

ESMO ADVANCED COURSE ON LUNG CANCER IN IMMUNOTHERAPY

Management of IO toxicity

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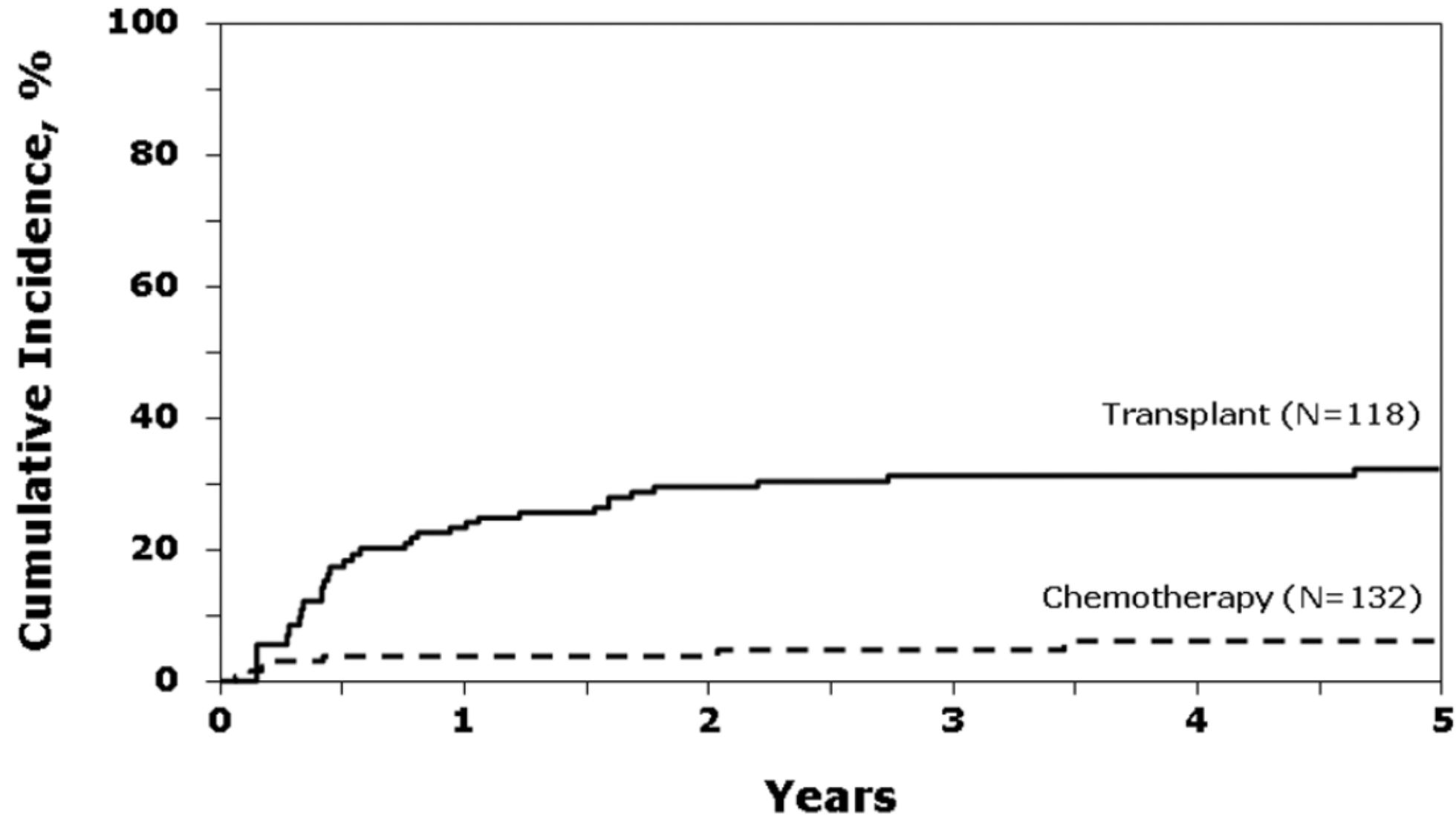
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Finding the balance between efficacy and toxicity



Marie Boyle: 'Cherish'

How much toxicity from IO treatment do we accept?



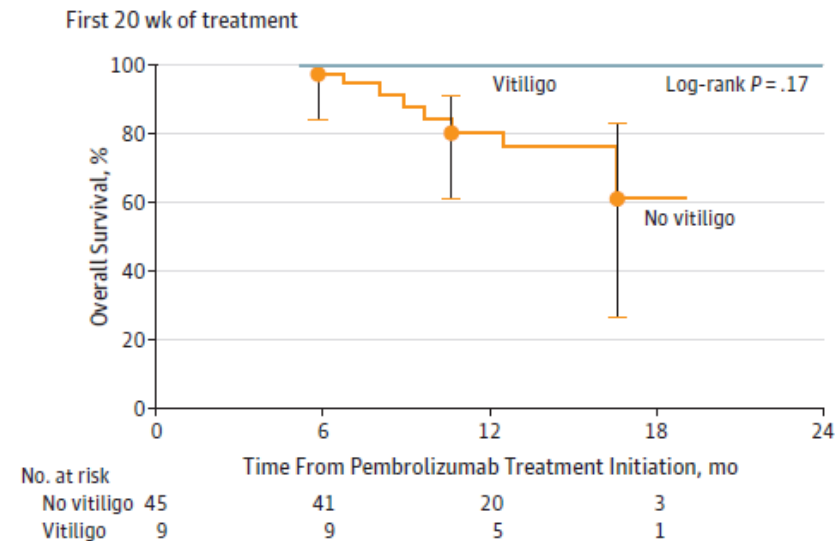
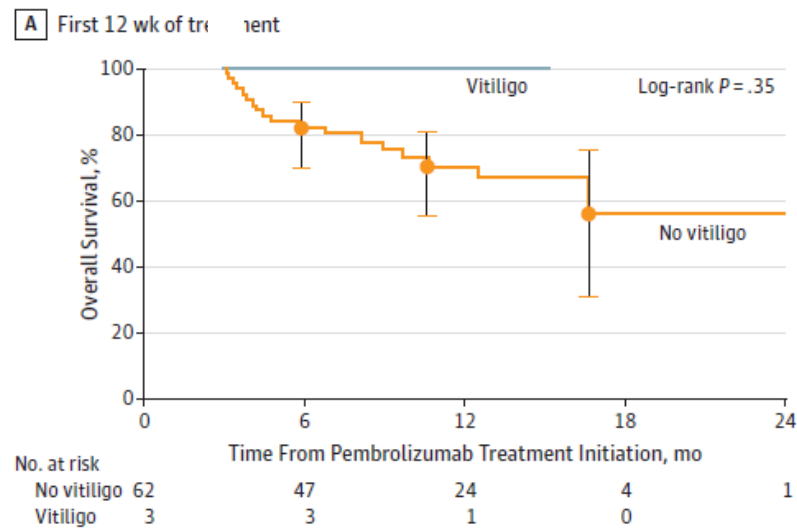
Correlation between irAE and efficacy in NSCLC treated with anti-PD-(L)1

Study	ICI	n	Grade ≥ 3 irAEs, %	RR, %		PFS, mo		OS, mo		Cycles, n	
				irAEs	No irAEs	irAE's	No irAEs	irAEs	No irAEs	irAEs	No irAEs
Ricciuti et al. ¹²	Nivolumab	195	7.6	43.5	10.0	5.7	2.0	17.8	4.0	13	2.5
Moor et al. ¹³	Nivolumab	196	13.2	NR	NR	5.9	2.5	23.8	6.4	NR	NR
Toi et al. ¹⁴	Nivolumab	70	NR	57	12	12	3.6	NR	NR	12	7 ^a
Haratani et al. ¹⁵	Nivolumab	134	9	52	28	9.2	4.8	Not R	11.1	NR	NR
Teraoka et al. ^{16,b}	Nivolumab	43	0	37	17	6.4	1.5	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sato et al. ¹⁷	Nivolumab	38	NR	64	7.4	Not R	1.6	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lisberg et al. ^c	Pembrolizumab	97	3.1	39.5	8.9	8.2	2	16.4	4.8	NR ^d	NR
Von Pawel et al. ^{19,b}	Atezolizumab	823	6.0	22.3	9.9	5.4	2.3	20.7	10.6	NR	NR
Kfoury et al. ²⁰	Anti-PD-1/PD-L1	618 ^e	Grade ≥ 2 28.3% ^e	NR	NR	14.2	13.4	23.7	16.2	NR	NR
Toi et al. ²¹	Anti-PD-1	137	NR ^f	52	13	10.3	3.4	Not R	11.4	NR	NR
Shafqat et al. ²²	Anti-PD-1/PD-L1	157 ^g	11.4	NR	NR	24.4	4.2	NR	NR	NR	NR

Vitiligo and clinical response to pembrolizumab

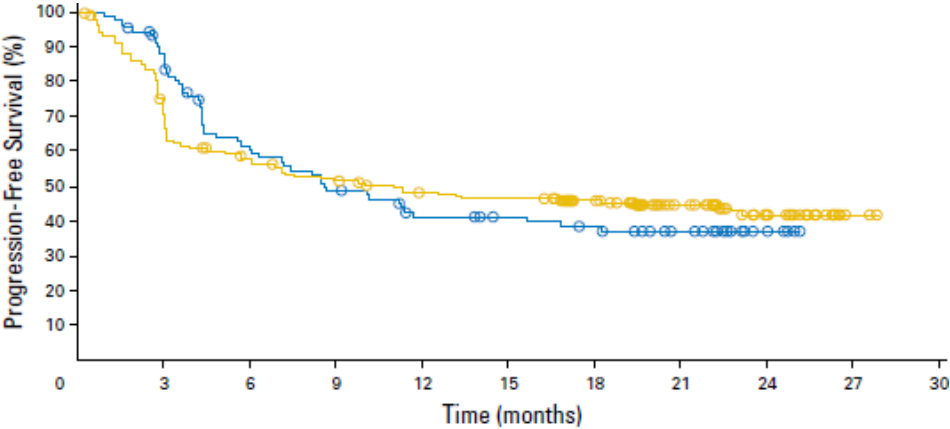


Patient	CR	PR	SD	PD	p*
Vitiligo (N=17)	3 (18)	9 (53)	3 (18)	2 (12)	0.002
Non vitiligo (N=50)	4 (8)	10 (20)	1 (2)	35 (70)	
Total (N=67)	7 (10)	19 (28)	4 (6)	36 (54)	
*Complete/partial response versus stable/ progressive disease/progression progression in patients disease/progression in patients with and without vitiligo, exact fisher test					

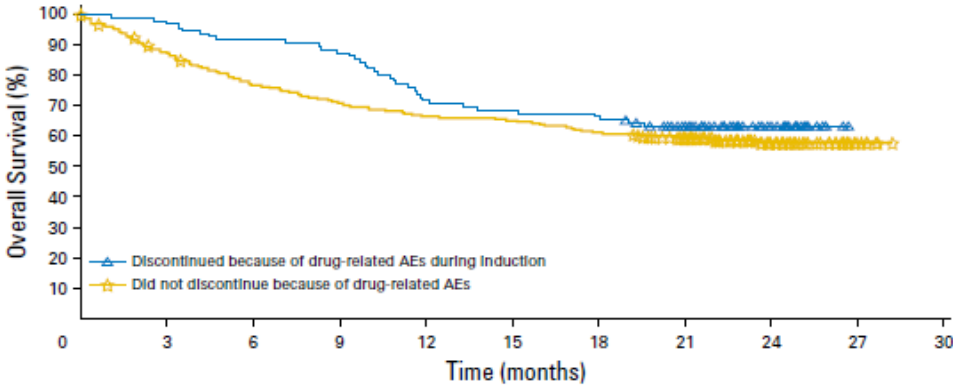


Correlation between irAE and efficacy in melanoma treated with anti-PD-1

Pooled analysis of PFS and OS of CheckMate-069 and-067: ipi/nivo



No. at risk:										
Discontinued because of treatment-related AE during Induction phase	96	74	50	41	32	29	26	18	5	0
Did not discontinue because of treatment-related AE	233	139	121	109	99	96	83	48	20	2



No. at risk:										
Discontinued because of drug-related AEs during Induction	98	93	88	84	69	66	64	52	23	0
Did not discontinue because of drug-related AEs	233	201	175	162	152	148	140	117	50	6



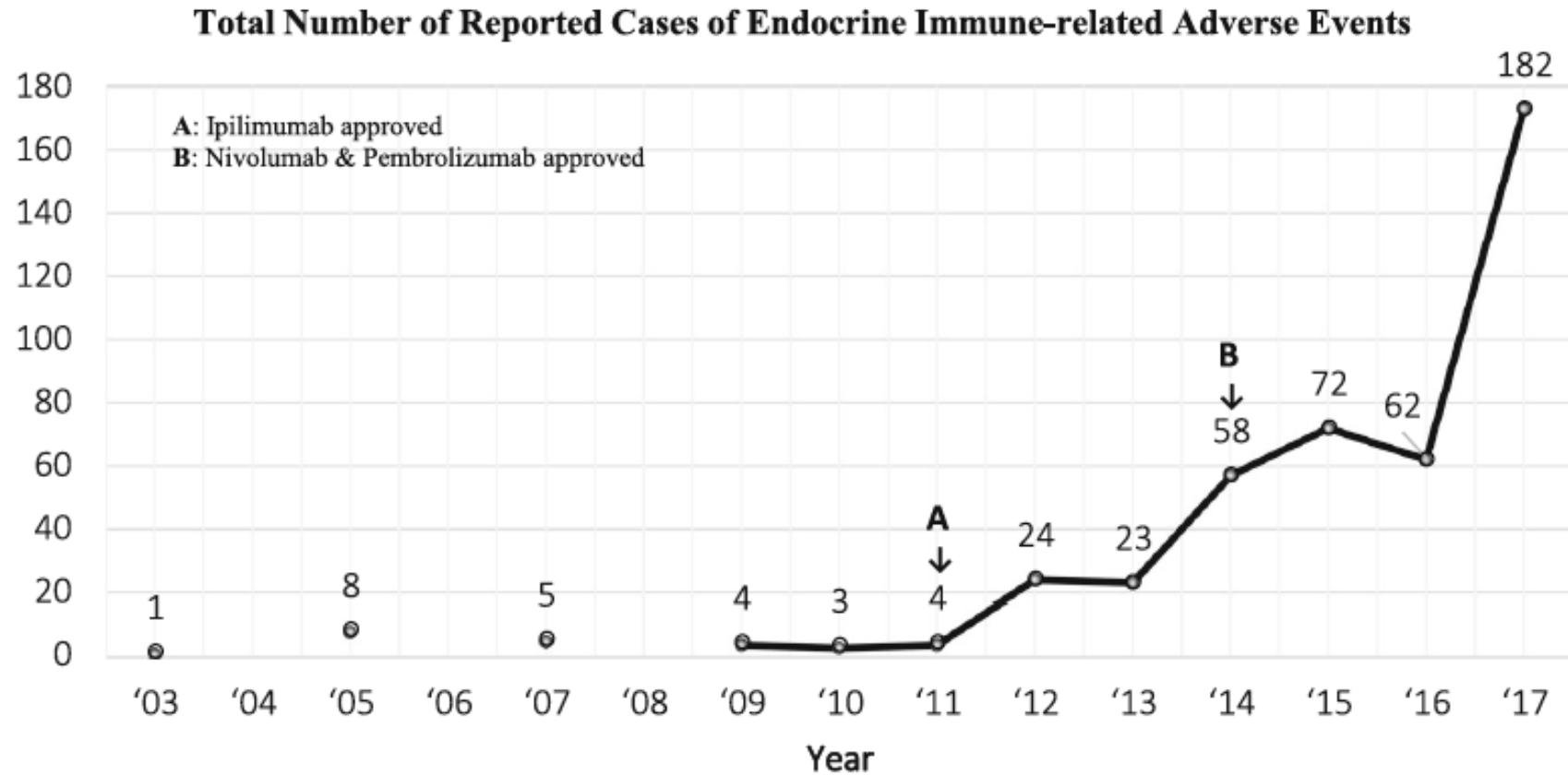
What do we know about IO toxicities?

- What has been reported in peer-reviewed journals
 - Phase 1, phase 2, phase 3 and phase 4 trials
 - Expanded access programs
 - Compassionate use or Named Patient Programs
 - Case reports
 - Reports on real-world data
- Eminence-based (personal experience)
- How well are IO toxicities reported in clinical trial?
- What should we look at?
 - Treatment related AE?
 - Immune related AE?
 - All grade toxicity rate?
 - Grade 3-4 toxicity rate?
 - Grade 5 toxicity rate?
 - Treatment discontinuation rate?
 - Treatment delay?
 - Duration of AE (to grade 1 or lower)?

Checkpoint blockade drug classes and FDA/EMA-approved indications

Drug class	Name	Disease sites approved										MSI-H
		Melanoma	NSCLC	RCC	HL	Urothelial	HNSCC	Merkel	MSI-H CRC	Gastric	HCC	
CTLA4 blockade	Ipilimumab	x		x								
	Tremelimumab											
PD1 blockade	Nivolumab	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	
	Pembrolizumab	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	
PDL1 blockade	Atezolizumab		x			x						
	Durvalumab		x			x						
	Avelumab					x		x				

Increase in frequency of reported of ir-endocrinopathies by ICI over the past 15 years



How do we treat IO toxicities?

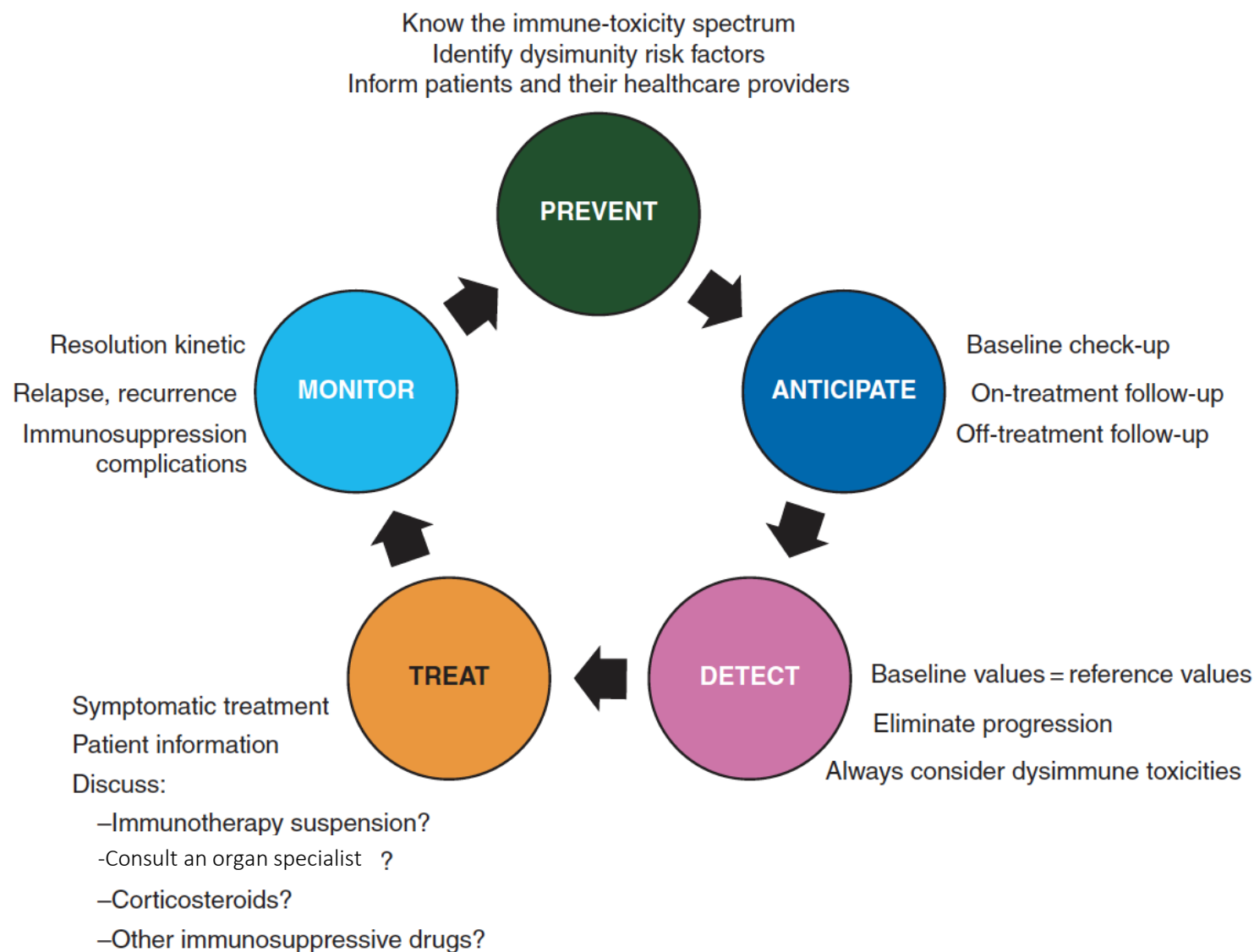


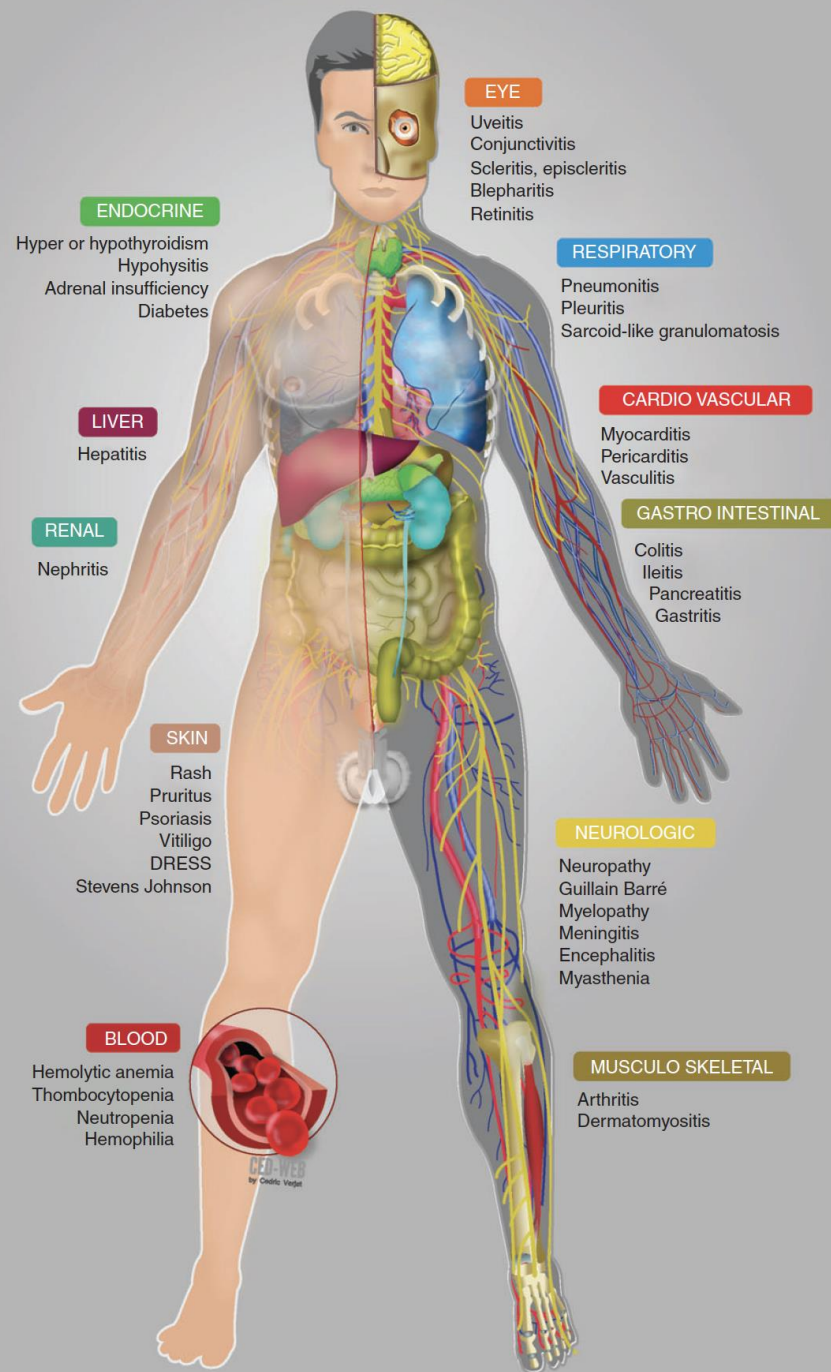
- Pharma developed algorithms
- 2017: ESMO Guidelines
- 2017: SITC Guidelines
- 2018: ASCO Guidelines
- 2018: NCCN Guidelines

None of the Guidelines are based on outcomes of randomized controlled trials!

- Based on recommendations coming from treatment of auto-immune diseases, organ transplantations
- Empirically obtained data from key opinion leaders in the field
- Based on assumed mechanism of action of IO drugs

How should a patient starting with IO treatment be approached?







Case

56-year old male patient. No comorbidities (no autoimmune disease)

2007: Superficial spreading melanoma on the back (left side). Breslow: 1.9 mm, no ulceration, pT2a

Nov 2018: bulky irresectable axillary metastases

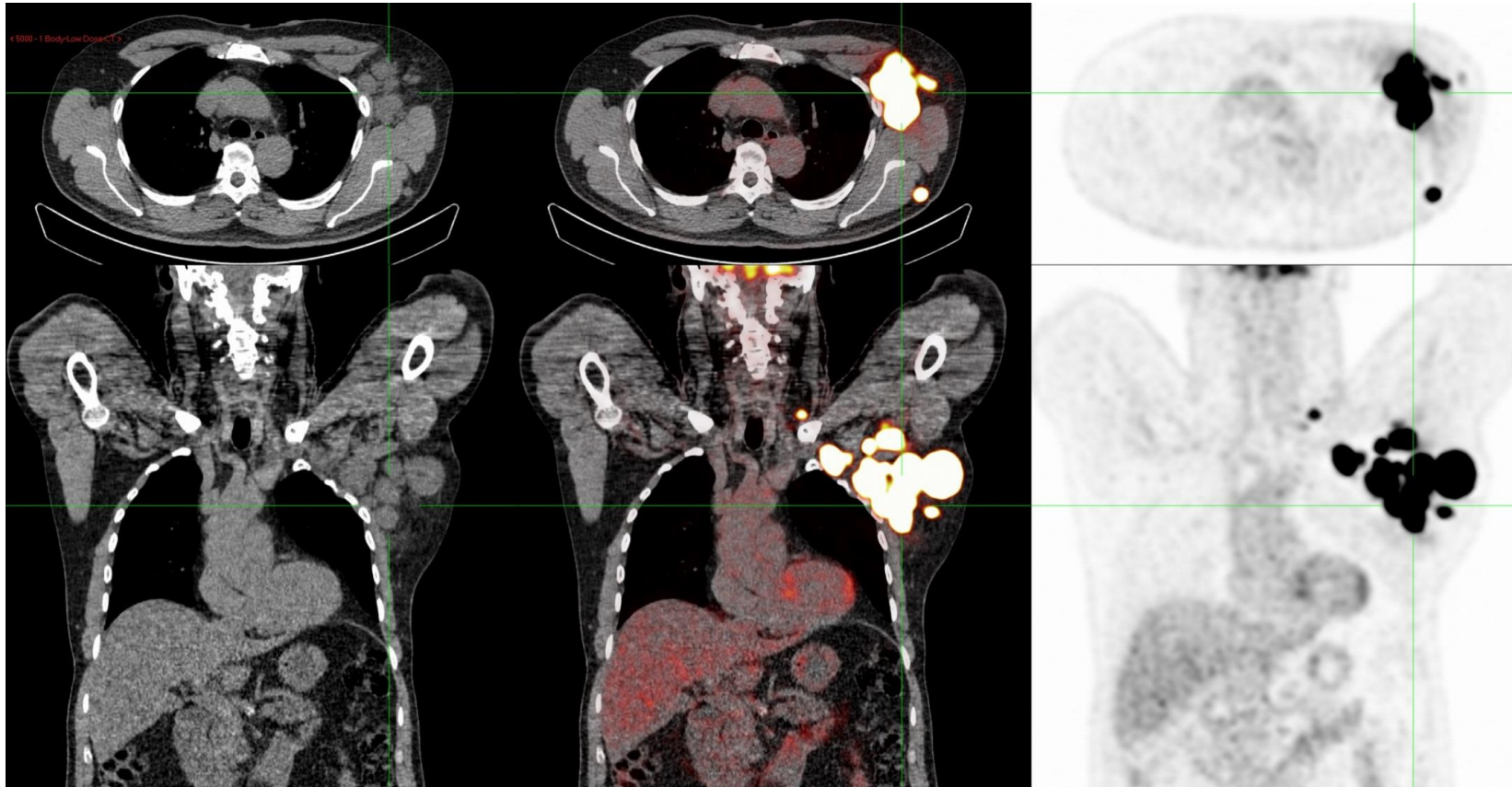
NRAS Q61 mutation

No brain metastases

Lab: normal LDH

Referred to NKI

PET-CT-scan December 2018





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No brain metastases

Lab: LDH normal, S100b: 1.73 µg/L (ULN: 0.10 µg/L)

Referred to NKI

Discussed in Multidisciplinary Team: advise: start ipilimumab + nivolumab

Dec 2018: start ipi 3 mg/kg + nivo 1 mg/kg

Case



Jan 2019: 2nd course ipi/nivo: no side effects of treatment

Lab: S100b: 2.49 µg/L; LDH 316 U/L (ULN 250 U/L)

1 week later: Nausea, loss of appetite, especially coffee, headaches under control with paracetamol.

Started to cough once in while, dry, not productive. On physical exam: no abnormalities

Works 40 hrs/week, but more tired in the evenings

2 weeks later: slow deterioration, weight loss of 10 kg as of start of treatment

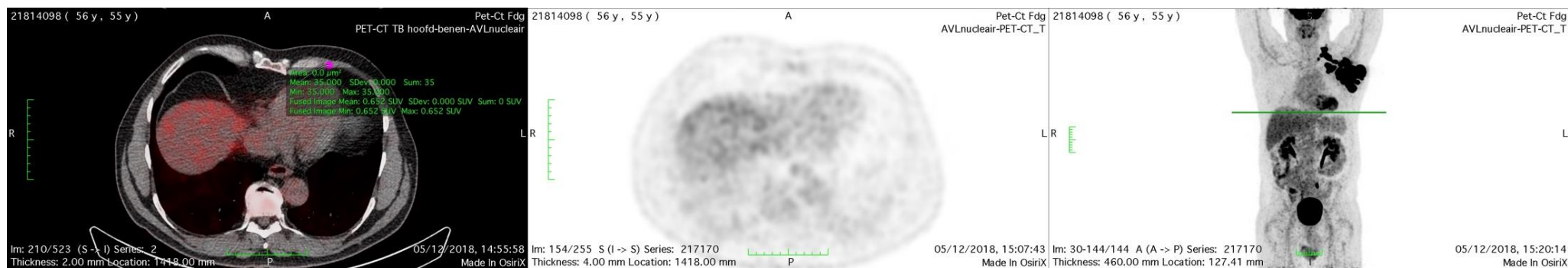
Worked now 50%. More tired. Dyspnea on exertion, no cough, no diarrhea, no abdominal pain, no rash.

Lab: further increase in S100b and LDH, rest including hormonal axes normal

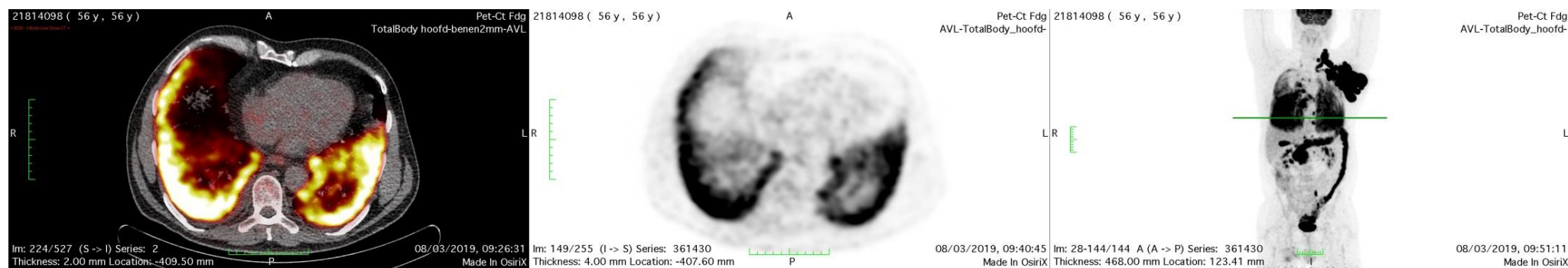
3rd ipi + nivo was given, but because of likelihood of disease progression, PET was performed

PET/CT evaluation after 2 courses of ipilimumab/nivolumab

Dec 2018



Mar 2019



Case



PET: more or less stable disease of left axillary metastases

Inflamed lower lung lobes

Symmetric mediastinal lymphadenopathy

Pleural effusion

Inflamed upper and lower GI tract, pancreas

Now also complaints of diarrhea, more nausea and increased shortness of breath.

Oxygen saturation: 91%

Lab: S100b stable: 4.56 µg/L and LDH 346 U/L, no other abnormalities

Multiple grade 1-2 (clinically) immune related adverse events:

- Upper GI tract
- Colitis
- Pancreatitis
- Pneumonitis
- Sarcoid-like disease

Case

Started with prednisone 1 mg/kg (100 mg)

1 week later: Diarrhea gone (normal stools); regained appetite, dyspnea more or less the same (Oxygen saturation: 95%)

Steroids were tapered after 2 weeks of high dose

During tapering he started complaining of dry and irritated eyes

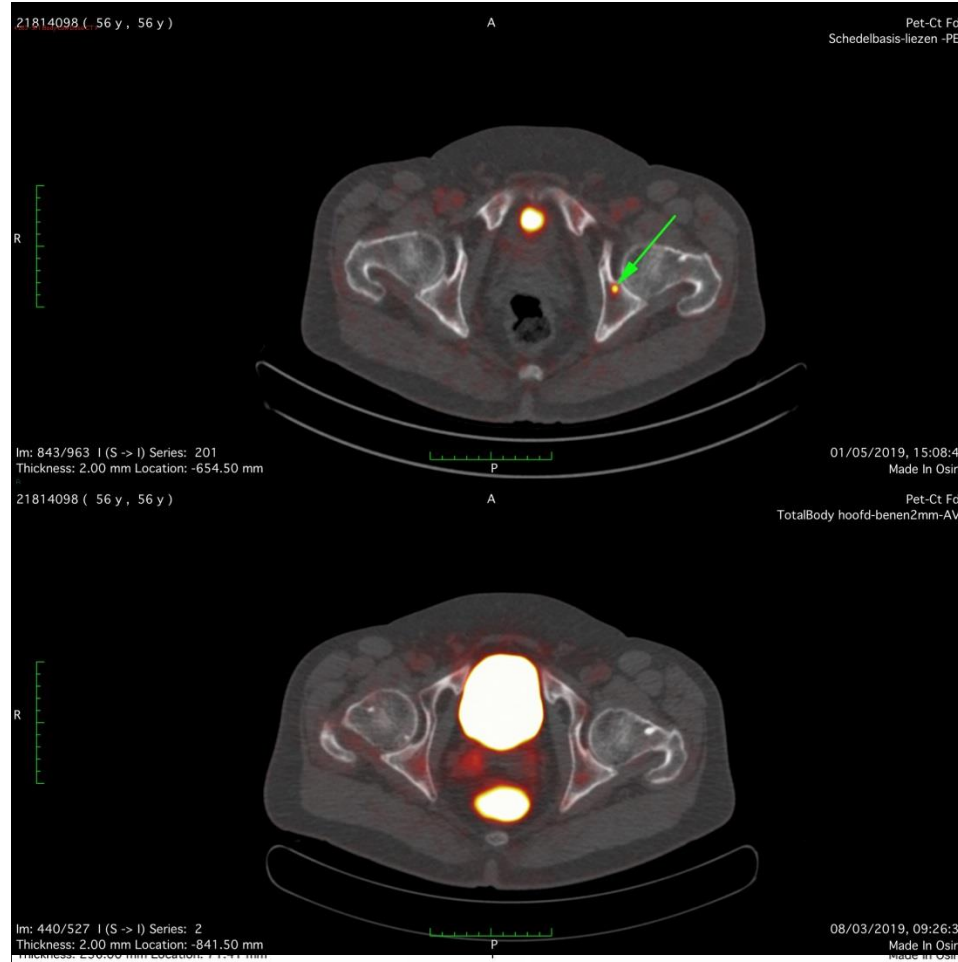


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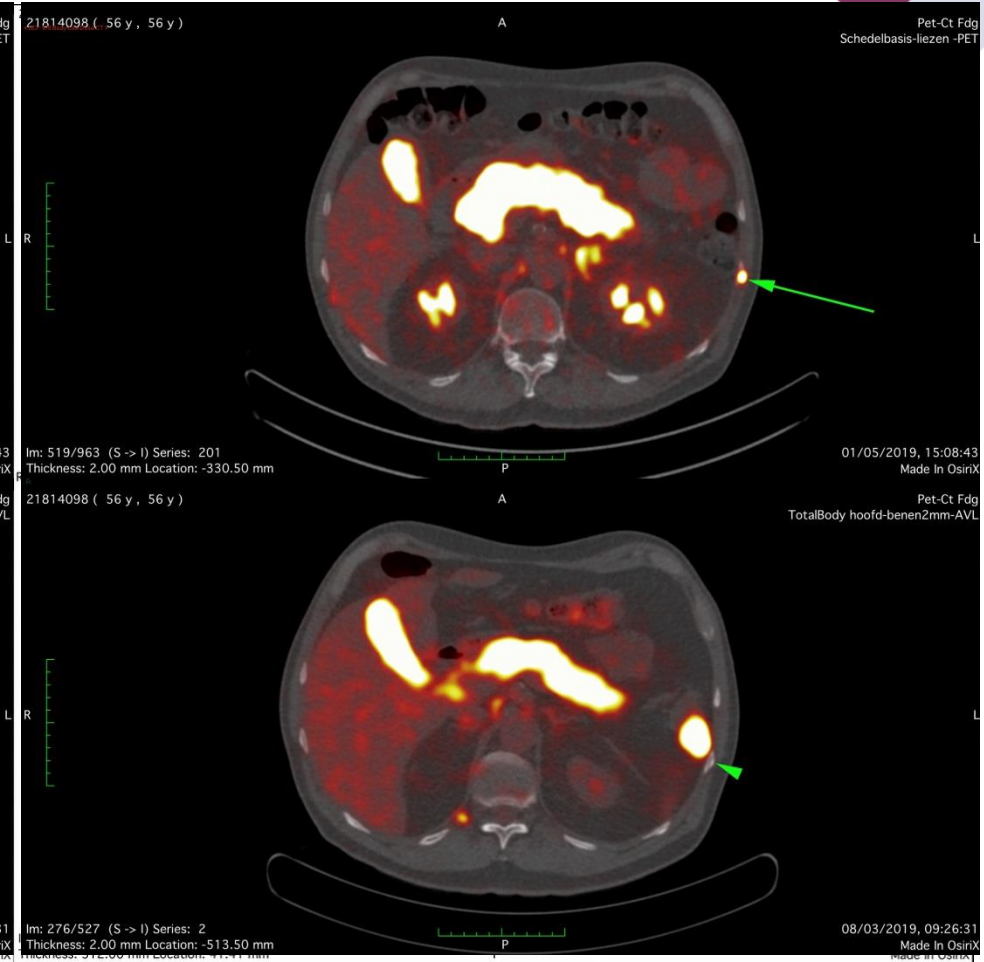
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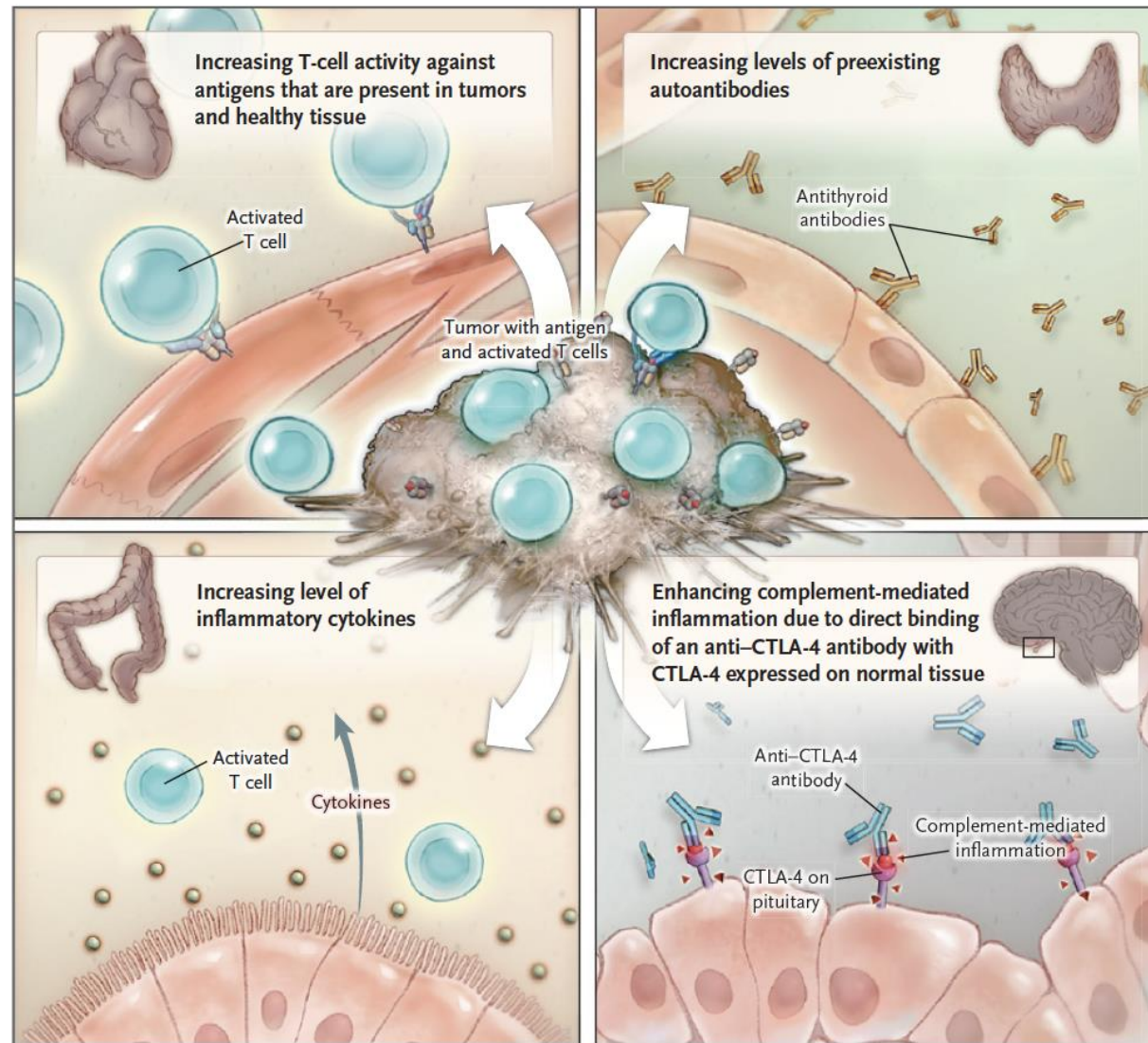
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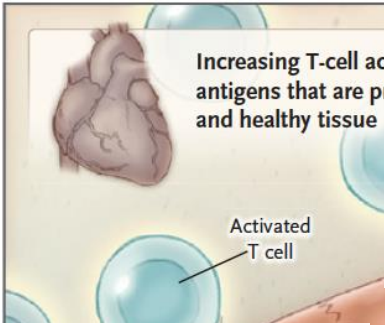
S100b: 8.91 mg/L
sLDH: 689 U/L

4.14 mg/L
347 U/L

Potential mechanism by which immune related adverse events develop



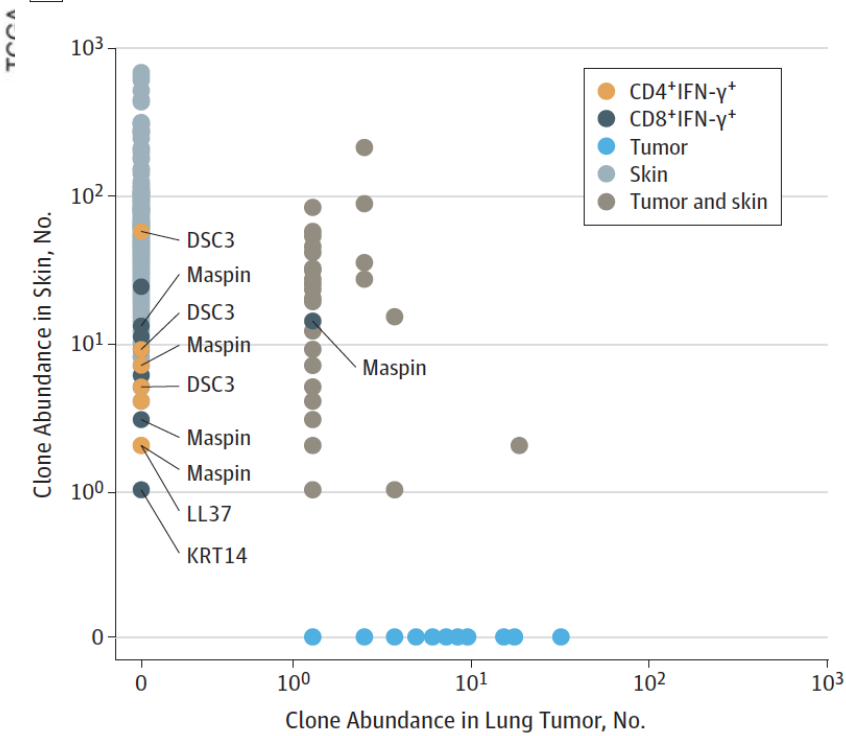
Increasing T cell activity against antigens that are present in tumors and healthy tissue



JAMA Oncology | Brief Report

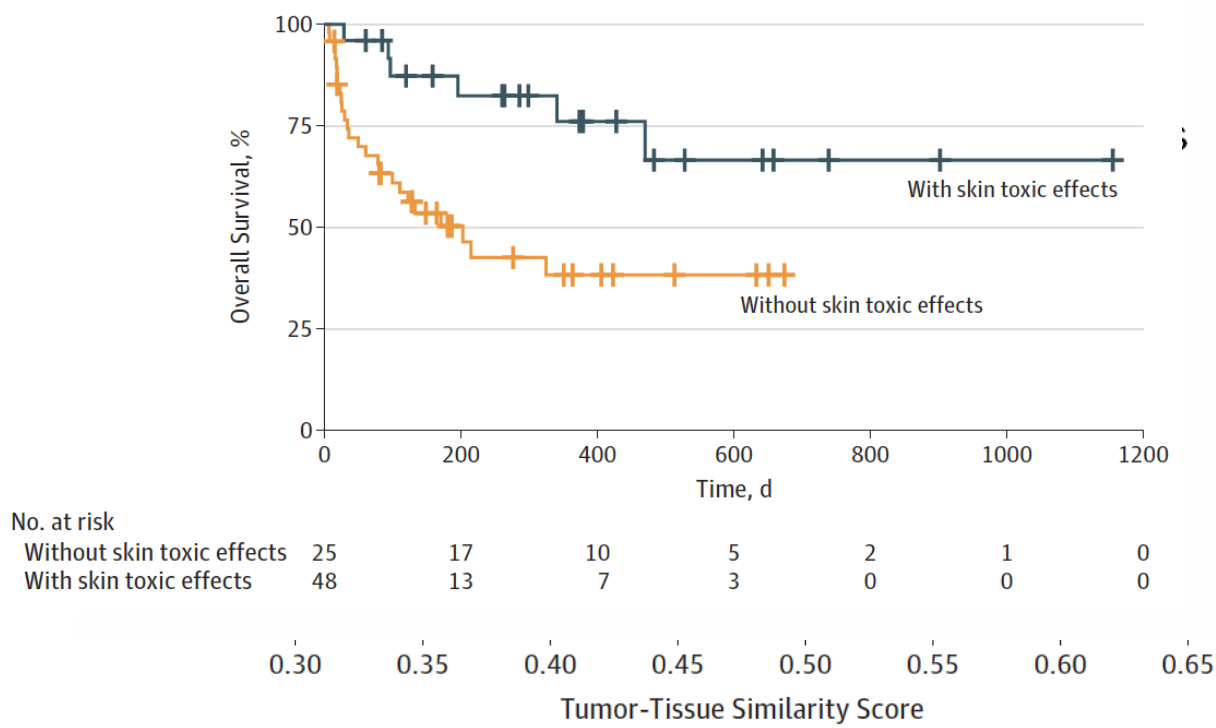
Association of Checkpoint Inhibitor-Induced Toxic Effects With Shared Cancer and Tissue Antigens in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

B Shared TCRβ sequences



A Patients treated with nivolumab

C Kaplan-Meier analysis



Autoantibody Development under Treatment with Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors

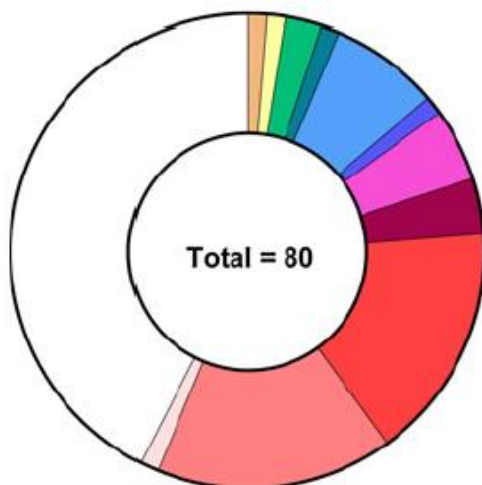
Emma C. de Moel¹, Elisa A. Rozeman², Ellen H. Kapiteijn³, Els M.E. Verdegaal³, Annette Grummels⁴, Jaap A. Bakker⁴, Tom W.J. Huizinga¹, John B. Haanen^{2,3}, René E.M. Toes¹, and Diane van der Woude¹



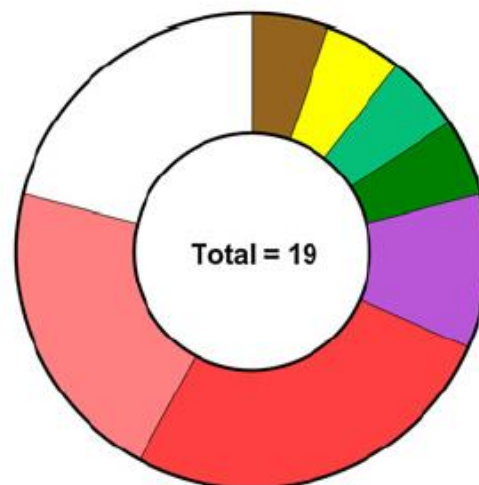
Pre-ipilimumab auto-antibody (AA) negative pts



Did not develop
autoantibodies



Developed
autoantibodies



- 127 pts treated with ipilimumab
- 19% developed AA
- Mostly anti-TPO and anti-TG
- 15/19 (79%) pts that developed AA had irAE
- 46/80 (57%) pts with no AA developed irAE
- No correlation with specific AA and organ-specific irAE

Direct binding of anti-CTLA-4 to CTLA-4 expressed on normal tissue

Hypophysitis Secondary to Cytotoxic T-Lymphocyte—Associated Protein 4 Blockade

Insights into Pathogenesis from an Autopsy Series

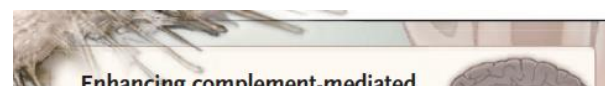
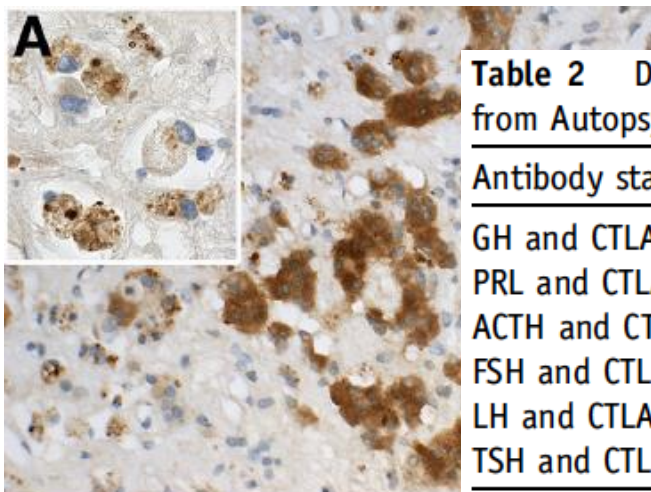


Table 2 Distribution of Hormone-Secreting and CTLA-4—Expressing Pituitary Cells by Double Indirect Immunofluorescence in the Gland from Autopsy Case 6


Antibody stainings	Total endocrine cells	Hormone-positive cells*	CTLA-4—positive cells*	Double-positive cells
GH and CTLA-4	116	64 (55)	1 (0.9)	0
PRL and CTLA-4	110	22 (20)	2 (1.8)	0
ACTH and CTLA-4	92	13 (14)	1 (1.1)	0
FSH and CTLA-4	114	12 (10)	3 (2.6)	2
LH and CTLA-4	106	6 (6)	2 (1.9)	2
TSH and CTLA-4	128	5 (4)	1 (0.8)	1

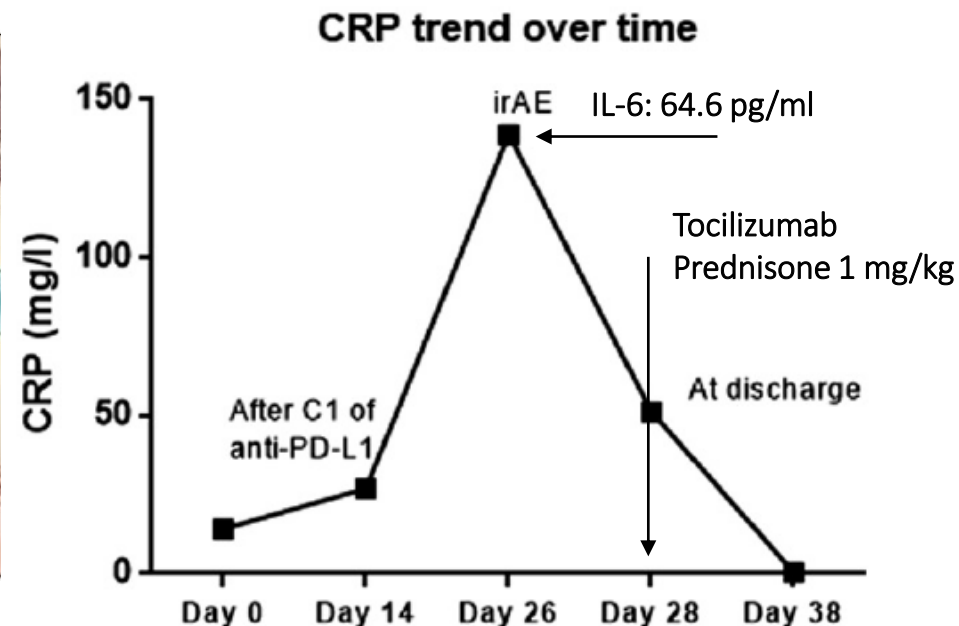
Increasing levels of inflammatory cytokines



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Interleukin-6 as one of the potential mediators of immune-related adverse events in non-small cell lung cancer patients treated with immune checkpoint blockade: evidence from a case report

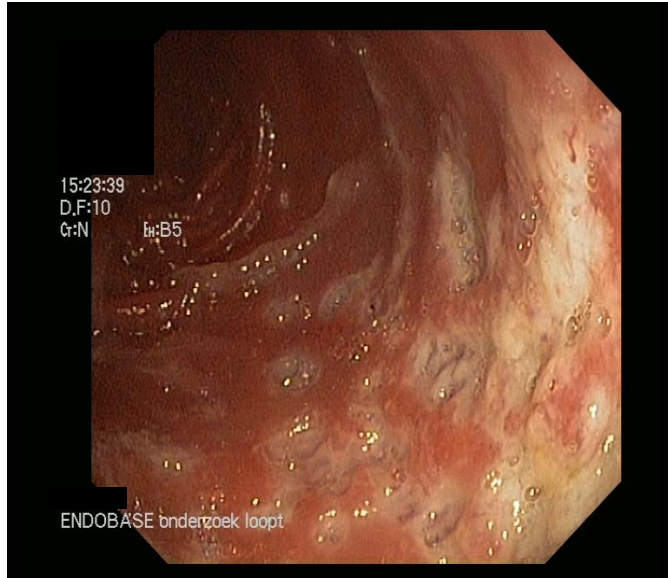
Abdul Rafeh Naqash^a , Li V. Yang^a, Edward J. Sanderlin^a, Druid C. Atwell^a and Paul R. Walker^b



Immune related Adverse Events associated with anti-CTLA4

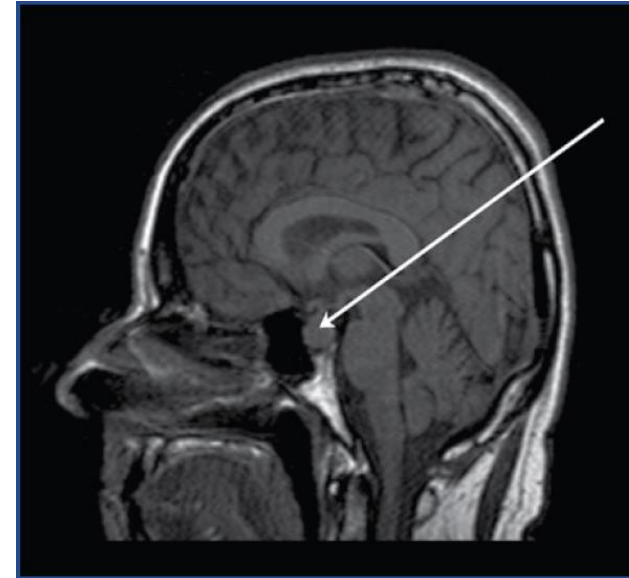


colitis



Thyroiditis
Hepatitis
Pneumonitis
Nephritis
Meningitis
etc.

hypophysitis



vitiligo

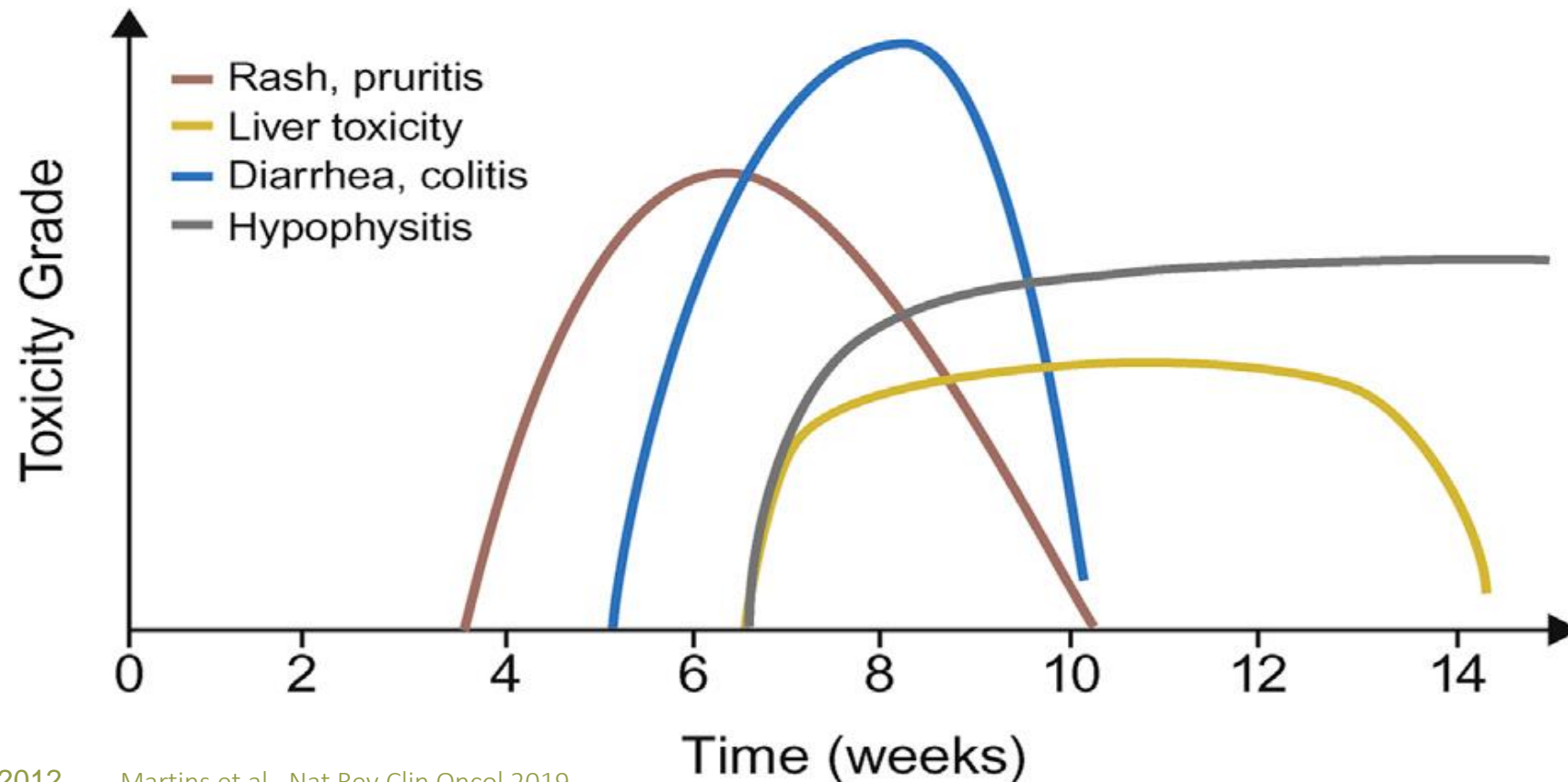


dermatitis



irAE Kinetics of ipilimumab

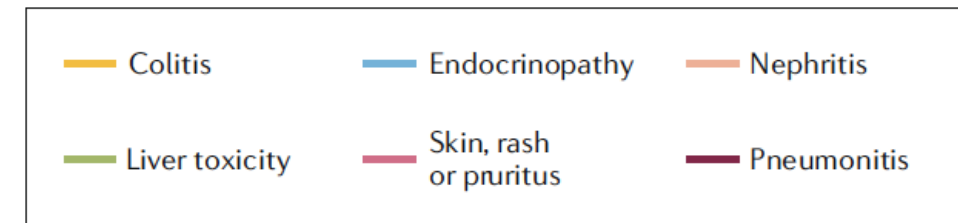
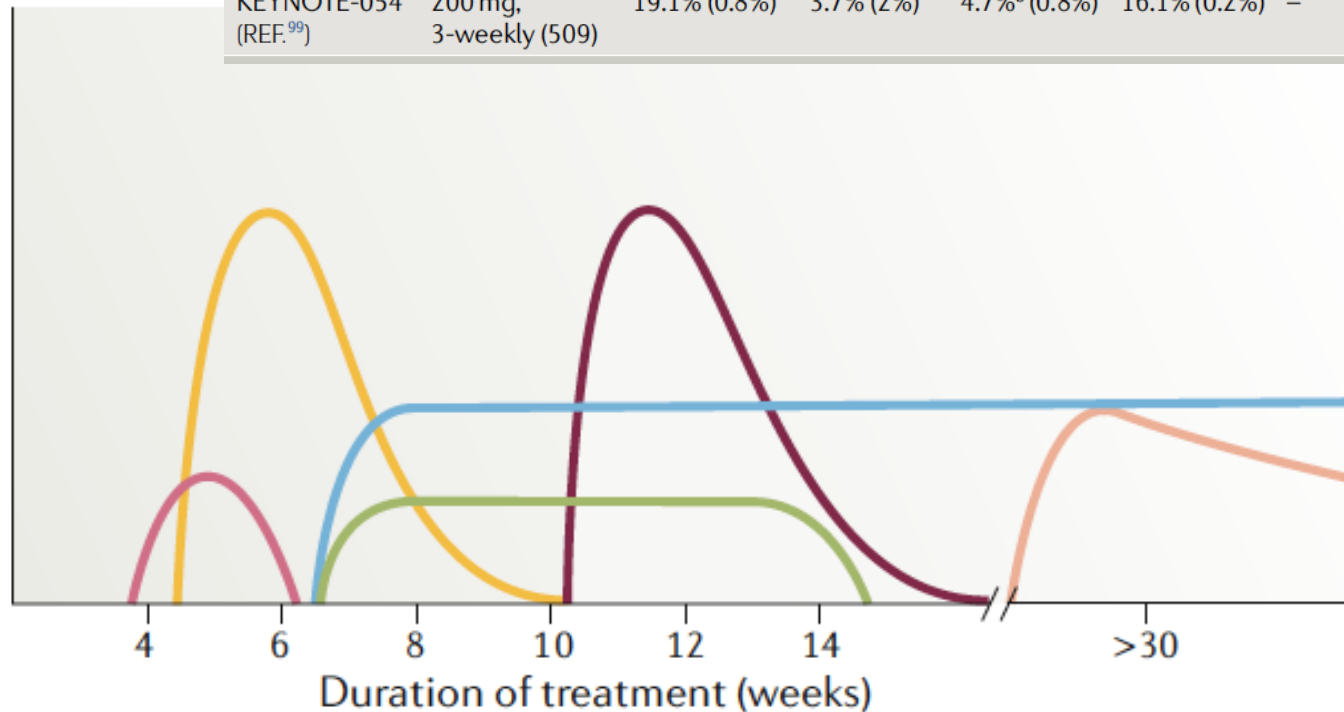
Study details		Any-grade adverse events (grade ≥ 3 adverse events)							
Study	Dose (n)	Diarrhoea	Colitis	Pulmonary	Rash	Neurological	Endocrinopathy	Hepatic	Renal
Ipilimumab									
EORTC 18071 (REF. ¹⁷)	10 mg/kg, 3-weekly (471)	41.2% (9.8%)	15.5% (8.2%)	–	34.2% (1.1%)	4.5% (1.9%)	37.8% (7.8%)	24.4% (10.9%)	–
Hodi et al. ¹⁶⁶	3 mg/kg, 3-weekly (131)	27.5% (4.6%)	7.6% (5.3%)	–	19.1% (0.8%)	–	7.6% (3.8%)	3.8% (0%)	–



irAE kinetics of anti-PD-(L)1

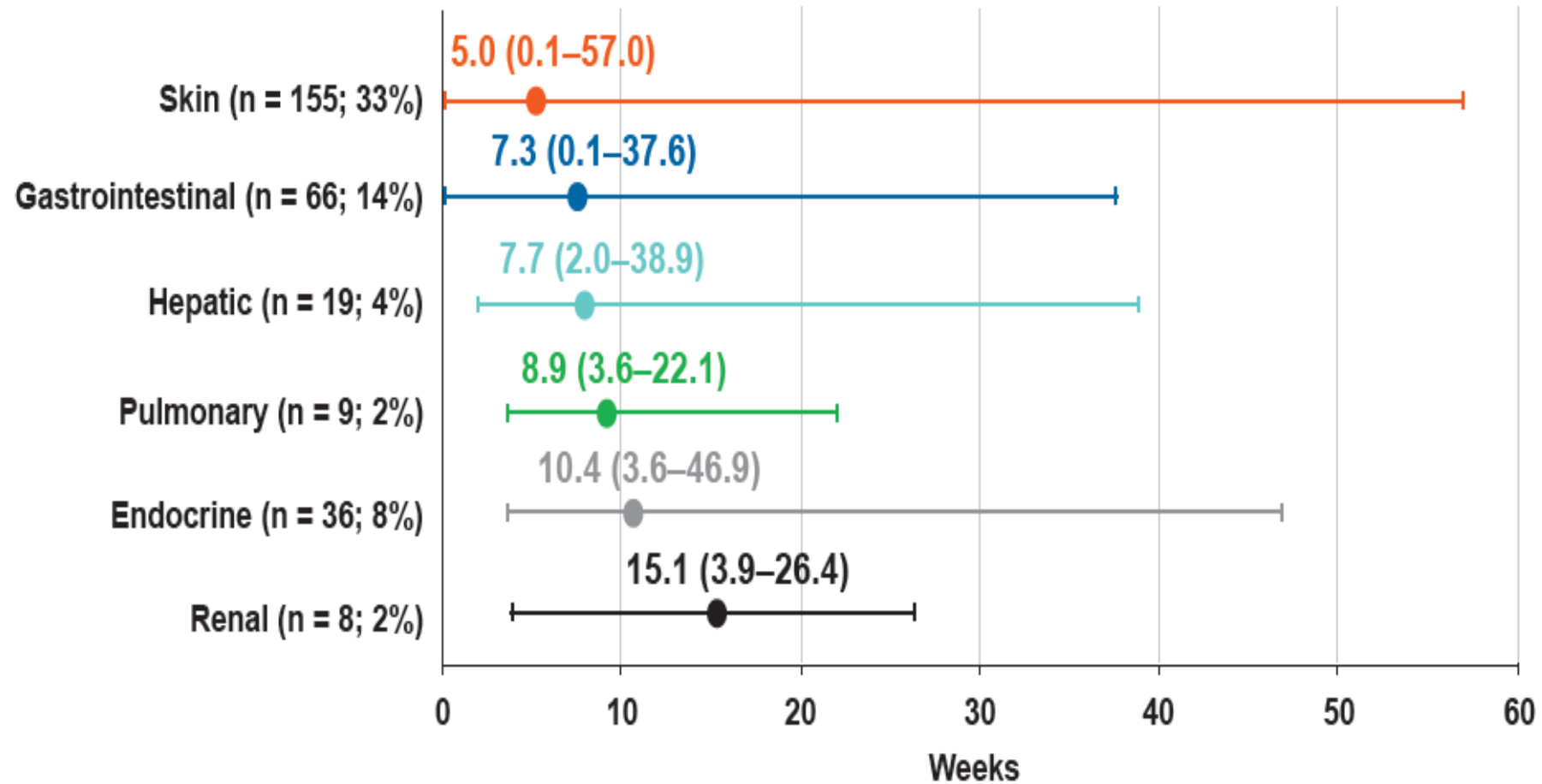
Study details		Any-grade adverse events (grade ≥3 adverse events)							
Study	Dose (n)	Diarrhoea	Colitis	Pulmonary	Rash	Neurological	Endocrinopathy	Hepatic	Renal
Nivolumab									
CheckMate 066 (REF. ²¹)	3 mg/kg, 2-weekly (206)	16% (1%)	1% (0.5%)	1.5% (0%)	15% (0.5%)	–	7.3% (1%)	3.4% (1.5%)	1.9% (0.5%)
CheckMate 057 (REF. ¹⁶⁷)	3 mg/kg, 2-weekly (287)	8% (1%)	1% (0.3%)	4.9% (1.4%)	9% (3.5%)	0.3% (0.3%) ^a	10.5% (0%)	10.8% (1.4%)	2% (0%)
Pembrolizumab									
KEYNOTE-010 (REF. ¹⁴⁶)	2 mg/kg, 3-weekly (339)	7% (1%)	1% (1%)	5% (2%)	9% (0.3%)	–	15% (1%)	0.3% (0.3%)	–
KEYNOTE-010 (REF. ¹⁴⁶)	10 mg/kg, 3-weekly (343)	6% (0%)	1% (0.3%)	4% (2%)	13% (0.3%)	–	16.5% (2%)	1% (0%)	–
KEYNOTE-054 (REF. ⁹⁹)	200 mg, 3-weekly (509)	19.1% (0.8%)	3.7% (2%)	4.7% ^b (0.8%)	16.1% (0.2%)	–	23.4% (1.8%)	1.8% (1.4%)	0.4% (0.4%)

Toxicity grade



Anti-PD1 Nivolumab Pooled Safety Analysis

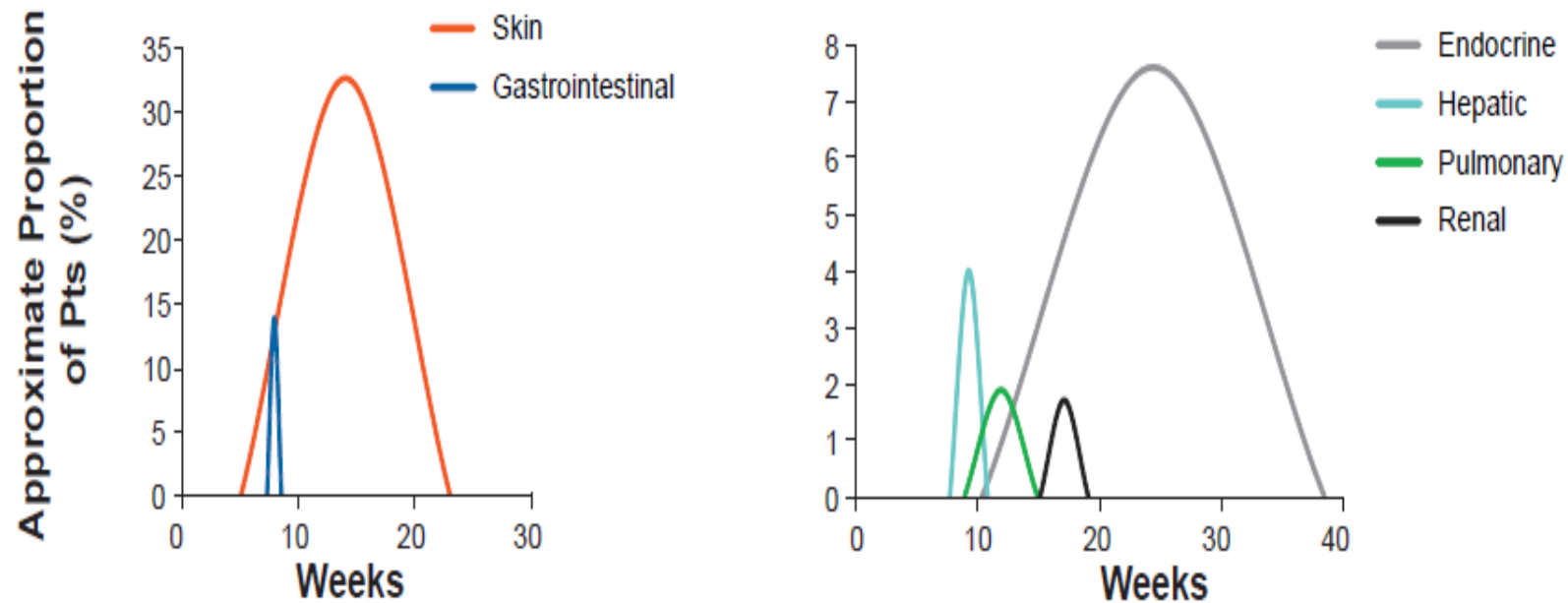
Time to Onset of Select Treatment-related AEs (Any Grade; N = 474)



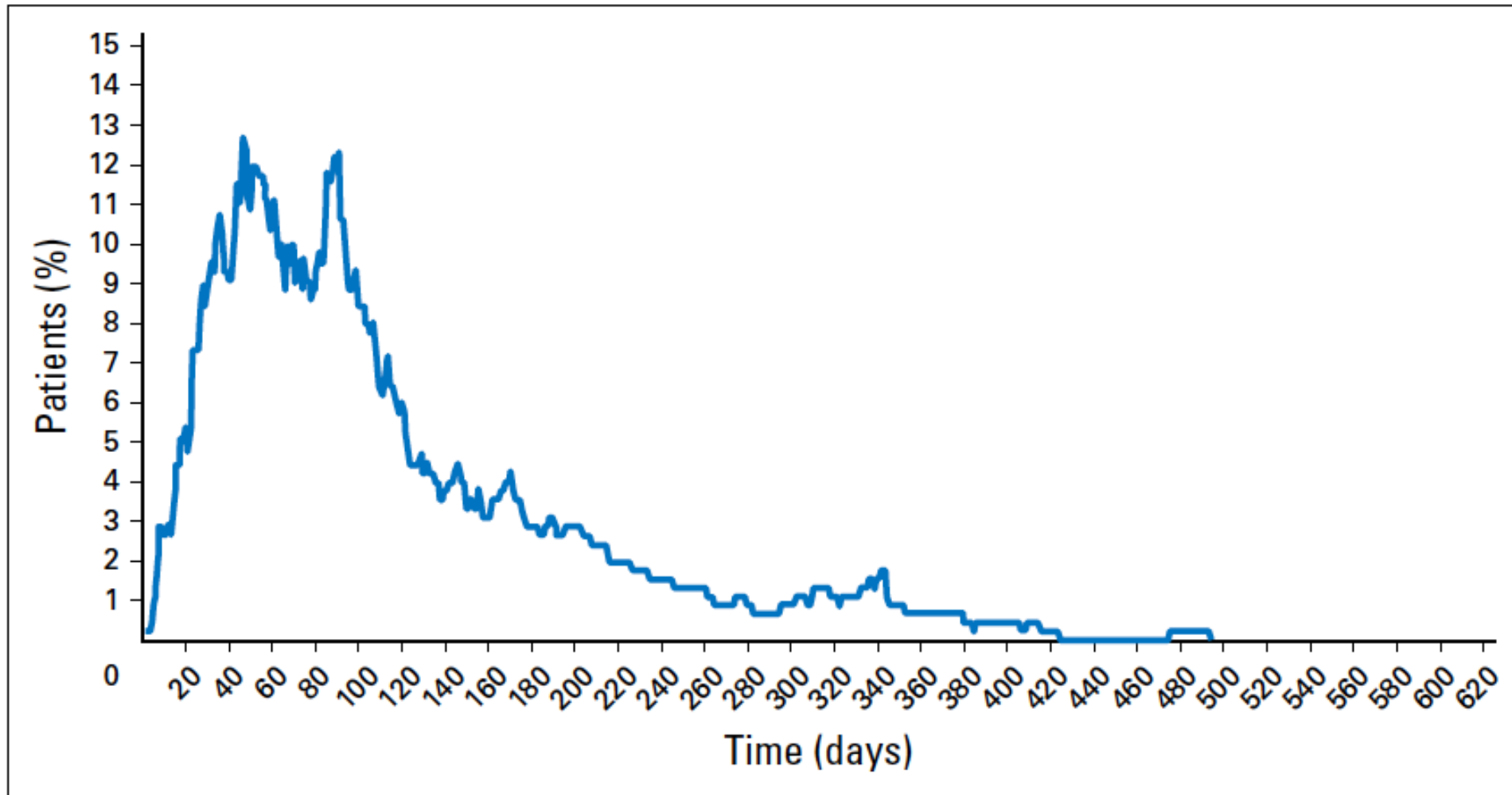
Anti-PD1 Nivolumab Pooled Safety Analysis

Kinetics of Onset and Resolution of Immune-related AEs

Incidence

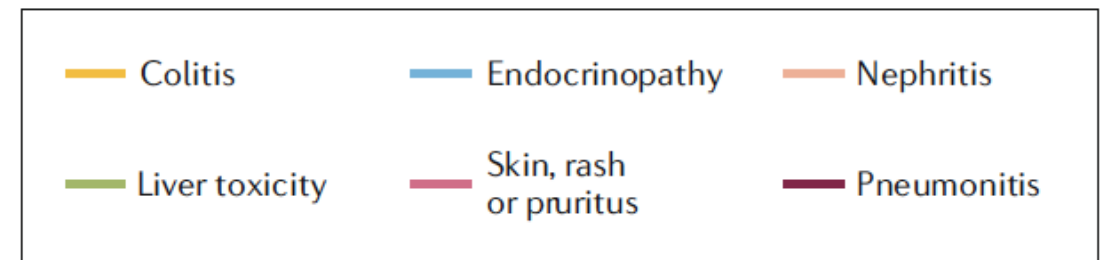
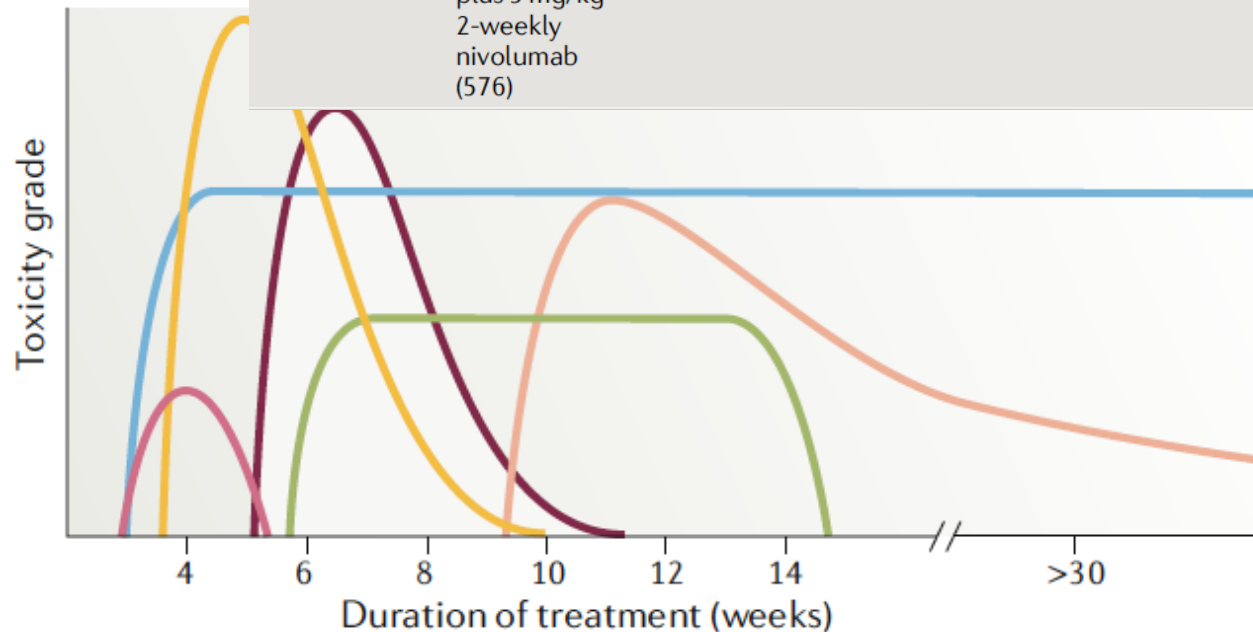


Grade 3-4 irAE over time in CheckMate-067: ipi/nivo and nivolumab vs ipilimumab



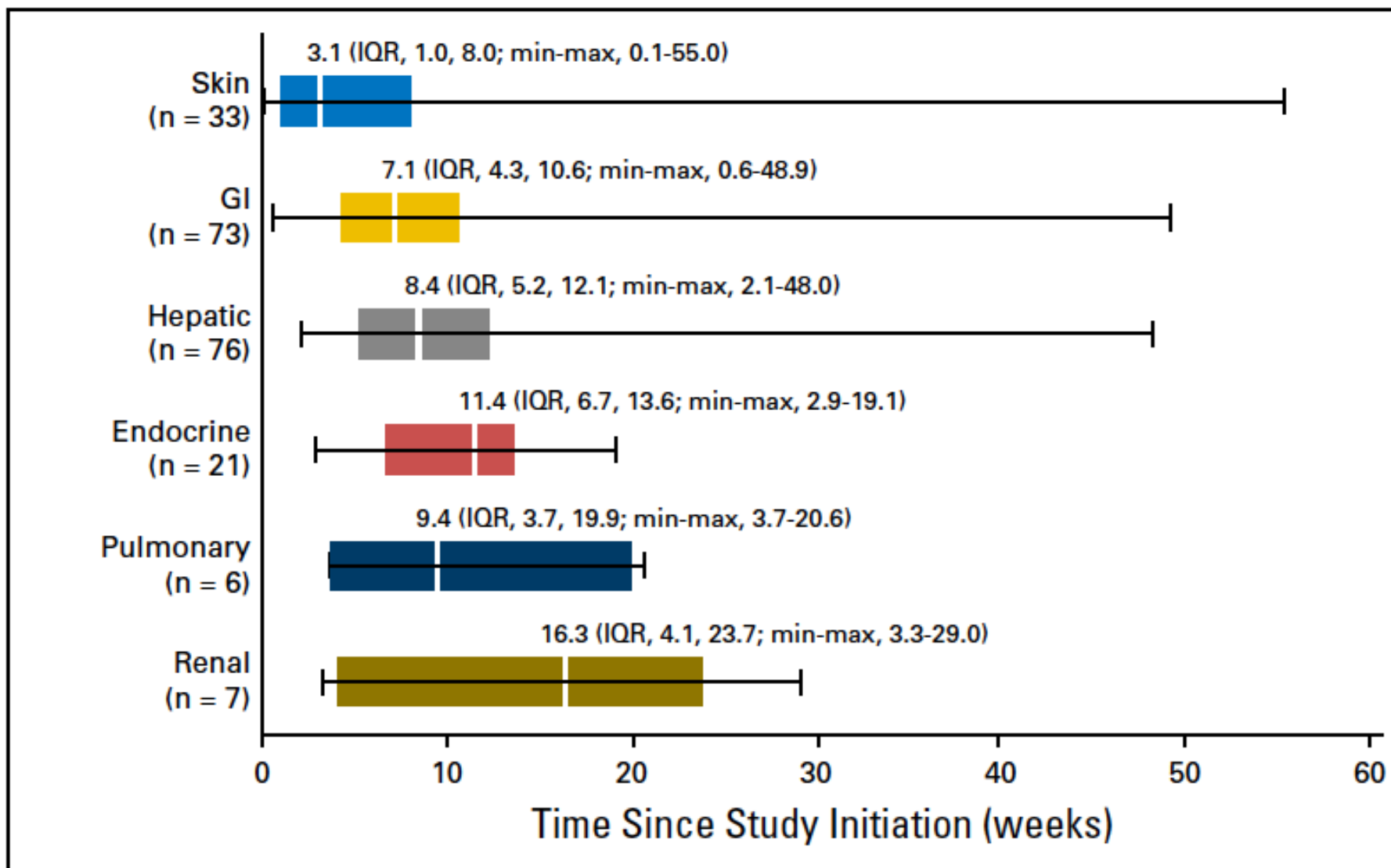
irAE kinetics of anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-(L)1

Study details		Any-grade adverse events (grade ≥3 adverse events)							
Study	Dose (n)	Diarrhoea	Colitis	Pulmonary	Rash	Neurological	Endocrinopathy	Hepatic	Renal
<i>Ipilimumab plus nivolumab</i>									
CheckMate 067 (REF. ¹⁶⁸)	3 mg/kg ipilimumab plus 1 mg/kg nivolumab, 3-weekly (313)	45% (9%)	13% (8%)	7% (1%)	30% (3%)	–	34% (6%)	33% (20%)	7% (2%)
CheckMate 214 (REF. ⁹)	1 mg/kg ipilimumab plus 3 mg/kg nivolumab, 3-weekly (547)	27% (4%)	–	–	22% (1%)	–	16% (0.4%) ^c	–	–
CheckMate 227 (REF. ¹³)	1 mg/kg 6-weekly ipilimumab plus 3 mg/kg 2-weekly nivolumab (576)	16.3% (1.6%)	1% (0.5%)	3% (2%)	16.7% (1.6%)	–	12.3% (1%) ^c	3.5% (3%)	–

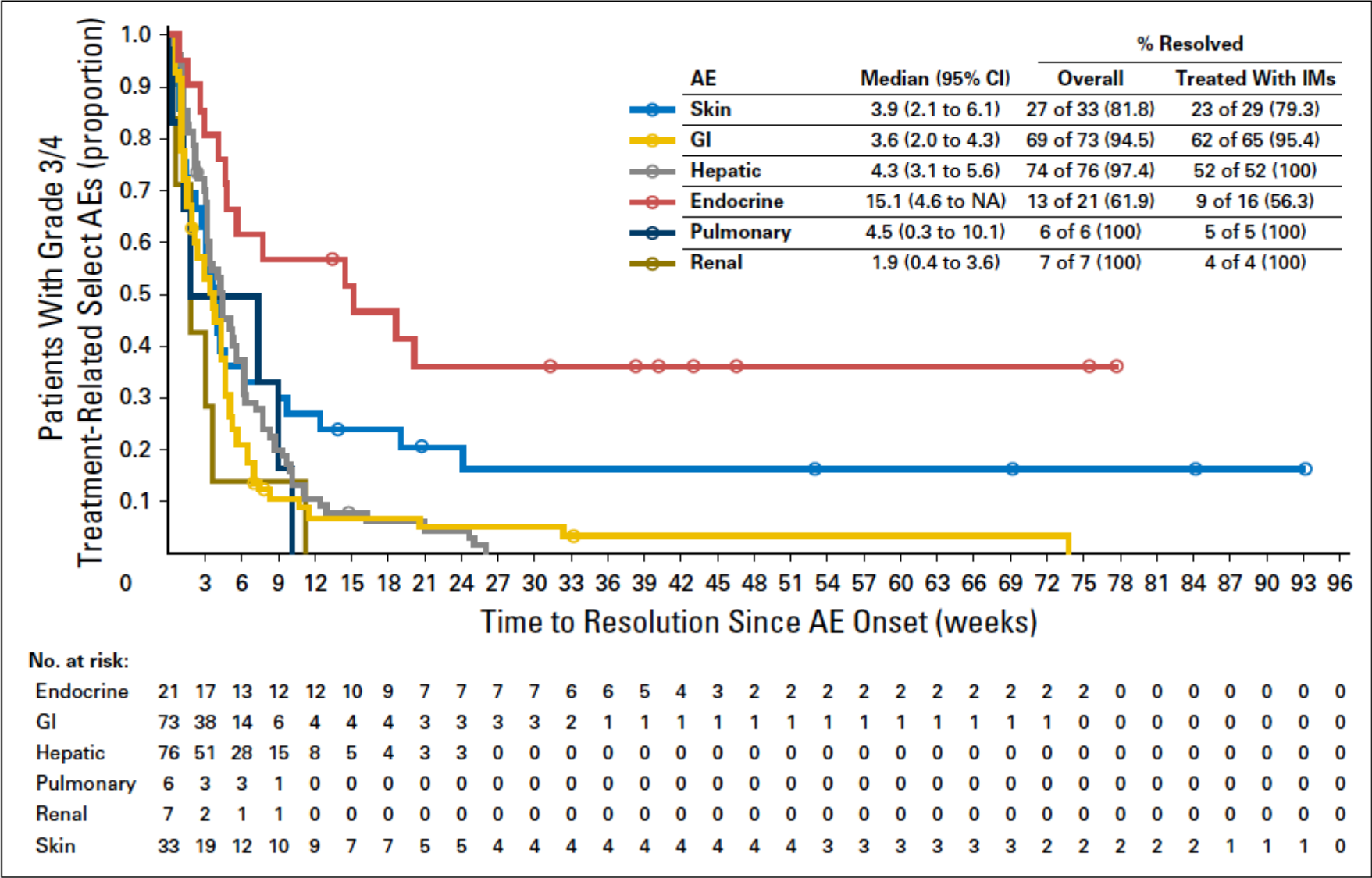


Checkmate 067: Safety

Onset Grade 3–4 Treatment-Related Select AEs



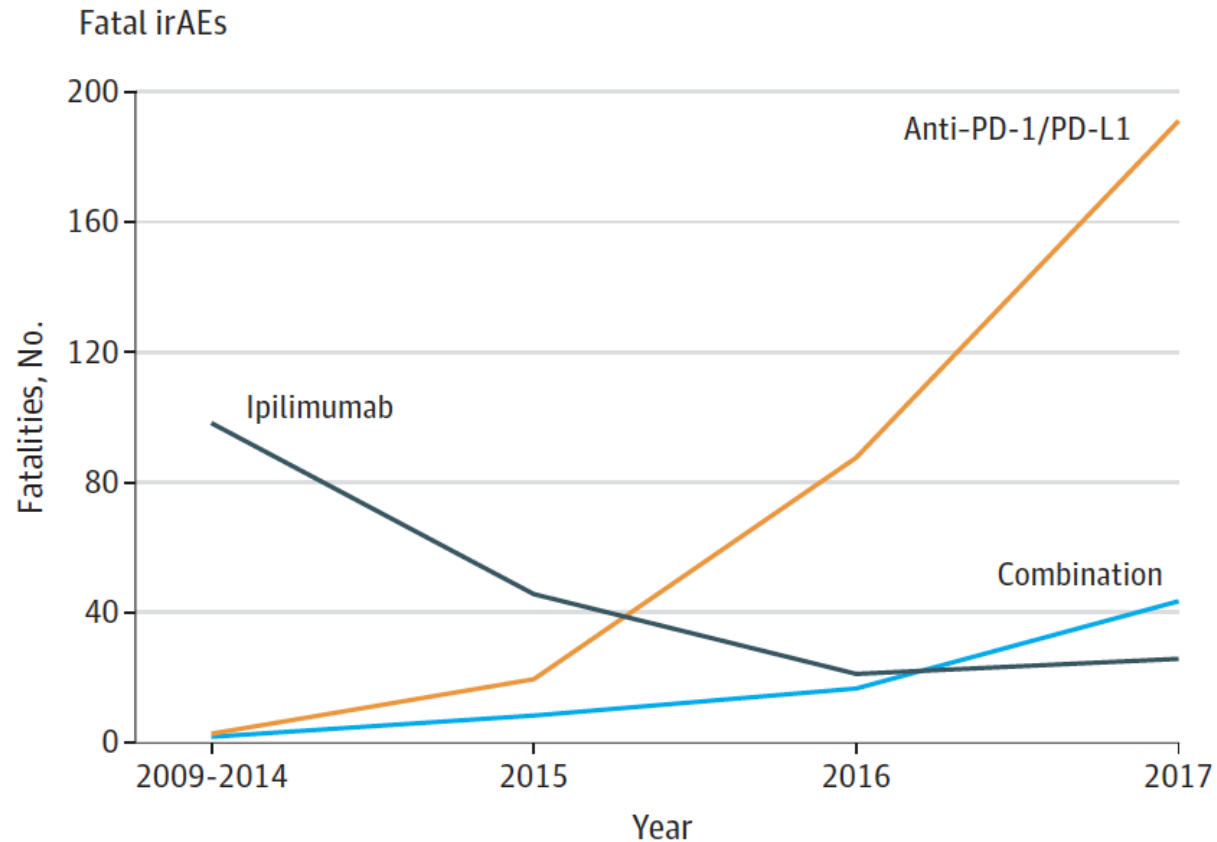
Time to resolution of AEs



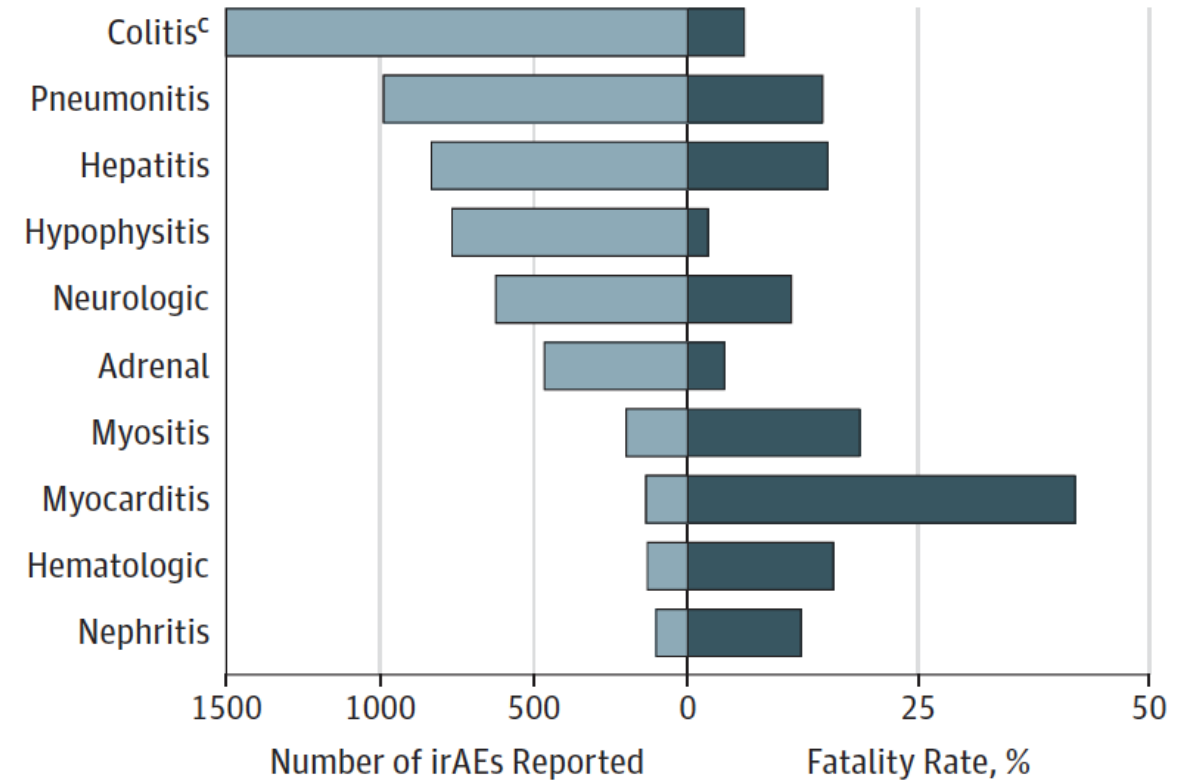
Spectrum of fatal immune related adverse events in Vigilyze (large database)

Variable	No. (%)			P Value
	Ipilimumab (n = 193)	Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 (n = 333)	Combination (n = 87)	
Types of cancer ^a				
Melanoma	136 (96)	50 (18)	49 (66)	<.001
Lung cancer	0	152 (54)	17 (23)	
Other	5 (4)	78 (28)	8 (11)	
Type of fatal irAE				
Colitis	135 (70)	58 (17)	32 (37)	<.001
Pneumonitis	15 (8)	115 (35)	12 (14)	<.001
Hepatitis	31 (16)	74 (22)	19 (22)	.23
Hypophysitis	10 (5)	3 (1)	2 (2)	.01
Cardiac	3 (2)	27 (8)	22 (25)	<.001
Myositis	1 (0.5)	22 (7)	11 (13)	<.001
Nephritis	1 (0.5)	7 (2)	3 (4)	.19
Adrenal	8 (4)	6 (2)	3 (4)	.26
Neurologic	11 (6)	50 (15)	7 (8)	.003
Hematologic	3 (2)	14 (4)	2 (2)	.22
Other (skin, thyroid, diabetes, other gastrointestinal)	13 (7)	24 (8)	7 (8)	.93
Other clinical features				
Median time to irAE, days	40	40	14	.01
>1 concurrent irAE, %	27 (14)	51 (15)	24 (28)	.01
Reporting year				
2014 or before	98 (51)	3 (1)	2 (2)	<.001
2015	45 (23)	20 (6)	9 (10)	<.001
2016	21 (11)	88 (28)	17 (20)	.001
2017	26 (13)	192 (58)	44 (51)	<.001
2018 (up to January 15)	3 (2)	30 (9)	15 (17)	<.001

Incidence of fatal irAE and fatality rates



Cases and fatality rates



Fatal irAE occur following ICI at a rate of 0.3 to 1.3%



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Managing toxicities associated with immune checkpoint inhibitors: consensus recommendations from the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) Toxicity

Management of Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients
Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy:

New NCCN Guidelines: Recognition and Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicity

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Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities, Version 1.2019

MANAGEMENT OF IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR TOXICITIES: A REVIEW AND CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

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Management guidelines for paediatric patients receiving chimeric antigen receptor T cell therapy

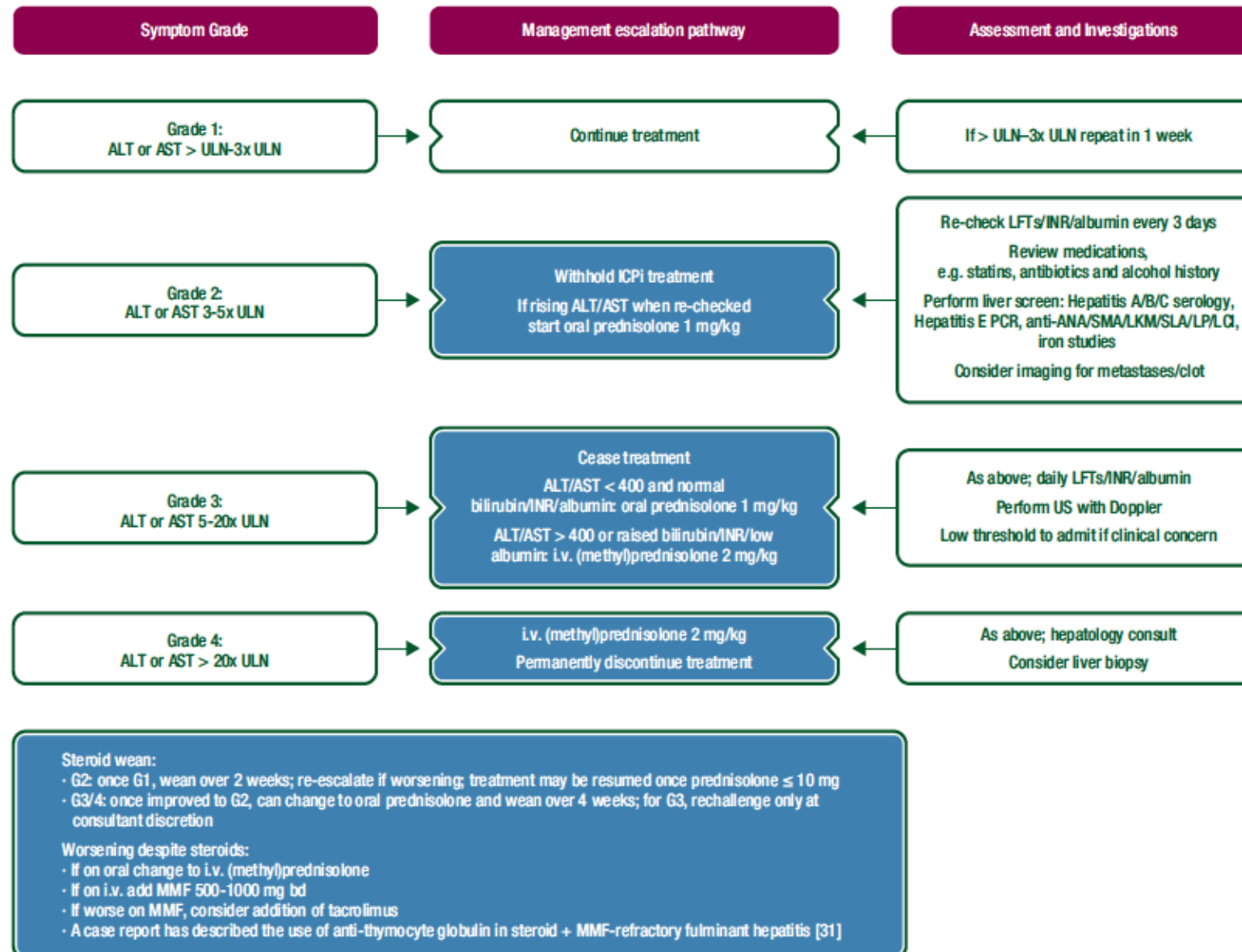
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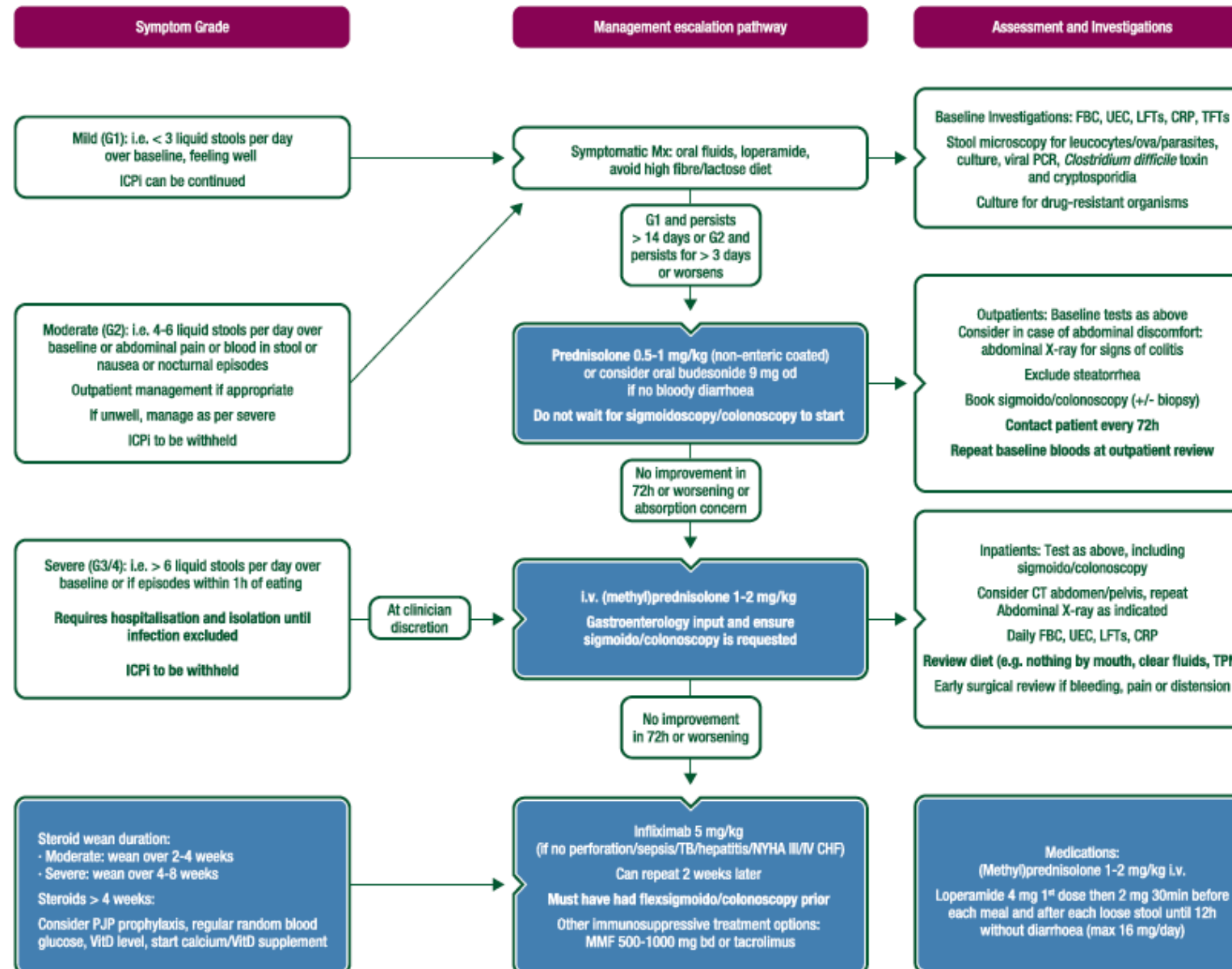
Management of Immune-related Adverse Events

- Patient Education
 - Clear Notification Pathway for Patients
 - Infrastructure and Sub-specialty Consultants
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1. Identify Toxicity Early
 2. Treat Early and Aggressively → Algorithms
 - Start with corticosteroids
 3. Oncologist-led Management

Algorithm for hepatitis



Algorithm diarrhea and colitis





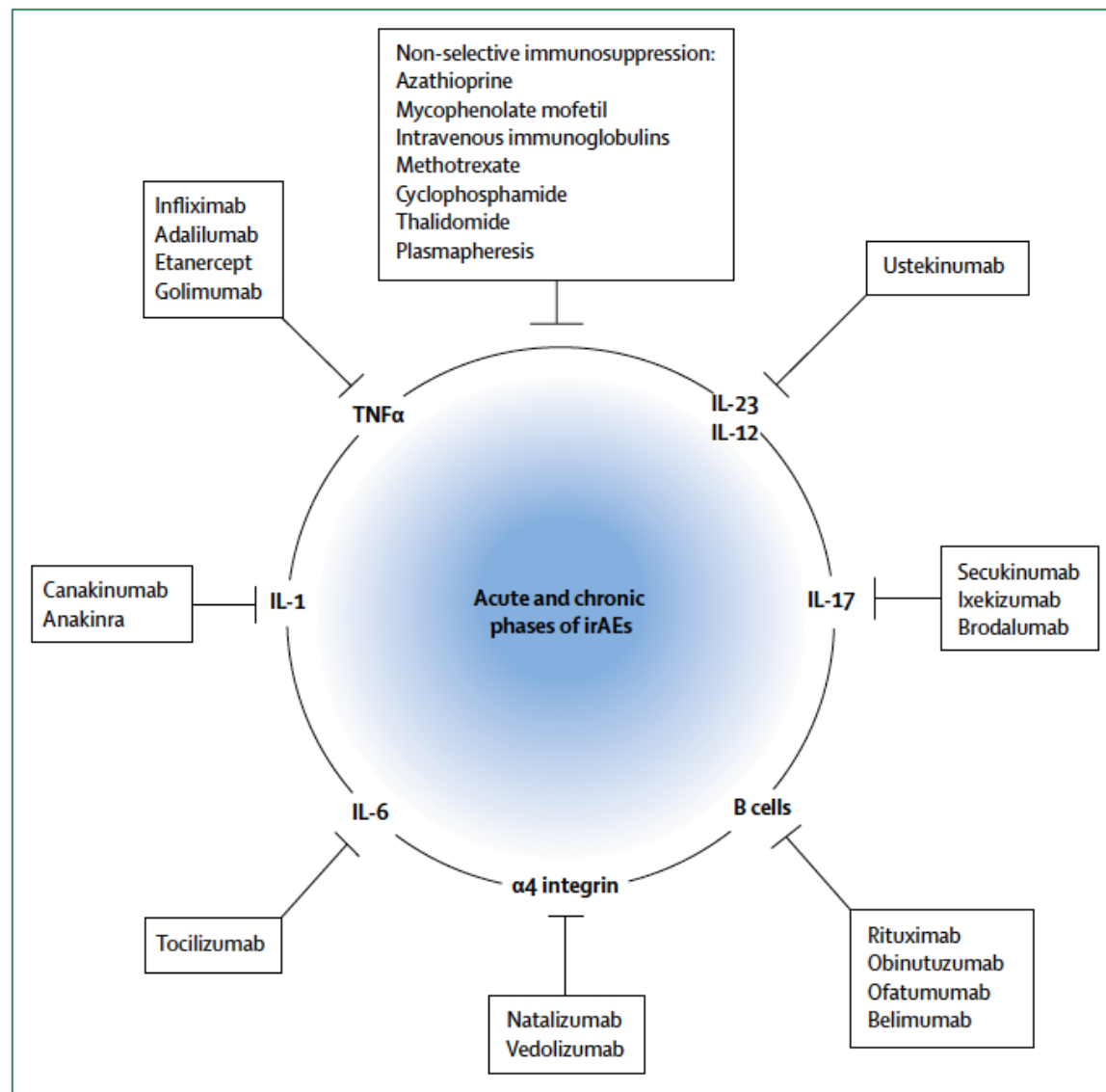
General Principles

- Low Grade
 - Monitor closely (grade 1 and 2)
 - Delay therapy (grade 2)

Moderate Grade ?

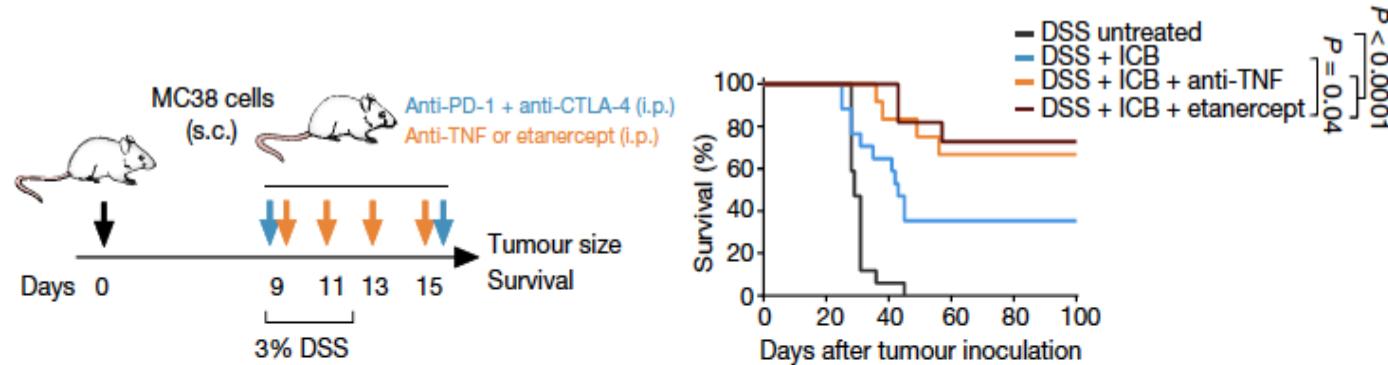
- High Grade → Immunosuppression
 - **Cease checkpoint inhibitor, consult sub-specialty and consider hospitalisation**
 - Systemic corticosteroids
 - Infliximab (anti-TNFα)
 - Mycophenolate mofetil
 - Tacrolimus
 - Other → plasmapheresis, anti-thymocyte globulin, IVIG

New therapeutics to manage refractory immune related adverse events



Prophylactic TNF blockade uncouples efficacy and toxicity in dual CTLA-4 and PD-1 immunotherapy

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Important Practical Questions

- Do immune-modulators used to treat toxicity affect efficacy?
- Does toxicity with Anti-CTLA4 predict toxicity with Anti-PD1 and vice versa?
- Can people with auto-immune disease be given checkpoint inhibitors?
- Can patients with organ transplants be treated with checkpoint inhibitors?

Safety Summary from Checkmate-067

Patients reporting event	NIVO+IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Treatment-related AE, %	95.8	59.1	86.3	22.4	86.2	27.7
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	40.3	30.4	12.5	8.0	15.1	13.5
Treatment-related death, n (%)	2 (0.6)		1 (0.3)		1 (0.3)	

- No new safety signals were observed with the additional follow-up
- No additional deaths due to study drug toxicity were reported since the prior analysis
 - Previously reported treatment-related deaths were cardiomyopathy and liver necrosis for NIVO+IPI (n = 1 each and both occurred >100 days after last treatment), neutropenia for NIVO (n = 1), and colonic perforation for IPI (n = 1)
- Patients who discontinued NIVO+IPI during induction due to a treatment-related AE had similar 4-year PFS (35%) and OS (54%) to patients in the overall population (37% and 53%, respectively)

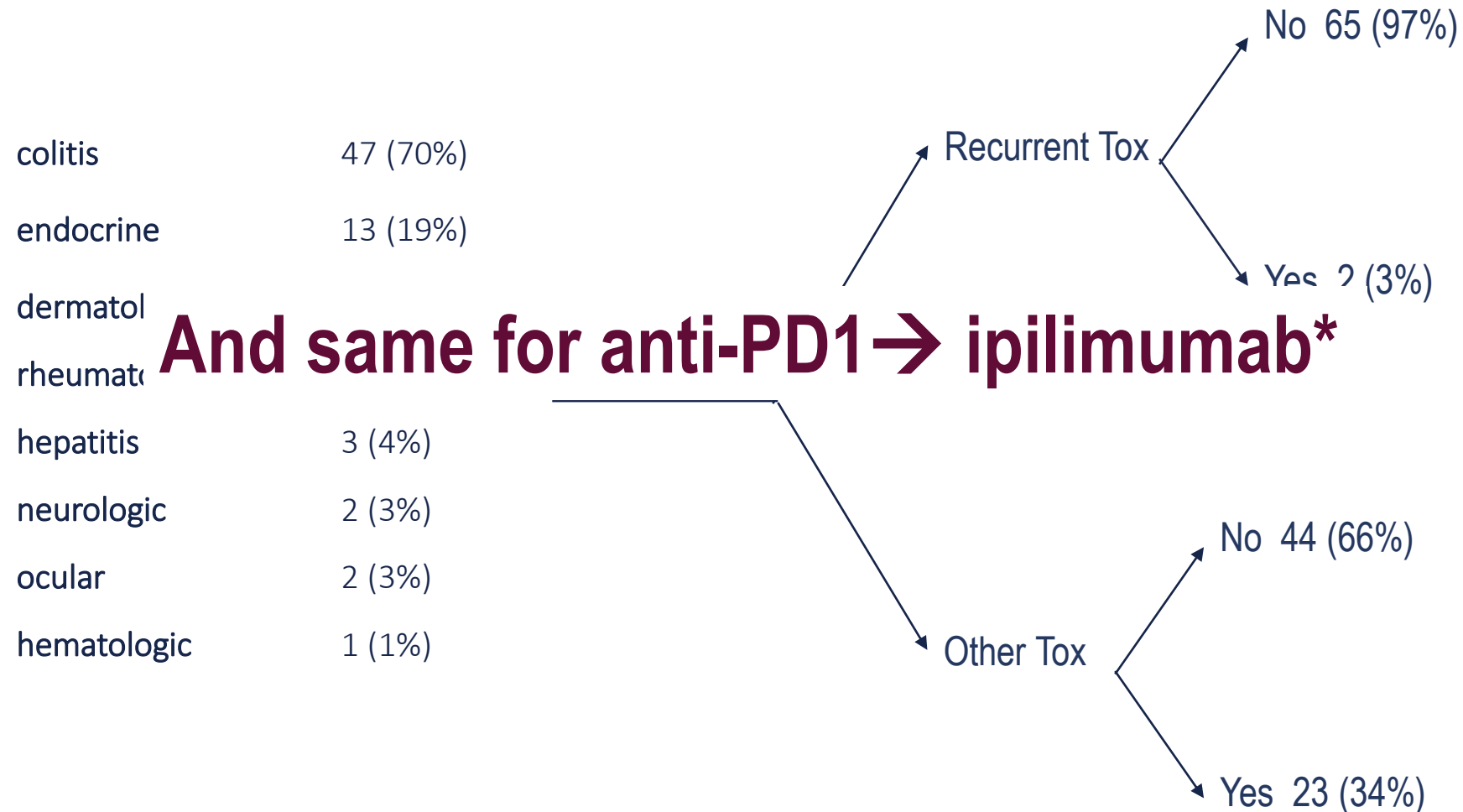
Pooled Nivolumab Safety Study in Melanoma (N= 576)¹

Needs investigation

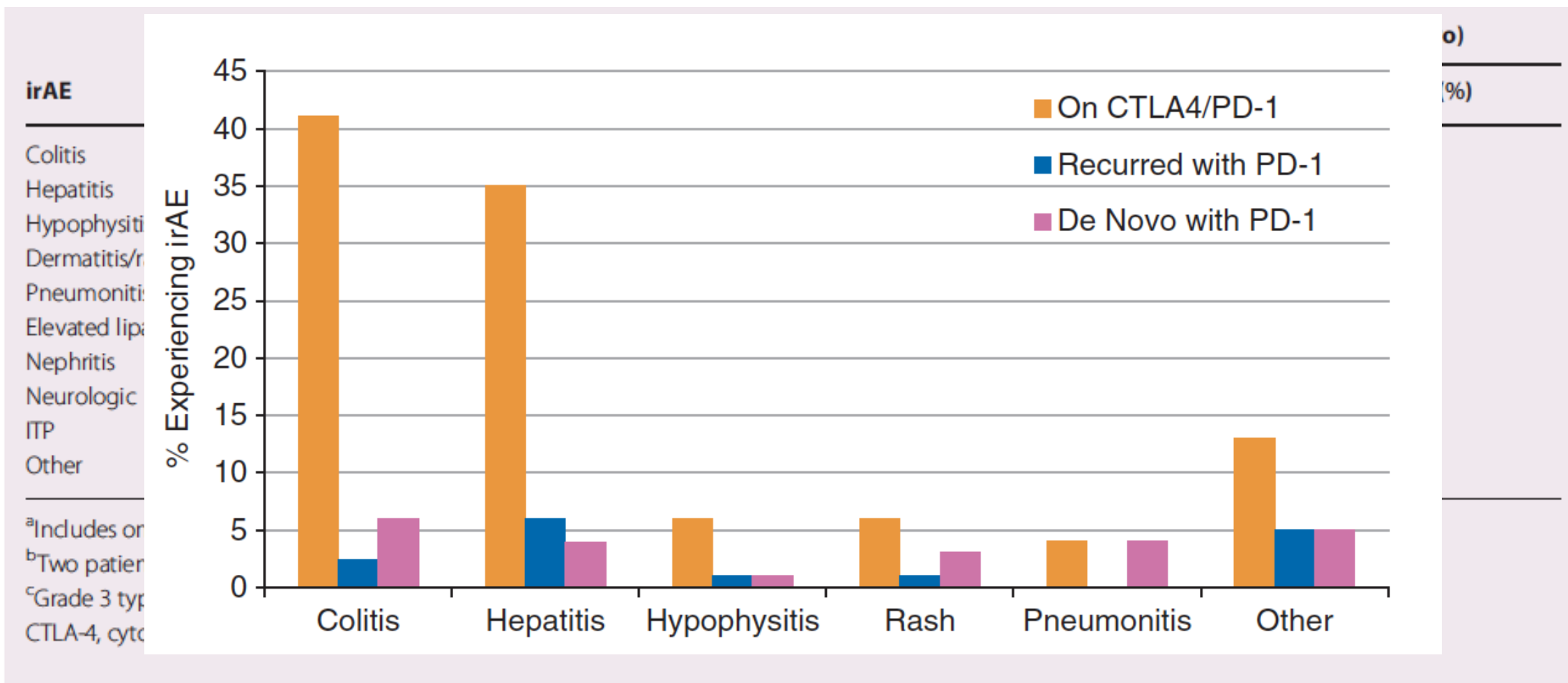
	All Patients N=576	Any Select AE N=409	Grade 3/4 Select AE N=18*
ORR	31.4%	48.6%	27.8%
Med. Duration Response			

*57 patients of 576 (10%) experienced any Grade 3/4 Adverse event

67 Patients with immune toxicity due to ipilimumab



Clinically significant toxicities with combination IT and anti-PD-1 resumption



Management of toxicities from immune checkpoint blockade

Take home messages

- Risk assessment (AID, organ transplant etc)

- Every organ can be involved

- Severity can vary from grade 1 – 5

- Requires immediate action

- Hold further treatment (depending on severity)

- Consult organ specialist if necessary

- Start immunosuppression (depending on severity)

- Careful follow-up warranted

- Taper immunosuppression

As a (medical) oncologist: be in the lead!



Thank you for your attention

Questions?

