

What's Next for Cancer Immunotherapy?

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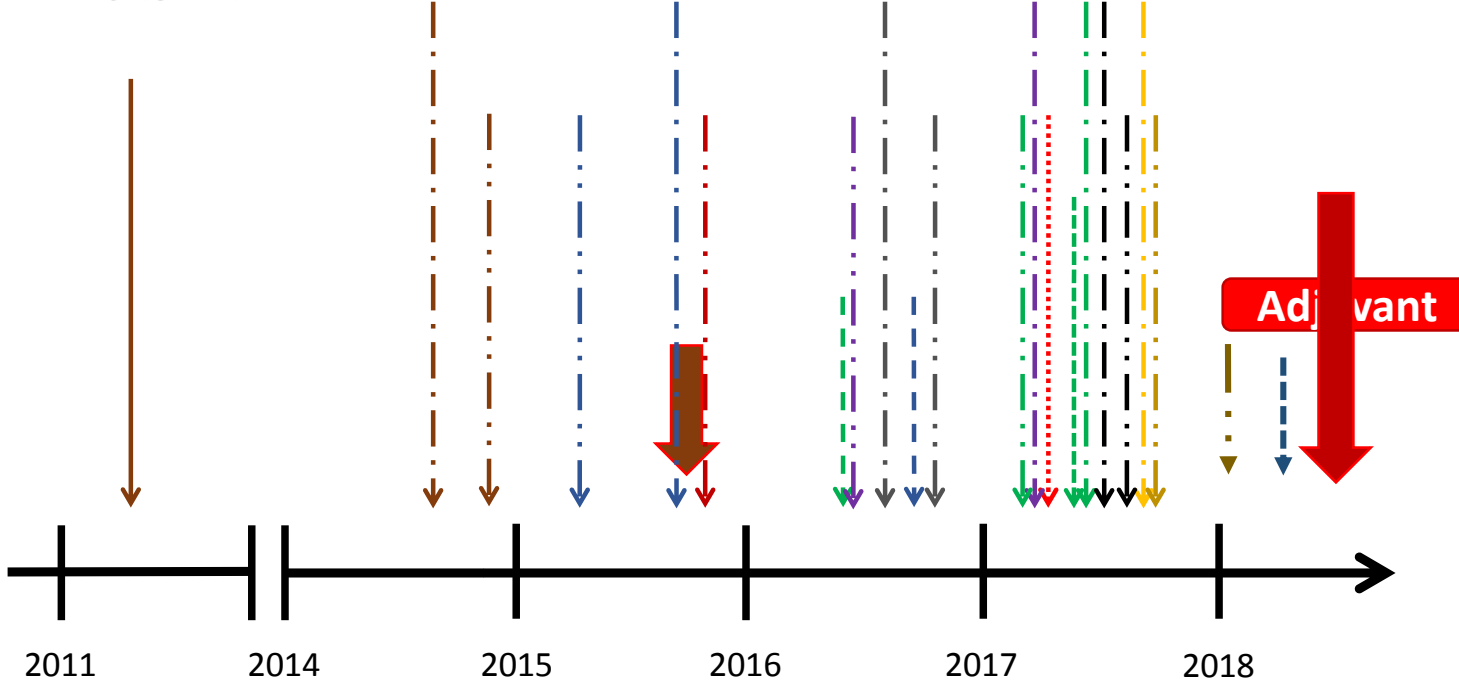
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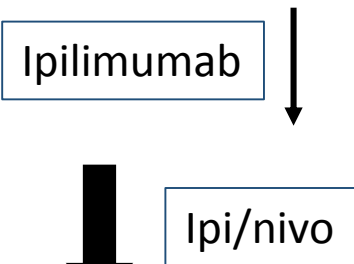
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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors and US FDA Approvals

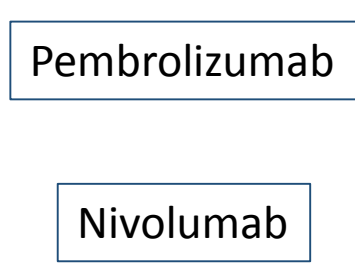
Melanoma
NSCLC
Renal Cell Carcinoma
Urothelial Bladder Cancer
Hodgkin Lymphoma
Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
Merkel Cell Carcinoma
MSI Cancers
Gastric Cancer
Hepatocellular Carcinoma



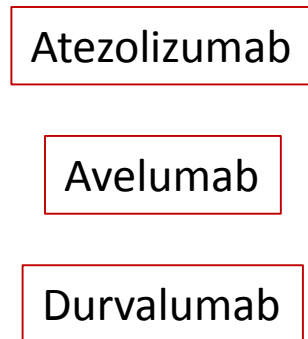
Anti-CTLA4



Anti-PD-1



Anti-PD-L1



Year	Drugs	Approvals	Disease indications
2011	1	1	1
2014	2	2	1
2015	3	4	3
2016	3	5	4
2017	4	9	6
2018	4	3	3

What about combination therapy?

PD-1 Pathway
 Combo

Melanoma

Cervical
 Sarcoma

Ovarian

Breast

Advanced
 Malignancies

CRI Venture Fund
 Landscape

Bladder Prostate

Renal

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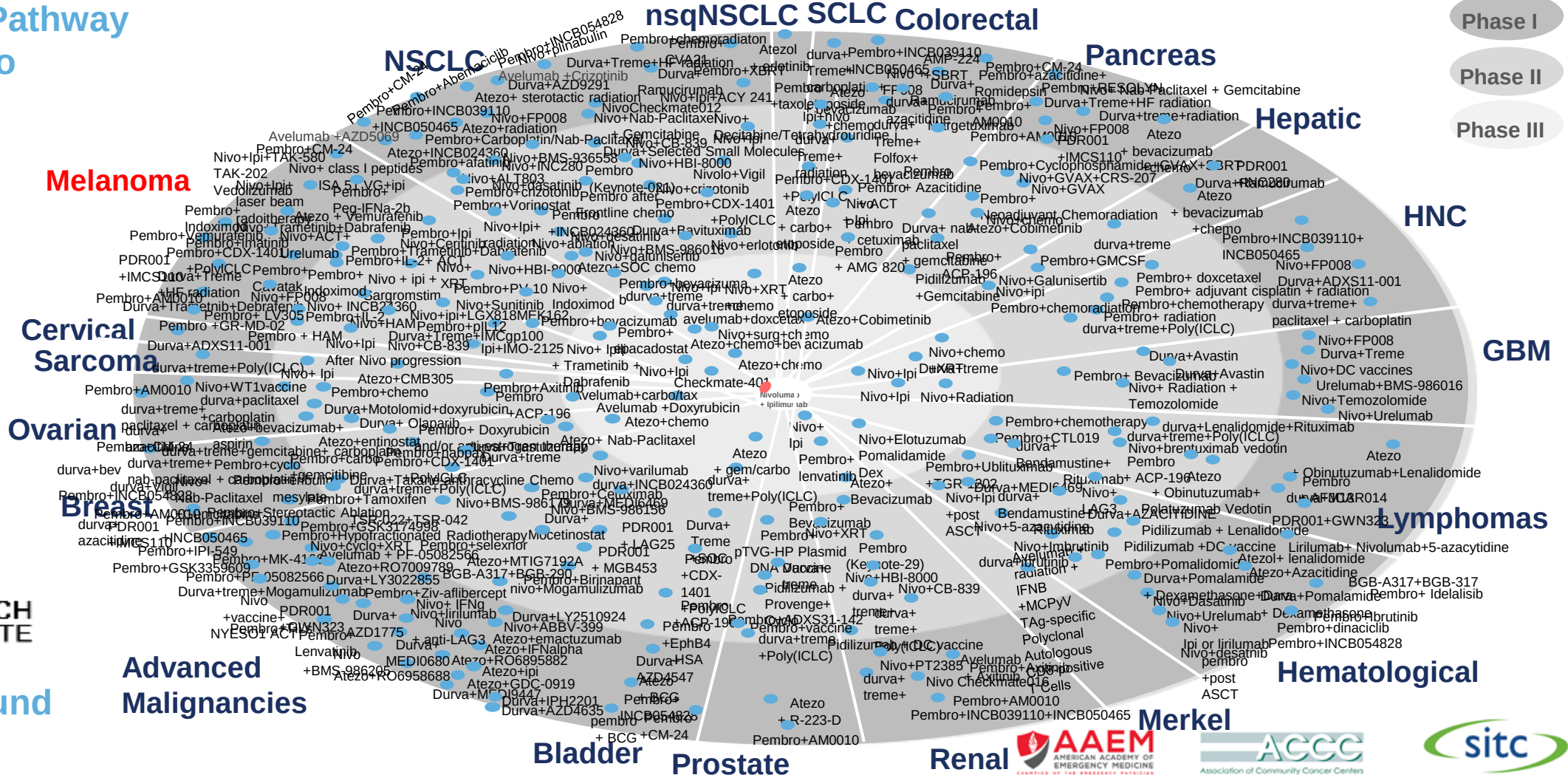
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 Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

It's dizzying!



What about combination therapy?

PD-1 Pathway
Combo



What are the unmet needs?

1. More effective therapies (combinations)
2. Better predictive biomarkers of benefit
3. Improve our understanding of mechanisms of therapeutic resistance

Anti-CTLA4

Anti-CD137/41BB (agonist)

Anti-Ox40 (agonist)

Anti-CD27 (agonist)

IL2

IL-12

Priming and activation
(APCs & T cells)

Trafficking of
T cells to tumors
(CTLs)

STING agonist

Anti-VEGF

Oncolytic virus

Anti-PI3K-gamma

Anti-TGF-beta

Infiltration of T cells
into tumors
(CTLs, endothelial cells)

Adoptive Cell Therapy

TCR-Ts

CAR-Ts

BiTEs

Recognition of
cancer cells by T cells
(CTLs, cancer cells)

Anti-PD-1/PD-L1

Anti-CTLA4 (effects on T-Reg)

IDO inhibitors



Modified from Chan and Melman, Immunity 2015

Vaccines

IFN-g

GM-CSF

Anti-CD40

TLR agonists

Oncolytic virus

Cancer antigen
presentation
(dendritic cells/ APCs)

Chemotherapy

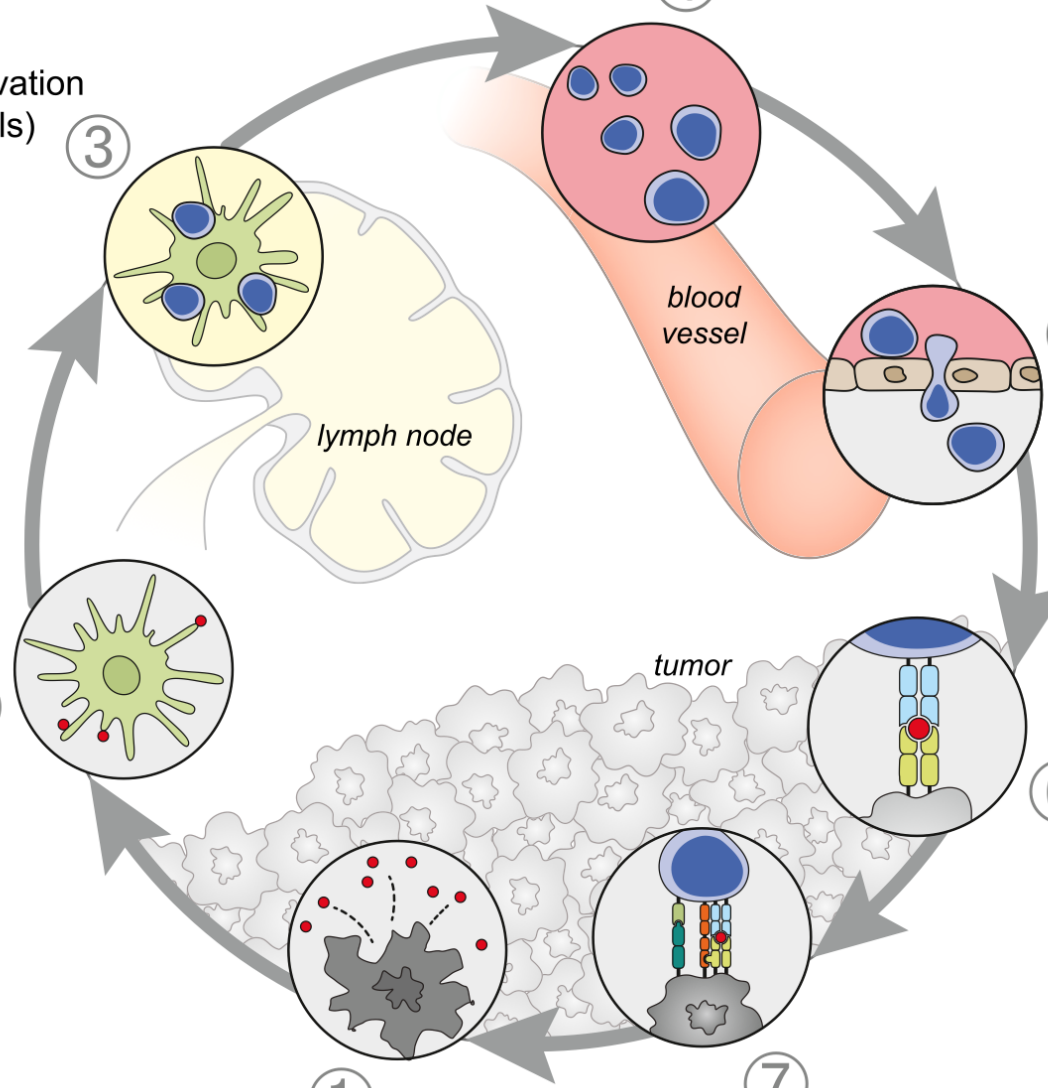
Radiation therapy

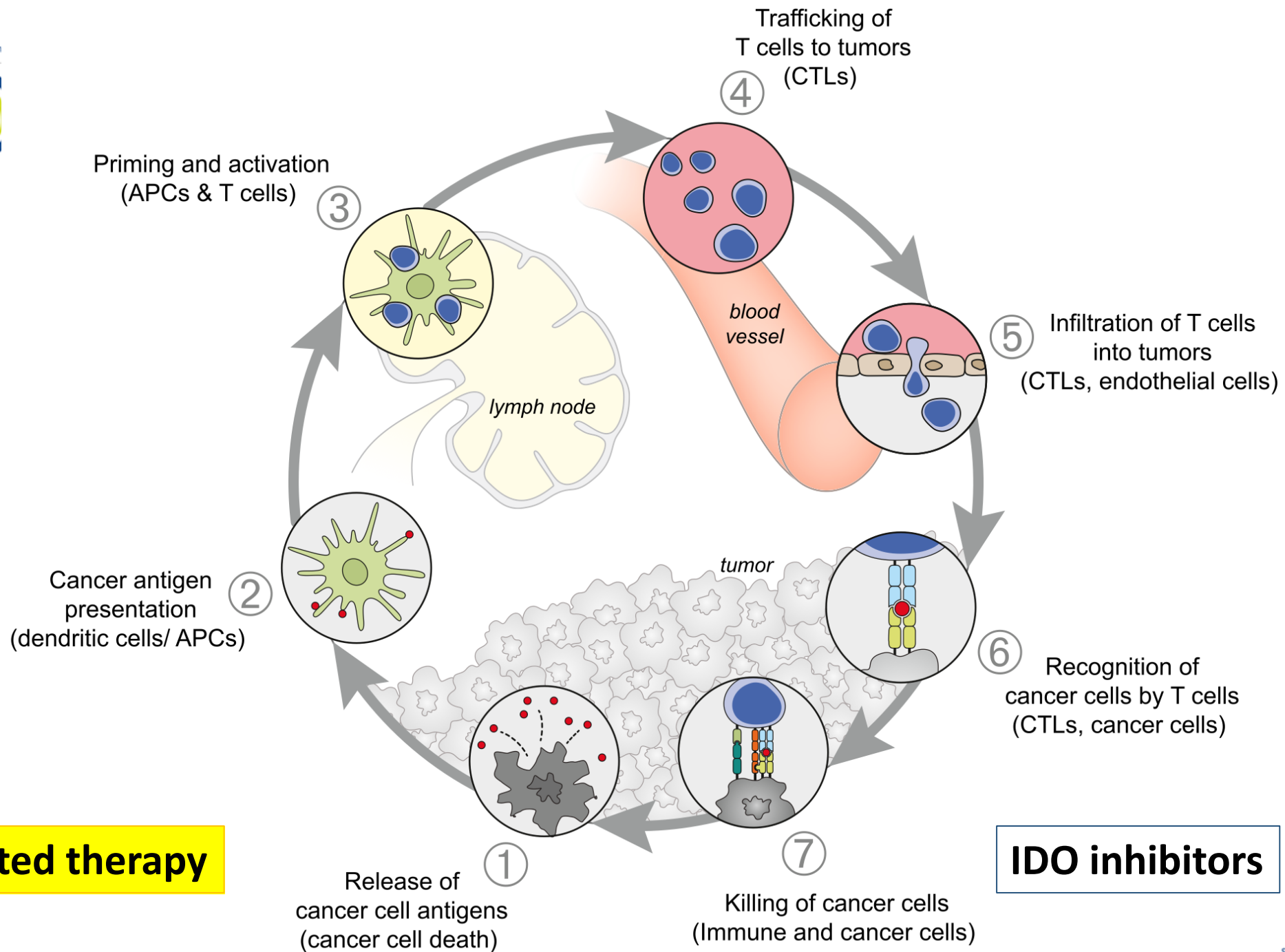
Targeted therapy

Oncolytic virus

Release of
cancer cell antigens
(cancer cell death)

Killing of cancer cells
(Immune and cancer cells)

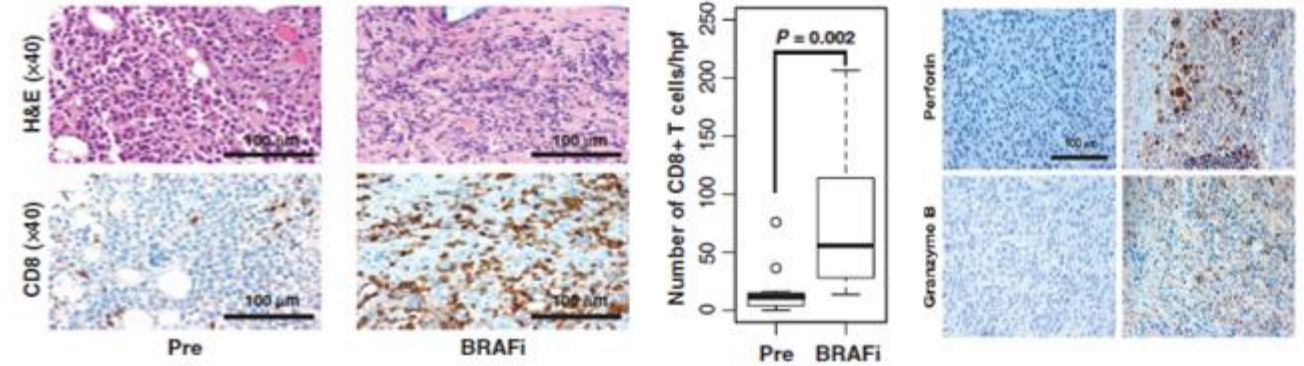
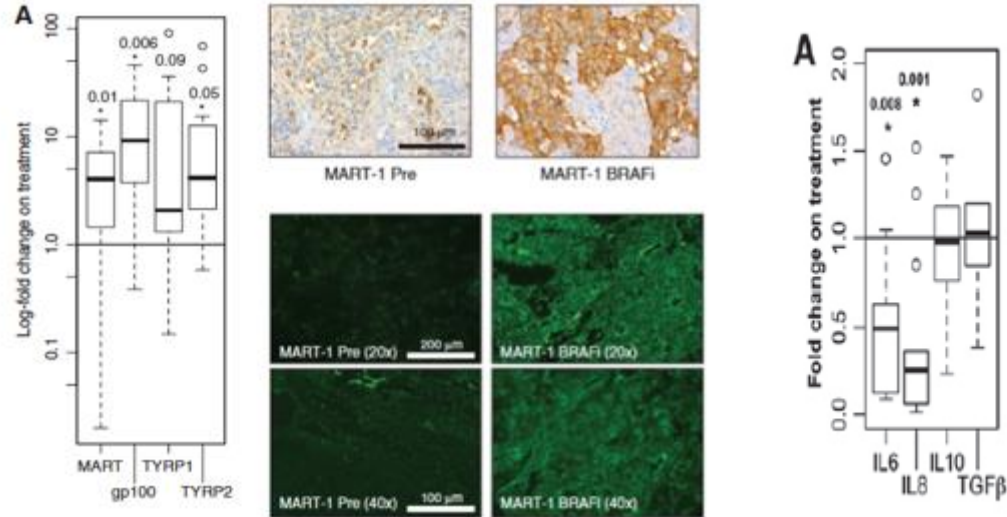




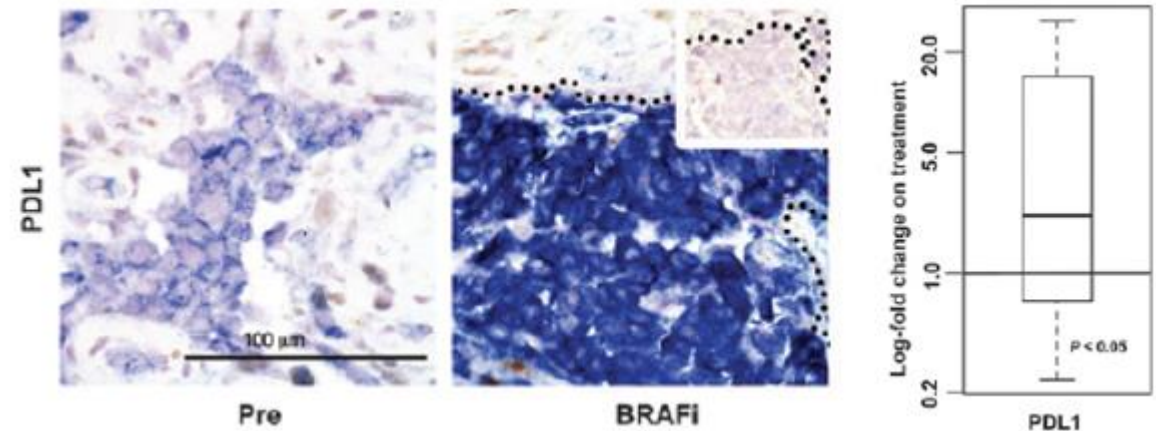
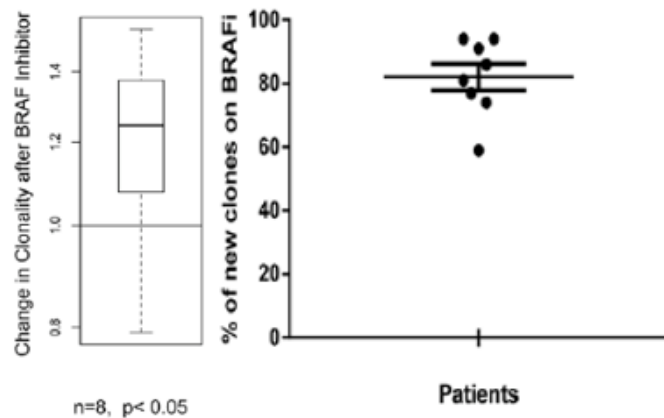
BRAFi effects on tumor microenvironment predict optimal combination is with anti-PD1/PD-L1 inhibition

Frederick et al. Clin Cancer Res 2013

1. Increase antigen expression 2. Decreased immunosuppressive cytokine production



3. Increase CD8+ T-cell infiltration

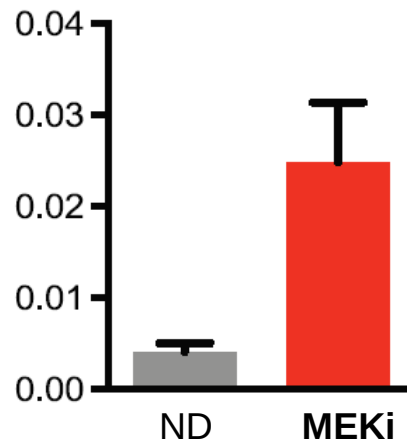


4. Increase T-cell clonality (Adaptive Biotechnologies)

5. Increased PD-L1 expression

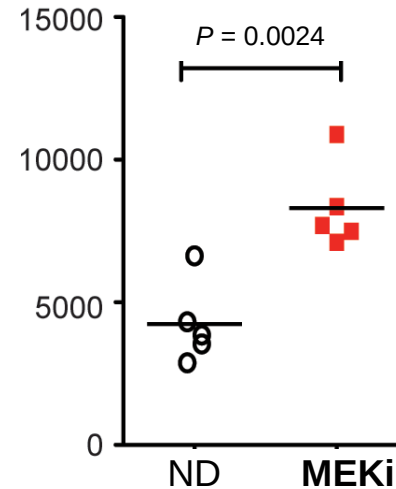
MEKi has similar effects in a colon cancer model...

CD8+ T cell per Tumor Cell



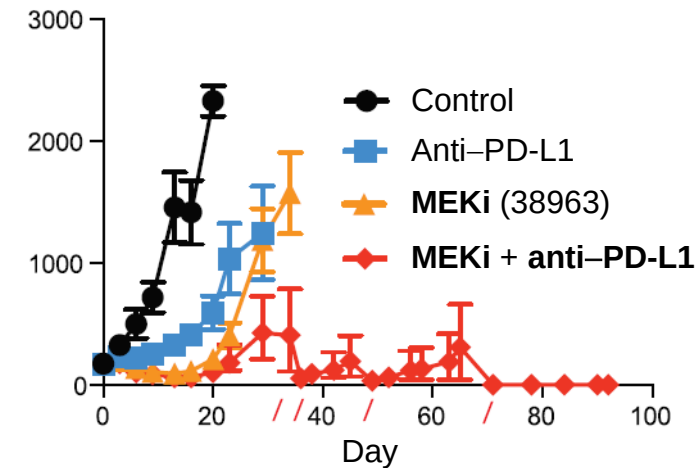
↑ Intratumoral T cell
 accumulation

Class I MHC



↑ Tumor cell
 visibility

Tumor Volume (mm³)



↑ Efficacy
 (CT26 syngeneic mouse model)

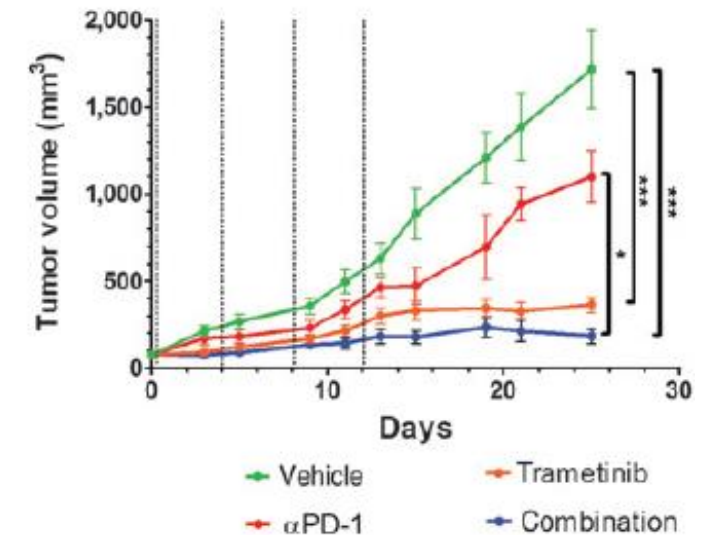
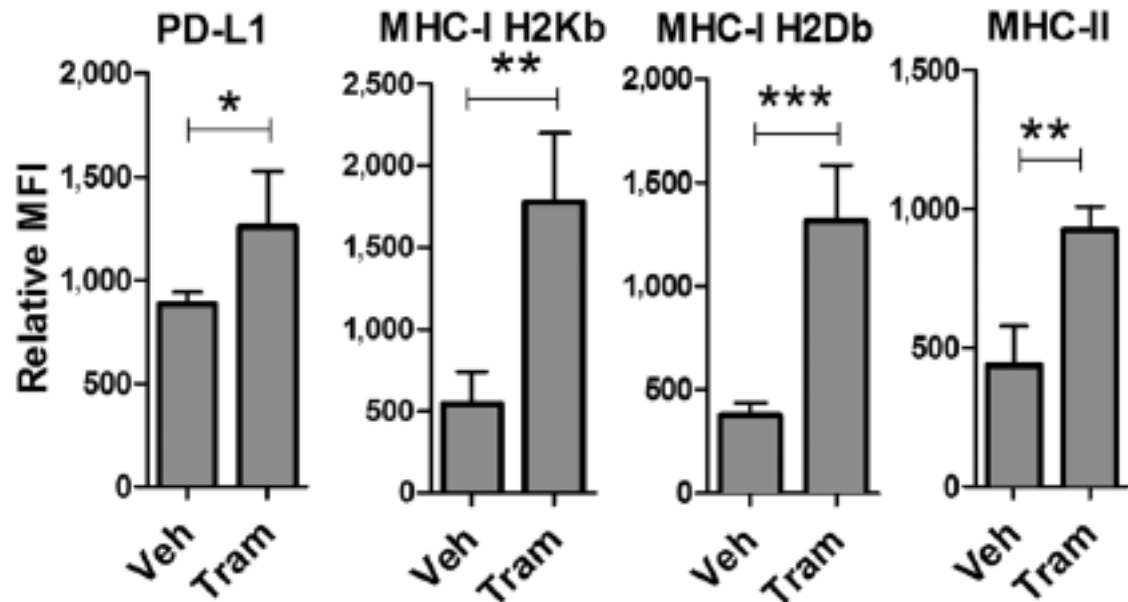
... and in Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Biology of Human Tumors

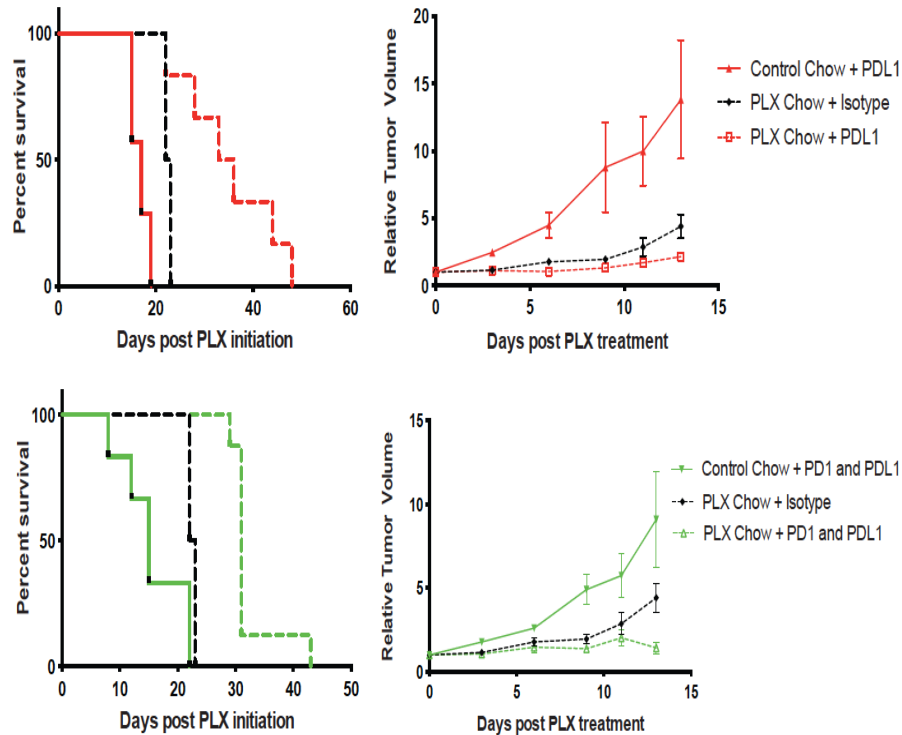
Clinical
Cancer
Research

RAS/MAPK Activation Is Associated with Reduced Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer: Therapeutic Cooperation Between MEK and PD-1/PD-L1 Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

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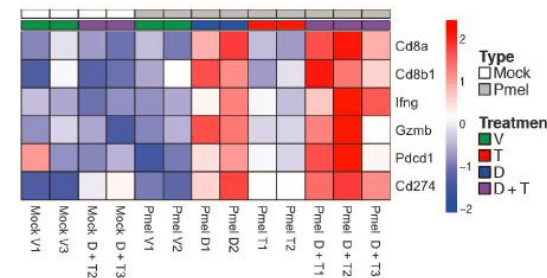
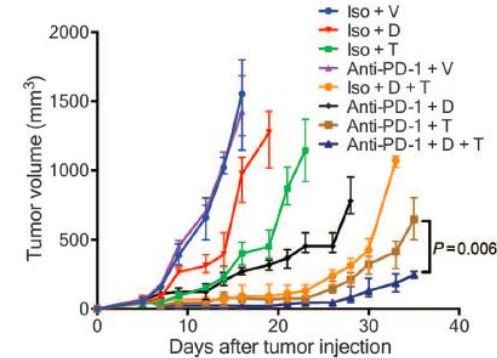


Preclinical data predicts synergy between MAPK targeting and PD1/PDL1 inhibition

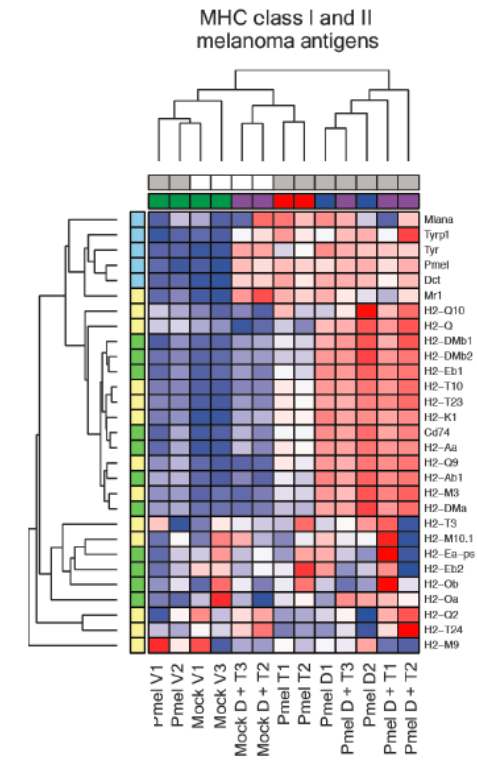


Cooper et al Cancer Immunol Res 2014

Antitumor activity of combined BRAFi+MEKi plus anti-PD-1³

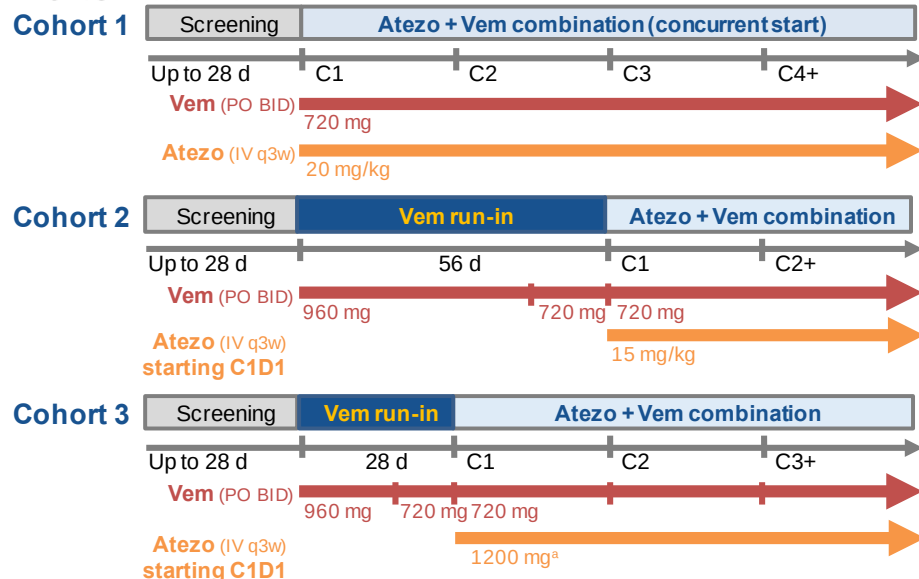


↑ MHC and melanoma antigen expression³

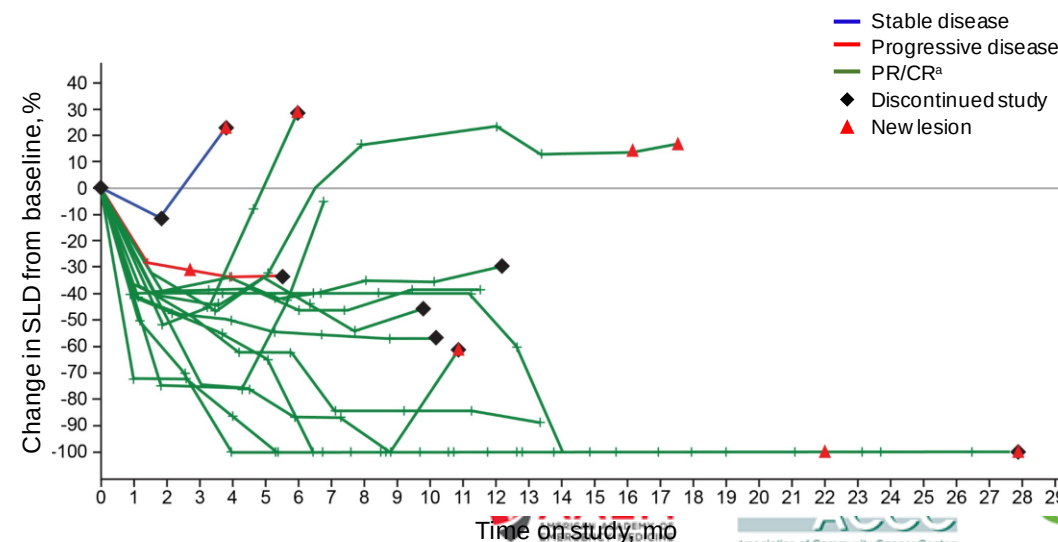
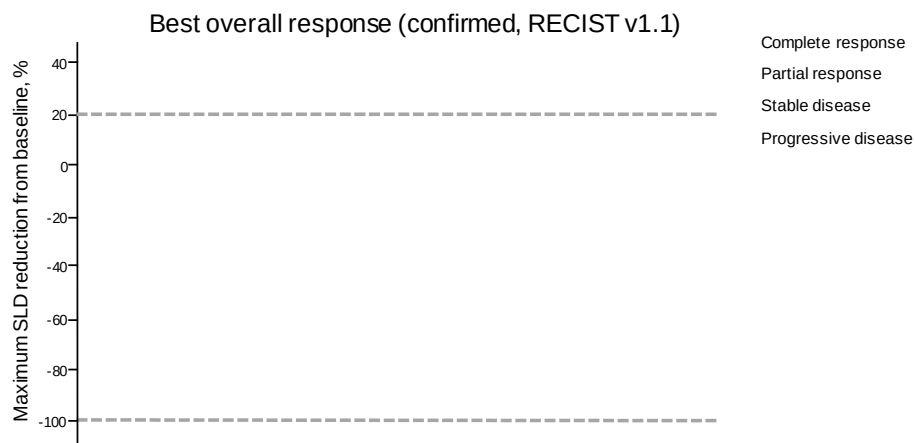


Hu-Lieskovan et al. Sci Transl Med 2015.

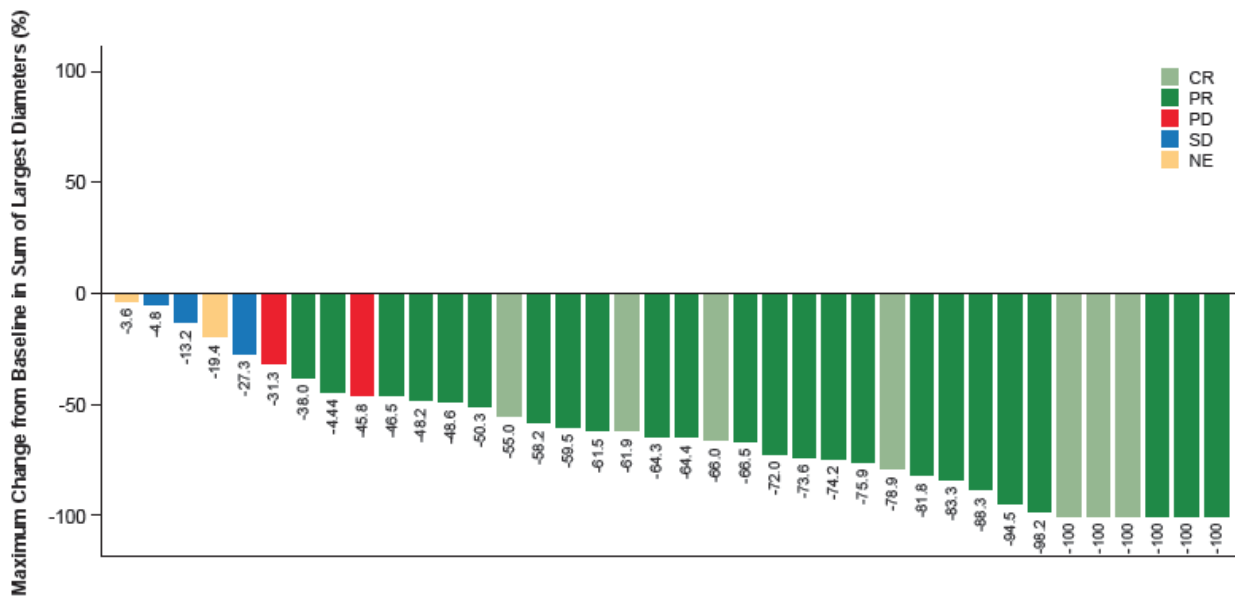
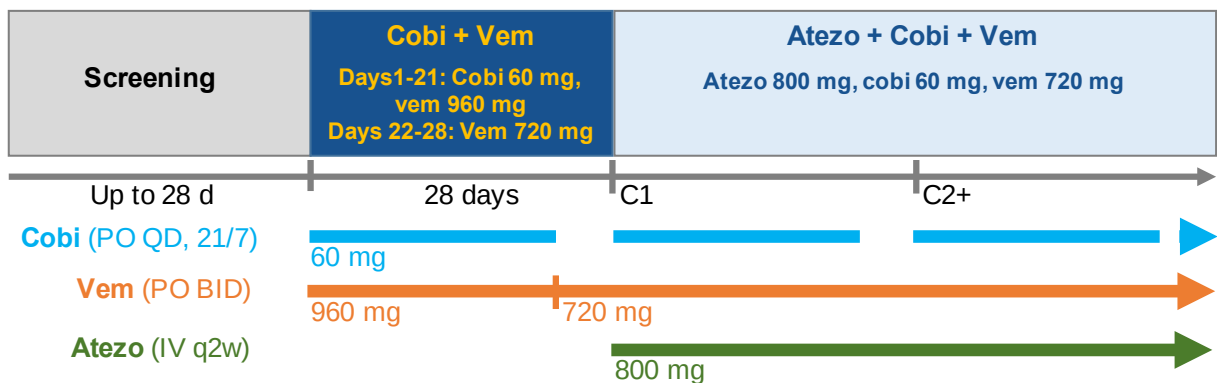
Vemurafenib plus atezolizumab



	All N = 17	Concurrent atezo + vem	Staggered atezo + vem	
		C1 n = 3	C2 n = 8	C3 n = 6
Median safety follow-up, mo	12.3	6.5	10.6	14.2
All treatment-emergent AEs	100%	100%	100%	100%
Grade 3 atezo-related AEs	41%	67%	38%	33%
Grade 3 vem-related AEs (during combination period)	59%	100%	50%	50%

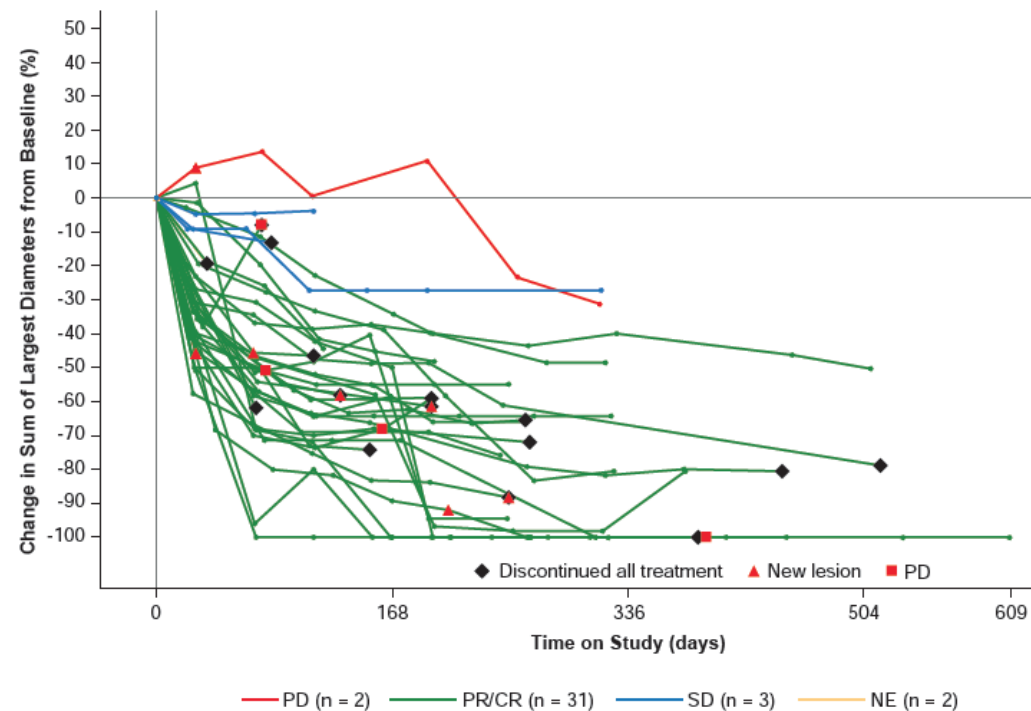


Vem/Cobi/Atezo



Best Objective Response (RECIST v1.1) N = 38

	n (%)	95% CI
ORR^a	31 (81.6%)	65.7, 92.3
CR	7 (18.4%)	7.7, 34.3
PR	24 (63.2%)	46.0, 78.2
SD	3 (7.9%)	1.7, 21.4
PD	2 (5.3%)	0.6, 17.8
NE^b	2 (5.3%)	—



Safety Summary

Safety during triple combination		N = 39; n (%)
Treatment-emergent AEs during combination period		
All grade atezo- and/or cobo- and/or vem-related AEs		37 (95%)
Grade 3-4 atezo- and/or cobo- and/or vem-related AEs		16 (41%)
Grade 3-4 atezo-related AEs		11 (28%)
Treatment-related SAEs		6 (15%)
All treatment discontinuations		6 (16%)

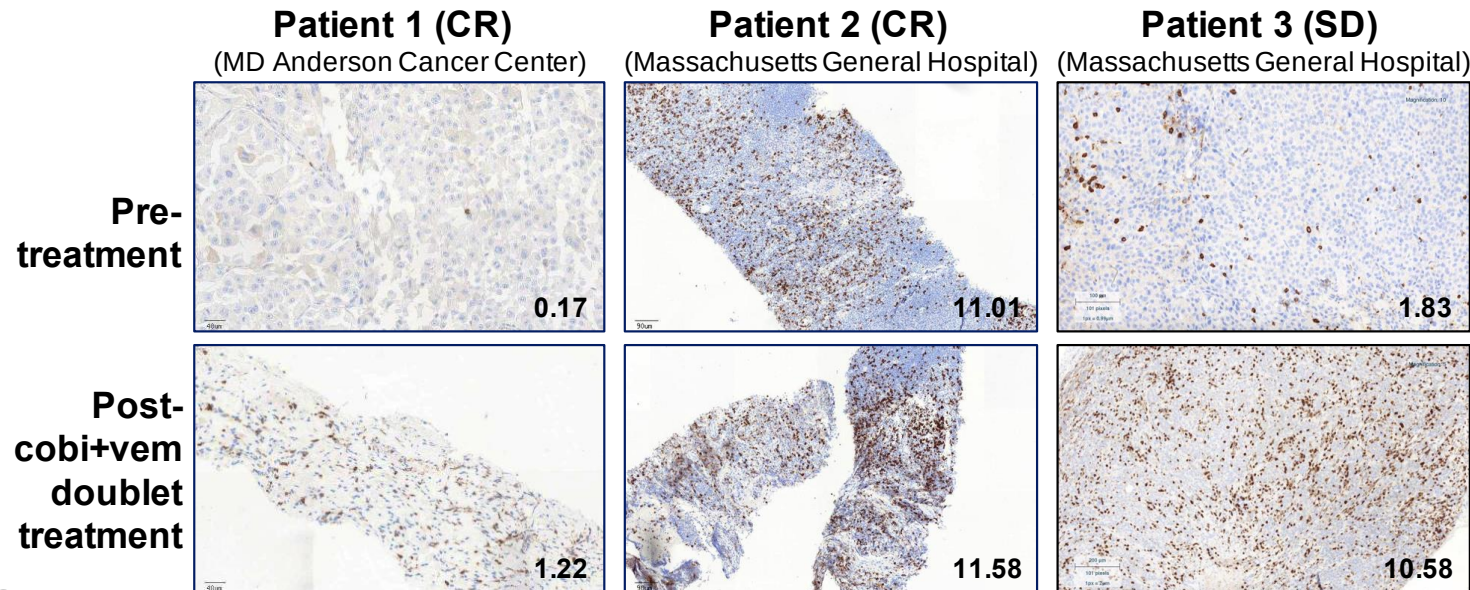
- The triple combination treatment was generally well tolerated; no unexpected AEs occurred
- No Grade 5 AEs occurred
- All AEs were manageable and reversible with dose interruption and/or reduction
- Treatment-related SAEs:
 - All six patients continued with treatment after study drug interruption

Grade 3-4 AEs^^	N = 39 n (%)
ALT increased	5 (12.8)
AST increased	4 (10.3)
Hypophosphatemia	3 (7.7)
Blood creatinine phosphokinase increased	2 (5.1)
Diarrhea	2 (5.1)
Blood bilirubin increased	2 (5.1)
Rash	2 (5.1)

^^1 each of the following: Nausea, vomiting, stomatitis, pyrexia, lumbar spinal stenosis, hyponatremia, anemia, bilateral UE rash, sepsis, hypertension, autoimmune hepatitis, diverticulitis

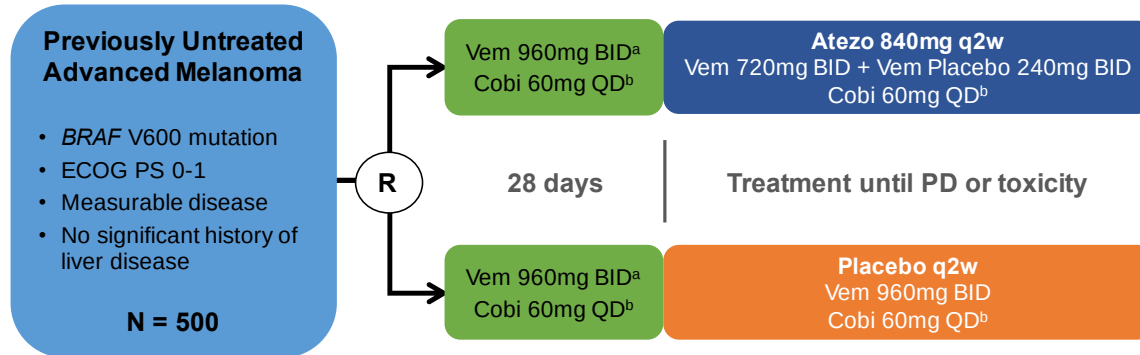
Summary of Vem/Cobi/Atezo

- Atezo + cobimetinib + vemurafenib treatment is relatively safe
- The triple combination demonstrated promising antitumor activity
 - Unconfirmed response rate was 81.6%
- A dosing schedule that includes a cobimetinib and vemurafenib lead-in was safe and efficacious, and merits further investigation
- Increased tumor CD8+ T-cell accumulation after cobimetinib + vemurafenib treatment may result in enhanced immunotherapy responsiveness and supports the mechanistic rationale for this study

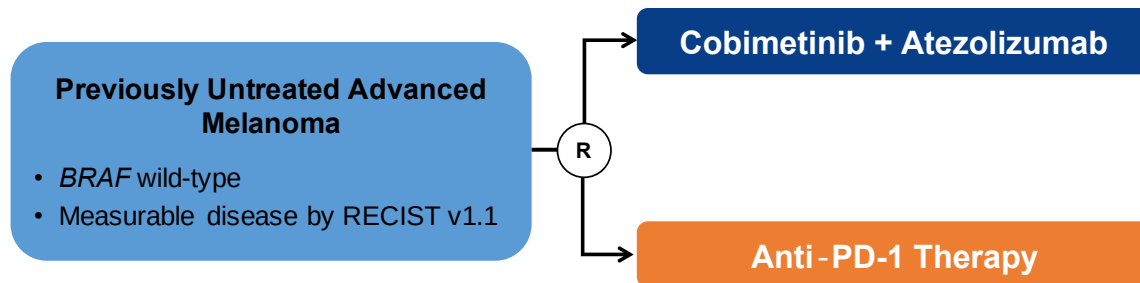


Next Steps

Randomized trials

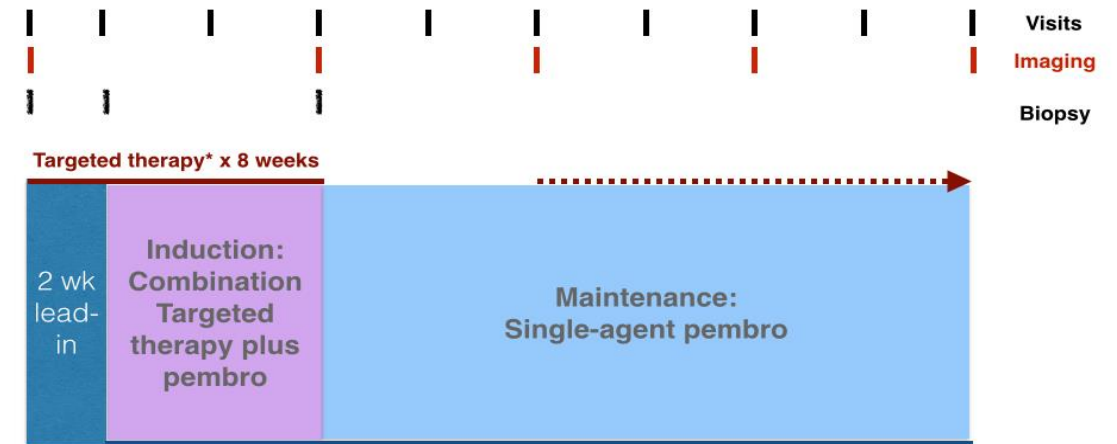


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CO39722; NCT pending

Novel design/endpoint trials

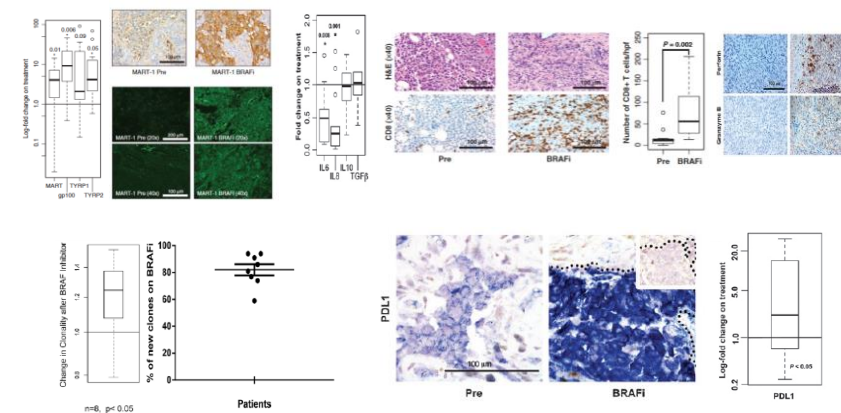
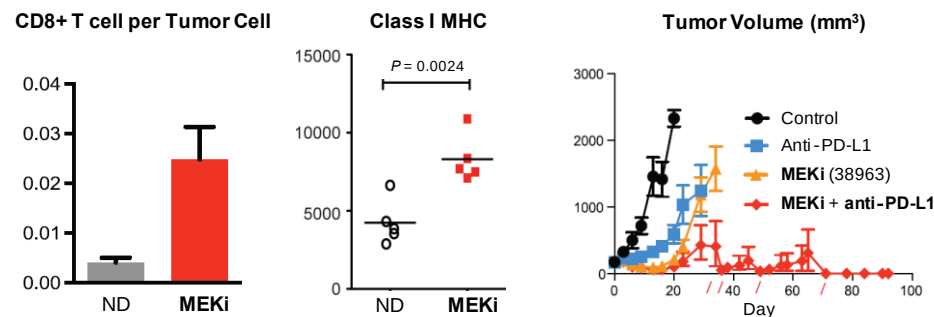


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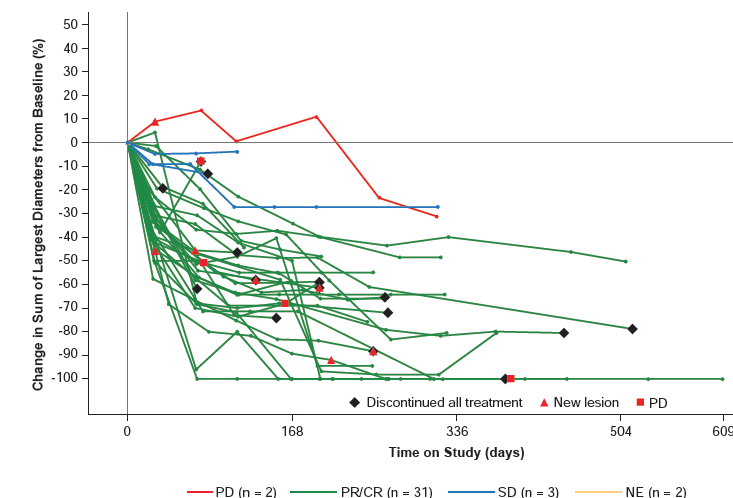
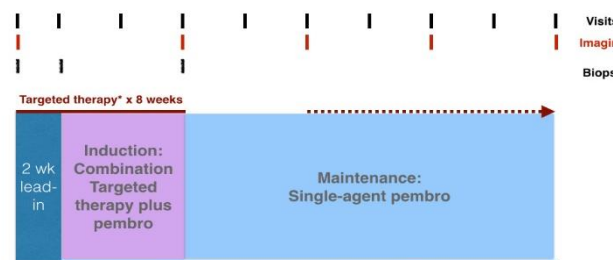
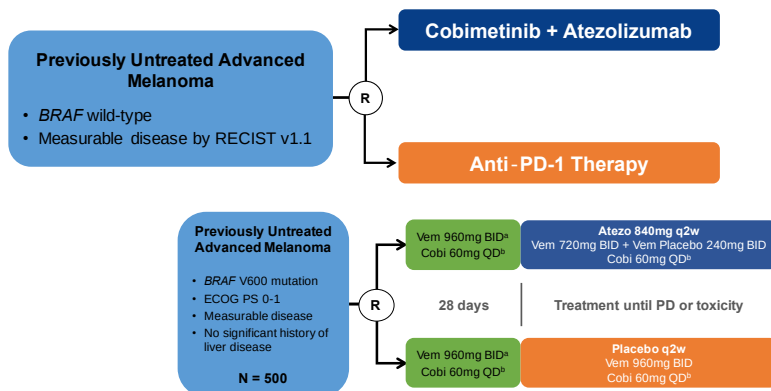
Primary endpoint: CBR at 24 weeks
Secondary endpoints:
COUNTLESS!

Summary – Targeted Therapy

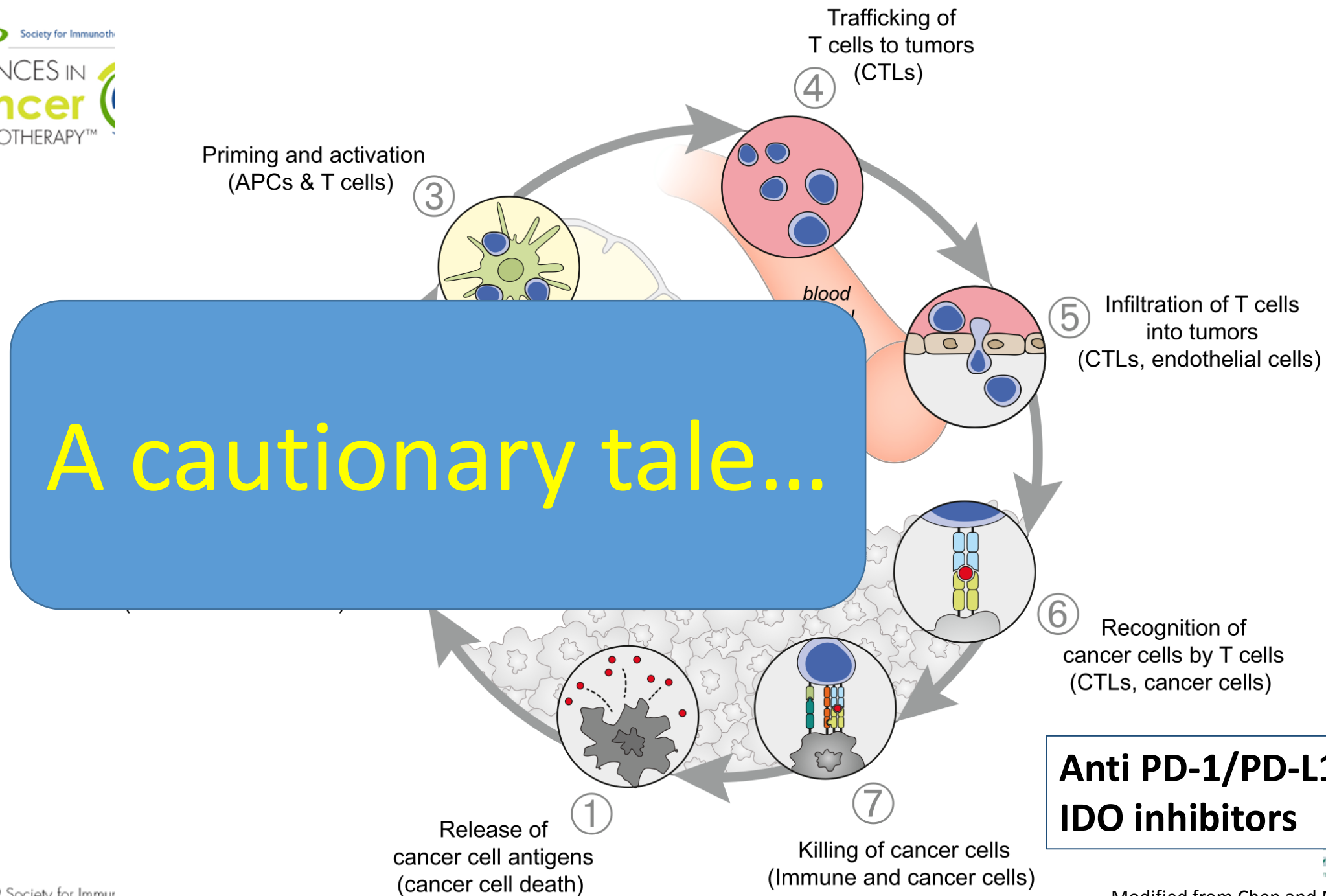
There is a strong rationale to combine MAPK inhibitors with anti-PD-1, anti-PD-L1 inhibitors in BRAF mutant **AND** BRAF wild-type melanoma



Regimens combining MAPK-targeted therapy plus anti-PD-1/anti-PD-L1 therapy show promising efficacy and safety



More trials are needed to justify use of these combinations as standard of care



**Anti PD-1/PD-L1
IDO inhibitors**

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab in Patients With Advanced Melanoma: Phase 1 and 2 Efficacy and Safety Results From ECHO-202/KEYNOTE-037

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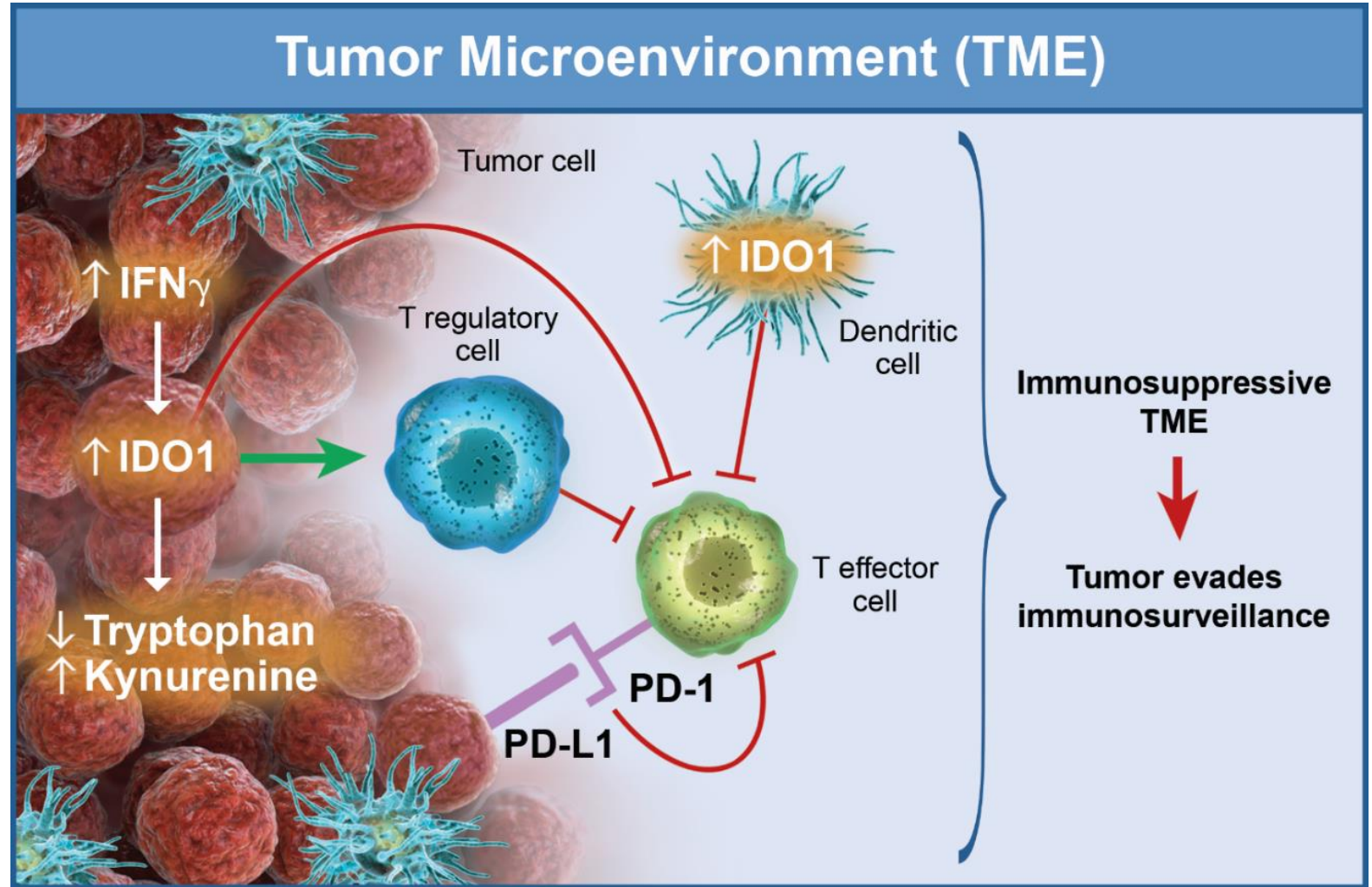
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IDO1 mediates an immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment

• IDO1

- IFN γ -induced intracellular enzyme
- catalyzes the first and rate-limiting step of tryptophan degradation in the kynurenine pathway
- depletion of tryptophan and production of kynurenine and other metabolites shift the local TME to an immunosuppressive state that helps tumor cells evade immunosurveillance



Best Objective Response by RECIST v1.1

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab, P1/2 Advanced Melanoma

	All Patients (N=65)	Treatment-Naive for Advanced Disease, All E Doses (n=54)	Treatment-Naive for Advanced Disease, E 100 mg (n=39)
Per-protocol evaluable,* n (%)	n=63	n=53	n=38
ORR (CR+PR)	35 (56)	29 (55)	22 (58)
CR	9 (14)	7 (13)	3 (8)
PR	26 (41)	22 (42)	19 (50)
SD	10 (16)	9 (17)	6 (16)
DCR (CR+PR+SD)	45 (71)	38 (72)	28 (74)
PD or death	18 (29)	15 (28)	10 (26)
Not evaluable[†]	n=2	n=1	n=1

- For all patients, based on irRECIST (n=63*): ORR=59% (9 CR, 28 PR); DCR=75% (10 SD)

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab Versus Pembrolizumab Alone in Patients With Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma: Results of the Phase 3 ECHO-301/KEYNOTE-252 Study

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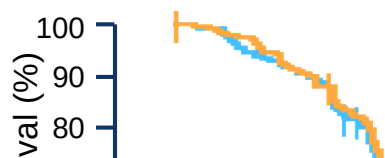
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Echo 301/KN252

Progression-Free Survival (RECIST v1.1, BICR)

Key

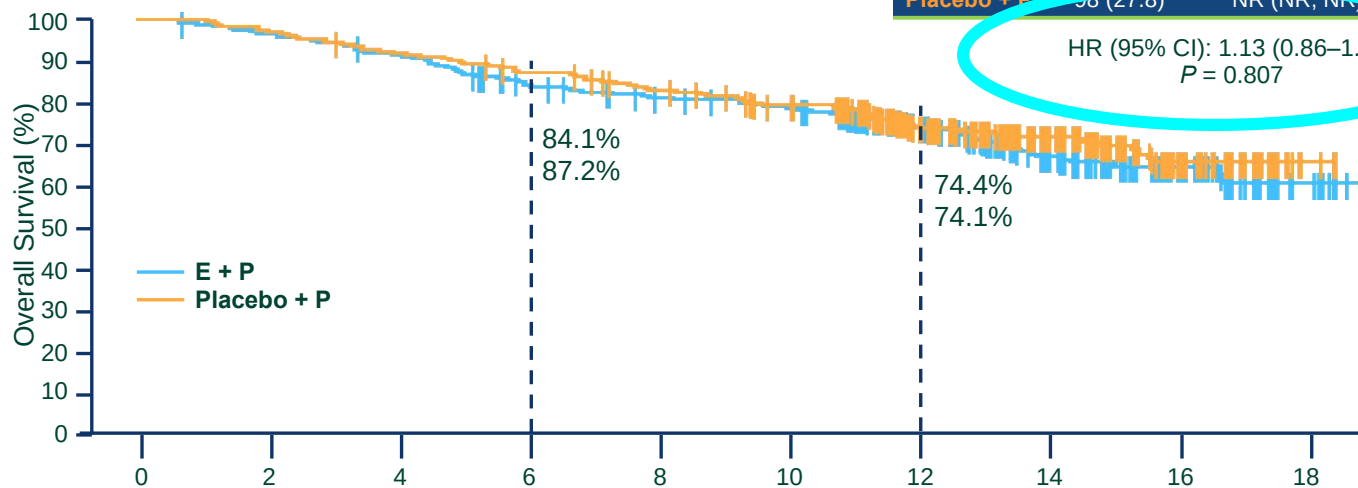
- Unresectable stage 4 advanced/metastatic
- Patients with prior surgery received prior systemic therapy
- Prior anti-CTLA-4 setting permitted
- ECOG performance grade 0-1



	Events, n (%)	Median PFS, months (95% CI)
E + P	218 (61.6)	4.7 (2.9-6.8)
Placebo + P	219 (62.2)	4.9 (2.9-6.6)

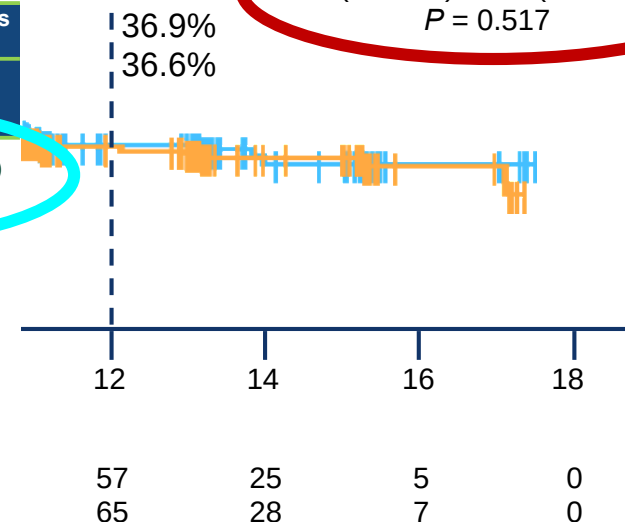
HR (95% CI): 1.00 (0.83-1.21)
P = 0.517

Overall Survival



	Events, n (%)	Median OS, months (95% CI)
E + P	106 (29.9)	NR (NR, NR)
Placebo + P	98 (27.8)	NR (NR, NR)

HR (95% CI): 1.13 (0.86-1.49)
P = 0.807



free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors.

Number at risk

E + P	354	340	322	290	274	263	183	96	42	5
Placebo + P	352	342	323	304	285	263	186	115	43	2

Lessons to be learned from epacadostat fiasco

1. We need to be more careful
2. Amazing efficacy in a single-arm, open-labeled combination cohort may not be predictive of efficacy
3. Propose at least one of the following criteria need to be met:
 - Single agent efficacy of both agents
 - Efficacy in small, randomized cohorts
 - Efficacy more prominent in a biomarker defined populations

DRUG DEVELOPMENT 101

What are the unmet needs?

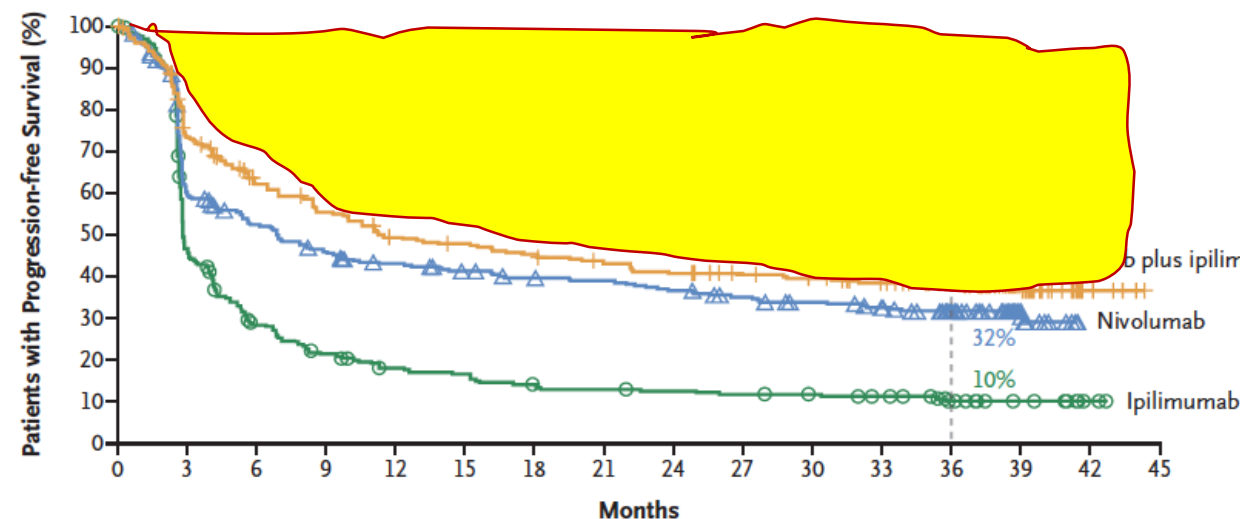
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A topic for an other day

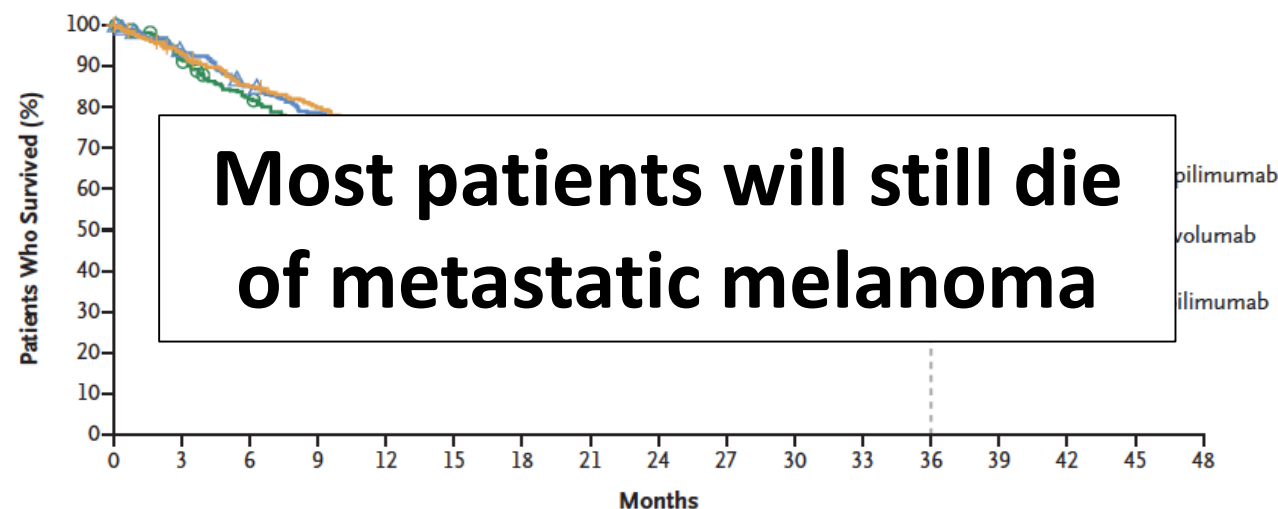
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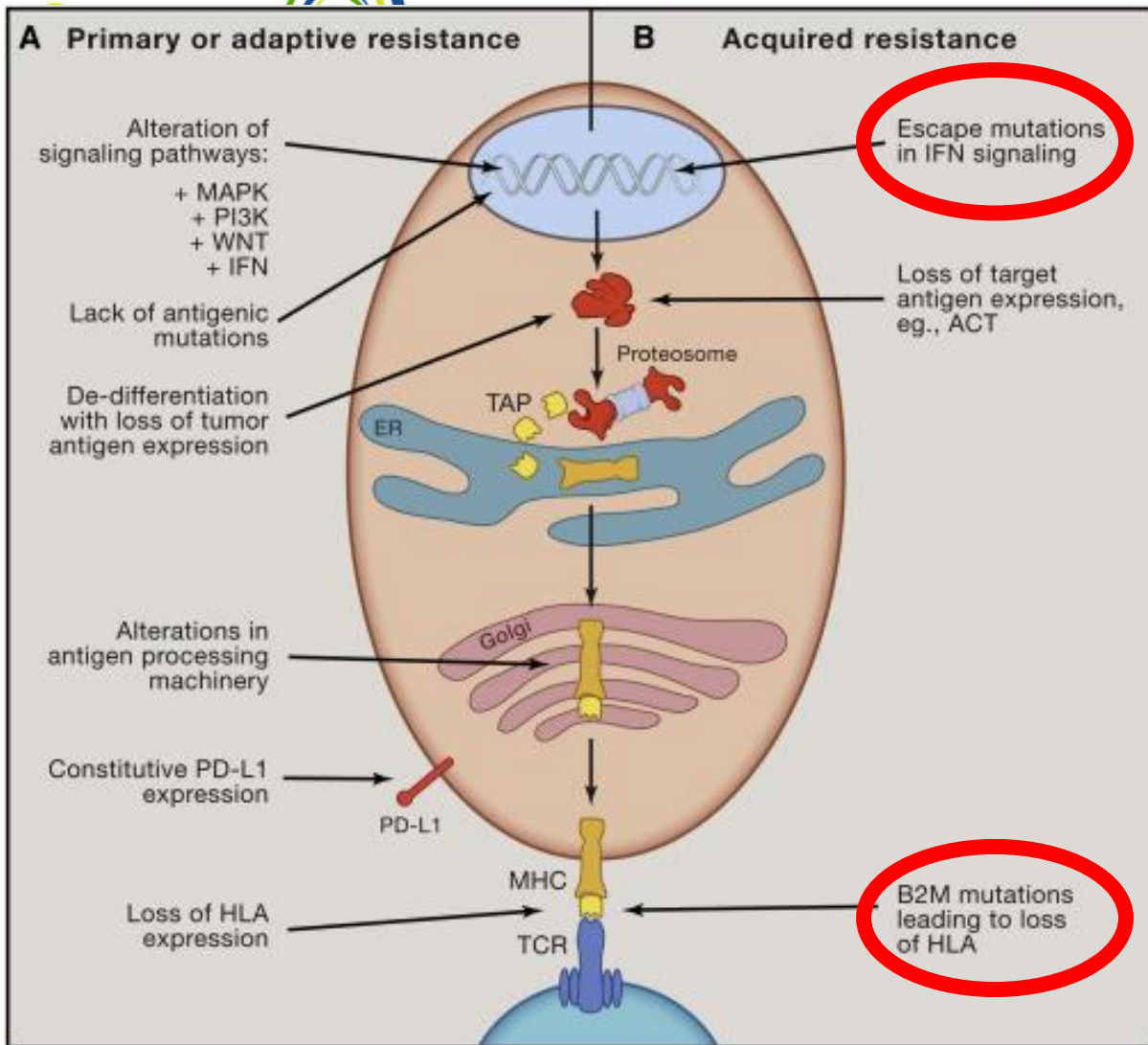
Most patients develop resistance



Tail on the curve



Median survival > 3 years!



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Primary Resistance to PD-1 Blockade Mediated by JAK1/2 Mutations

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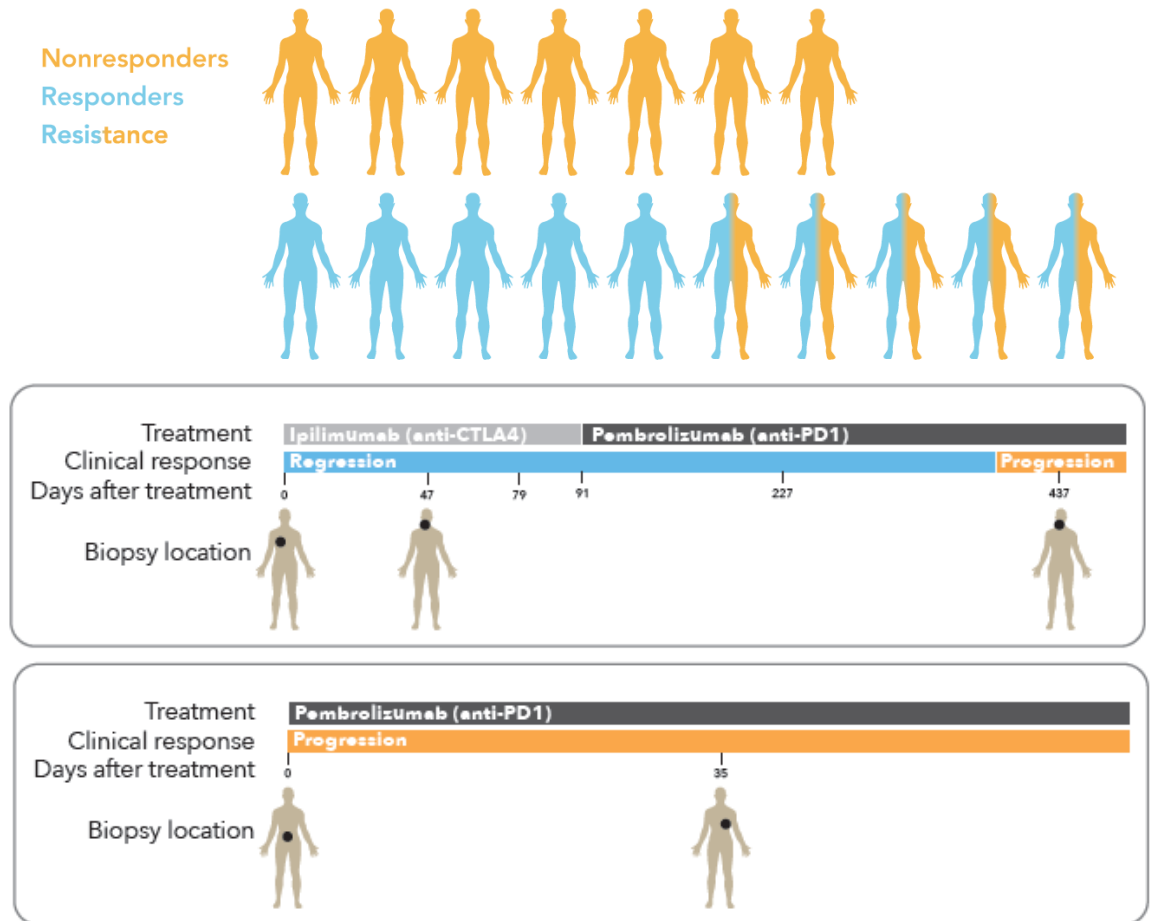
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Mutations Associated with Acquired Resistance to PD-1 Blockade in Melanoma

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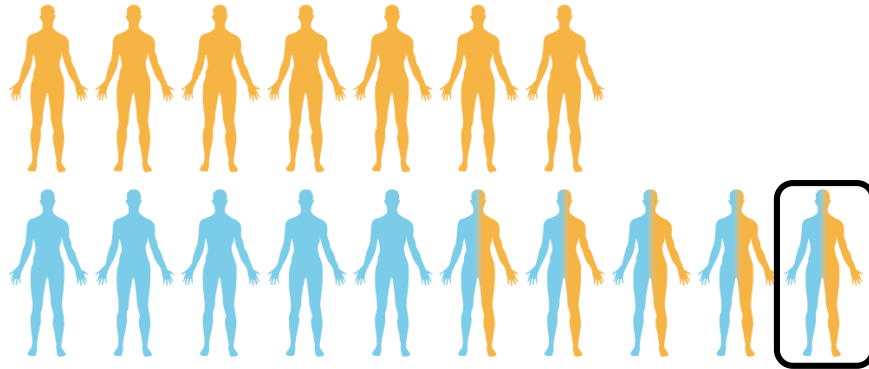
MGH Cancer Center Longitudinal Series

Analysis of longitudinal biopsies collected from 17 metastatic melanoma patients treated with checkpoint inhibitor therapy was performed to evaluate for potential mechanisms of resistance



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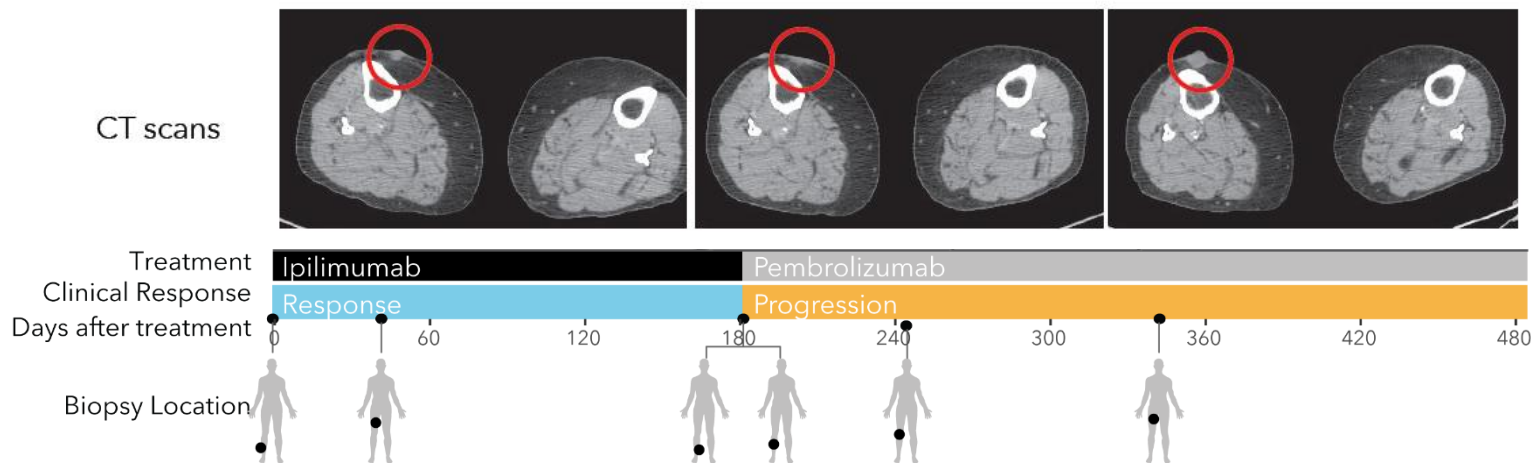
Nonresponders
 Responders
 Resistance



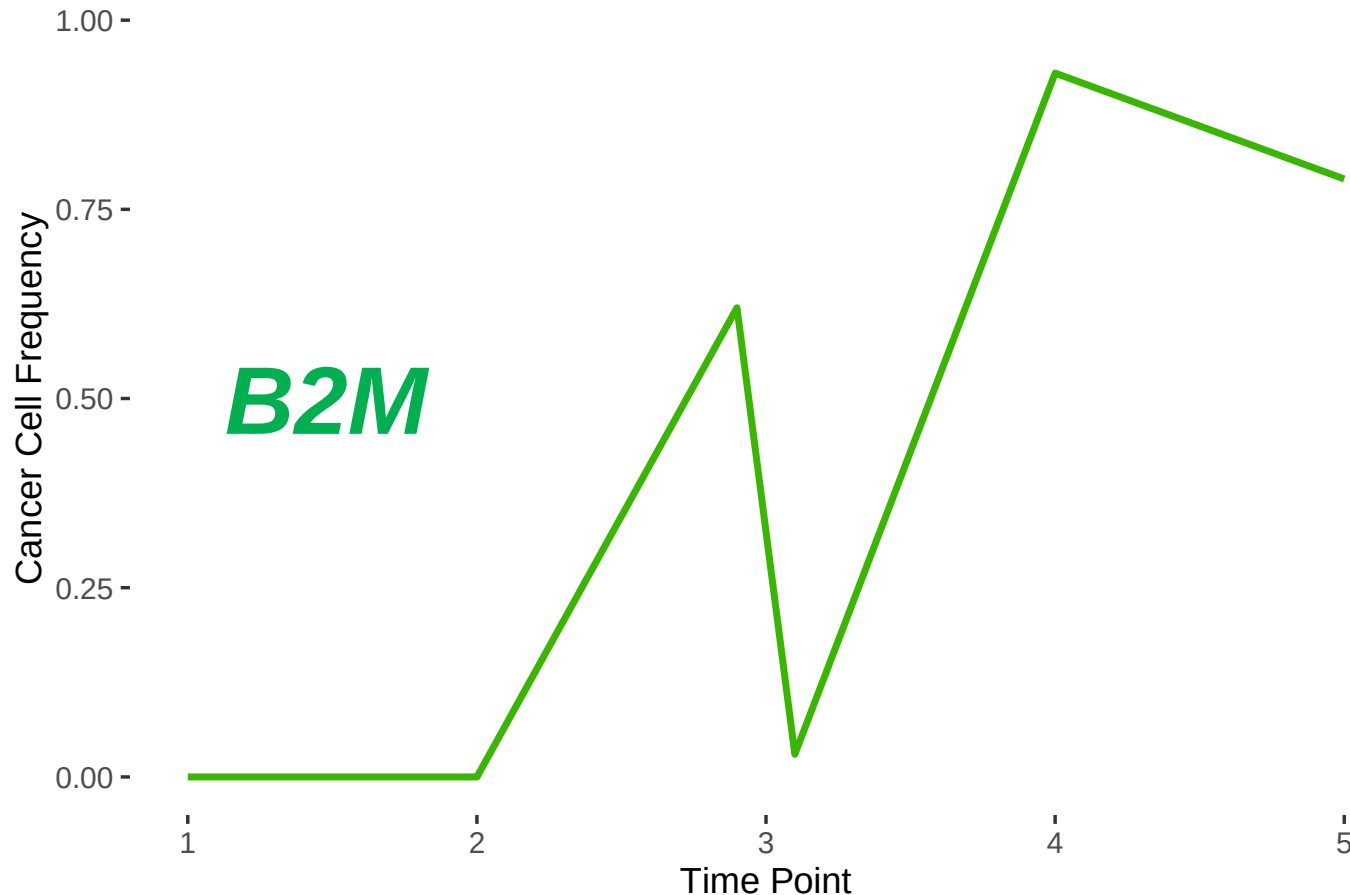
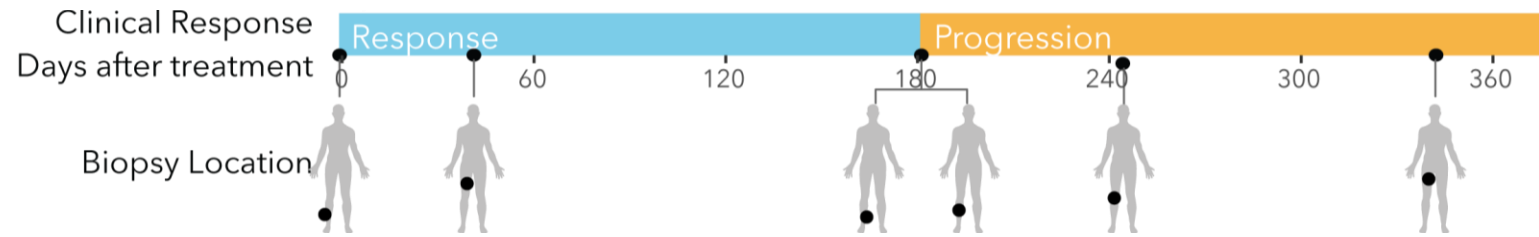
Focused on a patient that developed resistance to CPB:

Responded for 6 months, then relapsed

Has 6 high quality biopsies at baseline, disease regression, and disease progression

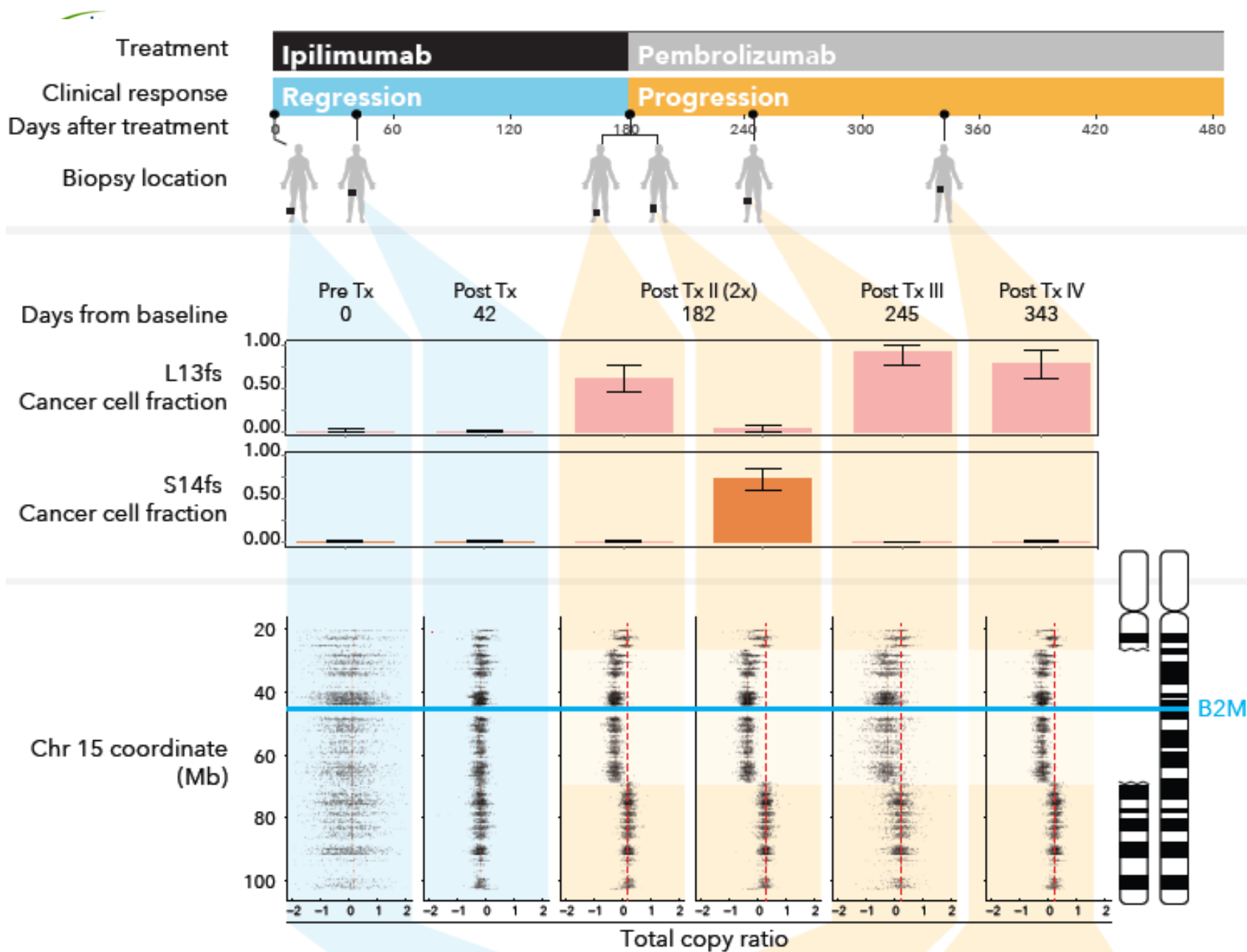


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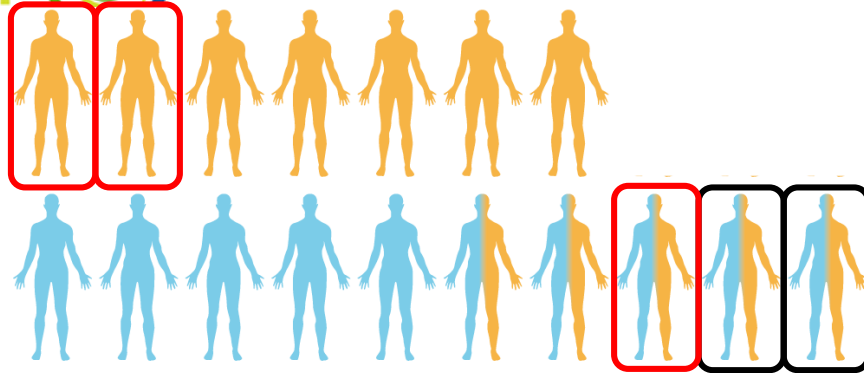


The following criteria were used to ID potential drivers:

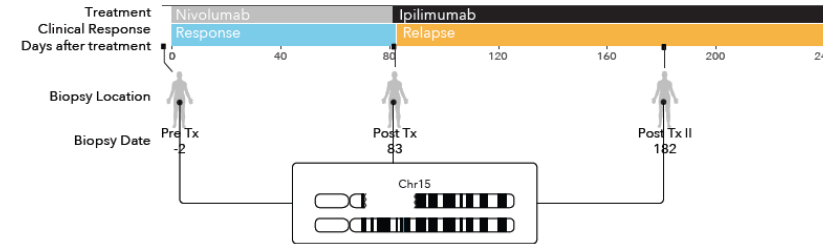
1. Genes with multiple non-silent mutations and LOH that are dominant only during PD
2. Only 1 of 5761 mutations satisfied these criteria



Two distinct mutations
 in B2M occurred **in**
parallel at progression



Can we detect additional B2M alterations in our cohort?



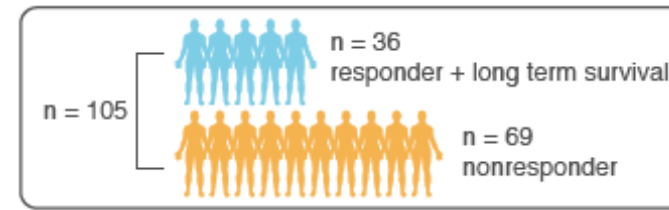
Patient	Phenotype	Samples	B2M alterations
Patient 1	Resistance	On treatment (relapse)	LOH, p.Leu13fs and p.Ser14fs mutations
Patient 2*	Resistance	On treatment (relapse)	p.Ser14fs (50-90% of cancer cells) and p.Gly63fs (70-90% of cancer cells) mutations
Patient 3	Resistance	Baseline/on treatment	LOH
Patient 4	Non responder	Baseline/on treatment	LOH
Patient 5	Non responder	Baseline/on treatment	LOH

29.4% of patients within our cohort have abnormalities in B2M

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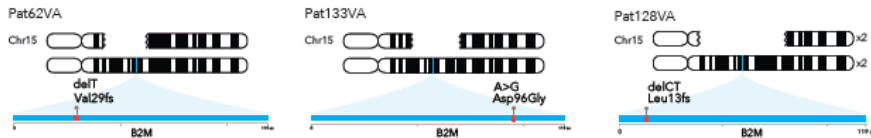
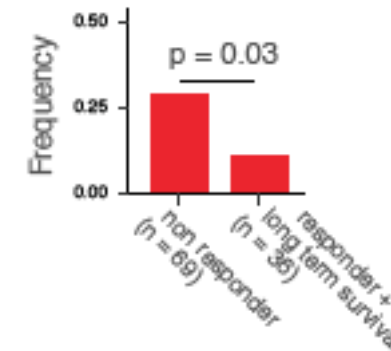
Genomic correlates of response to CTLA-4 blockade in metastatic melanoma

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B2M LOH found in: **20/69** non-responders
4/36 responders
Odds ratio 3.2
p = 0.03

Complete loss of *B2M* in: **6/69** non-responders
0/36 responders



28.9% of NR patients have abnormalities in *B2M*

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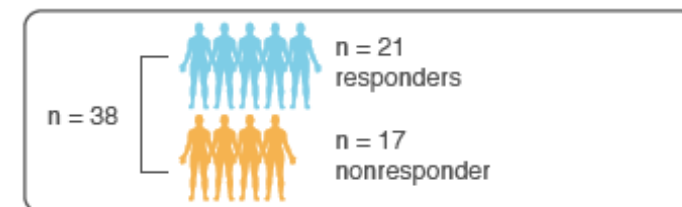
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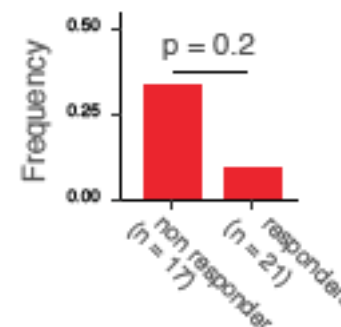
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B2M LOH found in: **5/17** non-responders
2/21 responders

Odds ratio 3.6
p = 0.2



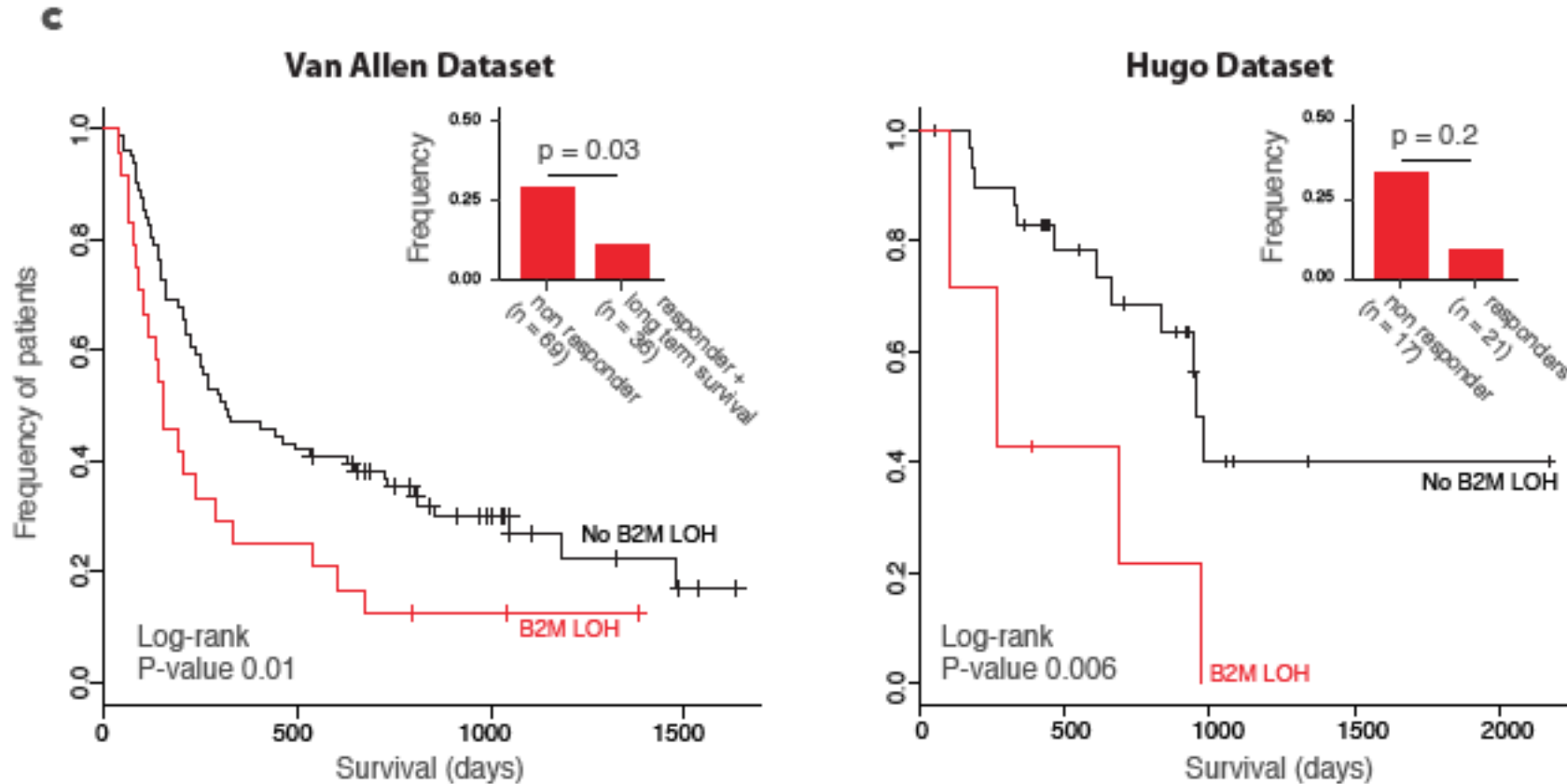
No B2M nucleotide mutations found

29.4% of NR patients have abnormalities in B2M

Cohort	% of B2M aberrations in NR	% of B2M aberrations in R
MGH- 17 patients (49 samples)	29.4	0
Van Allen- 105 patients	28.9	11.1 (only LOH)
Hugo- 38 patients	29.4	9.5 (only LOH)

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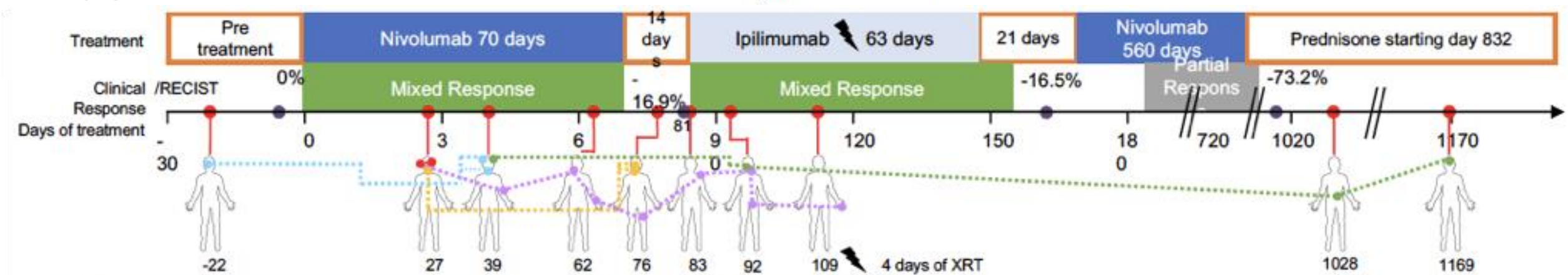
B2M LOH is significantly associated with lower overall survival



Summary

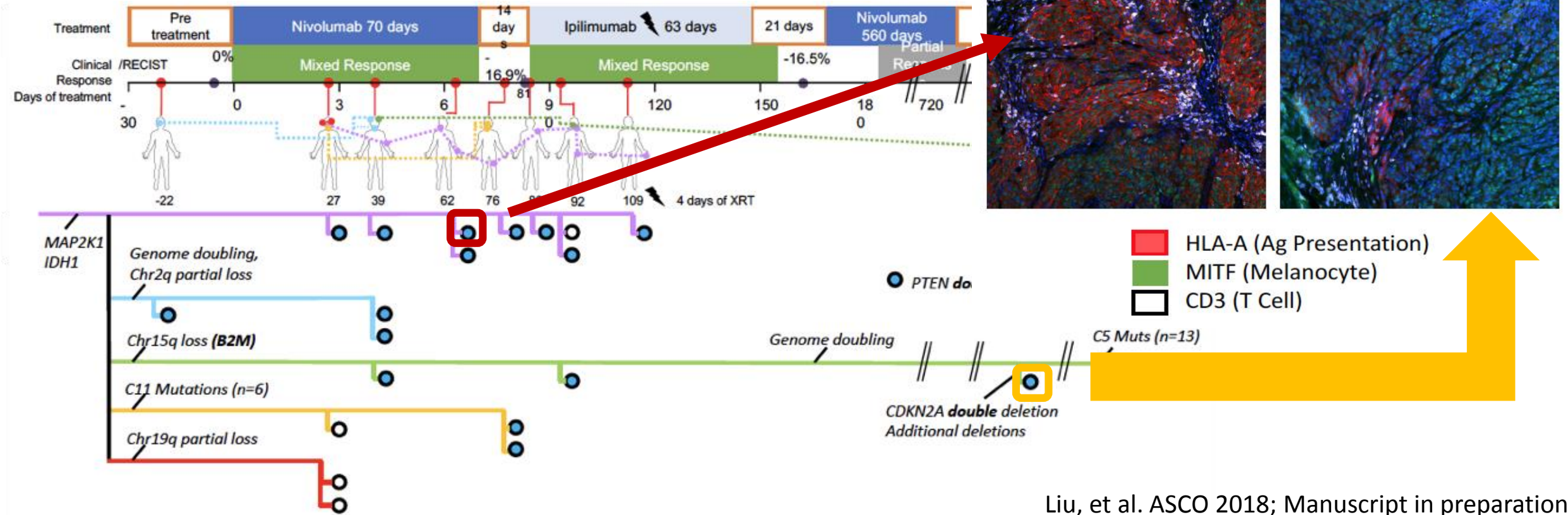
- B2M aberrations, including loss of function mutations and deletions, are associated with acquired resistance to immune checkpoint inhibitors
- B2M LOH in pretreatment samples is associated with poorer response rates, PFS, and OS with ipilimumab and anti-PD1 agents

The case of a remarkable responder



21 biopsies taken over three years, including two from late recurrences in small bowel (d. 1028) and brain (d. 1169); WES, IHC, IF, RNA sequencing performed on all samples

Chr 15q Deletion



Liu, et al. ASCO 2018; Manuscript in preparation

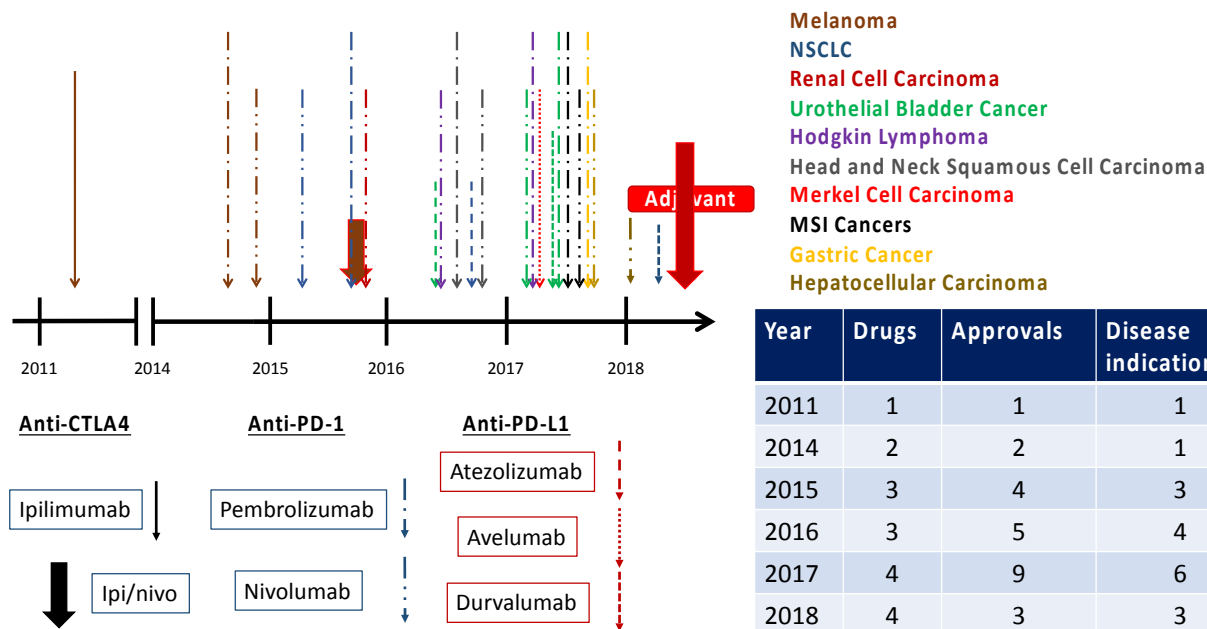
The most persistent clone is the only one with 15q deletion, associated with *B2M* loss and HLA loss

Summary (cont.)

- B2M aberrations, including loss of function mutations and deletions, are associated with acquired resistance to immune checkpoint inhibitors
- B2M LOH in pretreatment samples is associated with poorer response rates, PFS, and OS with ipilimumab and anti-PD1 agents
- In an analysis of longitudinal samples categorizing clonal evolution over 3+ years, the most persistent clones in a patient otherwise with long-term disease control from ICI contained 15q deletion (*B2M* loss) leading to HLA loss

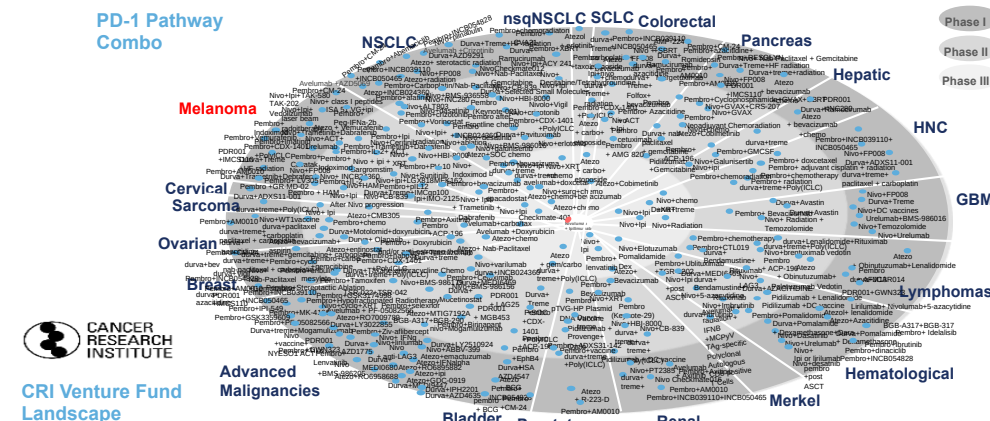
Concluding Thoughts

We are definitively in the immune checkpoint inhibitor era...



...yet unmet needs exist

1. More effective therapies (combinations)
2. Better predictive biomarkers of benefit
3. Improve our understanding of mechanisms of therapeutic resistance



The future will be all about identifying the right patient for the right combination

