

# Immunotherapy and Targeted in Melanoma

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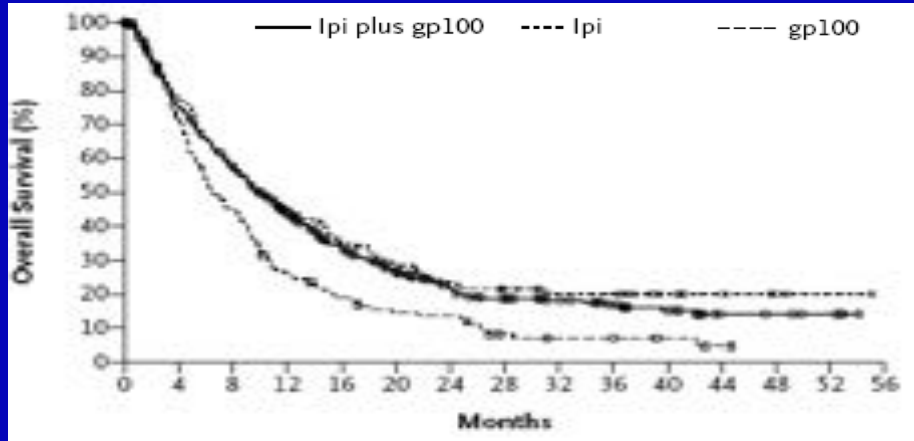
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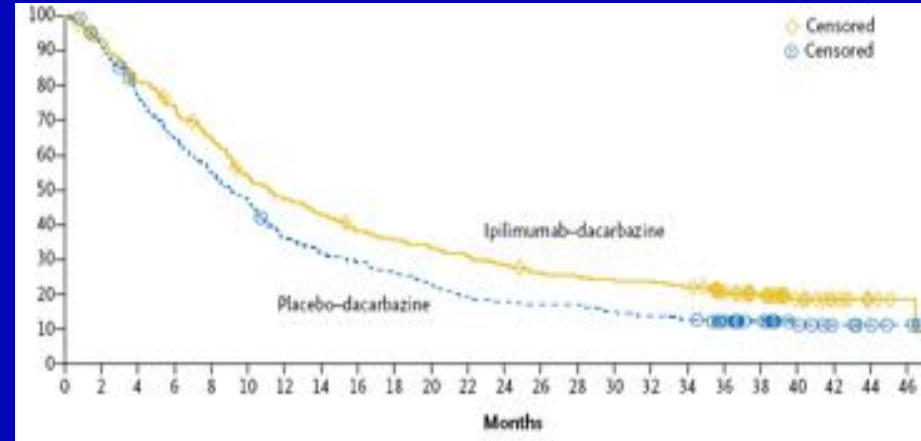
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# Anti-CTLA4 Ipilimumab Changed the Landscape



**HR: 0.66 and 0.68**  
**Pre-treated pts**  
**Ipi 3 mg/kg +/- gp100**

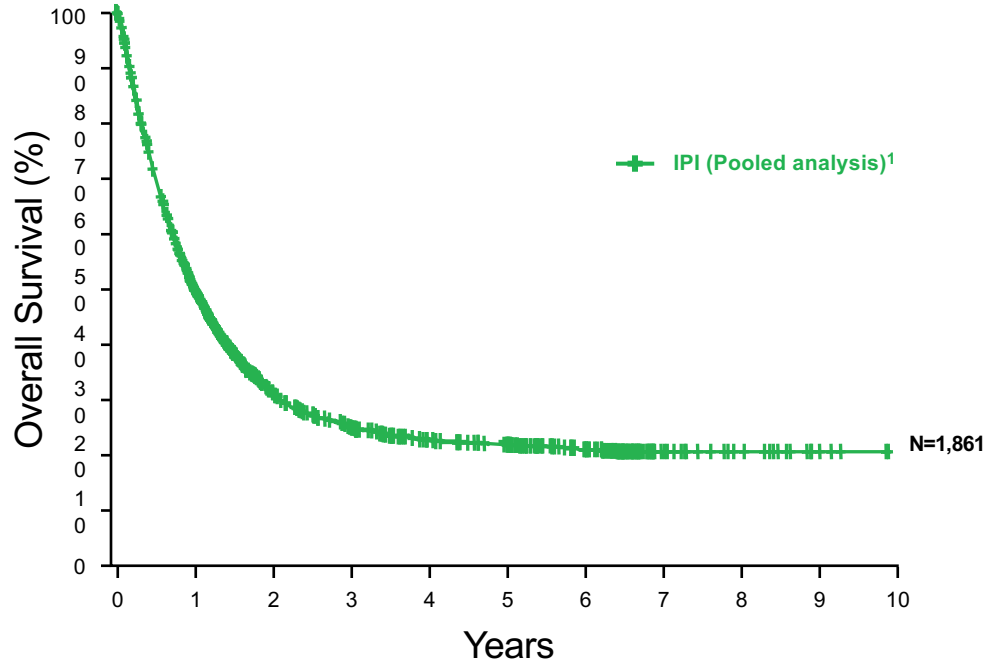
Hodi FS, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;363:711-23.



**HR: 0.72**  
**First line**  
**Ipi 10 mg/kg + DTIC**

Robert C, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;364:2517-26.

# Long-Term Data with Single Agent Ipilimumab in Melanoma



1. Schadendorf et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2015;33:1889-1894; 2. Current analysis; 3. Poster presentation by Dr. Victoria Atkinson at SMR 2015 International Congress.

Ipilimumab became the standard  
of care for advanced melanoma  
in 2011

But can we do better?

# Keynote-006 Front-line Pembrolizumab vs Ipilimumab

## Patients

- Unresectable, stage III or IV melanoma
- ≤1 prior therapy, excluding anti-CTLA-4, PD-1, or PD-L1 agents
- Known *BRAF* status<sup>b</sup>
- ECOG PS 0-1
- No active brain metastases
- No serious autoimmune disease

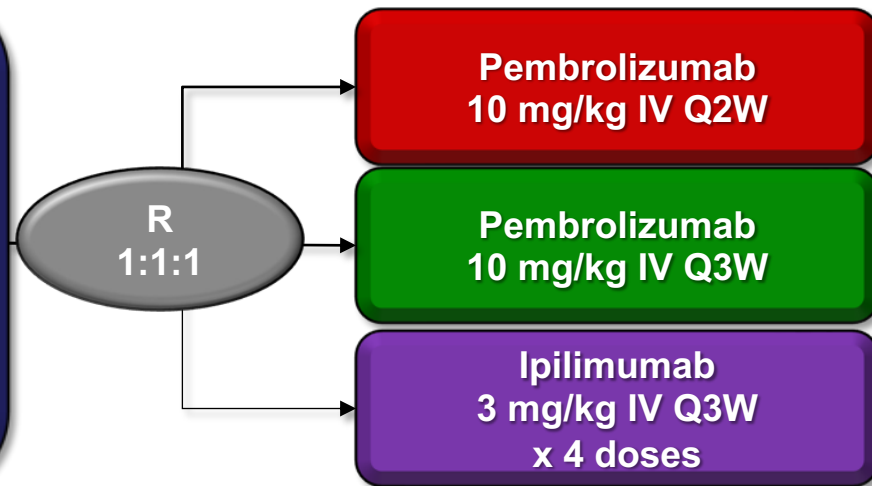
## Stratification factors:

- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Line of therapy (first vs second)
- PD-L1 status (positive<sup>c</sup> vs negative)

<sup>a</sup>Patients enrolled from 83 sites in 16 countries.

<sup>b</sup>Prior anti-*BRAF* targeted therapy was not required for patients with normal LDH levels and no clinically significant tumor-related symptoms or evidence of rapidly progressing disease.

<sup>c</sup>Defined as membranous PD-L1 expression in ≥1% of tumor cells as assessed by IHC using the 22C3 antibody.



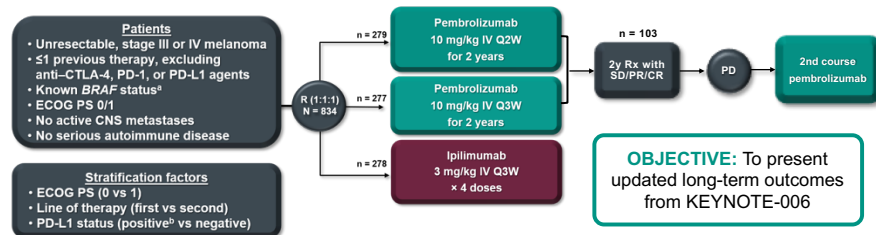
- **Primary end points: PFS and OS**
- **Secondary end points: ORR, duration of response, safety**

# Long-Term Survival From Pembrolizumab Completion and Pembrolizumab Retreatment: Phase 3 KEYNOTE-006 in Advanced Melanoma

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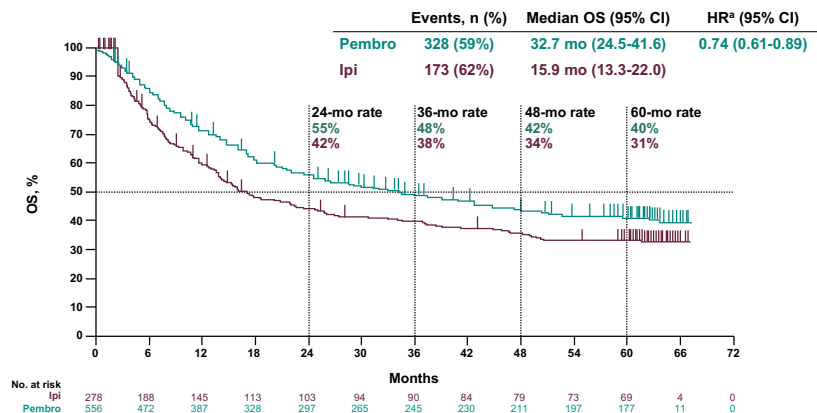
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- Two pembrolizumab arms pooled as similar efficacy<sup>2</sup>
- Patients completing ≥94 weeks of pembrolizumab with SD/PR/CR were considered to have completed 2 years of treatment
- Patients could receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> course of 1 year of pembrolizumab if progressed after SD/PR/CR
- Data cut-off: July 31, 2019; median follow-up: 66.8 months (range, 65.0-70.4); time from last patient enrolled to data cutoff, 65.0 months

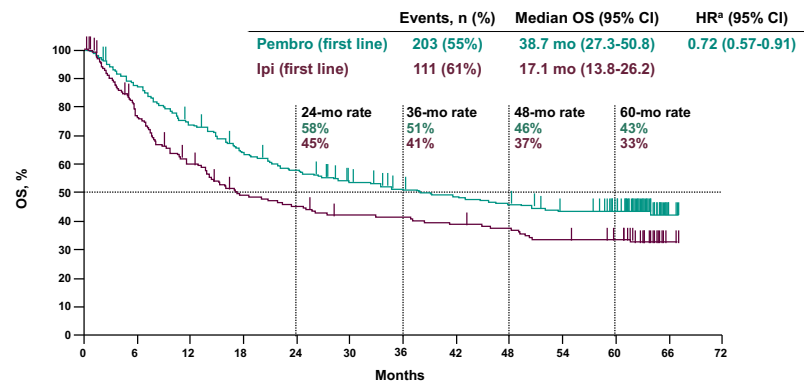
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## Overall Survival: Total Population



Data cut-off: July 31, 2019. <sup>a</sup>Based on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by line of therapy (1st vs 2nd), PD-L1 status (positive vs negative) and ECOG (0 vs 1); in instances where there were no patients in one of the treatment groups involved in a comparison for a particular stratum, that stratum was excluded from the treatment comparison.

## Overall Survival: First Line Patients



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Anti PD-1 is better than ipilimumab  
frontline and responses are durable  
even after stopping treatment

But what about combining  
CTLA-4 and PD-1?

## CheckMate 067: study design

6.5-year follow up of a randomized, double-blind, phase 3 study to compare NIVO + IPI or NIVO alone with IPI alone<sup>a</sup>

Previously untreated, unresectable, or metastatic melanoma

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1:1:1

Stratify by:

- BRAF status
- AJCC M stage
- Tumor PD-L1 expression < 5% vs ≥ 5%

n = 314

NIVO 1 mg/kg + IPI 3 mg/kg Q3W for 4 doses then NIVO 3 mg/kg Q2W

Treat until progression or unacceptable toxicity

n = 316

NIVO 3 mg/kg Q2W + IPI-matched placebo

Endpoints:  
Co-primary<sup>b</sup>: PFS, OS  
Secondary: ORR, descriptive efficacy assessments,<sup>c</sup> safety

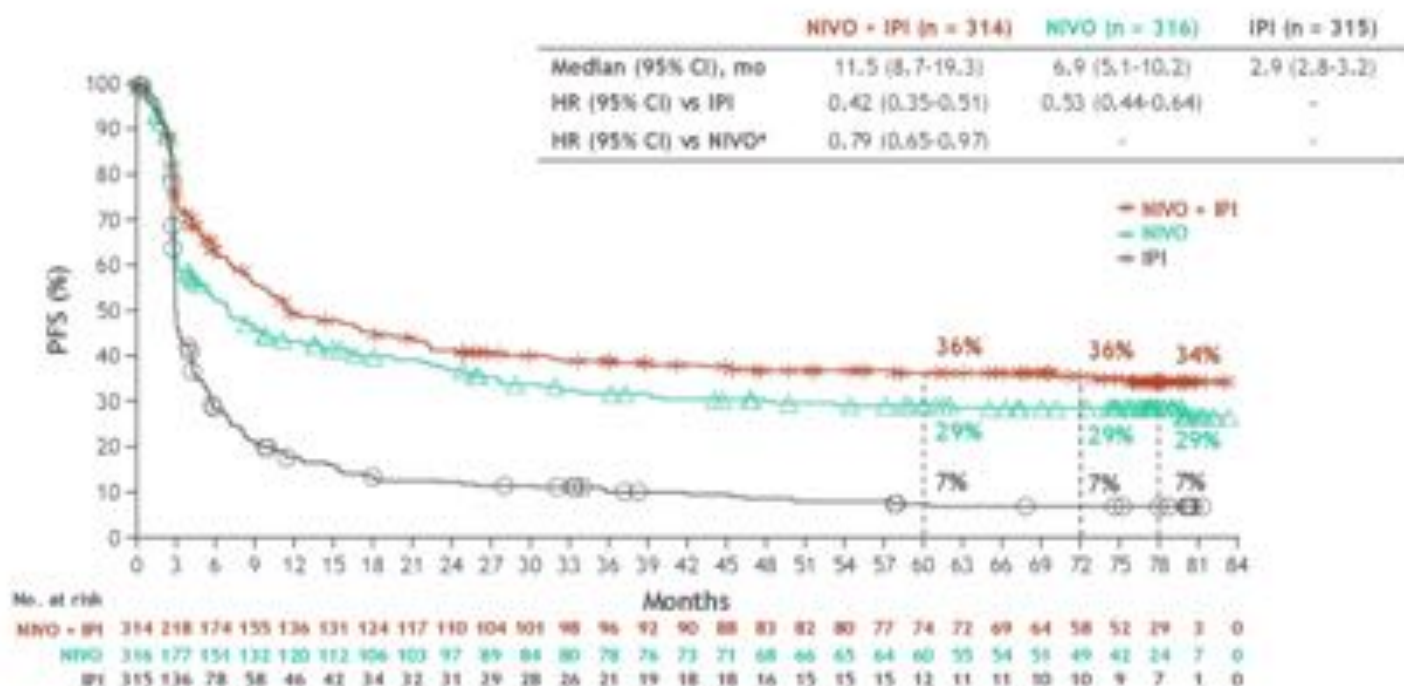
n = 315

IPI 3 mg/kg Q3W for 4 doses + NIVO-matched placebo

Database lock: October 19, 2020; minimum follow-up of 77 months for all patients

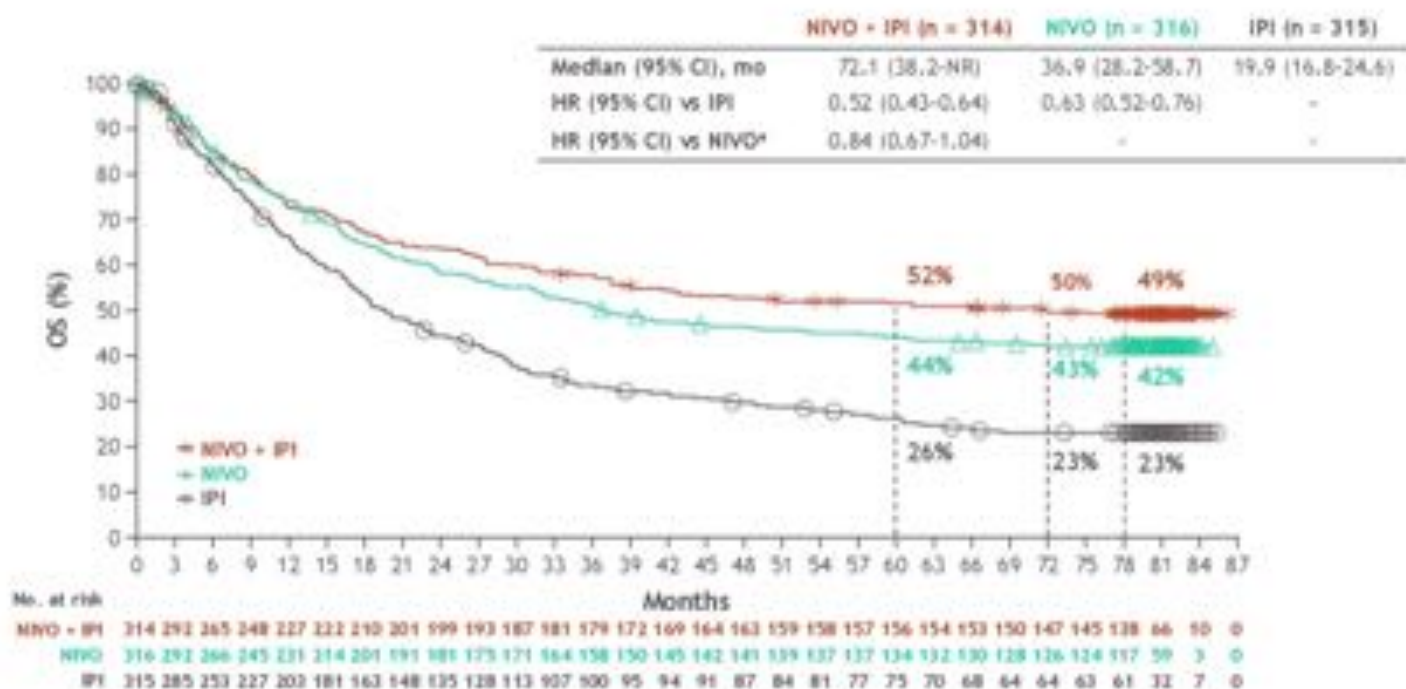
<sup>a</sup>The study was not powered for a comparison between NIVO+IPI and NIVO, NIVO + IPI or NIVO vs IPI alone, NIVO + IPI vs NIVO alone, AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; M stage, metastatic stage; ORR, objective response rate; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q3W, every 3 weeks.

# Progression-free survival



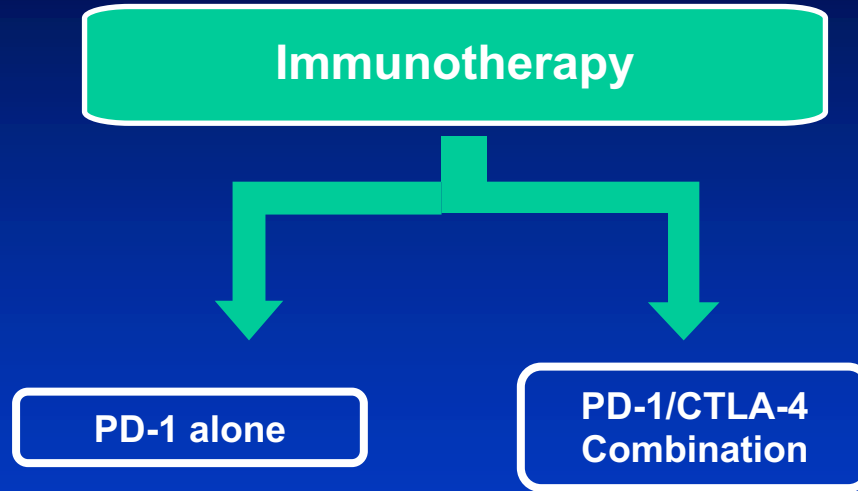
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## Overall survival



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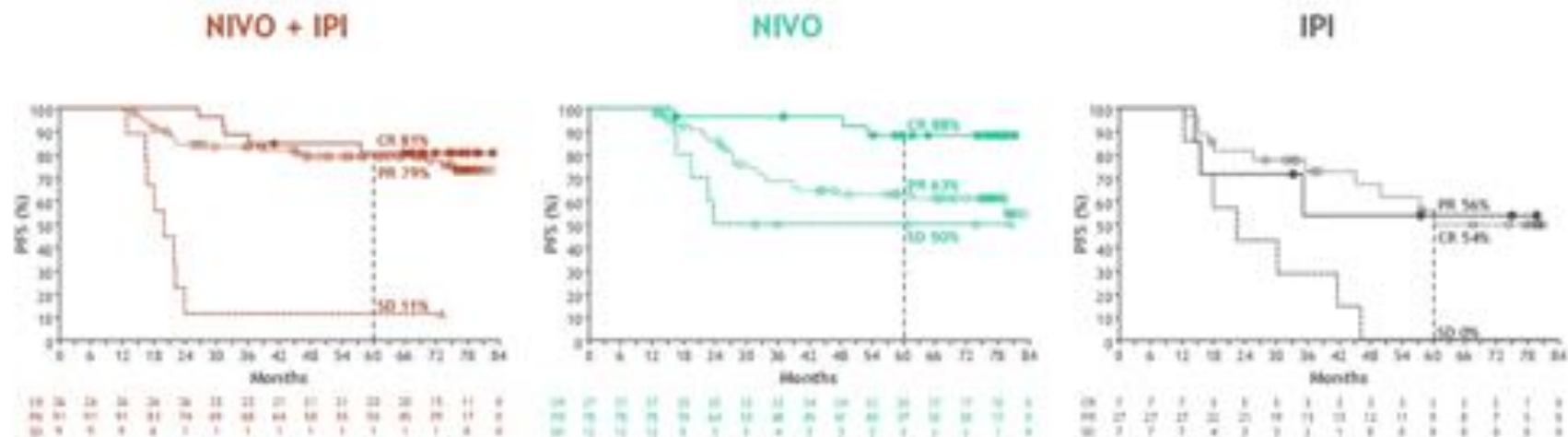
# Combination or monotherapy?



# Decision Factors

- Efficacy
- Toxicity

## PFS by best overall response, 12-month landmark analysis<sup>a</sup>



- Patients with a best overall response of a CR, PR, or SD at 12 months were followed for PFS<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>To address guarantee-time bias, landmark analysis excluded patients who had an event during the first 12 months.

<sup>b</sup>Since PD is a PFS event, patients with a best overall response of PD were excluded from this analysis.

# Decision Factors

- Efficacy
- Toxicity



# Safety Summary

- With an additional 19 months of follow-up, safety was consistent with the initial report<sup>1</sup>

	NIVO+IPI (N=313)		NIVO (N=313)		IPI (N=311)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
<b>Patients reporting event, %</b>						
<b>Treatment-related adverse event (AE)</b>	95.8	58.5	86.3	20.8	86.2	27.7
<b>Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation</b>	39.6	31.0	11.5	7.7	16.1	14.1
<b>Treatment-related death, n (%)</b>	2 (0.6) <sup>a</sup>		1 (0.3) <sup>b</sup>		1 (0.3) <sup>b</sup>	

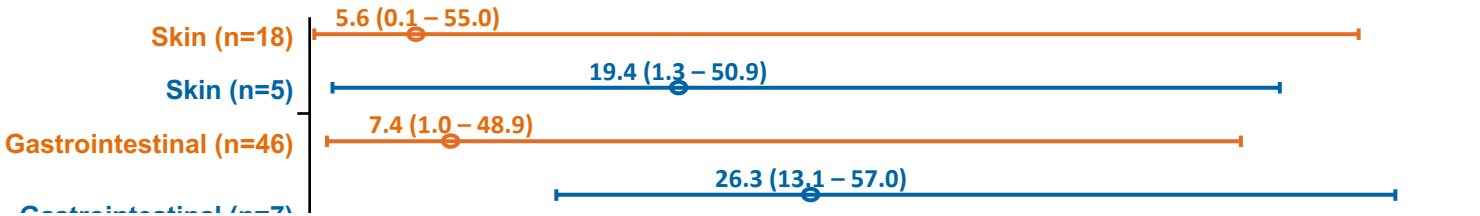
- Most select AEs were managed and resolved within 3-4 weeks (85–100% across organ categories)
- ORR was 70.7% for pts who discontinued NIVO+IPI due to AEs, with median OS not reached

<sup>a</sup>Cardiomyopathy (NIVO+IPI, n=1); Liver necrosis (NIVO+IPI, n=1). Both deaths occurred >100 days after the last treatment.

<sup>b</sup>Neutropenia (NIVO, n=1); colon perforation (IPI, n=1).<sup>1</sup>

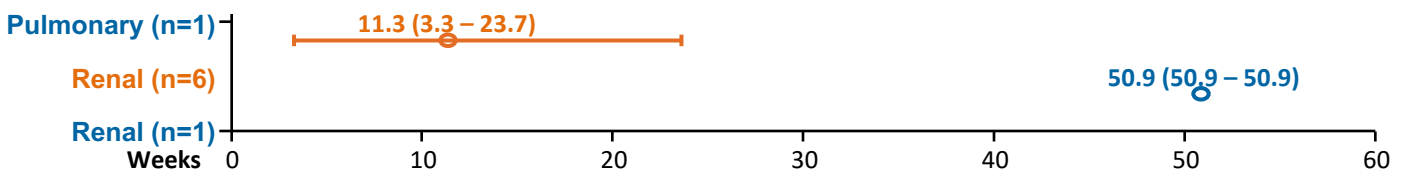
# Checkmate 067: Safety

## Onset Grade 3–4 Treatment-Related Select AEs



**Toxicity Earlier**

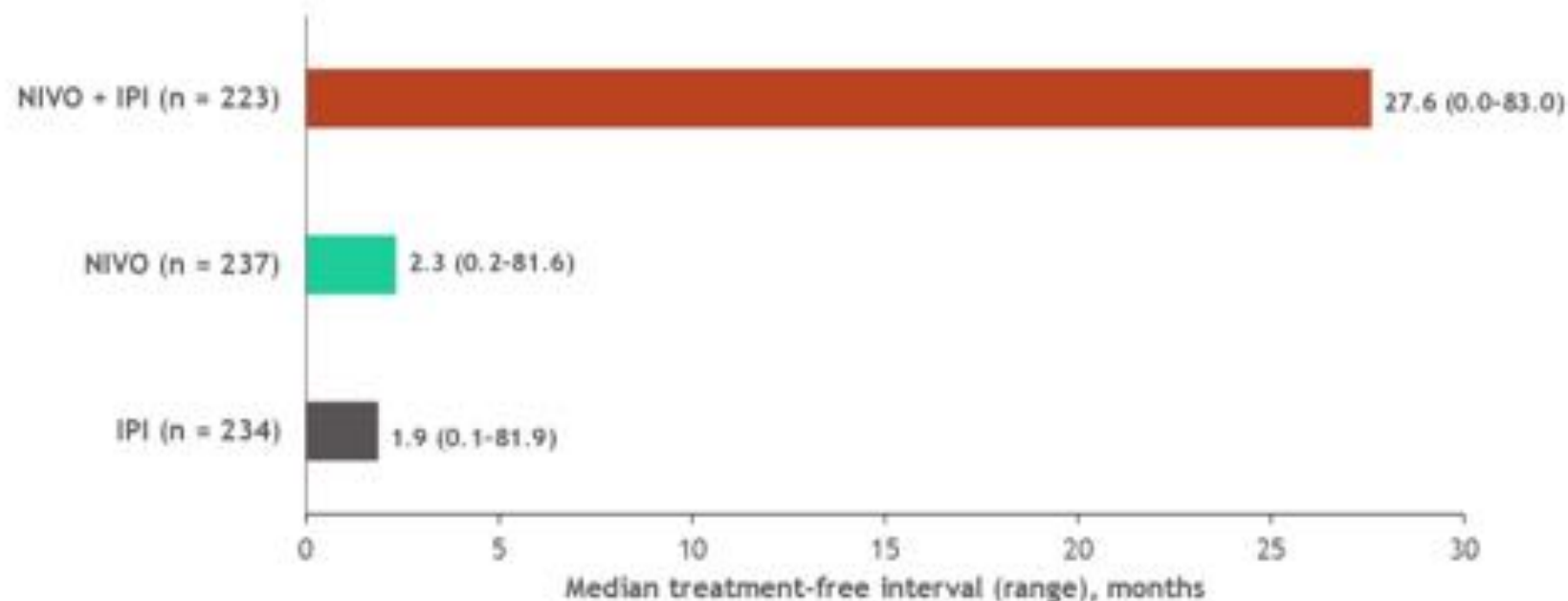
**Longer Time to Resolution** HPI



Circles represent medians; bars signify ranges

## Treatment-free interval following study therapy discontinuation

- Patients analyzed were those who (1) were alive or (2) who died following subsequent systemic therapy



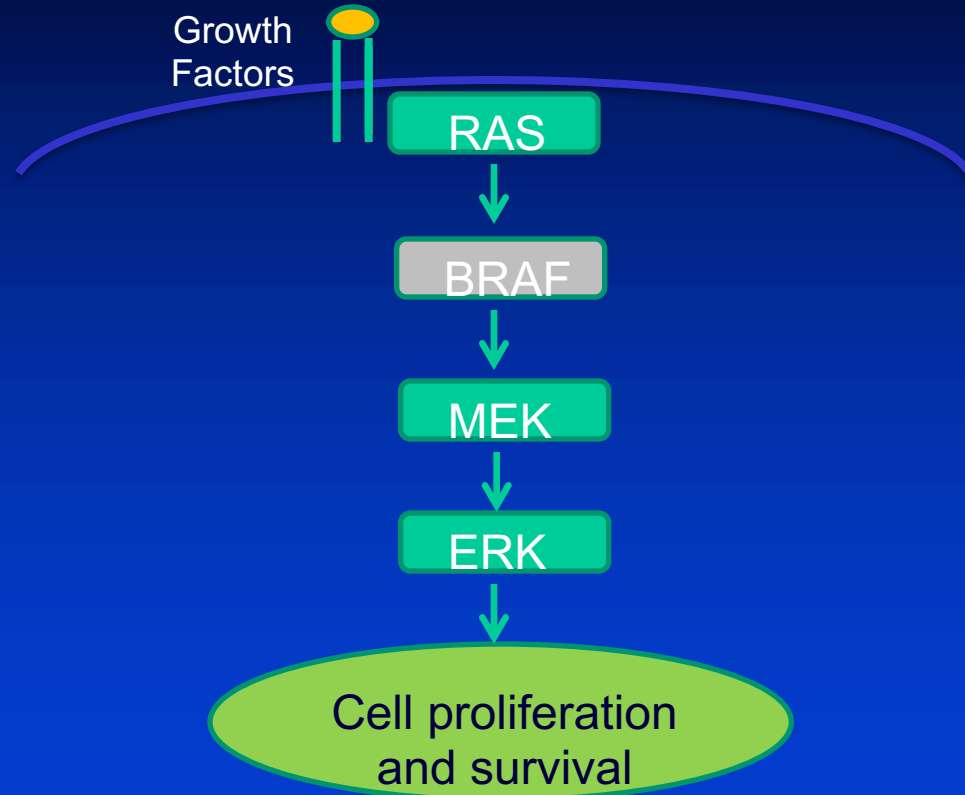
- Median duration of treatment was 3.6 mo (range, 0-80.1) with NIVO + IPI, 8.6 mo (0-79.8) with NIVO, and 3.7 mo (0-49.9) with IPI

Combination immunotherapy  
ipilimumab + nivolumab has  
become the preferred  
treatment option  
(if you select immunotherapy)

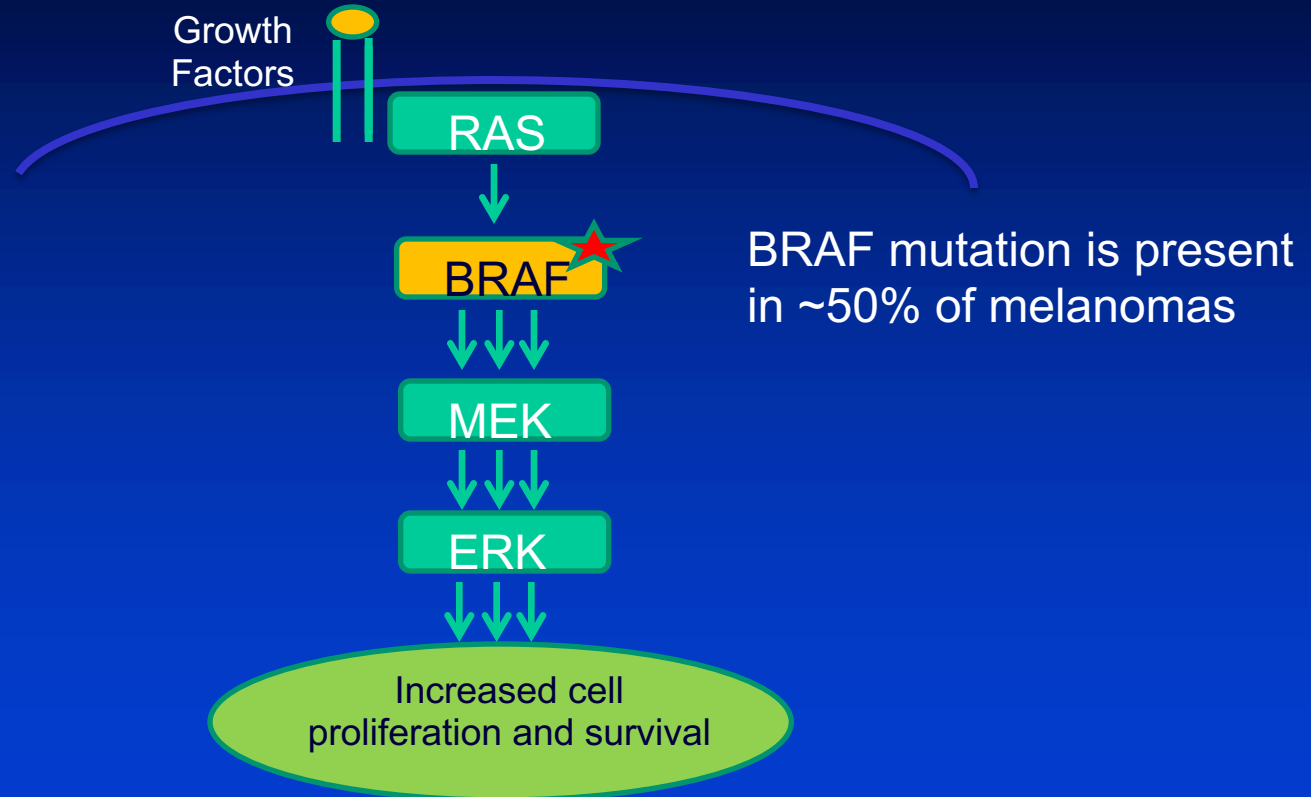
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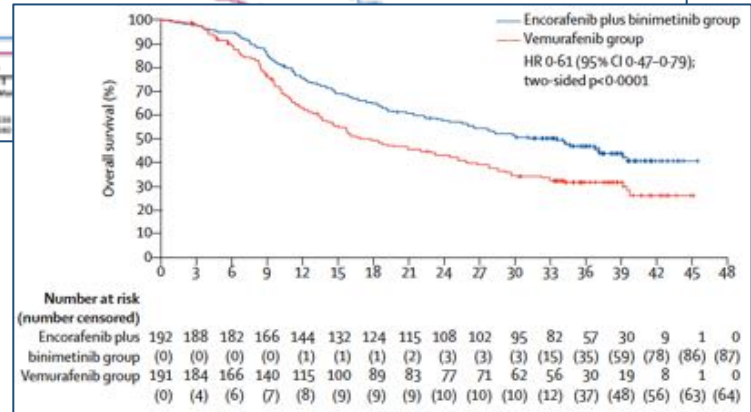
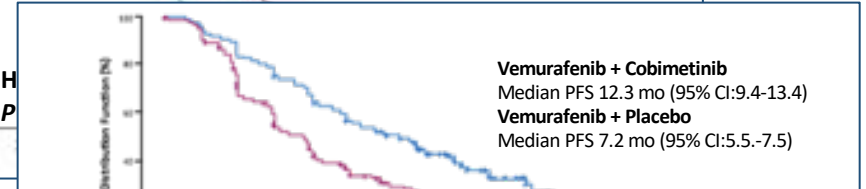
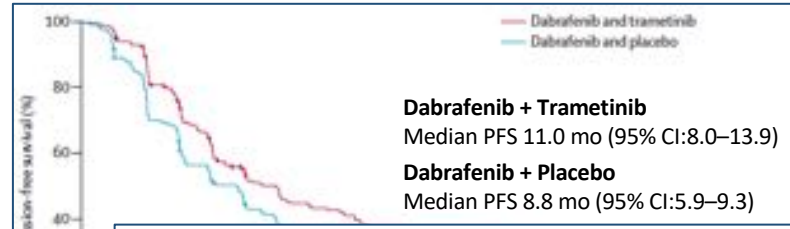
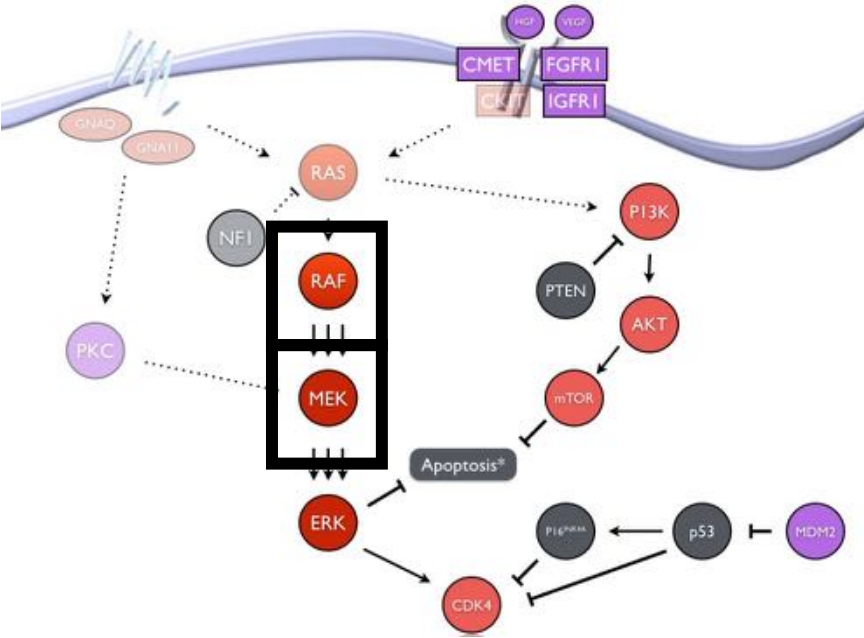
# Targeted Therapy: MAPK Pathway



# BRAF Mutation



# Dual BRAF and MEK Inhibition Is Associated With High Response Rates and Improved PFS and OS



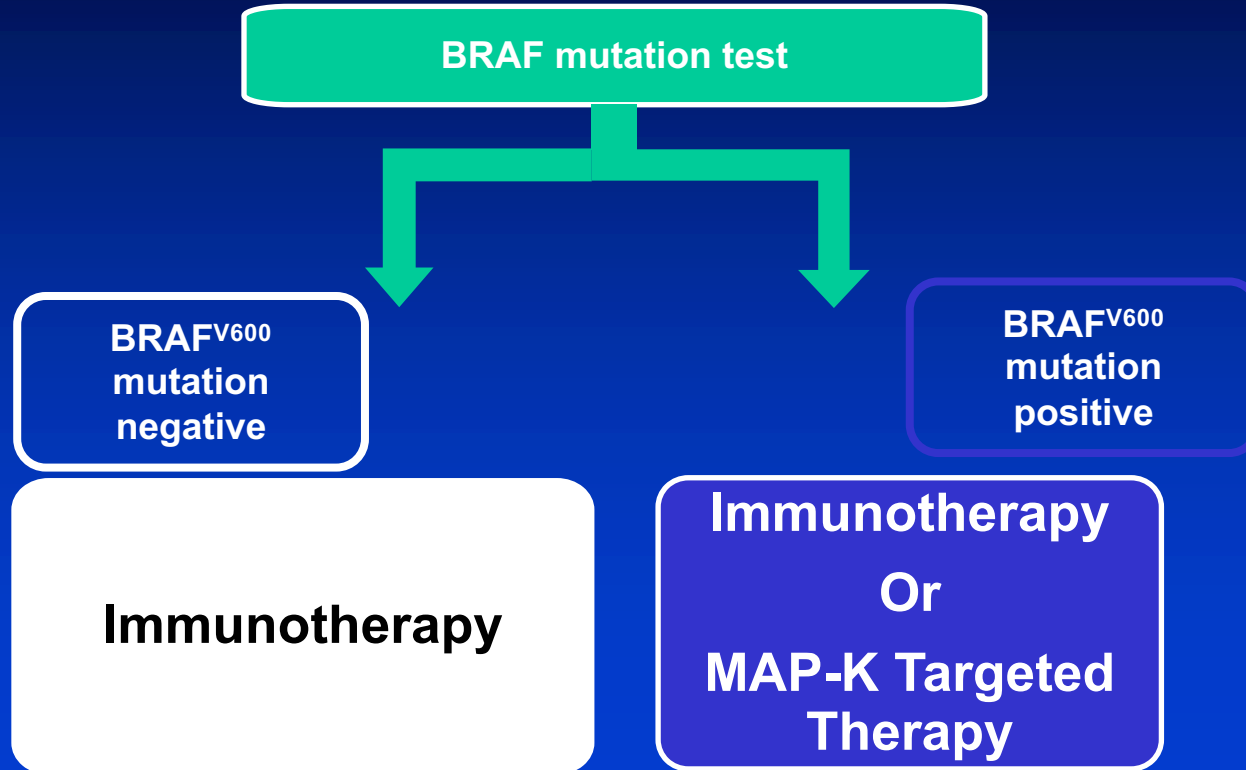
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# Melanoma Therapy Decision Point



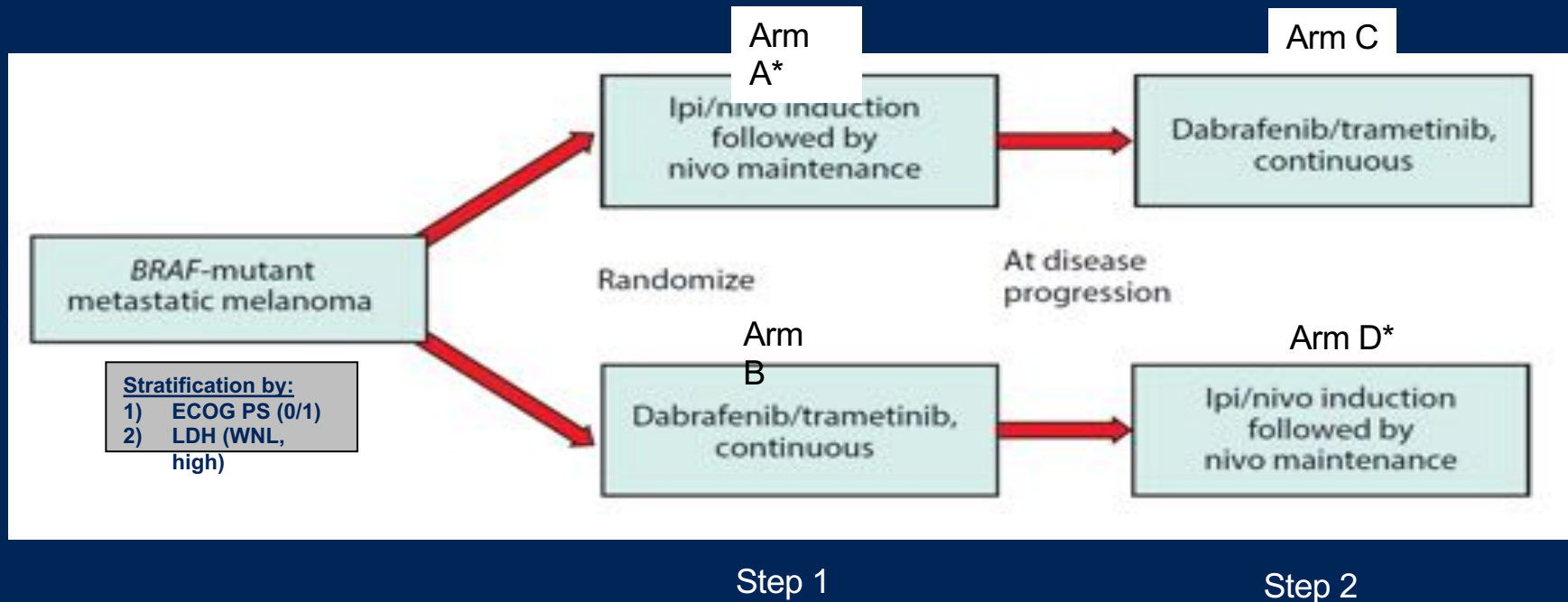


# Key Ongoing Trials Evaluating Targeted Therapy Vs Combination Immunotherapy

	SECOMBIT	EORTC-1612-MG	DREAMseq
<b>Population</b>	Stage III (unresectable) or IV <i>BRAF V600</i> -mutant	stage III or IV (cutaneous or mucosal) <i>BRAF V600E</i> or <i>V600K</i> -mutant	Stage III (unresectable) or IV <i>BRAF V600</i> -mutant
<b>N</b>	251	270	300
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	OS	PFS	OS
<b>Primary Completion</b>	April 2021	April 2022	October 2022
<b>IO Regimen</b>	NIVO 1 mg/kg IV + IPI 3 mg/kg IV Q3W x 4 → NIVO 3 mg/kg IV Q2W	NIVO 3 mg/kg Q3W + IPI 1 mg/kg Q3W x4 → NIVO 480 mg Q4W	NIVO 1 mg/kg + IPI 3 mg/kg <b>or</b> NIVO 3 mg/kg + IPI 1 mg/kg → NIVO 3 mg/kg maintenance
<b>Targeted Regimen</b>	Encorafenib 450 mg PO QD + Binimetinib 45 mg PO BID	Encorafenib 450 mg QD + Binimetinib 45 mg BID	Dabrafenib 150 mg PO BID + Trametinib 2 mg PO QD
<b>Sequencing</b>	Targeted → IO IO → Targeted Targeted → IO → Targeted	Targeted → IO IO only	Targeted → IO IO → Targeted

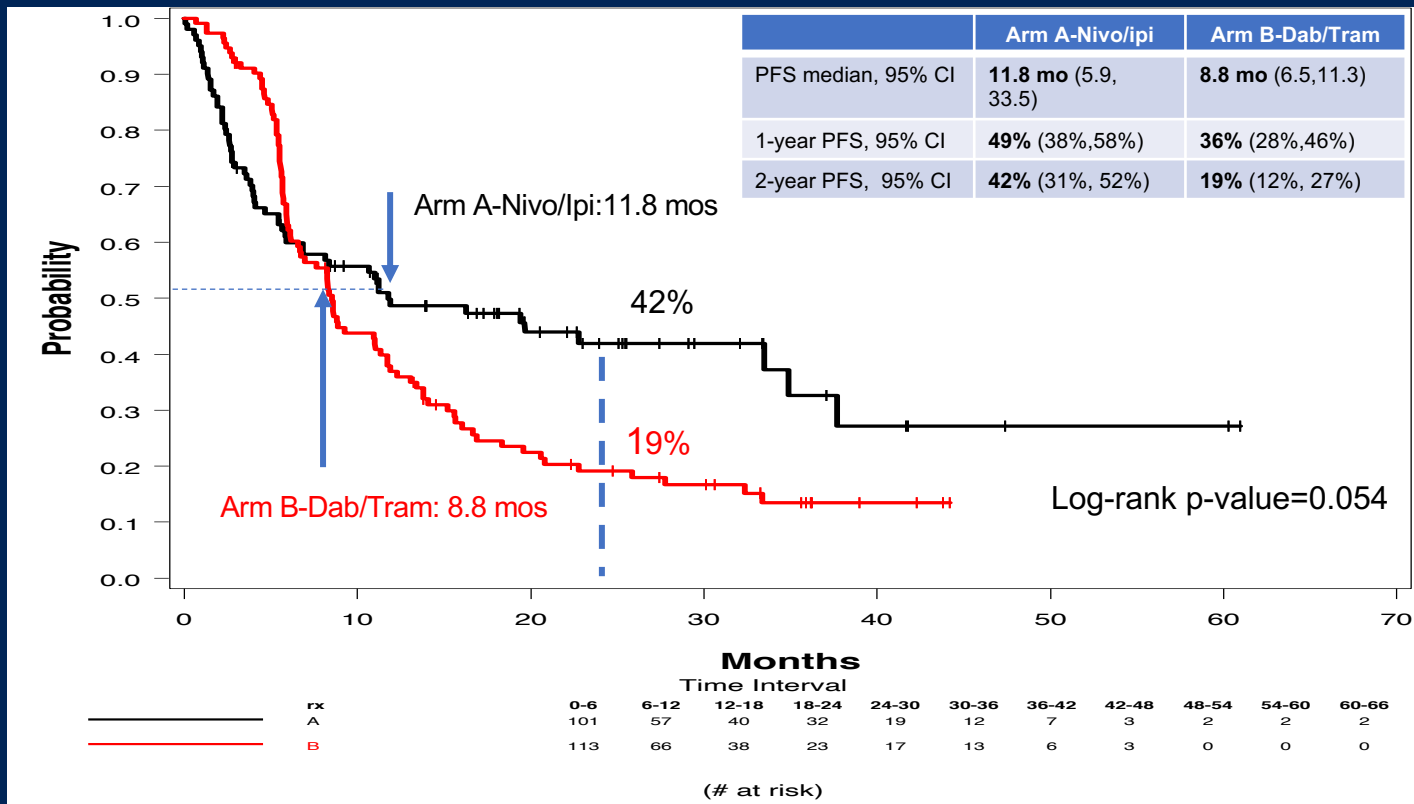
BID = twice daily; IO = immunotherapy; IPI = ipilimumab; IV = intravenous; NIVO = nivolumab; OS = overall survival; PD = progressive disease; PFS = progression-free survival; PO = orally; Q2W = every 2 weeks; Q3W = every 3 weeks; Q4W = every 4 weeks; QD = once daily.

# DREAMseq Trial Treatment Schema

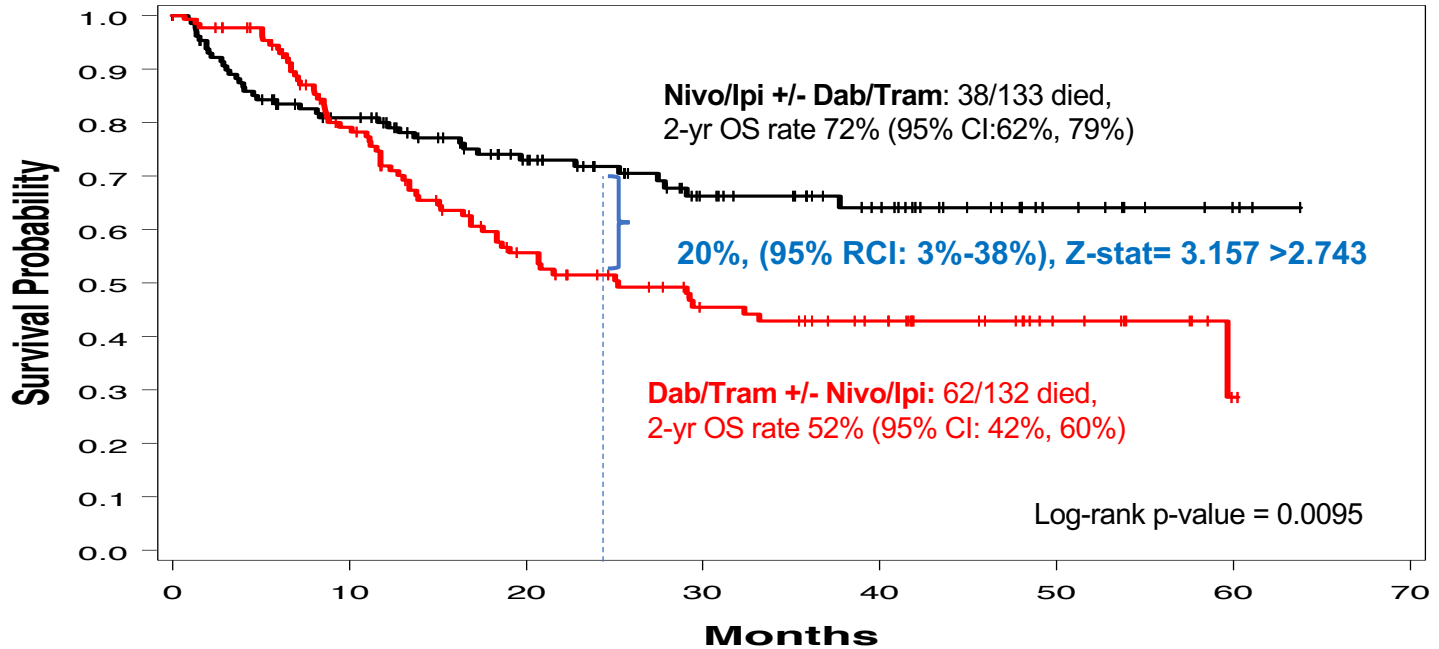


\*Nivo/Ipi Induction = 12 wks; nivo maintenance = 72 wks

# Progression Free Survival (PFS): Step1 (n=214)



# Overall Survival (OS): Step 1 +/- Step 2



Treatment	Time Interval										
	0-6	6-12	12-18	18-24	24-30	30-36	36-42	42-48	48-54	54-60	60-66
IO+/-TT	133	99	87	71	55	42	33	23	15	6	3
TT+/-IO	132	115	78	60	47	35	30	18	15	6	1

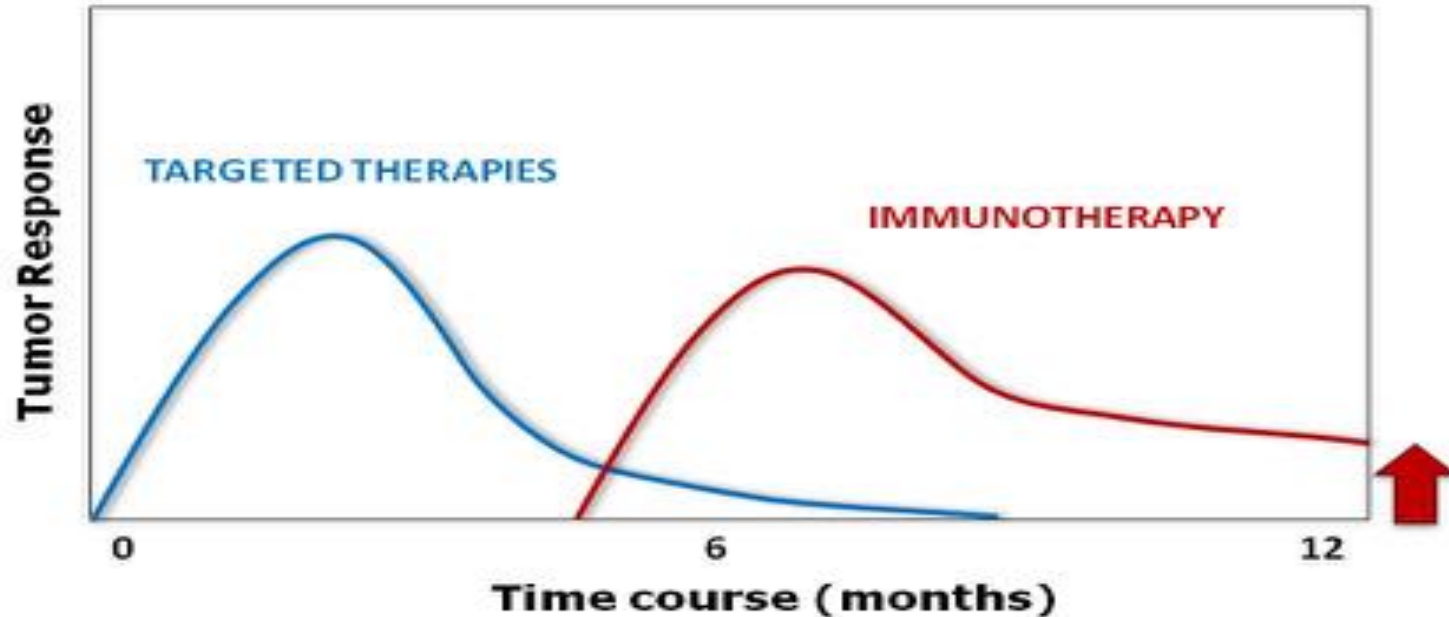
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# Antitumoral response: Targeted therapies vs. Immunotherapies (CTLA-4 antibodies)



# Is This a Marriage Made in Heaven?

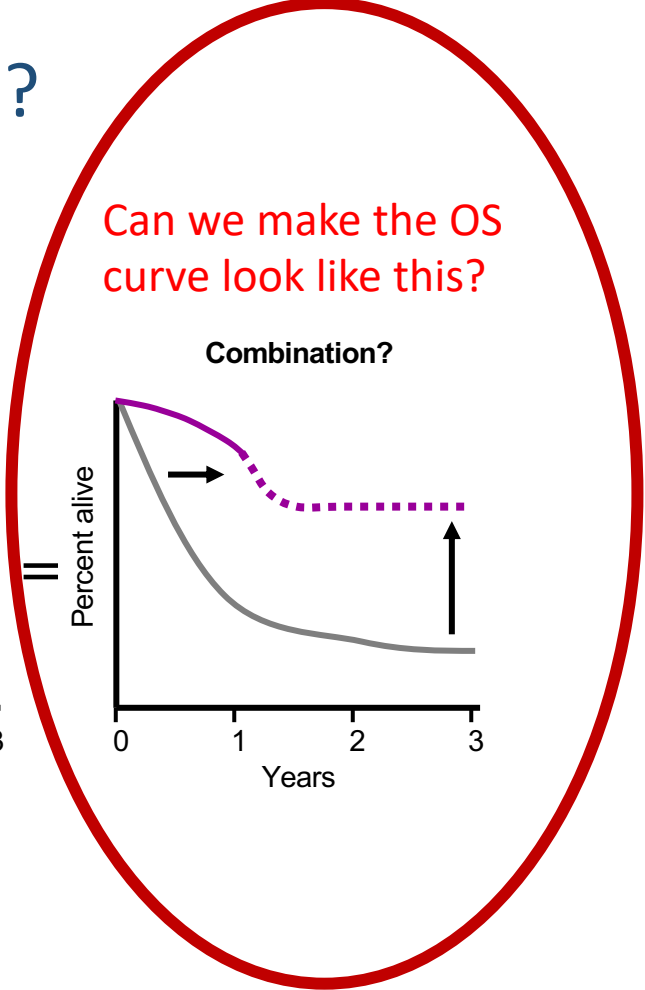
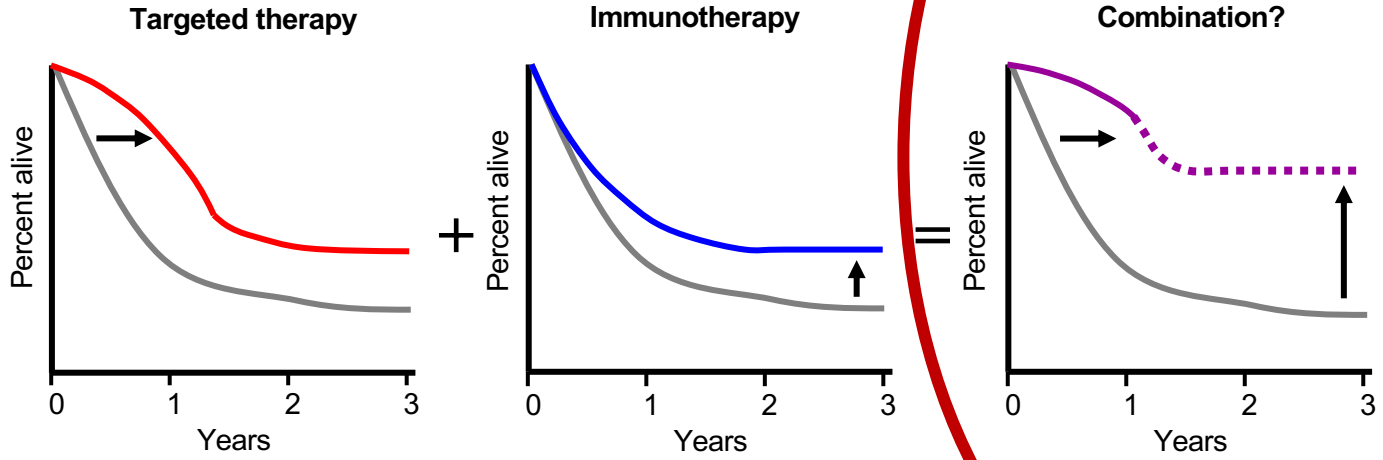


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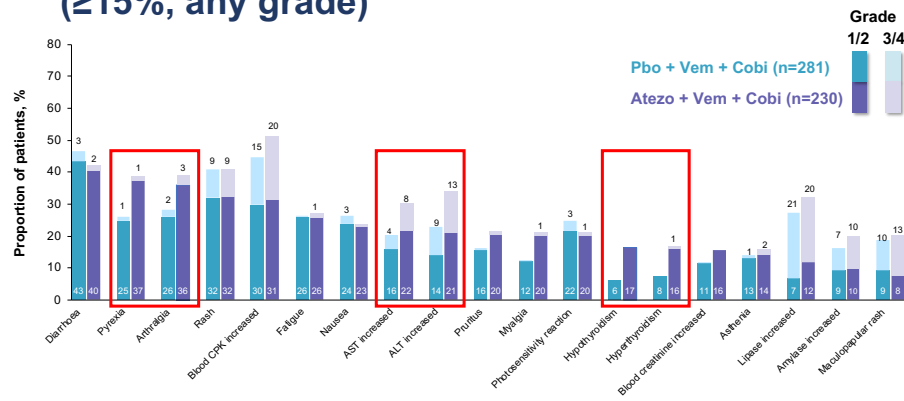
# Evaluation of Atezolizumab, Cobimetinib, and Vemurafenib in Previously Untreated Patients With *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup> Mutation-Positive Advanced Melanoma: Primary Results From the Phase 3 IMspire150 Trial

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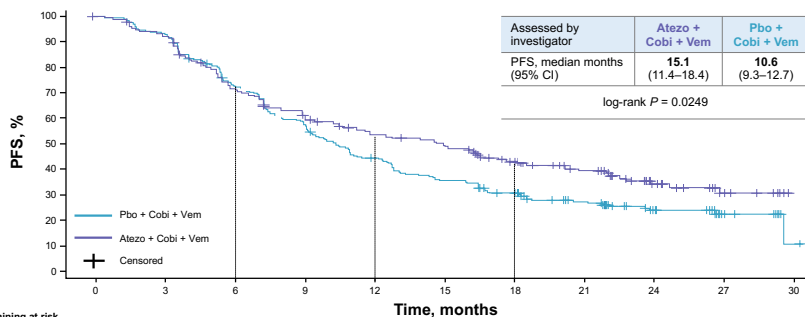
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## Common Treatment-Related AEs (≥15%, any grade)



AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; CPK, creatine phosphokinase. Listed AEs were reported at a frequency of ≥15%, along with corresponding frequencies for grade 3/4 events.

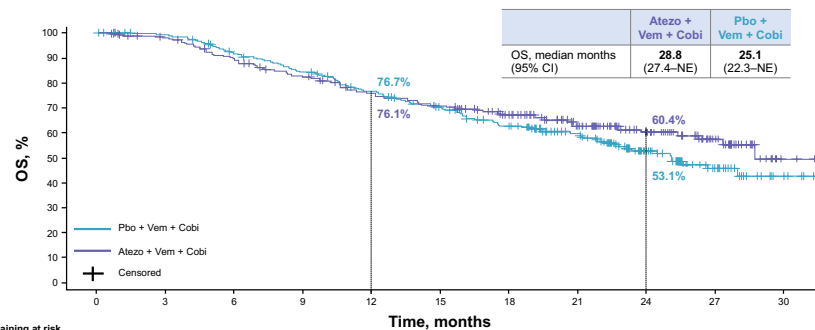
## IMspire150: Primary Endpoint: Investigator-Assessed PFS



Patients remaining at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Pbo + Cobi + Vem	258	230	179	143	107	86	71	51	27	11	1
Atezo + Cobi + Vem	256	229	174	149	123	114	90	66	34	11	

Atezo, atezolizumab; CI, confidence interval; Cobi, cobimetinib; Pbo, placebo; Vem, vemurafenib.

## IMspire150: Overall Survival



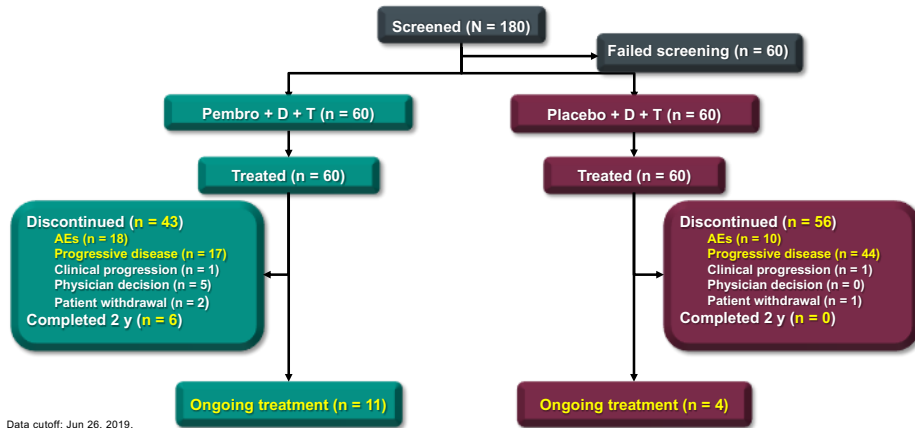
Patients remaining at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Pbo + Vem + Cobi	258	249	225	206	175	161	139	105	57	26	5
Atezo + Vem + Cobi	256	242	220	198	173	165	144	105	66	28	2

# Updated Survival In Patients With *BRAF*-mutant Melanoma Administered Pembrolizumab, Dabrafenib And Trametinib

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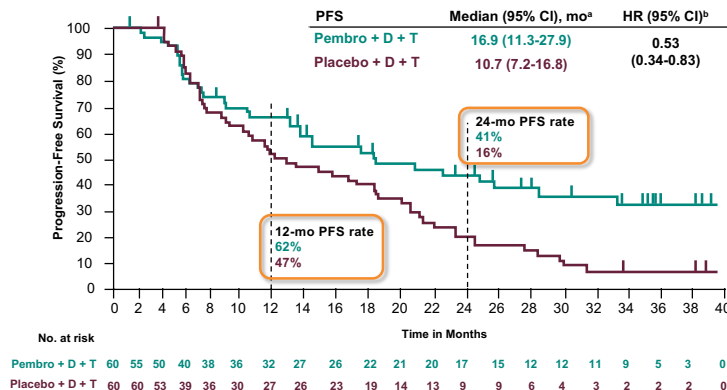
<sup>a</sup>Both authors contributed equally

## Study Disposition



Data cutoff: Jun 26, 2019.

## Progression-Free Survival



<sup>a</sup>Based on Kaplan-Meier estimate of PFS, per investigator assessment.  
<sup>b</sup>Based on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by ECOG PS (0 vs 1) and LDH (LDH >1.1 × ULN vs =1.1 × ULN); owing to the small number of patients enrolled in the ECOG PS 1 and LDH >1.1 × ULN strata, these strata were combined.  
 Data cutoff: Jun 26, 2019.



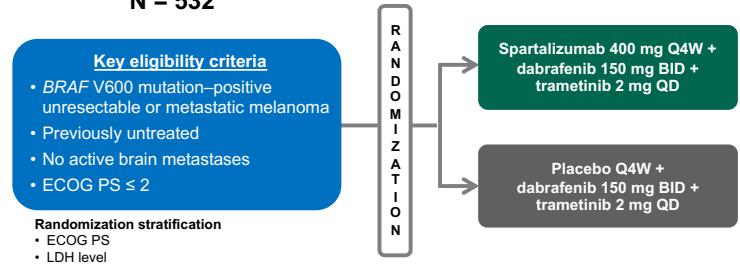
### Spartalizumab plus dabrafenib and trametinib in patients with previously untreated BRAF V600-mutant unresectable or metastatic melanoma: results from the randomized part 3 of the Phase III COMBI-i trial

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## COMBI-i Study Design (Part 3)

N = 532

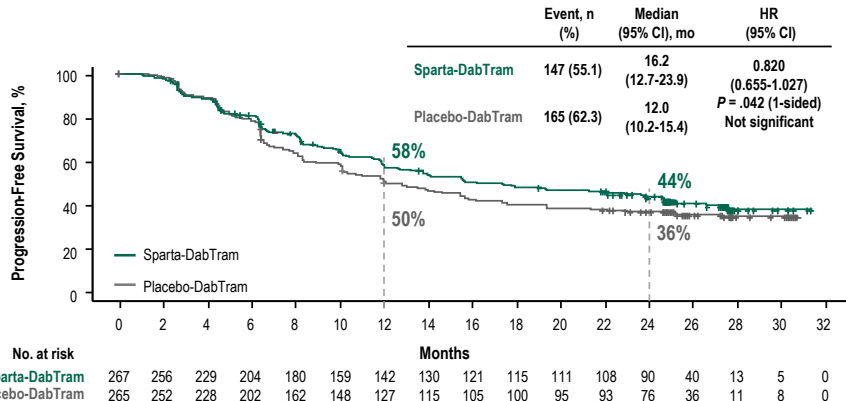


**Primary endpoint:** Investigator-assessed PFS using RECIST 1.1

**Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, DOR, DCR, safety, PRO, PK

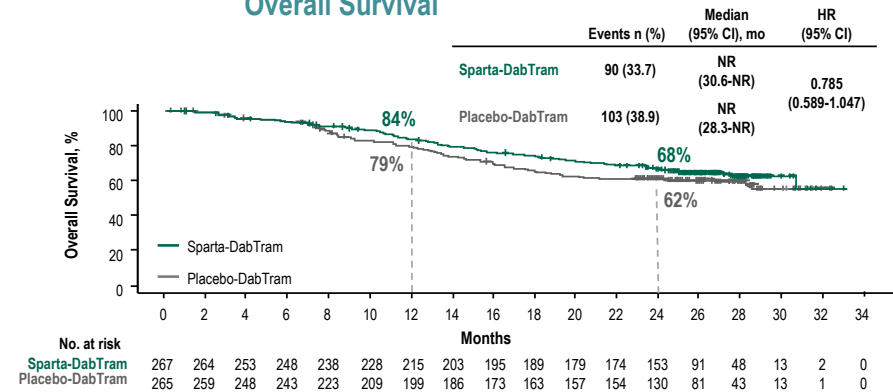
BID, twice daily; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; Q4W, every 4 weeks; QD, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

### Investigator-Assessed Progression-Free Survival



HR, hazard ratio.

### Overall Survival



• Overall survival could be statistically tested only after the primary endpoint was determined to be statistically significant

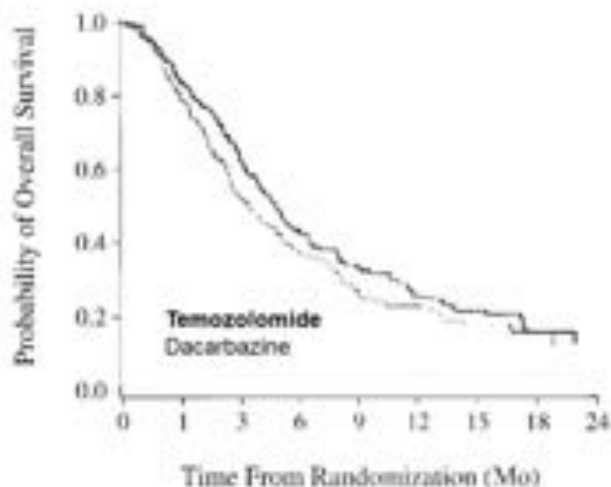
NR, not reached.

# Overview

- Immunotherapy
- Targeted therapy
- Choosing between immunotherapy & targeted therapy as first-line
- Combining immunotherapy with targeted therapy
- **Future directions**

# The Moving Overall Survival Bar for Metastatic Melanoma

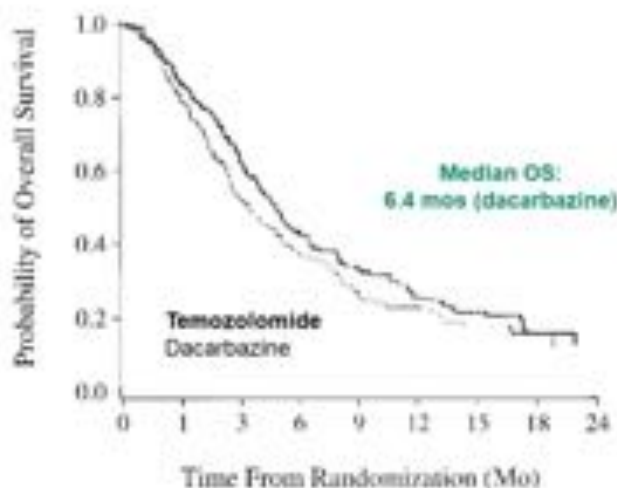
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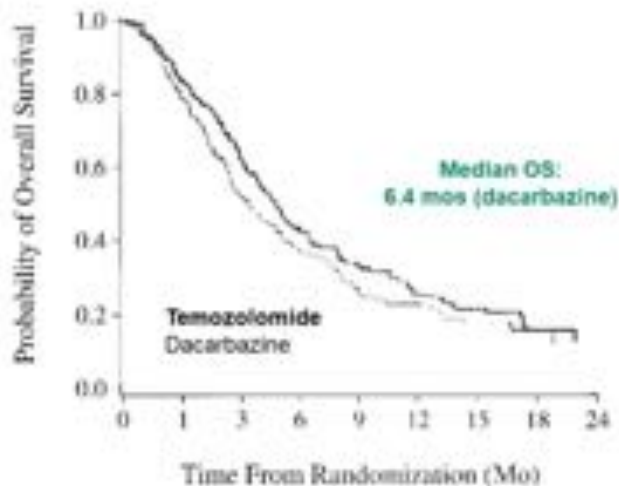


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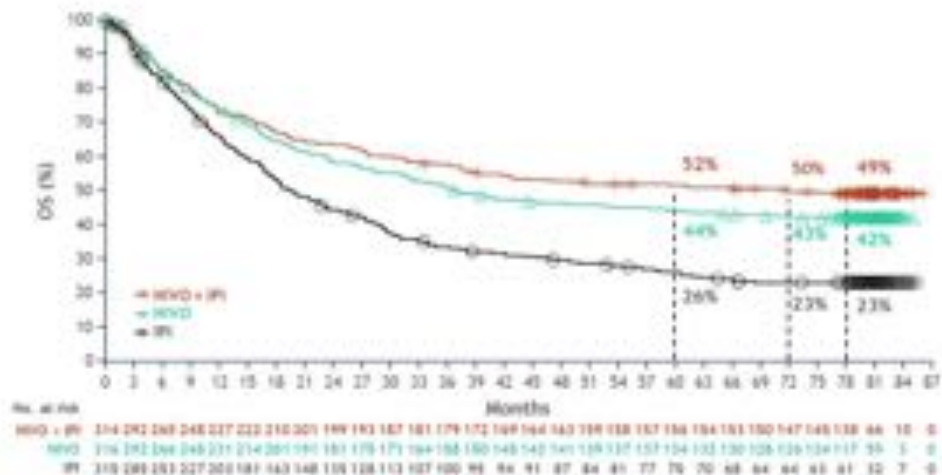
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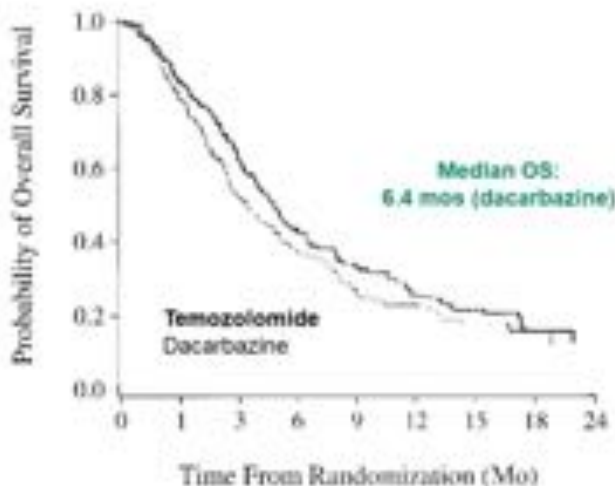
PD-1 +/- CTLA-4 Inhibition



(Wolchok et al. *JCO* 2021)

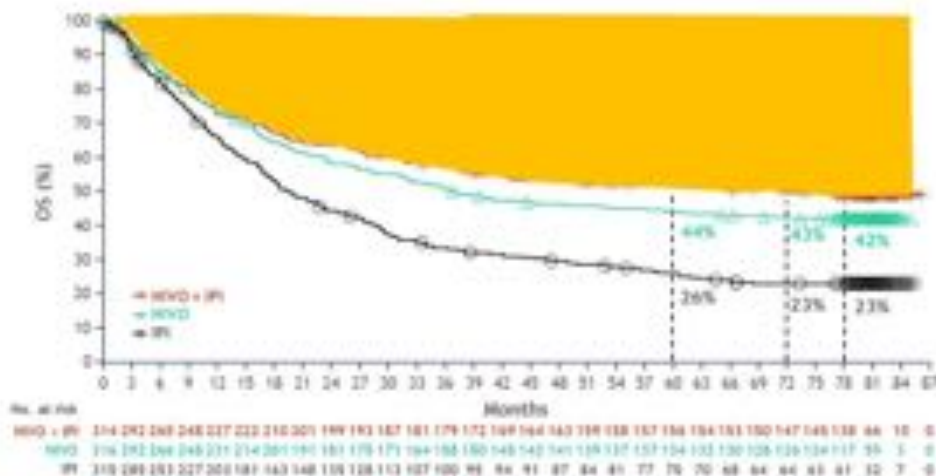
# (Still) Unmet Clinical Need for Advanced Melanoma

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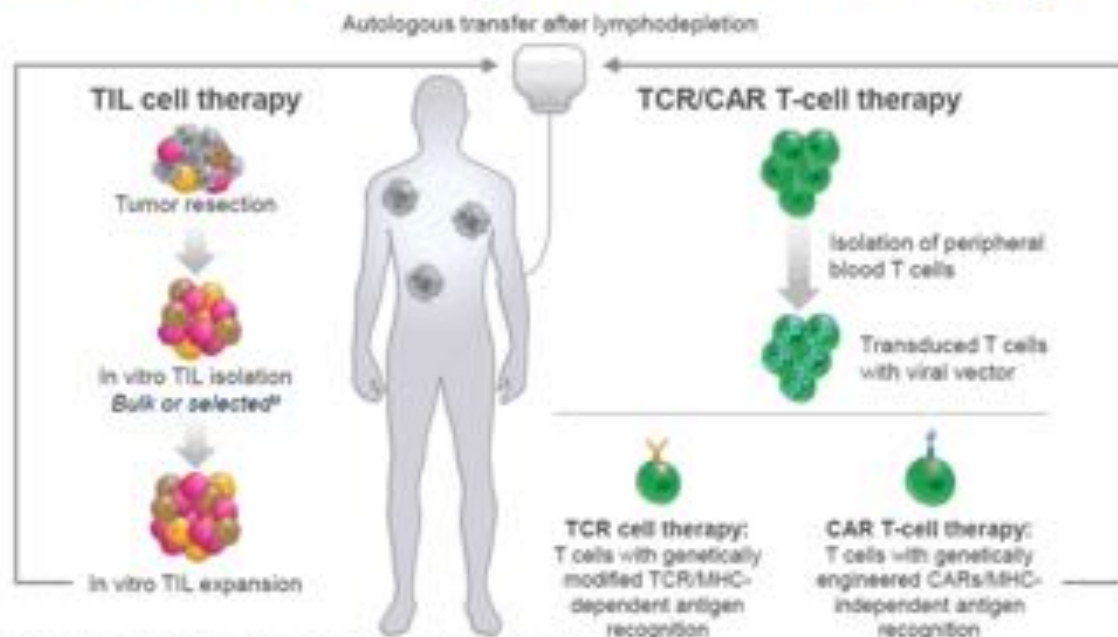
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# Clinical Potential of Adoptive Cell Therapy

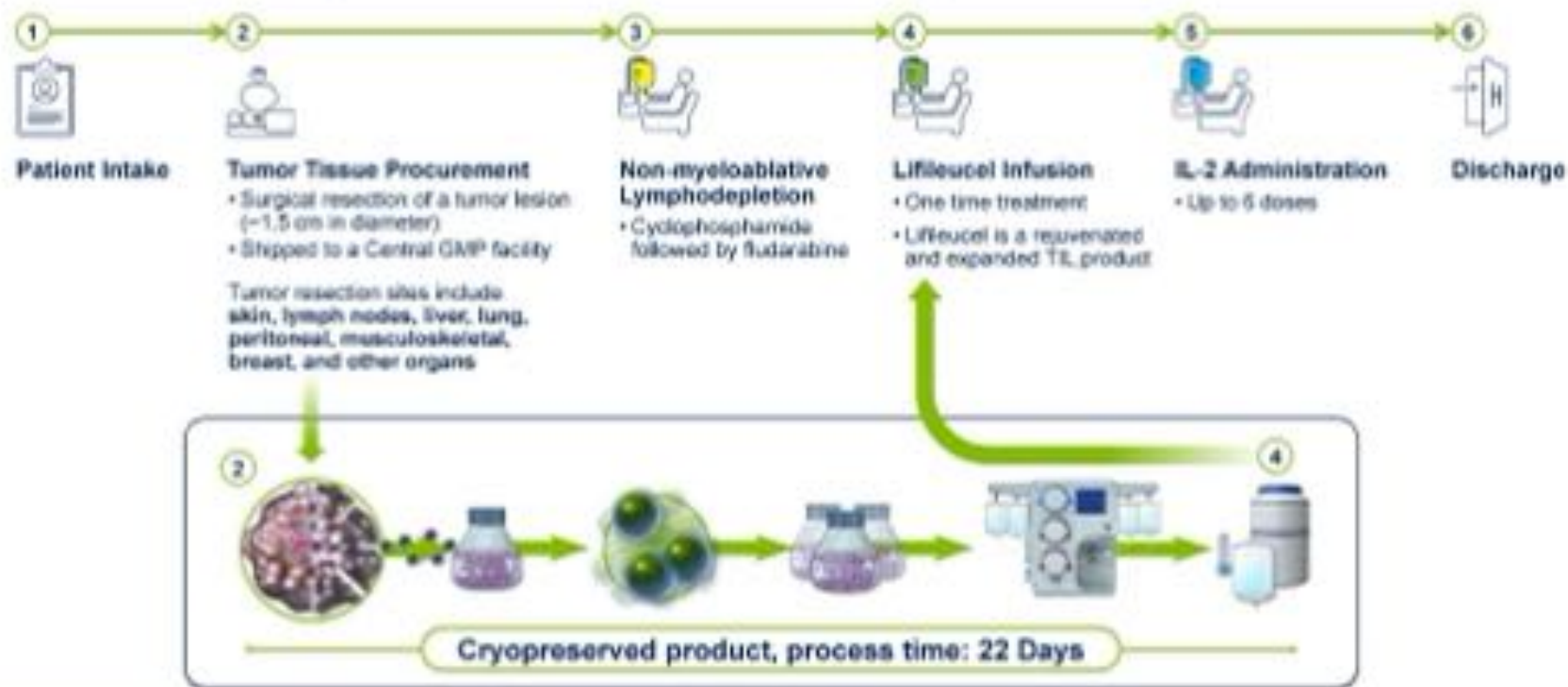


CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; TCR, T cell receptor; TIL, tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte.

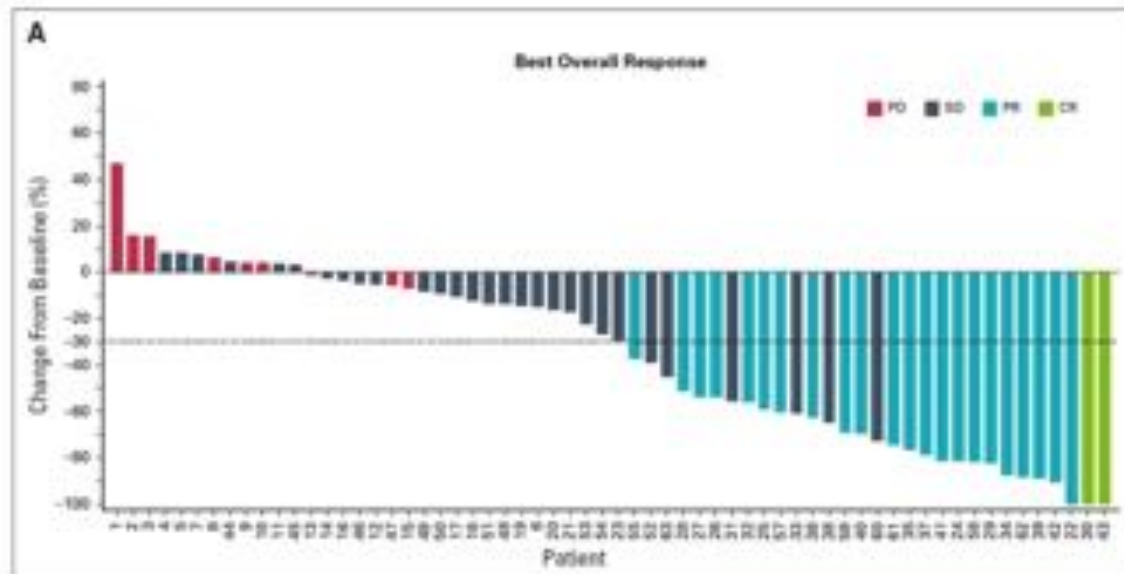
\*Bulk TIL refers to non-selected TILs; selected TILs refers to TILs selected against specific antigens.

Robson MK, et al. *Nature Rev Clin Oncol*. 2015;11:444-460.

## Patient Journey and TIL Manufacturing

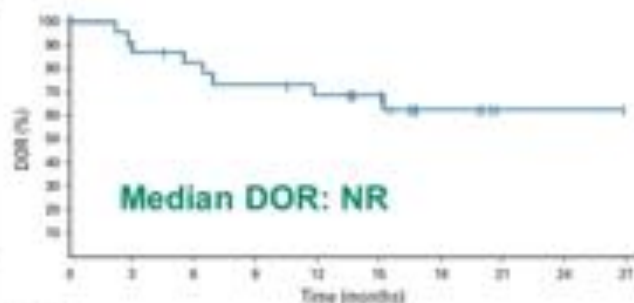


# Lifileucel for PD-1 Refractory Melanoma

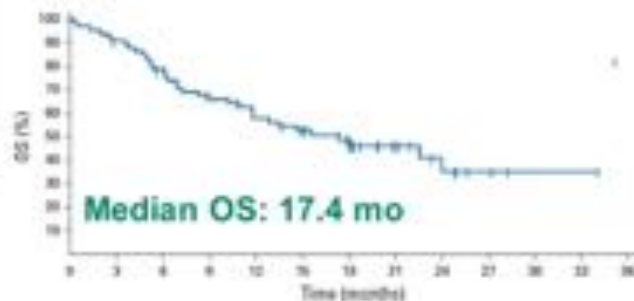


ORR: 36%  
(95% CI, 25 to 49)

(Sarnaik et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2021)



No. at Risk	49	41	36	30	24	19	14	11	7	5	4
Total	49	41	36	30	24	19	14	11	7	5	4



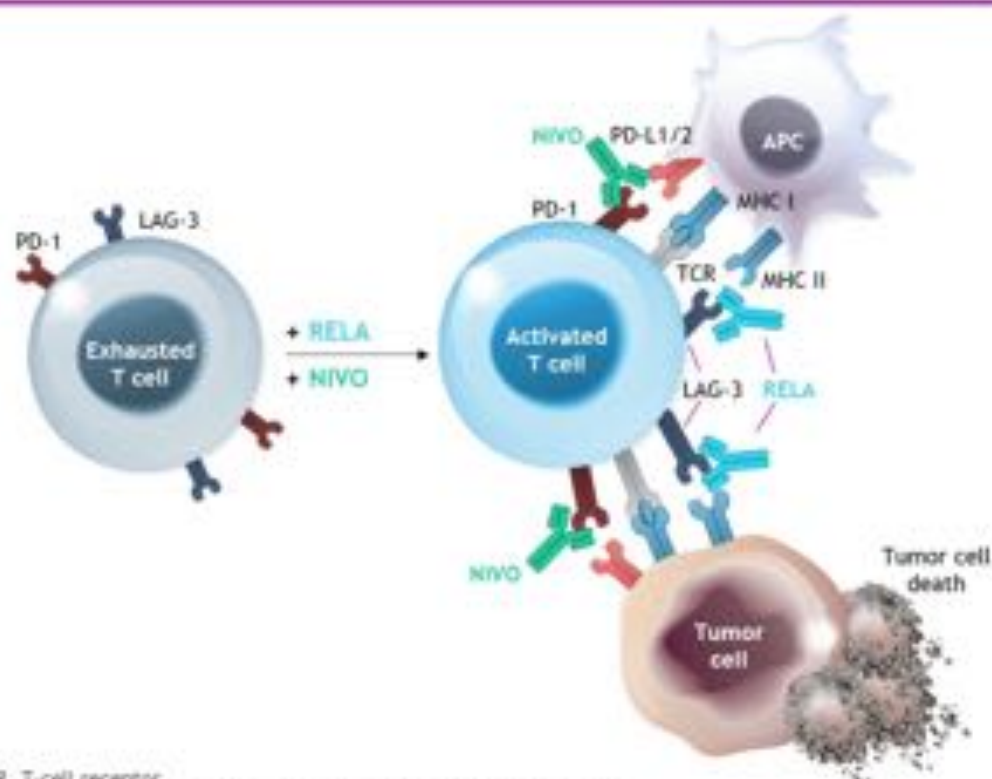
No. at Risk	49	48	46	42	36	30	24	18	13	9	5	4
Total	49	48	46	42	36	30	24	18	13	9	5	4

## Select Accruing Melanoma TIL Trials (\*Beyond Phase 1)

Trial Identifier	Sponsor	Description
NCT05398640		Expanded access program for Ifliceucl
NCT02278887	Netherlands Cancer Institute	Phase 3, Lymphodepletion+ TIL+ IL-2 vs. ipilimumab
NCT03645928		Phase 2, Lymphodepletion+ ifliceucl + IL-2
NCT05050006		Phase 2, Lymphodepletion+ ITIL-168 + IL-2
NCT03467516	UPMC Hillman Cancer Center	Phase 2, Lymphodepletion+ TIL + IL-2
NCT04762225	Repertoire Immune Medicines	Phase 1/2, Autologous Multi-Targeted T Cell Therapy (RPTR-168)
NCT03997474		Phase 1/2, Lymphodepletion +ATL001 +/- checkpoint inhibitor+ IL-2
NCT03815682		Phase 1/2, Autologous Multi-Targeted T Cell Therapy + IL-15 (RPTR-147:1) +/- Pembro
NCT03638375		Phase 1/2, TIL + nivo +/- IFN- $\alpha$
NCT03374839	Nantes University Hospital	Phase 1/2, TIL + IL-2 +/- DC vaccine

## Rationale for RELA + NIVO

- LAG-3 and PD-1 are distinct immune checkpoints, often co-expressed on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes, and contribute to tumor-mediated T-cell exhaustion<sup>1,2</sup>
- In preclinical models, LAG-3 and PD-1 blockade demonstrated synergistic antitumor activity<sup>1</sup>
- RELA + NIVO demonstrated clinically meaningful antitumor activity including durable objective responses and was well tolerated in patients with melanoma that was relapsed/refractory to anti-PD-1 therapy<sup>3,4</sup>



APC, antigen-presenting cell; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; TCR, T-cell receptor.

1. Woo S-K, et al. *Cancer Res* 2012;72:917-927; 2. Anderson AC, et al. *Immunity* 2016;44:989-1004; 3. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ASCO Annual Meeting; June 2-6, 2017; Chicago, IL. Abstract 9530; 4. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ESMO Congress; September 8-12, 2017; Madrid, Spain. Abstract LBA18.

## Study design

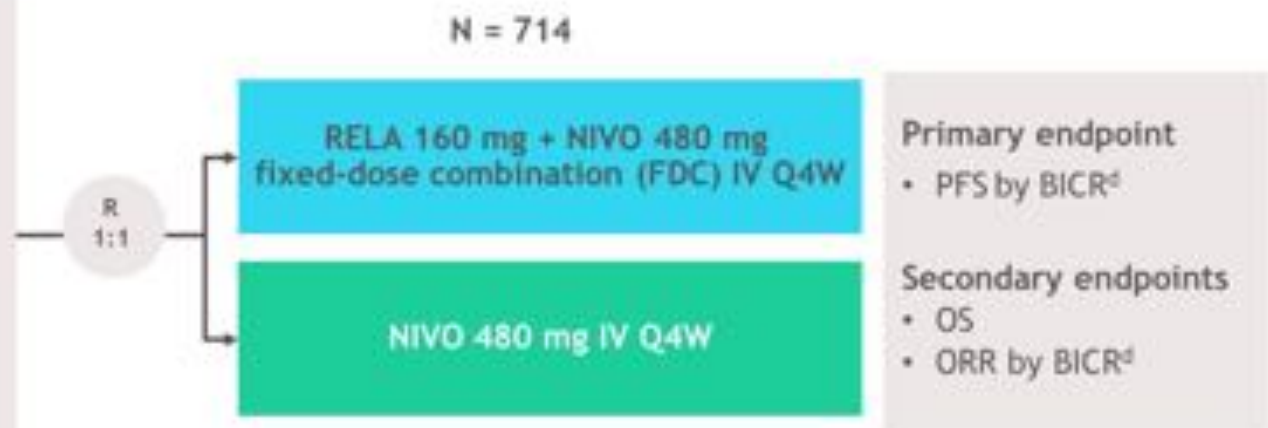
- **RELATIVITY-047** is a global, randomized, double-blind, phase 2/3 study

### Key eligibility criteria

- Previously untreated unresectable or metastatic melanoma<sup>a</sup>
- ECOG PS 0-1

### Stratification factors

- LAG-3<sup>b</sup>
- PD-L1<sup>c</sup>
- *BRAF*
- AJCC v8 M stage



AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; BICR, blinded independent central review; CTLA-4, cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen-4; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IV, intravenous; ORR, overall response rate; Q4W, every 4 weeks; R, randomization.

ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT03475912; Lipson E, et al. Poster presentation at ESMO Congress: October 19-23, 2018; Munich, Germany. Abstract 13021P.

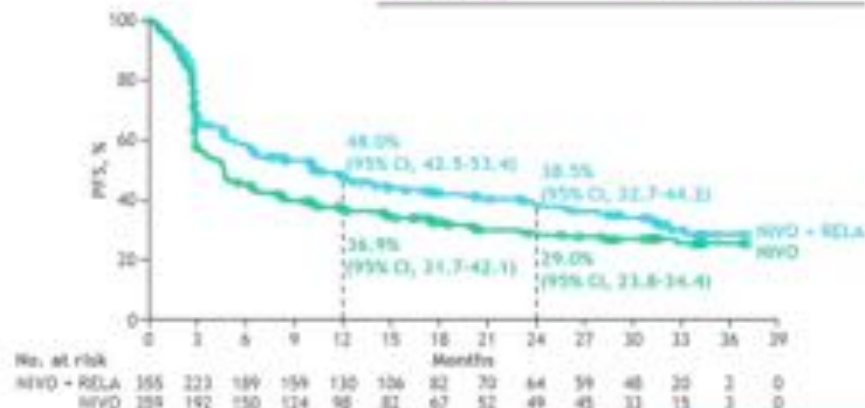
<sup>a</sup>Prior adjuvant/neoadjuvant treatment permitted (anti-PD-1 or anti-CTLA-4 permitted if at least 6 months between the last dose and recurrence); Interferon therapy permitted if the last dose was at least 6 weeks before randomization; <sup>b</sup>LAG-3 expression on immune cells was determined using an analytically validated IHC assay (LabCorp); <sup>c</sup>PD-L1 expression on tumor cells was determined using the validated Agilent/Dako PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx test; <sup>d</sup>First tumor assessment (RECIST v1.1) performed 12 weeks after randomization, every 8 weeks up to 52 weeks, and then every 12 weeks. Database lock date: March 9, 2021.



# PFS, OS, and ORR in all randomized patients

## Updated PFS by BICR

	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
mPFS, mo (95% CI)	10.22 (6.51-14.75)	4.63 (3.48-6.44)
HR (95% CI)	0.78 (0.64-0.94)	



Confirmed ORR by BICR	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
ORR % (95% CI)	43.1 (37.9-48.4)	32.6 (27.8-37.7)

DBL date: October 28, 2021. Median follow-up: 19.3 mo

## OS

	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
mOS, mo (95% CI)	HR (34.20-NR)	34.10 (25.23-NR)
HR (95% CI)	0.80 (0.64-1.01)	
P value	0.0593	

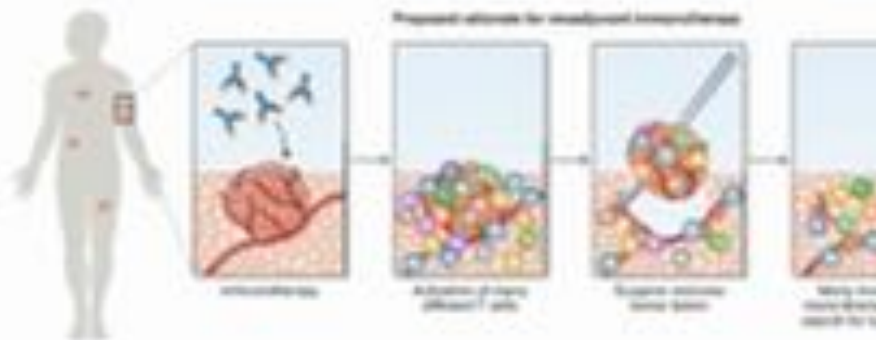


Statistical model for HR and P value: stratified Cox proportional hazard model and stratified log-rank test. Stratified by LAG-3, BRAF mutation status, and AJCC N stage. PD-L1 was removed from stratification because it led to subgroup with < 10 patients. OS boundary for statistical significance was P = 0.0402. OS (best) analyzed at 89% power, target HR, 0.75; ORR could not be formally tested and was descriptively analyzed. Minimum potential follow-up time from last patient randomized to last patient last visit was 8.7 mo.

Long GV, et al. Oral presentation at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2021 March Plenary Series, March 15, 2021. Virtual. Abstract 3688S.

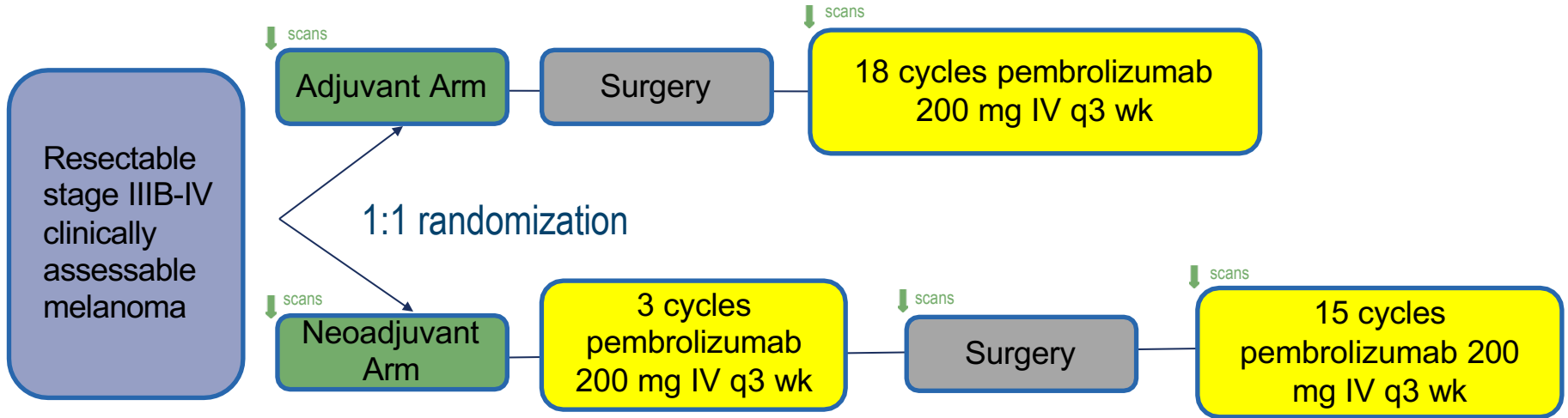
# Why neoadjuvant treatment?

- **Downstaging disease**  
→ facilitate resection/less morbidity
- **Destruction of micrometastases**  
→ prevention of distant metastasis
- **More tumor antigens**  
→ better and deeper immune response
- **Objectify the individual therapy response**  
→ Personalised therapy



# S1801 Study Schema

Primary endpoint: Event-free survival

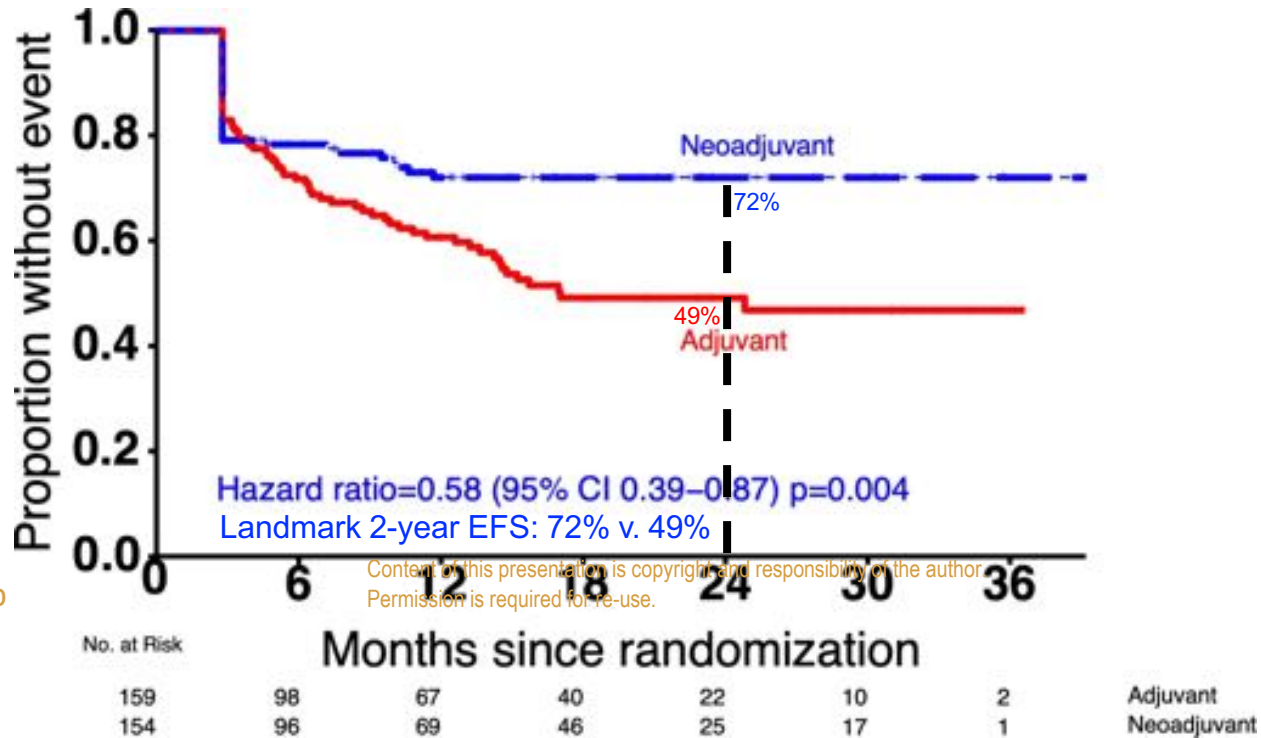


↓ radiographic assessment (scans)

*Additional criteria: strata included AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> ed. stage and LDH, adjuvant radiation allowed, concomitant radiation & pembrolizumab was not allowed, brain metastasis excluded, uveal melanoma excluded*

*Surgery type and extent was required to be pre-specified and carried out regardless of radiologic response to therapy*

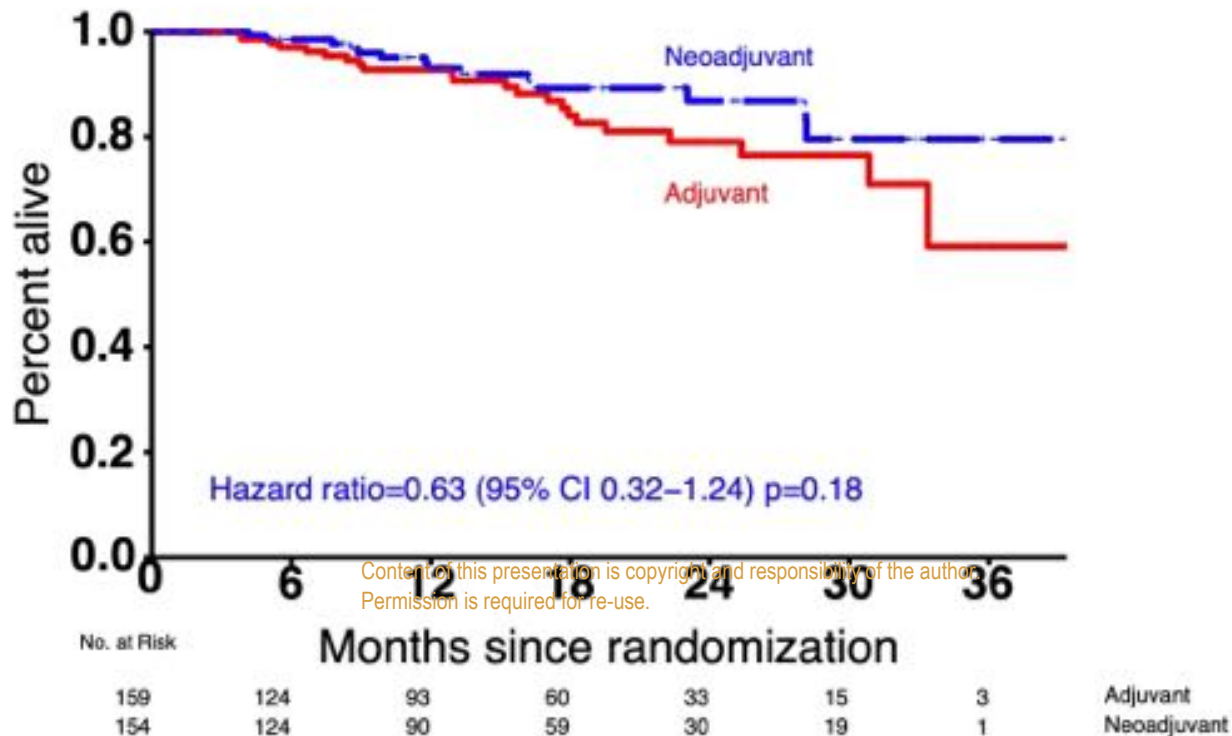
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# Overall survival



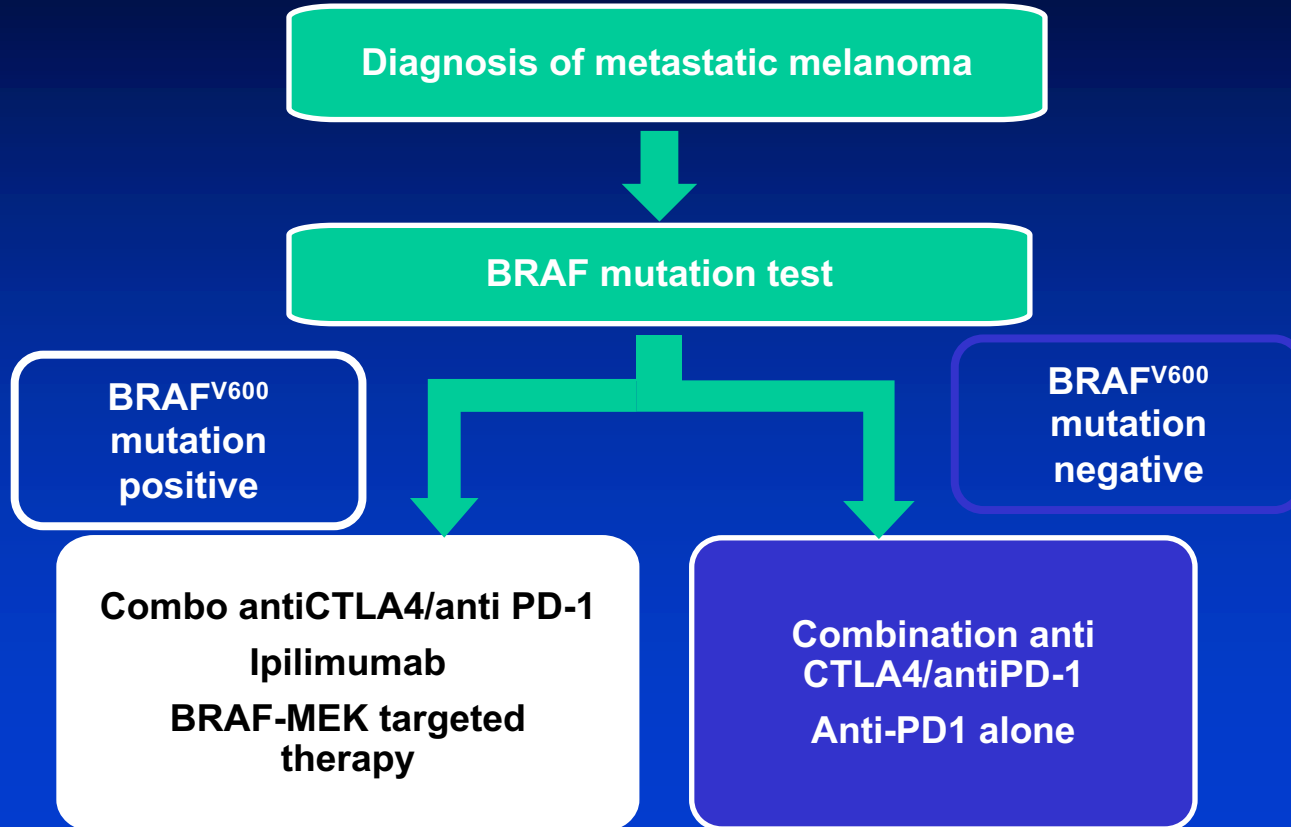
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# Summary & Conclusions

- Immunotherapy is an option for all patients
  - Single agent PD1
  - Combination PD-1/CTLA-4
- Targeted therapy (BRAF/MEK combination) is an option for BRAF-MT patients
- Triple therapy for BRAF-MT patients is an approved option but the data are controversial
- For first-line treatment, combination immunotherapy (CTLA-4 + PD1) is preferred for most patients including those with a BRAF mutation
- Future directions include new targets and other immunotherapy approaches including neoadjuvant therapy

# How I Treat Metastatic Melanoma



Thank you!