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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

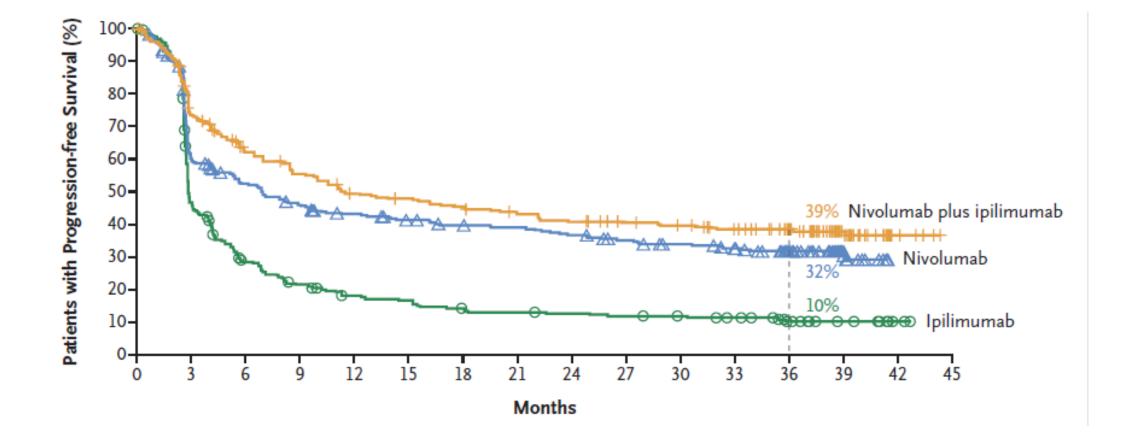




Prior to starting ipilimumab

One year of ipilimumab treatment

## PD-1 checkpoints have surpassed CTLA-4, and become the cornerstone of melanoma treatment



## PD-1 checkpoint-based therapy 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

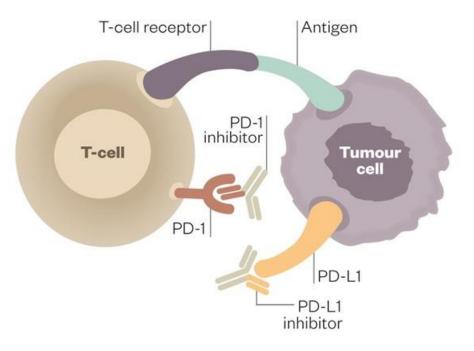
• Responses can last for years, but not forever

## **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

- CPI monotherapy: 1 in 4 require steroids
- CPI combination: 3 in 4 require steroids



## However, most patients still become resistant to anti-PD-1 treatment

#### Standard options post PD-1

#### Non-standard options post PD-1

#### After PD-1 monotherapy

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

#### After PD-1/CTLA4 combination therapy

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

#### If local progression only

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy

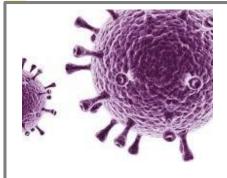
#### Clinical Trials (selected)

- PD-1 combination with:
  - Oncolytic virus
  - TLR9 agonist
  - Neoantigen vaccines
  - HDAC inhibitor
  - OX40 agonist
  - LAG-3 inhibitor
- Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) trials

#### **Off-label uses**

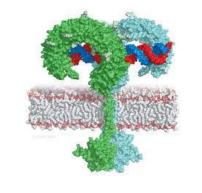
- BRAF + MEK + PD-1
- T-VEC + PD-1 inhibitor
- Radiation + PD-1 +/- Ipilimumab

# **Promising experimental therapies available for PD-1 resistant patients**



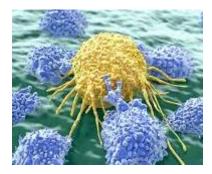
#### Oncolytic viruses

- Trigger oncolysis and inflammatory response
- Turn cold tumors hot
- Trials ongoing in combination with PD-1 and CTLA-4



#### TLR-9 agonists

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



#### TIL therapy

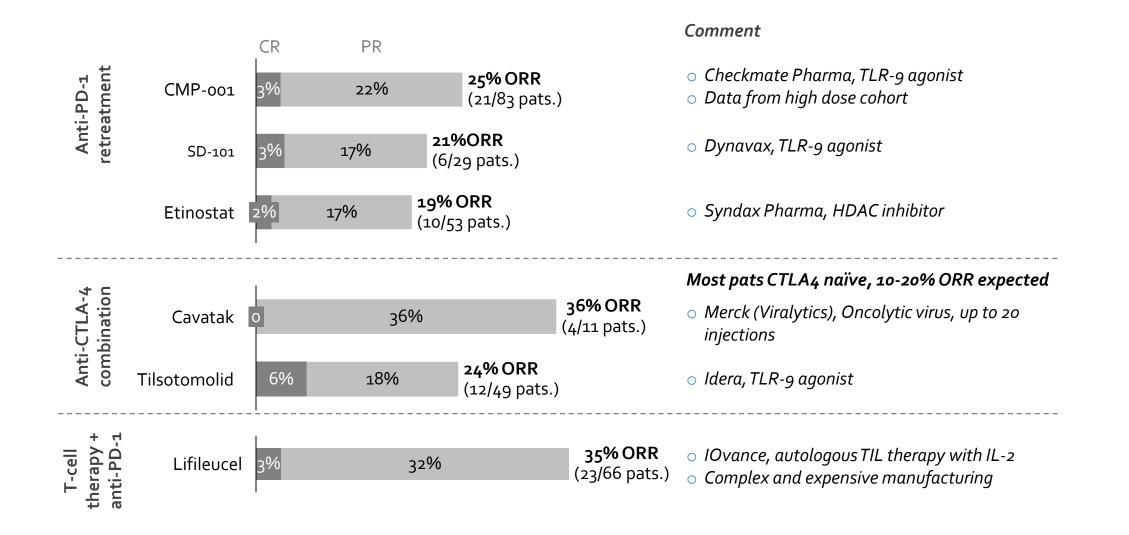
- Autologous T-cells harvested from the patient's tumor
- Combination trials ongoing with systemic immune activators (eg IL2)
- Potentially efficatious, but significant cost and logistics hurdles



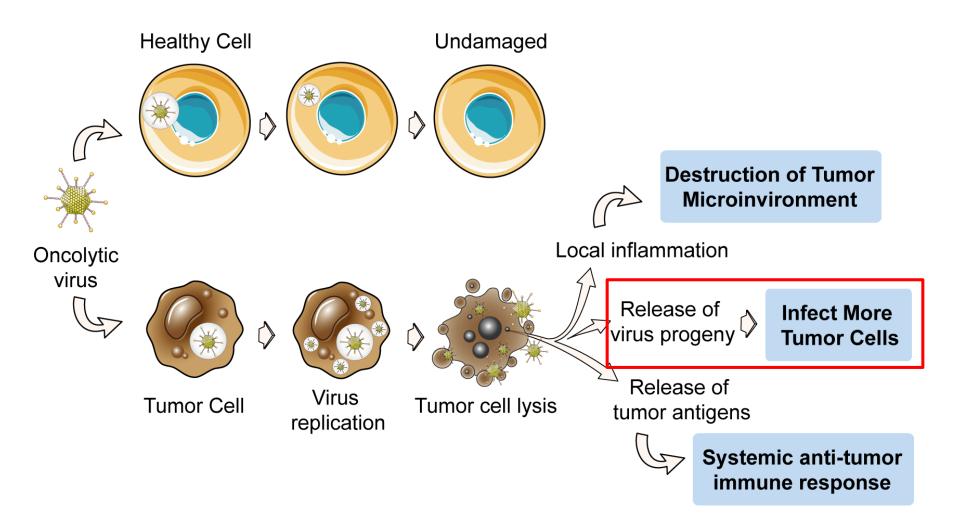
#### **Neoantigen vaccines**

- Trigger T-cell responses to shared or personalized neoantigens
- Provide tumor targets to T-cells
- Trials ongoing with PD-1

## **Response rates reported in anti-PD-1 refractory melanoma phase I / II trials**



#### How oncolytic viruses work



## **Overview of the most common oncolytic virus classes**

Size	Virus type	Description	Pros	Cons	
	<b>Vaccinia virus</b> (130-280kb)	Large enveloped DNA viruses, with ability to carry long payload DNA sequences	Well known vector, large DNA payload capacity, extra-nuclear replication	Complex CMC, large size, slow replication	
	<b>Herpes virus</b> (120-200kb)	Large enveloped DNA viruses, with ability to carry long payload DNA sequences	Only approved OV virus class, highest DNA payload capacity	Weak innate immune response, long latency, long/permanent infec-tivity, complex CMC	
	<b>Adenovirus</b> (35-40kb)	Mid-size non-enveloped DNA viruses, with ability to carry some payload DNA sequences	Well tolerated, TLR9 agonist, innate immune activator, payload DNA	Not suitable for IV in naked form, less payload DNA than herpes/vaccinia	
	Small RNA viruses (5-30kb)	Small RNA genome, usually non- enveloped, limited ability to carry transgenes (except VSV)	High oncolytic potency, rapid replication, strong innate response, simple CMC	Safety issues seen with too potent lysis (VSV virus), limited platform versatility	

Immunogenicity

## There is a range of oncolytic viruses in clinical development

Company	Asset/ Program	МоА	Highest Phase
AMGEN H	Imlygic	HSV with GM-CSF transgene, IT only	Approved 2015 as mono Phase III PD-1 combo
S MSD R	Cavatak	Coxsackievirus, non gene modified, IT focus, IV and IP trial ongoing	Phase II
ONAtrix	DNX-2401	Chimeric Ad5/3, no transgene, IT and intra-arterial	Phase II
targovax A	ONCOS-102	Chimeric Ad5/3 with GM-CSF transgene, IT and IP administration	Phase II
O Cold Genesys	CG0070	Ad5 with GM-CSF transgene, intravesical	Phase II
NCOLYTICS R	Reolysin	Reovirus, non gene modified, IV only	Phase II
PSIOXUS A	Enadenotucirev	Chimeric Ad5, no transgene, IV only	Phase I/II
🔆 Replimune' 🛛 💾	RP1	HSV with GM-CSF, GALV, and ipilimumab transgenes, IT only	Phase I/II
LOK <del>O</del> N A	LOAd703	Chimeric Ad5/35 with TMZ-CD4oL and 4-1BBL transgenes, IT only	Phase I/II
🗷 VYRIAD 🛛 🦷	Voyager V1	VSV virus with NIS and human interferon beta transgenes, IV only	Phase I
WESTERN ONCOLYTICS	Ad-MAGEA3	Maraba virus with MAGEA3 transgene, IV and IT	Phase I
Boehringer Ingelheim	VSV-GP	Chimeric VSV virus, IV only	Pre-clinical
	WO-12	Vaccinia virus armed with TRIF and HPGD transgenes, IV only	Pre-clinical
<b>T</b> transgene	Invir.IO	Vaccinia virus platform armed with CTLA-4 ++, solid tumors	Pre-clinical
Soncorus H	oHSV	Herpes virus with multiple transgenes (PD-1, CTLA4 ++), IT only	Pre-clinical
A Adenovirus	H Herpes virus	V Vaccinia virus R RNA virus	



#### A pilot study of engineered adenovirus ONCOS-102 in combination with pembrolizumab in checkpoint inhibitor refractory advanced or unresectable melanoma

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## Outline



Background and Study Design



Safety of ONCOS-102 + pembrolizumab



Clinical Responses in Part 1

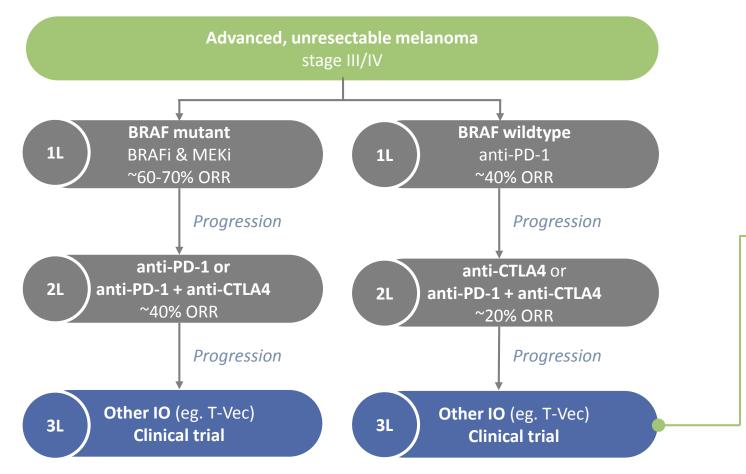


Systemic and Local Immune Responses in Part 1





# Limited treatment options for anti PD-1 refractory melanoma

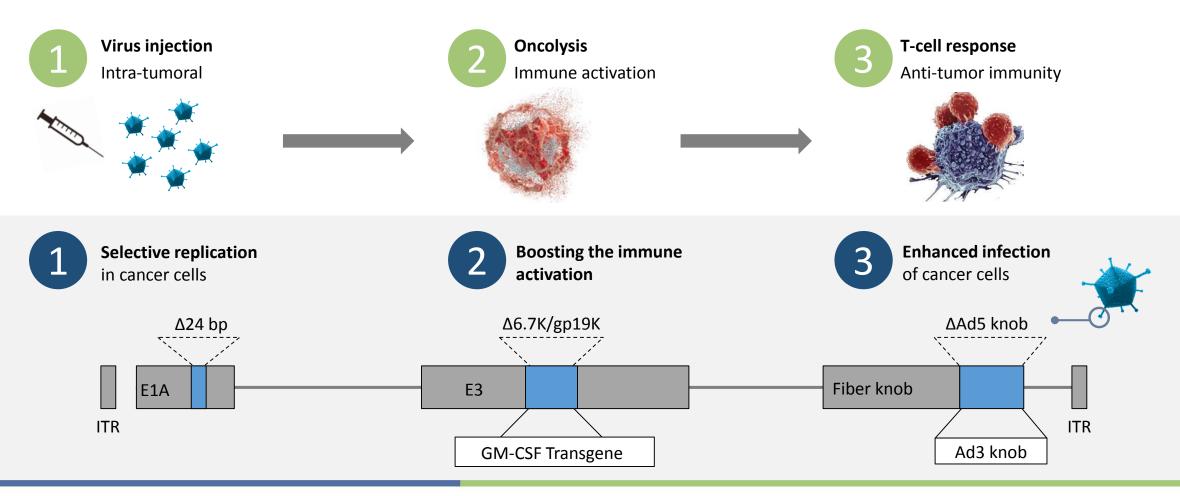


anti-PD-1 refractory population No / few treatment alternatives, high unmet medical need Poor response rates, typically ORR < 20% Rationale for priming agent / oncolytic virus in combination with anti-PD-1

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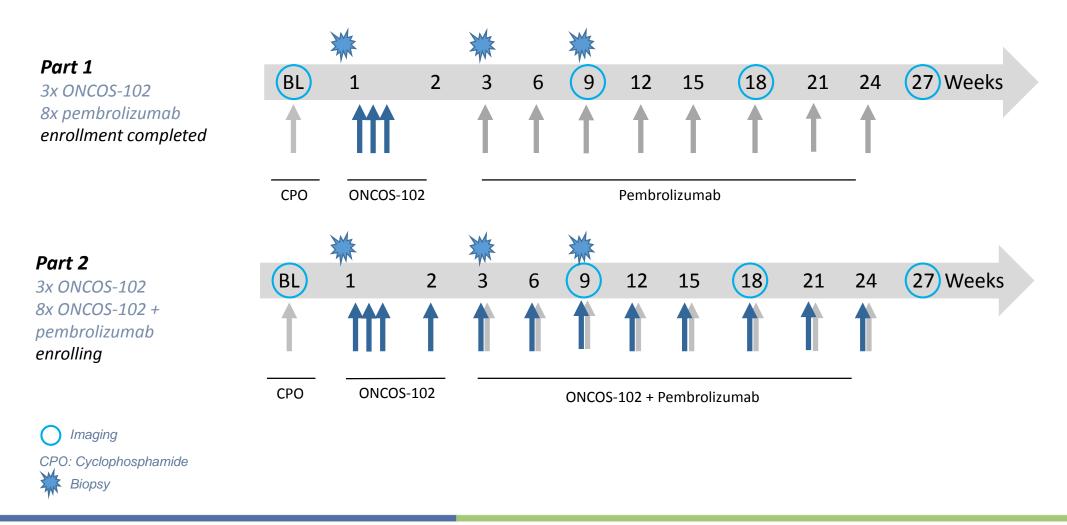


# ONCOS-102 is an oncolytic adenovirus serotype 5 armed with a GM-CSF transgene





## Study Design

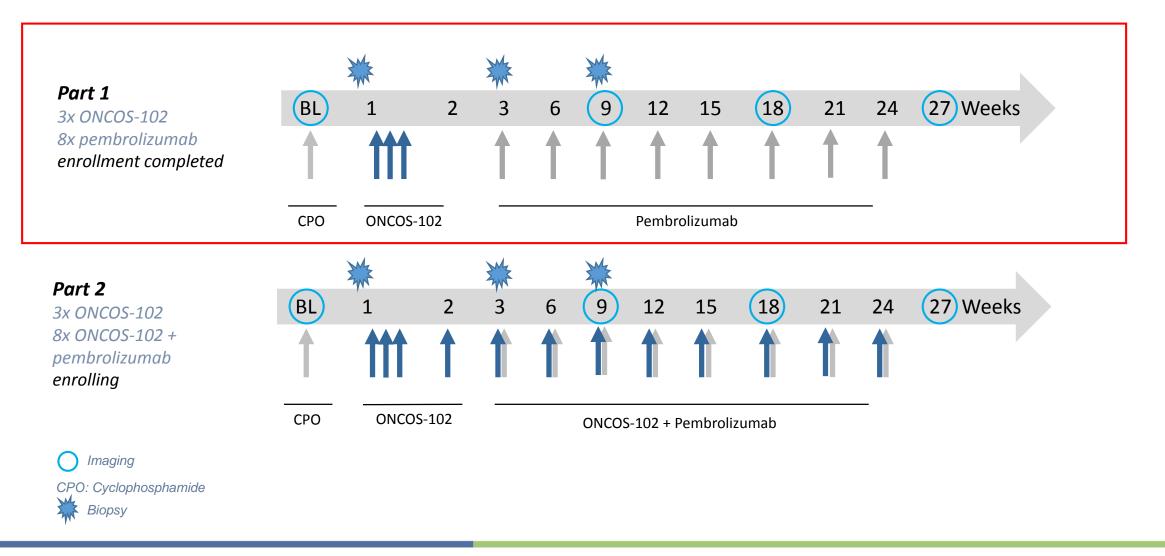


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## Study Design



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## Demographics and prior treatment

Parameters	Number of patients
	(n=9)
Age (Y) median (range)	73 (40 – 87)
Gender, n Female Male	4 5
Histological type Cutaneous Acral	8 1
Stage at enrollment III IV	6 3

Prior therapy	Number of patients (n=9)
Systemic Therapy	
anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor Pembrolizumab and/or Nivolumab	9
anti-CTLA4 checkpoint inhibitor Ipilimumab	4
<b>Oncolytic virus</b> Talimogene-laherparepvec	3
BRAF/MEK inhibitors Dabrafenib + Trametinib	2
<b>TLR9 agonist</b> CMP-001 (investigational)	1
Interleukin-2 immunotherapy	1
Surgery	7
Radiotherapy	1
Chemotherapy	1

Preliminary data



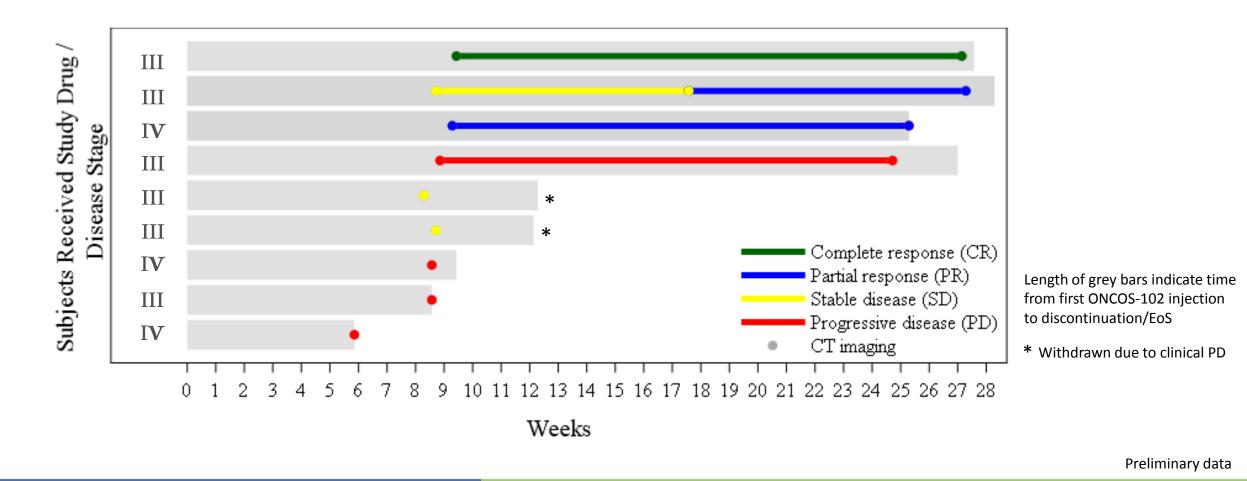
## Adverse Events \*

Adverse Event Prefered term	No. of events	No. of patients	CTCAE grade	Relationship to study drug	
Chills	7	5	1, 2		
Myalgia	6	3	1		
Pyrexia	5	3	1, 2		
Diarrhoea	4	3	1		
Nausea	3	3	1		
Alanine aminotransferase increased	2	2	1		
Fatigue	2	2	1, 2	ONCOS-102	
Vomiting	2	2	1		
Rash maculo-papular	2	2	1		
Injection site pain	2	1	1		
Injection site swelling	1	1	2		
Peripheral oedema	1	1	2		
Infectious colitis	1	1	3 **		
Productive cough	1	1	2		
Haemolytic anemia	1	1	3 **	Pembrolizumab	
Diarrhoea	2	2	1,3 **		
Diabetic ketoacidosis	1	1	4 **	ONCOS-102 and	
Type 1 diabetes mellitus	1	1	4 **	pembrolizumab	

Preliminary data

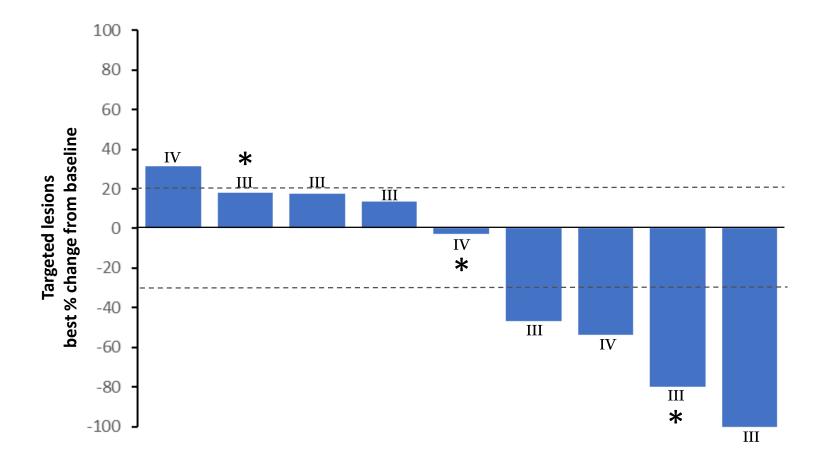


## Objective Response Rate of 33% (3 of 9 pts) RECIST 1.1





# Targeted lesions: best % change in tumor burden from baseline



Non-target Progression of Disease

Preliminary data



## Example of response: Patient with CR



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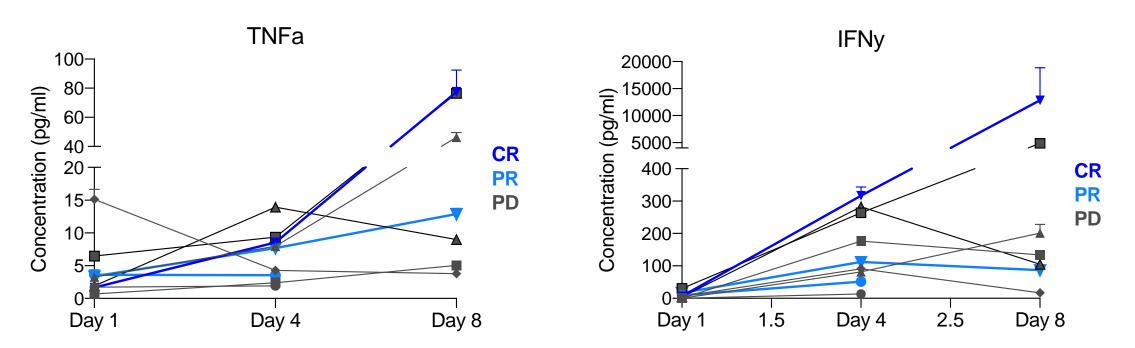
## **Example of response: Patient with PR**

Tumor response, 2 of 2 injected lesions Week 27 (EoS) Baseline Week 9 Week 18 Week 3 Lesion 1 of 2 30,11,4918 5 47 10 20 5/29/19 #1 1.5 Lesion 2 of 2 Progression on 3X ONCOS-102 3X ONCOS-102 & 3X ONCOS-102 & 3X ONCOS-102 & pembrolizumab 2x pembrolizumab 5x pembrolizumab 8x pembrolizumab only

Patient characteristics				
Tumor stage at enrolment:	IV	Prior therapies:	Surgery	
	T4a, N1b, M1		Talimogene-laherparepvec (T-vec) Ipilimumab	
RECIST 1.1:	<b>PR,</b> week 9-27		Pembrolizumab	

# Upregulation of proinflammatory cytokines in all patients

Systemic expression of proinflammatory cytokines

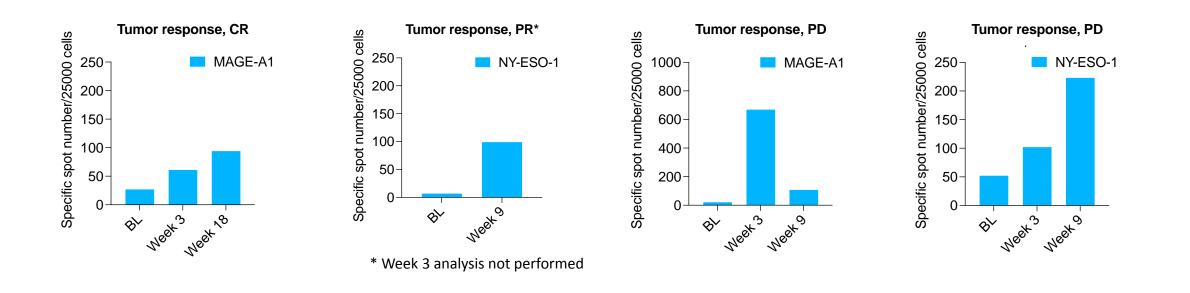


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## Systemic increase in tumor targeting T-Cells

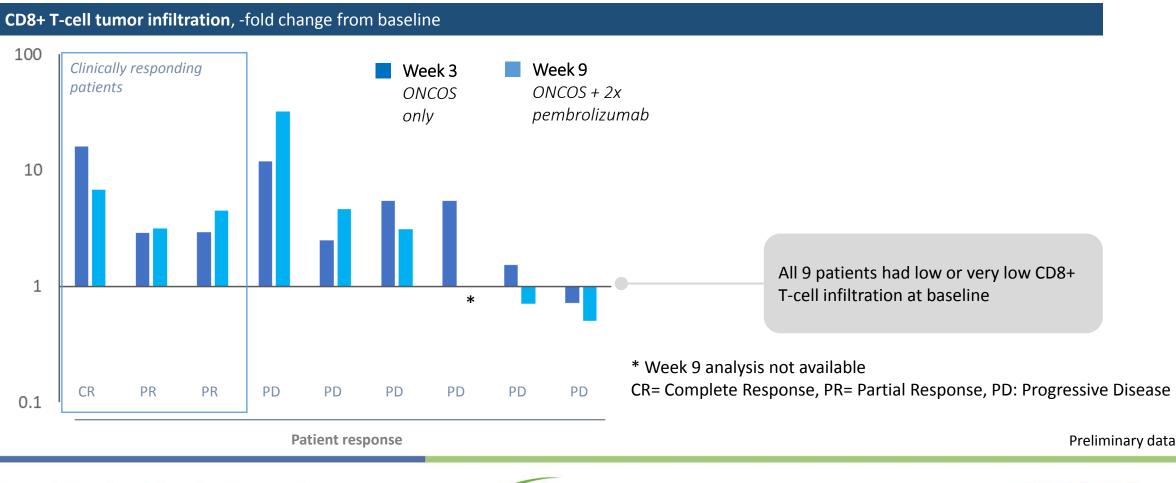
#### IFNy ELISPOT, spot number/25,000 cells



Preliminary data



# Increased T-cell infiltration in ONCOS-102 injected tumors is necessary but not sufficient for response



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## Conclusions

Sequential ONCOS-102 and pembrolizumab treatment in advanced anti-PD-1 refractory melanoma patients showed:

- Acceptable safety profile; most common ONCOS-102 related adverse events were fevers, chills, and myalgias
- ORR: 3 of 9 patients (RECIST 1.1)
- Upregulation of proinflammatory cytokines
- Systemic development of anti-tumor immune responses
- Increased infiltration of CD8+ T cells in ONCOS-102 injected tumors

Part 2 of this pilot study is currently enrolling an additional 12 patients to receive 12 injections of ONCOS-102 with pembrolizumab



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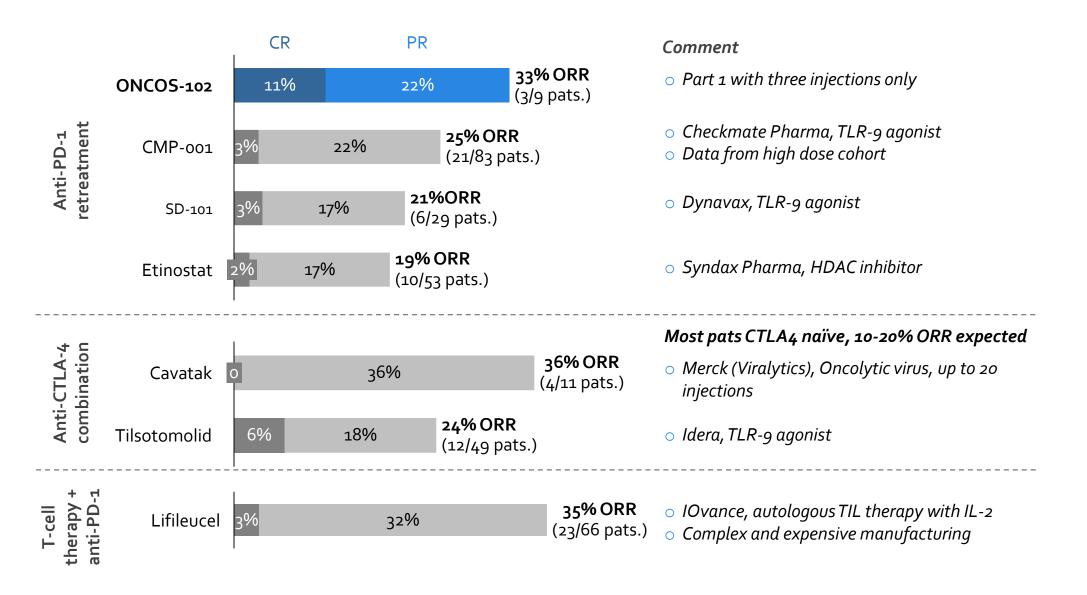
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#### **ONCOS-102 + Keytruda data in context of published anti-PD-1 refractory melanoma data**



## Trials and combinations to watch in melanoma

	Example compounds	Trials to watch
Novel immune checkpoint inhibitors	LAG-3, TIM-3, TIGIT	<ul> <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, ONCOS-102	<ul> <li>T-VEC phase III 1L combination with Keytruda (Masterkey-265)</li> <li>Cavatak phase II 1L combination with Keytruda</li> <li>ONCOS-102 phase I in PD-1 refractory in combination with Keytruda</li> </ul>
Immune stimulatory agents	TLR9, CD40, OX40, IL-2	<ul> <li>CMP-001 in PD-1 refractory, phase II combination with Keytruda</li> <li>Tilsotolimod in PD-1 refractory, phase III combination with Yervoy</li> <li>Bempegaldesleukin + nivolumab in 1L, phase III (CA045-001)</li> </ul>
Adoptive T-cell therapy	Lifileucel	• TIL therapy PD-1 refractory, pivotal phase II trial in combination with IL-2
BRAFi/MEKi	Mekinist, Tafinlar	MEKi/BRAFi in combination with pembrolizumab in 1L BRAF V600E melanoma

### So...what's next in melanoma?

- Frontline trials
- Post PD-1 trials
- Neoadjuvant Approaches
- Melanoma as a crystal ball for "IO"
  - Newest ideas
  - Benchmarks
  - Highest unmet need

#### **Frontline Trials in Melanoma: Big Ones**

- Randomized, PD-1 +/- XYZ
  - LAG-3: Nivolumab +/- Relatlimab (NCT03470922)
  - T-VEC: Pembrolizumab +/- TVEC (NCT02263508)
  - IL-2 directed: Nivolumab +/- BEMPEG (NCTo3635983)
  - VEGF: Pembrolizumab +/- Lenvatinib (NCT03820986)
- BRAF-MEK +/- PD-1: Enco-Bini-Spartalizumab (NCT02967692)

## **Frontline Trials in Melanoma: Big Ones**

- Large trials, 500-700+ patients
- What do we need for a new standard?
  - 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

## **Neoadjuvant Trials: Pros and Cons**

#### Pros

- Faster readout than frontline
- Easy access to tissue for mechanistic and biomarker studies
- Patients (usually) like these, as long as there is no placebo
- FDA appears more willing than before to consider "major response" clinically meaningful

#### Cons

- A relative minority of cutaneous melanoma presents with bulky stage 3 disease
- Path CR is still a relative leap of faith
- Physicians are already doing this with nivo 3 + ipi 1

## **Neoadjuvant Trials: Selected Candidates**

• All with PD-1 backbone

- BRAF-MEK
- Checkpoint combinations: CTLA-4, LAG-3
- Oncolytic Viruses:
- TLR9 Agonists:

e.q. T-VEC, CAVATAC

e.g. CMP-001

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The Pixies Nirvana (Melanoma) (NSCLC, breast)

## Melanoma: Small Histology, 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's Next? Other Approaches

- Microbiome manipulation (e.g. Seres-401)
- CD3 fusion protein constructs (e.g. tebentafusp against gp100)
- Personalized neoantigen platforms
- CAR-T baskets
- Uncoupling toxicity from efficacy: TNF antagonist coadministration

## What's Next? Highest Unmet Needs

- Uveal melanoma
  - No frontline standard option
  - Tebentafusp registration trial(s), but HLA-A restricted
- PD-1 Refractory Cutaneous Melanoma
  - Enriched for NRAS mutant biology
  - If any prior tox, subsequent trials are limited
- Leptomeningeal Disease / active brain mets

## What Should Benchmarks be?

- Well defined "PD-1 resistant" definition
- Study that CONSORT diagram!
  - Screen failures?
  - Time to fully accrue?
- ORR and PFS only in select settings
  - Uveal melanoma responses are probably real successes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> line cutaneous melanoma responses may not be
- Randomization, OS are still gold standards



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