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#### A Phase 1/2 study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of intratumoral injection of the TLR9 agonist tilsotolimod (IMO-2125) in combination with ipilimumab in PD-1 inhibitor refractory metastatic melanoma

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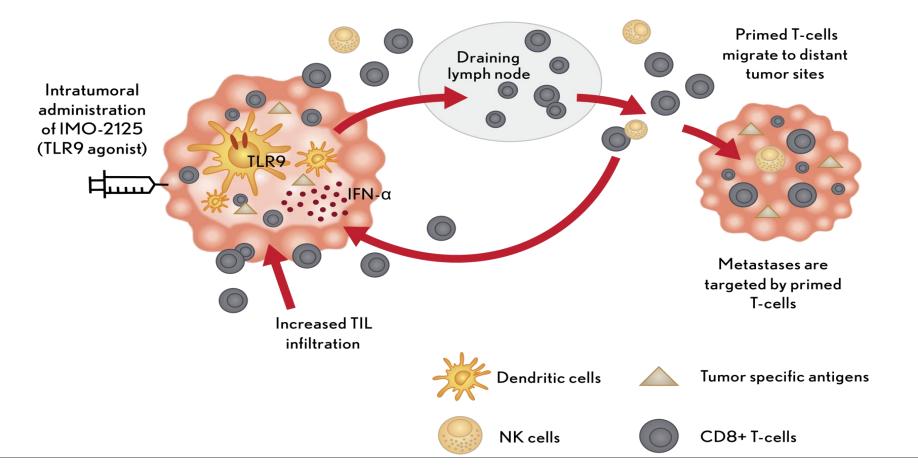


# **Background:**

- Tilsotolimod (IMO-2125) is an investigational synthetic oligonucleotide which binds to TLR9, altering the tumor microenvironment by improving antigen presentation of dendritic cells and macrophages with subsequent proliferation of antigen specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CD8+ Tcells) in both injected and uninjected tumors resulting in tumor cell death (Haymaker, SITC 2017);
- There is a high unmet medical need in metastatic melanoma for patients who progress after PD-1 inhibitors, as treatment options are very limited;
- Post PD-1 inhibitor failure, standard of care (single agent ipilimumab) offers only modest benefit (10-13% ORR) (Long, Society for Melanoma Research 2016), (Bowyer S, et al. Br. J Cancer, 2016);
- Initial clinical experience with 8 mg tilsotolimod + ipi is promising. This report is an analysis of the first 26 subjects (21 evaluable for disease assessment) in a multi-center study who received 1+ doses of the treatment combination and at least one disease assessment.



# Modulating the tumor microenvironment through intratumoral administration of tilsotolimod (TLR 9 agonist)





## **ILLUMINATE-204 Trial Objectives**

#### **Primary Objective**

To assess preliminary clinical activity of tilsotolimod in combination with ipilimumab at the respective recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D) in patients with metastatic melanoma that is not responsive to PD-1 inhibitor therapy, using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST v1.1) with a target of ORR of 35%

#### **Secondary Objective**

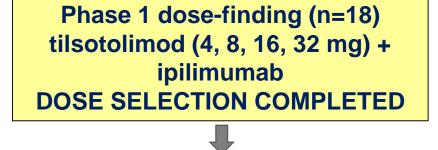
To further assess the safety and tolerability of tilsotolimod in combination with ipilimumab



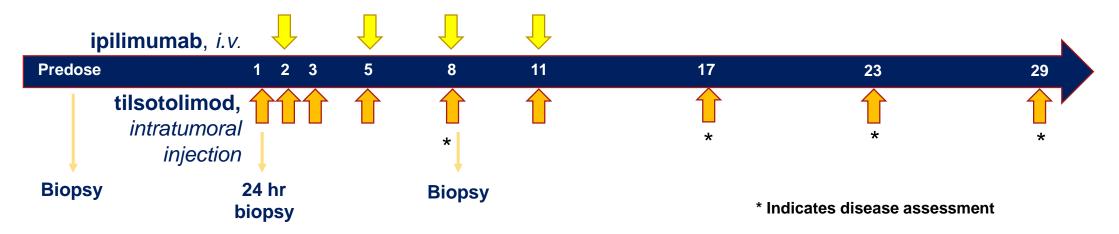
## Illuminate 204 key eligibility criteria and study design

Patients:	Adults with unresectable or metastatic			
Fallenis.	melanoma			
<ul> <li>Radiologic (RECIST v1.1) or symptomatic progression</li> </ul>				
on or after a PD-1 inhibitor				
<ul> <li>≥21d from most recent aPD-1</li> </ul>				
Prior ipilimumab allowed				
BRAFwt: 2 lines systemic therapy				
<ul> <li>BRAF<sup>v600</sup>: 3 lines systemic therapy</li> </ul>				

Ocular melanoma excluded



Phase 2 (n ≈ 60) tilsotolimod 8mg + ipilimumab OPEN

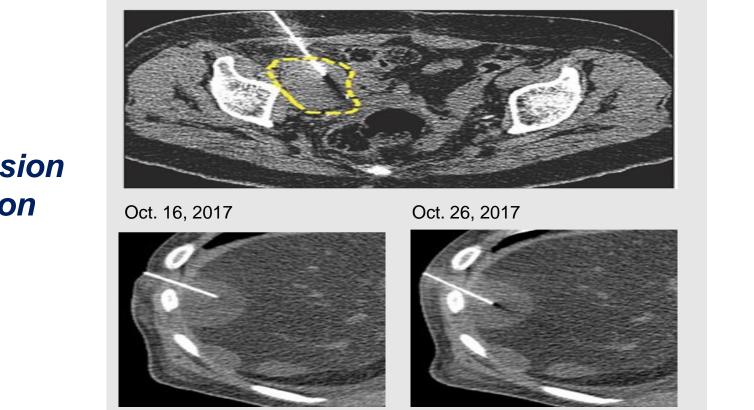


# Illuminate 204 patient and baseline disease characteristics

Characteristic	n (%)	Prior Treatment	n (%)
Median Age (range)	68.5 (39, 91)	Any previous PD-1 inhibitor*	26 (100%)
ECOG PS 0	16 (66.7%)	CTLA-4 inhibitor	6 (23.1%)
Mucosal	2 (7.7%)	PD-1 inhibitor monotherapy	17 (65.4%)
Elevated LDH	9 (34.6%)	CTLA-4 + PD-1 combo	5 (19.2%)
BRAF <sup>v600</sup> mutation	11 (42.3%)	Other PD-1 combo	8 (30.8%)
Stage IV M1c	23 (88.5%) 11 (42.3%)	BRAFi	1 (3.8%)
Brain metastasis	3 (11.5%)	MEKi	1 (3.8%)

#### \*PD-1 refractory requirement added May 2016

# 58% of Patients Had Lesions only Accessible by Image Guided Injection



illuminate Tilsotolimod Clinical Trials

#### Liver Lesion Injection

Safety Analysis	Subjects treated with tilsotolimod + ipilimumab (N=26)	
At Least One AE	25 (96.2%)	
At Least One Serious AE	9 (34.6%)	
At Least One Grade ≥3 AE	13 (50.0%)	
AE Leading to tilsotolimod Withdrawn	2 (7.7%)	
AE Leading to Study Discontinuation	0 (0.0%)	
Death	0 (0.0%)	
Maximum Severity[1]		
Grade 1	2 (7.7%)	
Grade 2	10 (38.5%)	
Grade 3	11 (42.3%)	
Grade 4	2 (7.7%)	
Grade 5	0 (0.0%)	
Relationship to Study Drugs		
Related	22 (84.6%)	
Unrelated	3 (11.5%)	

Safety population (n=26 as of 9 April 2018)

## Immune-Related AE's Consistent with Ipilimumab

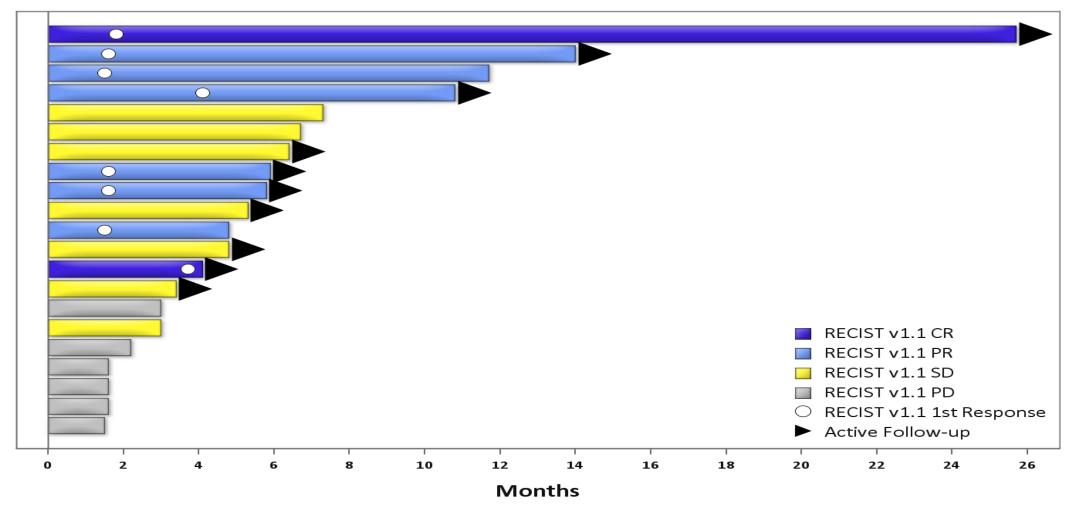
AE preferred term	8 mg tilsotolimod/ipilimumab N=26
Patients Reporting at Least One Adverse Event	6 (23.1%)
Autoimmune hepatitis	2 (7.7%)
Hypophysitis	2 (7.7%)
Adrenal insufficiency	1 (3.8%)
Colitis	1 (3.8%)
Enterocolitis	1 (3.8%)
Guillain-Barre syndrome	1 (3.8%)

No safety events associated with deep injections (liver, adrenal) Safety population (n=26 as of 9 April 2018)

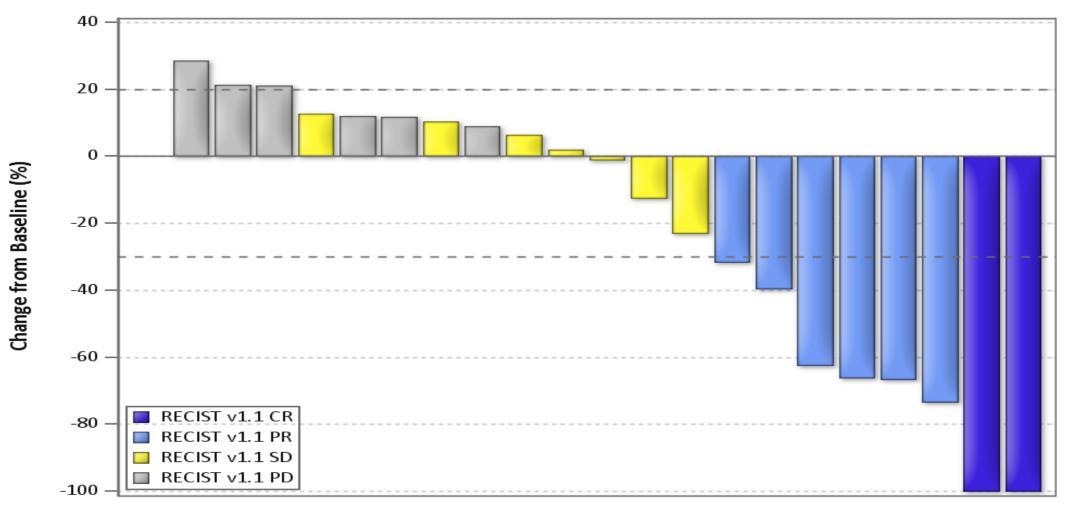


#### RECIST v1.1 Objective Response Rate: 38.1%; Disease Control Rate: 71.4%

**Time on Study with Best RECIST v1.1 Response** 



#### Maximum Percent Decrease in Target Lesion Diameters



Data cut-off date: 09MAY2018

Produced on 10MAY2018

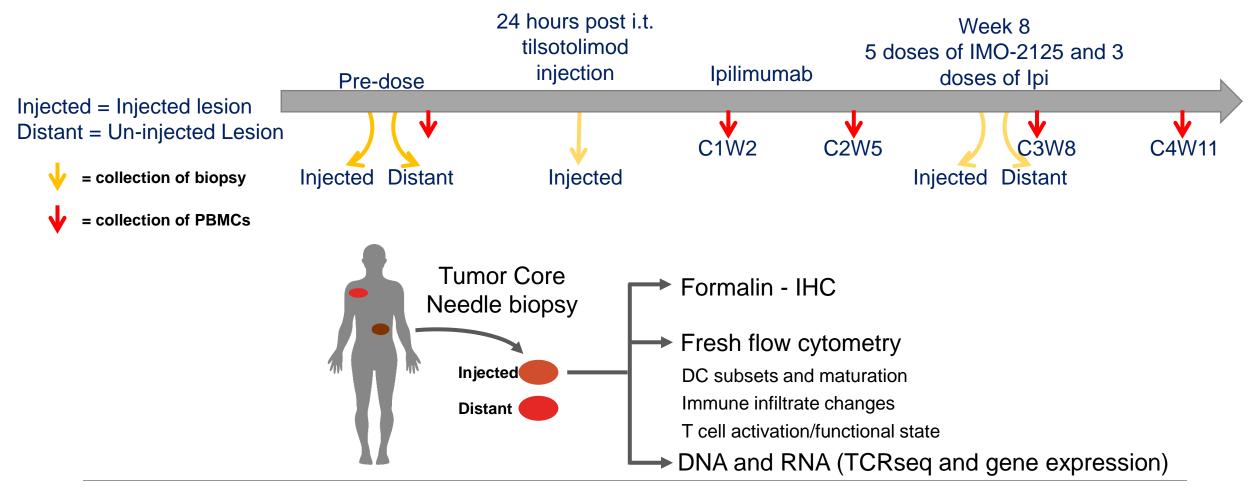
#### **Best overall response**

	tilsotolimod + ipilimumab (N=21) <sup>1</sup>
	Response Rate
Best Overall Tumor Response	
Complete Response (CR)	2 of 21 (9.5%) <sup>2</sup>
Partial Response (PR)	6 of 21 (28.6%)
Stable Disease (SD)	7 of 21 (33.3%)
Progressive Disease (PD)	6 of 21 (28.6%)
Overall Response Rate (CR, uCR, or PR)	8 of 21 (38.1%)
Disease Control Rate (CR, PR, or SD)	15 of 21 (71.4%)

As of 9 May 2018

<sup>1</sup> 21 of 26 subjects had a least 1 post-baseline disease assessment at time of data cut <sup>2</sup> One CR unconfirmed

# Immune response monitoring to correlate with mechanism of action

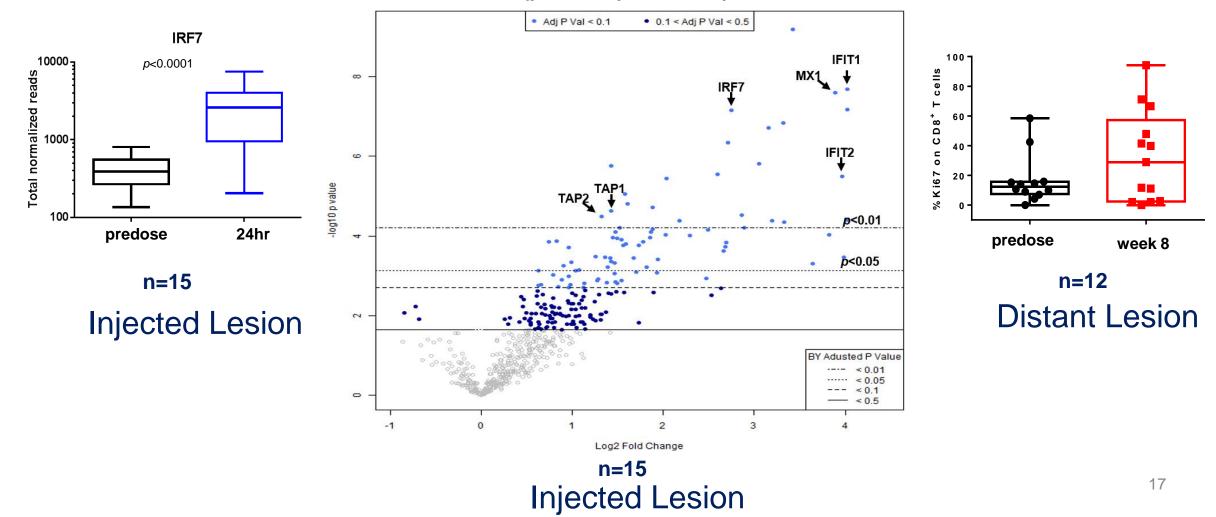




# Tilsotolimod activates local IFNα-response gene signature and combination with ipilimumab therapy induces proliferation of T-cells in distant lesion

tilsotolimod only (prior to ipilimumab)

tilsotolimod only (prior to ipilimumab) tilsotolimod + ipilimumab



# Illuminate-204

## **Responding Patient Case Studies**

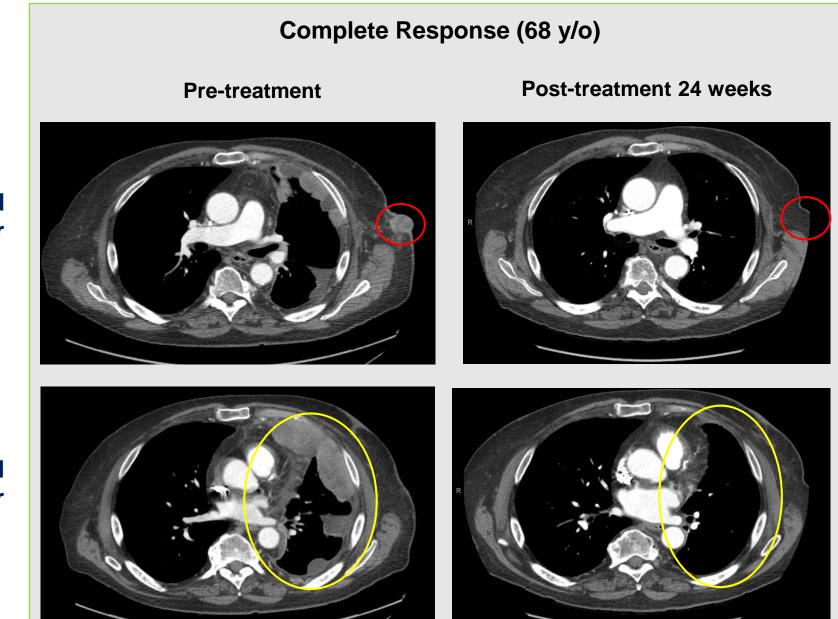


# Patient - 001-004

- 68 y/o male with Stage IV cutaneous melanoma
  - BRAF+
  - Metastatic to lung (bulky), LN, soft tissue
- Prior therapy
  - 6 months interferon  $\rightarrow$  progression
  - 4 doses Nivo + Urelumab (anti-4-1BB)
    - Marked progression as best response
- Received tilsotolimod x 6; ipi x 4
  - Treatment continued thru AE of hypophysitis
- CR (> 24 mos), beginning W6



#### Patient 001-004 – Complete Response



Injected Tumor

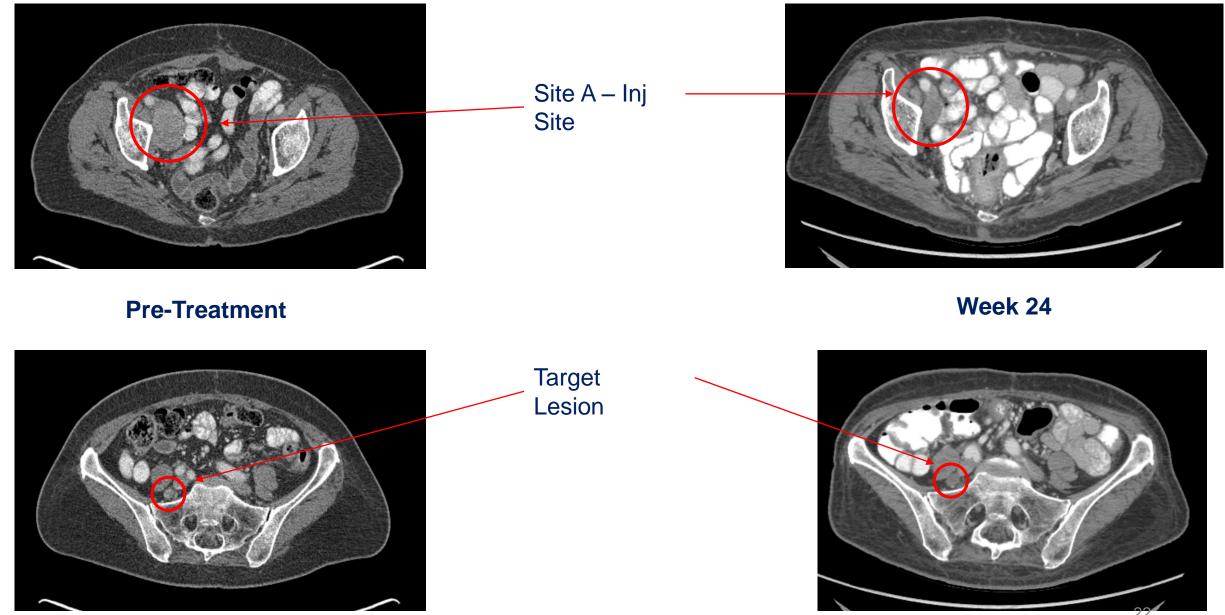
#### Un-injected Tumor

## Patient - 001-023

- 70 y/o WF with Stage IV cutaneous melanoma
  - Elevated LDH
  - Unknown BRAF status
  - Metastatic to pelvis and LN
- Prior therapy with interferon + tamoxifen; pembrolizumab (~9 months)
- Received IMO x 5; ipi x 3.
  - Discontinued due to SAE of autoimmune hepatitis
- Confirmed PR at Week 8



#### Patient 001-023 – Partial Response



## Patient - 001-025

- 62 y/o WM with Stage IIIc cutaneous melanoma
  - BRAF wt
  - Head and neck LN and soft tissue mets
- Prior treatment with pembrolizumab (~3 months)
  - Progression
- Received tilsotolimod x 6; ipi x 4
- Confirmed PR (~9 mos) beginning Week 8

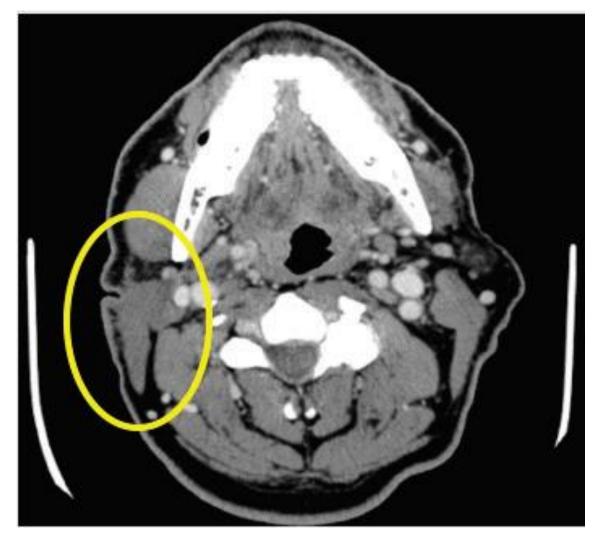


#### Patient 001-025 – Partial Response

#### **Pre-treatment Injected Tumor**

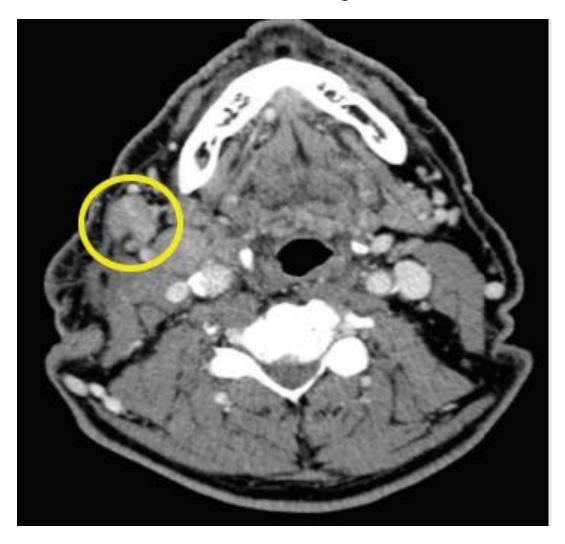


#### **Post-treatment – 56 Weeks**

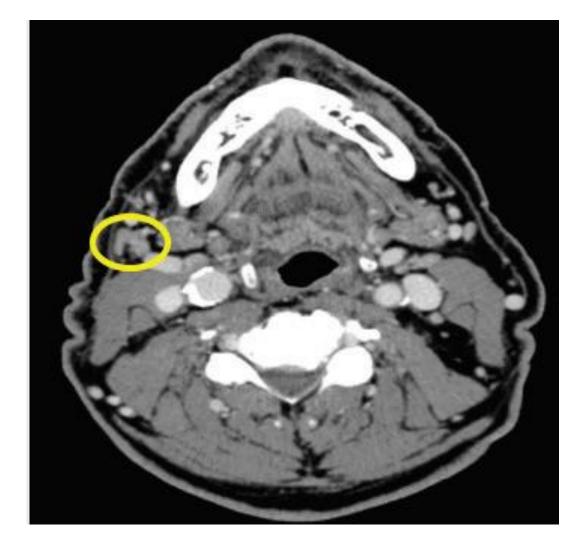


#### Patient 001-025 – Partial Response

#### **Pre-treatment Un-injected Tumor**



#### **Post-treatment – 56 Weeks**

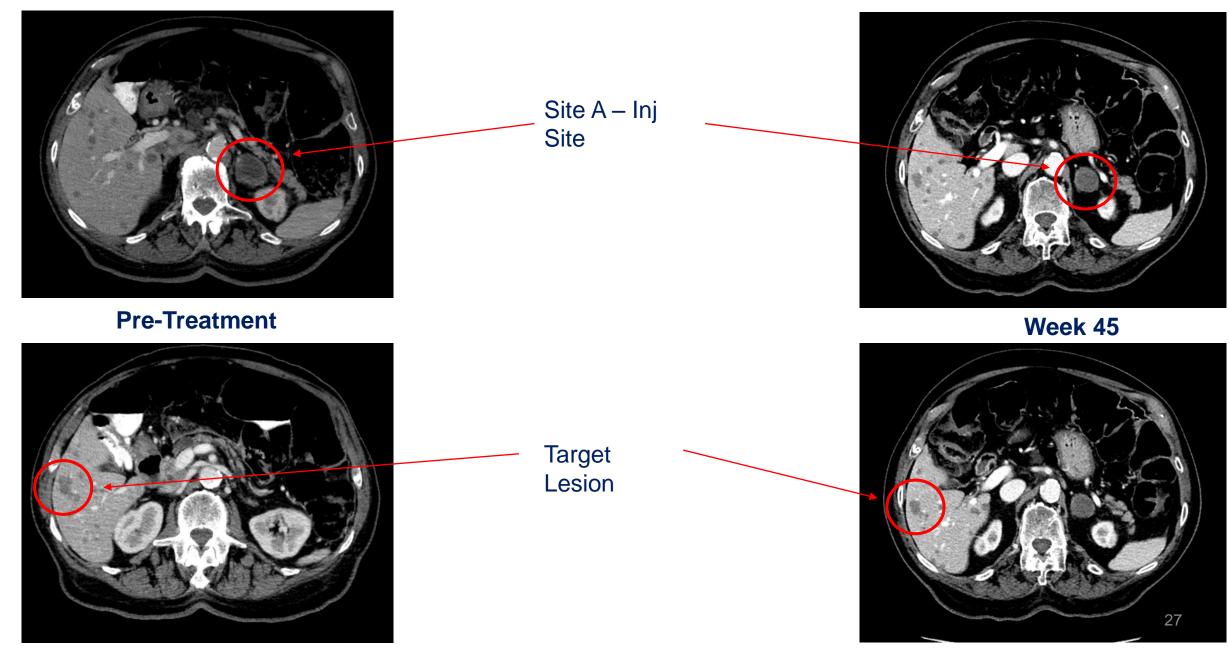


## Patient - 001-029

- 91 y/o male with Stage IV visceral melanoma
  - BRAF wt
  - Metastatic to liver, adrenal gland, lungs (M1c)
- Prior treatment
  - Pembrolizumab (~3 mos)  $\rightarrow$  progression
- Received tilsotolimod x 8; ipi x 4
- Confirmed PR (~6 mos) beginning W17



#### Patient 001-029 – Partial Response



## Patient - 004-002

- 91 y/o male with Stage IIIC cutaneous melanoma
  - BRAF wt
  - Metastatic to lung and pleura
- Prior treatment
  - Pembrolizumab (~2 months)  $\rightarrow$  progression
- Received tilsotolimod x 4; ipi x 3
  - Tilsotolimod ongoing, ipi discontinued due to AE
- Unconfirmed CR beginning W16



### Patient – 004-002 – Complete Response

1.4.2018



2.21.2018

4.26.2018





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## Conclusions

- Tilsotolimod (IMO-2125) + ipilimumab revives the immune response in anti-PD-1-resistant tumors resulting in altering the tumor microenvironment and conversion of cold (noninflamed) to hot (inflamed) tumors;
- This combination treatment has produced durable responses and demonstrates substantial disease control rate in this clinically challenging population, including subjects with Stage IV M1c disease and BRAF mutations;
- The combination regimen is generally well tolerated and no synergistic toxicity was observed. Six subjects (23%) had immune-related toxicities. The safety profile indicates that tilsotolimod plus ipilimumab does not appear to add toxicity versus ipilimumab alone.







Unresectable or metastatic melanoma w/ confirmed radiologic progression on or after a PD-1 inhibitor:

- ≥21d from most recent aPD-1 and no intervening systemic Tx
- No prior ipi (except adjuvant)
- Ocular melanoma excluded

N~300

Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg Q3wks for 4 doses

#### No cross-over

Ipilimumab (same, beginning wk 2) + intratumoral IMO-2125, wks 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 16, 20, 24

#### 1<sup>0</sup> endpoint family:

- OS
- ORR (RECIST v1.1)

# **Questions & Answers**

