

# Immunotherapy & Targeted Therapy for Melanoma

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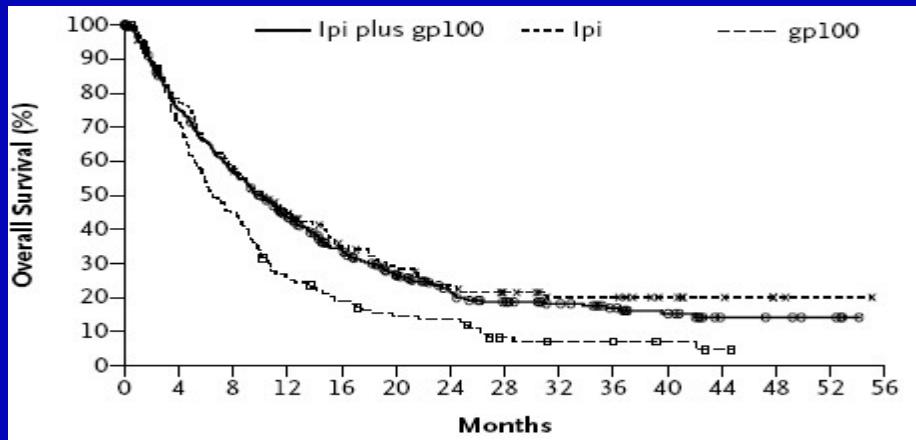
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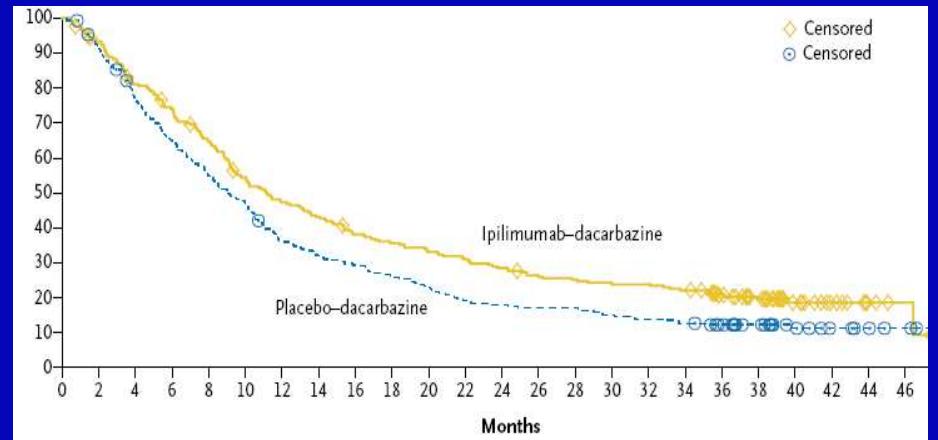
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# Clinical Results with Ipilimumab (2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> line) Ipilimumab vs vaccine and Ipi + DTIC vs DTIC



HR: 0.66 and 0.68  
Pre-treated pts  
Ipi 3 mg/kg +/- gp100

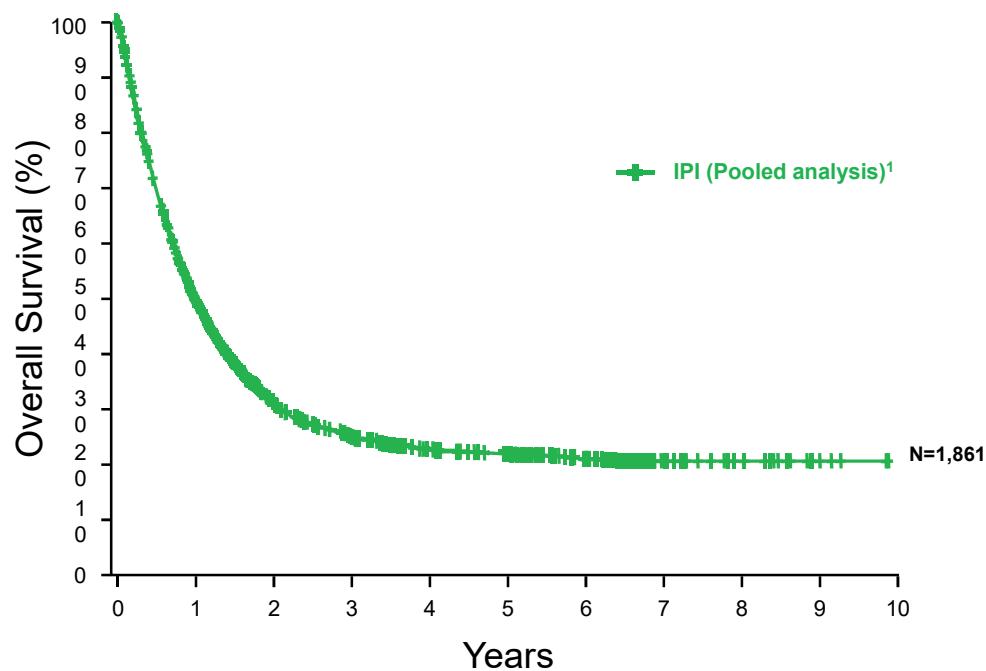
Hodi FS, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;363:711-23.



HR: 0.72  
First line  
Ipi 10 mg/kg + DTIC

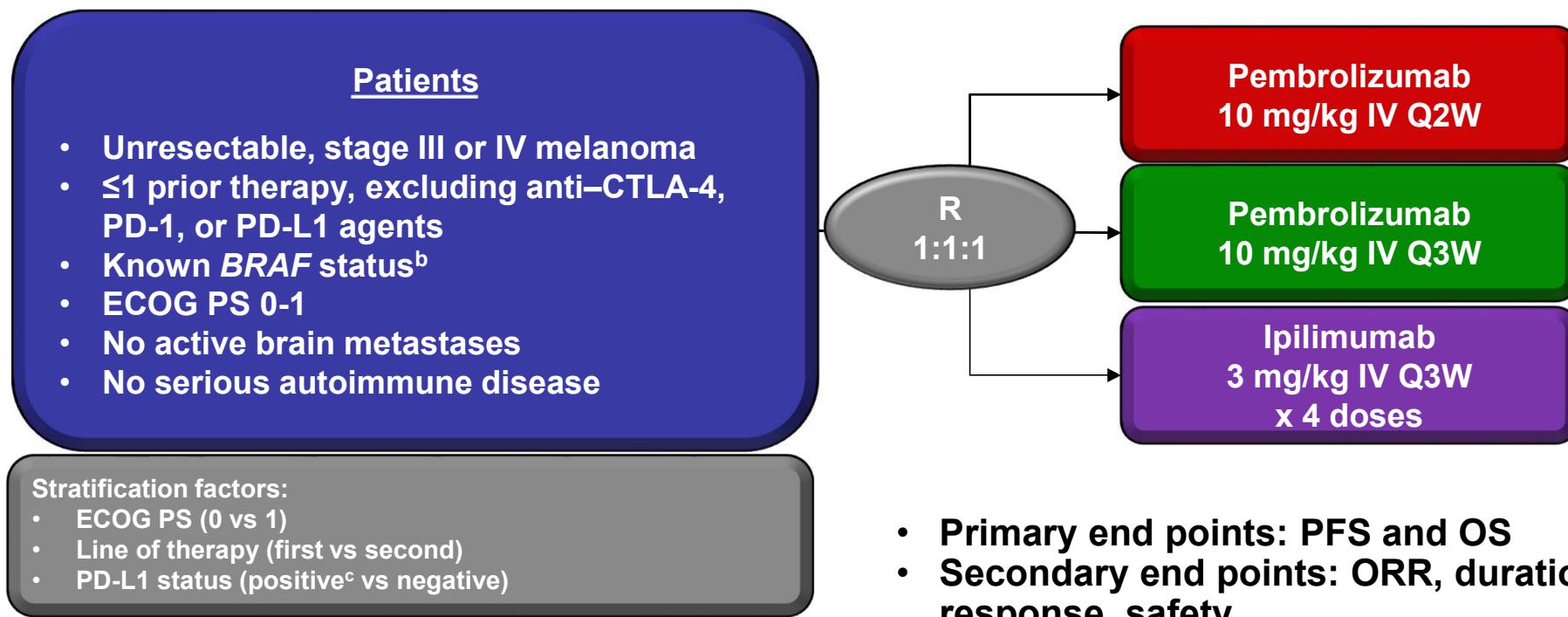
Robert C, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;364:2517-26.

## Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Provide Durable Long-term Survival for Patients with Advanced Melanoma



1. Schadendorf et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2015;33:1889-1894; 2. Current analysis; 3. Poster presentation by Dr. Victoria Atkinson at SMR 2015 International Congress.

# Keynote-006 Front-line Pembrolizumab vs Ipilimumab



<sup>a</sup>Patients enrolled from 83 sites in 16 countries.

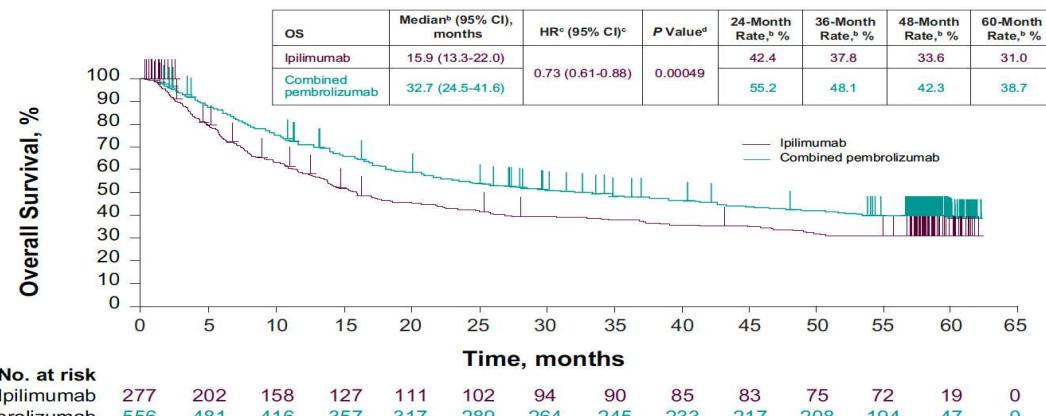
<sup>b</sup>Prior anti-BRAF targeted therapy was not required for patients with normal LDH levels and no clinically significant tumor-related symptoms or evidence of rapidly progressing disease.

<sup>c</sup>Defined as membranous PD-L1 expression in ≥1% of tumor cells as assessed by IHC using the 22C3 antibody.

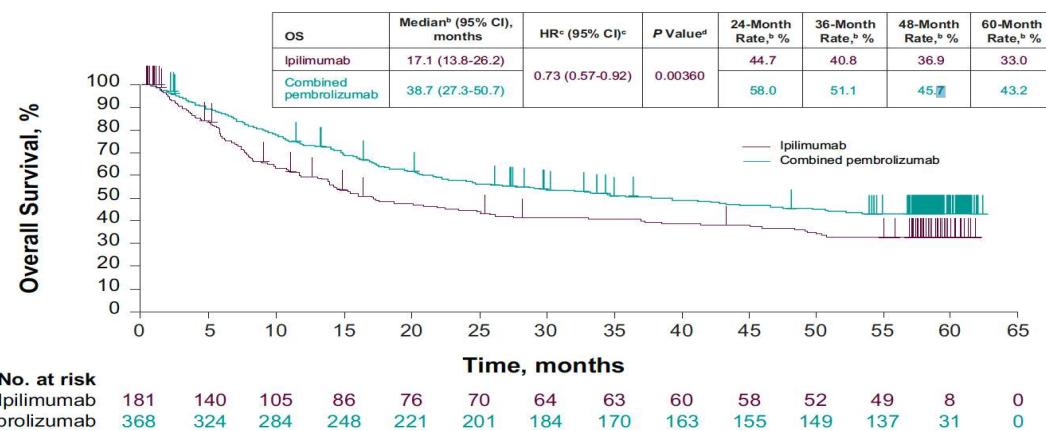
- Primary end points: PFS and OS**
- Secondary end points: ORR, duration of response, safety**

# Keynote-006: 5-Year Survival (All Patients & Treatment Naïve)

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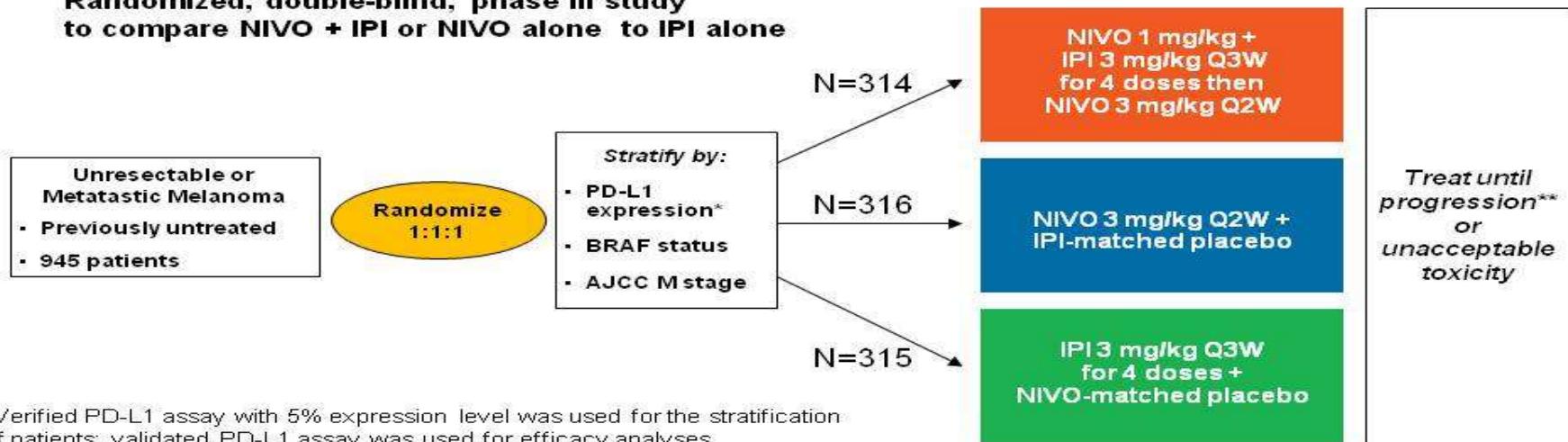


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# CA209-067: Study Design

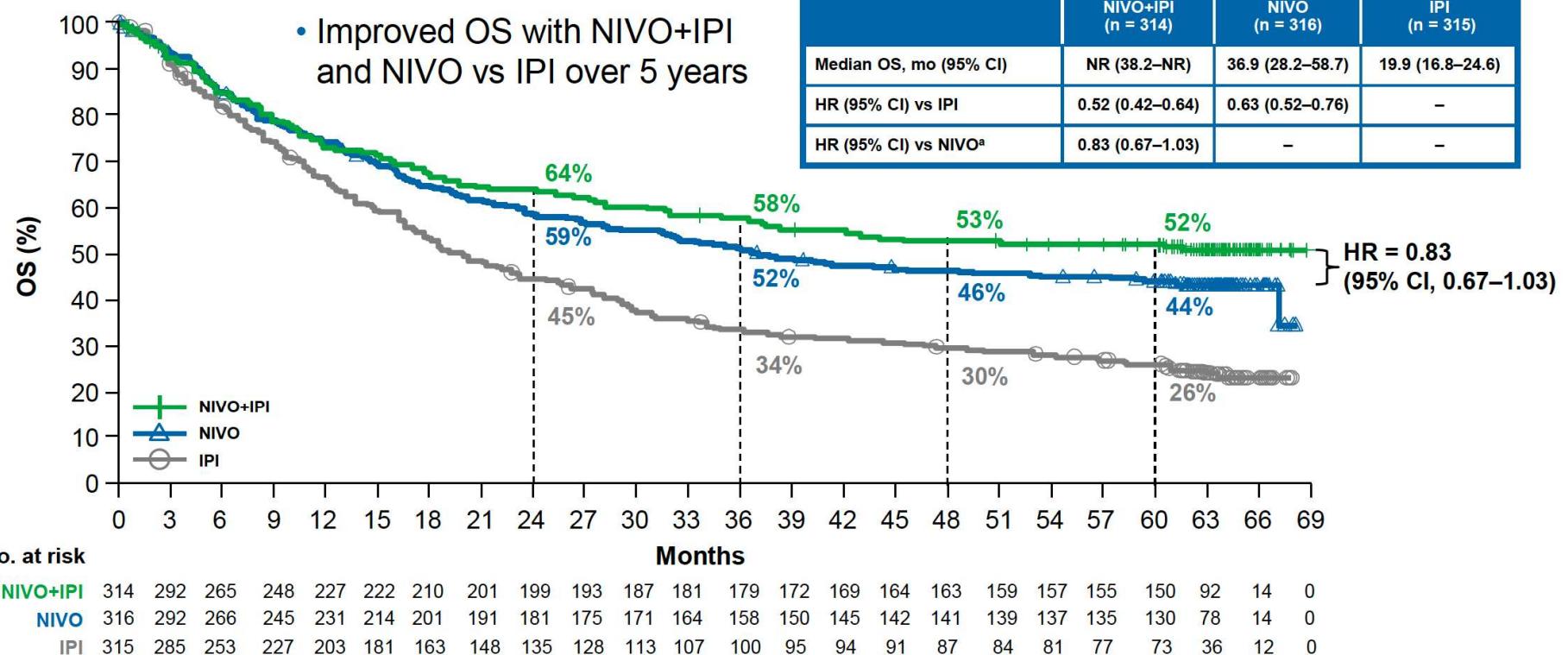
**Randomized, double-blind, phase III study  
to compare NIVO + IPI or NIVO alone to IPI alone**



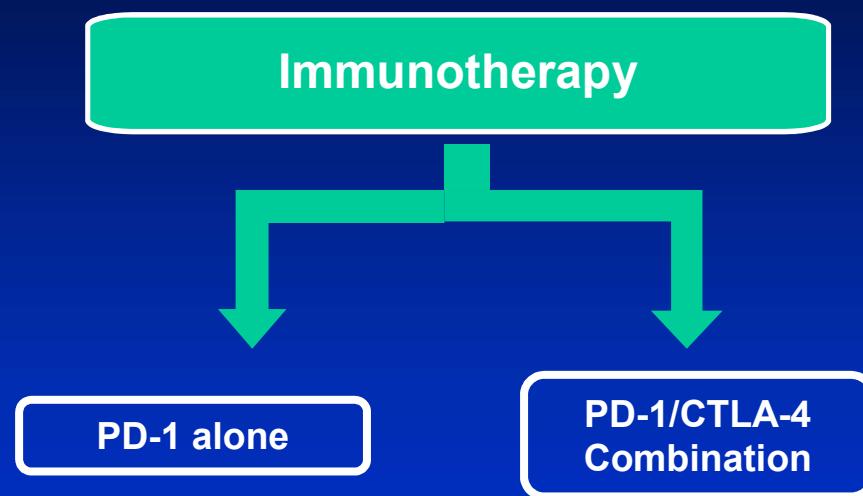
\*Verified PD-L1 assay with 5% expression level was used for the stratification of patients; validated PD-L1 assay was used for efficacy analyses.

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

# Overall Survival



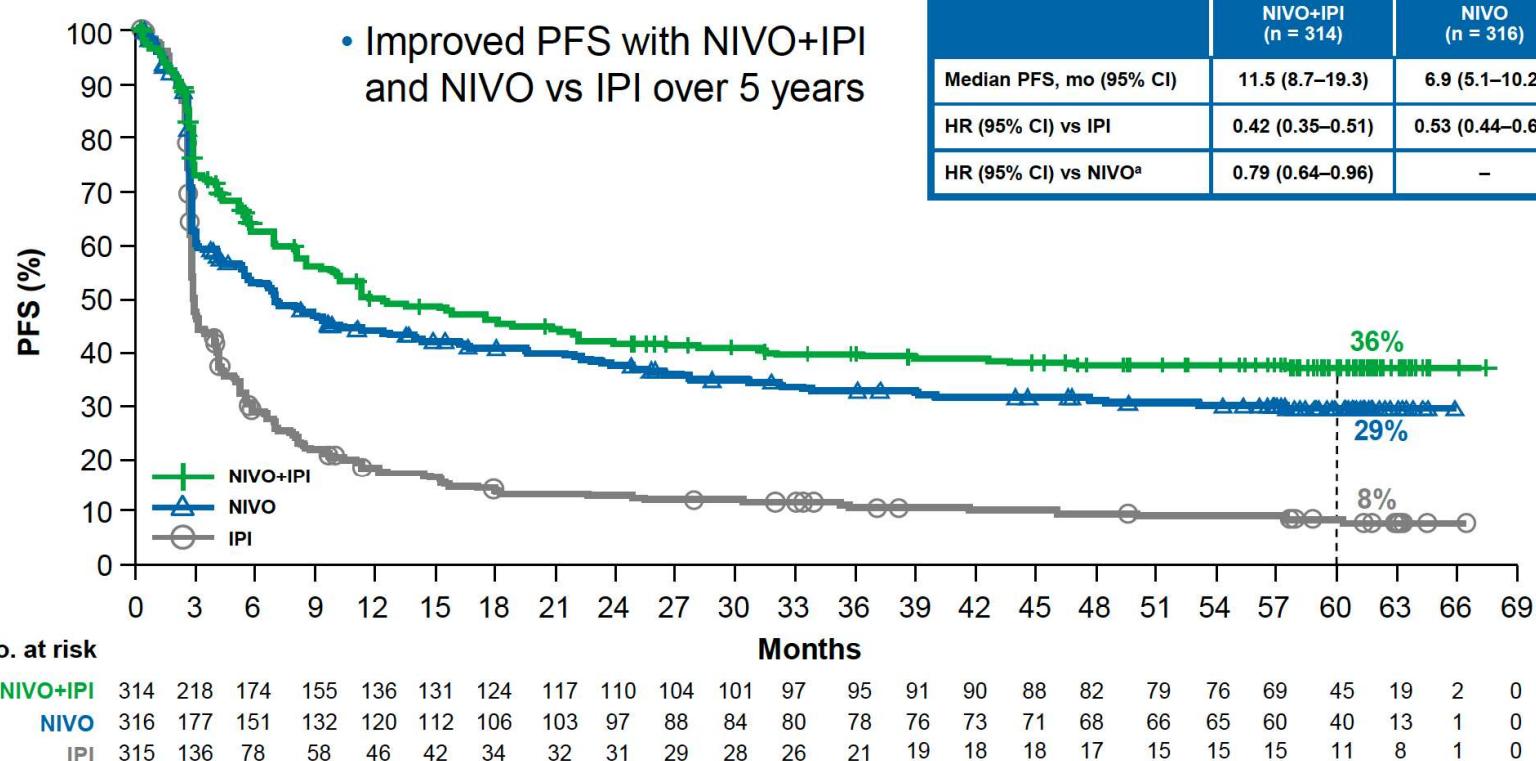
# Combination or monotherapy?



# Decision Factors

- Efficacy
- Toxicity

# Progression-Free Survival



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# Safety Summary

- With an additional 19 months of follow-up, safety was consistent with the initial report<sup>1</sup>

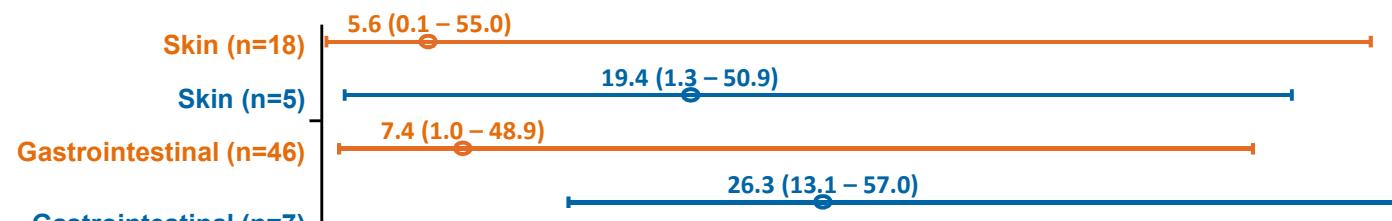
	NIVO+IPI (N=313)		NIVO (N=313)		IPI (N=311)	
Patients reporting event, %	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
Treatment-related adverse event (AE)	95.8	58.5	86.3	20.8	86.2	27.7
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation	39.6	31.0	11.5	7.7	16.1	14.1
Treatment-related death, n (%)	2 (0.6) <sup>a</sup>		1 (0.3) <sup>b</sup>		1 (0.3) <sup>b</sup>	

- Most select AEs were managed and resolved within 3-4 weeks (85–100% across organ categories)
- ORR was 70.7% for pts who discontinued NIVO+IPI due to AEs, with median OS not reached

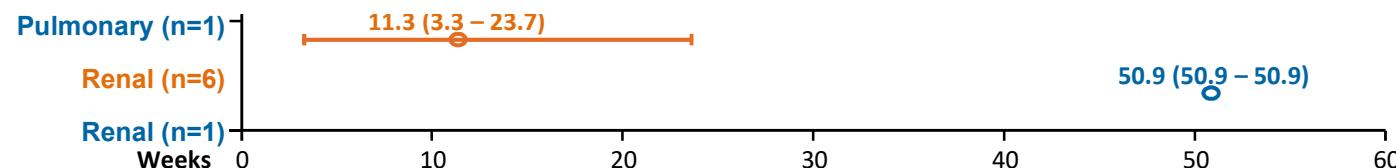
<sup>a</sup>Cardiomyopathy (NIVO+IPI, n=1); Liver necrosis (NIVO+IPI, n=1). Both deaths occurred >100 days after the last treatment.

<sup>b</sup>Neutropenia (NIVO, n=1); colon perforation (IPI, n=1).<sup>1</sup>

# Checkmate 067: Safety Onset Grade 3–4 Treatment-Related Select AEs



Toxicity Earlier  
Longer Time to Resolution HPI

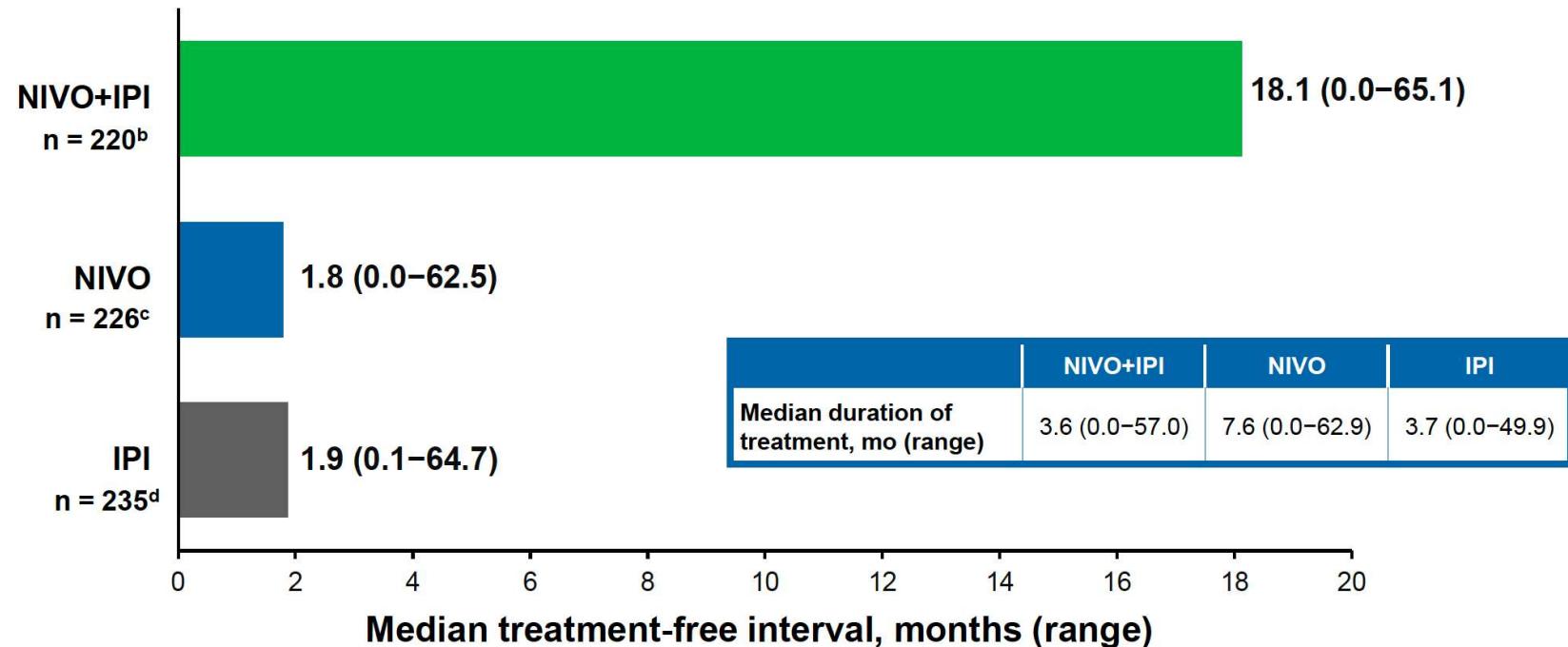


Circles represent medians; bars signify ranges

Larkin J et al ECC 2015

# Longer Treatment-Free Interval With NIVO+IPI in Patients Who Discontinued Study Therapy<sup>a</sup>

*Population analyzed: patients who (1) were alive or (2) who died following subsequent systemic therapy*

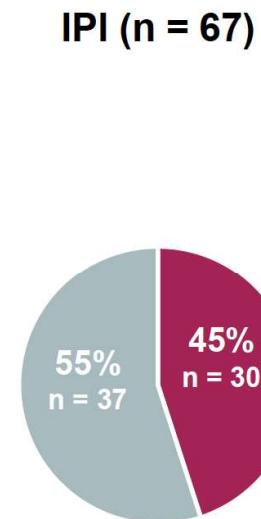
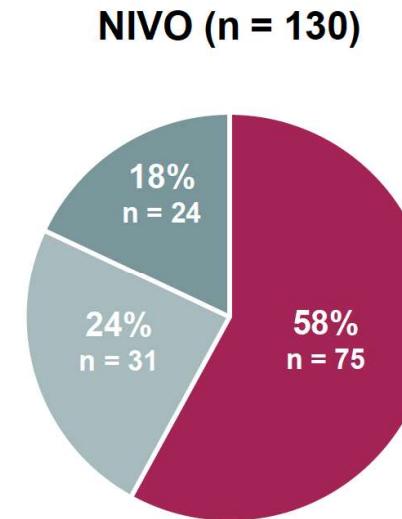
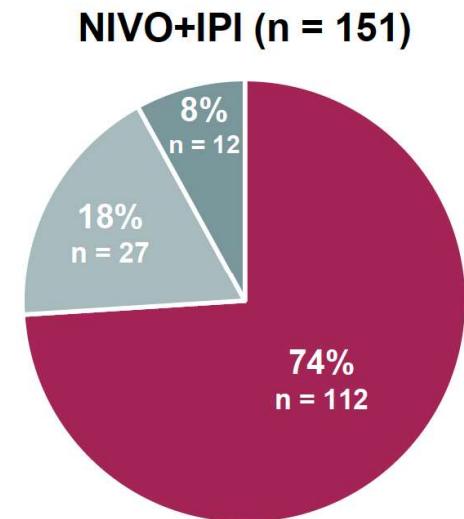


<sup>a</sup>Post-hoc analysis;

# Higher Proportion of Patients Alive and Treatment-Free at 5 Years With NIVO+IPI<sup>a</sup>

*Population analyzed: patients who were alive and followed on study*

■ On study therapy      ■ Received subsequent systemic therapy      ■ Treatment-free (off study treatment and never received subsequent systemic therapy)



Median follow-up 63.5 mo (range 56.9–68.7)

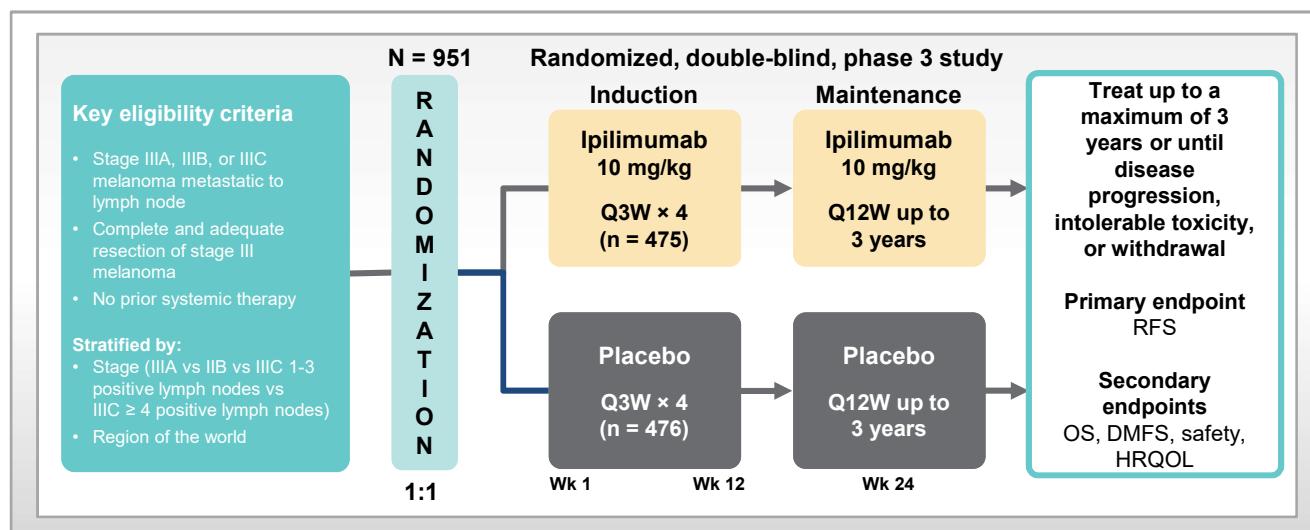
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# EORTC 18071 Ipilimumab vs Placebo Phase 3 Study Design<sup>1,2</sup>



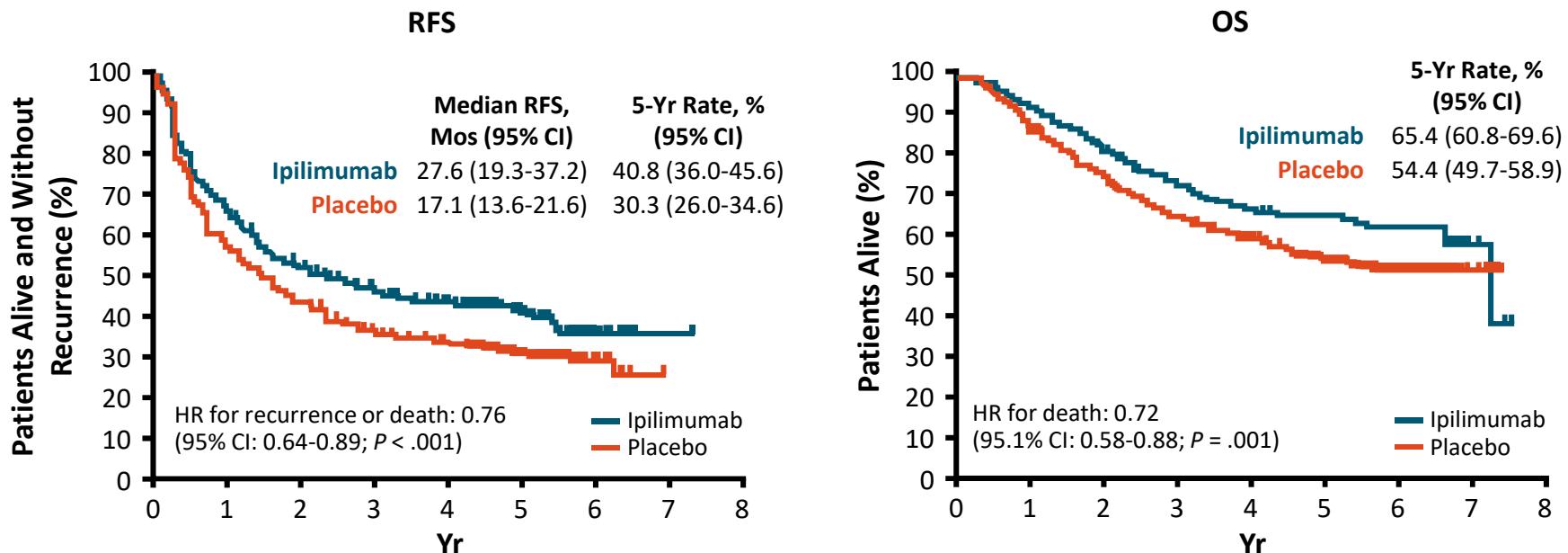
DMFS, distant metastasis-free survival; HRQOL, health-related quality of life; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; Q12W, every 12 weeks; RFS, relapse-free survival.

1. Eggermont AM, Chiarion-Sileni V, Grob JJ, et al. Adjuvant ipilimumab versus placebo after complete resection of high-risk stage III melanoma (EORTC 18071): a randomised, double-blind, phase 3 trial. *Lancet Oncol*. 2015;16(5):522-530.

2. Eggermont AM, Chiarion-Sileni V, Grob JJ, et al. Ipilimumab (IPI) vs placebo (PBO) after complete resection of stage III melanoma: final overall survival results from the EORTC 18071 randomized, double-blind, phase 3 trial. Presented at: European Society for Medical Oncology 2016 Congress ; October 8, 2016; Copenhagen, Denmark.

# EORTC 18071: Phase III Trial of Ipilimumab 10 mg/kg vs Placebo in Stage III Melanoma

- Randomized, double-blind phase III trial of **ipilimumab** 10 mg/kg vs **placebo** as adjuvant therapy for stage III melanoma after surgical resection (N = 951)



Eggermont. NEJM. 2016;375:1845.

## EORTC 18071: Safety

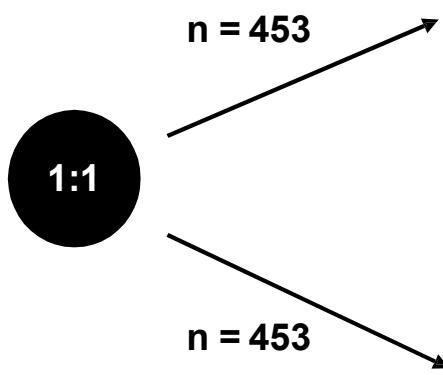
AEs, %	Ipilimumab (n = 471)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Any AE	98.7	54.1
Treatment-related AE	94.1	45.4
Treatment-related AE leading to d/c	48.0	32.9
Any immune-related AE	90.4	41.6

- Deaths due to treatment-related AEs
  - 5 patients (1.1%) in ipilimumab arm (3 colitis, 1 myocarditis, 1 multiorgan failure with Guillain-Barre syndrome)

# CheckMate 238: Study Design

**Patients with:**

- High-risk, completely resected stage IIIB/IIIC or stage IV<sup>a</sup> melanoma
- No prior systemic therapy
- ECOG PS 0/1



NIVO 3 mg/kg IV Q2W  
and  
IPI placebo IV  
Q3W for 4 doses,  
then Q12W from week 24

IPI 10 mg/kg IV  
Q3W for 4 doses,  
then Q12W from week 24  
and  
NIVO placebo IV Q2W

**Follow-up**  
Maximum treatment duration of 1 year

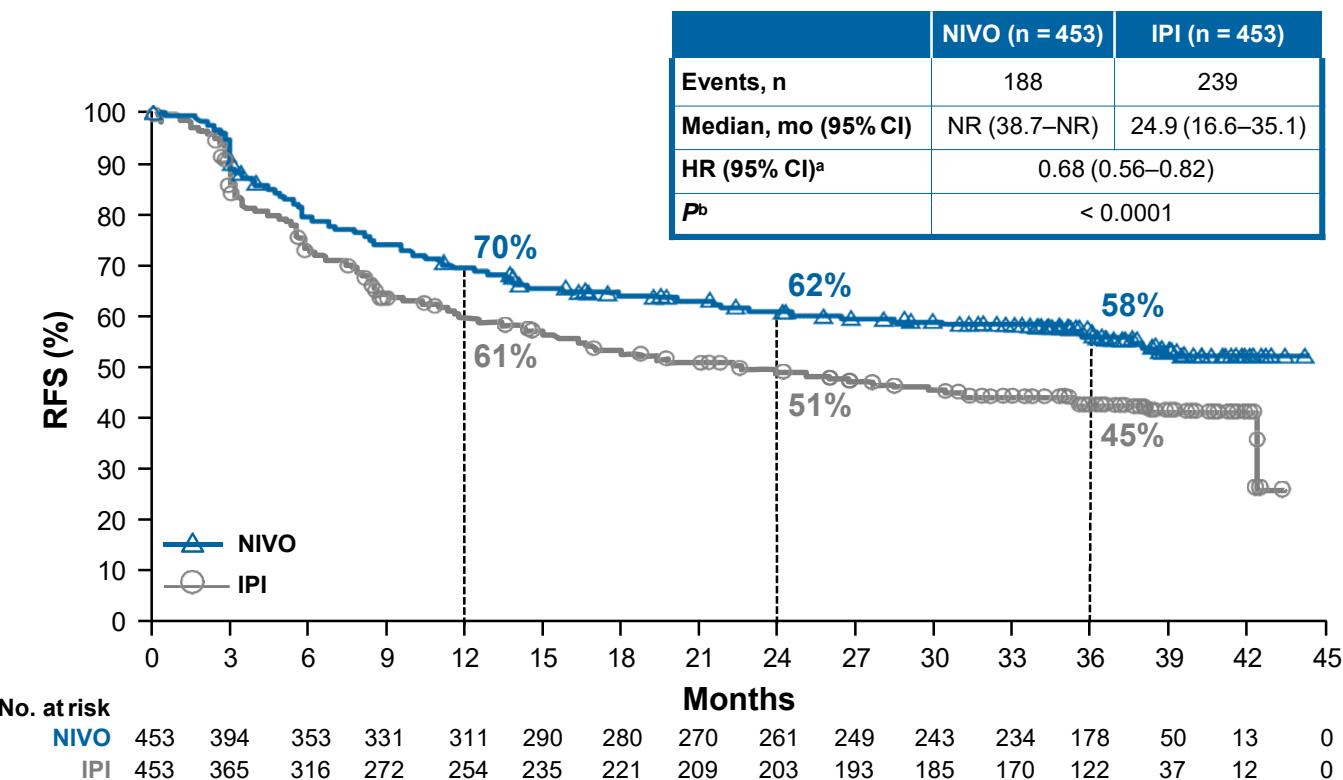
**Stratified by:**

- 1) Disease stage: IIIB/IIIC vs IV M1a or M1b vs IV M1c
- 2) Tumor PD-L1 status at a 5% cutoff

**Primary endpoint: RFS**

**Database lock: January 31, 2019; minimum follow-up of 36 months for all patients**

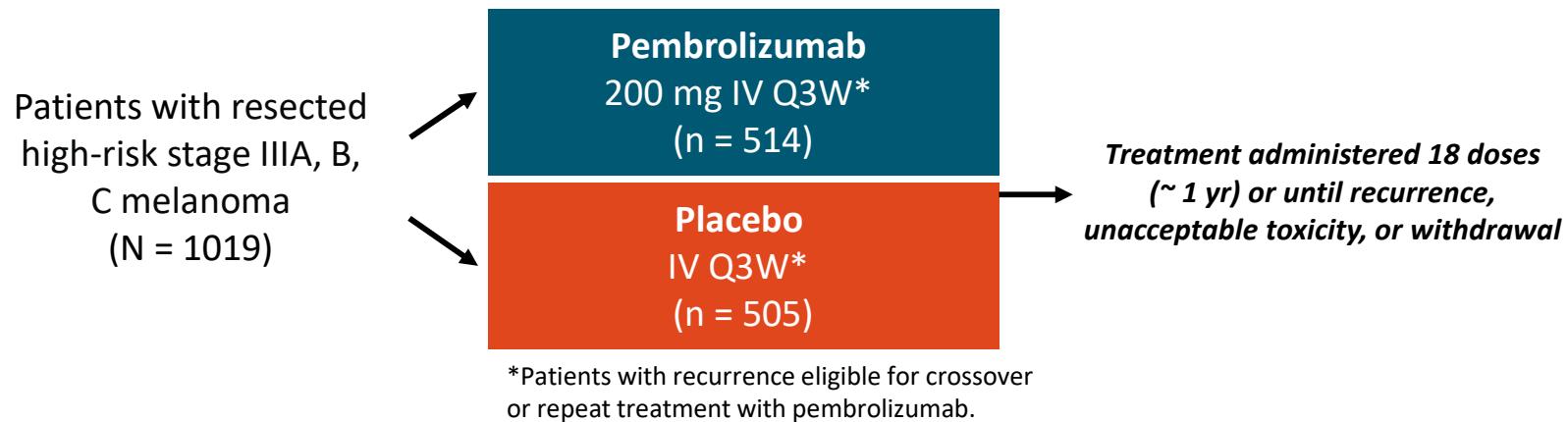
## Primary Endpoint: RFS in All Patients



<sup>a</sup>Stratified; <sup>b</sup>Log-rank test. NR, not yet reached.

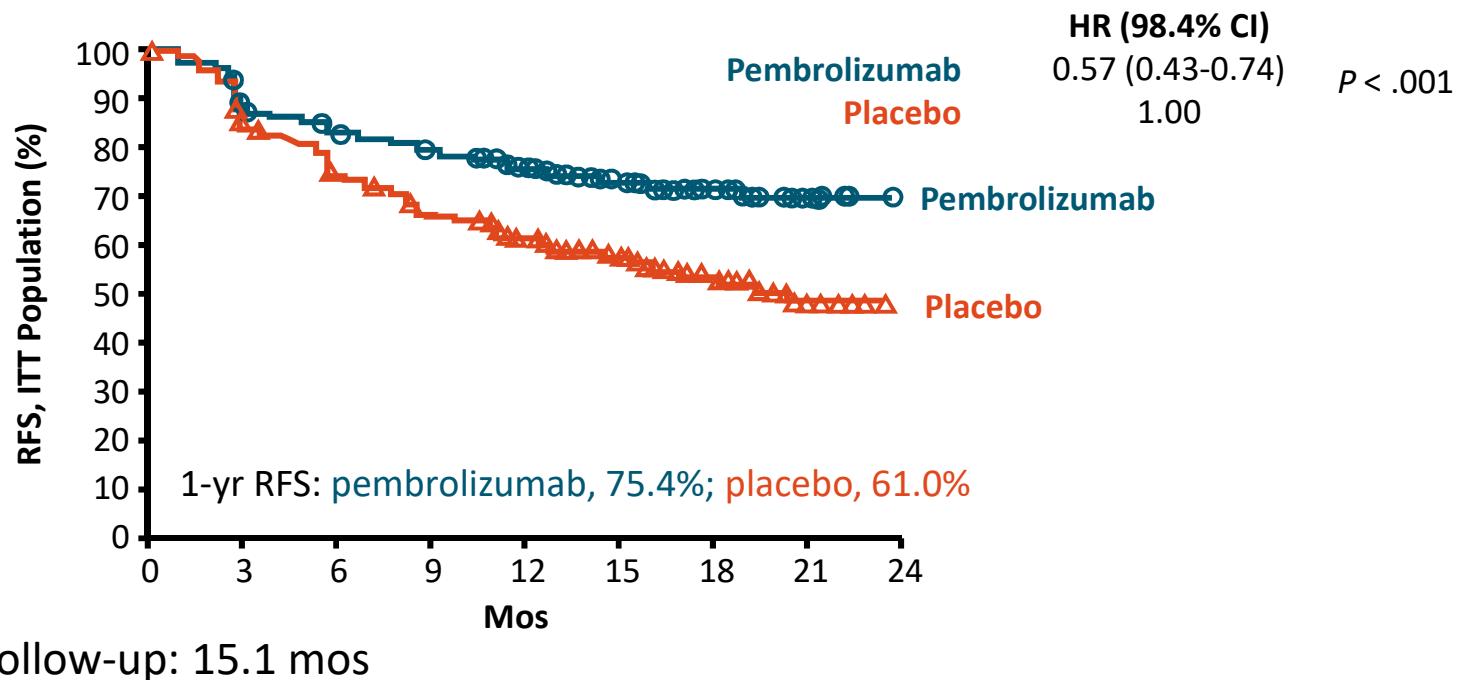
# KEYNOTE-054: Adjuvant Pembrolizumab vs Placebo for Stage III Melanoma (Part 1)

- Randomized, double-blind phase III study



- Coprimary endpoints: RFS in ITT population, RFS in PD-L1+ subgroup
- Secondary endpoints: DMFS, OS, safety, QoL

## KEYNOTE-054: Relapse-Free Survival



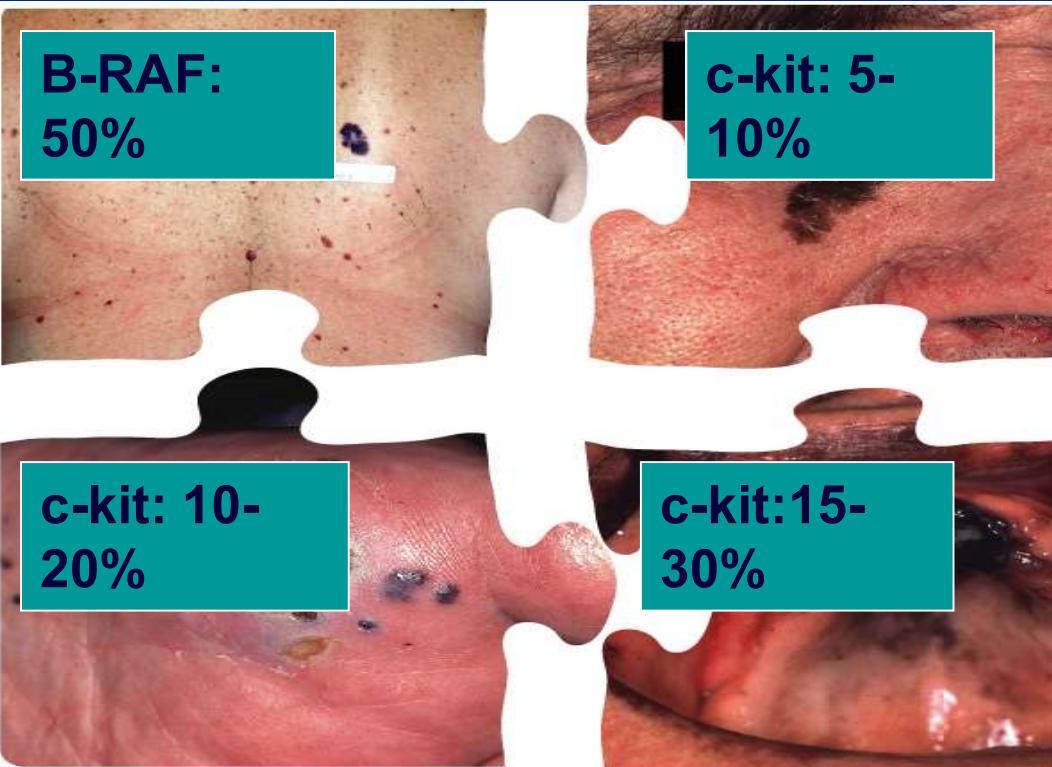
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# Targeted Therapy

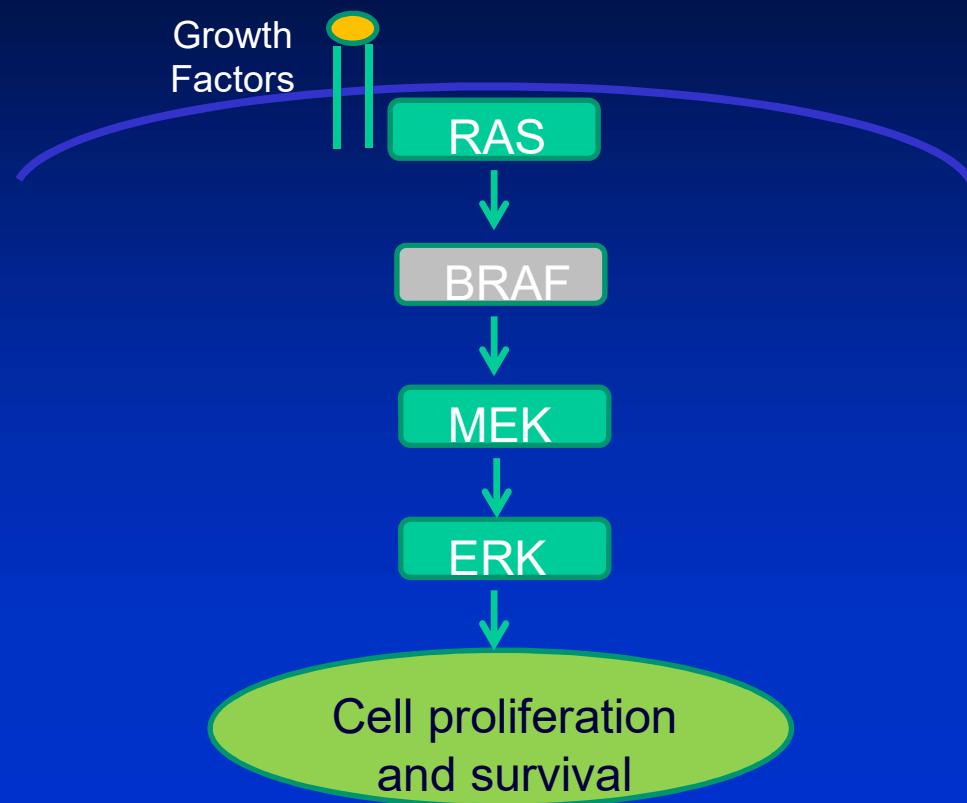
- Metastatic Disease
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    - Vemurafenib/cobimetinib
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# Melanoma is not one disease

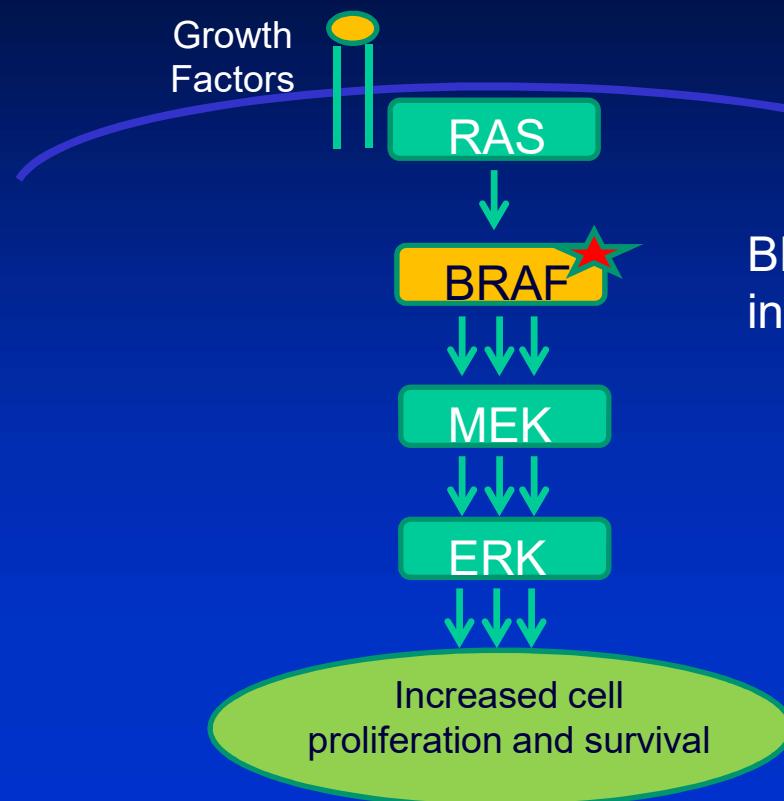
(Curtin et al, N Engl J Med 353: 2135-47, 2005)



# MAPK Pathway

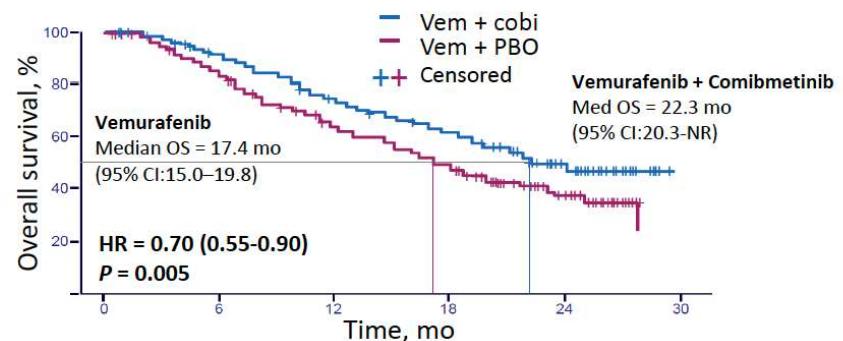
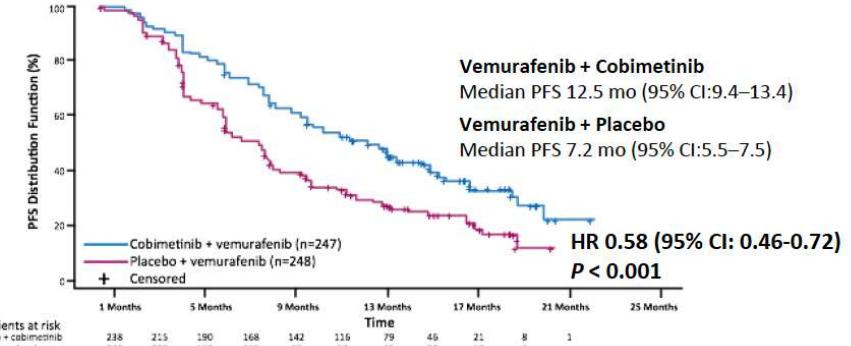
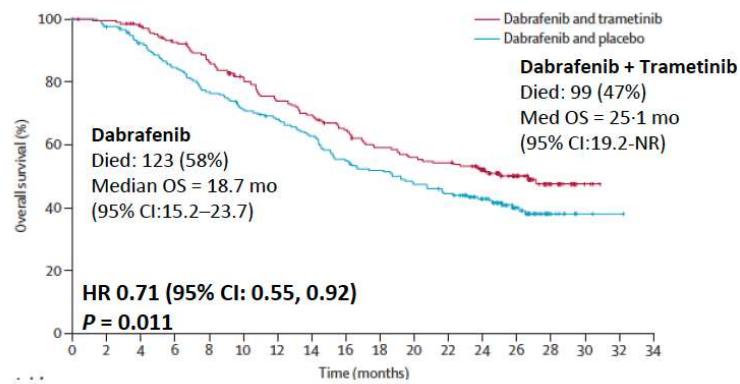
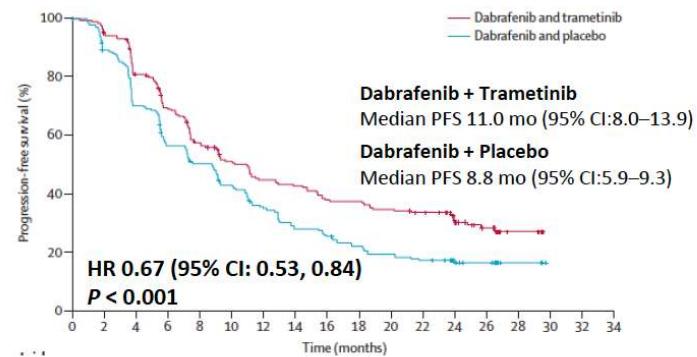


# BRAF Mutation



BRAF mutation is present  
in ~50% of melanomas

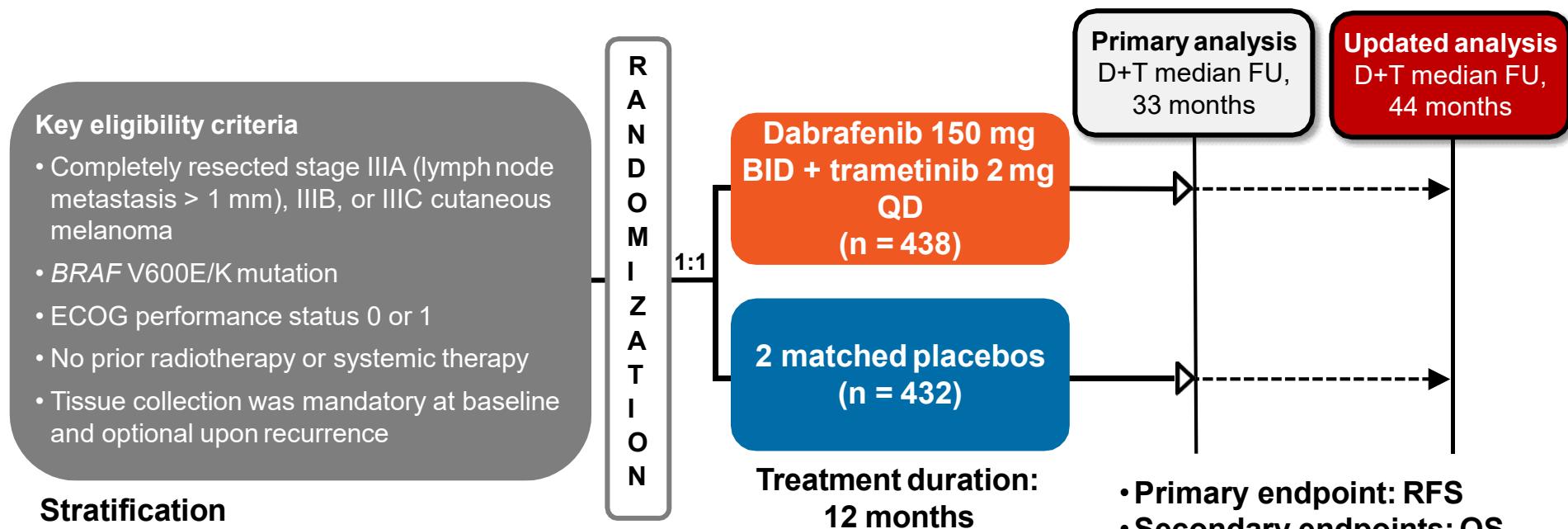
# Combined BRAF/MEKi therapy is superior survival compared to single-agent BRAFi



Long et al. NEJM 2014; Long et al. Lancet 2015.

Larkin et al. NEJM 2015

# Adjuvant Therapy: Combi-AD: Study Design

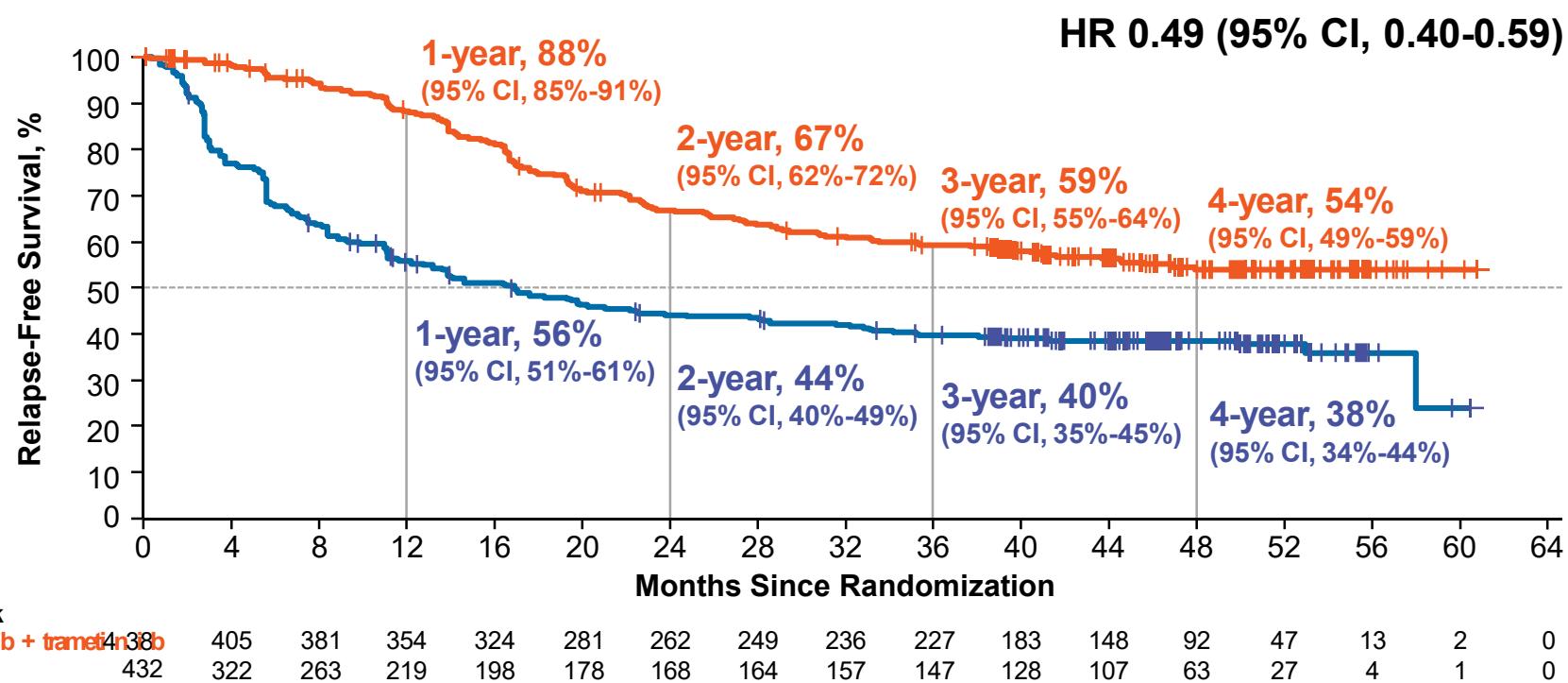


BID, twice daily; DMFS, distant metastasis-free survival; D+T, dabrafenib + trametinib; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FFR, freedom from relapse; FU, follow-up; QD, once daily.

Long GV, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377:1813-1823.

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# COMBI-A/D: RELAPSE-FREE SURVIVAL

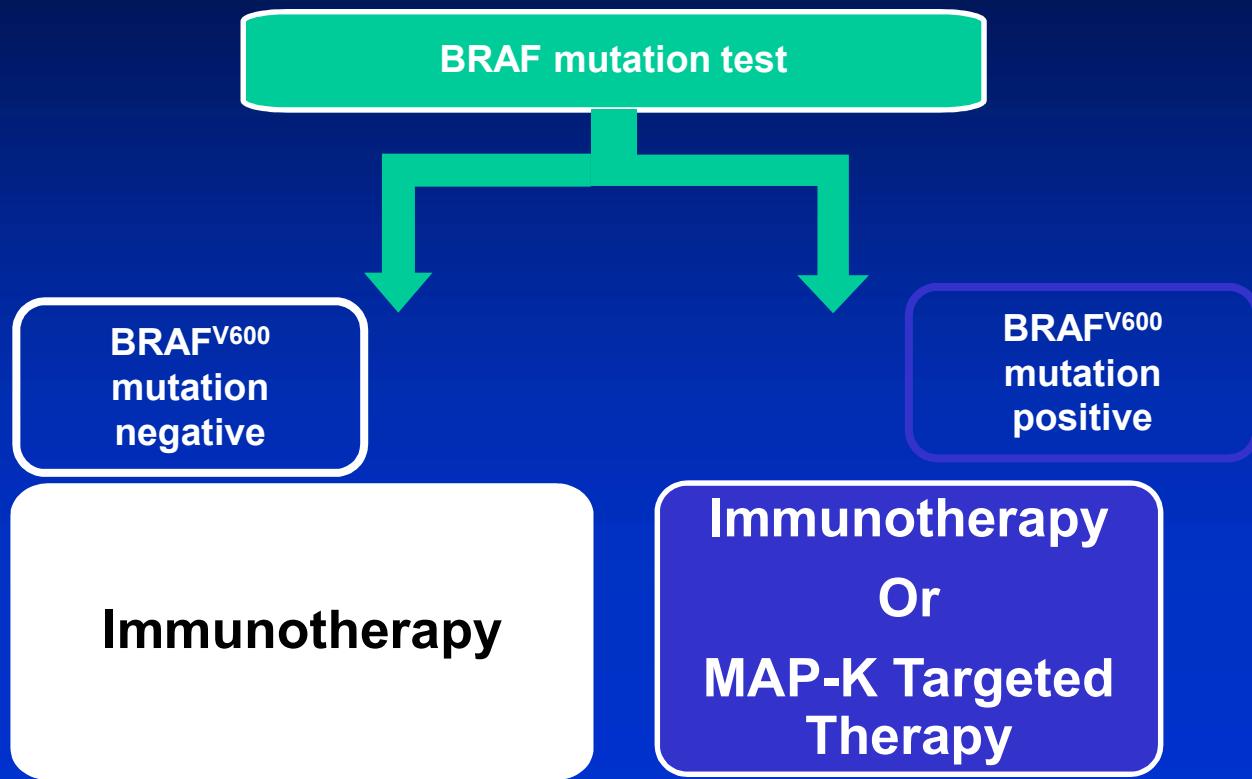


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# Choosing Between Immunotherapy & Targeted Therapy

- Applies only to BRAF-mutated patients (50% of US patients)
- Choice exists in both adjuvant therapy and metastatic disease

# Melanoma Therapy Decision Point

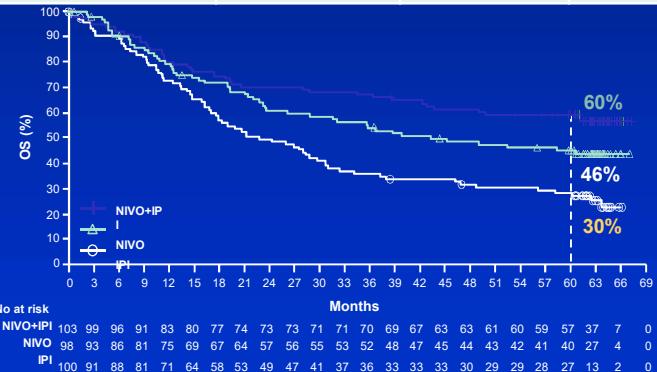


# Immunotherapy OS in Patients With BRAF-Mutant and Wild-Type Tumors

Improved OS and PFS with NIVO+IPI and NIVO versus IPI regardless of *BRAF* mutation status

## *BRAF*-Mutant

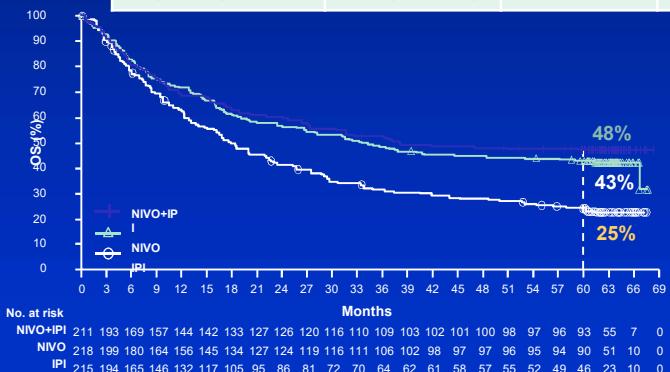
	NIVO+IPI (n=103)	NIVO (n=98)	IPI (n=100)
Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (50.7-NR)	45.5 (26.4-NR)	24.6 (17.9-31.0)
HR (95% CI) vs IPI	0.44 (0.30-0.64)	0.63 (0.44-0.90)	–
HR (95% CI) vs NIVO <sup>a</sup>	0.70 (0.46-1.05)	–	–



- 5-year PFS rates of 38% (NIVO+IPI), 22% (NIVO), and 11% (IPI)

## *BRAF* Wild-Type

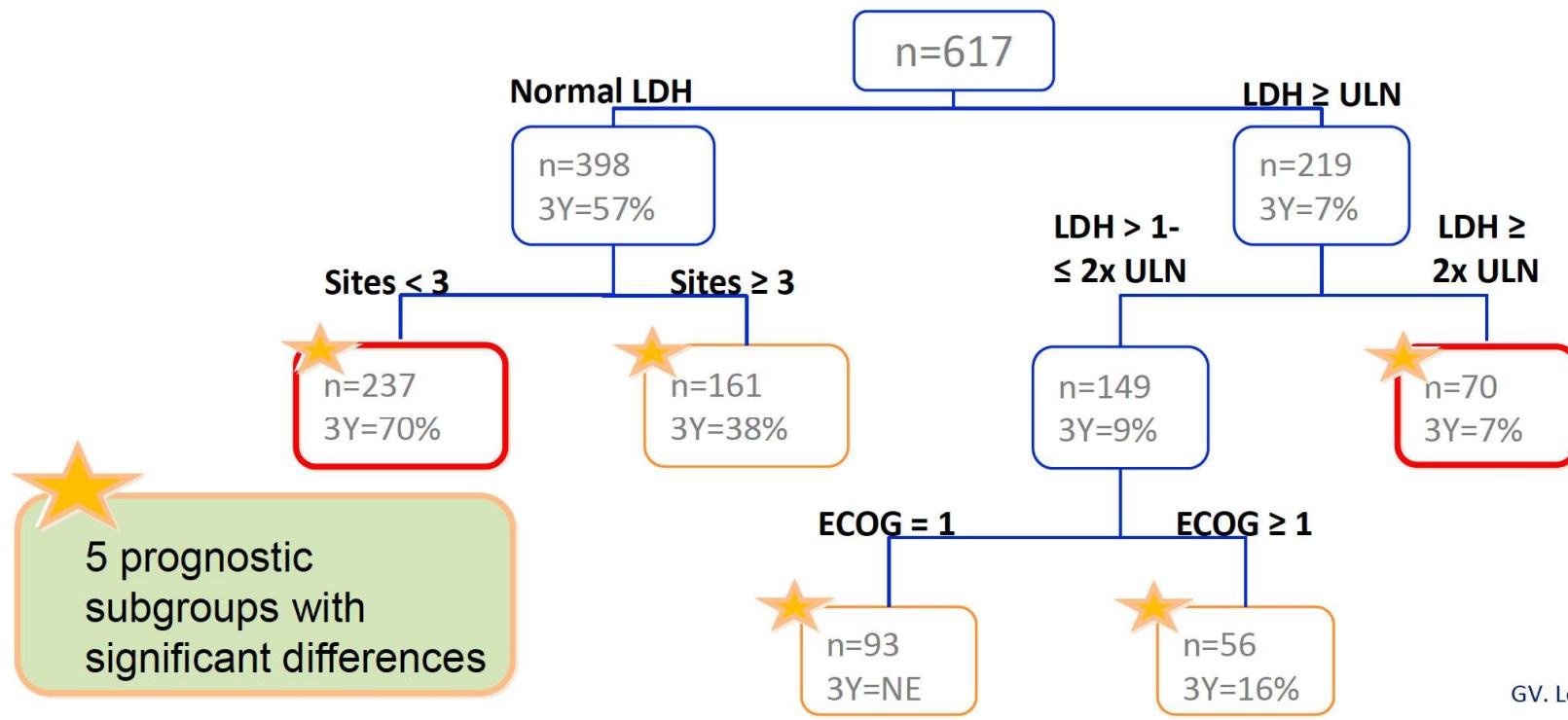
	NIVO+IPI (n=211)	NIVO (n=218)	IPI (n=215)
Median, mo (95% CI)	39.1 (27.5-NR)	34.4 (24.1-59.2)	18.5 (14.1-22.7)
HR (95% CI) vs IPI	0.57 (0.45-0.73)	0.64 (0.50-0.81)	–
HR (95% CI) vs NIVO <sup>a</sup>	0.89 (0.69-1.15)	–	–



- 5-year PFS rates of 35% (NIVO+IPI), 32% (NIVO), and 7% (IPI)

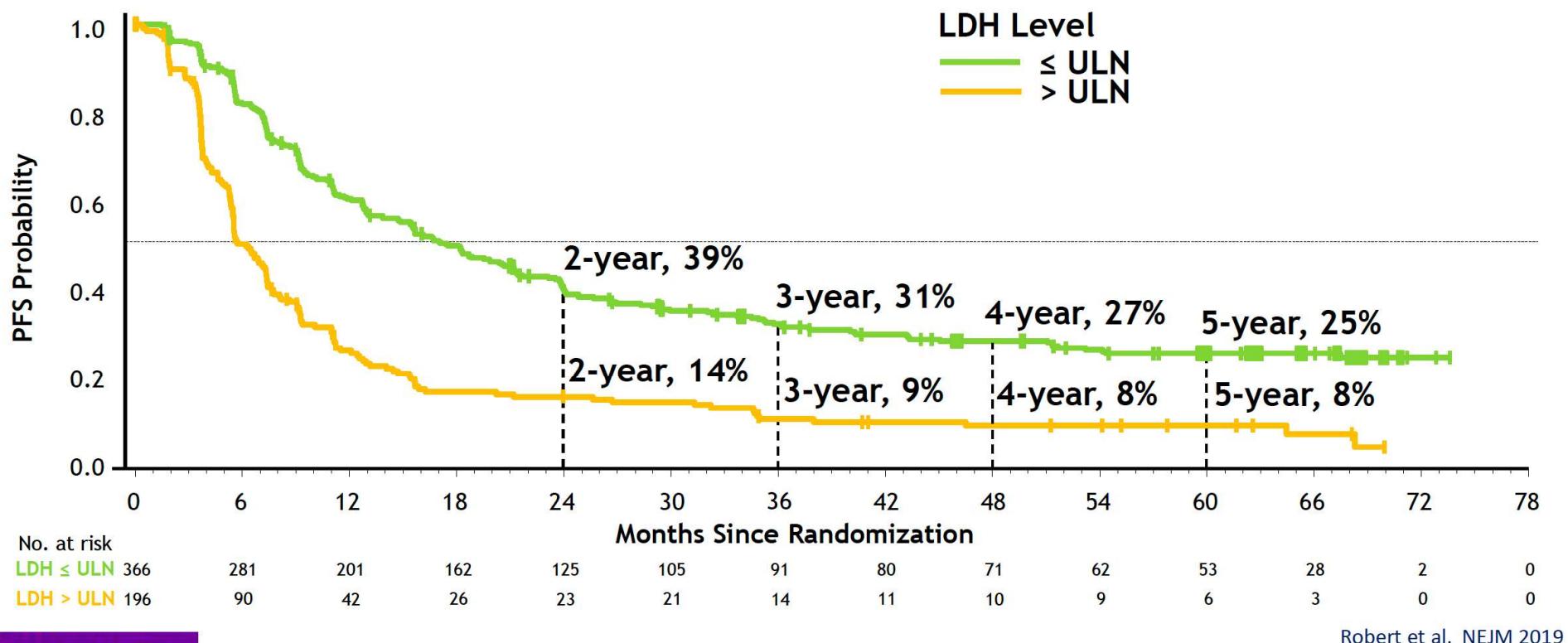
<sup>a</sup>Descriptive analysis.

# Baseline factors influencing outcome with targeted therapy



Adapted from:  
GV. Long, SMR 2015, JCO 2016  
K. Flaherty, ASCO 2016

## Dabrafenib plus Trametinib: PFS by baseline LDH level

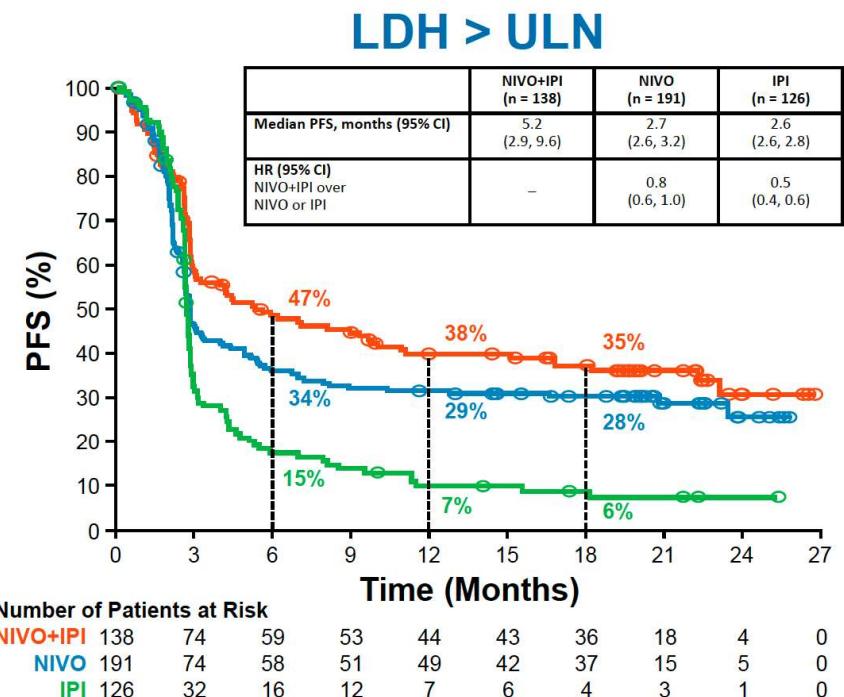
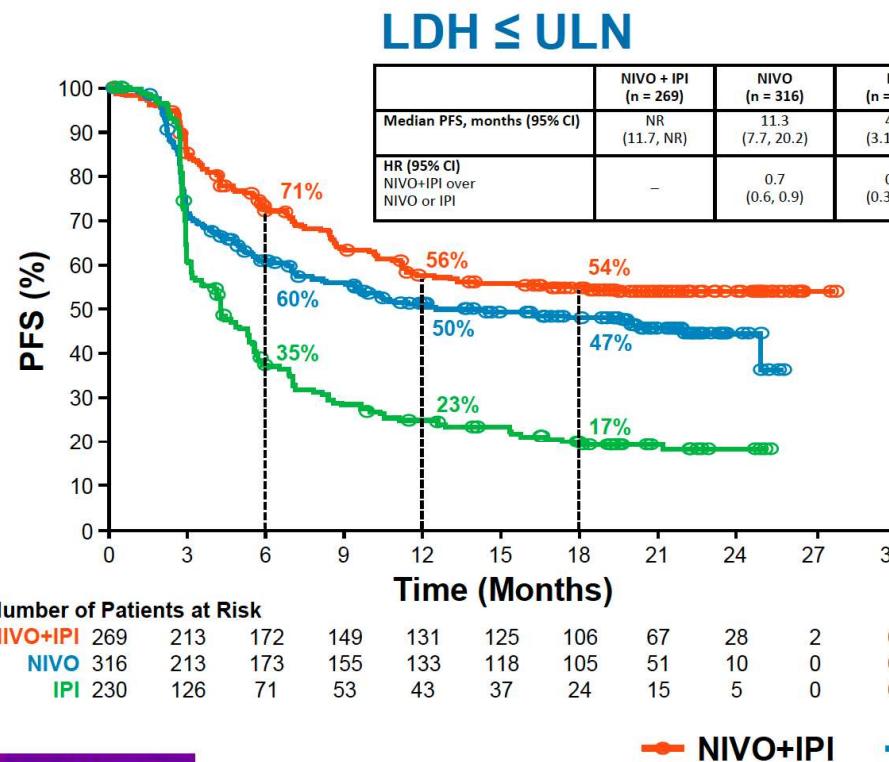


## Efficacy of Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab patients with advanced melanoma and elevated LDH: a pooled analysis.

	Pooled population of treatment-naïve patients with advanced melanoma (N = 1270)		
	NIVO+IPI	NIVO	IPI
Studies	CheckMate 067 CheckMate 069	CheckMate 066 CheckMate 067	CheckMate 067 CheckMate 069
Total number of patients	407	507	356

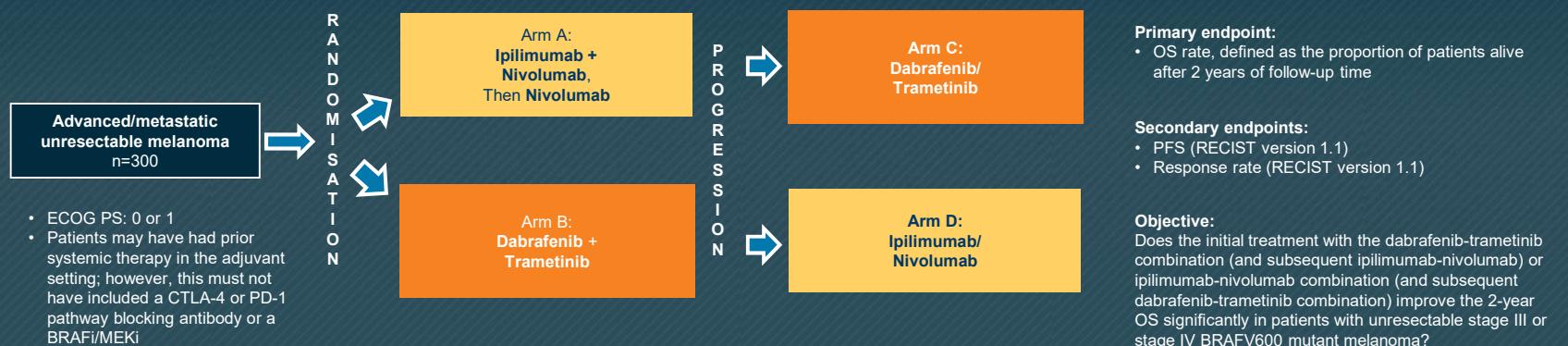
- Minimum follow-up of 18 months
- Patients were stratified according to baseline LDH values (LDH ≤ ULN, > ULN, or > 2x ULN)

# Progression-free survival



# NCT02224781: Phase 3 Study of Dabrafenib + Trametinib Followed by Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab + Nivolumab Followed by Dabrafenib + Trametinib

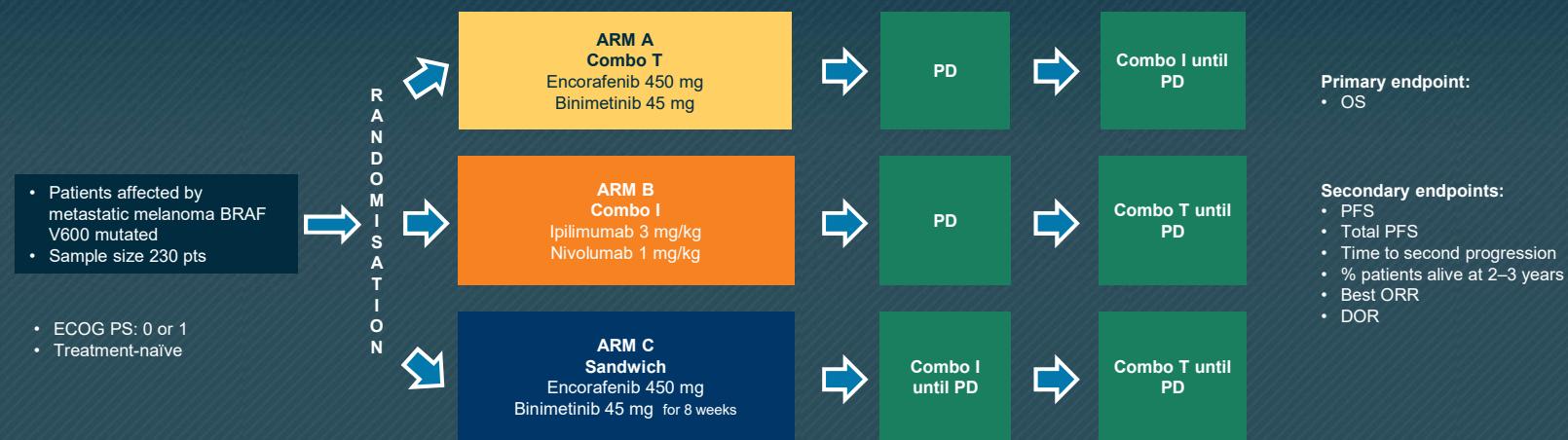
Randomised Phase 3 trial of dabrafenib + trametinib followed by ipilimumab + nivolumab at progression vs ipilimumab + nivolumab followed by dabrafenib + trametinib at progression in patients with advanced BRAF V600 mutant melanoma



ECOG-PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.  
Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02224781.

# SECOMBIT: Phase 2 SEquential COMBo Immuno and Target Therapy Study in Treatment-naïve Patients With Metastatic BRAF V600 Mutant Melanoma

Prospective, randomised Phase 2 study to evaluate the best sequential approach with combo immunotherapy (ipilimumab + nivolumab) and combo target therapy (encorafenib + binimatinib) in patients with metastatic BRAF V600 mutant melanoma



DOR, duration of response; ECOG-PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LGX = encorafenib (BRAFi); MEK162 = binimatinib (MEKi); ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PD, progressive disease.  
Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02631447.

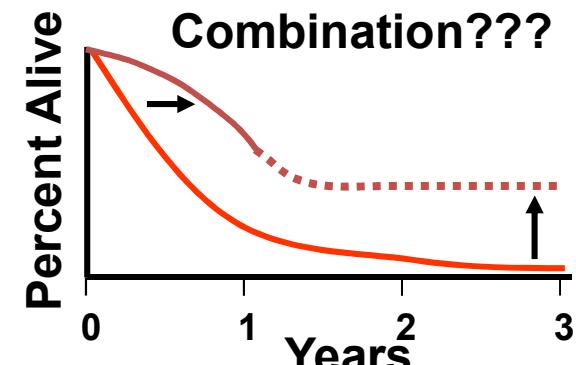
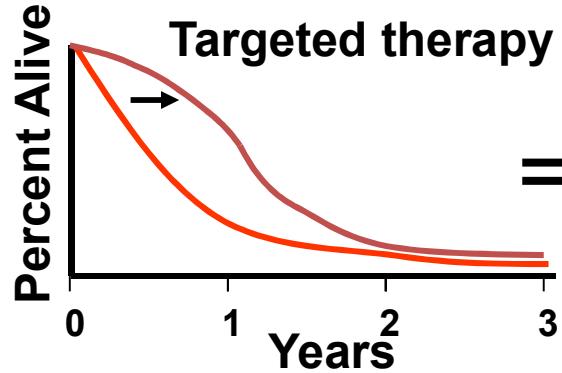
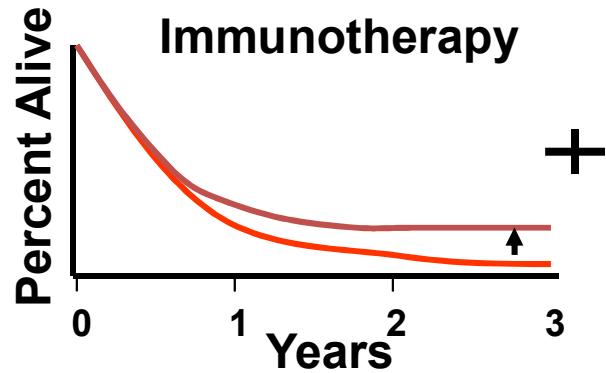
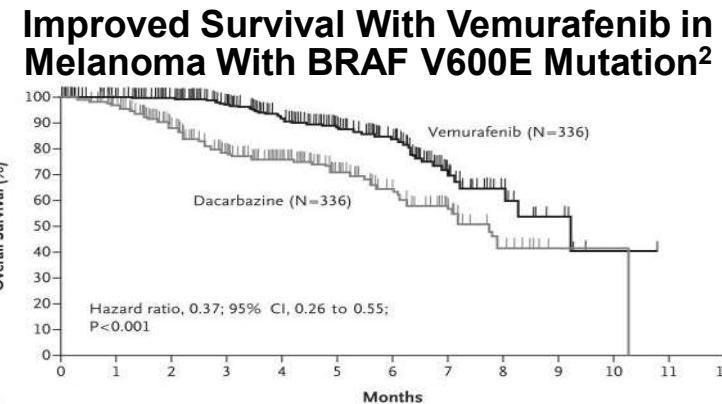
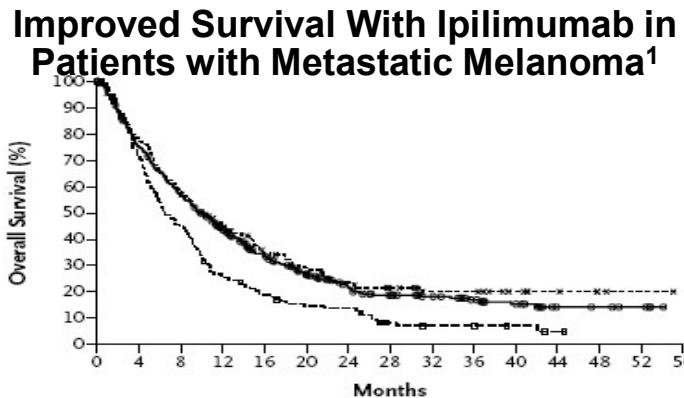
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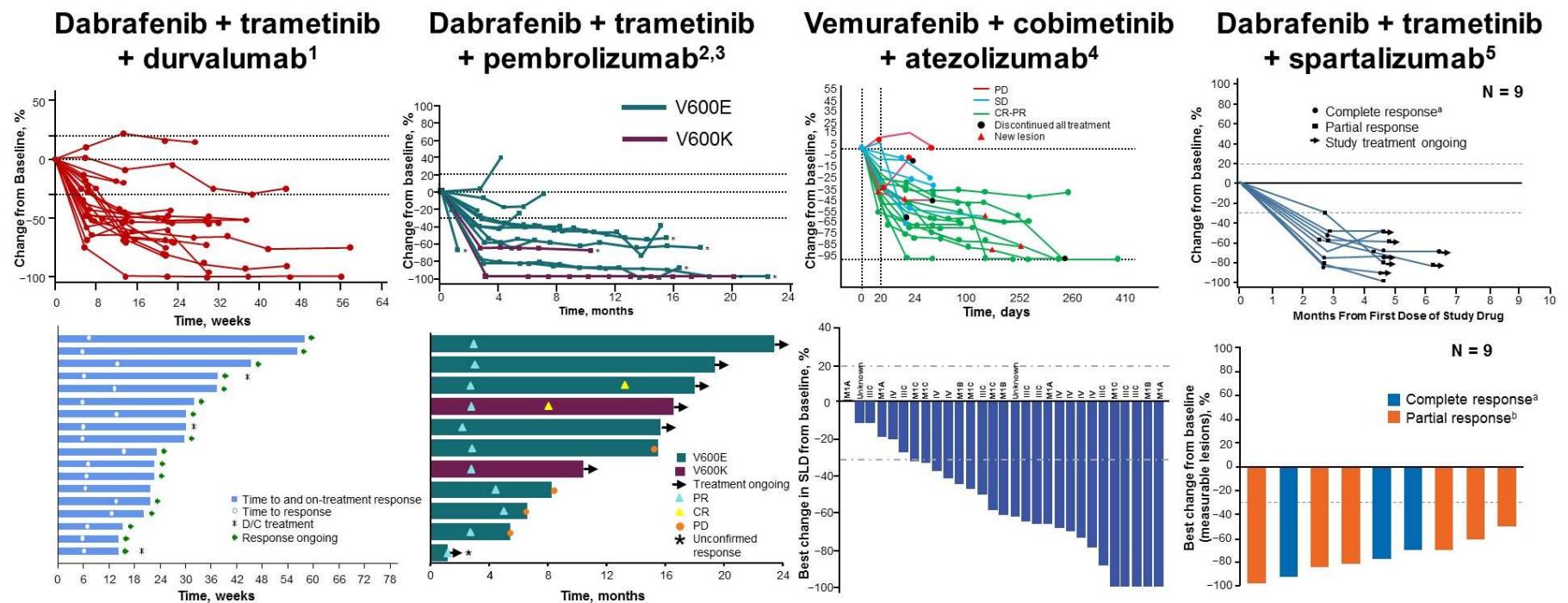
# Combining Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy for Melanoma?



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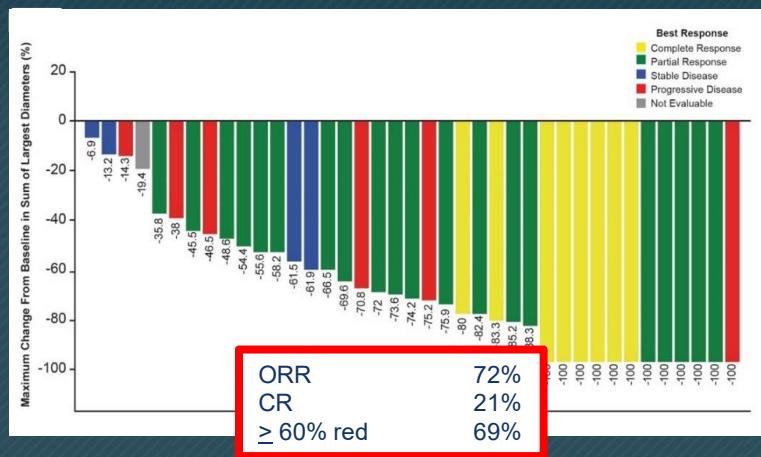
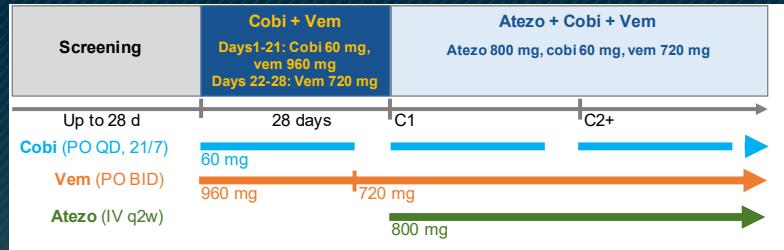
# Clinical Trials Combining BRAFi + MEKi + anti-PD-1/L1



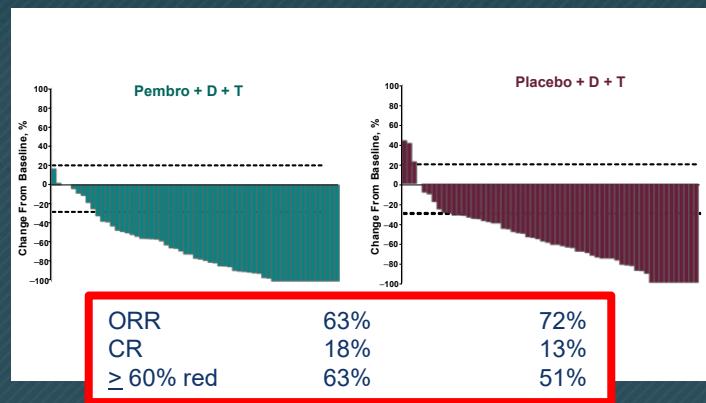
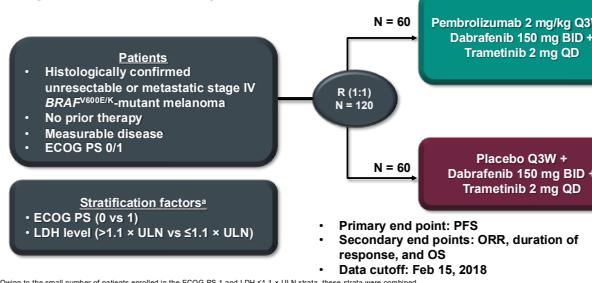
BID, twice daily; CR, complete response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; QD, once daily; SD, stable disease. <sup>a</sup> Patients with CR and < 100% change in sum of diameters (SOD) have (a) 100% change for non-nodal target lesions and all nodal target lesions are < 10 mm and (b) CR for nontarget lesions. <sup>b</sup> Patients with PR and 100% change in SOD have (a) 100% change for all target lesions and (b) non-CR/non-PD response for nontarget lesions.

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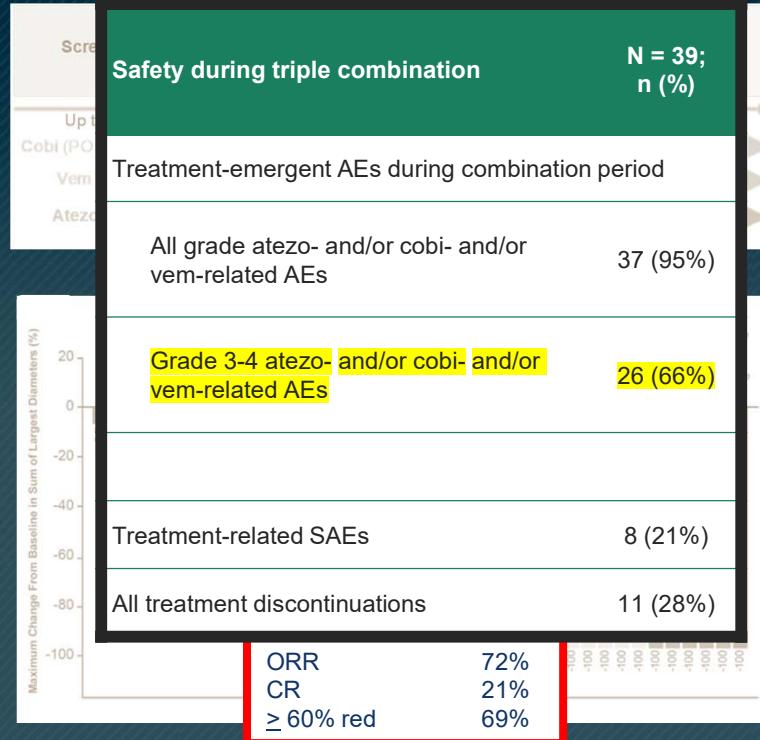


### KEYNOTE-022 Part 3 Study Design (NCT02130466)



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**KEYNOTE-022 Part 3 Study Design**

### Summary of Adverse Events

	Pembrolizumab + D + T n (%) N = 60	Placebo + D + T n (%) N = 60
Any-grade AE	59 (98)	58 (97)
Grade 3-4	40 (67)	27 (45)
Led to death <sup>a</sup>	2 (3)	0 (0)
Led to discontinuation	25 (42)	13 (22)
Led to discontinuation of all 3 study drugs	15 (25)	9 (15)
Treatment-related AE	57 (95)	56 (93)
Grade 3-4	34 (57)	16 (27)
Led to death	1 (2)	0 (0)
Led to discontinuation of $\geq 1$ study drug	24 (40)	12 (20)

<sup>a</sup>One patient died due to treatment-related pneumonitis and one died of unknown cause.

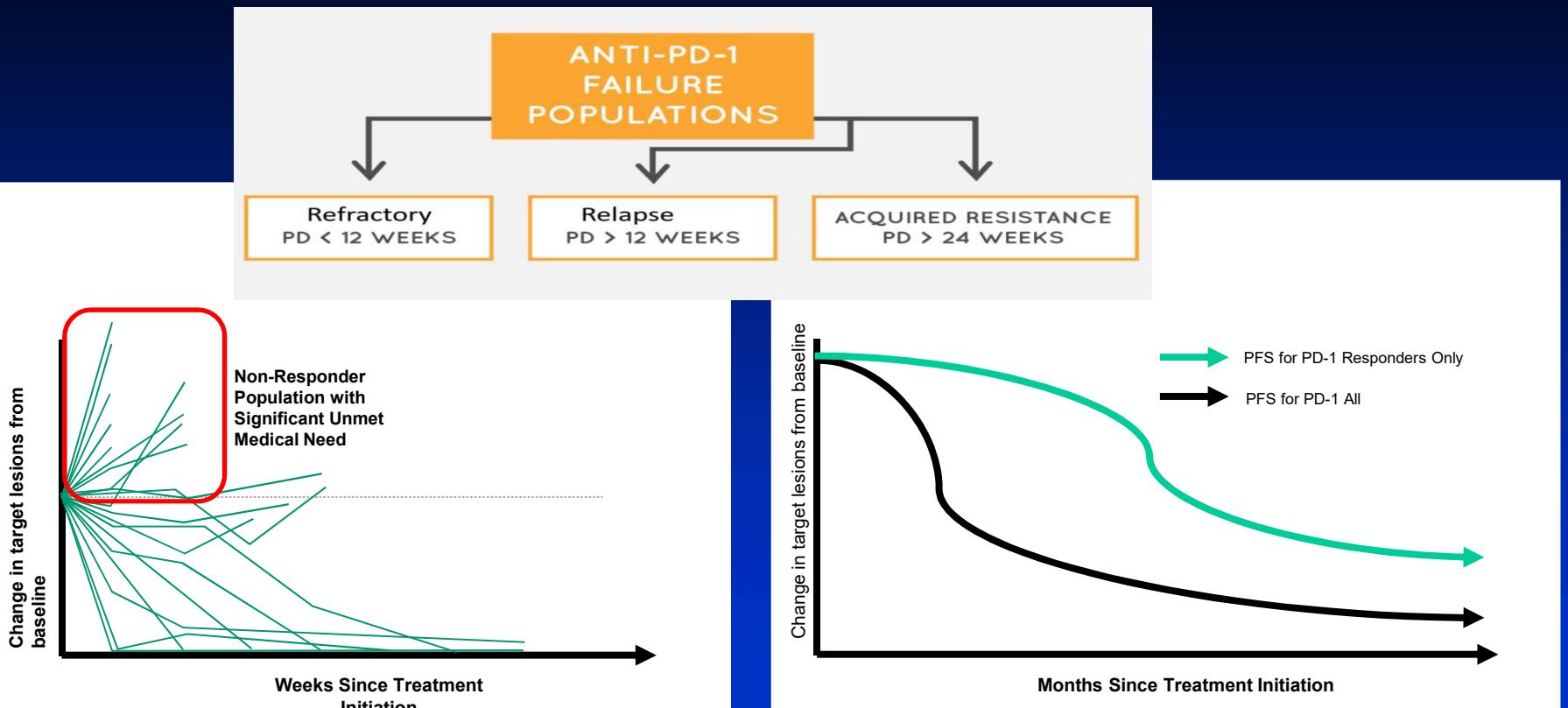
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# The Future

- Triple therapy for BRAF+ patients
- Reverse drug resistance

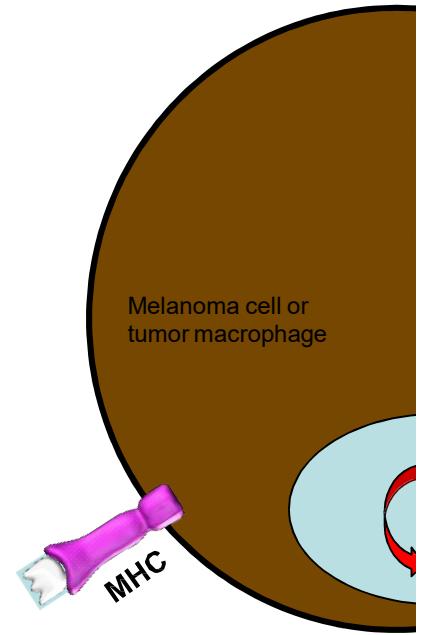
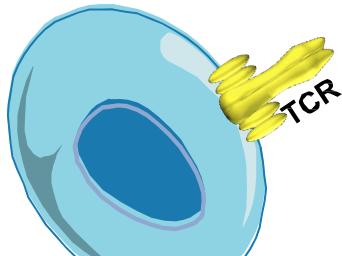
## Anatomy of Anti-PD-1 Failures in Melanoma



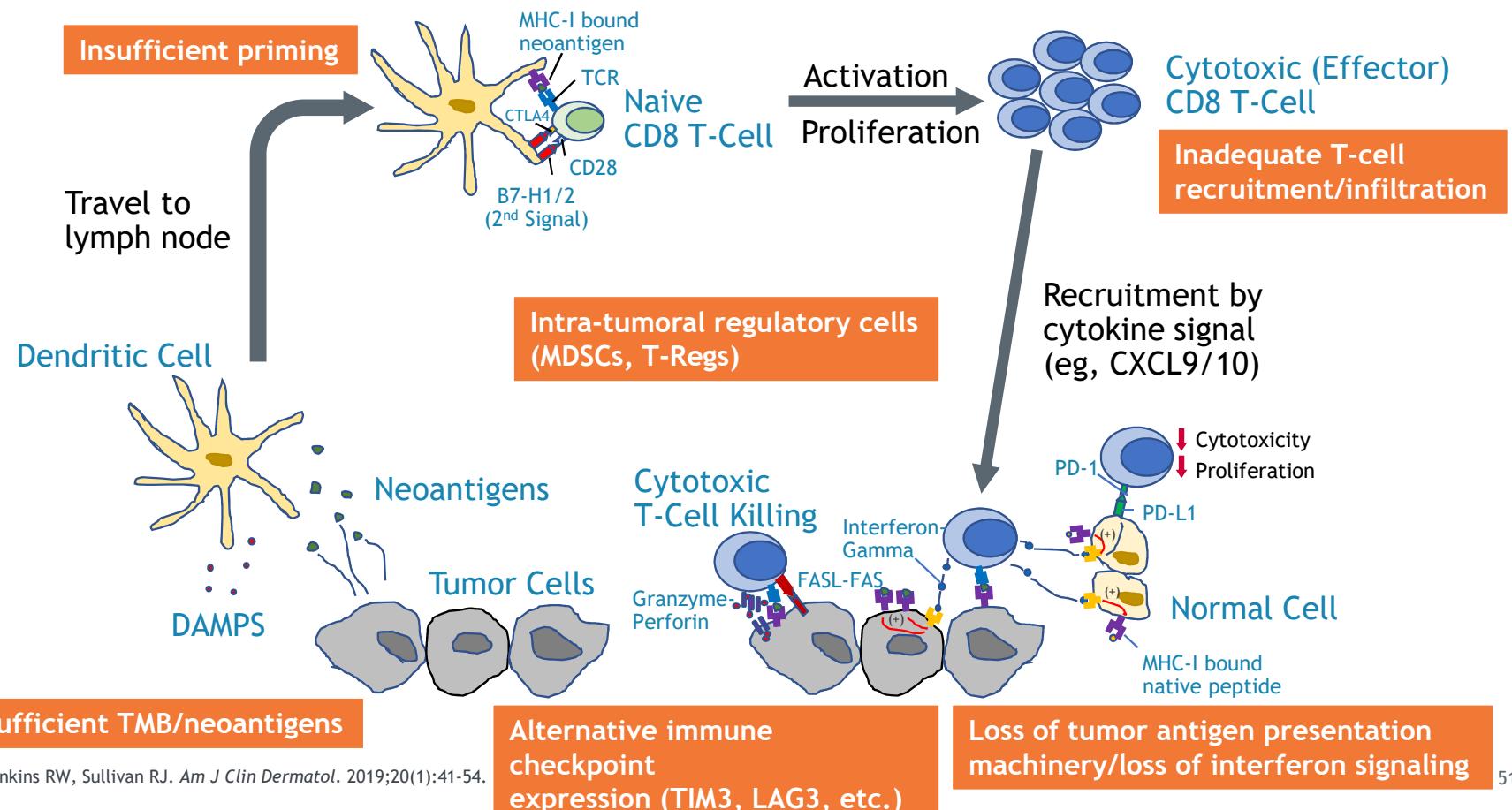
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# Primary resistance to PD-1 blockade therapy

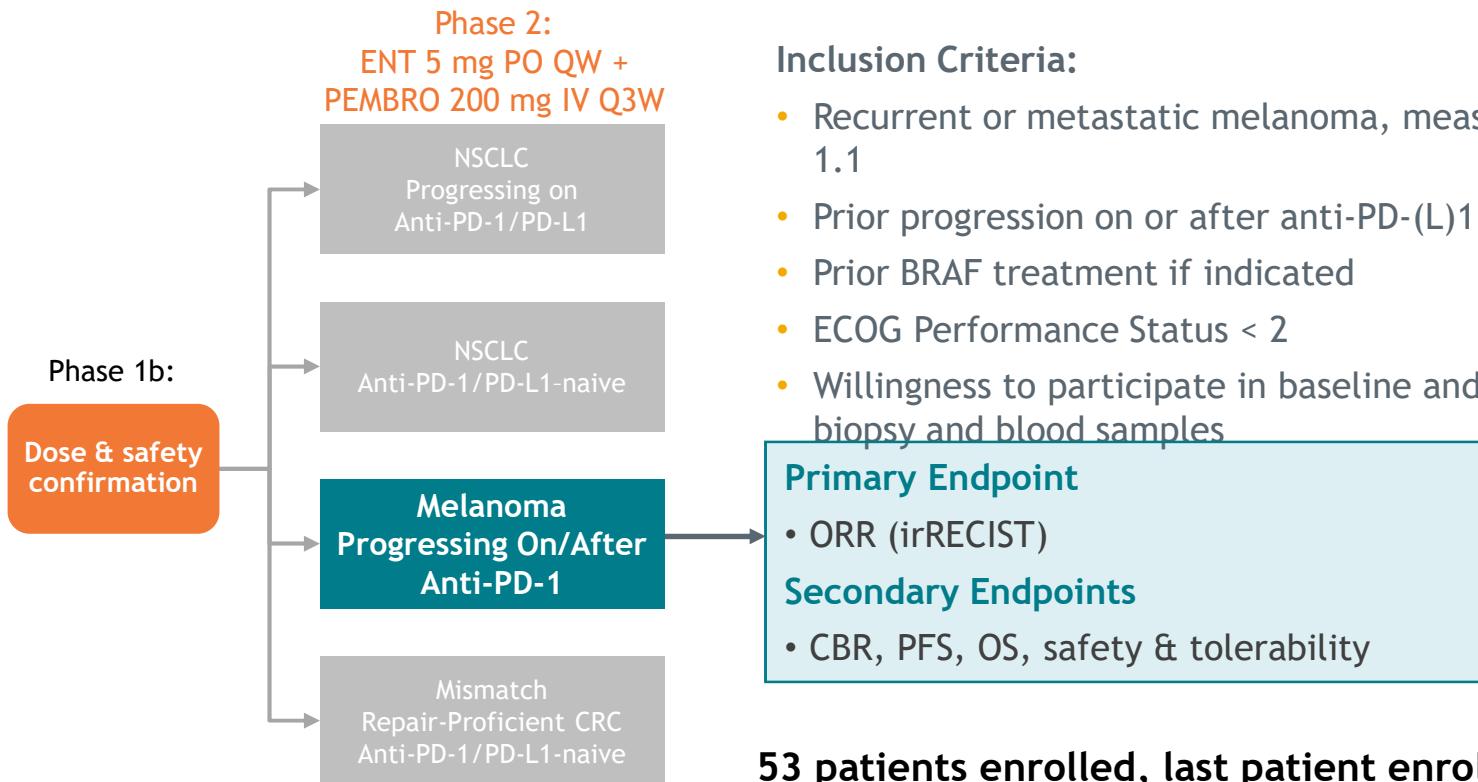
- Primary resistance by low T cell infiltration and lack of PD-1:PD-L1 interactions in the tumor (Tumeh *et al.* Nature 2014)
- Low tumor immunogenicity (Rizvi *et al.* Science 2015)
- T cell exclusion from tumors (Spranger *et al.* Science 2015)
- Low IFN- $\gamma$  signaling (Ayers *et al.* J Clin Inv 2017)



# Secondary Resistance: Why Does Therapy Fail?



## ENCORE-601: Open-Label Study Evaluating ENT + PEMBRO in Patients With Recurrent or Metastatic Melanoma and Prior Progression On or After Anti-PD-1 Therapy

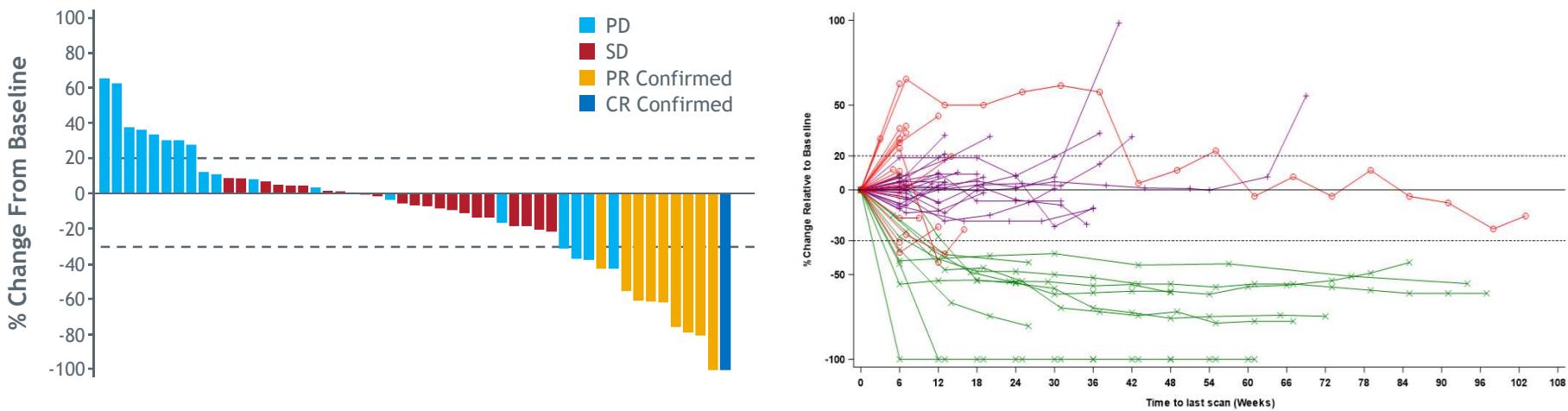


53 patients enrolled, last patient enrolled April 2018

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CBR, clinical benefit rate; CRC, colorectal cancer; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ENT, entinostat; irRECIST, immune-related Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; IV, intravenous; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; QW, once a week; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

## Change in Tumor Volume and Change in Tumor Volume Over Time per irRECIST in ENCORE-601

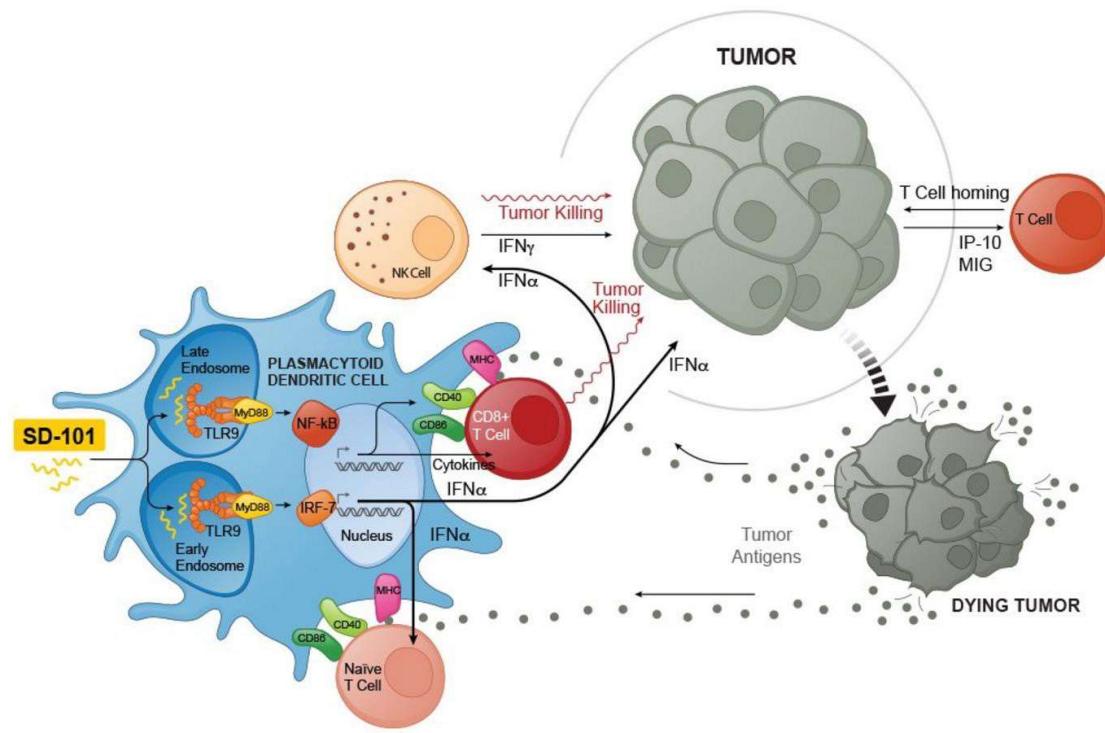


- 10 confirmed responses of 53 treated [19% ORR (95% CI: 9%-32%)]
  - 1 CR, 9 PRs
- Median duration of response: 13 months (range 3-20)
  - 4 responders ongoing
- An additional 9 patients have had SD for >6 months
  - 36% CBR (95% CI: 23%-50%)

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CBR, clinical benefit rate; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; irRECIST, immune-related Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

# Intratumoral TLR9-agonist to reverse resistance to anti-PD-1



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# Summary

- Immunotherapy with checkpoint inhibitors is a standard of care for all suitable patients with melanoma
  - Single agent PD1 (adjuvant and metastatic)
  - Combination PD-1/CTLA-4 (metastatic only)
- For BRAF-MT patients the choice between targeted therapy and CPB is still a clinical decision
- Combination of immunotherapy and targeted therapy is an active area of investigation
- Reversing drug resistance is the area of major unmet need – clinical trials ongoing

# Cancer Expert Now (CEN) Network

## How Does it Work?

Text-based and live video mobile platforms connect international doctors with leading experts



Noetic Messenger:  
A text-based platform



Noetic Live:  
A live video- or teleconference

- Submit questions and patient cases by texting with top experts anytime, anywhere.
- Algorithm automatically identifies the best faculty to respond based on the disease type
- Like text messaging, but completely secure
- Average response time is 14 hours

- Securely connects doctors with CEN experts using tele-video.
- Live, personalized discussion
- HIPAA compliant, proprietary system
- Scheduling system conveniently identifies available times and dates