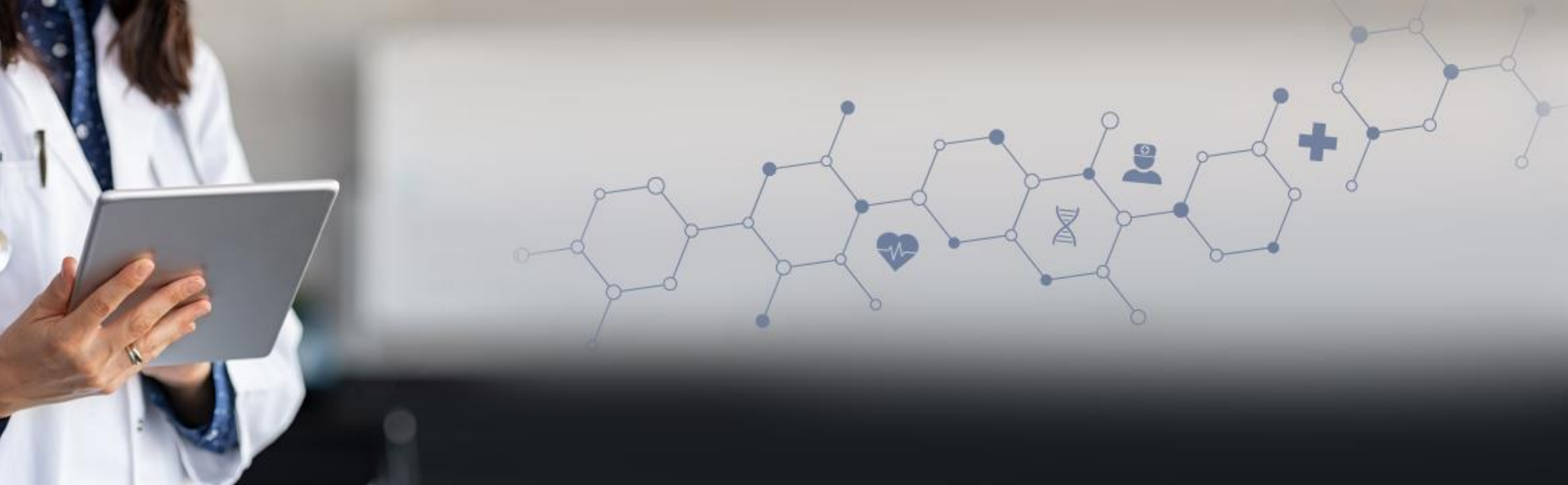




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Single Agent Activity of Anti-LAG3 Antibody

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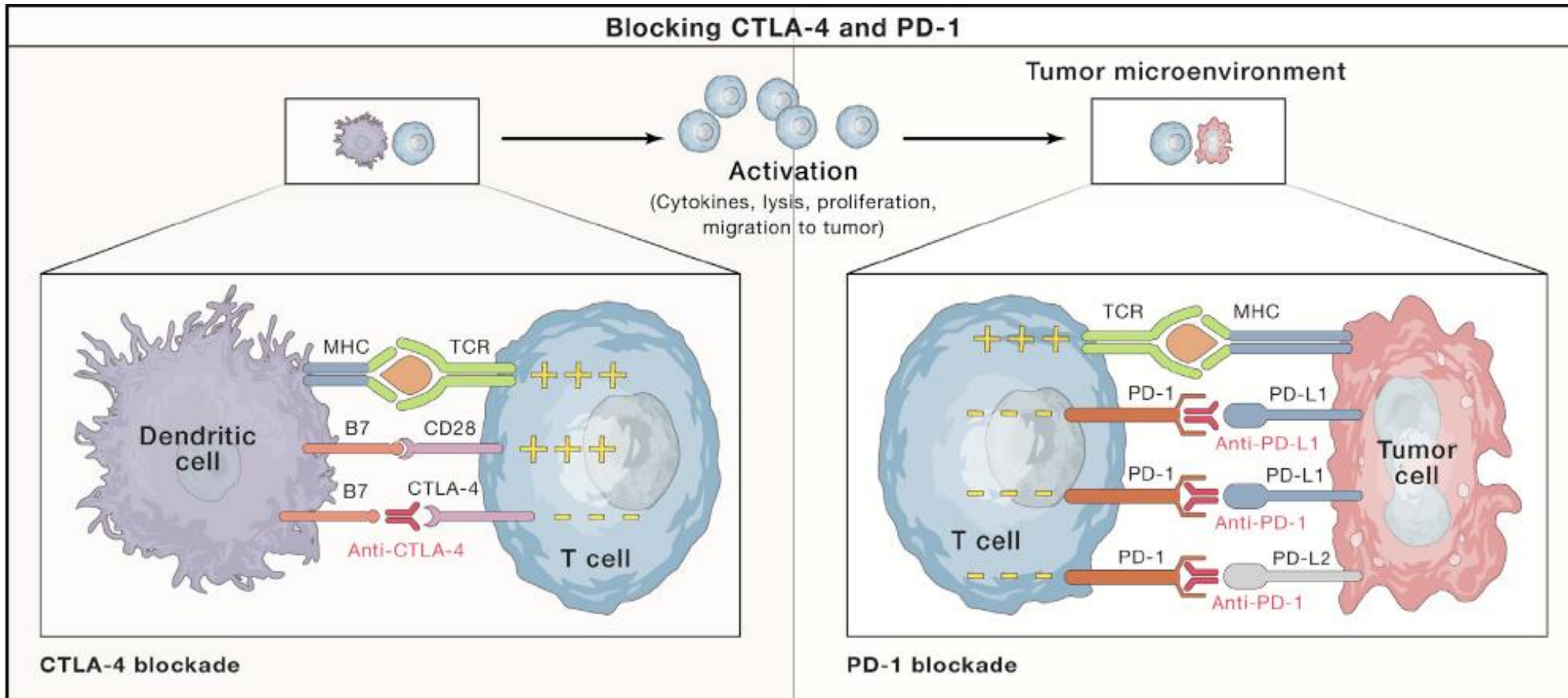
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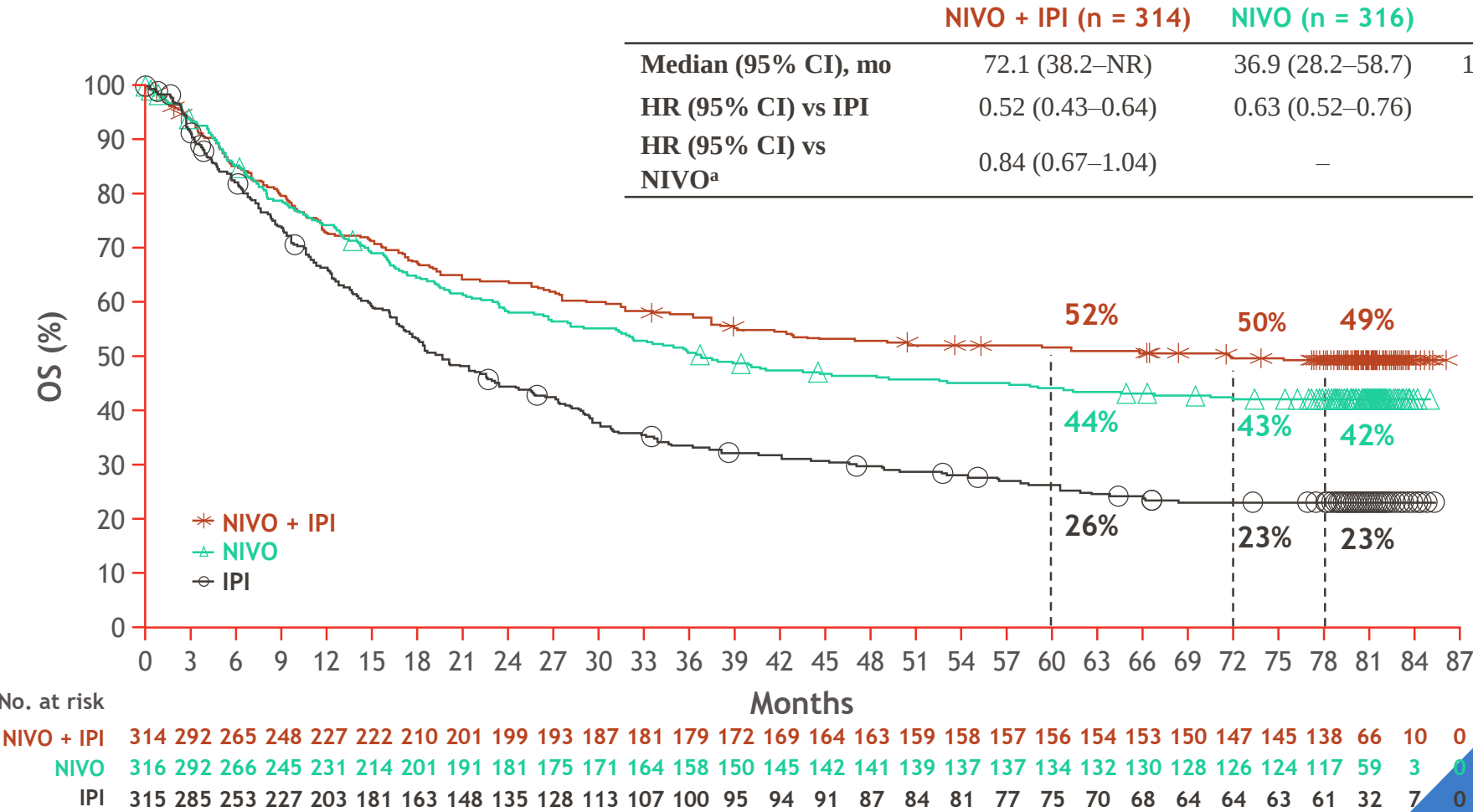
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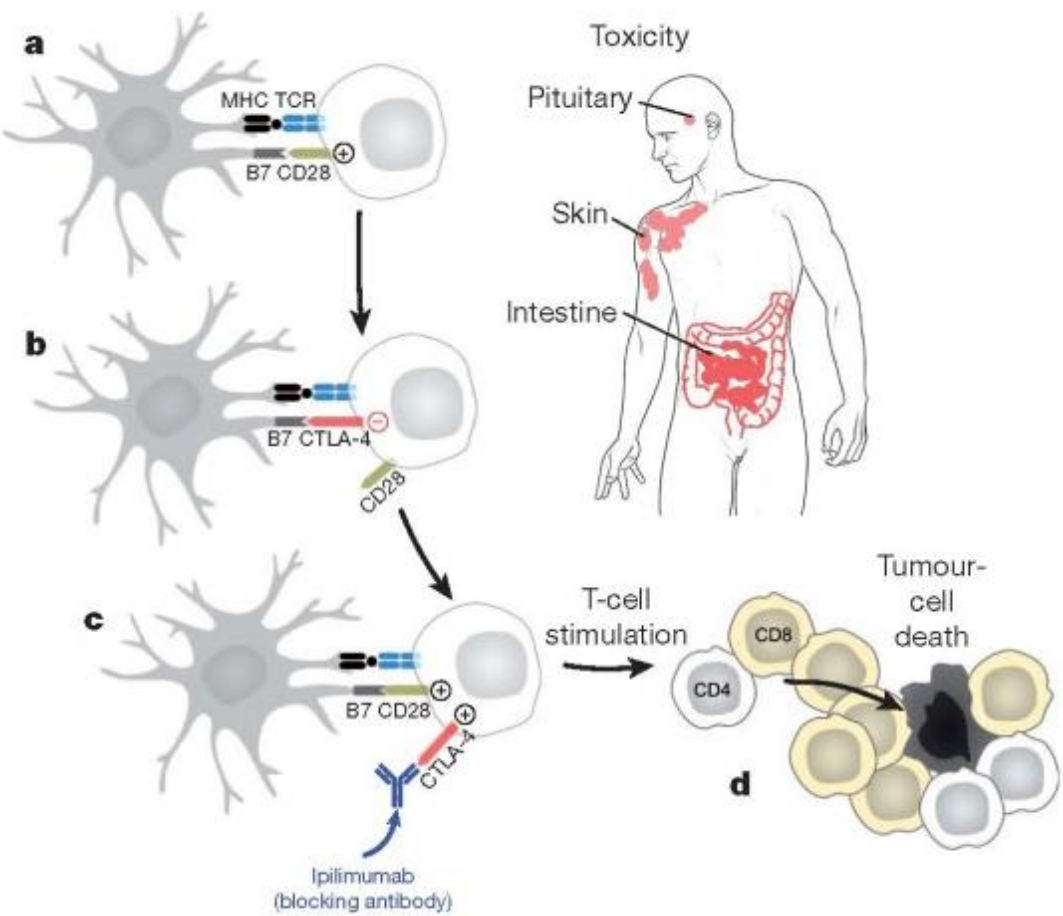
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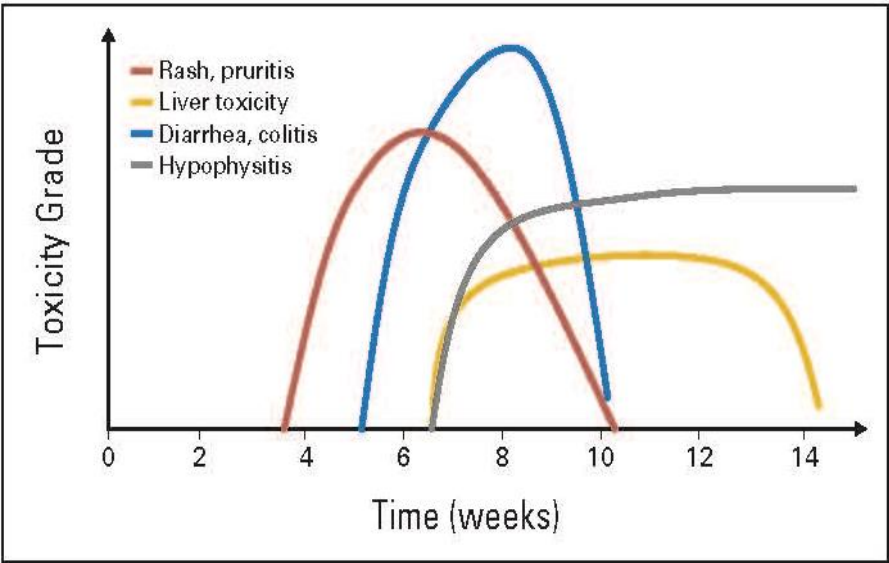
Single Agent or Combination Checkpoint Blockade



Toxicity: organs, incidence, patterns



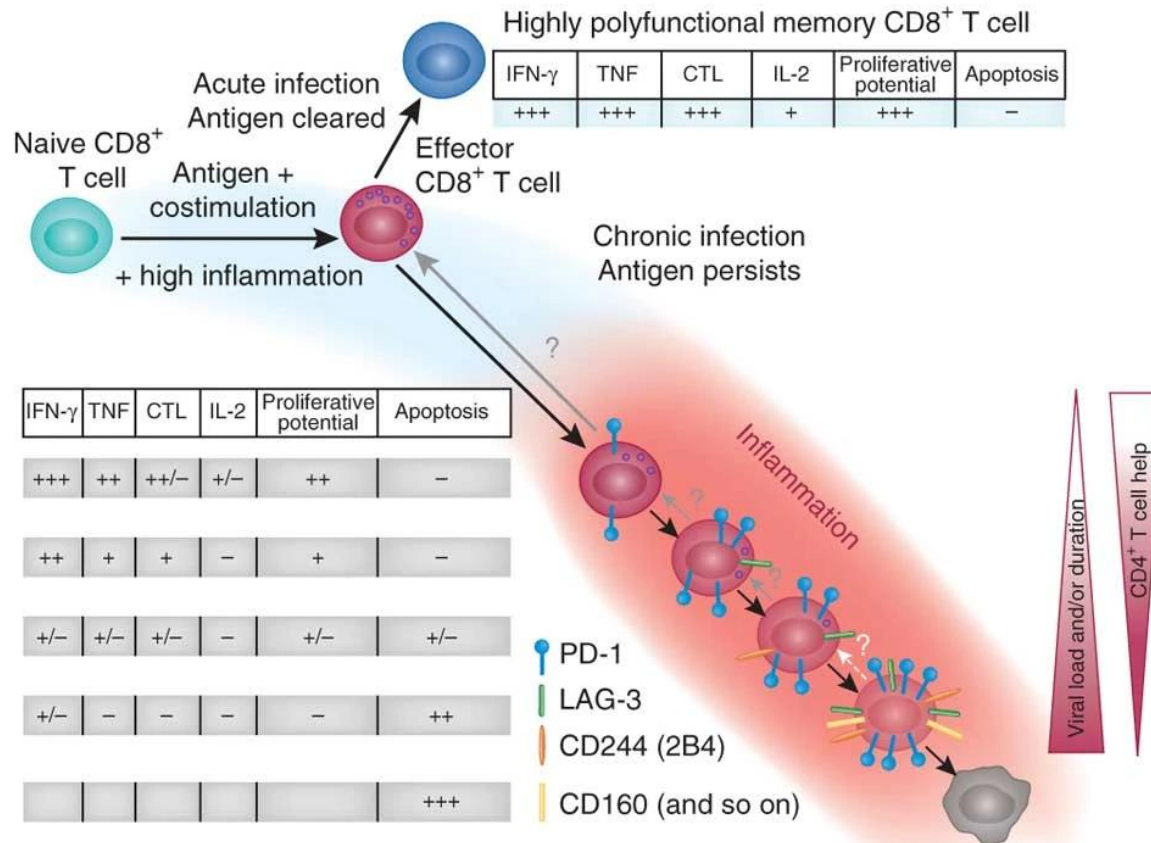
	NIVO+IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
Patients reporting event	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Treatment-related AE, %	95.8	59.1	86.3	22.4	86.2	27.7
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	40.3	30.4	12.5	8.0	15.1	13.5
Treatment-related death, n (%)	2 (0.6)		1 (0.3)		1 (0.3)	



Combination checkpoint blockade

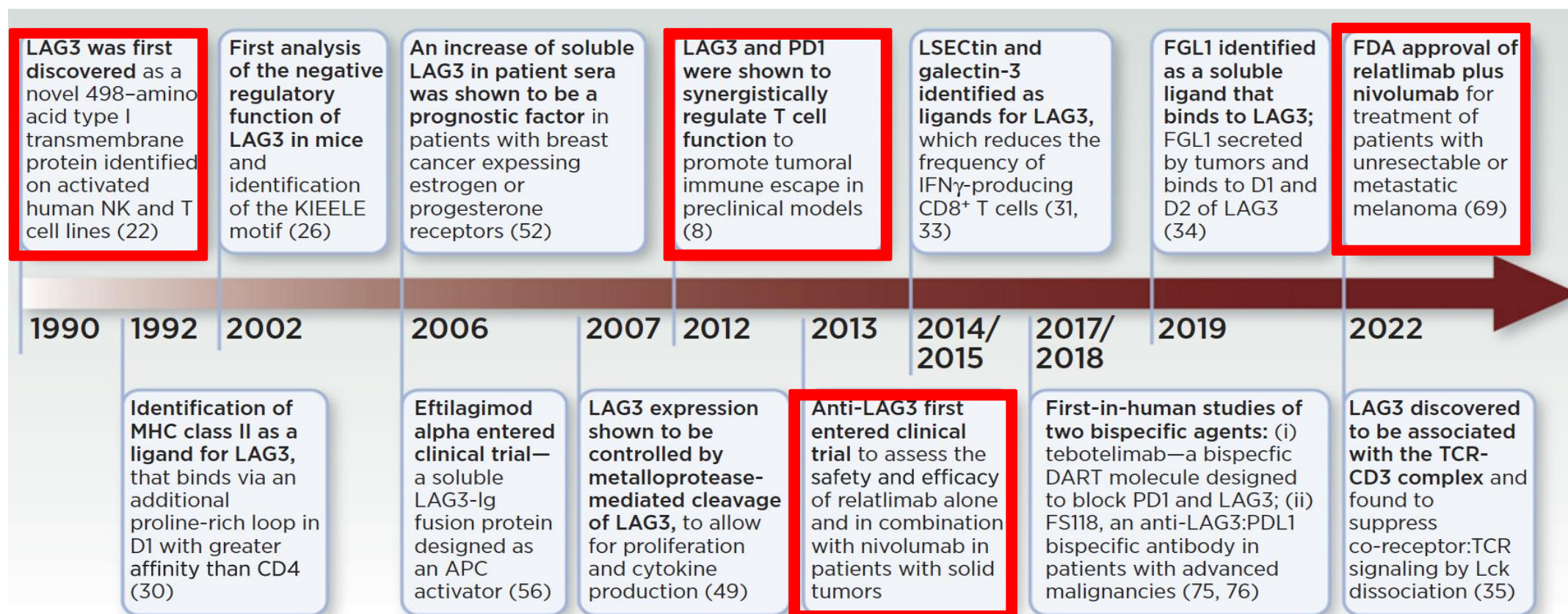
- ✓ No improved overall survival over single agent anti-PD1
- ✓ Improved activity in several settings: brain metastases, neo-adjuvant, rare melanoma subtypes (mucosal, acral, uveal).
- ✓ Role in other malignancies:
 - NSCLC,
 - RCC,
 - MSI-H CRC
 - druvalumab+tremelimumab in HCC, etc..
- ✓ At the cost of increased toxicity

LAG3 a marker of T cell exhaustion

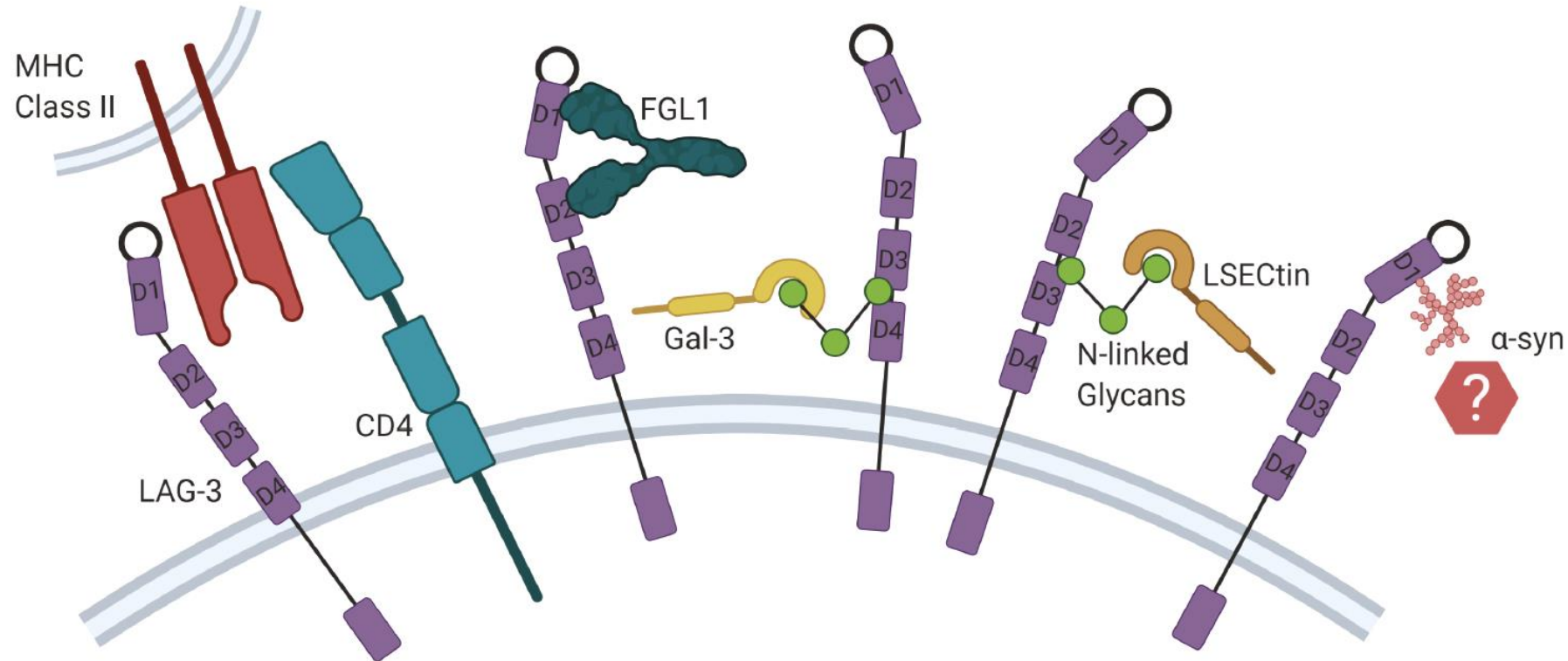


- ✓ With chronic antigen stimulation, T cells progressively co-express inhibitory checkpoints
- ✓ Expressed on CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells
- ✓ Also expressed on B cells, NK cells, T_{regs} and pDCs

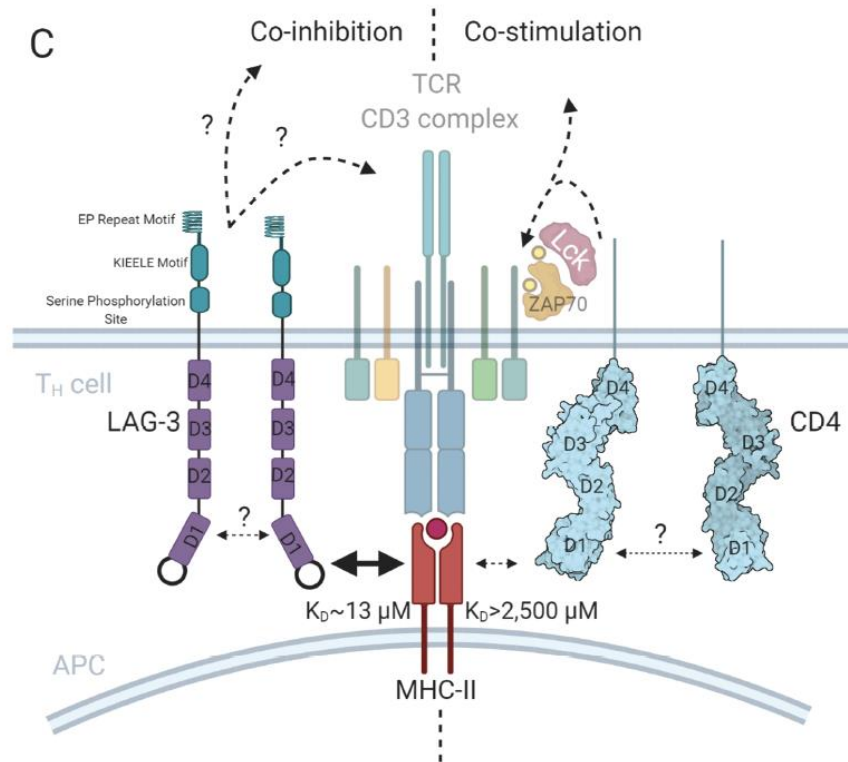
Milestones in LAG3 Blockade



LAG3 ligand, MHC Class II?

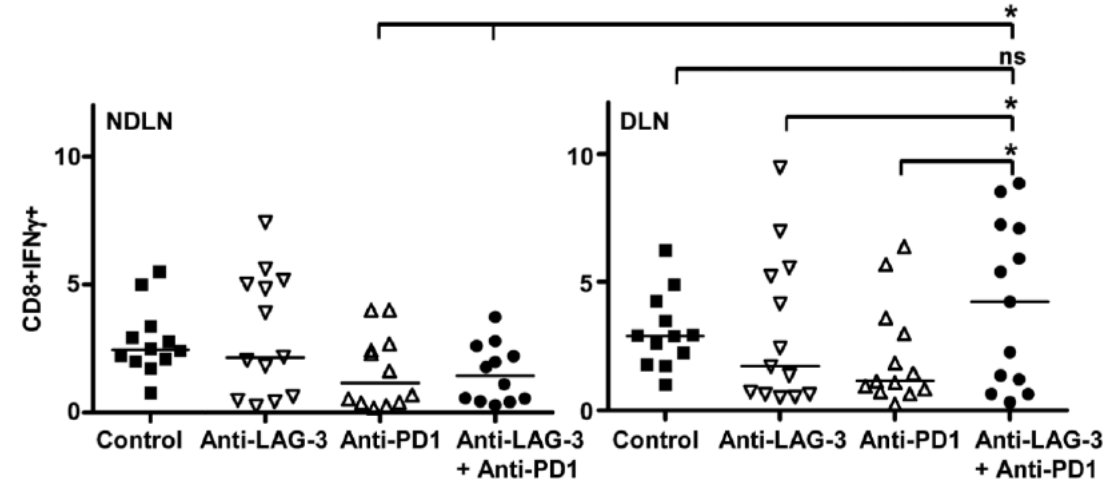
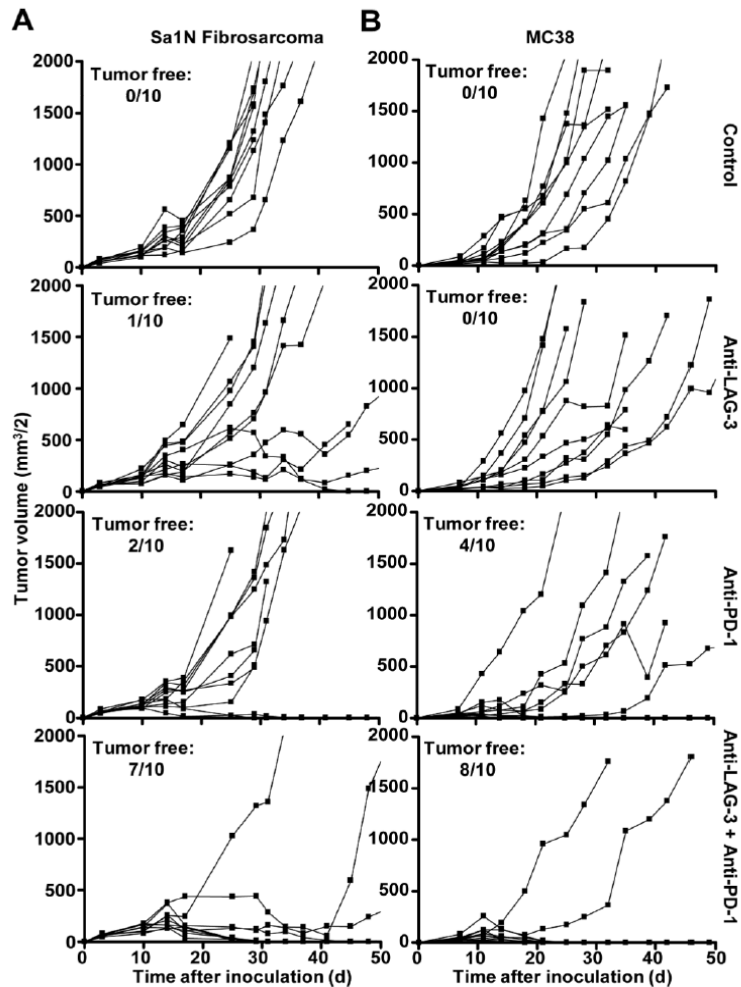


LAG3 intracellular signaling



- ✓ **LAG3 dimerization required for optimal MHCII binding**
- ✓ **No ITIM & unique intracellular KIEELE motif**
- ✓ **Role of EP Repeat & Serine phosphorylation site FxxL more relevant**
- ✓ **Co-localization with TCR/CD3 complex**
- ✓ **LAG-3 activation leads to decreased ZAP70 phosphorylation**
- ✓ **LAG-3 modulates TCR signaling**

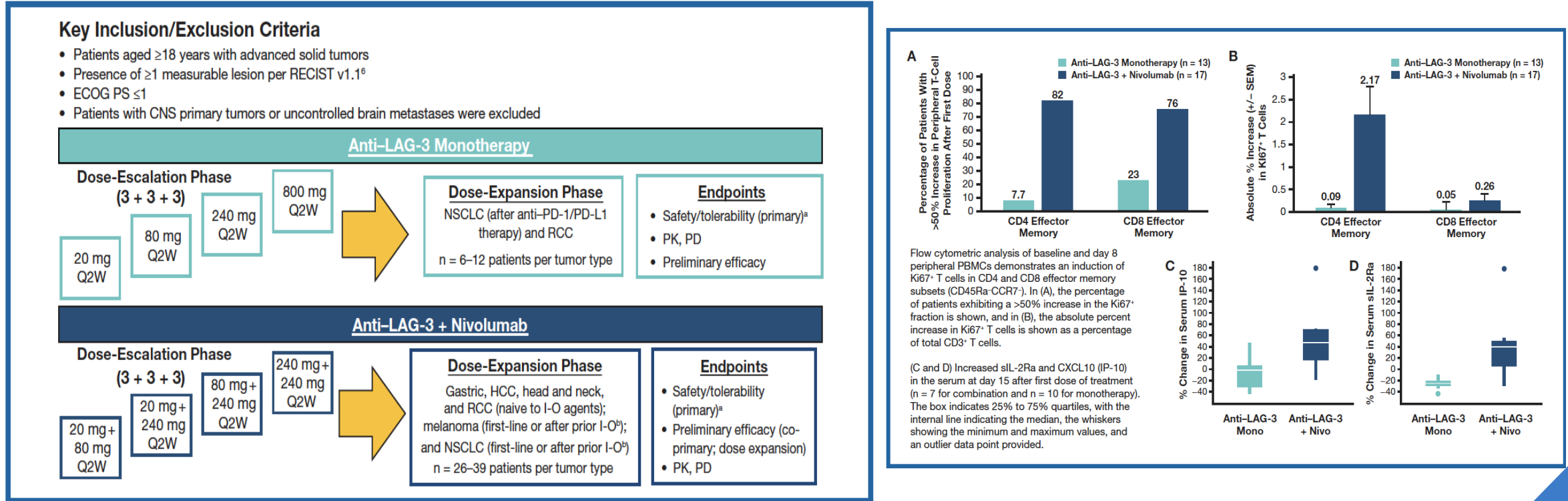
Anti-PD1/LAG3 Combo in MC38, B16 models



- ✓ Single agent Anti-LAG3 relatlimab has little anti-tumor activity or T cell potentiation
- ✓ Combination Anti-LAG3 + Anti-PD1 synergistic with impressive tumor control correlative with increased CD8+ T cell activity

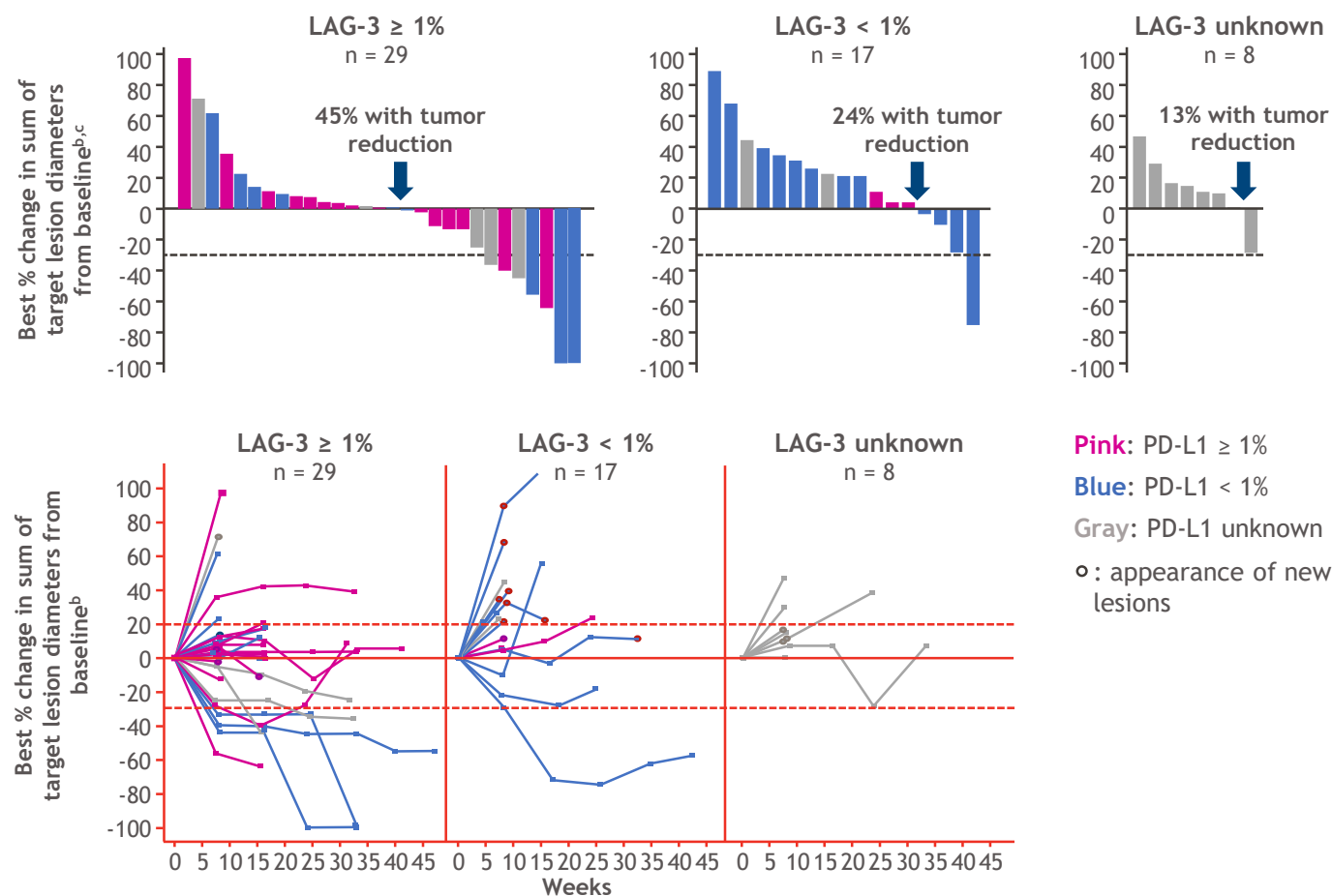
RELATIVITY-020: Monotherapy vs combo

Figure 2. Study Design for CA224020 (solid tumors)



- ✓ No activity for Single agent Relatlimab in PD-1 refractory pts
- ✓ Pharmacodynamic effects also indicating combo carries the impact

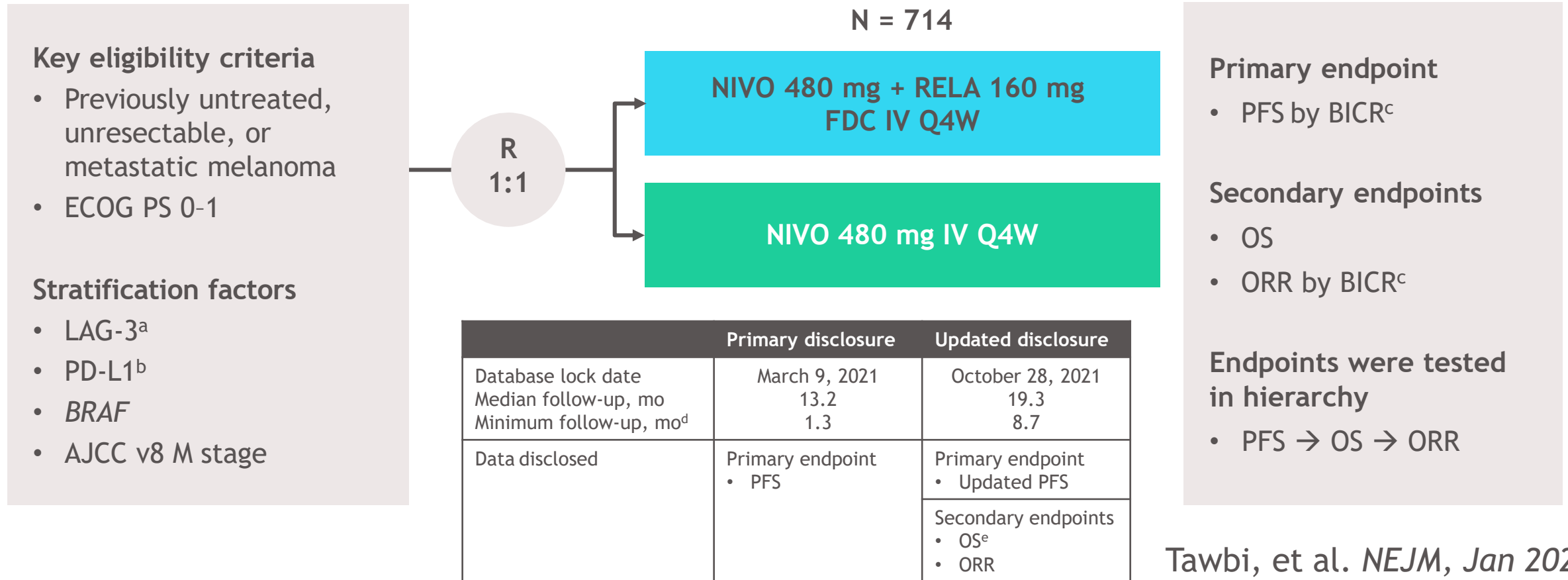
RELATIVITY-020: efficacy in PD-1 refractory



- ✓ Responses were more likely in patients with LAG-3 expression $\geq 1\%$
- ✓ PD-L1 expression did not appear to enrich for response
- ✓ Among the overall study population,^a any-grade and grade 3-4 TRAEs were reported in 51% and 10% of patients, respectively
- ✓ The safety profile of the melanoma prior PD-1 / PD-L1 cohort was similar to that of the overall population

Combination anti-LAG3 + anti-PD1 in First Line Met. Melanoma

- RELATIVITY-047 is a global, randomized, double-blind, gated, phase 2/3 study



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^aLAG-3 expression on immune cells (1%) determined by analytically validated IHC assay (Labcorp, Burlington, NC, USA); ^bPD-L1 expression on tumor cells (1%) determined by validated Agilent Dako PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx test (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA); ^cFirst tumor assessment (RECIST v1.1) performed 12 weeks after randomization, every 8 weeks up to 52 weeks, and then every 12 weeks; ^dMinimum potential follow-up (time from last patient randomized to last patient, last visit);

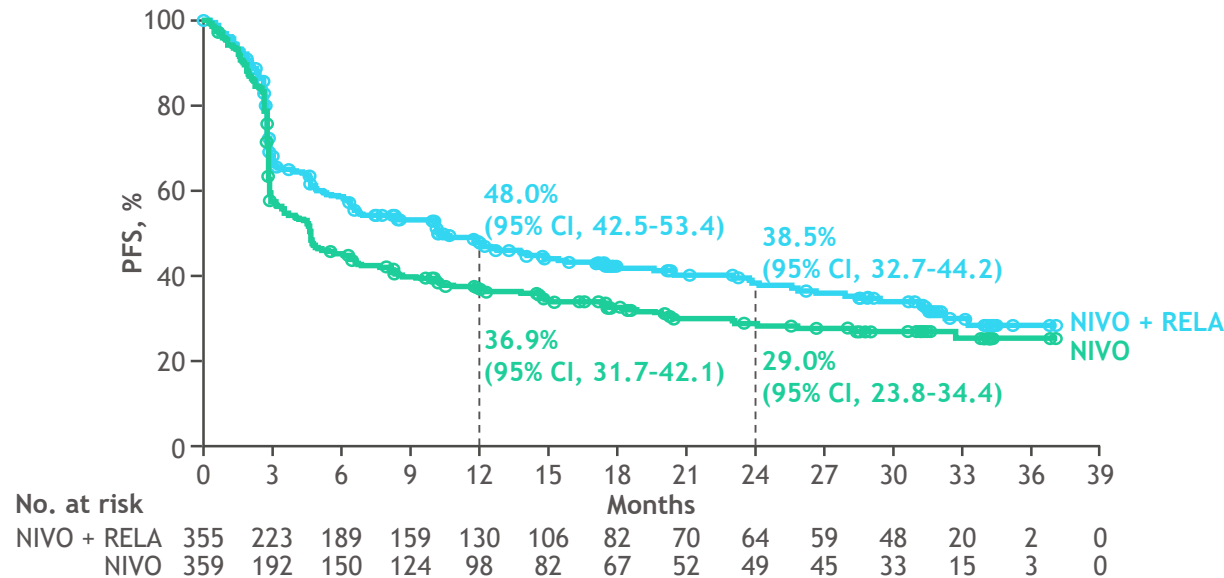
^eOS boundary for statistical significance was $P < 0.04302$ (2-sided) analyzed at 69% power; target HR, 0.75.

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PFS, OS, and ORR in all randomized patients

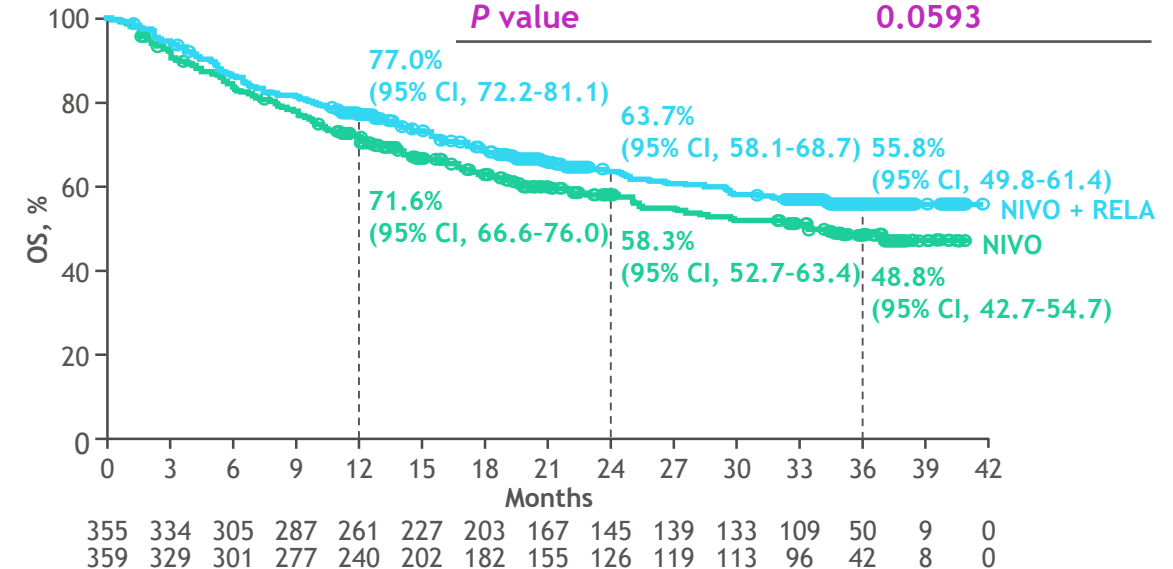
Updated PFS by BICR

	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
mPFS, mo (95% CI)	10.22 (6.51-14.75)	4.63 (3.48-6.44)
HR (95% CI)	0.78 (0.64-0.94)	



OS

	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
mOS, mo (95% CI)	NR (34.20-NR)	34.10 (25.23-NR)
HR (95% CI)	0.80 (0.64-1.01)	
P value	0.0593	



Confirmed ORR by BICR	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)	NIVO (n = 359)
ORR % (95% CI)	43.1 (37.9-48.4)	32.6 (27.8-37.7)

DBL date: October 28, 2021. Median follow-up: 19.3 mo

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Statistical model for HR and P value: stratified Cox proportional hazard model and stratified log-rank test. Stratified by LAG-3, BRAF mutation status, and AJCC M stage. PD-L1 was removed from stratification because it led to subgroups with < 10 patients; OS boundary for statistical significance was $P < 0.04302$ (2-sided) analyzed at 69% power; target HR, 0.75; ORR could not be formally tested and was descriptively analyzed. Minimum potential follow-up (time from last patient randomized to last patient last visit) was 8.7 mo.

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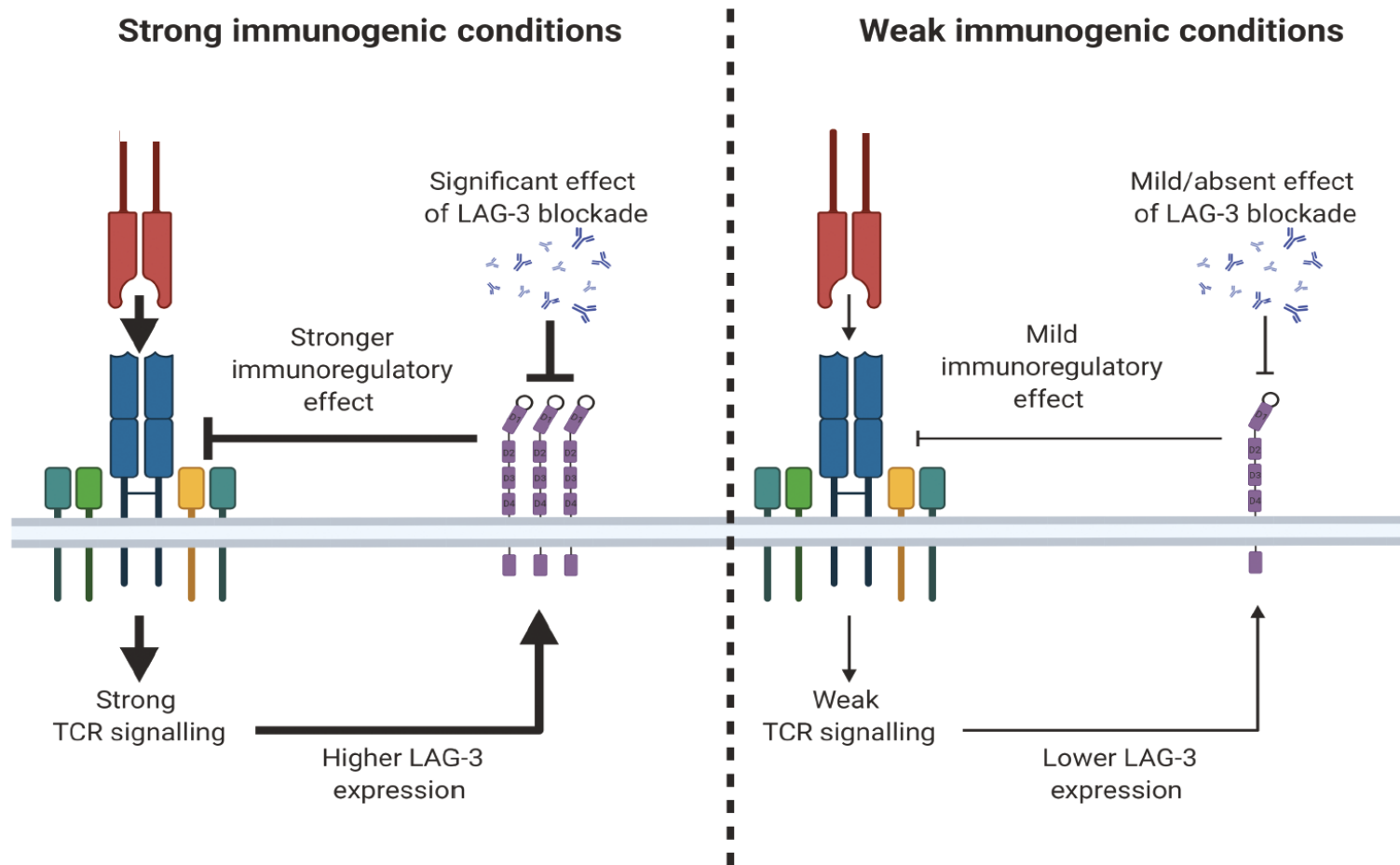
Safety summary

AE, n (%)	NIVO + RELA (n = 355)		NIVO (n = 359)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4
Any AE	352 (99.2)	154 (43.4)	344 (95.8)	126 (35.1)
TRAE	297 (83.7)	75 (21.1)	260 (72.4)	40 (11.1)
Leading to discontinuation	54 (15.2)	32 (9.0)	26 (7.2)	13 (3.6)
TRAE ≥ 10%				
Pruritus	87 (24.5)	0	59 (16.4)	2 (0.6)
Fatigue	83 (23.4)	5 (1.4)	47 (13.1)	1 (0.3)
Rash	59 (16.6)	3 (0.8)	48 (13.4)	2 (0.6)
Hypothyroidism	55 (15.5)	0	46 (12.8)	0
Arthralgia	53 (14.9)	3 (0.8)	29 (8.1)	1 (0.3)
Diarrhea	53 (14.9)	4 (1.1)	36 (10.0)	2 (0.6)
Vitiligo	45 (12.7)	0	42 (11.7)	0
Treatment-related deaths^a	4 (1.1)	0	2 (0.6)	0

DBL date: October 28, 2021. Median follow-up: 19.3 mo. Includes events reported between first dose and 30 days after last dose of study therapy. Other grade 3-4 TRAEs that were associated with any-grade TRAEs occurring in < 10% of patients not shown.

^aTreatment-related deaths: NIVO + RELA (n = 4) - hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, acute edema of the lung, pneumonitis, and multiorgan failure; NIVO (n = 2) - sepsis and myocarditis, and worsening pneumonia.

Why more activity in first line?



- ✓ Given its impact on modulating TCR signaling, effect is amplified in conditions of strong immunogenic signaling
- ✓ Earlier stage of disease has less T cell exhaustion, more TCR signaling

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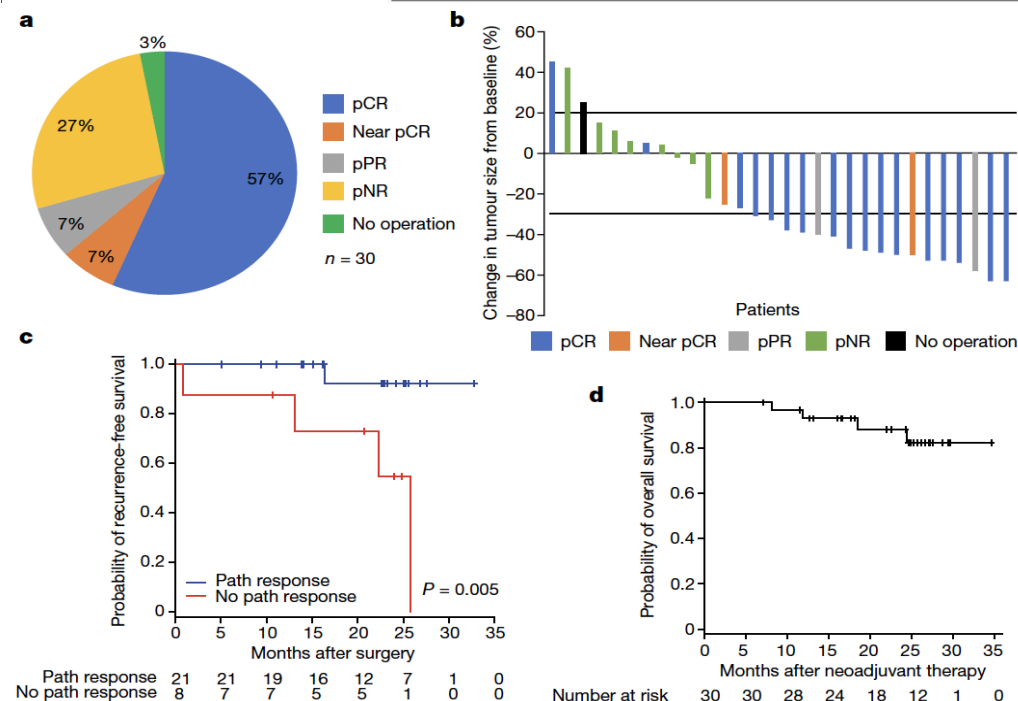
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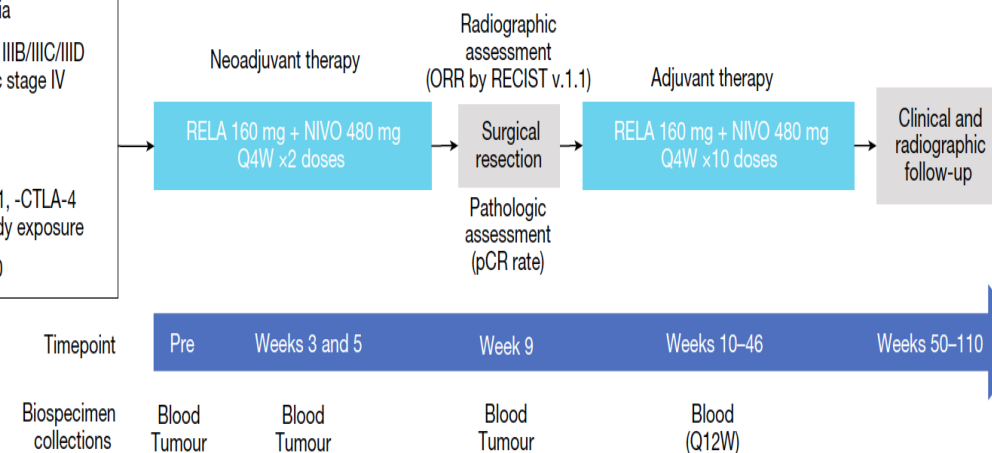
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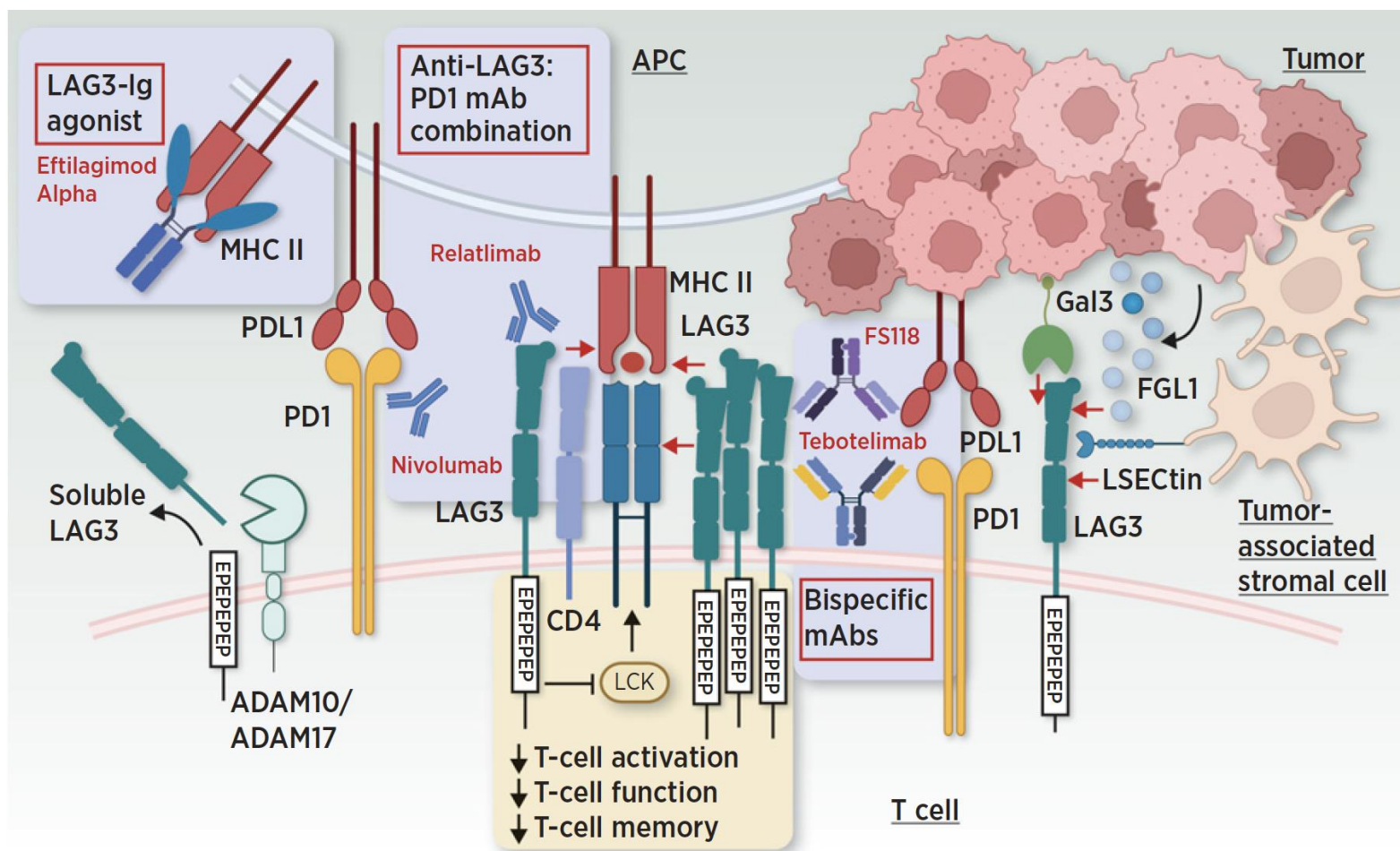
Key eligibility criteria

- Resectable stage IIIB/IIIC/IIID or oligometastatic stage IV melanoma
 - ECOG PS 0-1
 - No prior anti-PD-1, -CTLA-4 or -LAG-3 antibody exposure
- $n = 30$



- ✓ pCR of 57%
- ✓ No grade 3-4 toxicity in Neoadjuvant phase
- ✓ pCR leads to excellent RFS

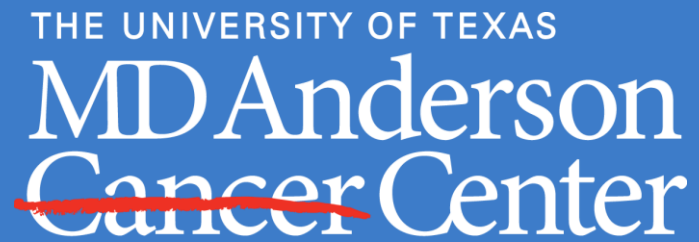
Agents in development targeting LAG3



Summary and Conclusions

- ✓ **LAG3 is a novel checkpoint with unique mechanisms**
- ✓ **LAG3 blockade is now validated as a therapeutic target in combination**
- ✓ **FDA approval in melanoma starts a new era of investigation**
- ✓ **Many unanswered questions**
 - structure and function
 - role in other settings like brain metastases
 - Role in other cancers
 - Combo with other checkpoints or other immune modulators
 - Biomarkers of response/resistance critical to drive future breakthroughs
- ✓ **Mechanism-driven evaluation for contribution of novel agent**

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