

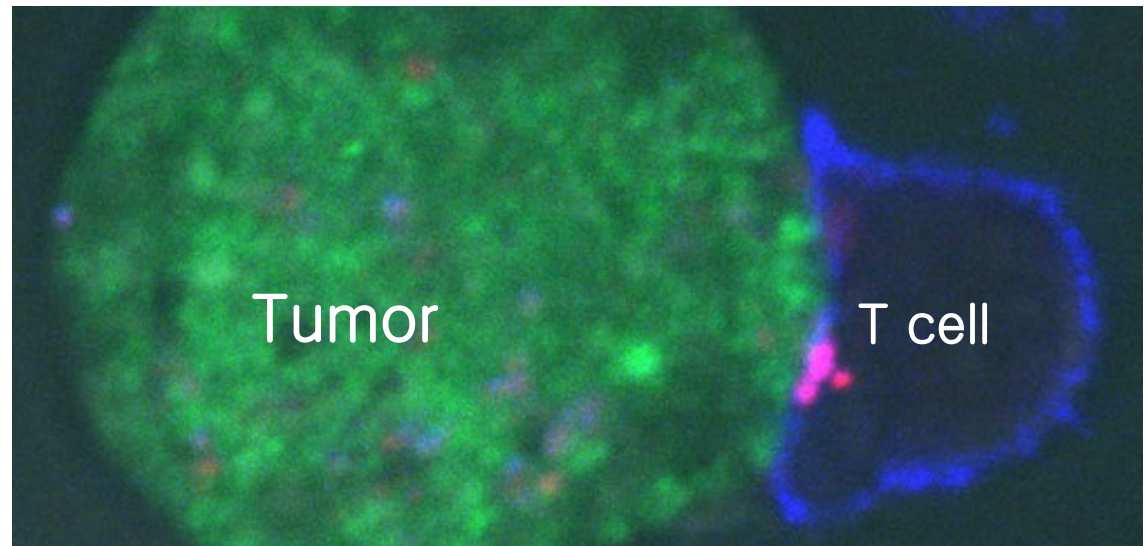
Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

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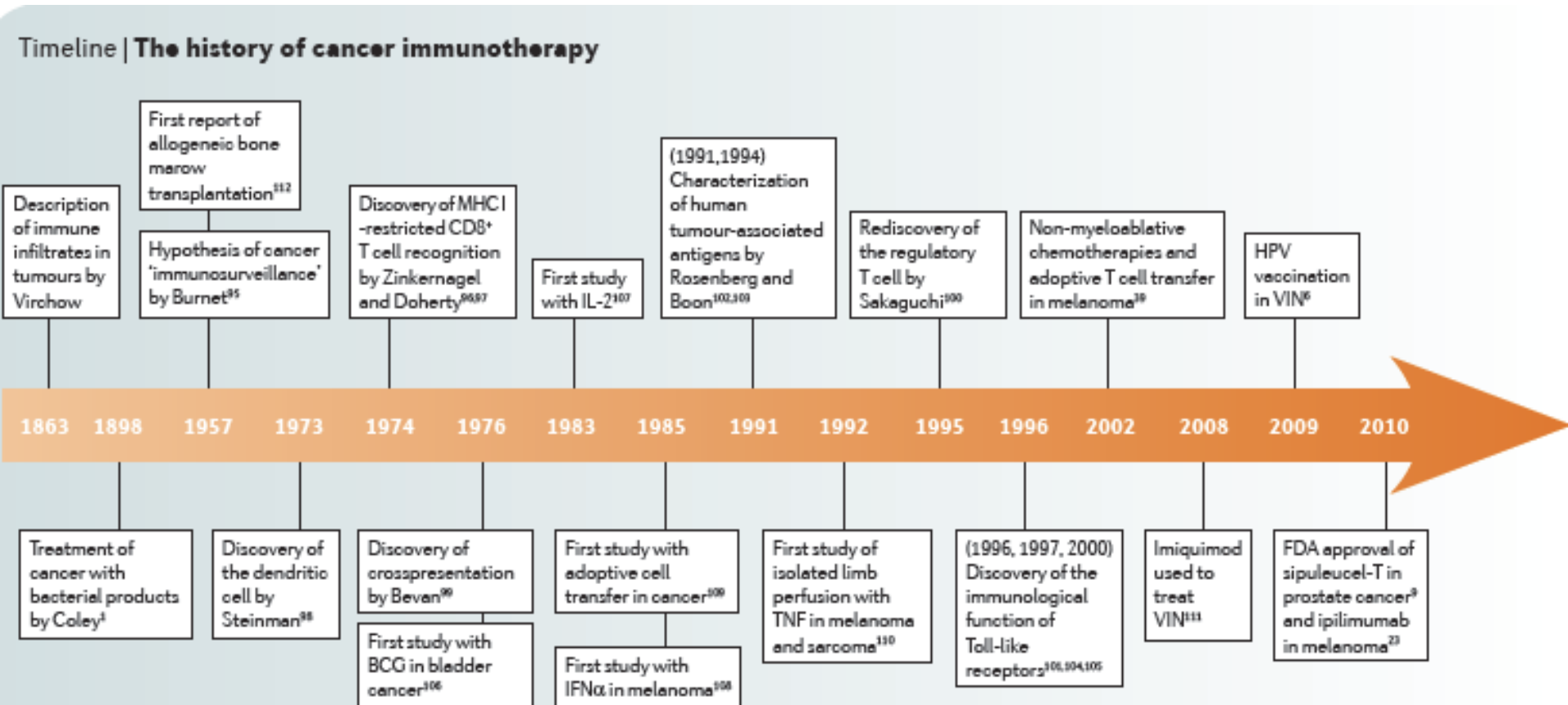
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History



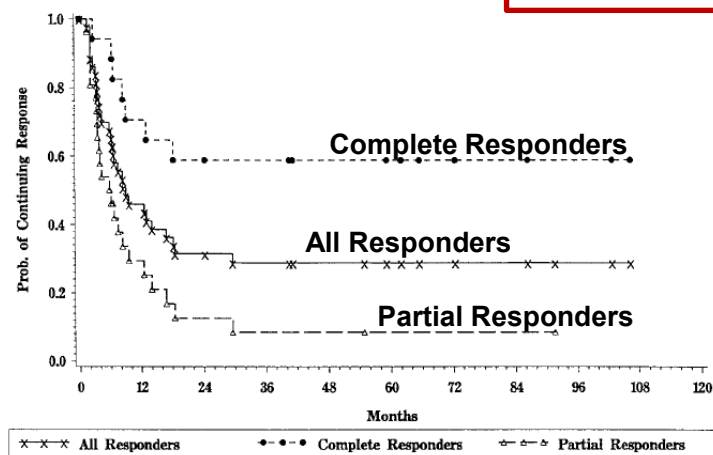
Lesterhuis et al, Nature Review, 2011

Did You Say Cure?

High Dose IL-2

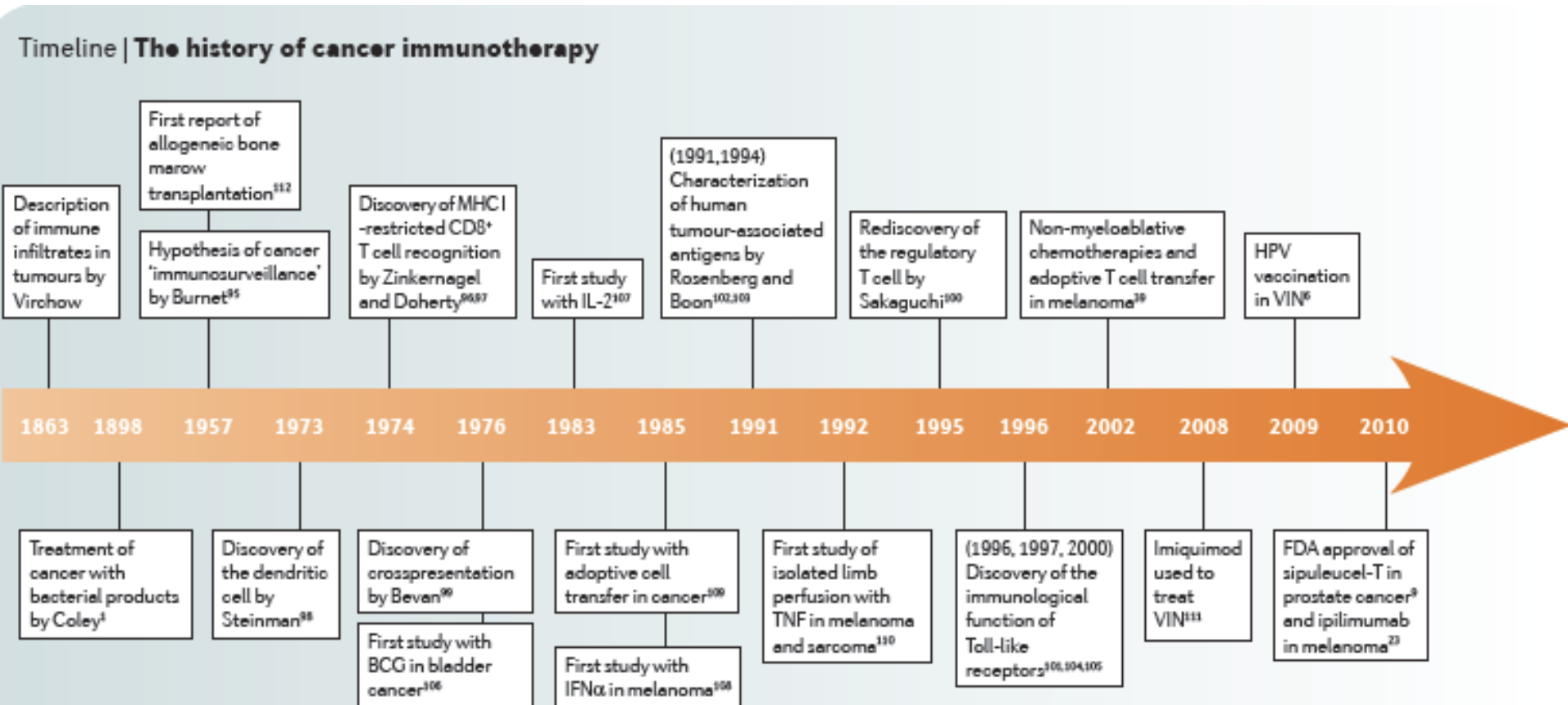
- FDA Approval for Stage IV, 1998
- Cytokine that stimulates effector T-cells
- ORR ~15%, Complete Response Rate (CR) ~6%
- Very Toxic
 - Hypotension, third spacing, renal, respiratory, psych
 - ~2% mortality in initial trials

- Strengths
 - Long-term OS in 5%
 - Proof-of-concept that stage IV melanoma pts can be cured
- Caveats
 - Low response rate
 - Can only be given in specialized centers
 - Patients must be selected carefully



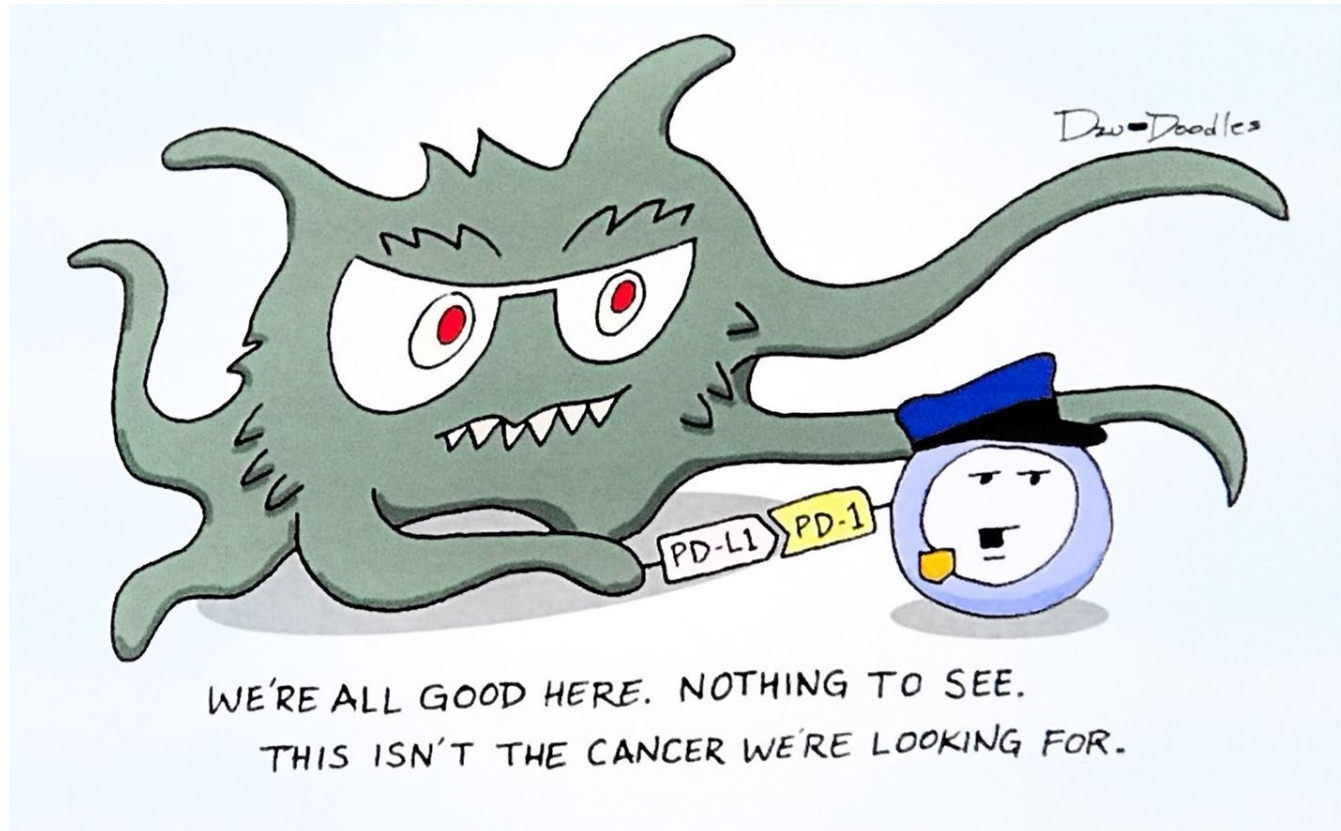
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Immune Checkpoint Blockade



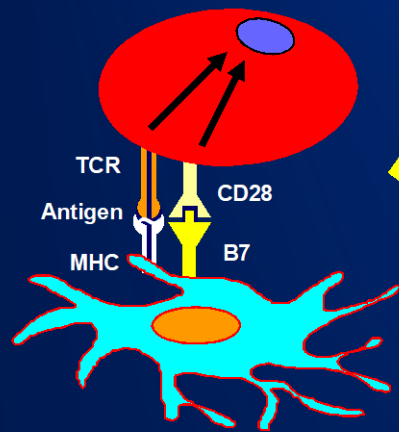
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CTLA-4 Checkpoint Blockade



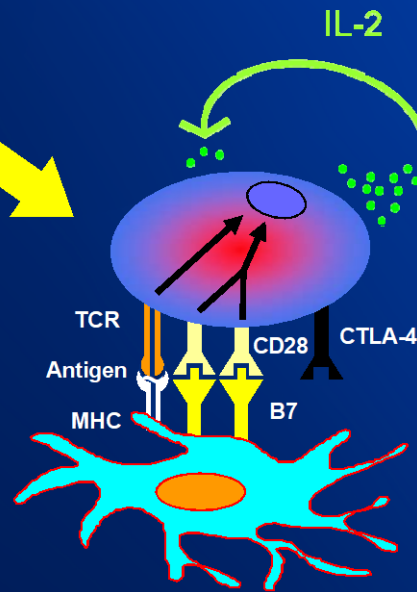
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Regulation of T cell activation is a Complex Process



Antigen-specific T cell Activation

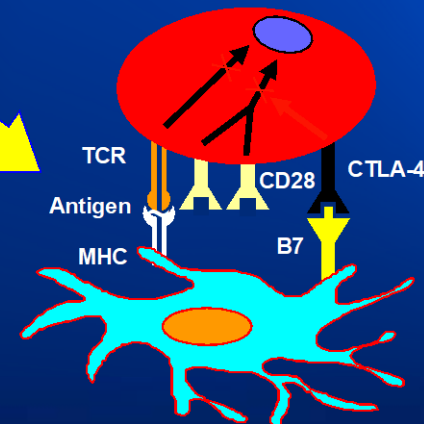
- TCR : Antigen MHC
- CD28 : B7 Co-stimulation



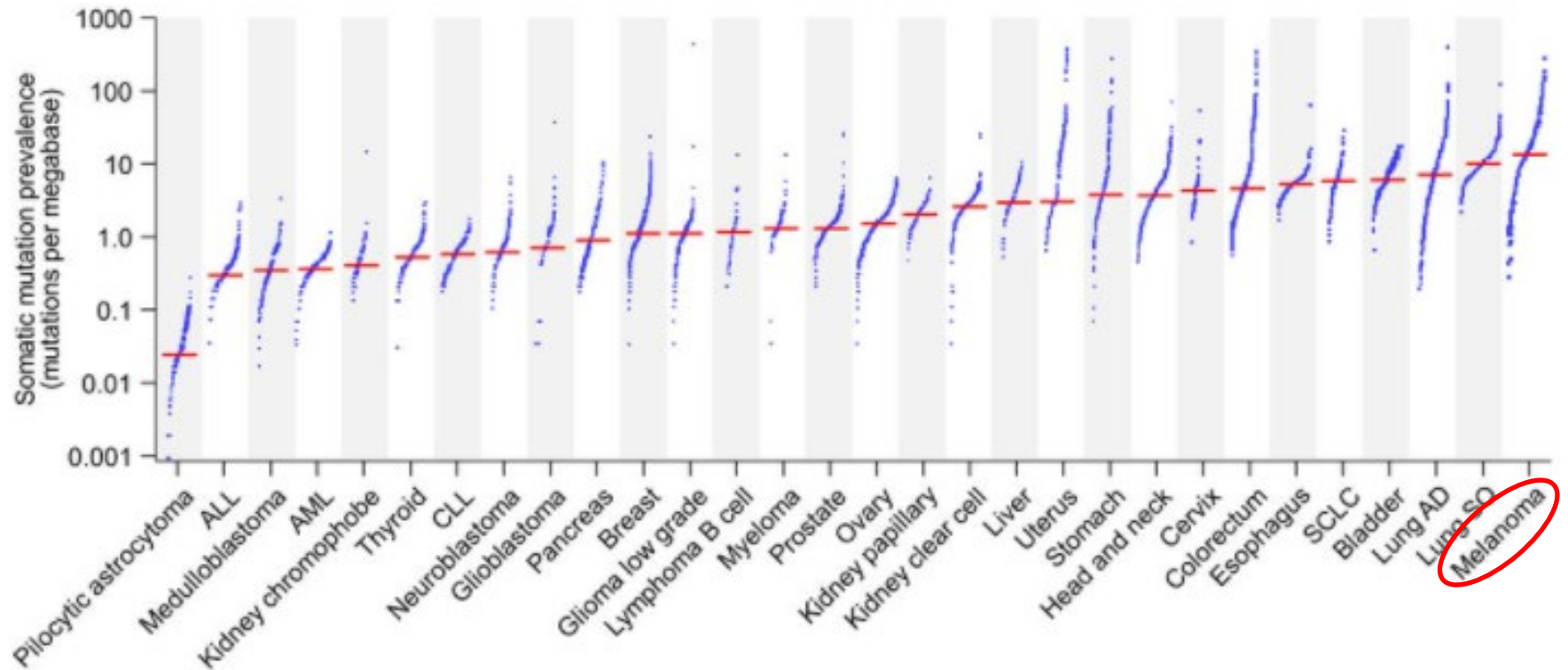
Activated T cell

- IL-2 secretion
- Proliferation
- Effector function
- Induction of CTLA-4

- CTLA-4 : B7 suppression
- Termination of response



Tumor Mutational Burden

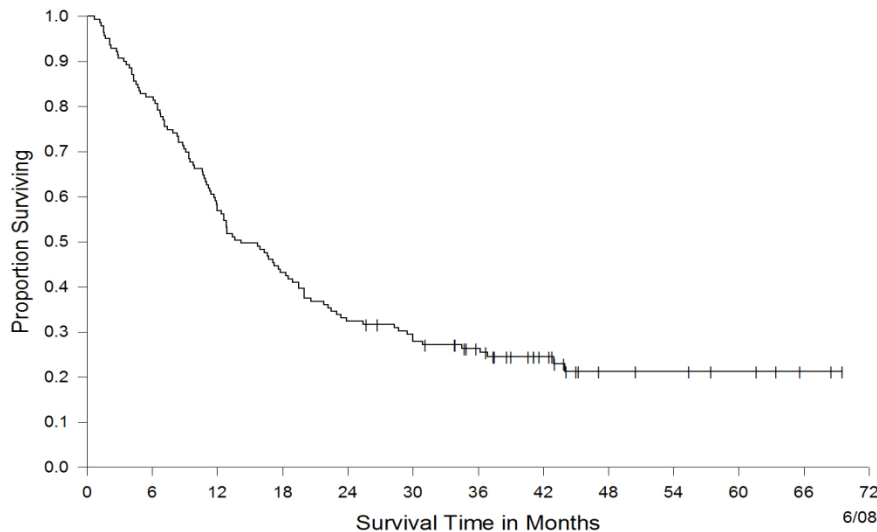


Durable responses and long term Survival



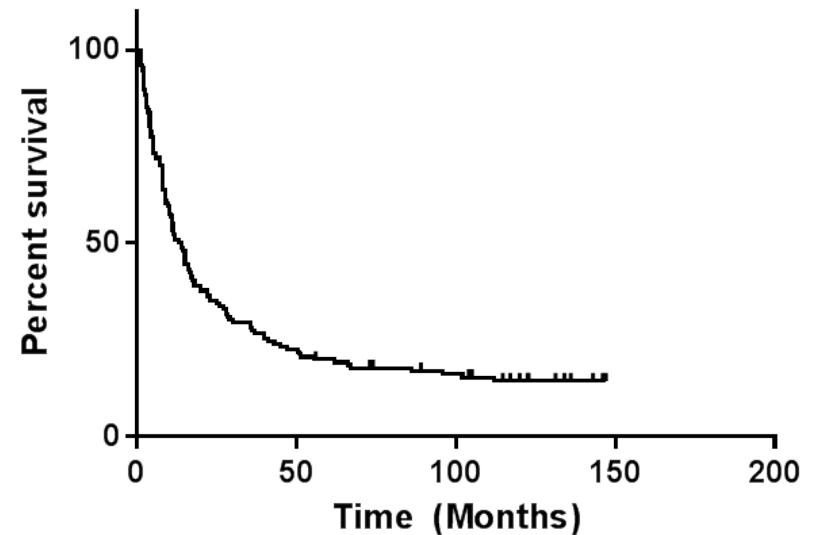
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Ipilimumab/Yervoy



10 yr survival rate: 22%

Tremelimumab 10 yr outcome UCLA and MDACC



N= 147 (M1c:54%)

Median OS= 14 months

Response rate: 15%

5 yr survival rate: 19.7%

10 yr survival rate: 18.6%

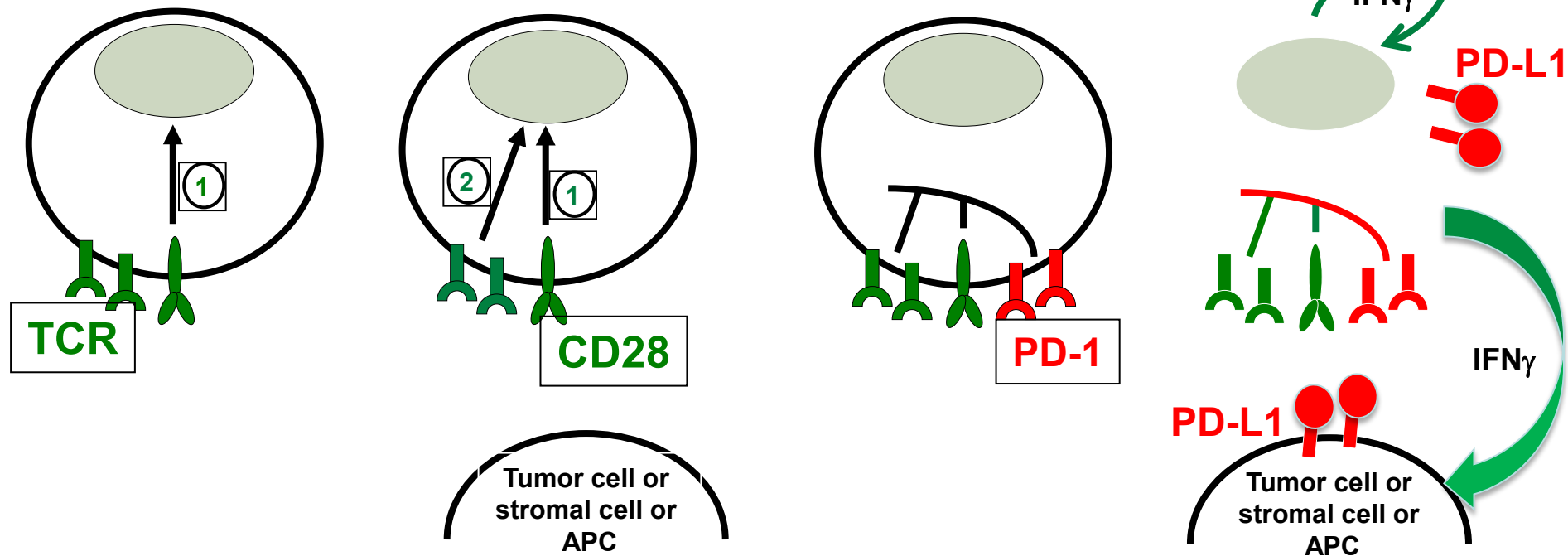
PD-(L)1 Blockade

TCR Signal Only
No Proliferation

Positive
Costimulation
*Proliferation and
T cells Activated*

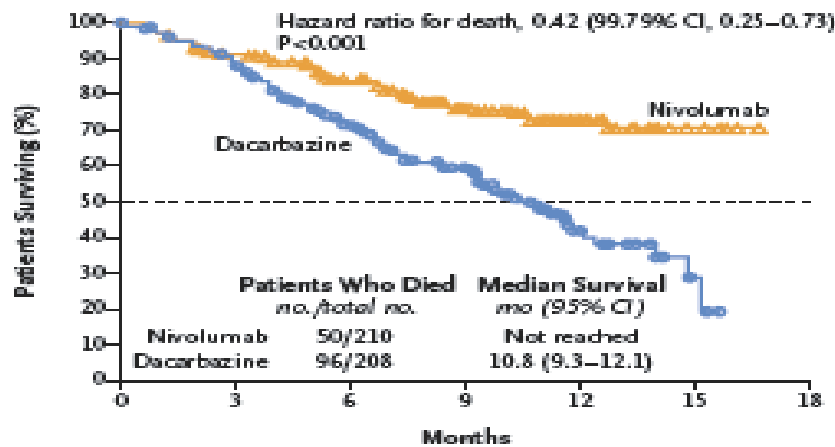
Activated T cells
upregulate
checkpoint molecules
(such as CTLA-4 and PD-1)

Activated T cells
make IFN γ ,
which increases
PD-L1 expression

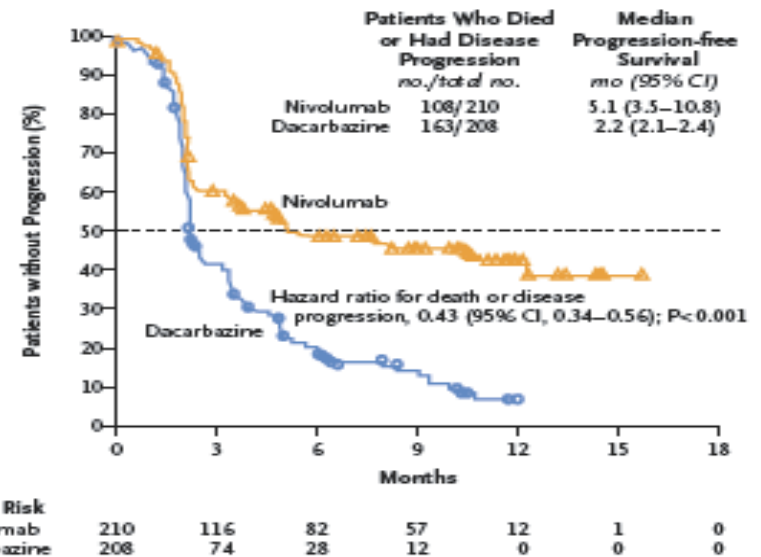


PD-(L)1 Blockade

Overall Survival: HR 0.42



Progression-Free Survival: HR 0.43



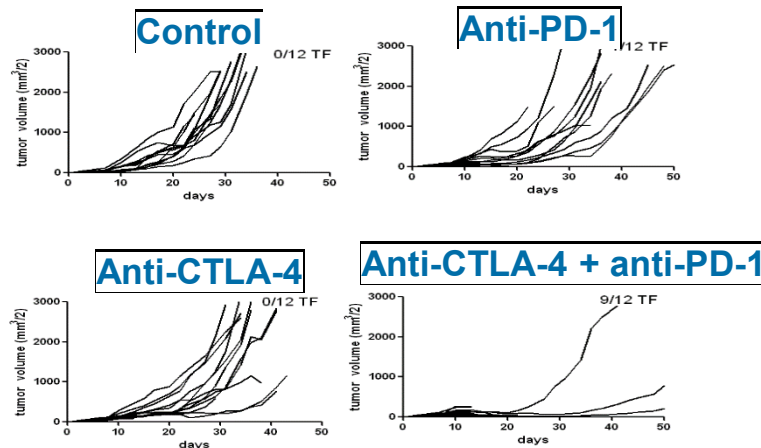
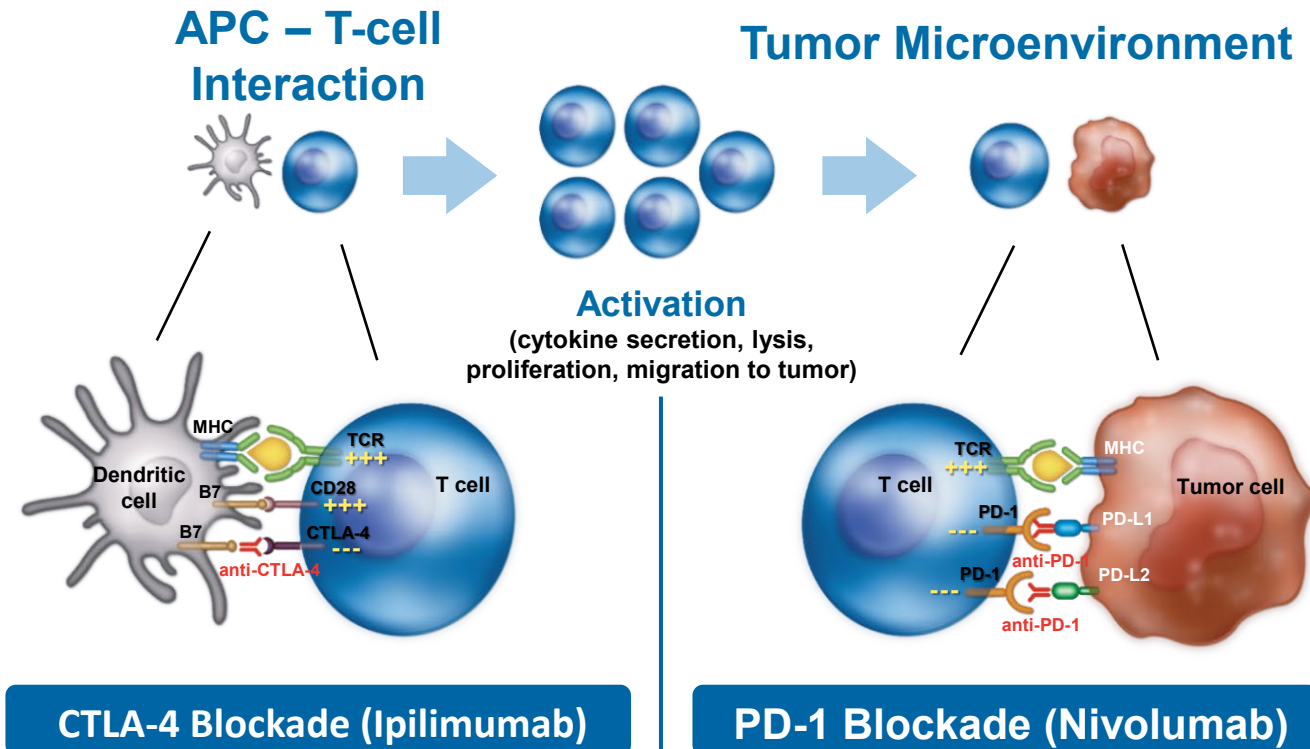
No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Nivolumab	210	185	150	105	45	8	0
Dacarbazine	208	177	123	82	22	3	0

No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Nivolumab	210	116	82	57	12	1	0
Dacarbazine	208	74	28	12	0	0	0

	ORR	CR	PR	SD	PD
Nivolumab/Opdivo	40%	7.6%	32.4%	16.7%	32.9%
Chemotherapy	13.9%	1.0%	13.0%	22.1%	48.6%

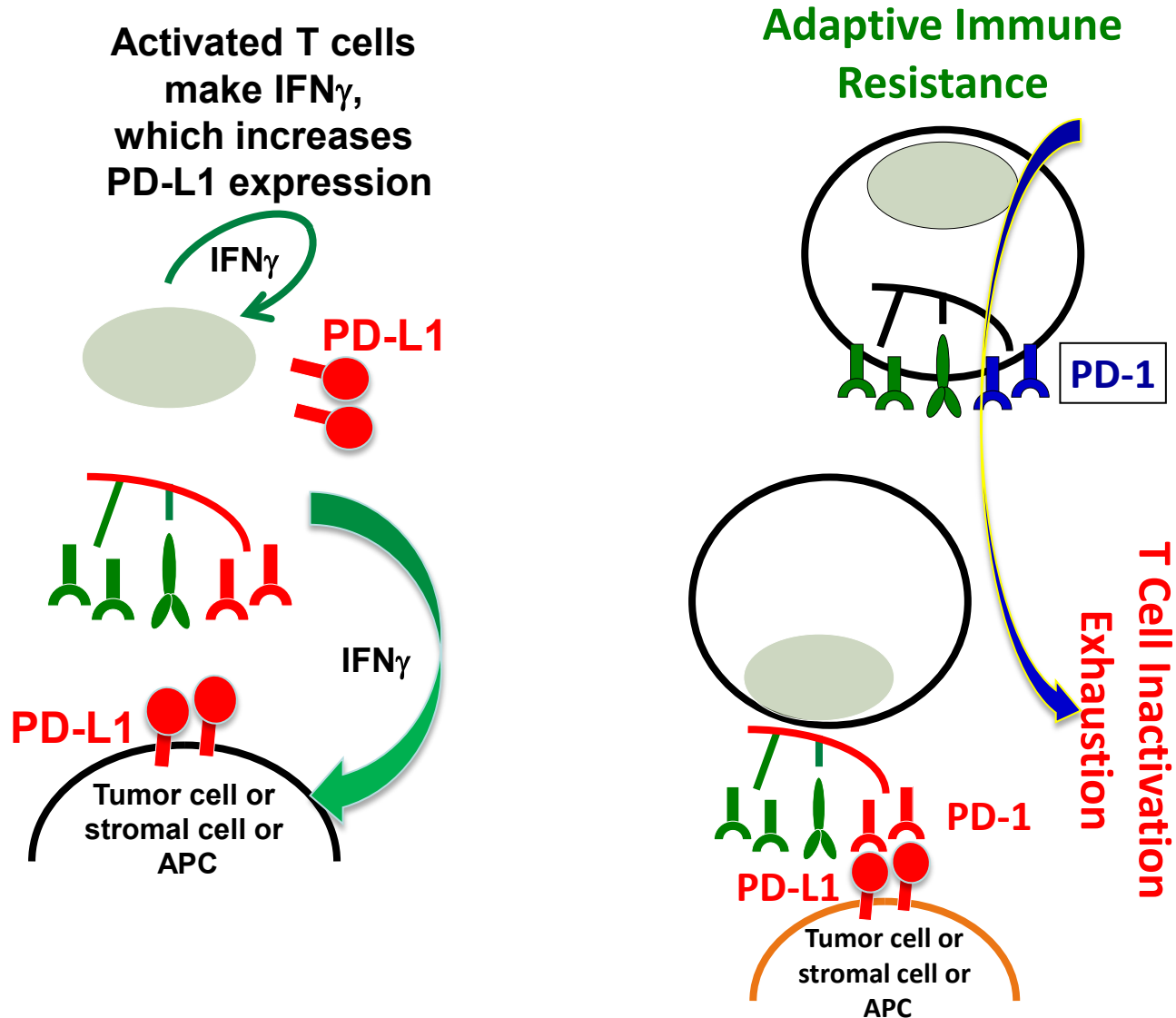
Long, et al SMR 2014; Robert, *NEJM*, 2014

Mechanistic Differences CTLA-4 vs PD-1



1. Korman et al. *J Immunol* 2007;178:48.37.
2. Selby et al. ASCO 2013, abs 3061.

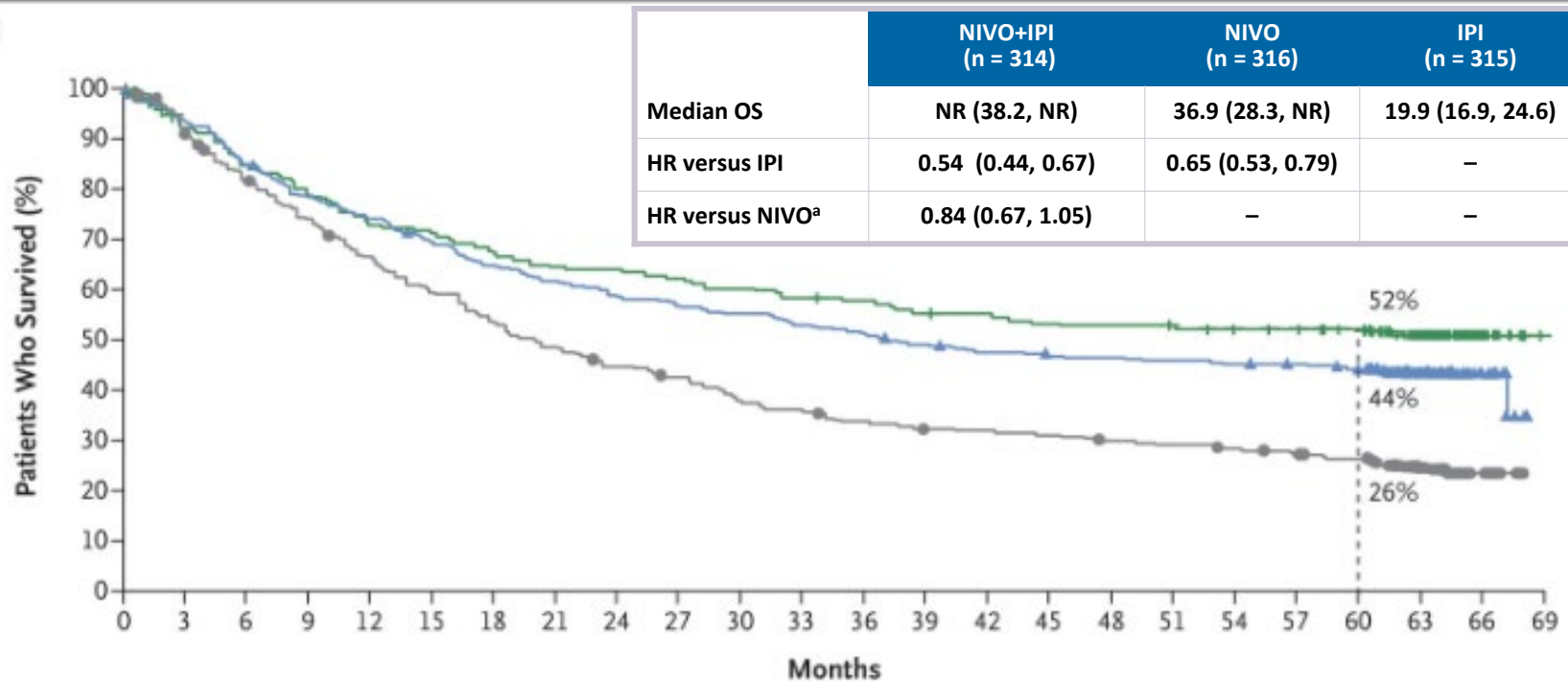
Mechanistic Differences CTLA-4 vs PD-1



Ipilimumab + Nivolumab – Checkmate 067

—+— Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab —▲— Nivolumab —●— Ipilimumab

A Overall Survival



No. at Risk

Nivolumab plus ipilimumab	314	292	265	248	227	222	210	201	199	193	187	181	179	172	169	164	163	159	157	155	150	92	14	0
Nivolumab	316	292	266	245	231	214	201	191	181	175	171	164	158	150	145	142	141	139	137	135	130	78	14	0
Ipilimumab	315	285	253	227	203	181	163	148	135	128	113	107	100	95	94	91	87	84	81	77	73	36	12	0

Larkin, et. al. 2019 NEJM

Combination Ipilimumab/Nivolumab AE Data

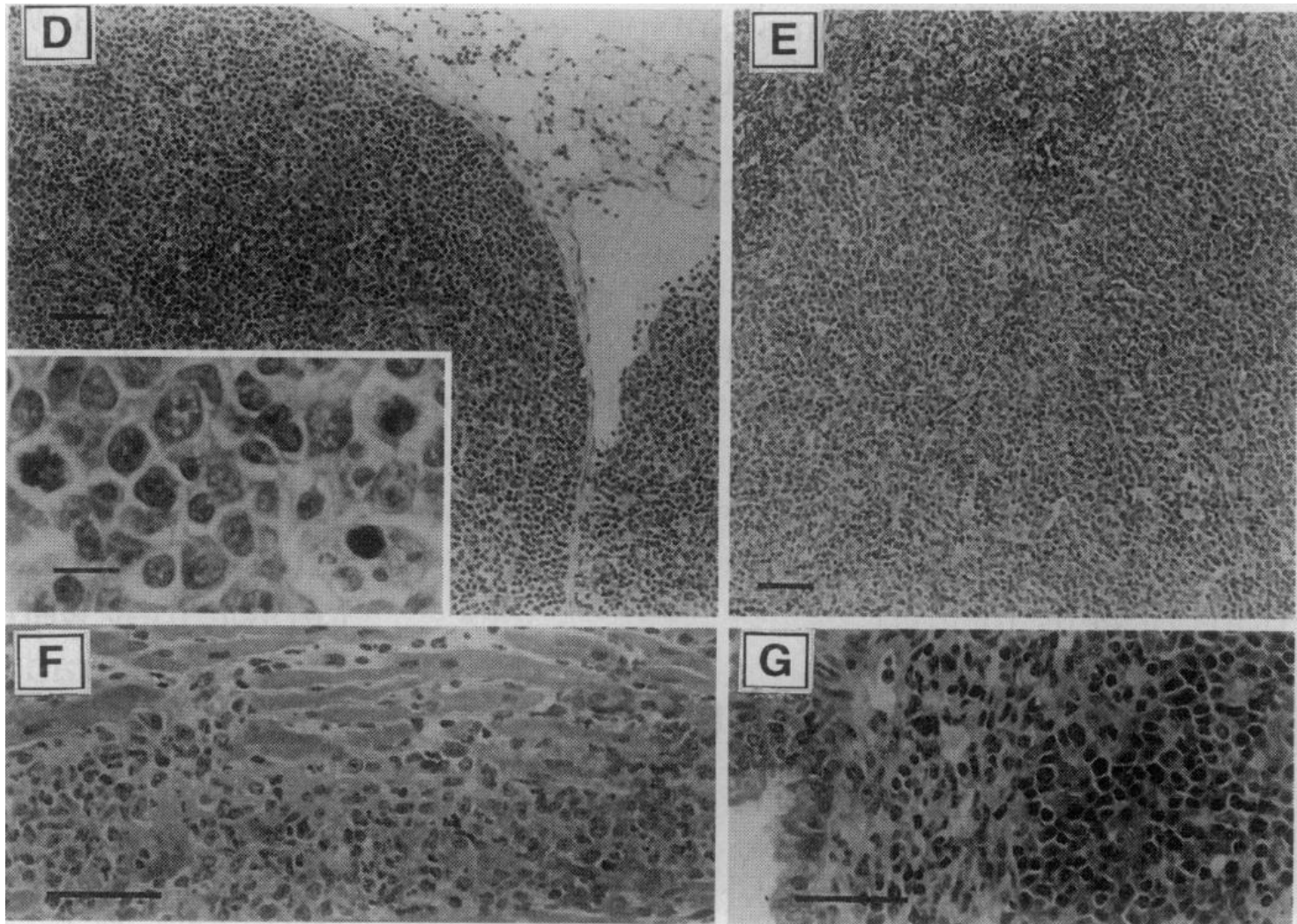
Table 3. Adverse Events.*

Event	Nivolumab (N=313)		Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N=313)		Ipilimumab (N=311)	
	Any	Grade 3 or 4	Any	Grade 3 or 4	Any	Grade 3 or 4
	<i>number of patients with event (percent)</i>					
Any adverse event	311 (99.4)	136 (43.5)	312 (99.7)	215 (68.7)	308 (99.0)	173 (55.6)
Treatment-related adverse event†	257 (82.1)	51 (16.3)	299 (95.5)	172 (55.0)	268 (86.2)	85 (27.3)
Diarrhea	60 (19.2)	7 (2.2)	138 (44.1)	29 (9.3)	103 (33.1)	19 (6.1)
Fatigue	107 (34.2)	4 (1.3)	110 (35.1)	13 (4.2)	87 (28.0)	3 (1.0)
Pruritus	59 (18.8)	0	104 (33.2)	6 (1.9)	110 (35.4)	1 (0.3)
Rash	81 (25.9)	2 (0.6)	126 (40.3)	15 (4.8)	102 (32.8)	6 (1.9)
Nausea	41 (13.1)	0	81 (25.9)	7 (2.2)	50 (16.1)	2 (0.6)
Pyrexia	18 (5.8)	0	58 (18.5)	2 (0.6)	21 (6.8)	1 (0.3)
Decreased appetite	34 (10.9)	0	56 (17.9)	4 (1.3)	39 (12.5)	1 (0.3)
Increase in alanine amino- transferase level	12 (3.8)	4 (1.3)	55 (17.6)	26 (8.3)	12 (3.9)	5 (1.6)
Vomiting	20 (6.4)	1 (0.3)	48 (15.3)	8 (2.6)	23 (7.4)	1 (0.3)
Increase in aspartate amino- transferase level	12 (3.8)	3 (1.0)	48 (15.3)	19 (6.1)	11 (3.5)	2 (0.6)
Hypothyroidism	27 (8.6)	0	47 (15.0)	1 (0.3)	13 (4.2)	0
Colitis	4 (1.3)	2 (0.6)	37 (11.8)	24 (7.7)	36 (11.6)	27 (8.7)
Arthralgia	24 (7.7)	0	33 (10.5)	1 (0.3)	19 (6.1)	0
Headache	23 (7.3)	0	32 (10.2)	1 (0.3)	24 (7.7)	1 (0.3)
Dyspnea	14 (4.5)	1 (0.3)	32 (10.2)	2 (0.6)	13 (4.2)	0
Treatment-related adverse event leading to discontinuation	24 (7.7)	16 (5.1)	114 (36.4)	92 (29.4)	46 (14.8)	41 (13.2)

* The safety population included all the patients who received at least one dose of study drug. The severity of adverse events was graded according to the National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, version 4.0.

† The treatment-related adverse events listed here were those reported in at least 10% of the patients in any of the three study groups.

Lymphoproliferative Disorders with Early Lethality in Mice Deficient in Ctla-4



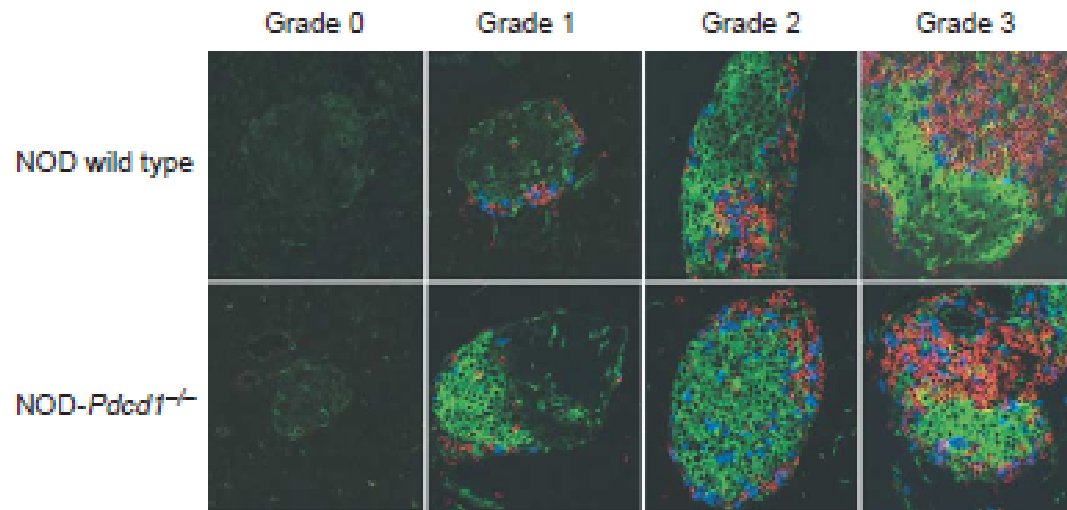
PD-1/L-1 ko mice

Higher risk for AI but compatible with life

Table 1. Autoimmune phenotypes of *Pdcd1*^{-/-} mice

Genotype	Phenotype	Age at onset	Penetrance	Refs
C57BL/6- <i>Pdcd1</i> ^{-/-}	SLE-like	>6 months	~50%	[29]
BALB/c- <i>Pdcd1</i> ^{-/-}	DCM	5–25 weeks	10–60% ^a	[30,49]
	Gastritis	10–20 weeks	~80%	[49]
NOD- <i>Pdcd1</i> ^{-/-}	Diabetes	4–10 weeks	100%	[33]
BALB/c- <i>Fcgr2b</i> ^{-/-} - <i>Pdcd1</i> ^{-/-}	Hydronephrosis	10–20 weeks	35%	[49]
2C- <i>Pdcd1</i> ^{-/-} -H-2 ^{bld}	GVH-like	5–10 weeks	25–100% ^b	[29]

^aThe penetrance of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is variable among the different colonies of mice examined ([49] and our unpublished observations). ^bThe penetrance of GVH-like disease is variable depending on the genetic background (our unpublished observations).



Long term Survival Stage IV Melanoma

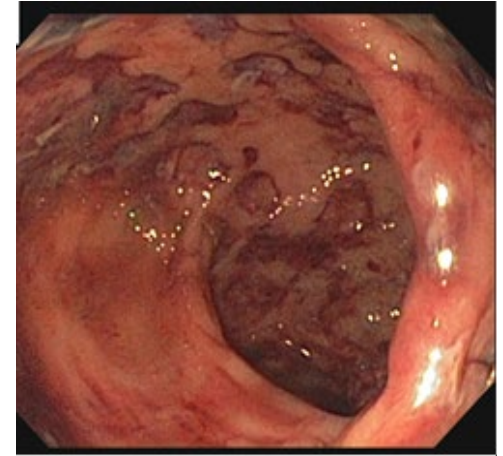
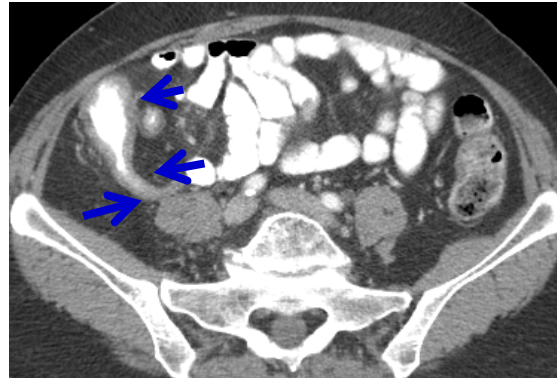
	5 Year Survival	10 Year Survival	
Before Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors	6.7-9.5%	2.5-6.0%	Balch et al. JCO 2001
Ipilimumab (Yervoy®) – approved 2011	20-26%	~ 21-22%	Hodi et al. ESMO 2013
PD-1 Inhibitors – approved 2014	34-44%	NR	Long et al. ASCO 2018 Hodi et al. AACR 2016 Larkin J. et al., NEJM 2019
CTLA-4 + PD-1 Inhibitors – approved 2015	52%	NR	Larkin J. et al., NEJM 2019

Cancers with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Approved

- Melanoma
- Lung Cancer
- Renal Cancer
- Head and Neck Cancer
- Bladder Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Gastric Cancer
- Colon Cancer
(Microsatellite unstable)
- Breast Cancer – Triple Negative
- Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Skin
- Merkel Cell Skin Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Hodgkin Lymphoma
- All cancers with Microsatellite instability

irAEs and Autoimmunity

irAEs from CPI therapies results from immune dysregulation targeting normal tissue antigens.



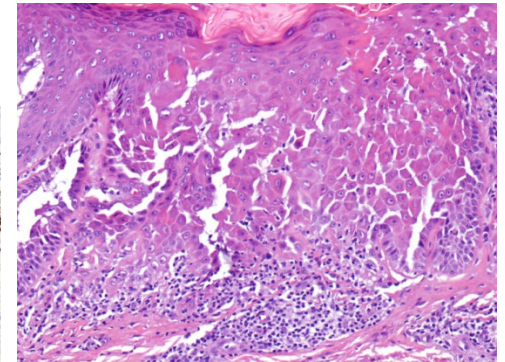
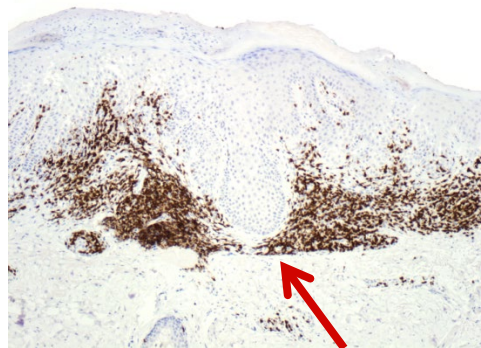
Images courtesy of Dr. Adi Diab, Melanoma Medical Oncology Department MD Anderson Cancer Center

Skin Rash



Maculopapular rash

- Lichenoid dermatitis
- Bullous Pemphigoid
- Pustular Psoriasis
- De novo Grover's disease
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis (SJS/TEN)
- eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS),



CD3 +T cell Infiltrate

Dermatitis Management

DERMATOLOGIC

Maculopapular rash/dermatitis

Grade Description

1 Macules/papules covering <10% BSA with or without symptoms (e.g., pruritus, burning, tightness)

Management

- Continue ICI
- Oral antihistamines
 - Cetirizine/loratidine 10 mg daily (non-sedating); hydroxyzine 10-25 mg QID, or at bedtime
- Topical corticosteroids
 - Class I topical corticosteroid (clobetasol propionate, halobetasol propionate, betamethasone dipropionate cream or ointment) for body; Class V/M corticosteroid (aclometasone, desonide, hydrocortisone 2.5% cream) for face

2 Macules/papules covering 10-30% BSA with or without symptoms (e.g., pruritus, burning, tightness); limiting instrumental ADL

- Continue ICI
- Non-urgent dermatology referral
- Oral antihistamines
 - Cetirizine/loratidine 10 mg daily (non-sedating); hydroxyzine 10-25 mg QID, or at bedtime
- Topical corticosteroids (see grade 1)
 - As above
 - Cetirizine/loratidine 10 mg daily (non-sedating); hydroxyzine 10-25 mg QID, or at bedtime

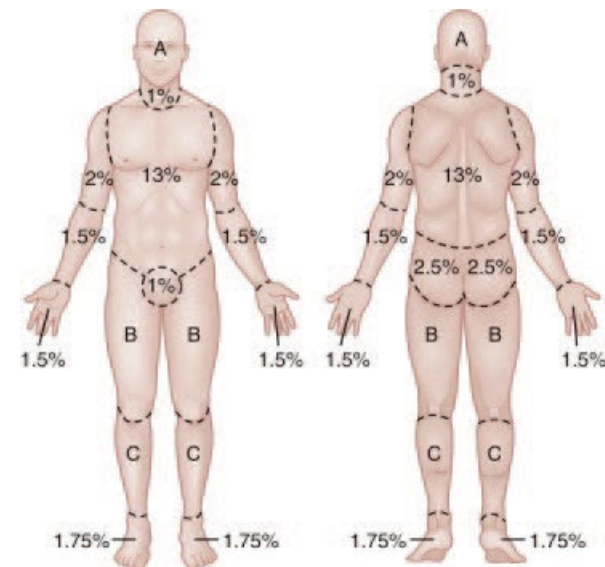
3 Macules/papules covering >30% BSA with or without associated symptoms; limiting self-care ADL

- Hold ICI
- Same day dermatology consult
- Rule out systemic hypersensitivity: CBC with differential, CMP
- Oral antihistamines
 - Cetirizine/loratidine 10 mg daily (non-sedating); hydroxyzine 10-25 mg QID, or at bedtime
- Systemic corticosteroids
 - Prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) until rash resolves to ≤ grade 1

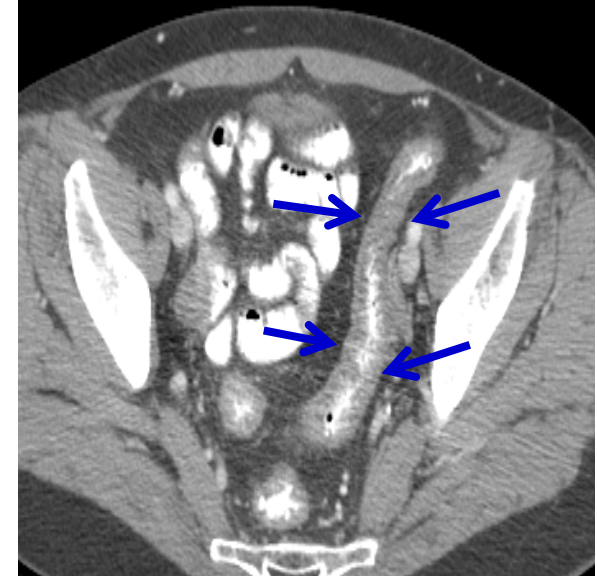
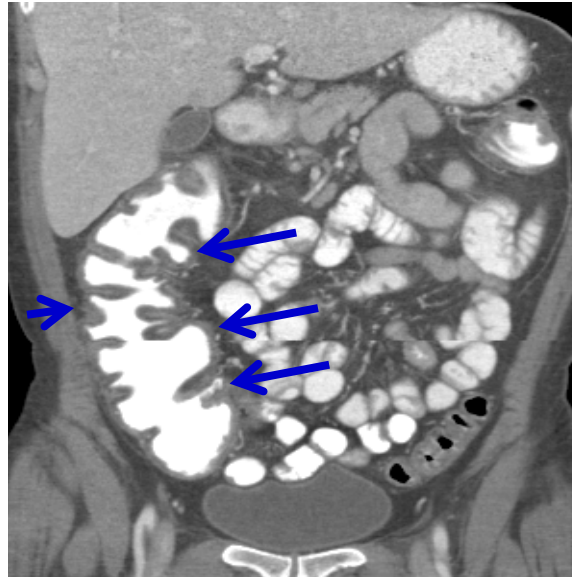
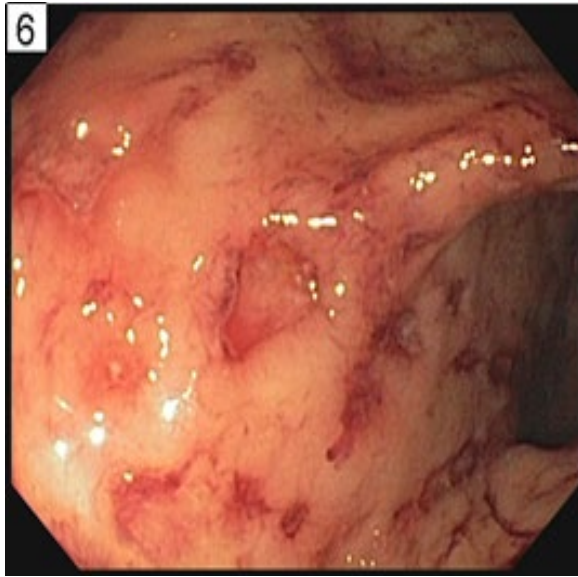
Specialist referral?

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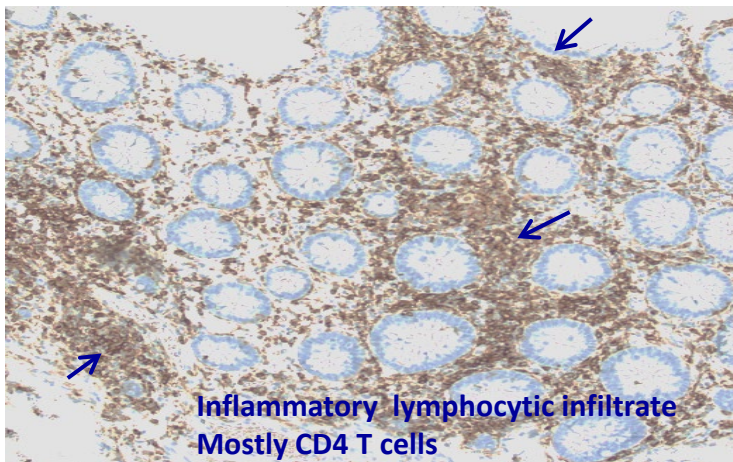
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Inflammatory Colitis



3B



- Most common Grade 3/4 irAE in aCTLA4 based regimen

Colitis Management

1	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated (Grade 1 diarrhea frequency $\leq 4/\text{day}$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close follow up within 24–48 h for changes or progression • Continue ICI • If symptoms persist, start routine stool and blood tests • Bland diet advisable during period of acute diarrhea • Anti-diarrheal medication is optional but not highly recommended when infectious work-up is negative. 	
2	Abdominal pain; mucus or blood in stool (Grade 2 diarrhea frequency 4–6/day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold ICI • Outpatient stool and blood work; CRP, ESR, fecal calprotectin, lactoferrin, imaging and endoscopy are optional • If diarrhea only, observe for 2–3 days. If no improvement start prednisone 1 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone); anti-diarrheal medication is not recommended • If diarrhea and colitis symptoms (abdominal pain +/- blood in BM), start prednisone 1 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) immediately <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If no improvement in 48 h, increase corticosteroid dose to prednisone 2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) ◦ If patient improves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taper corticosteroid over 4–6 weeks may be needed • Resume ICI when corticosteroid is tapered to ≤ 10 mg/day and patient remains symptom-free (grade ≤ 1)* • Continue anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 monotherapy • If using combination anti-CTLA-4/anti-PD-1 immunotherapy, continue anti-PD-1 agent only • ICI dose reduction is not recommended • If colitis returns on resuming ICI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grade ≤ 2: temporarily hold ICI ◦ Grade ≥ 3: permanently discontinue ICI 	✓ See note 5
3 and 4	Grade 3: Severe abdominal pain; change in bowel habits; medical intervention indicated; peritoneal signs (Grade 3 diarrhea frequency $\geq 7/\text{day}$) Grade 4: Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3: withhold ICI; consider resuming ICI when corticosteroid is tapered to ≤ 10 mg/day and patient remains symptom-free (grade ≤ 1). Consider hospitalization • Grade 4: permanently discontinue ICI and hospitalize • Blood and stool infection work-up, inflammatory markers, imaging, endoscopy and GI consult • Start intravenous prednisone 1–2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) immediately <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If patient improves, follow instructions for 'if patient improves' for grade 2 • If refractory or no improvement on IV corticosteroid, start prednisone 2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) for 3 days • Consider other anti-inflammatory agents e.g. infliximab 5 mg/kg, which can be given again after two weeks if a second dose is needed. Vedolizumab may also be used (see Note 4 below). 	

Infliximab with Faster Resolution of Colitis

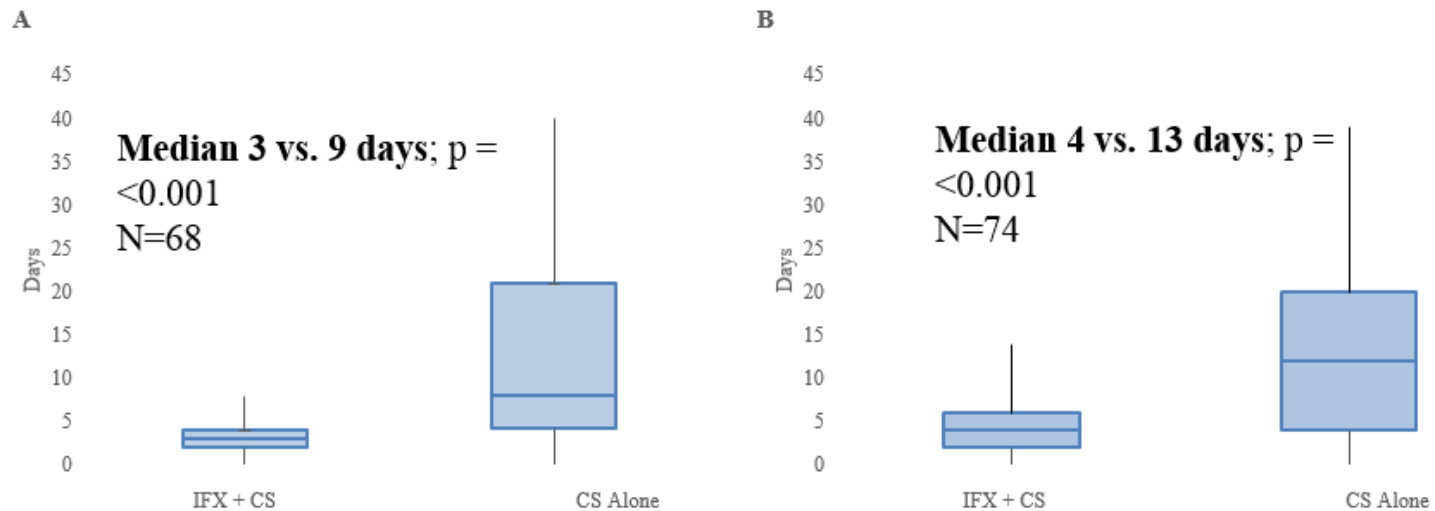


Figure 1: Box plots of association between treatment for irEC and time to irEC symptom resolution defined as (A) Time to diarrhea resolution and (B) Time to initiation of steroid titration.

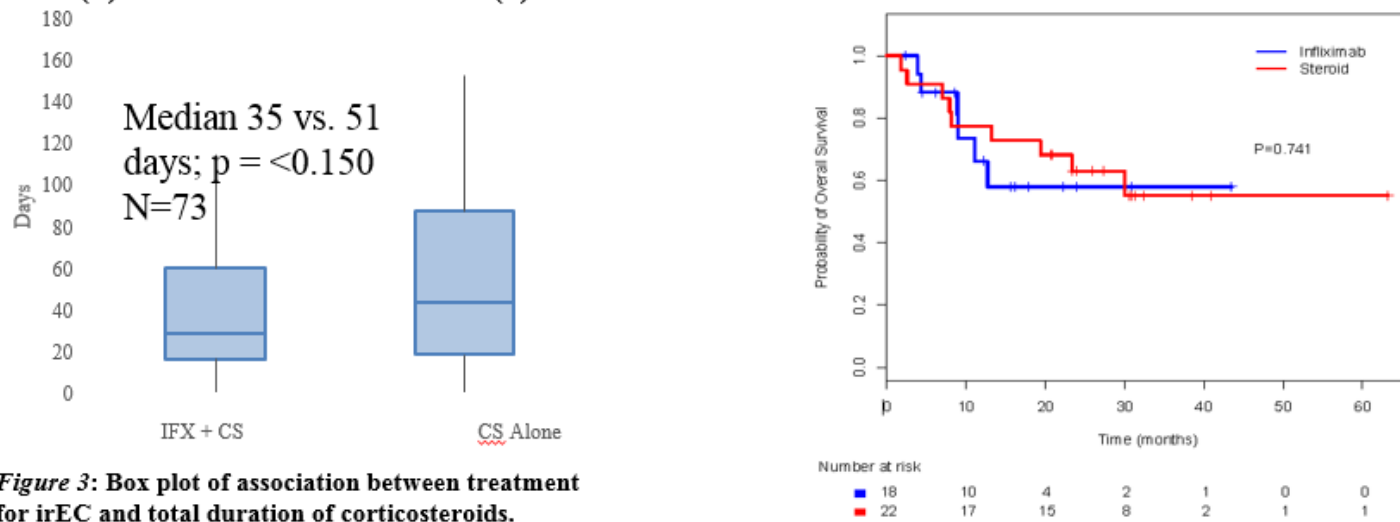


Figure 3: Box plot of association between treatment for irEC and total duration of corticosteroids.

Hepatitis

Figure 5

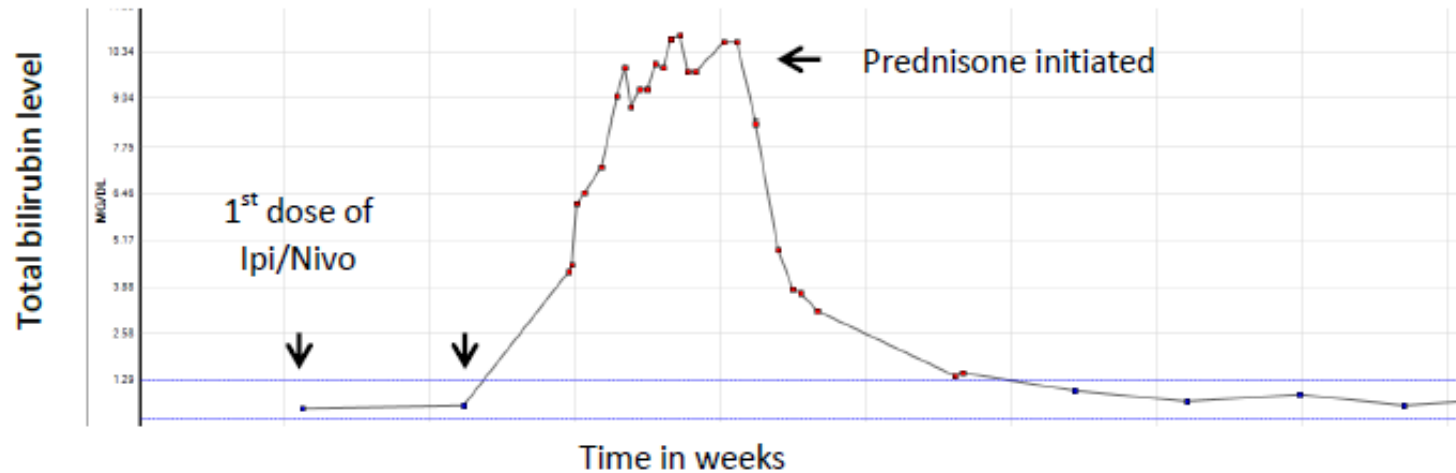


Figure Legend 5: immune mediated hepatitis manifest with elevation of LFTs including hyperbilirubinemia occurred after the 2nd dose of combination regimen of ipilimumab and nivolumab in a patient with metastatic melanoma. his bilirubin levels and the rest of LFTs normalized very quickly in response to treatment with prednisone.

Hepatitis Management

Hepatitis

Grade CTCAE Description (Note 1)

Management

1 AST, ALT > ULN -3xULN; total bilirubin > ULN-1.5xULN

- Continue ICI
- CMP or hepatic function panel once weekly
- If liver enzyme and function tests are stable, reduce frequency of blood tests

2 AST, ALT >3- ≤ 5xULN; total bilirubin > 1.5 - ≤ 3xULN

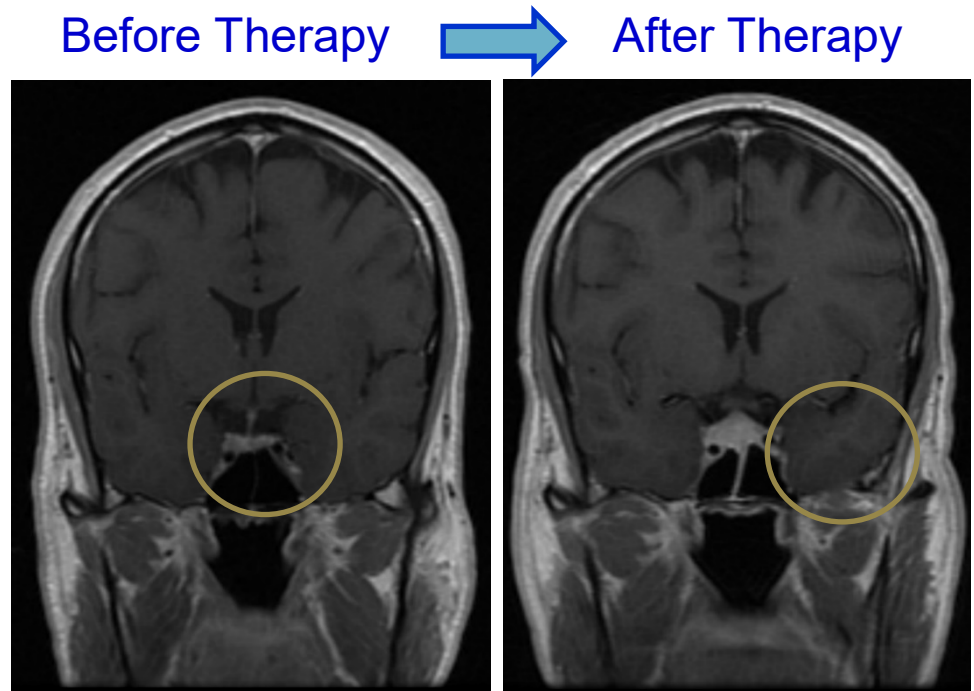
- Hold ICI
- Rule out viral hepatitis, autoimmune disease, biliary obstruction, new metastasis or thrombosis

3 and 4 AST, ALT >5xULN; total bilirubin >3xULN

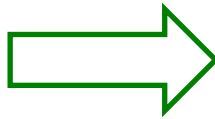
- Start prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) with 4 week taper
- Monitor CMP twice a week
- Liver biopsy is optional
- Resume ICI when corticosteroid taper to 10 mg/day (toxicity grade ≤ 1)
- Permanently discontinue ICI
- Monitor CMP every 1-2 days
- Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day
 - If refractory after 3 days, consider mycophenolate
- If liver enzymes improve, taper corticosteroid over 4 weeks
- Consider liver biopsy

Endocrinopathies

- Thyroid abnormalities
 - Thyroiditis (hyper→ hypo)
 - Thyrotoxicosis
- Hypophysitis
- Type I Diabetes

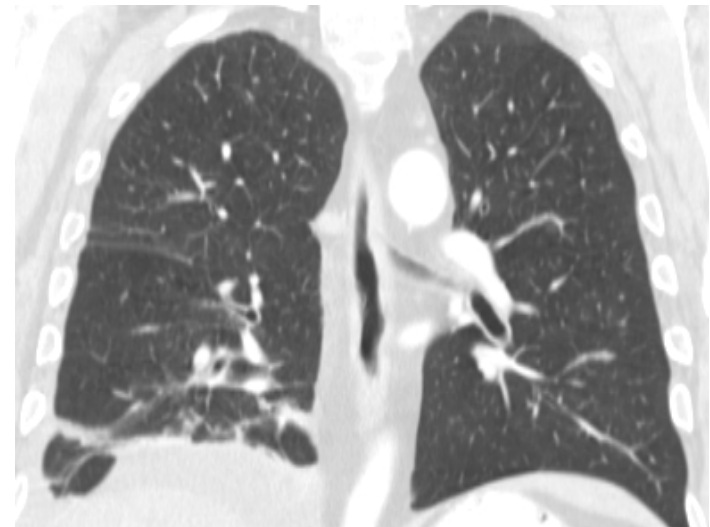
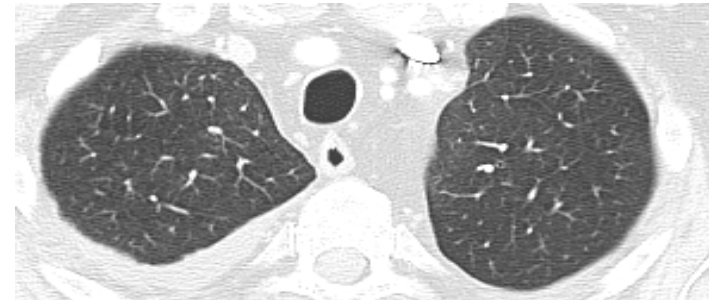
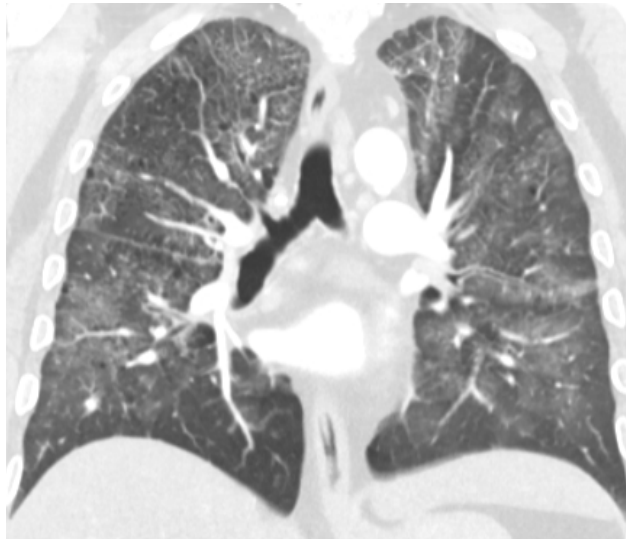
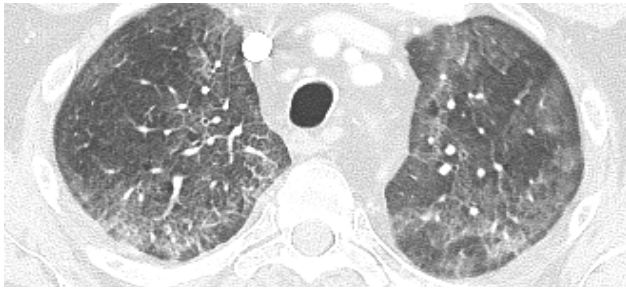


Pneumonitis



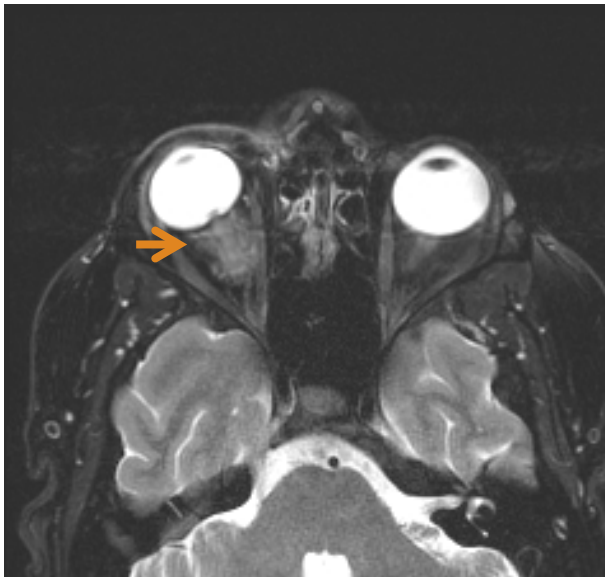
6wks Post Treatment:

Including:
hospitalization
I.V Steroid (2Mg/kg/day)
Pulmonary Consult



Optic neuritis

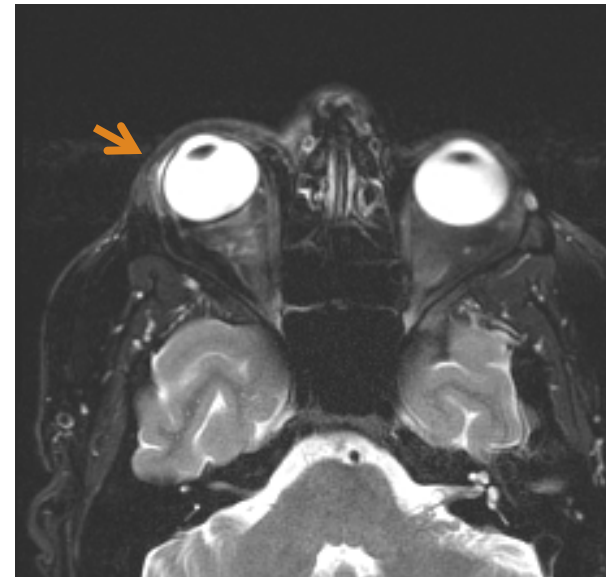
Inflammation of the R
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Scleral Enhancement



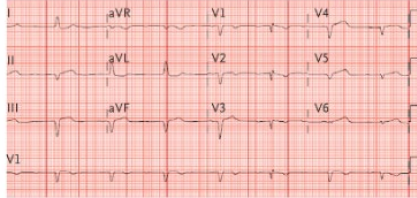
Conjunctival Edema



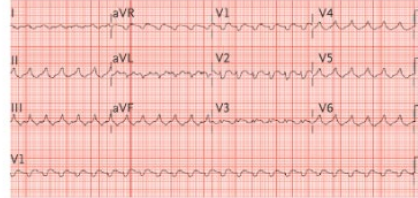
Myocarditis Neurologic Toxicities

- Myasthenia
- Encephalitis
- Meningitis
- Guillain-Barre

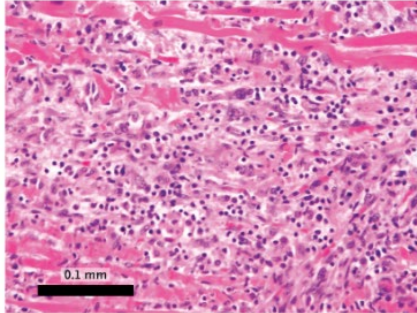
A ECG Showing Complete Heart Block



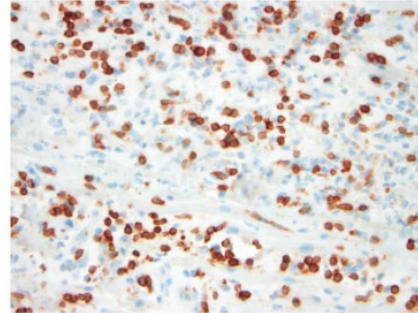
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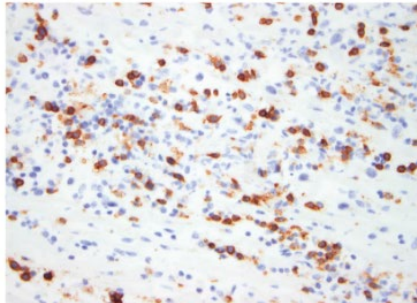
C Lymphocytic Infiltration of the Myocardium



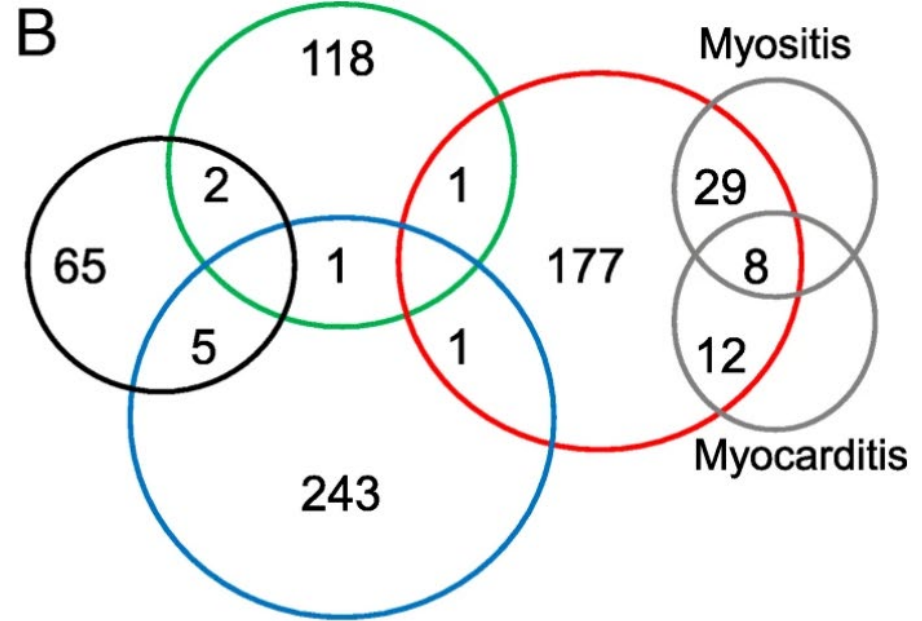
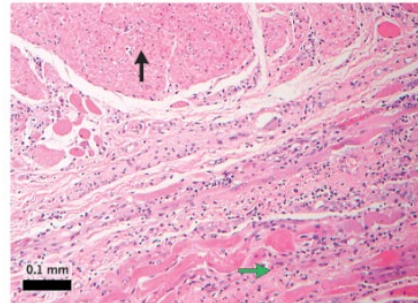
D Infiltrate with CD3+ T cells



E Infiltrate with CD8+ T Cells



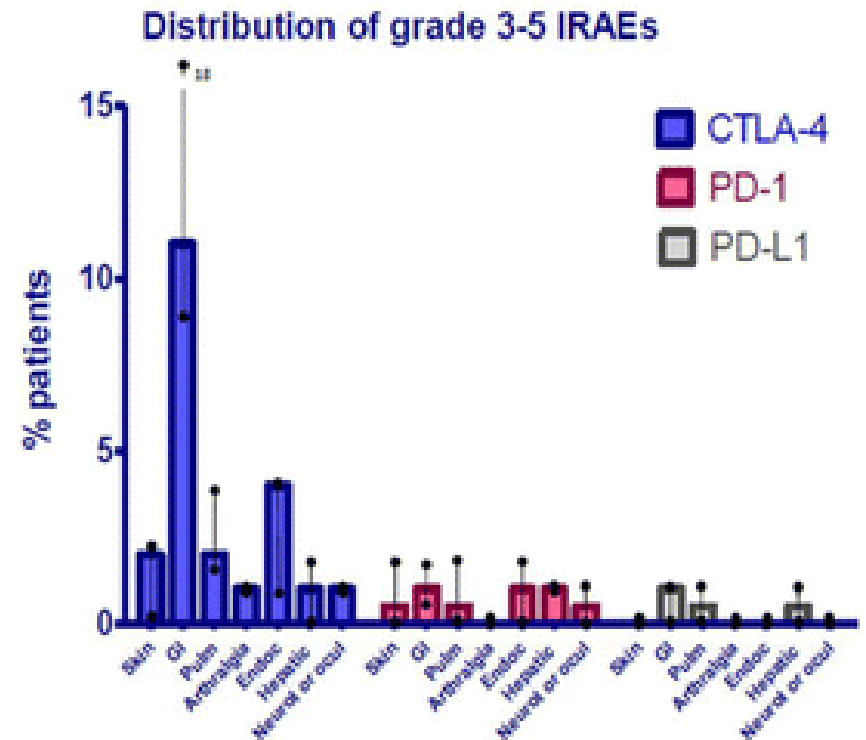
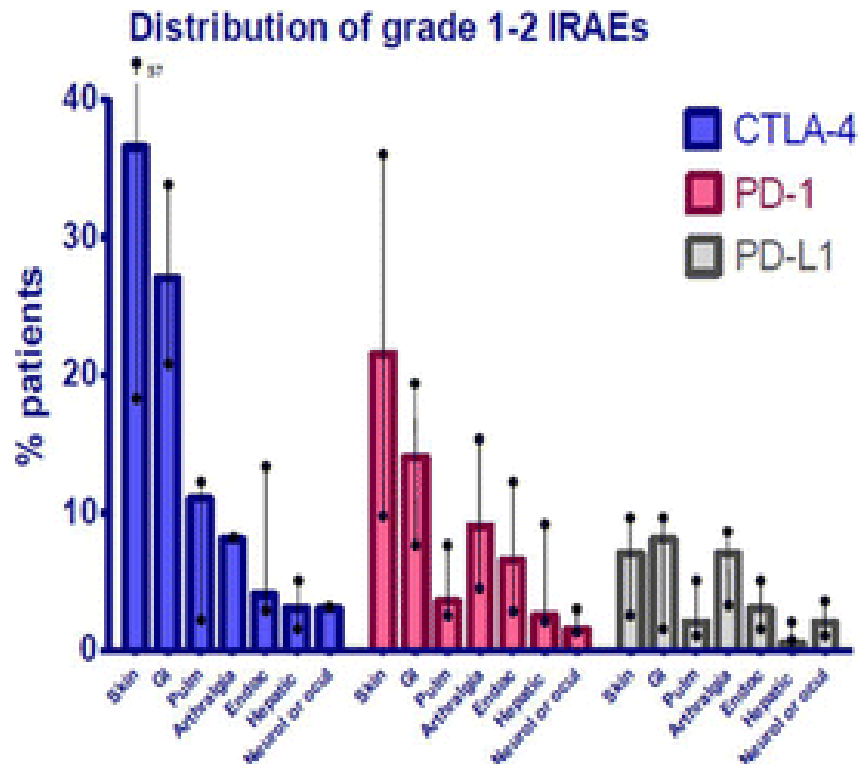
F Skeletal and Smooth Muscle



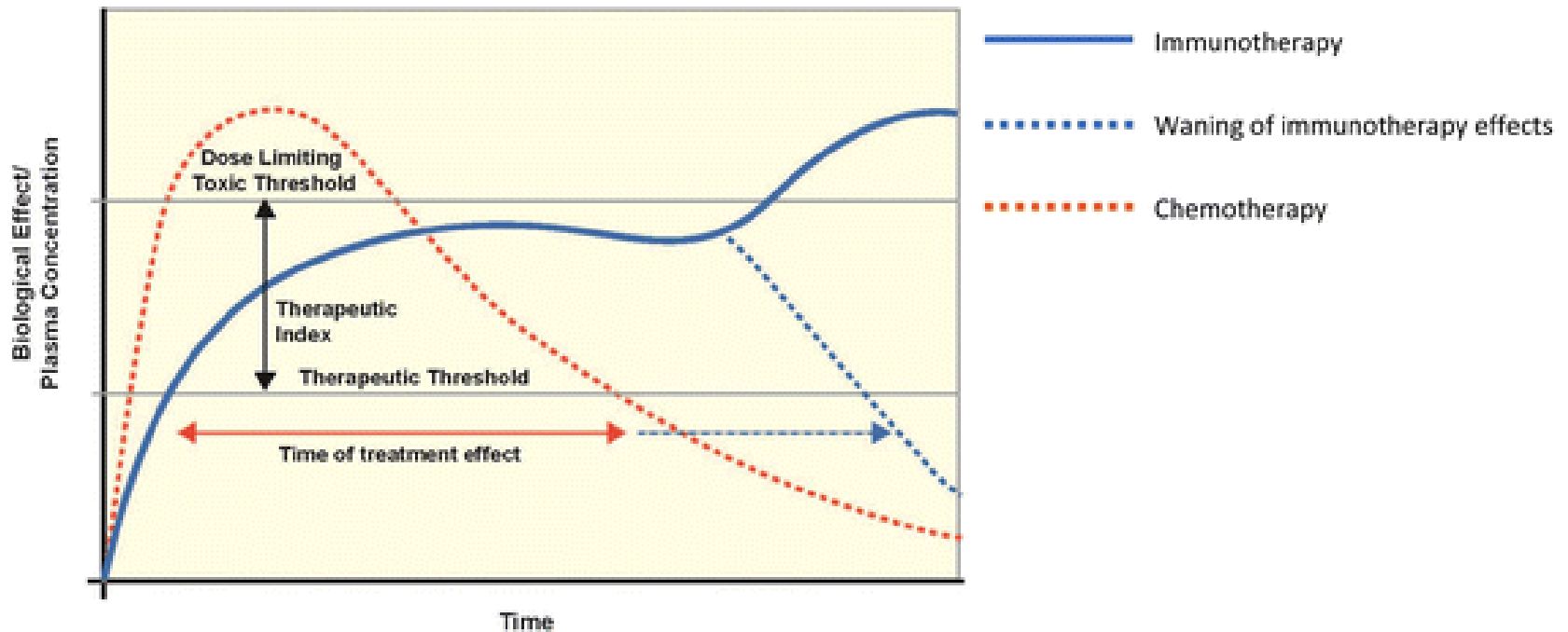
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Distribution of Grades



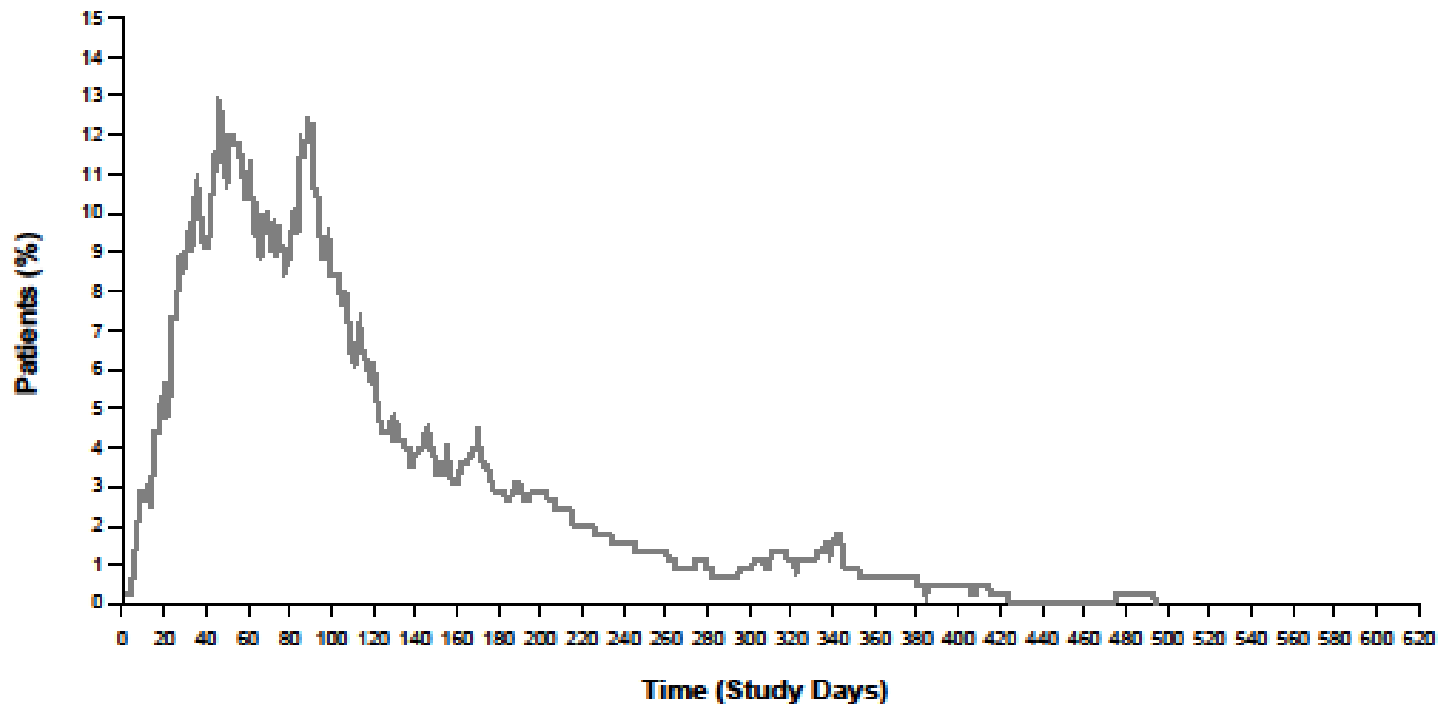
Delayed Onset



Puzanov, Diab, et. al. SITC guidelines, JTC 2017

Timing: Onset and Resolution

Figure 1. Proportion of Patients With Treatment-related Grade 3/4 AEs Over Time^a



Timing: Onset and Resolution- Anti CTLA-4

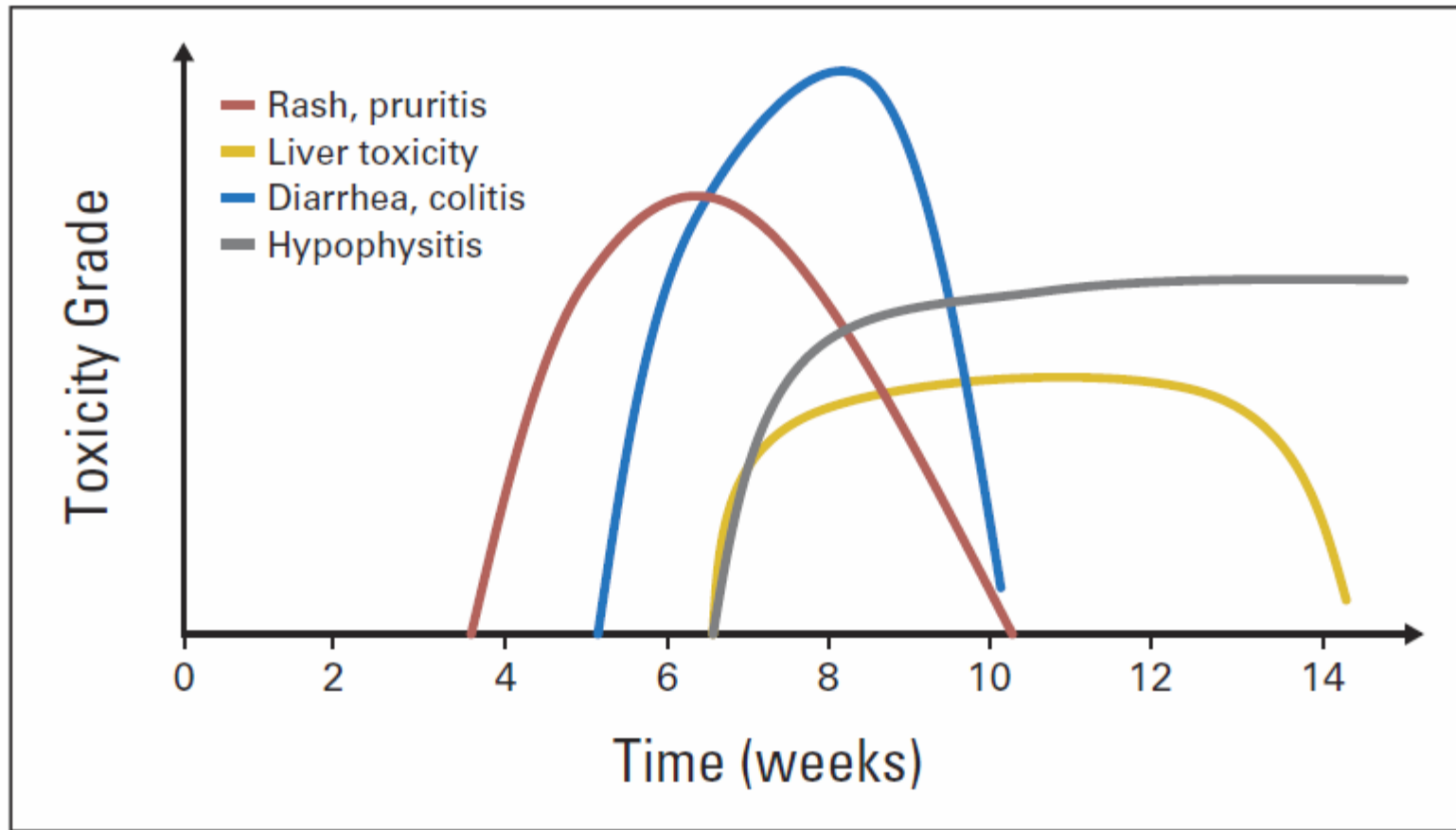
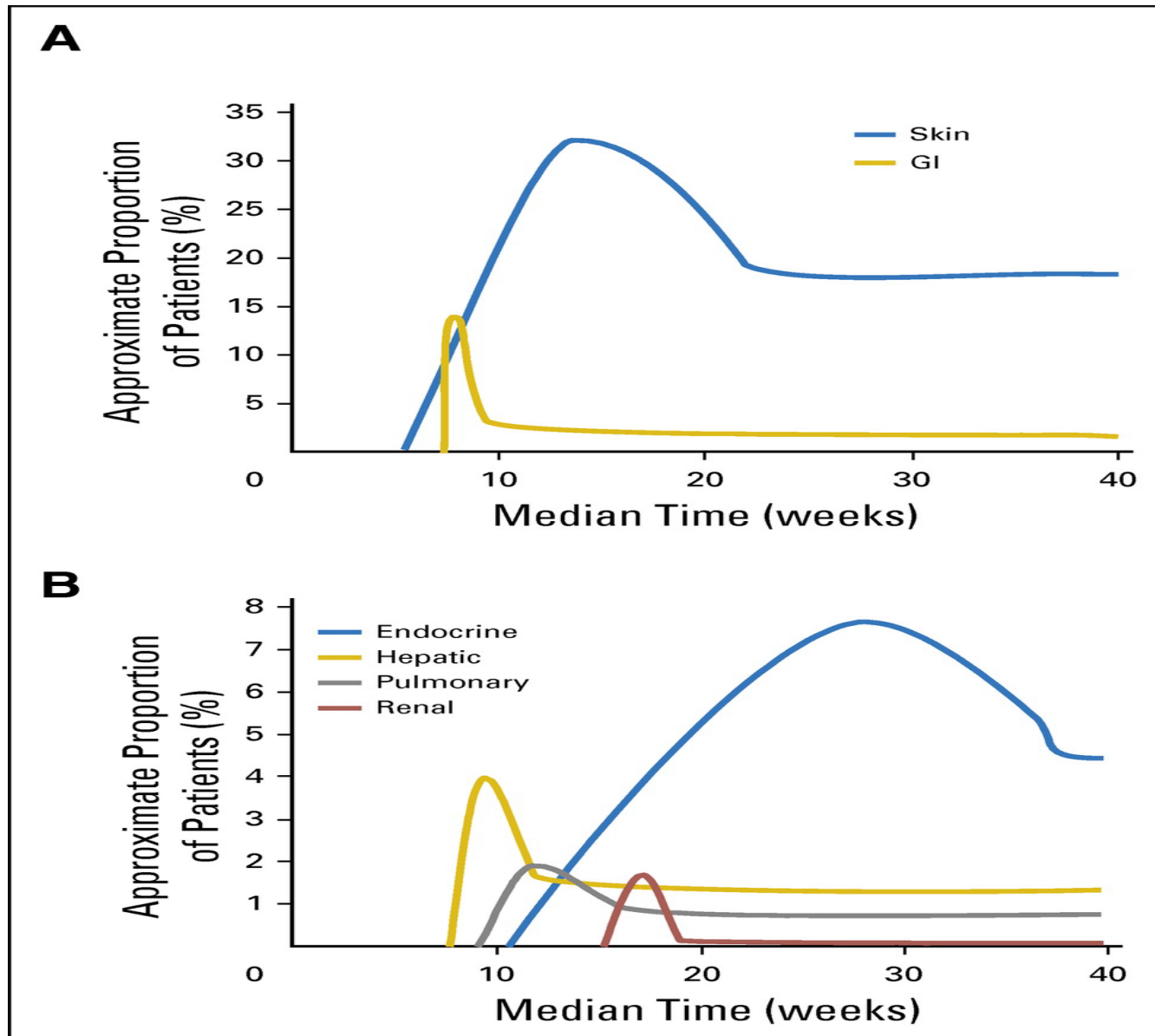
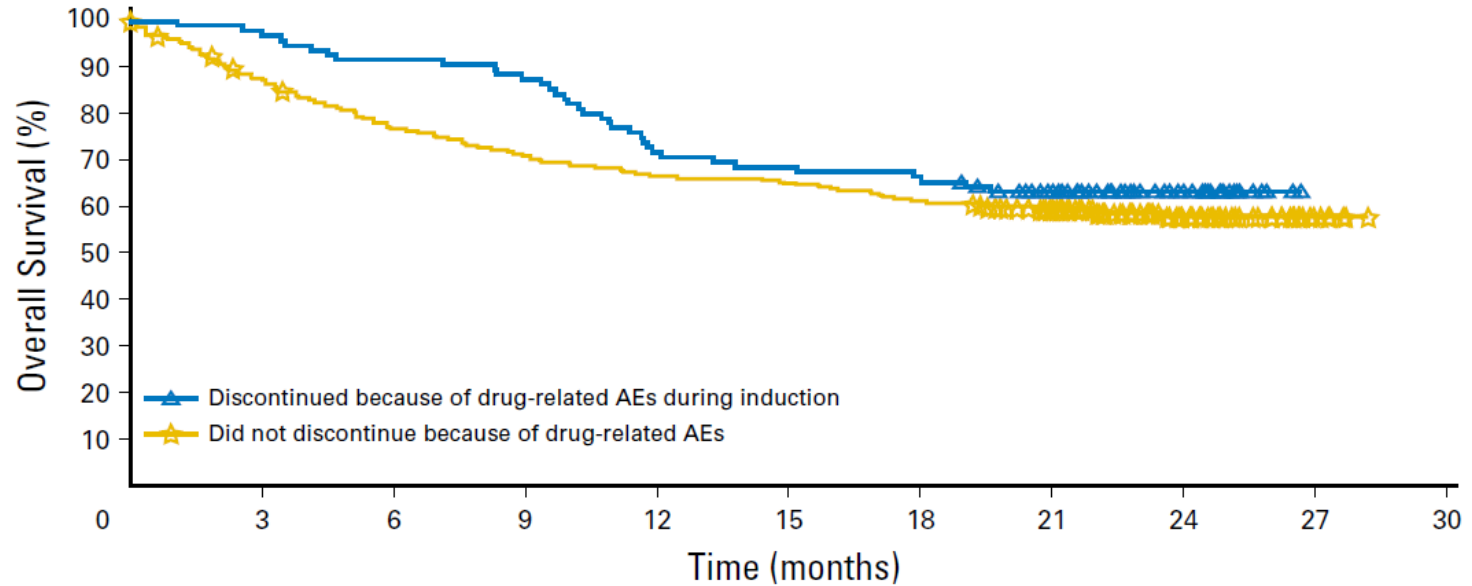


Fig 2. Kinetics of appearance of immune-related adverse event.

Timing: Onset and Resolution- Anti PD-1



Ipilimumab + Nivolumab Toxicity not Bad



No. at risk:

Discontinued because of drug-related AEs during induction	98	93	88	84	69	66	64	52	23	0	0
Did not discontinue because of drug-related AEs	233	201	175	162	152	148	140	117	50	6	0

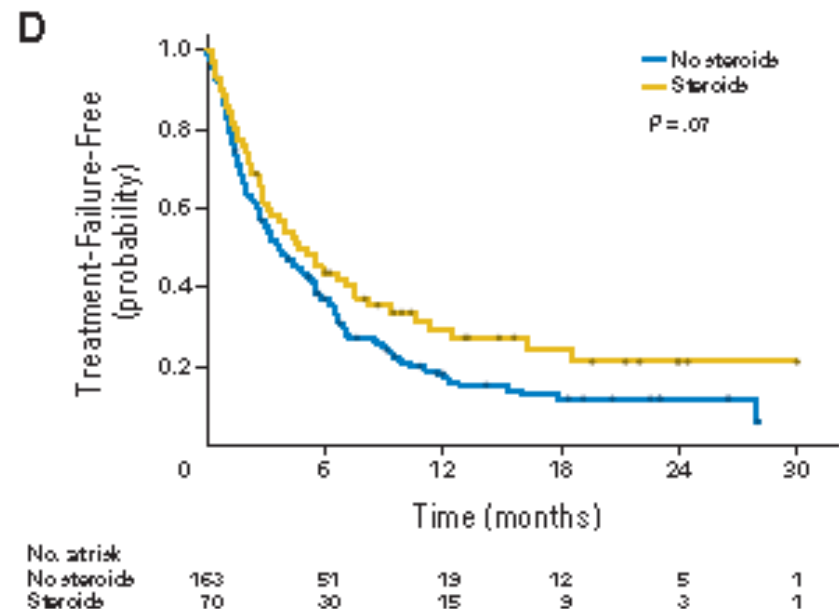
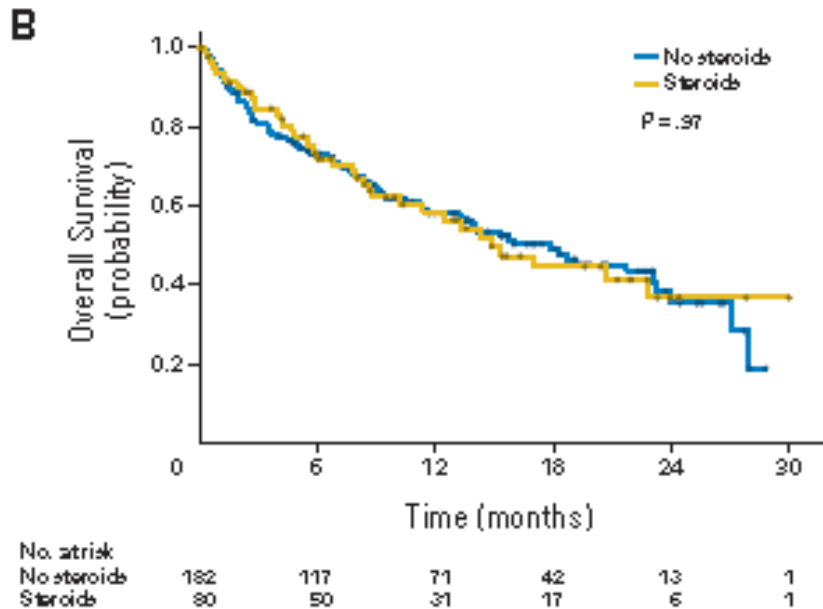
Schadendorf et al, *JCO*, 2017

Impact of immune suppression on clinical benefit ?

Table 2. Impact of Treatment-Related Select AEs and IM Use on Response to Nivolumab Therapy

		Any-Grade Treatment-Related Select AEs*				Grade 3 to 4 Treatment-Related Select AEs		Patients Receiving Systemic IM	
	All Patients (N = 576)	Any (n = 255)	None (n = 321)	1-2 (n = 242)	≥ 3 (n = 13)	Yes (n = 18)	No (n = 558)	Yes (n = 114)	No (n = 462)
ORR, No. of patients (%)	181 (31.4)	124 (48.6)	57 (17.8)	113 (46.7)	11 (84.6)	5 (27.8)	176 (31.5)	34 (29.8)	147 (31.8)
95% CI	27.6 to 35.4	42.3 to 54.9	13.7 to 22.4	40.3 to 53.2	54.6 to 98.1	9.7 to 53.5	27.7 to 35.6	21.6 to 39.1	27.6 to 36.3
P		< .001		< .0001†		1.00		.736	

Abbreviations: AE, adverse event; IM, immune-modulating agent; ORR, objective response rate.
 *Data in these columns are for patients with the indicated numbers of any-grade treatment-related select AEs: any AE, no AEs, 1-2 AEs, and ≥ 3 AEs.
 †Versus no treatment-related select AEs.



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Pathophysiology of Immune Toxicities

Lymphoproliferation in CTLA-4-Deficient Mice Is Mediated by Costimulation-Dependent Activation of CD4 T Cells

A.

Liver

Heart

Control $-/-$

A

E

CD8 Depleted $-/-$

B

F

CD4 Depleted $+/-$

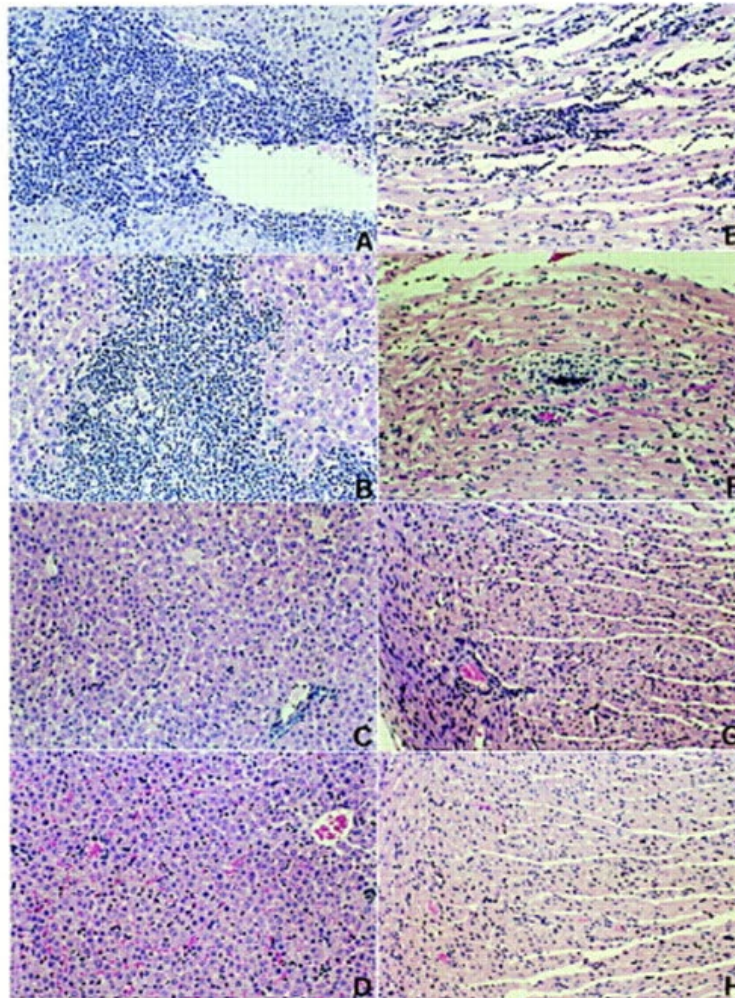
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G

CD4 Depleted $-/-$

D

H



B.

Pancreas

Control $+/-$

A

Control $-/-$

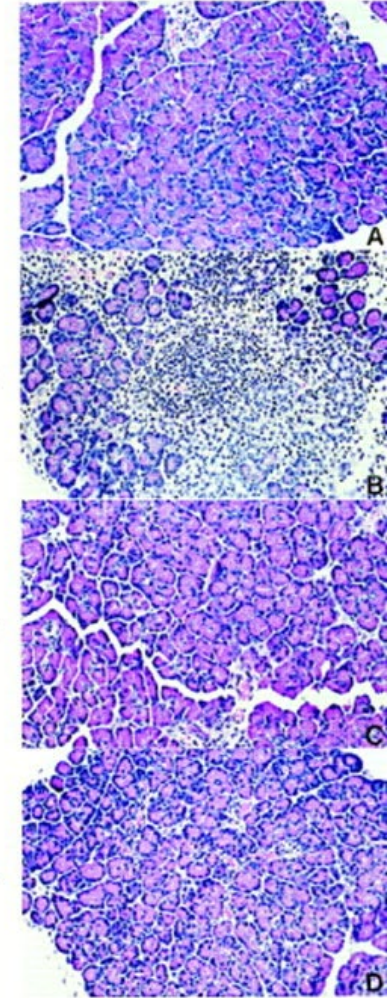
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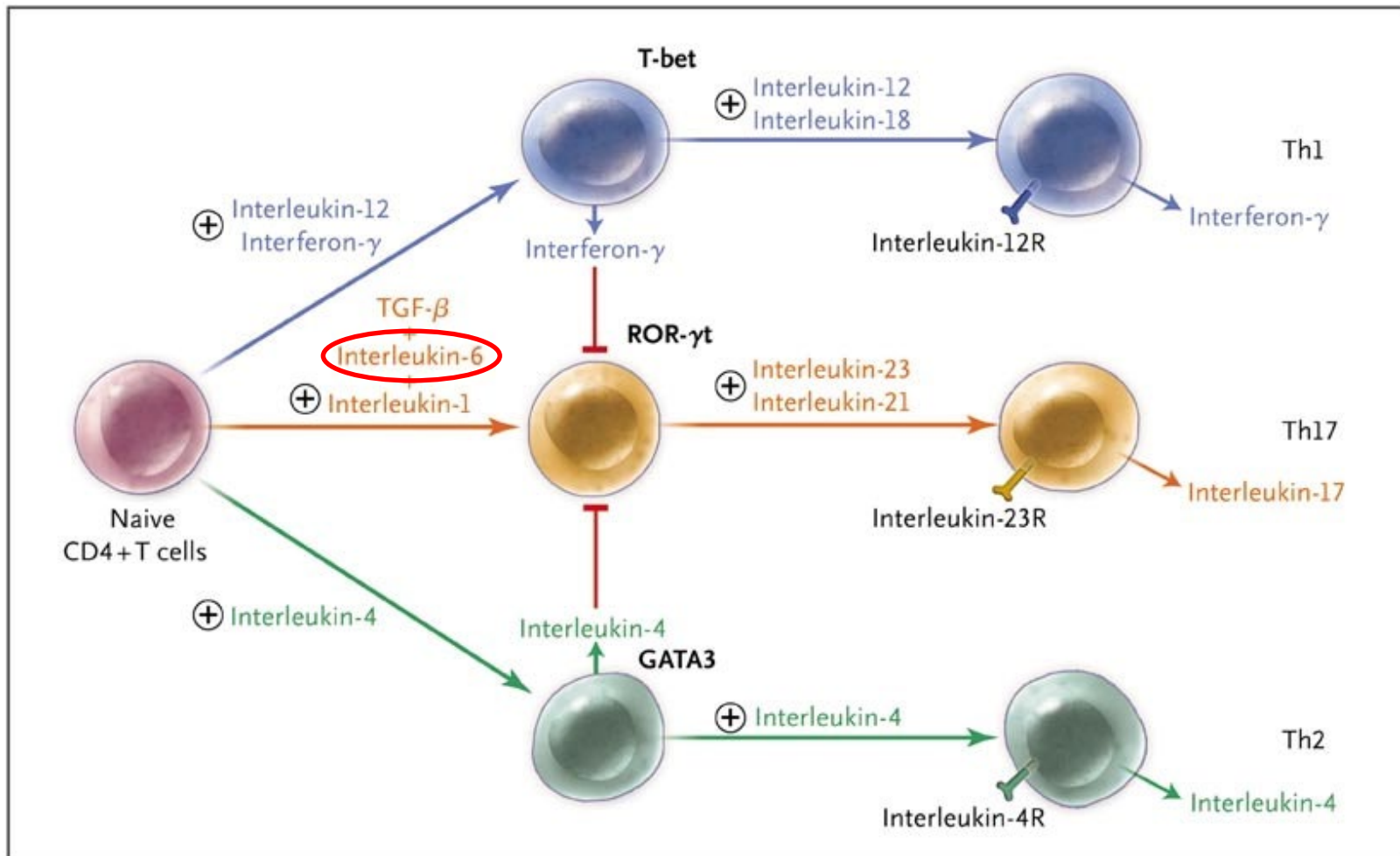
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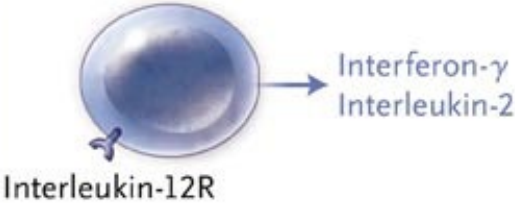
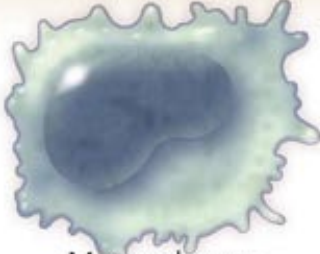




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CD4 T Cells

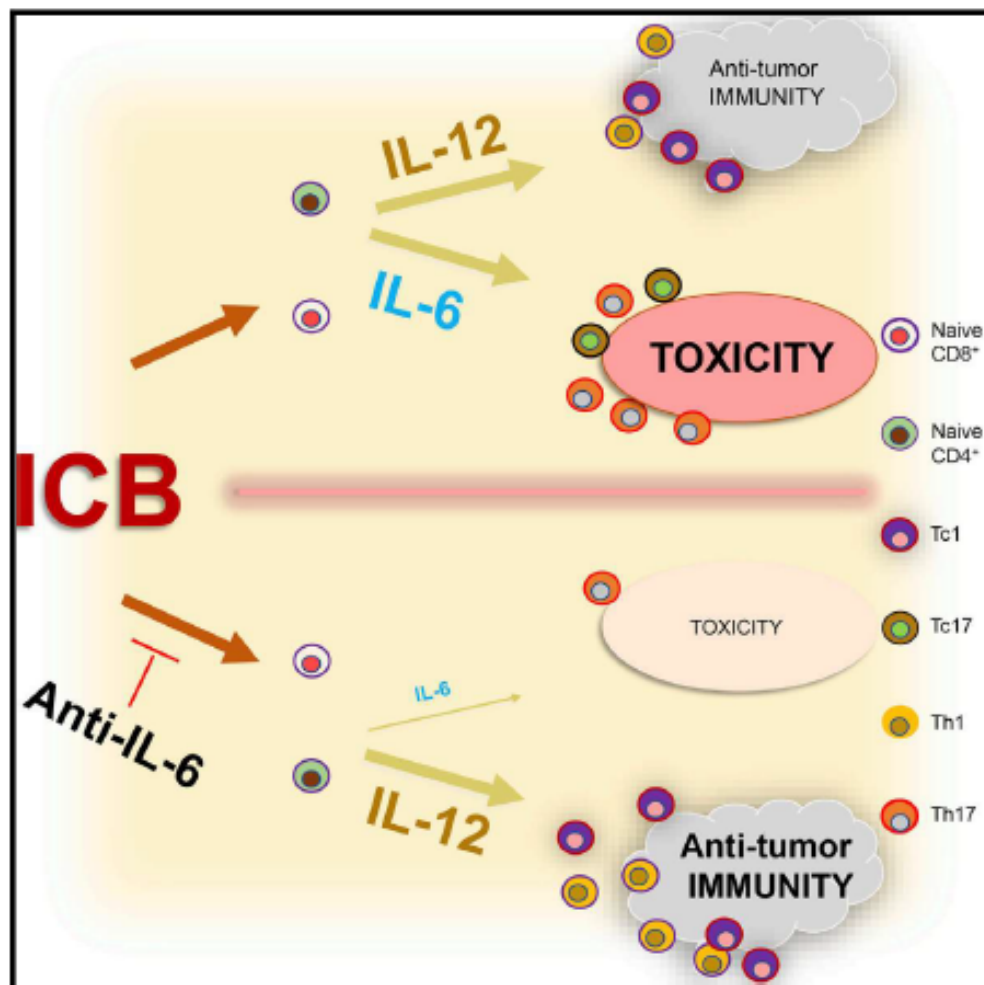


CD4 T Cells

Th Group	Cell Products	Cell Target	Infectious Agents
Th1	 <p>Interleukin-12R</p> <p>Interferon-γ Interleukin-2</p>	 <p>Macrophages Dendritic cells</p>	<p>Intracellular bacteria Fungi Viruses</p>
Th17	 <p>Interleukin-23R</p> <p>Interleukin-17A Interleukin-17F Interleukin-21 Interleukin-22</p>	 <p>Neutrophils</p>	<p>Extracellular bacteria Fungi</p>
Th2	 <p>Interleukin-4R</p> <p>Interleukin-4 Interleukin-13 Interleukin-5</p>	 <p>Eosinophils Basophils</p>	<p>Parasites</p>

Interleukin-6 Blockade

Graphical abstract



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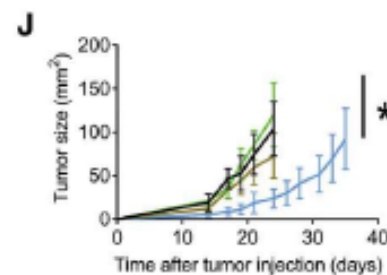
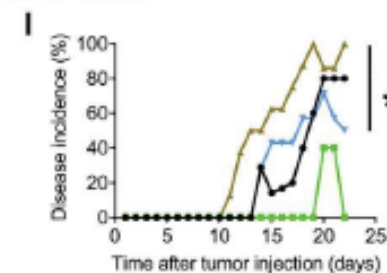
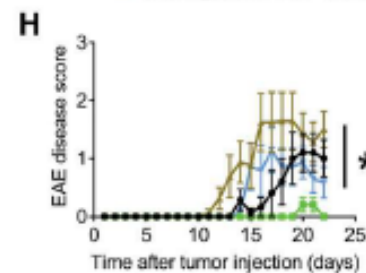
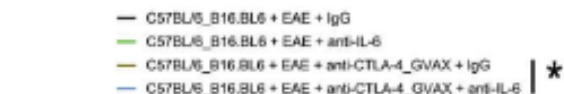
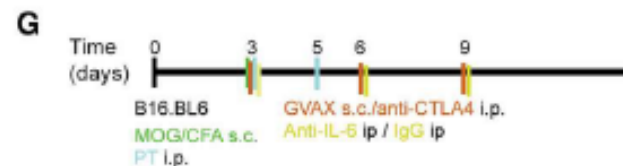
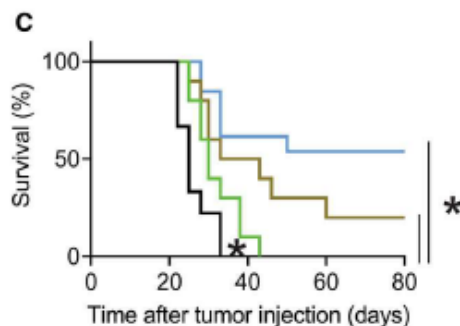
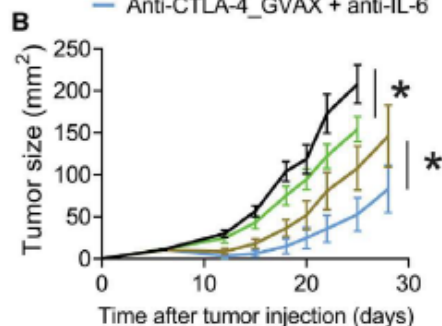
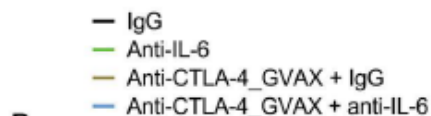
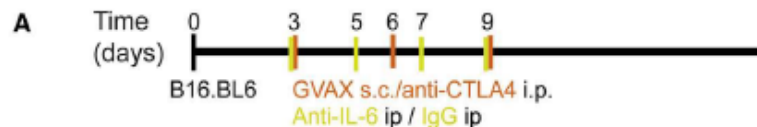
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In brief

Hailemichael et al. find that expression of interleukin-6, a Th17-cell differentiation cytokine, and neutrophil and chemotactic markers increase in inflamed tissue of patients and mice receiving immunotherapy. Blockade of IL-6 reduces Th17 and increases Th1 and CD8⁺ T effector cell density in tumor, mitigates ICB-induced autoimmunity, and potentiates antitumor immunity.

Interleukin-6 Blockade



Ipilimumab, nivolumab and tocilizumab as first-line therapy for advanced melanoma.



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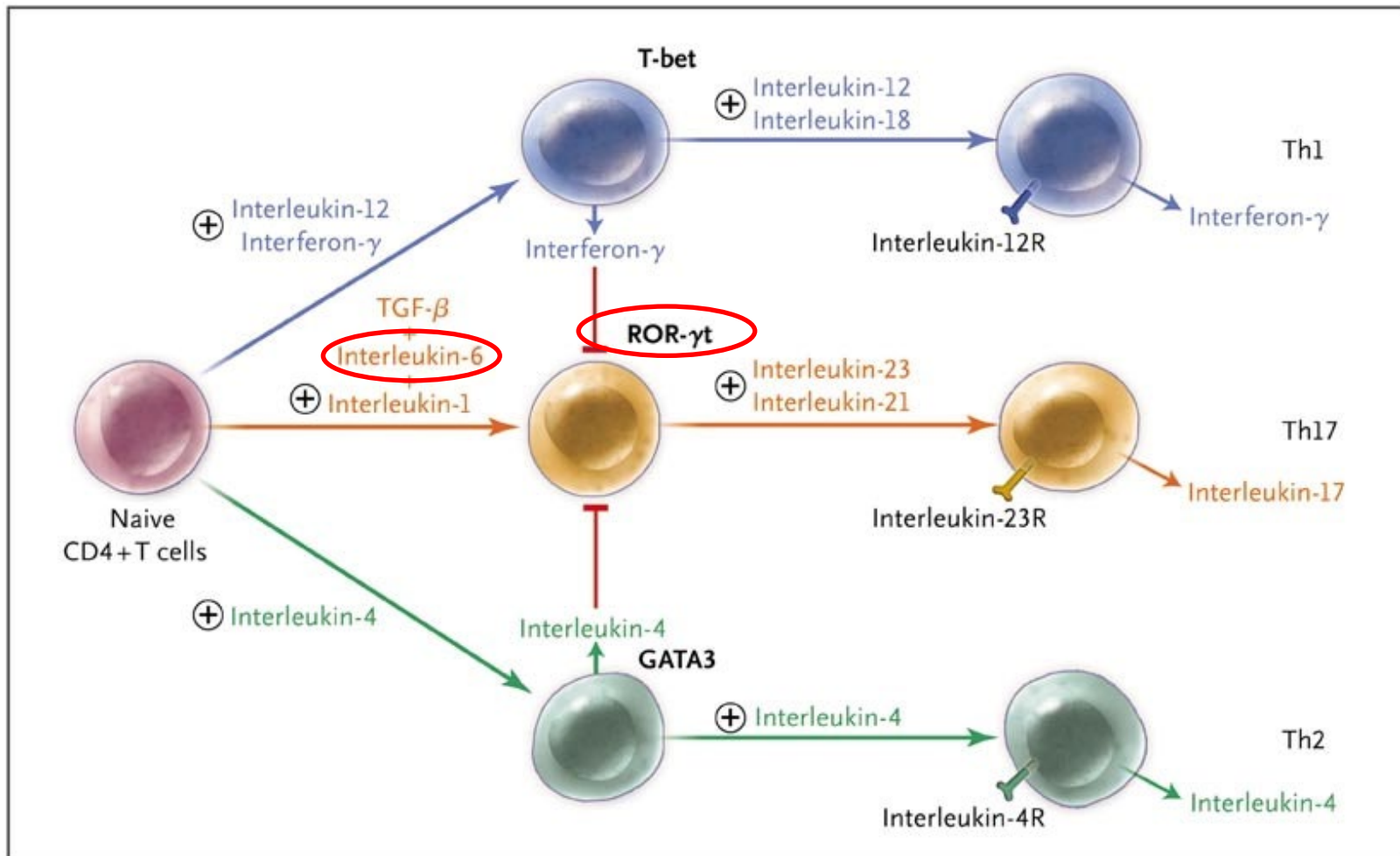
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6 months of median follow up, there are 14 RECIST responses of 20 pts
(70% ORR)

There were 5/24 patients **(21%)** with grade 3-4 irAEs with one each with enteritis, colitis and nephritis and two with trasaminitis.

CD4 T Cells

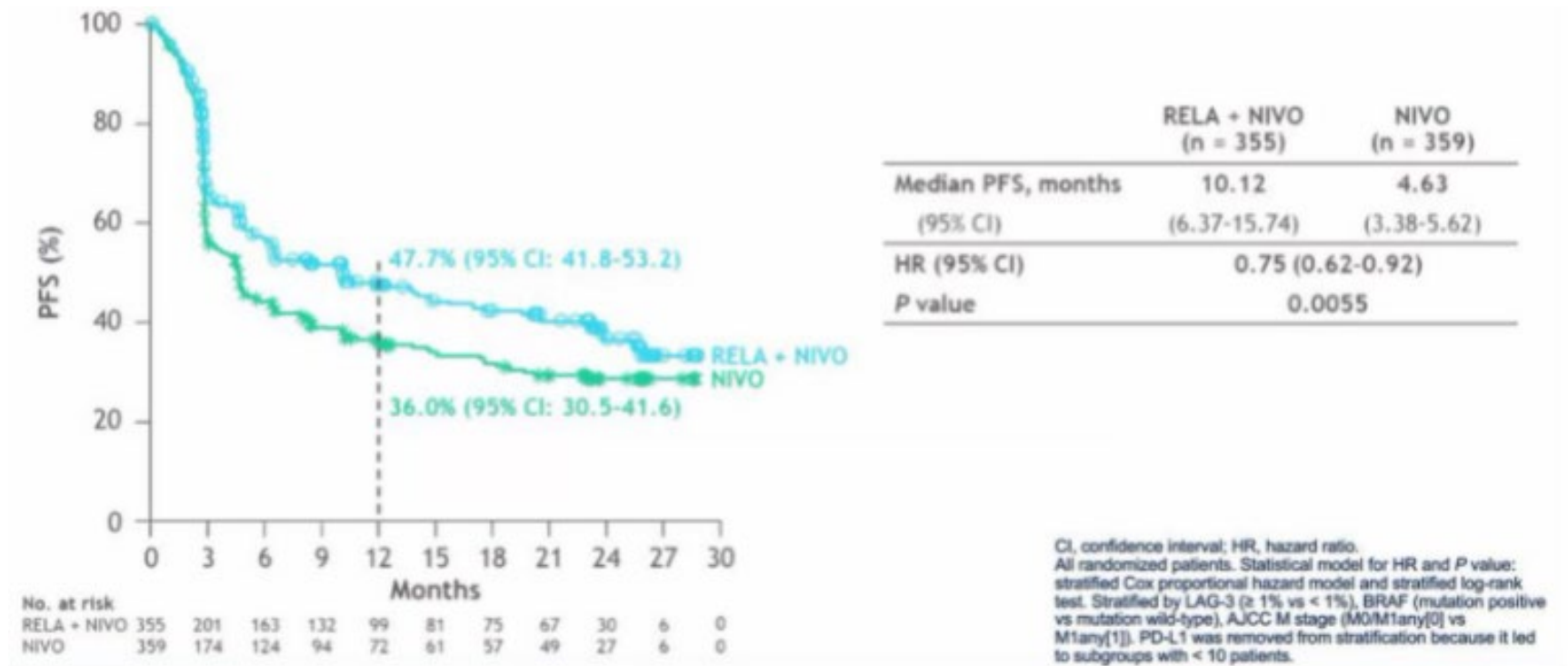


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RELATIVITY-047

Relatlimab + Nivolumab Frontline Metastatic Melanoma



- Relatlimab + Nivolumab significantly improved PFS versus Nivo
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related adverse events 18.9% in RELA + NIVO versus NIVO (9.7%). Discontinuation due to toxicity 14.6% versus 6.7%

Next Generation of Immunotherapies

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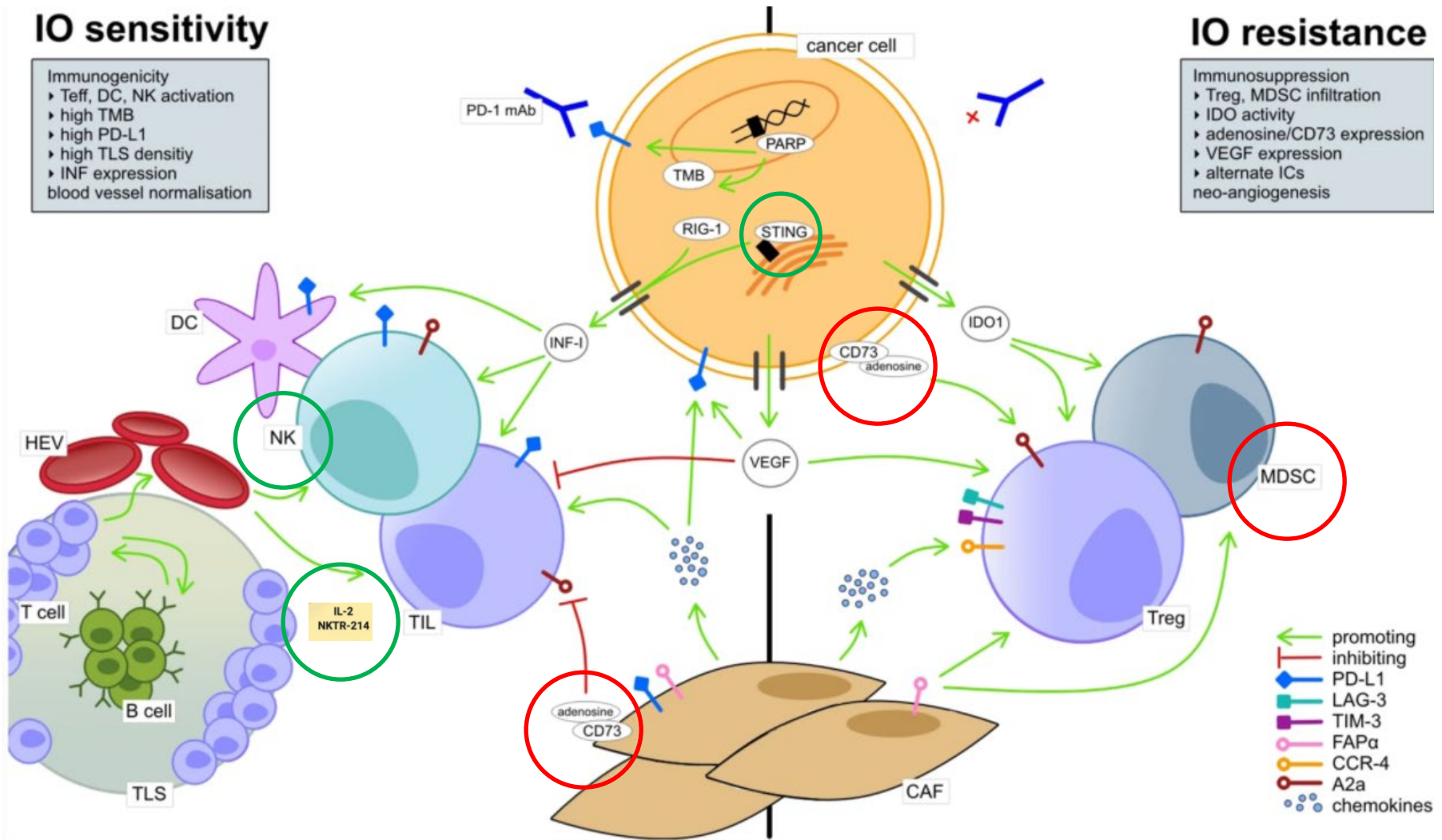
Immunogenicity

- ▶ T_H1, DC, NK activation
- ▶ high TMB
- ▶ high PD-L1
- ▶ high TLS density
- ▶ INF expression
- ▶ blood vessel normalisation

IO resistance

Immunosuppression

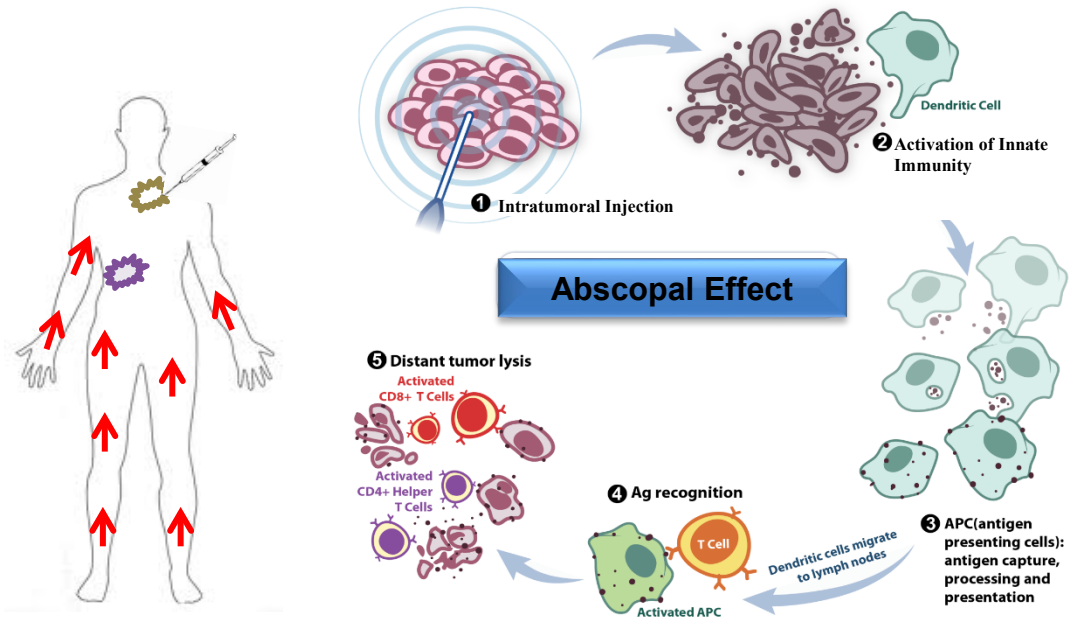
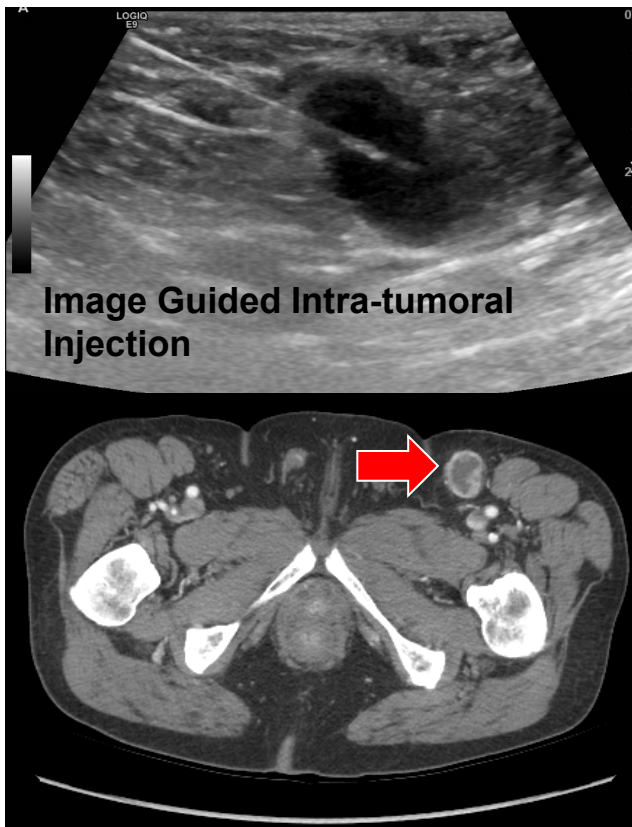
- ▶ Treg, MDSC infiltration
- ▶ IDO activity
- ▶ adenosine/CD73 expression
- ▶ VEGF expression
- ▶ alternate ICs
- ▶ neo-angiogenesis



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Intra-Tumoral Immunotherapy



Conclusions

- Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (CPIs) have durable responses that can even cure some patients with advanced cancers.
- Indications for CPIs in cancer are expanding
- Though usually well tolerated, CPIs can cause severe immune related adverse events.
- These toxicities can be life-threatening if not treated promptly.
- More targeted treatments for irAEs and safer combinations are needed