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Updates on immunotherapy of gynecologic cancers: opportunities and challenges

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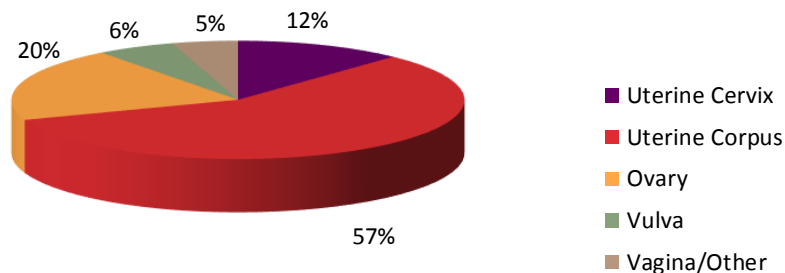
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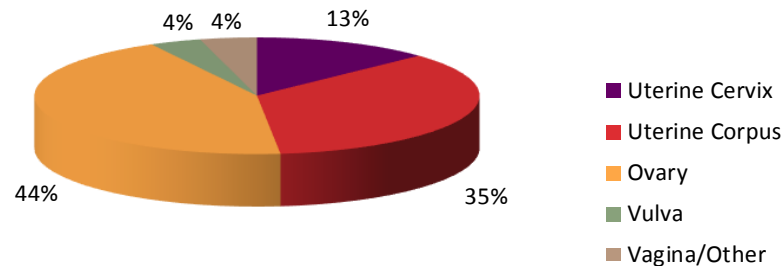
Gynecologic Cancer – Estimated incidence and deaths in 2018

Incidence



Vagina and other	5,170
Vulva	6,190
Uterine Cervix	13,240
Ovary	22,240
Uterine Corpus	63,230

Deaths



Vulva	1,200
Vagina and other	1,330
Uterine Cervix	4,170
Uterine Corpus	11,350
Ovary	14,070





Cervical Cancer



PD-1 blockade in advanced cervical cancer

Keynote-158: pembrolizumab (led to 6/2018 FDA approval)

- 98 patients
- >1% PD-L1+ (in 83% of patients)
- ORR: 13.3%, DCR 30.6%
- ORR in PD-L1+: 16%
- ORR in PD-L1-: 0%
- mPFS/mOS: 2.1/9.4 months

Chung et al., ASCO 2018

Checkmate 358: nivolumab

- 24 patients (19 cervical, 5 vulvar/vaginal)

Cervical:

- ORR: 5(26.3%), SD: 8(42%)

Vulvar/Vaginal

- ORR: 0%, SD: 4 (80%)

Hollebeque et al., ASCO 2017



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Advanced cervical cancer, selected upcoming/ongoing phase III studies

Upfront:

- Keynote 826: carboplatin/cisplatin+paclitaxel +/- bevacizumab +/- pembrolizumab

Second line and later:

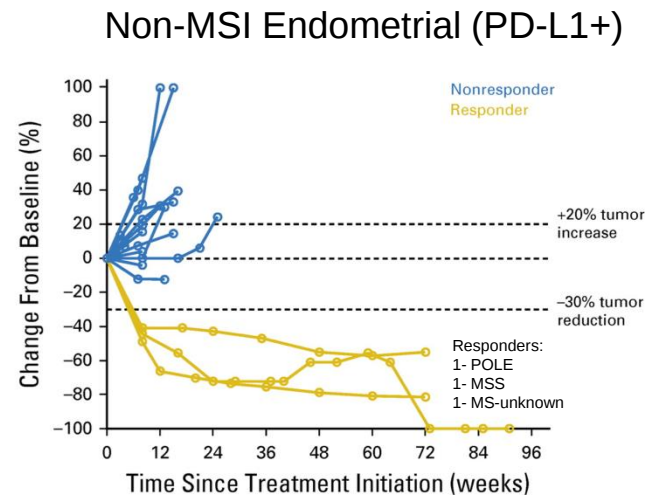
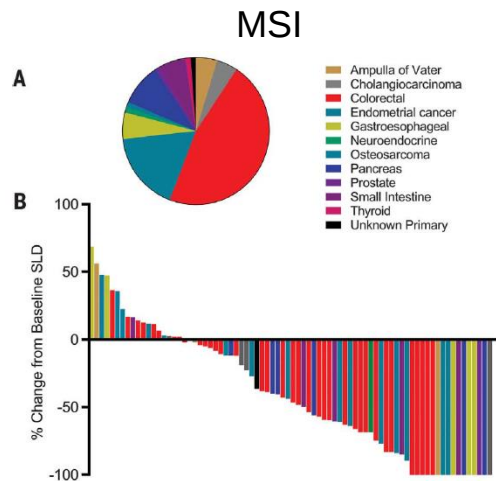
- GOG3016: cemiplimab vs. physician's choice chemotherapy



Endometrial Cancer



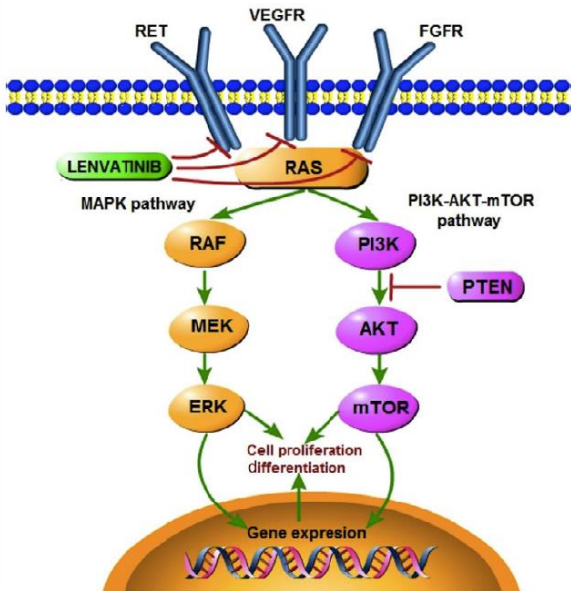
Response to single-agent PD-1 blockade in endometrial cancer



Pembrolizumab and lenvatinib in patients with advanced endometrial cancer

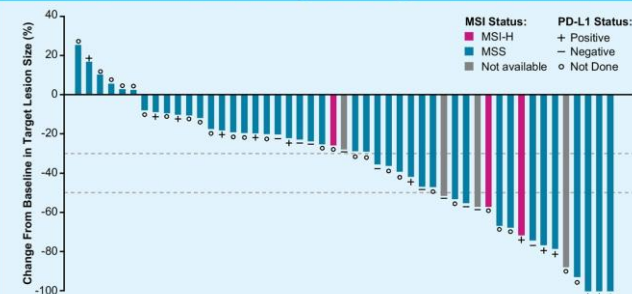
Figure

Kinase signaling cascade involved in development of thyroid carcinomas and representing the two main pathways, MAPK and PI3K-AKT-mTOR.



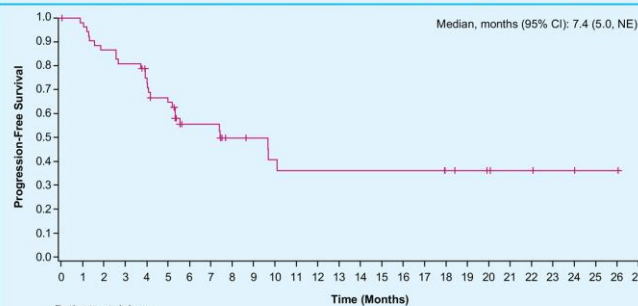
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Figure 3. Mean Maximum Percentage Change From Baseline in Sum of the Diameters of Target Lesions by MSI or PD-L1 Status



MSI, microsatellite instability; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high; MSS, microsatellite stable; PD-L1, programmed death receptor-1 ligand.

Figure 4. Kaplan-Meier Plot of PFS as Assessed by Investigator Using irRECIST



Patients at risk, n: 53 51 45 42 37 31 19 12 11 9 8 8 8 8 8 6 5 4 3 3 2 2 1 1 0

CI, confidence interval; irRECIST, Immune-related Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; NE, not estimable; PFS, progression-free survival.

Combination was granted breakthrough designation by the FDA in 8/2018

Makker et al., ASCO 2018



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Advanced endometrial cancer, selected upcoming/ongoing phase III studies

Upfront (advanced/metastatic disease):

- NRG-GY018: carboplatin+paclitaxel +/- pembrolizumab (with maintenance)
- AtTEnd: carboplatin+paclitaxel +/- atezolizumab (with maintenance)

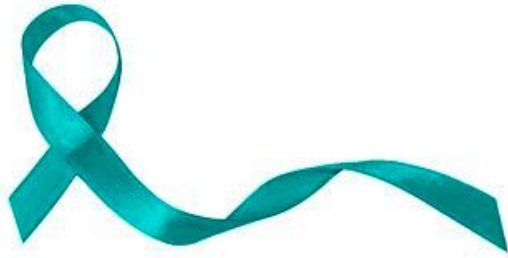
Second line:

- Keynote 775: lenvatinib+pembrolizumab vs. physician's choice chemotherapy



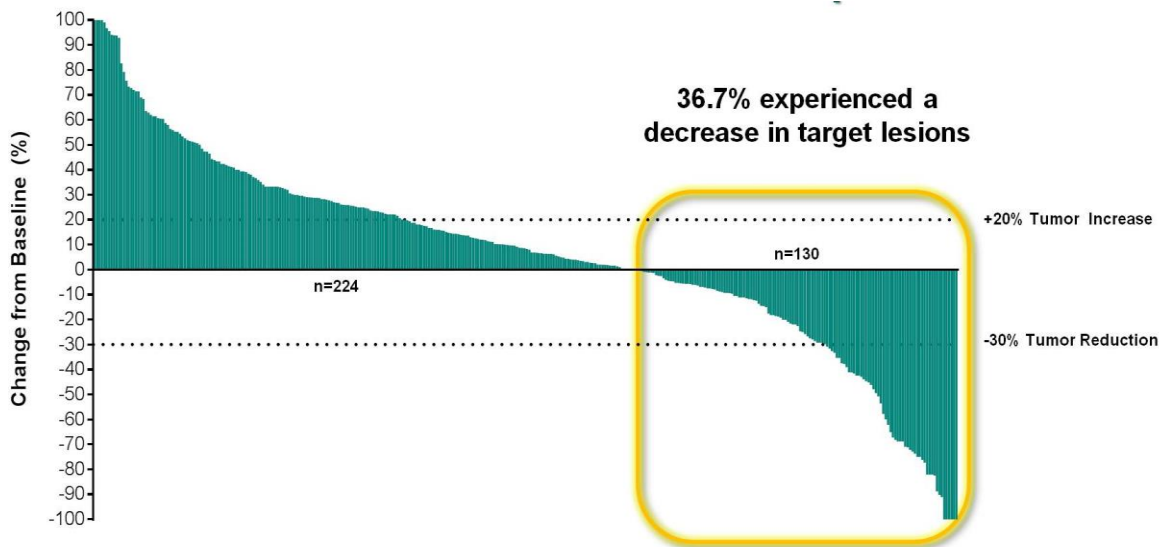


Ovarian Cancer



PD-1 blockade as a single agent has limited activity in ovarian cancer

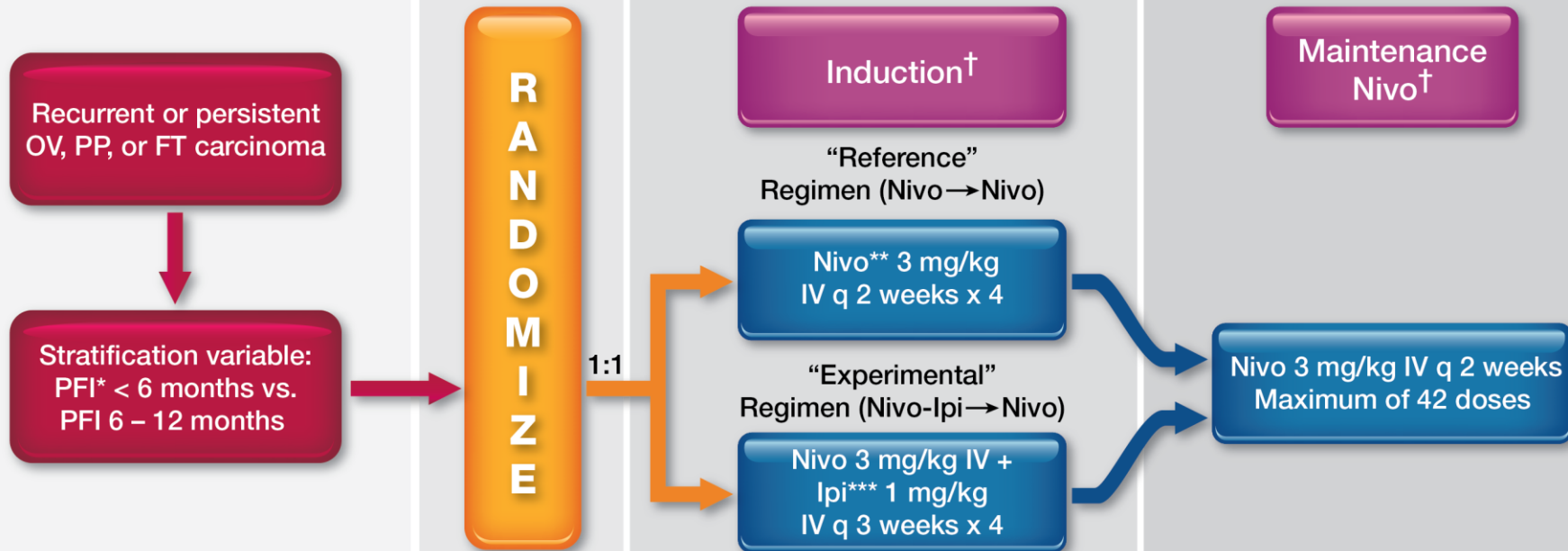
Pembrolizumab: Keynote 100



Values higher than or equal to 100 are set to 100. RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1. BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review. All Subjects as Treated Population. Database cut-off date: April 26, 2018.

ORR 9%

NRG GY003: Phase II Randomized Trial of Nivolumab with or without Ipilimumab in Patients with Recurrent Ovarian Cancer



* Platinum-Free Interval

** Nivolumab

*** Ipilimumab

† Protocol-directed therapy until progression or unacceptable toxicity

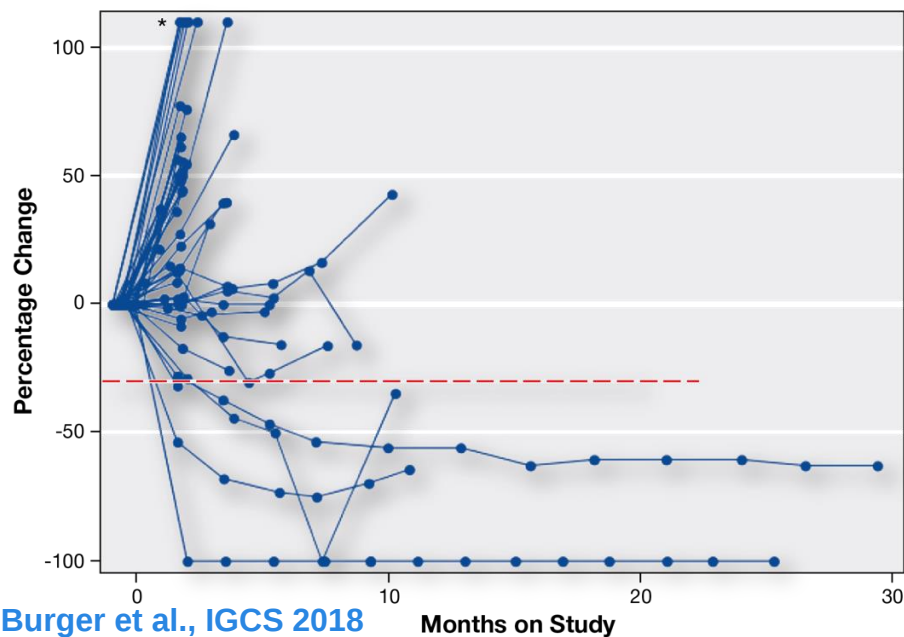


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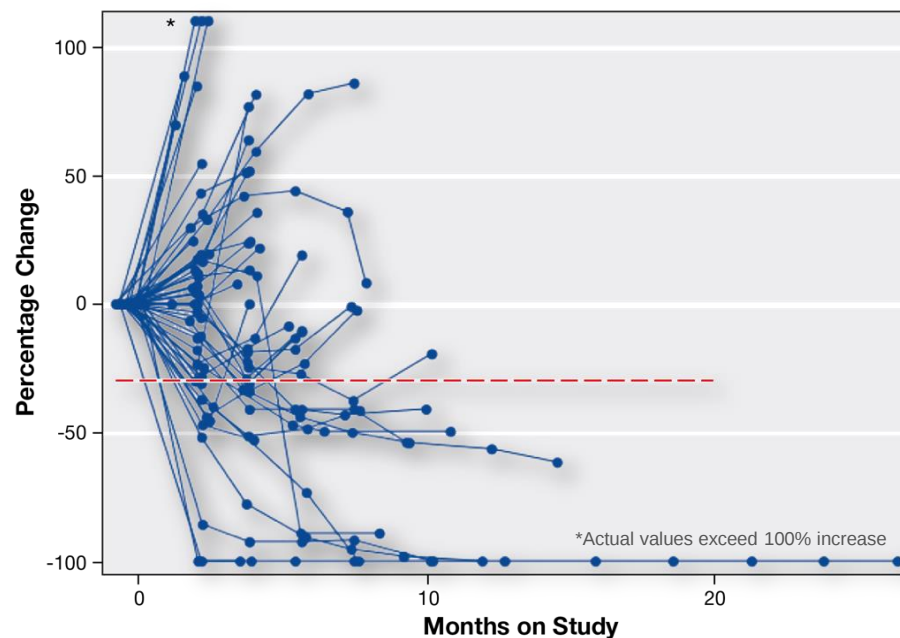
NRG GY003: RECIST Sum

ORR Within 6 months**	Nivo→Nivo N (%)	Nivo-Ipi→Nivo N (%)	p-value
	6 (12.2)	16 (31.4)	0.034

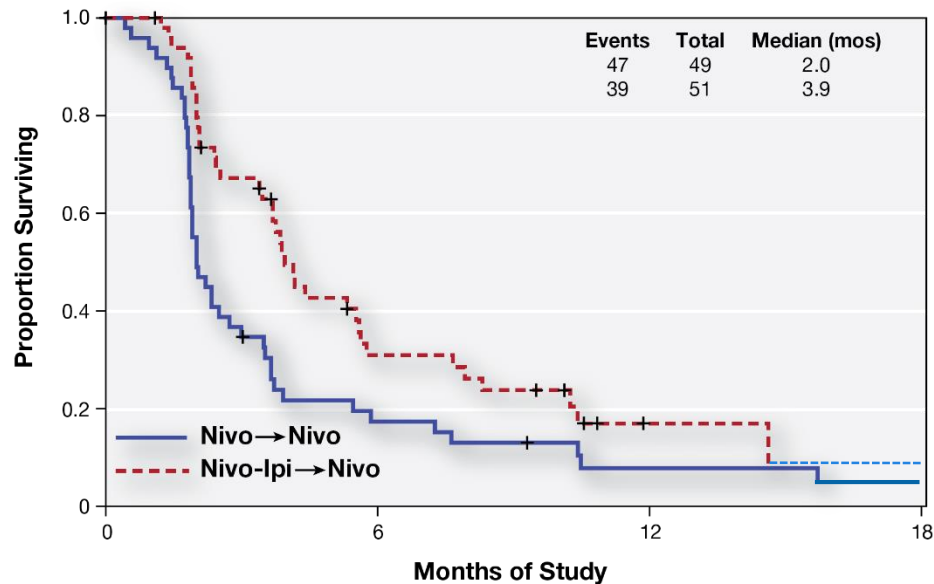
Nivo→Nivo



Nivo-Ipi→Nivo



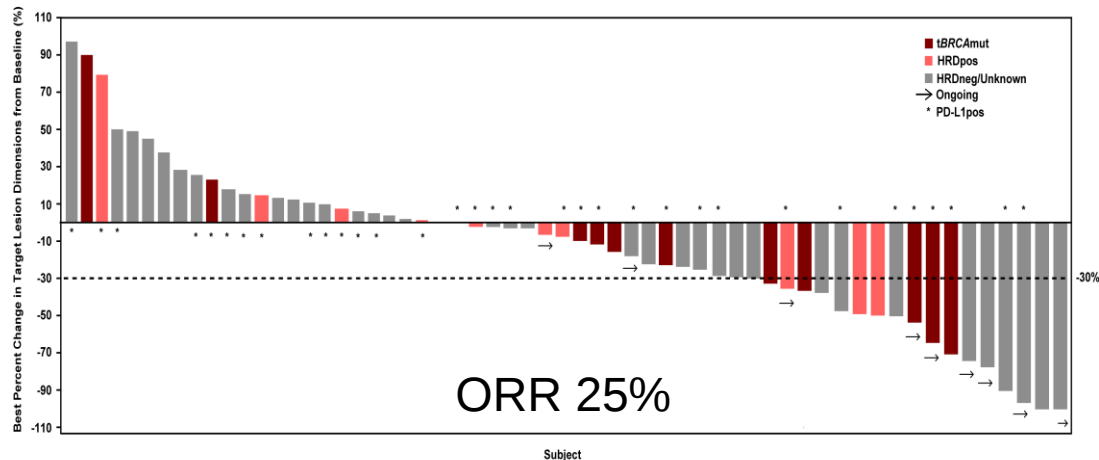
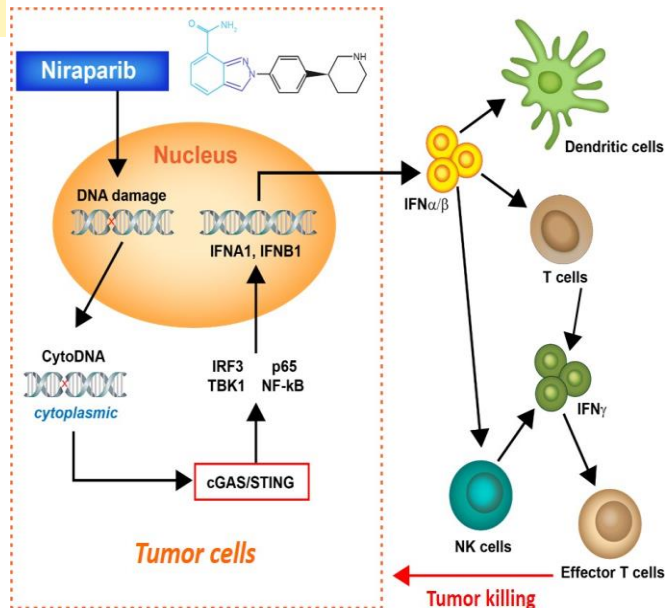
NRG GY003: PFS by Treatment Group



		Nivo→Nivo (n=49)	Nivo-Ipi→Nivo (n=51)
Patients with event, n (%)		47 (95.9)	39 (76.5)
Median PFS, months		2.0	3.9
Stratified by PFI	HR (95% CI)	Reference	0.528 (0.339–0.821)
	Two-sided p-value (log-rank)		0.0041

Nivo→Nivo	49	8	3	2
Nivo-Ipi→Nivo	51	13	2	1

TOPACIO: Niraparib (PARPi) + pembrolizumab in platinum-resistant HGSOC



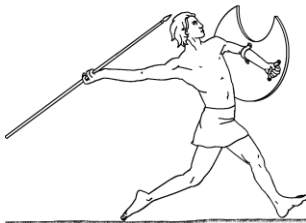
Ongoing/upcoming checkpoint inhibitor phase III trials in upfront management of ovarian cancer:

Javelin Ovarian 100

CP

CP -> Avelumab

CP + Avelumab -> Avelumab



IMaGYN50/GOG 3015/ENGOT-ov39

CP + BEV -> BEV

CP + BEV + Atezo -> BEV + Atezo

GOG 3025/DUO-O

CP + BEV -> BEV

CP + BEV + Durva -> BEV + Durva

CP + BEV + Durva -> BEV + Durva
+olaparib

First Trial/ENGOT-OV44

CP +/- BEV -> +/-BEV

CP +/- BEV -> +/- BEV + Niraparib

CP +/- BEV + TSR042 -> +/- BEV + Niraparib +
TSR042

ATHENA - Maintenance

Rucaparib

Rucaparib + Nivolumab





Predictors of response/resistance to immunotherapy in gynecologic cancers



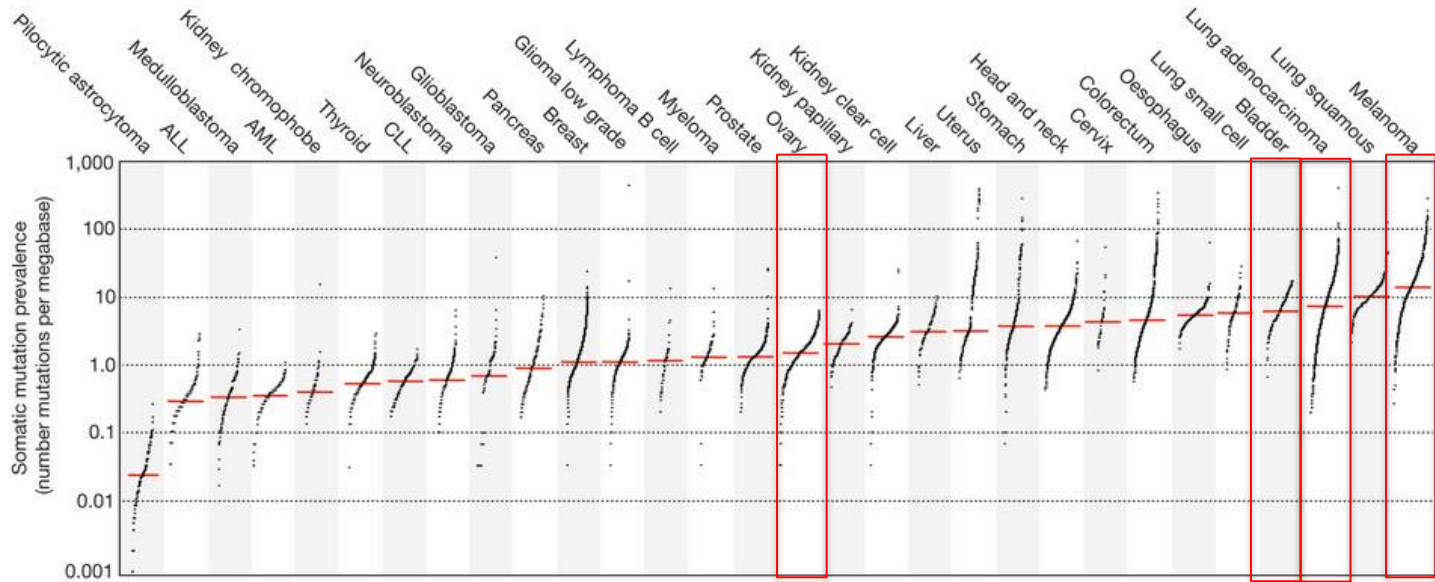
Tumor microenvironment: PD-L1 expression does not enrich for DCR in ovarian cancer.

	Cohort B N = 91			Cohorts A + B N = 376		
	CPS <1 n = 34	CPS ≥1 n = 50	CPS ≥10 n = 22	CPS <1 n = 141	CPS ≥1 n = 197	CPS ≥10 n = 82
ORR % (95% CI)	8.8 (1.9 - 23.7)	10.0 (3.3 - 21.8)	18.2 (5.2 - 40.3)	5.0 (2.0 - 10.0)	10.2 (6.3 - 15.2)	17.1 (9.7 - 27.0)
DCR % (95% CI)	38.2 (22.2 - 56.4)	38.0 (24.7 - 52.8)	45.5 (24.4 - 67.8)	32.6 (25.0 - 41.0)	38.1 (31.3 - 45.2)	41.5 (30.7 - 52.9)
Best overall response						
Complete response n (%)	0 (0.0)	2 (4.0)	2 (9.1)	0 (0.0)	7 (3.6)	7 (8.5)
Partial response n (%)	3 (8.8)	3 (6.0)	2 (9.1)	7 (5.0)	13 (6.6)	7 (8.5)
Stable disease n (%)	10 (29.4)	14 (28.0)	6 (27.3)	39 (27.7)	55 (27.9)	20 (24.4)
Progressive disease n (%)	18 (52.9)	29 (58.0)	12 (54.5)	87 (61.7)	113 (57.4)	44 (53.7)

Pembrolizumab,
Ovarian CA



Ovarian cancers exhibit low mutational burden



Alexandrov et al., Nature 2013



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Doctors Said Immunotherapy Would Not Cure Her Cancer. They Were Wrong.

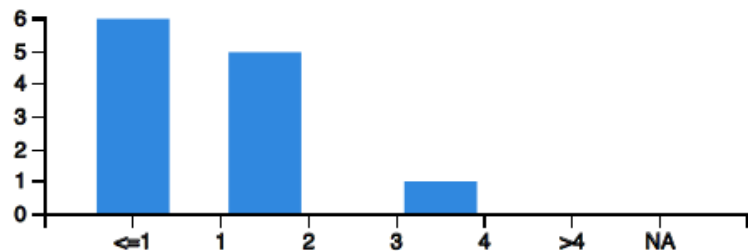
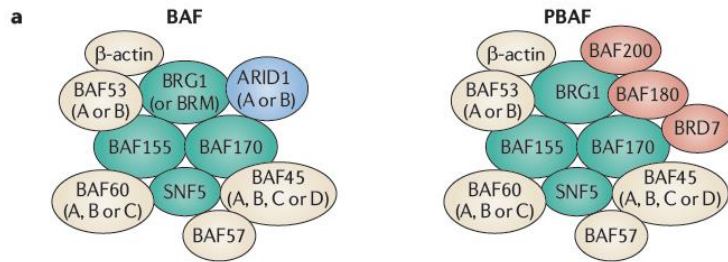
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By GINA KOLATA FEB. 19, 2018



Oriana Sousa, 28, who lives in Marinha Grande, Portugal, had a rare, aggressive form of ovarian cancer. Traditional treatments failed, but with immunotherapy her tumors shrank so much that there is no evidence of disease. Daniel Rodrigues for The New York Times

Small cell carcinoma of the ovary hypercalcemic type (SCCOHT): a monogenic disease driven by loss of BRG1 (SMARCA4)



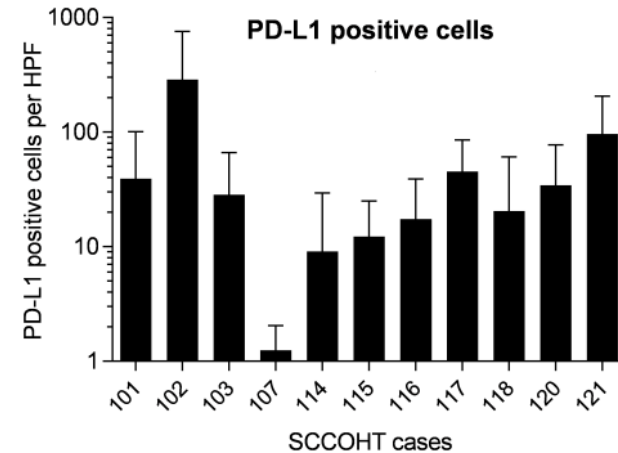
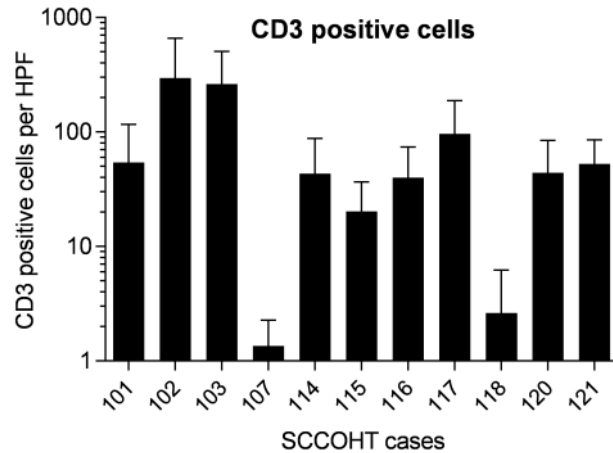
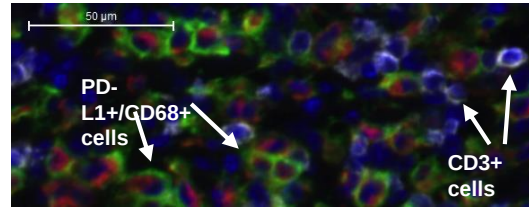
Mutation Count

Jelinic et al., Nat Genetics 2014; Witkowsky et al., Nat Genetics 2014; Ramos et al., Nat Genetics 2014



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Despite low tumor mutational burden SCCOHTs exhibit immune-active tumor microenvironment.



Mutations in SWI/SNF component PBRM1 predict response to immunotherapy in kidney cancer

Science

REPORTS

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Genomic correlates of response to immune checkpoint therapies in clear cell renal cell carcinoma

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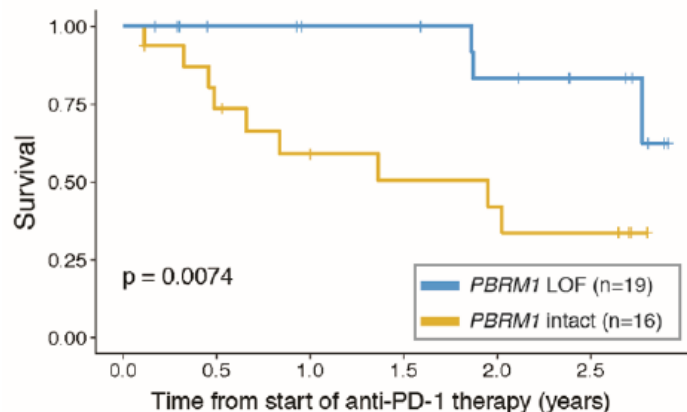
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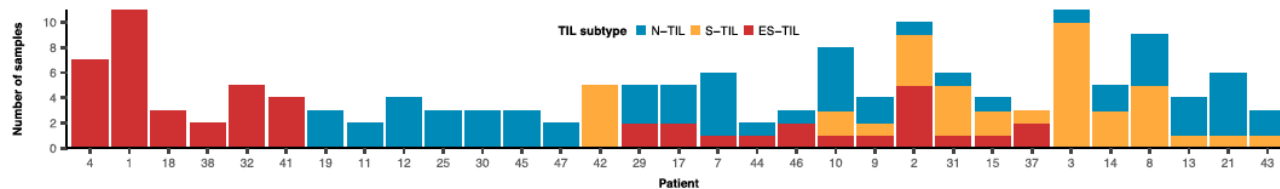
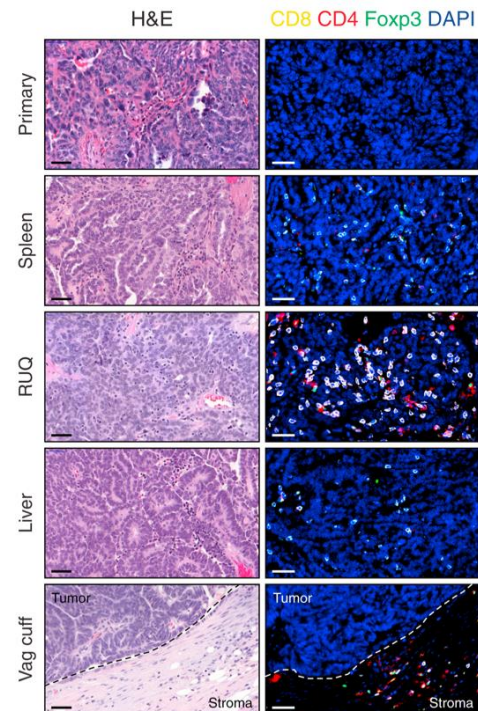
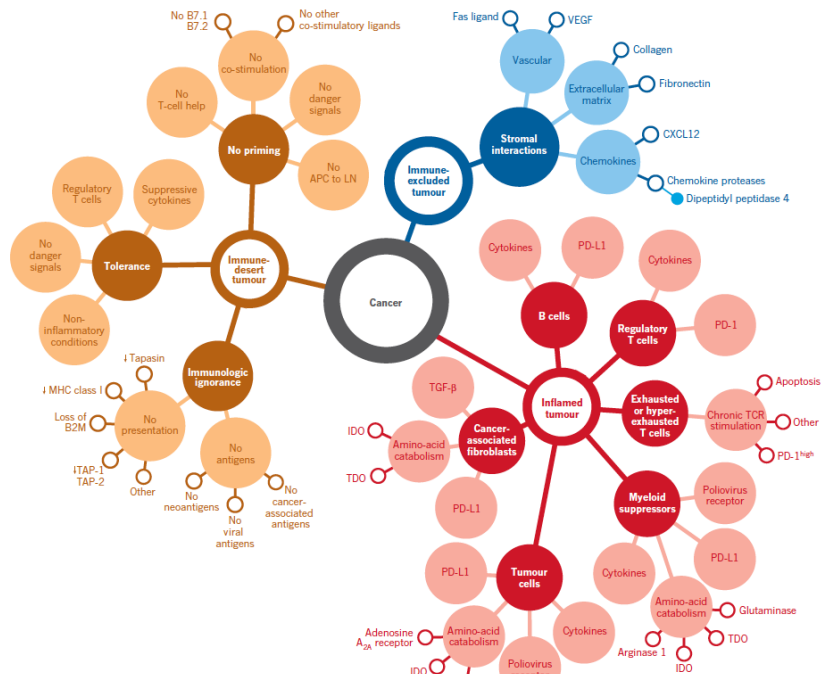
A major chromatin regulator determines resistance of tumor cells to T cell-mediated killing

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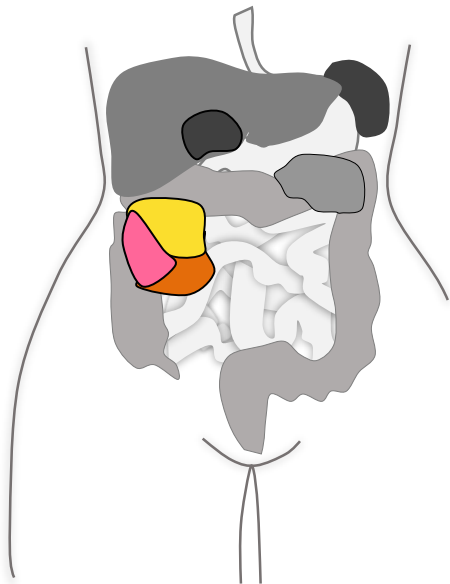
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Intra and inter-tumor heterogeneity may influence response to immunotherapy in ovarian cancer



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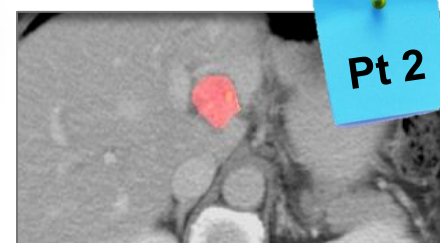
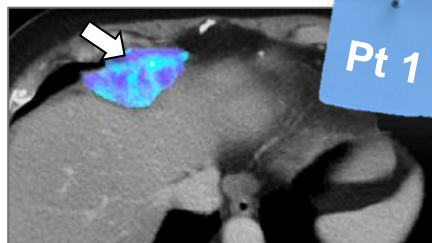
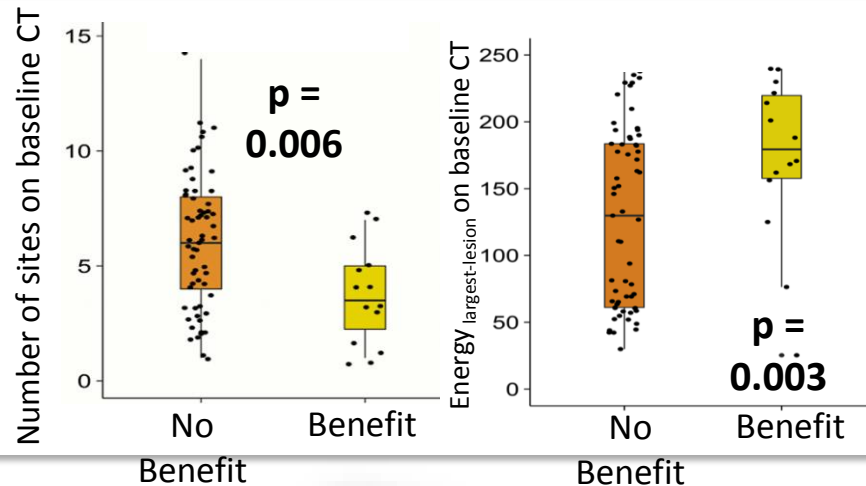
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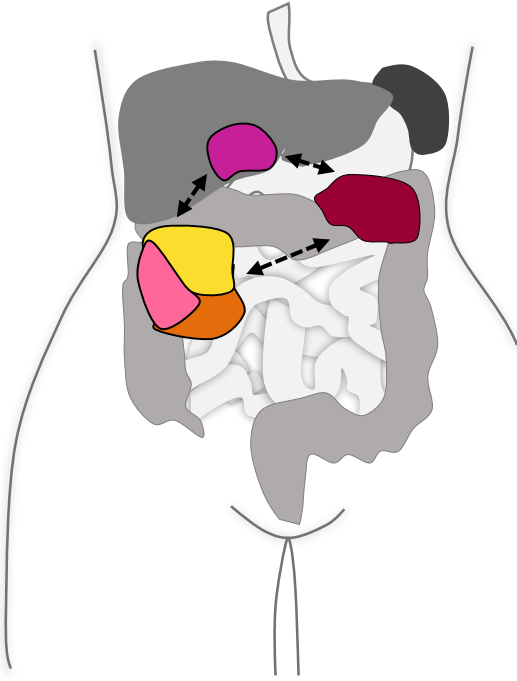
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- Number of disease sites
- Intratumor heterogeneity
- Intertumor heterogeneity

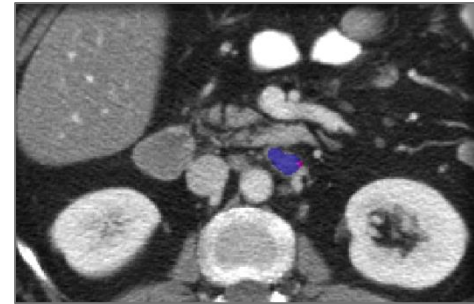
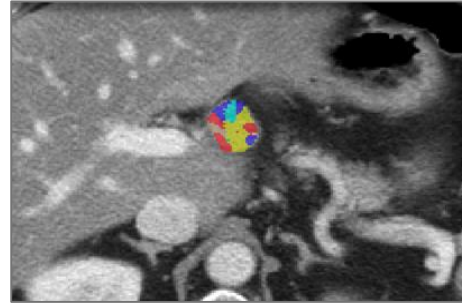
PREDICTORS OF DURABLE CLINICAL BENEFIT (PFS $\geq$ 24 wks)



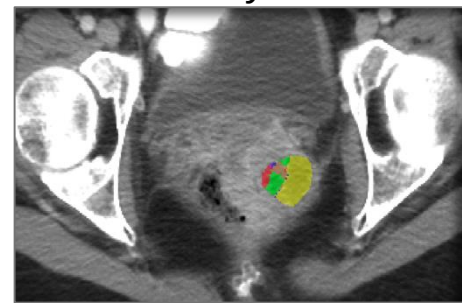
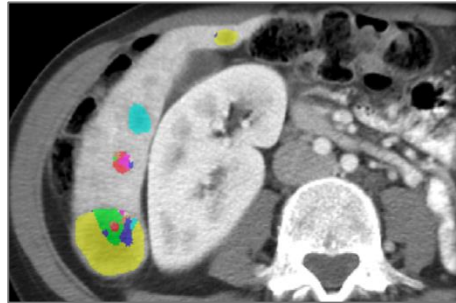
Higher Inter-Tumor Heterogeneity On Baseline CT is associated with Quicker Time to Off-Treatment



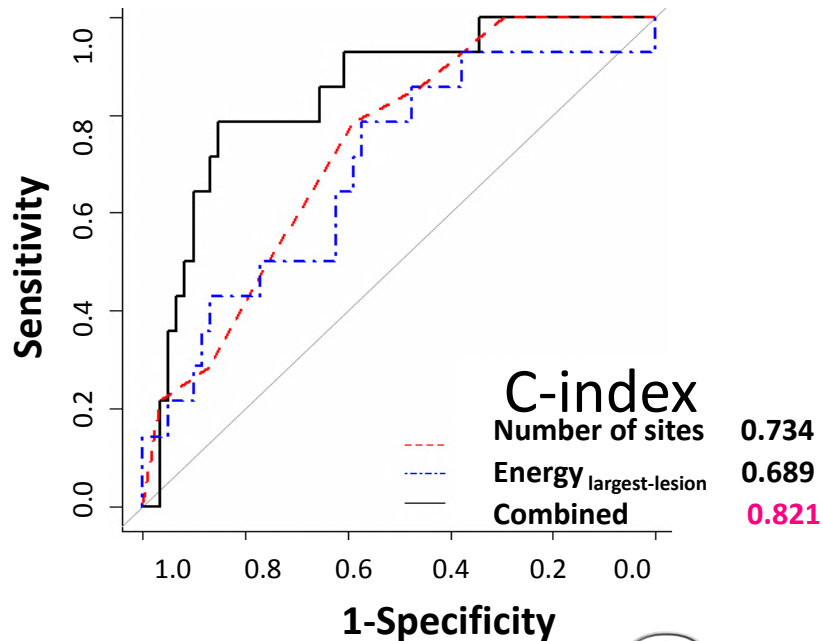
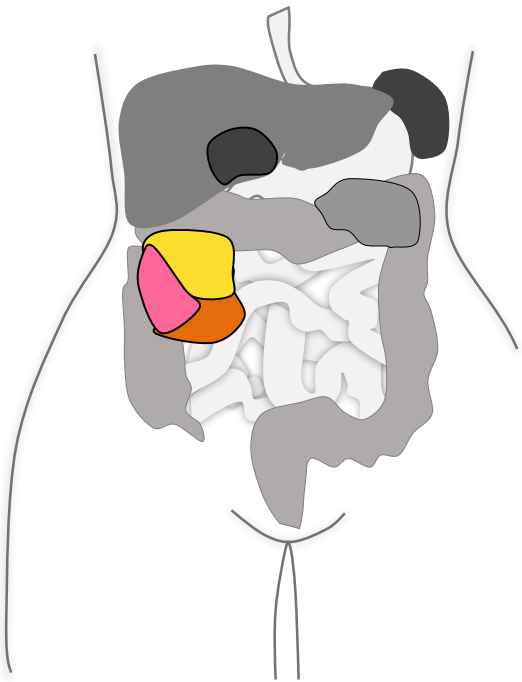
Baseline CT cluster-site-dissimilarity 1,648
time to off-treatment 569 days



Baseline CT cluster-site-dissimilarity 568,399
time to off-treatment 42 days



Combined *Texture Heterogeneity* + *Basic Measures* From Baseline CT Predicts Durable Clinical Benefit With Higher Accuracy



Take Home Messages

- Immune checkpoint blockade is promising in some GYN cancer patients, but we have a long way to go
- Combination therapies will be a key to success and may include other immunotherapies, targeted therapy, or chemotherapy
- Biomarkers predictive of response in other cancer types may be of limited value in GYN cancers
- High intra- and inter-tumor heterogeneity may negatively influence the outcomes of immunotherapy in GYN cancers



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