

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

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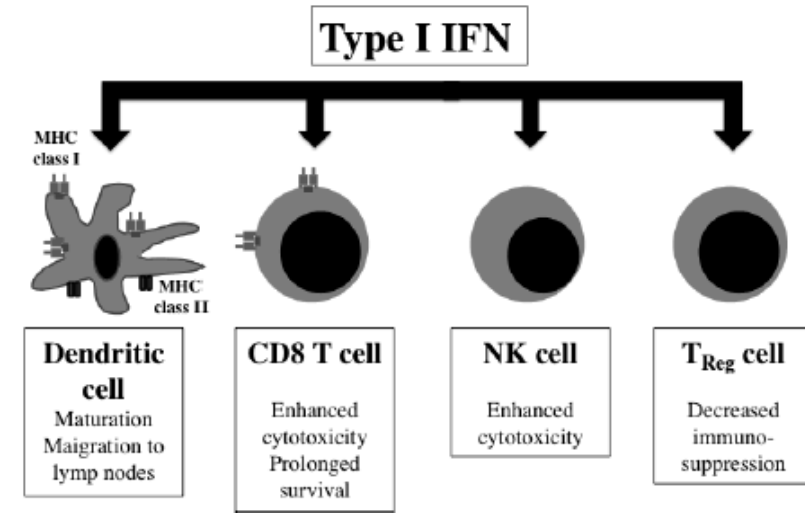
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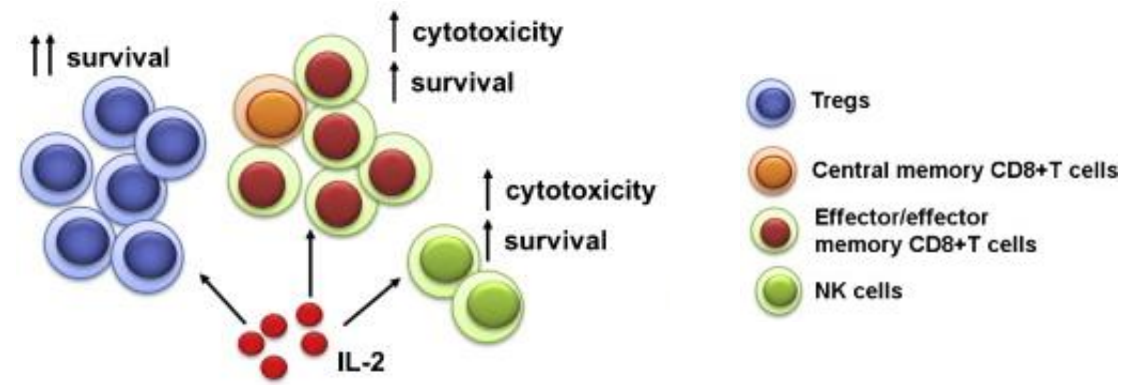
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# FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Cytokines
  - Interferon- $\alpha$ 2b- Adjuvant therapy- high dose intravenous (I.V.) part, followed by subcutaneous (SQ)
  - Pegylated Interferon-Adjuvant therapy, SQ
  - Interleukin-2-Stage IV, I.V.



Numasaki et al. Immunotherapy 2016

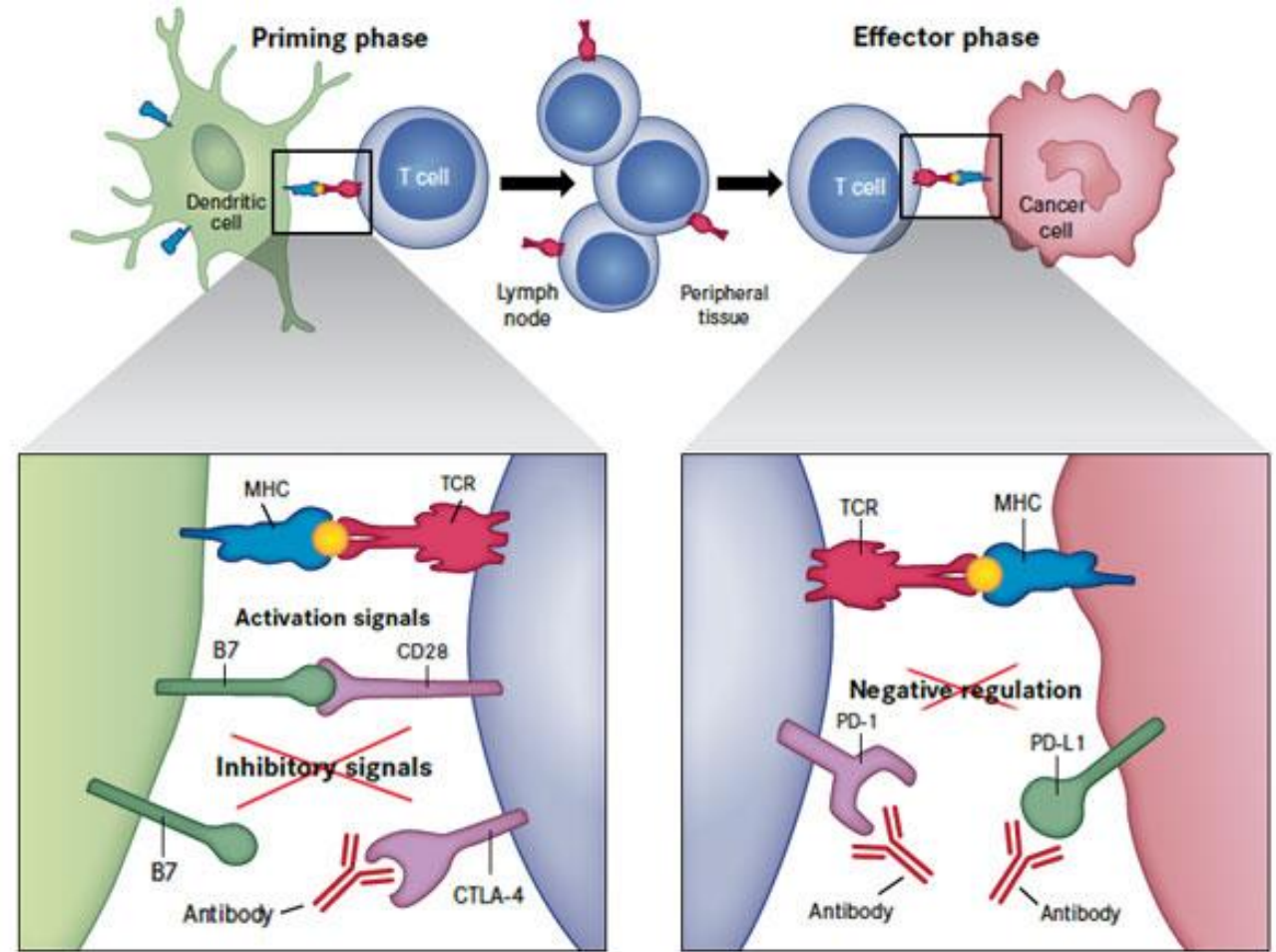


Sim, Radvanyi Cytogfr 2014

# FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Checkpoint inhibitors

- Ipilimumab, adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.- different dosing for adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV
- Pembrolizumab, nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Nivolumab, adjuvant and non resectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab, Stage IV



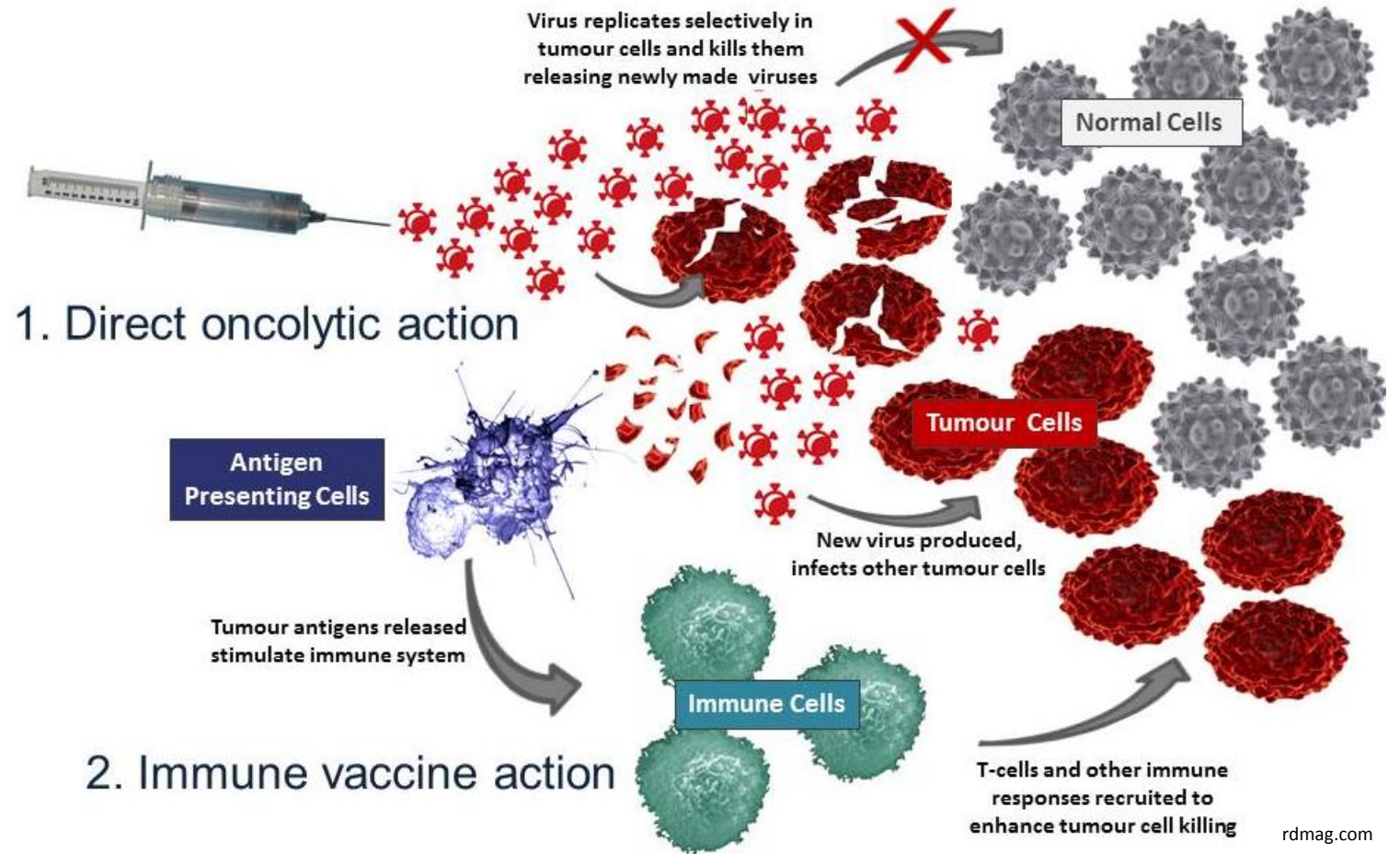
Ribas NEJM 2012  
Gordon et al Nature 2017



# FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Oncolytic Viruses

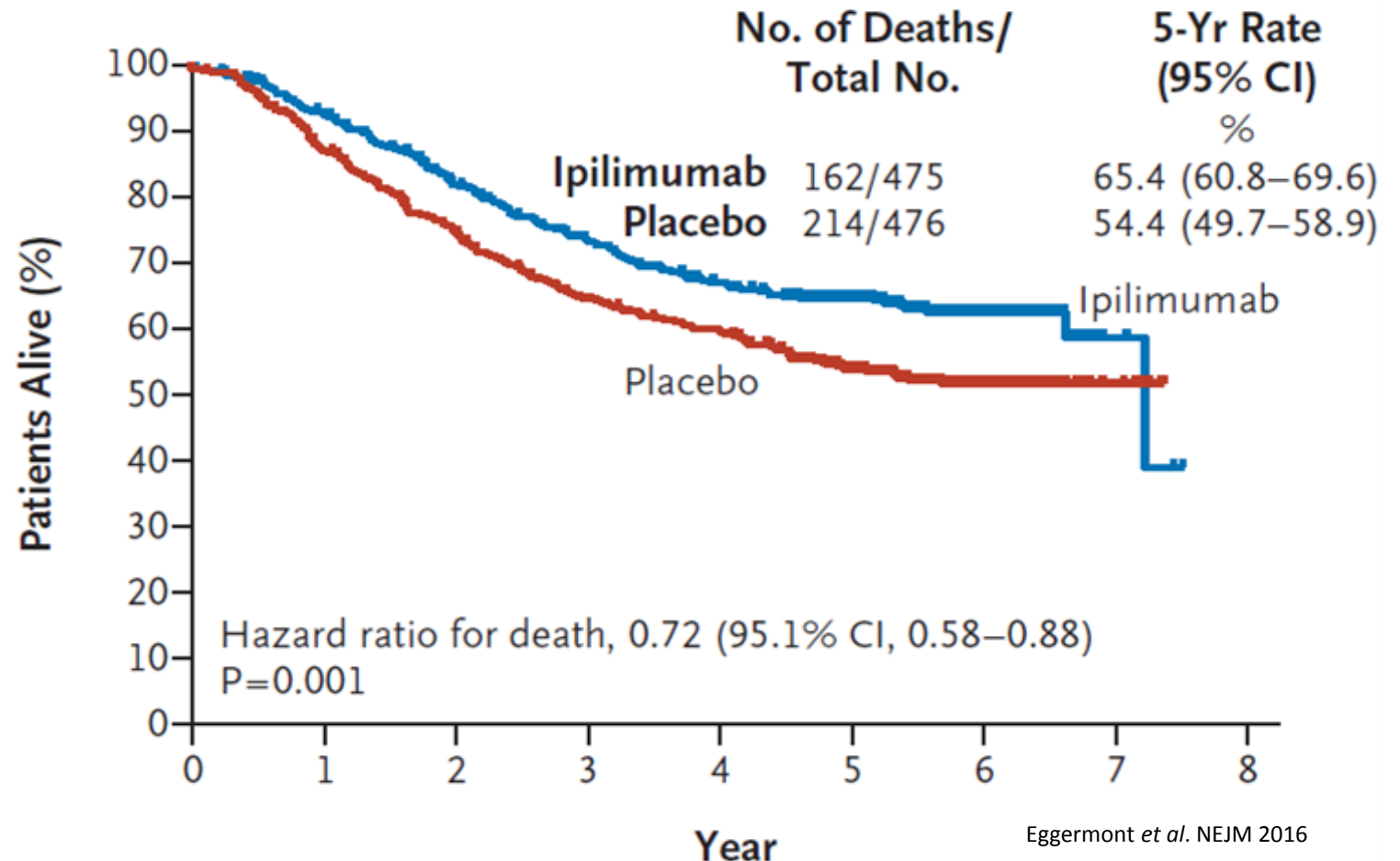
- Talimogene Laharparepvec; TVEC - non resectable, intratumoral



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# Adjuvant Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

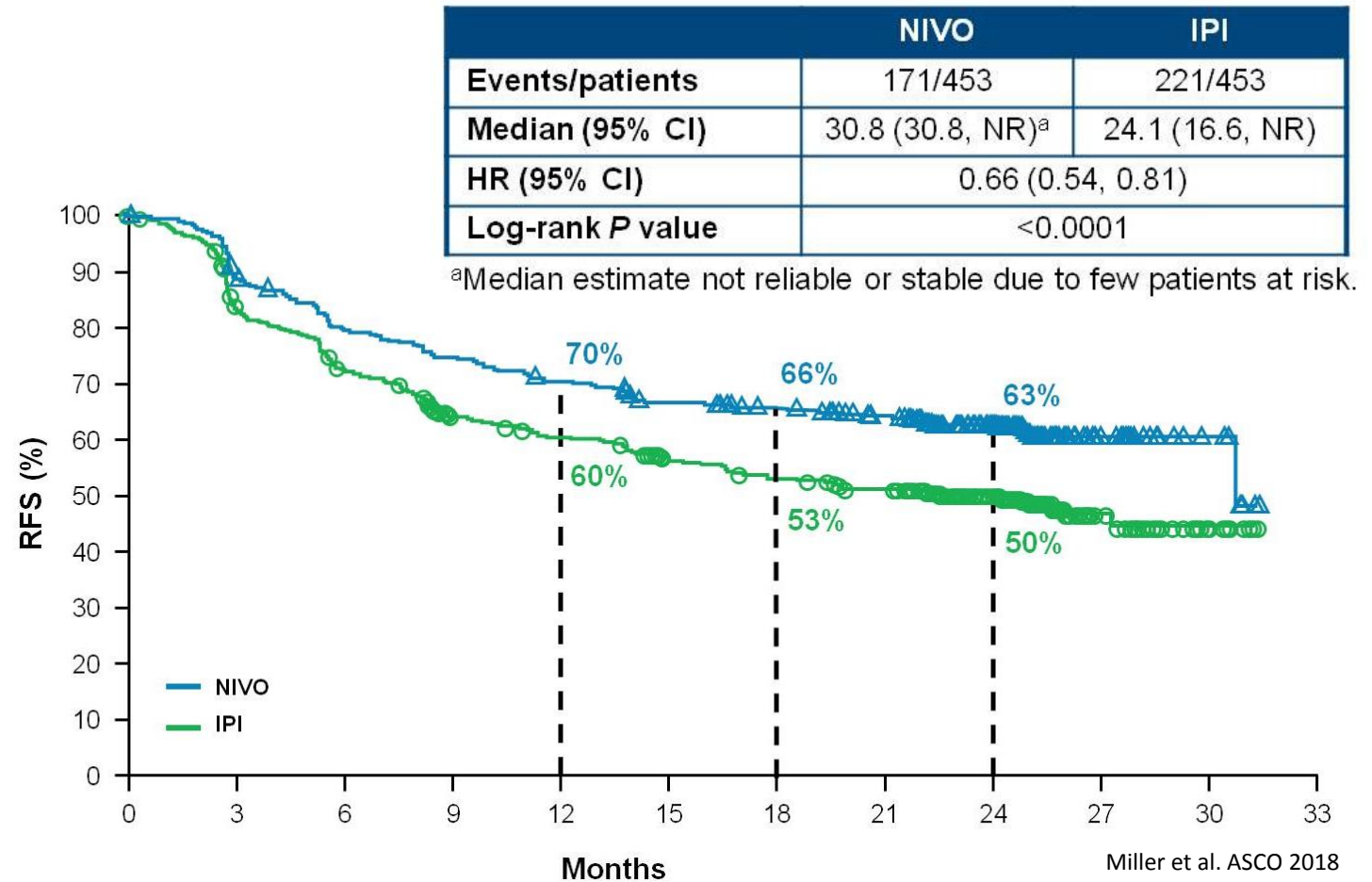
- EORTC 18071 phase III trial
  - NCT00636168
  - Adjuvant ipilimumab vs placebo
  - Ipilimumab 10mg/kg Q3W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 3 years



# Adjuvant Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

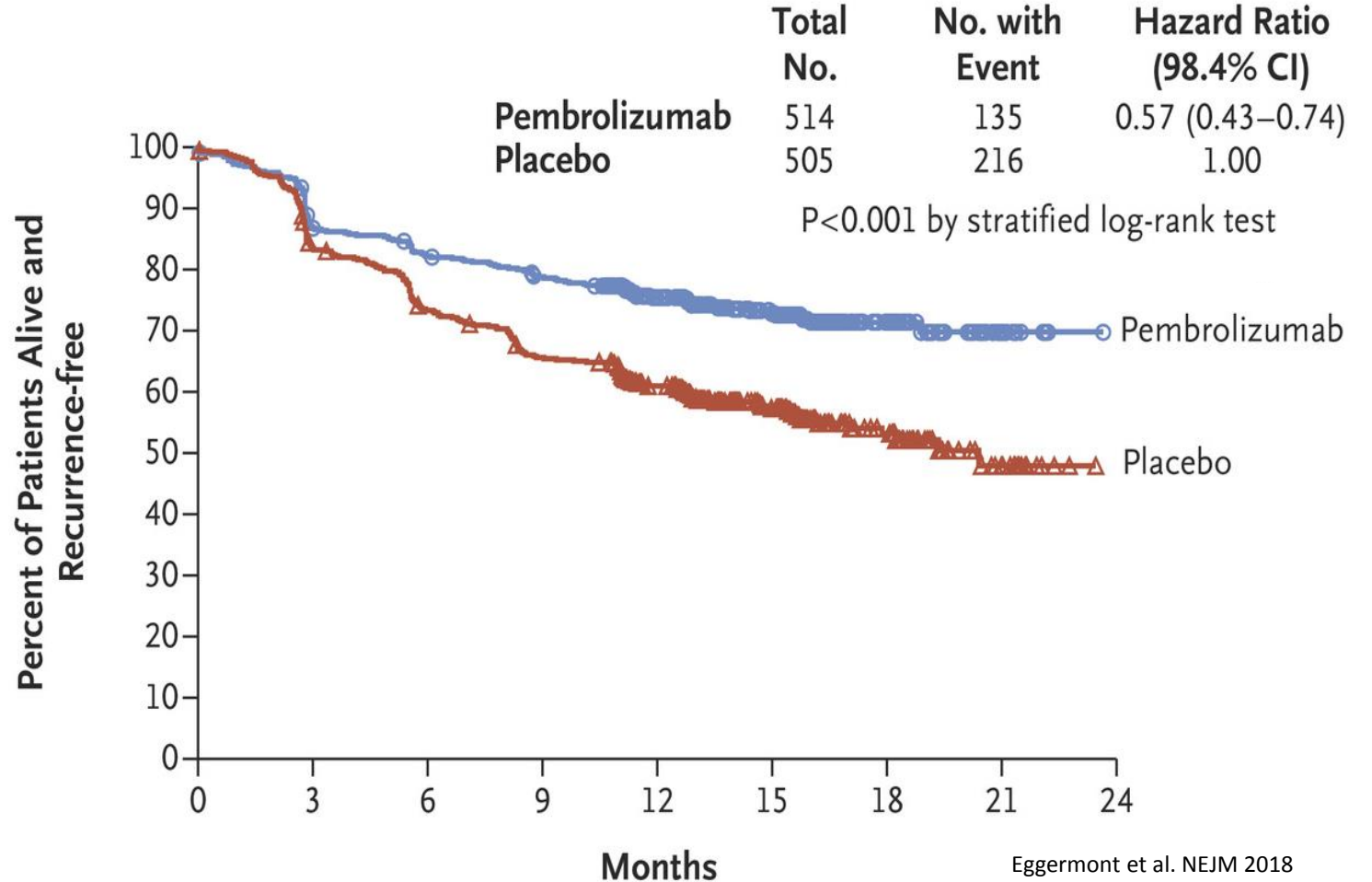
- CheckMate 238 phase III trial

- NCT02388906
- Ipilimumab 10mg/kg Q3W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year
- Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year



# Adjuvant Pembrolizumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

- EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 phase III trial
  - NCT02362594
  - Adjuvant pembrolizumab vs placebo
  - Pembrolizumab 200mg Q3W for up to 1 year (~18 total doses)



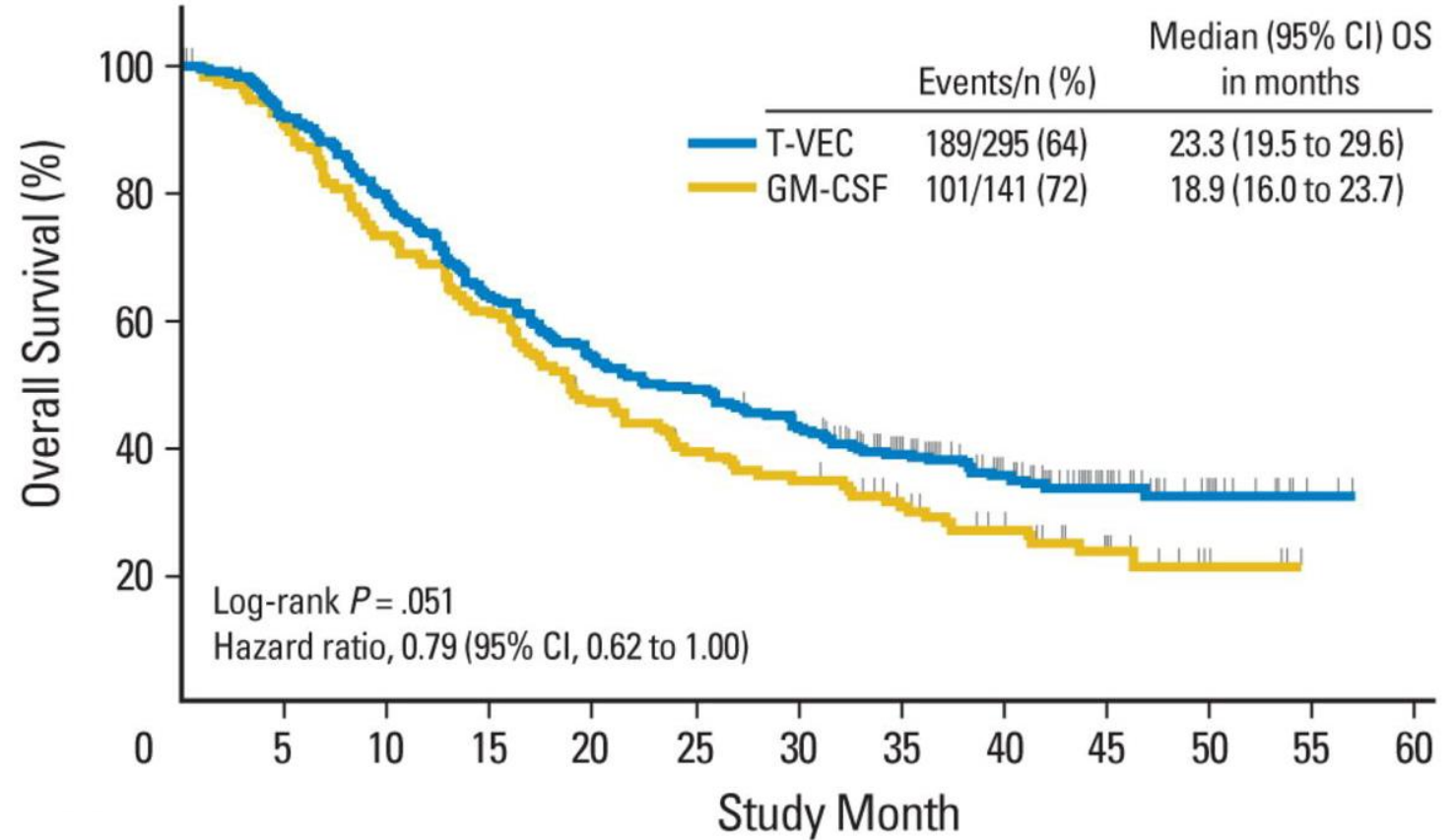
Eggermont et al. NEJM 2018



# Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) in Stage III/IV Melanoma

- **Phase III OPTiM Trial**

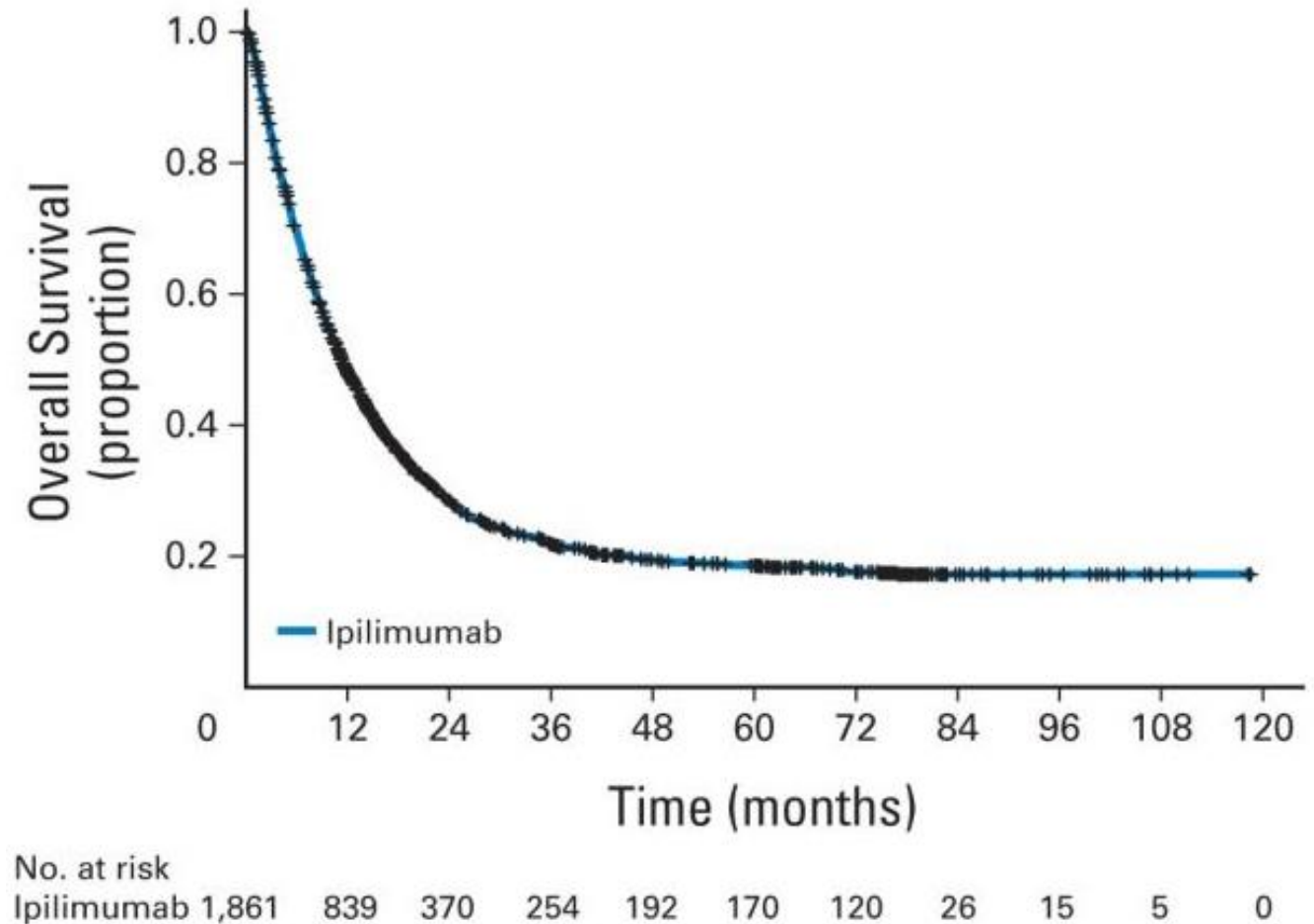
- Oncolytic, genetically-engineered herpes virus
- **Intralesional T-VEC**  
10<sup>6</sup> pfu/mL, 10<sup>8</sup> pfu/mL 3 weeks after initial dose, then Q2W
- Subcutaneous GM-CSF



Andtbacka, Kaufman et al. JCO 2015

# Ipilimumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

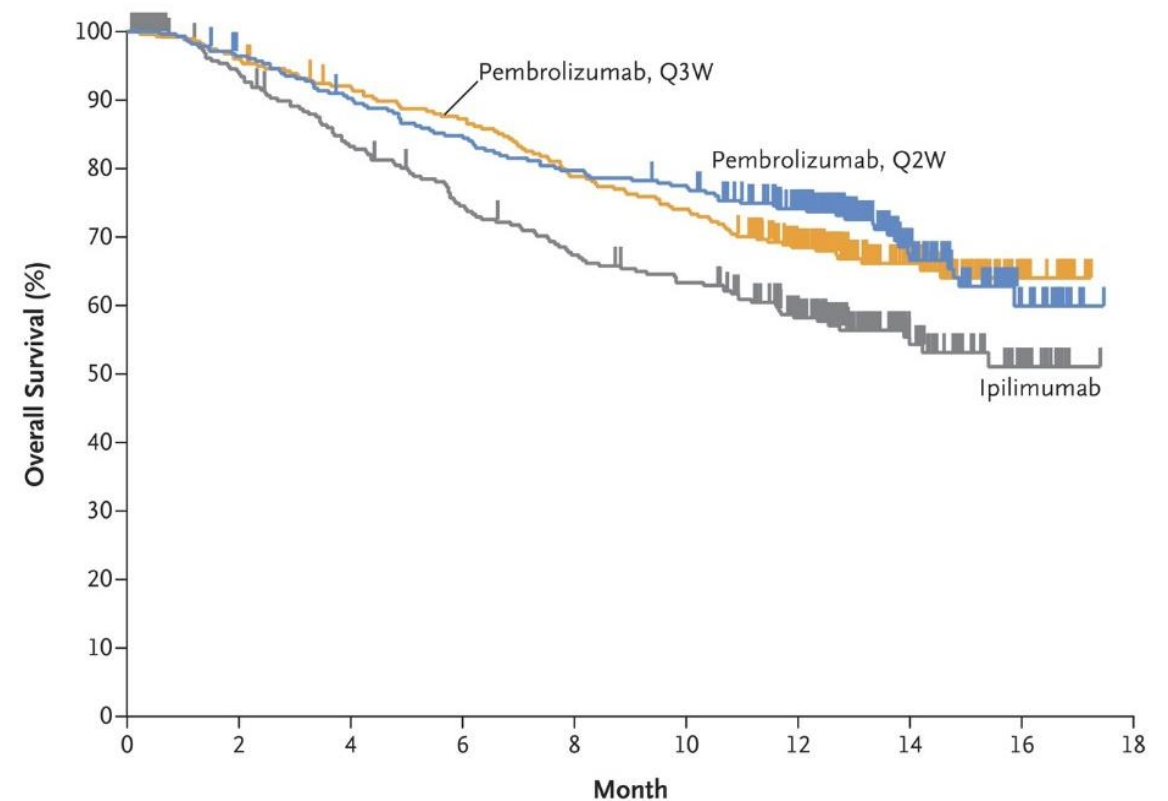
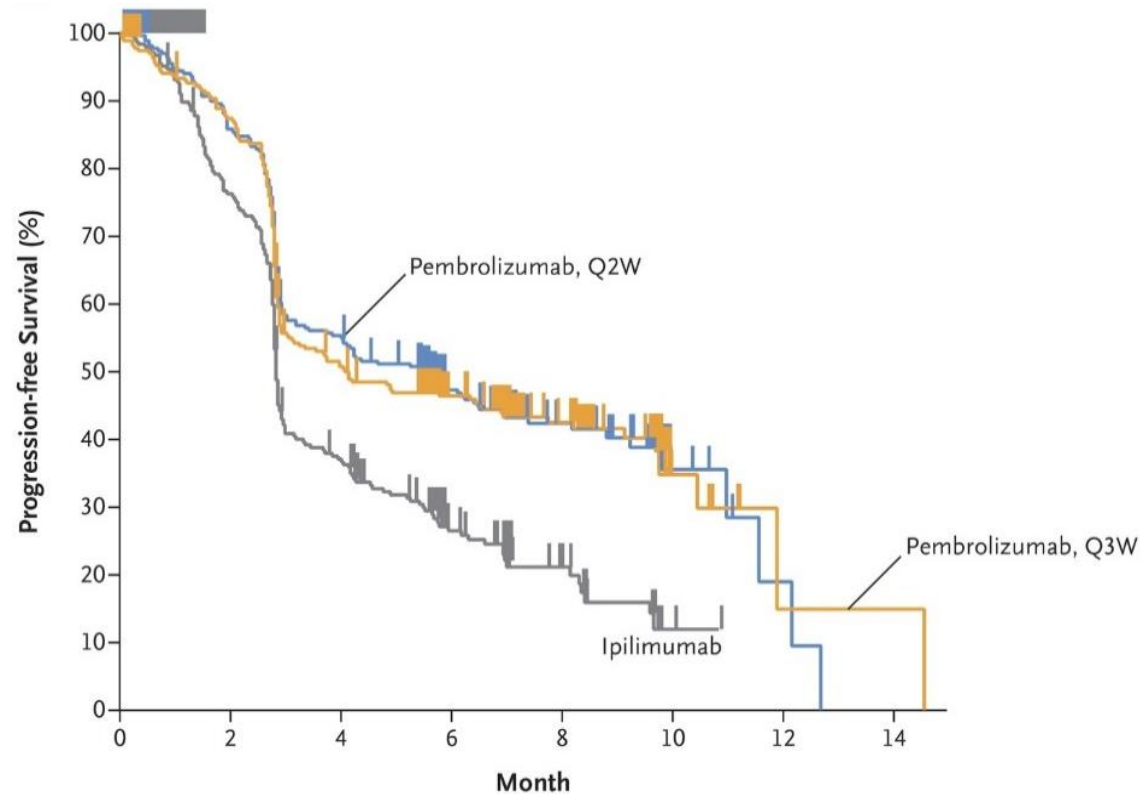
- Pooled OS data from 10 phase II/III trials
  - Previously treated (n = 1,257) or treatment-naïve (n = 604)
  - Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg (n = 965) or 10 mg/kg (n = 706)



Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015

# Pembrolizumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

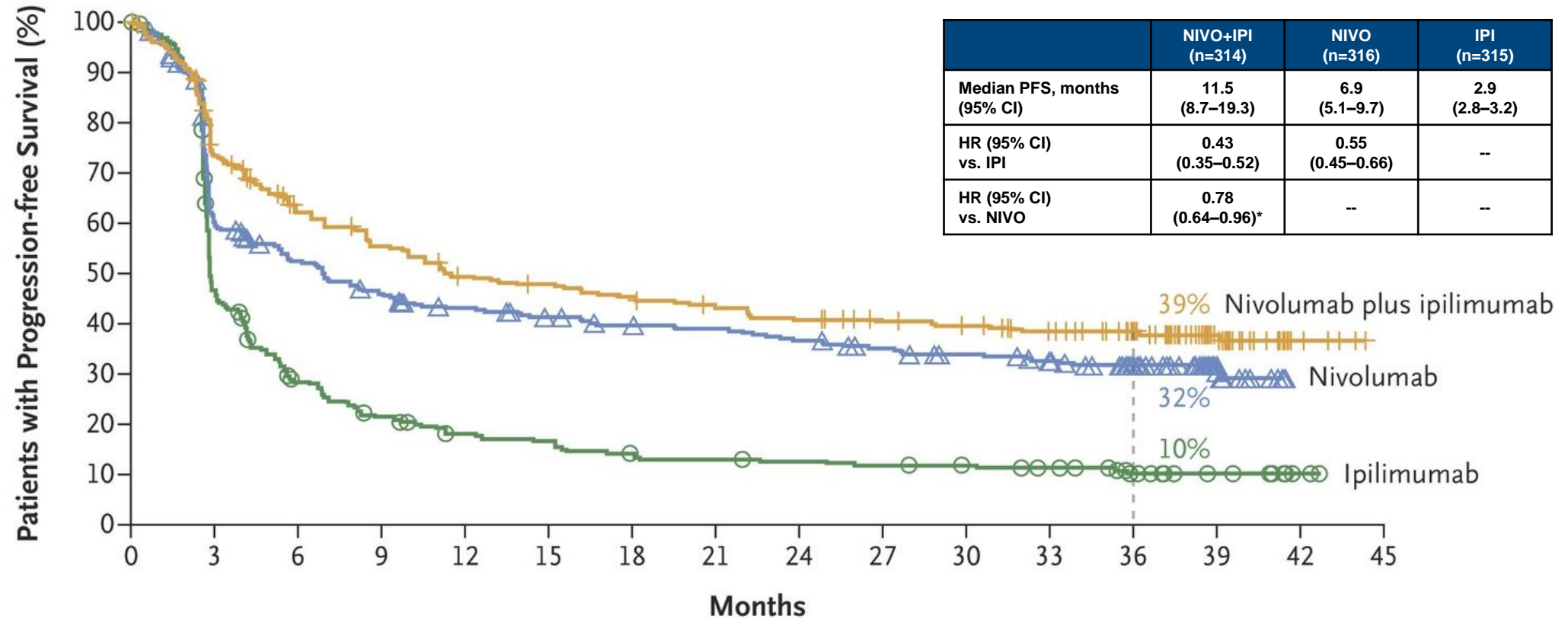
Phase III KEYNOTE-006 Trial



Robert et al. NEJM 2015

# Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

## Phase III CheckMate 067 Trial



Wolchok et al. NEJM 2017

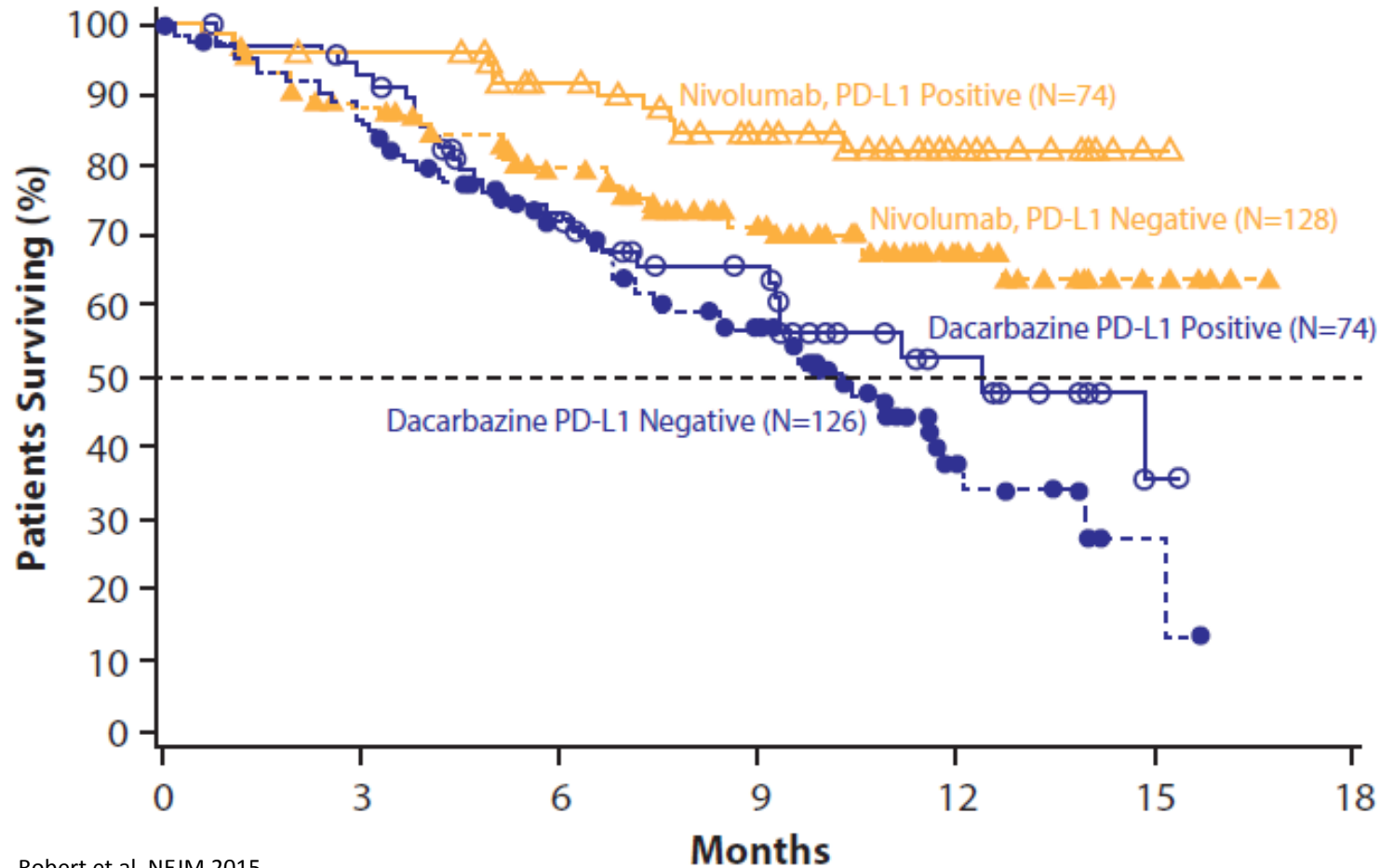
# Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Patients with Asymptomatic Brain Metastases

	Global	Intracranial	Extracranial
<b>Best overall response, n (%)</b>			
Complete response	4 (5)	16 (21)	5 (7)
Partial response	36 (48)	25 (33)	32 (43)
Stable disease	4 (5)	4 (5)	2 (3)
Progressive disease <sup>a</sup>	18 (24)	18 (24)	16 (21)
Not evaluable <sup>b</sup>	13 (17)	12 (16)	20 (27)
<b>Objective response rate, % (95% CI)</b>	53 (41-65)	55 (43-66)	49 (38-61)
<b>Clinical benefit rate, % (95% CI)<sup>c</sup></b>	59 (47-70)	60 (48-71)	52 (40-64)

Tawbi et al. ASCO 2017



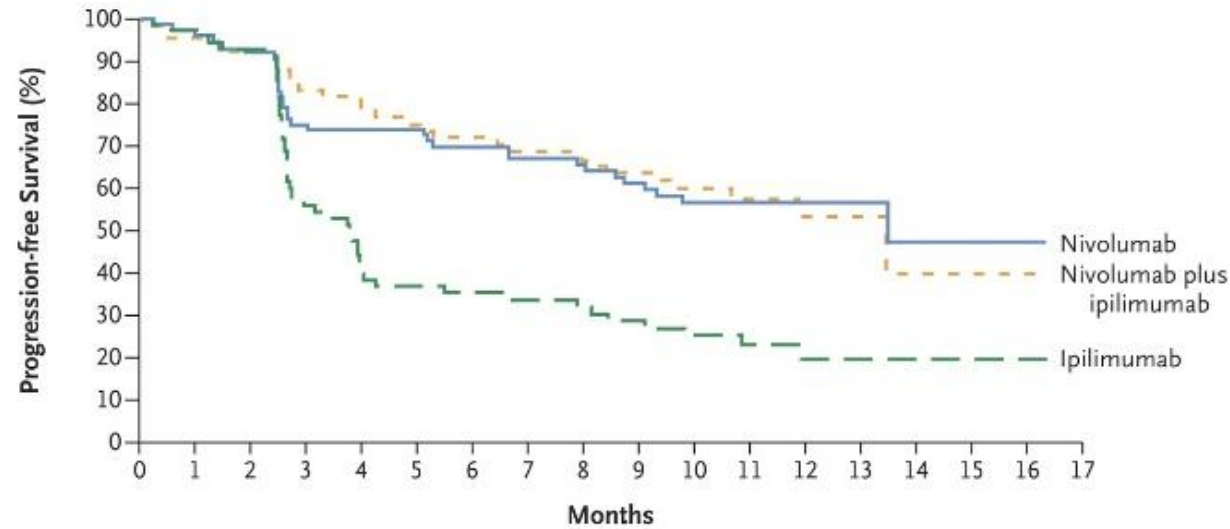
# Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy



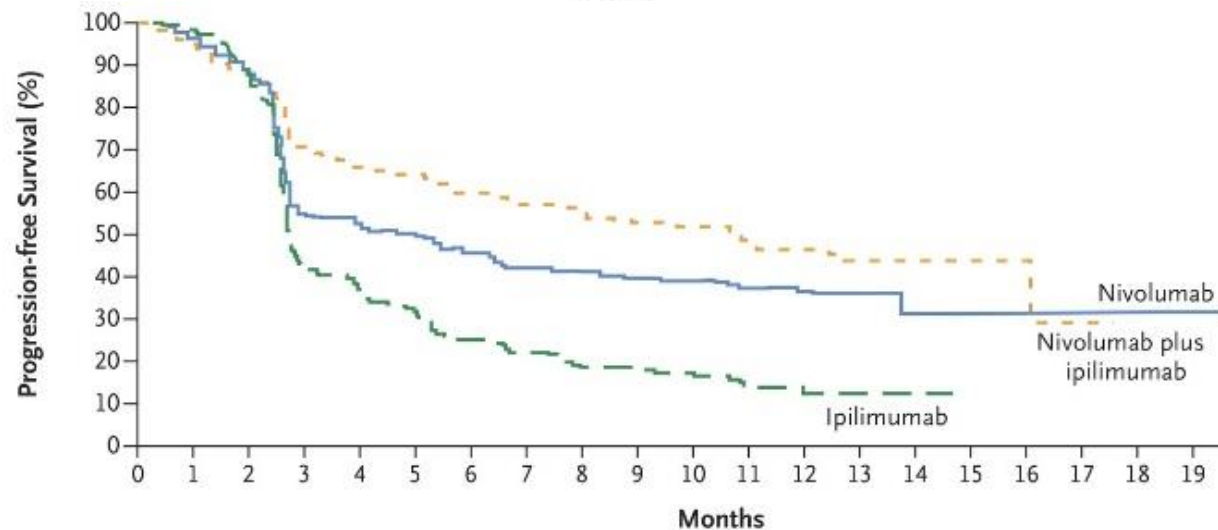
	Patients Who Died n/N	Median Survival mo (95% CI)
Nivolumab PD-L1 Positive	11/74	N.R.
Nivolumab PD-L1 Negative	37/128	N.R.
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Positive	29/74	12.4 (9.2–N.R.)
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Negative	64/126	10.2 (7.6–11.8)

Robert et al. NEJM 2015

# Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status between Combination Checkpoint Blockade and Monotherapy



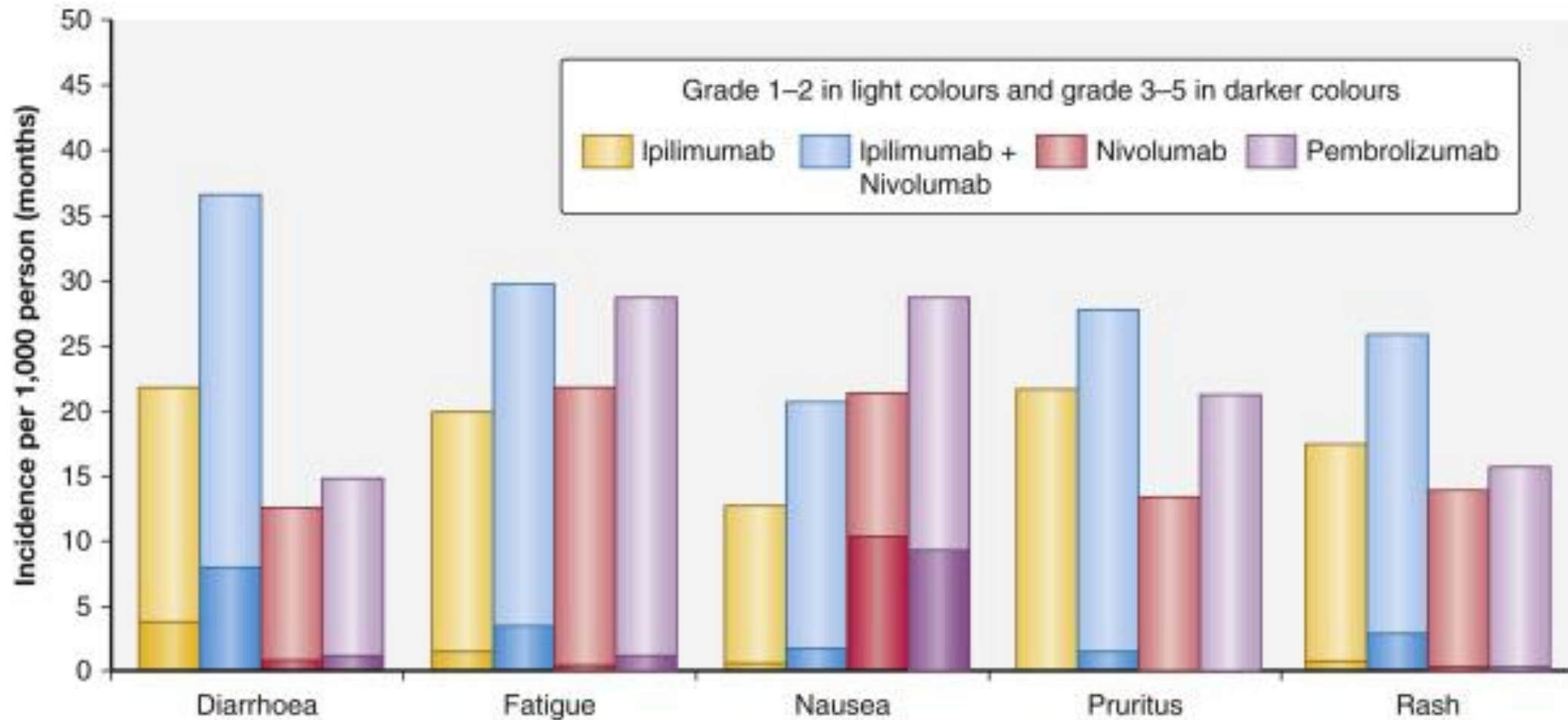
Tumor PD-L1 Positive Patients



Tumor PD-L1 Negative Patients

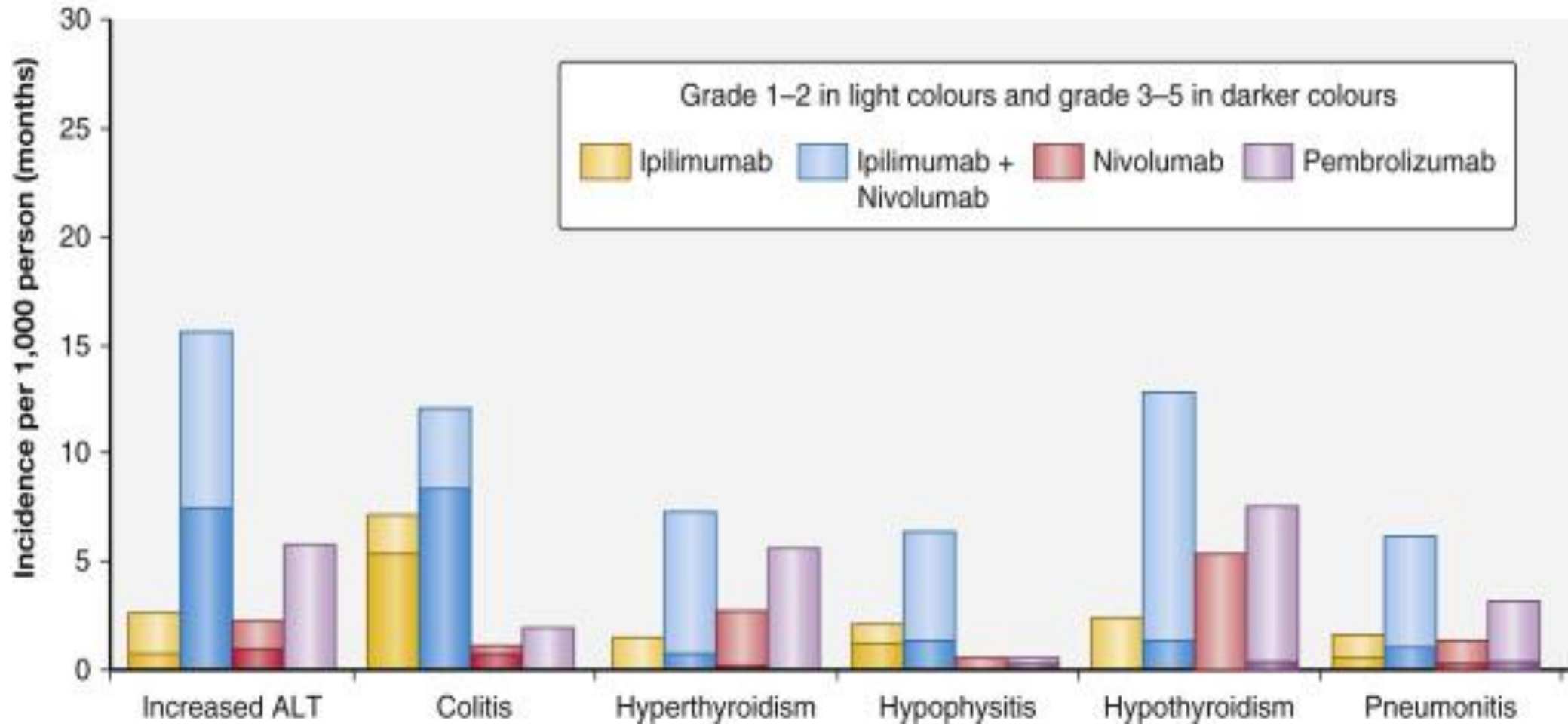
Larkin et al. NEJM 2015

# Adverse Events with Immunotherapies



Emens et al. Eur J Cancer 2017

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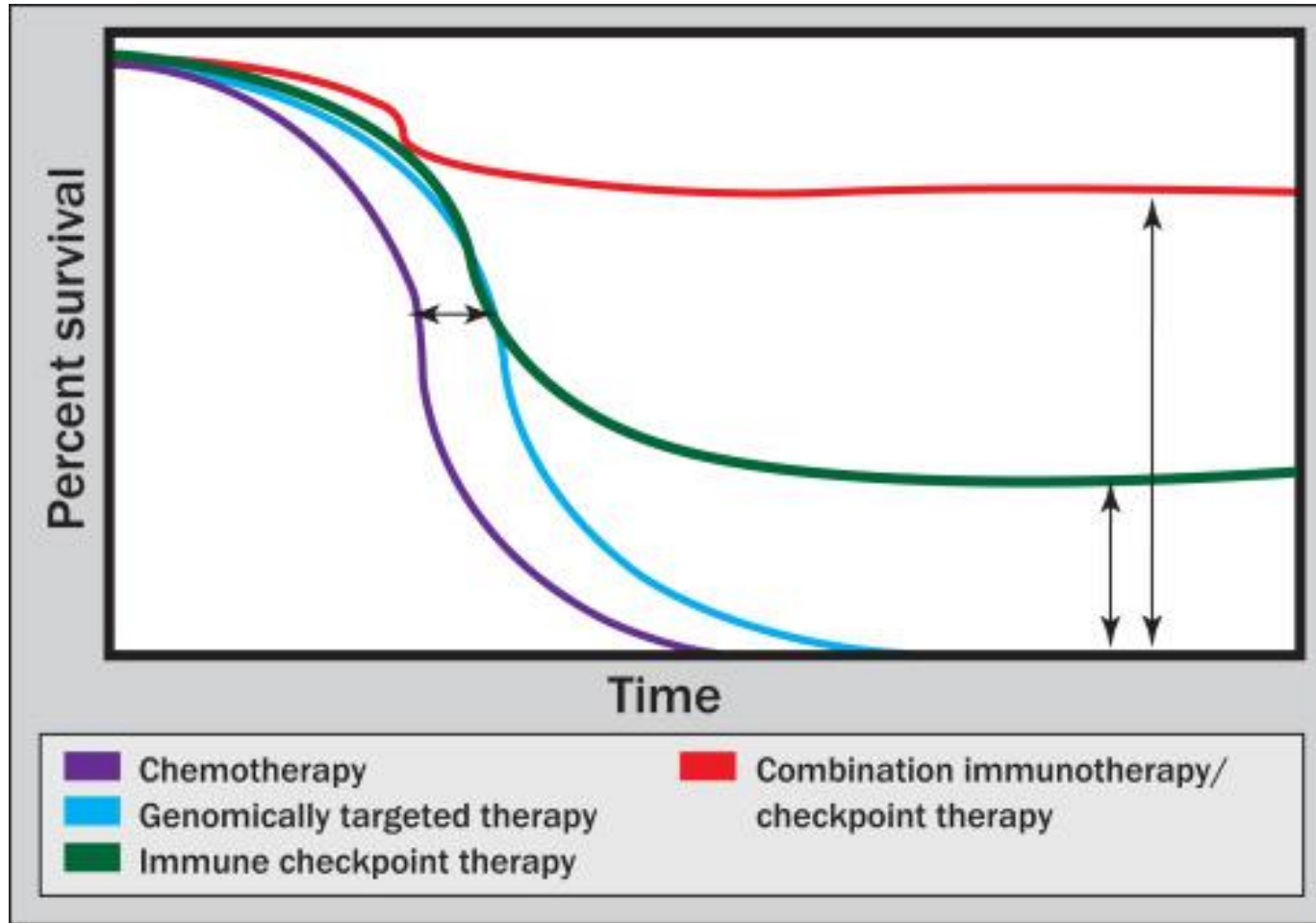
# Treatment of Immune-Related AEs

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corticosteroids not usually indicated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue immunotherapy</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication.</li> <li>If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day</li> <li>Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use</li> <li>Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone)</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant</li> <li>Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper</li> <li>Provide supportive treatment as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy</li> <li>Consider intravenous corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> <li>Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (&gt;30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone)</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab</li> <li>Provide supportive care as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinue immunotherapy</li> <li>Continue intravenous corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> <li>Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (&gt;30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)</li> </ul>

Puzanov et al. JITC 2017



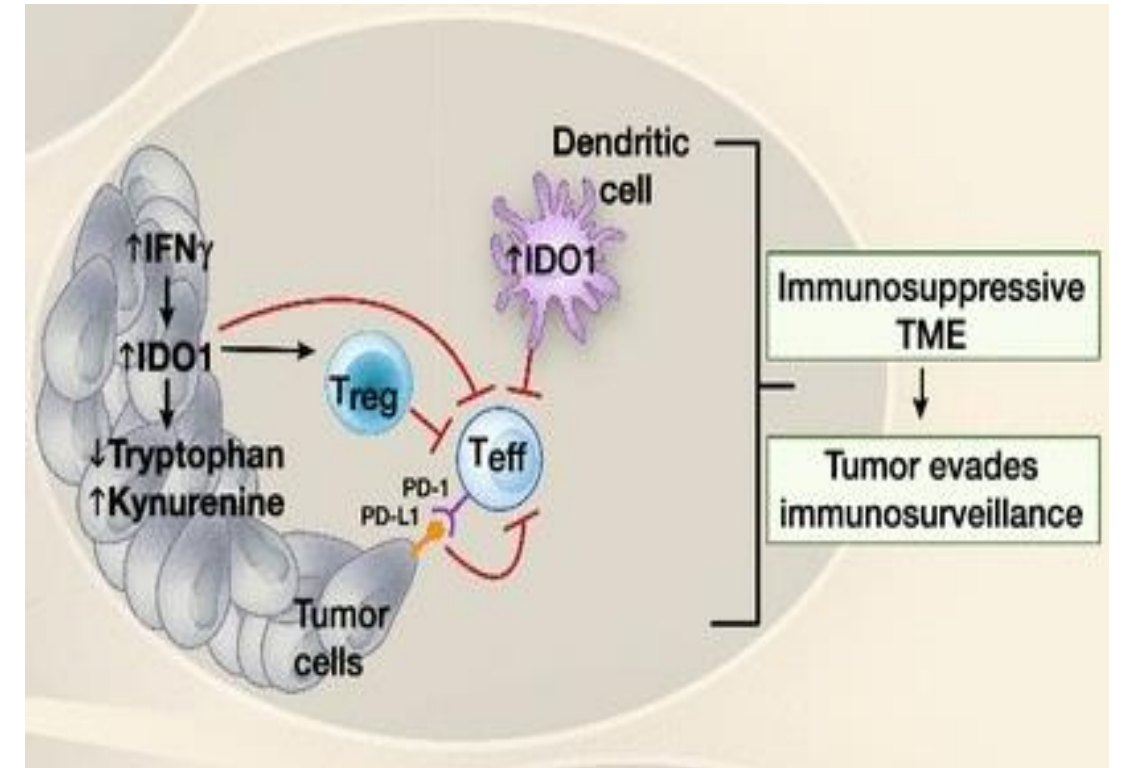
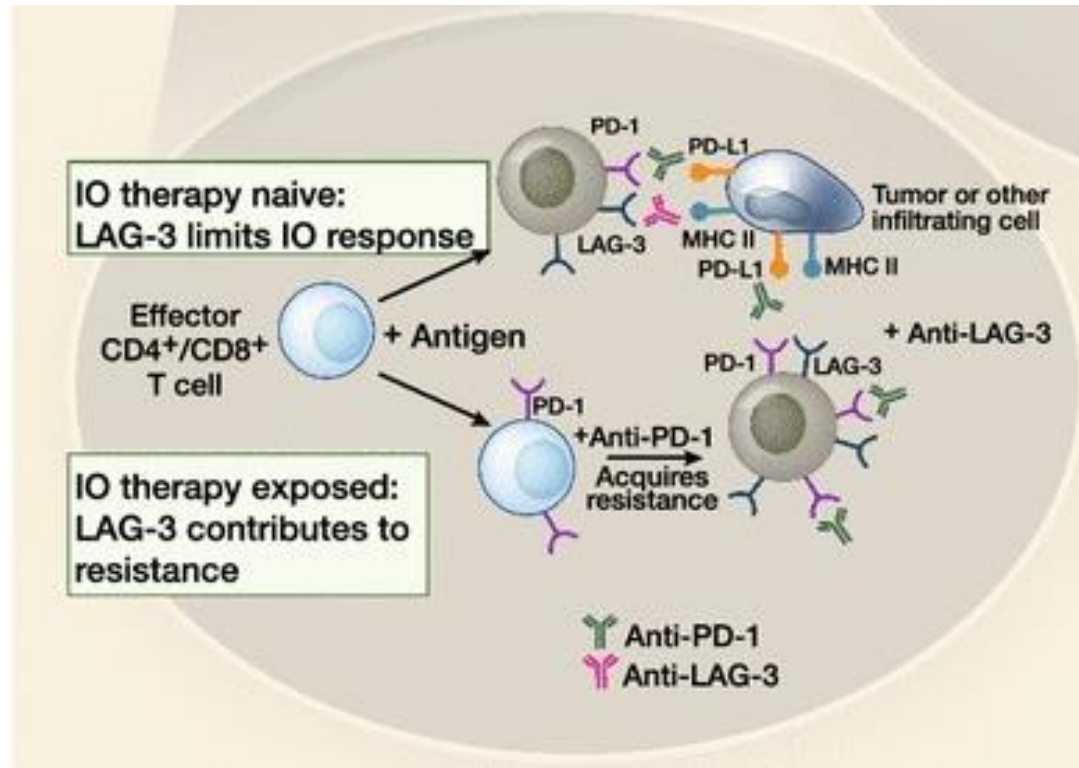
# Developmental Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Melanoma



Atkins, Semi. Oncology 2015

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## Targeting New Immune Checkpoints



Ascierto, McArthur J Transl Med 2017

# Pilot Study: Radiotherapy (RT) + Intratumoral Immunocytokine (IT-IC) + Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Advanced Melanoma

*A UWCCC Clinical Trial (IND being prepared) with collaboration from Apeiron, NMS and NCI*

- Goals:
  - First in human Phase-1 testing of IT-IC with an IC that can bind to tumor and mediate ADCC
  - First in human IT-IC of such an IC immunologically timed after local RT
  - First in human testing of this in combination with anti-CTLA4 and/or anti-PD1
  - Toxicity/Tolerance/Anti-tumor effects
  - Serial biopsies of the same lesions, to look for the changes seen in murine tumors

Protocol Chairs: Mark Albertini, M.D.

Radiation Oncology Co-Chair: Zachary Morris, M.D., Ph.D

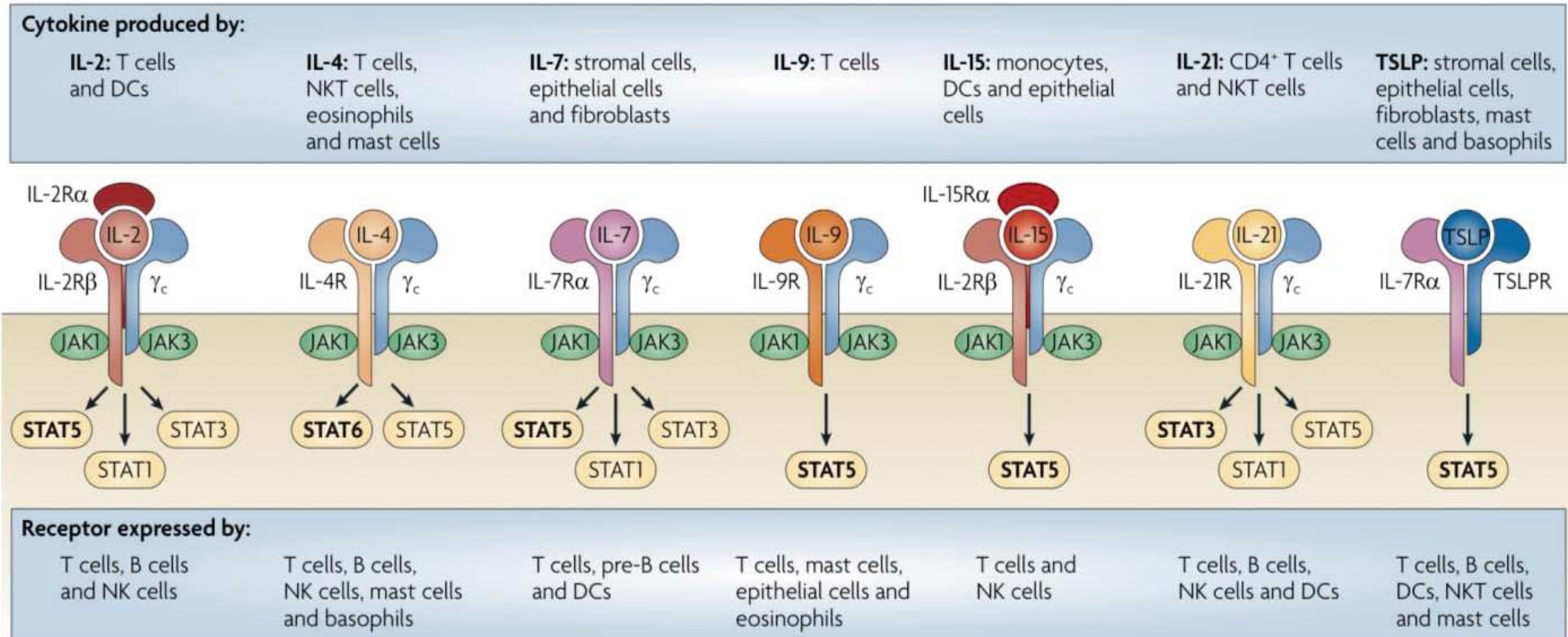
Laboratory Co-Chair: Jacqueline A. Hand, Ph.D

Pathology Co-Chair: Erik Ranheim, M.D., Ph.D.

NCI Grant (R35 CA197078-01) PI: Paul M. Sondel, M.D., Ph.D.

# Developmental Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Melanoma

## Cytokine-based Strategies



Lee, Margolin Cancers 2011  
 Rochman et al. Nat Rev Immunol 2009

Sullivan et al. *Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer* (2018) 6:44  
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## POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES

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# An update on the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on tumor immunotherapy for the treatment of cutaneous melanoma: version 2.0

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# Case Study 1

75 y/o Caucasian male with PMH of stage IIB desmoplastic melanoma of the left temple status post Mohs resection in October 2017 followed by adjuvant XRT in January 2018 developed metastatic disease based on PET CT in June 2018 for which he was started on Nivo/Ipilimumab and completed 4 cycles on August 31, 2018 was admitted with syncope, anemia and melanotic stools. About a week prior to presentation, he was diagnosed with Clostridium difficile colitis and started on oral Flagyl. At presentation, Hb was 8.5 down from 13.8, about 2 weeks ago and elevated INR > 10, due to warfarin therapy for history of DVT and PAF. He denied any abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting. He received vitamin K and FFP. EGD showed diffuse gastric mucosal oozing of blood with no esophagitis and varices or ulceration. Mucosal areas of bleeding were ablated. He was started on PPI. He was discharged home on high dose PO vancomycin after melanotic stools and diarrhea improved. He was readmitted few days later with non-resolving diarrhea, hypotension, AKI and severe acidosis. He was transferred to the ICU. CT showed likely enteritis. C Diff returned negative. Sigmoidoscopy with biopsy was scheduled with possible colectomy to follow.

# Case Study 1

What should you do next?

1. Proceed with colectomy
2. Start high-dose steroids
3. Start Infliximab
4. Watch and wait
5. Recommend hospice

Would you start this patient back on immunotherapy?

Yes or No

# Immunotherapy Related Colitis

CTCAE Term	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Colitis	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Abdominal pain; mucus or blood in stool	Severe abdominal pain; peritoneal signs	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death

- Incidence of diarrhea/colitis is much higher in patients receiving CTLA-4-blocking antibodies compared with PD(L)-1
- Frequency of diarrhea appears to be dose-dependent

	Nivo/Ipi		Nivo		Ipi	
	G3/4 (%)	Any grade (%)	G3/4 (%)	Any grade (%)	G3/4 (%)	Any grade (%)
<b>Diarrhea</b>	9	45	9	21	6	34
<b>Colitis</b>	8	13	1	2	5.3-8	7.6-11

CTCAE v5.0 – November 27, 2017, page 26

*Wolchok JD et al; Overall Survival with Combined Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Advanced Melanoma; N Engl J Med. 2017;377(14):1345. CheckMate067*  
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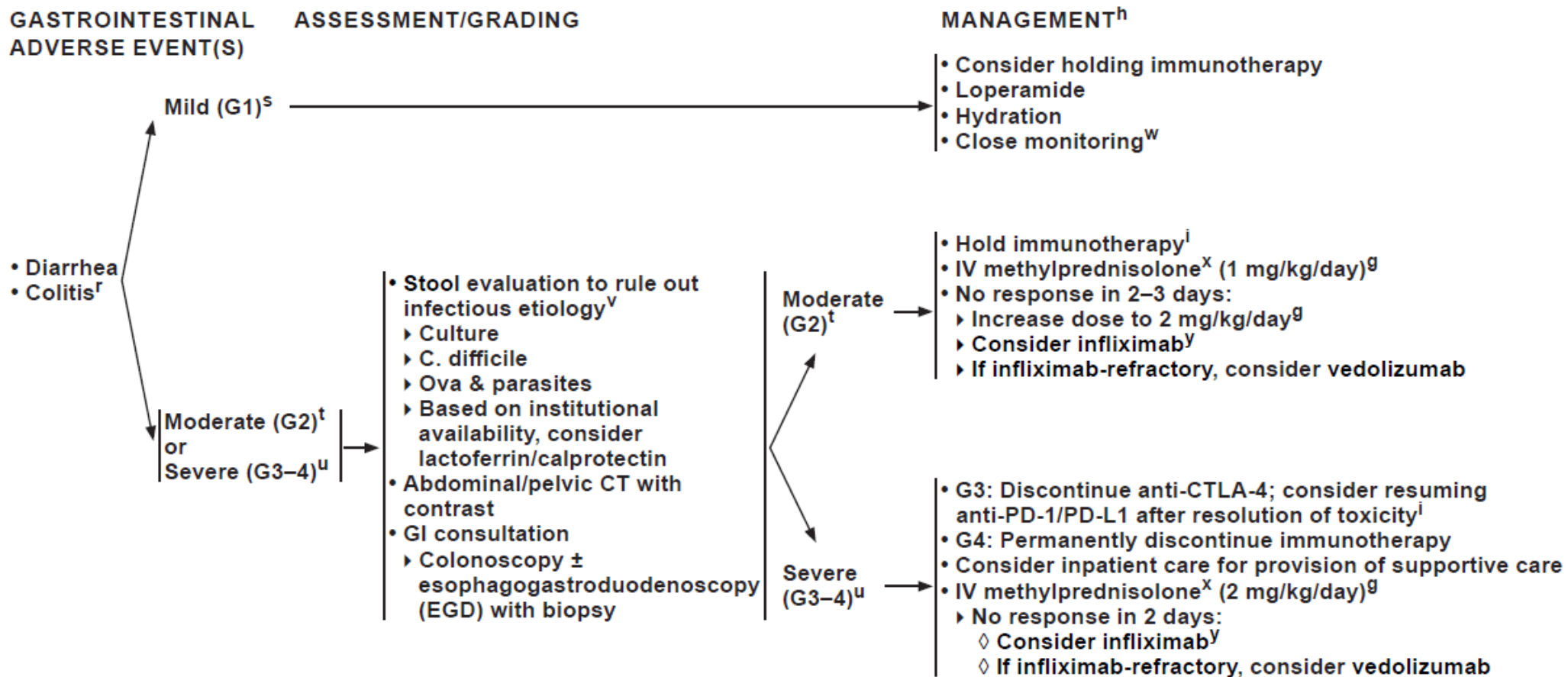
# NCCN Recommendations



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## NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2018 Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities

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# Package Inserts for Nivolumab (Opdivo®) and Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®)

**Table 1: Recommended Dose Modifications for Nivolumab (Opdivo)**

Adverse Reaction	Severity*	Dose Modification
Colitis	Grade 2 diarrhea or colitis	Withhold dose <sup>a</sup>
	Grade 3 diarrhea or colitis	Withhold dose <sup>a</sup> when administered as a single agent
		Permanently discontinue when administered with ipilimumab
	Grade 4 diarrhea or colitis	Permanently discontinue

**Table 1: Recommended Dose Modifications for Adverse Reactions**  
*[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1-5.9)]*

Adverse Reaction	Severity*	Does Modification for Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
Immune-mediated colitis	Grades 2 or 3	Withhold <sup>†</sup>
	Grade 4	Permanently discontinue

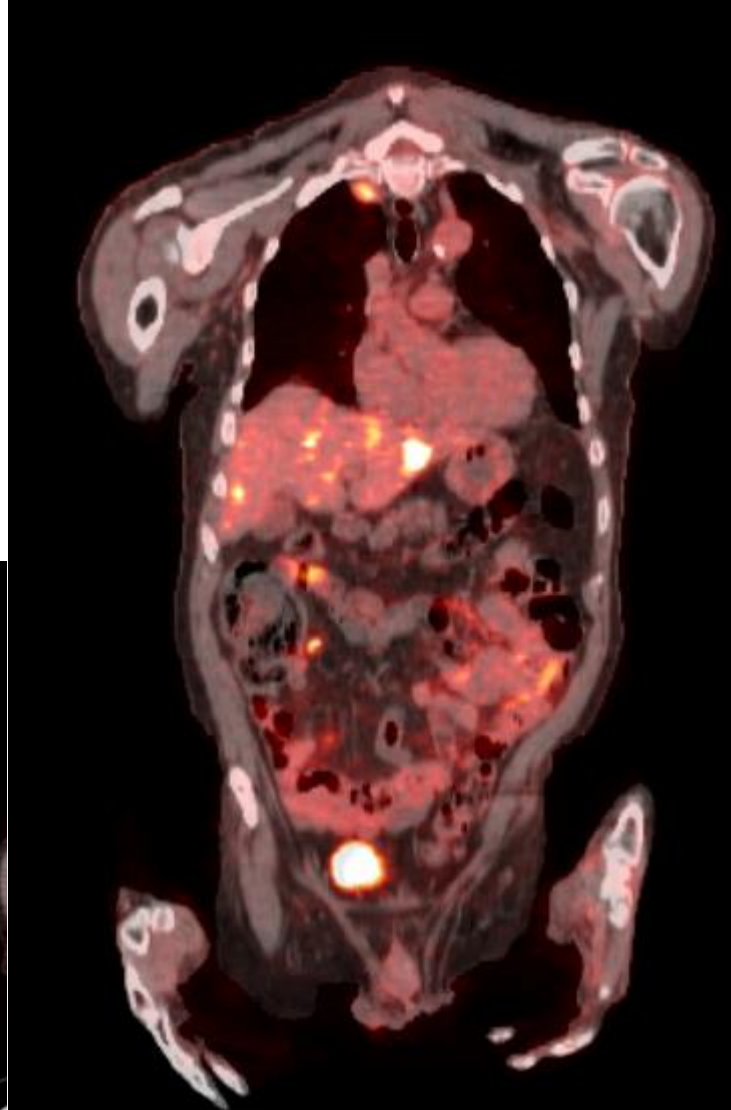
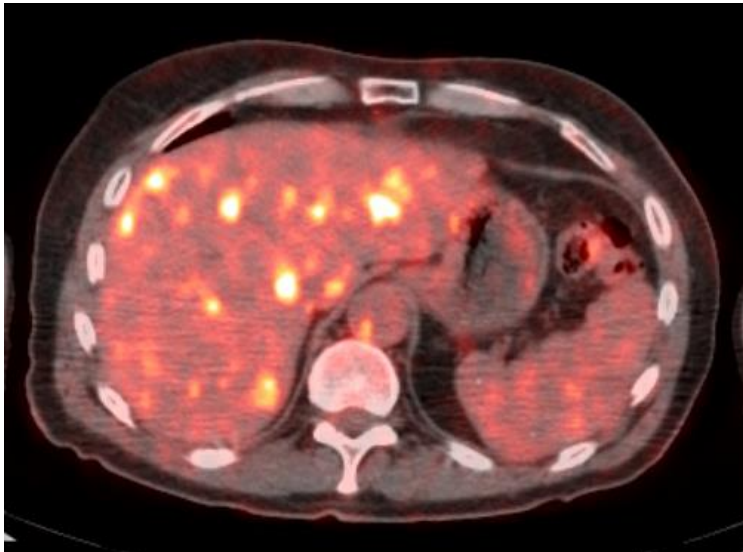
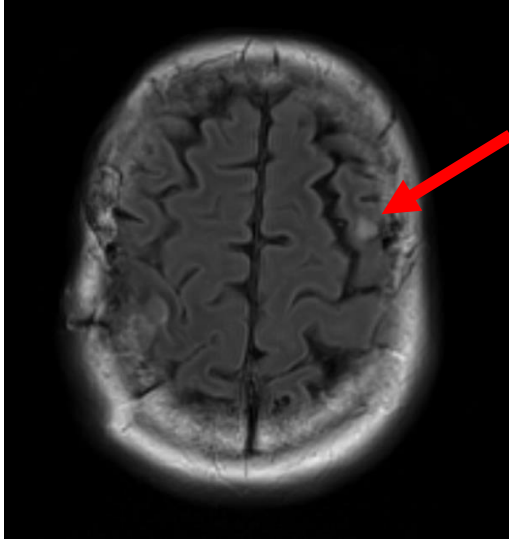
Adapted from Opdivo and Keytruda Package Inserts



## Case study 2

76 y/o Caucasian male presented with left hand weakness and was found to have a right superior frontal lobe lesion. He underwent resection on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 and was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, BRAF (V600K). Received SRS in October 2013, followed by oral Mekinist which was discontinued in November 2013 due to side effects (rash, transient visual symptoms and anemia). He then developed left upper extremity weakness in late May 2014. MRI brain showed right frontal lobe lesion which was resected in August 2014 and was consistent with metastatic melanoma. Restaging PET/CT in October 2014 showed multiple liver metastases which were biopsy confirmed for metastatic melanoma. He received 4 cycles of ipilimumab (Yervoy®) with systemic evidence of response (regressing hepatic metastases) but had new CNS changes (pseudoprogression vs. radiation necrosis). He received 4 cycles of bevacizumab (Avastin) with improvement in his left-sided weakness. But, he progressed in liver and developed a new left frontal lobe lesion (6 mm).

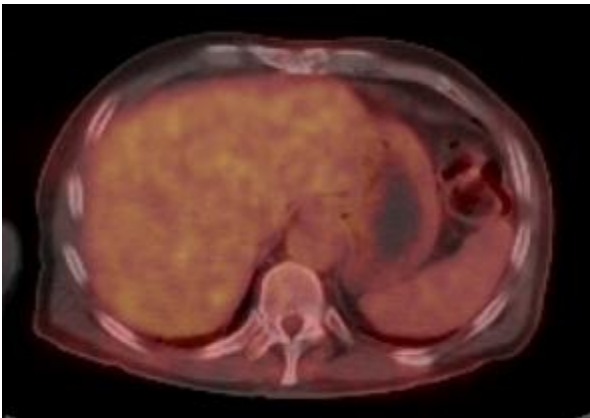
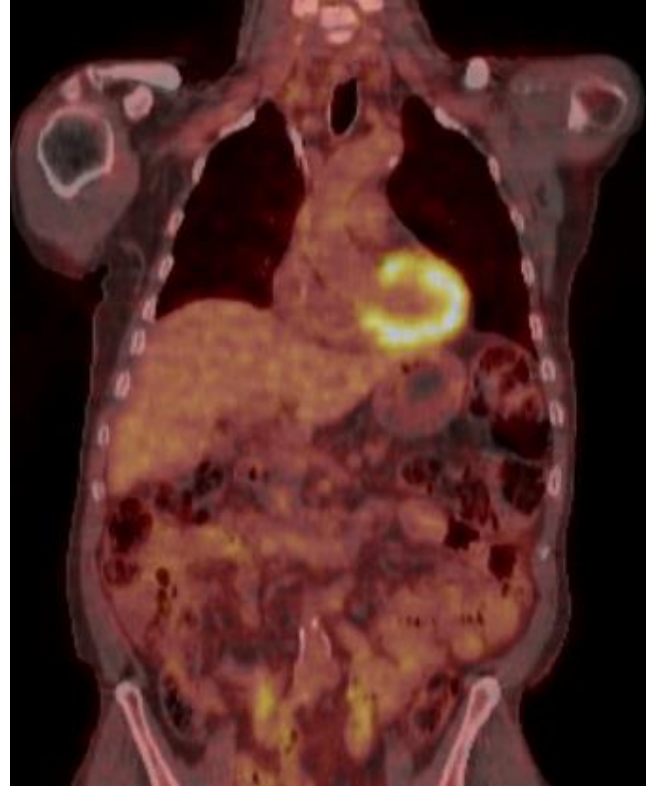
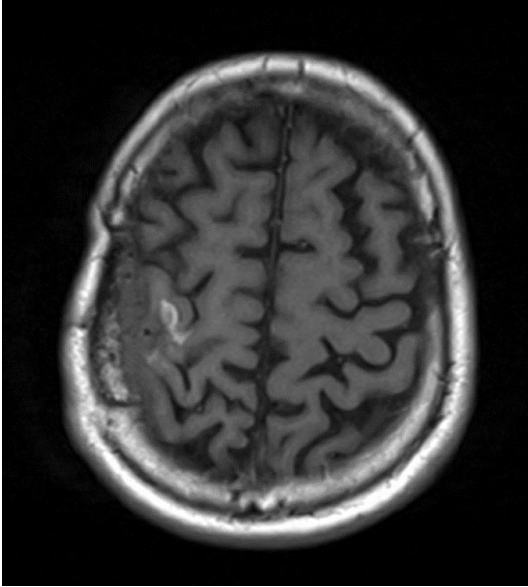
## Case study 2



What should you do next?

1. Systemic chemotherapy
2. Radiation to brain and liver
3. Surgical resection of brain met
4. Hospice care
5. Anti-PD-1 therapy

## Case study 2



He was started on (pembrolizumab) Keytruda and subsequent imaging demonstrated complete regression of the hepatic lesions and resolution of the left frontal lobe lesion; off therapy since 15 March 2016.





## Combined Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Melanoma Metastatic to the Brain

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