# Immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy in patients with preexisting inflammatory bowel disease

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# Background

CTLA-4 and PD-(L)-1

↑ cancer survival

Risk of GI-AE

**Existing IBD** 



个 Risk of GI-AE?

Cancer Outcome?

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#### Aim

To assess the risk of GI-AE in patients with preexisting IBD who received ICI therapy



### Methods

- Retrospective cohort study
- Multicenter and multinational
- January 2010 February 2019
- IBD confirmed histopathologically and treated medically



## Methods

USA	International		
MD Anderson Cancer Center	Imperial College London (UK)		
Memorial Sloan Kettering	Kings College London (UK)		
Massachusetts General Hospital	The Ella Lemelbaum Institute (Israel)		
Johns Hopkins	University Perugia (Italy)		
Dana-Farber	Bologne University (Italy)		
Yale University			
Vanderbilt University			
Ohio State University			
East Carolina University			



## Population

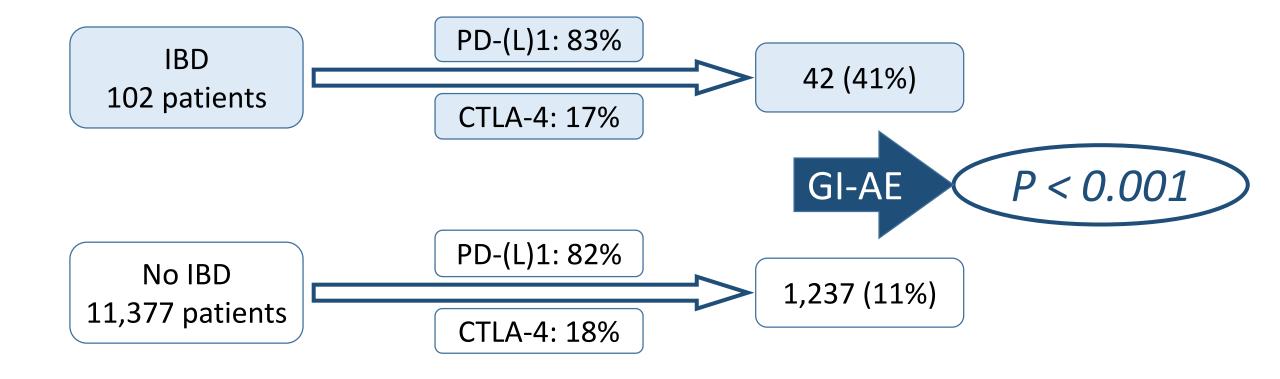
- Adult cancer patients who received ICI therapy
- Median follow up 7 months (3-20)

Case group: IBD

Control group: No IBD



# **Primary Outcome**





# Demographics of IBD patients

Age	65 (54-74)
Male	69 (68)
Non-Hispanic White	94 (92)
Cancer type	
Melanoma	45 (44)
Lung	23 (23)
Gastrointestinal	17 (17)



## **IBD** features

Crohn's disease	49 (48)
Ulcerative colitis	49 (48)
IBD treatment < 3 months	59 (58)
Extent of IBD $(n = 75)$	
Small bowel	15 (20)
Colon	50 (67)
Both	10 (13)

## **GI-AE Features**

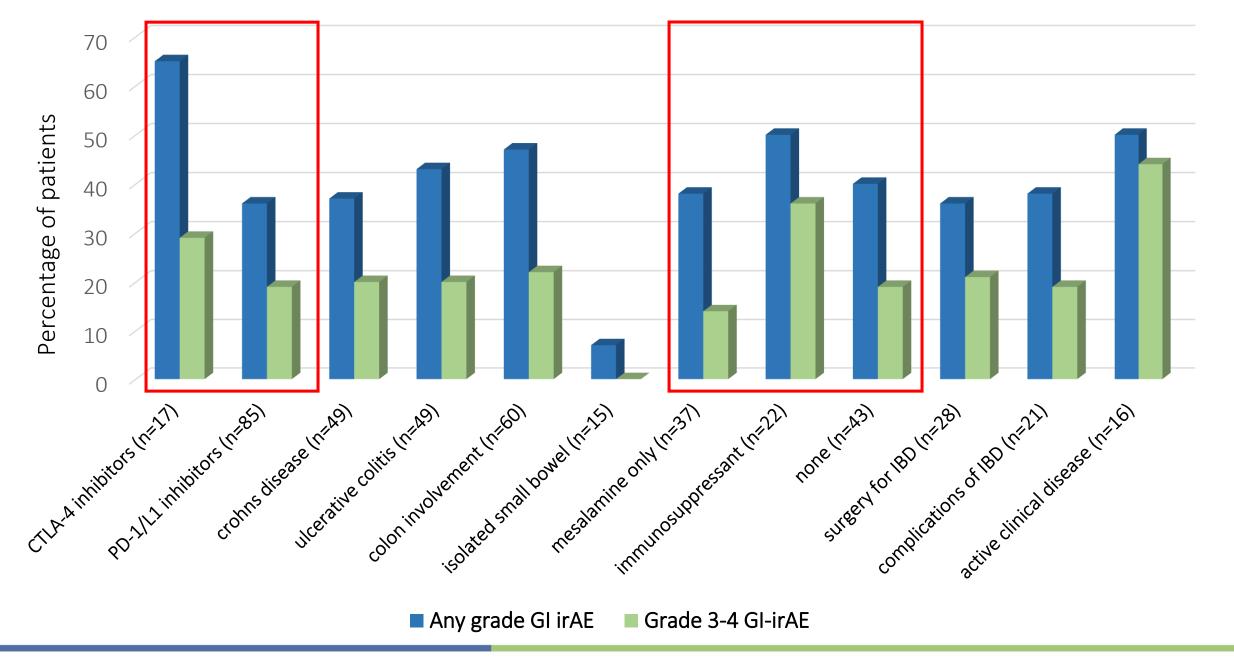
Days from ICI to GI-AE	62 (33-123)
CTCAE diarrhea grade	
1-2	20 (49)
3-4	21 (51)
Treatment of GI-AE	
Corticosteroid	32 (76)
Infliximab or vedolizumab	12 (29)



## **GI-AE Outcomes**

ICU admission	2 (5)
Colonic perforation	4 (10)
Surgery	2 (5)
Recurrent GI-AE	15 (36)
GI-AE-related death	0 (0)





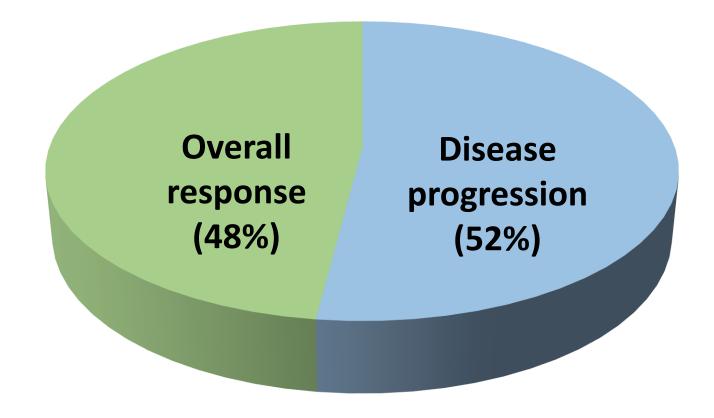


## Multivariate Logistic Regression for GI-AE

Characteristics	Odds ratio	95% CI	P value
Anti-CTLA-4	4.72	0.95-23.53	0.058
Colon involvement	3.61	0.85-15.27	0.081
Time from IBD to ICI	0.98	0.94-1.01	0.190
Prior IBD surgery	0.56	0.19-1.67	0.290



#### **Cancer Outcome**





#### Limitations

- Retrospective
- Limited sample size
- No predetermined criteria
- Control group clinical features
- Multiple cancer types



### Conclusions

- IBD increases risk of GI-AE in patients receiving ICI therapy
- GI-AEs are mainly manageable with current treatments
- Colonic perforation in 4%
- No GI-AE-related death
- Cancer outcomes in IBD are comparable to non-IBD



#### **Future Direction**

Prospective studies in IBD patients who are planned to receive ICI to assess:

- Risk of GI-AE
- Risk factors for GI-AE
- Outcomes of GI-AE
- Cancer outcome



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