

# ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines

## **Immunotherapy in Melanoma... and others** **Pseudo-progression, Management of Toxicities**

Clinical Case Discussion

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# DISCLOSURES

## Consultancy/Advisory Board:

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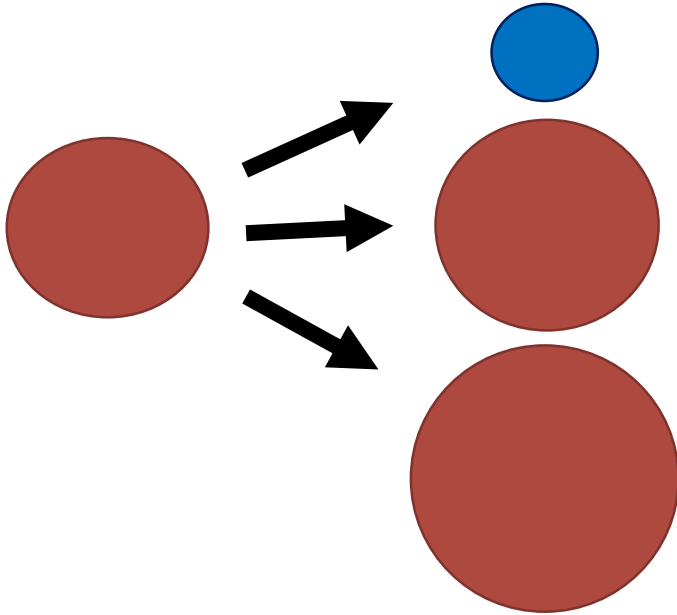
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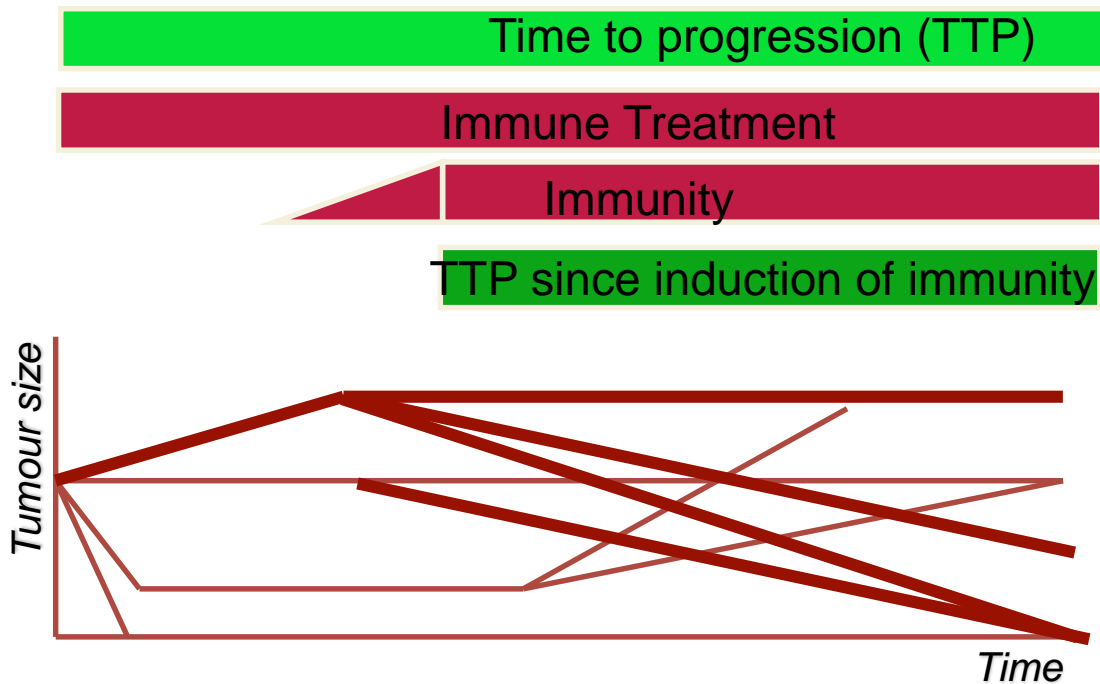
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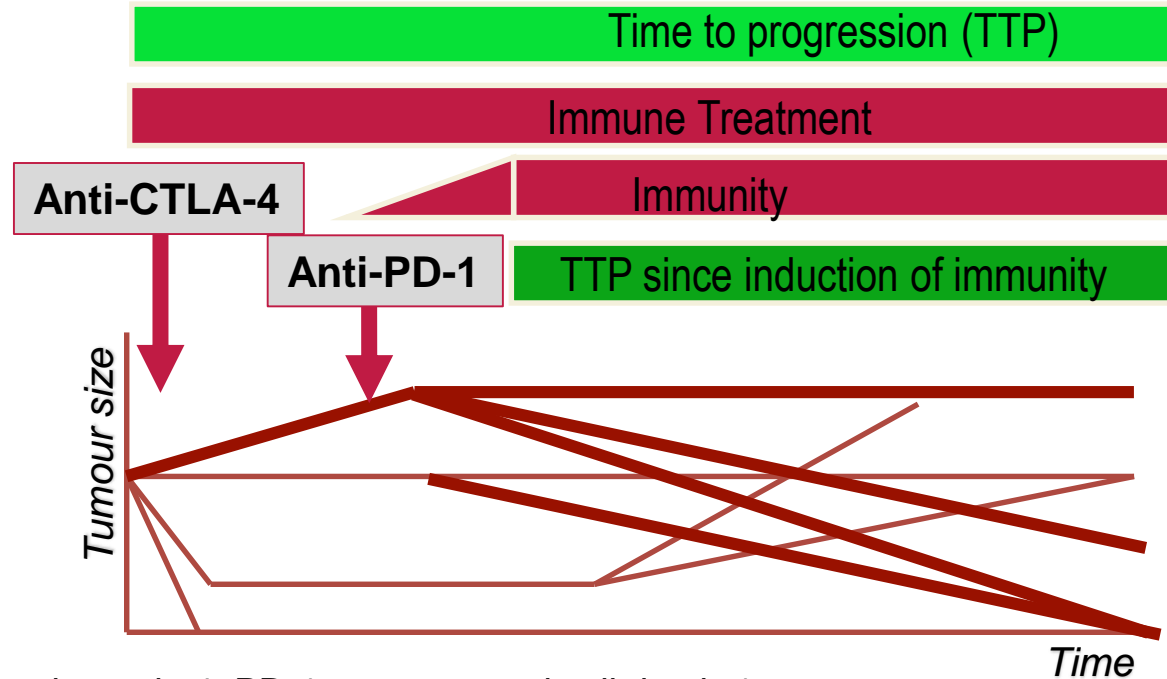
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Workshop and Annual Meeting  
Arlington VA Nov 10-13 2005

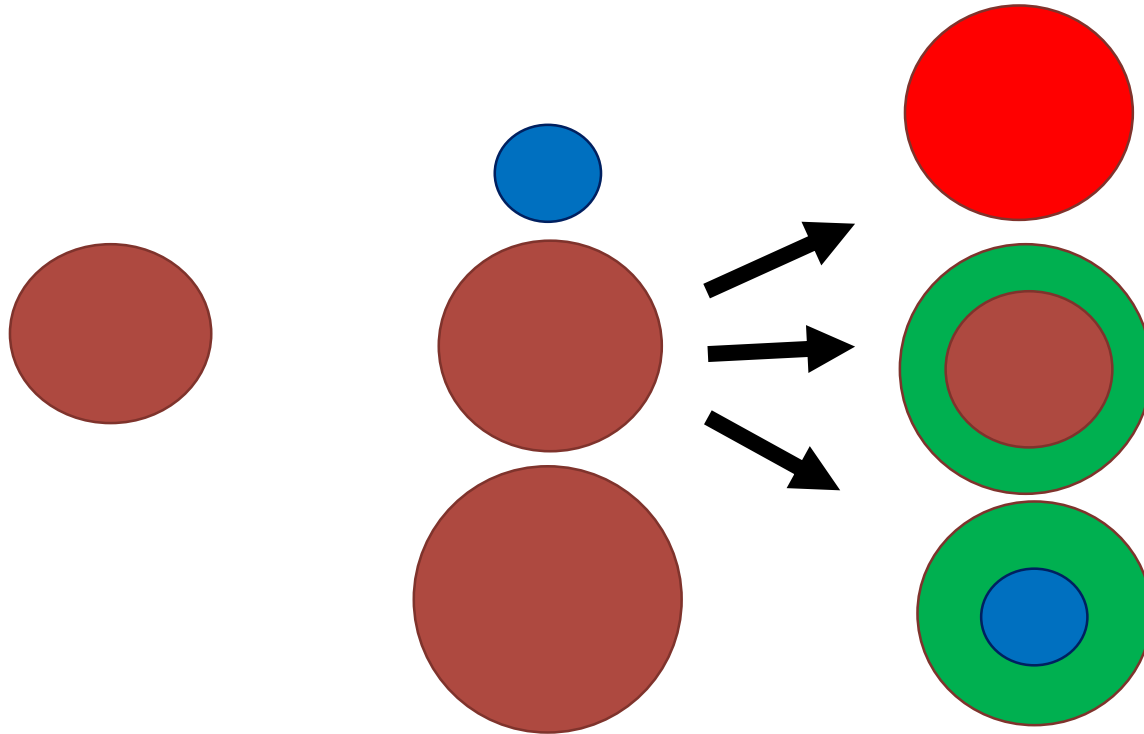


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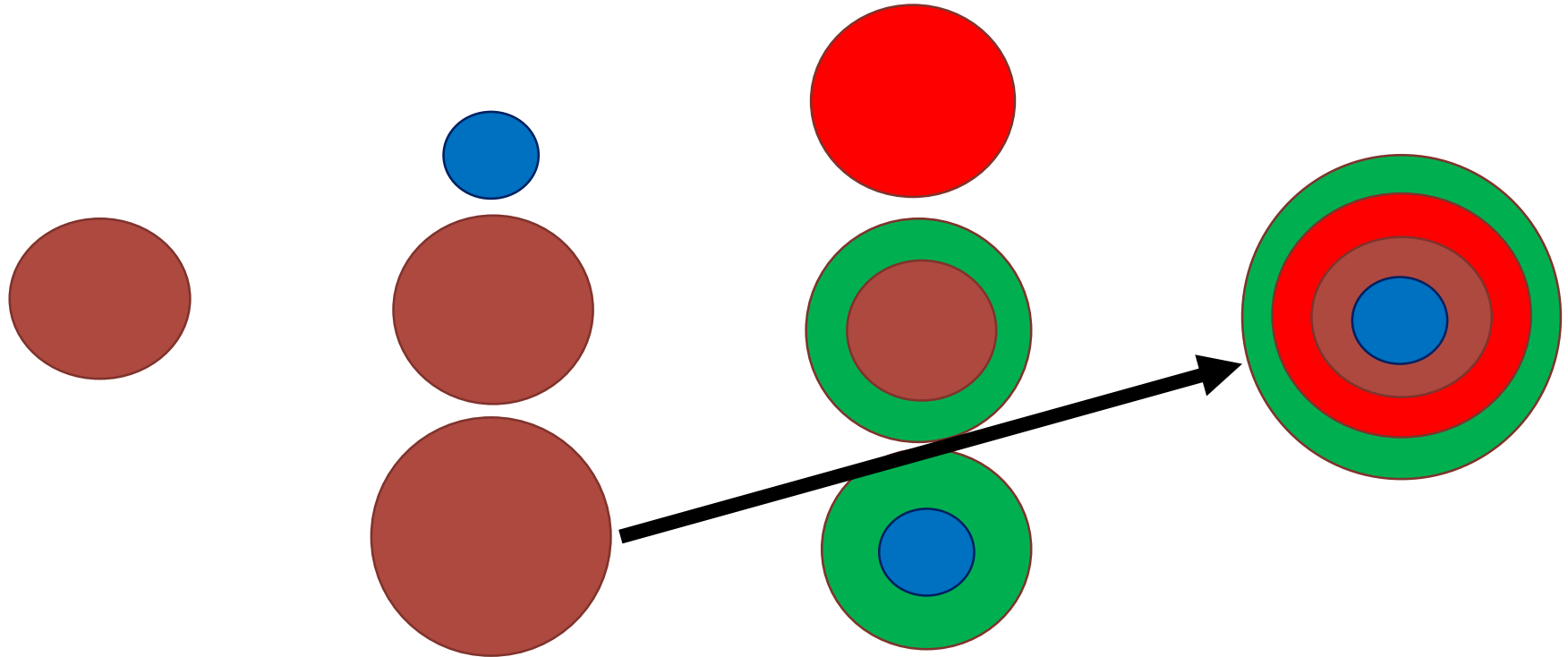


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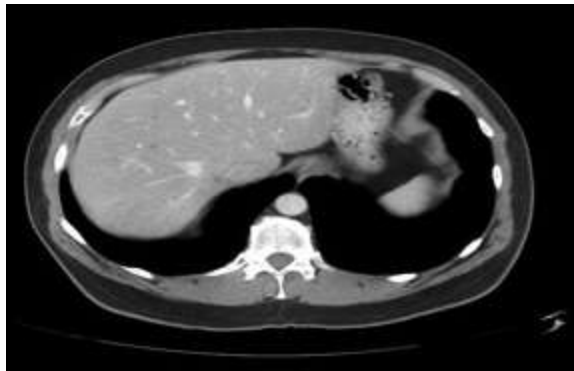


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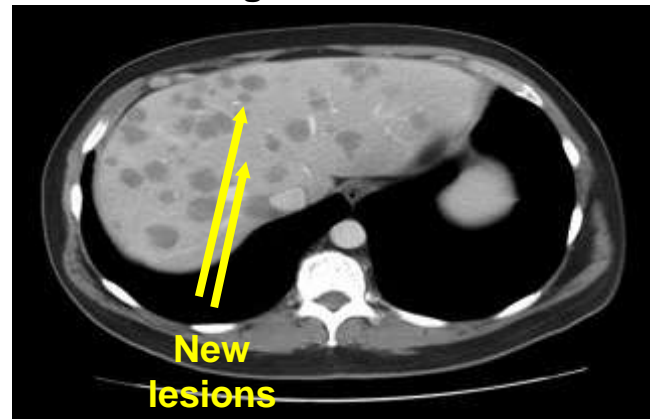
# Immune-Related Patterns of Response with anti-CTLA-4: Melanoma Response After the Appearance and Subsequent Disappearance of New Lesions

Pre-treatment

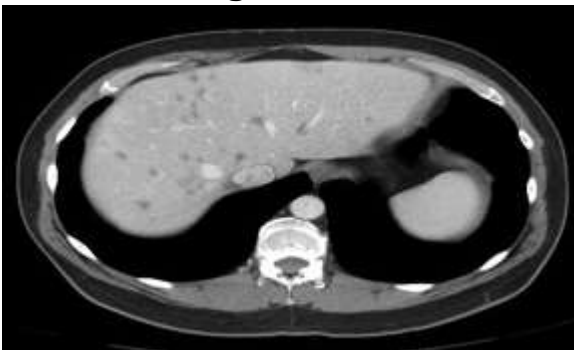


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Ipilimumab  
Q3W X 4

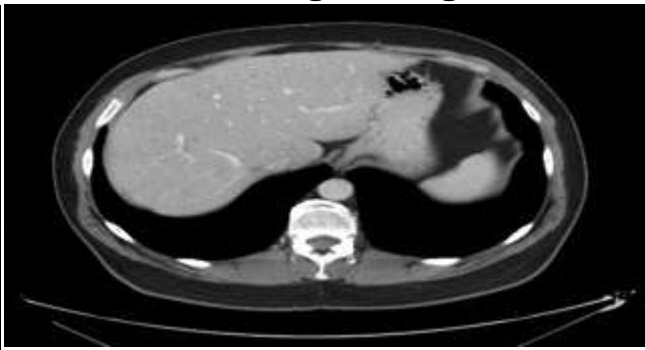
Week 12: Progression



Week 20: Regression



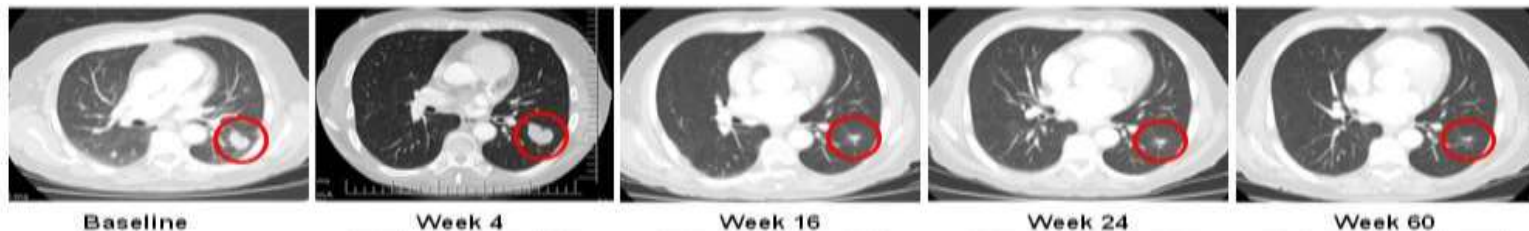
Week 36: Still Regressing



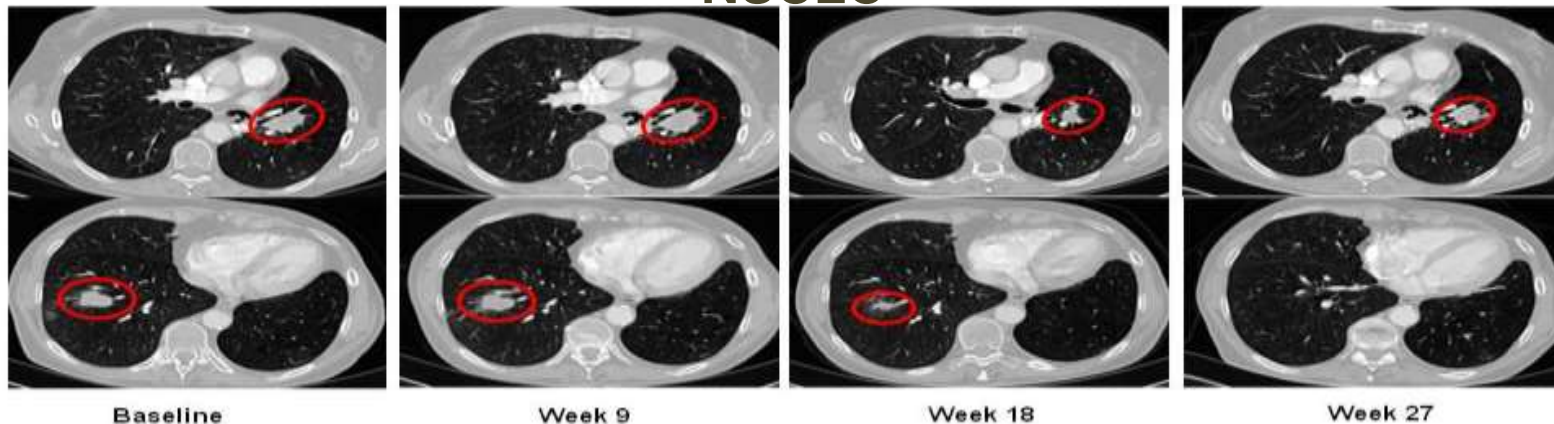


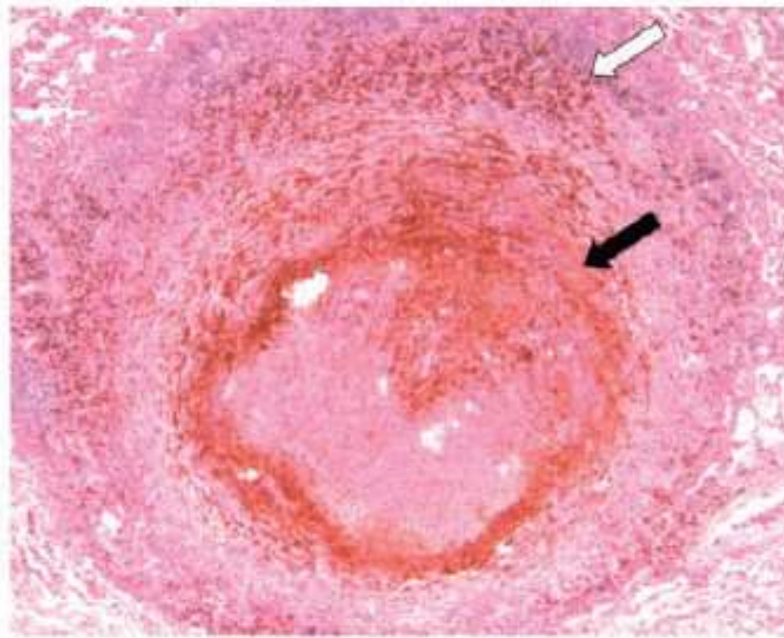
# PD-1 Blockade Kinetics of Response (Pembrolizumab, Keynote 001)

## Metastatic Melanoma

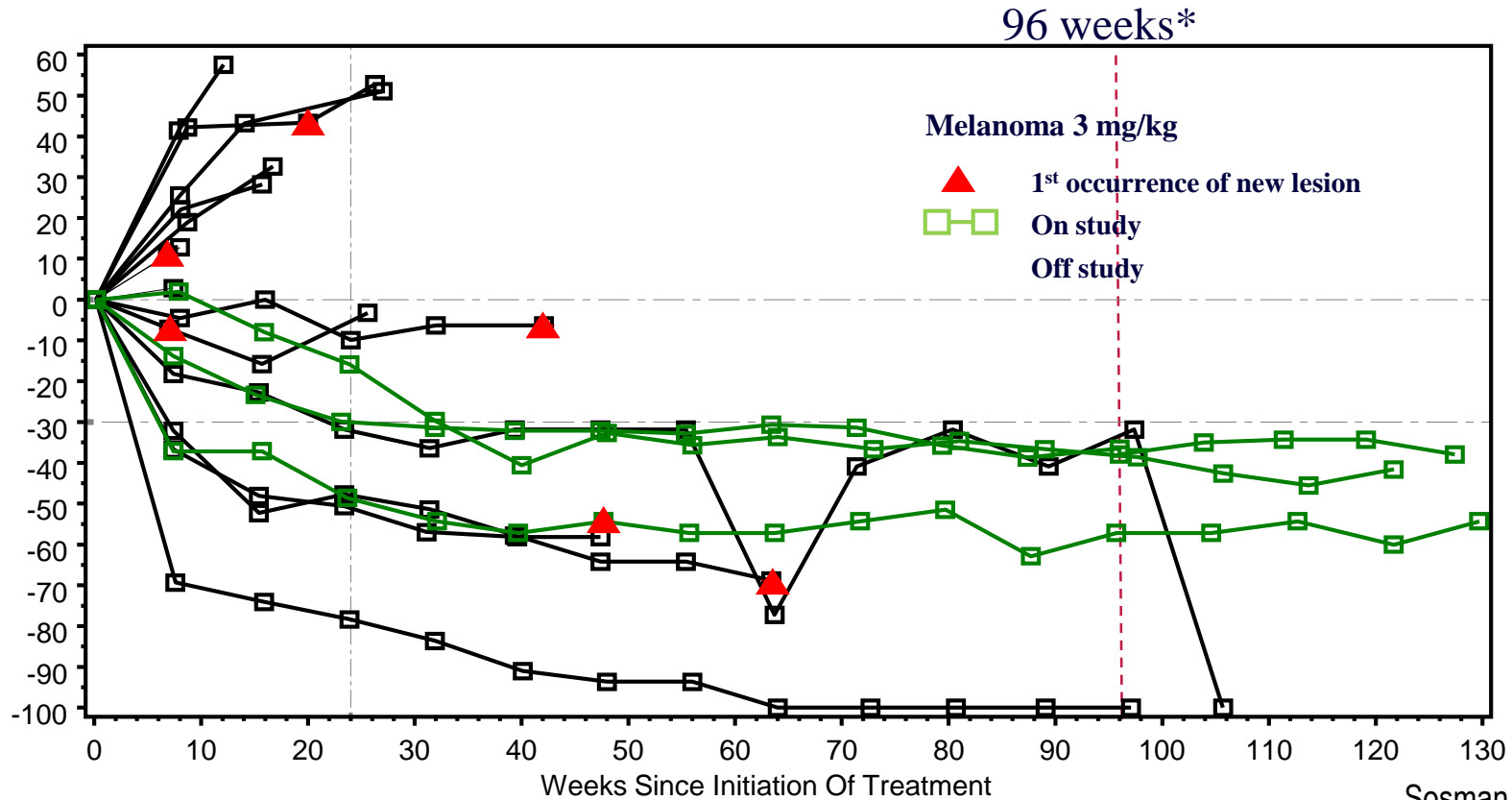


## NSCLC





**Fig. 4.** Resected metastatic melanoma tumor nodule of the lung. This case is a 53-y-old male, diagnosed with melanoma of the scalp, who underwent resection and adjuvant biochemotherapy. After two cycles, imaging confirmed multiple new lung nodules consistent with recurrent disease (stage M1b). Eight months after starting ipilimumab, the dominant lung lesion was resected along with two small nodules (3 mm each). From a biopsy of one of the small nodules, note the T-cell infiltrate (*white arrow*) and extensive necrosis (*black arrow*) with no residual tumor cells. Section was stained with H&E.





## Guidelines for the Evaluation of Immune Therapy Activity in Solid Tumors: Immune-Related Response Criteria

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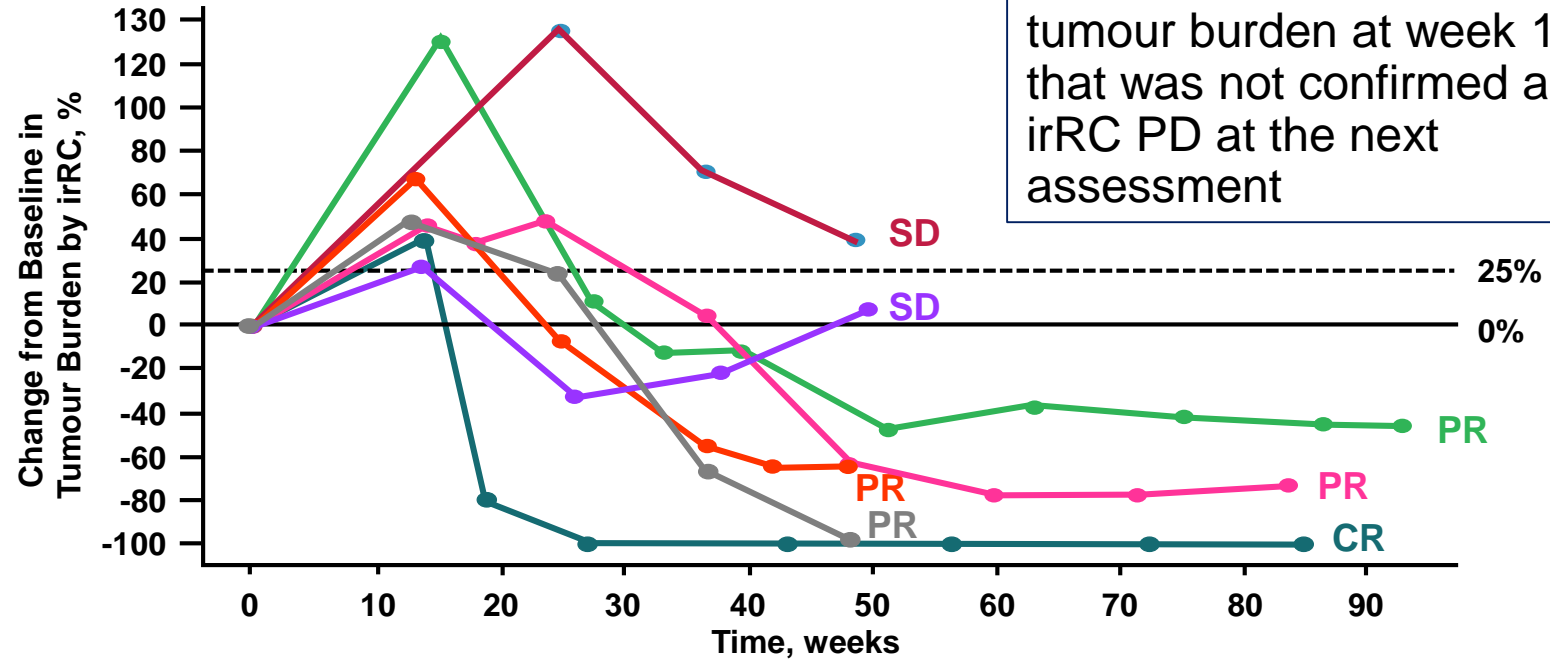
**Abstract** **Purpose:** Immunotherapeutic agents produce antitumor effects by inducing cancer-specific immune responses or by modifying native immune processes. Resulting clinical response patterns extend beyond those of cytotoxic agents and can manifest after an initial increase in tumor burden or the appearance of new lesions (progressive disease). Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors or WHO criteria, designed to detect early effects of cytotoxic agents, may not provide a complete assessment of immunotherapeutic agents. Novel criteria for the evaluation of antitumor responses with immunotherapeutic agents are required.

**Experimental Design:** The phase II clinical trial program with ipilimumab, an antibody that blocks CTL antigen-4, represents the most comprehensive data set available to date for an immunotherapeutic agent. Novel immune therapy response criteria proposed, based on the shared experience from community workshops and several investigators, were evaluated using data from ipilimumab phase II clinical trials in patients with advanced melanoma.

**Results:** Ipilimumab monotherapy resulted in four distinct response patterns: (a) shrinkage in baseline lesions, without new lesions; (b) durable stable disease (in some patients followed by a slow, steady decline in total tumor burden); (c) response after an increase in total tumor burden; and (d) response in the presence of new lesions. All patterns were associated with favorable survival.

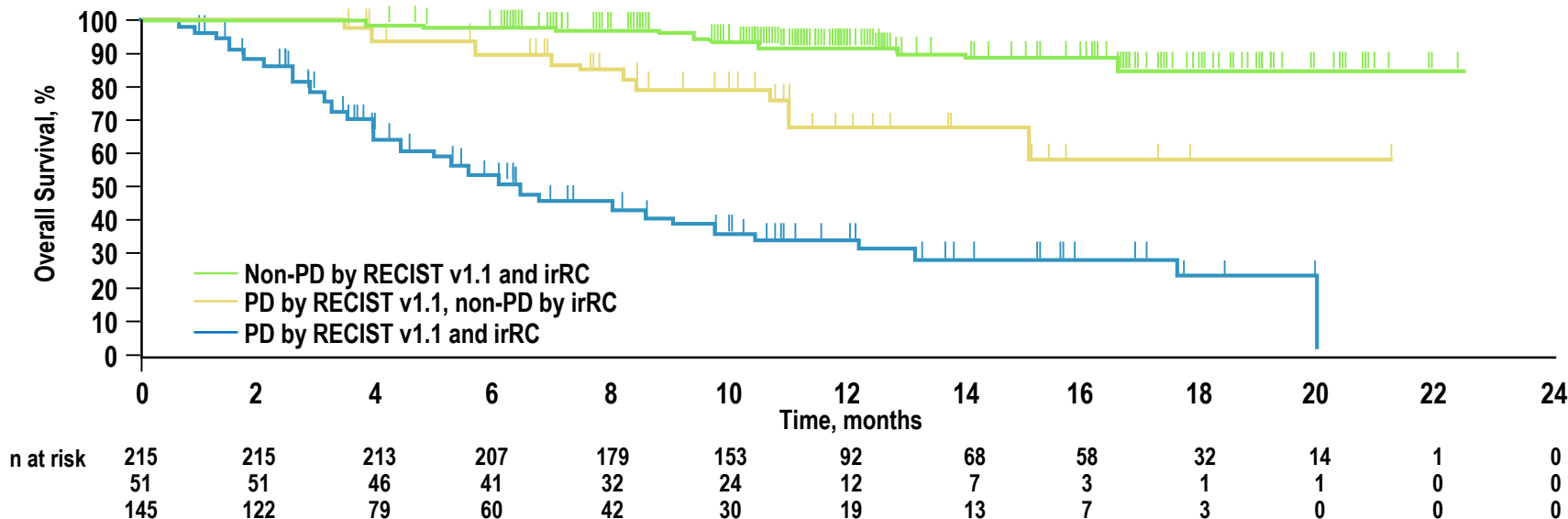
**Conclusion:** Systematic criteria, designated immune-related response criteria, were defined in an attempt to capture additional response patterns observed with immune therapy in advanced melanoma beyond those described by Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors or WHO criteria. Further prospective evaluations of the immune-related response criteria, particularly their association with overall survival, are warranted. (Clin Cancer Res 2009;15(23):7412–20)

# Best Overall Response by irRC



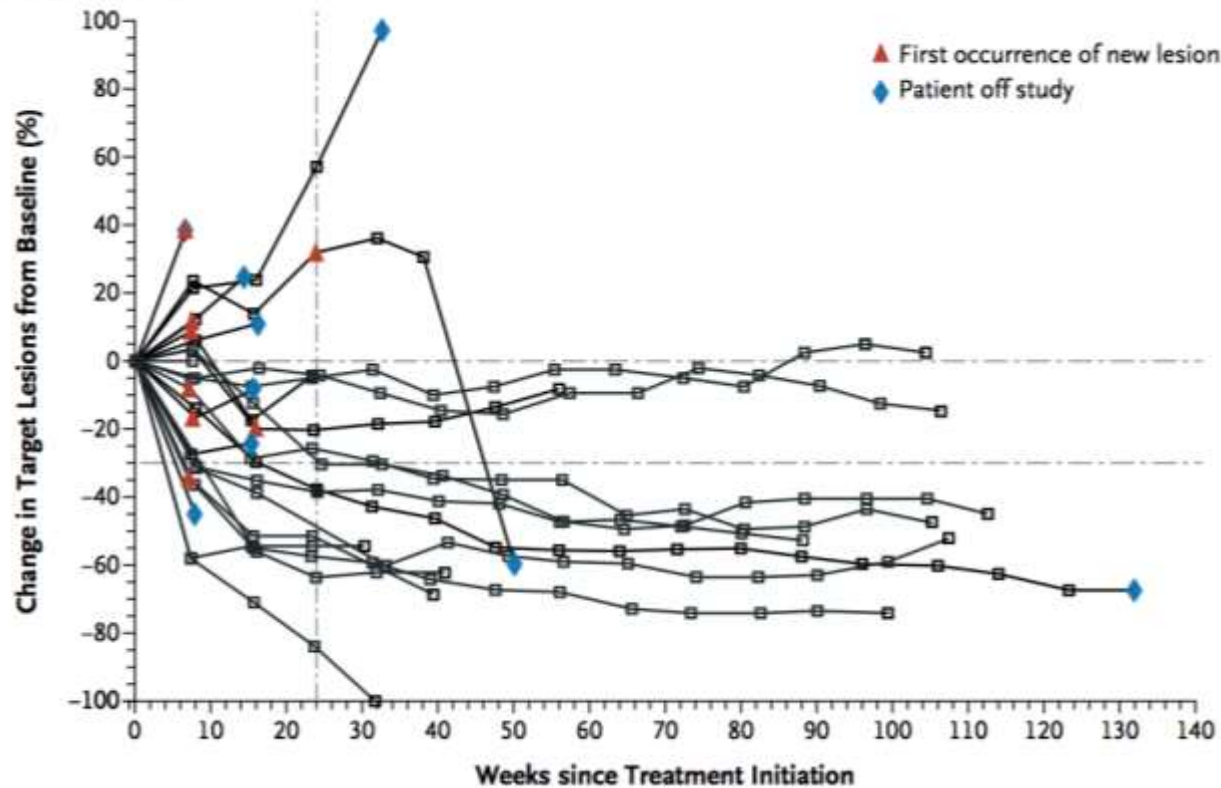
irRC, Immune-Related Response Criteria; PD, Progressive Disease

Of the 196 patients with PD by RECIST v1.1, the 51 patients (26%) with non-PD by irRC had favorable OS compared with the 145 patients with PD by both criteria  
A landmark analysis showed similar results



Analysis cut-off date: October 18, 2013  
Hodi et al. ESMO 2014

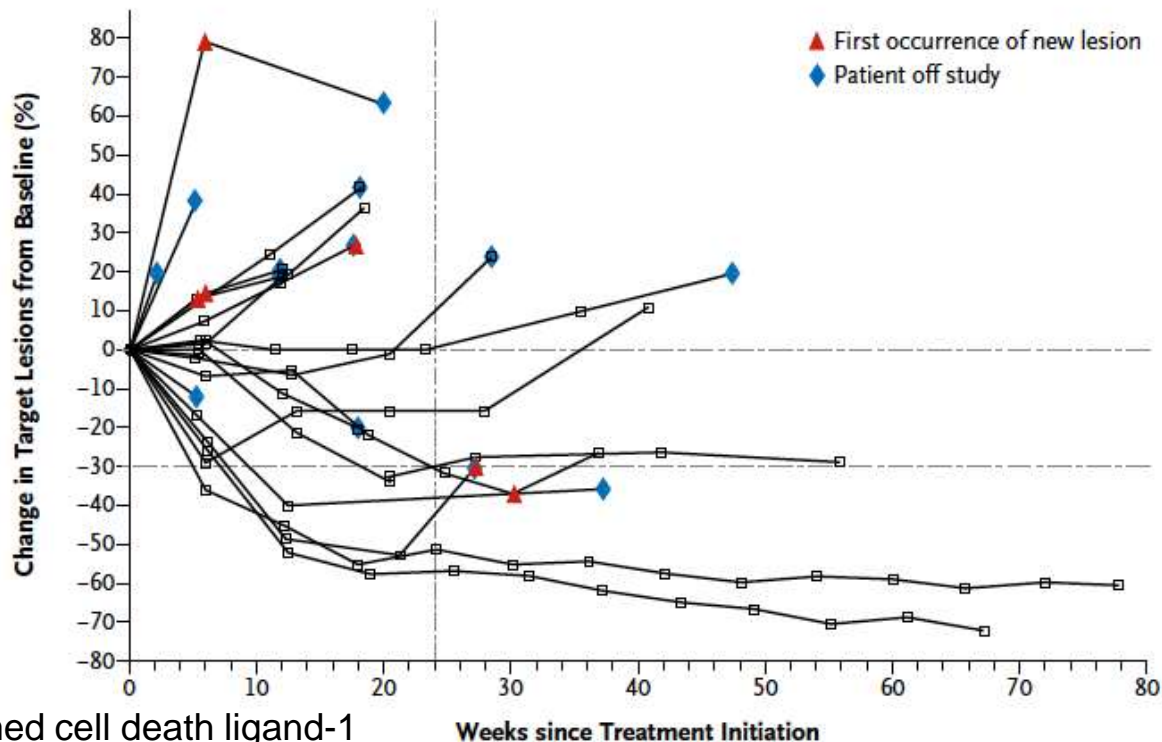
# Patients with Melanoma



Topalian et al. NEJM 2012  
Nivolumab in melanoma

# Blocking of PD-L1 in Lung Cancer Nivolumab

## Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

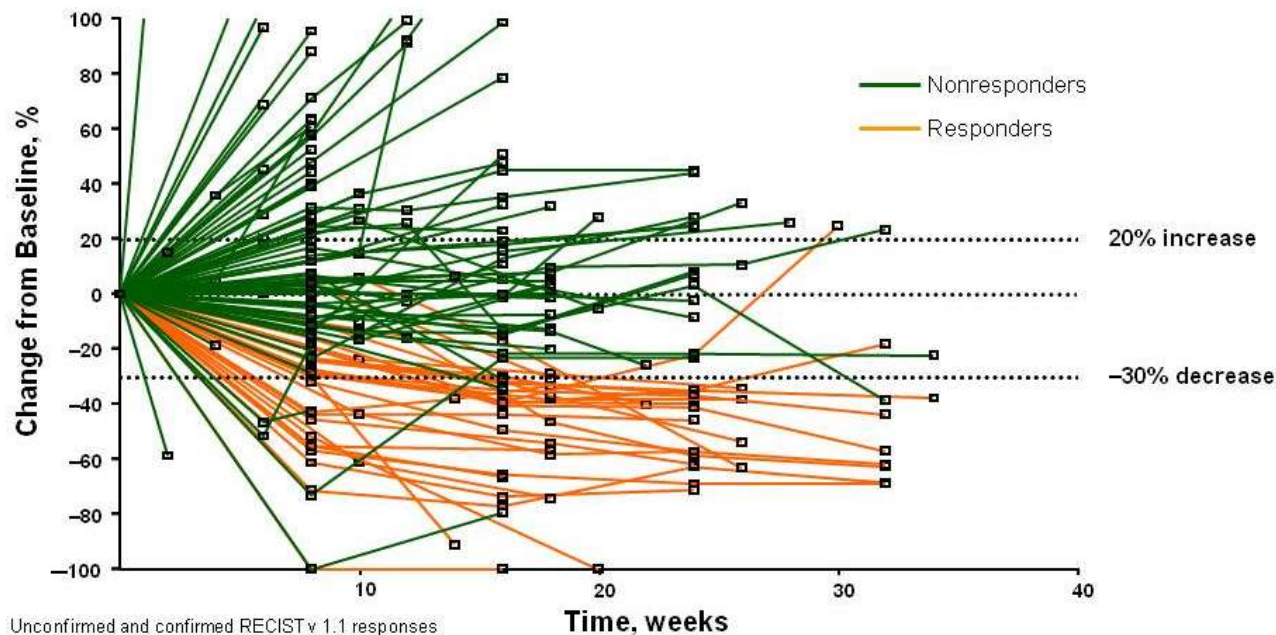


PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1

Sznol ASCO 2013



# Tumour shrinkage over time in SCCHN Pembrolizumab



Unconfirmed and confirmed RECIST v 1.1 responses

12 Data cutoff date: March 23, 2015.

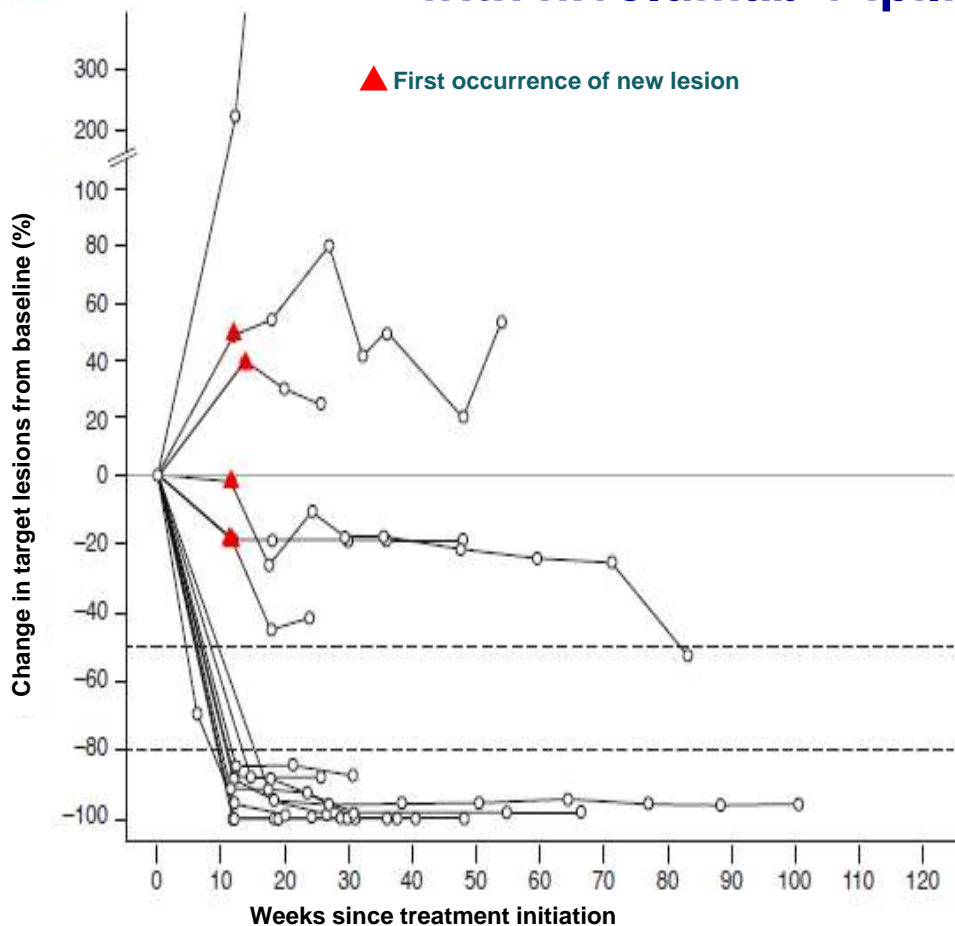
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SCCHN, Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck

Seiwert et al. 2015 ASCO Annual Meeting, Abstract 8006

# CA209-004: response patterns with nivolumab + ipilimumab



# Transient progression

- occurs in a subset of patients
- often in some lesions without increase in overall tumour burden
- no need for change in treatment if PS and tumour markers ok

PS, performance status

# **Immunotherapy in Melanoma... and others**

## **Management of Toxicities**

## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

# Management of toxicities from immunotherapy: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>†</sup>

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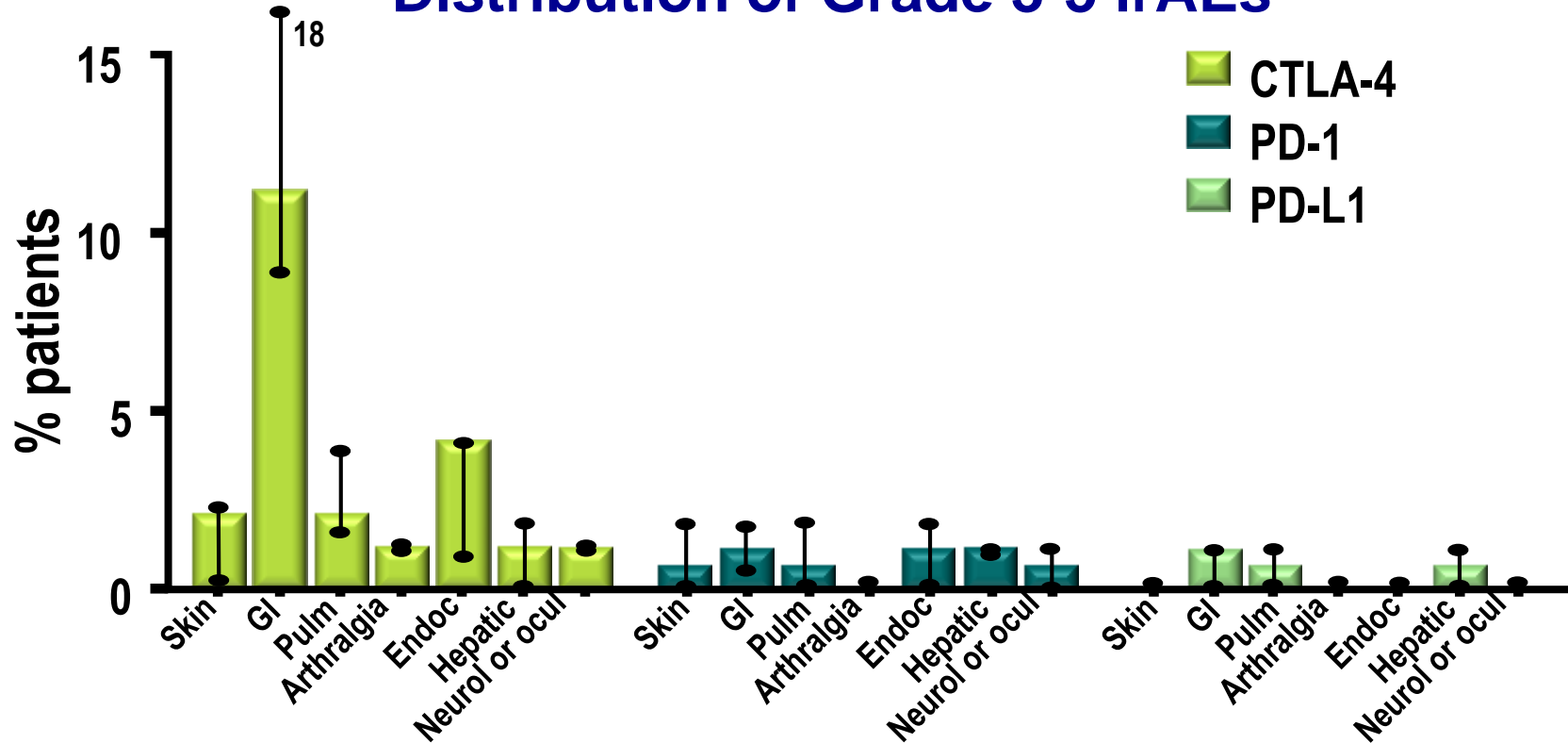
<sup>†</sup>Approved by the ESMO Guidelines Committee: May 2017.

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- Early recognition
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  - Corticosteroids often necessary
  - Immunosuppressive agents as reserve
  - No impairment of tumour control
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- Knowledge of spectrum and kinetics essential

# CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1 Blockade

## Distribution of Grade 3-5 irAEs

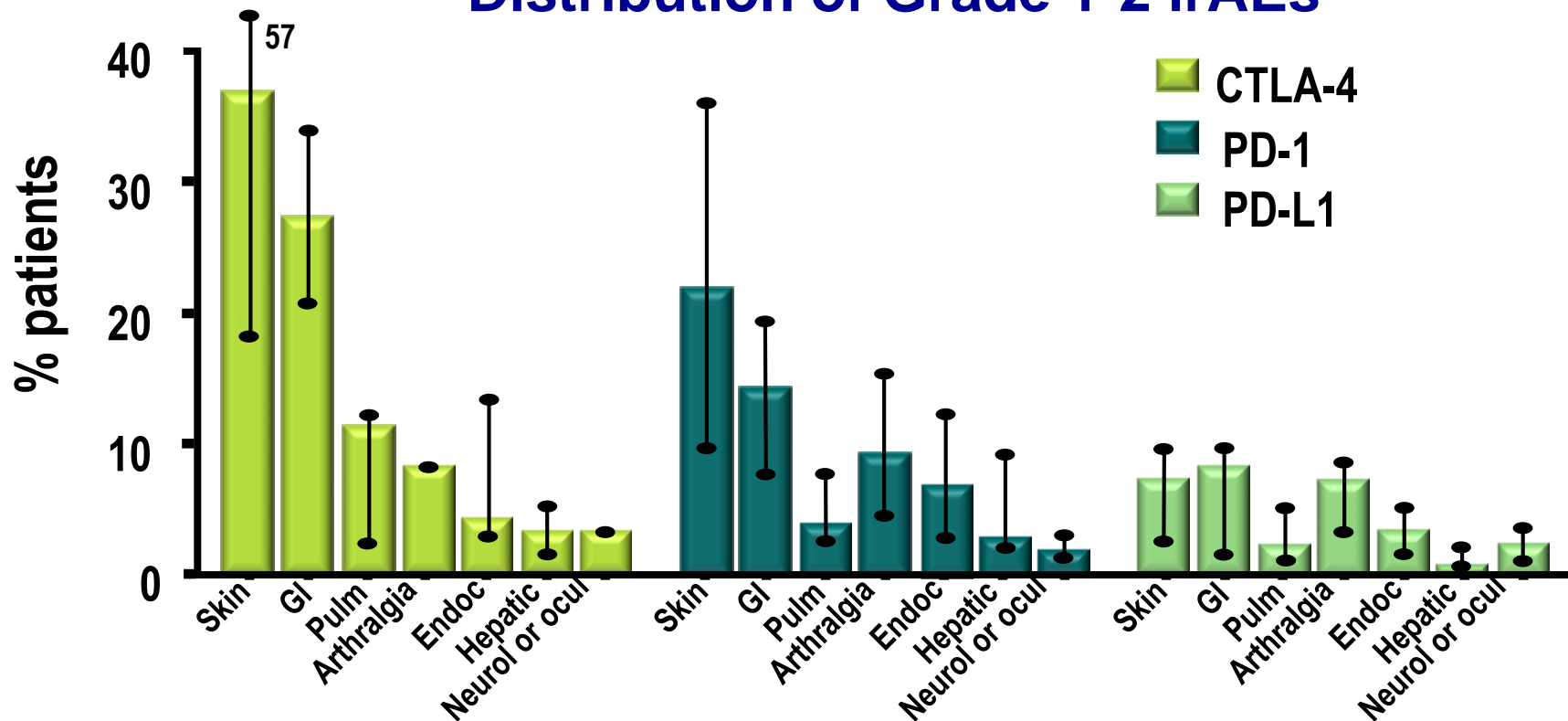


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Michot, et. al. Eur J Cancer 2016

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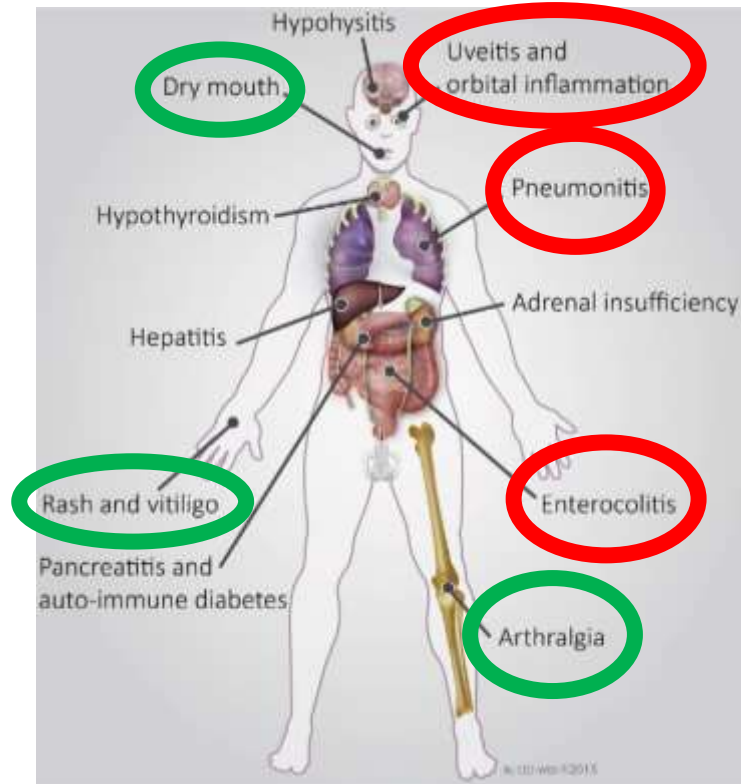
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Event	Nivolumab (N = 313)		Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N = 313)		Ipilimumab (N = 311)	
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	<i>number of patients with event (percent)</i>					
Any adverse event	311 (99.4)	136 (43.5)	312 (99.7)	215 (68.7)	308 (99.0)	173 (55.6)
Treatment-related adverse event†	157 (82.1)	51 (16.3)	199 (95.5)	172 (55.0)	168 (86.2)	85 (27.3)
Diarrhea	6 (1.9)	7 (2.2)	15 (4.8)	29 (9.3)	10 (3.2)	19 (6.1)
Fatigue	107 (34.2)	4 (1.3)	110 (35.1)	13 (4.2)	87 (28.0)	3 (1.0)
Pruritus	59 (18.8)	0	104 (33.2)	6 (1.9)	110 (35.4)	1 (0.3)
Rash	81 (25.9)	2 (0.6)	126 (40.3)	15 (4.8)	102 (32.8)	6 (1.9)
Nausea	41 (13.1)	0	81 (25.9)	7 (2.2)	50 (16.1)	2 (0.6)
Pyrexia	18 (5.8)	0	58 (18.5)	2 (0.6)	21 (6.8)	1 (0.3)
Decreased appetite	34 (10.9)	0	56 (17.9)	4 (1.3)	39 (12.5)	1 (0.3)
Increase in alanine amino- transferase level	12 (3.8)	4 (1.3)	55 (17.6)	26 (8.3)	12 (3.9)	5 (1.6)
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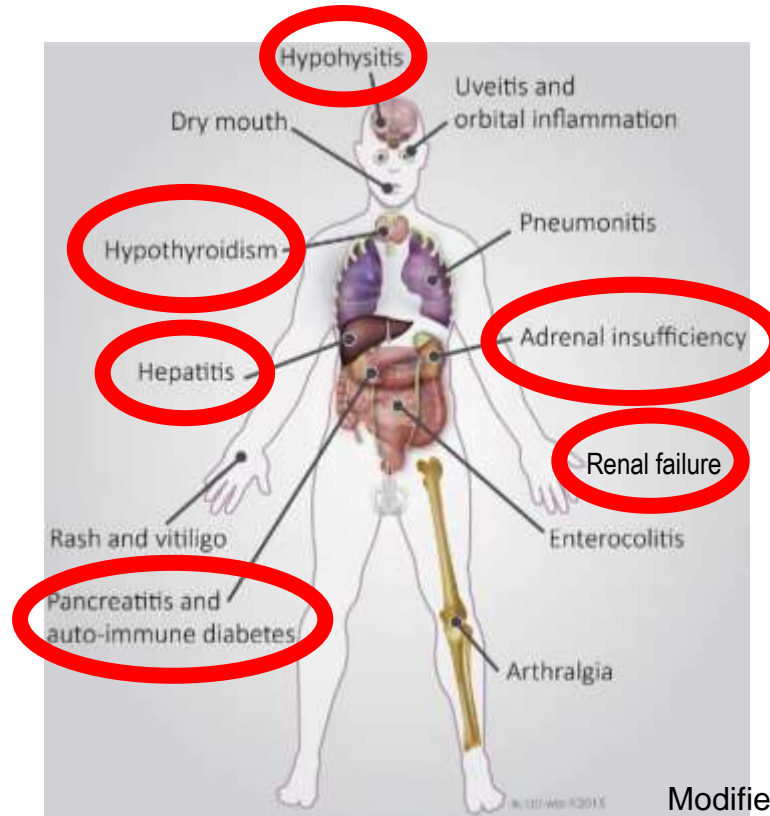
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**Green: patient will tell you**

**Red: you have to ask for early signs**

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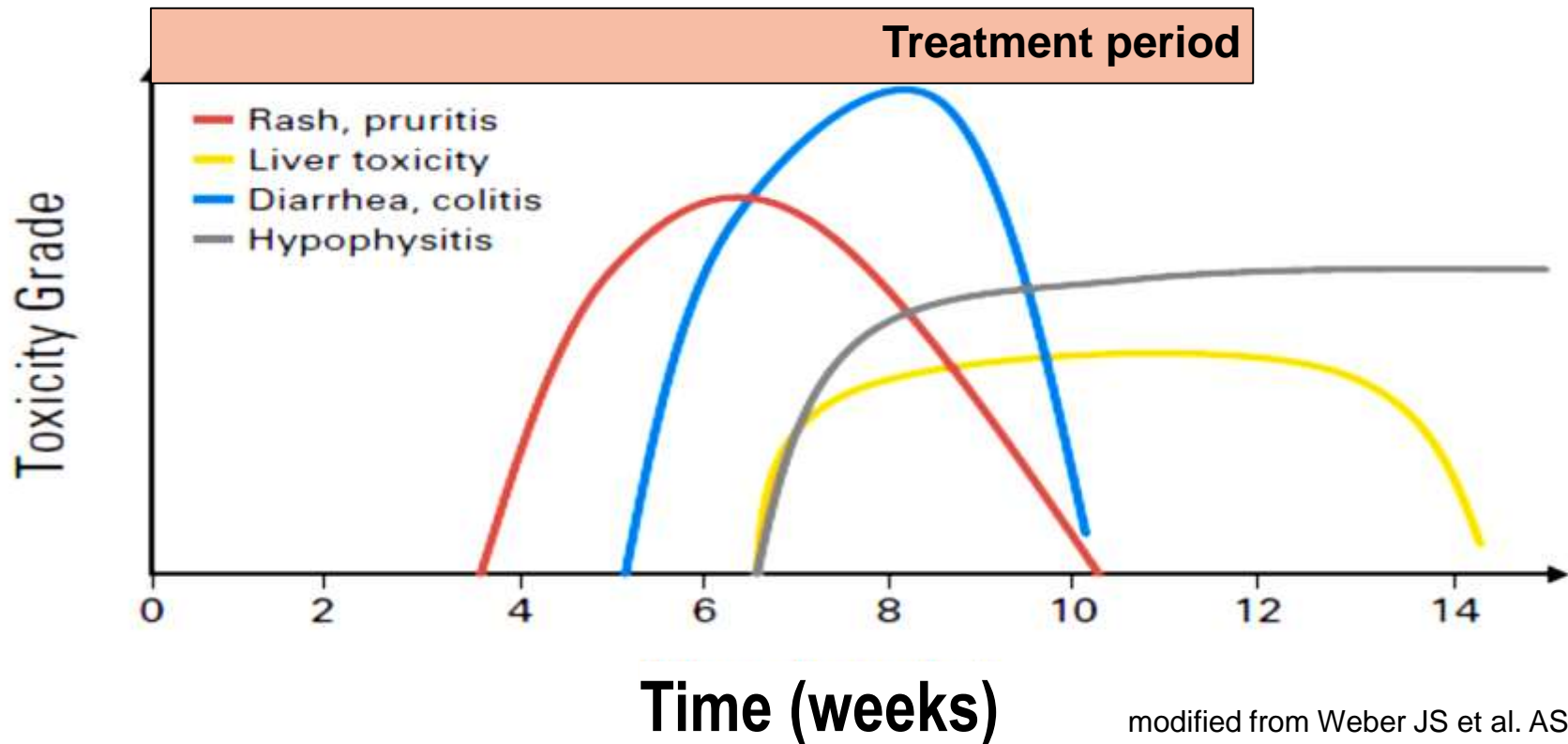


irAEs, immune-related adverse events

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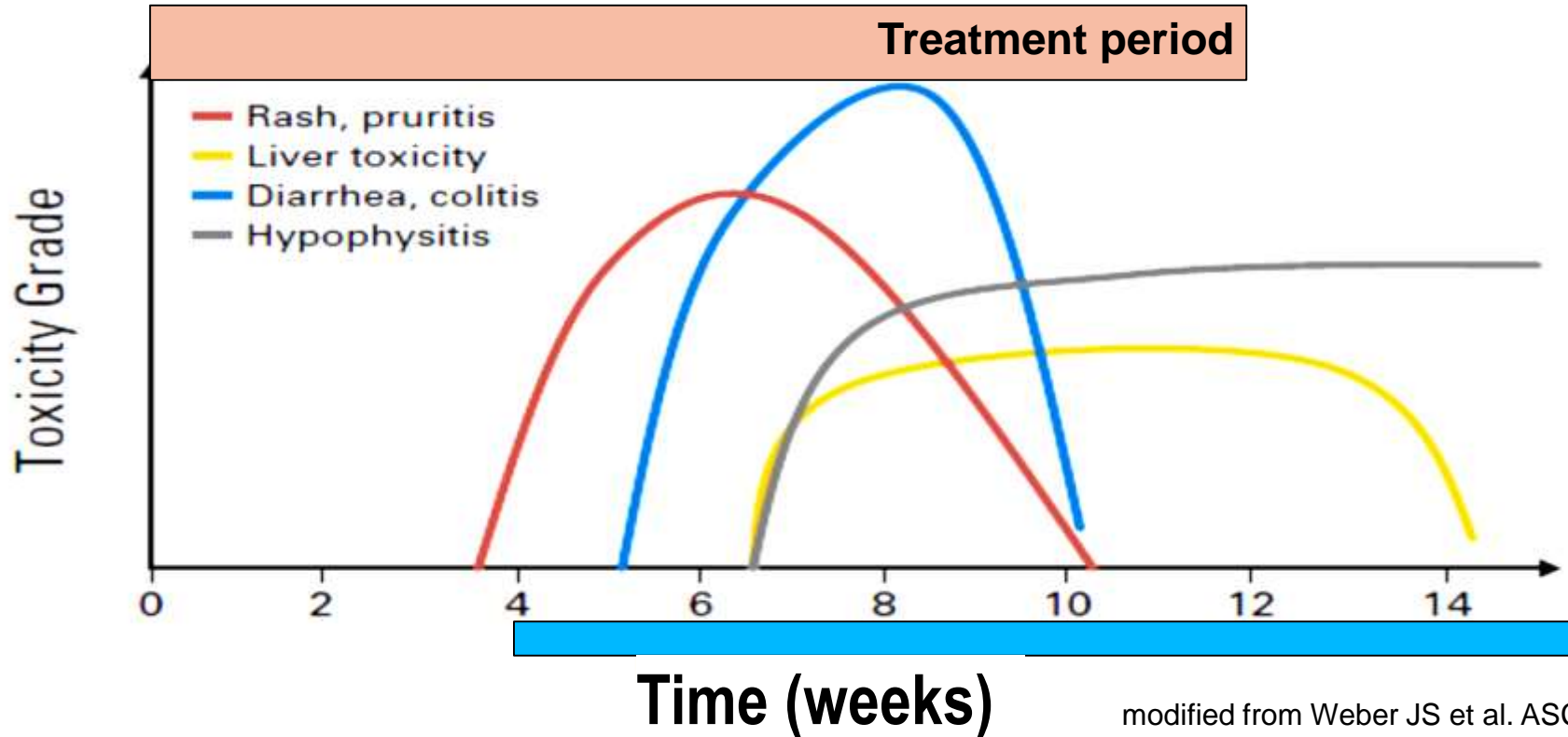


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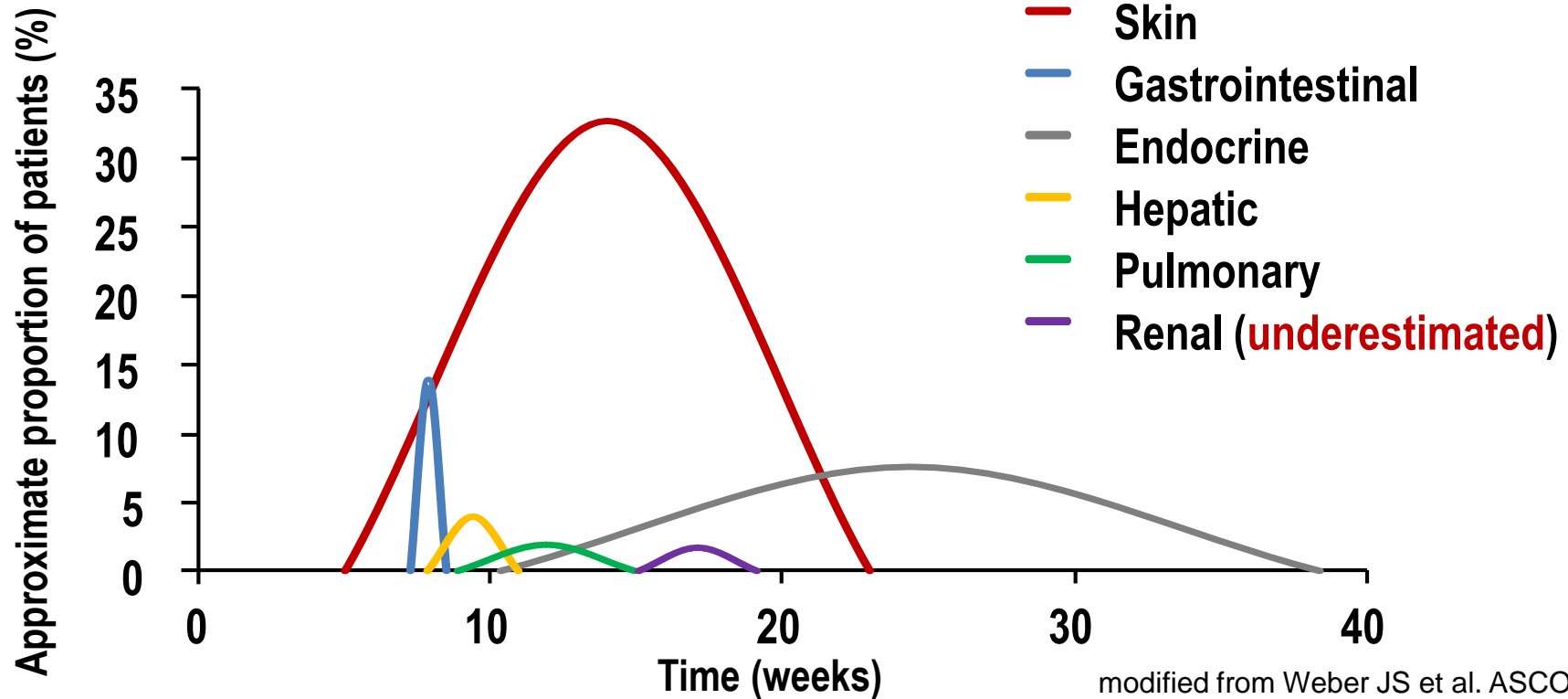
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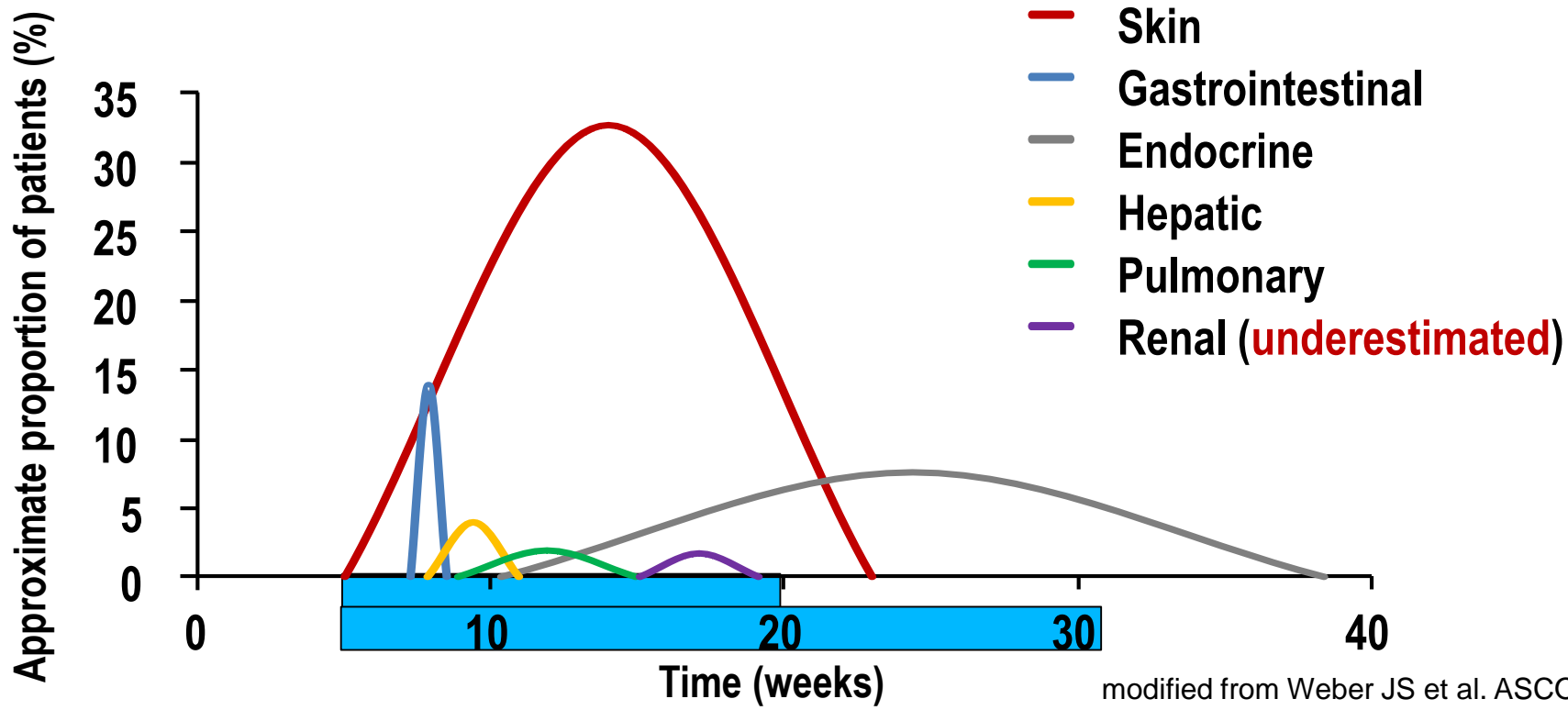
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