

Overview of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: RCC and UBC

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Case

- 64 yo with recurrent bladder CA
- Presented 3 years PTV with nocturia, TURP showed MIBC
- GEM / CIS x 6 cycles with goal of bladder sparing surgery, well tolerated
- At surgery, multiple positive LN, cystectomy aborted
- Rx with docetaxel + ramicurimab, multiple AE's (neuropathy, tearing, severe rash, etc)
- Presents with PS 70% (ongoing fatigue)
- CT = multiple retroperitoneal LN c/w metastatic UBC

Case (cont)

- Enrolled on Phase I of MPDL3280A (now atezolizumab)
- Rx on study x 2 years total (q 2 weeks)
- AE = Rash upper R scapula
- CT = 70% decrease in SLD by RECIST 1.1, stable PR
- 1 yr later – elevated CEA on “executive” physical (20) (now age = 67)
- GI W/U Negative
- CEA continues to rise (45)
- PET / CT = focal intensity in R lobe prostate

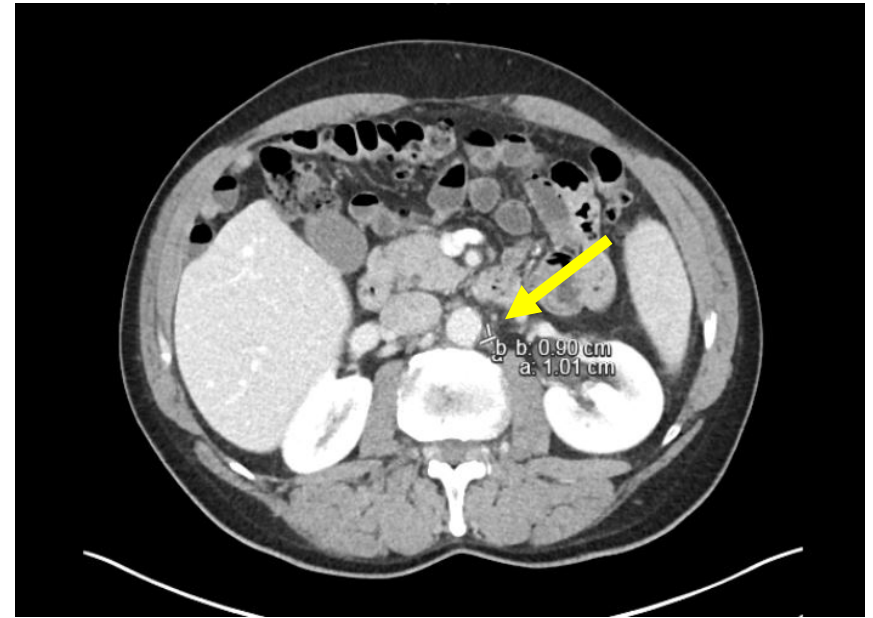
Case (cont)

- BX = UBC, c/w primary
- No other disease foci
- RX: Cystoprostatectomy
- Following

Case Images



Study Initiation



24 Months

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Several of the agents discussed are NOT FDA approved for use in cancer treatment

Sixty Years Ago:

“...the primary function of cellular immunity is in fact not to promote allograft rejection but rather to protect from neoplastic disease...”

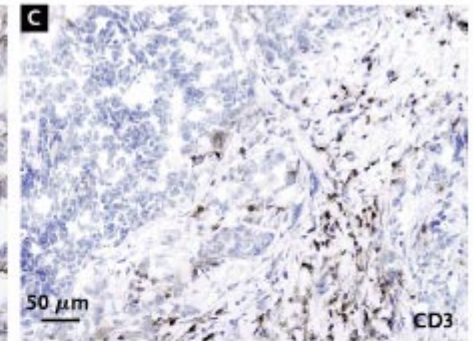
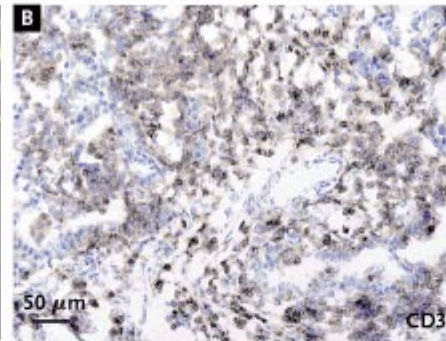
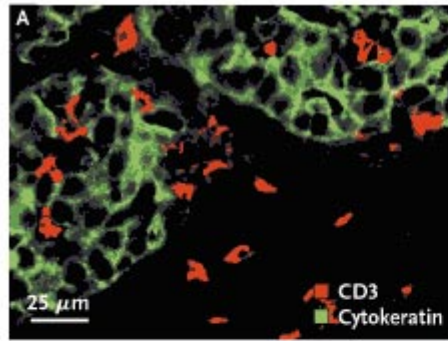
Lewis Thomas, 1957

“It is by no means inconceivable that small accumulations of tumour cells may develop and because of their possession of new antigenic potentialities provoke an effective immunological reaction with regression of the tumour and no clinical hint of its existence.”

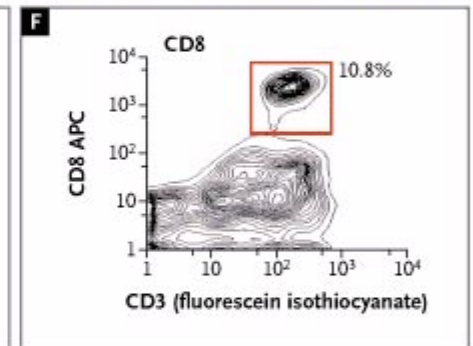
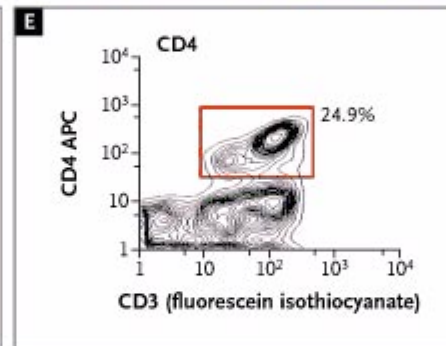
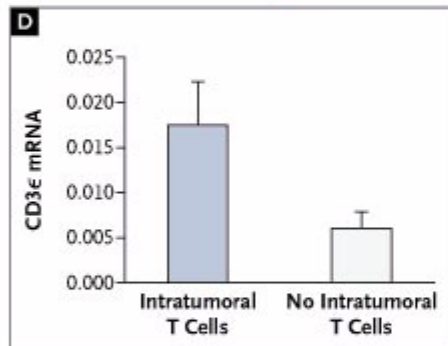
Sir Macfarlane Burnet, 1957

Lots of Tumors Have Infiltrating T Cells Are they SURVEYING?

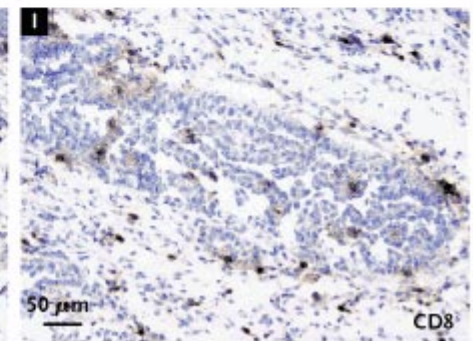
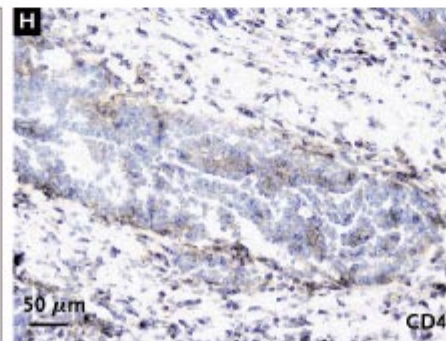
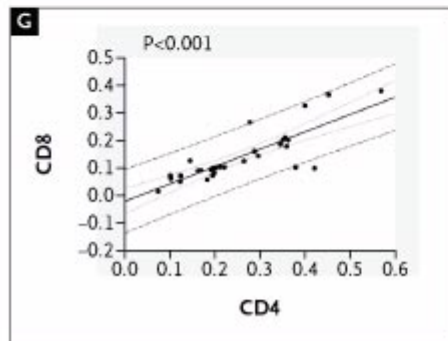
CD3 (All T Cells)



CD4 or CD8
(By Flow)

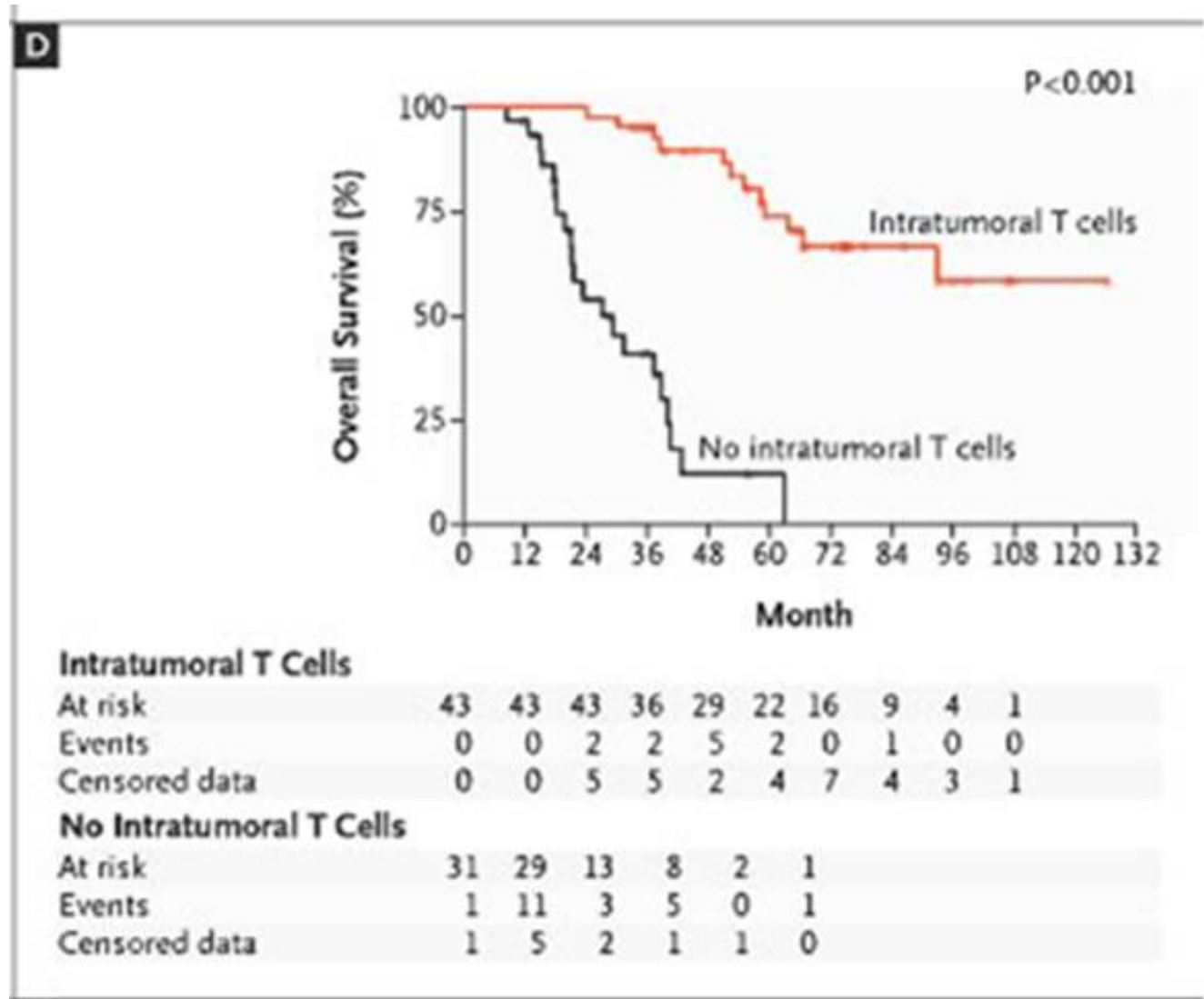


CD4 or CD8
(By IHC)

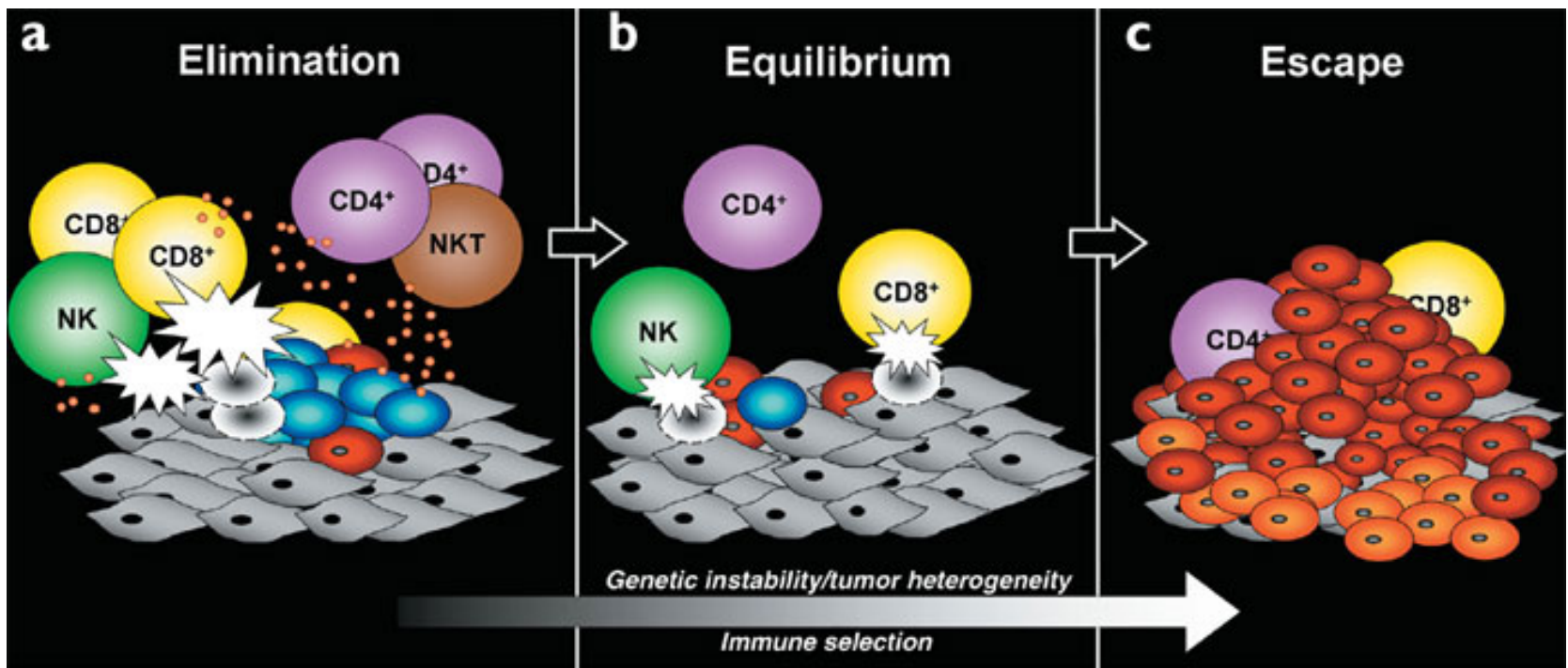


T Cells in Ovarian Cancer: A Life or Death Matter

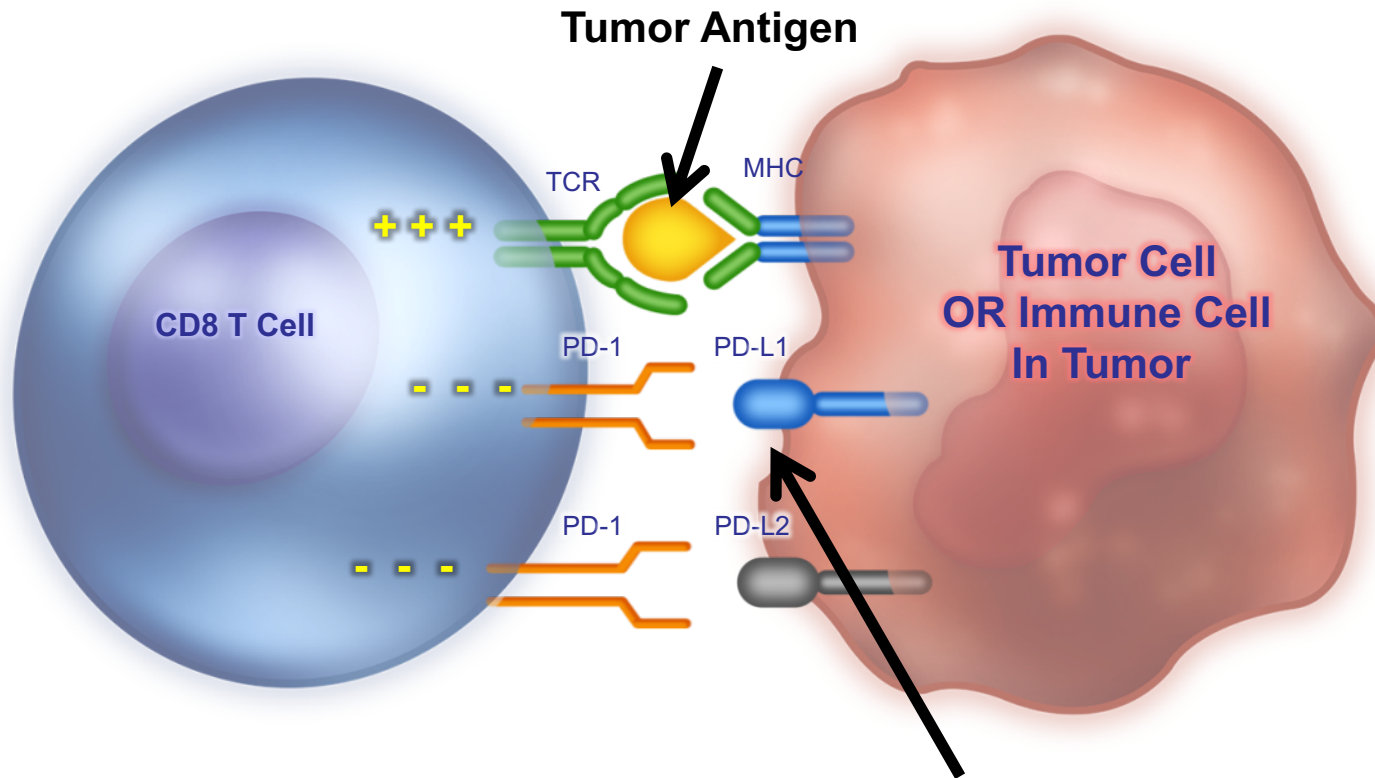
Stage IV Ovarian
CA
Complete response
to treatment



The Immune Editing Hypothesis (3 E's)

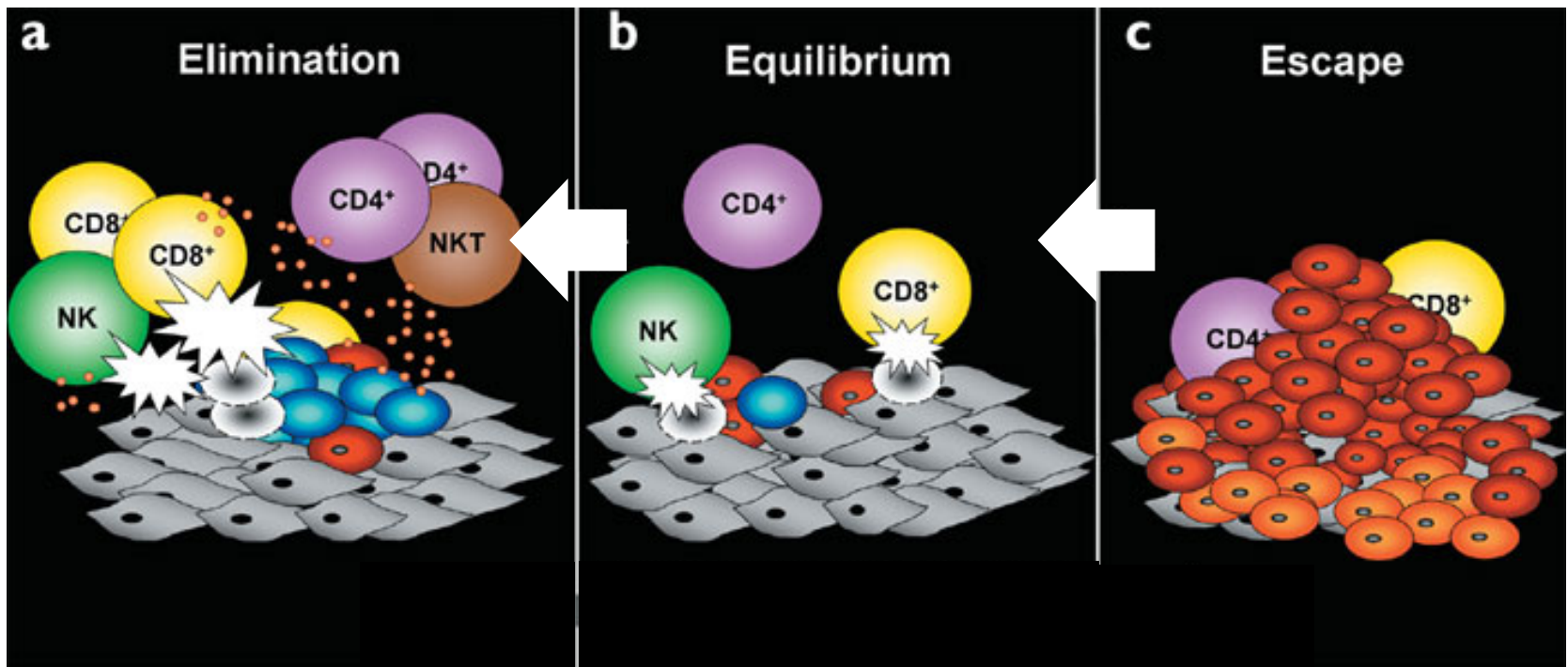


The PD-1 / PD-L1 Axis Is One Major Component of **Escape**

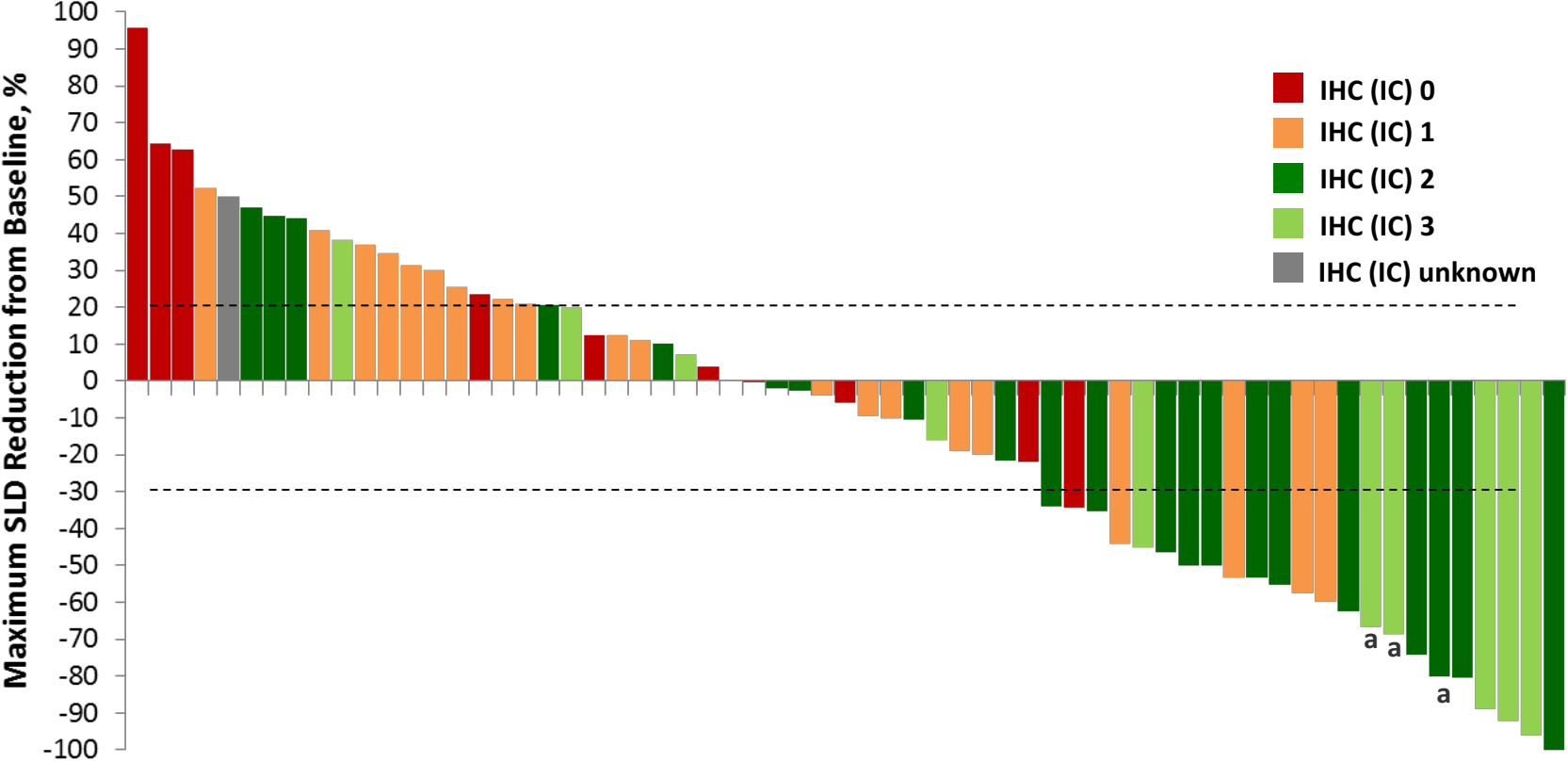


PD-L1 Expression on Tumor Cells OR Myeloid Cells SENDS that Negative Signal

Reversing **Escape**?



Blocking PD-1 / PD-L1 Tilts the Balance Back To Elimination: Objective Responses to Anti-PD-L1 (Atezolizumab) in Urothelial Bladder Cancer



**Level 1 Evidence:
Pembrolizumab (Anti-PD-1) in Second Line UBC
KEYNOTE-045**

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Urothelial carcinoma of the renal pelvis, ureter, bladder, or urethra
 - Transitional cell predominant
- PD after 1-2 lines of platinum-based chemo or recurrence within 12 mo of perioperative platinum-based therapy
 - ECOG PS 0-2
- Provision of tumor sample for biomarker assessment

Stratification Factors

- ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2)
- Hemoglobin level (<10 vs ≥10 g/dL)
 - Liver metastases (yes vs no)
- Time from last chemotherapy dose (<3 vs ≥3 mo)

R (1:1)
N = 542

N = 270

**Pembrolizumab
200 mg IV Q3W
for 2 years**

N = 272

**Paclitaxel 175 mg/m² Q3W
OR
Docetaxel 75 mg/m² Q3W
OR
Vinflunine 320 mg/m² Q3W**

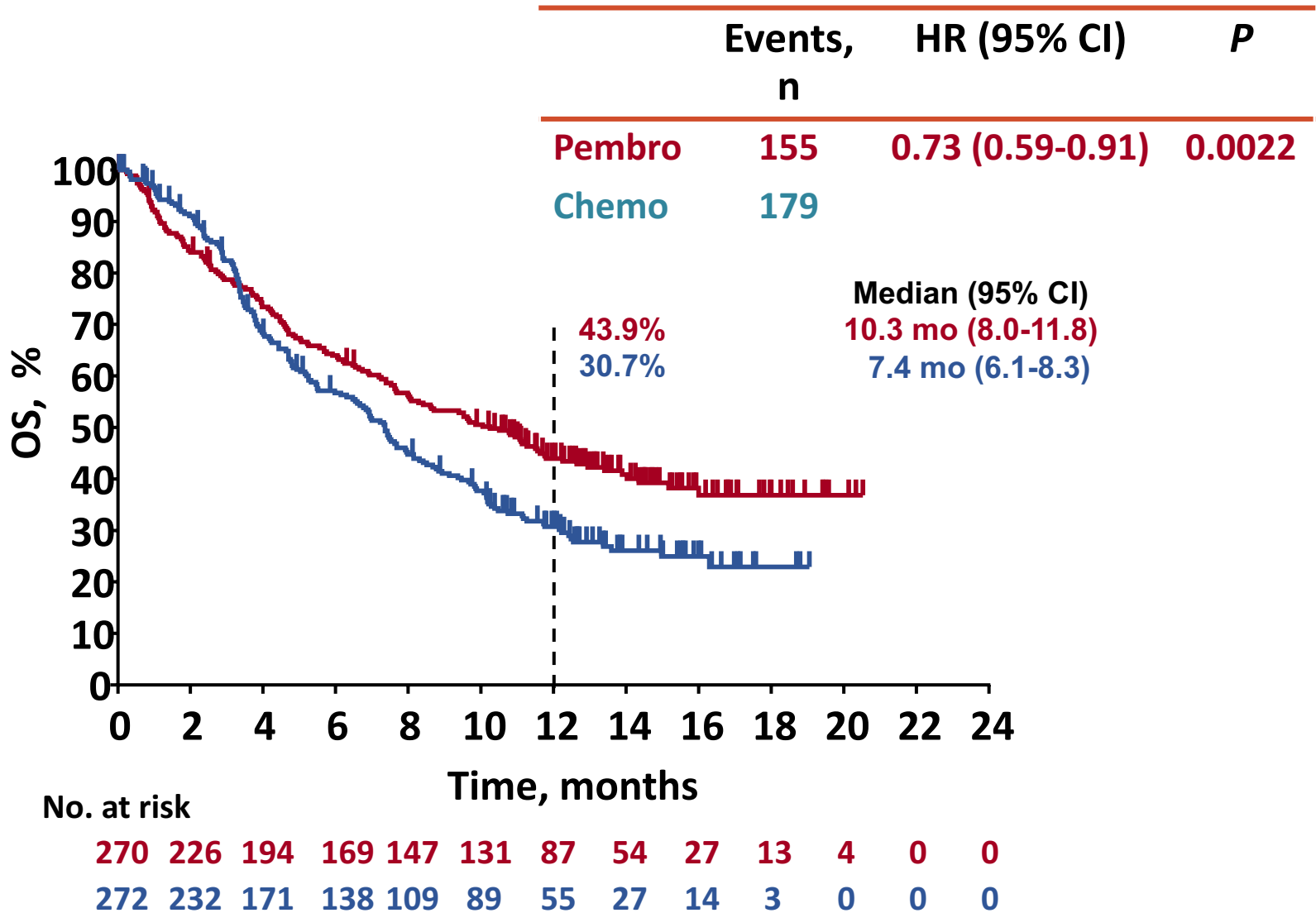
Key End Points

**Primary: OS and PFS in total and PD-L1 CPS
≥10% populations**

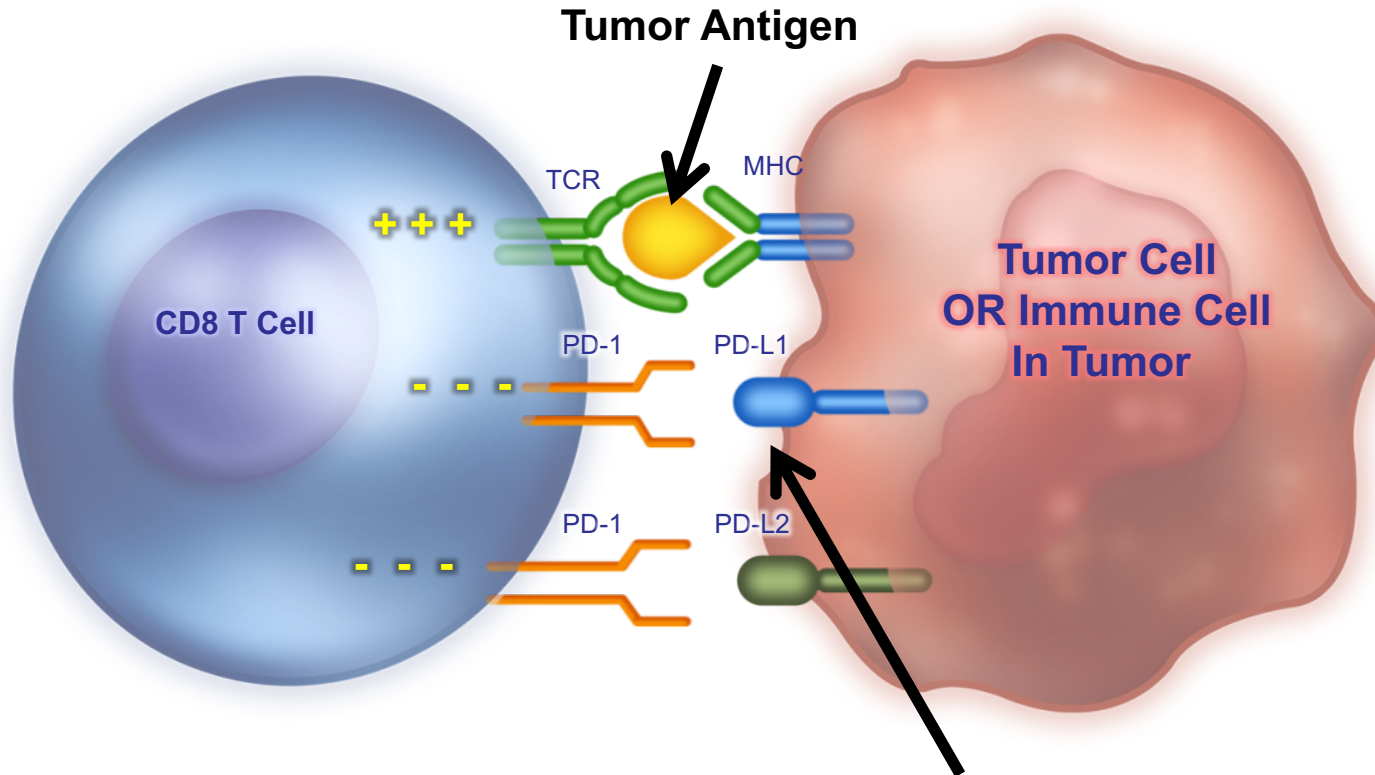
**Secondary: ORR and DOR in total and PD-L1
CPS ≥10% populations; safety in total
population**

CPS = combined positive score

Improved Overall Survival



If PD-1 Is Mediating **Escape
Then Response Should Correlate with PD-L1
Expression in the Tumor Microenvironment**

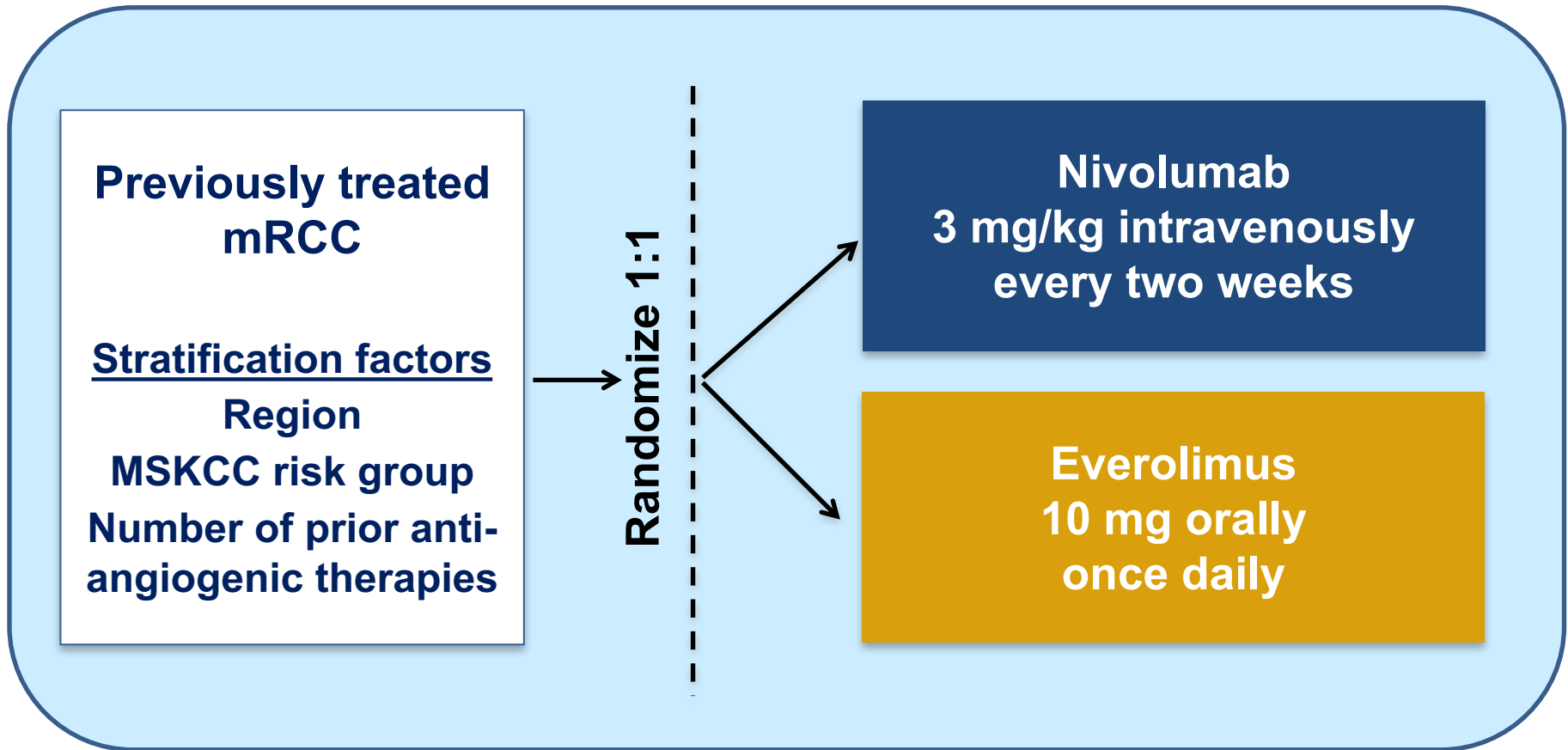


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In UBC: PD-L1 Expression on Myeloid Cells Is an Imperfect Predictive Biomarker

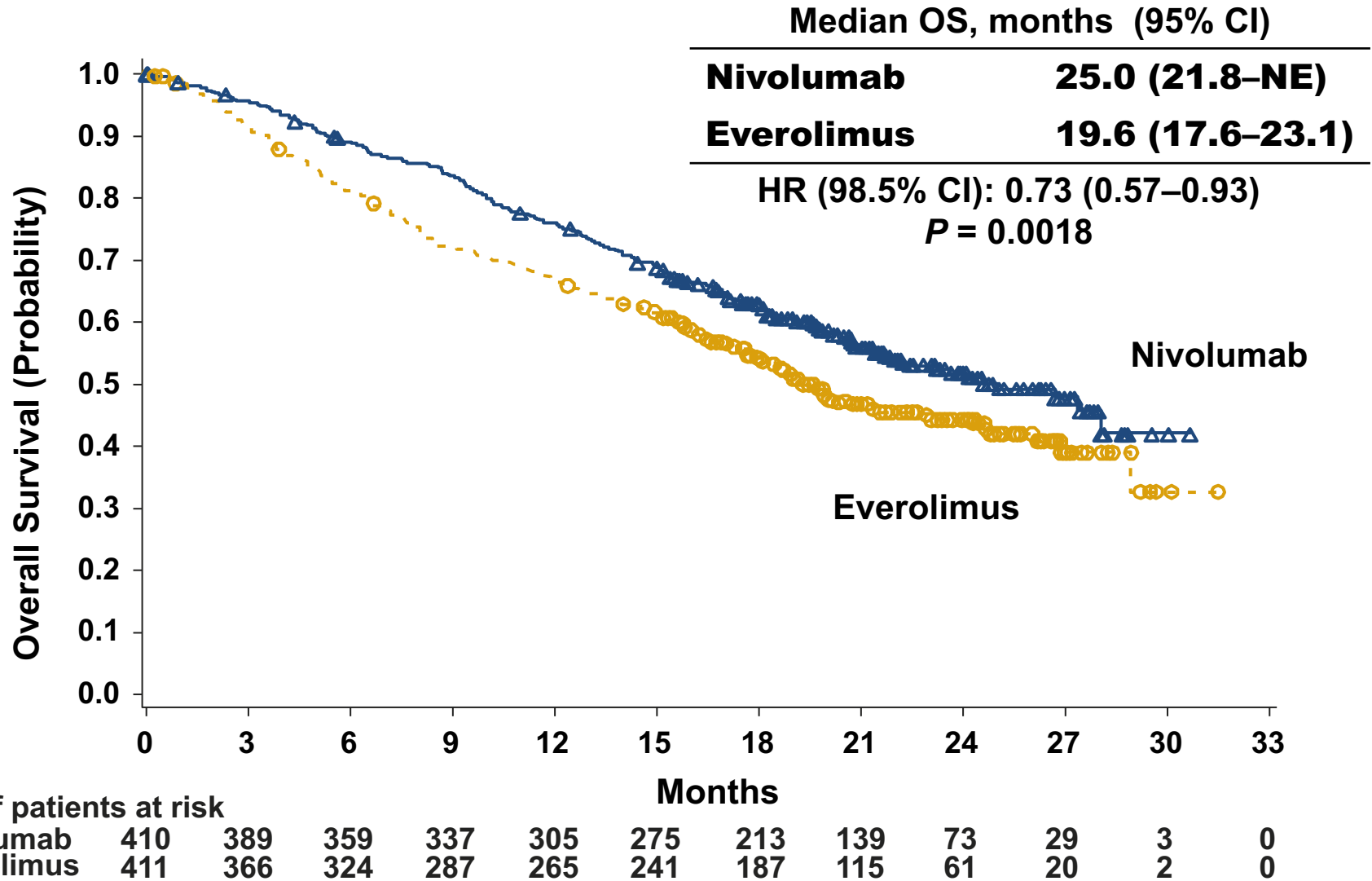
	IC2/3 (n = 100)	IC1/2/3 (n = 207)	All (N = 310)	IC1 (n = 107)	IC0 (n = 103)
ORR (95% CI) per confirmed IRF RECIST v1.1	26% (18, 36)	18% (13, 24)	15% (11, 19)	10% (5, 18)	8% (3, 15)
ORR (95% CI) per investigator mRECIST	27% (19, 37)	22% (16, 28)	19% (15, 24)	17% (10, 25)	13% (7, 21)
Complete response (CR) per confirmed IRF RECIST v1.1	11%	6%	5%	2%	2%

PD-1 Blockade in RCC (Phase III)



- Patients were treated until progression or intolerable toxicity occurred
- Treatment beyond progression was permitted if drug was tolerated and clinical benefit was noted

Efficacy of PD-1 Blockade in RCC

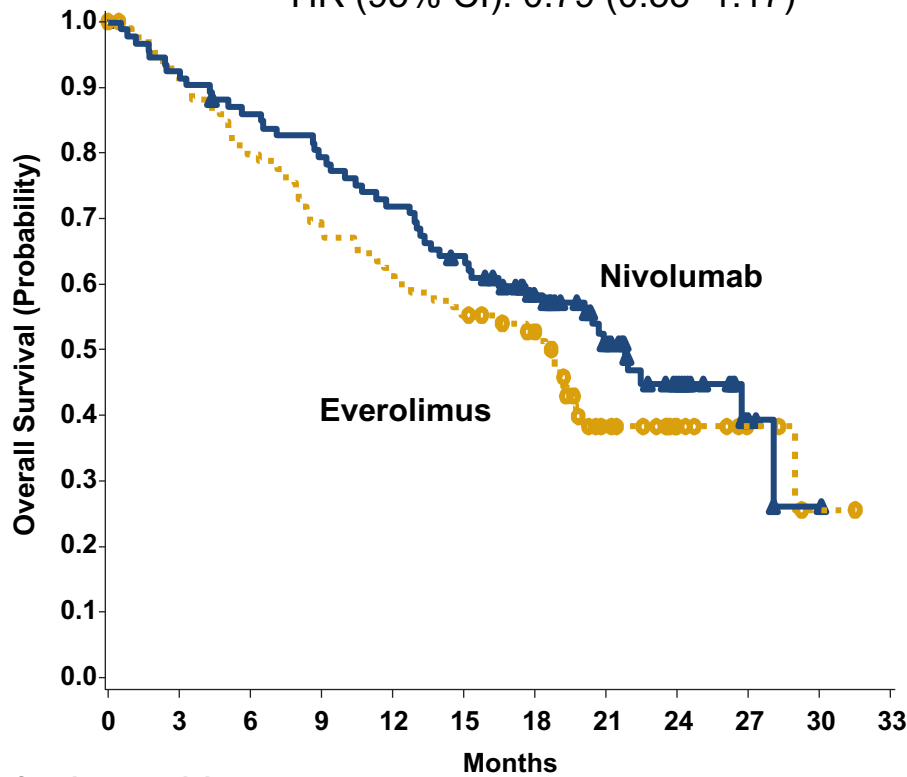


In RCC: PD-L1 Expression Is NOT a Predictive Biomarker

PD-L1 ≥1% (n = 24%)

	Median OS, months (95% CI)
Nivolumab	21.8 (16.5–28.1)
Everolimus	18.8 (11.9–19.9)

HR (95% CI): 0.79 (0.53–1.17)

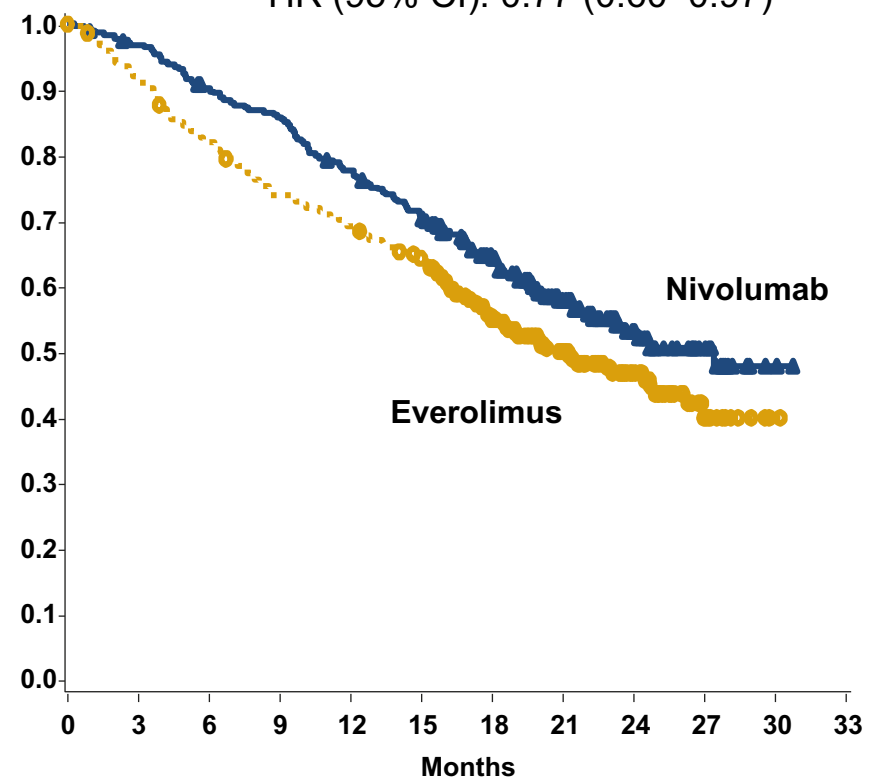


No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab	94	86	79	73	66	58	45	31	18	4	1	0
Everolimus	87	77	68	59	52	47	40	19	9	4	1	0

PD-L1 <1% (n = 76%)

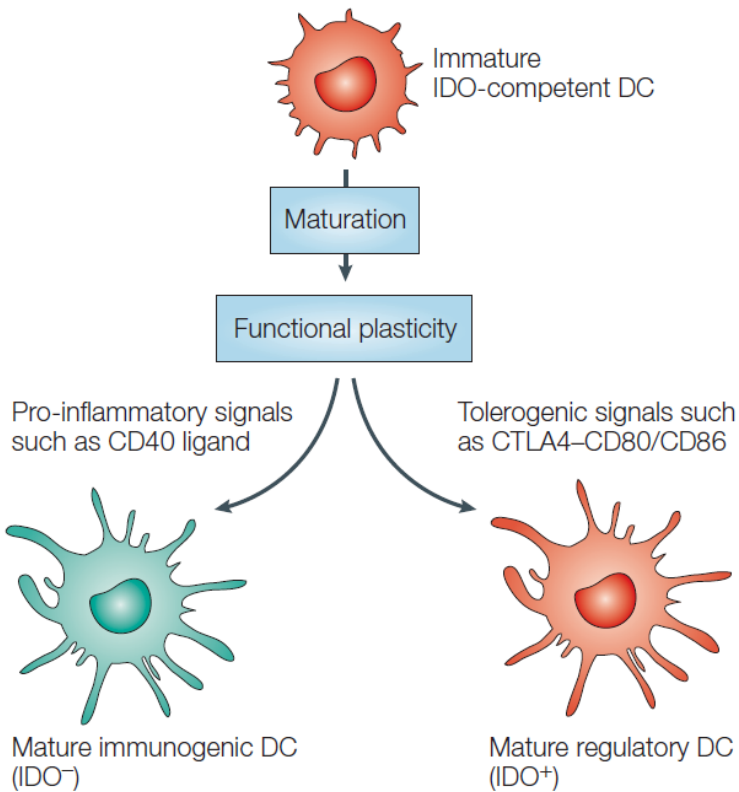
	Median OS, months (95% CI)
Nivolumab	27.4 (21.4–NE)
Everolimus	21.2 (17.7–26.2)

HR (95% CI): 0.77 (0.60–0.97)



No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab	276	265	245	233	210	189	145	94	48	22	2	0
Everolimus	299	267	238	214	200	182	137	92	51	16	1	0

Additional Mediators of **Escape #1**: IDO in the Tumor Microenvironment



Preliminary results from a phase 1/2 study of epacadostat (INCB024360) in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with selected advanced cancers

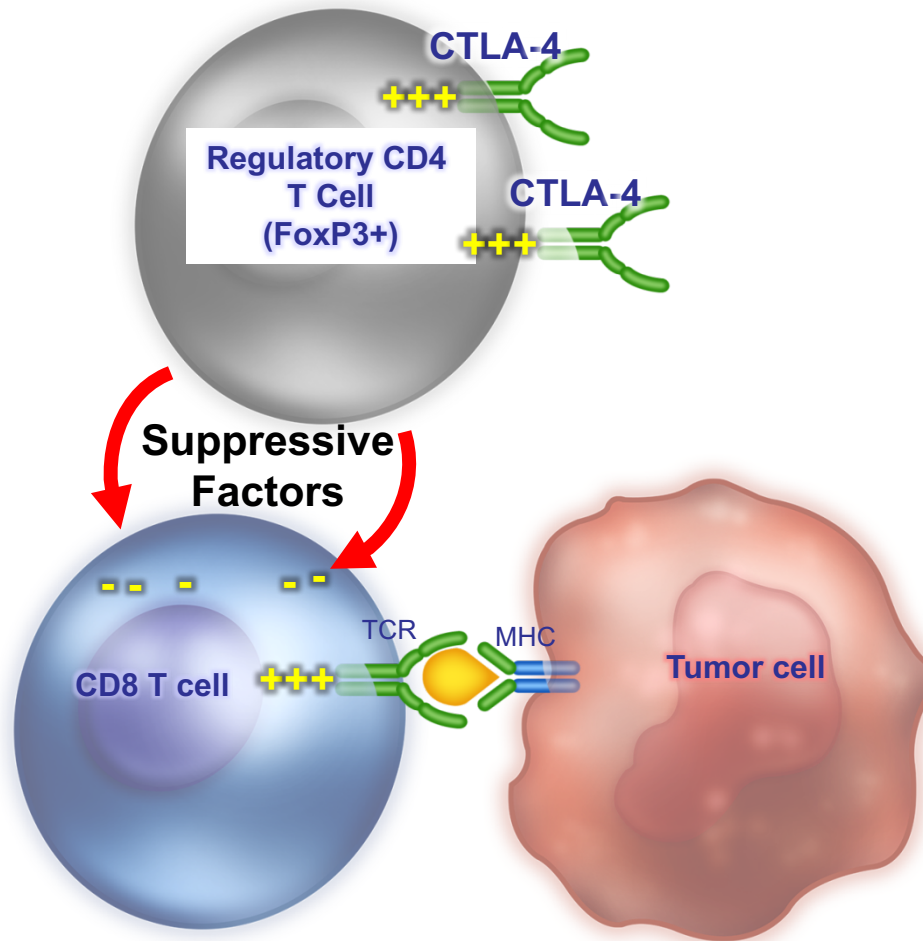
Evaluable patients*, n (%)	Melanoma (n=7)	RCC (n=5)	TCC (n=2)	NSCLC (n=2)	EA (n=2)	SCCHN (n=1)
ORR (CR+PR)	4 (57)	2 (40)	1 (50)	1 (50)	1 (50)	1 (100)
CR	2 (29)	0	0	0	0	0
PR	2 (29)	2 (40)	1 (50)	1 (50)	1 (50)	1 (100)
SD	2 (29)	2 (40)	0	1 (50)	0	0
DCR (CR+PR+SD)	6 (86)	4 (80)	1 (50)	2 (100)	1 (50)	1 (100)
PD	1 (14)	0	1 (50)	0	0	0
Not assessable	0	1 (20)	0	0	1 (50)	0

*Patients with ≥ 1 post-baseline response assessment or discontinued from study or died before response could be assessed.

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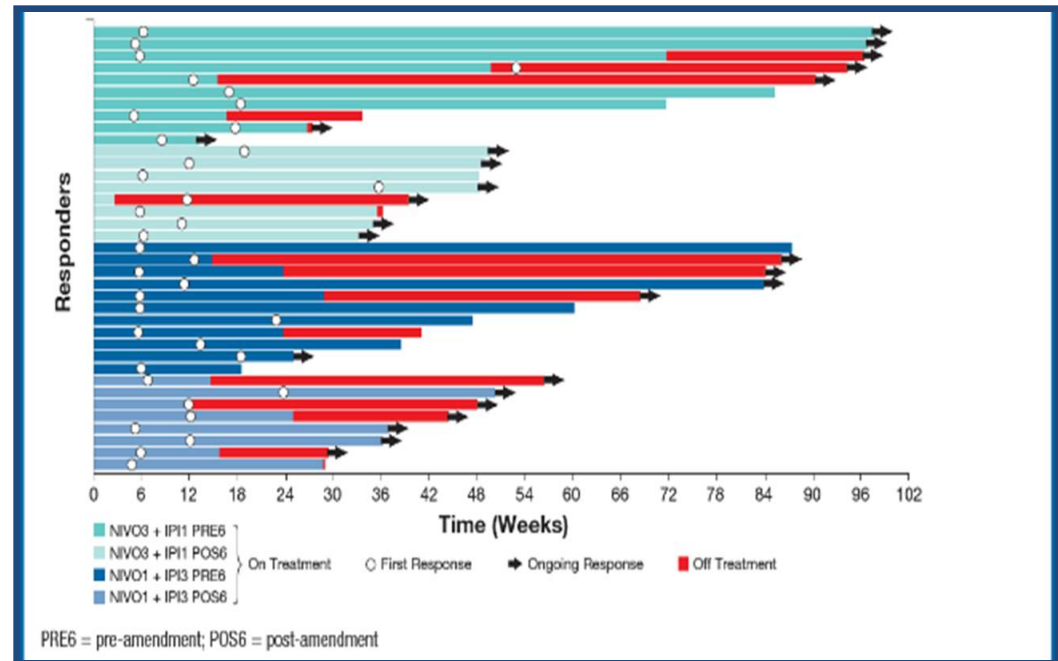
Additional Mediators of **Escape** #2: CTLA-4 on Treg in the Tumor Microenvironment



Combination Immunotherapy in RCC

- PD-1 Increases CD8 T Cell Function / Trafficking
- CTLA-4 Highly Expressed on Treg in Tumor Microenvironment
- Additional Inhibitory Checkpoints
 - LAG-3
 - TIM-3
 - TIGIT

- **38% Overall Response Rate (ORR)**
 - **34% Grade III / IV AE**



Conclusions

- Clear efficacy for PD-1/L1 blockade in UBC
- Clear efficacy for PD-1 blockade in RCC
- PD-L1 as an imperfect biomarker
- Combination Immunotherapy to Address Additional Mechanisms of Escape

Cancer Immunotherapy Answers and Questions

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Case: A Patient With Kidney Cancer

- 66 year old man with recurrent RCC
- s/p nephrectomy 6 years prior to visit
- Relapsed 4 years prior to visit with multiple pulmonary nodules
- Rx on clinical trials of sorafenib, HDAC inhibitor
- CT: Multiple metastatic lesions in lungs, bone (R scapula), soft tissue
- Labs WNL

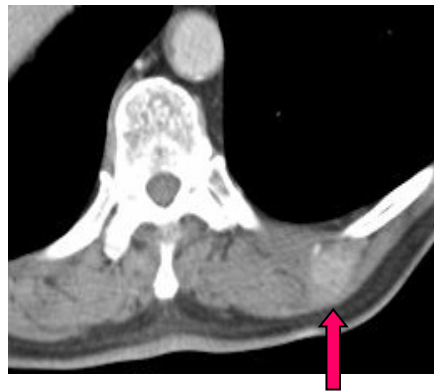
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- Enrolled on first Phase I of MDX-1106 (now nivolumab)
- Received 3 on-study treatments
- Side Effects = hypothyroidism, GI disturbance
- Discontinued due to stable partial response
- Last seen 10/2016, CT Scan = Complete Response

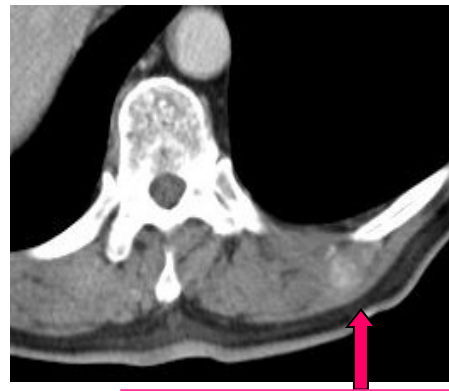
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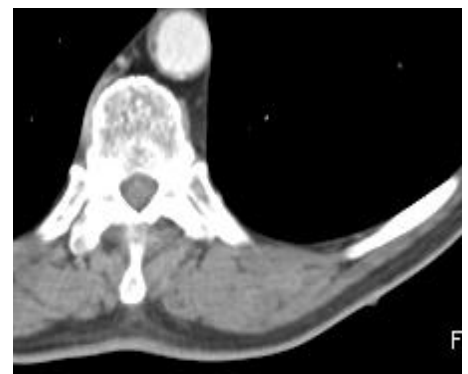
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US-guided biopsy:
No viable tumor