





# Immunoterapia. Quadri clinici e gestione della tossicità. Evidenze dalla Letteratura Scientifica



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### What kind of toxicity?

	Nivolumab [Checkmate 017-057]			lizumab TE-010]	Atezolizumab [POPLAR]		
	All Grade	G3-4	All Grade	G3-4	All Grade	G3-4	
All	58-69	7-10	63	10	67	12	
Fatigue	16	1	14	1	20	1	
Decrease appetite	10-11	1	14	1	17	1	
Asthenia	10	0	6	1	6	1	
Nausea	9-12	1	11	1	12	1	
Diarrhea	8	1	7	1	7	1	
Arthralgia	5	0	-	-	-	-	
Pyrexia	5	0	-	-	-	-	
Pneumonitis	5	2	5	2	-	-	
Rash	4	0	9	1	-	-	
Myalgia	2	0	1	0	-	1	
Anemia	2	0	3	1	-	-	

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### And the comparators?

	Nivolumab [Checkmate 017-057]	Pembrolizumab [KEYNOTE-010]	Docetaxel [vs nivo]	Docetaxel Nintedanib	Docetaxel Ramucirumab
All (%)	58-69	63	86-88	93	98
Grade 3-4 (%)	7-10	10	54-55	72	79
Grade 5 (n)	0	3	4	5	5

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# IMMUNO-RELATED TOXICITIES [skin]





### **Manifestations:**

Rash: 7-16% (G3-4 1-2%)

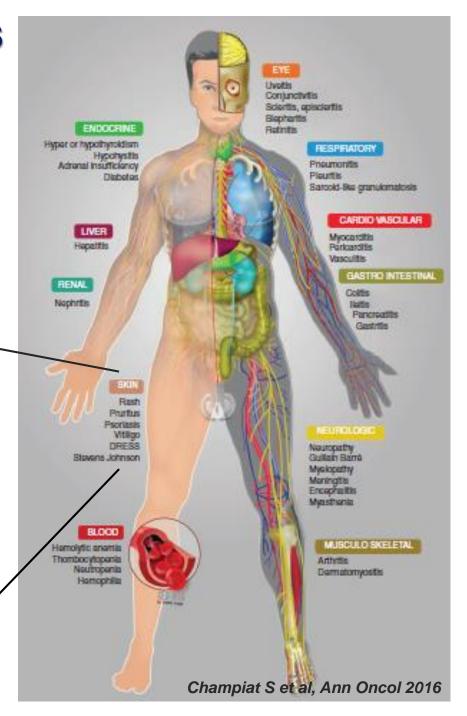
Pruritus: **6-10%** Erythema: 0.4%

Skin exfoliation: 0.4%

Urticaria: 0.4%

#### **Treatment:**

Observation or topical corticosteroid treatment or oral steroids +/- oral anti-histaminic drugs to improve pruritus



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# IMMUNO-RELATED TOXICITIES [gastrointestinal]

### **Manifestations:**

Diarrhea: **7-12% (G3-4 1-2%)**Colitis (mucosal erythema and ulcerations) is rare

**Diagnosis:** CT abdomen scan, rectosigmoidoscopy or ileocolonoscopy with biopsies

#### **Treatment:**

Most cases of diarrhea are low grade and can be symptomatically treated and dose delay *versus* high grade diarrhea with high dose intravenously steroid therapy

N.B. exclusion infectious diarrhea (screening stool samples)

# IMMUNO-RELATED TOXICITIES [endocrine]

### **Manifestations:**

Hypothyroidism: **6-8%** (G3-4 0-1%)

Hyperthyroidism: **2-4%**Blood TSH decreased
Adrenal insufficiency

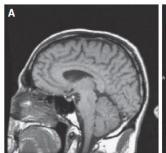
**Diabetes** 

Hypophysitis

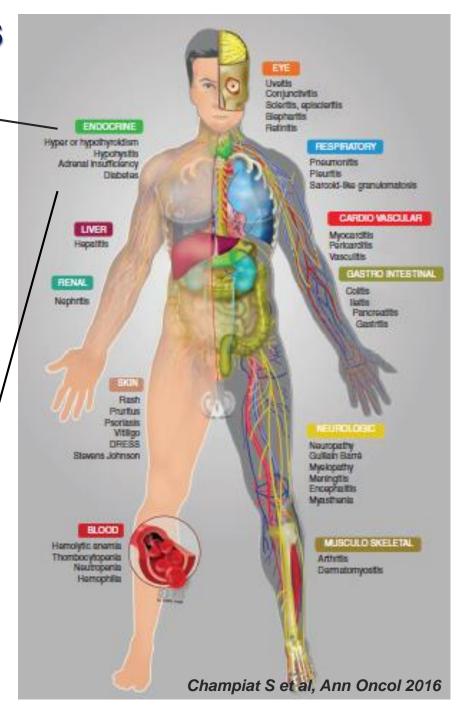
Non-specific symptoms: headache, fatigue, weakness, memory loss, impotence, personality changes, and visual-field impairment

### **Treatment:**

Hormone replacement therapy more than high-dose steroids



Baseline (4.5 mm) 12/3/04 - Headache/fatigue (10.



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# IMMUNO-RELATED TOXICITIES [pulmonary]

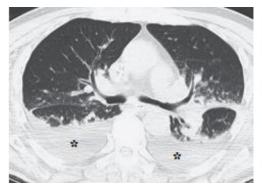
All grades: 5-6% Grades 3-4: 2%

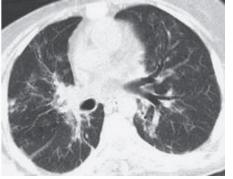
### **Manifestations:**

From asymptomatic lung infiltrates to a mimic of severe bacterial pneumonia (cough, dyspnea, fever,..)
Asymptomatic radiographic changes

**Diagnosis:** Pulse oximetry (rest and exertion), CT

Differential diagnosis: infection, early pulmonary edema, tumor progression (such as lymphangitis), impairment of the cardiopulmonary function





#### 1-2%

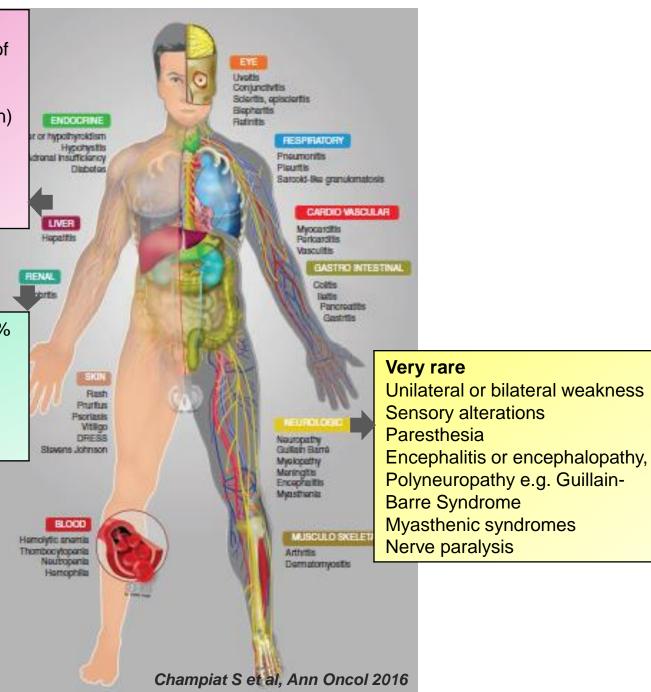
Asymptomatic elevated levels of hepatic transaminases
Nonspecific symptoms (fever, fatigue, nausea, abdominal pain)

### **N.B.:**

Exclusion other etiologies of hepatic injury

Blood creatinine increased 2-3% Tubulointerstitial nephritis Renal failure

Most commonly present with elevations in serum creatinine



### **Real-life Setting?**

	Nivolumab Checkmate 017	<b>Nivolumab</b> Checkmate 057	<b>Pembrolizumab</b> KEYNOTE-010	<b>Atezolizumab</b> POPLAR
Median Age	62	61	63	62
> 75 y	8%	7%	N.R.	N.R.
PS 2	N.E.	N.E.	1%	N.E.
Brain Mets	7%	12%	16%	N.R.

### **Should Patients be excluded for PS?**

### CA209-153 Study Design

RANDOMIZATION

at 1 yrb

#### SCREENING STUDY POPULATION

Advanced / metastatic (stage IIIb / IV) NSCLC (NSQ and SQ) at least 1 prior systemic therapy<sup>3</sup>

#### INTERVENTION Nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV q 2 weeks

#### PATIENT SUBGROUPS

- SQ, PS 0-1, ≥2 prior therapies, +/treated CNS mets
- SQ, PS 0-1, 1 prior therapy,
   +/- treated CNS mets
- NSQ, PS 0-1, ≥1 prior therapy, +/treated CNS mets
- SQ or NSQ, PS 2, ≥1 prior therapy

#### COHORT A

Continue to treat to progression, unacceptable toxicity, or withdrawal of informed consent

#### COHORT B

Discontinue treatment, and if progression occurs re-treatment allowed

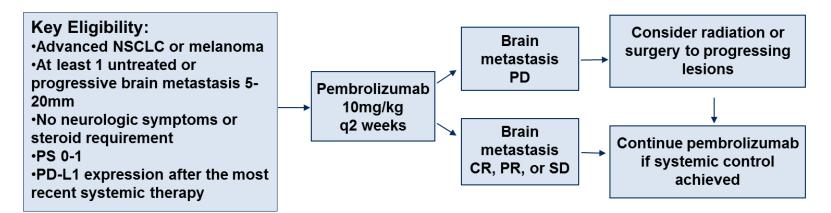
#### **ENDPOINTS**

- Safety
- ORF
- PFSDOR
- DOR
- PRO
- PKU
- Biomarkers

	Nivolumab 3 mg/kg N = 824		Nivolumab 3 mg/kg ECOG PS 0–1 (n = 742)			Nivolumab 3 mg/kg ECOG PS 2 (n = 65)			
	Any Grade n (%)	Grade 3–4 n (%)	Grade 5 n (%)	Any Grade n (%)	Grade 3–4 n (%)	Grade 5 n (%)	Any Grade n (%)	Grade 3–4 n (%)	Grade 5 n (%)
All adverse events	762 (93)	311 (38)	158 (19)	683 (92)	268 (36)	131 (17)	62 (95)	33 (51)	24 (37)
All serious adverse events (SAEs)	309 (38)	223 (27)	158 (19)	257 (35)	185 (25)	131 (17)	42 (65)	29 (45)	24 (37)
All select adverse events	282 (34)	37 (5)	5 (1)	253 (34)	32 (4)	3 (<1)	22 (34)	3 (5)	2 (3)
All treatment-related adverse events	439 (53)	59 (7)	1 (<1)	403 (54)	52 (7)	1 (<1)	27 (42)	4 (6)	0
All treatment-related SAEs	23 (3)	19 (2)	1 (<1)*	18 (2)	14 (2)	1 (<1)	3 (5)	3 (5)	0
All treatment-related select AEs	199 (24)	20 (2)	0	181 (24)	16 (2)	0	14 (22)	2 (3)	0
All AEs leading to discontinuation	87 (11)	53 (6)	34 (4)	69 (9)	42 (8)	27 (4)	16 (25)	9 (14)	7 (11)
All treatment-related SAEs leading to discontinuation	14 (2)	12 (2)	1 (<1)	11 (2)	9 (1)	1 (<1)	2 (3)	2 (3)	0
All treatment-related select AEs leading to discontinuation	12 (2)	11 (1)	0	9 (1)	8 (1)	0	2 (3)	2 (3)	0

### **Should Patients with Brain Mets be excluded?**

### Phase II Trial of Pembrolizumab for Untreated Brain Metastases



Treatment-related Adverse Event	Aı Gra		Grade 3/4	
N=18	No.	%	No.	%
Fatigue	5	28	1	6
Diarrhea/colitis	3	17	1	6
Pneumonitis	1	6	1	6
Hypokalemia	1	6	1	6
Autoimmune nephritis	1	6	0	0
Flu-like symptoms	1	6	0	0
Anorexia	2	11	0	0
Dermatologic	4	22	0	0
Endocrine	5	28	0	0
Hematologic	2	11	0	0

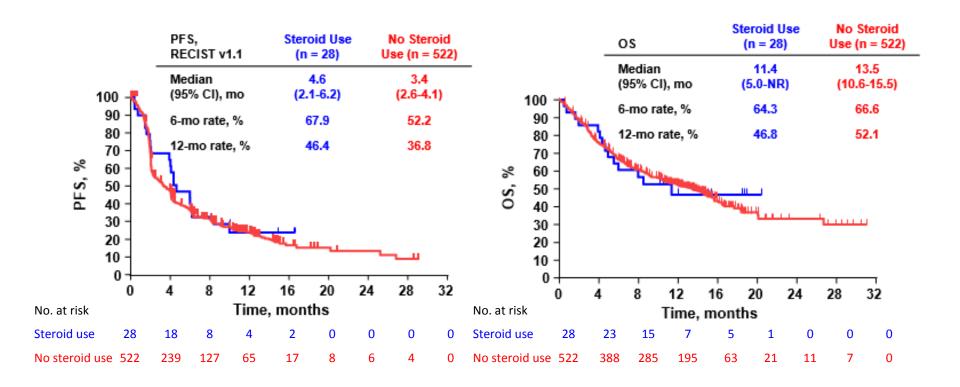
Any Neurologic Adverse Event*	Aı Gra		Grad	e 3/4
N=18	No.	%	No.	%
Headache	4	22	0	0
Dizziness	2	11	0	0
Cognitive dysfunction	1	6	0	0
Stroke	1	6	0	0

Of 18 treated patients, there were 4 treatment-related AEs grade > 3

All neurologic adverse events were G1

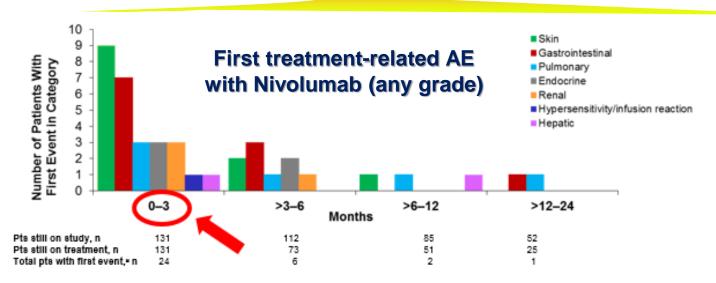
### Should Patients receiving steroids be excluded?

**KEYNOTE-001 - NSCLC cohorts n = 550** 



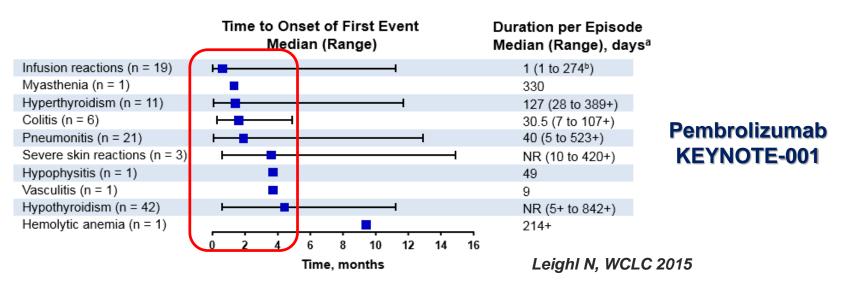
No clear relationship between steroid use and continued efficacy of pembrolizumab

### What else we have to know? Time of onset



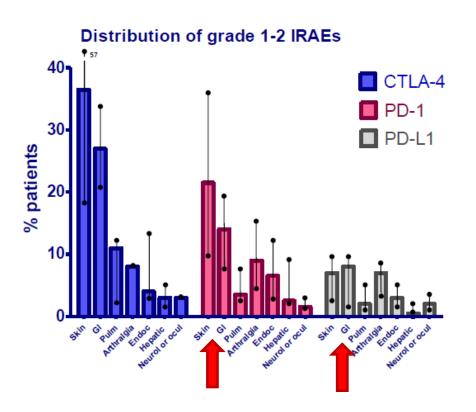
The majority of patients who experienced treatment-related select AEs with nivolumab experienced their first event within
the first 3 months of treatment

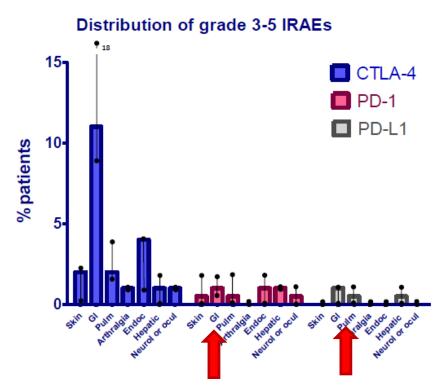
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### What else we have to know? Type of toxicity

Distribution of grade I-II and grade III-V IRAEs for all tumor types in the main clinical trials with anti-CTLA4, anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 antibodies as single therapies.





# How to choose the right candidate? [for an appropriate toxicity prevention]

- Careful familiar and personal history [autoimmune diseases]
- Age, Performance Status, necessity to take steroids
- Physical examination
- Lab tests (including basal TSH, T4, cortisol and ACTH, virology)
- Imaging (extension and disease localizations)

[with implications for appropriate use of the resources]

...Remembering that...



### **Patient** Education Makes the Difference...

Gestione pratica dei più comuni effetti collaterali





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