

# Implications of Microsatellite Instability (MSI) for Treatment

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# Guidelines and FDA Indications

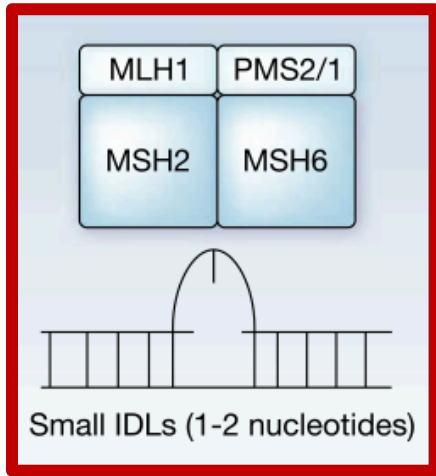
## Testing for Microsatellite Instability (NCCN)

- The panel recommends universal MMR or MSI testing for all patients with a personal history of colon or rectal cancer to identify individuals with Lynch syndrome, **to inform use of immunotherapy in patients with metastatic disease**, and to inform decisions for patients with stage II disease.

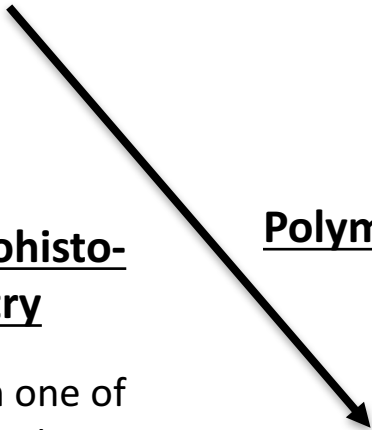
## Treatment Recommendations

- **FDA label for Pembrolizumab:**
  - “For the treatment of adult and pediatric patients **with unresectable or metastatic, microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient**”
    - “**solid tumors that have progressed following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options**”
    - “**colorectal cancer that has progressed following treatment with a fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan**”
- **NCCN:**
  - **Recommends nivolumab or pembrolizumab as treatment options in patients with metastatic MMR-deficient colorectal cancer in second- or third-line therapy.**

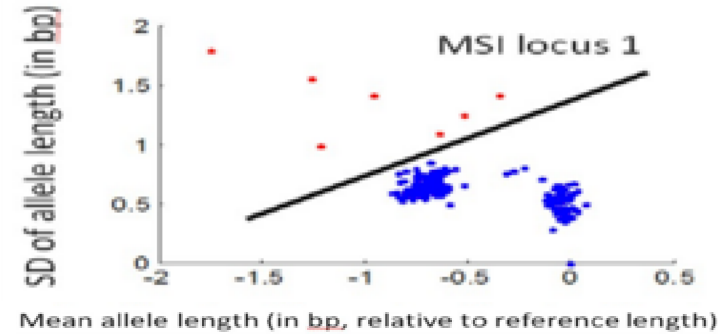
# dMMR Testing



Next-generation Sequencing



Foundation Medicine:  
variance at 114 MSI loci



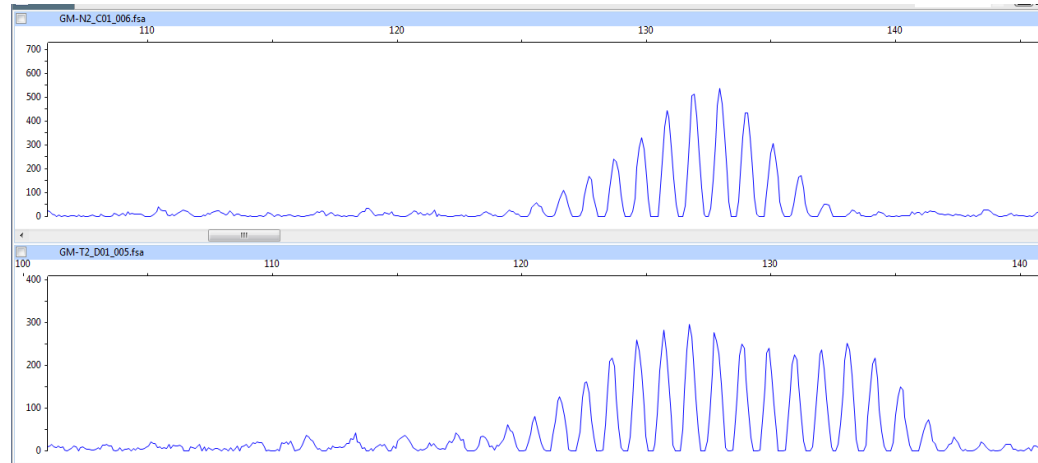
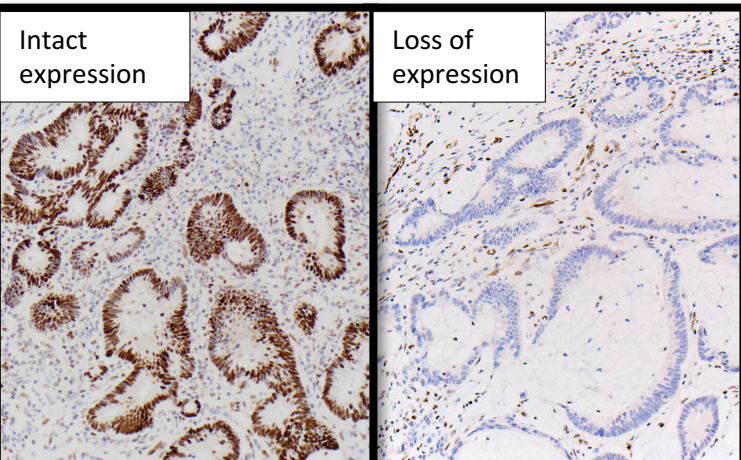
Immunohisto-chemistry



Polymerase Chain Reaction

Panel of 5 or more microsatellites with allelic shift in 2 (>30%) or more markers = MSI-high

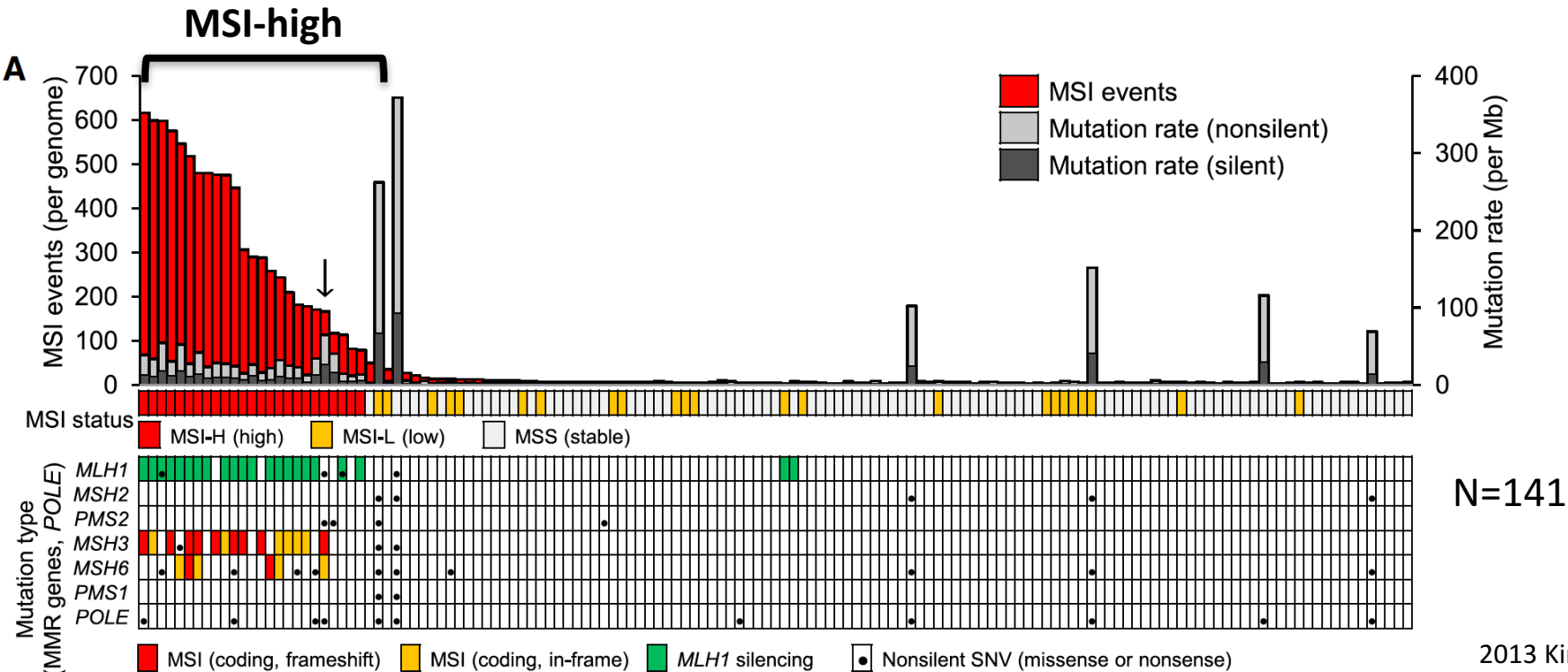
Complete loss of expression in one of the MMR proteins = MSI-high



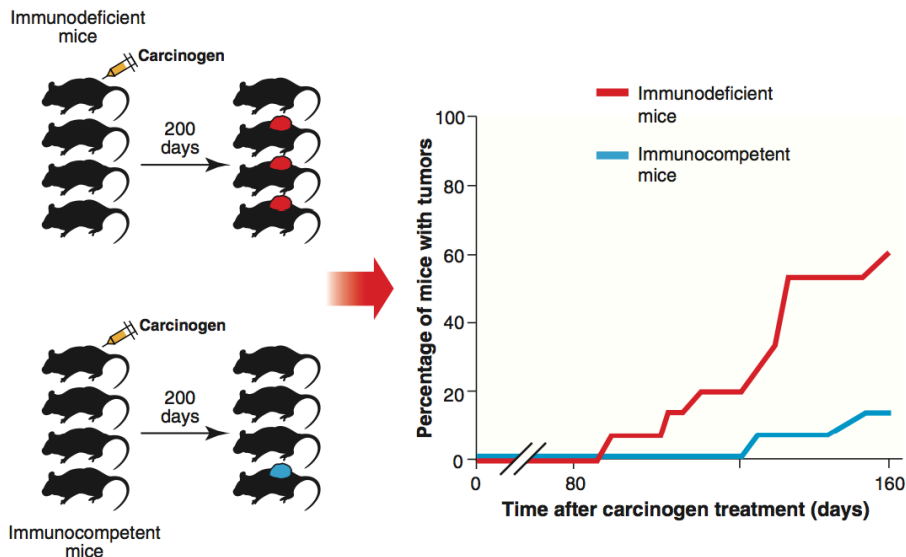
# dMMR or MSI-H CRC

Stage	MSI-H
II	22%
III	12%
IV	4%

- Inherited mutations in MMR (HNPCC or Lynch).  $\approx 1/3$
- Sporadic loss of MMR by MLH-1 methylation or biallelic somatic genomic alteration.  $\approx 2/3$



# Tumor Rejection and Neoantigens



## Tumor Antigens:

Differentiation (melanocyte differentiation antigens...)

Overexpressed (HER-2...)

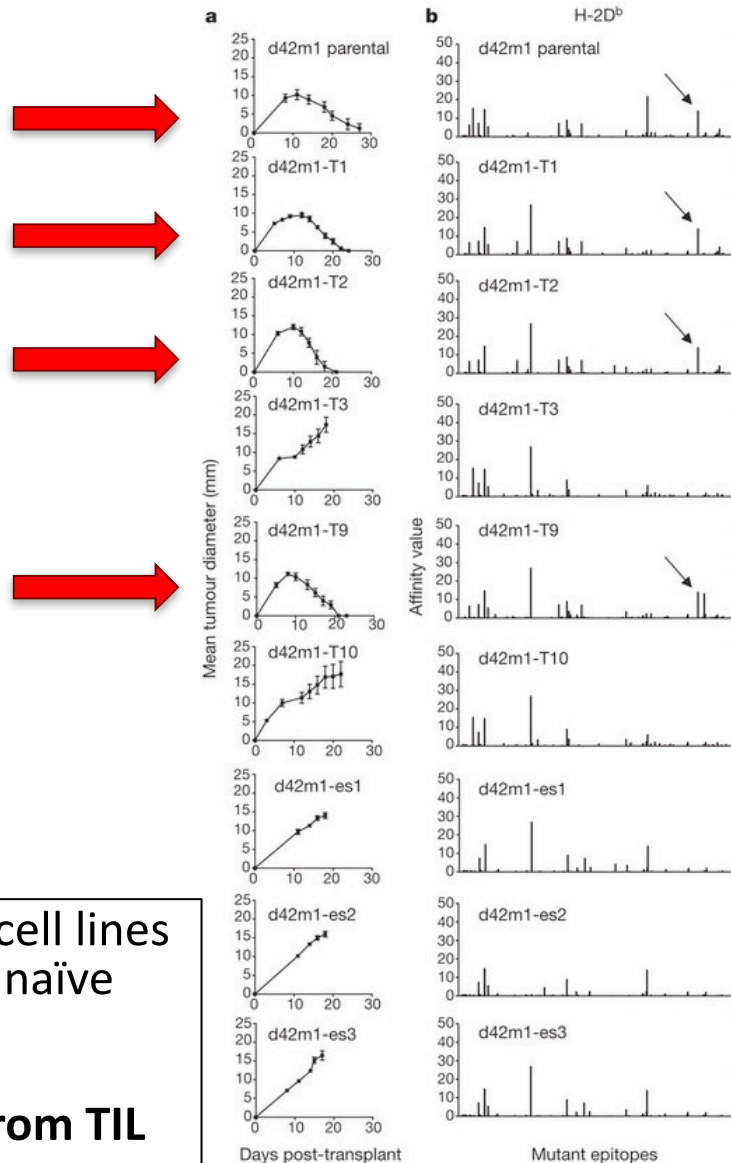
Viral (HPV proteins...)

Cancer/testis (MAGE, NY-ESO-1...)

## Mutational (p53...)

Immunogenic methylcholanthrene-induced sarcoma cell lines from Rag2<sup>-/-</sup> mice demonstrate ≈20% tumor rate in naïve wildtype mice

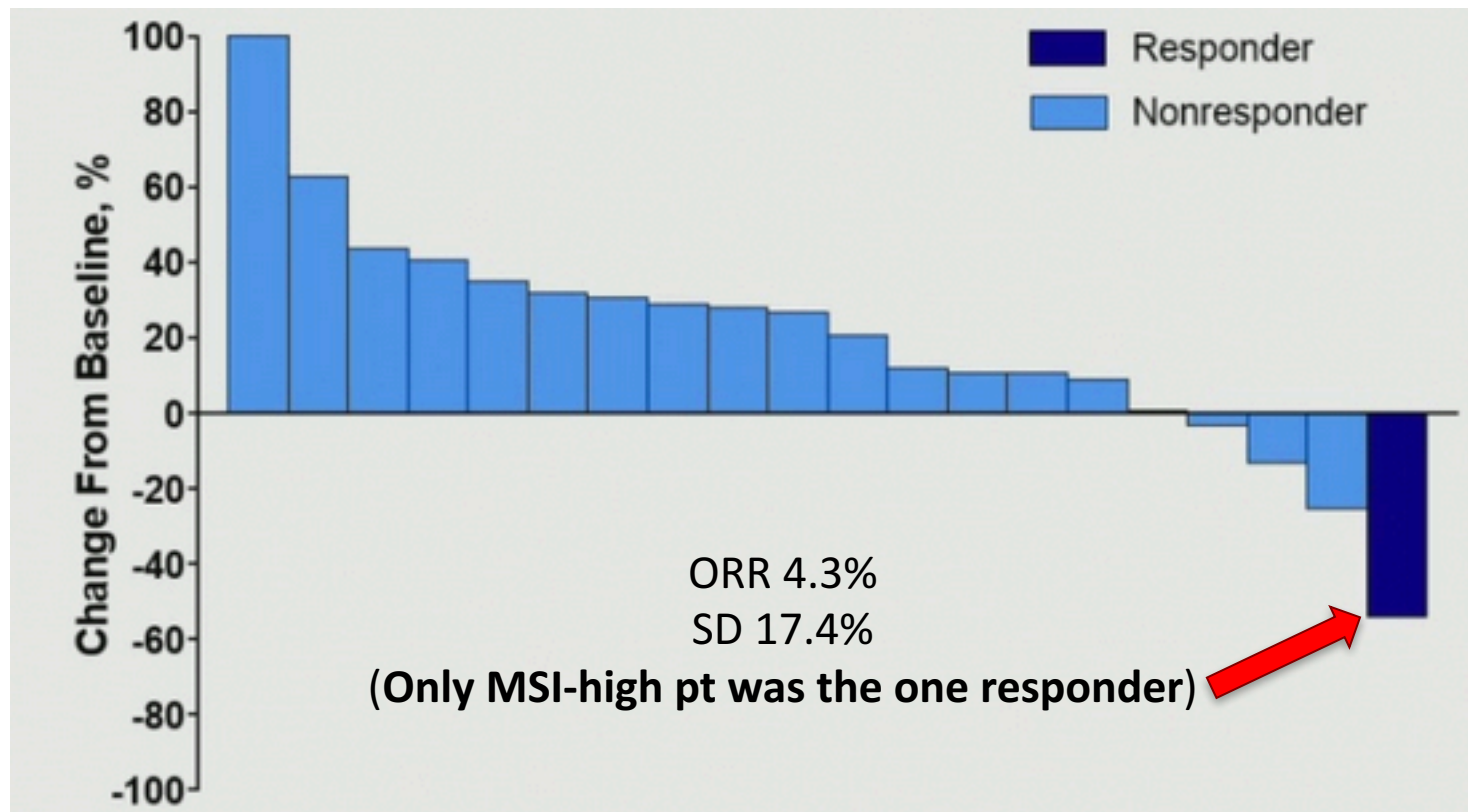
Spectirn β-2 R913L mutation predicted and cloned from TIL



# KEYNOTE-028 for PDL1+ CRC

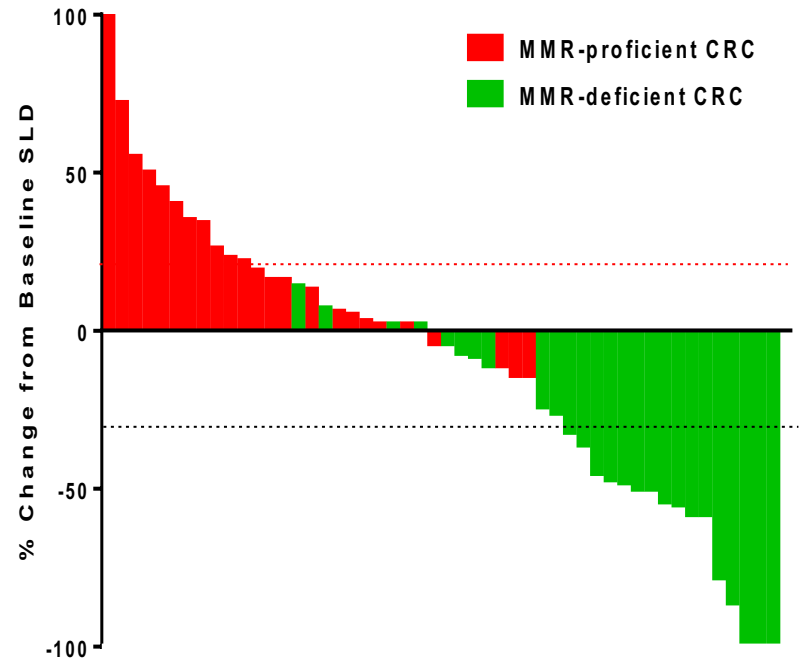
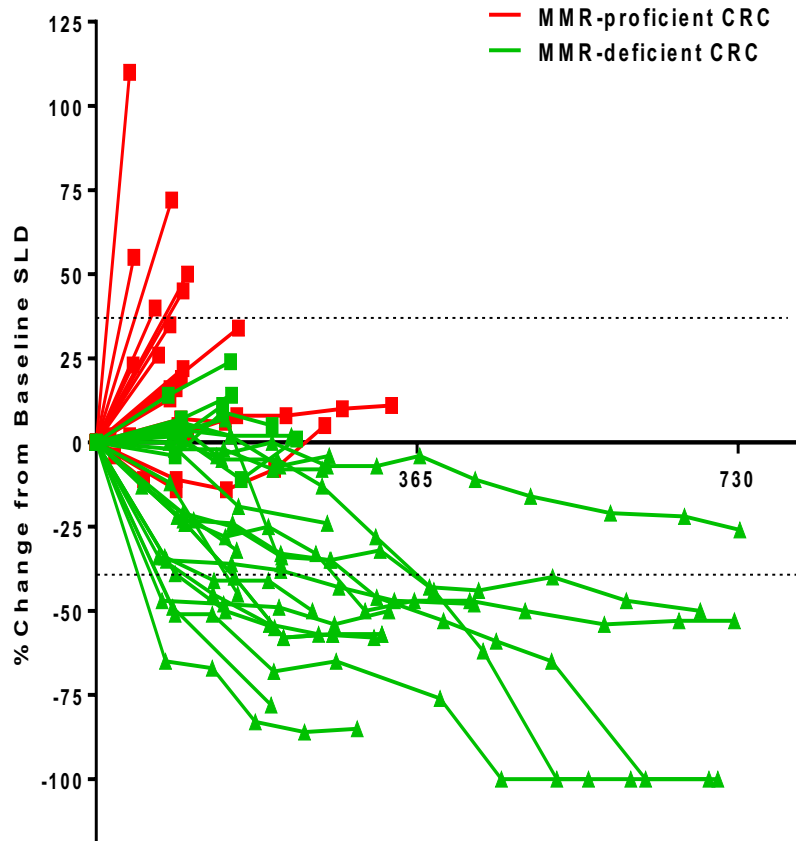
- Pembrolizumab 10mg/kg IV q2wks
- PD-L1+: “membranous PD-L1 expression in  $\geq 1\%$  of cells in tumor and stroma”

**33/137 (24.1%) PD-L1+** with 23 enrolled



# PD-1 Blockade in Tumors with Mismatch-Repair Deficiency

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	MMR-deficient CRC, N=28	MMR-proficient CRC, N=25
Response Rate	<b>57%</b>	0%
Disease Control Rate	<b>89%</b>	16%



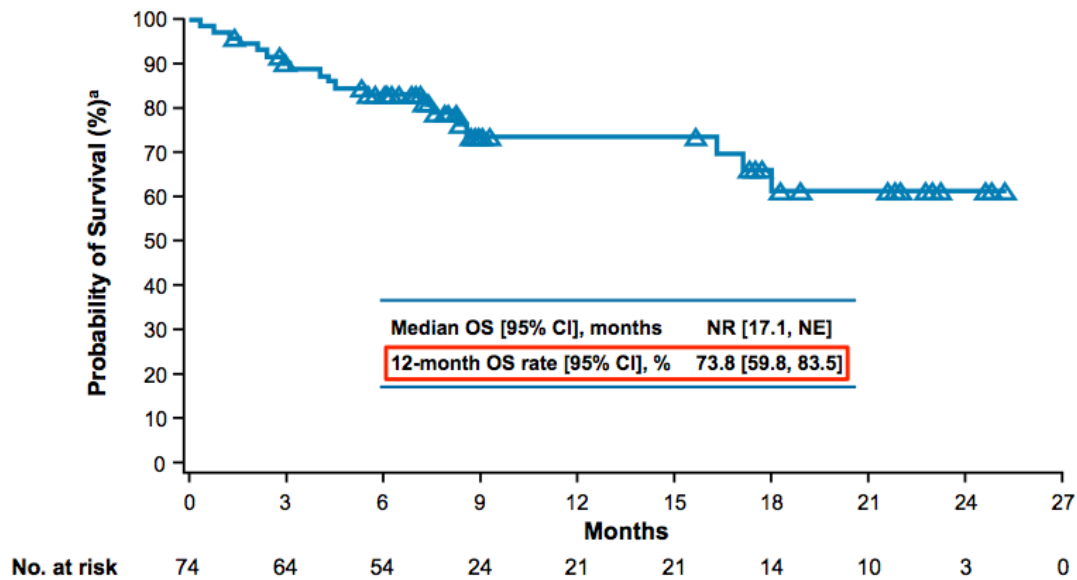
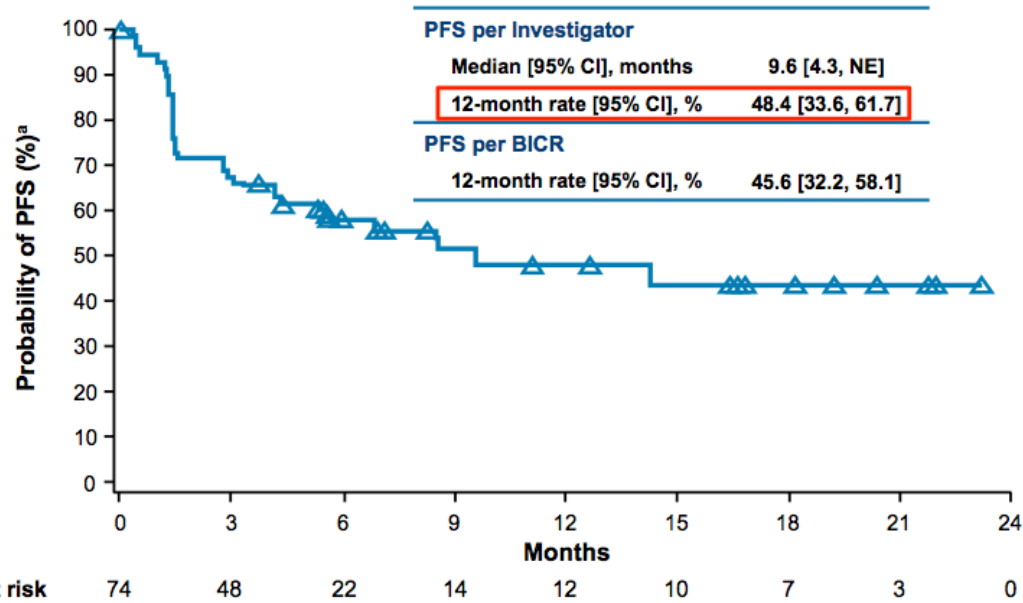
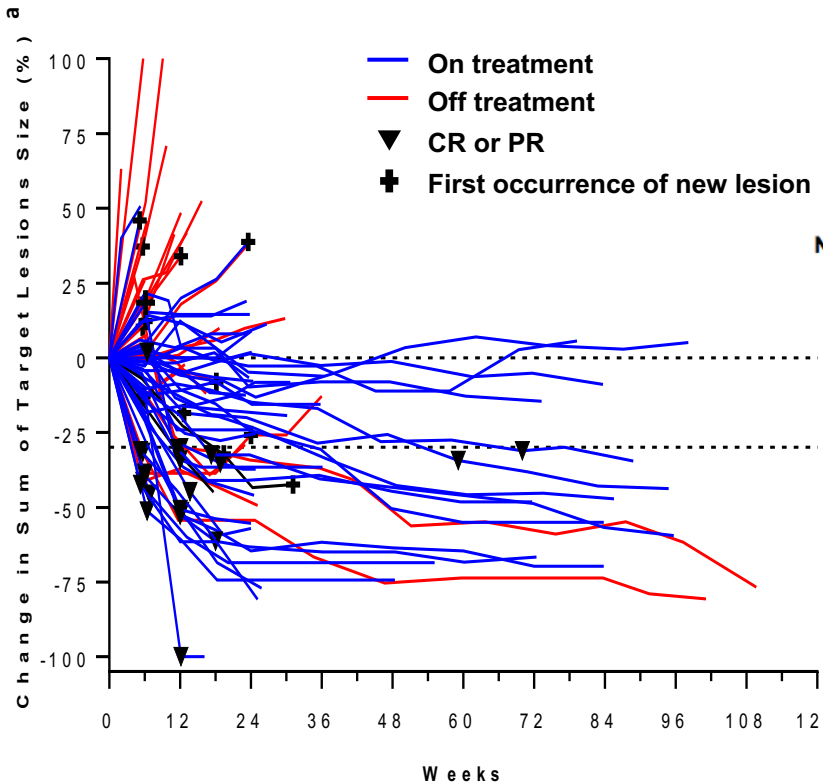
# dMMR CRC: Nivolumab Monotherapy

RR 31%

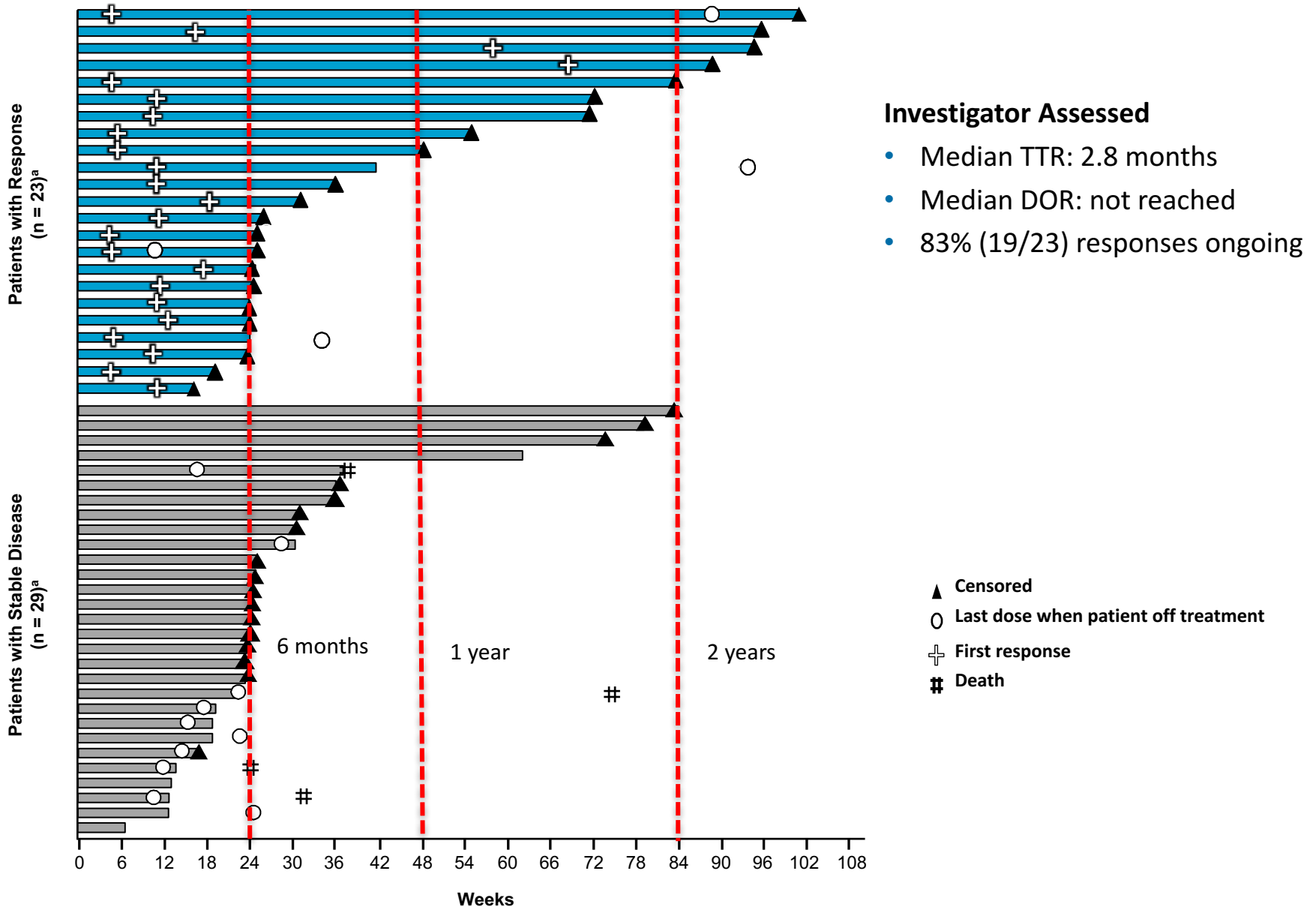
SD 39%

PD 24%

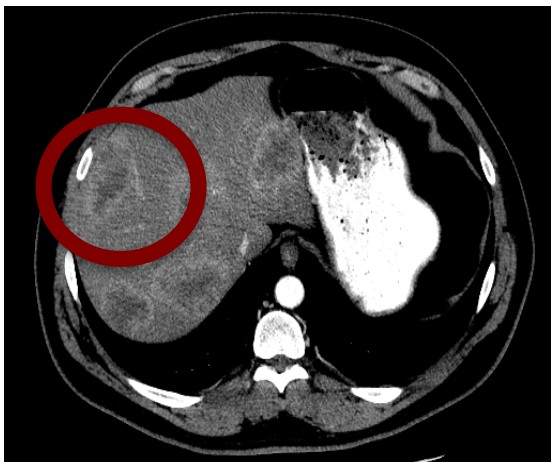
Disease Control  $\geq 12$  weeks in 69%



# Characterization of Response and Stable Disease



DOR, duration of response; TTR, time to response. <sup>a</sup>Investigator assessed dMMR/MSI-H by local laboratory.



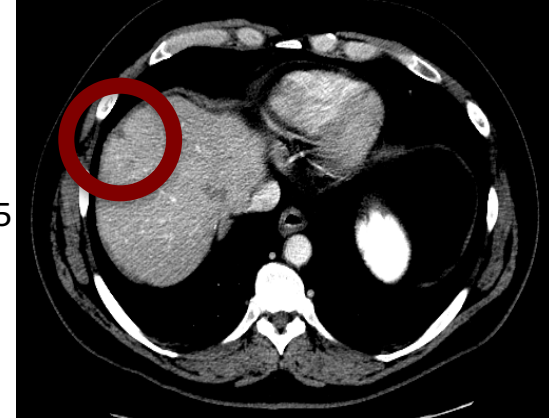
6/12/2014

Nivolumab 1yr 5m



11/22/2015

Lynch syndrome  
BRAF wt



11/11/2014

Nivolumab 2yr 1m



12/30/2016

Lynch syndrome  
MLH1 germline  
BRAF wt



12/8/2015

Nivolumab 1yr 2m

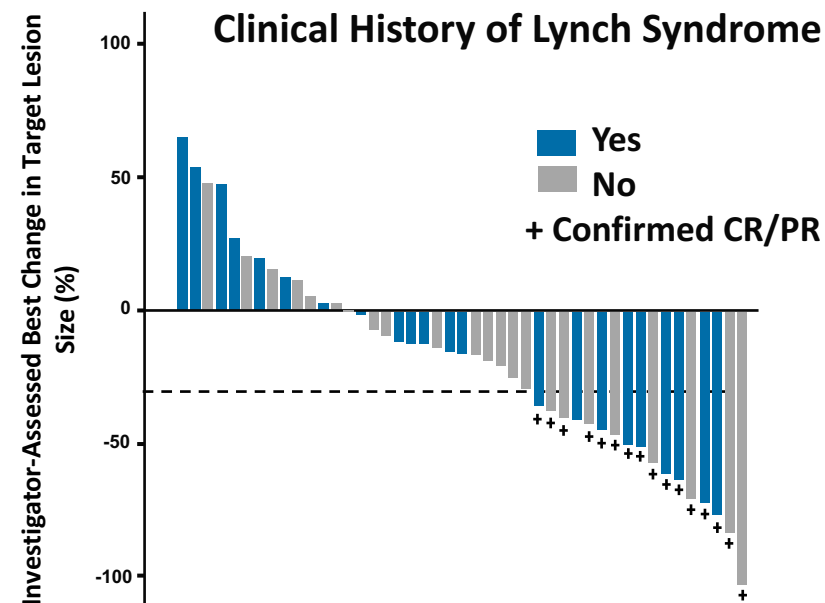
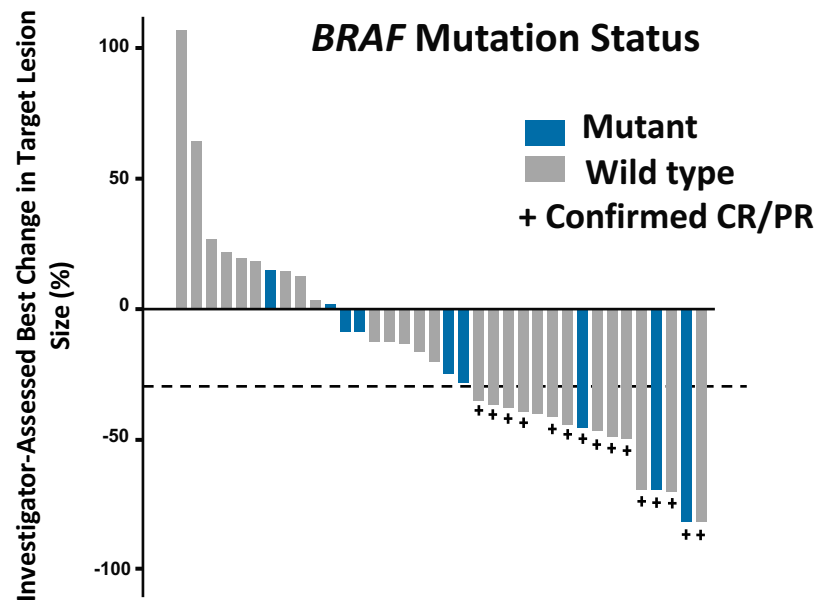
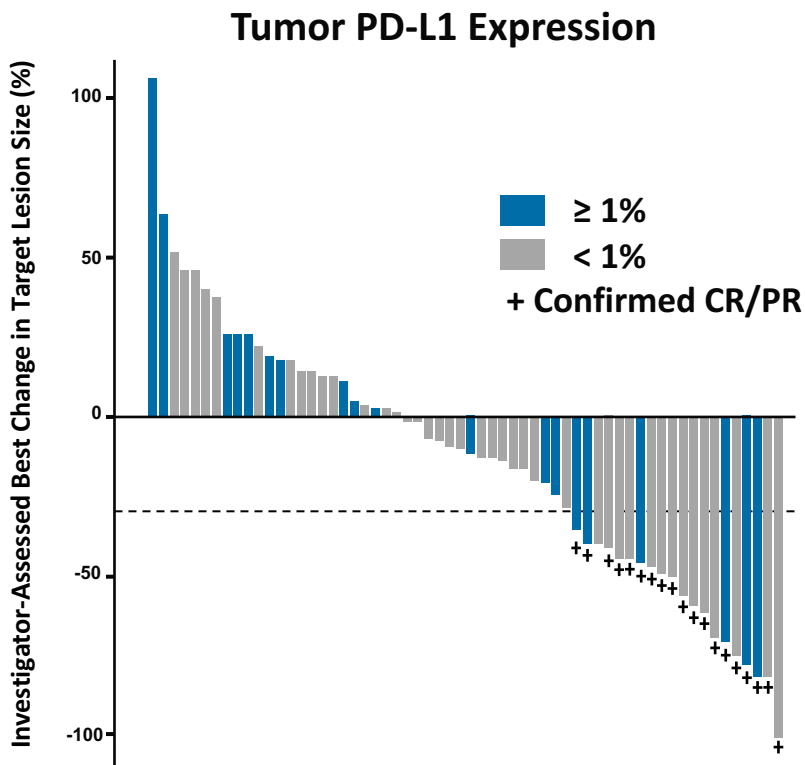


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MLH1/PMS2 loss  
BRAF V600E

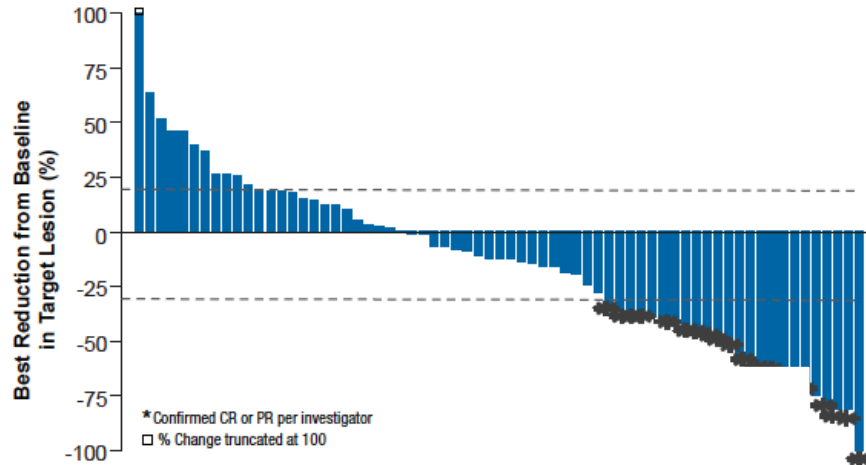


# Reduction in Target Lesions Regardless of PD-L1 Expression, BRAF or Lynch History

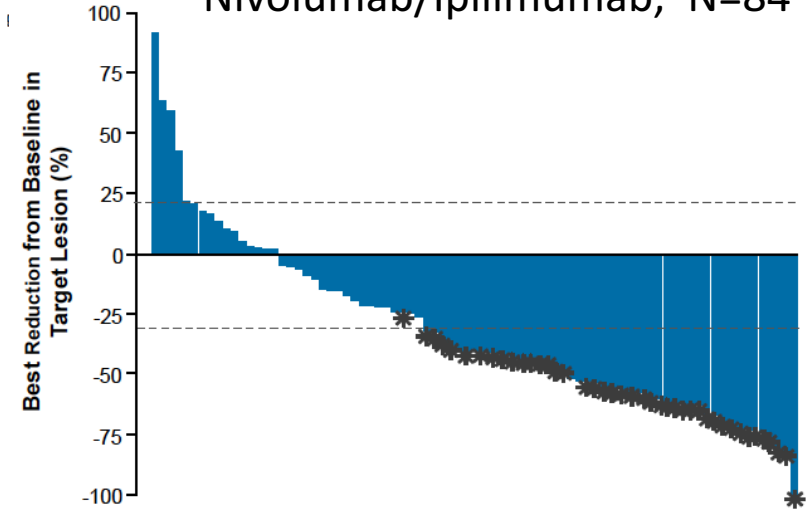


# dMMR CRC Nivolumab vs. Nivolumab/Ipilimumab: Checkmate 142

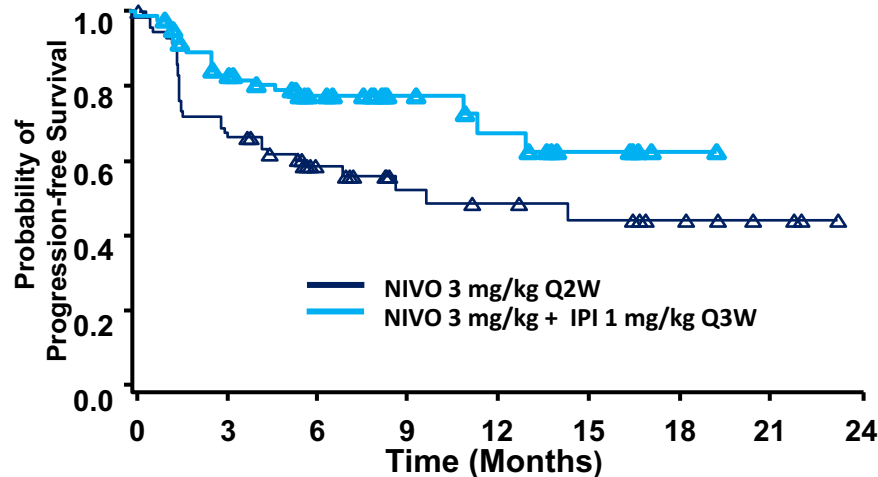
Nivolumab, N=77



Nivolumab/Ipilimumab, N=84



**ORR 31%**  
**≥12wk DCR 69%**  
**12m PFS 48%**

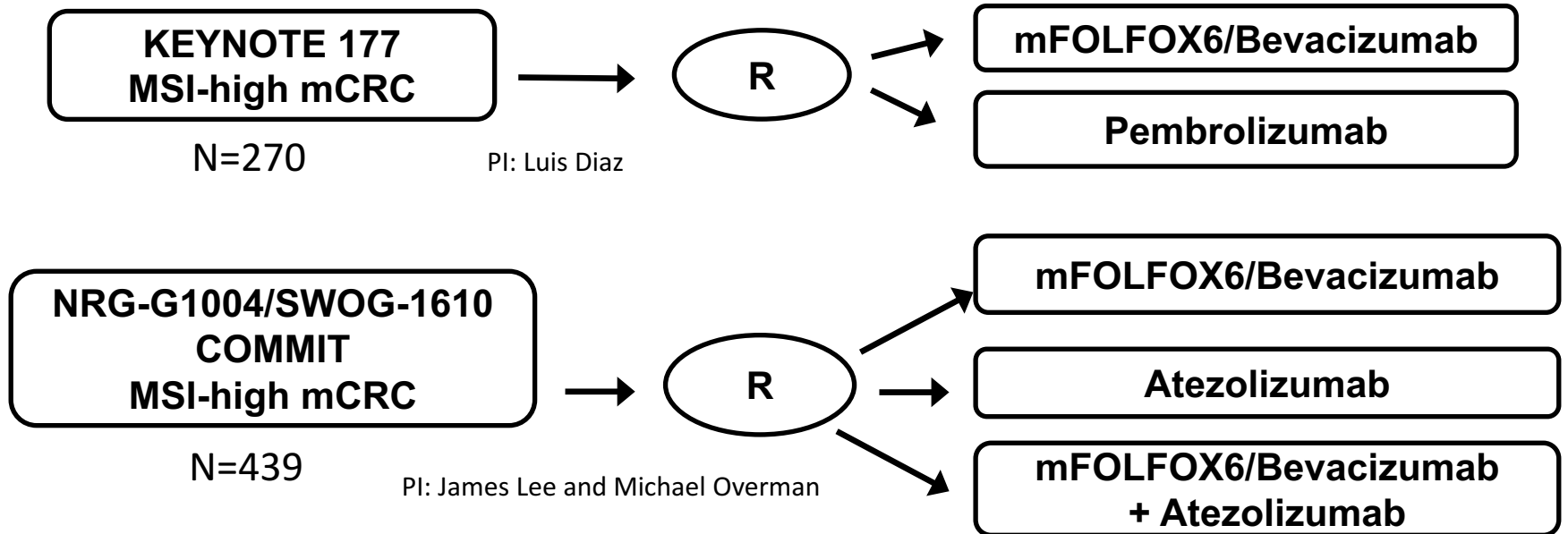


No.at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
NIVO	74	48	22	14	12	10	7	3	0
NIVO + IPI	84	65	35	17	13	8	1	0	0

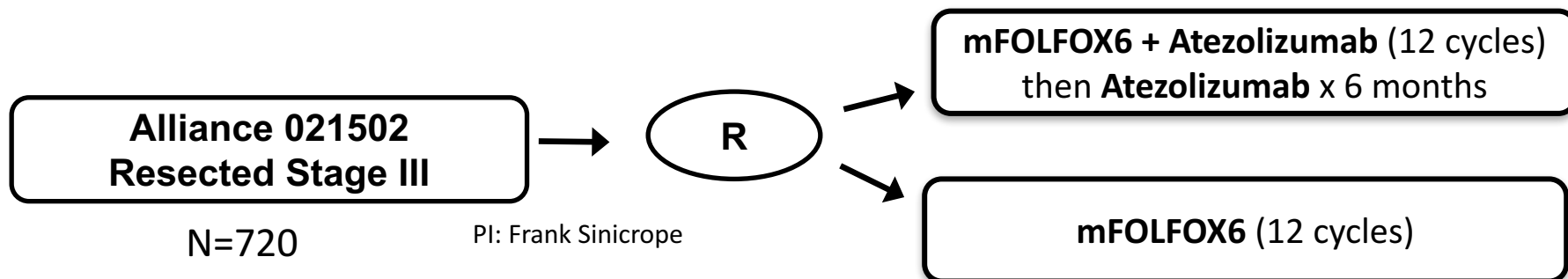
**ORR 55%**  
**≥12wk DCR 79%**  
**12m PFS 77%**

# MSI-h/dMMR Phase III CRC Trials

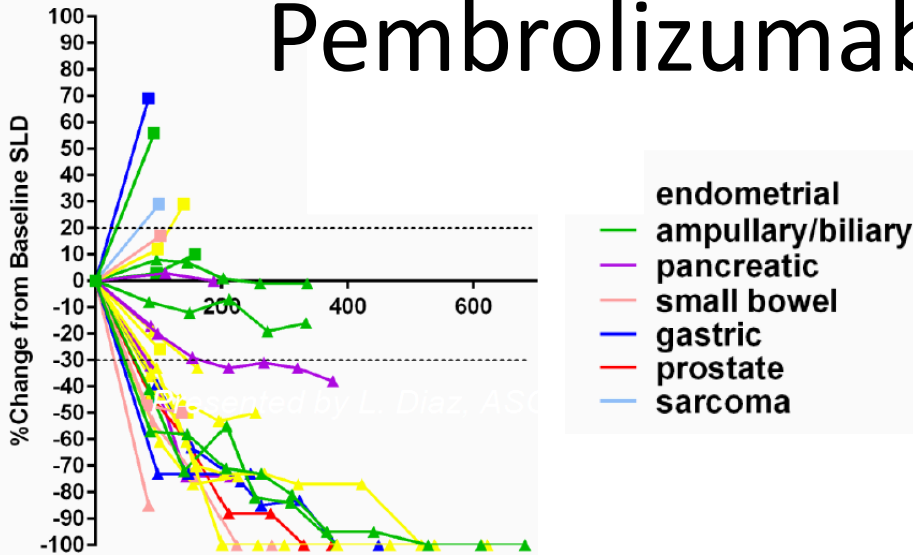
## Frontline Metastatic



## Stage III Adjuvant



# Pembrolizumab: non-CRC



## Rate of dMMR

Cancer type (n=7,817)	MSI-high rate
Uterine	39/277 (14.1%)
Small bowel	6/70 (8.6%)
Prostate	11/178 (6.2%)
CRC	42/1185 (3.5%)
CUP	22/815 (2.7%)
Hepatobiliary	9/389 (2.3%)
Gastroesophageal	6/400 (1.5%)
Neuroendocrine	1/431 (0.2%)
Pancreatic	1/459 (0.2%)
NSCLC	5/2112 (0.2%)
Breast	2/1459 (0.1%)
Anal SCC	0/42 (0%)

	N	Objective response rate n (%)	95% CI
<b>CRC</b>	90	32 (36%)	(26%, 46%)
<b>Non-CRC</b>	59	27 (46%)	(33%, 59%)
Endometrial cancer	14	5 (36%)	(13%, 65%)
Biliary cancer	11	3 (27%)	(6%, 61%)
Gastric or GE junction cancer	9	5 (56%)	(21%, 86%)
Pancreatic cancer	6	5 (83%)	(36%, 100%)
Small intestinal cancer	8	3 (38%)	(9%, 76%)
Breast cancer	2	PR, PR	
Prostate cancer	2	PR, SD	
Bladder cancer	1	NE	
Esophageal cancer	1	PR	
Sarcoma	1	PD	
Thyroid cancer	1	NE	
Retroperitoneal adenocarcinoma	1	PR	
Small cell lung cancer	1	CR	
Renal cell cancer	1	PD	

# Conclusions

- Standard of Care for  $\geq 2^{\text{nd}}$  line metastatic dMMR CRC is now anti-PD1 therapy
  - NCCN recommends either Pembrolizumab or Nivolumab
    - Pembrolizumab is FDA approved for dMMR CRC after fluoropyrimidine/oxaliplatin/irinotecan
  - Test all patients with metastatic CRC for dMMR
  - Phase III Trials for adjuvant and front-line metastatic dMMR CRC are ongoing
- Standard of Care for  $\geq 2^{\text{nd}}$  line metastatic dMMR cancers is now anti-PD1 therapy
  - Pembrolizumab is FDA approved for dMMR cancers
  - Testing methodology not specified by FDA label
- Predictive Factors
  - PD-L1 expression is not a predictive factor for MSS or MSI-high CRC
  - Improved understanding of dMMR intrinsic resistance is needed
  - dMMR is the best predictive marker we have for anti-PD1 therapy!