

# (Neo)adjuvant Immunotherapy: The Next Step in Curing Cancer

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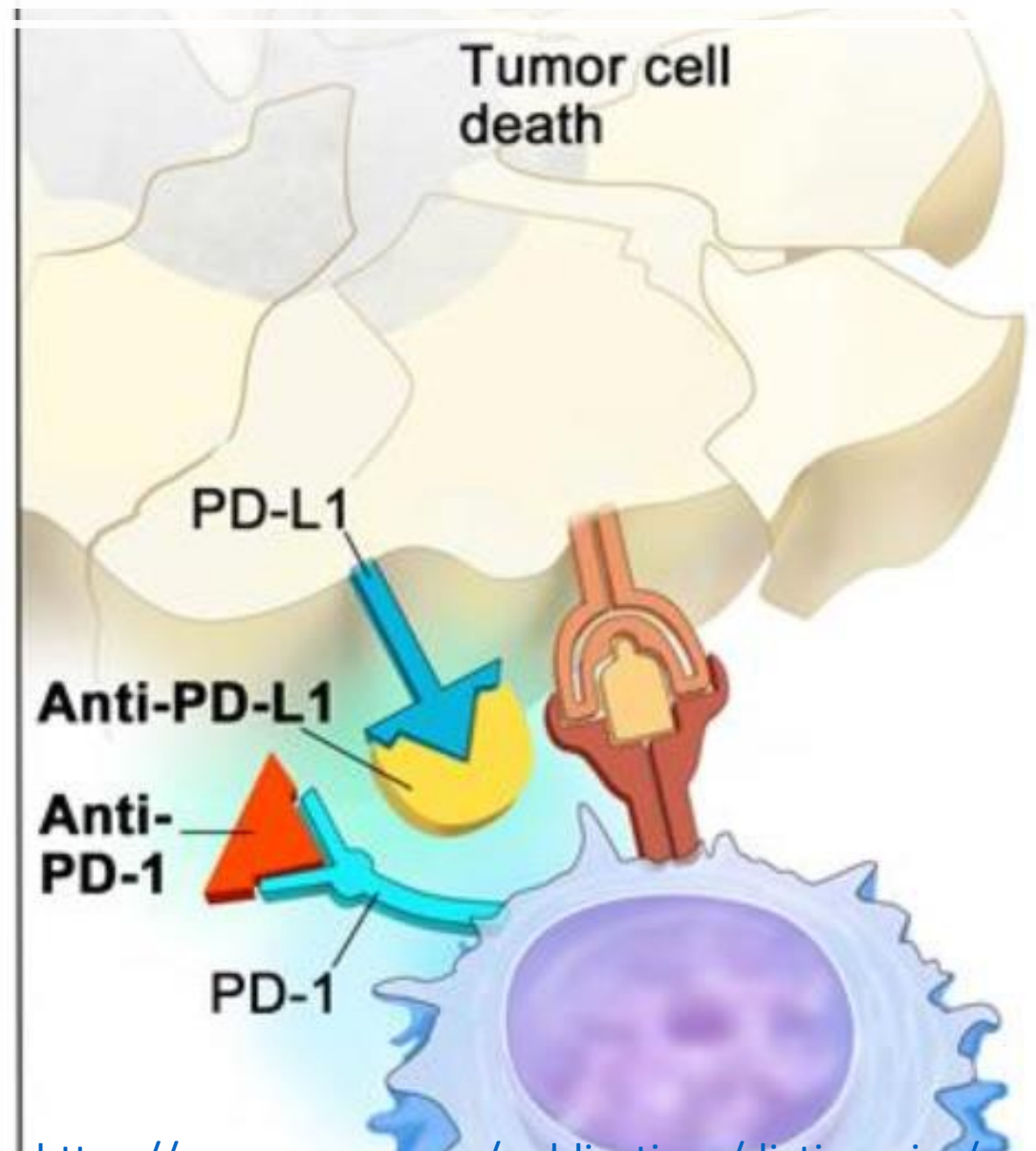
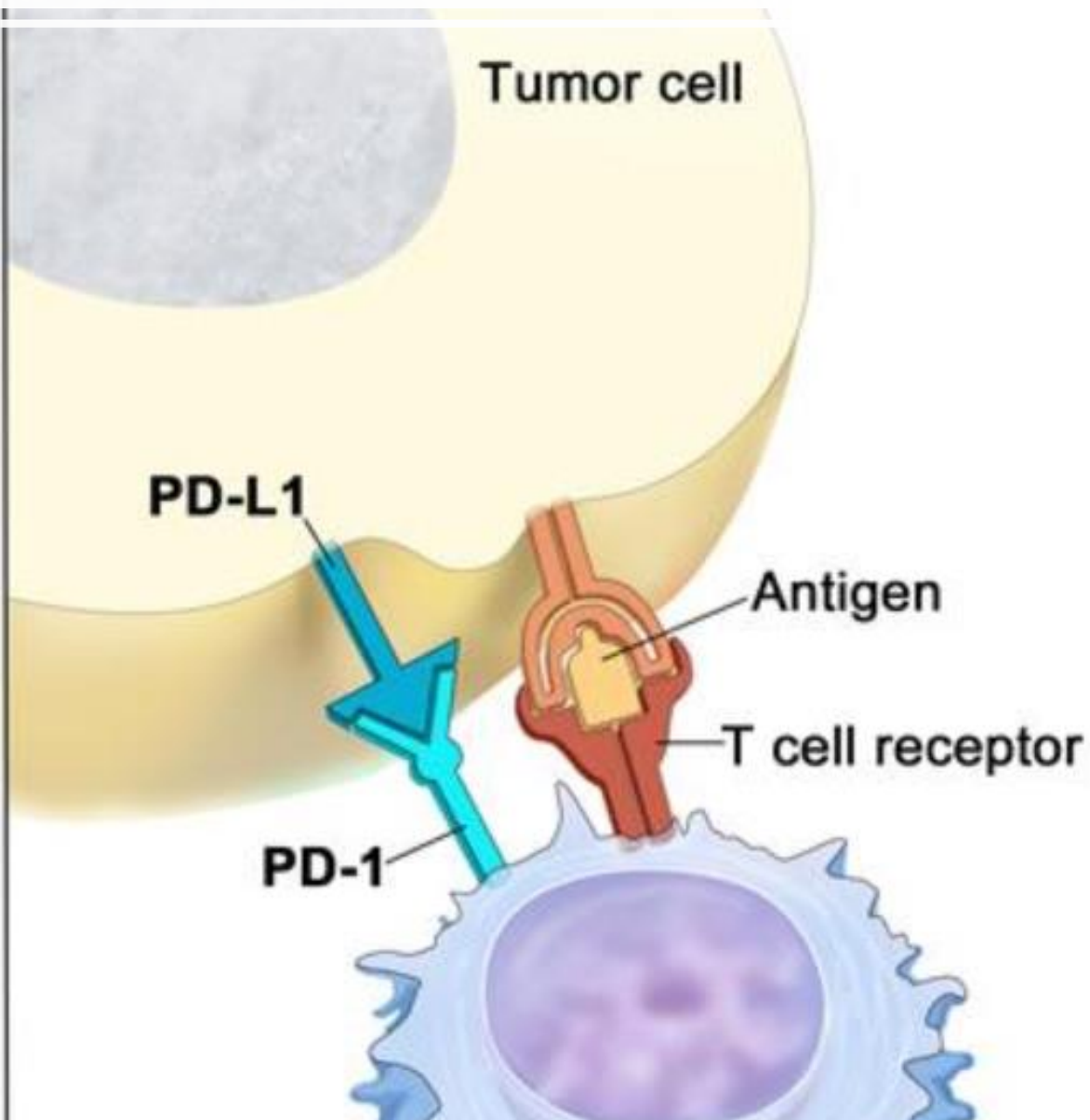
# Today's Objectives

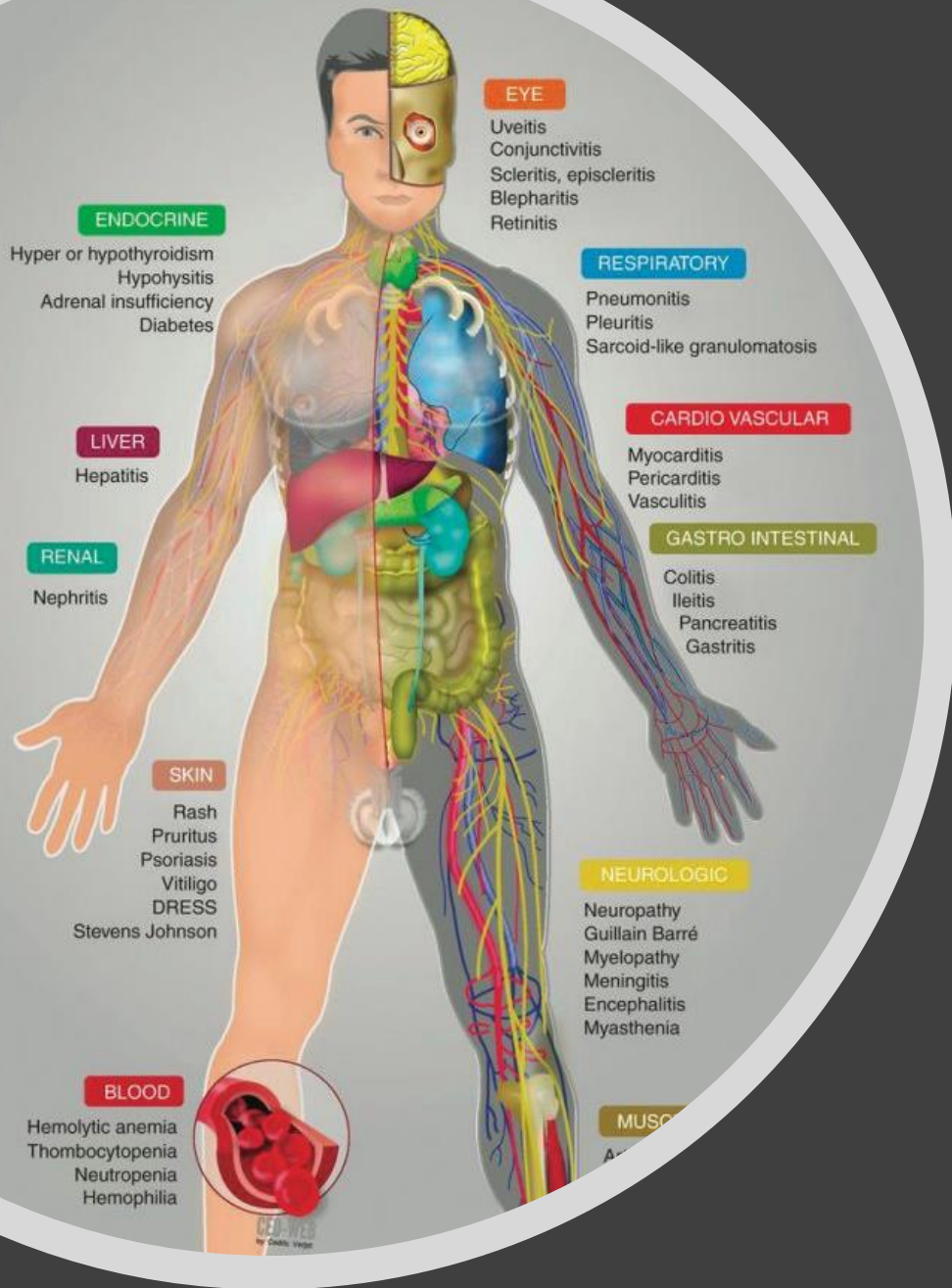
Identify alternative endpoints for development of cancer therapy

Neoadjuvant therapy is an increasing standard of care for many tumors.

Adjuvant immunotherapy is now a standard treatment in melanoma. Neoadjuvant therapy may be a new standard in breast cancer.

# Immunotherapy – Checkpoint Inhibition





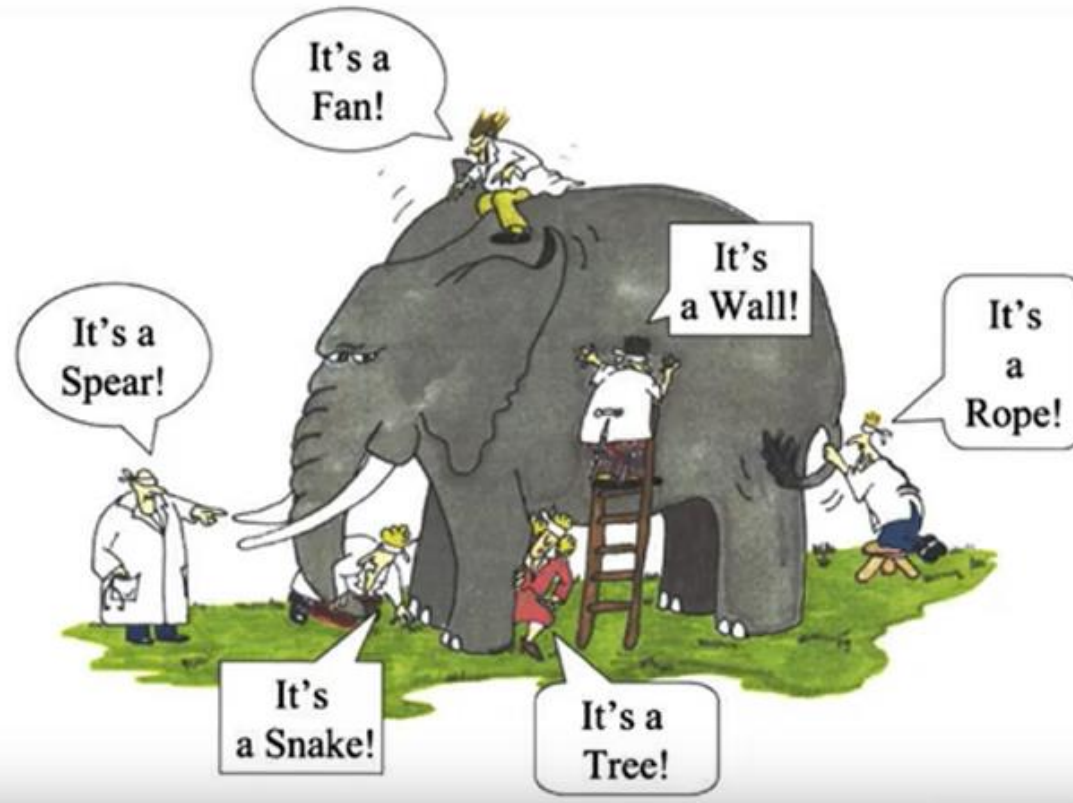
# Immunotherapy Toxicity

<https://cancerworld.net/e-grandround/management-of-toxicities-related-to-immunotherapies/>

# Searching for Predictors of Response

Still using surrogate biomarkers

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<https://www.philipchircop.com/post/25783275888/seeing-the-full-elephant-its-a-tree-its-a>

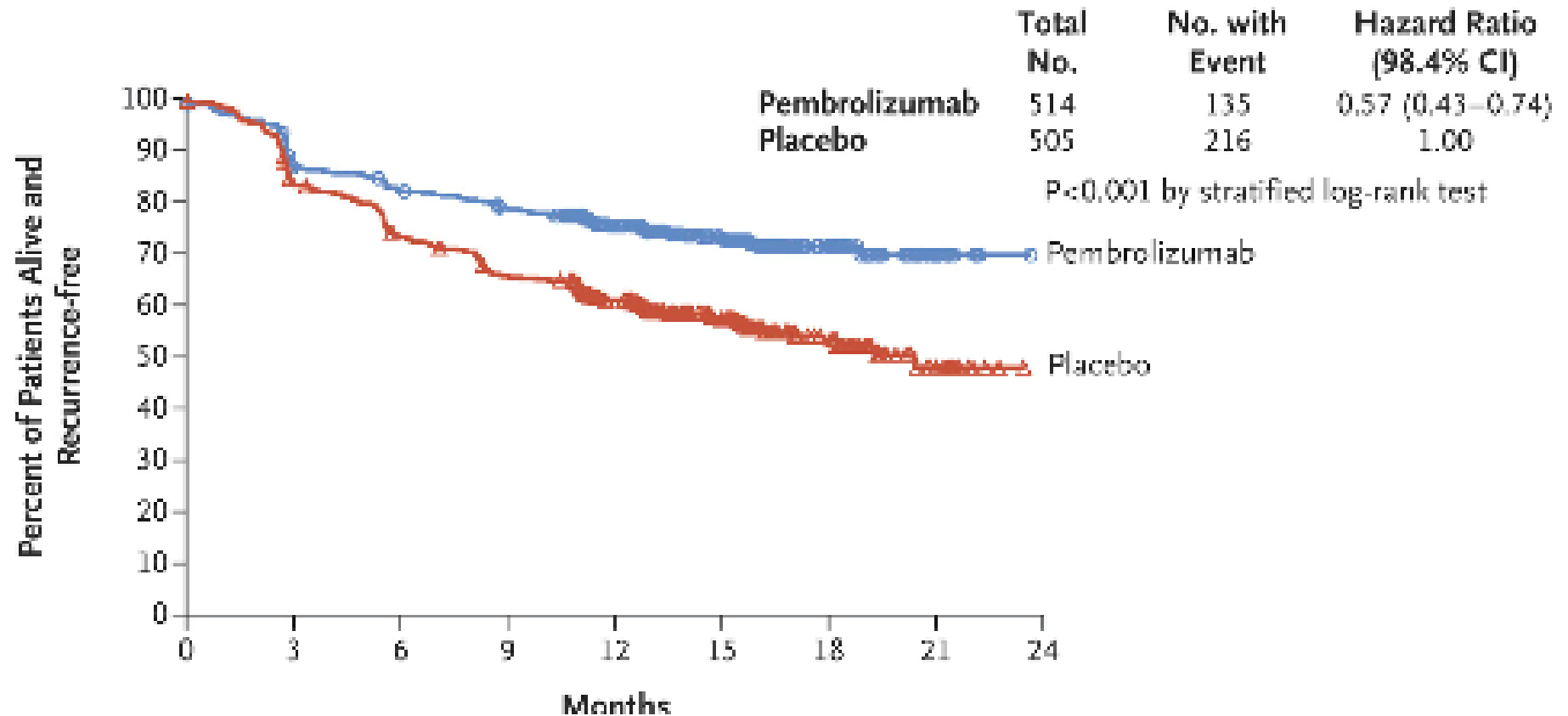
## Adjuvant Immunotherapy

- Standard of care in stage III/IV resected melanoma
- Other cancers: Jury is out

LUNG CANCER	KIDNEY CANCER	BLADDER CANCER
IMPOWER 010 (Atezolizumab) 10/2015	PROSPER RCC (Nivolumab) ONGOING	Imvigor0101 (Atezolizumab)
KEYNOTE 091 – PEARLS Pembrolizumab 11/2015	Nivolumab +/- Ipilimumab Ongoing	Checkmate 274 (Nivolumab) 2/2016 (completed)
ANVIL trial (Nivolumab) 5/2016	MK3475 (Pembrolizumab) COMPLETED	AMBASSADOR (Pembrolizumab)
Durvalumab 11/2014		

# Adjuvant Melanoma Therapy- Keynote 054

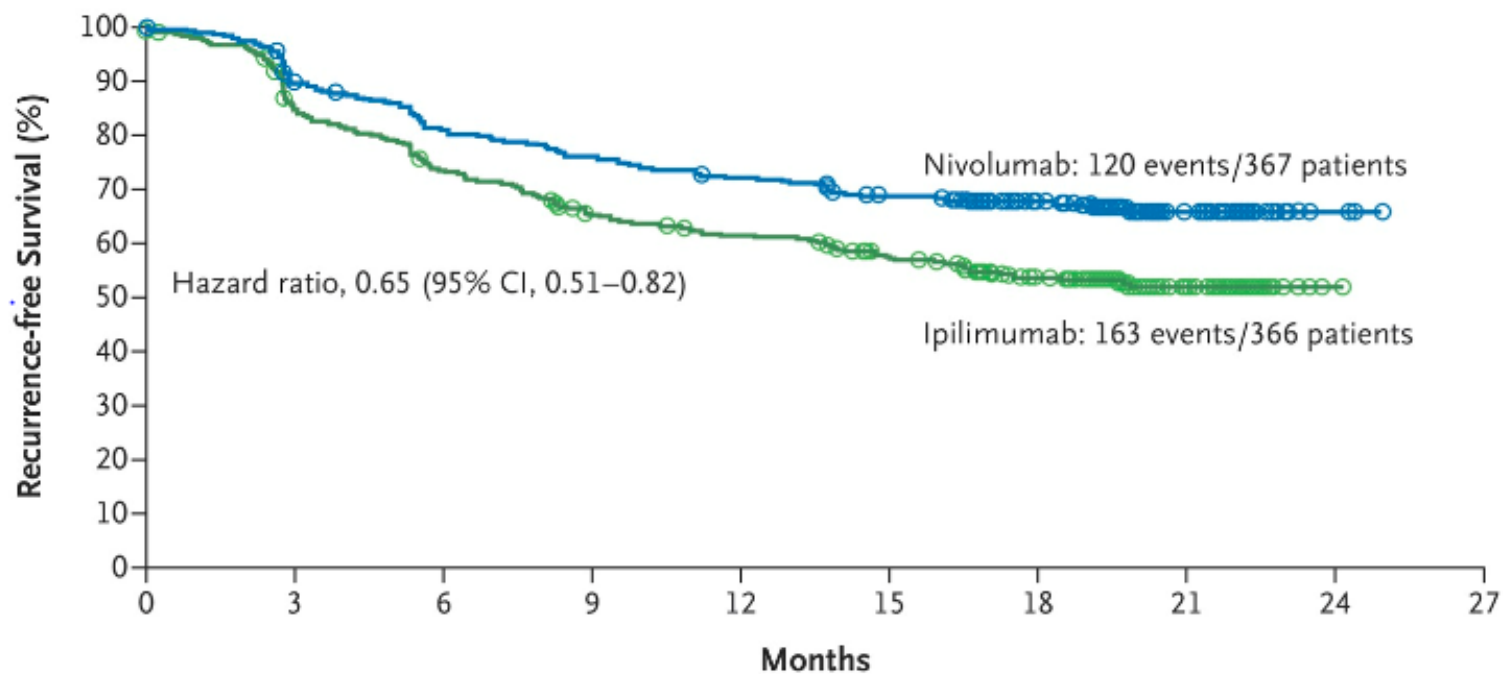
## A Overall Intention-to-Treat Population





# Adjuvant Immunotherapy – Checkmate 238

A Stage IIIB or IIIC

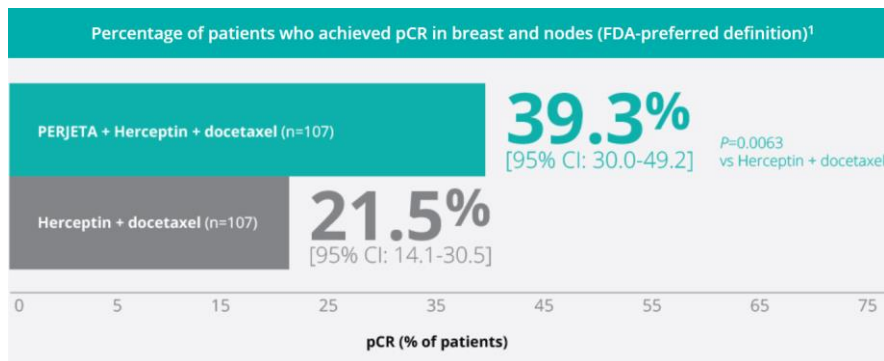


**No. at Risk**

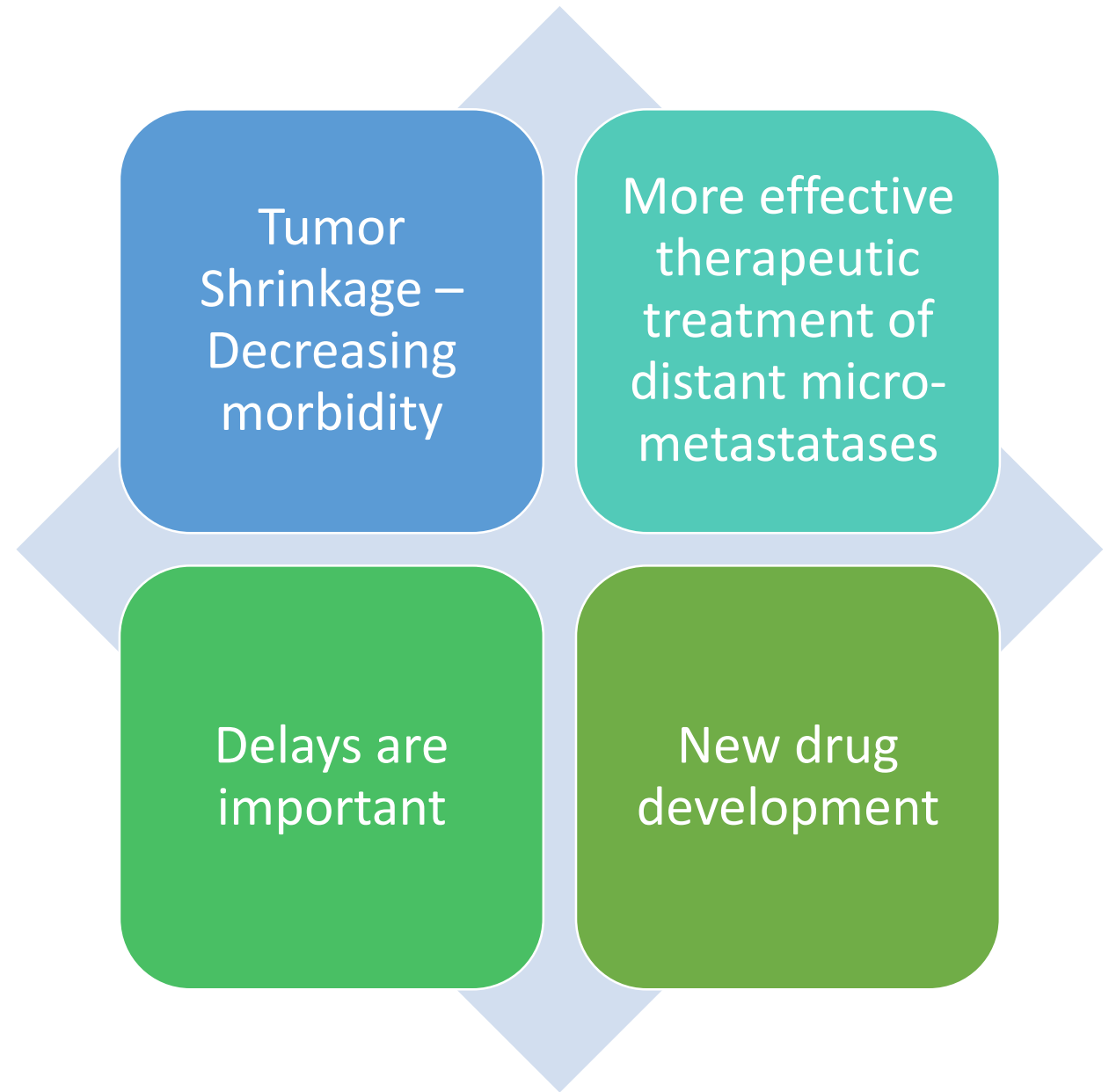
Nivolumab	367	322	290	272	257	239	203	58	3	0
Ipilimumab	366	299	259	223	208	186	152	45	1	0

# Neoadjuvant therapy as surrogate endpoint

- Pathological Complete Response and Accelerated Drug Approval in Early Breast Cancer
  - T Prowell MD, R. Pazdur MD N Engl J Med 2012; 366:2438-2441



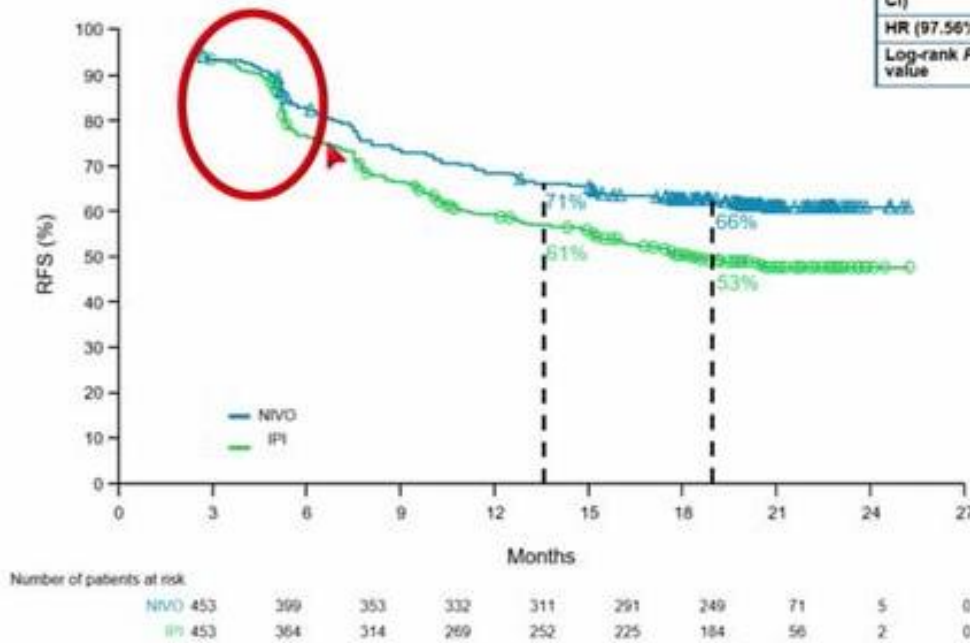
# Rationale for Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy



# Check Mate 238

Primary Endpoint: RFS

	NIVO	IPI
Events/patients	154/453	206/453
Median (95% CI)	NR	NR (16.6, NR)
HR (97.56% CI)	0.65 (0.51, 0.83)	
Log-rank P value	<0.0001	



Timing matters

## Melanoma - Neoadjuvant

	Immunotherapy	Targeted Therapy
Pathologic Complete Response (pCR)	38%	47%
12m PFS	83%	65%
pCR Recurrences	0 /51	7/17
Non-pCR Recurrence	18/82	19/27

ASCO 2019 – International Neoadjuvant Melanoma Consortium Meta-analysis

- 6 trials of Neoadjuvant therapy
- 184 patients (133 immunotherapy / 55 targeted)

# Neoadjuvant Breast Cancer

2 trials presented in  
December 2019

Divergent conclusions

Stage and pathology

# NeoTRIP Michaelangelo Trial

## Population:

- Triple negative breast cancer (ER-,PR-, Her2-)
- N1 Node + or large mass

## Treatment - 8 cycles of neoadjuvant chemotherapy

- Carboplatin / nab-paclitaxel
- Carboplatin / nab- paclitaxel / atezolizumab

## Endpoints

- Event Free Survival
- Pathologic complete response

NeoTriPaPDL1 Michaelango Trial

Luco Gianni et a. San Antonio Breast Conference 2019.

# Results – Pathologic Complete Response

	<b>Chemotherapy + Atezolizumab</b>	<b>Chemotherapy</b>
# of patients	138	142
Path Complete Responses	43.5%	40.8%
Odds ratio	1.11 (0.69-1.79)	

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# KEYNOTE-522

Phase 3 trial of  
Neoadjuvant  
Pembrolizumab  
with  
chemotherapy

- Followed by Adjuvant Pembrolizumab versus Placebo for Early Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Higher risk  
patients  
included:

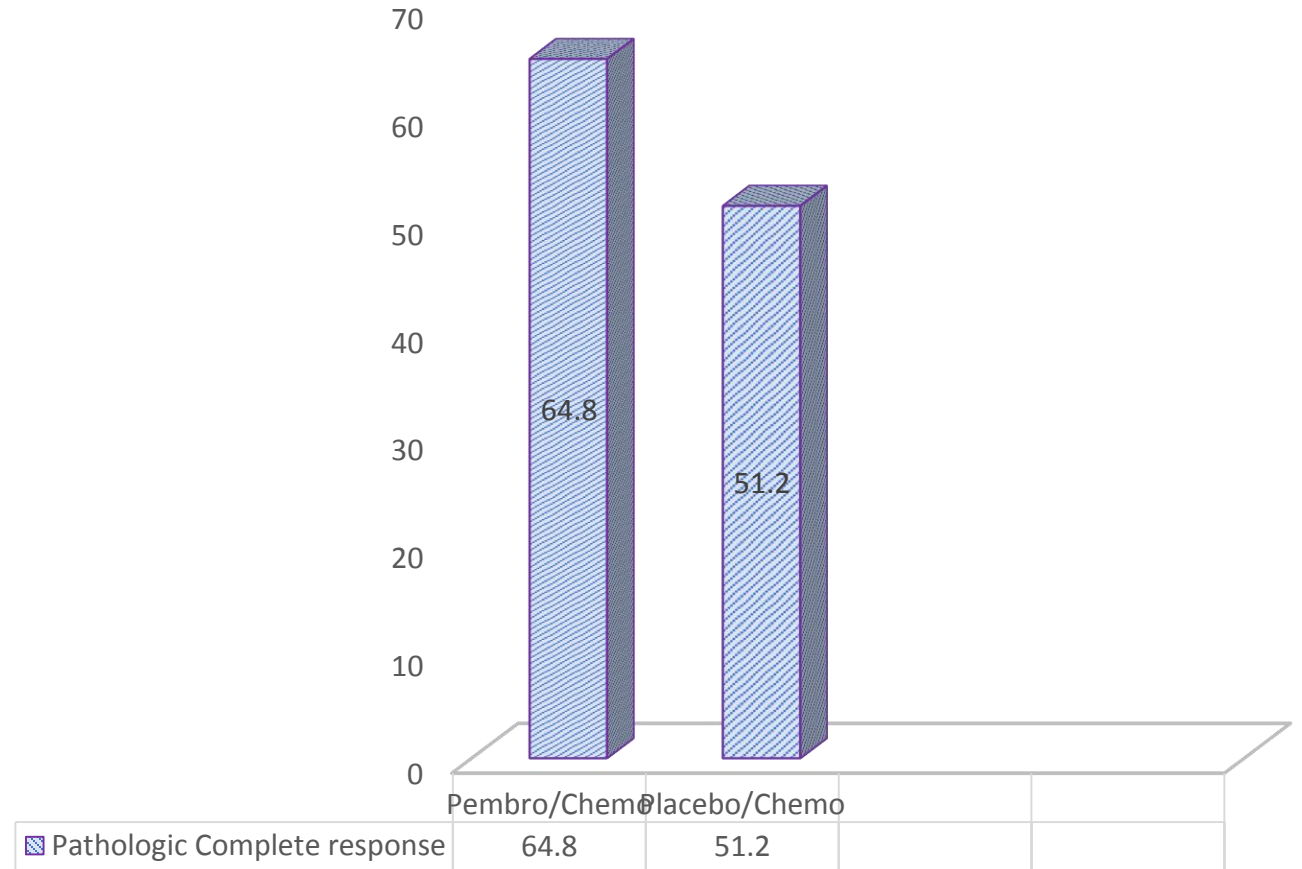
- N1 or N2 disease

Treatment

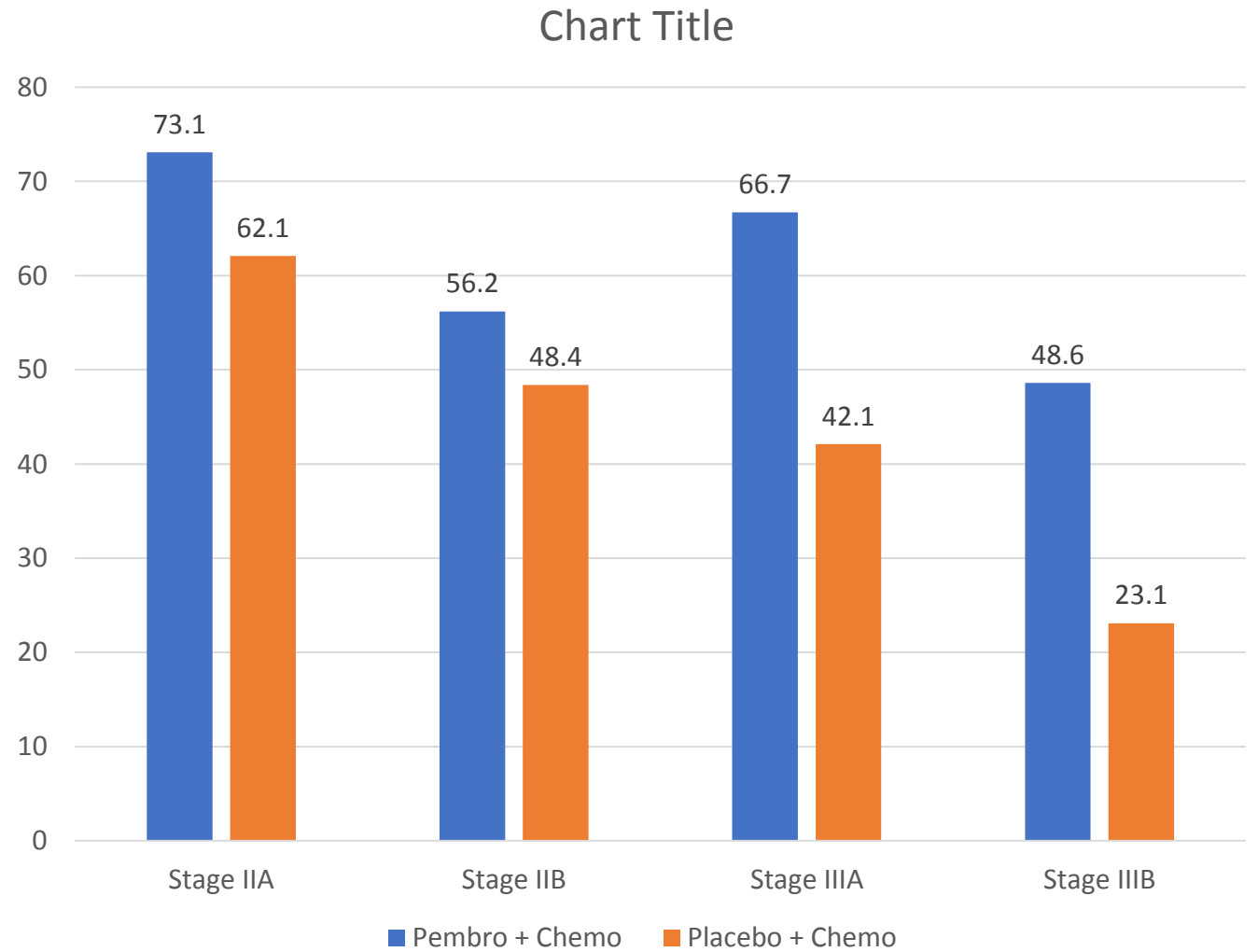
- Chemotherapy for 4 cycles (Carboplatin / paclitaxel) then Epirubicin / Cyclophosphamide x 4 cycles +/- Pembrolizumab
- Surgery
- Pembrolizumab or placebo x 8 cycles

# Keynote-522

## PATHOLOGIC COMPLETE RESPONSE



# Response by Stage



# Neoadjuvant Lung Cancer

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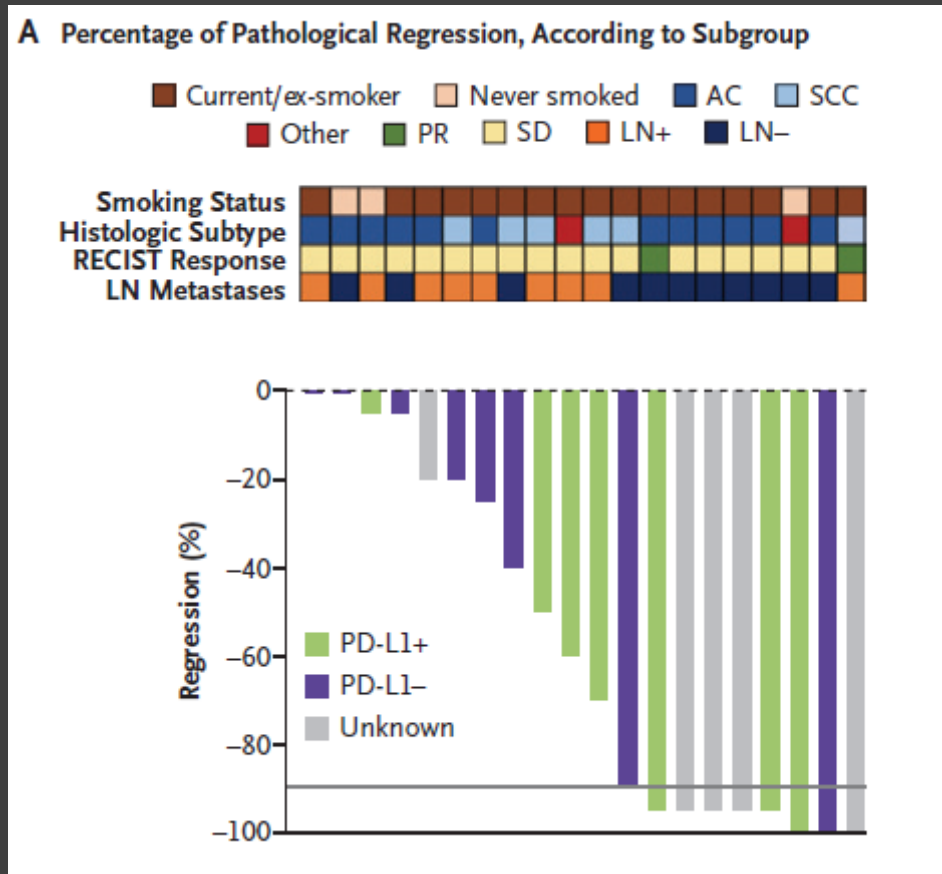
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Neoadjuvant PD-1 Blockade in Resectable Lung Cancer

M. Forde, J.E. Chaft, K.N. Smith, V. Anagnostou, T.R. Cottrell, M.D. Hellman, M. Zahurak, S.C. Yang, D.R. Jones, S. Broderick, R.J. Battafarano, M.J. Velez, N. Rekhtman, Z. Olah, J. Naidoo, K.A. Marrone, F. Verde, H. Guo, J. Zhang, J.X. Caushi, H.Y. Chan, J.-W. Sidhom, R.B. Scharpf, J. White, E. Gabrielson, H. Wang, G.L. Rosner, V. Rusch, J.D. Wolchok, T. Merghoub, J.M. Taube, V.E. Velculescu, S.L. Topalian, J.R. Brahmer, and D.M. Pardoll

- Surgically Operable stage I or II Non-Small cell cancer
- 2 doses of Nivolumab (4 weeks)
- Endpoint: Major Pathologic Response (<10% residual tumor)

# Results



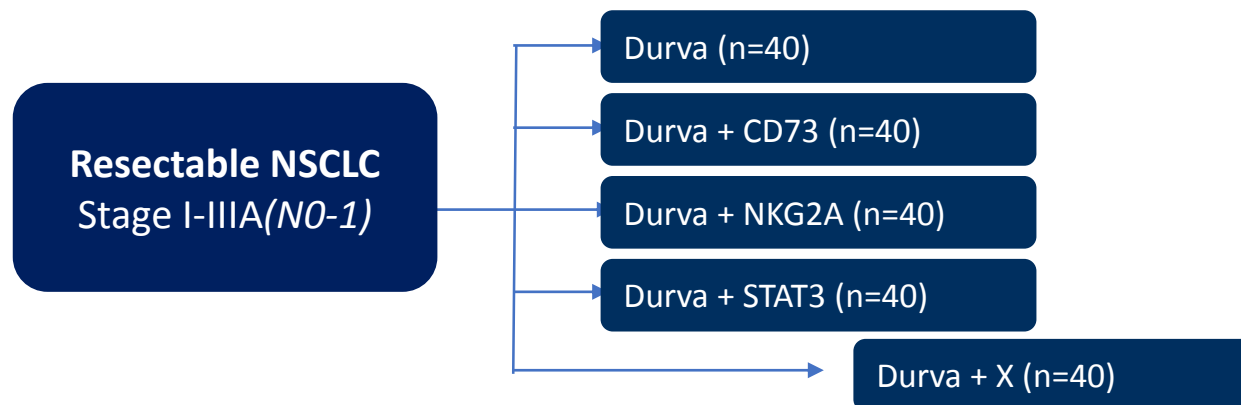
- No significant toxicity
- 9/21 patient had MPR
- Major Pathologic Response <10% viable cancer cells

PM Forde et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:1976-1986.

# NeoCOAST – Study Design



- Subjects will be randomized to one of four treatment arms
- Additional arms may be added in the future



**Primary endpoints:** MPR

**Secondary endpoints:**

- Feasibility to Surgery
- Pathological Complete Response (pCR)
- ORR, safety, PK, immunogenicity

**Exploratory endpoints:**

- ctDNA, TMB, TILs, IFN-g signature, etc

After Immunotherapy



Before Immunotherapy



# NeoCoast Trial at Memorial



Single-Agent Therapy	Location	Eligibility	Cisplatin Eligibility	Trial Identifier	Status
Pembrolizumab (PURE-01)	Italy	T2-3aN0M0	Yes	NCT02736266	Has results
Pembrolizumab (PANDORE)	France	T2-4N0 or Nx	No	NCT03212651	Enrolling
Atezolizumab	South Korea	T2-4aN0M0	N/A	NCT03577132	Enrolling
Atezolizumab	United States	T < 2, T2-4N0M0	No	NCT02451423	Enrolling
Avelumab (BL-AIR)	United States	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT03498196	Enrolling
Atezolizumab (ABACUS)	Europe	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT02662309	Has results
Immune Combination Therapy					
Nivolumab/urelumab	United States	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT02845323	Enrolling
Nivolumab/ipilimumab (NABUCCO)	Netherlands	T3-4N0 or N+	No	NCT03387761	Enrolling
Durvalumab/tremelimumab vs. chemotherapy (DUTRENEO)	Spain	T2-4N0 or N1	Yes	NCT03472274	Enrolling
Durvalumab/tremelimumab (NITIMIB)	Switzerland	T2-4N0 or N+	No	NCT03234153	Enrolling
Durvalumab/tremelimumab	United States (MDACC)	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT02812420	Enrolling
Nivolumab ± ipilimumab (CA209-9DJ)	United States (MSKCC)	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT03520491	Enrolling
Durvalumab + olaparib (NEODURVARIB)	Spain	T2-4aN0M0	No	NCT03534492	Enrolling
Chemoimmunotherapy Combinations					
Nivolumab + gemcitabine/cisplatin (BLASST-1)	United States	T2-4aN0M0	Yes	NCT03294304	Enrolling
Avelumab (AURA) ± chemotherapy	Belgium	T2-4N0 or N+	Yes/No	NCT03674424	Enrolling
Pembrolizumab + gemcitabine/cisplatin	United States	T2-4N0 or Nx	Yes	NCT02690558	Enrolling
Pembrolizumab + gemcitabine/cisplatin	United States (II)	T2-4aN0M0	Yes	NCT02365766	Has results

## Neoadjuvant Bladder



# Summary

- Adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapy now standard in some cases.
  - Adjuvant Stage III melanoma.
  - Neoadjuvant in SOME breast patients.
- Answers will vary.
- Trials are the key.