



# 2019 AIOM REVIEW: FROM CHICAGO TO VERONA

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## POSTER REVIEW MELANOMA SESSION

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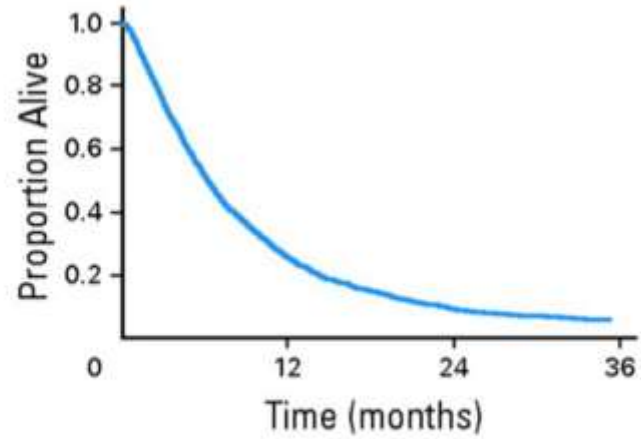
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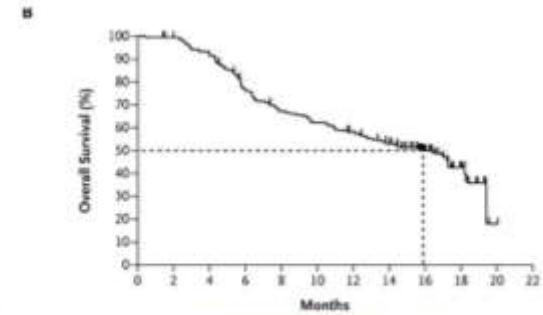
## THE OLD DAYS...



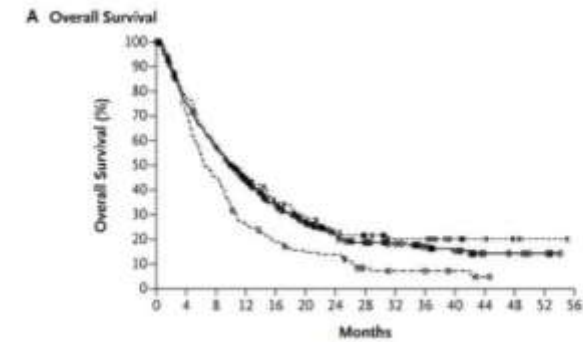
Korn et al, JCO 2008

Long-term survival: non existent

## GLIMMERS OF HOPE



Sosman et al, NEJM 2012 - Vemurafenib



Hodi et al. NEJM 2011 - Ipilimumab

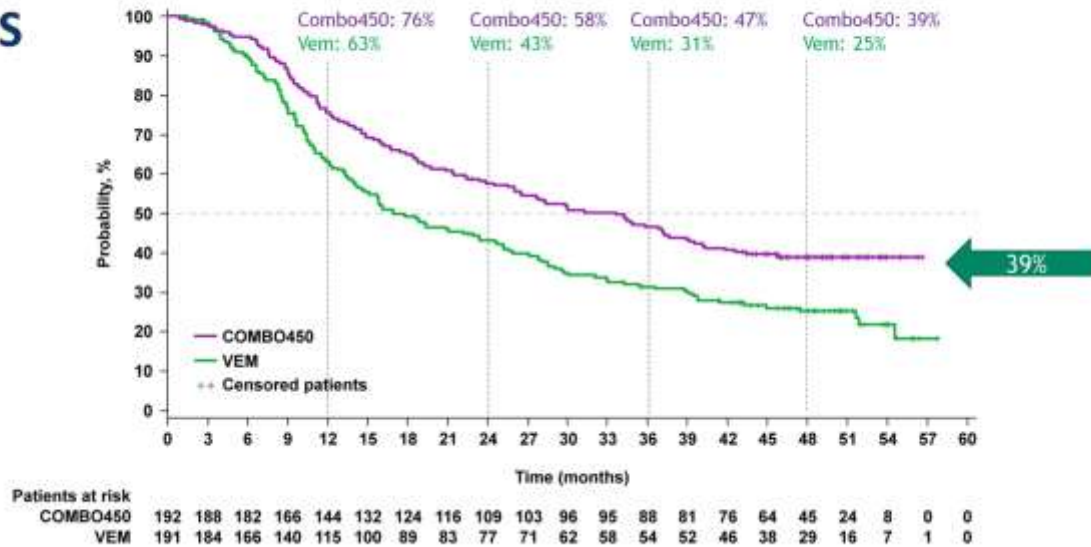
Long-term survival: rare (10-20%)

# The modern era

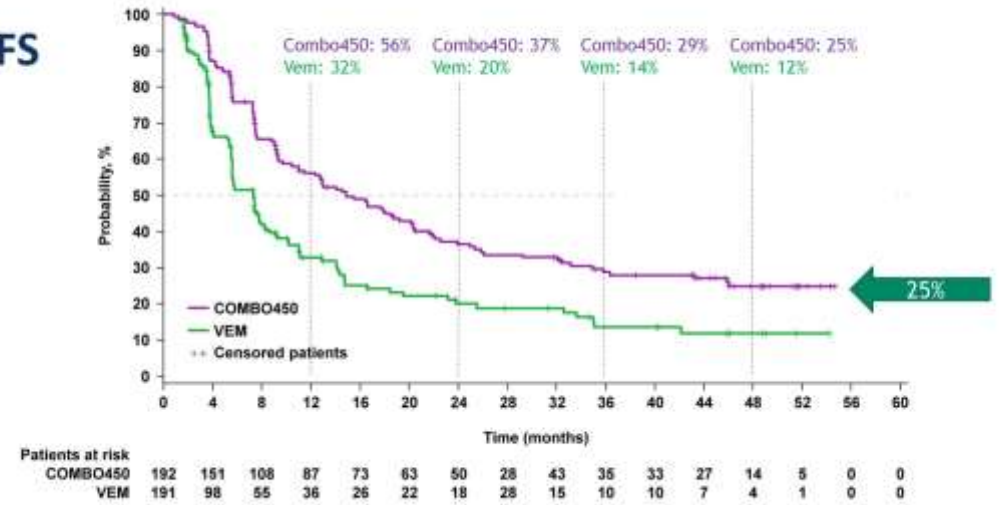
Long-term survival: rare (40-50%)

Median follow up of about 48 months

OS



PFS



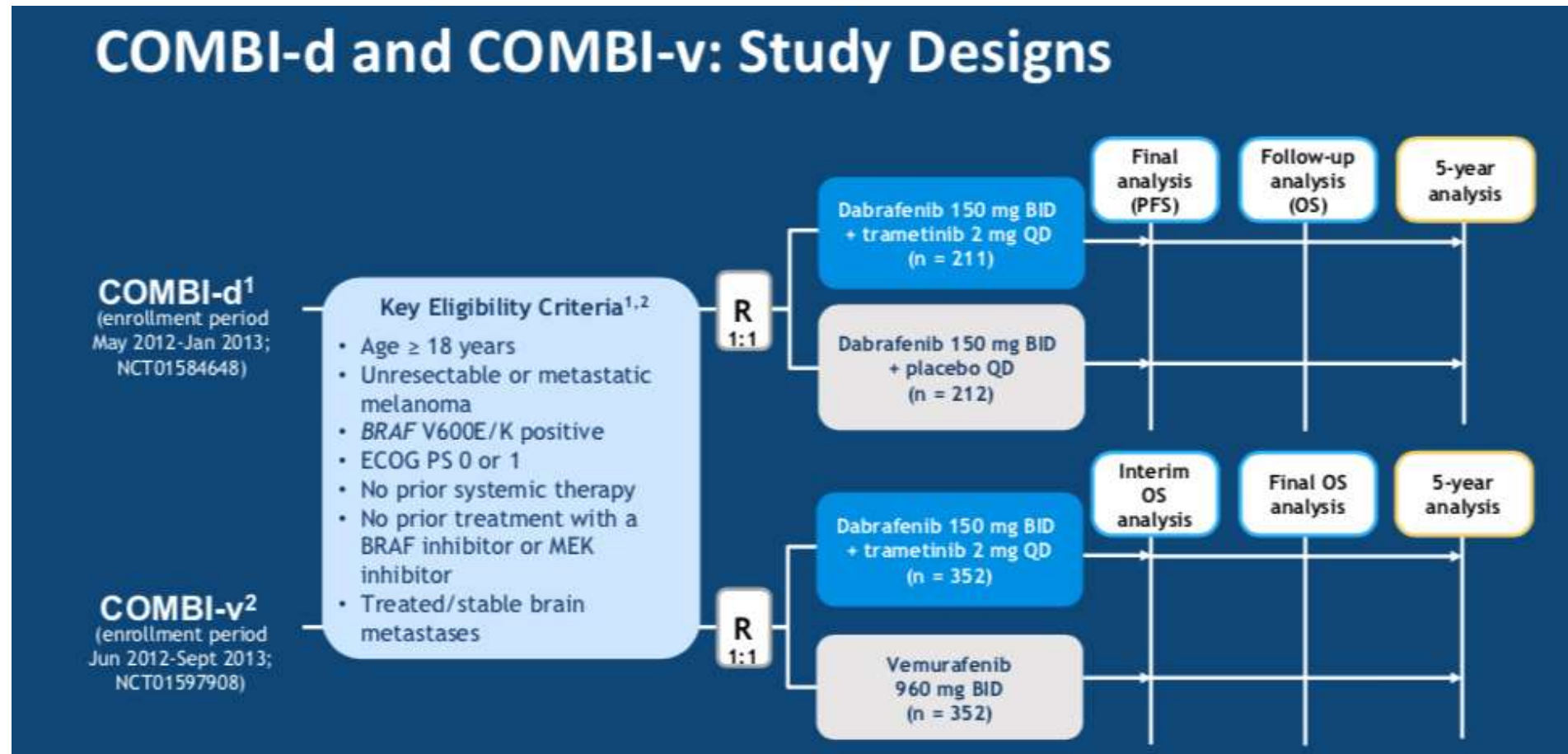
Improved outcomes with combination therapy  
Plateau on survival curves (durable responses)

About 20% of the combination treated patients  
are actually still receiving therapy

Question raises: Do response persist?  
Chronic toxicities?  
Responses to subsequent therapies  
Who can stop therapy

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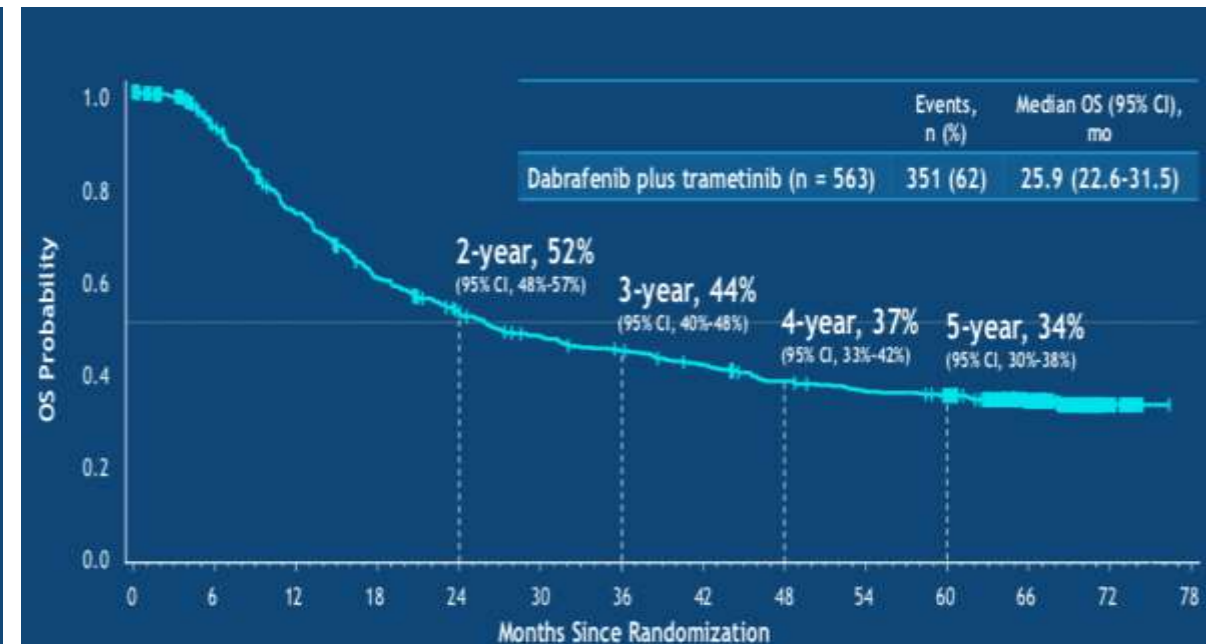
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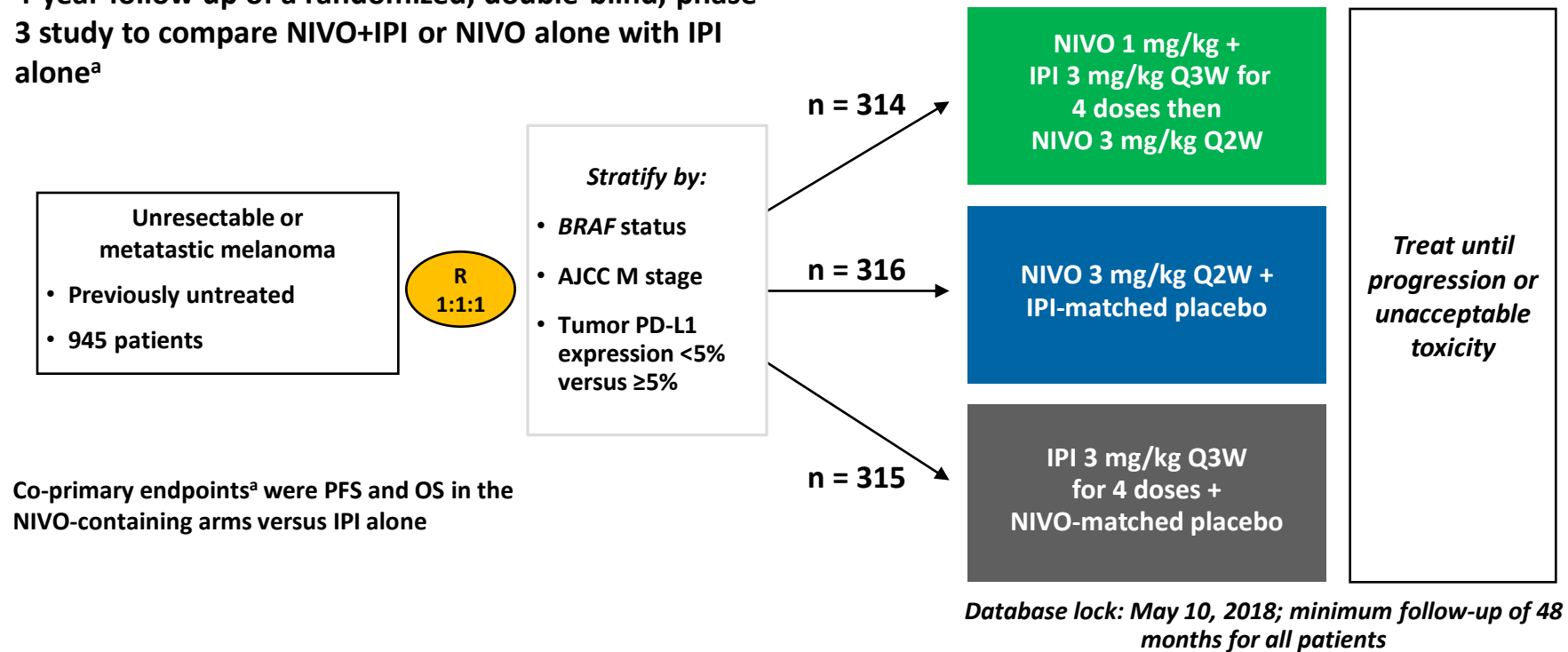


Lower baseline tumor burden and less-aggressive tumor biology were associated with prolonged PFS and OS

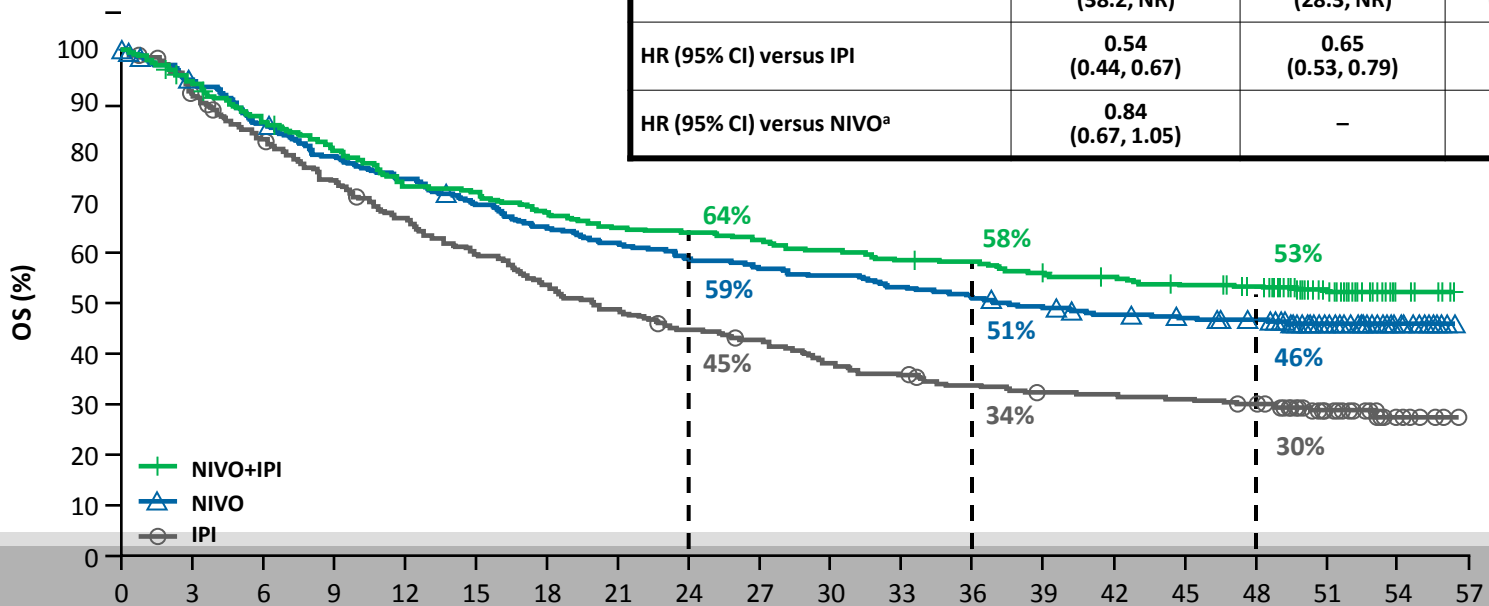
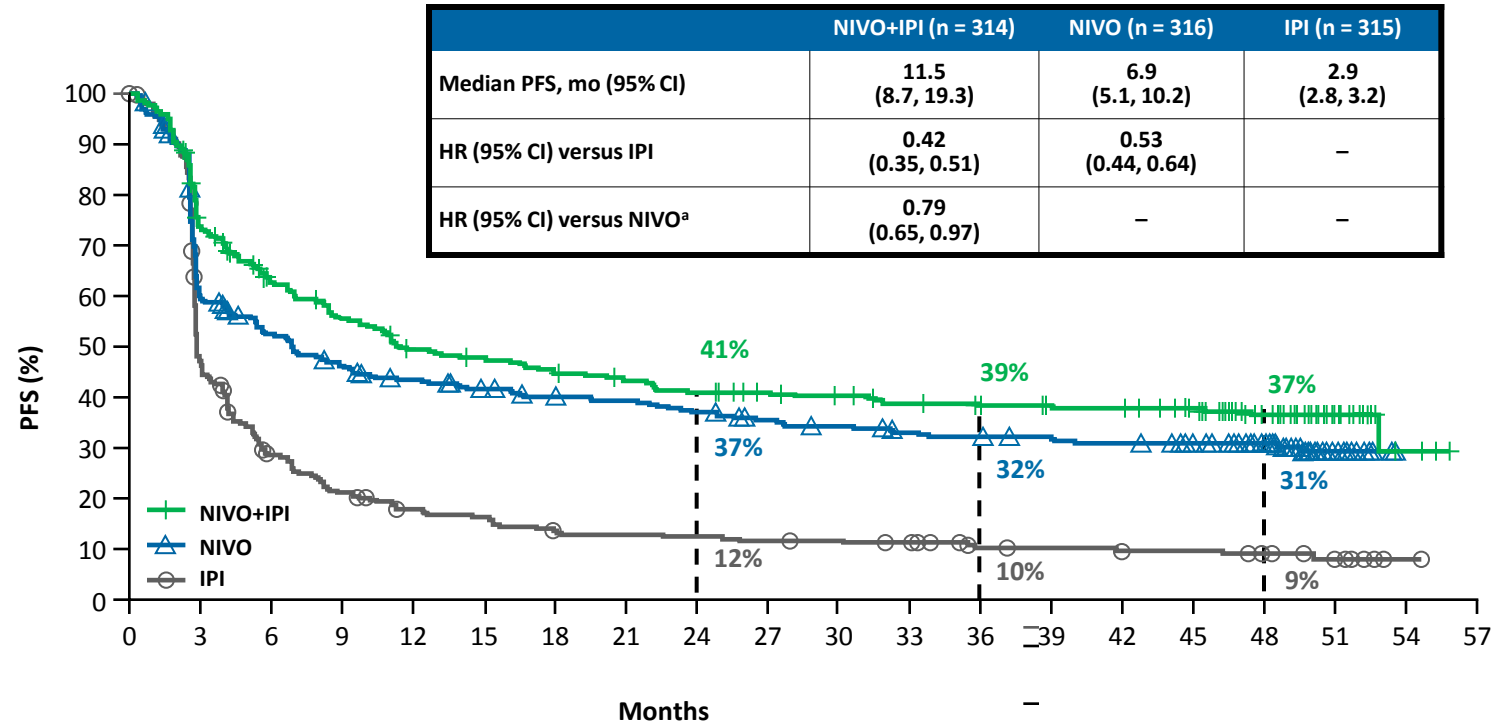
# CA209-067: Study Design

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

4-year follow up of a randomized, double-blind, phase 3 study to compare NIVO+IPI or NIVO alone with IPI alone<sup>a</sup>

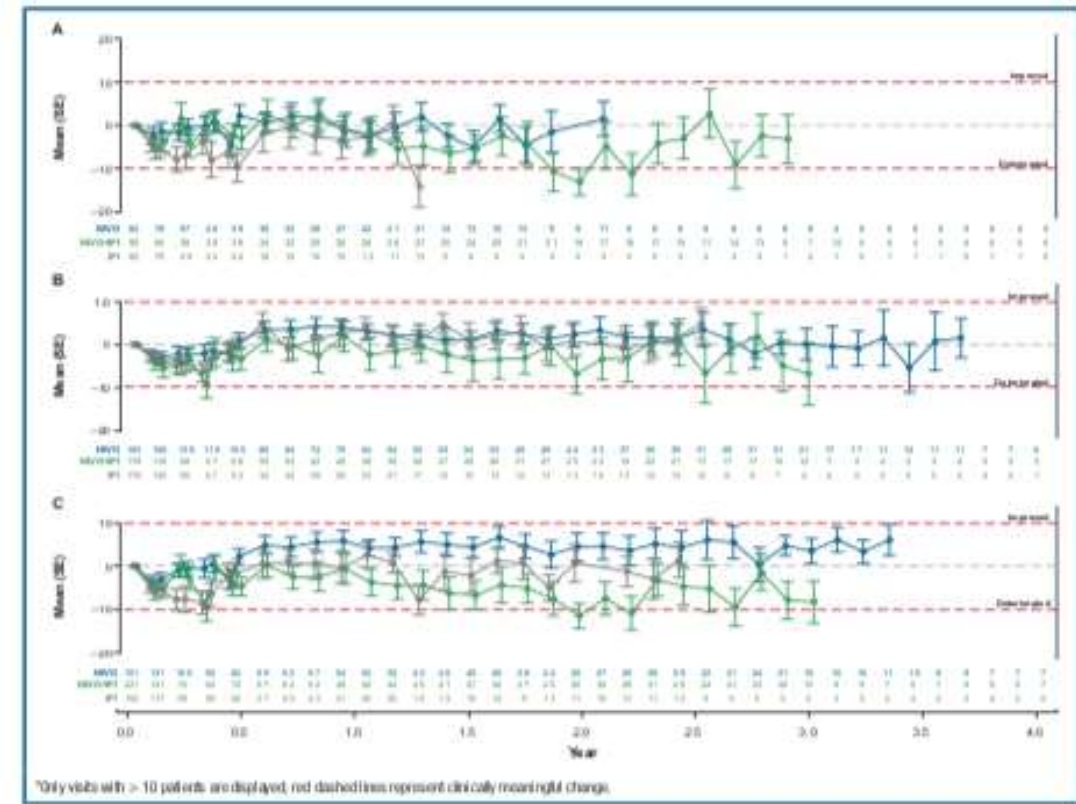
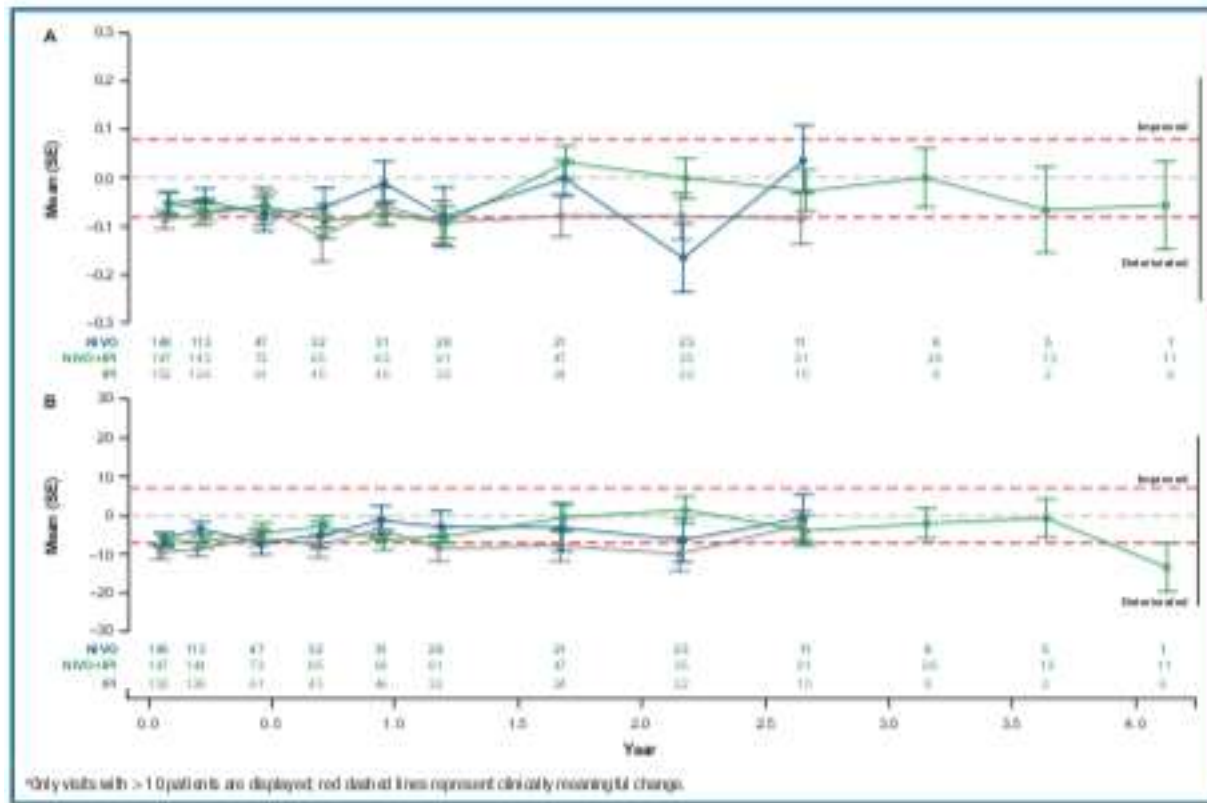


# UPDATE OF PFS AND OS





# Quality of life: 4-year data from checkmate 067



NIVO+IPI and NIVO maintained HRQoL with no deterioration over the time period

HRQoL was maintained in patient subgroups irrespective of *BRAF* mutation status

The difference in any grade 3 or 4 AEs reported across the treatment arms in CheckMate 067 did not translate into a clinically meaningful difference in HRQoL

# Combo-immune strategies

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Stage III or IV histologically confirmed melanoma
- No previous systemic treatment for advanced disease
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- No active CNS metastases
- No prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant therapy with a PD-1, PD-L1, BRAF, or MEK inhibitor

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N = 51

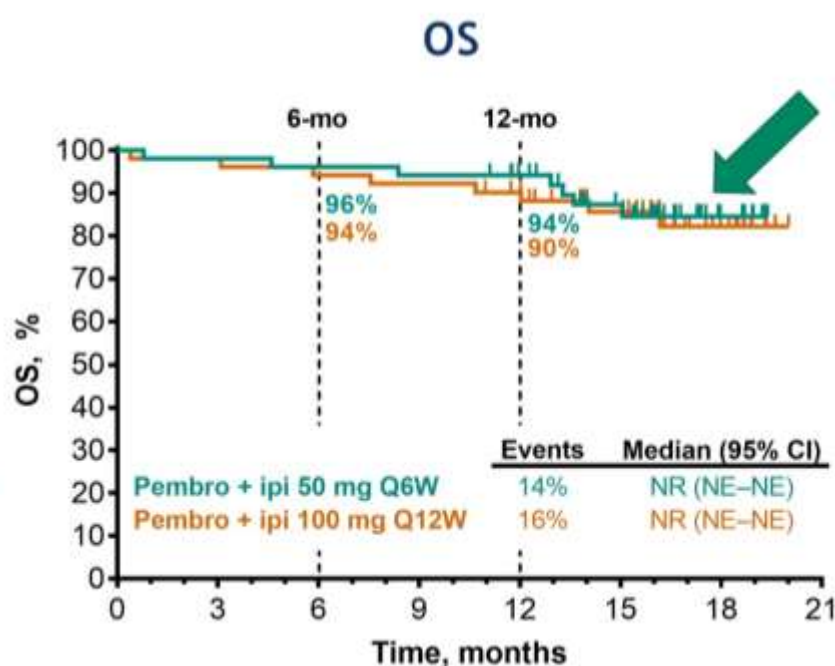
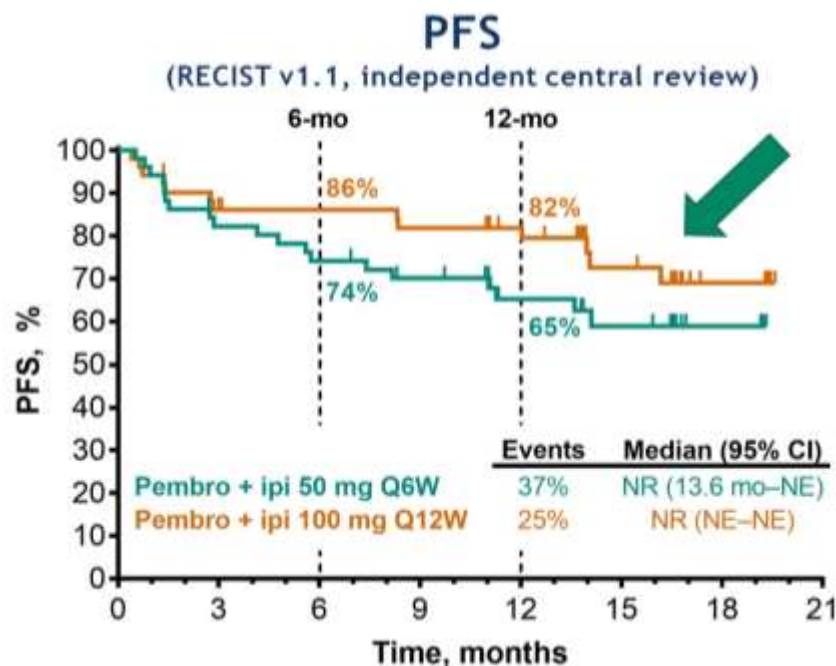
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for up to 35 cycles  
+  
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for 4 cycles

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- **Primary end points:** grade 3-5 treatment-related AE rate and ORR<sup>a</sup>
- **Secondary end points:** PFS,<sup>a</sup> DOR,<sup>a</sup> OS

# Survival curves and safety



## MORE ACTIVITY AND MORE TOXICITY

Ipi 50 mg:

55% response rate, 78% disease control rate

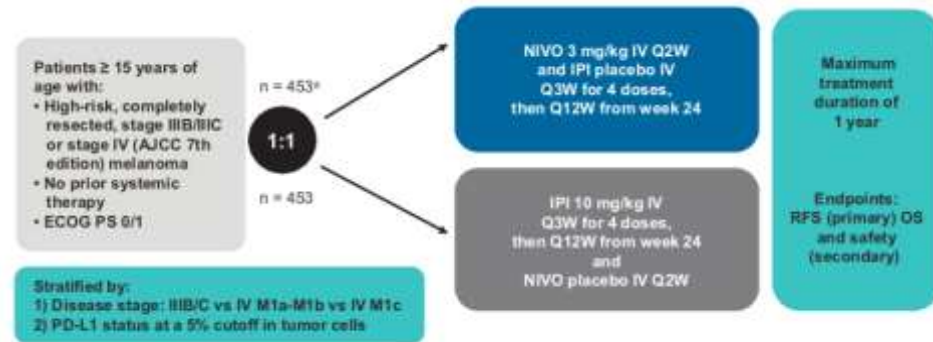
Ipi 100 mg:

61% response rate, 86% disease control rate

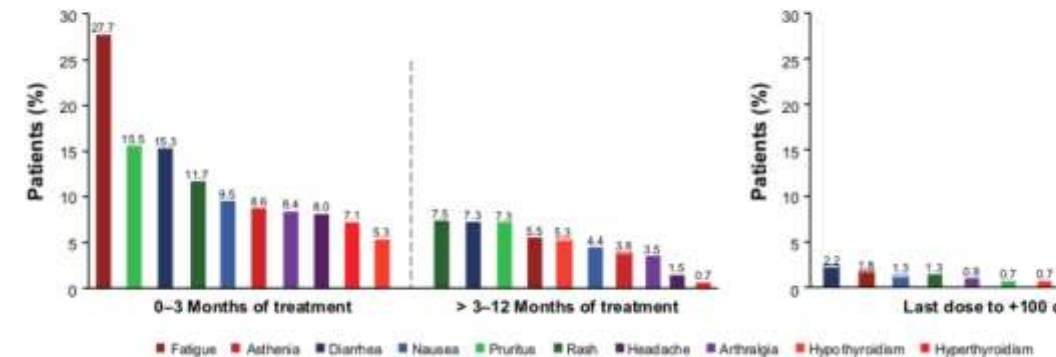
Event, n (%)	Treatment Related		Immune-Mediated and Infusion Reactions <sup>a</sup>	
	Pembro + Ipi 50 mg Q6W (N = 51)	Pembro + Ipi 100 mg Q12W (N = 51)	Pembro + Ipi 50 mg Q6W (N = 51)	Pembro + Ipi 100 mg Q12W (N = 51)
Any grade	51 (100%)	49 (96%)	21 (41%)	28 (55%)
Grade 3-5	12 (24%)	20 (39%)	5 (10%)	11 (22%)
Led to death	1 (2%) <sup>b</sup>	0	1 (2%) <sup>d</sup>	0
Led to discontinuation	8 (16%)	9 (18%)	3 (6%)	8 (16%)

# Adjuvant treatment with anti-PD1 and IRAEs

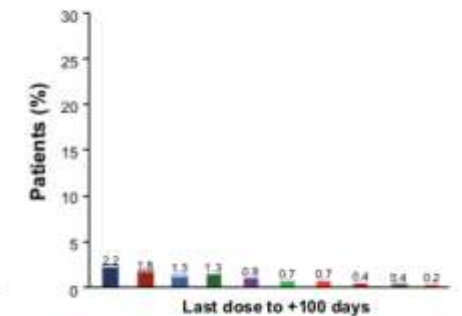
## An Analysis of Nivolumab-Mediated Adverse Events and Association With Clinical Efficacy in Resected Stage III or IV Melanoma (CheckMate 238)



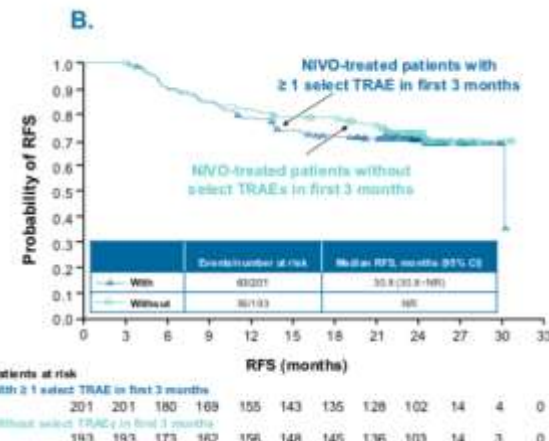
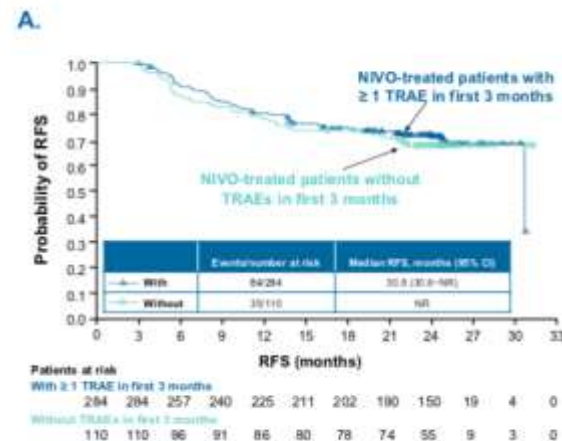
A. On treatment<sup>a</sup>



B. From last dose (regardless of early or per protocol treatment discontinuation)<sup>a</sup>



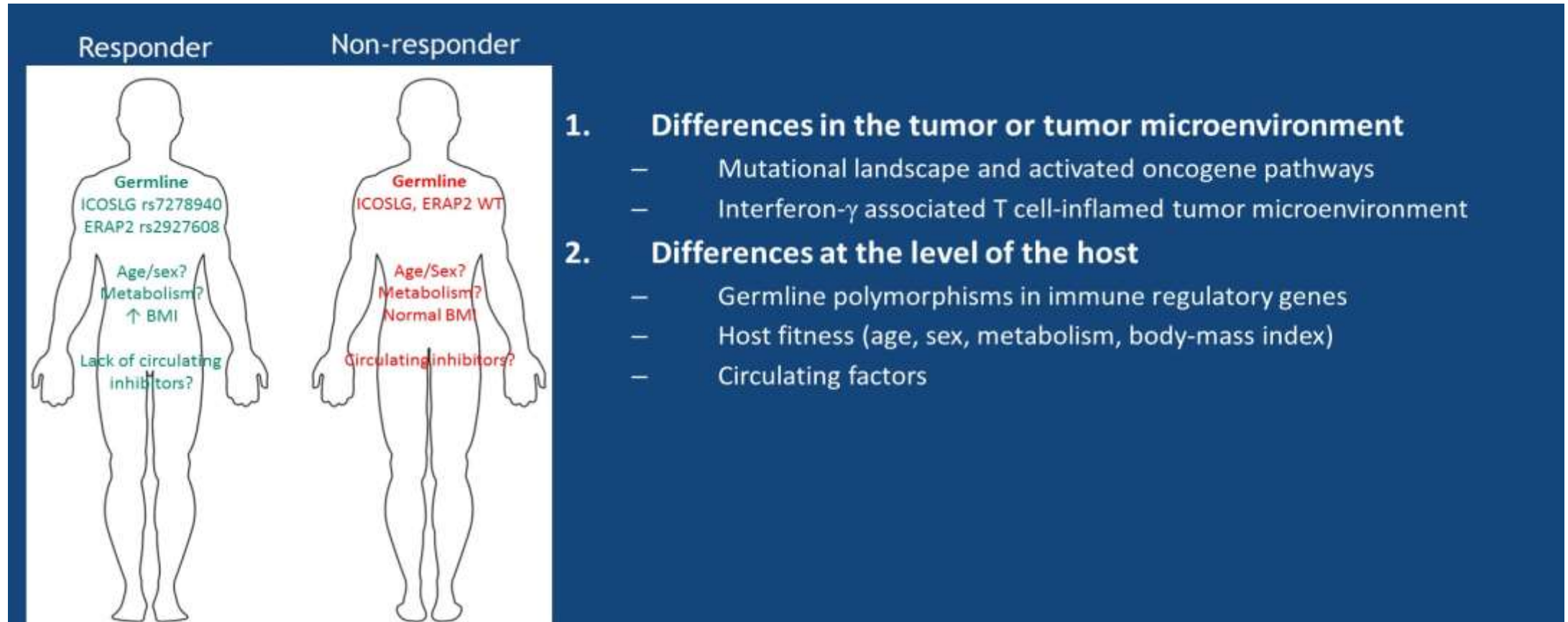
**NO ASSOCIATION  
WAS OBSERVED  
BETWEEN EARLY  
TRAEs AND RFS**



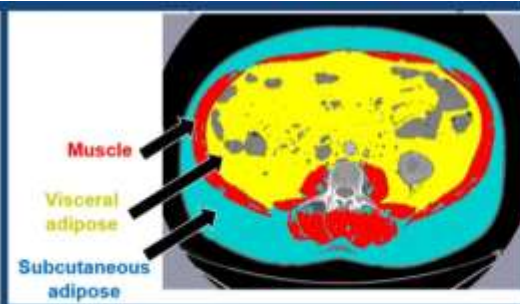
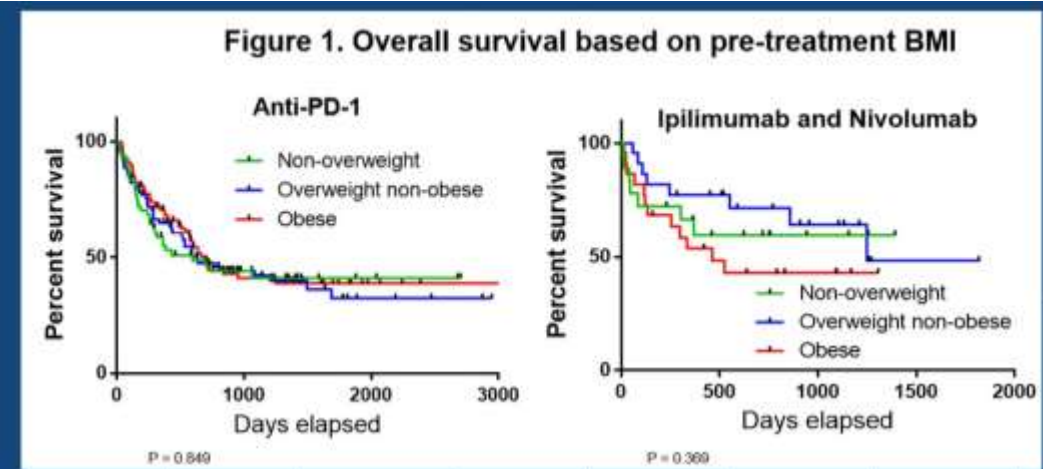
**THE MAJORITY OF FIRST-OCCURRENCE  
TRAEs WITH ADJUVANT NIVO OCCURRED  
EARLY DURING TREATMENT (0-3 MONTHS)**



# Predictive factors of immunotherapy response



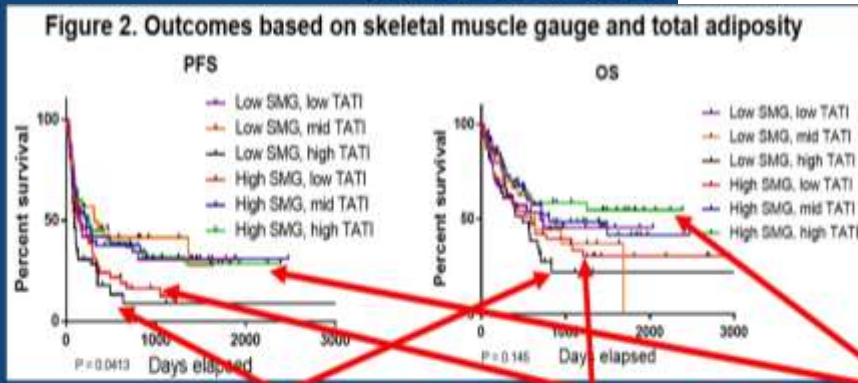
# Impact of BMI on outcomes from anti-PD1 treatment



Patients:  
228 PD1; 62 Ipi-Nivo  
Pre-treatment  
L3 Slice-o-matic  
(Tomovision 5.0)

BMI or sarcopenia was not associated with clinical outcome

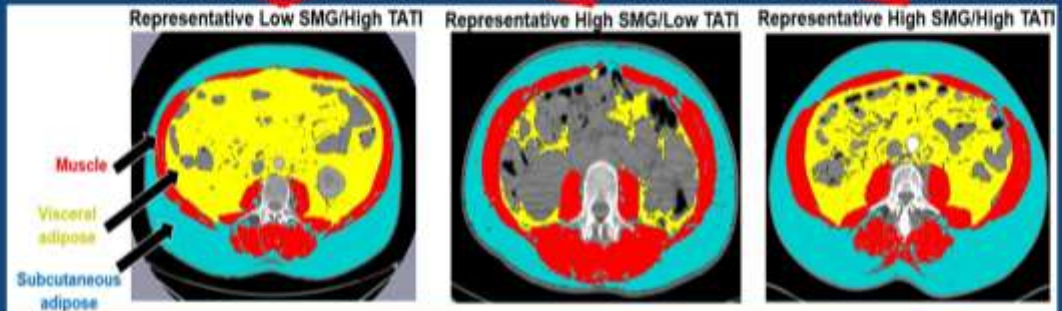
	Low SMG/Low TATI	Low SMG/Mid TATI	Low SMG/High TATI	High SMG/Low TATI	High SMG/Mid TATI	High SMG/High TATI	
	N = 31	N = 30	N = 39	N = 44	N = 46	N = 38	P-value
RR (%)	13 (42%)	17 (57%)	9 (23%)	17 (39%)	19 (43%)	20 (53%)	0.07
Tox (%)	7 (23%)	8 (27%)	8 (21%)	11 (25%)	7 (15%)	3 (8%)	0.32
	Response	No response	P-value	Toxicity	No toxicity		P-value
Median VAT/SAT	0.82	0.67	0.031	0.87	0.86		0.89



Skeletal muscle index  
(SMI=skeletal muscle area/m<sup>2</sup>)

Total adipose tissue index (TATI)

Skeletal muscle gauge (SMG = SMI x skeletal muscle density [SMD]).



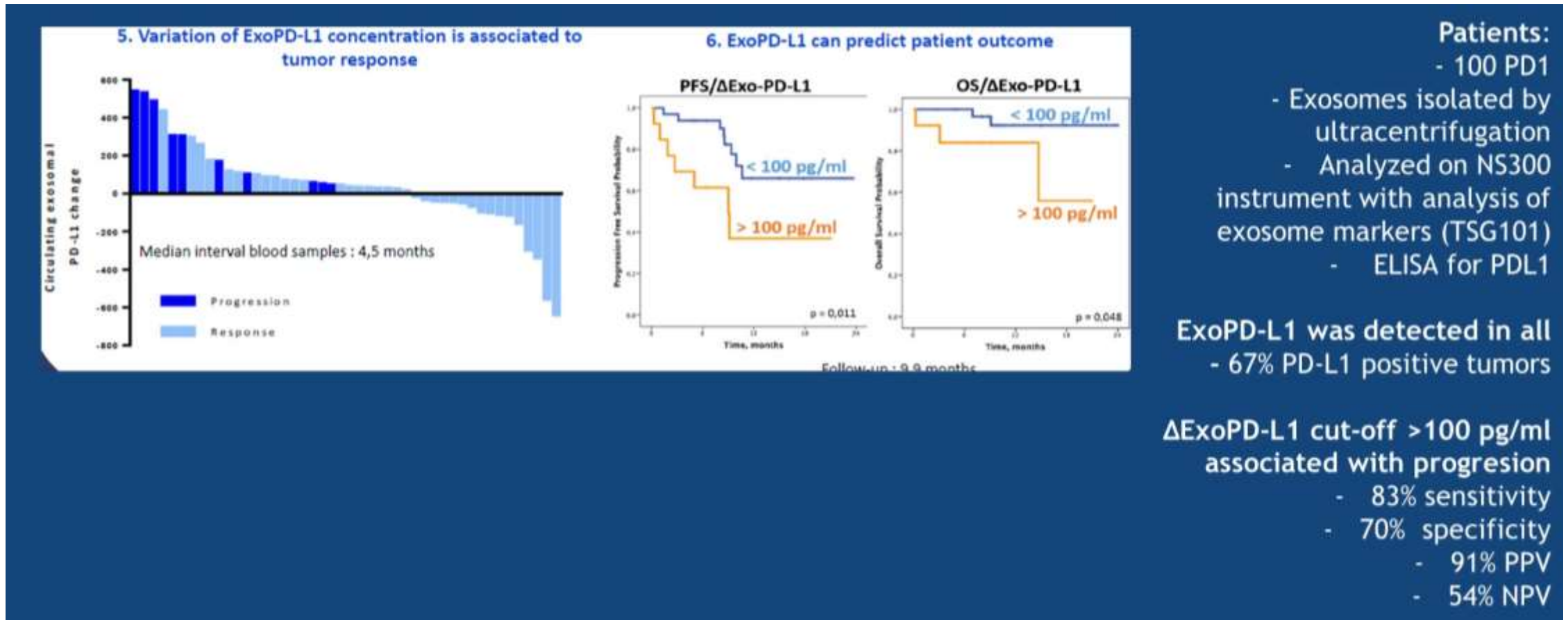
Multiple measures of body composition showed differences in clinical outcomes

Increased median VAT/SAT was associated with improved response



# Circulating factors as biomarkers

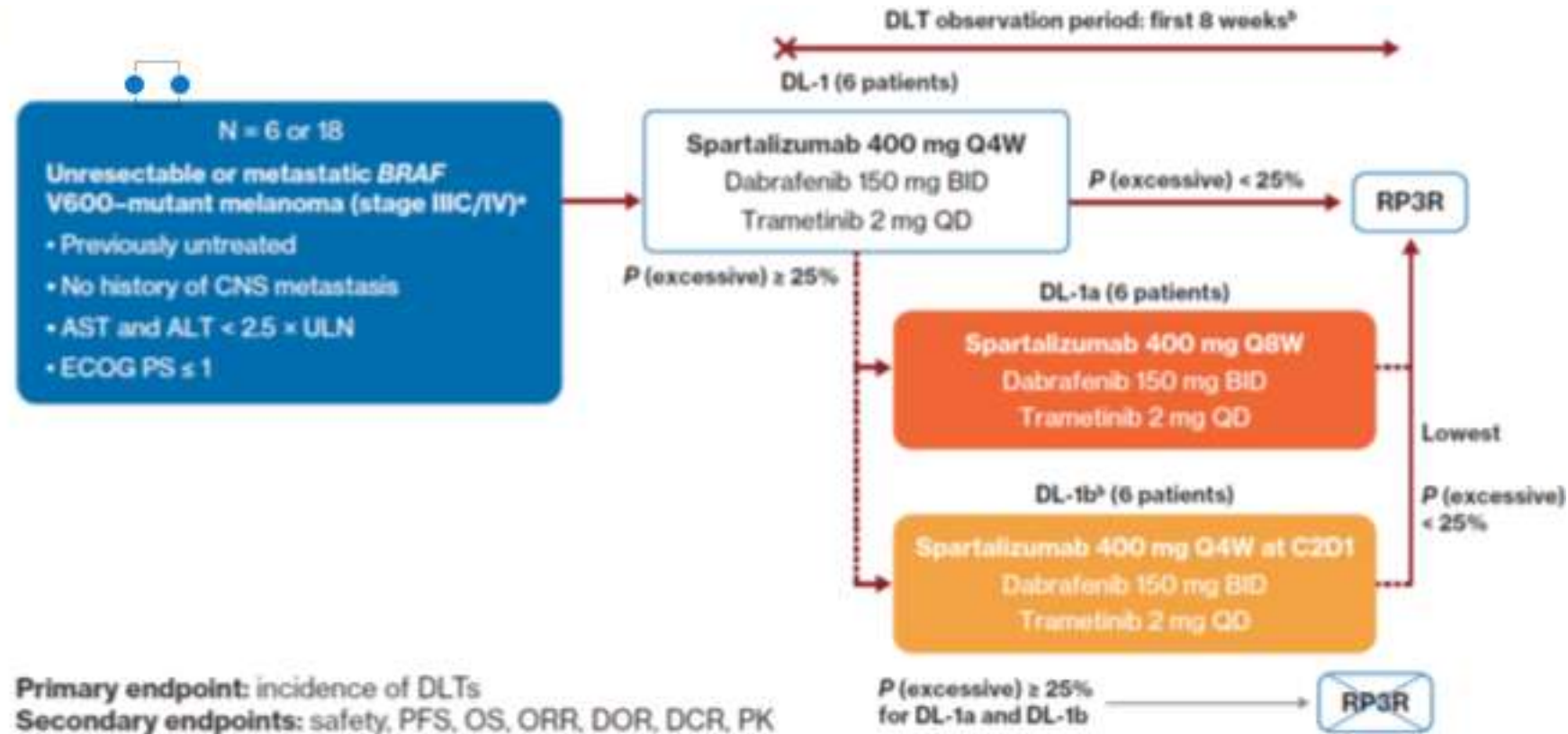
## Exosomes PDL-1 positive



Are the isolation techniques for this sort of a technology, are they stable and reproducible? And are they clinically relevant?  
Could these biomarkers monitor on treatment responses ahead of radiographic progression?

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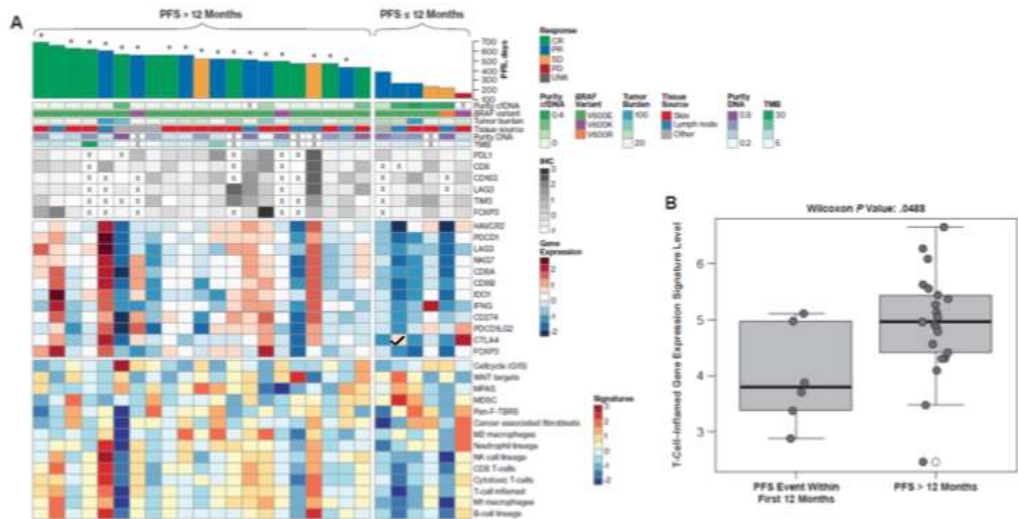
Tumor microenvironment, longitudinal biomarker changes and clinical outcome in pts with advanced BRAF-mutant melanoma treated with first line spartalizumab +dabrafenib+trametenib



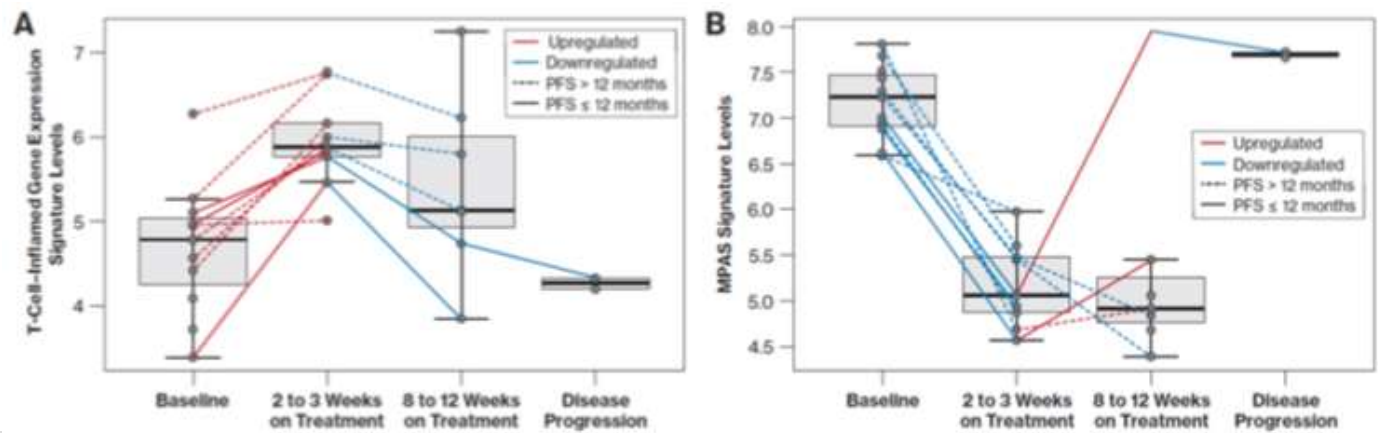
Long G et al. ASCO 2019

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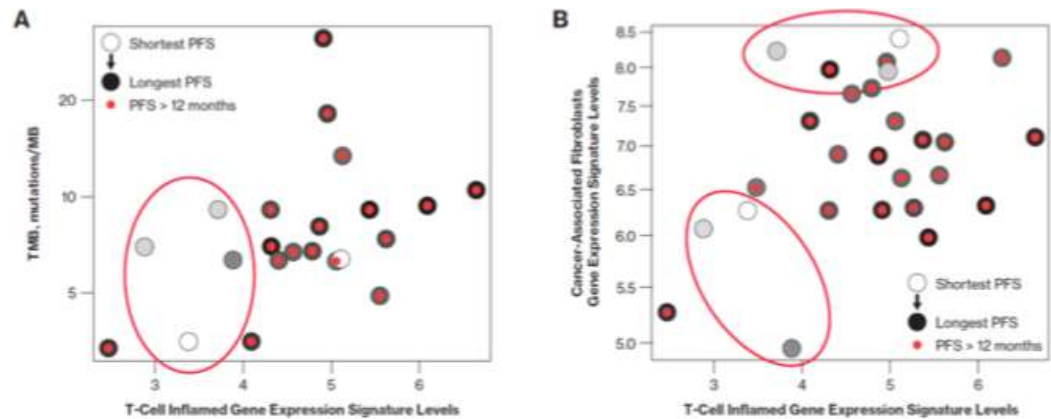
Baseline Biomarker Results (A) and T-Cell-Inflamed Gene Expression Signature (B) By PFS



Modulation in T-Cell Inflamed Gene Expression Signature Levels (A) and MPAS (B) Upon Treatment



Patients With Progression Events in the First 12 Months Had Low TMB/Low T-Cell-Inflamed Gene Expression Signature Levels (A) or Increased Immunosuppressive TME Signatures (eg, cancer-associated fibroblasts) (B)

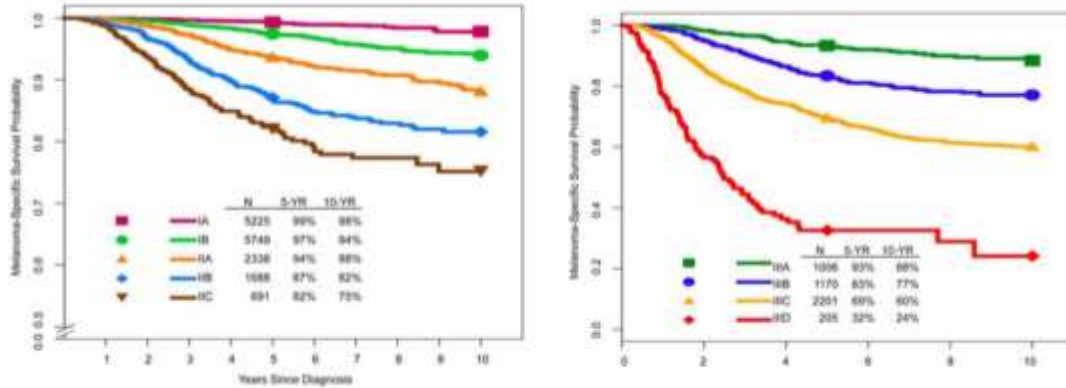


THE MAJORITY OF PFS EVENTS OCCURRED IN THE TMB-LOW/TI-GEP-LOW SUBGROUP

INCREASE IN TI-GEPS AND DECREASE IN MAPK PATHWAY ACTIVITY SCORE (MPAS) FROM BL TO BIOPSY AT 2-3 WK IN ALL PTS

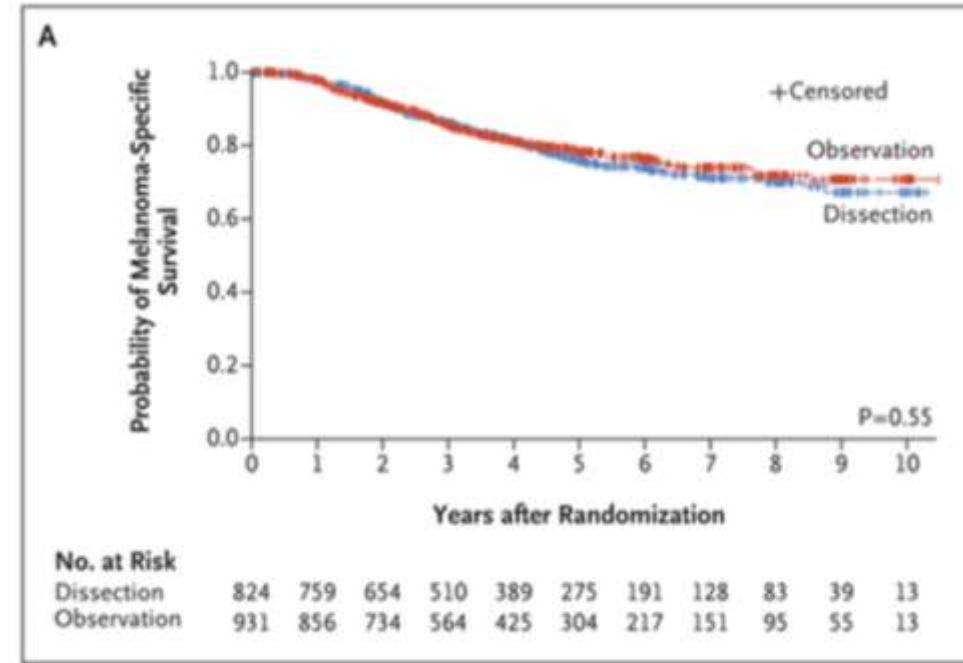
# Prognostic biomarkers in melanoma

AJCC 8<sup>o</sup> EDITION



A Cancer J Clin. 2017 November ; 67(6): 472-492. doi:10.3322/caac.21409

MSLT-II



N Engl J Med. 2017 June 08; 376(23): 2211-2222. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa1613210.

Stage 1B have a 6% mortality rate at 10 years  
Stage 2C have a 25% mortality rate at 10 years  
Stage III includes heterogeneous population



- Study Aim:

- single center study to clinically validate a prognostic 11-gene GEP score for AJCC stage II melanoma patients.

- Methods:

- Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) primaries of AJCC stage II CMs from the Central Malignant Melanoma Registry (CMMR) of Germany archived in Tuebingen
- Based upon a previously published algorithm, GEP score was calculated

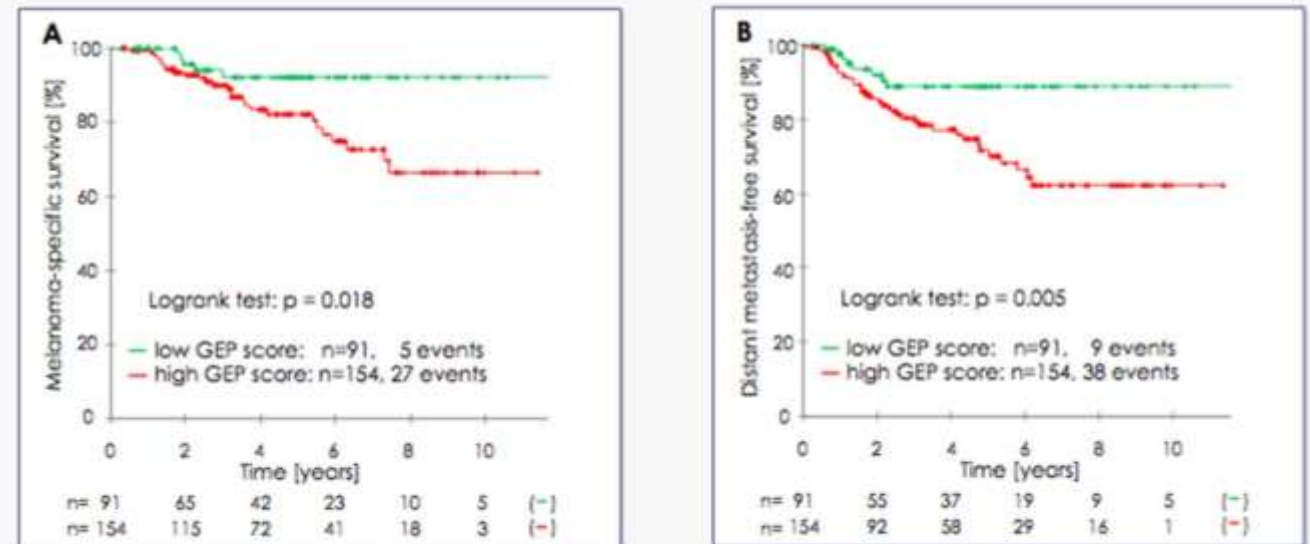
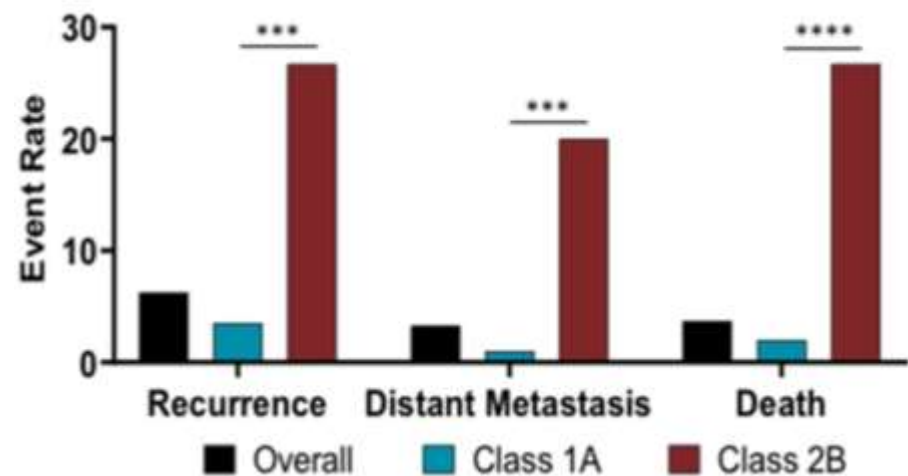
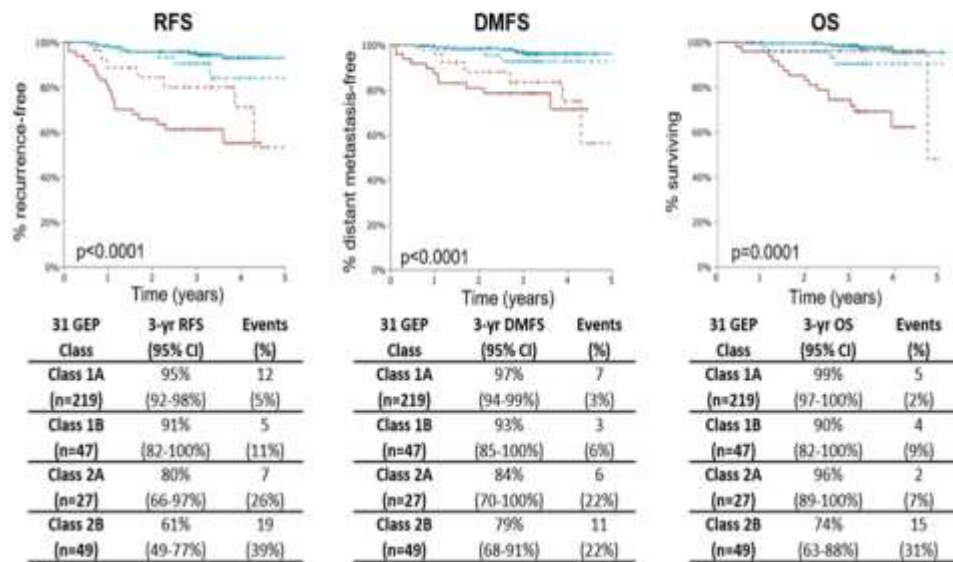
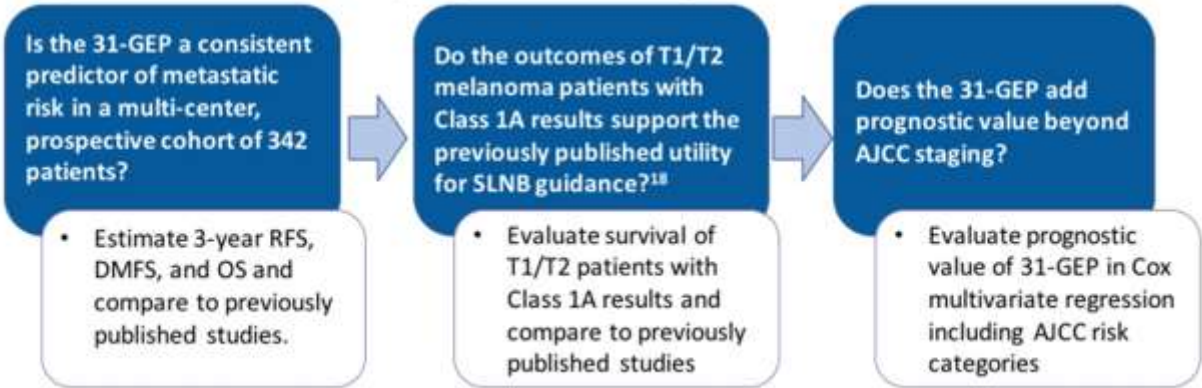


Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier MSS curves (A) and DMFS curves (B)

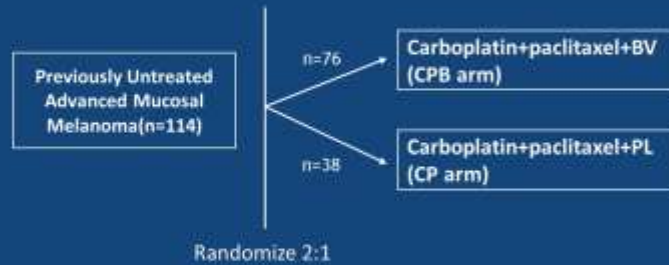
Figure 1. Schematic of study objectives and analysis





# Rare melanomas

**Abstract 9521: A randomized phase II study evaluating the activity of bevacizumab in combination with carboplatin plus paclitaxel in patients with previously untreated advanced mucosal melanoma (NCT02023710).**  
Dr X. Yan et al.



**Rationale**

- High density of microvessels and high expression of VEGF
- Poor prognosis

**Hypothesis:** ~~CPB arm is superior to CP arm~~  
(2-sided 5% type one error rate and 85% power, 90 events)

**Primary Endpoint**

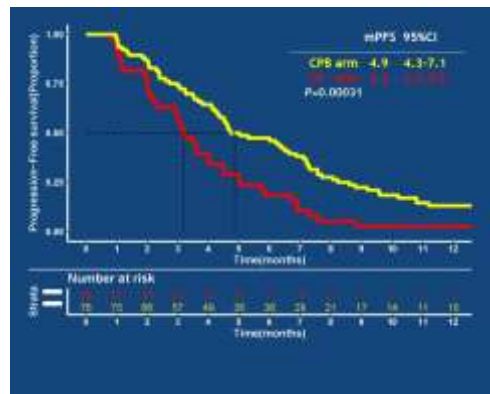
- Progression-free survival

**Secondary Endpoints**

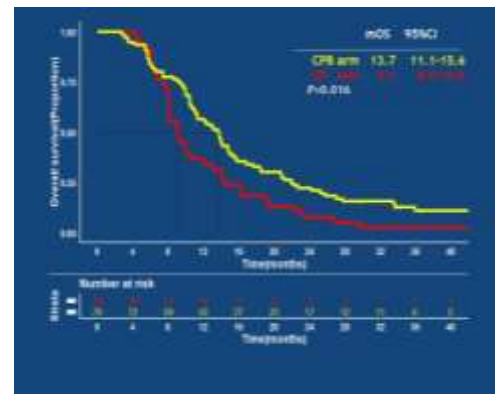
- Overall survival
- Objective response rate
- Safety and tolerability

Bevacizumab(BV) or placebo(PL) was administered 5 mg/kg q2w with carboplatin [AUC=5] plus paclitaxel (175 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) q4w by intravenous infusion.

PFS



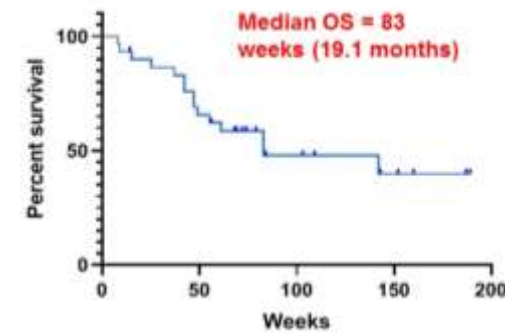
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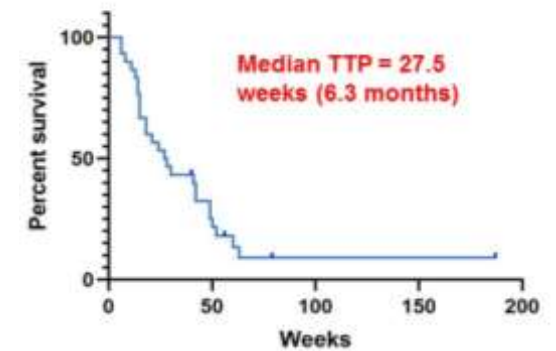
**Abstract 9522: Phase II study of ipilimumab and nivolumab in metastatic uveal melanoma**  
Dr M. Pelster et al.



Overall Survival



Time to Progression







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