

Cancer Education Day

Systemic Therapy and Toxicities

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Incidence/ Deaths:

- Melanoma is only 1% of skin cancers but accounts for majority of deaths.
- US stats : (2024) 104, 960 new cases/year. 10% more in men
- Incidence increasing.
- 5 year survival
 - Localized : > 99%
 - Regional : 75 %
 - Metastatic : 35%
- Canadian Incidence (2024) : 11,300 Mortality : 1, 300
- Ontario - Incidence : 2800 cases.

AJCC Melanoma of the Skin Staging

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Edition

Definitions

Primary Tumor (T)

- TX** Primary tumor cannot be assessed (for example, currettaged or severely regressed melanoma)
- T0** No evidence of primary tumor
- Tis** Melanoma in situ
- T1** Melanomas 1.0 mm or less in thickness
- T2** Melanomas 1.1 - 2.0 mm
- T3** Melanomas 2.1 - 4.0 mm
- T4** Melanomas more than 4.0 mm

NOTE: a and b subcategories of T are assigned based on ulceration and thickness as shown below:

T CLASSIFICATION	THICKNESS (mm)	ULCERATION STATUS
T1	≤1.0	a: Breslow < 0.8 mm w/o ulceration b: Breslow 0.8-1.0 mm w/o ulceration or ≤ 1.0 mm w/ ulceration.
T2	1.1-2.0	a: w/o ulceration b: w/ ulceration
T3	2.1-4.0	a: w/o ulceration b: w/ ulceration
T4	>4.0	a: w/o ulceration b: w/ ulceration

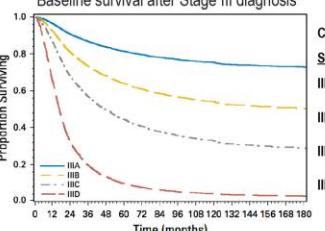
Regional Lymph Nodes (N)

- NX** Patients in whom the regional nodes cannot be assessed (for example previously removed for another reason)
- N0** No regional metastases detected
- N1-3** Regional metastases based on the number of metastatic nodes, number of palpable metastatic nodes on clinical exam, and presence or absence of MSI²

NOTE: N1-3 and a-c subcategories assigned as shown below:

N CLASSIFICATION	# NODES	CLINICAL DETECTABILITY/MSI STATUS
N1	0-1 node	a: clinically occult ¹ , no MSI ² b: clinically detected ¹ , no MSI ² c: 0 nodes, MSI present ²
N2	1-3 nodes	a: 2-3 nodes clinically occult ¹ , no MSI ² b: 2-3 nodes clinically detected ¹ , no MSI ² c: 1 node clinical or occult ¹ , MSI present ²
N3	>1 nodes	a: >3 nodes, all clinically occult ¹ , no MSI ² b: >3 nodes, ≥1 clinically detected ¹ or matted, no MSI ² c: >1 nodes clinical or occult ¹ , MSI present ²

Baseline survival after Stage III diagnosis⁵



Distant Metastasis (M)

- M0** No detectable evidence of distant metastases
- M1a** Metastases to skin, sub cutaneous, or distant lymph nodes
- M1b** Metastases to lung
- M1c** Metastases to all other visceral sites
- M1d** Metastases to brain

NOTE: Serum LDH is incorporated into the M category as shown below:

M CLASSIFICATION	SITE	Serum LDH
M1a-d	Skin/subcutaneous/nodule (a), lung (b) other visceral (c), brain (d)	Not assessed
M1a-d(0)	Skin/subcutaneous/nodule (a), lung (b) other visceral (c), brain (d)	Normal
M1a-d(1)	Skin/subcutaneous/nodule (a), lung (b) other visceral (c), brain (d)	Elevated

ANATOMIC STAGE/PROGNOSTIC GROUPS

Clinical Staging ³			Pathologic Staging ⁴		
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0	0	Tis N0 M0
Stage IA	T1a	N0	M0	IA	T1a N0 M0
Stage IB	T1b	..	..	..	T1b
	T2a	..	..	IB	T2a
Stage IIA	T2b	N0	M0	IIA	T2b M0 M0
	T3a	..	..	..	T2a
Stage IIB	T3b	..	..	IIB	T3b
	T4a	..	..	..	T4a
Stage IIC	T4b	..	..	IIC	T4b
Stage III	Any T	≥N1	M0	IIIA	T1-2a N1a M0
	..	..	..	..	T1-2a N2a ..
	..	..	..	IIIB	T0 N1b-c M0
	..	..	..	..	T1-2a N1b-c ..
	..	..	..	..	T1-2a N2b ..
	..	..	..	..	T2b-3a N1a-2b ..
	..	..	..	..	T0 N2b-c M0
	..	..	..	..	T0 N3b-c ..
	..	..	..	..	T1a-3a N2c-3c ..
	..	..	..	..	T3b-4a Any N ..
	..	..	..	..	T4b N1a-2c ..
Stage IV	Any N	Any N	M1	IID	T4b N3a-c M0
	..	..	..	..	Any T Any N M1

Notes

Nodes are designated as 'clinically detectable' if they can be palpated on physical exam and are confirmed melanoma by pathology following excision/biopsy.

MSI comprise any satellite, locally recurrent, or in transit lesions.

Clinical staging includes microstaging of the primary melanoma and clinical/radiologic evaluation for metastases. By convention it should be used after complete excision of the primary melanoma with clinical assessment for regional and distant metastases.

*Pathologic staging includes microstaging of the primary melanoma and pathologic information about the regional lymph nodes after partial or complete lymphadenectomy.

Pathologic Stage 0 and I patients are the exceptions, they do not necessarily require pathologic evaluation of their lymph nodes. Physicians should "discuss and consider" SLNB

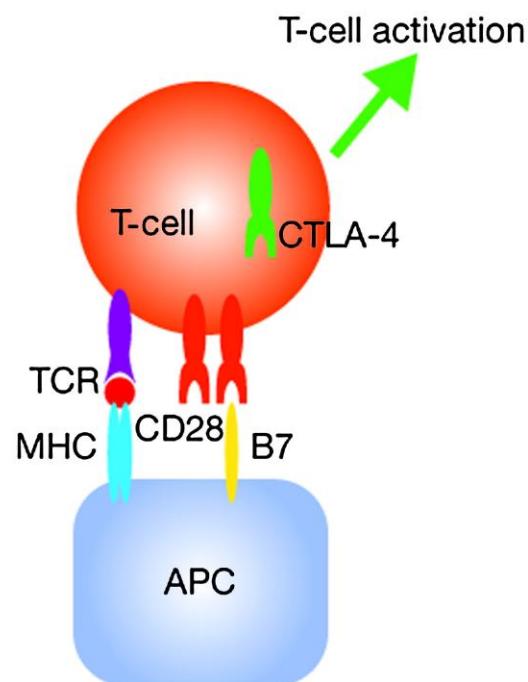
for patients with T1b Stage IA disease, physicians should "discuss and offer" SLNB for patients with Stage IB disease.

¹From Haydu et al., Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2017.

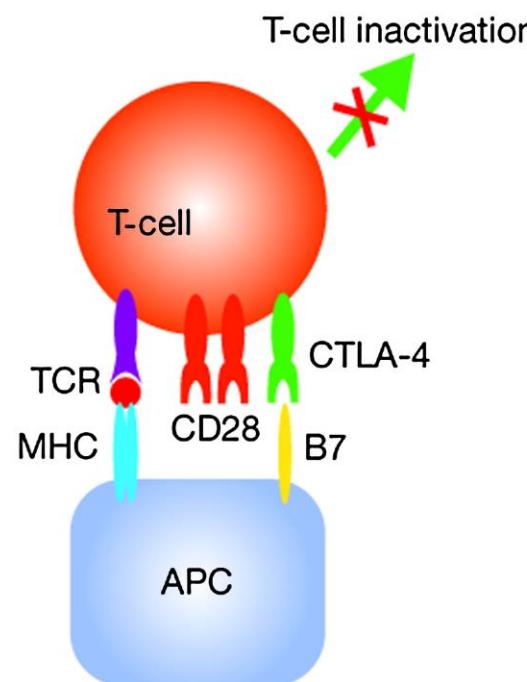
Adjuvant Therapies:

- Interferon (historic) : Too toxic, benefits small, Not used recently.
- Ipilimumab : Improvement in survival – too toxic and not indicated.
- Nivolumab : 3 mg/ kg [Checkmate 238 – superior to placebo]
- Pembrolizumab : 200 mg q 3 weeks or 2 mg/kg – sup to placebo
- Beneficial in Stage IIB, IIC, IIIB,C,D & Resected Stage IV
- Single agent b-raf inhibitor – Did not improve survival
- Debrafenib + Trematenib = Improves RFS

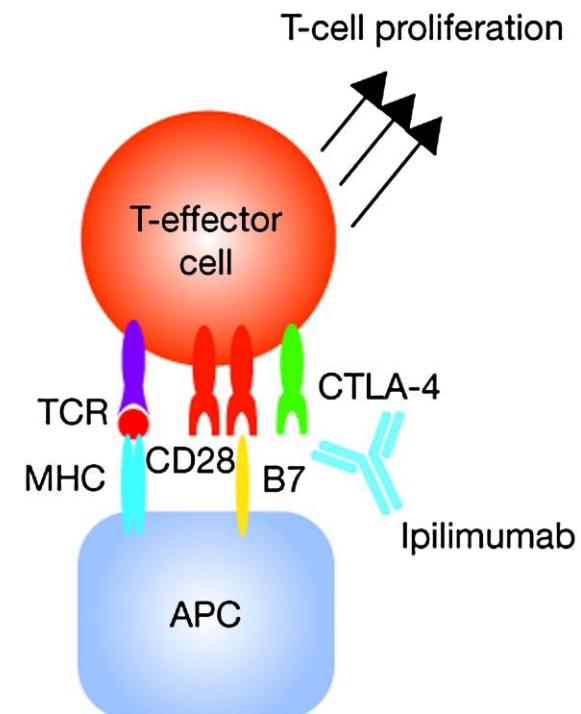
Activation is initiated by binding of B7 molecules on the APC to CD28 receptors on the T-cell



Inhibition results from CTLA-4 expression on the T-cell surface where it competes with CD28 for binding to B7 on APCs



Potentiation of T-cell proliferation achieved by CTLA-4 inhibition using ipilimumab, an anti-CTLA-4 monoclonal antibody



MHC = major histocompatibility complex; APC = antigen presenting cell; TCR = T-cell receptor; CTLA-4 = cytotoxic T lymphocyte-4

Metastatic Melanoma Treatment:

- Chemotherapy not of much benefit (15% RR). Agents like DTIC or Carbo- Taxol.
- Intralesional therapies like IL-2
- Immunotherapy:
 - CTLA-4 targeted monoclonal antibody – Ipilimumab (Yervoy)
 - [Cytotoxic T- lymphocyte Antigen 4]

- PD-1 inhibitors - Nivolumab (Opdivo) and Pembrolizumab
 - (Programmed cell death)
 - Blocks proteins that stimulate immune system from working.
- Relatlimab (Opdulay)
 - IgG4 monoclonal Ab that blocks LAG-3 protein
 - Inhibits T cell function



Response to Treatment:

Response to treatment at 6.5 years (Minimum follow-up of 77 months)

	NIVO + IPI (n = 314)	NIVO (n = 316)	IPI (n = 315)
ORR (95% CI), %	58 (53–64)	45 (39–51)	19 (15–24)
Best overall response, %			
Complete response	23	19	6
Partial response	36	26	13
Stable disease	12	9	22
Progressive disease	24	38	50
Unknown	6	8	9

Response to treatment at 7.5 years (Minimum follow-up of 90 months)

- Investigator-assessed, unconfirmed ORR was unchanged from the 6.5-year follow up
- Median DOR was NR in patients treated with NIVO + IPI (95% CI, 69.1-NR), has now been reached in patients treated with NIVO at 90.8 months (95% CI, 45.7-NR), and was 19.2 months with IPI (95% CI, 8.8-47.4)

DOR, duration of response; IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate.

1. Reproduced from Wolchok JD, et al. Presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting; June 4–8, 2021; Virtual. Abstract 9506.

2. Hodi FS, et al. Poster at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting; June 3–7, 2022; Chicago, IL & Online. Abstract 9522.



Targeted Therapies:

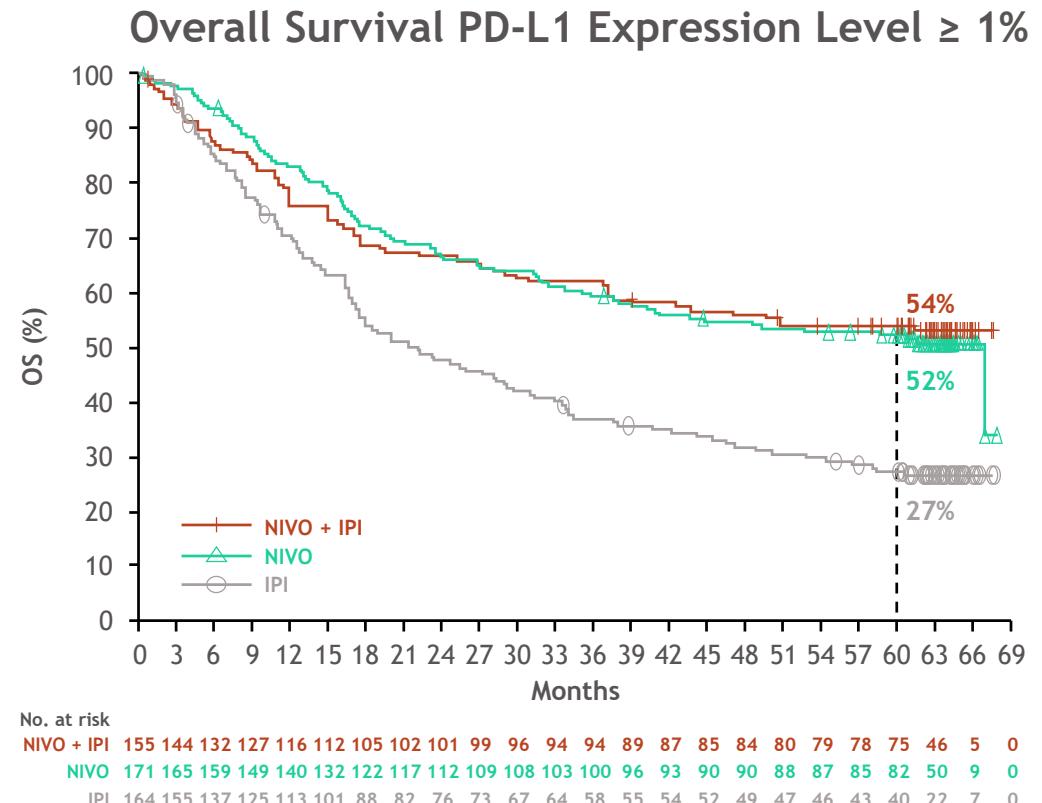
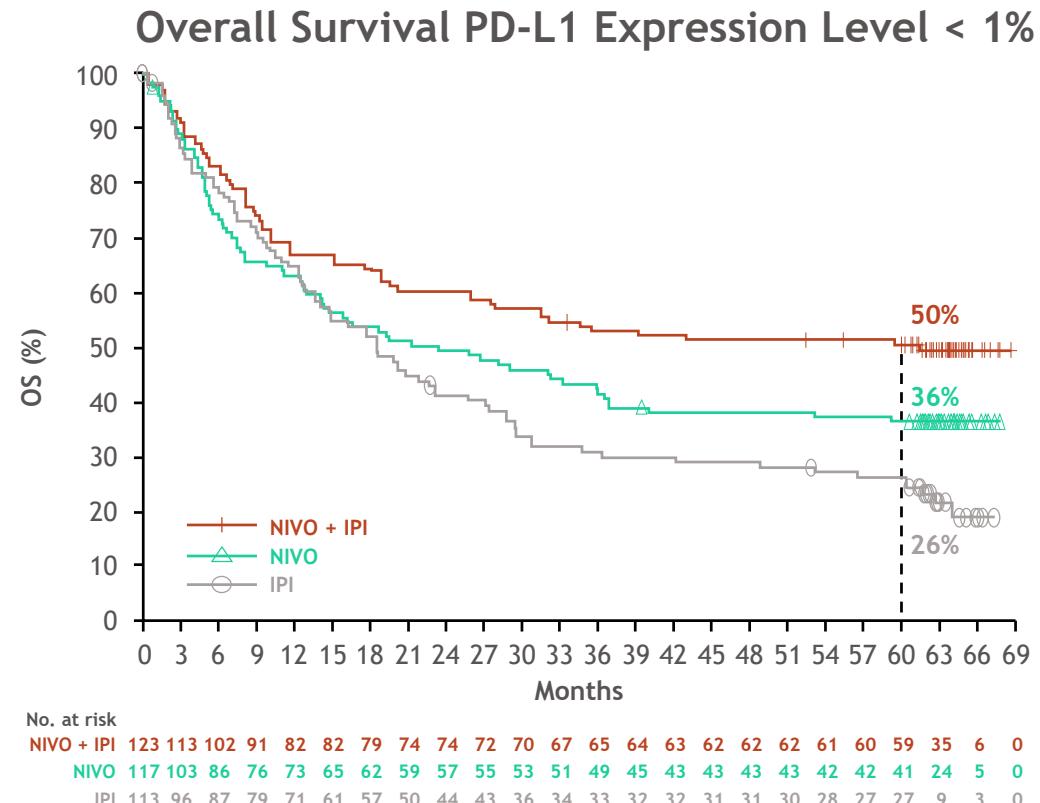
- In Melanomas – Test for BRAF – V600E/ K mutation (50% of cases)
- B-Raf and MEC inhibitors are more effective
- Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib (COBRIM study)
- Debrafenib + Trametinib (COMBI-V)
- Encorafenib + Binimatinib (COLUMBUS)



60-month minimum follow-up

OS and ORR by tumor PD-L1 expression: 1% cutoff

Biomarkers, NIVO: 4 of 7
Biomarkers, NIVO + IPI: 4 of 7



- The ORR, % (95% CI), for patients with PD-L1 expression level <1% was 54 (44-63) for Nivolumab + Ipilimumab, 36 (27-45) for Nivolumab, and 18 (11-26) for Ipilimumab

- The ORR, % (95% CI), for patients with PD-L1 expression level $\geq 1\%$ was 65 (56-72) for Nivolumab + Ipilimumab, 54 (47-62) for Nivolumab, and 20 (14-26) for Ipilimumab

Database lock: July 2, 2019; minimum follow-up of 60 months for all patients.

CI, confidence interval; IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1.
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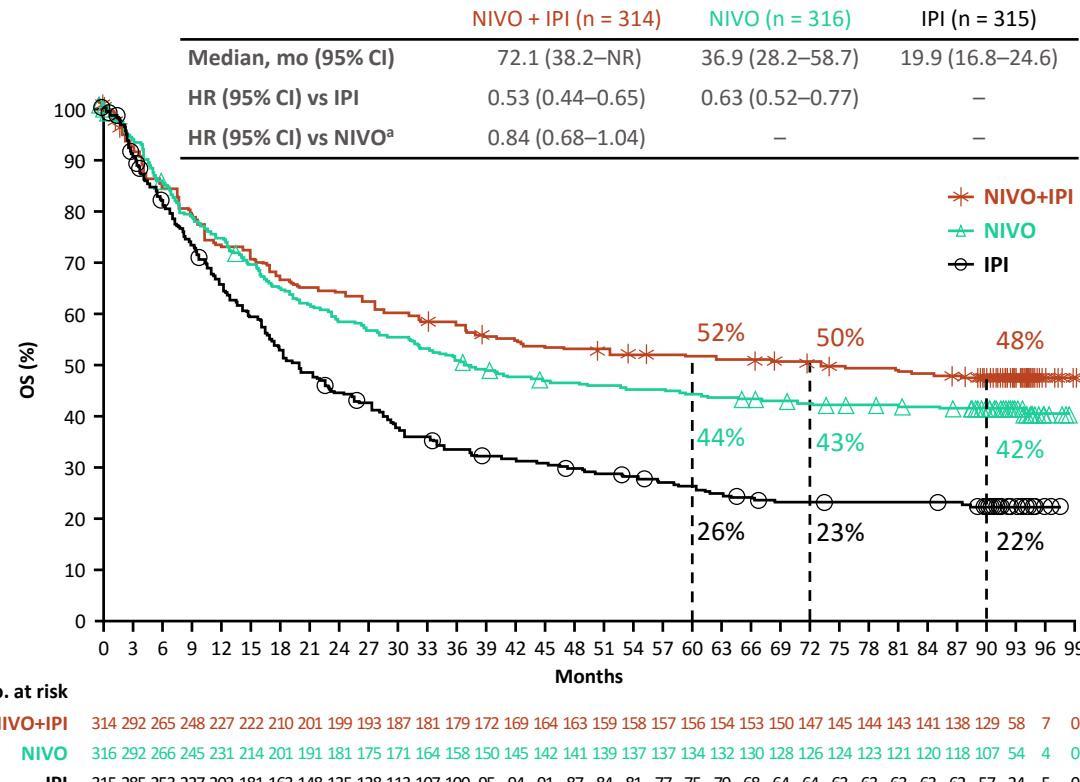




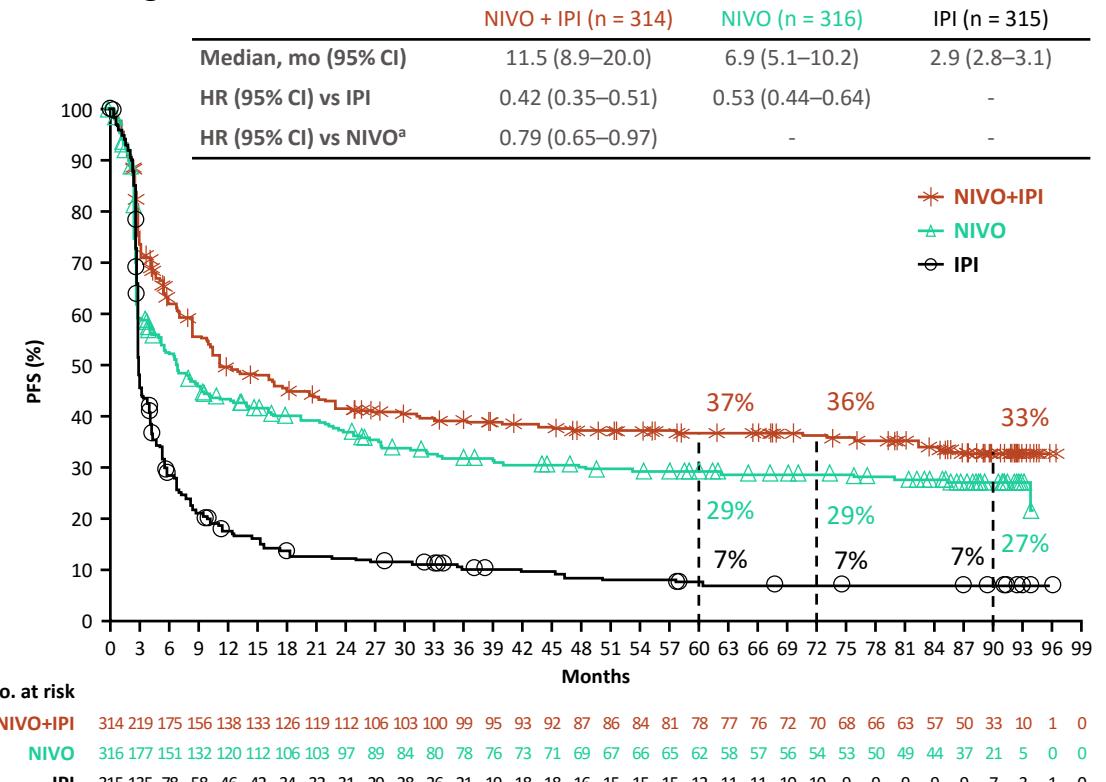
Co-primary endpoints: 90-month minimum follow-up

Overall survival and progression-free survival

Overall survival



Progression-free survival



- Median duration of response was not reached, 90.8 months and 19.2 months in patients treated with NIVO + IPI, NIVO, and IPI, respectively

^aDescriptive analysis.

Database lock: November 12, 2021; minimum follow-up of 90 months for all patients.

IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

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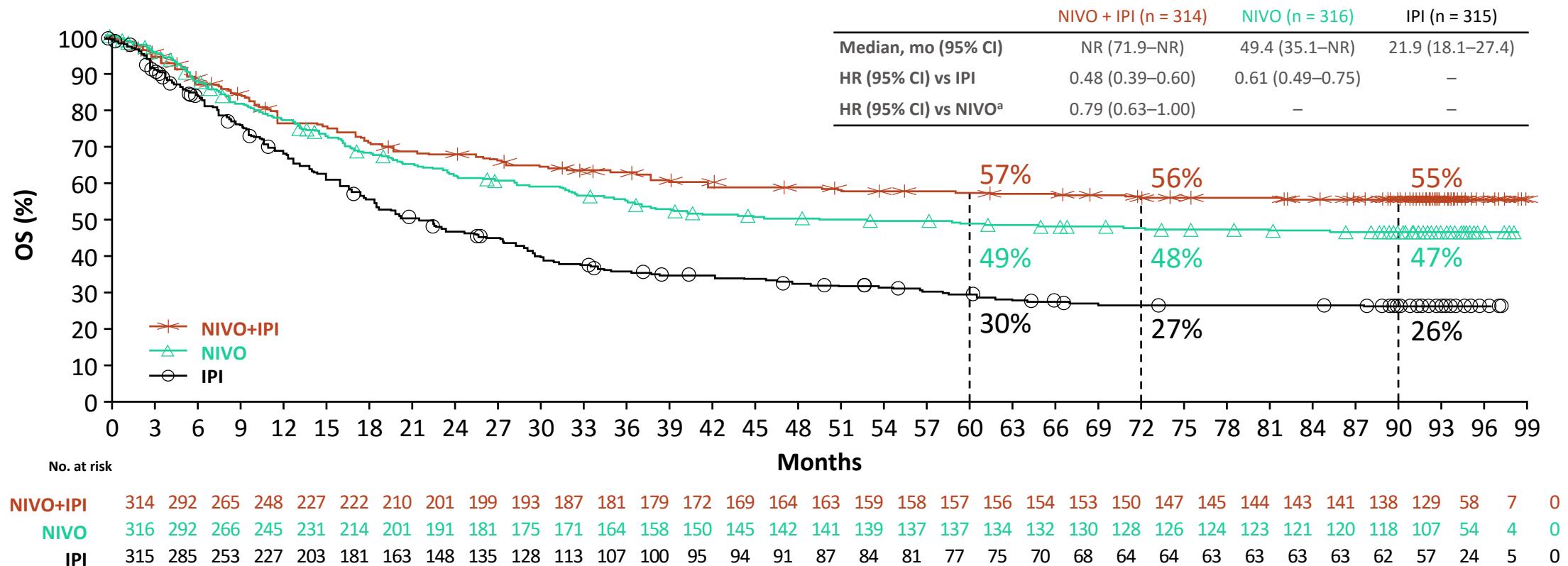




Secondary endpoint: 90-month minimum follow-up

Melanoma-specific survival

Melanoma-specific survival excludes deaths unrelated to melanoma



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60-month minimum follow-up

Treatment-related select AEs in ≥ 2% of patients in any arm

Patients Reporting Event, n (%)	NIVO + IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Skin and subcutaneous AEs						
Pruritus	194 (62)	20 (6)	146 (47)	7 (2)	174 (56)	9 (3)
Rash	112 (36)	6 (2)	72 (23)	1 (< 1)	113 (36)	1 (< 1)
Maculopapular rash	93 (30)	10 (3)	74 (24)	1 (< 1)	69 (22)	5 (2)
Vitiligo	38 (12)	6 (2)	16 (5)	2 (1)	38 (12)	1 (< 1)
Eczema	28 (9)	0	33 (11)	1 (< 1)	16 (5)	0
Erythema	9 (3)	0	6 (2)	0	2 (1)	0
Generalized rash	8 (3)	1 (< 1)	3 (1)	1 (< 1)	2 (1)	1 (< 1)
Papular rash	7 (2)	0	4 (1)	1 (< 1)	4 (1)	0
Macular rash	7 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	1 (< 1)	1 (< 1)
Dermatitis	6 (2)	0	8 (3)	0	2 (1)	0
Skin hypopigmentation	6 (2)	0	7 (2)	0	2 (1)	0
Pruritic rash	5 (2)	0	1 (< 1)	0	7 (2)	0
Gastrointestinal AEs						
Diarrhea	150 (48)	48 (15)	73 (23)	11 (4)	118 (38)	36 (12)
Colitis	142 (45)	30 (10)	70 (22)	9 (3)	106 (34)	18 (6)
	41 (13)	26 (8)	8 (3)	3 (1)	35 (11)	24 (8)
Endocrine AEs						
Hypothyroidism	107 (34)	20 (6)	53 (17)	6 (2)	37 (12)	8 (3)
Hyperthyroidism	54 (17)	1 (< 1)	32 (10)	0	14 (5)	0
Hypophysitis	35 (11)	3 (1)	14 (4)	0	3 (1)	0
Thyroiditis	25 (8)	5 (2)	2 (1)	1 (< 1)	12 (4)	5 (2)
Adrenal insufficiency	13 (4)	1 (< 1)	3 (1)	0	1 (< 1)	0
	11 (4)	6 (2)	4 (1)	2 (1)	4 (1)	1 (< 1)

Minimum follow-up of 60 months.

AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab.
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60-month minimum follow-up

Treatment-related select AEs in ≥ 2% of patients in any arm (cont'd)

Patients Reporting Event, n (%)	NIVO + IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Hepatic AEs						
Increased AST	103 (33)	62 (20)	25 (8)	9 (3)	23 (7)	5 (2)
Increased ALT	52 (17)	19 (6)	14 (4)	3 (1)	12 (4)	2 (1)
Increased blood alkaline phosphatase	61 (19)	27 (9)	13 (4)	4 (1)	12 (4)	5 (2)
Increased transaminases	12 (4)	2 (1)	4 (1)	0	2 (1)	1 (< 1)
Increased gamma glutamyltransferase	12 (4)	10 (3)	2 (1)	1 (< 1)	3 (1)	0
Hepatotoxicity	11 (4)	4 (1)	1 (< 1)	0	6 (2)	1 (< 1)
Hyperbilirubinemia	10 (3)	8 (3)	1 (< 1)	1 (< 1)	1 (< 1)	0
Hepatitis	7 (2)	0	1 (< 1)	0	3 (1)	0
	7 (2)	5 (2)	0	0	0	0
Hypersensitivity/infusion reactions						
Infusion-related reaction	14 (4)	0	14 (4)	1 (< 1)	8 (3)	1 (< 1)
	10 (3)	0	8 (3)	1 (< 1)	8 (3)	1 (< 1)
Pulmonary AEs						
Pneumonitis	25 (8)	3 (1)	6 (2)	1 (< 1)	6 (2)	1 (< 1)
	23 (7)	3 (1)	5 (2)	1 (< 1)	5 (2)	1 (< 1)
Renal AEs						
Increased blood creatinine	22 (7)	6 (2)	6 (2)	2 (1)	8 (3)	1 (< 1)
	14 (4)	1 (< 1)	3 (1)	1 (< 1)	5 (2)	0

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Toxicity of Targeted Therapies:

- Fatigue
- N/V/D Abd. Discomf.
- Pyrexia – worse with DAB + TRAM (57%)
- ENCO + BINI – (Pyrexia 18%)
- Rash/ skin issues/ hyperkeratosis/squamous cell cancer.
- Specific to ENCO/BINI - Visual Impairment to serious retinopathy (5%)
- ENCO – strong CYP 3A4 Inhib. Incr E level & inducer decreases E levels.
- ENCO – dose dependent QTc prolongation.



Toxicity of Immunotherapy:

- This presentation excludes all Endocrine side effects as it would be discussed in the next presentation.



Dermatological Toxicities:

- Onset 3-6 weeks up to 17 weeks
- Grades 1 to 4
- Gr 1 : < 10% of BSA – Topical Steroids/ supportive care/ Cont IO
- Gr 2 : 10-30% of BSA – Initial topical steroids. If > 1-2 wks, Dermatology ref. and p.o steroids. Hold IO when needing steroids.
- Gr. 3: > 30% BSA. Limiting ADLs/ local superinfection. Steroids p.o. +/- oral Abx. Hold IT. D/C if > 12 weeks.
- Gr 4: SJS/ full thickness rash/ ulcer. Adm. IV steroids. Methyl prednisolone 1-2 mg/kg/day – Perm. Discontinue.



Diarrhea:

- Grade 1 : < 4 BMs/day – Loperamide/ hydration/ monitor
- Grade 2: 4-6 BMs /day – Hold IO –till Gr. 1. Steroids 0.5-1 mg/kg/day Pred. Supportive measures/ R/O infectious cause/ hydration/ correct electrolytes. Taper steroids after resolution.
- Grade 3: > 7 BMs/ day – Hosp. i.v. Methyl Pred – 1-2 mg/kg/day GI Consult. If no response in 3 days → Infliximab 5m/kg/iv q 2 weeks. D/C IO
- Grade 4: Gr. 3 + Fever/ peritoneal signs/ perf./ ileus → Surg. Consult. D/C IO



Hepatitis:

Inc: 1-9%; Onset 8-12 weeks

- Grade 1: AST/ALT upto 3X ULN. Bili < 1.5 ULN. Close monitoring.
- Grade 2: AST?ALT > 3-5 ULN. Bili 1.5-3 ULN. Hep. Serology. HOLD. If no improvement in 3 days – Pred 0.5 mg/kg.
- Grade 3: AST/ALT > 5-20 ULN. Bili 3-10 ULN – i.v. steroids – if no improvement in 3 days Mycofenolate or another immunosuppr. Consult expert – D/C – IO
- Grade 4: AST/ALT > 20 ULN; Bili > 10XULN. Bili > 10 – Treat as above. Discontinue IO. Consult Expert.



Neurotoxicity:

< 5% . 1-6 weeks

- Grade 1: Asymptomatic/ mildly symptomatic.
- Grade 2: Mod symptoms. Limiting ADLs. Neuro consult to rule out another cause.
Steroids X 4 weeks then taper. HOLD IO
- Grade 3: Severe symptoms/ vision changes/ weakness. Prednisone . Steroids if no response – Infliximab 5mg/ kg.or Mycopheno permanently D/C as
- Grade 4: More severe : IVIG, plasmapheresis.



Pneumonitis:

< 5%; Gr 3-4 Gr 3-4: < 1%

- Grade 1: Asymptomatic. Diag on Imaging – Monitor
- Grade 2: Symptoms limiting ADLs. R/O infection. P.o. Steroids. HOLD IO. If no improvement in 3 days – treat as Gr 3 or 4. Admit for empiric antibiotics.
- Grade 3: Severe. Oxygen needed. Admit to Hosp. Pulm/ ID ref – R/O infection – iv steroids Methyl pred 2-4 mg/kg .
- Grade 4: 48 hrs no impr --> Infliximab/ Assess need for ventilatory support.
- Grade 3 & 4 : Permanently discontinue IO



Renal Toxicity:

incidence < 5%; Med. Onset - 6-10 wks.

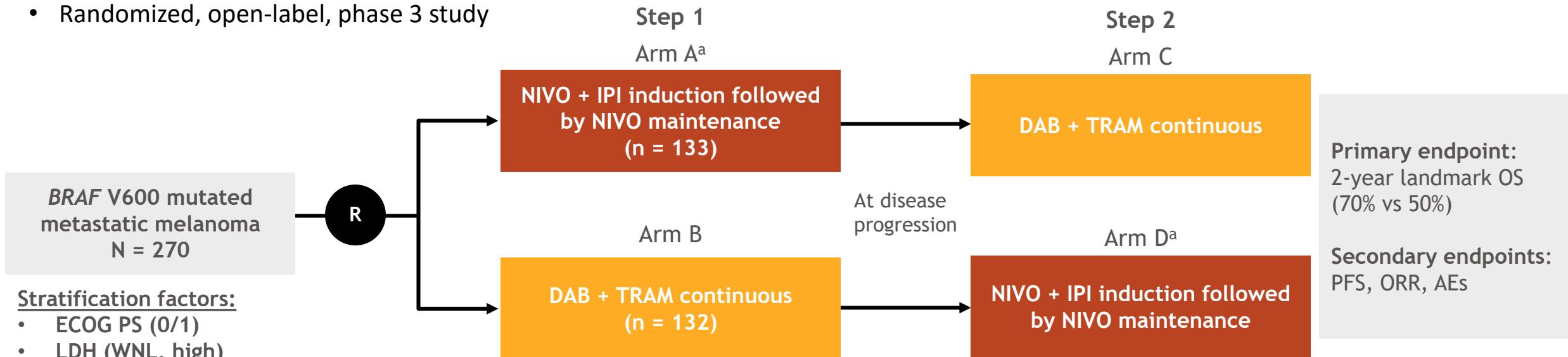
- Grade 1: > 1.5-2 X ULN -- > hydration/ stop nephrotox. Drugs. Monitor & cont.
- Grade 2: > 2-3 X ULN; Proteinuria 2+ → HOLD IO till < Gr 1. U/S to R/O hydro. Prednisone X 4 weeks.
- Grade 3: > 3X Baseline. Proteinuria > 3.5 g/24 hrs. D/C IO. Prednisone → Mycophenolate – Permanently D/C.
- Grade 4: > 6 X Baseline – Assess for Dialysis.





DREAMseq trial treatment schema^{1,2}

- Randomized, open-label, phase 3 study

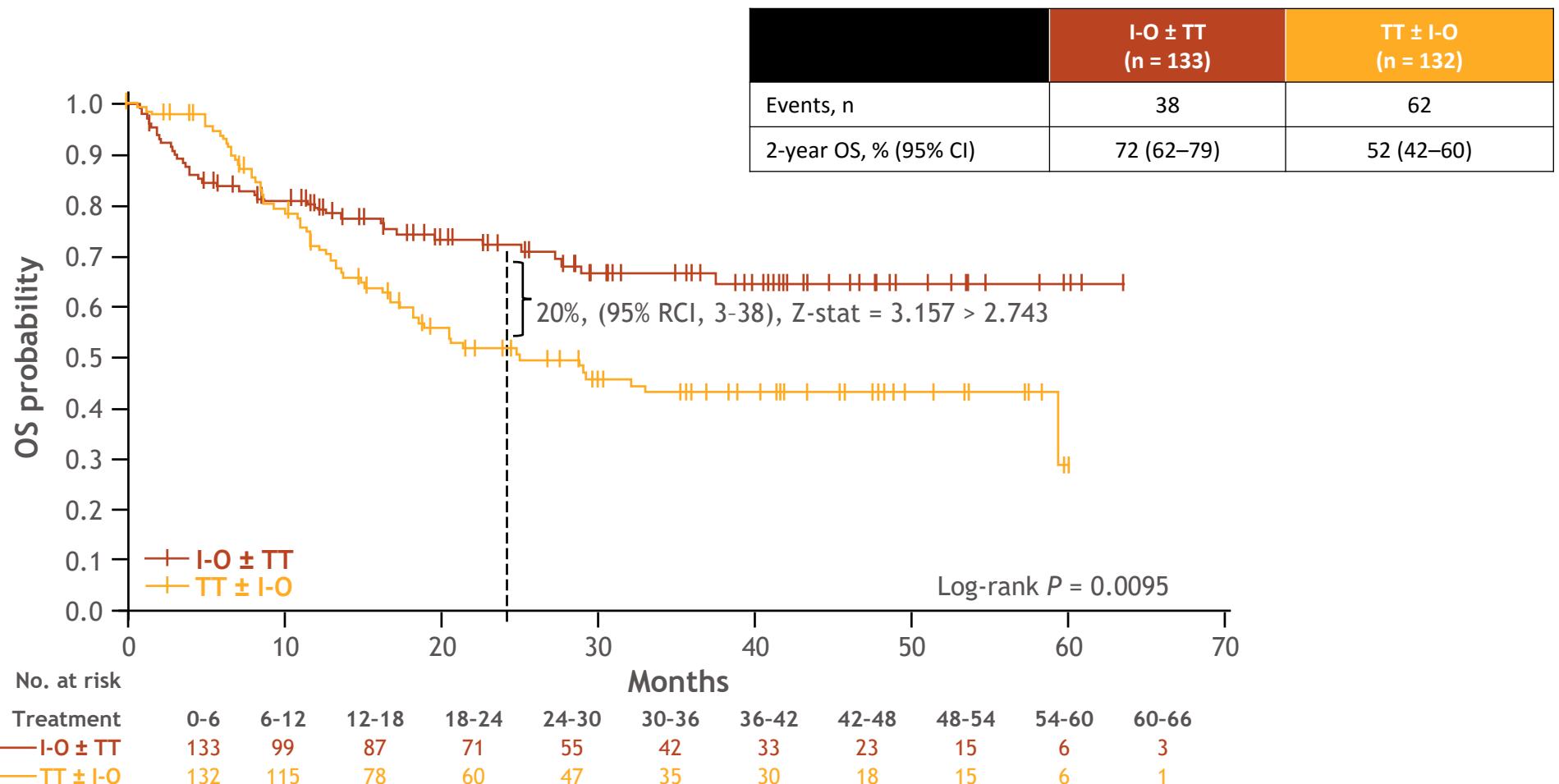


^aNIVO + IPI induction = 12 weeks; NIVO maintenance = 72 weeks.
ACRIN, American College of Radiological Imaging Network; ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; DAB, dabrafenib; DSMC, Data and Safety Monitoring Committee; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IPI, ipilimumab; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; NIVO, nivolumab; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PS, performance status;
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Overall survival: step 1 ± step 2



Data cutoff: July 16, 2021; Median follow-up 27.7 months.

CI, confidence interval; I-O, immuno-oncology; OS, overall survival; RCI, reliable change index; TT, targeted therapy.

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