

## ONCOS-102 in melanoma Dr. Alexander Shoushtari

4. ONCOS-102 in mesothelioma

5. Summary & closing



#### **Preliminary data from C824**

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## MELANOMA IN 2018: FRONTLINE THERAPY

## **PD-1 based therapy**

#### O 2 choices

- Monotherapy: Pembrolizumab or Nivolumab
- Combined Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (CTLA-4 inhibitor)
- 45 60% objective response rate
- Responses last years, but not forever
- Overactive immune system leads to immune-related adverse events (irAEs)
  - Diarrhea / Colitis
  - Liver inflammation
  - Pneumonitis
  - Thyroid, Pituitary dysfunction

#### IRAE rate varies by monotherapy versus combined therapy

- Monotherapy: 1 in 4 require steroids
- Combined Nivo + Ipi: 3 in 4 require steroids



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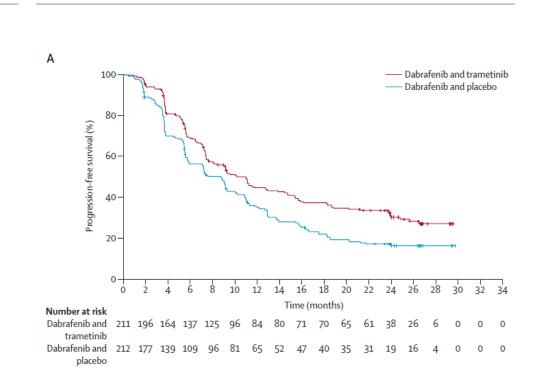
### **BRAF-MEK** Inhibition

- Only available for 40-50% with BRAF V600 mutant melanoma
- 60-70% objective response rate
- Responses last average of 12-15 months
- O Adverse events (AEs) not directly related to immune system
  - Diarrhea
  - Liver inflammation
  - Rash
  - Fevers, chills
  - Muscle/joint aches
- If BRAF-MEK stopped, adverse events stop



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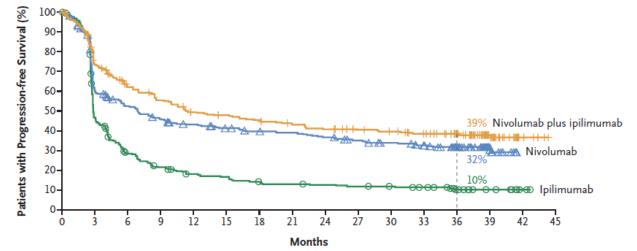


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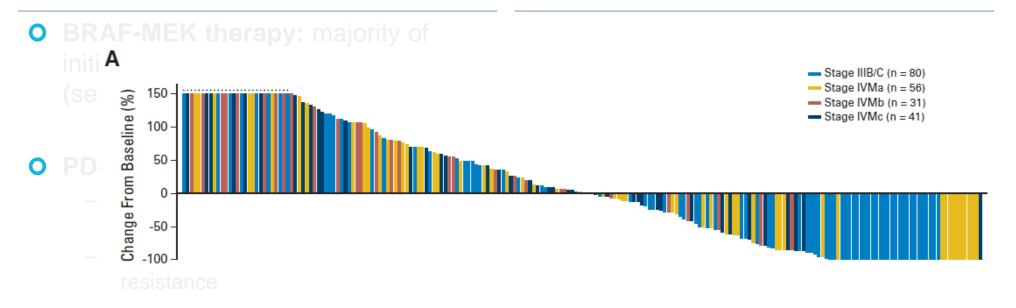
#### • PD-1 based therapy:

- 30-40% will have primary resistance
- 25-35% will have secondary resistance





#### **Resistance to Standard Therapies**



#### O Talimogene Laherparepvec

- 40% primary resistance in injected lesions
- 85% resistant in distant lesions
- Takes 10 injections on average to respond as monotherapy



#### Not all resistance is treated alike!







## MELANOMA IN 2018: OPTIONS POST-PD-1

## **Standard Options**

#### O After PD-1 monotherapy

- BRAF-MEK, if V600 mutant
- Nivolumab plus ipilimumab
- Ipilimumab alone
- Cytotoxic chemotherapy
- T-VEC if injectable

### After Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab

- BRAF-MEK, if V600 mutant
- Cytotoxic chemotherapy
- T-VEC if injectable

## If local progression only

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy

## **Non-standard options**

#### • Clinical Trials (selected)

- PD-1 plus
  - LAG-3 inhibitor
  - OX40 agonist
  - GITR agonist
- Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte trials
- Injectable trials
  - ONCOS-102 + pembro
  - TVEC + pembro
  - Coxsackievirus + pembro
  - TLR9 agonist (tilsotolimod) + ipilimumab

#### Off-label uses

- BRAF + MEK + PD-1
- T-VEC + PD-1 inhibitor
- Radiation + PD-1 +/- Ipilimumab

## MELANOMA IN 2018: CHALLENGES

#### • After PD-1 progression, no "one size fits all" approach

- Nivolumab plus LAG-3 10-15% response rate
- IDO inhibitors had a negative frontline trial

#### • Rightly or wrongly, many physicians want an excuse to avoid ipilimumab

- 20-30% response rate, can be durable
- Significant toxicity

#### • Injectable combinations may represent a happy medium

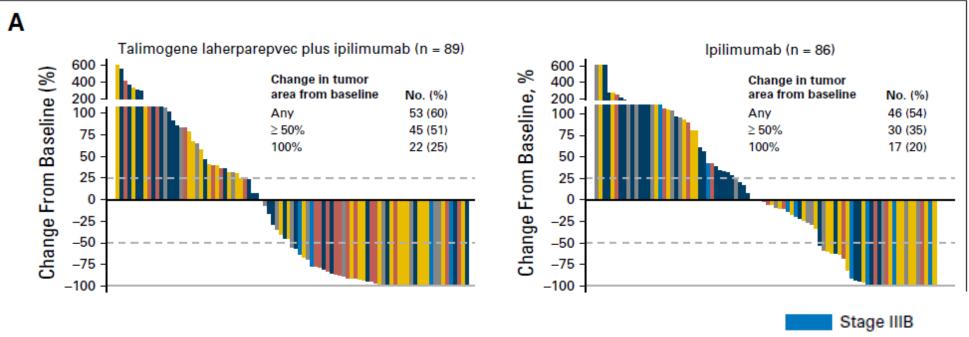
- Overcome lack of recognition by direct injection of agent into tumor
- Activate innate and adaptive immune system  $\rightarrow$  "domino effect"
- ?Fewer off-target effects to reduce systemic toxicity



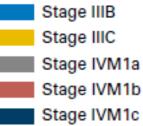
## MELANOMA: INJECTABLE COMBINATIONS TO DATE

## T-VEC +/- Ipilimumab (Chesney et al, J Clin Oncol 2017)

TVEC: day 1, 22, then every 2 weeks



ORR: 39% vs 18% (p=0.002) in favor of combination Largely frontline population – very little prior PD-1



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## MELANOMA: INJECTABLE COMBINATIONS TO DATE

#### Cocksackie virus CVA21 + pembro (CAPRA, Silk et al, AACR 2017)

#### Largely PD-1 naïve

- Injections: D1, 3, 5, 8, every 3 weeks for up to 19 total
- 8 of first 11 evaluable patients with objective responses

## Toll-Like Receptor 8/9 Agonist + Ipilimumab (Diab et al, ASCO 2018)

- Already received PD-1 blockade only study to date
- Only 3 of 26 were stage 3; 11 (42%) M1c
- 8 of 21 patients responded (38%)
  - 2 CR
  - 6 PR
  - 8 SD
  - 5 PD



## **ONGOING TARGOVAX STUDY at MSKCC**

## A Pilot Study of Sequential ONCOS-102 and Pembrolizumab in Patients with Advanced or Unresectable Melanoma Progressing after PD1 Blockade

Deliveries: ORR data on 6 patients 4/4 patients biopsy data: TILs (CD3+, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells) – Day 1, 22 and 64 4/4 patients cytokines: IFNgamma, TNFa, IL6 - Day 1, 4, 8/W3/W9/W18 4/4 patients PBMC: T cell activation/exhaustion - Day 1, W 3, 8/9 1<sup>st</sup> safety review of 4 pats – there were no issues



## STUDY OBJECTIVES

### **Primary Endpoint**

 Safety of sequential administration of 3 doses of ONCOS-102 followed by 8 doses of pembrolizumab

## **Exploratory Endpoints**

- Analysis of mutation rate in relation to response
- Changes in T cell receptor clonality
- Gene expression analysis in biopsied tissue

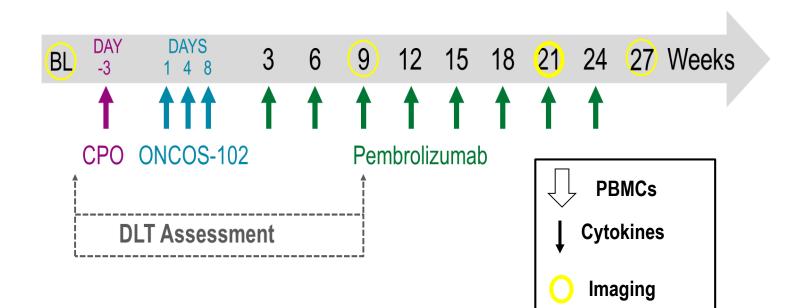
## **Secondary Objectives**

- Objective responses by RECIST 1.1 and irRECIST
- O Progression-free survival
- Change in size of individual lesions
- Immune subsets in tumor and plasma, changes over time



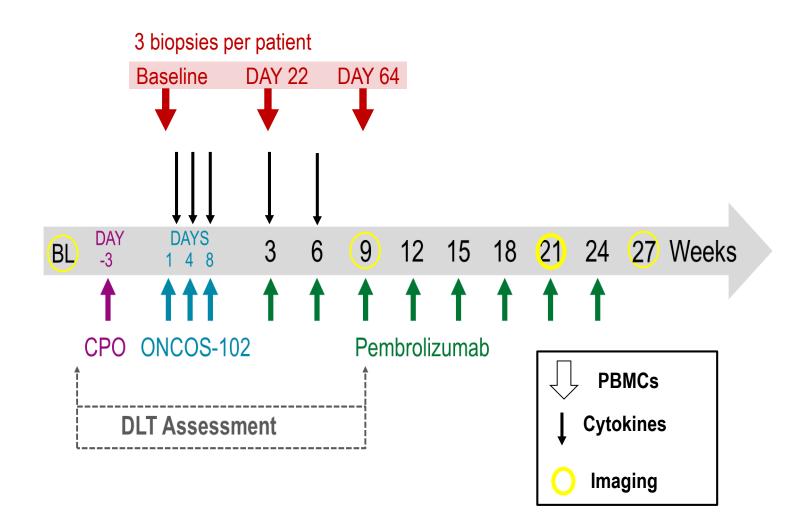
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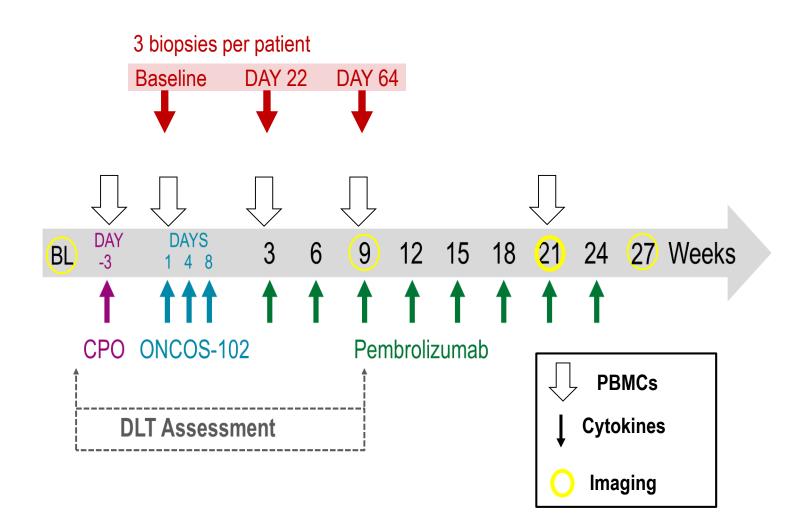




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# WHAT REPRESENTS SUCCESS (TO A MELANOMA ONCOLOGIST)?

- Ability to administer the drug safely
- Evidence of preliminary efficacy
- Access to tissue and biomarker data to refine your therapeutic strategy moving forward

## 87 year old female Surgery, Keytruda, T-VEC, Radiotherapy prior study ORR: PD (not received full dose of ONCOS-102)



## 73 year old male Surgery, Keytruda prior study ORR: PD (not received full dose of ONCOS-102)

#### **Baseline**



### Day 22





## 60 year old male Surgery, Yervoy, Keytruda prior study ORR: CR (after only 2 Keytruda infusions)

#### **Baseline**





## **3 MORE PATIENTS**

#### 79 year old male; had Yervoy, Keytruda, T-VEC prior study

- Shrinkage in injected lesion but new distant lesion
- ORR: PD

## 74 year old female; had surgery and Opdivo prior studyORR: PD

## 78 year old female; had Yervoy, Opdivo, Keytruda prior study ORR: PD



## EFFICACY, N=6

### **Demographics**

- Age: 60 87 (median 76)
- O Stage
  - IIIB/C: 5 of 6
  - IV: M1C, 1 of 6
- Prior PD-1 blockade: 100%
- Prior Ipilimumab: 50%
- Prior Injectable: 50%
- **Prior BRAF:** 50% (2 of 3 intolerant)
- Median prior lines: 2.5 (range: 1-4)

## Efficacy

- Complete Response: 1/6, 12+ mo
- Partial Response: 0/6
- SD: 0/6
- PD: 5/6
- Anecdotally: At least 3 patients with "PD" had transient shrinkage in the injected tumor

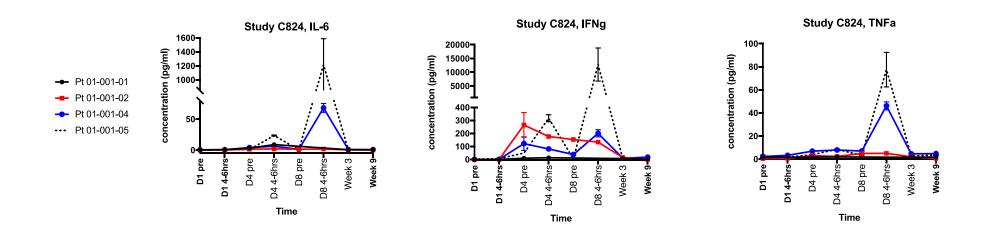


## ONCOS-102 INDUCED INCREASE OF CYTOKINES IN ALL PATIENTS (tested to date n=4)

#### Summary on cytokines analyses (D 1, 4, 8, W3, 9/18):

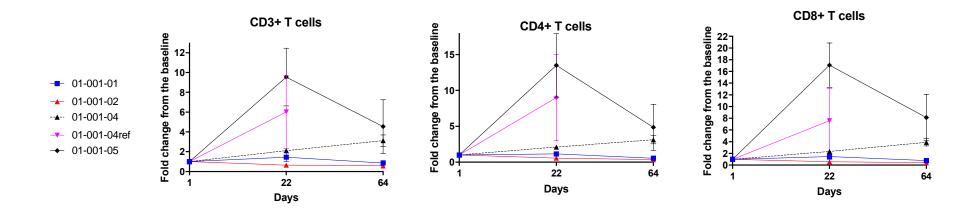
- Increase of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IFN-y, TNF-a, IL-12p40, GM-CSF) after ONCOS-102 administration (4 out of 4)
- Increase of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-6 and IL-8) after ONCOS-102 administration (3 out of 4)
- Temporarily elevation level of IL-10 after second ONCOS-102 administration (3 out of 4 patients)
- Profound increase of IL-6, TNFa and IFNg (001-01-005)

#### The treatment with ONCOS-102 induces innate immune responses





## T CELL INFILTRATES ON MULTIPLEX IHC INCREASE WITH ONCOS-102



Patient with CR had highest relative increase of CD3+, CD4+, CD8+ cells

## 2 patients with reduced dose of ONCOS-102 had lower relative increases

**Non-injected lesion** seen with increase of CD3+, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells



<sup>25</sup> PINK: un-injected lesion

## ONCOS-102 INDUCED CANCER ANTIGEN SPECIFIC T-CELLS

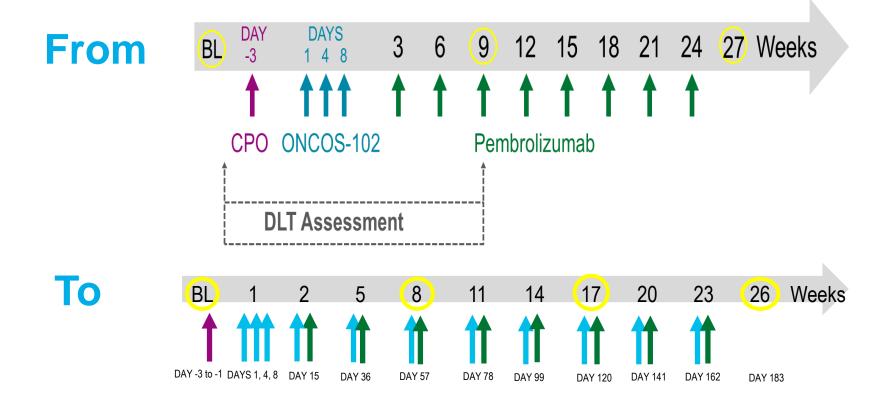
Measured by IFN gamma ELISPOT in PBMCs (baseline vs. post-treatment samples)



## LESSONS LEARNT AND NEXT STEPS

- We can inject ONCOS-102 safely and follow with pembrolizumab in patients with melanoma that has recurred despite prior PD-1 blockade
- There is preliminary efficacy in a patient with PD-1 refractory in-transit disease associated with the most profound activation of both innate and adaptive immune cells
- Correlative analyses in the first 4 patients provide evidence supporting the proposed mechanism of action
- For larger baseline lesions, transient shrinkage is seen when injected with 3 doses of ONCOS-102, but it does not appear to persist
- If we could inject more doses of ONCOS-102, more lesions are likely to respond

## NEW SCHEMA: 12 ADDITIONAL PATIENTS





## SUMMARY

- ONCOS-102 safe and well tolerated
- ORR in 1/6 patients in pre-treated population
  - Patients were not "cherry-picked" and likely to represent true population
  - The only variable that we changed is 3 doses of ONCOS-102
- Mechanism of action is supported by preliminary correlative data
  - Increase in pro-inflammatory cytokines associated with improved outcomes to PD-1
  - Increase in tumor-infiltrating CD4+/8+ T cells
- Solid rationale for increasing the number of ONCOS-102 injections
  - Increase ability to shrink injected tumor
  - Mirror other trials (e.g. TVEC, TLR9) that have shown some visceral efficacy
  - now being approved at 2 additional US sites