



PD-1 Inhibitors (and more) for Advanced BCC and SCC

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HIGH RISK TUMORS



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Peter Lee and vismodegib

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A Novel Alternate Dosing of Vismodegib for Treatment of Patients With Advanced Basal Cell Carcinomas.

Becker LR¹, Aakhus AE¹, Reich HC¹, Lee PK¹.

“This study evaluates a novel alternate dosing regimen of vismodegib that has led to decreased toxicity and eliminates the need for a loading dose”

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A hedgehog inhibitor dosed at 10 days per month is “*optimal maintenance*” for basal cell nevus syndrome (BCNS) patients

- **Effects of Sonidegib Following Dose Reduction and Treatment Interruption in Patients with Advanced Basal Cell Carcinoma During 42-Month BOLT Trial.**

- Dose interruptions similar between 200- and 800-mg (68.4% vs 65.3%)

- Dose reductions more frequent in 800 mg (36.7%) than 200 mg (16.5%)

- ORR for 200 mg daily (48.1%) similar to patients without dose reduction or interruption (48.5%).

*Dose escalation may be tried for non-responders, but may not improve outcomes.

Lewis K, Dummer R, Farberg AS, Guminski A, Squittieri N, Migden M. Dermatol Ther (Heidelb). 2021;11:2225-2234



MANAGEMENT OF ADVERSE EVENTS HHIS

Alopecia
↓ Dermal papillae
function/hair growth

Tx: Minoxidil 5% b.i.d.

Dysgeusia/Ageusia
↓ Bitter/sweet responsivity
↓ Taste buds

Tx: Nutrition consult

Muscle Spasms
↓ Myogenic factors
↓ Injury recovery

Tx: Amlodipine 10 mg/day

L-Carnitine
1000-2000
mg/day



Weight Loss
↑ Glucose uptake in
muscle/brown adipocytes

Tx: Nutrition consult



Screen and Monitor (monthly):
Usual labs plus:
Creatine kinase (CK) and creatinine. Lipase may ↑

L-Carnitine Reduces Muscle Cramps in Patients Taking Vismodegib

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ABSTRACT

Vismodegib is an oral, small-molecule hedgehog pathway inhibitor (HPI) approved for the treatment of locally advanced and metastatic basal cell carcinoma. While an effective treatment option for these conditions, HPI therapy is associated with muscle cramps in a significant number of patients. This adverse effect negatively impacts patient quality of life and patient adherence to the prescribed treatment regimen.

Levocarnitine (L-carnitine) is a trimethylated amino acid known to play a critical role in lipid metabolism. It has antioxidant properties, and several studies have illustrated its effectiveness in lessening the severity of muscle cramps in various disease processes.

We present three patients who developed muscle cramping associated with vismodegib treatment for basal cell carcinoma. Each was started on L-carnitine therapy, and all three reported a significant decrease in the severity of their muscle cramps to the point that they were able to continue HPI therapy without taking a drug holiday. These cases illustrate a promising treatment option for the most common side effect associated with HPI treatment.

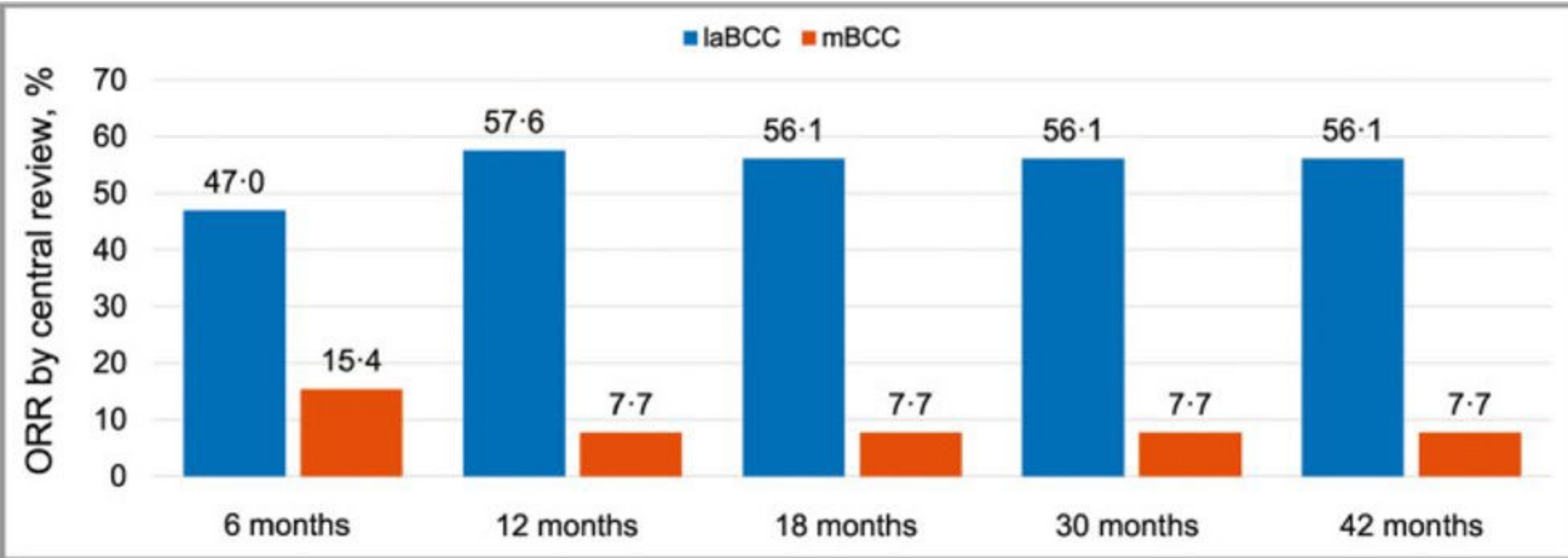
L-CARNITINE



VISMODEGIB RESPONSES OVER 9 MONTHS



Objective response rates by central review across all BOLT (Basal Cell Carcinoma Outcomes with LDE225 Treatment) analyses in patients receiving sonidegib 200mg/day mg daily.c



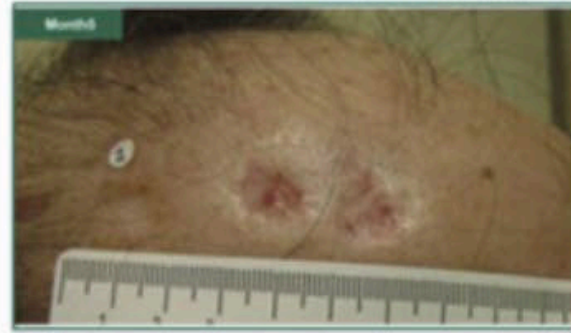
SONIDEGIB RESPONSES OVER 23 MONTHS



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Month 1



Month 5



Month 11



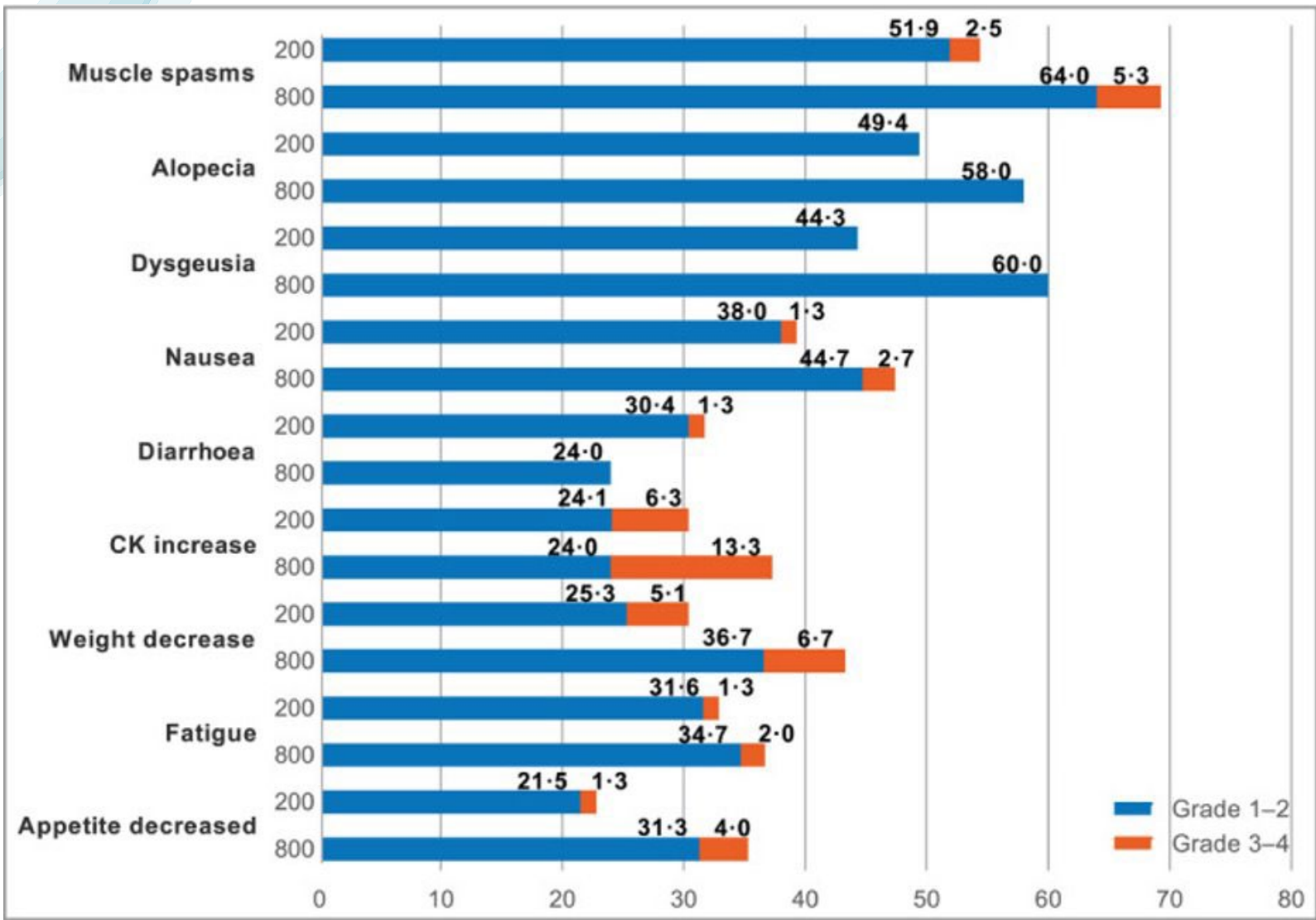
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COMPARING VISMODEGIB AND SONIDEGIB

	Vismodegib (ERIVANCE study) ¹⁹	Sonidegib (BOLT study) ²⁷
Indication	Locally advanced BCC that has recurred following surgery, metastatic BCC, and patients who are not candidates for surgery or radiation	Locally advanced BCC that has recurred following surgery, and patients who are not candidates for surgery or radiation
Dose	150 mg once daily	200 mg once daily
Objective response rate (complete or partial response)	43% in locally advanced 30% in metastatic BCC	56% in locally advanced
Median duration of response	7.6 months	26.1 months
Progression-free survival	9.5 months	22.1 months
Common side effects	Muscle spasms, alopecia, dysgeusia, weight loss, fatigue, nausea, decreased appetite, and diarrhea	

- Half-life vismodegib is 4-12 days/sonidegib is 28 days

Adverse Effect Profile of sonidegib



Use and Monitoring for HPI - Recommendations

Table 4. Summary of Recommendations²¹ for HPI Use

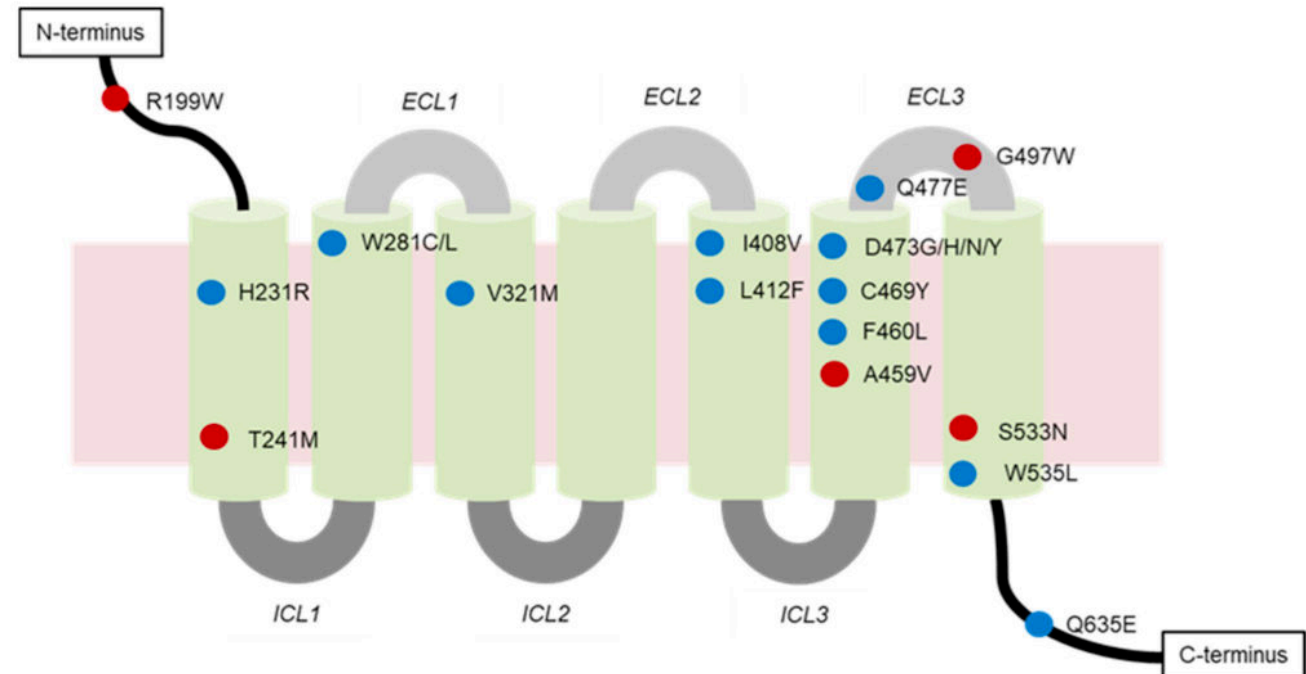
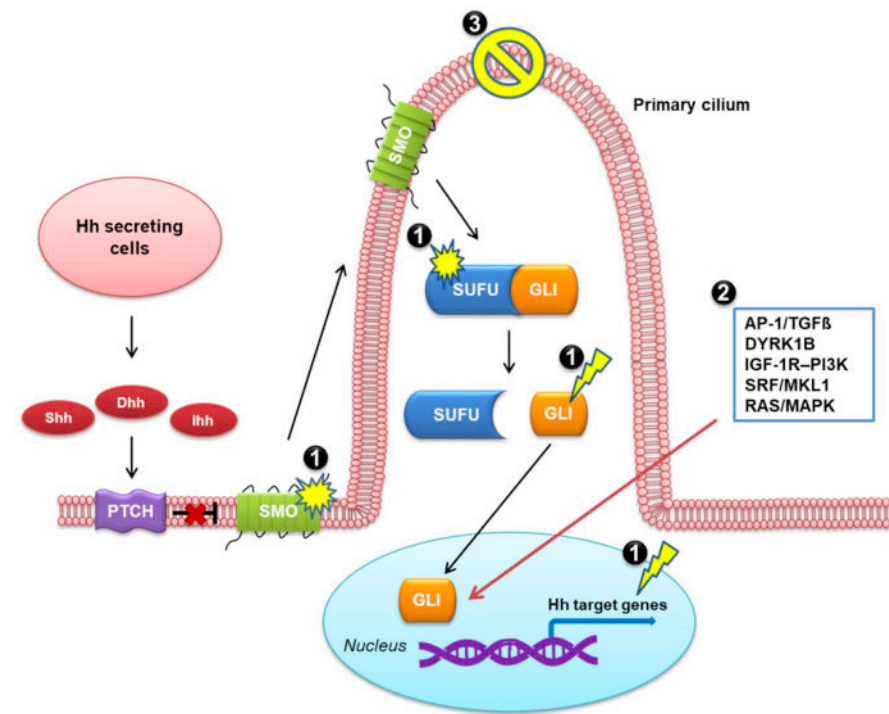
Indication	Recommendation	Grade of Recommendation ^a	Quality of Evidence ^b	Selected References
HPI for laBCC	Strong recommendation	1	A	Basset-Seguin et al ⁸ Chang et al ⁶ Migden et al ²⁰ Sekulic et al ¹²
HPI for mBCC	Strong recommendation	1	A	Basset-Seguin et al ⁸ Chang et al ⁶ Migden et al ²⁰ Sekulic et al ¹²
HPI for basal cell nevus syndrome	Recommendation	2A	B	Tang et al ³ Ozgur et al ¹⁷
Use of a drug holiday or pulse dosing to mitigate adverse effects	Weak recommendation	2B	C	Dummer et al ²² Viscusi et al ¹⁵ Yang et al ²³
Monitor CPK	Strong recommendation ^c	A	A	Migden et al ²⁰ Ally et al ²⁴
Monitor LFTS	Weak recommendation	2B	C	Ash et al ²⁵ Ventarola et al ²⁶
Monitor electrolytes	Weak recommendation	2B	C	Simone et al ¹⁴
Monitor bone density/lipids in premenopausal women	Weak recommendation	2B	C	Strasswimmer et al ²⁷
Monitor for pregnancy prevention	Strong recommendation	1	A	Kimura et al ²⁸ Lipinski et al ^{29,30}
Monitor cardiovascular status	Weak recommendation	2B	C	Huizenga ³¹ Simone et al ¹⁴

Overcoming drug resistance HPI

Develop novel and potent 2nd generation SMO inhibitors

Target downstream components of SMO in the Hh pathway or signaling molecules

Genetic pre-screening



X HHI + XRT

- Case series n=12
- CR 100%/PFS 88.8% at 40 mos/16.6% relapse
- HHI may increase XRT induced cytotoxicity
- Induction with HHI may improve XRT response and durability with modest toxicity



Baseline

2.5 months

52 months

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Melanoma and Cutaneous Malignancies

Hedgehog Inhibitor Induction with Addition of Concurrent Superficial Radiotherapy in Patients with Locally Advanced Basal Cell Carcinoma: A Case Series

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PD-L1 EXPRESSION

	TMB (median mutations/Mb)	PD-L1 expression (Tumor)	PD-L1 expression (TILs)
BCC	47.3	22%-89%	82-94%
cSCC (immunocompetent)	45.2	25-41%	60%
MCC (non-virus associated)	53.9	0%	25%
MCC (MPyV-associated)	1.2	50%	56%
Cutaneous melanoma	13.5	30%-35%	50%

PD-L1 expression varies in NMSC

- 22-89% in BCC
- 25-41% in cSCC

PD-L1 expression also varies in tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL's) related to specific tumor types

Potential for increased PD-L1 expression in previously treated NMSC's

EXAMPLES OF OUTCOMES CSCC

A 70-year-old female with a large CSCC tumor of the left back

A 70-year-old male with a large CSCC tumor of the right face

Baseline

Week 48



Baseline

Week 18



Bad SCC with Cortical Bone Invasion
on CT



5 Cycles Immunotherapy with Cemiplimab



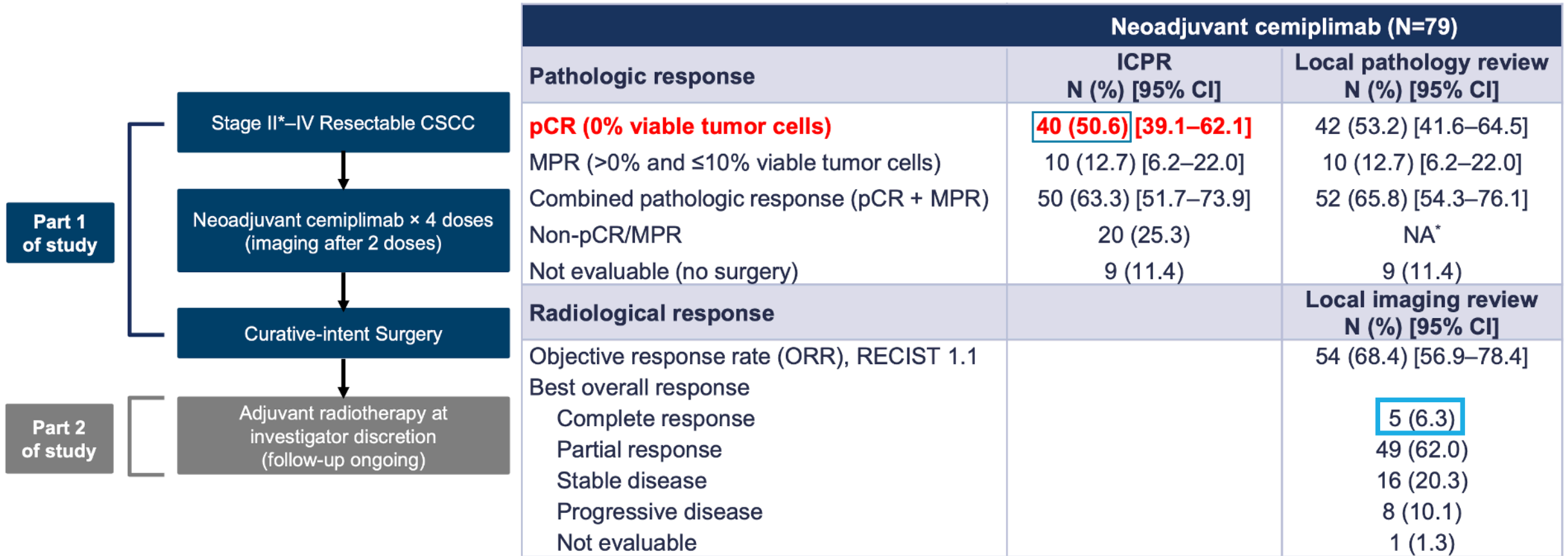
3 then 6 Cycles Immunotherapy with Cemiplimab



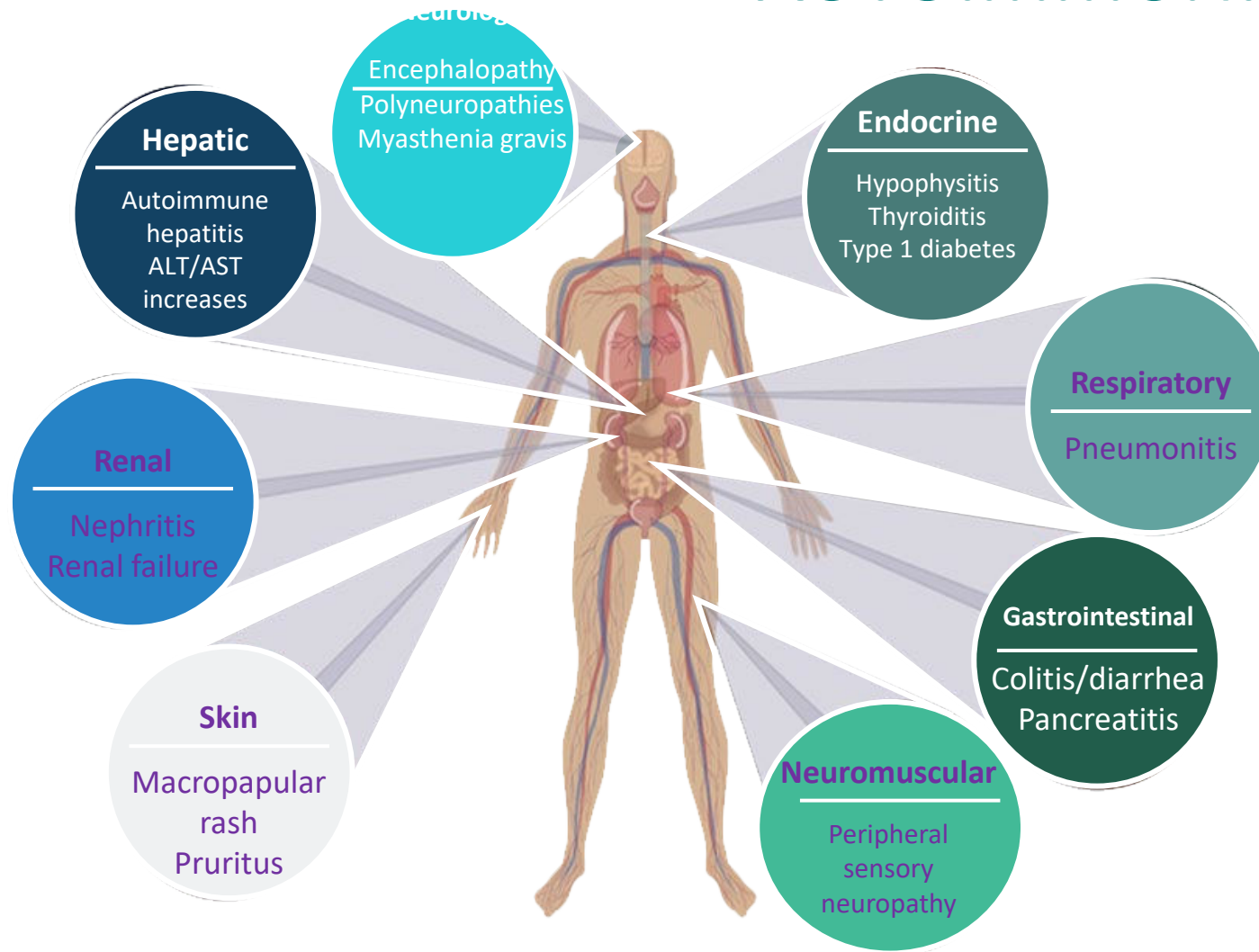
Neoadjuvant PD-L1 therapy in laBCC



Neoadjuvant Use of PD-1i in cSCC

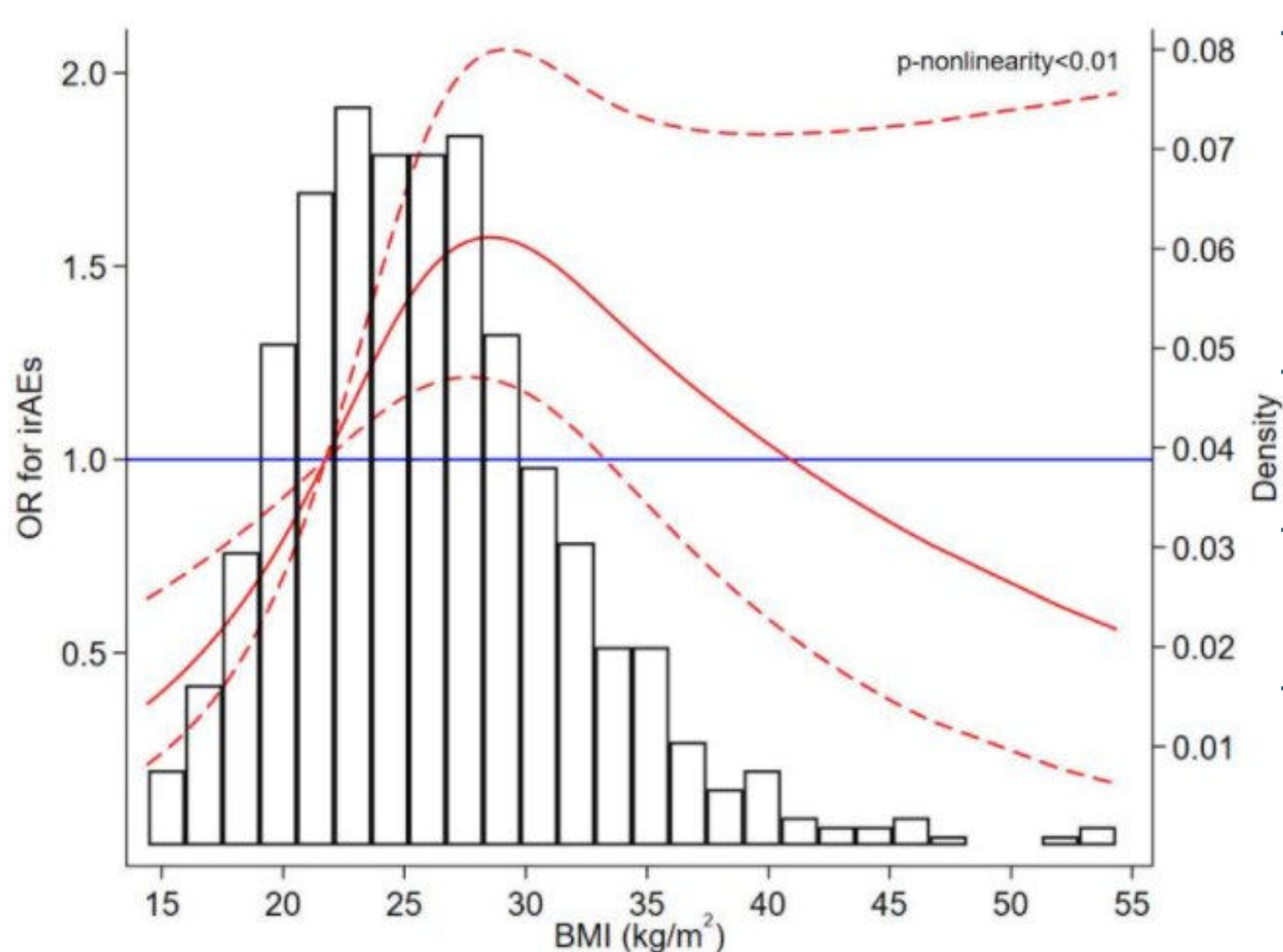


VIRTUALLY ANY ORGAN CAN BE SUBJECT TO AUTOIMMUNITY



- Most common irAEs are dermatological and gastrointestinal
- Other possible irAEs
 - Hematologic (hemolytic anemia, thrombocytopenia)
 - Cardiovascular (myocarditis, pericarditis, vasculitis)
 - Ocular (blepharitis, conjunctivitis, iritis, scleritis, uveitis)
 - Most common AEs
 - Fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, pruritus
 - Vary by trial and medication

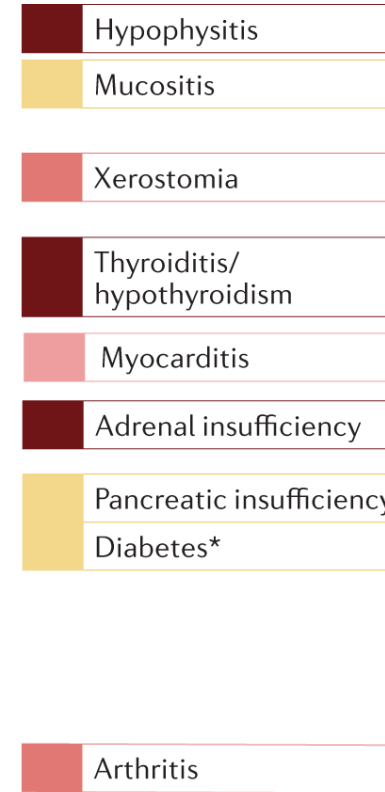
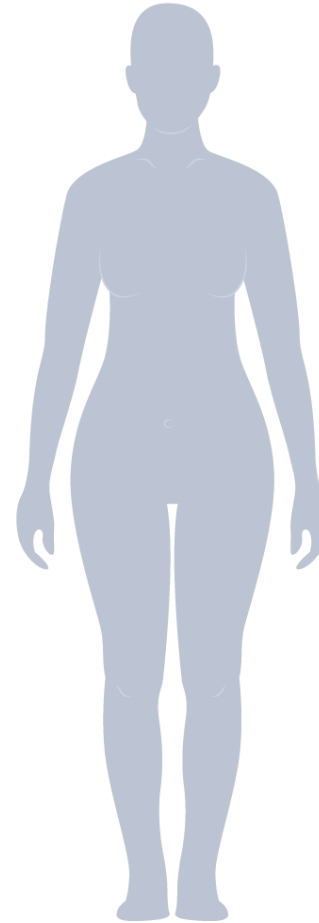
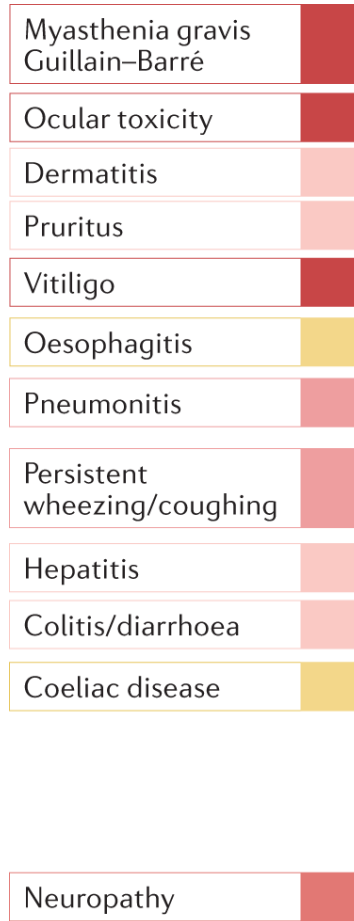
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BMI AND IRAE'S



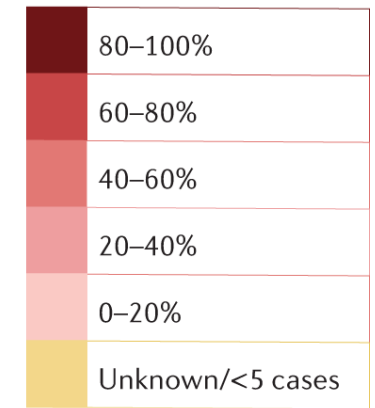
- Recent study suggests potential correlation between BMI and increased irAE's with *Pembrolizumab*
 - Multiple ICI's examined, though only Pembrolizumab applicable to skin cancer
- Non-linear association between pre-treatment BMI and irAE's
- No statistical significance in patients ≥ 65 y.o. and/or BMI ≥ 34
- Stronger association of BMI in younger, healthier patients (no multimorbidity)

Chronic Immune Related AE's

- >12 weeks after discontinuation of treatment
 - Much more common than previously thought – up to 43%
- Most commonly endocrinopathies



Possible incidence of development into subacute/chronic toxicity



*<5 cases in our series but reportedly high rates of chronicity in other series

CUTANEOUS IMMUNE-RELATED EFFECTS PREDICTS EFFICACY?

Cutaneous immune-related adverse events (cirAEs) most common – 20-40%

- Pruritus, drug eruption, xerosis, nonspecific rash, eczematous dermatitis, bullous pemphigoid, Grover's Disease

7008 patients with one of 4 cancers: lung, digestive organs, melanoma, urinary tract (+ 7008 controlled/matched patients)

Results suggest cirAE's are strongly associated with ICI response and patient survival

Table 2. Association Between Cutaneous Eruptions and Survival Among Patients Treated With Anti-PD-1 or Anti-PD-L1 Therapy

Cutaneous diagnosis ^a	No.	Hazard ratio	P value ^b
Hyperhidrosis	281	1.381	.08
Mucositis	563	1.161	.21
Dermatomyositis	105	0.93	.79
Maculopapular eruption	230	0.845	.36
Erythroderma	247	0.769	.17
Drug eruption and nonspecific drug reaction	1075	0.755	.001
Hyperkeratosis	39	0.707	.49
Rash and other nonspecific eruption	3163	0.704	<.001
Psoriasis	299	0.703	.05
Pruritus	1694	0.695	<.001
Xerostomia	163	0.671	.13
Xerosis	441	0.626	.001
Eczema and atopic dermatitis	72	0.612	.15
Vitiligo	100	0.534	.09
Bullous pemphigoid	32	0.524	.33
Lichen planus	97	0.511	.03
Grover disease	18	0.468	.28
Any cutaneous diagnosis	7008	0.778	<.001

Abbreviations: PD-1, programmed cell death 1; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1.

^a Cutaneous diagnoses were identified based on published literature and expert opinion; each row represents a separate Cox proportional hazards model adjusted for demographic characteristics, cancer type, and cancer stage.

^b Benjamini-Hochberg P value of significance = .001.

Special Populations

HIV+ on Antiretroviral Treatment

Solid Organ Transplant

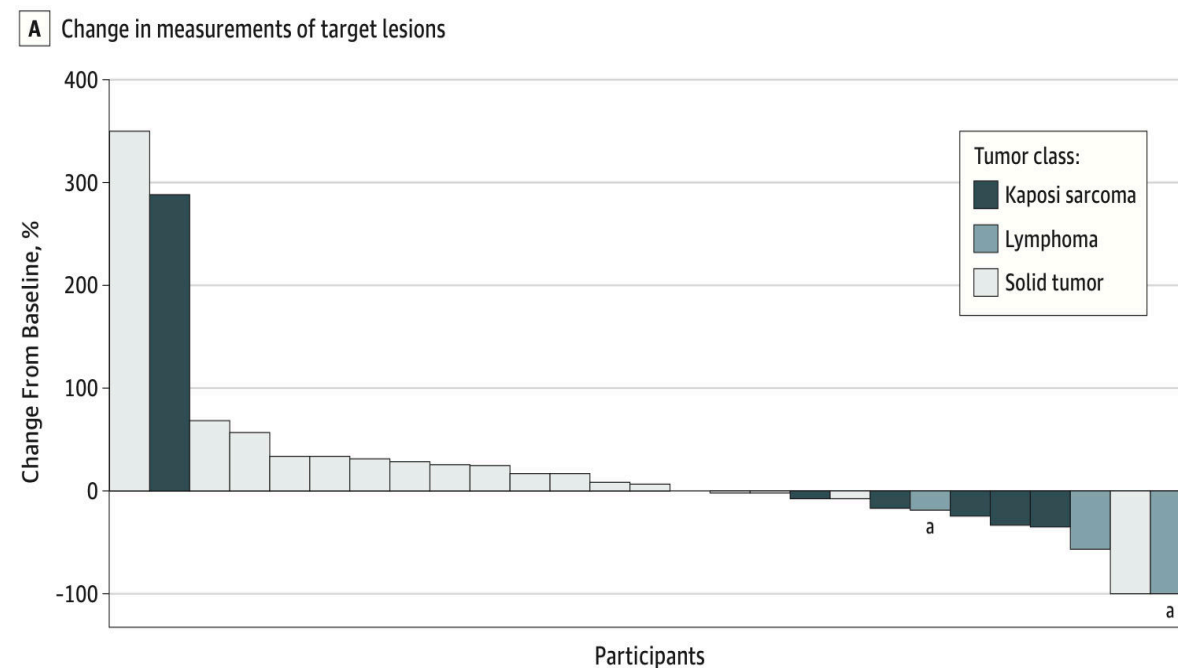
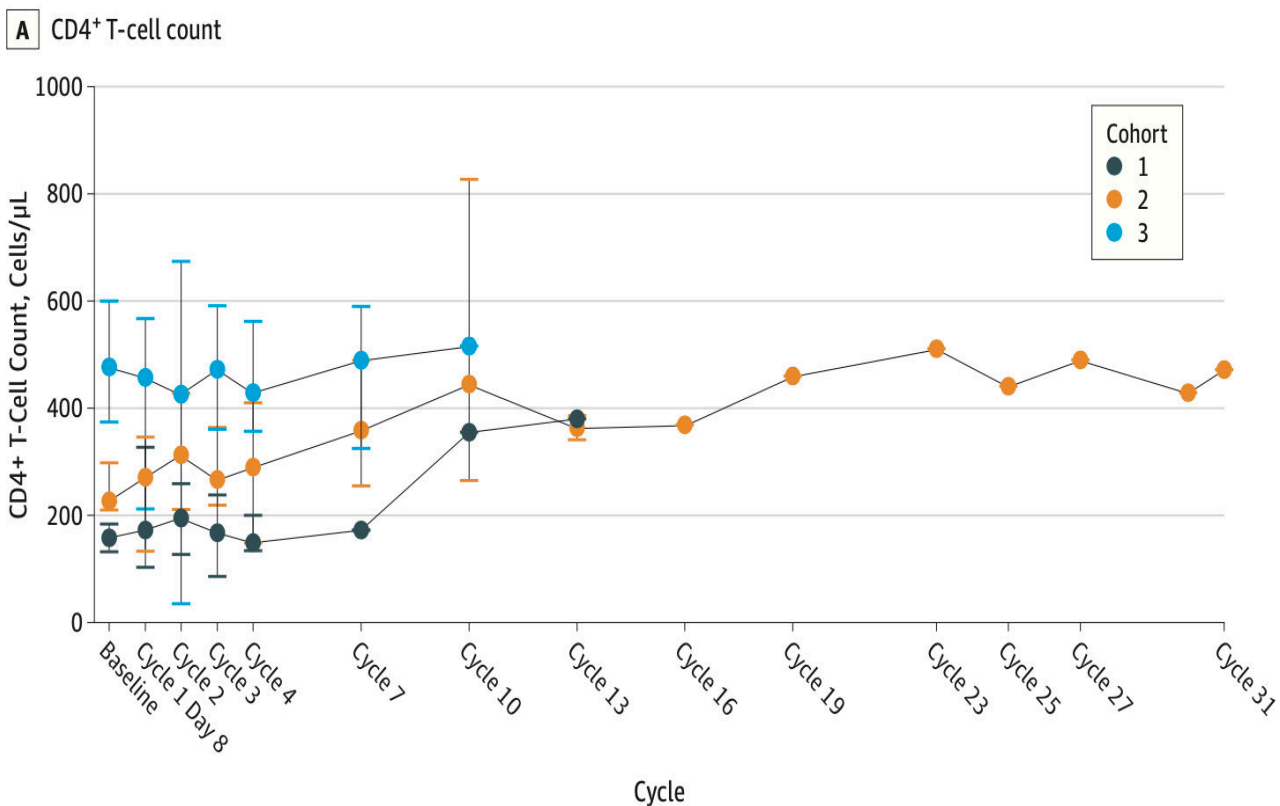
PD-L1 Tumor Status

Treatment Beyond Progression

First Line (1L) vs. 2nd Line (2L)

Assessment of the Safety of Pembrolizumab in Patients With HIV and Advanced Cancer—A Phase 1 Study

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Pembrolizumab induces HIV latency reversal in people living with HIV and cancer on antiretroviral therapy

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- Potential for anti-PD1 mAb to increase CD4+ T cells with inducible virus in latent HIV infection
 - Better immune recognition and decreased ability for HIV to remain latent
- Limitations to the study, but important potential benefit to be aware of when prescribing

Immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy in solid organ transplant recipients: A patient-centered systematic review



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Table V. Overall response rates and rates of progression and death

Immunotherapy	Total no. cases	Overall response, n (%)	Progression or death secondary to disease, n (%)	Death secondary to rejection, n (%)
Ipilimumab	12	3 (25)	9 (75)	0 (0)
Nivolumab	23*	7 (30)	10 (43)	5 (22)
Pembrolizumab	15	6 (40)	6 (40)	3 (20)
Ipilimumab followed by nivolumab	3	1 (33)	2 (67)	0 (0)
Ipilimumab followed by pembrolizumab	3*	1 (50)	1 (50)	0 (0)
Pembrolizumab followed by ipilimumab	1	0 (0)	1 (100)	0 (0)

*The clinical outcome of 1 patient was not reported in the original case report.

Table III. Rate of rejection by organ type

Transplant type	Rejection, n (%)	Death secondary to rejection, n (%)
Kidney, n = 32	13 (41)	2 (6)
Liver, n = 20	7 (35)	6 (30)
Cardiac, n = 5	1 (20)	0 (0)

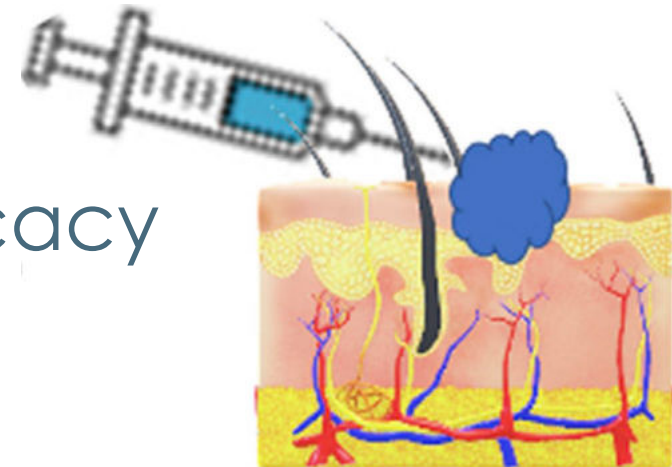
Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Use in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients: A Systematic Review

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- The most frequent cancer in SOT-recipients is cSCC
- However cSCC also had the best response rate to ICIs with an ORR of 68.2%
- May decrease likelihood of transplant rejection with modification of immunosuppressive regimen
 - Induction steroid taper
 - Possible decreased rejection with Tacrolimus or mTOR inhibitors

WHAT'S T-VEC (TALIMOGENE LAHERPAREPVEC)

- It's an HSV-1 oncolytic virus modified by gene deletion and insertion
- Approved (2015) for Stage IIIB-IV melanoma
- It's an **intratumoral** injection
- Causes tumor cell lysis via improved antigen presentation of infected tumor cells
- Induces a systemic immune response via GM-CSF insertion to virus
- It's being studied for NMSC (especially refractory) and has demonstrated efficacy



Hedgehog Inhibitor Advantages

Works quickly

Its a pill, not an injection or an infusion

Adverse events are unlikely to result in hospitalization or death

Adverse events can be controlled by intermittent dosing and L-carnitine

Can be given by dermatologist or dermatology provider

Works better than advertised

Hedgehog Inhibitor Disadvantages

Almost all patients get some adverse events

Not sure when to discontinue

Sometimes difficult to get to durable remission

- Implies drug resistance

Immunotherapy Advantages

Infusion every 3 weeks

Works for BCC and SCC

Most patients have minimal adverse events

Can be combined with other treatments (XRT)

Works better clinically than advertised

Immunotherapy Disadvantages

1-2% have severe reactions that can precipitate hospitalization or death

Works slower for BCC than HHI

Sometimes difficult to get to durable remission

Infusion usually given by oncologist

CONCLUSIONS

Emerging treatments for NMSC have advanced the paradigm for treatment from local to systemic

Inhibiting immune tolerance can result in tumor infiltration and shrinkage

Adverse effects of HHIs and PD-L1s are multisystemic and warrant close attention

T-VEC is a new class of cancer therapy with proven effectiveness in melanoma and ongoing study for other indications

Multidisciplinary team should be involved in major decisions involving treatment of advanced skin cancer





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