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COVERAGE: ESMO 2020 –
FOCUS ON MELANOMA**

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FACULTY EXPERTS

Chair

Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD



Reinhard Dummer, MD



Alexander Eggermont, MD, PhD



James Larkin, MD, PhD



Caroline Robert, MD, PhD

Time CEST	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
17.30 – 17.35	Introduction and Review Agenda and Framework for Meeting	Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD
17.35 – 17.45	Melanoma Adjuvant and Neoadjuvant Therapy	Alexander Eggermont, MD, PhD
17.45 – 18.05	Key Questions and Topics for Discussion	Moderator: Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD
18.05 – 18.15	Relapsed/Refractory Metastatic Melanoma	Caroline Robert, MD, PhD
18.15 – 18.35	Key Questions and Topics for Discussion	Moderator: Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD
18.35 – 18.45	Immunotherapy for 1L Metastatic Melanoma	Reinhard Dummer, MD
18.45 – 19.05	Key Questions and Topics for Discussion	Moderator: Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD
19.05 – 19.15	BREAK	
19.15 – 19.25	1L <i>BRAF</i> -Mutated Metastatic Melanoma – Long-term Results and Strategies to Improve on MAPK-Targeted Therapies	James Larkin, MD, PhD
19.25 – 19.45	Key Questions and Topics for Discussion	Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD
19.45 – 20.00	Summary, Key Takeaways, and Closing Remarks	Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD

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Melanoma Adjuvant and Neoadjuvant Therapy

ALEXANDER EGGERMONT, MD, PHD

1076O: Adjuvant nivolumab (NIVO) vs ipilimumab (IPI) in resected stage III/IV melanoma: 4-y recurrence-free and overall survival (OS) results from CheckMate 238. J. Weber, et al

Background

- > NIVO has shown improved recurrence-free survival (RFS) vs IPI in patients (pts) with resected stage III/IV melanoma in the phase III

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LBA46: Pembrolizumab versus placebo after complete resection of high-risk stage III melanoma: Final results regarding distant metastasis-free survival from the EORTC 1325-MG/Keynote 054 double-blinded phase III trial. A. Eggermont, et al

Background

- > The randomized phase III double-blind EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 trial was conducted to evaluate pembrolizumab (PEMBRO) vs placebo

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1097P: 4-year relapse-free survival (RFS), overall survival (OS) and long-term toxicity of (neo)adjuvant ipilimumab (IPI) + nivolumab (NIVO) in macroscopic stage III melanoma - OpACIN trial. J.M. Versluis, et al

Background

- > Neoadjuvant (neoadj) IPI + NIVO showed in different trials in almost 200 pts a pathologic response rate of 71%–78%. The

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1085P: Health-Related Quality of Life in Stage III Melanoma Patients Treated with Neoadjuvant Ipilimumab and Nivolumab Followed by Index Lymph Node Excision Only versus Therapeutic Lymph Node Dissection: 24 week results of the PRADO trial. N.M.J. Van Den Heuvel, et al

Background

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MELANOMA ADJUVANT AND NEOADJUVANT THERAPY – DISCUSSION (1/3)

- > There was enthusiasm about the results of the PRADO trial (neoadjuvant IPI + NIVO; 1085P) in pts

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MELANOMA ADJUVANT AND NEOADJUVANT THERAPY – DISCUSSION (2/3)

- > The following recommendations were made for a neoadjuvant trial design with a sentinel node-

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MELANOMA ADJUVANT AND NEOADJUVANT THERAPY – DISCUSSION (2/2)

- > CheckMate 238 and KEYNOTE 054 (1076O and LBA46) have not shown practice-changing data

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Relapsed/Refractory Metastatic Melanoma

CAROLINE ROBERT, MD, PHD

Background

- > Identification of safe and effective treatment options for melanoma that progressed on anti-PD-1 based therapy is a

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1081MO: Efficacy of ipilimumab plus nivolumab or ipilimumab plus fotemustine vs fotemustine in patients with melanoma metastatic to the brain: primary analysis of the phase III NIBIT-M2 trial.
A.M. Di Giacomo, et al

Background

- > Brain metastases (BM) represent a high unmet medical need, for which the therapeutic potential of immune checkpoint(s) is being

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Background

- > Tilsotolimod (IMO-2125), an investigational Toll-like receptor 9 agonist, activates innate and adaptive immune responses and rapidly

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Background

- > Pts with stage IV melanoma can achieve long-term disease control through treatment with immune checkpoint inhibition. Disease

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1112P: Intralesional therapy with Talimogene Laherparepvec for stage IIIB-IVM1a melanoma is able to achieve a high rate of complete and durable responses and is associated with tumor load.
E. Stahlie, et al

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Background

- > Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) is a genetically modified herpes simplex type 1 virus and known as an effective oncolytic IO for

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RELAPSED/REFRACTORY METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (1/2)

- > Experts reiterated that IPI + NIVO has become the standard of care for relapsed/refractory

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RELAPSED/REFRACTORY METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (2/2)

- > T-VEC (real-world cohort analysis; 1112P)

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Immunotherapy for 1L Metastatic Melanoma

REINHARD DUMMER, MD

Background

- > Targeted therapy (TT: encorafenib + binimetinib and IO [IPI + NIVO1]) increases OS in metastatic *BRAF*-mutated melanoma

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Background

- > Five-year outcomes of pts with a CR to NIVO + IPI or NIVO alone and factors associated with continued CR or relapse are unknown.

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Background

- > Long-term safety of PEMBRO in metastatic melanoma was analyzed using data from phase I–III studies: KEYNOTE-001,

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Background

- > Immune-checkpoint inhibitors NIVO and IPI, alone and in combination, have demonstrated durable long-term survival patterns in

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Background

- > The aim of neoadjuvant therapy in locally advanced or oligometastatic melanoma is to facilitate radical resection, improve outcomes.

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IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR 1L METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (1/3)

- > IPI + NIVO remains the standard of care for frontline treatment in the metastatic setting. However

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IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR 1L METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (2/3)

- > The pooled analysis of data from the KEYNOTE-001, KEYNOTE-002, and KEYNOTE-006 (1139P)

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IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR 1L METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (3/3)

- > Neoadjuvant treatment with IPI + NIVO before surgical resection in locally advanced or

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**1L *BRAF*-Mutated Metastatic
Melanoma – Long-term Results
and Strategies to Improve on
MAPK-Targeted Therapies**

JAMES LARKIN, MD, PHD

LBA43: Spartalizumab plus dabrafenib and trametinib (Sparta-DabTram) in patients (pts) with previously untreated BRAF V600–mutant unresectable or metastatic melanoma: Results from the randomized part 3 of the phase III COMBI-i trial. P. Nathan, et al

Background

- > Results from the safety run-in (part 1) and biomarker cohort (part 2) of COMBI-i (NCT02967692) have been previously reported. Part

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Background

The IMspire150 study (NCT02669579) is a phase 3, multicenter, randomized, controlled study comparing the combination of atezolizumab (A), vemurafenib (V), and cobimetinib (C) to the combination of vemurafenib (V) and cobimetinib (C) in patients with BRAF V600E-mutant melanoma. The primary endpoint is overall survival (OS) at 24 weeks. Secondary endpoints include progression-free survival (PFS), time to treatment failure (TTF), and quality of life (QoL). The study is currently ongoing.

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1098P: Neoadjuvant cytoreductive treatment with BRAF/MEK inhibition of prior unresectable regionally advanced melanoma to allow complete surgical resection, REDUCTOR: a prospective single arm phase II trial. M. Rohaan, et al

Background

- > Approximately 5% of pts with macroscopic regional metastatic melanoma present with unresectable locally advanced disease. This

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1L *BRAF*-MUTATED METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (1/2)

- > COMBI-i trial (LBA43)

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1L BRAF-MUTATED METASTATIC MELANOMA – DISCUSSION (2/2)

> REDUCTOR trial (1098P)

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