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Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

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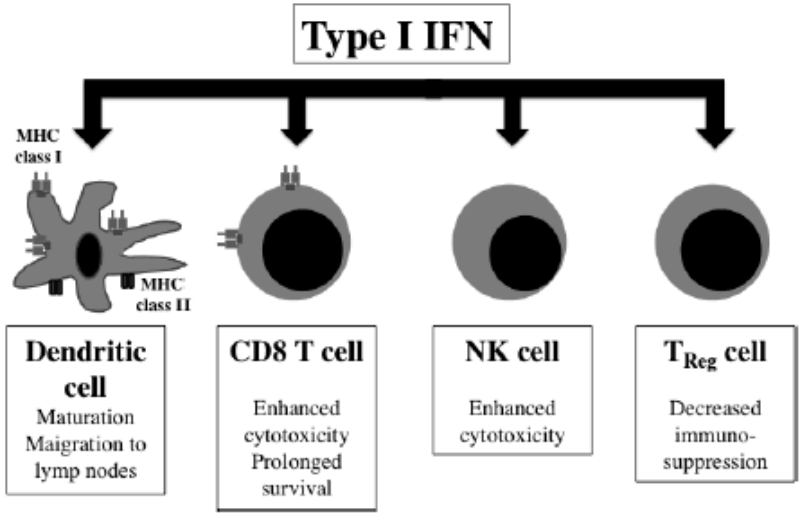
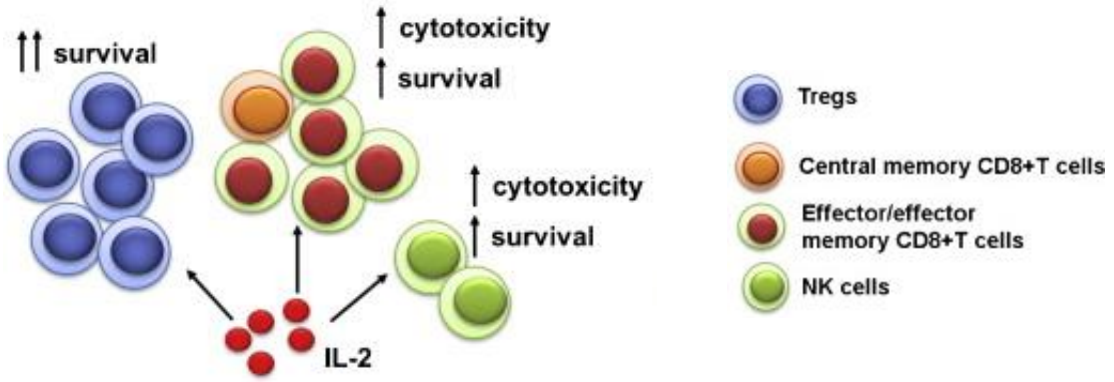
- No relevant disclosures
- I will not be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Cytokines
  - Interferon-α2b- Adjuvant therapy- high dose intravenous (I.V.) part, followed by subcutaneous (SQ)
  - Pegylated Interferon-Adjuvant therapy, SQ
  - Interleukin-2-Stage IV, I.V.



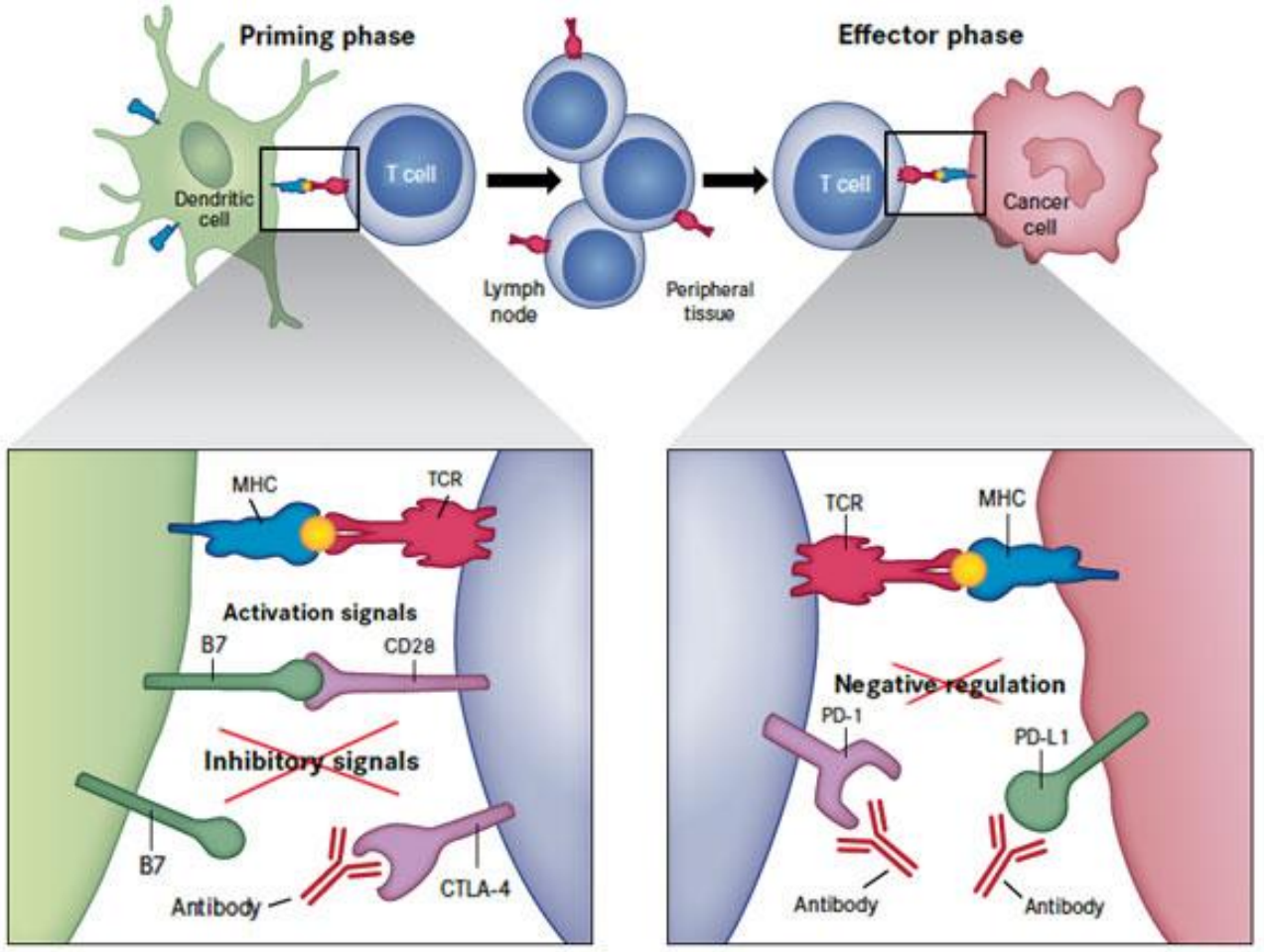
Numasaki et al. Immunotherapy 2016



Sim, Radvanyi Cytogfr 2014

FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

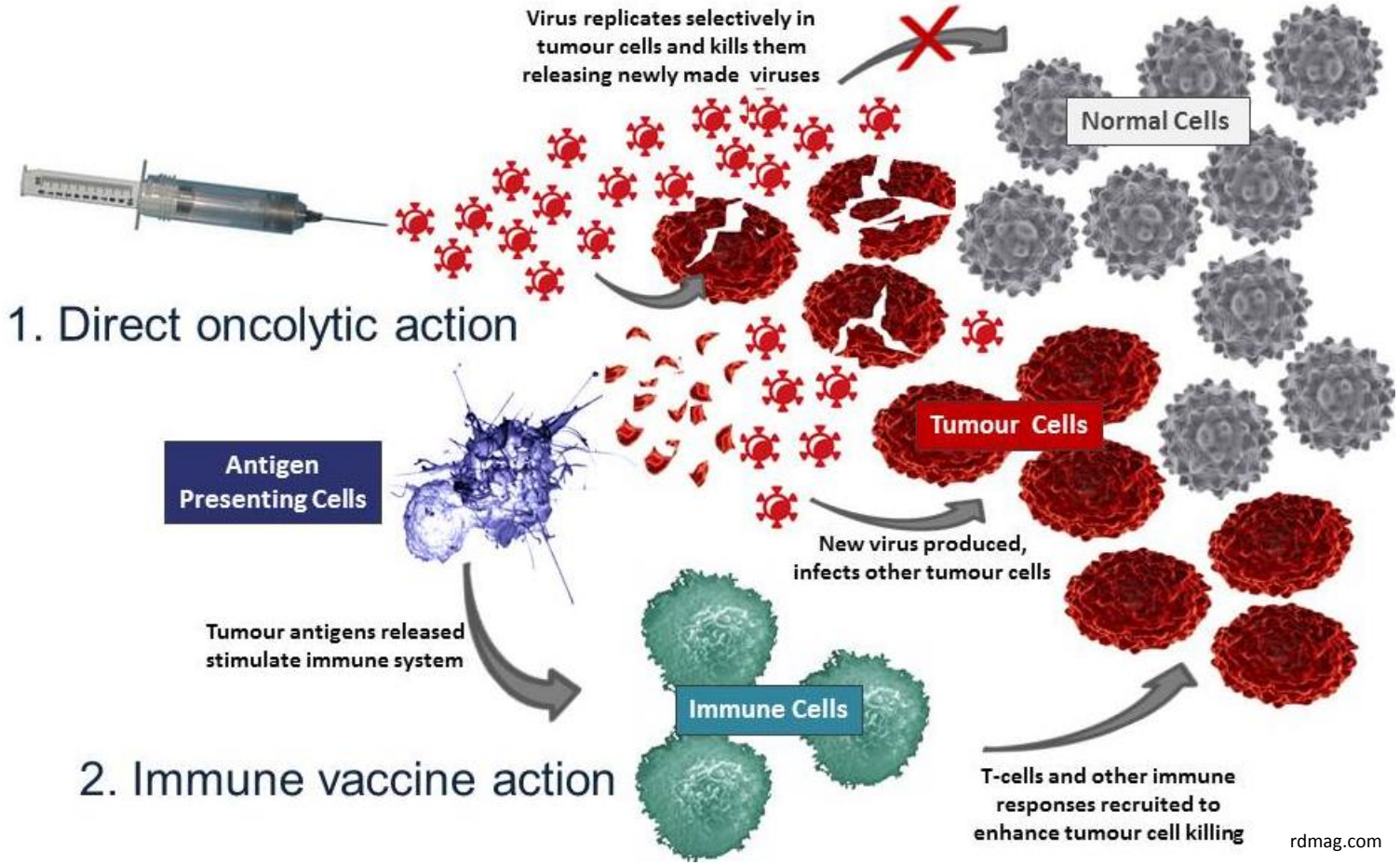
- Checkpoint inhibitors
  - Ipilimumab, adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.- different dosing for adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV
  - Pembrolizumab, nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.
  - Nivolumab, adjuvant and non resectable/Stage IV, I.V.
  - Ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab, Stage IV



Ribas NEJM 2012
Gordon et al Nature 2017

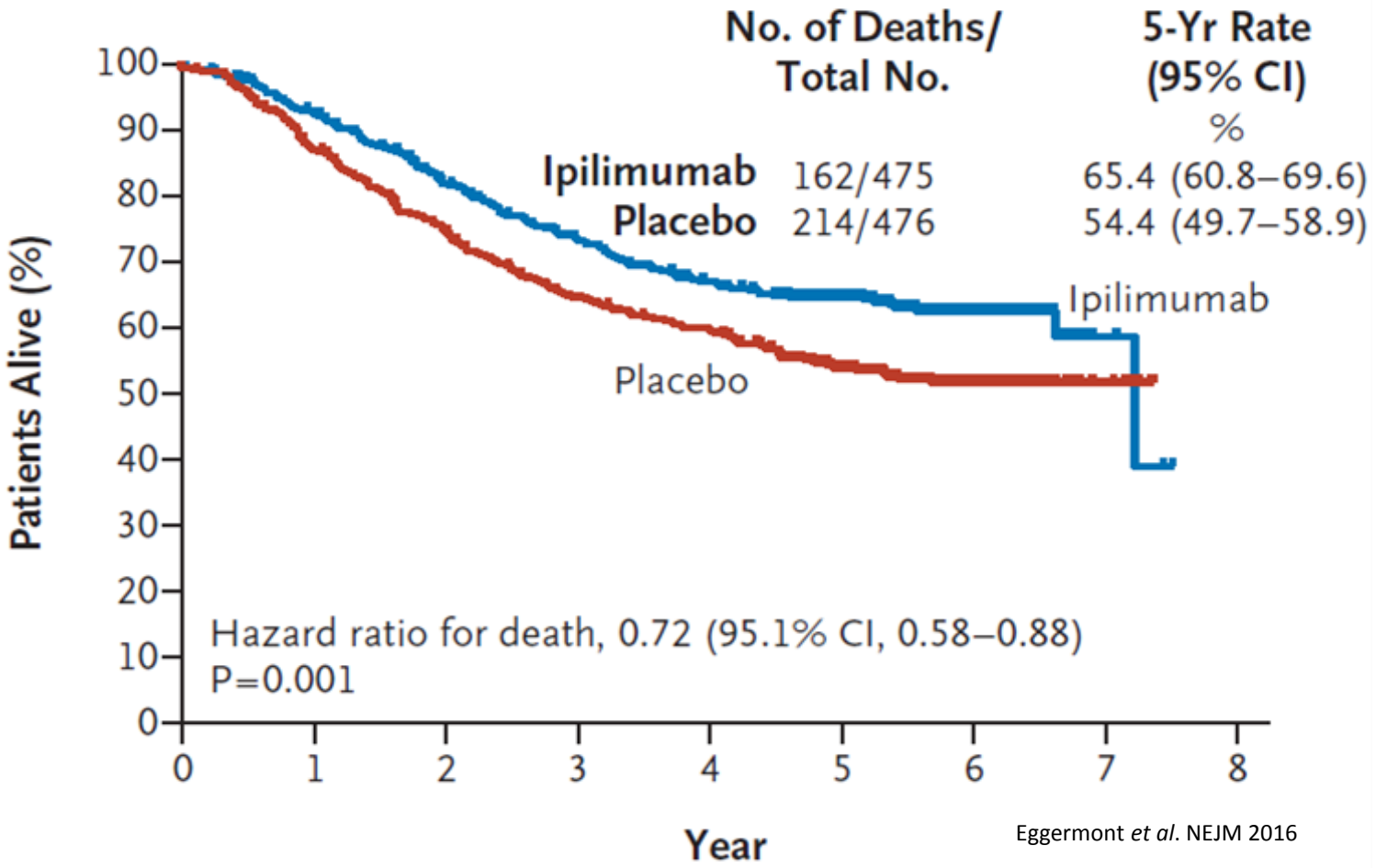
FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Oncolytic Viruses
  - Talimogene Laharparepvec; TVEC - non resectable, intratumoral



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



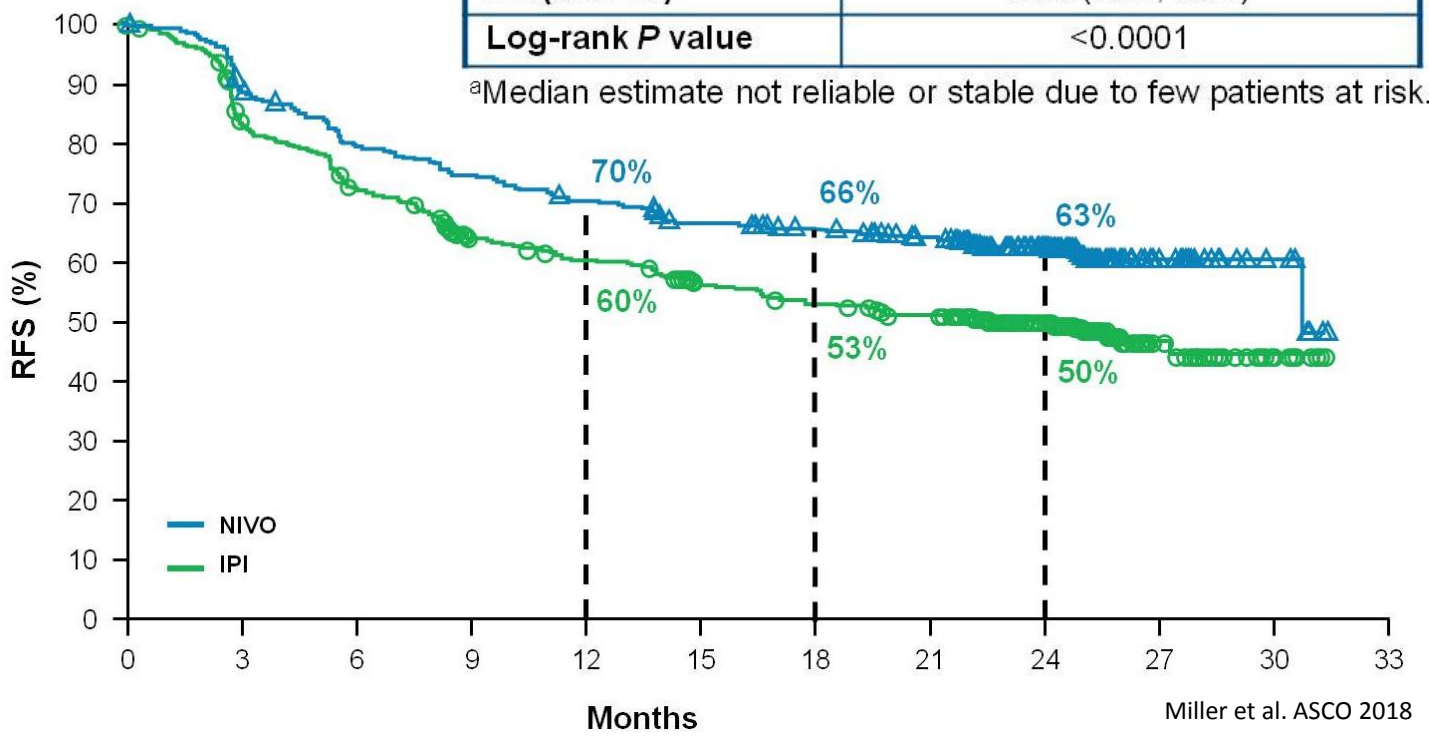
Eggermont *et al*. NEJM 2016

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

	NIVO	IPI
Events/patients	171/453	221/453
Median (95% CI)	30.8 (30.8, NR)[a]	24.1 (16.6, NR)
HR (95% CI)	0.66 (0.54, 0.81)	
Log-rank *P* value	<0.0001	

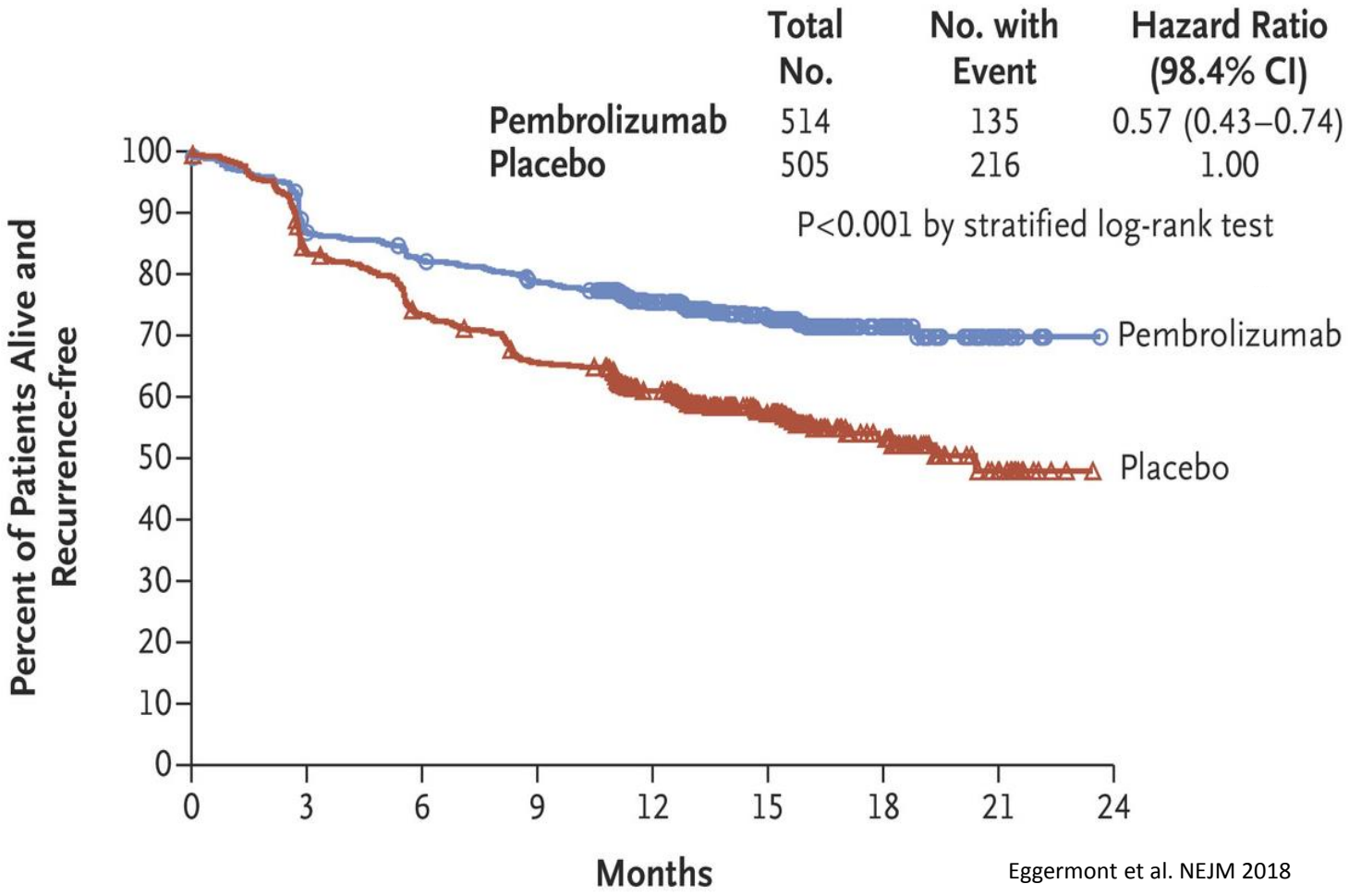
[a]Median estimate not reliable or stable due to few patients at risk.



Miller et al. ASCO 2018

Adjuvant Pembrolizumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

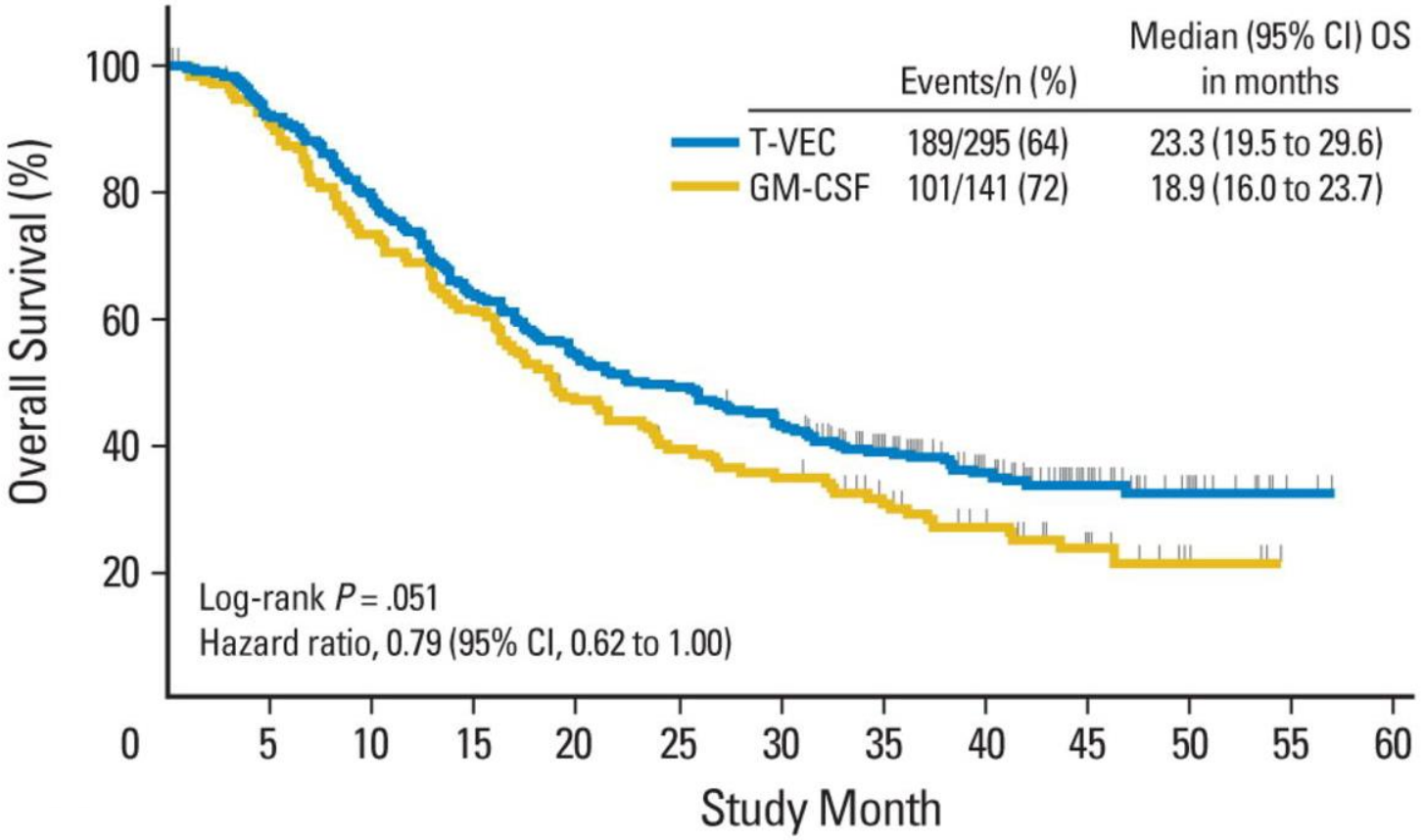
- EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 phase III trial
  - NCT02362594
  - Adjuvant pembrolizumab vs placebo
  - Pembrolizumab 200mg Q3W for up to 1 year (~18 total doses)



Eggermont et al. NEJM 2018

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

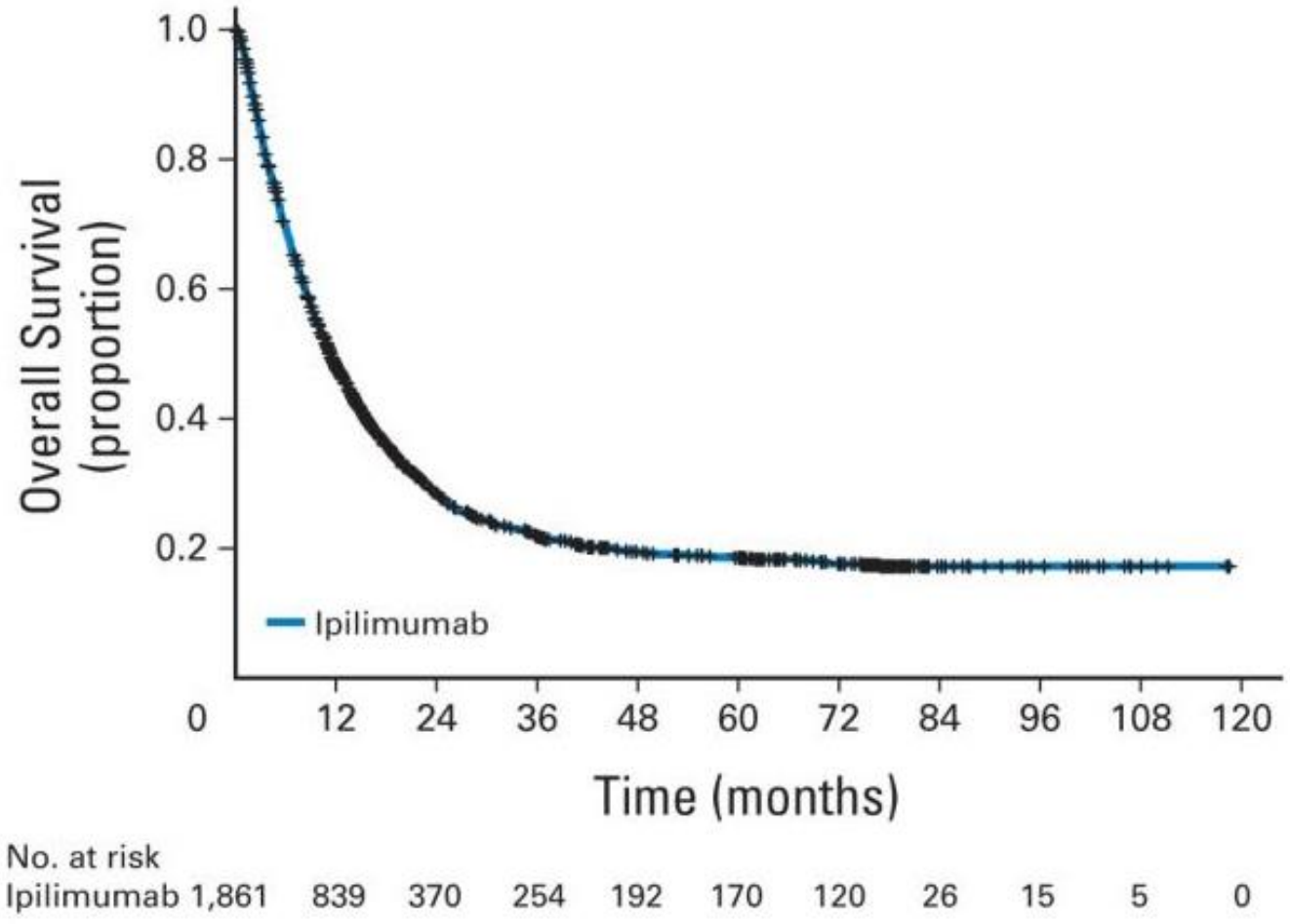
- **Phase III OPTiM Trial**
  - Oncolytic, genetically-engineered herpes virus
  - **Intralesional** T-VEC 10^6 pfu/mL, 10^8 pfu/mL 3 weeks after initial dose, then Q2W
  - Subcutaneous GM-CSF



Andtbacka, Kaufman et al. JCO 2015

Ipilimumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

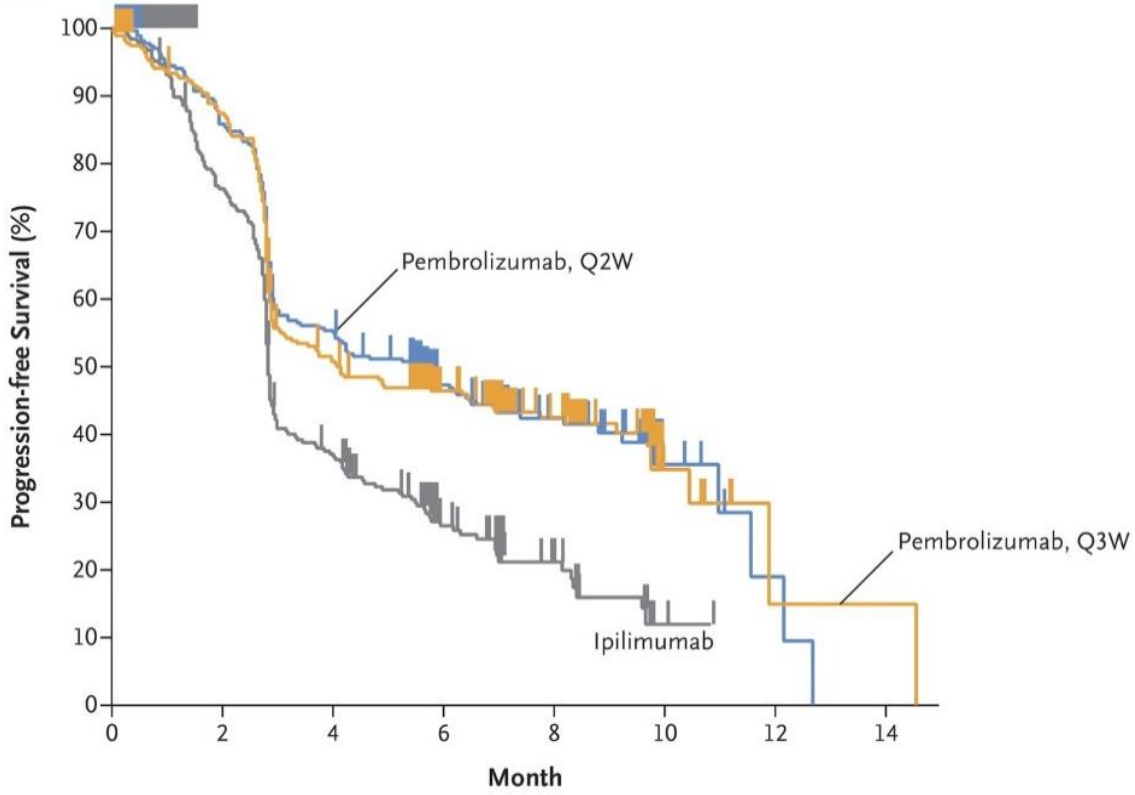
- Pooled OS data from 10 phase II/III trials
  - Previously treated (n = 1,257) or treatment-naïve (n = 604)
  - Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg (n = 965) or 10 mg/kg (n = 706)

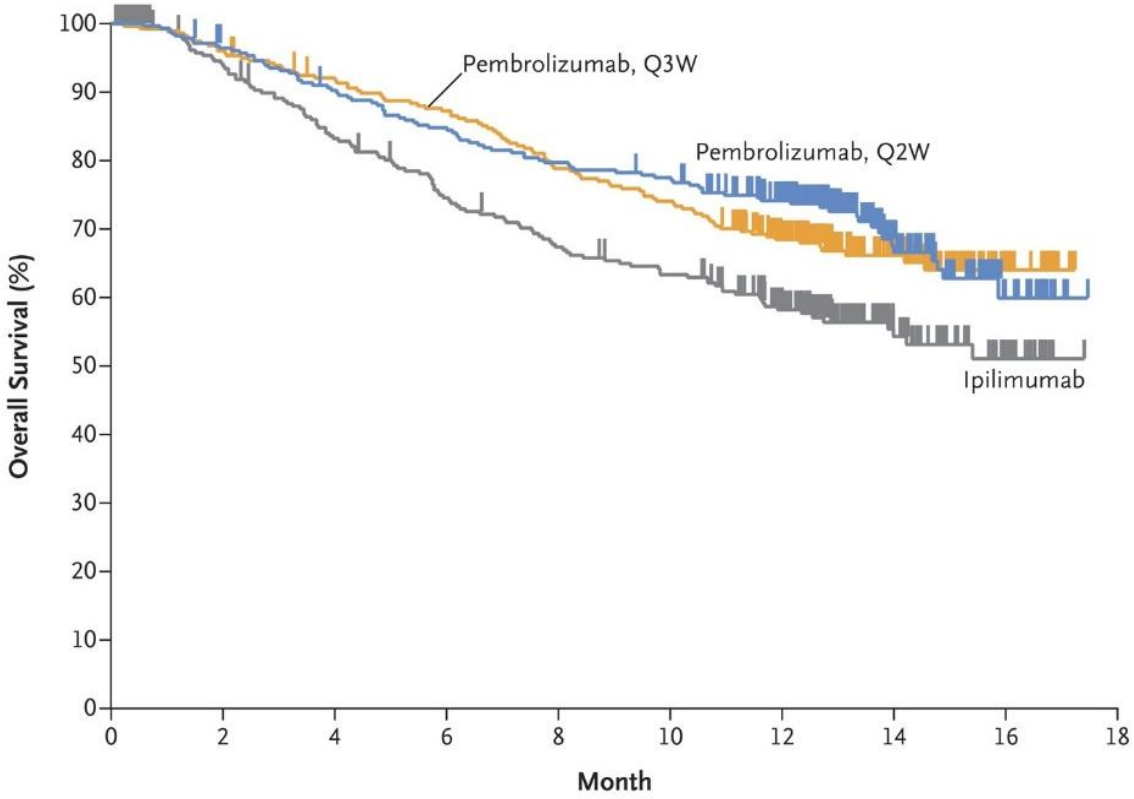


Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015

Pembrolizumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

Phase III KEYNOTE-006 Trial



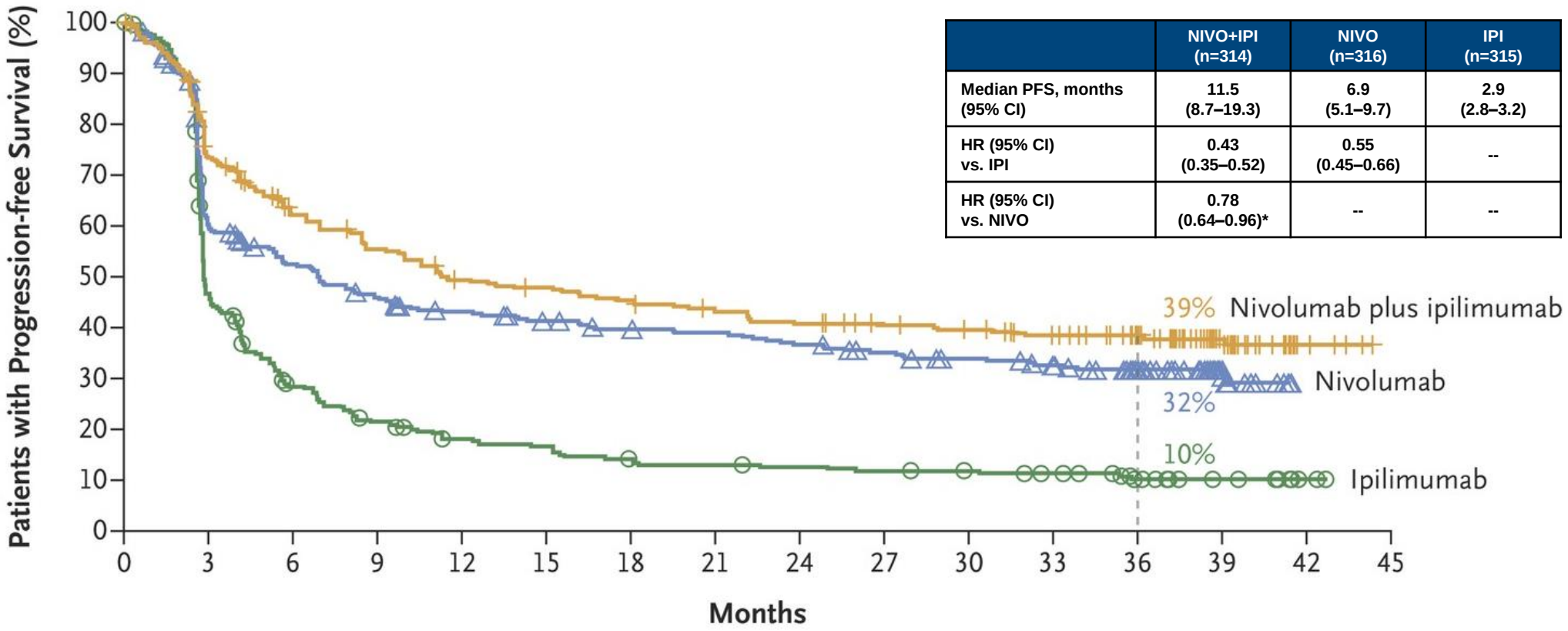


Robert et al. NEJM 2015

Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

Phase III CheckMate 067 Trial

	NIVO+IPI (n=314)	NIVO (n=316)	IPI (n=315)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	11.5 (8.7–19.3)	6.9 (5.1–9.7)	2.9 (2.8–3.2)
HR (95% CI) vs. IPI	0.43 (0.35–0.52)	0.55 (0.45–0.66)	--
HR (95% CI) vs. NIVO	0.78 (0.64–0.96)*	--	--



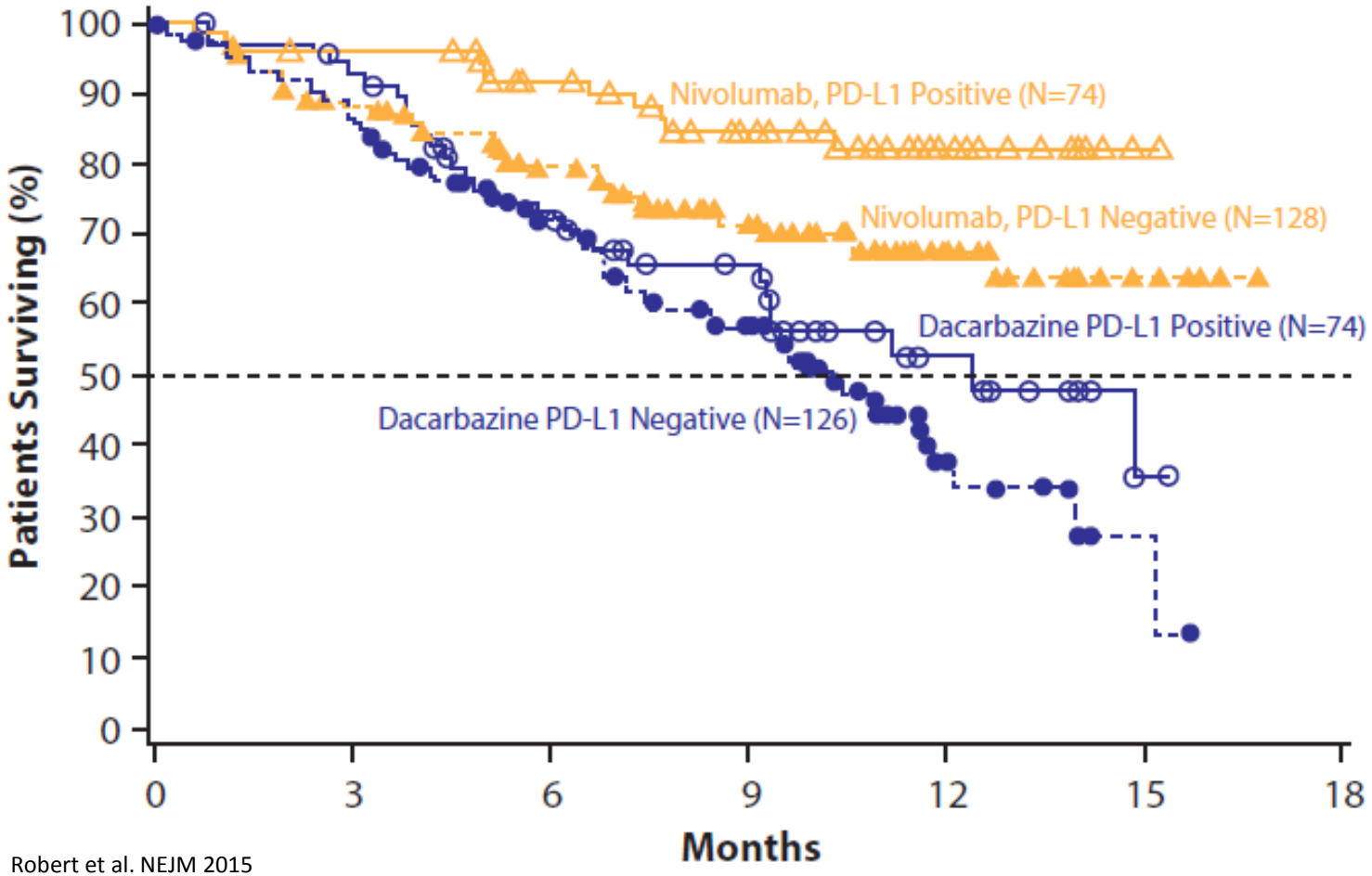
Wolchok et al. NEJM 2017

Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Patients with Asymptomatic Brain Metastases

	Global	Intracranial	Extracranial
Best overall response, n (%)			
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[a]	18 (24)	18 (24)	16 (21)
Not evaluable[b]	13 (17)	12 (16)	20 (27)
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	53 (41-65)	55 (43-66)	49 (38-61)
Clinical benefit rate, % (95% CI)[c]	59 (47-70)	60 (48-71)	52 (40-64)

Tawbi et al. ASCO 2017

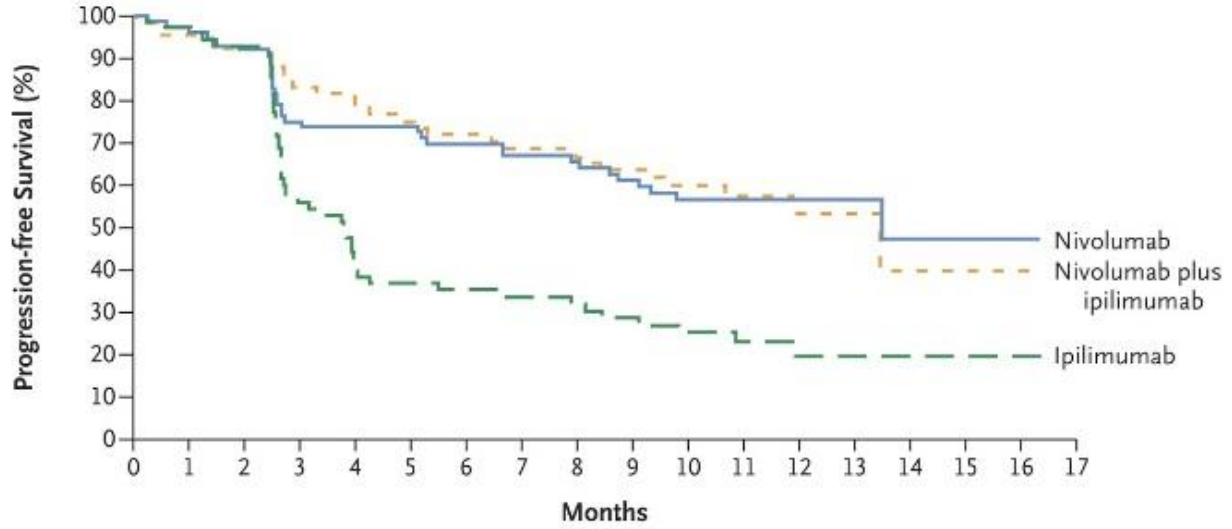
Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy



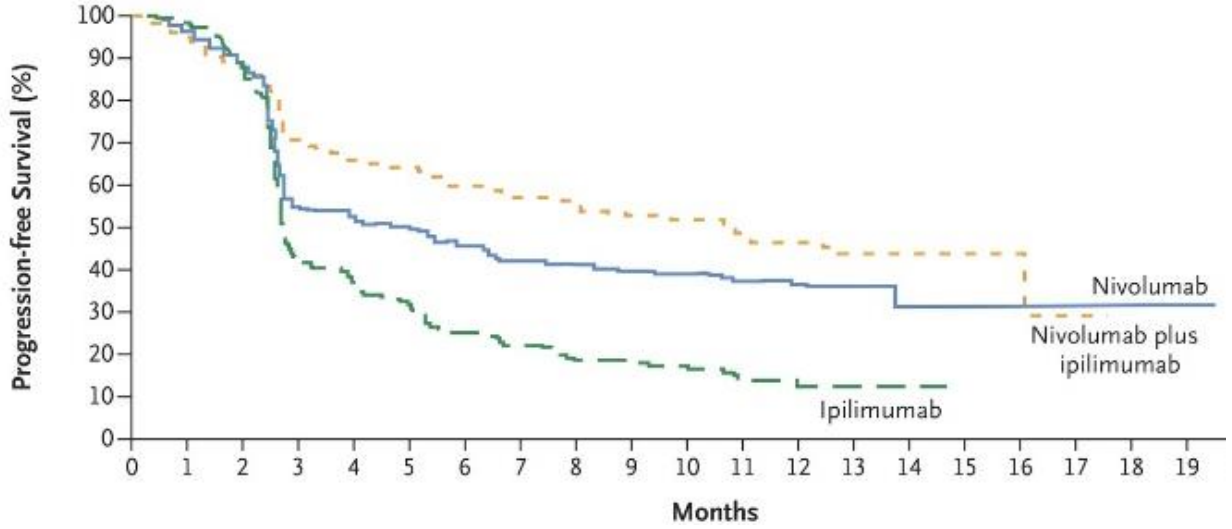
	Patients Who Died *n/N*	Median Survival *mo (95% CI)*
Nivolumab PD-L1 Positive	11/74	N.R.
Nivolumab PD-L1 Negative	37/128	N.R.
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Positive	29/74	12.4 (9.2–N.R.)
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Negative	64/126	10.2 (7.6–11.8)

Robert et al. NEJM 2015

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



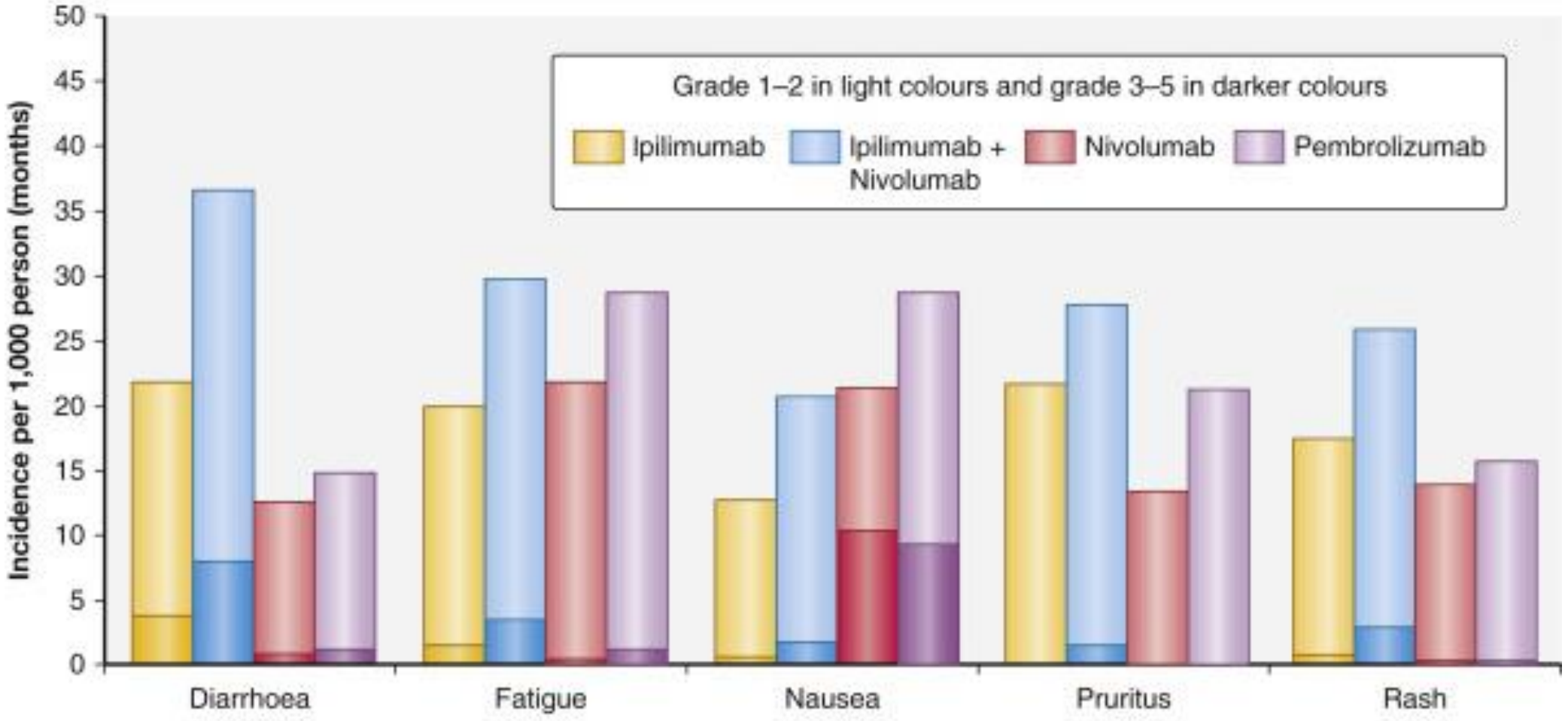
Tumor PD-L1 Positive Patients



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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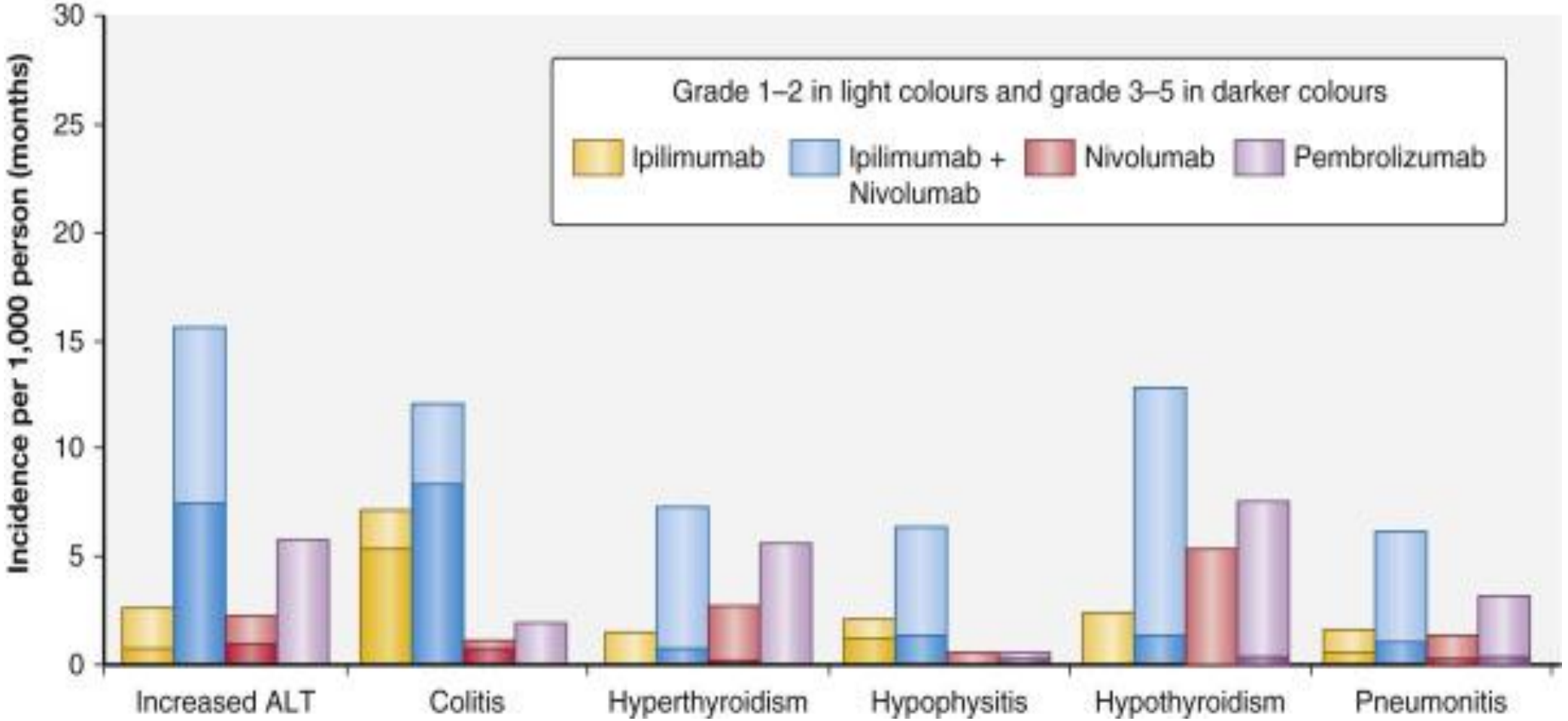

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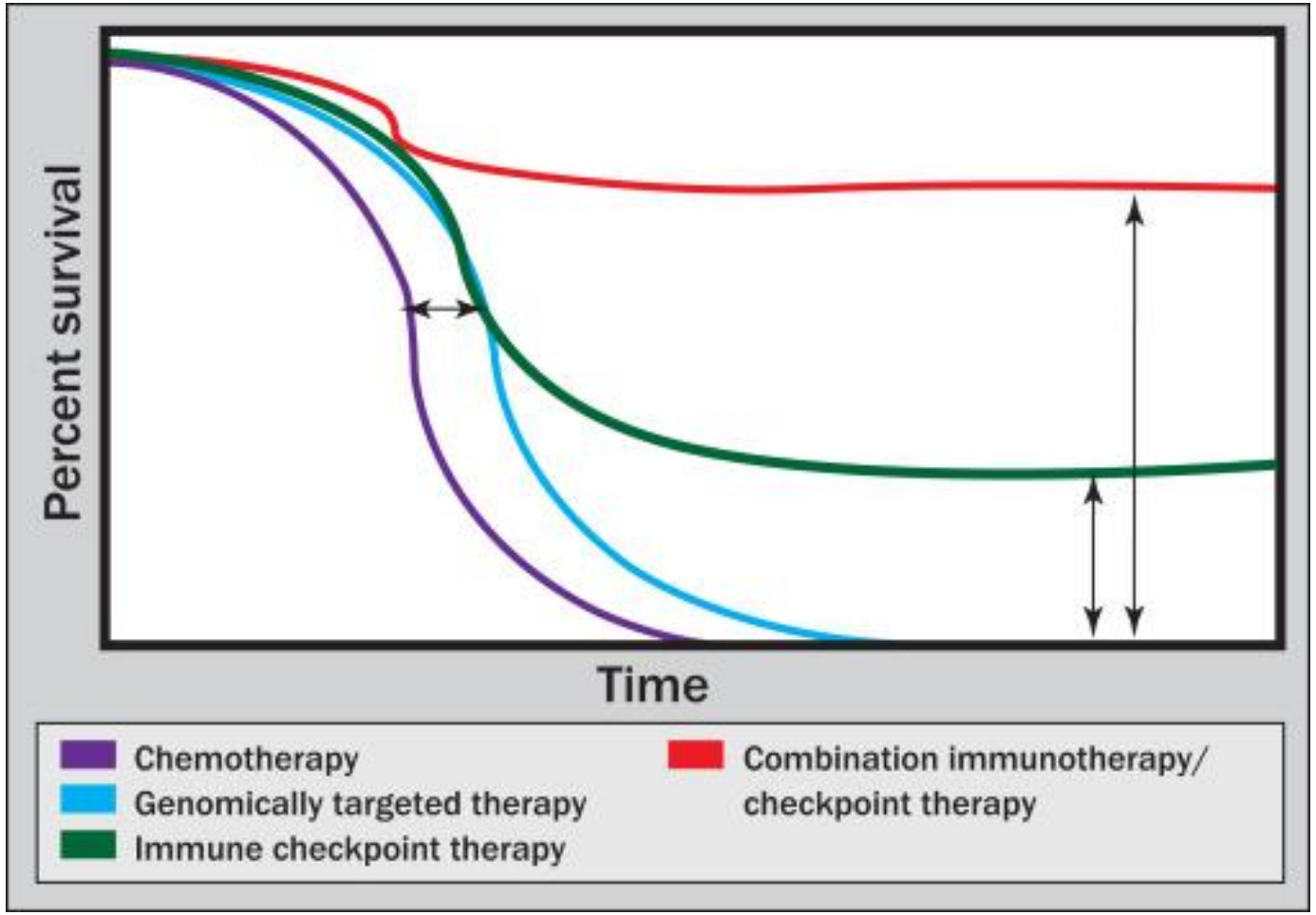
Treatment of Immune-Related AEs

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	• Corticosteroids not usually indicated	• Continue immunotherapy
2	• If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication. • If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV • If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day • Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper	• Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use • Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids • Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis
3	• Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) • If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant • Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper • Provide supportive treatment as needed	• Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy • Consider intravenous corticosteroids • Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis • Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
4	• Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) • If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab • Provide supportive care as needed	• Discontinue immunotherapy • Continue intravenous corticosteroids • Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis • Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)

Puzanov et al. JITC 2017

Developmental Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Melanoma



Atkins, Semi. Oncology 2015

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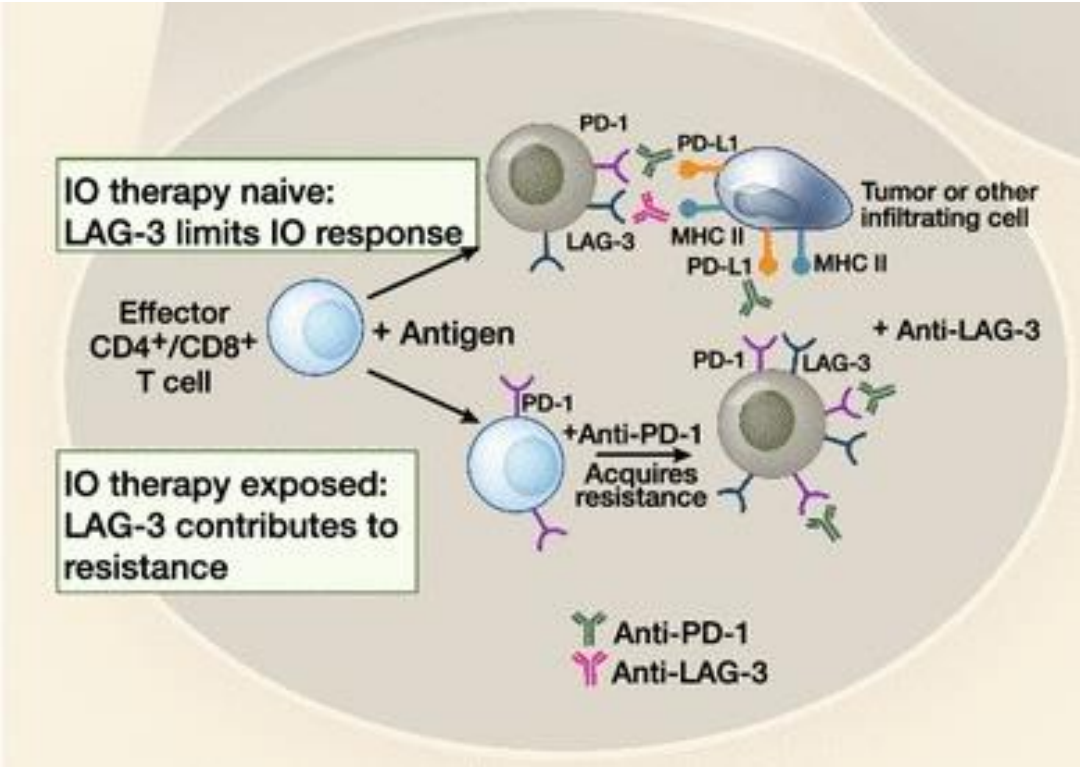
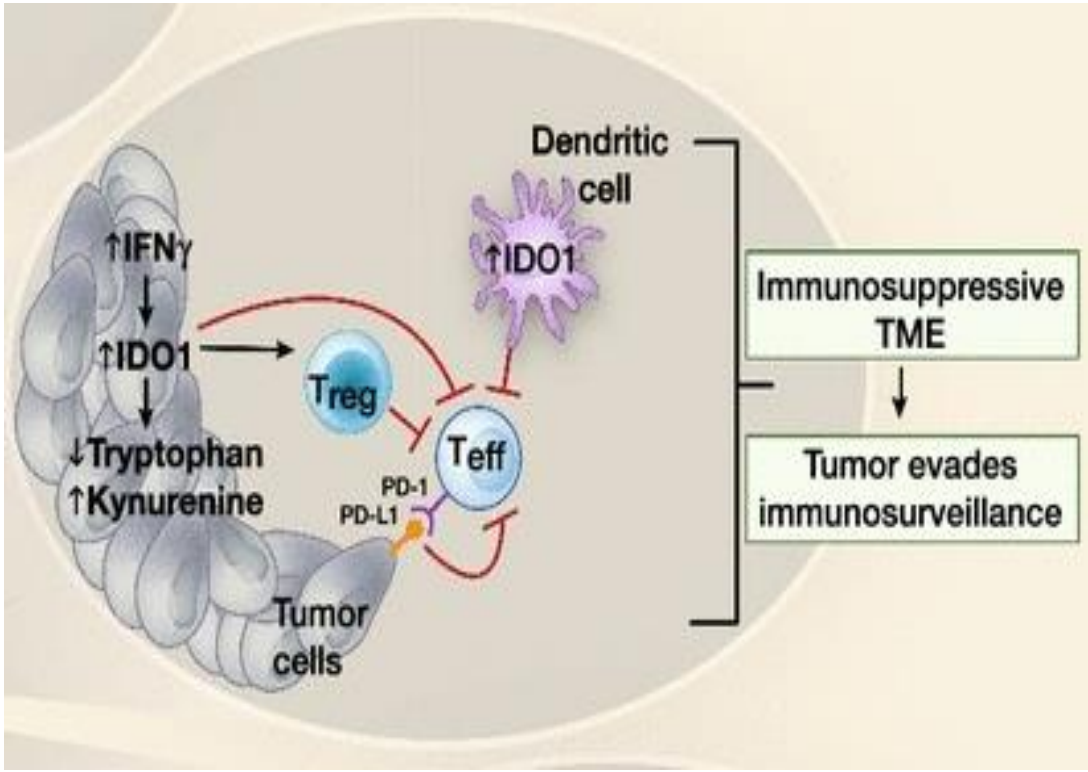
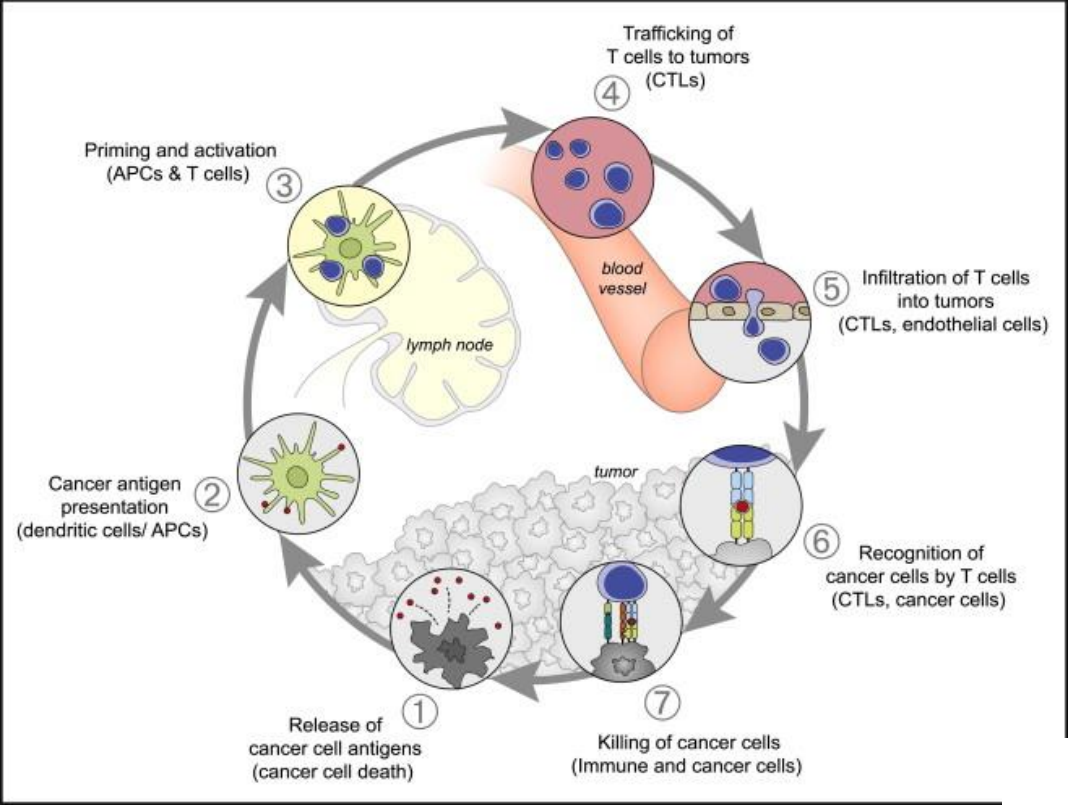
Targeting New Immune Checkpoints





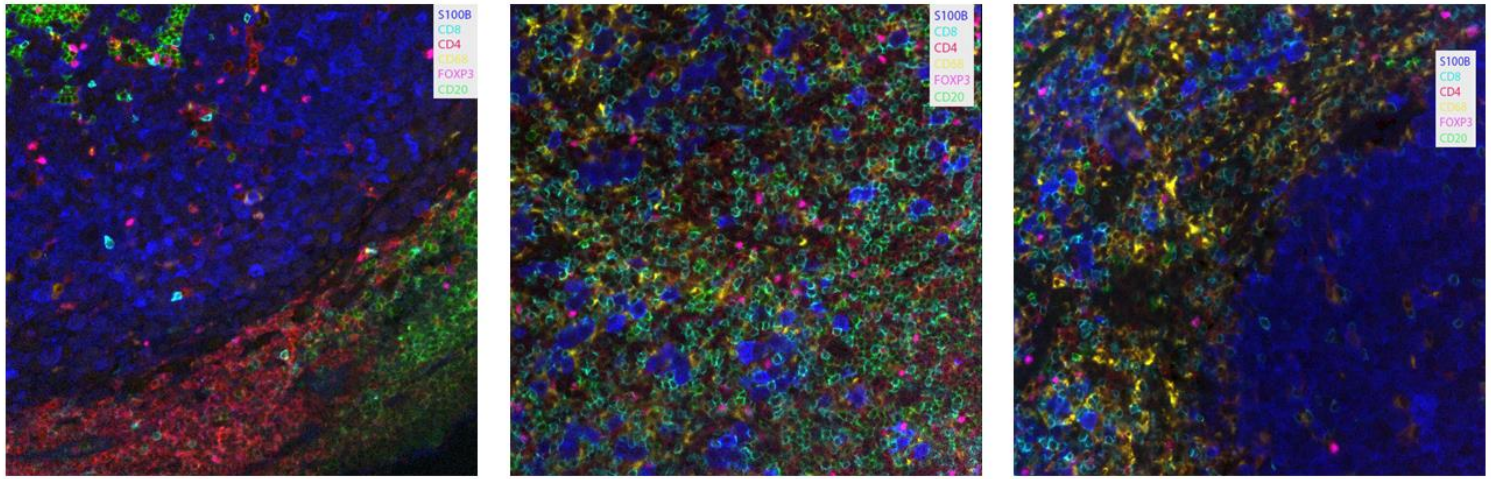
Ascierto, McArthur J Transl Med 2017



Chen et al, Immunity 39:1, 2013

Ongoing efforts:

- *Resolve the complexity of the TME*
  - *In situ immuno-biology*
- *Understand systemic immune homeostasis of cancer*
  - *Parallels with feto-maternal tolerance*
- *Enable analyses of dynamic systems (time and space)*
  - *Spatial statistical modeling*
  - *Signal analyses*
- *Improve drug delivery platforms*
  - *Immunoconjugates, nanoparticles, etc..*



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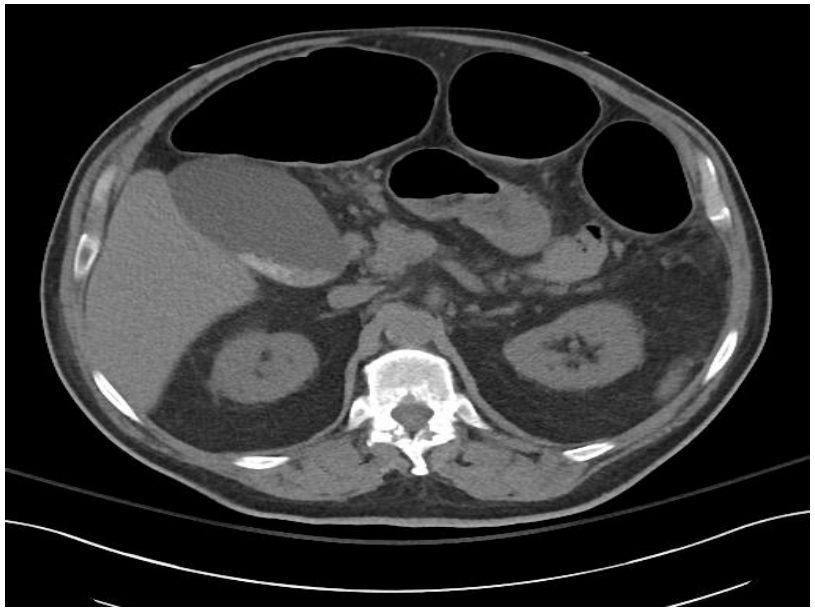
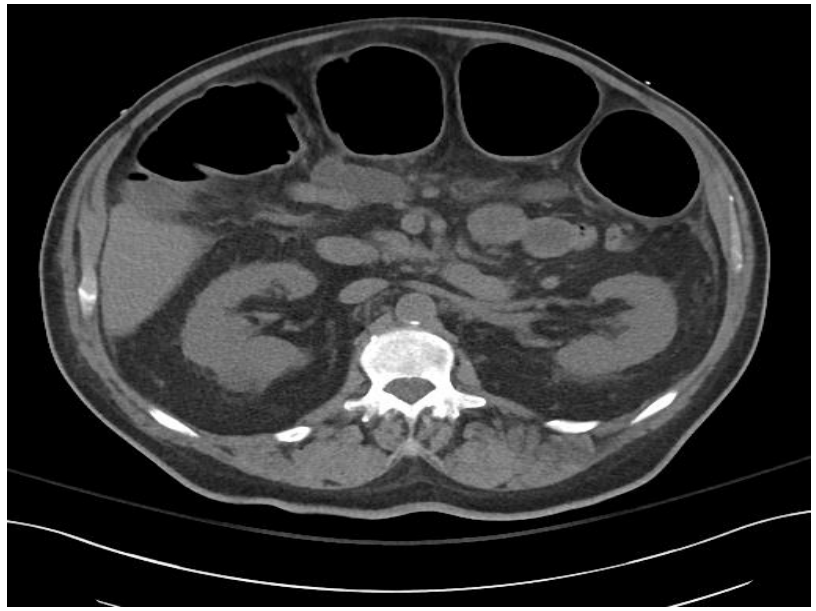
Case Study 1

- Delightful 64yom develops diarrhea after two cycle of ipilimumab/nivolumab for his metastatic melanoma
- R axillary mass is responding to therapy, but, about 1 week after 2nd dose of IPI/Nivo, diarrhea worsens from 1-3 BM per day to 8-10
- Patient does not want to impose on his physicians and following advice of neighbors, self medicates using loperamide
- Diarrhea improves over course of the next two/three days, but…

- On day 5 he starts developing abdominal distention, followed by mental status changes, and fever requiring 911 call and ER evaluation
- In the ER, he is hypotensive, tachicardic, febrile with tense abdomen; CBC demonstrates neutophilia
- Emergency CT abdomen shows:

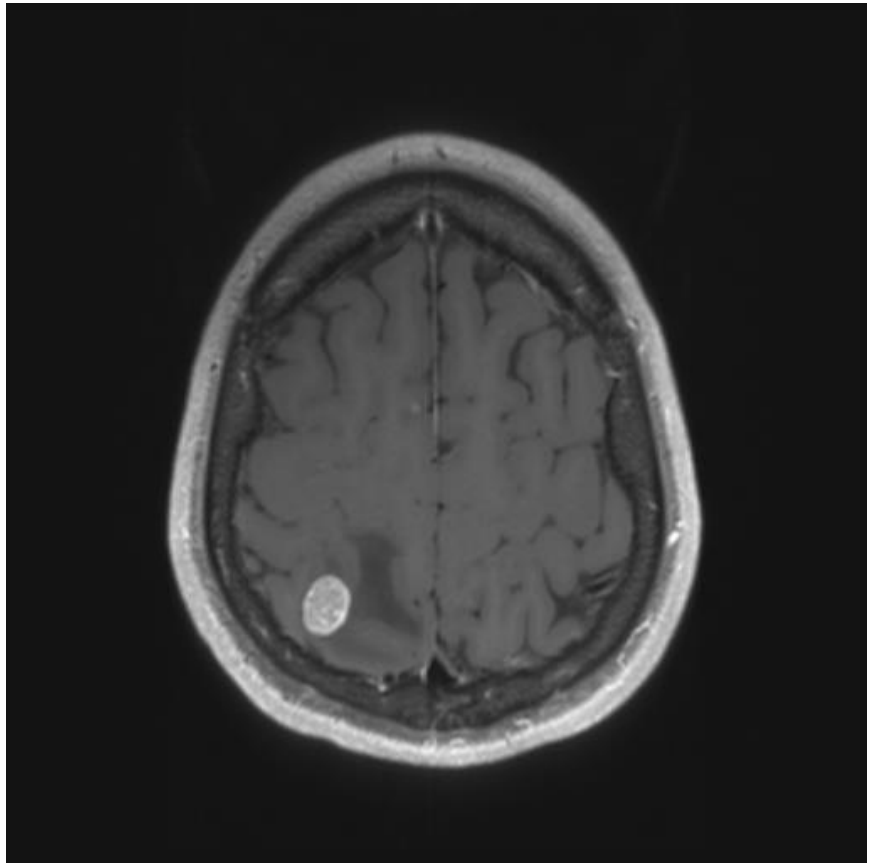




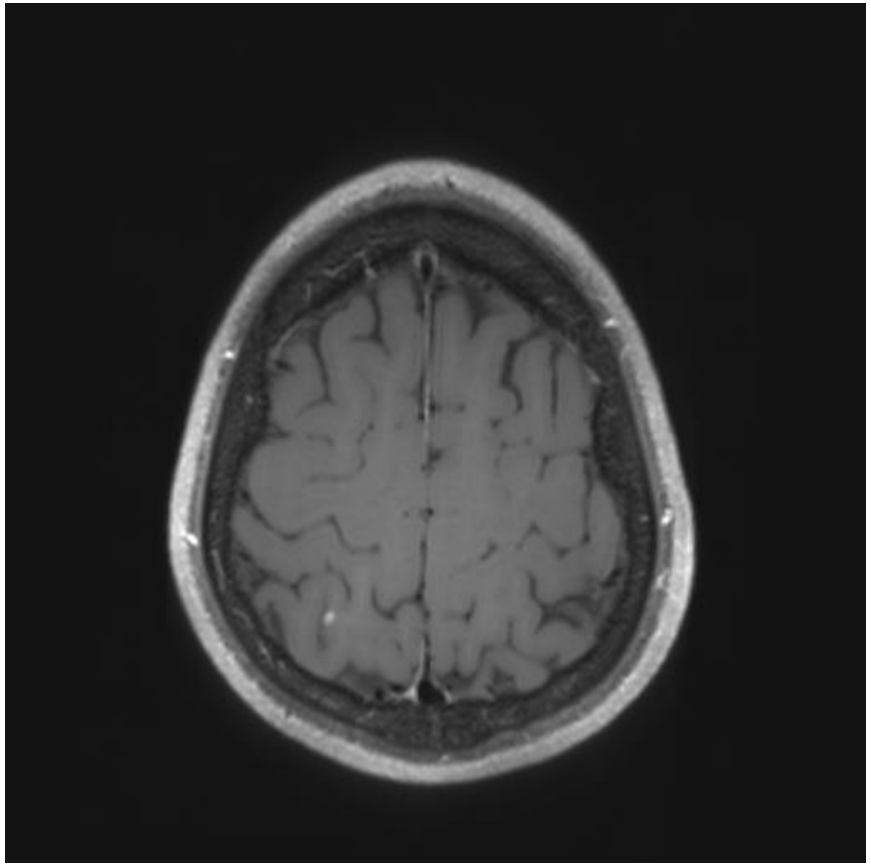
Case study 2

- 19 yom presents with melanoma of the upper back: Beslow 6mm, ulcerated, mitotic rate of 6/mm2
  - WLE and SLN Bx = no residual melanoma; 2 of 2 SLN positive (R neck and R axilla)
  - CLND: no additional nodes involved
- 5 years later, new pulmonary nodule (3 total)
  - Bx = metastatic melanoma; BRAF V600e mutated
  - Staging brain MRI = NED
  - Start Rx with pembrolizumab for oligometastatic melanoma in the lung
- After 10 doses of pembrolizumab, develops a mild headache that improves with caffeine, reports to oncologist

Case 2



Rx:
Gamma knife
Continue Pembro



Summary

- Outcomes for patients with metastatic melanoma have improved significantly in the last 8 years;
- Up to 20% of patients achieve durable long term remissions
- Immunotherapy is here, as is are irAE
  - Broad application of IO agents in patients with significant comorbidities
  - Need for broad awareness of irAE
    - Early recognition
    - Early intervention
- Future directions:
  - We are at “the end of the beginning” of the 150 year history of cancer immunotherapy; much is yet to come…