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How do we Sequence or Combine Immunotherapies with Targeted Therapies: European Perspective

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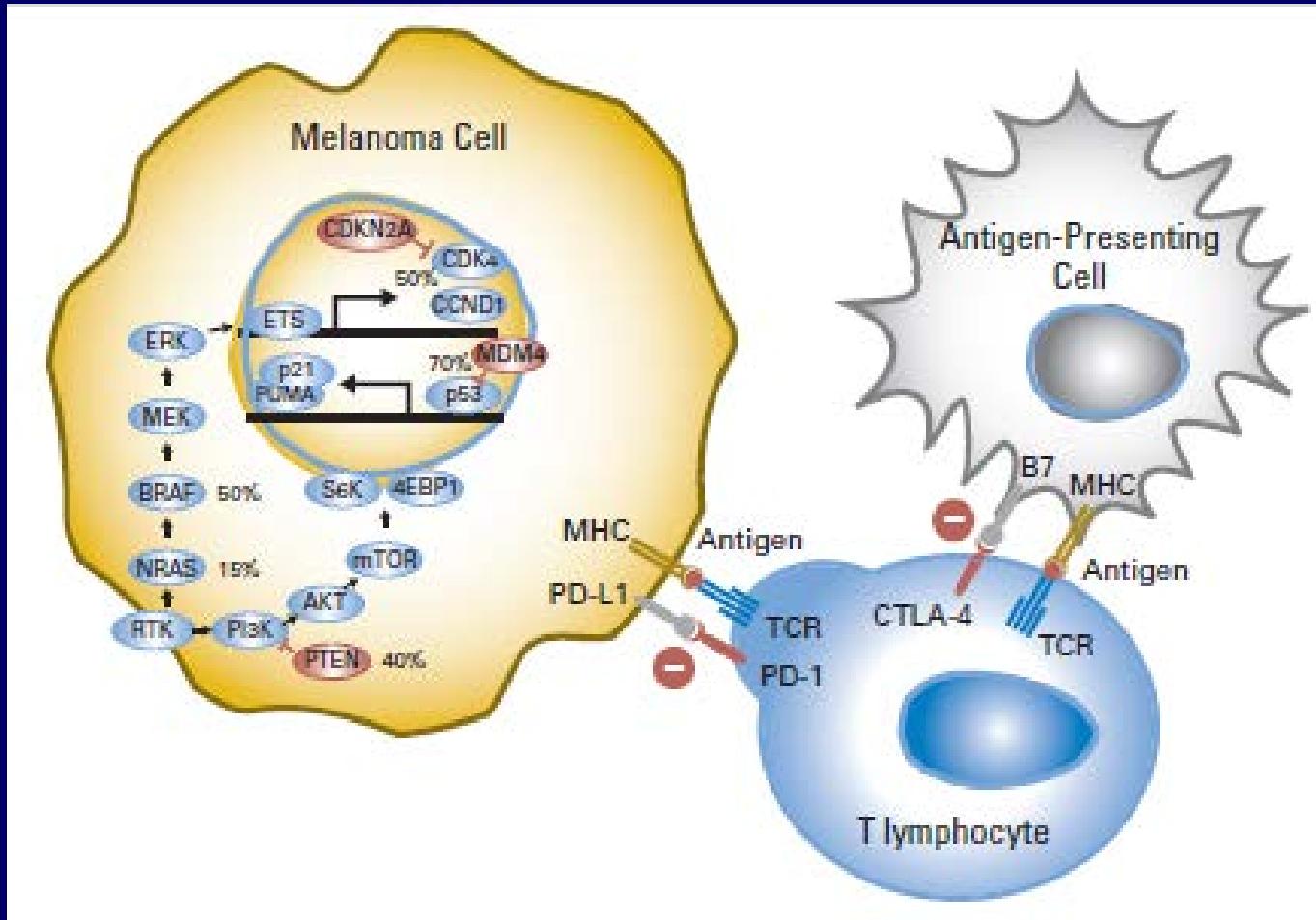
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The answer to this question is in a perspective, randomized, clinical trial

Targeting Oncogenic Drivers and the Immune System in Melanoma

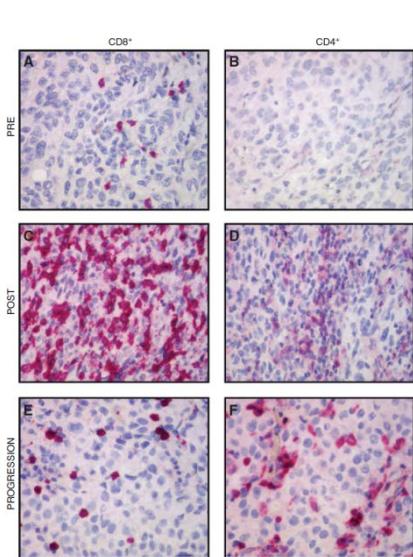




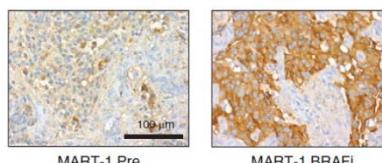
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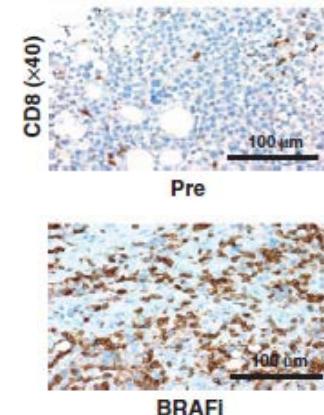
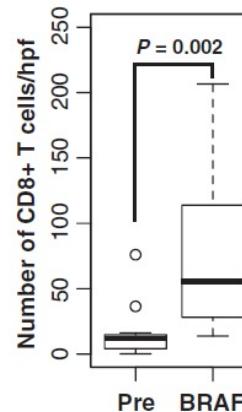
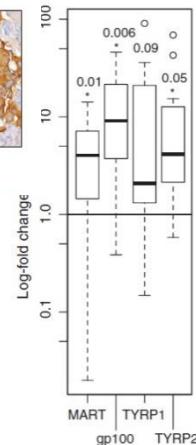
Effect of BRAF inhibitors on the immune system



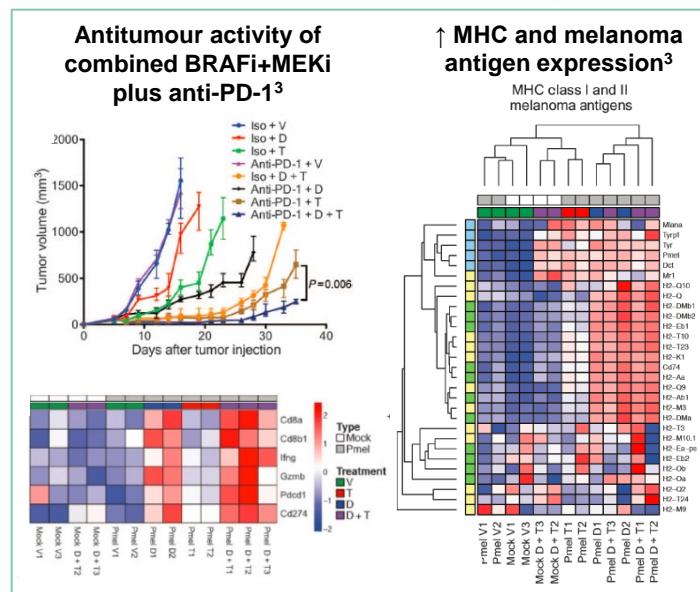
CD4+ and CD8+ increase in responder lesion and decrease in lesions which progressed



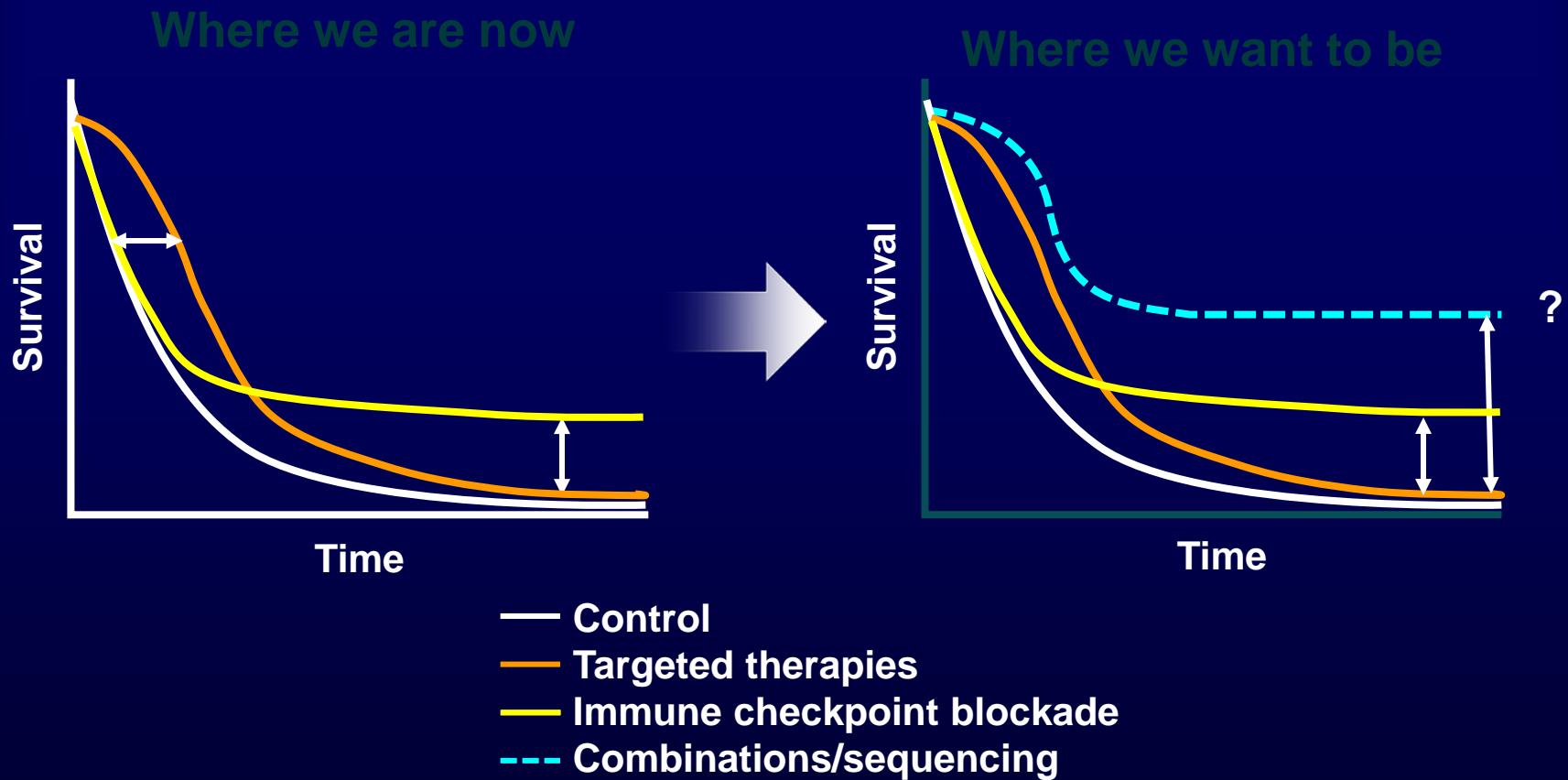
BRAF inhibition is associated with increased melanoma antigen expression in tumours of patients with metastatic melanoma



BRAF inhibition is associated with increased CD8+ T-cell infiltrate in tumours of patients with metastatic melanoma



Hypothetical effect of targeting distinct and potentially complementary immune evasion pathways: advanced melanoma



Hypothetical slide illustrating a scientific concept, and is beyond data available to date
These charts are not intended to predict what may actually be observed in clinical studies

1. Adapted from Ribas A, presented at WCM, 2013; 2. Ribas A, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2012;18:336–341
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Hepatotoxicity with Combination of Vemurafenib and Ipilimumab

TO THE EDITOR: There has been great interest in testing combination therapy with the BRAF inhibitor vemurafenib and the cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen 4 (CTLA-4)-blocking antibody ipilimumab, currently the only two agents approved for the treatment of advanced melanoma on the basis of improved overall survival.¹ Vemurafenib and ipilimumab have different mechanisms of action, and preclinical studies have suggested that BRAF inhibitors may enhance immune-cell function and antigen presentation.²⁻⁵ The only clinically significant overlapping toxic effects for these agents are in skin and liver, which rarely limit their use in patients. Therefore, ample rationale exists to investigate combined therapy with these two agents.

Table 1. Data for Patients with Grade 3 Elevations in Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) and Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) Levels While Receiving Combination Therapy with Vemurafenib and Ipilimumab.⁶

Study Cohort and Patient No.	No. of Doses of Ipilimumab before ALT-AST Elevation	Time to Onset of ALT-AST Elevation after First Dose of Ipilimumab	Treatment	Time to Resolution of ALT-AST Elevation	Toxicity Relapse with Repeated Ipilimumab
First cohort					
4	1	21 days	Glucocorticoids; vemurafenib discontinued for 5 days and then restarted with dose reduction; ipilimumab permanently discontinued	4 days	NA
5	2	36 days	Glucocorticoids; vemurafenib discontinued for 4 days and then restarted with dose reduction; ipilimumab continued (2 doses)	6 days	No
6†	1	21 days	Glucocorticoids; vemurafenib discontinued for 5 days and then restarted with dose reduction; ipilimumab continued (1 dose)	6 days	No
8	1	19 days	Glucocorticoids; vemurafenib discontinued for 4 days and then restarted with dose reduction; ipilimumab continued (1 dose)	12 days	Yes
Second cohort					
10	1	15 days	Glucocorticoids; vemurafenib discontinued for 7 days and then restarted with dose reduction; ipilimumab permanently discontinued	10 days	NA
16‡	1	13 days	Vemurafenib and ipilimumab permanently discontinued	20 days	NA



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- Sequential treatment with ipilimumab and targeted therapies may be a more appropriate therapeutic approach

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Jang, S, Atkins M. Lancet Oncol 2013;14:e60–9
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Summary of Published Data in Combination with Targeted Agents (cont'd)



- What about the combo anti-PD-1/PD-L1 with Target Therapy ?

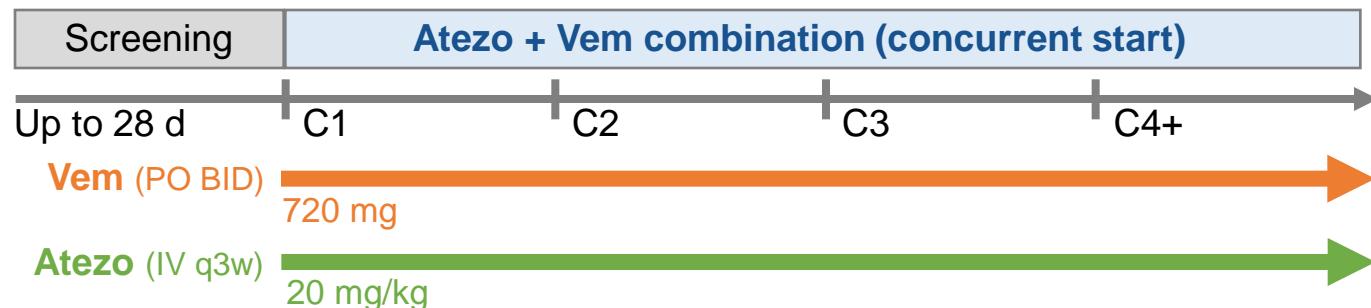
Preliminary clinical safety, tolerability and activity results from a Phase Ib study of atezolizumab (anti-PDL1) combined with vemurafenib in BRAF^{V600} mutant metastatic melanoma

Ryan Sullivan,¹ Omid Hamid,² Manish Patel,³ F. Stephen Hodi,¹ Rodabe Amaria,⁴ Peter Boasberg,² Jeffrey Wallin,⁵ Xian He,⁵ Edward Cha,⁵ Nicole Richie,⁵ Marcus Ballinger,⁵ Patrick Hwu⁴

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Study Design

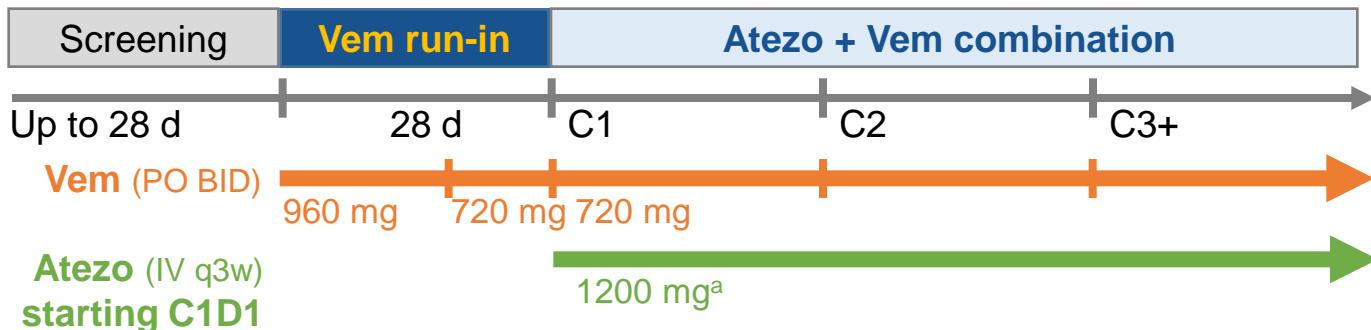
Cohort 1



Cohort 2



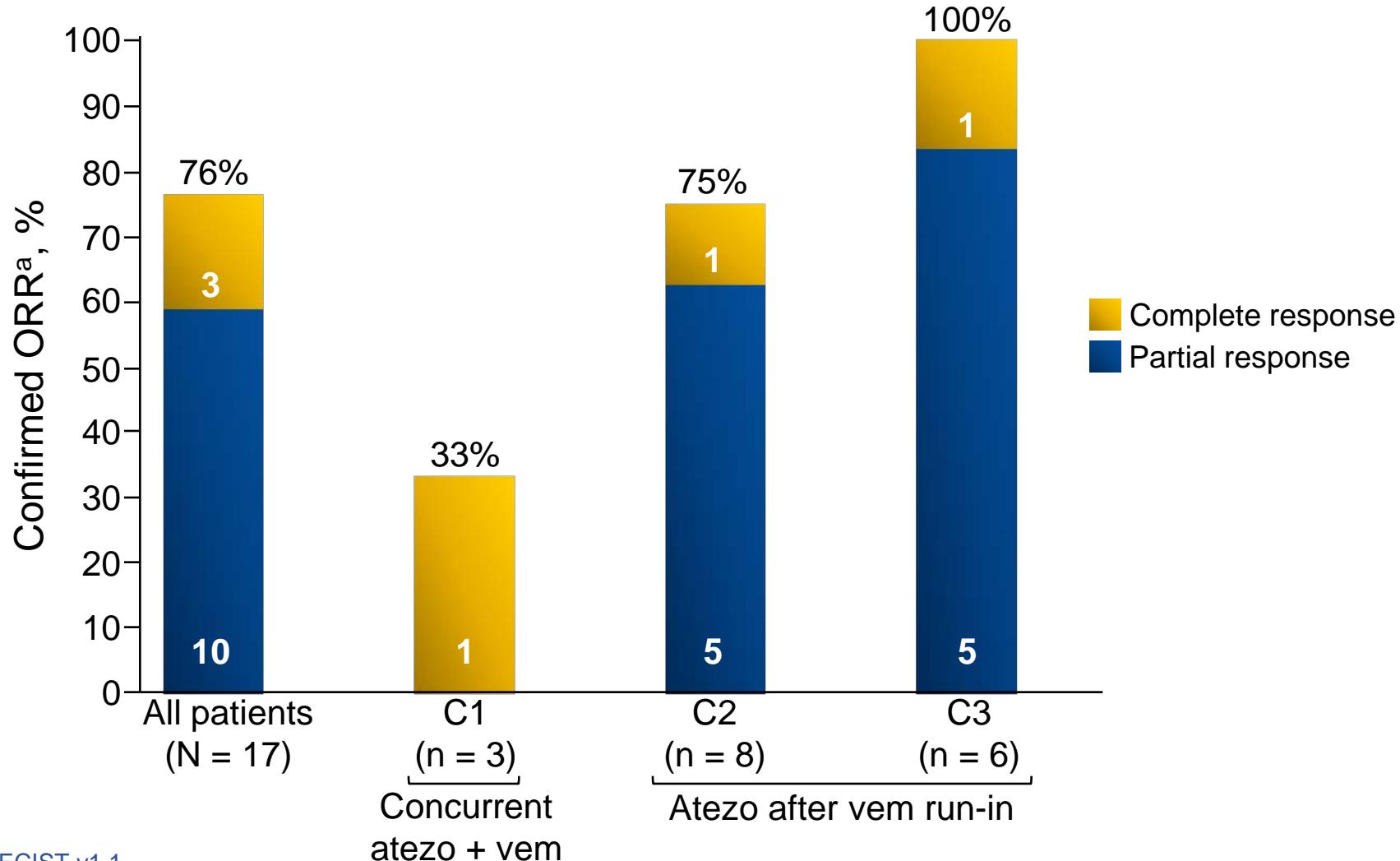
Cohort 3



- Treatment continuation until intolerable toxicity or loss of clinical benefit

^aWeight-based dosing of atezolizumab updated to comparable fixed dose during Cohort 3.

Efficacy: Objective Response Rate



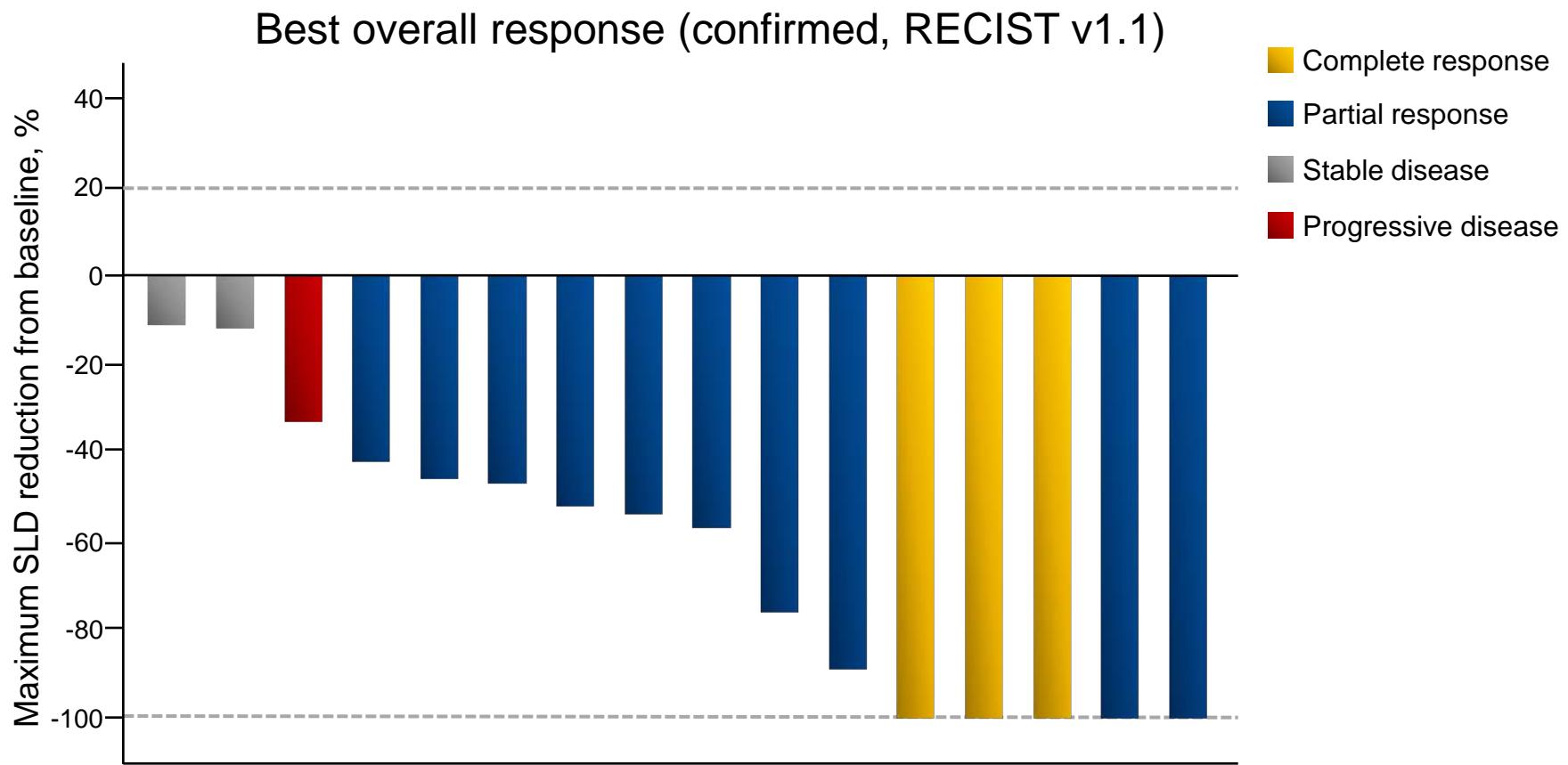
^aPer RECIST v1.1.

C1, Cohort 1; C2, Cohort 2; C3, Cohort 3.

Numbers within bars represent number of patients responding within each cohort.

Data cut-off September 8, 2015.

Efficacy: Best Change in Tumor Burden



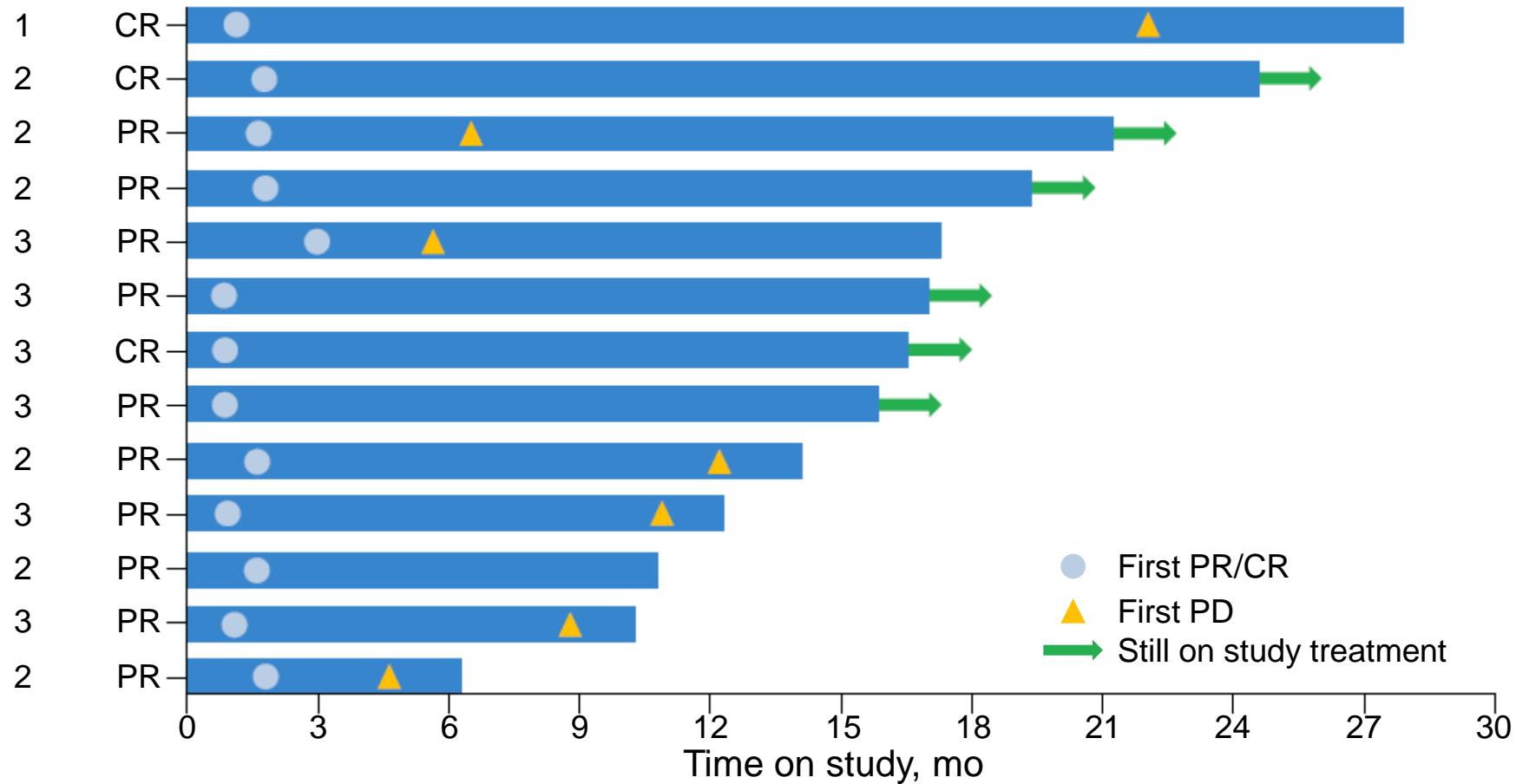
- 16/16 (100%) patients evaluable for tumor response had reduction in target lesions^a

^aOne additional patient was not evaluable for post-baseline target lesion change.

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Efficacy: Duration of Treatment and Response

Cohort Response



Median duration of response: 20.9 mo (6.9, NE)

Safety Summary

	All N = 17	Concurrent atezo + vem	Staggered atezo + vem	
		C1 n = 3	C2 n = 8	C3 n = 6
Median safety follow-up, mo	12.3	6.5	10.6	14.2
All treatment-emergent AEs	100%	100%	100%	100%
Grade 3 atezo-related AEs	41%	67%	38%	33%
Grade 3 vem-related AEs (during combination period)	59%	100%	50%	50%

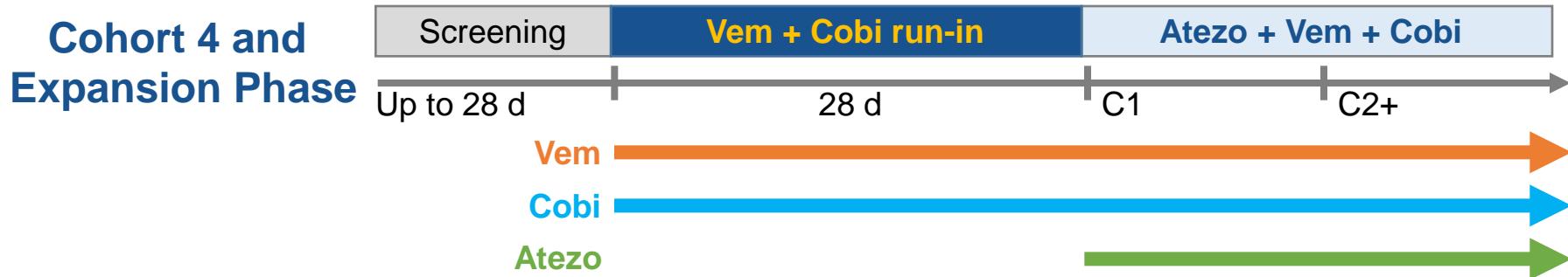
- No treatment-related G4 AEs occurred
- No G5 AEs occurred
- Treatment-related SAEs included pyrexia and dehydration (n = 1), which were resolved
- No atezo-related AEs resulted in treatment discontinuation

Staggered dosing of atezo + vem after vem run-in was better tolerated than concurrent dosing

Additional Cohorts: Triple Combination Therapy Including the MEK Inhibitor Cobimetinib

- Improved clinical benefit observed when vemurafenib combined with cobimetinib in patients with unresectable or metastatic *BRAF*^{V600}-mutated melanoma¹
 - mPFS increased from 7.2 mo to 12.3 mo
 - ORR increased from 50% to 70%
- Vem + cobi treatment resulted in superior OS vs vem + placebo treatment in this patient population²
- Triple combination therapy (atezo + vem + cobi) might further enhance clinical benefit

Run-in with vem + cobi, followed by atezo + vem + cobi combination treatment



- Currently enrolling patients

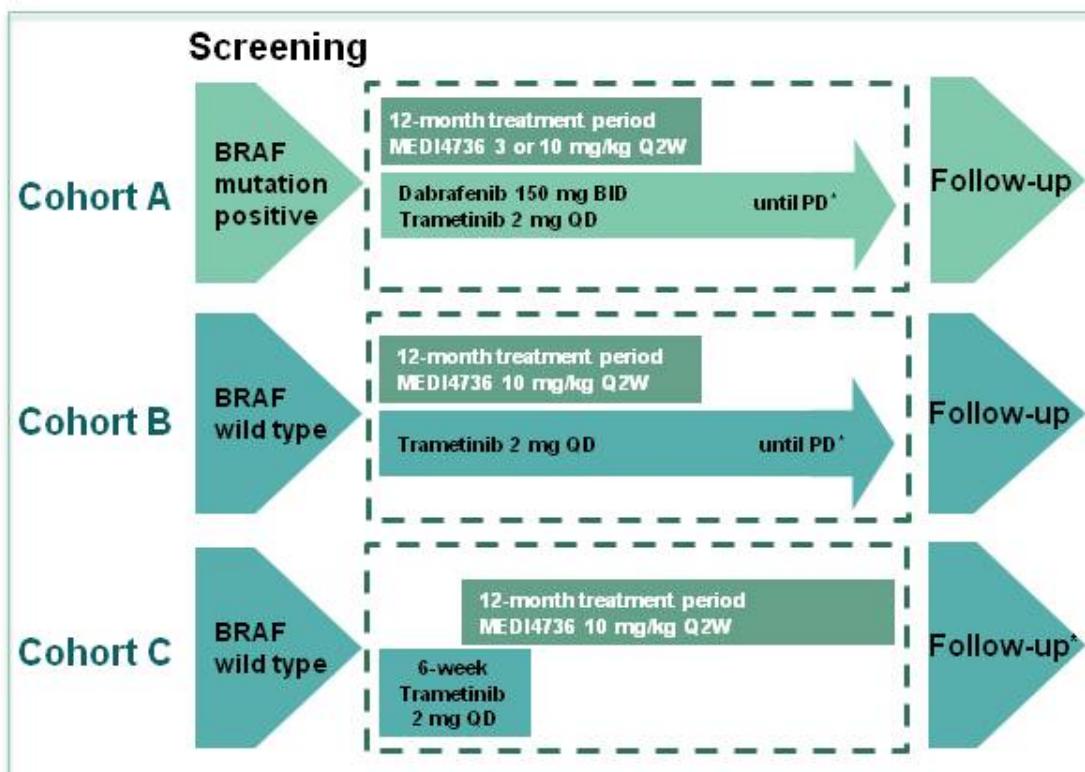
Cobi, cobimetinib.

1. COTELLIC (cobimetinib) prescribing information, Genentech, 2015.

2. Atkinson et al., SMR 2015.

MEDI4736 in Combination with Targeted Agents

Study design and population



Key inclusion criteria

- Stage IIIC/IV melanoma
- BRAF mutation status
 - Cohort A: confirmed *BRAFV600E/K* mutation positive
 - Cohort B and C: confirmed *BRAFV600E/K* mutation negative
- ECOG PS 0–1
- Adequate organ and marrow function
- Prior immunotherapy permitted:
 - anti-CTLA-4
 - anti-PD-1/anti-PD-L1
- Measurable disease required

Key exclusion criteria

- Active or prior autoimmune disease
- Prior BRAF or MEK inhibitor therapy
- Prior severe or persistent irAE

BID, twice daily; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; irAE, immune-related adverse event;
PD, progressive disease; Q2W, every 2 weeks; QD, once daily; SD, stable disease
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Patient baseline demographics

Characteristic	Cohort A (n=26)	Cohort B (n=20)	Cohort C (n=19)
	D + T + M	T + M	T → M
Mean age, years (range)	47.2 (23–71)	62.2 (31–85)	58.7 (34–84)
Sex			
Male (%)	14 (54)	13 (65)	10 (53)
ECOG status			
0 (%)	19 (73)	13 (65)	---
1 (%)	5 (19)	7 (35)	---
NA (%)	2 (8)	0 (0)	19 (100) ^a
Mutation status			
BRAF WT (%)	0 (0)	20 (100)	19 (100)
BRAF V600E (%)	19 (73)	0 (0)	0 (0)
BRAF V600E/K (%)	7 (27)	0 (0)	0 (0)
NRAS (%)	0 (0)	3 (15)	6 (32)
Stage at study entry			
Stage III (%)	5 (19)	2 (10)	4 (21)
Stage IV (%)	21 (81)	18 (90)	15 (79)
Median no. prior systemic regimens (range)	0 (0–2)	2 (0–4)	1 (0–4)
Patients who received prior systemic therapy, n (%)	10 (38)	12 (60)	14 (74)
Patients who received prior immunotherapy in adjuvant or metastatic setting, n			
Anti-CTLA-4 (%)	6 (23)	11 (55)	8 (42)
Anti-PD-1 (%)	0 (0)	6 (30)	5 (26)
Cytokine-based therapy (%)	7 (27)	7 (35)	6 (32)

Median follow-up duration:

- Cohort A 7.1 mo
- Cohort B 6.8 mo
- Cohort C 3.7 mo

Median exposure duration:

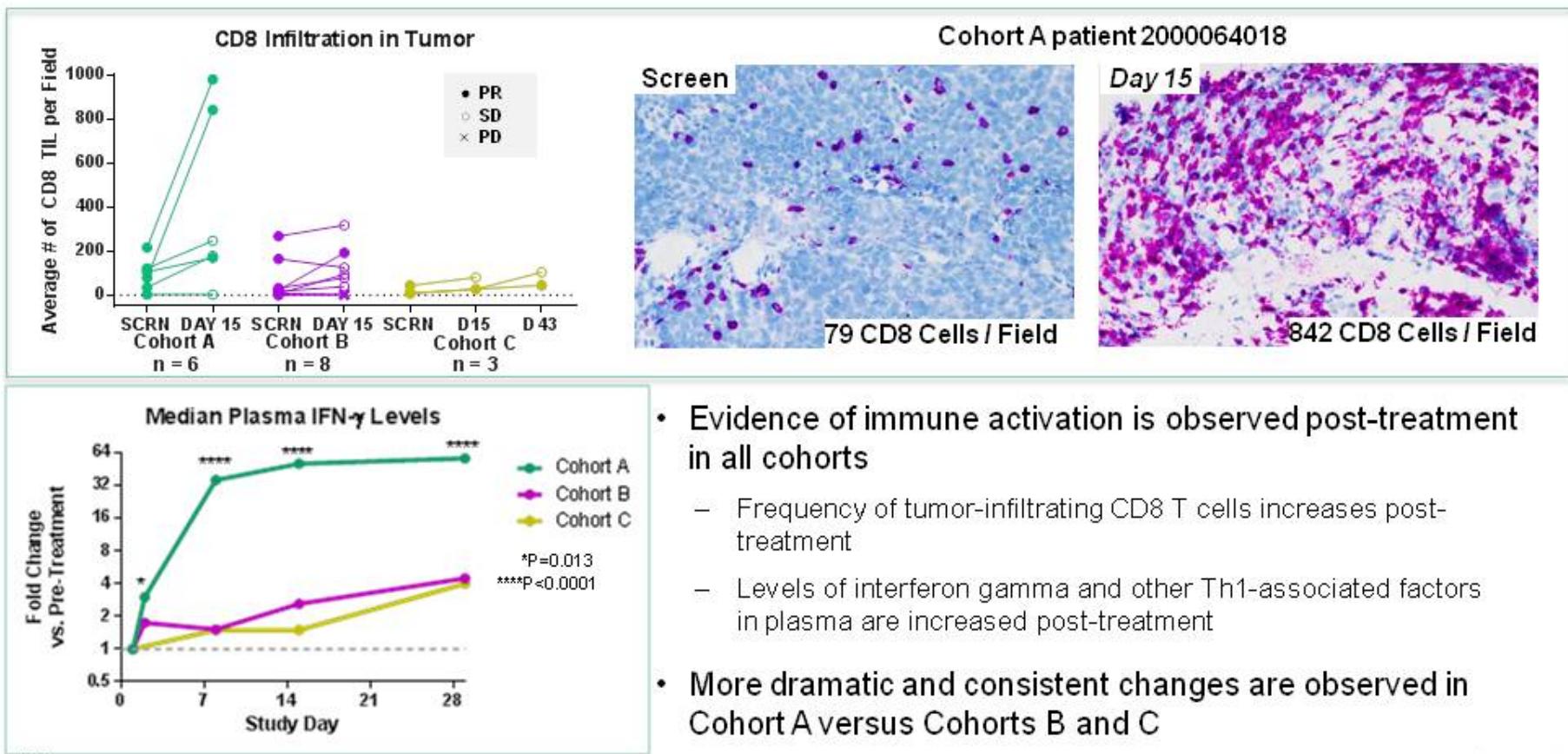
- Cohort A 6.4 mo
- Cohort B 4.1 mo
- Cohort C 2.7 mo

^aPer protocol, ECOG status for Cohort C was not collected prior to first dose of study drug, but all patients were required to be ECOG 0 to 1 per eligibility criteria

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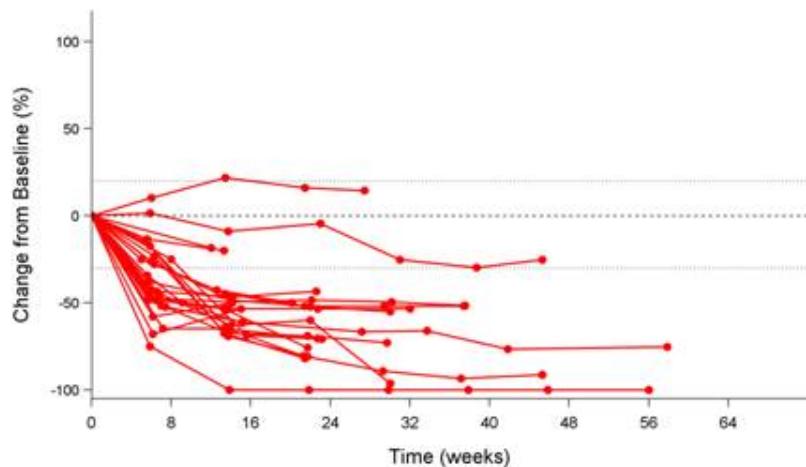
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Immune activation post-treatment



Tumor size change and time to response: Cohort A

Cohort A (D+T+M)
Tumor size change from baseline



Cohort A (D+T+M)

Time to response and duration of response

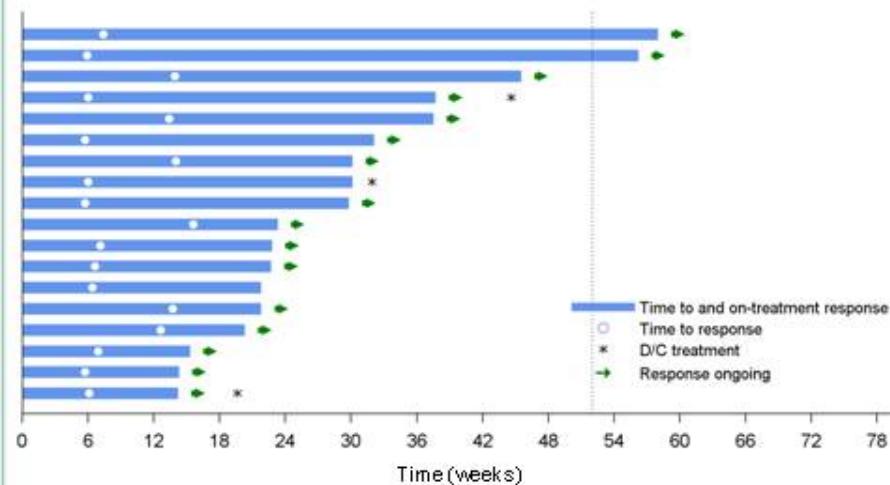
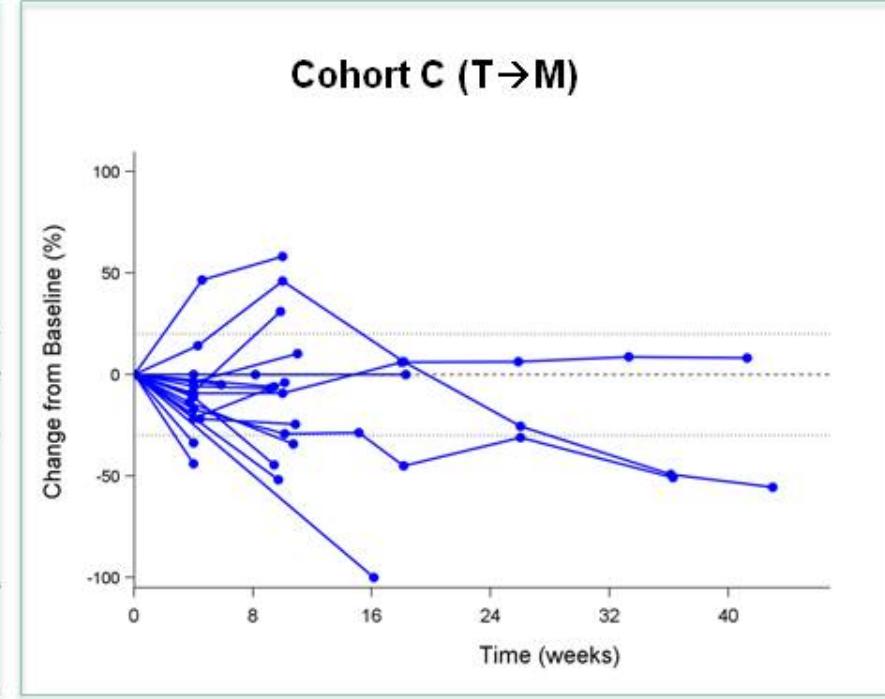
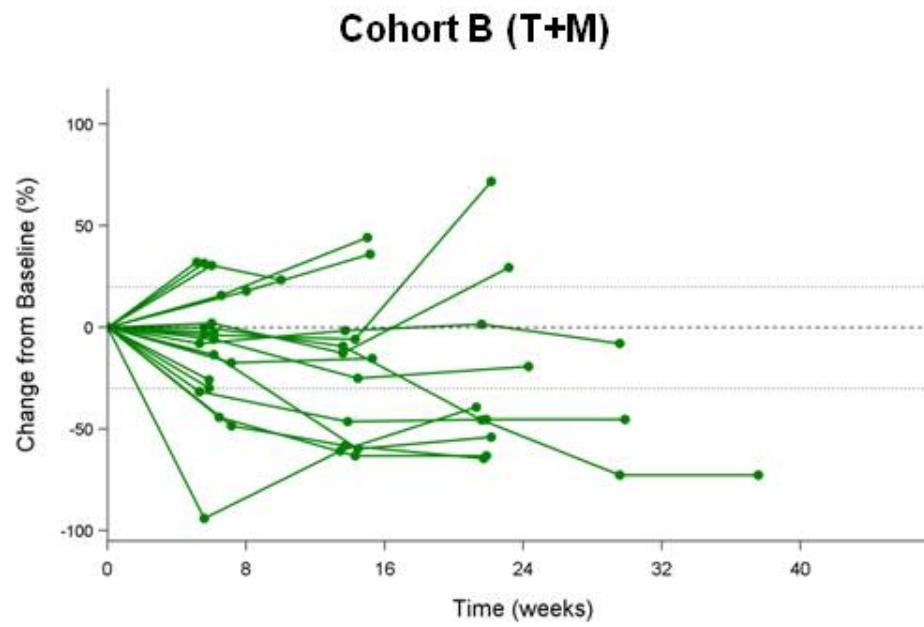


Figure includes subjects with confirmed response in response evaluable population;
D/C treatment=Discontinuation of the regimen

Tumor size change from baseline: Cohort B and Cohort C



As-treated population. Data cut-off: 7 May 2015
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Summary of drug-related adverse events

Drug-Related Adverse Event (AE), n (%) ^a	Cohort A (n=26)	Cohort B (n=20)	Cohort C (n=19)
	D + T + M	T + M	T → M (sequential)
Any AE	26 (100)	20 (100)	18 (95)
Grade ≥3 AE	12 (46)	9 (45)	9 (47)
Serious AE	8 (31)	4 (20)	4 (21)
AE leading to discontinuation of any drug ^b	3 (12)	3 (15)	4 (21)
AE leading to death	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
AE related to MEDI4736	14 (54)	7 (35)	8 (42)
AE related to dabrafenib and/or trametinib	22 (85)	19 (95)	15 (79)

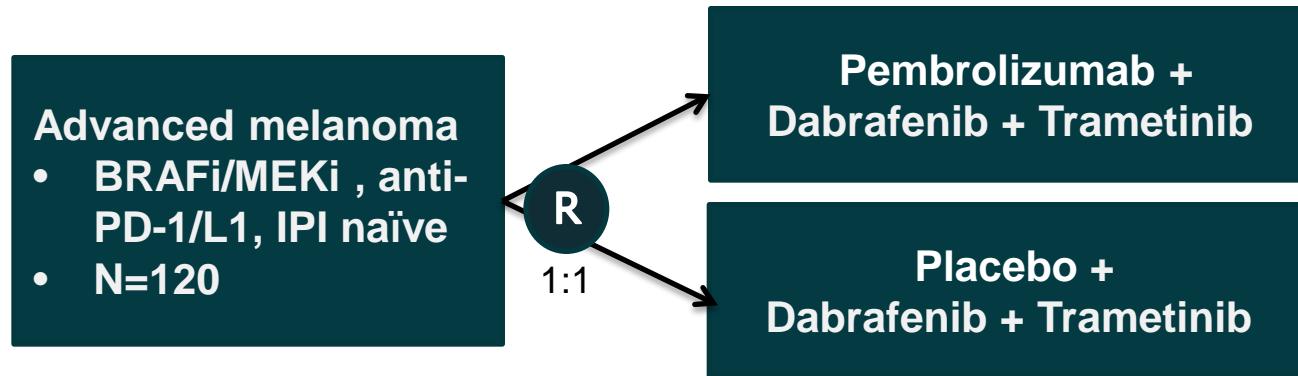
- Dose-limiting toxicities were observed in two patients:
 - reversible Grade 3 thrombocytopenia in Cohort A1 (MEDI4736 3 mg/kg)
 - reversible Grade 3 choroidal effusion in Cohort B
- Full doses of all agents were tolerable and chosen for expansion:
 - MEDI4736 10 mg/kg Q2W + dabrafenib 150 mg BID +/or trametinib 2 mg QD

^aPatients counted once per category regardless of number of events. ^bIn Cohort A (n=3): platelet count decreased (n=1), pyrexia (n=1), and pyrexia, myalgia, and arthralgia in 1 patient. In Cohort B (n=3): skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders (n=1), retinal vein occlusion (n=1), and blurred vision and choroidal effusion with ciliary body shutdown in 1 patient. In Cohort C (n=4): elevated LFTs (n=1), creatinine kinase elevation (n=1), skin urticaria (n=1) and lipase increased (n=1).

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KEYNOTE-022 Phase 2 Trial Design



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Interim Analysis for early efficacy signal

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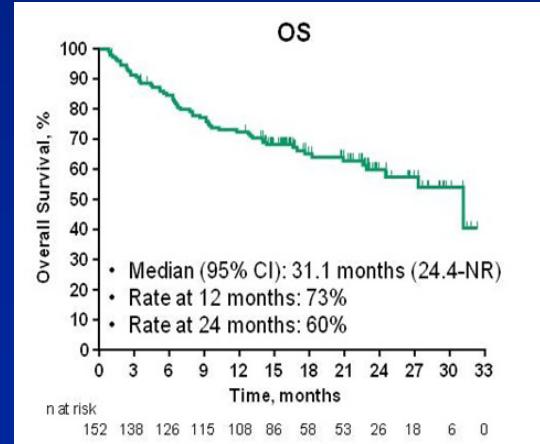
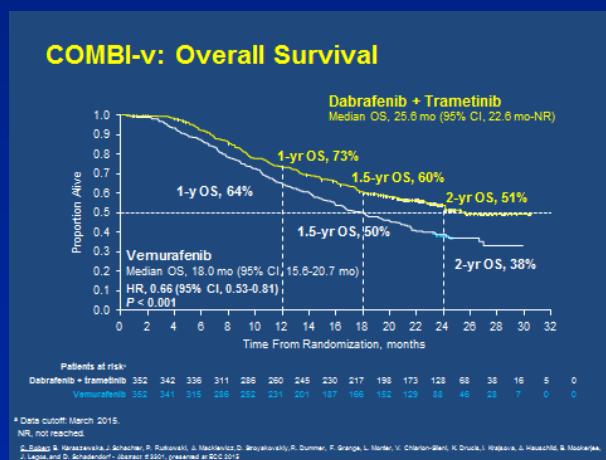
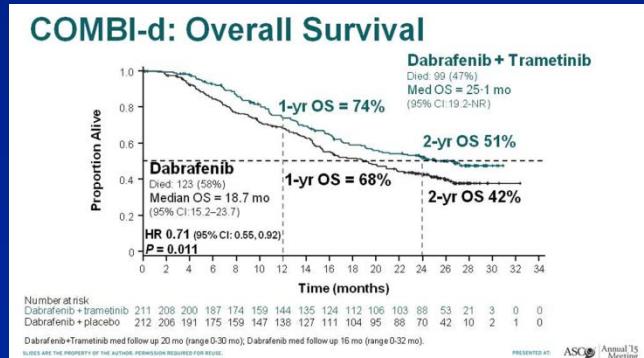


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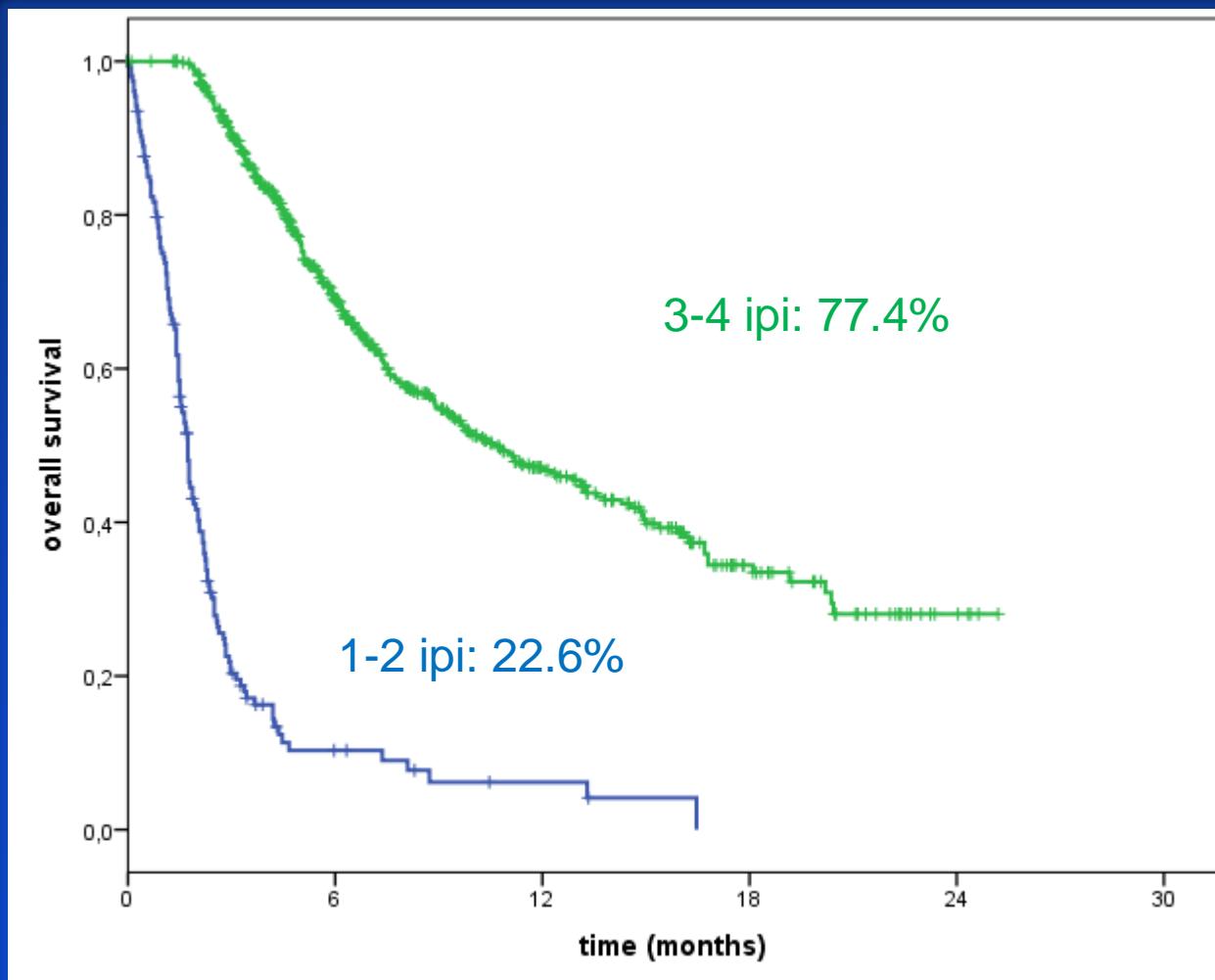
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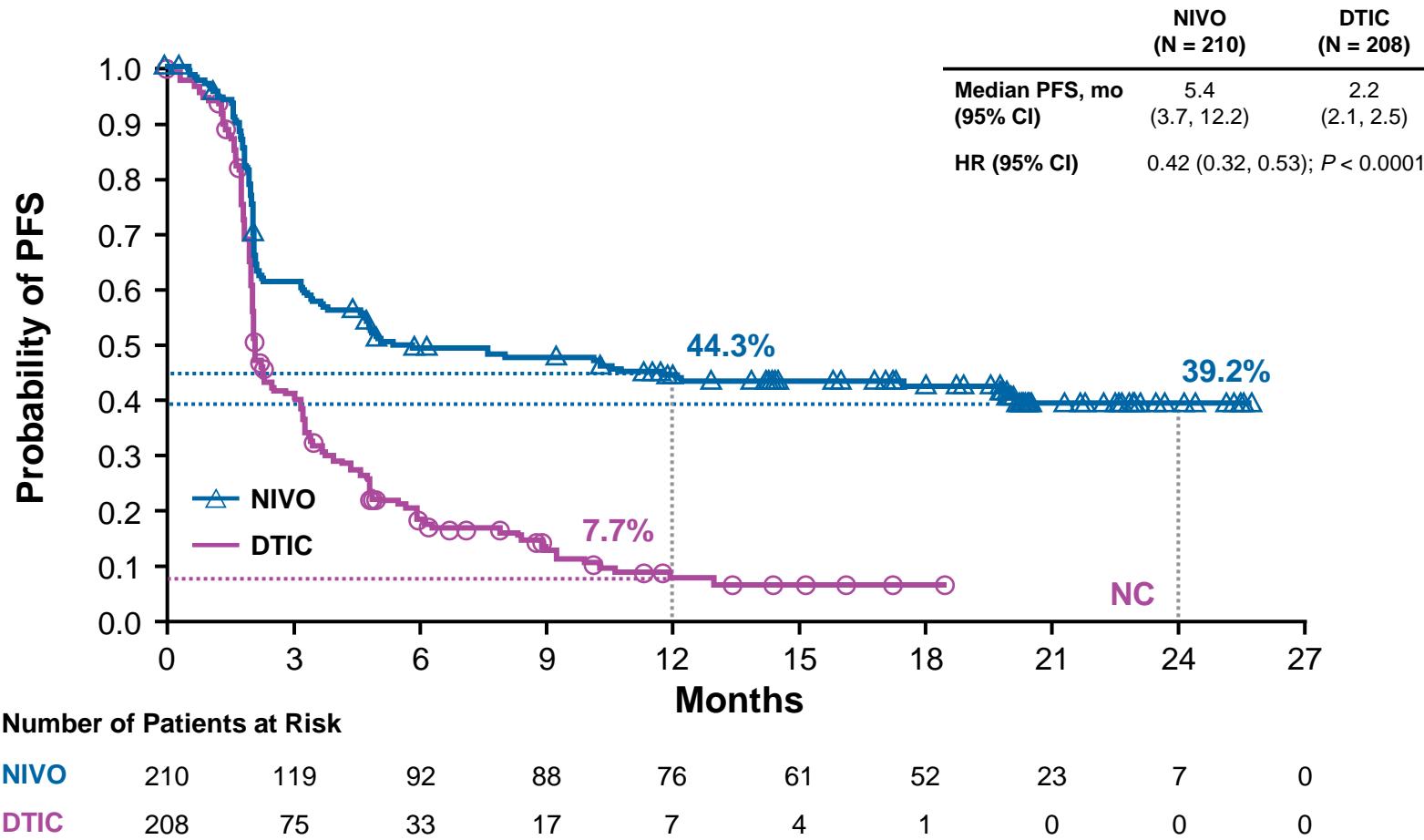
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EAP ipilimumab 3 mg/kg

OS for all patients: number of cycles



Progression-Free Survival – NIVO vs DTIC



CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; mo = month; NC = not calculated

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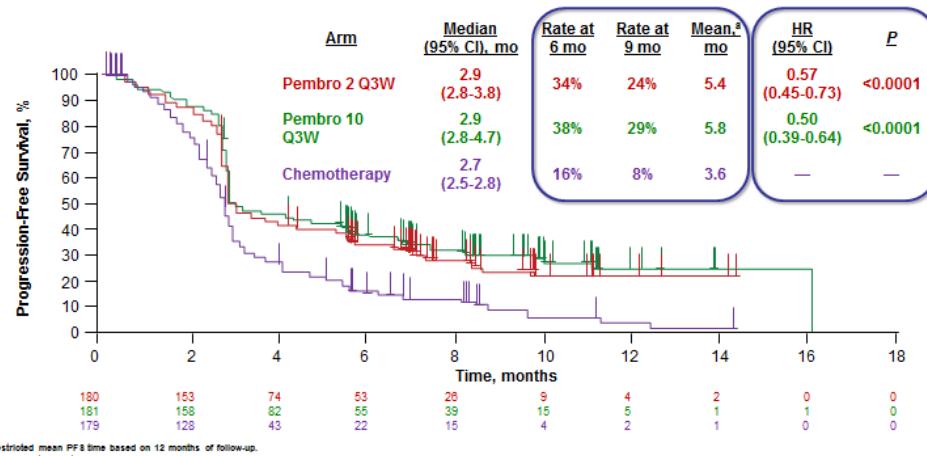
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- **TT has a faster action but resistance is still a problem. 40% of patients who progress from BRAFi monotherapy has a fast progression which can affect second line treatment. This phenomenon is less evident with the combo BRAFi+MEKi but still a problem**

Different evidences of rapid progression disease after BRAF inhibitors treatment



Experience	Patients sample (n)	% of patients with a rapid disease progression kinetics
BRIM-2	39	41%
BRIM-3	42	52%
Ascierto et al.	28	43%
Ackerman et al.	32	50%
Italian ipilimumab EAP	54	41%
Fisher et al.	42	38%

Pembrolizumab: data from the randomized phase II study in ipilimumab refractory advanced melanoma patients (KEYNOTE-002): pembrolizumab (2 mg/kg Q3W and 10 mg/kg Q3W) vs investigator chemotherapy choice (ICC)



Both pembrolizumab doses substantially improved PFS compared with chemotherapy ($P < 0.0001$).

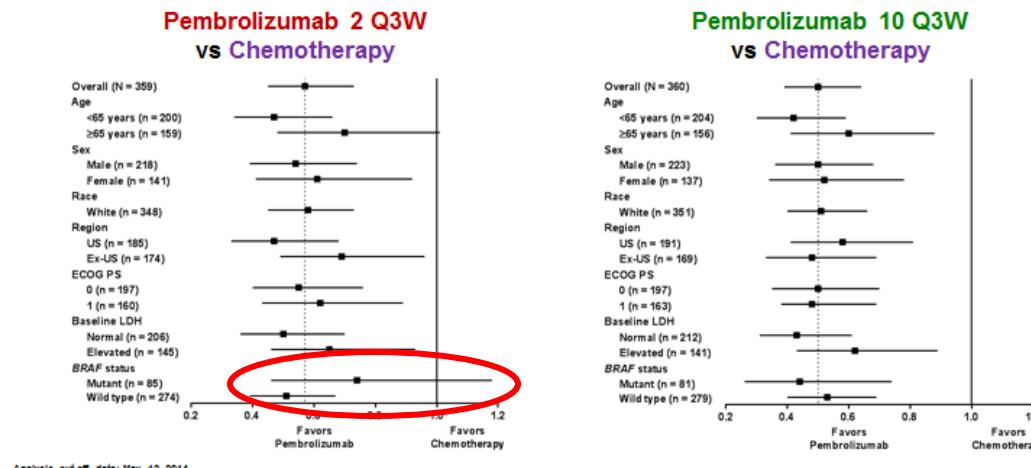
Mean PFS up to 12 months of follow-up was approximately 2-fold longer with pembrolizumab.

PFS HR was 0.57 for pembro 2 mg/kg Q3W vs ICC, and 0.50 for pembro 10 mg/kg Q3W vs ICC.

ORR was 21% for pembro 2 mg/kg Q3W, 25% for pembro 10 mg/kg Q3W, and 4% for ICC.

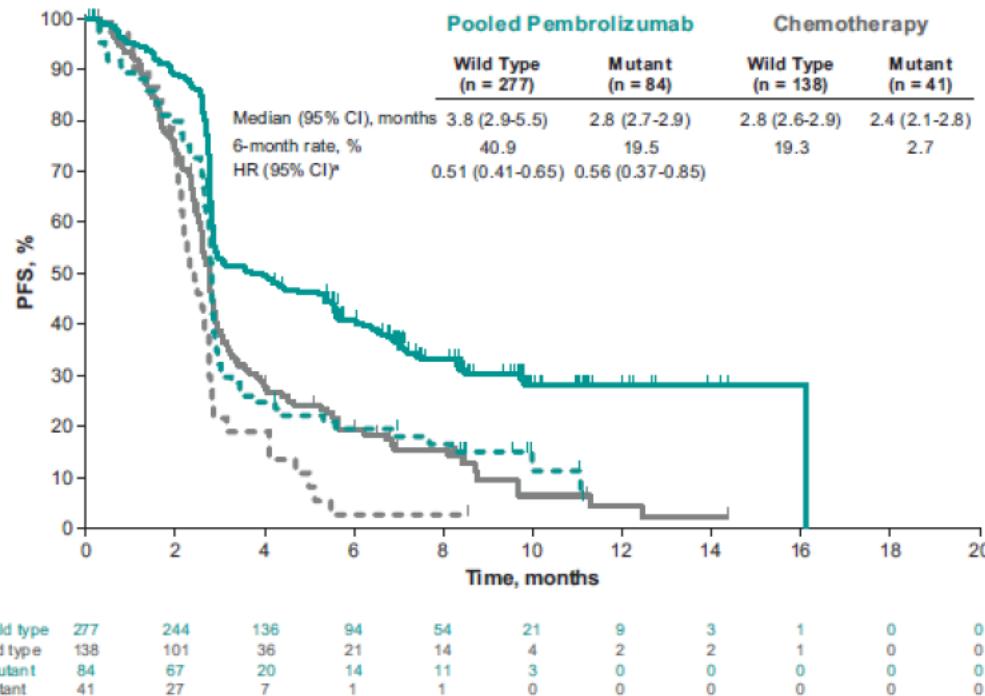
Median duration of response not reached for pembrolizumab, 37 weeks for chemotherapy

There was no significant differences in PFS, ORR, or duration of response between pembrolizumab doses.



Relationship Between *BRAF*^{V600} Status and PFS (RECIST v1.1, Central Review): KEYNOTE-002

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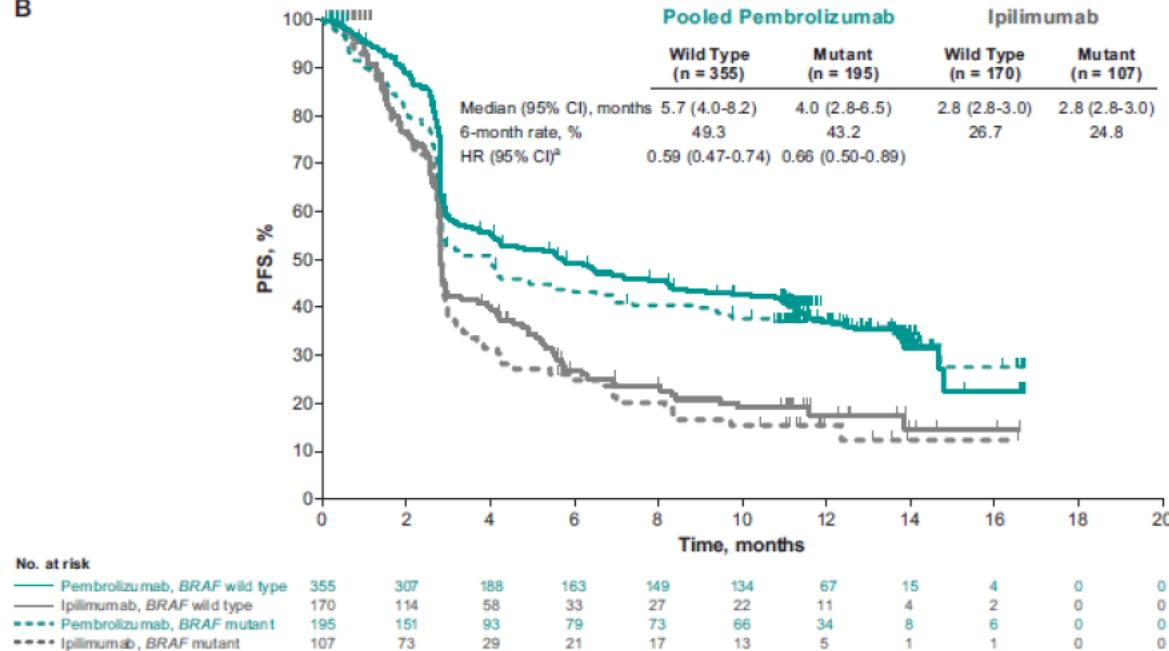


- In KEYNOTE-002, patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-wild-type melanoma had longer PFS than patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma in the pembrolizumab and chemotherapy arms

BRAFi = BRAF inhibitor; CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; NR = not reached. *Hazard ratios are for the comparison of pembrolizumab versus control for each subgroup.

Relationship Between *BRAF*^{V600} Status and PFS (RECIST v1.1, Central Review): KEYNOTE-006

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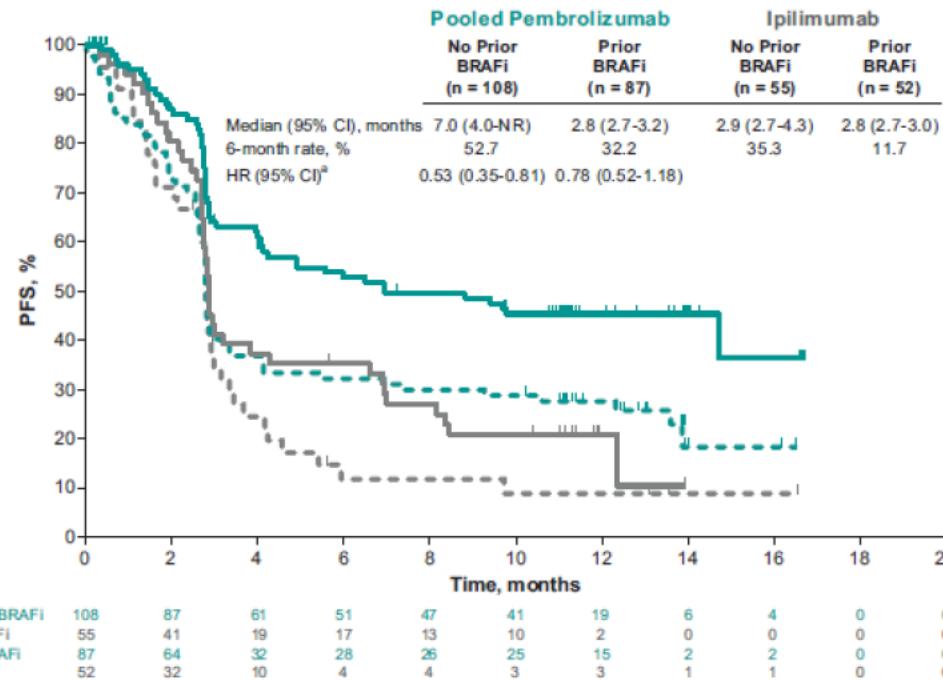


- In KEYNOTE-006, PFS was similar in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma and in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-wild-type melanoma in the pembrolizumab and ipilimumab arms

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Relationship Between Treatment With Versus Without BRAF Inhibitor in *BRAF^{V600}* Mutant Patients and PFS (RECIST v1.1, Central Review): KEYNOTE-006

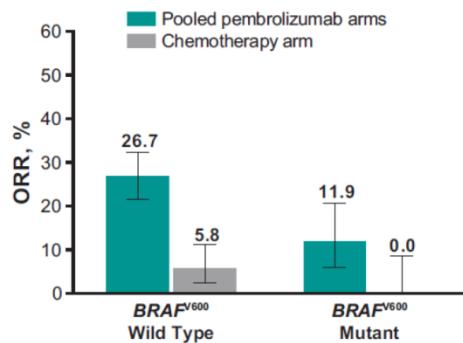
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- In patients with *BRAF^{V600}*-mutant melanoma, those who were not treated with a prior BRAF inhibitor had longer PFS than patients who were treated with a prior BRAF inhibitor in the pembrolizumab and ipilimumab arms

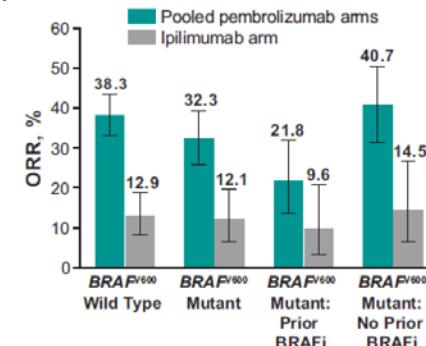
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Relationship Between *BRAF*^{V600} Status and ORR (RECIST v1.1, Central Review): KEYNOTE-002



- In KEYNOTE-002, ORR was higher in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-wild-type melanoma than in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma in the pembrolizumab and chemotherapy arms

Relationship Between *BRAF*^{V600} Status, Receiving BRAF Inhibitor Therapy and ORR (RECIST v1.1, Central Review): KEYNOTE-006



- ORR was similar in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma and in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-wild-type melanoma in the pembrolizumab and ipilimumab arms
- ORR was higher in patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma not treated with a prior BRAF inhibitor compared with patients with *BRAF*^{V600}-mutant melanoma who did receive a prior BRAF inhibitor in the pembrolizumab and ipilimumab arms

Correlation between BRAF mutational status and clinical response to pembrolizumab in advanced melanoma patients

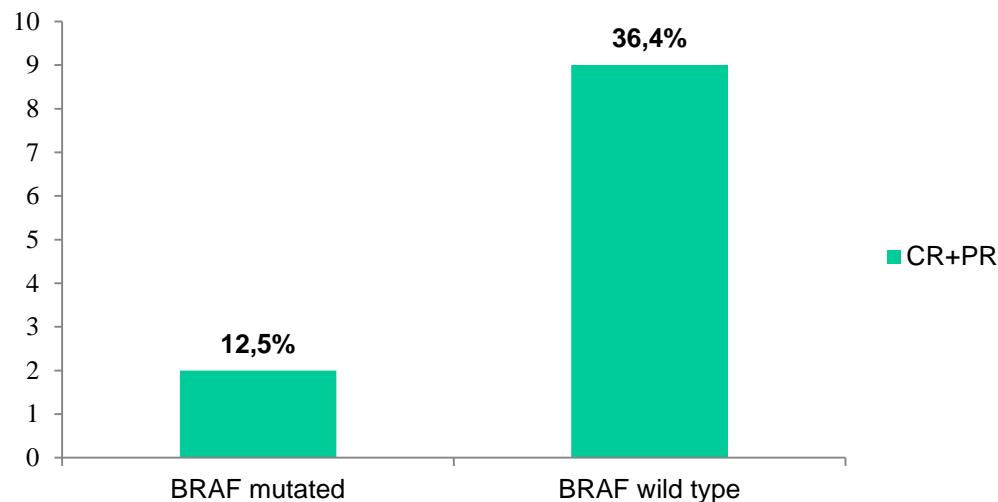
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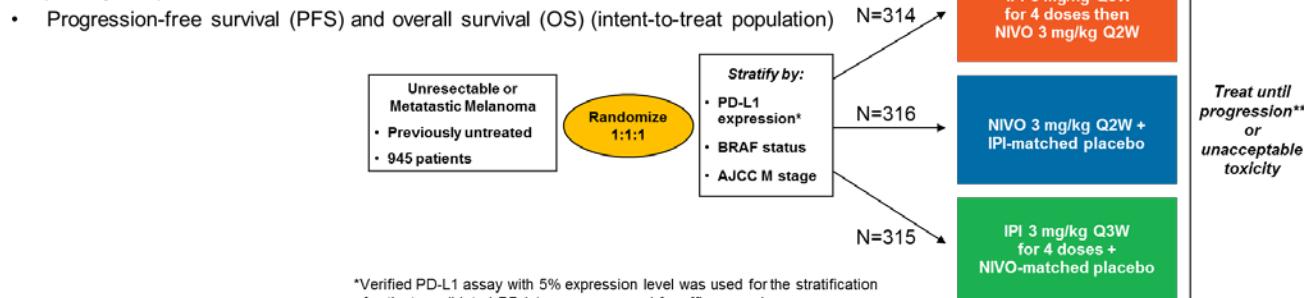
	Responder	Non Responder
Mutated	2/16 (12,5%)	14/16
Wild Type	9/26 (36,4%)	17/26

	Mutated	Non Mutated
DCR	3/16 (18,6%)	17/26 (65,4%)



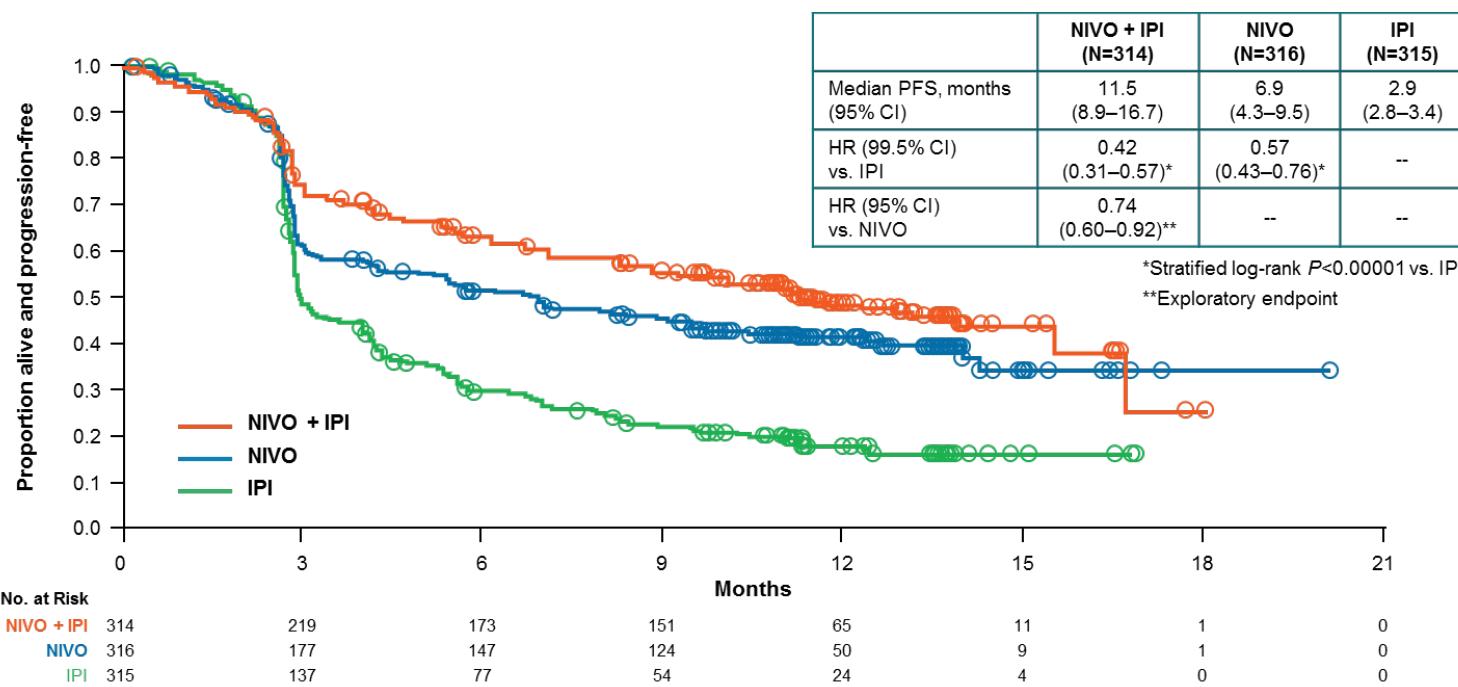
Ipilimumab plus nivolumab - results from the three arms randomized phase 3 study in untreated advanced melanoma patients with ipilimumab/nivolumab or nivolumab alone vs ipilimumab alone (CA209-067): NIVO + IPI resulted in a longer PFS

Co-primary endpoints:



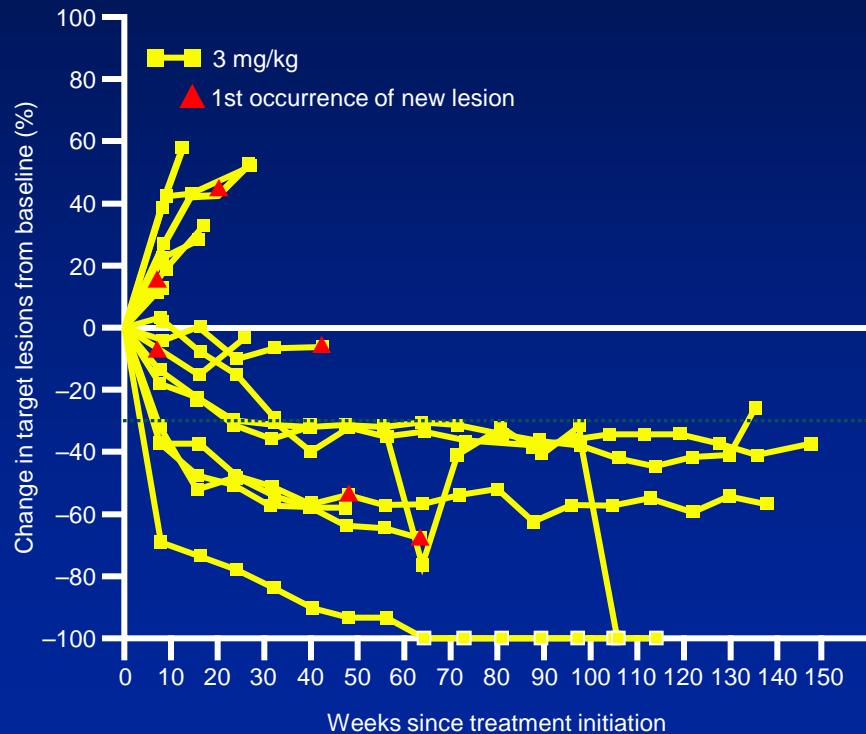
*Verified PD-L1 assay with 5% expression level was used for the stratification of patients; validated PD-L1 assay was used for efficacy analyses.

**Patients could have been treated beyond progression under protocol-defined circumstances.

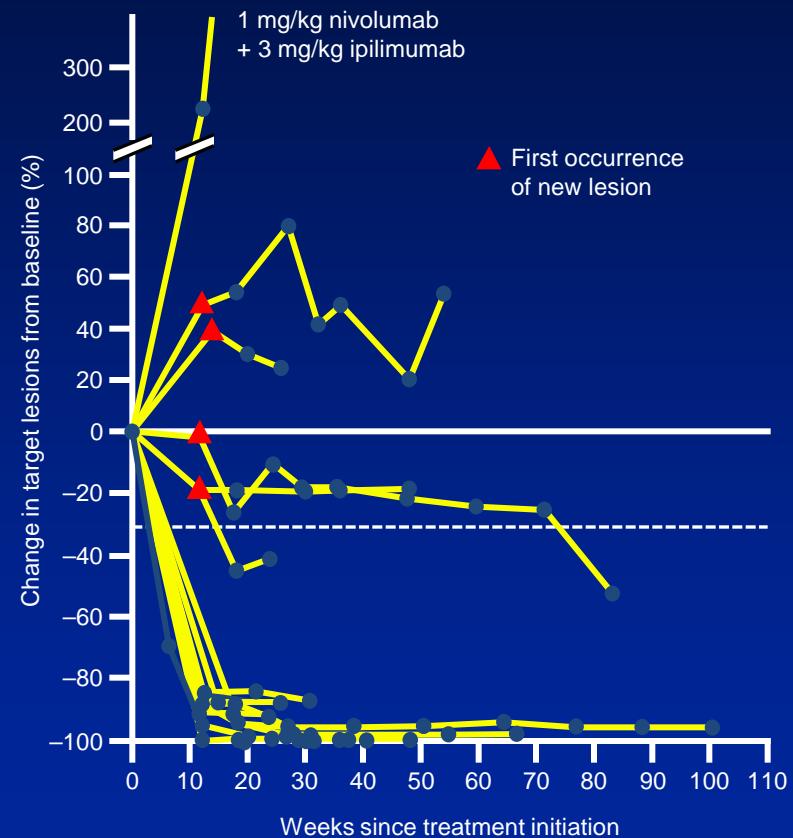


Changes in Target Lesions: Comparing Nivolumab Alone and in Combination

Nivolumab monotherapy



Nivolumab + ipilimumab

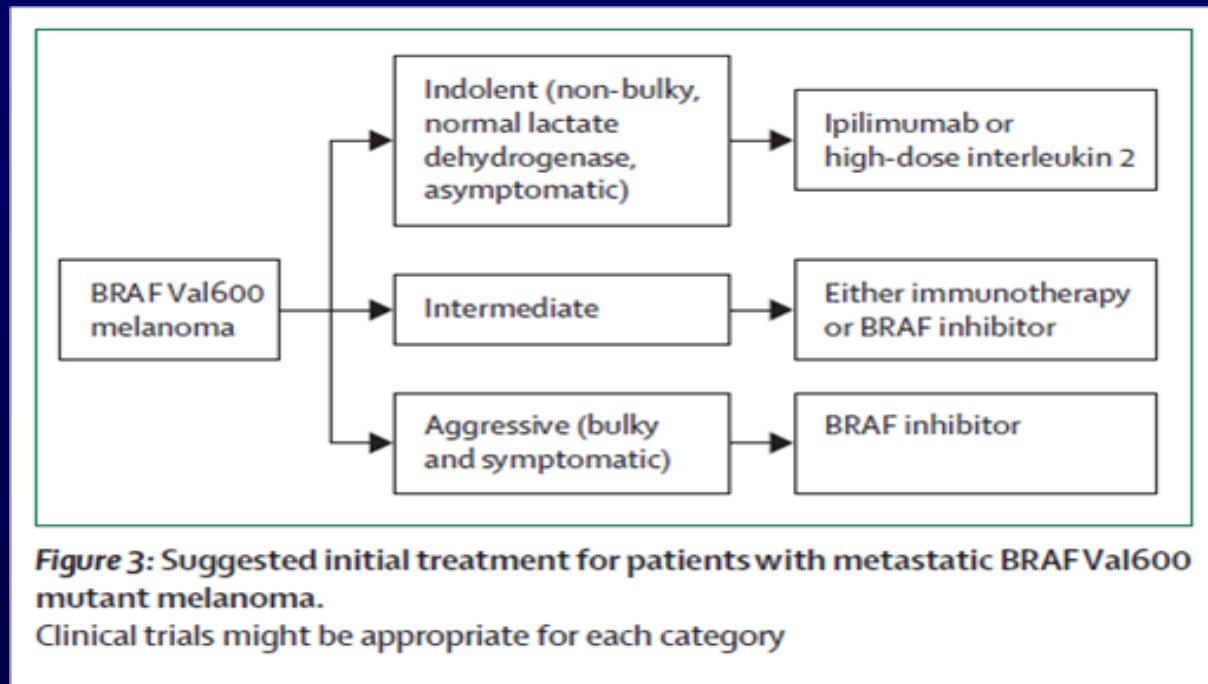


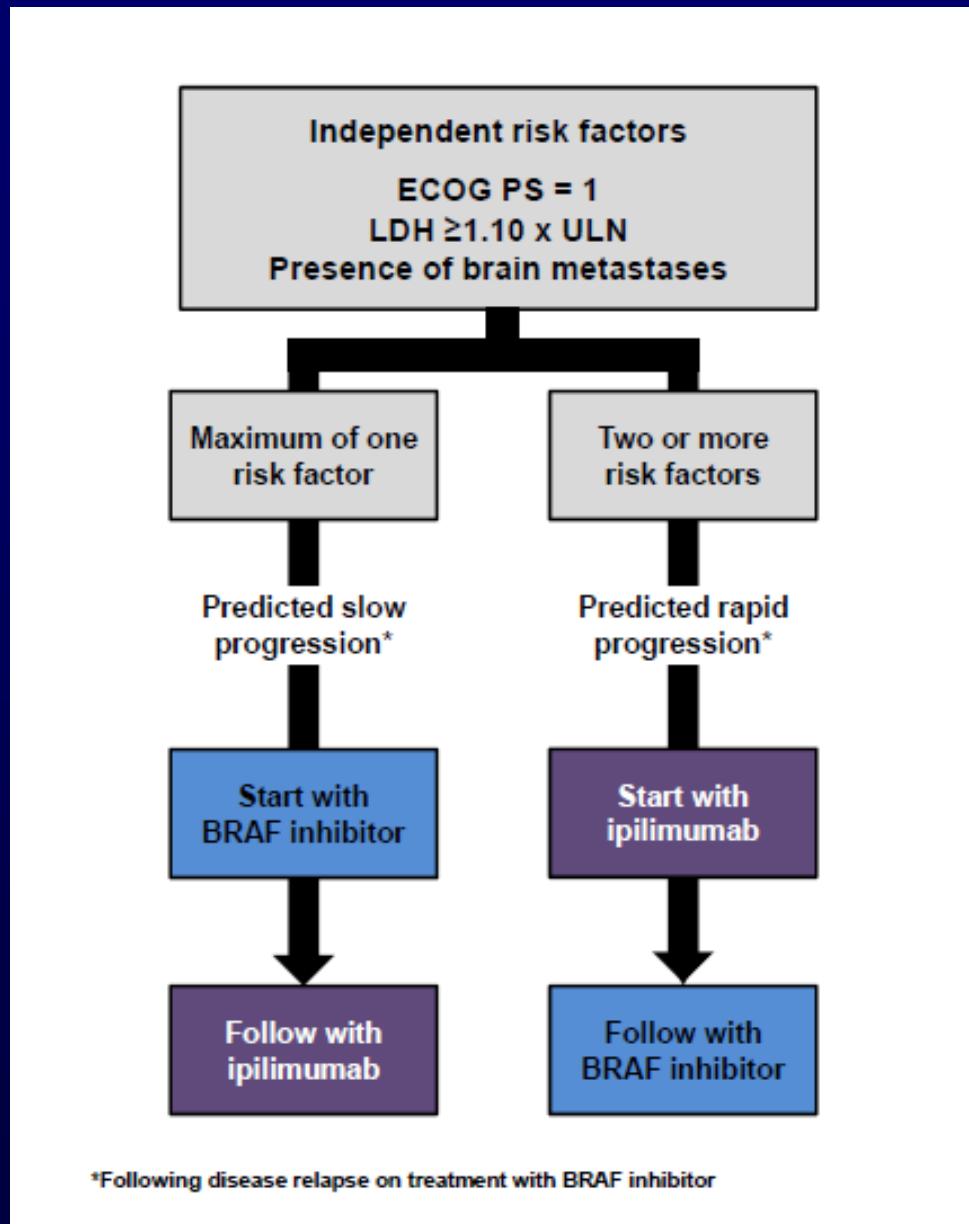
Horizontal line at -30% = threshold for defining objective response (partial tumour regression) in absence of new lesions or non-target disease according to RECIST



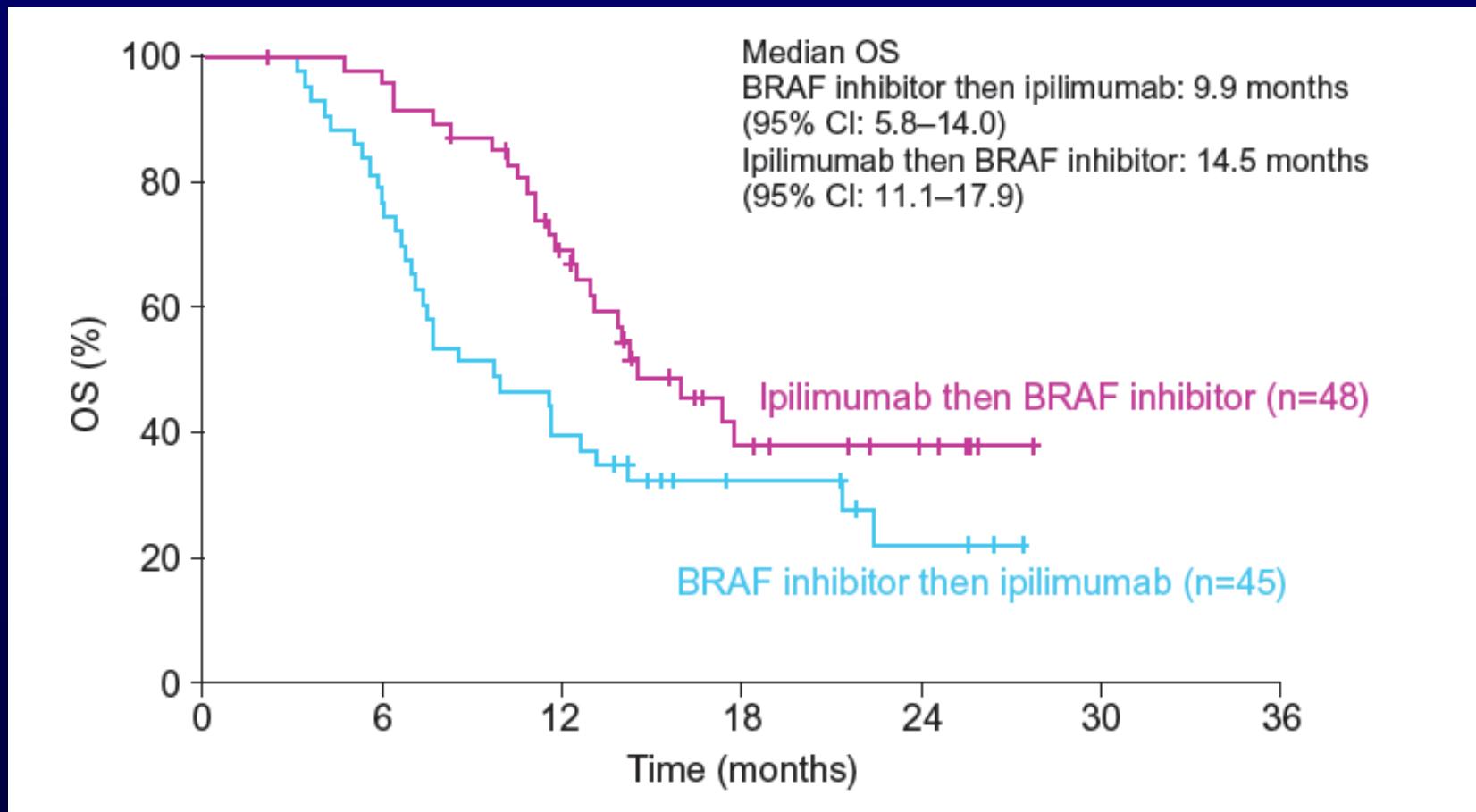
**How do we sequence ?
Which is the best approach as first ?**

Treatment Selection in BRAF-mutant Melanoma



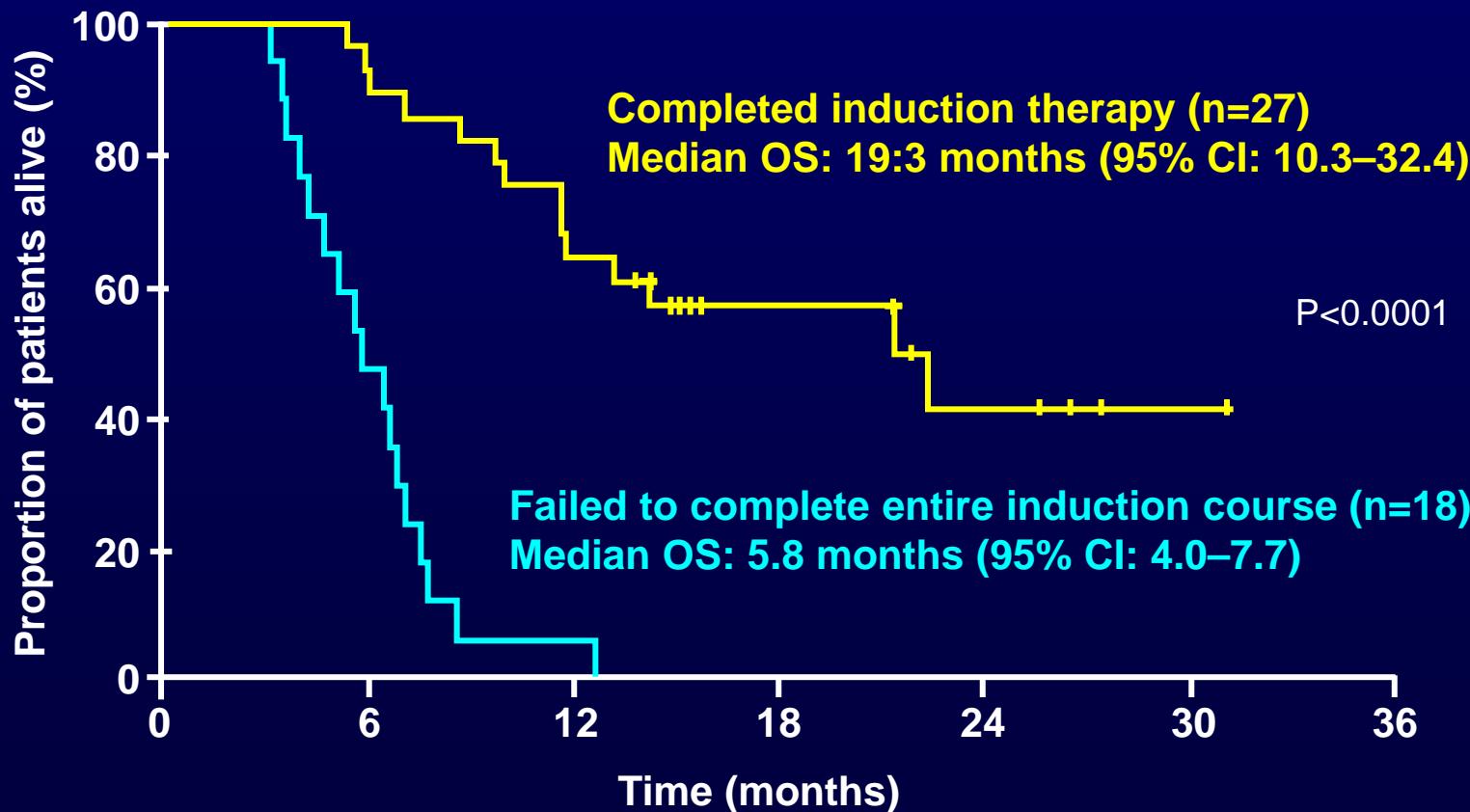


Overall survival for patients who received a BRAF inhibitor followed by ipilimumab or ipilimumab followed by a BRAF inhibitor



Benefit of receiving all four doses of ipilimumab

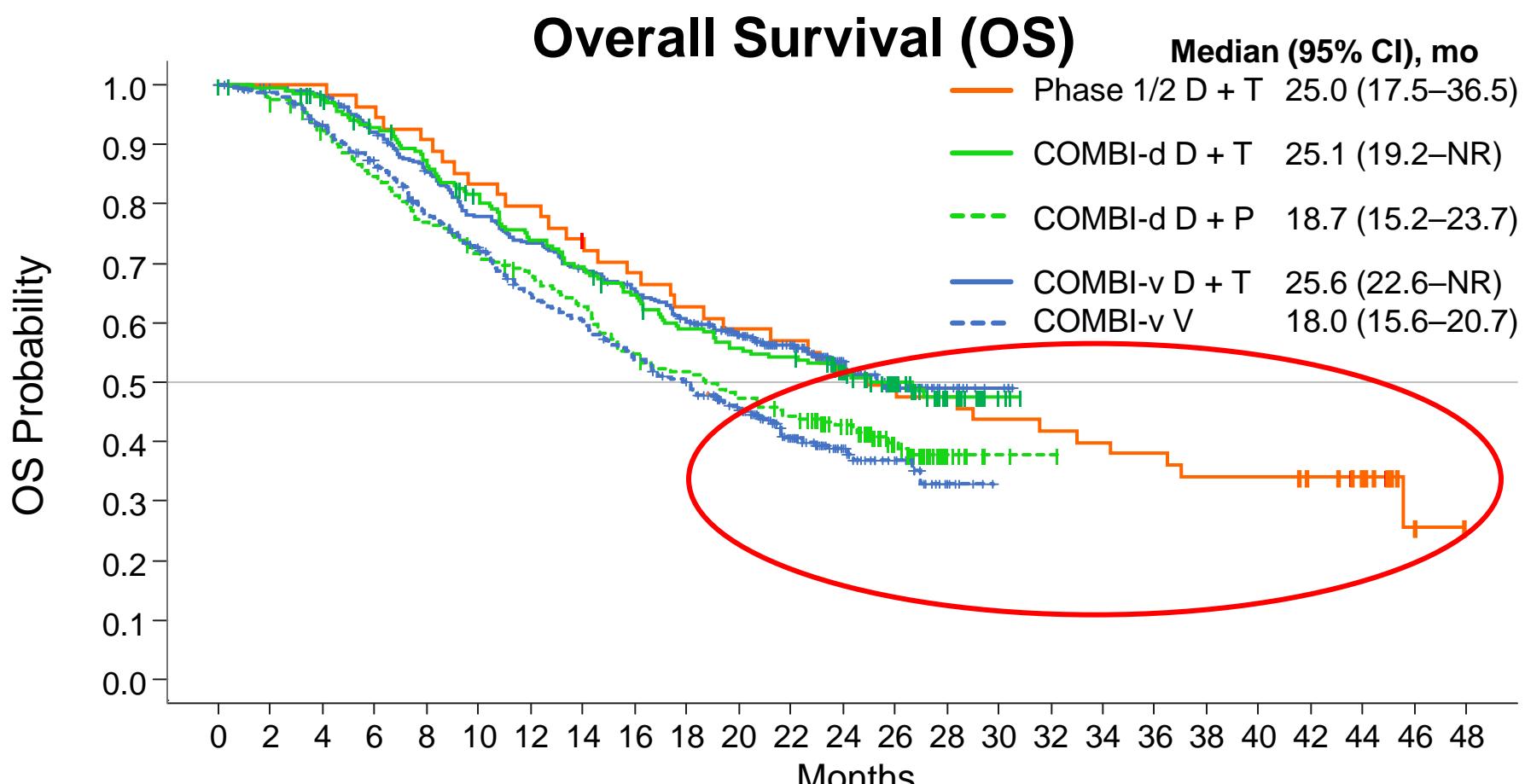
Data from pretreated patients who received ipilimumab within the EAP in Italy suggest the potential for ipilimumab to provide clinical benefit may be improved in patients who complete the entire induction regimen



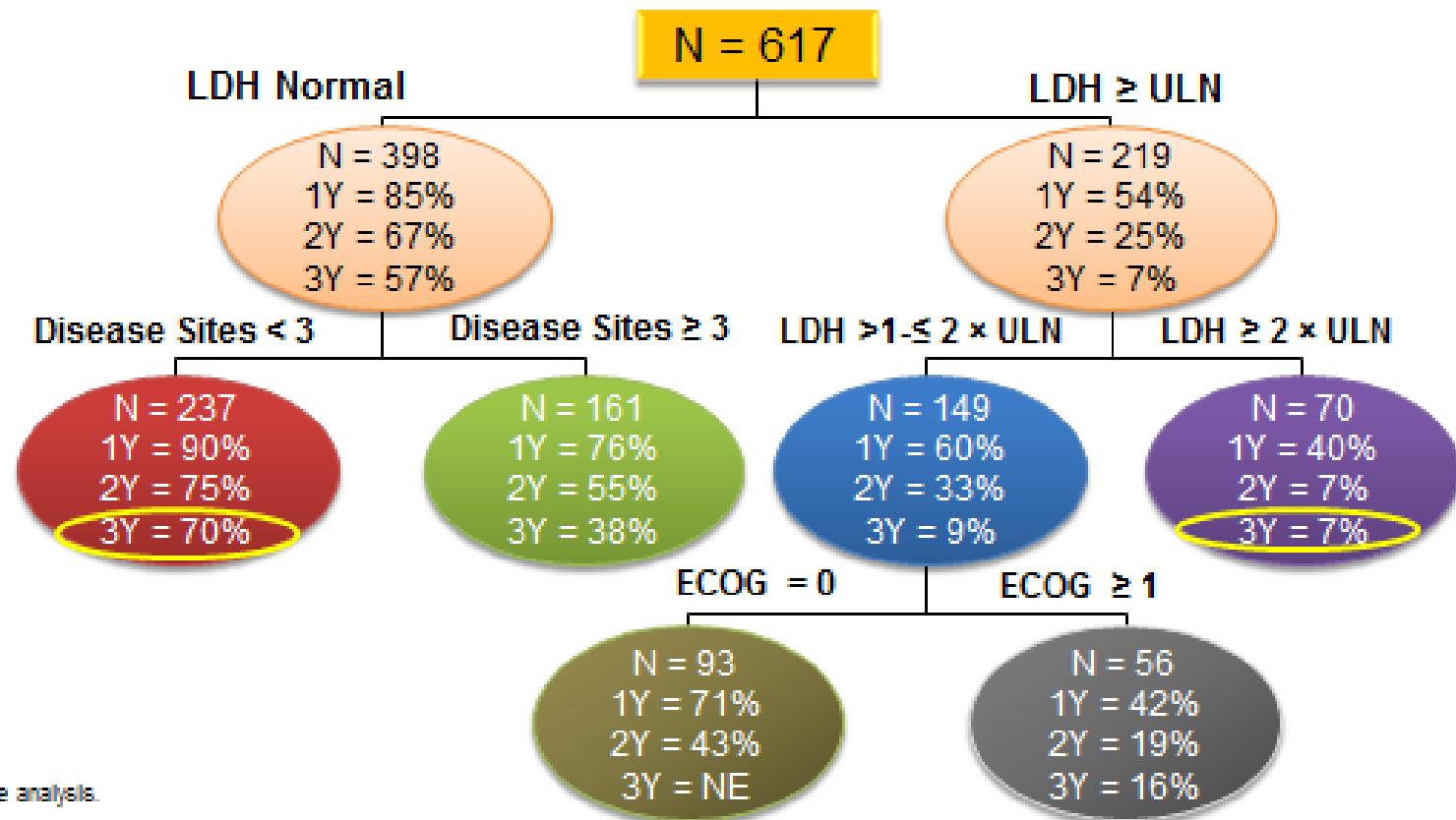
Introduction

- Phase 1/2: dabrafenib + trametinib¹
- COMBI-d: dabrafenib + trametinib vs dabrafenib²
- COMBI-v: dabrafenib + trametinib vs vemurafenib³

Pooled Analysis



Five Baseline Factors Influenced OS^a



^a Regression tree analysis.

NE, not estimable.

Treatment decision based on patient's characteristic

*Patient history
(eg, autoimmune disease)*

*Organ system function,
especially cardiac function*

*Patient's wishes and
lifestyle factors*

Mutational status

Performance status

Brain mtx



Tumor burden

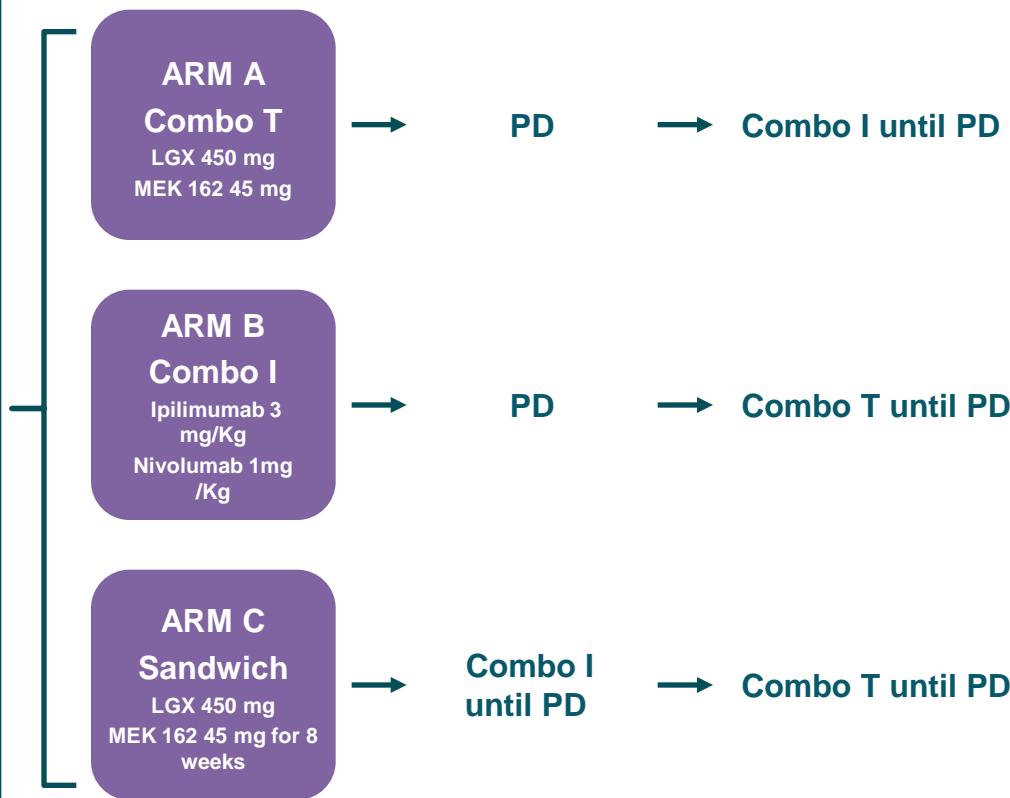
LDH level

How do we Sequence or Combine Immunotherapies with Targeted Therapies ?

The answer to this question is in a perspective, randomized, clinical trial

SEquential COMBo Immuno and Target therapy (SECOMBIT) Study (NCT02631447)

- Prospective randomized phase II study to evaluate the best sequential approach with combo immunotherapy (ipilimumab/nivolumab) followed by combo target therapy (encorafenib/binimetinib) and vice-versa
- Patients affected by metastatic melanoma BRAF V600 mutated
- Sample size 230 pts



This study is designed as a phase II randomized trial with no formal comparative test.

Endpoints:

Primary – OS

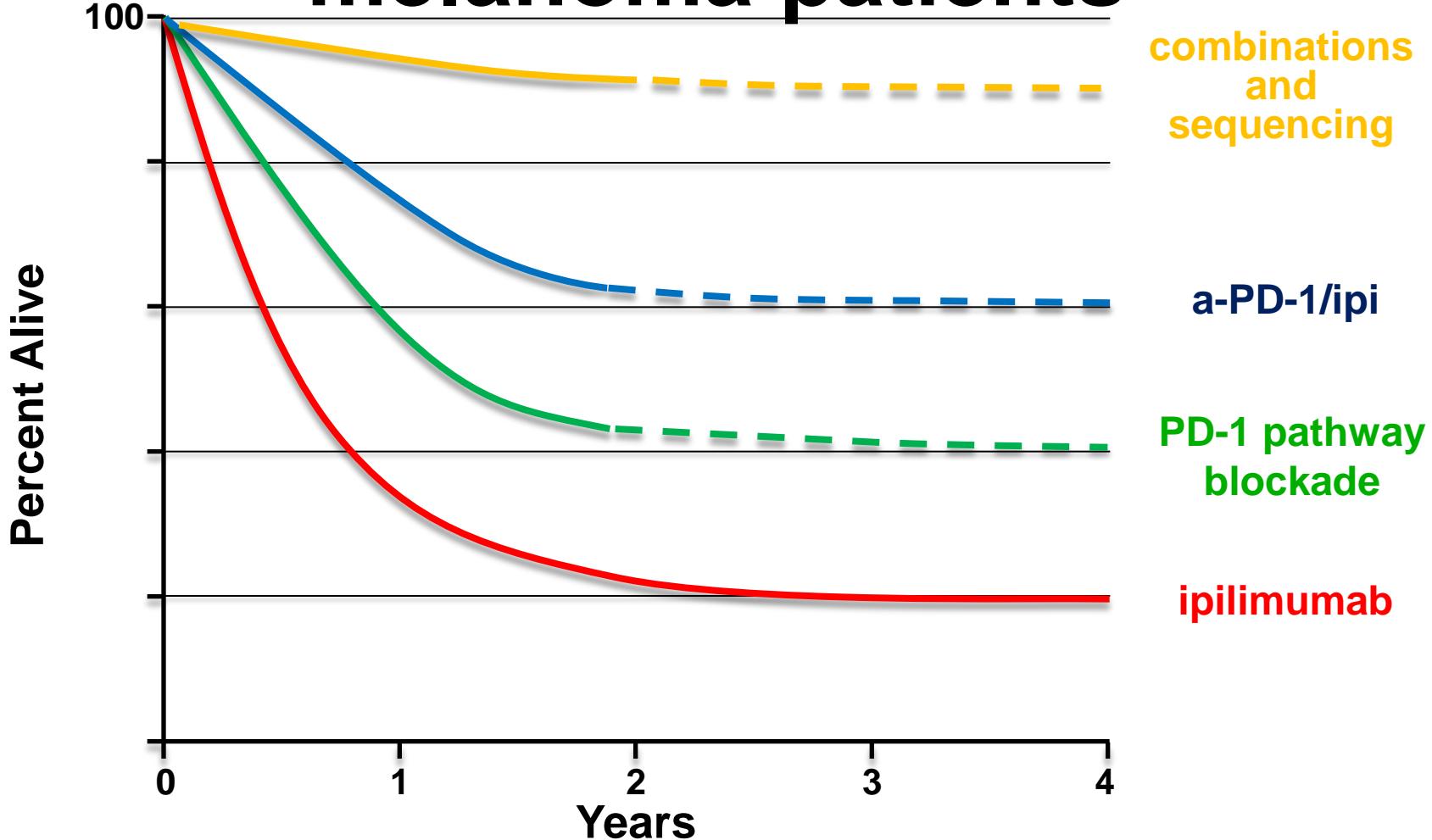
Secondary – PFS, Total PFS (TPFS): the time to the second progression, % patients alive at 2-3 years, BORR;

Duration of Response, Toxicity, Biomarkers study

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Overall survival for advanced melanoma patients



- Adapted from Walter J. Urba, ASCO 2013

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