

# Two ACTIVE Immunotherapies (TACTI): Results of a Phase I Trial With Metastatic Melanoma Patients

(TACTI-mel) Treated With a Soluble LAG-3 Receptor (LAG-3Ig Or Eftilagimod Alpha) as an Antigen Presenting Cell (APC) Activator Combined with Pembrolizumab

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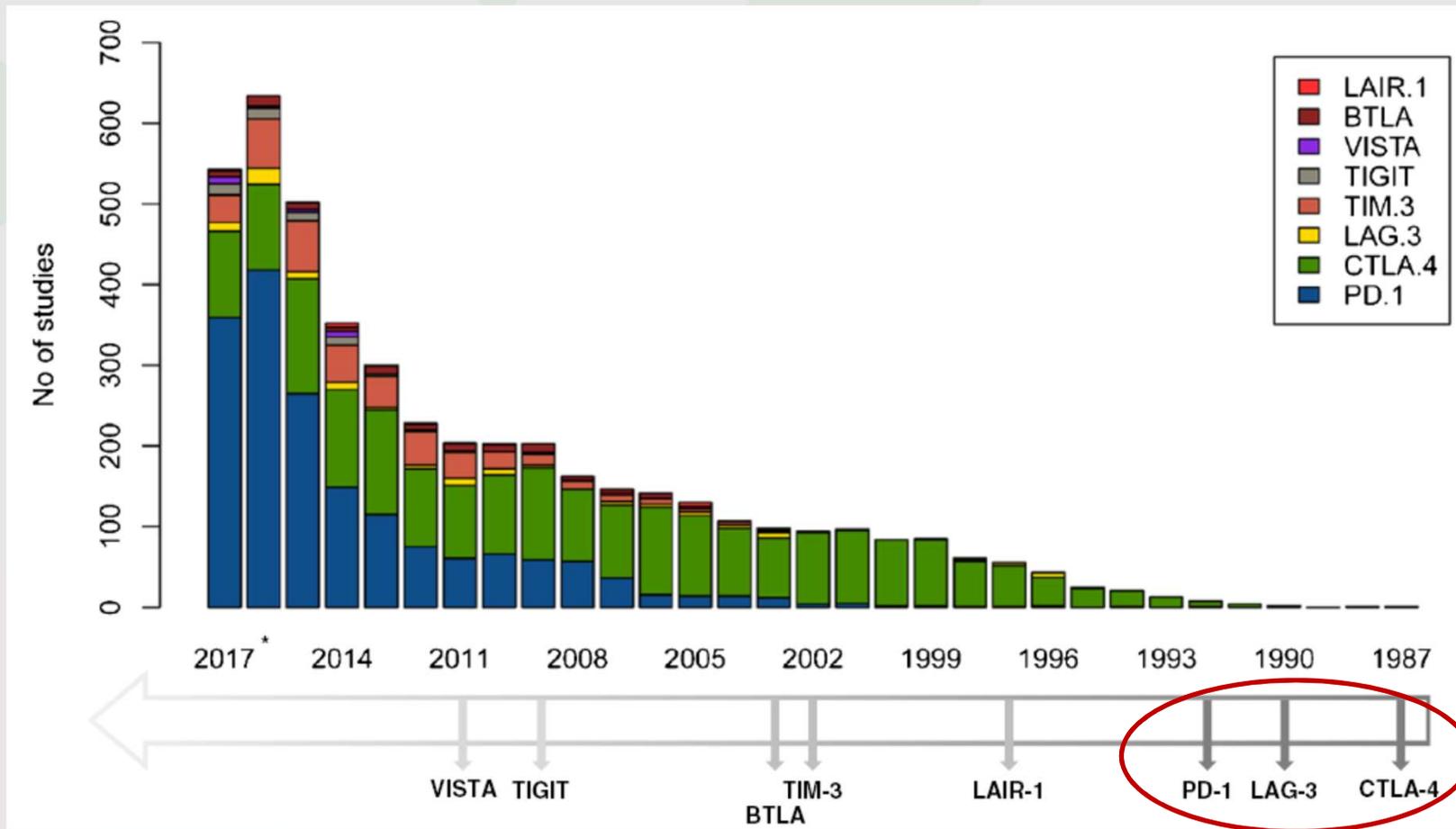
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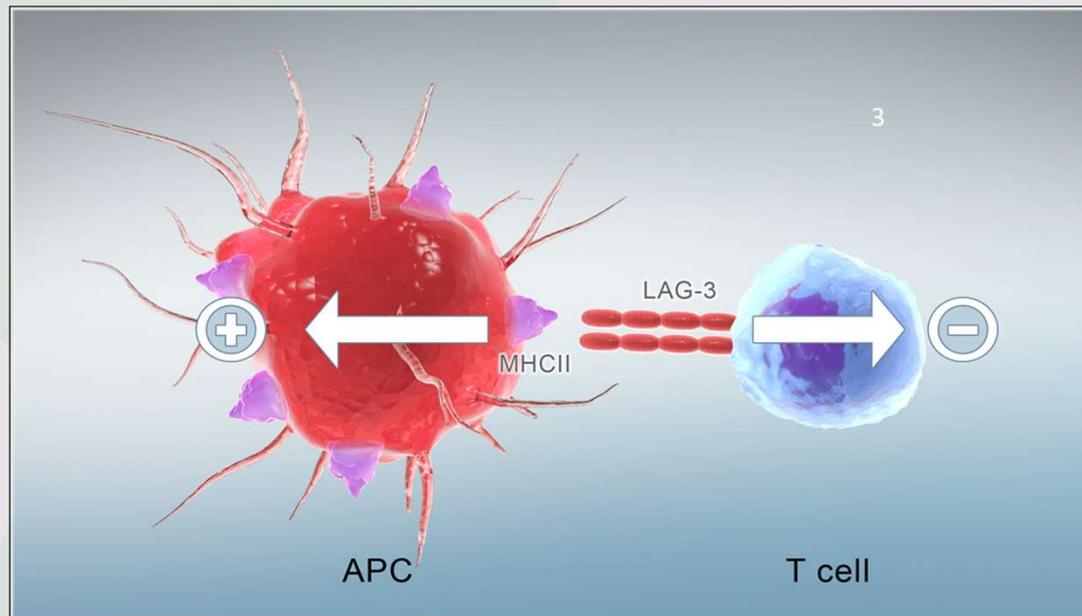
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# Timeline of immune checkpoint discovery.



## LAG-3 as a Therapeutic Target

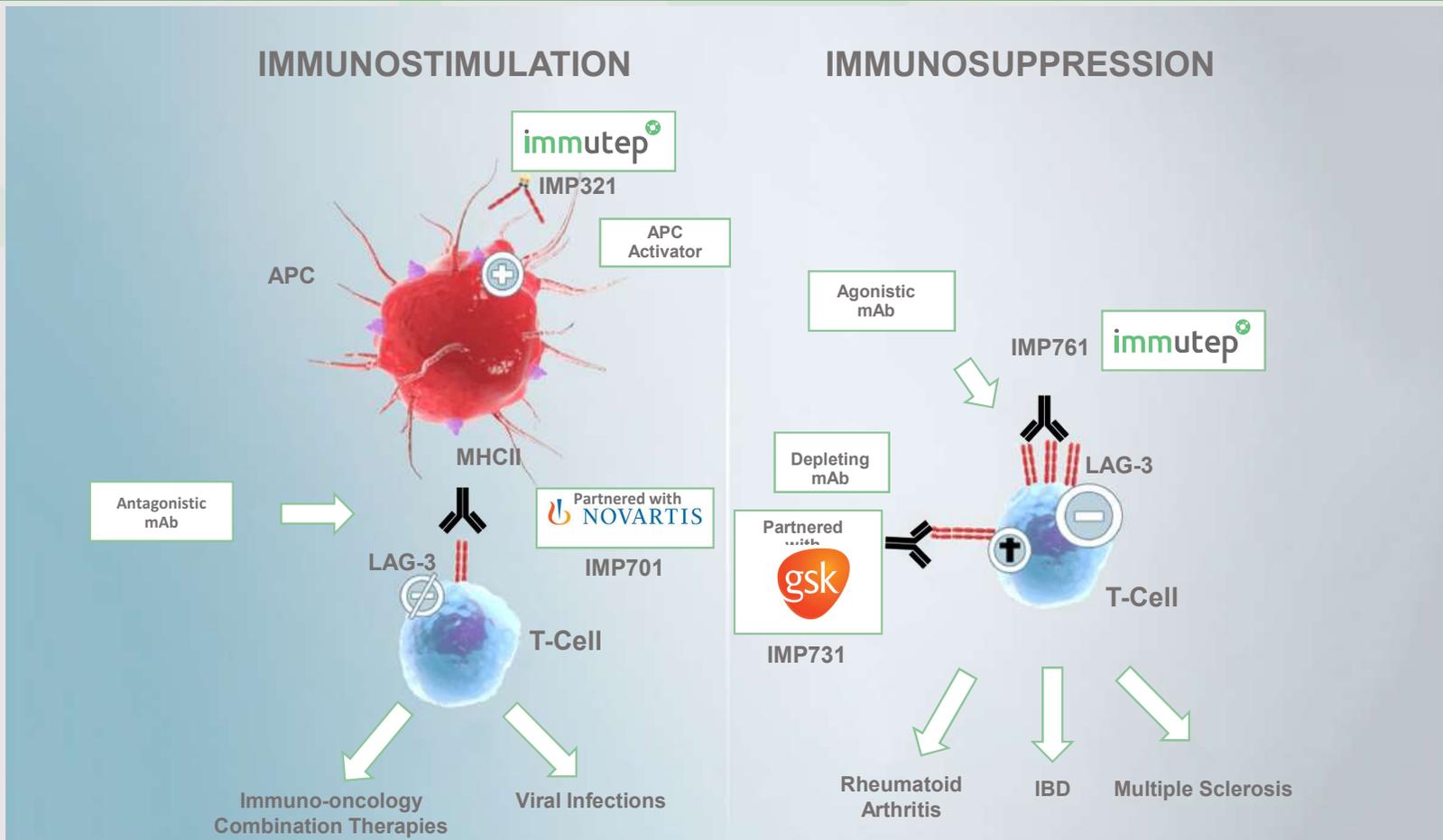
- LAG-3 is widely expressed on tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) and cytotoxic T cells  
→ Prime target for an immune checkpoint blocker
- Functionally similar to PD-1 on T cells (arrow on the right)



→ **Positive regulation** of antigen presenting cells (APC) → increase in antigen presentation to cytotoxic CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells ↑

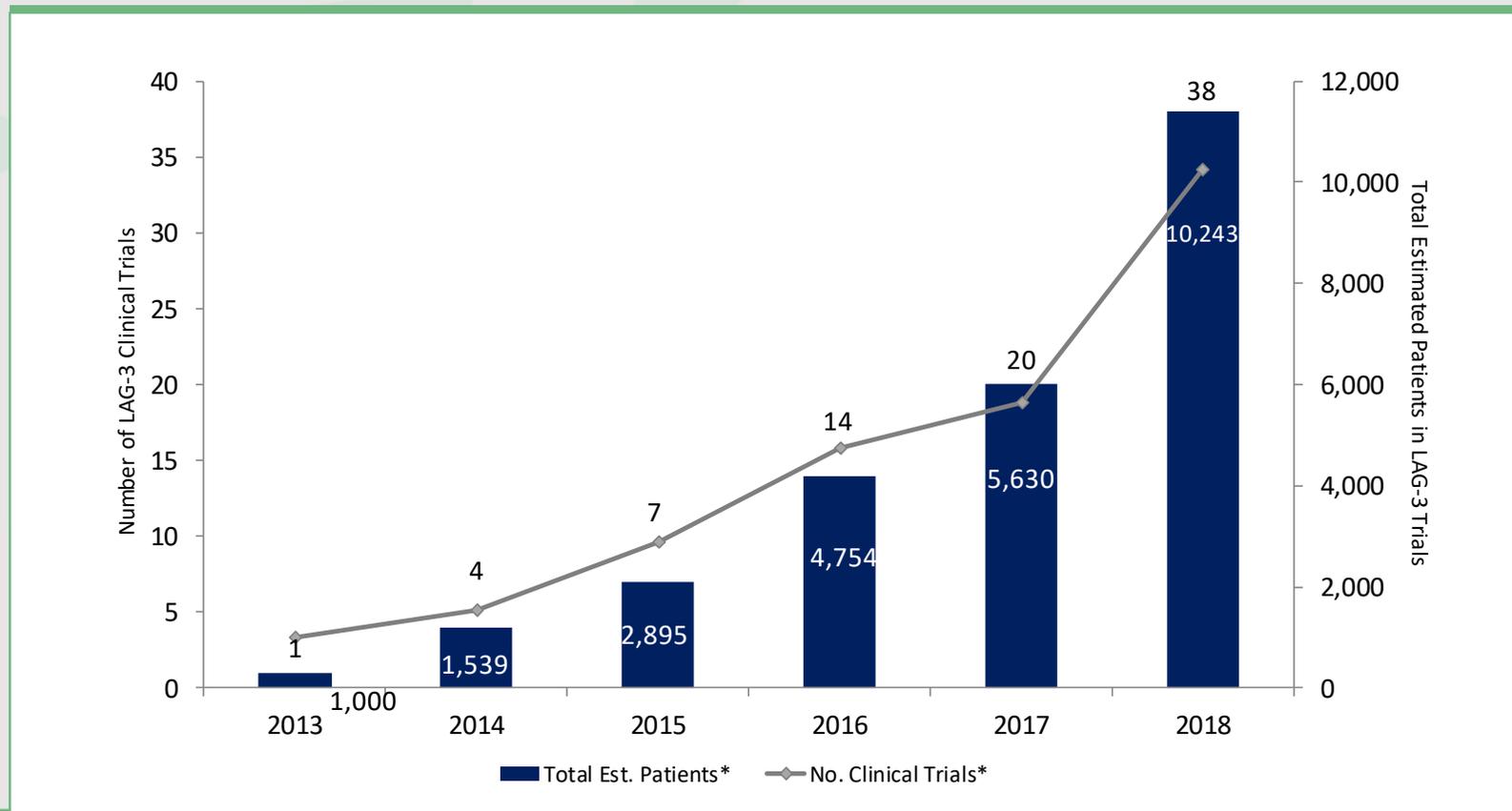
→ **Negative regulation** of LAG-3<sup>+</sup> T cells ↓

# Targeting LAG-3/MHC II May Lead to Multiple Therapeutics in Numerous Indications



# Increasing Clinical Trials Targeting LAG-3

Industry increasingly deploying resources to development of LAG-3 therapeutics



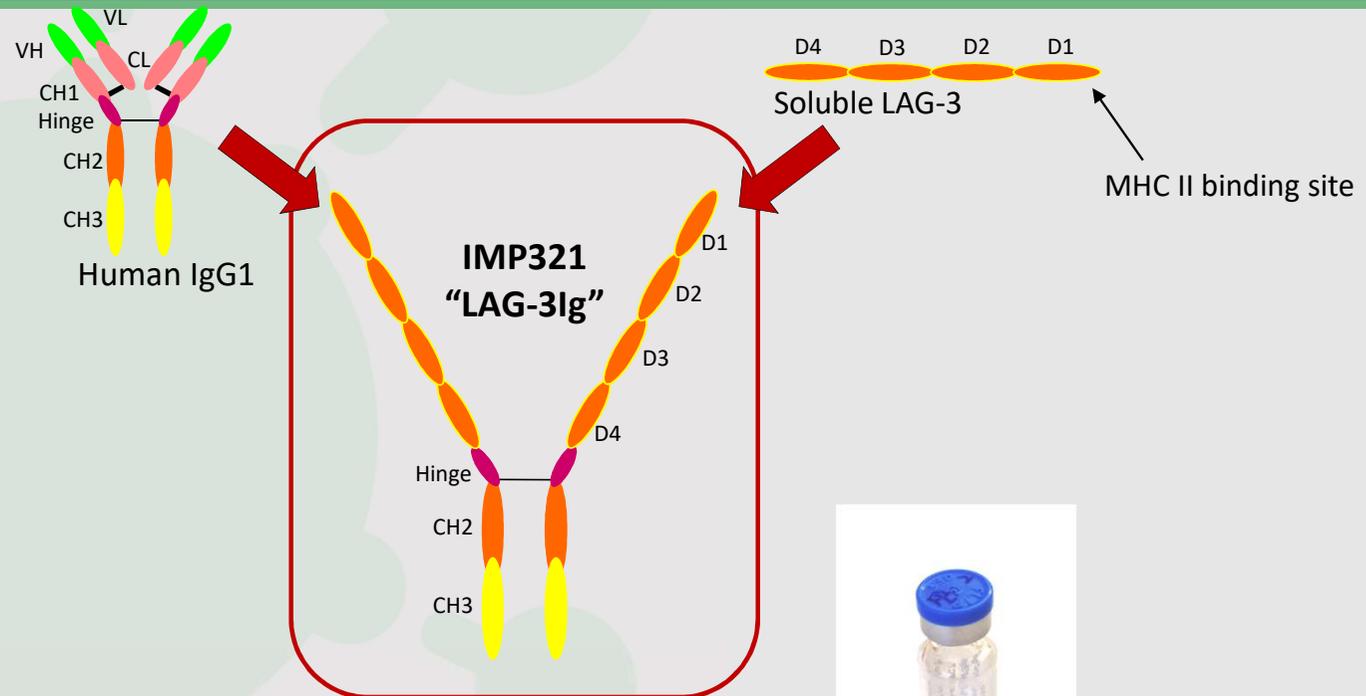
Sources: GlobalData, company websites, clinical trials.gov, and sec.gov  
Information as of August 17, 2018

\*2018 includes planned and completed trials, includes trials where the company may not be the sponsor

# Lead Program Eftilagimod Alpha (IMP321)

# Eftilagimod alpha (IMP321)

## Soluble dimeric recombinant form of LAG-3Ig (fusion protein)



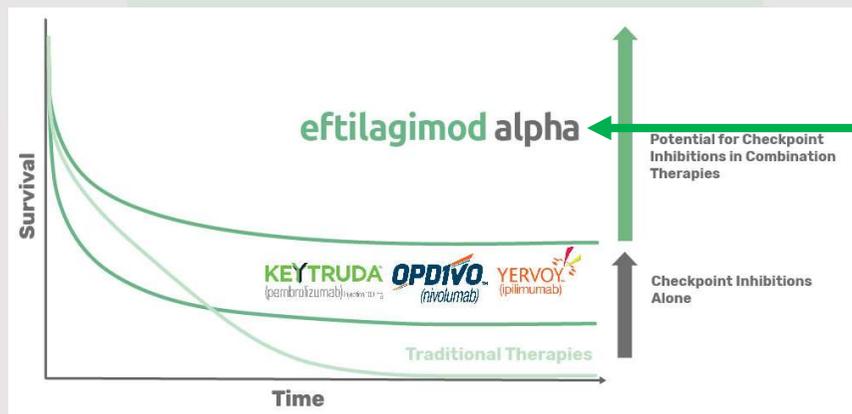
- **Soluble recombinant form of LAG-3**
- Human fusion protein
- Dimeric, very stable, high affinity for DC
- Antigen presenting cell (APC) activator
- **Unique and first-in-class**

# IO Therapy Oncology Response Rates

*Approximately 70-80% of patients do not respond to anti-PD1 monotherapy.  
How can we enable more efficacious T-cell responses?*

- Immunogenic cell death to liberate/uncover tumor antigens
- Cross-presentation of those antigens
- Recruitment of T cells into the tumor microenvironment
- Reversing the pathways driving a repressive tumor environment

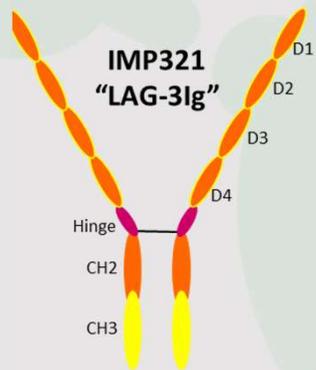
*This could be achieved through the right APC activation*



## APC activators:

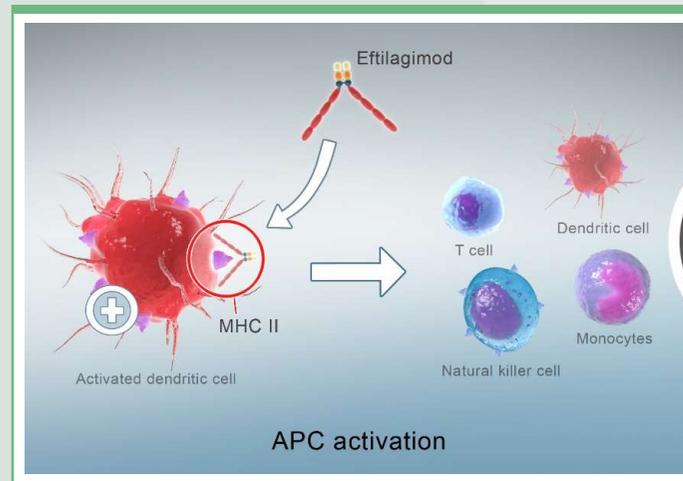
- MHC II agonism
- TLR or STING agonism
- CD40 agonism
- Oncolytic viral therapies

# eftilagimod alpha (IMP321): an APC activator (i.e. not an ICI)



- eftilagimod alpha:
- MHC II **agonist**
  - **LAG-3 fusion protein**

## "PUSHING THE ACCELERATOR ON IMMUNE RESPONSES"

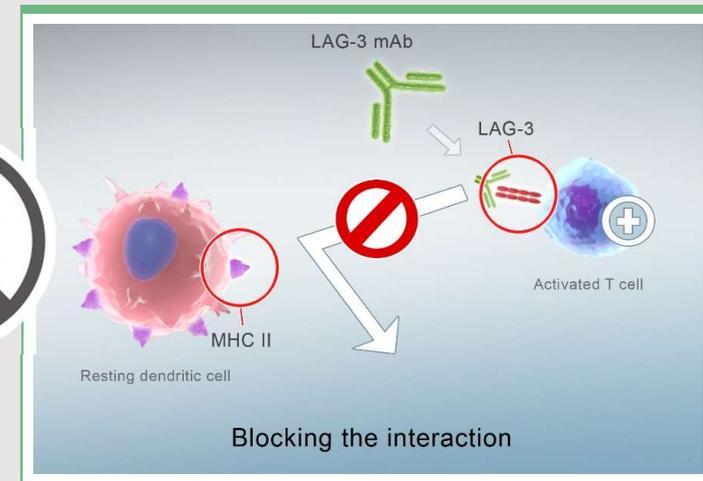


eftilagimod alpha (efti, IMP321):

### APC activator

- Boost and sustain the CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses
- Activate multiple immune cell subsets

## "RELEASING THE BRAKE ON THE T CELL"

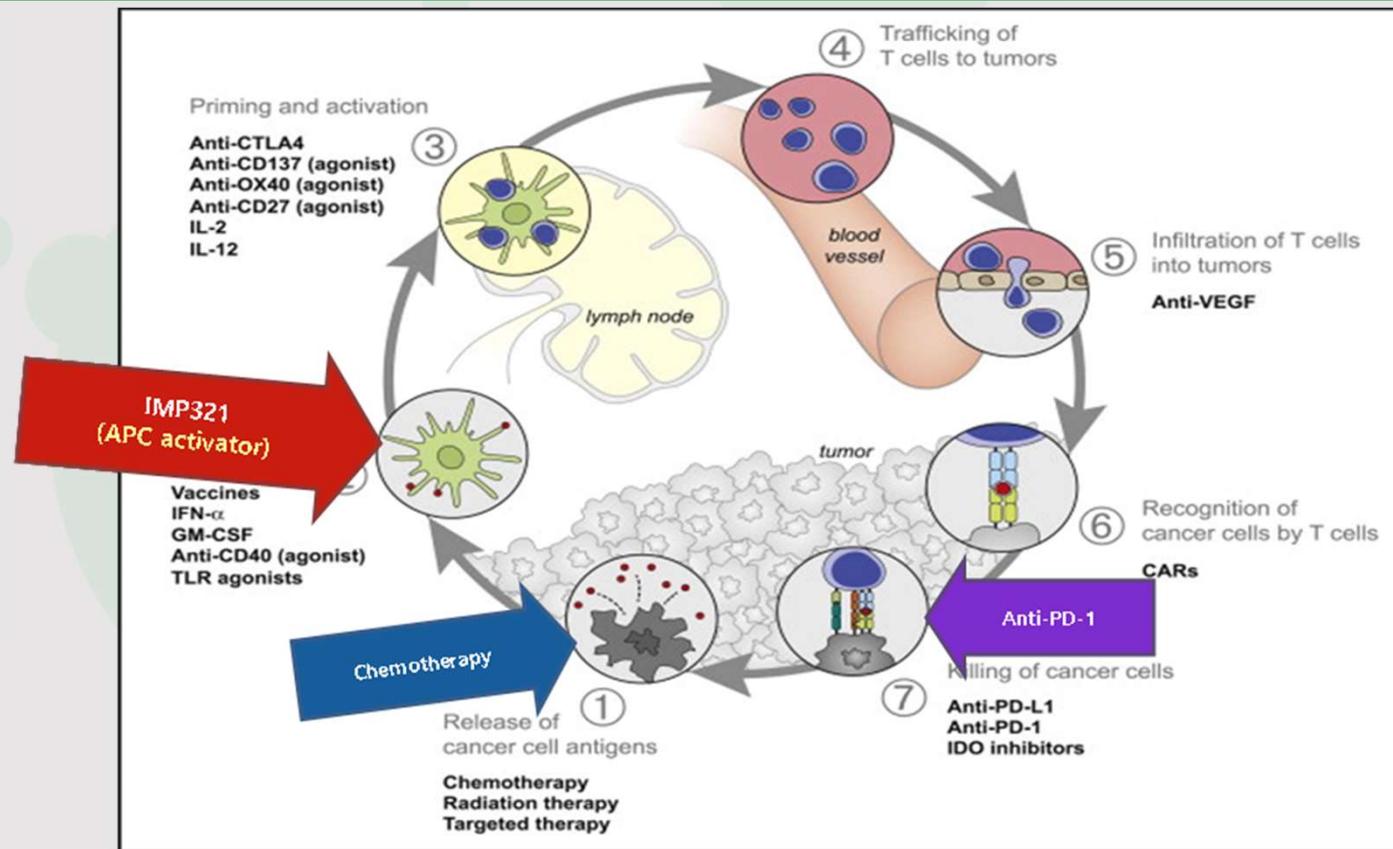


LAG-3 antagonist antibodies:

### Immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI)

- increase cytotoxicity of the pre-existing CD8 T cell response

# Rationale for Combining efi (IMP321) with Chemotherapy or Anti-PD-1 mAb

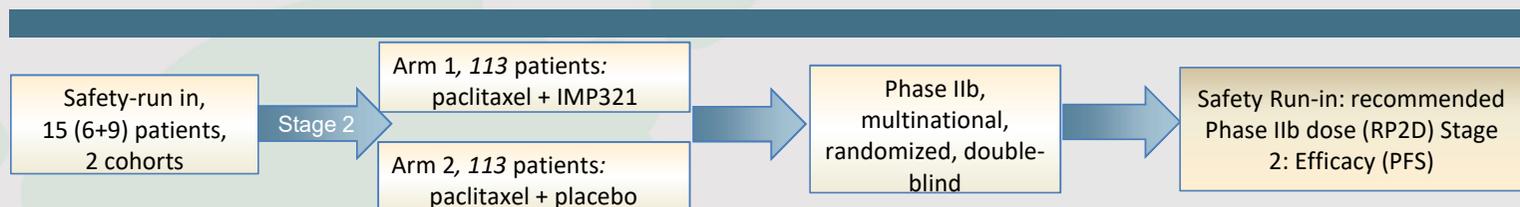


*Therapeutic interventions leading to increased T cell responses in cancer. The Cancer Immunity Cycle. Adapted from Chen and Mellman (1).*

# Combining eftilagimod alpha and first-line single agent chemotherapy

# Eftilagimod alpha in MBC

## Active Immunotherapy PAclitaxel (AIPAC, Pivotal Phase IIb)



<b>Primary Objective</b>	Run-In: Recommended Phase II dose (RP2D) Stage 2: Efficacy (PFS) of paclitaxel + IMP321 vs. paclitaxel + placebo
<b>Other Objectives</b>	Anti-tumor activity, safety and tolerability, pharmacokinetic and immunogenic properties, quality of life of IMP321 plus paclitaxel compared to placebo
<b>Patient Population</b>	Advanced MBC indicated to receive 1 <sup>st</sup> line weekly paclitaxel
<b>Treatment</b>	Run-in: IMP321 (6 or 30 mg) + Paclitaxel Arm 1: Paclitaxel + IMP321 (30 mg) Arm 2: Paclitaxel + Placebo
<b>Countries</b>	NL, BE, PL, DE, HU, UK, FR → overall 30+ sites

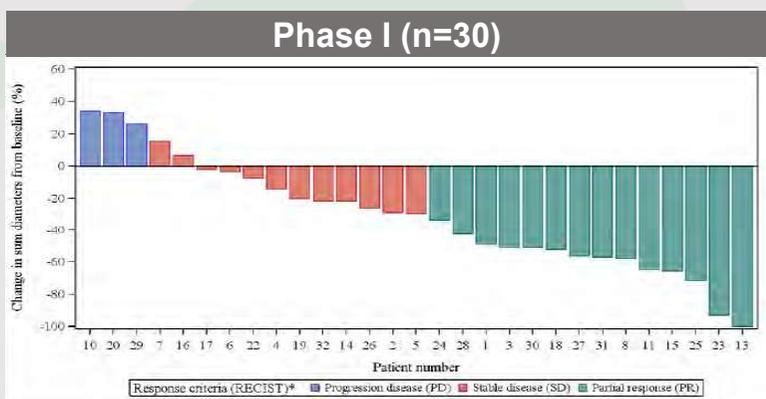
**Status report (Nov 2018)**

- ✓ Safety run-in completed successfully
- ✓ Randomized phase started early 2017 with the RP2D (30 mg)
- ✓ Interim-data of safety run-in presented at ASCO 2017
- ✓ To-date, efficacy and safety data in-line with historical control group/ prior clinical trials (Brignone et al Journal Translational Medicine 2010, 8:71)
- ✓ >160 patients recruited in Stage 2

# Eftilagimod alpha in MBC

## Preliminary Efficacy Results

Observed response rates are substantially better than the 22-33% response rates seen in historical control groups with paclitaxel monotherapy



- **ORR\*** of 47% and **DCR\*\*** of 83%
- Responders had further tumor shrinkage between months 3 and 6

\*Overall Response Rate \*\*Disease Control Rate

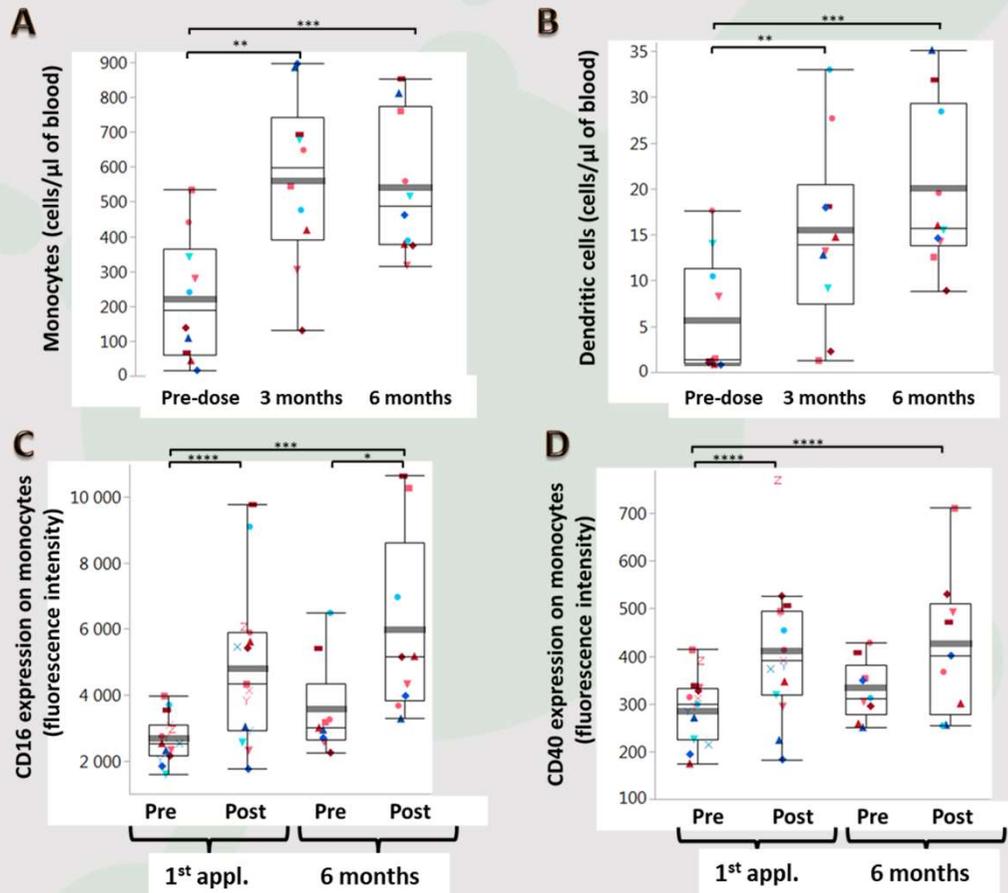
Preliminary data, status Interim CSR April 2018, best response acc. To RECIST 1.1

**AIPAC – Safety Run Phase (n=15)**

Response Parameter	Paclitaxel + IMP321 (n = 15)
Complete Response (CR)	0/15 (0%)
Partial Response (PR)	7/15 (47%)
Stable Disease (SD)	6/15 (40%)
Progressive Disease (PD)	2/15 (13%)
Overall Response Rate (ORR)	7/15 (47%)
Disease Control Rate (DCR)	13/15 (87%)

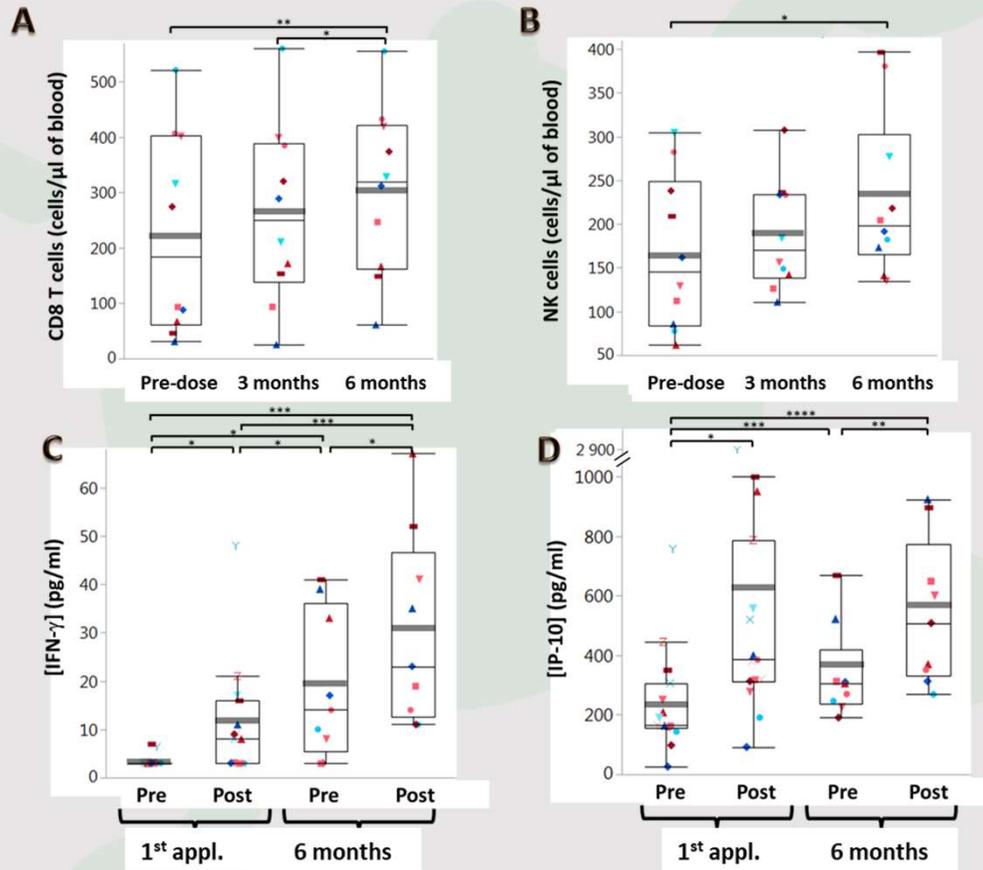
- **ORR** of 47% and **DCR** of 87%
- Two of the responses occurred relatively late (after ~6 months)

# AIPAC Immunomonitoring Primary Target Cells



**Primary target cells:** Sustained increase of circulating Antigen-Presenting Cells (APCs) like monocytes (A) and dendritic cells (B). Rapid activation of monocytes (CD16 (C) and CD40 (D)).

# AIPAC Immunomonitoring Secondary Target Cells

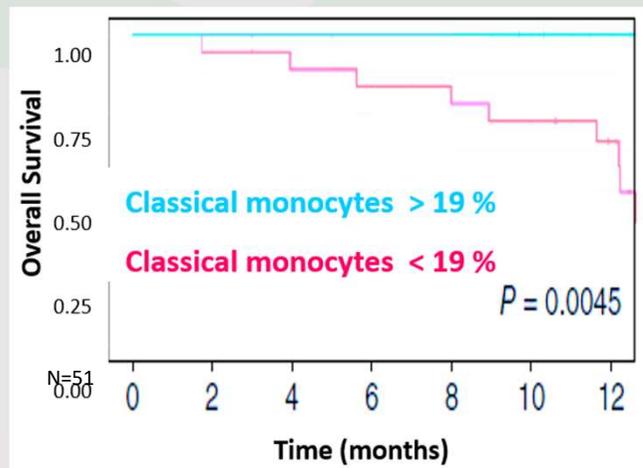


## Secondary target cells:

Sustainable increase in absolute numbers of effector cells like i.e. CD8 T cells (A) and Natural Killer cells (B). IMP321 induces early and sustainable increase of Th1 biomarkers like IFN- $\gamma$  (C) and IP-10 (CXCL10, D).

# Combining eftilagimod alpha and pembrolizumab

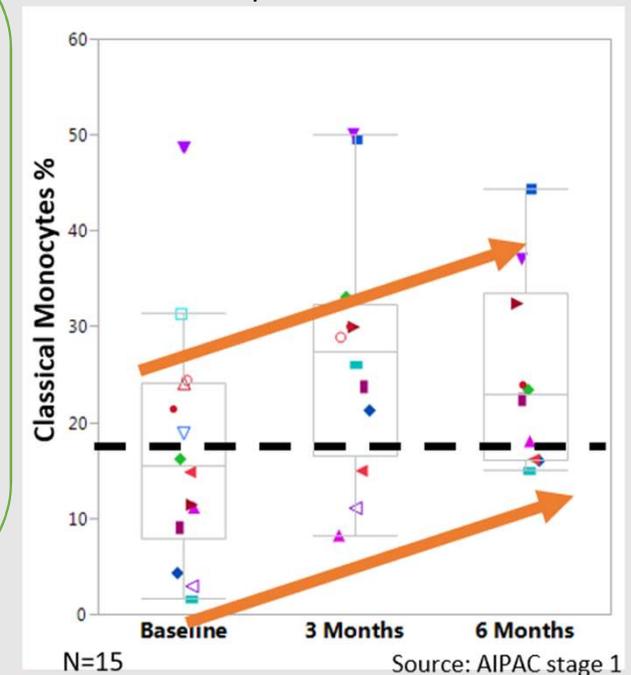
# New Rationale for Combining eftilagimod alpha (IMP321) with PD-1 Antagonists (pembrolizumab)



Source: Krieg et al., Nat. Med. 24, 2018.

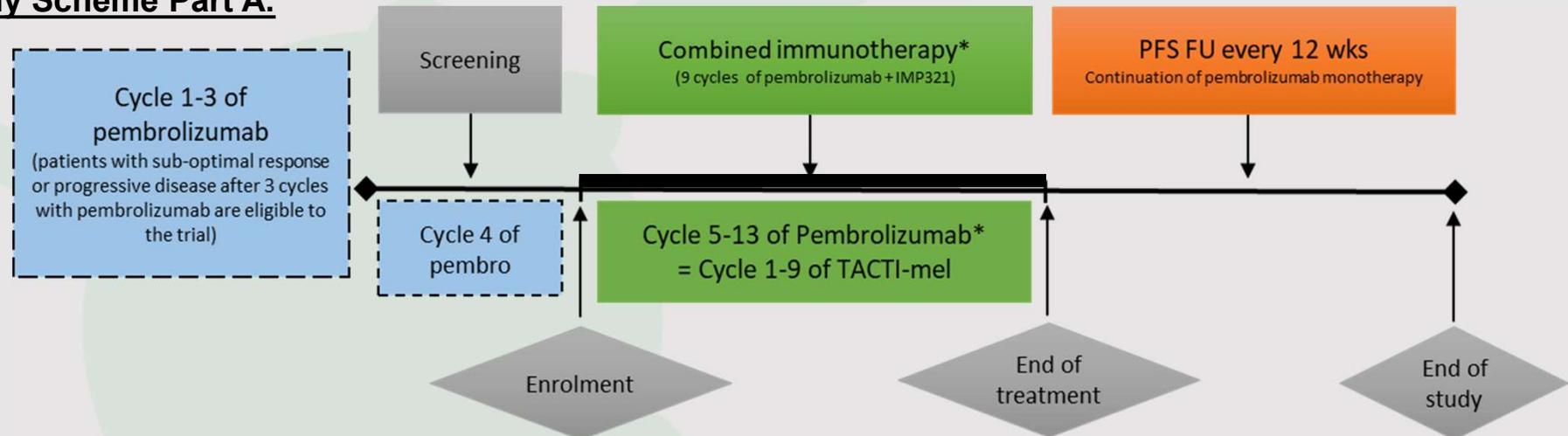
- Baseline innate immunity status seems to be important for the response (OS) to pembrolizumab
- Data suggests that low monocyte numbers at baseline are associated with poor efficacy of anti-PD-1 therapy in melanoma patients
- Data shows that the APC activator eftilagimod alpha boosts innate immunity

IMP321 increases monocyte number in cancer patients



# TACTI-mel: Two ACTive Immunotherapies (melanoma)

## Study Scheme Part A:



- 18 pts in total → 6 pts per efti dose group
- Patients received:
  - 2 mg/kg pembrolizumab i.v. every 3 weeks
  - 1, 6, 30 mg efti s.c. every 2 weeks for up to 6 months
- Imaging was done every 12 weeks

\* - tumor assessments done acc. to irRC  
irRC...Immune-Related Response Criteria, PFS-  
progression free survival, FU – follow-up

# TACTI-mel Part A: Safety Summary

## Overview grade 3 / 4 TEAEs and rel. to study treatment

Preferred term	Grade 3 N (%)	Grade 4 N (%)	Rel to efti / pembro
Maculo-papular rash	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes
Decreased renal function	1 (6 %)	-	Yes / No
Colitis	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes
Altered liver functions	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes

- No Dose limiting toxicities observed
- 6 pts (33 %) with  $\geq 1$  SAE; none related to any study drug
- 8 pts (44 %) with  $\geq 1$  AE with  $\geq$  grade 3 (no grade 5)

## Overview frequent TEAE (PT selected if $\geq 10$ % of the pts)

Adverse Event*,	Any grade N (%)	Grade 3 or 4 N (%)	No of events
Arthralgia	3 (17)	-	3
Diarrhea	5 (28)	-	6
Fatigue	8 (44)	-	10
Hyperglycemia	3 (17)	3 (17)	3
Nausea	5 (28)	-	7
Rash###	7 (39)	1 (6)	7

\* - Adverse events occurred in  $> 10$  % of pts  
### - any kind of rash

- No new safety signals
- 1 pt died due to an AE (grade 4 Intercranial hemorrhage, not rel.)
- 1 pt discontinued due to an AE (not rel.)
- 3 pts experienced treatment delay due to an AE

# TACTI-mel Part A: Baseline Characteristics + Efficacy

## Summary

Baseline Characteristics	N = 18 (%)
Age (median)	67 yrs
Sex (f/m)	1 (6 %) / 17 (94 %)
<b>Elevated LDH</b>	<b>7 (39%)</b>
<b>Metastasis stage M1c</b>	<b>14 (78 %)</b>
Pre-treated with BRAF/MEK/ipilimumab	5 (28 %)
irPD/irSD to pembro after 3 cycles	11 (61 %)

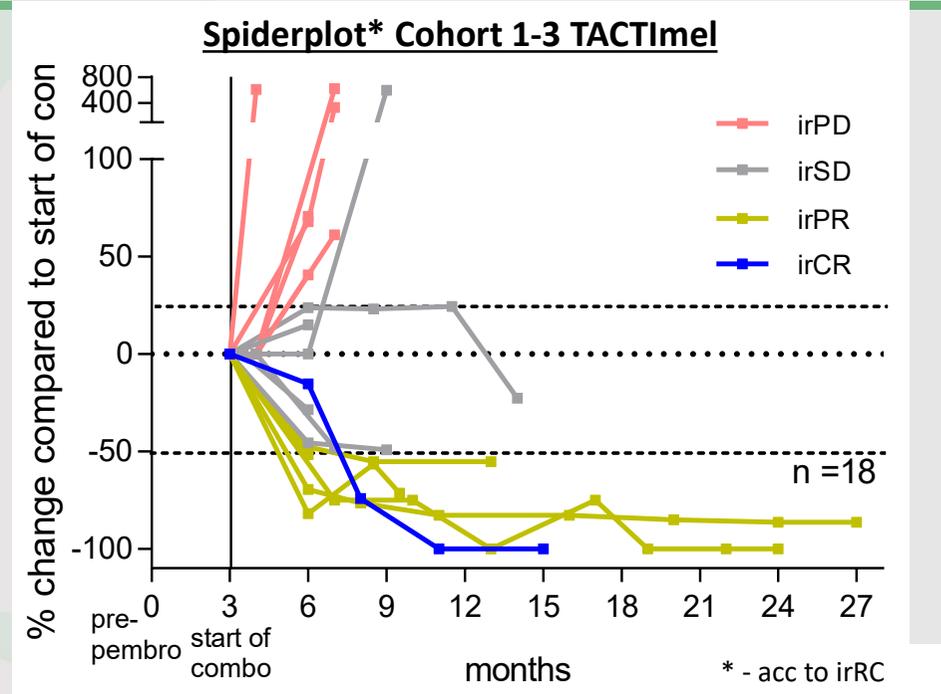
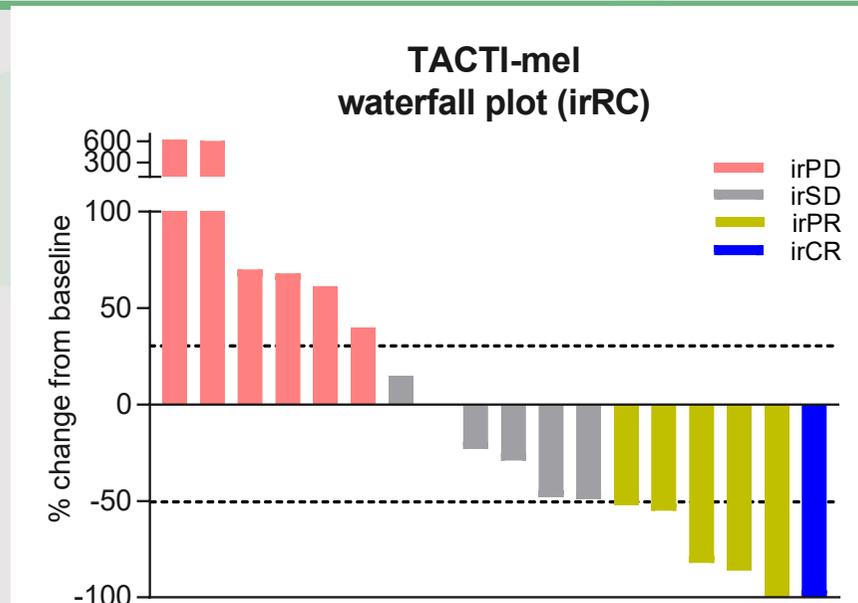
- Very late stage of disease (M1c, elevated LDH) and majority not responding to pembrolizumab monotherapy

Best Overall Response acc. to irRC	N = 18 (%)
irCR	1 (6 %)
irPR#	5 (28 %) #
irSD	6 (33 %)
irPD	6 (33 %)
<b>Best overall response rate (ORR)</b>	<b>6 (33 %)</b>
<b>Patients with tumor shrinkage</b>	<b>10 (56 %)</b>
<b>Disease control rate</b>	<b>12 (66 %)</b>

# - incl. 1 pt with complete disappearance of all target lesions

- If response is calculated from pre-pembro timepoint → ORR is 61 % acc. to irRC

# TACTI-mel Part A: Response patterns

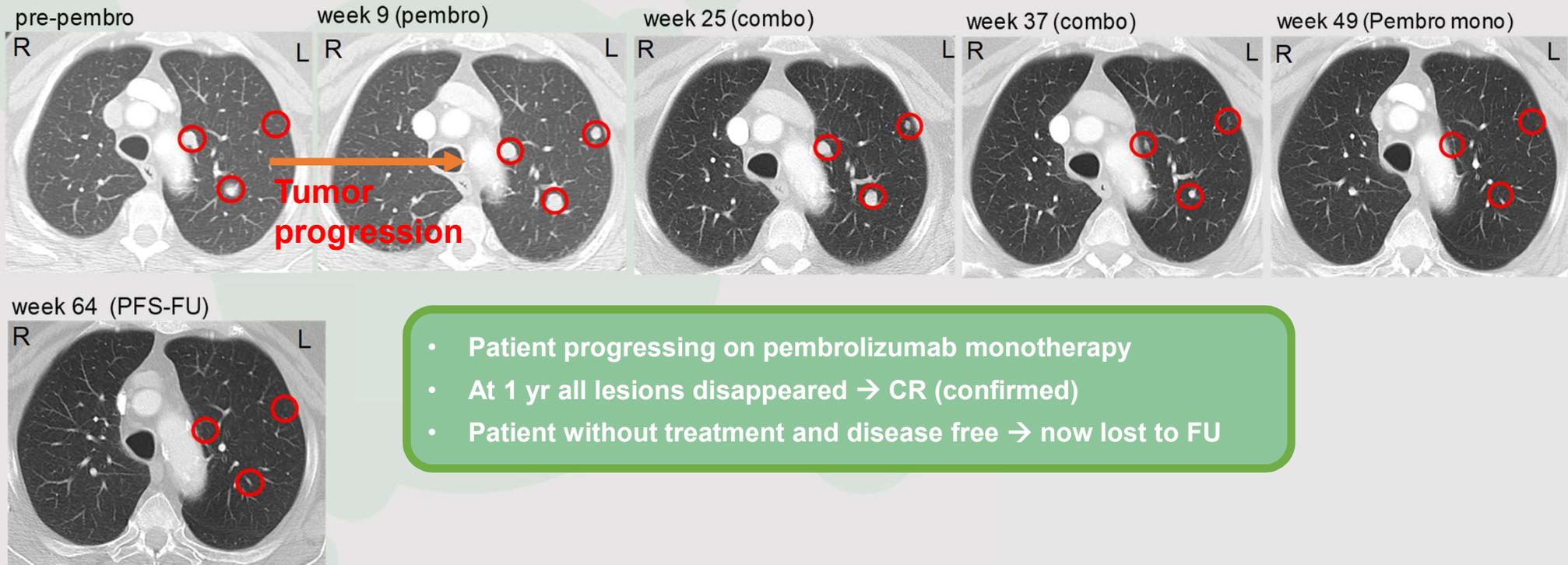


→ Tumor shrinkage in 10 (56 %) of these patients incl. 2 pts with complete disappearance of all target lesions

→ 1 pt with confirmed CR + 4 pts still on Tx after 12 months  
 → 5 (28 %) pts with long term (>12 mths) treatment/benefit

## TACTI-mel Part A): Single Case

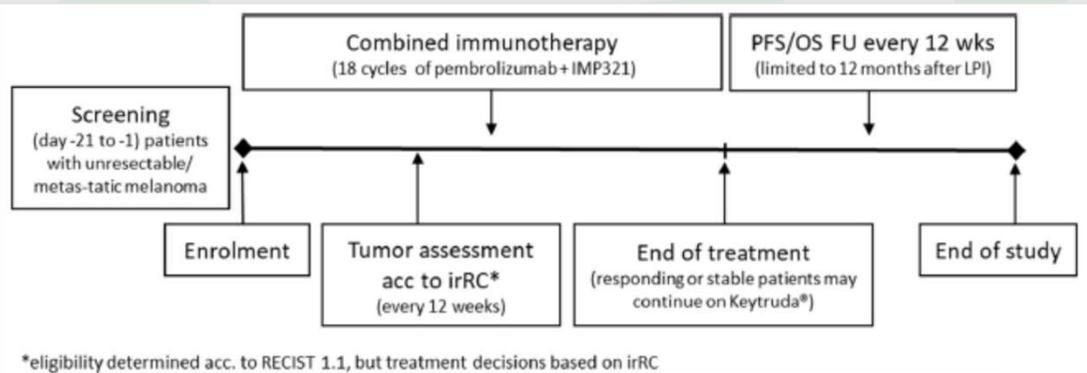
- 84 year old male with multiple lung metastases from melanoma
- BRAF wild type



- Patient progressing on pembrolizumab monotherapy
- At 1 yr all lesions disappeared → CR (confirmed)
- Patient without treatment and disease free → now lost to FU

# TACTI-mel Part B: Preliminary results

## Study Scheme Part B:



### Details:

- 6 pts enrolled
- Patients received:
  - 2 mg/kg pembrolizumab i.v. every 3 weeks
  - 30 mg efti s.c. every 2 weeks for up to 12 months
- Imaging was done every 12 weeks

## Study Status & Results part B:

- Recruitment and safety observation period completed
- 5 pts had at least 1 post baseline CT

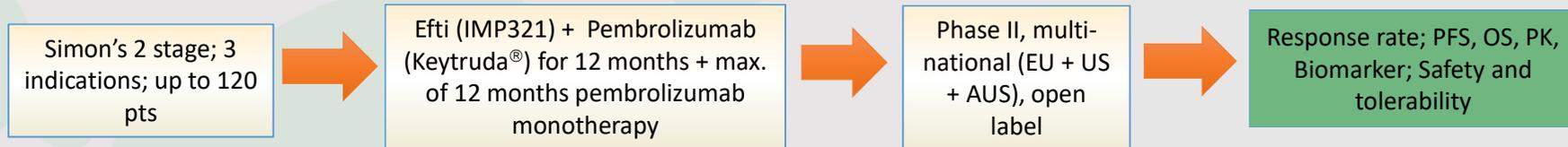
Baseline Characteristics	N = 6
Age (median)	65 yrs
Sex (f/m)	1 (13 %) / 5 (83 %)
ECOG (0/1)	3 (50 %) / 3 (50 %)
Elevated LDH	5 (83%)
Stage M1c	6 (100 %)

- No DLTs or new safety signals detected
- 3 / 5 evaluable pts (60 %) had irPR at 3 months
- 4 pts still under treatment (1 pt died due to PD < 3 months, 1 pt left with confirmed irPD)

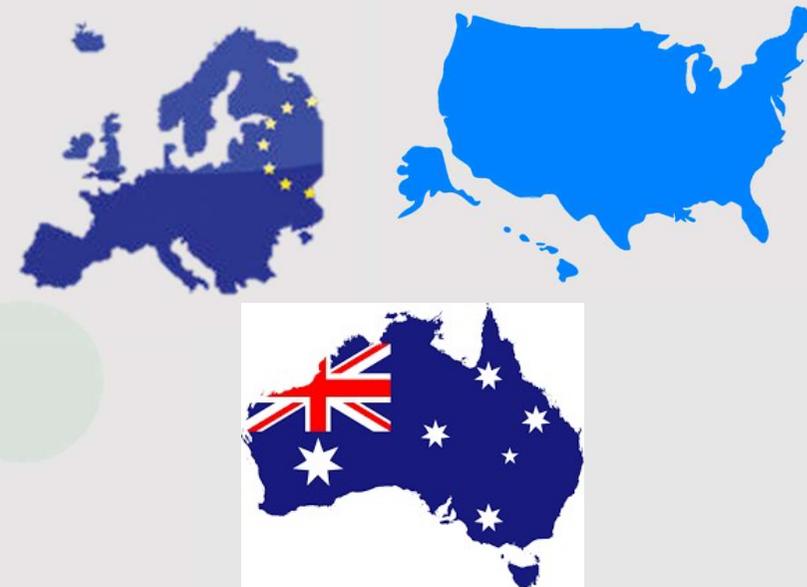
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# TACTI-002 Trial Design

## An umbrella trial: Two ACTive Immunotherapeutics in different indications



<b>Primary Objective</b>	Response rate (iRECIST)
<b>Other Objectives</b>	Safety, PFS+OS, PK, exploratory biomarker analysis
<b>Patient Population</b>	Part A: 1 <sup>st</sup> line NSCLC PD-X naive Part B: 2 <sup>nd</sup> line NSCLC, PD-X refractory Part C: 2 <sup>nd</sup> line HNSCC, PD-X naive
<b>Treatment</b>	30 mg Efti (IMP321) s.c. 200 mg Pembrolizumab i.v.



13 sites in Europe / US / Australia

Notes  
NSCLC – non-small-cell lung cancer, HNSCC – head and neck squamous cell cancer, DMC –

data monitoring committee, PFS – progression free survival, OS – overall survival, PK – pharmacokinetics, PD-X – any PD-1 or PDL-1 treatment

# Thank you

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