

# Virtual R&D Day

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# Mereo Biopharma Virtual R&D Day - Agenda



- Welcome, introductions and Agenda - ***Denise Scots-Knight, PhD, CEO Merco Biopharma***
- Etigilimab : TIGIT as a target/MOA - ***John Lewicki, PhD, CSO Merco Biopharma***
- Biomarker strategy - ***Ann Kapoun, PhD, SVP Translational R&D Merco Biopharma***
- Etigilimab and the ACTIVATE study - ***Suba Krishnan, MD, SVP Clinical Development Merco Biopharma***
- MD Anderson and the Focus Fund/Mereo Collaboration - ***Denise Scots-Knight, PhD, CEO Merco Biopharma***
- Clear Cell Ovarian Cancer - ***Shannon Westin, MD MPH, Associate Professor of Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine, MD Anderson***
- Cervical Cancer - ***Kathleen Moore, MD, MS, Director, Oklahoma TSET Phase 1 Program, Associate Professor, Section of Gynecologic Oncology***
- Sarcoma - ***Priscilla Merriam, MD, Clinical Director, Sarcoma Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute***

## Q&A

# Today's Speakers



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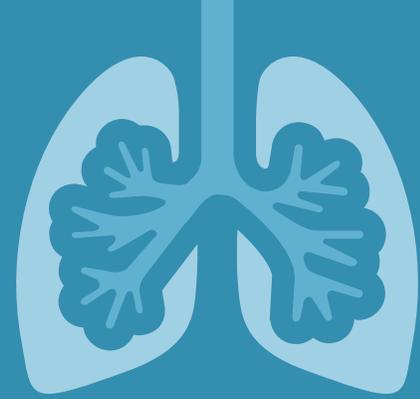


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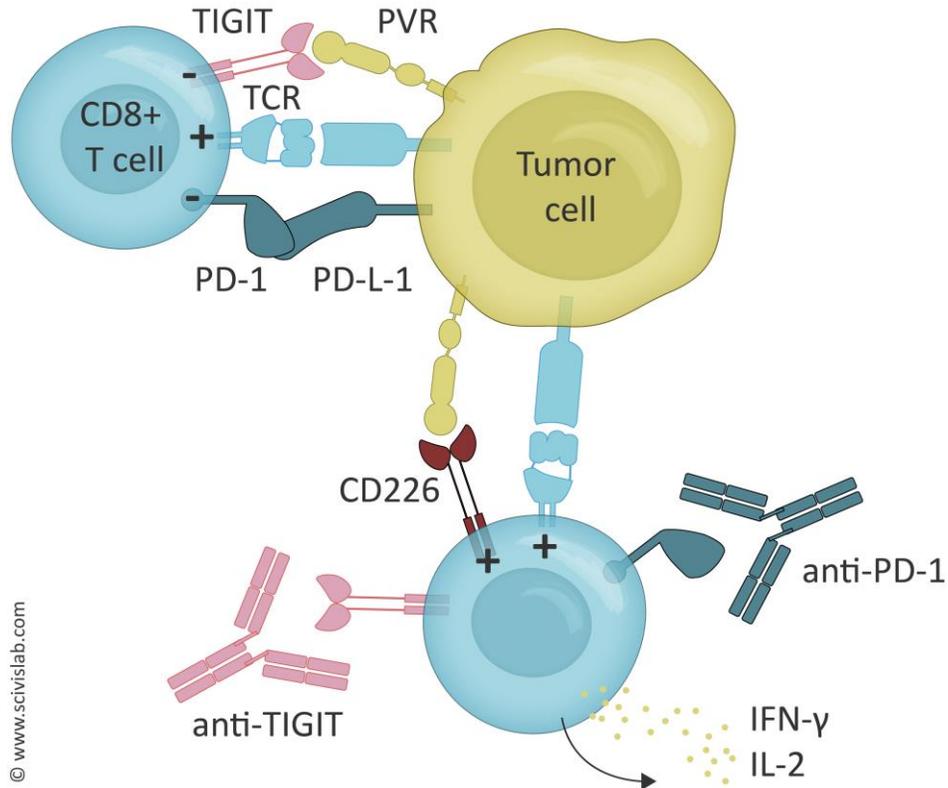


# Etigilimab



# TIGIT is a negative regulator of T cell responses

## T cell Immunoreceptor with Ig and ITIM domains (TIGIT)



### Negative regulator of T cell response:

- Competes with CD226 for PVR, disrupts CD226 activation, and directly inhibits T cells

Expressed on CD4, CD8 and NK cells and is elevated upon activation; co-expressed with PD1 on T memory stem cells

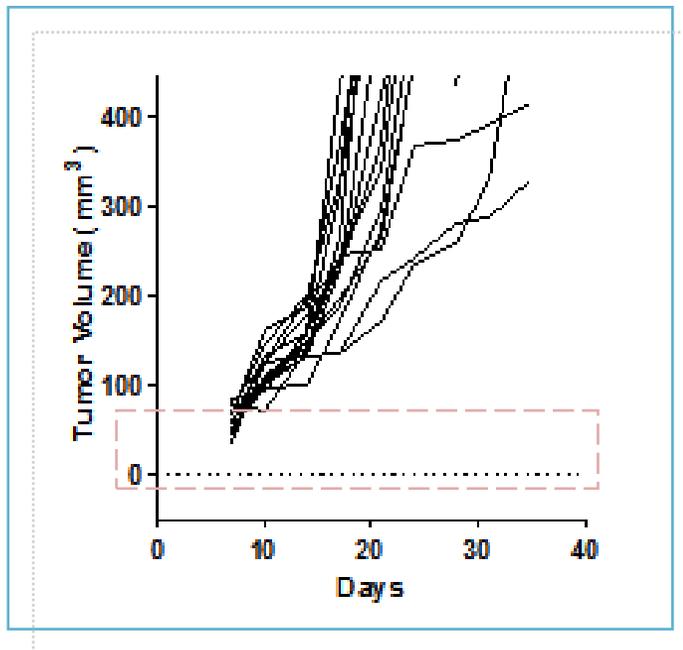
Highly expressed on regulatory T cells (Tregs), exhausted T-cells

Human tumors co-express high levels of TIGIT and PD1

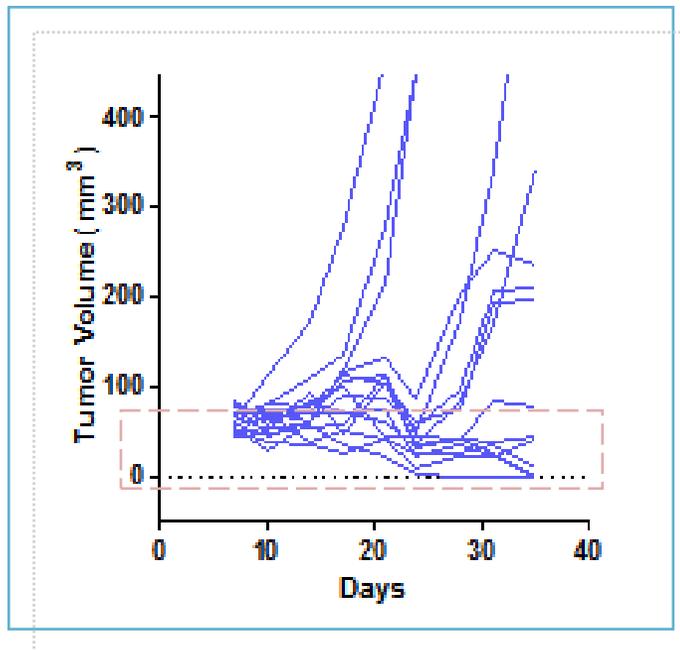
Co-blockade of anti-TIGIT and anti-PD1 elicits anti-tumor activity preclinically and clinically (Johnson et al. 2014, Cancer Cell; Rodriguez-Abreu et al. 2020, ASCO)

# Etigilimab is an IgG1 anti-TIGIT antibody with inhibitory and ADCC characteristics

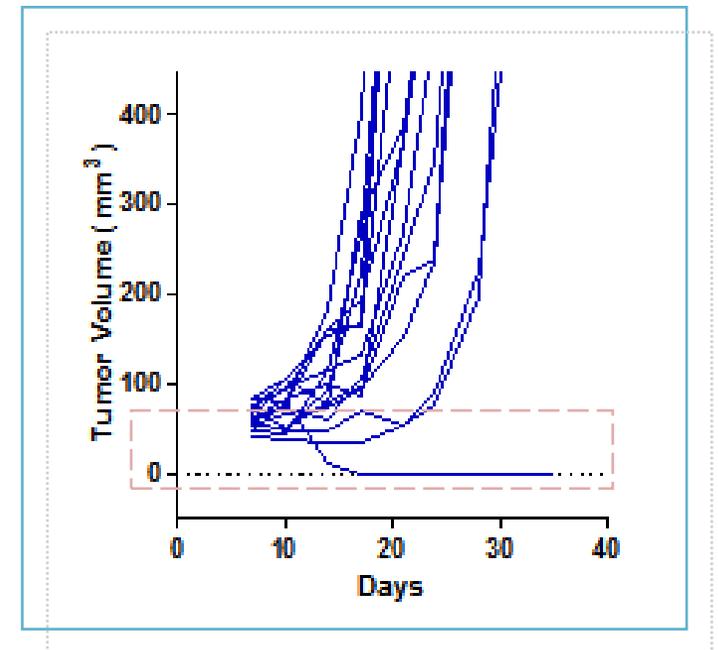
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# Mereo's Anti-TIGIT has key differentiating features



- Anti-TIGIT antibody designed to elicit anti-tumor activity via:
  - Activation of NK and T-cell subpopulations
  - Reduction of T-regulatory cells
  - Increased CD8/Treg ratio
- Demonstrated key mechanisms of anti-TIGIT in a dose dependent manner in preclinical models and in patients treated with etigilimab

# Phase 1 Clinical Findings

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- Seven subjects (30%, n=23) had stable disease as their best response in single-agent Phase 1a
  - Majority of patients are heavily pretreated and have tumor types typically non-responsive to anti-PD1 agents
  - Clinical benefit observed at doses as low as 3 mg/kg with modest tumor shrinkage in some patients including ovarian and endometrial cancers
  - Several patients showing durability, on study >200 days
- One partial response (ovarian) and 1 stable disease (gastric) evident in initial Phase 1b nivolumab combination (n=8 evaluable, n=7 with tumor assessments)

## Safety and Biomarkers

- No DLTs were observed; etigilimab generally well tolerated
- Etigilimab elicited adverse events consistent with immune system activation
- Biomarkers confirm target engagement
  - Dose dependent decreases in T regulatory cells and other biomarkers

# Mereo's etigilimab has key differentiating features

## High affinity IgG1 antibody

- IgG1 backbone activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC). Preclinical data suggest advantages of this backbone over competitor ADCC-null anti-TIGIT mAbs

## Phase 1a and Phase 1b dose escalation and safety data available

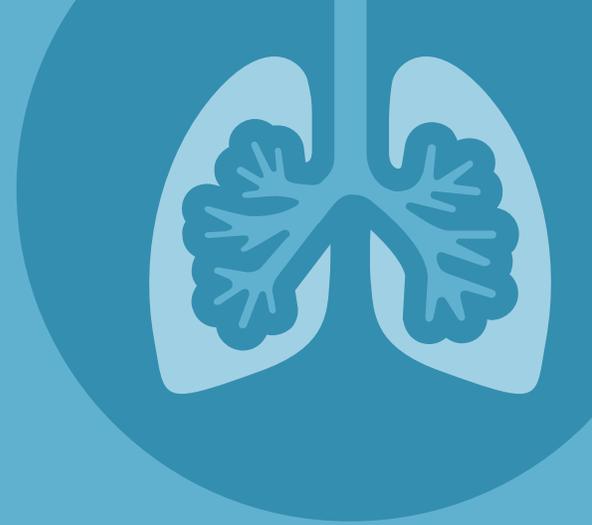
- Early clinical signals observed: 30% SD in Phase 1a; 1PR in Phase 1b.
- Majority of patients are heavily pre-treated including patients with prior checkpoint inhibitors, some in non-IO responsive tumor types. Durability of over 200 days in some patients

## Advanced Biomarker capabilities in place

- Target engagement of etigilimab demonstrated in Phase 1a patients
- Identified tumors with high expression of TIGIT/PVR based on survey of large cohorts of tumors tissues
- Biomarker methods established to evaluate and enable future patient stratification and selection, e.g. IHC for PVR, TIGIT, PVRL2, FOXP3, CD226 and multiple panels for >15 immune related tumor parameters

## ACTIVATE TRIAL

## Differentiated Phase 1b/2 Trial Design



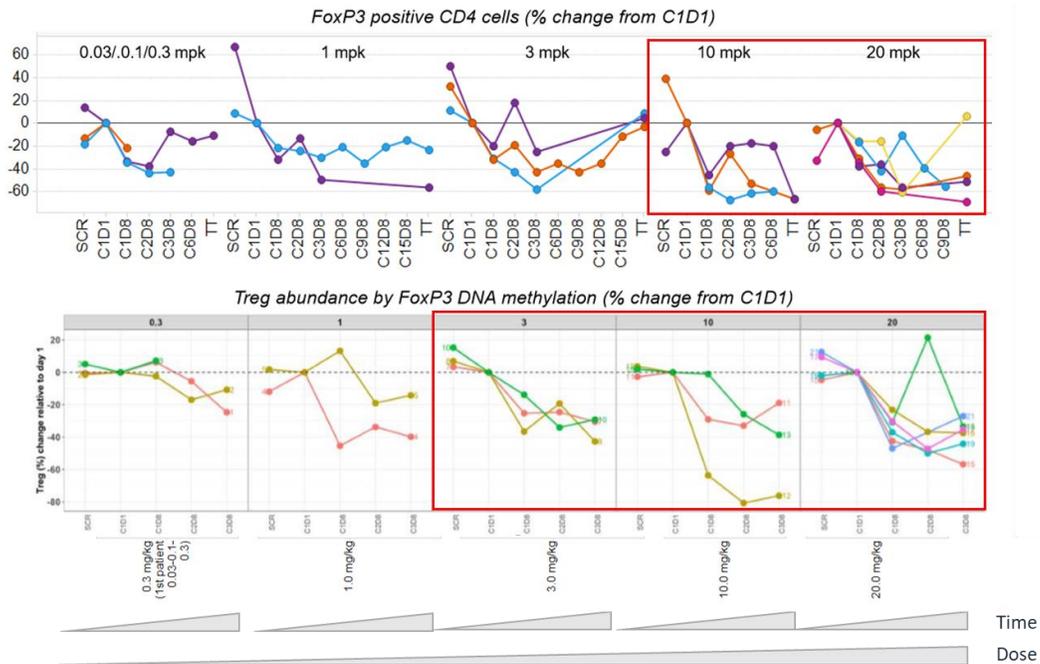
# BIOMARKER STRATEGY



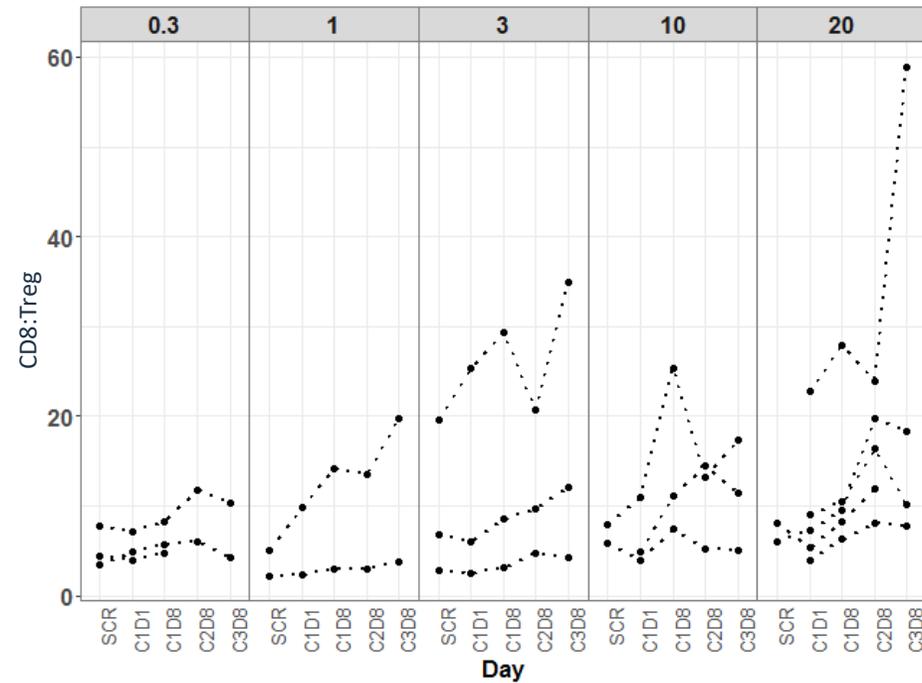
# Demonstration of Target Engagement in Phase 1a Patients

*Etigilimab decreases Tregs and increases CD8/Treg ratio*

**Etigilimab decreased the number of Treg Cells in circulation**



**Etigilimab increases CD8/Treg ratio**



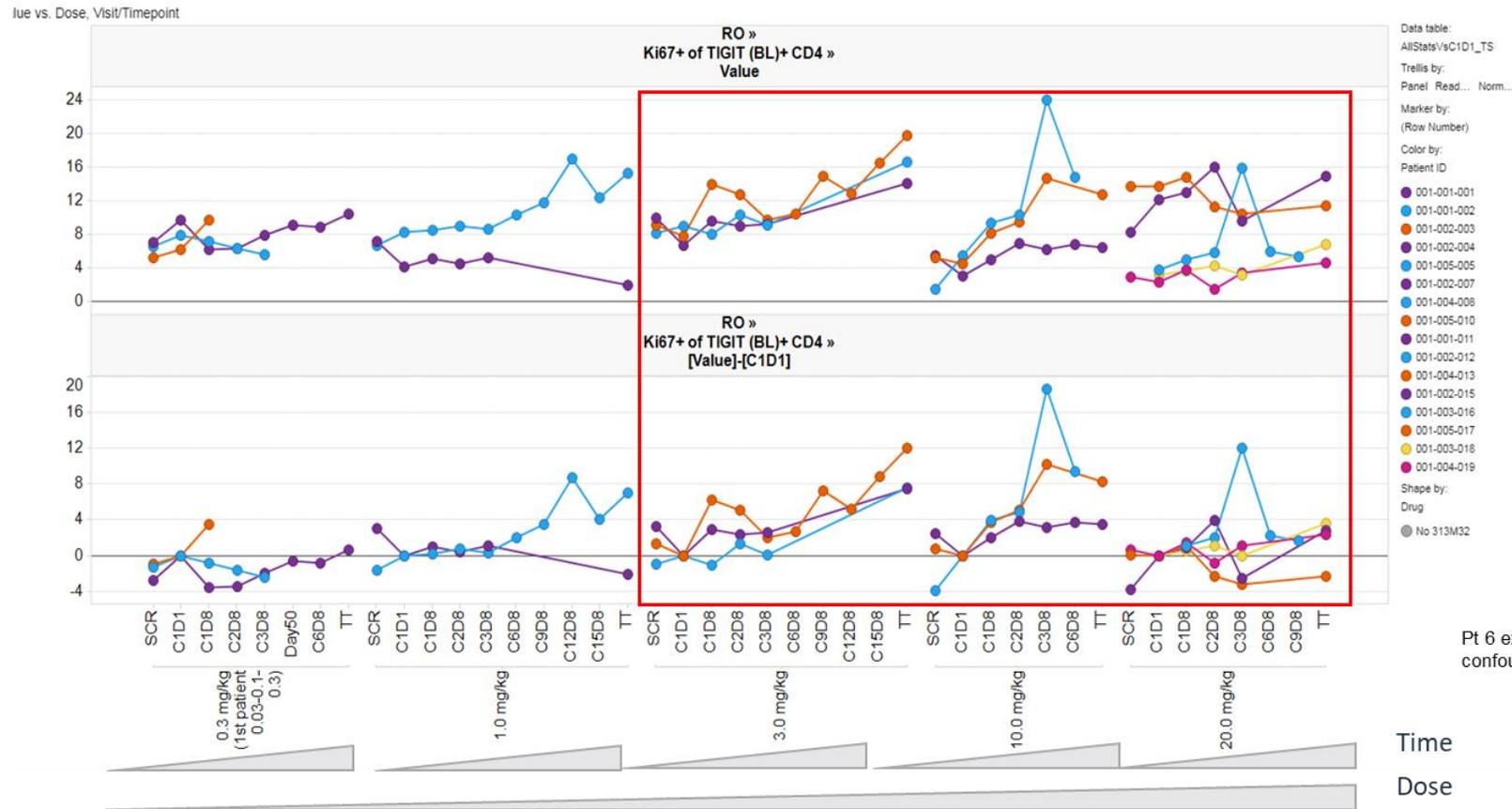
Flow data shown, increase in CD8/Treg ratio also observed by DNA methylation

**No change in circulating CD8 or CD4 T-cell frequency**

# Demonstration of Target Engagement in Phase 1a Patients

## *Etigilimab increases activation and proliferation of effector T cells and NK cells*

### Etigilimab increased markers of cell proliferation in T and NK cells

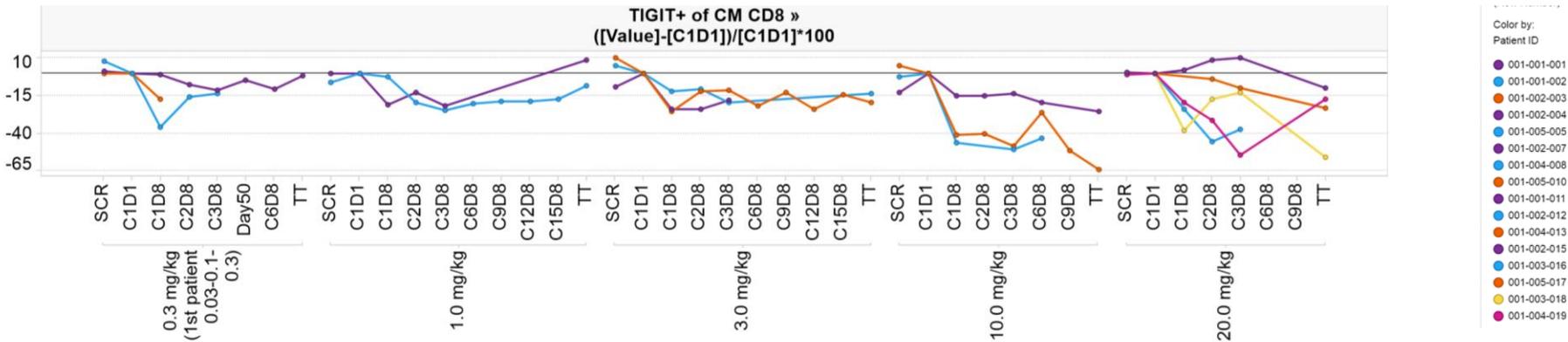


Increases in Ki67+ observed in CD4 T cells as well as NK & Treg



# Etigilimab Reduces Cells Destined for Exhausted T-cell lineage in Phase 1a Patients

Etigilimab reduces progenitor CD8 cells thought to be committed to exhausted-like fate



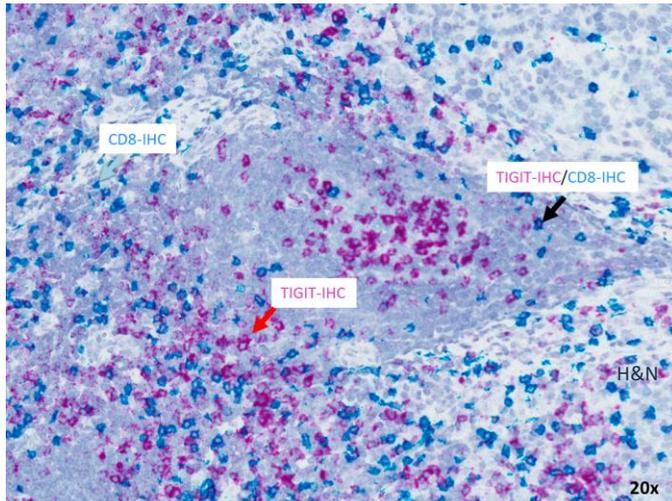
- Exhausted and functional memory T cells arise from separate populations of stem-like progenitor committed to distinct fates
- Two distinct subsets of CCR7+ progenitors distinguished by PD1 and TIGIT expression

# Biomarker capabilities in place

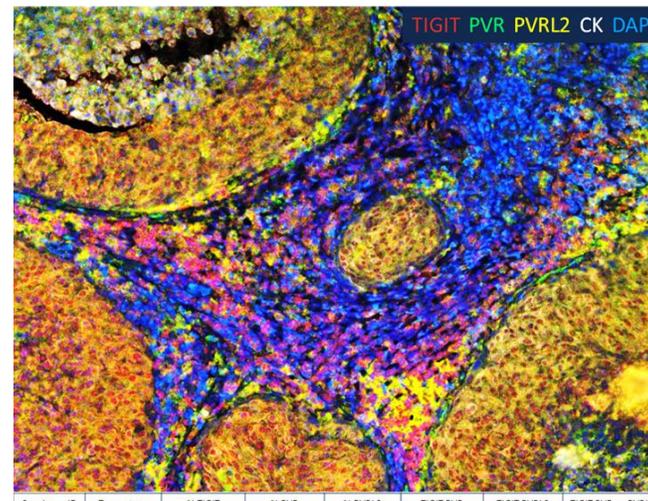
## Example TIGIT & PVR Immunohistochemistry

- TIGIT biomarker single & multiplex IHC/IF assays developed with image analysis
- These assays were used to survey large cohorts of tumor tissues for indication selection
- Robust multiplex IHC assays and staining for PVR, TIGIT, and ~15 immune related tumor parameters including TIGIT, PVR, PVRL2, CD226, CD4, CD8, FOXP3, PD1, PDL1
- TIGIT and PVR assays developed and establishing as CLIA-validated to enable prospective pt selection at central lab

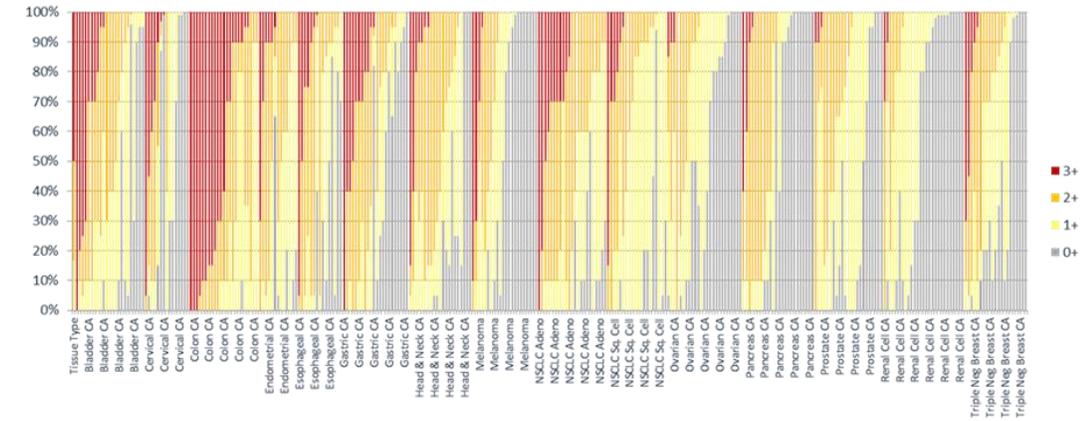
TIGIT/CD8



TIGIT/PVR/PVRL2



PVR



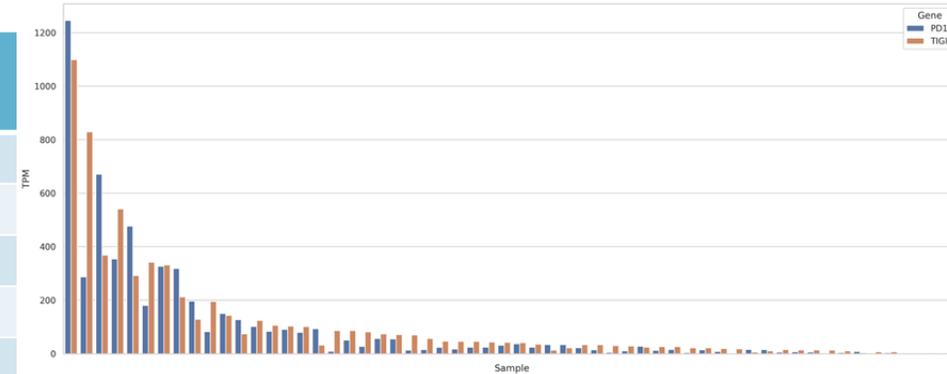
# Example Rare Tumors Analysis

## Sarcoma subtypes with high correlation of TIGIT and PD1 expression

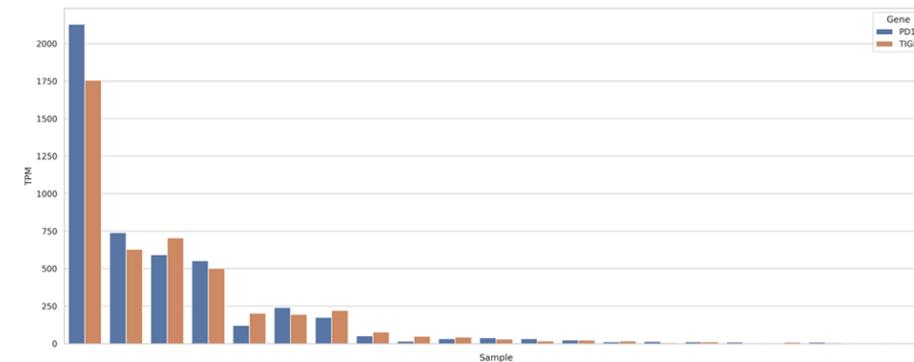


	Correlation	Median TIGIT Expression	Median PD1 Expression	Num. Samples
All	0.88	22.50	19.88	263
Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	0.88	38.09	23.75	58
Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma (UPS)	0.99	37.28	32.72	21
Leiomyosarcoma (LMS)	0.93	15.73	10.98	104
Myxofibrosarcoma	0.87	51.91	28.59	25
Pleomorphic 'MFH' / Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma	0.98	35.38	25.49	29
Synovial Sarcoma - Biphasic	1.0	1.02	121.15	2
Synovial Sarcoma - Monophasic	-0.29	0.46	115.05	6
Sarcoma; synovial; poorly differentiated	1.0	3.65	53.03	2
Giant cell 'MFH' / Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma with giant cells	N/A	9.05	20.82	1
Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors (MPNST)	0.95	20.24	18.50	9
Desmoid Tumor	1.0	7.96	6.54	2

Dedifferentiated liposarcoma



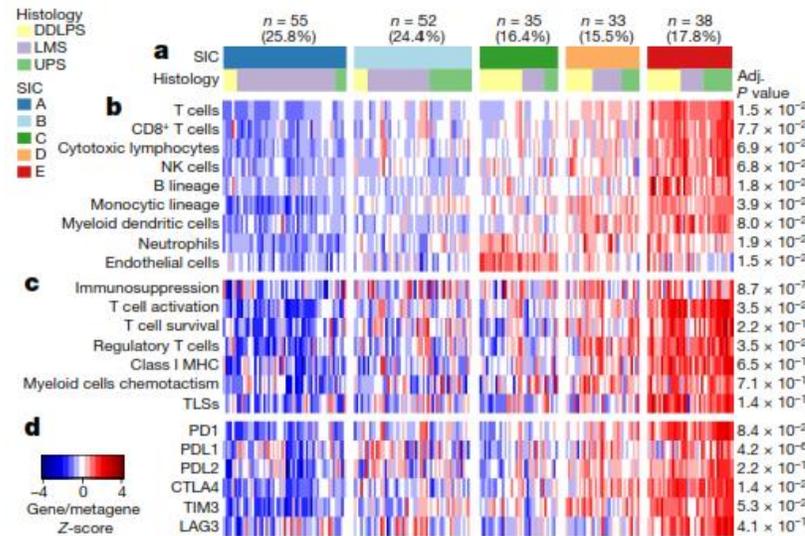
Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma (UPS)



TCGA data

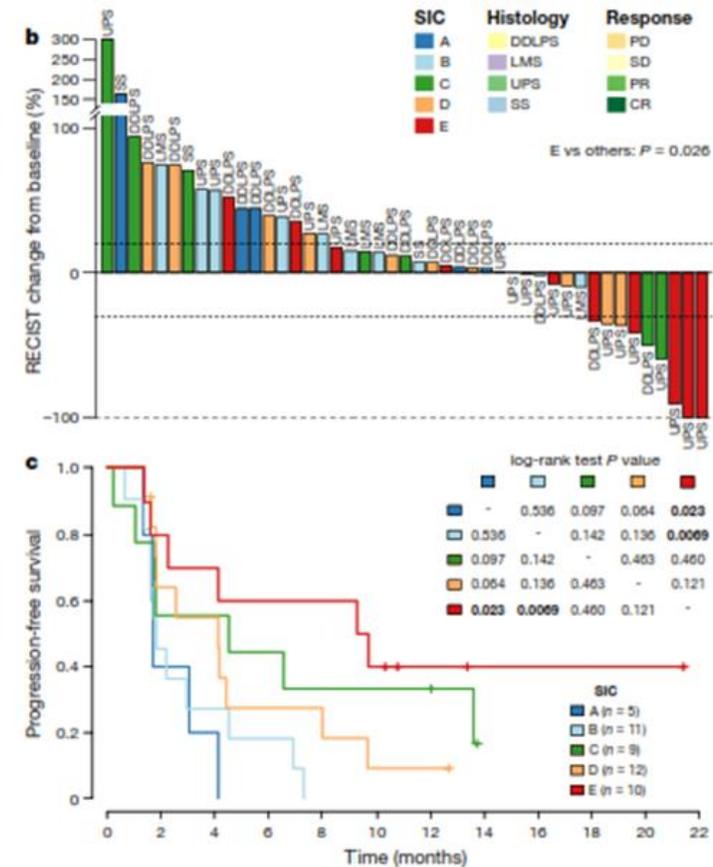
# Immune Classification of Sarcoma Subtypes

Tumors assigned to distinct sarcoma immune classes (SIC)



**Fig. 1 | The SICs exhibit strongly different TMEs.** This figure refers to the TCGA SARC cohort ( $n = 213$ ). **a**, Composition of the TCGA SARC cohort by SIC, and histology. **b**, Composition of the TME by SIC as defined by the MCP-counter Z-scores. NK cells, natural killer cells. **c**, Expression of gene signatures related to the functional orientation of the immune TME by SIC. **d**, Expression of genes related to immune checkpoints by SIC. Adjusted  $P$  values are obtained from Benjamini–Hochberg correction of two-sided Kruskal–Wallis tests  $P$  values.

SIC E group - improved survival and high response rate to PD1 blockade with Pembro

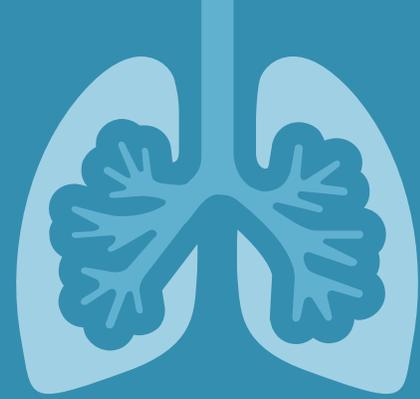


B cells strongest prognostic factor even in context of high or low CD8 T cells

# Biomarker Capabilities Established



- Biomarkers key component of indication selection for Phase 1a/b basket trial
- Demonstrated key mechanisms of anti-TIGIT in preclinical models and in patients treated with etigilimab
- Dose dependent biomarker changes observed
  - Activation of NK and T-cell subpopulations
  - Reduction of T-regulatory cells
  - Increased CD8/Treg ratio
  - Reduction of CD8 T cells destined for exhausted T-cell lineage
- Potential future patient selection in cohort(s) based on biomarker (PDL1, PVR, TIGIT)
  - CLIA IHC assays to be run in central lab



# THE ACTIVATE STUDY



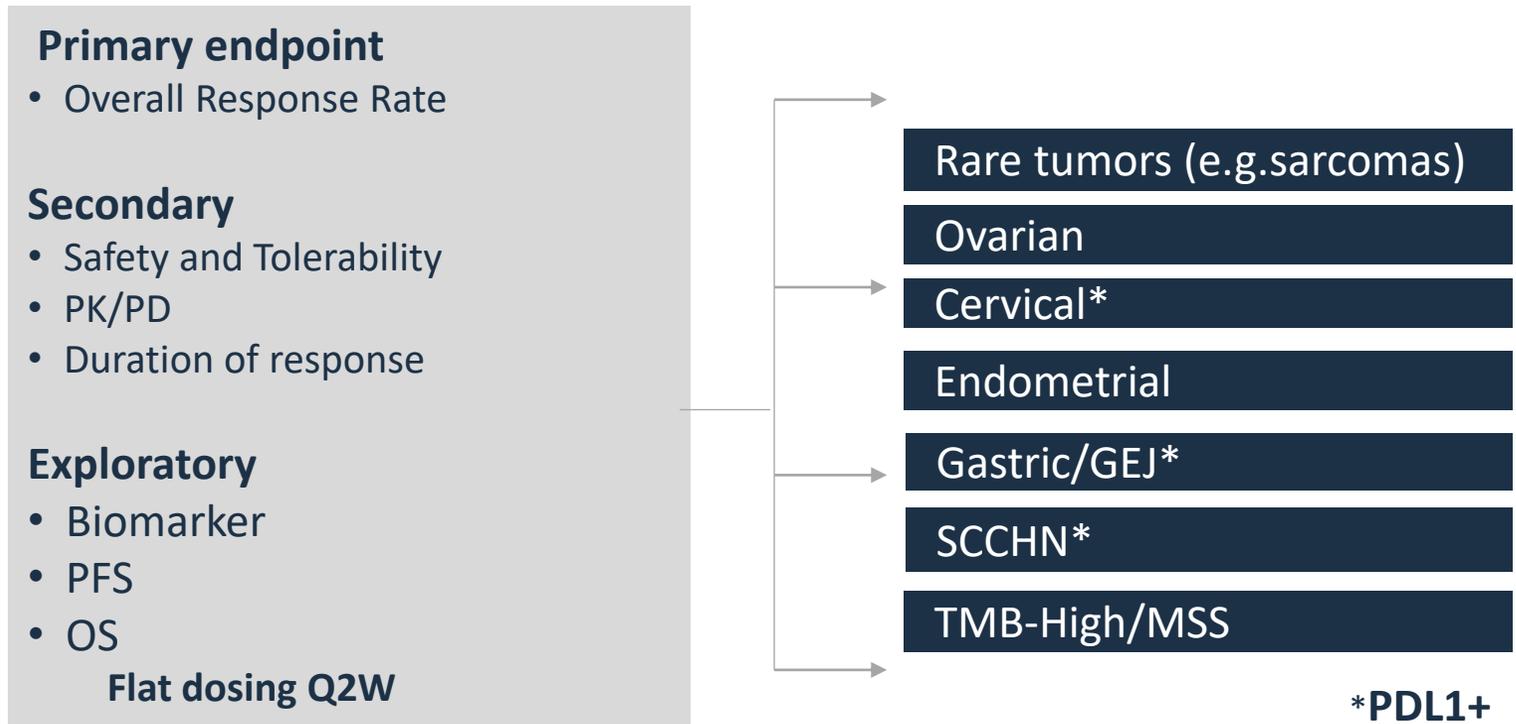
## ACTIVATE Phase 1b/2 Study



**ACTIVATE:** A Phase 1b/2 Open-Label Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Etigilimab (MPH313) Administered in Combination with Nivolumab to Subjects with Locally Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors

- Overview of study design
- Key elements of differentiation strategy
- Study status update

# ACTIVATE Phase 1b/2 Study Design: Etigilimab plus Nivolumab in Advanced/Metastatic solid Tumors

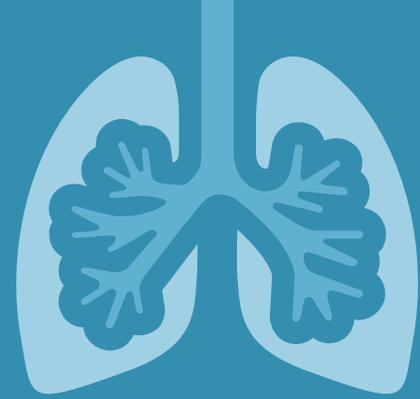


Simon two-stage design allowing for dynamic decision making and flexible design  
N= ~ 125 subjects

## Study Design: Decision Making

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- Statistical rigor provided by Simon 2-step design:
  - Stage 1 futility monitoring for progression to Stage 2*
  - Clinically meaningful benchmark for Go/No-go beyond Stage 2*
- Open label design allows for dynamic decision making
- Totality of safety and efficacy data will be considered including durability
- Each cohort to be managed uniquely



# Differentiated Clinical Strategy



# Key Elements of Etigilimab Phase 1b/2: Differentiated Clinical Development

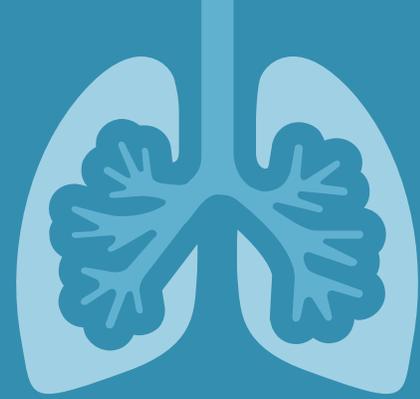
- Focus on **Checkpoint-naïve** populations
- Prioritize TIGIT expressing tumors by:
  - Low monotherapy checkpoint inhibitor activity**
  - Rare cancers**
  - High unmet need**

<b>Gyn-onc indications</b>	<i>ORR with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy</i>
<i>Cervical</i>	KN158 <b>14%</b> (KN158)
<i>Ovarian</i>	KN100 <b>8.1%</b> (<=2 prior lines); <b>9.9%</b> (3-5 prior lines)
<b>Rare Cancers</b>	<i>ORR with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy</i>
<i>Sarcoma (Select histological subtypes)</i>	<b>0-20%</b> [Sarc028]
<i>Others</i>	<b>0-5%</b>

# Key Elements of Etigilimab Phase 1b/2 Clinical Biomarker Strategy

## Multi-Pronged Biomarker Approaches

<b><i>Prospective selection, established biomarker</i></b> <i>PD-L1</i>	<i>Cervical, gastric, SCCHN as per indication on label</i>
<b><i>Prospective selection, emerging biomarker</i></b>	<i>TMB-H/MSS tumors</i>
<b><i>Retrospective evaluation by potential novel biomarkers</i></b> <i>PVR/TIGIT expression</i>	<i>All enrolled subjects</i>



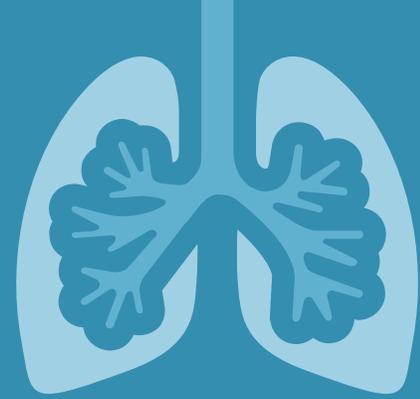
# ACTIVATE Study: Status Update



# ACTIVATE Study Status



- ACTIVATE study well under way
- Q4 early data from initial cohorts
- Study fully enrolled by mid-2022
- Robust engagement of site PI's as well as “Champion” PI's by indication



# MD ANDERSON & CANCER FOCUS FUND COLLABORATION



# Etigilimab – Cancer Focus Fund & MD Anderson Collaboration

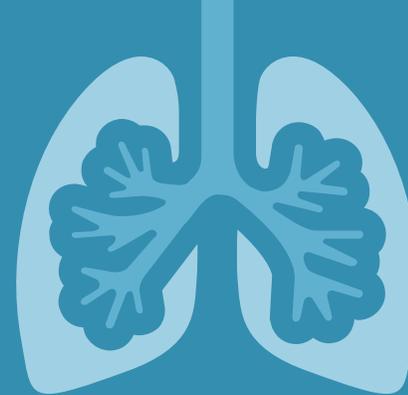
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- Cancer Focus Fund, LP
  - Unique investment fund established in collaboration with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.
  - Provides investment support to advance promising cancer therapies, clinical trial expertise and infrastructure of MD Anderson
  - Collaboration represents the first investment from the Cancer Focus Fund
- Funding provided for :
  - Investigator sponsored clinical study in Phase 1/2 for etigilimab in combination with nivolumab in clear cell ovarian cancer
  - Support for CMC and pharmaco-vigilance expenses
- Terms
  - \$1.5 million in equity
  - Milestones for licensing (capped) and FDA/EMA approval that includes ovarian clear cell carcinoma

# Etigilimab - Cancer Focus Fund & MD Anderson Collaboration

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- Rationale :
  - Study runs in parallel to Mereo's ACTIVATE study that has an ovarian cancer cell arm (which excludes clear cell)
  - Clear cell represents ~10% of ovarian carcinomas in US/EU
  - Ovarian cancer generally has poor treatment outcomes but data on clear cell subtype with anti-PD1 therapy promising albeit limited data set
  - Rare tumor type - Dr Shannon Westin, at MD Anderson is one of the primary referral centers for clear cell ovarian patients
  - MD Anderson also key study site for ACTIVATE study



# CLEAR CELL OVARIAN CANCER



# Mereo Research and Development Day: Opportunities for Etigilimab in Ovarian Cancer

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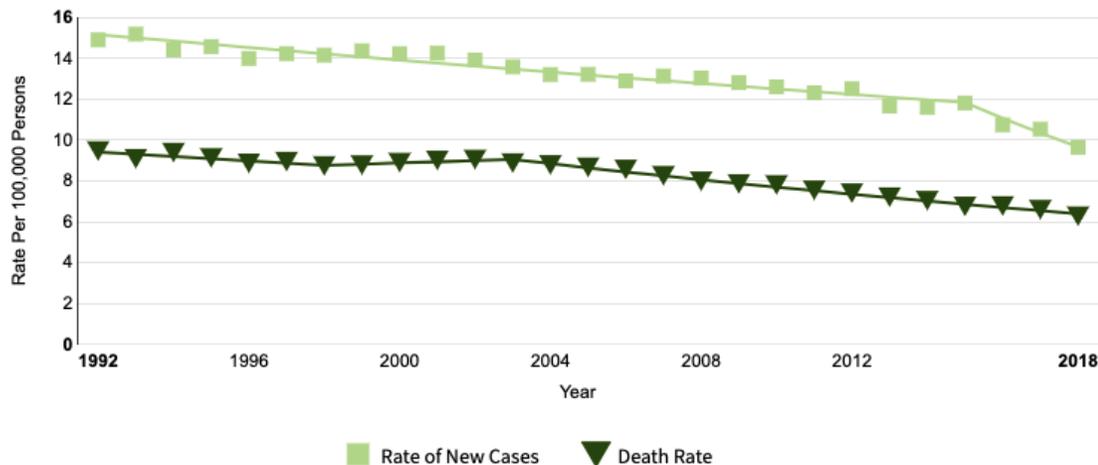
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- Consultant: Agenus, AstraZeneca, Clovis Oncology, Roche/Genentech, Novartis, Circulogene, Pfizer, GSK/Tesaro, Merck, Eisai, Zentalis

# Ovarian Cancer Basics

Estimated New Cases in 2021	21,410
% of All New Cancer Cases	1.1%

Estimated Deaths in 2021	13,770
% of All Cancer Deaths	2.3%

5-Year Relative Survival
<b>49.1%</b>
2011-2017



- **Worldwide: 300,000**
- **Risk 1/75**

## Death rates, 2014-2018

By cancer type

### Lung and bronchus



### Breast (female) ⓘ



### Prostate



### Colorectum



### Pancreas

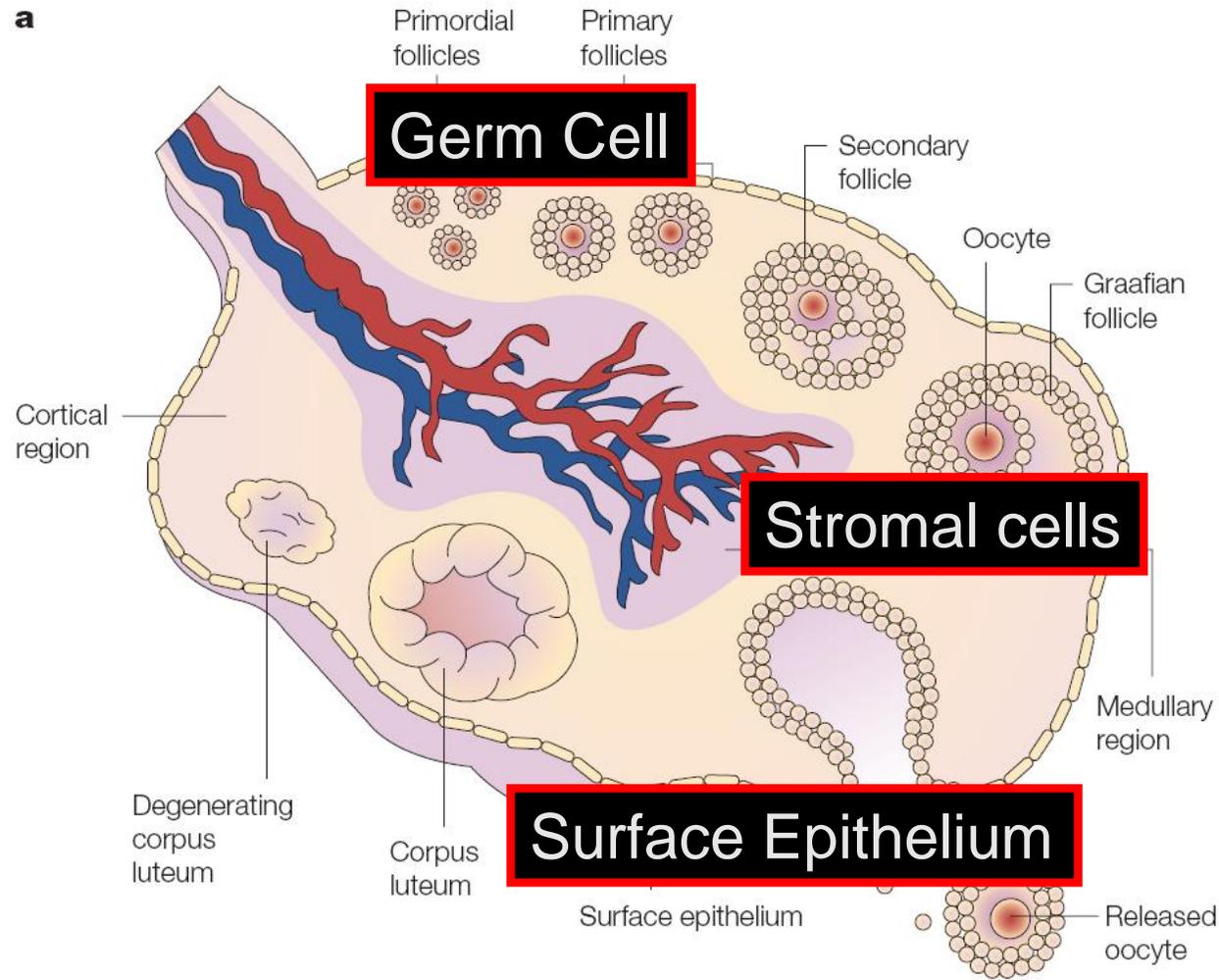


### Ovary



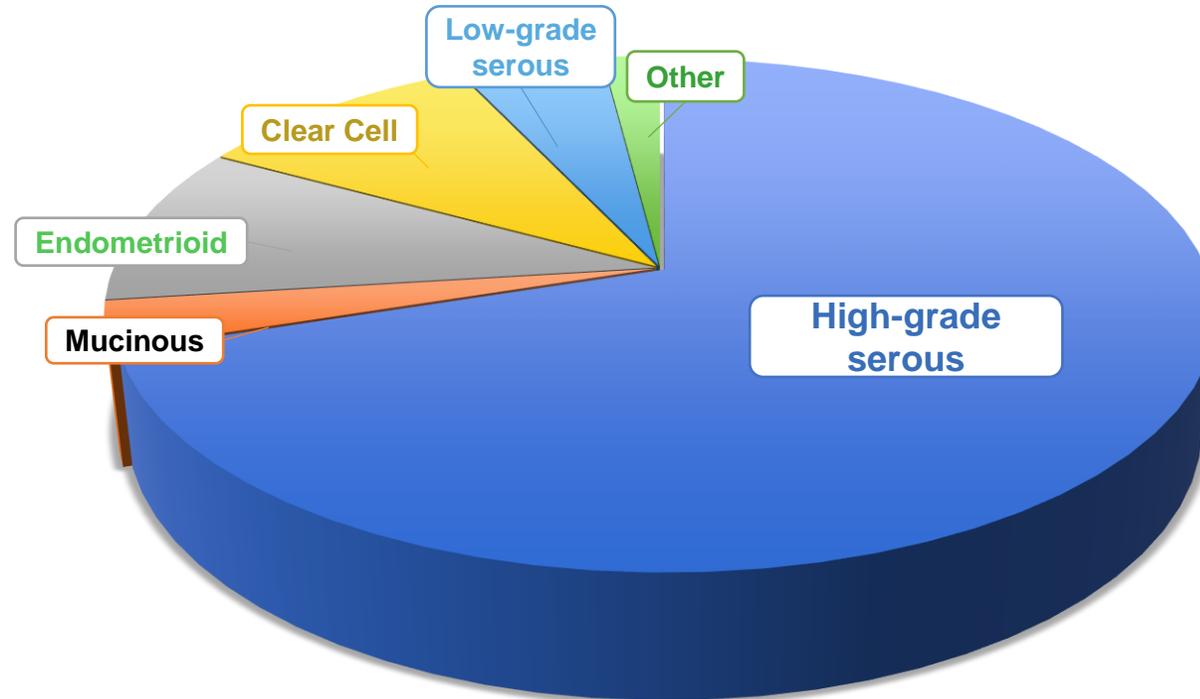
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# Where does ovarian cancer originate?

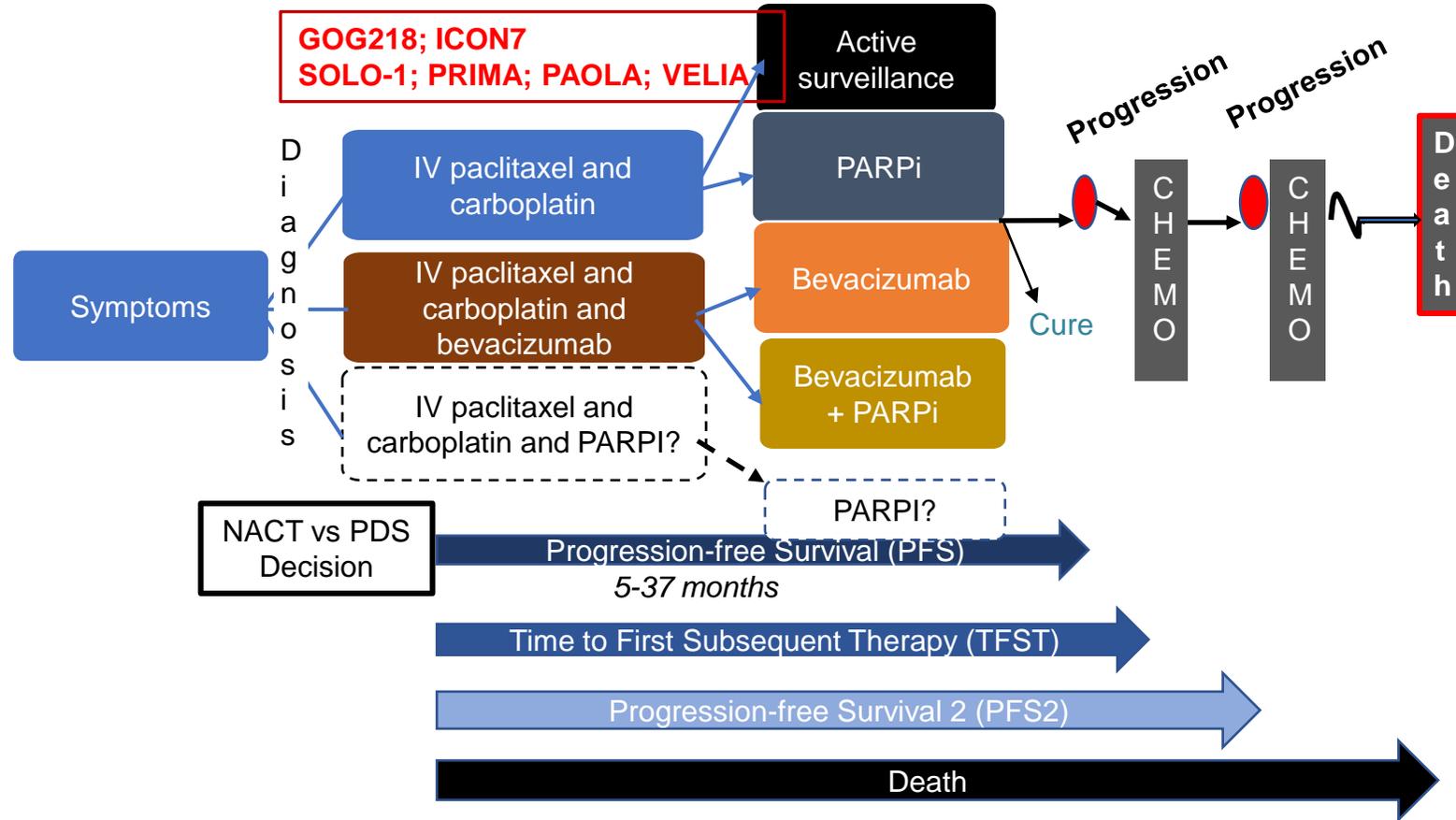


# Epithelial Ovarian Cancer: Histologies

90% of ovarian cancers are malignant epithelial tumors



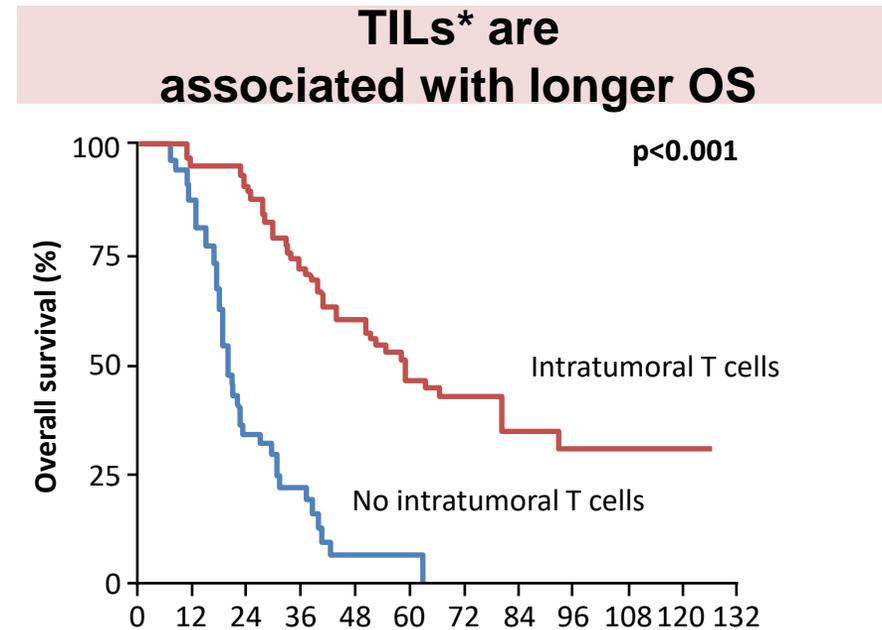
# 2020 Treatment Paradigm: Frontline Therapy for Ovarian Cancer



# Presence of TILs is associated with better clinical outcomes in OC

## OC is immunogenic

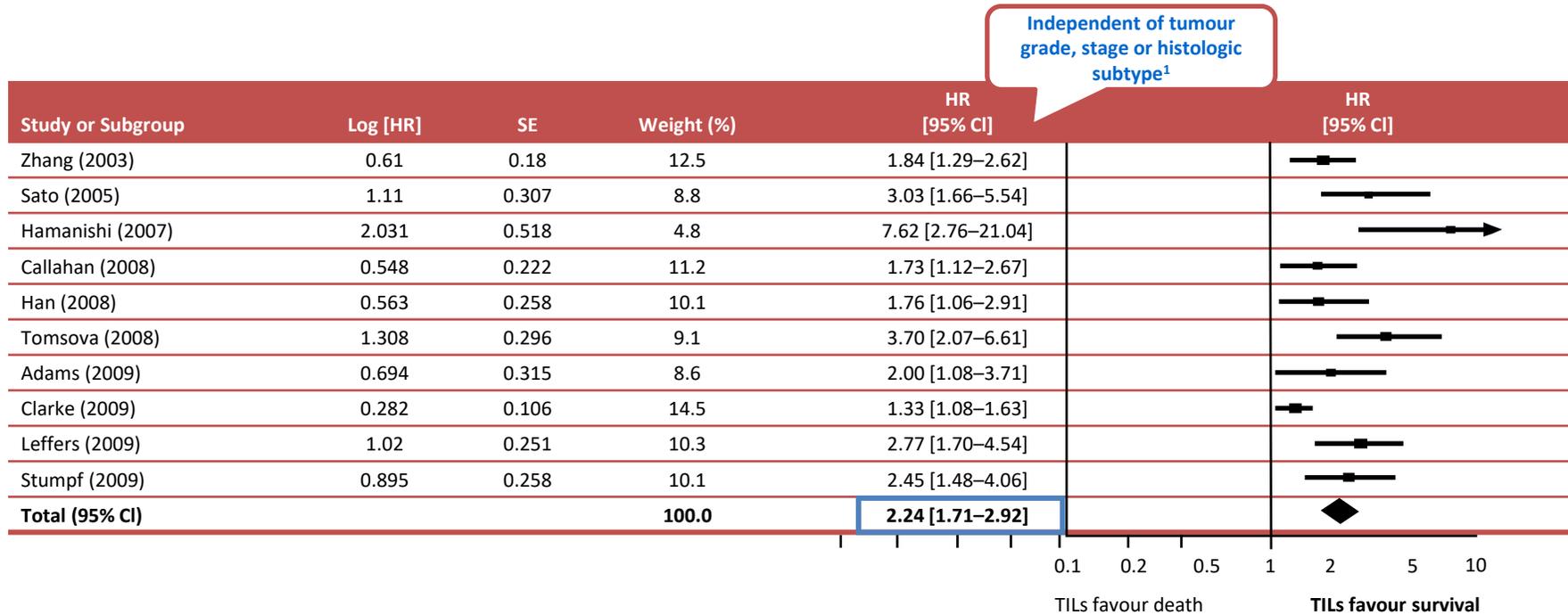
- TILs found at diagnosis in ~55% of patients
- Spontaneous anti-tumour response reported in some patients in clinical practice



- \*T cells measured in samples taken after debulking surgery (advanced OC) Months
- OC, ovarian cancer; OS, overall survival; TILs: tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes

- Turner et al. Gynecol Oncol 2016; Coukos et al. Ann Oncol 2016  
Mandai et al. Int J Clin Oncol 2016; Zhang et al. N Engl J Med 2003  
Schlienger et al. Clin Cancer Res 2003

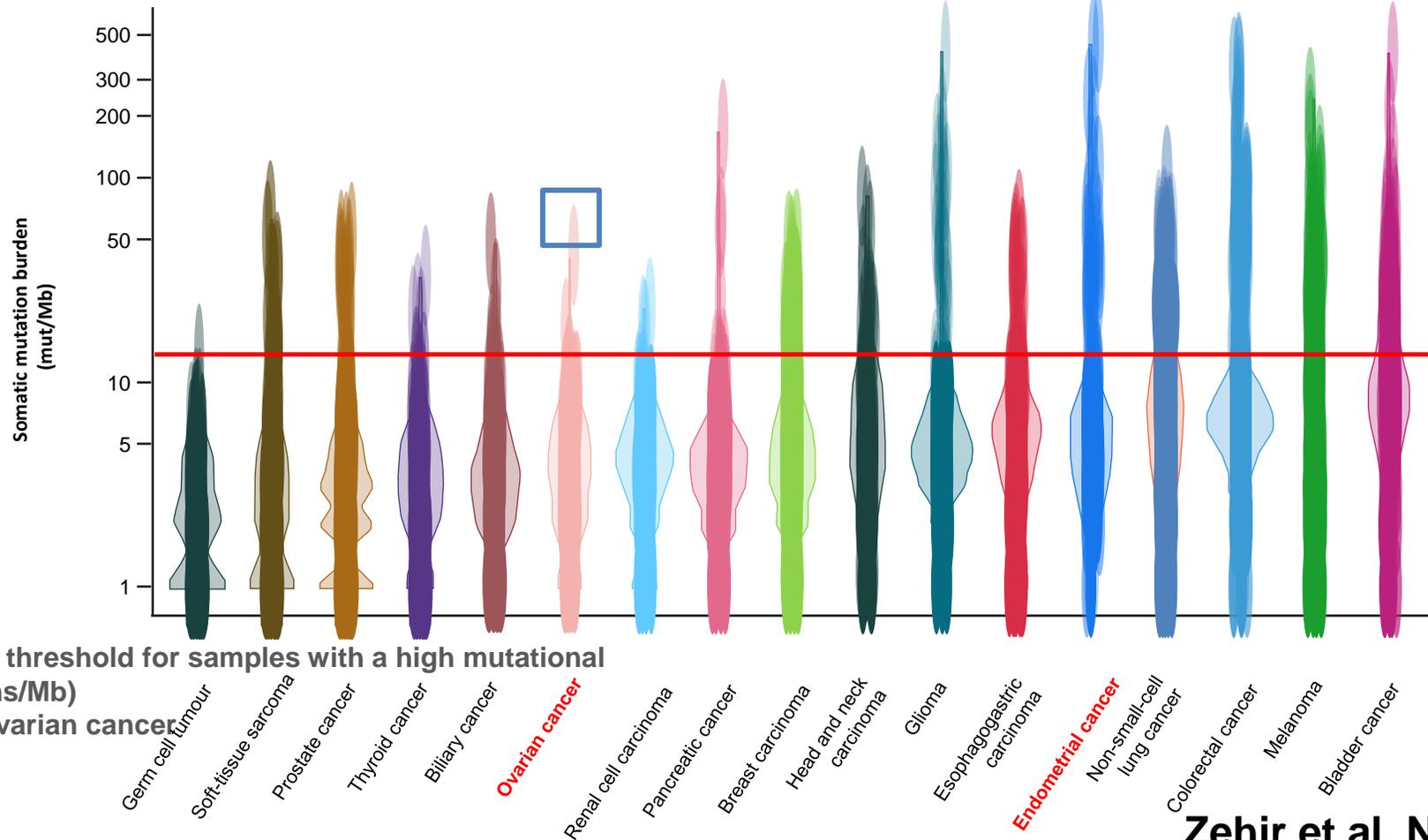
# The correlation between TILs and survival is supported by multiple clinical studies in OC



Test for overall effect:  $p < 0.00001$

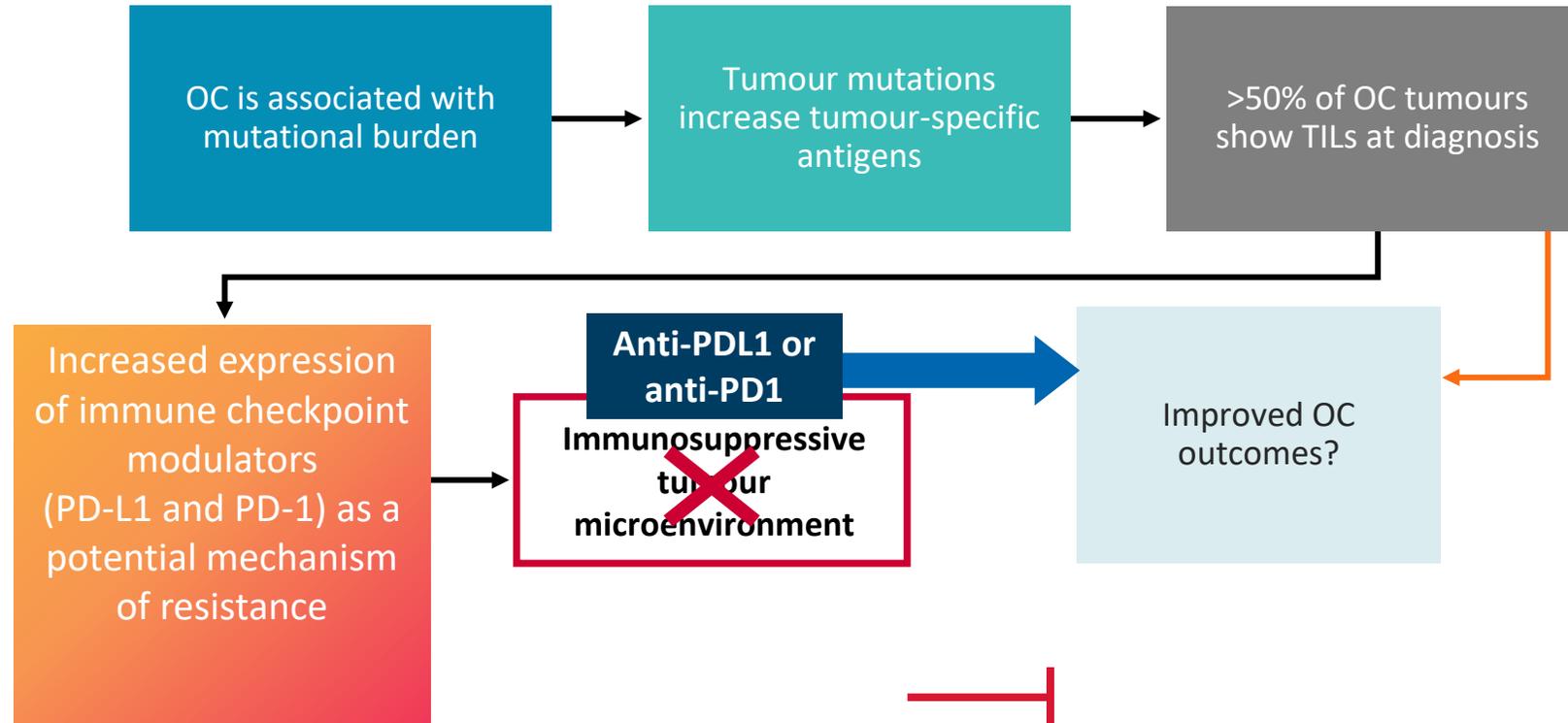
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; OC, ovarian cancer;  
SE, standard error; TILs, tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes

# Mutational Load Matters



- Red line indicates the threshold for samples with a high mutational burden (13.8 mutations/Mb)
- Mb, megabase; OC, ovarian cancer

# Rationale for targeting PD-L1 in OC



Lawrence et al. Nature 2013; Imielinski et al. Cell 2012; Chen et al. Clin Cancer Res 2012; Seghal et al. Cancer Res 2008; Rooij et al. J Clin Oncol 2013; Strickland et al. ASCO 2015; Zhang et al. N Eng J Med 2003; Hamanishi et al. PNAS 2007; Abiko et al. Clin Cancer Res 2013

# Anti-PDL1/PD1 have minimal activity as a single agent in OC

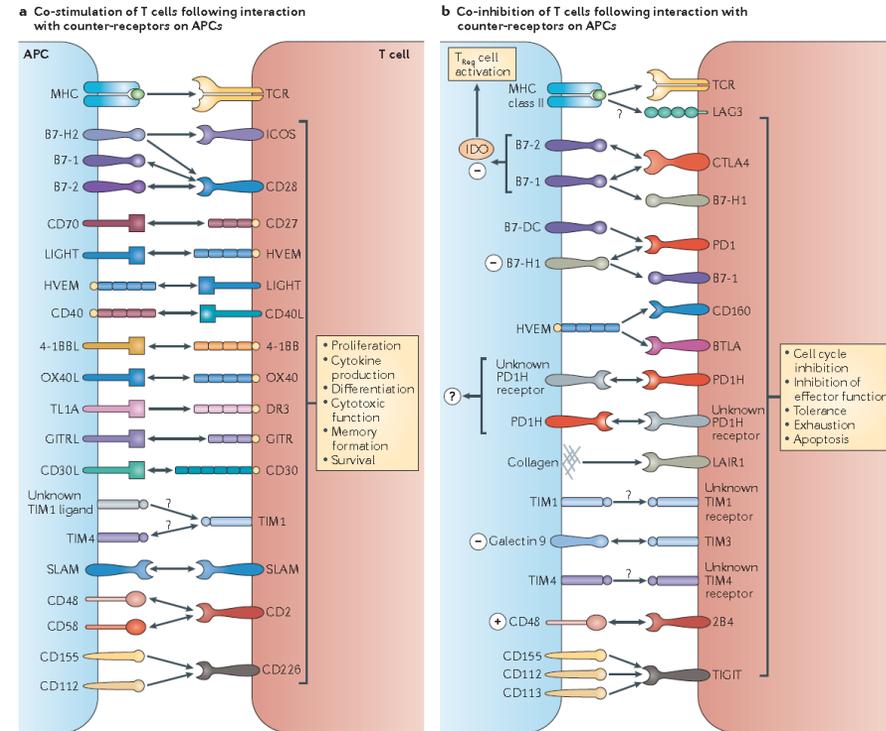
Therapeutic agent	Phase and trial name	N	Setting	ORR, n/N (%)
Atezolizumab	Ia (PCD4989g) <sup>1</sup>	12	PR ROC	2/8 (25)
Avelumab	Ib (JAVELIN solid tumour) <sup>2</sup>	75	ROC	8/75 (11)
Nivolumab	II (UMIN000005714) <sup>3</sup>	20	PR ROC	3/20 (15)
Pembrolizumab	Ib (KEYNOTE-028) <sup>4</sup>	26	ROC	3/26 (12)

**PD-L1/PD-1 inhibitors demonstrate encouraging but modest activity in EOC, suggesting an opportunity for combinations**

1. Infante et al. ESMO 2016 (abs 871P); 2. Disis et al. J Clin Oncol 2015 (abs 5509)  
 3. Hamanishi et al. J Clin Oncol 2015 (abs 5570); 4. Varga et al. J Clin Oncol 2015 (abs 5510)

# Immunotherapy Combinations

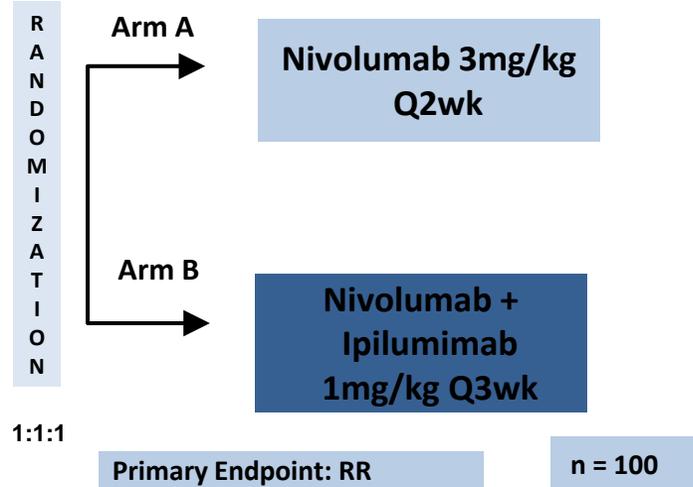
- Differential expression of checkpoints on immune cells
- Differential downstream signaling that follows receptor activation
- Opportunity for combination with checkpoint agonists



Chen and Flies Nature Rev Immunology 2013, Rotte *Annals Oncol* 2018

# Nivolumab and Ipilumimab in recurrent ovarian cancer

**NRG GY003:** Randomized phase II of nivolumab with or without ipilumimab for recurrent ovarian cancer (NCT 02498600 )



## Response Rate

- Arm A: 12.2% (6/49)
- Arm B: 31.4% (16/51)

## Progression Free Survival

- HR 0.528 (95% CI 0.339 – 0.821)

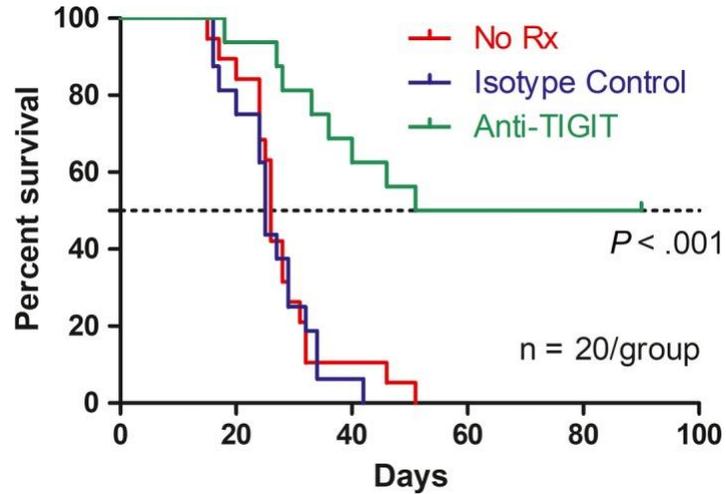
## Grade > 3 Adverse Events

- Arm A: 55% (27/49)
- Arm B: 67% (34/51)

Zamarin JCO 2020

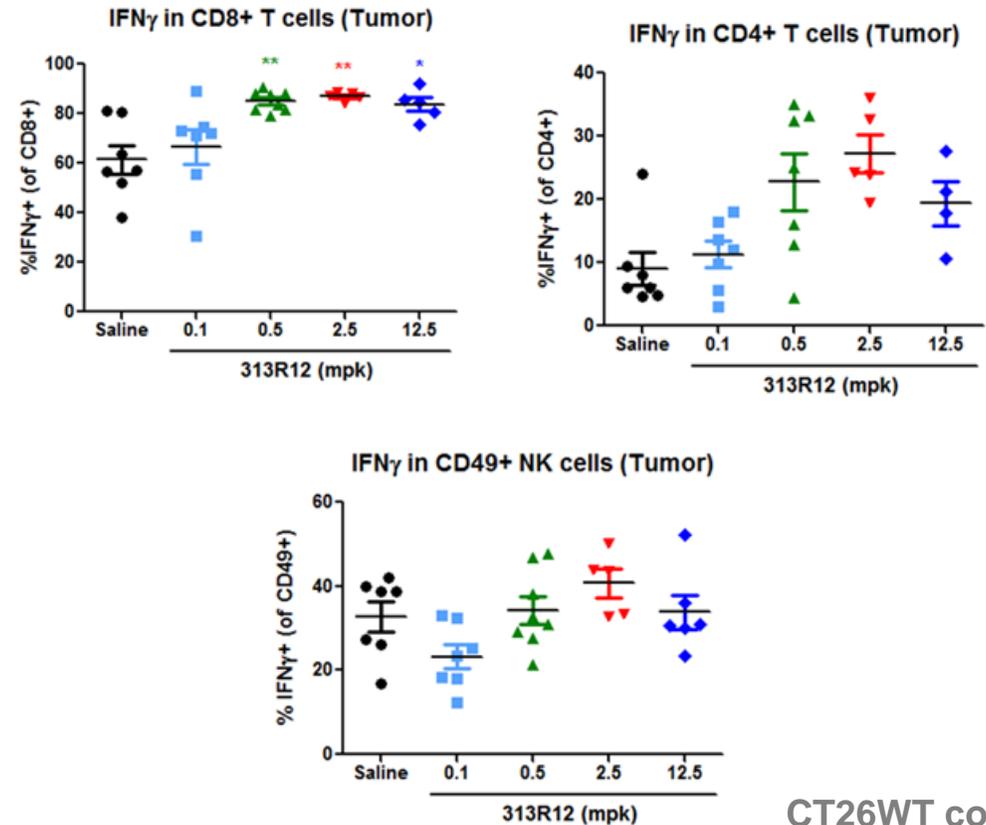
# Preclinical evidence supports a role for TIGIT inhibition

Anti-TIGIT treatment significantly improved the survival rates of ovarian cancer mice induced by ID8 cells<sup>1</sup>



CD155 and PD-L1 exhibit contrasting expression patterns and TIL associations in ovarian cancer, suggesting non-redundant immunosuppressive mechanisms<sup>2</sup>

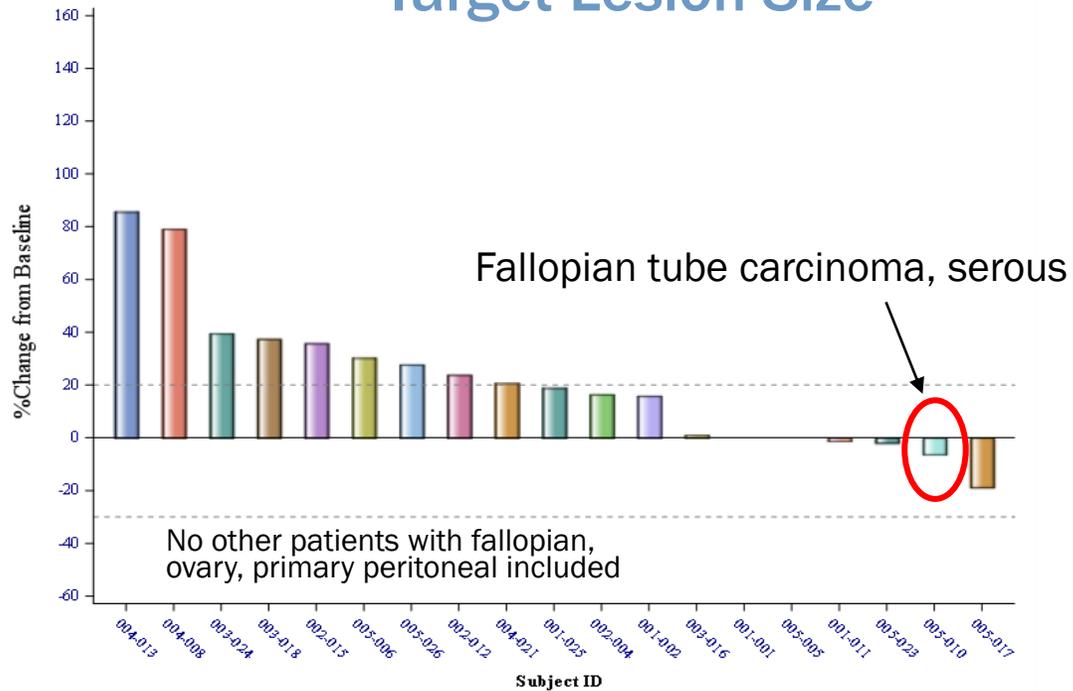
Anti-TIGIT Promotes Activation of CD8<sup>+</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cells and NK Cells in the Tumor Microenvironment



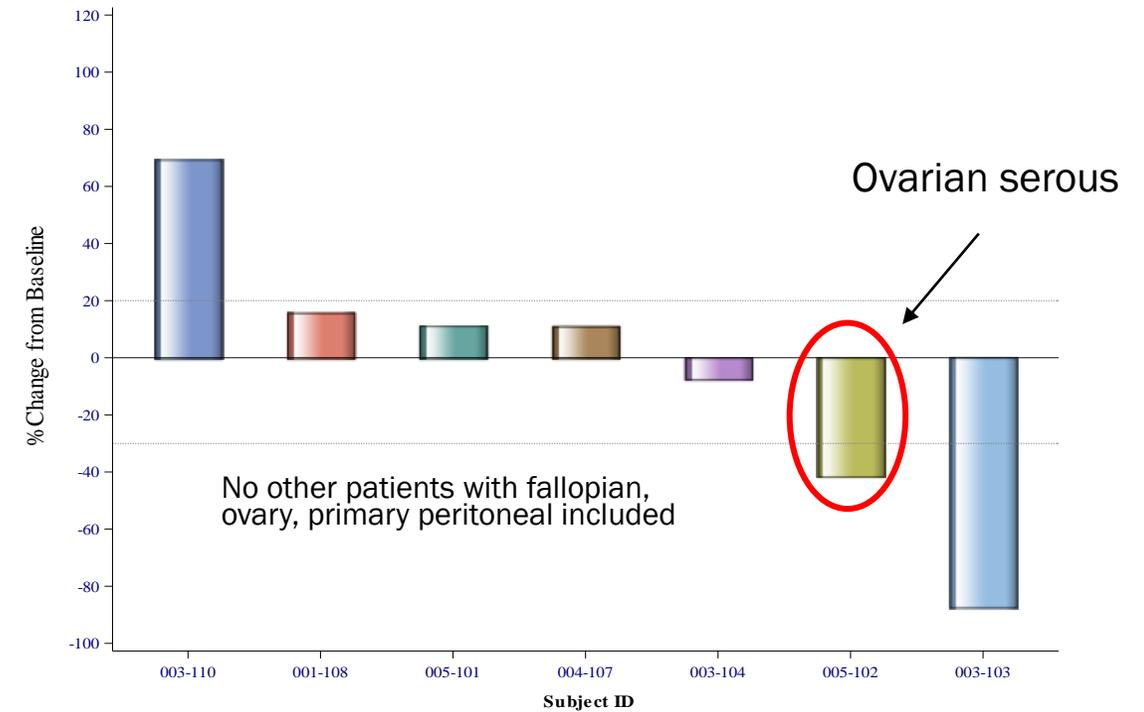
CT26WT colon line, \*Mereo; Argast et al. 2018, AACR\*

# Early clinical evidence demonstrates potential for use in ovarian cancer

## Phase 1a: Best % Reduction in Target Lesion Size



## Phase 1b: Best % Reduction in Target Lesion Size

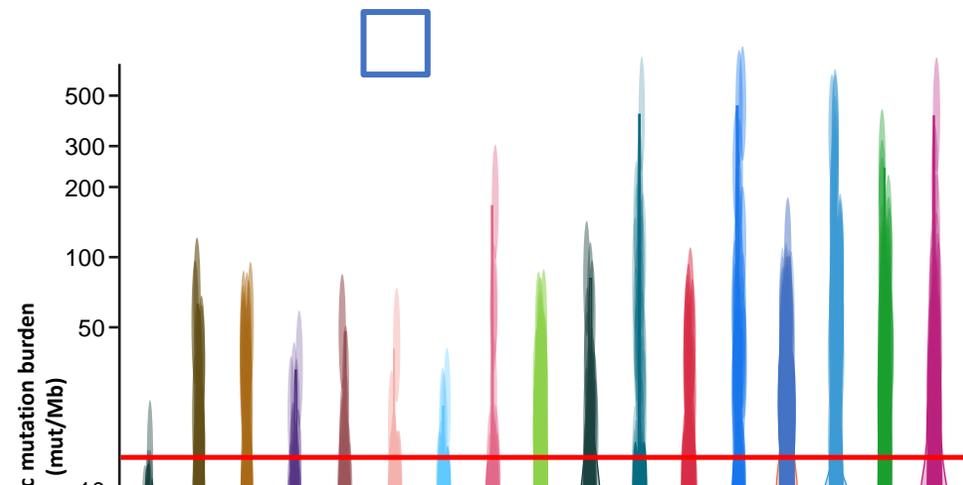
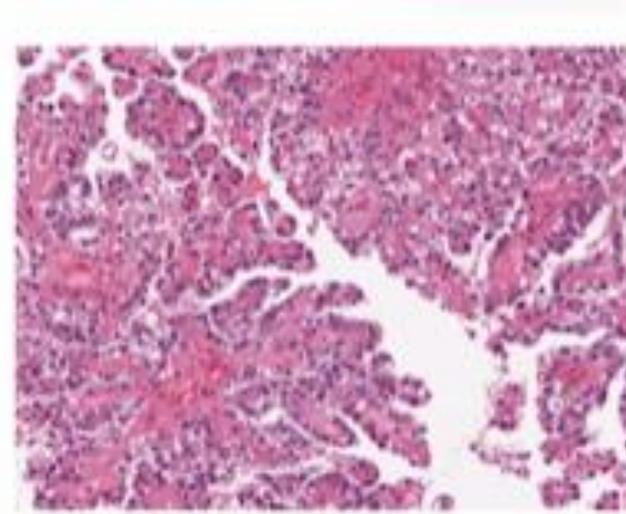


# Plan for High Grade Serous

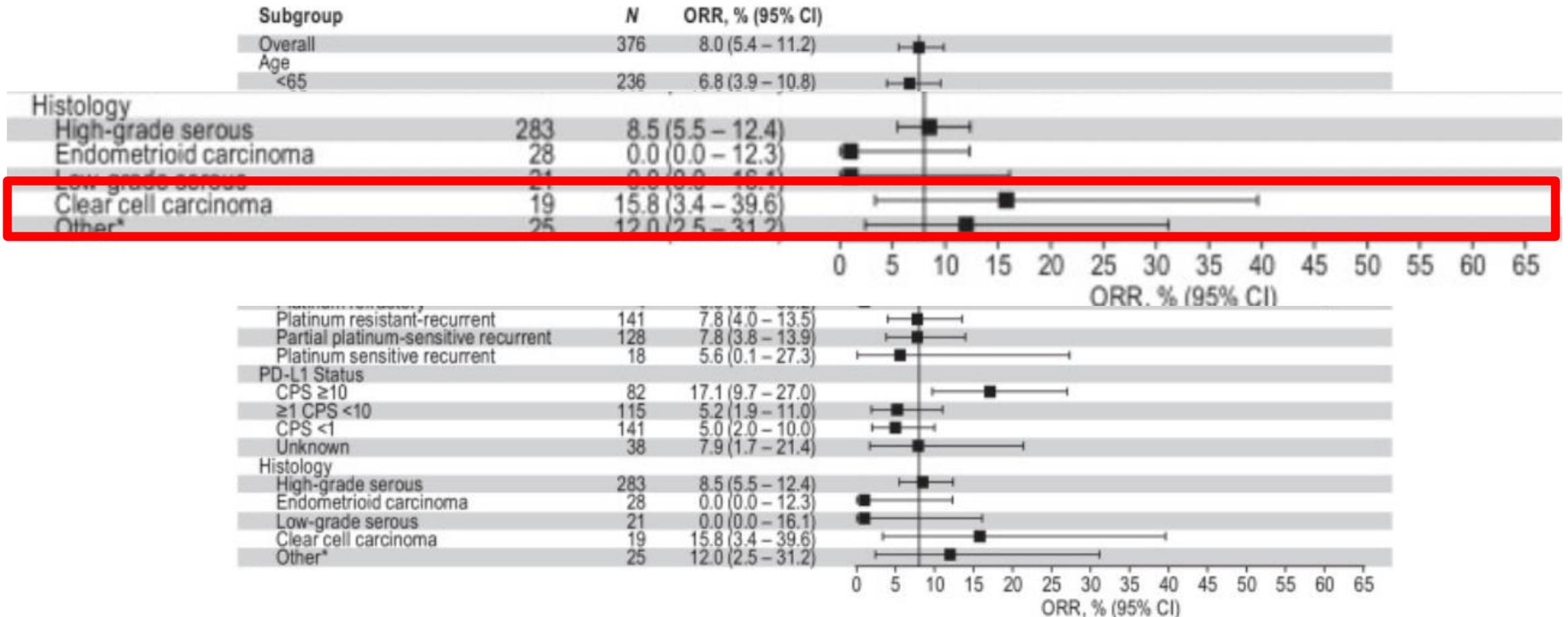
**Addition of arm to ongoing “A Phase 1b/2 Open-Label Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Etigilimab (MPH313) Administered in Combination with Nivolumab to Subjects with Locally Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors”**

# Novel opportunity: Clear Cell Ovarian Cancer

- Younger age
- 10% of all EOC
- 67% Stage 1
- Chemoresistance
- Molecular aberrations
  - *PIK3CA* mutations
  - *ARID1A* mutations
- High mutation load



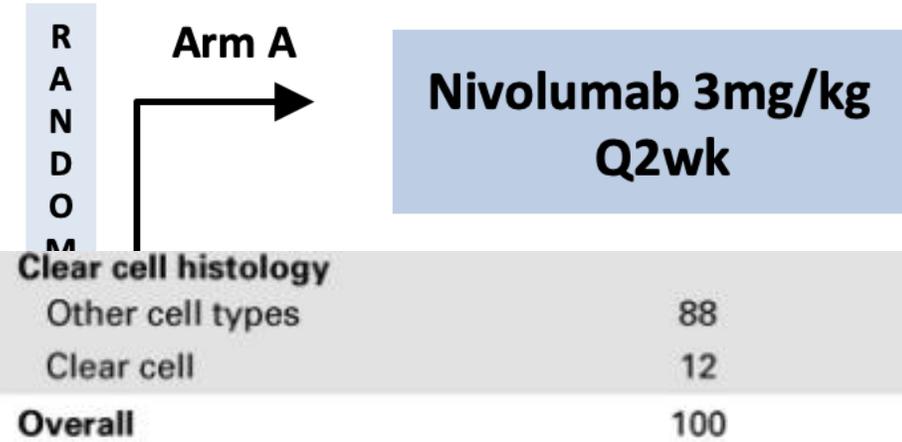
# Interesting signal in clear cell ovarian cancer



**Small number of clear cell histology, but high levels of activity**

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2. Disis et al. JAMA Oncology 2019;
3. Hamanishi et al. JCO 2015; 4. Varga et al. J Clin Oncol 2015 (abs 5510), Matulonis Annal Oncol 2019

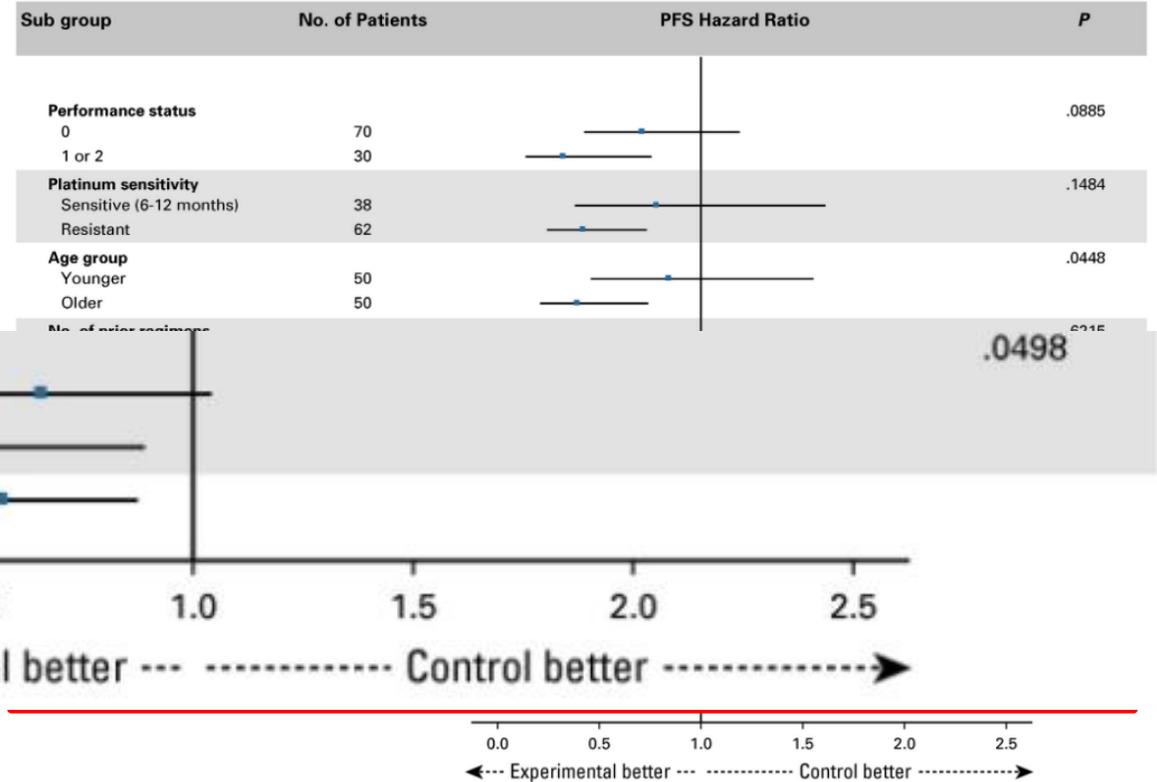
# Potential for combination success in clear cell ovarian cancer



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**Primary Endpoint: RR**

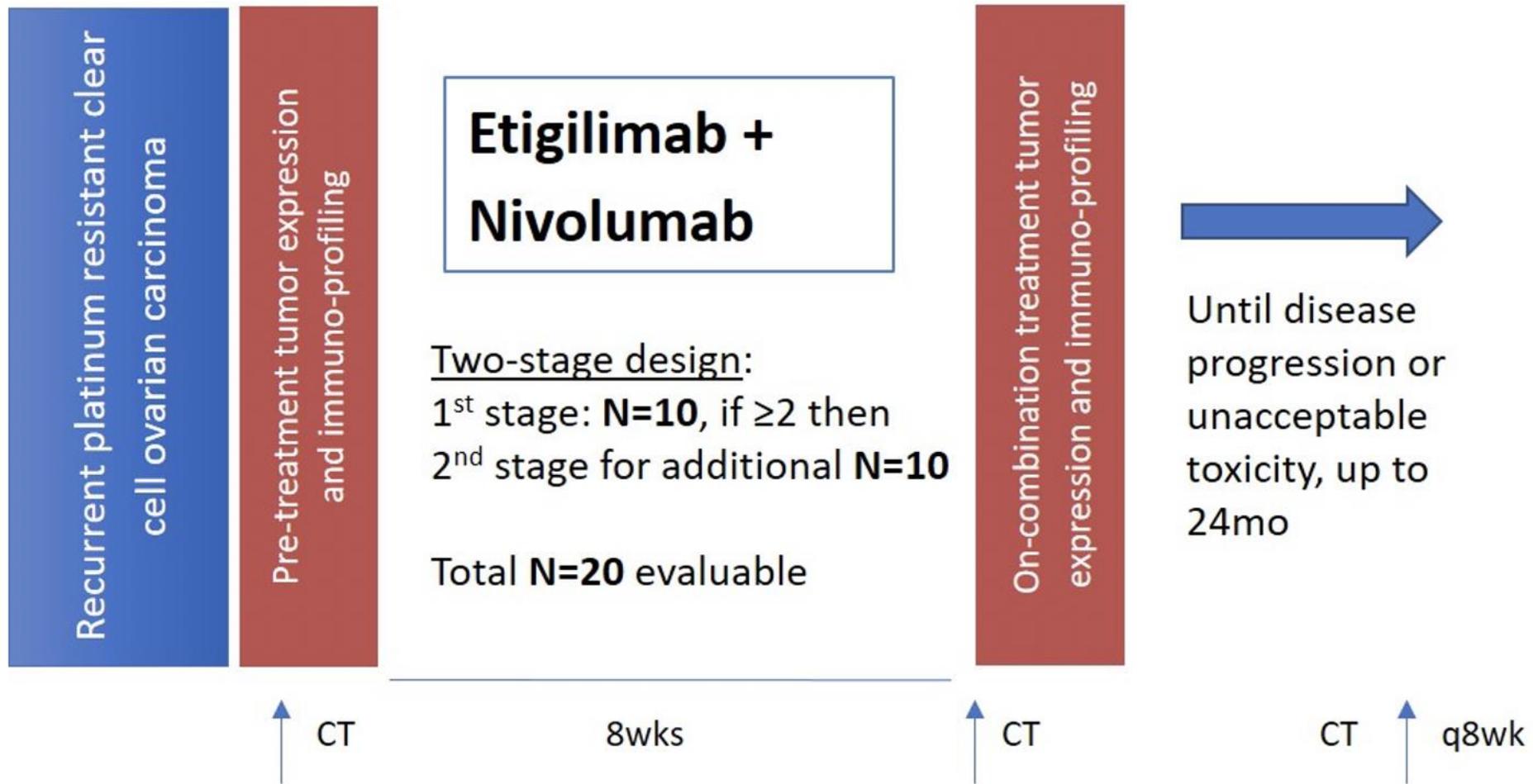
**n = 100**



**Association with clear cell histology and benefit from experimental arm/combination therapy**

# Plan for Clear Cell

**EON: A Single-arm Phase II study of Etigilimab (OMP-313M32) in Combination with Checkpoint Inhibition (Nivolumab) in Patients with Platinum-resistant, Recurrent Epithelial Ovarian Cancer**



### Two Stage Phase 1/2 BOP2 Design

- Stopping boundaries for efficacy and toxicity
- Continuous monitoring of toxicity

# Objectives

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## Primary

- To estimate the objective response rate of the combination of etigilimab and PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in patients with clear cell ovarian cancer.
- To evaluate the toxicity of the combination of etigilimab and PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in patients with clear cell ovarian cancer.

# Objectives

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## Secondary

- To determine PFS of the combination of etigilimab and PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in patients with platinum resistant clear cell ovarian cancer
- To estimate the disease control rate of the combination of etigilimab and PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in patients with platinum resistant clear cell ovarian cancer
- To investigate molecular and immunological changes associated with the combination of TIGIT and PD-1/PD-L1 inhibition; specifically to describe changes in T cell populations (including but not limited to CD3, CD8, CD4, FOXP3) and cell proliferation, as well as report changes in the proportion of macrophage phenotypes M1 and M2 (with phenotypic markers potentially including arginase1, CD11b, PDL-1, and CD206)

# Key Inclusion Criteria

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- Patients with platinum refractory\* and platinum resistant\*\* high grade clear cell ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal carcinoma
  - \* Platinum refractory: progression during platinum-containing therapy or within 4 weeks of last dose
  - \*\* Platinum resistant: relapse-free interval 1-6 months of a platinum-containing therapy
- Prior Therapy: Unlimited prior therapies are allowed, prior checkpoint inhibition is allowed
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS 0-2

# Conclusions

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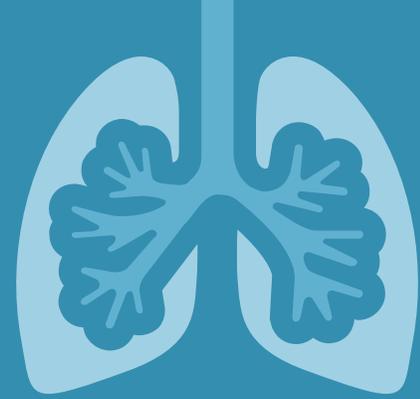
- There are critical opportunities to improve outcomes in ovarian cancer
  - Improving activity of checkpoint inhibition in high grade serous
  - Potential registration pathway for clear cell subtype
  - Transition to upfront therapy if activity in the recurrent setting
- Translational studies in the current trial
  - Guide future development
  - Identify mechanism of response and resistance

# Thank you



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# CERVICAL CANCER

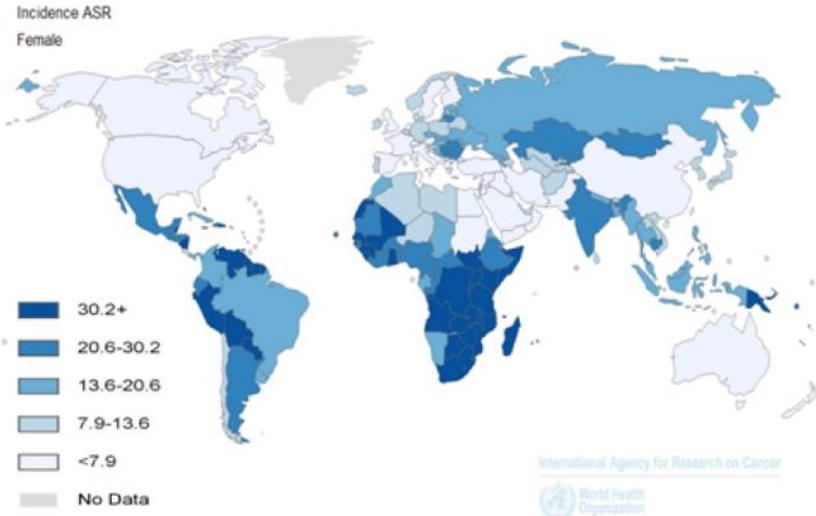


# **MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCED CERVICAL CANCER**

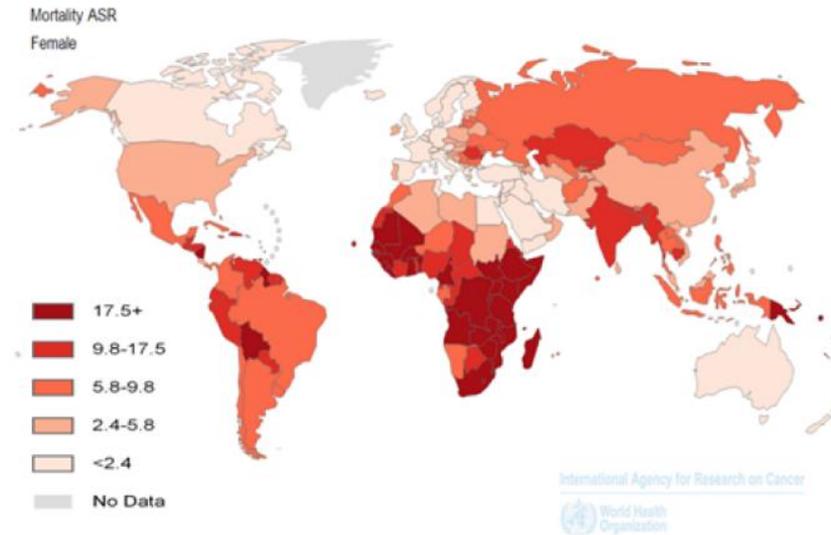
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# Cervical Cancer in an International Health Concern

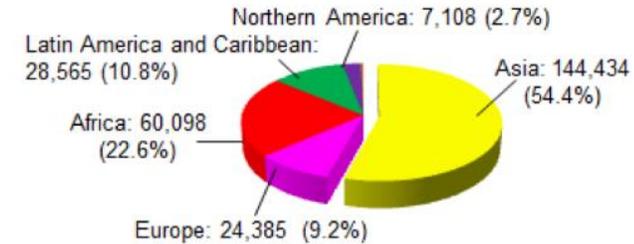
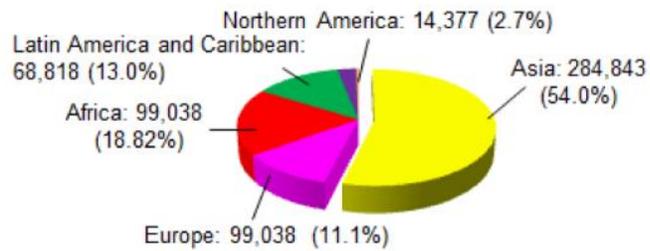
**Cervical cancer incidence**  
(527,624 cases)



**Cervical cancer mortality**  
(265,653 cases)



**Mortality: Incidence ratio: 50%**

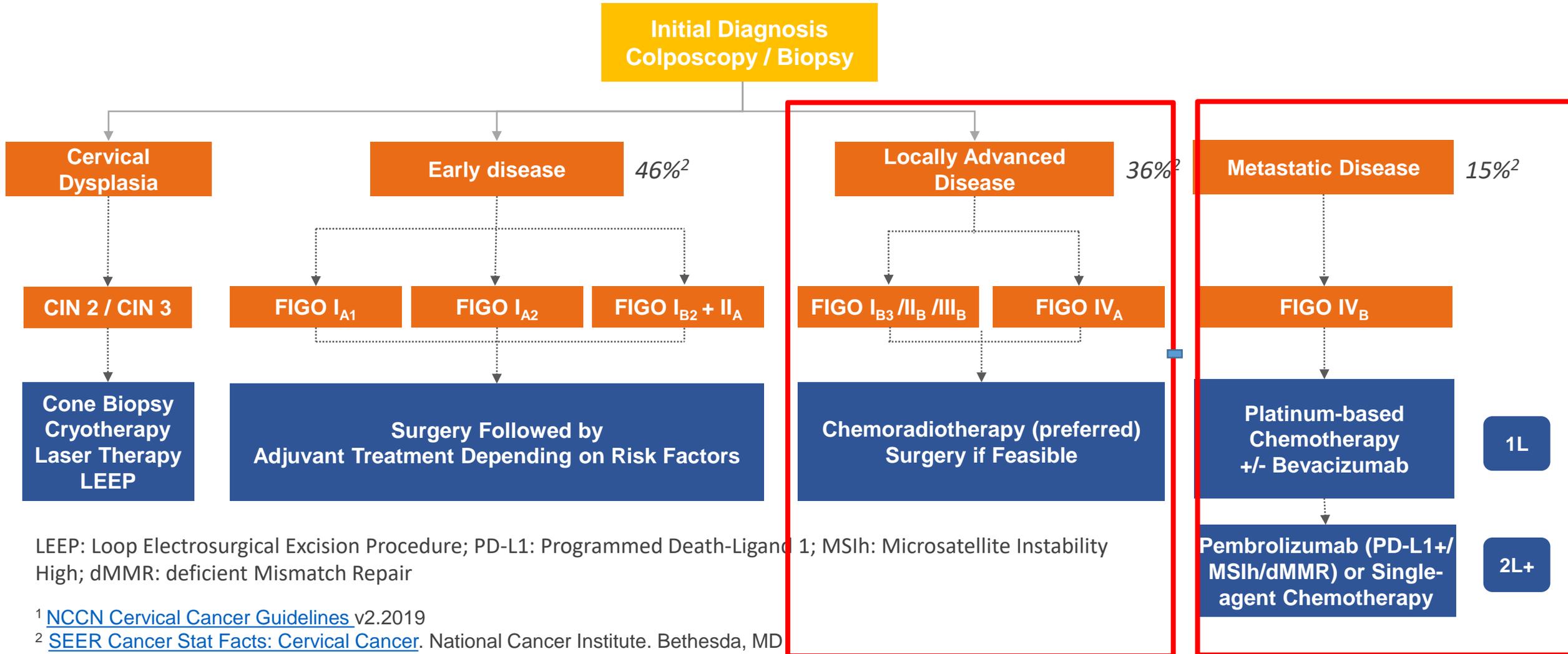


# An Estimated 13,800 Cases of Invasive Cervical Cancer in the US in 2020

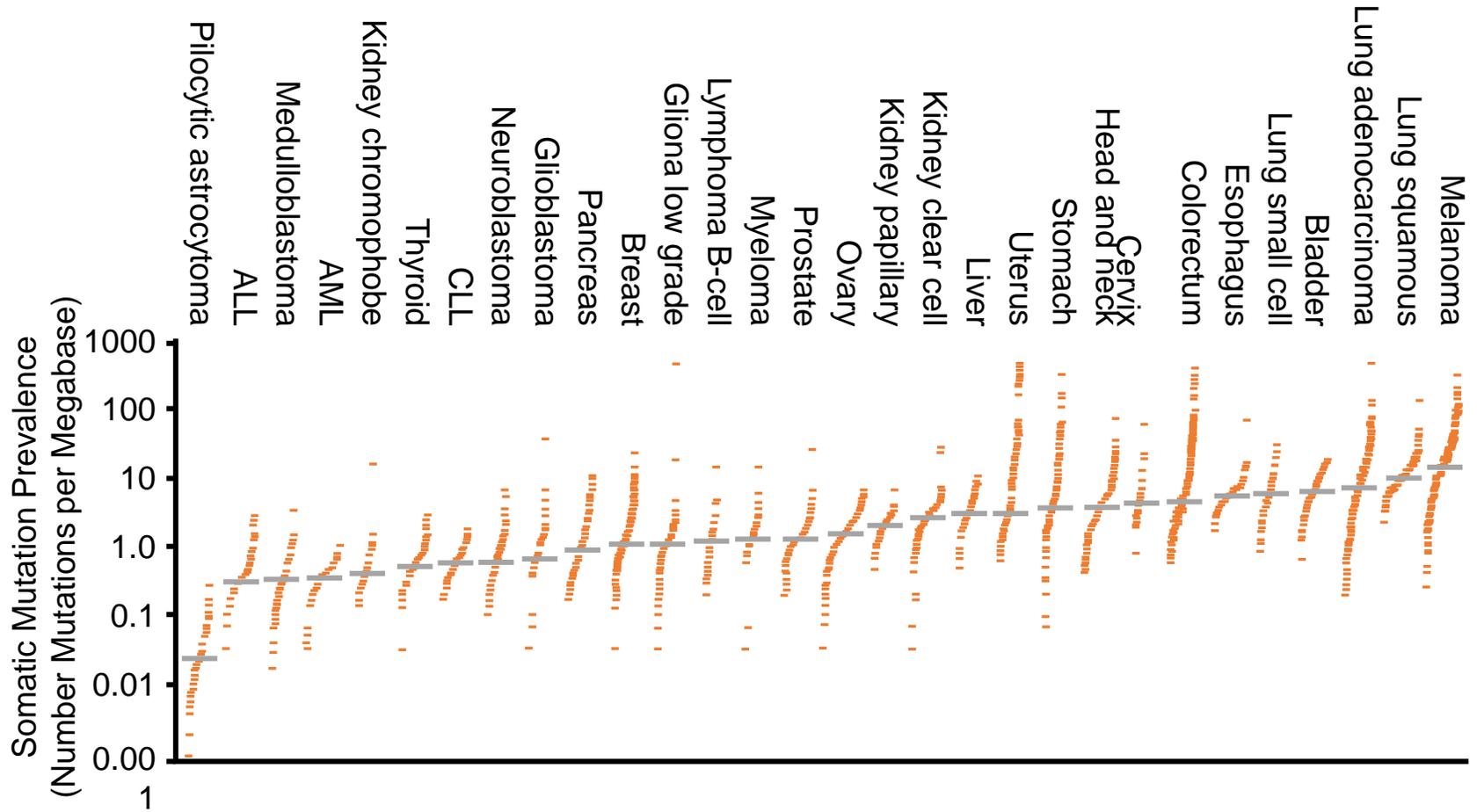


- ✓ **Death rate in 2016 (2.2 per 100,000) was less than half that in 1975 (5.6 per 100,000)**
- ✓ **From 2007 to 2016, the death rate decreased by about 1% per year in women > 50 years of age and older, but was stable in < 50**

# Cervical Cancer: Summary of Treatment



# Mutational Burden Compared With Other Tumors



# Evolution of 1L metastatic Cervical Cancer Treatment

Design	N	ORR (%)	PFS (months)	P-value	OS (months)	P-value	Reference
Bev + PC or TP vs. PC or TP	227 225	48 36	8.2 5.9	0.0002	17.0 13.3	0.0004	GOG 240 Study Tewari et al., NEJM.2014
PC vs. Carbo/Pacli	121 123	-- --	6.9 6.21	0.053	18.3 17.5	0.032	JCOG 0505 Study Kitagawa et al., JCO.2012
PC	103	29.1	5.82	0.06	12.87	0.71	GOG 204 Study Monk et al., JCO.2009
VC	108	25.9	3.98		9.99		
GC	112	22.3	4.7		10.28		
TC	111	23.4	4.57		10.25		
PC	130	36	4.8	0.001	9.7	NS	GOG 169 Study Moore et al., JCO.2004
Cisplatin	134	19	2.8		8.8		
TC	147	27	4.6	0.014	9.4	0.021	GOG 179 Study Long et al., JCO.2005
Cisplatin	146	13	2.9		6.5		

Addition of bevacizumab significantly increased rates of grade 3 or higher gastrointestinal or genitourinary fistula (6% vs. 0%, P=0.002), in addition to thromboembolic events (8% vs. 1%, P=0.001)

# GOG 240

**Carcinoma of the cervix**

- Primary stage IVB
- Recurrent/persistent
- Measureable disease
- GOG PS 0-1
- No prior chemotherapy for recurrence

(N = 452)

**Stratification factors:**

- Stage IVB vs recurrent/persistent disease
- Performance status
- Prior cisplatin Rx as radiation-sensitizer

RANDOMIZE

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**I**

Paclitaxel 135 or 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Cisplatin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

**II**

Paclitaxel 135 or 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Cisplatin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV

**III**

Paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Topotecan 0.75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-3

**IV**

Paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Topotecan 0.75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-3

Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV

Chemo alone

q 21 d Rx to PD, toxicity, CR

Chemo + bevacizumab

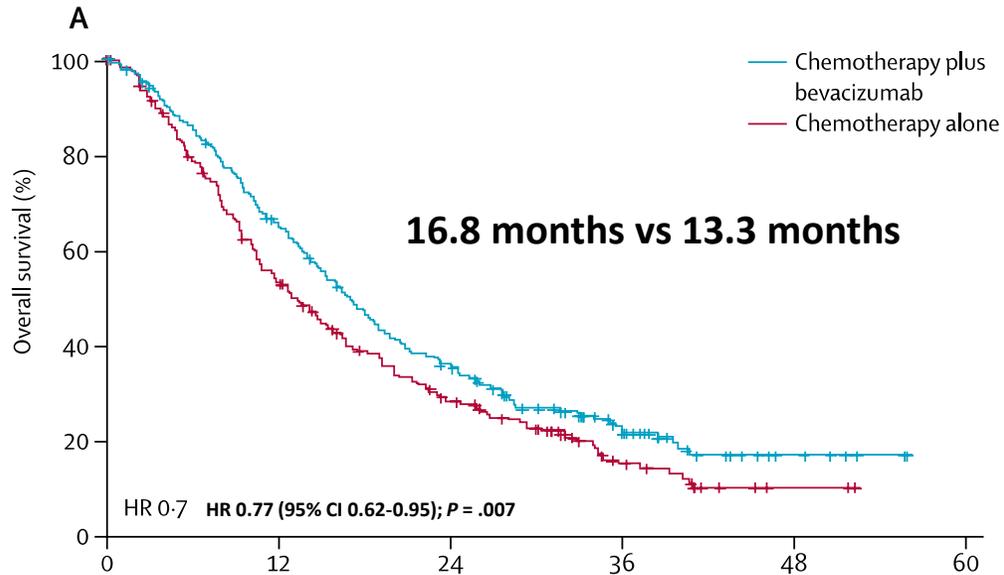
Activated: 4/6/09  
Closed to accrual: 1/3/12

United States,  
Canada & Spain



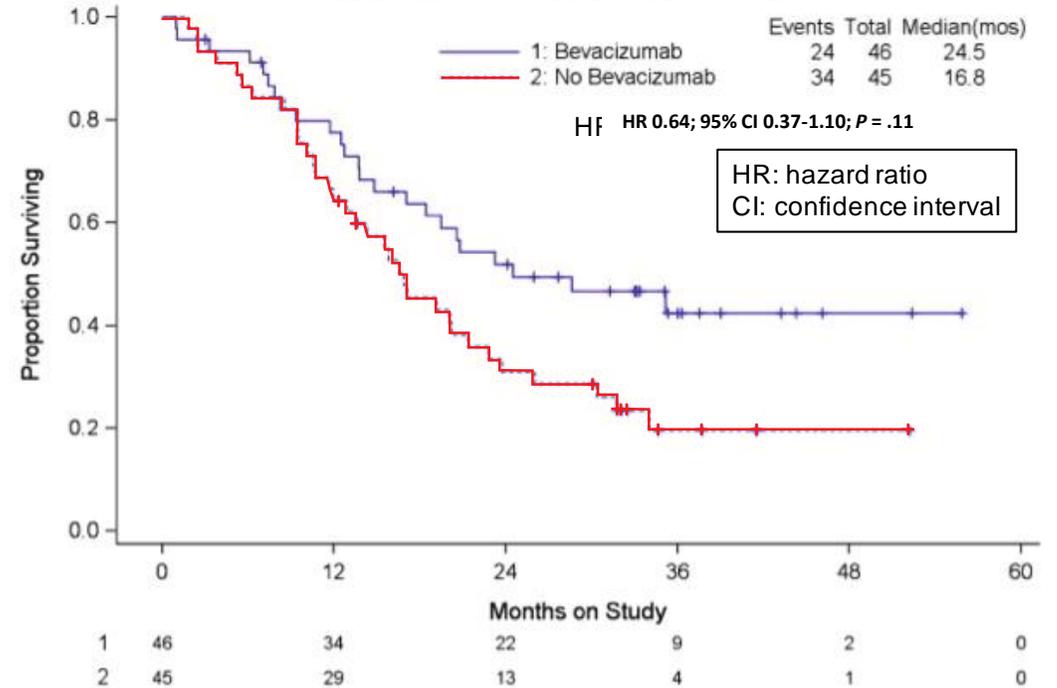
# GOG 240 : Mature OS

## ITT



Number at risk (number censored)	0	12	24	36	48	60
Chemotherapy plus bevacizumab	227 (0)	142 (9)	75 (12)	30 (31)	6 (51)	0 (57)
Chemotherapy alone	225 (0)	114 (9)	54 (18)	17 (35)	2 (45)	0 (47)

## Not Previously Irradiated



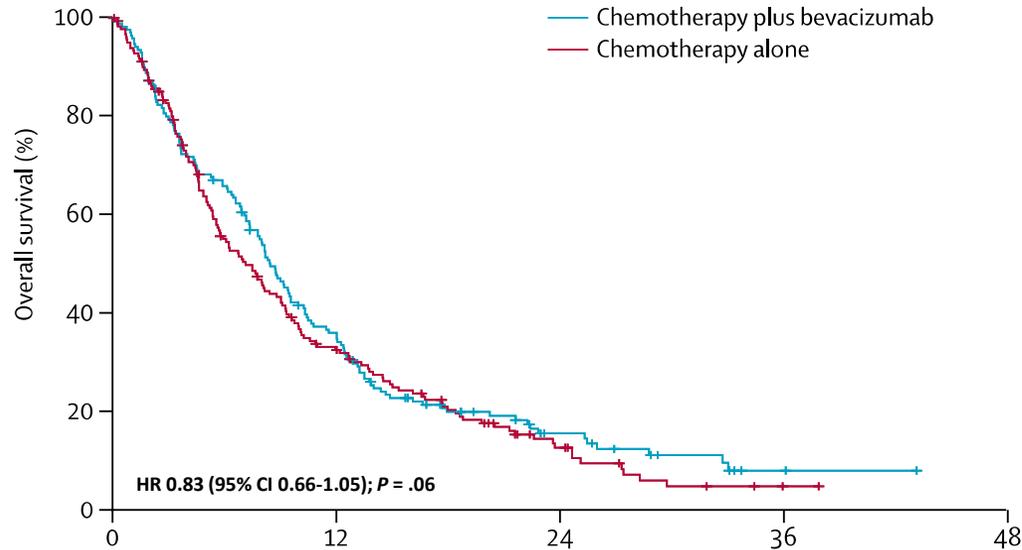
ITT, intent to treat

Tewari KS, et al. *Lancet*. 2017;390(10103):1654-1663.

# GOG 240 Mature Post-Progression OS

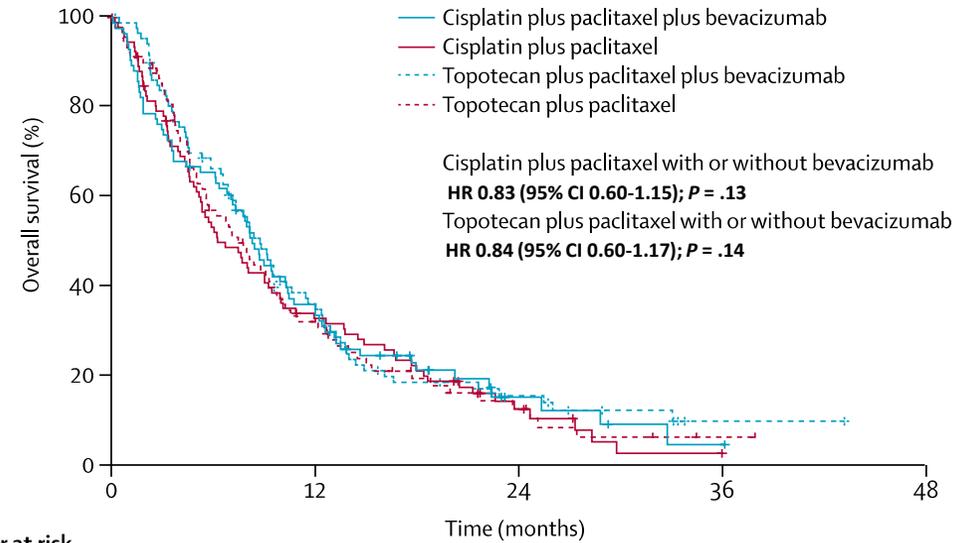
## Varies between 6.2 months to 8.7 months

### ITT



Number at risk (number censored)	0	12	24	36	48
Chemotherapy plus bevacizumab	172 (0)	56 (7)	15 (20)	2 (27)	0 (29)
Chemotherapy alone	181 (0)	52 (12)	14 (21)	1 (27)	0 (28)

### All 4 Arms



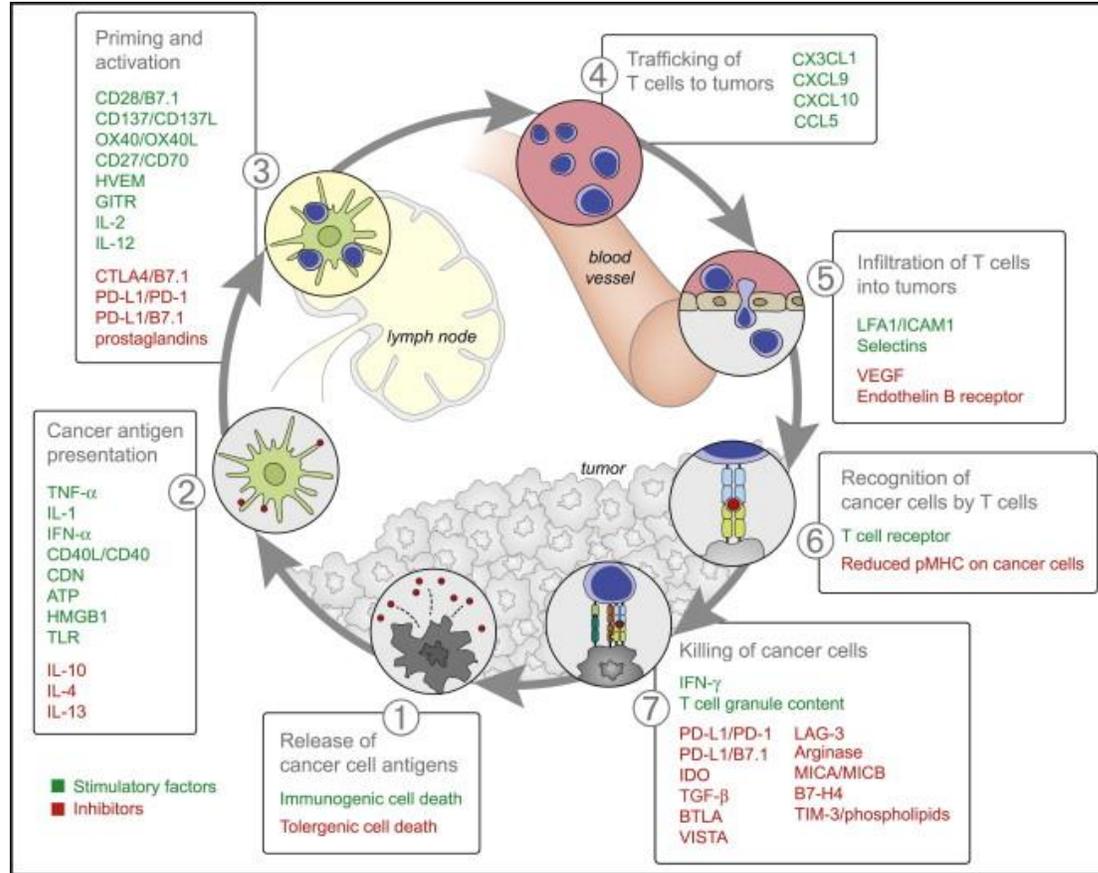
Number at risk (number censored)	0	12	24	36	48
Cisplatin plus paclitaxel	92 (0)	28 (4)	7 (9)	0 (12)	0 (12)
Cisplatin plus paclitaxel plus bevacizumab	85 (0)	27 (3)	5 (13)	1 (14)	0 (15)
Topotecan plus paclitaxel	89 (0)	24 (8)	7 (12)	1 (15)	0 (16)
Topotecan plus paclitaxel plus bevacizumab	87 (0)	29 (4)	10 (7)	1 (13)	0 (14)

# Regimen for 2L+ Metastatic Cervical Cancer

Design	N	ORR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)
Topotecan	45	12.5	2.1	6.6
Vinorelbine	44	13.7	NS	NS
<b>Pemetrexed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Pemetrexed</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>8.05</b>
<b>Docetaxel</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Gemcitabine	22	4.5	2.1	6.5
Bevacizumab	46	10.9	3.4	7.29
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

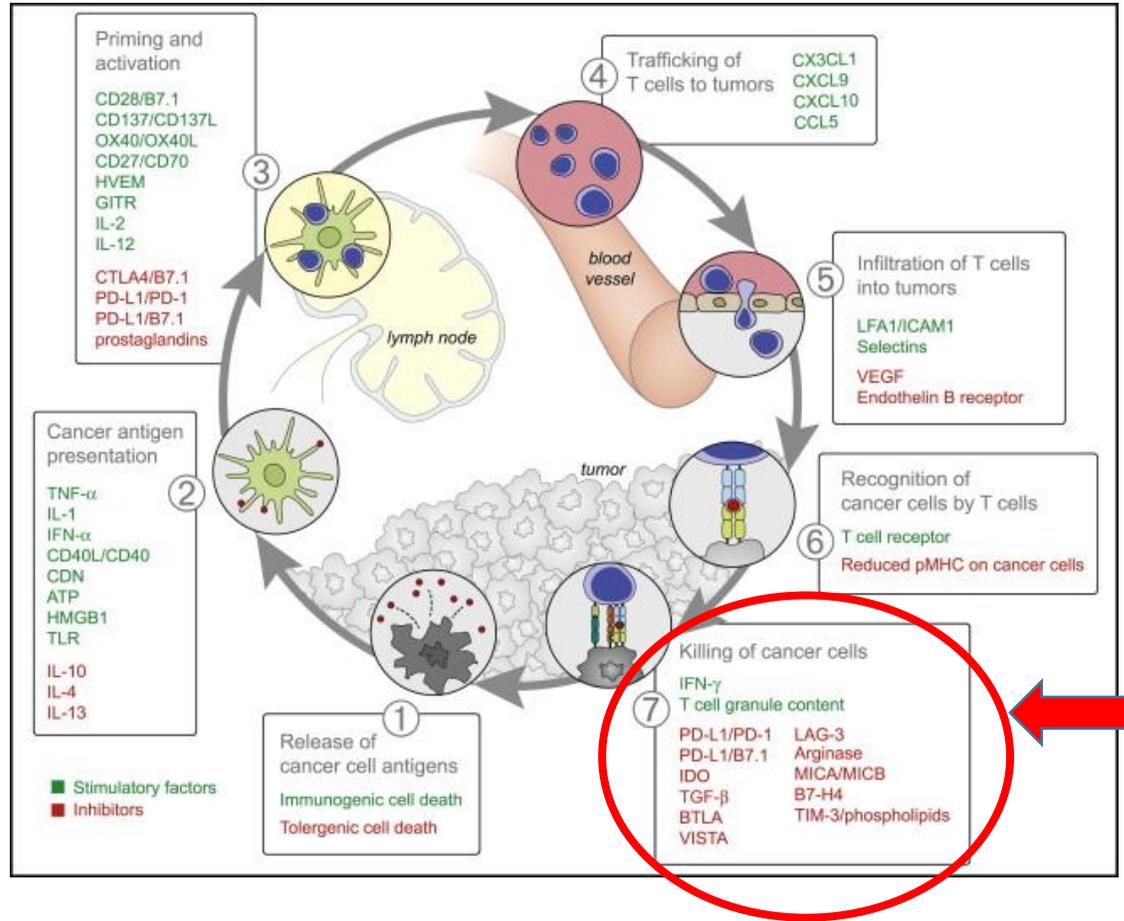
<sup>1</sup> [Yu](#) et al., Am J Hematol Oncol 2015;11:27-31

# The Cancer Immunity Cycle



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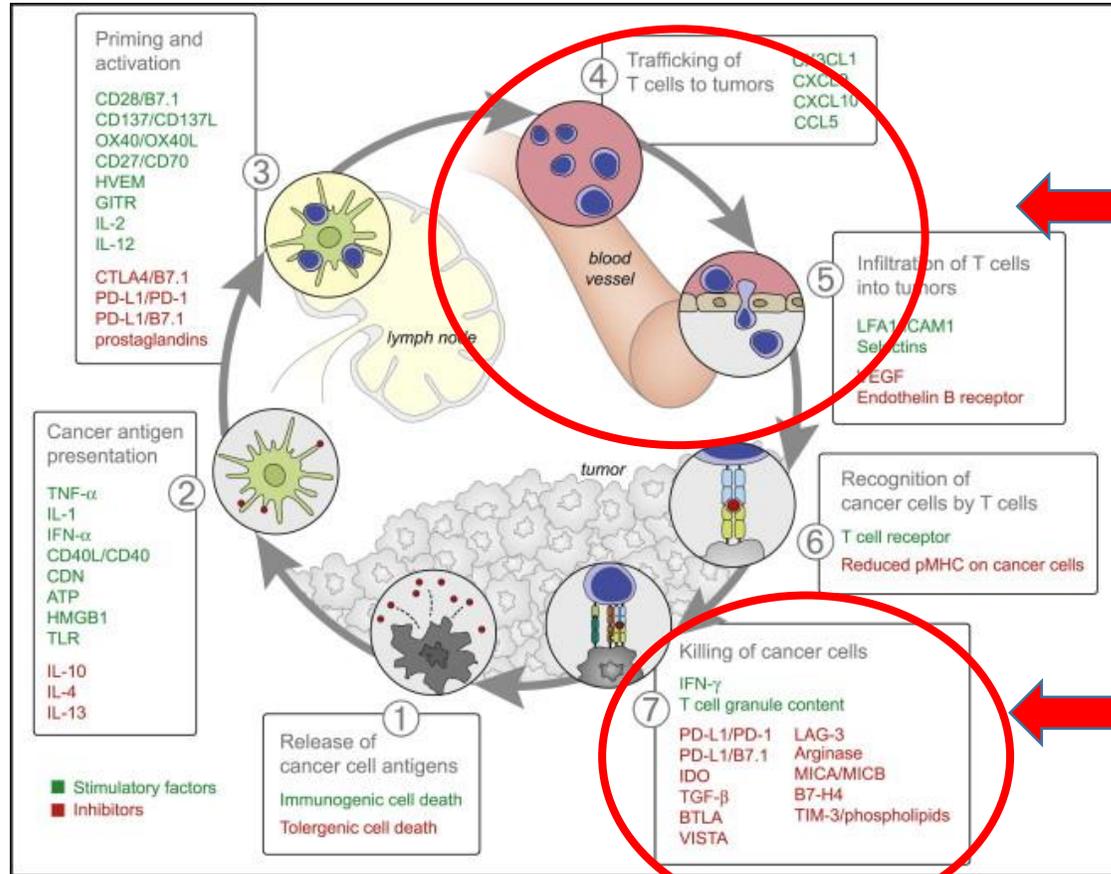
# The Cancer Immunity Cycle



**Immune Check Point Inhibition**  
**PD-1, PDL-1 Blockade**  
**TIGIT is emerging**

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# The Cancer Immunity Cycle



**Adoptive Cell Therapy**  
 TIL, CAR, TCR

**Immune Check Point Inhibition**  
 PD-1, PDL-1 Blockade

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# KEYNOTE-158 (NCT02628067): Phase II basket study, single-agent pembrolizumab, cervical cancer cohort

- Advanced cervical **squamous cell carcinoma** with progression on/intolerance to  $\geq 1$  prior line of standard therapy
- ECOG PS 0/1

84% PD-L1-positive; 77/98 (79%) had CPS  $\geq 1$   
65%  $\geq 2$  prior therapies for recurrent/metastatic CC)

**Primary endpoint:** IRC-assessed ORR (RECIST v1.1)

**Secondary endpoints:** DoR, IRC-assessed PFS, OS, safety

FDA approval: recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer with disease progression on or after chemotherapy whose tumours express PD-L1 (CPS  $\geq 1$ ) as determined by an FDA-approved test

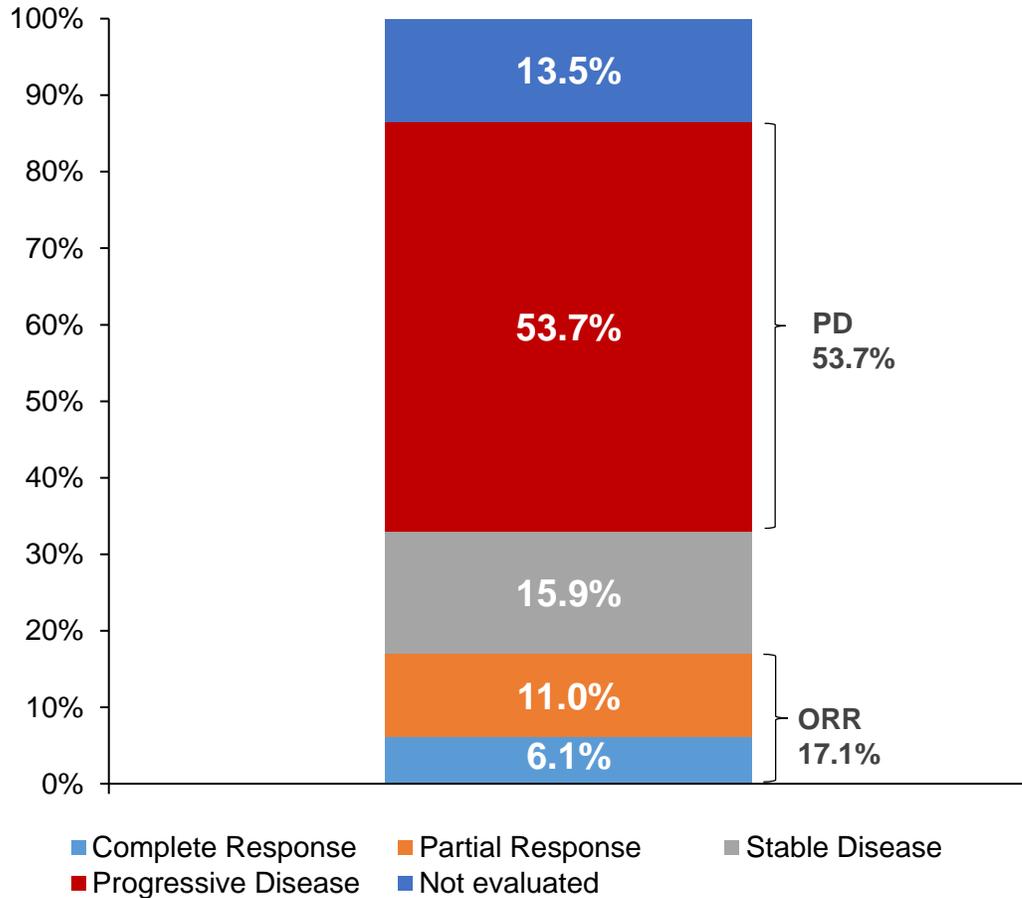
Response	All patients (n=98)	PD-L1 positive (n=82)	PD-L1-negative (n=15)
ORR (95% CI)	12.2%	14.6% (8–24)	0% (0–22)
CR	3%	4%	0%
PR	9%	11%	0%
SD	18%	18%	20%

- Median time to response: 2.1 months (range 1.6–4.1)
- Median DoR: not reached (range 3.7+–18.6+)
- 6/12 responses ongoing at data cut-off

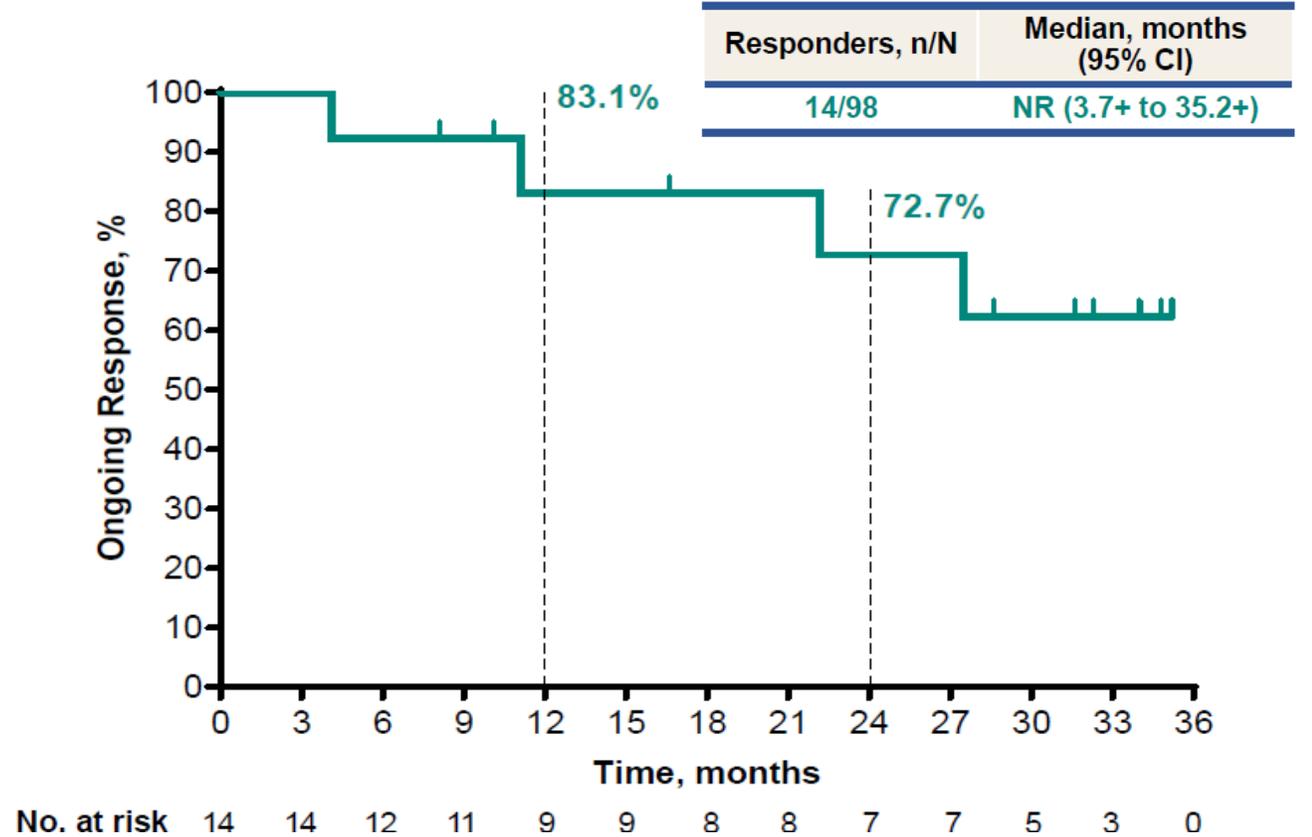
Pembrolizumab 200 mg q3w for 2 years or until PD, intolerable toxicity, patient withdrawal or investigator decision

# Keynote-158: SGO 2021 Update

ORR 17.1% (PDL1+ patients; n=82)



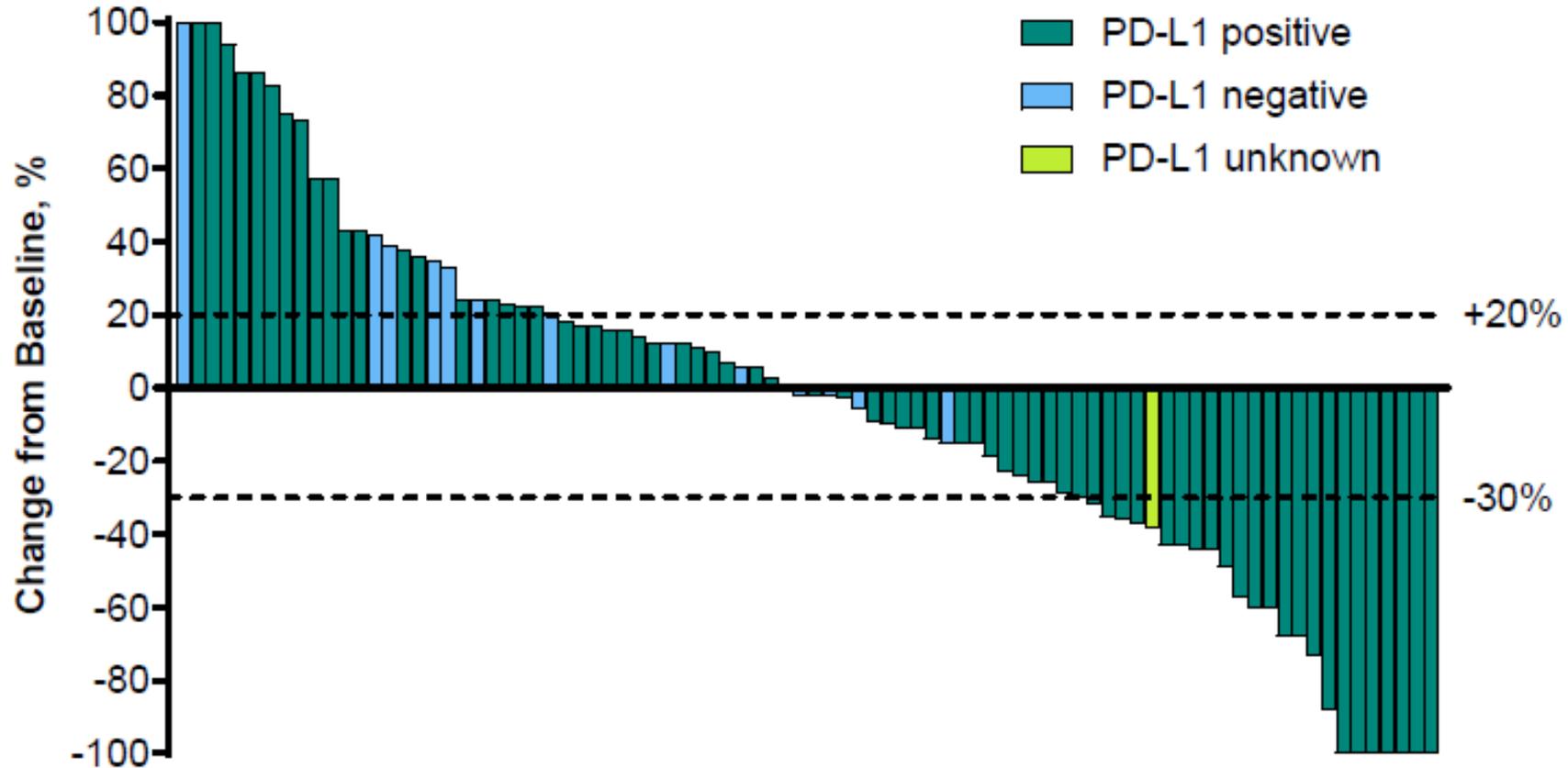
Median DOR not reached (all patients; N=98)



DOR, duration of response; SGO, Society of Gynecologic Oncology. Data cutoff date: June 27, 2019.  
1. Chung, HC, et al, Presented at SGO 2021.

# Keynote-158: SGO 2021 Update (cont)

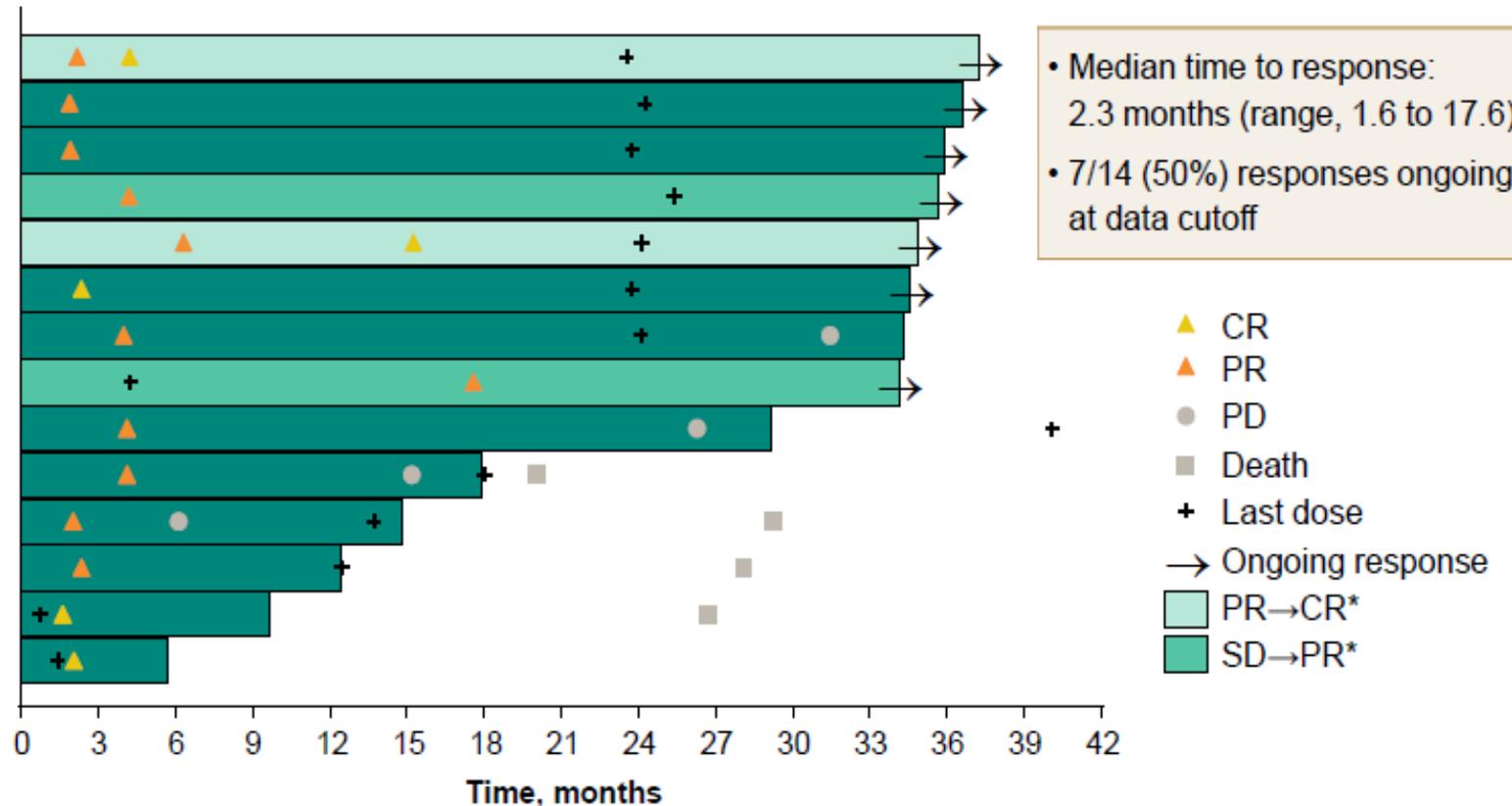
Best Percentage Change from Baseline in Target Lesion Size  
(RECIST v1.1, Central Review)



Includes patients with  $\geq 1$  evaluable pose-baseline tumor assessment (n=86). Data cutoff date: June 27, 2019.  
1. Chung, HC, et al, Presented at SGO 2021.

# Keynote-158: SGO 2021 Update (cont)

## Time to and Duration of Response (RECIST v1.1, Central Review)



CR, complete response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

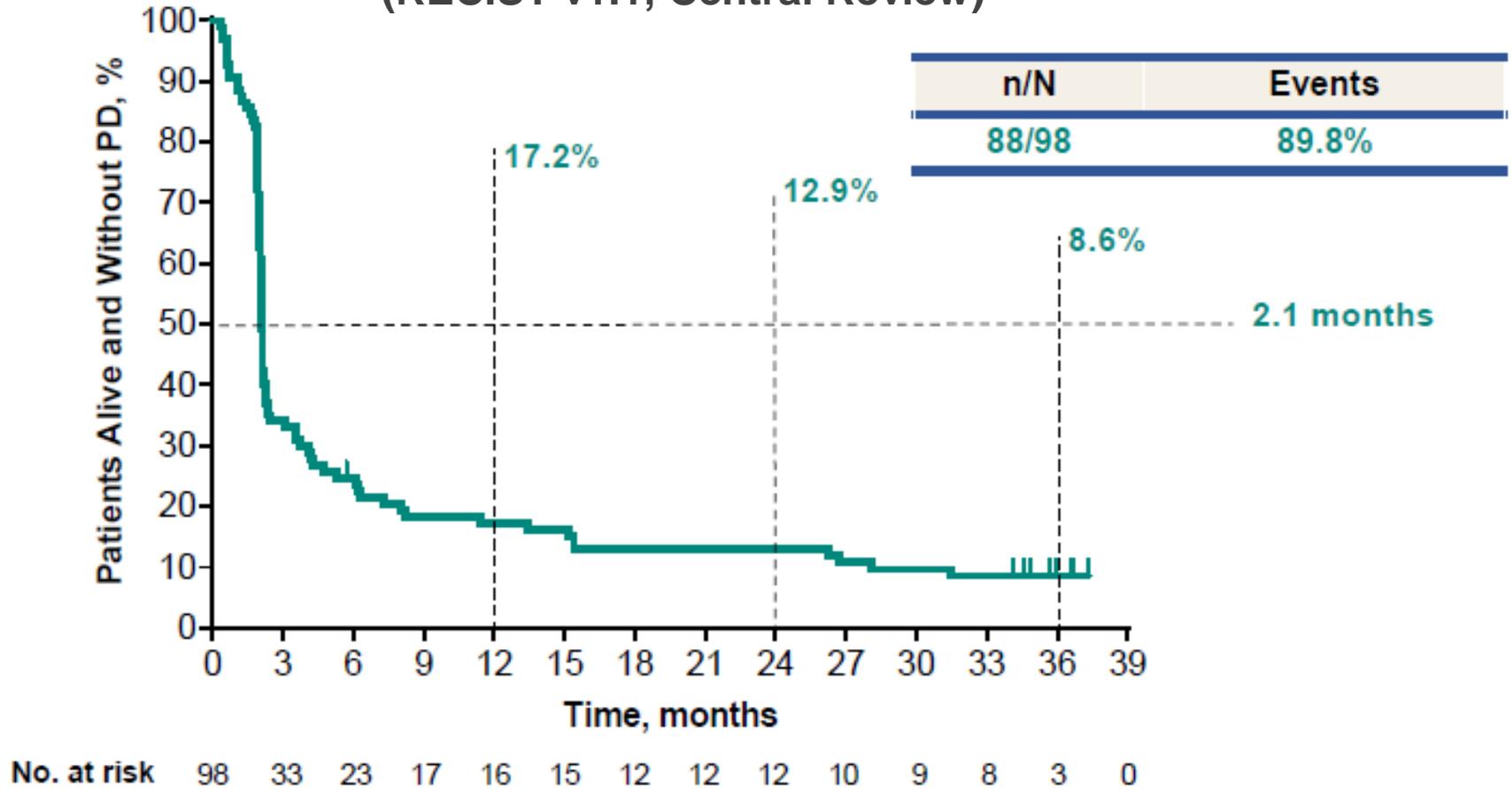
Includes patients with best overall response of complete or partial response (n=14). The length of the bars represents the time to the last imaging assessment.

\*Updated since prior report (data cutoff date: January 15, 2018). Data cutoff date: June 27, 2019.

1. Chung, HC, et al, Presented at SGO 2021.

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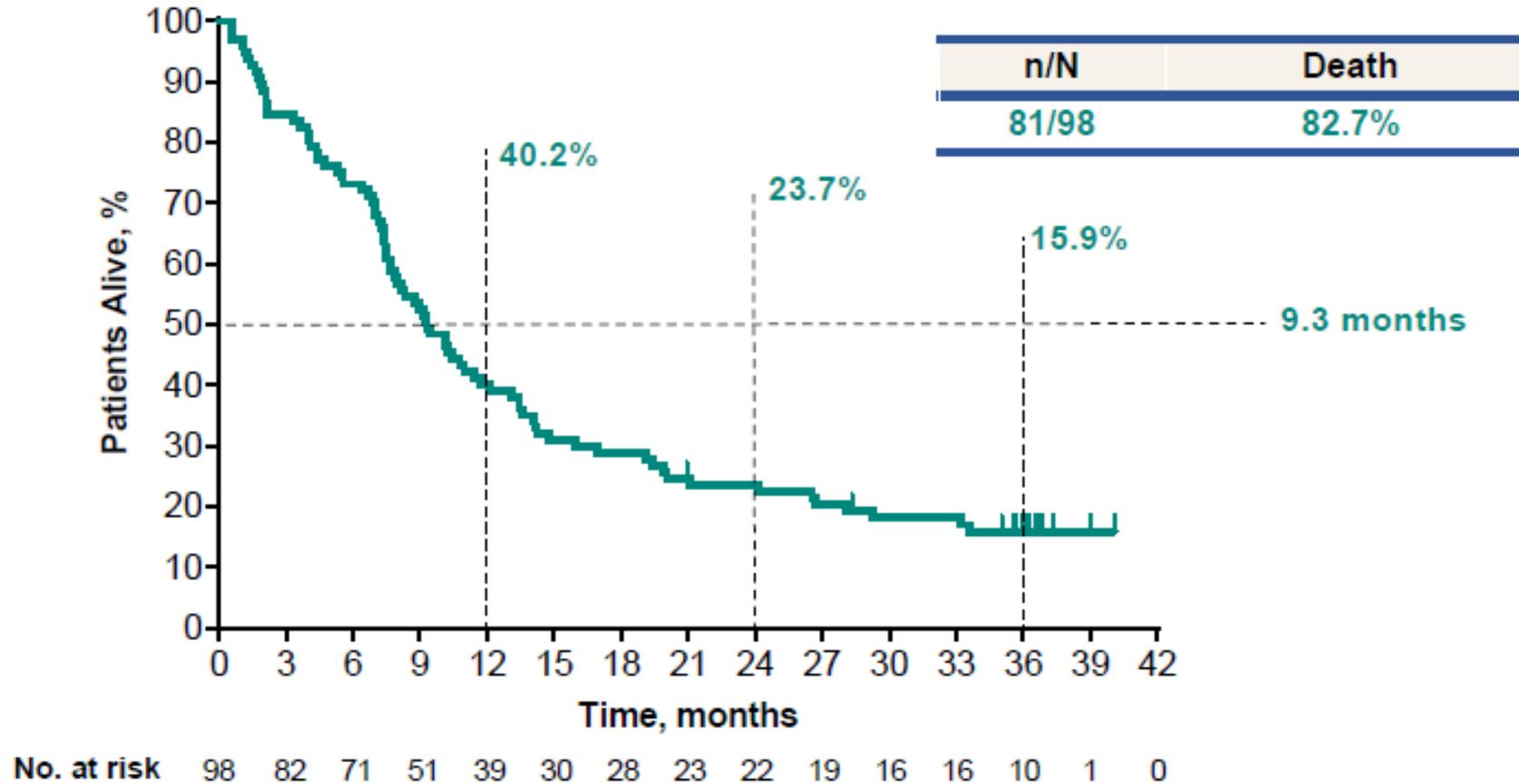
Kaplan-Meier Estimate of PFS  
(RECIST v1.1, Central Review)



PFS, progression-free survival. Data cutoff date: June 27, 2019.  
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# Keynote-158: SGO 2021 Update (cont)

Kaplan-Meier Estimate of OS



OS, overall survival. Data cutoff date: June 27, 2019.  
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# Randomized Phase III Trial of Cemiplimab Versus Investigator's Choice of Chemotherapy in Cervical Cancer: "EMPOWER- CERVICAL 1" (GOG 3016)



**Metastatic cervical cancer resistant to platinum-based chemotherapy,  $\geq$  Second-Line (N = 436) ECOG PS 0 or 1**

**Investigators' choice**

**Cemiplimab**

**Primary Endpoint is OS**

**Options:**

- **Antifolate:**  
Pemetrexed
- **Nucleoside analogue:**  
Gemcitabine
- **Topoisomerase 1 inhibitor:**  
Topotecan or Irinotecan
- **Vinca Alkaloid:**  
Vinorelbine

**Statistical Considerations for Study Design**

Power	90%
Median Survival	7 months
Hazard Ratio	0.7
Timing of Final Analysis (Ha)	30.5 months

**All treatment regimens are for up to 96 weeks, with option for retreatment**

**Cemiplimab 350 mg IV every 3 weeks**

PI Tewari KS  
Dec 11, 2018:

# Libtayo (cemiplimab): Top-Line Results from the Phase 3 EMPOWER Cervical-01 Study

## Study design

- Largest P3 randomized controlled trial in advanced CC
- Recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer following progression on platinum-based chemotherapy
- Women with either squamous cell carcinoma or adenocarcinoma
- Any PD-L1 status
- Randomized to cemiplimab monotherapy (350 mg q3w) or investigator's choice of commonly used chemotherapy\*

	Cemiplimab	Chemotherapy
Total population (N)	304	304
mOS	12 months <b>HR: 0.69</b> (95% CI: 0.56-0.84); <i>P</i> <0.001	8.5 months
Squamous cell carcinoma (N)	239	238
mOS	11.1 months <b>HR: 0.73</b> (95% CI: 0.58-0.91); <i>P</i> =0.003	8.8 months
Adenocarcinoma (N)	65	66
mOS	13.3 months <b>HR: 0.56</b> (95% CI: 0.36-0.85); <i>P</i> <0.005, not adjusted for multiplicity	7.0 months

On March 15, 2021, the EMPOWER Cervical-01 trial was stopped early for positive result on OS

- **Overall population: cemiplimab reduced the risk of death by 31% compared to chemotherapy**
  - Squamous cell carcinoma: 27% reduced risk of death
  - Adenocarcinoma: 44% reduced risk of death

\*Pemetrexed, vinorelbine, topotecan, irinotecan or gemcitabine.

Sanofi [press release]. <https://www.sanofi.com/en/media-room/press-releases/2021/2021-03-15-07-00-00-2192446>. March 15, 2021. Accessed March 24, 2021.

# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Cervical Cancer

	Lheureux et al. <sup>1</sup>	KEYNOTE-028 <sup>2</sup>	KEYNOTE-158 <sup>3</sup> (Cohort E) <sup>b</sup>	Checkmate 358 <sup>4</sup>
Phase(s)	2	1b	2	1/2
Population	Metastatic or recurrent cervical cancer with progression after prior platinum chemotherapy	PD-L1+ advanced cervical squamous cell cancers after failure of prior systemic therapy	Advanced cervical cancer with progression on or intolerance to ≥1 line of prior therapy, PD-L1+ (CPS ≥1)	HPV-associated tumors, including recurrent or metastatic cervical, vaginal, vulvar cancers
Patients, n	42 <sup>a</sup>	24	77 <sup>d</sup>	24
Treatment	Ipilimumab	Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab	Nivolumab
ORR, %	8.8 <sup>c</sup>	12.5 <sup>c</sup>	14.3	ITT: 20.8 <sup>c</sup> Cervical cancer pts: 26.3%
DCR, %	32.3	25.0	—	70.8
mDOR	—	19.3 wk	NR (range: 4.1–18.6+ mo)	NR
PFS	mPFS: 2.5 mo	6-mo PFS: 13.0%	—	mPFS: 5.5 mo
OS	—	6-mo OS: 66.7%	—	NR
Safety	Manageable toxicities	≥Gr 3 TRAEs: 20.8%	Serious AEs: 39%	Gr 3/4 TRAEs: 12.5%
Follow-up	—	48.9 wk	11.7 mo	31 wk

1. Lheureux S, et al. Presented at ASCO Annual Meeting, 2015. Abstract 3061. 2. Frenel JS, et al. Presented at ASCO Annual Meeting, 2016. Abstract 5515. 3. Pembrolizumab package insert. Merck & Co, Inc; December 2018. 4. Hollebecque A, et al. Presented at ASCO Annual Meeting, 2017. Abstract 5504.

# Evolving r/mCC Treatment Landscape

## Current Standard of Care

## Current selected studies with novel agents\*

1L systemic therapies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paclitaxel + cisplatin / carboplatin with or without bevacizumab</li> <li>• Paclitaxel + topotecan with or without bevacizumab</li> </ul>	<p><i>Adding anti-PD-(L)1 to current standard of care</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEYNOTE-826 (NCT03635567) Ph 3: <b>Pembrolizumab</b> vs placebo in combination with CT with/without bevacizumab (initiated Sep 2018; enrollment complete)</li> <li>• BEATcc (NCT03556839) Ph 3: <b>Atezolizumab</b> + CT + bevacizumab or CT + bevacizumab (initiated Oct 2018, enrolling)</li> </ul>
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2L systemic therapies

<p><b>No standard of care exist for patients who progress following 1L treatment</b></p> <p><i>MSI-H / PD-L1+ / TMB-H</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembrolizumab</li> </ul> <p><i>Other recommended regimens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single agent chemotherapies</li> </ul>	<p><i>New modalities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• innovaTV 204 (NCT03438396) Ph 2: <b>Tisotumab Vedotin</b> (initiated Feb 2018, data available)</li> <li>• NCT03108495 Ph 2: <b>LN-145</b> (adoptive TIL therapy) (initiated Jun 2017, enrolling)</li> </ul> <p><i>Checkpoint inhibitors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCT03104699 Ph 1/2: <b>Balstilimab</b> (initiated Apr 2017, enrollment complete)</li> <li>• NCT03495882 Ph 1/2: <b>Balstilimab + Zalifrelimab</b> (initiated Dec 2017, enrollment complete)</li> <li>• EMPOWER Cervical 1 (NCT03257267) Ph 3: <b>Cemiplimab</b> vs. IC chemotherapy (initiated Aug 2017, enrollment complete)</li> </ul>
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1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; CT, paclitaxel + cisplatin or carboplatin; r/mCC, recurrent and/or metastatic cervical cancer.

\* Current studies with known registrational intent

# KEYNOTE-826

- **Untreated persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical**
- **Measurable disease per RECIST 1.1**
- **Available archival tumor tissue**
- **Performance status of 0 to 1**
- **Adequate organ function**

N = 600  
57 Sites as of Jan 12, 2018

Stratification:

- Metastatic at diagnosis (yes vs no)
- Bevacizumab use (yes vs no)
- PD-L1 status (CPS < 1 vs CPS 1 to < 10 vs CPS ≥ 10)

Primary endpoints: 1) Progression-free Survival (PFS) per Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST 1.1) as assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR), or, 2) overall survival (OS)

Secondary endpoints: ORR, DOR, PFS, AEs, PROs



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**Every 3 week pembrolizumab 200 mg PLUS investigator choice of chemotherapy\***

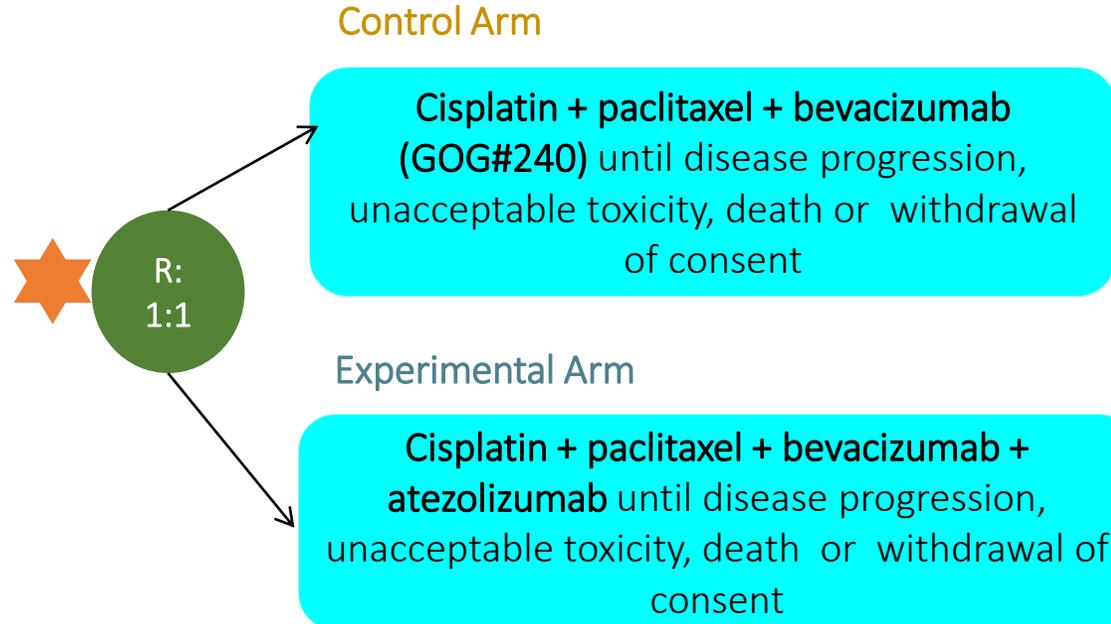
**Every 3 week placebo PLUS investigator choice of chemotherapy\***

All treatments are administered until disease progression or toxicity, for up to 35 cycles (up to approximately 2 years)

\*paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PLUS cisplatin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> WITH or WITHOUT bevacizumab 15 mg/kg OR paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PLUS carboplatin AUC 5, WITH or WITHOUT bevacizumab 15 mg/kg

# BEATcc: Study Design

- Primary stage IVB, persistent or recurrent carcinoma of the cervix
- Measurable disease by RECIST v1.1
- ECOG-PS: 0-1
- No previous systemic chemotherapy for advanced or recurrent disease
- N = 404 pts



Safety run-in cohort: 12 pts after 2 cycles of treatment

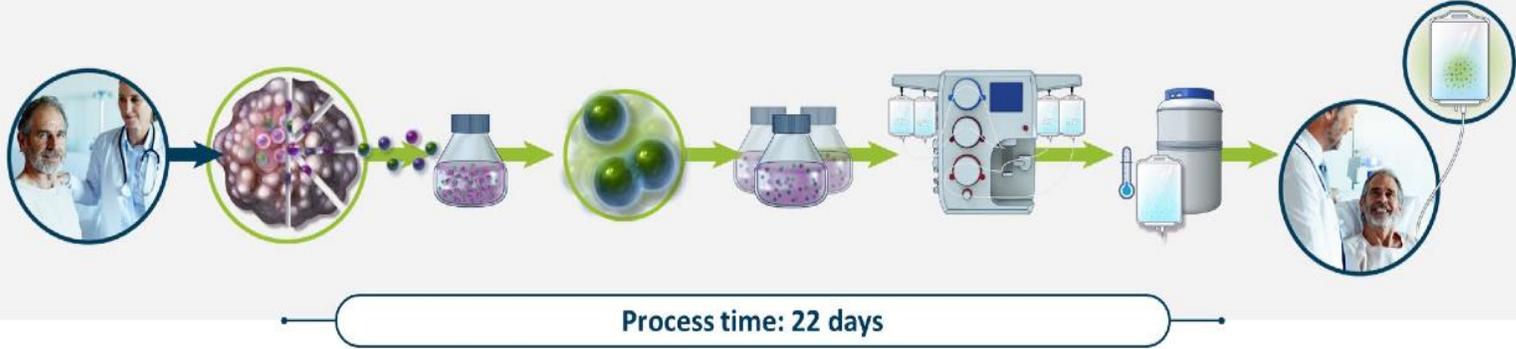
**Primary Endpoints:**  
Overall survival (OS)  
**Secondary Endpoints:**

- PFS
- ORR
- DOR
- Safety
- HR-QOL

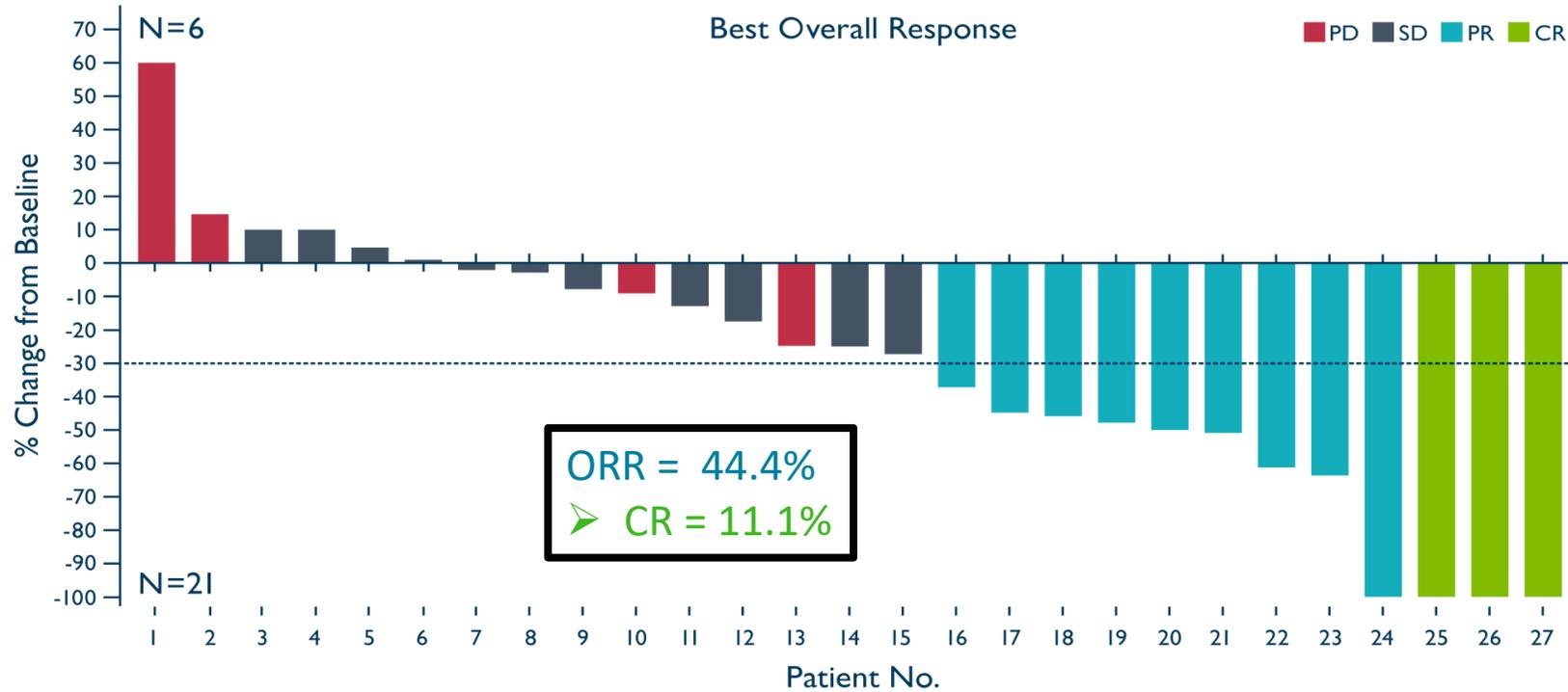
**Stratification Factors:**

- Prior concurrent cisplatin-RDT
- Histology: SCC vs ADK (including adenosquamous)
- Chemotherapy backbone: Cisplatin vs carboplatin

A tumor specimen is mandatory at study entry. This may be an archival biopsy or, in its absence, a tumor biopsy obtained within 3 months of randomization from a non-irradiated lesion.



# Autologous TILs (LN-145) 2L+ FDA Breakthrough Designation



- 78% of patients had a reduction in tumor burden
- Median follow up is 7.4 months
- Mean number of TIL cells infused:  $28 \times 10^9$
- Median number of IL-2 doses administered was 6.0

NCT03108495; Jazaeri AA et al.  
*J Clin Onc.* 2019;37(15)2538.

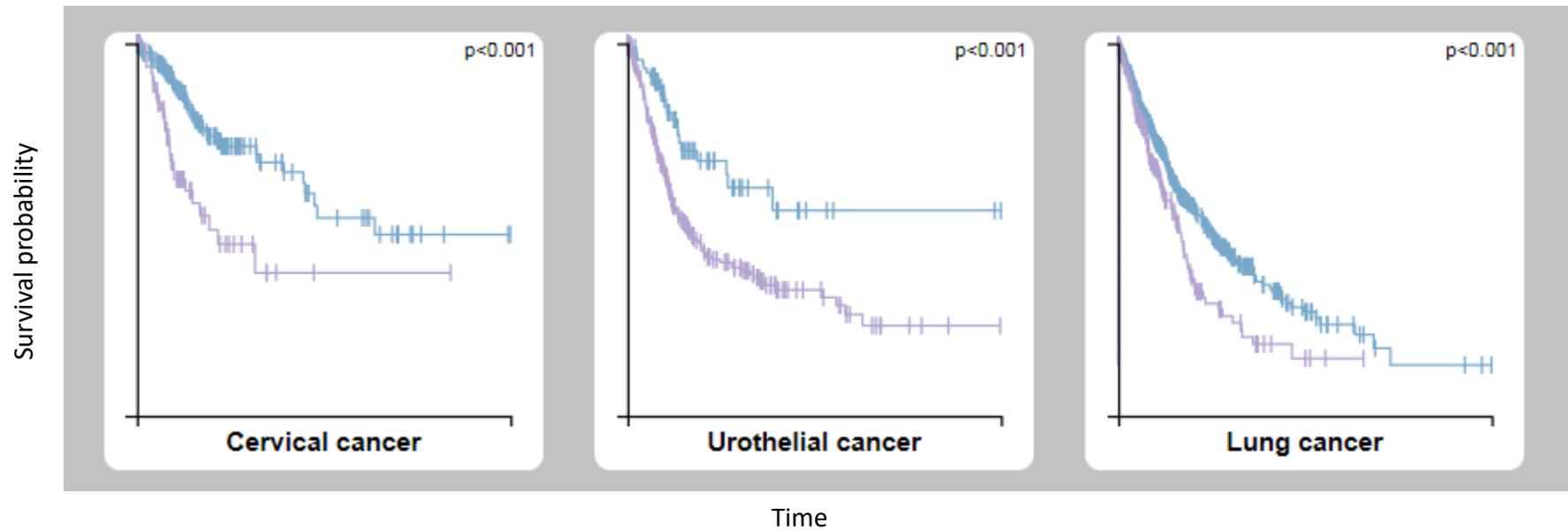
# Prevalence of TIGIT in TCGA Tumors



Code	Tumor	>3rd Quartile (100.3)	Total Samples	Freq	Rank
DLBC	Lymphoid Neoplasm Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma	46	48	95.83%	1
TGCT	Testicular Germ Cell Tumors	88	150	58.67%	2
LUAD	Lung adenocarcinoma	267	515	51.84%	3
HNSC	Head and Neck squamous cell carcinoma	235	520	45.19%	4
SKCM	Skin Cutaneous Melanoma	206	470	43.83%	5
LUSC	Lung squamous cell carcinoma	214	502	42.63%	6
CESC	Cervical squamous cell carcinoma and endocervical adenocarcinoma	127	305	41.64%	7
KIRC	Kidney renal clear cell carcinoma	181	533	33.96%	8
STAD	Stomach adenocarcinoma	132	415	31.81%	9
BRCA	Breast invasive carcinoma	344	1097	31.36%	10
PAAD	Pancreatic adenocarcinoma	51	178	28.65%	11
BLCA	Bladder Urothelial Carcinoma	109	408	26.72%	12
MESO	Mesothelioma	20	87	22.99%	13
SARC	Sarcoma	56	259	21.62%	14
UCEC	Uterine Corpus Endometrial Carcinoma	114	545	20.92%	15
THYM	Thymoma	24	120	20.00%	16
CHOL	Cholangiocarcinoma	7	36	19.44%	17
ESCA	Esophageal carcinoma	33	184	17.93%	18
THCA	Thyroid carcinoma	86	505	17.03%	19
LIHC	Liver hepatocellular carcinoma	57	371	15.36%	20
COAD	Colon adenocarcinoma	65	460	14.13%	21
READ	Rectum adenocarcinoma	16	166	9.64%	22
LAML	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	16	173	9.25%	23
UVM	Uveal Melanoma	6	80	7.50%	24
OV	Ovarian serous cystadenocarcinoma	20	305	6.56%	25
UCS	Uterine Carcinosarcoma	3	57	5.26%	26
PRAD	Prostate adenocarcinoma	26	497	5.23%	27
KIRP	Kidney renal papillary cell carcinoma	13	290	4.48%	28
ACC	Adrenocortical carcinoma	2	79	2.53%	29
LGG	Brain Lower Grade Glioma	4	516	0.78%	30
GBM	Glioblastoma multiforme	1	161	0.62%	31
KICH	Kidney Chromophobe	0	66	0.00%	32
PCPG	Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma	0	179	0.00%	32

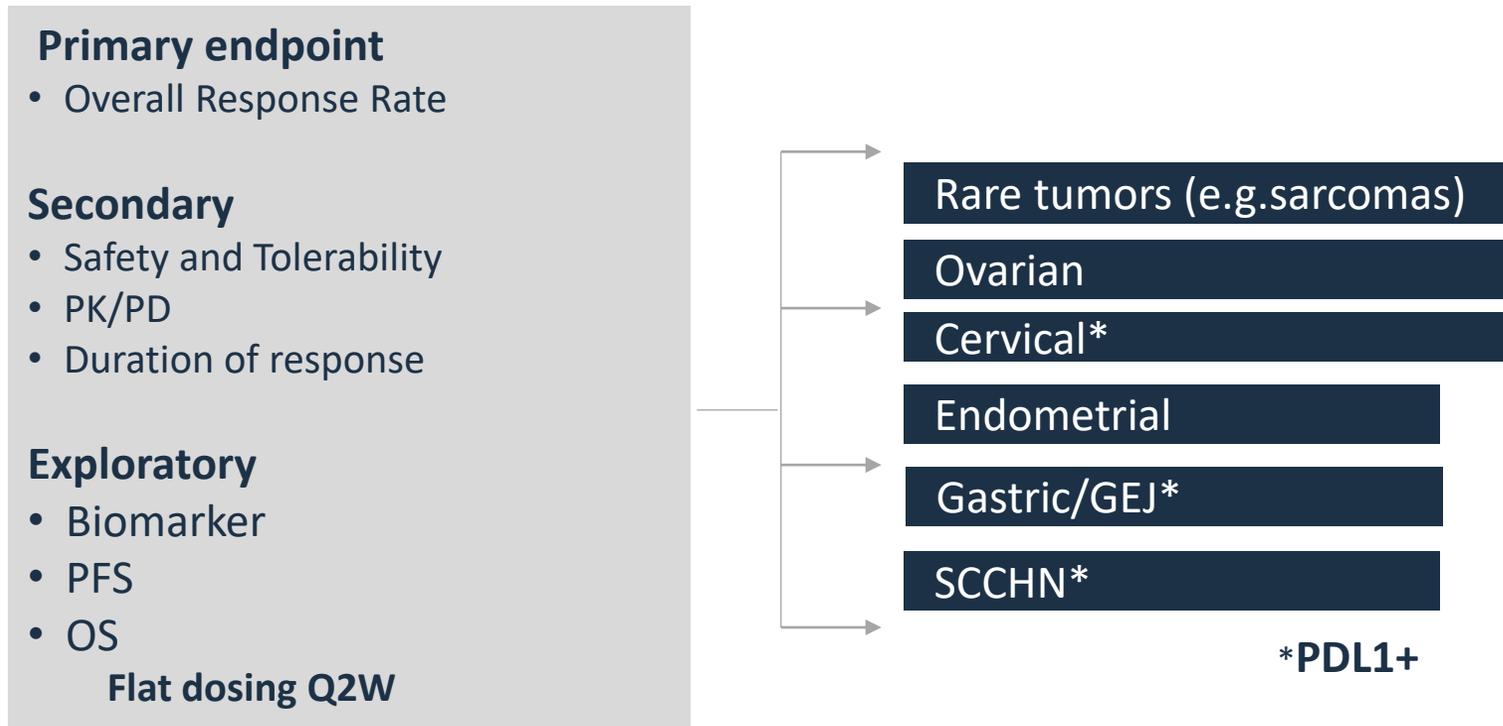
The quartile RSEM value of TIGIT gene is ~100

# High PVR expression associated with poor clinical outcome



TCGA  
Blue=low PVR  
Purple=high PVR

# ACTIVATE Phase 1b/2 Study Design: Etigilimab plus Nivolumab in Advanced/Metastatic solid Tumors



Simon two-stage design allowing for dynamic decision making and flexible design  
N= ~ 125 subjects

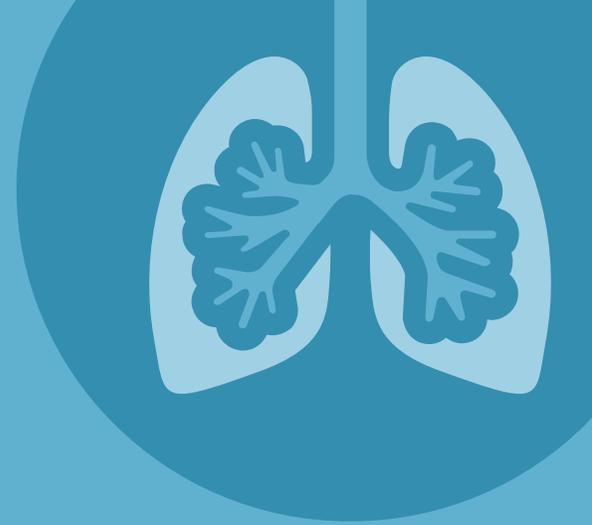
## Key Phase 2/3 Trials in Cervical Cancer

1. Phase 3: CALLA (Durvalumab with chemotherapy and radiation)\*
2. Phase 3: KN-826 (Pembrolizumab added to chemotherapy +/- bevacizumab in 1-L)\*
3. Phase 3: EMPOWER- CERVICAL 1 (Cemiplimab vs chemotherapy in 2-L)\*
4. Phase 2: innovaTV 204 (tisotumab vedotin in 2-L)
5. Phase 2: (LN-145 in 2-L)\*
6. Phase 2: SKYSCRAPER-04 (Tiragolumab Plus Atezolizumab in 2-L)\*

\* Results Pending

# Summary and Conclusions

- **Weekly cisplatin plus radiotherapy (CCRT) global standard in locally advanced primary disease**
- **Platinum + paclitaxel +/- bevacizumab for metastatic disease**
- **Immunotherapy is the new frontier!**
  - **Checkpoint inhibitors (PD-1, PDL-1, TIGIT)**
  - **Accelerated approval of pembrolizumab in second-line metastatic disease (June 2018) in the USA**
    - **TIL and ADC exciting opportunities**
  - **Randomized trials ongoing and necessary for EU and global regulatory approval in both in first-line and second-line metastatic disease**
  - **Greatest opportunity is adding IO to front-line CCRT**



# SARCOMA



# Immunotherapy in Sarcoma

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# Disclosures

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None

# Sarcoma Overview

- <1% of cancers in adults
- Cancer that arises from mesenchymal cells (connective tissue precursors)
- More than 50 kinds of sarcomas of soft tissue and bone (80% STS)
  - 50% of large high-grade sarcomas develop metastasis
  - Median overall survival < 2 yrs for metastatic disease
  - First-line for metastatic disease usually chemo
  - **No approved immunotherapy specifically for sarcoma**

Liposarcoma	20%
Leiomyosarcoma	14%
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma	14%
Gastrointestinal stromal tumor	9%

Brennan et al. *Ann Surg* 2014

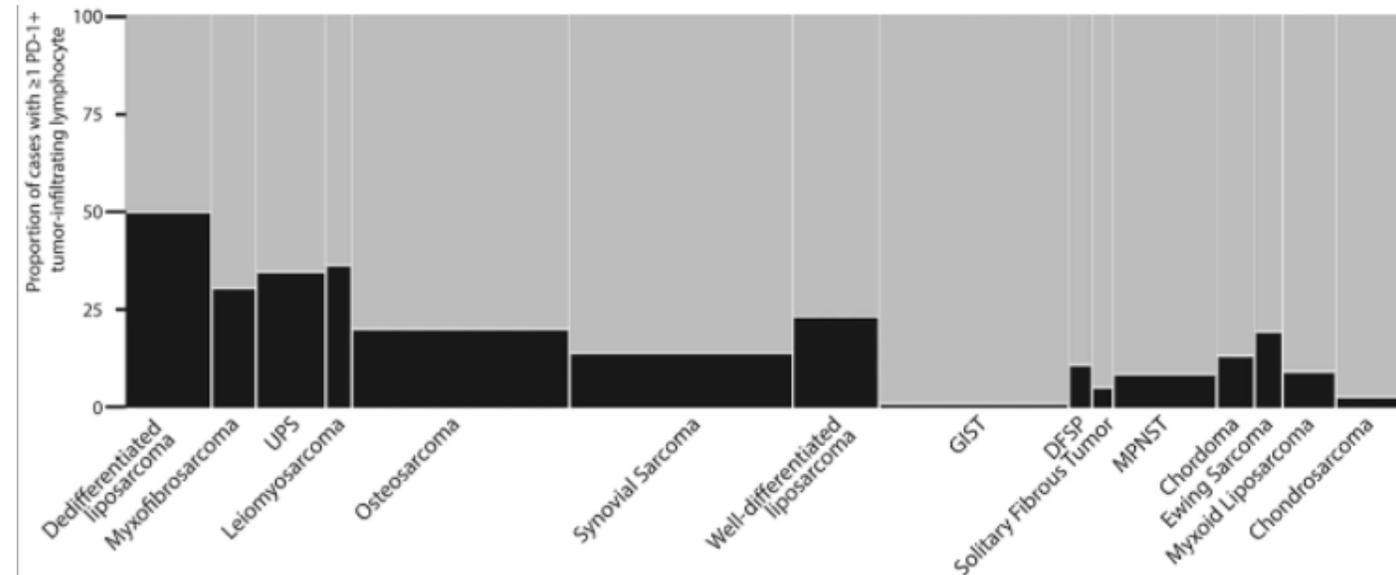
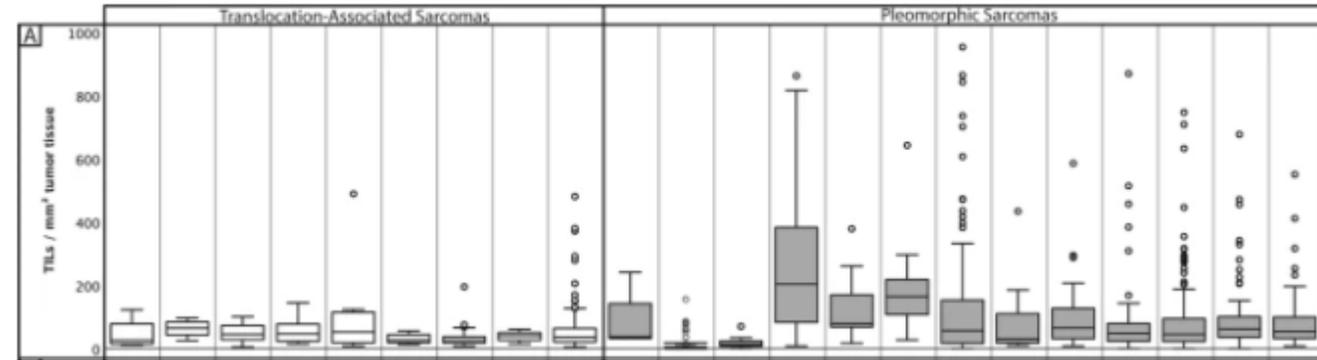
# Sarcoma: Current Standard of Care

Chemotherapy	Overall Response Rate (CR+PR)	Progression Free Survival (months)
Doxorubicin	18%	6.8
Ifosfamide	21%	2.2
Gemcitabine + Docetaxel	20%	5.4
Trabectedin	10%	4.2
Pazopanib	6%	4.6
Eribulin	4%	2.6

Tap et al. *ASCO Annual Meeting* 2019  
Antman et al. *J Clin Oncol* 1989  
Lorigan et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2007  
Seddon et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2017  
Demetri et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2015  
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Schoffski et al. *Lancet* 2016

# Sarcoma: Many subtypes, variable immunogenicity

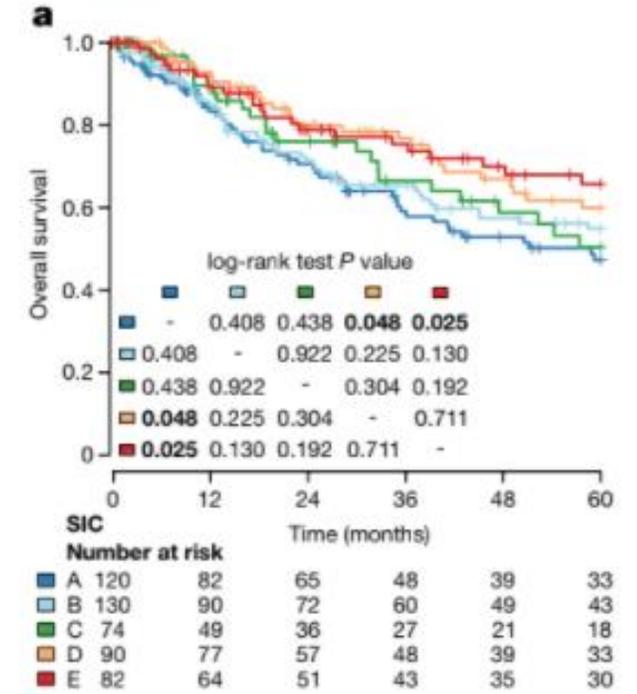
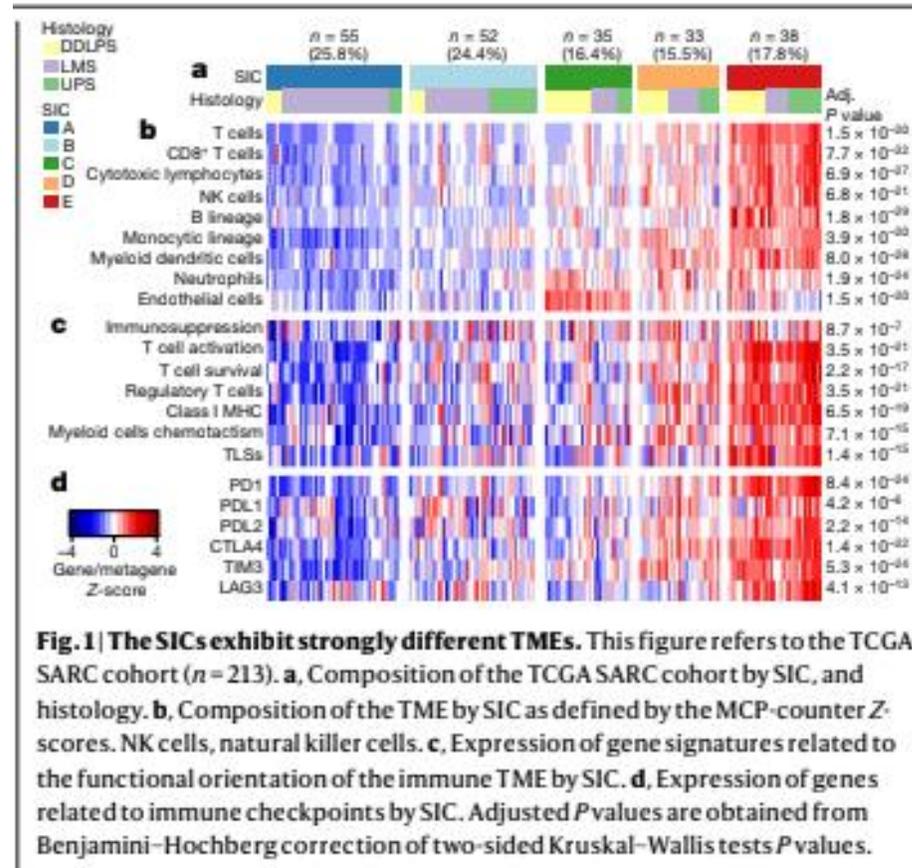
- Tumor mutational burden in translocation associated sarcomas lower than non-translocation associated sarcoma
- Variability in tumor infiltrating lymphocytes by histology
- PD-1 and PD-L1 expression low overall 10% and 22% respectively
- There may be higher expression of emerging immune checkpoint targets



Dancsok et al. *Modern Pathology* 2019

# Sarcoma Immunology: Sarcoma Immune Classes

- Tumor mutations burden low overall
- Immune classification based on tumor environment (B cells) may better represent immune status
- Immune class status may be associated with overall survival



Petitprez et al. *Nature* 2020

# Multicenter phase II study of pembrolizumab in advanced soft tissue and bone sarcomas (SARC028)

- Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV every 3 weeks
- Primary objective: ORR
- Over 50% in both cohorts previously treated

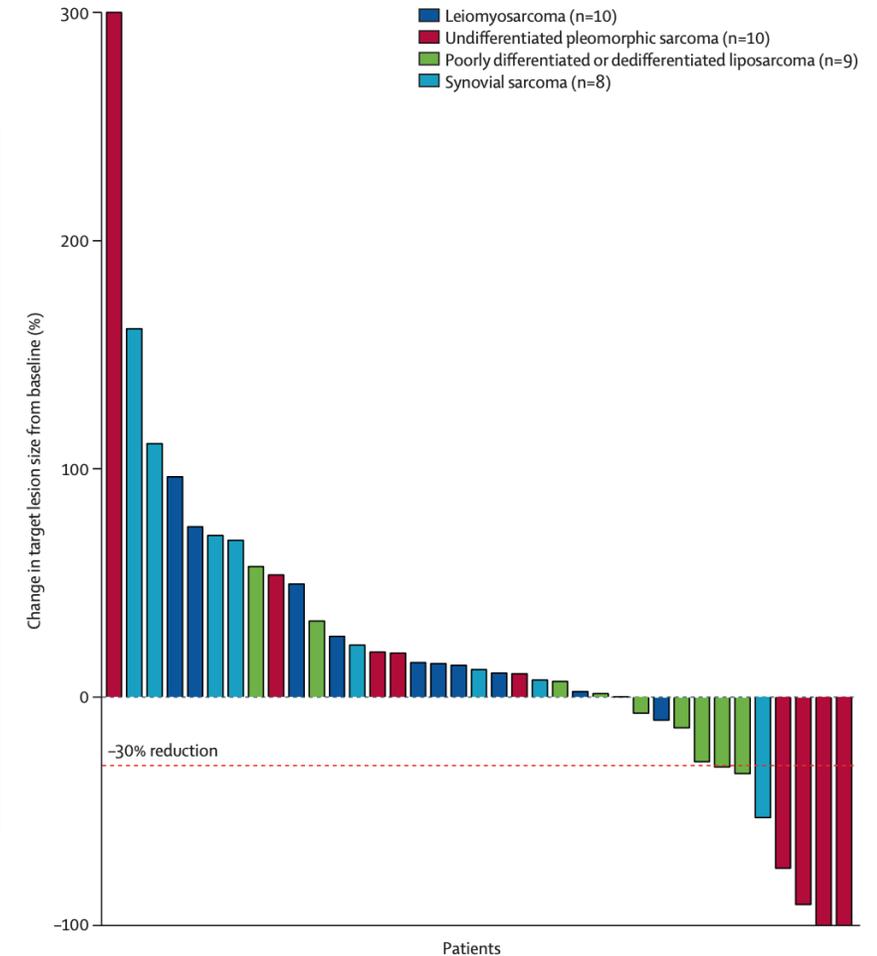
Soft Tissue Sarcoma (n=40)	Number
Leiomyosarcoma	10
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma (UPS)	10
Liposarcoma	10
Synovial sarcoma	10
Bone Sarcomas (n=40)	Number
Chondrosarcoma	5
Ewing's sarcoma	13
Osteosarcoma	22

Tawbi et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2017

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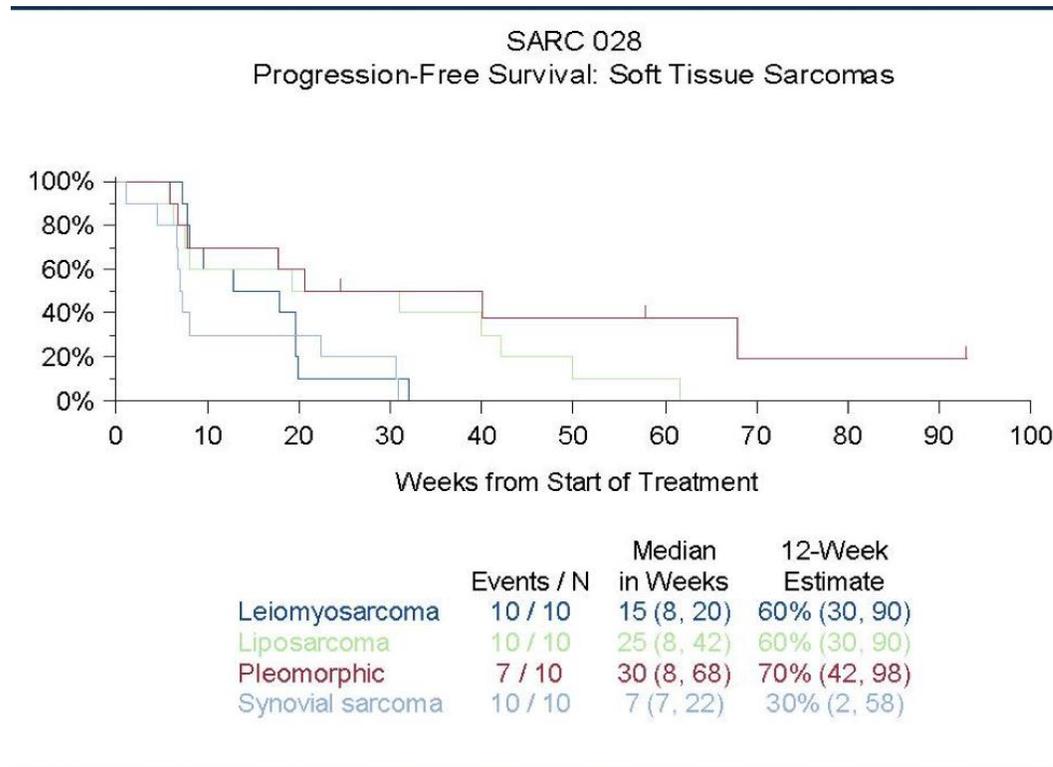
- UPS ORR 40%
- Liposarcoma with ORR 20% and SD

Cohort	CR	PR	ORR
Leiomyosarcoma (n=10)	0	0	0% (0/10)
UPS (n=10)	1	3	40% (4/10)
Liposarcoma (n=10)	0	2	20% (2/10)
Synovial sarcoma (n=10)	0	1	10% (1/10)
Chondrosarcoma (n=5)	0	1	20% (1/5)
Ewing's sarcoma (n=13)	0	0	0% (0/13)
Osteosarcoma (n=22)	0	1	5% (1/22)



Tawbi et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2017

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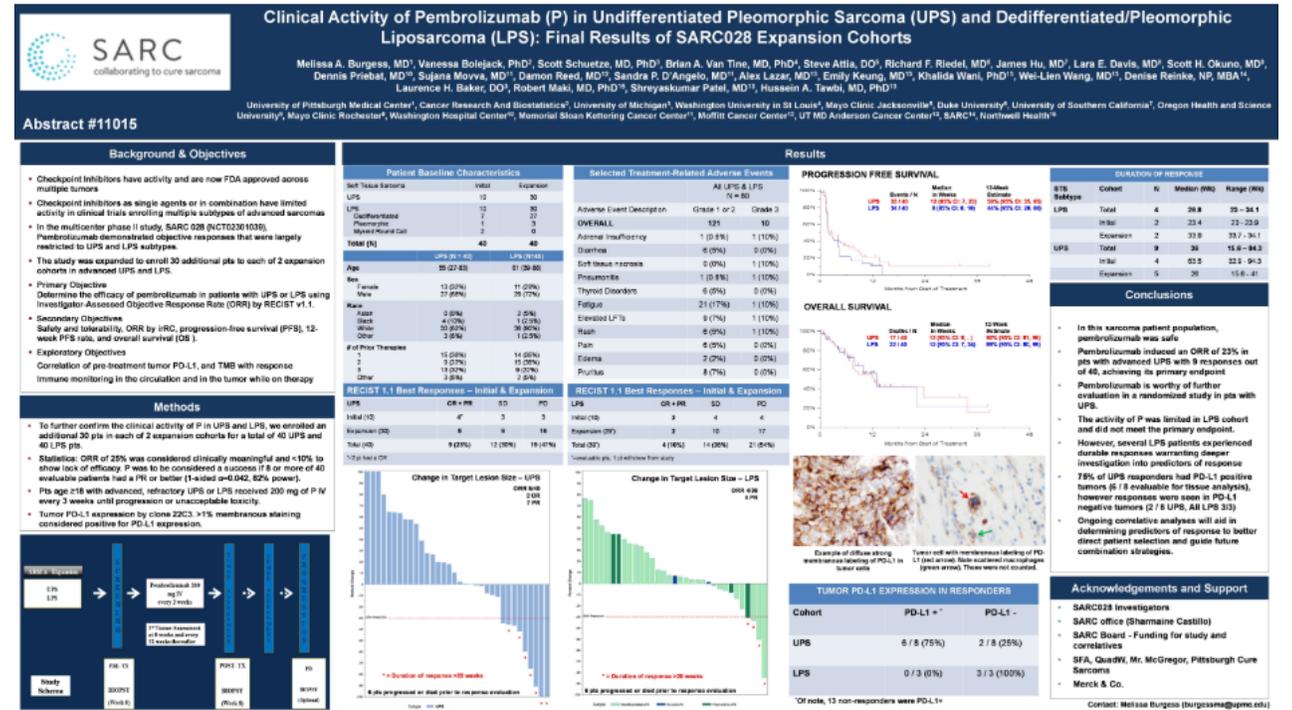
Median PFS in soft tissue (STS) cohort: 18 wks (~4 mo)

Tawbi et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2017

Burgess et al. *ASCO Annual Meeting* 2017

# Pembrolizumab in Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma (UPS) and Dedifferentiated/Pleomorphic Liposarcoma (LPS): SARC028 Expansion Cohorts

- Enrolled 30 additional pts to UPS cohort and 30 to LPS cohorts
- Primary objective: ORR in UPS and LPS

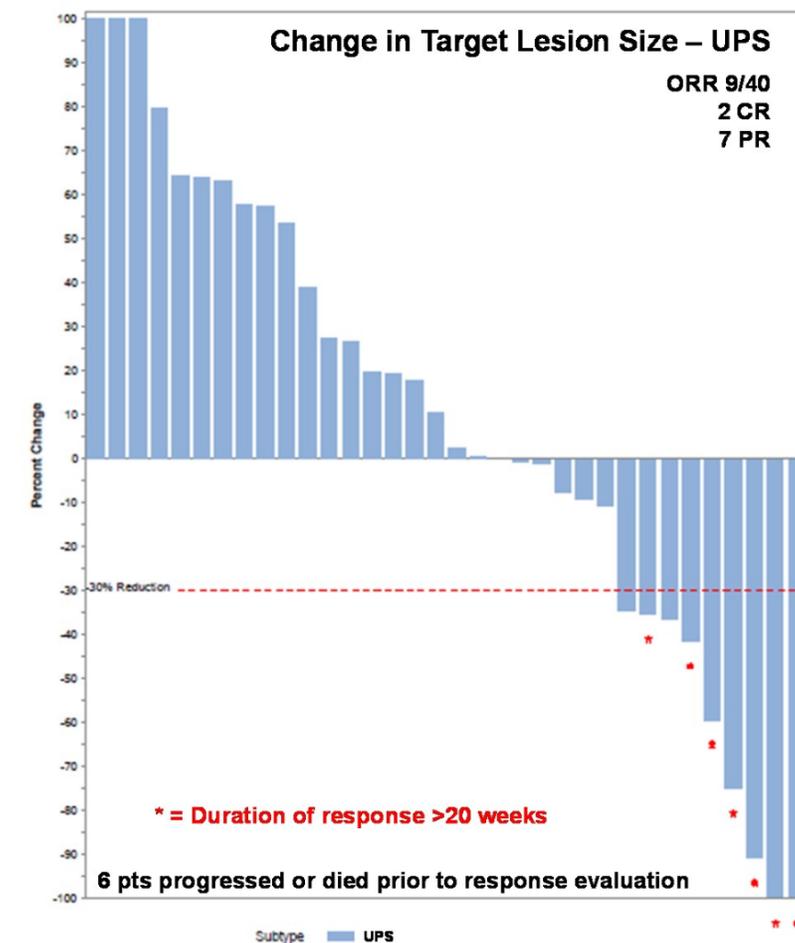


Burgess et al. ASCO Annual Meeting 2019 (Abstract 11015)

# Final Results of SARC028 Expansion Cohorts: UPS

RECIST 1.1 Best Responses – Initial & Expansion			
UPS	CR + PR	SD	PD
Initial (10)	4*	3	3
Expansion (30)	5	9	16
Total (40)	9 (23%)	12 (30%)	19 (47%)
* = 2 pt had a CR			

- 23% ORR (9/40)



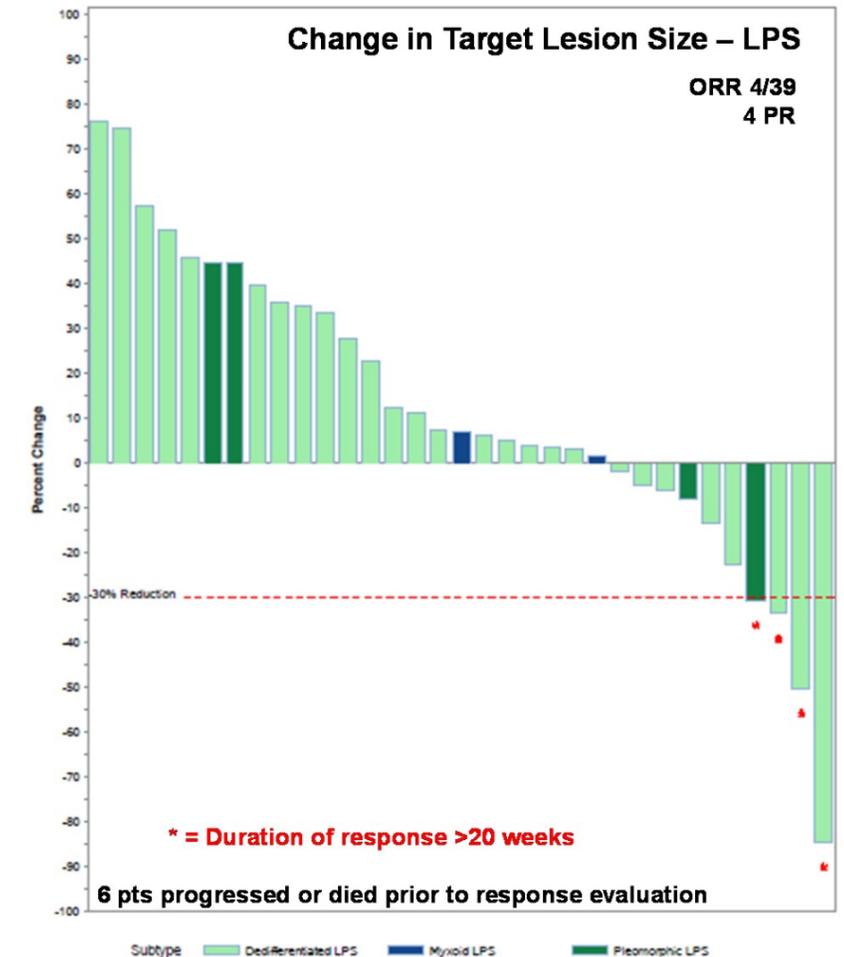
Burgess et al. ASCO Annual Meeting 2019

# Final Results of SARC028 Expansion Cohorts: Liposarcoma

RECIST 1.1 Best Responses – Initial & Expansion			
LPS	CR + PR	SD	PD
Initial (10)	2	4	4
Expansion (29 <sup>*</sup> )	2	10	17
Total (39 <sup>*</sup> )	4 (10%)	14 (36%)	21 (54%)

<sup>\*</sup>=evaluable pts, 1 pt withdrew from study

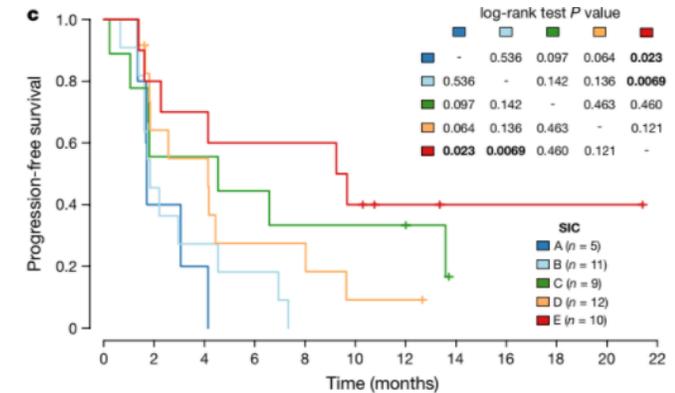
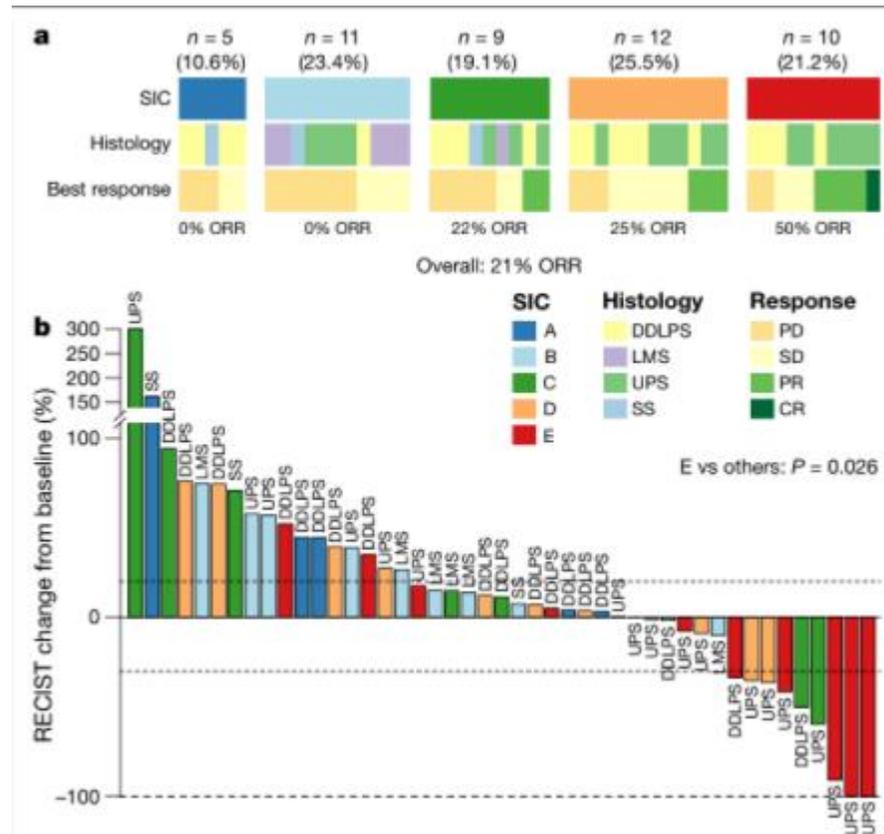
- 10% ORR (4/40)
- Not meet endpoint
- Histology matters



Burgess et al. ASCO Annual Meeting 2019

# Sarcoma Immunology: Sarcoma Immune Classes

- Evaluated 47 pre-treatment biopsies from patients in SARC028 and expansion cohort
- Responses in SARC028 clustered mainly in SIC E (immune high class) responses to PD-1 inhibition in SIC class E
- No responses seen in SIC A or B



Petitprez et al. *Nature* 2020

# Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab for metastatic sarcoma (Alliance A091401)

- Diversity in histologies
- Randomized to nivolumab 3 mg/kg q2w or nivolumab 3 mg/kg + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg q3 weeks x 4 then nivolumab 3 mg/kg q2w
- Primary objective: confirmed RR

Histology	Nivolumab n=43 (%)	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab n=42 (%)
Angiosarcoma	0	3 (7)
Bone *	5 (12)	4 (10)
Leiomyosarcoma	15 (35)	14 (33)
Liposarcoma (well/dediff)	3 (7)	2 (5)
Sarcoma, NOS	2 (5)	1 (2)
Spindle cell sarcoma	5 (12)	6 (14)
Synovial sarcoma	2 (5)	2 (5)
UPS/MFH	5 (12)	6 (14)
Other *	6 (14)	4 (10)
<b>Bone:</b> Chondrosarcoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma		
<b>Other:</b> Alveolar soft part sarcoma, epithelioid sarcoma, solitary fibrous tumor, MPNST, PEComa, myxofibrosarcoma		

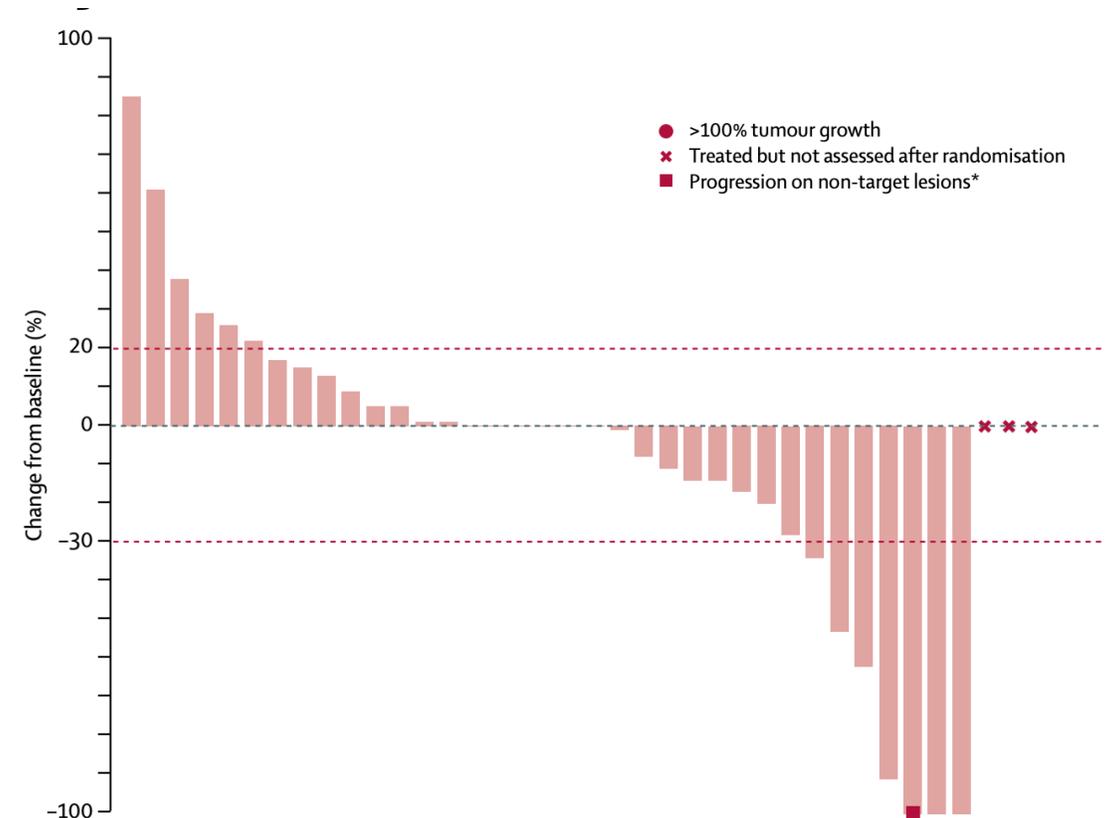
D'Angelo et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2018



# Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab for metastatic sarcoma (Alliance A091401): Nivolumab + ipilimumab

- 6/38 evaluable confirmed PR or CR (ORR 16%)
  - CR in uterine leiomyosarcoma (1), myxofibrosarcoma (1)
  - PR non-uterine leiomyosarcoma (1), UPS (2), angiosarcoma (1)
- mPFS 4.1 months, mOS 14.3 months

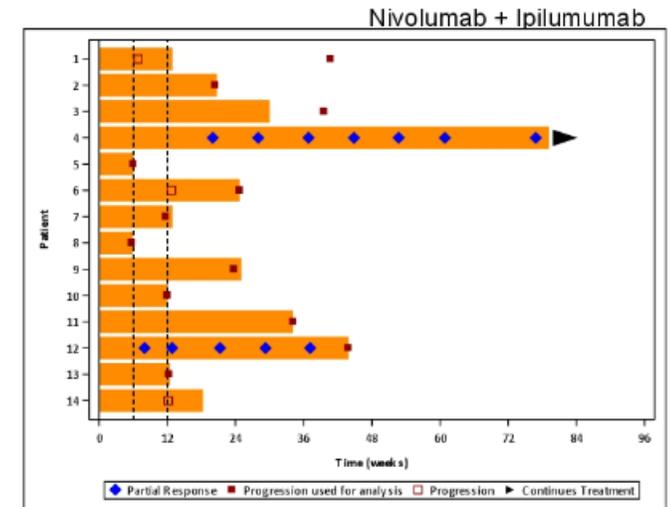
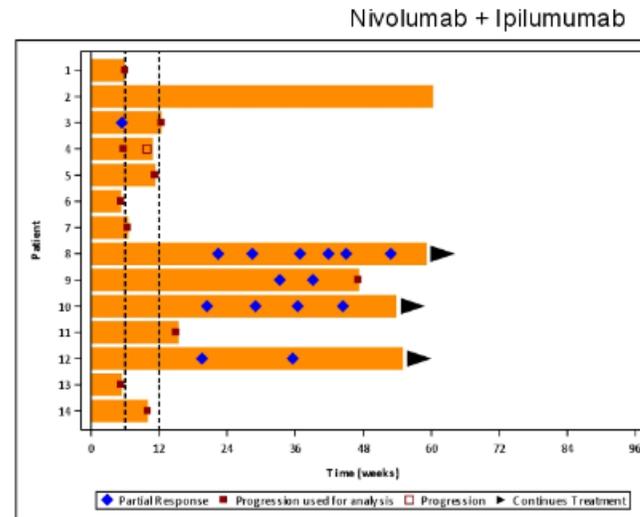
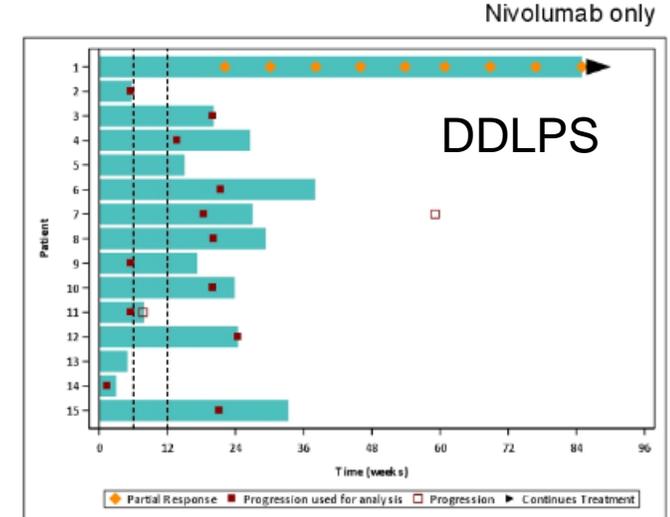
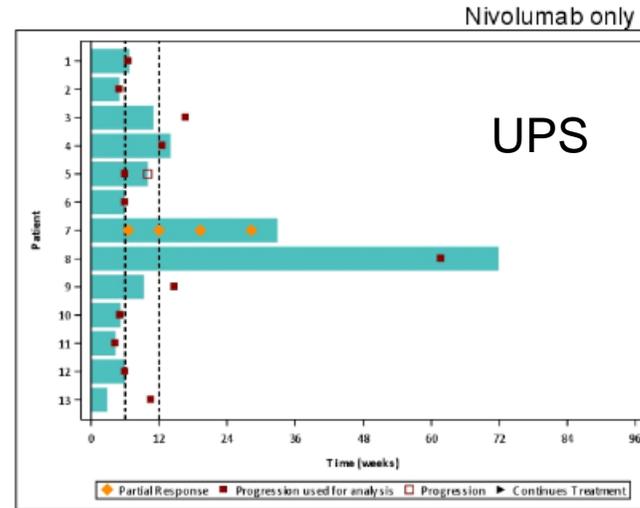
## Nivolumab + Ipilimumab



D'Angelo et al. *ASCO Annual Meeting 2017*  
D'Angelo et al. *Lancet Oncol 2018*

# Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab for metastatic sarcoma (Alliance A091401): Expansion Cohorts

- Expansion cohorts included dedifferentiated liposarcoma and undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma subtypes
- Pretreated patients, randomized to nivolumab or nivolumab + ipilimumab
- Primary endpoint met for nivolumab + ipilimumab but not nivolumab alone

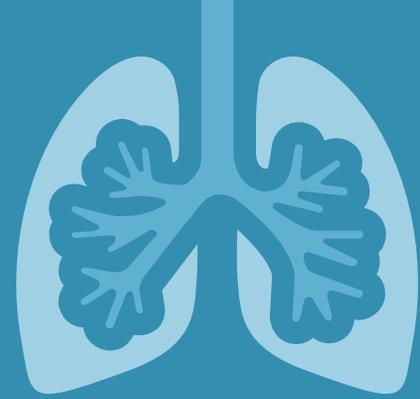


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# Conclusions

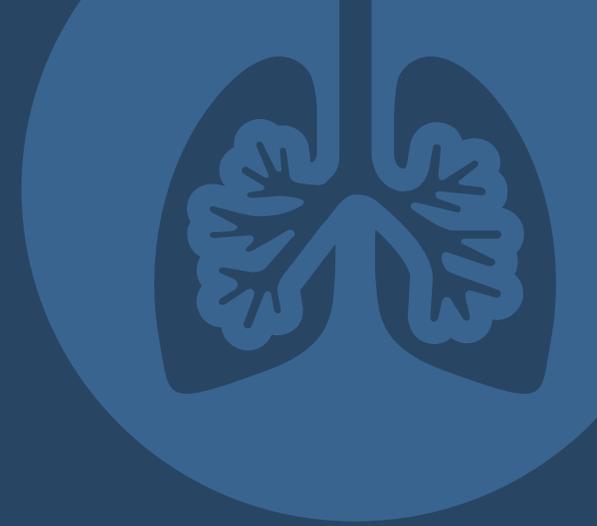
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- Standard of care chemotherapy options are lacking with low response rates, transient benefits, and undesirable side effects
- Rates of expression of PD-1 and PD-L1 low, other potential targets may have higher expression in sarcomas
- Single-agent PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitors with some encouraging early results but responses still limited and not yet significantly better than chemotherapy
- Combination immunotherapy approaches may be needed



# Q&A





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