

# Behandelingen van het melanoom: van de sprint naar de marathon

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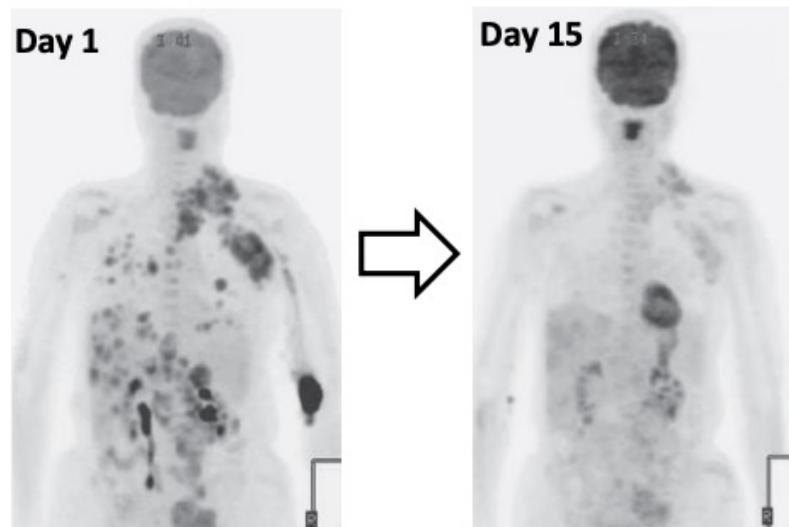
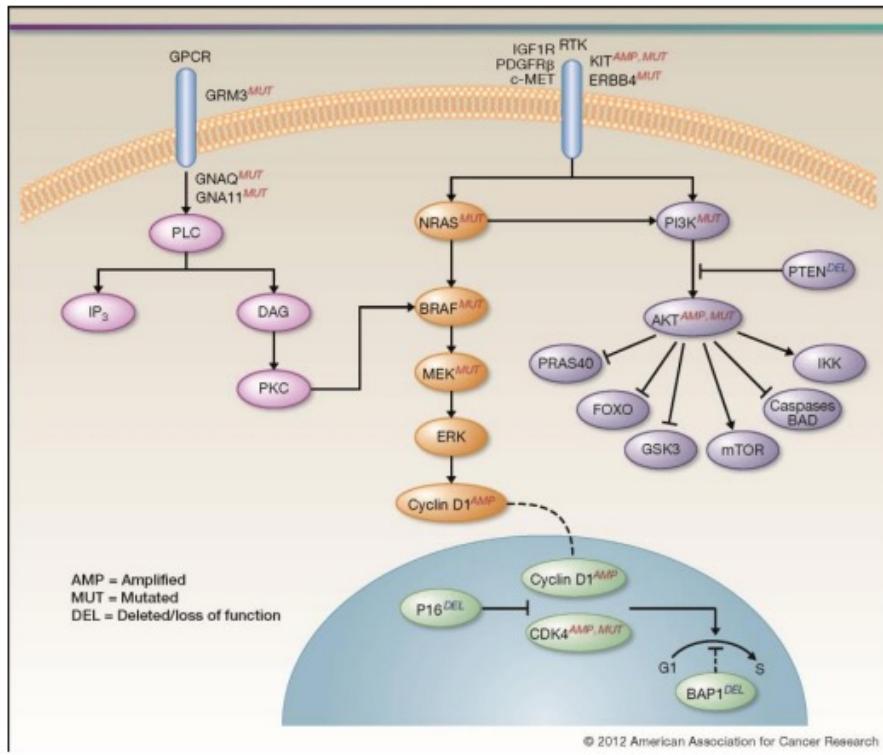
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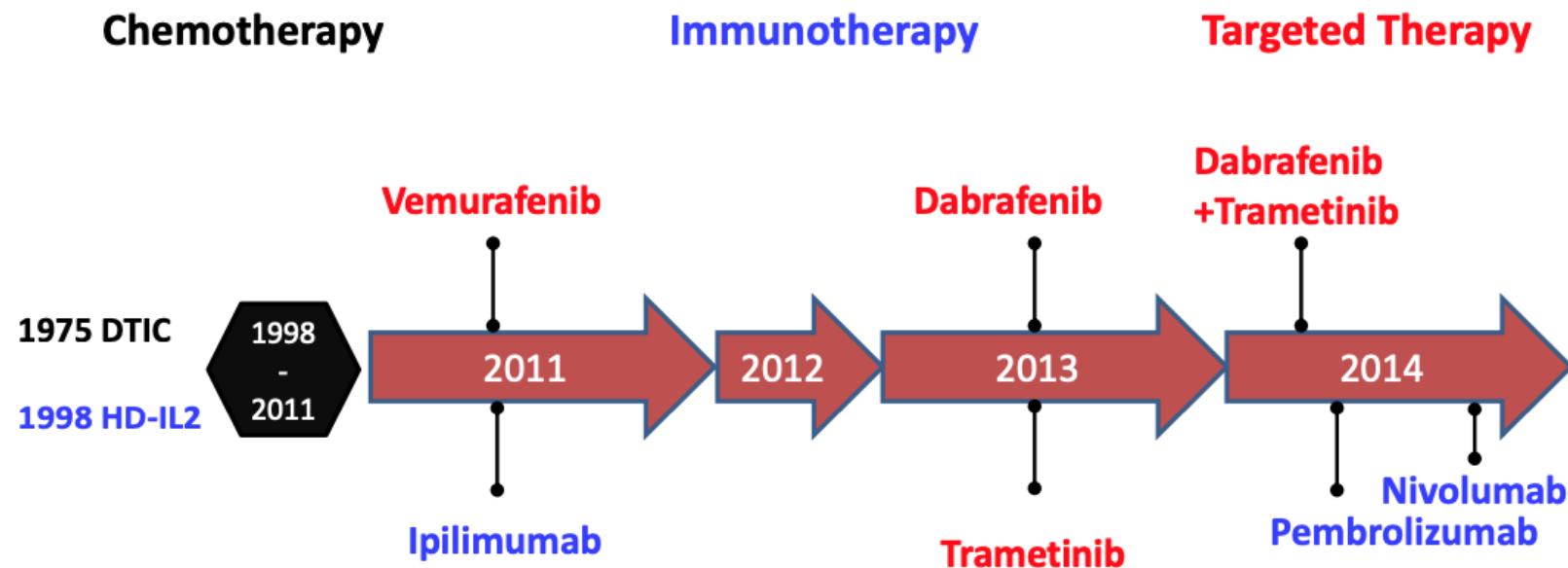


Flaherty NEJM, 2010

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# Nieuwe medicijnen voor het gemitastaseerd melanoma

**2011-2014 7 new regimens approved**



## Wat is “targeted” therapy – gerichte behandeling

- Behandelt de kanker door zich te richten op de genetische fout of mutatie die zich in de tumor bevindt.
- Het melanoom is gekend met veel mutaties
- Specifieke mutaties kunnen teruggevonden worden in 70% vd cutane melanomen

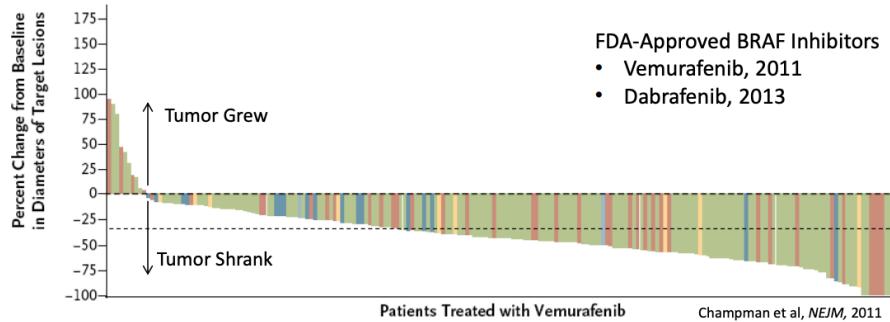


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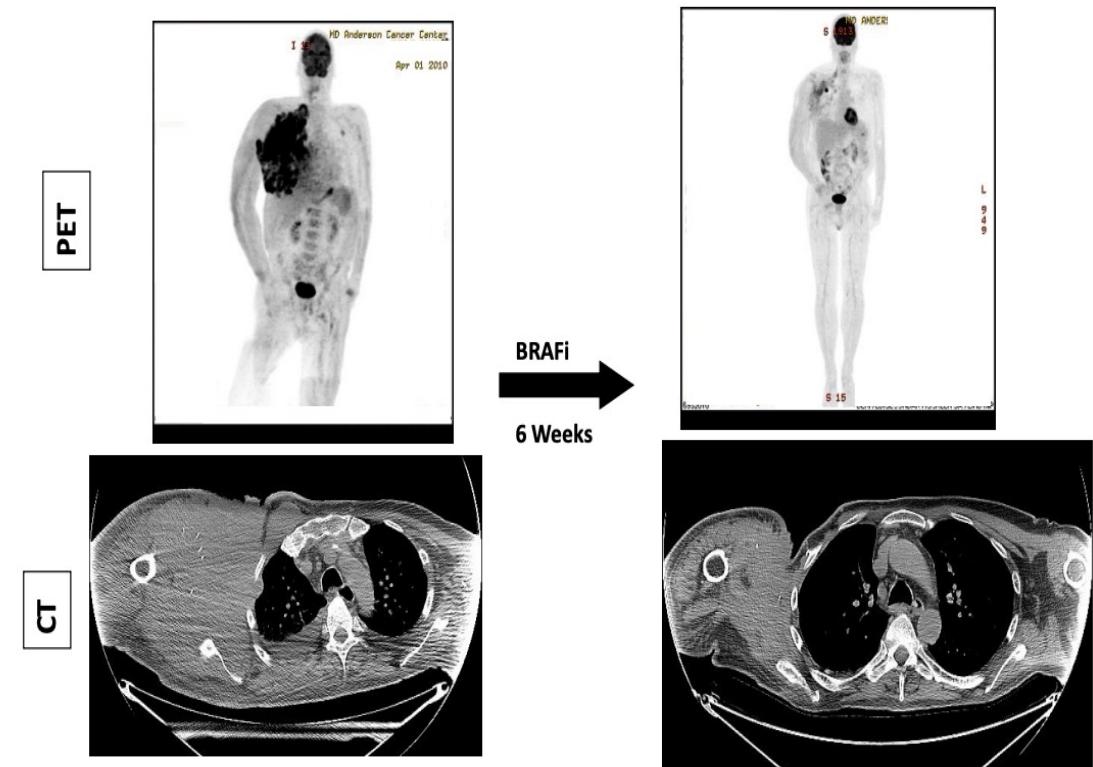


# DE belofte van Braf

- Braf V600E mutatie is een activerende mutatie
- Bij blokkade – grote effecten op de tumor load
- Maar ...
- Snelle resistantie



FDA-Approved BRAF Inhibitors  
• Vemurafenib, 2011  
• Dabrafenib, 2013



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# Verschillende klinische vormen – verschillende mutaties

## *Different Types of Melanomas Have Different Mutations*



Cutaneous  
w/o Chronic Sun  
Damage (C.S.D)



Acral Melanoma  
Mucosal Melanoma



Uveal

**45% BRAF Mutations  
20% NRAS Mutations**

Acral:  
Mucosal:

20% BRAF	10% NRAS
3% BRAF	5% NRAS

**Virtually No  
BRAF/NRAS**

***20-30% mutations  
in c-KIT***

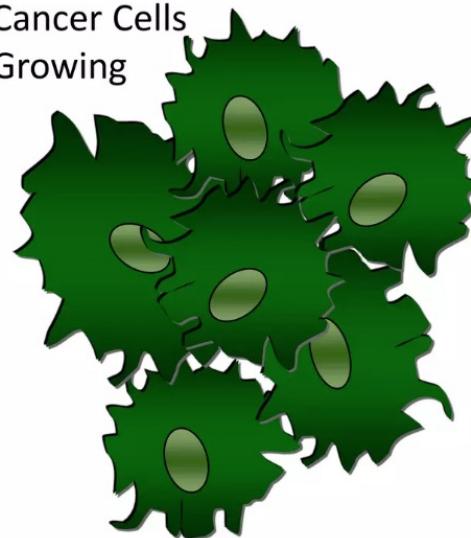
***~80% mutations  
in GNAQ/GNA11***

# Immunotherapie

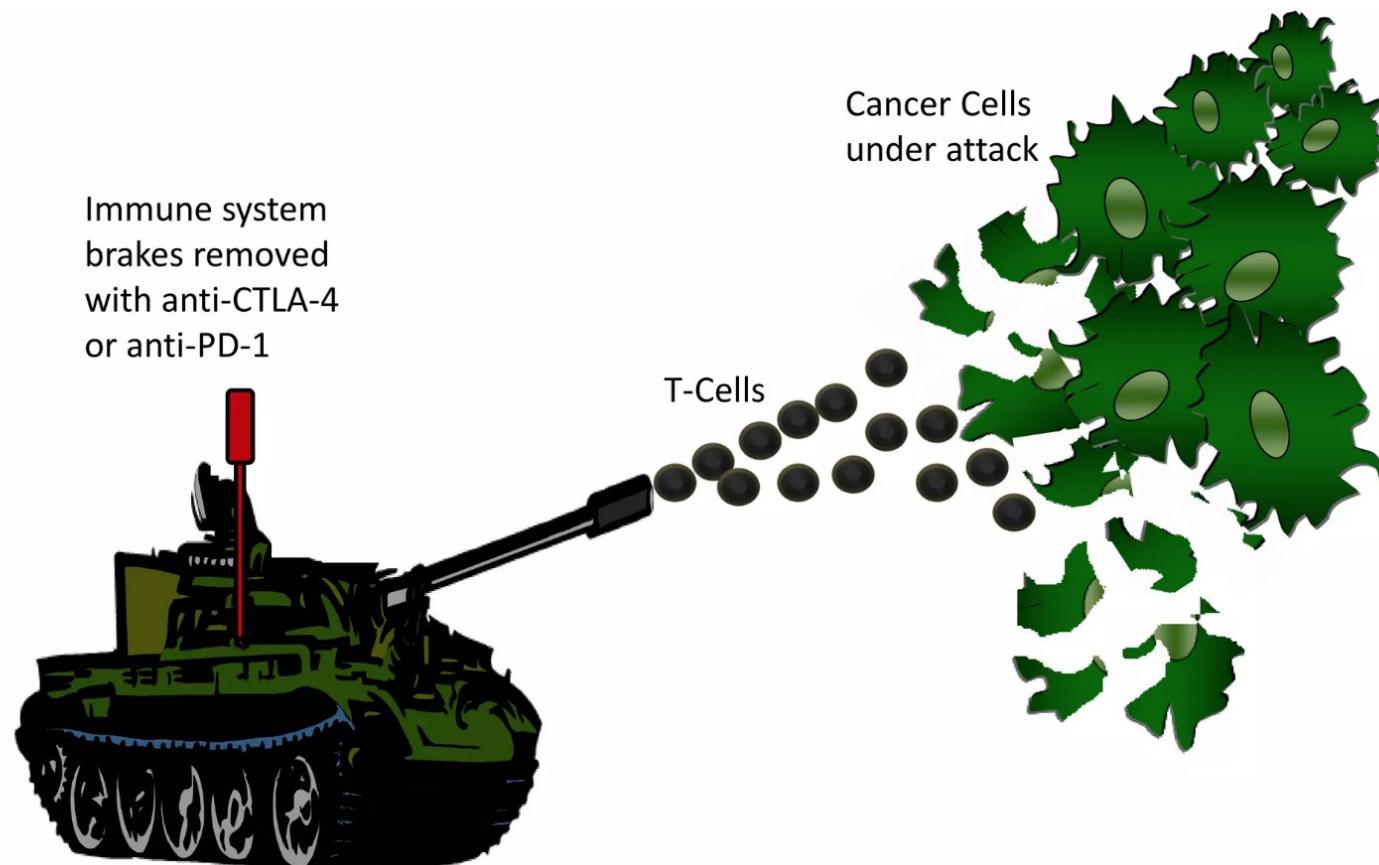
Immune  
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brakes on



Cancer Cells  
Growing

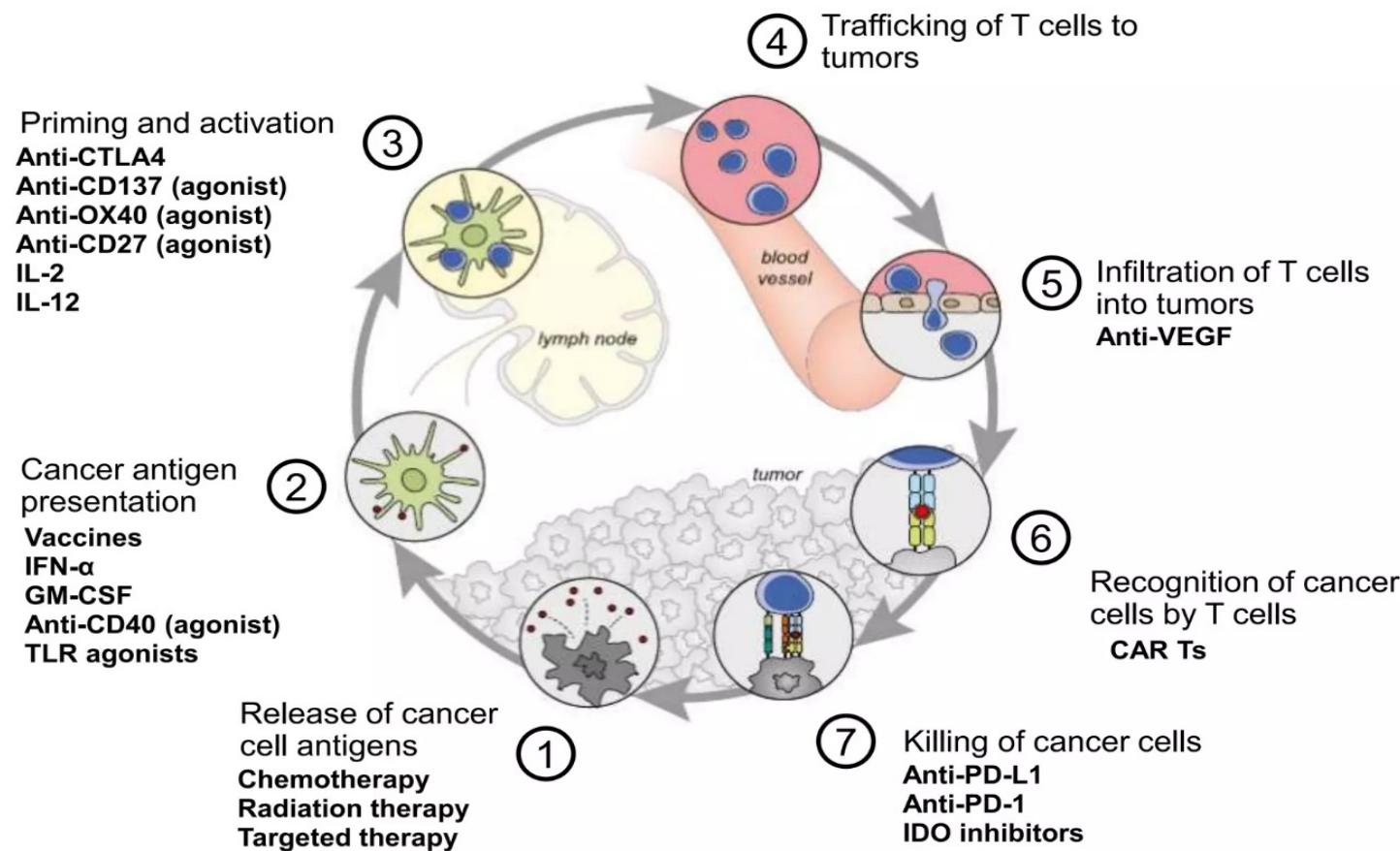


# Immunotherapie



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# Mogelijkheden om in te grijpen op het immuunsysteem



# Met opties komen mogelijkheden

Opties > verschillende moleculen

- Afhankelijk van tumor eigen afwijkingen

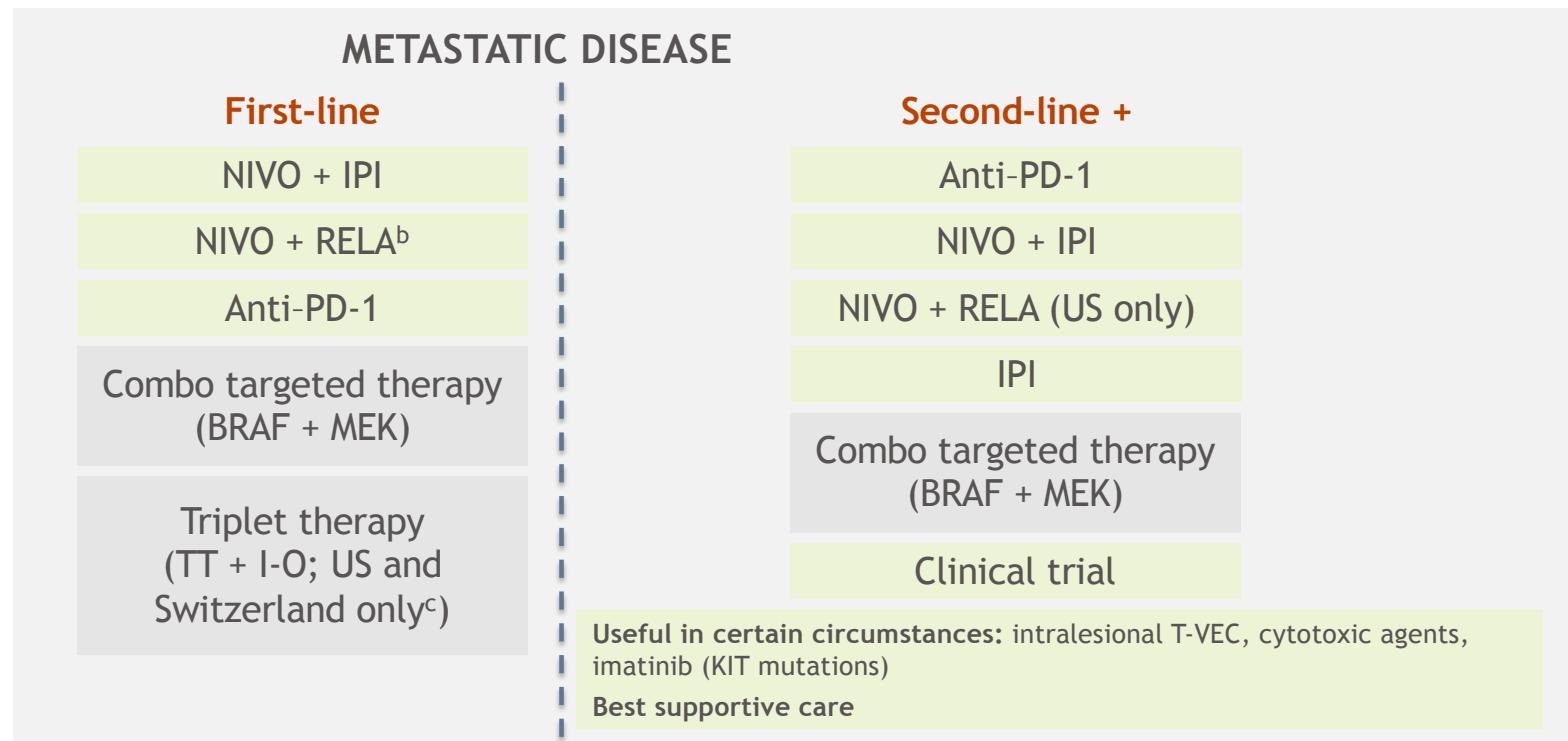
Mogelijkheden

- Zijn afhankelijk van stadium :
  - neo-adjuverend
  - adjuverend
  - gevorderd (niet curatief)
- Specifieke omstandigheden (bv heelkunde/radiotherapie voor metastatische localisaties)
- patiënten voorkeur

# Opties bij het behandelen van een Melanoma

BRAF-WT or mutant

BRAF-mutant only



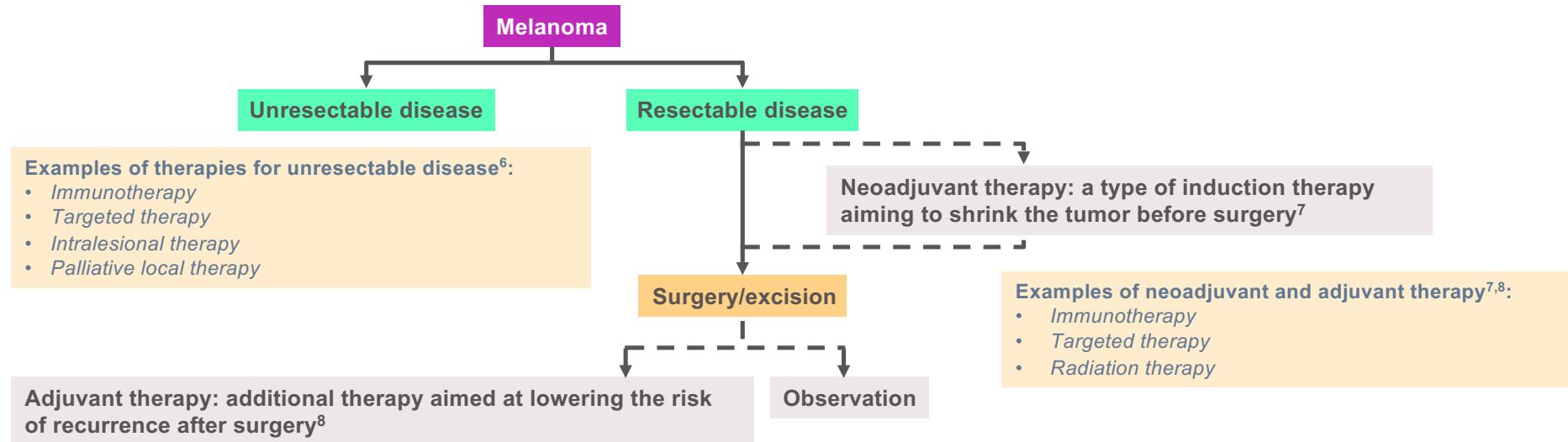
<sup>a</sup>Based on the experience of the speaker; frequently used, systemic options only are shown. <sup>b</sup>With tumor-cell PD-L1 expression < 1% in EU.<sup>1</sup> <sup>c</sup>Atezolizumab + vemurafenib + cobimetinib.<sup>2,3</sup> BRAF, proto-oncogene B-Raf; DAB, dabrafenib; IL-2, interleukin-2; I-O, immuno-oncology; IPI, ipilimumab; MEK, mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase; NIVO, nivolumab; PD-1, programmed death-1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; RELA, relatlimab; TRAM, trametinib; TT, targeted therapy; T-VEC, talimogene laherparepvec; US, United States; WT, wild-type.

1. OPDUALAG® (nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw) [summary of product characteristics]. Uxbridge, UK: Bristol Myers Squibb; Accessed July 31, 2023. 2. Targeted Oncology. Accessed August 22, 2023. <https://www.targetedonc.com/view/fda-approves-atezolizumab-triplet-regimen-for-treatment-of-advanced-braf-mutant-melanoma> 3. Interpharma. Accessed September 26, 2023. <https://www.interpharma.ch/blog/news/18842/>

## Treatment overview

# Treatment options for melanoma<sup>1–3</sup>

- Treatment recommendations depend on a variety of factors, such as disease characteristics/stage, risk of recurrence, risk of treatment toxicity, and patient preference<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Defining surgical resectability can be very subjective<sup>4,5</sup>



Treatment options shown here are not listed in any preferential order/category. Dashed lines represent potential treatment options that may be considered for certain patients. NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®).

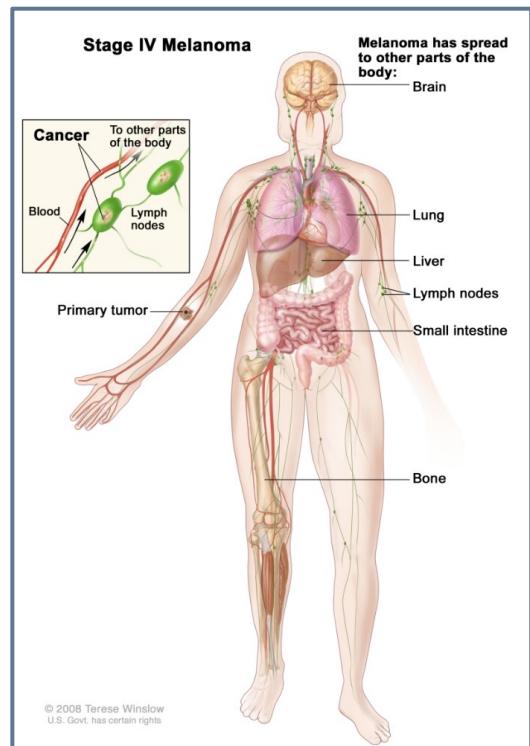
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# De adjuverende behandeling bij een te reseceren melanoma Stage II-IV Melanoma

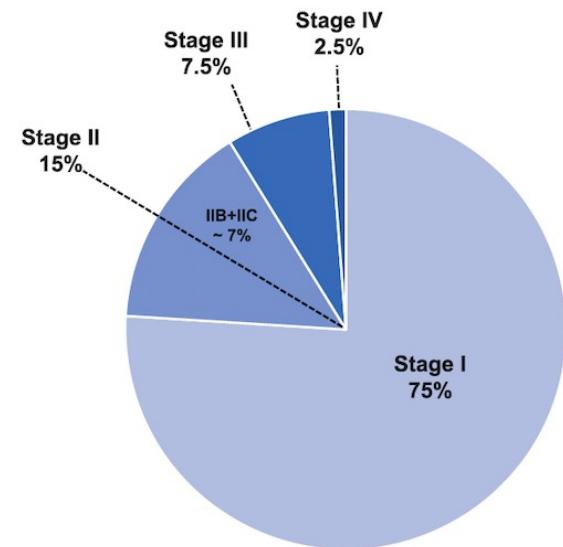
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# Stagering melanoom

## TNM

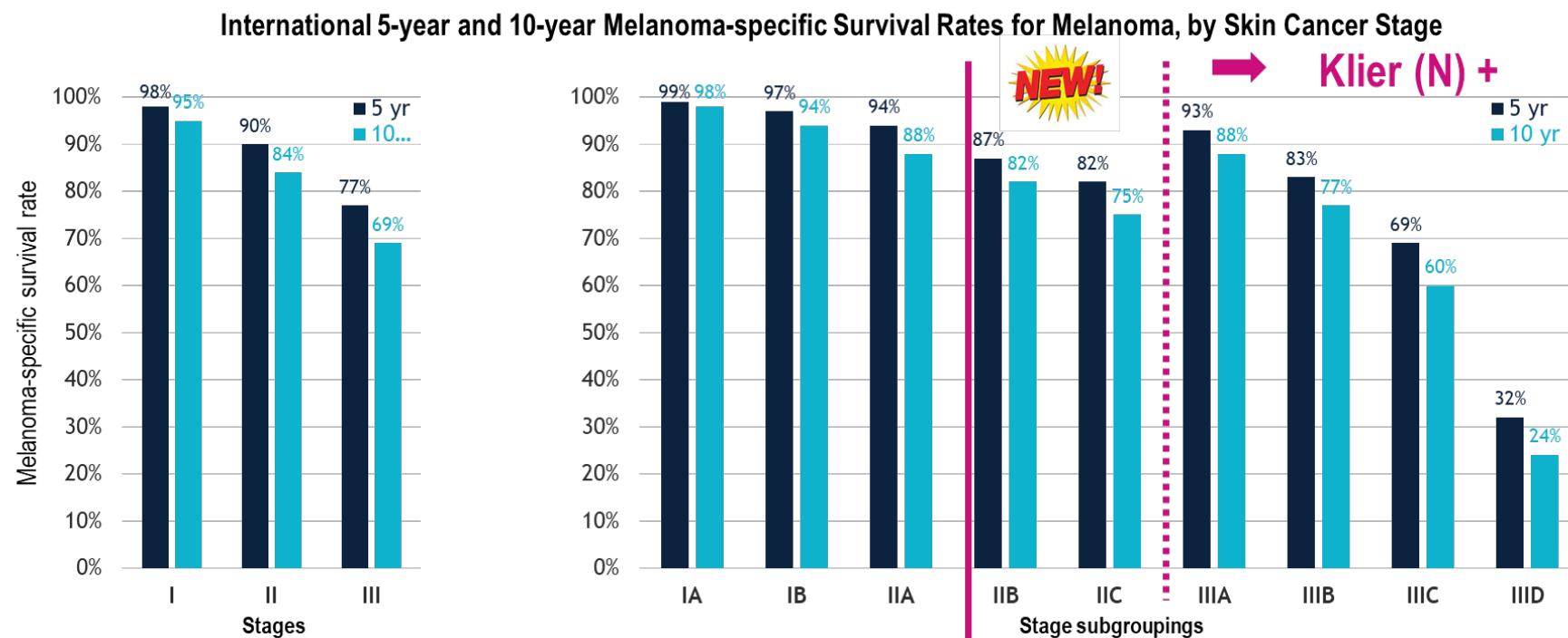


## Verdeling stadia bij diagnose



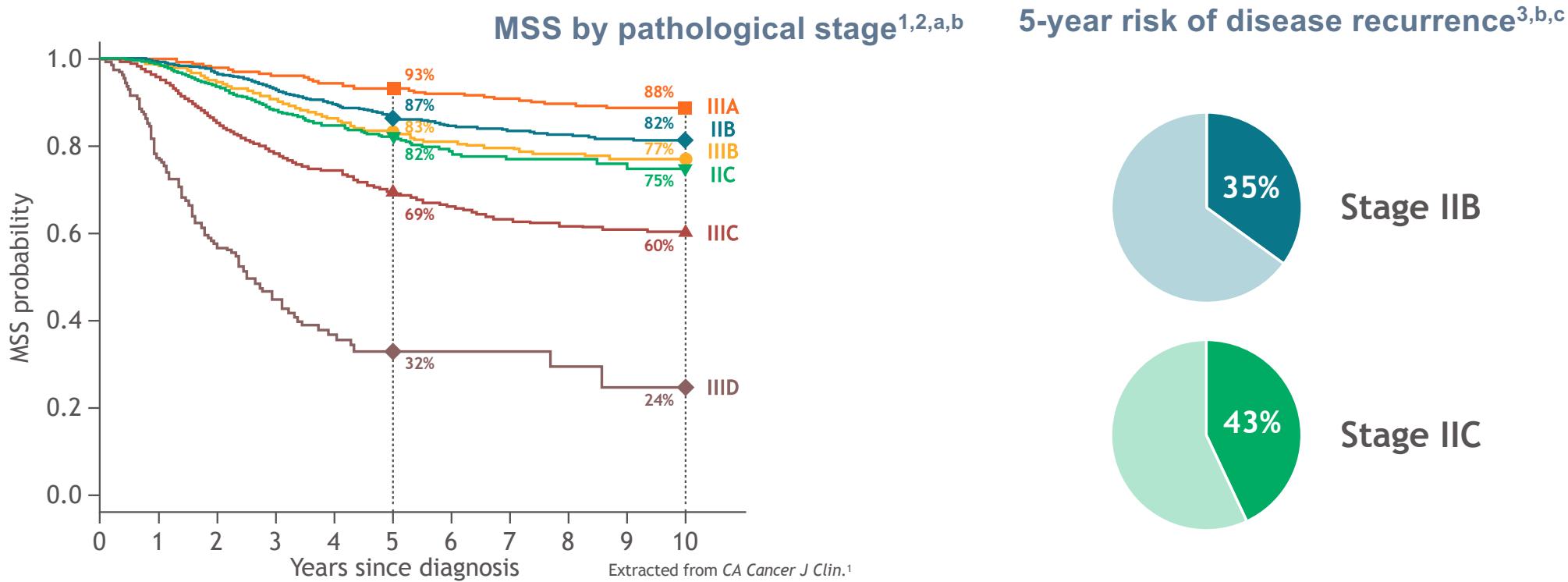
## Global: Epidemiology (1 of 2)

De overleving is afhankelijk van stadium bij diagnose



Gershenwald JE, et al. CA Cancer J Clin. 2017;67(6):472-492.

# Unmet needs for patients with stage II-III melanoma



<sup>a</sup>MSS was calculated from the date of initial melanoma diagnosis. MSS survival rates represent the percentage of patients who have not died from melanoma in a defined time period.

<sup>b</sup>Based on AJCC 8th edition. <sup>c</sup>Confirmatory cohort data.

AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer, Cancer Staging Manual; MSS, melanoma-specific survival; RFS, recurrence-free survival.

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## Adjuvante therapie mogelijk bij

(Dikke) primaire melanomen zonder klieraantasting (IIb en IIc)

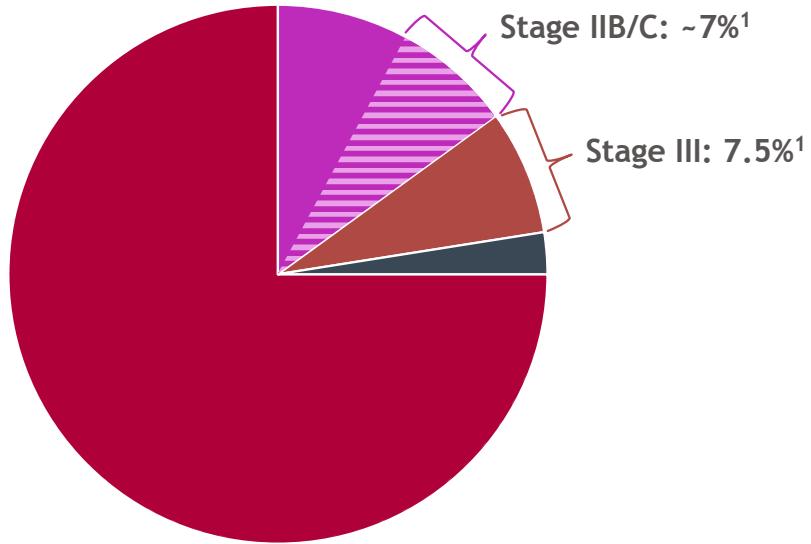
- 2,1mm met ulceratie (pT3b) of
- >4mm ongeacht ulceratie (pT4a en pT4b)
- Geen kliermeta's

Primaire melanomen (ongeacht Breslow) met kliermeta's (III)

- Alle T stadia
- N+

(Gemetastaseerde ziekte na complete resectie)

## Incidence of stage IIB/C melanoma



An estimated 7% of patients diagnosed with melanoma will have stage IIB/C disease<sup>1,a</sup>

- Similar incidence as stage III melanoma<sup>1,a</sup>
- Stage IIB/C melanoma is primarily treated with surgery; however, these patients have a high risk of recurrence following complete resection<sup>1–6</sup>

<sup>a</sup>US data. 1. Poklepovic AS, Luke JJ. *Cancer*. 2020;126:1166–1174. 2. Michielin O et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2019;30:1884–1901. 3. American Cancer Society. Treatment of melanoma skin cancer, by stage. Accessed February 1, 2023. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/melanoma-skin-cancer/treating/by-stage.html> 4. Gershenwald JE et al. *CA Cancer J Clin*. 2017;67:472–492. 5. Podlipnik S et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2016;75:516–524. 6. Bleicher J et al. *J Surg Oncol*. 2020;122:1770–1777.

# Het doel bij een adjuvante behandeling: Risico reductie op *herval* na heelkundige resectie

## PATIENT OUTCOME



TOXICITY



Primaire doel :  
RFS



Secondaire doel:  
DMFS en OS



Tertiaire doel:  
toxiciteit, quality of life

Slide developed based on the clinical expertise of the speaker.  
DMFS, distant metastasis-free survival; OS, overall survival; RFS, recurrence-free survival.

# KEYNOTE-716: Adjuvant Pembrolizumab vs Placebo in High-risk, Resected, Stage II Melanoma

Patients aged ≥12 yr with newly diagnosed, resected, high-risk stage IIB/C melanoma; negative sentinel LN biopsy; ECOG PS 0 or 1 (N = 976)

**Pembrolizumab**  
200 mg (or 2 mg/kg pediatric)  
IV Q3W for 17 cycles  
(n = 487)

**Placebo**  
IV Q3W for 17 cycles  
(n = 489)

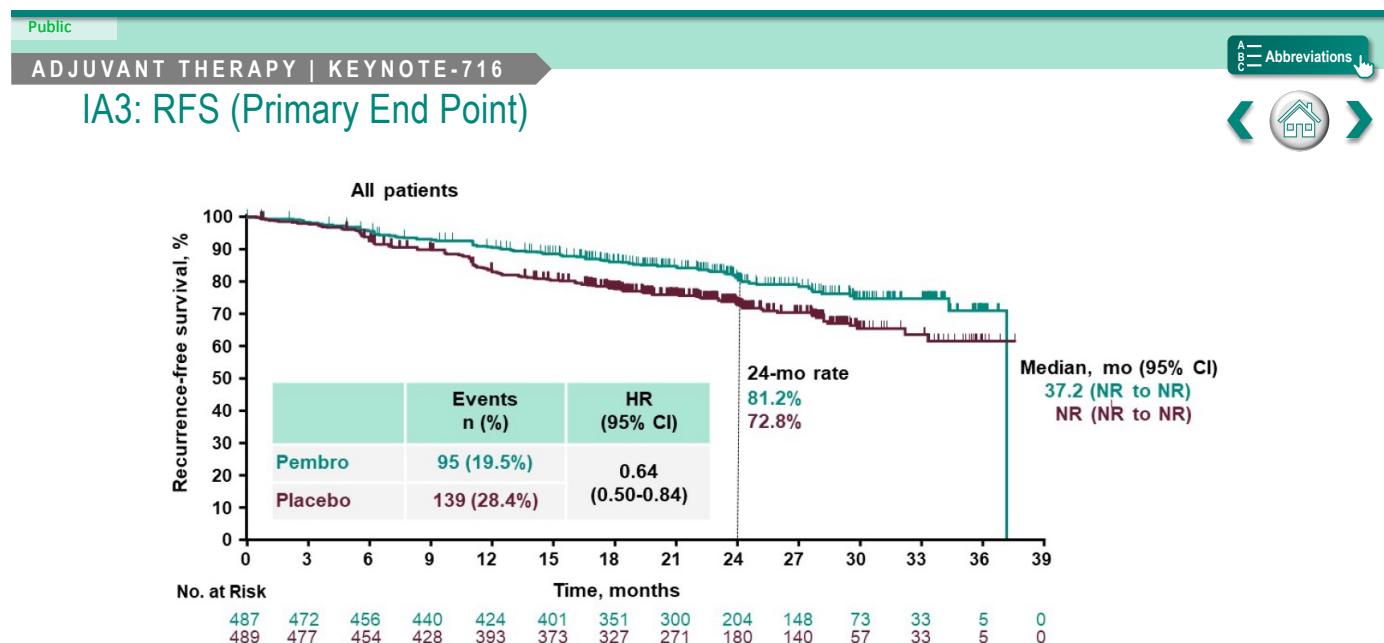
Recurrence

**Part 2: Rechallenge/Crossover**  
**Pembrolizumab**  
200 mg (or 2 mg/kg pediatric)  
IV Q3W until progression or recurrence, up to 2 yr

# Benefits of pembrolizumab adjuvant

Stadium IIb/IIc

Recidief-vrije overleving - winst van 8,4% na 2 jaar



Median follow-up of 27.4 months (range 14.0-39.4 months). Data cutoff: January 4, 2022.  
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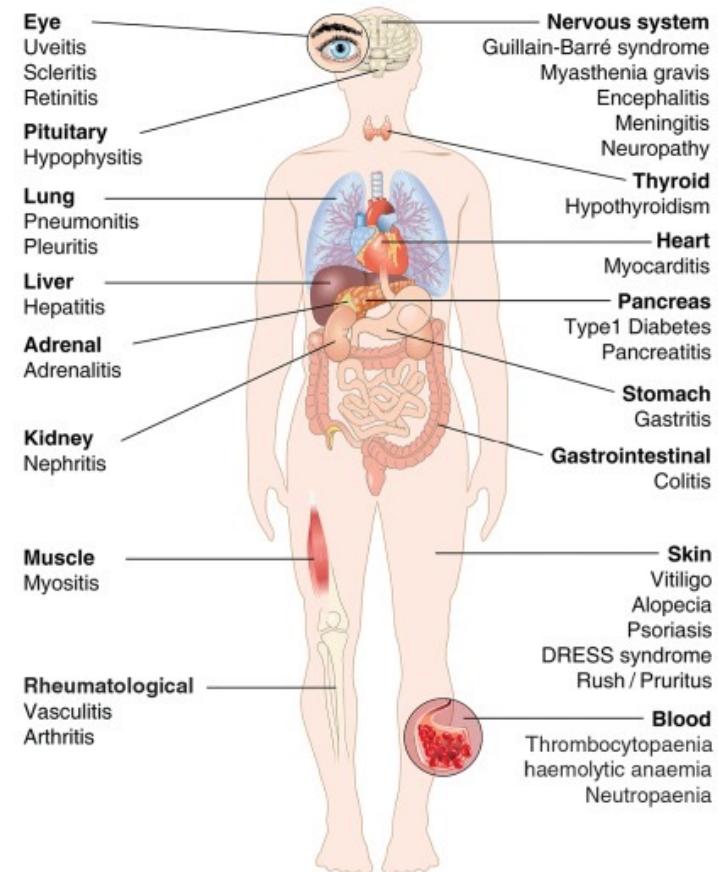


## **Knelpunt** van een adjuverende therapie

- 72% hervalt niet (nutteloos risico op tox)
- 19% hervalt ondanks (primaire resistantie)
- WINST 8%
- Cijfers zijn afh vh stadium

# Bijwerkingen

## Immune related adverse events (irAE's)



# Bijwerkingen

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A— Abbreviations  
B—  
C—

## IA3: Adverse Events in the Treated Population<sup>a</sup>



	Pembrolizumab (n=483)		Placebo (n=486)	
	Any, n (%)	Grade ≥3, n (%)	Any, n (%)	Grade ≥3, n (%)
Any cause adverse event	462 (96)	—	445 (92)	—
Any treatment-related event	400 (83)	83 (17)	309 (64)	24 (5)
Discontinued	77 (16)	—	12 (2)	—
Died	0	—	0	—
Immune-mediated events and infusion reactions	182 (38)	—	45 (9)	—
Treatment-related events occurring in ≥15% of patients in each group				
Fatigue	103 (21)	1 (<1)	92 (19)	1 (<1)
Hypothyroidism	77 (16)	0	13 (3)	0
Arthralgia	81 (17)	2 (<1)	39 (8)	0
Pruritus	119 (25)	3 (1)	52 (11)	0
Rash	78 (16)	7 (1)	34 (7)	1 (<1)
Diarrhea	90 (19)	5 (1)	56 (12)	1 (<1)

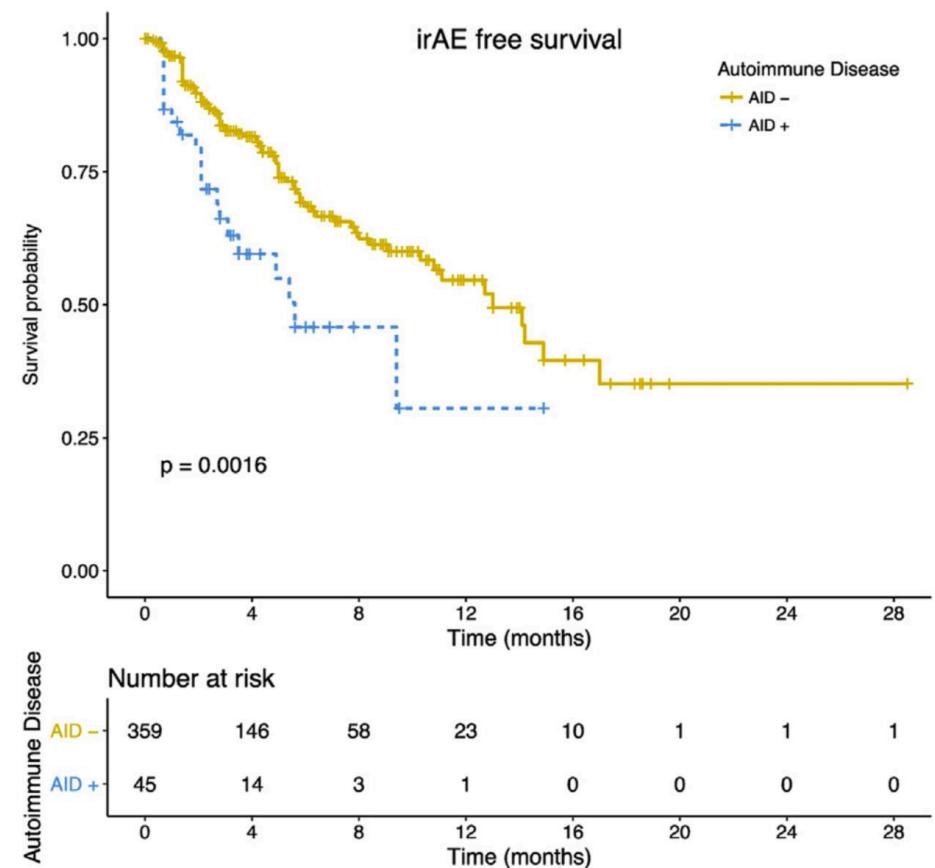
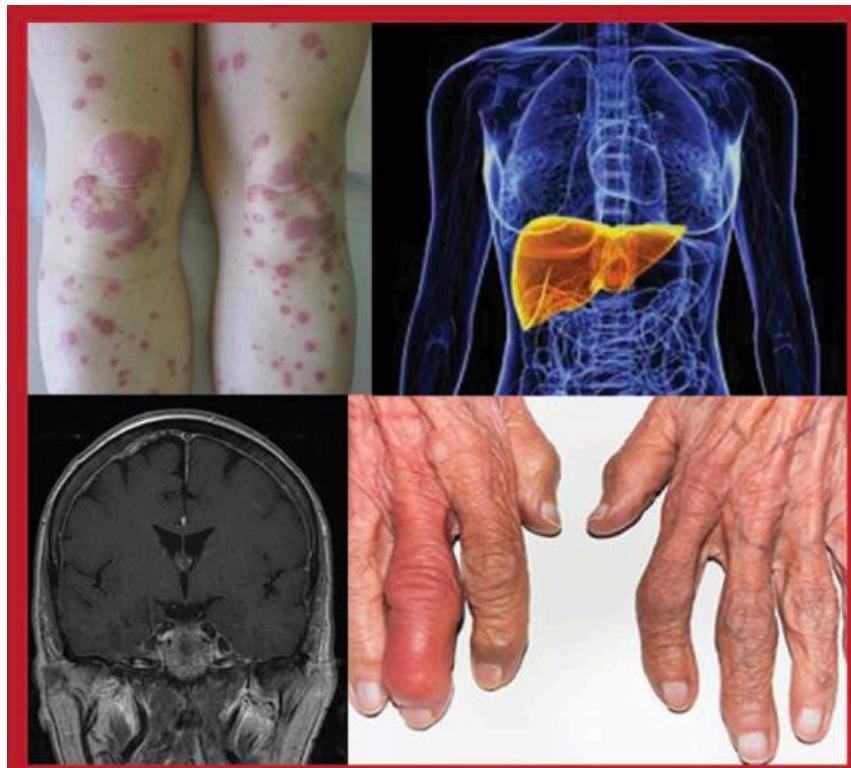
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# Patients with preexisting autoimmune disease

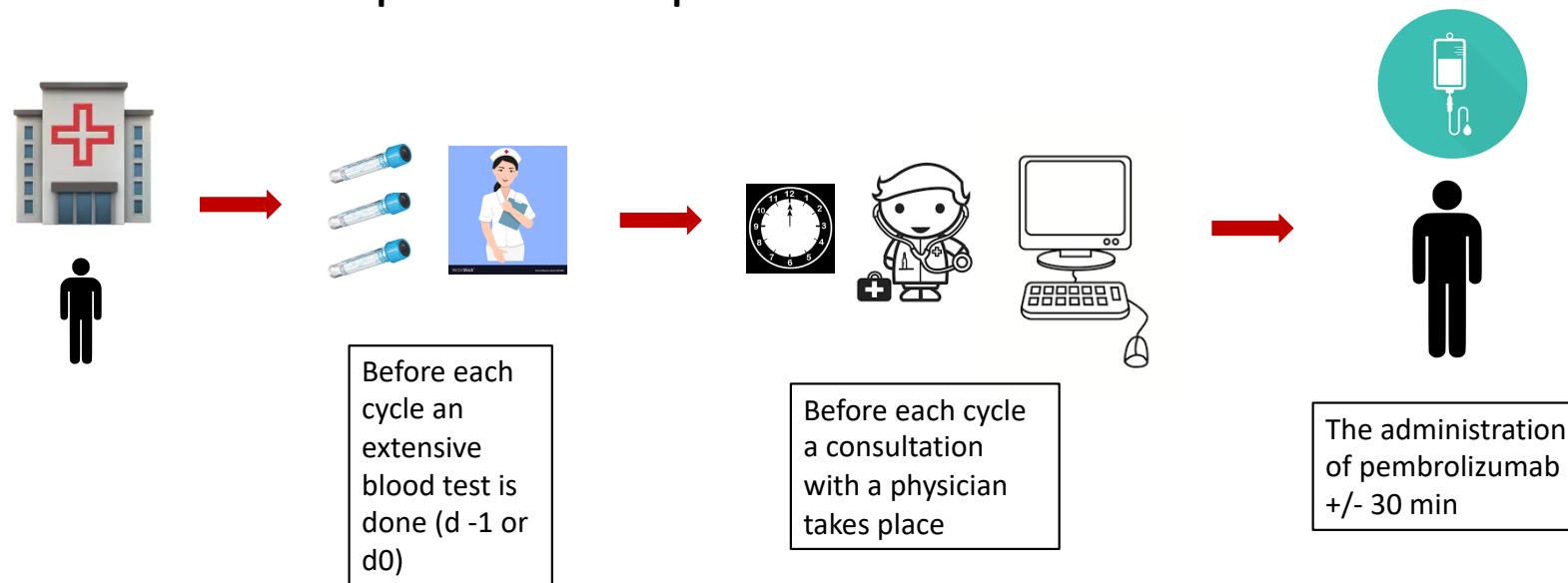


Danlos et al. Eur. J. Cancer 2018;91:21–29

# Behandeling op het dagziekenhuis



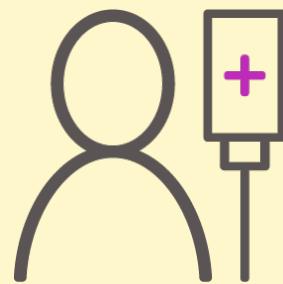
Treatment schedule – pembrolizumab q3 or 6 w



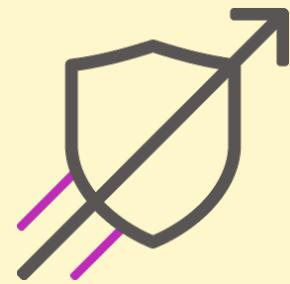
Therapieduur : 1 jaar

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# How can we improve the treatment of patients with resectable melanoma?



Optimize patient management and the patient journey



Identify biomarkers to tailor treatment to specific patients

*“Precision adjuvant treatment”*



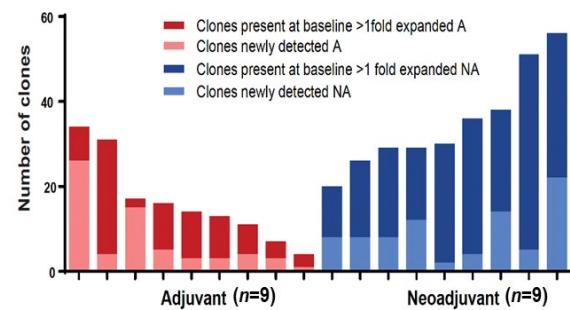
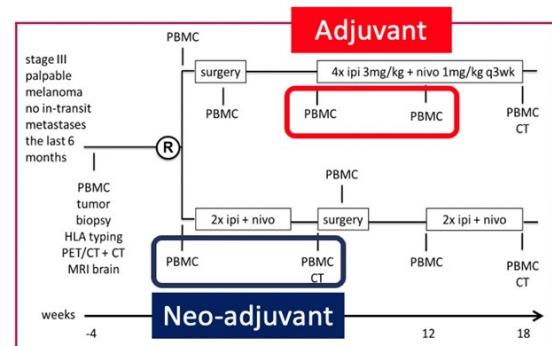
Develop new, more effective agents and combinations

## Hoe toxiciteit voorkomen?

- Door mensen die geen immuuntherapie nodig hebben niet te behandelen!
- Door minder immuuntherapie te geven
- Door andere immuuntherapie te geven

# Niet of minder behandelen

**Neoadjuvant checkpoint inhibition is thought to be superior to adjuvant due to induction of a larger and broader immune repertoire**

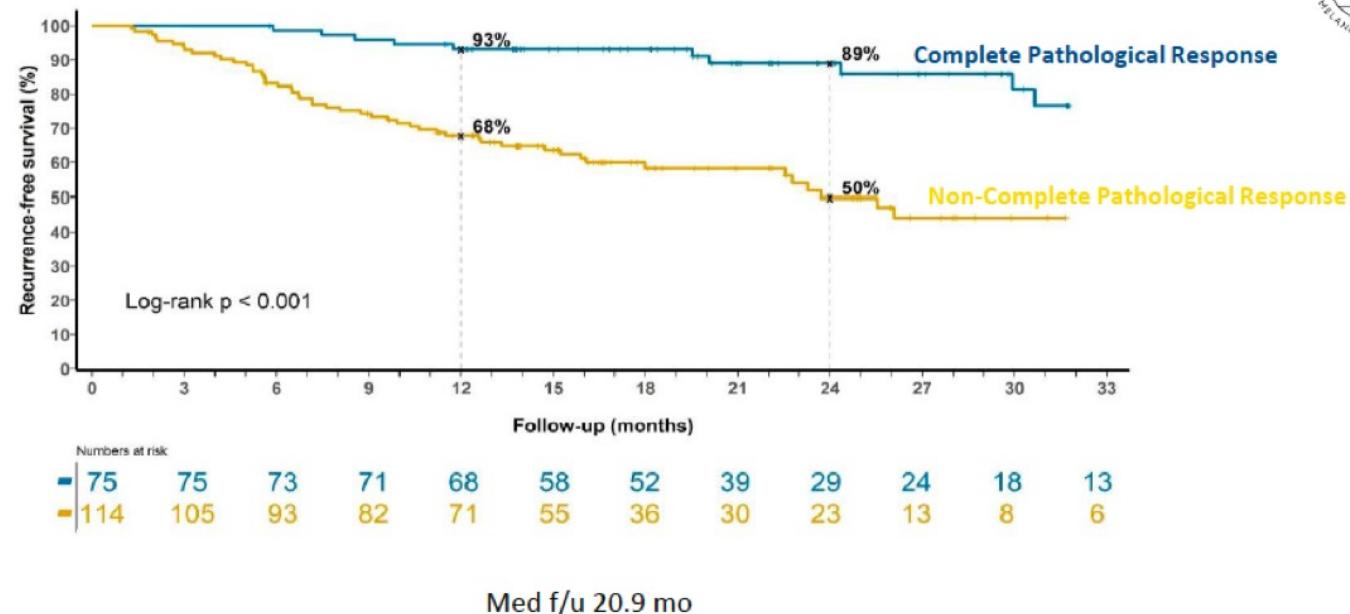


Blank et al, Nature Medicine 2018

Versluis et al, Nature Medicine 2020

# Niet of minder behandelen

## Pooled Analysis: Neoadjuvant Therapy in Stage III Melanoma RFS by Pathological Response Checkpoint Inhibitors or BRAF Targeted Therapy



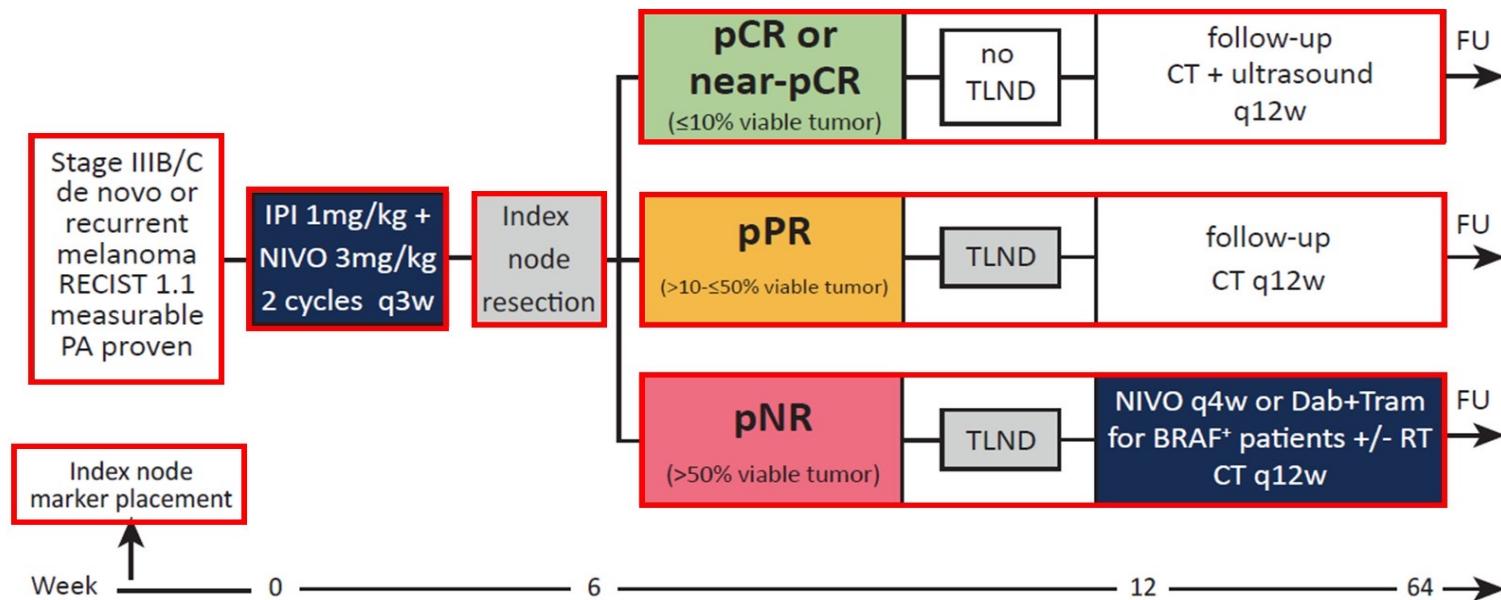
Menzies et al Nat Med 2020 ms accepted

Presented by Georgina V Long @ProfGLongMIA

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# Neo-adjuverende immunotherapie

## PRADO study design



# Minder therapie – voor de patienten met goede of complete respons na 2 cycli

## Patients with major pathologic response (MPR) had high RFS/DMFS rates

### MPR patients

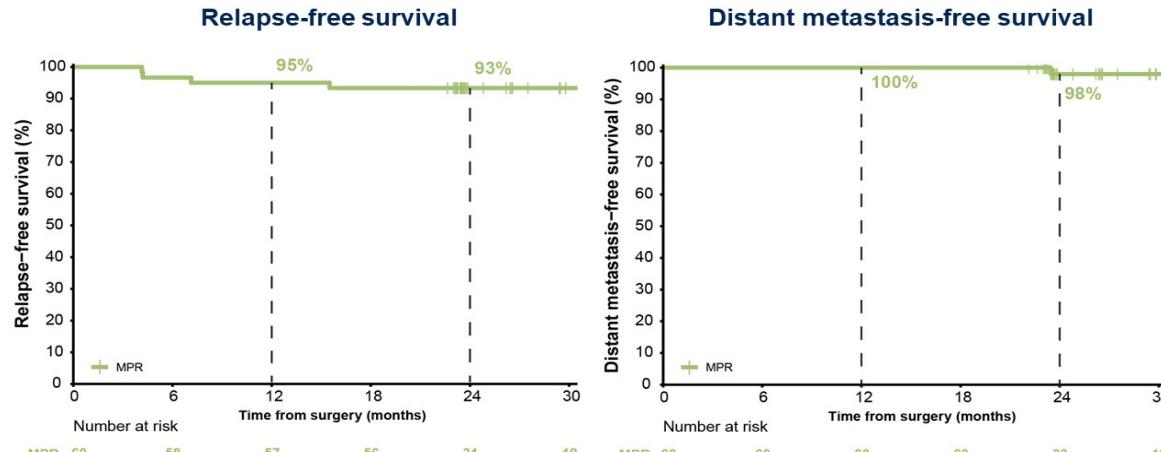
At 2 years, 4/60 MPR patients had developed a recurrence

- 3 only regional metastasis
- 1 also M1a disease (23.5mo)

These 4 patients had  $\geq 2$  positive nodes on baseline PET-scan.

- Total 28 patients with  $\geq 2$  positive nodes ( $4/28 = 14\%$  recurrences)

Primary endpoint was not met  
(null hypothesis not rejected in case of  $> 1$  recurrence)



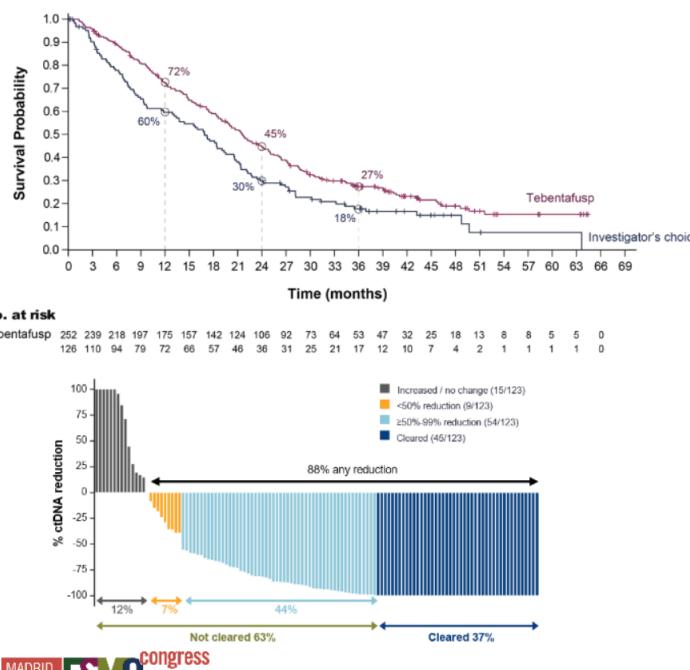
TLND omission might be safe

OpACIN-neo: 2-year RFS MPR cohort: 96%

# Minder behandelen / durven stoppen?

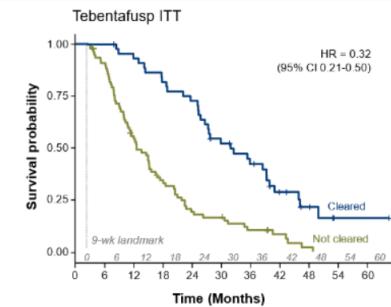
- Wanneer er geen ziekte te zien is en zelfs dan behandelen we nog even door
- Wanneer er geen **tumoraal dna (ctDNA)** in het serum terug te vinden is cfr de gegevens over Tebentafusp

LBA50 - Three-year survival with tebentafusp in previously untreated metastatic uveal melanoma in a phase 3 trial. **Sophie Piperno-Neumann et al.**



## THE WAY THEY DO IT & MAIN FINDINGS

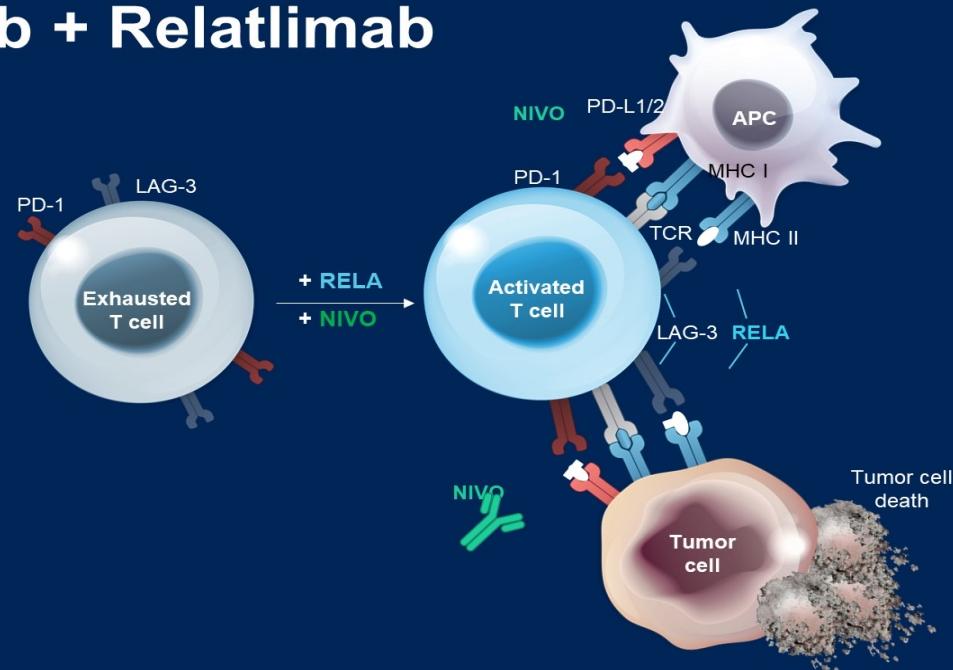
- Long term analysis of ph3 clinical trial at 3y
- 27% of patients treated with tebentafusp are still alive at 3y (9% of increment vs control)
- This benefit is seen even for patients with PD as BOR, highlighting that classic response evaluation fail to predict the benefit in this setting
- ctDNA clearance (>50%) is associated with OS



# Andere immuuntherapie / minder tox

## Rationale for Nivolumab + Relatlimab

- LAG-3 and PD-1 are distinct and often co-expressed on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes and contribute to tumor-mediated T-cell exhaustion<sup>1,2</sup>
- Relatlimab (RELA) is a human LAG-3-blocking antibody that restores effector function of exhausted T cells
- In preclinical models, LAG-3 and PD-1 blockade demonstrated synergistic antitumor activity<sup>1</sup>
- RELA + NIVO demonstrated clinically meaningful antitumor activity including durable objective responses and was well tolerated in patients with melanoma that was relapsed/refractory to anti-PD-1 therapy<sup>3,4</sup>



NIVO, nivolumab; PD-L1/2, programmed death ligand 1/2; APC, antigen-presenting cell; TCR, T-cell receptor; MHC, major histocompatibility complex.1. Woo S-R, et al. *Cancer Res* 2012;72:917–927; 2. Anderson AC, et al. *Immunity* 2016;44:989–1004. 3. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ASCO Annual Meeting; June 2–6, 2017; Chicago, IL. Abstract 9520; 4. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ESMO Congress; September 8–12, 2017; Madrid, Spain. Abstract LBA18.

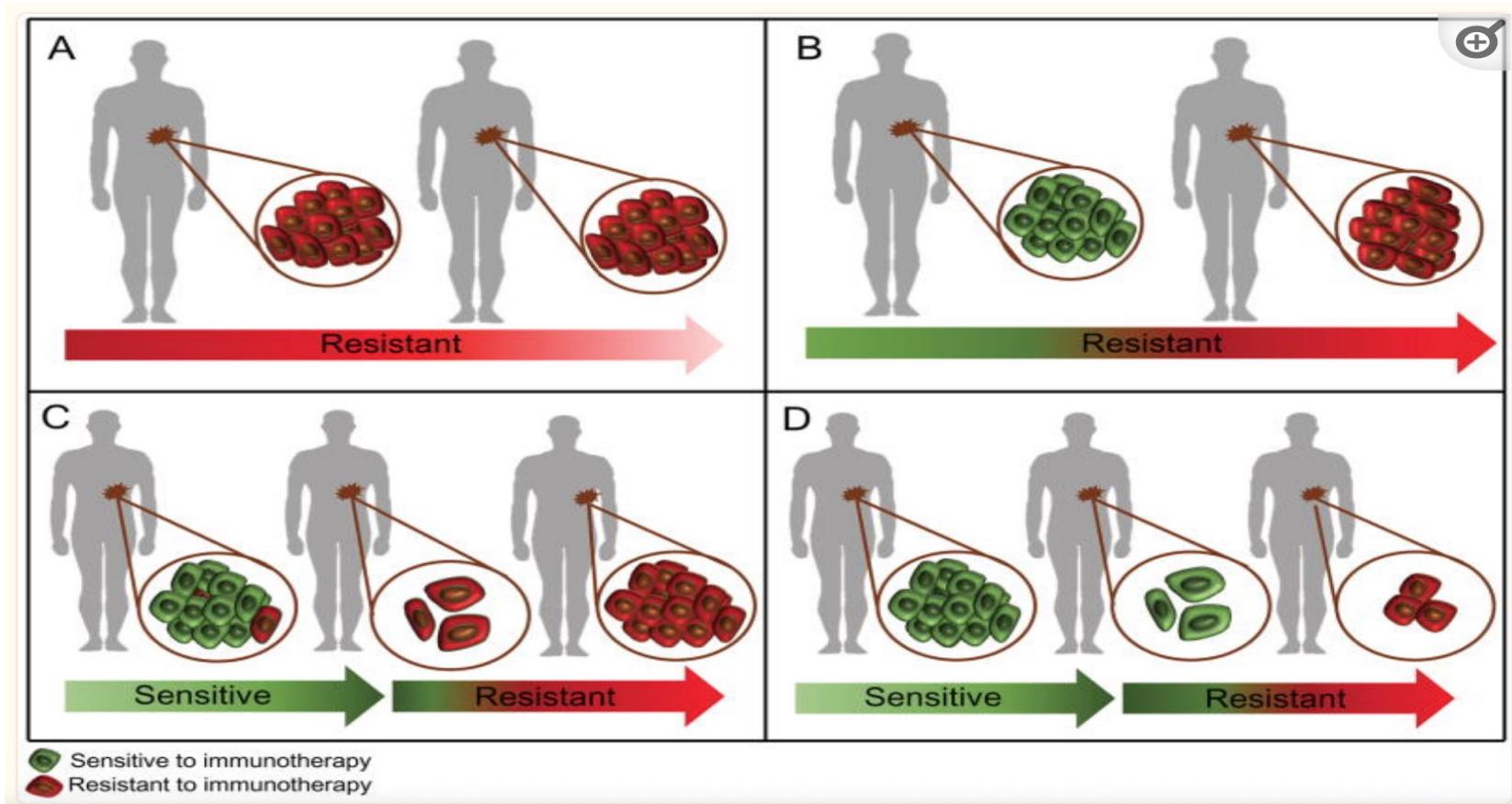
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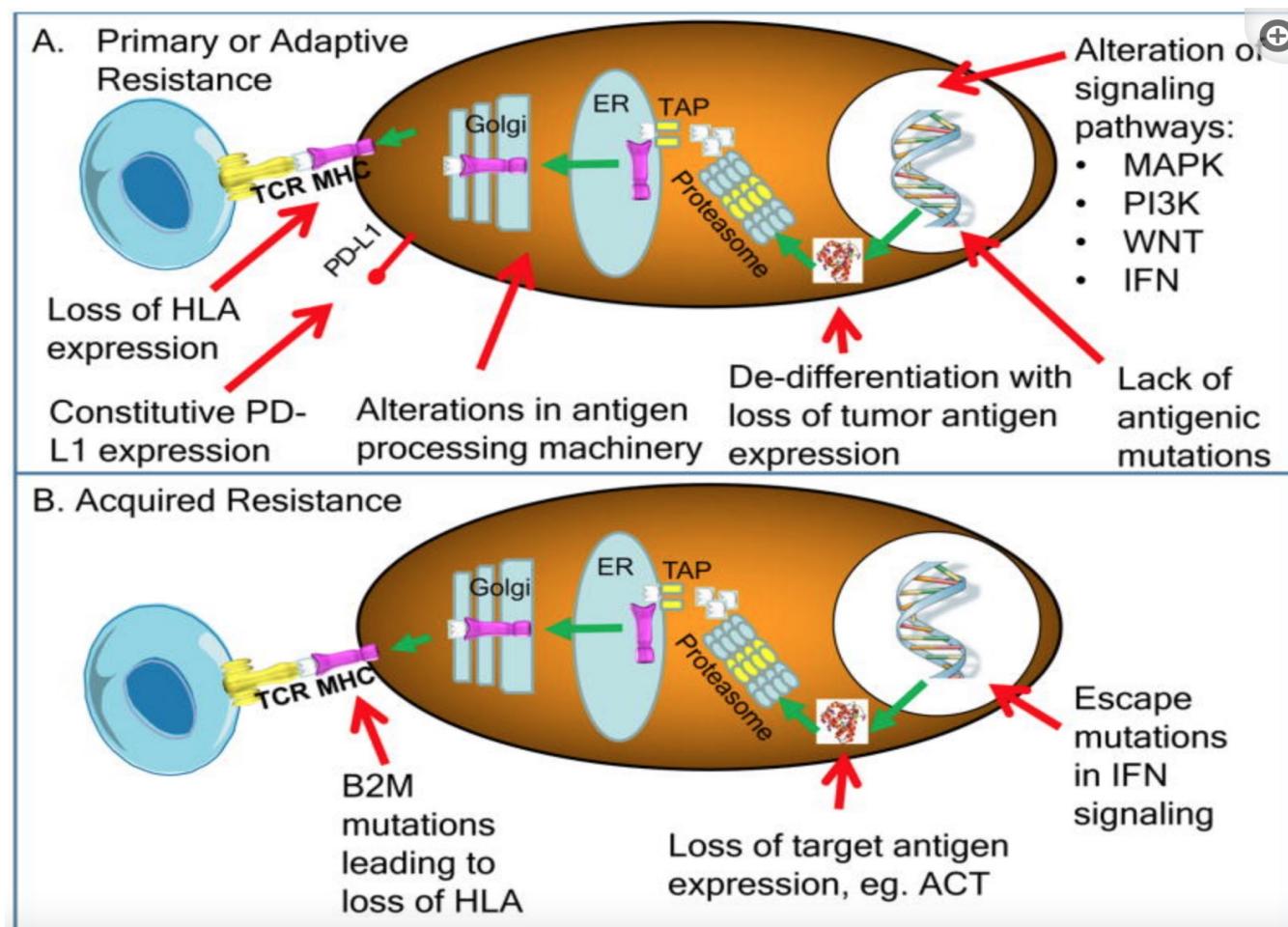
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# Primaire resistantie vs secundaire resistantie



# Primaire resistentie vs secundaire resistentie



# Wat bij primaire of secundaire resistente

Deze lijst is niet exhaustief en dient enkel als voorstelling van verschillende concepten :

- Aanbieden van tumor eiwit (vaccinaties)
- Aanbieden van actieve witte bloedcellen (TIL's)
- Nieuwe manieren om de rem op witte bloedcellen op te heffen
  - Combinatie van gekende molecules
  - Blokkeren van vooropgestelde resistantie mechanismen
- Avastine bij BM – bias (mogelijks ook effect op ss door resorptie oedeem)

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informeren, ontmoeten, ondersteunen

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