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# What's Next for Cancer Immunotherapy?

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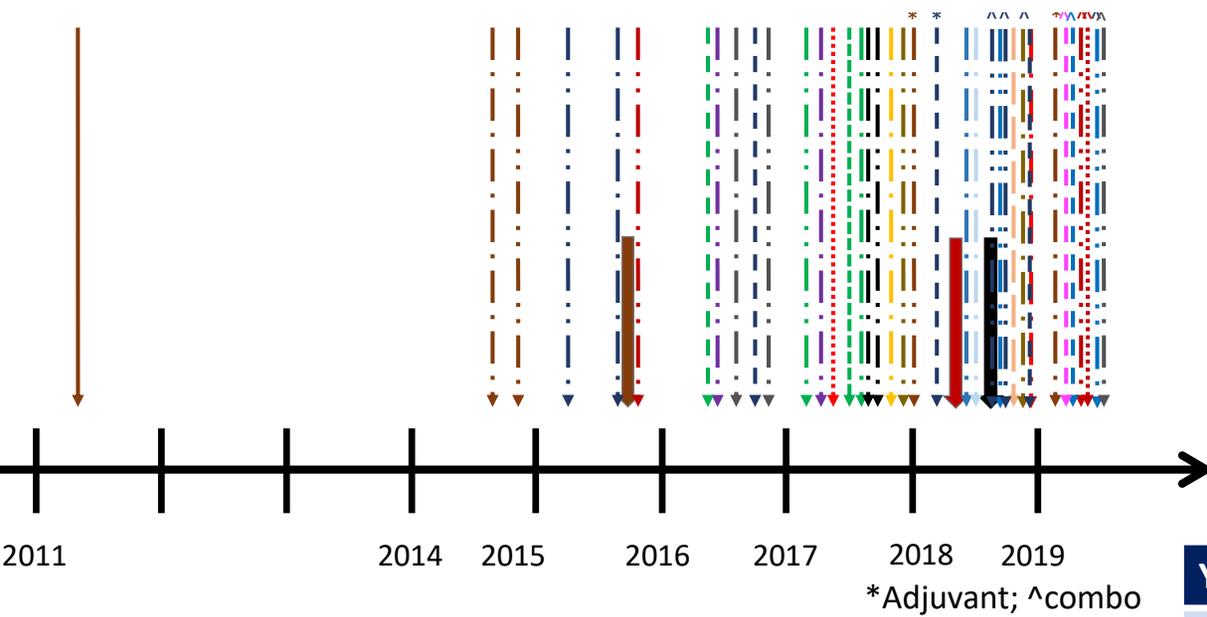


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- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

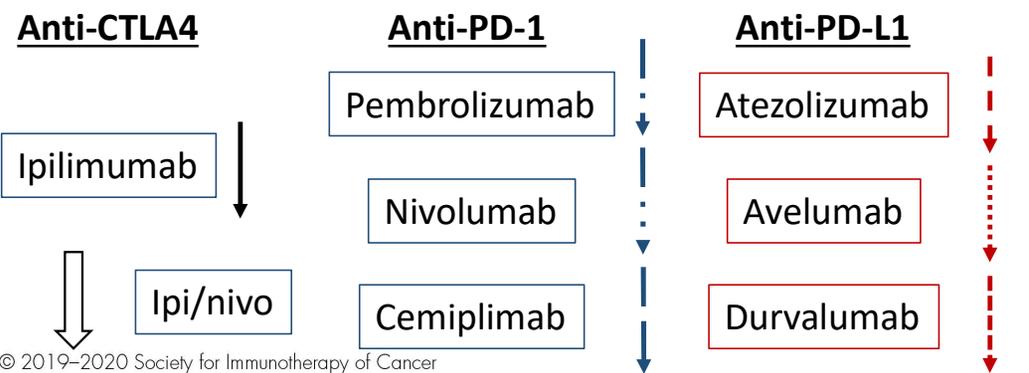
I am biased by experience to checkpoint inhibitors, cytokines, and all things related melanoma

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors and US FDA approvals



- Melanoma
- NSCLC
- Renal Cell Carcinoma
- Urothelial Bladder Cancer
- Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Merkel Cell Carcinoma
- Esophageal
- Endometrial
- MSI Cancers
- Gastric Cancer
- Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Primary mediastinal BCL
- Cervical SCC
- Small cell lung cancer
- Cutaneous SCC (cuSCC)
- Triple neg breast cancer
- TMB high
- Colorectal cancer

Year	Drugs	Approvals	Diseases	Combos
2011	1	1	1	
2014	2	2	1	
2015	3	4	3	1
2016	3	5	4	
2017	4	10	7	
2018	5	12	10	5
2019	4	7	5	6



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# Rise of combination therapies

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2017	4	10	7	
2018	5	12	10	5
2019	4	7	5	6
2020	6	8	8	3

## PD-1/PD-L1 plus:

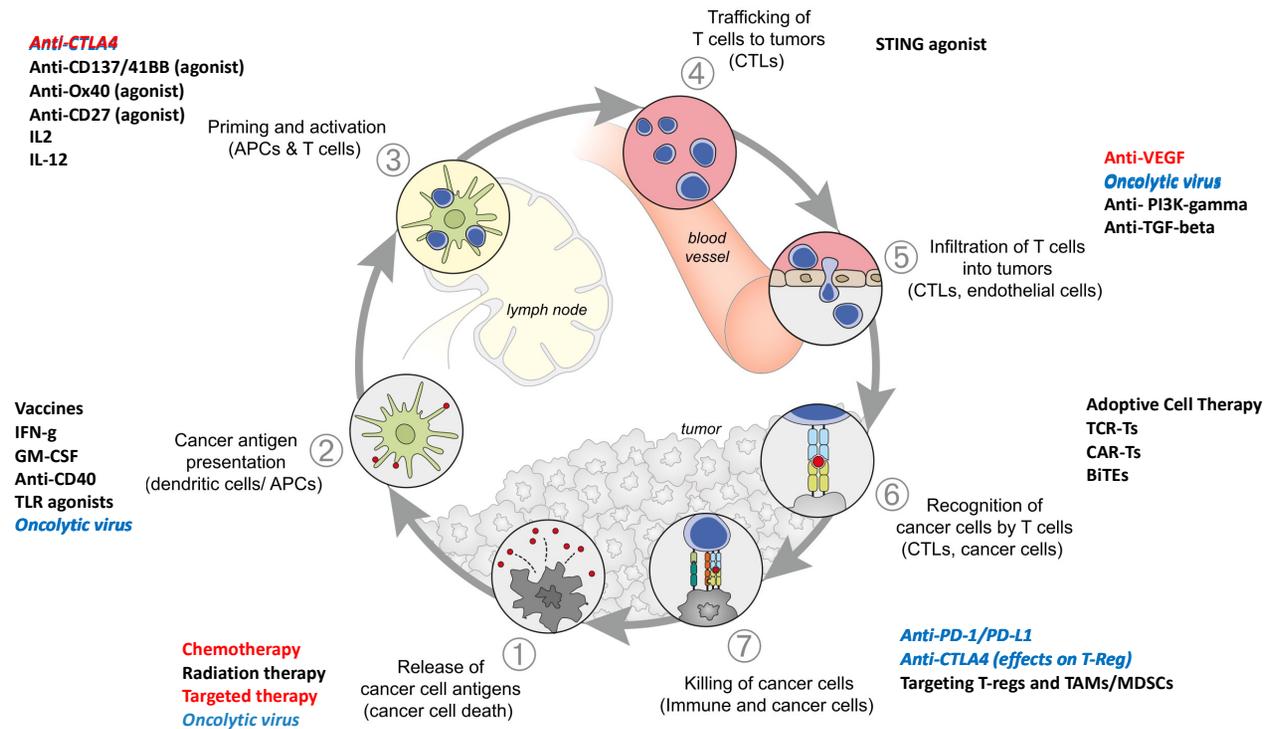
- **Ipilimumab**
  - anti-CTLA-4 mAb
- **Cytotoxic chemotherapy**
- **Bevacizumab**
  - anti-VEGF mAb
- **Axitinib**
  - targets VEGFR 1-3
- **Lenvatinib**
  - targets VEGF 1-3, FGFR 1-4, PDGF alpha, KIT, RET
- **Vemurafenib and cobimetinib**
  - Targets BRAF and MEK

# Where do we go from here?

## More combinations

### Phase 3 trials (melanoma)

- Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 +
  - BRAFi/MEKi
  - Oncolytic virus
  - GM-CSF
  - Anti-LAG-3
  - Peg-IL-2
- Anti-CTLA-4 +
  - TLR agonist

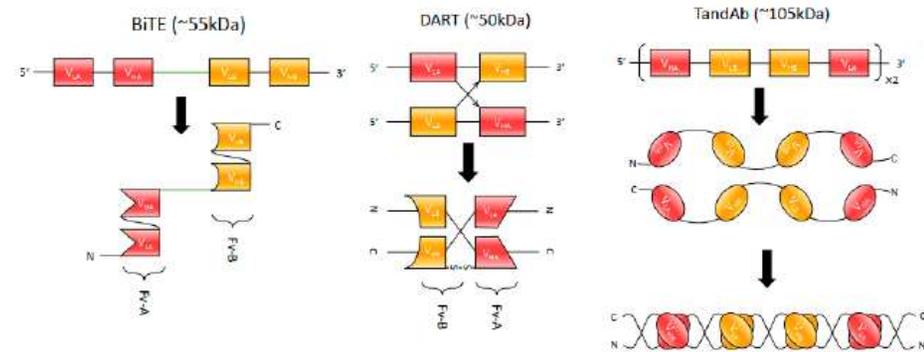


Modified from Chen and Melman, Immunity 2015

# What about new targets/approaches?

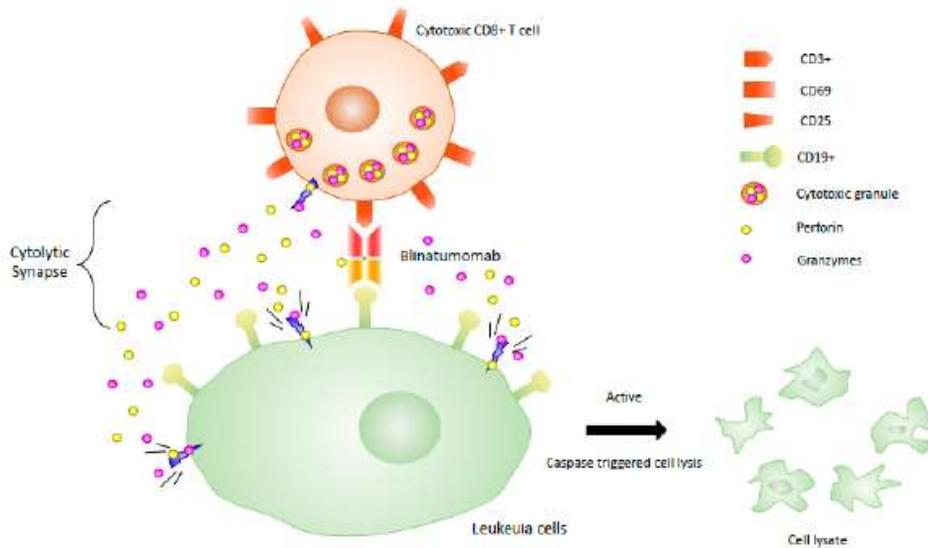
- New constructs

- Bi-specific T cell engagers (BiTE)
- Dual affinity re-targeting proteins (DART)
- Tandam diabodies (TandAbs)
- ImmTAC (immune mobilizing monoclonal T-cell receptors against cancer)

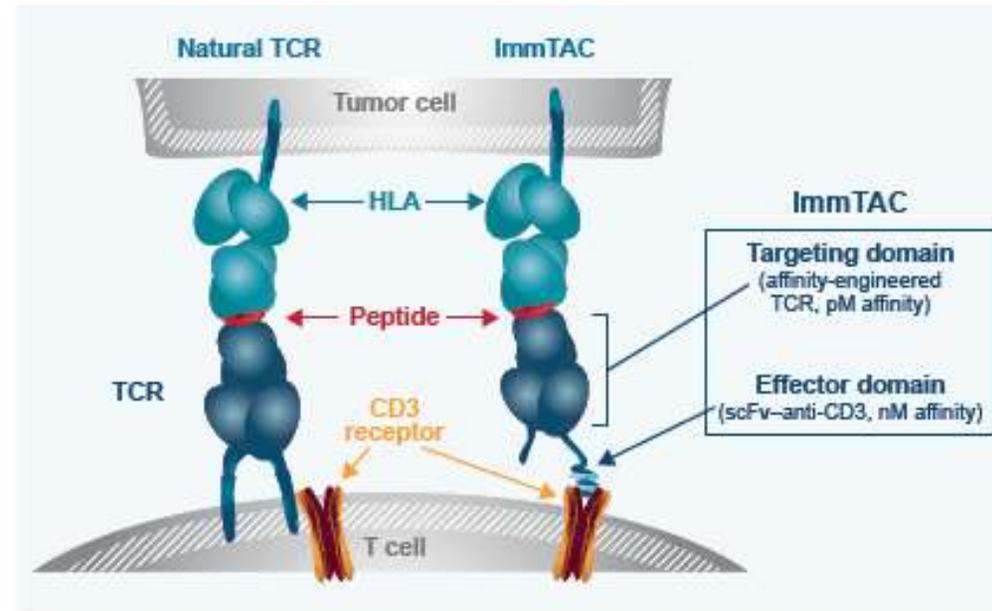


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# New constructs



Blinatumumab – anti-CD-19, CD3 engager

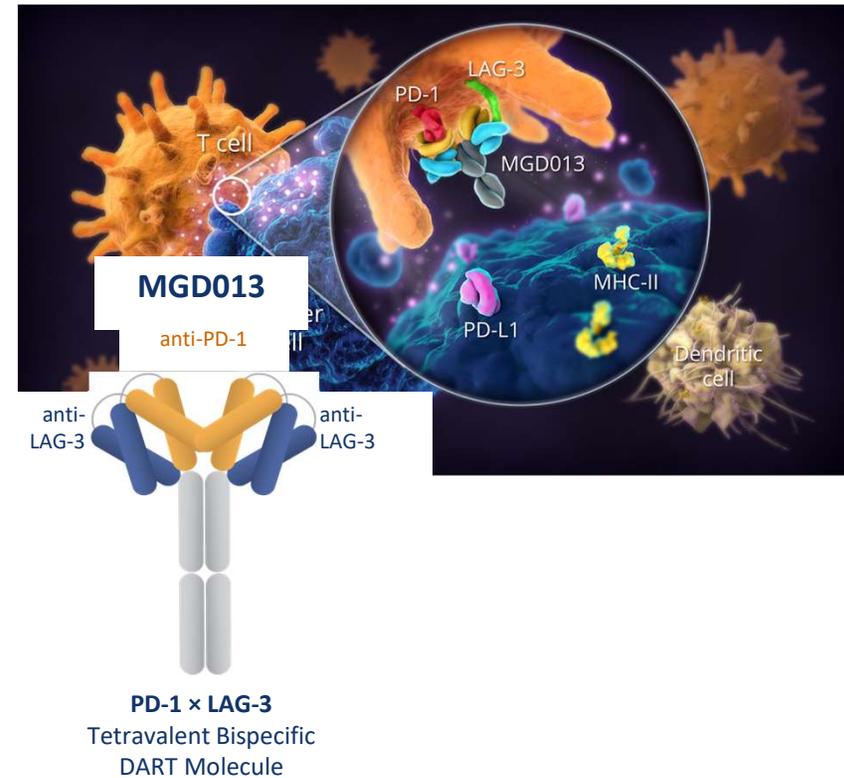


Tebentafusp – anti-gp-100, CD3 engager

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# New constructs, known targets

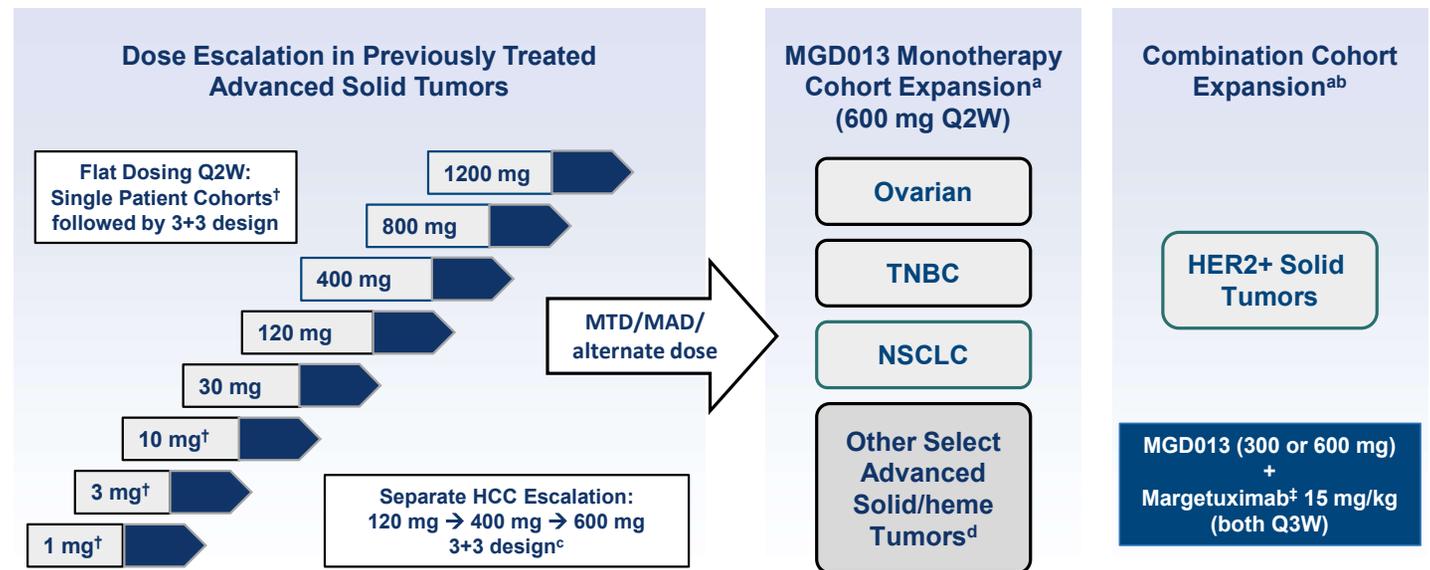
- PD-1 and LAG-3 receptors are expressed on “exhausted” T-cells
  - Interactions with corresponding ligands negates anti-tumor T cell activity
- Synergy of anti-PD-1 + anti-LAG-3 mAbs in animal tumor models
  - Combination trials of anti-PD-1 plus anti-LAG-3 are ongoing
- MGD013, an investigational DART protein, targets PD-1 and LAG-3 with a single molecule
  - Greater synergistic T-cell activation (IFN- $\gamma$ ) with MGD013 compared with combination of individual constituents
- DART bispecific platform:
  - Stable diabody format
  - Multiple configurations & applications



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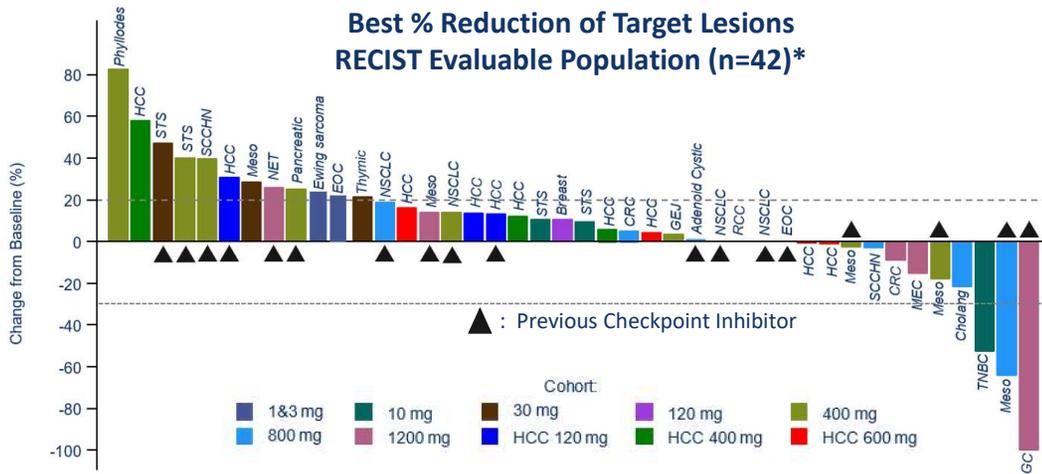
# MGD013: Phase I Trial Design

- **Primary objectives:**
  - Safety, tolerability
  - DLTs, MTD, MAD
  - Alternate dose
- **Secondary objectives:**
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Immunogenicity
  - Preliminary activity
- **Exploratory PD objectives:**
  - Receptor/ligand expression
  - Serum biomarkers
  - Gene expression profiling



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# MGD013: Dose escalation results



\* Based on patients with baseline and post-treatment tumor measurements. Data cutoff: April, 25, 2020

## Confirmed Partial Responses (n=1, each):

- TNBC (10 mg)
  - Mesothelioma (800 mg)
  - Gastric Cancer (1200 mg)
- Refractory to anti-PD-1 treatment**
- 18 patients with SD as best overall response (DCR = 48.8%)

## Immune-Related Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESIs)

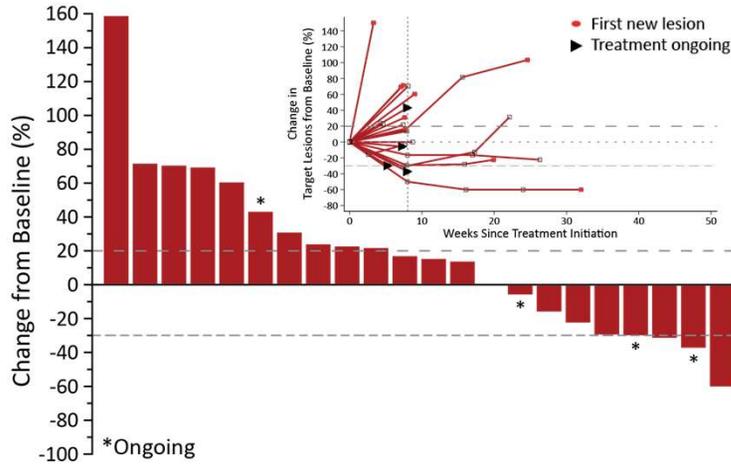
	No. (%) of Patients	
	All Grades (N=53)	≥ Grade 3 (N=53)
Rash	7 (13.2)	1 (1.9)
Hypothyroidism	6 (11.3)	0
Immune-mediated hepatitis	2 (3.8)	2 (3.8)
Pancreatitis	1 (1.9)	1 (1.9)
Colitis	1 (1.9)	1 (1.9)
Adrenal insufficiency	1 (1.9)	1 (1.9)
Hyperthyroidism	1 (1.9)	0

- Well-tolerated with manageable irAEs
- Safety consistent with anti-PD-(L)1 toxicity profile
- MTD not exceeded or defined at up to 1200 mg Q2W
- Dose limiting toxicities:
  - Immune-mediated hepatitis (1200 mg – primary dose escalation); resolved without sequelae
  - Lipase increase with radiographic evidence of pancreatitis (600 mg – HCC escalation); dose level subsequently cleared

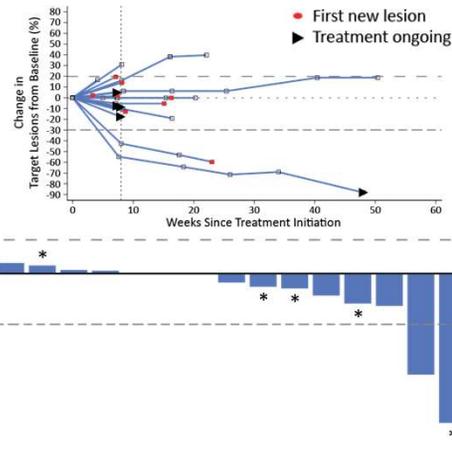
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# MGD013: Dose expansion results

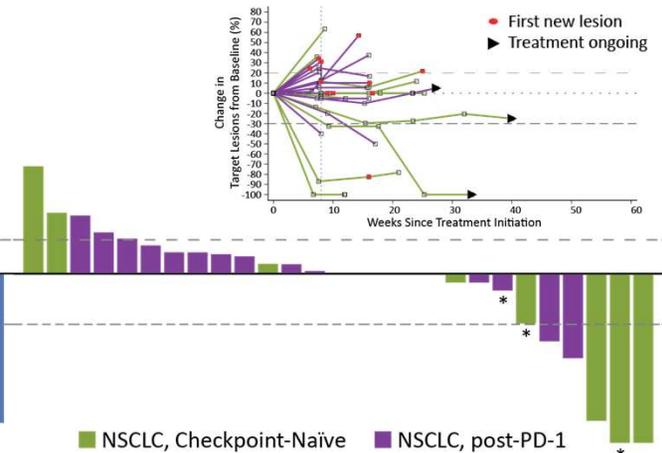
## Triple-negative Breast Cancer



## Epithelial Ovarian Cancer



## Non-small Cell Lung Cancer



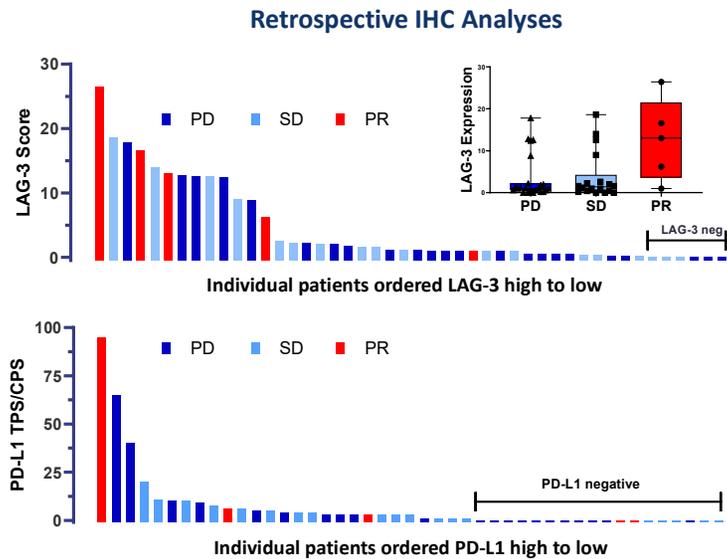
	TNBC	EOC	NSCLC, CPI-Naïve	NSCLC, post-PD-1
Evaluable Patients	23	23	14	15
ORR (Confirmed)	4.3% (1/23)	8.7% (2/23)	14.3% (2/14)	0% (0/15)
ORR (Confirmed + Unconfirmed)	17.4% (4/23)	8.7% (2/23)	21.4% (3/14)	13.3% (2/15)
SD	34.8% (8/23)	43.5% (10/23)	50.0% (7/14)	53.3% (8/15)
DCR	39.1% (9/23)	52.2% (12/23)	64.3% (9/14)	53.3% (8/15)

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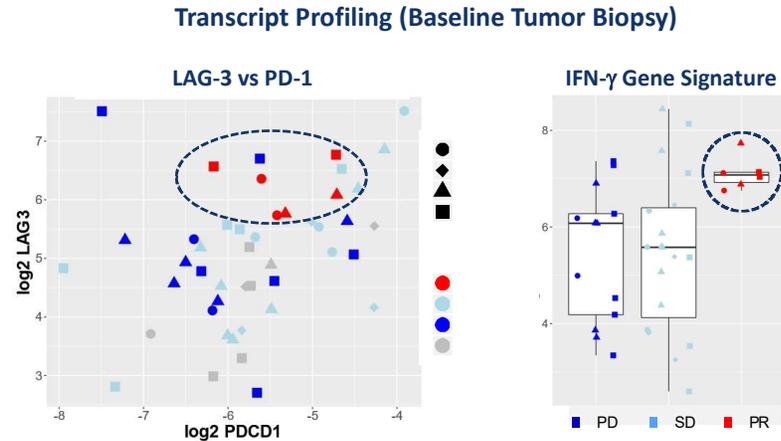
# MGD013: Biomarker analysis

## Objective Responses Associated with LAG-3 Expression

*Inflammatory interferon-γ signature elevated in patients with clinical response*



Archival biopsies from TNBC, EOC, and NSCLC expansion cohorts analyzed for LAG-3 (N=46) or PD-L1 (N=45) by IHC. LAG-3 score was determined by calculating mean value of LAG-3+ cells per 40x field across 5 LAG-3+ hot spots (Chen et al., e15086 ASCO 2020). PD-L1 expression was determined per Agilent PD-L1 (22C3) pharmDx kit; TPS (NSCLC) was calculated as per interpretation manual and CPS (EOC, TNBC) calculated as follows: number of PD-L1 + cells (tumor and immune)/total number of viable tumor cells x 100. CPS <1 or TPS <1% was considered negative.



Objective responses associated with high baseline LAG-3/PD-1 expression and IFN-γ gene signature (CXCL9, CXCL10, CXCL11, STAT1)

The NanoString PanCancer IO 360™ assay was used to interrogate gene expression, including the abundance of 14 immune cell types and 32 immuno-oncology signatures from archival biopsies from EOC (N=14) NSCLC (N=25) and TNBC (N=13) expansion cohorts

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# MGD013: Summary

## **First-in-class bispecific checkpoint inhibitor**

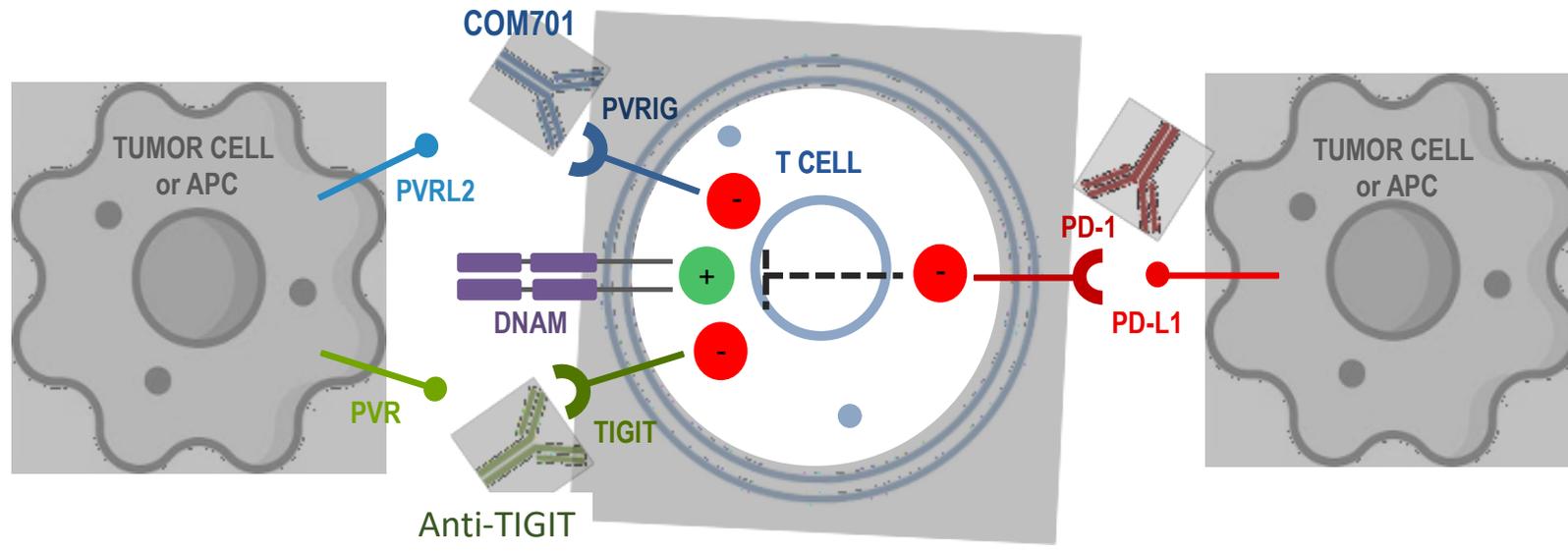
- Designed to independently or coordinately block PD-1 and LAG-3
- Well tolerated at doses up to 1200 mg Q2W
- RP2D: 600 mg Q2W or Q3W
- Safety profile consistent with anti-PD-1 monotherapy

## **Encouraging monotherapy activity in multiple tumor types**

- Baseline LAG-3 expression & IFN- $\gamma$  signature associated with objective response

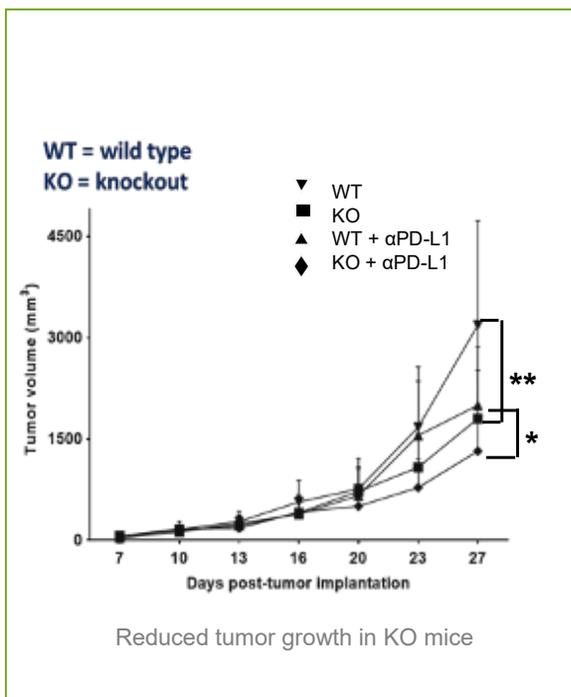
# New Targets

## PVRIG PATHWAY IN THE DNAM AXIS



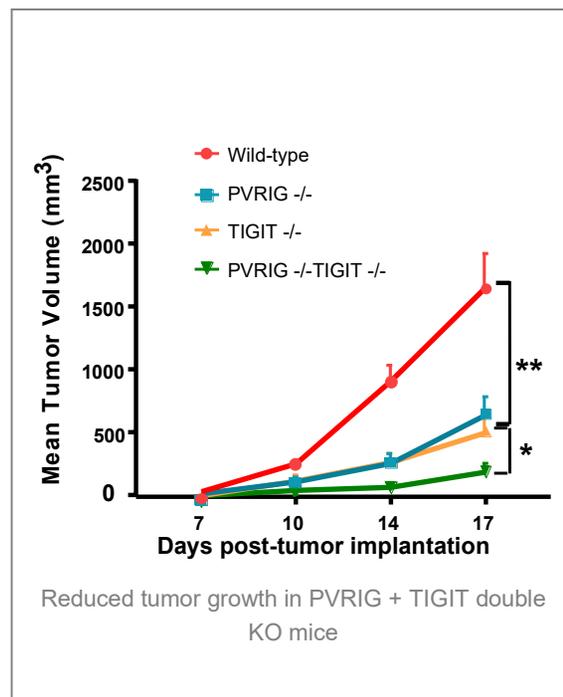
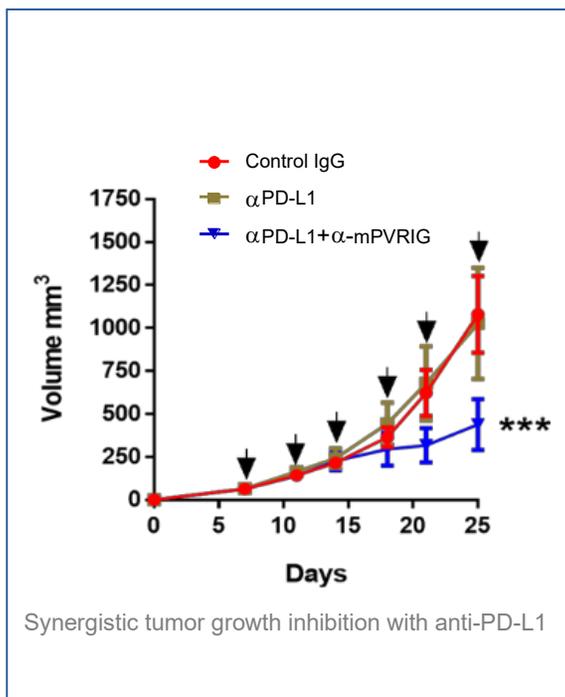
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# PVRIG KO/inhibition is associated with reduced tumor growth



Ganguly and Pardoll, Johns Hopkins Univ. MC38 model

PD-1/PD-L1 resistant models



SITC, November 2016, Hunter, *et al.*, oral presentation  
 SITC, November 2019, Logronio, *et al.*, poster presentation

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# COM701 (anti-PVRIG): Phase 1 design

## PHASE 1 (Identifier: NCT03667716)

Arm A	
<b>Monotherapy</b> Dose Escalation	<b>Monotherapy</b> Cohort Expansion (20 patients; progressed on SOC)
All-comers (progressed on SOC)	NSCLC, Ovarian, Breast, Endometrial, Colorectal
Arm B	
<b>Dual Combination</b> Escalating doses of COM701 with fixed dose of nivolumab (Up to 20 patients)	
All-comers (progressed on SOC)	

### Study Objectives

- Safety & Tolerability
- PK/PD
- Clinical activity – COM701 monotherapy and in combination

### Response Assessment

CT Imaging Q6 or Q8 wks as per schedule of study drugs

Responses per Investigator assessment – RECIST v1.1

## PHASE 1/2 (in development)

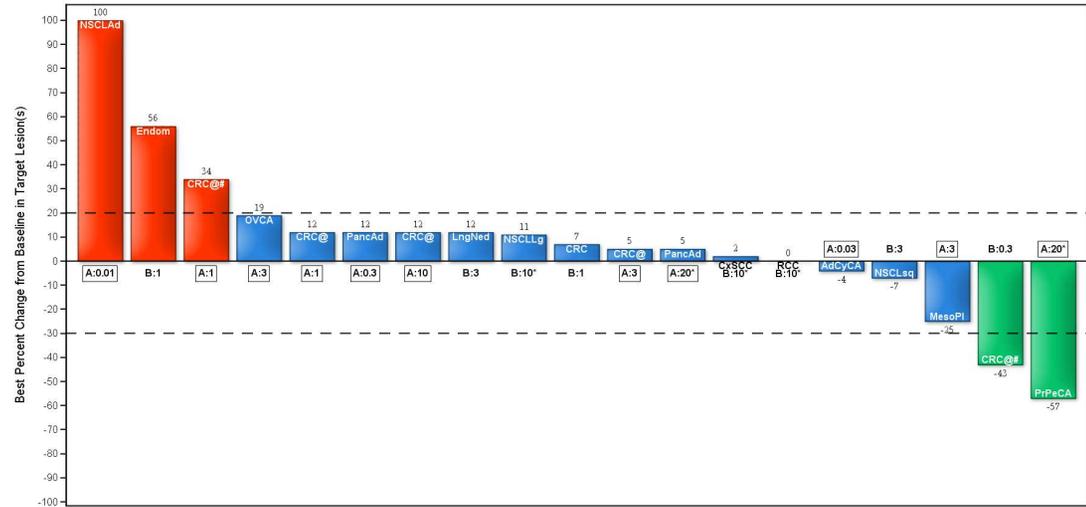
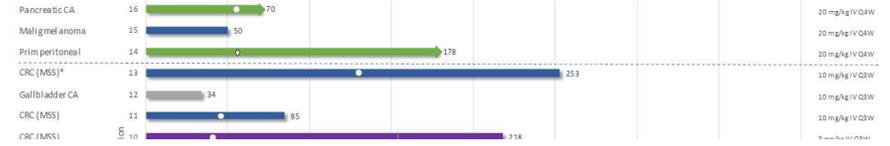
<b>Triple Combination Dose Escalation</b> Escalating doses of COM701 with fixed doses of nivolumab + BMS-986207
All-comers (progressed on SOC); expected initiation in 2H 2020
<b>Triple Combination</b> Cohort Expansion
Ovarian, Endometrial, additional tumor types with high PVRL2 expression

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# COM701: Results

	Arm A (N = 16) N (%)	Arm B (N = 12) N (%)
ORR (CR+PR)	1 (6)	1 (8)
Disease control rate (CR+PR+SD)	11 (69)	9 (75)
Durable SD (SD ≥ 6 months)	2 (13)	4 (33)
Best response		
CR	0	0
PR	1 (6)*	1 (8)#
SD	10 (63)	8 (67)
PD	4 (25)	2 (17)
NA	1 (6)	1 (8)

\*63 yo F with MSS platinum-resistant PPSC  
 # 66 yo M with MSS CRC



DLT-Evaluable Population with Evaluable and Measurable Target Lesions (N = 19): PD (red), SD (blue), PR (green). @ CRC-MSS # KRAS mutant. Treatment regimen (ARM:COM701 dose (mg/kg)) is displayed along the x-axis. A = monotherapy, B = combination therapy (Nivolumab 360 mg for COM701 doses < 10 mg/kg, Nivolumab 480 mg for higher COM701 doses). \* = Q4W.

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On Study Treatment (green), No Recist v1.1 PD (In LTFU) - PI Discretion/Clin Progression (purple), Recist v1.1 (In LTFU) (blue). Data Cutoff Date April 1, 2020.  
 ◇ First PR ○ First SD Q3W - every 3 weeks Q4W - every 4 weeks



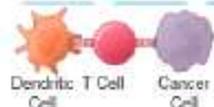
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# COM701: Summary

- COM701 well tolerated and with a manageable safety profile as monotherapy and in combination with nivolumab
  - No increase in toxicity in combination with nivolumab
  - No subjects discontinued study treatment due to toxicity of any study drug
- Confirmed partial responses in 2 pts
  - COM701 monotherapy 20 mg/kg IV Q4 wks - primary peritoneal cancer (ongoing on study treatment 25 wks)
  - COM701 (COM701 0.3 mg/kg IV Q3 wks) + Nivolumab (480 mg IV Q3 wks) - MSS-CRC (ongoing on study treatment 44 wks)
- Disease control rate (COM701 monotherapy 11/16 [69%]; COM701+nivolumab 9/12 [75%]) in diverse tumor types
  - Durable stable disease (SD  $\geq$  6 months) in 6/28 pts [Arm A: 2 pts, Arm B: 4 pts]
    - Arm A: Adenoid cystic CA, CRC-MSS
    - Arm B: Anal SCC, CRC-MSS, Endometrial, NSCLC (squamous)

# New Targets, old approach: mRNA-2752

## Immune modulation with OX40L/IL-23/IL-36γ



### IL-23

Proinflammatory cytokine of the IL-12 family

- Reported to prime DC
- Activates other cells that bridge innate to adaptive immunity (NKT, ILCs,  $\gamma\delta$  T cells)



- Expands and maintains Th17
- Acts on antigen experienced T cells



Rationale as AD Therapeutic?



- Monotherapy efficacy established and reported (pre-clin)
- Clear role in human barrier immunity and inflammatory disease

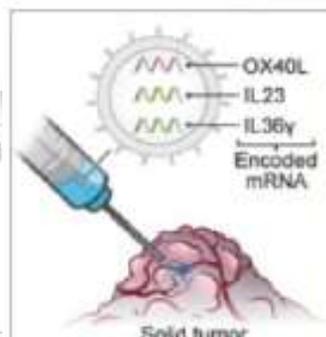
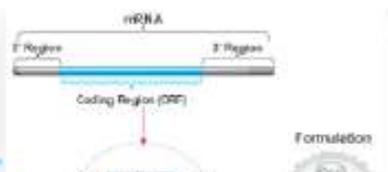
### IL-36γ

Proinflammatory cytokine of the IL-1 family

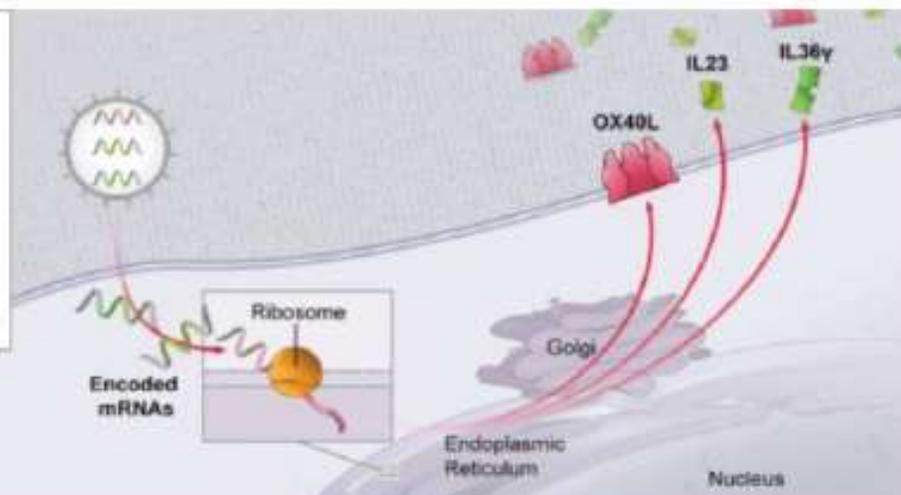
- Acts on DCs to promote maturation and ↑ cytokine/chemokines

- Enhances T cell proliferation
- Th1, Th9 differentiation

- Reported to enhance anti-cancer immunity (pre-clin)
- Clear role in human barrier immunity and inflammatory disease



Cytosol

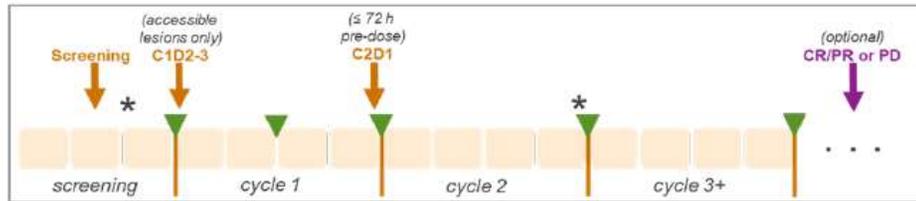


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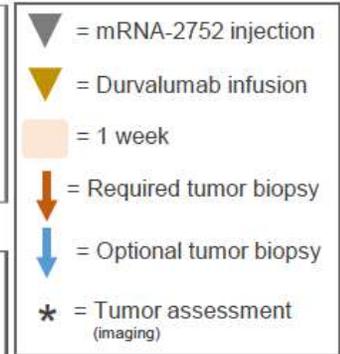
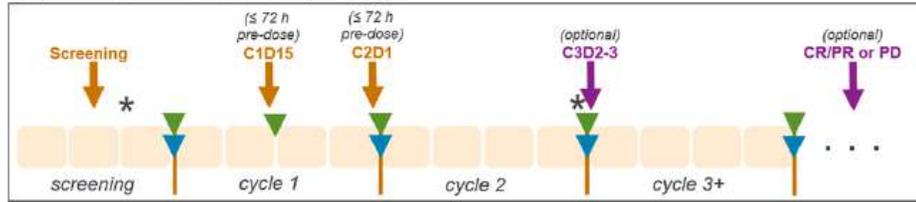
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# mRNA-2752: Phase 1/1b trial

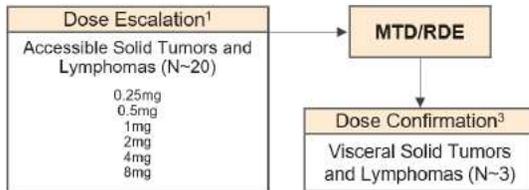
## Arm A: mRNA-2752 monotherapy



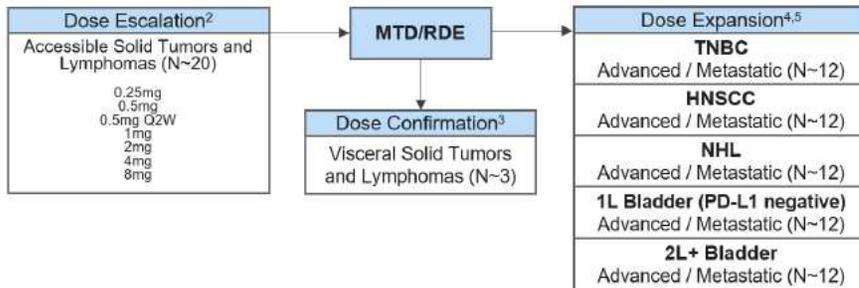
## Arm B: mRNA-2752 + Durva Combo



### Arm A: mRNA-2752



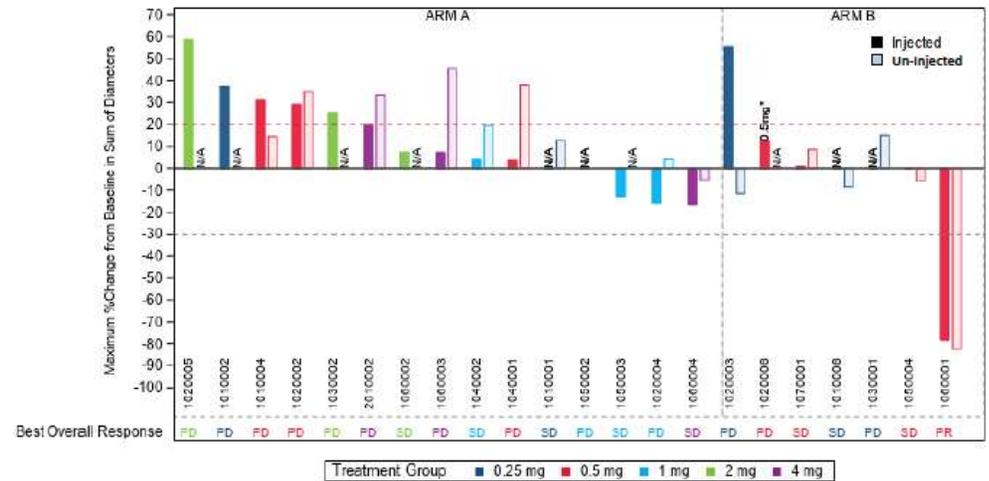
### Arm B: mRNA-2752 + durvalumab (1500mg Q4W)



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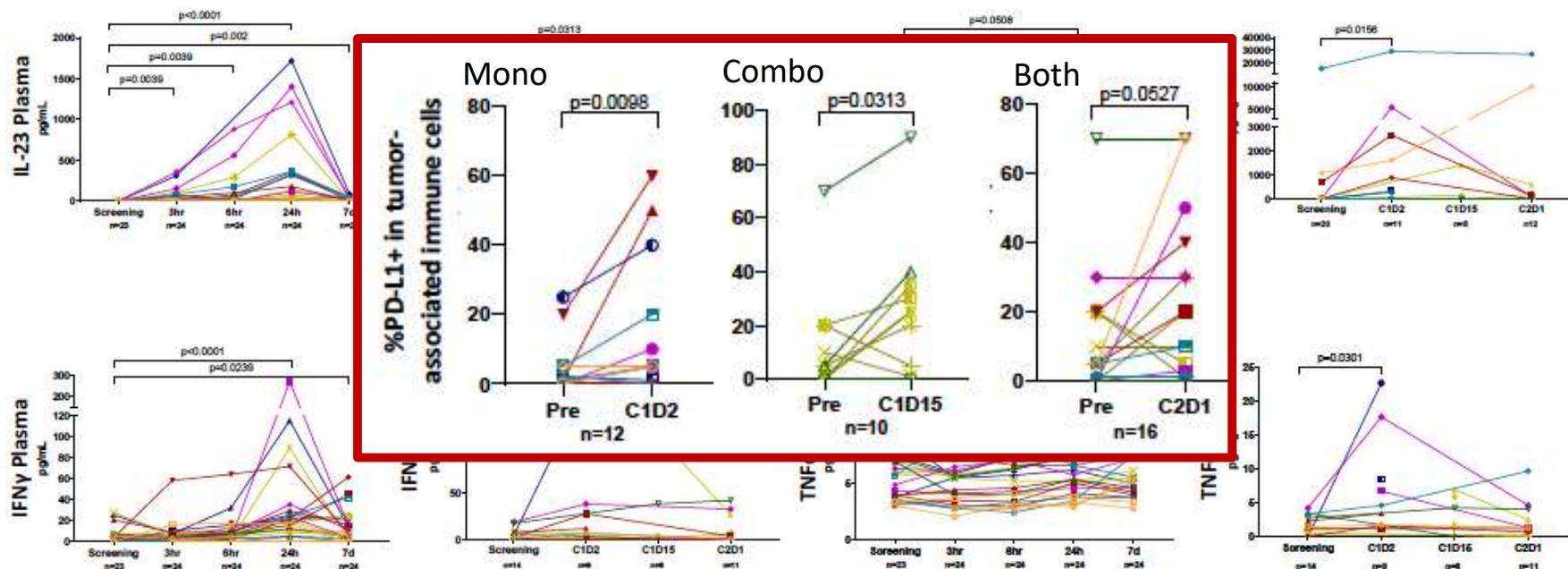
# mRNA-2752: Phase 1/1b trial results

Best Response	Total
<b>Arm A: monotherapy</b>	<b>N = 15</b>
Stable Disease (SD)	5
Progression of disease (PD)	10
<b>Arm B: combination</b>	<b>N = 8</b>
Partial response (PR)	1
SD	4
PD	3



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# mRNA-2752 leads to increased levels of IL-23 and IL-36γ but also IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , and PD-L1



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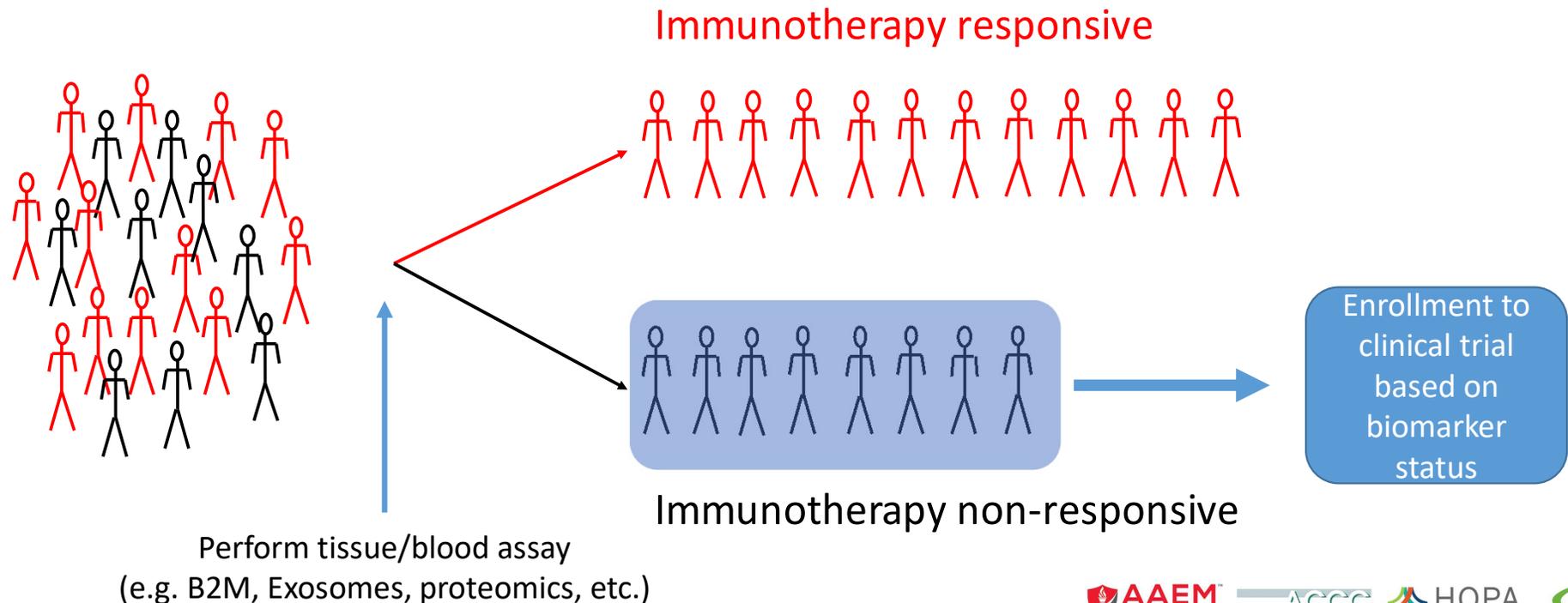
## mRNA-2752: Summary

- IT (intertumoral) mRNA-2752 is safe and well tolerated
  - Associated with injection site reactions as single-agent
  - No increase in toxicity in combination with durvalumab
- Confirmed partial responses in 1 pt on Part B (combo)
  - Patient with squamous cell carcinoma of the bladder
- IT injection is associated with increase in IL-23 and IL-23γ levels, as well as activation of markers of inflammation (IFN-gamma, TNF-alpha) and PD-L1
- Dose escalation continues with combination therapy, dose expansion planned for TNBC, HNSCC, NHL, 1L and 2L Bladder cancer

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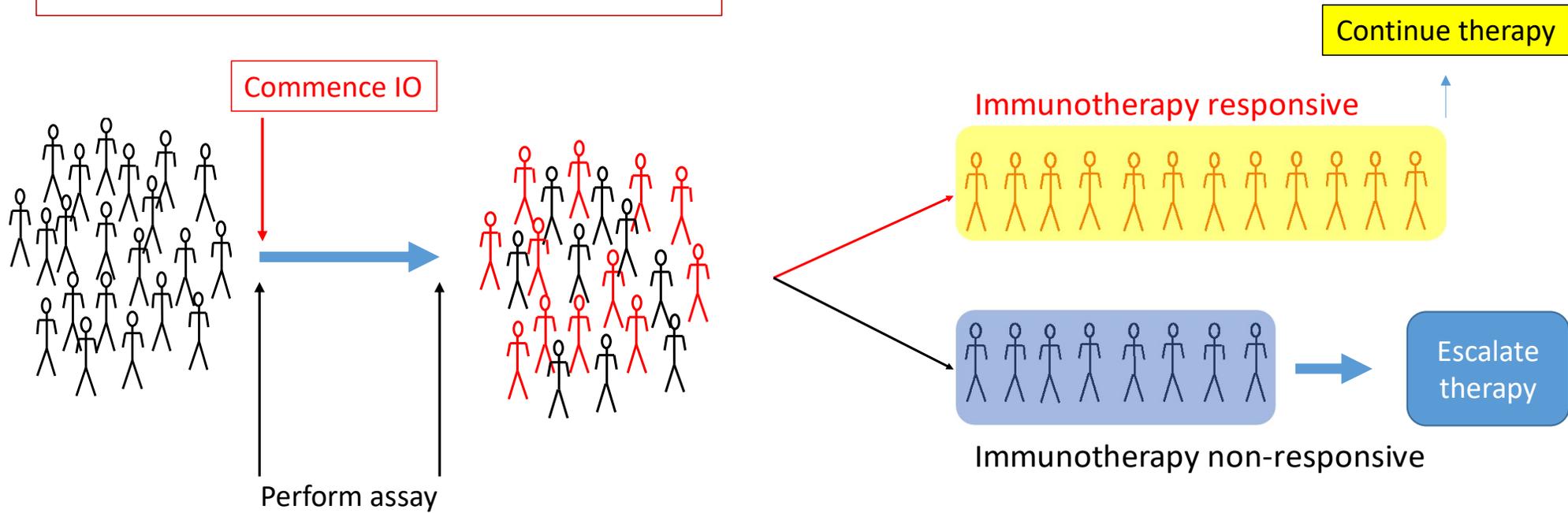
# What about using biomarkers?

## 1. Biomarker enrichment (current strategy – PD-L1 in NSCLC)



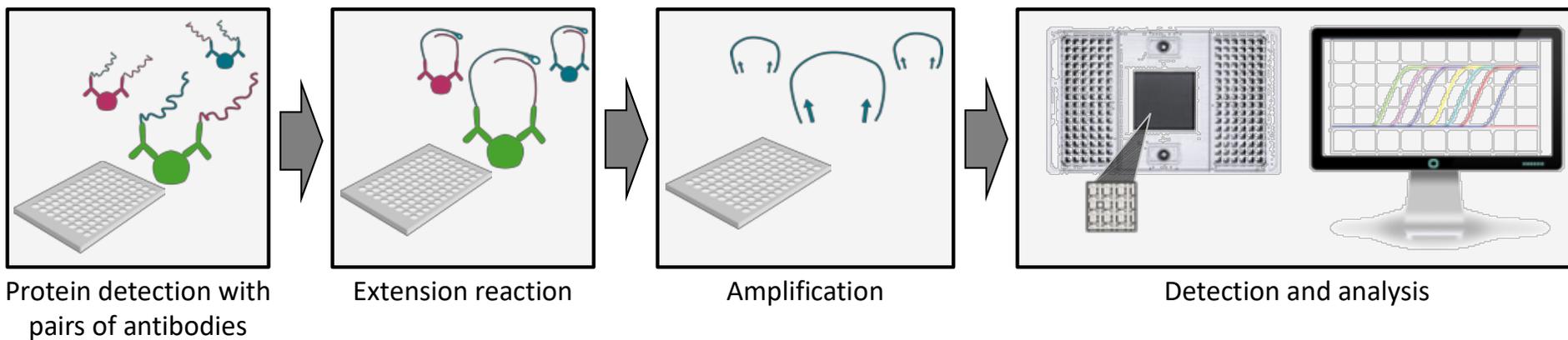
# What about using biomarkers?

## 2. Biomarker directed escalation



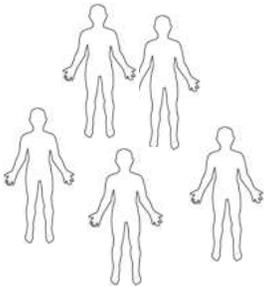
# Proteomic Profiling

## Proximity extension assay (PEA)\*

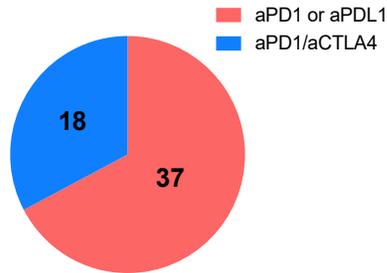


\*Olink Proteomics

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Cohort 1: 58 patients  
44 responders  
14 non-responders  
**1104 proteins detected**



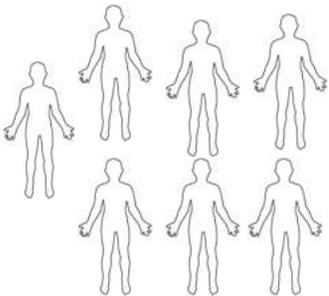
Sample time points in this study



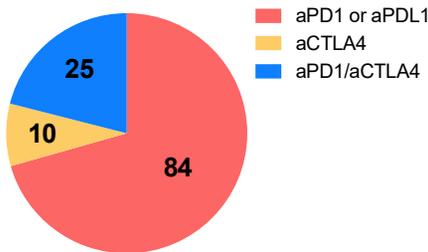
Baseline

6 weeks

6 months



Cohort 2: 116 patients  
66 responders  
50 non-responders  
**707 proteins detected**

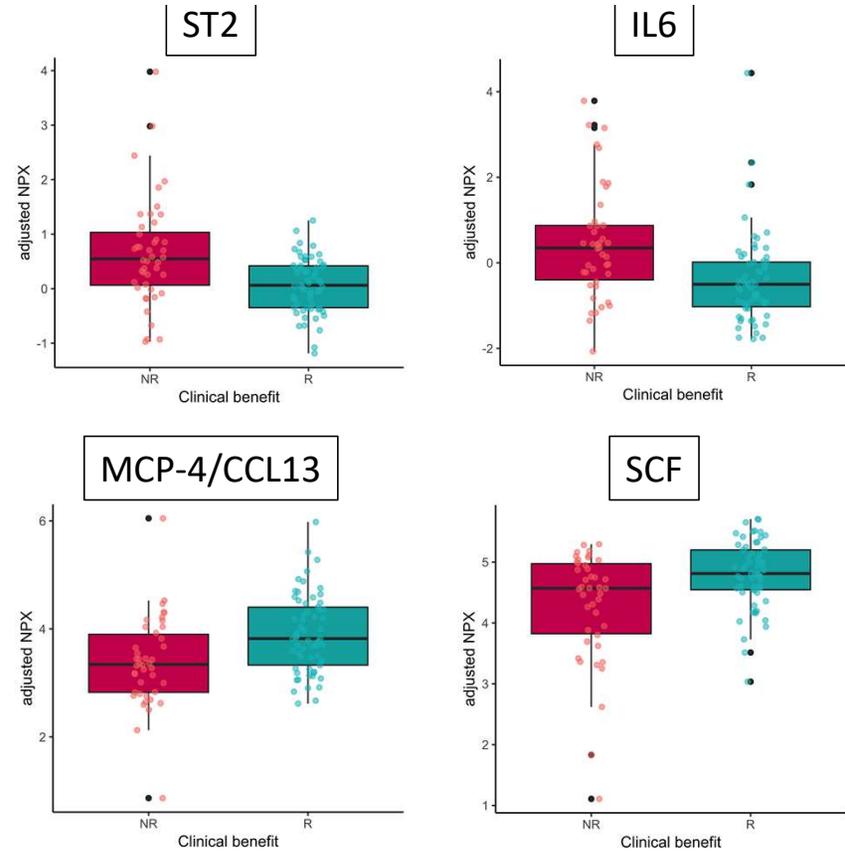
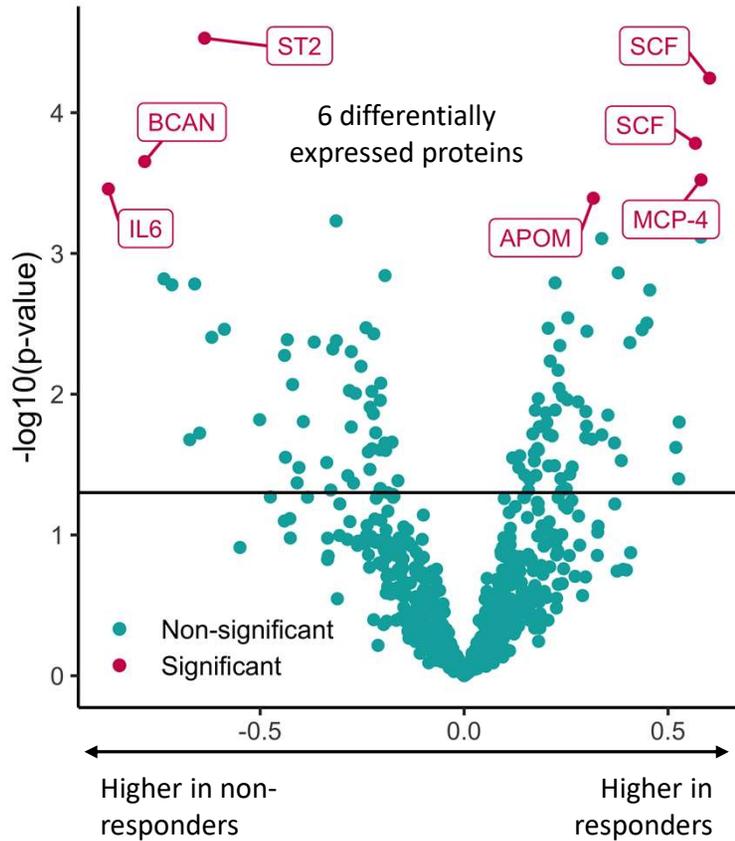


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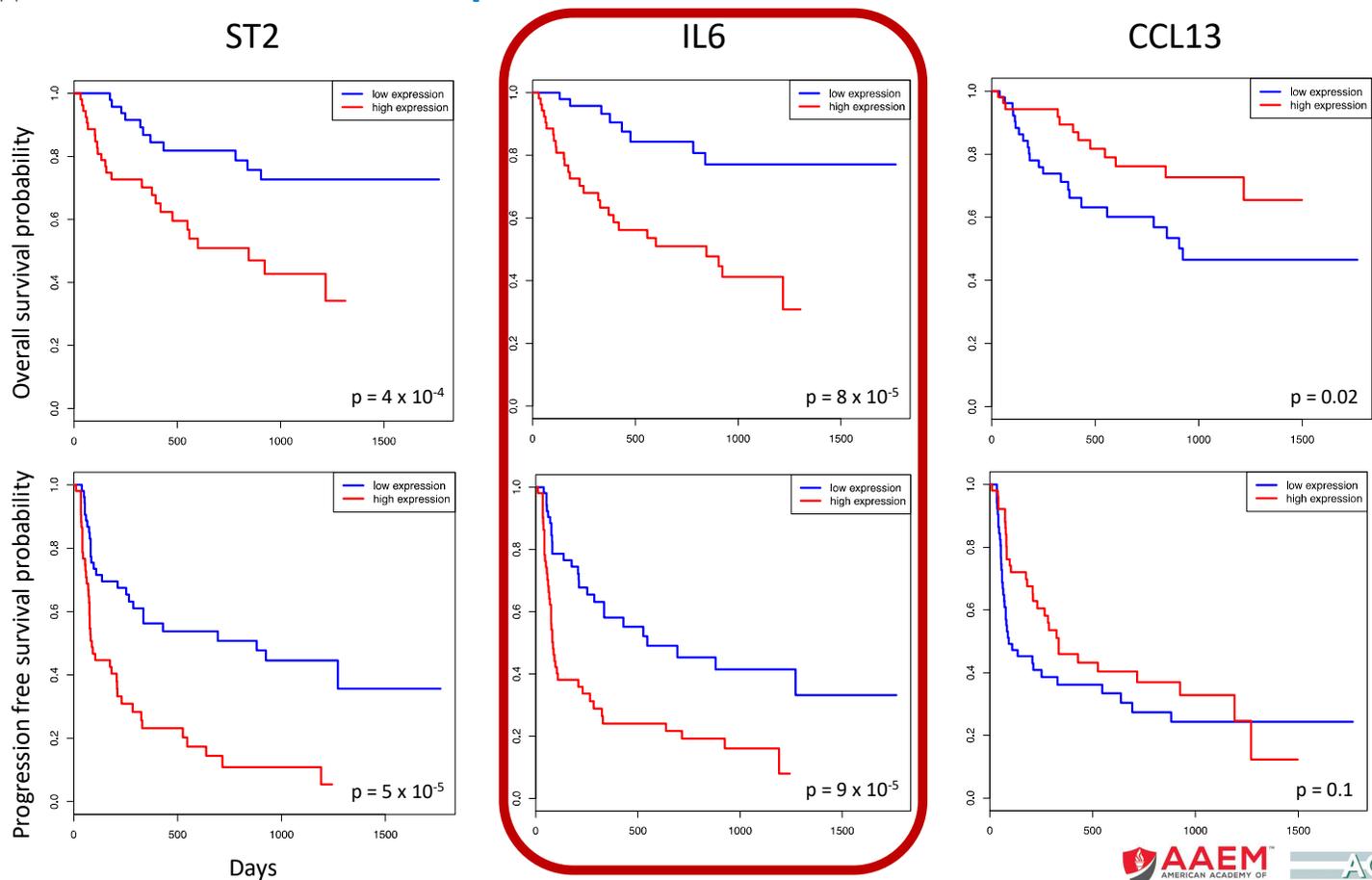
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## Differentially expressed proteins between responders and non-responders at baseline



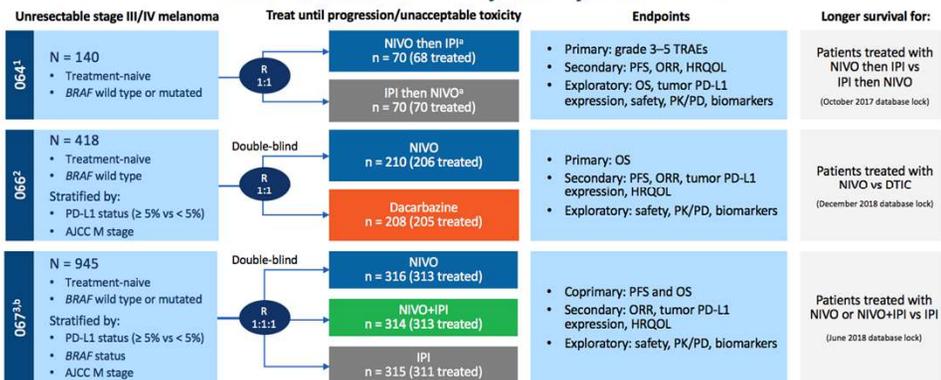
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# Baseline differentially expressed proteins are predictive of OS and PFS



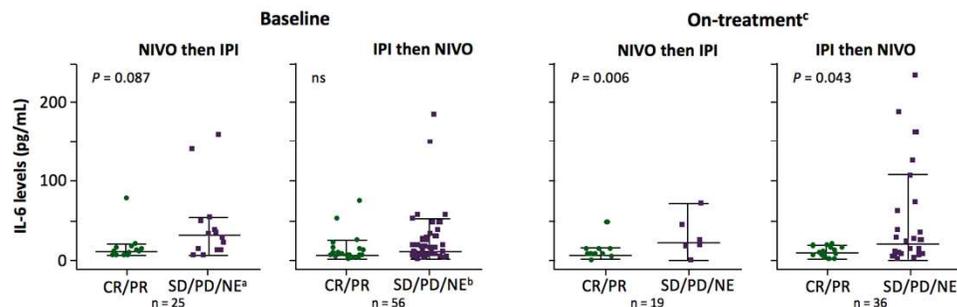
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# Study Design and Survival Outcomes: CheckMate 064, 066, and 067



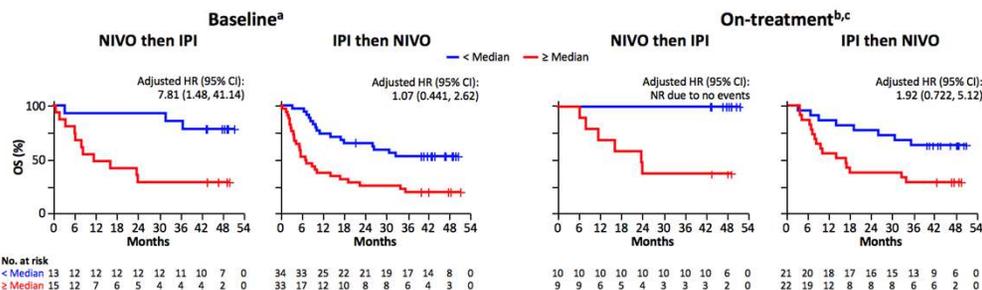
<sup>a</sup>Switch in treatment at week 13; <sup>b</sup>CheckMate 067 was not designed for a formal statistical comparison between NIVO+IPI and NIVO monotherapy. AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; HRQOL, health-related quality of life; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, pharmacodynamics; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; R, randomized; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event. 1. Weber JS, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:943-955; 2. Robert C, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:320-330; 3. Larkin J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:23-34.

## CheckMate 064: Association of Baseline and On-Treatment IL-6 Levels With BOR



Lower baseline and on-treatment IL-6 levels were observed in patients with CR/PR vs SD/PD/NE

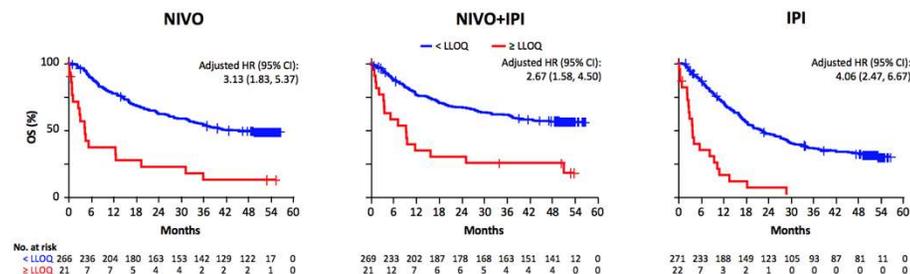
## CheckMate 064: Association of Baseline and On-Treatment IL-6 Levels With OS Across Treatment Arms



High baseline and on-treatment IL-6 levels were associated with shorter OS

<sup>a</sup>Median IL-6 at week 0: 13.3 pg/mL; <sup>b</sup>Median IL-6 at week 13: 13.6 pg/mL; <sup>c</sup>On-treatment at week 13; switch in treatment occurred at week 13. HR adjusted for The Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status (ECOG), BRAF status, M stage, and baseline lactate dehydrogenase (LDH). NR, not relevant.

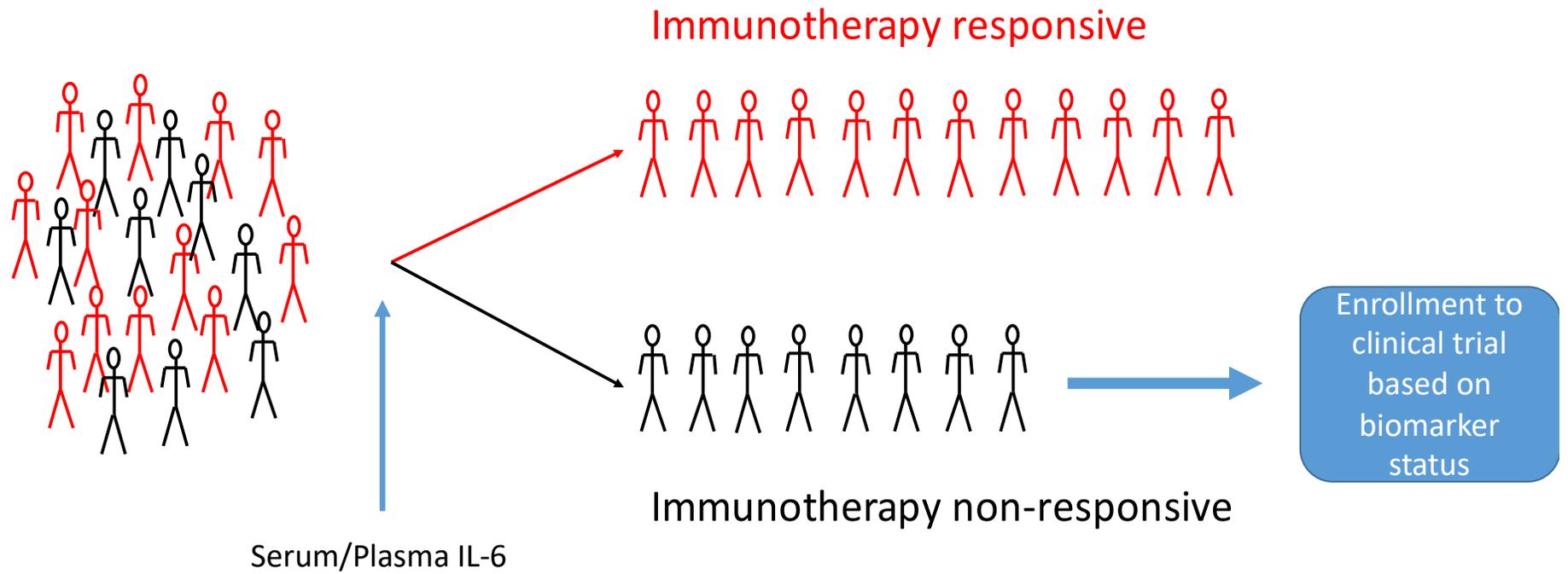
## CheckMate 067: Association of Baseline IL-6 Levels With OS Across Treatment Arms



High IL-6 levels were associated with shorter OS

IL-6 LLOQ: 11 pg/mL. HR adjusted for ECOG, BRAF, M stage, and baseline LDH.

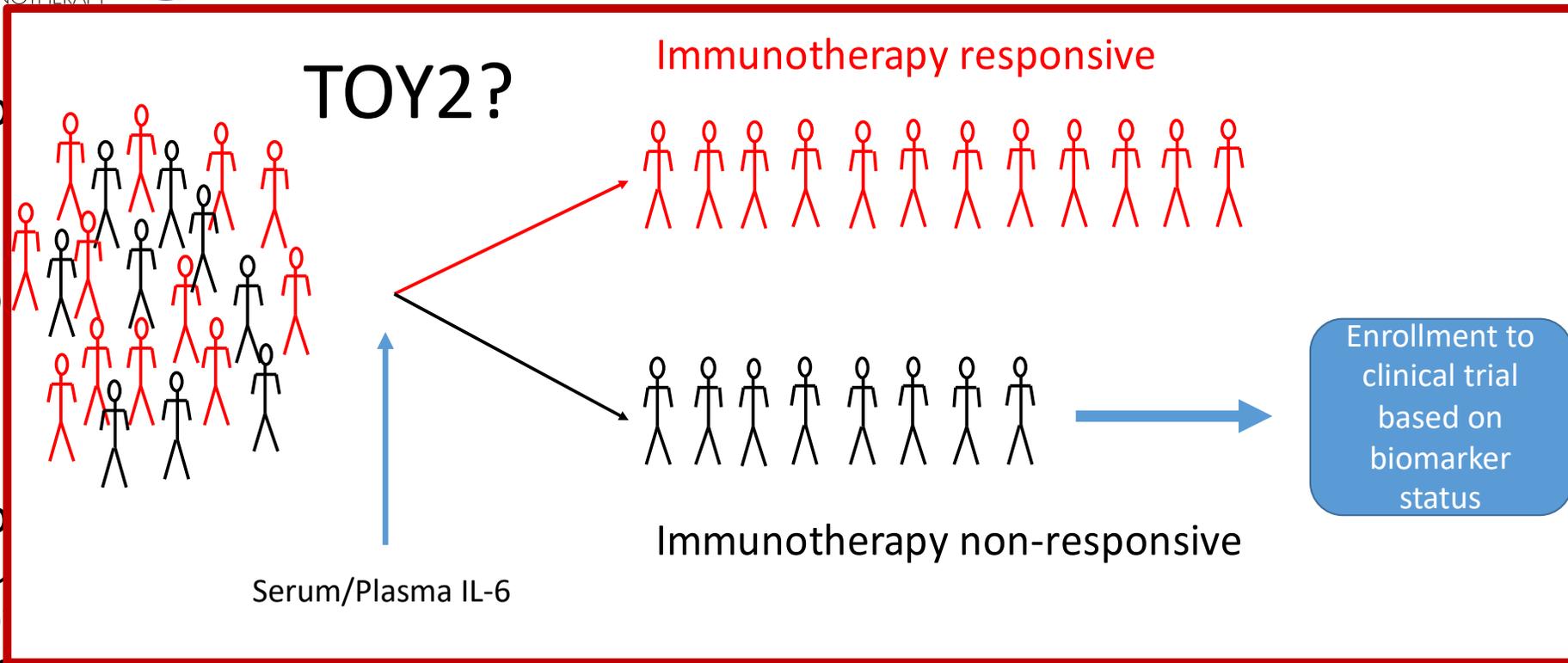
# Biomarker Enrichment?



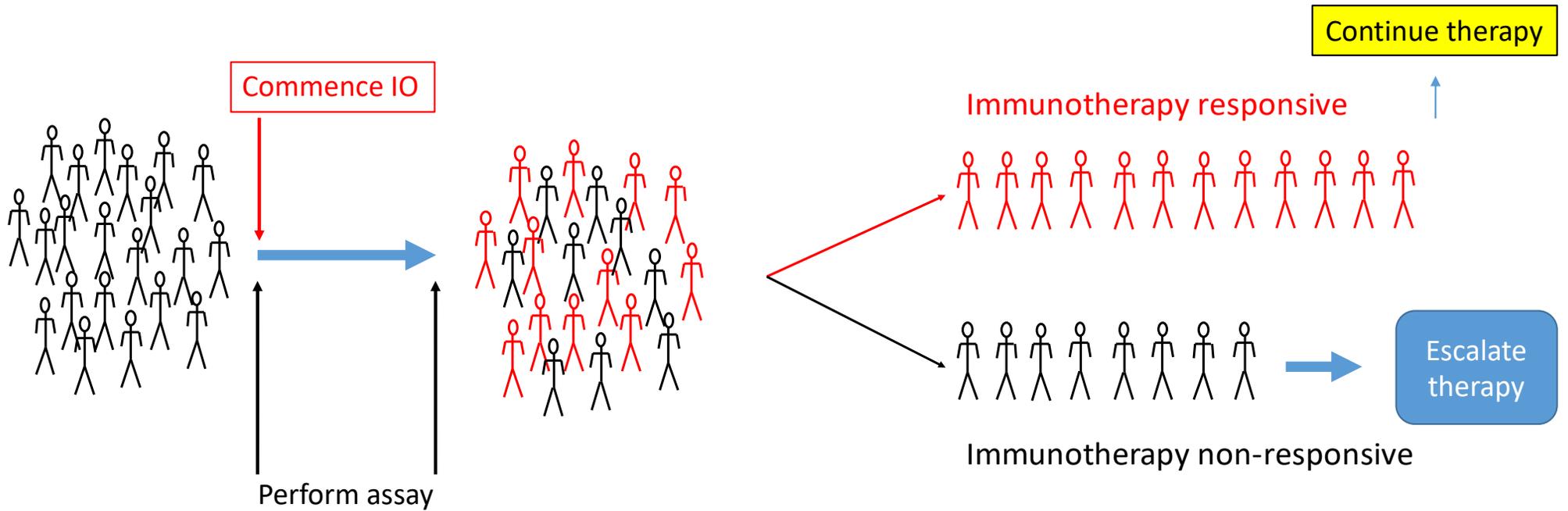
# Tocilizumab (anti-IL6) + Nivo + Ipi (TOY1?)

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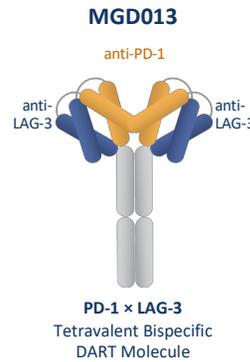
# Biomarker-Directed Escalation?



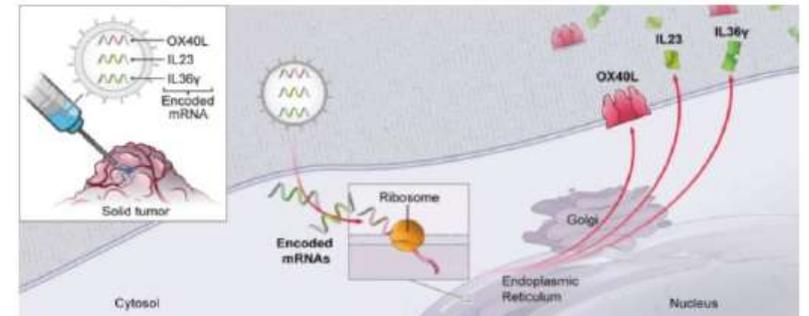
# Concluding remarks

Year	Drugs	Approvals	Diseases	Combos
2011	1	1	1	
2014	2	2	1	
2015	3	4	3	1
2016	3	5	4	
2017	4	10	7	
2018	5	12	10	5
2019	4	7	5	6
2020	6	8	8	3

Checkpoint inhibitor combinations are the present and future



New constructs are capable of delivering combination therapy safely and preliminarily effectively



New targets are being discovered and clinical trials have been launched

