

## De behandeling van het maligne melanoom

Prof. Dr. Jeroen Mebis  
Medisch Oncoloog

Crowne plaza Hotel Antwerp  
Melanoompunt



## Disclosures

- Research funding, advisory boards, travel grants for this topic:
  - MSD, BMS, Pierre Fabre, Roche



## Inhoud voordracht

- Behandeling lokaal beperkt melanoom
- Behandeling gemetastaseerd melanoom
  - Target Therapie
  - Immuuntherapie
  - Andere
- Speciale situaties: Hot news!
  - Adjuvant beleid
  - Hersenuitzaaiingen



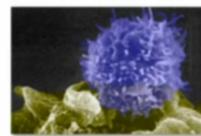
## Melanoma Therapy 1846 - 2014



**Surgery**  
1846



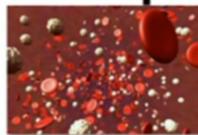
**Cytotoxic  
Chemotherapy**  
1946



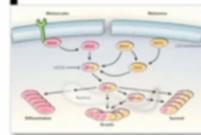
**Checkpoint Inhibitors**  
Ipilimumab 2011  
Nivolumab 2014  
Pembrolizumab 2014



**Radiation Therapy**  
1901



**Cytokines**  
Interferon- $\alpha$  1995  
Interleukin-2 1998

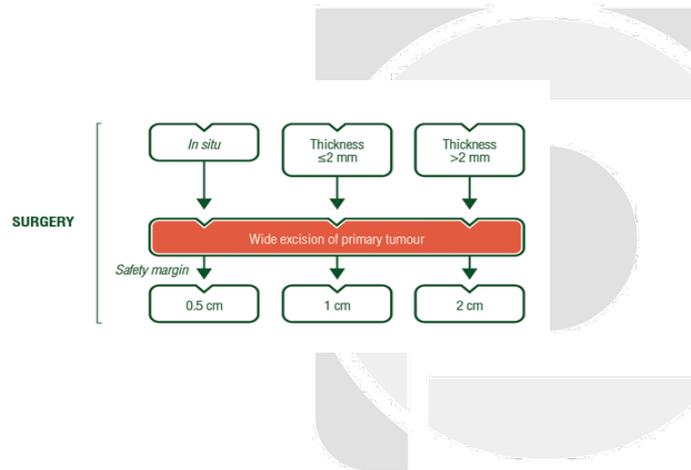


**Targeted Therapy**  
Vemurafenib 2011  
Trafimetinib 2013  
Dabrafenib 2013



## Behandeling gelokaliseerde ziekte

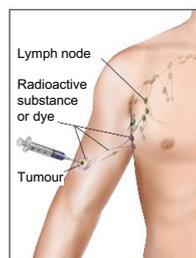
Heelkunde : brede excisie!



## Micro-staging of Melanoma<sup>1-4</sup>

### ✓ Sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB)

- Number of tumour-positive nodes highly predictive for survival
- Used to detect micro-metastases
- Appropriate for patients in whom neither palpation nor lymph node sonography has suggested the presence of lymph node metastases



Radioactive substance and/or dye is injected near the tumour

Injected material detected visually and/or with a probe that detects radioactivity

Sentinel nodes are the first lymph nodes to take up the material and are removed and checked for cancer cells

<sup>1</sup>Garbe C, et al. *Eur J Cancer* 2010;46:270-83

<sup>2</sup>Dummer R. *Ann Oncol* 2010;21(Suppl. 5):v194-7

<sup>3</sup>NCI. *Melanoma Treatment PDQ*. Available at: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/melanoma/Patient/>

<sup>4</sup>DeVita VT, et al. In: *Cancer, Principles & Practice of Oncology*, 8th ed; Philadelphia PA, Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2008



## Richtlijn sentinel klier ESMO

- Sentinel LN biopsy in melanoma with a tumour thickness of  $>1$  mm and  $>0.75$  mm and additional risk factors such as ulceration or mitotic rate (pT1b) are recommended for precise staging
- Sentinel LN biopsy should be carried out only in experienced centres.



## Wat te doen igv + SN

4 studies mbt nut van resectie alle lymfeklieren...

1. Kingham TP, Panageas KS, Ariyan CE, et al: [Ann Surg Oncol 17:514-520, 2010.](#)
2. Leiter U, Stadler R, Mauch C, et al: [Lancet Oncol 17:757-767, 2016.](#)
3. Faries MB, Thompson JF, Cochran AJ, et al: Completion dissection or observation for sentinel-node metastasis in melanoma. [N Engl J Med 376:2211-2222, 2017.](#)
4. Balch CM, Soong S, Ross MI, et al: Intergroup Melanoma Surgical Trial. [Ann Surg Oncol 7:87-97, 2000.](#)

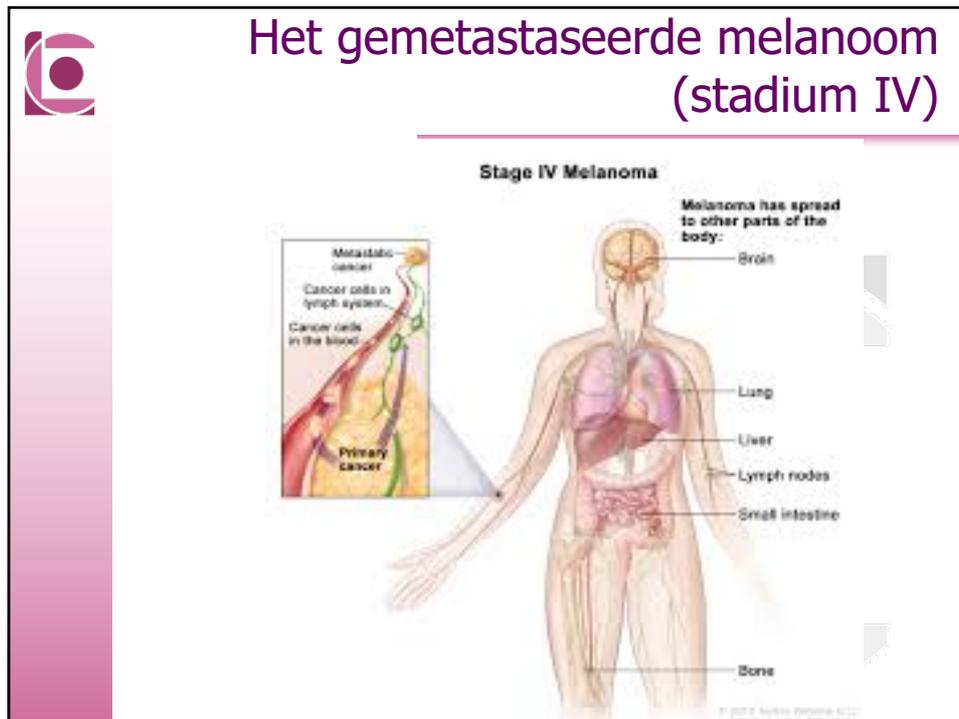
### Conclusie

- Geen winst in overleving
- risico op complicaties
- Van belang prognostisch?

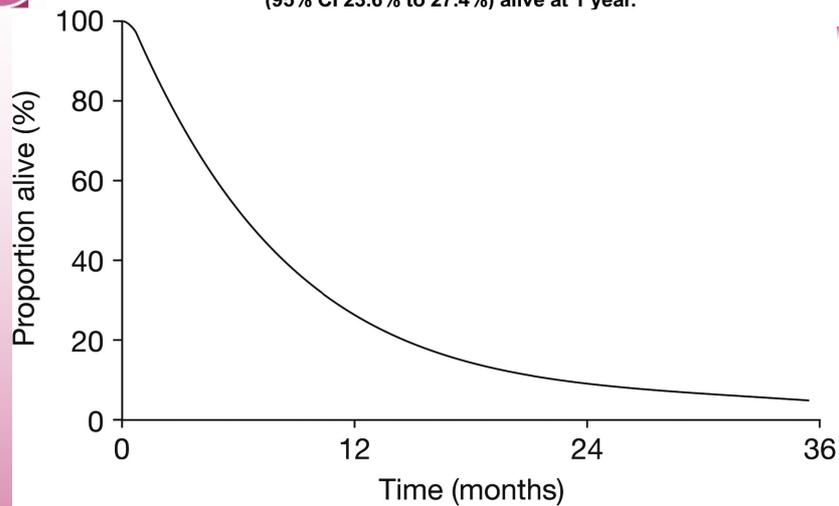
Enkel nog voor geselecteerde patiënten



## Het gemetastaseerde melanoom (stadium IV)



Among 2100 patients with metastatic melanoma enrolled in phase II trials, the median survival time was 6.2 months [95% confidence interval (CI) 5.9–6.5 months], with 25.5% (95% CI 23.6% to 27.4%) alive at 1 year.

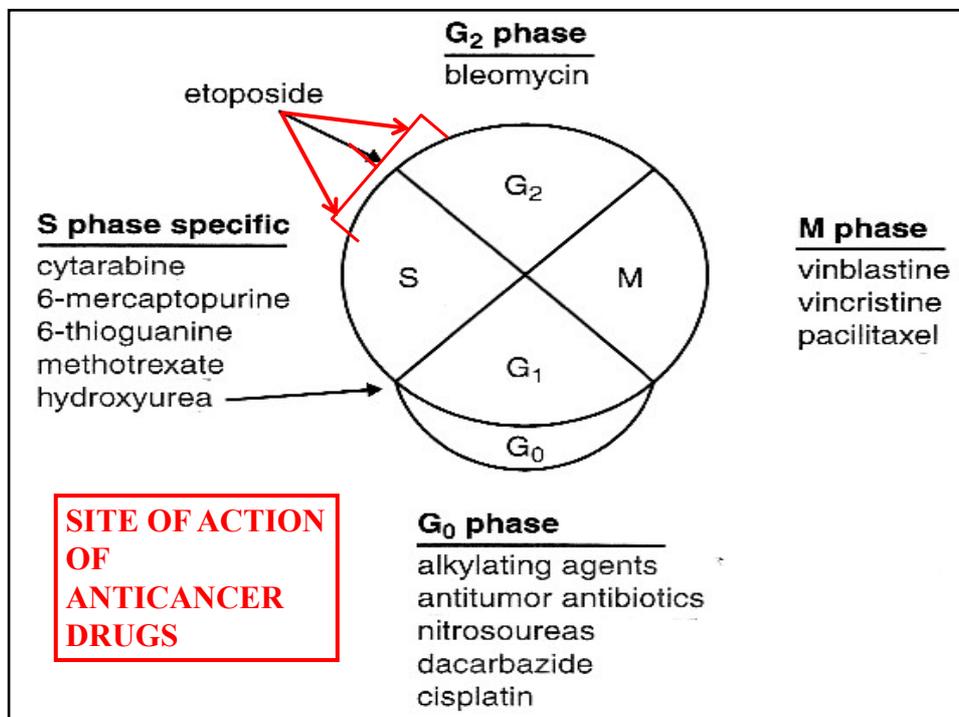


Maio M Ann Oncol 2012;23:viii10-viii14



## Stysteem therapieën bij het MM

- BRAF en MEK inhibitoren
  - Tafinlar/Mekinist
  - Zelboraf/Cotellic
- Immuuntherapie
  - Yervoy (ipilimumab)
  - Opdivo (Nivolumab)
  - Keytruda (Pembrolizumab)
  - Combinaties
- Chemotherapie
  - DTIC, CDDP, Taxol, ...

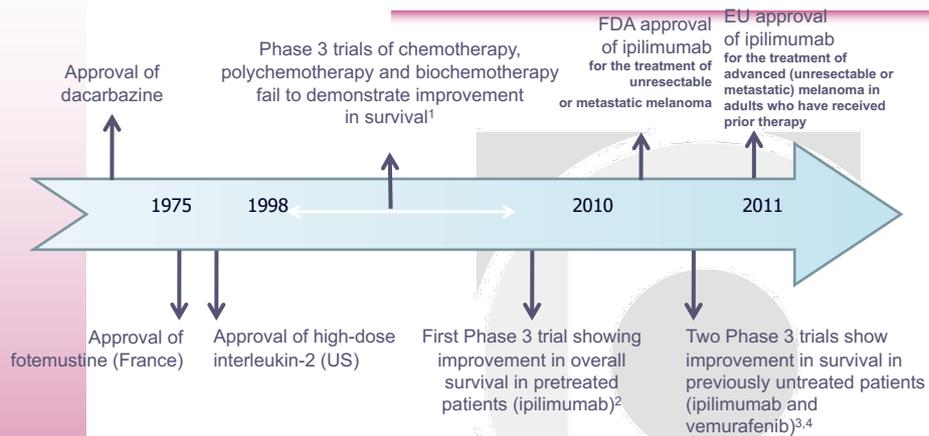




## Welk effect heeft chemotherapie?

**TABLE 4: Selected chemotherapy agents – Results from phase II and phase III trials in melanoma**

Chemotherapy	Patients (N)	Objective response rate
<b>Alkylating agents</b>		
Dacarbazine	2,470	18%
Temozolomide	350	15%
<b>Nitrosoureas</b>		
Lomustine	270	13%
Fotemustine	153	24%
<b>Platinum analog</b>		
Cisplatin	188	23%
Carboplatin	43	16%
<b>Microtubule stabilizing/destabilizing</b>		
Paclitaxel	85	13%
Docetaxel	105	11%
Vincristine	52	12%
Vinblastine	62	13%
Vindesine	273	14%



<sup>1</sup>Garbe C, et al. *Oncologist* 2011;16:5-24; <sup>2</sup>Hodi FS, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2010;363(8):711-23  
<sup>3</sup>Chapman PB, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;364:2507-16; <sup>4</sup>Robert C, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;364:2517-26

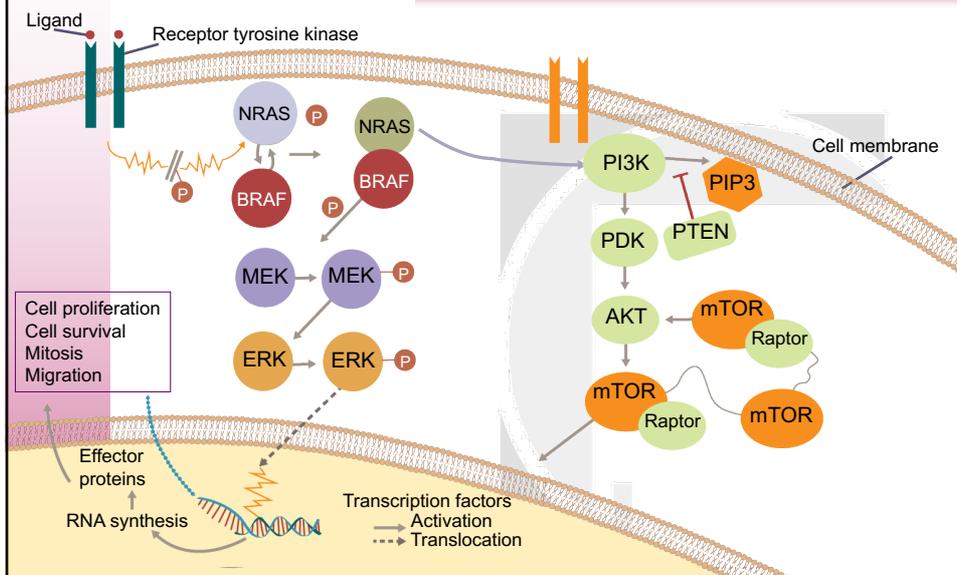


## BRAF en MEK-inhibitoren

☞ = doelgerichte therapie!



## Melanoma cell-signalling pathways The MAPK and PI3K pathways





	<b>Arising from Skin Without Chronic Sun Damage</b>	➔	~50% BRAF ~20% NRAS
	<b>Arising from Skin With Chronic Sun Damage</b>	➔	~10% BRAF ~10% NRAS ~2% KIT
	<b>Arising from Mucosal Surfaces</b>	➔	~5% BRAF ~15% NRAS ~20% KIT
	<b>Arising from Acral Surfaces</b>	➔	~15% BRAF ~15% NRAS ~15% KIT
	<b>Uveal Melanoma</b>	➔	~32% GNA11 ~50% GNAQ <1% BRAF



## Welk effect hebben BRAF inhibitoren?





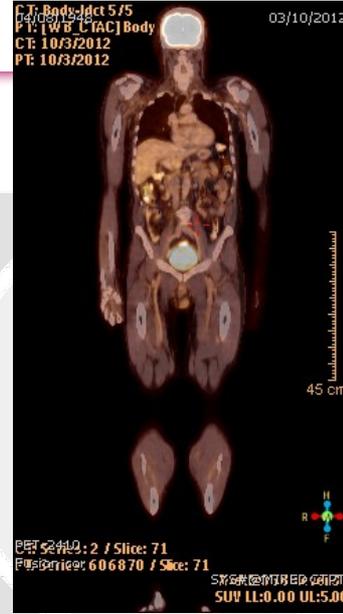
## Vemurafenib efficacy in previously untreated patients

BRIM3

### Overall Survival in 1L stage IIIC and IV melanoma: Zelboraf vs DTIC



- Median Progression-free survival **tripled** in Zelboraf arm (5.6 mo) vs. DTIC (1.6 mo)
- Overall Response Rate **9x** higher in Zelboraf arm (48%) vs DTIC (5.5%)



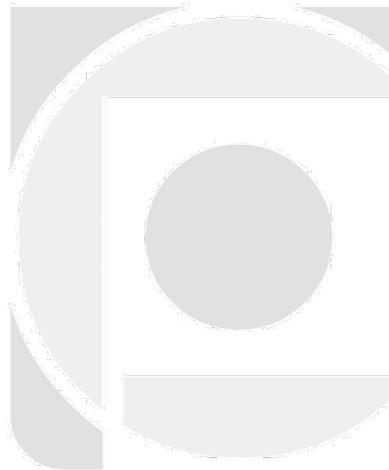


## Nevenwerkingen

<b>Very Common</b> ≥1/10	<b>Common</b> ≥1/100 to <1/10	<b>Uncommon</b> ≥1/1000 to <1/100
	Folliculitis	
<b>CuSCC , seborrheic keratosis, skin papilloma</b>	Basal cell carcinoma	
<b>Decreased appetite</b>		
<b>Headache, dysgeusia</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> nerve paralysis	Neuropathy peripheral
	Uveitis	Retinal vein occlusion
		Vasculitis
<b>Cough</b>		
<b>Diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, constipation</b>		
<b>Photosensitivity reaction, actinic keratosis, rash, pruritus, hyperkeratosis, erythema, alopecia, dry skin, sunburn</b>	Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome, erythema nodosum, keratosis pilaris	Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome
<b>Arthralgia, myalgia, pain in extremity, musculoskeletal pain, back pain</b>	Arthritis	
<b>Fatigue, pyrexia, oedema peripheral, asthenia</b>		
<b>GGT increase</b>	ALT, alkaline phosphatase & bilirubin increase weight decreased	AST increase

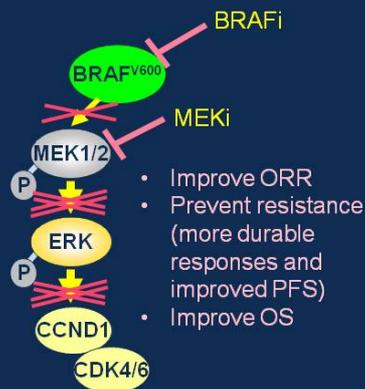


## Impact van BRAF en MEK inhibitie

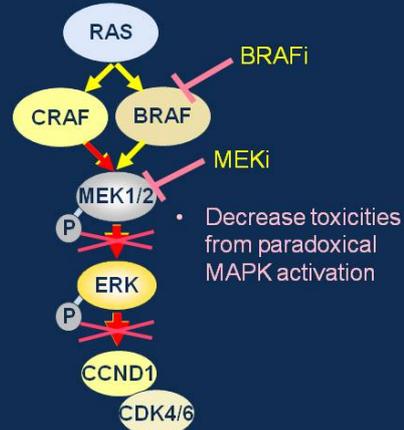


## Double oncogenic pathway inhibition to treat melanoma

*BRAF<sup>V600</sup>*  
mutant melanoma



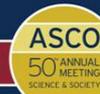
Wild type  
normal cell



Presented by: Antoni Ribas

Presented By Antoni Ribas at 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting

PRESENTED AT:



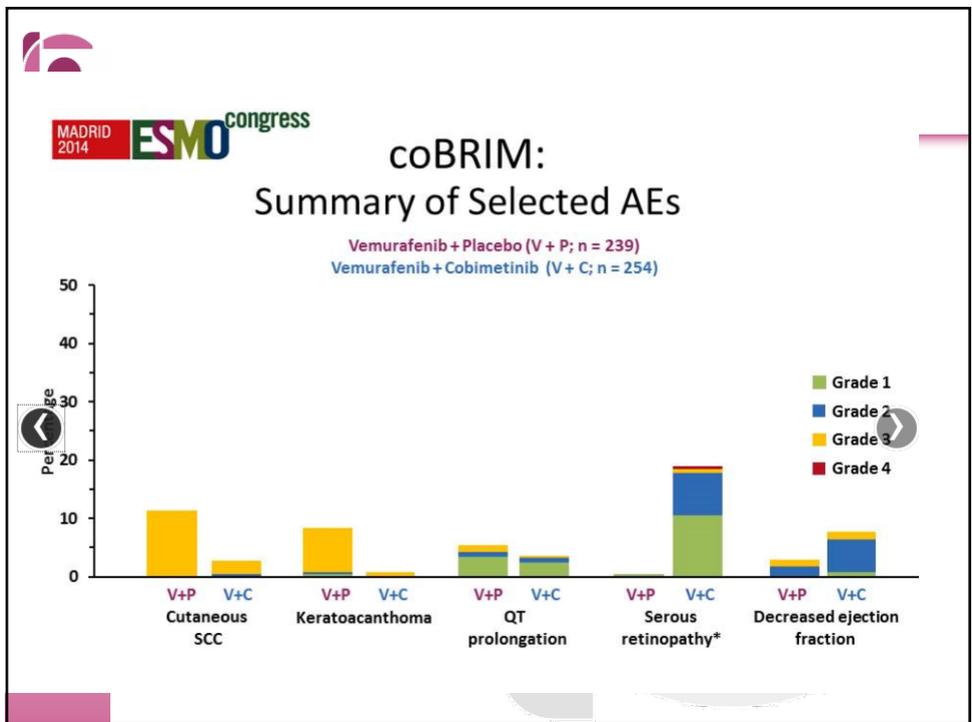
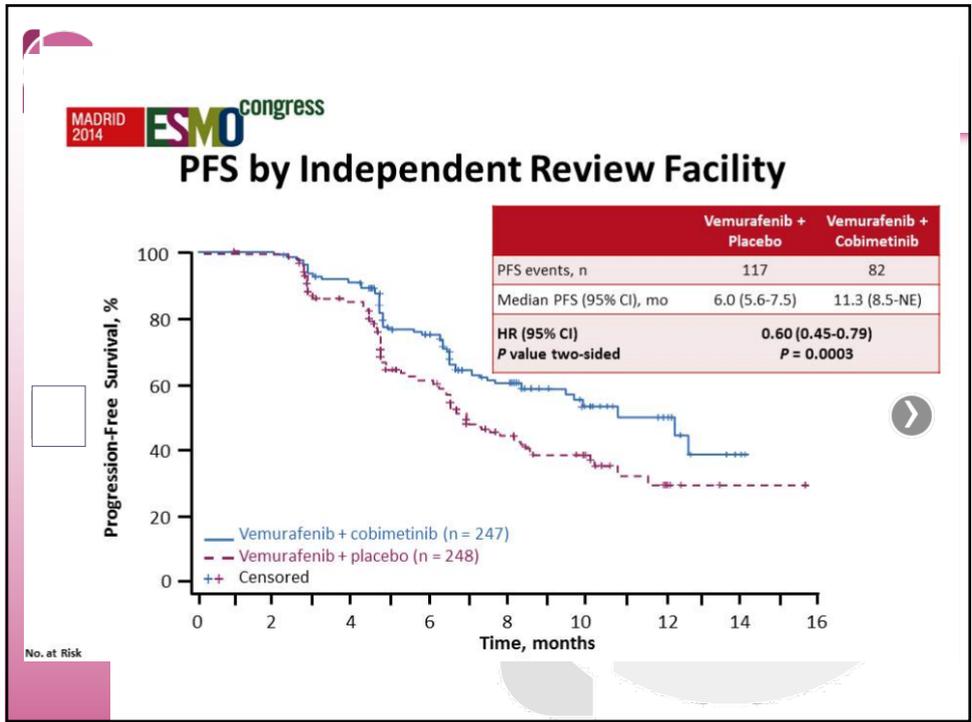
## Summary of responses and PFS of single agent BRAFi and BRAFi+MEKi combined therapy

	Chapman et al. 2011	Hauschild et al. 2012	Flaherty et al. 2013		Long et al. 2014	
Phase	III	III	II		III	
Agent	vemurafenib	dabrafenib	dabrafenib	dabrafenib + trametinib	dabrafenib	dabrafenib + trametinib
ORR	48%	50%	54%	76%	51%	67%
PFS	5.3 months	5.1 months	5.8 months	9.4 months	8.8 months	9.3 months

Presented by: Antoni Ribas

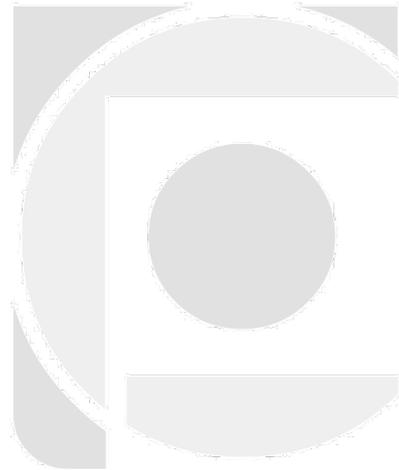
PRESENTED AT:







## Immuuntherapie



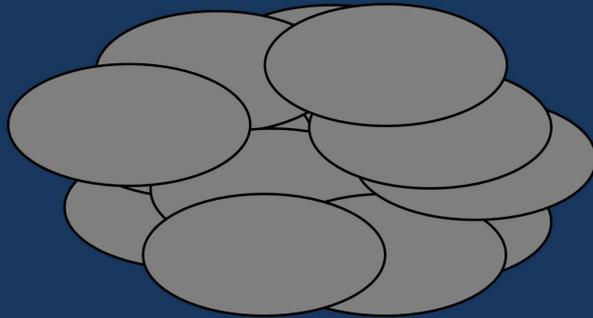
## Immunotherapy = T cell kills a tumor



Presented By Michael Postow at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting



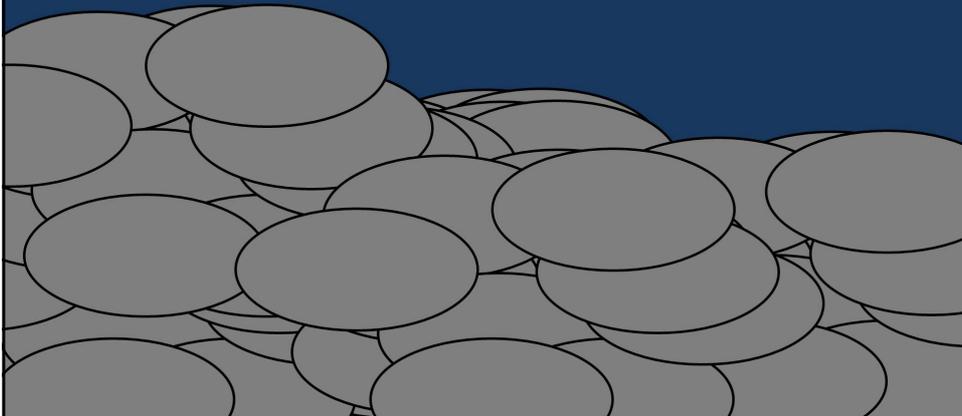
# Tumor



Presented By Michael Postow at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting



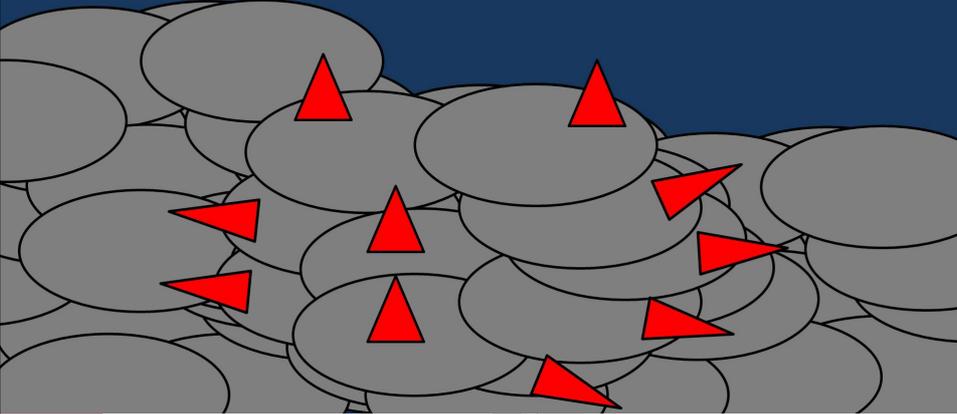
# Tumors can be hard to see



Presented By Michael Postow at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting



## Tumors expressing antigens

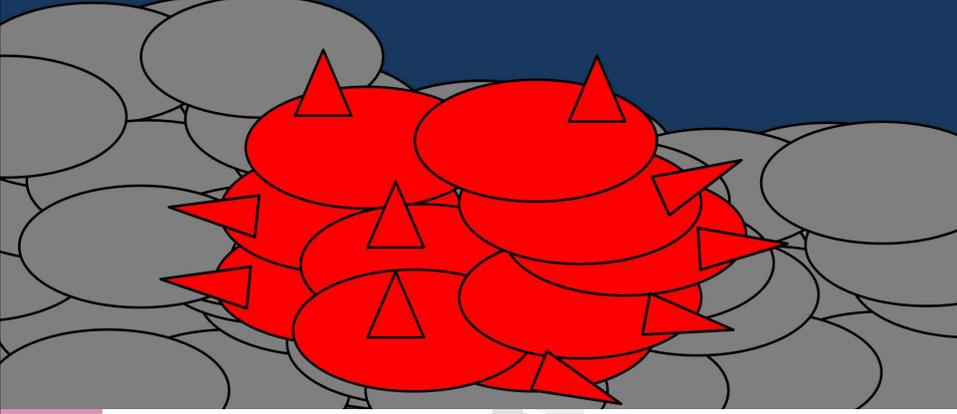


Presented By Michael Postow at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

The diagram illustrates a tumor composed of grey, rounded cells. Several red triangles are attached to the surface of these cells, representing antigens being expressed by the tumor cells.

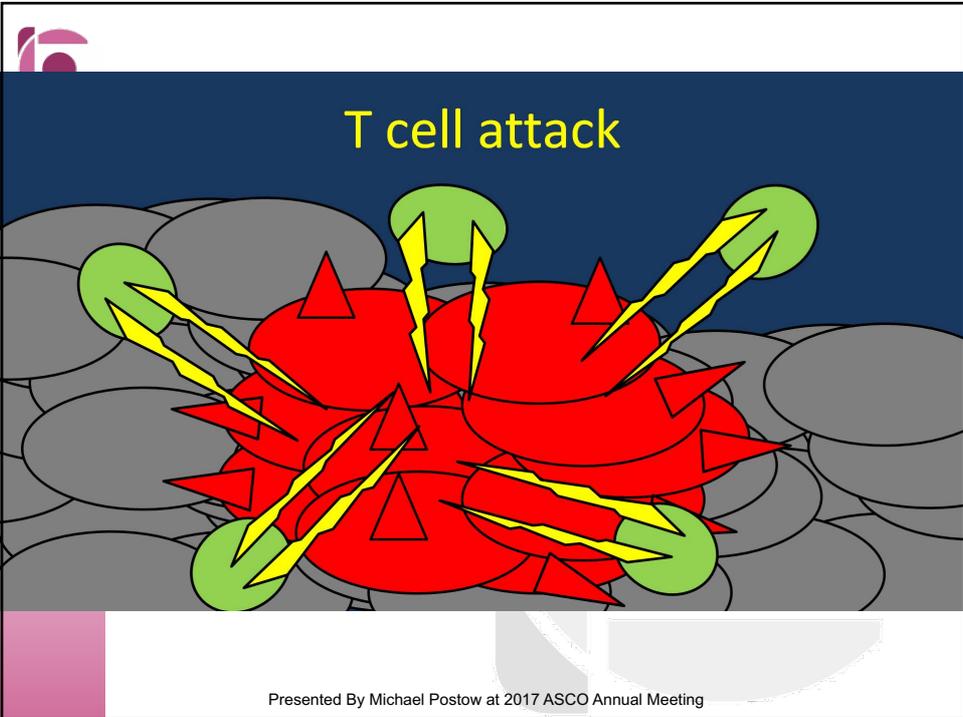
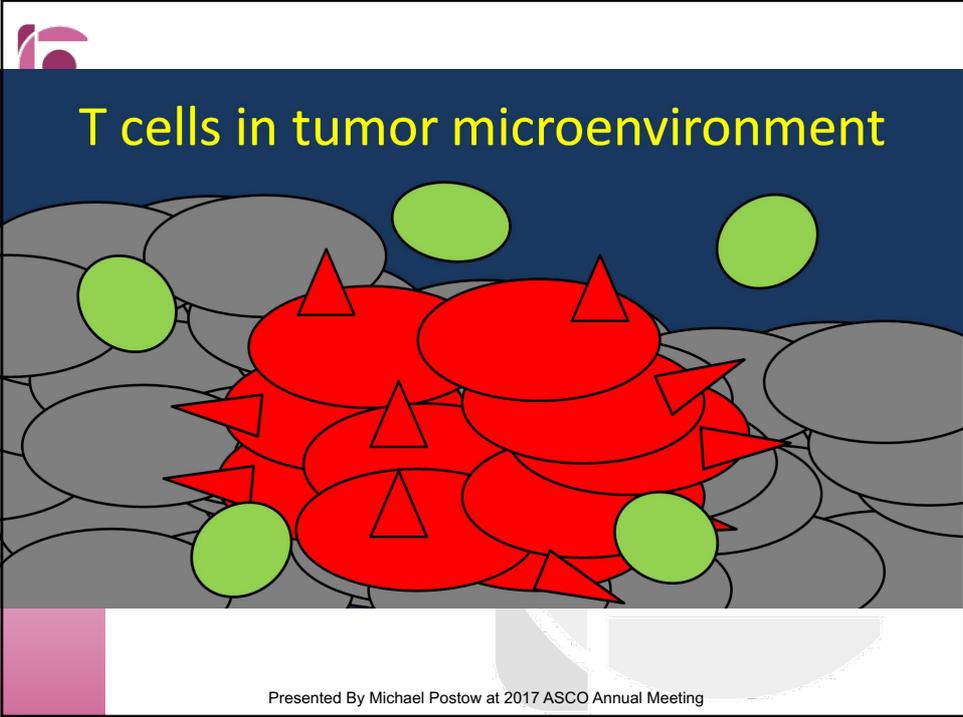


## Tumor recognized as foreign



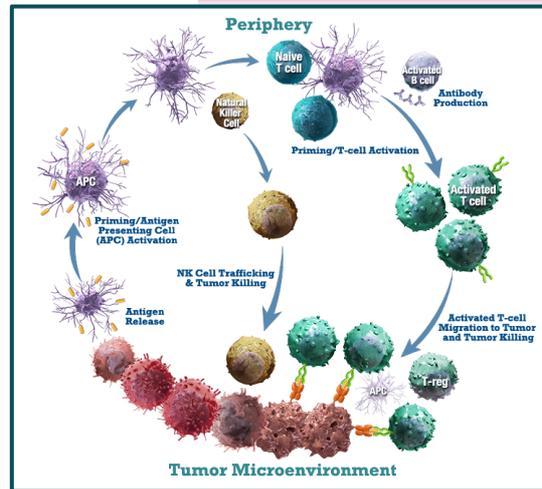
Presented By Michael Postow at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

The diagram illustrates a tumor composed of red, rounded cells. The red color and the presence of red triangles (antigens) on the surface of the cells indicate that the tumor is recognized as foreign by the immune system.

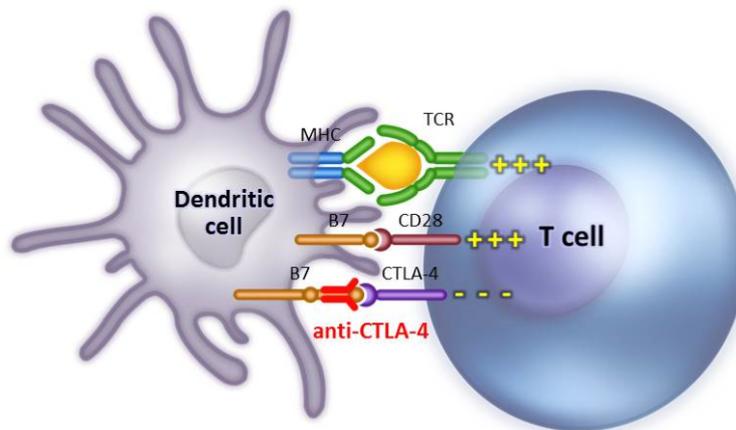




## The Immune System Recognizes and Eliminates Cancer via Multiple, Complex Mechanisms



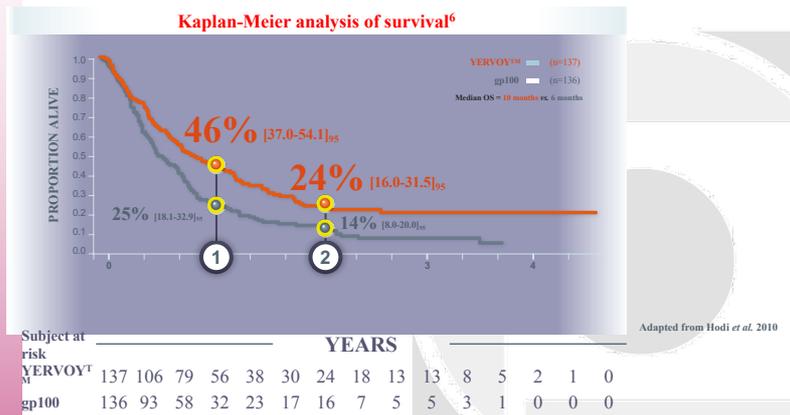
## Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Ipilimumab



Ipi: fully human, monoclonal antibody that blocks cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen-4 (CTLA-4) to augment antitumor immunity<sup>1</sup>



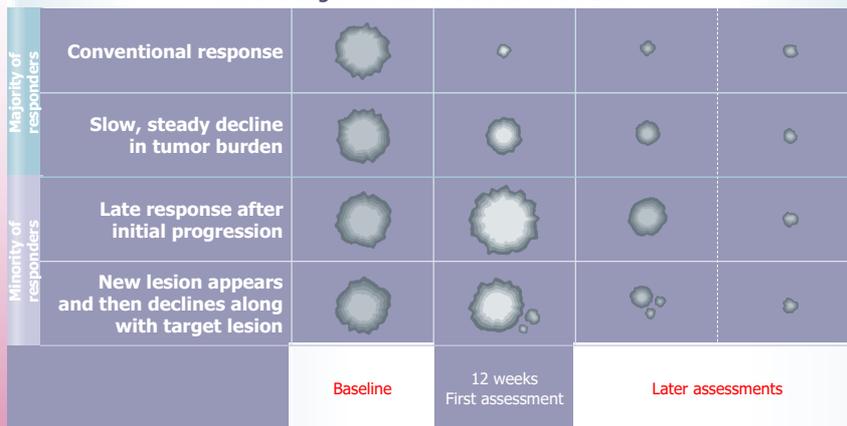
YERVOY™ monotherapy **increased median overall survival by 4 months** over the control arm (10 months vs. 6 months, HR=0.66; [0.51-0.87]<sub>95</sub>; p=0.0026)



37



**Potential changes in tumour burden with YERVOY™ 8**

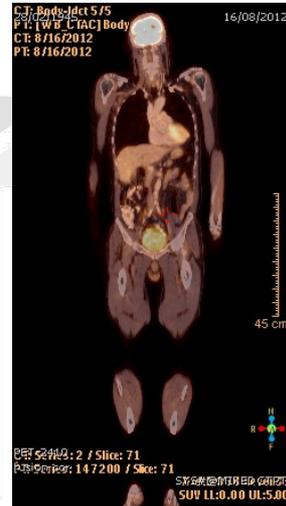


Adapted from Wolchok et al. 2009

38



## Ptn voorbeeld



### GASTROINTESTINAL<sup>1</sup>

#### • Signs and symptoms such as:

- Diarrhoea
- Abdominal pain
- Blood or mucus in stool
- Bowel perforation
- Peritoneal signs
- Ileus

#### • SKIN<sup>1</sup>

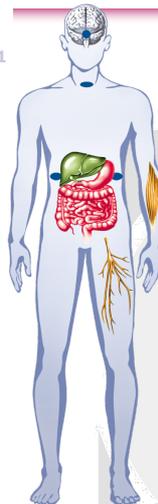
##### • Symptoms such as:

- Pruritus
- Rash

#### • NEUROLOGIC<sup>1</sup>

##### • Symptoms such as:

- Unilateral or bilateral weakness
- Sensory alterations
- Paraesthesia



#### • ENDOCRINE<sup>1</sup>

##### – Signs and symptoms such as:

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

#### • LIVER<sup>1</sup>

##### – Signs such as:

- Abnormal liver function tests (e.g. elevated AST, ALT or total bilirubin)

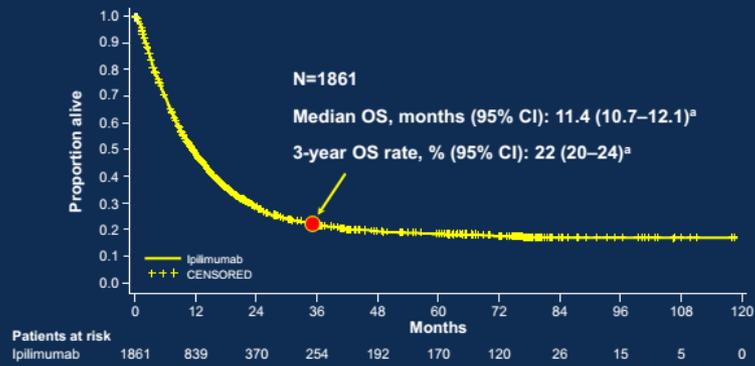
#### • OTHER ADVERSE REACTIONS<sup>1</sup>

##### – Including ocular manifestations



## CTLA-4 Immune Checkpoint Pathway Inhibition Using Ipilimumab: Pooled OS Data From Melanoma Patients

- In a pooled analysis of 12 studies, an OS plateau starts at approximately 3 years with follow-up of up to 10 years in some patients



<sup>a</sup>Ipilimumab was given at different doses and lines of therapy, and using different schedules across the 12 studies  
Schadendorf D, et al. ECC Congress. 2013 Abs 124LBA

Presented by: F. Stephen Hodi, MD

PRESENTED AT:



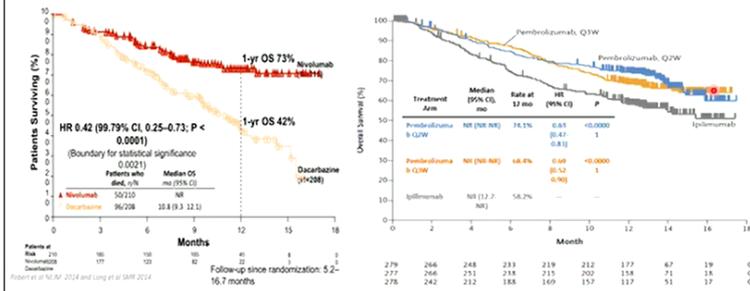
## Anti PD1





# Winst van Anti PD1 versus ipilimumab

Phase III Nivolumab vs chemotherapy      Phase III pembrolizumab vs ipilimumab



ORR 35-42%

Grade3/4 AE 15-17%

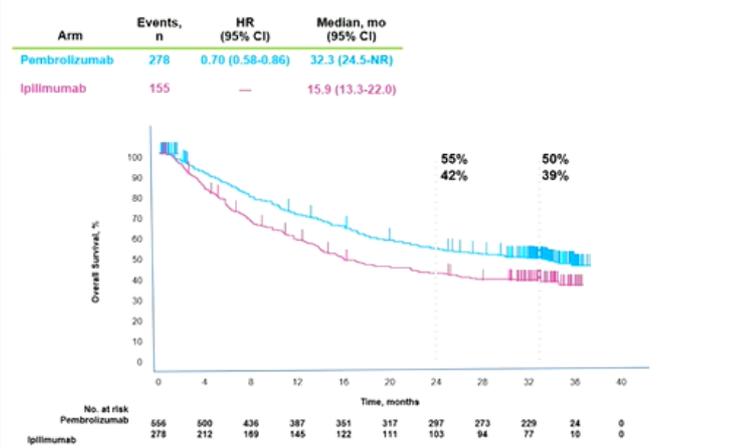
Anti-PD1 are superior to chemotherapy and to ipilimumab

Robert et al NEJM 2015

Robert et al NEJM 2015



## Long term effect of pembrolizumab Keynote 006 OS (Median Follow-Up, 33.9 mo)



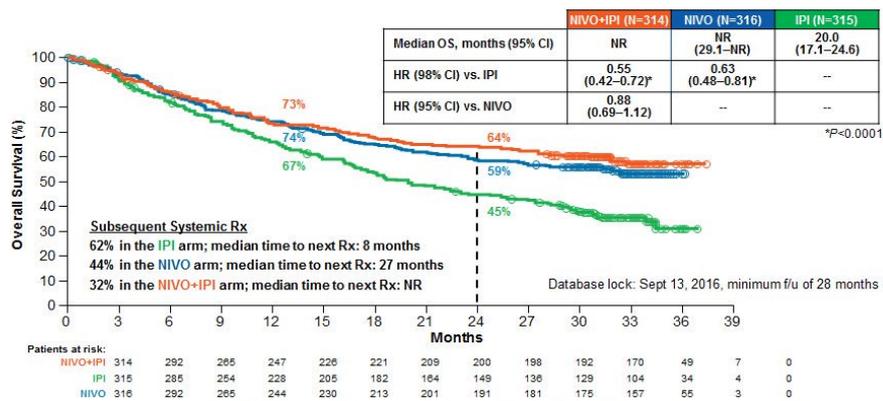
Robert et al ASCO 2017



# Wat bij combinatie van immuuntherapie?



## Overall Survival (Co-Primary Endpoint)



- 2-year OS rates were similar to results from the phase II CheckMate 069 trial of NIVO+IPI (64%)<sup>1</sup> and the phase CheckMate 066 trial of NIVO monotherapy (58%)<sup>2</sup>

1. Poster presentation by Dr. Victoria Atkinson at SMR 2015 International Congress; 2. Hodi FS, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:1558-68.



But : high toxicity of the combination



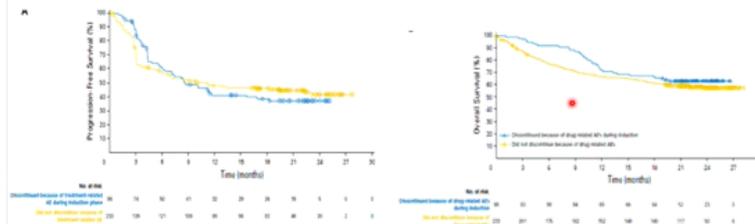
	Grade 3/5 AE %	discontinuation for AE %
Ipilimumab 3mg/kg	19	16
Nivolumab	13	6
Pembrolizumab	13	5
Ipilimumab + nivolumab	57	39

Ascierto et al ESMO 2016, Ascierto et al NEJM 2017; Ribas et al JAMA 2016; Atkinson et al SMR 2015; Wolchok et al NEJM 2017



### Ipilimumab + nivolumab : pooled data from Checkmate 067 and 069

- PFS and OS not significantly different between the patients who discontinued for AE during the induction period and those who did not discontinue

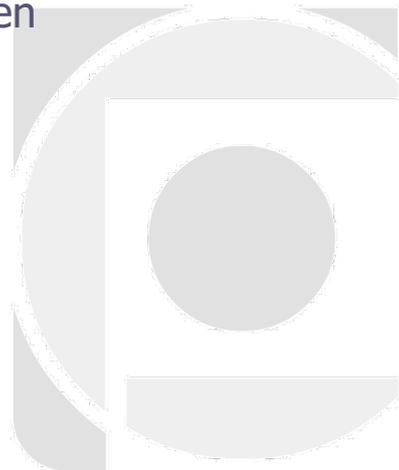


Schadendorf et al J Clin Oncol 2017

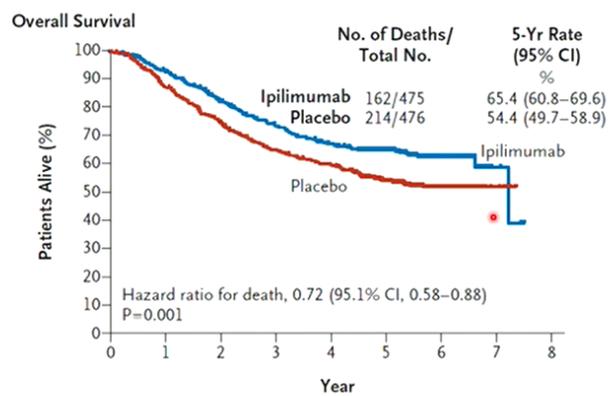


## Hot news!

- Adjuvante behandelingen
- Hersenuitzaaiingen



## Adjuvant treatment with ipilimumab



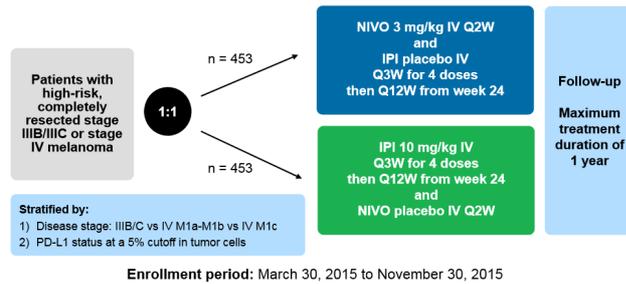
No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ipilimumab	475	431	369	325	290	199	62	4	
Placebo	476	413	348	297	273	178	58	8	

Eggermont et al NEJM 2016



# Adjuvante behandeling

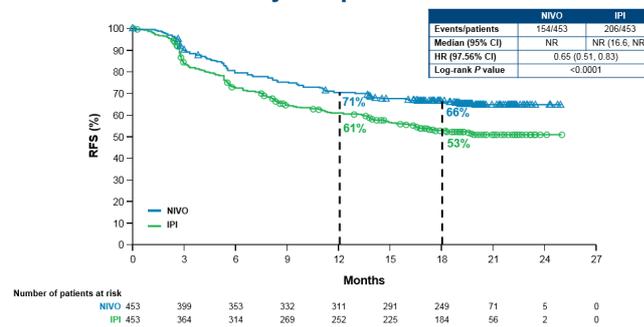
## CA209-238: Study Design



4



## Primary Endpoint: RFS



8



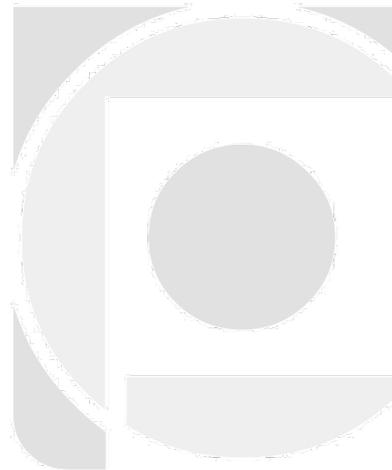
## Safety Summary

AE, n (%)	NIVO (n = 452)		IPI (n = 453)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Any AE	438 (97)	115 (25)	446 (98)	250 (55)
Treatment-related AE	385 (85)	65 (14)	434 (96)	208 (46)
Any AE leading to discontinuation	44 (10)	21 (5)	193 (43)	140 (31)
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation	35 (8)	16 (4)	189 (42)	136 (30)

- There were no treatment-related deaths in the NIVO group
- There were 2 (0.4%) treatment-related deaths in the IPI group (marrow aplasia and colitis), both >100 days after the last dose



## Hersenuitzaaiingen





Studies report fantastic results....

### Intracranial disease control rates

**50%**  
ABC

**60%**  
CheckMate  
204

**75%**  
COMBI  
MB

Presented By Lynn Schuchter at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

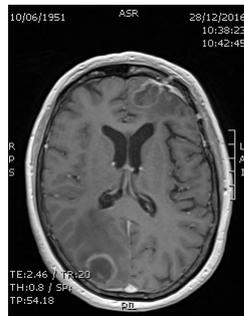


09/2016 progression frontal left metastasis with edema and dysarthria,  
with right occipital progressive disease

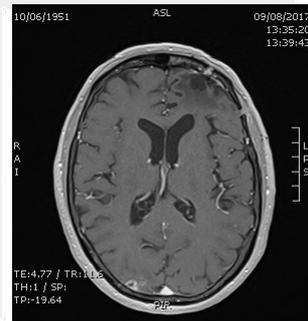
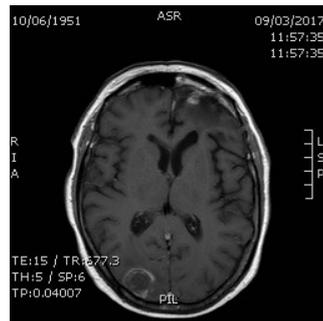
Resection frontal metastasis: pathology metastatic melanoma,  
NRAS mutation

10/2016: stable disease

Partial adrenal insufficiency: start Medrol, intolerance  
hydrocortisone

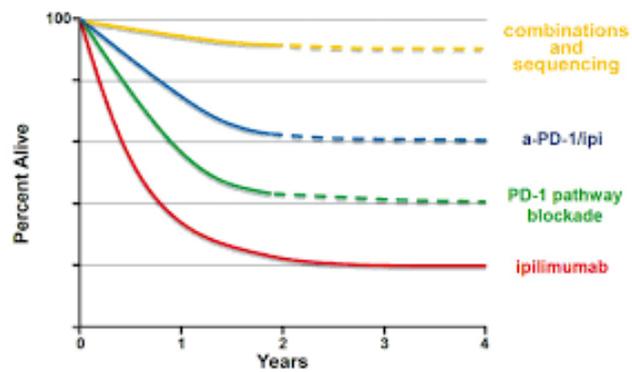


12/2016: relapse in  
operation zone with dural  
thickening and progression  
of metastasis right occiput



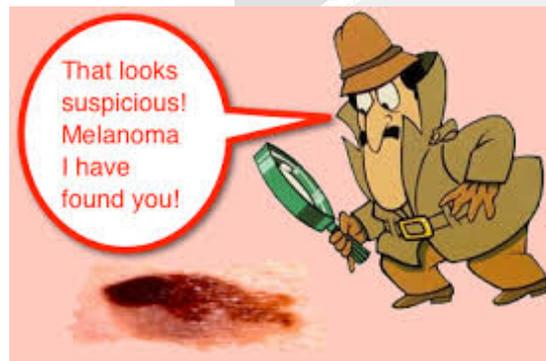
## Conclusie

- Belangrijke vooruitgang in behandeling
- Genezing van ST IV????





• Dank voor uw aandacht!



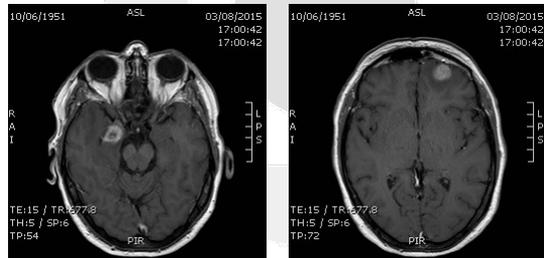
- 10/2013 Relapse locally in skin transplant
  - Broad excision 7.5 cm x 4,8 cm x 1 cm
  - NGS: BRAF wild type, NRAS mutation
- 07/2014 Metastatic lymph node left groin
  - groin complete lymph node extirpation
  - 3/13 lymph nodes metastatic involvement
- 02/2015 vomiting and headache: Solitary brain metastasis parasellair right





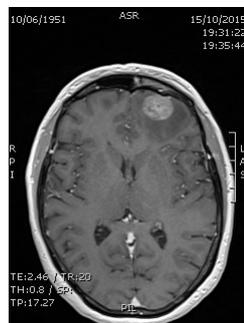
➤ Stereotactic radiosurgery 18 Gray

08/2015 new brain met left frontal: refusal of surgery or RT



11/2015 brain metastasis frontal left progressive and more symptoms

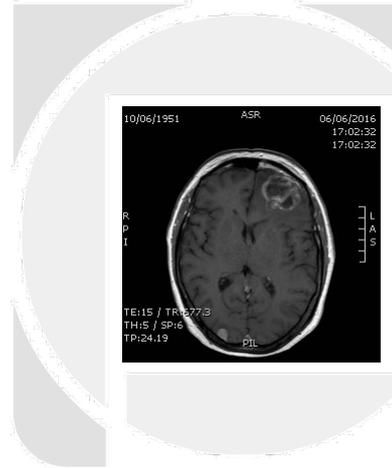
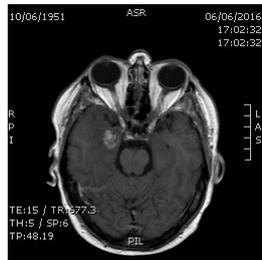
Refusal surgery, Stereotactic radiosurgery 16 Gray



03/2016: bleeding in meta left frontal: start Medrol



06/2016 new asymptomatic metastatic brain lesion right occiput: SRS 20 Gray

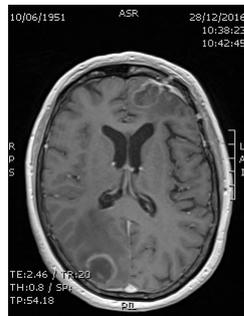


09/2016 progression frontal left metastasis with edema and dysarthria, with right occipital progressive disease

Resection frontal metastasis: pathology metastatic melanoma, NRAS mutation

10/2016: stable disease

Partial adrenal insufficiency: start Medrol, intolerance hydrocortisone



12/2016: relapse in operation zone with dural thickening and progression of metastasis right occiput

# Efficacy and Safety of Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in Patients with Melanoma Metastatic to the Brain: Results of the Phase II Study CheckMate 204

Hussein Tawbi,<sup>1</sup> Peter Forsyth,<sup>2</sup> Alain Algazi,<sup>3</sup> Omid Hamid,<sup>4</sup> F. Stephen Hodi,<sup>5</sup> Stergios Moschos,<sup>6</sup> Nikhil Khushalani,<sup>2</sup> Rene Gonzalez,<sup>7</sup> Christopher Lao,<sup>8</sup> Michael Postow,<sup>9</sup> Michael B. Atkins,<sup>10</sup> Marc Ernstoff,<sup>11</sup> Igor Puzanov,<sup>11</sup> Ragini Kudchadkar,<sup>12</sup> Reena Thomas,<sup>13</sup> Ahmad Tarhini,<sup>14</sup> Joel Jiang,<sup>15</sup> Alexandre Avila,<sup>15</sup> Sheena Demelo,<sup>15</sup> Kim Margolin<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, USA; <sup>2</sup>Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL, USA; <sup>3</sup>University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, USA; <sup>4</sup>The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA, USA; <sup>5</sup>Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA, USA; <sup>6</sup>University of North Carolina Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Chapel Hill, NC, USA; <sup>7</sup>University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center, Aurora, CO, USA; <sup>8</sup>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA; <sup>9</sup>Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY, USA; <sup>10</sup>Georgetown-Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Washington DC, USA; <sup>11</sup>Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, USA; <sup>12</sup>Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA; <sup>13</sup>Stanford University Hospital, Palo Alto, CA, USA; <sup>14</sup>University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, USA; <sup>15</sup>Bristol-Myers Squibb, Princeton, NJ, USA; <sup>16</sup>Department of Medical Oncology, City of Hope, Duarte, CA, USA

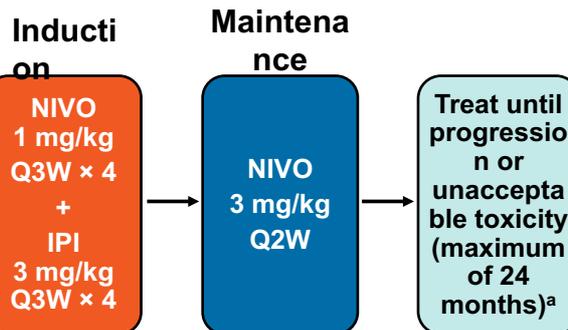
PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING 17, ABSTRACT Abstract Number 9507

Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.

## Key eligibilities

- $\geq 1$  measurable, unirradiated MBM (0.5-3.0 cm)
- Prior SRT in  $\leq 3$  MBM
- Previous treatment with BRAFi/MEKi permitted

## Trial Design



- Exclusion criteria included neurological symptoms; steroids > 10 days; WBRT; prior treatment with checkpoint inhibitors; leptomeningeal disease
- Original planned enrollment of 110 asymptomatic patients

Q2W = every 2 weeks; Q3W = every 3 weeks

<sup>a</sup>Patients with grade 3-4 adverse events (AEs) during NIVO+IPI induction could resume NIVO when toxicity resolved; all patients who discontinued proceeded to follow-up

66

## Demographic and Patient Characteristics

	All patients (N = 75)
Male, n (%)	53 (71)
Median age, years (range)	59 (22–79)
<i>BRAF</i> mutation, n (%)	41 (55)
<i>NRAS</i> mutation, n (%)	5 (7)
LDH > ULN, n (%)	31 (41)
LDH > 2x ULN, n (%)	11 (15)
Prior systemic cancer therapy, n (%)	12 (16)
Dabrafenib/Trametinib	6 (8)
Vemurafenib	2 (3)
Prior SRT, n (%)	7 (9)
Median of median target lesion diameters, mm (IQR)	9.0 (6.5–14.0)
Target lesions, n (%)	
1-2 lesions	59 (79)
>3 lesions	16 (21)

IQR = interquartile range

67

## Response to Treatment – All Patients (N = 75)

	Global	Intracranial	Extracranial
Best overall response, n (%)			
Complete response	4 (5)	16 (21)	5 (7)
Partial response	36 (48)	25 (33)	32 (43)
Stable disease	4 (5)	4 (5)	2 (3)
Progressive disease <sup>a</sup>	18 (24)	18 (24)	16 (21)
Not evaluable <sup>b</sup>	13 (17)	12 (16)	20 (27)
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	53 (41–65)	55 (43–66)	49 (38–61)
Clinical benefit rate <sup>c</sup> , % (95% CI)	59 (47–70)	60 (48–71)	52 (40–64)

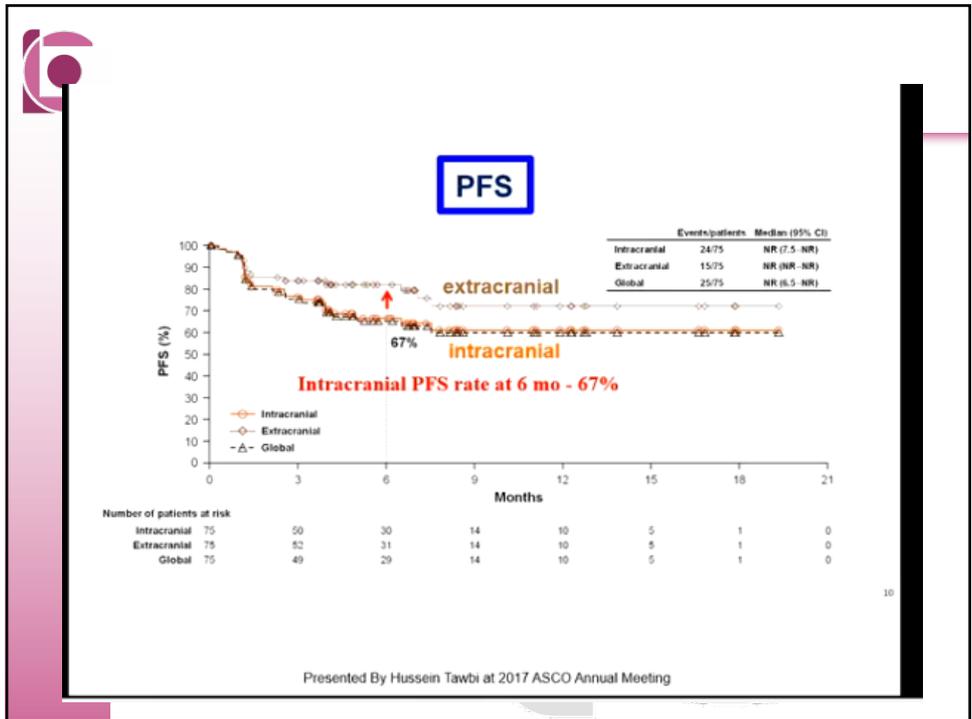
<sup>a</sup>Confirmed and unconfirmed progressive disease

<sup>b</sup>Includes unconfirmed responses

<sup>c</sup>Clinical benefit rate = complete response + partial response + stable disease ≥ 6 months

8

Presented By Hussein Tawbi at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting



**Treatment-related Adverse Events**

Events reported in at least 5% of patients, n (%)	All patients (N = 75)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4
Patients with an event	12 (16)	3 (4)
Skin	5 (7)	4 (8)
General disorders	4 (6)	5 (7)
Cardiovascular	4 (5)	1 (1)
Endocrine	2 (3)	1 (1)
Nervous system	2 (3)	1 (1)
Musculoskeletal	2 (3)	1 (1)
Metabolism	1 (2)	4 (5)
Respiratory	1 (1)	2 (3)
Eye	1 (1)	1 (1)
Blood	1 (1)	0
Hepatology	1 (1)	2 (3)
Psychiatric	4 (5)	0
Patients who discontinued due to an AE	2 (3)	1 (1)

\*One death reported, treatment-related grade 5 myocardial infarction

Presented By Hussein Tawbi at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

## Treatment-related Nervous System AEs

n (%)	All treated patients (N = 75)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4
<b>Patients with an event</b>	28 (37)	6 (8)
Headache	19 (25)	3 (4)
Paresthesia	3 (4)	0
Aphasia	2 (3)	0
Dysgeusia	2 (3)	0
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	2 (3)	0
Seizure	2 (3)	0
Brain edema	1 (1)	1 (1)
Carpal tunnel syndrome	1 (1)	0
Dizziness	1 (1)	0
Intracranial hemorrhage	1 (1)	1 (1)
Peripheral motor neuropathy	1 (1)	1 (1)
Polyneuropathy	1 (1)	0
Syncope	1 (1)	1 (1)
Tremor	1 (1)	0
Visual field defect	1 (1)	0

- Median time to onset of grade 3-4 nervous system AEs was 33 days (n=6)
- Median time to resolution of grade 3-4 nervous system AEs was 4 days (3/3)

71

### Summary/Conclusions

- In patients with advanced MEL and untreated brain metastases, NIVO+IPI demonstrates clinically meaningful efficacy, and can become a new treatment option
- With over 9 months of follow-up, NIVO+IPI resulted in an intracranial ORR of 55%, with 21% of patients achieving a complete response
  - Median PFS is not reached; 6-month PFS rate > 60%
- The safety profile was consistent with earlier experience in patients without MBM<sup>1,2</sup>
- Further investigations of systemic therapy should consider
  - Patients who are symptomatic/requiring steroids: cohort of 20 is actively enrolling
  - Approaches to incorporate and sequence radiation therapy
  - Earlier inclusion of this MBM population into randomized studies of novel combinations to accelerate drug development for MBM

1. Larkin J et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:23-34. 2. Hodi FS et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016;17:1558-1566.

14

Presented By Hussein Tawbi at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Melanoma Institute Australia

# A Randomized Phase 2 Study of Nivolumab or Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab in Patients with Melanoma Brain Metastases: The Anti-PD1 Brain Collaboration (ABC)

Georgina V. Long, Victoria Atkinson, Alexander M. Menzies, Serigne Lo, Alexander Guminski, Michael P. Brown, Maria Gonzalez, Katrina Diamante, Shahneen Sandhu, Richard A. Scolyer, Louise Emmett, Grant A. McArthur.

ANZMTG Australia and New Zealand Melanoma Trials Group

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 | #ASCO17 Presented by Georgina V Long

Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



## Study Design

- Melanoma Brain Metastases  $\geq 5\text{mm}$  &  $< 40\text{mm}$
- No previous Anti-CTLA-4 Anti-PD-1 or -PD-L1 agents
- Previous BRAFi+MEKi allowed
- ECOG PS 0-2
- No serious autoimmune disease
- No corticosteroids (Cohort C  $< 10\text{mg}$  prednisone allowed)

R 1:1

**A**

No prior local brain Rx & asymptomatic  
n=30  
Nivolumab 1mg/kg + Ipilimumab 3mg/kg Q3W X4  $\rightarrow$  Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W

**B**

No prior local brain Rx & asymptomatic  
n=30  
Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W

**C**

Previously treated or symptomatic or leptomeningeal, with MRI progression  
n=15  
Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W

Primary Endpoint: Intracranial Response Rate  $\geq$  week 12  
Secondary Endpoints: Extracranial Response Rate  
Overall Response Rate  
PFS (Intracranial, Extracranial, Overall)  
OS

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 | #ASCO17 Presented by Georgina V. Long

Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



## Patient Characteristics

	A: Ipi+Nivo N=26	B: Nivo N=25	C: Nivo† N=16
Age, median (range)	61 (29-76)	62 (31-86)	54 (28-73)
Sex, male n (%)	22 (85%)	19 (76%)	11 (69%)
ECOG performance status, n (%)			
1	6 (23%)	9 (36%)	7 (44%)
2	1 (4%)	0	1 (6%)
LDH > ULN, n (%)	11 (42%)	14 (58%)	6 (38%)
V600 BRAF mutation-positive, n (%)	12 (46%)	14 (56%)	13 (81%)
Target brain metastases, n (%)			
1	5 (19%)	5 (20%)	1 (6%)
2-4	9 (35%)	15 (60%)	7 (44%)
>4	12 (46%)	5 (20%)	8 (50%)
Extracranial metastases, n(%)	21 (81%)	20 (80%)	12 (75%)
Prior BRAFi+MEKi	6 (23%)	6 (24%)	12 (75%)
Prior local brain therapy	0	0	16 (100%)

† Leptomeningeal, previous local treatment or symptoms

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 #ASCO17  
Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.

Presented by Georgina V. Long



## Best Intracranial RECIST Response

	A: Ipi+Nivo N=26	B: Nivo N=25	C: Nivo† N=16
Intracranial Response, n (%)	11 (42%)	5 (20%)	1 (6%)
CR	4 (15%)	3 (12%)	0
PR	7 (27%)	2 (8%)	1 (6%)
SD	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	4 (25%)
PD	12 (46%)	18 (72%)	11 (69%)
NE*	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	0

- Median duration of intracranial response not reached in any arm

NE = Not Evaluable

\*Pts who deceased prior to wk 12 = PD

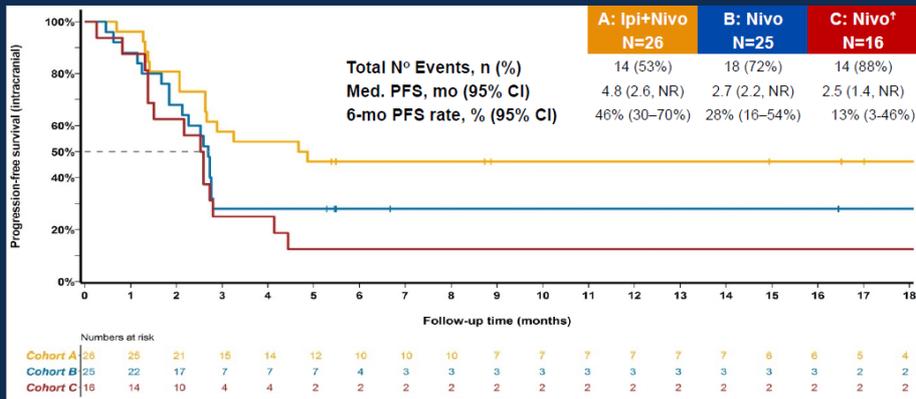
† Leptomeningeal, previous local treatment or symptoms

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 #ASCO17  
Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.

Presented by Georgina V. Long



## Intracranial Progression Free Survival



PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 | #ASCO17 Presented by Georgina V. Long  
Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



## Summary

- Nivolumab combined with ipilimumab or nivolumab alone have activity in active, asymptomatic melanoma brain metastases, without prior local therapy
  - Nivo+Ipi Intracranial: Response Rate = 42%; 6-month PFS 46%
  - Nivo alone Intracranial: Response Rate = 20%; 6-month PFS 29%
- Activity is **high** when nivo+ipi given upfront
  - Nivo+Ipi: Intracranial Response Rate = 50%
- Intracranial and extracranial responses were mostly concordant

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 | #ASCO17 Presented by Georgina V. Long  
Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



Abstract 9506

## COMBI-MB

### A Phase 2 Study of Combination Dabrafenib and Trametinib in Patients With *BRAF* V600–Mutant Melanoma Brain Metastases

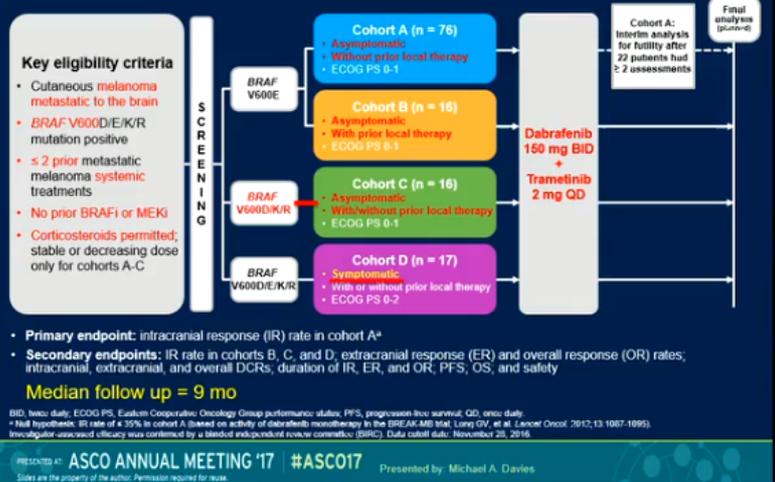
**Michael A. Davies**, Caroline Robert, Georgina V. Long, Jean-Jacques Grob, Keith T. Flaherty, Ana Arance, Vanna Chiarion-Sileni, Luc Thomas, Thierry Lesimple, Laurent Mortier, Stergios Moschos, David Hogg, Iván Márquez Rodas, Michele Del Vecchio, Céleste Lebbé, Nicolas Meyer, Ying Zhang, Yingjie Huang, Bijoyesh Mookerjee, Philippe Saiag

PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 #ASCO17

Sides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



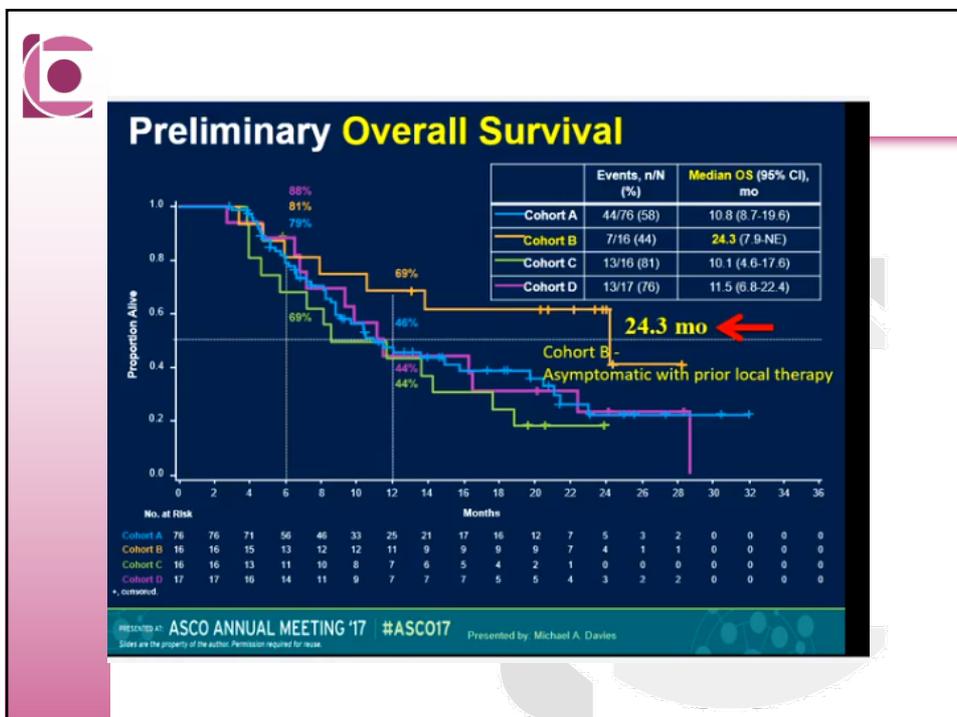
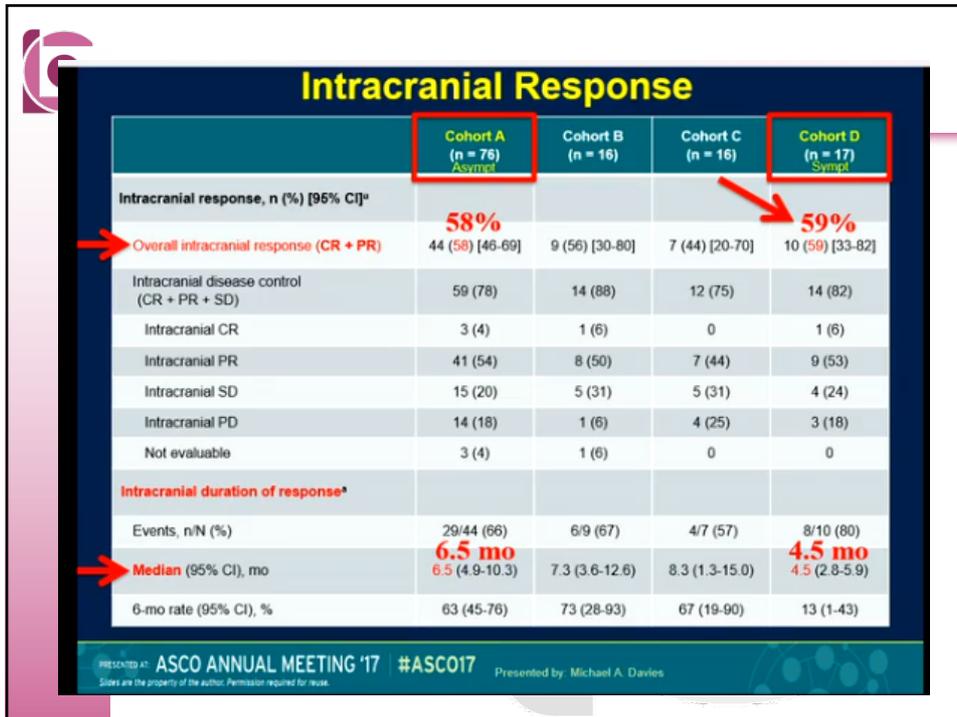
## COMBI-MB: Study Design (phase 2)



PRESENTED AT: ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 #ASCO17

Sides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.

Presented by: Michael A. Davies





## Conclusions

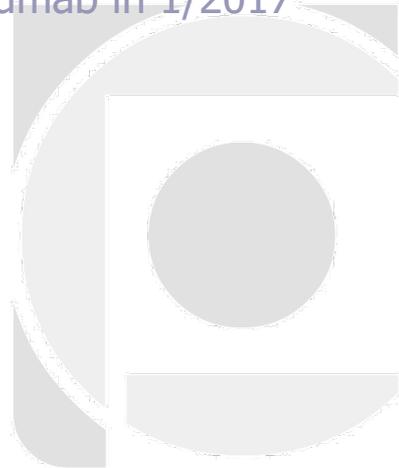
- First report of a phase 2 trial evaluating BRAFi + MEKi in patients with melanoma brain metastases
- Clinical benefit and tolerability were achievable with dabrafenib + trametinib in some patients with BRAF V600-mutant melanoma metastasized to the brain
  - IR rate of 58% (95% CI, 46%–69%) in cohort A patients; primary endpoint was met
  - Median duration of OR (eg, 6.5 months in cohort A) was generally shorter than that observed in patients without melanoma brain metastases (12–14 months)<sup>1-3</sup>
  - No unexpected safety issues were observed with the combination
- These results support:
  - Use of dabrafenib + trametinib as a treatment option for patients with brain metastases
  - Need for continued research to improve outcomes in this advanced melanoma population

1. Long GV, et al. *Lancet*. 2015;386:444-451. 2. Long GV, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2017 May 5. [Epub ahead of print]. 3. Robert C, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2016;27(suppl 6) [abstract LBA48].

PRESENTED AT ASCO ANNUAL MEETING '17 #ASCO17 Presented by: Michael A. Davies  
Slides are the property of the author. Permission required for reuse.



- Symptomatic brain mets: start Nivolumab/ipilimumab in 1/2017





Patient developed 3 months after initiation of treatment

vomiting, confusion, fever and anorexia

Brain imaging : response of brain mets

Hyponatremia

Adrenal insufficiency

Start Hydrocortison

Solucortef once IV

Asymptomatic hyperthyroidie

Evaluation 5/2017: central response, no new lesions on pet

Evaluation 8/2017: stable disease

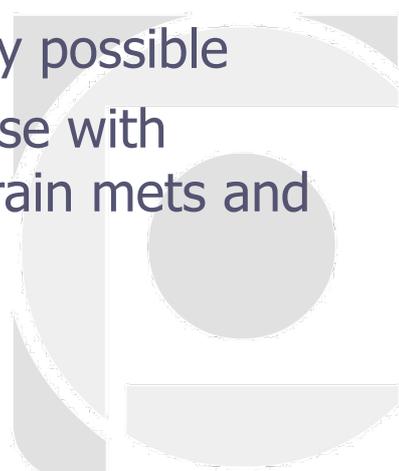


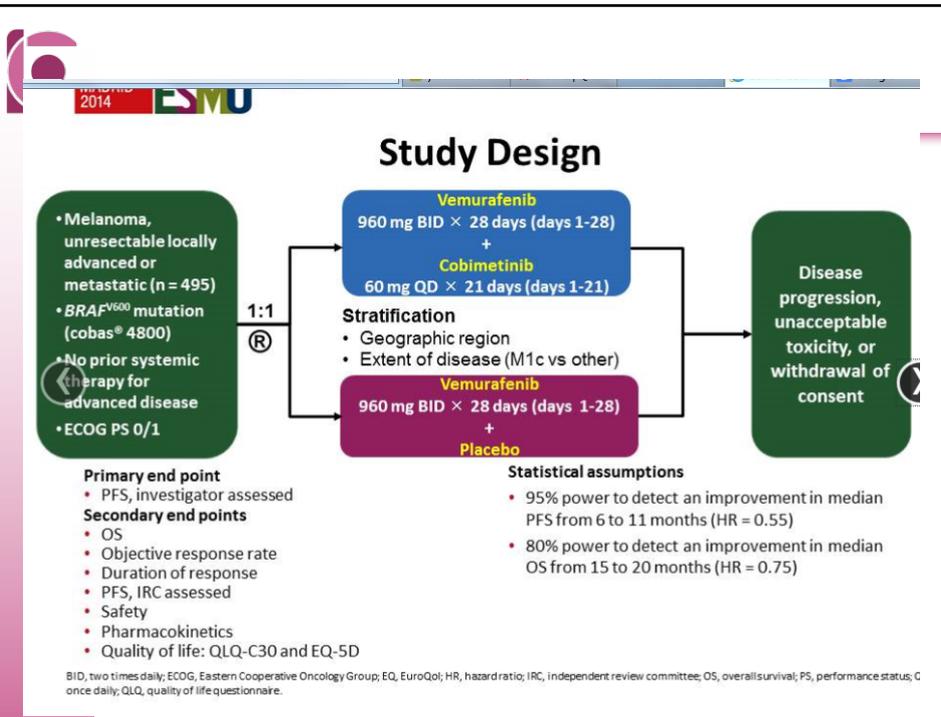
## Conclusion

Progression central metastasis

No local therapy possible

Durable response with  
symptomatic brain mets and  
corticosteroids





**Table 2.**  
Treatment modalities for melanoma metastases.

Number and localization of the metastases	Treatment modalities (i) First choice (ii) Second choice (iii) Third choice	Grade of recommendation
In-transit metastases (few) (pTxN2cM0)	(i) Surgical removal	C
	(ii) Radiotherapy	C
In-transit metastases (multiple, >5) (pTxN2cM0)	(i) Perfusion of the extremity <sup>a</sup>	C
	(ii) Radiotherapy	C
	(iii) Systemic therapy <sup>a</sup>	C
Locoregional lymph nodes (pTxN1a,2a)	(i) Resection and trial participation	B
	(ii) Additional IFN- $\alpha$ treatment <sup>a</sup>	B
Locoregional lymph nodes (pTxN2b,2c,3)	(i) Radical lymphadenectomy, in case of incomplete resection: irradiation	C
	(ii) Consider trial participation	C
Solitary central nervous system metastases (pTxNxM3)	(i) Neurosurgical removal	C
	(ii) Stereotactic irradiation <sup>a</sup> (according to localization this could also be the first choice)	C
	(iii) Consider clinical trial participation	C
Solitary lung metastases (pTxNxM1)	(i) Surgical removal	C
	(ii) Consider clinical trial participation	C
	(iii) Systemic therapy <sup>a</sup>	C
Multiple metastases (pTxNxM1a-1c)	(i) Consider clinical trial participation	B
	(ii) Systemic therapy <sup>a</sup>	B
Painful bone metastases (pTxNxM1a-1c)	(i) Consider clinical trial participation	C
	(ii) Radiotherapy	C

<sup>a</sup>These therapies should be preferentially carried out at specialized centers.