

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Breast & Gynecologic Cancers

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# Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers

- Standard-of-care treatment usually involves surgery, chemotherapy, radiation
- Application of immunotherapy is still in early stages

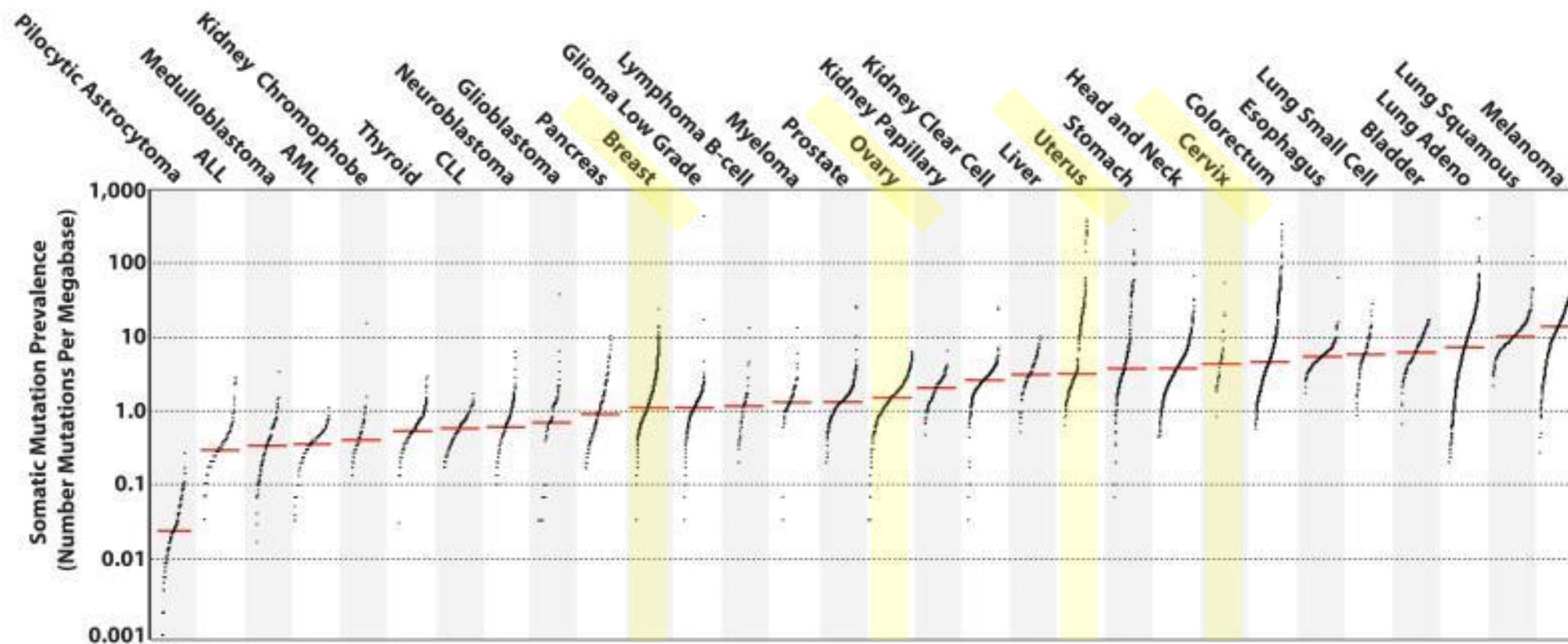
Estimated new cases

	Female	
Breast	276,480	30%
Lung & bronchus	112,520	12%
Colon & rectum	69,650	8%
Uterine corpus	65,620	7%
Thyroid	40,170	4%
Melanoma of the skin	40,160	4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	34,860	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	28,230	3%
Pancreas	27,200	3%
Leukemia	25,060	3%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>912,930</b>	

Estimated deaths

	Female	
Lung & bronchus	63,220	22%
Breast	42,170	15%
Colon & rectum	24,570	9%
Pancreas	22,410	8%
Ovary	13,940	5%
Uterine corpus	12,590	4%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,140	4%
Leukemia	9,680	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,480	3%
Brain & other nervous system	7,830	3%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>285,360</b>	

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# Current approvals in breast cancer

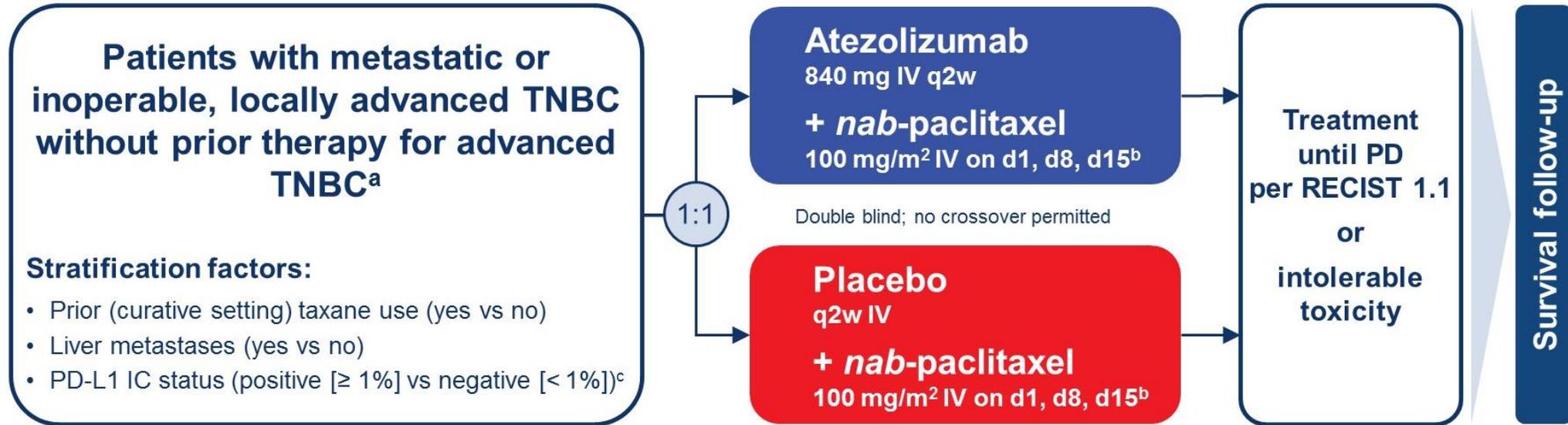
Checkpoint inhibitor	Approved	Indication	Dose
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2017	MSI-H/dMMR <b>advanced cancer</b> with progression on previous treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel or paclitaxel protein-bound</b>	2019	Advanced/Metastatic <b>TNBC</b> with PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ immune cells	840 mg atezolizumab Q2W + 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> nab-paclitaxel on days 1, 8, 15
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2020	TMB-high <b>solid tumors</b> with progression on prior treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy</b>	2020	Locally recurrent/metastatic TNBC with PD-L1 CPS $\geq 10$	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

Antibody-drug conjugate	Approved	Indication	Dose
<b>Ado-trastuzumab emtansine</b>	2019	Adjuvant treatment of <b>HER2-positive</b> early breast cancer	3.6 mg/kg Q3W
<b>Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki</b>	2019	Unresectable/metastatic <b>HER2-positive</b> breast cancer after 2+ HER2 regimens	5.4 mg/kg Q3W
<b>Sacituzumab govitecan</b>	2020	Metastatic <b>TNBC</b> after two previous therapies	10mg/kg on D1&D8 of 21-day cycle

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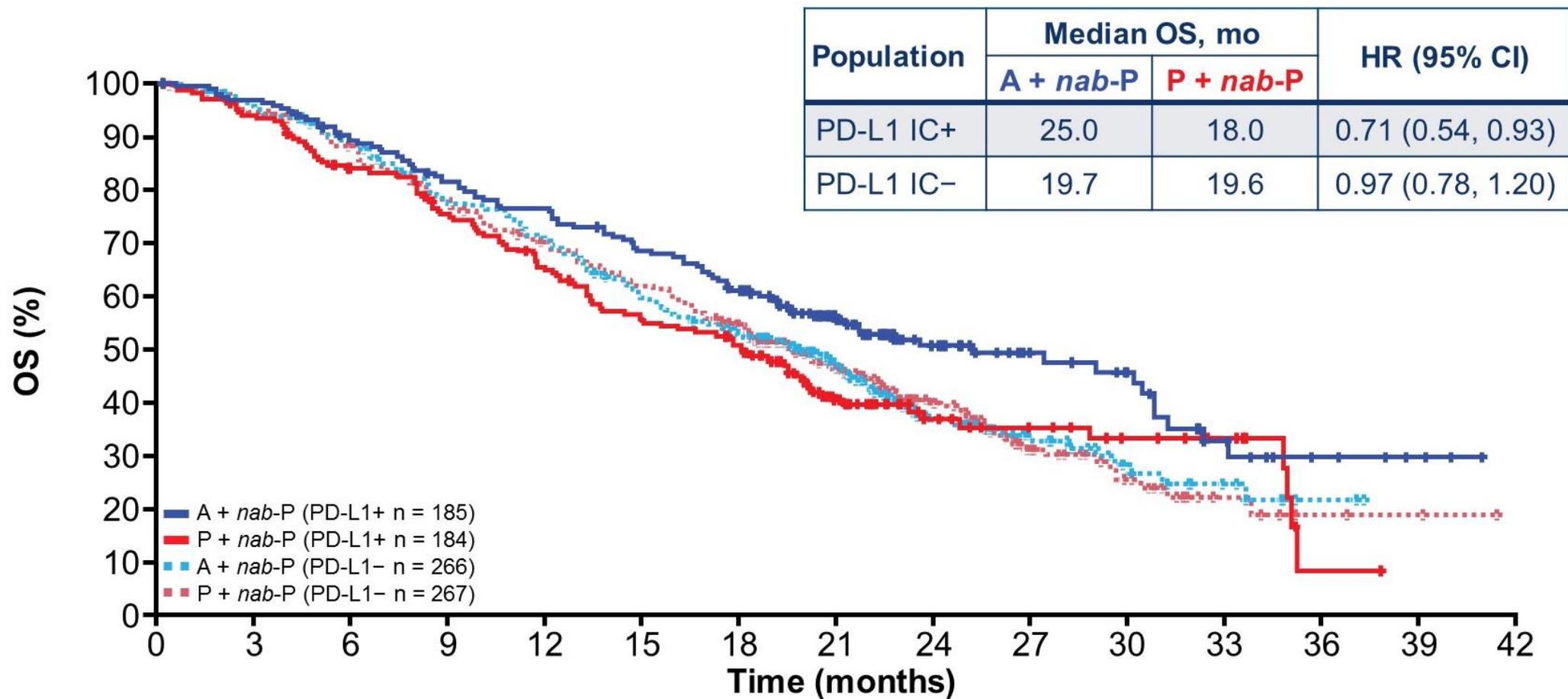
# Clinical Data – IMpassion130

## PD-L1+ TNBC



- Co-primary endpoints in ITT and PD-L1 IC+: PFS and OS<sup>d</sup>
- Pre-specified hierarchical testing of OS in ITT and, if significant, in PD-L1 IC+ patients
- In both treatment arms, 41% of patients were PD-L1 IC+

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# Clinical trials in TNBC

Trial	Treatment arm(s)	Patient selection criteria	n	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
IMpassion130	Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel* <i>*FDA-approved</i>	Metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	902	ITT: 56.0% PD-L1+: 58.9%	ITT: 7.2 PD-L1+: 7.5	ITT: 21.3 PD-L1+: 25.0
	Placebo + nab-paclitaxel			ITT: 45.9% PD-L1+: 42.6%	ITT: 5.5 PD-L1+: 5.0	ITT: 17.6 PD-L1+: 15.5
KEYNOTE-086	Pembrolizumab	A: Metastatic TNBC at 2 <sup>nd</sup> line or greater	170	5.3% CR: 1.2%	2.0	9.0
		B: PD-L1+ metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	84	21.4% CR: 4.7%	2.1	18.0
IMMU-132-01	Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy* (Anti-Trop-2)	Advanced TNBC with at least 2 prior therapies	108	33.3%	5.5	13.0
KEYNOTE-355	Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy	Locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	566		ITT: 7.5 CPS >10: 9.7	
	Placebo + chemotherapy		281		ITT: 5.6 CPS >10: 5.6	
KEYNOTE-522	Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + paclitaxel/carboplatin, adjuvant pembrolizumab	Stage II or III TNBC without prior therapy	1174	Pathological complete response rates: ITT: 64.8% vs 51.2% PD-L1+: 68.9% vs 54.9% PD-L1-: 45.3% vs 30.3%		
	Neoadjuvant placebo + paclitaxel/carboplatin, adjuvant placebo					

# Clinical trials in HR+ or HER2+ breast cancer

Trial	Treatment arm(s)	Patient selection criteria	n	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
KEYNOTE-028	Pembrolizumab	ER+/HER2-, PD-L1+ breast cancer	25	12.0% CR: 0%	1.8	8.6
KEYNOTE-014/PANACEA	Pembrolizumab + trastuzumab	HER2+ breast cancer with progression on trastuzumab	58	PD-L1+: 15% CR: 4%  PD-L1-: 0%		
KATE2	Atezolizumab + trastuzumab emtansine	HER2+ advanced breast cancer with previous trastuzumab and a taxane	133	ITT: 45% PD-L1+: 54%	ITT: 8.2 PD-L1+: 8.5	ITT 1-year: 89.1% PD-L1+: 94.3%
	Trastuzumab emtansine		69	ITT: 43% PD-L1+: 33%	ITT: 6.8 PD-L1+: 4.1	ITT 1-year: 89.0% PD-L1+: 87.9%
KATHERINE	Trastuzumab emtansine* (Anti-HER2)	HER2-positive early breast cancer after neoadjuvant therapy	148 6	3-year invasive disease-free survival: 88.3% vs. 77.0%		
DESTINY-Breast01	Trastuzumab deruxtecan*	HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer after trastuzumab emtansine	184	60.9%	16.4	NR

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# Biomarkers and immunotherapy responsiveness in breast cancers

- Potential markers of responsiveness include:
  - PD-L1
  - Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes
  - Mutational signatures

**FDA-approved biomarkers only include:**

- PD-L1+ by SP142
- TMB 10 or more
- MSI high

ADDITIONAL TARGETED THERAPIES AND ASSOCIATED BIOMARKER TESTING FOR RECURRENT OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE

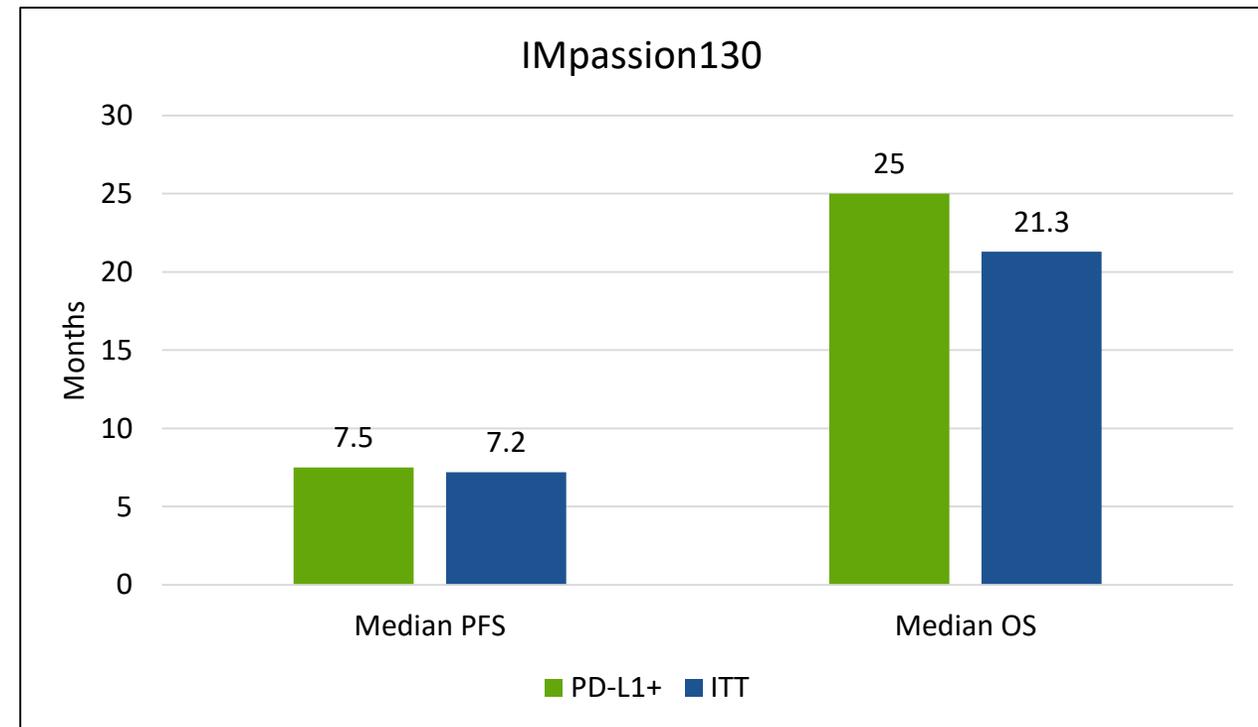
Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies					
Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
Any <sup>a</sup>	<i>BRCA1</i> mutation <i>BRCA2</i> mutation	Germline sequencing	Olaparib Talazoparib	Category 1 Category 1	Preferred Preferred
HR-positive/ HER2-negative <sup>b</sup>	<i>PIK3CA</i> mutation	PCR (blood or tissue block if blood negative), molecular panel testing	Alpelisib + fulvestrant <sup>d</sup>	Category 1	Preferred second-line therapy
HR-negative/ HER2-negative <sup>c</sup>	PD-L1 expression • Threshold for positivity: ≥1% on tumor-infiltrating immune cells	IHC	Atezolizumab + albumin-bound paclitaxel	Category 2A	Preferred
Any	<i>NTRK</i> fusion	FISH, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Larotrectinib <sup>e</sup>  Entrectinib <sup>e</sup>	Category 2A  Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances <sup>e</sup>  Useful in certain circumstances <sup>e</sup>
Any	MSI-H/dMMR	IHC, PCR (tissue block)	Pembrolizumab <sup>f</sup>	Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances <sup>l</sup>

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Here, patients with PD-L1 on  $\geq 1\%$  of tumor-infiltrating immune cells had improved outcomes on atezolizumab + chemotherapy compared to the general population (OS HR 0.62 vs 0.84)

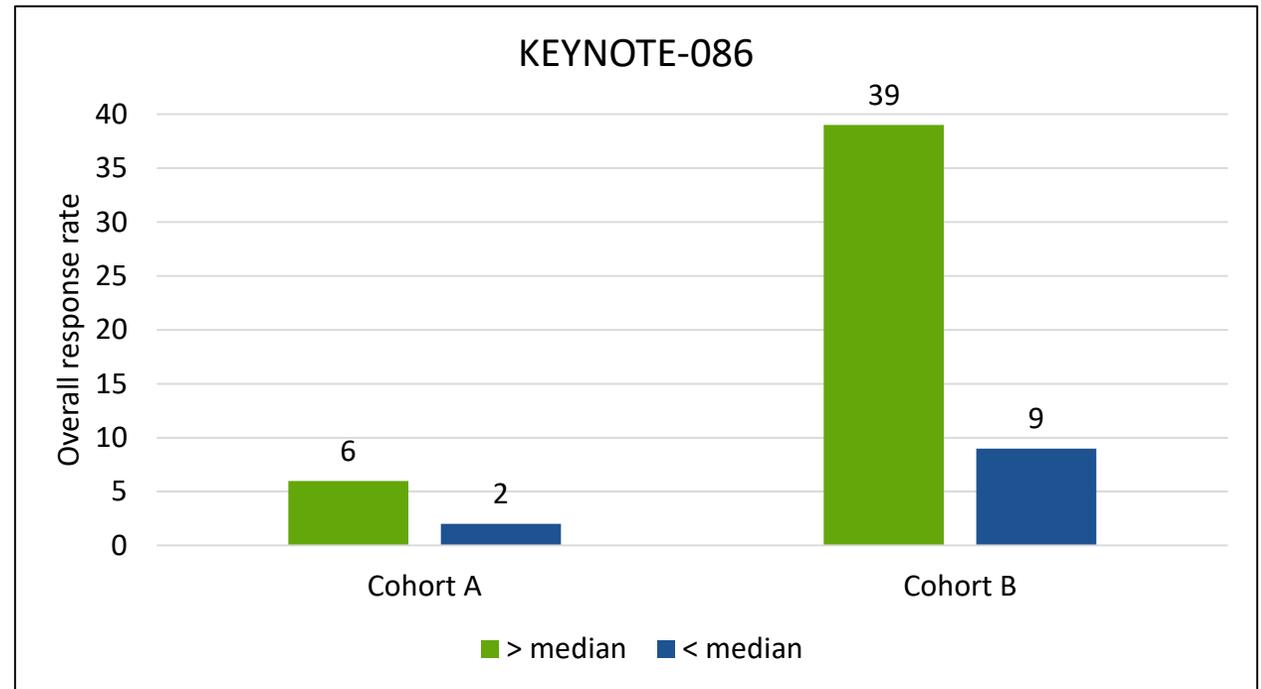
However, PD-L1 expression does not always correlate with response to all ICIs.



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Here, patients with a tumor infiltrating lymphocyte level greater than the median level had improved outcomes when treated with pembrolizumab, particularly in the front-line setting (cohort B).

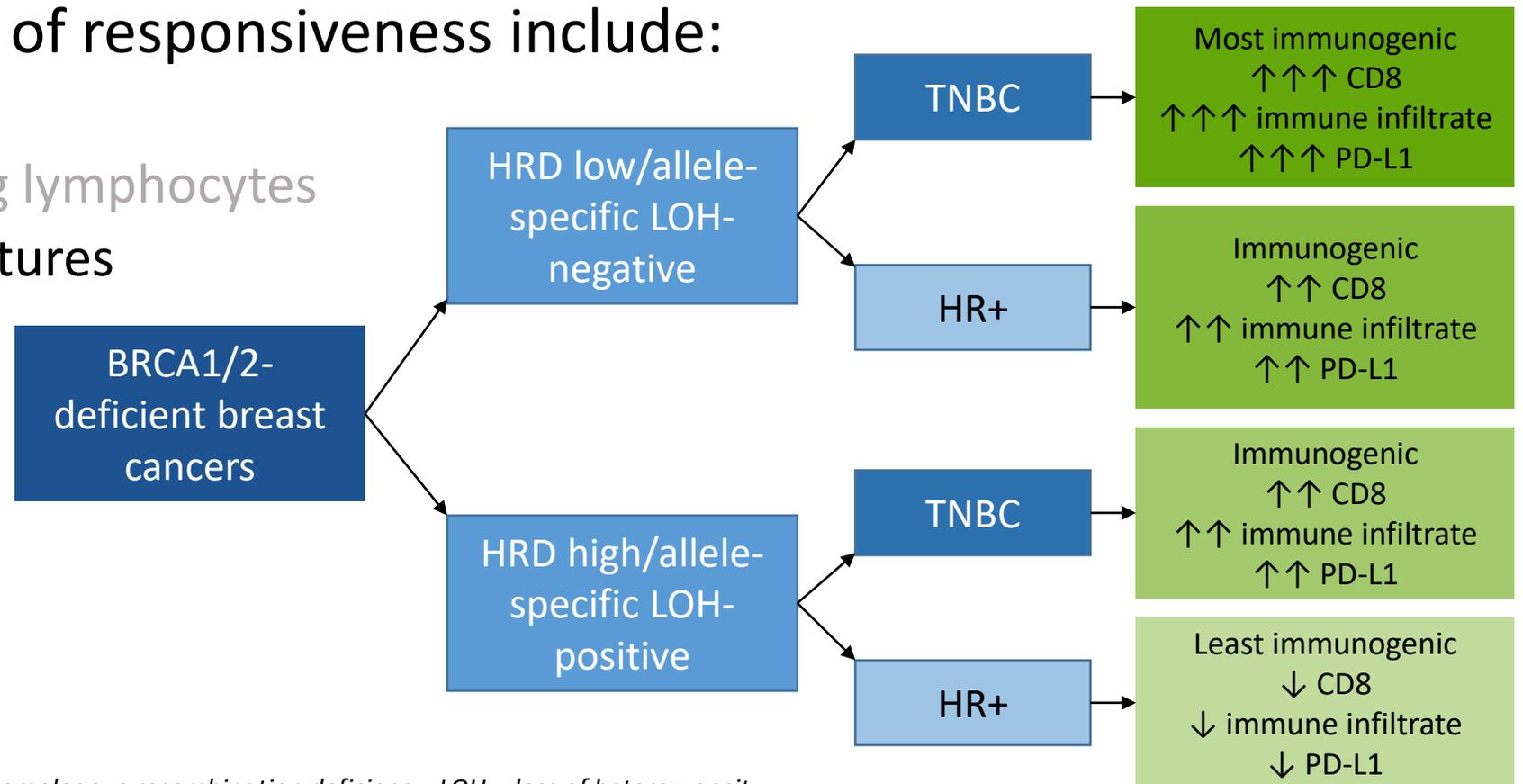


*\*Not an FDA-approved biomarker for treatment selection*

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*Pembrolizumab is also approved for MSI-H/TMB-H tumors*

*\*BRCA/HRD not FDA-approved biomarkers for immunotherapies*

HRD = homologous recombination deficiency; LOH = loss of heterozygosity

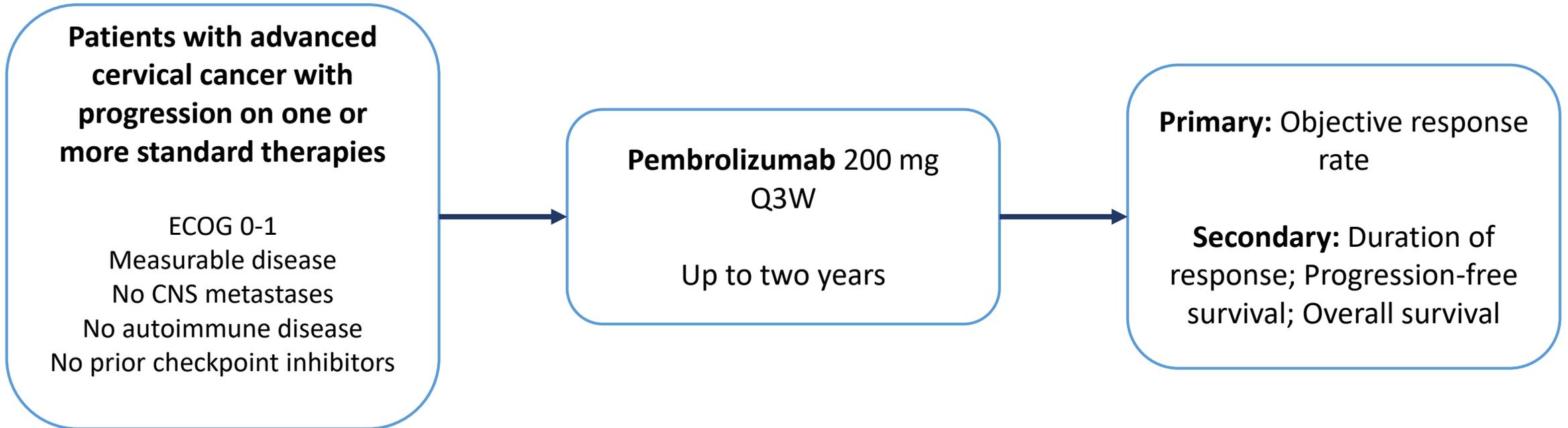
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Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
<b>HPV vaccination</b>	2006 and many subsequent	Prevention of HPV infection	Depends on product
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2017	MSI-H/dMMR <b>advanced cancer</b> with progression on previous treatment (includes especially <b>endometrial</b> )	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2018	Recurrent/metastatic <b>cervical cancer</b> with PD-L1 (CPS $\geq 1$ ) and progression on previous therapy	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib</b>	2019	<b>Endometrial cancer</b> – not MSI-H/dMMR, after progression on systemic therapy	Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W + lenvatinib 20 mg daily
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2020	TMB-high <b>solid tumors</b> with progression on prior treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Dostarlimab</b>	2021	Recurrent or advanced <b>dMMR endometrial cancer</b> after prior platinum-based therapy	500 mg Q3W (doses 1-4) 1000 mg Q6W (until progression)

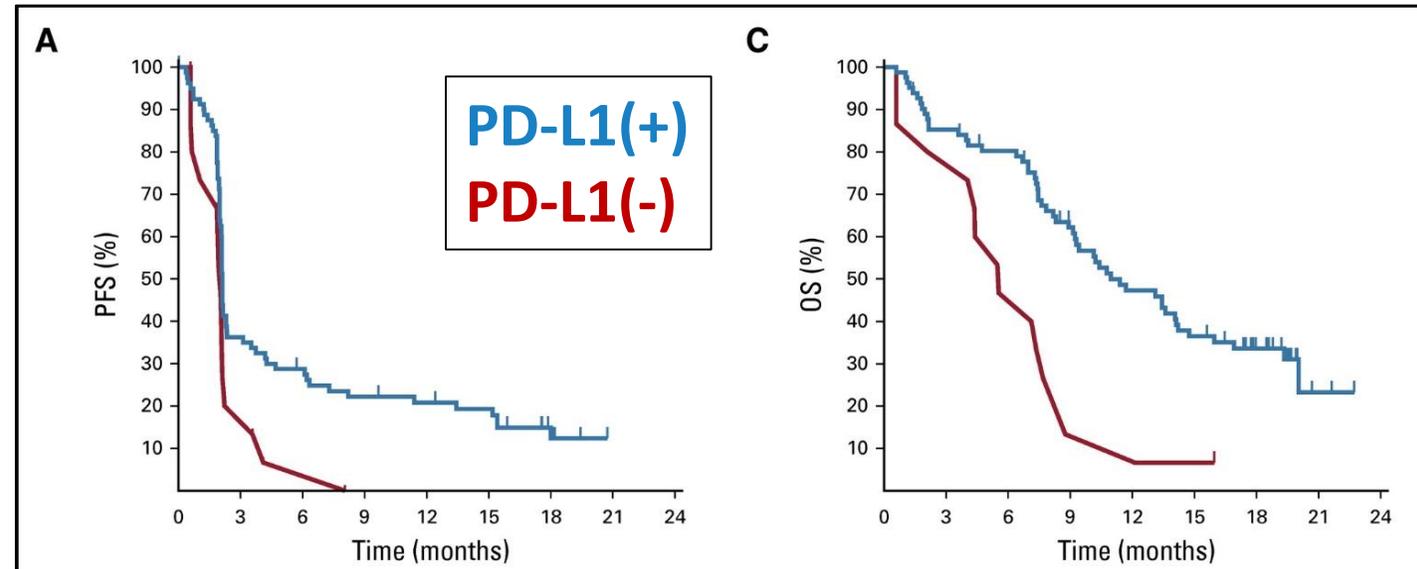
# Clinical Data – KEYNOTE-158 Cervical Cancer



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## Cervical cancer

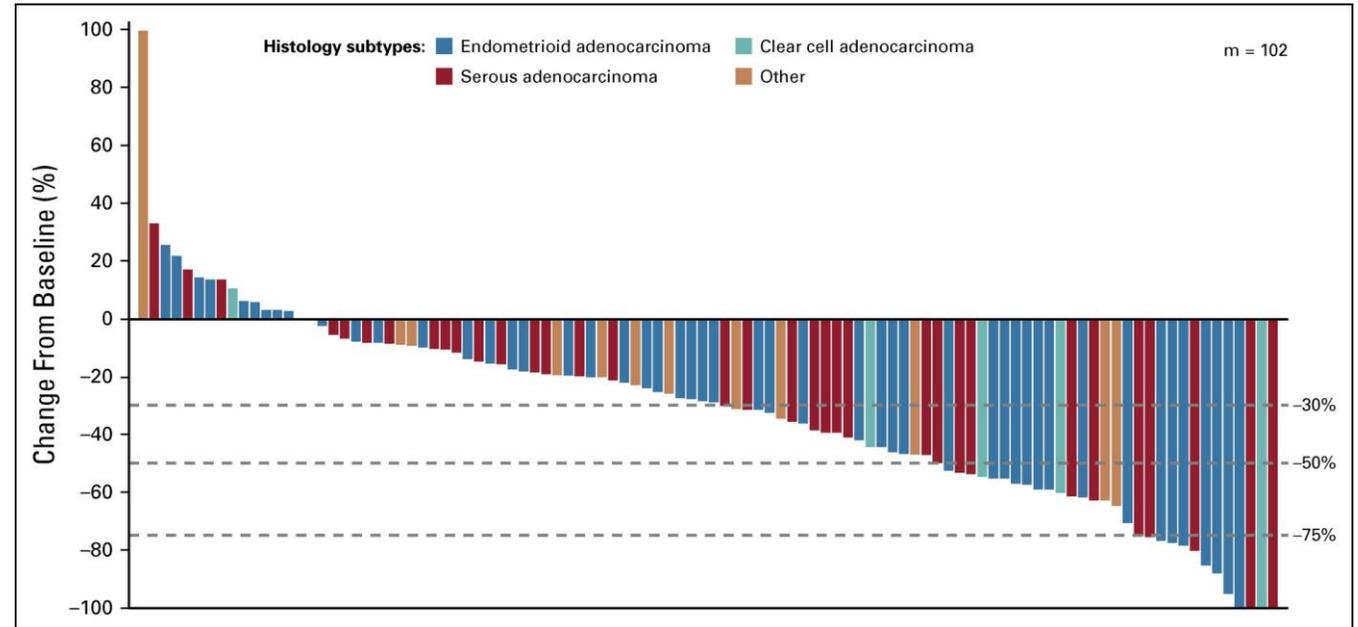
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy
- All responses were in PD-L1+ tumors
- Most patients had prior treatment
- Median duration of response was not reached at 10 months follow-up



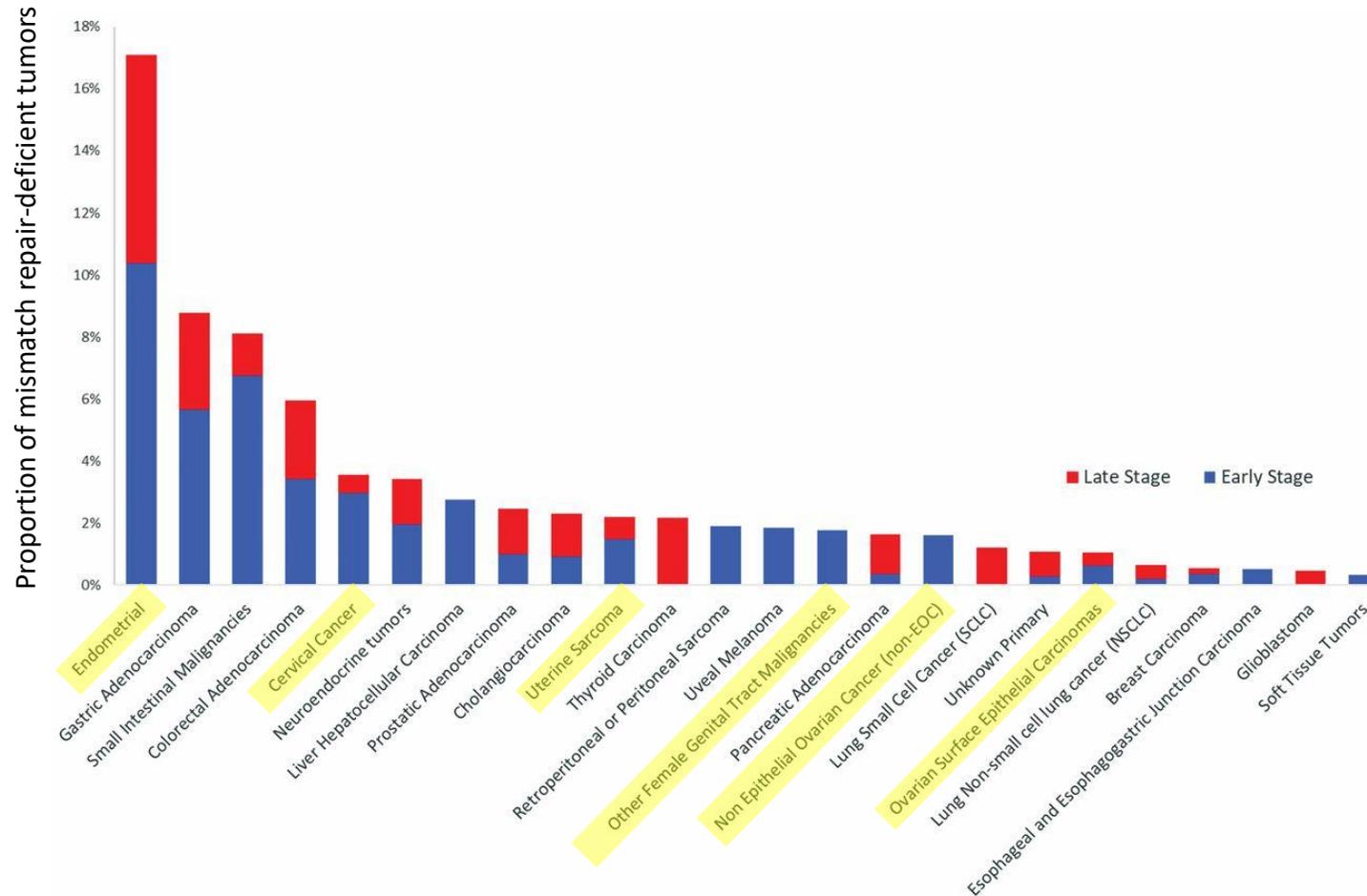
# Clinical data – KEYNOTE-146

## Endometrial cancer

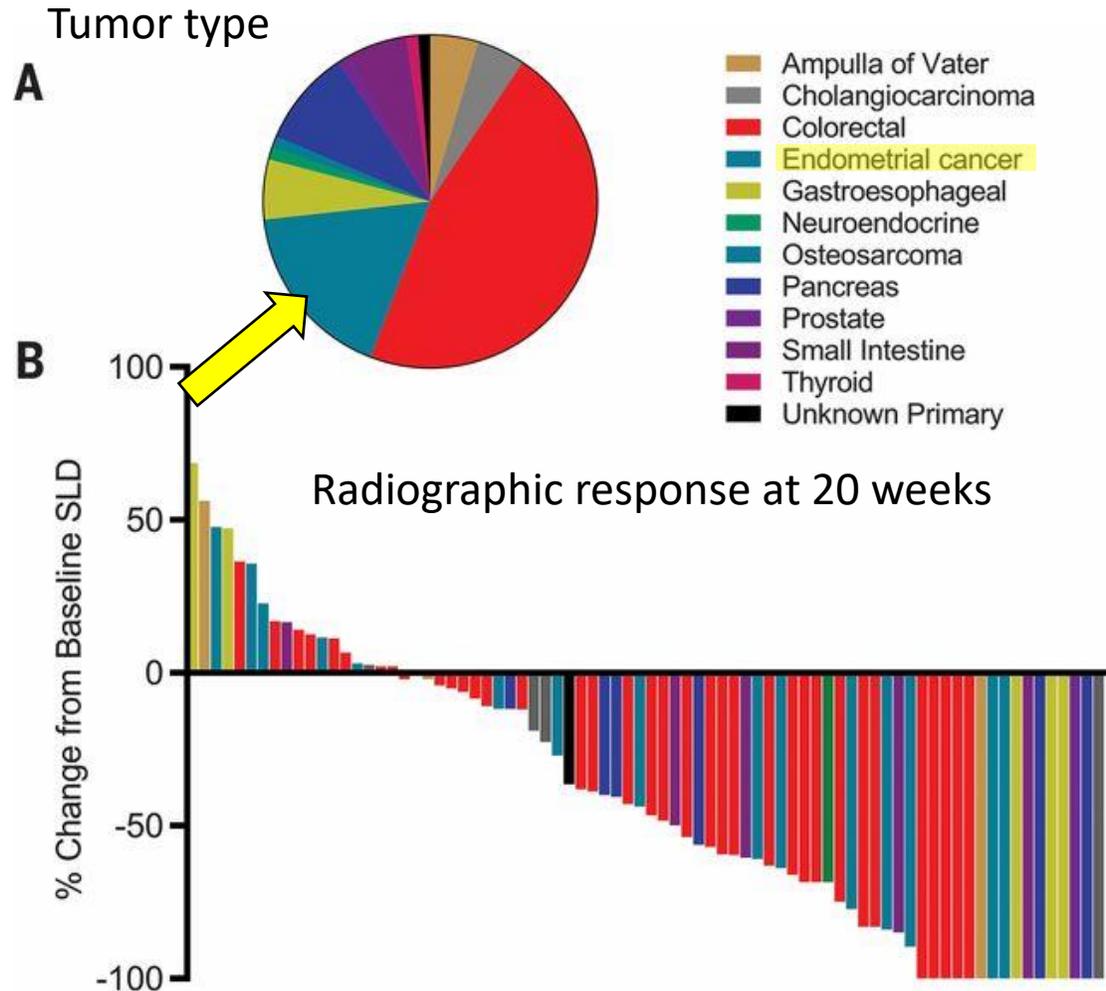
- Previously treated
- Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib
- No difference by PD-L1 status
- Higher response rate in MSI-high than MSS: 63.6% vs 37.2% ORR



# Clinical data – pembrolizumab in MSI-high cancers



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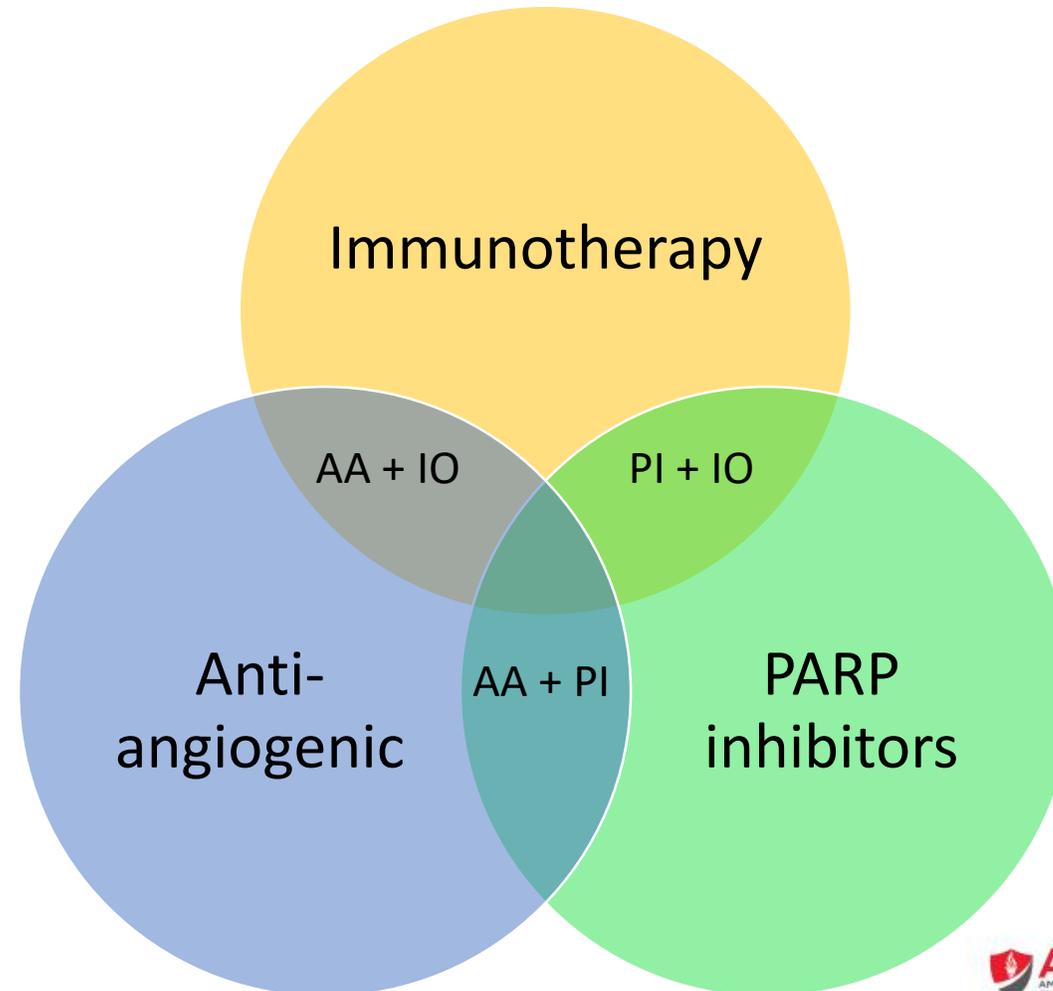


- NCT01876511
- 12 cancer types with dMMR
- ORR: 53%
- CR: 21%

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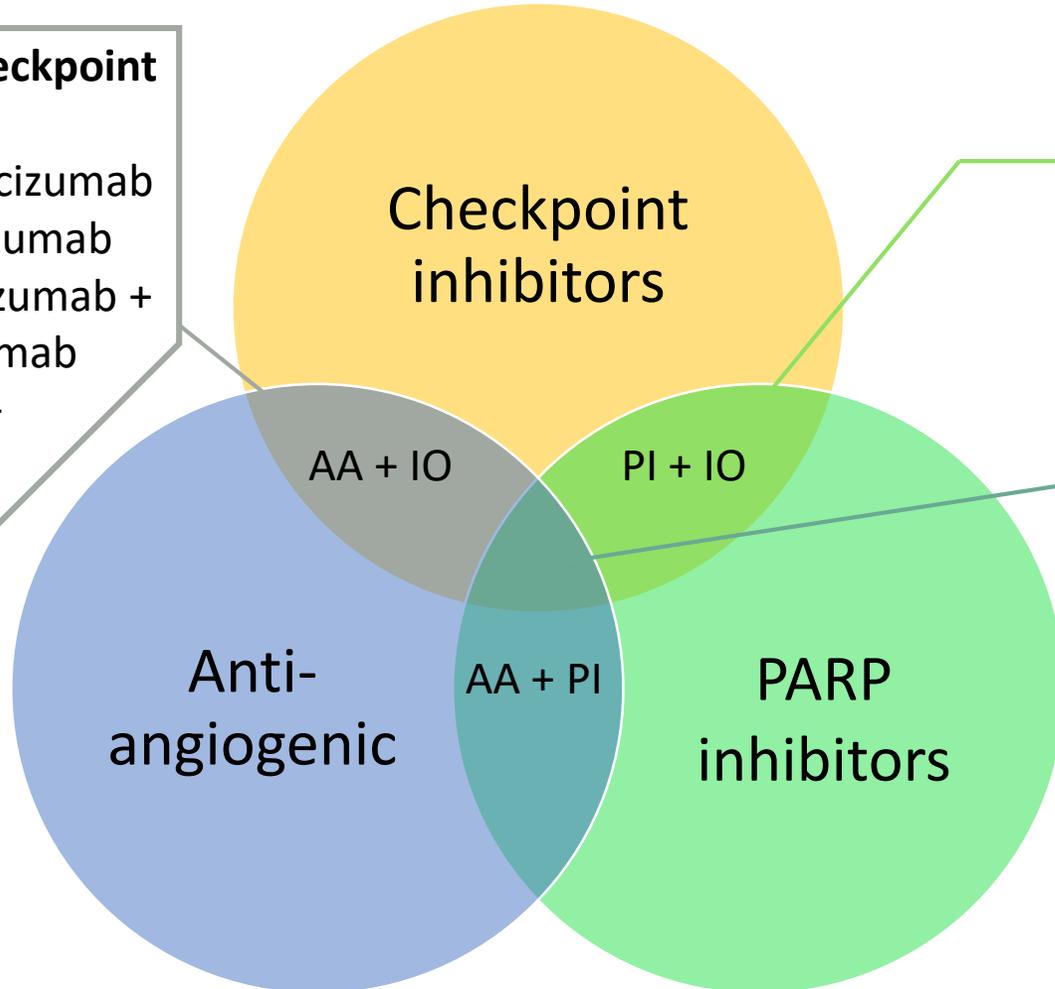
## Anti-angiogenic + checkpoint inhibitor

- IMaGYN050: Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab
- ATALANTE: Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab
- NRG-GY009: PLD + atezolizumab + bevacizumab

Checkpoint inhibitors

## PARP inhibitors + checkpoint inhibitors

- ATHENA: Rucaparib + nivolumab
- ANITA: Niraparib + atezolizumab



## Anti-angiogenic + PARP inhibitor + checkpoint inhibitor

- FIRST: niraparib + anti-PD-1 ± bevacizumab
- ENGOT-ov46/DUO-O: bevacizumab + durvalumab + olaparib
- ENGOT-ov43: Pembrolizumab + olaparib ± bevacizumab

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# In development: Therapeutic strategies in cervical cancer

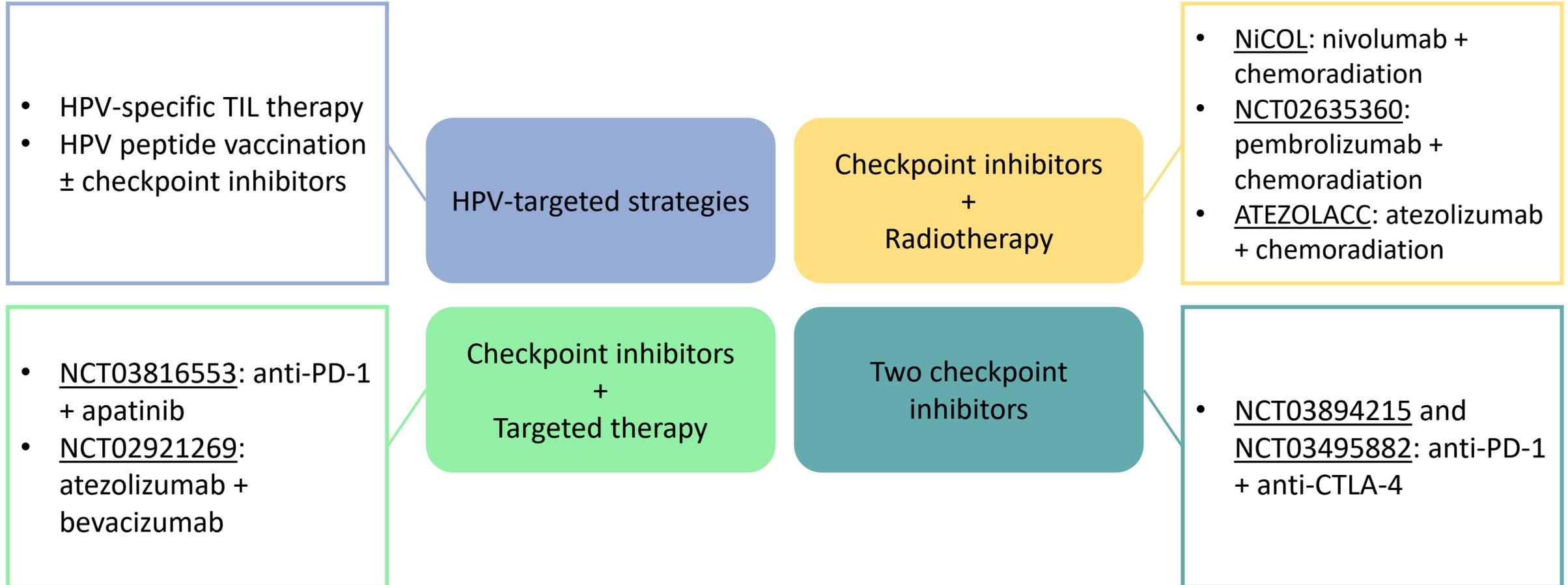
HPV-targeted strategies

Checkpoint inhibitors  
+  
Radiotherapy

Checkpoint inhibitors  
+  
Targeted therapy

Two checkpoint  
inhibitors

# In development: Therapeutic strategies in cervical cancer



# Conclusions

- Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers is expanding rapidly
- Immunotherapy in breast cancer shows promise in certain subtypes
- Single-agent immunotherapy in ovarian cancer has low response rates, so combinations currently under investigation
- Cervical cancer and HPV-associated cancers present unique treatment options

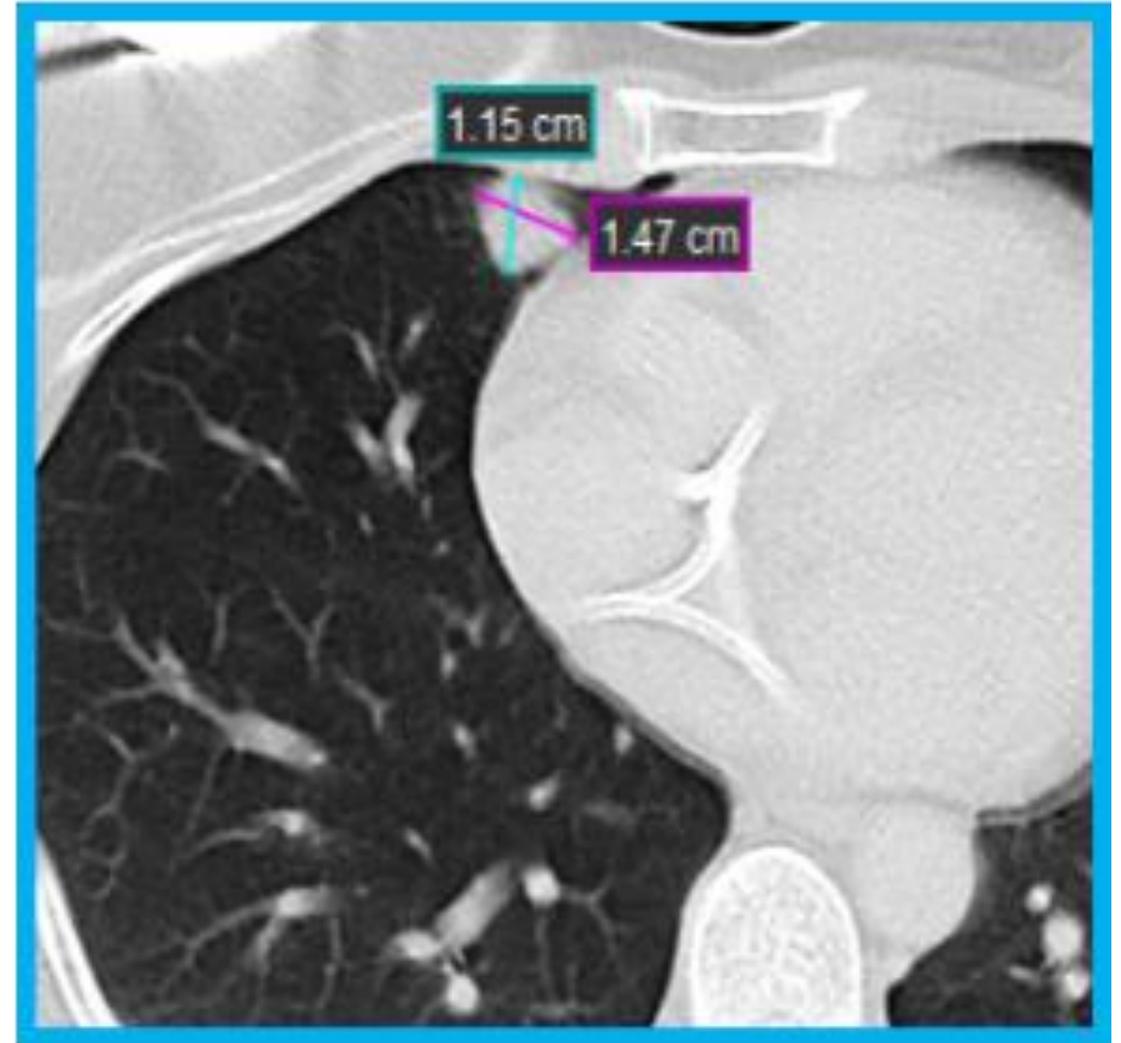
# Case Studies

# Case Study

- 32-yr-old physician diagnosed with stage IIA (pT2N0), 3 cm, grade 3, TNBC in 2013
- Received curative-intent chemotherapy followed by lumpectomy/sentinel lymph node biopsy
- Had good response to chemotherapy, but not a complete response
- Received adjuvant radiation
- Placed on surveillance

# Case Study

- Within 2y she becomes SOB
- PET/CT suspicious for lung and lymph node metastases
- Distant lymph node biopsy confirmed metastatic TNBC
- Tested positive for PDL1
  - $\geq 1\%$  immune cells positive using the VENTANA SP142 antibody or
  - CPS  $\geq 10$  using the DAKO 22C3 antibody



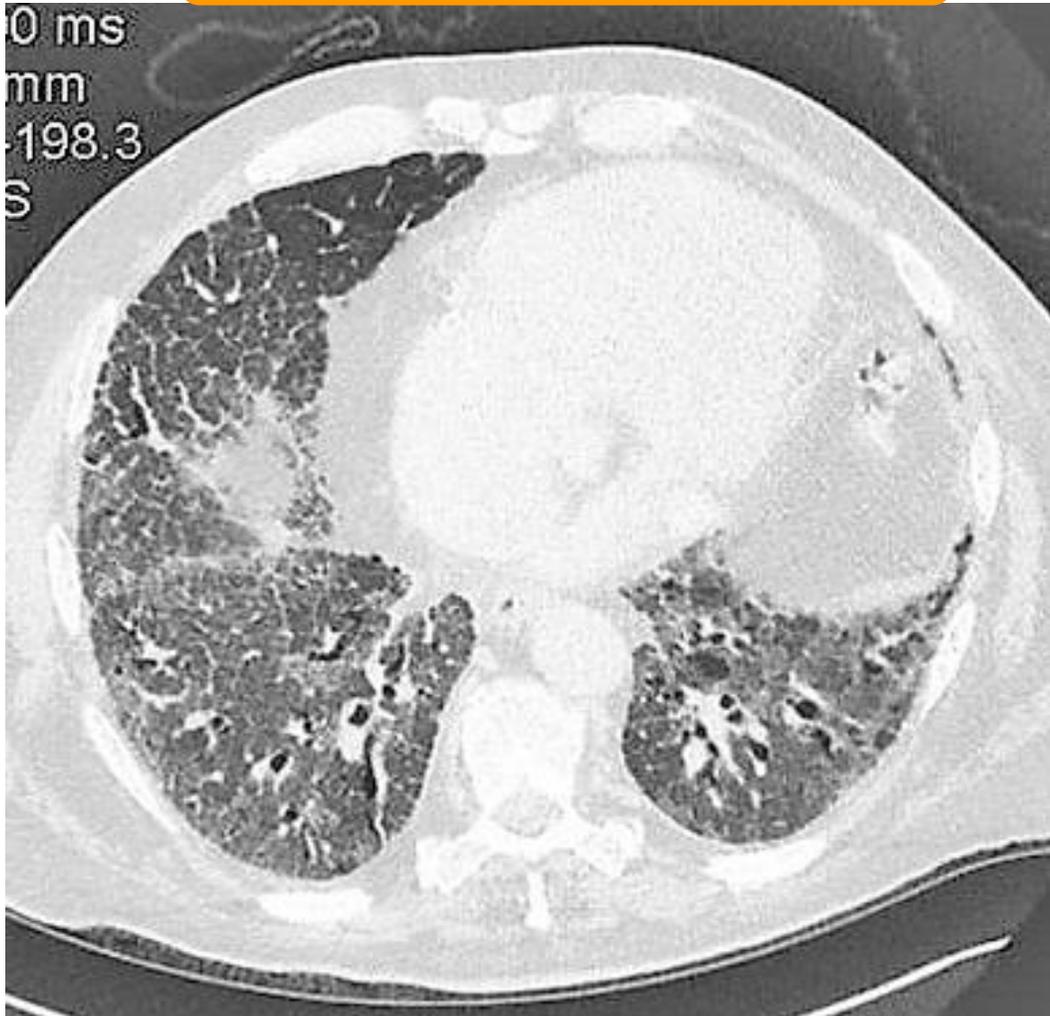
## **Assessment 2: If the PD-L1 test is positive, which of the following regimens would you recommend for this patient?**

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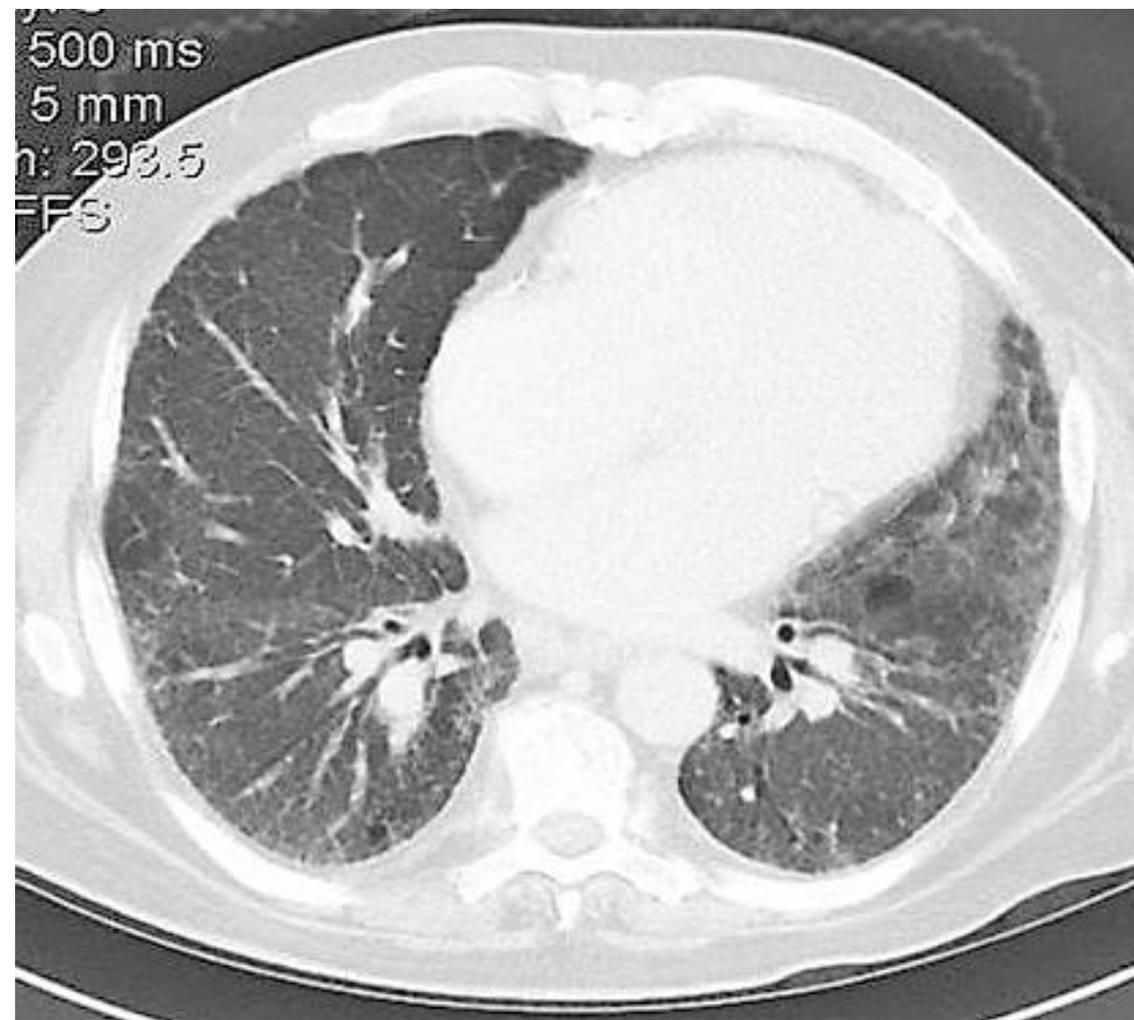
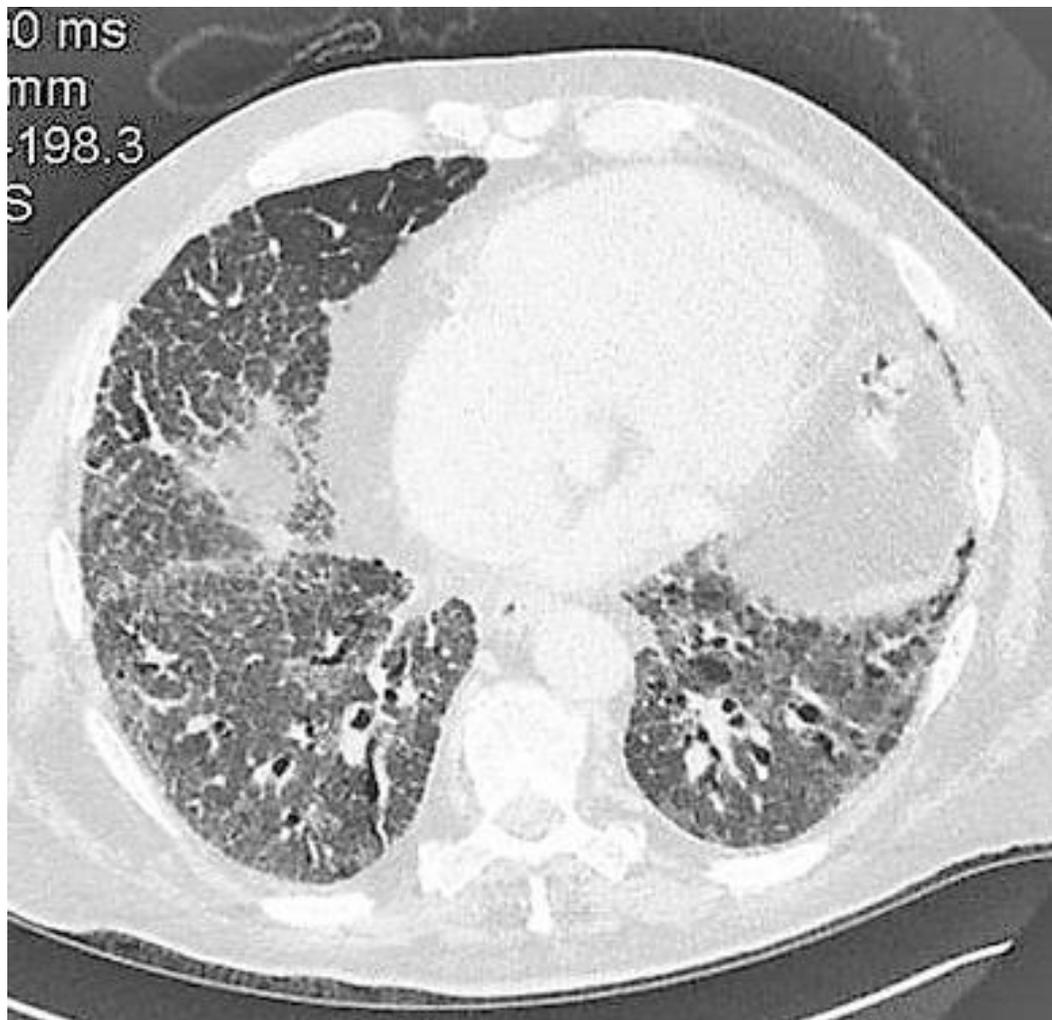
**Differential Diagnosis:**  
1. Disease progression  
2. Infection  
3. Pneumonitis (Grade 2)



## Case Study

- On nab-paclitaxel with atezolizumab she had 2 episodes of cough with dyspnea
- Oral steroids (1-2 mg/kg)  
Hold CPI  
Empirical antibiotics  
Steroid taper 4-6 weeks

2 months later  
symptoms are resolved



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- >6y after her MBC diagnosis she remains  
NED on observation!!

51 y/o woman

New TNBC  
cT2 cN1

Neoadjuvant  
chemotherapy  
+ anti-PD1

Patient reports  
fatigue and  
general malaise

06/2017

09/2017

What would you do?

1. Reassure as expected during chemotherapy
2. Urgent admission
3. Further investigations

Diagnosis: hypothyroidism

How to manage this patient?

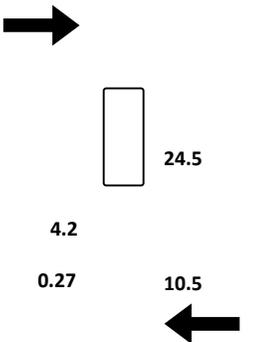
- A. L-thyroxine replacement
- B. L-thyroxine plus steroids
- C. L-thyroxine & discontinue CIP

Test results

1. Hb 9.7
2. TSH 53.8, T4 4.5
3. Cortisol normal
4. CRP & other bloods normal

Thyroid function

TSH T4





41 y/o woman

Metastatic TNBC  
with lung & LN  
metastases

Paclitaxel +  
anti-PD/PD-L1 +  
small molecule

What would you do?

2. Antihistamines
3. Topical steroids



After 3 weeks  
patient presents  
with G1 rash

What would you do?

2. Antihistamines
4. Oral steroids



2 days later  
rash deteriorated  
to G3

Patient with good PR  
until 06/2019

What to do now?

1. Restart CPI

Rash completely  
resolves after  
1 week

03/2018

63 y/o woman

Patient presenting with new rash  
several weeks after starting on CPI



Advice was given  
to observe



4 weeks later



What to do?

1. Observe
2. Topical steroids
3. Oral steroids

# Different Patterns of Skin Toxicity



# NCCN Guidelines® for Managing Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor–Related Toxicities: An Interactive Decision Support Tool

- Collaboration between CCO and NCCN
- To gain management recommendations, enter specific organ system affected and severity by answering a series of multiple choice questions in this online tool
- Posted April 2020

## Interactive Decision Support Tool

### Managing irAEs: NCCN Guidelines® Tool

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#### Enter Patient Details

**Which organ system is primarily affected?**  
(Please click on the corresponding "more info" [i] button for additional assessment and grading guidance)

- Dermatologic
- Gastrointestinal, hepatic, or pancreatic
- Endocrine
- Pulmonary: pneumonitis [i]
- Renal: elevated serum creatinine/acute renal failure [i]
- Neurologic or ocular
- Cardiovascular, severe (G3) or life-threatening (G4) [i]
- Musculoskeletal
- Infusion-related reactions [i]
- Fatigue

#### Your Patient Case

Which organ system is primarily affected?  
(Please click on the corresponding "more info" [i] button for additional assessment and grading guidance) Pulmonary: pneumonitis

What grade is the pneumonitis?  
(Please click on the corresponding "more info" [i] button for additional assessment and grading guidance) Severe (grade 3/4)

How do you plan to manage this symptom? Unsure

#### NCCN Guidelines Recommendations

- [Permanently discontinue immunotherapy.](#)
- Inpatient care
- Infectious workup:
  - Consider that patient may be immunocompromised
  - Nasal swab for potential viral pathogens
  - Sputum culture, blood culture, and urine culture
- Pulmonary and infectious disease consultation, consider PFTs
- Bronchoscopy with BAL to rule out infection and malignant lung infiltration
- Consider empiric antibiotics if infection has not yet been fully excluded
- Methylprednisolone<sup>†</sup> 1–2 mg/kg/day. Assess response within 48 hours and plan taper over ≥6 weeks
- Consider adding any of the following if no improvement after 48 hours:
  - Infliximab<sup>†</sup> 5 mg/kg IV, a second dose may be repeated 14 days later at the discretion of the treating provider
  - Mycophenolate mofetil<sup>†</sup> 1–1.5g BID then taper in consultation with pulmonary service
  - Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)\*

\*Total dosing should be 2 g/kg, administered in divided doses per package insert.  
†Please see [IMMUNO-A](#) for important guidance on administering this agent.

**SUBMIT (AFTER COMPLETING QUESTIONS ABOVE)**

Available at: [clinicaloptions.com/immuneAEtool](https://clinicaloptions.com/immuneAEtool)