

# **Update on the Role of anti-PD1 and anti-PDL1**

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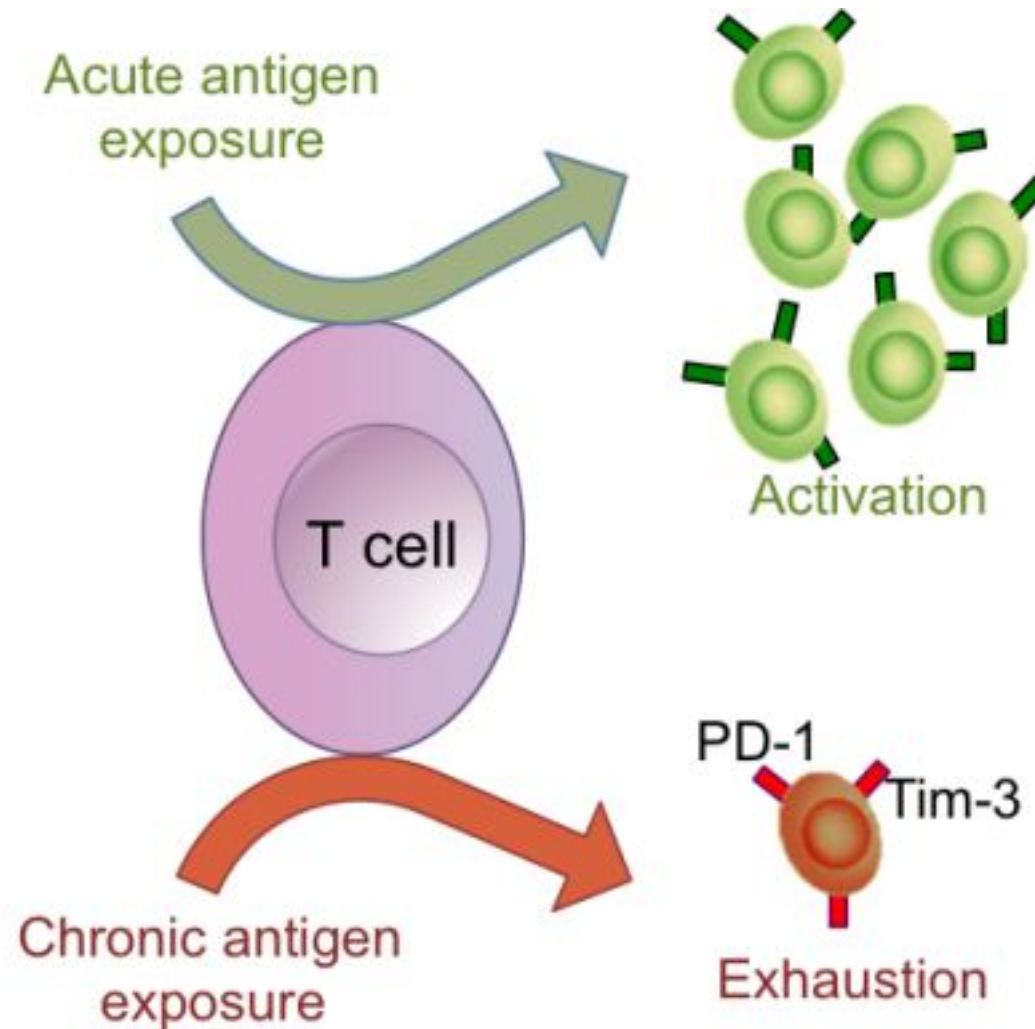
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- Research Funding from –
  - Bristol Myers Squibb
  - Celldex Therapeutics
  - Seattle Genetics

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

- What's the rationale for using them?
- Update on how well they work?
- Where will we use them?
  - Alone?
  - In combinations?

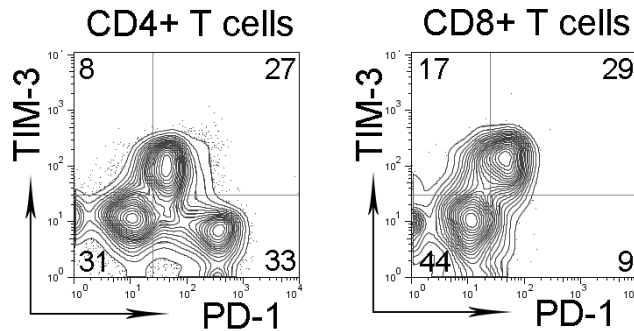
# How do T cells become exhausted?



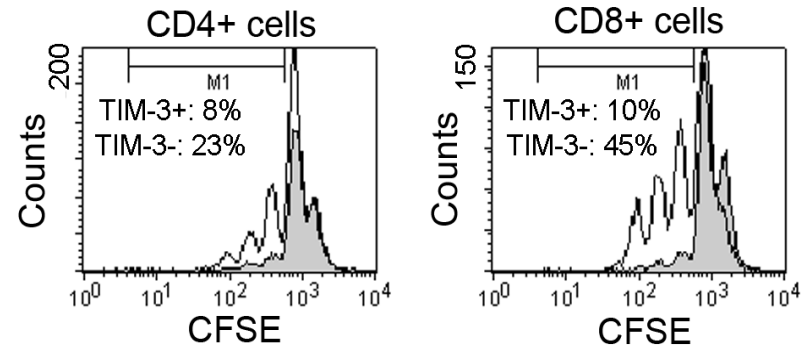


# Are exhausted T-cells present in lymphoma?

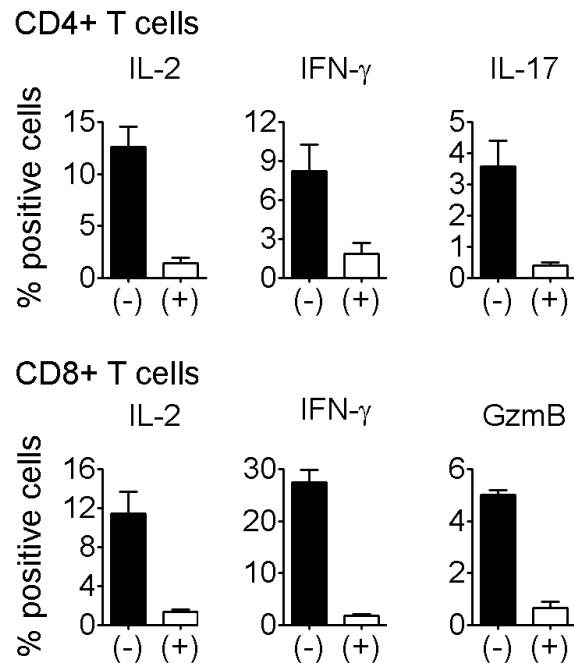
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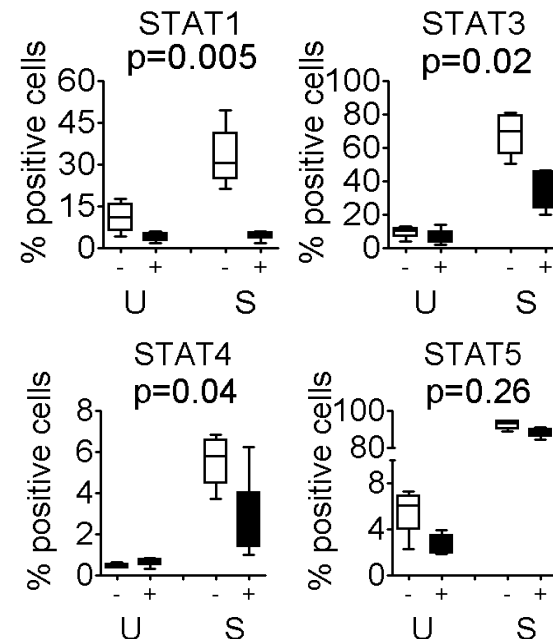
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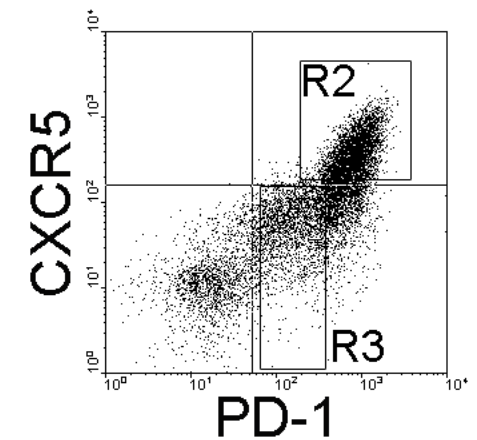
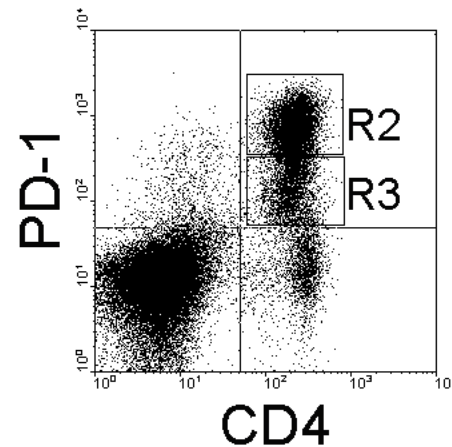
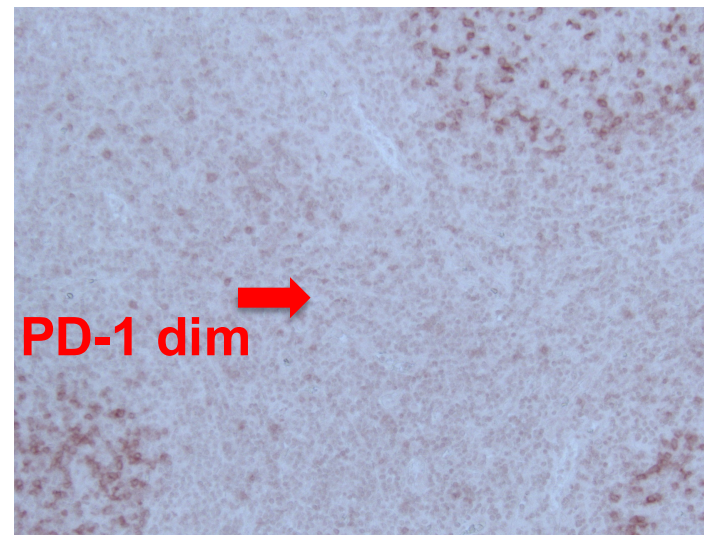
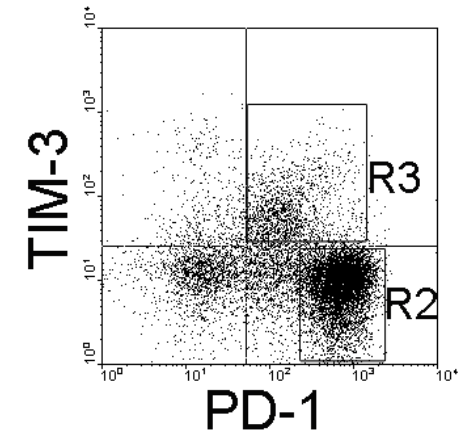
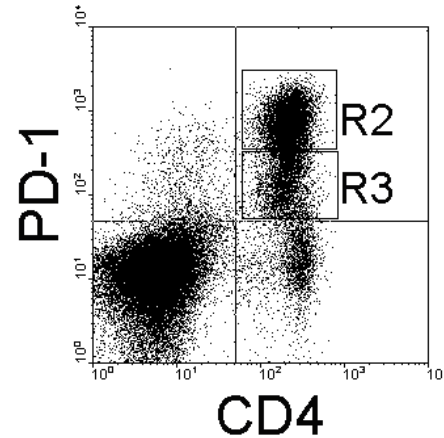
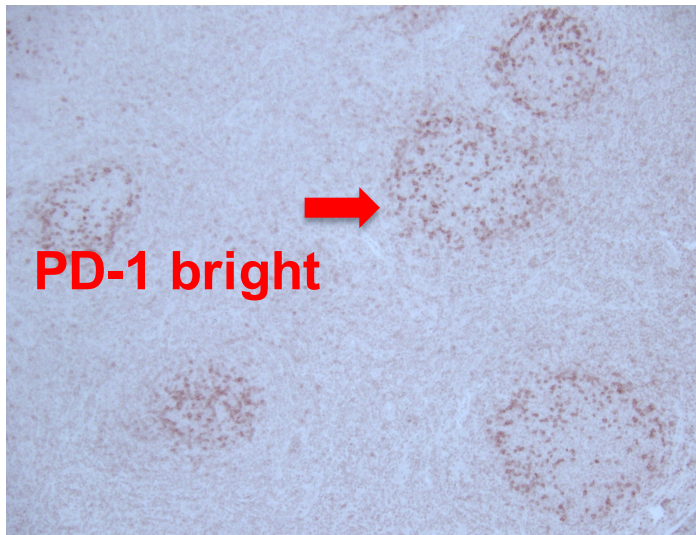
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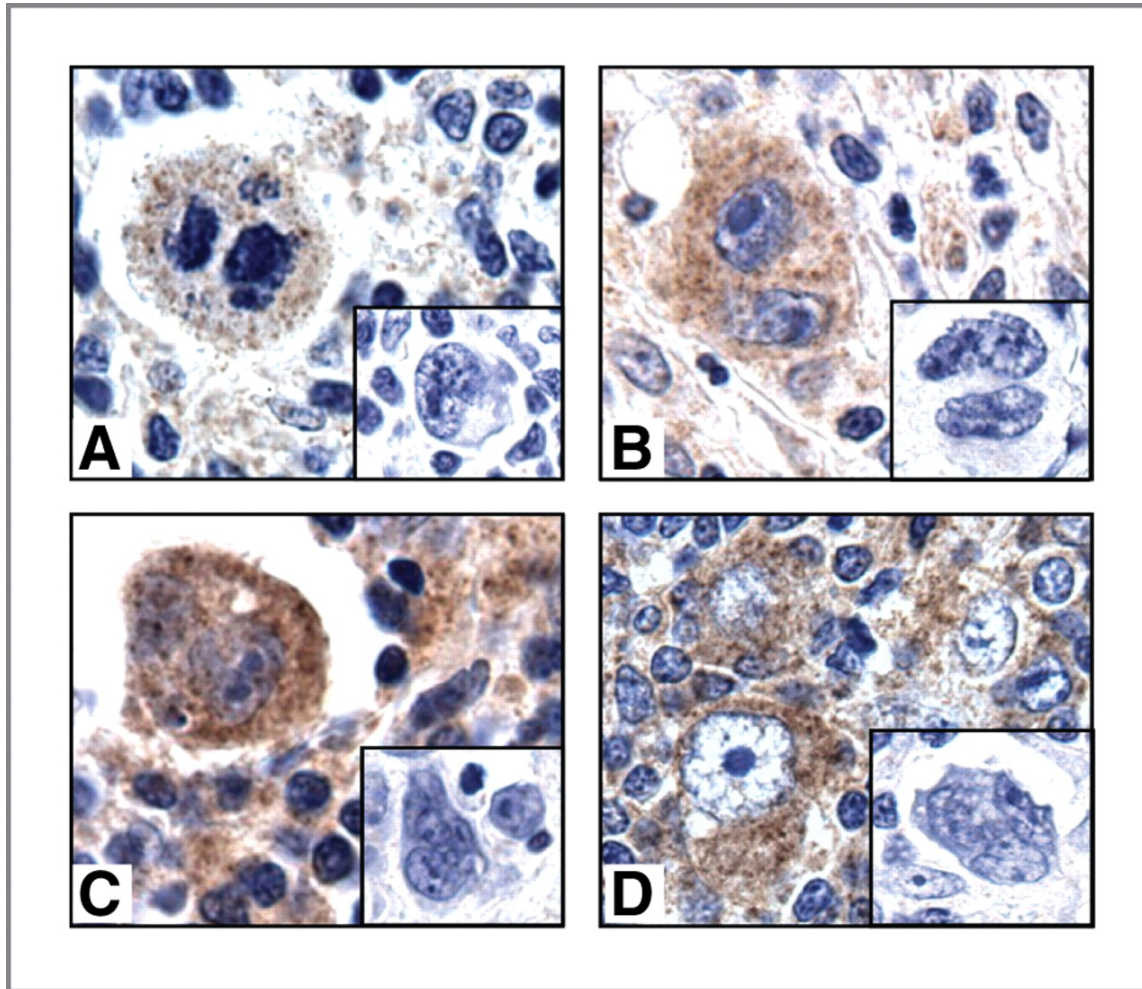
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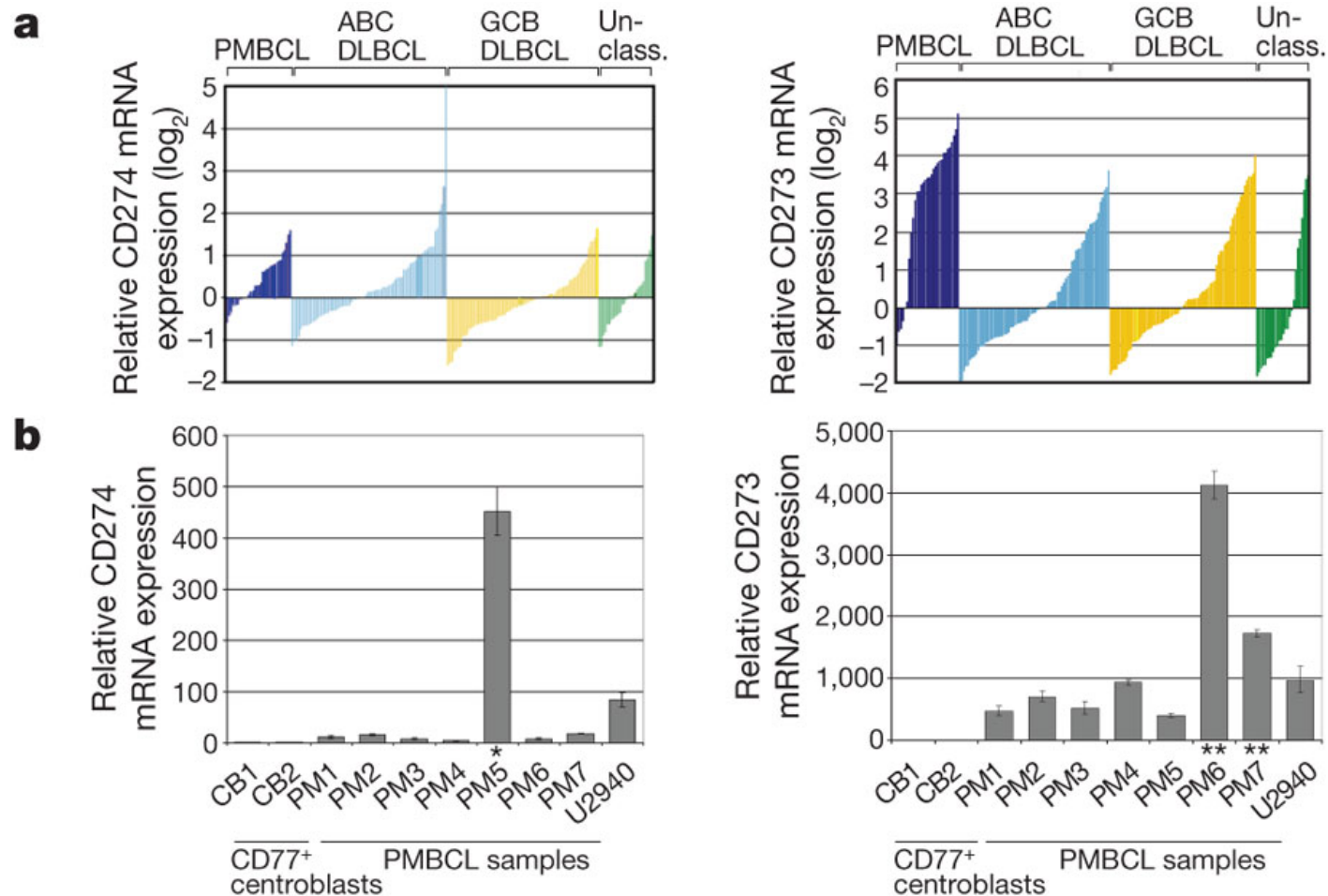
# Not all PD-1+ cells are exhausted



# PD-L1/2 is overexpressed in classical Hodgkin lymphoma and PMBCL due to EBV or CIITA translocations.

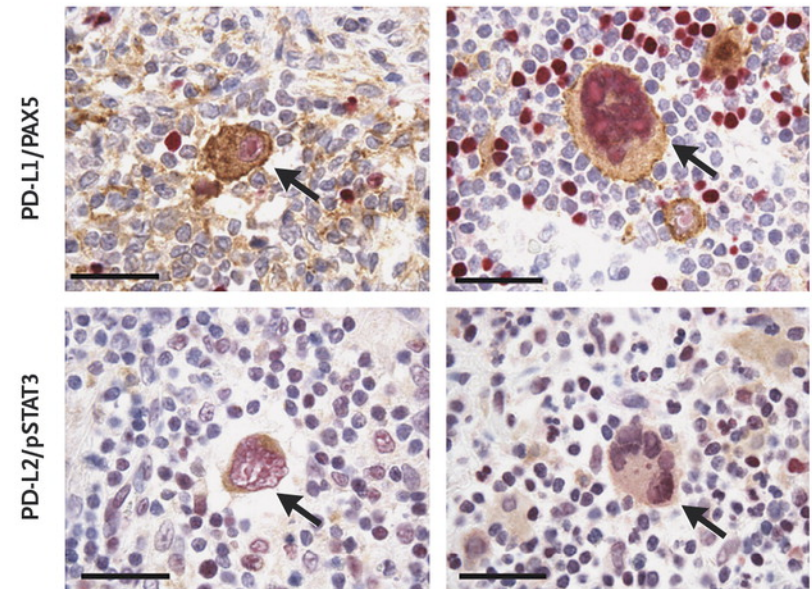
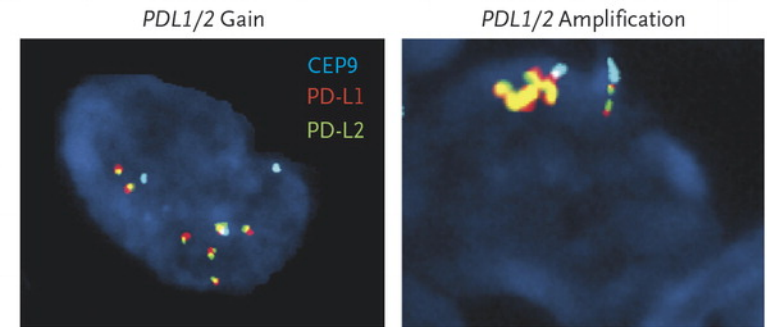
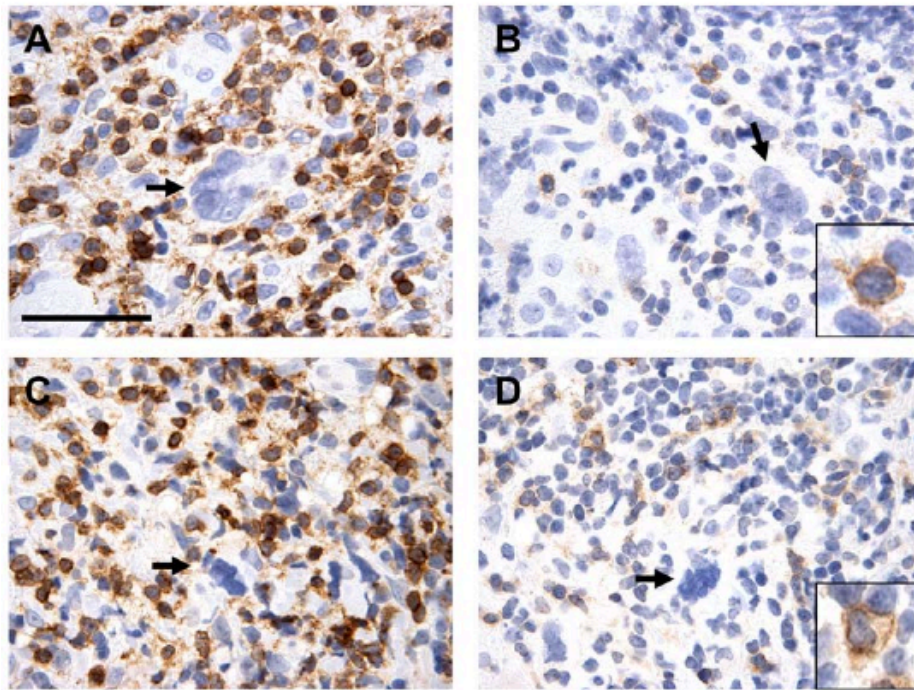


# EBV or CIITA translocations increase PD-L1/2 expression in classical Hodgkin lymphoma and PMBCL.





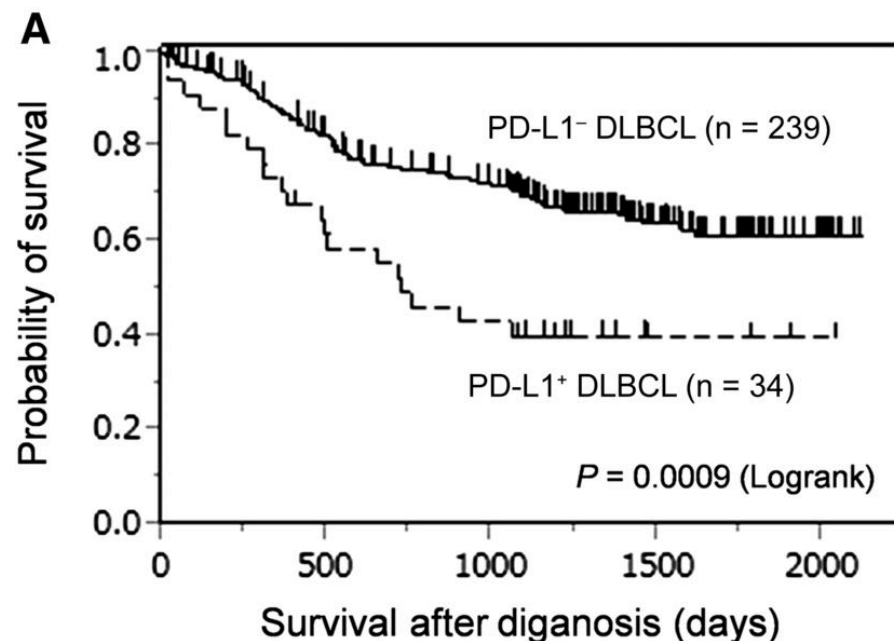
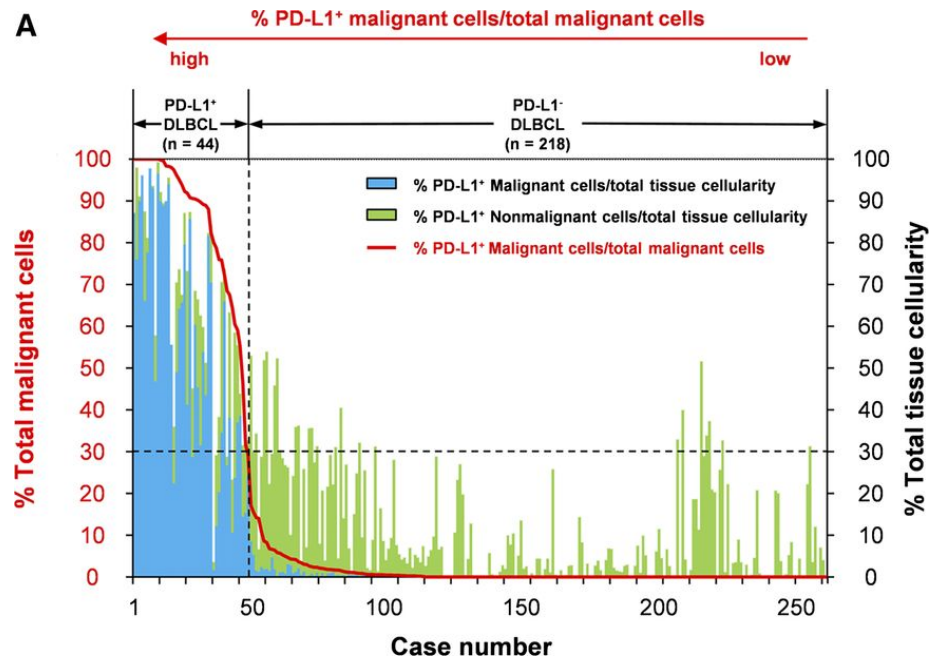
# Alterations in chromosome 9p24.1 increase PD-L1 and PD-L2 expression in classical Hodgkin Lymphoma



Ansell et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;372:311-319

Roemer et al. ASH 2015 abstract #176

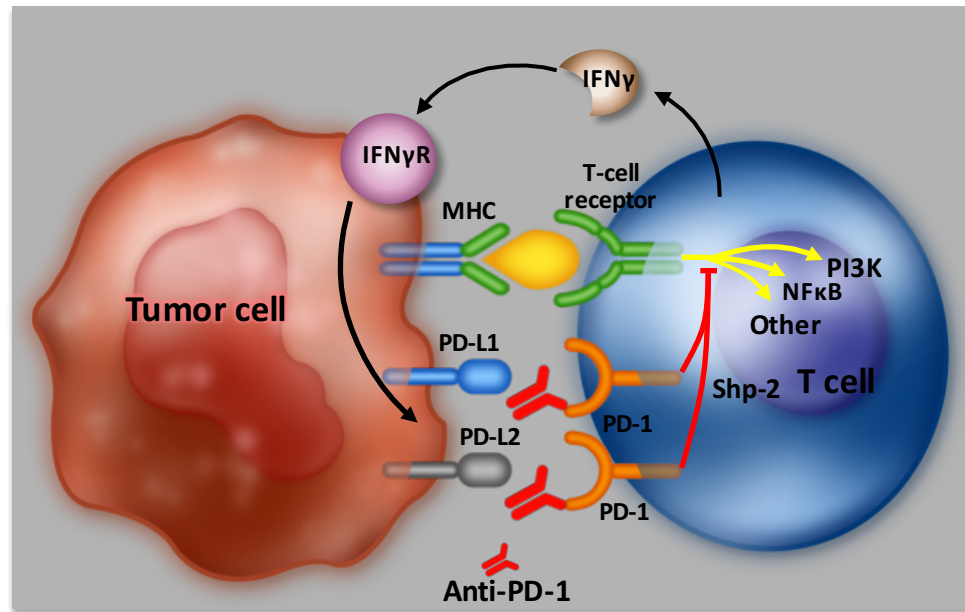
# PD-L1+ malignant and non-malignant cells within Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma samples - Association with Outcome



# Does Immune Checkpoint Blockade work?

## Blocking PD-1

- PD-1 ligands are overexpressed in inflammatory environments and attenuate the immune response via PD-1 on immune effector cells.<sup>1</sup>
- PD-L1 expressed on malignant cells and/or in the tumor microenvironment suppresses tumor infiltrating lymphocyte activity.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Francisco LM et al. J Exp Med 2009;206:3015-29.

<sup>2</sup>Andorsky DJ et al. Clin Cancer Res 2011;17:4232-44

# Nivolumab - Best Overall Response

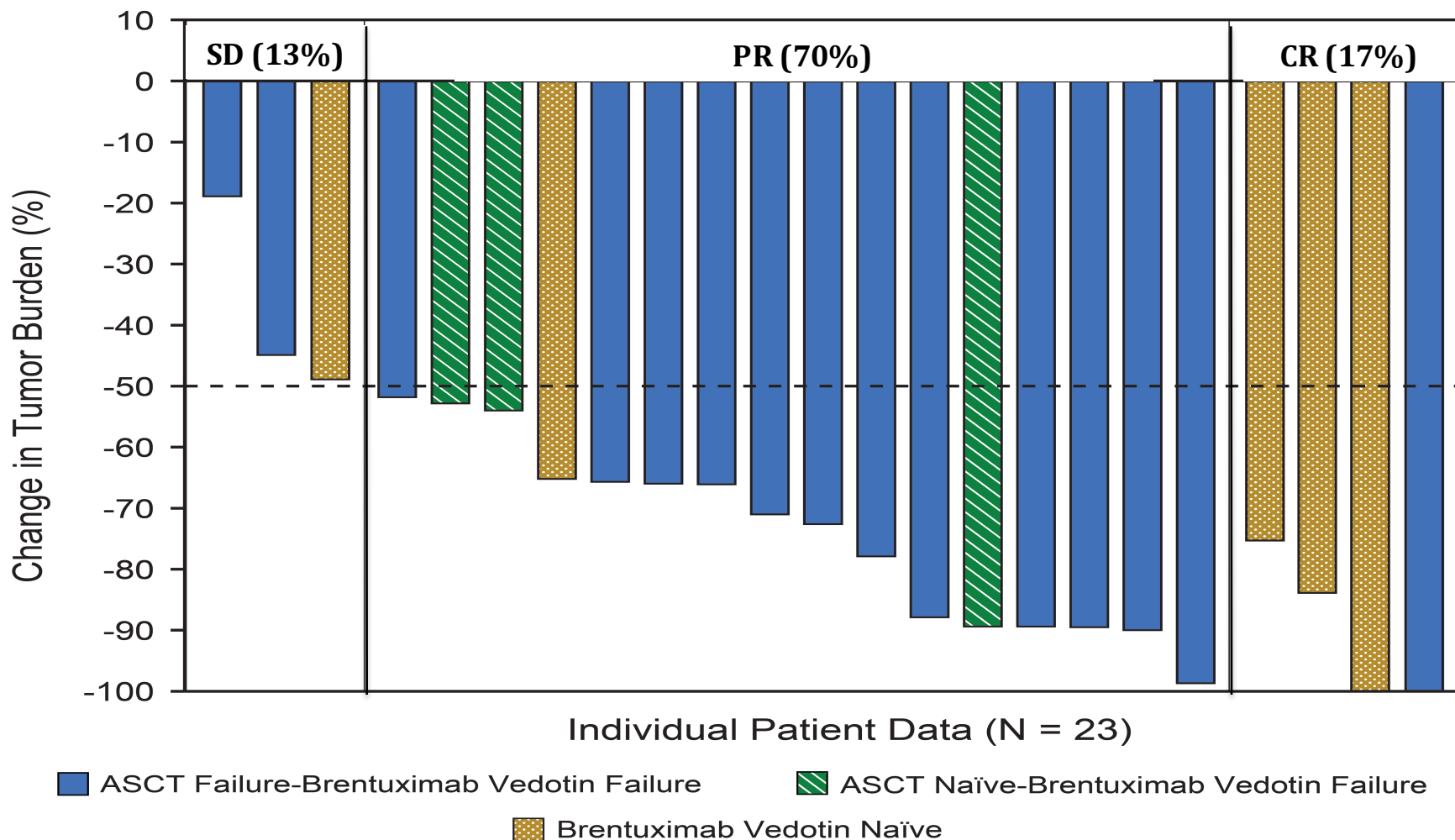
	Objective Response Rate, n (%)	Complete Responses, n (%)	Partial Responses, n (%)	Stable Disease n (%)
<b>B-Cell Lymphoma* (n=29)</b>	<b>8 (28)</b>	<b>2 (7)</b>	<b>6 (21)</b>	<b>14 (48)</b>
<b>Follicular Lymphoma (n=10)</b>	<b>4 (40)</b>	<b>1 (10)</b>	<b>3 (30)</b>	<b>6 (60)</b>
<b>Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (n=11)</b>	<b>4 (36)</b>	<b>1 (9)</b>	<b>3 (27)</b>	<b>3 (27)</b>
<b>T-Cell Lymphoma† (n=23)</b>	<b>4 (17)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>4 (17)</b>	<b>10 (43)</b>
<b>Mycosis Fungoides (n=13)</b>	<b>2 (15)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>2 (15)</b>	<b>9 (69)</b>
<b>Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma (n=5)</b>	<b>2 (40)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>2 (40)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
<b>Multiple Myeloma (n=27)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>18 (67)</b>
<b>Primary Mediastinal B-Cell Lymphoma (n=2)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>2 (100)</b>

\*includes other B-cell lymphoma (n=8)

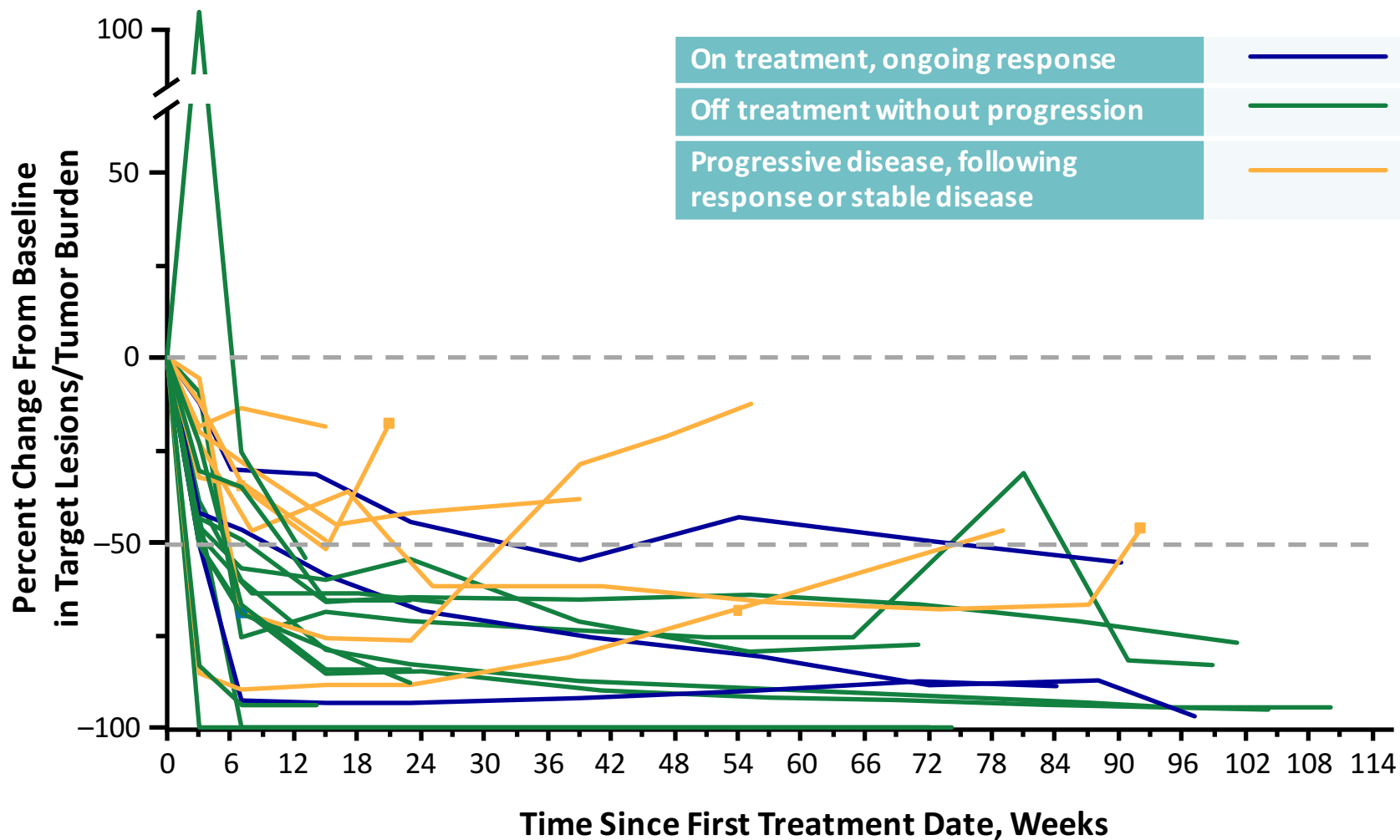
†includes other cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (n=3) and other non-cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (n=2)



# Hodgkin Lymphoma - Response to Nivolumab



# Nivolumab - Durability of Response



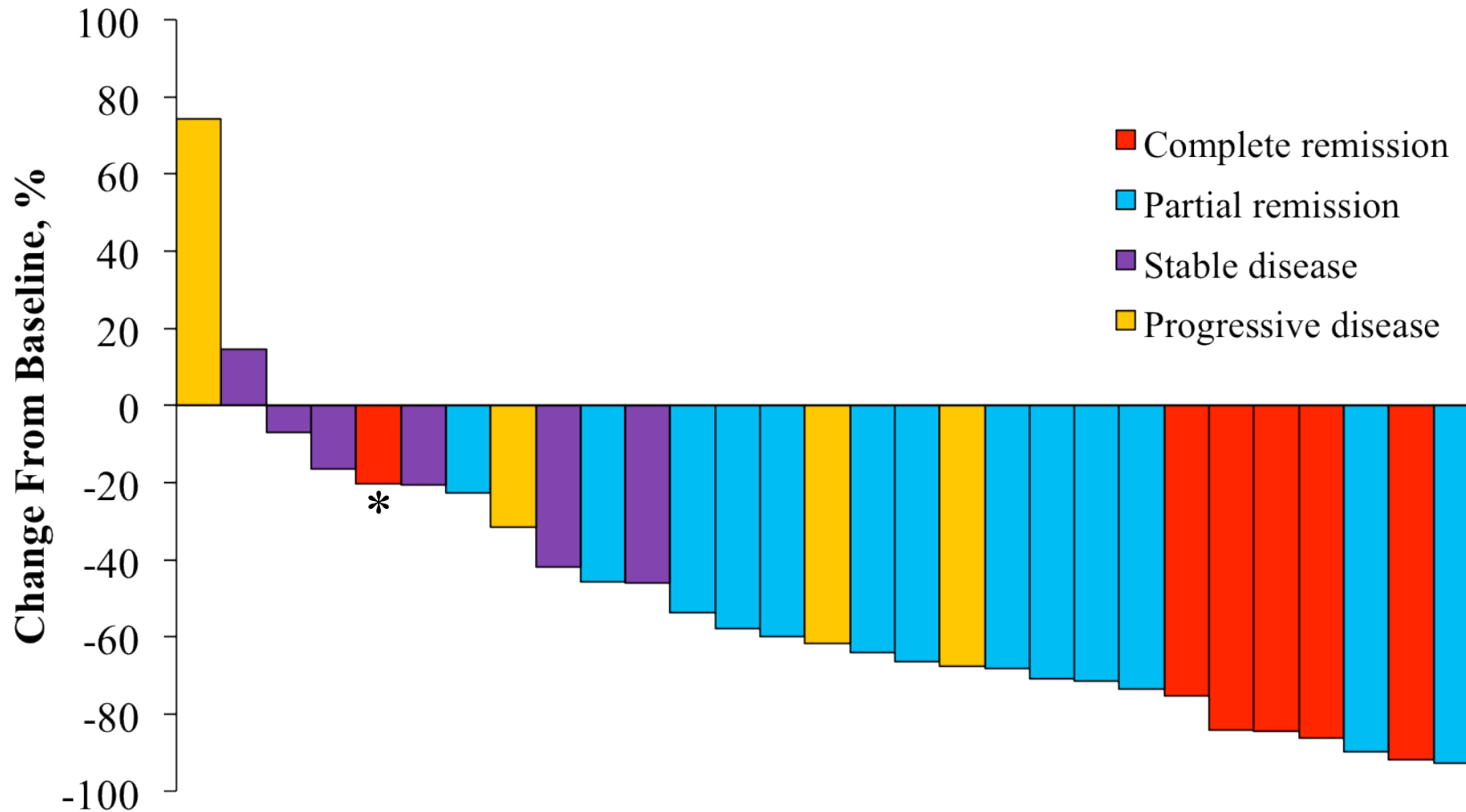
# Nivolumab - Drug-related Adverse Events

## Overview

Nivolumab (N=82)	n (%)
Any Grade Related AE	51 (62)
Any Grade Drug-related AE Occurring in $\geq 5\%$ of Patients	n (%)
Fatigue	11 (13)
Pneumonitis	9 (11)
Pruritus	7 (9)
Rash	7 (9)
Pyrexia	6 (7)
Anemia	5 (6)
Diarrhea	5 (6)
Decreased appetite	5 (6)
Hypocalcemia	5 (6)

- Safety profile similar to other nivolumab trials
- The majority of pneumonitis cases were Grade 1 or 2
- No clear association between pneumonitis and prior radiation (28 patients), brentuximab vedotin (9 patients) or gemcitabine

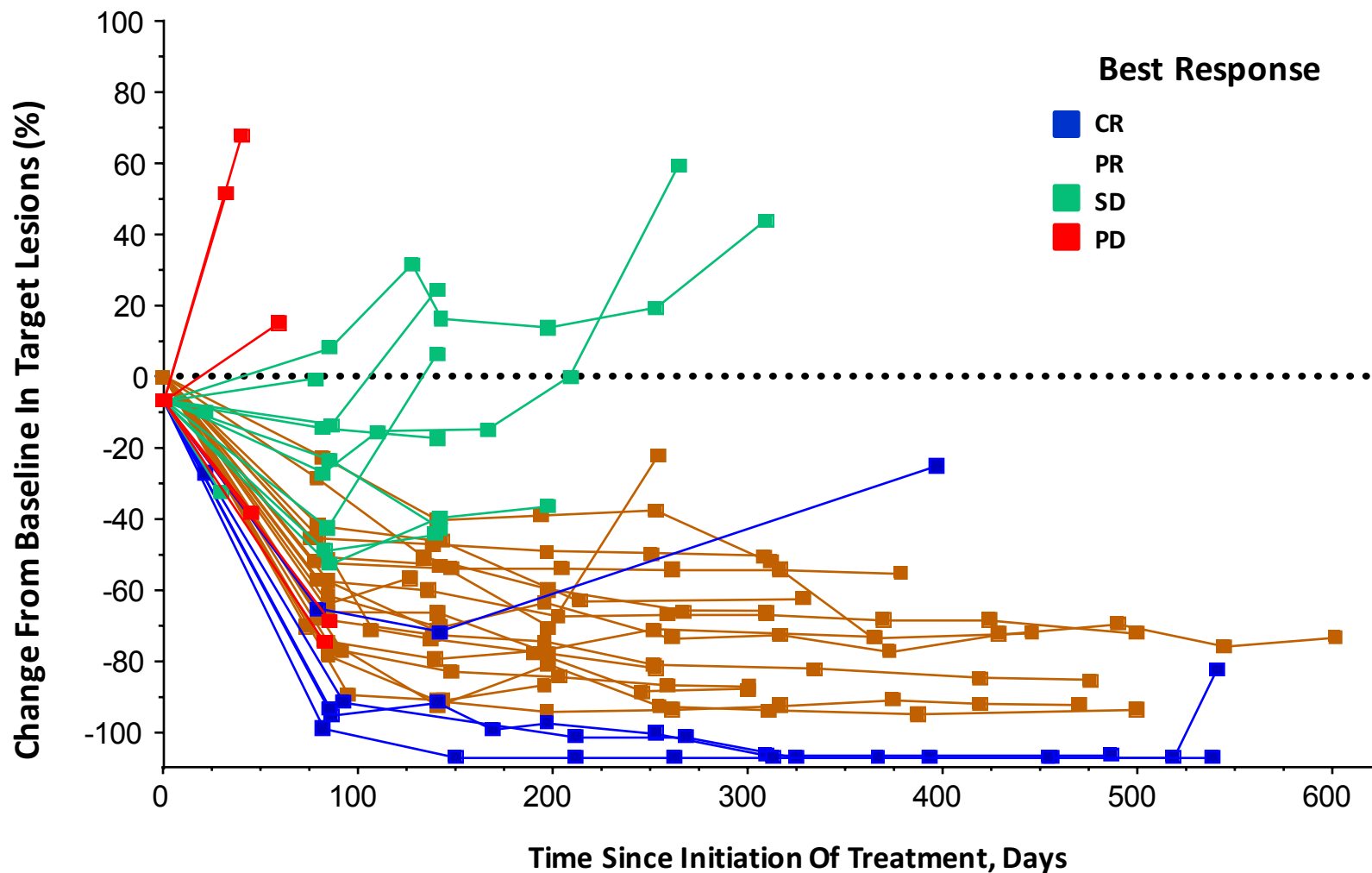
# Hodgkin Lymphoma - Response to Pembrolizumab (n=29)



\*Patient became PET negative and was therefore declared to be in complete remission.  
Analysis cut-off date: November 17, 2014.

Moskowitz et al. ASH 2014, abstract 290

# Pembrolizumab – Durability of Response

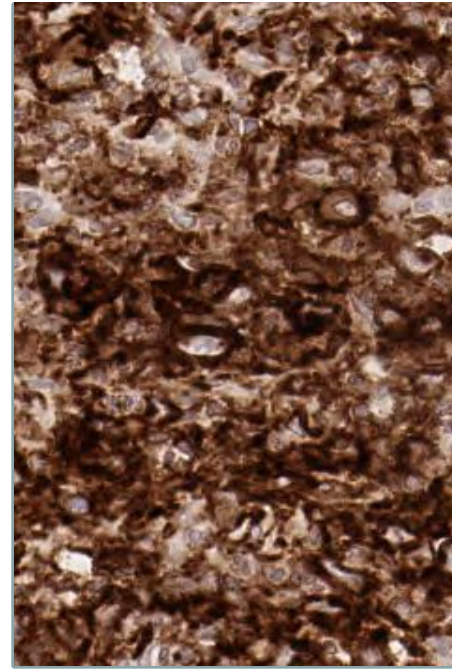
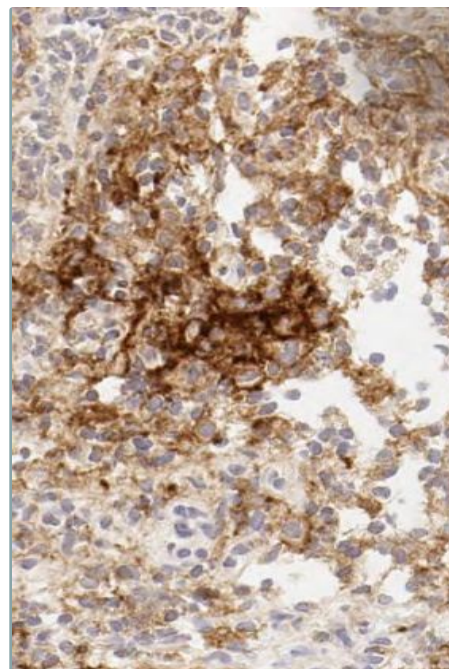
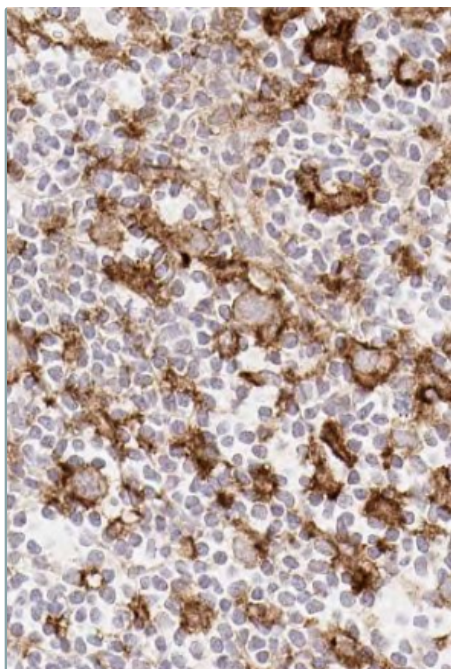
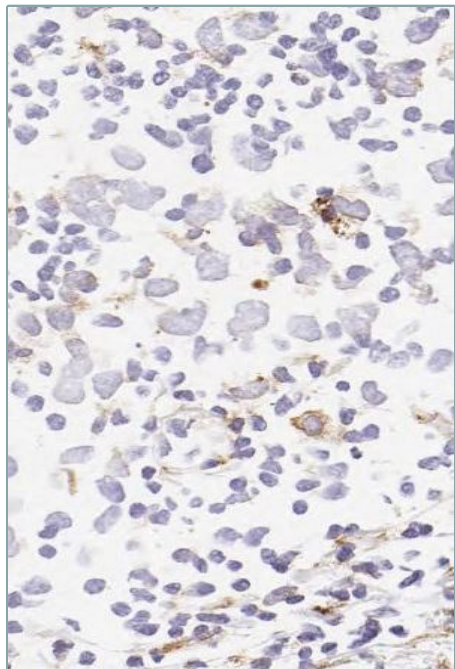


# Treatment-Related Adverse Events of Any Grade Observed in $\geq 2$ Patients

Adverse Event, n (%)	N = 29
Hypothyroidism	3 (10)
Pneumonitis	3 (10)
Constipation	2 (7)
Diarrhea	2 (7)
Nausea	2 (7)
Hypercholesterolemia	2 (7)
Hypertriglyceridemia	2 (7)
Hematuria	2 (7)

- 16 (55%) patients experienced  $\geq 1$  treatment-related AE of any grade

# PD-L1 Expression



PD-L1 Negative

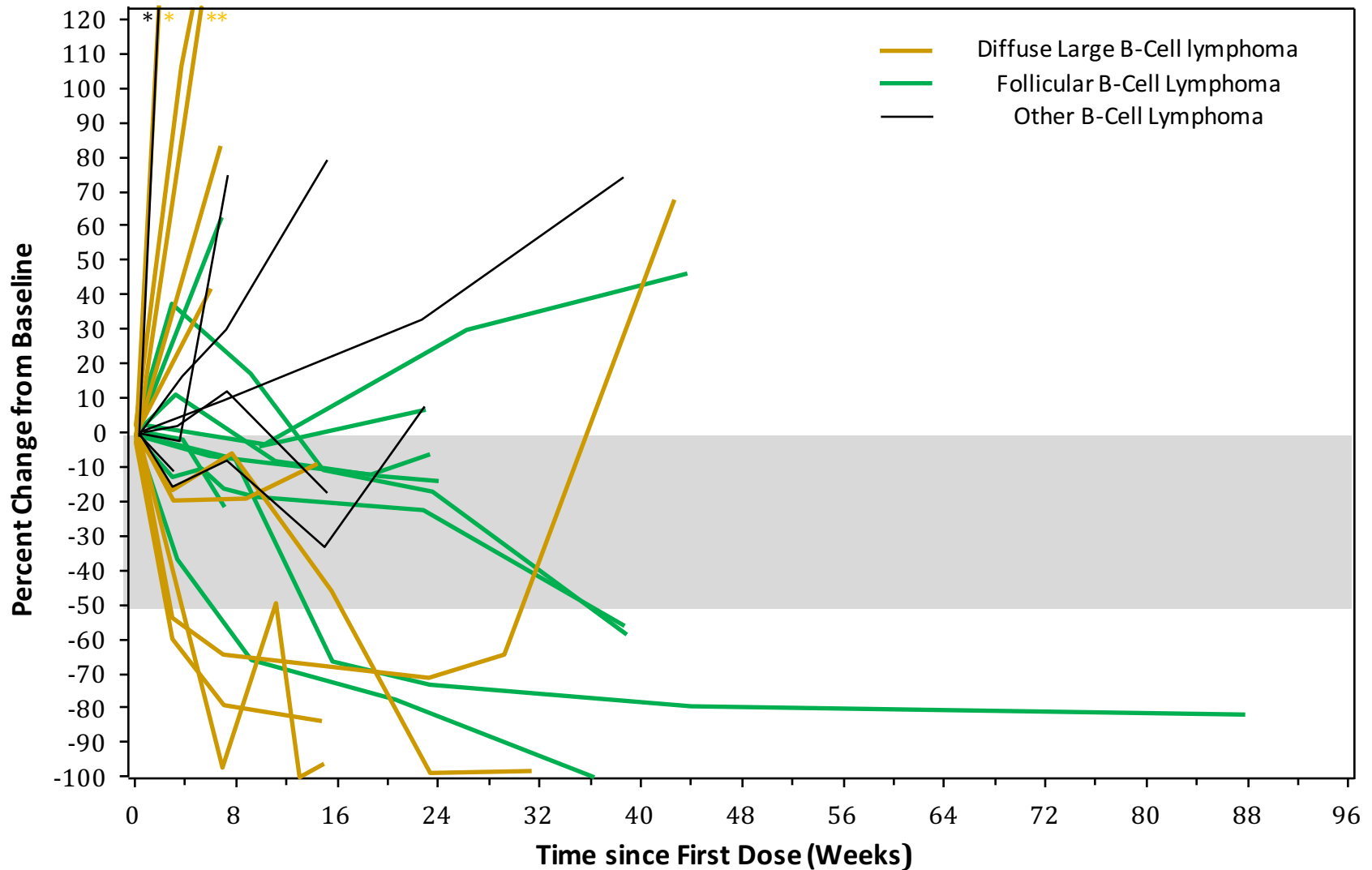
PD-L1 Positive

- Among the 10 enrolled patients who provided samples evaluable for PD-L1 expression, 100% were PD-L1 positive
- Best overall response in these 10 patients was CR in 1 patient, PR in 2 patients, SD in 4 patients, and PD in 3 patients

PD-L1 expression was assessed using a prototype immunohistochemistry assay and the 22C3 antibody. PD-L1 positivity was defined as Reed-Sternberg cell membrane staining with 2+ or greater intensity.

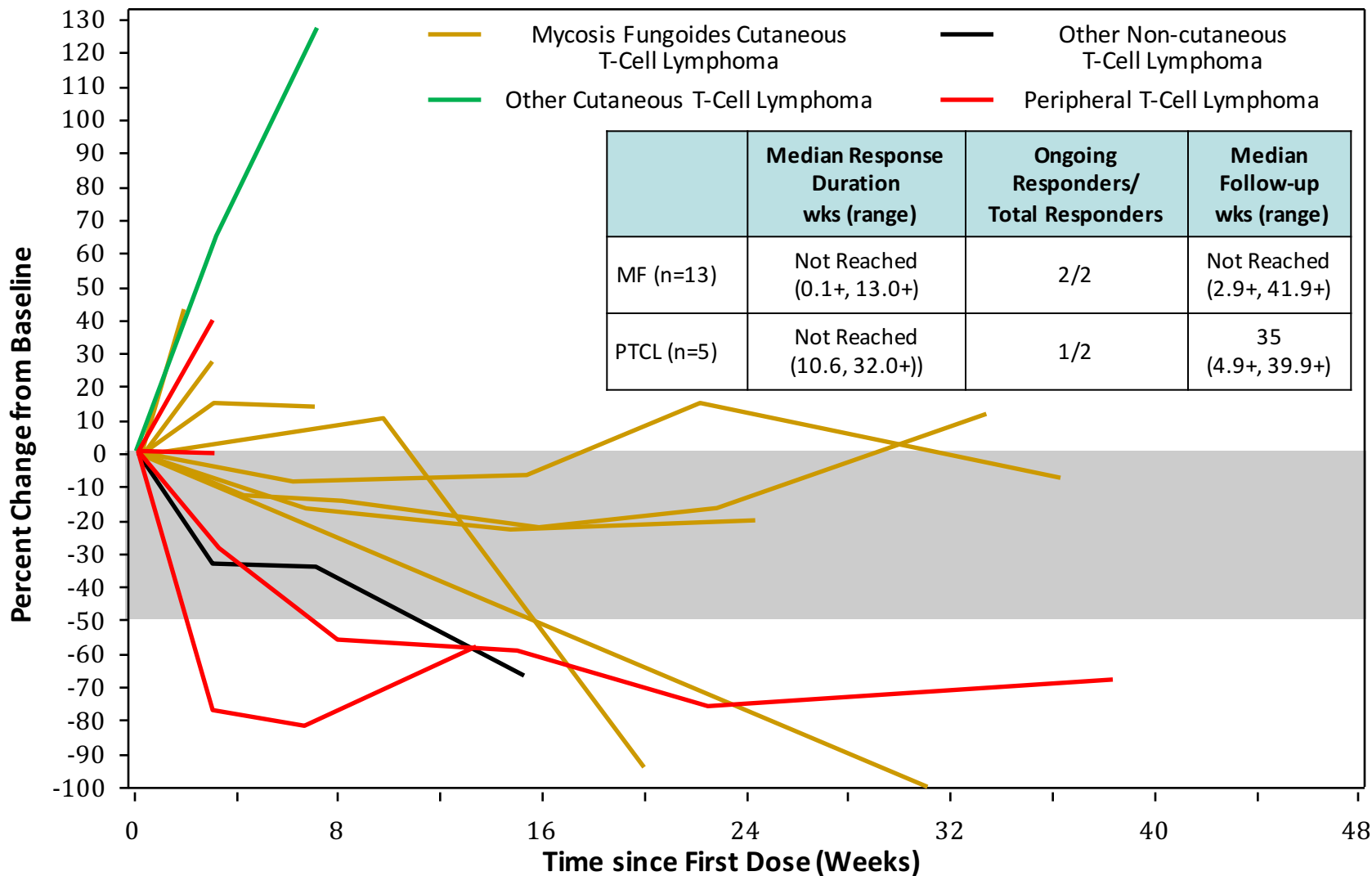
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# All B-Cell Lymphoma Patient Responses

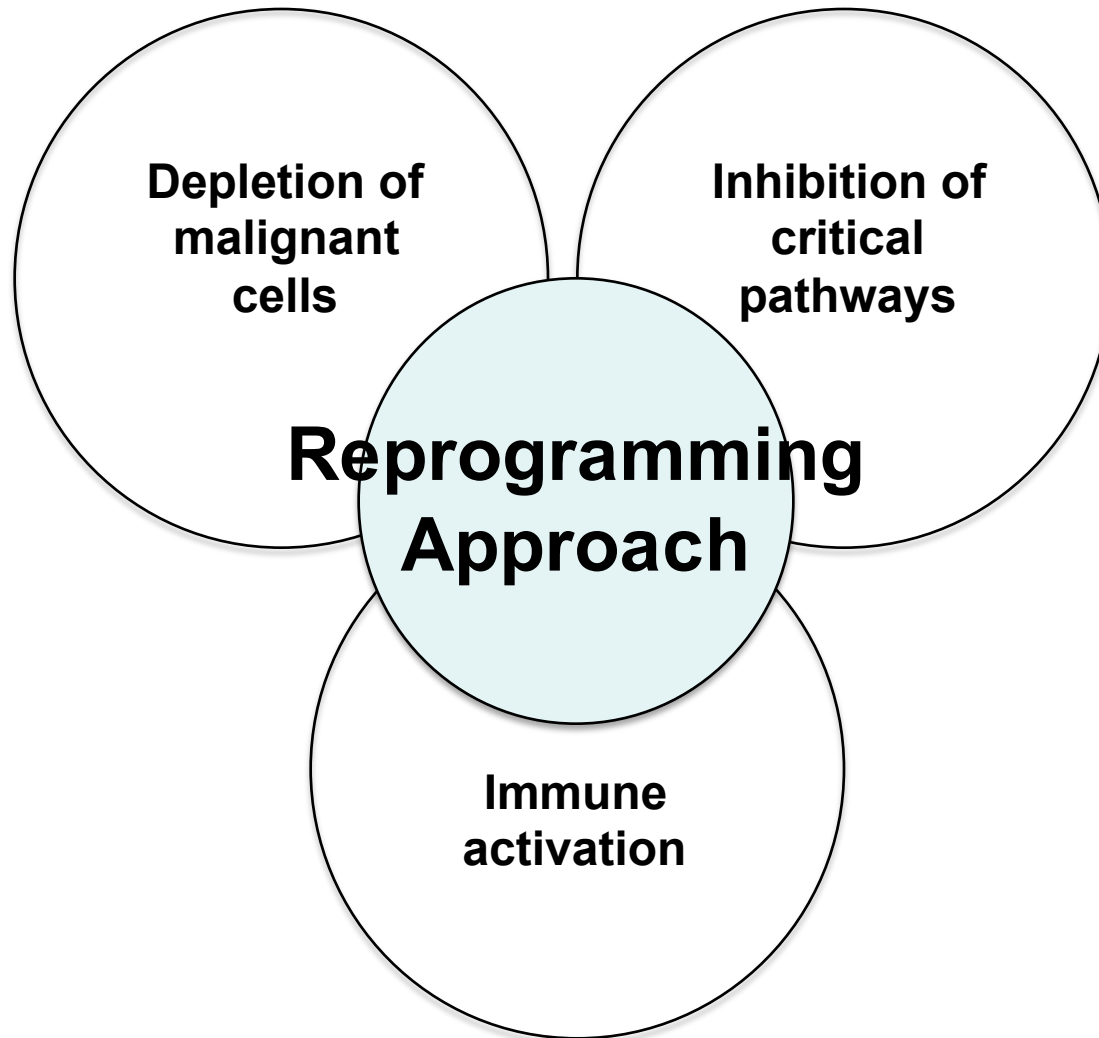




# All T-Cell Lymphoma Patient Responses



# How will use Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in the future? - Reprogramming Approach



# **How can the Depletion Approach be improved by Immune Checkpoint Blockade?**

- Sequencing standard chemotherapy before or after immune checkpoint blockade
- Using antibody-drug conjugates for targeted killing – Brentuximab vedotin plus PD-1 blockade
- Giving immune checkpoint inhibition post transplant – pidilizumab

# **Brentuximab Vedotin and Ipilimumab is Highly Active in Relapsed Hodgkin Lymphoma**

**18 Response Eligible Patients**

<b>Evaluable Pts.</b>	<b>ORR</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>PD</b>
<b>N = 18</b>	<b>13 (72%)</b>	<b>9 (50%)</b>	<b>4(28%)</b>	<b>2 (11%)</b>	<b>2 (11%)</b>

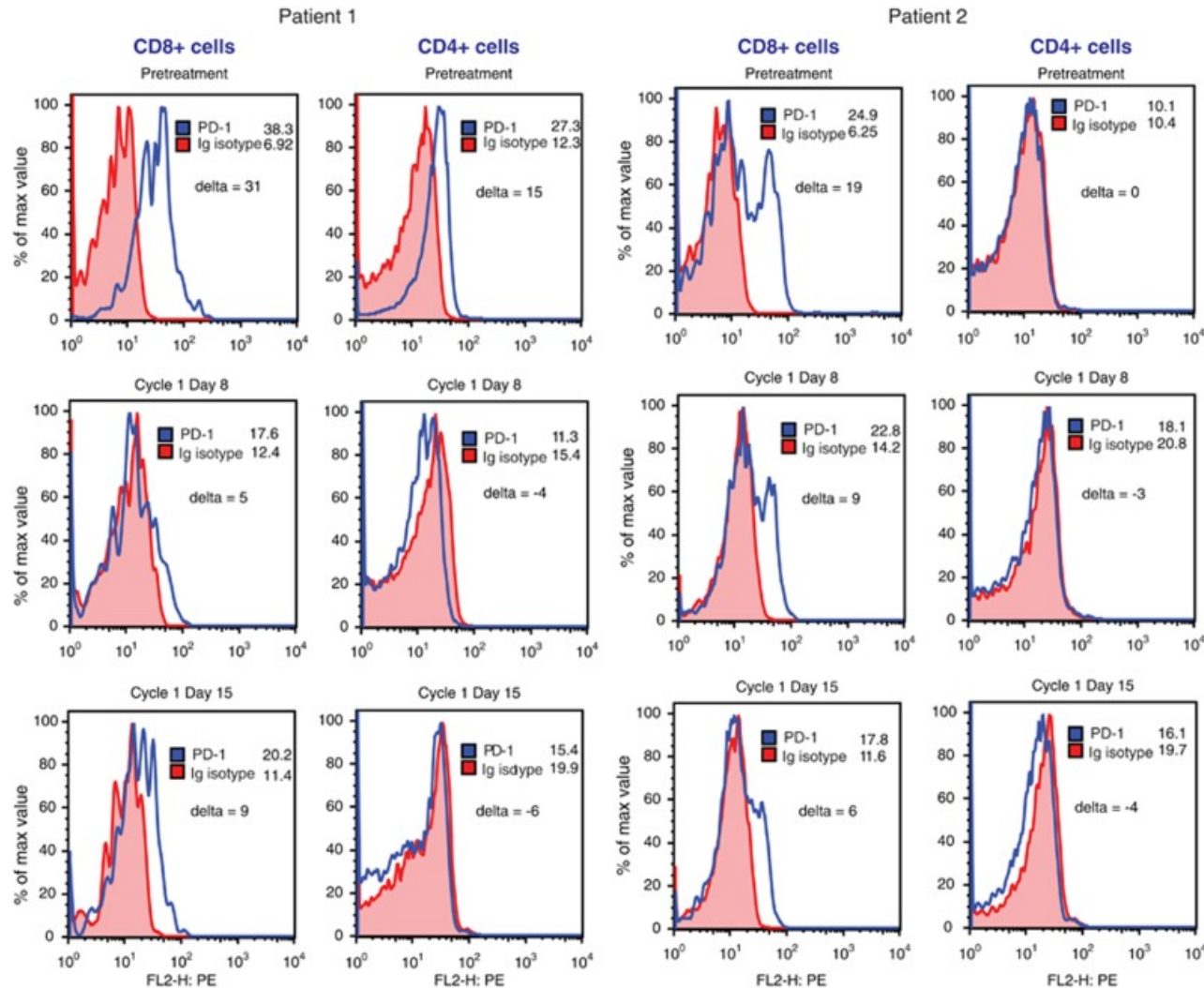
**Clinical Benefit 83%**

- Prior BV = 4/23 (17%)
- 2 patients were un-evaluable due to ineligibility
  - One, secondary to prior relapse on BV and on prior Nivo: SD
  - Second patient whose scan was out of window had CR which is ongoing
- 3 patients have not yet been assessed

# **How can the Pathway Inhibition Approach be improved by Immune Checkpoint Blockade?**

- Use small molecule inhibitors that potentially modulate immune receptors/ligands – HDAC inhibitors
- Using inhibitors that have off target effects that promote immune (T-cell) function – ibrutinib, idelalisib
- Blocking downstream signaling induced by immune checkpoints – mTOR inhibitors, PI3 Kinase inhibitors

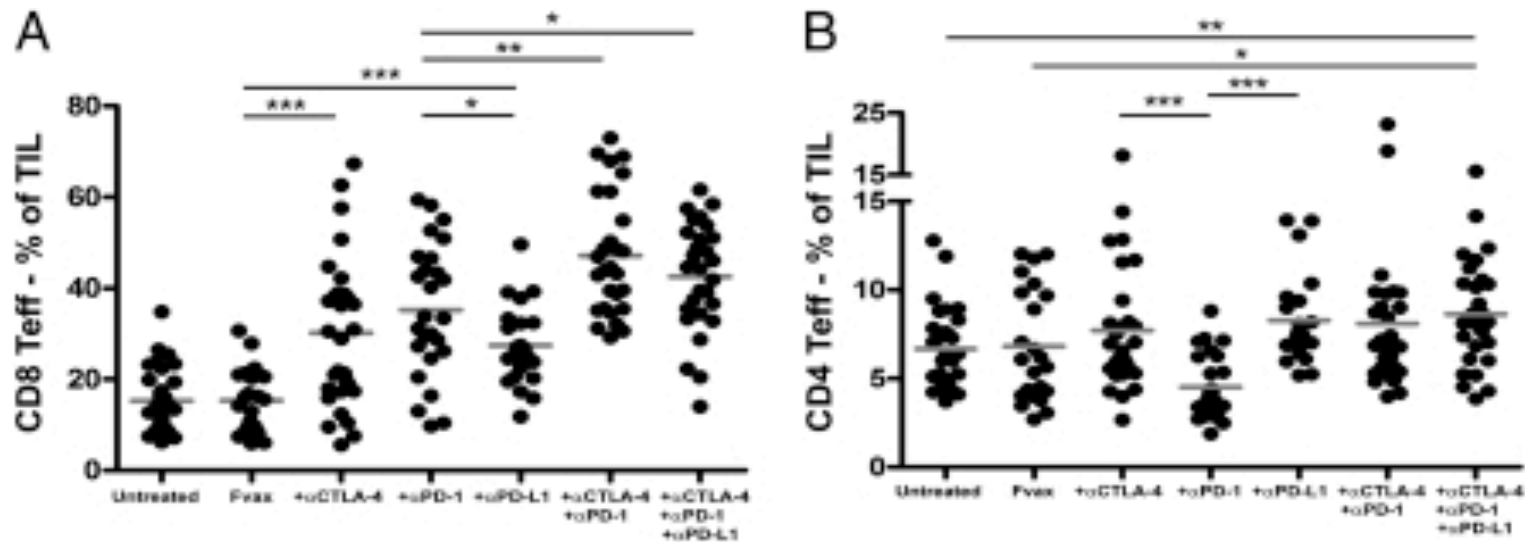
# Immune regulatory effects of panobinostat in Hodgkin lymphoma through modulation of T-cell PD-1 expression



# How can the Immune Optimization Approach be improved by Immune Checkpoint Blockade?

- Inhibit more than one immune checkpoint – PD-1/PD-L1 and CTLA4/LAG-3/TIM-3
- Block an inhibitory signal and simultaneously give an activating signal – PD-1/PD-L1 and 4-1BB or OX-40
- Use a different immune activator – CART/bispecific antibody/BITE/viral therapy/vaccine in combination with an immune checkpoint inhibitor.

# PD-1 and CTLA-4 blockade expands infiltrating T cells and reduces regulatory T and myeloid cells in the tumor





# Conclusions

- Optimizing immune function is the new therapeutic “frontier” in B-cell lymphomas
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors hold real promise in Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
- Multiple new agents (anti-PDL1, anti-LAG3, anti-TIM3) are in development to block immune suppression or induce immune stimulation.
- Incorporating promising immunologic agents into combination approaches will be the next clinical challenge.