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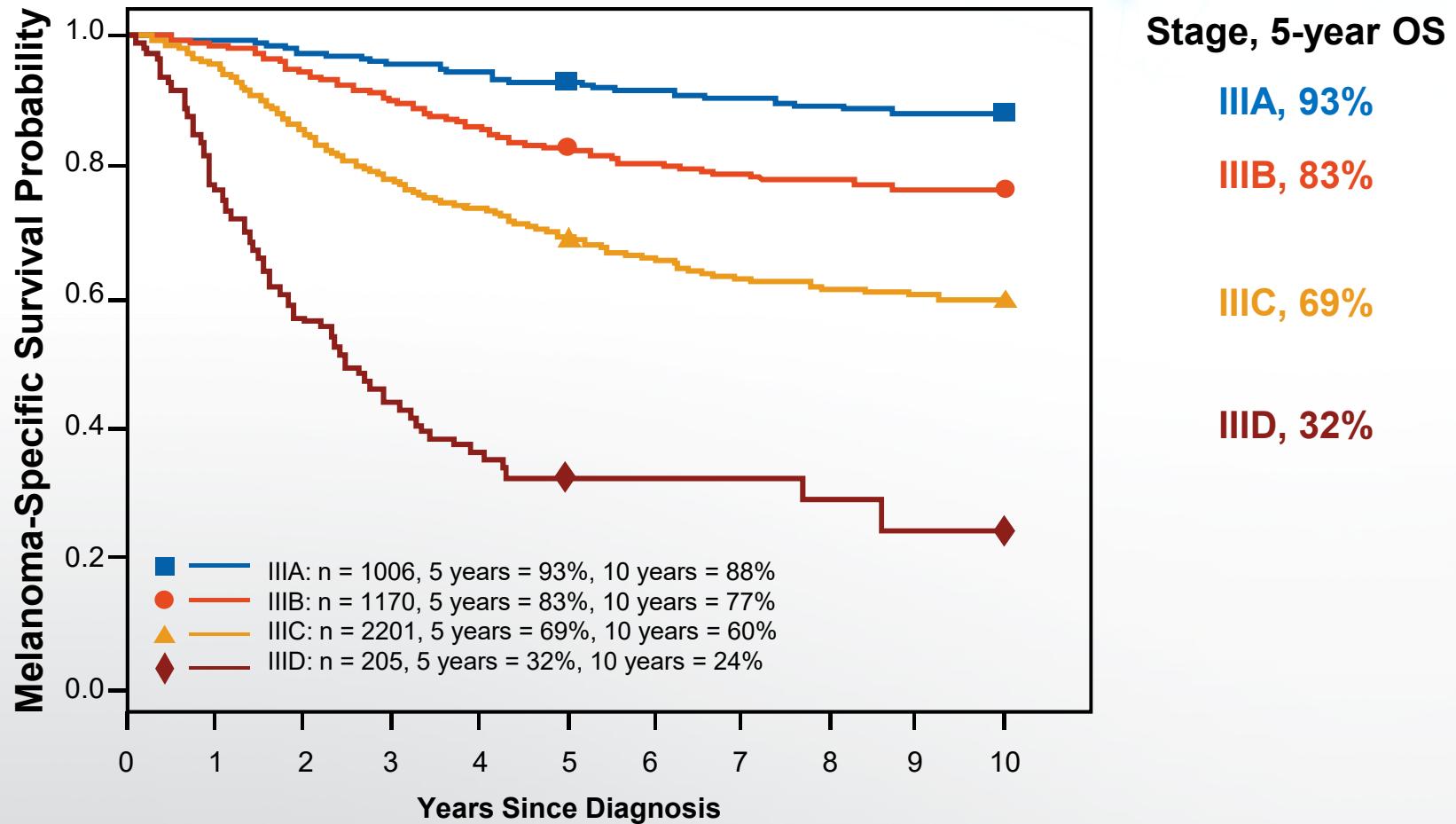
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# Melanoma-Specific Survival by Resectable Stage HETEROGENNE ROKOWANIE



# N stage

7 edycja

8 edycja

Cecha N	Charakterystka		Cecha N	Przerzuty w.chł	In transit/guzki satelit.
Nx	nie można ocenić reg. w. chł.		N0	Brak przerzutów w.chł.	
N0	nie ma przerzutów		N1	a: 1 niejawny (mikroprzerzut)	nie
N1	1 mets w. chł.	a: mikroprzerzut b: makroprzerzut		b: 1 jawny (makroprzerzut)	nie
				Nie!	c: tak
N2	2-3 mets w. chł.	a: mikroprzerzut b: makroprzerzut	N2	a: 2-3 niejawne	nie
				b: 2-3 w tym 1 jawny	nie
		c: in transit (bez mets w.chł)		c: 1 jawny/niejawny	c: tak
N3	4 ≥ mets w.chł, /pakiet/meta in transit (z zajętymi nowotorowo w.chł)		N3	a: ≥ 4 niejawne	nie
				b: ≥ 4 w tym 1 jawny	nie
				c: 2 jawne/niejawne	c: tak

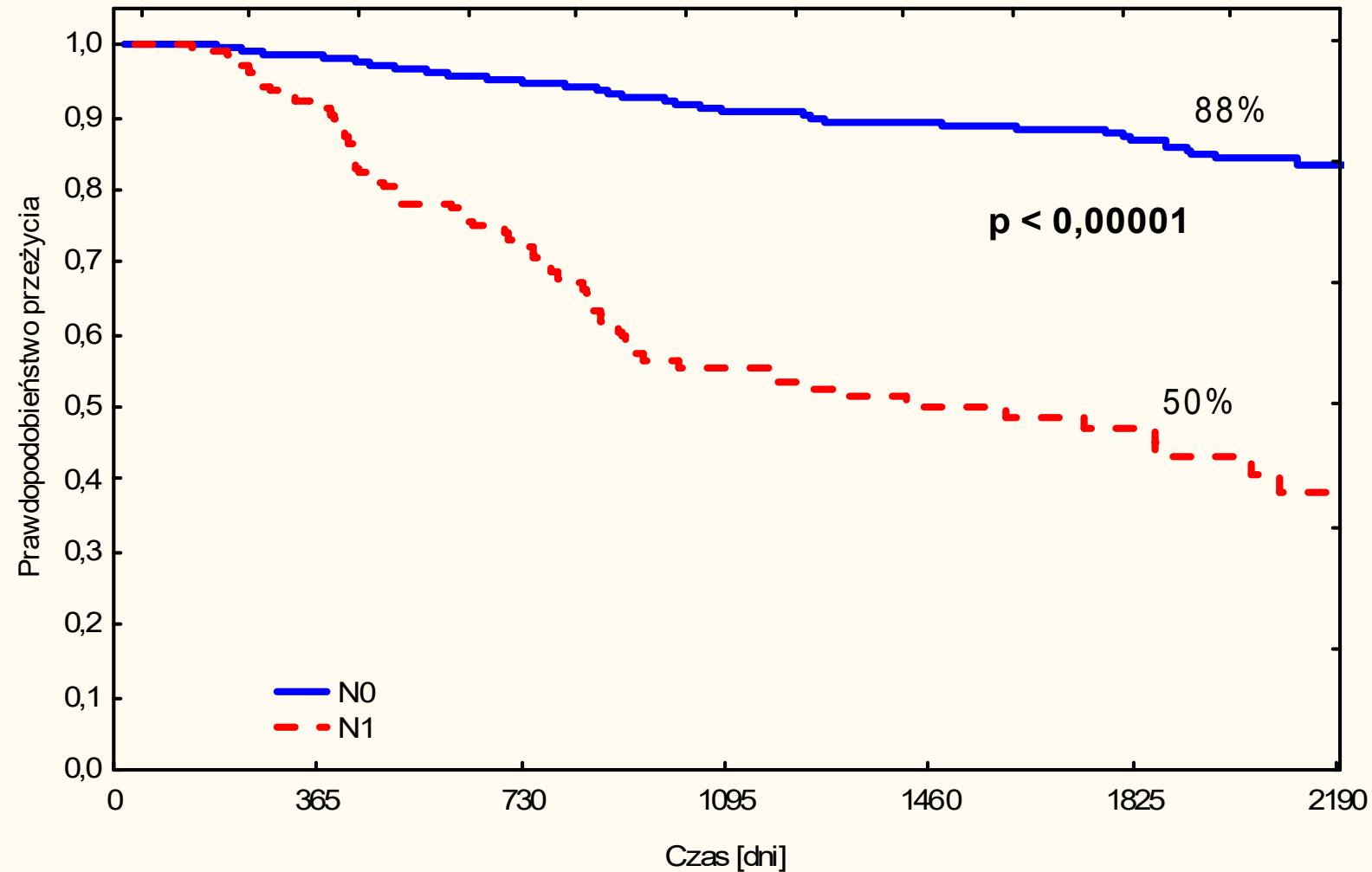
Extent of regional lymph node and/or lymphatic metastasis				Extent of regional lymph node and/or lymphatic metastasis			
N Category	Number of tumor-involved regional lymph node	Presence of in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases	N Category	Number of tumor-involved regional lymph node	Presence of in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases		
NX	Regional nodes not assessed (e.g., SLN biopsy not performed, regional nodes previously removed for another reason)	No	N2a	Two or three clinically occult (i.e., detected by SLN biopsy)	No		
	Exception: pathological N category is not required for T1 melanomas, use cN.		N2b	Two or three, at least one of which was clinically detected	No		
			N2c	One clinically occult or clinically detected	Yes		
N0	No regional metastases detected	No	N3	Four or more tumor-involved nodes or in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases with two or more tumor-involved nodes, or any number of matted nodes without or with in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases			
N1	One tumor-involved node or in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases with no tumor-involved nodes		N3a	Four or more clinically occult (i.e., detected by SLN biopsy)	No		
N1a	One clinically occult (i.e., detected by SLN biopsy)	No	N3b	Four or more, at least one of which was clinically detected, or presence of any number of matted nodes	No		
N1b	One clinically detected	No	N3c	Two or more clinically occult or clinically detected and/or presence of any number of matted nodes	Yes		
N1c	No regional lymph node disease	Yes					
N2	Two or three tumor-involved nodes or in-transit, satellite, and/or microsatellite metastases with one tumor-involved node						



# Overall survival according to metastases to sentinel lymph nodes

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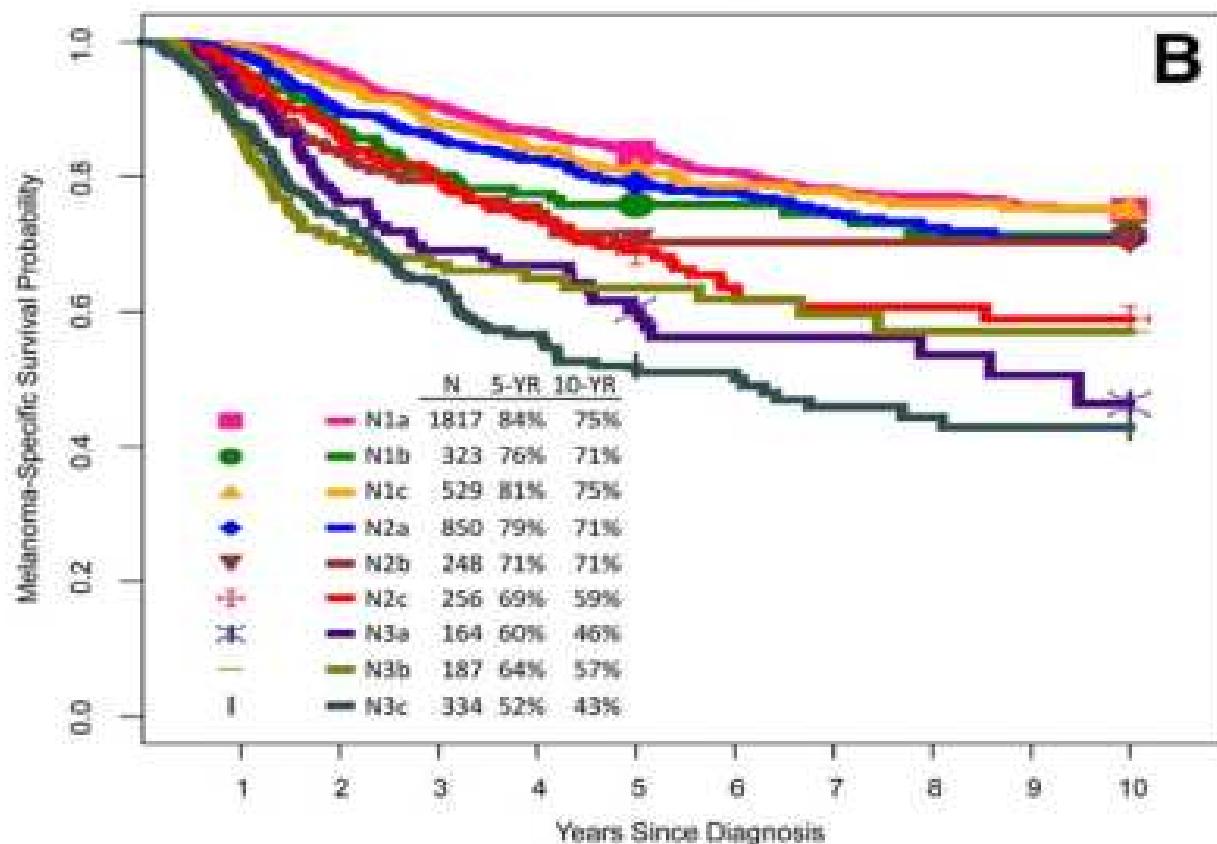
Przeżycia całkowite chorych w zależności od obecności przerzutów do węzłów wartowniczych (1187 chorych leczonych w centrum Onkologii w latach 1994-2004)



- Micrometastases → Macrometastases
- Prognosis better for micrometastases



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**FIGURE 3.** Kaplan-Meier Melanoma-Specific Survival Curves According to (A) N Categories and (B) Subcategories From the Eighth Edition International Melanoma Database.



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# Risk stratification of sentinel node–positive melanoma patients defines surgical management and adjuvant therapy treatment considerations

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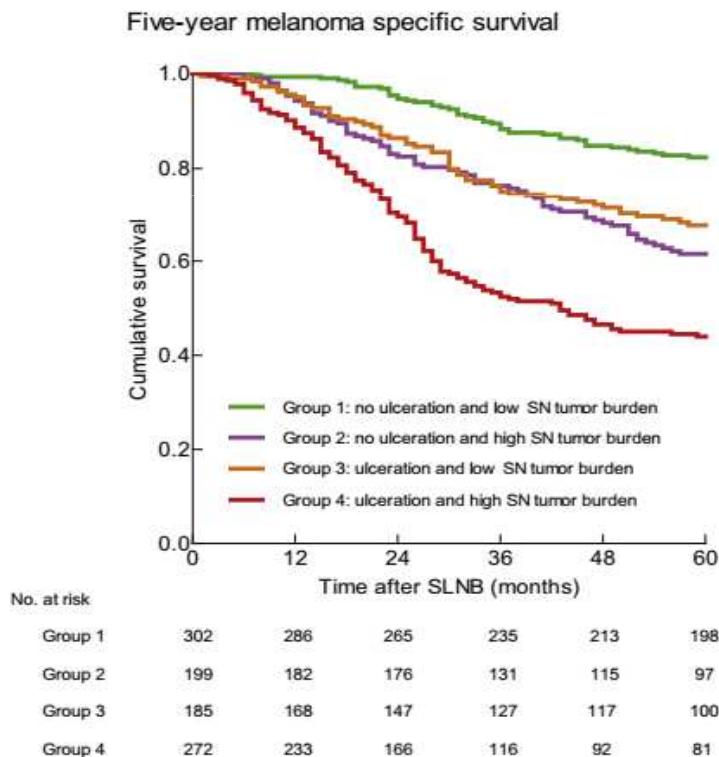
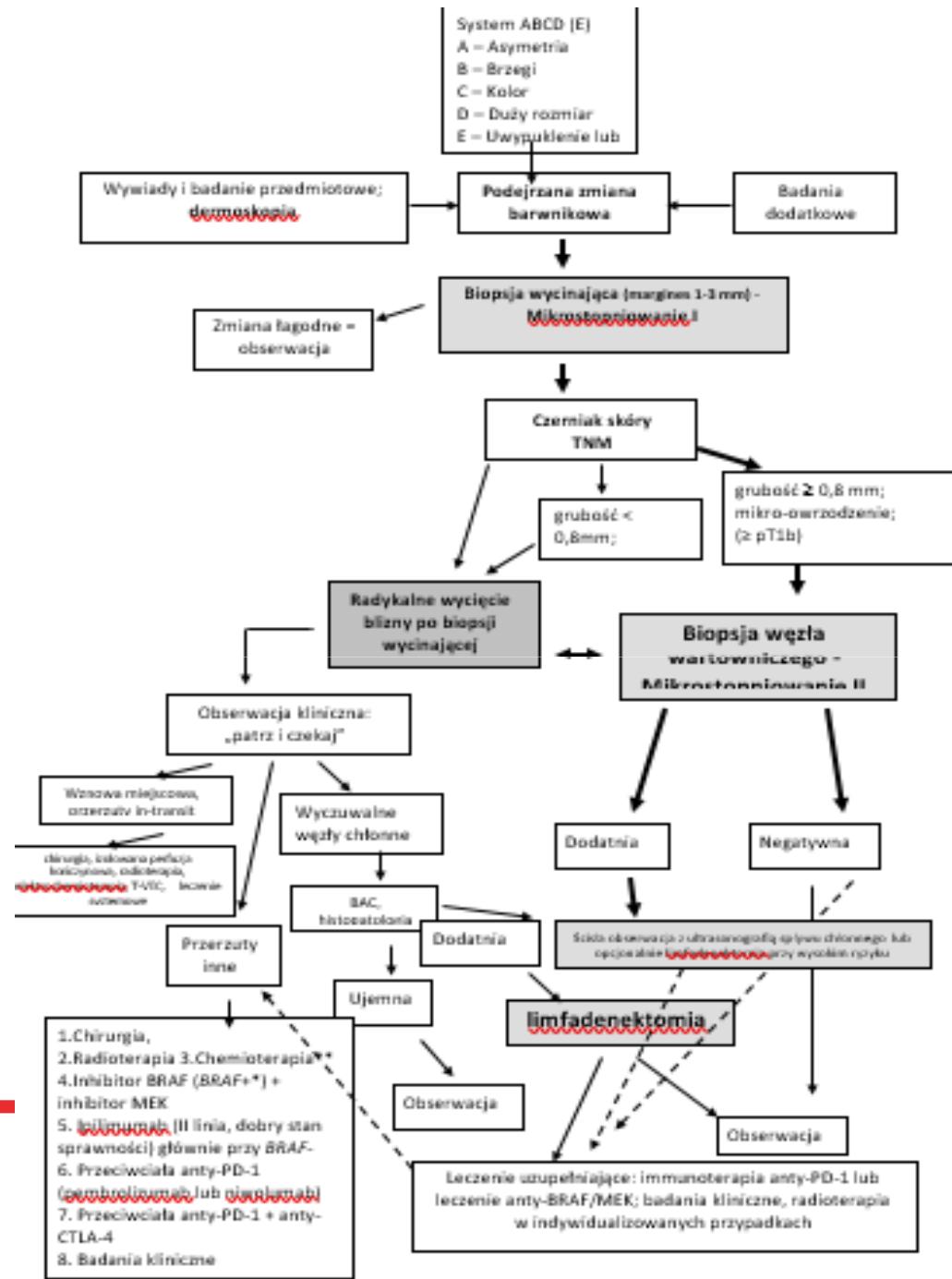


Fig. 1. Five-year melanoma-specific survival per positive SN group. SN, sentinel node.



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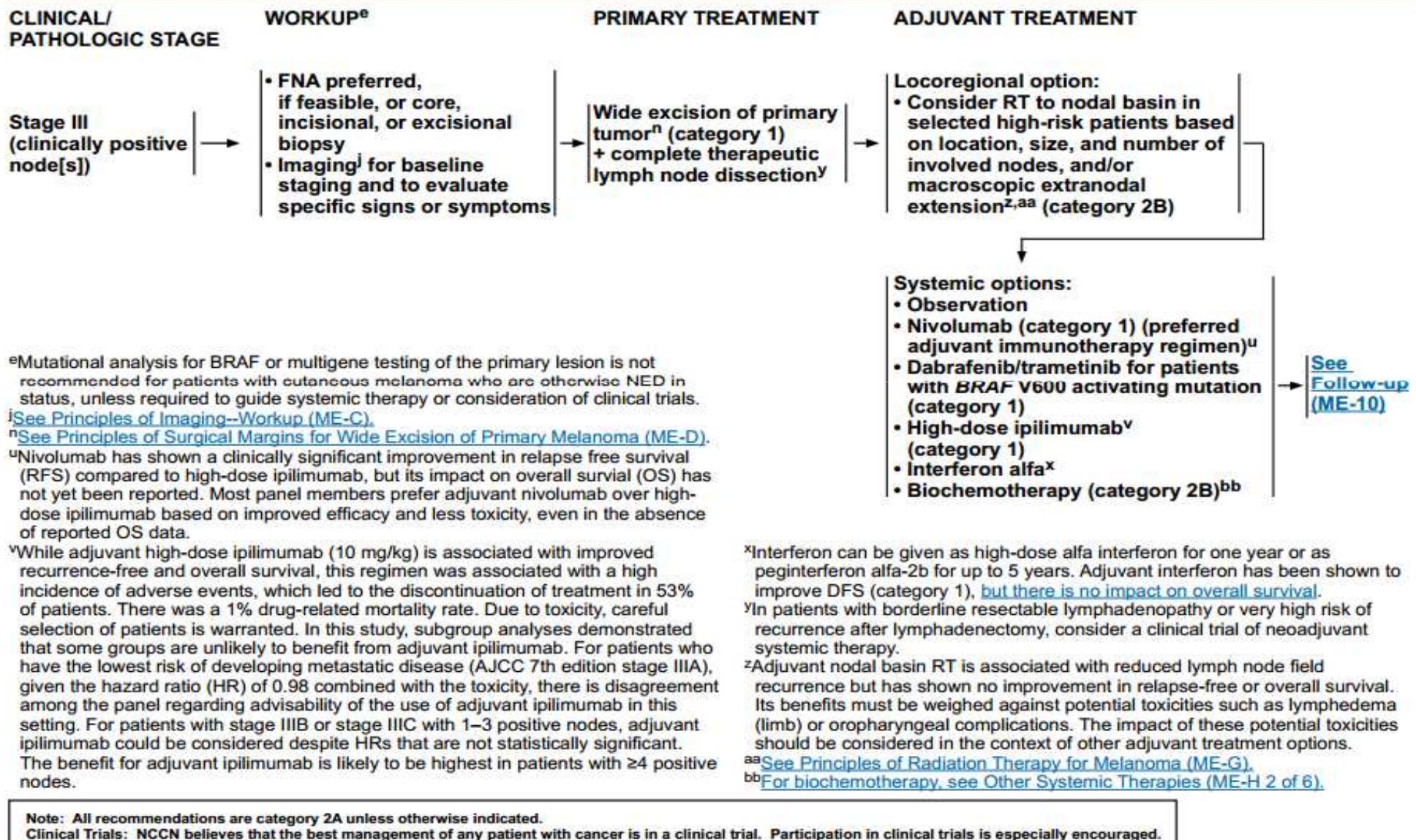
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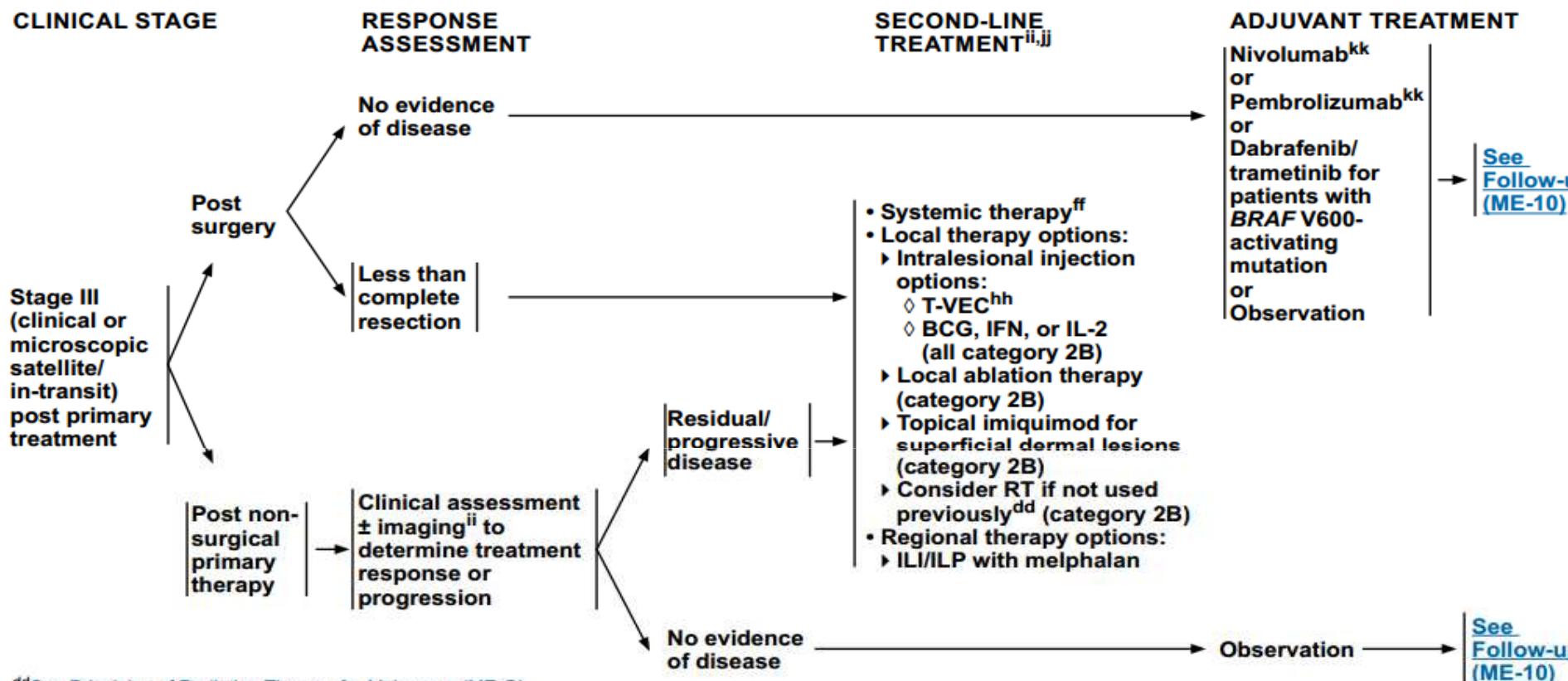
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# NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2018

## Melanoma





**kk** Nivolumab has shown a clinically significant improvement in RFS compared to high-dose ipilimumab, but its impact on OS has not yet been reported. Pembrolizumab has shown a clinically significant improvement in RFS compared to placebo, but its impact on OS has not yet been reported. Although both trials focused primarily on patients with stage III nodal disease, the NCCN panel agrees that it is appropriate to extend the indication for adjuvant anti-PD-1 therapy to patients with clinical or macroscopic satellite/intransit disease and who are at significant risk of recurrence.

# COMPLEXITY OF SITUATION IN ADJUVANT THERAPY OF MELANOMA

New classification in stage III AJCC 8th ed

MSLT II: completion lymph node dissection CLND is not further standard of therapy due to lack of benefits for MSS

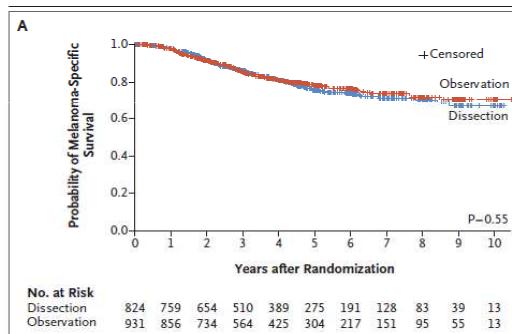
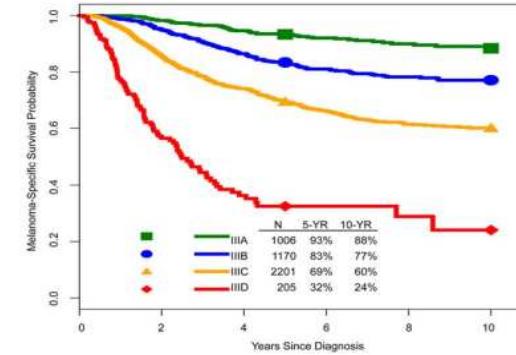
Clinical trials in adjuvant therapy differ in terms of eligibility criteria (stage of disease), comparators, drug dosing

Category	T Category							
	T0	T1a	T1b	T2a	T2b	T3a	T3b	T4a
N1a	N/A	A	A	A	B	B	C	C
N1b	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C
N1c	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C
N2a	N/A	A	A	A	B	B	C	C
N2b	C	B	B	B	B	B	C	C
N2c	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
N3a	N/A	C	C	C	C	C	C	D
N3b	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D
N3c	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D

Instructions  
(1) Select patient's N category at left of chart.  
(2) Select patient's T category at top of chart.  
(3) Note letter at the intersection of T&N on grid.  
(4) Determine patient's AJCC stage using legend.

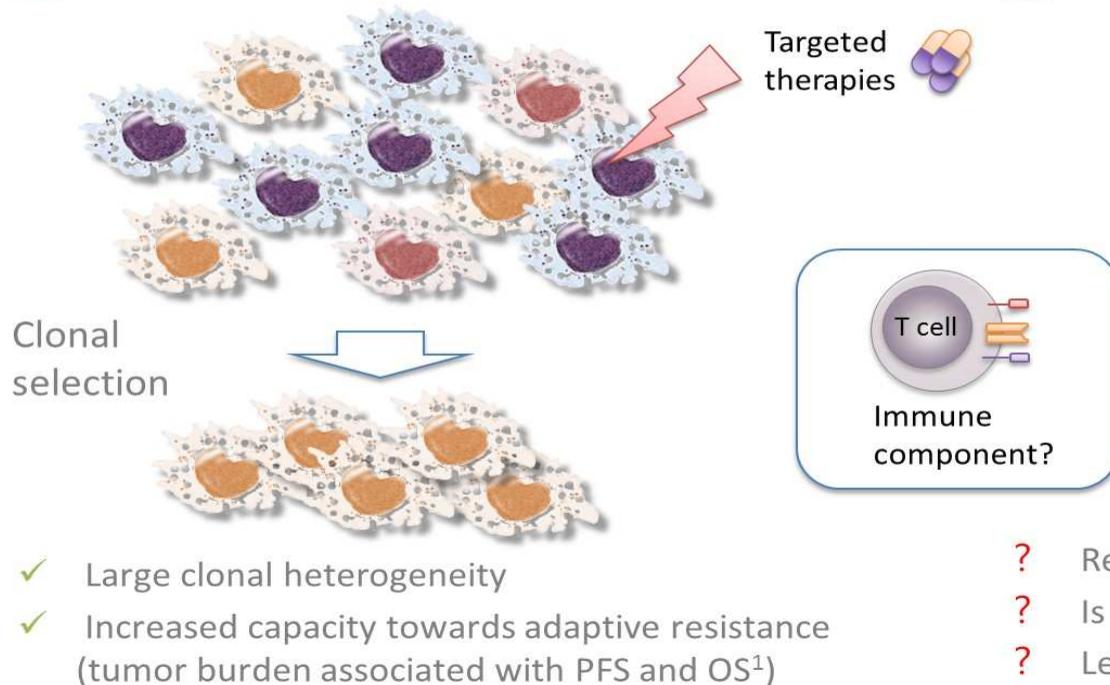
N/A=Not assigned, please see manual for details.\*

FIGURE 8. American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Eighth Edition Stage III Subgroups Based on T and N Categories.

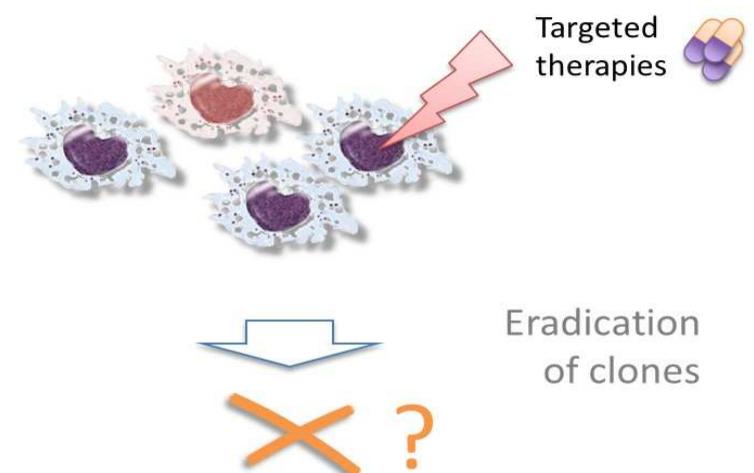


# Targeted therapies: metastatic vs adjuvant setting

## 1 Macroscopic disease - metastatic setting



## 2 Microscopic disease - adjuvant setting



Eradication  
of clones

- ? Restricted clonal heterogeneity?
- ? Is stage IIIA vs B, C influencing clonal heterogeneity?
- ? Less risk of relapse?

<sup>1</sup> Flaherty, ASCO 2016

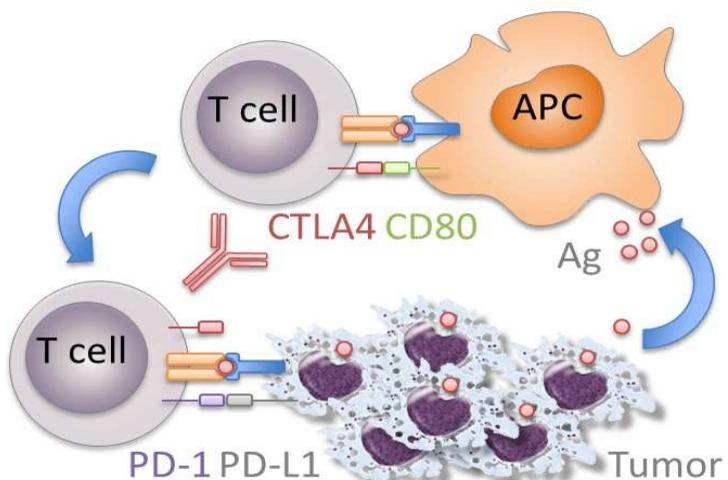
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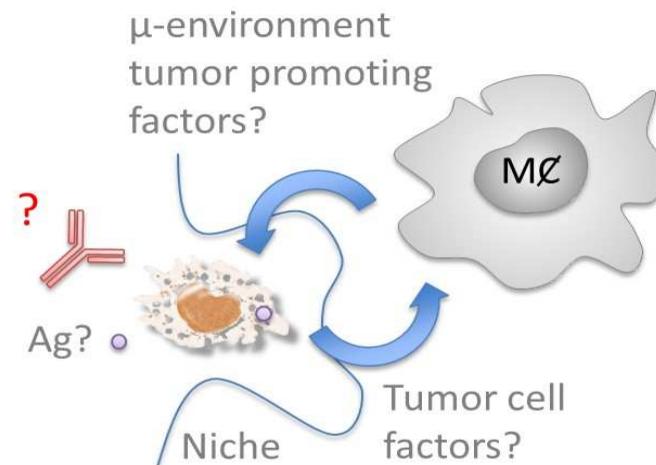
# Immunotherapies: metastatic vs adjuvant setting

## 1 Macroscopic disease - metastatic setting



- ✓ Continuous antigen release
- ✓ T cell infiltrate, INF- $\gamma$ , PD-L1
- ✓ Clear activity of CTLA-4 and PD-1 blockade

## 2 Microscopic disease - adjuvant setting



- ? Nature of residual disease, antigens (Ag)?
- ? Composition of (pre-)metastatic niche?
- ? Role of PD-1 / PD-L1<sup>1</sup> and CTLA-4 axis?

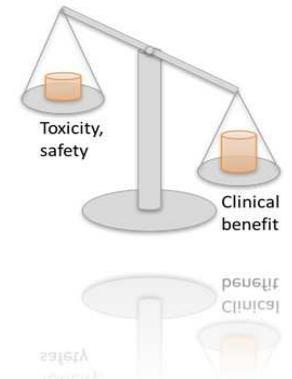
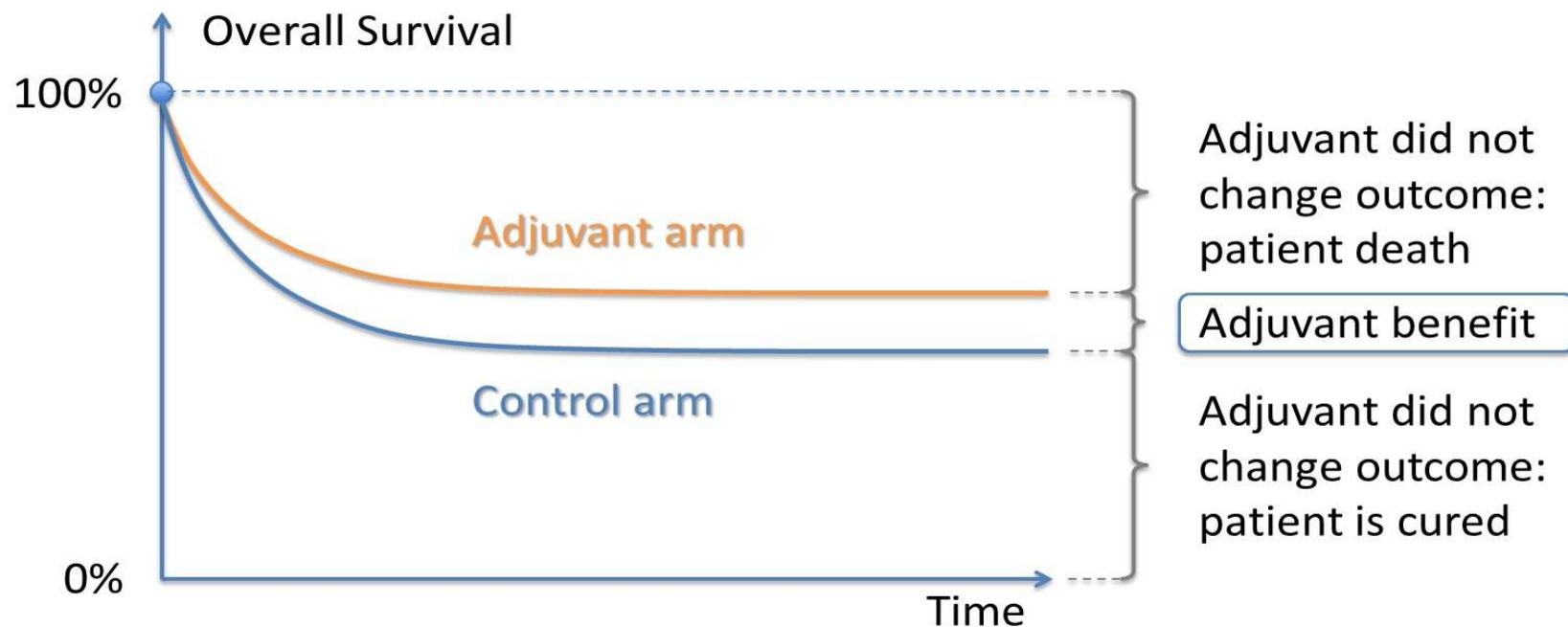
<sup>1</sup> Tarhini, *JTM* 2015: SLN are PD-L1 +

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# Risk / benefit ratio in the adjuvant setting



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# Adjuvant lymph-node field radiotherapy versus observation only in patients with melanoma at high risk of further lymph-node field relapse after lymphadenectomy (ANZMTG 01.02/TROG 02.01): 6-year follow-up of a phase 3, randomised controlled trial

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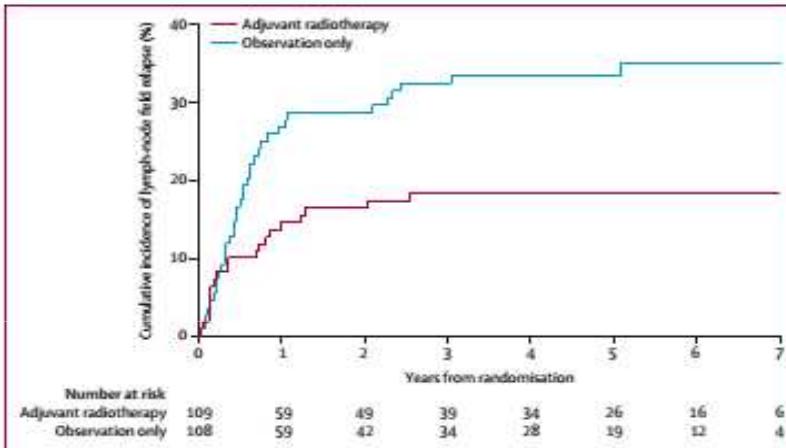


Figure 2: Cumulative incidence curves of lymph-node field relapse as a site of first relapse (competing risks: other relapse and death)

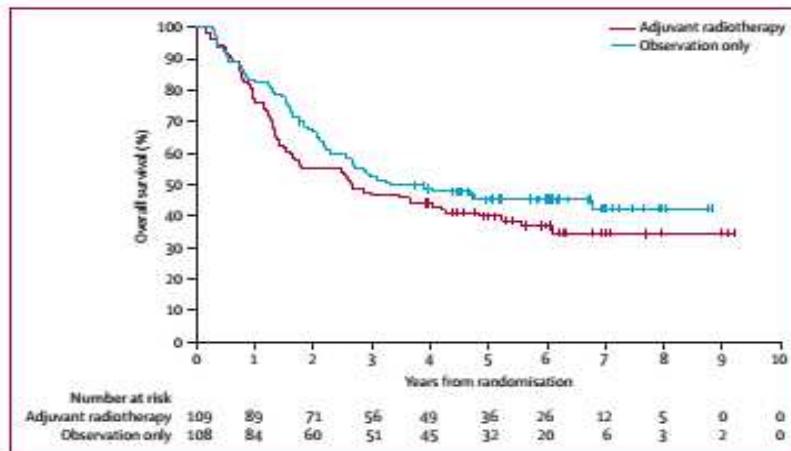


Figure 3: Overall survival of eligible patients

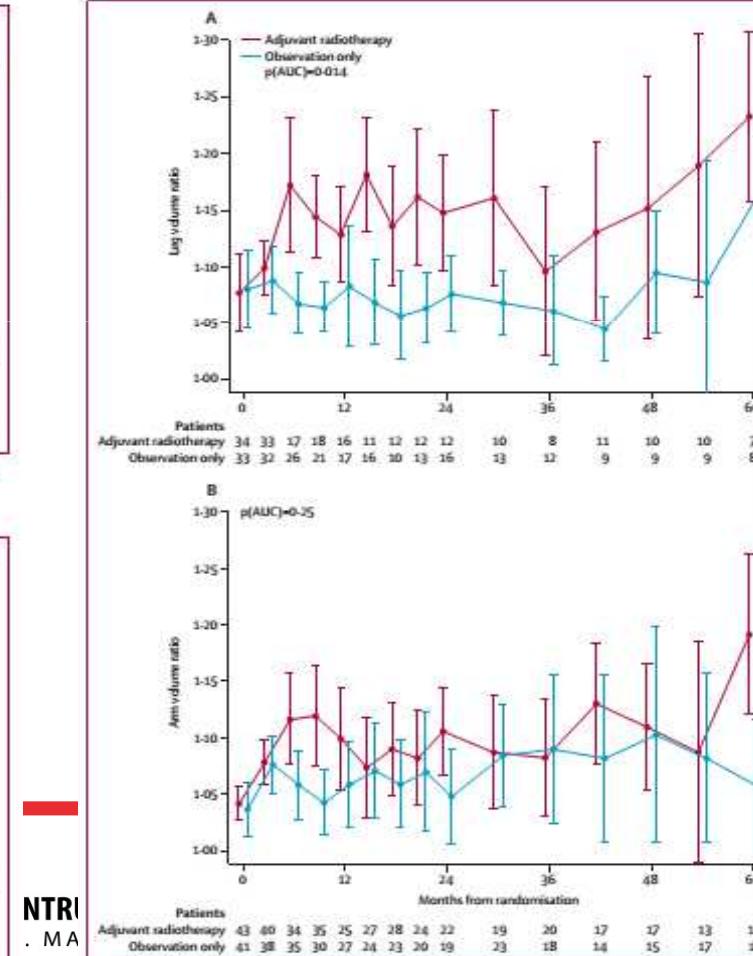


Figure 4: Lymphoedema limb volume ratios  
Volume ratios shown for (A) lower limb and (B) upper limb. Bars represent SE of the mean.

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# Summary of adjuvant therapy trials

		zaawansowanie	BRAF	punkty końcowe I.rz	wyniki	punkty końcowe II.rz	wyniki	me	RFS	OS
BRIM8	vemurafenib	IIC,IIIA,IIIB	+	DFS	HR=0.54 ss	<b>DMFS, OS, bezp, jakość</b>	HR 0.91 nss	NR	72% 2yrs	
		<b>vs IIIC</b>			<b>HR=0.80 nss</b>					
COMBI AD	dobrafenib plus trametynib	III	+	RFS	HR=0.47 ss	<b>OS- 3yrs, DMFS, FFR, BEZP</b>	HR=0.57 ss	NR	58% 3yrs	86% 3yrs
EORTC 18071	ipilimumab	III		RFS	HR=0.76 ss	<b>DMFS, OS, bezp, jakość</b>	HR=0.72 ss	27 m-cy	41% 5 yrs	65% 5yrs
E 1609	Ipi 10/3 vs IFN α2b	III		non inferiority	HR=1.0	RFS, OS	not yet			
CheckMate238	nivo vs ipi10	IIIB/C vs IVM1a/b vs IVM1c	PD-L1 5%	RFS	HR=0.65 ss	<b>OS, RFS by PDL1, bezp, jakość</b>	not yet	NR	66% 18 mo	



# Adjuvant interferon- $\alpha$ for the treatment of high-risk melanoma: An individual patient data meta-analysis

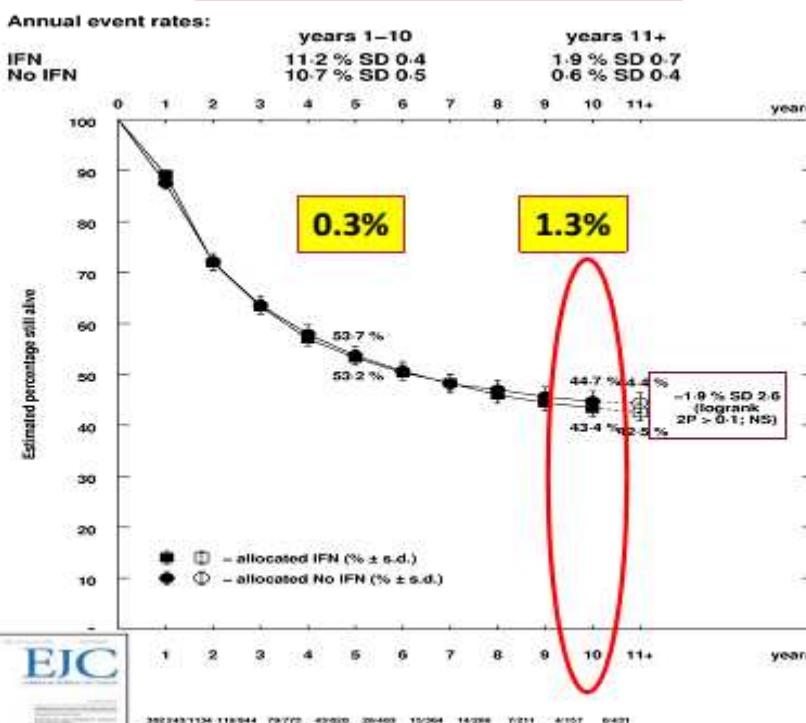
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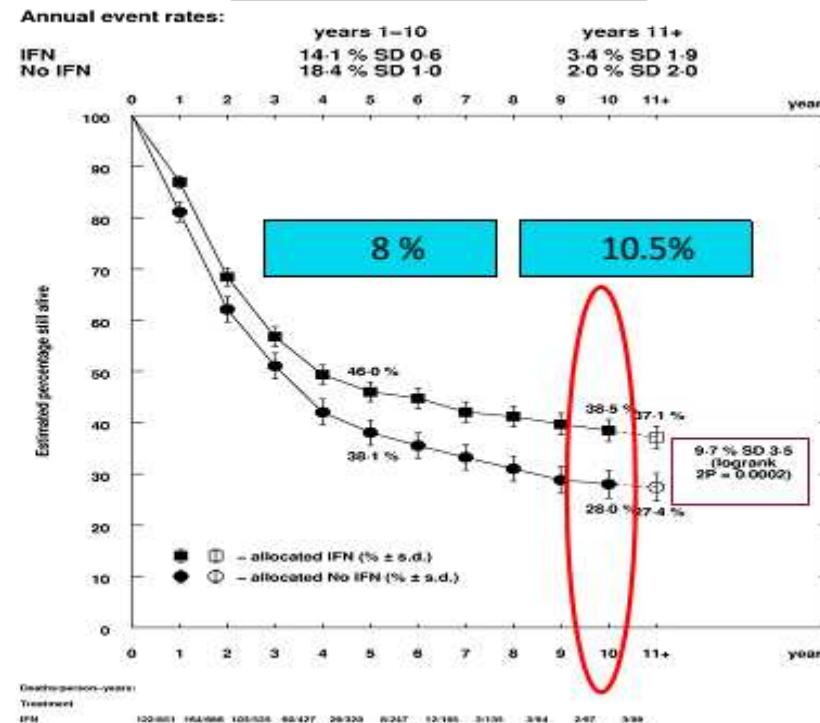
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## ULCERATION AND IFN-SENSITIVITY OVERALL SURVIVAL

### Non-ulcerated primary (67%)



### Ulcerated primary (33%)

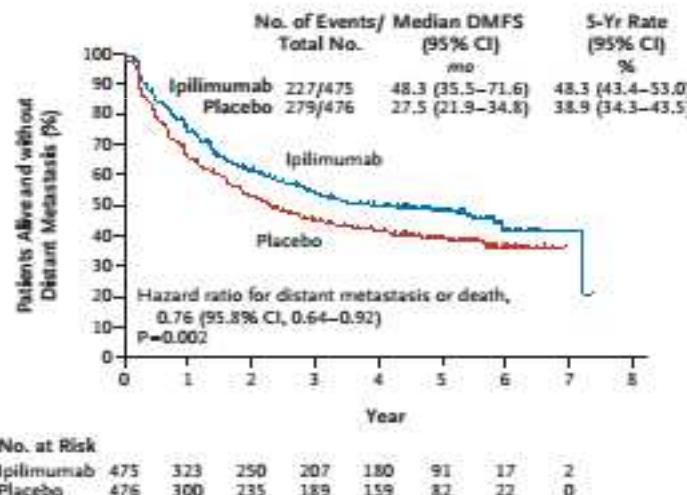


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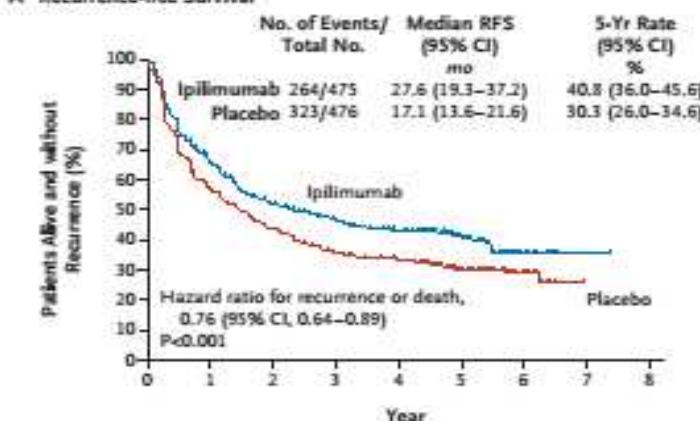
## Prolonged Survival in Stage III Melanoma with Ipilimumab Adjuvant Therapy

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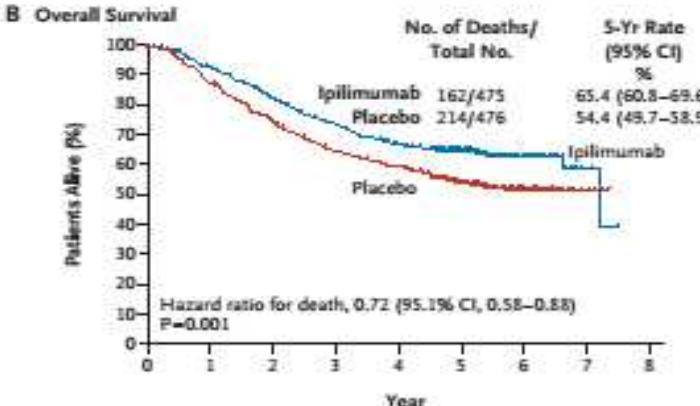
### Distant metastasis-free survival



### A Recurrence-free Survival



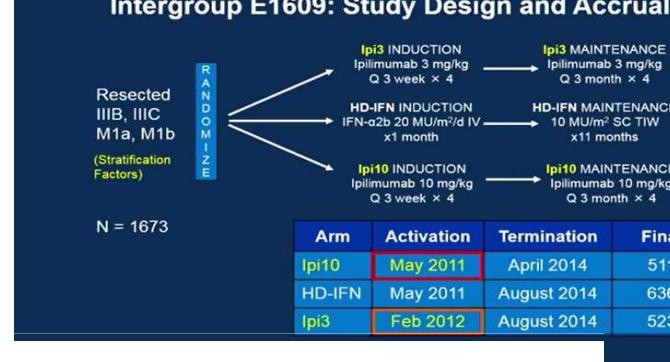
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**Table 3: Immune-Related Adverse Events.**<sup>a</sup>

Event	Ipilimumab (N = 471)				Placebo (N = 474)			
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Any immune-related adverse event	426 (90.4)	169 (35.9)	27 (5.7)	5 (1.1)	188 (39.7)	12 (2.5)	1 (0.2)	0
Any dermatologic event	298 (63.3)	20 (4.2)	0	0	99 (20.9)	0	0	0
Rash	161 (34.2)	5 (1.1)	0	0	52 (11.0)	0	0	0
Any gastrointestinal event†	217 (46.1)	70 (14.5)	6 (1.3)	3 (0.6)	85 (17.9)	3 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	0
Diarrhea	194 (41.2)	46 (9.8)	0	0	80 (16.9)	2 (0.4)	0	0
Colitis	73 (15.5)	32 (6.8)	4 (0.8)	3 (0.6)	7 (1.5)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0
Any endocrine-system event	178 (37.8)	34 (7.2)	3 (0.6)	0	38 (8.0)	1 (0.2)	0	0
Hypophysitis	77 (16.3)	20 (4.2)	1 (0.2)	0	1 (0.2)	0	0	0
Any hepatic event	115 (24.4)	38 (8.1)	13 (2.8)	0	20 (4.2)	1 (0.2)	0	0
Increase in liver-enzyme levels	83 (17.6)	14 (3.0)	6 (1.3)	0	18 (3.8)	0	0	0
Any neurologic event	21 (4.5)	5 (1.1)	4 (0.8)	0	9 (1.9)	0	0	0
Other‡	111 (23.6)	34 (7.2)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	23 (4.9)	3 (1.7)	0	0

#9500 adjuwantowy ipilimumab 3 mg/kg vs 10 mg/kg – podobne wyniki RFS, większa toksyczność dla wyższej dawki



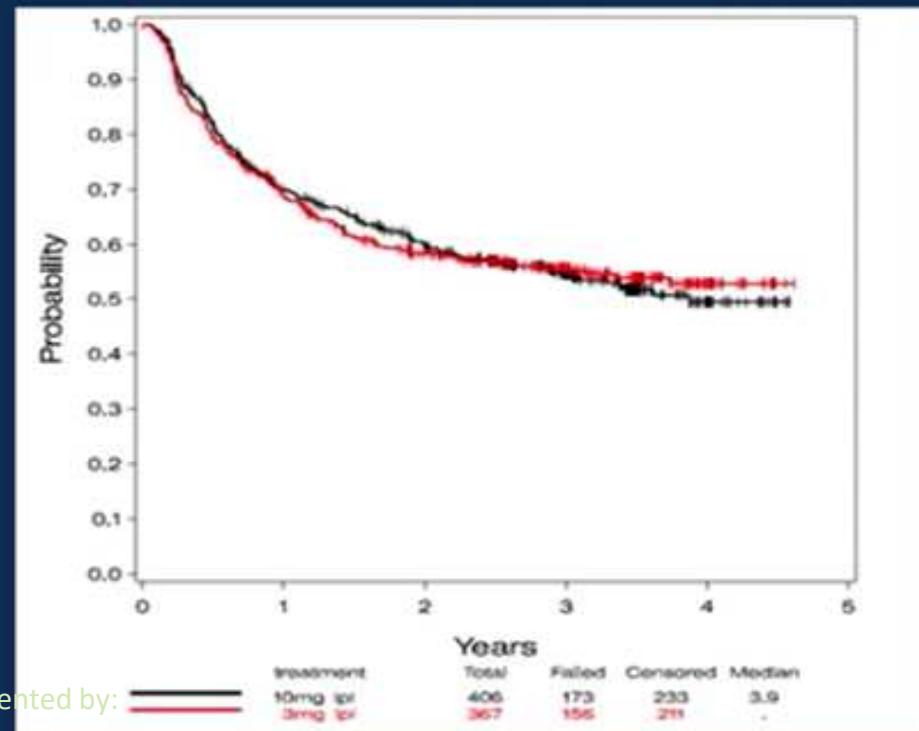
### Safety Summary

(Based on all toxicity data as of 3/2/17)

	Ipi3 (n = 516)		Ipi10 (n = 503)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Any AE, %	98.4	53.3	100	65.4
Treatment-related AE, %	96.0	36.6	98.8	56.5
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	34.9	25.0	53.7	42.9
Any immune-related AE, %	73.6	18.8	86.9	34.0

### RFS: Ipi10 vs. Ipi3

(Concurrently randomized patients)



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# Summary: adjuvant therapy trials

	EORTC 18071 Ipilimumab vs placebo	BRIM-8 Wemurafenib vs placebo	COMBI-AD	Checkmate 238 IPI vs NIVO	EORTC 1325/Keynote 054 Pembrolizumab vs placebo
	Eggermont 2015 Eggermont 2016	Lewis 2017	Long 2017	Weber 2017	Eggermont 2018?
<b>Population</b>	IIIA (>1mm), IIIB, IIIC	IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC	IIIA (>1mm), IIIB, IIIC	IIIB, IIIC, IV	IIIA (>1mm), IIIB, IIIC
<b>BRAFm</b>	?	100%	100%	41%/43%	
<b>RFS</b>	<b>41% vs 30% (5I)</b>	<b>82% vs 63% (12 m); 62% vs 53% (24 m)</b> 79% vs 58% (12m) 46% vs 47% (24m) <b>IIIC</b> <b>84% vs 66% (12m)</b> <b>72% vs 56% (24 m)</b> <b>IIC-IIIB</b>	<b>67% vs 44% (2I)</b> <b>58% vs 39% (3I)</b>	<b>66% vs 53% (18m)</b>	<b>HR 0,57</b>
<b>OS</b>	<b>65% vs 54% (5I)</b>	BD	<b>91% vs 83% (2I)</b> <b>86% vs 77% (3I)</b>	BD	



## Introduction

### Approved drugs for the adjuvant therapy of stage III melanoma

#### Old Era (1996–2009)

- High-Dose Interferon (IFN)- $\alpha$ 2b (US, EU), Low-Dose IFN- $\alpha$ 2a (EU), pegylated IFN- $\alpha$ 2b (US)<sup>1</sup>

#### New Era (2015–2018)

- |  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| • * <b>Ipilimumab (US)</b> <sup>2</sup>            | HR <sub>RFS</sub> (Ipilimumab vs. <b>Placebo</b> )=0.75            | (2015)     |
| • <b>Nivolumab</b> <sup>3</sup>                    | HR <sub>RFS</sub> (Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab)=0.65                  | (2017)     |
| • * <b>Dabrafenib plus Trametinib</b> <sup>4</sup> | HR <sub>RFS</sub> (Dab+Tra vs. <b>Placebo</b> )=0.47               | (2018)     |
| • * <b>Pembrolizumab</b> <sup>5</sup>              | HR <sub>RFS</sub> ( <b>Pembrolizumab</b> vs. <b>Placebo</b> )=0.57 | (EXP/2018) |
- \* Trials performed in identical patient populations at high risk of relapse: **IIIA >1mm; IIIB/C**

**5-year relapse rates: stage IIIA, 37%; stage IIIB, 68%; stage IIIC, 89%**<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Eggermont AM, et al. *Lancet* 2014;383:816-27; <sup>2</sup>Eggermont AM, et al. *Lancet Oncology* 2015;16:522-30; <sup>3</sup>Weber J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1824-35;

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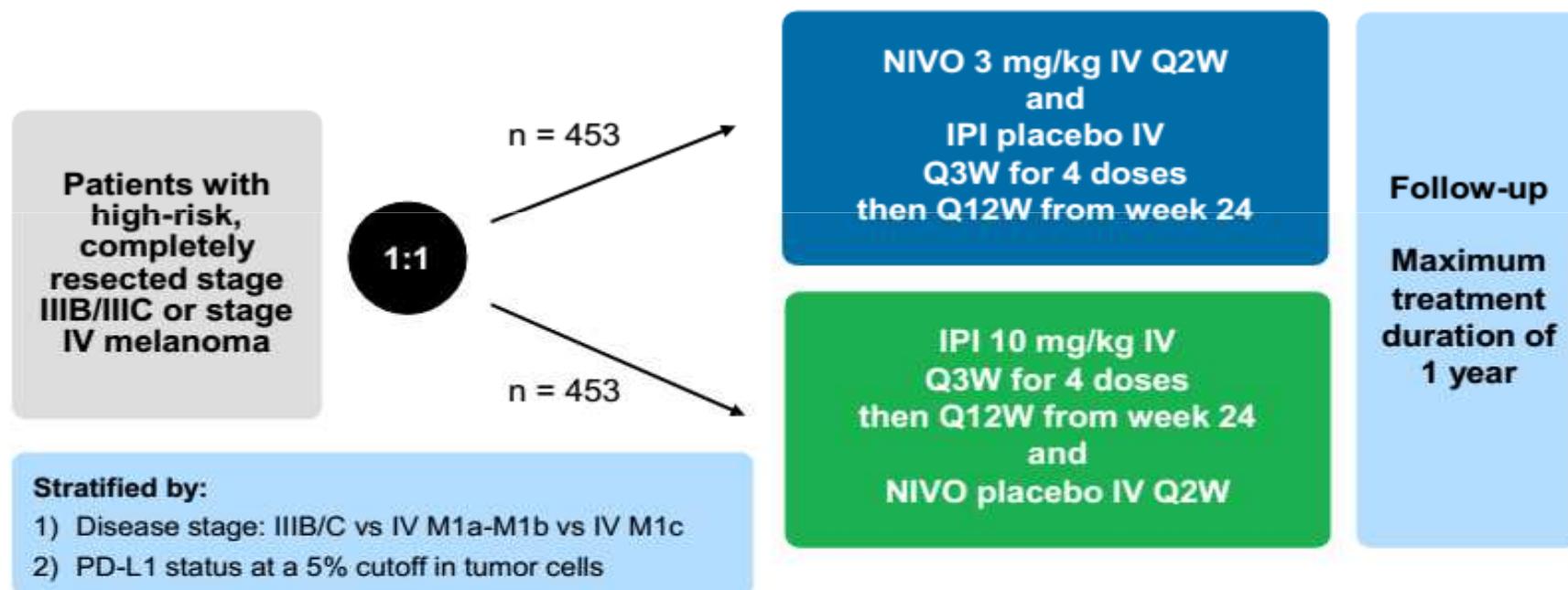


## Adjuvant Nivolumab versus Ipilimumab in Resected Stage III or IV Melanoma

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## IPI VS NIVO ADJUWANT (RFS)

### CA209-238: Study Design

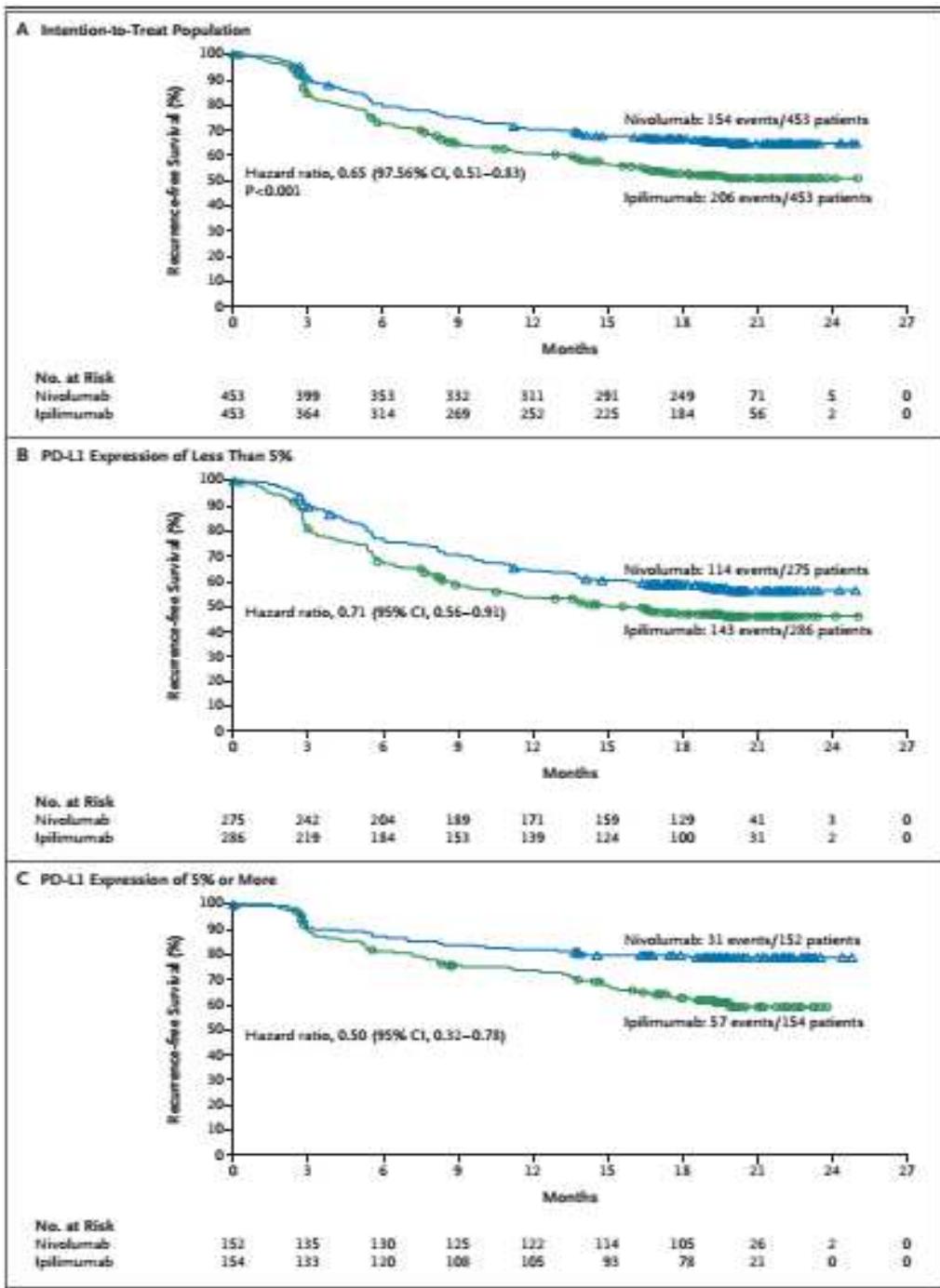


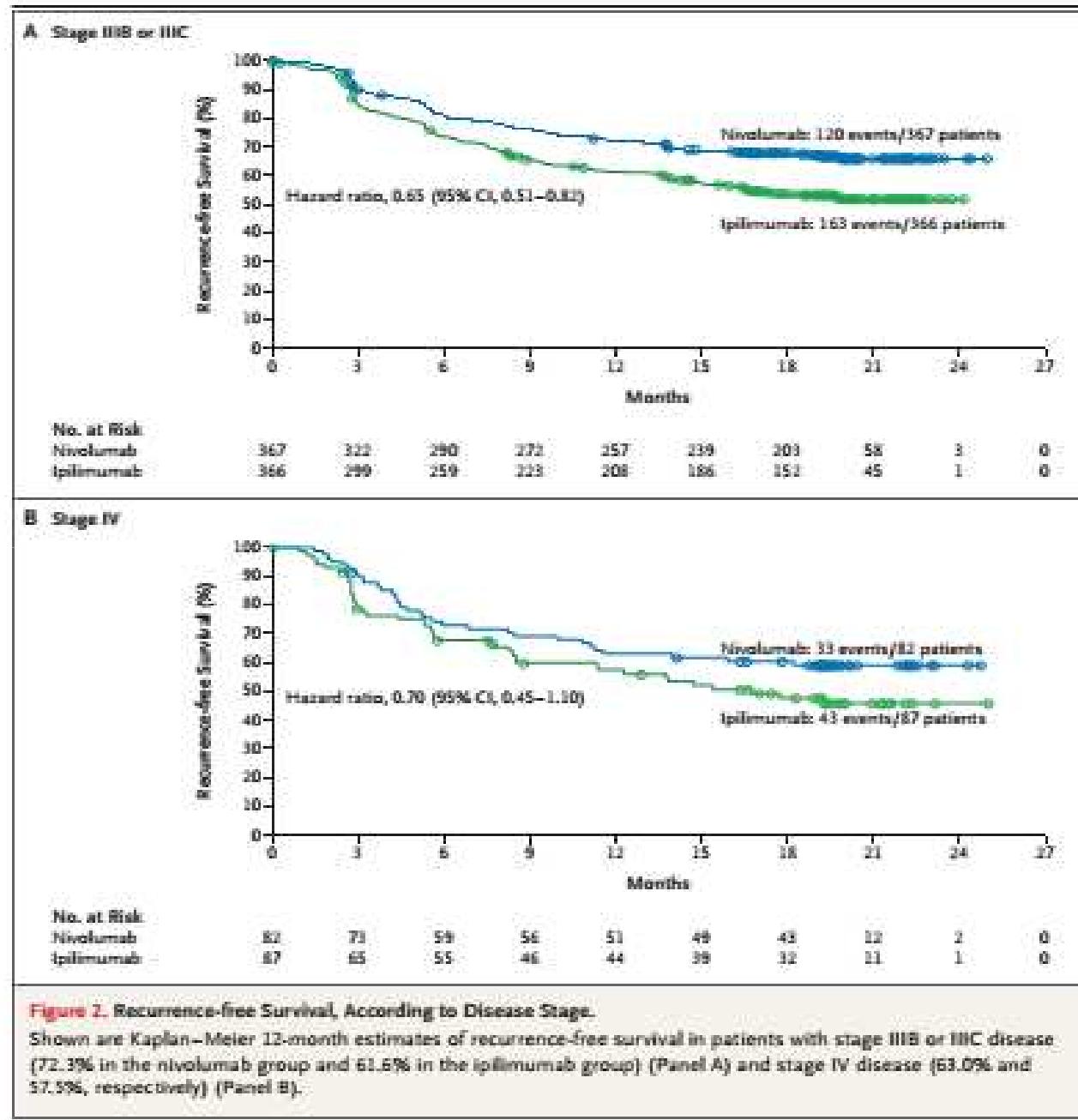
**Enrollment period:** March 30, 2015 to November 30, 2015



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## IPI VS NIVO ADJUWANT (RFS)





# Safety Summary

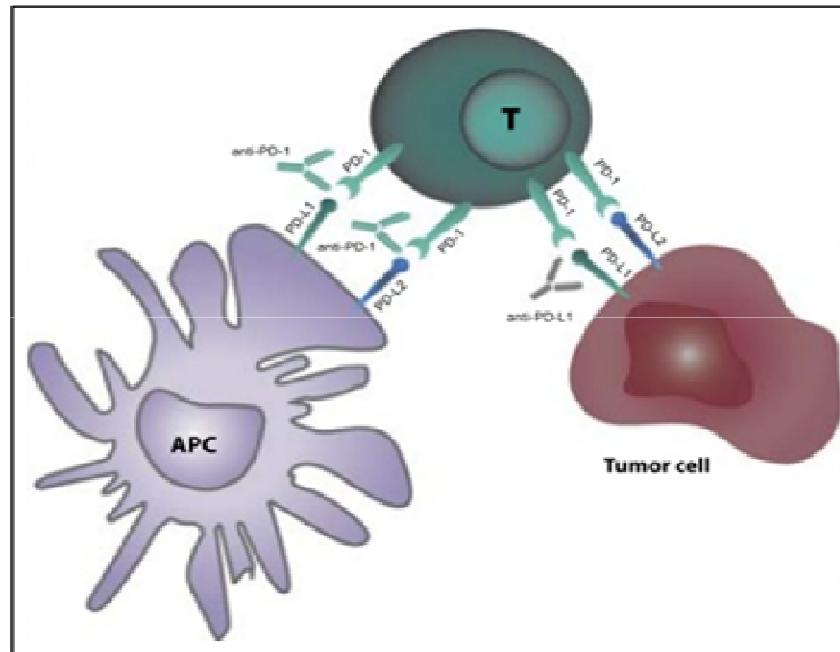
AE, n (%)	NIVO (n = 452)		IPI (n = 453)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
<b>Any AE</b>	438 (97)	115 (25)	446 (98)	250 (55)
<b>Treatment-related AE</b>	385 (85)	65 (14)	434 (96)	208 (46)
<b>Any AE leading to discontinuation</b>	44 (10)	21 (5)	193 (43)	140 (31)
<b>Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation</b>	35 (8)	16 (4)	189 (42)	136 (30)

## Treatment-Related Select Adverse Events

AE, n (%)	NIVO (n = 452)		IPI (n = 453)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
<b>Skin</b>	201 (44.5)	5 (1.1)	271 (59.8)	27 (6.0)
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	114 (25.2)	9 (2.0)	219 (48.3)	76 (16.8)
<b>Hepatic</b>	41 (9.1)	8 (1.8)	96 (21.2)	49 (10.8)
<b>Pulmonary</b>	6 (1.3)	0	11 (2.4)	4 (0.9)
<b>Renal</b>	6 (1.3)	0	7 (1.5)	0
<b>Hypersensitivity/infusion reaction</b>	11 (2.4)	1 (0.2)	9 (2.0)	0
<b>Endocrine</b>				
Adrenal disorder	6 (1.3)	2 (0.4)	13 (2.9)	4 (0.9)
Diabetes	2 (0.4)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0
Pituitary disorder	8 (1.8)	2 (0.4)	56 (12.4)	13 (2.9)
Thyroid disorder	92 (20.4)	3 (0.7)	57 (12.6)	4 (0.9)

- Median time to onset of treatment-related select AEs was generally shorter for patients receiving IPI (range 2.6-10 weeks) than for those receiving NIVO (range 3.3-14.2 weeks)

# Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1) Avoids PD1-PDL1/2 Binding, Which Suppresses CTL Activity at Tumor Site



Many cancers suppress cytotoxic T cell activity by expressing PD-L1/PD-L2 on cell surfaces.



Langer CJ. Am J Clin Oncol 2015;38:422-30.

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# Introduction

## Approved drugs for the adjuvant therapy of stage III melanoma

### Old Era (1996–2009)

- High-Dose Interferon (IFN)- $\alpha$ 2b (US, EU), Low-Dose IFN- $\alpha$ 2a (EU), pegylated IFN- $\alpha$ 2b (US)<sup>1</sup>

### New Era (2015–2018)

- \*Ipilimumab (US)<sup>2</sup>                                    HR<sub>RFS</sub>(Ipilimumab vs. Placebo)=0.75                                    (2015)
- Nivolumab<sup>3</sup>    HR<sub>RFS</sub>(Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab)=0.65                                    (2017)
- \*Dabrafenib plus Trametinib<sup>4</sup>                            HR<sub>RFS</sub>(Dab+Tra vs. Placebo)=0.47                                    (2018)
- \*Pembrolizumab<sup>5</sup>    HR<sub>RFS</sub>(Pembrolizumab vs. Placebo)=0.57                                    (EXP/2018)

\* Trials performed in identical patient populations at high risk of relapse: IIIA >1mm; IIIB/C

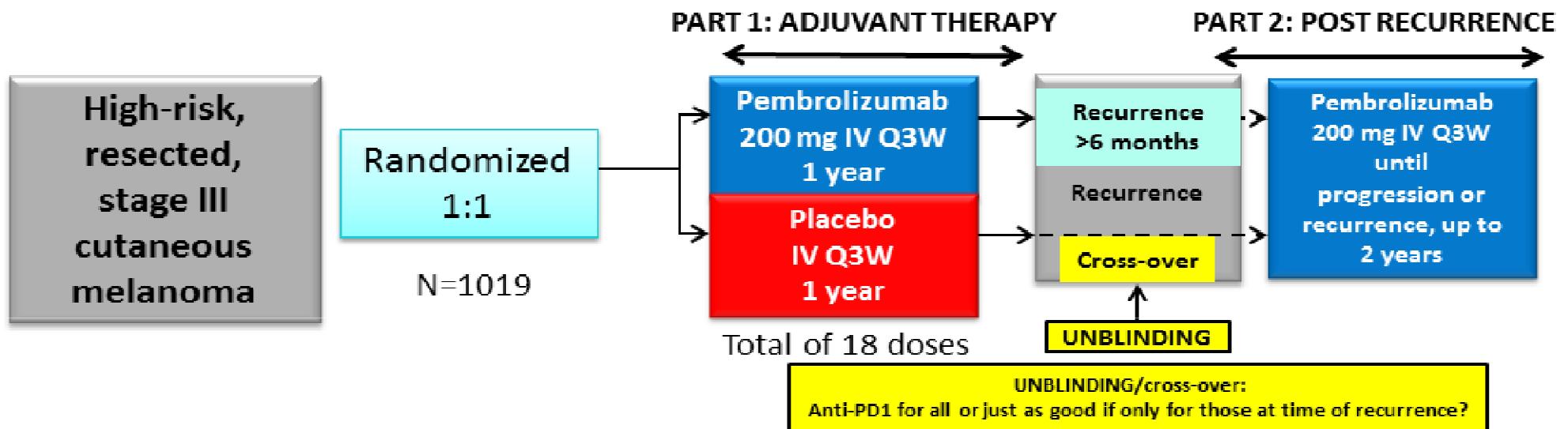
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# EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-54: Study Design



#### Stratification factors:

- ✓ **Stage:** IIIA (>1 mm metastasis) vs. IIIB vs. IIIC 1-3 positive lymph nodes vs. IIIC ≥4 positive lymph nodes
- ✓ **Region:** North America, European countries, Australia/New Zealand, other countries

#### Primary Endpoints:

- RFS (per investigator) in overall population, and RFS in patients with PD-L1-positive tumors

#### Secondary Endpoints:

- DMFS and OS in all patients, and in patients with PD-L1-positive tumors; Safety, Health-related quality of life

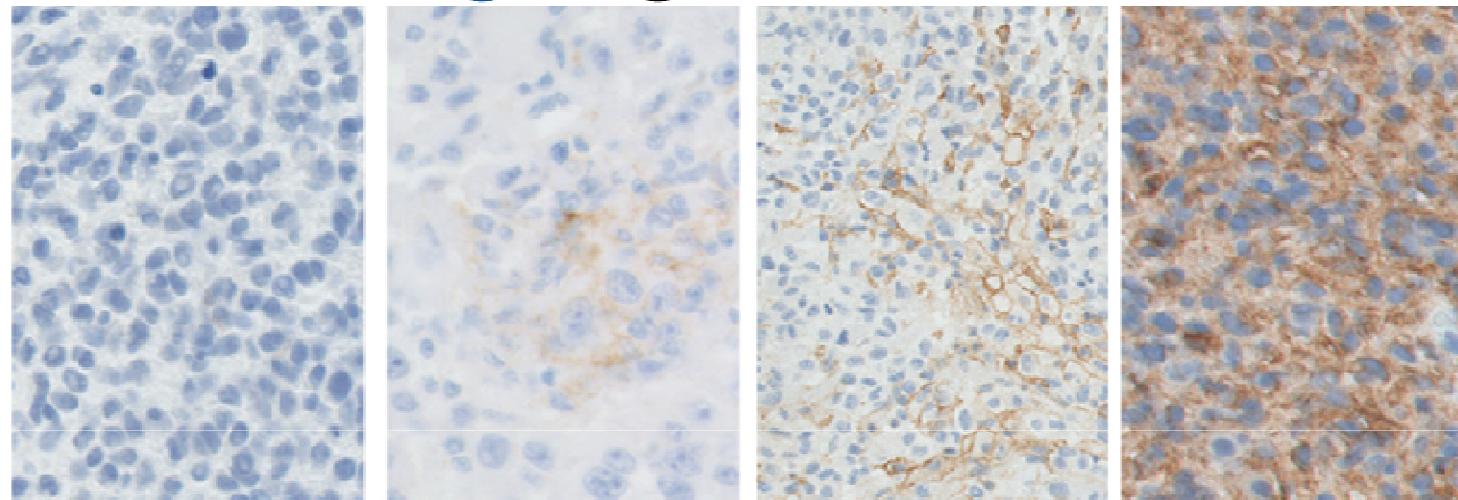


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## PD-L1 Staining: Negative <1%; Positive ≥1%



PD-L1 Negative  
0% staining  
MEL score, 0

PD-L1 Positive  
1%-9% staining  
MEL score, 2

PD-L1 Positive  
10%-32% staining  
MEL score, 3

PD-L1 Positive  
66%-100% staining  
MEL score, 5

No membrane staining

Membrane staining in tumor and tumor-associated immune cells, range

>0% – <1%

≥1% – <10%

≥ 10% – <33%

≥ 33% – <66%

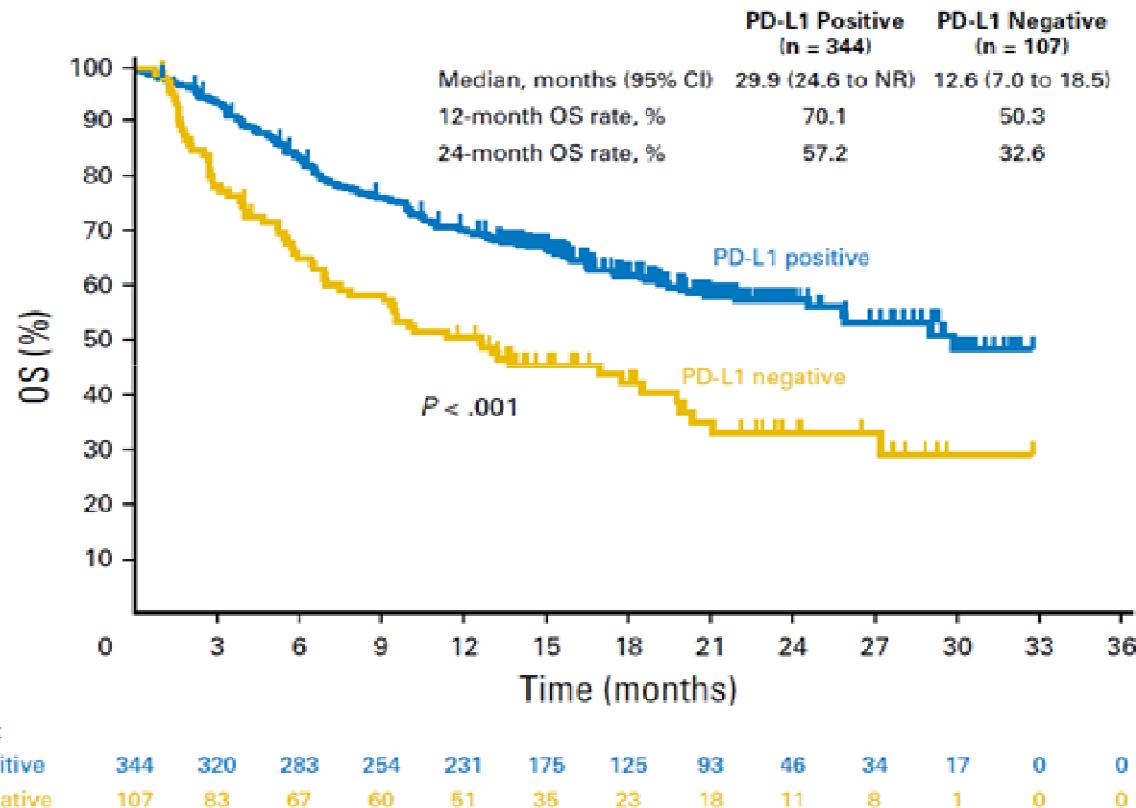
≥ 66%

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| 0 | PD-L1- |
| 1 |        |
| 2 |        |
| 3 |        |
| 4 | PD-L1+ |
| 5 |        |



# Pembrolizumab in Advanced Melanoma: KEYNOTE-001

## PD-L1 Expression and Overall Survival



Daud A, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2016;34(34):4102-9.

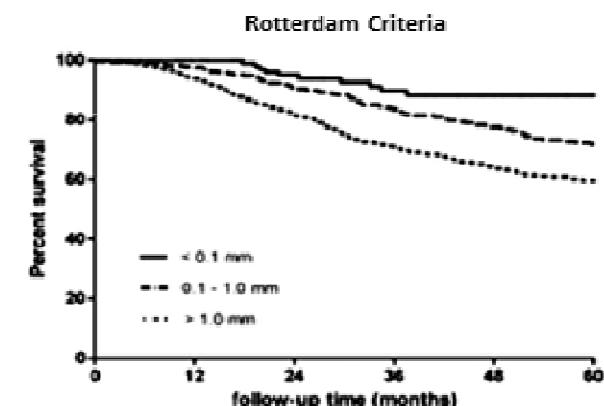
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## Key Eligibility Criteria

- At least 18 years of age
- Complete and adequate resection of stage III melanoma
- Histologically confirmed melanoma metastatic to lymph node
- Stage IIIA (if N1a, at least 1 metastasis >1 mm); stage IIIB or IIIC (no in transit meta)
- No prior systemic therapy for melanoma
- No autoimmune disease
- Documented NED following surgery
- Randomization within 13 weeks of surgery



Van der Ploeg, et al. Eur J Cancer 2014;50:111-20.

# Study Overview

## Primary endpoint

- **Recurrence-free survival (RFS)** by local investigator: time to loco-regional recurrence, distant metastasis, or death
  - Log-rank test and Cox model stratified by stage; 2-sided  $\alpha=0.05$
  - 409 events required to provide 92% power (target HR=0.70)
  - Interim analysis based on 351 events: 2-sided  $\alpha=0.016$  for the overall ITT population; if positive results, subgroup analysis in PD-L1+ subgroup ( $\alpha=0.05$ )

## Secondary endpoints

- Distant metastases-free survival (DMFS), overall survival (OS)
- Adverse event profile, health-related quality of life

**Enrollment period:** Aug-2015 – Nov-2016

## Current analysis

- **Primary efficacy endpoint (RFS) in the ITT and PD-L1+ population, and Safety**
  - **Cut-off date** (2-Oct-2017); duration of follow-up: median 1.25 years; 351 RFS events
  - **IDMC recommendation:** Reveal RFS results; study ongoing for DMFS & OS



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## Baseline Patient Characteristics

	Pembrolizumab (N=514)	Placebo (N=505)
<b>Median age (years)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Stage (%)</b>		
IIIA	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
IIIB	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>
IIIC with 1-3 positive LN	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
IIIC with ≥4 positive LN	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Ulceration of primary (%)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>1 vs. 2-3 vs. ≥4 positive LN (%)</b>	<b>44 vs. 34 vs. 21</b>	<b>47 vs. 33 vs. 20</b>
<b>Lymph-node involvement (%)</b>		
Microscopic	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>
Macroscopic	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>



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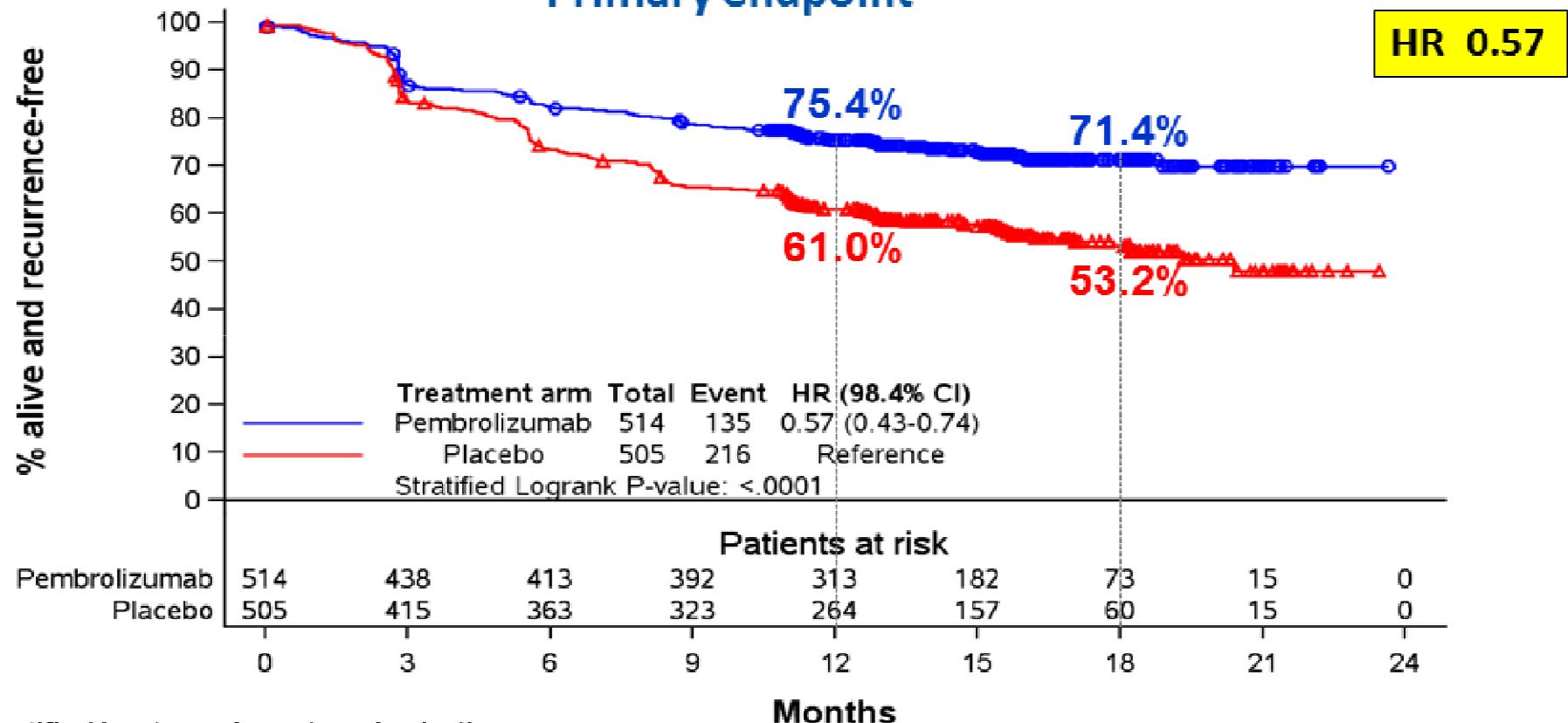
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## Baseline Patient Characteristics

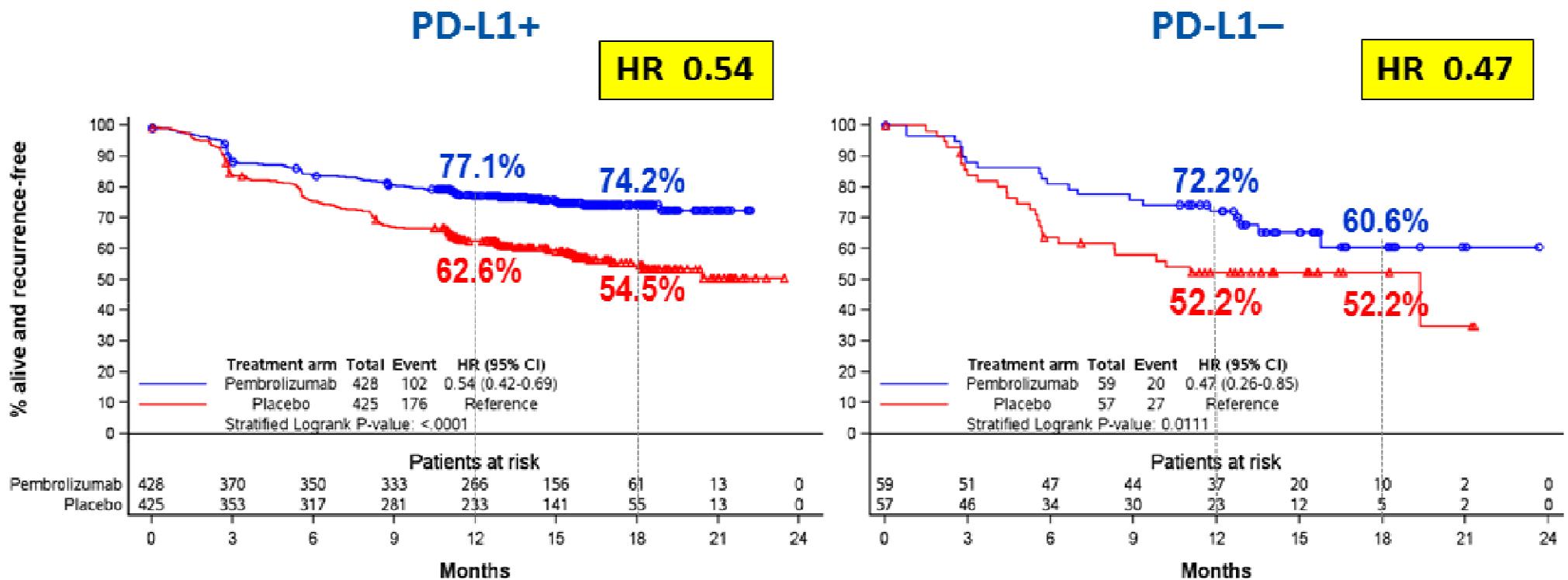
	Pembrolizumab (N=514)	Placebo (N=505)
<b>PD-L1 status (%)</b>		
Positive (MEL 2, 3, 4 or 5)	83	84
Negative (MEL 0 or 1)	11	11
Inevaluable	5	5
<b>BRAF-mutation status (%)</b>		
Wild type	45	42
V600E/K mutated	41	46
Other mutation	7	6
Not assessable	7	6



## Recurrence-Free Survival in the ITT Population Primary endpoint



## Recurrence-Free Survival



\*Stratified by stage given at randomization

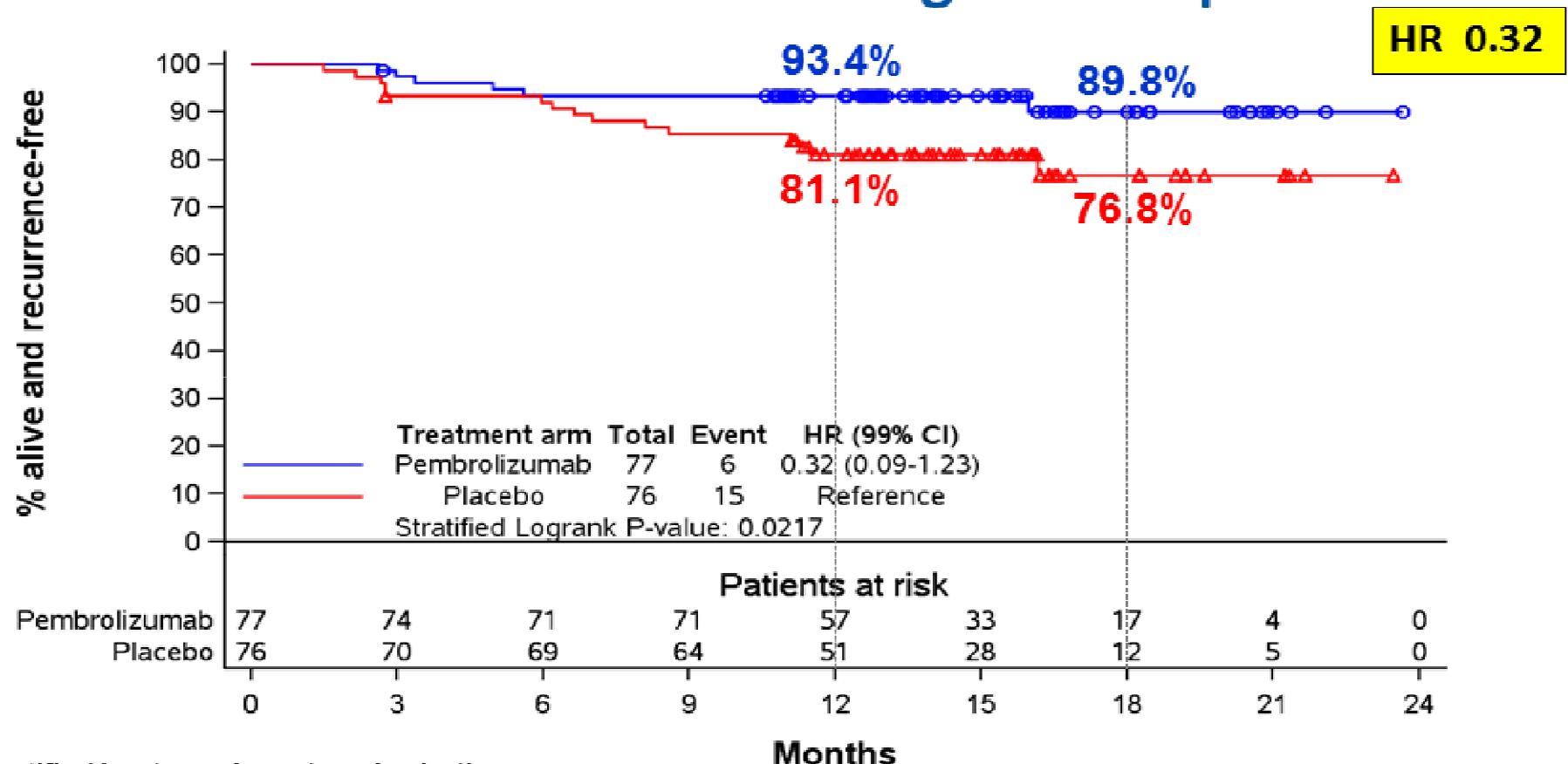


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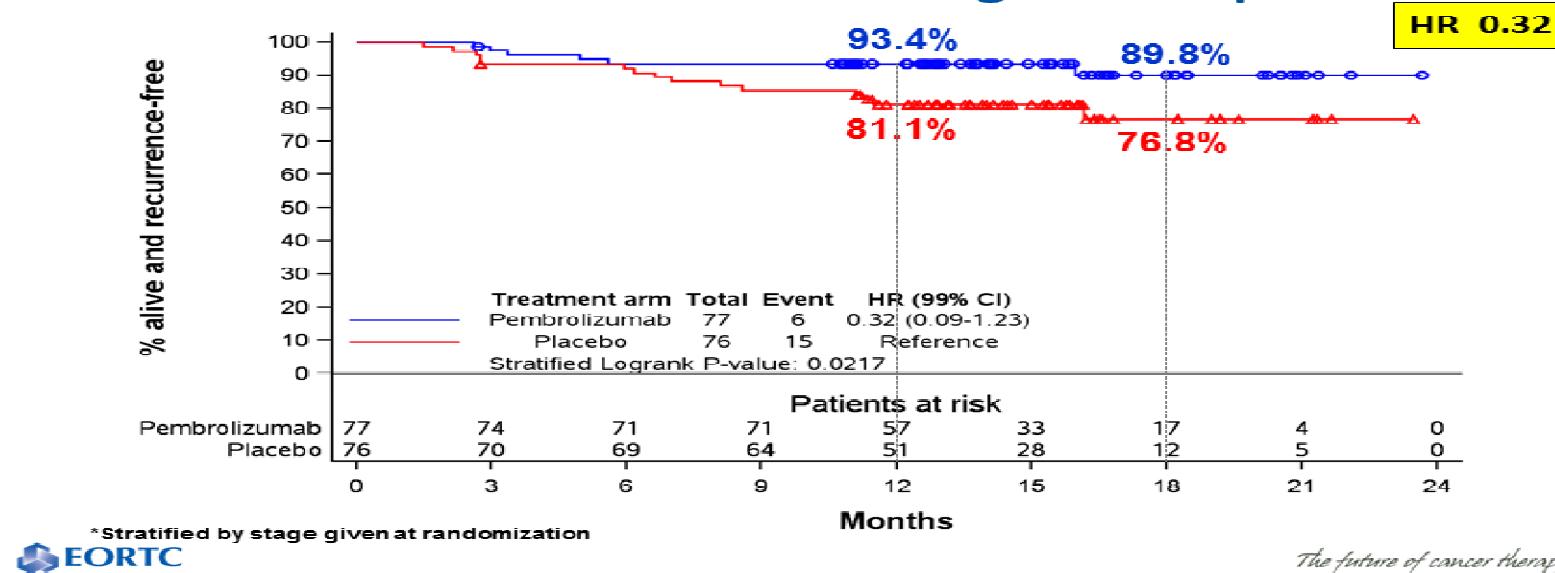


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## Recurrence-Free Survival in Stage IIIA Population



## Recurrence-Free Survival in Stage IIIA Population

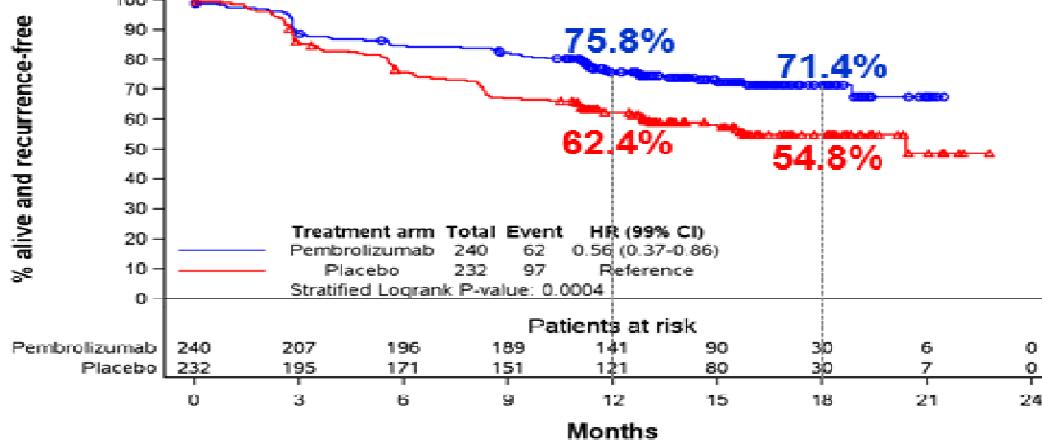
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## Recurrence-Free Survival

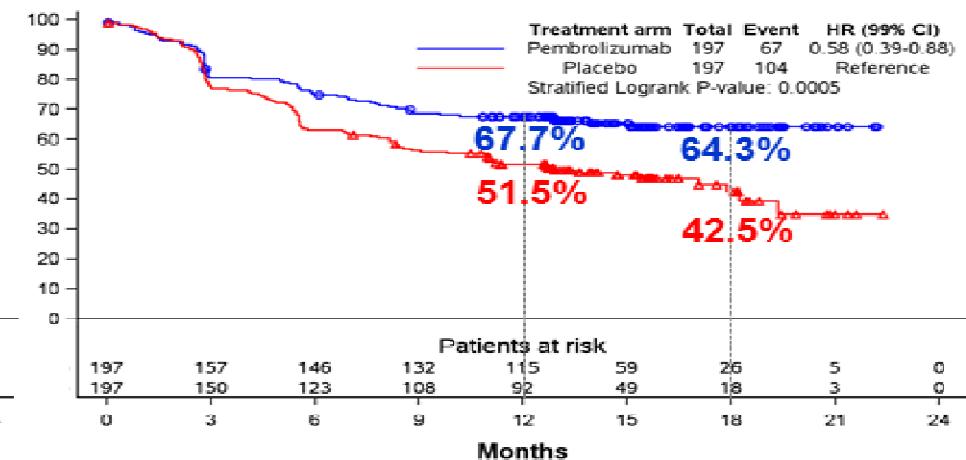
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HR 0.56



### Stage IIIC

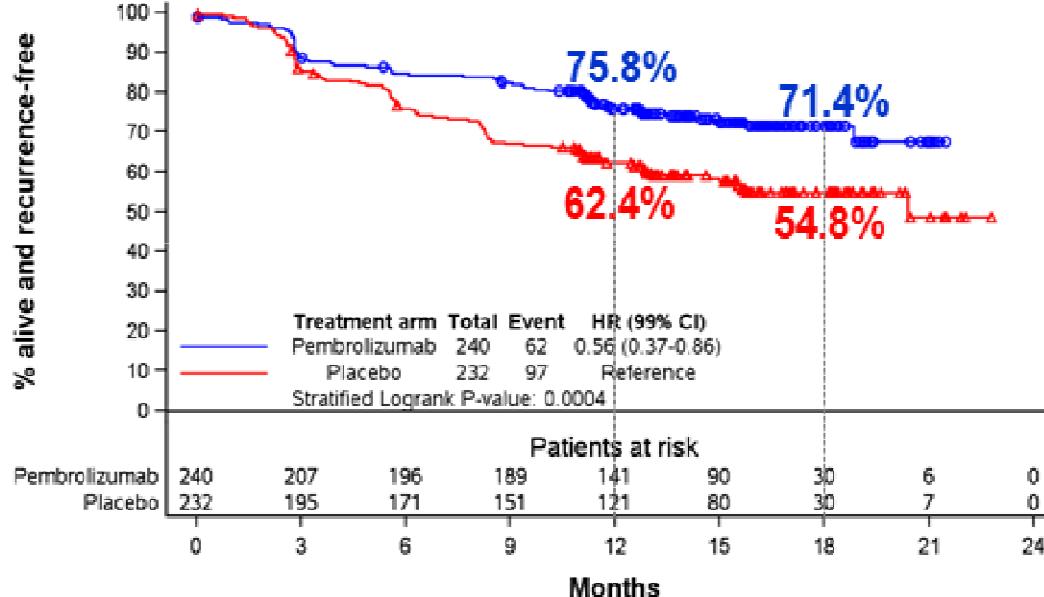
HR 0.58

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## Recurrence-Free Survival

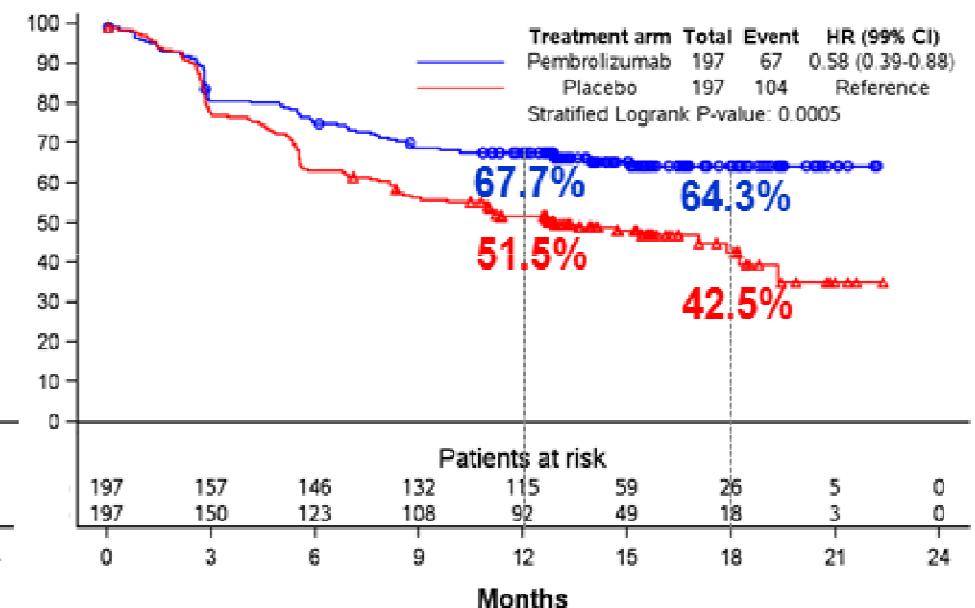
### Stage IIIB

**HR 0.56**



### Stage IIIC

**HR 0.58**



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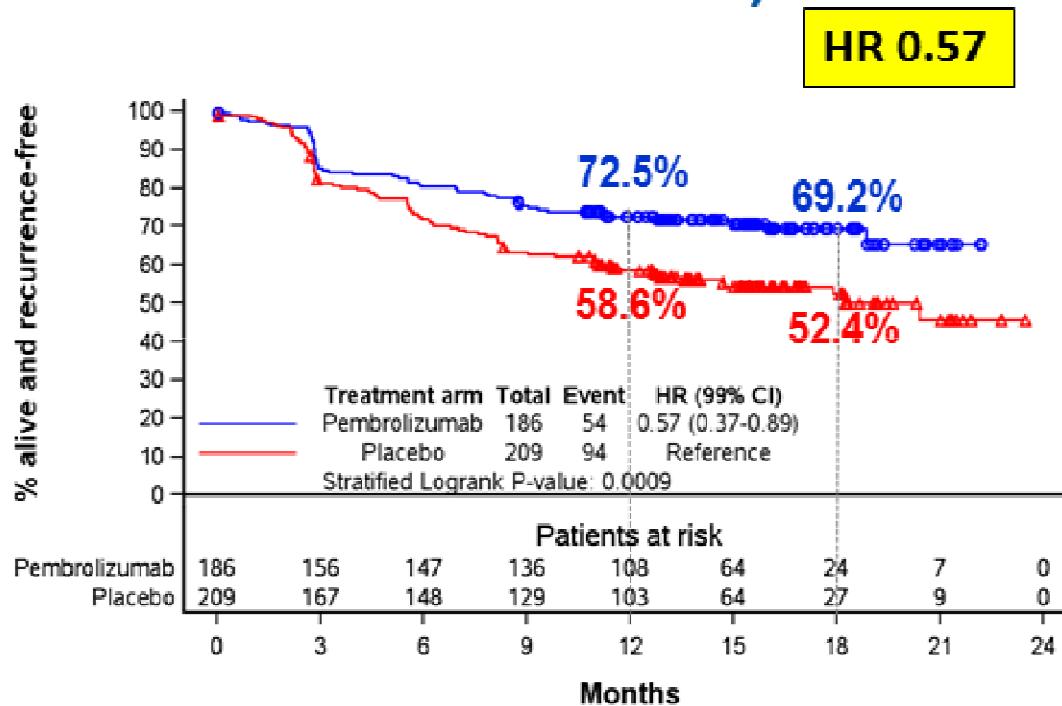
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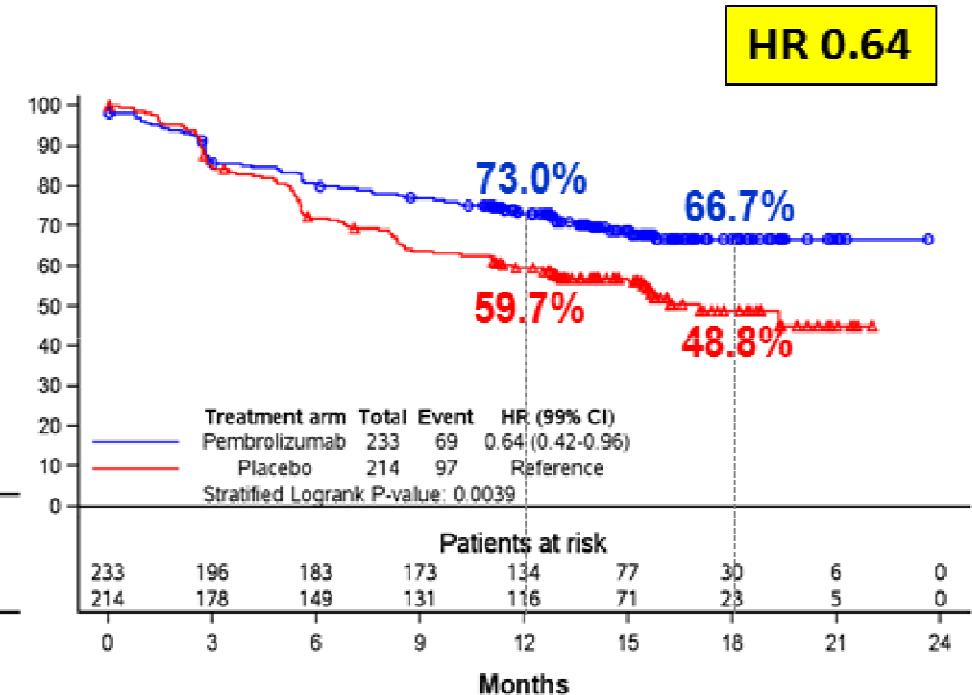
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## Recurrence-Free Survival

**BRAF V600E/K**



**BRAF WT**



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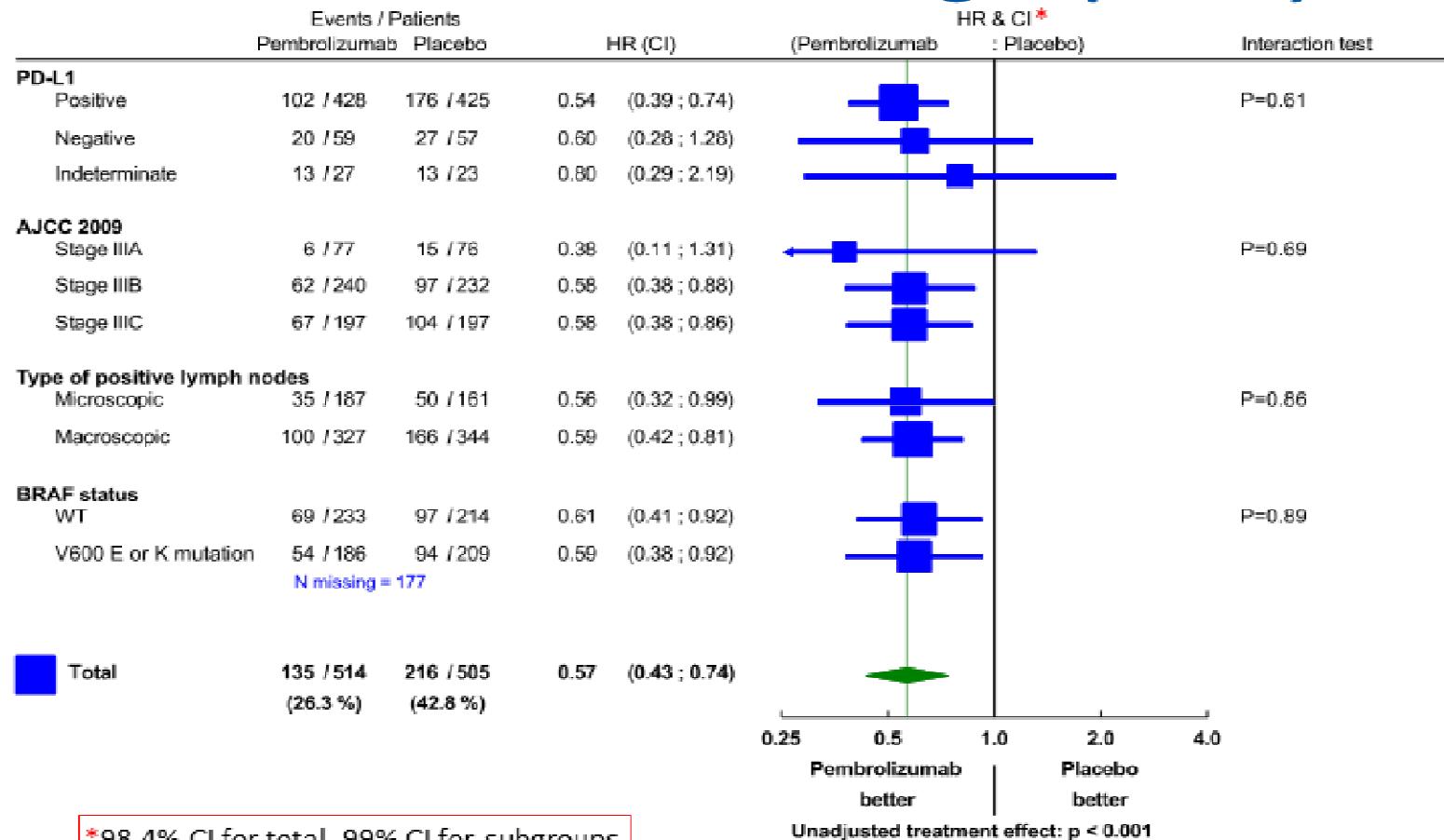


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# Recurrence-Free Survival: Subgroup Analysis

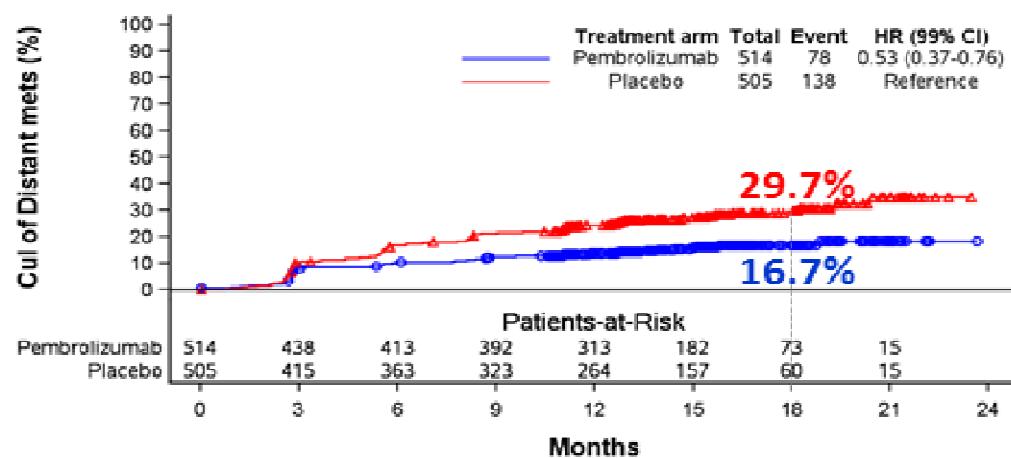


## Type of First RFS Event

	Pembrolizumab (N=514)	Placebo (N=505)
No RFS event	379 (73.7)	289 (57.2)
Loco-regional recurrence, only	55 (10.7)	77 (15.2)
Distant metastasis, only	69 (13.4)	114 (22.6)
Both, diagnosed within 30 days from each other	9 (1.8)	24 (4.8)
Death without an RFS event	2 (0.4)	1 (0.2)

**15.2% vs. 27.4%**

## Cumulative Incidence of Distant Metastases As First RFS Event



## Patient Disposition and Treatment

	Pembrolizumab (N=514)	Placebo (N=505)
<b>Started allocated treatment</b>	<b>N=509</b>	<b>N=502</b>
<b>Reasons for discontinuation, %</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
Normal completion	55.4	58.6
Disease recurrence	21.4	35.7
Adverse event	13.8	2.2
Patient/investigator decision	3.5	1.2
Other malignancy	0.8	1.0
Non-compliance/Other reason	1.3	0.2
Still on treatment, %	3.7	1.2
<b>Median (IQR) doses received per patient</b>	<b>18 (9-18)</b>	<b>18 (8-18)</b>

## General Adverse Events

	Pembrolizumab (N=509)		Placebo (N=502)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-5	Any grade	Grade 3-5
<b>Any adverse events (AE)</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>
<b>Any treatment-related AE</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Fatigue asthenia</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Skin reactions</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rash</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pruritus</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Diarrhea</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Arthralgia</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nausea</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>0</b>

## Immune-Related Adverse Events

**Any grade – grade 3-4 (%)**

**(0.2% = 1 patient)**

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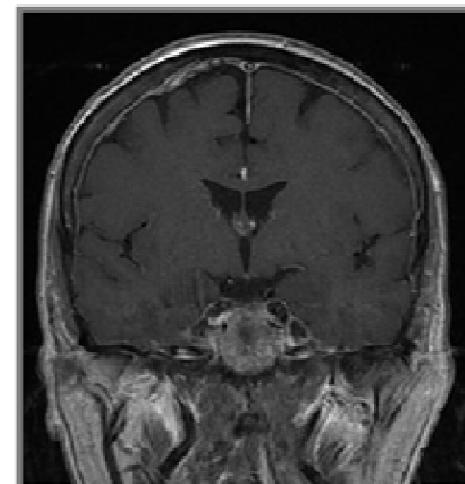


**Skin**  
5.3 – 0.6



**Pancreatitis**  
0.4 – 0.2

**Colitis**  
3.7 – 2.0



**Pneumonitis**  
3.3 – 0.8

**Myocarditis**  
0.2 – 0.2

**Hepatitis**  
1.8 – 1.4

**Nephritis**  
0.4 – 0.4

**Thyroid**  
20.8 – 0.2

**Hypophysitis**  
2.2 – 0.6

**Diabetes**  
1.0 – 1.0

**Adrenal**  
1.0 – 0.2

## Immune-Related Adverse Events

	Pembrolizumab (N=509)		Placebo (N=502)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-5	Any grade	Grade 3-5
Any irAE	37.3	7.1	9.0	0.6
Endocrine disorders	23.4	1.8	5.0	0
Hypothyroidism	14.3	0	2.8	0
Hyperthyroidism	10.2	0.2	1.2	0
Thyroiditis	3.1	0	0.2	0
Hypophysitis/hypopituitarism	2.2	0.6	0.2	0
Type I diabetes mellitus	1.0	1.0	0	0
Adrenal insufficiency	1.0	0.2	0.8	0



# Immune-Related Adverse Events

## Regardless of investigator attribution

	Pembrolizumab (N=509)		Placebo (N=502)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-5	Any grade	Grade 3-5
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>	4.7	0.8	0.6	0
Pneumonitis/interst. lung disease	3.3	0.8	0.6	0
Sarcoidosis	1.4	0	0	0
Vitiligo or severe skin	5.3	0.6	1.6	0
Vitiligo	4.7	0	1.6	0
Severe skin reactions	0.6	0.6	0	0



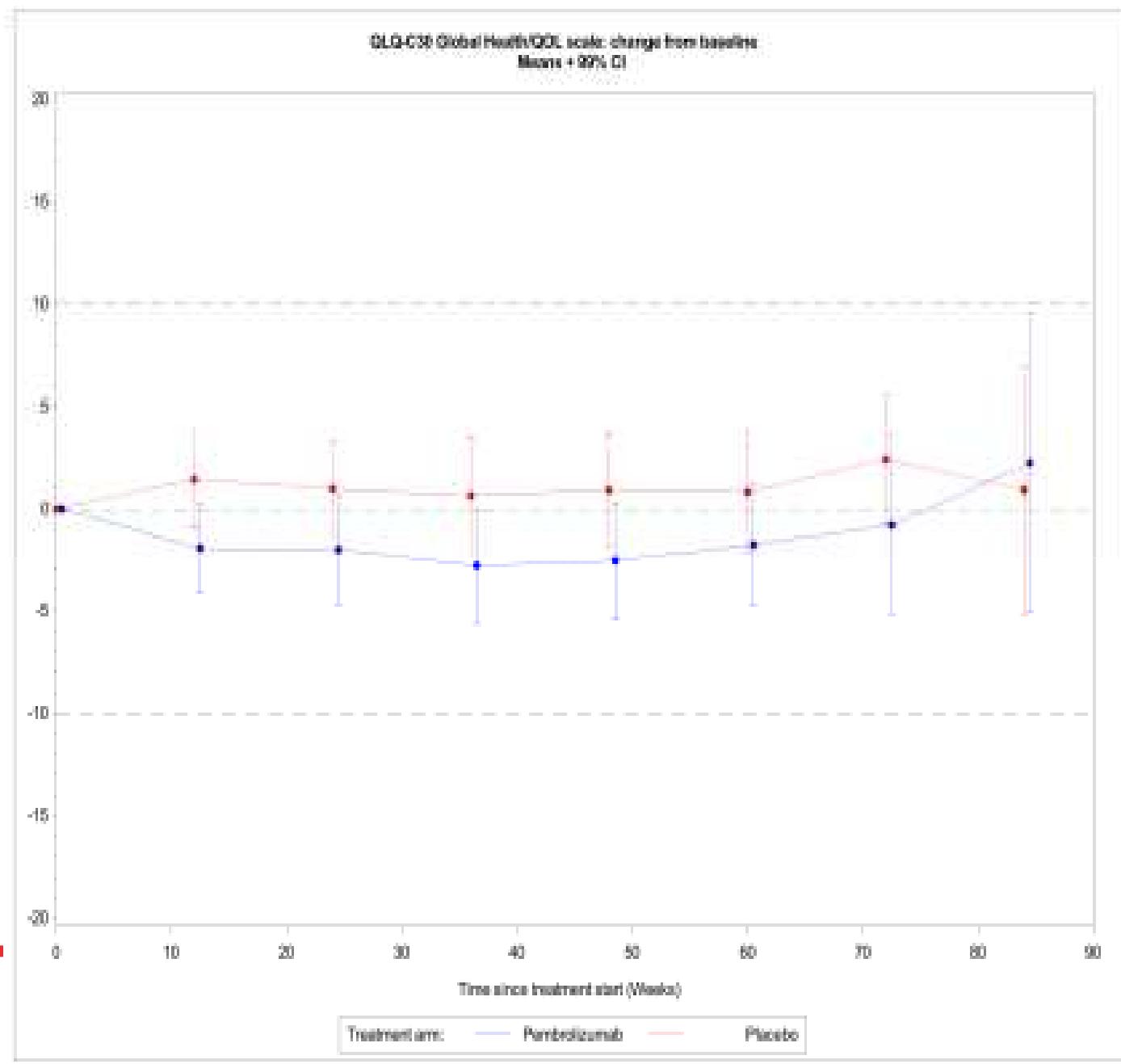
## Immune-Related Adverse Events

	Pembrolizumab (N=509)		Placebo (N=502)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-5*	Any grade	Grade 3-5
Gastrointestinal	3.9	2.0	0.8	0.4
Colitis	3.7	2.0	0.6	0.2
Pancreatitis	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hepatitis	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.2
Other irAE	2.9	1.0	1.0	0
Nephritis	0.4	0.4	0.2	0
Uveitis	0.4	0	0	0
Myositis*	0.2	0.2	0.2	0
Myocarditis	0.2	0.2	0	0

Baseline GHQ scores were similar between both treatment arms at 77 points (IQR: 67 - 92) and remained stable over time (see figure).

Global health/QoL	Pembrolizumab	Placebo	Difference	P-value
	mean (95% confidence interval)			
Overall	75.1 (73.6 - 76.6)	77.3 (76.0 - 78.7)	-2.2 (-4.3 - -0.2)	0.042
During treatment	76.9 (75.4 - 78.4)	78.0 (76.6 - 79.5)	-1.1 (-3.2 - 0.9)	0.263
After treatment	75.0 (73.1 - 77.0)	77.2 (75.4 - 78.9)	-2.2 (-4.8 - 0.4)	0.160

Treatment differences in the average QLQ-C30 GHQ score during treatment, after treatment and overall were not significant and < 5 points, well below the clinical relevance threshold.



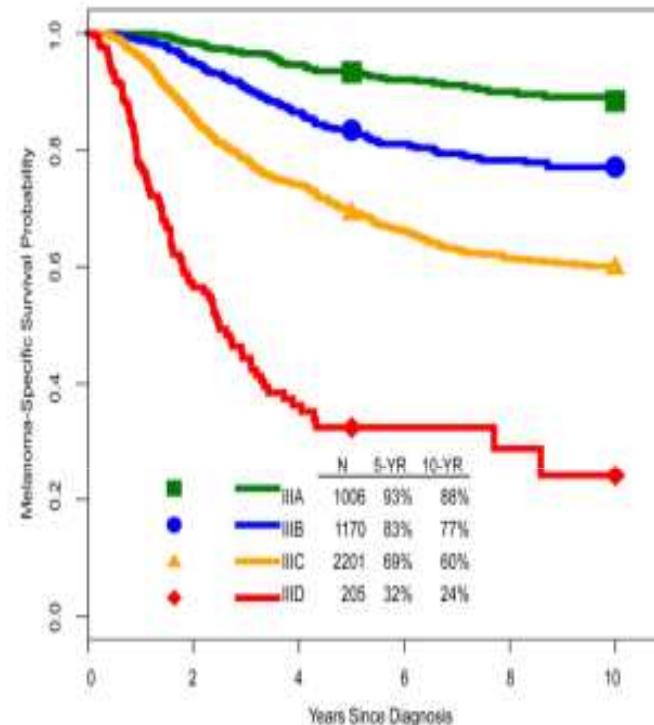
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N1b	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
N1c	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
N2a	N/A	A	A	A	B	B	C	C	C
N2b	C	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
N2c	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
N3a	N/A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D
N3b	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D
N3c	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D

**Instructions**

- (1) Select patient's N category at left of chart.
- (2) Select patient's T category at top of chart.
- (3) Note letter at the intersection of T&N on grid.
- (4) Determine patient's AJCC stage using legend.

N/A=Not assigned, please see manual for details.<sup>4</sup>

Legend	
A	Stage IIIA
B	Stage IIIB
C	Stage IIIC
D	Stage IIID



Gershenwald et al. CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians; 2017; 67 6, 472-492,  
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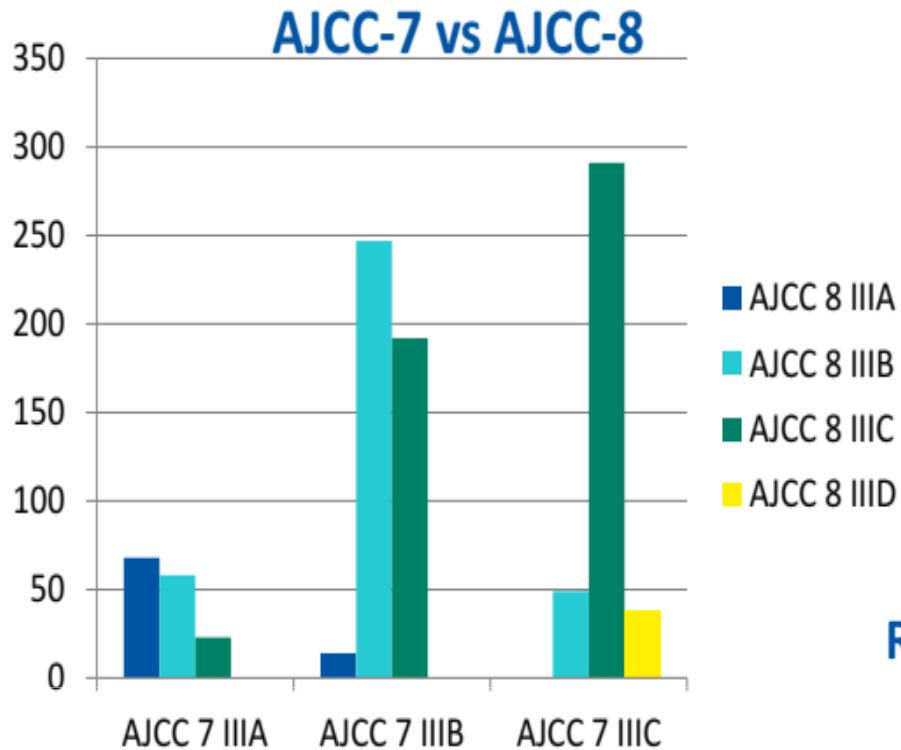
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## Baseline Patient Characteristics

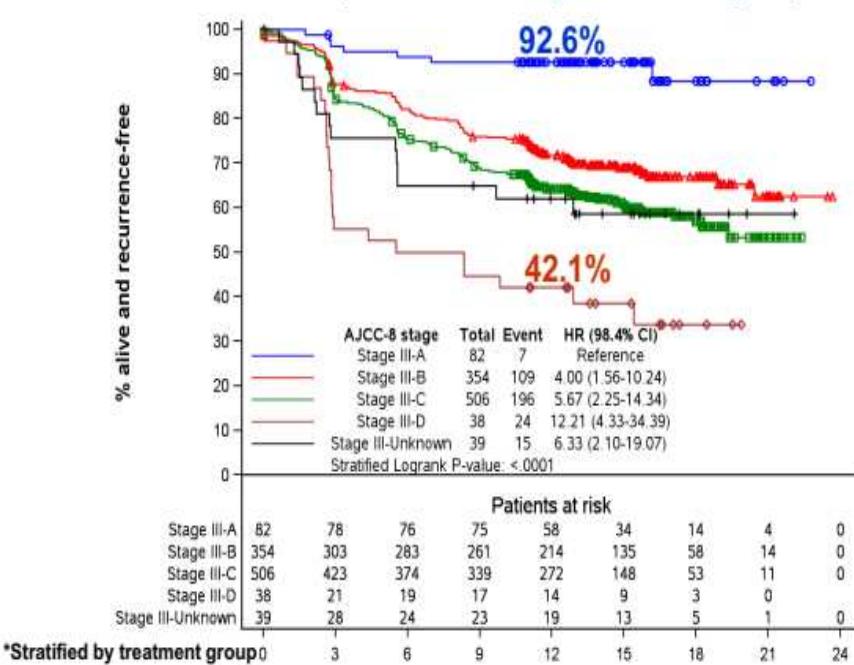
	Pembrolizumab (N=514)	Placebo (N=505)
AJCC-7 Stage, n (%)		
IIIA	77 (15.0)	76 (15.0)
IIIB	240 (46.7)	232 (45.9)
IIIC	197 (38.3)	197 (39.0)
AJCC-8 Stage, n (%)		
IIIA	42 (8.2)	40 (7.9)
IIIB	163 (31.7)	191 (37.8)
IIIC	267 (51.9)	239 (47.3)
IIID	20 (3.9)	18 (3.6)
Inevaluable	22 (4.3)	17 (3.4)

## AJCC-7 vs AJCC-8

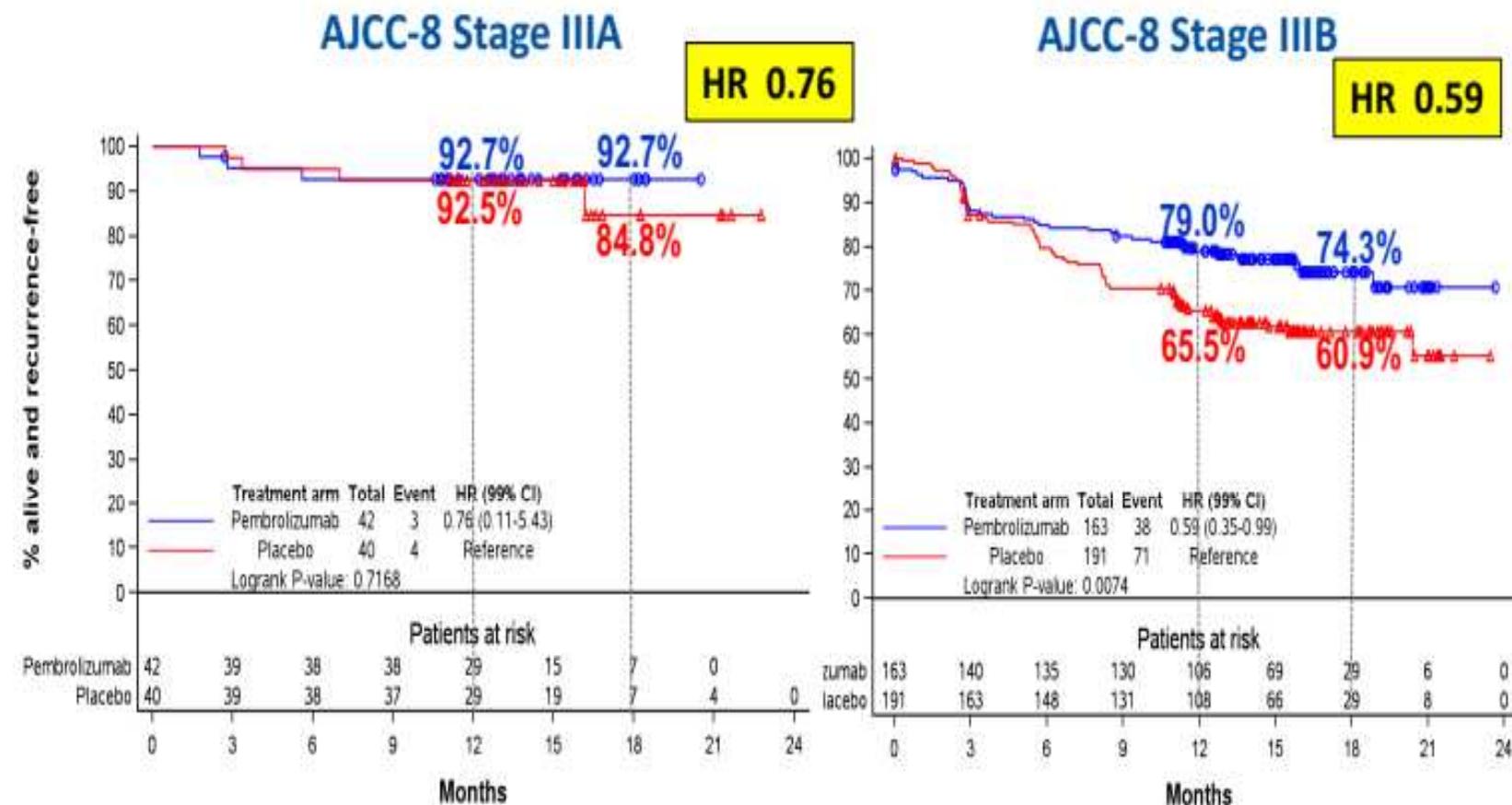
AJCC-7 Stage	AJCC-8 Stage					Total
	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC	IIID	Unknown	
IIIA	68	58	23	0	4	153 (15.0%)
IIIB	14	247	192	0	19	472 (46.3%)
IIIC	0	49	291	38	16	394 (38.6%)
Total (100%)	82 (8%)	354 (34.7%)	506 (49.6%)	38 (3.7%)	39 (3.8%)	1019 (100%)



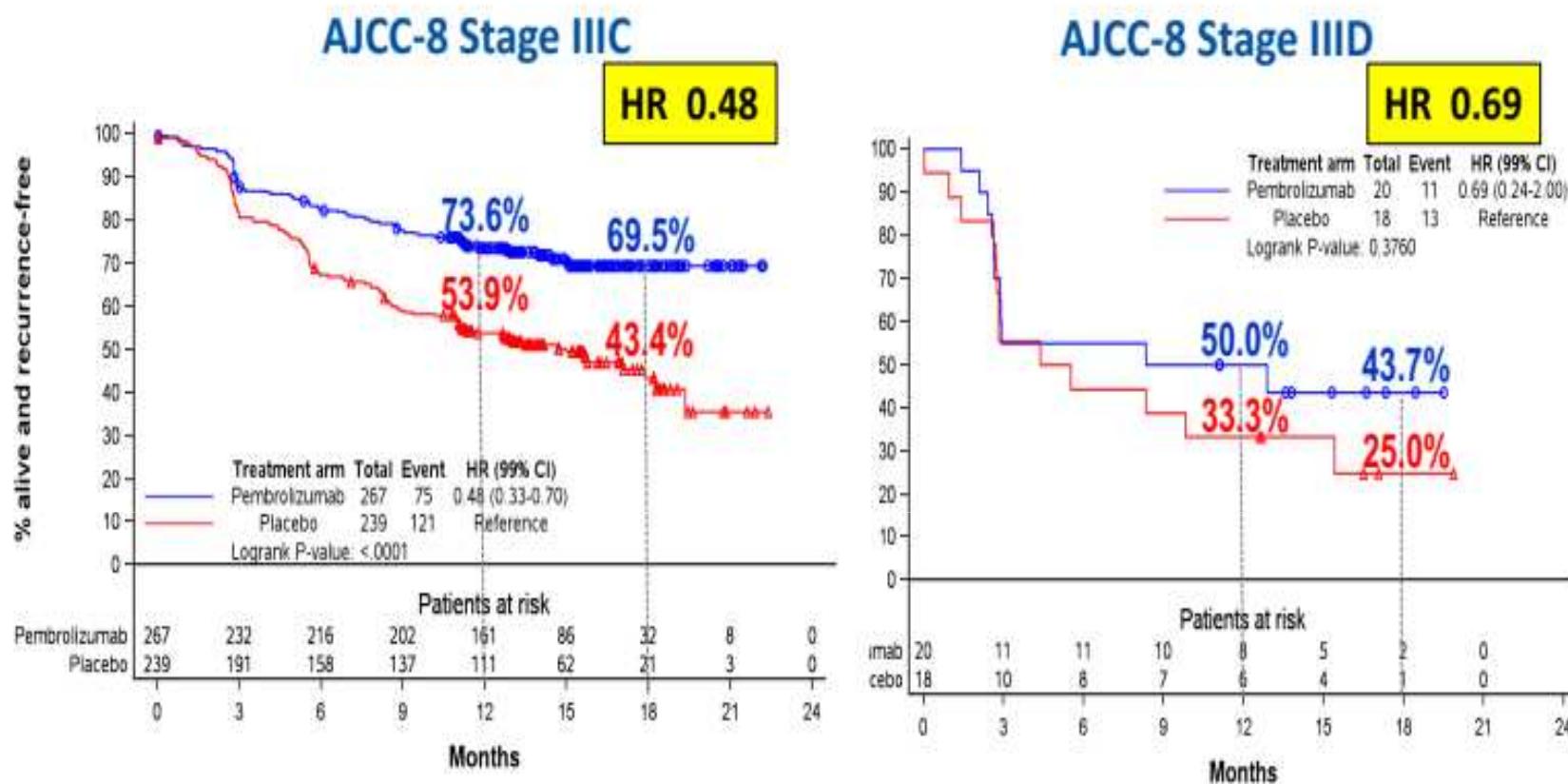
### RFS: Prognostic importance of AJCC-8 classification ITT analysis stratified by treatment group



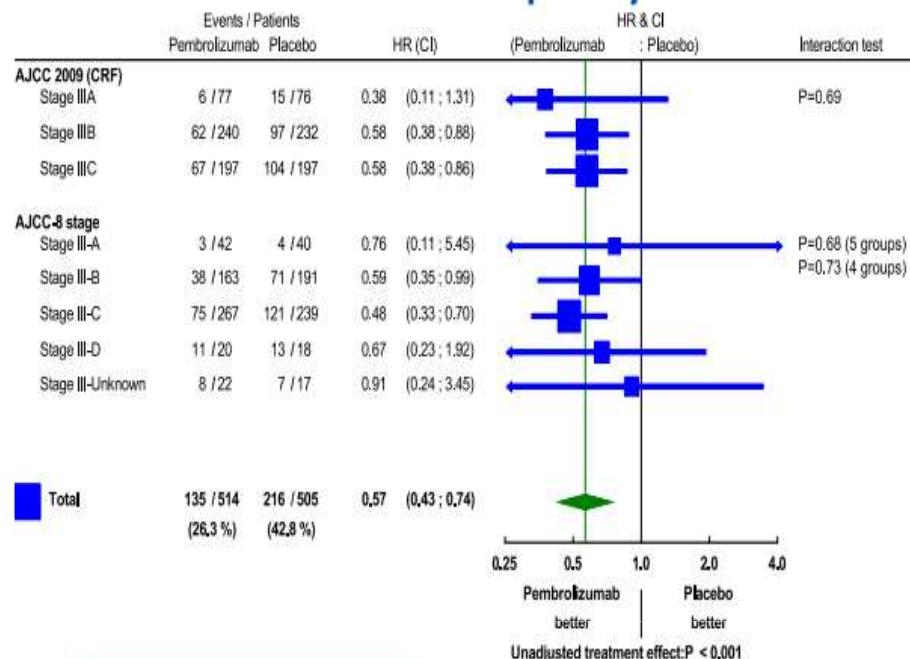
# Recurrence-Free Survival: subgroup analysis by AJCC-8



# Recurrence-Free Survival: subgroup analysis by AJCC-8 (cont)



## Recurrence-Free Survival: Forest plot by AJCC-7 and AJCC-8



\*98.4% CI for total, 99% CI for subgroups



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- Study EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 met its primary endpoint of a significant improvement in RFS with 200 mg I.V. Q3W **pembrolizumab** vs. **placebo**
  - ITT overall population: **HR = 0.57, P<0.0001, 18 mos RFS difference: 18.2%**
  - PD-L1+ population: **HR = 0.54, P<0.0001, 18 mos RFS difference: 19.7%**
- AJCC-8 classification identified more selected subgroups: stage IIIA (8%) and IIID (4%); these have different 1-yr RFS rates (~90% vs ~40%) → AJCC-8 **strong prognostic factor**
- The RFS benefit of **pembrolizumab** was observed across AJCC-8 subgroups in resected high-risk stage III melanoma patients → AJCC-8 **has no predictive importance**
  - o Longer follow-up is required to confirm these results, especially in stage IIIA

## Summary/Conclusions

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- Consistent results across prespecified subgroups with HRs favoring **pembrolizumab** relative to **placebo**
- **Favorable safety profile**, where severe irAEs are rare, is generally consistent with that observed in advanced melanoma. There were many grade 1-2 thyroid events in about 1/5 pts, but severe endocrine events only in 9 pts (hypophysitis, diabetes, adrenal)
  - Most irAEs were managed and resolved with established treatment algorithms
  - Data remain blinded for DMFS and OS (will be reported at future meetings)

## Approved drugs for the adjuvant therapy of stage III melanoma

### Old Era (1996–2009)

- High-Dose Interferon (IFN)- $\alpha$ 2b (US, EU), Low-Dose IFN- $\alpha$ 2a (EU), pegylated IFN- $\alpha$ 2b (US)<sup>1</sup>

### New Era (2015–2018)

- \***Ipilimumab (US)**<sup>2</sup>                             $HR_{RFS}$ (Ipilimumab vs. Placebo)=0.75                            (2015)
- **Nivolumab**<sup>3</sup>                                     $HR_{RFS}$ (Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab)=0.65                            (2017)
- \***Dabrafenib plus Trametinib**<sup>4</sup>                     $HR_{RFS}$ (Dab+Tra vs. Placebo)=0.47                            (2018)
- \***Pembrolizumab**<sup>5</sup>                                     $HR_{RFS}$ (Pembrolizumab vs. Placebo)=0.57                            (2018)

\* Trials performed in identical patient populations at high risk of relapse: IIIA >1mm; IIIB/C

5-year relapse rates: AJCC-7 stage IIIA, 37%; stage IIIB, 68%; stage IIIC, 89%<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Eggermont AM, et al. *Lancet* 2014;383:816-27; <sup>2</sup>Eggermont AM, et al. *Lancet Oncology* 2015;16:522-30; <sup>3</sup>Weber J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1824-35;

<sup>4</sup>Long GV, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1813-23; <sup>5</sup>Eggermont AM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2018;375:1845-55; <sup>6</sup>Romano E, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2010;28:3042-7.



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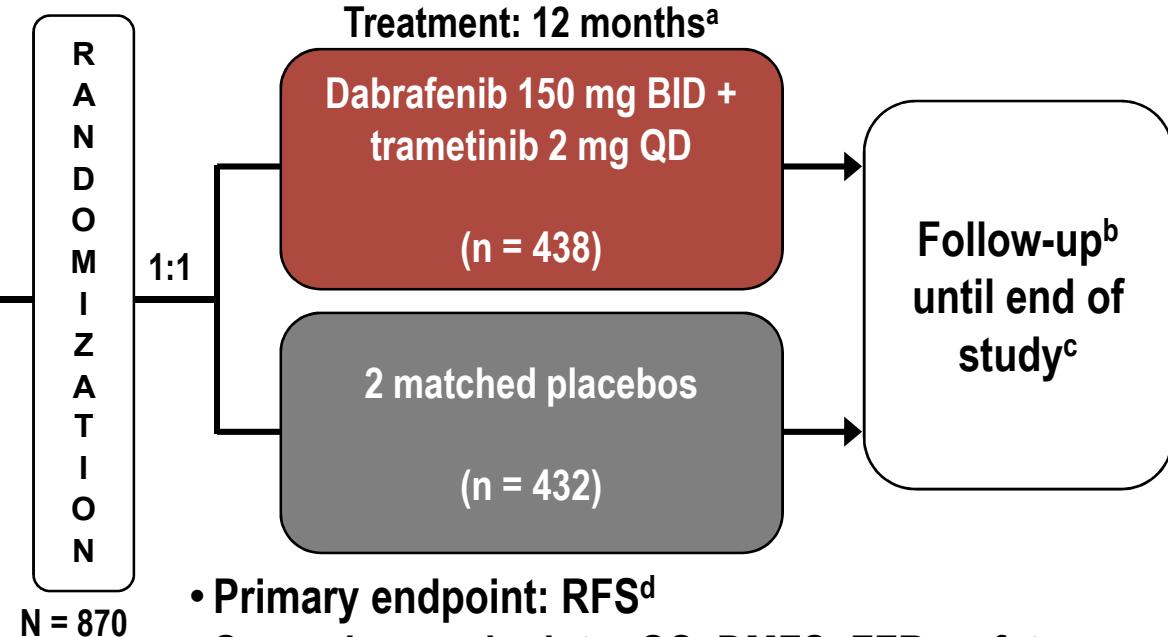
# ADJUVANTOWY DABRAFENIB + TRAMETYNIB COMBI-AD: STUDY DESIGN

## Key eligibility criteria

- Completely resected, high-risk stage IIIA (lymph node metastasis > 1 mm), IIIB, or IIIC cutaneous melanoma
- *BRAF* V600E/K mutation
- Surgically free of disease ≤ 12 weeks before randomization
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- No prior radiotherapy or systemic therapy

## Stratification

- *BRAF* mutation status (V600E, V600K)
- Disease stage (IIIA, IIIB, IIIC)



- Primary endpoint: RFS<sup>d</sup>
- Secondary endpoints: OS, DMFS, FFR, safety

BID, twice daily; DMFS, distant metastasis-free survival; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FFR, freedom from relapse; OS, overall survival; QD, once daily; RFS, relapse-free survival. <sup>a</sup> Or until disease recurrence, death, unacceptable toxicity, or withdrawal of consent; <sup>b</sup> Patients were followed for disease recurrence until the first recurrence and thereafter for survival;

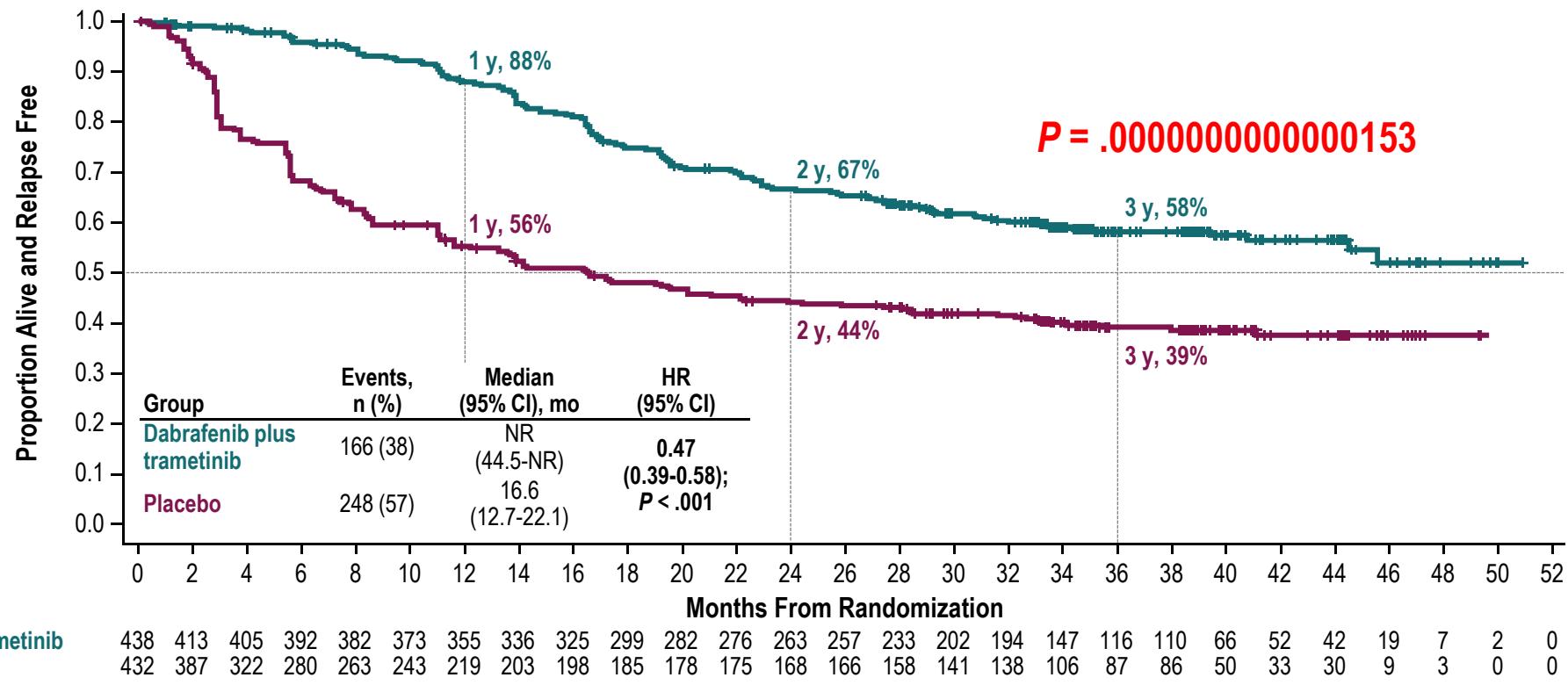
<sup>c</sup> The study will be considered complete and final OS analysis will occur when ≈ 70% of randomized patients have died or are lost to follow-up; <sup>d</sup> New primary melanoma considered as an event.

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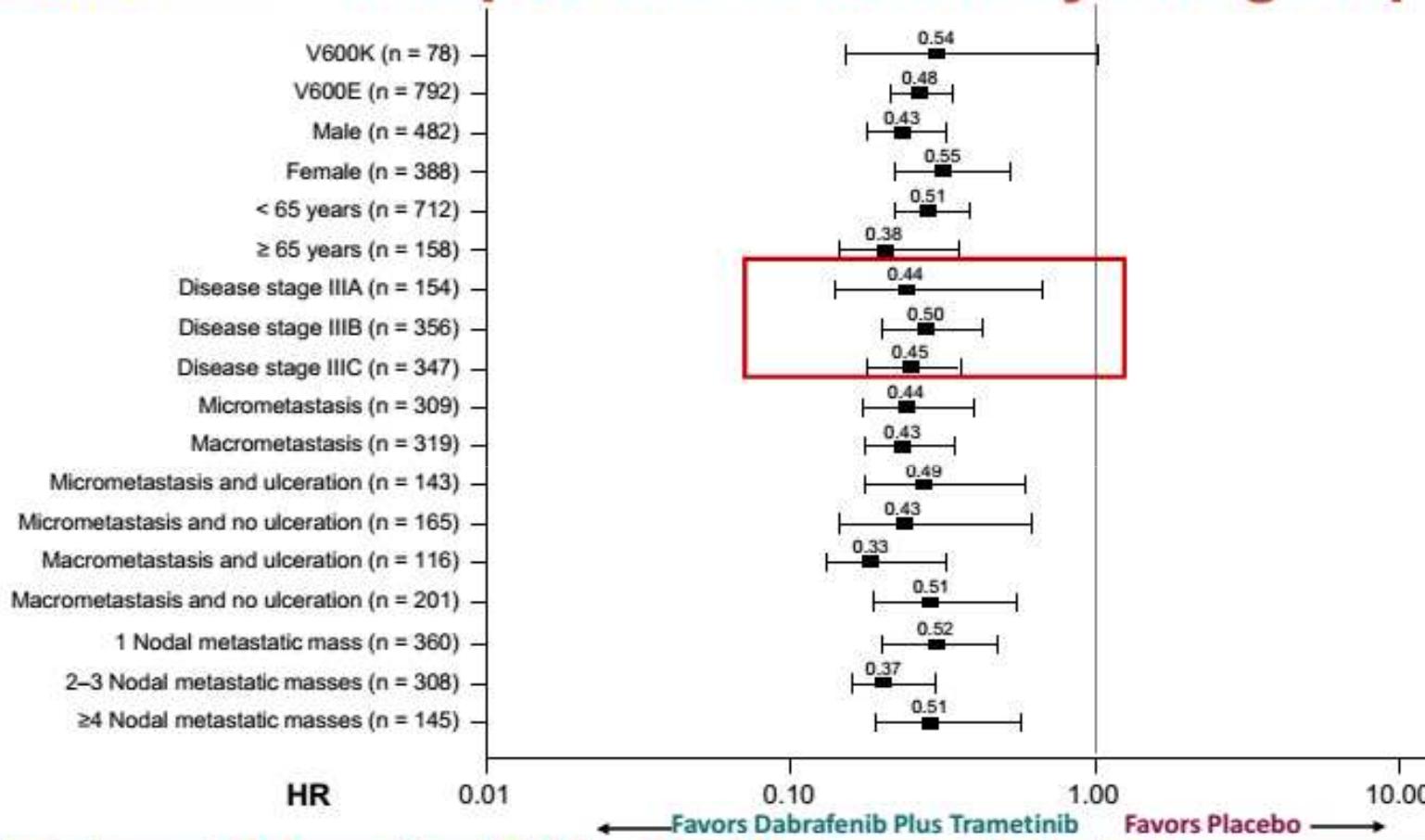
# RELAPSE-FREE SURVIVAL (PRIMARY ENDPOINT)



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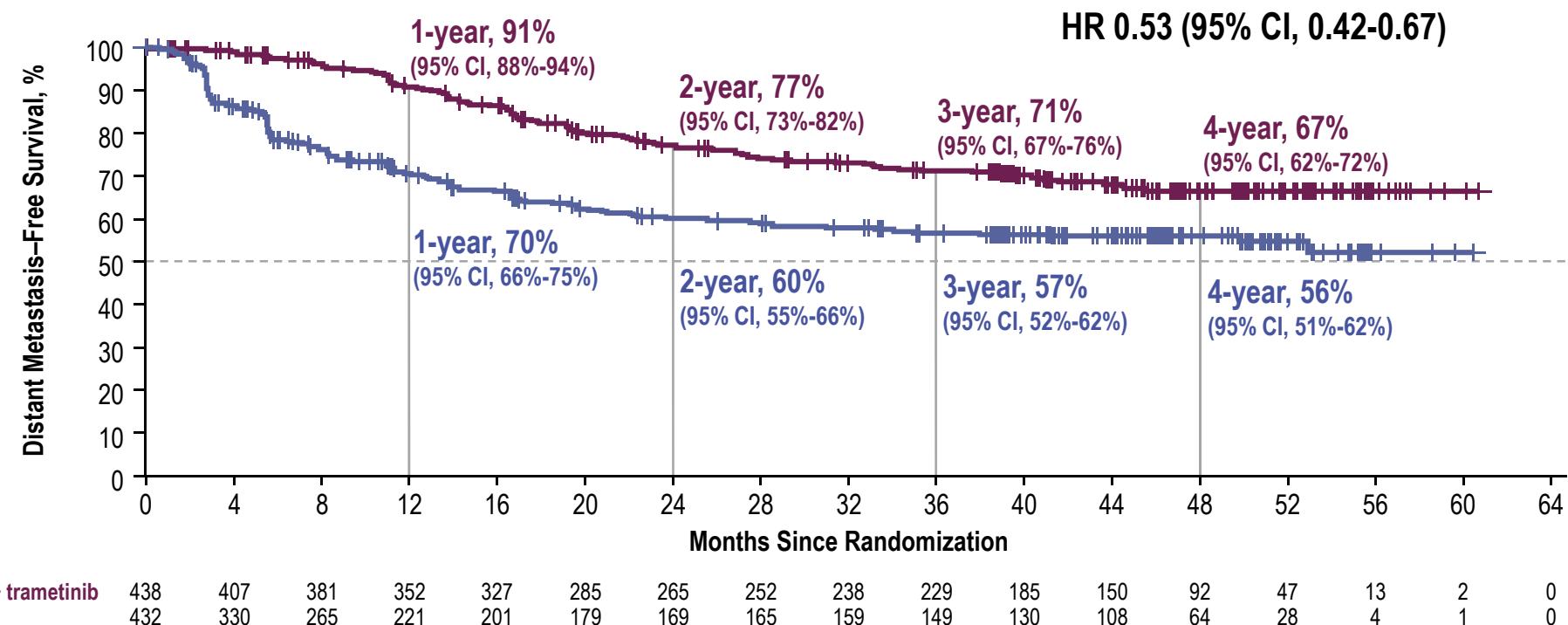
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## Relapse-free survival by Subgroup



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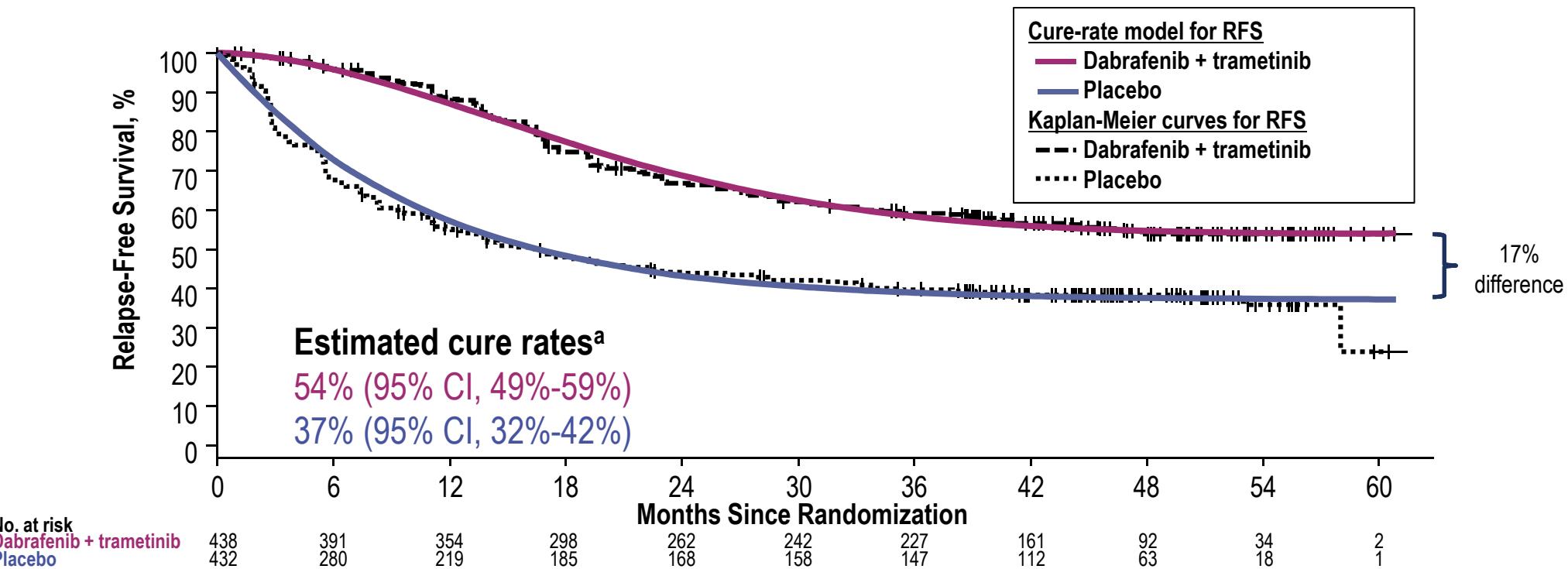
# DISTANT METASTASIS-FREE SURVIVAL



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# CURE-RATE MODEL RESULTS

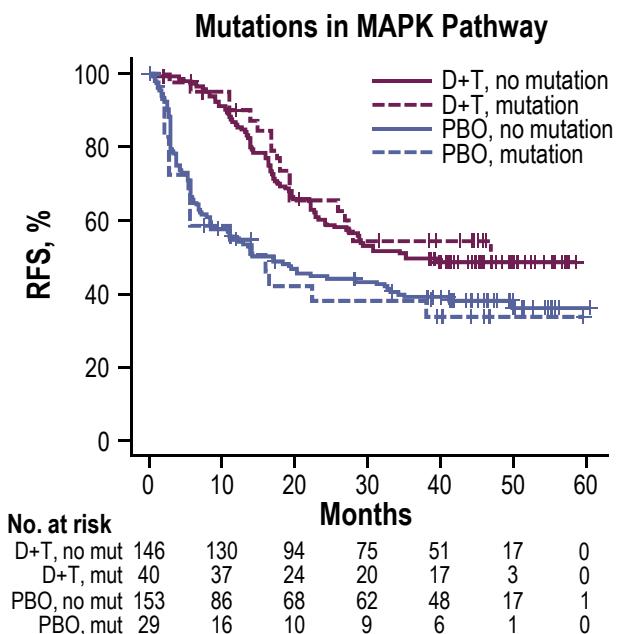
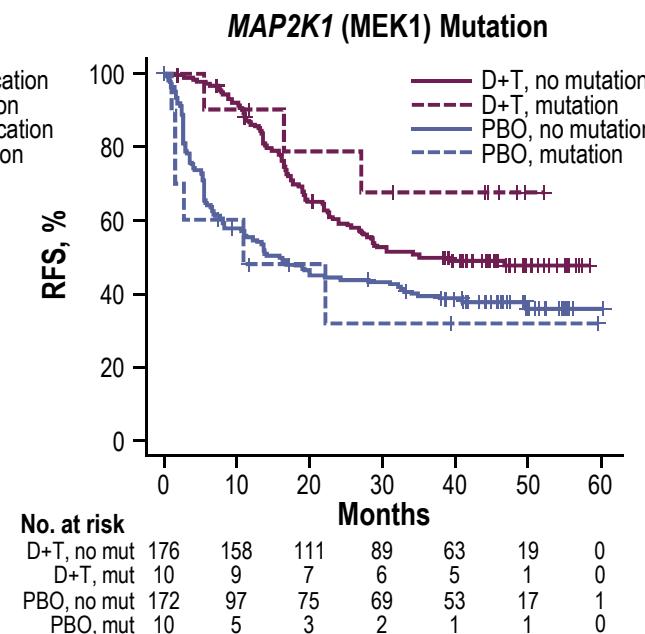
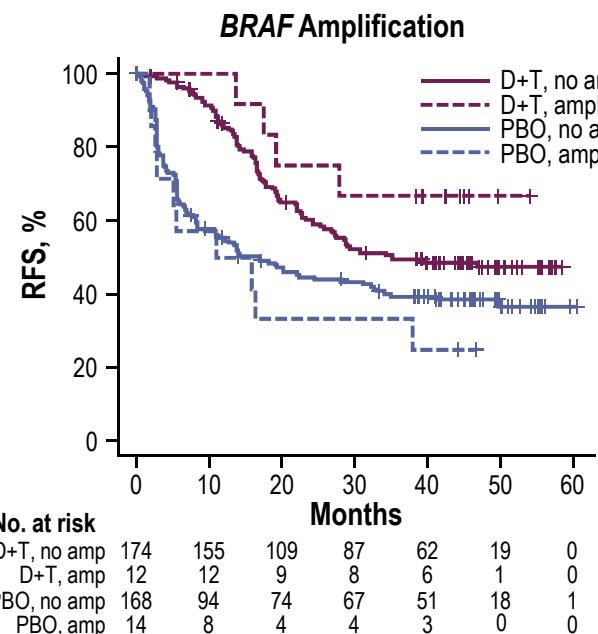
A higher proportion of patients are estimated to be relapse-free long term with D + T vs placebo



<sup>a</sup> Proportion of patients expected to remain relapse-free long term.

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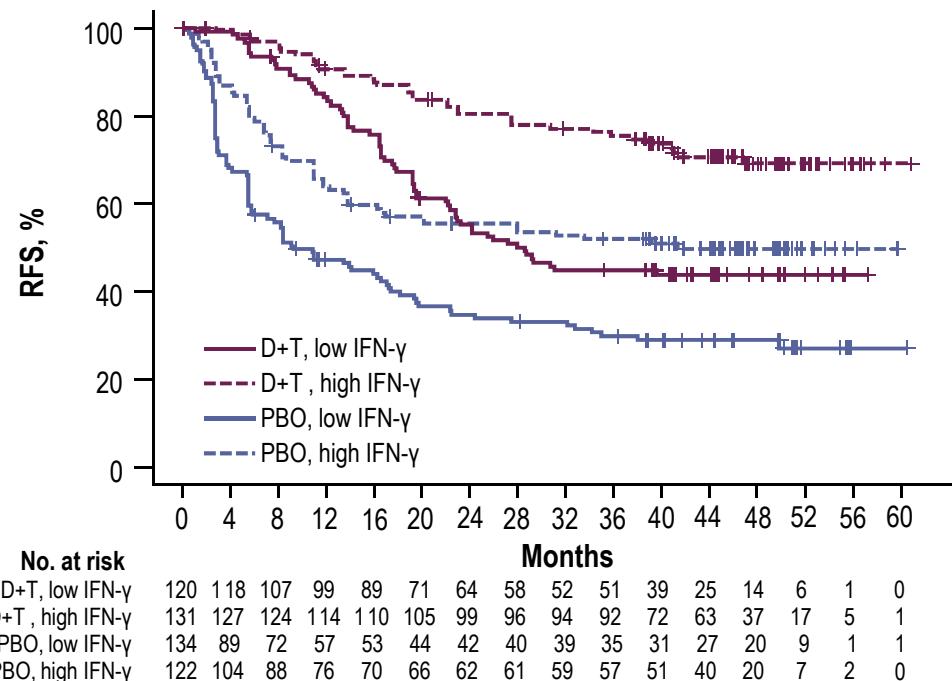
# GENETIC ALTERATIONS IN THE MAPK PATHWAY WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH CLINICAL OUTCOME/RESPONSE TO THERAPY



amp, amplification; BRAFi, BRAF inhibitor; MEKi, MEK inhibitor; mut, mutation.

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# IMMUNE GENE EXPRESSION SIGNATURES WERE STRONGLY PROGNOSTIC FOR RFS



## Placebo

Factor	HR	Lower	Upper	P Value
(Baseline) <sup>a</sup>	(1)	–	–	–
IIIB	1.63	0.94	2.84	0.076
IIIC	1.89	1.07	3.36	
Ulceration	1.13	0.80	1.59	0.488
IFN-γ	0.76	0.67	0.86	< 0.001

## Dabrafenib + Trametinib

Factor	HR	Lower	Upper	P Value
(Baseline) <sup>a</sup>	(1)	–	–	–
IIIB	1.31	0.67	2.55	0.045
IIIC	2.04	1.05	3.96	
Ulceration	0.99	0.64	1.53	0.952
IFN-γ	0.61	0.52	0.73	< 0.001

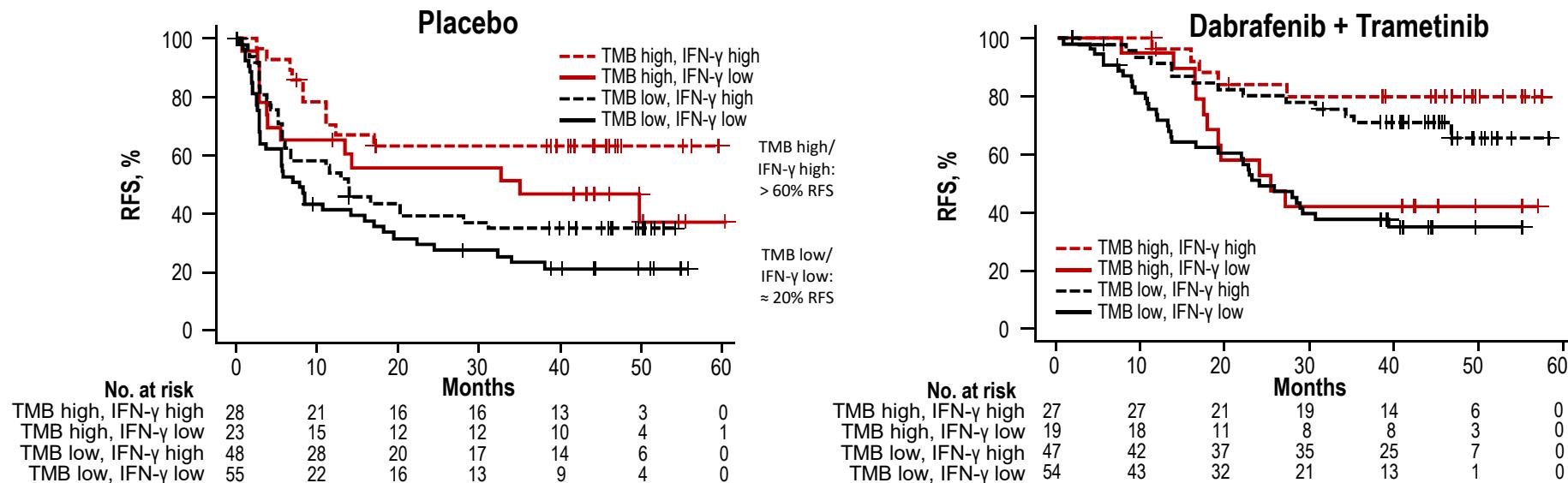
Multivariate Cox analysis.

<sup>a</sup> Stage IIIA, no ulceration, INF-γ = 0.

IFN, interferon; PBO, placebo.

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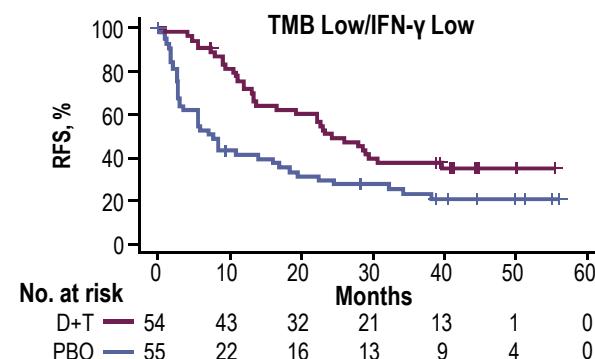
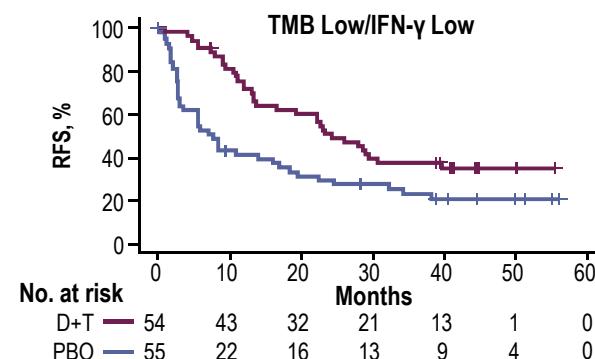
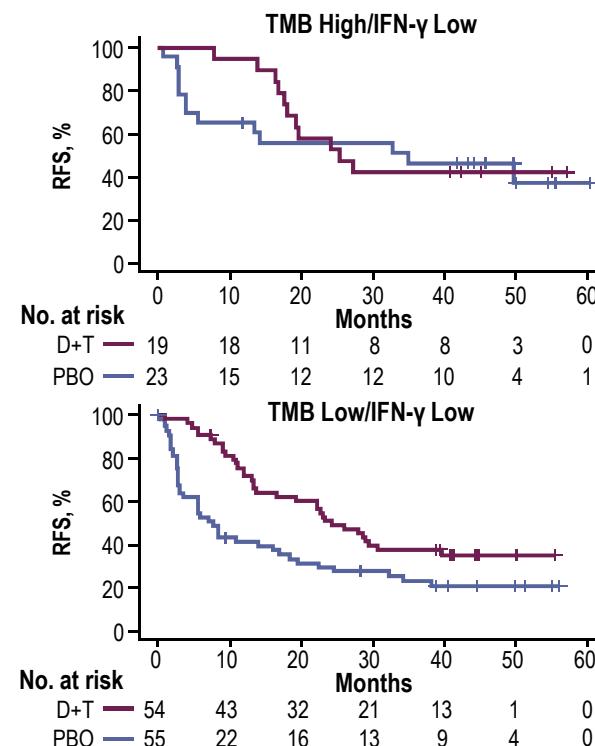
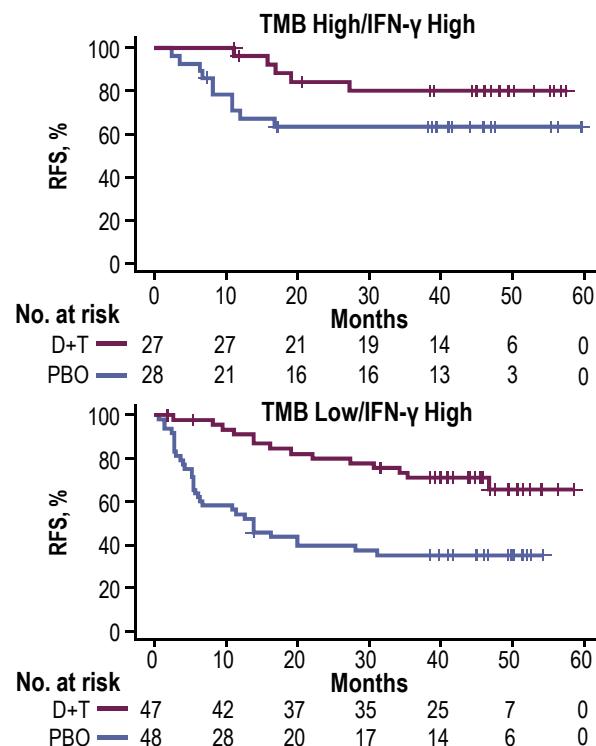
# TUMOR MUTATIONAL BURDEN (TMB) AND IMMUNE GENE EXPRESSION SIGNATURES (PAIRED DNA/RNA DATA SET, n = 301)



- High tumor mutational burden (using the top third as a threshold) added positive prognostic value to immune gene signatures in the placebo arm (high IFN- $\gamma$  and high TMB associated with longer RFS)
- In the dabrafenib + trametinib arm, IFN- $\gamma$  gene signature identified patients with longer RFS independently of TMB status

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# EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS OF THE PREDICTIVE VALUE OF TMB/IFN- $\gamma$



The analysis was not powered to assess treatment interactions, but results suggest that low TMB or high TMB/high IFN- $\gamma$  may be associated with greater RFS benefit than high TMB/low IFN- $\gamma$

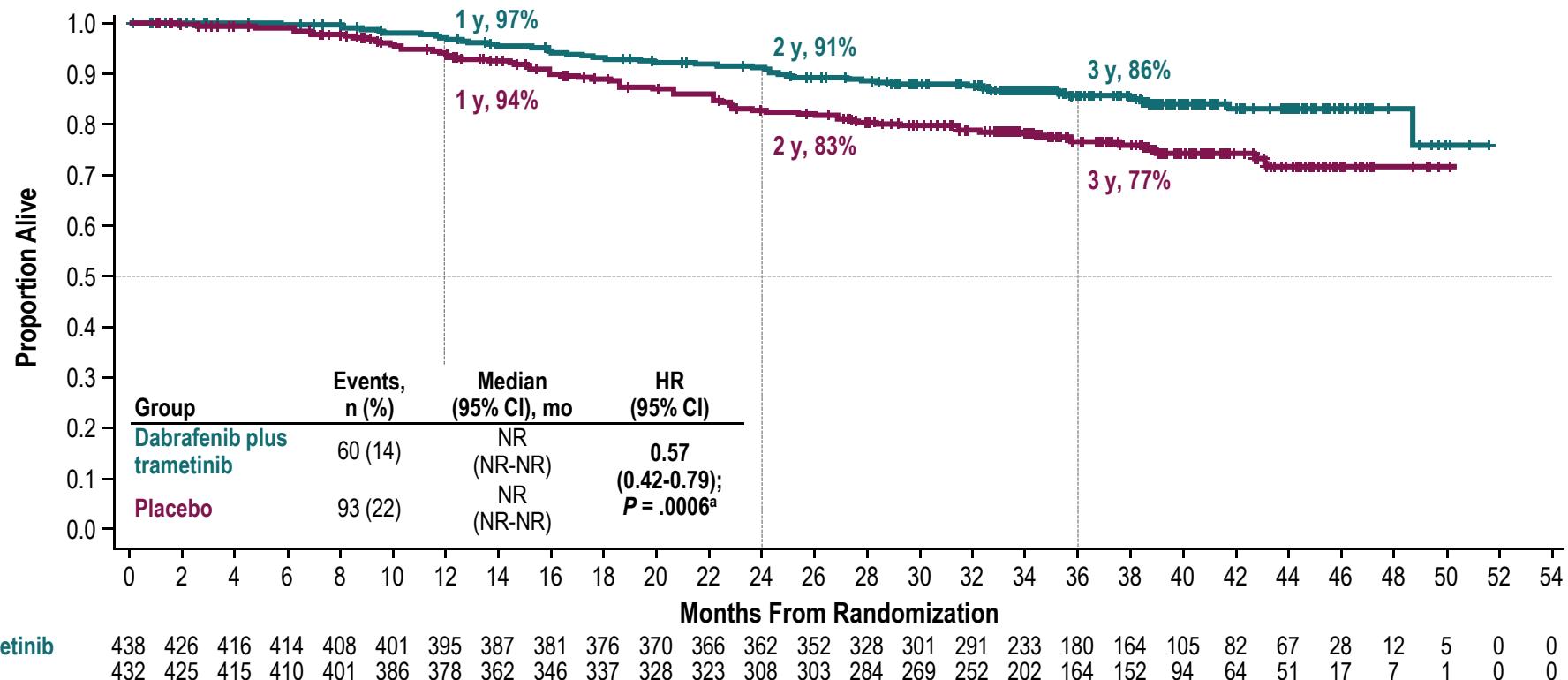
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# OVERALL SURVIVAL (FIRST INTERIM ANALYSIS)



AE Category, n (%)	Dabrafenib Plus Trametinib (n = 435)	Placebo (n = 432)
<b>Any AE</b>	422 (97)	380 (88)
<b>AEs related to study treatment</b>	398 (91)	272 (63)
<b>Any grade 3/4 AE</b>	180 (41)	61 (14)
<b>Any SAE</b>	155 (36)	44 (10)
<b>SAEs related to study treatment</b>	117 (27)	17 (4)
<b>Fatal AEs related to study drug</b>	0	0
<b>AEs leading to dose interruption</b>	289 (66)	65 (15)
<b>AEs leading to dose reduction</b>	167 (38)	11 (3)
<b>AEs leading to treatment discontinuation<sup>a</sup></b>	114 (26)	12 (3)

AE, adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event.

<sup>a</sup> Most common AEs leading to treatment discontinuation in the dabrafenib plus trametinib arm were pyrexia (9%) and chills (4%).



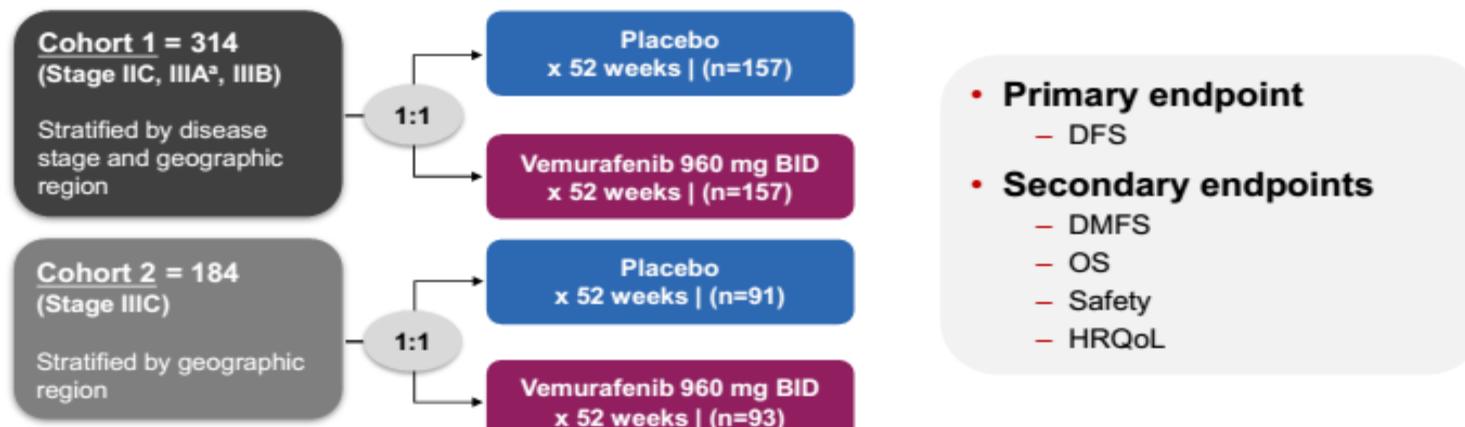
**Table 3.** Adverse Events (Safety Population).<sup>a</sup>

Adverse Event	Dabrafenib plus Trametinib (N=435)		Placebo (N=432)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
			number of patients (percent)	
Any adverse event	422 (97)	180 (41)	380 (88)	61 (14)
Pyrexia	273 (63)	23 (5)	47 (11)	2 (<1)
Fatigue	204 (47)	19 (4)	122 (28)	1 (<1)
Nausea	172 (40)	4 (1)	88 (20)	0
Headache	170 (39)	6 (1)	102 (24)	0
Chills	161 (37)	6 (1)	19 (4)	0
Diarrhea	144 (33)	4 (1)	65 (15)	1 (<1)
Vomiting	122 (28)	4 (1)	43 (10)	0
Arthralgia	120 (28)	4 (1)	61 (14)	0
Rash	106 (24)	0	47 (11)	1 (<1)
Cough	73 (17)	0	33 (8)	0
Myalgia	70 (16)	1 (<1)	40 (9)	0
Elevated alanine aminotransferase	67 (15)	16 (4)	6 (1)	1 (<1)
Influenza-like illness	67 (15)	2 (<1)	29 (7)	0
Elevated aspartate aminotransferase	63 (14)	16 (4)	7 (2)	1 (<1)
Pain in limb	60 (14)	2 (<1)	38 (9)	0
Asthenia	58 (13)	2 (<1)	42 (10)	1 (<1)
Peripheral edema	58 (13)	1 (<1)	19 (4)	0
Dry skin	55 (13)	0	32 (7)	0
Dermatitis acneiform	54 (12)	2 (<1)	10 (2)	0
Constipation	51 (12)	0	27 (6)	0
Hypertension	49 (11)	25 (6)	35 (8)	8 (2)
Decreased appetite	48 (11)	2 (<1)	25 (6)	0
Erythema	48 (11)	0	14 (3)	0
Adverse event leading to dose interruption	289 (66)	NA	65 (15)	NA
Adverse event leading to dose reduction	167 (38)	NA	11 (3)	NA
Adverse event leading to discontinuation of study regimen	114 (26)	NA	12 (3)	NA

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## BRIM8: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of adjuvant vemurafenib in patients with completely resected *BRAF<sup>V600+</sup>* melanoma at high risk for recurrence

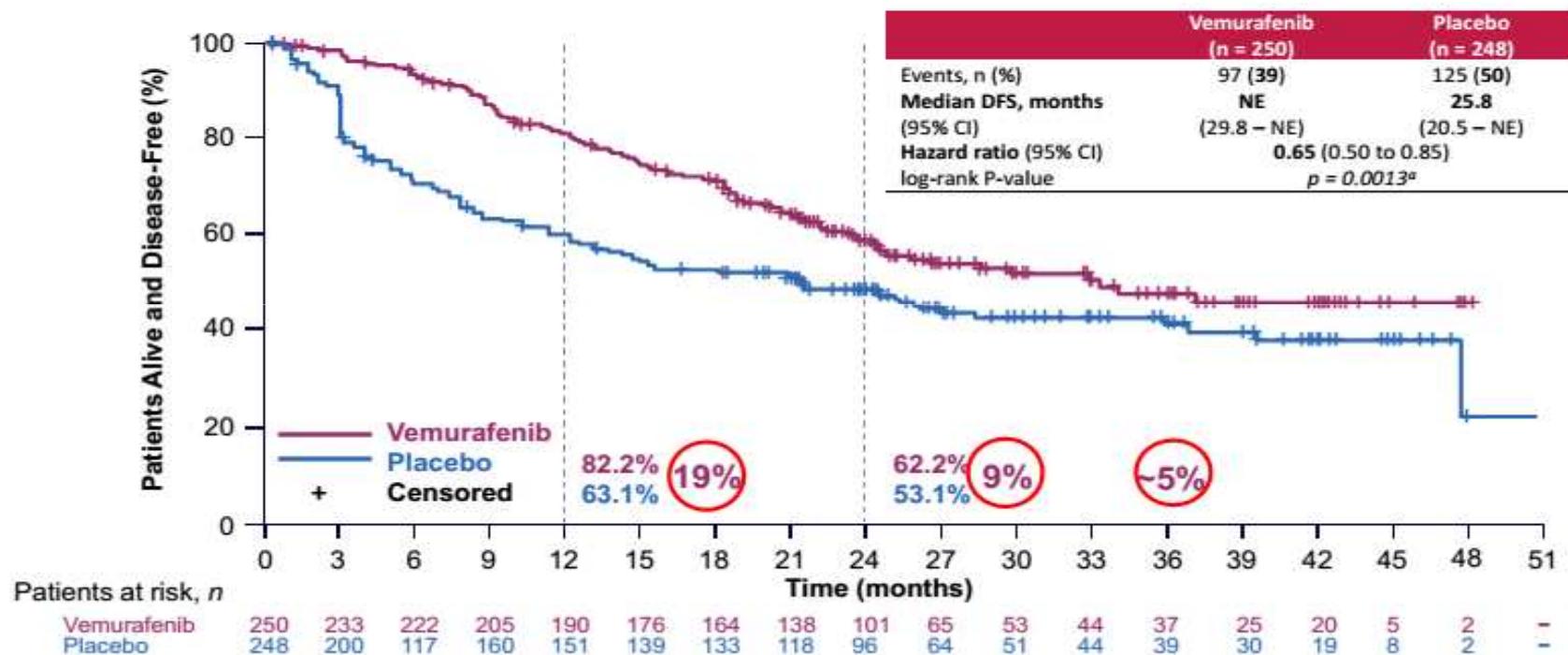
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## BRIM8: Pre-specified exploratory DFS analysis in pooled ITT population

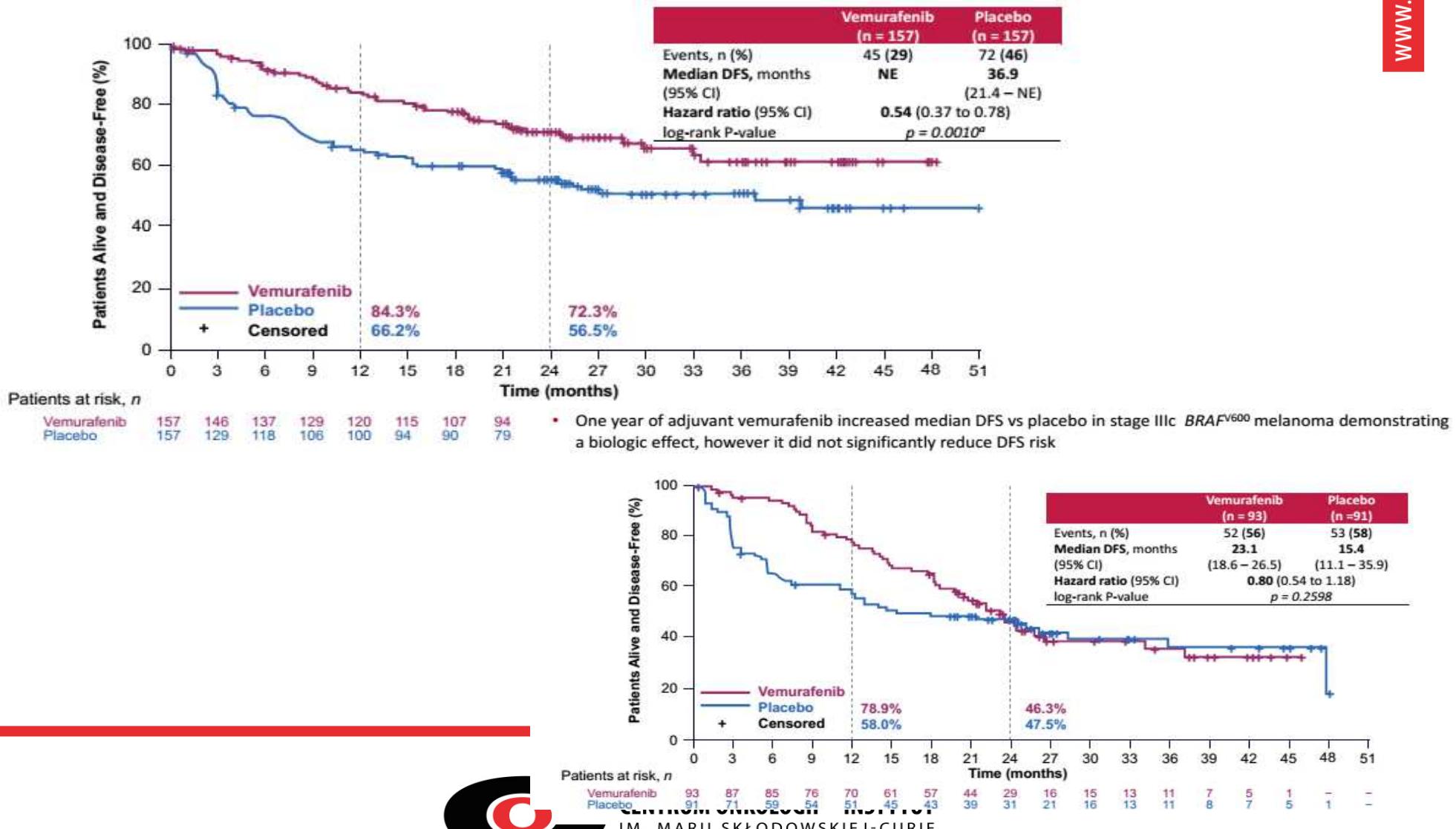
- The pre-specified exploratory pooled analysis of the 2 cohorts demonstrates an overall clinical benefit



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## BRIM8: Primary DFS endpoint (Cohort 1, stage IIC–IIIB)

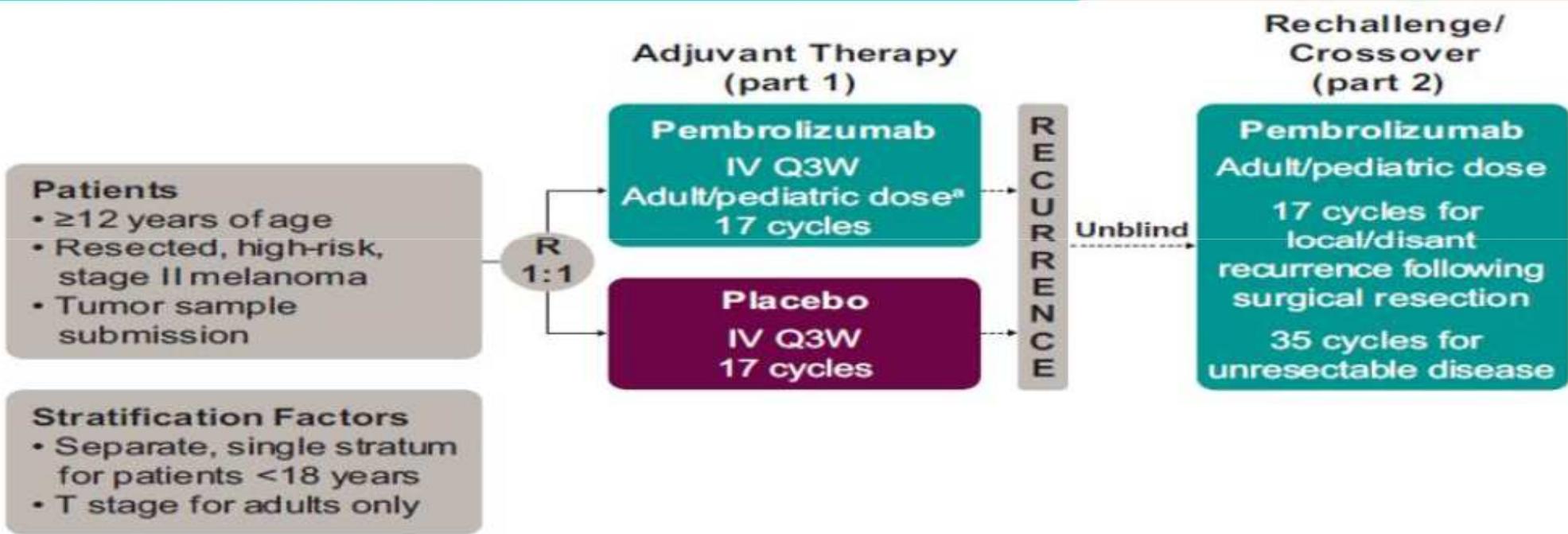
- One year of adjuvant vemurafenib results in 46% DFS risk reduction in stage IIC-IIIB  $BRAF^{V600}$  melanoma, demonstrating a substantial clinical benefit vs placebo



# Adjuvant Therapy With Pembrolizumab Versus Placebo in Resected High-Risk Stage II Melanoma: The Phase 3 KEYNOTE-716 Study

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# Overview of PFS outcome per stage subgroup

		Stage - AJCC 7 <sup>th</sup> Edition (All patients NED)					
	Study	Design	IIC	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC	IV
FDA 11.15	EORTC 18071	Ipi 10 mg vs. placebo		SN > 1mm, HR 0.98	HR 0.75	HR 1.00, 1-3 n HR 0.48, ≥4 n	
	EORTC 1325	Pembro vs. placebo		SN > 1mm, HR 0.38	HR 0.58	HR 0.58	
FDA 12.17	Checkmate 238	Ipi 10 vs. nivo			HR 0.67	HR 0.65	HR 0.63 M1a/b, HR 1.0 M1c <sup>2</sup>
	ECOG 1609	Ipi 10 vs ipi 3 vs. HD INF-α2b			HR NA	HR NA	M1a-b, HR NA
FDA 04.18	BRIM-8	Vem vs. placebo	HR 0.0-NE	SN > 1mm, HR 0.52	HR 0.63	HR 0.8	
	COMBI- AD	Dabrafenib + trametinib vs. placebo		SN > 1mm, HR 0.44	HR 0.50	HR 0.45	

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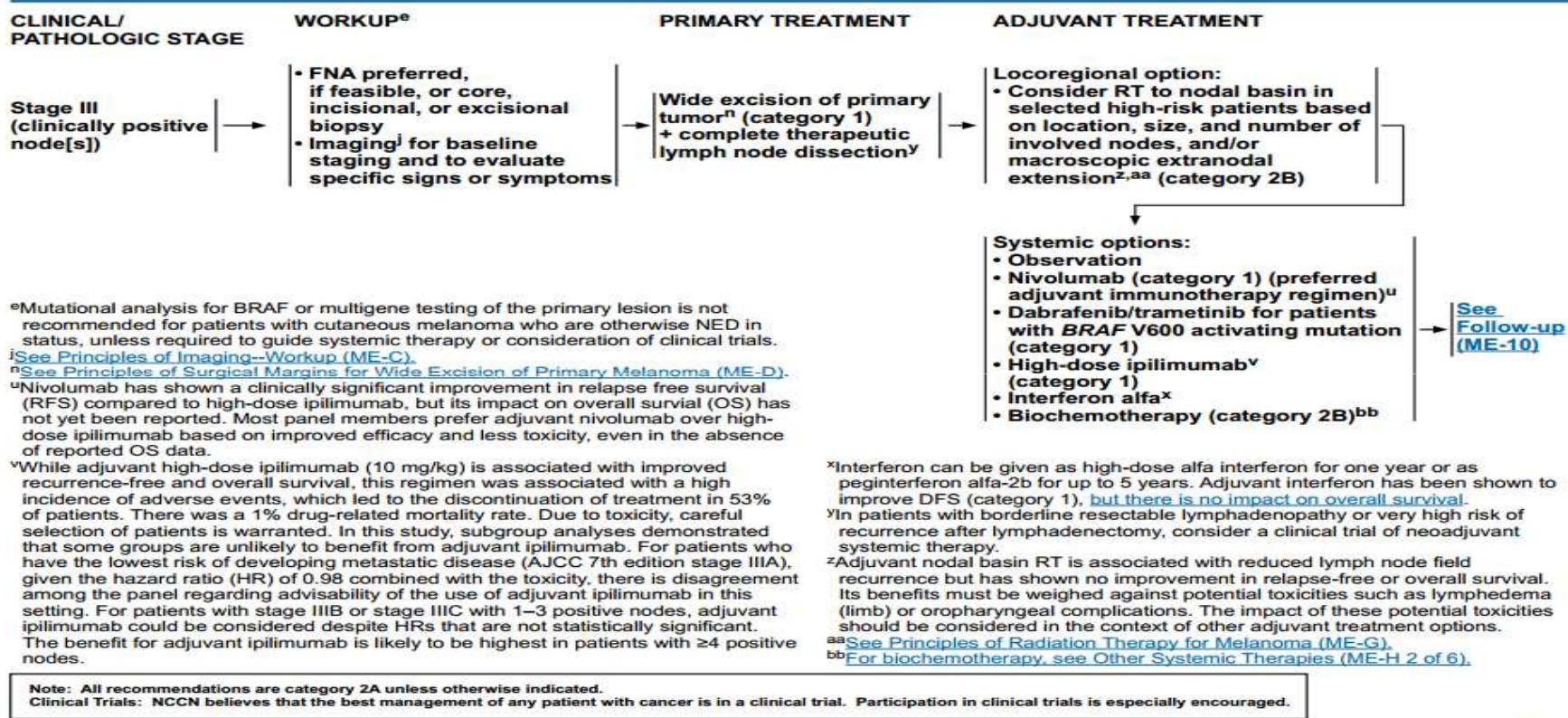
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# Adjuvant in melanoma: important data are still missing!

Study	Design	Efficacy data		
		HR RFS	HR DMFS	HR OS
EORTC 18071 <sup>1</sup>	Ipi 10 mg vs. placebo	0.76	0.76	0.72
EORTC 1325 <sup>2</sup>	Pembro vs. placebo	0.57	0.53 <sup>6</sup>	NA
Checkmate 238 <sup>2</sup>	Ipi 10 vs. nivo	0.65	0.73 <sup>7</sup>	NA
ECOG 1609	Ipi 10 vs ipi 3 vs. HD INF- $\alpha$ 2b	1.0	NA	NA
BRIM-8 <sup>4</sup>	Vem vs. placebo	0.54 (IIC-IIIB) 0.8 (IIIC)	NA	NA
COMBI-AD <sup>5</sup>	Dabra + trame vs. placebo	0.47	0.51	0.57

Stage III patients from these trials were required to have complete lymph node dissection!

How do we integrate those results in a post MSLT-2/  
DeCOG<sup>8,9</sup> trial era?

<sup>1</sup>Eggermont, NEJM 2016; <sup>2</sup>Eggermont NEJM 2018; <sup>3</sup>Weber, NEJM 2017; <sup>4</sup>Maio, Lancet Oncol 2018; <sup>5</sup>Long, NEJM 2017;

<sup>6</sup>Preliminary, Eggermont, AACR 2018;

<sup>7</sup>Exploratory; <sup>8</sup>Faries, NEJM 2017; <sup>9</sup>Leiter, Lancet 2016; Time in months;

NA: Not Available;

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Data not randomized head to head, should not be compared directly; NA, Not Available; NE, Not Estimated; <sup>1</sup> AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition staging

## AEs comparison: EORTC 18071, Checkmate 067 & CA 184-169

Toxicity	Ipilimumab 10 mg/kg <sup>1,2</sup> , data <sup>2</sup>		Nivolumab 3 mg/kg <sup>2</sup>		Pembrolizumab 200 mg <sup>3,4</sup>		Dabrafenib + trametinib <sup>5,6</sup>	
All values in %	All	G 3-4	All	G 3-4	All	G 3-4	All	G 3-4
Any AE	99	55	97	25	93	32	97	41
Any drug related AE	96	46	85	14	78	15	91 <sup>6</sup>	31 <sup>6</sup>
Fatigue	33	1	35	<1	37	1	47	4
Rash	29	3	20	1	16	<1	24	0
Diarrhea / colitis	46/10	10/8	24/2	2/1	19/4	1/2	33/NR	1/NR
Increased AST/ALT	13/15	4/6	6/6	<1/1	NR/NR	NR/NR	14/15	4/4
Pneumonitis	2	1	1	0	3	1	-	-
Hypophysitis	11	3	2	<1	2	1	-	-
Adrenal disorder	3	1	1	<1	1	<1	-	-
Thyroid disorder	13	1	20	1	21	<1	-	-
Type I diabetes	<1	<1	<1	0	1	1	-	-

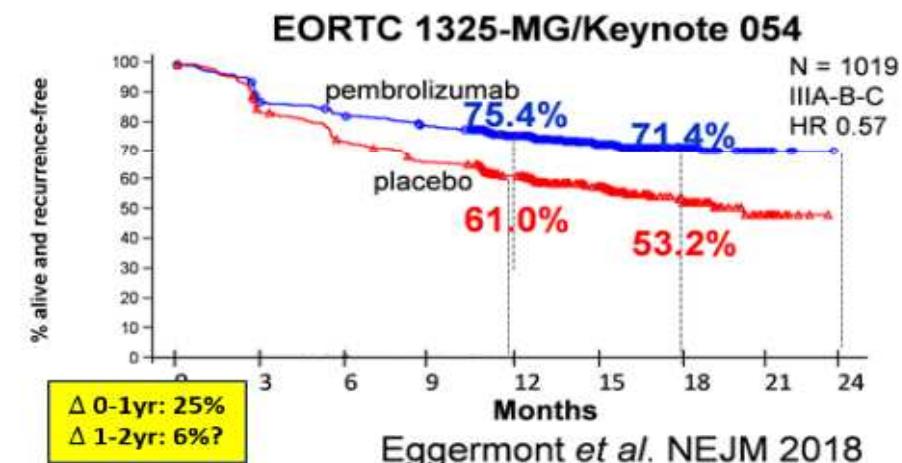
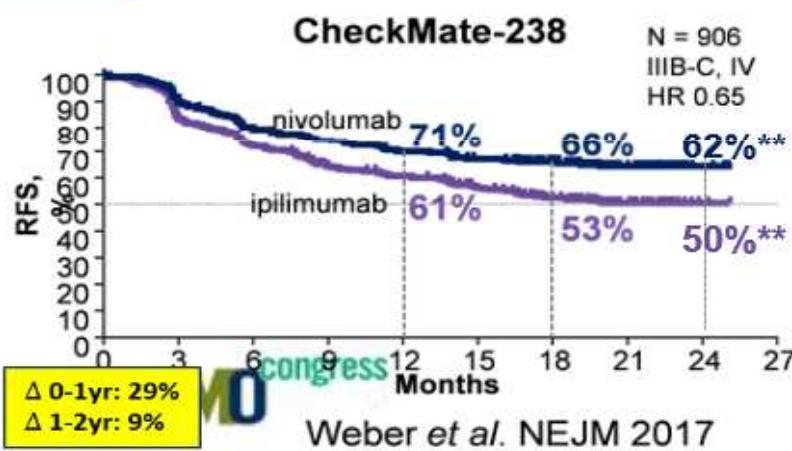
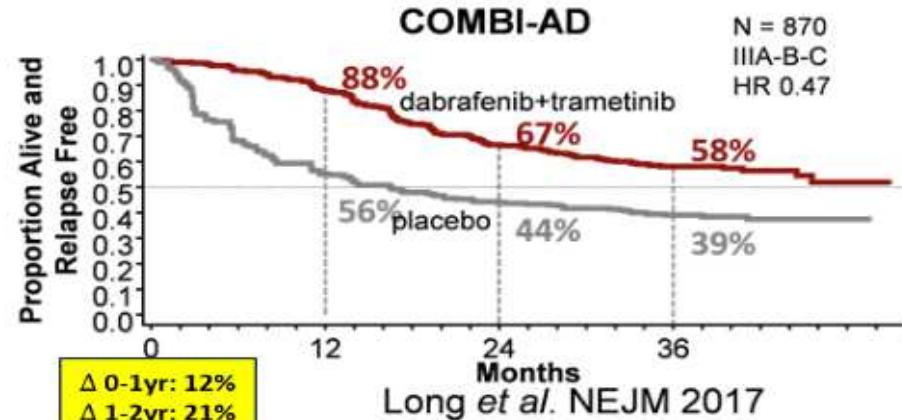
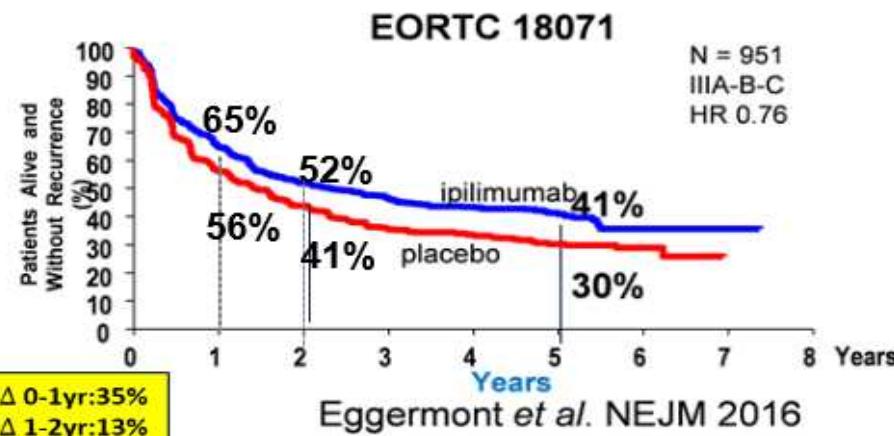
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# Improvement in RFS in high risk melanoma



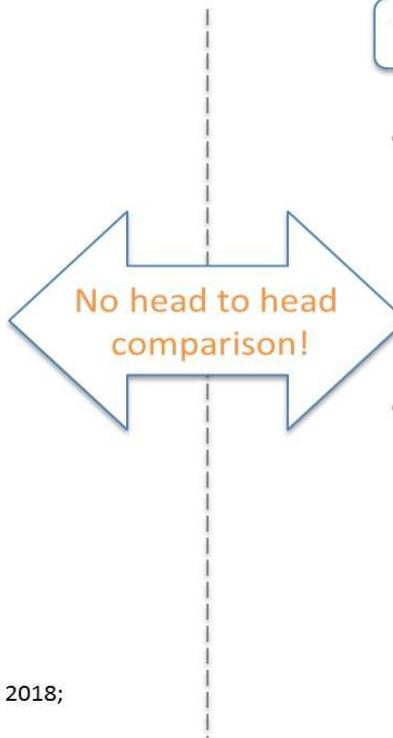
# Summary of available data for targeted and immunotherapies

## Immunotherapies

- 3 independent prospective randomized trials<sup>1,2,3</sup>
  - 2 trials placebo controlled<sup>1,3</sup>
  - All positive for RFS primary endpoint
  - 1 trial positive for secondary OS endpoint<sup>1</sup>

## Targeted therapies

- 1 prospective, placebo controlled, randomized trial<sup>4</sup>
  - positive for RFS primary endpoint and for secondary OS endpoint
  - 3-year OS estimates available
- 1 prospective, placebo controlled randomized trial<sup>5</sup> with single BRAF inhibition
  - negative for stage IIIC regarding RFS primary endpoint
  - But with numerically improved RFS for stage IIC-IIIB

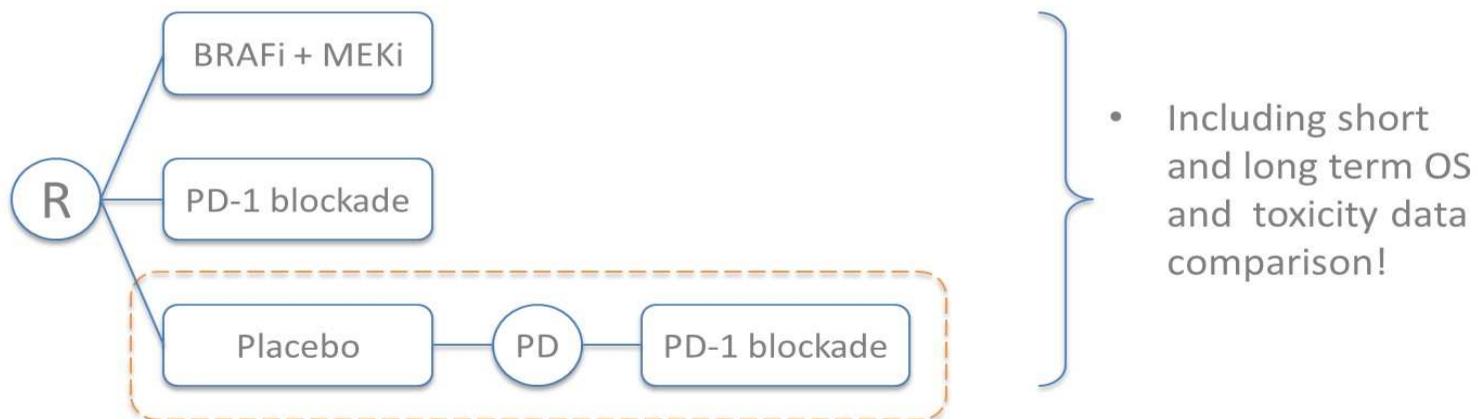


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## What would we need to provide a definitive answer?

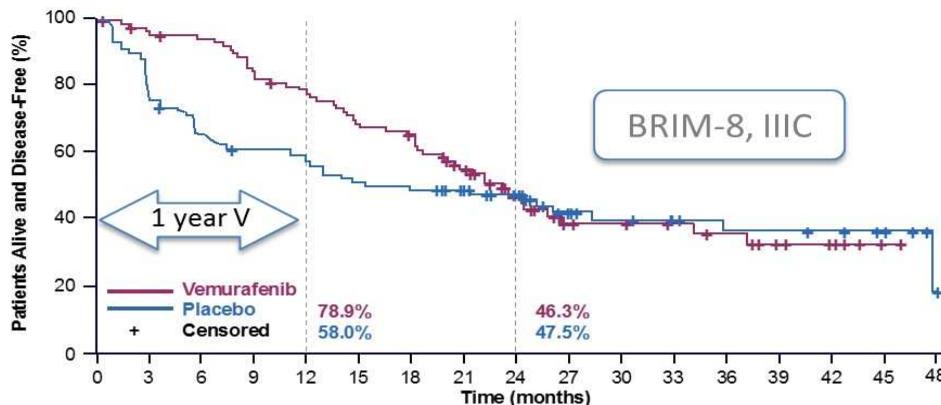
- We currently do not have the prospective data to answer definitively the question of targeted vs. immunotherapies in the adjuvant setting
- This would formally require a head to head trial
- Such data will not be available anywhere soon



- In the ideal scenario, we would need to also test for immunotherapies in the adjuvant setting vs. at relapse, as pioneered in the EORTC 1325 trial (cross over from the placebo arm at relapse)<sup>1</sup>

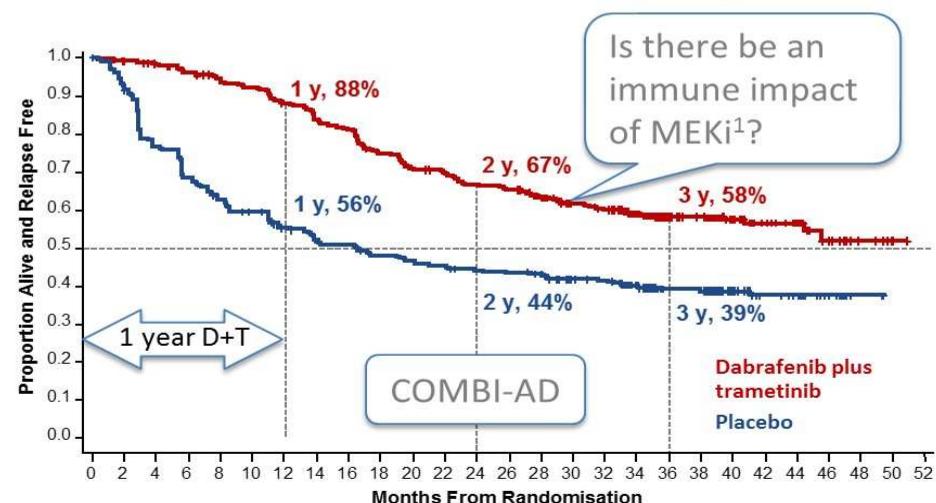
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## 3-year OS data available from COMBI-AD: do we need more?



- In Cohort 2 of BRIM-8 (stage IIIC), benefit is lost rapidly after the end of the 1 year adjuvant
- Is such an effect still possible in COMBI-AD?

- COMBI-AD OS data is mature up to 3 years
- Is longer time FU required?
- Could targeted therapies delay relapse but not cure patients?
- Definitive answer will come with longer FU



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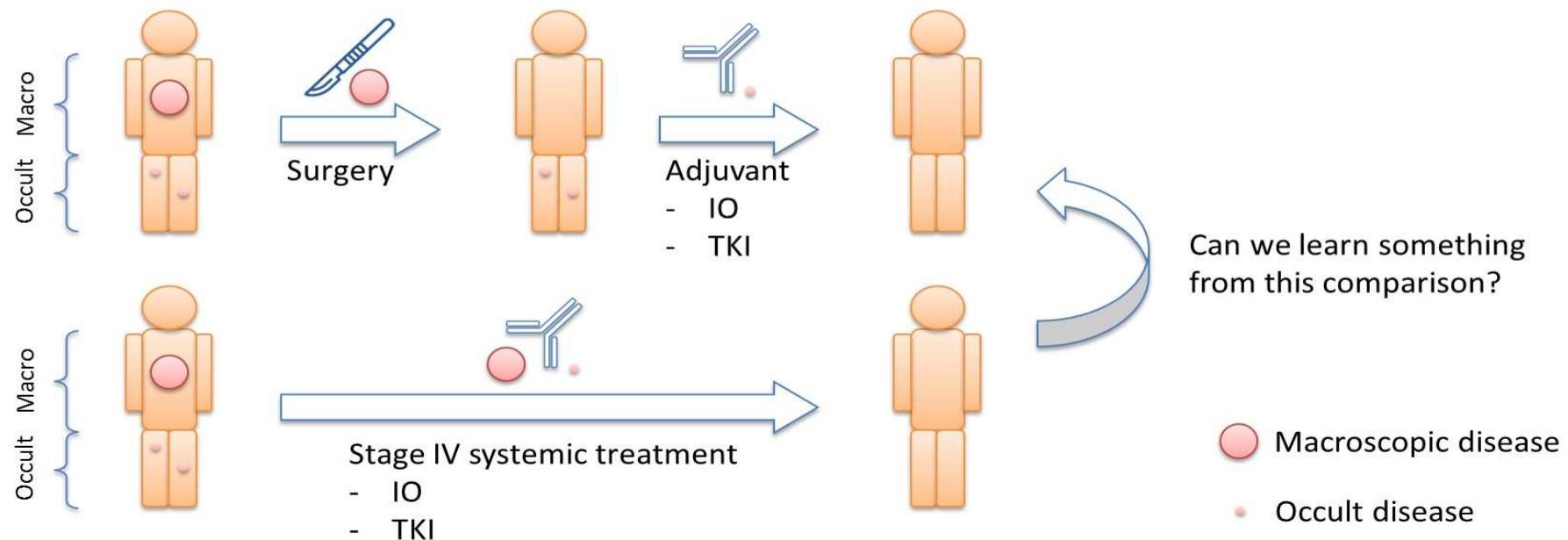
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<sup>1</sup>Ebert, *Immunity* 2016

## Immuno vs. targeted therapies: can we learn more from stage IV?

- We currently do not have the prospective data to answer the question of TKI vs. I-O in the adjuvant setting. Such an answer would require a head to head trial (ongoing?).

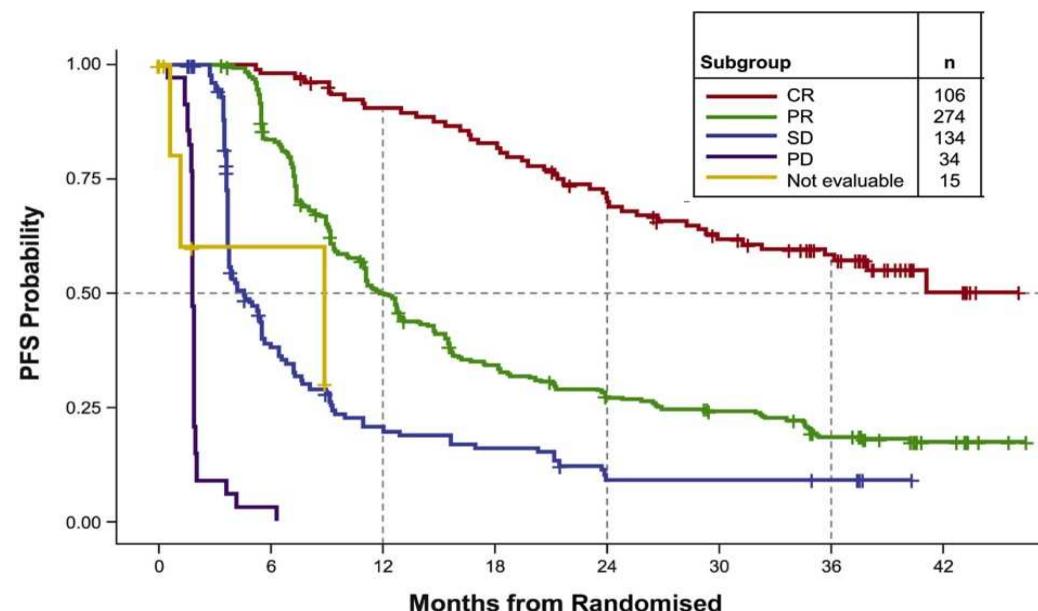
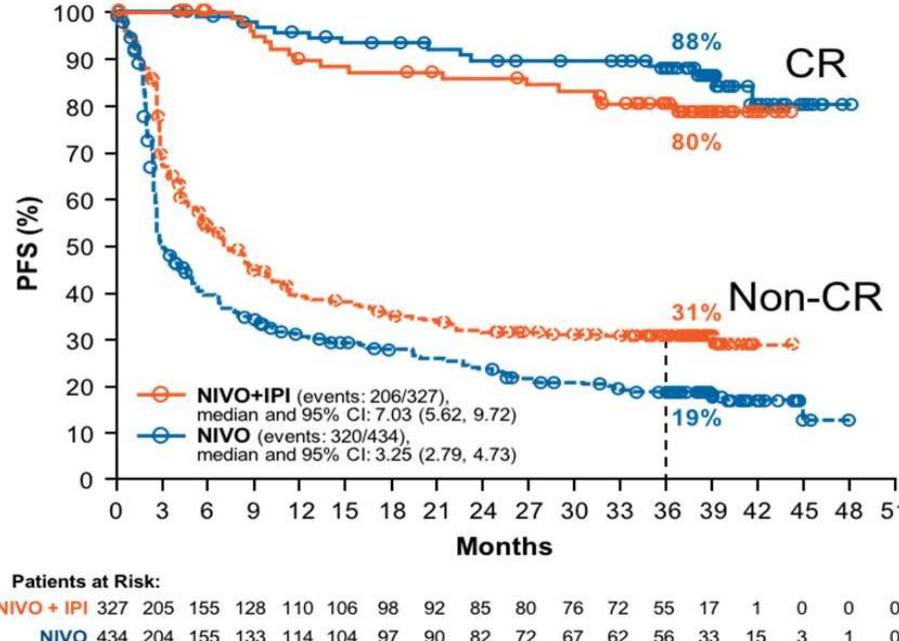


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## PFS by response for NIVO<sup>1</sup>, IPI+NIVO<sup>1</sup>, and MAPKi<sup>2</sup>



Pooled analysis from COMBI-d, COMBI-v:  
PFS by RECIST response <sup>2</sup>

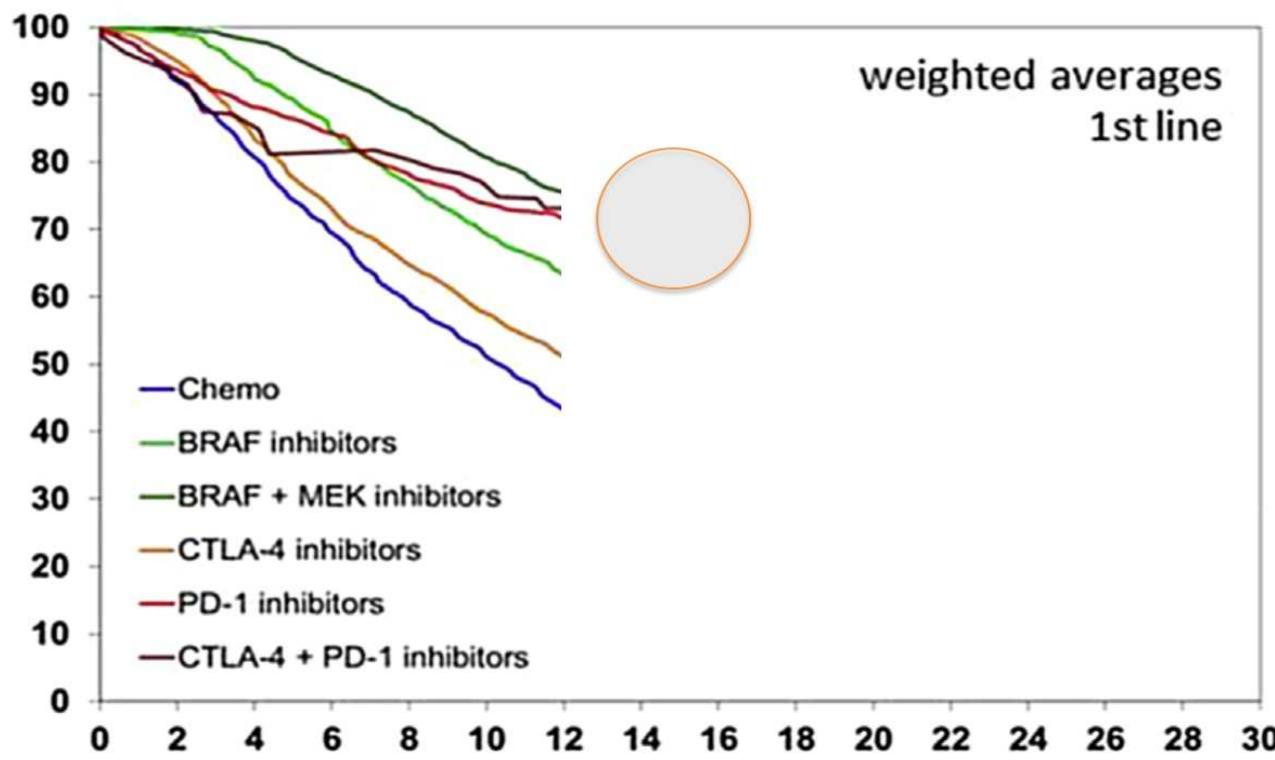
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## Meta-analysis comparing targeted and immunotherapies: stage IV



- Targeted therapies provide better early outcome...
- ... but both PD-1 based immunotherapy curves are crossing at around 14-18 months<sup>1</sup>

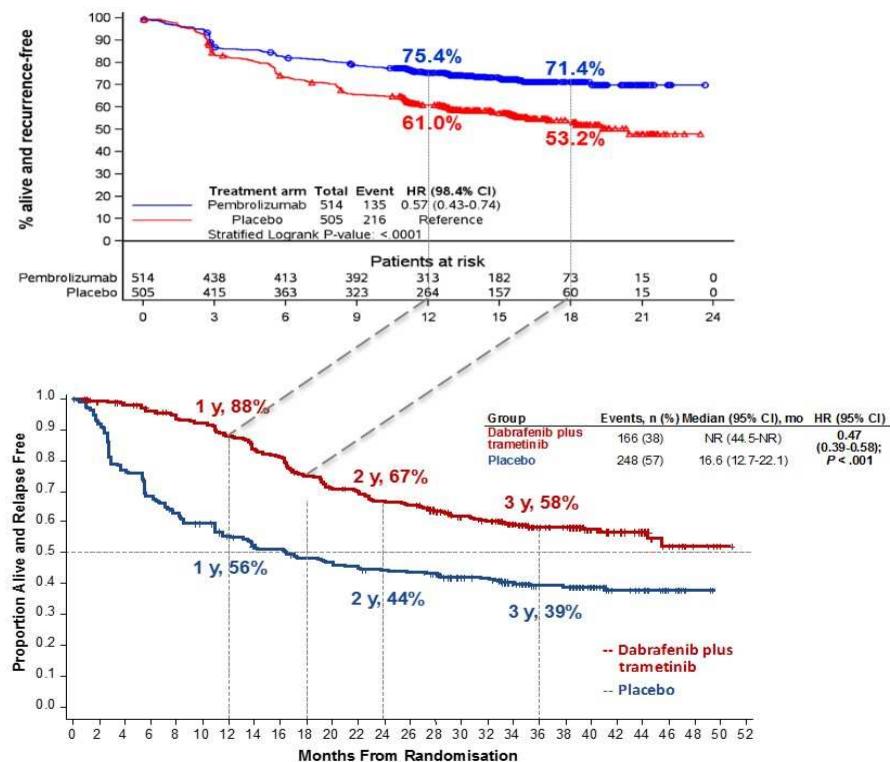
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# Could a similar pattern be observed *in the adjuvant*?



- Comparison between EORTC 1325 and COMBI-AD is indirect and quantitative conclusions cannot be drawn
- Indeed:
  - Only BRAF patients treated in COMBI-AD and in transit metastases allowed
- However:
  - Subgroup inclusion criteria are similar
    - IIIA (SN < 1mm), B and C
  - Placebo arms are within confidence intervals
- Landmark analysis reveals RFS of 88 vs. 75.4% at 12 months, but the slope of EORTC 1325 is flatter than that of COMBI-AD
- Is a crossing to be expected in the adjuvant setting similar to stage IV?

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# CONCLUSIONS

- The end of interferon (maybe except thick, ulcerated melanomas N0?)
- The end of adjuvant ipilimumab (maybe in the future in low doses in combination)
- Monotherapy BRAFi – NO
- BRAFi + MEKi: **benefits for RFS+DMFS+OS in stage III > 1mm mikromet, orally, convinient**
- Anti-PD-1: convinient (flat dose), **improvement of outcomes also in M1**, lack of final data for OS
- Lack of direct comparison of BRAFi+MEKi vs a-PD-1 in *BRAFm* stage III



# CONCLUSION PART 2

- Abandon CLND requirement in SN+ patients? (MSLT-2)
  - BUT: Loss of risk calculation information !!! Necessary for adjuvant therapy decision !!!
- ANTI-PD1 FOR ALL?
  - Convenience q2wk (nivo) vs q3wk/flat dose (pembro)
- BRAFi+MEKi for BRAFmut
  - Convenience: ORAL, no irAEs
- Still role IFN? (for part of world where no other options)
  - ONLY in ulcerated melanoma
  - Availability/price
- Still role ipilimumab in near future?
  - 4 doses at 3mg/kg vs alternatives?
  - After nivo approval and D+T approval probably no more role
- NEXT GENERATION? NEOADJUVANT + ADJUVANT
  - IMPROVE LOCOREGIONAL CONTROL
  - Reduce # TLNDs in WHICH % OF PATIENTS with palpable nodes, in which SN+ pts?



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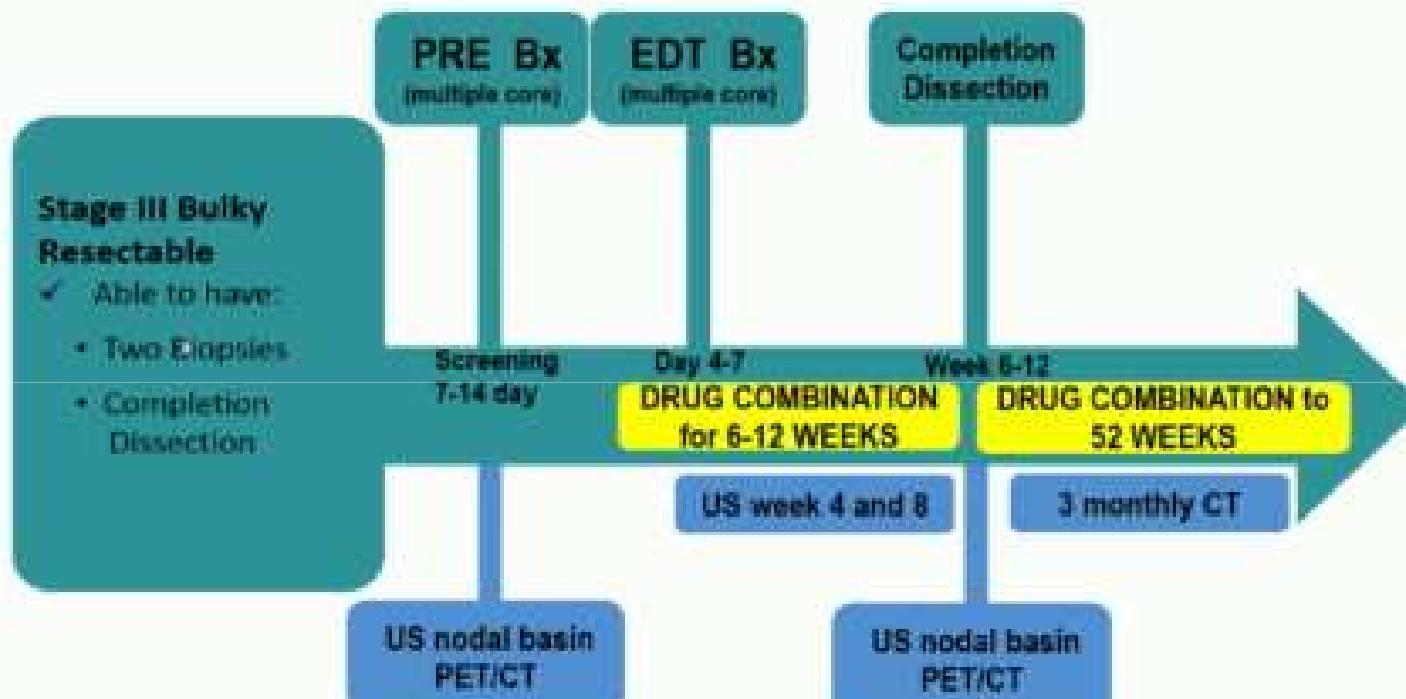
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# Neoadjuvant therapy



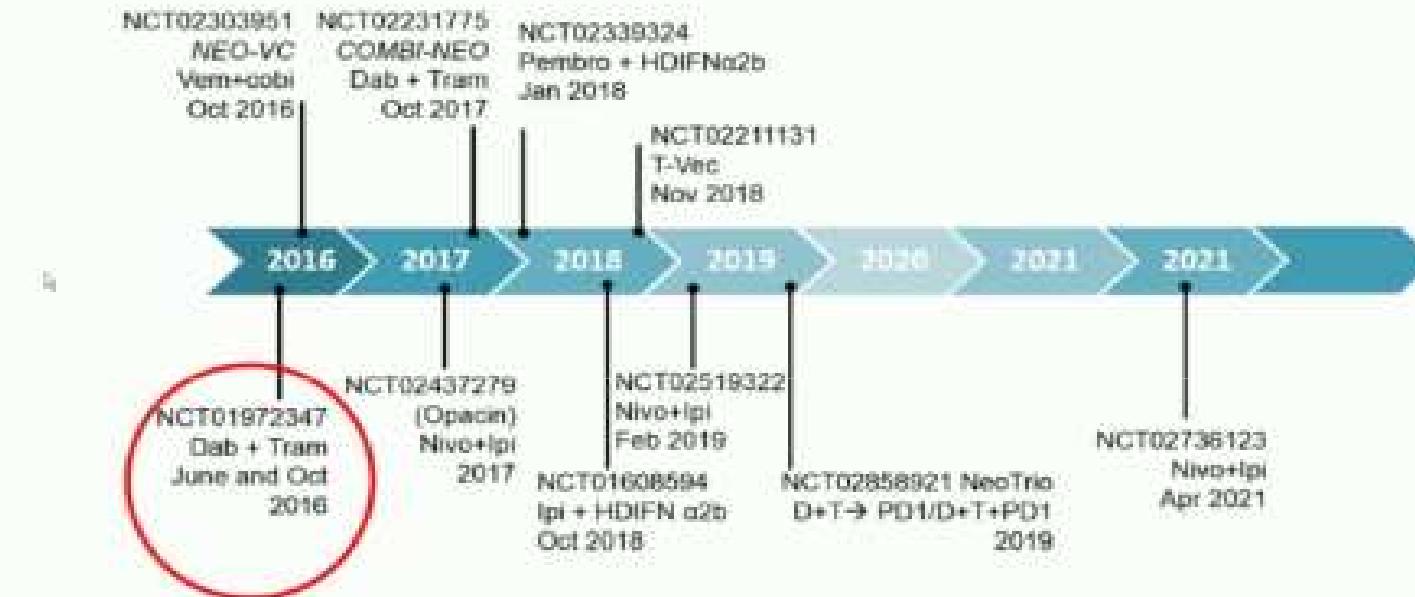
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# Neoadjuvant Model



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## Neoadjuvant Trial Landscape

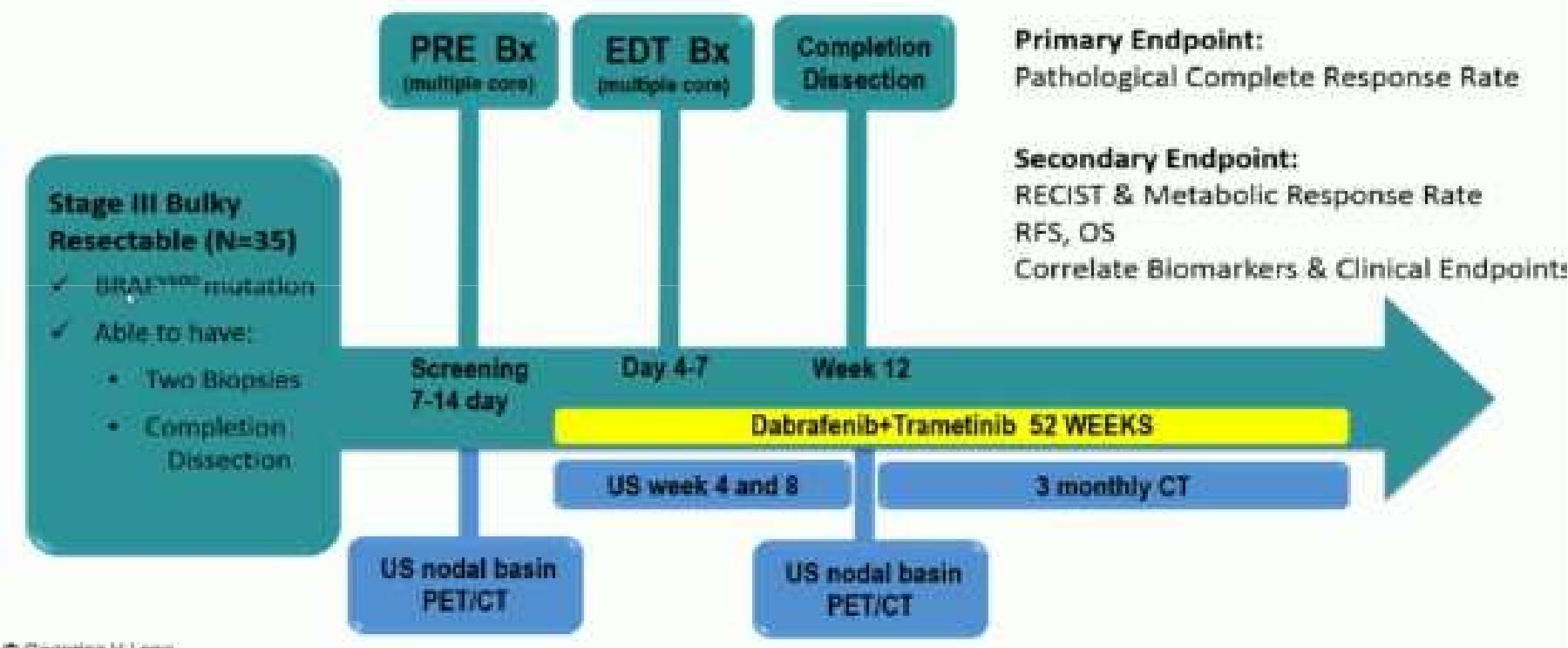


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# Neoadjuvant Dabrafenib + Trametinib



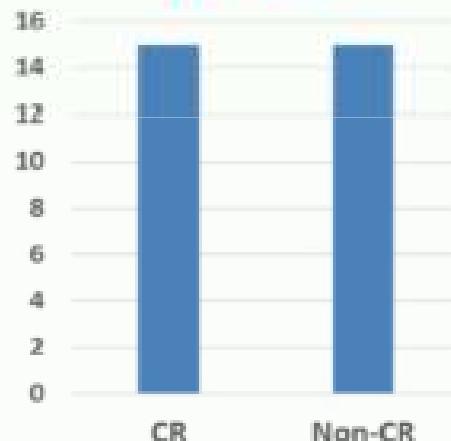
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## Neoadjuvant Dabrafenib + Trametinib

Week 12 Response (n=30) median follow up 53 weeks

Pathological

**CR = 50%**



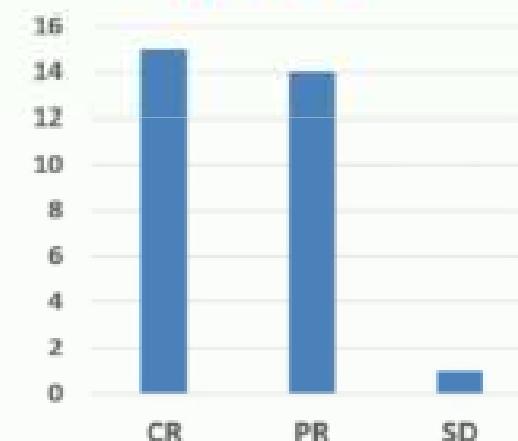
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**CR = 50%**



PET-FDG  
Metabolic Response

**CR = 50%**



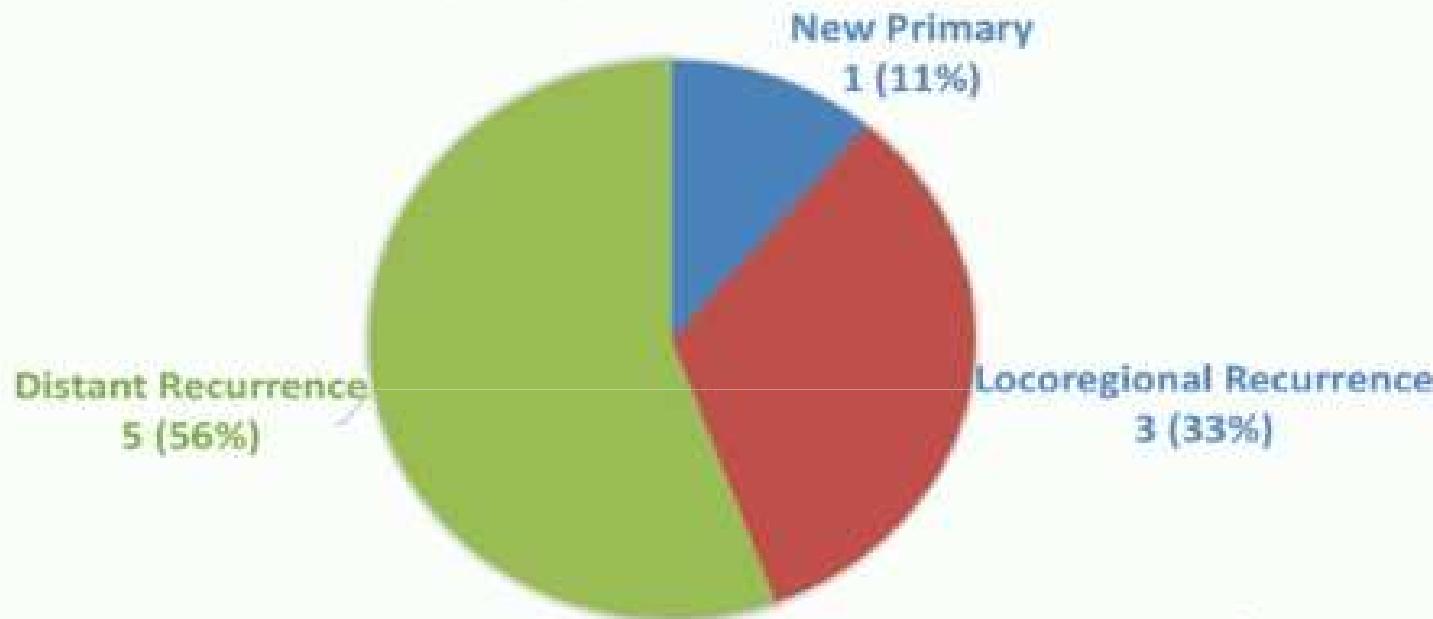
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Median follow up time: 53 weeks



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## Recurrence in 9/30 (30%) Patients



For the 9 patients, median time to recurrence = 51 (25-112) weeks

No patient recurred during 12 weeks neoadjuvant therapy

1 death (due to melanoma) at 66 weeks



# OpACIN-NEO

stage III  
measurable  
melanoma  
no in-transit  
metastases  
the last 6  
months

R  
PBMC  
tumor  
biopsy  
HLA typing  
PET/CT + CT  
MRI brain

weeks

-4      0      3      6      12

2x ipi 3mg/kg + nivo 1mg/kg q3wk

2x ipi 1mg/kg + nivo 3mg/kg q3wk

2x ipi 3mg/kg      2x nivo 3mg/kg

surgery

PBMC

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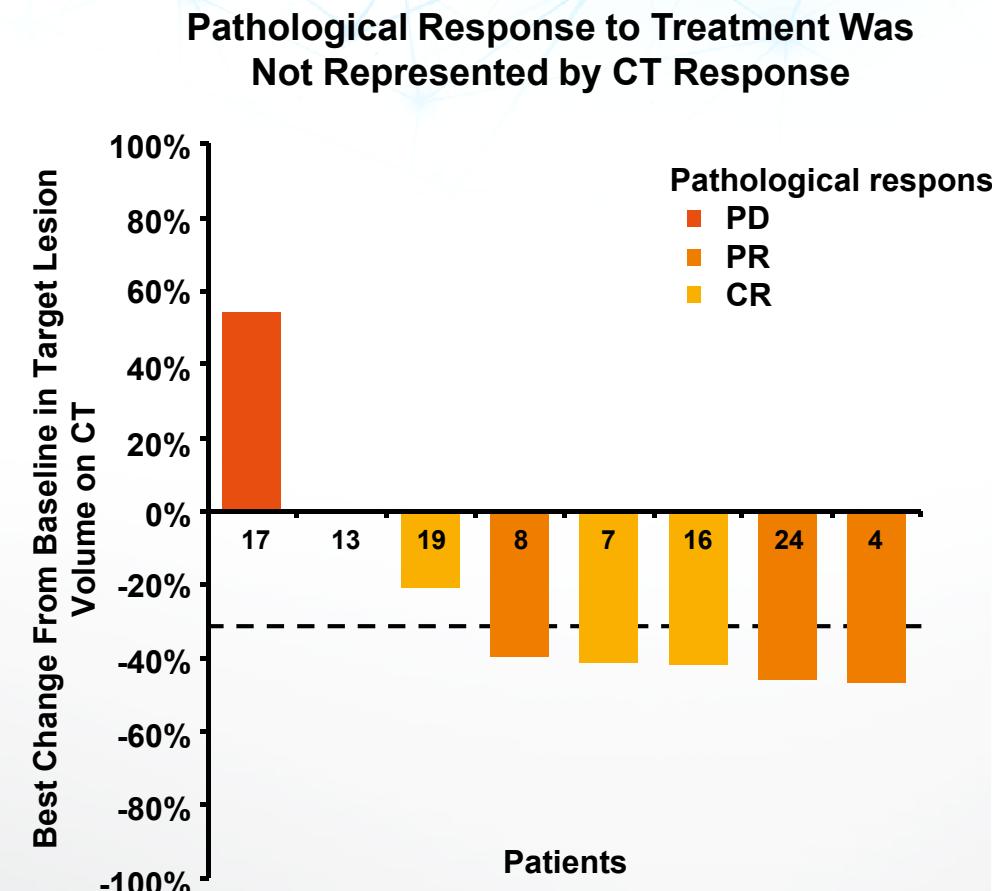


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# OpACIN (Ipilimumab + Nivolumab; phase 1b): Preliminary Clinical Activity

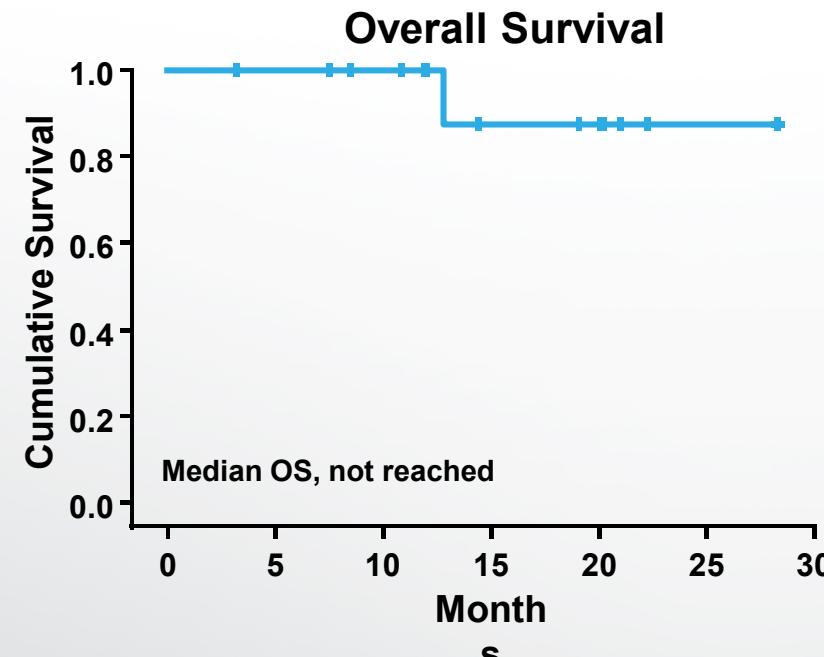
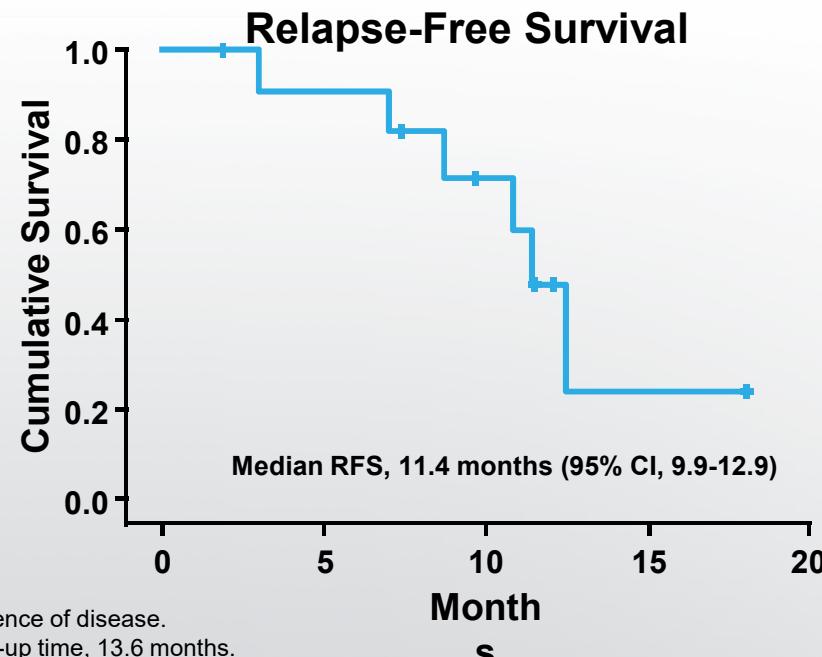
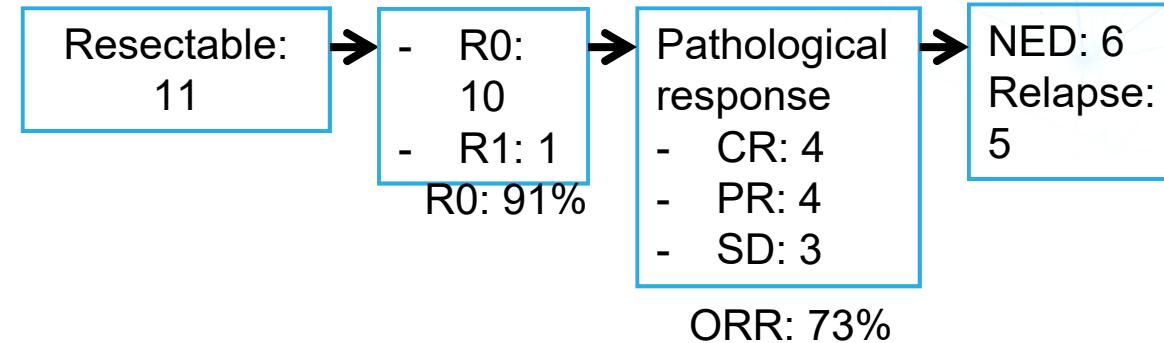
Pt ID	Courses, n	Radiological Response (CT scans, mm)	Pathological Response
7	2	31 × 50 → 18 × 31	pCR
16	2	23 × 36 → 17 × 23 & 22 × 24 → 9 × 12	pCR
19	2	24 × 40 → 19 × 24	pCR
4	3	21 × 47 → 11 × 34	Micrometastases (< 1 mm)
5	2	9 × 10 → ND	Micrometastasis (0.5 mm)
8	2	10 × 12 → 6 × 9	Micrometastasis (sporadic tumor cells)
14	4	18 × 19 & 25 × 37 → ND	Micrometastasis (sporadic tumor cells)
24	2	28 × 40 → 15 × 21	Macrometastasis (75% necrosis)
13	2	22 × 40 → 22 × 40	LNs 35 mm, 2 mm, 1 mm, 0.5 mm, 0.1 mm
17	1	11 × 18 → 17 × 25	LNs 30 mm, 13 mm, 6.0 mm, 3.5 mm

8/10 patients receiving neoadjuvant ipilimumab + nivolumab had a response after 6 weeks



LN, lymph node; ND, not determined; pCR, pathological complete response.  
Blank CU, et al. Oral presentation at SMR 2016.

# REDUCTOR (Dabrafenib + Trametinib; phase 2): Clinical Activity



NED, no evidence of disease.

Median follow-up time, 13.6 months.

Median time to next treatment, 14.0 months.

Haanen JBAG, et al. Oral presentation at ECCO 2017 [abstract 1146].

# OPACIN-NEO: STUDY DESIGN

## Study design:

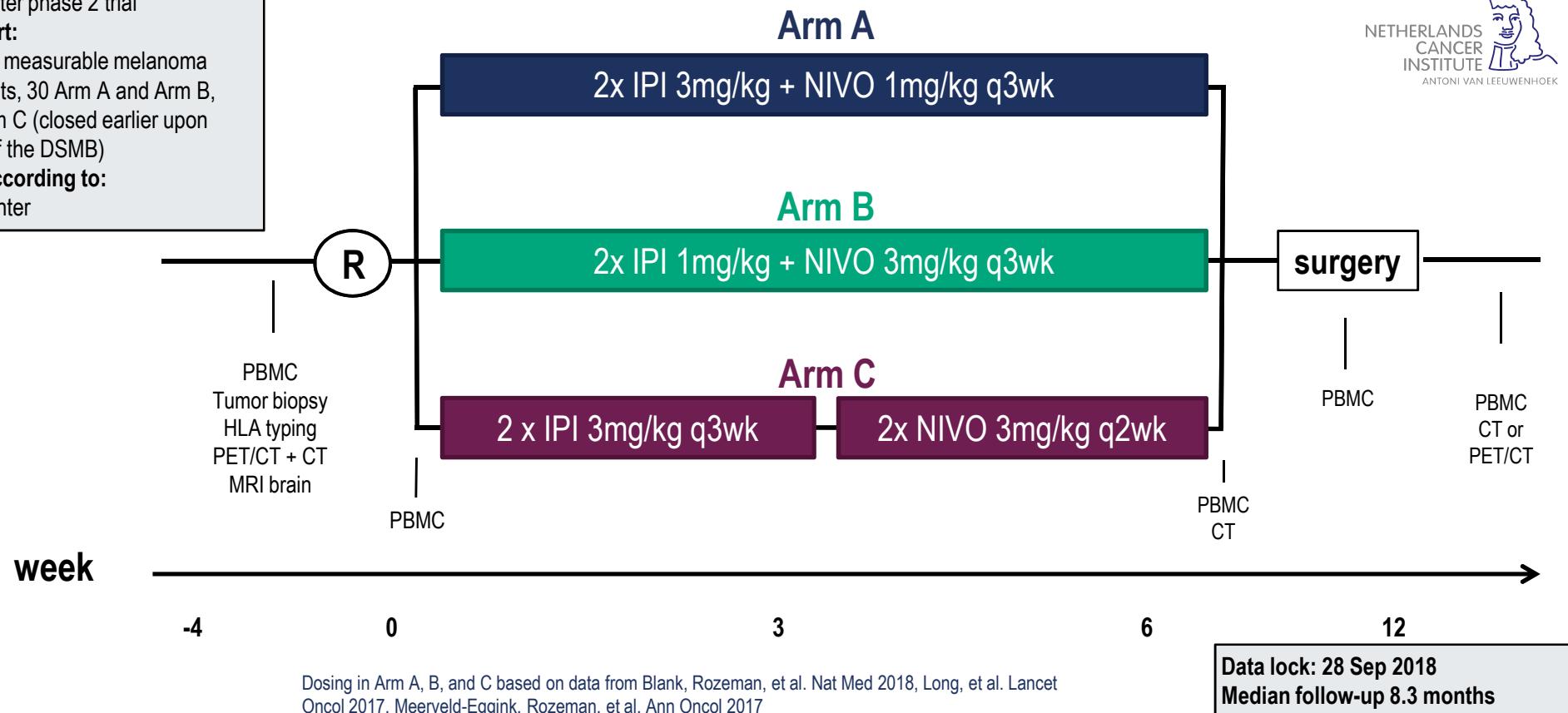
- Multi-center phase 2 trial

## Study cohort:

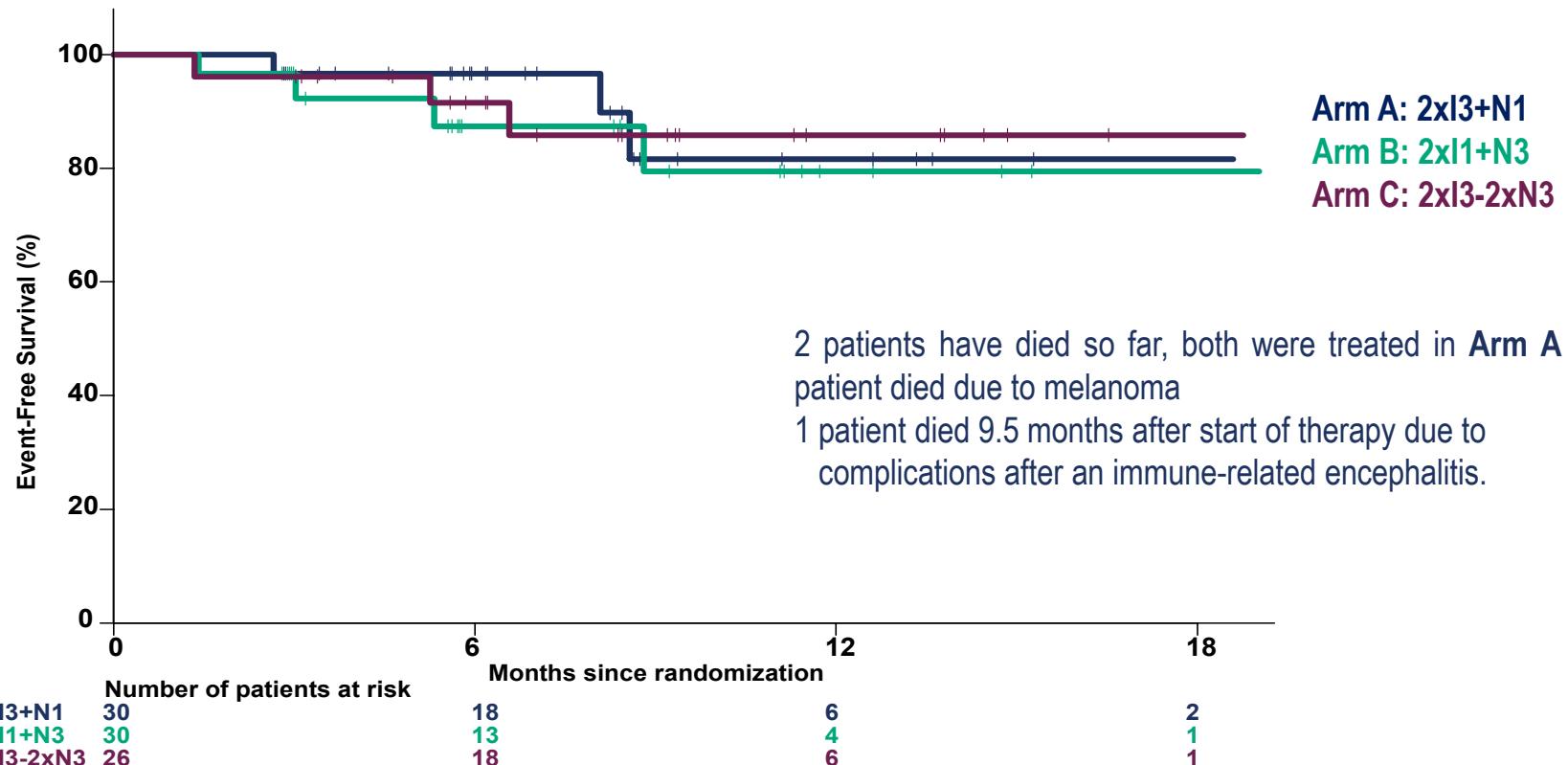
- Stage I-IV measurable melanoma
- 86 patients, 30 Arm A and Arm B, 26 in Arm C (closed earlier upon advice of the DSMB)

## Stratified according to:

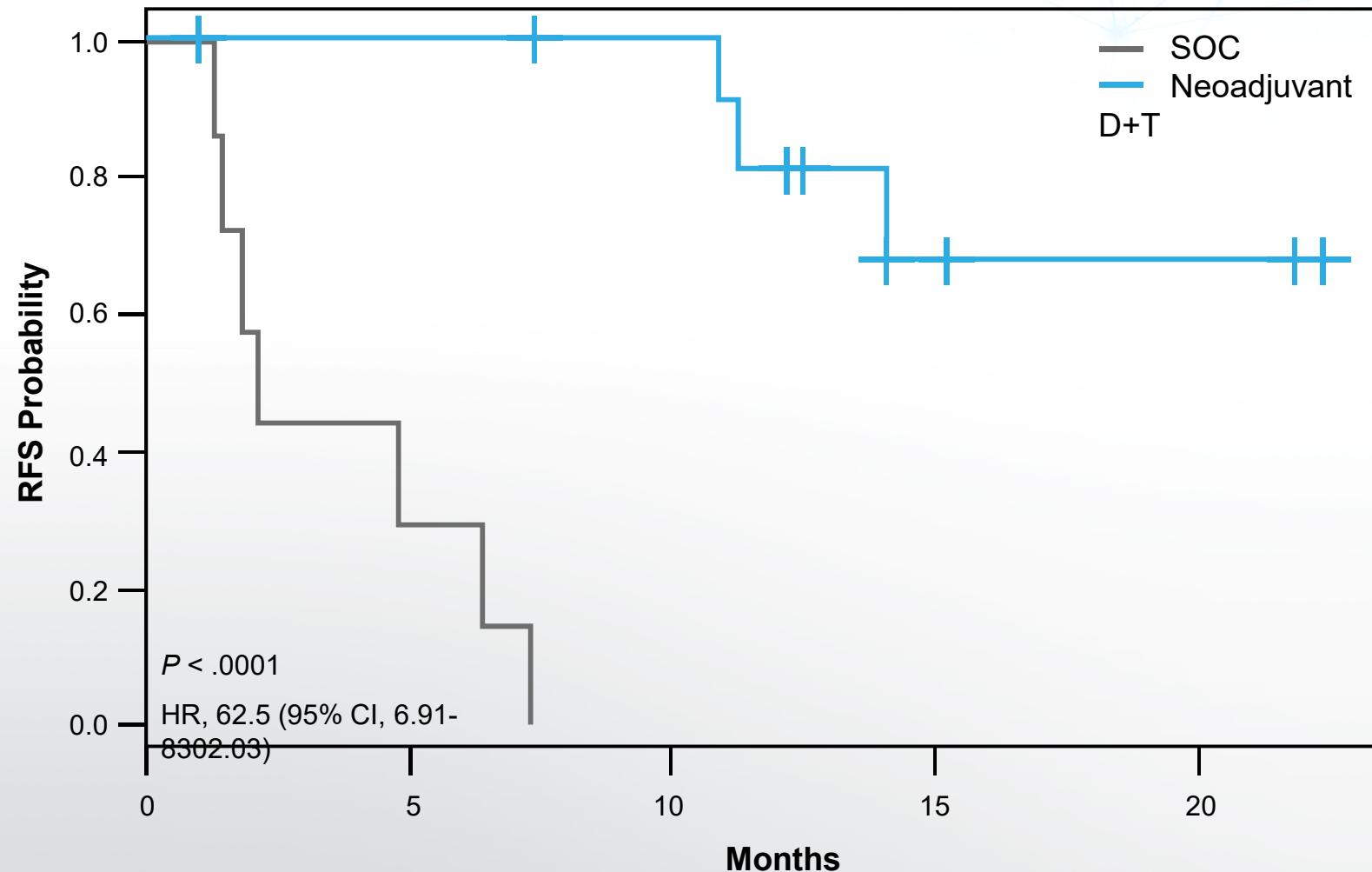
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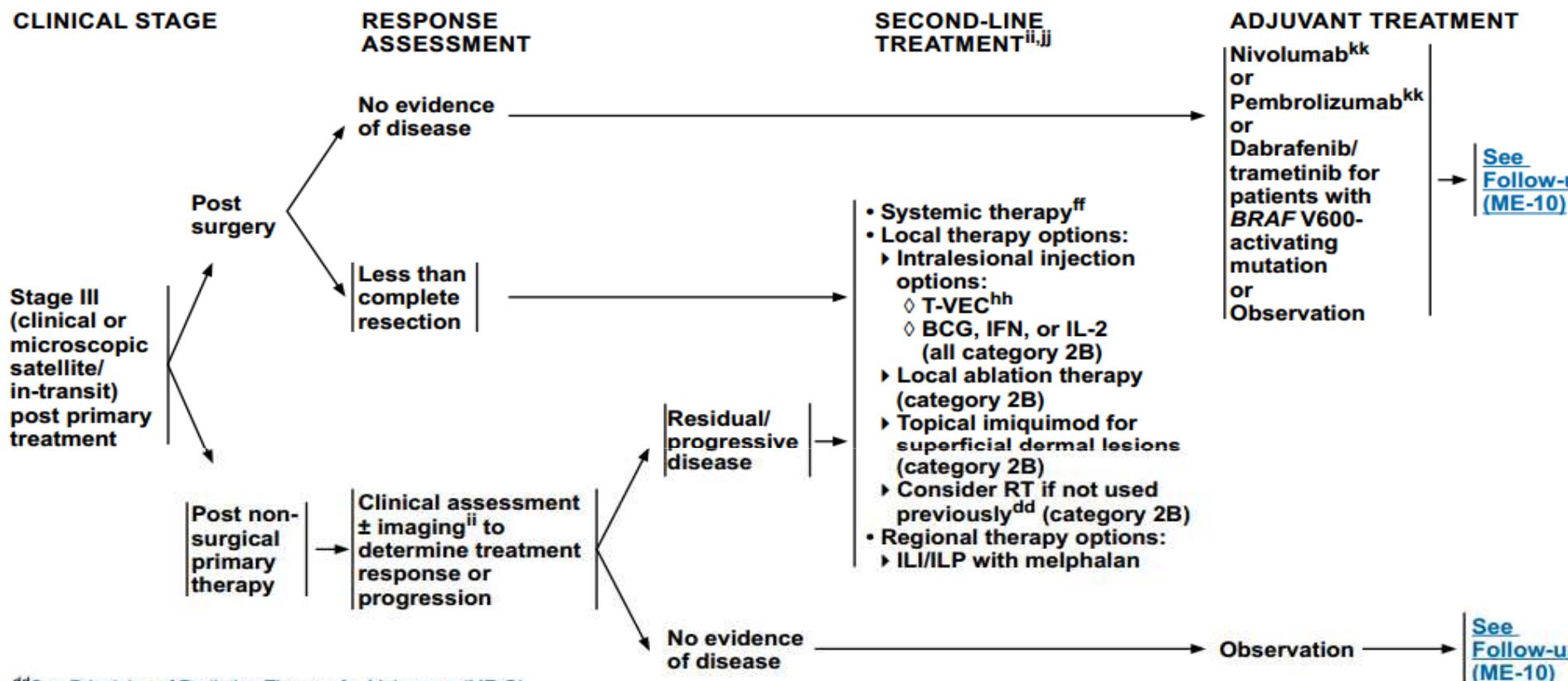


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# Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Dabrafenib + Trametinib vs SOC: RFS





**kk** Nivolumab has shown a clinically significant improvement in RFS compared to high-dose ipilimumab, but its impact on OS has not yet been reported. Pembrolizumab has shown a clinically significant improvement in RFS compared to placebo, but its impact on OS has not yet been reported. Although both trials focused primarily on patients with stage III nodal disease, the NCCN panel agrees that it is appropriate to extend the indication for adjuvant anti-PD-1 therapy to patients with clinical or macroscopic satellite/intransit disease and who are at significant risk of recurrence.

## WHAT NEXT?

- Combos?

- Anti-PD1 + BRAFi+MEKi (A Ribas) **1+1 = 1.2/1.3 ???**
- Anti-PD1 + Low dose anti-CTLA4 (Georgina Long)
- New immuno combos

- **NEOADJUVANT + ADJUVANT: CHANGE PARAGDIM**

- MIA Sydney: D+T 50% pCR, 100% ORR in palpable stage III
- NKI-Amsterdam: nivo+ipi 40% pCR , 80% RR, **TCR++ DIVERSITY !!**
  - Facilitate Surgery and **IMPROVE LOCOREGIONAL CONTROL?**
  - Avoid TLND in **WHICH % OF PATIENTS** with palpable nodes?
  - Long term perspective: **CHANGES SURGERY FIRST PARADIGM**





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