

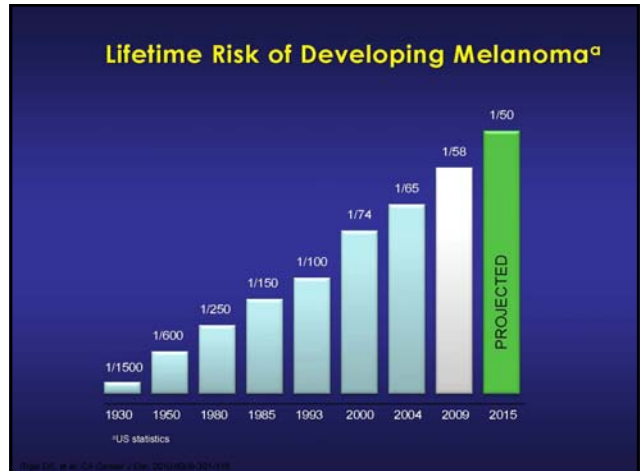
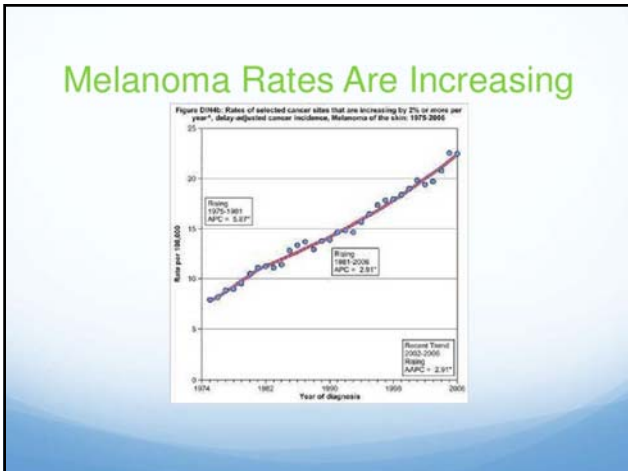
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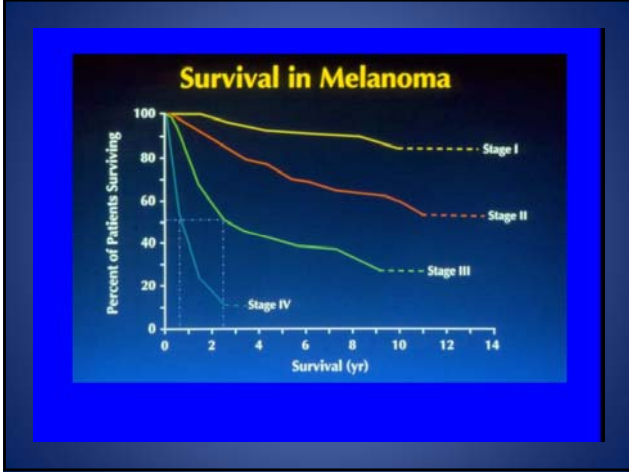
## Management of Advanced Melanoma

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## Statistics

- 68,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma each year in U.S.
- 8,700 people die of melanoma each year in U.S.
- Sixth most common cancer in U.S.



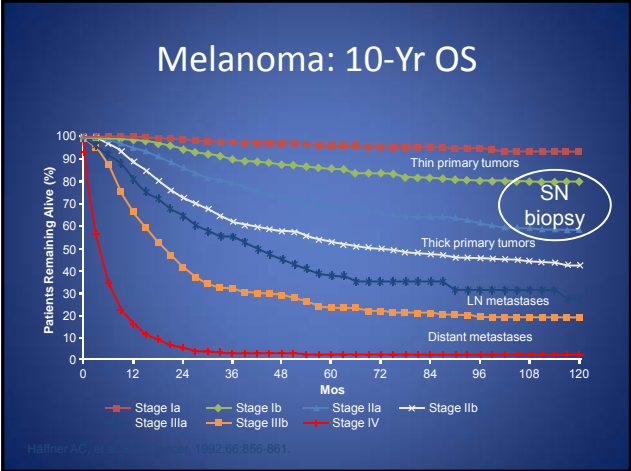


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## Adjuvant Therapy for Melanoma

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### What Is the Objective of Therapy?

- The “gold standard” and ultimate goal is to improve OS
- Delay of relapse/recurrence is also beneficial

“OS is better than RFS but RFS is better than nothing”

### Practice Considerations

- What is high-risk melanoma?
- Why treat? What is the objective of therapy?
- What agent should we use?

### Adjuvant IFN alfa Regimens: 2013

Schedule	Dose	Frequency	Duration
<b>Low dose</b>			
	3 MIU	3 x wkly	18-24 mos
<b>Intermediate dose</b>			
Induction	10 MIU	5 x wkly	4 wks
Maintenance	10 MIU	3 x wkly	12-24 mos
	5 MIU	3 x wkly	24 mos
<b>High dose</b>			
Induction	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly	4 wks
Maintenance	10 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	3 x wkly	11 mos
<b>Short course</b>			
Induction x 1	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly	4 wks
<b>Intermittent</b>			
Induction x 3	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly for 4 wks q4m

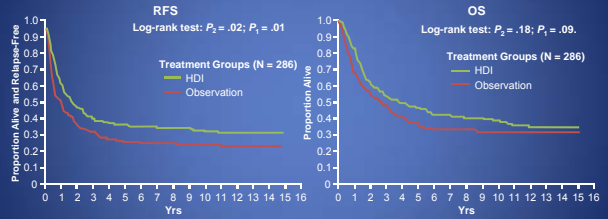
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### HDI alfa-2b Trials for AJCC Stage IIB/III Melanoma

Study	Eligibility	N	Treatment Agent/Dosage/Duration	Effect on	
				RFS	OS
ECOG 1684 <sup>[1]</sup>	T4, N1	287	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos	+	+
ECOG 1690 <sup>[2]</sup>	T4, N1	642	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos vs 3 MU/day SC TIW x 2 yrs	+	-
ECOG 1694 <sup>[3]</sup>	T4, N1	880	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos vs GMK vaccine x 96 wks	+	+
NCCTG 837052 <sup>[4]</sup>	T3,T4,N1	262	IFN alfa-2a 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /day IM TIW x 3 mos	-	-

1. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 1996;14:7-17. 2. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2004;22:1670-1677. 3. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2001;19:1430-1436. 4. Creagan ET, et al. J Clin Oncol. 1997;15:2780-2783.

### HDI in Stage IIB/III Melanoma (ECOG 1684): Efficacy at 12.6-Yr Follow-up

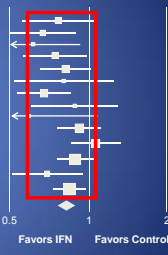


	Total	Dead or Relapsed	Alive or Relapse Free	Median
Observation	140	106	34	1.0
HDI	146	95	51	1.7

Kirkwood JM, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2004;10:1670-1677.

### Meta-Analysis: Effect of IFN on RFS

Study	HR	LL	UL	SE	N	Events (IFN/Control)
NCCTG (Creagan, 1995)	0.76	0.56	1.04	0.16	264	77/85
E1684 (Kirkwood, 1996)	0.67	0.50	0.88	0.14	287	90/103
AMCG (Pentimberg, 1998)	0.81	0.40	0.93	0.21	315	37/57
FCGM (Grob, 1998)	0.74	0.56	0.98	0.14	499	100/119
E1699 (Kirkwood, 2001)	0.81	0.65	1.01	0.11	880	239/294
SMG (Cameron, 2001)	0.80	0.52	1.23	0.22	96	32/35
E1684 (Kirkwood, 2001)	0.57	0.33	0.85	0.12	880	98/151
WHO (Cascinelli, 2001)	0.88	0.60	1.28	0.20	444	162/158
E2696 (Kirkwood, 2001)	0.59	0.32	1.07	0.31	107	28/38
UKCCCR (Hancock, 2004)	0.91	0.75	1.10	0.10	674	211/215
EORTC18871 (Kleeberg, 2004)	1.05	0.84	1.31	0.11	484	159/218
EORTC18952 (Eggermont, 2005)	0.88	0.75	1.03	0.08	1388	596/328
DeCOG (Garbe, 2005)	0.69	0.51	0.84	0.16	295	84/102



Adjuvant IFN (various doses and durations) improved RFS in almost every study: 18% increase (P < .001)

1. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29:4033-4041.

### Historical Data: Summary

- IFN alfa-2b has been the only agent to show success in randomized trials
- Side effects associated with IFN
- All other adjuvant therapy trials to date with vaccines, chemotherapy, and other immunotherapy agents have been negative
- Adjuvant RT improves local control but not distant relapse

## Conclusions:

- High-risk melanoma is defined as T4N0 and T (any), N+
- Although OS benefit of adjuvant therapy is not consistent, RFS is a “bridge”
- IFN alfa-2b is the only approved agent (HDI for 1 yr or peg IFN for up to 5 yrs)
- 1-mo induction alone is not effective
- Certain subsets of patients may benefit more than others, but this needs confirmed in randomized studies

## Adjuvant Therapy in 2013: Considerations

- Death and relapse risk are still accurately predicted by analysis of the PN and SN
  - Many deaths occur from node-negative melanoma
- Ipilimumab and BRAF-targeted therapy (for *BRAF*-mutated tumors) prolong survival in metastatic disease
- Adjuvant therapy is now the “bridge” between treatment of the primary tumor and stage IV disease

## Comments/Clinical Implications New questions and priorities

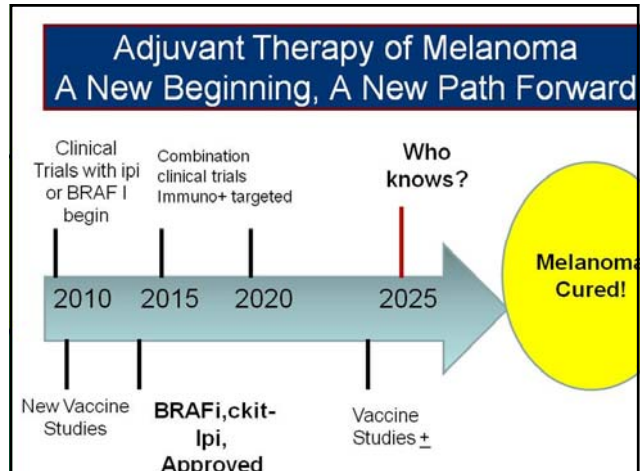
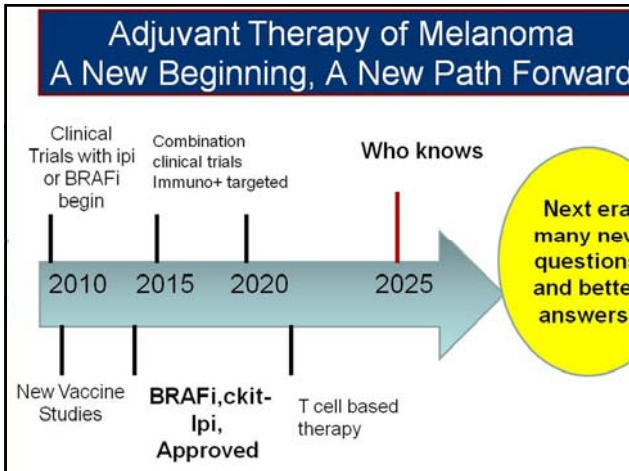
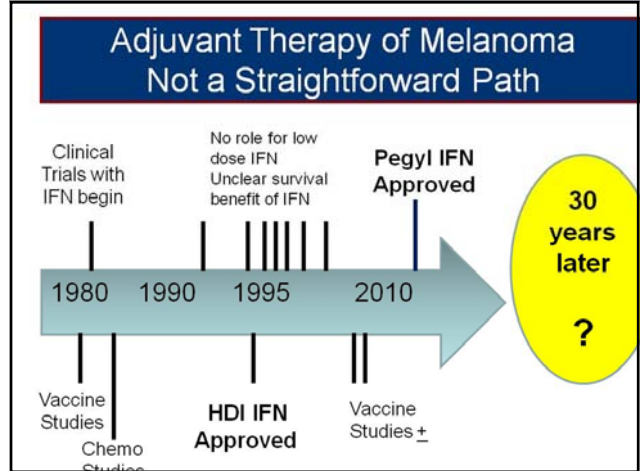
5. Which agent(s) and for how long?
6. Do we build upon these results or start over?
7. What is the appropriate control arm?
8. When and how do we test for mutation status (BRAF, ckit)?
9. What is the best endpoint (RFS, OS)?
10. Role of chemo, role of vaccines-more unclear

## Comments/Clinical Implications

- 4) Further “tweaking” of IFN dose, schedule, route, type, is not going to move the field forward.



New Phase III Adjuvant Studies				
Study Sponsor	Agents to be Tested	Primary Endpoint	Accrual Goal	Study Status
BMS	Ipi vs No treatment	RFS	950	Accrual complete
EORTC	Peg IFN 2 yrs. vs no Rx. (ulcerated melanoma > 1 mm.	RFD	1200	Start Date April 2012
GSK DERMA	MAGE 3 Vaccine vs placebo	DFS	1300	Open to accrual
ECOG 1609	Ipi vs HD IFN	RFS	1500	Open to accrual
Genetech/Roche	Vem 960 mg vs placebo (1 year)	DFS	725	Start Date 2012
GSK	Dabrafenib (BRAFi) +Trametinb (MEKi) vs no placebo	RFS	852	Start Date 2012

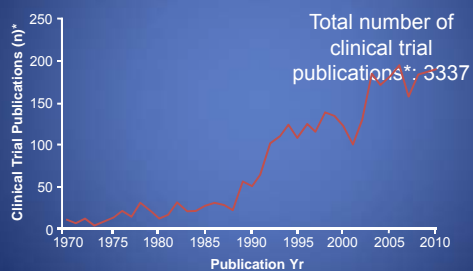




### Historical Perspective: "Advanced Melanoma is a Bad disease"

- 9<sup>th</sup> most common malignancy but 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of potential life years lost
- Mortality"
  1. Increasing compared to other cancers
  2. Median Survival stuck at 6 – 9 months
- 1. Therapy:
  1. Few effective medical options
  2. Number of positive Phase I trials: 0
- Medical Investigator Community: **Demoralized**

### > 3000 Trials Between 1970 and 2010 Had No Real Clinical Impact

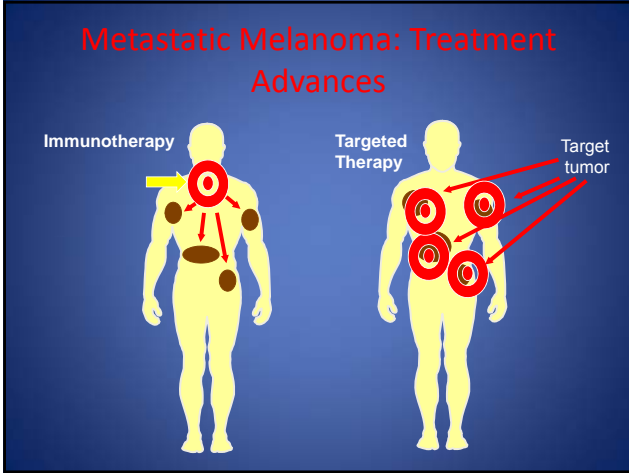


\*Data collected using PubMed; search criteria: "melanoma clinical trial."  
US National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health.

### Why not Chemotherapy?

- Chemotherapy has never demonstrated its ability to confer complete, durable responses
- Response rates of chemotherapy range between 5-15%.
- Responses are generally partial
- PFS averages 3 months
- All the usual toxicities associated with chemotherapy





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## Targeted Therapy

### Targeting B-RAF: How we got here

1. Transformative potential of cancer genome characterization

### BRAF Mutations in Melanoma

Wellbrock et al.,  
*Nature Reviews*, 2004

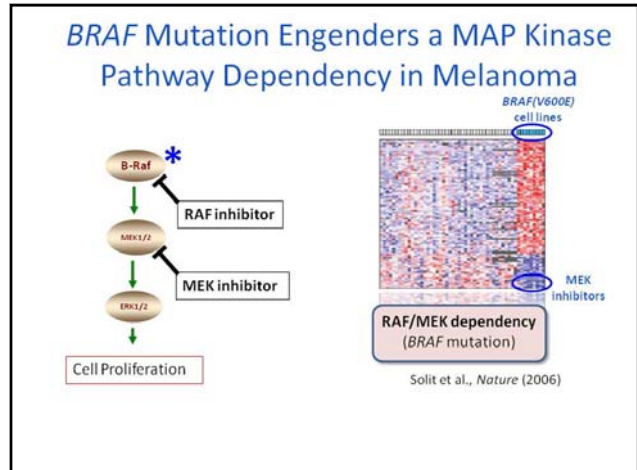
The diagram shows a horizontal bar representing the BRAF protein structure. It is divided into three main regions: CR1 (green), CR2 (orange), and CR3 (red). A 'Glycine rich loop' is indicated by a dashed line pointing to a specific part of the CR2 region. An 'Activation segment' is indicated by a dashed line pointing to a specific part of the CR3 region. A vertical red line extends upwards from the CR3 region.

- Discovered by systematic cancer sequencing (Davies et al., *Nature*, 2002)
  - Discovery set of 15 tumor/normal pairs (only 1 melanoma!)
  - Validation in 378 pairs
- Valine to Glutamate (or Lysine) substitution at **codon 600** is the most common (>90%) and therapeutically relevant mutation
  - **BRAF<sup>V600E</sup>**, **BRAF<sup>V600K</sup>**



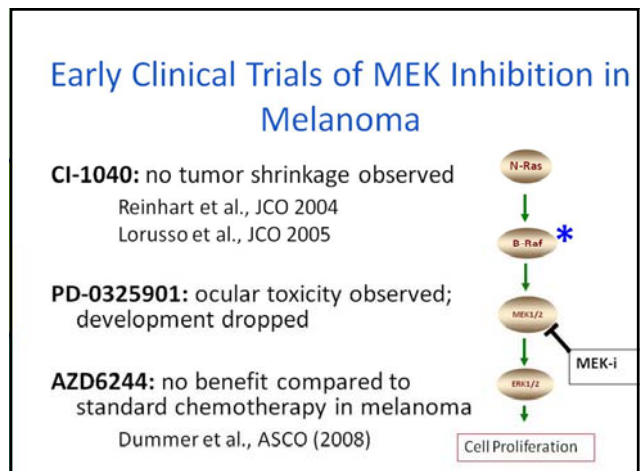
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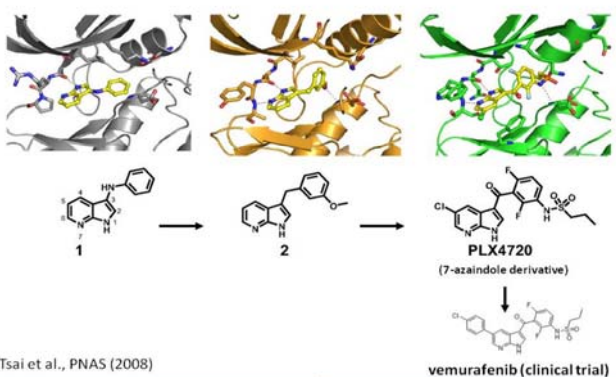
### Caveats to early RAF/MEK trials

- Suboptimal drug pharmacodynamics
  - No patient stratification based on genetics
  - Possible “off-target” dose-limiting toxicities
- The “right” clinical experiment had not yet been performed!

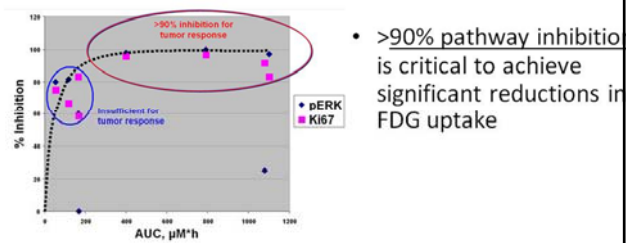
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4. “Pillars” of therapeutic success

### Pillar #1: design of a highly selective inhibitor

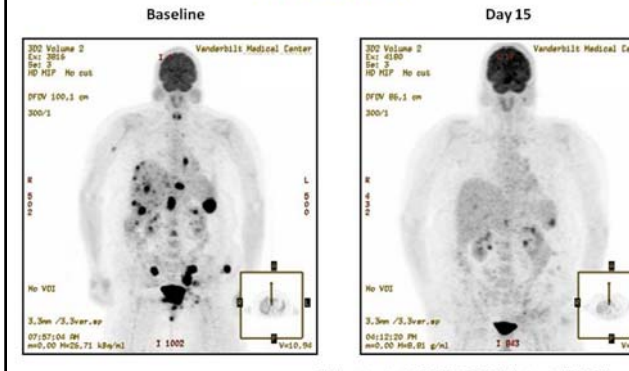


### Pillar #2: Achieving optimal target and pathway inhibition



Puzanov...Flaherty, ASCO 2009

**Pillar #3: Genetic profiling to identify *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup> melanomas**



**BRAF Inhibitors**

- B-RAF is a protein kinase within the RAS-RAF pathway
- Mutations of the BRAF gene result in activation of the BRAF protein
- Approximately 50% of all melanoma patients harbor a BRAF mutation and 90% occur at the V600E position
- Activated BRAF promotes cell proliferation
- BRAF inhibitors bind to the mutated BRAF and renders it inactive leading to disease control

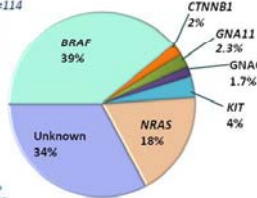
**Melanoma Molecular Profiling Results**

7/1/10-3/31/11

**Melanoma Panel: 297 patients**

190/297 (64%) Patients with Mutation  
102/297 (34%) No Mutation Identified  
5/297 ( 2%) No Results Obtained

V600 total=114  
V600E =95  
V600K =12  
V600R =4  
V600E2 =2  
V600M =1



**6 Double Mutants**  
NRAS-G13R/CTNNB1-S45P  
NRAS-Q61L/CTNNB1-S45P  
\*NRAS-Q12C/KIT-K642E  
BRAF-V600E/CTNNB1-S37C  
BRAF-V600E/CTNNB1-S45P  
BRAF-V600K/CTNNB1-S45P

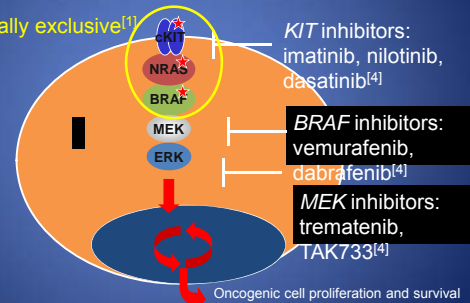
• Mutations V600E/K/R, associated with sensitive BRAF inhibitor vemurafenib or GSK2118436 or MEK inhibitor GSK21101212

• Mutations in CKIT K642L576P, and V559A associated with imatinib - nilotinib, sunitinib sensitivity

• Mutations in NRAS, GNA11,CTNNB1 all unknown sensitivity

**MAP Kinase Pathway Targeting in Melanoma**

*cKIT*, *NRAS*, *BRAF* mutated in ~ 70% of melanomas, usually mutually exclusive<sup>[1]</sup>



1. Sosman JA, et al. ASCO 2011 Educational Book. 2. Arkenau HT, et al. Br J Cancer. 2011;104:392-398. 3. Thomas N, et al. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2007;16:991-997. 4. Nikolou VA, et al. J Invest Dermatol. 2012;132:854-863.

### BRAF Mutation Testing

- BRAF mutations are present throughout melanoma disease progression
  - If metastasis biopsy not available, most recent melanoma surgery sample adequate (eg, lymph node)
- BRAF mutation testing is commercially available
  - FDA-approved method used in vemurafenib clinical trials
  - *cobas* 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test

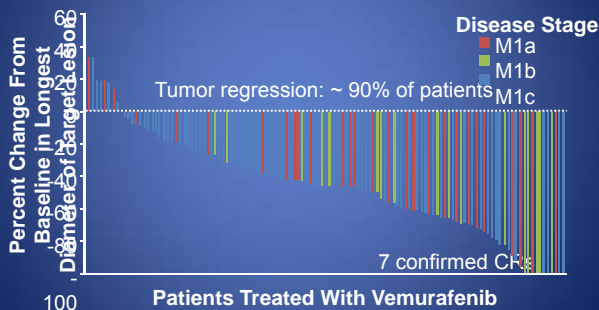
### BRIM 2 trial objective

- To confirm the ORR and anti-tumor activity of vemurafenib in previously treated patients with BRAF<sup>V600</sup>-mutated melanoma



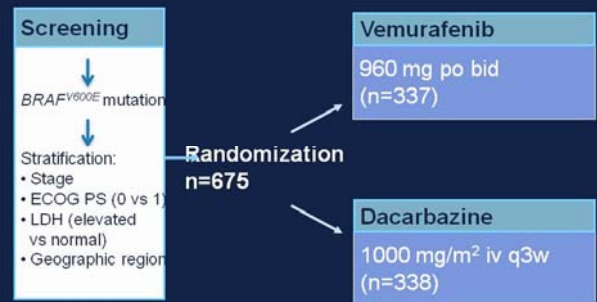
BID, twice daily; IRC: independent review committee; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival

### BRIM-2 Phase II Study of Vemurafenib in Metastatic Melanoma: Tumor Regression



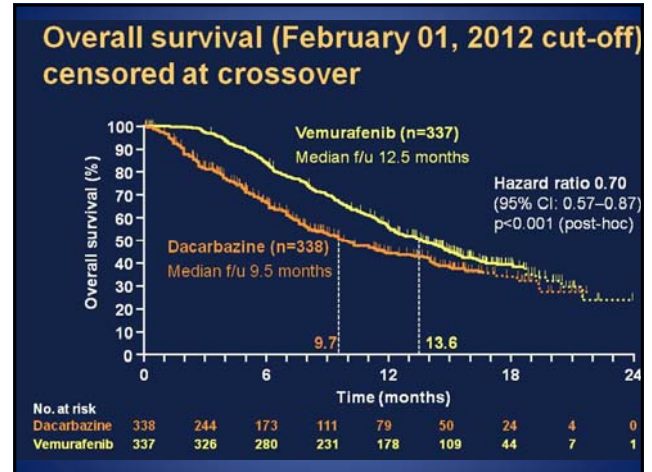
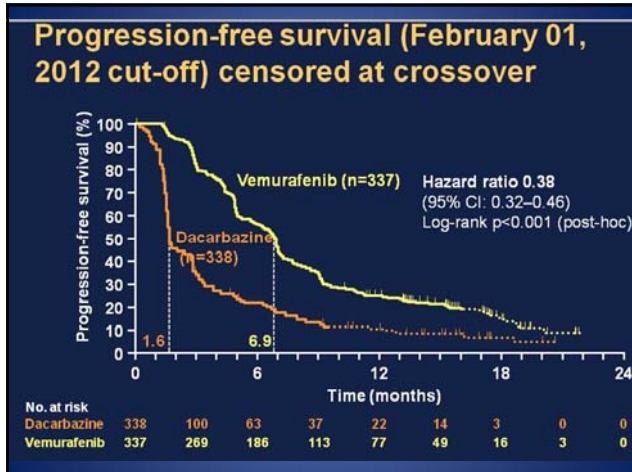
Seaman et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012;30:707-714.

### Phase III BRIM-3 trial: Study design



Co-primary endpoints were OS and PFS





## Conclusions

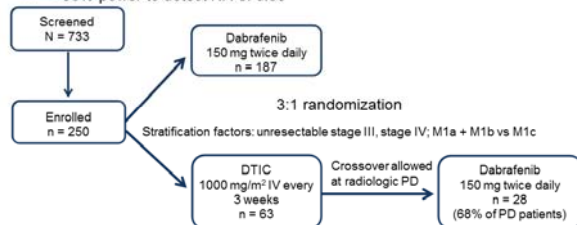
- With a median of 12.5 months follow-up, vemurafenib continues to be associated with improved efficacy compared with dacarbazine:
  - Improved OS (median 13.6 months, HR 0.70)
    - Initial analysis HR 0.37 indicates marked effect on early deaths
  - Improved PFS (median 6.9 months)
  - Improved confirmed objective response rate (57%)
  - Efficacy seen across all subgroups
- Consistent safety profile

Are there other Inhibitors??



## BRAF Inhibitor: Dabrafenib BREAK-3 Front-Line Study Design

- Primary endpoint: Investigator-assessed PFS
- >95% power to detect HR of 0.33



Secondary objectives: OS, ORR in both groups and after crossover, PFS2 (after crossover), duration of response, safety/tolerability, and BRAF mutation assay validation



Dr. Pavlick

Hauschild A et al. ASCO 2012 Annual Meeting, Abstract LBA8500.

ASCO University

ASCO Tumor Boards

## Dabrafenib Study

- RR, PFS and OS similar to Vemurafenib studies
- Different Toxicity pattern:
  1. KA and SCC was seen in 7% vs. 11% and 19% with vemurafenib
  2. Pyrexia in 15%, rare in vemurafenib

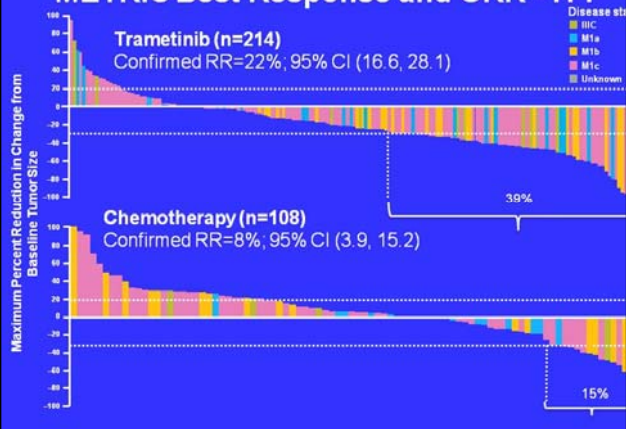
Given similar efficacy, toxicity differences may determine utilization

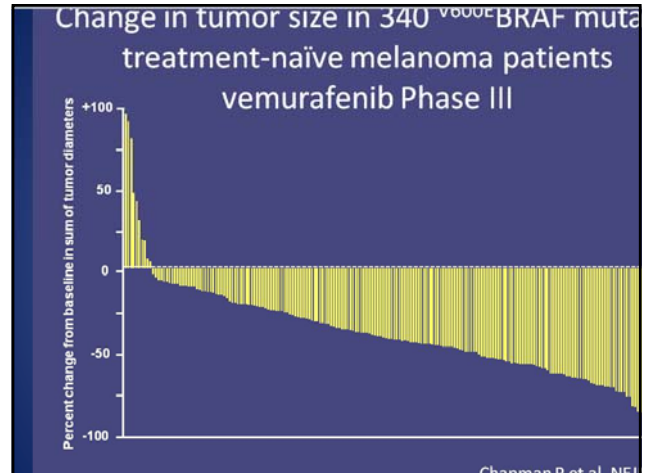
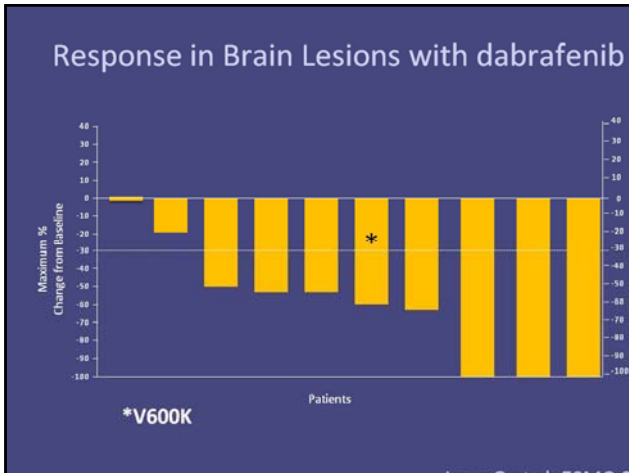
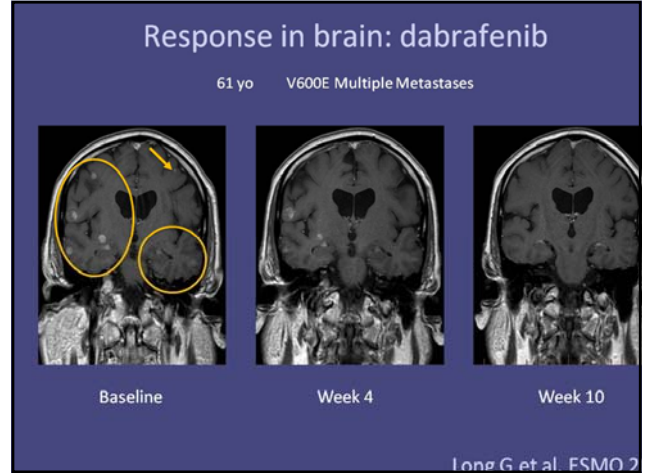
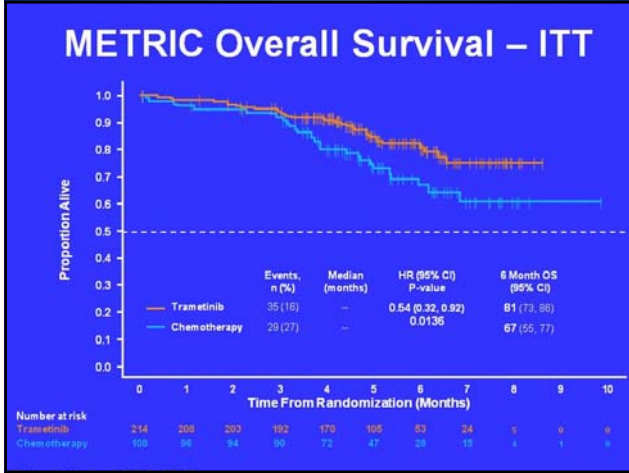
## METRIC Phase 3 Study: Efficacy of Trametinib, a potent and selective MEK inhibitor, in progression-free survival and overall survival, compared with chemotherapy in patients with BRAF<sup>V600E/K</sup> mutant advanced or metastatic melanoma

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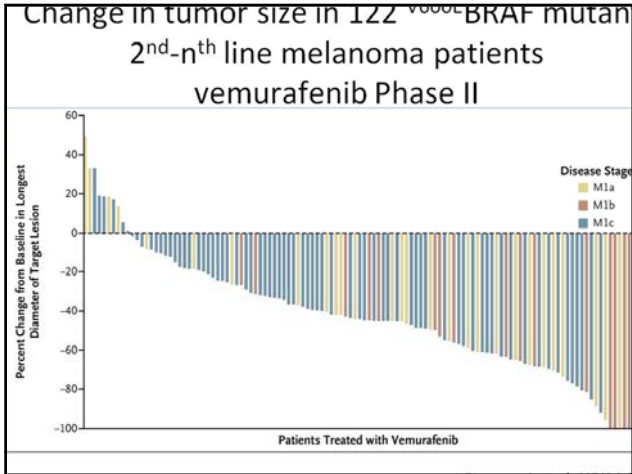
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## METRIC Best Response and ORR - ITT



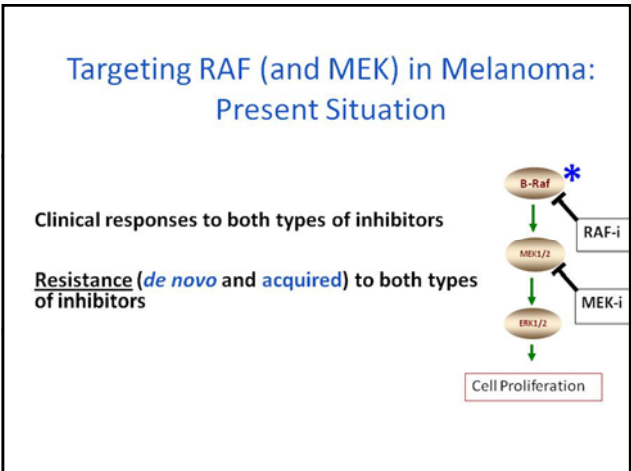
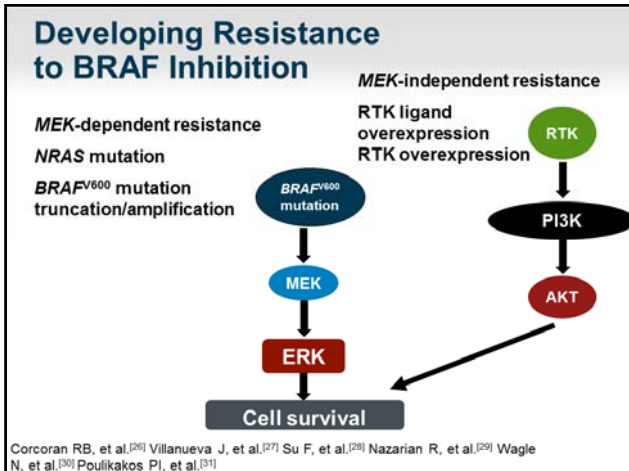






## Conclusions

- BRAF inhibitors represents effective palliative therapy who present with symptomatic metastatic disease
- Early antitumor activity consistently observed regardless of line of therapy
- Is there a risk of diminished response/duration of response if withheld until patients are symptomatic (high LDH)?



### Targeting RAF (and MEK) in Melanoma: The Path Forward

**Clinical responses to both types of inhibitors**

**Resistance (*de novo* and acquired) to both types of inhibitors**

**Goals:**

- Define the spectrum of resistance mechanisms (even before clinical data is fully available)
- Speed the development of rational therapeutic combinations

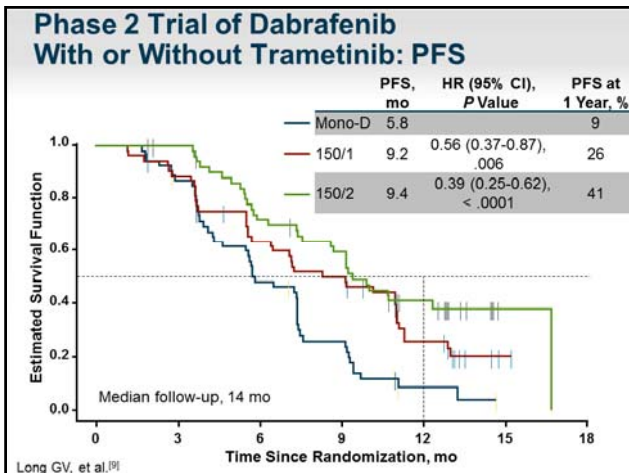
### Combining BRAF/MEK Inhibitors

**Dabrafenib (BRAFi)**  
PFS, 5.1 mo; RR, 53%<sup>a</sup>  
AE, hyperproliferative skin lesions

**Trametinib (MEKi)**  
OS HR, 0.54 (vs chemo)  
PFS, 4.8 mo; RR, 22%<sup>b</sup>  
AE, rash

Preclinical data show BRAF + MEK inhibition delays resistance to BRAF inhibitors and reduces the incidence of hyperproliferative skin adverse effects vs single-agent use.

a. Hauschild A, et al.<sup>[9]</sup>  
b. Flaherty K.<sup>[32]</sup>



### Combination Therapy

Combination therapies appear to improve duration of response and overall survival in BRAF mutated patients

Toxicities are not additive and appear manageable

Clinical trials ongoing to expand on targeted therapy combinations. The combination of dabrafenib and trametinib, both FDA-approved agents, appears to have limited efficacy in patients who have progressed on previous BRAF-targeted therapy

## Molecular Therapy of Melanoma

- Therapeutic options dictate evaluation of MM for mutations, V600E, V600k, C-Kit. ? NRAS, others
  - WT tumors derive no benefit and may be harmed
- Response duration > 6.7 mos median
- Phased III Brim study: OS and PFS positive
- Resistance via pathway reactivation, both MEK and non-MEK dependent

Targeted BRAF inhibitors have replaced initial chemotherapy for systemic therapy of symptomatic patients with mutated tumors

## FDA Approved Molecular Therapy

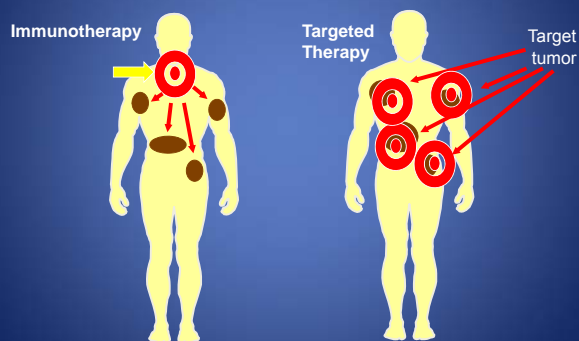
### BRAF Inhibitors:

- Vemurafenib (Velboraf)
- Dabrafenib (Taflinar)

### MEK Inhibitors:

- Trametinib (Mekinist)

## Metastatic Melanoma: Treatment Advances



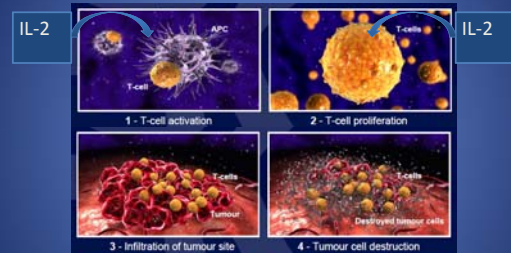
Immunotherapy

## Selected Novel Immunotherapeutic Concepts in Advanced Melanoma

- FDA approved
  - IL-2
  - Ipilimumab (CTLA-4 blocking mAb)
- Investigational
  - Nivolumab, pembrolizumab (PD-1 blocking mAb)
  - MPDL3280A (PD-L1 blocking mAb)
  - T-VEC (an oncolytic virus)

## Interleukin-2: A Key Modulator of T-Cell Activation and Proliferation

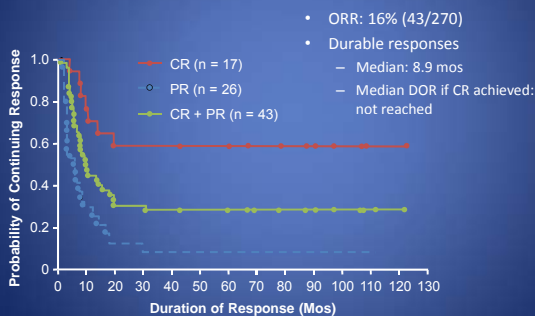
Enhances active non-specific immune function



IL-2 acts as a key activation and proliferation factor of T-cells and may have a role in T-cell recruitment

Abbas AK and Lichtman AH. Cellular and Molecular Immunology, 2003.

## High-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Metastatic Melanoma



Atkins MB, et al. J Clin Oncol. 1999;17:2105-2116.

## mM Case Study: Clinical & Radiographic Response Despite Tumor Burden

**March 2005**

**September 2009**

**History**

- Dx: 6/2000 – T2a
- Recurrence 3/2005 – M1c

**March 2005**

- Heavy hepatic tumor burden/hepatic dysfunction
- Mediastinal LAD (shown) and a subpleural nodule (not shown)

**Treatment & Outcomes**

- 2005 – Proleukin x 3 courses
- 2006 – Resumed working
- 2008 – CT A/P – few small areas of liver attenuation

**September 2009**

- No identifiable liver lesions and normal LFTs
- No mediastinal LAD

Results not typical

## Metastatic Melanoma IL-2 Key Points:

- 16% response rate (6% CR, 10% PR)<sup>1</sup>
- 45% of responders were long-term survivors beyond 5 years (range: >70 mo to >150 mo)
- Median duration of response for CRs had yet to be reached<sup>1</sup>
- Disease progression not observed in any patient responding for longer than 30 months<sup>1</sup>

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Atkins, J Clin Oncol, 1999, 70:2105-2116 ;

## Relationship of MAPKinase pathway mutations and response to HD IL-2

Mutation	All	CR/PR	SD/PD	P-value
BRAF	60	14(23%)	46 (77%)	0.05
NRAS	15	7 (47%)	8 (53%)	
WT	26	3 (12%)	23 (88%)	

A significantly larger proportion of patients with BRAF or NRAS mutant tumors achieved CR/PR compared to those with WT tumors.

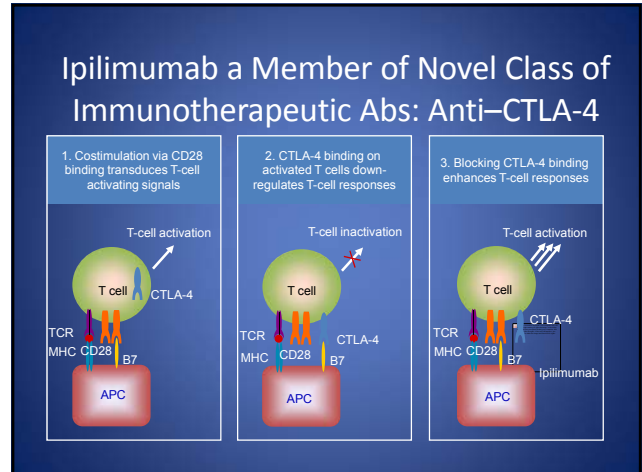
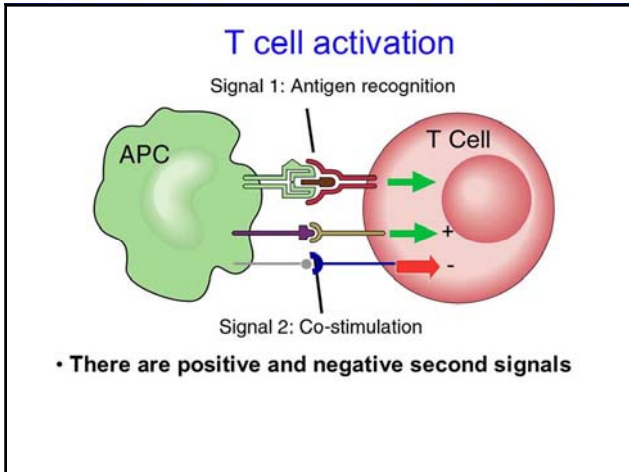
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## Checkpoint Inhibitors

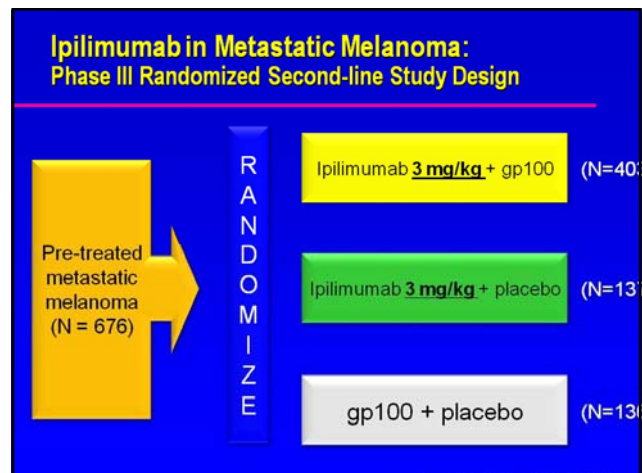
## Activation of Naive T Cells Requires Two Indep. Signals Delivered by the Same APC

- Primary signal: MHC class II + antigen on antigen presenting cells binds to the T cell receptor
- Costimulatory signal required to activate the T cell
  - The principal costimulatory molecules expressed on APCs are B7 molecules that bind T cell protein CD28

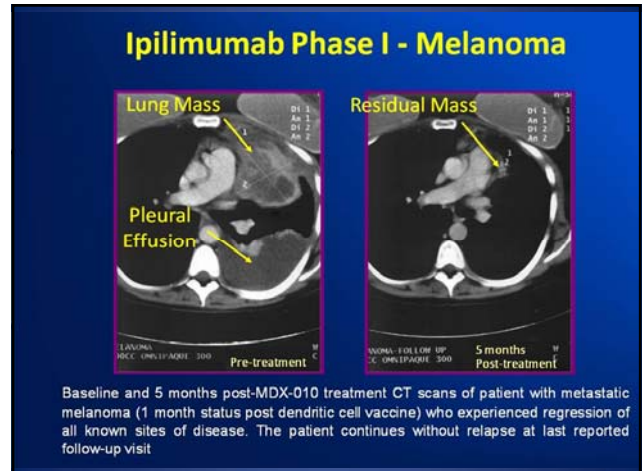
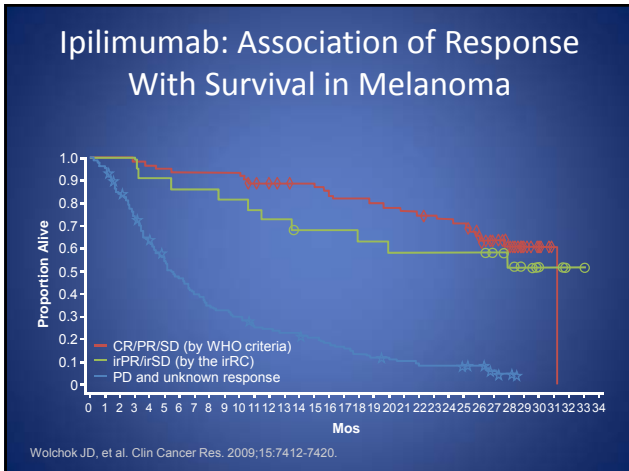
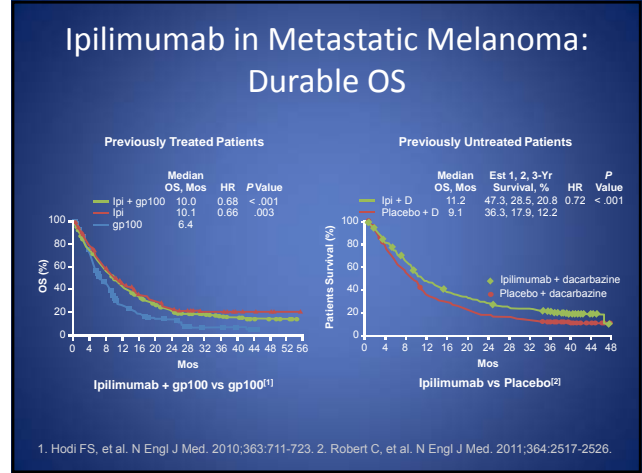
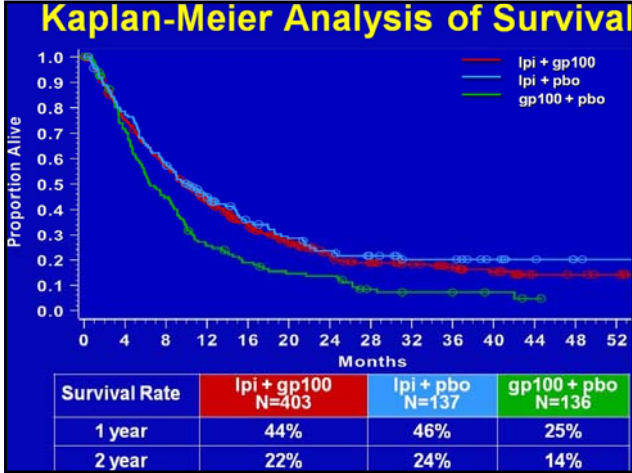


### Ipilimumab Registration Trials

- Pivotal 2<sup>nd</sup> line trial MDX010-20 (n=650)
  - 3 arm study
  - OS primary endpoint
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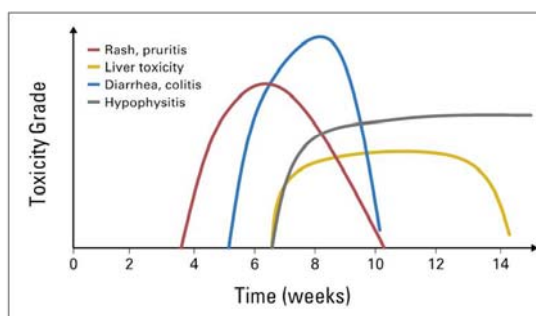




## Ipilimumab IrAEs

- Usually occur during the first 12 weeks of therapy
- Steroids can be used to manage almost all the IrAEs – may require prolonged steroid taper
- IrAEs can wax and wane
- Each IrAe has different kinetics of onset

## Kinetics of induction of irAEs with ipilimumab



## “Miracle survivors”: A reproducible event with CTLA4 blocking monoclonal antibodies



## Ipilimumab Facts:

- Positive impact in overall survival in two randomized Phase III trials
  - Potential to induce durable CRs in 10 – 15% of patients
  - Responses usually take time (1 - 4 months) and have a variety of response patterns
  - Clinically significant immune related toxicities occur in 15% of patients, i.e. skin, GI, hepatic, endocrine related

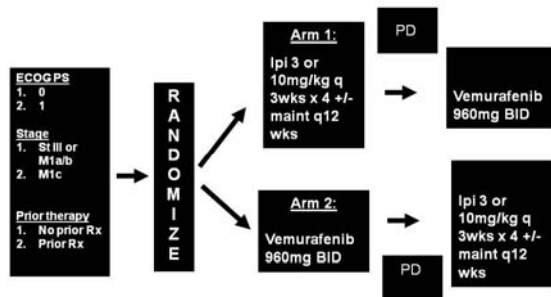
### Ipilimumab-Current Issues

- ◆ Regimen: DTIC or not?
- ◆ Line of therapy: First line vs second line?
- ◆ Dose: 3mg/kg vs 10 mg?
- ◆ Schedule: Maintenance or not?
- ◆ Role in the adjuvant setting?
- ◆ Combinations
  - Bevacizumab
  - GM-CSF
  - HD IL-2
  - PD1 Ab
  - BRAF inhibitors

### Treatment Selection in BRAF mutated Melanoma

- BRAFi therapy may not be the best initial option in V600E mutated patients
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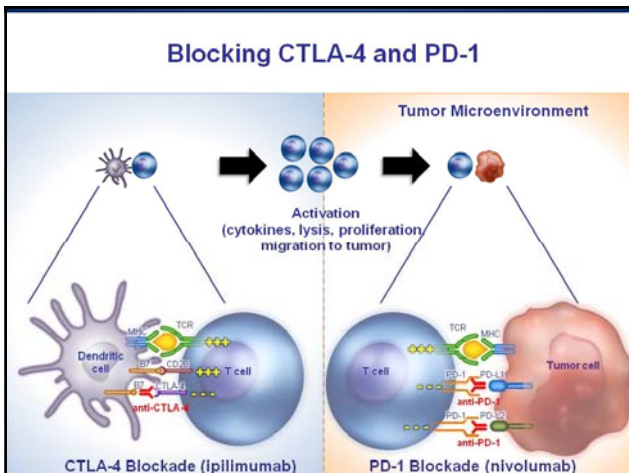
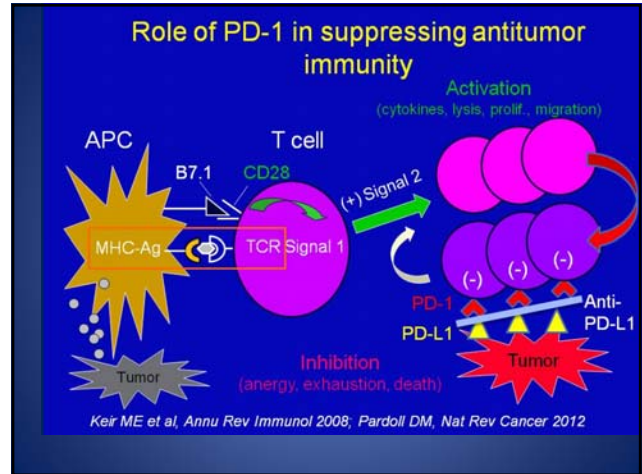
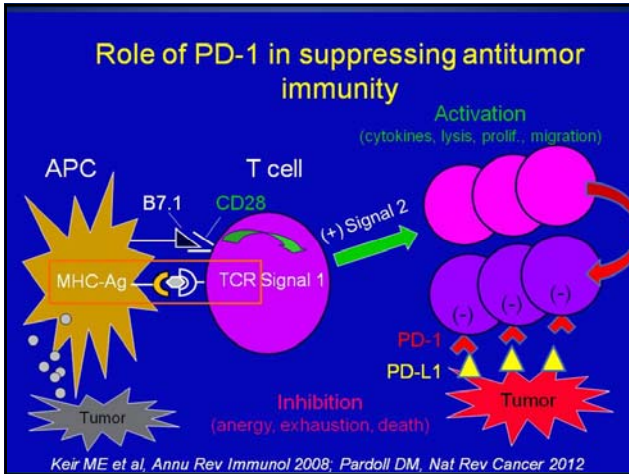
### E1612: Ipi vs Vemurafenib



ECOG and SWOG protocol – Atkins, Chmielowski  
Tumor measurements q12 wks

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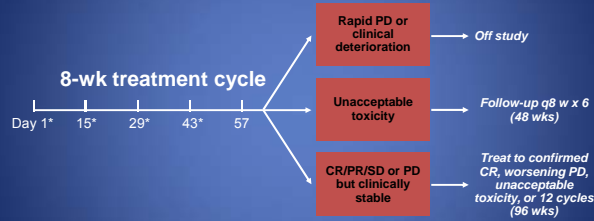
### Other Checkpoint Inhibitors



### PD-1/PD-L1 Pathway Agents in Development

Company	Agent	Structure	Status
Amplimune/GSK	AMP-224	Fc fusion protein to PD-L2	Phase I
Bristol Myers Squibb	BMS-936558	Fully human, IgG 4 Ab	Phase II RCC, others solid tumors
Curetech/Teva	CT-011	Humanized monoclonal	Phase II melanoma, RCC
Genentech/Roche	GP-28328	PD-L1 Ab	Phase I
Merck	MK-3475	Humanized, IgG 4 Ab	Phase I

### Phase I Nivolumab Multidose Regimen



\*Dose administered IV q2w.

Scans done at baseline and following each 8-wk treatment cycle.

Eligibility: advanced MEL, RCC, NSCLC, CRC, or CRPC with PD after 1-5 systemic therapies.

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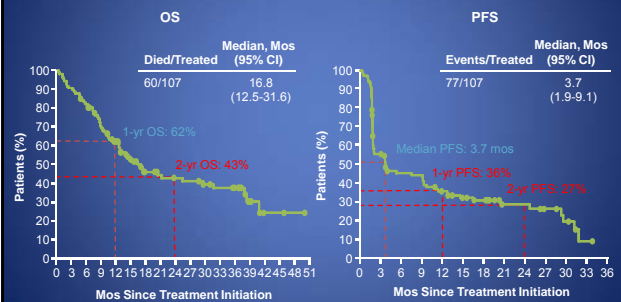
### Nivolumab in Melanoma: Efficacy

- ORR (n = 107)
  - 31% (dose range 0.1-10 mg/kg)
    - 41% at 3 mg/kg
  - 4% unconventional responses
  - 45% of responses evident at 8 wks
  - Median response duration of 2 years
- Survival outcomes
  - Median OS 16.8 months across doses
  - Survival rate
    - 62% at 1 yr
    - 43% at 2 yr
  - Median PFS 3.7 months across doses

Sznol M et al. ASCO 2013. CRA9006.



### Nivolumab Phase I Study: Survival of Patients With Melanoma



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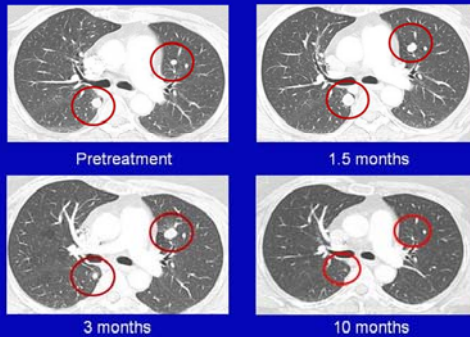
### PD-1 Blockade With Nivolumab: Toxicities

Anti-PD-1-Related Adverse Event, n (%)	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Any select event	54 (58)	5 (5)
Skin	36 (38)	2 (2)
Gastrointestinal	18 (19)	2 (2)
Endocrinopathies	13 (14)	2 (2)
Hepatic	7 (7)	1 (1)
Infusion reaction	6 (6)	--
Pulmonary	4 (4)	--
Renal	2 (2)	1 (1)

- Do not ignore early respiratory symptoms, since pneumonitis can occur rarely and can be fatal if not treated promptly with immunosuppressants
- Renal insufficiency can also occur rarely
- Endocrinopathies and enterocolitis are more characteristic of ipilimumab toxicity but should also be considered in patients receiving a PD-1-blocking drug

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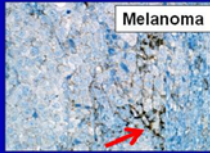
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Pop	Dose (mg/kg)	Pts n	ORR n (%)	Duration of Response (mo)	SD ≥24 wk n (%)	PFSR at 24 wk (%)
All MEL	0.1-10	94	26 (28)	1.9+ to 24.9+	6 (6)	41
MEL	0.1	14	4 (29)	5.6 to 7.5+	1 (7)	40
	0.3	16	3 (19)	1.9+ to 3.8+	1 (6)	31
	1	27	8 (30)	5.3+ to 24.9+	3 (11)	45
	3	17	7 (41)	9.2+ to 22.4+	1 (6)	55
	10	20	4 (20)	17.0 to 24.6+	0	30

- ORR was assessed using modified RECIST v1.0.
- 3 melanoma patients had a persistent reduction in baseline target lesions in the presence of new lesions but were not classified as responders for the ORR calculation.

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### MPDL3280A Phase I Study: Efficacy

- ORR: 29% (n = 38; dose range: 1-20 mg/kg)
  - Responses reported in cutaneous and mucosal melanoma, but not ocular
- SD (≥ 24 wks): 5%
- PFS at 24 wks: 43%

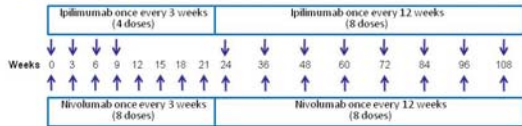
Patients with PD-L1-positive tumor tissue had a higher rate

Efficacy (n = 38)	PD-L1 Positive	PD-L1 Negative	All
ORR, n/n (%)	4/15 (27)	3/15 (20)	11/38 (29)
PR + SD, %	87	20	58

### Combined Immunotherapies

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Nivolumab	Ipilimumab						
0.3	3	14	1	2	21 [5-51]	50 [23-77]	4 (29)
1	3	17	3	6	53 [28-77]	65 [38-86]	7 (41)
3	1	16	1	5	40 [16-68]	73 [45-92]	5 (33)
3	3	6	0	3	50 [12-88]	83 [36-100]	0
Concurrent		52	5	16	40 [27-55]	65 [51-78]	16 (31)

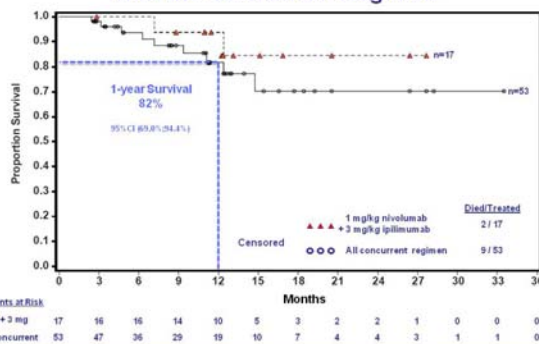
- With concurrent treatment of nivolumab + ipilimumab, 40% (range 21-53%) of patients had confirmed objective responses
- About one third of patients (31%) had rapid and deep tumor regressions

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### Preliminary Survival of Patients Treated with the Concurrent Regimen



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### Conclusions

- The concurrent combination of nivolumab and ipilimumab induced objective response rates appearing higher than published monotherapy values
- The nature of the responses appeared to be distinctly different from those of the nivolumab and ipilimumab monotherapies
  - Responses were rapid and deep
  - At the combined doses chosen for phase 3 study, all responding patients achieved deep or complete responses
- Treatment-related adverse events managed using standard protocols
  - No treatment-related deaths
- Clinical activity in patients who previously progressed on ipilimumab and then received nivolumab
- Based on these results, a phase 3 trial is open to investigate the efficacy of the concurrent nivolumab/ipilimumab combination vs. nivolumab vs. ipilimumab in patients with advanced melanoma (NCT01844505)
  - This combination is also being investigated in non-small-cell lung cancer and renal cell carcinoma

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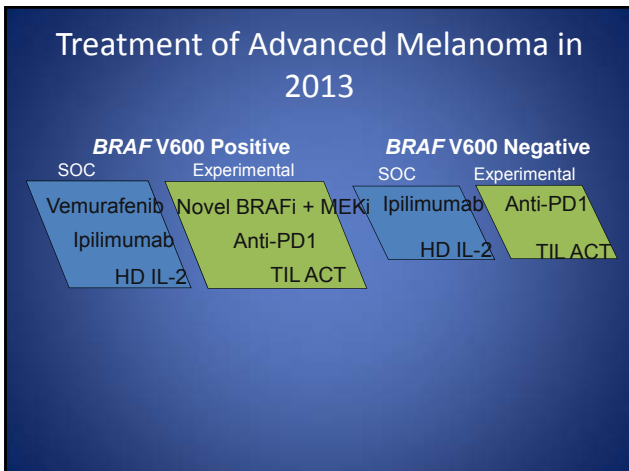
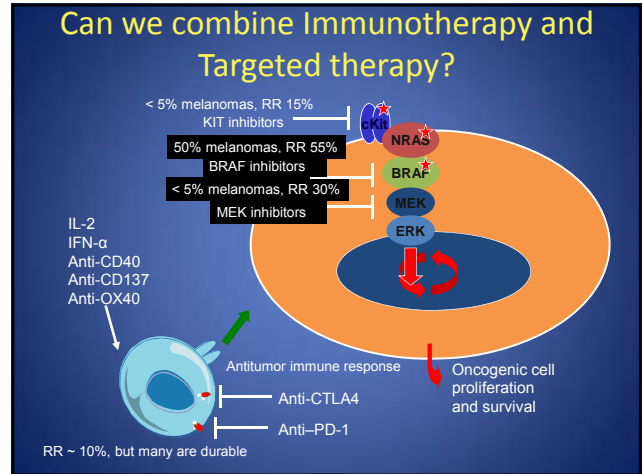
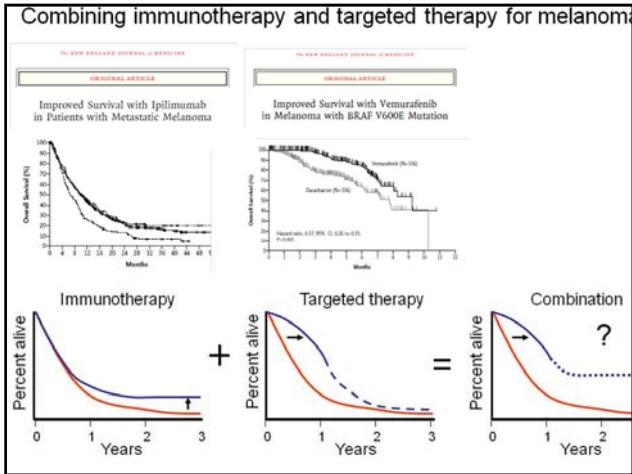
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### Key Ongoing Phase III ImmunoTx Studies in Advanced and Metastatic Melanoma

Regimen Comparison	Planned N	Endpoints
Ipilimumab vs placebo <sup>[1]</sup>	950	Primary: RFS Secondary: OS, DMFS, safety
Nivolumab vs dacarbazine <sup>[2]</sup>	410	Primary: OS Secondary: PFS, ORR, PD-L1 expression as biomarker, HRQoL
Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg vs 10 mg/kg <sup>[3]</sup>	700	Primary: OS Secondary: PFS, ORR, DCR, DoR, SD duration
Nivolumab vs nivolumab/ipilimumab vs ipilimumab <sup>[4]</sup>	915	Primary: OS Secondary: PFS, ORR, OS based on PD-L1 expression
Ipilimumab vs high-dose interferon alfa-2b <sup>[5]</sup>	1000	Primary: RFS, OS Secondary: safety, QoL


1. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT00636168. 2. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01721772. 3. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01515189. 4. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01844505. 5. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01274338.





- ### Questions for the future
- Immunotherapy vs. BRAFi as 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy
  - Sequencing of treatments
  - Combinations:
    - BRAF + MEK inhibitors
    - Different Immunotherapies
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  - Treatment of BRAF resistance
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**We have a bright sunrise over the (old) graveyard of melanoma drug development**



PD1/PDL1 inhibitors  
 BRAF inhibitors  
 CTLA4 blockage  
 MEK inhibitors  
 >10 articles in the NEJM 2010-12

**Conclusions**

- Immunotherapy is a reality for the treatment of metastatic melanoma:
  - High dose IL-2: FDA approved
  - Ipilimumab: FDA approved
  - Adoptive cell transfer therapy: Experimental
- The possibility of deriving long term benefit with IL-2 or ipilimumab in patients with metastatic melanoma allows accepting the side effects of the therapy
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**PD-1/PD-L1 Pathway in Solid Tumors**

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  - Also binds to B7.1 (CD80)
- PD-L1 and PD-L2 are expressed and inducible on both lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissues including many tumors
  - PD-L2 expression appears much more restricted
- Tumors may use PD-L1 to protect against a T cell-mediated immune response<sup>1,2</sup>
- PD-L1 up-regulation in tumors correlates with decreased immune activation and poor clinical outcomes
  - RCC; poor prognosis<sup>3</sup>
  - NSCLC; PD-L1+ regions contain fewer TIL<sup>4</sup>
  - Ovarian cancer; poor prognosis and decreased TIL<sup>5</sup>

1. Keir ME et al. *Annu Rev Immunol*. 2008; 2. Pardoll DM. *Nat Rev Cancer*. 2012; 3. Thompson RH, et al. *Cancer Res*. 2006; 4. Kohashi J, et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2004; 5. Zou W, Chen L. *Nat Rev Immunol*. 2008.

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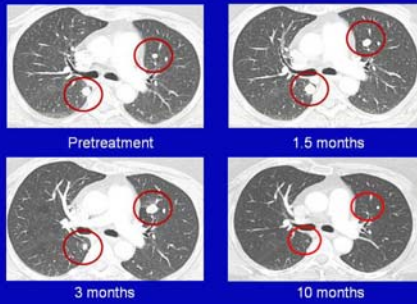
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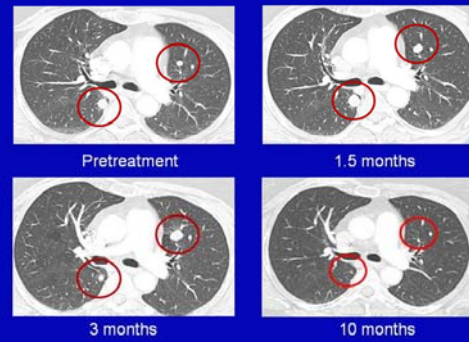


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### Summary of Key Safety Results

- For the entire study group, the maximum tolerated dose was not reached at doses up to 10 mg/kg
- Grade 3-4 drug-related AEs occurred in 20% (n=21) of all treated melanoma patients; the most common were lymphopenia (n=3), fatigue (2), diarrhea (2), abdominal pain (2), and lipase increased (2)
- There was no apparent relationship between drug dose and AE frequency in all treated patients and in melanoma patients
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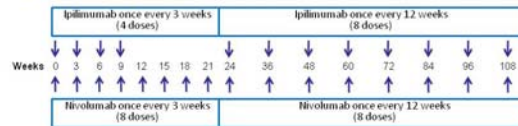
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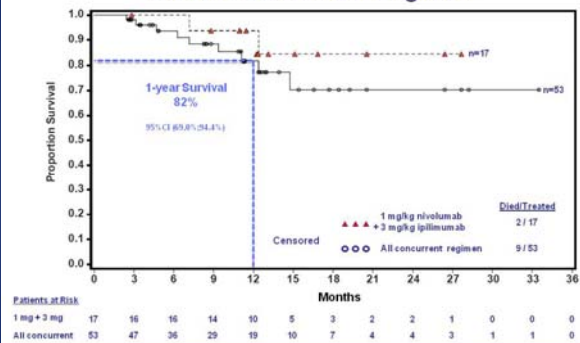
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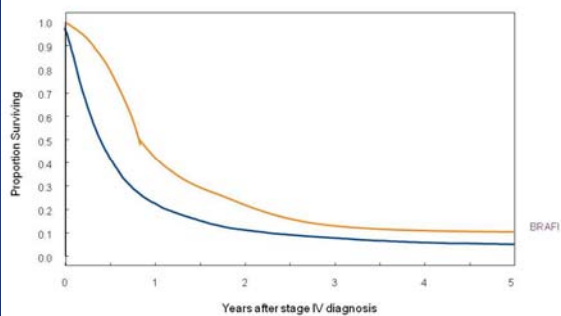
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### PD-1/PD-L1 Pathway in Solid Tumors

- PD-L1 associates with the PD-1 receptor on T cells.
  - Also binds to B7.1 (CD80)
- PD-L1 and PD-L2 are expressed and inducible on both lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissues including many tumors
  - PD-L2 expression appears much more restricted
- Tumors may use PD-L1 to protect against a T cell-mediated immune response<sup>1,2</sup>
- PD-L1 up-regulation in tumors correlates with decreased immune activation and poor clinical outcomes
  - RCC; poor prognosis<sup>3</sup>
  - NSCLC; PD-L1+ regions contain fewer TIL<sup>4</sup>
  - Ovarian cancer; poor prognosis and decreased TIL<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Keir ME, et al. *Annu Rev Immunol*. 2008; 26: 477-517. <sup>2</sup>Pardoll DM. *Nat Rev Cancer*. 2012; 12: 212-220. <sup>3</sup>Thompson RH, et al. *Cancer Res*. 2006; 66: 4033-4040. <sup>4</sup>Konishi J, et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2004; 10: 200-208. <sup>5</sup>Zou W, Chen L. *Nat Rev Immunol*. 2008; 8: 468-475.

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## Clinical Activity of BMS-936559 in 160 Response-Evaluable Patients\*

Tumor Type**	Dose (mg/kg)	No. Patients (N=160)	ORR*** (%)	Duration of Response Range (months)
Melanoma	0.3-10	52	9 (17) <sup>†</sup>	2.8 to 23.5+
NSCLC	1-10	49	5 (10)	2.3+ to 16.6+
All Squamous		13	1 (8)	-
All Non-Squamous		36	4 (11)	-
RCC	10	17	2 (12)	4 to 17
Ovarian	3 and 10	17	1 (6)	1.3+

\*Response-evaluable patients who initiated treatment by August 1, 2011

\*\*To date there have been no objective responses in patients with colorectal or pancreatic cancer. No patients with gastric or breast cancer were evaluable as of the date of data analysis.

\*\*\*ORR was assessed using modified RECIST v1.0 criteria

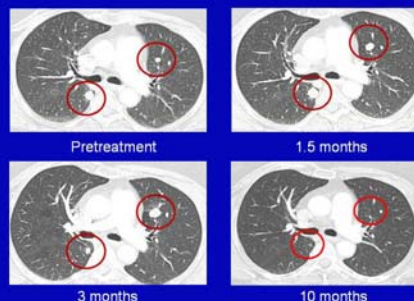
<sup>†</sup>Includes three CRs

ORR = objective response rate, PFSR = progression-free survival rate, SD = stable disease

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## Complete Response in a Patient With Melanoma Treated With 3 mg/kg BMS-936559



A 61-year-old female previously treated with temozolomide. All target lesions in lung. Completed treatment after confirmation of CR and remains CR over a year since last dose of therapy.

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## Summary and Conclusions

- CA210-001 trial is currently ongoing
- BMS-936559 at 0.3 to 10 mg/kg can be administered safely in an outpatient setting to heavily pretreated patients
- BMS-936559 induced durable tumor regressions and prolonged stabilization of disease in a proportion of patients with advanced NSCLC, MEL, RCC, and ovarian cancer
- Data from this first-in-human trial further validates the importance of the PD-1/PD-L1 pathway as a target for cancer immunotherapy in multiple histologies

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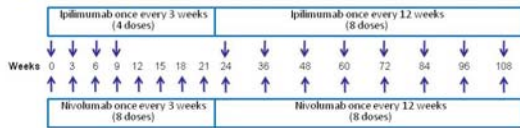
## Summary of Key Safety Results

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- There was no apparent relationship between drug dose and AE frequency in all treated patients and in melanoma patients
- Grade 2 pneumonitis was reported in 1 melanoma patient; 3 drug-related deaths (2 NSCLC, 1 CRC) occurred in patients with pneumonitis

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### Phase I Study: Schedule

#### Concurrent Cohorts



- First tumor assessment at 12 weeks

#### Sequenced Cohorts

- Following prior ipilimumab, patients received nivolumab every 2 weeks for a maximum of 48 doses
- First tumor assessment at 8 weeks
  - Tumor assessments by mWHO and immune-related response criteria
  - Data as of Feb 2013 for 86 patients

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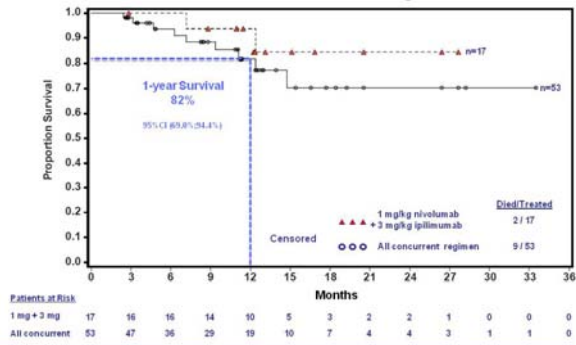
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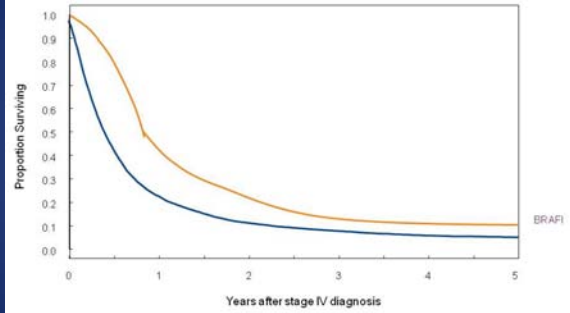
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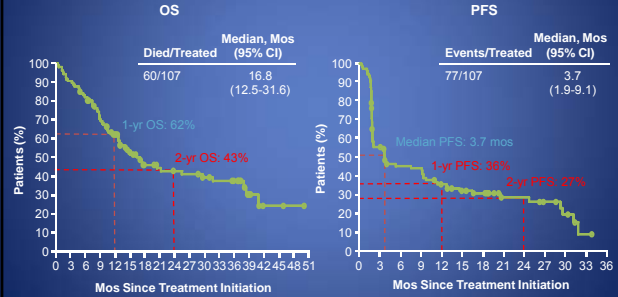
### Nivolumab Phase I Study: Tumor Response in Melanoma

- ORR: 31% (across doses)
  - 41% at 3 mg/kg
  - 4% unconventional responses
  - 45% of responses evident at 8 wks
- Median response duration of 2 yrs



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### Nivolumab Phase I Study: Survival of Patients With Melanoma



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### Nivolumab Phase I Study: Safety in Melanoma

- Generally well tolerated
- Grade 3/4 AEs occurred in 21% of patients, with no grade ≥ 3 pneumonitis

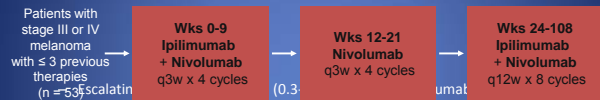
AE, %	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Any select AE*	54	5
Skin	36	2
Gastrointestinal	18	2
Endocrinopathies	13	2
Hepatic	7	1
Infusion reaction	6	0
Pulmonary	4	0
Renal	2	1

\*Potential immunologic etiologies.

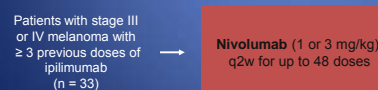
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### Nivolumab + Ipilimumab: Phase I Study

- Concurrent therapy study design:



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## Nivolumab + Ipilimumab: Efficacy

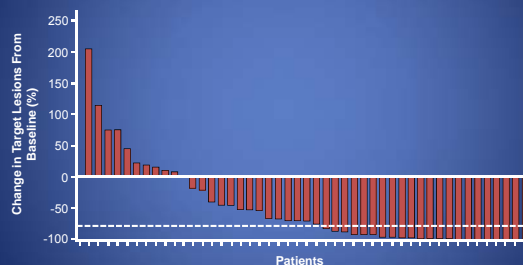
Clinical activity in concurrent regimen

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2a	3 + 1	15	1	5	40	5 (33)
3	3 + 3	6	0	3	50	0
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- ORR: 20% (1 CR, 5 PR)
- 4 patients had ≥ 80% tumor reduction at first scheduled 8-wk tumor assessment

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## Nivolumab + Ipilimumab: Tumor Response With Concurrent Therapy



- Responses ongoing in ~ 90% of responding patients after a follow-up of ~ 13 mos

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## Nivolumab + Ipilimumab: Safety

Treatment-Related Adverse Event, n (%)	Concurrent All Cohorts (n = 53)		Sequenced All Cohorts (n = 33)	
	All Grades	Grade 3/4	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Any adverse event	49 (93)	28 (53)	24 (73)	6 (18)
Rash	29 (55)	2 (4)	3 (9)	0
Diarrhea	18 (34)	3 (6)	3 (9)	0
AST	11 (21)	7 (13)	0	0
ALT	11 (21)	6 (11)	1 (3)	0
Lipase	10 (19)	7 (13)	4 (12)	2 (6)
Pulmonary	3 (6)	1 (2)	1 (3)	0
Renal	3 (6)	3 (6)	0	0
Endocrinopathy	7 (13)	1 (2)	3 (9)	2 (6)
Uveitis	3 (6)	2 (4)	0	0

Combining 3 mg/kg of each agent exceeded the MTD; 1 mg/kg nivolumab + 3 mg/kg ipilimumab chosen going forward

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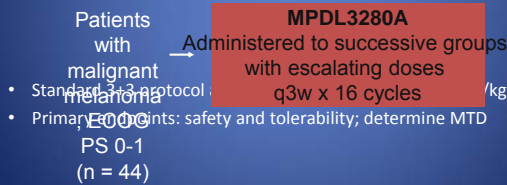
## Nivolumab in Advanced Melanoma: Expert Perspectives

- Nivolumab (anti-PD-1 mAb) appears promising in early trials
  - Durable responses and generally well tolerated as a single agent
  - Nivolumab + ipilimumab: robust tumor responses
    - Currently being evaluated in a phase III trial
  - Biomarkers: Absence of PD-L1 tumor expression does not predict absence of response to PD-1 targeted therapy

ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01844505

## MPDL3280A, an Anti-PD-L1 Antibody: Phase I Study in Metastatic Melanoma

- MPDL3280A targets PD-L1, thereby blocking binding of PD-L1 to its receptors (PD-1 and B7.1)
- MPDL3280A specifically engineered to reduce ADCC activation and avoid depleting activated T cells



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## MPDL3280A Phase I Study: Efficacy

- ORR: 29% (n = 38; dose range: 1-20 mg/kg)
  - Responses reported in cutaneous and mucosal melanoma, but not ocular
- SD ( $\geq 24$  wks): 5%
- PFS at 24 wks: 43%

Patients with PD-L1-positive tumor tissue had a higher rate

Efficacy (n = 38)	PD-L1 Positive	PD-L1 Negative	All
ORR, n/n (%)	4/15 (27)	3/15 (20)	11/38 (29)
PR + SD, %	87	20	58

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## MPDL3280A Phase I Study: Safety

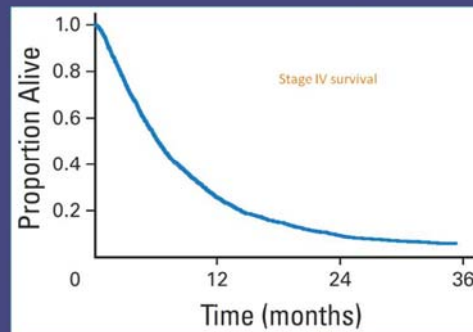
- No MTD or DLT reported
- Most adverse events were transient grade 1/2 not needing treatment

Most Common Adverse Event, Regardless of Cause, %	All Dose Cohorts (N = 44)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Fatigue	59	2
Diarrhea	30	2
Pruritus	25	0
Arthralgia	16	2
Rash	16	0

- Grade 3/4 toxicities reported in 36% of patients; most common included hyperglycemia (9%), increased ALT (7%), and increased AST (5%)
- No pneumonitis or colitis seen within study group.

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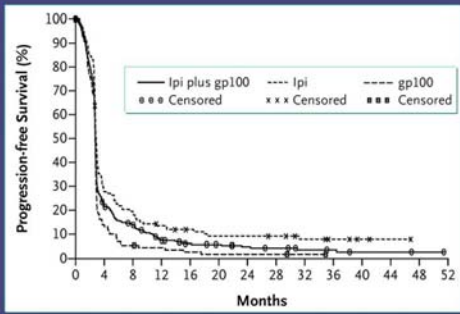
## Metastatic melanoma: race against time



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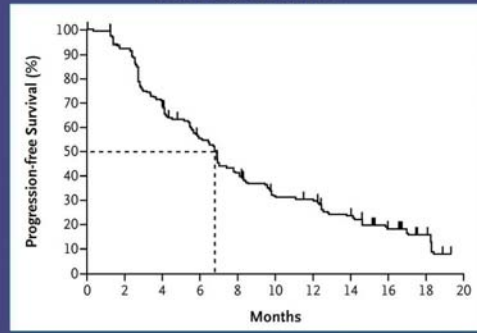
### Progression-free survival: ipilimumab



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### Progression-free survival: vemurafenib



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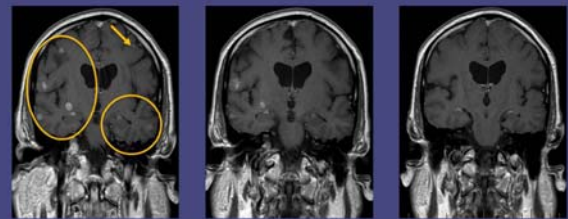
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Patients who “need” a response

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### Response in brain: dabrafenib

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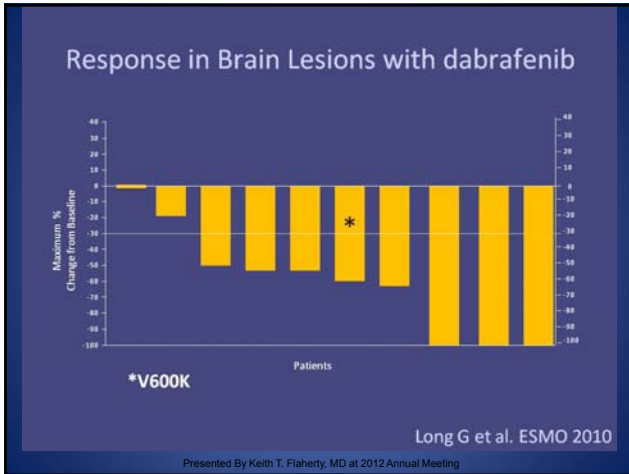
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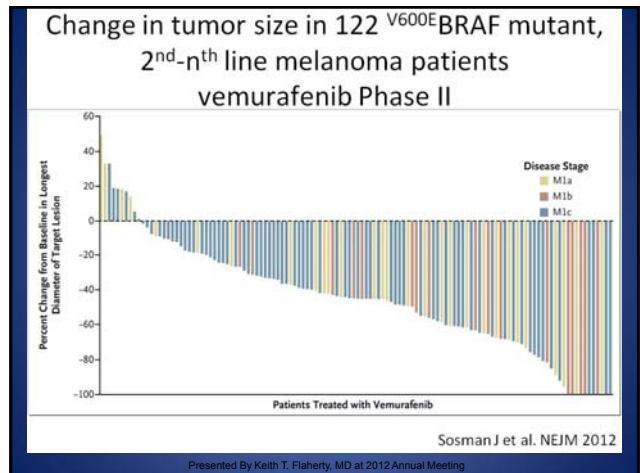
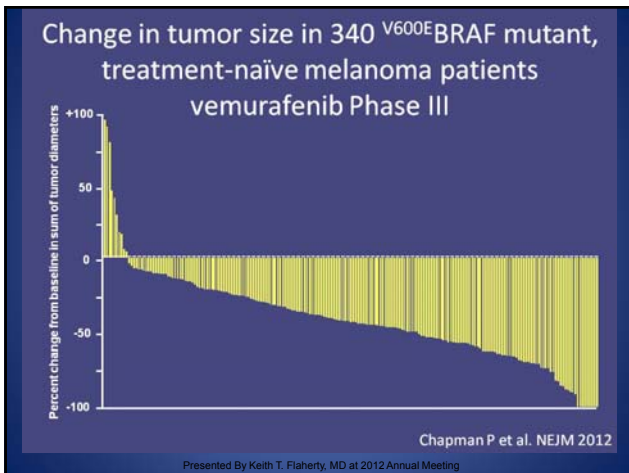
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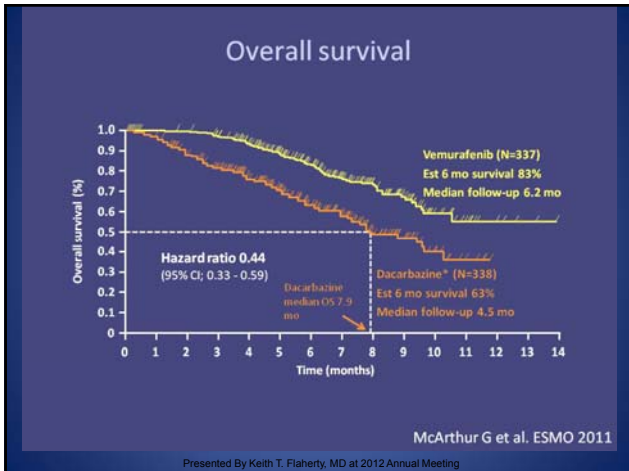
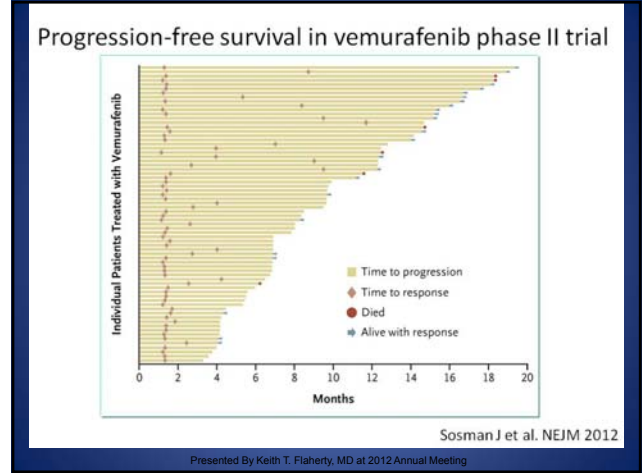
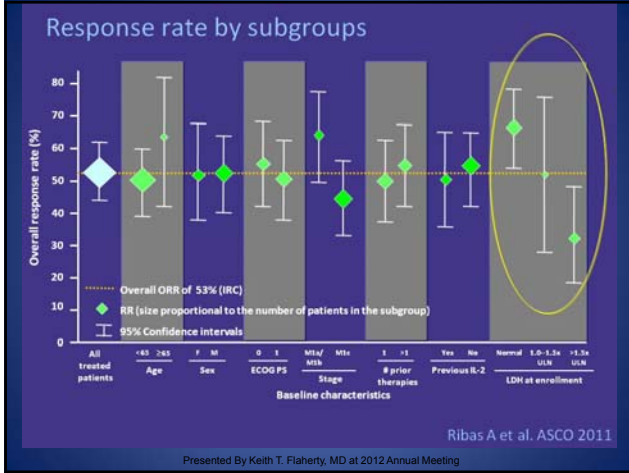


Line of therapy

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BRAF inhibitor-based combination therapy

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## Conclusions

- BRAF inhibitors represents effective palliative therapy who present with symptomatic metastatic disease
- Early antitumor activity consistently observed regardless of line of therapy
- Is there a risk of diminished response/duration of response if withheld until patients are symptomatic (high LDH)?

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## Patient characteristics

	Dacarbazine (n=338)	Vemurafenib (n=337)
Median age, years	52.5	56.0
Male, n (%)	181 (54)	200 (59)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	230 (68)	229 (68)
1	108 (32)	108 (32)
Stage, n (%)		
Unresectable IIIc	13 (4)	20 (6)
M1a	40 (12)	34 (10)
M1b	65 (19)	62 (18)
M1c	220 (65)	221 (66)
LDH >ULN	142 (42)	142 (42)

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## Number of patients receiving anti-cancer therapies after initial treatment on BRIM-3

Subsequent anti-cancer therapy	Dacarbazine (n=338)	Vemurafenib (n=337)
Any	149 (44%)	122 (36%)
Ipilimumab	73 (22%)	60 (18%)
Dabrafenib	5 (1.5%)	0
Crossover to vemurafenib	83 (25%)	–

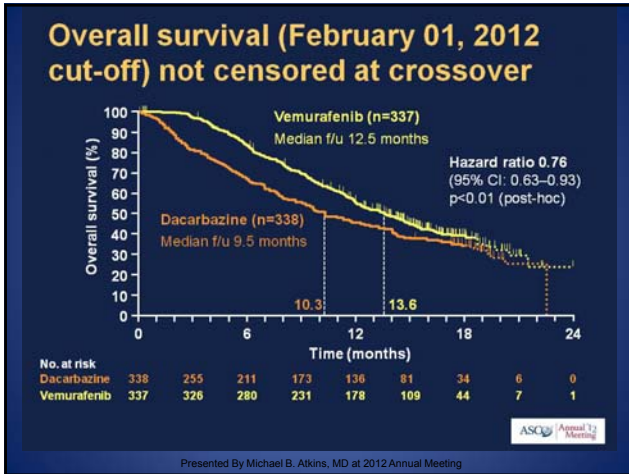
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## Ipilimumab use after BRIM-3, by disease stage

Stage	Dacarbazine	Vemurafenib
IIIc, IV M1a/M1b	26% (31/118)	18% (21/116)
IV M1c	19% (43/220)	18% (39/221)

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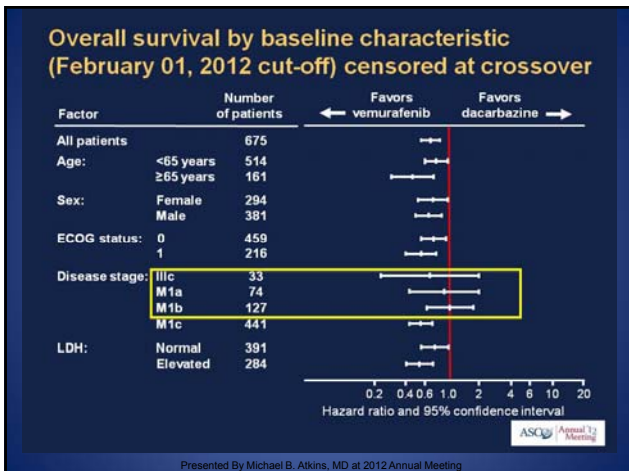




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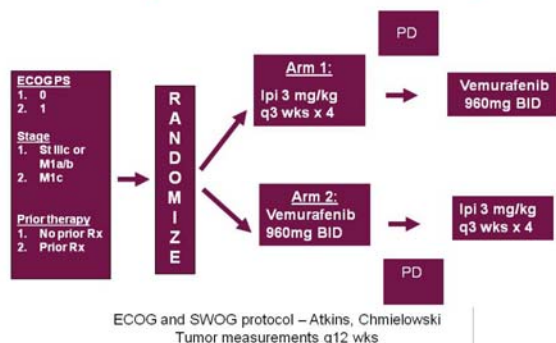


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  - Does this suggest that these patients might be better served by receiving immune therapy first?

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## E1612: Ipi to Vem vs Vem to Ipi



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## BREAK-MB: Key Points/Comments (1)

- Dabrafenib is active and safe in patients with BRAF<sup>V600E/K</sup> melanoma and brain metastases (previously untreated or treated)
  - Intracranial disease control in > 80% and median OS > 31 wks
  - Less active for patients with BRAF<sup>V600K</sup> mutations, but perhaps more active than expected
- Progression in EC sites as likely as IC (Azer et al Abs # 8558)
- Based on this data, there is no reason to preclude dabrafenib use in patients with BRAF<sup>V600E/K</sup> melanoma and brain metastases

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## BREAK-MB: Key Points/Comments (2)

- The role of local therapy to the CNS is not addressed in this study.
  - Efficacy is clearly sufficient to replace WBRT
  - Role of SRS or surgery also in question
    - Historically important
    - Dabrafenib +/- SRS trial could be considered, particularly in patients with extensive systemic metastases and lack of CNS symptoms

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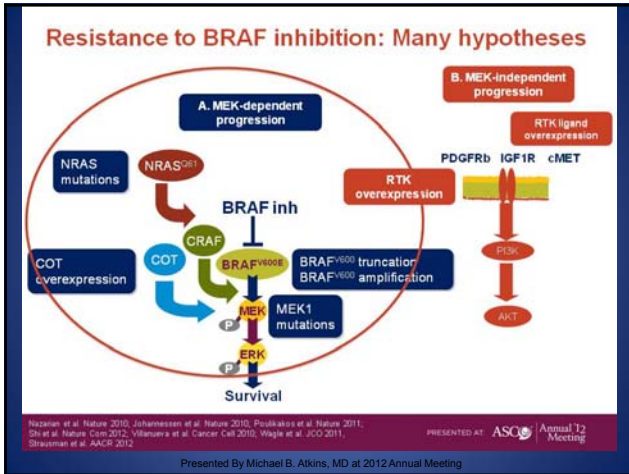
- BRAF-mutant melanoma escapes BRAF inhibition mainly via re-activation of MAPK pathway signaling
  - Multiple mutations identified in N-RAS and MEK
  - Previous results suggested high frequency of BRAF truncations
  - Less evidence presented for alternative (MEK-independent) PI3K driven resistance mechanism

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### BRAF<sup>i</sup> Resistance: Key Points/Comments (2)

- *NRAS*<sup>G61</sup> mutations found in 3/13 patients at resistance
  - More sensitive assays might pick such mutations up at baseline
  - Argues for adding a MEK inhibitor in such patients

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### Dabrafenib + trametinib trial data

GSK2118436 BRAF<sup>i</sup>

- Squamous cell carcinoma < 1%
- Decreased skin toxicity

GSK1120212 MEK<sup>i</sup>

**BRAF<sup>i</sup> refractory**

# of Pts	Complete Response	Partial Response	Stable disease	Disease Control
13	0	2 (15%)	8 (62%)	10 (77%)

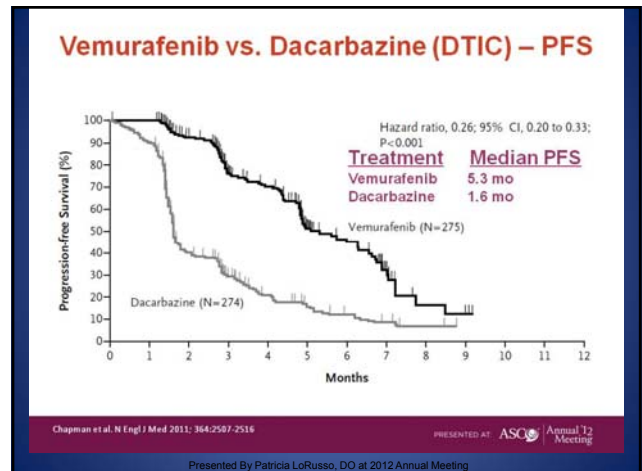
**BRAF<sup>i</sup> naïve patients**

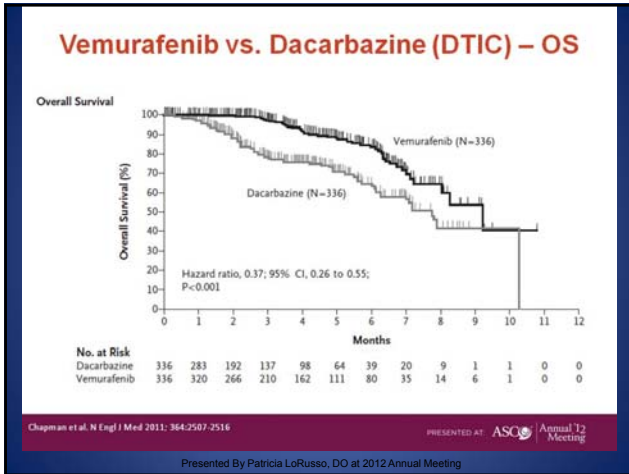
# of Pts	Complete Response	Partial Response	Stable disease	Disease Control
58	5 (9%)	30 (52%)	20 (34%)	54 (93%)

Update by Jeff Weber today  
Phase III trials of combined RAF<sup>i</sup>+MEK<sup>i</sup> proceeding

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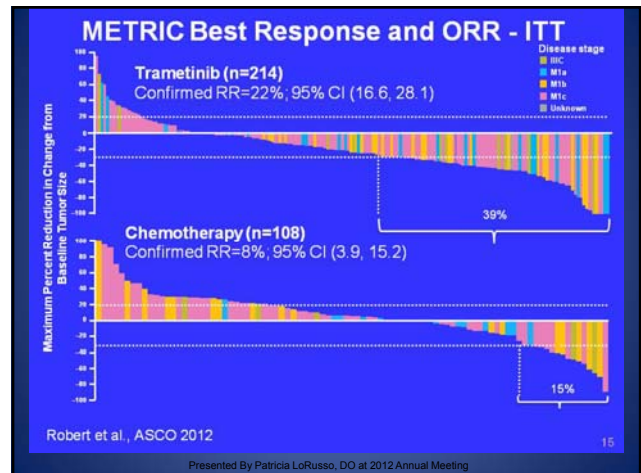
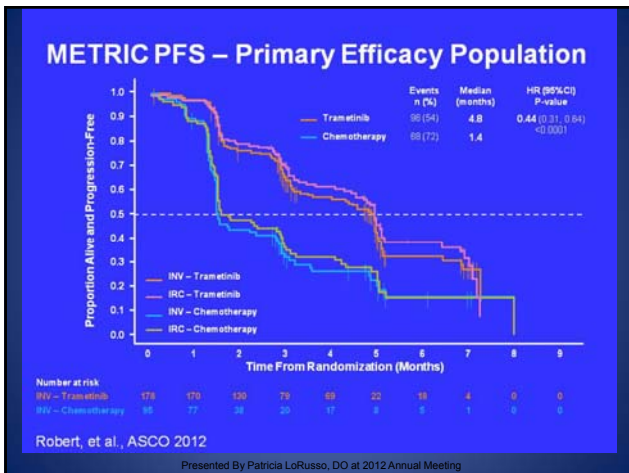
### METRIC Phase 3 Study: Efficacy of Trametinib, a potent and selective MEK inhibitor, in progression-free survival and overall survival, compared with chemotherapy in patients with BRAF<sup>V600E</sup>K mutant advanced or metastatic melanoma

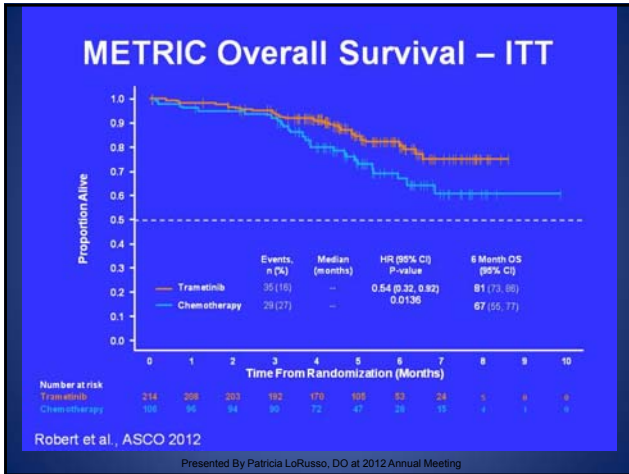
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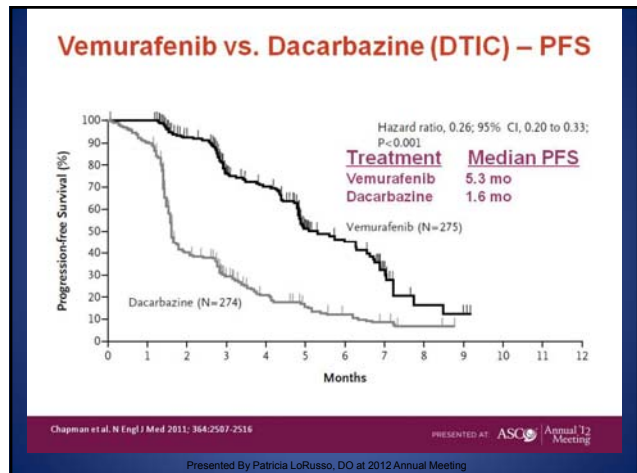
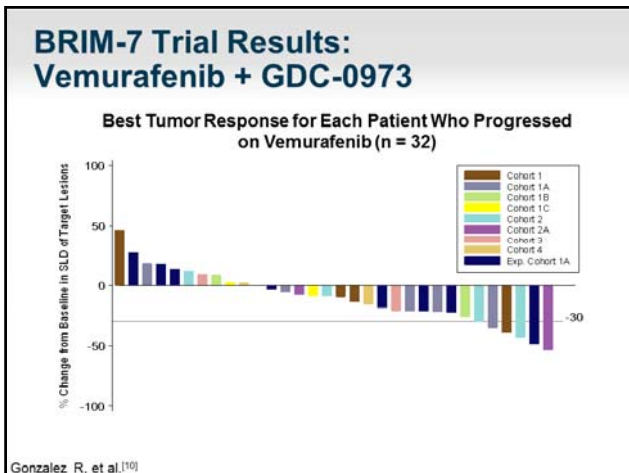


### Toxicities Associated With BRAF and MEK Inhibitors

Toxicity, No. (%)*	Monotherapy D (n = 53)	Combination D + T 150/1 (n = 54)	Combination D + T 150/2 (n = 55)
Skin papilloma	8 (15)	4 (7)	2 (4)
Hyperkeratosis	16 (30)	3 (6)	5 (9)
Squamous cell carcinoma/keratoacanthoma	10 (19)	1 (2) P = .004	4 (7) P = .09
Acneiform rash	2 (4)	6 (11)	9 (16)
Reduced ejection fraction	0	2 (4)	5 (9)
Chorioretinopathy	0	0	1 (2)

\*No cases of retinal vein occlusion were reported.

Long GV, et al.<sup>[9]</sup>

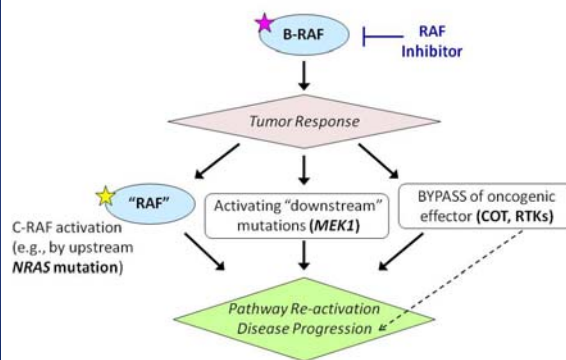


### Mechanisms of Resistance to RAF/MEK inhibition in melanoma

- *MEK1* mutations (e.g., *MEK1<sup>P124L/S</sup>*) (MEK inhibition)
  - Emery et al., *PNAS* (2009)
- COT overexpression, C-RAF activation (RAF inhibition)
  - Johannessen et al., *Nature* (2010)
- *NRAS* mutation, PDGFR overexpression (RAF inhibition)
  - Nazarian et al., *Nature* (2010)
- IGF1R overexpression (RAF inhibition)
  - Villanueva et al., *Cancer Cell* (2010)
- *BRAF* amplification (MEK inhibition)
  - Corcoran et al., *Sci. Signal.* (2010)
- *MEK1* mutation (*MEK1<sup>C121S</sup>*) (RAF inhibition)
  - Wagle et al., *J. Clin. Oncol.* (2011)

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### Resistance to RAF Inhibition: Emerging Themes



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### Background

- ~50% of melanomas have a *BRAF<sup>V600</sup>* activating mutation, promoting cell proliferation and opposing apoptosis<sup>1</sup>
- Vemurafenib is a potent inhibitor of mutated *BRAF<sup>2</sup>*
- Phase I clinical data show favorable response rates with vemurafenib<sup>3</sup>
- No prior systemic therapies for metastatic melanoma have had objective tumor response rates >20% in large multicenter trials<sup>4-6</sup>

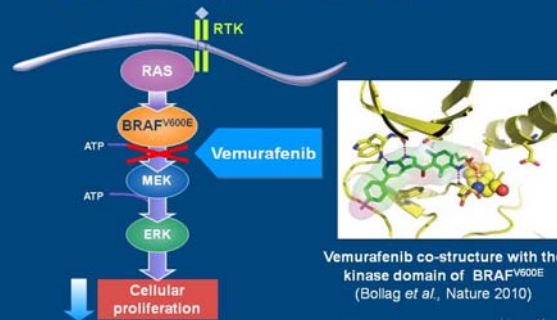
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### The target: BRAF kinase

An important mediator of cellular proliferation



Vemurafenib co-structure with the kinase domain of *BRAF<sup>V600E</sup>* (Bollag et al., *Nature* 2010)

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**Inhibition of Mutated, Activated BRAF in Metastatic Melanoma**  
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**Phase I trial:**

- Recommended Phase II dosing of 960 mg po BID
- Tumor responses at 960 mg BID (extension cohort):
  - Unconfirmed response rate of 81%
  - Confirmed response rate of 56%

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**BRIM 2 trial objective**

- To confirm the ORR and anti-tumor activity of vemurafenib in previously treated patients with *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup>-mutated melanoma

Metastatic melanoma  
Prior treatment  
*BRAF*<sup>V600</sup>-positive  
[cobas® 4800 *BRAF*  
V600 Mutation Test]

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Vemurafenib  
(960 mg BID)

Primary endpoints:  
ORR (IRC)

Secondary endpoints:  
duration of response, PFS,  
OS, and safety

BID, twice daily; IRC, independent review committee; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival

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**Study design and statistical analysis**

- Single-arm, multicenter, open-label, Phase II clinical trial
- 90 patients were planned for enrollment to give a sample of 80 ITT evaluable patients to demonstrate that if the observed ORR was >30%, the lower boundary of the exact two-sided 95% CI would be >20%
- ORR was calculated with corresponding exact two-sided 95% CIs using the Clopper-Pearson method. Duration of response, PFS, and OS were evaluated using the Kaplan-Meier method
- Visits every 3 weeks (one cycle) during initial 10 cycles; every 6 weeks thereafter
- Tumor assessments every 6 weeks

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**Inclusion criteria**

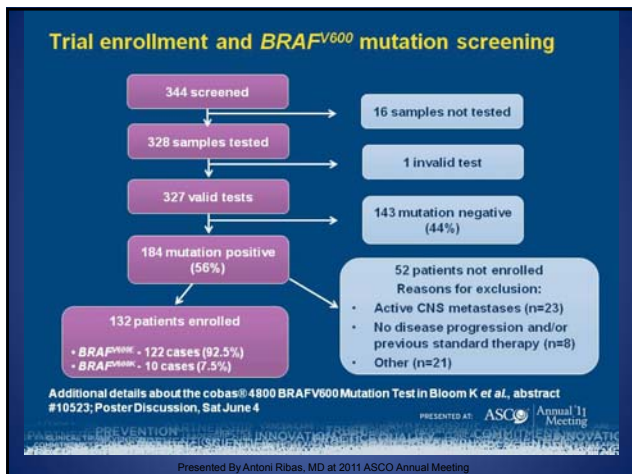
- ≥18 years
- Histologic stage IV melanoma
- Positive for the *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup> mutation\*
- Progressive disease after ≥1 prior systemic therapy for advanced disease
- ECOG Performance Status of 0 or 1
- Brain metastases controlled for ≥3 months following local therapy
- Normal hematologic, hepatic, and renal function
- No invasive malignancy within 5 years

\*As tested by an investigational real-time PCR-based test (cobas® 4800 *BRAF* V600 Mutation Test; Roche Molecular Systems, Pleasanton, CA)  
 ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

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### Patient demographics and baseline disease characteristics

n=132

Characteristic	n (%)	Characteristic	n (%)
<b>Sex</b>		<b>Stage at diagnosis</b>	
Female	51 (39)	M1a	33 (25)
Male	81 (61)	M1b	18 (14)
<b>Race</b>		M1c	81 (61)
Caucasian	130 (98)	<b>Serum LDH</b>	
Hispanic	2 (2)	Normal	67 (51)
<b>Age (yr) (median 51.5)</b>		Elevated	65 (49)
<65	107 (81)	<b>No. prior therapies</b>	
≥65	25 (19)	1	67 (51)
<b>ECOG</b>		2	36 (27)
0	61 (46)	≥3	29 (22)
1	71 (54)	<b>Previous ipilimumab or tremelimumab</b>	
<b>Previous IL-2</b>		No	125 (95)
No	81 (61)	Yes	7 (5)
Yes	51 (39)		

IL-2, interleukin-2; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase

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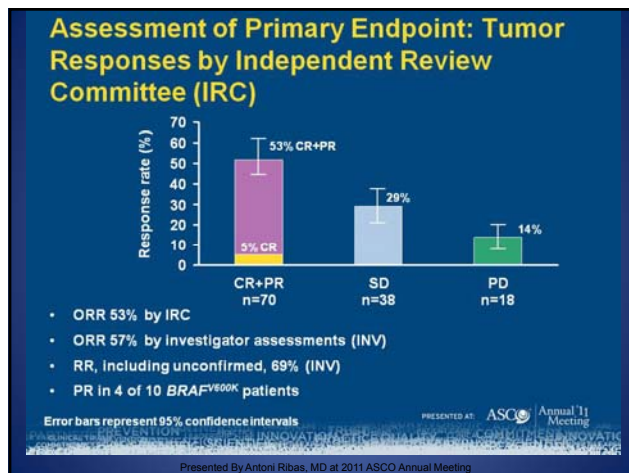
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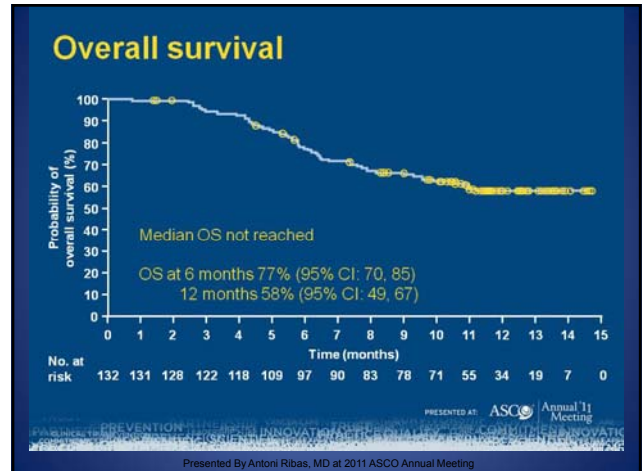
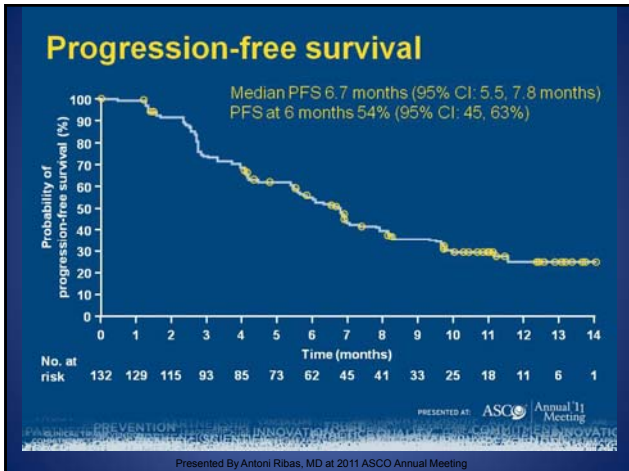
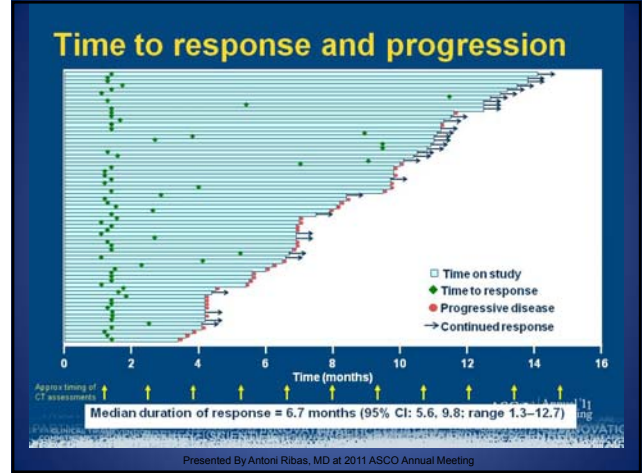
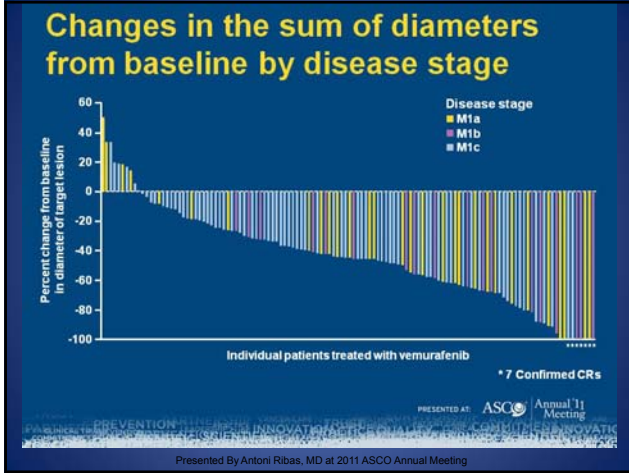
- Enrollment: October 2009–March 2010
- 13 centers: 10 USA; 3 Australia
- Data cut-off date: January 31, 2011
- Median follow-up: 10 months (range 0.6 to 14.7)

Treated (n=132)	n (%)
Still on treatment	35 (27)
Discontinued	97 (73)
Disease progression	89
Adverse event	4
Death	1
Consent withdrawal	1
Other	2

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## Drug-related AEs

Includes AEs reported in  $\geq 20$  patients

	All grades n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)
Overall	130 (99)	79 (60)	5 (4) <sup>1</sup>
Arthralgia	78 (59)	8 (6)	–
Rash	69 (52)	9 (7)	–
Photosensitivity reaction	69 (52)	4 (3)	–
Fatigue	56 (42)	2 (2)	–
Alopecia	48 (36)	–	–
Pruritus	38 (29)	3 (2)	–
Skin papilloma	38 (29)	–	–
cuSCC / KA <sup>2</sup>	34 (26)	34 (26)	–
Nausea	30 (23)	2 (2)	–
Elevated liver enzymes	23 (17)	8 (6) <sup>3</sup>	4 (3) <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>One patient with 2 grade 4 AEs

<sup>2</sup>Cases of cuSCC/KA were generally managed with simple excision and did not generally require dose modification

<sup>3</sup>Managed with dose reduction; one removed from study

<sup>4</sup>led to discontinuation of therapy

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## Dose modifications and AEs leading to drug modifications/interruptions

	n (%)
Patients with dose modifications	59 (45)
Dose reductions – final dose:	
720 mg BID	37
480 mg BID	21
<480 mg BID	1
Patients with dose interruptions	85 (64)
Median average daily dose (%)	1740 mg/day (91)

- Common AEs leading to dose modifications/interruptions were rash, arthralgia, LFT abnormalities (GGT elevation), and photosensitivity
- 4 patients discontinued drug for AEs:
  - Retinal vein occlusion
  - Jaundice, blood bilirubin increased, fatigue, AST, ALT
  - Delirium
  - Cellulitis

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## Time to incidence of first cuSCC/KA



- Median time 8 weeks (2–36)
- Median number of cuSCC/KAs per patient 1 (range 1 to 7)
- Each dot represents weeks to development of first cuSCC/KA lesion

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## Conclusions

- BRIM 2 met its primary endpoint with an ORR of 53% and a 95% CI that excludes an ORR of 20%
- The toxicity profile at 960 mg BID is manageable, with most AEs being reversible with dose modification or interruption
- The longer follow up of this study complements the benefit in OS of BRIM 3 (LBA#4, Chapman *et al*)
- Together they provide evidence that vemurafenib is an effective agent for treatment of patients with *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup> mutation-positive melanoma

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## Practice Considerations

- What is high-risk melanoma?
- Why treat? What is the objective of therapy?
- What agent should we use?
- What regimen, dose, and schedule?
- Can we personalize therapy to specific patients?

## Adjuvant Therapy of Melanoma: History

- Microbial/chemical immunomodulators (BCG, levamisole)
- Chemotherapy, chemobiotherapy, BMT
- Vaccines
  - Whole cell and cell-derived antigen
  - Peptide and protein antigen (T cell)
  - Ganglioside antigen (B cell)
- Passive (antibody) and adoptive (cellular) transfer
- IFN
- Radiation

## Adjuvant IFN alfa Regimens: 2012

Schedule	Dose	Frequency	Duration
<b>Low dose</b>	3 MIU	3 x wkly	18-24 mos
<b>Intermediate dose</b>			
Induction	10 MIU	5 x wkly	4 wks
Maintenance	10 MIU	3 x wkly	12-24 mos
	5 MIU	3 x wkly	24 mos
<b>High dose</b>			
Induction	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly	4 wks
Maintenance	10 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	3 x wkly	11 mos
<b>Short course</b>			
Induction x 1	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly	4 wks
<b>Intermittent</b>			
Induction x 3	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	20 MIU/m <sup>2</sup>	5 x wkly for 4 wks q4m

Eggermont AM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009;27:30-34. Eggermont AM, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2011;12:1133-1142. Aizer AA, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011; Abstract 8505.

## LDI alfa for High-Risk Melanoma

Randomized Trial	Stage	N	Dose	Duration	Outcome vs Observation
WHO-16 <sup>[1]</sup>	III	444	3 MU SC TIW	3 yrs	OS, RFS (P = NS)
UKCCCR <sup>[2]</sup>	IIB, III	654	3 MU SCTIW	2 yrs	OS, RFS (P = NS)
ECOG-1690 <sup>[3]</sup>	IIB, III	608	3 MU SC TIW	2 yrs	OS, RFS (HDI vs LDI vs observation) (P = NS)

- Adjuvant treatment with LDI did not improve outcome in trials of patients with high-risk, node-positive melanoma (stage IIB/III)

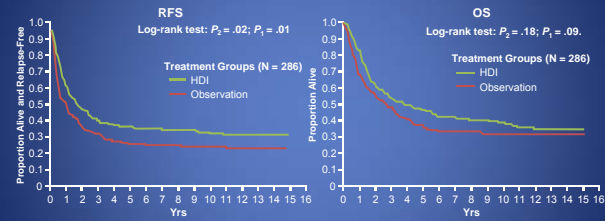
1. Glass LF, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2001;19:868-869. 2. Hancock BW, et al. ASCO 2001. 3. Kjaer S, et al. ASCO 2001. Abstract 1395.

### HDI alfa-2b Trials for AJCC Stage IIB/III Melanoma

Study	Eligibility	N	Treatment Agent/Dosage/Duration	Effect on	
				RFS	OS
ECOG 1684 <sup>[1]</sup>	T4, N1	287	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos	+	+
ECOG 1690 <sup>[2]</sup>	T4, N1	642	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos vs 3 MU/day SC TIW x 2 yrs	+	-
ECOG 1694 <sup>[3]</sup>	T4, N1	880	IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV x 1 mo 10 MU/m <sup>2</sup> SC TIW x 11 mos vs GMK vaccine x 96 wks	+	+
NCCTG 837052 <sup>[4]</sup>	T3,T4,N1	262	IFN alfa-2a 20 MU/m <sup>2</sup> /day IM TIW x 3 mos	-	-

1. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 1996;14:7-17. 2. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2004;22:1670-1677. 3. Kirkwood JM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2001;19:1430-1436. 4. Creagan ET, et al. J Clin Oncol. 1997;15:2780-2783.

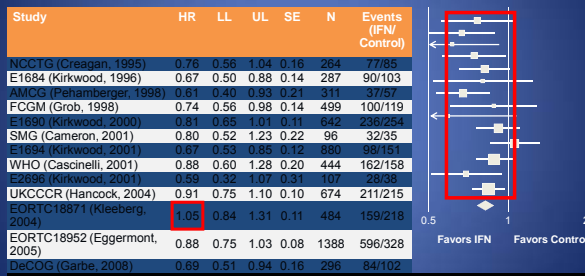
### HDI in Stage IIB/III Melanoma (ECOG 1684): Efficacy at 12.6-Yr Follow-up



	Total	Dead or Relapsed	Alive or Relapse Free	Median	Total	Dead	Alive	Median
Observation	140	106	34	1.0	140	95	45	2.7
HDI	146	95	51	1.7	146	93	53	3.8

Kirkwood JM, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2004;10:1670-1677.

### Meta-Analysis: Effect of IFN on RFS



Adjuvant IFN (various doses and durations) improved RFS in almost every study: 18% increase (P < .001)

Wong J, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29:4033-4041.

### HDI Duration: Short (Induction Only) vs Prolonged (PegIFN)

- Hypothesis: much of the benefit of HDI in melanoma may be driven by the 1-mo IV induction phase
- Other trials have suggested that longer duration of treatment with a lower dose may be beneficial
- Therefore, the question of short-duration intensive therapy vs long-duration, less-intensive therapy is being evaluated in clinical trials



### Phase III ECOG 1697 Study: HDI alfa-2b Induction vs Observation in T3 Melanoma

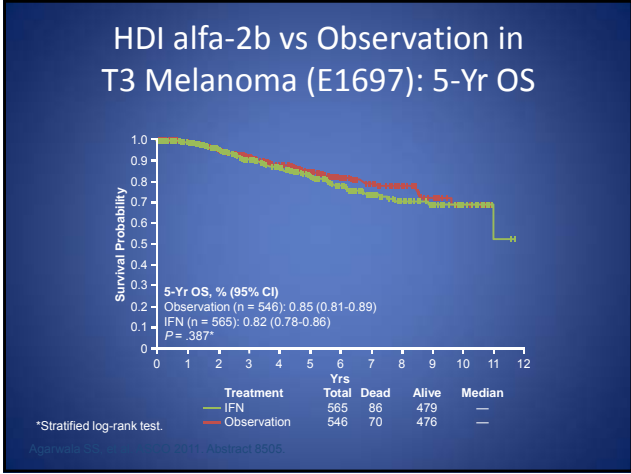
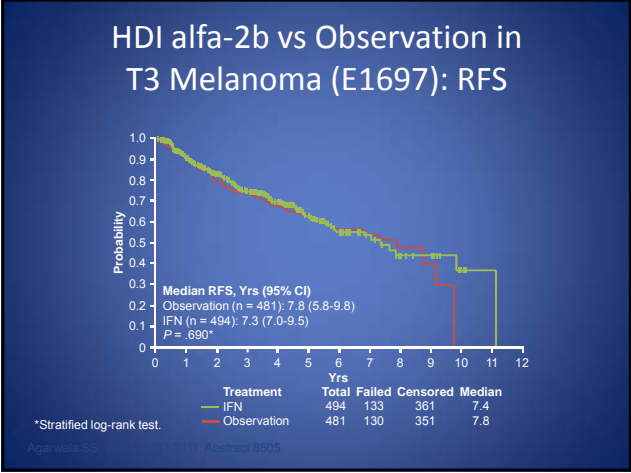
Patients with intermediate- and high-risk T3\* melanoma (N = 1150) → Resection →

- IFN alfa-2b 20 MU/m<sup>2</sup>/day for 5 days/wk x 4 wks (n = 581)
- Observation (n = 569)

\*Breslow thickness > 1.5 mm (AJCC 6th ed) or > 2.0 mm (AJCC 7th ed) or any thickness with microscopically positive nodal disease (N1a-N2a).

- Primary endpoint: RFS (time to recurrence or death without recurrence)
- Secondary endpoint: OS

Agarwal et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011; Abstract 8505



### HDI alfa-2b vs Observation in T3 Melanoma (E1697): Conclusions

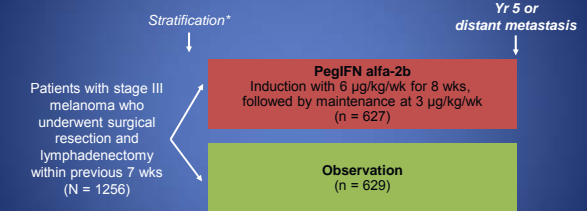
- Adjuvant therapy with the induction phase alone was not sufficient to improve RFS or OS
- The approved 1-yr adjuvant HDI regimen of induction followed by maintenance should not be shortened to 4 wks

### PegIFN alfa-2b: Dosing

Schedule	Dose	Frequency	Duration
Induction	6 µg/kg SC	qw	8 wks
Maintenance	3 µg/kg SC	qw	Up to 5 yrs

Eggermont AM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;372:117-126.

### Phase III EORTC 18991 Study of Adjuvant PegIFN alfa-2b in Stage III Melanoma

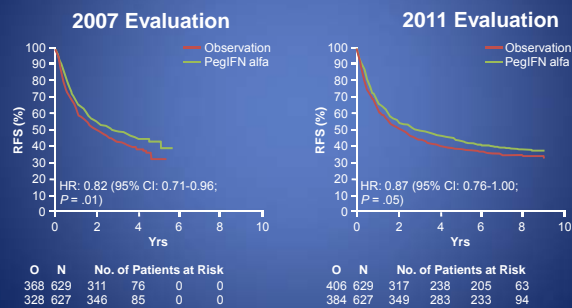


\*Patients stratified according to microscopic vs palpable nodal involvement (N1 vs N2), number of nodes (1 vs 2-4 vs 5+), Breslow score, ulceration of primary tumor, sex, and treatment center.

Primary endpoints: RFS, DFS

Eggermont AM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011. Abstract 8506b.

### Phase III EORTC 18991 Study of Adjuvant PegIFN alfa-2b in Stage III Melanoma: RFS



Eggermont AM, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011. Abstract 8506b.

### The Effectiveness of HDI Is Not Stage Dependent

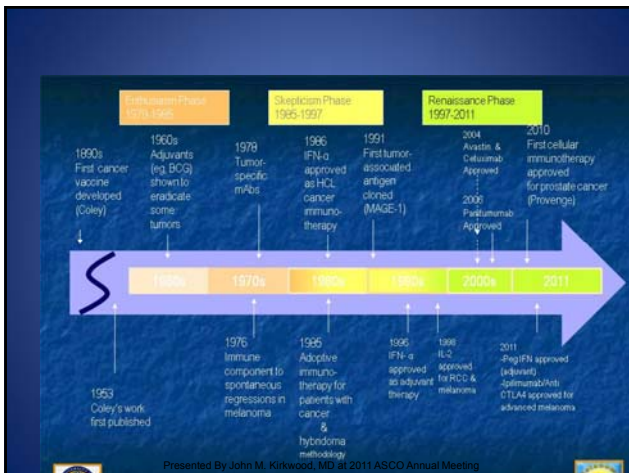
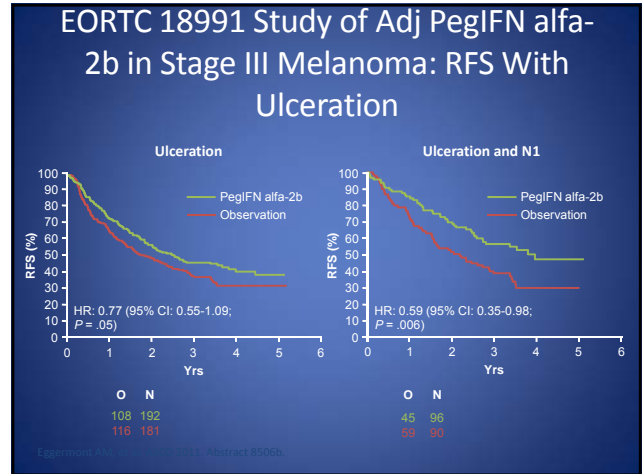
Trial/Yr	Eligibility	N	Patients With LN Micromets, n		Subgroup findings	
			Total	IFN Obs Only		
E1684 1996	IIb, III	280	34	2	14	Major impact on patients with clinically evident LN-positive disease
E1690 2000	IIb, III	608	68	18	29	Major impact on patients with LN-positive disease, particularly those with 2-3+ lymph nodes
E1694 2001	IIb, III	774	316	149	166	HDI was of the most benefit for patients with no LN involvement (IIB) (P = .01)
M. D. Anderson 2007	III	486	110	42	68	Stage IIIA absolute increase in RFS of 9% (P = .09); P = .02 after adjustment for multiple variables

Abaya D, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;112:2030-2037.

**We have a bright sunrise over the (old) graveyard of melanoma drug development**

PD1/PDL1 inhibitors  
 BRAF inhibitors  
 CTLA4 blockage  
 MEK inhibitors  
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### Recent Phase III Trials of Systemic Therapy for Melanoma

- Negative Phase III Trials**
  - Chemotherapy (DTIC) plus antisense Bcl-2 (Genasense) 2006
  - Chemotherapy (Cisplatin/Vinblastine/Dacarbazine/IL-2/IFN, E3695), 2009
  - Chemotherapy (Paclitaxel) plus elesclomol (Synta), 2009
  - Chemotherapy (Paclitaxel + Carboplatin)+/Sorafenib E2603, 2010
- Positive Phase III Trials**
  - CTLA4 blocking antibody ipilimumab (2010)
  - BRAF inhibitor PLX4032/RG7204 (2011)
  - Adjuvant Peg IFN in Resected Stage III Melanoma (2011)
- Pending**
  - MAGE A3 Vaccine (Adjuvant)
  - Alloectin B7 Vaccine (Advanced)
  - Biovex GMCSF-HSV (Advanced)
  - BRAF inhibitor GSK2118436

Kirkwood and Tathiri, JCO 2009  
Deshmukh et al, JCO 2007; Adams et al, JCO 2009  
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## Molecular Therapy of Melanoma

- Therapeutic options dictate evaluation of metastatic melanoma for V600E, K driver mutations in patients with metastatic disease
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- Response duration >6.7 mos median
- Phase III BRIM Trial Closed Feb 2011
  - Survival and progression-free goals met
  - Resistance via pathway reactivation
    - Primary resistance in a minority – 10-15%
    - Acquired resistance through MEK, non-MEK dependent pathways in most patients by 7+mos



Chapman, et al., Proc ASCO 2011

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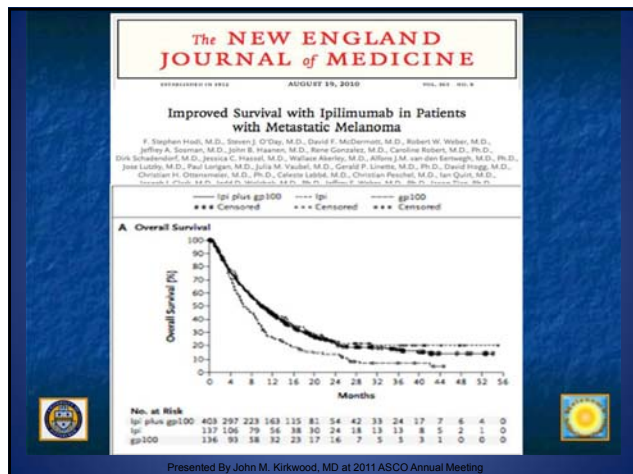
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### Ipilimumab Registration Trials

- **Pivotal Second Line MDX010-20 Trial in HLA-A2 Positive Patients (N=650)**
- 3 arms 3:1:1 ipi/gp100 vaccine, ipi alone, gp100 alone
- OS primary endpoint
- Positive trial reported 2010 June 3 ASCO
- **First Line CA184-024 Trial, Randomized Placebo-Controlled trial in combination with DTIC (N=500)**
- Ipilimumab/DTIC vs. Placebo/DTIC
- OS primary endpoint
- Event driven analysis delayed 2+ years since closure of tremelimumab phase III trial and reported 2011 June 5 at ASCO

DTIC=dacarbazine; ipi=ipilimumab; OS=overall survival  
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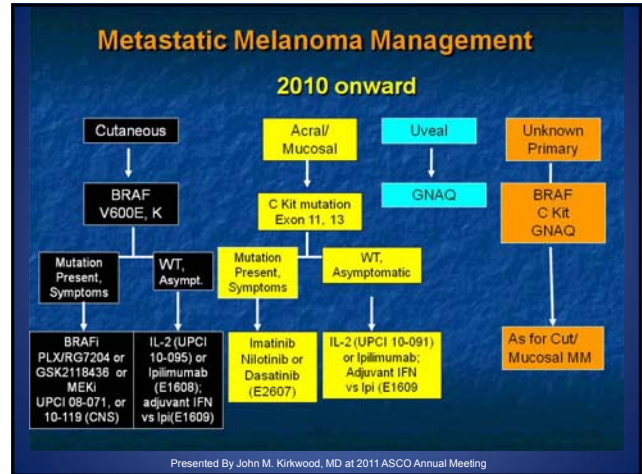
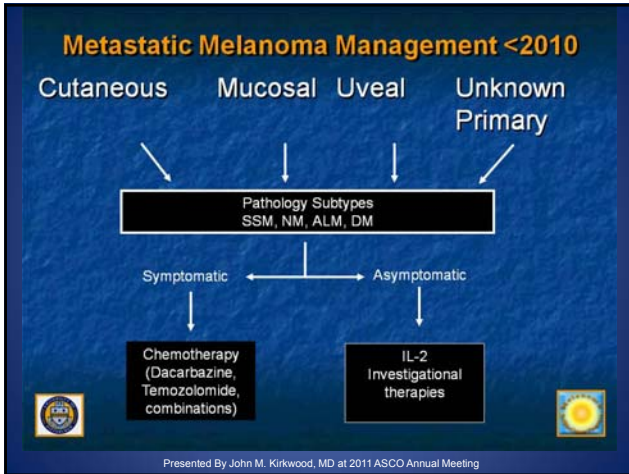
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### Where to Deploy Immunotherapy... ?Qualitatively Superior Impact in the Adjuvant Setting

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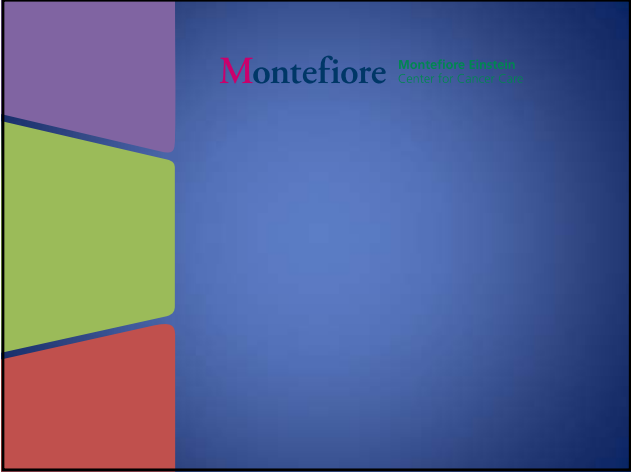
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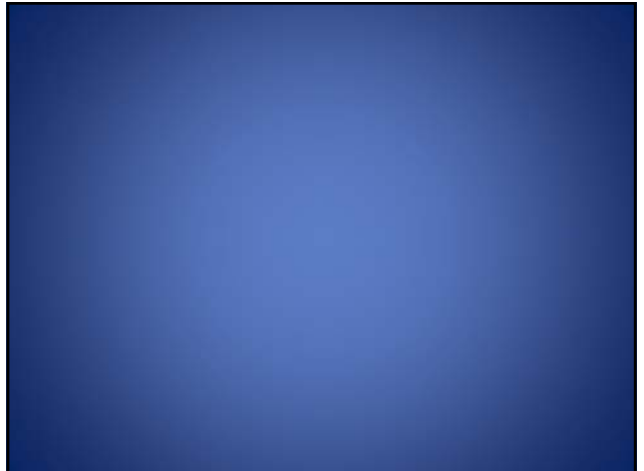
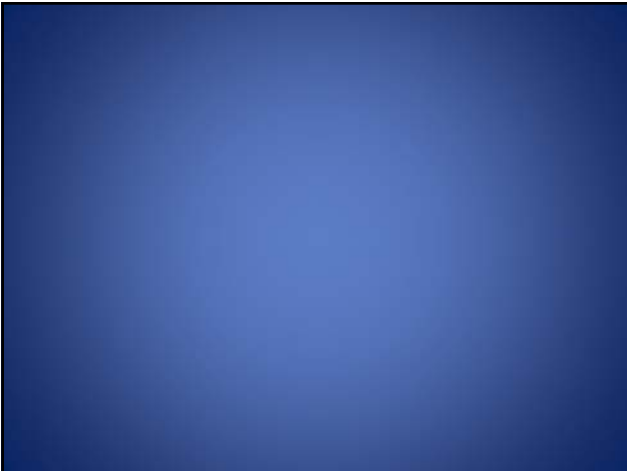
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### Differences between blocking CTLA4/B7 and blocking PD-1/PD-L1

	CTLA4	PD-1
Receptor T cell expression	~48 h after antigen exposure	Upon chronic antigen exposure
Ligand expression	CD80 (B7.1)/CD80 (B7.2) by APCs	PD-L1 (B7-H1) by tumors and inflamed tissues PD-L2 (B7-DC) by APCs
Knock out mouse phenotype	Early death from autoimmunity	Late onset autoimmunity
Prediction upon blockade	Less specific for antitumor T cells	More specific for antitumor T cells

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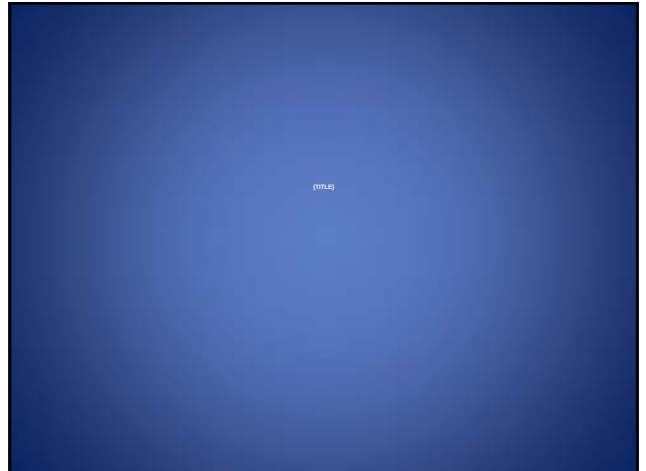
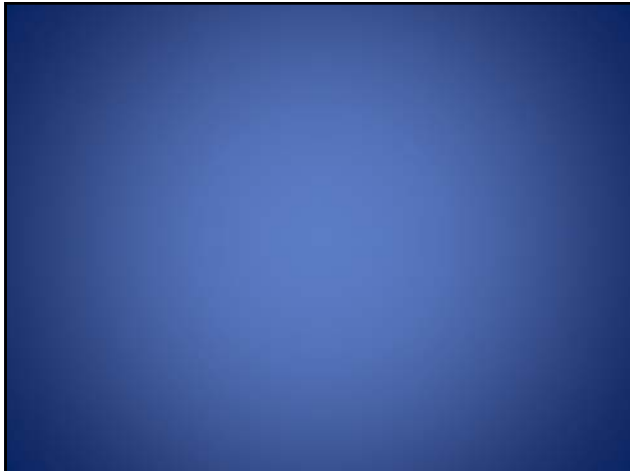
### Conclusions

- Expanded access programs should be open when an agent has demonstrated unquestionable patient benefit
- Ipilimumab should continue to be administered at 3 mg/kg x 4 doses
  - Awaiting 3 vs 10 mg/kg randomized trial
- PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors are likely the most impacting new agents in metastatic melanoma (and possibly other cancers)

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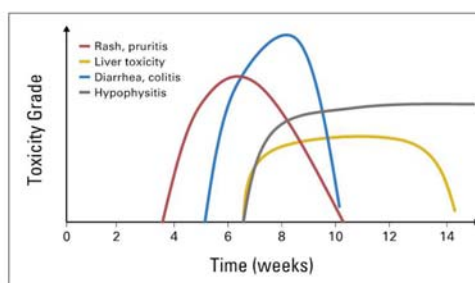
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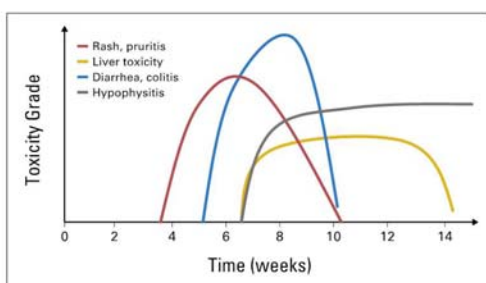
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