Optimal Integration of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors into the Management of Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

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Triple Negative Breast Cancer – Management in 2017

Median OS for met. TNBC 12-18 months!



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Antitumor Immunity is a Dynamic Process



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1. Chen and Mellman 2013; 2. Liakou et al. 2008; 3. Herr and Morales 2008; 4. Bajorin et al. 2014

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Schmid P, et al. Personal Communication

Single agent activity of anti-PD-1/PD-L1 in Triple-negative breast cancer

Response to single agent anti-PD-L1/PD-1



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Schmid P, et al. AACR 2017; Adams S, et al ASCO 2017

Pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy in 2L/3L TNBC

KEYNOTE-119 study design



Co-primary endpoints were OS in the CPS ≥10, in the CPS ≥1, and in the ITT populations

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Cortes, et al. ESMO 2019

Pembrolizumab vs chemo in 2L/3L TNBC: OS by PD-L1 CPS (KN119)



OS in the ITT, CPS ≥1 and CPS ≥10 populations were primary endpoints; OS in the CPS ≥20 population was an exploratory endpoint.

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Cortes, et al. ESMO 2019

Combination therapy of anti-PD-1/PD-L1 in Triple-negative breast cancer

CIT can target several steps in the immunity cycle

Combinations to widen the target population and increase efficacy

- 1. Chemotherapy + CIT
- 2. CIT + novel targeted agents (eg PARP, MEK)?
- 3. CIT combination



Atezolizumab (anti-PD-L1) plus chemotherapy in TNBC

IMpassion130 study design



• Co-primary endpoints were PFS and OS in the ITT and PD-L1+ populations

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Schmid P, et al. ESMO 2018 (LBA1); Schmid P, et al NEJM 2018

Progression-free survival: PD-L1 predicts benefit with atezolizumab



Overall survival: PD-L1 status predicts benefit with atezolizumab



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Data cutoff, 14 April 2020. NE, not estimable. ^a *P* value not formally tested per hierarchical study design.

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Overall survival: PD-L1 status predicts benefit with atezolizumab



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Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1) plus chemotherapy in TNBC

KEYNOTE-355 study design



- Taxane, 45%; Gem/carboplatin, 55%
- Prior treatment with same class chemo, 22%
- De novo MBC, 30%; DFI 6-12, 21%; DFI >12, 49%

Nab-paclitaxel, 100 mg/m² IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days Paclitaxel, 90 mg/m² IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days Gemcitabine, 1000 mg/m²/carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 and 8 every 21 days

. Co-primary endpoints were PFS and OS in the CPS ≥10, CPS ≥1, and ITT populations

Statistical design: Overall alpha controlled at one-sided 0.025, split among PFS (0.005), OS (0.018), and ORR (0.002); hierarchical testing PFS (CSP10>CP1>ITT)

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Cortes, et al. ASCO 2020

Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1) plus chemo: Progression-free Survival



Progression-Free Survival in Subgroups: PD-L1 CPS ≥1

			Median PFS (mo)		Hazard Ratio for	
Subgroup		Ν	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo	Progression or Death (95% Cl)	
Overall		636	7.6	5.6	0.74 (0.61 to 0.90)	
Age (years)					· · · ·	
<65 [′]		505	7.5	5.6	0.75 (0.61 to 0.93)	
≥65		• 131	8.2	6.6	0.69 (0.45 to 1.07)	
Geographic region						
N America/EU/ANZ		411	7.6	5.7	0.77 (0.61 to 0.98)	
Asia 🛏		117	7.7	5.6	0.56 (0.36 to 0.89)	
Rest of world		1 08	6.6	5.4	0.84 (0.52 to 1.36)	
ECOG PS		0.07	7 7			
0		387	1.1	6.7	0.78 (0.61 to 1.00)	
1		248	6.6	5.4	0.63 (0.46 to 0.87)	
On-study chemotherapy						
		288	7.6	5.1	0.60 (0.45 to 0.81)	
Gemcitabine/Carboplatin		- 348	7.5	7.5	0.86 (0.66 to 1.11)	
Prior same class chemotherapy	_	106	7 5	E /	0.57(0.27 to 0.96)	
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		- 302	6.8	57	0.85 (0.67 to 1.09)	
No		244	8.0	5.5	0.57 (0.07 to 1.03)	
Disease free interval		277	0.0	0.0	0.37 (0.41 (0.0.70)	
do novo motostosis		200	76	56	0.66 (0.46 to 0.94)	
<12 months			5.8	5.4	0.00(0.49 to 0.04)	
>12 months		304	77	6.6	0.75(0.57 to 0.99)	
Number of metastatic sites			1.1	0.0	0.70 (0.07 to 0.00)	
<3		362	9.2	6.7	0.71 (0.54 to 0.92)	
≥3		271	6.2	5.3	0.70 (0.52 to 0.94)	
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Pé	embro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo			Co	rtes, et al. A

Atezolizumab (anti-PD-L1) plus Paclitaxel in TNBC

IMpassion131 study design



• Co-primary endpoints were PFS (investigator assessed) in the PD-L1+ and ITT populations

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Atezolizumab plus Paclitaxel: Progression-free Survival in PD-L1+



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Median duration of follow-up: 8.6 months (placebo + PAC) vs 9.0 months (atezolizumab + PAC). CI = confidence interval **Prof. P. Schmid, Barts Cancer Institute**

Atezolizumab plus Paclitaxel: Interim Survival Analysis

Updated interim OS analysis (data cut-off: 19 Aug 2020), events in 47% of the ITT population Deaths in PD-L1+ 38 (38%) vs 82 (43%)



Median duration of follow-up: 14.5 months (placebo + PAC) vs 14.1 months (atezolizumab + PAC) in the ITT population **Prof. P. Schmid, Barts Cancer Institute**

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Immunotherapy plus chemo in 1L TNBC: Progression-free Survival



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How to select patients for CIT combination therapy in metastatic TNBC

PD-L1 assessment: key variables to take into account





Type of cell to be considered

- Only tumor cells (TC)
- Only immune cells (IC)
- Both (e.g. CPS)

Modality of the scoring calculation

- Enumeration of positive cells (CPS)
- Area occupied by positive ICs (SP142)

Cut-off value

- ≥1, ≥10, ≥20, >50

Primary antibody clones

- SP142, SP263 and 22C3

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PD-L1-positive TNBC subpopulations

PD-L1 expression in TNBC (SP142 Assay)



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PD-L1 status in primary vs metastatic tissues

OS

Efficacy in PD-L1 IC+

PFS







20%

PD-L1 IC+

40%

60%

0%



PD-L1 IC+

^a Evaluable population (n = 901). PD-L1 IC+: PD-L1 in ≥ 1% of IC as percentage of tumour area assessed with the SP142 assay. HRs adjusted for prior taxanes, presence of liver metastases, age and ECOG PS. Median time of sample collection to randomization: 61 days. No major differences were

observed for clinical benefit in samples collected within 61 days of randomization or beyond that period (Emens, et al, manuscript in preparation).

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PFS and OS by different PD-L1 Assay: SP142 (IC 1%) and 22C3 (CPS 1)



Double positive: SP142 IC \geq 1%, 22C3 CPS \geq 1; single positive: SP142 IC < 1%, 22C3 CPS \geq 1; double negative: SP142 IC < 1%, 22C3 CPS < 1. HR adjusted for prior taxanes, presence of liver metastases, age and ECOG PS.

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PD-L1-positive TNBC subpopulations



Pembrolizumab vs chemo in 2L/3L TNBC: OR and OS by PD-L1 CPS



Safety of CPI in metastatic TNBC

Toxicities with Immune checkpoint Inhibitors



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Toxicities with Immune checkpoint Inhibitors



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Kinetic of anti-tumour and auto-immune response



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Toxicities with Immune checkpoint Inhibitors

- Timing can be highly variable
- irAE can occur even months after the end of treatment
- Time course might be even more variable with novel combinations



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IMpassion130: Most common AEs regardless of attribution



IMpassion130: Immune-Related Adverse Events



Most Clinically Relevant AESI by Grade

4.1% 2.2%

6.8%

Immune-Mediated AESI Requiring Systemic Corticosteroids

Schneeweiss, Rugo et al, ASCO 2019; Schmid et al, Lancet Oncol 2019

4%

3%

0%

1%

Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel Placebo + nab-paclitaxel

5%

6%

7%

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KEYNOTE-355: Most common AEs regardless of attribution



KEYNOTE-355: Immune-Related Adverse Events



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IMpassion130 PRO Analysis



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Managing Side Effects from Immune checkpoint Inhibitors



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Management of immune-related adverse events (irAE)

- Variable presentation in terms of system, combinations and timing ("anything can potentially be immune-mediated")
 - Endocrinopathies, Rash, Pneumonitis, Colitis and Hepatitis account for >90% of irAEs
 - But be aware of rare and possibly serious events
- Early recognition and treatment initiation critical
- Oncologist should lead irAE management (but consultation with subspecialty services in cases that are not straight forward)
- Steroids are highly effective therapy and don't affect efficacy of CPI ("rather once too often steroids than not giving if required")
- Long steroid taper (4-6 weeks) and multiple courses may be needed

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41 y/o woman, BRCA1 mutation carrier What would you do at this stage?

- Chemo
- Chemo + CIT
- PARP inhibitor
- Further tests



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Stromal TILs & BRCA status and treatment benefit for atezolizumab



Stromal TILs have clinical benefit if co-occurring with PD-L1 IC+

The clinical benefit derived by PD-L1 IC+ patients was independent of their *BRCA1/2* mutation status

BEP (TILs): n = 893. Cutoff of 10% was used to distinguish low vs intermediate/high levels of TILs (Denkert Lancet Oncol 2018). All P values are nominal. ^a Data derived from contingency table with Fisher exact tests.

Emens LA, et al. IMpassion130 biomarkers. SABCS 2018 (program #GS1-04)

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32 y/o woman



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2 months later, symptoms resolved





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49 y/o woman

2 months later, symptoms resolved



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Take-home messages

Single-agent anti-PD-L1/anti-PD-1 in metastatic TNBC

- Durable responses and substantial OS in metastatic TNBC
- Better response in earlier lines of therapy; phase 3 in pre-treated patients negative
- Biomarkers unable to reliably predict responders; high CPS identifies inflamed tumours

Combination of chemotherapy and anti-PD-L1/anti-PD-1 in metastatic TNBC

- Atezolizumab plus Nab-Paclitaxel improves PFS and OS in 1st line mTNBC
- Pembrolizumab plus Taxanes or Gem/Carboplatin improves PFS in 1st line mTNBC
- Effect largely limited to PD-L1+ tumours (SP142 Atezo; CPS10 Pembro)
- Combinations well tolerated
- Alternative strategies required for PD-L1-negative tumours (eg triplet with AKT)
- CAVEAT around use of Paclitaxel as Pac+Atezo fails to improve PFS in 1st line mTNBC

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