

Update on the treatment of advanced unresectable melanoma - 2021/2022

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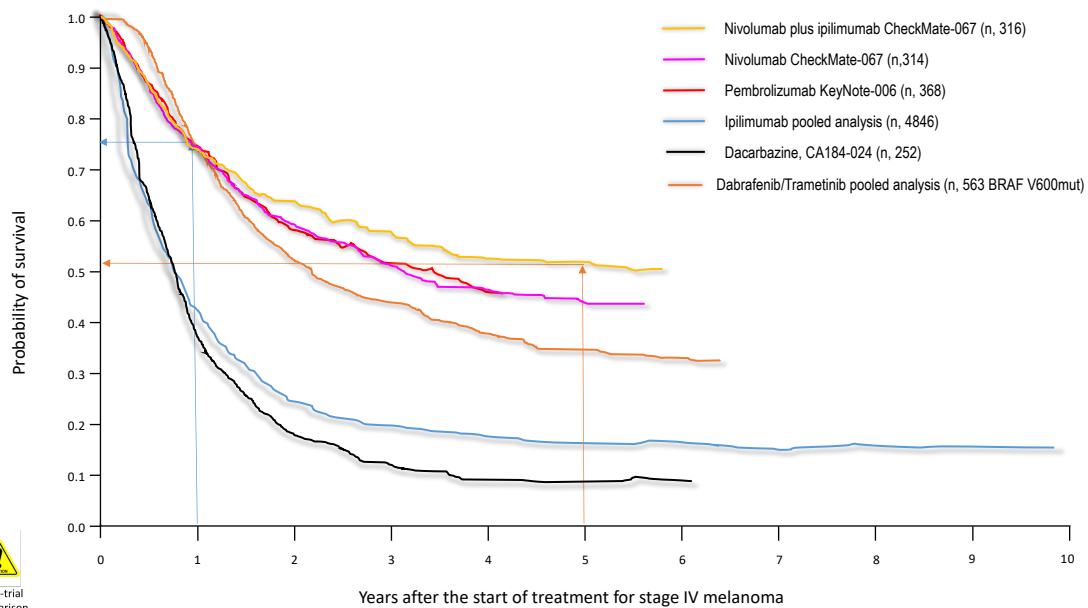
Topics



- State of the art
- Results of phase III trials in 2021
- Sequencing of available treatment options
- Emerging new treatment treatment options

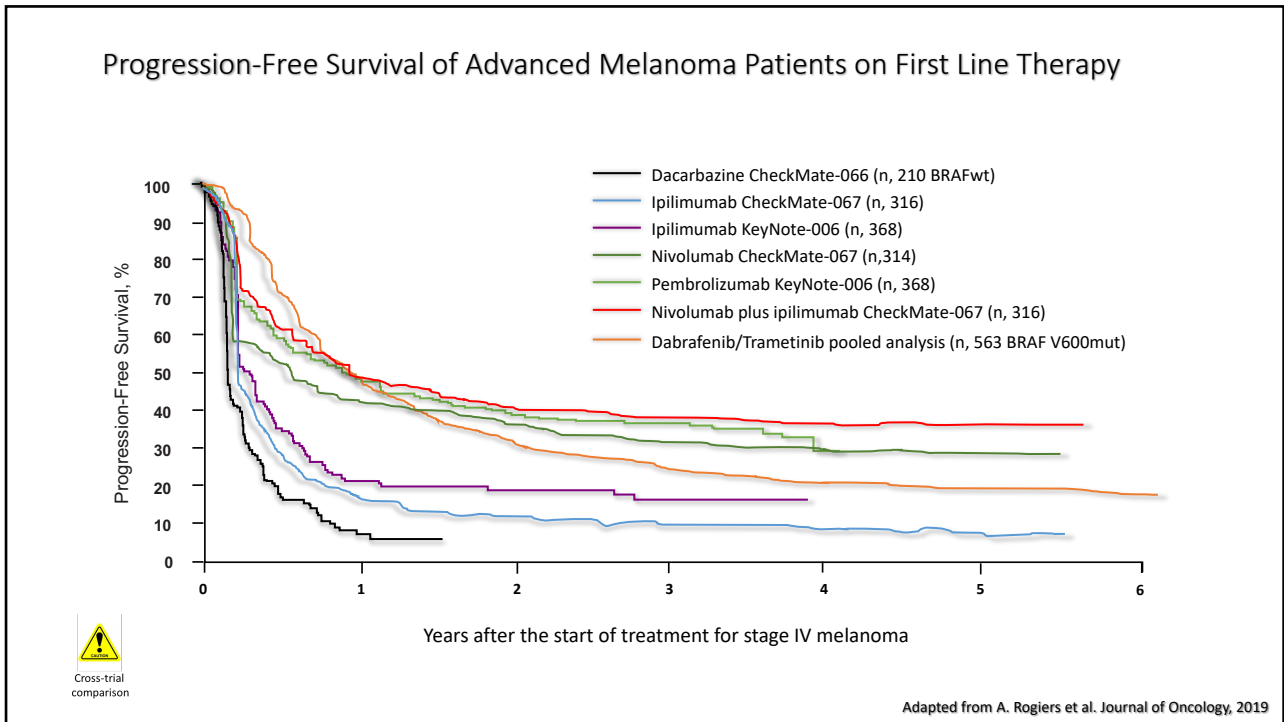
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Overall Survival of Advanced Melanoma Patients According to First Line Therapy

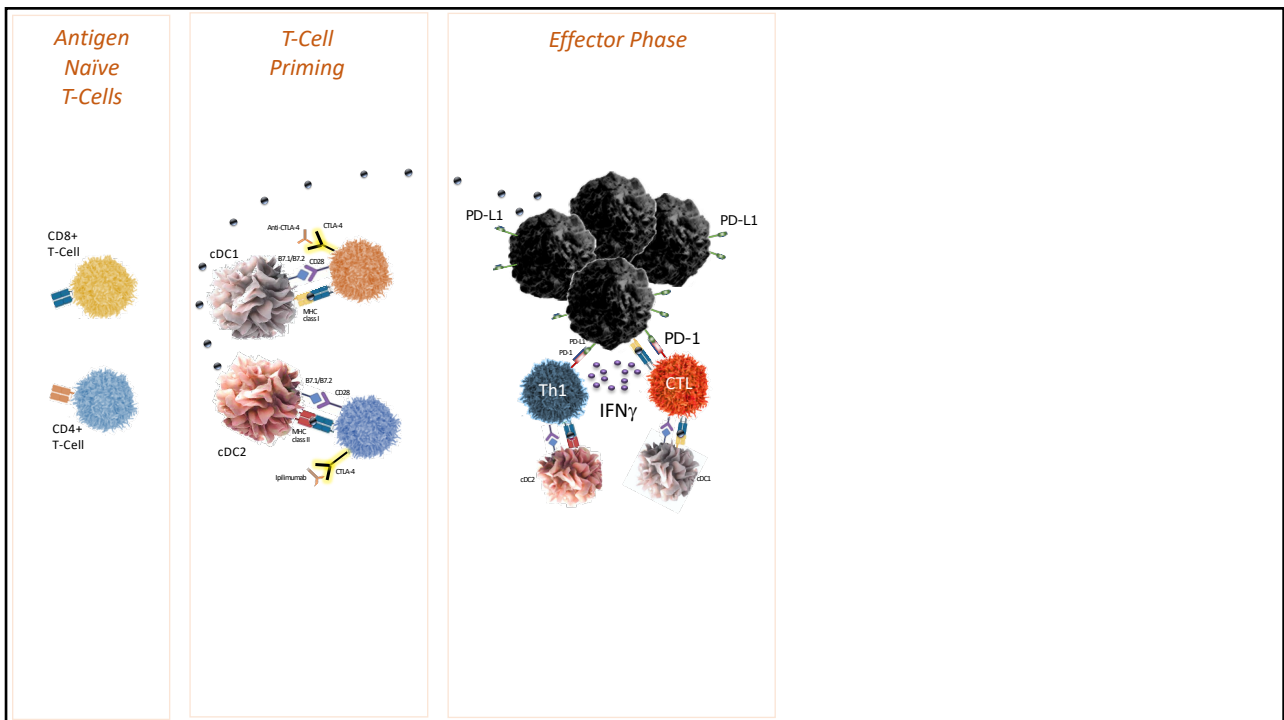


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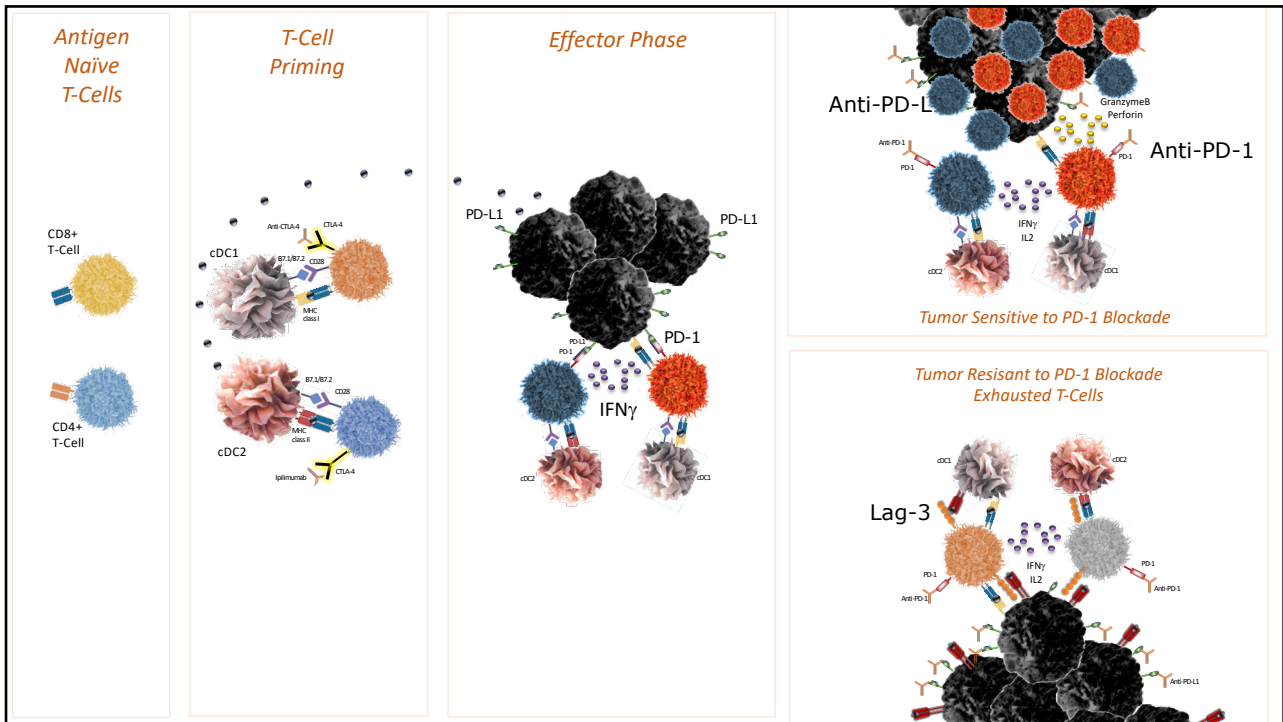
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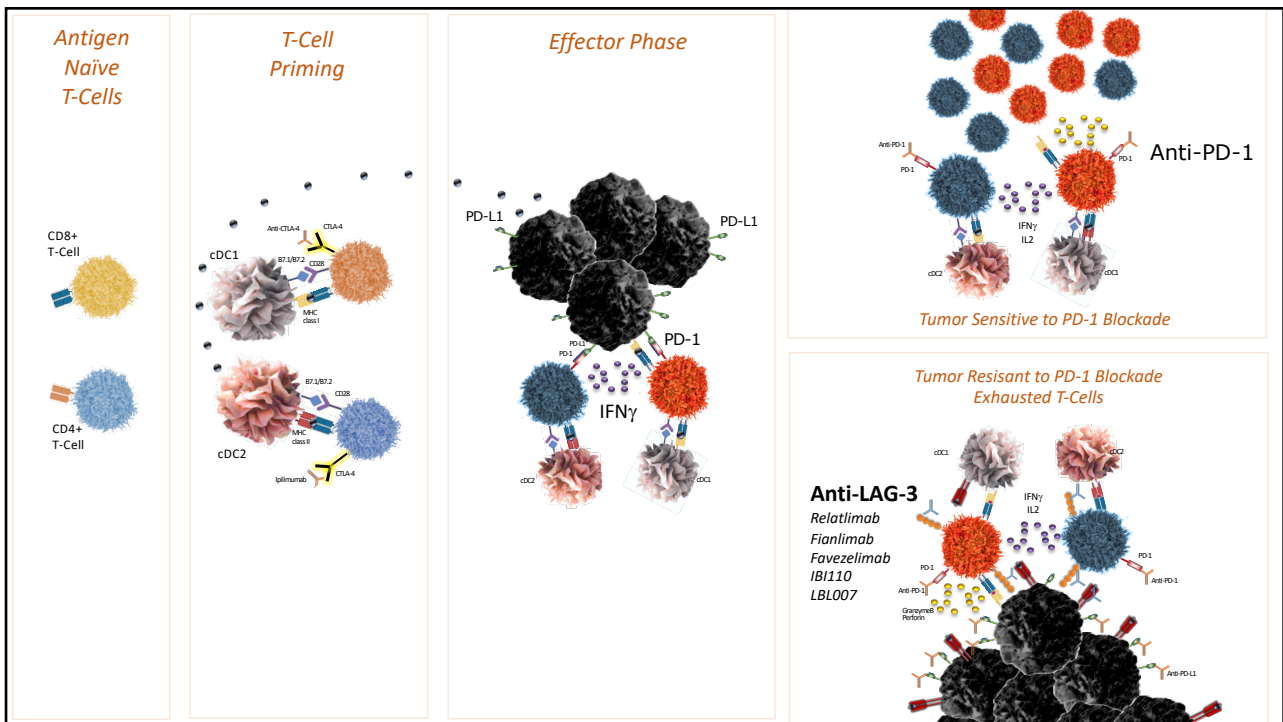
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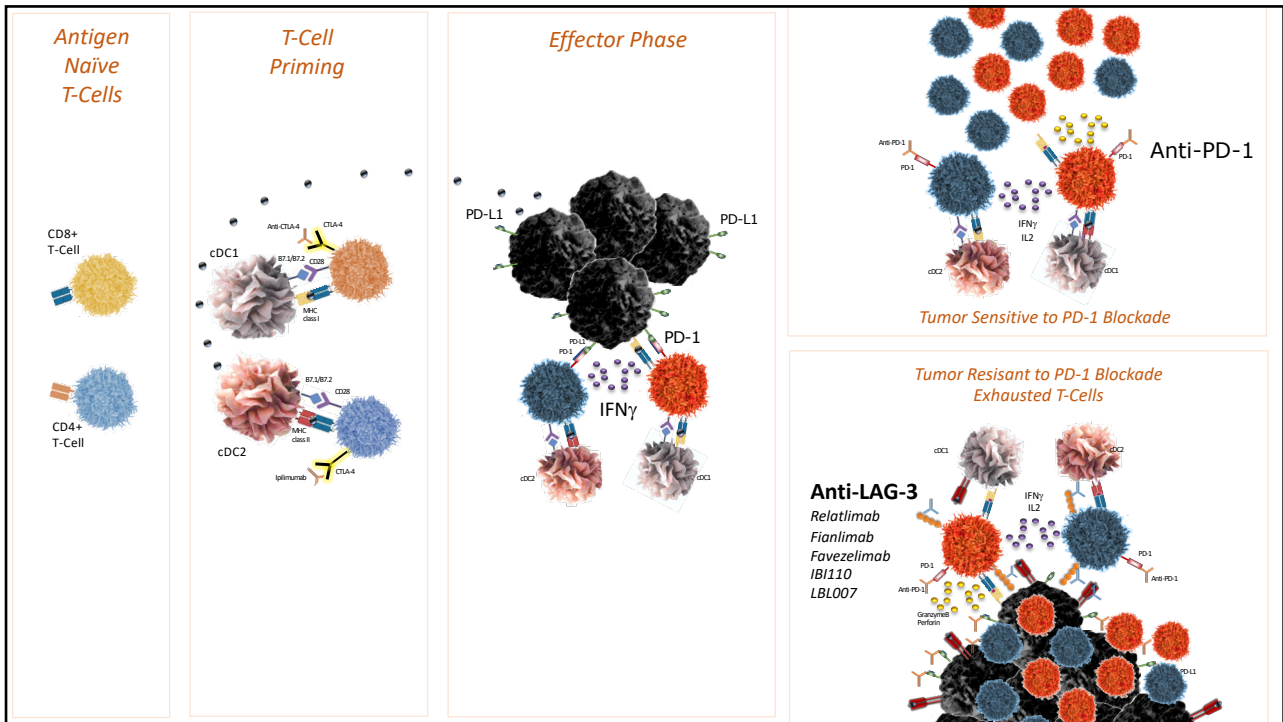
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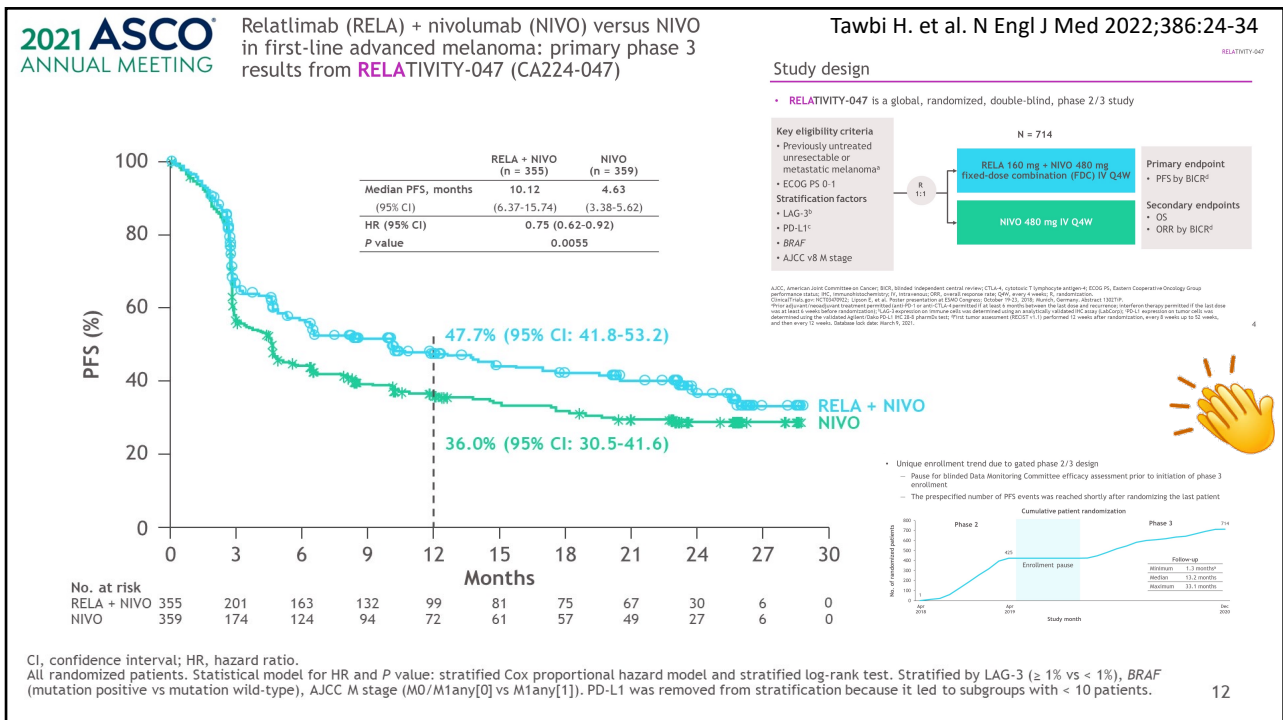
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• RELA + NIVO FDC extended PFS regardless of prespecified subgroups and stratification factors

Stratification factor	RELA + NIVO (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)	Unstratified HR for progression or death (95% CI)
Overall	181 (155)	111 (129)	0.75 (0.62-0.92)
Age categorization, years			
< 18 and < 65	99 (107)	117 (136)	0.83 (0.44-1.60)
≥ 65 and < 75	50 (102)	40 (103)	0.69 (0.47-1.00)
≥ 75	31 (68)	14 (63)	0.69 (0.31-0.93)
Sex			
Male	82 (145)	58 (135)	0.88 (0.62-1.23)
Female	99 (110)	113 (126)	0.68 (0.52-0.89)
LDH			
≤ ULN	100 (224)	117 (231)	0.70 (0.54-0.91)
> ULN	79 (131)	94 (128)	0.88 (0.61-1.29)
≥ 2 × ULN	158 (222)	148 (225)	0.70 (0.40-0.92)
< 2 × ULN	21 (33)	15 (23)	0.70 (0.32-1.55)
ECOG PS			
0	102 (234)	116 (242)	0.74 (0.57-0.95)
1	71 (121)	95 (117)	0.62 (0.37-1.03)
Tumor burden per BICR			
Q1	28 (74)	37 (83)	0.62 (0.37-1.03)
Q2	84 (161)	96 (153)	0.80 (0.49-1.27)
Q3	53 (84)	53 (76)	0.72 (0.49-1.06)
Q4	81 (136)	68 (139)	0.74 (0.44-1.23)
BRAF mutation status			
Wild type	113 (219)	118 (220)	0.70 (0.49-0.95)
Mutated	164 (232)	132 (237)	0.74 (0.46-1.23)
AJCC v8 M stage			
M0/M1any[0]	76 (133)	84 (142)	0.70 (0.48-1.04)
M1any[1]	105 (182)	127 (217)	0.75 (0.51-1.10)
PD-L1			
≥ 1%	142 (229)	144 (212)	0.66 (0.51-0.84)
< 1%	32 (86)	58 (98)	0.68 (0.34-1.38)
LAG-3			
≥ 1%	131 (243)	113 (217)	0.73 (0.50-1.05)
< 1%	49 (87)	45 (90)	0.78 (0.34-1.15)

Median PFS, months: RELA + NIVO (n = 355) 10.12, NIVO (n = 359) 4.63
 HR (95% CI): (6.37-15.74), (3.38-5.62)
 P value: 0.0055

No. at risk: RELA + NIVO (355, 201, 163, 132, 99, 81, 75, 67, 30, 6, 0) and NIVO (359, 174, 124, 94, 72, 61, 57, 49, 27, 6, 0)

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.
 All randomized patients. Statistical model for HR and P value: stratified Cox proportional hazard model and stratified log-rank test. Stratified by LAG-3 (≥ 1% vs < 1%), BRAF (mutation positive vs mutation wild-type), AJCC M stage (M0/M1any[0] vs M1any[1]). PD-L1 was removed from stratification because it led to subgroups with < 10 patients.

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New approaches to targeting LAG-3: Lymphocyte-activation gene 3 encoded co-inhibitory T-cell receptor

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Two dosing regimens of nivolumab plus ipilimumab for advanced melanoma: 3-year results of CheckMate 511

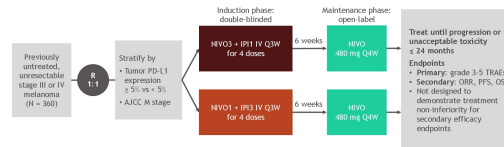
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Phase 3b/4 CheckMate 511 study: 3-year analysis

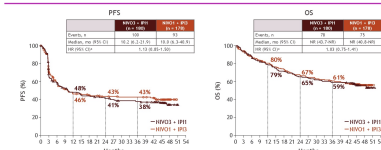
CheckMate 511



- Database lock, September 2020; minimum follow-up, 3 years
- Median duration of therapy over both study phases: 4.4 months with NIVO2 + IPI1; 2.3 months with NIVO1 + IPI3
- ~20% and 15% of patients, respectively, completed the full 2 years of treatment
- Maintenance NIVO therapy was initiated by 57% and 42% of patients, respectively
- Baseline characteristics were generally well balanced

NCT02142418, A.J.C.C. American Joint Committee on Cancer; IPI, Ipilimumab; IV, Intravenous; M stage, metastatic disease stage; NIVO, nivolumab; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

Survival outcomes



• Across patient subgroups, OS outcomes were generally similar with both regimens

NIVO2 + IPI1 vs NIVO1 + IPI3. The study was not designed or powered to formally compare NIVO2 + IPI1 with NIVO1 + IPI3 for the secondary efficacy endpoints. All statistical analyses are descriptive only.

Response per investigator assessment

	NIVO2 + IPI1 (n = 180)	NIVO1 + IPI3 (n = 178)
Best overall response, n (%)		
Complete response	40 (22)	41 (23)
Partial response	45 (25)	51 (29)
Stable disease	17 (9)	16 (9)
Progressive disease	63 (35)	48 (27)
Unknown	15 (8)	20 (11)
ORR, % (95% CI)	47.2 (39.4-54.8)	52.8 (45.2-60.3)
Difference, % (95% CI)	-5.5 (-15.8 to 4.8)	
Median time to response, months (range)	2.8 (2.0-25.3)	2.8 (2.3-31.4)
Median duration of response, months (range)	NR	NR
Median reduction in tumor volume, %	-42.2	-58.9

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Safety summary

TRAE	NIVO2 + IPI1 (n = 180)	NIVO1 + IPI3 (n = 178)
Grade 3-5 TRAEs, n (%)	61 (34)	86 (48)
Difference (95% CI)	-14.4% (-24.5 to -4.3)	
P-value (descriptive)	0.0059	
TRAEs, n (%)		
Grade 3-4	60 (33)	86 (48)
Grade 5	1 (1)*	0
Treatment-related serious AEs, n (%)		
Grade 3-4	35 (19)	60 (34)
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TRAEs leading to discontinuation, n (%)		
Grade 3-4	30 (17)	50 (28)
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• The most common TRAEs in both groups were diarrhea, fatigue, and pruritus

*Hypertension and acute myocardial infarction. AE, adverse event; CI, confidence interval.

Evaluation of Two Dosing Regimens for Nivolumab in Combination With Ipilimumab in Patients With Advanced Melanoma: Results From the Phase 3b/4 CheckMate 511 Trial

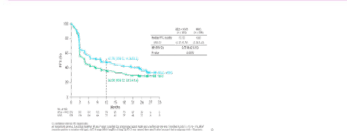
Concerning ipilimumab-dose in combination with nivolumab: less-seems-more (: safety) Also in patients with brain metastases?

The question may become: aPD-1/aCTLA-4 or aPD-1/aLAG-3 ?

Relatlimab (RELA) + nivolumab (NIVO) versus NIVO in first-line advanced melanoma: primary phase 3 results from RELATIVITY-047 (CA224-047)

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Progression-free survival



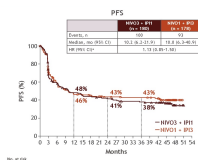
CheckMate 067: 6.5-year outcomes in patients with advanced melanoma

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Safety summary

• RELA + NIVO FDC was associated with a manageable safety profile and without unexpected safety signals

AE, n (%)	RELA + NIVO (n = 355)		NIVO (n = 359)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4
Any AE	345 (97.2)	143 (40.3)	339 (94.4)	120 (33.4)
TRAE	288 (81.1)	67 (18.9)	251 (69.9)	35 (9.7)
Leading to discontinuation	52 (14.6)	30 (8.5)	24 (6.7)	11 (3.1)

• Treatment-related deaths: RELA + NIVO (n = 3) – hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, acute edema of the lung, and pneumonitis; NIVO (n = 2) – sepsis and myocarditis, and worsening pneumonia

AE, adverse event. Includes events reported between first dose and 30 days after last dose of study therapy. Other grade 3/4 TRAEs that were associated with any grade TRAEs occurring in >10% of patients not shown.

	NIVO + IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4
Treatment-related AE, %	96	59	87	24	86	28
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	42	31	14	8	15	13
Treatment-related death,* n (%)	2 (1)		1 (<1)		1 (<1)	

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Outstanding Questions

- Upfront combination or "odd-on" strategy (29% 5y PFS on nivo monotherapy) ?
- Optimal sequencing of available ICI? Now also including adjuvant setting.
- Better predictive (or surrogate) biomarkers ? aLAG-3 vs aCTLA-4? (HLA class I & II ?)

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Overall Survival

Melanoma-specific survival (post hoc analysis)¹

Characteristics and probability of survival for patients with advanced melanoma who had five or more years after their treatment with nivolumab (NIVO) or ipilimumab (IPI) or combination (NIVO+IPI) treatment.

Overall Survival

Group	Total N Events, n (%)	Mod. OS, mo (95% CI)	5-yr OS rate, % (95% CI)
A: NIVO+IPI (n=25)	17 (68%)	51.1 (43.4-58.8)	51%
B: NIVO (n=25)	26 (104%)	43.1 (35.4-50.8)	34%
C: IPI (n=25)	5 (20%)	13.1 (8.3-17.9)	13%

CONCLUSIONS

1. Patients who survive at least five years after their initial immunotherapy have excellent overall survival and treatment failure-free survival
2. Given the anxiety surrounding survivorship and late progression, long-term survivors should be reassured of their excellent prognosis
3. These data suggest that aggressive follow-up schedules and imaging of melanoma patients after 5 years of survival may not be required

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ESMO congress

MASTERKEY-265: A phase 3, randomized, placebo-controlled study of talimogene laherparepvec plus pembrolizumab for unresectable stage IIIB-IVM1c melanoma

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Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) plus pembrolizumab proposed mechanism of action

T-VEC is injected directly into tumor

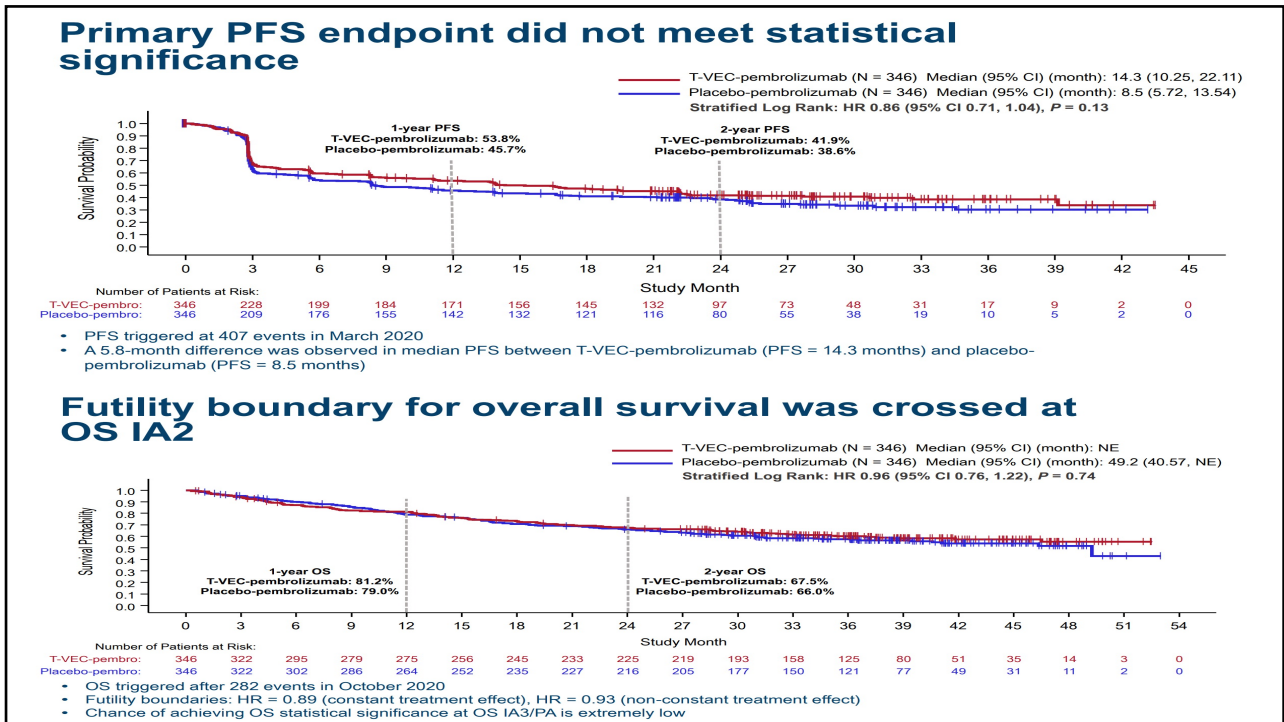
Local Oncolysis: T-VEC is injected into the tumor, leading to cancer cell lysis and tumor cell lysis, releasing tumor-derived antigens. Healthy cells are also present.

Innate & Adaptive Immune Stimulation: Tumor-derived antigens are taken up by immature dendritic cells, which then mature into mature dendritic cells. This process is stimulated by GM-CSF and leads to T cell activation.

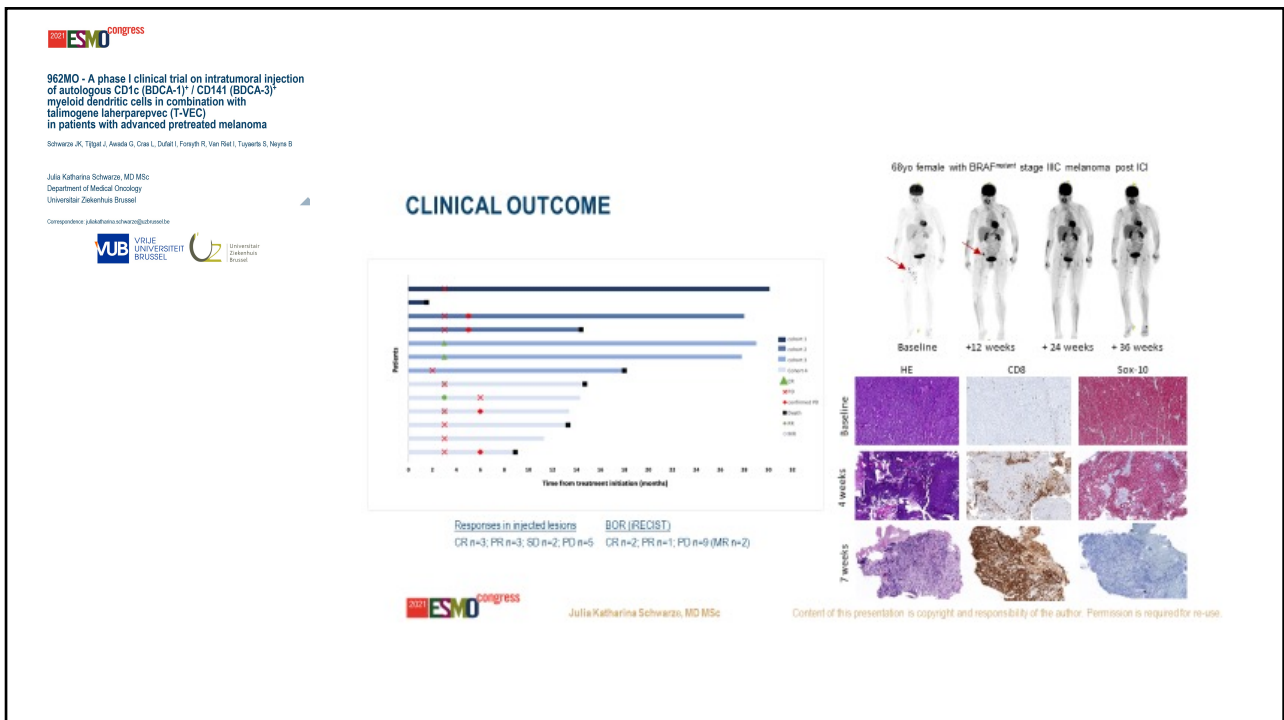
Systemic Immune Response: Activated T cells proliferate and migrate to the tumor site. They recognize tumor antigens and mediate tumor cell death. Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1) is used to block PD-1 upregulation, enhancing T cell-mediated tumor cell death and the release of new arrays of T cell death receptors (TDRs).

- This schematic is based on data from a phase 1b, single-arm trial (MASTERKEY-265) testing the combination of talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC)-pembrolizumab in 21 patients with advanced melanoma¹

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Sequencing of available treatment options in BRAF V600-mutant melanoma



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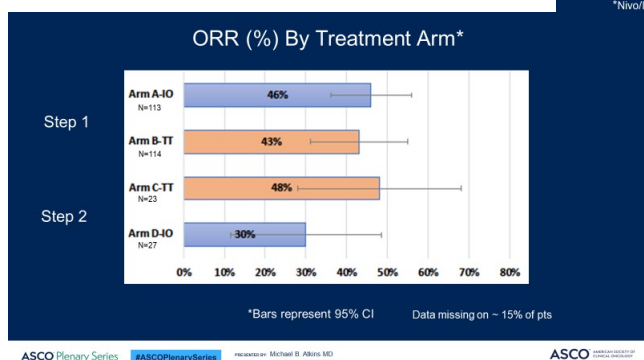
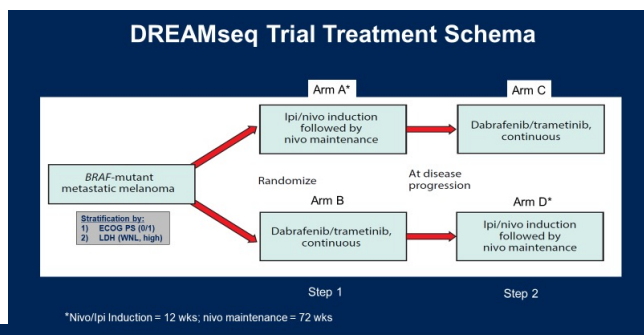
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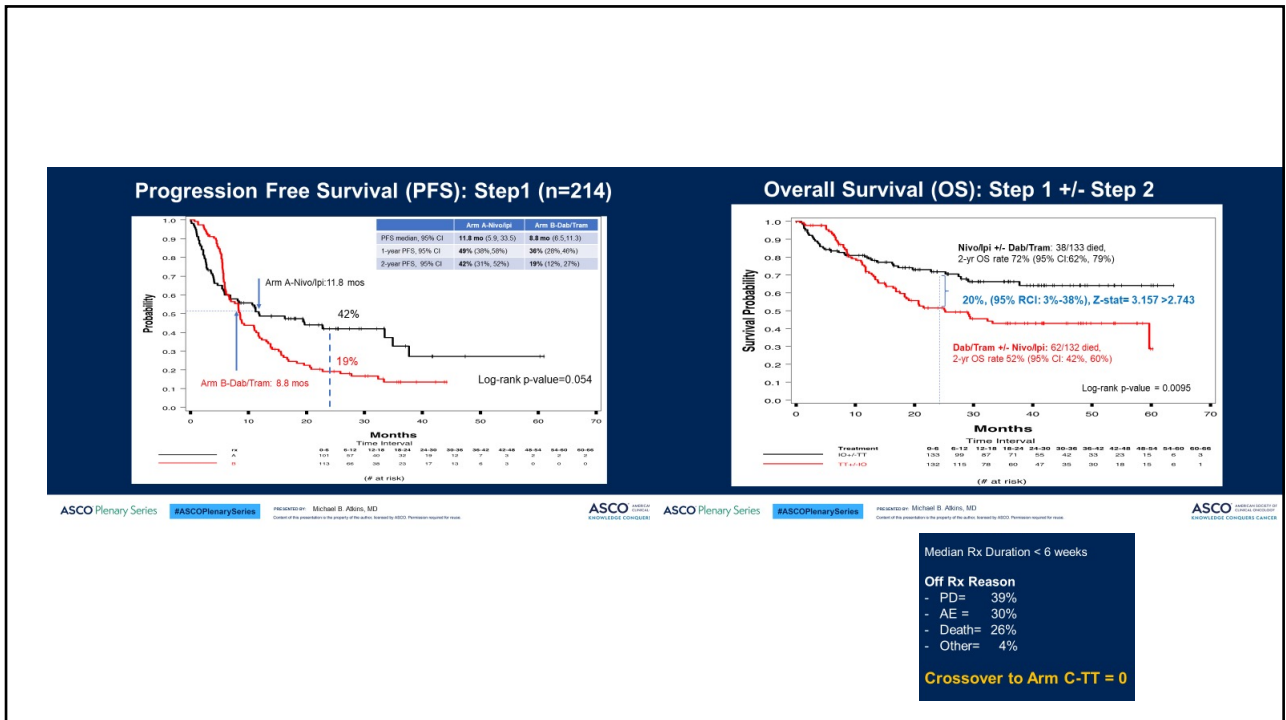
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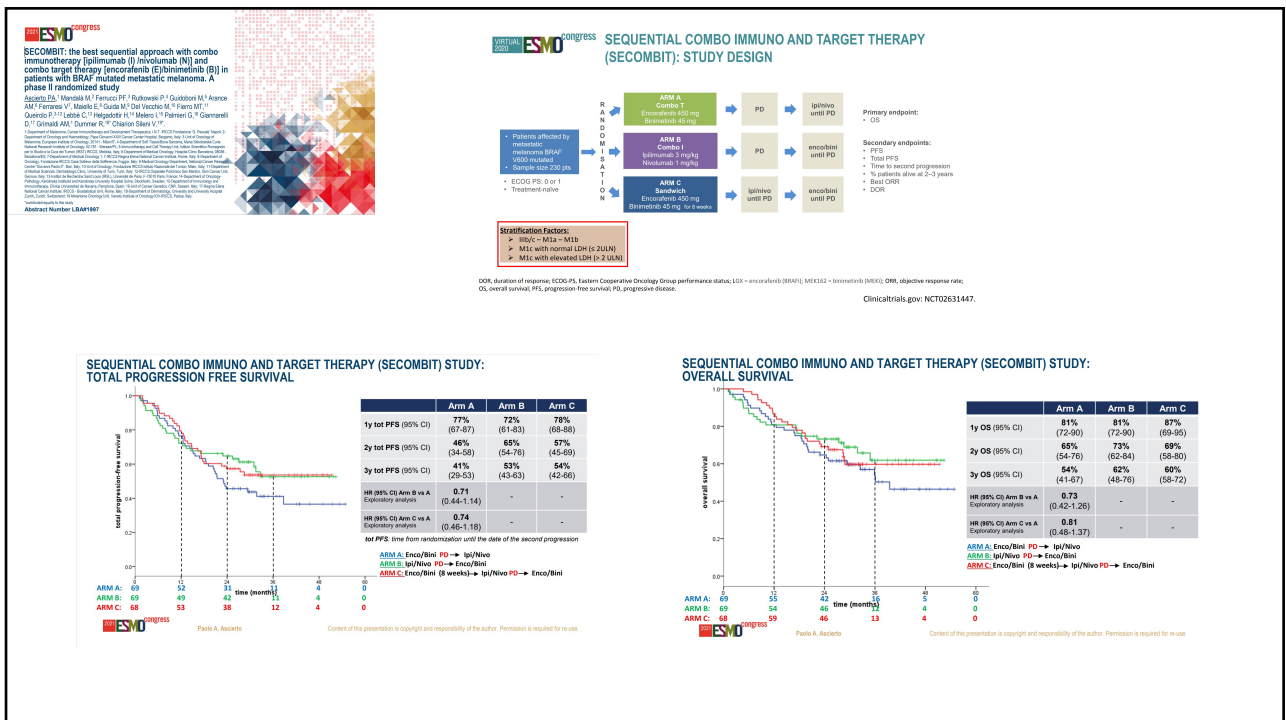
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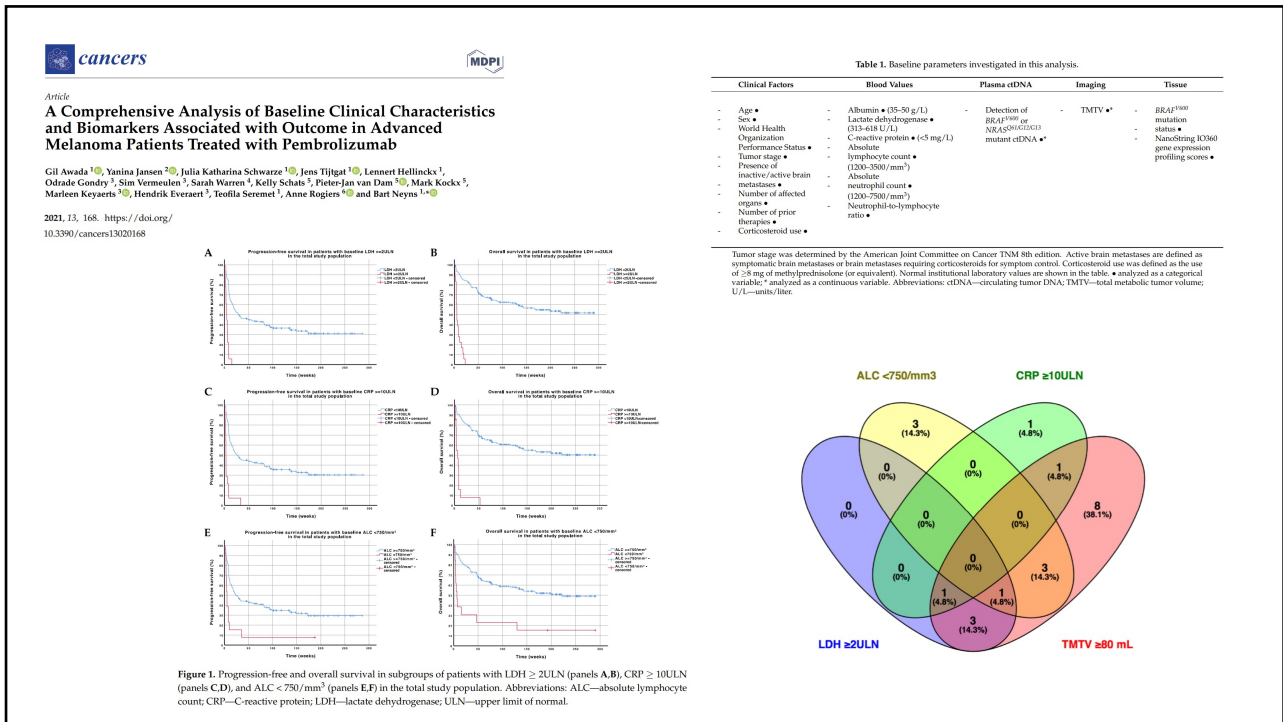
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Emerging new treatment options

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Lenvatinib Plus Pembrolizumab For Patients With Advanced Melanoma and Confirmed Progression on a PD-1 or PD-L1 Inhibitor: Updated Findings of LEAP-004

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LEAP-004 Study Design (NCT03776136)

Participants

- Unresectable stage III or IV melanoma*
- Confirmed PD per RECIST¹¹ on or within 12 wk of last dose of anti-PD-1/L1 given alone or in combination (including with anti-CTLA-4) for ≥2 doses
- ≥25% with PD on anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1/L1
- No limit to number of previous therapies
- Measurable disease confirmed by blinded, independent central review (BICR)

Intervention

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W for up to 35 cycles + Lenvatinib 20 mg PO QD

Continued until PD, unacceptable toxicity, or patient or physician decision

End Points

- Primary: DRR per RECIST v1.1¹¹ by BICR

ClinicalTrials.gov

Safety and Efficacy Study of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) Combined With Lenvatinib (MK-7902/E7080) as First-line Intervention in Adults With Advanced Melanoma (MK-7902-003/E7080-G000-312/LEAP-003)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03820966

Recruitment Status: Active, not recruiting
 First Posted: January 29, 2019
 Last Update Posted: September 17, 2021

Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Summary	Incidence 219%
Any grade	90.2% (95% CI 87.9-92.5)
Grade 1-2	67.2% (95% CI 64.9-69.5)
Grade 3	22.0% (95% CI 19.7-24.3)
Grade 4	4.0% (95% CI 2.7-5.3)
Grade 5	1.1% (95% CI 0.6-1.6)
Death	11.1% (95% CI 9.8-12.4)
Lost to follow-up	6.0% (95% CI 4.7-7.3)
Lost to discontinuation	8.0% (95% CI 6.7-9.3)
Lost to withdrawal	6.0% (95% CI 4.7-7.3)
Median length of follow-up	10.2 months (95% CI 9.8-10.6)
Median length of follow-up for patients with PD	10.2 months (95% CI 9.8-10.6)
Median length of follow-up for patients with no PD	10.2 months (95% CI 9.8-10.6)

Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier Plot of Best Change From Baseline, %

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier Plot of No. at Risk

*Patients who died or had PD. Data cutoff date: Sep 18, 2020 (median study follow-up, 11.3 mo; range 1.2-19.0).

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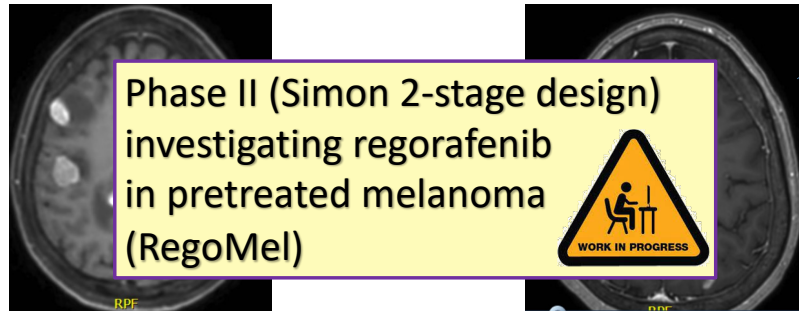
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Regorafenib 40 mg QD → Trametinib 0,5-1 mg QD →

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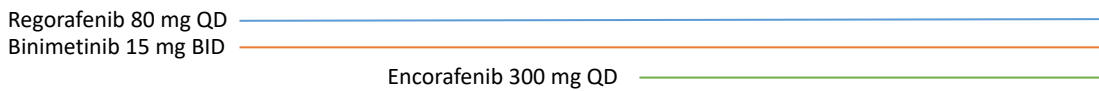
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52y F, stage IV-M1d BRAF V600E, progressive brain and leptomeningeal metastases following: nivolumab+ipilimumab, trametinib/dabrafenib and binimetinib/encorafenib

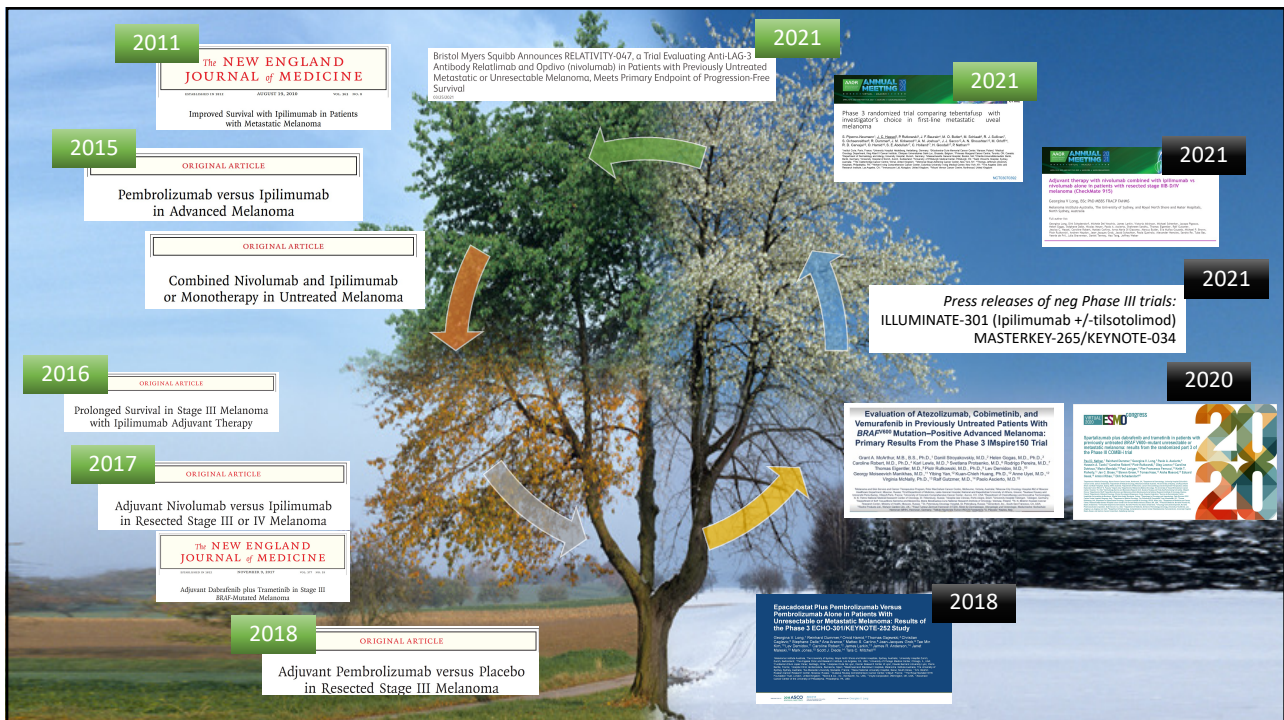


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