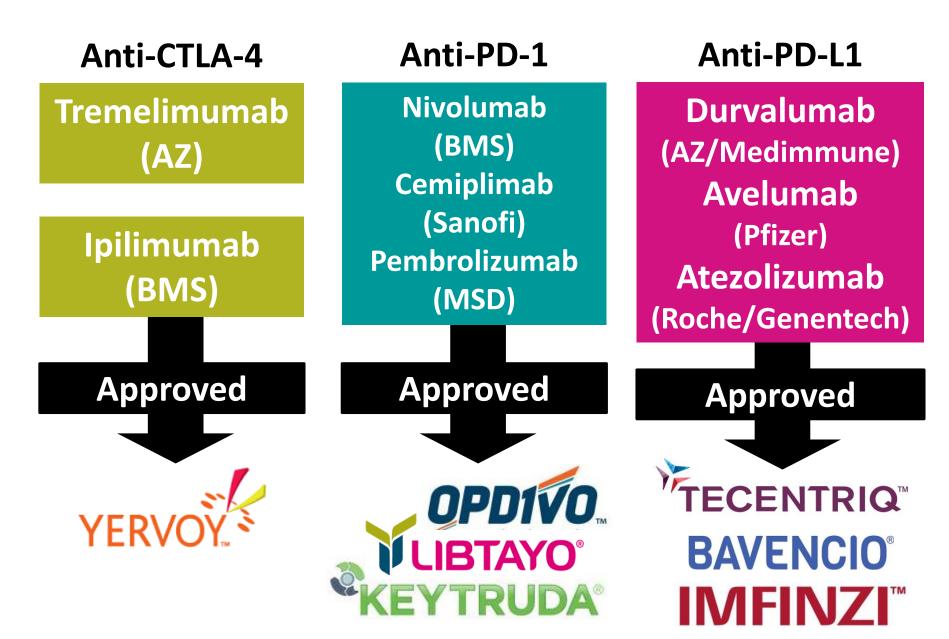
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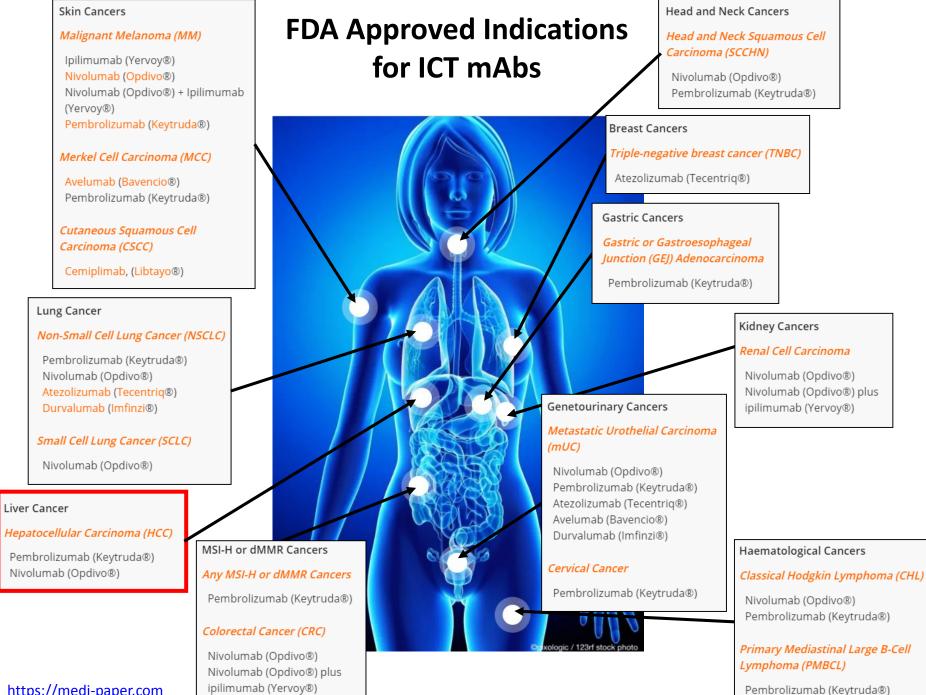
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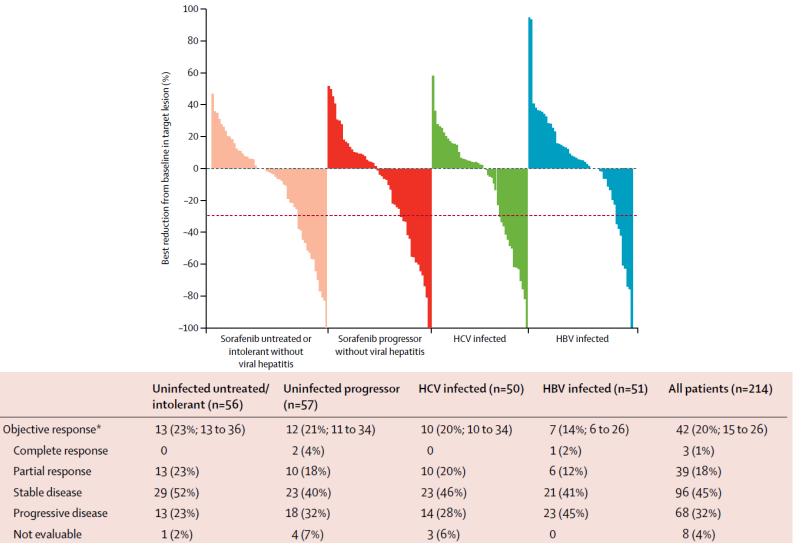
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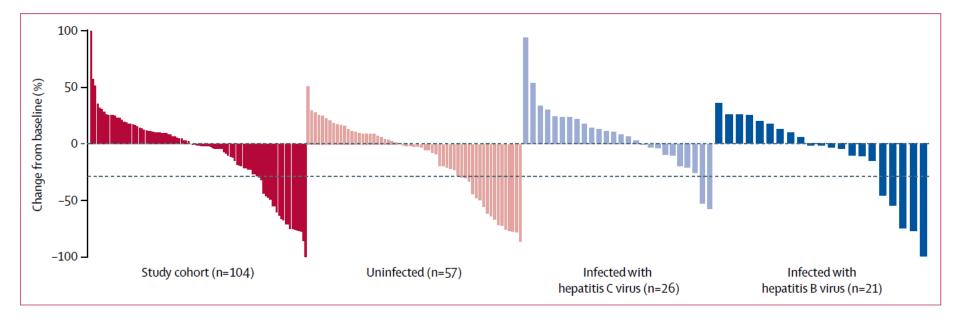
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- KEYNOTE-224: non-randomised, multicentre, open-label, phase 2 trial
- 104 HCC patients treated with pembrolizumab



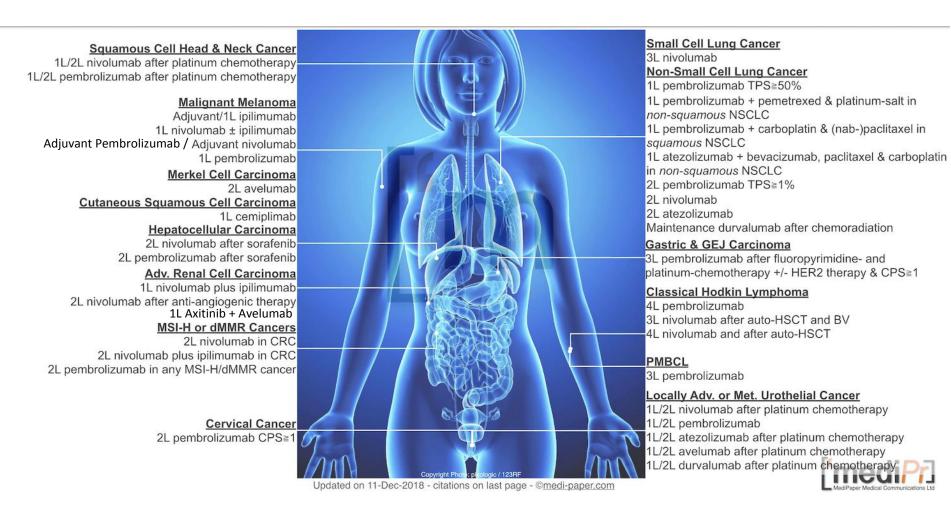
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Hepatitis B/C Viral infection & Anti-PD-(L)1

- no safety issues related to the viral status have been reported
- no patient achieved a sustained HCV virological response for more than 24 wks (some pts infected had transient reductions in HCV RNA)
- no patient had reactivation of HBV, and no instances of anti-HBs seroconversion were noted among patients infected with HBV

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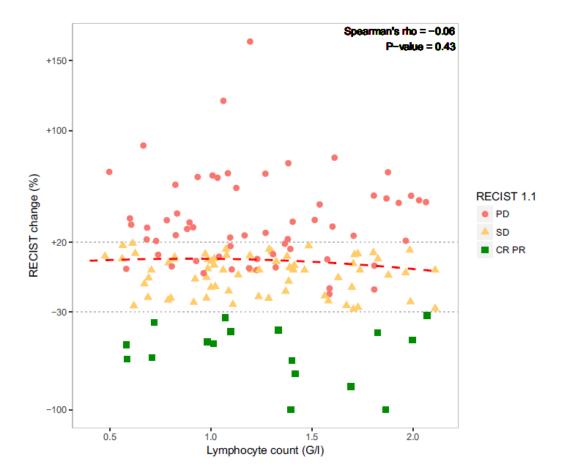
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→ HIV patients excluded from all registrational trials

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ORR is independent from lymphocyte counts



Sun R, et al. Baseline lymphopenia should not be used as exclusion criteria in early clinical trials investigating immune checkpoint blockers (PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors). Eur J Cancer 2017;84:202–11.

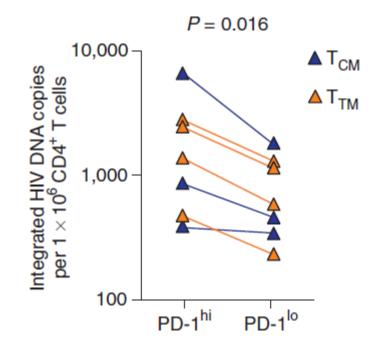
Extensive Data on PD-1/PD-L1 & HIV

Table 1 The PD-1 pathway in HIV infection

	Reference
PD1 expression on HIV-specific T cells	
• PD-1 is upregulated on HIV-specific CD4 and CD8 T cells	[5-7, 27, 49, 50]
• PD-1 expression on HIV-specific T cells correlates with infection stage and markers of disease progression	[5, 6, 27, 42•, 49, 50]
• PD-1 is down-regulated on HIV-specific CD8 T cells targeting epitopes that had undergone mutational escapes	[34]
PD-1 is co-expressed with other co-inhibitory molecules on HIV-specific T cells	[38, 41•, 42•, 50, 51•]
Impact of PD-1 on HIV-specific T cells	
 Blockade of the PD-1 pathway enhances proliferation of HIV-specific CD4 and CD8 T cells 	[5-7, 27, 42, 49, 50]
Blockade of the PD-1 pathway enhances secretion of diverse cytokines by HIV-specific CD4 T cells	[42•]
PD-1 expression on HIV-specific CD8 T cells renders them susceptible to both spontaneous and Fas mediated apoptosis	[7]
• The gene expression profile elicited by PD-1 (transcriptional signature) is upregulated in HIV-specific CD8 T cells from subjects with progressive disease, but not from HIV controllers	[43••]
• The master transcription factor BATF is up-regulated by PD-1 signaling and mediates a reversible dysfunction of HIV-specific CD4 and CD8 T cells	[43••]
PD-1 pathway in global immune responses during HIV infection	
• High PD-1 expression on the CD4 and CD8 T-cell subsets is associated with failure of immune reconstitution after successful viral control on ART	[64, 65]
• PD-1 expressing memory CD4 T cells contain more proviral DNA than PD-1 low cells and likely represent an important viral reservoir	[67••]
 PD-1 blockade triggers HIV replication in CD4 T cells in vitro 	[68]
• Expression of PD-L1 on antigen-presenting cell subsets (monocytes, dendritic cells) is elevated in HIV infection	[53-56]
 HIV can directly up-regulate expression of PD-1 ligands on antigen-presenting cells (in vitro differentiated macrophages) 	[57–59]
 PD-1 is expressed at higher levels on monocytes in HIV infection and is upregulated by microbial products similar to those that translocate from the gut; triggering of PD-1 on monocytes leads to IL-10 secretion that inhibits the proliferative response of antigen-specific CD4 T cells Clinical interventions on the PD-1 pathway 	[61••]
• Two phase 1 clinical trials tested the safety and pharmacokinetics of two different PD-1–blocking antibodies in patients with metastatic malignancies; the treatment was well tolerated even though a few autoimmune side effects were observed in some subjects	[71, 72••]
• Expression and function of PD-1 in SIV infection in macaques has many similarities with findings on PD-1 in HIV infection, making SIV a good preclinical model for interventional trials	[32, 33]
• In preclinical trials in the SIV-macaque model, administration of an anti–PD-1 antibody was well tolerated and led to increased SIV-specific CD8 and CD4 T-cell function and improved survival	[75••]
• In the same model, PD-1 was found to be upregulated on B cells; administration of a PD-1 antibody restored survival of memory B cells in vitro and enhanced titers of both non-SIV and SIV-specific antibody responses in vivo	[76••]

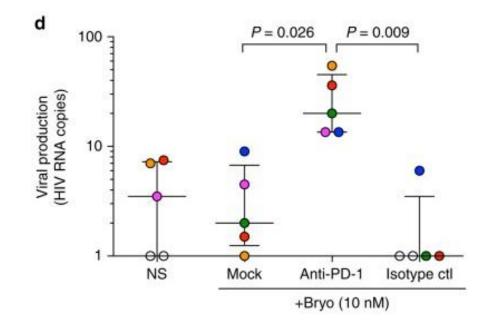
Porichis F, Kaufmann DE. Role of PD-1 in HIV pathogenesis and as target for therapy. Curr HIV/AIDS Rep 2012;9:81–90.

PD-1^{high} T-cells are the reservoir of HIV



Chomont N, El-Far M, Ancuta P, Trautmann L, Procopio F a, Yassine-Diab B, et al. HIV reservoir size and persistence are driven by T cell survival and homeostatic proliferation. Nat Med 2009;15:893–900.

Anti-PD-1 could sensitize to anti-retroviral therapies



[1] Fromentin R, DaFonseca S, Costiniuk CT, El-Far M, Procopio FA, Hecht FM, et al. PD-1 blockade potentiates HIV latency reversal ex vivo in CD4+ T cells from ART-suppressed individuals. Nat Commun 2019;10:814. doi:10.1038/s41467-019-08798-7.

Phase 1 study of pembrolizumab in people with HIV and cancer

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Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion

- Adults with biopsy proven cancers
 - Relapsed/Refractory
 - Ineligible for standard therapies
 - Tumors for which anti-PD-1 therapy indicated in HIV-uninfected patients
- On tolerable antiretroviral regimen ≥4 weeks with suppressed HIV
- Adequate organ function
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1

Exclusion

- On immunosuppressive therapy
- Hepatitis B or C by PCR
- Prior allogeneic transplant
- Uncontrolled CNS disease
- Other cancer therapy

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Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	All	Cohort 1 CD4⁺ 100-199 cells/µL	Cohort 2 CD4⁺ 200-350 cells/µL	Cohort 3 CD4 ⁺ >350 cells/µL
Number	30	6	12	12
Age, years (median, range)	57 (39,77)	53 (39,68)	54 (43,77)	58 (42,71)
Sex				
Men	28 (94%)	6	11	11
Women	2 (6%)	-	1	1
Race				
White	18 (60%)	4	9	5
African American	9 (30%)	1	3	5
Hispanic	3 (10%)	-	1	2
CD4⁺ T-cells/uL, median (range)	285 (103,966)	153 (103,184)	227 (204,343)	516 (351,966)
Undetectable HIV	26	6	10	10
ECOG Performance Status				
0	16 (53.3%)	2	6	8
1	14 (46.7%)	4	6	4
Prior systemic therapy, median (range)	2 (0-8)	3 (1-4)	3 (1-8)	2 (0-8)
Prior radiation	19 (63%)	5	11	3

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Cancers

Cancer	All	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
		CD4+ 100-199 cells/µL	CD4+ 200-350 cells/µL	CD4⁺ >350 cells/µL
AIDS Defining	11			
Kaposi sarcoma	6		2	4
Primary Effusion Lymphoma	2	1	1	
Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma	3		1	2
Non-AIDS Defining	19			
Anal Cancer	6	4	2	
Tonsillar cancer	1			
Metastatic skin, squamous cell cancer	3	1	1	1
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	1		1	
Hepatocellular Carcinoma	1		1	
Sarcomatoid Lung Cancer	1			1
Bladder Cancer	2			2
Pancreatic Cancer	1			1
Cholangiocarcinoma	1		1	
Prostate cancer	1		1	
Adenoid cystic carcinoma	1			1

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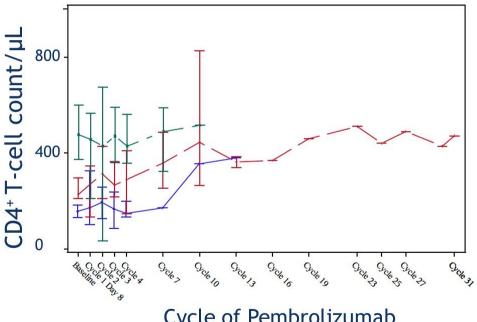
HIV Viral Load and CD4⁺ T-cells on Therapy

- HIV remained suppressed in . all participants
- CD4⁺ T-cells: •

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- **Overall median increase** 19 cells/ μ L (p=0.18)
- Median increase 152 cells/µL in participants with SD \geq 24 weeks or better (p=0.13)

CD4⁺T-cell Counts Over Time



Cycle of Pembrolizumab

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Adverse Events at Least Possibly Attributed to Pembrolizumab

- 183 cycles administered
- Median 5 cycles (range 1-32)
- 80% of treatment emergent adverse events Grade 1-2
- Majority of serious adverse events were cancer related

TEAEs occurring in > 15% of Participants				
Adverse Event	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Total (%)
Anemia	4	5	3	13 (43%)
Fatigue	7	3		10(33%)
Hypothyroidism	2	6		8 (27%)
Nausea	6	1		7 (23%)
Alk Phos increased	4	2		6 (20%)
Lymphocytes decreased	3	2	1	6 (20%)
Pruritus	5			5(17%)

Grade 3-4 TEAEs	s
Adverse Event	Grade 3
Anemia	3
AST/ALT increased	1
Lymphocyte decreased	1
CD4 Lymphocyte decreased	1
Neutrophil decreased	1
Edema (limbs)	1
Soft Tissue Infection	1
TOTAL	10

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Immune Related Events of Clinical Interest

- Immune related adverse events of clinical interest ≥ grade 2
- Management
- Holding pembrolizumab and administering steroids
- Hypothyroidism: levothyroxine and continued pembrolizumab

Immune Related Events of Clinical InterestAdverse EventnHypothyroidism6Pneumonitis3Rash2LFT abnormalities1Musculoskeletal1

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KSHV-lymphoproliferative disorder

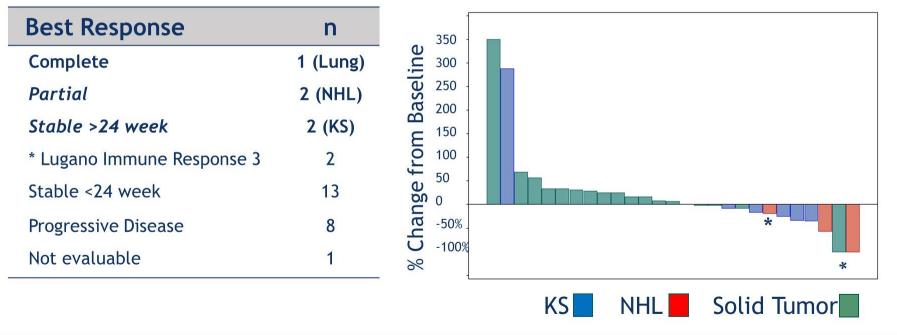
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Best Overall Response

Waterfall Plot



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Activity Observed in Each Cohort

- **Cohort 1** Primary effusion lymphoma 48 years old, ART for 7+ years 13 cycles - Partial Response
- Cohort 2 Non small cell lung cancer 54 years old, ART for 15+ years 32 cycles - Complete Response

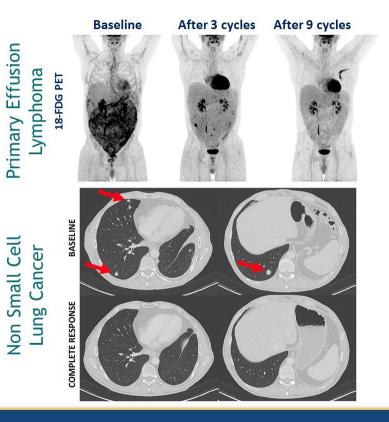
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Cohort 3 Hepatocellular carcinoma 60 years old, ART for 20+ years 11 cycles AFP >20,000 ng/mL decrease to 10 ng/ml dramatic response in bone disease Response lasting > 2 years since last dose of pembrolizumab

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Phase II study of durvalumab (MEDI4736) in HIV-1infected cancer patients

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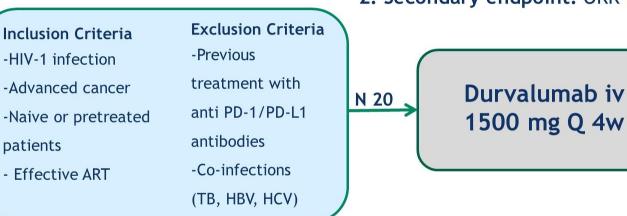
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Study Objectives and Design: DURVAST (NCT 03094286)

1. Primary endpoint: Feasibility /Safety



2. Secondary endpoint: ORR (RECIST v1.1), PFS, OS

Follow-up Treatment until PD* or toxicity *Treatment continuation was allowed in case of PD with clinical benefit

3. Exploratory endpoints:

- 3.1. HIV reservoir, virus replication, composition of circulating T cells
- 3.2. Molecular predictive factors of antitumoral activity/safety

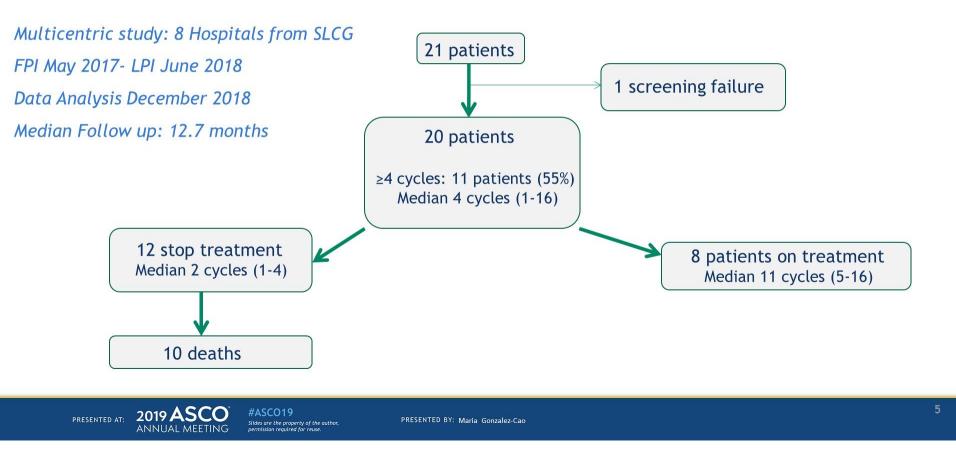


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Cohort Disposition



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Baseline characteristics

	n= 20
Age, median (range), y	54 (30-73)
Male sex, n (%)	16 (80%)
ECOG PS 0-1, n (%)	19 (95%)
Non smokers, n (%)	2 (10%)
Number of previous lines, median (range) 0, n (%) 1, n (%) ≥2, n (%)	1 (0-3) 8 (40%) 8 (40%) 4 (20%)
Tumor type, n (%) NSCLC Non Squamous NSCLC Squamous SCLC Melanoma Anal carcinoma Bladder carcinoma	11 (55%) 3 (15%) 1 (5%) 2 (10%) 2 (10%) 1 (5%)
PD-L1 (TPS%)*, n (%) Negative (<1%) Low (1-49%) High (>50%)	11 (55%) 1 (5%) 3 (15%)
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Baseline characteristics

	n=20
HIV group transmission, n (%) IDU MSM Heterosexual Unknown	8 (40%) 6 (30%) 4 (20%) 2 (10%)
Duration of HIV infection years, median (range)	16 (3-32.9)
Duration of ART years, median (range)	10 (2-20)
Plasma viral load (pVL) ≤50 copies of HIV RNA/ml	20 (100%)
Basal CD4 count , cells per mm3, n (%) 100-199 200-350 >350	1 (5%) 8 (40%) 11 (55%)
ART therapy, n (%) NRTIs + INSTI NRTIs + NNRTIs	14 (70%) 6 (30%)

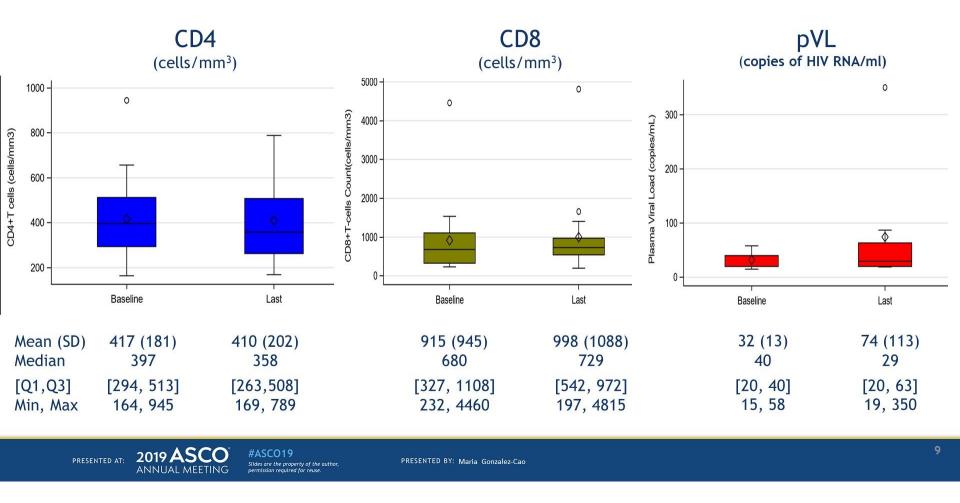
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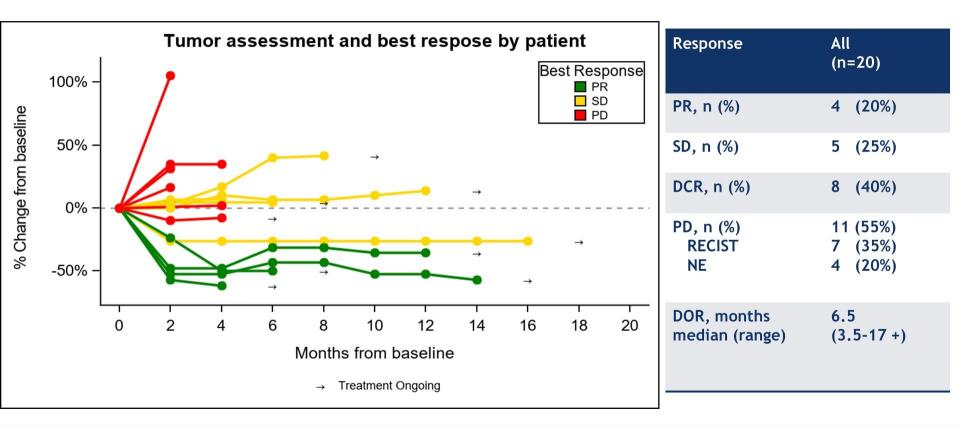
Adverse Events (AEs)					
Non-Drug related AEs, n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Any	23 (75%)	10 (50%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)
Respiratory infection	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)
Neurological	0	0	0	0	1 (5%)
Arterial ischemia	0	0	0	1 (5%)	0
Hypotension	0	3 (15%)	0	0	0
Fever	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	0	0	0
Arthromyalgia	11 (55%)	2 (10%)	0	0	0
Asthenia	9 (45%)	2 (10%)	0	0	0
Nausea-vomiting	5 (25%)	0	0	0	0
Constipation	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	0	0	0
Disphagia	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	0	0	0
Diarrhoea	2 (10%)	2 (10%)	0	0	0
Skin AEs	3 (15%)	0	0	0	0
Neutropenia	0	1 (5%)	0	0	0
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T cell count and plasma viral load



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Tumor Response (RECIST v1.1)

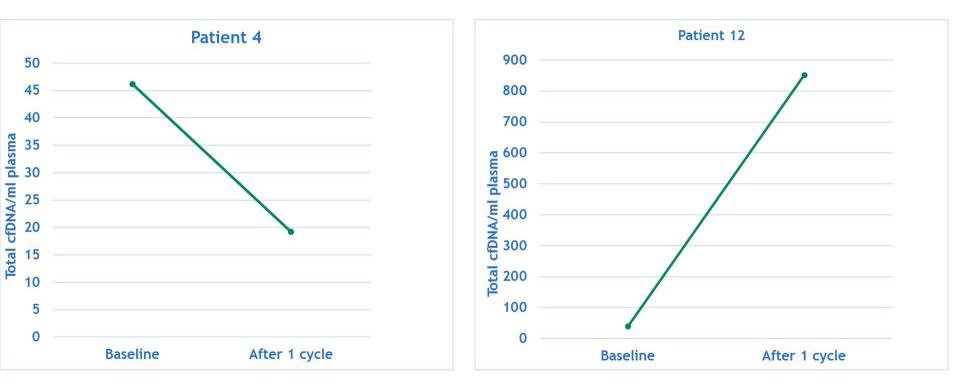


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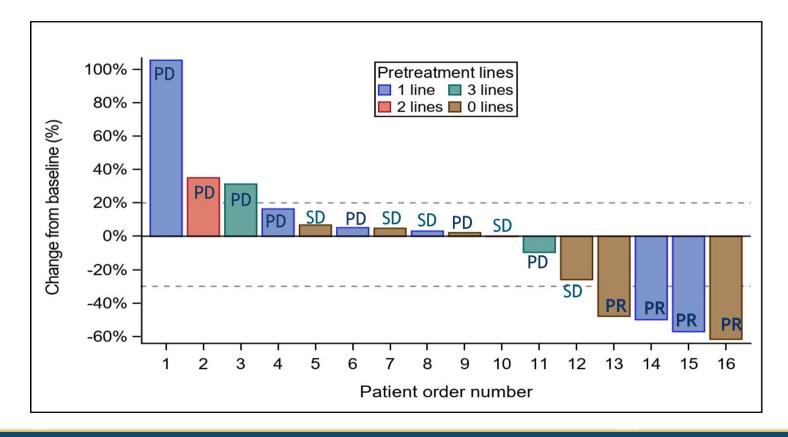
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Tumor Response (RECIST v1.1) according to number of previous lines

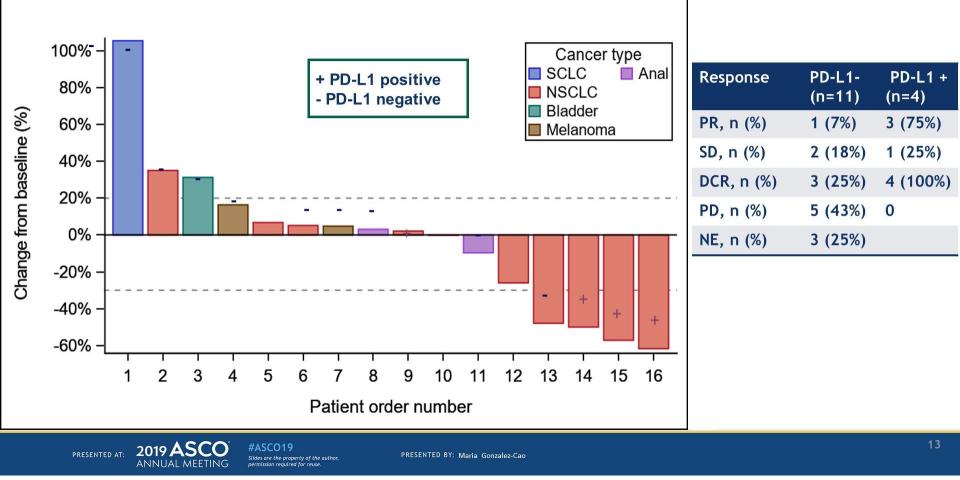


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Tumor Response (RECIST v1.1) according to PD-L1 expression



Take Home Messages

- no new safety signals of anti-PD(L)1 in HCV, HBV & HIV chronically infected patients
- safe and efficacious treatment option in those patient populations
- several ongoing prospective clinical trials ongoing
- these patients should not be excluded from anti-PD(L)1 monotherapies

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