

Recent Advances In Joint Models For Cancer And The New Statistical Challenge Of Immunotherapy Clinical Studies



Statistical Issues And Challenges With Immunotherapies: Introduction (i.e. the Perspective of Clinical Oncologists)



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- Impact of Immunotherapy (IO) in Medical Oncology
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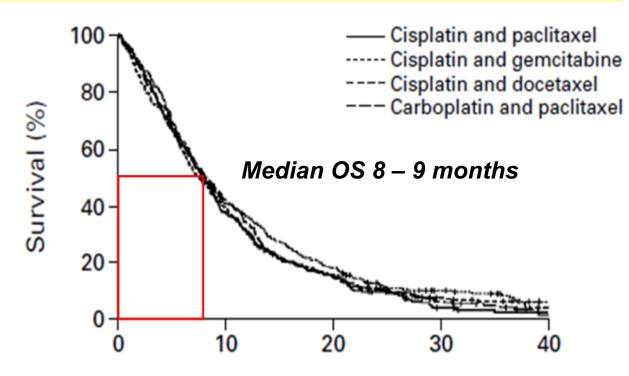
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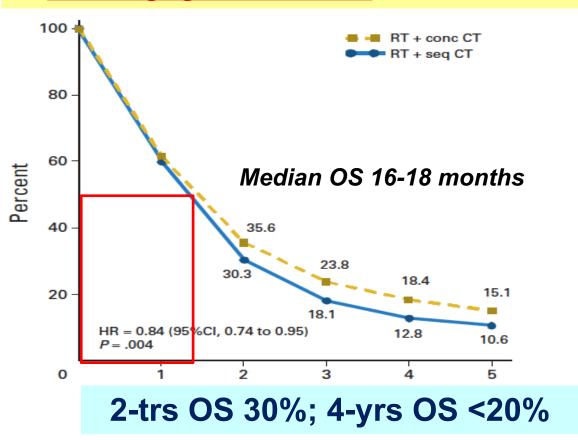
Lung Cancer Prognosis in last century (Stage III-IV)

- Stage IV Non-'something-else-disease' (NSCLC)
- Chemo Doublets reaching a 'plateu'
- If fit, 100% of patients received chemotherapy
- ORR ranging from 15 to 30%



2-trs OS <10%; 4-yrs OS <5%

- Stage III (Locally Advanced)
- IPD Meta-Analysis [N=1,205]
- 25% Grade 3-4 AEs
- ORR ranging from 15 to 45%



Advanced NSCLC in >2016: 'Operative' Classification according to Molecular Biology

ONCOGENE Addiction ['Stupid' Disease]

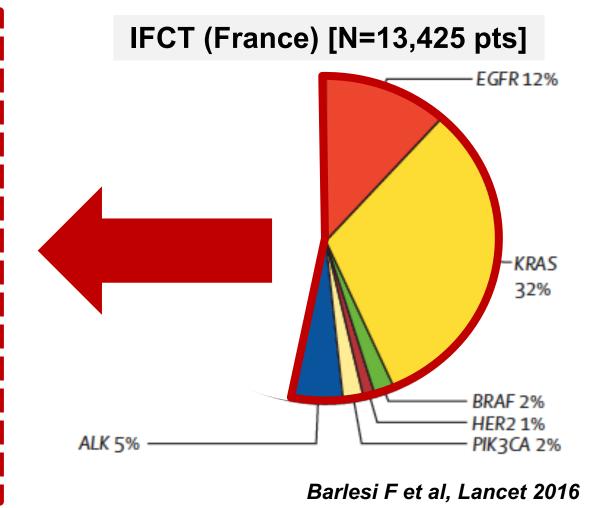
Single Dominant Driver

Small Mutational Load (**LOW** Tumor Mutation Burden)

Targeted TKIs COULD work Immunotherapy MAY NOT

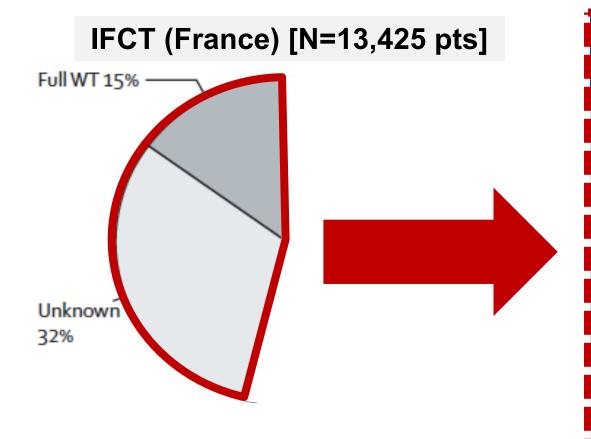
Resistance, late, same/other pathway

Traditional Intermediate End-points MAY work as surrogate



Adapted from G. Sledge, ASCO 2011

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NON-ONCOGENE Addiction ['Smart' Disease]

Multiple Drivers & Passengers

Large Mutational load (<u>HIGH</u> Tumor Mutation Burden)

(Un)Targeted TKIs are NOT effective Immunotherapy MAY effective

Resistance common, early

Traditional Intermediate End-points does NOT correlate with efficacy

Barlesi F et al, Lancet 2016

The Evolving View of Lung NSCLC

The Immune System: an 'Ideal' anti-cancer Weapon

Why I-O May Work

- Diverse Attack
 - T-Cells, antibodies, NKs, etc....
- Precise Targeting
 - Can distinguish minute chemical alterations
- Recall
 - After effective priming immunity can last for a lifetime

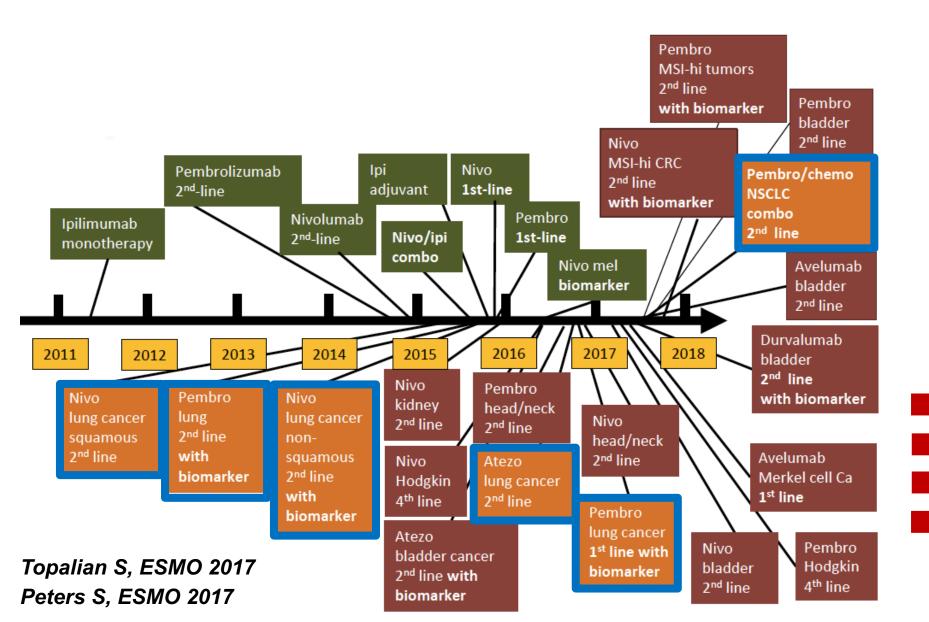


Hurdles

- The wall of cancer's defence againts immune attack:
 - Regulatory immune cells
 - Suppressive cytokines
 - Immune checkpoint



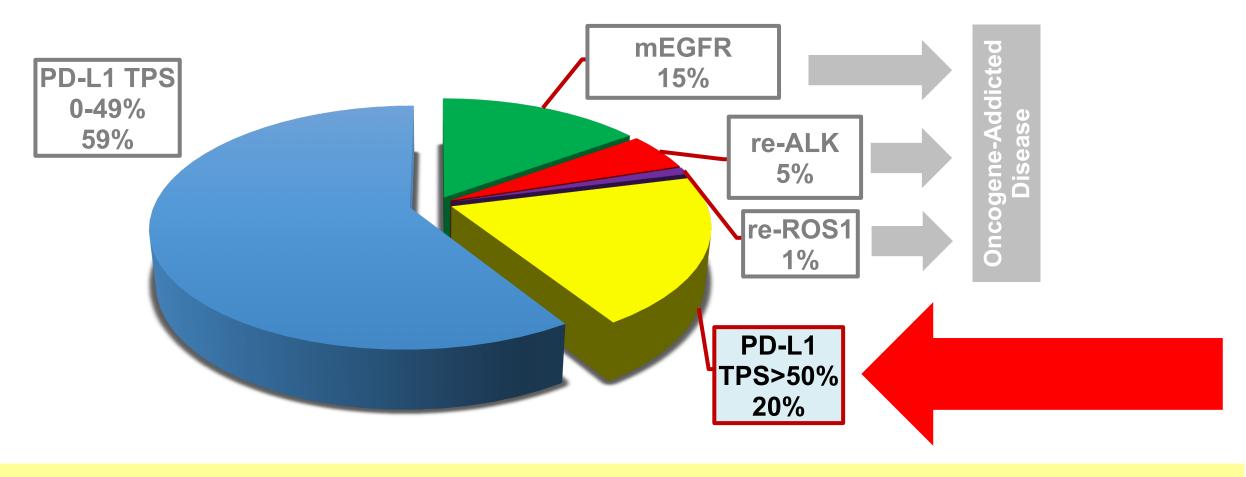
FDA approvals for Immune Checkpoint (IC) Inhibitors





	AGENT	TARGET
	lpilimumab	CTLA-4
	Tremelimumab	CTLA-4
	Nivolumab*	PD-1
	Pembrolizumab*	PD-1
	Atezolizumab	PD-L1
	Durvalumab	PD-L1
	Avelumab	PD-L1

NSCLC: Treatment Choices are Driven by Biomarkers

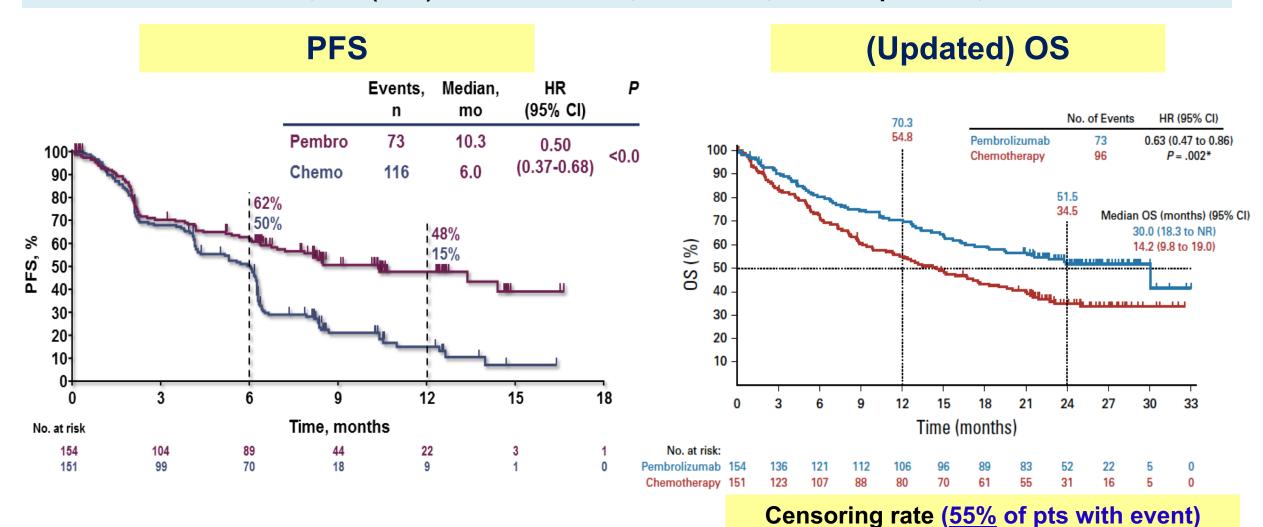


Suggested Median Time-to-report by Guidelines: <3-4 wks

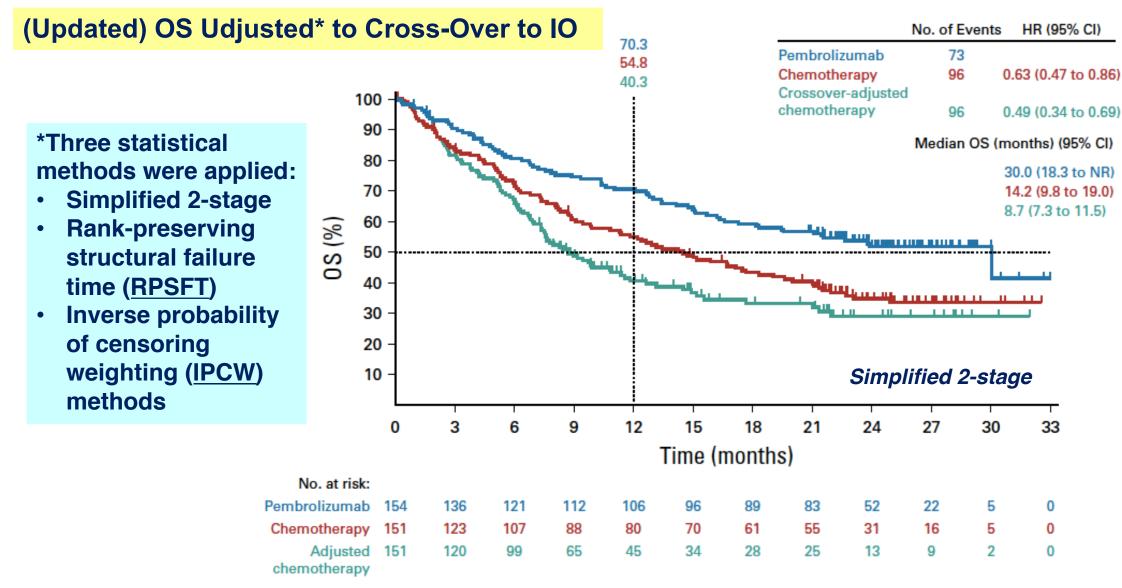
'Real-World' Median Time from diagnosis to 1-line therapy: 30-34 days*

Head-to-Head Pembrolizumab Better than Chemo (PD-L1 ≥50%)

1934 Screened Patients, 500 (30%) PD-L1 TPS ≥50%, 61.5% Men, 18.5% Squamous, 90.5% C/F Smokers



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Chemotherapy Enhances Anti-Cancer Immune Response: Rational Partner for Immunotherapy

Therapeutic

Increasing T-cell penetrance in the tumor

 Eliminating immunosuppressive cells: T-regulatory cells

 Enhancing maturation and activation of dendritic cells toward antigen presentation

Cancer-antiger

Antigen immunogenicity

Reversise Foods in TNF-d Reversise Inflammasome pathway

1.25(0H) D.3 TNF-d ROS ATG16

Necoantigens

Viral antigens

Negative effect

Negative effect

Negative effect

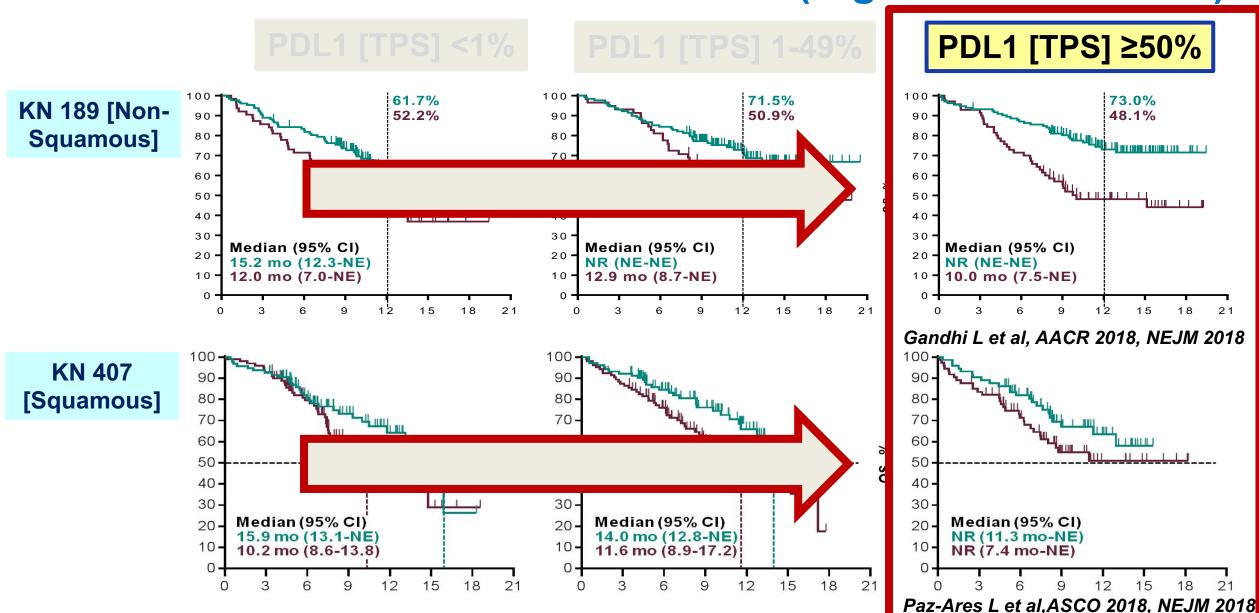
 Improving recognition of tumor antigens by T-cell

Enhancing effector T-cell function

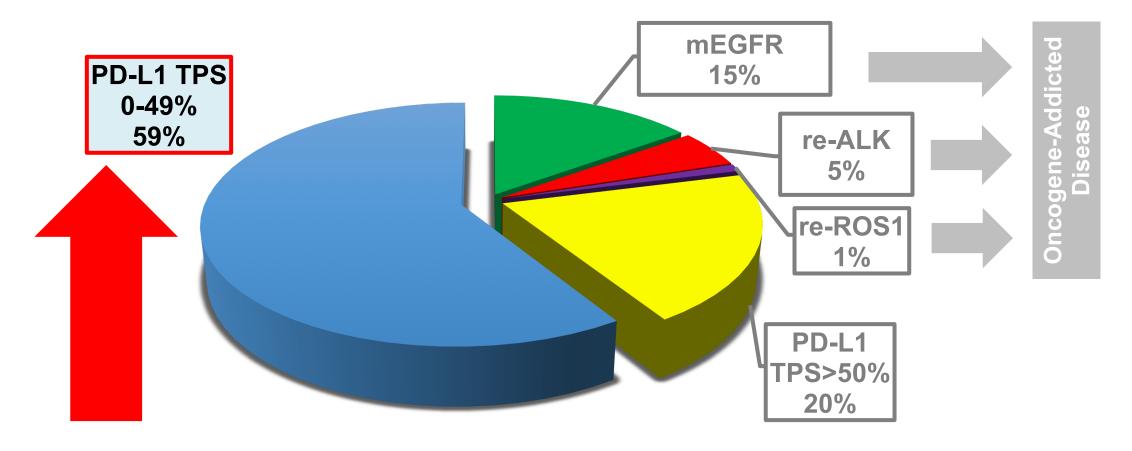
Negative effect
Positive effect
Negative or positive effect

Inducing immunogenic cell death

 Eliminating immunosuppressive cells: T-regs, myeloid-derived suppressor cells, M2 macrophages Pembro + Chemo Better than Chemo (regardless of PD-L1)



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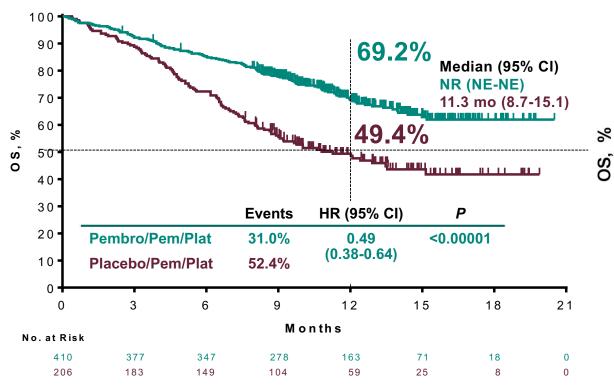
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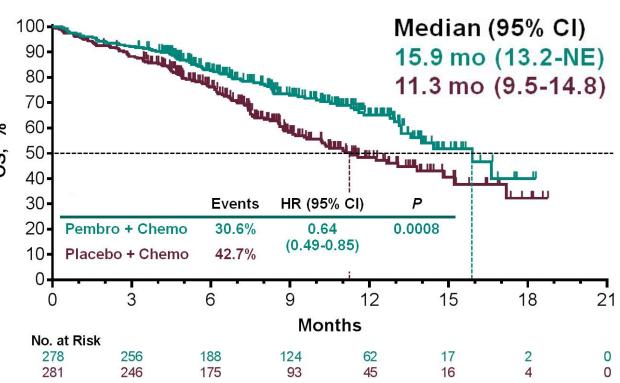
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KN 189 [Non-Squamous]

KN 407 [Squamous]





Censoring rate: 38% of pts with OS event

Censoring rate: <u>59%</u> of pts with PFS event

Pembro + Chemo Better than Chemo (regardless of Histology & PD-L1)

73.0%

48.1%

Median (95% CI)

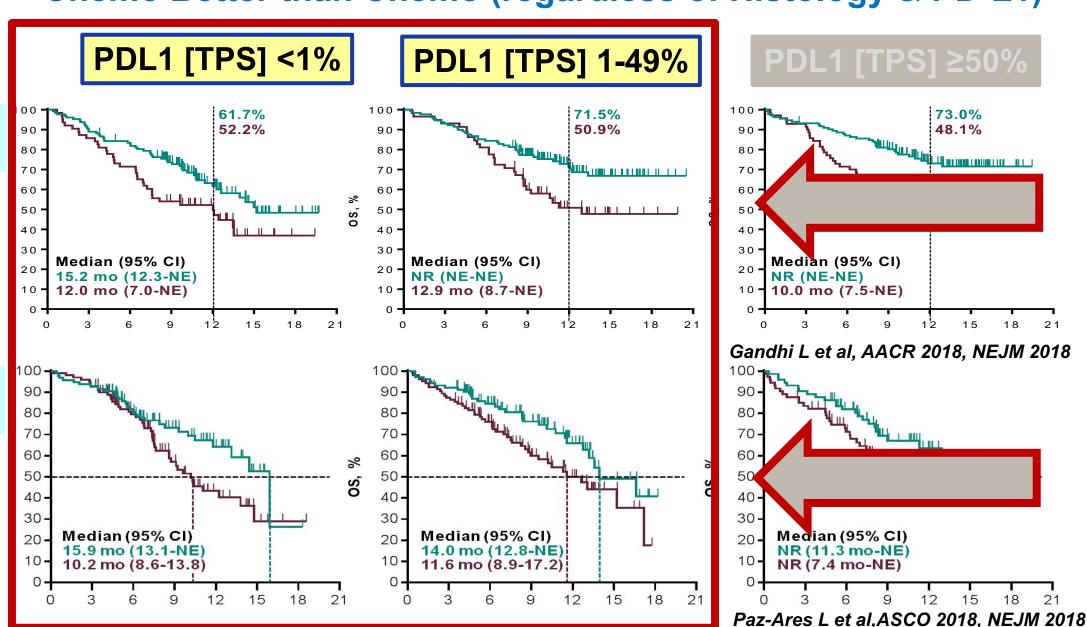
10.0 mo (7.5-NE)

Median (95% CI)

NR (11.3 mo-NE)

NR (7.4 mo-NE)

NR (NE-NE)



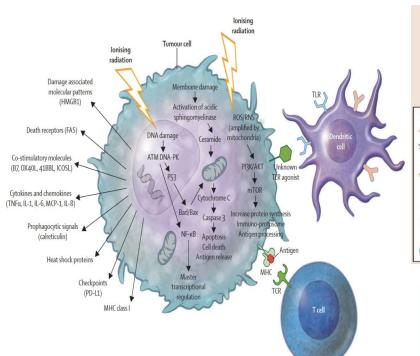
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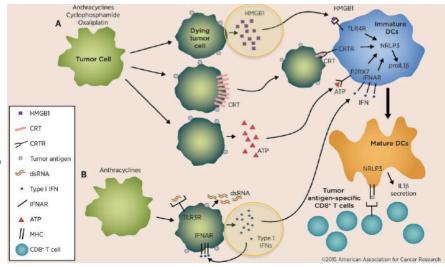
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RT induce Immunogenic Tumor Death and PD-L1 expression



- RT DNA and membrane damage activates transcription factors and signalling pathways
- That modulates the immunophenotype and immunogenicity of tumour cells

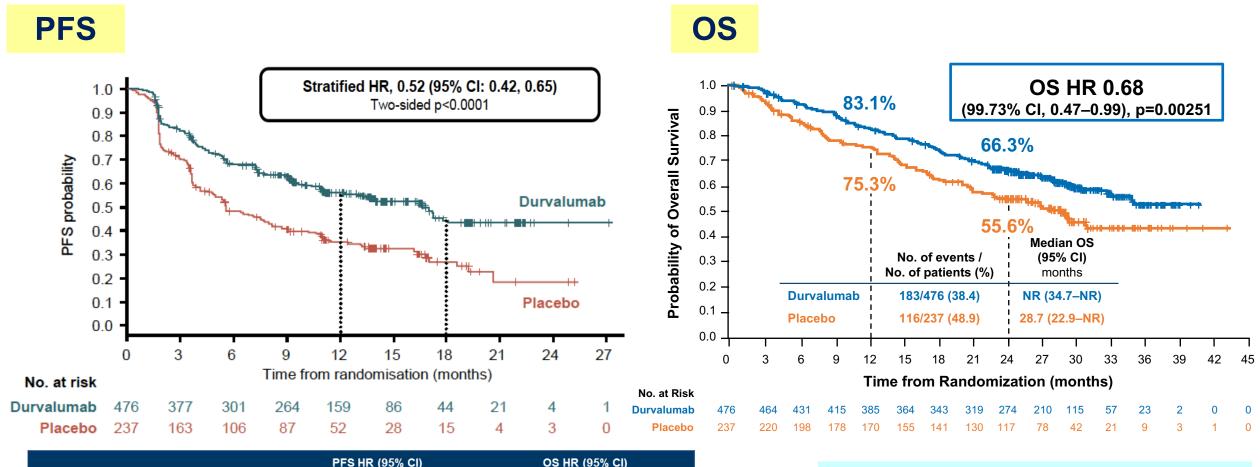


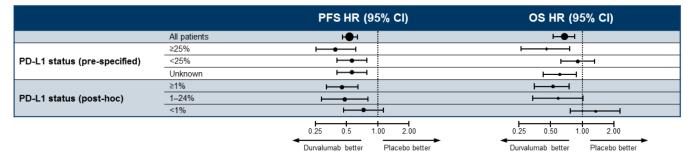
- RT induced Damage-associated molecularpatterns (DAMPs mediate robust immunomodulation and de facto underlie the immunogenicity of cancer cell death
- Chemothereputics results in variable level of DAMPs with consequent activation of a therapeutically relevant anticancer immune response



- RT initiates production of IFN/STING
- Activates Pro-Death Signaling in tumor cells
- Induced PD-L1 expression
- Initiates realeas of tumor antigens
- Generates Chemotactic Signals recruiting Myeloid cell polulations

Durvalumab after Concurrent CT-RT improves Prognosis



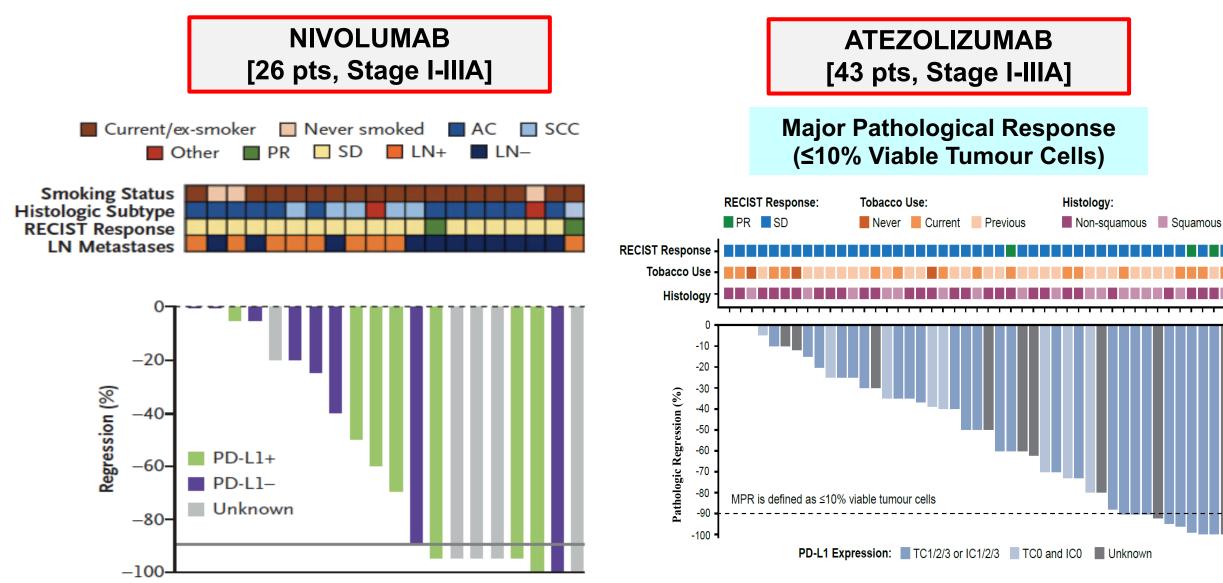




Regulatory Approval is Pending (PD-L1>1%)

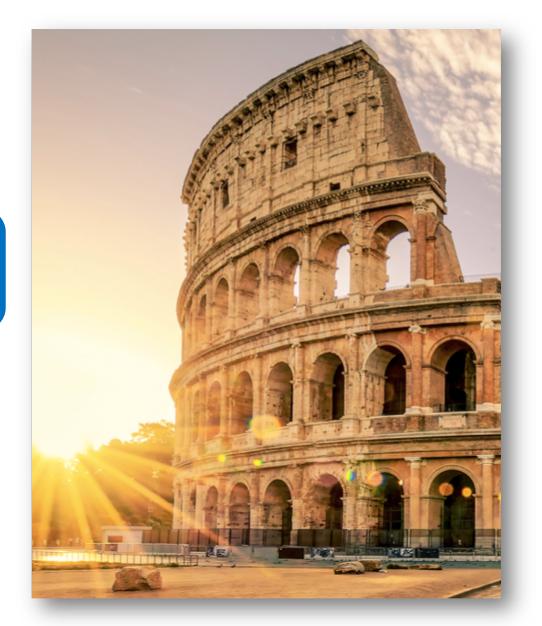
Antonia S et al, WCLC 2018, NEJM 2018

IO: Unexpected Activity in Neoadjuvant Treatment of NSCLC

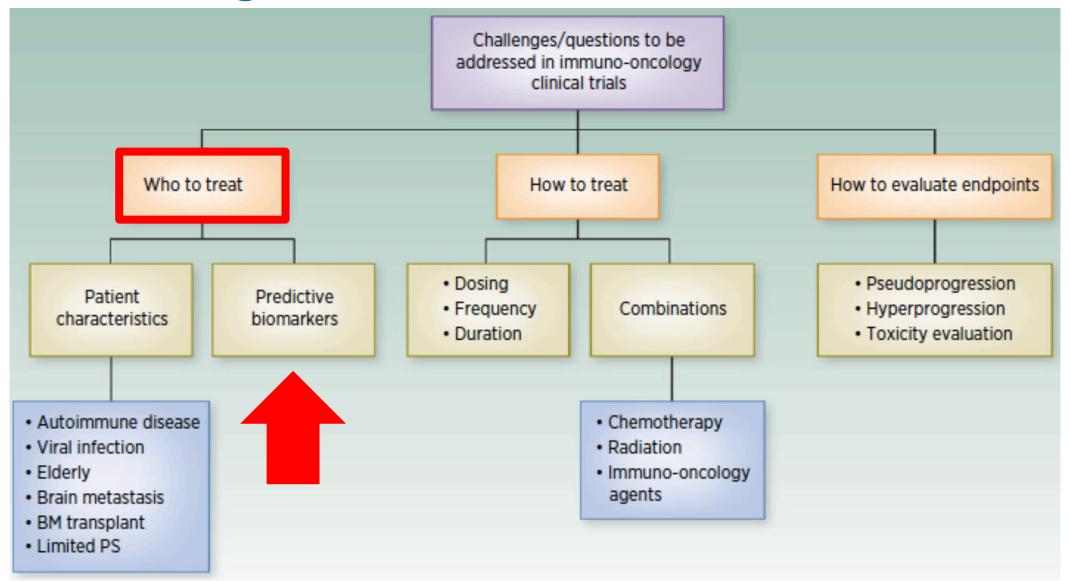


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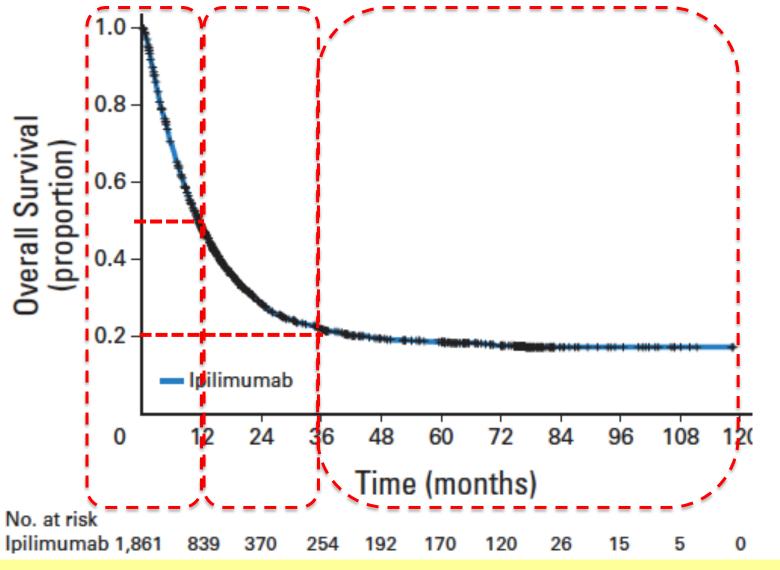
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Challenges to address in IO Clinical Trials



Efficacy 'Plateaus' of Immunotherapy: Advanced Melanoma



	Death Rate
@1 <i>y</i> r	50%
@3yrs	80%

- 20% Of Patients overcome 3 yrs, no (very few) additional deaths in 10 years!
- Are we dealing with CURED patients?

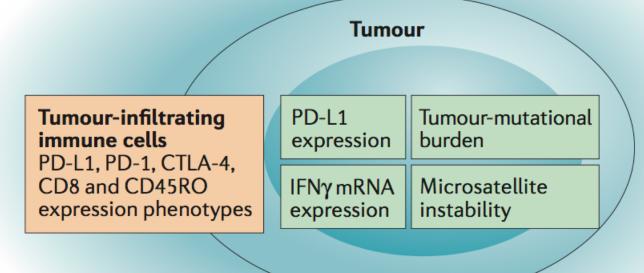
A treatment selection factor is (clearly) required!

Biomarkers for Immunotherapy

Current (and Validated) Option for Clinical Practice:

PD-L1 (IHC) on Tumor Tissue

Tumour microenvironment



Cell-mediated immune system

T cells, dendritic cells, plasma cells, macrophages, eosinophils, natural killer cells, myeloid cells

Serum/circulating factors

- Cytokines (e.g. IFNγ)
- Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)
- Absolute/relative cell counts

Unmeet Medical Need:

 Validated Biomarkers in <u>Tissue</u> and <u>Blood</u>

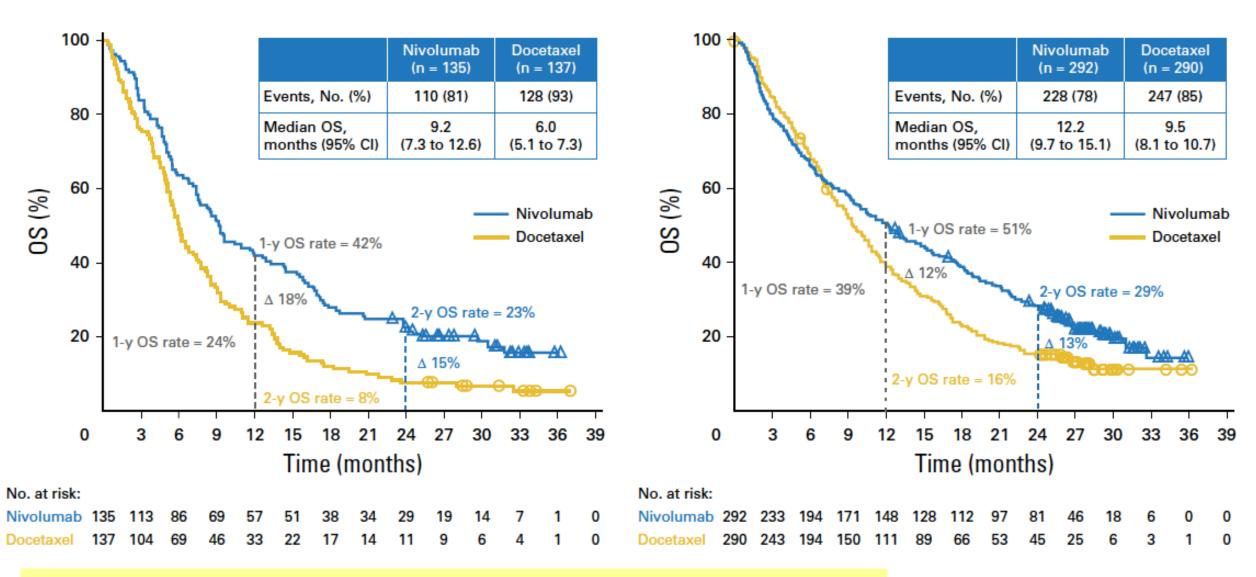
Potential Utility of Liquid Biopsy in Immunotherapy:

- Diagnostic
- Prognostic
- Predictive of Response
- Monitoring
- Mechanisms if Resistance

Current tools:

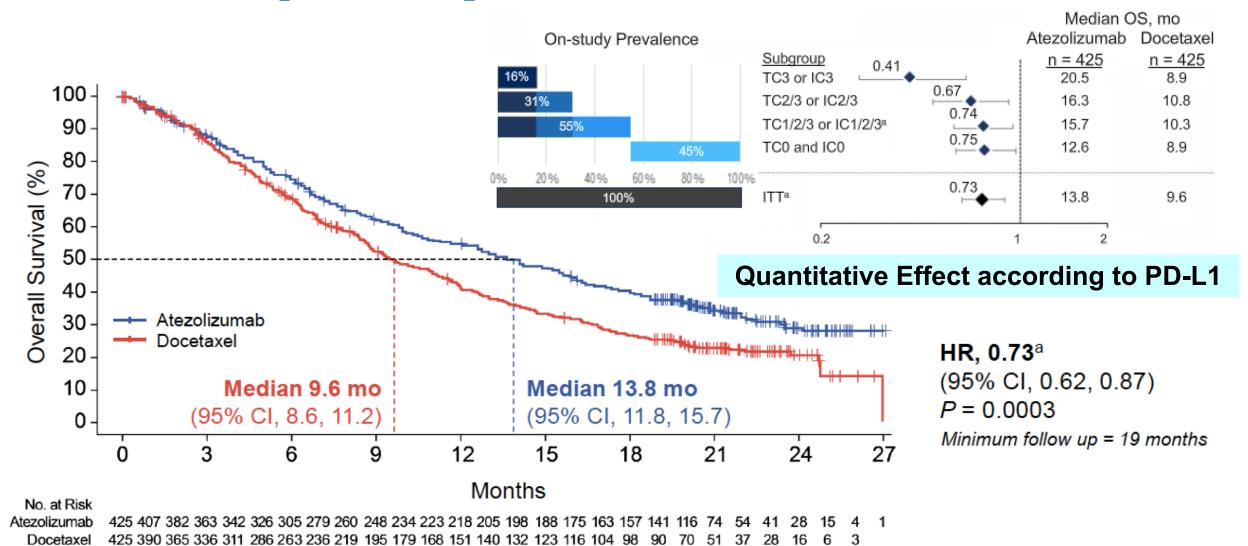
- Calculation of circulating TMB
- Detection of bPDL1
- Alellic Fraction Variation
 Dynamic

Pts Unselected for PD-L1: Second Line Nivolumab



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OAK [Phase III]: Atezolizumab vs. Docetaxel

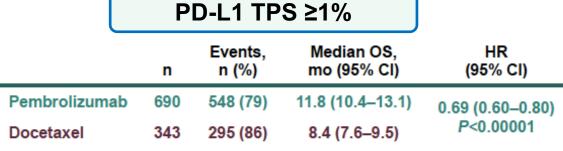


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Rittmeyer A et al, Lancet 2017

PD-L1 Positive Pts: Second Line PEMBRO [TPS ≥1 & 50%]

Docetaxel



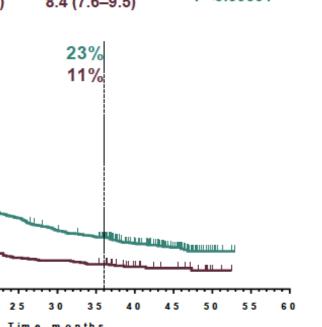
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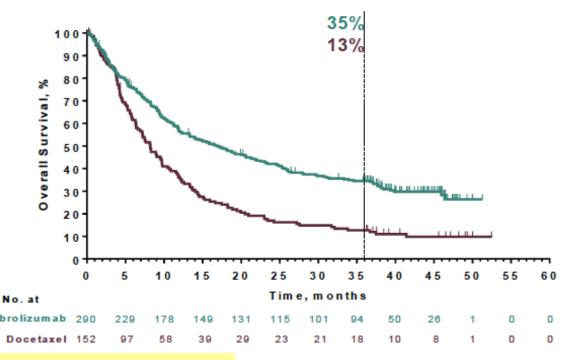
Events, Median OS, HR (95% CI) Pembrolizumab 290 199 (69) 16.9 (12.3–21.4) 0.53 (0.42–0.66)

8.2 (6.4-9.8)

127 (84)

152

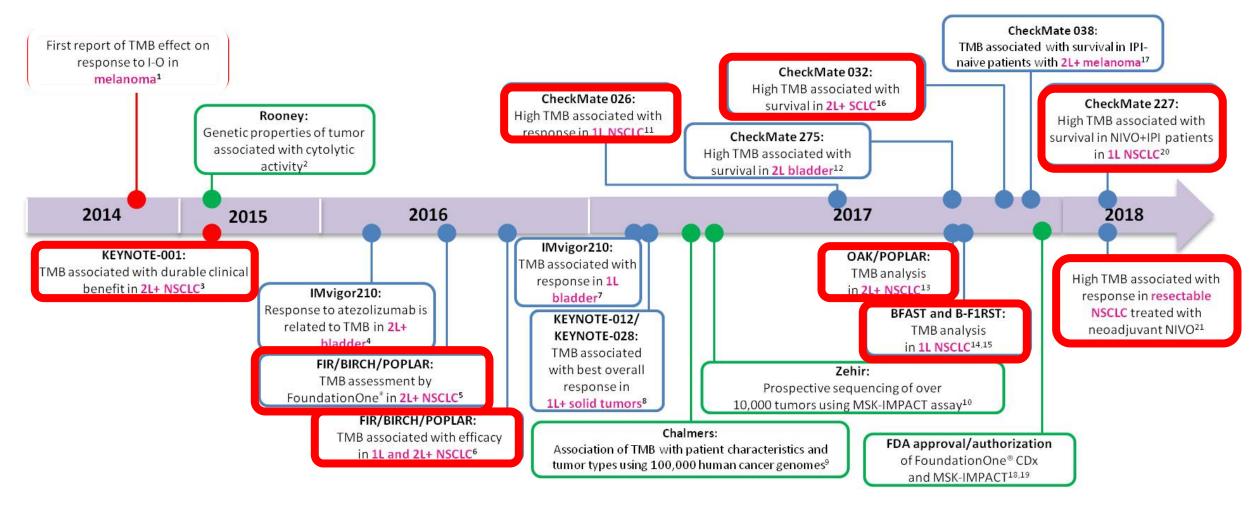
PD-L1 TPS ≥50%



P<0.00001

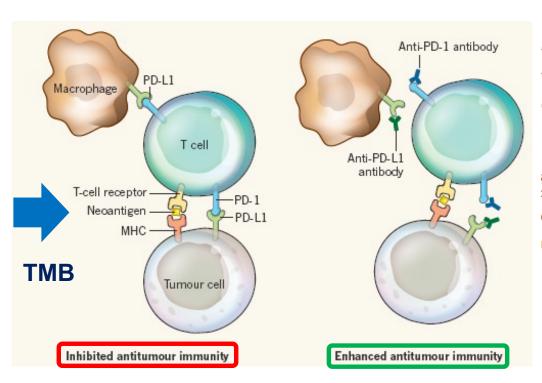
TMB as Biomarker in Lung Cancer: 'Evolutionary Road'

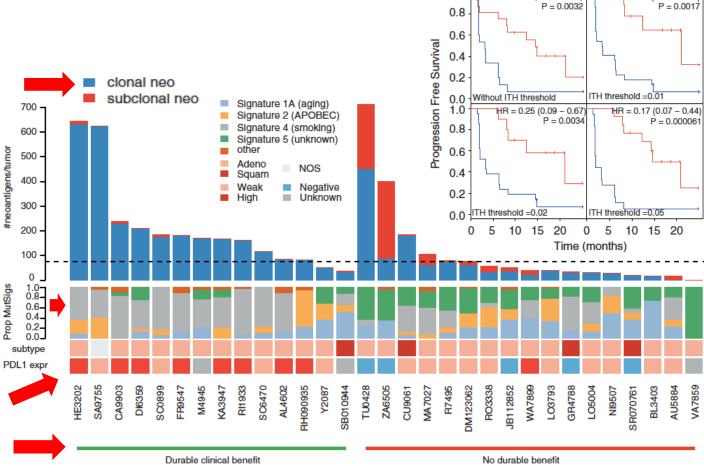
TMB as a Biomarker for I-O Therapies: LUNG CANCER



Neoantigen Intratumor Heterogeneity (ITH) & Clonal Neoantigens

Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) & Antitumor Immunity

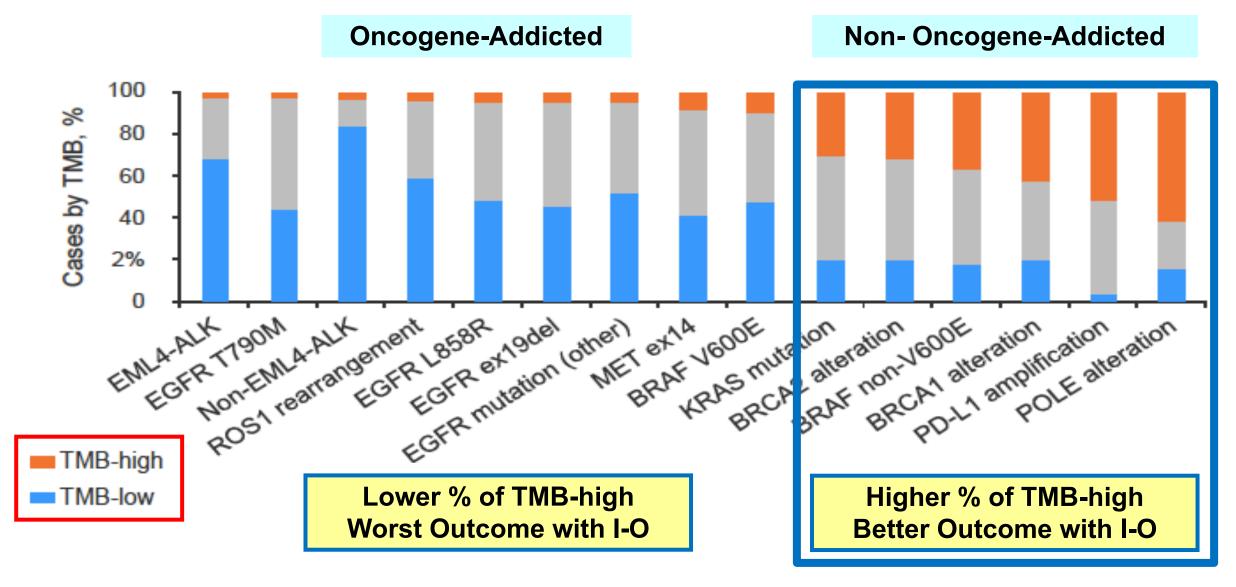




Sensitivity to PD-1 blockade enhanced in tumors enriched for clonal neoantigens.

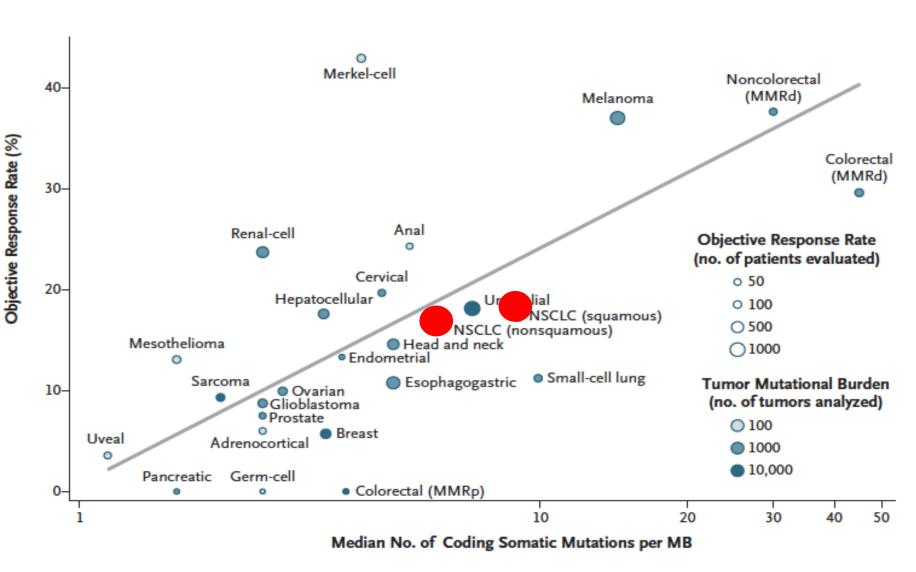
HR = 0.29 (0.12 - 0.69)

TMB according to Oncogene- Addiction



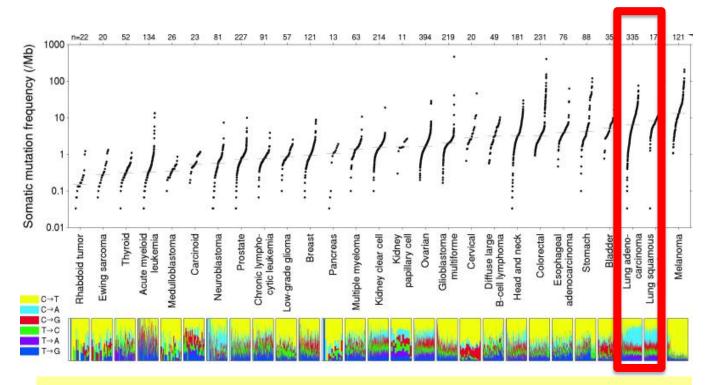
TMB as a Predictive Biomarker for I-O Therapies

Correlation between Tumor Mutational **Burden and Objective Response Rate** with Anti-PD-1 or Anti-PDL1 Therapy in 27 **Tumor Types.**



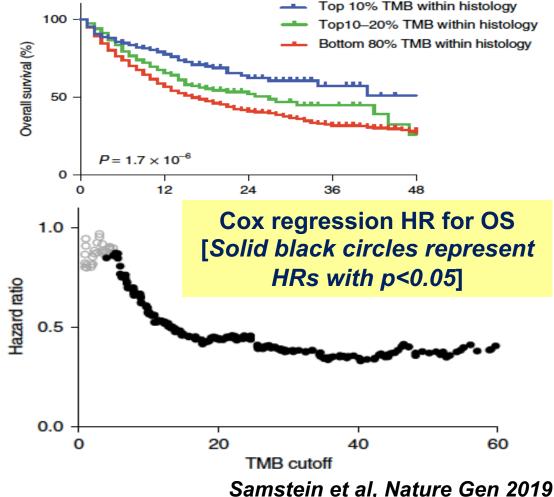
Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) According to Disease

(Non-oncogene-addicted) NSCLC has High Somatic mutation frequencies (high TMB)



Somatic mutation frequencies observed in exomes from 3,083 tumour/normal pairs.

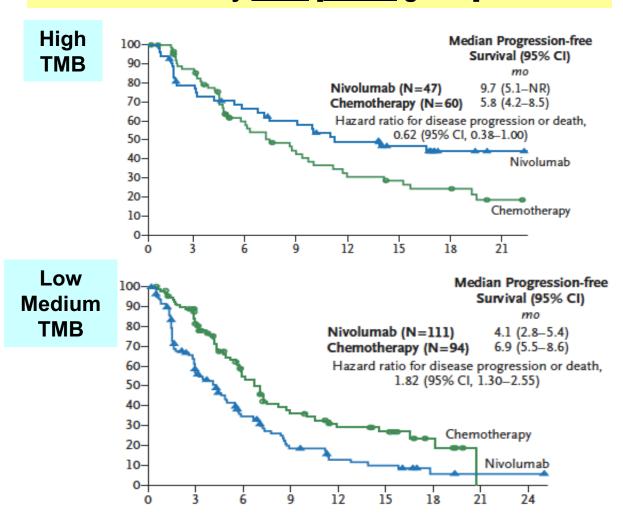
Effect of TMB on OS after ICI treatment [1,662 patients]



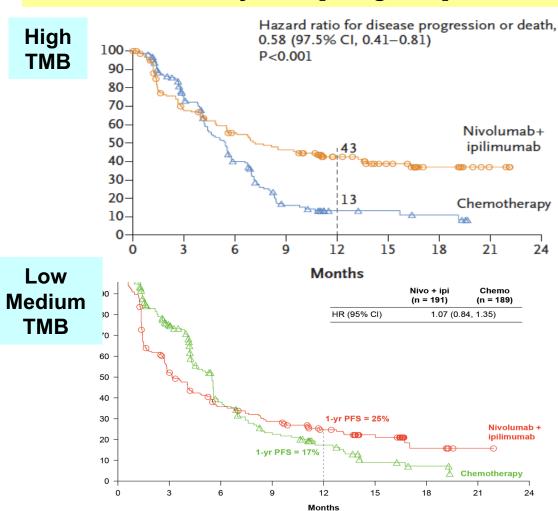
Lawrence M et al, Nature 2013

TMB IS predictor for PFS benefit of I-O vs. Chemo

CM 026: NIVO vs. Chemo TMB by WGS [21,522 genes]



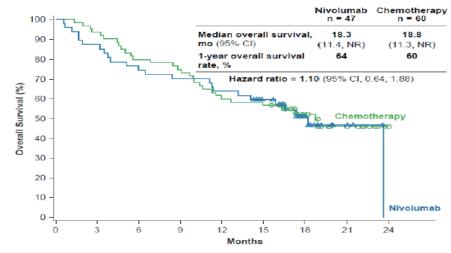
CM 227: NIVO + IPI vs. Chemo TMB by NGS [324 genes]



TMB IS NOT predictor for OS benefit of I-O vs. Chemo

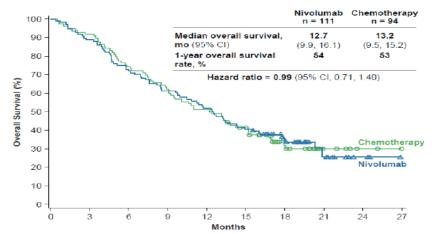
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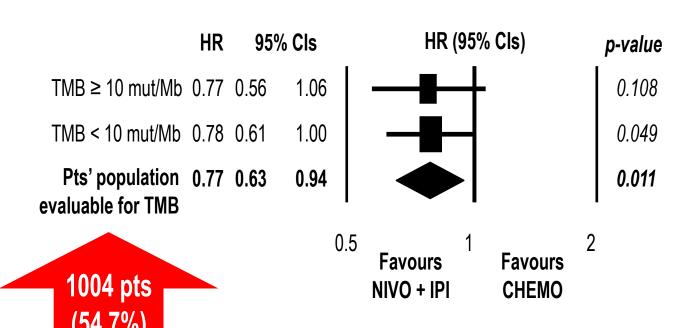




Low Medium TMB

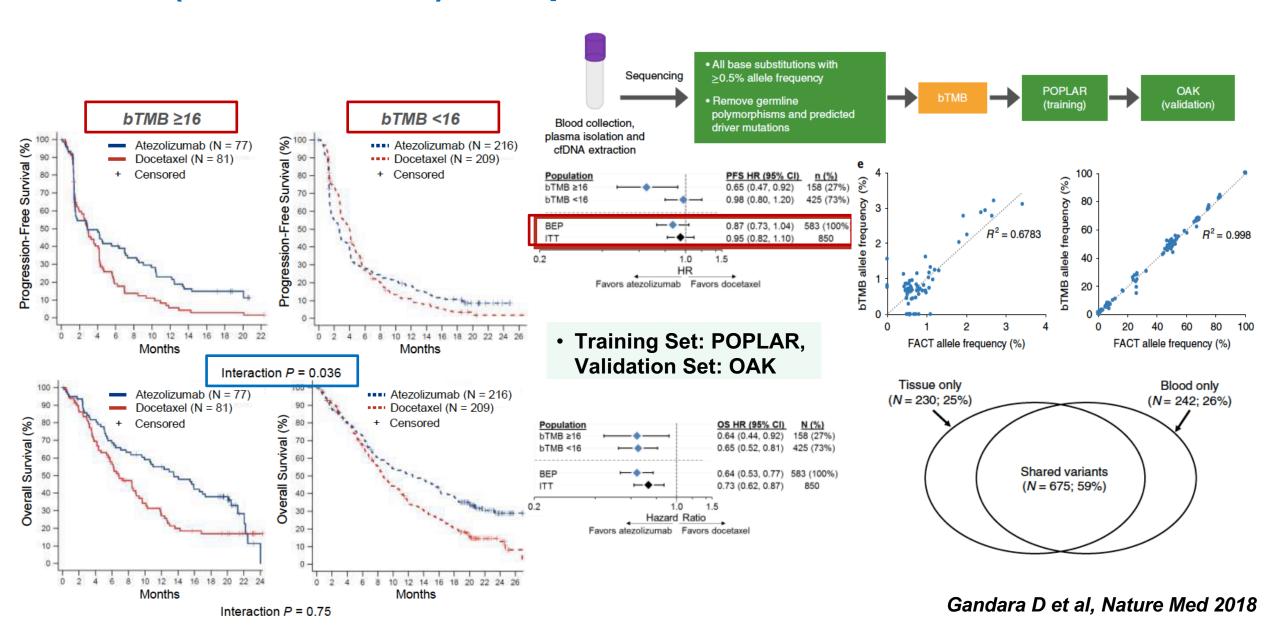
312 pts (57.6%)





NB: data derived from press release on BMS website and cumulated according to a Random Effect Model [Heterogeneity p=0.95]

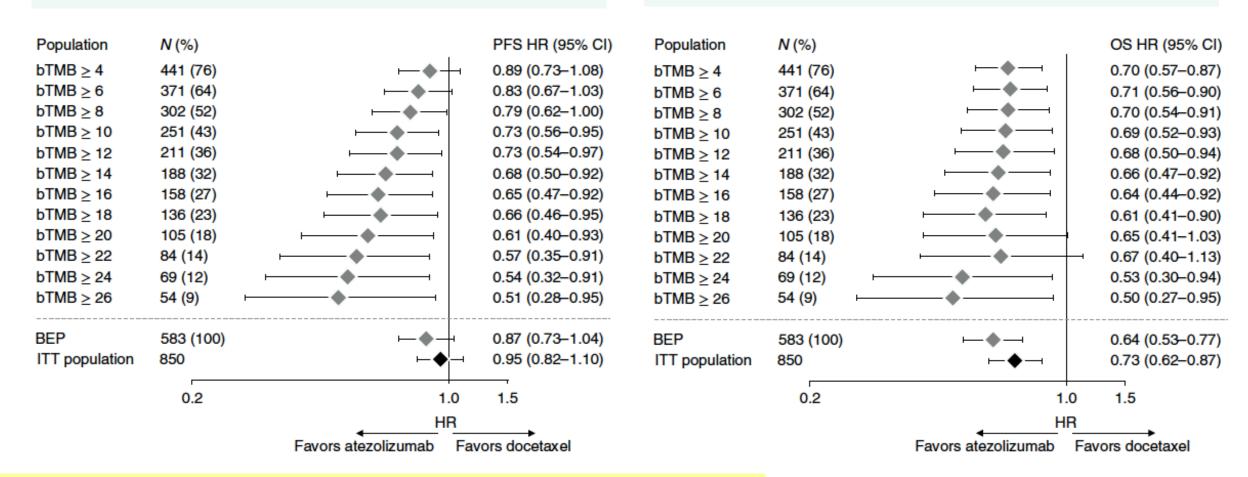
bTMB (Blood/Tissue) as a predictor of benefit of Atezolizumab



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Progression Free Survival (PFS)

Overall Survival (OS)



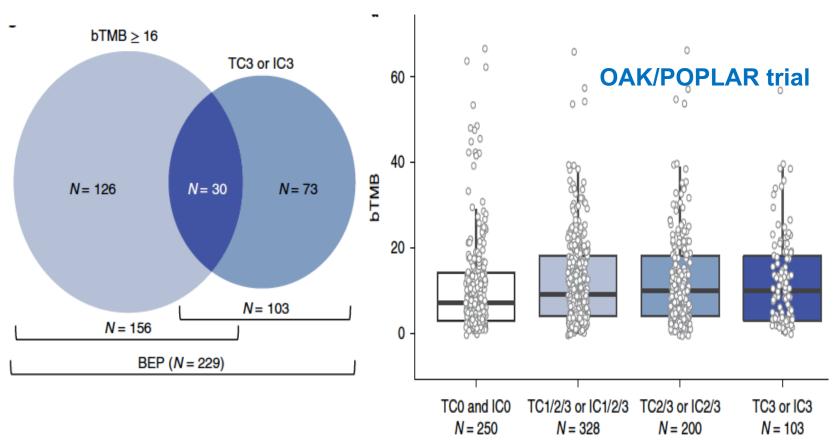
• The higher the value, the higher the benefit......which cut-off?

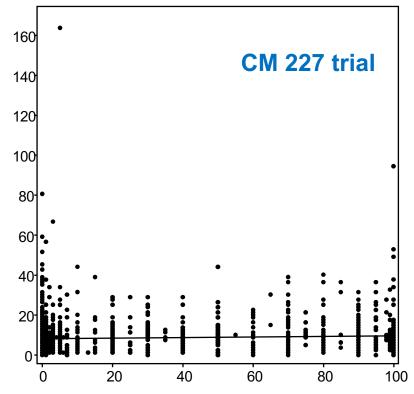
TMB is independent from PD-L1 (over)espression

High TMB dos not overlap with PD-L1 overexpression

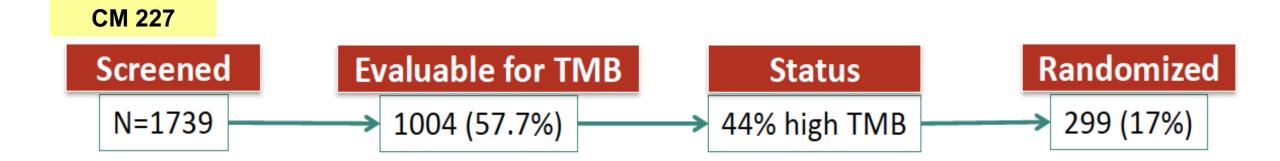
Categorical PD-L1 (0-3) IHC Staining

Continuous PD-L1 (%) IHC Staining



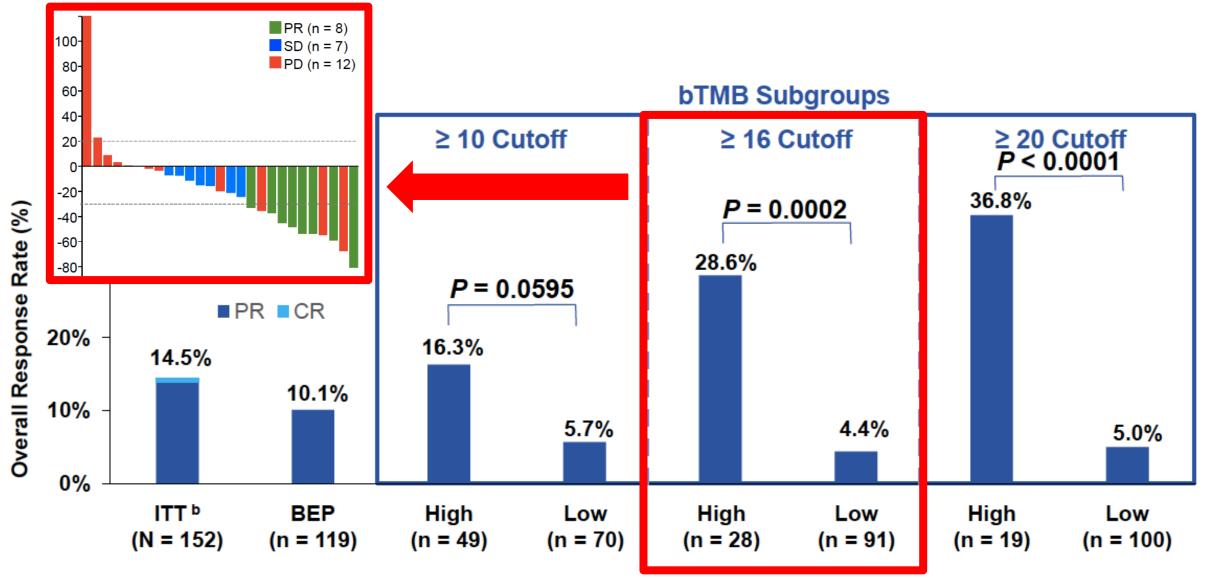


Feasibility of TMB (tissue/blood) & Positivity Rate

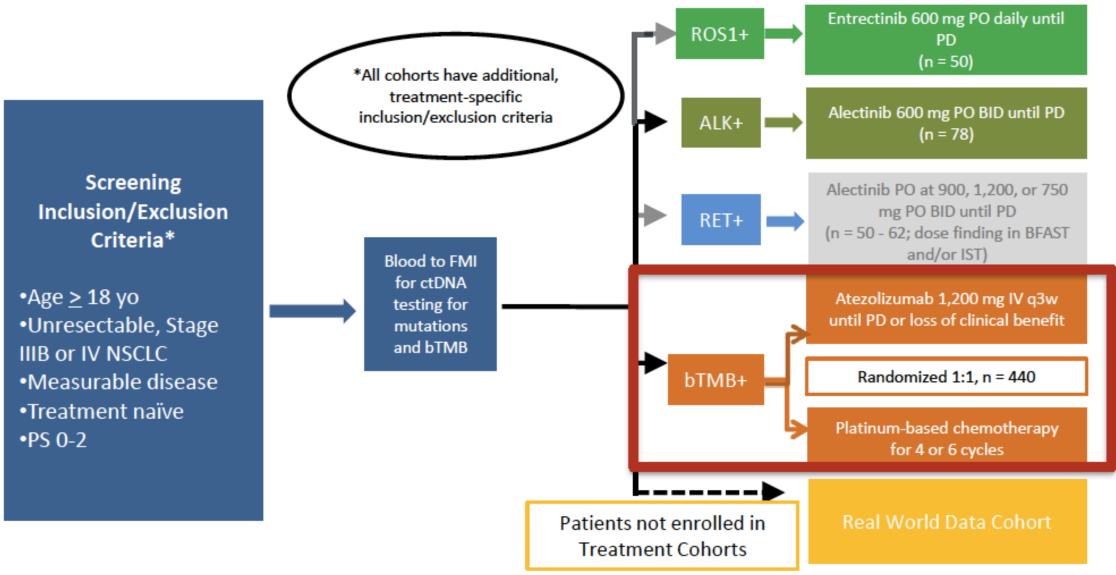


	POPLAR	OAK	B-F1RST	
Samples	273	850	152	
Evaluable	211 (77.2%)	642 (75.5%)	119 (78%)	
Positivity (bTMB)	30%	27%	18%	

B-F1RST: Prospective Evaluation of bTMB as Biomarker

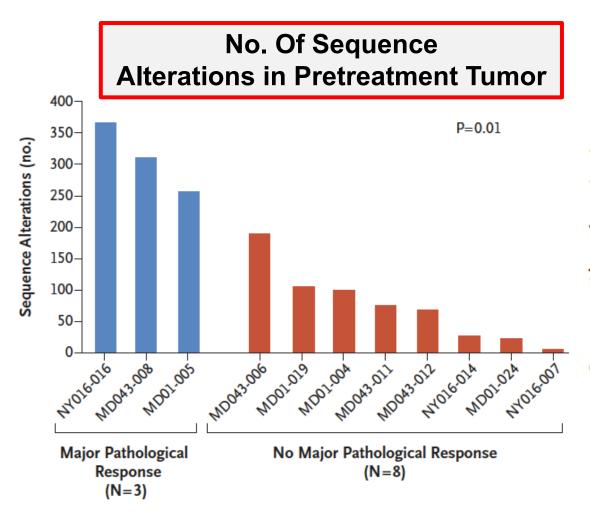


bFAST: Randomized Prospective Validation Ongoing

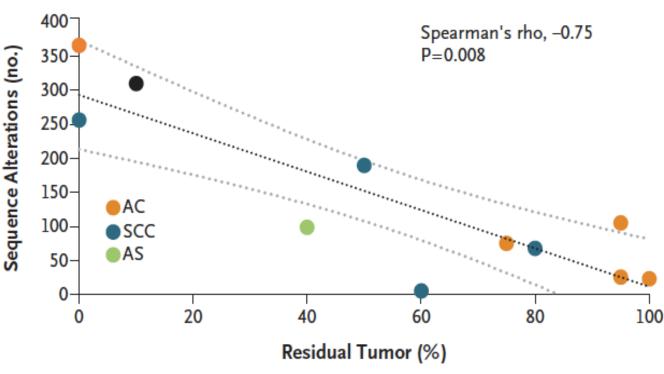


Neoadjuvant Nivolumab in Resectable Stage I-IIIA

Association between Mutational Burden and Pathological Response to PD-1 Blockade

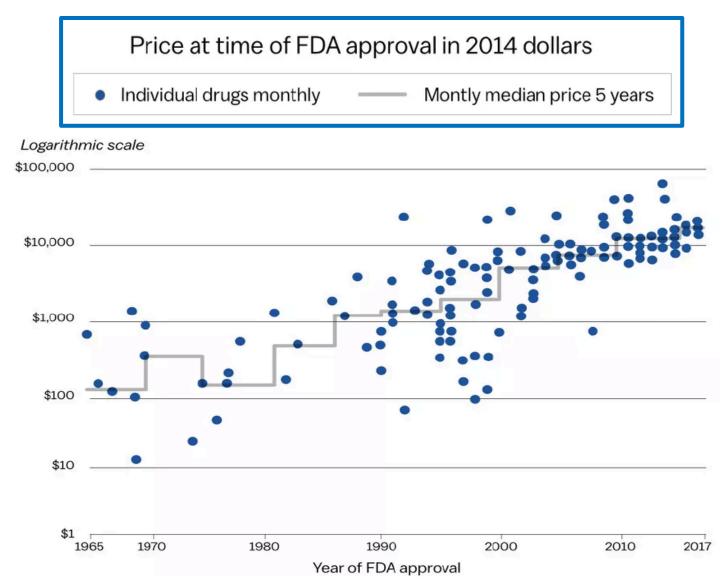


Correlation between No. Of Sequence Alterations and Percentage Of Residual Tumor



Why we need that? The Cost of Cancer is Soaring

- The average cost of cancer drugs today is 4 times the median household income in US
 - Getting a cancer immunotherapy treatment costs more than a house in many cities in the US, more than putting a few kids through private college.
 - The average cost of cancer drugs has increased from \$50,000 per patient in the mid-1990s to \$250,000today.
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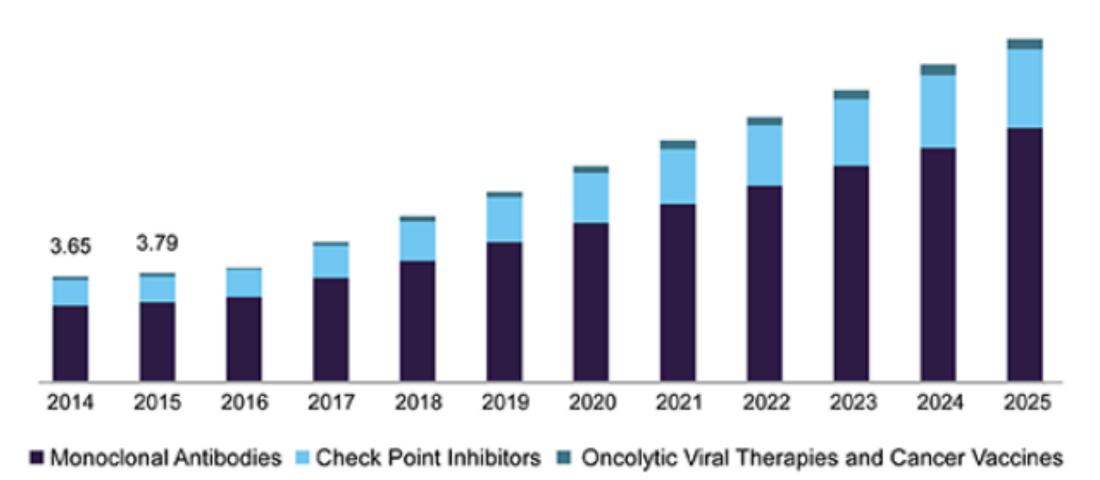


Source: Peter Back, MSKCC, NYC

Cancer IO Market Analysis By Product

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China cancer immunotherapy market by cancer type 2014 - 2025 (USD Billion)



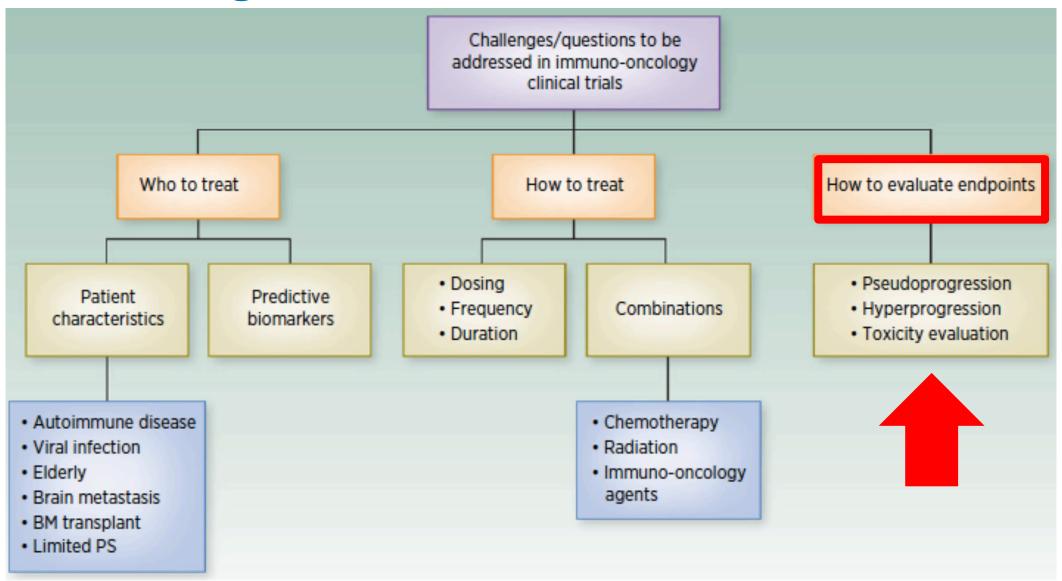
Source: https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/cancer-immunotherapy-market

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Pretreated NSCLC: Immunotherapy is the new Benchmark

Individual Level Estimation (>3,200 pts), FDA-Driven Analysis



No. at risk

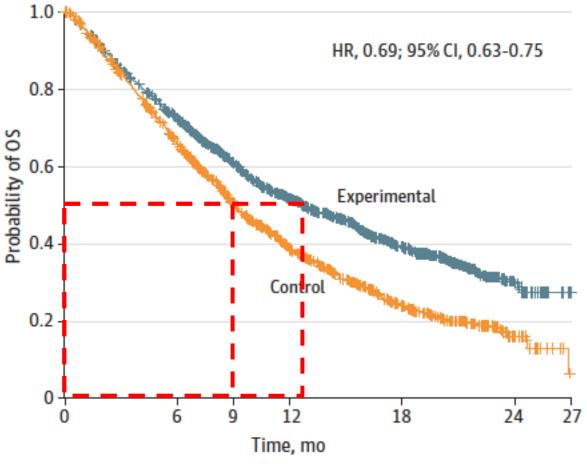
Control

Experimental 1840

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911

619



689

432

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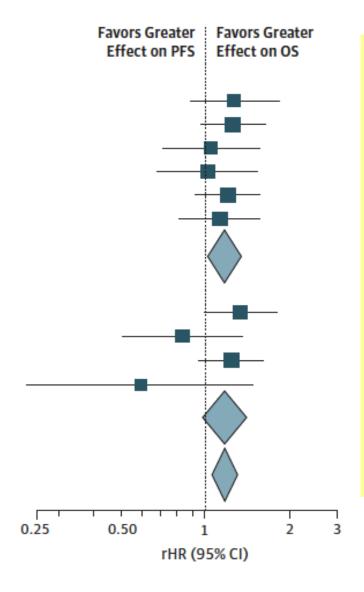
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- Moderate Association between OS at 12 and 9 months and OS HR
- No correlation between OS and intermediate end-points (PFS and ORR)
- Although 12months-OS has the strongest association it is likely to be not optimal for future trials, which will have:
 - Immunotherapy as control arm
 - Biomarker-enrichment strategies
 - Enrolled patients with longer survival
- Benchmark of Control Arm for Future RCTs:
 - Median OS: 12 months
 - 1yr OS: 50%
 - PFS and ORR not primary

IO: PFS does not correlate with OS

Study	rHR (95% CI)		
Nivolumab			
Ferris et al,8 2016 (Checkmate 141)	1.27 (0.89-1.83)		
Borghaei et al, ⁹ 2015 (Checkmate 057)	1.26 (0.97-1.64)		
Brahmer et al, 10 2015 (Checkmate 017)	1.05 (0.71-1.56)		
Robert et al, 11 2015 (Checkmate 066)	1.02 (0.68-1.54)		
Motzer et al, ¹² 2015 (Checkmate 025)	1.21 (0.93-1.56)		
Carbone et al, 13 2017 (Checkmate 026)	1.13 (0.81-1.57)		
Overall	1.18 (1.03-1.34)		
Pembrolizumab			
Bellmunt et al, 14 2017 (Keynote 045)	1.34 (1.00-1.80)		
Reck et al, 15 2016 (Keynote 024)	0.83 (0.51-1.36)		
Herbst et al, 16 2016 (Keynote 010)	1.24 (0.95-1.62)		
Langer et al, ¹⁷ 2016 (Keynote 021)	0.59 (0.23-1.49)		
Overall	1.18 (0.98-1.41)		
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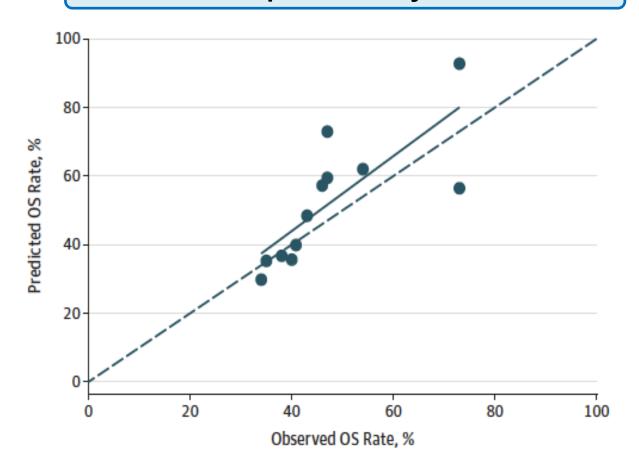


- No significant correlation between OS and PFS (medians and gains in medians)
- Greatet Effects of treatment in OS than PFS.
- Traditional Response
 Evaluation Criteria in Solid
 Tumors (ORR and PFS)
 cannot capture the benefit
 of PD-1 inhibitors in
 patients with solid tumors.
- OS should remain the gold standard.

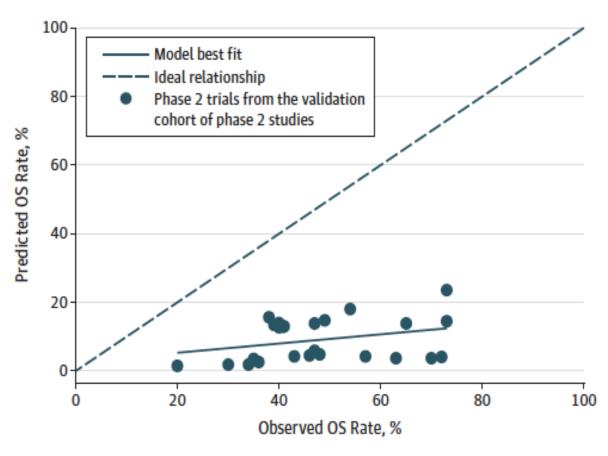
IO: Which (Best) End-point for Phase II Studies?

Observed vs Predicted 12-Month Overall Survival (OS) Rate

12-mo OS rate predicted by 6-mo PFS rate

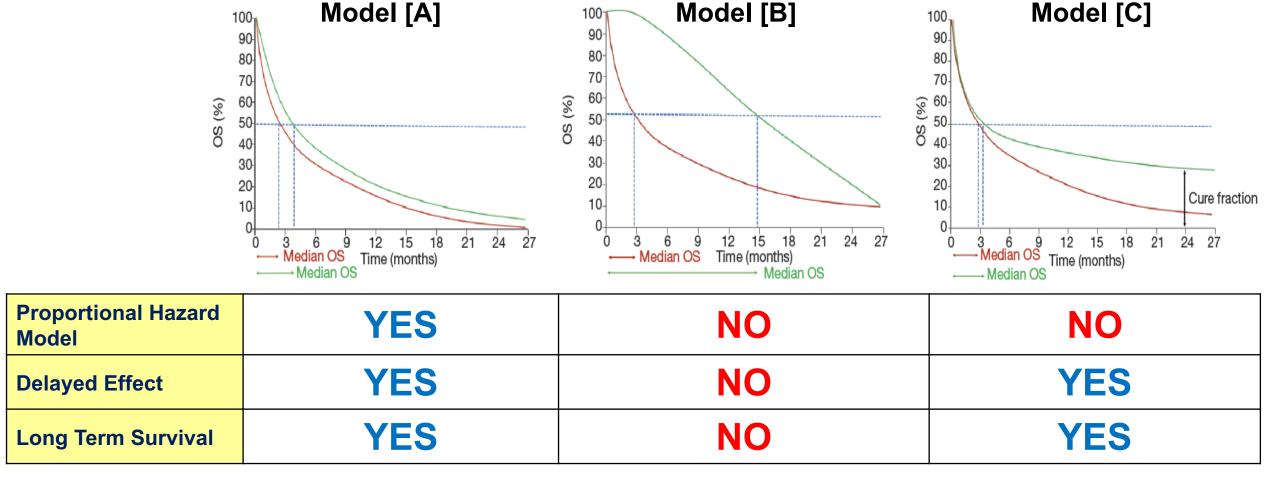


12-mo OS rate predicted by ORR



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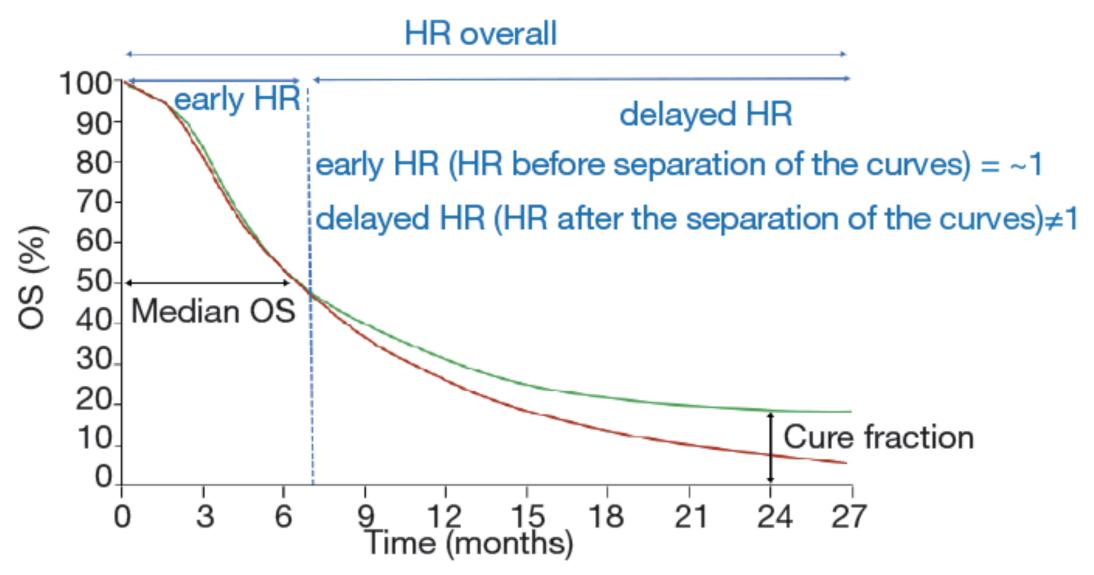


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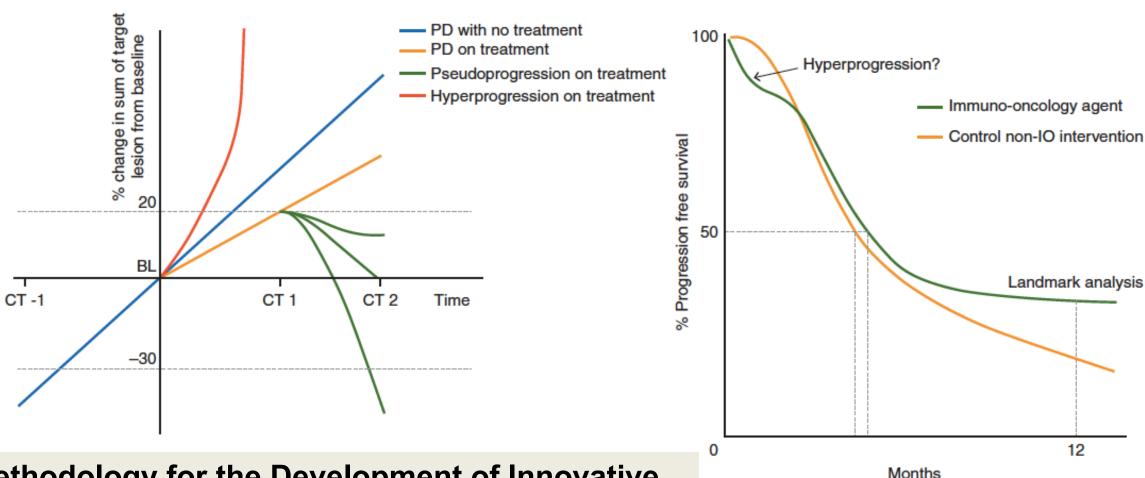
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Model [A] Model [B] Model [C] (x) difference in median survival; (y) 12-month difference in survival rate 12 12 12 6 survival (months) survival (months) survival (months) **Early Stop for** YES YES NO **Futility Correlation with** YES NO NO late benefit

IO: 'Intercepting' Lower HR overtime



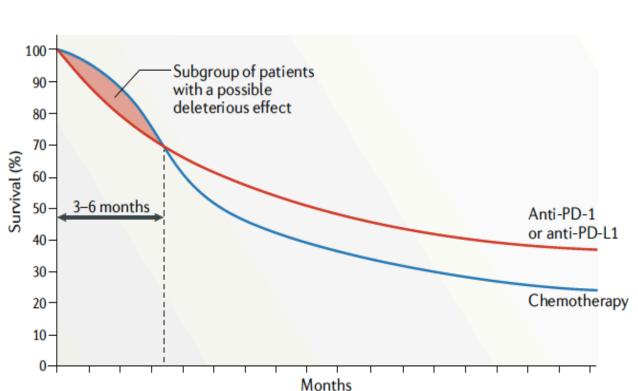
Pseudoprogression, Hyperprogression, and Deconvolution of the survival curves IOs



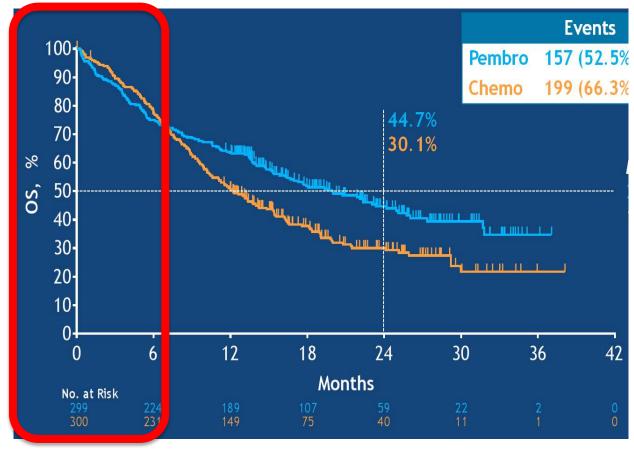
Methodology for the Development of Innovative Cancer Therapies (MDICT) Task Force

Smoragiewicz M et al, Ann Oncol 2018

Crossing survival curves in clinical trials



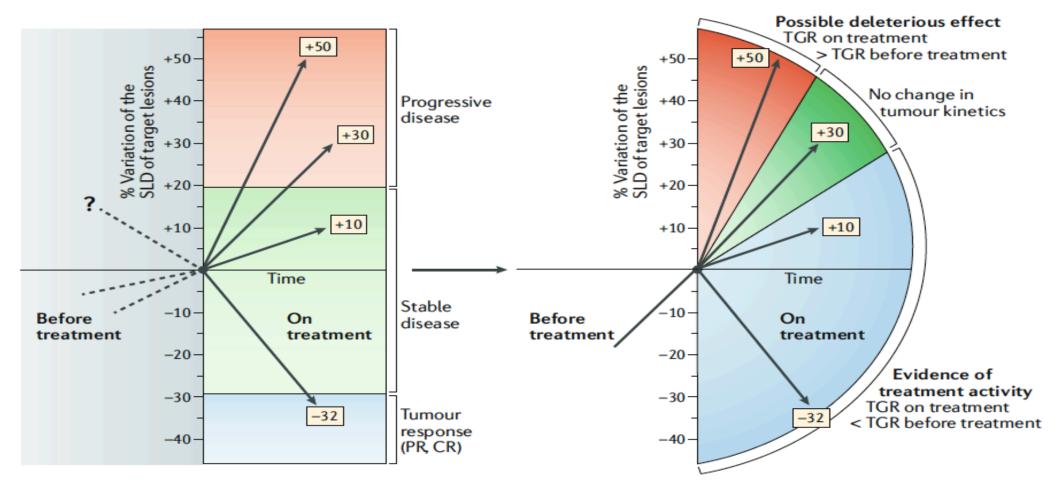
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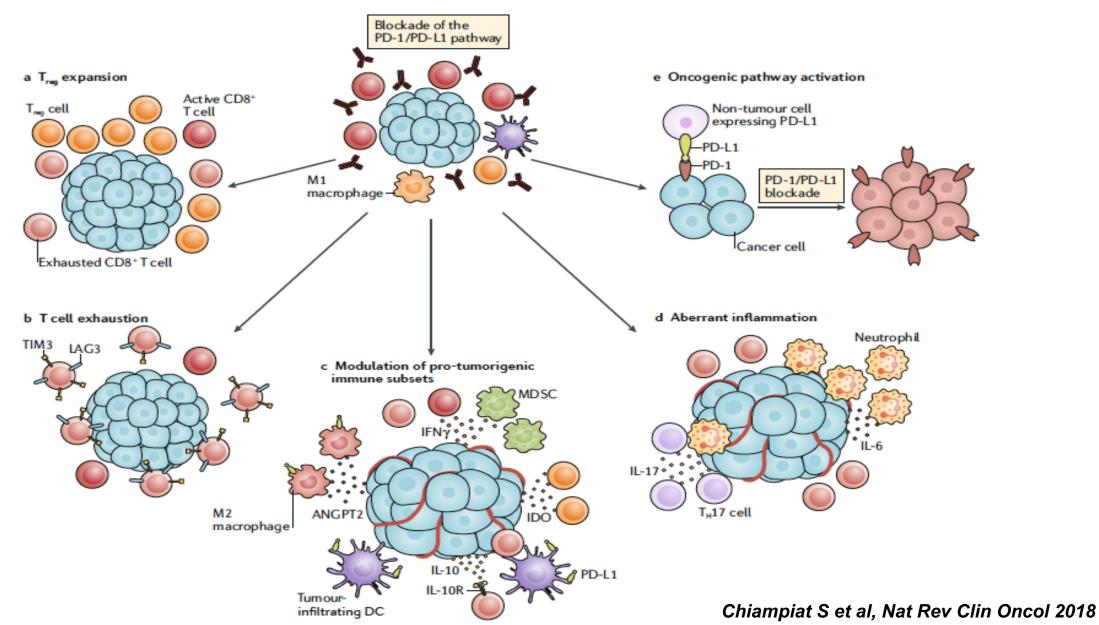
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Evaluation using RECIST v1.1

Evaluation Integrating Pre-treatment Tumour Kinetics



Biological Hypotheses for IO-related Hyperprogressive disease



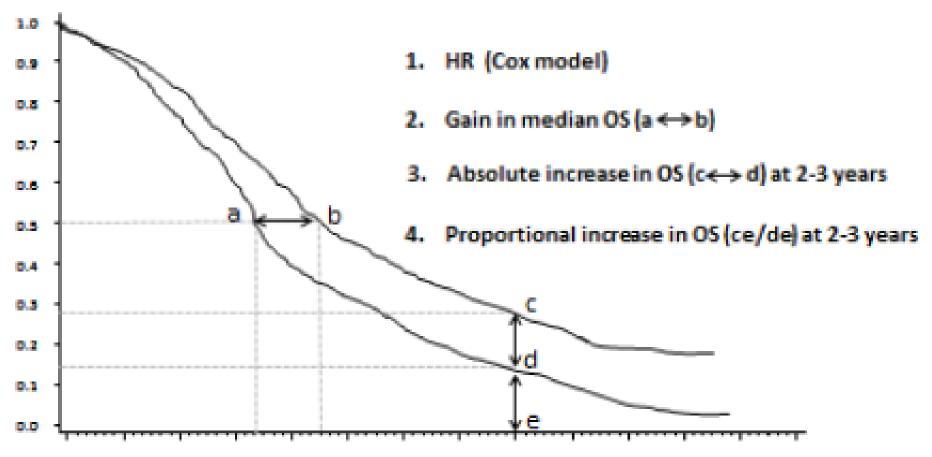
Statistical Issues And Challenges With Immunotherapies

Questions & Recommendation of the MDICT task force

Recommendations
A robust hypothesis, with evidence of efficacy and pharmacodynamic effects in pre-clinical studies Evidence of single agent activity, or compelling pre-clinical data
 Evaluation of pharmacodynamic biomarkers is critical in early phase combination trials and should be incorporated into trial objectives and go/no-go decisions Trial designs: Master protocols (basket, umbrella, and platform designs) can significantly enhance efficiencies in evaluating multiple IO combination Sequencing designs based on a pre-emptive strategy could be considered Efficacy end points should remain response based, with definitions for response, pseudoprogression, and hyperprogression. iRECIST should be used as secondary or exploratory end point Blood based biomarkers should be prospectively evaluated
Protocols should capture at least one additional tumour measurement before baseline to determine tumour growth kinetics, and consider an early CT scan (at 4 weeks for example)
Well-conceived master protocols are strongly encouraged Not re-testing a failed combination of in-class agents unless there is a compelling rationale Proposals of IO combinations should also have a landscape analysis to prevent duplication

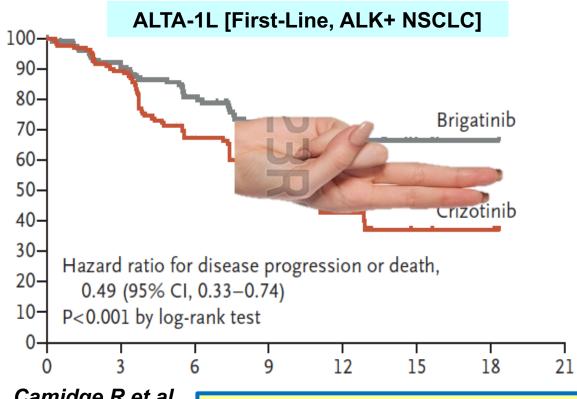
Clinically Meaningful Outcome (mCMO) as a Threshold

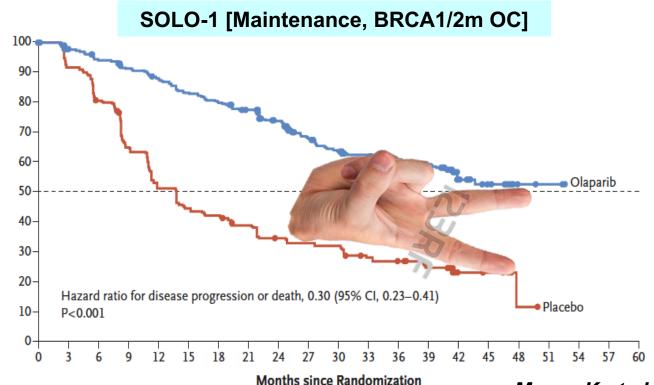
To establish the concept of minimum *clinically meaningful outcome (mCMO)* of treatment in advanced solid tumors, to establish its threshold and evaluate how many superiority trials of new antineoplastic agents pass this threshold.



Clinical Meaningful Benefit as a Target!

NEJM ('90s) The 'Two-Fingers' Rule: Clinically Data should be considered Meaningful if 'at least' two fingers separates curves!





Camidge R et al, NEJM 2018

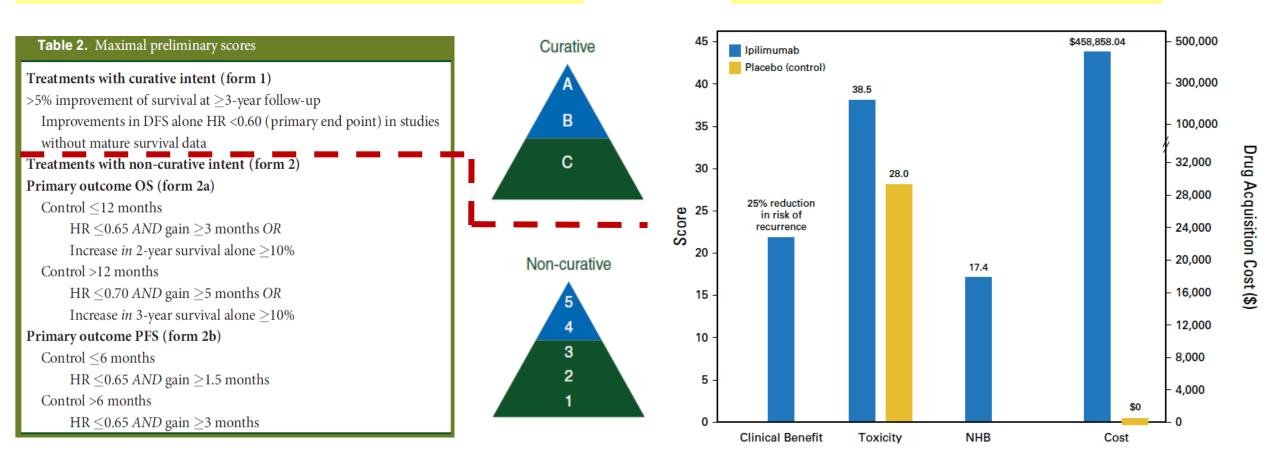
The <u>Biomarker-Based Methodology</u> is leading to the Rediscovery of <u>Clinically Relevant Benefits</u>

Moore K et al, NEJM 2018

ESMO & ASCO are aiming to add Quantity to Quality

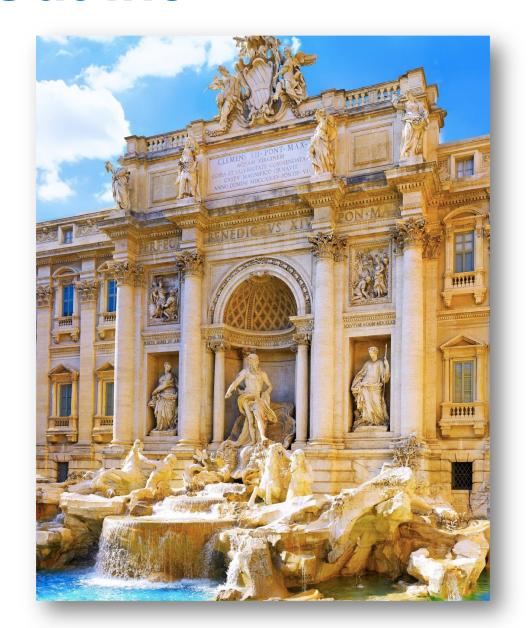
MCBS: Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Score

NHB: Net Health Benefit (NHB)



Presentation Outline

- Impact of Immunotherapy (IO) in Medical Oncology
- Patients' Selection and Predictive Factors for IO
- Treatment End-points for IO
- Evidences for Real-World beyond Clinical Trials



What do we assess in clinical trials?

Activity:

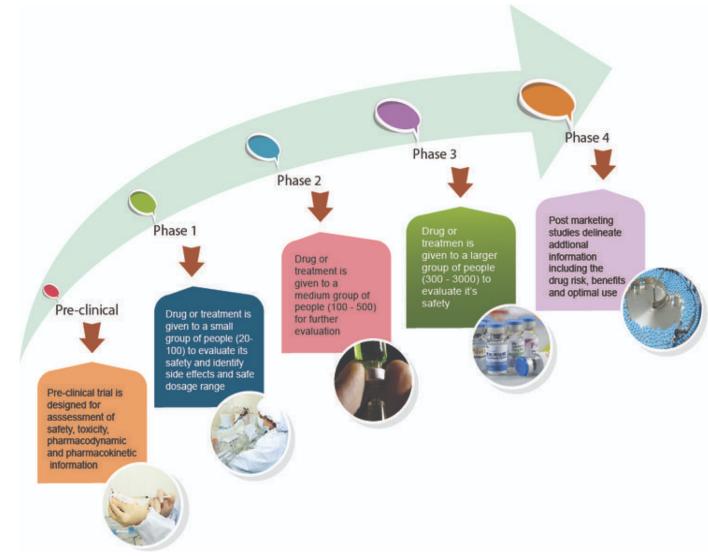
 ability of the treatment to induce modifications of the disease thanks to which it is assumed that the patient may have a benefit [Phase II]

• Efficacy:

 ability of the treatment to induce a clinical benefit in patients who are administered in an experimental context [Phase III]

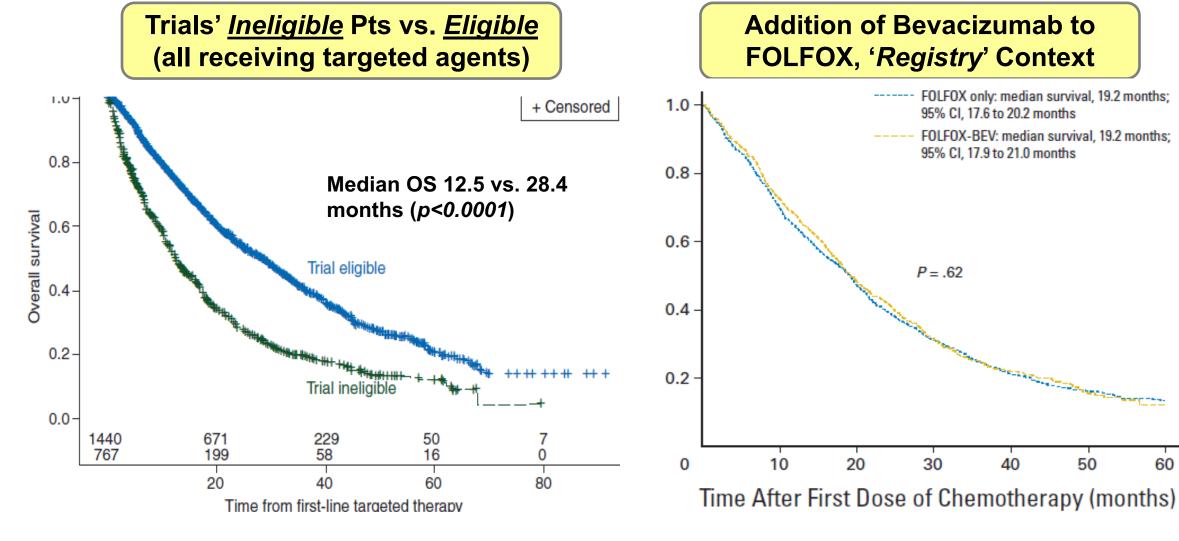
Effectiveness:

 ability of a treatment to be effective in a non-experimental, concrete and coincident with the clinical practice [are Phase IV, 'Real World' Data]



Source: www.pinterest.it/excaliburhealth

Targeted Therapy Performance in the 'Real World'



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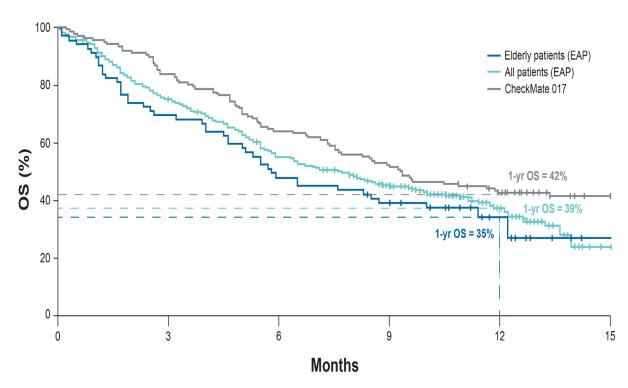
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[Nivolumab]: Overall Survival [EAP vs. CM 017]

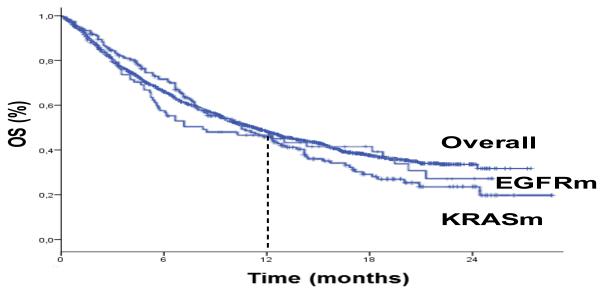
Real World Data ITA-EAP [Nivolumab]

Overall 65-<75 years ≥75 years population (N = 371)(n = 175)(n = 70)Median OS, mo (5.2, 11.9)(5.6, 10.4)(3.5, 8.1)(6.2, 9.6)1-yr OS = 42% 1-yr OS = 39% 60 . 1-yr OS = 38% Aged <65 years (n = 126)</p> — Aged 65–<75 years (n = 175)</p> — Aged ≥75 years (n = 70) — Overall population (N = 371) 15 Time (months)

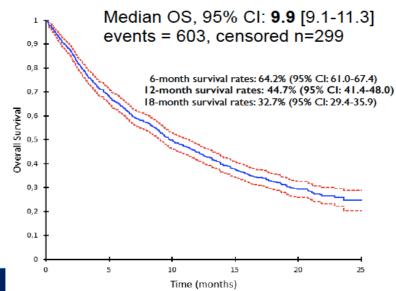
EAP (Overall & Elderly) vs. CM017

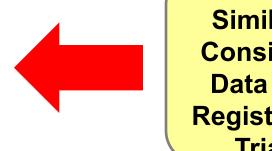


RWD: NON-Sq. ITA & FRA-EAP [Nivolumab]



	<i>KRAS</i> m (n = 206)	<i>EGFR</i> m (n = 102)	Never smokers (N = 305)	Never smokers <i>EGFRm</i> (N = 51)	All patients (N = 1588)
ORR (%)	20	9	9	2	18
DCR (%)	47	30	42	22	44
Median OS, months (95% CI)	11.2 (9.3, 13.1)	8.1 (2.1, 14.1)	10.4 (8.6, 12.2)	5.6 (3.3, 7.9)	11.3 (10.2, 12.4)

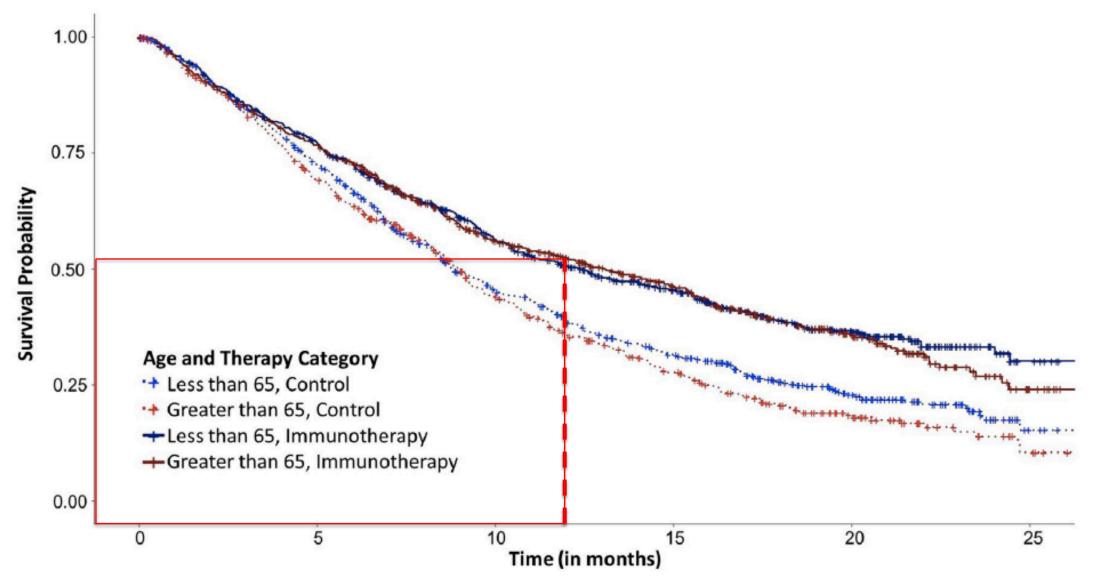




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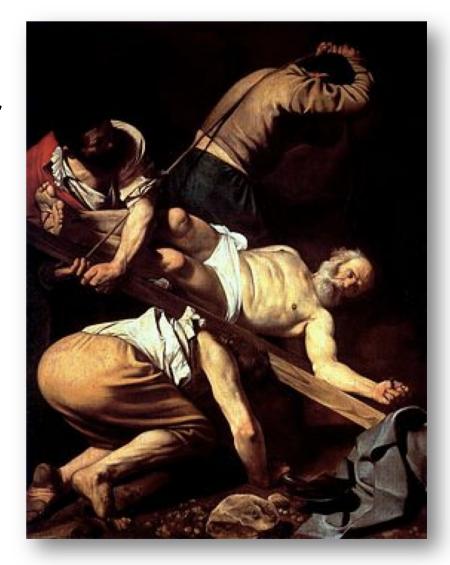
Overall

FDA Analysis: IO as a new Standard for Elderly NSCLC Pts



CONCLUSIONS - 1

- Immunotherapy has significantly revolutioned treatment opportunity (particularly) for (the majority) of (non-oncogene addicted) lung cancer patients
 - Head-to-head comparisons have 'displaced' 2nd line chemo
 - Head-to-head comparisons have 'displaced' 1st line chemo (in pts with PD-L1>50%)
 - Almost all pts (regardless of PD-L1) will receive the combination of chemotherapy and Immunotherapy
- Nevertheless, long-term survival is expected for few patients, thus the maximization of the benefit is pursued by investigating new potential biomarkers for clinical practice
 - Tumor Mutational Burden has conflicting results, prospective predictive validation is ongoing



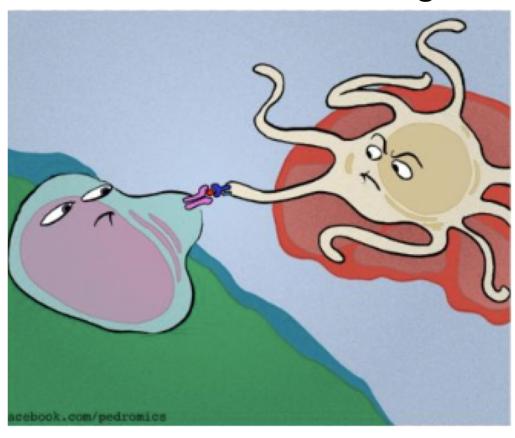
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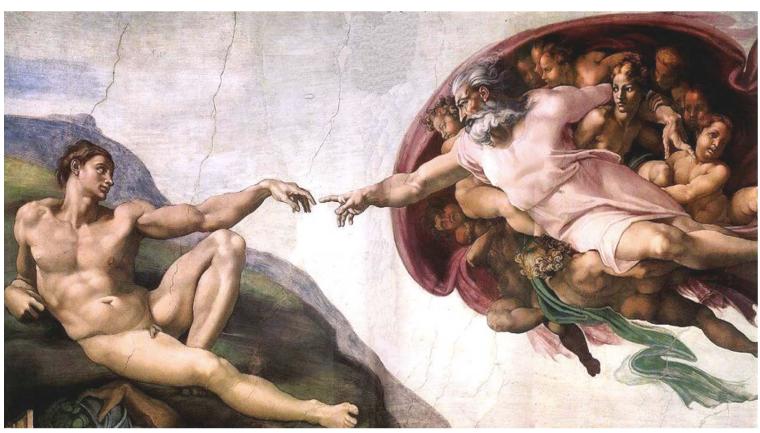
- Traditional end-points are becoming useless (ex. ORR for Phase IIs, or PFS for Phase IIIs), and new models (for potential surrogates and intermediate end-points) are currently under investigation for improving the best way to intercept the benefit of IO
- Deriving the benefit of IO in clinical trials to clinical practice in the 'Real World' represents a challenge to date, although expanded-access data with IO do not significantly appear to differ from RCTs data
- In order to rapidly continue to impact upon patients' prognosis:
 - Innovative Trials for Precision Medicine are needed
 - Partneship between Pharma/Acamedia/Government is CRUCIAL!



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