

# **XVII** SIMPOSIUM **BASES BIOLÓGICAS DEL CÁNCER E INNOVACIÓN TERAPÉUTICA**

MÁS DE 20 AÑOS A LA VANGUARDIA DE LA FORMACIÓN  
EN LA BIOLOGÍA Y TRATAMIENTO DEL CÁNCER

**SALAMANCA, 22 Y 23 DE MAYO DE 2025**

## **Innovación y evidencia: el presente del tratamiento sistémico adyuvante en melanoma**

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# Conflictos de Interés

**Consultor/asesor:** BMS, Novartis, Ipsen, Janssen, Sanofi, Pierre Fabre

**Ponente:** Regeneron, Lilly, BMS, Roche, Ipsen, Pierre Fabre, Eisai, MSD, Novartis, Bayer, J&J, Astellas

**Congresos/viajes:** Pfizer, BMS, Ipsen, Roche, Pierre Fabre, MSD, Novartis, Merck, J&J, Bayer

# Agenda

- **Adyuvancia:**

- Estadios IIB/C:

- KEYNOTE-716: Pembrolizumab vs placebo
    - CHECKMATE 76K: Nivolumab vs placebo

- Estadios III:

- KEYNOTE-54 / EORTC 1325: Pembrolizumab vs placebo
    - CHECKMATE 238: Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab
    - COMBI-AD: Dabrafenib-Trametinib vs placebo

- **Neoadyuvancia**

- SWOG S1801: Pembrolizumab perioperatorio vs Pembrolizumab adyuvante
  - NADINA: Ipilimumab-Nivolumab neoady ± nivolumab ady vs nivolumab ady

- **Futuro**

¿Aumenta la SLE?

¿Cuál es la tasa  
de RCp?

¿Aumenta la  
supervivencia?

¿Qué toxicidades  
inmunomediadas?

¿Estoy curado?

¿Aumenta la SLE?

¿Cuál es la tasa de RCp?

¿Aumenta la supervivencia?

¿Cuál es mi riesgo de recaída?

¿Cuál es mi riesgo de muerte?

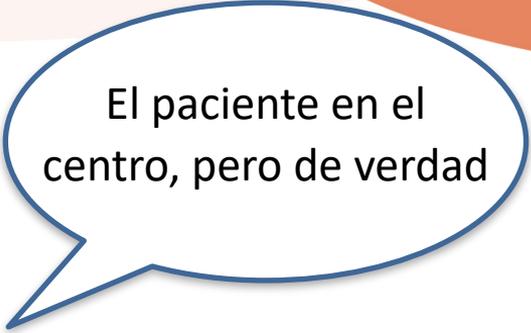
¿Qué toxicidades tendré?

¿Qué toxicidades inmunomediadas?

¿Qué pasa si reaparece la enfermedad?

# ¿Cuándo la adyuvancia?

- Alto riesgo de recaída
- Aumento de Supervivencia (¿↑ SLE?; ¿Tratamientos efectivos en enfermedad avanzada?)
- Tratamiento poco tóxico (o compensa el riesgo)

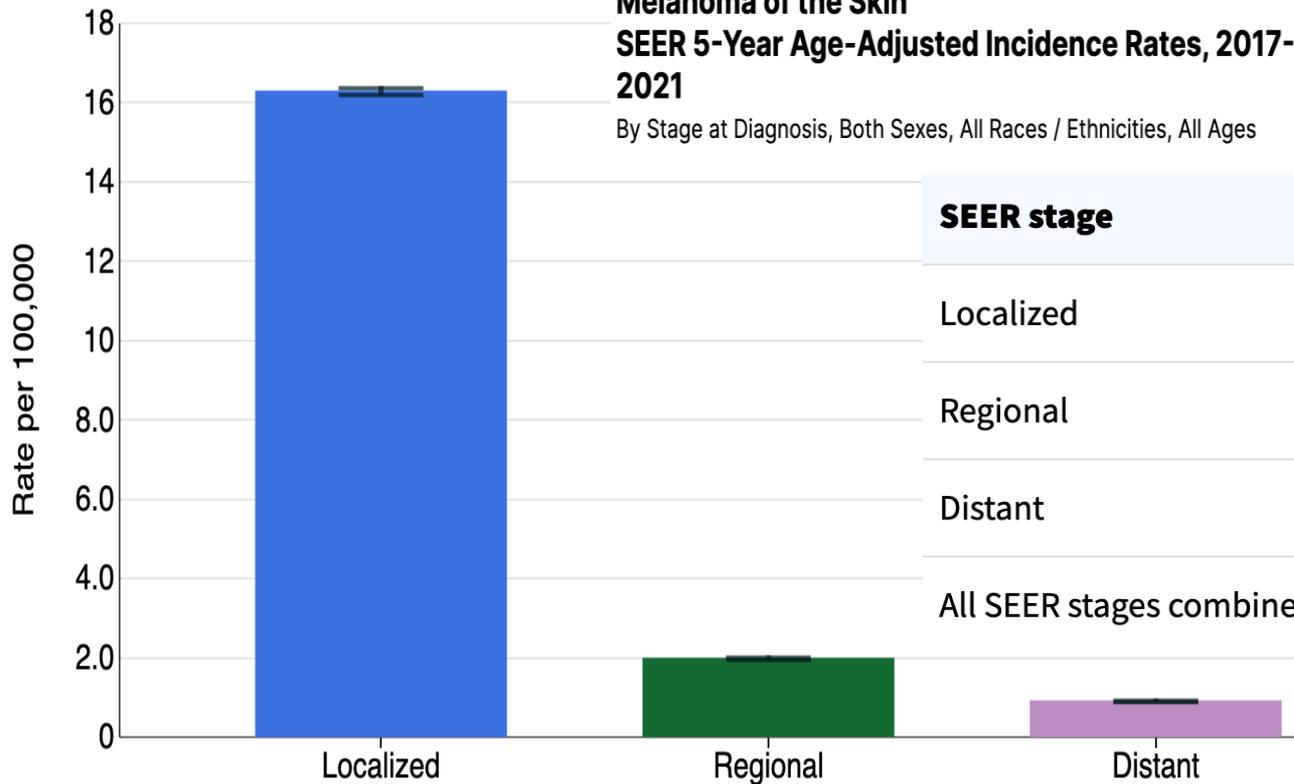


El paciente en el centro, pero de verdad

# Incidencia y pronóstico

## Melanoma of the Skin SEER 5-Year Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates, 2017-2021

By Stage at Diagnosis, Both Sexes, All Races / Ethnicities, All Ages



**SEER stage**

**5-year relative survival rate**

Localized

>99%

Regional

74%

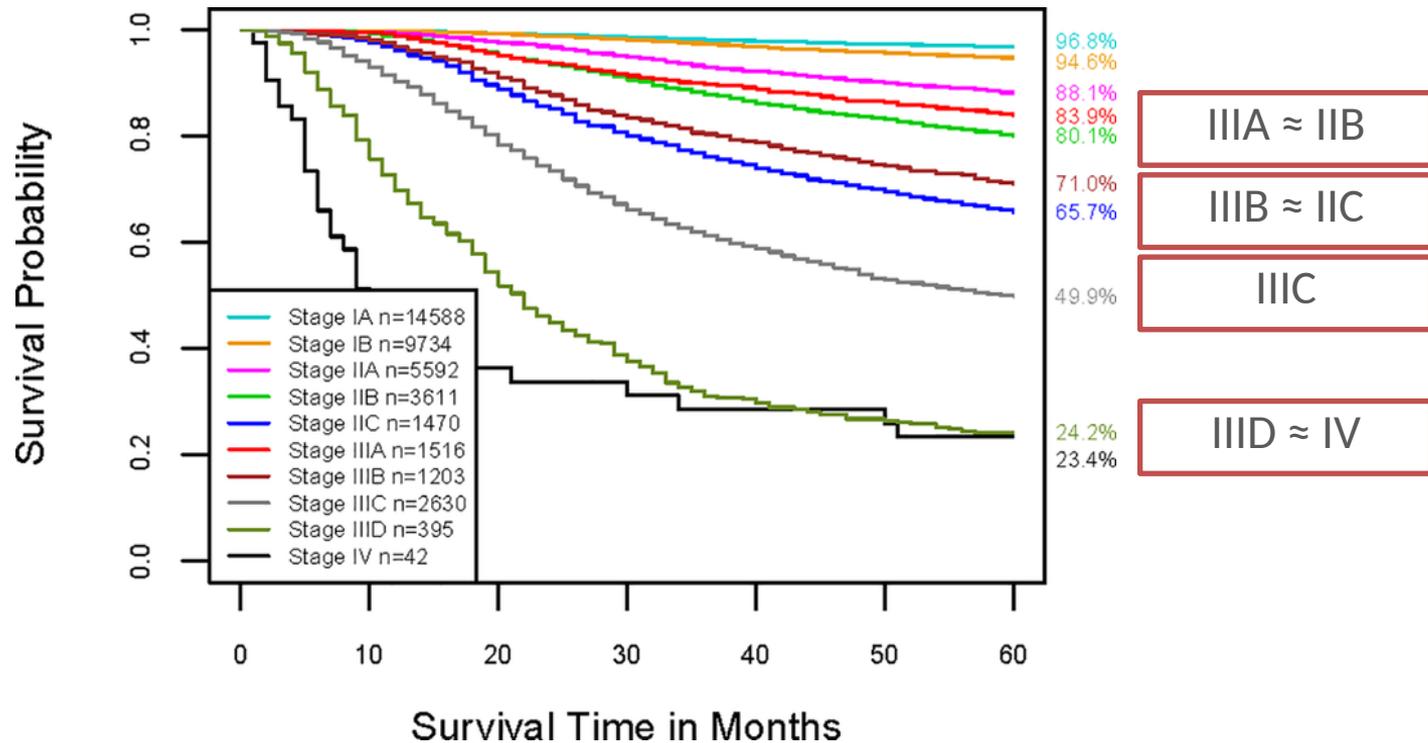
Distant

35%

All SEER stages combined

94%

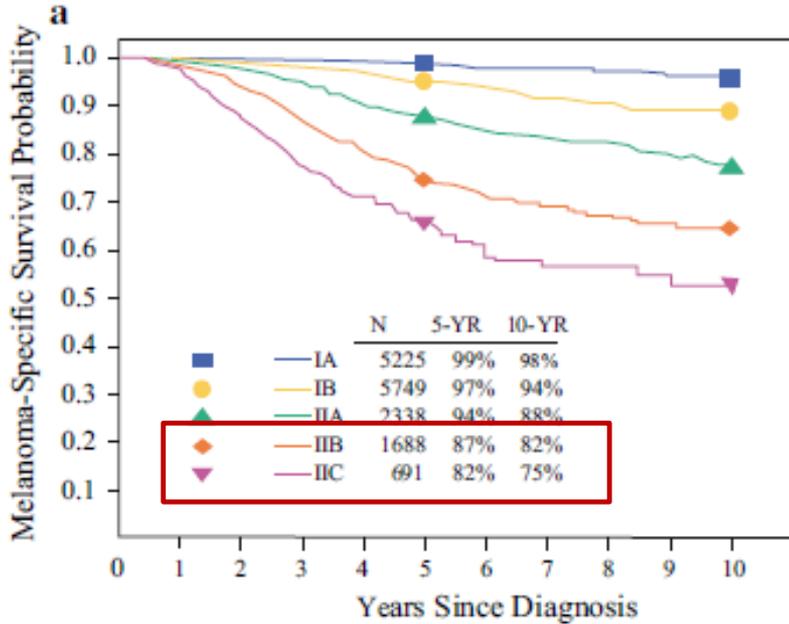
# Incidencia y pronóstico



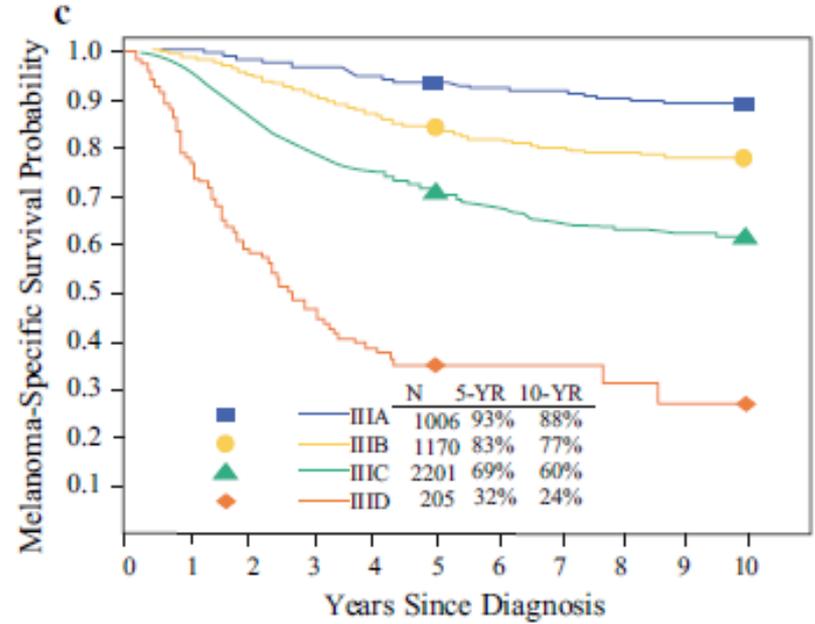
# Incidencia y pronóstico

¿Qué hacer en IIB y IIIA?

Stage I-II



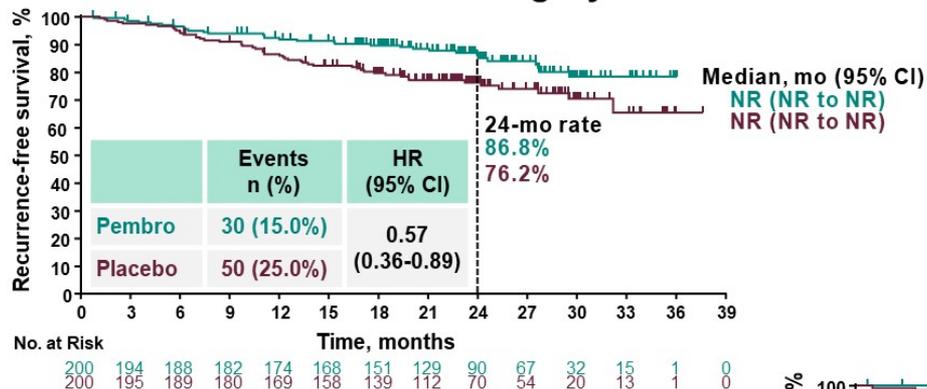
Stage III



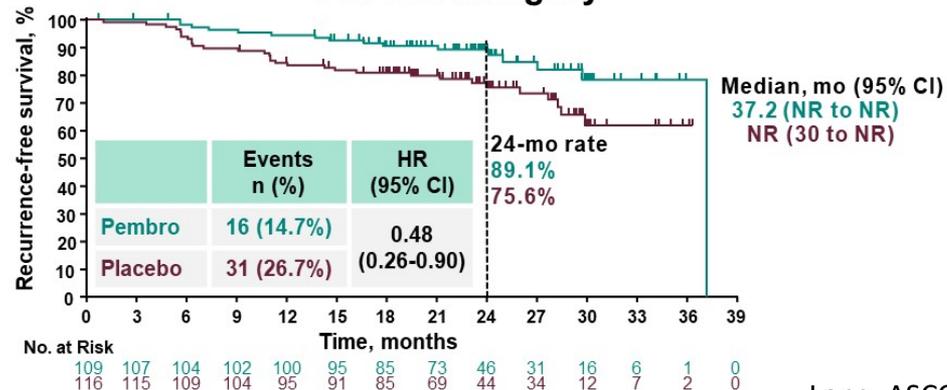
# Estadio IIB: ¿Estoy curado?

Keynote 716

## T3b subcategory

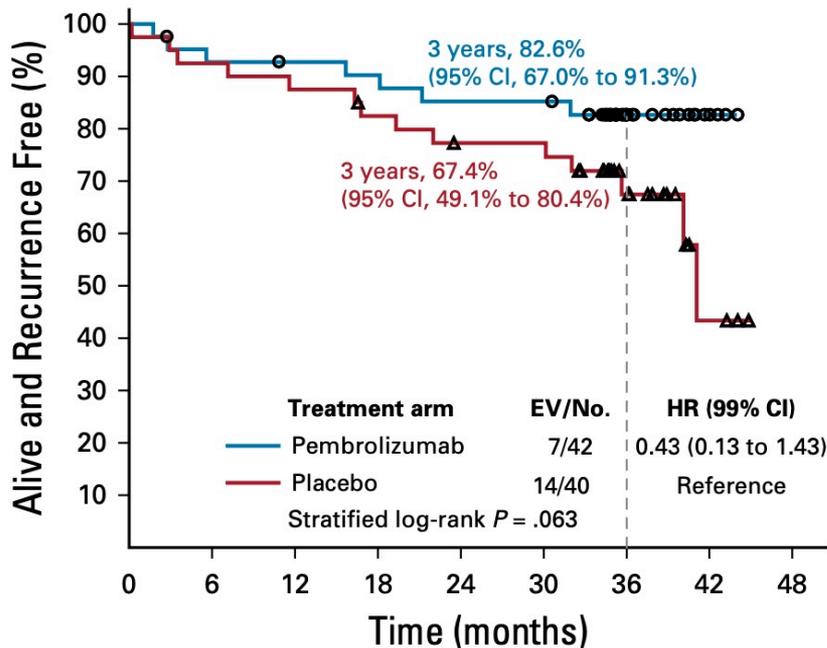


## T4a subcategory



# Estadio IIIA: ¿Estoy curado?

Keynote 054

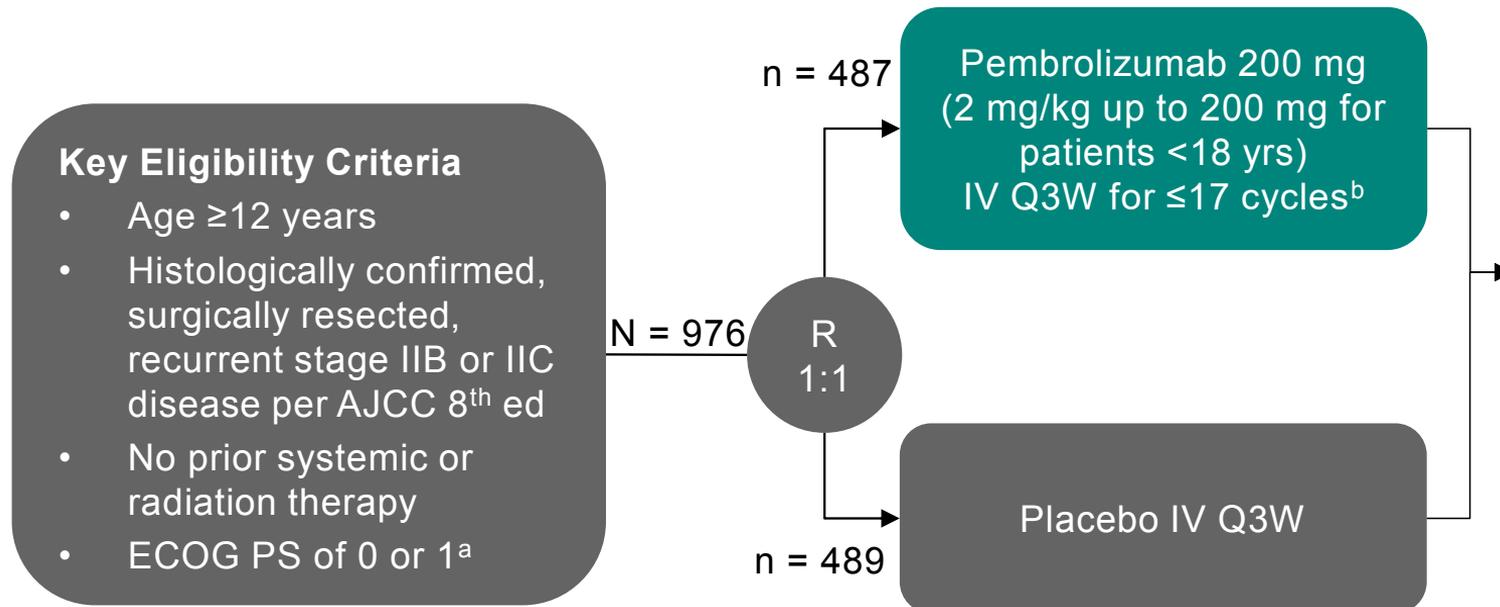


No. at risk:

Pembrolizumab	42	38	37	36	34	34	15	4	0
Placebo	40	37	35	32	29	28	15	3	0

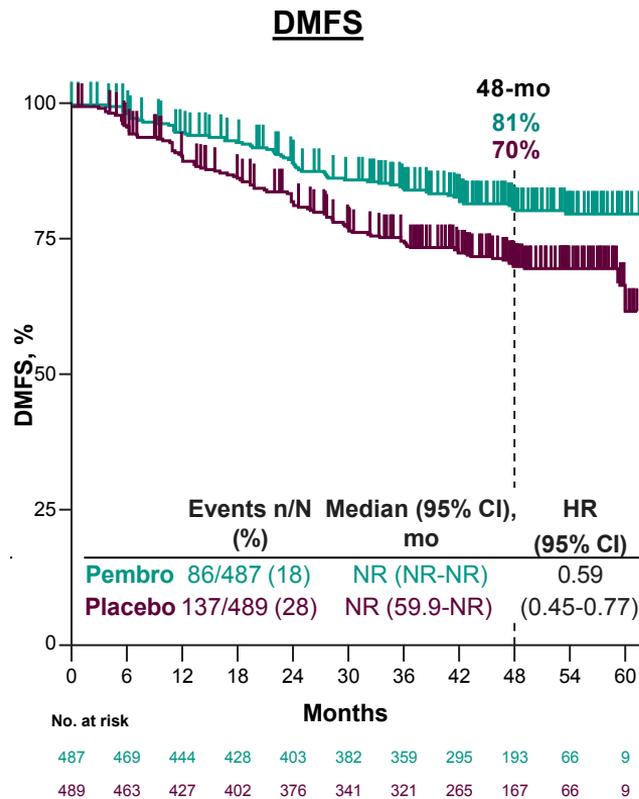
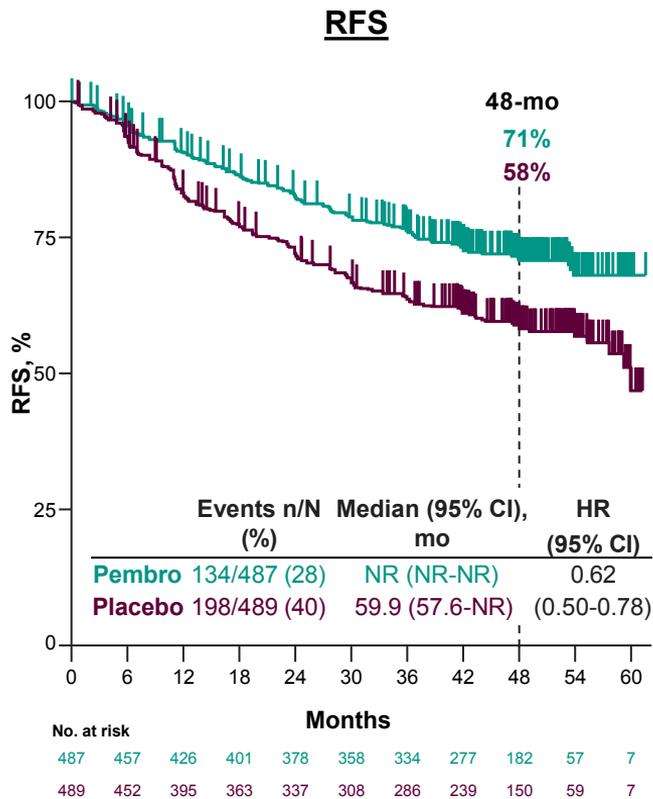
# Estadio IIB/IIC: KEYNOTE 716

## Part 1



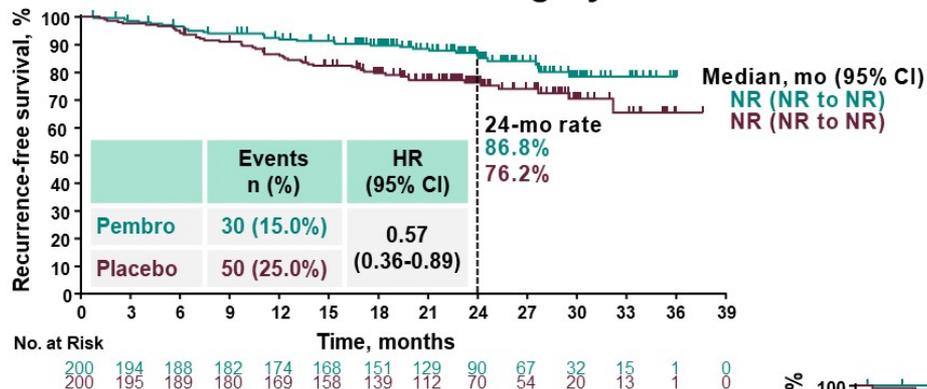
Follow up: 52.8 months

# Estadio IIB/IIC: KEYNOTE 716

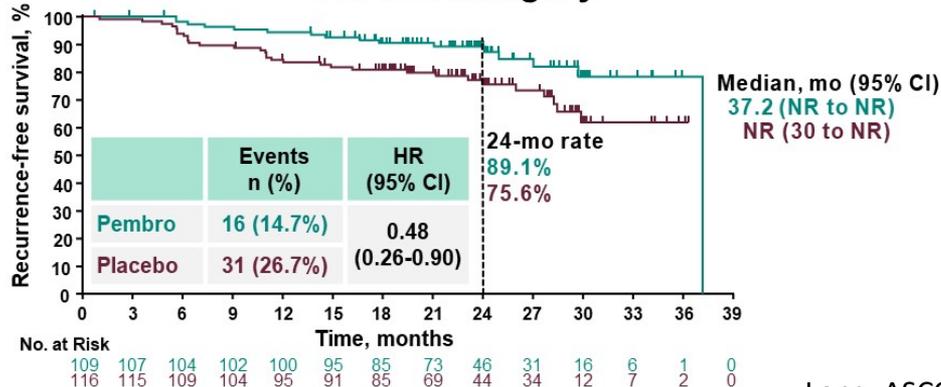


# Estadio IIB/IIC: KEYNOTE 716

## T3b subcategory

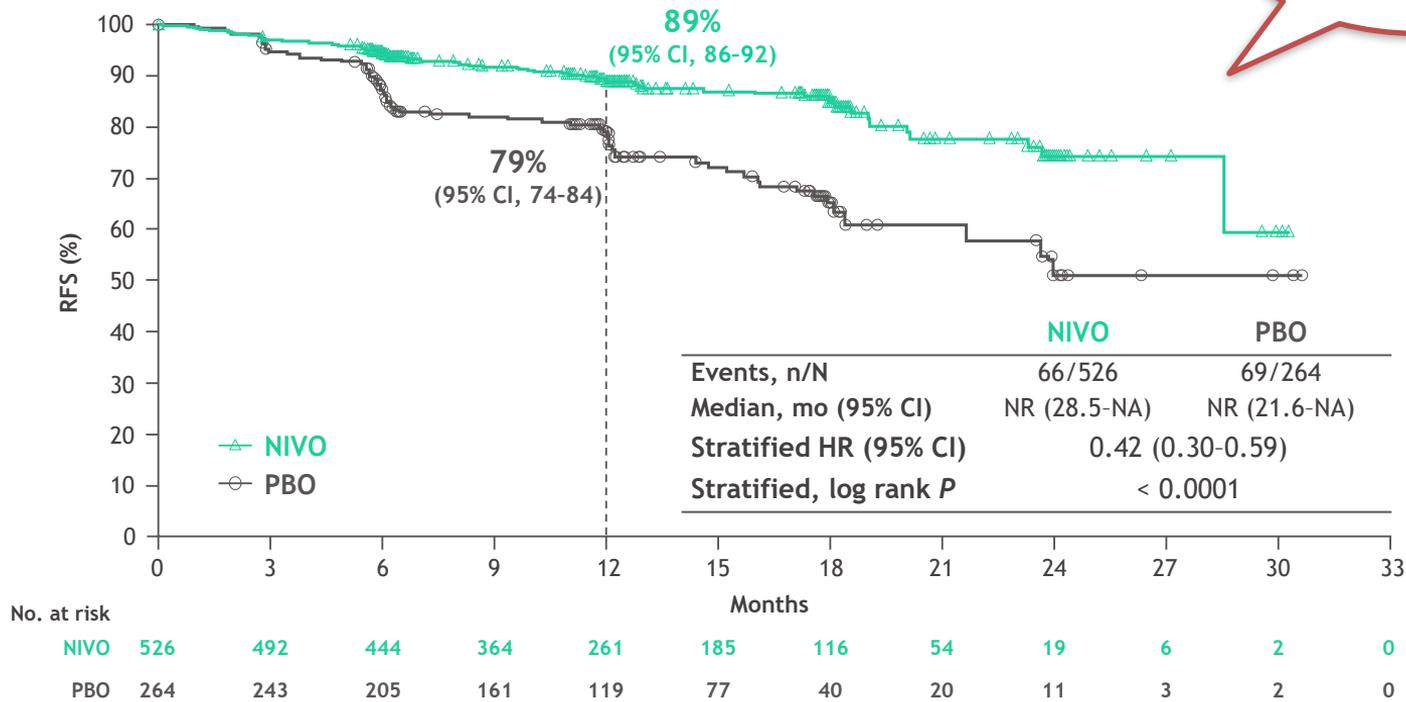


## T4a subcategory



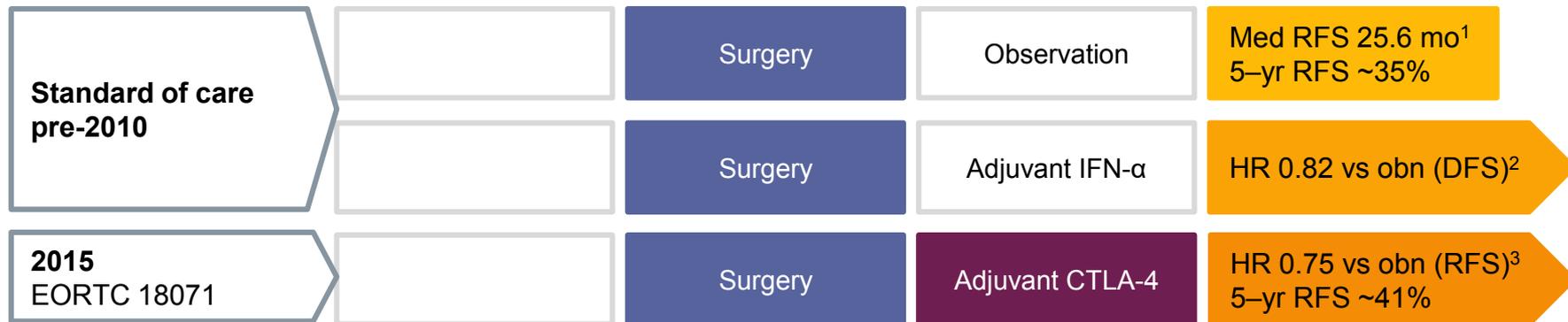
# Estadio IIB/IIC: CheckMate 76K

No financiado



Follow up: 15.8 months

# ¿Adyuvancia Estadio III?



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 7. Blank CU, et al. N Engl J Med. 2024;00:00–00; \*1-yr EFS rates estimated from KM curve.

# Estadio III: CheckMate 238

## Patients with:

- High-risk, completely resected stage IIIB/IIIC or stage IV (AJCC 7<sup>th</sup> edition) melanoma
- No prior systemic therapy
- ECOG 0-1

1:1

n = 453

n = 453

NIVO 3 mg/kg IV Q2W  
and  
IPI placebo IV  
Q3W for 4 doses  
then Q12W from week 24

IPI 10 mg/kg IV  
Q3W for 4 doses  
then Q12W from week 24  
and  
NIVO placebo IV Q2W

Follow-up

Maximum  
treatment  
duration of  
1 year

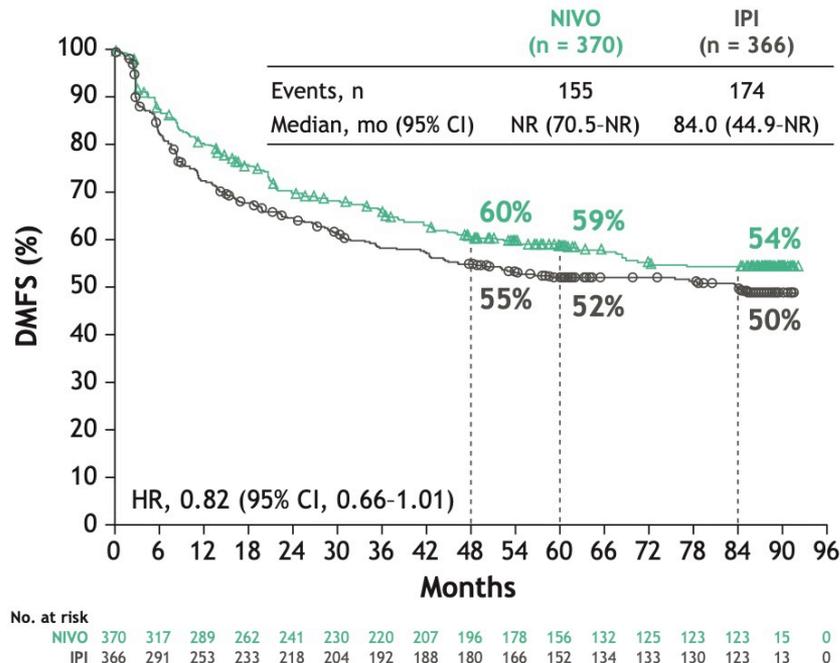
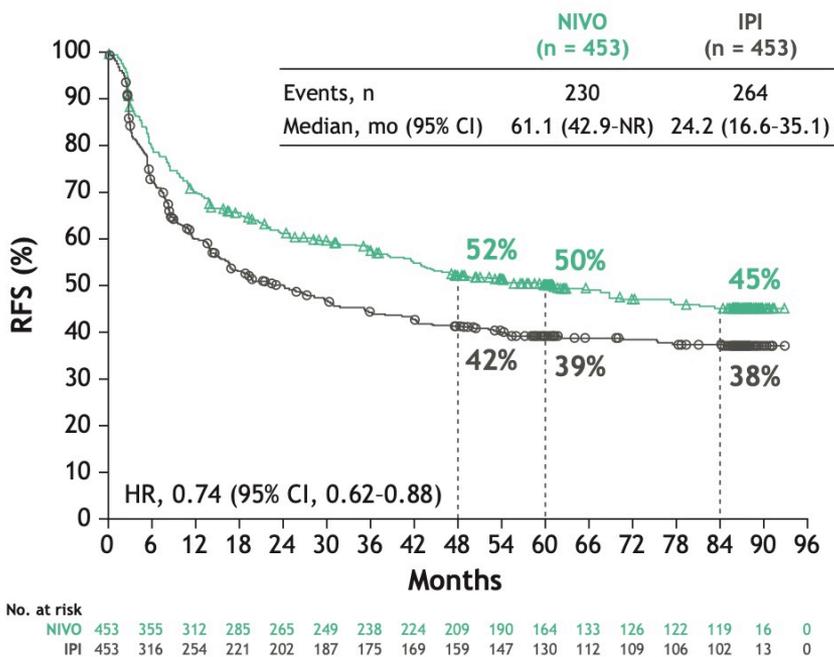
## Stratified by:

- 1) Disease stage: IIIB/C vs IV M1a-M1b vs IV M1c
- 2) PD-L1 status at a 5% cutoff in tumor cells

Minimum Follow up: 7 years

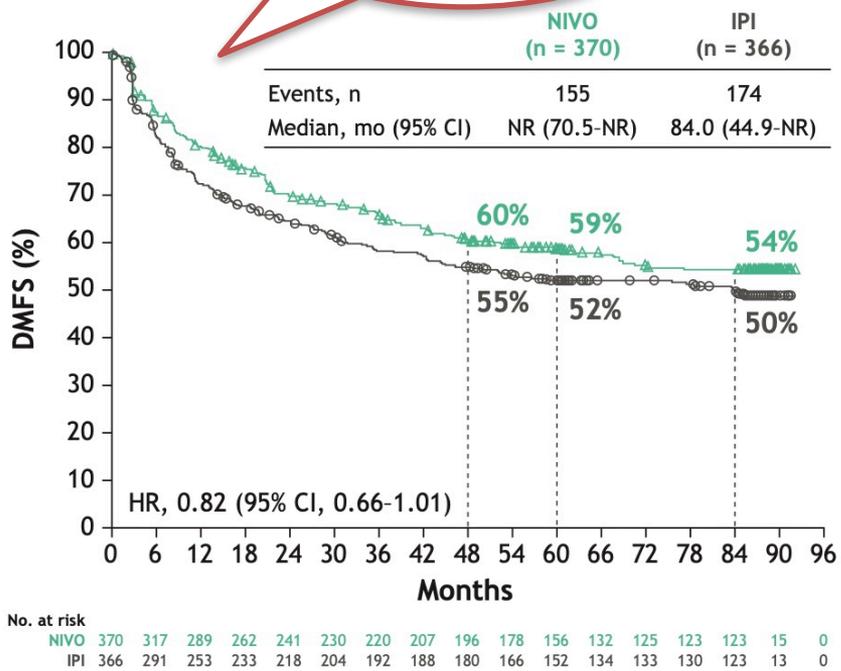
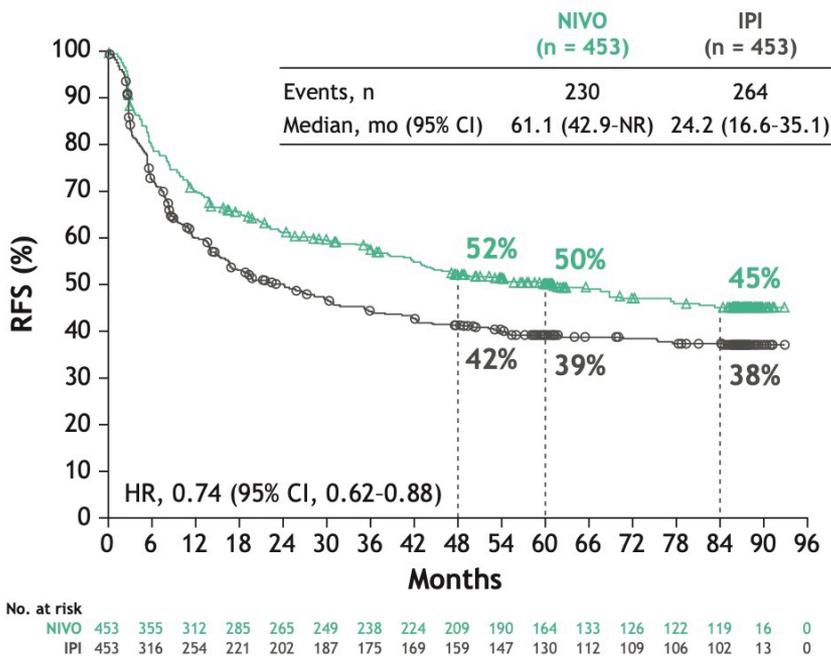
Weber, NEJM 2017; Ascierto, ESMO 2023

# Estadio III: CheckMate 238



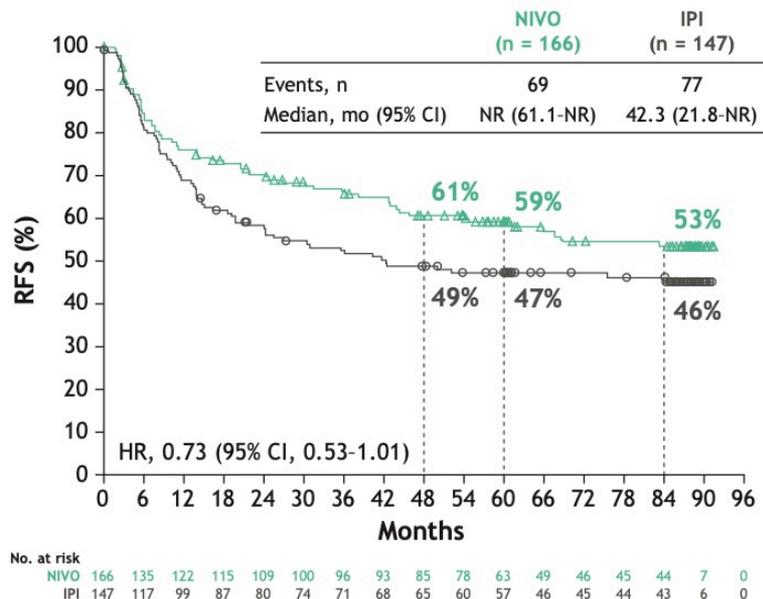
# Estadio III: CheckMate 238

¿Hasta cuando hacer seguimiento?

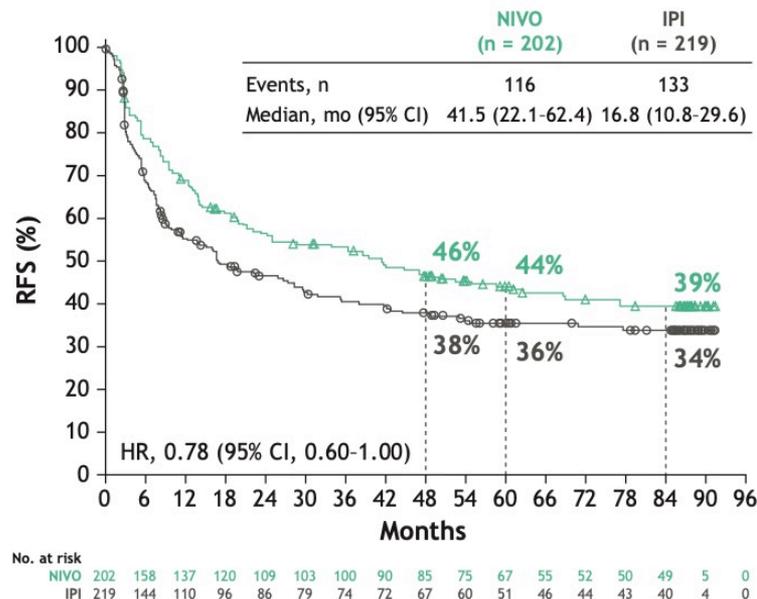


# Estadio III: CheckMate 238

## A. Stage IIIB

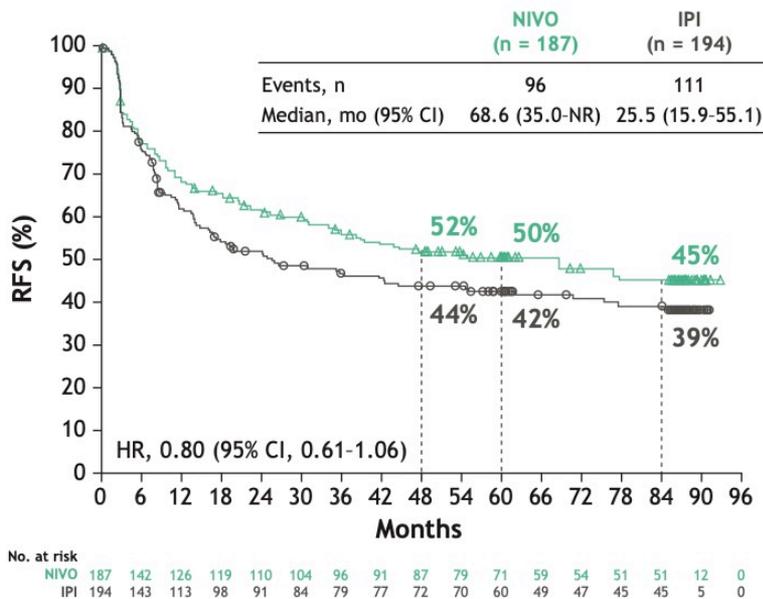


## B. Stage IIIC

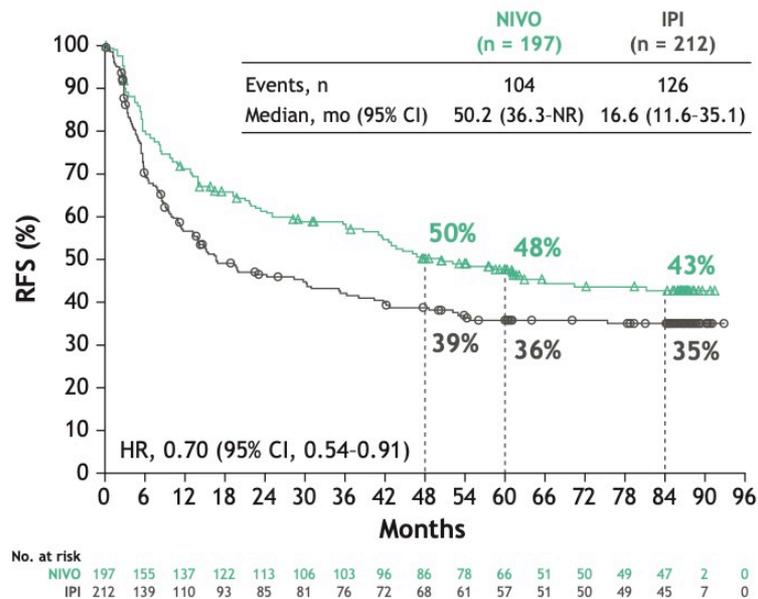


# Estadio III: CheckMate 238

## C. BRAF mutant



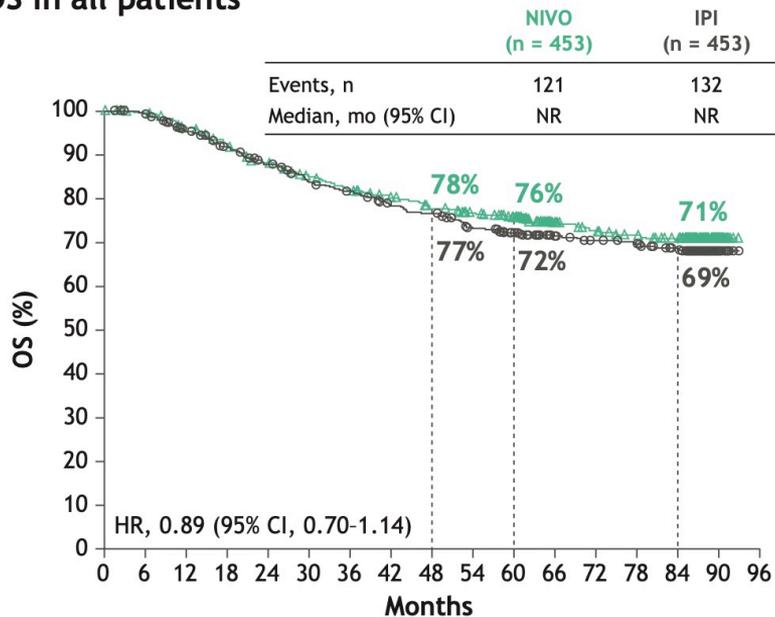
## D. BRAF wild-type



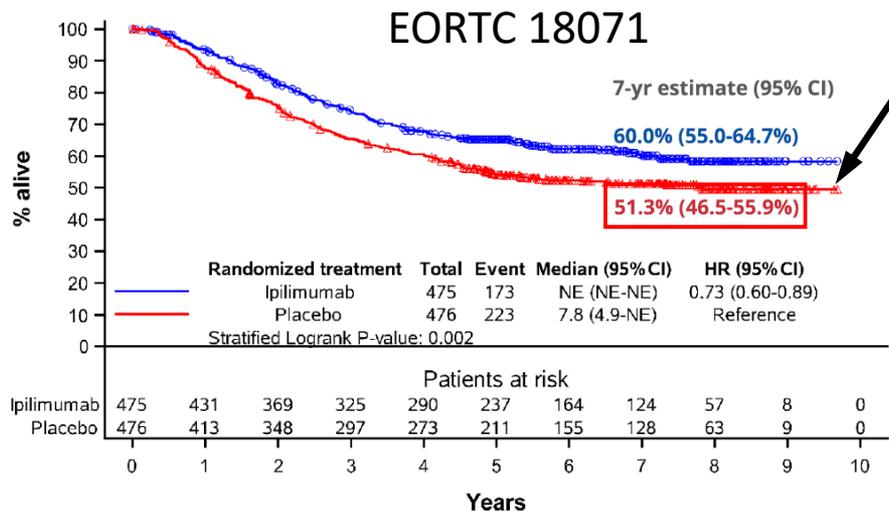
# Estadio III: CheckMate 238

¿Beneficio en Supervivencia?

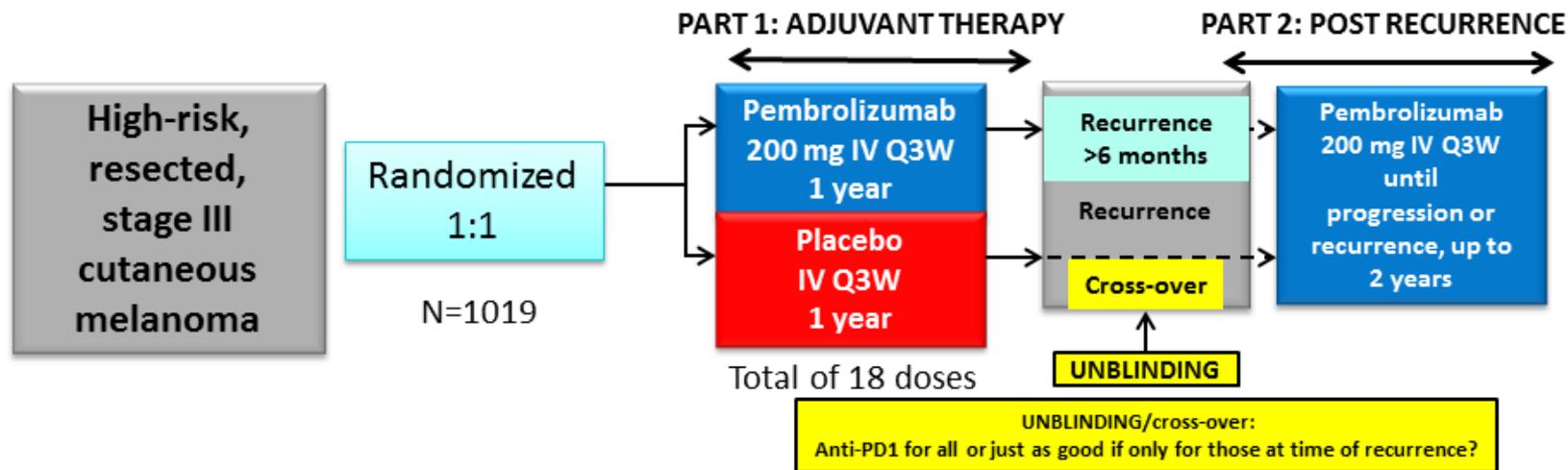
## A. OS in all patients



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
NIVO	453	447	427	405	384	367	351	338	325	313	296	251	236	227	218	26	0
IPI	453	442	417	396	374	351	341	323	316	296	282	246	237	232	221	25	0



# Estadio III: EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE 054



## Stratification factors:

- ✓ **Stage:** IIIA (>1 mm metastasis) vs. IIIB vs. IIIC 1-3 positive lymph nodes vs. IIIC ≥4 positive lymph nodes
- ✓ **Region:** North America, European countries, Australia/New Zealand, other countries

## Primary Endpoints:

- RFS (per investigator) in overall population, and RFS in patients with PD-L1-positive tumors

## Secondary Endpoints:

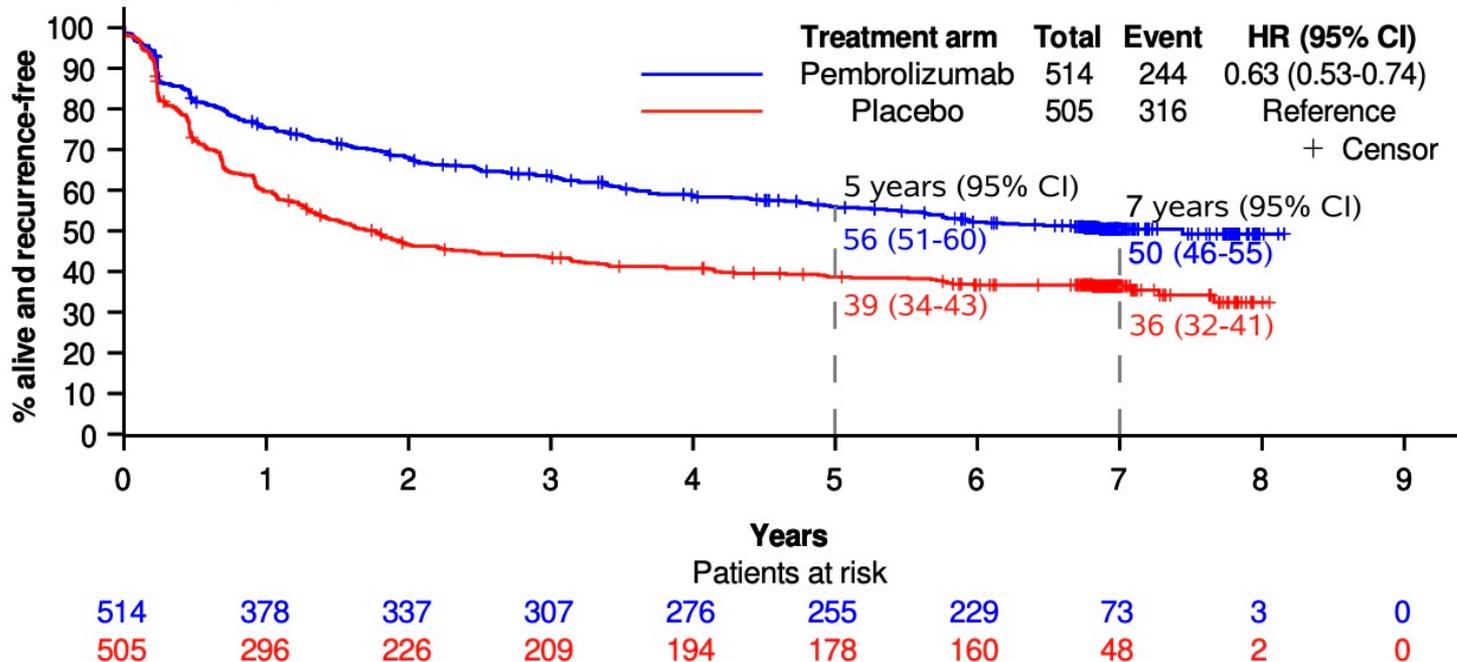
- DMFS and OS in all patients, and in patients with PD-L1-positive tumors; **Safety, Health-related quality of life**

Minimum Follow up: 7 years

Eggermont, NEJM 2018; Eggermont, EJC 2024

# Estadio III: EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE 054

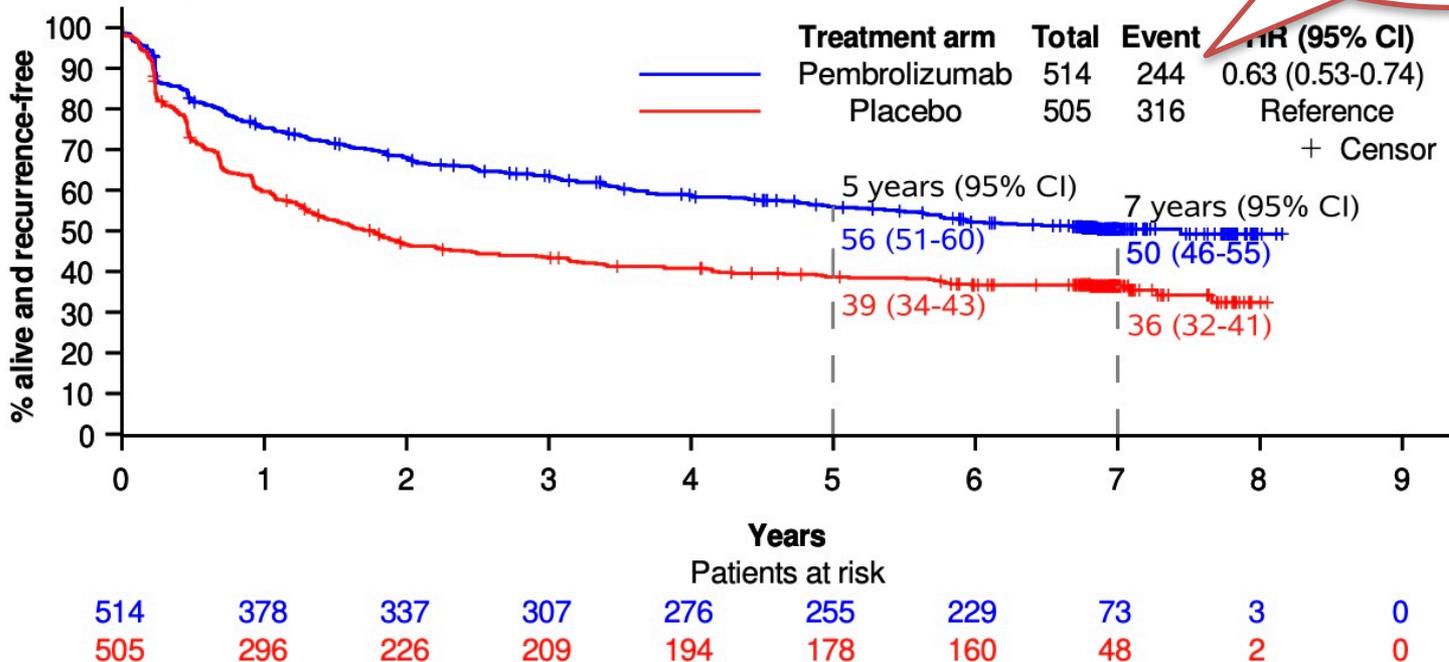
A: recurrence-free survival



# Estadio III: EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE

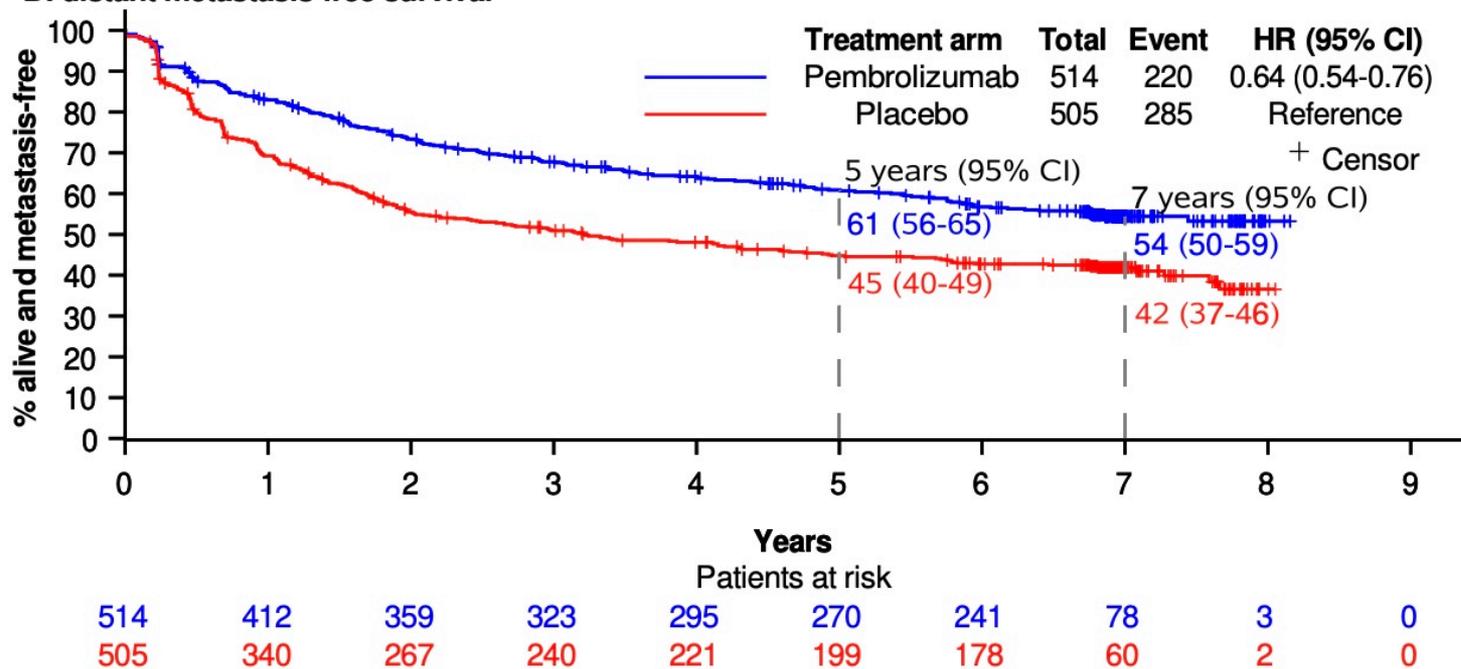
Desde 1-5-2025  
financiados IIIA y IIIB

A: recurrence-free survival



# Estadio III: EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE 054

**B: distant metastasis-free survival**



# Estadio III: EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE 054

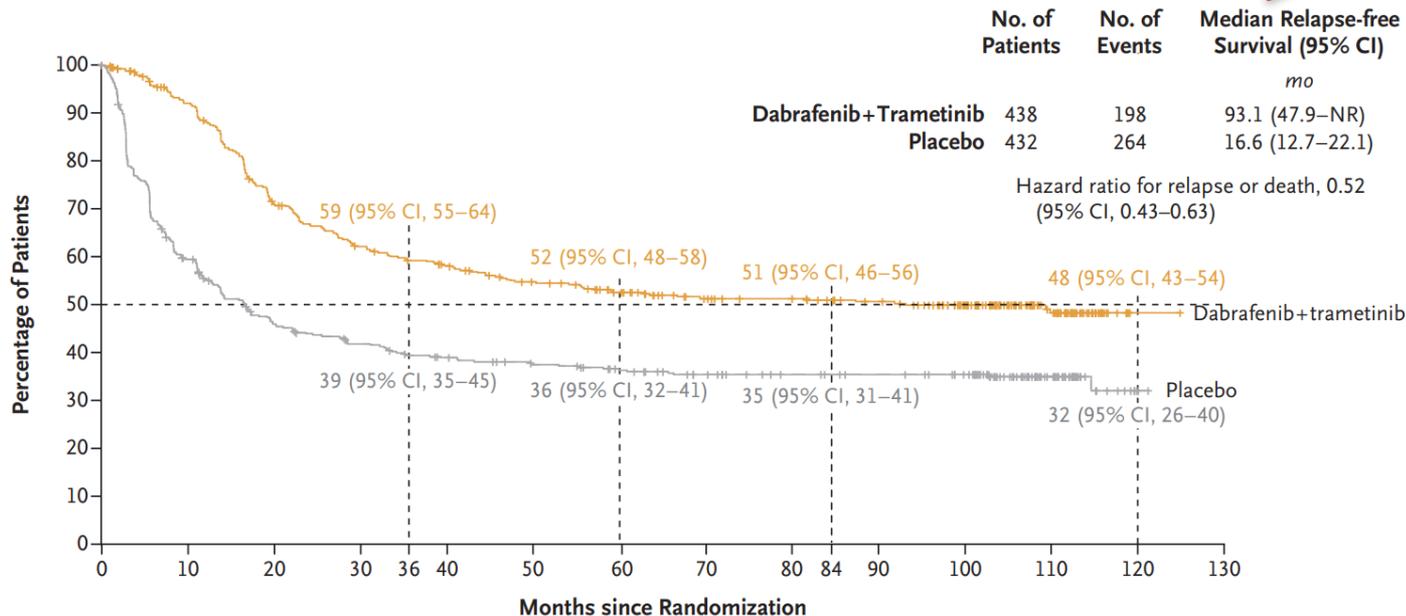
¿Se benefician los IIIA?

AJCC-8 classification	Events / Patients		HR (CI)	HR & CI (Pembrolizumab : Placebo)		Interaction test
	Pembrolizumab	Placebo				
Stage IIIA	17 / 42	17 / 40	0.93 (0.38 ; 2.25)			p=0.431 (df=3)
Stage IIIB	63 / 163	107 / 189	0.58 (0.38 ; 0.87)			
Stage IIIC	136 / 267	167 / 239	0.54 (0.40 ; 0.73)			
Stage IIID	15 / 20	15 / 19	0.76 (0.30 ; 1.94)			

N missing = 40

# Estadio III: COMBI-AD

No financiado



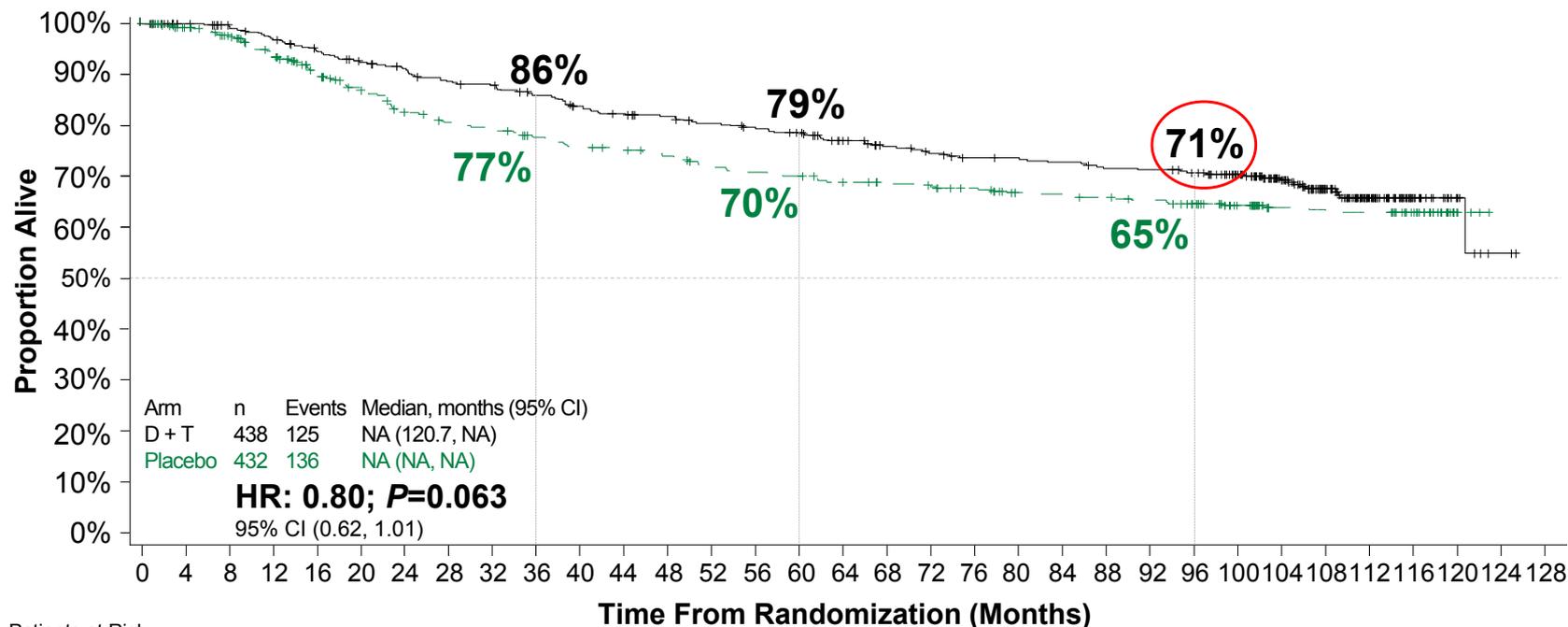
**No. at Risk**

	0	10	20	30	36	40	50	60	70	80	84	90	100	110	120	130
Dabrafenib+trametinib	438	372	281	242	221	201	183	163	157	147	123	56	1	0		
Placebo	432	243	178	158	143	133	123	112	103	99	92	39	2	0		

Median Follow up: 100 months

Long, NEJM 2017; Long, NEJM 2024

# Estadio III: COMBI-AD



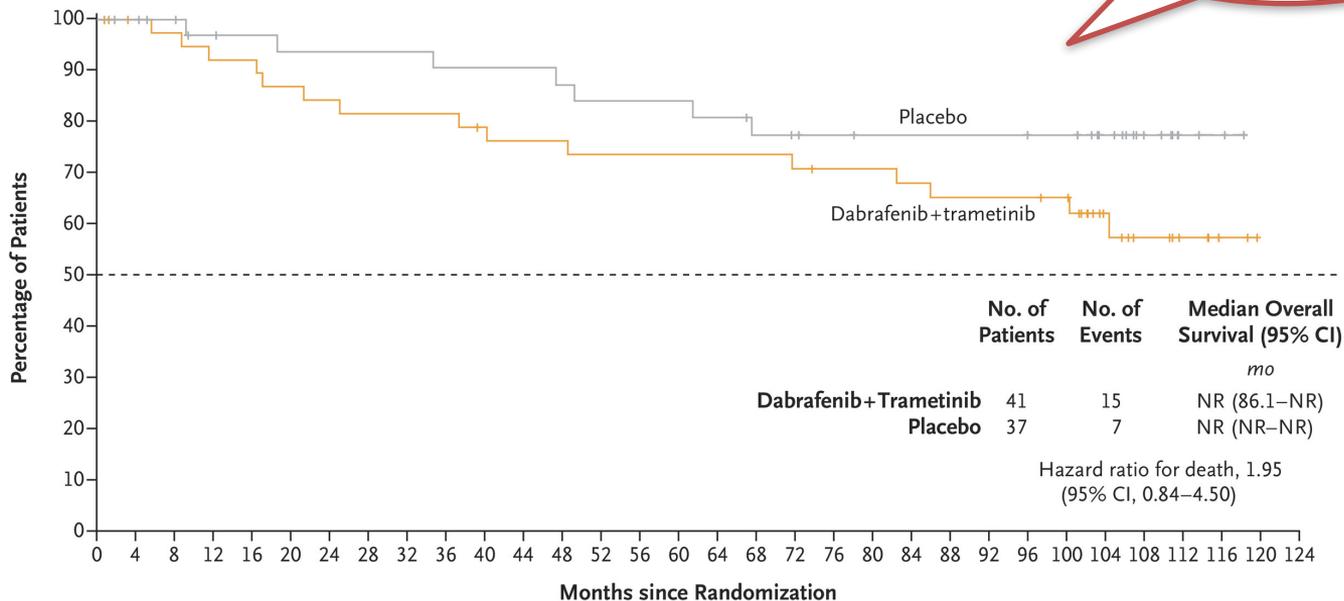
Patients at Risk

D + T	438	416	407	395	381	370	362	351	347	336	325	318	312	305	299	294	279	268	261	255	254	251	246	245	240	222	173	124	75	27	8	2	0
Placebo	432	415	400	377	346	328	308	297	292	282	274	270	264	255	251	248	241	236	233	228	218	216	213	208	201	185	157	115	67	26	4	0	0

# Estadio III: COMBI-AD

No beneficio en V600K

**B Overall Survival with BRAF V600K Mutation**



**No. at Risk**

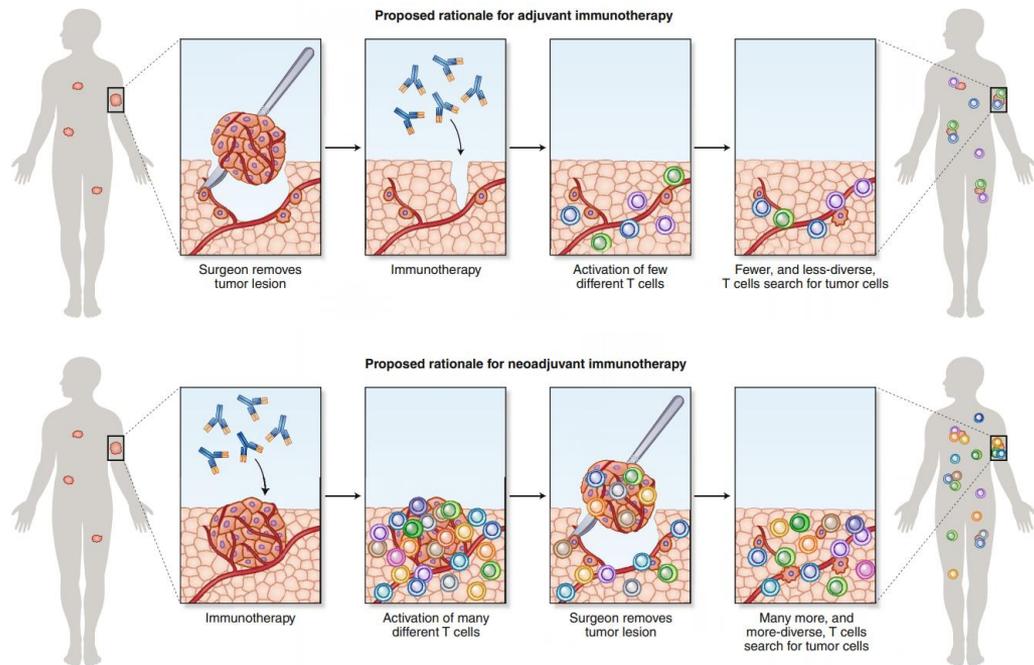
Dabrafenib+trametinib	41	38	37	35	35	33	32	31	31	31	29	28	28	27	27	27	27	27	26	25	25	24	23	23	23	22	13	9	6	2	0	0
Placebo	37	36	34	31	30	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	27	26	26	26	25	23	22	21	20	20	20	20	20	19	14	9	3	2	0	0

# ¿Tratamiento Estadio III?

<b>Standard of care pre-2010</b>		Surgery	Observation	Med RFS 25.6 mo <sup>1</sup> 5-yr RFS ~35%
		Surgery	Adjuvant IFN- $\alpha$	HR 0.82 vs obn (DFS) <sup>2</sup>
<b>2015</b> EORTC 18071		Surgery	Adjuvant CTLA-4	HR 0.75 vs obn (RFS) <sup>3</sup> 5-yr RFS ~41%
<b>2017-18</b> KEYNOTE 054 CheckMate 238		Surgery	Adjuvant PD-1	HR 0.57 vs surgery alone (RFS) <sup>4</sup> HR 0.65 vs CTLA-4 (RFS) <sup>5</sup> 5-yr RFS ~55%

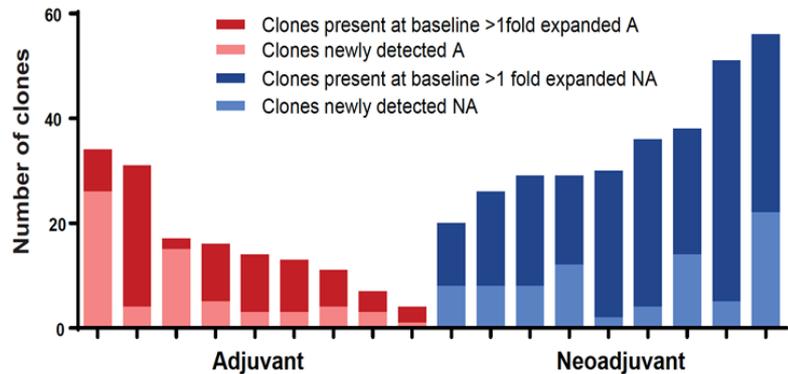
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# ¿Neoadyuvancia Estadio III?



Aumentar el número de antígenos

Información pronóstica en la cirugía



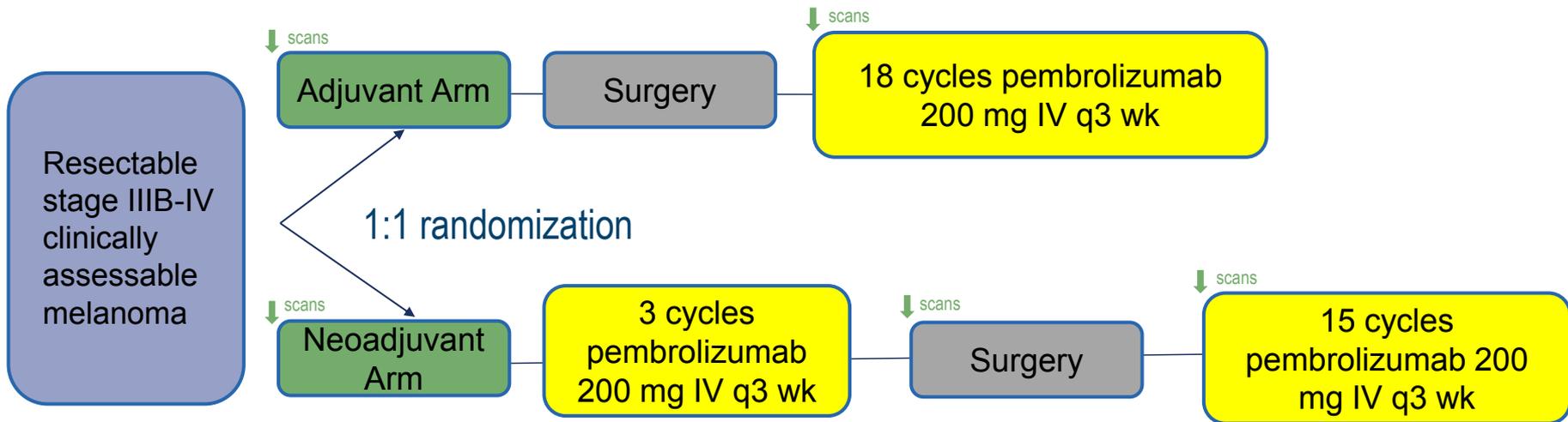
# Respuesta Patológica

Pathological Response Category	Percent Viable Tumour Cells	Category
Pathological Complete Response (pCR)	0% viable tumour cells	Major Pathological Response <b>MPR</b>
Near Pathological Complete Response (near-pCR)	0 to $\leq 10\%$ viable tumour cells	
Pathological Partial Response (pPR)	$> 10\%$ and $\leq 50\%$ viable tumour cells	<b>pPR</b>
Pathological Non-Response (pNR)	$> 50\%$ viable tumour cells	<b>pNR</b>

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: SWOG 1801

Fase II

Primary endpoint: Event-free survival

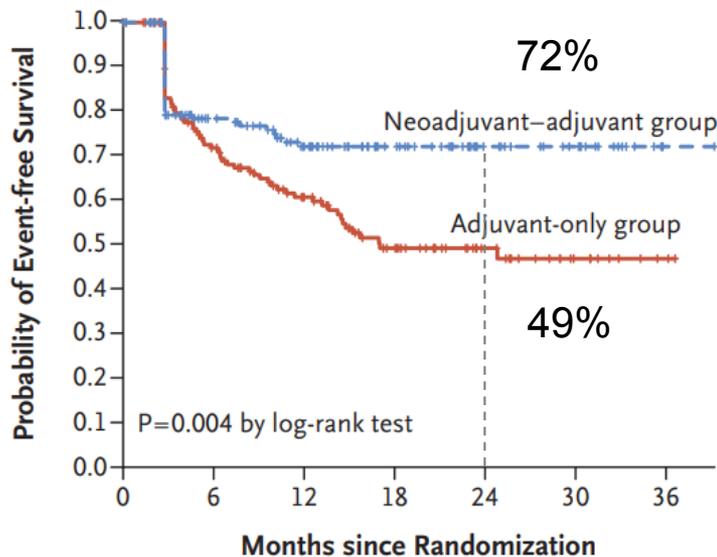


↓ radiographic assessment  
(scans)

*Additional criteria: strata included AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> ed. stage and LDH, adjuvant radiation allowed, concomitant radiation & pembrolizumab was not allowed, brain metastasis excluded, uveal melanoma excluded*  
*Surgery type and extent was required to be pre-specified and carried out regardless of radiologic response to therapy*

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: SWOG 1801

## Event-free survival



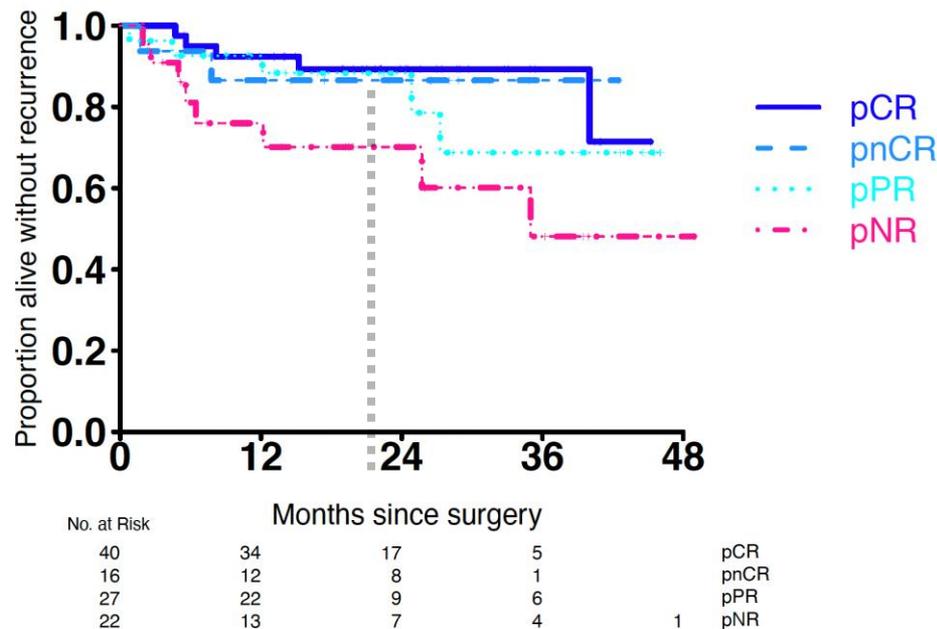
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EMA

### No. at Risk

Neoadjuvant-adjuvant group	154	96	69	46	25	17	1
Adjuvant-only group	159	98	67	40	22	10	2

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: SWOG 1801

	n (%)	24-month RFS (95% CI)
pCR	40 (38%)	89% (80-100)
pnCR	16 (15%)	87% (71-100)
pPR	27 (26%)	88% (77-100)
pNR	22 (21%)	70% (53-94)
<b>MPR</b>	<b>56 (53%)</b>	<b>88% (80-98)</b>



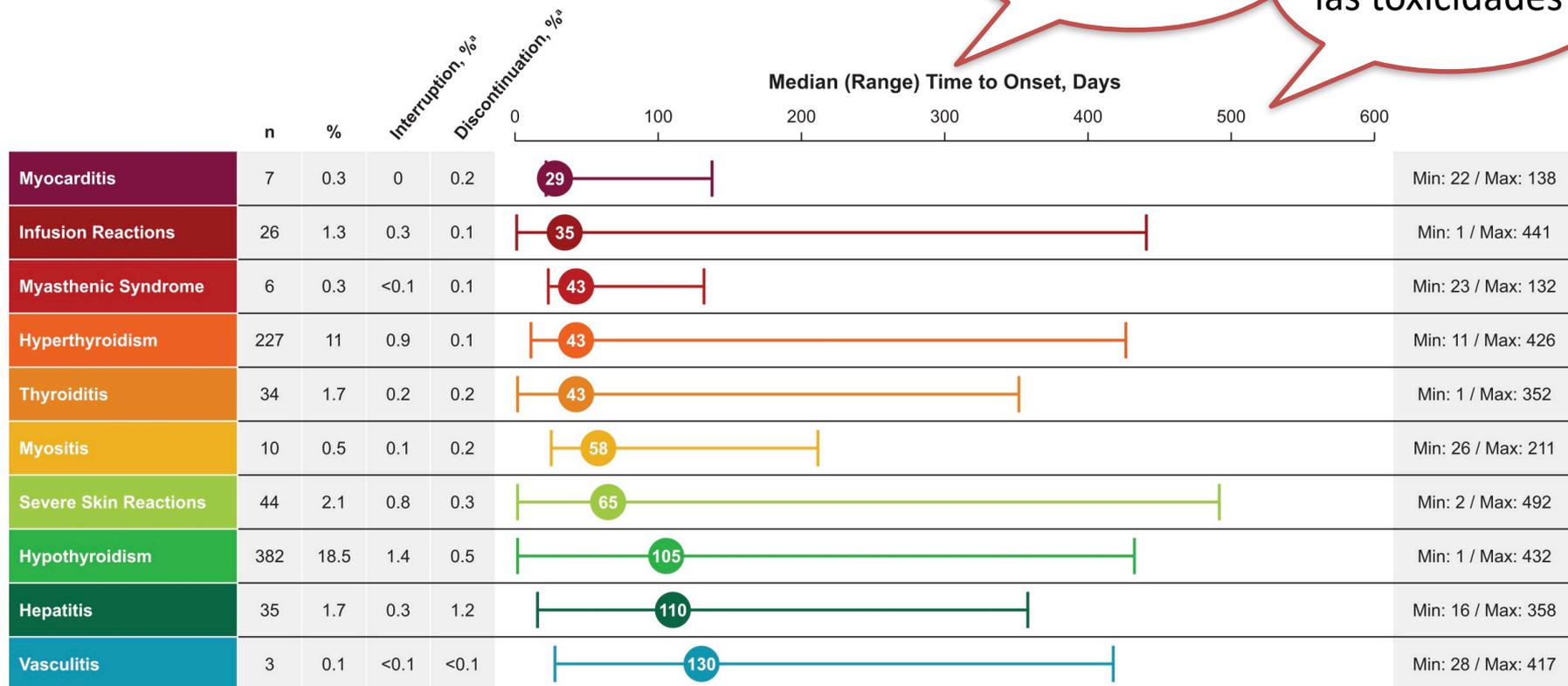
# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: SWOG 1801

Grade 3-4 adverse events	Peri-operative	Adjuvant
Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab	11/152 (7%)	-
Surgery	9/127 (7%)	5/141 (4%)
Adjuvant pembrolizumab	14/113 (12%)	18/131 (14%)
Any treatment-related adverse event	12%	14%

# Toxicidad anti PD-1

¿Son tan poco tóxicos?

¿Notificamos las toxicidades?

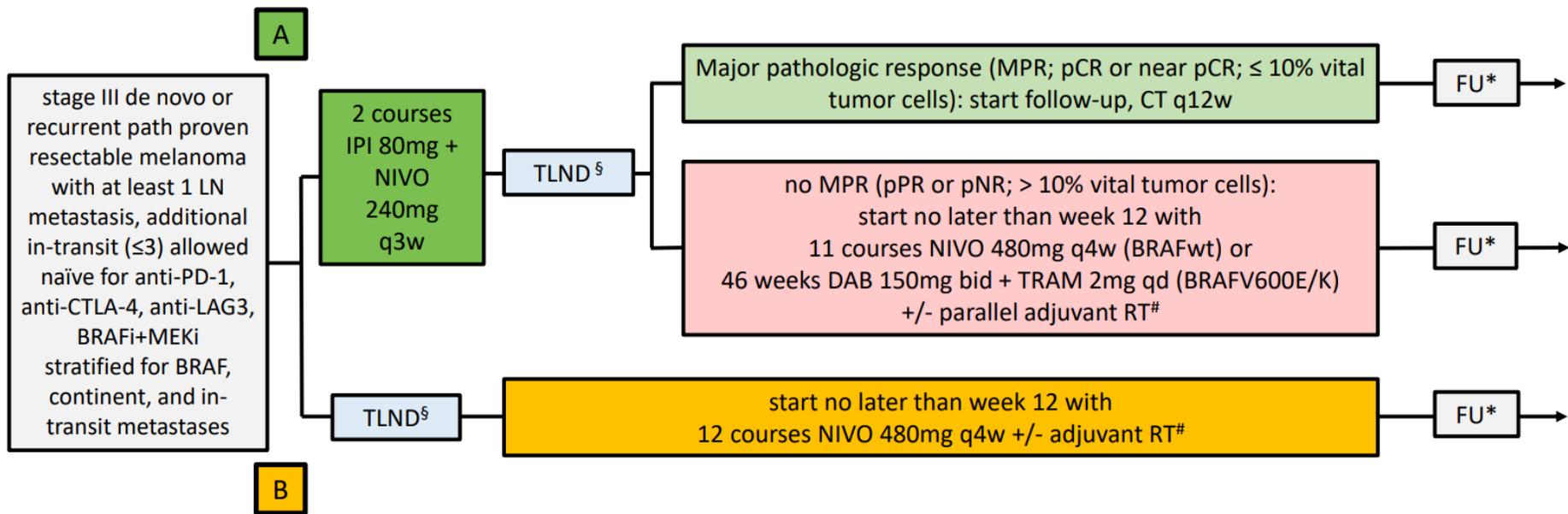


# Toxicidad anti PD-1

¿Cómo explicamos al paciente este riesgo?

Colitis	62	3	1.2	1.2		Min: 2 / Max: 465
Pneumonitis	82	4	2	1.9		Min: 21 / Max: 431
Sarcoidosis	17	0.8	<0.1	0.4		Min: 37 / Max: 234
Myelitis	1	<0.1	0	<0.1		Min: 179 / Max: 179
Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus	17	0.8	0.2	0.5		Min: 37 / Max: 370
Adrenal insufficiency	38	1.8	0.5	0.5		Min: 22 / Max: 423
Nephritis	16	0.8	0.1	0.4		Min: 63 / Max: 424
Encephalitis	1	<0.1	0	0		Min: 203 / Max: 203
Hypophysitis	32	1.6	0.4	0.5		Min: 4 / Max: 422
Pancreatitis	6	0.3	0.1	<0.1		Min: 148 / Max: 399
Uveitis	3	0.1	0	<0.1		Min: 175 / Max: 326

# Neoadjuvancia Estadio III: NADINA

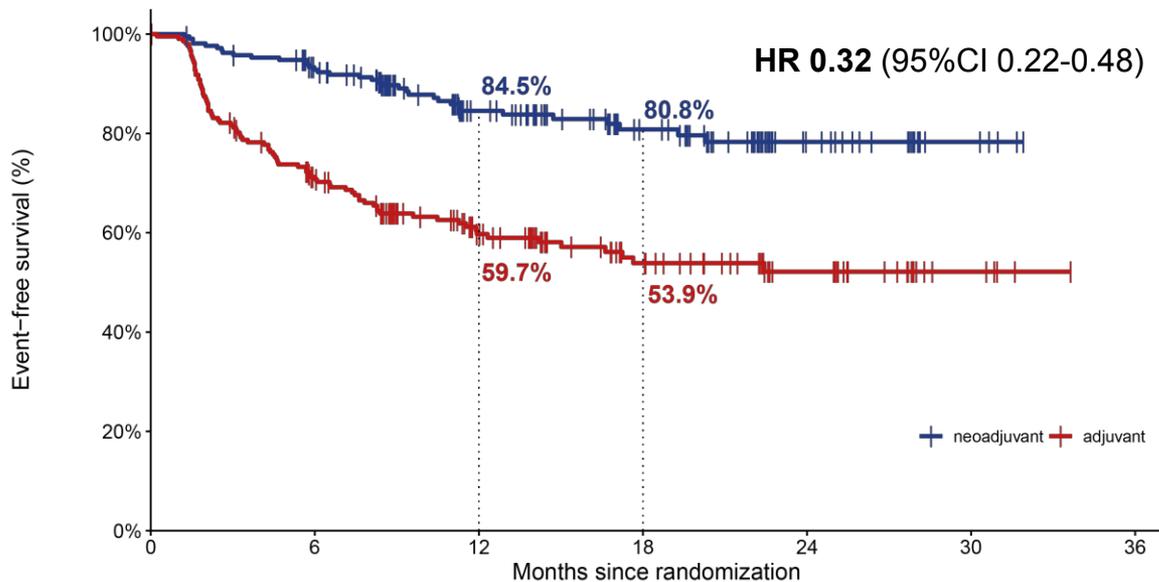


Median Follow up: 15.4 months

Blank, NEJM 2024; Lucas ESMO 2024

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: NADINA

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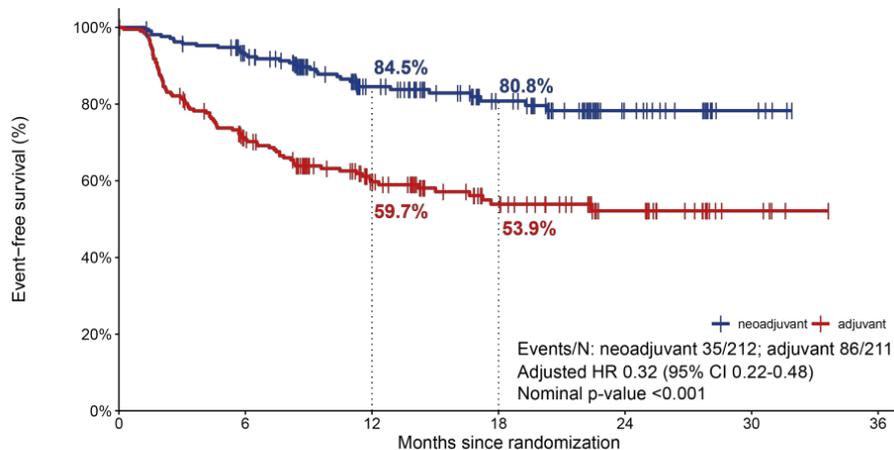


**Major pathological response (MPR) 60.8%**  
**Pathological complete response (pCR) 49.1%**

	Number at risk						
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
neoadjuvant	212	185	116	70	30	5	0
adjuvant	211	138	81	48	24	6	0

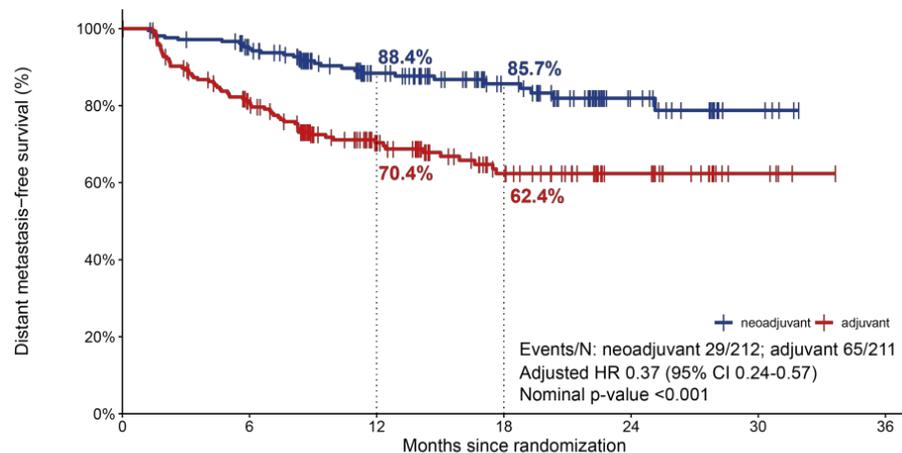
# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: NADINA

## Event-free survival



	Number at risk						
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
neoadjuvant	212	185	116	70	30	5	0
adjuvant	211	138	81	48	24	6	0

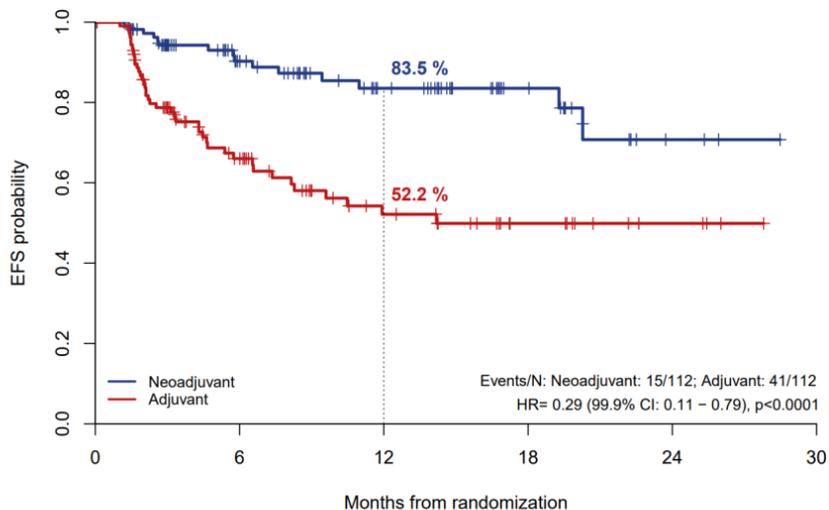
## Distant metastasis-free survival



	Number at risk						
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
neoadjuvant	212	189	122	73	31	5	0
adjuvant	211	155	90	52	24	6	0

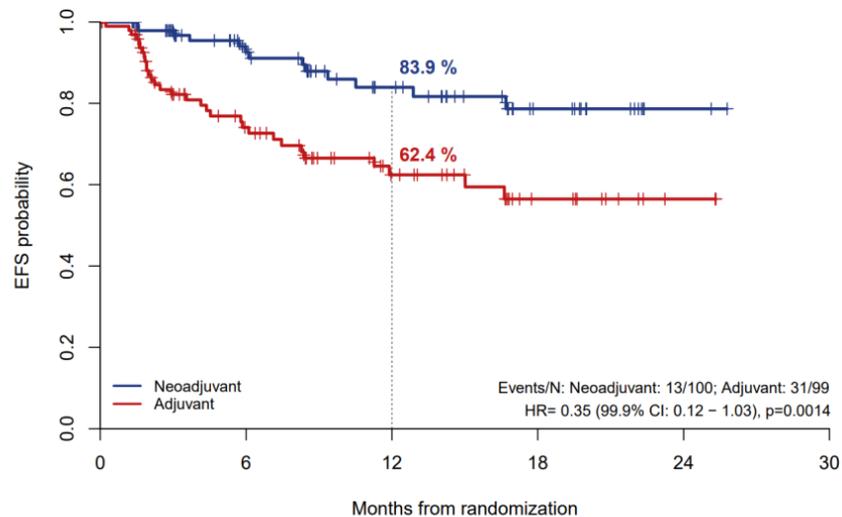
# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: NADINA

## BRAF<sup>V600E/K</sup> mutation



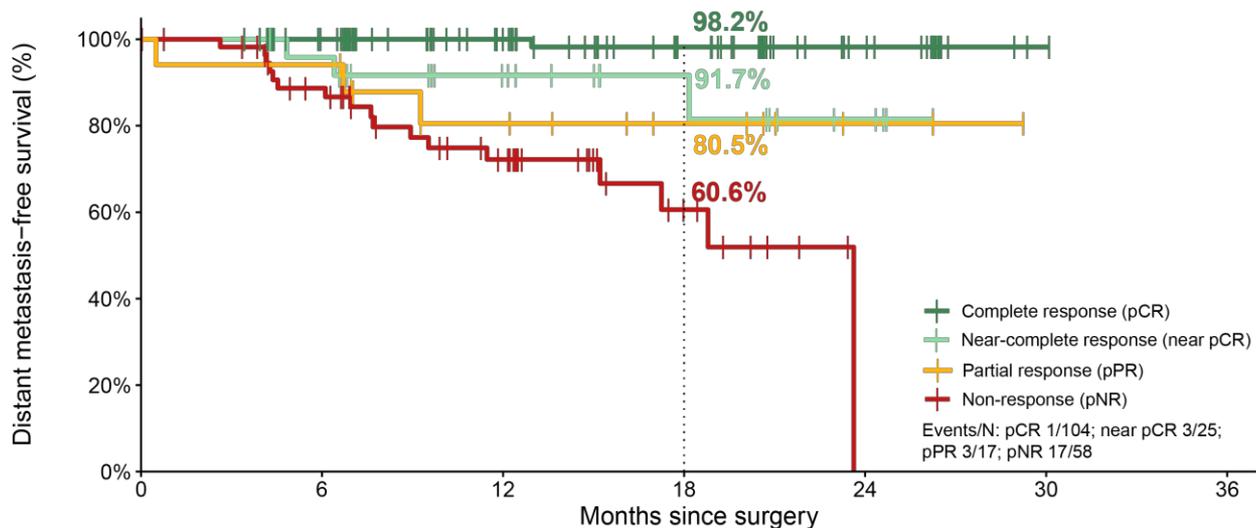
		# at risk (censored)					
		0	6	12	18	24	30
Neoadjuvant	112 (0)	63 (40)	38 (61)	18 (81)	3 (94)		
Adjuvant	112 (0)	48 (32)	25 (47)	11 (60)	4 (67)		

## BRAF wildtype



		# at risk (censored)					
		0	6	12	18	24	30
Neoadjuvant	100 (0)	63 (31)	39 (50)	16 (71)	2 (85)		
Adjuvant	99 (0)	52 (25)	28 (42)	12 (56)	2 (66)		

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: NADINA



Number at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
pCR	104	94	62	41	18	1	0
near pCR	25	23	15	9	4	0	0
pPR	17	16	10	6	2	0	0
pNR	58	44	26	8	0	0	0

# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III: NADINA

	Neoadjuvant n=212	Adjuvant n=208
Any adverse event	204 (96.2%)	194 (93.3%)
Any grade $\geq 3$ AE	100 (47.2%)	71 (34.1%)
Surgery related AE <sup>1</sup>	120 (60.6%)	151 (72.6%)
Surgery related grade $\geq 3$ AE <sup>1</sup>	28 (14.1%)	30 (14.4%)
Systemic treatment related AE <sup>2</sup>	181 (85.4%)	123 (72.4%)
Systemic treatment related grade $\geq 3$ AE <sup>2</sup>	63 (29.7%)	25 (14.7%)
Death due to treatment related AE	0	1 (0.5%)

# ¿Tratamiento Estadio III?

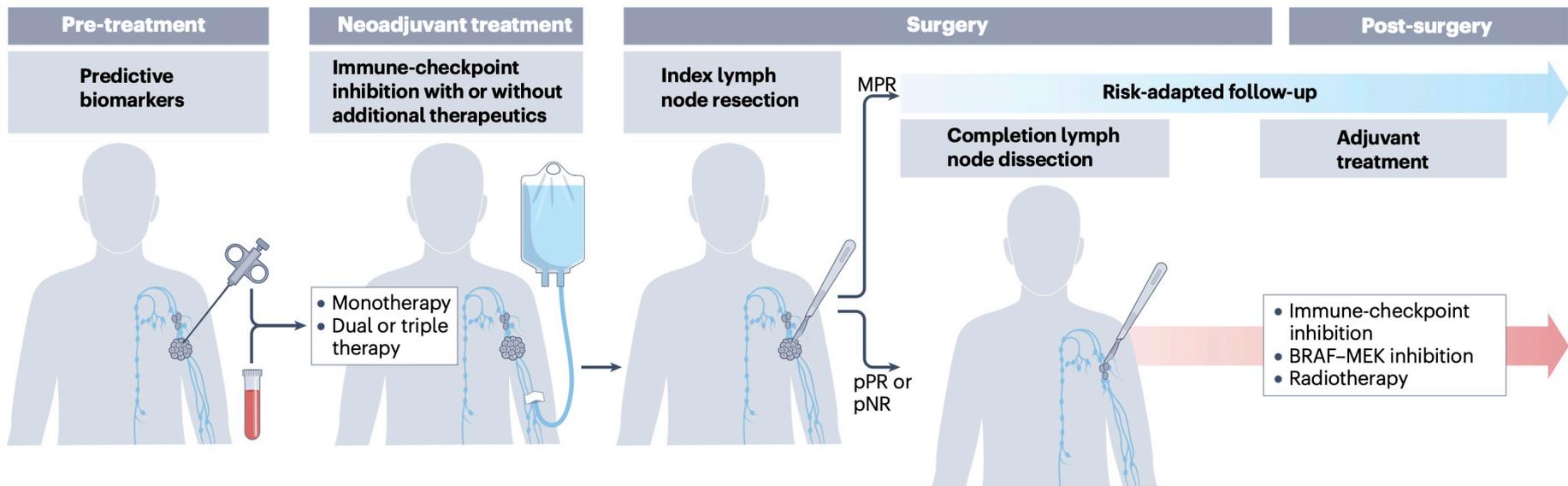
<b>Standard of care pre-2010</b>		Surgery	Observation	Med RFS 25.6 mo <sup>1</sup> 5-yr RFS ~35%
		Surgery	Adjuvant IFN- $\alpha$	HR 0.82 vs obn (DFS) <sup>2</sup>
<b>2015</b> EORTC 18071		Surgery	Adjuvant CTLA-4	HR 0.75 vs obn (RFS) <sup>3</sup> 5-yr RFS ~41%
<b>2017–18</b> KEYNOTE 054 CheckMate 238		Surgery	Adjuvant PD-1	HR 0.57 vs surgery alone (RFS) <sup>4</sup> HR 0.65 vs CTLA-4 (RFS) <sup>5</sup> 5-yr RFS ~55%
<b>2022</b> SWOG S1801	Neoadjuvant PD-1	Surgery	Adjuvant PD-1	<b>HR 0.58</b> vs adjuvant PD-1 (EFS) <sup>6</sup>
<b>2024</b> NADINA	Neoadjuvant PD-1 plus CTLA-4	Surgery	Response-directed adjuvant PD-1 or BRAF/MEK	<b>HR 0.32</b> vs adjuvant PD-1 (EFS) <sup>7</sup>

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# Neoadyuvancia Estadio III

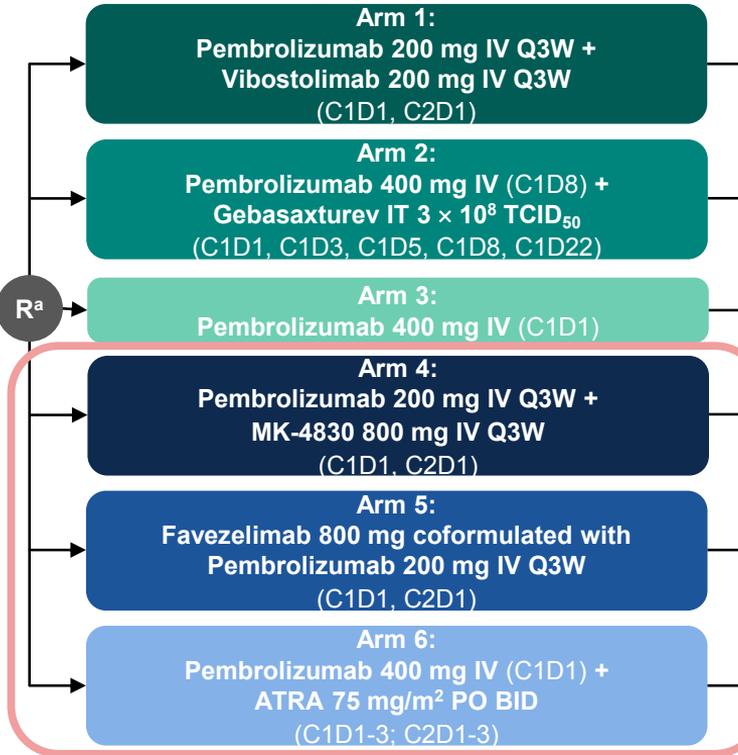
- Necesario mayor seguimiento
- Aumento de toxicidad (G3-4: 30% vs 12%)
- Muchos no recaen con anti PD-1: ¡Biomarcadores!
- ¿Es necesaria la parte adyuvante tras la neoadyuvancia?
- ¿Cambiar estrategia en no respondedores?
- ¿Cómo incorporarlo en práctica clínica?

# Futuro



# KEYMAKER-U02 Substudy 02C Study Design (NCT04303169)

## Neoadjuvant Treatment



### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age ≥18 years
- Resectable stage IIIB, IIIC, or IIID melanoma per AJCC 8th ed
- ≥1 measurable lesion per RECIST v1.1
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- No in-transit metastases within past 6 months

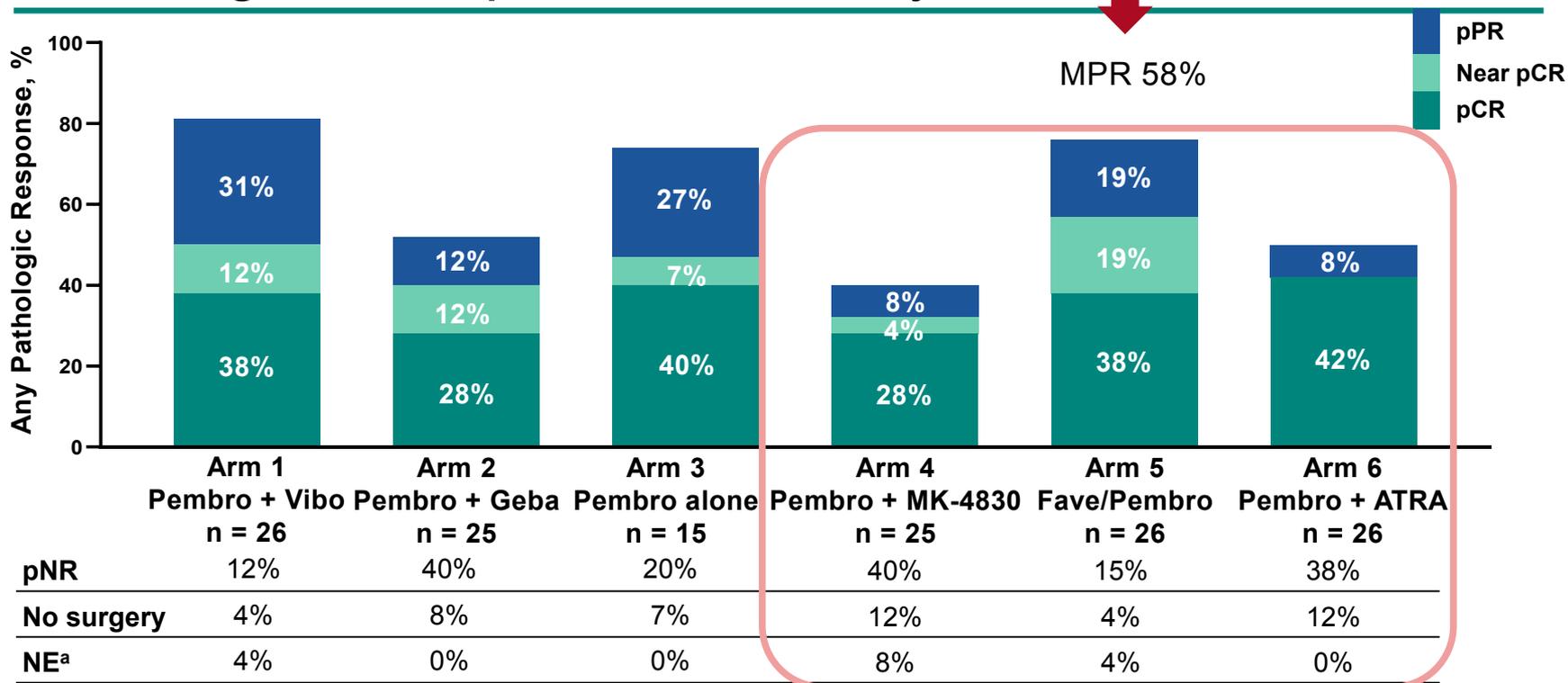
## Adjuvant Treatment

Pembrolizumab  
400 mg IV Q6W for ≤8 cycles<sup>c</sup>

### End points

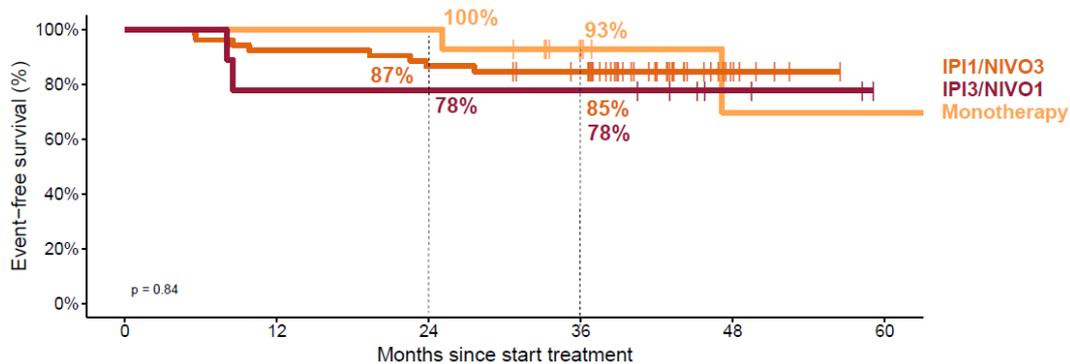
- **Primary:** Safety and tolerability; pCR rate by central review
- **Secondary:** Near-pCR rate and pPR rate by central review and RFS by investigator review
- **Exploratory:** ORR per RECIST v1.1 and EFS by investigator review; OS

# Pathological Response Summary



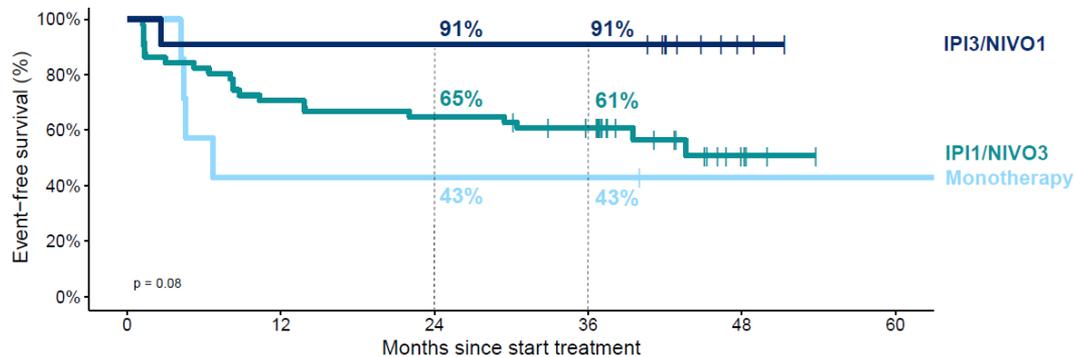
# Biomarcadores

IFN $\gamma$  high

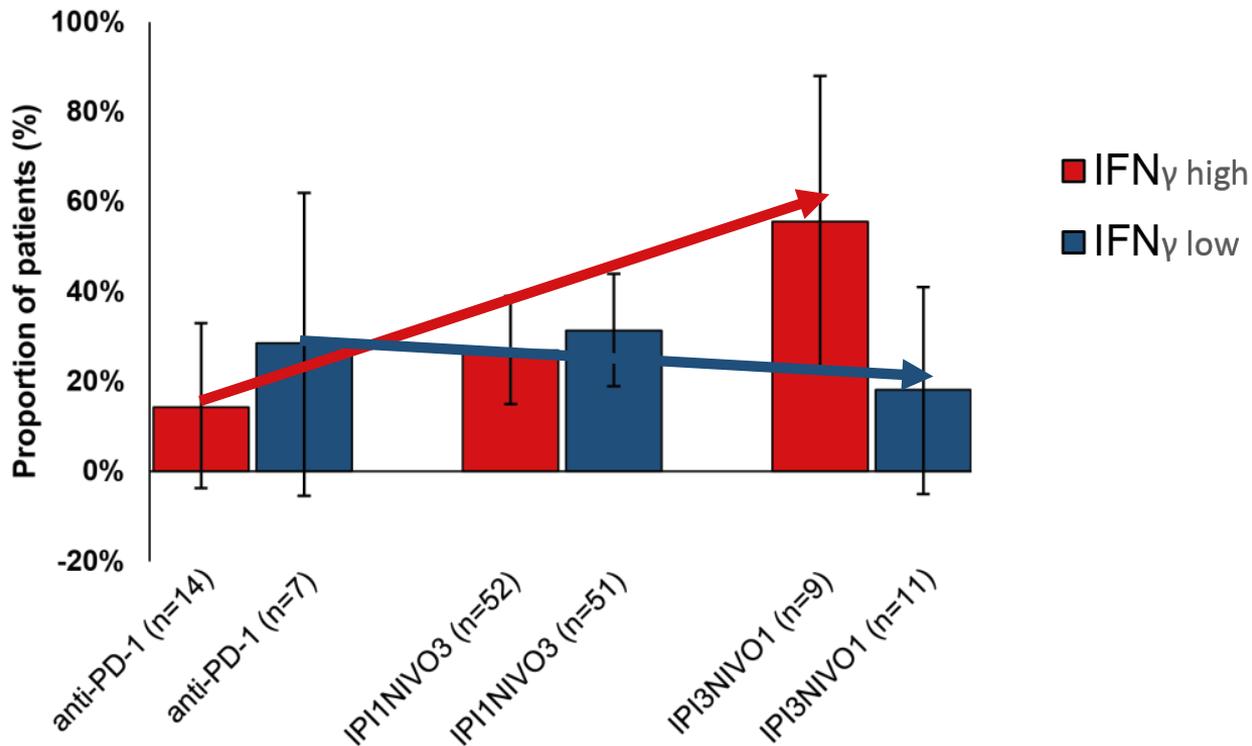


High_aPD1 mono	14	14	14	7	3	3
High_IPI1NIVO3	52	48	45	41	6	0
High_IPI3NIVO1	9	7	7	7	3	0

IFN $\gamma$  low

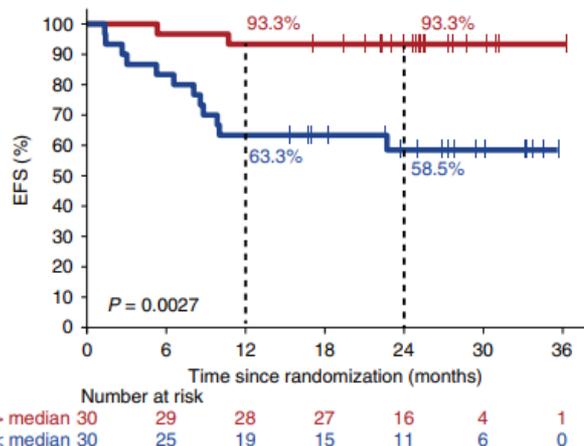


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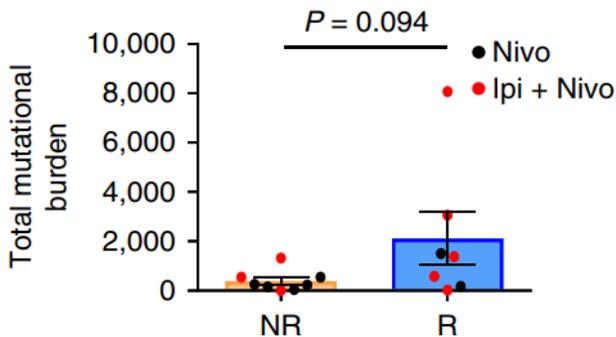


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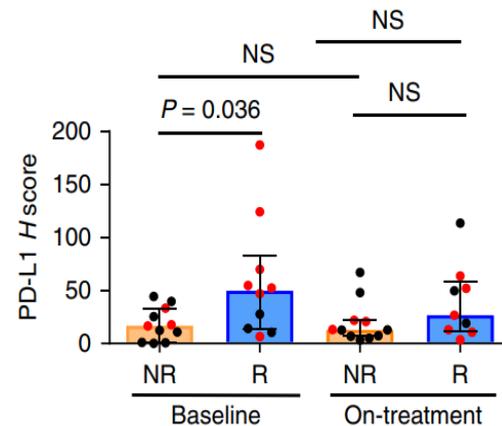
**Tumor mutational burden (TMB)**  
*OpACIN-neo*



**Tumor mutational burden (TMB)**  
*Amaria et al.*



**PD-L1**  
*Amaria et al.*



# Conclusiones

- El tratamiento **adyuvante** del melanoma en estadios IIB/C y III con **anti-PD-1** mejora la **Supervivencia Libre de Recaída**
- La **neoadyuvancia** en estadio III clínico mejora la SLE y logra altas tasas de **Respuesta Patológica Mayor** y debemos incorporarla a la práctica clínica
- Se requieren **biomarcadores** para seleccionar la inmunoterapia más adecuada (anti-PD-1 ± anti-CTLA-4) en cada paciente
- Dado que muchos pacientes se pueden curar, es preciso tener en cuenta la posibilidad de **toxicidades crónicas**
- Es preciso incorporar nuevos fármacos o combinaciones para **pacientes no respondedores**
- Es necesario **involucrar al paciente** en la toma de decisiones