Immunotherapy for Metastatic Malignant Melanoma

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Survival in Melanoma by Stage



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THE CASE FOR CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

No new truly curative anticancer cytotoxic drug developed in the last 20 years (until recently)

The immune response is designed to identify and disable "escape routes" that cancers employ. Too many escape routes?

Melanoma is among the most immunogenic of all solid cancers

TUMORS CREATE CHAOS

Disordered

Blood flow and vascular distribution Stroma and immune milieu

Immune shaping

Create selection pressure so that cancers can evade immune destruction Malignant "evolution"

Tumors go to great lengths to evade or subvert the immune response

Tumors Evade Immune Detection and Destruction¹

- The immune response to tumor cells can be evaded by a number of mechanisms:
 - Reduced antigen presentation¹
 - Resistance to
 T-cell–mediated killing¹
 - T-cell inhibition and anergy (eg, by upregulation of coinhibitory molecules, including PD-L1)²

Treg-mediated immunosuppression¹



Cosignaling Molecules Contribute to Immune Regulation¹

- Cosignaling regulates T-cell activation²
 - Signaling via costimulatory molecules (eg, CD28, GITR) promotes T-cell activation³
 - Signaling via coinhibitory molecules (eg, PD-1, LAG-3), also termed "immune checkpoints," suppresses T-cell activation^{1,3}
- APCs can express the signaling partners of these costimulatory and coinhibitory molecules and direct T-cell function accordingly²



Physiological Roles of Immune Checkpoint Pathways (cont)

CTLA-4 pathway^{1,2}

 Inhibits the activation of naïve and memory T cells at the lymph nodes, suppressing broad immune responses throughout the body



PD-1 pathway^{1,2}

Acts at sites of inflammation and tumor immunosuppression, inhibiting tumor-specific immune responses



Metastatic Melanoma: Treatment Advances





Korman, Peggs and Allison: Adv. In Immunol. 2006;90:297-339

Ipilimumab

- CTLA-4 (cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated antigen 4)
 - a negative regulator of T cells
- Ipilimumab:
 - IgG1 monoclonal Ab
 - Block CTLA-4
 - \Rightarrow <u>Augments T cell activation</u> and proliferation.
- Allowing the immune system to maintain responsiveness against an antigen
- Overcoming various mechanisms of immune evasion

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Study 024: Phase III Placebo-Controlled Trial of Firstline DTIC \pm IPI



Robert C et al. N Engl J Med 2011

Study 024: Overall Survival





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Metastatic Melanoma Response to Ipilimumak



Ipilimumab in Melanoma: Phase I/II Trials

- Durable responses (CR, PR, SD)
- Durable late responses (~ 10%)
- Learning curve toxicity management
- Immune-related toxicity correlates with clinical benefit
- Immunosuppressive treatment does not interfere with anti-tumor response

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IPILIMUMAB South African EAP

Baseline Characteristics of Treated Patients

Total	108pts				
Age Median Range	59 27-86				
<mark>Gender</mark> Male Female	73 (68%) 35 (32%)				
ECOG performance status 0 1 2 Unknown	36 (33%) 63 (58%) 7 (6%) 2 (3%)				

Overall Survival

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		Median OS			1 year survival		2 year survival			3 year survival			
	N	Median	Lower	Upper	%	Lower	Upper	%	Lower	Upper	%	Lower	Upper
All	108	8,98	7,47	10,79	36%	26%	45%	20%	12%	27%	20%	12%	27%
Mucosal & uveal	15	5,18	3,74	NA	8%	2%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cutaneous & unknown	93	9,54	7,61	12,33	40%	30%	50%	23%	15%	32%	23%	15%	32%

Overall Survival of Cutaneous Met Melanoma



Ipilimumab: Pooled Survival Analysis From Phase II/III Trials in Advanced



Hodi S, et al. 2013 European Cancer Congress. Abstract LBA 24. Schadendorf D, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;[Epub ahead of print].

Anti-PD1

The interaction between the immune checkpoint receptor PD-1 and its ligands represents a potentially important tumor-specific immunomodulatory mechanism. By utilizing the PD-1 pathway, a tumor cell can prevent the activation of T-cells and therefore may block a key step that triggers the immune system.



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PD-1 Receptor Blockade With Pembrolizumab

- Pembrolizumab is an antineoplastic agent, monoclonal antibody¹
- Pembrolizumab is a high affinity antibody against PD-1, which exerts dual ligand blockade of the PD-1 pathway, including PD-L1 and PD-L2, on antigen-presenting or tumor cells.
 - By inhibiting the PD-1 receptor from binding to its ligands, KEYTRUDA reactivates tumorspecific cytotoxic T lymphocytes in the tumor microenvironment and reactivates antitumor immunity¹



APC = antigen-presenting cell; MHC = major histocompatibility complex; PD-1 = programmed death receptor 1; PD-L1 = programmed death ligand 1; PD-L2 = programmed death ligand 2; TCR = T-cell receptor.

KEYNOTE-002: Pembrolizumab vs Chemotherapy in Ipi-Refractory Melanoma



*Carboplatin + paclitaxel, paclitaxel alone, carboplatin alone, dacarbazine, or temozolomide. Pts with PD confirmed by independent central review could cross over to pembrolizumab treatment after the first 3-mo assessment.

Primary endpoint: PFS, OS

Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR

KEYNOTE-002: Efficacy and Safety

An international, randomized phase Il study in pts with advanced melanoma with PD within 24 wks after \geq 2 Ipi doses



Grade 3/4 toxicity incidence higher with chemotherapy (26%) vs pembrolizumab (11% at 2 mg/kg and 14% at 10 mg/kg)

Most frequent adverse events of any grade ($\geq 10\%$)

- Pembrolizumab: fatigue, pruritus, and
- Chemotherapy associated primarily with grade 1/2 fatigue, nausea, vomiting, anemia, reduced appetite,

KEYNOTE-006: Study Design



- Primary endpoints: PFS, OS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, response duration, safety

*≥ 1% staining in tumor, adjacent immune cells by IHC (22C3 antibody).

[†]Excluding anti–CTLA-4, anti–PD-1, or anti–PD-L1 agents.

[‡]Prior anti-BRAF therapy not required if normal LDH levels, no clinically significant tumor-related symptoms or evidence of rapidly progressing disease.

KEYNOTE-006: Overall Response Rate With Pembrolizumab

• Greater ORR with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks vs ipilimumab^{1,a,b}



Analysis cutoff date: 3 September 2014.

Independent radiology plus oncologist review using RECIST 1.1.

CR = complete response; ORR = overall response rate; PR = partial response.

1. [Insert local label.]

KEYNOTE-006: Estimated OS With pembrolizumab^{1,2}



- 31% reduction in the risk of death with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks vs ipilimumab
- 37% reduction in the risk of death with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks vs ipilimumab
- The recommended dose of KEYTRUDA is 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks¹

Analysis cutoff date: 3 March 2015.

KEYNOTE-006: Immune-Mediated AEs*

- Pembrolizumab
 - Thyroid abnormalities (hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, thyroiditis), pneumonitis, nephritis more common
 - Type 1 diabetes and uveitis only observed in pembrolizumab-treated pts
 - Hepatitis, myositis similar to rates with ipilimumab
- Ipilimumab
 - Colitis, hypophysitis more common
- Discontinuations ~ 5% in all arms
- ~ 10% of pts experienced grade 3/4 immune-mediated AEs
- No significant increase in incidence of immune-related AEs over time

*Not adjusted for exposure.

KEYNOTE-006 Conclusions

- Pembrolizumab associated with superior OS vs ipilimumab in pts with unresectable, stage III/IV melanoma with ≤ 1 previous line of therapy
 - Median OS for pembrolizumab not reached at median follow-up of 23 mos
- At 24 mos, ~ 30% of pembrolizumab-treated pts still alive and free of disease progression
- Pembrolizumab responses as durable as those with ipilimumab and continue to accrue, including CRs
- Long term safety profile for pembrolizumab remains favorable
- Investigators suggest that results confirm pembrolizumab as a standard of care for advanced melanoma

Phase III CheckMate 066: First-line Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy



Primary endpoint: OS

Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, PD-L1 correlates

Robert C, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:320-330.

OS: First-line Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy

- Objective response rate: 40.0% with nivolumab vs 13.9% with chemo (P < .001)
- Significantly better OS with nivolumab vs dacarbazine



Robert C, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:320-330.

CheckMate 067: Improved PFS with Nivo + Ipi or Nivo Alone vs Ipi Alone



*Stratified log-rank *P* < .00001 vs lpi.

[†]Exploratory endpoint.

Wolchok JD, et al. ASCO 2015. Abstract LBA1. Reprinted with permission.

Combination Immunotherapy

- ipilimumab + nivolumab
 - melanoma 60% response versus single agent responses
 44% (nivo), 19% (ipi)
 - 12% CR
 - 80% two year survival

Combination Immunotherapies

Combination Therapy	Mechanisms of Action	Phase	Indication
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Anti-PD1 + anti-CTLA-4	1/11	Gastric, TNBC, PA, SCLC, Bladder, Ovarian
		11/111	Melanoma, RCC
		н	SCLC, GBM, NSCLC
Nivolumab + BMS-986016	Anti-PD1 + anti-LAG3	I	Solid tumors
Nivolumab + Viagenpumatucel-L	Anti-PD1 + vaccine	I.	NSCLC
Nivolumab + urelumab	Anti-PD1 + anti-4-1ββ	1/11	Solid Tumors, B-Cell NHL
Atezolizumab + MOXR0916	Anti-PDL1 + anti-OX40	I.	Solid Tumors
Atezolizumab + varlilumab	Anti-PDL1 + anti-CD27	П	RCC
Atezolizumab + GDC-0919	Anti-PDL1 + IDO inhibitor	I.	Solid Tumors
Epacadostat + atezolizumab, durvalumab, or pembrolizumab	IDO inhibitor + anti-PDL1 or anti-PD1	I/II	Solid Tumors
Pembrolizumab + T-Vec	Anti-PD1 + vaccine	ш	Melanoma
Durvalumab + tremelimumab	Anti-PDL1 + anti-CTLA-4	1/11	Melanoma
		1/11/111	SCCHN
		Ш	Mesothelioma, UBC, TNBC, PA

III NSCLC, Bladder

Combination of PD-1, PDL-1 and CTLA-4 Blockade

- higher clinical response rates than single agent
 - melanoma, NSCLC, head and neck
- lower tolerability and higher discontinuation rates
- management of toxicity in broad patient populations in community settings
- dosing and sequence
- cost



Intervention Minimizes the Potential Impact of AEs^{1,2}



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Risk Evaluation and Management Strategy (REMS)

GASTROINTESTINAL

- Any changes in normal bowel habits or changes from baseline (eg, last week, last visit)
 - Diarrhea
 - Abdominal pain
 - Blood or mucus in stool with or without fever
 - Peritoneal signs consistent with bowel perforation
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LIVER

- Elevations in liver function tests
 - AST >2.5 times upper limit of normal (ULN)
 - ALT >2.5 times ULN
 - Total bilirubin >1.5 times ULN

<u>SKIN</u>

- Pruritus
- Rash (Maculopapular Rash)
- Viteligo

NEUROLOGIC

- Monitor for symptoms of motor and sensory neuropathy
 - Unilateral or bilateral weakness
 - Sensory alterations
 - Paresthesia

ENDOCRINE

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Mental status changes
- Abdominal pain
- Unusual bowel habits
- Hypotension
- Abnormal thyroid function tests and/or serum chemistries

Kinetics of appearance of immune-related adverse event



Weber J S et al. JCO 2012;30:2691-2697

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Adverse Events

- <u>CTLA-4: Rash, diarrhea, hepatitis, endocrine</u>
 24% grade 3/4 (1)
- PD-1/PD-L1: Rash, fatigue, arthralgias, pnuemonitis
 6-12% grade 3/4 (2-4)
- <u>Chemotherapy: Alopecia, nausea, myelosuppression</u>
 ~50% grade 3/4 (5)
 - (1) Hodi et al. *NEJM* 2010
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 - (3) Topalian et al. NEJM 2012
 - (4) Weber et al. Lancet Oncol 2015
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Conclusions on Anti-PD1 Antibodies

- Anti-PD1 antibodies pembrolizumab and nivolumab are more active than ipilimumab^{a,b,c,d}
- Analyses of QoL presented at SMR 2015 showed
 - Superior QoL with single-agent use of an anti-PD1 antibody vs single-agent ipilimumab^c
 - Similar QoL with nivolumab/ipilimumab combination vs singleagent ipilimumab^d
- Data from the CheckMate 067 trial suggest the tumor microenvironment may hold clues as to whether a PD1 inhibitor could be used alone or with ipilimumab in the frontline setting, although this is not entirely clear at this time and more data is needed^a

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Immunotherapy Summary

- Immunotherapy continues to grow in importance in the care of patients with melanoma
- Response patterns to immunotherapy agents vary but can be durable
- Vigilance for adverse events by the patient, their family, and their healthcare team important
- Growing evidence indicates that chemotherapy treatment and the use of corticosteroids for immune-related toxicities do not reduce the efficacy of immunotherapies
- Patients education about expectations with immunotherapy is also important

Treatment of Advanced Malignant Melanoma 2016. Standard of care

- BRAF V600E Positive
- Vemurafenib (+ Cobimet)
- Dabrafenib + Trametinib
- Ipilimumab
- Pembrolizumab / Nivolumab
- T-VEC
- Clinical trials

- BRAF V600E Negative
- Pembrolizumab/Nivolumab
- Ipilimumab
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab
- T-VEC
- Clinical trials

Future Directions

Combination strategies including immunotherapy are currently being evaluated Targeted agents + immunotherapy Multiple immunotherapeutic agents Patients selection using clinical and biological biomakers Identification of additional tumor subtypes that can be effectively treated with immunotherapy



"In your case, Dave, there are choices, surgery, outpatient immunotherapy, anti BRAF, anti MEK, anti PDI or whatever is in the box that our lovely Carol is holding".

'THANK YOU'







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