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# Melanoma and oncolytic adenoviruses

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# Immunotherapy has revolutionized the treatment of malignant melanoma

Real world example – Patient in an ipilimumab checkpoint inhibitor trial

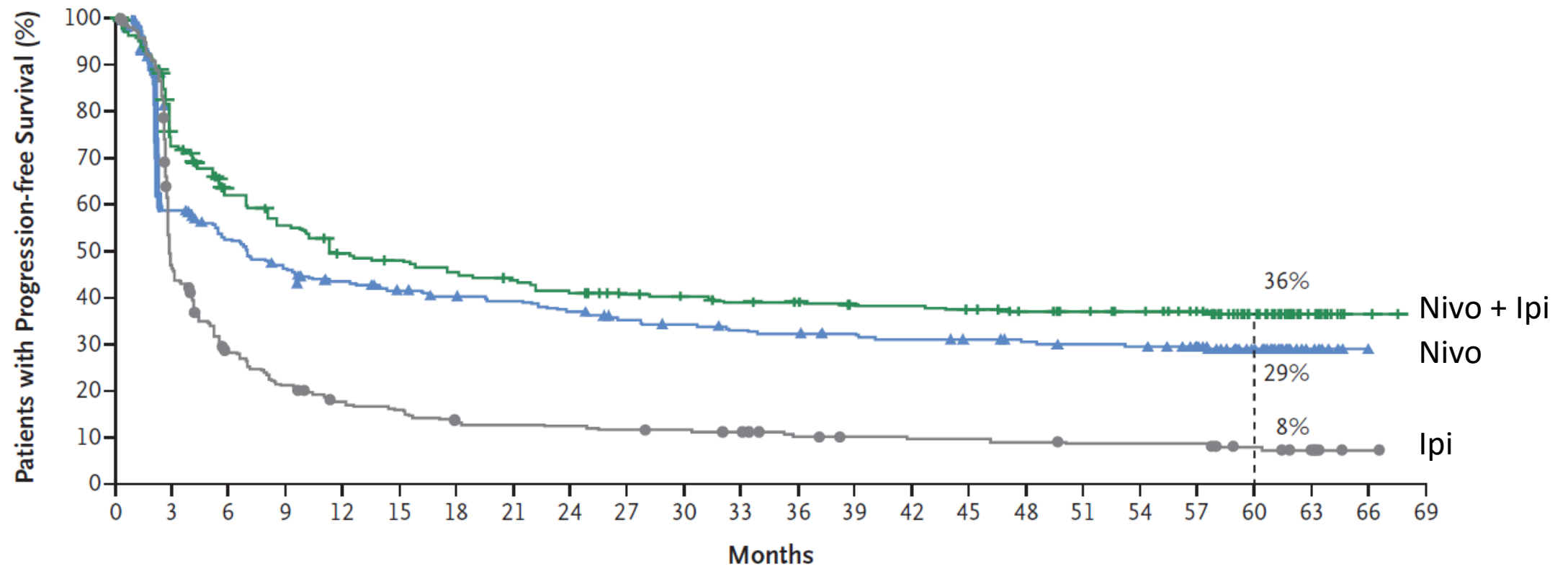


*Prior to starting ipilimumab*

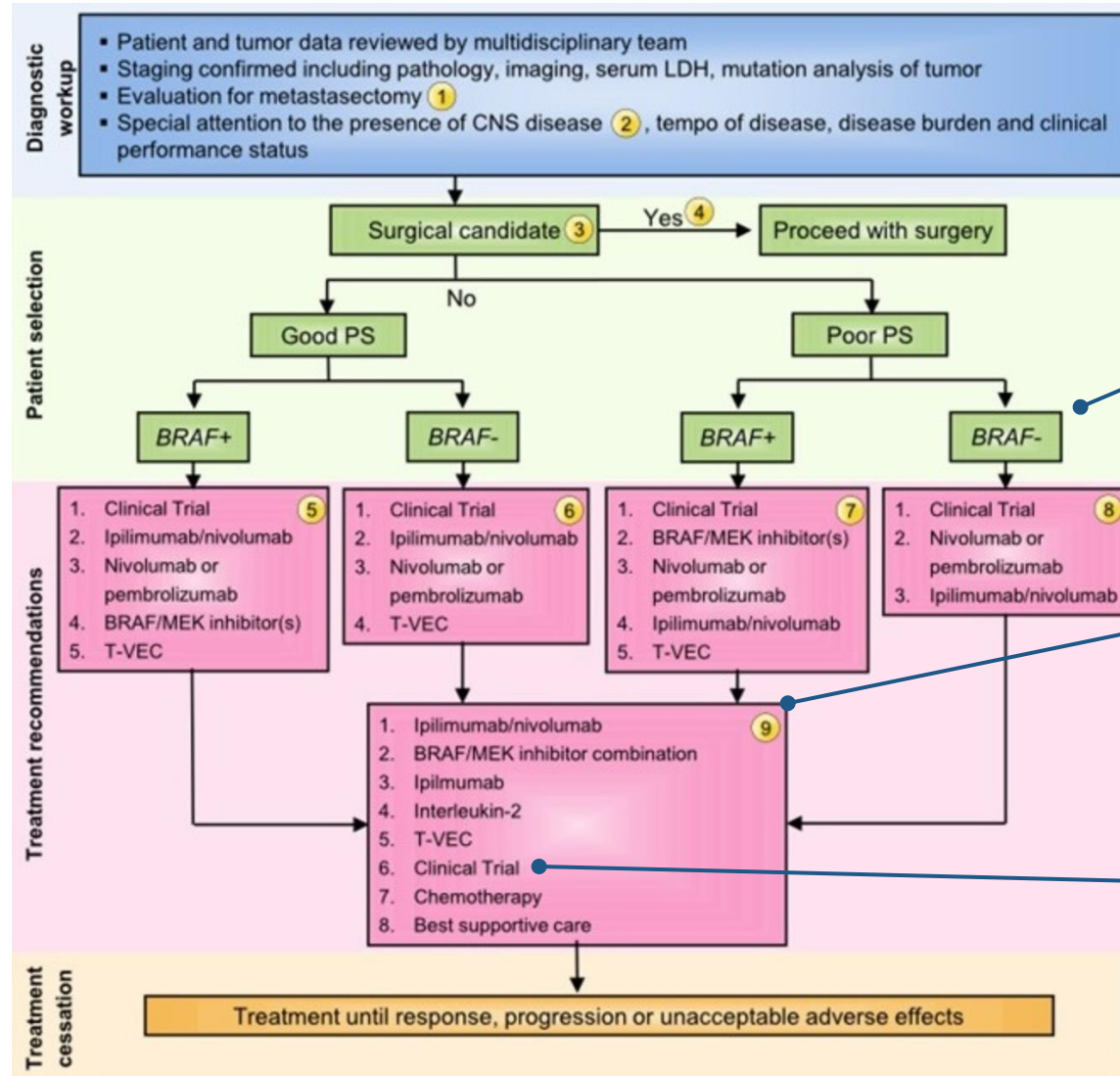


*One year of ipilimumab treatment*

# PD-1 blockade has surpassed CTLA-4, and become the cornerstone of melanoma treatment



# SITC treatment algorithm for late stage melanoma



Checkpoint inhibitors and BRAFi/MEKi are the mainstay frontline therapy in unresectable melanoma

Few alternatives exist following progression on CPI and/or BRAFi/MEKi

Treatment resistance – option of clinical trial or best supportive care

# PD-1 checkpoints are effective in melanoma

## Two main checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) treatment choices

- Anti-PD-1 monotherapy: Pembrolizumab or Nivolumab
- Anti-PD-1 + anti-CTLA4 combination therapy: Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab

## 45 - 60% objective response rate

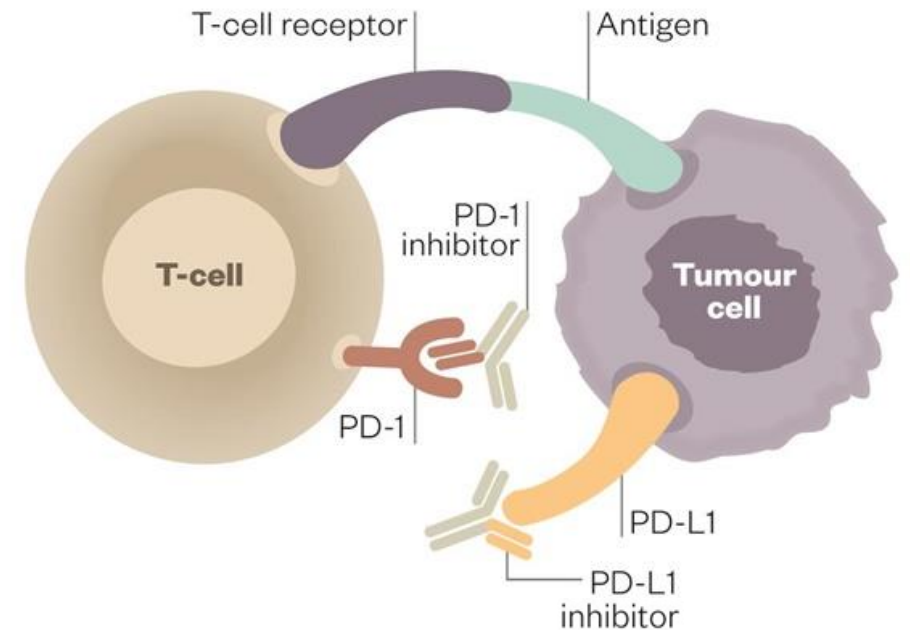
- Responses can last for years, but not forever

## Overactive immune system leads to immune-related adverse events (irAEs)

- Diarrhea / Colitis
- Liver inflammation
- Pneumonitis
- Thyroid, Pituitary dysfunction

## irAE rate varies by mono- versus combination CPI therapy

- PD1 monotherapy: 1 in 4 require steroids
- PD1 + CTLA4 combination: 3 in 4 require steroids



# Post PD-1/CTLA4/BRAF-MEKi progression, only experimental and off-label options are available

## Standard options post PD-1

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### After PD-1 monotherapy

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

### After PD-1/CTLA4 combination therapy

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

### If local progression only

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy

## Non-standard options post PD-1

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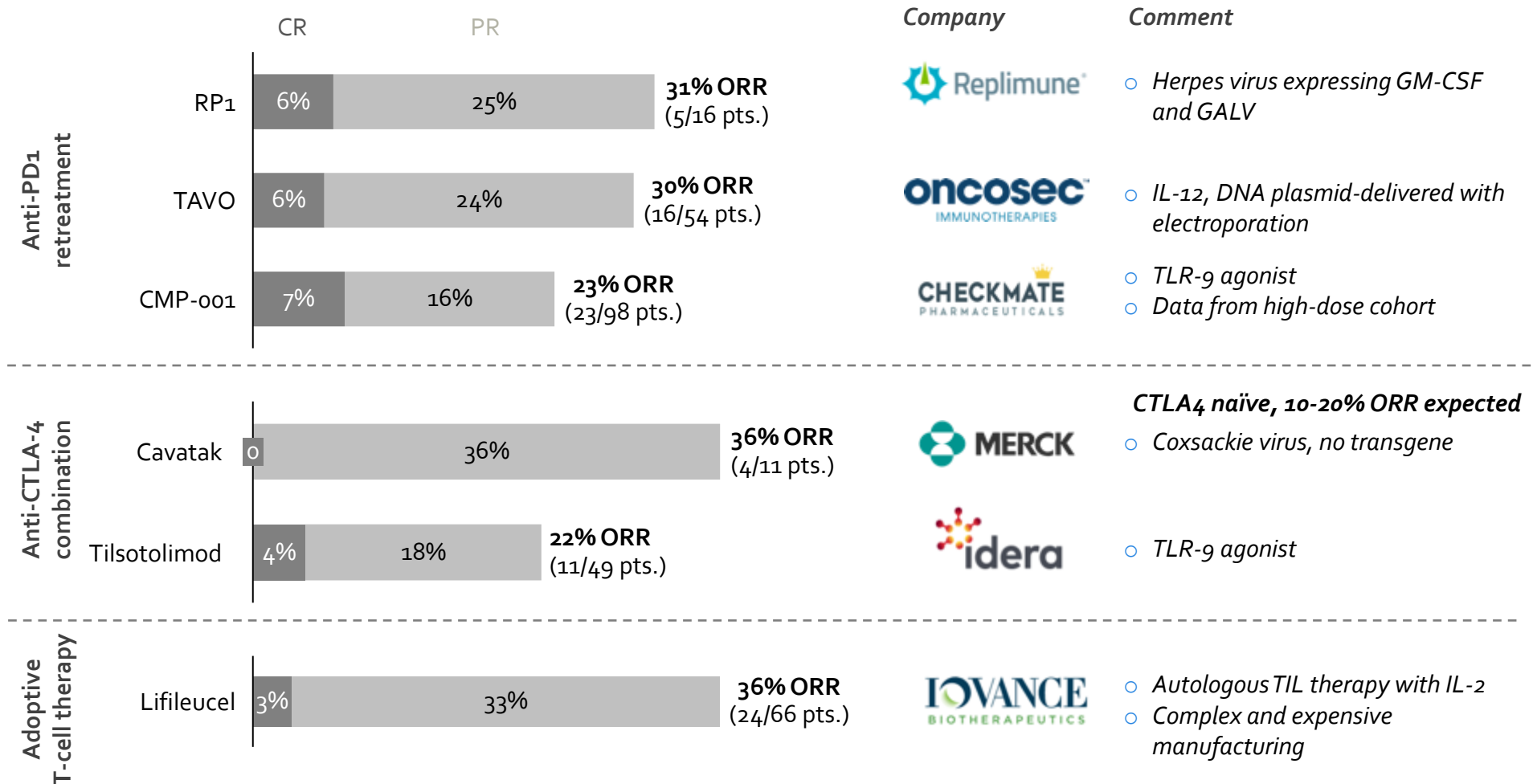
### Clinical Trials (selected)

- PD-1 combination with:
  - Oncolytic virus
  - TLR9 agonist
  - LAG-3 inhibitor
  - Cytokines (IL-2, IL-12)
  - Neoantigen vaccines
  - TCR bispecifics
- Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) trials

### Off-label uses

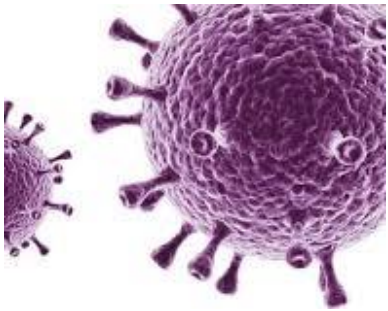
- BRAF + MEK + PD-1
- T-VEC + PD-1 inhibitor
- Radiation + PD-1 +/- Ipilimumab

# Response rates reported from PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor refractory melanoma clinical trials



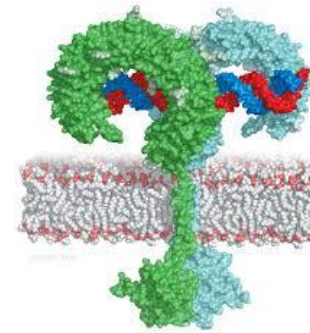


# Promising experimental therapies available for PD-1 resistant patients



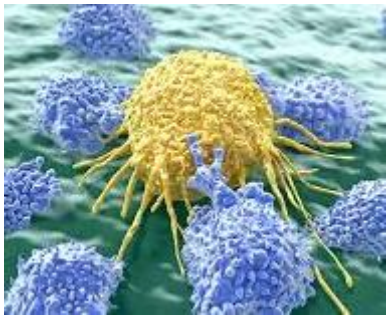
## Oncolytic viruses

- Trigger oncolysis and inflammatory response via TLR-9 and other
- Reverses local immuno-suppression
- Trials ongoing in combination with PD-1 and CTLA-4



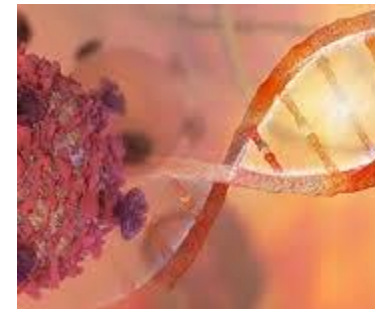
## TLR-9 agonists

- Stimulate innate immune response via TLR-9 danger signaling
- Trials ongoing in combination with PD-1 and CTLA4



## TIL therapy

- Autologous T-cells harvested from the patient's tumor
- Combination trials ongoing with systemic immune activators (eg IL-2)
- Potentially efficacious, but significant cost and logistics hurdles

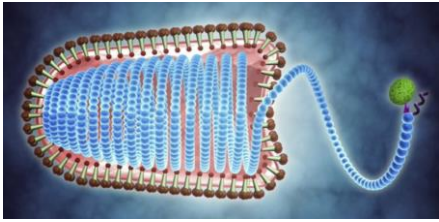


## Neoantigen vaccines and TCRs

- Trigger T-cell responses to shared or personalized neoantigens
- Either personalized vaccines or shared tumor antigen approaches
- Trials ongoing with PD-1



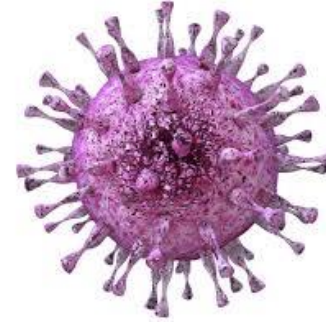
# Overview of the most common oncolytic virus classes



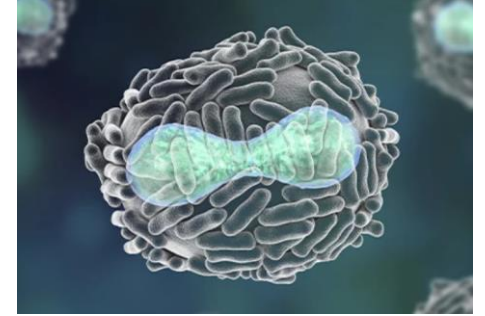
Small RNA viruses



Adenovirus



Herpes viruses



Vaccinia virus



- **Highly oncolytic**
- **Highly inflammatory**



- **Limited payload** capacity
- Poor stability



- Only **sporadic evidence** of clinical efficacy

- **Highly inflammatory**
- **Versatile** DNA backbone

- Less payload capacity than Herpes / Vaccinia

- Several candidates with **promising early data**
- Vector for several **effective COVID-19 vaccines**

- **Large payload** capacity
- **Only approved** virus class

- **Low immunogenicity**
- Latent infection cycle

- **Mixed recent data**
- Imlygic **commercial failure**

- **Large payload** capacity
- Used as vector for first, historic vaccines

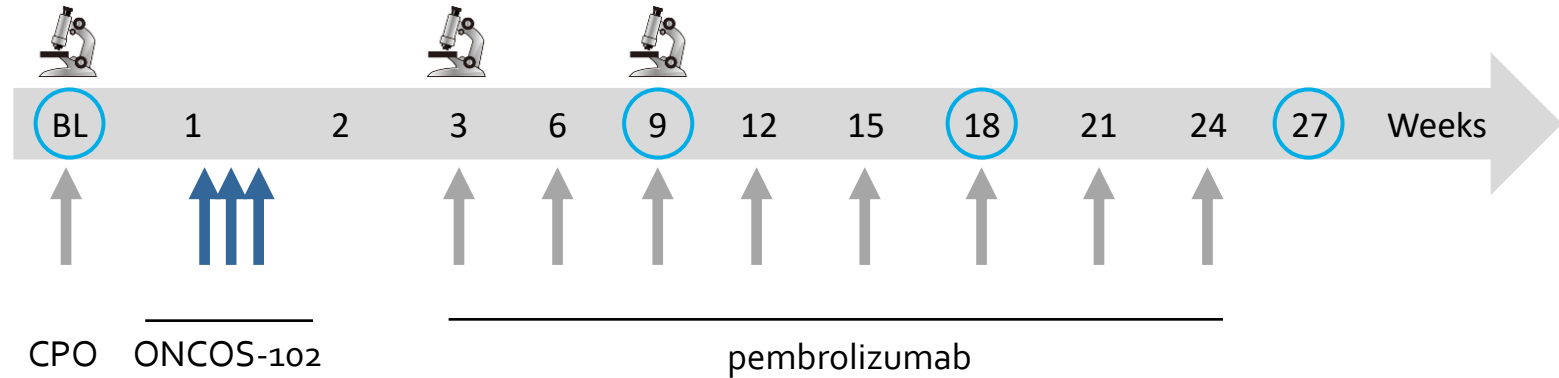
- **Low immunogenicity**
- Large size, high complexity

- Several recent **negative clinical trials**

# Study design of ONCOS-102 phase I trial in PD1 checkpoint-refractory melanoma

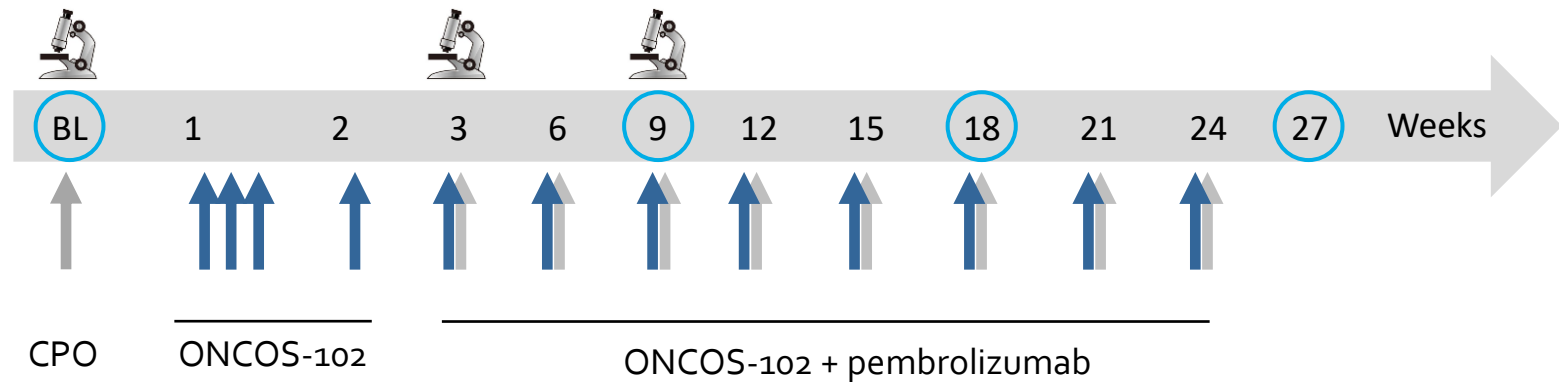
## Part 1 (n=8):

3x ONCOS-102 injections  
Sequential treatment



## Part 2 (n=12):

12x ONCOS-102 injections  
Combination treatment



CPO: Cyclophosphamide

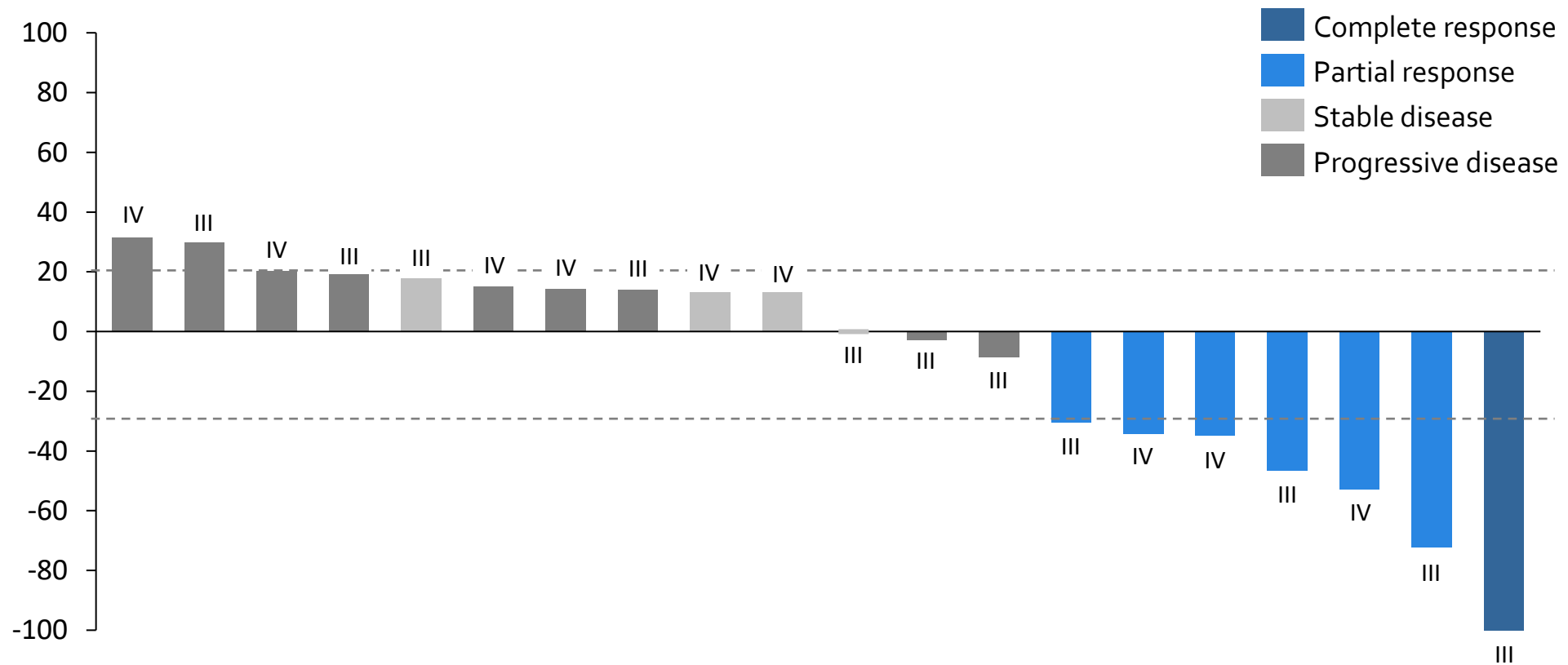
# Patient and disease characteristics

Parameters	Part 1 (n=8)	Part 2 (n=12)	Total (N=20)
Age (median)	70.5y	72y	72y
Time from diagnosis to start of ONCOS-102 (median)	6.9y	2.9y	4.5y
Number of treatments prior to study (average)	5.3	5.9	5.6
- Surgery (average)	2.1	1.9	2.0
- Treatments ex. surgery (average)	3.1	3.9	3.6
Time (months) from last anti-PD1 to study start (median)	1.8m	1.9m	1.9m
Number of prior checkpoint treatment regimens (average)	1.8	2.3	2.2
Prior CTLA-4 treatment (number of patients, %)	4 (50%)	8 (67%)	12 (60%)
Baseline number of lesions (median)	4.0	8.5	7.0
Baseline tumor burden RECIST1.1 (mm, median)	37.5	73.5	55.0
Tumor stage at enrollment			
- Stage III	6	5	11
- Stage IV	2	7	9

More advanced  
disease in Part 2

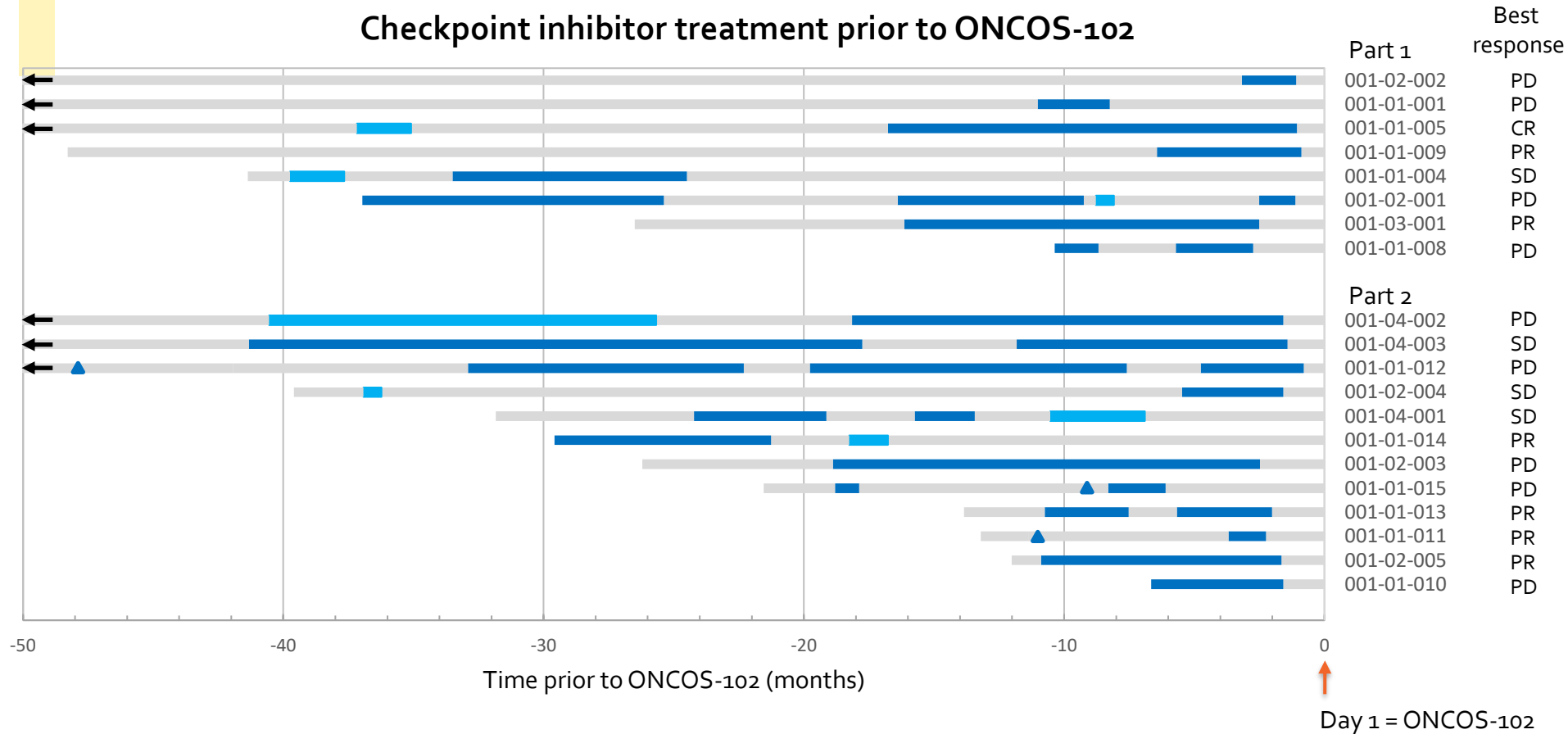
# Objective responses observed in 7 out of 20 patients (35% ORR)

Relative change (percent) in tumor burden from baseline to best response



Stage at enrollment  
Response evaluated by RECIST 1.1 in at least one CT scan

# 6 of 7 responders had last aPD1 treatment less than 3 months prior to entering the trial



■ aPD1 mono or combos, e.g aCTLA4  
■ aCTLA4 monotherapy  
■ no/other treatment than CPI

← Pts very first anti-cancer treatment > 50 months prior to ONCOS-102  
▲ aPD1 +/- aCTLA4 one dose or UNK treatment period

## CPI treatment prior to trial inclusion:

**15 / 20 patients** last aPD1 treatment < 3 months (6 / 7 PR/CR)

**3 / 20 patients** last aPD1 treatment > 6 months (no PR)

**2 / 20 patients** last treatment aCTLA4 monotherapy > 6 months (1 / 7 PR)

# Case example 1 – patient with complete response

Tumor stage at enrollment: IIIc  
T4a, N2b, M0

Prior therapies: Surgery  
Radiation  
Ipilimumab  
Dabrafenib + Trametinib  
Pembrolizumab

RECIST 1.1: CR

Target lesion 1 of 1

Baseline



Progression on  
pembrolizumab

Week 3



3x ONCOS-102

Week 9



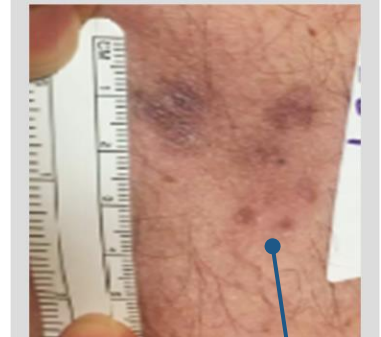
3x ONCOS-102 &  
2x pembrolizumab

Week 18



3x ONCOS-102 &  
5x pembrolizumab

Week 27 (EoS)



3x ONCOS-102 &  
8x pembrolizumab

Tumor regression  
following ONCOS-102  
only priming phase

Discoloring and scar  
tissue from injections  
and biopsies



# Case example 2 - Patient with PR following 2 separate lines of prior PD-1 blockade

Stage IIIC at enrollment, 7 lesions in total

3 non-target lesions injected


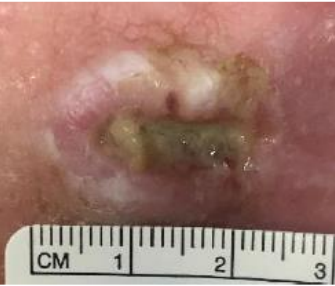






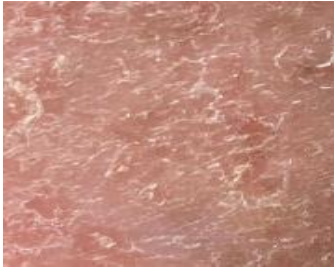



Prior therapies:

- Surgery
- Nivolumab x 2

Last aPD1 treatment 2 months before ONCOS-102

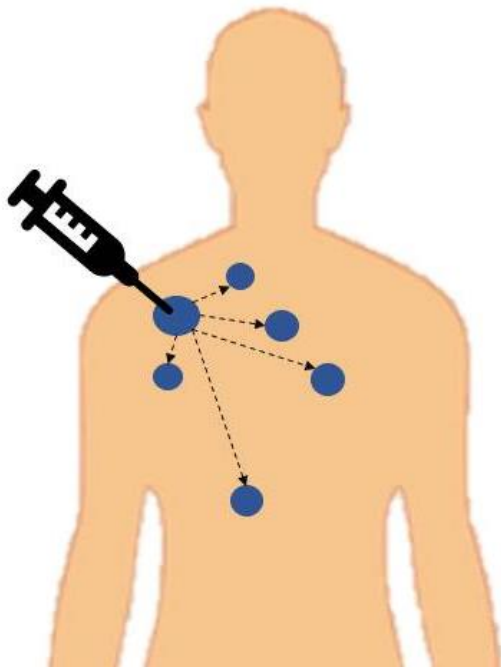
PR Week 9-27 by RECIST 1.1, no target lesions injected

Complete regression in non-injected lesion

Tumor images, 3 of 3 injected lesions					
	Baseline	Week 3	Week 9	Week 18	Week 27 (EoS)
Lesion 1 of 3					
Lesion 2 of 3					
Lesion 3 of 3					
	Progression on nivolumab	4x ONCOS-102 only	6x ONCOS-102 & 1x pembrolizumab	8x ONCOS-102 & 2x pembrolizumab	11x ONCOS-102 & 4x pembrolizumab



# Evidence of systemic (abscopal) effect – responses observed in several non-injected lesions



## Conservative definition of abscopal effect per lesion:

- $\geq 30\%$  tumor reduction from baseline
- $\geq 5\text{mm}$  absolute reduction

## Abscopal effect observed in 4 / 20 patients (20%)

- 1 / 8 patients in Part 1 (12.5%)
- 3 / 12 patients in Part 2 (25%)

**Complete regression (100%) of a non-injected lesion observed in two patients**

# ONCOS-102 and the combination with pembrolizumab is safe and well tolerated

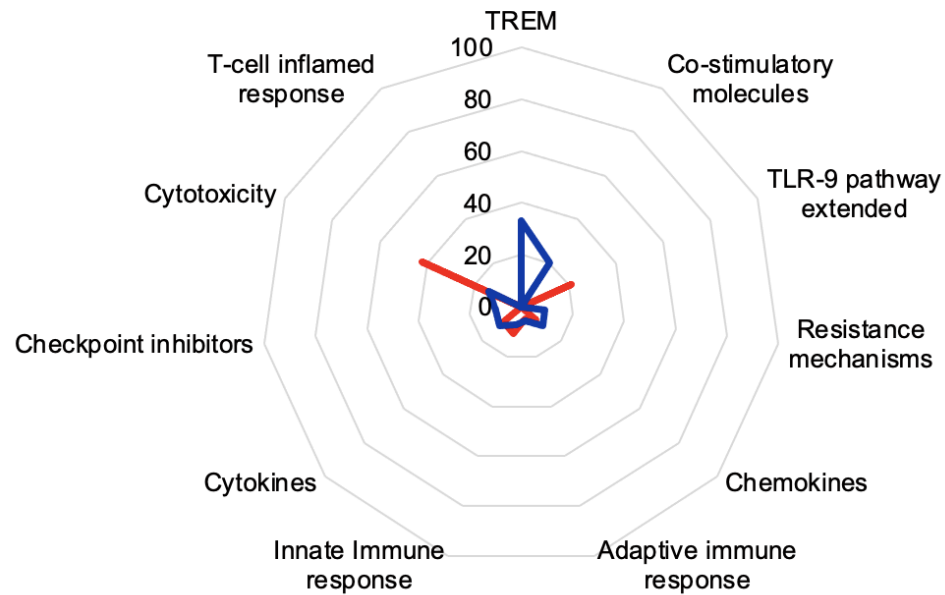
Adverse Event, Preferred term	Subjects, n	Events, n	Grade 1 / 2 events	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>AEs related to ONCOS-102 +/- CPO</b>					
Pyrexia	10	24	24	-	-
Chills	9	23	23	-	-
Nausea	6	10	10	-	-
Injection site pain	4	6	6	-	-
Myalgia	3	6	6	-	-
Rash maculo-papular	4	5	5	-	-
Fatigue	5	5	5	-	-
Vomiting	4	4	4	-	-
Diarrhoea	3	4	4	-	-
Injection site reaction	3	3	3	-	-
Alanine aminotransferase increased	2	2	2	-	-
Hypotension	2	2	2	-	-
Pruritus	2	2	2	-	-
Large intestine infection	1	1	-	1	-
<b>AEs related to ONCOS-102 + pembrolizumab +/- CPO</b>					
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	2	4	4	-	-
Pyrexia	3	3	3	-	-
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1	3	3	-	-
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	1	2	2	-	-
Diabetic ketoacidosis	1	1	-	-	1
Type 1 diabetes mellitus	1	1	-	-	1

For Grade 1 and 2 adverse events only 2 events and more are listed. No Grade 5 events occurred

# Broad and persistent modulation of immune-related gene expression observed in Part 2 of the trial

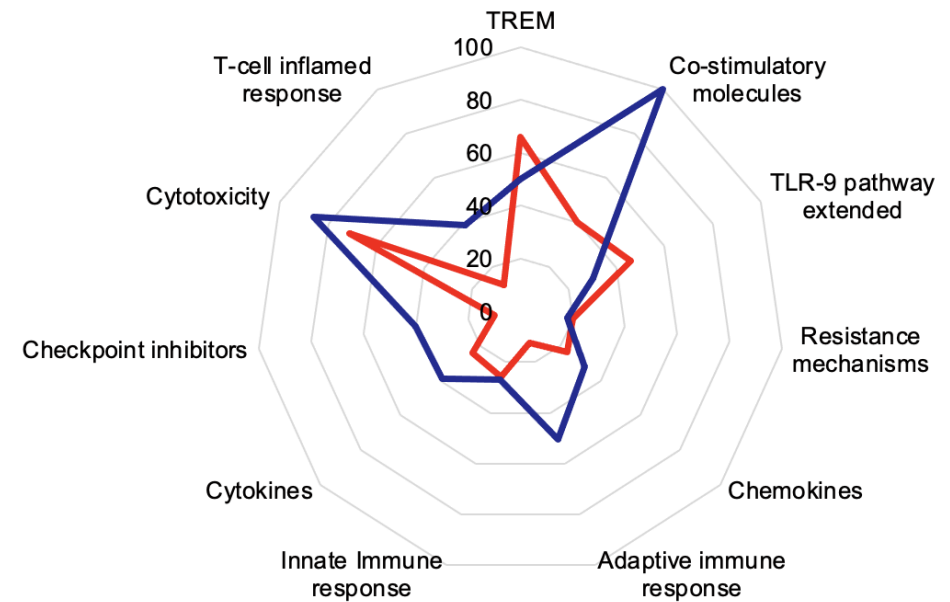
Modulation of gene expression following ONCOS-102 treatment; % modulated genes

— Day 22 vs. Baseline  
— Day 64 vs. Baseline



**Part 1**

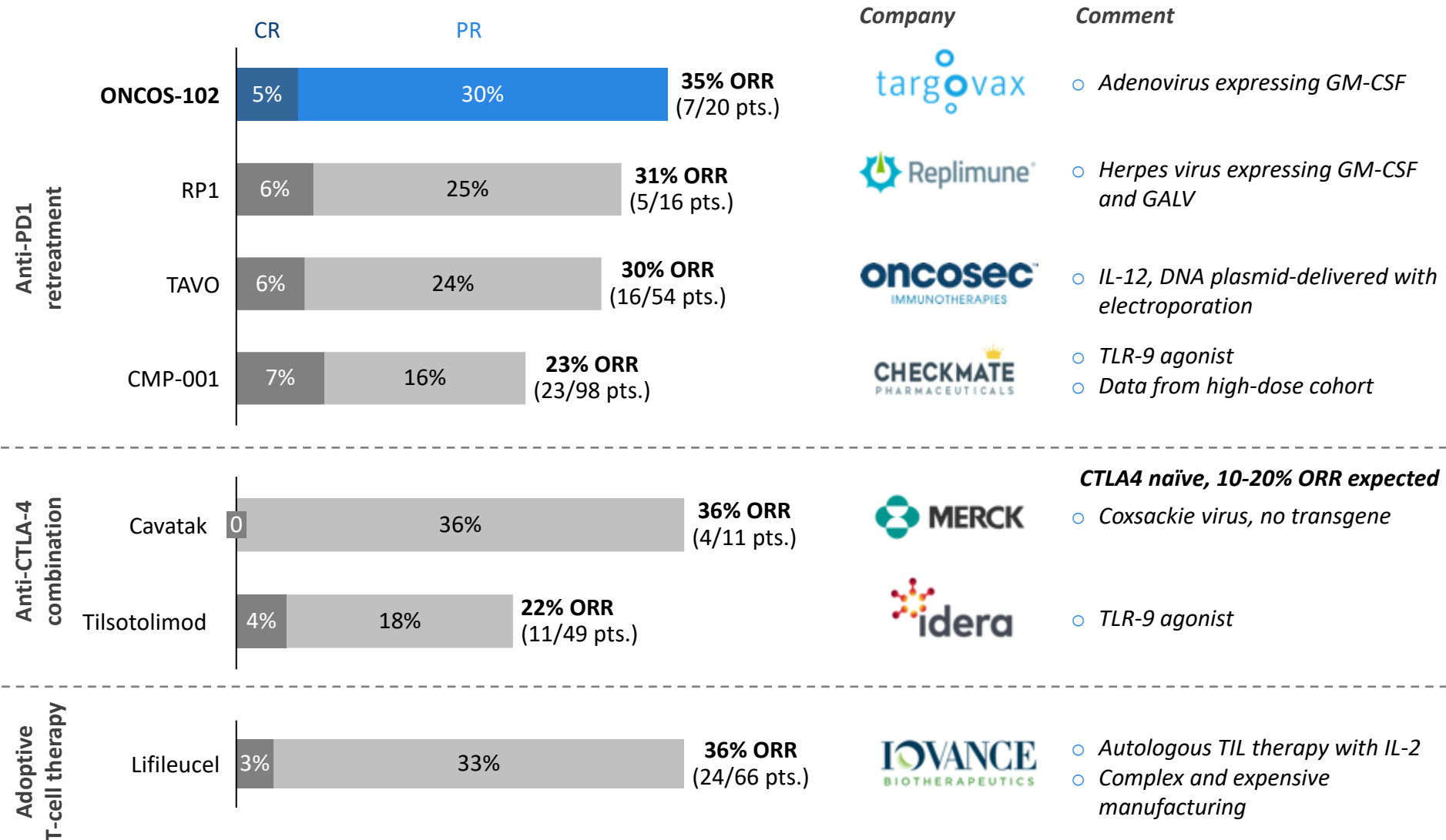
Day 22 & Day 64 (n=2)  
Baseline (n=6)



**Part 2**

Day 22 (n=10) & Day 64 (n=7)  
Baseline (n=10)

# ONCOS-102 + Keytruda data compares well to previous reports in PD-1 refractory melanoma



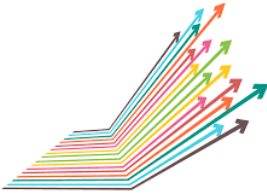
# Successful ONCOS-102 phase I trial warrants further development of PD1 combination

## Safety



- ONCOS-102 is well-tolerated, with no safety concerns
- Combines well with pembrolizumab, including concomitant dosing

## Immune activation



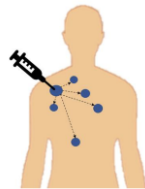
- Broad and general immune activation pattern observed in ONCOS-102 injected lesions
- Deeper biomarker and mechanistic analyses ongoing

## Clinical efficacy



- Class-leading ORR of 35%
- Several responses in stage IV metastatic patients

## Systemic effect



- Evidence of systemic effect in 20% of patients
- Non-injected lesion completely regressed in two patients



# Melanoma: Small indication, but influential

- We usually set trends followed by the bigger histologies
- Easily accessible tissue
- Relatively aggressive disease
- Hot (cutaneous) vs cold (uveal) vs mixed (mucosal) models
- Patient buy-in for biomarker heavy trials

# What is next in melanoma? Ongoing trials and new combinations to watch

	Example compounds	Trials to watch
Novel immune checkpoint inhibitors	Anti-LAG-3, TIM-3, TIGIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAG-3 relatimab in combination with Nivolumab in stage IV IO naïve melanoma</li> <li>TIM-3 mono and in combination with anti-PD-1 in IO pretreated stage IV melanoma</li> </ul>
Oncolytic viruses	T-VEC, Cavatak, LoAd-703, ONCR-177, ONCOS-102	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several T-Vec trials (recently failed 1L phase III for futility)</li> <li>Cavatak phase II 1L combination with Keytruda</li> <li>Phase I/II - RP1 w/Opdivo, LoAd-703 w/Tecentriq</li> </ul>
Immune stimulatory agents	TLR9, CD40, OX40, IL-2, IL-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMP-001 in PD-1 refractory, phase II combination w/Keytruda</li> <li>Tilsotolimod in PD-1 refractory, phase III combination w/Yervoy</li> <li>TAVO IL-12 plasmid in PD-1 refractory w/Keytruda</li> <li>Bempegaldesleukin + nivolumab in 1L, phase III (CA045-001)</li> </ul>
Anti-VEGFR	Lenvatinib	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combination with aPD1 in several melanoma patient populations</li> <li>Phase II trial in PD-1 refractory setting</li> </ul>
BRAF <sup>i</sup> /MEK <sup>i</sup>	Mekinist, Tafinlar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MEK<sup>i</sup>/BRAF<sup>i</sup> in combination with pembrolizumab in 1L BRAF V600E melanoma</li> </ul>
TIL therapy	Lifileucel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TIL therapy in several melanoma patient populations</li> <li>Pivotal phase II trial in PD-1 refractory setting</li> </ul>





# First Line Trials in Melanoma: Big Ones

Randomized, PD-1 +/- XYZ

- **LAG-3**: Nivolumab +/- Relatlimab (NCT03470922)
- **IL-2 directed**: Nivolumab +/- BEMPEG (NCT03635983)
- **VEGF**: Pembrolizumab +/- Lenvatinib (NCT03820986)

**BRAF-MEK +/- PD-1**: Enco-Bini-Spartalizumab (NCT02967692)

**T-VEC**: Pembrolizumab +/- T-Vec recently failed phase III for futility



# First Line Trials in Melanoma: Big Ones

- Large, randomized trials, 500-700+ patients
- What do we need for a new standard?
  - Overall Survival (OS), not just PFS and ORR
  - Tolerability
  - Schedule / ease of use
- We are a **few years away** from making a new frontline standard
- Existing frontline treatment is tolerable, relatively easy, and can be durable



# Post PD-1 Trials: Trends

- Critical need to develop new treatments, but it's getting harder to do it well
- Rigidly defining "PD-1 resistance"
- Slowly relaxing prior toxicity requirements (...too slowly)
- Highly selective trials (e.g. lifileucel)
- The specter of ipilimumab: 20% ORR, durability
- Single arm ORR or Randomized Trials



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