

**Journées Enseignement et Recherche du GETUG**

# **Quels arguments biologiques pour associer des anti-PD1/L1 entre eux et avec les traitements conventionnels ?**

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# **Quelle immunothérapie? Les Anti-PD1/L1**

**Association -> Synergie ( $1+1=3$ )  
vs Somme ( $1+1=2$ ) vs Séquence  
( $2+0=1+1$ )**

**Cancer urologiques et Anti-PD1/L1: est-ce qu'on pouvait faire mieux?**

# Kidney Cancer

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### FIRST-LINE THERAPY

(alphabetical by category and preference)

- Clinical trial
- Pazopanib (category 1, preferred)
- Sunitinib (category 1, preferred)
- Bevacizumab + interferon alfa-2b (category 1)
- Temsirolimus (category 1 for poor-prognosis patients,<sup>h</sup> category 2B for selected patients of other risk groups)
- Axitinib
- Cabozantinib (for poor- and intermediate-risk groups)<sup>i</sup>
- High-dose IL-2 for selected patients<sup>j</sup>
- Active surveillance for select, asymptomatic patients<sup>k</sup>

# Bladder Cancer

## NCCN Evidence Blocks™

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### First-line systemic therapy for locally advanced or metastatic disease (Stage IV)

Cisplatin eligible	<u>Preferred regimens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gemcitabine and cisplatin<sup>4</sup> (category 1)</li><li>• DDMVAC with growth factor support (category 1)<sup>2,8</sup></li></ul>
Cisplatin ineligible	<u>Preferred regimens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gemcitabine and carboplatin<sup>11</sup></li><li>• Atezolizumab<sup>12</sup></li><li>• Pembrolizumab<sup>13</sup></li></ul> <u>Other recommended regimens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gemcitabine<sup>14</sup></li><li>• Gemcitabine and paclitaxel<sup>15</sup></li></ul>

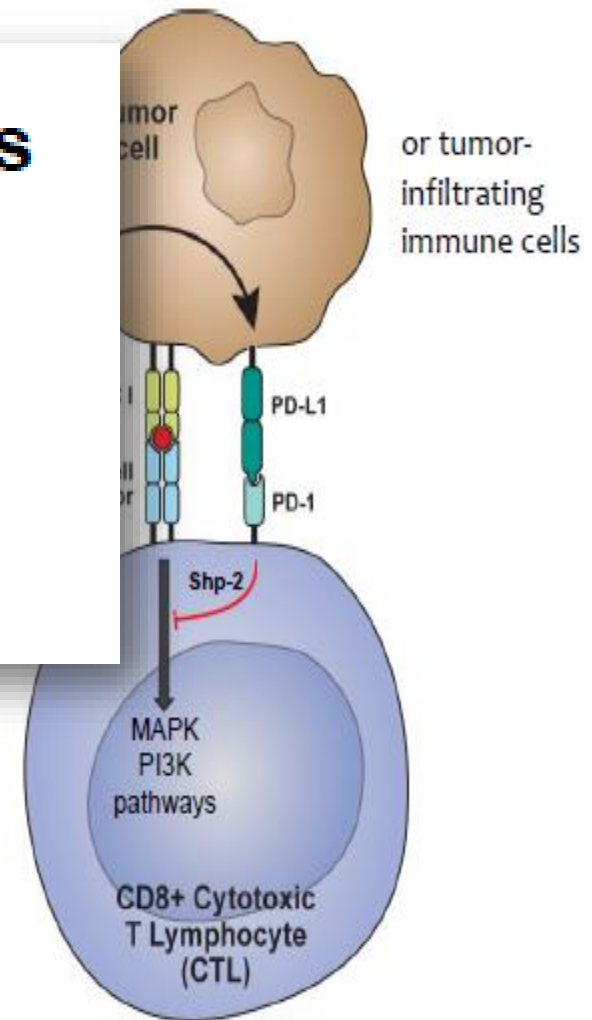
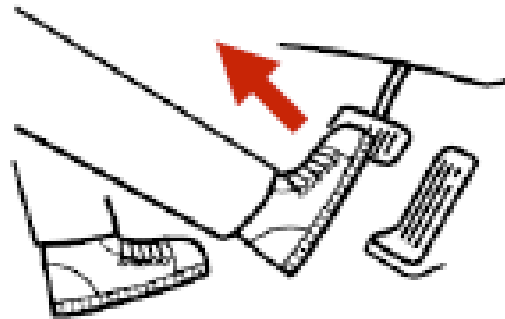
# Cancer urologiques et Anti-PD1/L1



# Blocking the PD-L1/PD-1 axis restores, or prevents loss of T cell activity

- PD-L1/PD-1 interaction inhibits T cell activation, effector function, immune homeostasis
- Tumors & surrounding cells regulate PD-L1 expression to suppress T cell activity
- Blocking PD-L1/PD-1 **restores or prevents** loss of T effector function

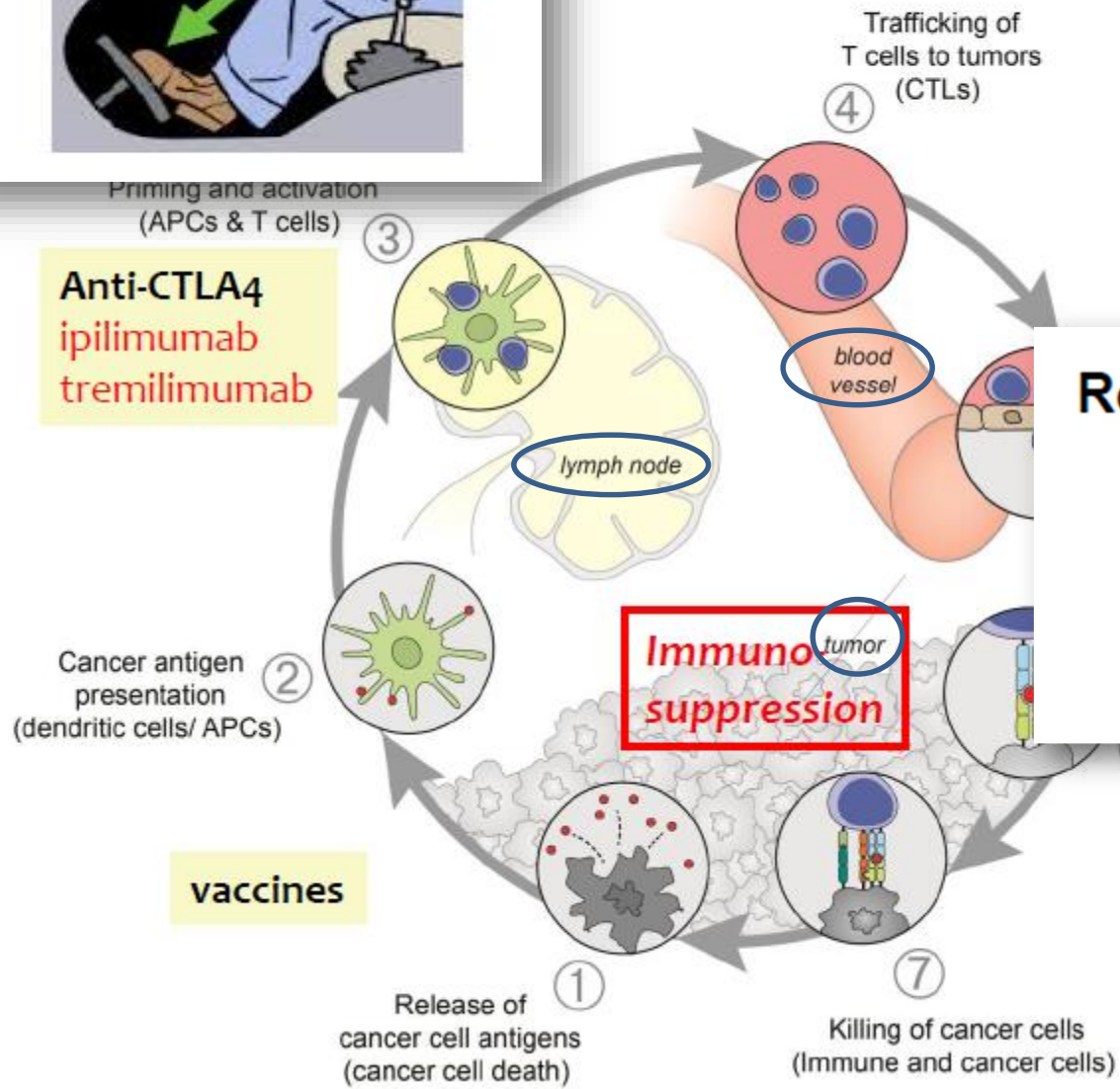
## Release the Brakes





# With immunosuppression is a rate limiting tumor immunity\*

\*for some patients



**Anti-CTLA4**  
ipilimumab  
tremilimumab

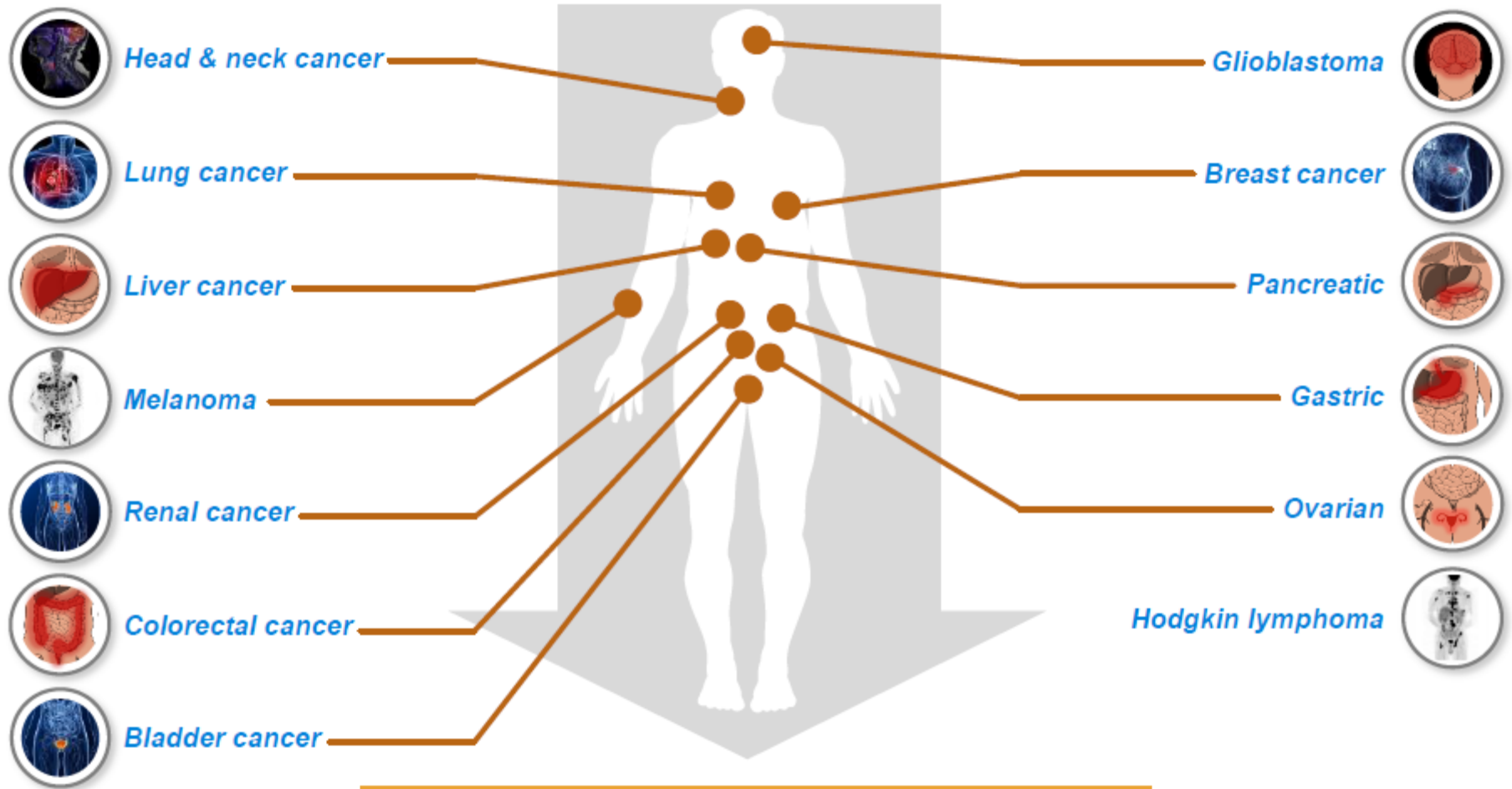
**vaccines**



**Anti-PD-L1/PD-1**  
nivolumab  
pembrolizumab  
atezolizumab  
durvalumab



# Broad activity for anti-PD-L1/PD-1 in human cancer



Broad activity, but only subset of patients benefit: ~10-30%

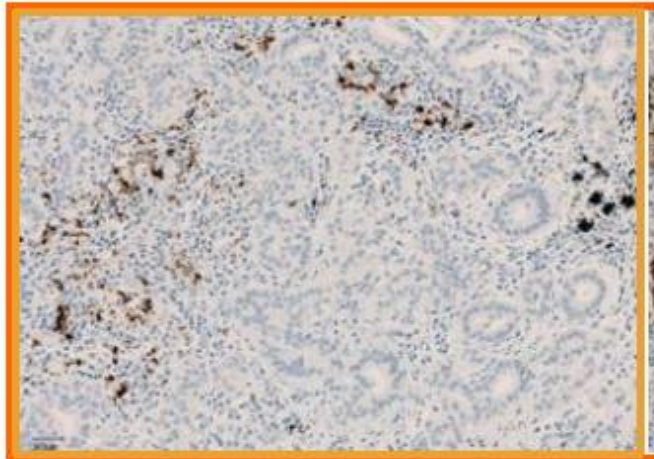
# How to do it better?

- 1- To identify patients most likely to respond to  $\alpha$ PD-L1/PD-1
- 2- To identify combinations that extend the depth and breadth of response to  $\alpha$ PD-L1/PD-1
- 3- To investigate new targets to overcome immunosuppression, enhance T cell expansion



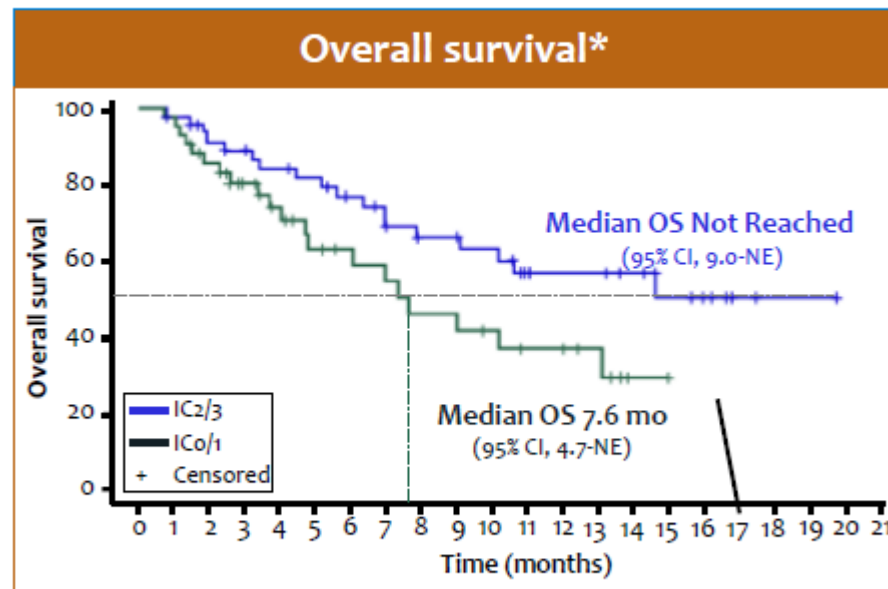
# 1) PD-L1 expression predicts clinical response: an imperfect but interesting biomarker

Immune cells  
(ICs)



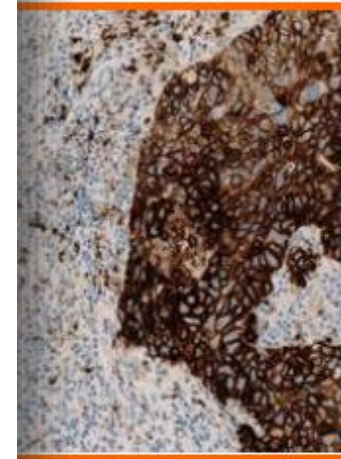
Predictive of benefit in  
bladder cancer (ORR/OS)<sup>1</sup>

Bladder cancer (IC only)



Rosenberg et al (2015) ECC

Immune cells  
and ICs)



Predictive of benefit in  
lung cancer (ORR/PFS/OS)<sup>2</sup>

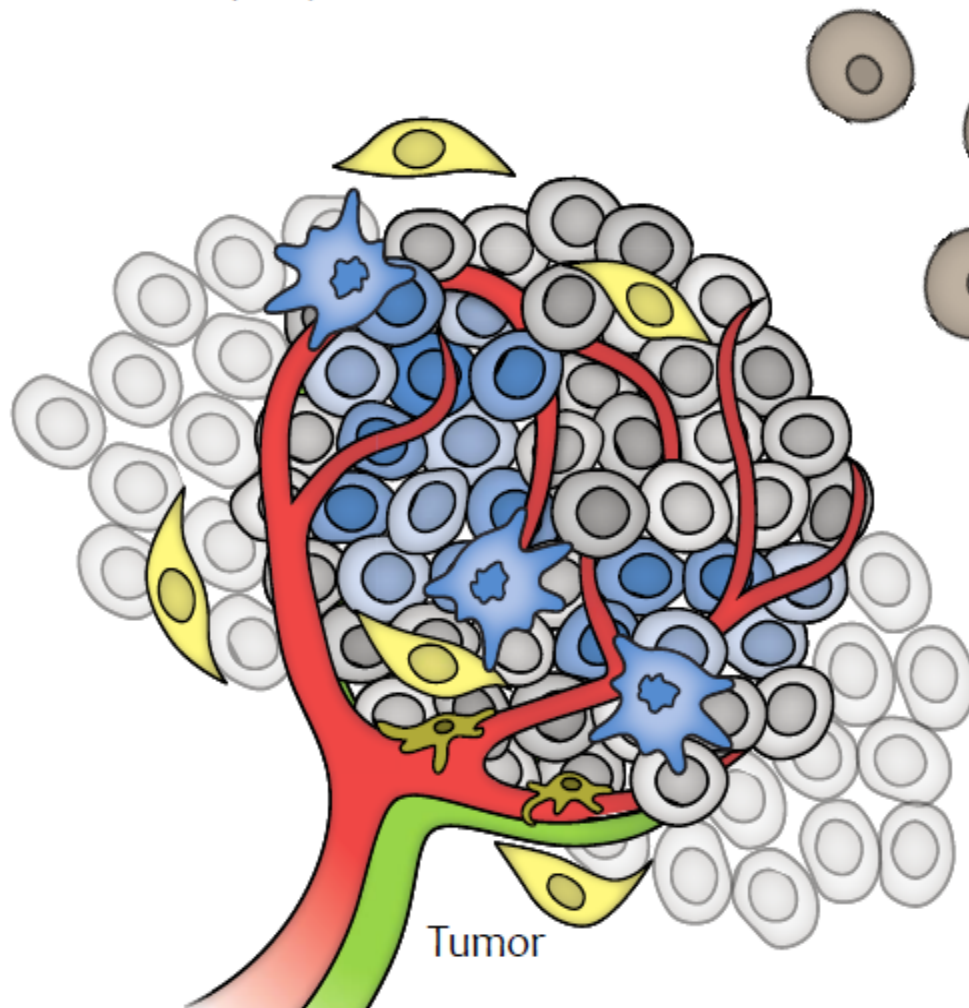
# Challenges

- Pronostique vs prédictive?
- Homogénéité Inter-labs?
- Tumeurs  $\neq$   $\rightarrow$  Expression  $\neq$
- Cut-offs?
- ICs vs TCs?



# The predictive power of PD-L1+ IC's suggests a special role for infiltrating immune cells in anti-tumor T cell function

\* Taube et al (2012) Science Transl. Med.

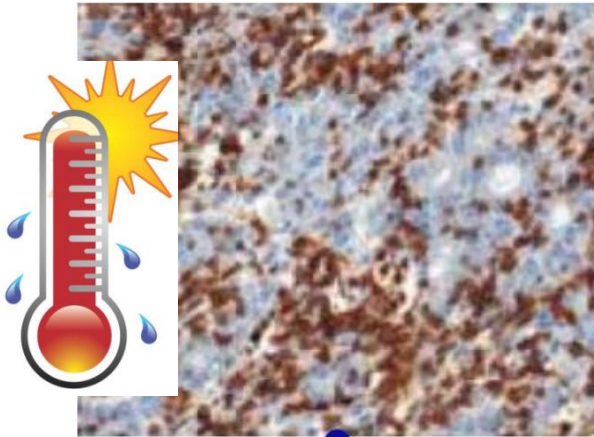


IFN $\gamma$ + T cell  
effectors

- Why can PD-L1 expression by immune infiltrating cells more predictive than PD-L1+ tumor cells?
- Do PD-L1+ myeloid cells, not tumor cells, regulate T cell function at baseline?
- What is the actual mechanism of PD-1-mediated suppression?

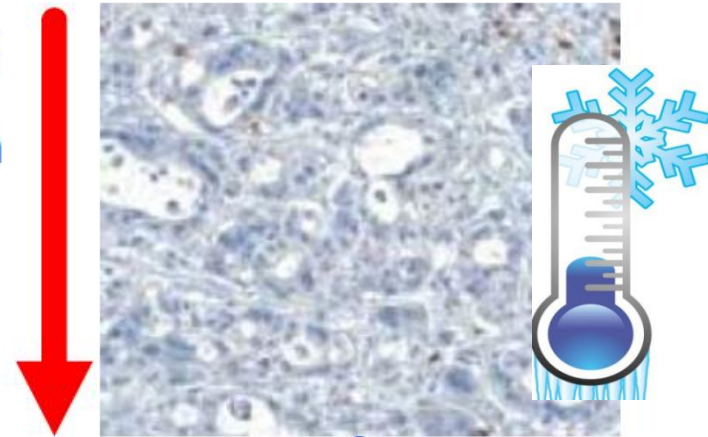
# PD-L1/PD-1 targeted therapies work best in inflamed tumors vs. non-inflamed tumors

“Inflamed”



- Tumor-infiltrating Lymphocytes
- PD-L1 expression
- CD8+ T cells
- Genomic instability
- Pre-existing immunity

“Non-inflamed”



Typically respond favorably to checkpoint inhibition

Typically **DO NOT** respond to checkpoint inhibition

Converting from ‘non-inflamed’ to ‘inflamed’ is likely to be only 1 piece of the puzzle....



2 and 3) To identify combinations that extend the depth and breadth of response to  $\alpha$ PD-L1/PD-1 -> How Can we interact with the Immune System? New targets?

≠ TOXICITY

### Release the Brakes



### Step on the Gas



### Fill the Tank



### Block Checkpoint Inhibitors

PD-1 or PD-L1 antibodies  
OX40 antibodies  
Soluble LAG-3  
...

### Expand or Bring T cells into tumour

- + anti-CTLA-4
- + others immune activating Ab
- + cytokines
- + TLR agonists
- + IDO inhibitors
- + Targeted therapies
- + ...

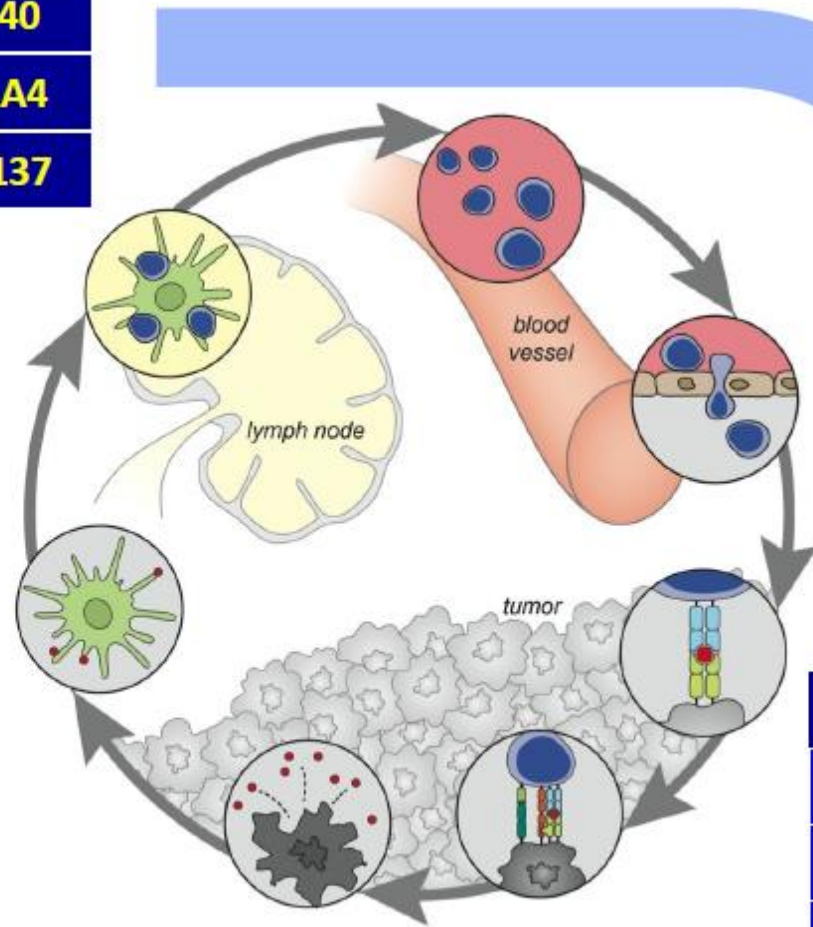
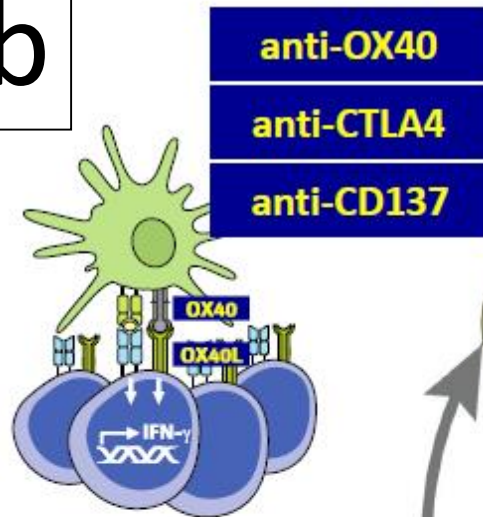
### Generate Effectors

Vaccines  
Oncolytic virus  
Adoptive Transfer  
CAR  
Radiotherapy  
...

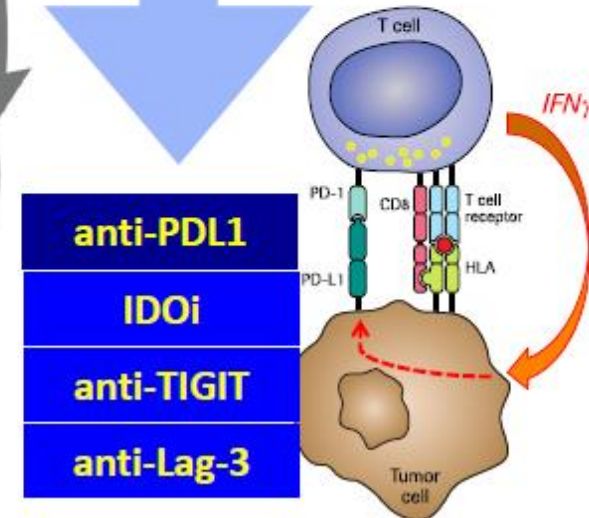


# Immune doublets: $\alpha$ PD-L1/PD-1 + agonist (a+b) vs $\alpha$ PD-L1/PD-1 + second negative regulator (a+a)

b



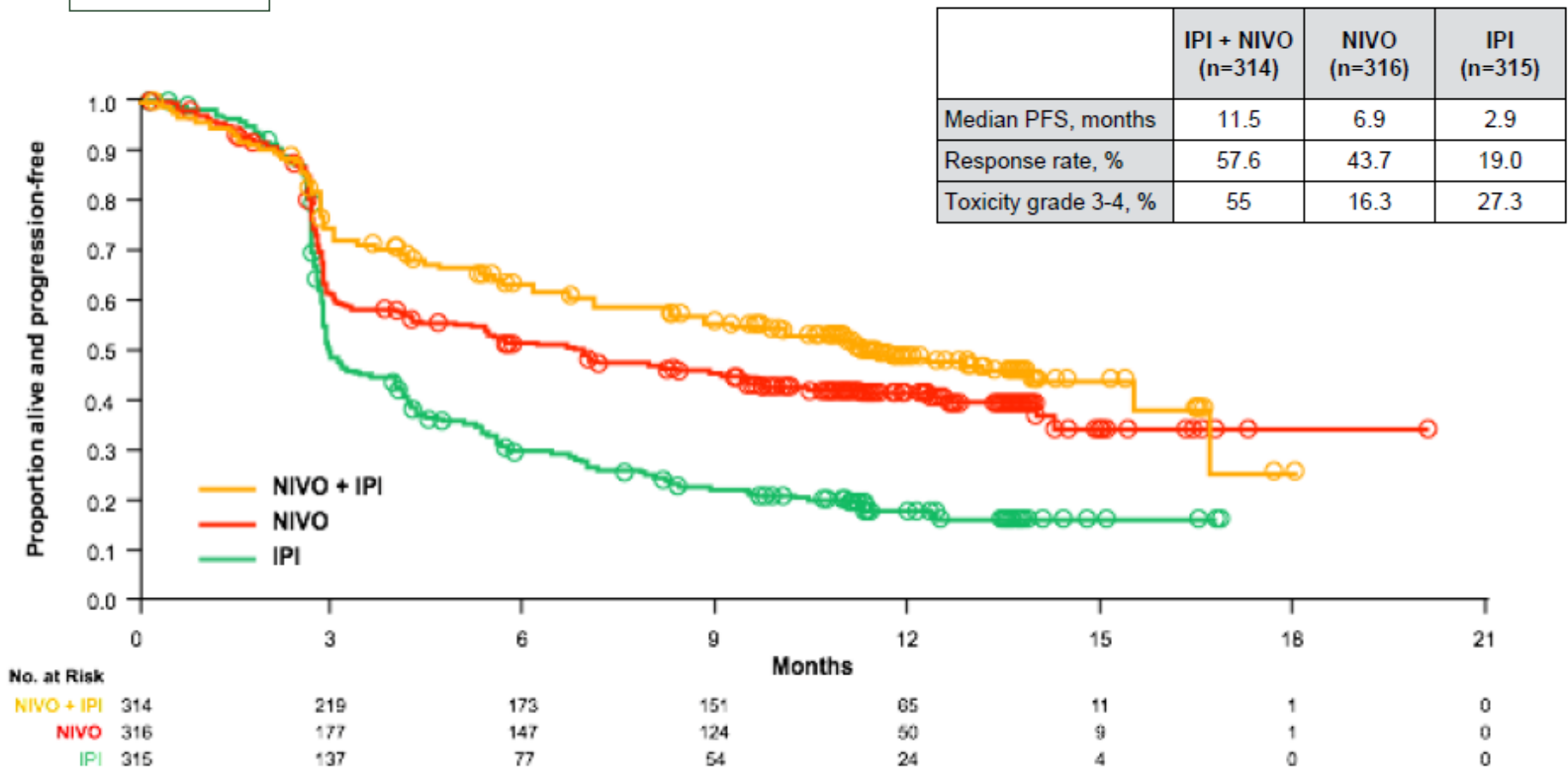
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PD-L1/PD-1 as a foundational therapy

# CA209-067 : Combination better than monotherapy ?

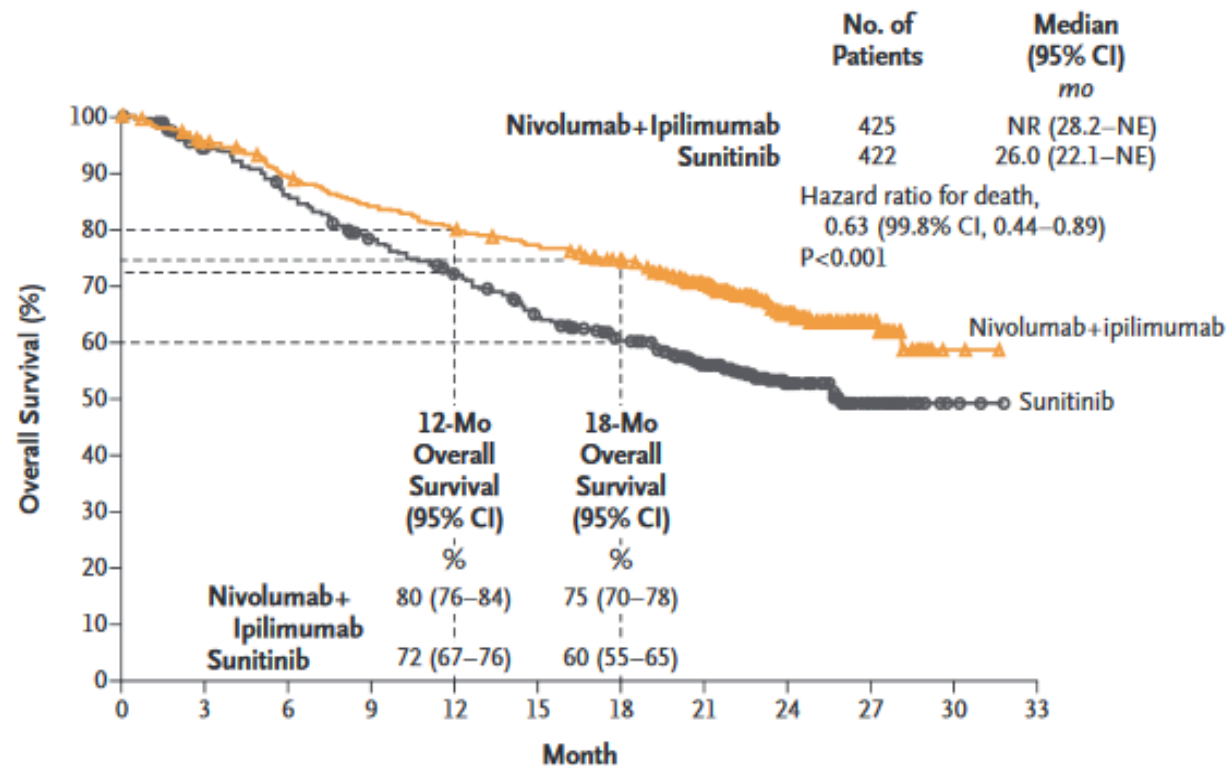
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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab versus Sunitinib in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

## A Overall Survival

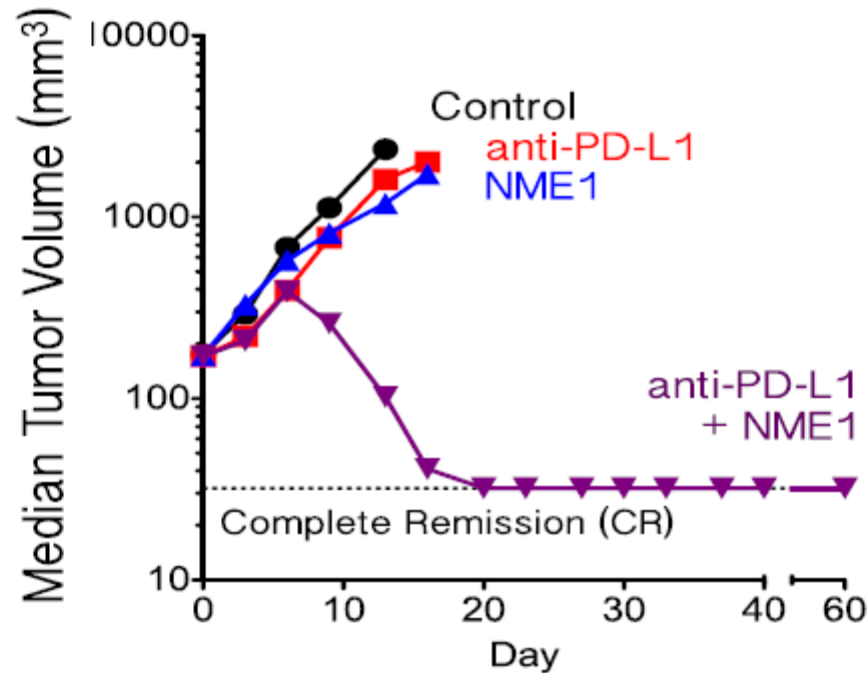


## No. at Risk

Nivolumab+ipilimumab	425	399	372	348	332	318	300	241	119	44	2	0
Sunitinib	422	387	352	315	288	253	225	179	89	34	3	0

# Negative regulator **anti-TIGIT** combines with PD-L1 to produce complete tumor regression in mice

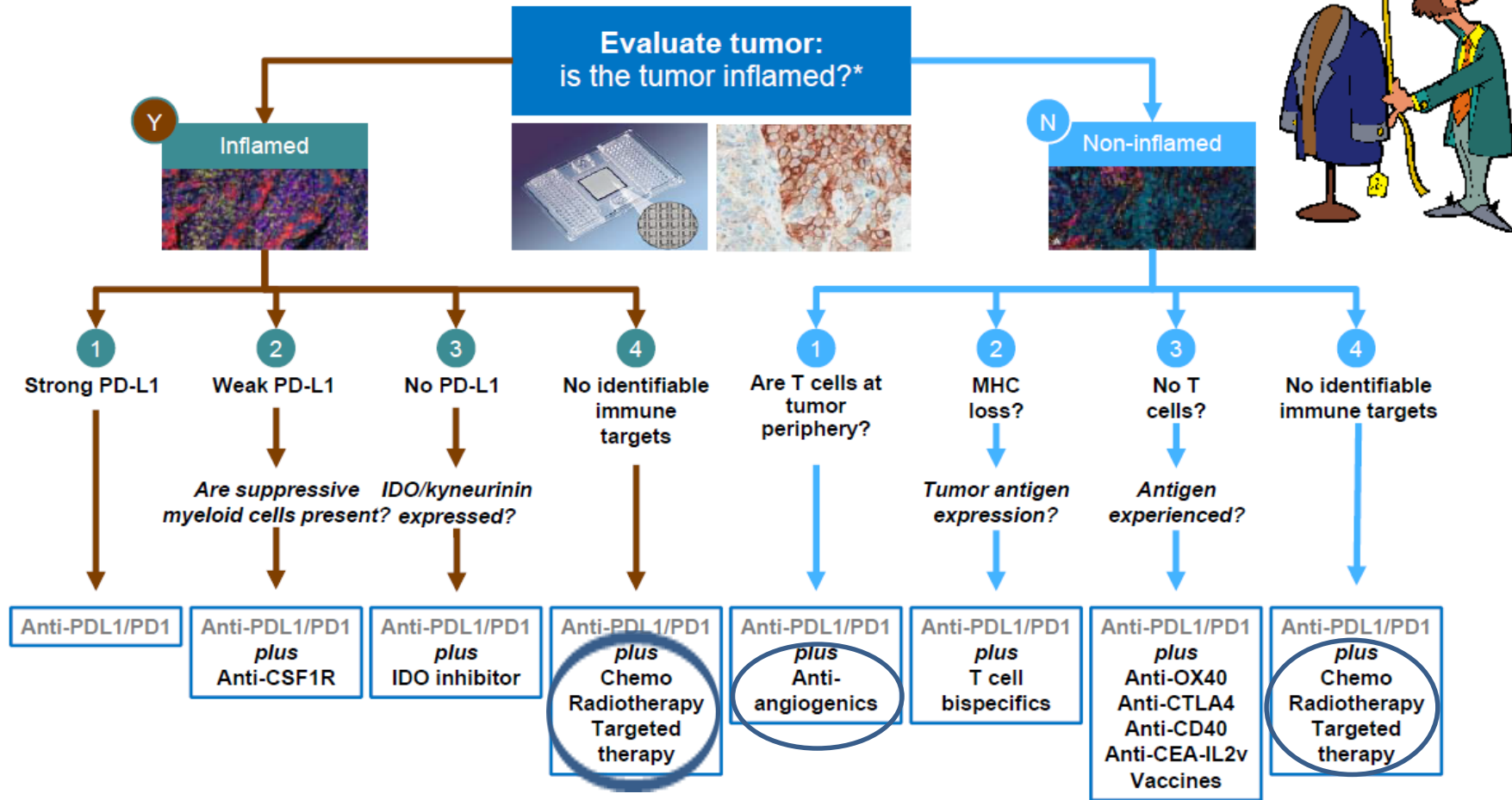
a+a



# Tailoring immunotherapies

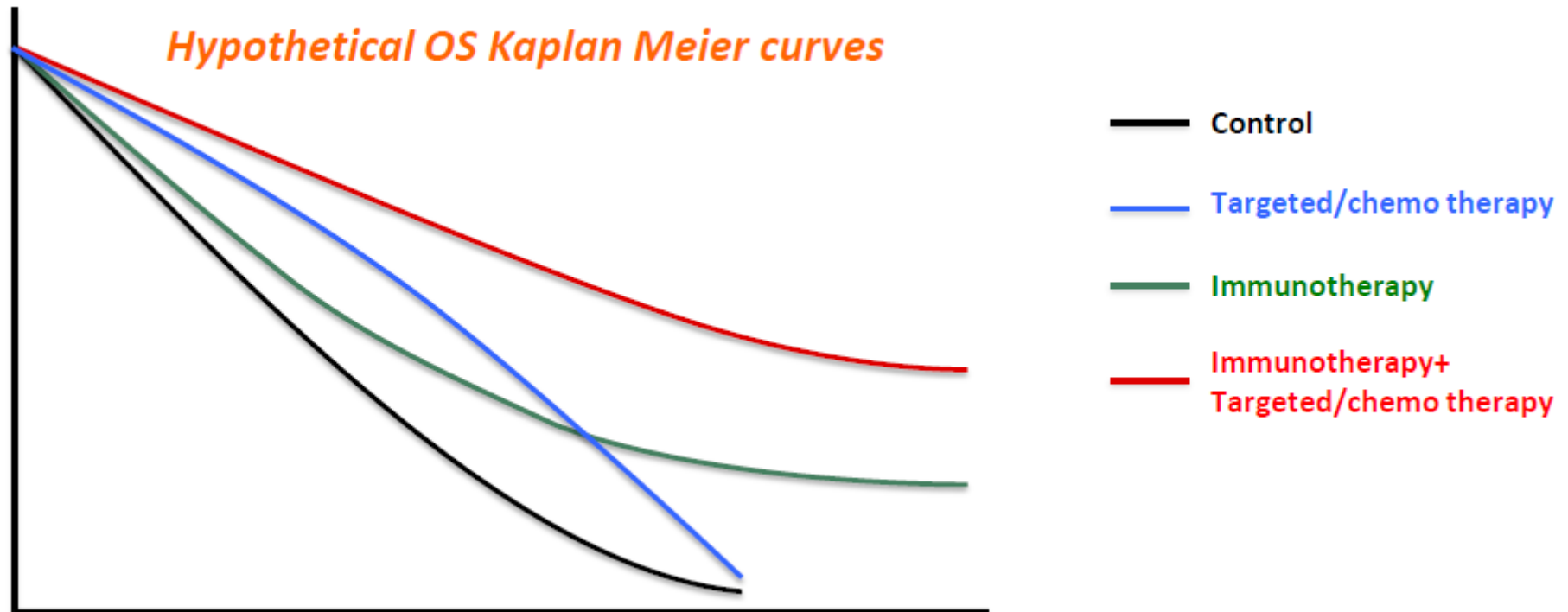
## Vision: personalized cancer immunotherapy algorithms

\*Possible hypothetical algorithm:



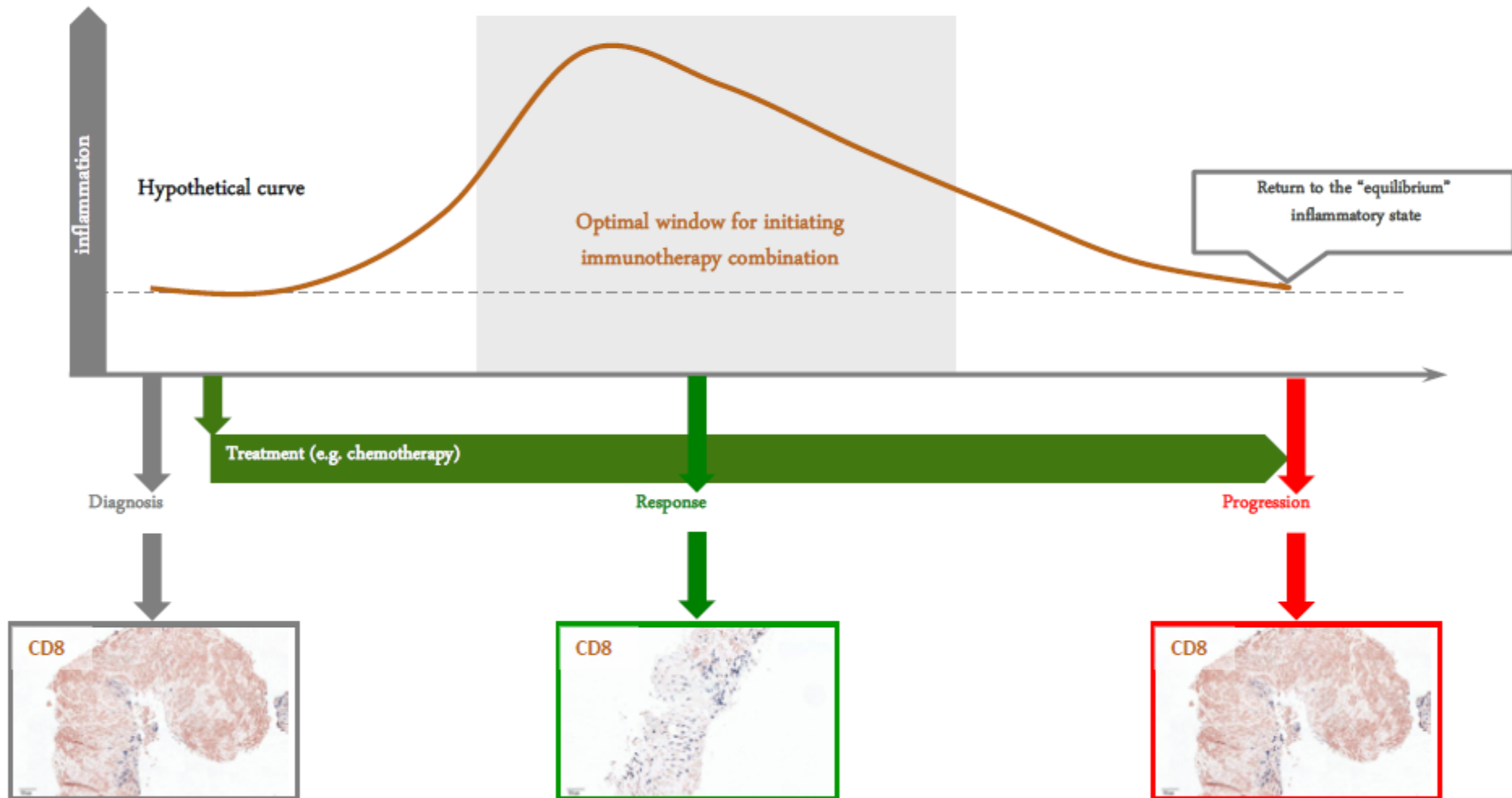


# Combinations of immunotherapeutics with Chemo/targeted therapies

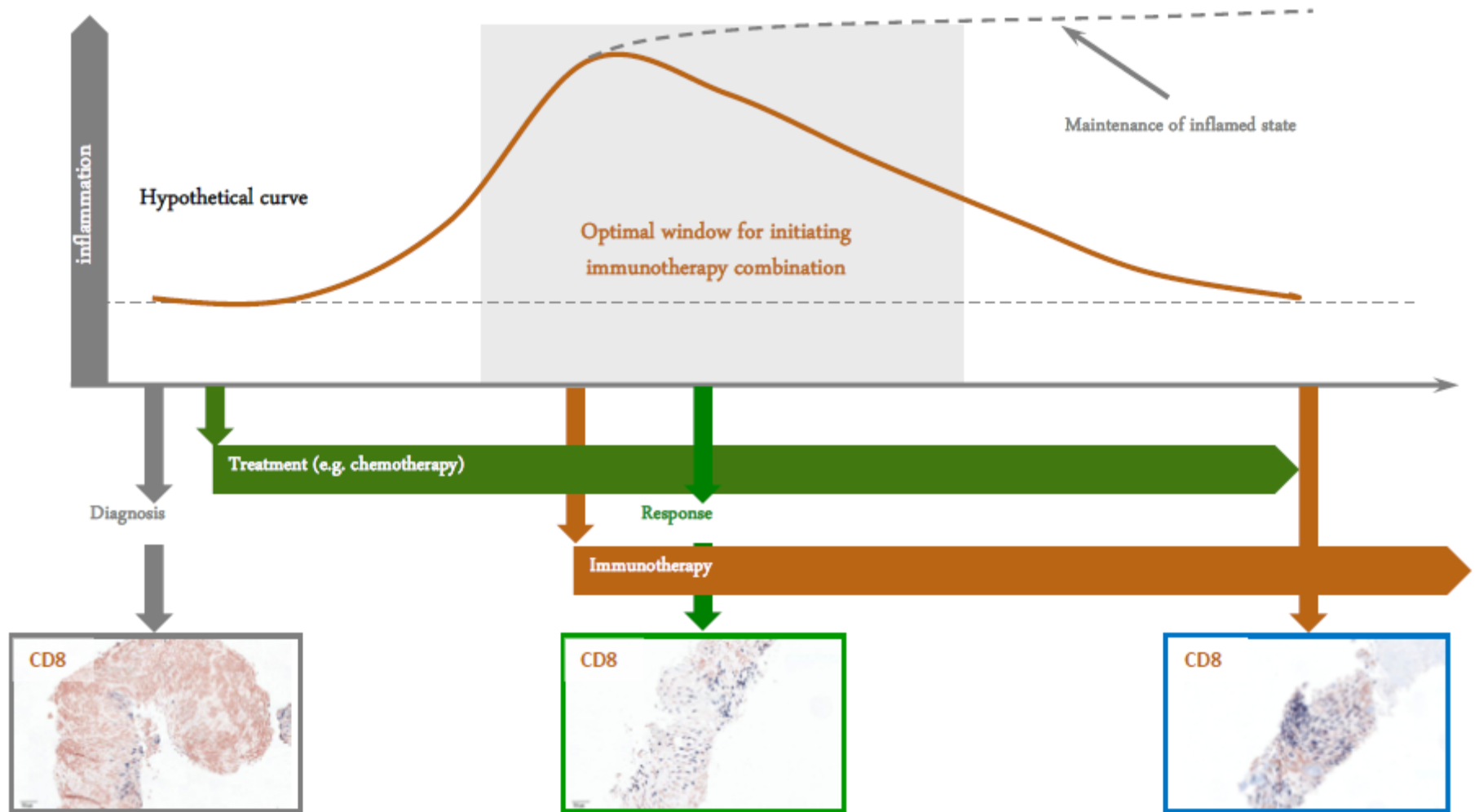


- Agents must be safe in combination with anti PD1-L1
- Targeted/chemo therapy should not interfere with immune response or immunotherapeutic mechanism of action

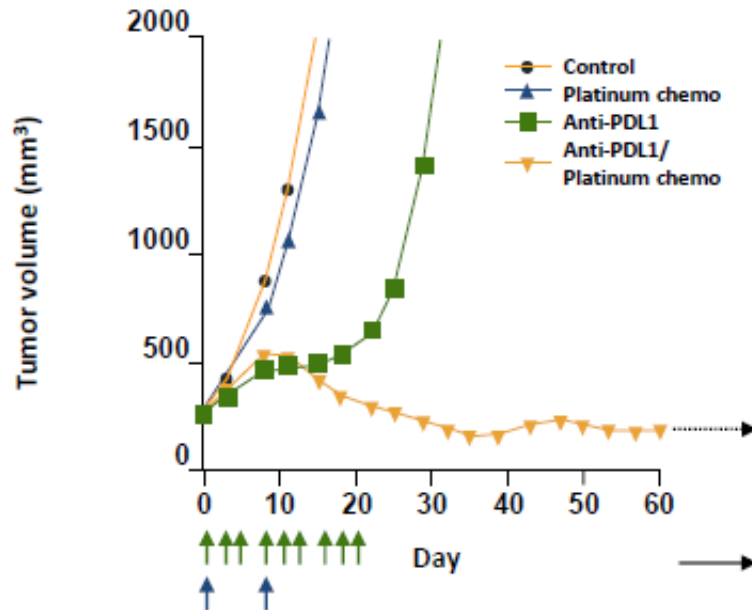
# Modulation of tumor immune status by chemotherapy may be transient



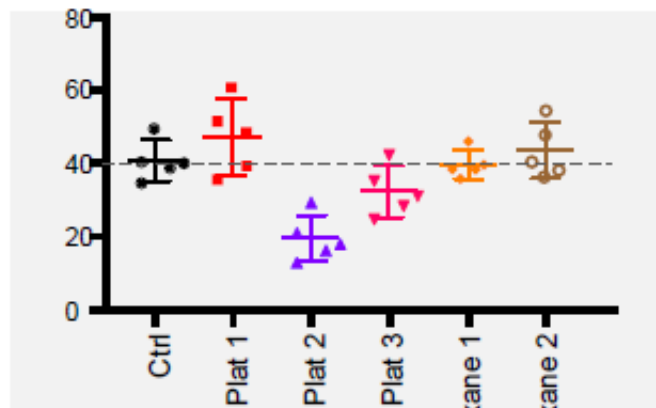
# Simultaneous combinations may help to maintain and extend tumor inflamed state



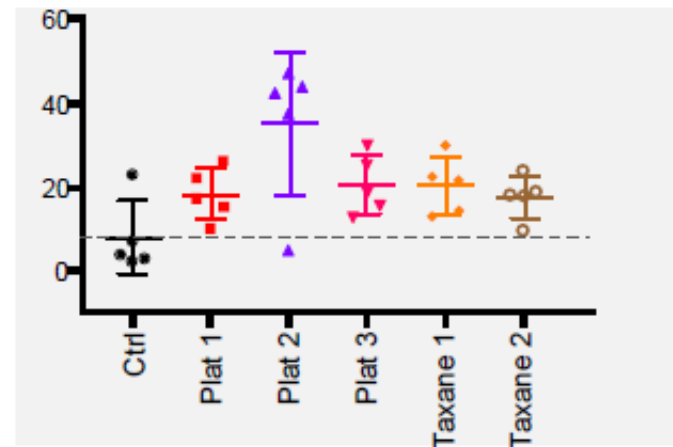
# Chemotherapy as immunotherapy: effect of platins on preclinical efficacy and immunobiology



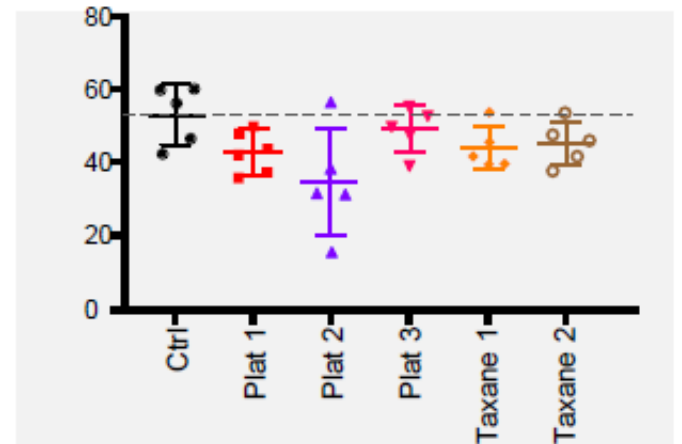
*Tumor CD11b<sup>+</sup>Ly6C<sup>+</sup> (cell type)*



*Tumor CD8<sup>+</sup> (cell type)*



*Tumor CD4<sup>+</sup>FoxP3<sup>+</sup> (cell type)*



## Anti-angiogenesis therapy can overcome endothelial cell anergy and promote leukocyte-endothelium interactions and infiltration in tumors

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**ABSTRACT** Tumor escape from immunity, as well as the failure of several anti-cancer vaccination and cellular immunotherapy approaches, is suggested to be due to the angiogenesis-mediated suppression of endothelial cell (EC) adhesion molecules involved in leukocyte-vessel wall interactions. We hypothesized that inhibition of angiogenesis would overcome this escape from immunity. We investigated this *in vivo* by means of intravital microscopy and *ex vivo* by immunohistochemistry in two mouse tumor models. Angiogenesis inhibitors anginex, endostatin, and angiostatin, and the chemotherapeutic agent paclitaxel were found to significantly stimulate leukocyte-vessel wall interactions by circumvention of EC anergy *in vivo*,

OVER THE LAST DECADES, immuno-directed anti-tumor strategies, based on adoptive or vaccination approaches, have been developed (1, 2). This approach has not been as effective as had been anticipated. Several explanations for this have been put forward. First, most vaccines have been directed toward stimulating cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CD8) responses; the continuous stimulation of these cells without T cell help (CD4) eventually leads to anergy and tumor escape. Second, regulatory host T cell responses may counteract induced immunity. Third, the antigens toward which the immunity is directed are not tumor specific enough. An alternative explanation might be that although immune effector cells are being gener-



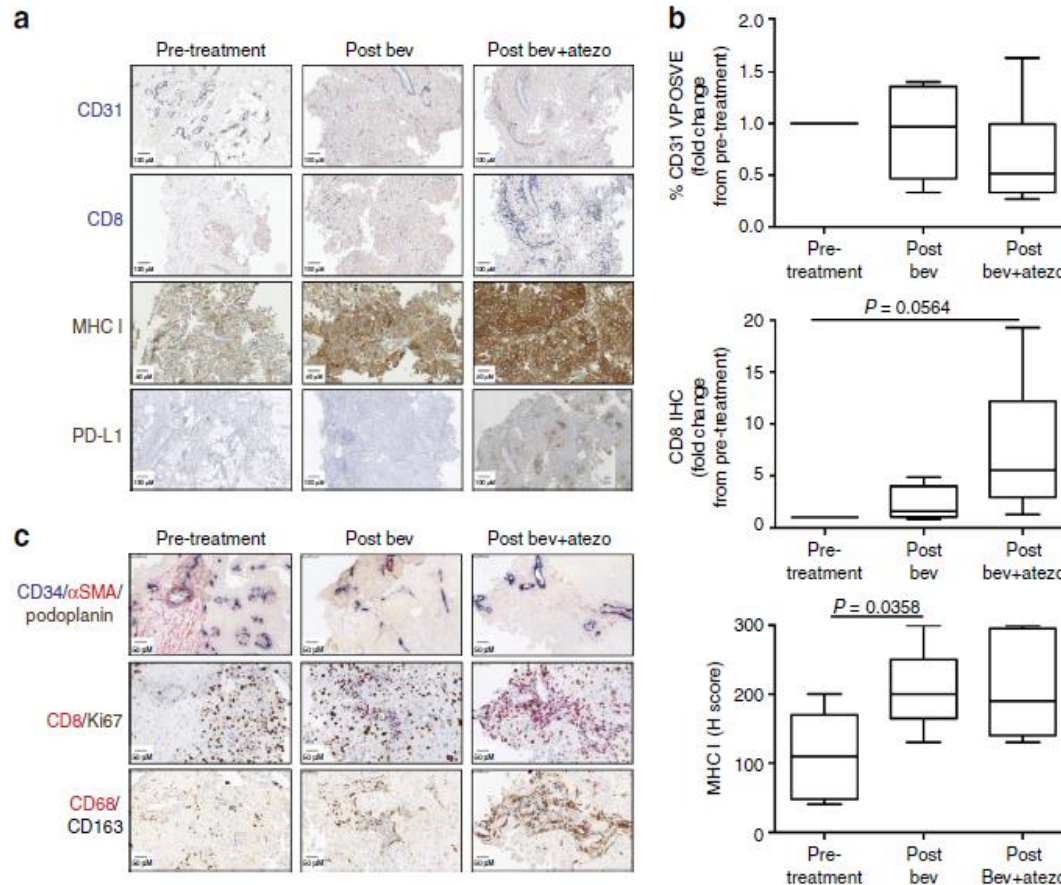
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# Atezolizumab in combination with bevacizumab enhances antigen-specific T-cell migration in metastatic renal cell carcinoma

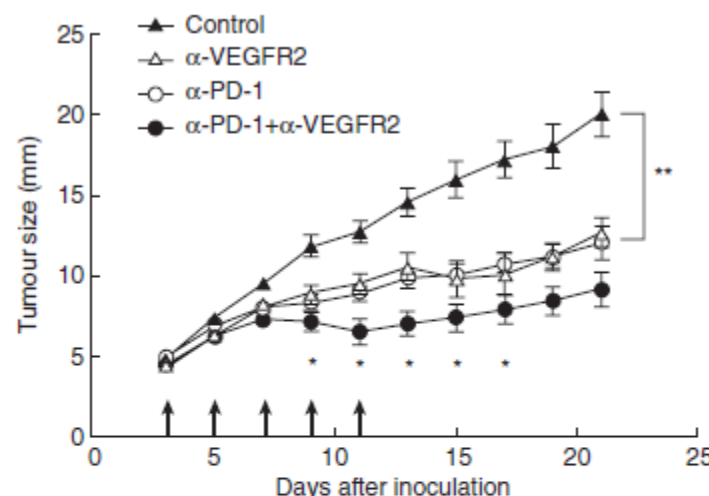


**Figure 3 | Protein expression of immune and vasculature markers in baseline and on-treatment tumour samples. (a)** Representative images of CD8 (blue), CD31 (blue), PD-L1 (brown) and MHC-I (brown) by IHC from patient 3 tumours. **(b)** Quantitation of CD31, CD8 and MHC-I IHC. *P* values were determined by paired *t*-test. The line in the middle of the box is plotted at the median. Lines above and below the boxes represent variability outside the upper and lower quartiles. **(c)** IHC images for the indicated triple and double stains of serial sections from patient 3 tumours. A scale bar for each image representing 50 or 100  $\mu$ m is shown. atezo, atezolizumab; bev, bevacizumab.

# Simultaneous blockade of programmed death 1 and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2) induces synergistic anti-tumour effect *in vivo*

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**Fig. 1.** Simultaneous blockade of programmed death (PD)-1 and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2) induced synergistic anti-tumour effect *in vivo*. BALB/c mice were inoculated subcutaneously with Colon-26 cells and were given with control rat immunoglobulin (Ig)G, anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody (mAb), anti-VEGFR2 mAb or both mAbs five times (arrow). Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  standard error of seven to 10 mice of each group. \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$ .

that the programmed death 1 (PD-1) plays a role in tumour immunity, and that several human cancers. We might augment the efficacy of combining the blockade of PD-1 or 2 (VEGFR2) in a murine model. Interestingly, simultaneous blockade of both monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) without overt toxicity. Blockade significantly, as demonstrated, while PD-1 blockade had no effect might promote T cell infiltration and local immune activation, as inflammatory cytokine expression might interfere with T cell infiltration. In conclusion, simultaneous blockade of PD-1 and VEGFR2 induced a synergistic *in-vivo*

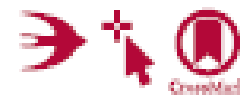
anti-tumour effect, possibly through different mechanisms that might not be mutually exclusive. This unique therapeutic strategy may hold significant promise for future clinical application.

**Keywords:** anti-angiogenesis, anti-tumour immunity, immune checkpoint, PD-1, VEGFR2

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# Axitinib in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with advanced renal cell cancer: a non-randomised, open-label, dose-finding, and dose-expansion phase 1b trial



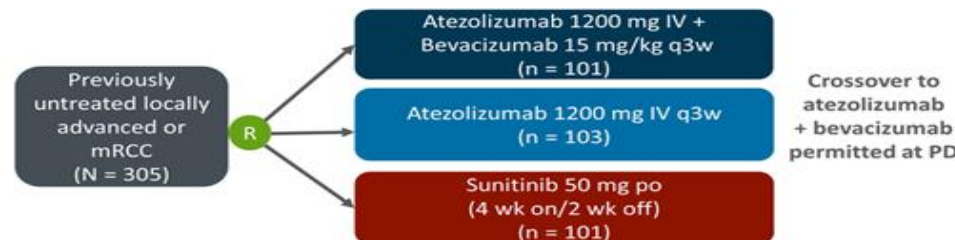
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## Phase 2 Study of Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab: IMmotion150

Atkins MB, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35(suppl). Abstract 4505.



## Preliminary results for avelumab plus axitinib as first-line therapy in patients with advanced clear-cell renal-cell carcinoma (JAVELIN Renal 100): an open-label, dose-finding and dose-expansion, phase 1b trial



Toni K Choueiri, James Larkin, Mototsugu Oya, Fiona Thistlethwaite, Marcella Martignoni, Paul Nathan, Thomas Powles, David McDermott, Paul B Robbins, David D Chism, Daniel Cho, Michael B Atkins, Michael S Gordon, Sumati Gupta, Hirotsugu Uemura, Yoshihiko Tomita, Anna Compagnoni, Camilla Fowst, Alessandra di Pietro, Brian I Rini

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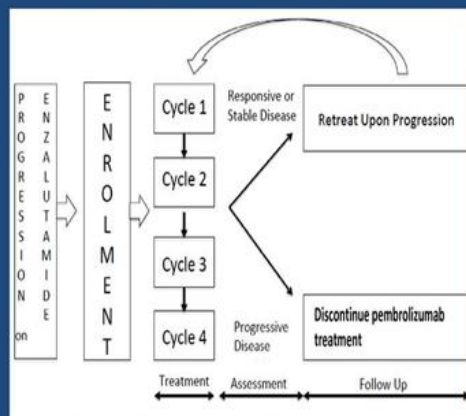
## PD-L1 is highly expressed in Enzalutamide resistant prostate cancer

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## First Evidence of Significant Clinical Activity of PD-1 Inhibitors in Metastatic, Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer (mCRPC)

Addition of Pembrolizumab Upon Progression on Enzalutamide in Men with mCRPC



Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV every 3 weeks x 4 with retreatment  
Continued Enzalutamide therapy

## Activity

- 5 of 27 (19%) patients had a confirmed PSA response
- 4 of 19 (21%) patients had stable disease > 6 months (range 34-64 weeks) without a PSA response
- Median follow up 19 weeks (range 3-67 weeks)

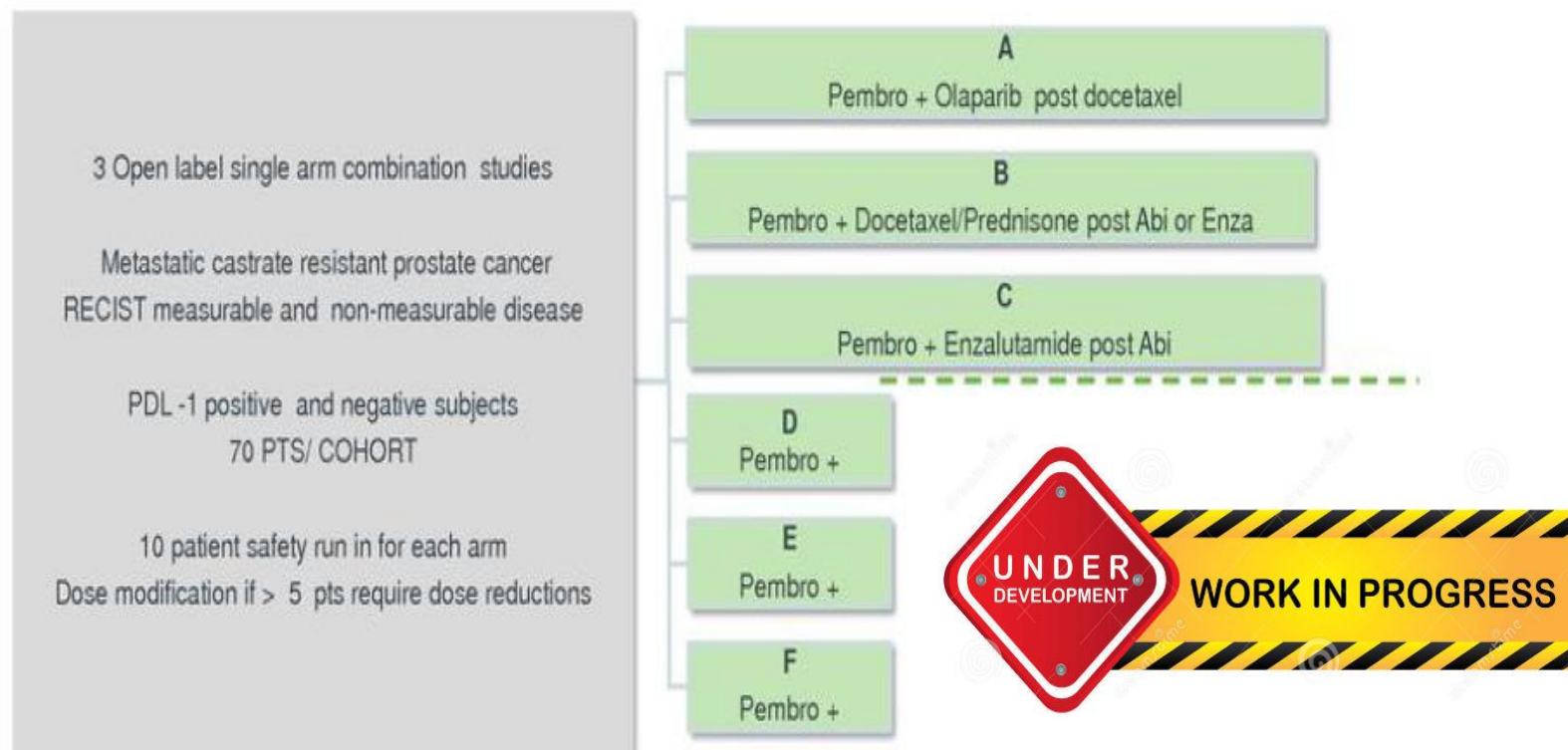
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BETTER MEDICINE  
BEST PRACTICE

of monitoring circulating cell PD-L1 pathway activity in CRPC patients to predict responsiveness to checkpoint immunotherapy, is warranted.



# KN365 – Study Design I

## Prostate Umbrella Trial to Study Combinations with Pembrolizumab



If 1 drug DC other drug continued (except for maximum 10 cycles of docetaxel)

Treatment continued until PD, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent.;

OS Follow up

Primary objective: safety/tolerability of combination, estimate PSA response rate

Interim analysis (ORR): only Cohort A after 40<sup>th</sup> patient complete 8 cycles or have discontinued therapy





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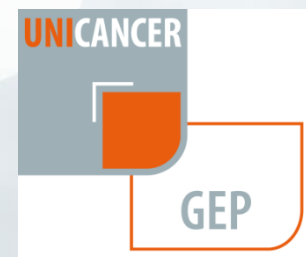
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UNE ÉTUDE DE BASKET PHASE I/II ÉVALUANT LA COMBINAISON DE LA VINOURELBINE MÉTRONOMIQUE ORALE ET D'UNE ASSOCIATION D'IMMUNOTHÉRAPIE ANTI-PD-L1/ANTI-CTLA4 CHEZ DES PATIENTS ATTEINTS DE TUMEURS SOLIDES AVANCÉES.

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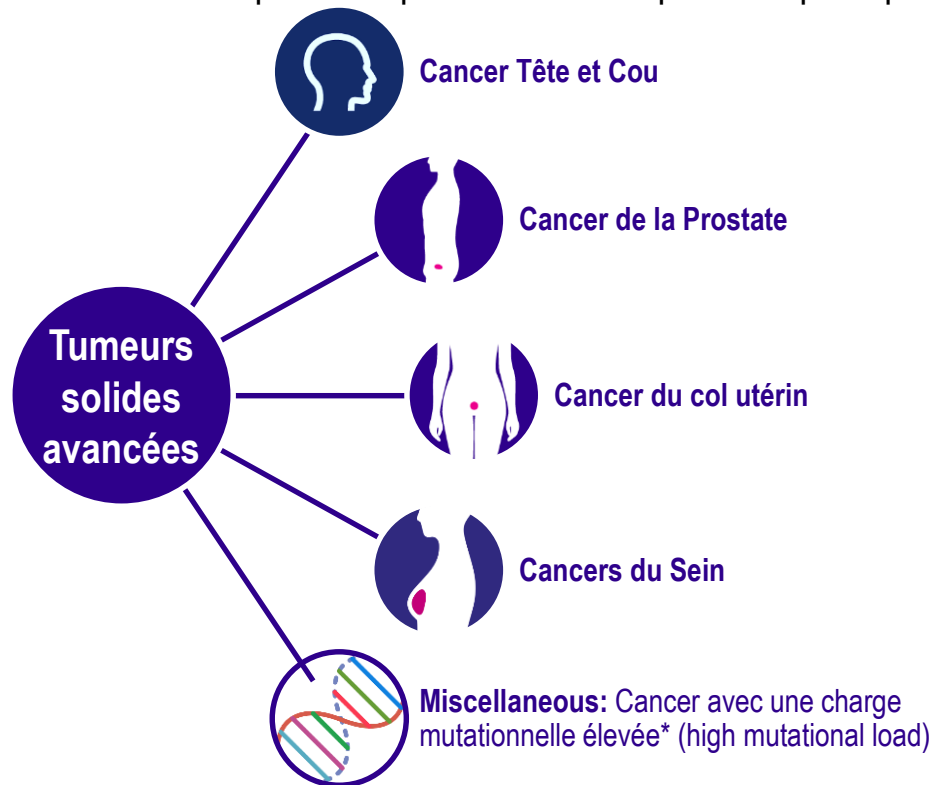


## ■ Objectif Principal : Activité de la combinaison

- Déterminer l'activité anti-tumorale de la combinaison en évaluant le taux de bénéfice Clinique (CBR) dans 5 cohortes selon RECIST v1.1
- $\text{CBR} = \text{CR} + \text{PR} + \text{SD} (\geq 24 \text{ semaines})$

## ■ Méthodologie : Multicohorte et Bayésien

- De 10 à 30 patients inclus dans 5 cohortes,
- Evaluation au 10 premiers patients/cohorte puis chaque 5 patients/cohorte (si poursuite)



# Combination therapy: Challenges

- Difficulty in assessing the success of a given combination when one agent is significantly more active than the other
- Immune modified RECIST may capture of benefit of atypical responses otherwise missed with RECIST 1.1
- ORR and PFS have underestimated the overall survival (OS) benefit in monotherapy studies with PD1/PDL-1 inhibitors: what about combination studies?
- Association vs sequence?

# Conclusions

INCREASING CURE  
RATE

## Checkpoint Inhibitors Monotherapy (2011-2016)

Ipilimumab (2011)  
Pembrolizumab (2014)  
Nivolumab (2014)  
Atezolizumab (2016)



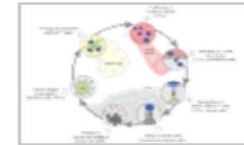
## Combine with Existing Tx (2015-2020)

Nivo + Ipi (2015)  
Pembrolizumab + (chemo or ...)  
Nivolumab + (chemo or ...)  
Atezolizumab + (chemo, bev, K,  
cotellic)



## Expand Beyond Checkpoint Inhibitors (2020-2025)

Competition + (Immuno 1, Immuno 2, ...)  
Atezolizumab + (Immuno 1, Immuno 2)



**Personalized CIT (2025+)**  
Multiple combos targeted at  
Dx sub-groups



**Where we are  
at today**

Grazie