

Melanoma Neoadjuvant Clinical Trials with Immunotherapy

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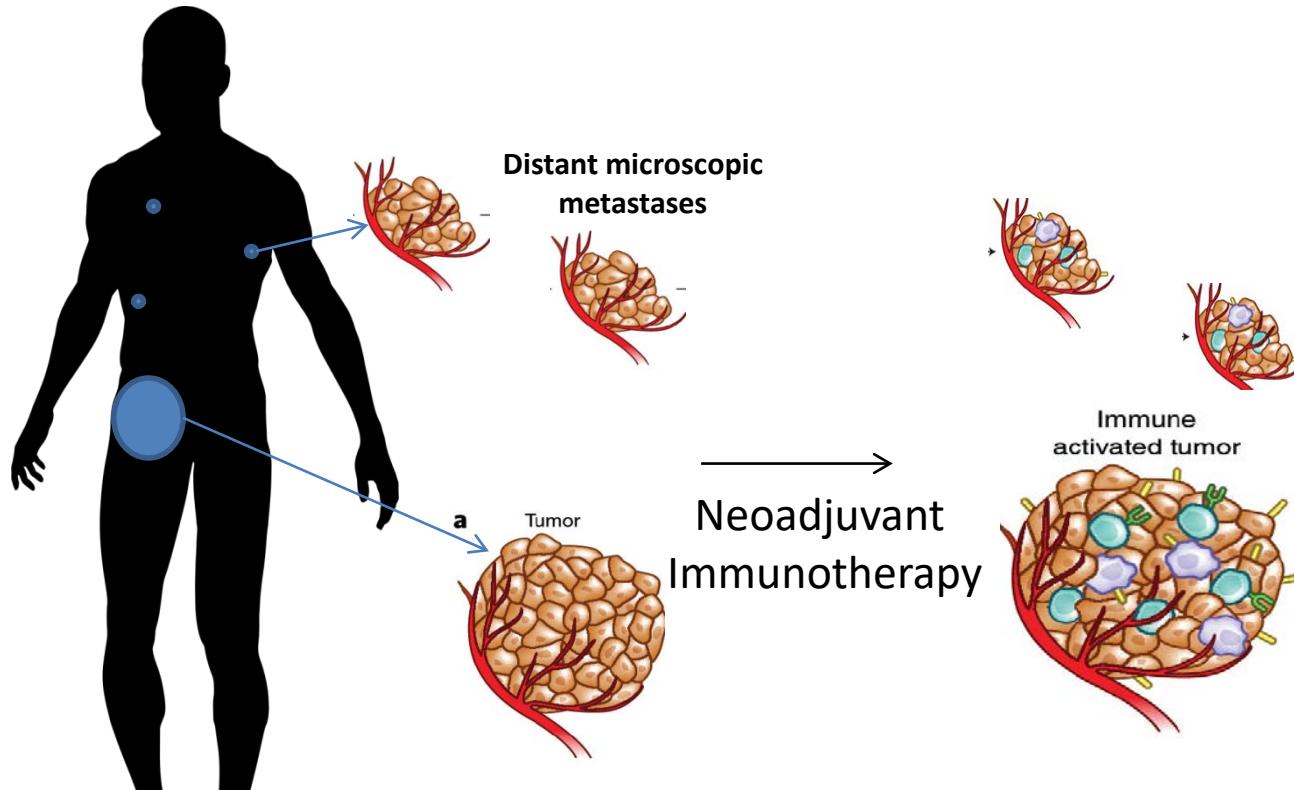
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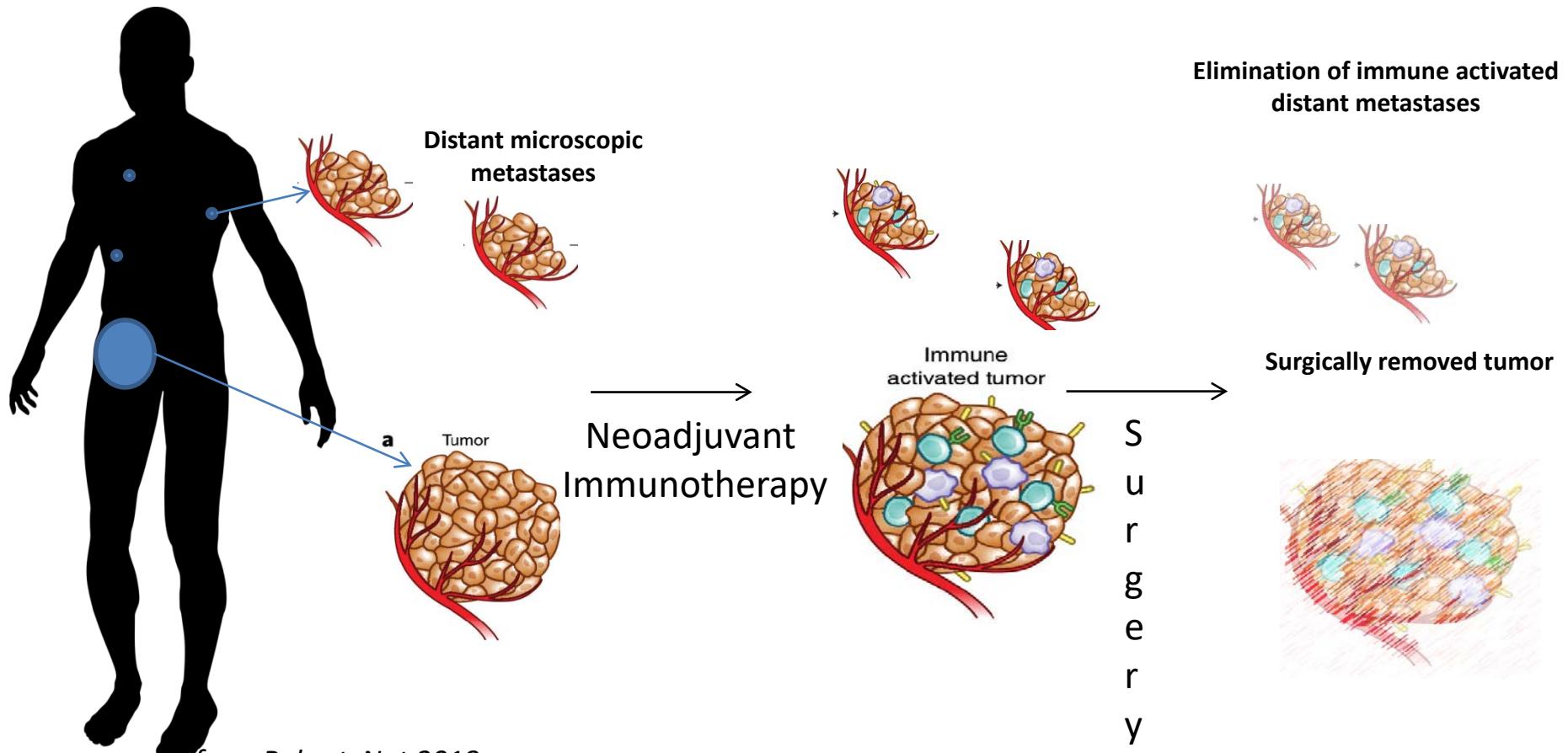
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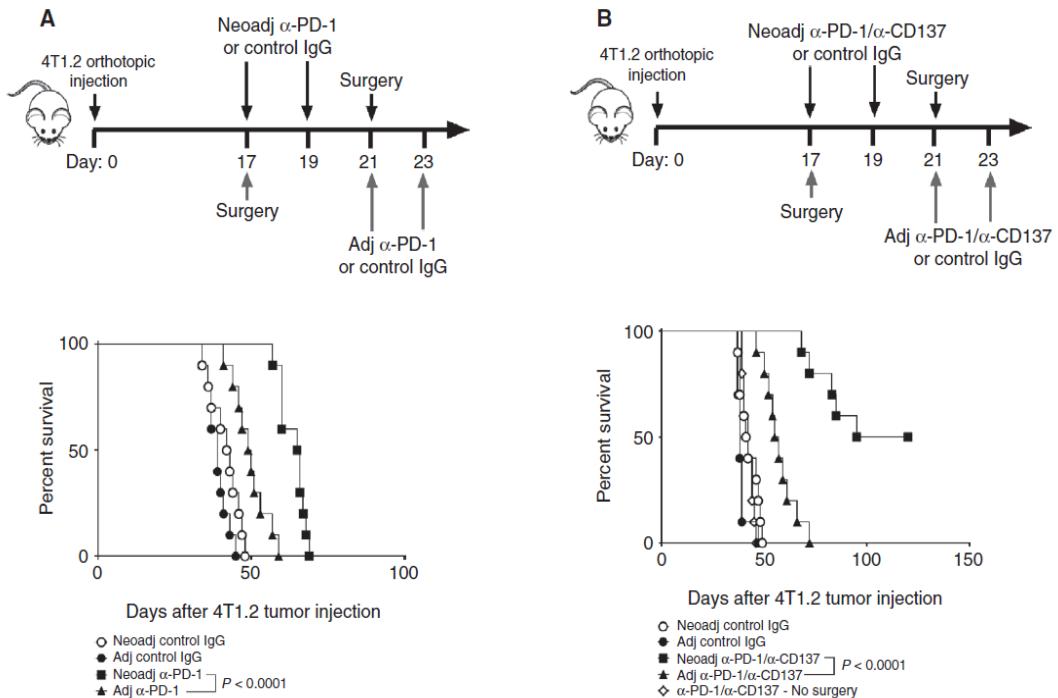


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PRECLINICAL NEOADJUVANT IMMUNOTHERAPY MODEL

- Metastatic breast cancer models (4T1.2 and E0771)
- Neoadjuvant immunotherapy :
 - Treg depletion or anti-PD1 + agonist anti-CD137
 - Depends on CD8⁺ T cells and INF-g
- Neoadjuvant treatment increases tumor specific CD8⁺T cells in the blood and orga



NEOADJUVANT TRIALS IN MELANOMA

- 58 neo-adjuvant trials on Clinical Trial.gov
 - 10 active not recruiting
 - 12 recruiting
 - 6 trial that are not yet recruiting

ACTIVE, NON RECRUITING TRIALS

Study phase	N	Drug(s)	Disease stage	1 st End point	
2	35	dabra+ trame	IIIB	Path R	
2	24	vemu + cobi	IIIB-C	Feasibility	
2	7	nivo + HF-10	IIIB-C, M1a	Path R	
2	150	T-vec vs surgery alone	IIIB-C, M1a	RFS	
2	90	vemu + combi+ Atezo	IIIC-IV	RFS	
3	259	imiquimod vs placebo	IA	Margins	
1	30	pembro + HDI	III-IV	Biomarkers	
2	11	axitinib	III	Radio R	

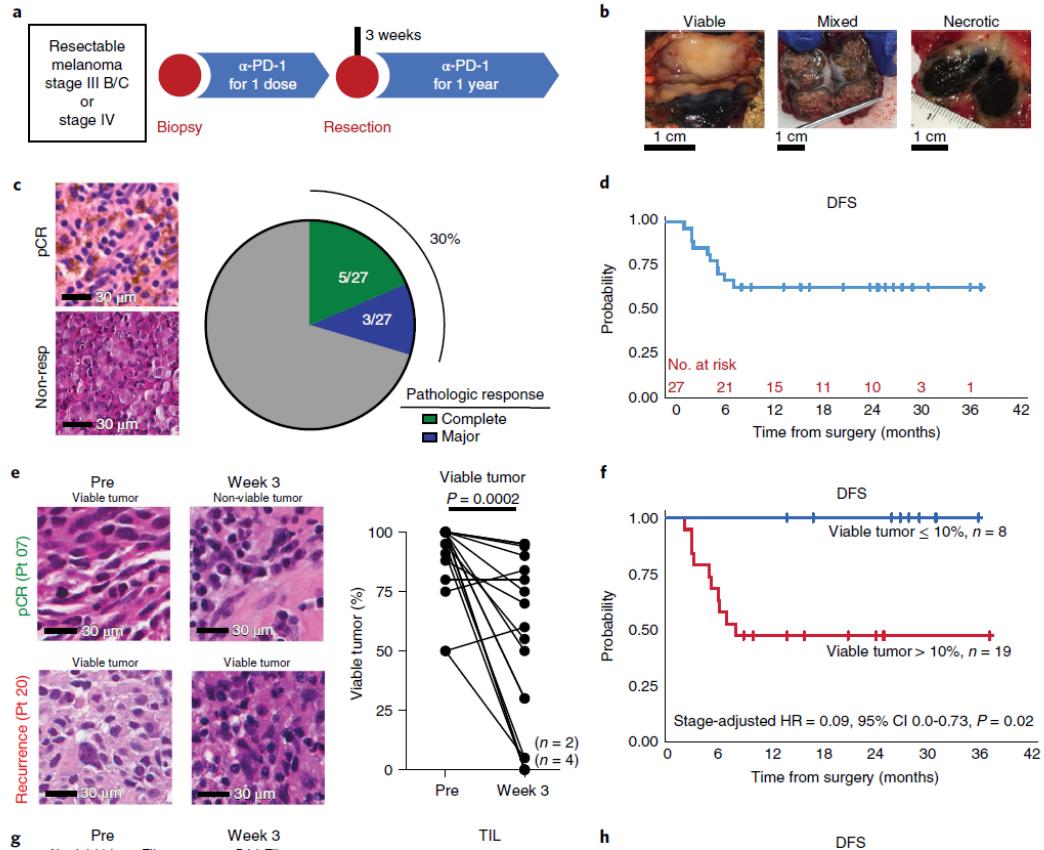
Study phase	N	Drug(s)	stage	1 st End point
	20	GM-CSF	I-III	Biomarker in SN
2	63	pembro	IIIB-C	Rate of + SN
2	50 mucosal melanoma	pembro		RFS
2	248	daromun vs sugery alone	IIIB-C	RFS
2	30	atezo + cobi + vemu (BRAFV600) Atezo + cobi (BRAF WT)	III	Path R and RFS
2	60	dabra + trame then pembro Dabra + trame + pembro pembro	III	Path R
2	20	dabra + trame + T-VeC	III	RFS
2	110	ipi+ nivo various regimen	III	Safety; Path R; RFS
2	526	pembro adj+/- pembro neoaj	III-IV	RFS
2	53	nivo vs nivo + ipi vs nivo + relatlimab	III-IV	Path R
2	32	nivo + CMP-001	IIIB-C-D	Path R
2	78	dabra + trame	III	RFS according to path R

NOT YET RECRUITING

Study phase	N	Drug(s)	Disease stage	1 st endpoint
1	20	atezo x 2	I-II (residual disease)	Path R
1b	40	domatinostat (HDAC-I)+ nivo vs nivo domatinostat + nivo + ipi vs domatinostat + nivo	III (INF- γ signature high or low)	Safety; feasibility
2	28	pembro + T-vec for 6 months	III	Path R
2	45	nivo vs nivo + ipi vs nivo + IDO-I	III-IV	Path R
2	56	dostarlimab+/-TIM3-i	IIIB to IV	Path R
2	60	1 nivo dose	IIIB-C-D	Path response will impact adjuvant regimen

ANTI-PD1 MONOTHERAPY

A single dose of neoadjuvant PD-1 blockade predicts clinical outcomes in resectable melanoma



PHASE 2 T-VEC NEOADJUVANT TREATMENT + SURGERY VS SURGERY

- ♦ Resectable Stage IIIB–IVM1a⁶ Melanoma
 - ♦ Injectable and measurable
 - ♦ LDH $\leq 1.5 \times$ ULN for IIIB/C and $\leq 1 \times$ ULN for IVM1a
 - ♦ ECOG PS 0 or 1
 - ♦ Prior treatment completed ≥ 3 months prior

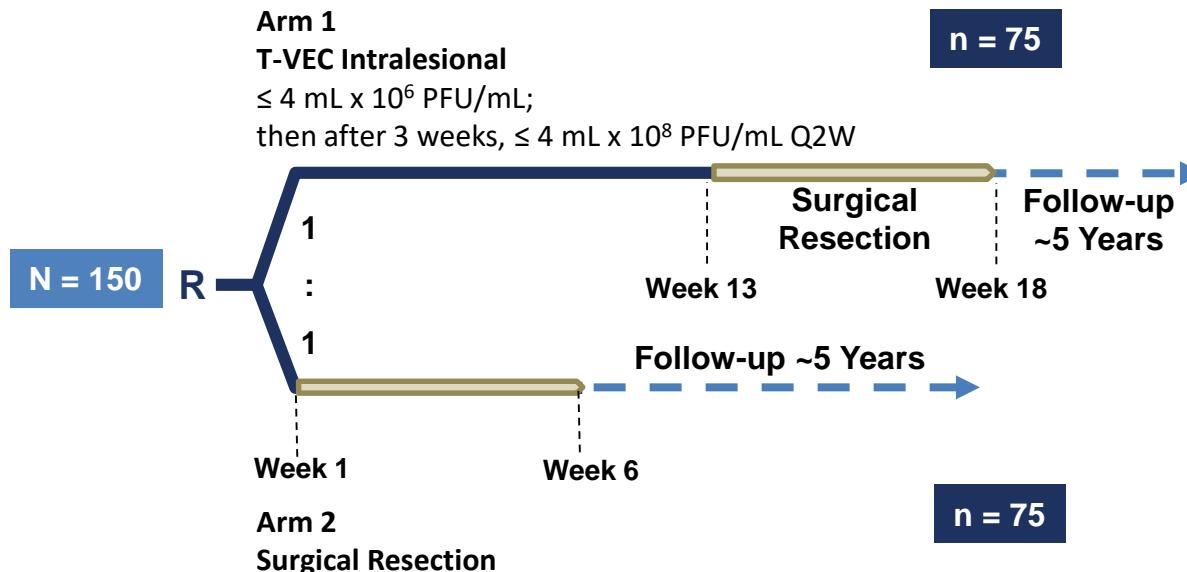
Stratification:

- ◆ Disease stage
- ◆ Planned adjuvant therapy

Primary Endpoint:

Key Secondary Endpoints:

Exploratory Endpoints:



RFS

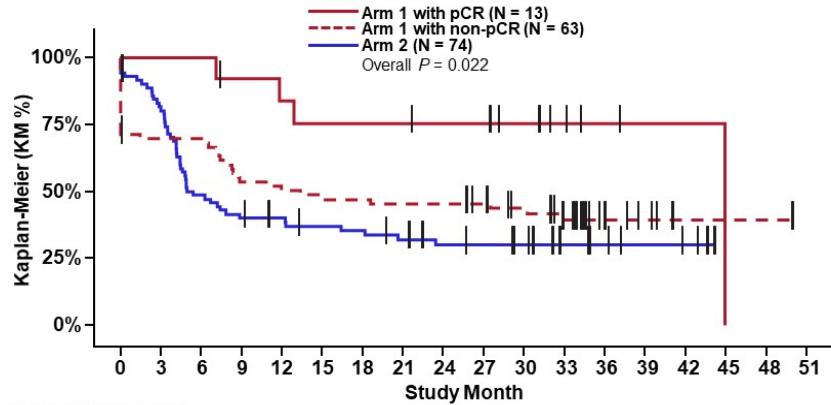
RFS,* overall survival (OS),* overall tumor response (in Arm 1 only), pathological response (in Arm 1 only), rates of histopathological tumor-free (R0) surgical local RFS, regional RFS, distant metastases-free survival, safety

Analyses of tumor tissue biomarkers and correlations with clinical outcomes for

PHASE 2 T-VEC NEOADJUVANT TREATMENT + SURGERY VS SURGERY

	Arm 1: T-VEC + Surgery	
	Efficacy Analysis Set (n = 57)	ITT Analysis Set (n = 76)
pCR ^a – n(%)	13 (22.8)	13 (17.1)

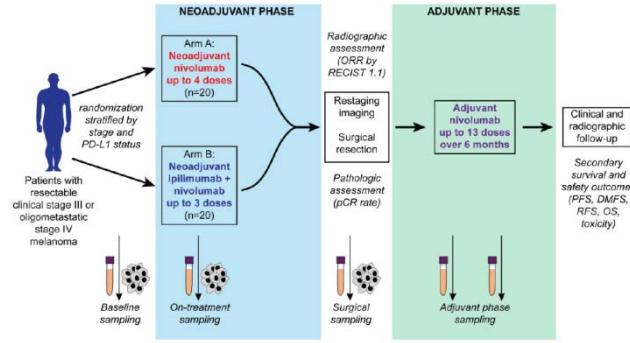
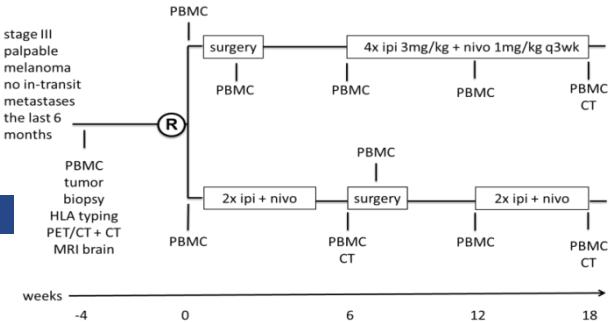
RFS (Sensitivity Analysis) by Arm & pCR
(Intent to Treat Analysis Set)



NEOADJUVANT IPILIMUMAB + NIVOLUMAB

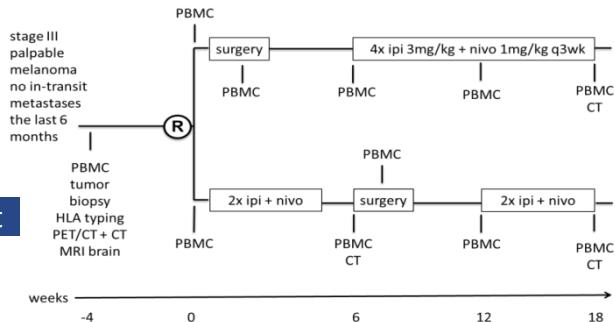
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Neo-adjuvant

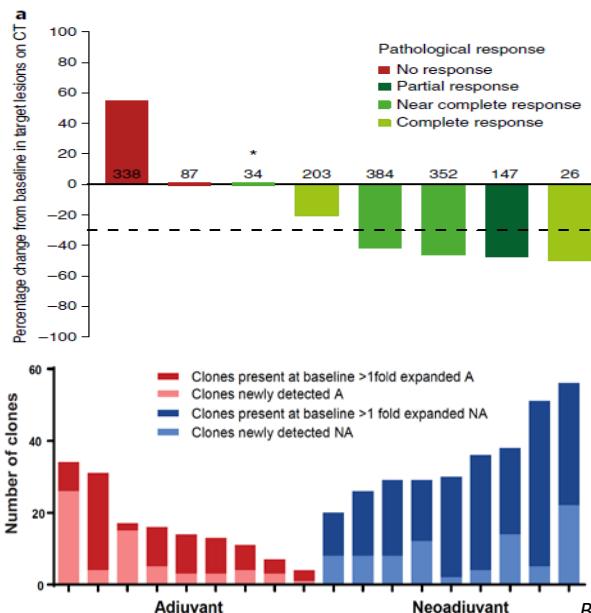


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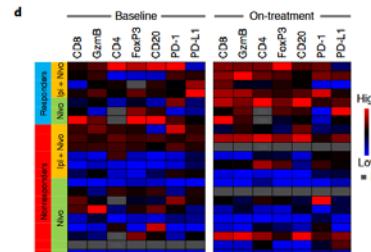
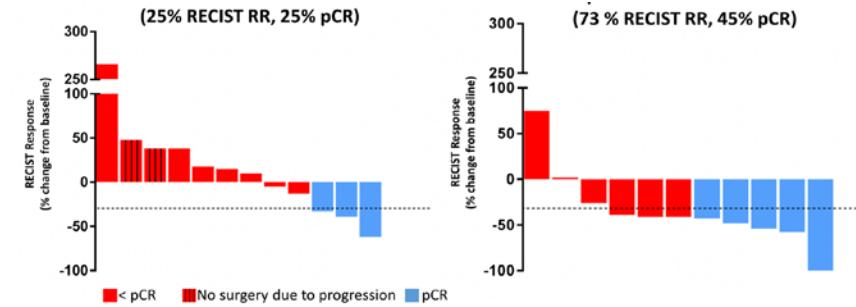
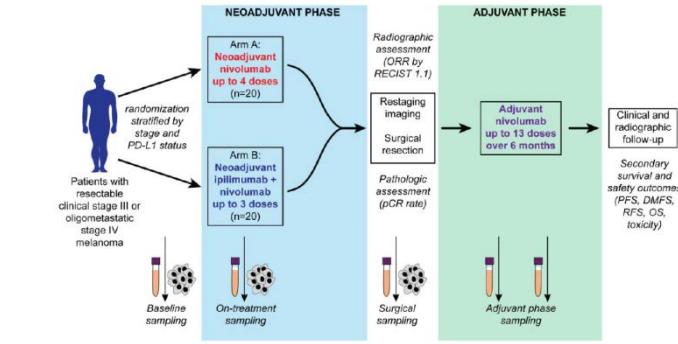
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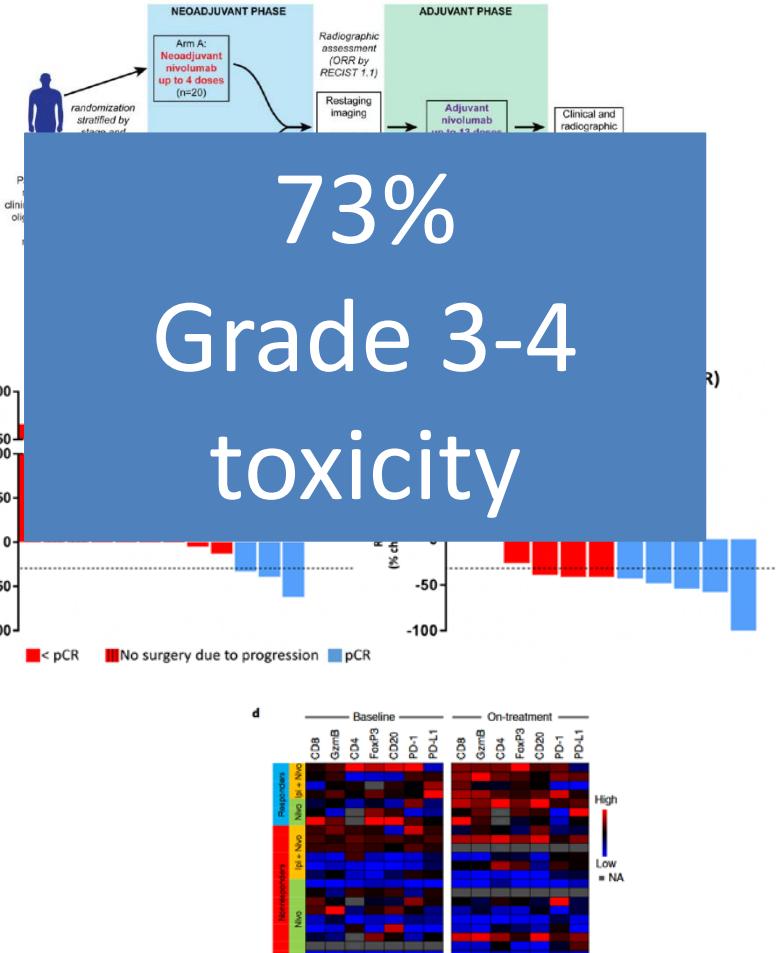
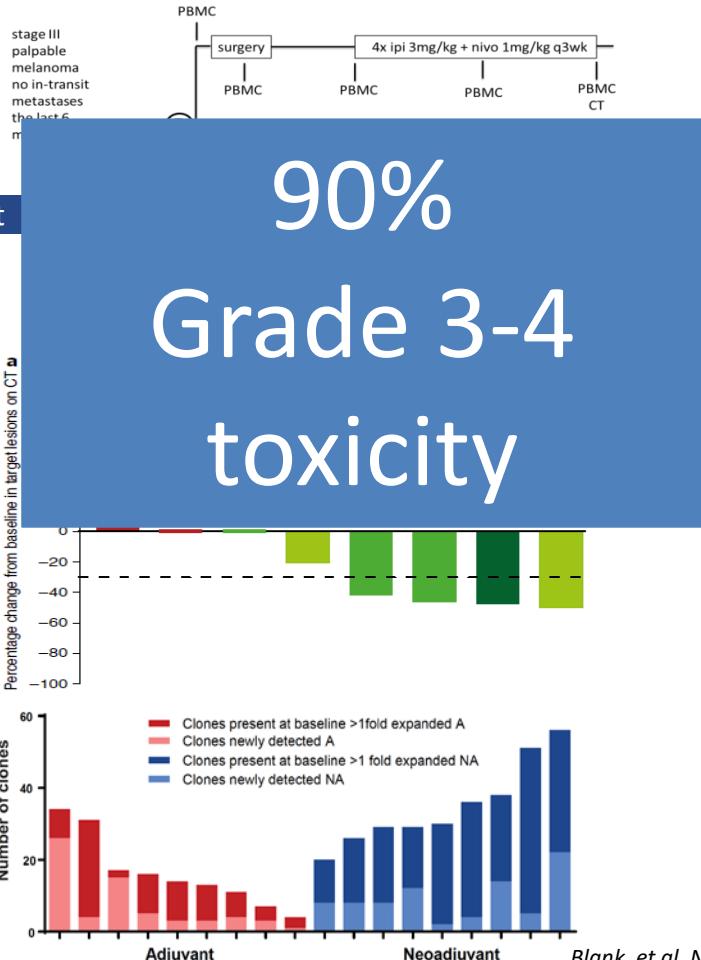


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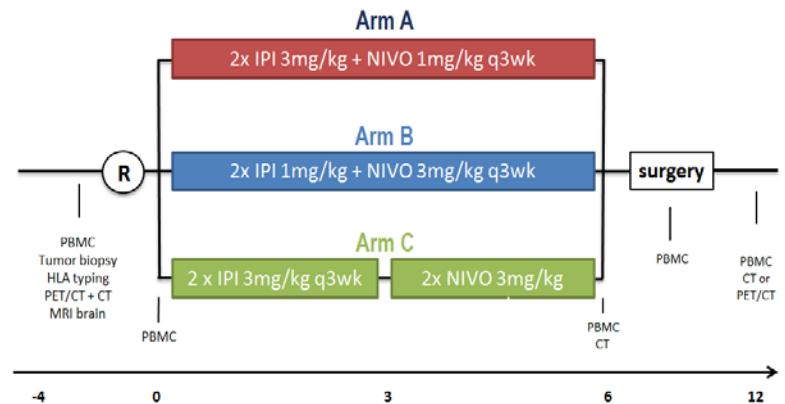


HIGHLY TOXIC BUT PROMISING RESULTS

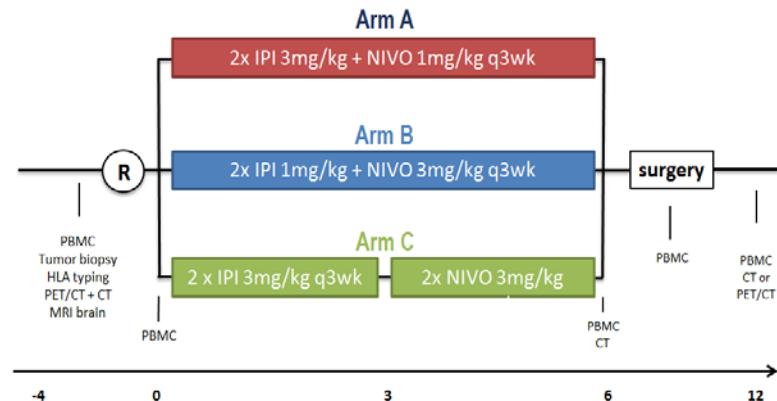
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In search for the optimal neoadjuvant regimen Opacin-Neo trial



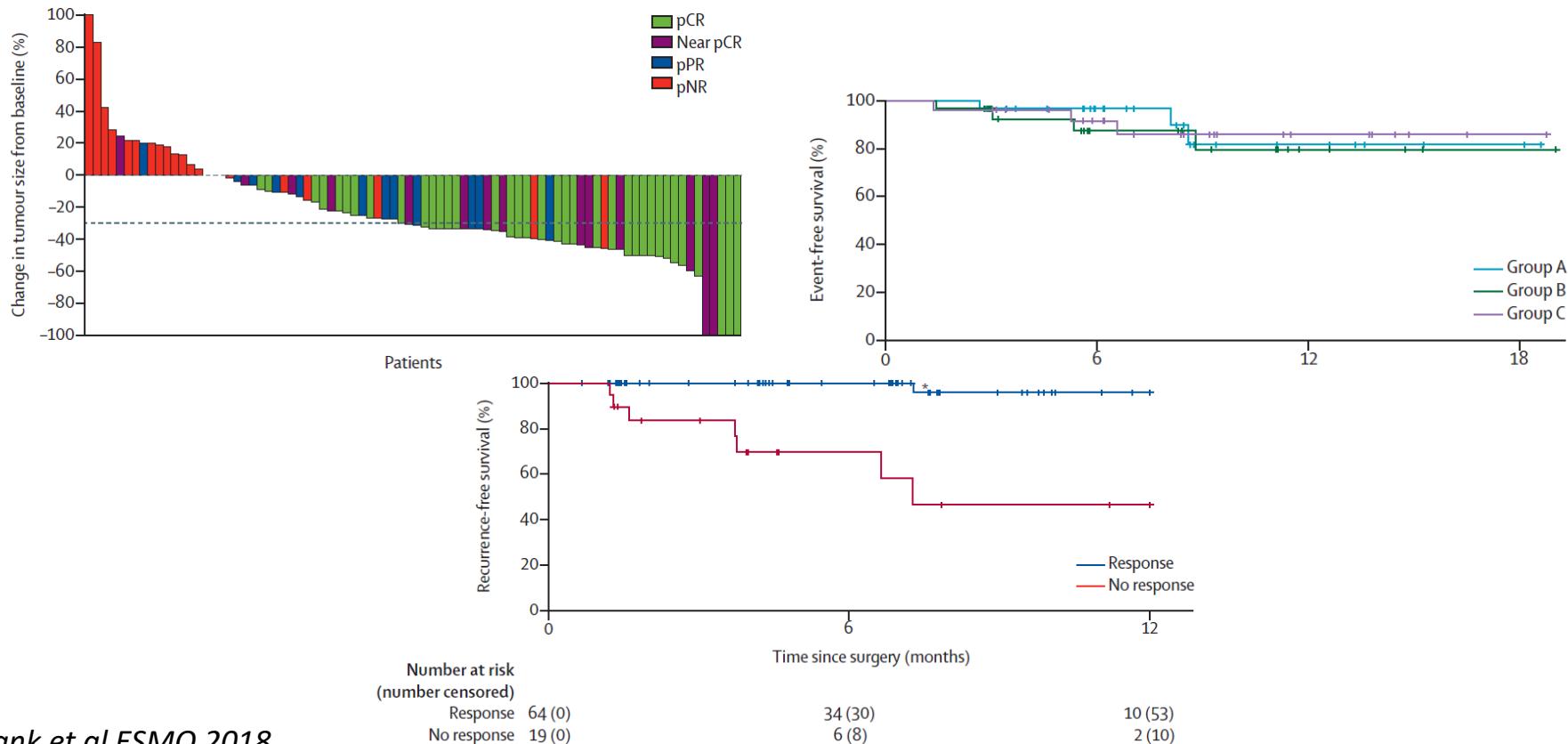
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All gr AE	Gr 3-4 AE
29 (97)	12 (40)
29 (97)	6 (20)
26 (100)	13 (50)

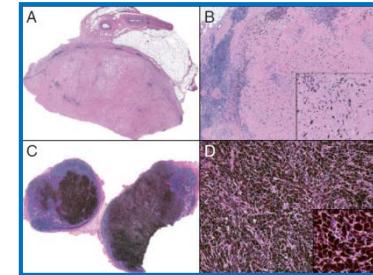
(IPI 1 + NIVO3 x 3) appears as the optimal regimen

Pathological response quality is associated with long term benefit

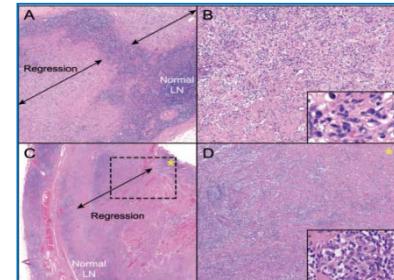


Pathological Complete Response

- Pathological assessment of resection specimens after neoadjuvant therapy for metastatic melanoma
- Is pathological complete response accurately predict long term survival?
- Not for neoadjuvant chemotherapy for breast or pancreatic cancers
- Significance of pathological response varies upon the type of treatment



Targeted therapy : hyalinized fibrosis and melanosis (melanophages)



Checkpoint inhibitor : immune-mediated tumor regression, immune infiltrate, features of wound healing/repair

CONCLUSIONS

- The concept of neoadjuvant immunotherapy for melanoma with high risk of relapse is convincing and highly promising even to be considered for early stages (stages IIB-C)
- Mostly anti-PD1 mAb-based
- Place of intratumor neoadjuvant immunotherapy remains TBD
- Pathological response and relapse free survival interval seem reasonable endpoints