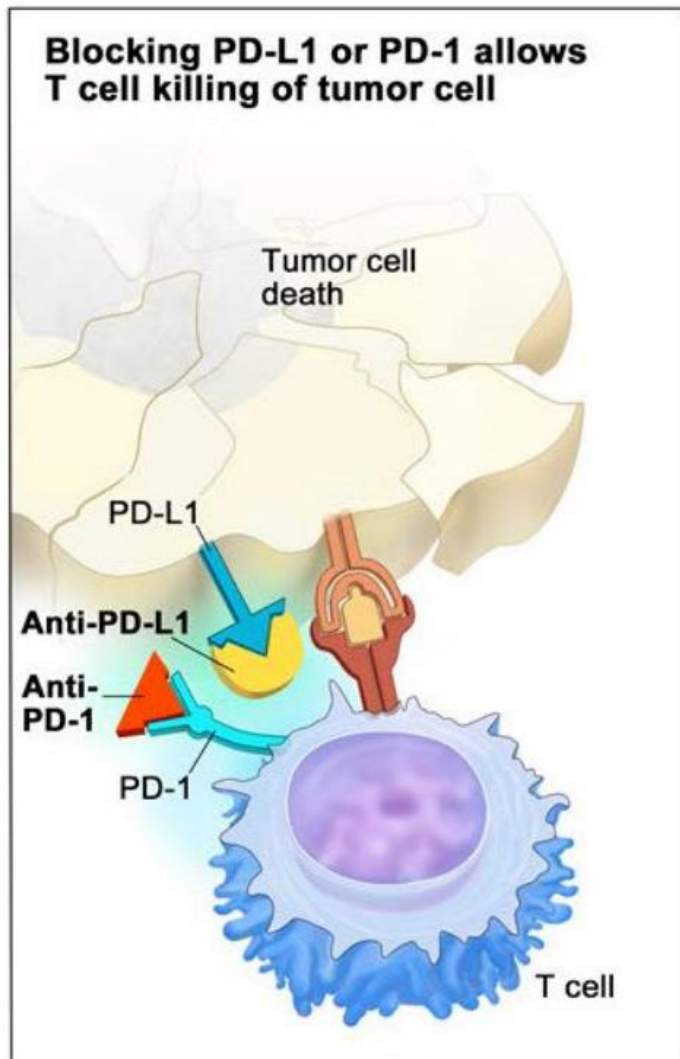


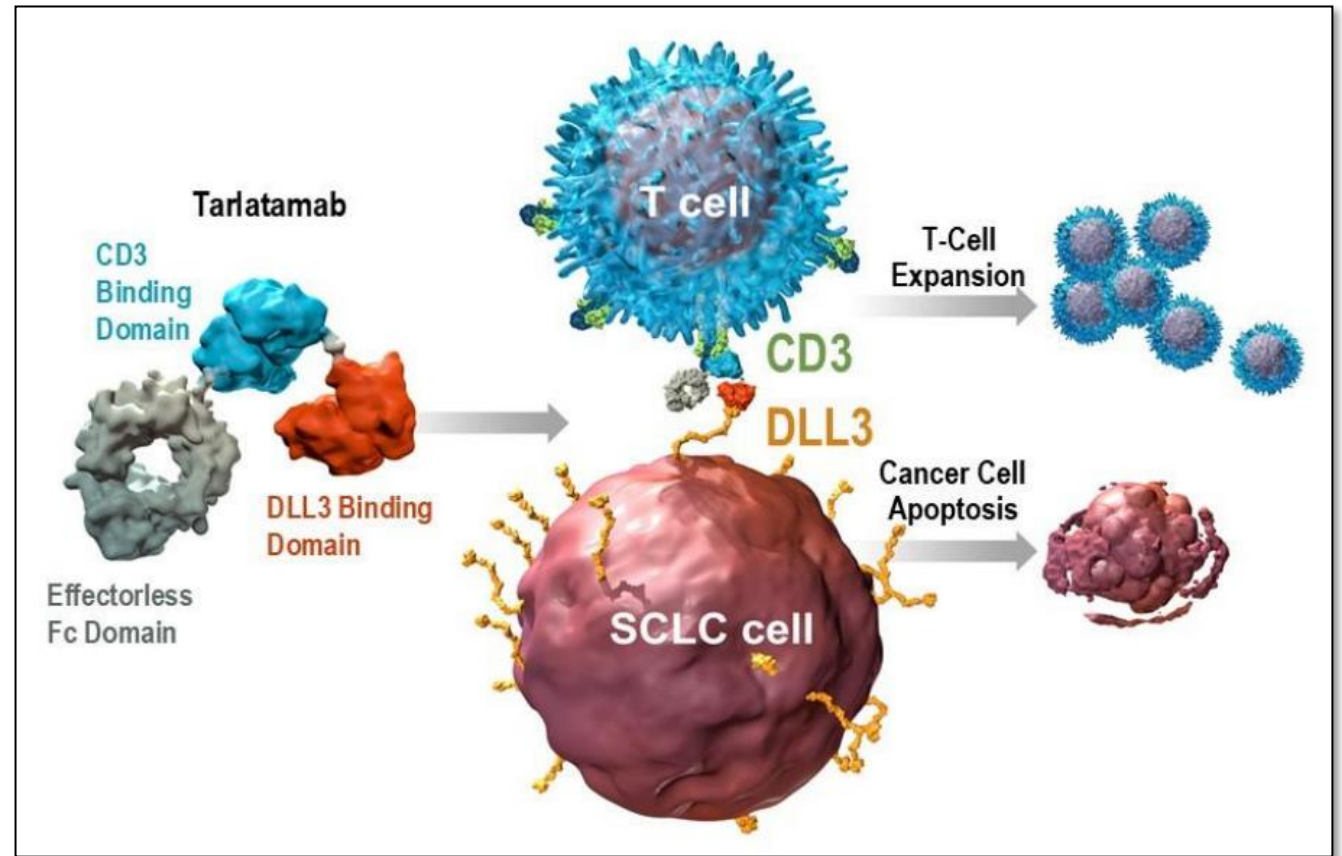
# Management of Adverse Events Following Medical Treatment

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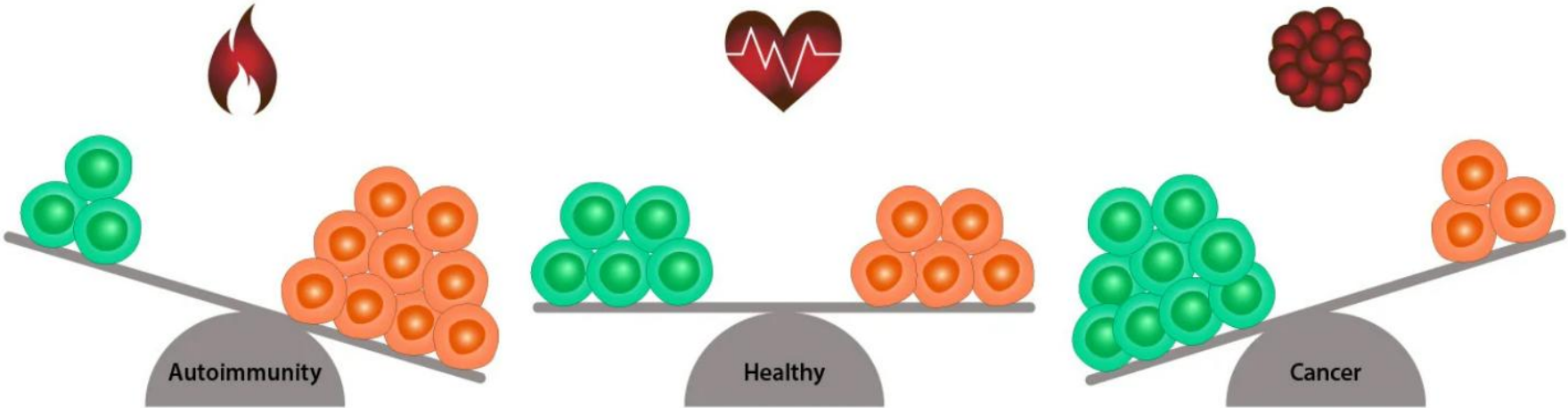


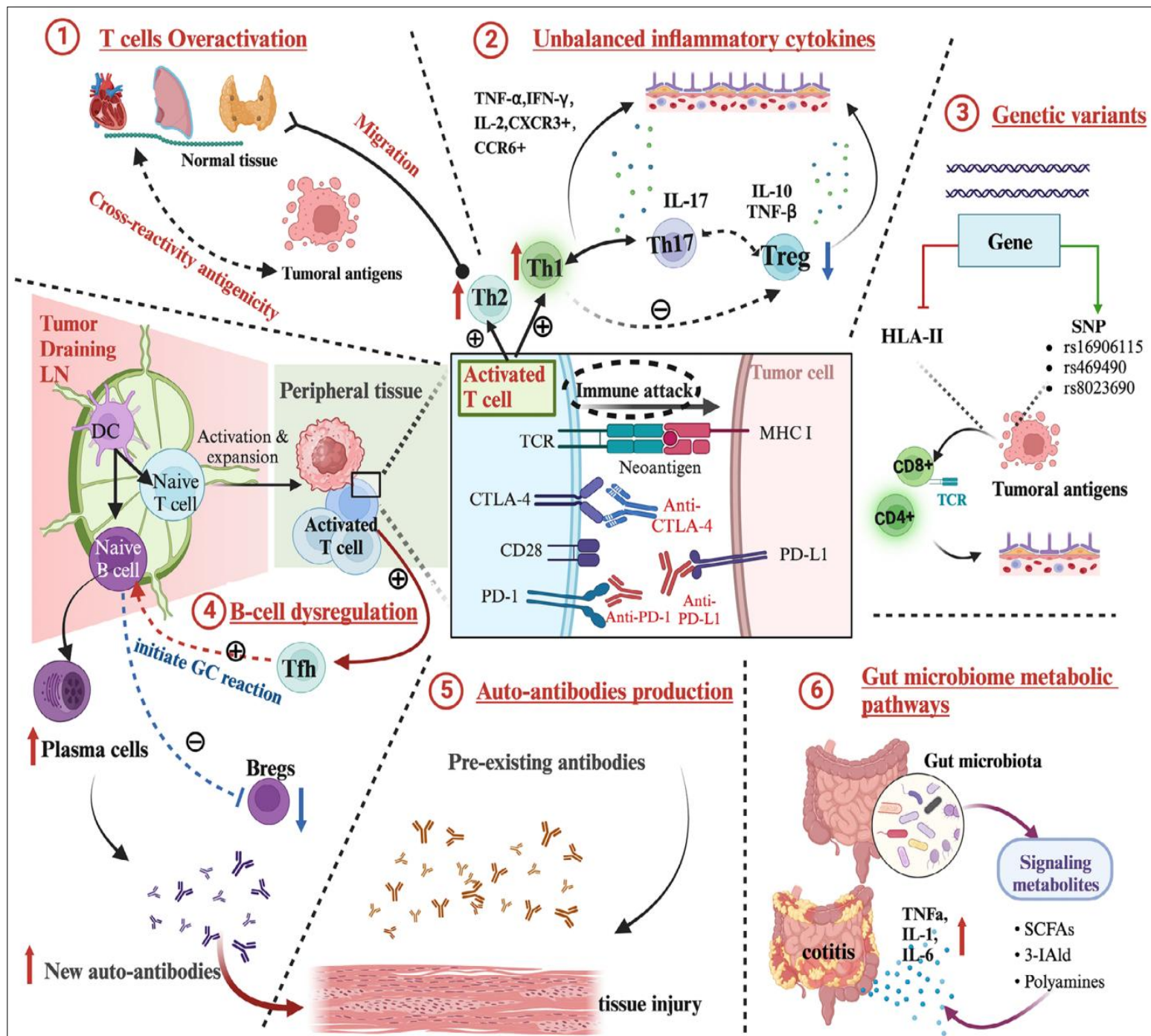
Immune checkpoint inhibitor



Tarlatamab

 **T regulatory cells**       **Cytotoxic lymphocyte**

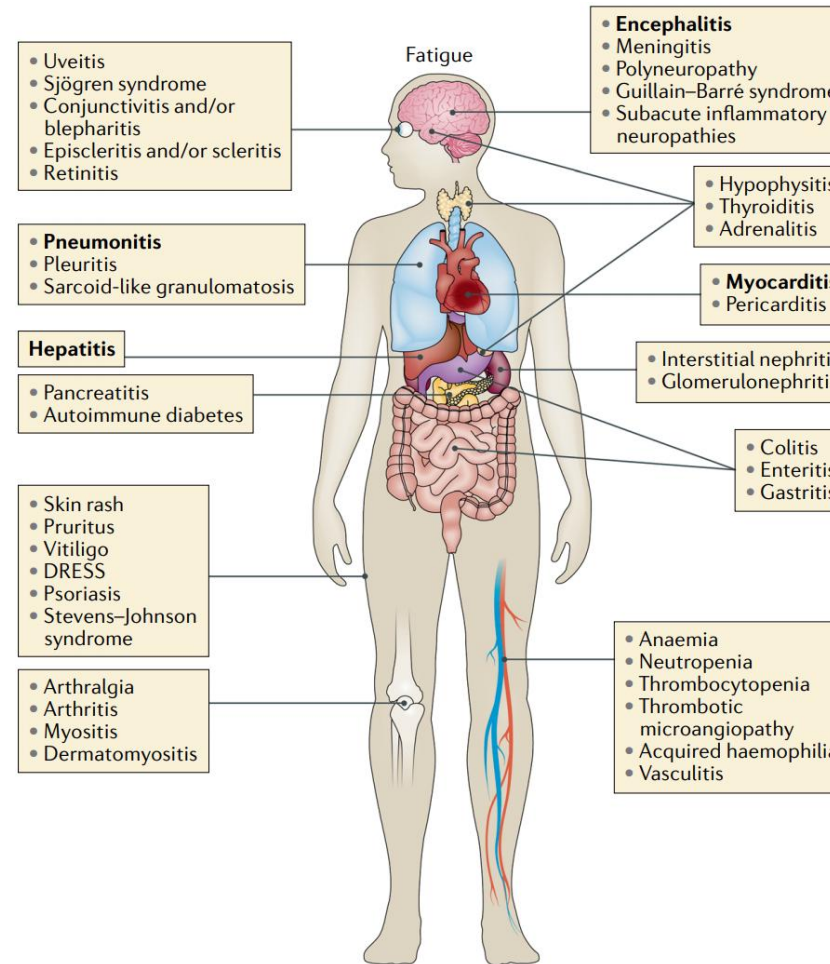




# The spectrum of immune related adverse events

## Adverse effects of immune-checkpoint inhibitors: epidemiology, management and surveillance

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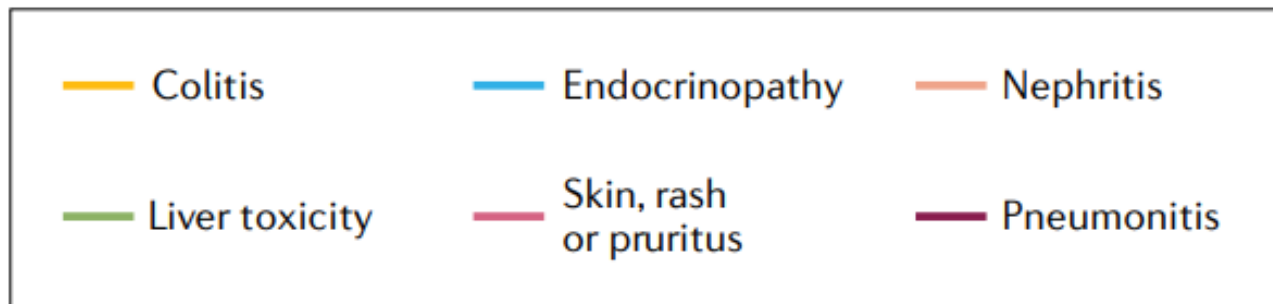
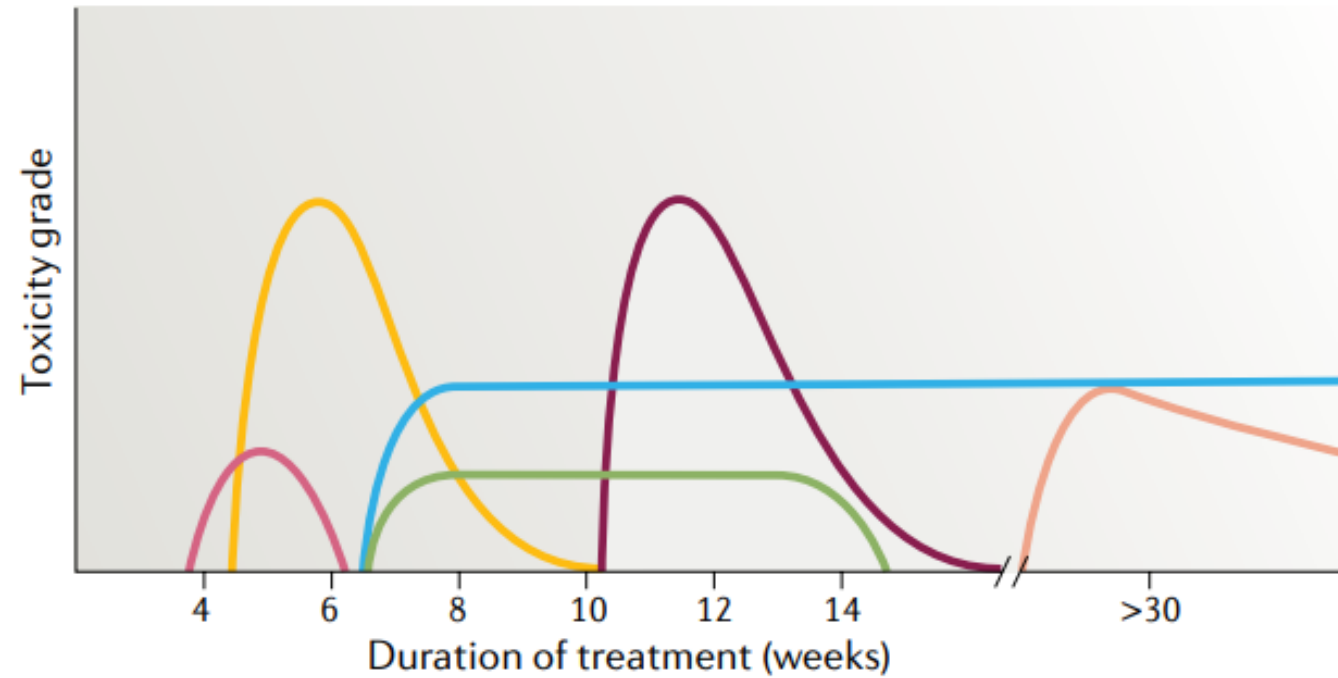


ASCO : There should always be a high level of suspicion.

## Time of onset

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## Time of onset

### Late-Onset Immune-Related Adverse Events After Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy

JAMA Network Open. 2025;8(3):e252668.

- Retrospective observational cohort study : 2021~2025, 795 patients (Lung cancer 21.0%)

Table 2. Immune-Related Adverse Event Diagnoses by Time of Admission

Organ system	Events, No. (%)			
	All	Early (0-6 mo)	Intermediate (>6-12 mo)	Late (>12 mo)
No.	898	679	128	91
Gastrointestinal	233 (25.9)	183 (78.5)	29 (12.4)	21 (9.0)
Pulmonary	128 (14.3)	91 (71.1)	21 (16.4)	16 (12.5)
Hepatic	120 (13.4)	96 (80.0)	14 (11.7)	10 (8.3)
Endocrine	115 (12.8)	91 (79.1)	17 (14.8)	7 (6.1)
Neurologic	86 (9.6)	70 (81.4)	12 (13.9)	4 (4.7)
Cardiac	64 (7.1)	53 (82.8)	7 (10.9)	4 (6.3)
Dermatologic	53 (5.9)	36 (67.9)	10 (18.9)	7 (13.2)
Kidney	32 (3.6)	18 (56.2)	4 (12.5)	10 (31.3)
Rheumatologic	26 (2.9)	17 (65.4)	5 (19.2)	4 (15.4)
Hematologic	23 (2.6)	12 (52.2)	6 (26.1)	5 (21.7)
Other <sup>a</sup>	18 (2.0)	12 (66.7)	3 (16.7)	3 (16.7)

## Late IRAEs after ≥2 Years of ICI

### Brief Report: Late Immune-Related Adverse Events (IRAEs) After ≥2 Years of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor (ICI) Therapy: Incidence and Association with Survival in Patients with Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

Articles in Press 100851 May 25, 2025.

- Single center retrospective study (N=76) : Median duration of treatment was 41.9m.
- After 2 years on ICI, 38/76 (50%) of patients experienced a late IRAE, many of whom (39%) had no prior early IRAE.
- Higher rates of late IRAEs was seen in patients with prior grade ≥2 IRAE (p=0.020).

IRAE Types	
<2-year IRAEs (n=44)	
Constitutional	5 (11.4%)
Dermatologic	23 (52.3%)
Ocular	2 (4.5%)
Endocrine	9 (20.5%)
GI	2 (4.5%)
Hepatobiliary	4 (9.1%)
MSK	8 (18.2%)
Pulmonary	2 (4.5%)

Late IRAEs (n=38)	
Constitutional	2 (5.3%)
Dermatologic	10 (26.3%)
Endocrine	4 (10.5%)
GI	8 (21.1%)
Hepatobiliary	4 (10.5%)
MSK	7 (18.4%)
Pulmonary	4 (10.5%)
Renal	1 (2.6%)
Neurological	1 (2.6%)

## Incidence rates of immune related adverse events

### Cancer and treatment specific incidence rates of immune related adverse events induced by immune checkpoint inhibitors: a systematic review

British Journal of Cancer (2025) 132:51–57.

- Systematic review : 272 studies (2017-2021), 305,879 total patients on ICI.
- General irAE occurrence across **any grade was 40.0% (37.3–42.7%)**, and **high grade was 19.7% (15.8–23.7%)**
- ICI monotherapy was 30.5% (28.1–32.9%), and ICI combination therapy 45.7% (29.6–61.7%).

Study design	ICI study population	Number of patients with irAE
Cohort or observational	129,502 <sup>*</sup>	16,365 <sup>†</sup>
Clinical trial or subset analysis	9783	2496
Experimental, exploratory, or pilot	27,400	4367 <sup>‡</sup>
Case control or matched case control	23,693 <sup>§</sup>	3323
Pharmacovigilance or surveillance	54,767 <sup>  </sup>	23,705 <sup>¶</sup>
Systematic review and/or meta-analysis	60,734 <sup>#§</sup>	8035 <sup>Δ</sup>

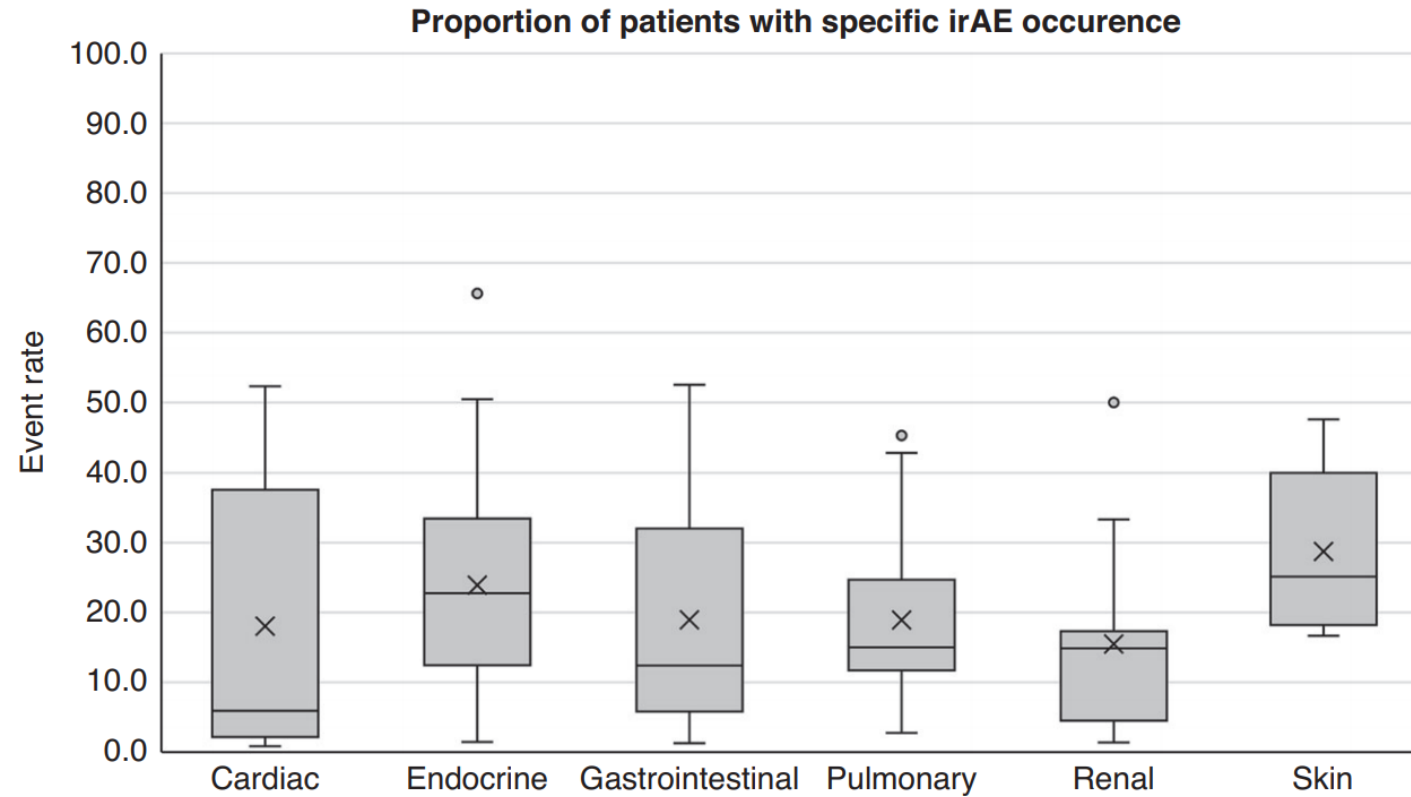
Clinical trial : 25.5% (2,496/9783)

Pharmacovigilance or surveillance : 43.3% (23,705/54,767)

# Incidence rates of immune related adverse events

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Skin (28.7%), Pulmonary (18.9%), Cardiac (18.0%)

## Incidence rates of immune related adverse events

Comparisons of adverse events associated with immune checkpoint inhibitors in the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer: a real world disproportionality analysis based on the FDA adverse event reporting system

Gao et al. BMC Cancer (2025) 25:216 .

- 13,580 reports of AEs associated with five ICIs. (2013-2022)

	Durvalumab	Pembrolizumab	Ipilimumab	Atezolizumab	Nivolumab
Durvalumab	1	2.48(1.72,3.59)	2.76(1.14,6.65)	1.35(0.83,2.20)	0.59(0.25,1.39)
Pembrolizumab	0.40(0.28,0.58)	1	1.11(0.45,2.75)	0.54(0.32,0.93)	0.24(0.10,0.58)
Ipilimumab	0.36(0.15,0.88)	0.90(0.36,2.23)	1	0.49(0.19,1.29)	0.21(0.06,0.71)
Atezolizumab	0.74(0.45,1.21)	1.84(1.07,3.16)	2.04(0.78,5.36)	1	0.44(0.17,1.13)
Nivolumab	1.70(0.72,4.00)	4.21(1.72,10.28)	4.67(1.41,15.51)	2.29(0.89,5.91)	1

In terms of respiratory AEs, pembrolizumab exhibited a higher risk

	Durvalumab	Pembrolizumab	Ipilimumab	Atezolizumab	Nivolumab
Durvalumab	1	0.43(0.13,1.37)	0.13(0.02,0.75)	0.27(0.06,1.28)	0.67(0.20,2.28)
Pembrolizumab	2.35(0.73,7.58)	1	0.30(0.07,1.26)	0.64(0.20,2.02)	1.57(0.80,3.08)
Ipilimumab	7.80(1.33,45.90)	3.32(0.79,13.85)	1	2.12(0.37,12.16)	5.20(1.17,23.03)
Atezolizumab	3.68(0.78,17.36)	1.58(0.50,5.02)	0.47(0.08,2.71)	1	2.46(0.73,8.30)
Nivolumab	1.50(0.44,5.12)	0.64(0.32,1.25)	0.19(0.04,0.85)	0.41(0.12,1.38)	1

In terms of endocrine and metabolic AEs, durvalumab and nivolumab exhibited a higher risk

## Association between irAEs and efficacy

### Association between immune-related adverse events and immunotherapy efficacy in non-small-cell lung cancer: a meta-analysis

Front. Pharmacol., 22 May 2023.

- Meta-analysis : 54 Retrospective studies (N= 35~2,503)
- **IrAEs was a strong predictor** of survival efficacy in patients with NSCLC treated with ICIs.
  - ① higher ORR (P<0.001), longer PFS (P<0.001), longer OS (P<0.001)
  - ② Grade  $\geq 2$  irAEs had better PFS
  - ③ Better PFS, OS : thyroid dysfunction, gastrointestinal, skin, or endocrine irAEs  
(No significant differences were observed in pneumonitis or hepatobiliary irAEs.)

### Immune-related adverse events as potential surrogates of immune checkpoint inhibitors' efficacy: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized studies

ESMO Open. 2023 Apr;8(2):100787.

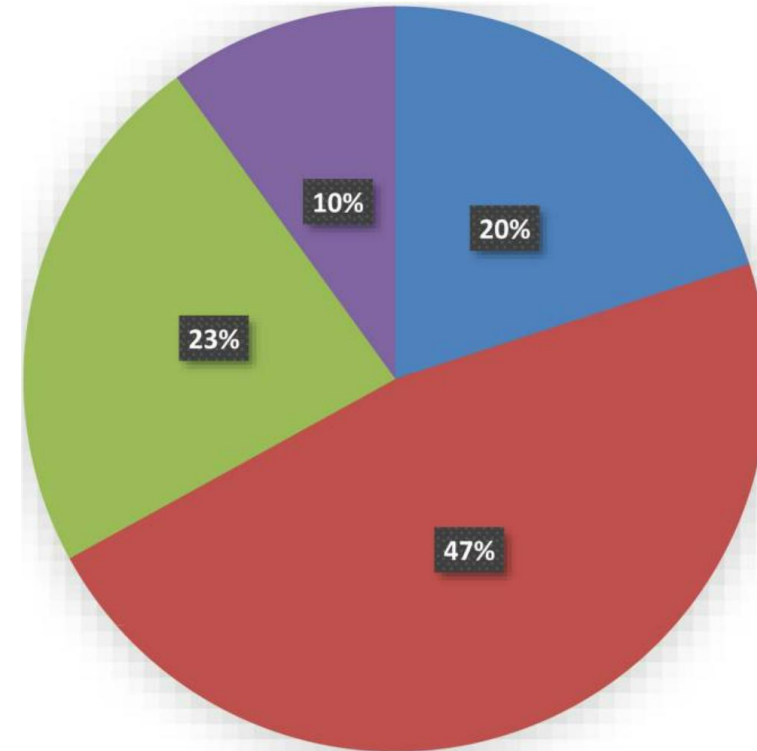
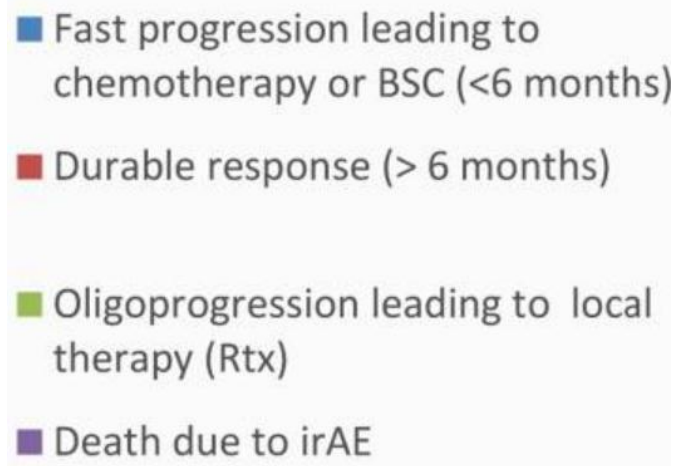
- Meta-analysis : 62 RCTs (N= 42,247); 18 NSCLC, 7 SCLC
- The analyses found **no significant association** between the treatment effects for overall grade 1-2 or grade 3-4 irAE rates or specific (skin, gastrointestinal, endocrine) irAE rates.

## What happens if we just observe it without any additional treatment?

### Clinical Outcomes of Patients With Metastatic NSCLC After Discontinuation of Immunotherapy Because of Immune-Related Adverse Effects

JTO Clin Res Rep. 2022 Nov 25;4(1):100441.

- Small sample!!!, single-center retrospective observational study (N=30)
- NSCLC in whom ICI had to be discontinued owing to a serious irAEs.



A watchful waiting approach is justified after discontinuation of ICI owing to irAEs.

## ICI rechallenge / restarting

### Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Rechallenge Safety and Efficacy in Stage IV Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients After Immune-Related Adverse Events

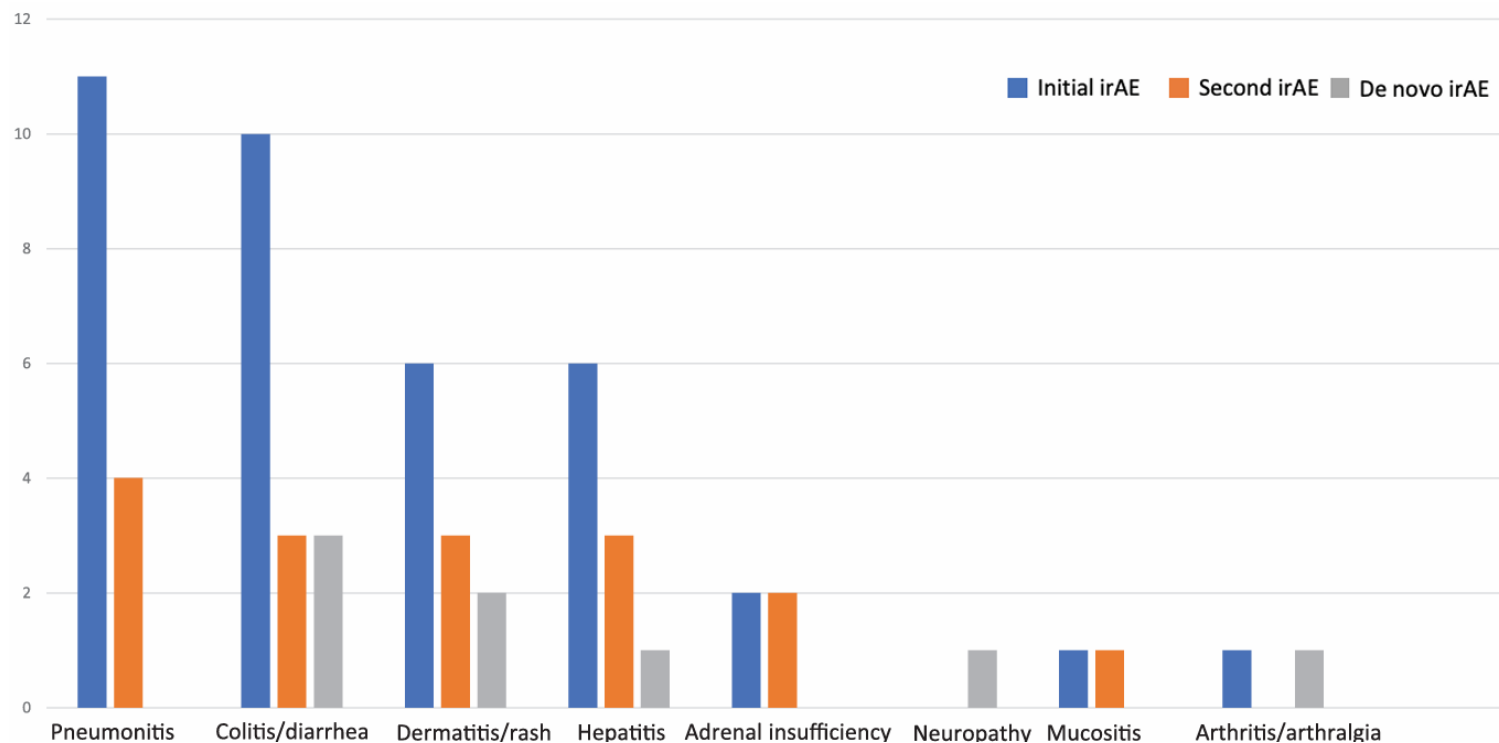
Clinical Lung Cancer, Vol. 23, No. 8, 686–693.

- Retrospective single center study (N=99/1051 (9.4%)), **grade  $\geq 2$  irAEs**, rechallenged group (N=40)

① After rechallenging, **24 of 40 (60%) patients had recurrence of the same or de-novo irAEs.**

② **Twenty (50%) developed second grade  $\geq 2$  irAEs.**

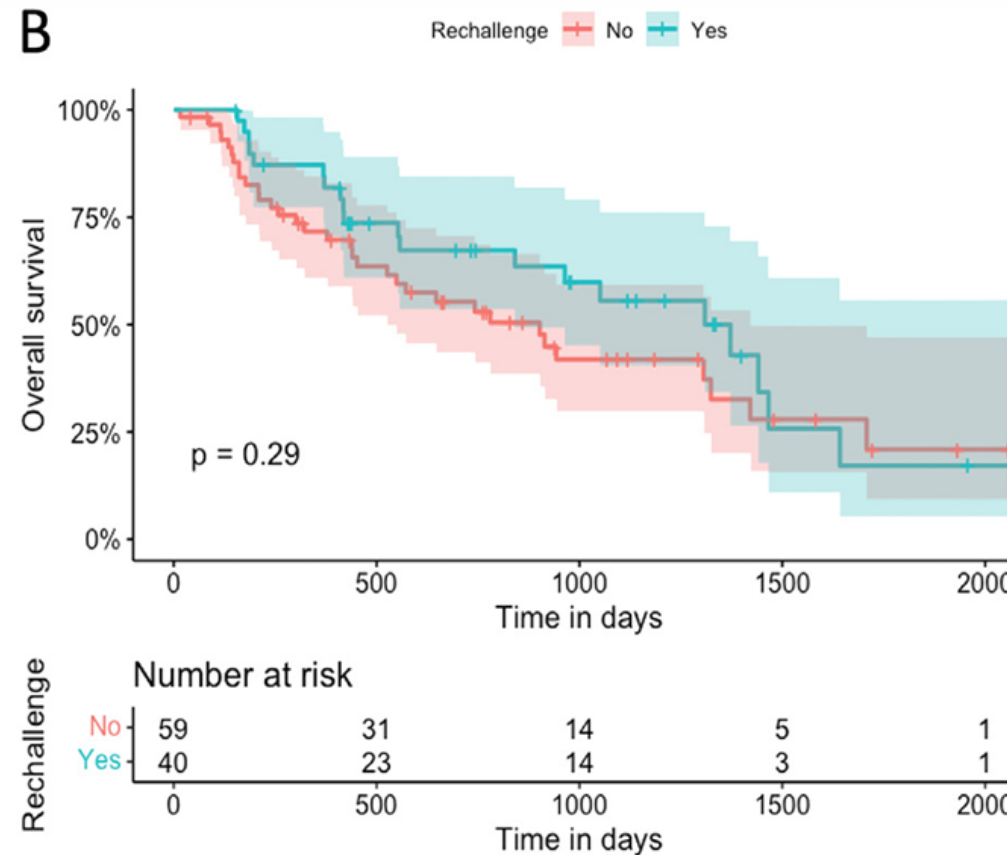
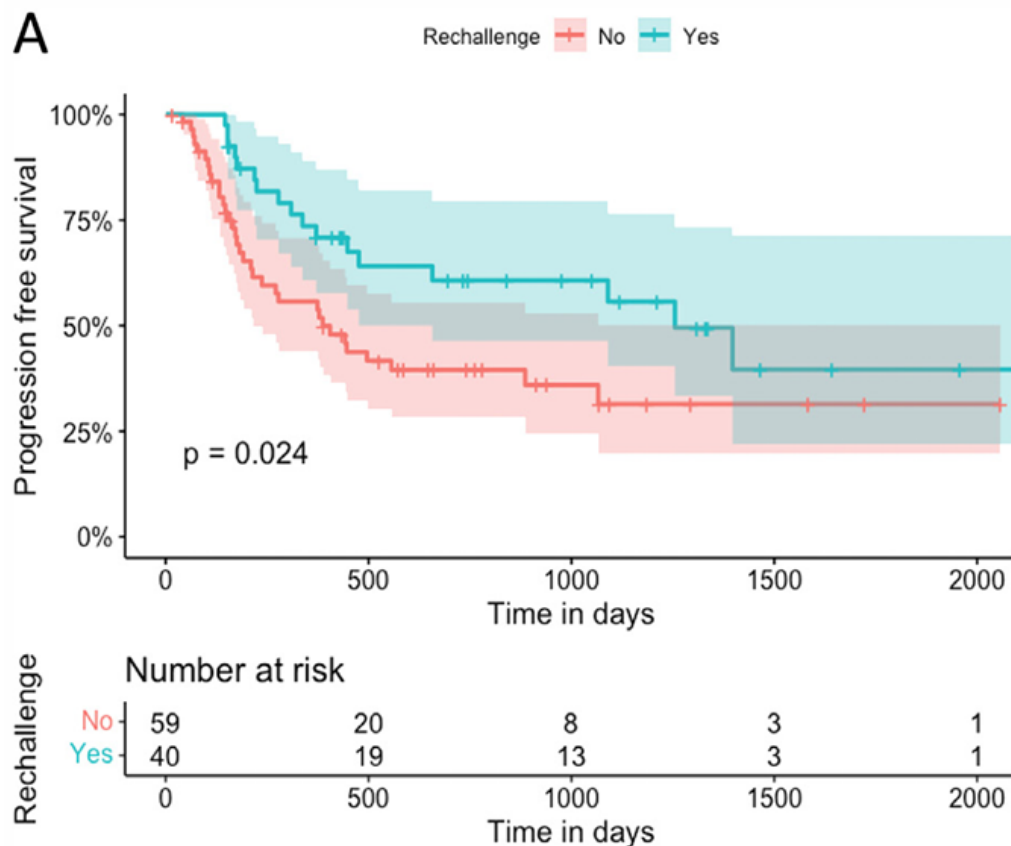
③ No grade 4 irAE or irAE-related death occurred after rechallenging.



## ICI rechallenge / restarting

### Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Rechallenge Safety and Efficacy in Stage IV Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients After Immune-Related Adverse Events

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Permanent ICI discontinuation is an appropriate strategy after grade  $\geq 2$  irAEs, especially severe irAEs.

# Moving Immunotherapy Into the Treatment of Resectable Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer

## Adverse events in Neo-adj/adj

Treatment-related adverse events, including fatal toxicities, in patients with solid tumours receiving neoadjuvant and adjuvant immune checkpoint blockade: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

Lancet Oncol 2024; 25: 62–75.

- Meta-analysis : 28 RCTs (16,976 patients), Lung cancer RCTs (N=5)
- The addition of ICIs was not significantly associated with increased treatment-related deaths (OR 1.76, 95% CI 0.95–3.25; **p=0.073**).

① **40 fatal toxicities (0.4%)** were identified in ICIs group (N=9,864)

② **13 fatal toxicities (0.2%)** were identified in non-ICIs group (N=7,112)

### Cardiovascular

Myocarditis 5 (12.5%)

Atrial fibrillation 2 (5.0%)

### Gastrointestinal

Colitis 3 (7.5%)

Bowel perforation 1 (2.5%)

Liver failure 1 (2.5%)

Peritonitis 1 (2.5%)

### Respiratory

Pneumonitis 6 (15.0%)

Acute respiratory distress syndrome 2 (5.0%)

Pulmonary embolism 2 (5.0%)

Alveolitis 1 (2.5%)

Interstitial lung disease 1 (2.5%)

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- The addition of ICIs increased the incidence of grade 3–4 treatment-related adverse events (OR 2.73, 95% CI 1.98–3.76;  $p < 0.0001$ ), adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation (3.67, 2.45–5.51;  $p < 0.0001$ ), and treatment-related adverse events of any grade (2.60 [1.88–3.61],  $p < 0.0001$ ).
- Grade 3-4 trAEs (sub-group analysis)

### Nivolumab

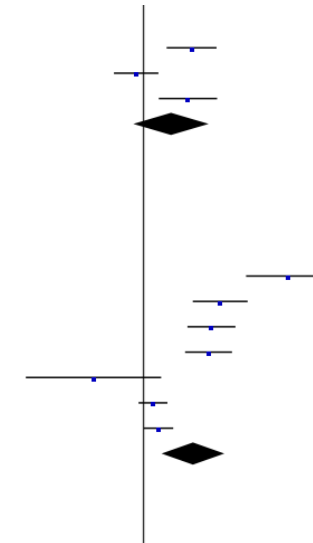
Bajorin 2021	60	351	25	348	4.5%	2.66 [1.63, 4.36]
Forde 2022	59	176	65	176	4.6%	0.86 [0.56, 1.33]
Kelly 2021	70	532	15	260	4.4%	2.47 [1.39, 4.41]
Subtotal (95% CI)		1059		784	13.6%	1.76 [0.82, 3.78]
Total events	189		105			

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.39; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 14.01, df = 2 (P = 0.0009); I<sup>2</sup> = 86%  
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.45 (P = 0.15)

### Pembrolizumab

Choueiri 2021	92	488	6	496	3.8%	18.97 [8.22, 43.79]
Eggermont 2020	73	509	17	502	4.4%	4.78 [2.77, 8.23]
Long 2022	83	483	24	486	4.6%	3.99 [2.49, 6.41]
O'Brien 2022	84	580	25	581	4.6%	3.77 [2.37, 5.98]
Rahma 2021	3	81	8	83	2.6%	0.36 [0.09, 1.41]
Schmid 2022	600	783	284	389	4.9%	1.21 [0.92, 1.60]
Wakelee 2023	174	396	146	399	4.9%	1.36 [1.02, 1.80]
Subtotal (95% CI)		3320		2936	29.9%	2.75 [1.45, 5.22]
Total events	1109		510			

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.64; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 81.11, df = 6 (P < 0.00001); I<sup>2</sup> = 93%  
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.09 (P = 0.002)



Clinicians should closely monitor patients for treatment-related adverse events to prevent treatment discontinuations and morbidity from these therapies in earlier-stage settings

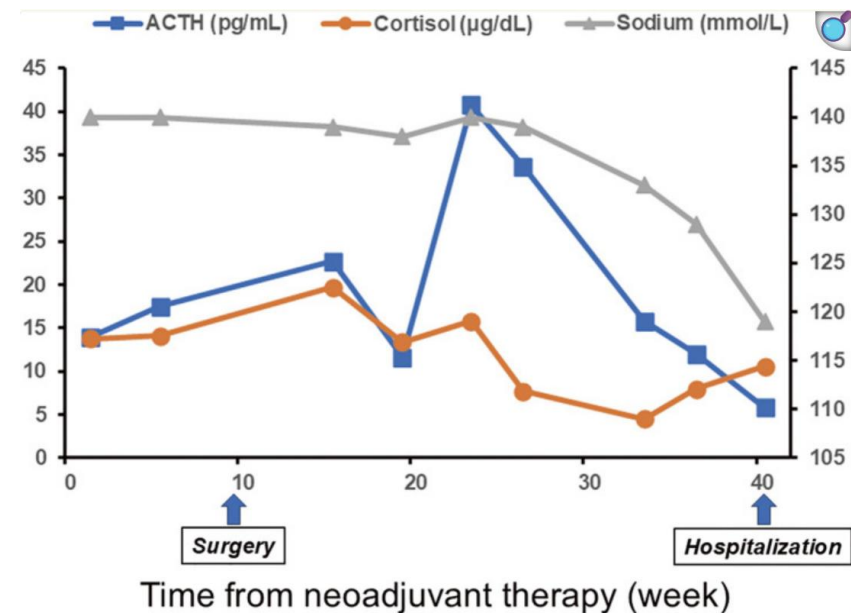
## Side effects that may be dangerous during surgery

### ICI-induced adrenal insufficiency

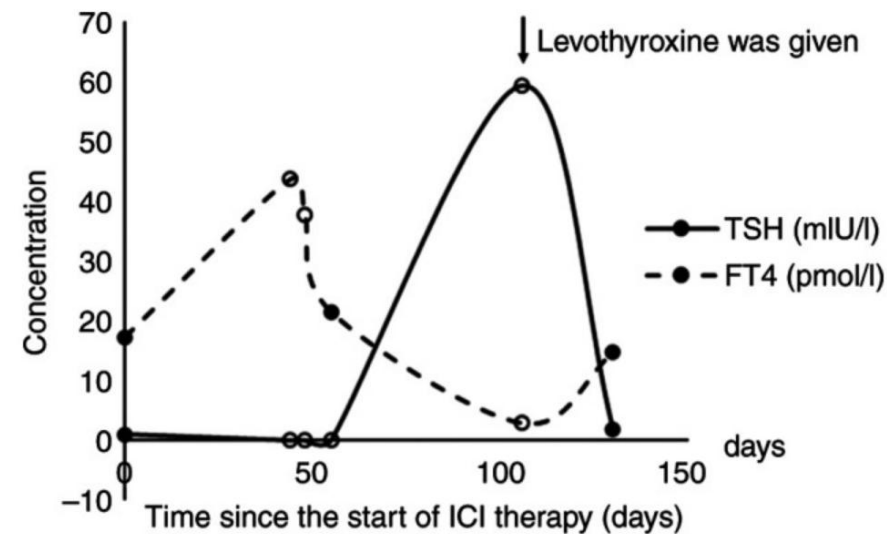
- ① Occurs in 1-2% (Stage IV)
- ② Adrenal insufficiency is a rare but **potentially serious complication that can occur after major surgery.**
- ③ Mimicked prolonged postoperative fatigue : nonspecific, anorexia, fatigue, hyponatremia.
- ④ 8AM cortisol : 3ug/dL (AI), 15ug/dL (r/o)

### ICI-induced hypothyroidism

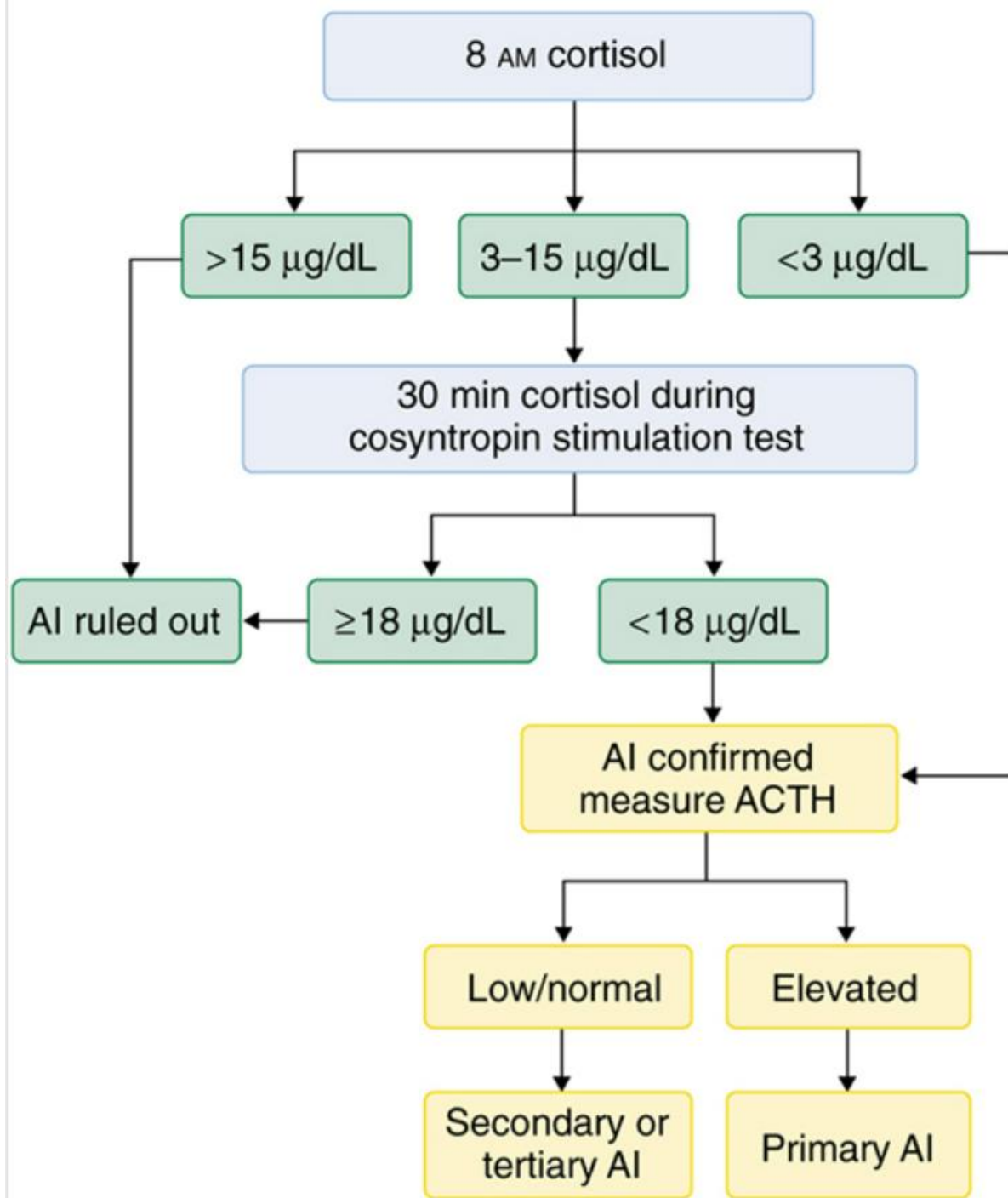
- ① The most commonly affected endocrine organ is the thyroid
- ② **Wound healing**



*Surg Case Rep. 2025 Feb 1;11(1):24-0044.*



*Oncol Lett. 2023 Sep 29;26(5):496.*



# Routine monitoring (NCCN)

**PRINCIPLES OF ROUTINE MONITORING FOR IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS**

<b>Pre-Therapy Assessment<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Monitoring Frequency<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Evaluation for Abnormal Findings/Symptoms</b>
<b>Clinical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical examination</li> <li>• Patient and relevant family history of any autoimmune/organ-specific disease, endocrinopathy, or infectious disease (ID)</li> <li>• Neurologic examination</li> <li>• Bowel habits (typical frequency/consistency)</li> <li>• ID screening (human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]; hepatitis A, B, C) as indicated</li> </ul>	Clinical examination at each visit with adverse event (AE) symptom assessment	Follow-up testing based on findings, symptoms
<b>Imaging</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-sectional imaging</li> <li>• Brain MRI if indicated</li> </ul>	Periodic imaging as indicated	Follow-up testing as indicated based on imaging findings
<b>General blood work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete blood count (CBC) (with differential if indicated)</li> <li>• Comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP)</li> </ul>	Repeat prior to each treatment or every 4 weeks during immunotherapy, then in 6–12 weeks or as indicated	HbA1c for elevated glucose
<b>Dermatologic (ICI_DERM-1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of skin and mucosa if history of immune-related skin disorder</li> </ul>	Conduct/repeat as needed based on symptoms	Consider dermatology referral. Monitor affected skin and lesion type; photographic documentation. Skin biopsy if indicated.
<b>Pancreatic (ICI_ENDO-1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline testing is not required</li> </ul>	No routine monitoring needed if asymptomatic	Amylase, lipase, and consider abdominal CT with contrast or MRCP for suspected pancreatitis
<b>Thyroid (ICI_ENDO-2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), free thyroxine (FT4)</li> </ul>	Every 4–6 weeks during immunotherapy, then follow-up every 12 weeks as indicated	<a href="#">ICI_ENDO-2</a> and <a href="#">ICI_ENDO-3</a>

**CMP : Glucose (4 weeks – 6/12 weeks)**  
**TSH, free T4 : (4-6 weeks – 12 weeks) + T3 -> AM cortisol levels**  
**Amylase, lipase : no routine monitoring**



### PRINCIPLES OF ROUTINE MONITORING FOR IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS

Pre-Therapy Assessment <sup>a</sup>	Monitoring Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Evaluation for Abnormal Findings/Symptoms
<b>Pituitary/Adrenal</b> ( <a href="#">ICI_ENDO-4</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider serum cortisol (morning preferred) and thyroid function as above</li> </ul>	Consider repeating every 4–6 weeks during immunotherapy (immunology [IO]-only regimens <sup>c</sup> ), then follow-up every 12 weeks as indicated	Morning serum cortisol, adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH), TSH, FT4, luteinizing hormone (LH), follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH), testosterone, estradiol (premenopausal individuals), and cosyntropin stimulation test only as indicated
<b>Pulmonary</b> ( <a href="#">ICI_PULM-1</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxygen saturation (resting and with ambulation)</li> <li>Consider pulmonary function tests (PFTs) with diffusion capacity for patients who are high risk (eg, interstitial lung disease on imaging, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], previous suspected treatment-related lung toxicity)</li> <li>In the absence of prior imaging, consider a chest x-ray</li> </ul>	Repeat oxygen saturation tests based on symptoms	Chest CT with contrast to evaluate for pneumonitis, biopsy, or bronchoscopy with bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) if needed to exclude other causes
<b>Cardiovascular</b> ( <a href="#">ICI_CARDIO-1</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider baseline electrocardiogram (ECG)</li> <li>Consider high-sensitivity troponin and N-terminal pro-hormone B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP)</li> <li>Individualized assessment in consultation with cardiology as indicated</li> </ul>	Consider periodic testing for those with abnormal baseline or symptoms <sup>d</sup>	Individualized follow-up in consultation with cardiology as indicated
<b>Musculoskeletal</b> ( <a href="#">ICI_MS-1</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint examination/functional assessment as needed for patients with pre-existing disease</li> </ul>	No routine monitoring needed if asymptomatic	Consider rheumatology referral. Depending on clinical situation, consider C-reactive protein (CRP), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), or creatine kinase (CK)

Consider AM cortisol levels  
Consider PFT with DLCO  
Consider ECG, troponin, pro-BNP

Management : ASCO, ESMO, NCCN

# Management

## ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline

1. Diagnosis and grading of irAEs
2. Ruling out differential diagnoses (consultation specialist, biopsy)
3. Selecting the appropriate immunosuppression strategy for grade 2 events
4. Active evaluation at 72r h to adapt treatment

## ASCO Guideline

Grade 1 : ICI is to be continued with close monitoring (Except for some neurological, hematological and cardiac toxicities, such as myocarditis.)

Grade 2 : ICIs are temporarily discontinued + Corticosteroids (0.5–1 mg/kg prednisone or equivalent) can be administered

Grade 3 : ICI suspension + Administration of high-dose corticosteroids (1–2 mg/kg prednisone or methylprednisolone, tapered over 4–6 weeks)

Grade 4 : Permanent discontinuation of ICI is recommended.

For grades 1–3, if symptoms and/or lab values revert to grade 1 or less, an ICI rechallenge can be done

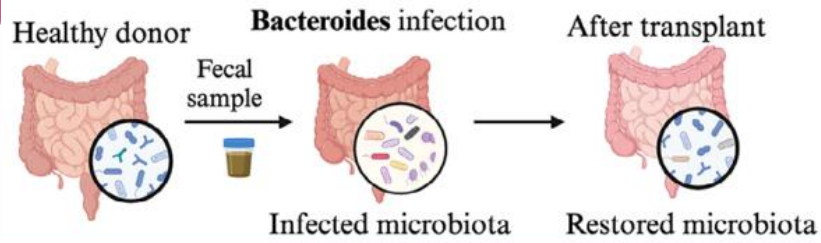
# Mechanism-based therapeutic managements

Immune-related adverse events in non-small cell lung cancer: Occurrence, mechanisms and therapeutic strategies

Clin. Transl. Med. 2024;14:e1613.

## ✓ Strategy 1#: Modulation of T cells activity and migration

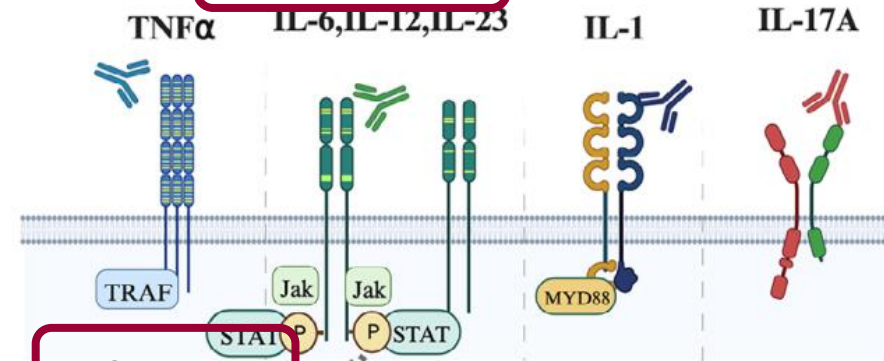
- Corticosteroids
- Immunosuppressants
- Fecal microbiota transplant and **Perspective**



Mycophenolate  
Cyclophosphamide

## ✓ Strategy 3#: Targeting cytokines receptors

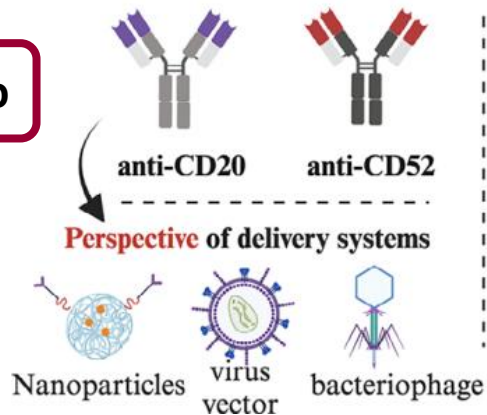
**Tocilizumab**



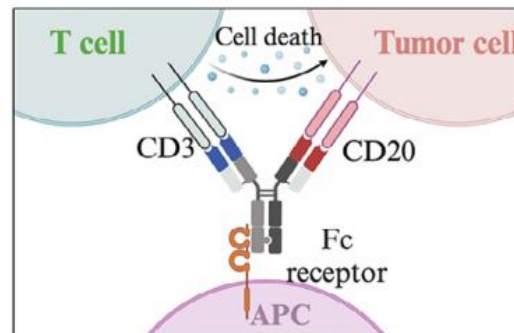
**Infliximab**

## ✓ Strategy 2#: Lymphocyte-targeted monoclonal antibodies

**Rituximab**



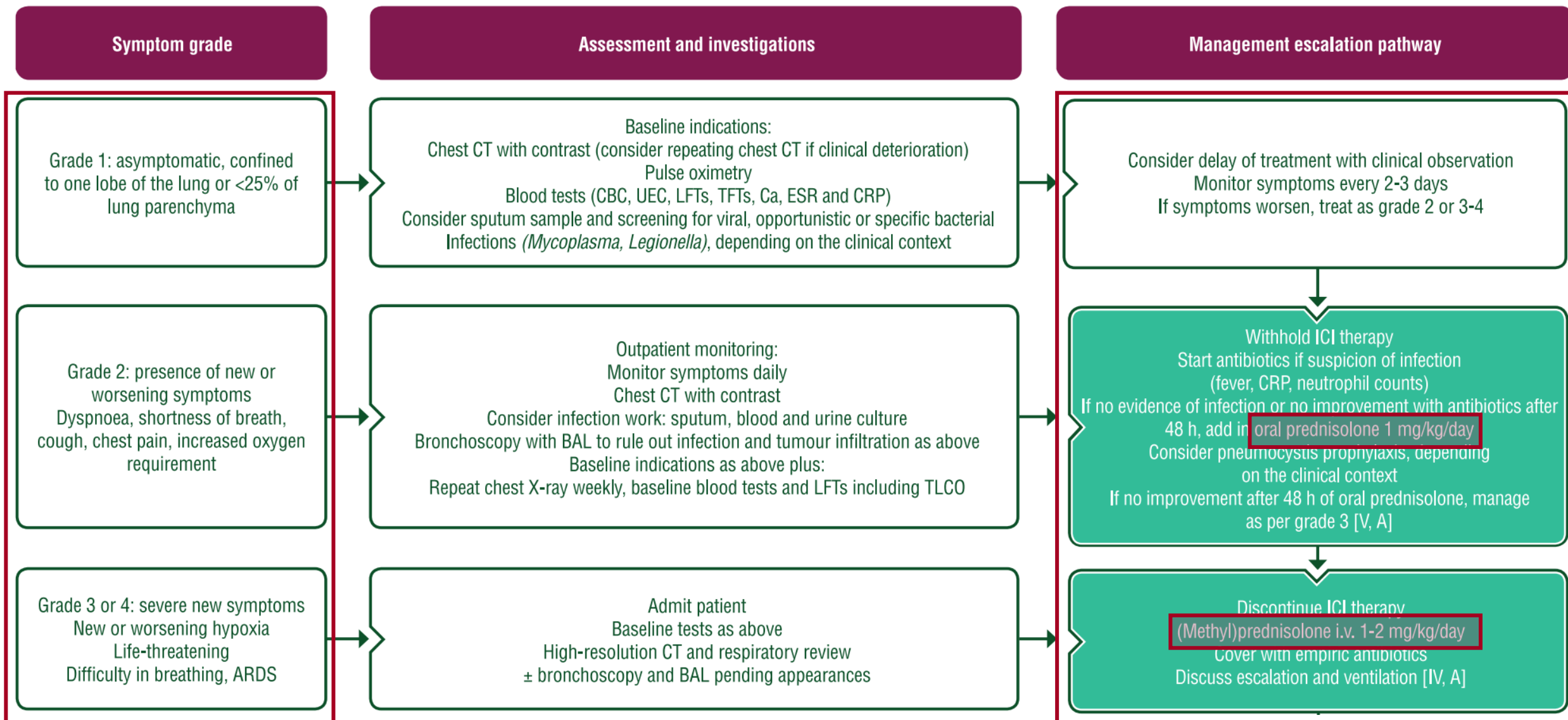
### Perspective of Bispecific Antibody



## ✓ Strategy 4#: Targeting signaling pathways

- JAK-STAT pathway
- PI3K pathway
- CDK4/6 pathway
- MNK1/2 pathway

# ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline



If not improving or worsening after 48 h



Add tocilizumab 8 mg/kg or infliximab 5 mg/kg ± IVIG  
Consider MMF or cyclophosphamide on individual basis  
Continue with i.v. CSs; wean as clinically indicated [V, A]

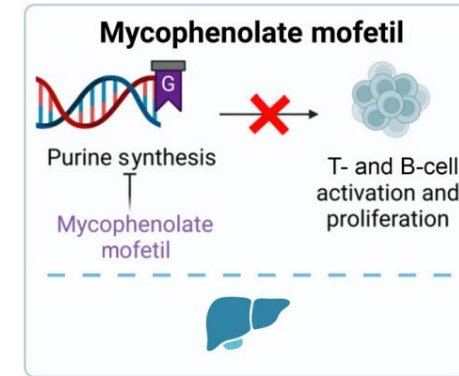
Once improved to baseline:

- Grade 2: wean oral CSs over 4-6 weeks, titrate to symptoms
- Grade 3-4: wean CSs over at least 6-8 weeks

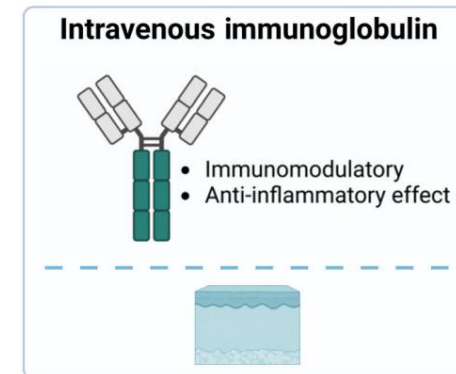
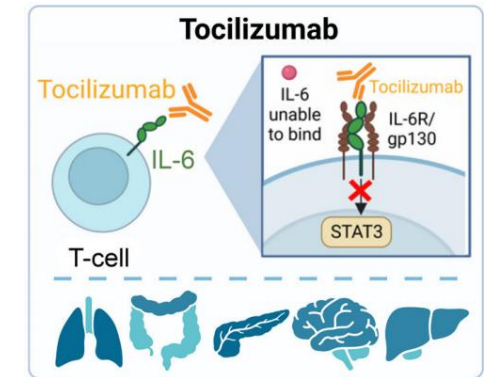
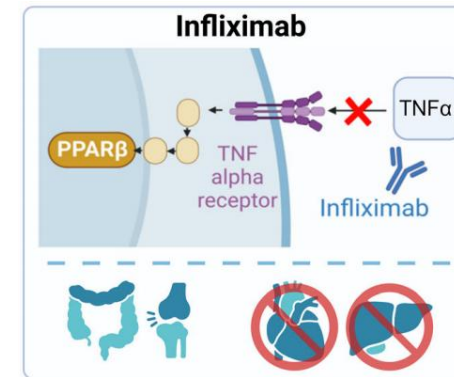
Steroid considerations:

- Calcium and vitamin D supplementation as per local guidelines
- Pneumocystis prophylaxis - cotrimoxazole 480 mg b.i.d. M/W/F or inhaled pentamidine if cotrimoxazole allergy

## Strategy 1#: Modulation of T cells activity and migration



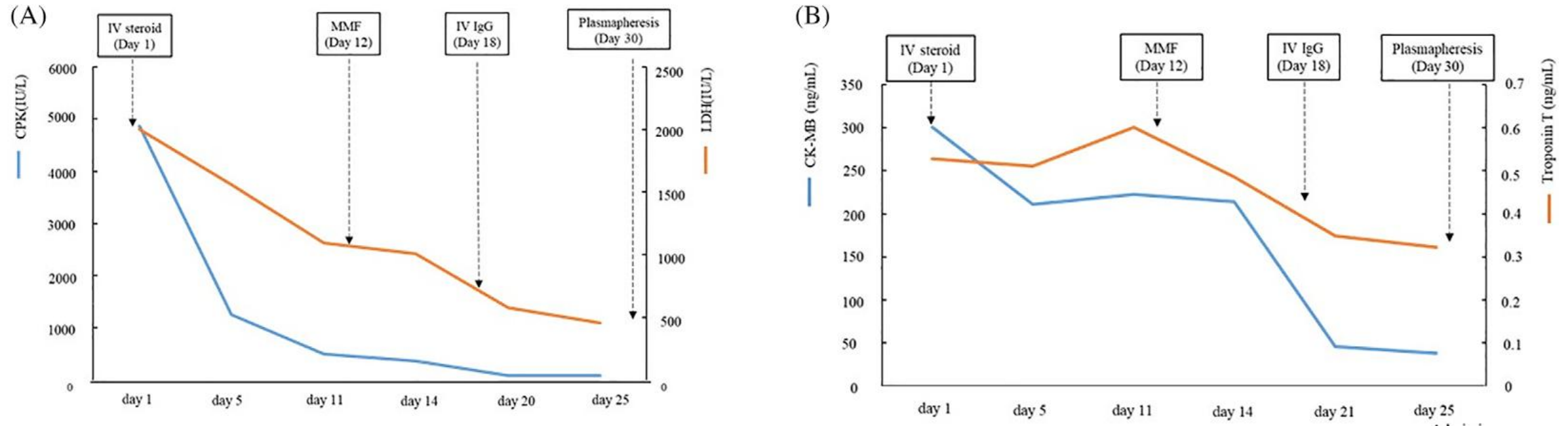
## Strategy 3#: Targeting cytokines receptors



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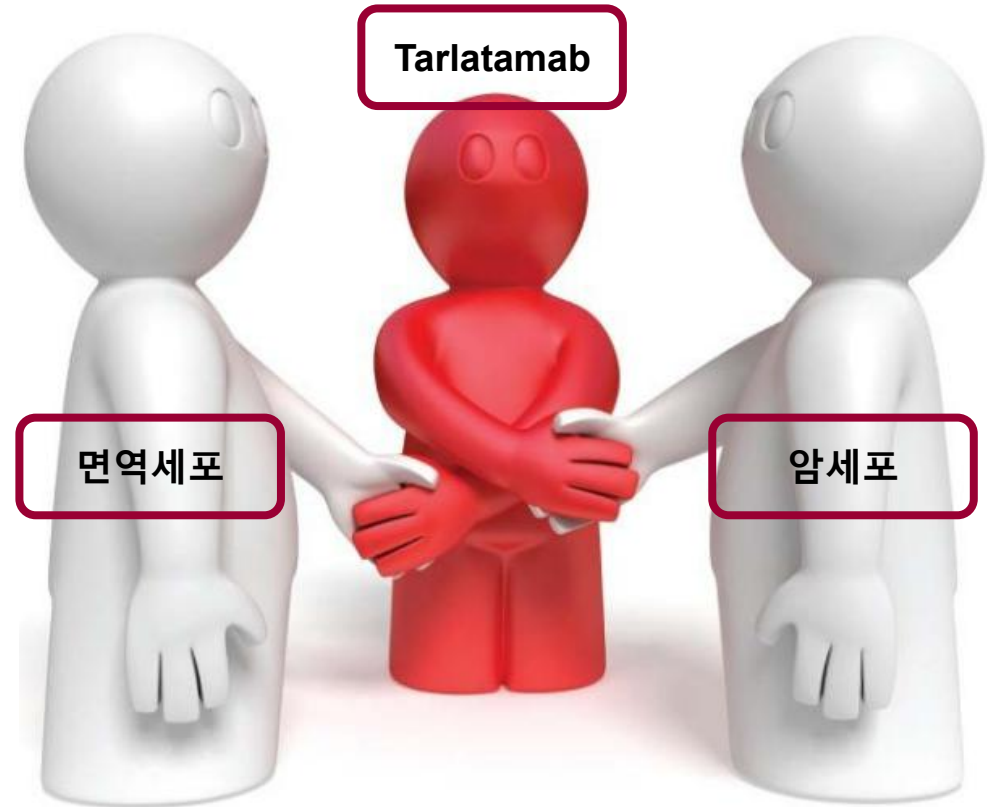
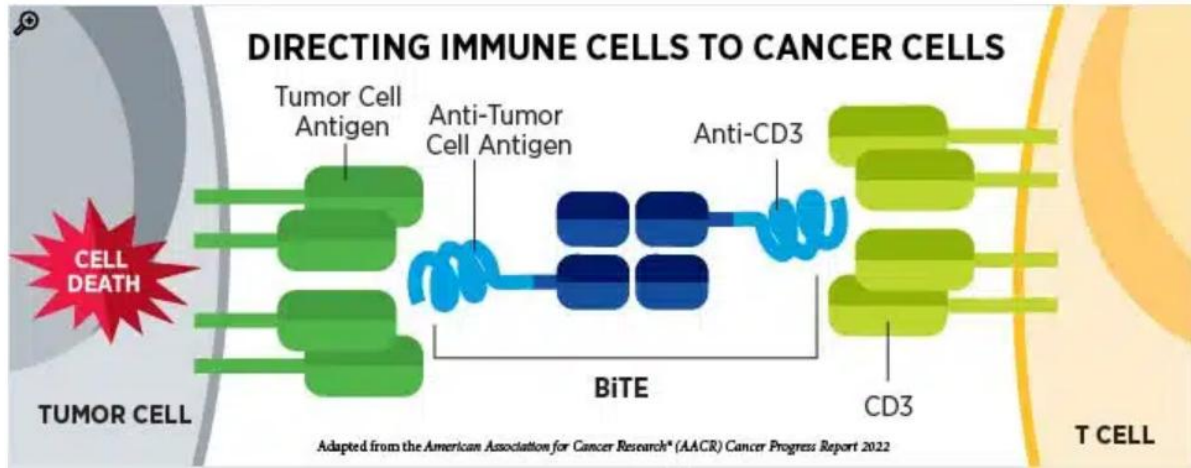
## Early development of pembrolizumab-induced fulminant myositis and cardiotoxicity in a patient with metastatic thymoma

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Tarlatamab (DLL3 × CD3 T cell engager)

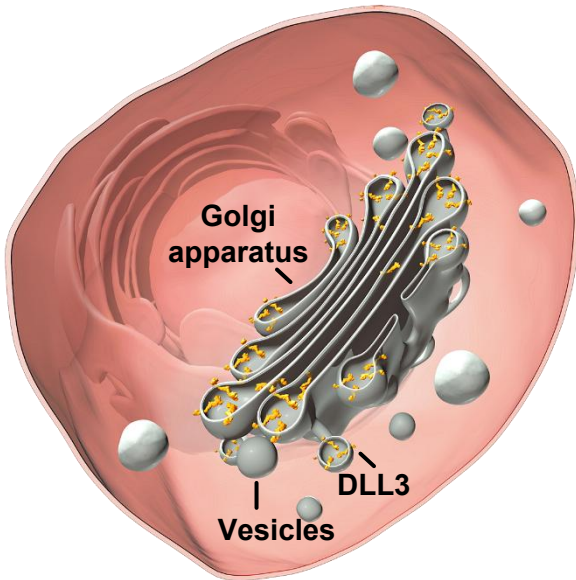
# Bispecific T-cell Engager therapy (BiTE)



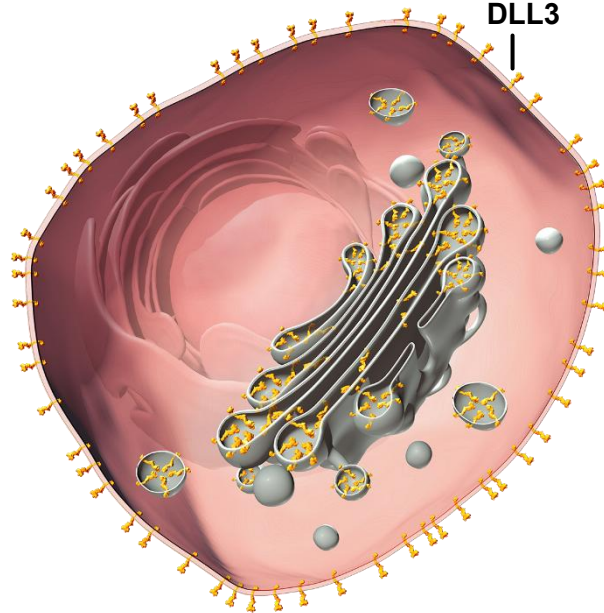
# Delta-Like Ligand 3 (DLL3)

## DLL3 Expression

Healthy Cell

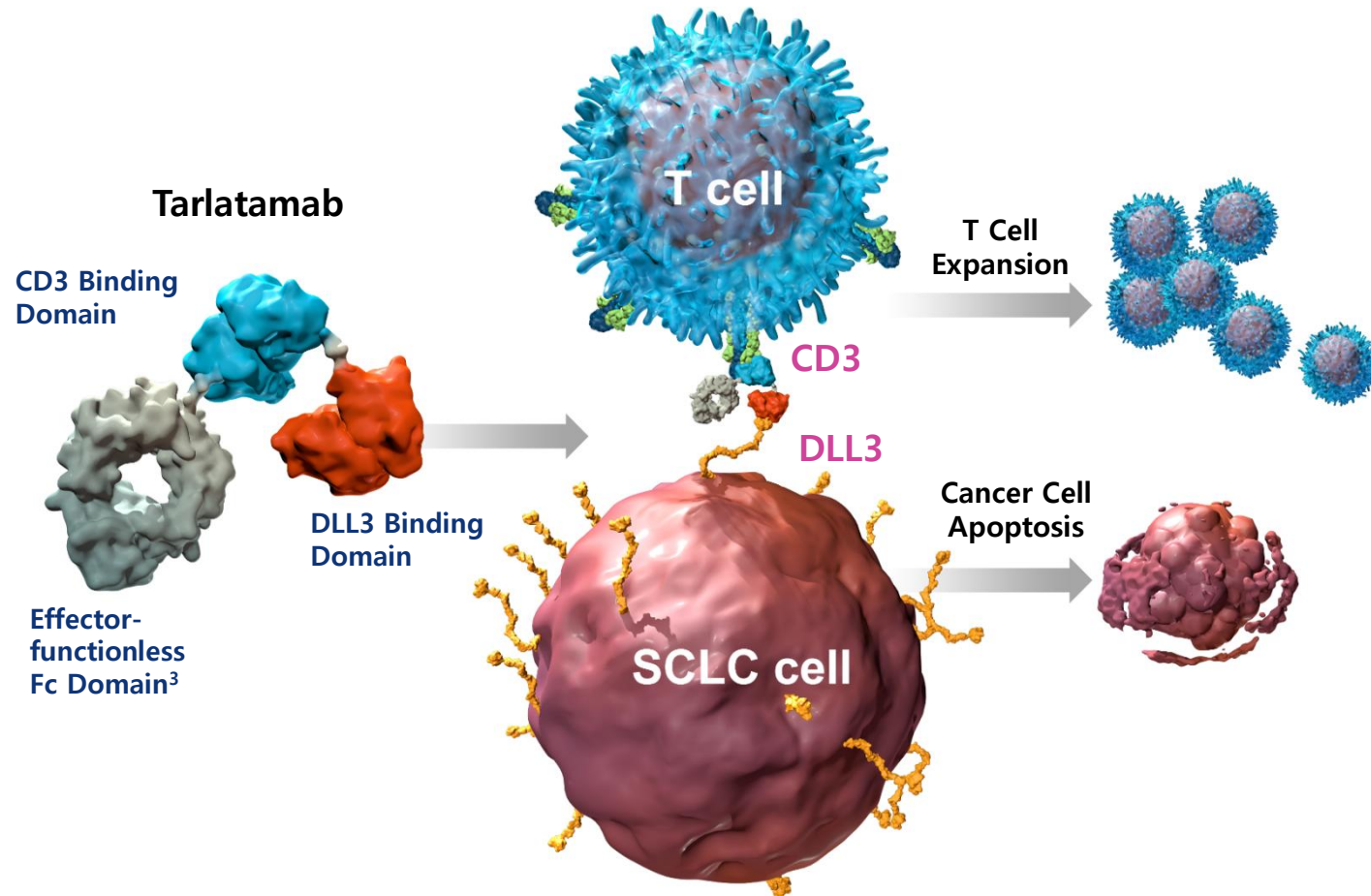


SCLC Cell



Characteristic	Specimens With Evaluable DLL3 Expression <sup>a</sup> n = 1050		
	No. in Each Category	Negative 0%–24 %	Positive <sup>b</sup> 25 %–100 %
All patients, n (%)	1050	155 (15)	895 (85)
SCLC stage, n (%)			
Limited	335	57 (17)	278 (83)
Extensive	667	92 (14)	575 (86)
Missing	48	6 (13)	42 (88)
No treatment received	218	23 (11)	195 (89)
First-line	442	74 (17)	368 (83)
Second-line	244	38 (16)	206 (84)
Third-line or greater	146	20 (14)	126 (86)

# Tarlatamab



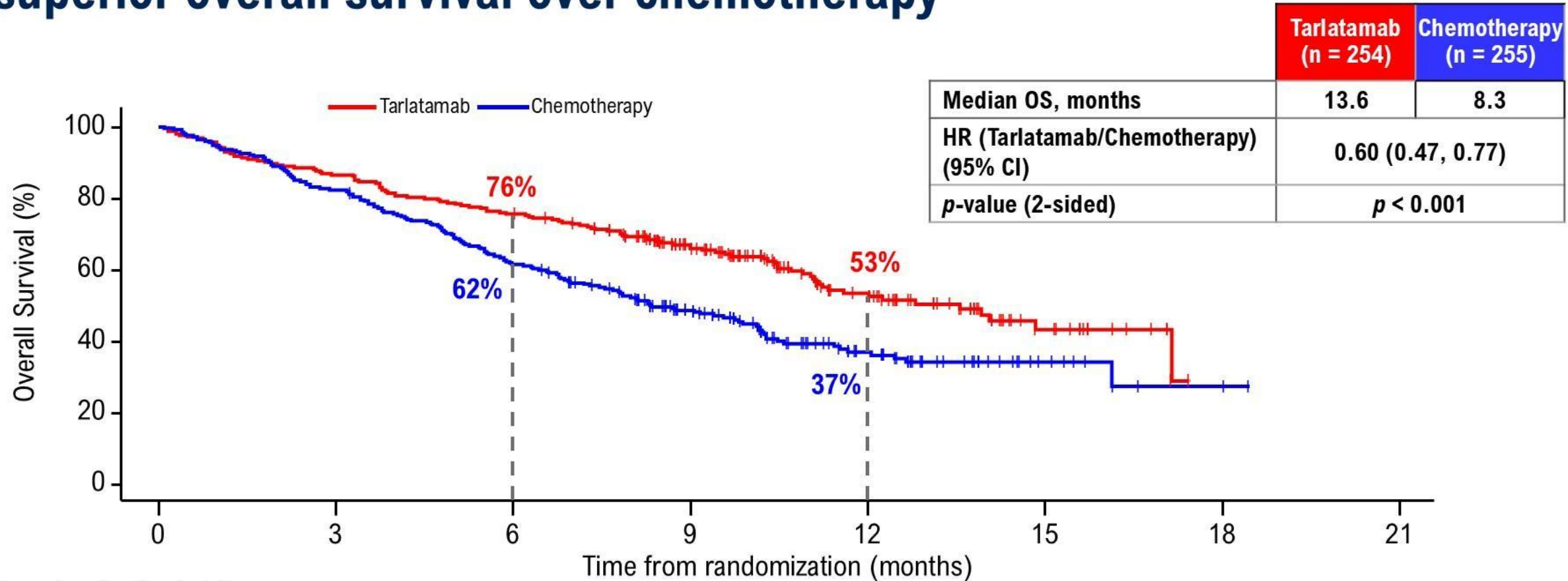
**Fever**

: Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

**Mental change**

: Immune effector cell-associated  
neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)

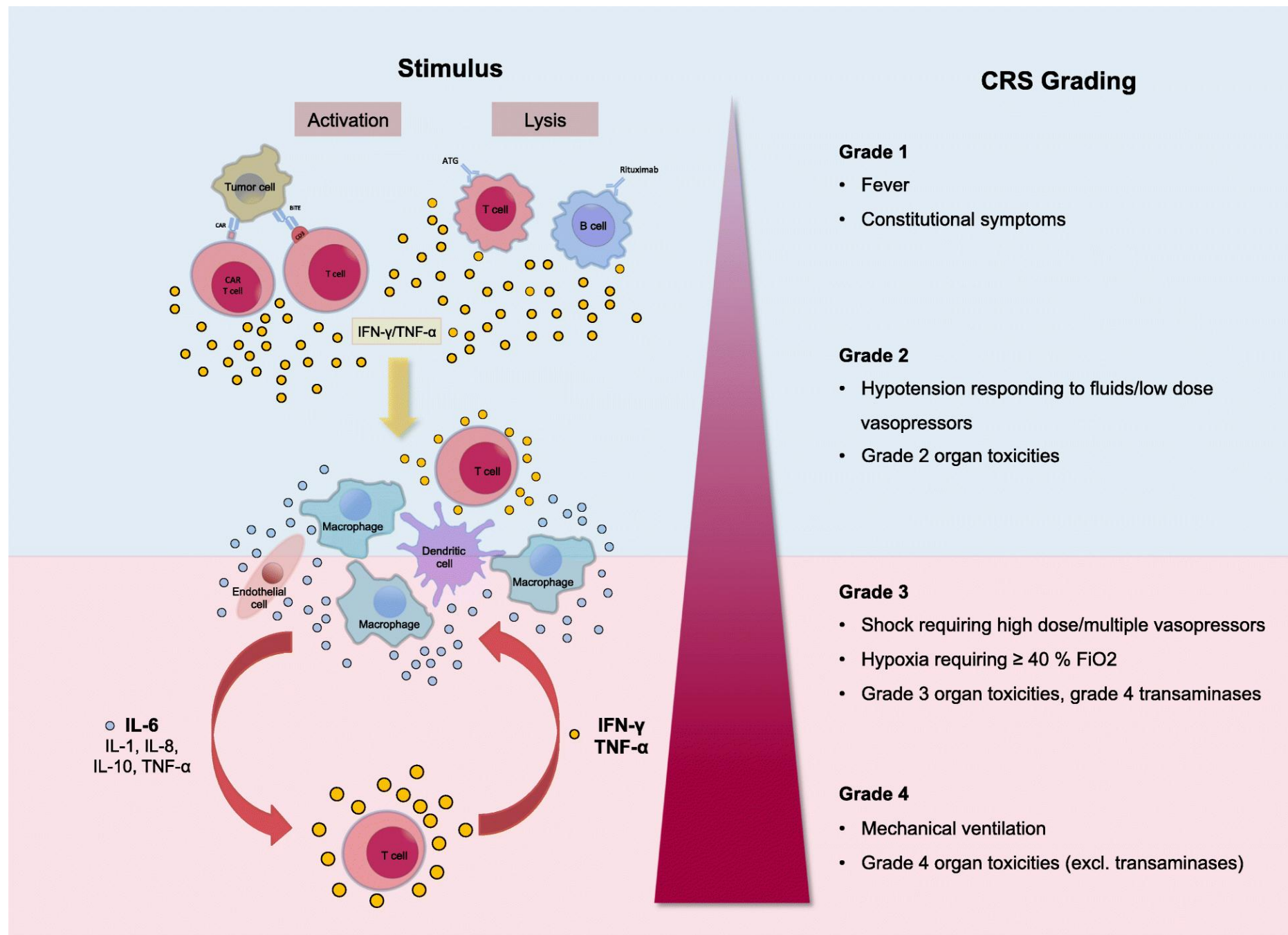
# DeLLphi-304 met its primary endpoint with tarlatamab demonstrating superior overall survival over chemotherapy



Number of patients at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Tarlatamab	254	220	192	131	60	17	0	
Chemotherapy	255	210	156	97	42	9	2	0

Median follow-up time: 11.2 months for the tarlatamab group and 11.7 months for the chemotherapy group. *p*-value was calculated using a stratified log-rank test.  
 HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival.



# Cytokine Release Syndrome

CRS Parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Fever<sup>†</sup></b>	≥ 38°C	≥ 38°C <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 38°C <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 38°C <sup>‡</sup>
		<b>With</b>		
<b>Hypotension</b>	None	Not requiring vasopressors	Requiring vasopressor <sup>§</sup> with or without vasopressin	Requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)
		<b>And/or<sup>††</sup></b>		
<b>Hypoxia</b>	None	Requiring low-flow nasal cannula <sup>**</sup> or blow-by	Requiring high-flow nasal cannula <sup>**</sup> , facemask, nonrebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Requiring positive pressure (eg, CPAP, BiPAP, intubation, and mechanical ventilation)

While there have been a variety of grading scales used across different clinical trials prior to 2019, the ASTCT grading scale aims to standardize definitions and grading system

- **Common symptoms: fever, hypotension, and hypoxia**
- **Timing**
  - **Median Onset: 13 hours (IQR: 8-27 hours)**
  - **Median Duration: 4 days**
  - **Resolution in 98% of cases**

<b>CRS, n (%)</b>	<b>Parts 1-3 Tarlataamab 10 mg (n = 133)</b>	<b>Part 1 Tarlataamab 100 mg (n = 87)</b>
<b>All Grades</b>	68 (51)	53 (61)
<b>Grade 1</b>	40 (30)	28 (32)
<b>Grade 2</b>	27 (20)	20 (23)
<b>Grade 3</b>	1 (1)	5 (6)

**CRS was predominately grade 1 or 2 in severity**

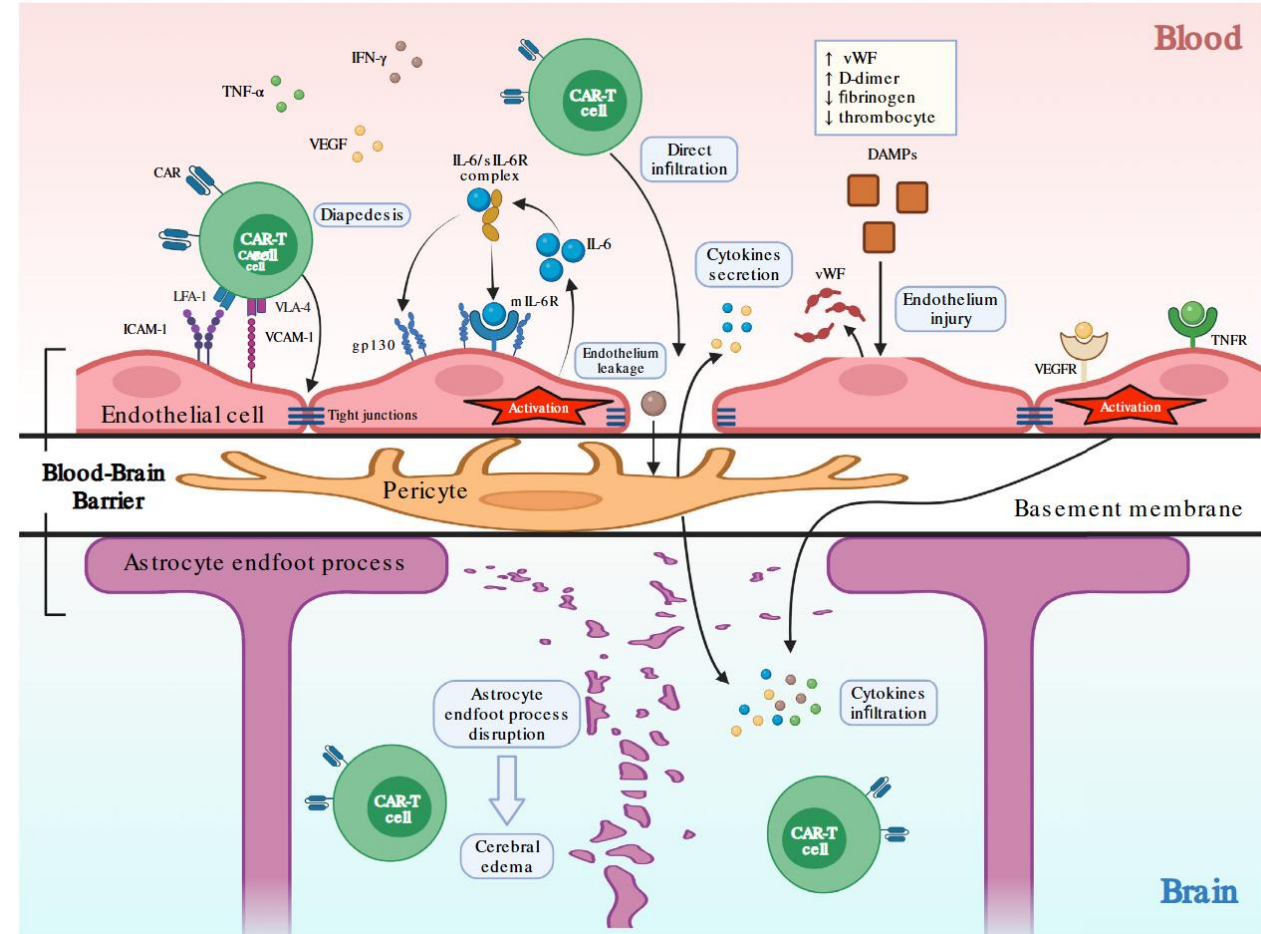
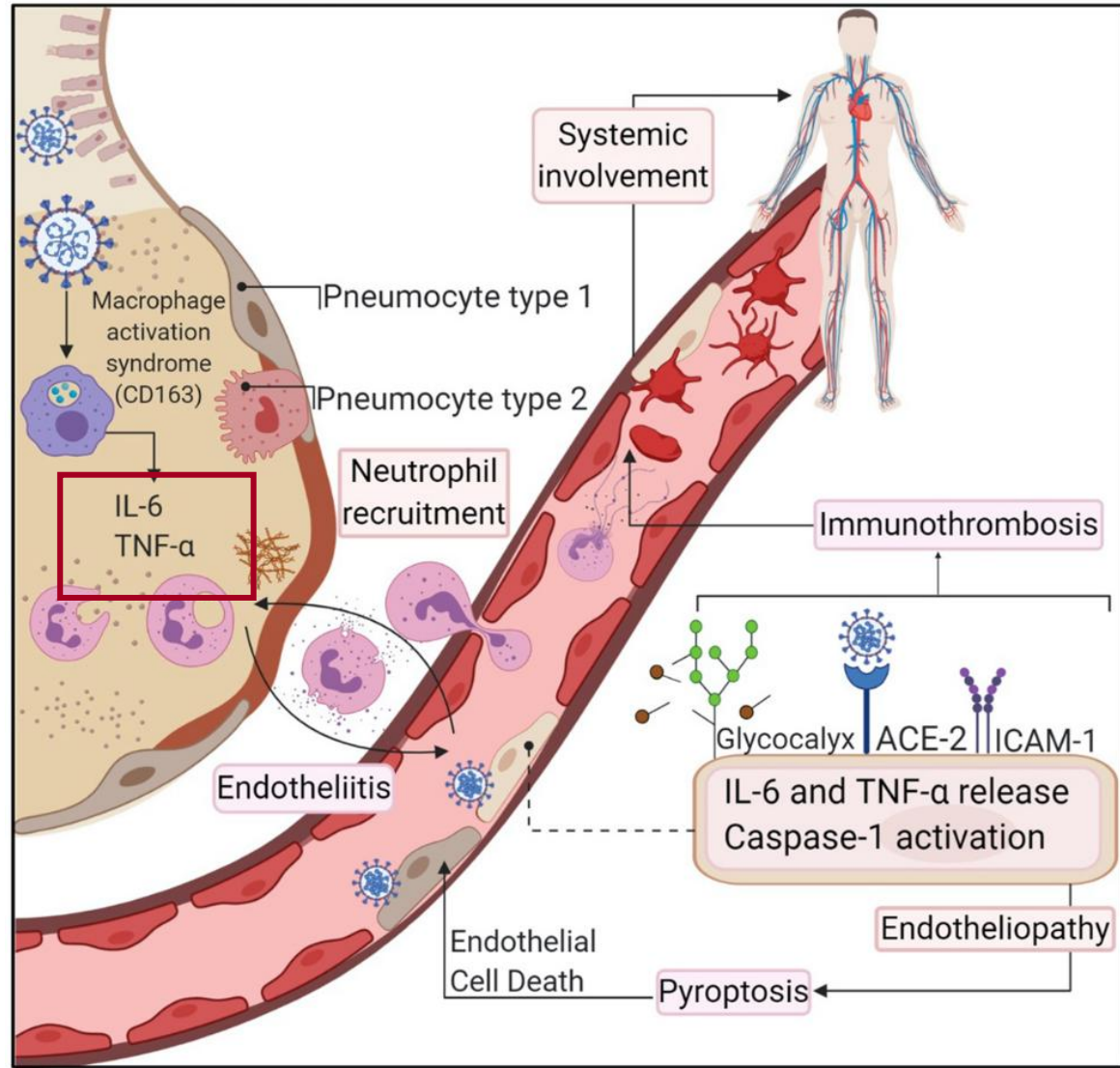
## Management per protocol

- Supportive care such as acetaminophen, IV hydration, and glucocorticoids

Additional interventions for CRS, n (%)	Parts 1 + 2 Tarlatamab 10 mg (n = 99)	Part 1 Tarlatamab 100 mg (n = 87)	Part 3 Tarlatamab 10 mg (n = 34)
Tocilizumab	5 (5)	9 (10)	2 (6)
IV fluid	8 (8)	8 (9)	1 (3)
Supplemental oxygen	7 (7)	8 (9)	4 (12)
Vasopressor support	1 (1)	1 (1)	0

CRS was generally managed with supportive care; additional interventions were infrequently utilized

# SARS-CoV-2



**Tarlatamab, is also expected to have limited BBB penetration under normal conditions.**

# Immune effector cell–associated neurotoxicity syndrome

Neurotoxicity Domain	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
ICE score <sup>†</sup>	7–9	3–6	0–2	0 (patient is unarousable and unable to perform the tests for grading ICE)
Depressed level of consciousness <sup>‡</sup>	Awakens spontaneously	Awakens to voice	Awakens only to tactile stimulus	Patient is unarousable or requires vigorous or repetitive tactile stimuli to arouse Stupor or coma
Seizure (any age)	N/A	N/A	Any clinical seizure, focal or generalized, that resolves rapidly or nonconvulsive seizures on EEG that resolve with intervention	Life-threatening prolonged seizure (> 5 min) or repetitive clinical or electrical seizures without return to baseline in between
Motor weakness (any age) <sup>§</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Deep focal motor weakness, such as hemiparesis or paraparesis
Elevated ICP/ cerebral edema (any age)	N/A	N/A	Focal/local edema on neuroimaging <sup>**</sup>	Diffuse cerebral edema on neuroimaging; decerebrate or decorticate posturing; or cranial nerve VI palsy, papilledema, and Cushing's triad

## ICANS Symptoms

- Confusion, impaired attention, tremor, and motor findings, weakness, or both

## Timing

- Median Onset: 5 days
- Median Duration: 6.5 days

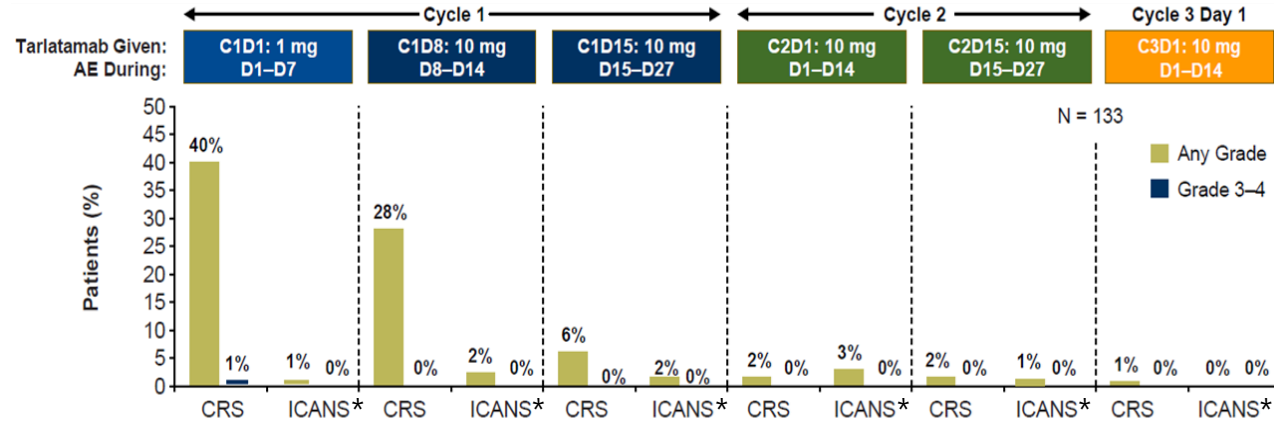
## Management per protocol

- Follow institutional guidelines
- All grades: supportive care
- $\geq$  Grade 2: glucocorticoid therapy
- Grade 4: high-dose glucocorticoid treatment

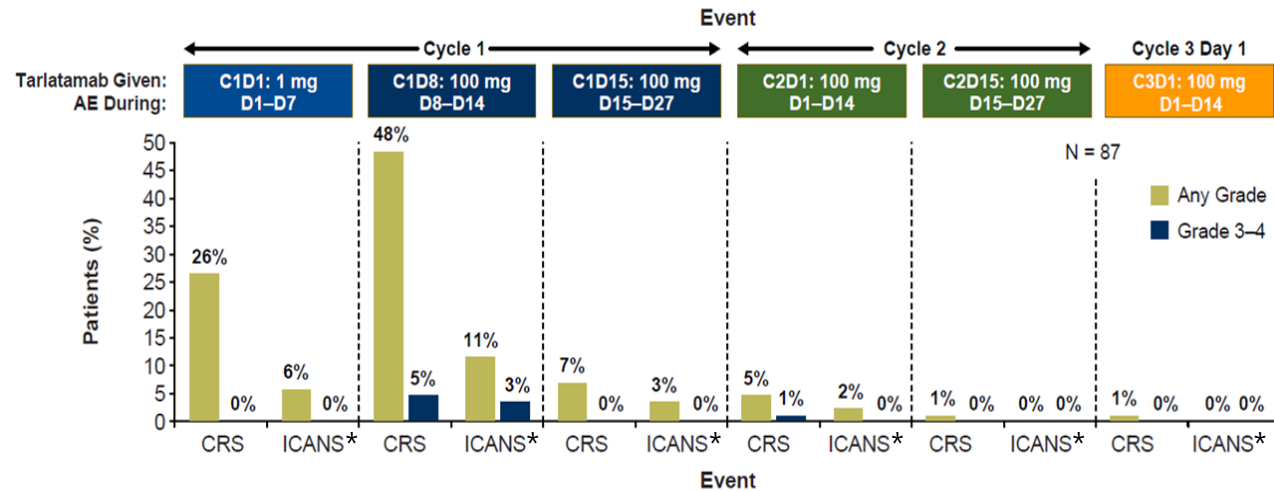
AEs of interest, n (%)	Parts 1 + 2 Tarlataamab 10 mg (n = 99)	Part 1 Tarlataamab 10 0 mg (n = 87)	Part 3 Tarlataamab 10 mg (n = 34)
<b>ICANS and associated neurologic events</b>			
Overall	7 (7)	24 (28)	4 (12)
Grade $\geq$ 3 severity	0	4 (5)	0
Serious	2 (2)	11 (13)	2 (6)
Leading to tarlatamab discontinuation	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Fatal	0	0	0

# Timing of CRS and ICANS and associated neurologic events

10 mg  
Tarlatamab



100 mg  
Tarlatamab



- CRS was largely confined to the first or second dose
- ICANS occurred infrequently overall and was predominantly observed with tarlatamab 100 mg

**Table 3.** Comparison of CRS clinical features between days 1 and 8 of the first cycle<sup>↵</sup>

↵	Total CRS events (N=10) <sup>↵</sup>	Day 1 of the first cycle (N=5) <sup>↵</sup>	Day 8 of the first cycle (N=5) <sup>↵</sup>	P-value <sup>↵</sup>
Hours to fever <sup>↵</sup>	18.4±12.2 <sup>↵</sup>	9.0±2.1 <sup>↵</sup>	27.8±10.5 <sup>↵</sup>	0.004 <sup>↵</sup>
CRS duration <sup>↵</sup>	55.3±60.4 <sup>↵</sup>	75.0±73.4 <sup>↵</sup>	35.6±43.2 <sup>↵</sup>	0.044 <sup>↵</sup>
Peak fever <sup>↵</sup>	38.8±0.5 <sup>↵</sup>	38.9±0.4 <sup>↵</sup>	38.8±0.6 <sup>↵</sup>	0.317 <sup>↵</sup>
CRS grade <sup>↵</sup>	↵	↵	↵	↵
1 <sup>↵</sup>	5 (50.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	1 (20.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	4 (80.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0.103 <sup>↵</sup>
2 <sup>↵</sup>	5 (50.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	4 (80.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	1 (20.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	↵
3 ≥ <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	↵
CRS grade defining events <sup>↵</sup>	↵	↵	↵	↵
Hypotension <sup>↵</sup>	4 (40.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	3 (60.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	1 (20.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0.262 <sup>↵</sup>
Inotropic used <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	↵
Oxygen supplementation <sup>↵</sup>	1 (10.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	1 (20.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0.500 <sup>↵</sup>
Intubation <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	↵
ICU admission <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	0 (0.0%) <sup>↵</sup>	↵

\*Numbers are presented as N (%) or mean ± Standard deviation<sup>↵</sup>

Abbreviations: CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICU, intensive care unit.<sup>↵</sup>

# Take home message

- Immune-checkpoint inhibitors
  - There should always be a high level of suspicion.
  - A watchful waiting approach is justified after discontinuation of ICI owing to irAEs.
  
- Tarlatamab
  - CRS was predominately grade 1 or 2.
  - CRS was generally managed with supportive care.
  - ICANS occurred infrequently overall and was predominantly observed with tarlatamab 100 mg

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