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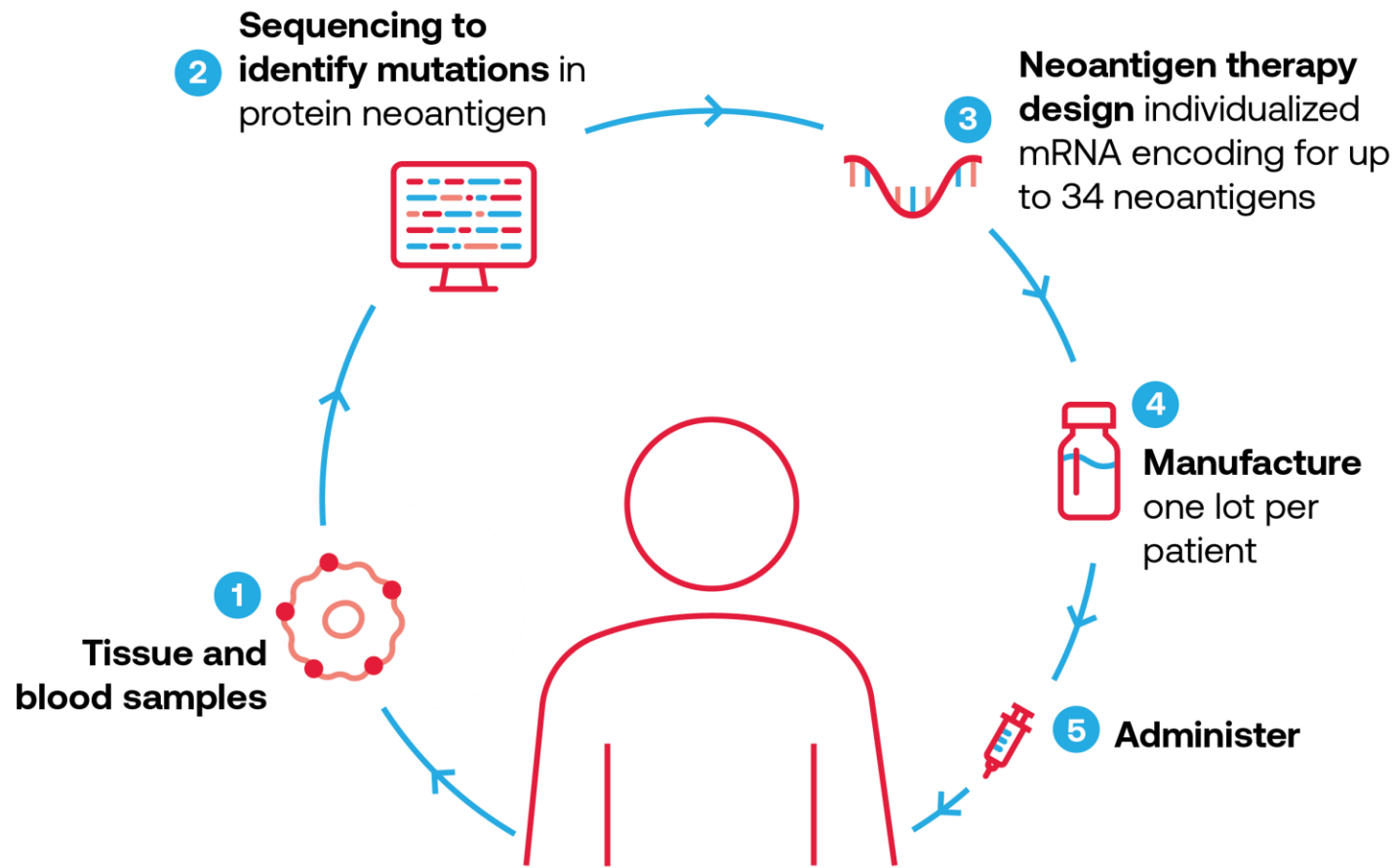
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# Intismeran overview

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# Intismeran autogene is the most advanced individualized neoantigen therapy in development



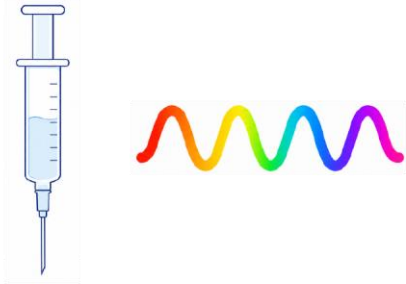
Intismeran is an investigational lipid encapsulated messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA)-based **individualized neoantigen therapy**

It consists of an **mRNA that encodes neoantigens designed specifically to each individual patient's tumor mutanome and human leukocyte antigen (HLA) type**

# A stepwise experimental framework for intismeran

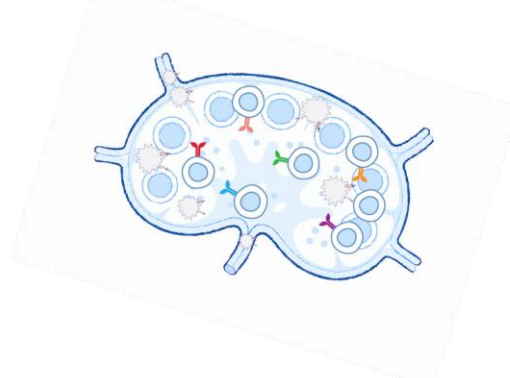
## Intismeran drug product

Intismeran administered with KEYTRUDA™



## Lymph node

Intismeran is taken up by antigen-presenting cells, which then present neoantigens in lymph nodes to activate tumor-specific T cells.



### MEASUREMENT

Activated T-cells

### METRIC

CD4 versus CD8 T cell

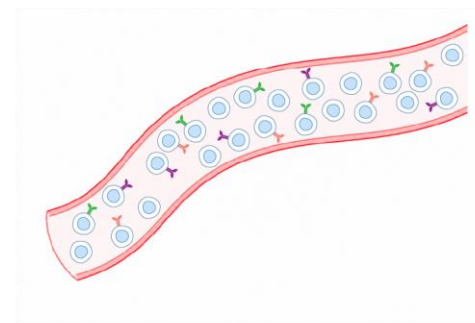
Neoantigen-specific T cells

Activation state (41BB, CD69, CD107)

Functional state (IFN, Granzyme)

## Blood

Novel T-cells in blood



### MEASUREMENT

Number of novel T-cells

### METRIC

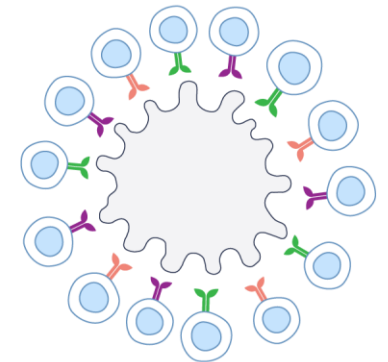
Degree of T cell clonality (Shannon clonality\*)

Novel T-cell frequency\*\*

Unique novel T-cell clonotypes\*\*\*

## Tumor

Neoantigen-specific T cell clones attack the tumor



### MEASUREMENT

Efficacy

### METRIC

Recurrence-free survival

Distant metastasis-free survival

\*Ranges from 1 (highest clonality) to 0 (highest diversity). Higher clonality can indicate a more focused immune response; \*\*Total number of novel T cell clones divided by total T cells; \*\*\*Number of novel T cells clonotypes

# Unmet need still exists in the adjuvant setting

## Estimated recurrence rate with adjuvant checkpoint inhibitors



Bladder cancer  
(MIUC)

**~64%**

recurrence rate  
at 5 years<sup>1</sup>



Melanoma

**~50%**

recurrence rate  
at 7 years<sup>2</sup>



Lung cancer

**~48%**

recurrence rate  
at 4 years<sup>3</sup>



Renal cancer

**~39%**

recurrence rate  
at 5 years<sup>4</sup>



Gastric/  
GEJ cancer

**~33%**

event rate  
at 2 years<sup>\*\*5</sup>



Pancreatic  
cancer

**~74%**

recurrence rate  
at 5 years with  
FOLFIRINOX<sup>\*6</sup>

\*No Phase 3 data from checkpoint inhibitor; \*\*Event rate as EFS is the endpoint in the peri-operative setting.

1. Galsky, Matthew D., et al. "Adjuvant Nivolumab versus Placebo for High-Risk Muscle-Invasive Urothelial Carcinoma: 5-Year Efficacy and ctDNA Results from CheckMate 274." *Annals of Oncology*, vol. 37, no. 1, 2026, pp. 69–78. 2. Eggermont AMM, Kicinski M, Blank CU, et al. Seven-year analysis of adjuvant pembrolizumab versus placebo in stage III melanoma in the EORTC1325/KEYNOTE-054 trial. *Eur J Cancer*. 2024;211:114327. doi:10.1016/j.ejca.2024.114327. 3. Merck & Co., Inc. KEYNOTE-091: Clinical Trial Results & Study Design. KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) HCP website. Accessed May 27, 2026. 4. Klaassen Z. ASCO 2025: Five-year follow-up results from the phase 3 KEYNOTE-564 study of adjuvant pembrolizumab for the treatment of clear cell RCC. *UroToday*. Published during the American Society of Clinical Oncology 2025 Annual Meeting, May 30-June 3, 2025. Accessed May 27, 2026. 5. Janjigian, Yelena Y., et al. "Perioperative Durvalumab in Gastric and Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer." *New England Journal of Medicine*, vol. 393, no. 3, 16 July 2025, pp. 217–230. 6. Conroy, Thierry, et al. "Five-Year Outcomes of FOLFIRINOX vs Gemcitabine as Adjuvant Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer: A Randomized Clinical Trial." *JAMA Oncology*, vol. 8, no. 11, 2022, pp. 1571–1578

# Intismeran development initially focused in IO-sensitive tumors



## IO-sensitive tumors

Late-stage trials Phase 2 and 3

**Rationale:** Tumors that are validated as IO-sensitive

### Earliest stages

- Stage 1 non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC)

### Adjuvant

- Melanoma
- NSCLC
- Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)
- Muscle invasive bladder cancer (MIBC)

### Metastatic/ unresectable

- Melanoma
- Squamous NSCLC

# Future opportunity in tumors historically less sensitive to IO



## IO-less sensitive tumors

Signal-seeking Phase 1 studies

**Rationale:** Exploring whether intismeran can work in tumors where IOs have historically been less effective

### Earliest stages

### Adjuvant

- Pancreatic cancer
- Gastric cancer

### Metastatic/ unresectable

# Intismeran neoantigen selection and mechanism foundations

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# Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) has revolutionized personalized treatments, especially in oncology

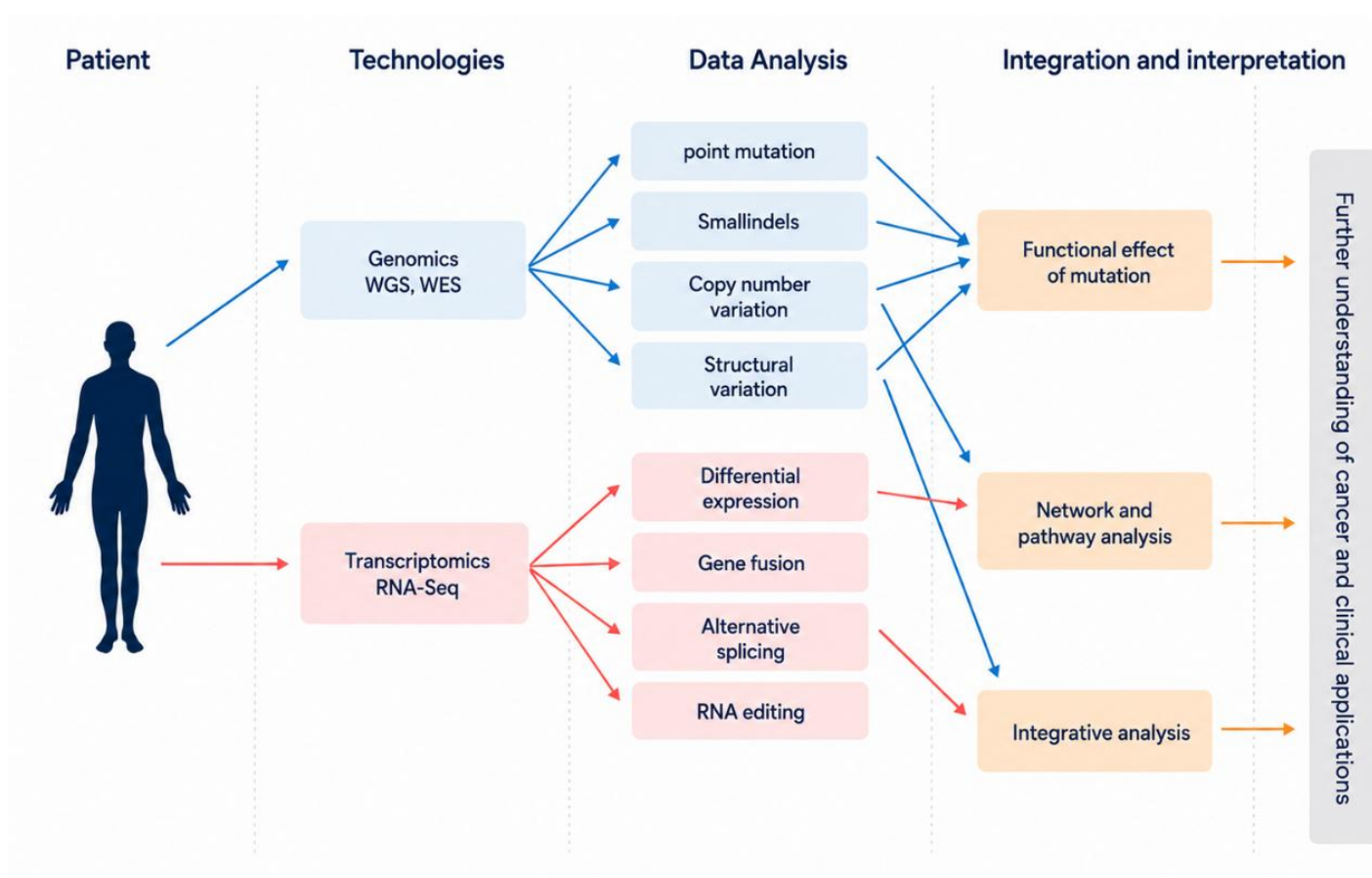
NGS technologies, including WGS and WES, have transformed our understanding of cancer.

**NGS reveals a wide array of genomic alterations**, including mutations, insertions, deletions, and structural changes.

**Comparing tumor and normal genomes helps distinguish somatic cancer mutations** from inherited germline variants.

**RNA-Seq reveals gene expression**, splicing variation, and RNA modifications.

**Integrating these technologies with bioinformatics provides a detailed cancer genome view to inform personalized treatment.**

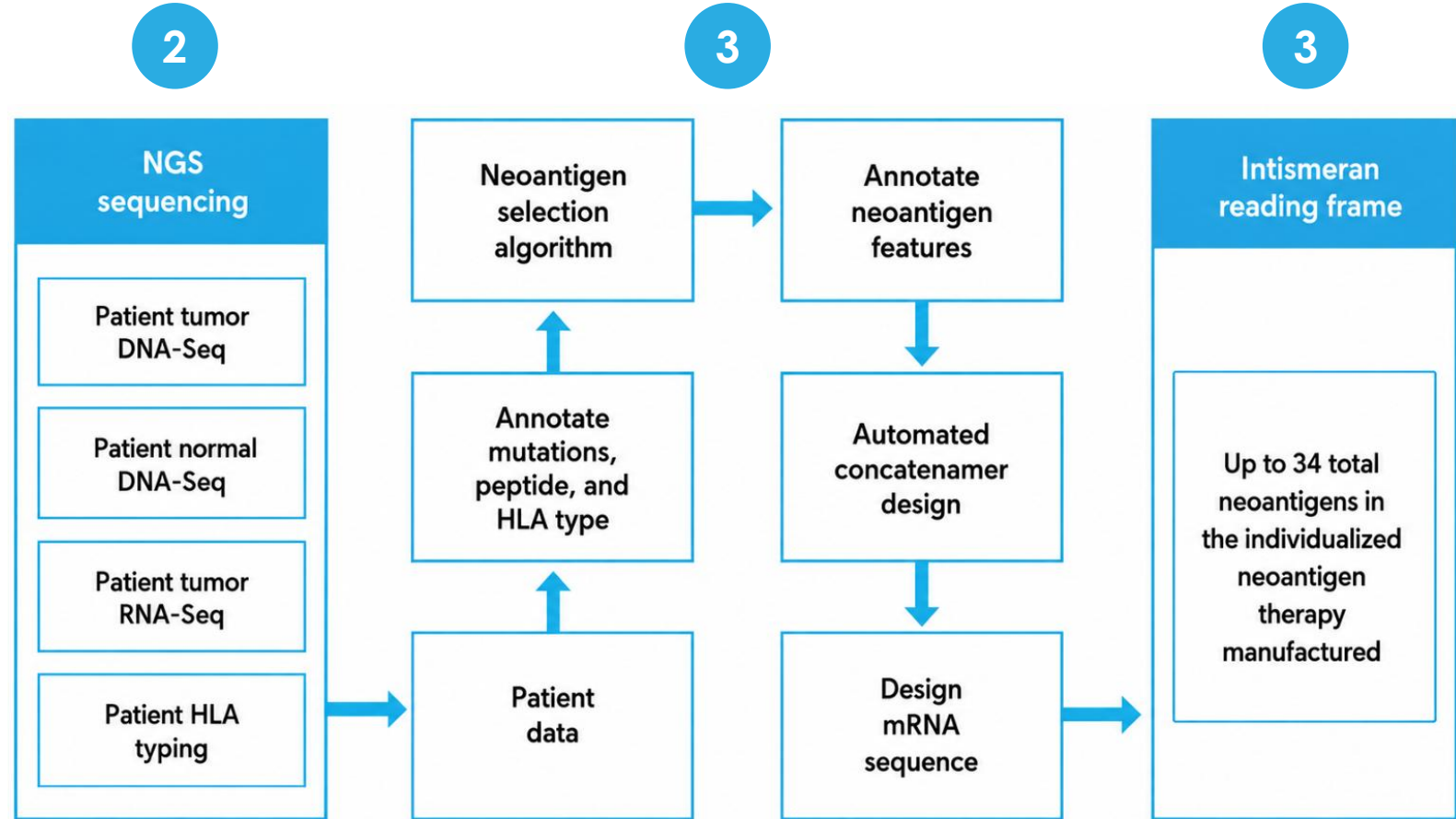
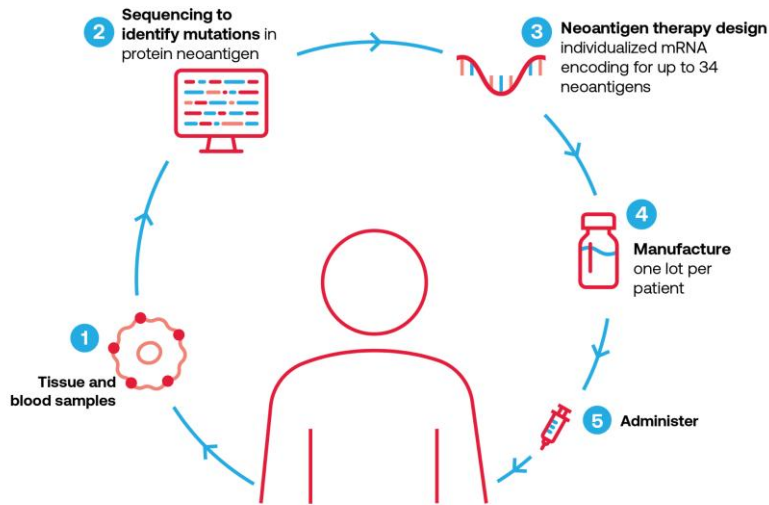


Source: Shyr, D., Liu, Q. Next generation sequencing in cancer research and clinical application. *Biol Proced Online* 15, 4 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1186/1480-9222-15-4>

# Deterministic machine learning algorithm for neoantigen selection

**Objective:**

Select neoantigens that induce de novo and increase endogenous T-cell responses

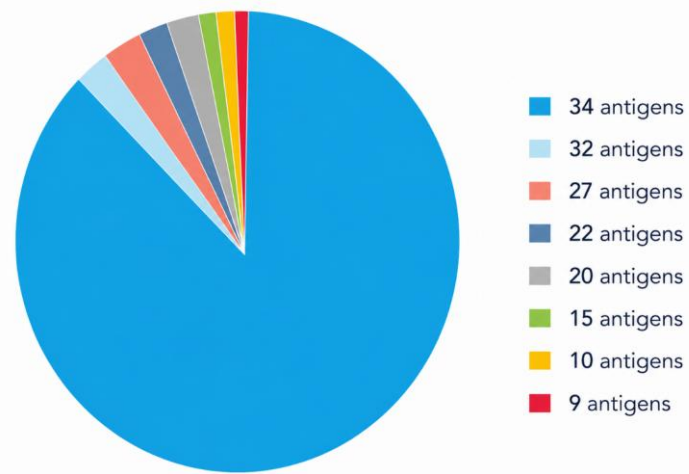


APC = antigen-presenting cell; CD = cluster of differentiation; INT = individualized neoantigen therapy; MHC = major histocompatibility complex; mRNA = messenger ribonucleic acid  
 1. Khatkhat A, et al. AACR 2023 (Abstract CT001).

# In KEYNOTE-942, most melanoma patients received intismeran with the full 34 neoantigens with little to no overlap across neoantigens

## The majority of patients had 34 neoantigens successfully identified and included

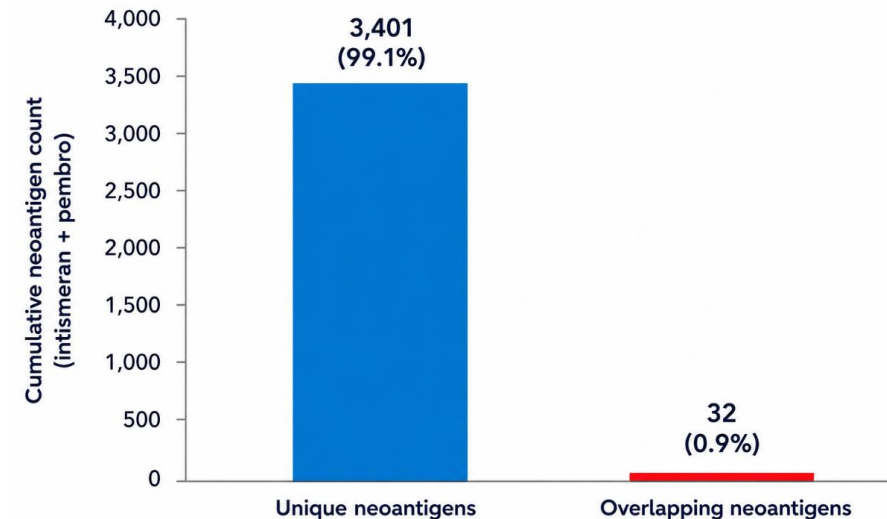
**91%** of patients in the combination arm had 34 targetable neoantigens included in their intismeran



Khattak A, et al. AACR 2023 (Abstract CT001), published as table Lancet Article Appendix [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)02268-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02268-7)

## Low overlap of neoantigens across patients

**99.1%** of neoantigens were unique

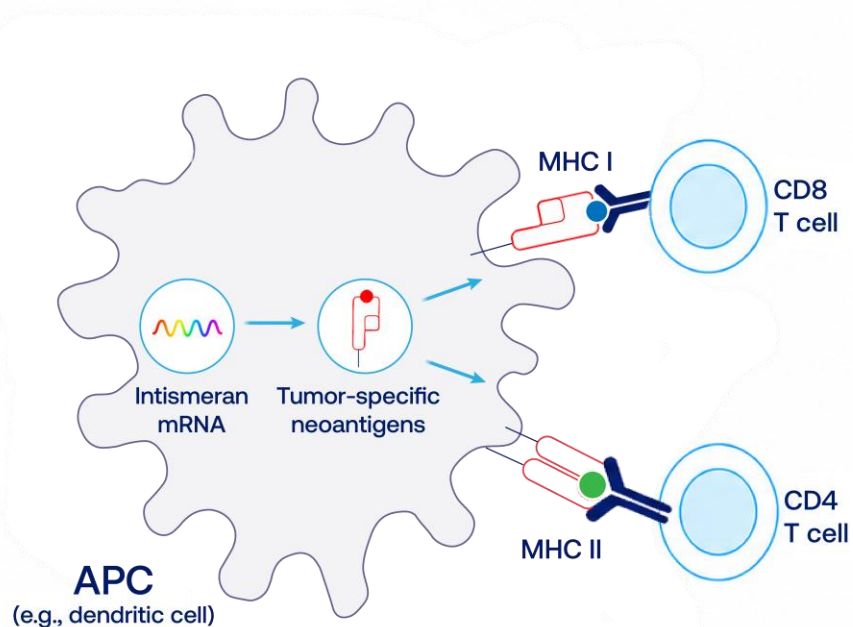


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# Intismeran autogene's proposed mechanism of action

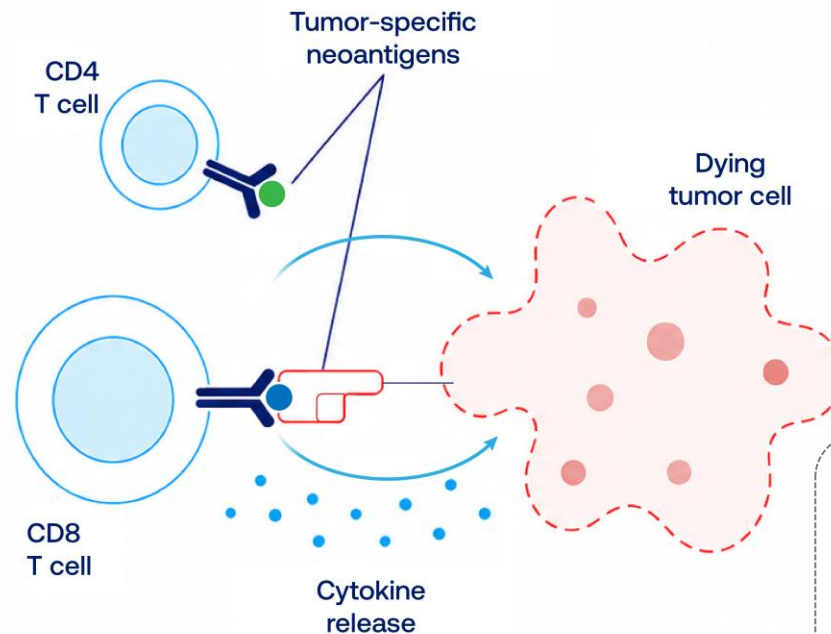
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## TUMOR DESTRUCTION

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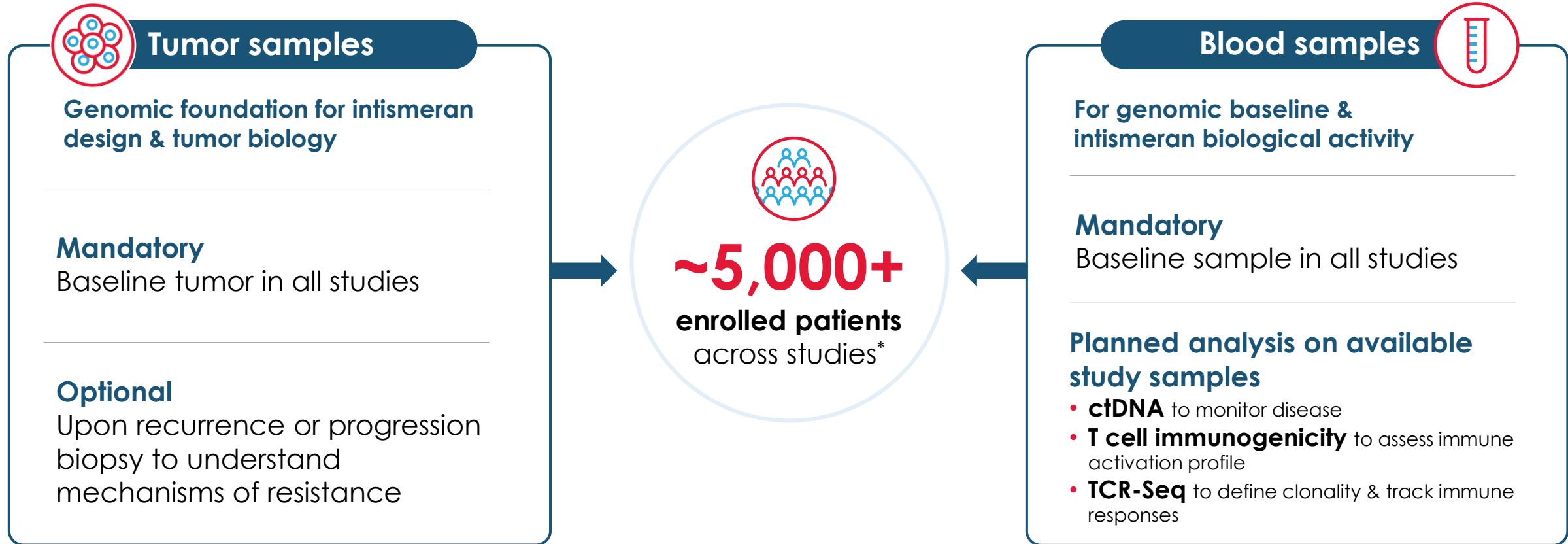


Combination of intismeran with checkpoint inhibitors (e.g. pembrolizumab) may further enhance immune-mediated tumor cell destruction

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# The intismeran program has the potential to generate a significant translational clinical dataset to drive learnings

Large-scale longitudinal biospecimen collection across multi-study, multi-tumor portfolio



NGS, Next Generation Sequencing; ctDNA, Circulating tumor DNA; PBMC, Peripheral blood mononuclear cells; PD, Progressive disease

\*Enrolled patients for studies that are completed and projected per protocol for those that are still ongoing

# Intismeran's clinical development program

Partnered with Merck

	Ph 1	Ph 2	Ph 3	Commercial	Treatment in investigational arm: <b>intismeran +</b>
<b>ADJUVANT</b>					
<b>Melanoma</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>NSCLC</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>NSCLC non-pCR post-neoadjuvant</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>Stage 1 NSCLC</b>					Arm 1: monotherapy Arm 2: pembrolizumab subcutaneous
<b>Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>Bladder cancer (MIBC)</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>Bladder cancer (NMIBC)</b>					Bacillus Calmette-Guérin
<b>METASTATIC</b>					
<b>First-line melanoma</b>					pembrolizumab
<b>First-line squamous NSCLC</b>					pembrolizumab + chemotherapy
<b>EARLY AND ADVANCED CANCERS</b>					
<b>Solid tumors</b>					standard of care

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# Individualized neoantigen therapy intismeran autogene + pembrolizumab in resected melanoma: 5-year update of the Phase 2 KEYNOTE-942 study

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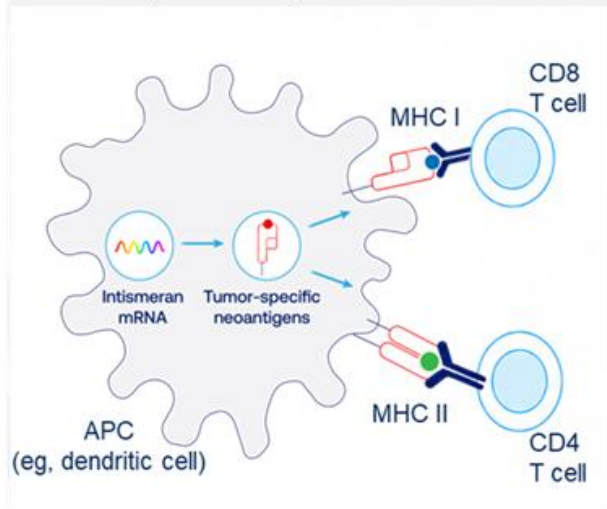
## Key findings

- At **5 years of planned follow-up** analysis from the phase 2 KEYNOTE-942 study, intismeran plus pembrolizumab demonstrated durable treatment benefits vs pembrolizumab alone in patients with resected high-risk melanoma
  - There was a **49% reduction in risk of recurrence or death, a 59% reduction of distant metastasis or death**, and trend towards improved overall survival with intismeran plus pembrolizumab versus pembrolizumab alone
- The data continues to demonstrate a **favorable safety profile** of intismeran in combination with pembrolizumab
- Intismeran plus pembrolizumab compared to pembrolizumab alone **increased T-cell clonality** and enhanced the generation of novel T-cell clones
  - A trend towards **higher novel clone generation** was associated with reduced recurrence in patients receiving intismeran plus pembrolizumab

# Intismeran autogene proposed mechanism of action

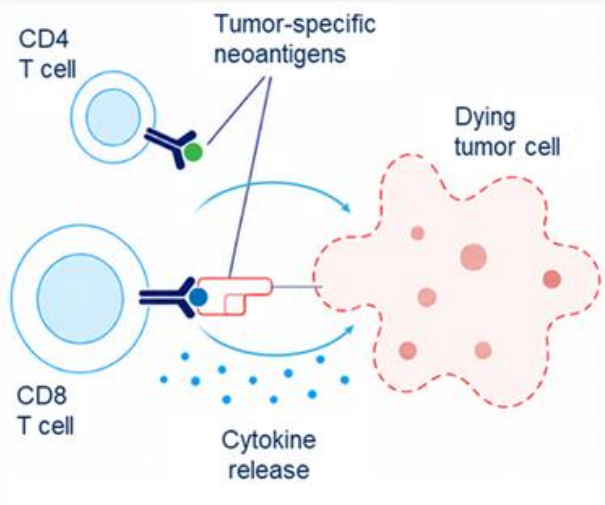
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- Neoantigen-targeted therapies can **strengthen existing and create new T-cell responses**<sup>1</sup>
- **Intismeran autogene (intismeran)** is an mRNA-based individualized neoantigen therapy designed to **enhance endogenous antitumor T-cell responses** by targeting patient-specific tumor mutations<sup>2</sup>
- Combining intismeran with an immune checkpoint inhibitor may **enhance tumor destruction and support durable T-cell responses**

APC, antigen-presenting cell; CD, cluster of differentiation; MHC, major histocompatibility complex.

1. Gainor JF, et al. *Cancer Discov.* 2024;14(11):2209-2223. 2. Weber JS, et al. *Lancet.* 2024;403(10427):632-644.

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# Background

- Despite PD-1 based adjuvant therapy, ~40%–50% of patients with high-risk melanoma experience recurrence, including progression to distant metastatic disease<sup>1</sup>
  - Improving DMFS by delaying/preventing metastasis is clinically meaningful, and can precede improvement in overall survival<sup>2,3</sup>
- To date, no randomized controlled trial evaluating adjuvant immunotherapy in stage III melanoma has demonstrated significantly improved outcomes with a combination regimen vs anti-PD-1 monotherapy
- In the primary analysis and 3-year supportive analysis of the phase 2 KEYNOTE-942 study, patients with completely resected, high-risk, stage IIIB–IV cutaneous melanoma had prolonged RFS and DMFS with intismeran plus pembrolizumab vs pembrolizumab alone<sup>4,5</sup>

## Objective:

**Assess the efficacy and safety of intismeran plus pembrolizumab and evaluate the combination's effects on T-cell receptor dynamics after 5 years of median planned follow-up (median [range], 60.3 [50.5–76.4] months)**

DMFS, distant metastasis-free survival; RFS, recurrence-free survival.

1. Eggermont AMM, et al. *NEJM Evid*. 2022;1(11):EVIDoa2200214. 2. Eggermont AMM, et al. *Eur J Cancer*. 2019;119:1-10. 3. Eggermont AM, et al. *Eur J Cancer*. 2024;211:114327. 4. Weber JS, et al. *Lancet*. 2024;403(10427):632-644. 5. Carlino MS, et al. *JCO Oncol Adv*. 2026;3(1):e2500008

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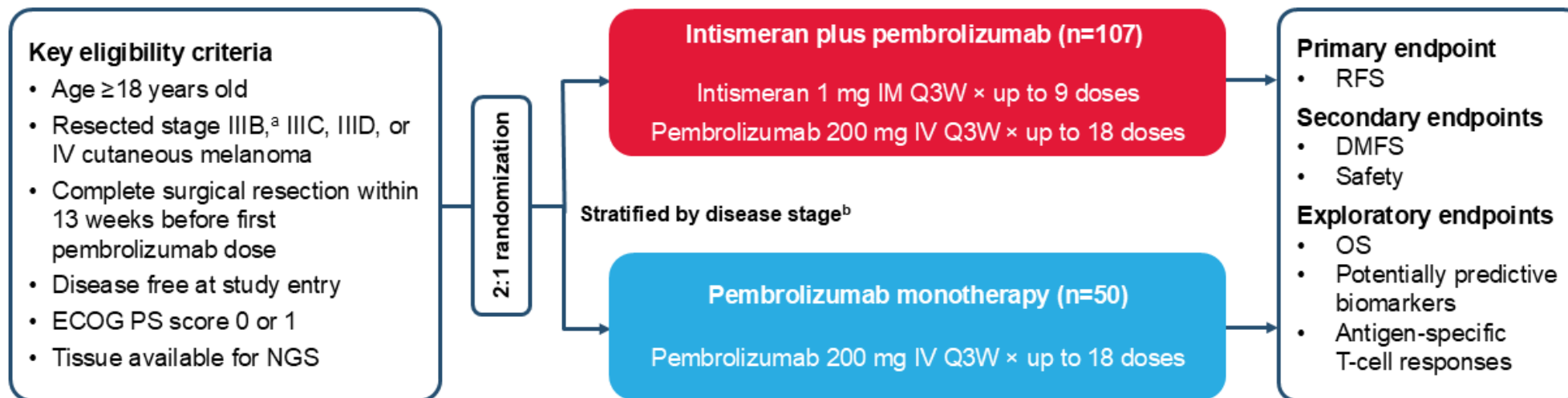
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# KEYNOTE-942 (NCT03897881) study design

Randomized, phase 2, open-label study of adjuvant therapy in patients with completely resected melanoma at high risk of recurrence



The 5-year analysis was conducted after the last enrolled patient had  $\geq$  4 years of planned follow-up (data cutoff: December 15, 2025); no  $\alpha$  was assigned to this long-term follow-up analysis

IM, intramuscular; NGS, next-generation sequencing; TCR, T-cell receptor.

<sup>a</sup>Patients with stage IIIB disease were eligible if relapse occurred within 3 mo of prior surgery of curative intent. <sup>b</sup>According to the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging Manual 8th edition.

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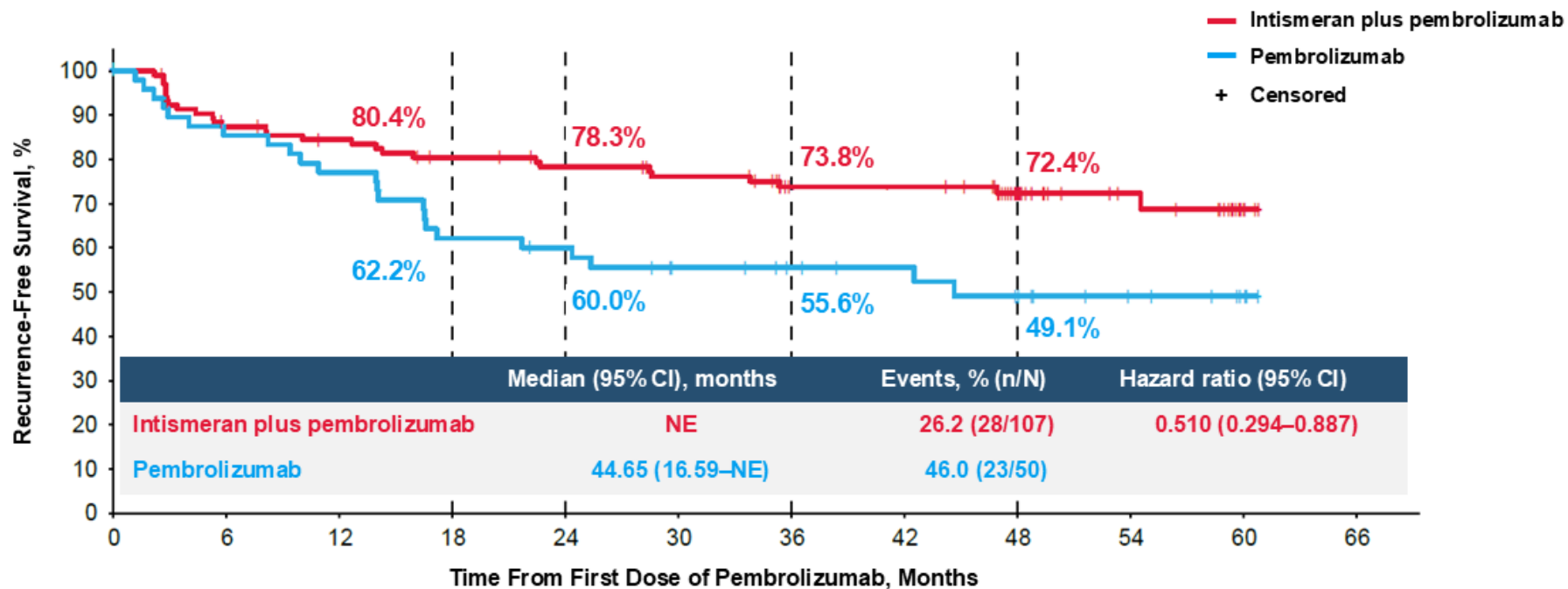
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# Durable benefit in RFS (primary endpoint)



No. at risk (no. censored)

107 (0)	89 (5)	84 (7)	78 (9)	74 (11)	70 (13)	57 (24)	55 (26)	39 (41)	20 (60)	3 (76)	0 (79)
50 (0)	41 (2)	37 (2)	29 (3)	27 (4)	22 (7)	19 (10)	17 (12)	12 (15)	7 (20)	3 (24)	0 (27)

NE, not estimable.

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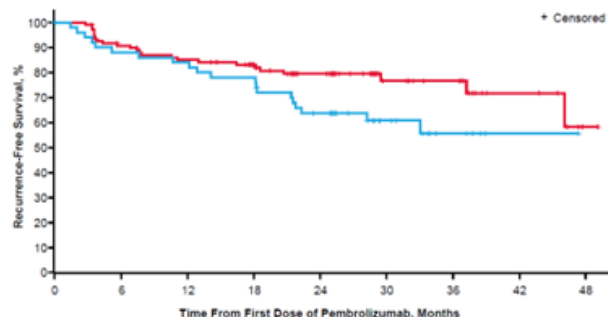
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# Consistent and durable RFS benefit across primary, 3-year, and 5-year analyses

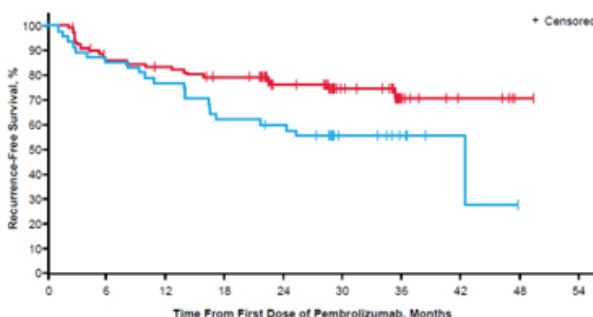
Primary Analysis: Nov 14, 2022<sup>1</sup>



	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Intismeran plus pembrolizumab	107	88	82	49	24	8	3	0	0
Pembrolizumab	50	41	37	28	11	1	1	0	0

	Events, % (n/N)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Intismeran plus pembrolizumab	22.4 (24/107)	0.561 (0.309–1.017)
Pembrolizumab	40.0 (20/50)	$P = 0.0266^a$

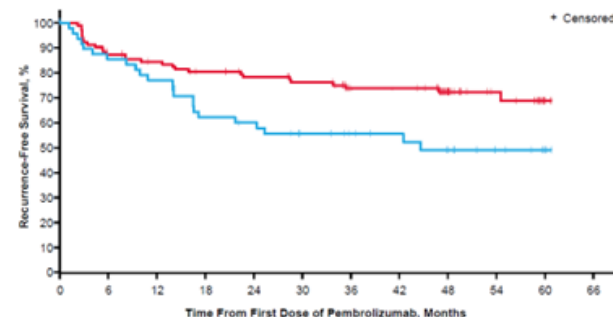
3-Year Analysis: Nov 3, 2023<sup>2</sup>



	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Intismeran plus pembrolizumab	107	87	83	77	52	29	12	6	1	0
Pembrolizumab	50	41	37	29	27	10	5	2	0	0

	Events, % (n/N)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Intismeran plus pembrolizumab	23.4 (25/107)	0.510 (0.288–0.906)
Pembrolizumab	44.0 (22/50)	

5-Year Analysis: Dec 15, 2025



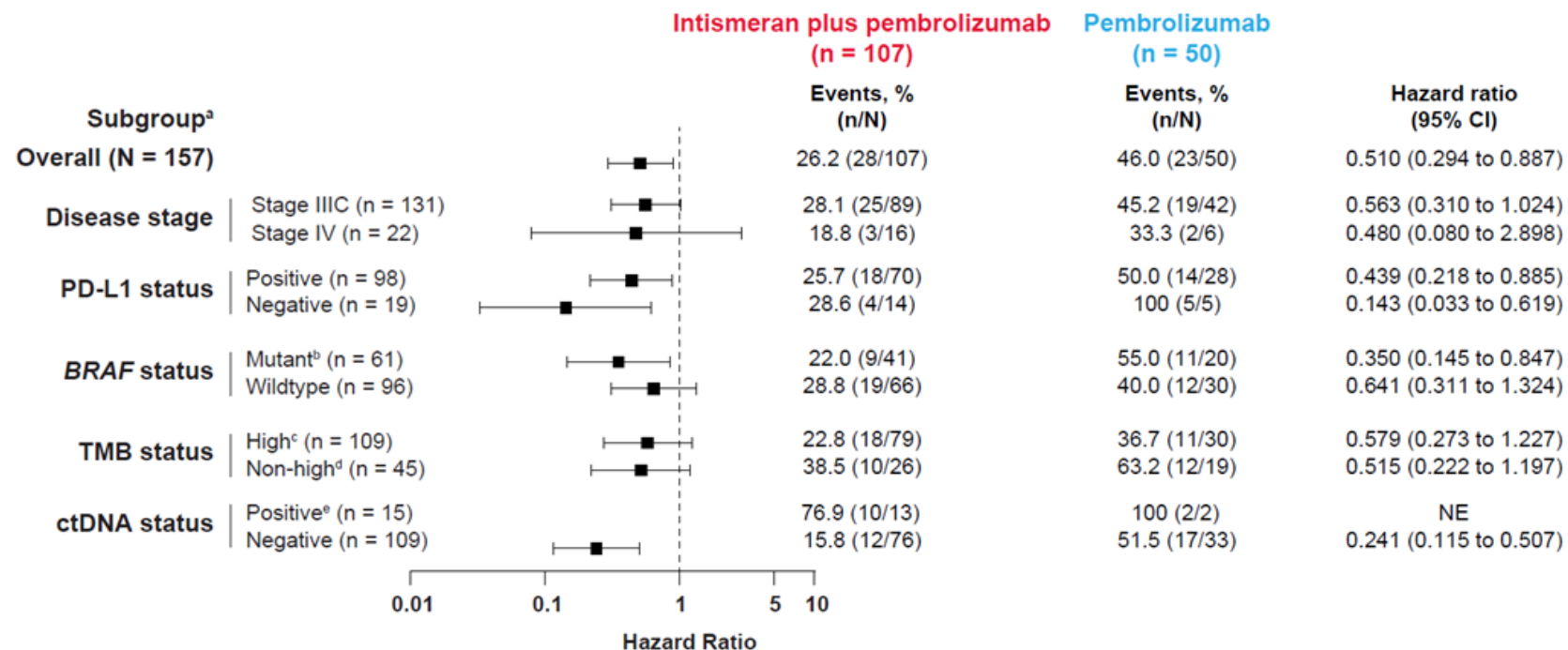
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Pembrolizumab	50	41	37	29	27	22	19	17	12	7	3	0

	Events, % (n/N)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Intismeran plus pembrolizumab	26.2 (28/107)	0.510 (0.294–0.887)
Pembrolizumab	46.0 (23/50)	

<sup>a</sup>Formal hypothesis testing of RFS (overall one-sided  $\alpha=0.10$ ) was performed at primary analysis (Nov 2022 data cut).

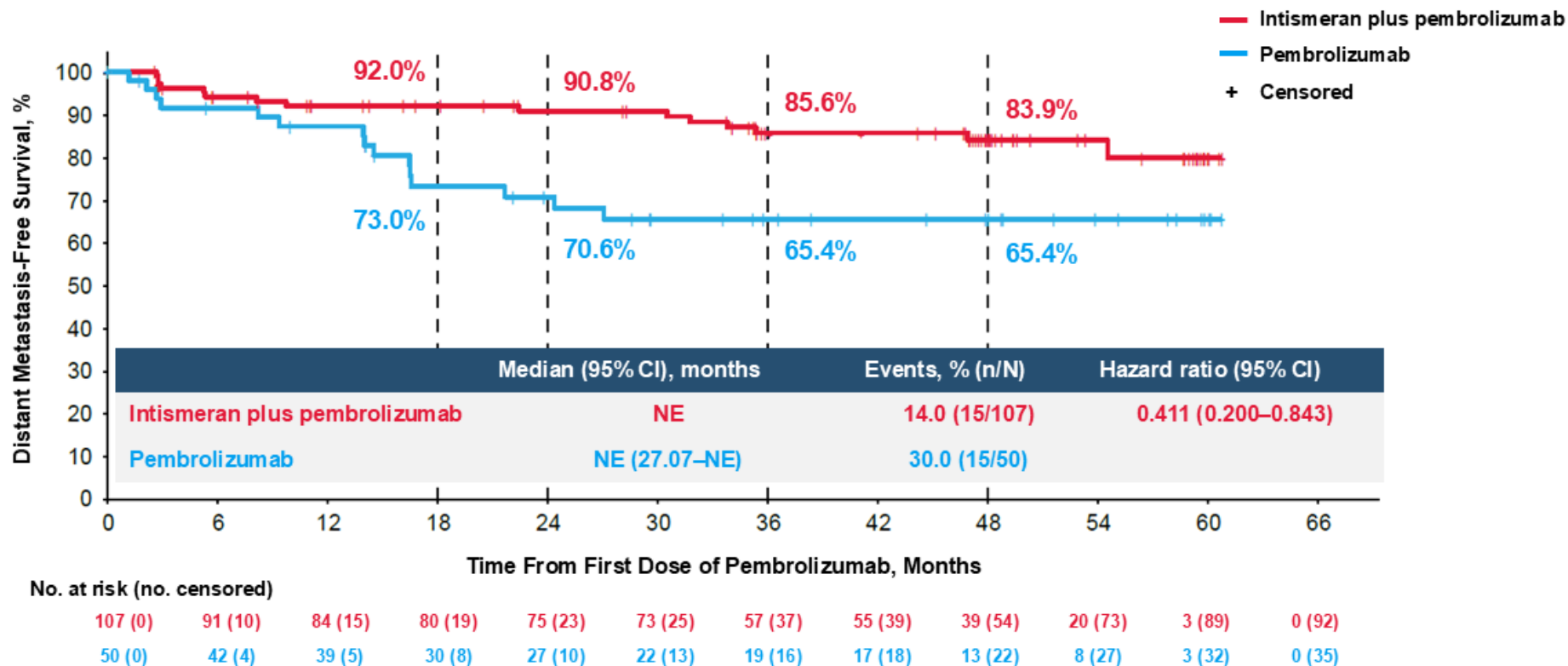
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# Subgroup analyses indicate RFS benefit is maintained across a broad patient population

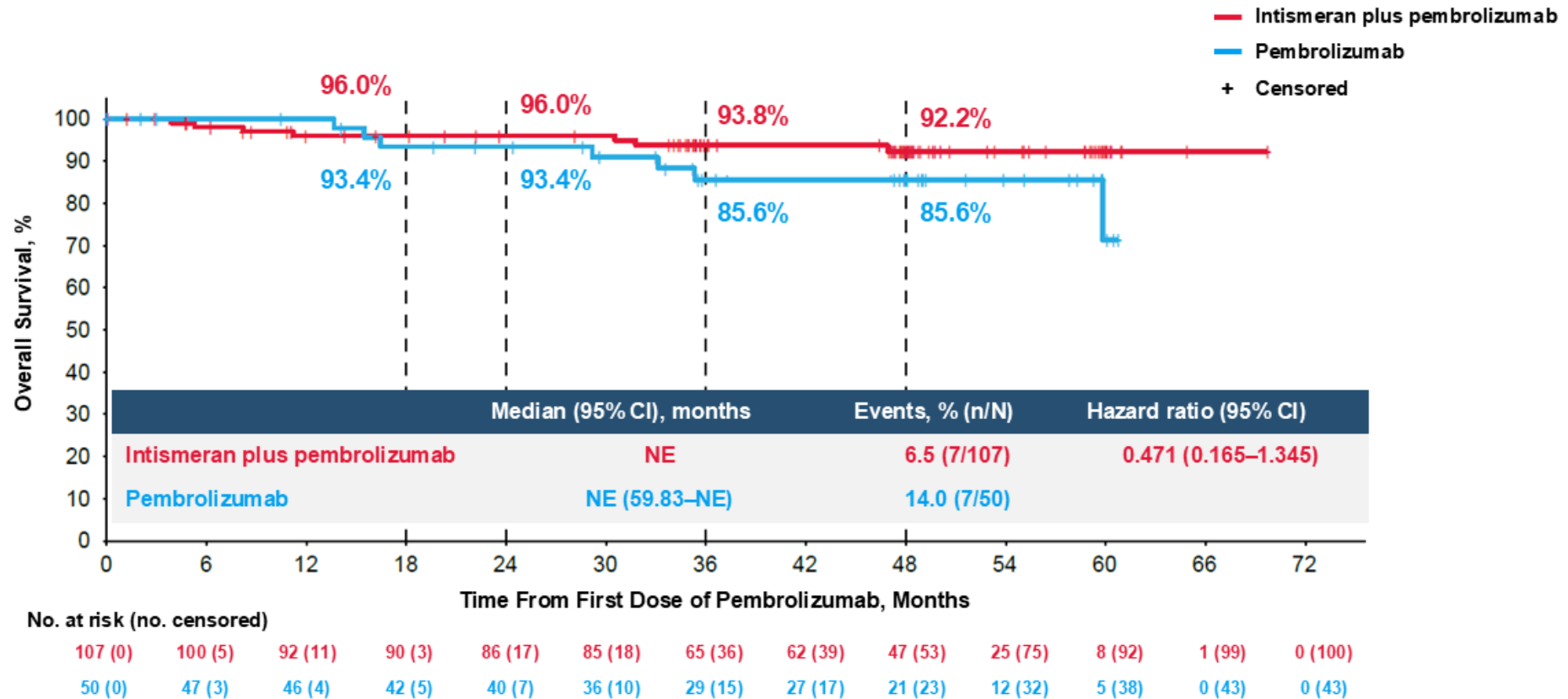


<sup>a</sup>RFS in the overall population was estimated by a stratified Cox proportional hazards model; an unstratified analysis was used for subgroup analyses. <sup>b</sup>V600K or V600E mutation. <sup>c</sup>≥175 mutations/exome; <sup>d</sup><175 mutations/exome. <sup>e</sup>Hazard ratio for the ctDNA-positive subgroup was NE as all patients in the pembrolizumab had a recurrence event. Subgroups were defined as previously described.<sup>1</sup>  
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# Durable benefit in DMFS (secondary endpoint)



# Overall survival shows an encouraging trend, but data remain immature



# At 5-year follow-up, established safety profile was maintained with no new safety signals

Event, n (%)	Intismeran + Pembrolizumab (n=104)		Pembrolizumab (n=50)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Any AE	104 (100)	35 (33.7)	47 (94.0)	15 (30.0)
Any treatment-related AE	104 (100)	26 (25.0)	42 (84.0)	7 (14.0)
Serious AE	14 (13.5)	13 (12.5)	5 (10.0)	4 (8.0)
Immune-mediated AEs <sup>a</sup>	38 (36.5)	11 (10.6)	19 (38.0)	6 (12.0)

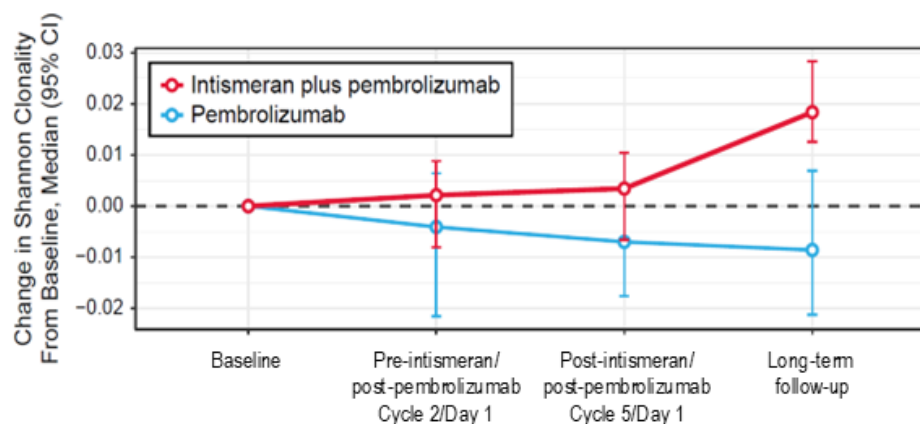
Intismeran + pembrolizumab (n=104), n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4/5	Total (n=104)
Patients with intismeran-related AE <sup>b</sup>	33 (31.7)	54 (51.9)	11 (10.6)	0	98 (94.2)
Fatigue	39 (37.5)	18 (17.3)	5 (4.8)	0	62 (59.6)
Injection site pain	37 (35.6)	25 (24.0)	0	0	62 (59.6)
Chills	49 (47.1)	4 (3.8)	0	0	53 (51.0)
Pyrexia	35 (33.7)	15 (14.4)	1 (1.0)	0	51 (49.0)
Injection site erythema	28 (26.9)	5 (4.8)	0	0	33 (31.7)
Headache	19 (18.3)	13 (12.5)	0	0	32 (30.8)
Influenza-like illness	21 (20.2)	10 (9.6)	0	0	31 (29.8)
Nausea	23 (22.1)	3 (2.9)	0	0	26 (25.0)
Myalgia	16 (15.4)	6 (5.8)	1 (1.0)	0	23 (22.1)

AE, adverse event; AEOI, adverse event of special interest; CMQ, customized MedDRA queries.

Safety was analyzed in all randomized patients with ≥1 treatment dose. AEs were monitored throughout the study through 100 days after last intismeran dose and 30 days after last pembrolizumab dose (90 days for serious AEs). All patients completed study treatment before primary analysis (2022). Grading per NCI CTCAE v5.0. <sup>a</sup>Based on established list of pembrolizumab immune-related AEs (CMQ Pembrolizumab AEOI); <sup>b</sup>Intismeran-related AEs included events attributed by investigators to intismeran alone and to both intismeran and pembrolizumab.

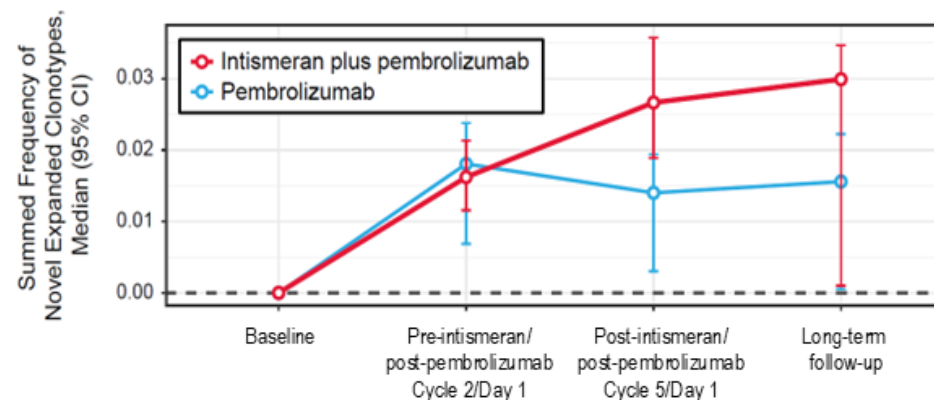
# Intismeran plus pembrolizumab enhances T-cell clonal expansion and novel clone emergence

Combination therapy increased clonality, reflecting expansion of dominant T-cell clones



Time Point	Intismeran plus pembrolizumab (n)	Pembrolizumab (n)
Baseline	n=78	n=38
Pre-intismeran/post-pembrolizumab Cycle 2/Day 1	n=69	n=32
Post-intismeran/post-pembrolizumab Cycle 5/Day 1	n=73	n=35
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Combination therapy increased novel TCR clonotypes

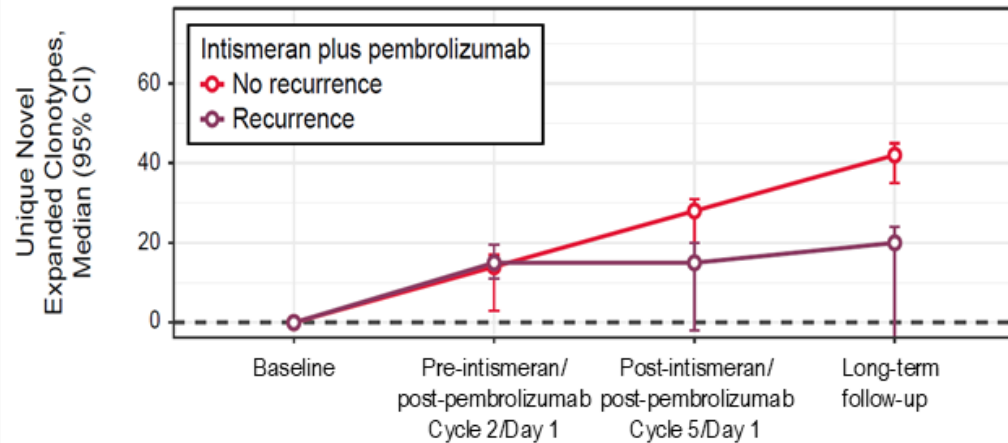


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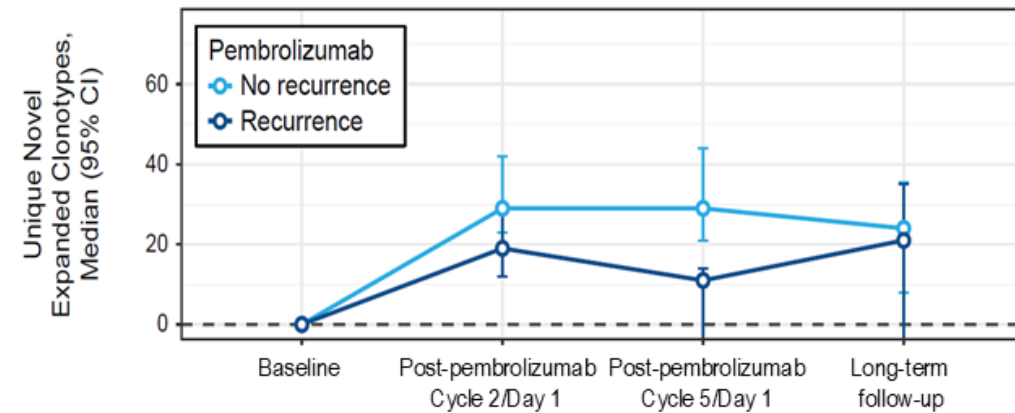
# Greater novel clone expansion was associated with lower recurrence in the intismeran plus pembrolizumab arm

## Intismeran Plus Pembrolizumab



	Baseline	Pre-intismeran/ post-pembrolizumab Cycle 2/Day 1	Post-intismeran/ post-pembrolizumab Cycle 5/Day 1	Long-term follow-up
No recurrence	n=57	n=49	n=54	n=43
Recurrence	n=21	n=20	n=19	n=13

## Pembrolizumab



	Baseline	Post-pembrolizumab Cycle 2/Day 1	Post-pembrolizumab Cycle 5/Day 1	Long-term follow-up
No recurrence	n=21	n=17	n=19	n=14
Recurrence	n=17	n=15	n=16	n=9

Data are shown as median and bootstrapped 95% CI. Whole blood TCR RNA sequencing at baseline, pre-intismeran/post-pembrolizumab (Cycle2/Day1), post-intismeran/post-pembrolizumab (Cycle5/Day1), and 30 days after the last pembrolizumab dose. Long-term follow-up data were collected at >170 days after last intismeran dose.

# Conclusions

- Intismeran plus pembrolizumab demonstrated **lasting and clinically significant improvements in RFS and DMFS** vs standard-of-care pembrolizumab in high-risk resected melanoma at 5 years of follow-up
  - 49% reduction in risk of recurrence or death and 59% reduction in distant metastasis or death
  - Encouraging trend in overall survival
- Intismeran plus pembrolizumab maintained a **manageable safety profile** without potentiation of immune-related AEs vs pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Intismeran plus pembrolizumab generated **sustained novel T-cell clonotype expansion**, which was associated with lack of recurrence, supporting a durable immune surveillance mechanism
- Deep immune profiling established a **direct mechanistic link between these novel T-cell clonotypes and intismeran-encoded neoantigens** (*Sullivan, R et al; poster #9564*)
- Study limitations include the small sample size of this phase 2 study, immature overall survival results, and translational findings requiring validation in larger cohorts. **The phase 3 INTerpath-001 study (NC T05933577) of adjuvant melanoma is fully enrolled**; additional studies are ongoing across tumor types

# Plain Language Summary

- Intismeran is a cancer therapy that is personalized for each patient and is designed to help the body's immune system find and attack cancer cells
- In a study of people with high-risk melanoma, a serious type of skin cancer that has a high probability of coming back, intismeran was given in combination with pembrolizumab, another cancer medicine
- People who received both medicines were less likely to have their cancer come back than people who received pembrolizumab alone
- There were early signs that people who received both medicines may live longer, but more follow-up is needed to fully understand this
- Side effects were manageable, and most side effects linked to intismeran were mild or moderate
- The two medicines working together may help immune cells find and fight cancer cells

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*We honor the memory of Dr. Jeffrey Weber, a lead investigator on this study and a giant in advancing melanoma treatment.*

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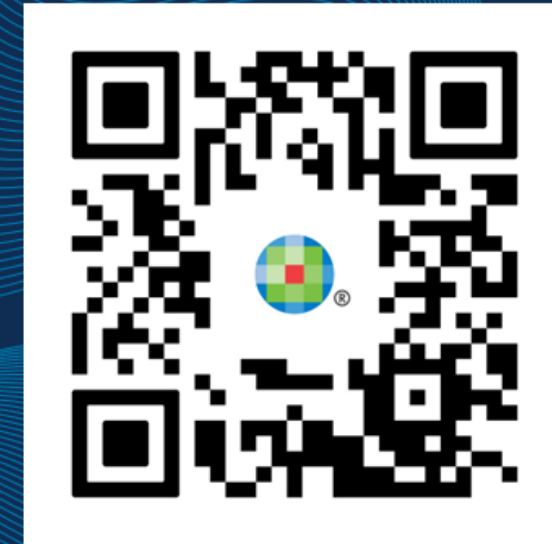
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# Intismeran autogene induces *de novo* neoantigen-specific T cells as adjuvant therapy in melanoma

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# Background

**Intismeran autogene (intismeran)**, an mRNA-based individualized neoantigen therapy encoding up to **34 tumor neoantigens**, was designed to enhance existing and induce de novo neoantigen-specific antitumor T-cell responses by targeting patient-specific tumor mutations.

## Phase 1 KEYNOTE-603

### What we learned:

- **100% of patients** had neoantigen-specific responses observed
- **29.8% of neoantigens** elicited immune responses
- **Both CD8+ and CD4+ neoantigen-specific T cell responses** were detected

## Phase 2 KEYNOTE-942

### What we learned:

- **Intismeran arm induced higher TCR clonality** and more novel T-cell clonotypes than control arm
- **Novel, expanded T cell clonotypes sustained** over study
- **Novel T cell clonotype expansion associated with efficacy** only in intismeran arm

# Objectives

Link *de novo*  
T-cell clonotypes  
to intismeran-  
encoded  
neoantigens

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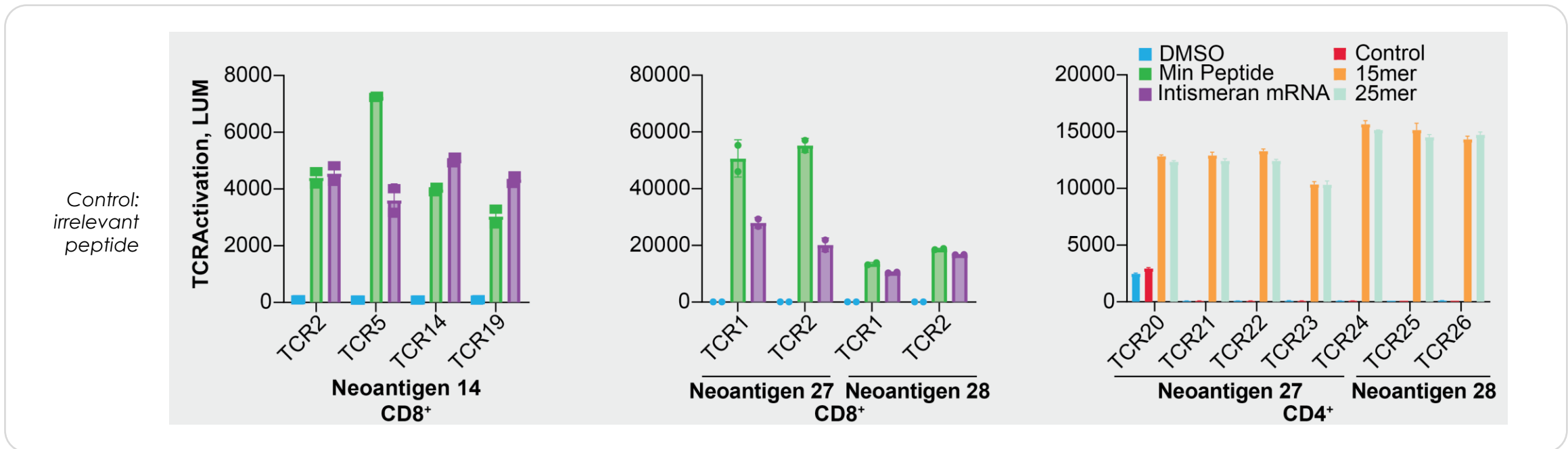
Characterize the resulting  
neoantigen-specific T-cell  
responses in patients  
receiving intismeran plus  
pembrolizumab

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# Functional validation that TCR clonotypes from blood recognize intismeran-encoded neoantigens

TCRs discovered from single cell TCR sequencing of blood enabled direct mapping of neoantigen-specific TCR clonotypes to individual intismeran-encoded neoantigens

- **Example of Patient #3**, putative neo-antigen specific T cells from blood tested *in vitro* for reactivity to 3 neo-antigens
- Prioritized high-frequency TCR clonotypes were functionally validated, with **all tested receptors confirmed to recognize their respective intismeran-encoded neoantigens**



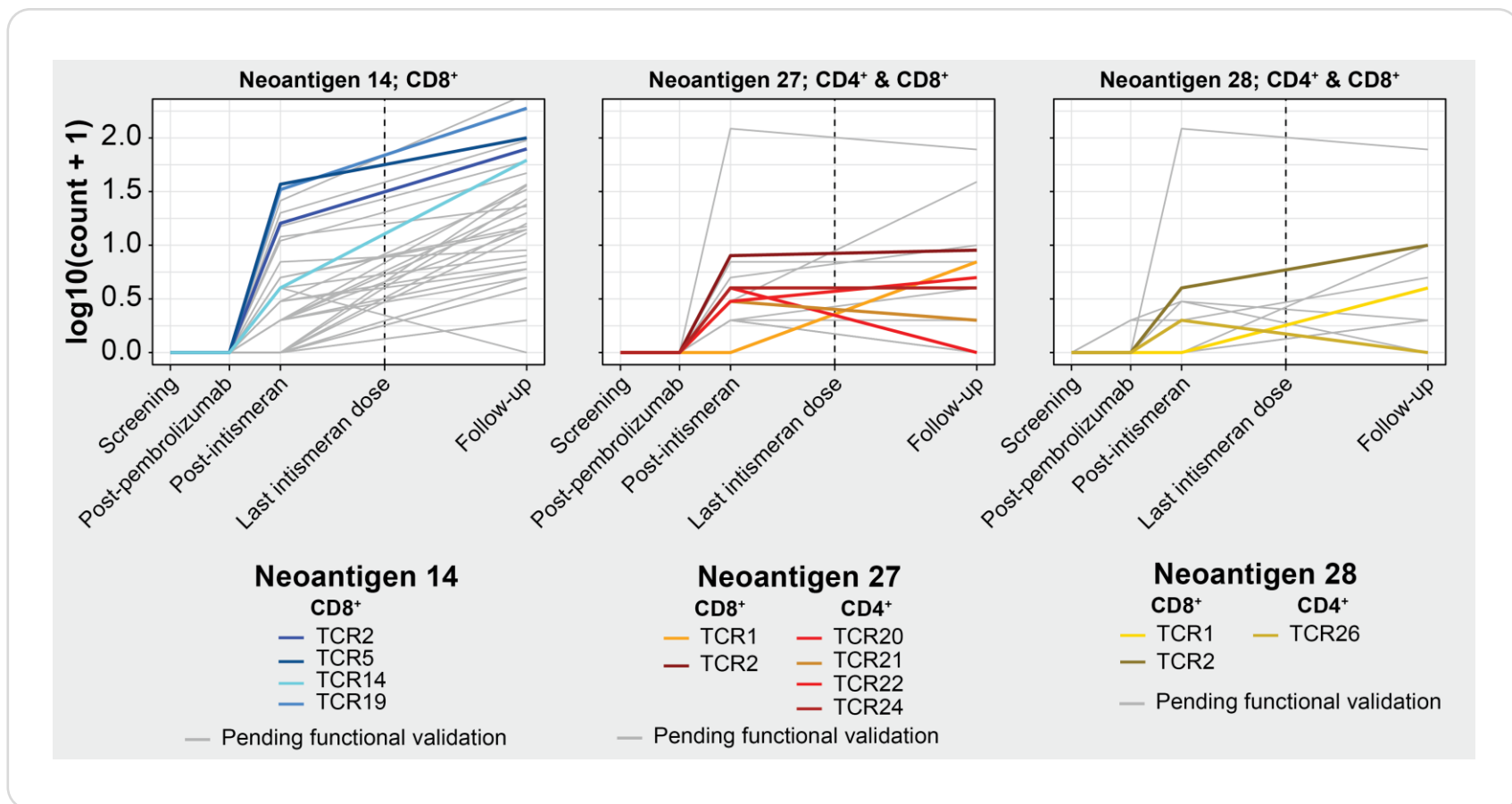
Methods: Activation-induced marker (AIM)-based enrichment of neoantigen-reactive CD4+/CD8+ T cells ex vivo or after in vitro expansion, followed by single-cell RNA/TCR sequencing, identified neoantigen-reactive TCRs. TCRs were expressed as mRNA in Jurkat NFAT-luciferase reporter cells and tested against neoantigen peptides or patient-specific intismeran mRNA cassettes presented by HLA-matched B-LCLs (n=3).

# Validated neoantigen-specific T cells expand after intismeran and persist at least 6 months beyond last dose

In patient #3, intismeran neoantigen 14, 27 and 28 used to expand T cell *ex vivo* from blood

Dozens of different neoantigen-specific TCRs mapped to each neoantigen

Neoantigen-reactive T cells expanded only after intismeran and sustained beyond last intismeran dose



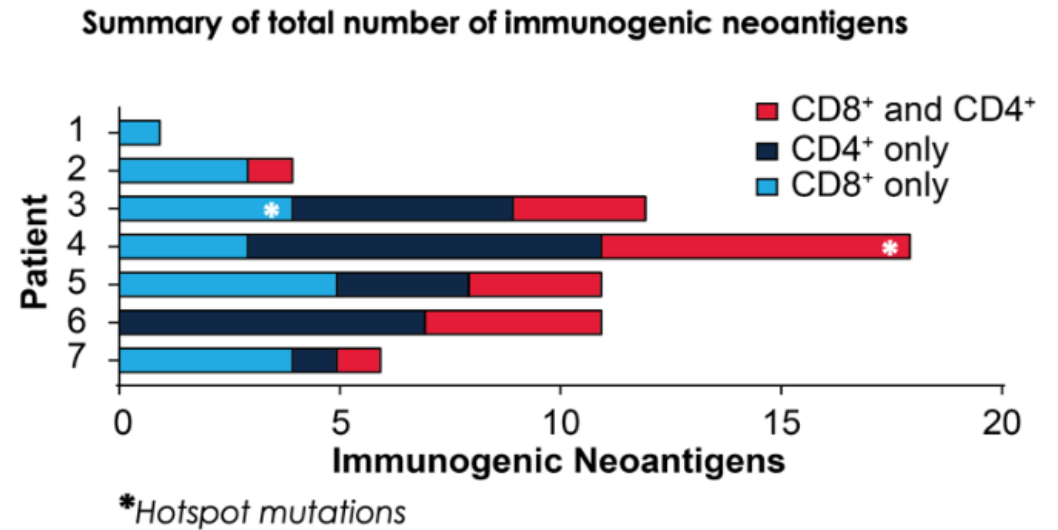
Method: AIM-based enrichment of CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells *ex vivo* or after *in vitro* expansion; a  $\geq 5$ -cell threshold per clonotype (n=57 for neoantigen 14, n=38 for neoantigen 27, n=28 for neoantigen 28)

# Intismeran induces neo-antigen specific CD8<sup>+</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells

Among the 34 intismeran-encoded neoantigens per patient, a range of 1-18 neoantigens were immunogenic, demonstrating **variable but substantial immunogenic potential**

Immunogenic neoantigens included hotspot mutations in BRAF and NRAS

Intismeran-encoded neoantigens elicited CD4<sup>+</sup>-only, CD8<sup>+</sup>-only, and combined CD4<sup>+</sup>/CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cell responses, **demonstrating broad engagement of adaptive immunity**

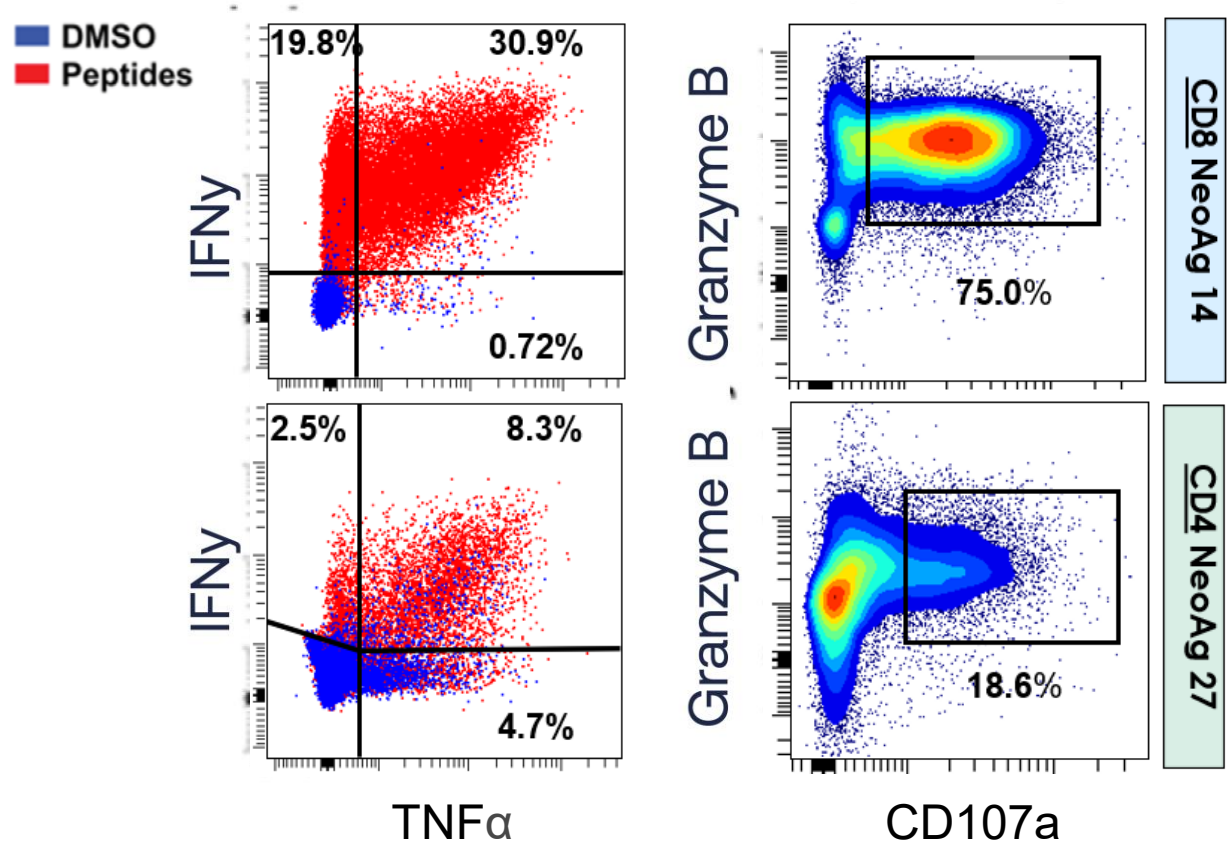


#### Methods:

- 7 patients with completely resected, high-risk melanoma who had received intismeran plus pembrolizumab treatment and had available peripheral leukapheresis samples from KEYNOTE-603 and KEYNOTE-942
- Leukapheresis performed at baseline and after 4 doses of intismeran therapy
- Immunogenicity (individual neoantigen-level) assessed by activation-induced marker (AIM) flow cytometry assay after 12-day expansion of T-cells

# Intismeran-encoded neoantigens elicit polyfunctional and cytotoxic CD8<sup>+</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells

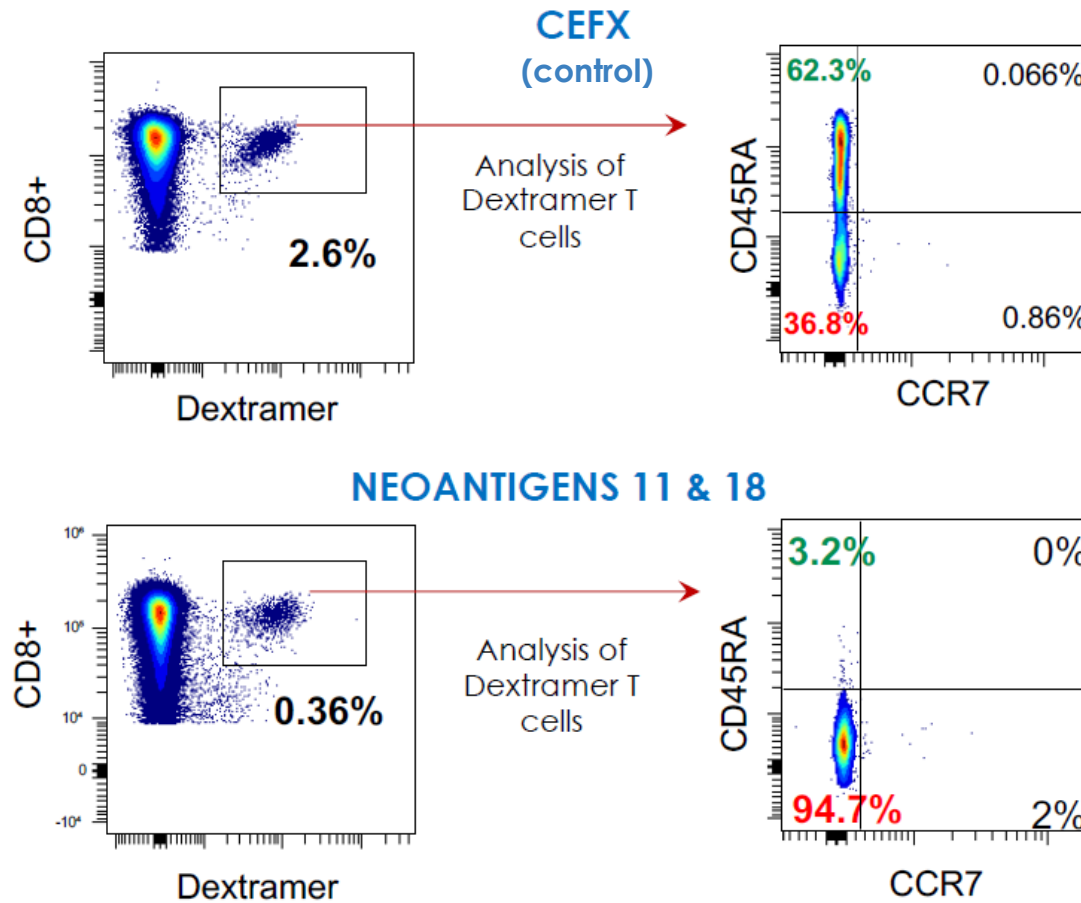
Intracellular cytokine staining (ICS) of AIM-enriched neoantigen-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Representative data from patient #3 of 5 analyzed)



Neoantigen-reactive T cells expressed IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , granzyme B and CD107a, consistent with polyfunctional cytotoxic effector function

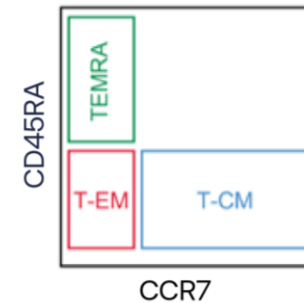
# Neoantigen-reactive CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells are predominantly T-Effector Memory phenotype

Flow cytometry of neoantigen-specific T cells enriched by dextramer peptide-HLA multimer detection (Representative data from patient #2 of 3 analyzed)



## Legend

Non-naive CD8 T subsets



**TEMRA:** Terminally differentiated, highly cytotoxic

**T- Effector Memory (T-EM):** Functionally active, positioned for rapid tumor surveillance, potentially peripheral tissue homing

**T-Central Memory (T-CM):** Lymphoid homing, high proliferative capacity

\*CEFX positive control is a 176-peptide pool derived from common viral and bacterial pathogens, designed to stimulate CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells across diverse HLA backgrounds.

# Conclusions

Intismeran plus pembrolizumab induced **lasting, de novo neoantigen-specific T-cell responses in patients with resected high-risk melanoma**

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Neoantigen-specific TCR clonotypes from blood were **functionally validated and directly mapped to individual intismeran-encoded neoantigens**

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**Validated neoantigen-specific TCR clonotypes expanded during intismeran therapy and persisted beyond the last dose, demonstrating intismeran-driven T-cell remodeling**

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**Intismeran-encoded neoantigens elicited broad CD4+ and CD8+ T-cell responses, including polyfunctional cytotoxic T cells with effector-memory characteristics**

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These findings **establish a direct mechanistic link between intismeran-encoded neoantigens and the emergence of de novo TCR clonotypes associated with improved clinical outcomes** in KEYNOTE-942

# Conclusion

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