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# Immunologic Checkpoint Blockade: Learnings from Melanoma

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## Ipilimumab Augments T-Cell Activation and Proliferation





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Tumorous nodule with melanin pigment (macrophages and lymphocytes; no melanocytes)

Macrophages and lymphocytes are present, but no tumor cells



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### CD8-positive T-cells

CD4-positive T-cells (macrophages are also weakly pos for CD4)



## Ipilimumab Phase II and III data : Primary analysis of pooled overall survival (OS) data in context of prior standard care



Dirk Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015;33:1889-1894



# **Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions**

- Result from increased or excessive immune activity
- Can be severe or life-threatening, affecting various organs

#### GASTROINTESTINAL

Signs and symptoms such as

- Diamhea
- Abdominal pain
- Blood or mucus in stool
- Bowel perforation
- Peritoneal signs
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#### LIVER

#### Signs such as

 Abnormal liver function tests (eg, AST, ALT) or total bilirubin

#### **SKIN**

- Symptoms such as
- Pruritus
- Rash



#### **NEUROLOGIC**

#### Symptoms such as

- Unilateral or bilateral weakness
- Sensory alterations
- Paresthesia

#### ENDOCRINE

Signs and symptoms such as

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Mental status changes
- Abdominal pain
- Unusual bowel habits
- Hypotension
- Abnormal thyroid function tests and/or serum chemistries

### OTHER ADVERSE REACTIONS, including ocular manifestations

Please see each organ system section for related guidance.



## **Role of PD-1 Pathway in Tumor Immunity**

Recognition of tumor by T cell through MHC/antigen interaction mediates IFNγ release and PD-L1/2 up-regulation on tumor

Priming and activation of T cells through MHC/antigen & CD28/B7 interactions with antigen-presenting cells



Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab, Cemiplimab:PD-1 Receptor Blocking Abs Atezolizumab, Avelumab, Durvalumab: PD-L1 Blocking Abs



Sznol et al., ASCO, 2013

## Maximum Percent Change from Baseline in Tumor Size<sup>a</sup> (Central Review, RECIST v1.1)





Presented by: Antoni Ribas, ASCO, 2014. Robert et al., Lancet, 2014

### **Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1**





# CheckMate 067: Study Design



months for all patients

#### NCT01844505

<sup>a</sup>The study was not powered for a comparison between NIVO+IPI and NIVO.AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer.



# **Overall Survival**



<sup>a</sup>Descriptive analysis. 1. Larkin J, et al. Oral presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting; April 1–5, 2017; Washington DC, USA. Abstract CT075; 2. Wolchok JD, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1345–1356; 2. Hodi FS, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2018;19:1480–1492.



# **Safety Summary**

- No new safety signals were observed with the additional follow-up
- No additional deaths due to study drug toxicity were reported since the prior analysis<sup>a</sup>

	NIVO+IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
Patients reporting event	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Treatment-related AE, %	96	59	87	23	86	28
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	42	31	13	8	15	14
Treatment-related death, n (%)	2 (1)		1 (< 1)		1 (< 1)	

- Survival outcomes were not impacted by discontinuing NIVO+IPI early due to a TRAE<sup>b</sup>
  - Patients who discontinued NIVO+IPI during induction due to a TRAE had 5-year PFS (35%) and OS rates (51%) similar to patients in the overall population (36% and 52%, respectively)

<sup>a</sup>Previously reported treatment-related deaths were cardiomyopathy and liver necrosis for NIVO+IPI (n = 1 each; both occurred > 100 days after last treatment), neutropenia for NIVO (n = 1), and colonic perforation for IPI (n = 1); <sup>b</sup>Post-hoc analysis. TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.



Ipilimumab Pattern of Response: Responses After the Appearance and Subsequent Disappearance of New Lesions



Four Patterns of Response to Ipilimumab Therapy Observed

- 2 conventional:
  - Response in baseline lesions
  - 'Stable disease' with slow, steady decline in total tumor volume
- 2 novel:
  - Response after initial increase in total tumor volume
  - Response in index plus new lesions at or after the appearance of new lesions



### **Proportion of Response to Ipilimumab**



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## irRC Identifies Survivors in Patients with Progressive Disease by mWHO



Pooled data from phase II studies CA184-008 and CA184-022: ipilimumab monotherapy 10 mg/kg (N=227)



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## Dose Escalation Subjects: Summary of First-in-Human 89Zr IAB22M2C PET/CT





Pandit-Taskar et al., J Nucl Med, 2019

### Is a drug hitting its target? Pharmacodynamic imaging of T cells: Metastatic Melanoma





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Pandit-Taskar et al., J Nucl Med, 2019

**Subject**: 64 years old male, Metastatic Hepatocellular Carcinoma, diagnosed May-2017 **Treatment history:** Nivolumab treatment started 2 weeks prior to scan





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Pandit-Taskar et al., J Nucl Med, 2019

### Which Patients Need Adjuvant Therapy:

Whole genome mutation integration to overcome input ceiling





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### Deep learning models track response to therapy





Adam Widman & Dan Landau

# Summary

- Checkpoint blockade is an effective treatment with durable responses and improvement in overall survival in melanoma,
- Combination therapy will be necessary for immunotherapy to achieve full potential (other immune modulators, oncolytic viruses, vaccines, radiation, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, anti-angiogenic therapy).
- New agents are in early clinical development. These include additional antagonists (LAG-3) as well as agonist agents for costimulatory pathways (GITR, OX40, CD40, CD137) and CSF-1R and IDO inhibitors which may be beneficial as part of combinatorial approaches.
- Efforts are under way to study precise mechanisms of primary and acquired resistance to inform future combinations.
- Refinements in cell therapy techniques will improve accessibility and efficacy.
- MRD detection is a priority for optimal use of systemic adjuvant therapy and determining treatment discontinuation strategies.





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