

Supplementary Table 1: Summary of major neoadjuvant clinical trials for each disease category

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Melanoma	Regional Stage IIIB/C Melanoma	HDI	2	20	Single group Open label	<p>Clinical response = 55% pCR = 15%. Median follow-up of 18.5 months (range, 7 months to 50 months): 10 patients had no evidence of recurrent disease.</p>	<p>Up-regulation of pSTAT1 following INFα with down-regulation of pSTAT3 and total STAT3 levels in tumor cells and lymphocytes. High pSTAT1/pSTAT3 as tested in pretreated tumor cells associated with longer OS (P = 0.032). Significantly increased endotumoral infiltrates of CD11c+ and CD3+ cells following INFα in responders as compared to non-responders.</p>	Moschos SJ et al., 2006 [1] Wang W et al., 2007 [2]
	Stage IIIB-C Melanoma	Ipilimumab (10 mg/kg)	1	33 Completed	Single group Open label	<p>RFS at median follow up 18 months = 11 months pCR = None but ~ 10% of patients had a major pathologic response</p>	<p>Significant immunomodulating role for ipilimumab on regulatory T cells, myeloid derived suppressor cells (MDSC), and effector T cells in the circulation and tumor microenvironment. Greater decrease in MDSC (Lin1-/HLA-DR-/CD33+/CD11b+) associated with improved RFS (p = 0.03). Lower baseline levels of circulating regulatory T cells (Tregs, CD4+CD25hi+CD39+) associated with improved RFS (p = 0.04). following ipilimumab, significant TME infiltration by CD8+ T cells fully activated (CD69+) CD3+/CD4+ and CD3+/CD8+ T-cells</p>	NCT00972933 Tarhini AA et al., 2014 & 2017 [3, 4] Retseck J et al., 2018 [5]
	Locally/Regionally Advanced/Recurrent Melanoma	Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg) + HDI	1	30 Completed	Randomized Parallel Assignment Open label	<p>AEs: More Grade 3/4 irAEs with ipilimumab 10 mg/kg versus 3 mg/kg (p = 0.042). 28 evaluable patients: 11 relapsed (5 died). Radiologic preoperative response rate = 36%. pCR = 32%.</p>	<p>Patients with pCR: T-cell fraction significantly higher when measured in primary melanoma tumors (p = 0.033). Higher tumor T-cell clonality in primary tumor and more so following neoadjuvant therapy was significantly associated with improved relapse free survival.</p>	NCT01608594 Tarhini AA et al., 2018 [6]

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	Resectable Advanced (stage III/IV) Melanoma	Pembrolizum ab (200 mg)	1b	33 Completed	Single group Open label	Pathologic response: 8 of 27 patients (29.6%, 95% CI 13.8–50.2%) had a complete (no residual tumor identified; n=5) or major (10% or less viable tumor cells; n=3) pathologic response.	Transcriptional analysis demonstrated a pre-treatment immune signature (Neoadjuvant Response Signature) associated with clinical benefit. pCR patients: Accumulation of exhausted CD8 T-cells in the tumor. Patients with recurrent disease exhibited mechanistic evidence of immune resistance.	NCT02434354 Huang AC et al., 2019 [7]
	Locally/Regionally Advanced/Recurrent Melanoma	Pembrolizum ab + HDI	1	31 Completed	Single group Open label	Radiographic ORR = 73.3% pCR = 43%. OS and RFS not reached at data cutoff (29.7 months).	Intratumoral PD1/PDL1 interaction and HLA-DR expression associated with pCR	NCT02339324 Najjar YG et al., 2021 [8]
	Resectable Stage IIIB, IIIC, or M1a Melanoma	Arm 1: T-VEC for 6 doses followed by surgical resection of melanoma tumor lesion(s). Arm 2: Immediate surgical resection of melanoma tumor lesion(s) following surgery + possible adjuvant systemic therapy and/or radiotherapy SOC	2	150 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel Assignment Open label	pCR rate: Arm 1 = 15.8% R0 rates: Arm1 = 42.1%, Arm 2 = 37.8%. OR (CR+PR): Arm 1 = 14.7% (80% CI: 9-22%). AEs: Arm 1 = 93% (1 grade 4 pain, no grade 5), Arm 2 = 45% (all ≤ grade 3). SAEs: Arm 1 = 17.8%, Arm 2 = 2.9%. RFS ongoing	NA	NCT02211131 Andtbacka RHI et al., 2018 [9]
	Clinical Stage	Arm 1:	2	23	Randomized	ORR: Arm 1 = 25%, Arm 2 = 73%	Higher lymphoid infiltrates in	NCT02519322

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	III or Oligometastatic Stage IV Melanoma	Nivolumab (3 mg/kg) Arm 2: Nivolumab (1 mg/kg) + Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg)		Active, Not recruiting	Parallel Assignment Open label	pCR: Arm 1 = 25%, Arm 2 = 45% AEs grade 3: Arm 1 = 8% , Arm 2 = 73%	responders to both therapies More clonal and diverse T cell infiltrate in responders to nivolumab monotherapy	Amaria RN et al., 2018 [10]
	Palpable Stage III melanoma	Arm 1: Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg) + Nivolumab (1 mg/kg) - post surgery for 12 weeks Arm 2: Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg) + Nivolumab (1 mg/kg) - pre surgery for 6 weeks and post surgery for 6 weeks	1b	20 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel Assignment Open label	AEs Grade 3/4: both arms = 9/10 patients experienced one or more. Only 1/10 patients within each arm received all four courses of ipilimumab + nivolumab. Pathological responses: Arm 2 = 7/9 (78%) patients (pCRs = 3, near pCR = 3, and 1 patient achieving a pPR = 1). None of these patients had relapsed after 4 years. RFS: Arm 1 = 4 patients with distant metastases. Arm 2 = 1 patient with local recurrence and 1 patient with distant metastasis. 4-year OS rates: Arm 2 = 90%, Arm 1 = 70% 4-year EFS rate: Arm 2 = 80%, Arm 1 = 60%	PD-L1 expression \geq 1%: Arm 1 = 40% of patients, Arm 2 = 60% of patients. Reduced T cell tumor infiltrate and a lower productive T cell clonality within the tumor regularly found in patients who relapsed after ipilimumab + nivolumab. Baseline tumor biopsies: low CD3, β 2 microglobulin (B2M) and PD-L1 molecule expression within the tumor areas strongly associated with relapse after neoadjuvant or adjuvant ipilimumab + nivolumab. Low RNA expression of the IFN- γ signature ¹⁸ was associated with relapse after ipilimumab + nivolumab, independent of neoadjuvant or adjuvant treatment. None of the patients with a high or intermediate IFN- γ signature had relapsed at data cutoff.	NCT02437279 /(OpACIN) Blank CU et al. 2018 [11] Rozeman EA et al., 2021 [12]
	Palpable Stage III Melanoma	Arm 1 (n = 30): Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg) + Nivolumab (1 mg/kg) 2 cycles, once every 3 weeks Arm 2 (n = 30):	2	86 Active, Not recruiting	Non-Randomized Single group assignment Open label	irAEs grade 3–4 first 12 weeks: Arm1 = 12 (40%) of 30, Arm 2 = 6 (20%) of 30, Arm 3 = 13 (50%) of 26. Arm C was closed early for safety reason. AEs (Difference in grade 3–4 toxicity): between Arm 2 and 1 was -20% (95% CI -46 to 6; p=0.158) and between Arm 3 and Arm 1 was 10% (-20 to 40; p=0.591). Radiological objective response: Arm 1 = 19 (63% [95% CI 44–80]) of 30, Arm 2 = 17 (57% [37–75]) of 30, Arm 3 = 9 (35% [17–	PD-1 expression not significantly associated with response high IFN- γ score associated with pathologic response and low risk of relapse No significant difference in pRRs observed according to BRAFV600 status High TMB and high IFN- γ score associated with pathologic response and low risk of relapse; pRR was 100% in patients with	NCT02977052 /(OpACIN-Neo) Rozeman EA et al. 2019 [13] Rozeman EA et al., 2021 [12]

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		Ipilimumab (1 mg/kg) + Nivolumab (3 mg/kg) 2 cycles, once every 3 weeks Arm 3 (n = 26): Ipilimumab (3 mg/kg) 2 cycles, once every 3 weeks directly followed by Nivolumab (3 mg/kg) 2 cycles, once every 2 weeks				56]) of 26 Pathological responses: Arm 1 = 24 (80% [61–92]), Arm 2 = 23 (77% [58–90]), Arm 3 = 17 (65% [44–83]). 2-year estimated RFS: 84% for all patients, 97% for patients achieving a pathologic response and 36% for non-responders (P < 0.001)	high IFN- γ score/high TMB; patients with high IFN- γ score/low TMB or low IFN- γ score/high TMB had pRRs of 91% and 88%; while patients with low IFN- γ score/low TMB had a pRR of only 39%. Higher levels of all immune cell populations were found in responders Olink proteomic assay, evaluating 92 immuno-oncology-related markers: significant increase in almost all markers after neoadjuvant treatment. Highest post-treatment increases for PD-1 (P < 0.0001), CXCL9 (P < 0.0001) and CXCL10 (P < 0.0001), irrespective of response.	
	Stage III or Oligometastatic Stage IV Melanoma	Relatimab 160 mg IV + Nivolumab 480 mg IV every 28 days x 2 cycles pre surgery and up to 10 cycles adjuvant post surgery	2	30 Active, Not recruiting	Single group assignment	Pathologic response: pCR rate = 59%, near pCR = 7%, major pathologic response (MPR, pCR + near pCR) = 66%, pPR = 7%, and pNR = 27% pNR ORR = 57% (median follow up of 16.2 months). 1-year EFS = 90%, RFS = 93%, and OS = 95%. 1-year RFS: MPR = 100%, non-MPR = 80% (p = 0.016). Grade 3/4 AEs: - None during NT - 26% during adjuvant treatment	Ongoing	NCT02519322 Amaria RN et al. 2021 [14]
	Stage IIIB-C Melanoma or oligometastatic stage IV with BRAFV600 mutation	Arm 1: Surgery + possible adjuvant SOC (n = 7) Arm 2:	2	21 Active, Recruiting	Randomized (1:2) Open label	Trial stopped early after a prespecified interim safety analysis revealed significantly longer EFS with neoadjuvant plus adjuvant dabrafenib and trametinib than with standard of care. median follow-up of 18-6 months:	Patients achieving pCR had significantly lower baseline pERK positivity or non-viable melanoma. pCR was associated with significantly decreased expression of TIM-3 and LAG-3 on CD8+ PD-1 T cells within baseline tumors.	NCT02231775 Amaria RN et al., 2018 [15]

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		Neoadjuvant dabrafenib + trametinib for 8 weeks followed by adjuvant dabrafenib + trametinib for up to 44 weeks (n = 14)				<p>Patients alive without disease progression: Arm 2 = 71 %, Arm 1 = 0 %</p> <p>median EFS: Arm 2 = 19.7 months [16.2-not estimable], Arm 1 = 2.9 months [95% CI 1.7-not estimable]; hazard ratio 0.016, 95% CI 0.00012-0.14, p<0.0001).</p> <p>AEs: Arm 2 = no grade 4 AEs or treatment-related deaths.</p>		
	Resectable Stage IIIB-C melanoma with BRAFV600 Mutation	Dabrafenib + trametinib for 12 weeks pre surgery followed by continued systemic adjuvant therapy post surgery for up to 40 weeks	2	35 Active, Not recruiting	Single group assignment Open label	<p>Median follow-up was 27 months (IQR 21-36).</p> <p>At resection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 (86%) patients achieved a RECIST response: CR: 16 (46%; 95% CI 29-63), PR: 14 (40%; 24-58) - SD: 5 (14%; 95% CI 5-30) - Progression: 0 patients. <p>After resection and pathological evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all 35 patients achieved a pathological response: pCR = 17 (49%; 95% CI 31-66), non-pCR = 18 (51%; 95% CI 34-69). SAEs: 6 (17%) of 35 patients Grade 3-4 AEs: 10 (29%) patients. <p>No treatment-related deaths were reported</p>	pCR was associated with significantly higher proportion of Ki67+, PD-L1+, SOX10+ melanoma cells at baseline, and a higher density of intratumoural CD8+ T cells	NCT01972347 /(NeoCombi) Long GV et al., 2019 [16]
	unresectable BRAF-mutated locally advanced stage IIIC or oligometastatic stage IV melanoma	dabrafenib + trametinib	2	21	Single group assignment Open label	<p>Resection performed in 18/21 (86%) patients (17 were R0 resections).</p> <p>Median follow-up of 50 months (IQR 37.7–57.1 months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - median RFS in patients undergoing surgery = 9.9 months (95% confidence interval 7.52-not reached) 	NA	Blankenstein SA et al., 2021 [17]

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Gastro intestinal	Localized esophageal or GE junction cancer, amenable to surgical resection	Arm 1: Surgery + neoadjuvant chemoradiot herapy Arm 2: Surgery alone	3	368 Completed	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	median OS: Arm 1 = 48.6, Arm 2 = 24.0 months, HR 0.68 median PFS: Arm 1 = 37.7, Arm 2 = 16.2 months, HR 0.64 Overall progression: Arm 1 = 49%, Arm 2 = 66%, HR 0.58	NA	CROSS/NTR487 Shapiro J et al., 2015 [18] van Heijl M et al., 2008 [19] van Hagen P et al., 2012 [20]
	Local-regional esophageal carcinoma, no prior therapy	Arm 1: Surgery + neoadjuvant chemoradiot herapy Arm 2: Surgery alone		113 Completed	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	pCR: Arm 1 = 25% median survival: Arm 1 = 16 months, Arm 2 = 11 months, p=0.01	NA	Walsh TN et al., 1996 [21]
	Gastric or GE junction adenocarcinoma, medically and technically operable with no distant metastases	Arm 1: Perioperative FLOT Arm 2: Perioperative ECF/ECX	2/3	716 Completed	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	median OS: Arm 1 = 50 months, Arm 2 = 35 months, HR 0.77 median PFS: Arm 1 = 30 months, Arm 2 = 18 months, HR 0.75	NA	NCT01216644 /FLOT4-AIO Al-Batran SE et al., 2019 [22]
	Local-regional thoracic esophageal or gastroesophageal junction carcinoma	Arm 1: CRT + surgery Arm 2: Induction chemotherapy + CRT + surgery	2	126 Completed	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	pCR: Arm 1 = 13%, Arm 2 = 26% OS: no significant difference DFS: no significant difference	NA	NCT00525915 Ajani JA et al., 2013 [23]
	Previously	Arm 1:	3	1007	Randomized,	Primary: EFS, pCR, OS, AEs	PD-L1 expression	NCT03221426

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	untreated localized gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma	Perioperative pembrolizumab + chemotherapy Arm 2: Perioperative placebo + chemotherapy Arm 3: Perioperative pembrolizumab + FLOT Arm 4: Perioperative placebo + FLOT		Active, not recruiting	Parallel assignment, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled	Secondary: DFS		/KEYNOTE-585 Bang YJ et al., 2019 [24]
	Previously untreated locoregional esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma, eligible for surgical resection	Arm 1: Carboplatin, paclitaxel, radiation therapy Arm 2: Carboplatin, paclitaxel, radiation therapy, nivolumab Arm 3: Nivolumab Arm 4: Nivolumab, ipilimumab	2/3	278 Active, Recruiting	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	Primary: pCR, DFS Secondary: AEs, OS Other: % change in mean volumetric apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC)	NA	NCT03604991 /EA2174 Eads JR et al., 2020 [25]
	Previously	Arm 1:	3	900	Randomized,	Primary: EFS	NA	NCT04592913

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	untreated locoregional gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma, eligible for surgical resection	placebo + FLOT Arm 2: durvalumab + FLOT		Active, Recruiting	Double-blind, Placebo-controlled study	Secondary: OS, pCR		/MATTERHORN Janjigian YY, et al., 2021 [26]
	MSI-H/dMMR locally advanced rectal adenocarcinoma	Neoadjuvant nivolumab, ipilimumab, RT	2	13 Active, Recruiting	Single-arm	Primary: pCR Secondary: sphincter preservation, DFS, OS, AEs	NA	NCT04751370 /EA2201 NA
Gynecologic	Ovarian cancer, fallopian tube cancer, and peritoneal neoplasms	Arm 1: placebo + paclitaxel + carboplatin + Bevacizumab Arm 2: atezolizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin + Bevacizumab	3	1301 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Placebo-Controlled Double masking	PFS ITT population: Arm1 18.4 months, Arm 2 = 19.5 months (HR 0.92; 95% CI, 0.79 to 1.07; stratified log-rank P 5 .28) PFS PD-L1 positive population: Arm 1 = 18.5 months, Arm 2 = 20.8 months (HR 0.80; 95% CI, 0.65 to 0.99; P 5 .038) Two-year OS rates ITT population: Arm 1 = 79% (95% CI, 75 to 83), Arm 2 were 81% (95% CI, 77 to 84) Two-year OS rates PD-L1-positive: Arm 1 = 83% (95% CI, 78 to 87, Arm2 = 82% (95% CI, 77 to 87) OR ITT population (in response-evaluable patients): Arm 1 = 212 of 239 (89%; 95% CI, 84 to 92), Arm 2 = 233 of 251 (93%; 95% CI, 89 to 96). OR ITT population PD-L1-positive population (in response-evaluable patients): Arm 1 = 142 of 158 (90%; 95% CI, 84 to 94) Arm 2 = 156 of 169 (92%; 95% CI, 87 to 96) AEs: most common grade 3 and 4 - neutropenia (21% with atezolizumab v 21% with placebo),hypertension (18% v 20%, respectively), and anemia (12% v 12%)	PK	NCT03038100 /IMagyn050 Moore KN et al. 2021 [27]
	Advanced (stage IVB)	Arm 1: cisplatin +	3	513 (434)	Randomized Parallel	Early closure for fertility. HR of death Arm 2, 3, 4 to Arm 1: Arm 2 =	NA	NCT00064077 Monk BJ et al

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	recurrent or persistent carcinoma of the uterine cervix who were unsuitable candidates for curative treatment with surgery and/or radiotherapy	paclitaxel (reference arm) Arm 2: cisplatin + vinorelbine Arm 3: cisplatin + gemcitabine Arm 4: cisplatin + topotecan		evaluable for efficacy, 425 evaluable for toxicity) Completed	Assignment Open label	1.15 (95% CI, 0.79 to 1.67), Arm 3 = 1.32 (95% CI, 0.91 to 1.92), Arm 4 = 1.26 (95% CI, 0.86 to 1.82). HR PFS: Arm 2 = 1.36 (95% CI, 0.97 to 1.90), Arm 3 = 1.39 (95% CI, 0.99 to 1.96), Arm 4 = 1.27 (95% CI, 0.90 to 1.78) for TC. RR: Arm 1 = 29.1%, Arm 2 = 25.9%, Arm 3 = 22.3%, Arm 4 = 23.4%. AEs: All arms comparable except for leucopenia, neutropenia, infection, and alopecia		2009 [28]
	stage IIIC/IV ovarian, tubal or peritoneal HGSC	Arm 1: pembrolizumab + chemotherapy +/- bevacizumab Arm 2: chemotherapy alone +/- bevacizumab	2	91 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel Assignment Open label	Primary: Complete resection rate (CRR) Secondary: CCI score, PCI score, pCR, ORR, Best overall response, PFS, and Biological Progression-Free Interval, OS, AEs, post-operative mortality, post-operative morbidity. Preliminary results: CRR: Arm1 = 74%, Arm 2 = 70%, ORR: Arm 1 = 76%, Arm2 = 61%, AEs: Arm1 = 75%, Arm2 = 61%, PFS at 18 months: Arm1 = 61%, Arm2 = 57%	PDL1	NCT03275506 Ray-Coquard IL et al., 2019 [29]
HNSCC	Previously untreated HNSCC	Neoadjuvant motolimod + cetuximab	1b	14 Completed	Single-arm	After treatment, there were changes in activation and numbers of immune effector cell biomarkers: CD141+ and CD1c+ mDC increased; CD80 and CD16 upregulated; lower levels of CTLA-4, CD73, TGFb; increased inflammatory cytokines.		NCT02124850 Shayan G et al., 2018 [30]
	Previously untreated, resectable HNSCC Cohort A: HPV-positive tumors Cohort B: HPV-negative tumors	Neoadjuvant nivolumab	1/2	52 Active, Not recruiting	Single-arm	Radiographic response rate: Cohort A = 56.0%, Cohort B = 41.7% pCR: no pCR in either cohort MPR+PPR: Cohort A = 23.5%, Cohort B = 5.9% RFS (24 months): Cohort A = 88.2, B = 54.2 median OS: Cohort A = NR, B = 49.8 months	median TMB: Cohort A = 27, B = 71 RNAseq: Cohort A had a more inflammatory microenvironment than Cohort B. Correlation between TMB or gene expression and response could not be evaluated.	NCT02488759 /CheckMate358 Ferris RL et al., 2021 [31]

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	untreated SCC of the oral cavity	Arm 1: neoadjuvant nivolumab with ipilimumab Arm 2: neoadjuvant nivolumab	2	29 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	Volumetric response: Arm 1 = 53%, Arm 2 = 50% RECIST response: Arm 1 = 38%, Arm 2 = 13% PTR1: Arm 1 = 40%, Arm 2 = 38% PTR2: Arm 1 = 33%, Arm 2 = 15% pNC+pCR: Arm 1 = 20%, Arm 2 = 8%	PD-L1 expression was not correlated with response in either arm. CD4-positive T-cells associated with degree of pathological response.	NCT02919683 Schoenfeld JD et al., 2020 [32]
	previously untreated, locally advanced, resectable HNSCC	Arm 1: nivolumab + relatlimab Arm 2: nivolumab + ipilimumab Arm 3: nivolumab	2	60 Active, Recruiting	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	Primary: AEs Secondary: Radiographic response, TIL, PBL, CD4+ cells, CD8+ cells	TMB, gene expression, single cell RNAseq pathways	NCT04080804 NA
	previously untreated, resectable HNSCC	Arm 1: ceralasertib Arm 2: olaparib	1	21 Completed	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Open label	Response of immunological based 25-gene signature		NCT03022409 Duvvuri U et al., 2018 [33]
	previously untreated, unresectable HNSCC	Arm 1: pembrolizumab + cisplatin + CRT Arm 2: placebo + cisplatin + CRT	3	780 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized, Parallel assignment, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled	Primary: EFS Secondary: OS, AEs, QOL, swallowing, speech, and pain symptoms, physical functioning		NCT03040999 /KEYNOTE-412 Machiels JP et al., 2020 [34]

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NSCLC	Surgically resectable stage I, II, or IIIA NSCLC	nivolumab (3 mg/Kg)	Pilot	22 Active, Recruiting	Single group assignment Open label	<p>AEs: 5 of 22 patients (23%; 95% confidence interval [CI], 7.8 to 45.4). Only one event was of grade 3 or higher.</p> <p>Radiographic results: PR: (10%), SD: 18 (86%), PD: 1 (5%)</p> <p>Survival and RFS: at median of 12 months of postoperative (range, 0.8 to 19.7): 16 of 20 patients (80%) who had undergone surgical resection were alive and recurrence-free</p> <p>RFS at 18 months: 73 %</p> <p>Pathological response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPR: 9 of 20 patients (45%; 95% CI, 23 to 68) - pCR in primary tumor= 3 patients 	<p>Responses occurred in both PD-L1–positive and negative tumors</p> <p>Genomic response (11 patients): Significantly higher mean TMB observed in tumors with a MPR than in tumors without MPR (311±55 vs. 74±60, P=0.01). No significant correlation between TMB and tumor PD-L1 expression. Systematic increase after PD-1 blockade of number of T-cell clones in tumor and peripheral blood in 8 of 9 evaluated patients. Post treatment, tumor heavily infiltrated with CD8 + cytotoxic T cells</p> <p>Correlation between depth of pathological response overall and the number of non-synonymous mutations</p> <p>Early ctDNA dynamics predicted PR to neoadjuvant nivolumab</p>	NCT02259621 Forde PM et al., 2018 [35] Anagnostou V et al., 2019 [36]
	Surgically resectable stage I-IIIa NSCLC	Arm 1: nivolumab Arm 2: nivolumab + ipilimumab	2	44 Active, Recruiting	Randomized Parallel Assignment Open label	<p>MPR: Arm 1 = 22% (5/23), Arm 2 = 38% (8/21)</p> <p>pCR: Arm 1 = 10%, Arm 2 = 38%</p> <p>Viable tumor (median): Arm 1 = 50%, Arm 2 = 9%</p>	<p>Greater frequencies of effector, tissue-resident memory and effector memory T cells in dual therapy versus nivolumab alone. Increased abundance of gut Ruminococcus and Akkermansia spp. associated with MPR to dual therapy.</p>	NCT03158129 /(NEOSTAR) Cascone T et al., 2021 [37]
	Surgically resectable stage IA-IIIb NSCLC	sintilimab	1b	40 (37 resection)	Single group assignment Open label	<p>AEs: 21 patients (52.5%) - grade 3 or higher = 4 patients (10.0%) , grade 5 = 1 patient.</p> <p>Radiological partial response: 8 patients (ORR 20%)</p> <p>Pathological response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPR: 40.5% (15/37) - Squamous cell NSCLC > adenocarcinoma (MPR: 48.4% versus 0%). - pCR in primary tumor: 16.2% (6/37) - pCR lymph nodes: 8.1% (3/37) 	<p>Baseline PDL-1 expression of stromal cells instead of tumor cells was correlated with pathologic regression (p = 0.0471)</p>	(ChiCTR-OIC-17013726) Gao S et al. 2020 [38]
	Surgically	Pembrolizumab	2	35	Single group	AEs: diarrhea (n = 7; 23%); fatigue (n = 5;	NA	NCT02818920

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	resectable stage IB, IIB, IIIA NSCLC	ab		(30 treated, 25 resection) Active, Not recruiting	assignment Open label	17%); rash (n = 4, 13%); and arthralgia, hypothyroidism, and pruritus (each n = 3; 10%). RO resection: 22 patients (88%) MPR: 7 of 25 patients (28%) Pathological response greater than 50%: 20 tumors (80%) pCR in tumor: 3 (12%)		/(TOP 1501) Tong BC et al., 2022 [39]
	Surgically resectable stage IB-III B NSCLC	Atezolizumab	2	181 (159 resection) Active, Not recruiting	Single group assignment Open label	TRAEs: - Grade 3-4: pre-operative = 9 (5%), post-operative = 20 (13%) - Grade 5: pre-operative = 0, post-operative = 1 irAEs: - Grade 3-4: pre-operative = 4 (2%), post-operative = 12 (8%) - Grade 5: pre-operative = 0, post-operative = 1 Patients without EGFR/ALK mutations who underwent surgery: - MPR: 20% (30/147; 95% CI: 14%-28%) - pCR: 7% (10/147; 95% CI: 3%-12%) RO: 145/159 (91%)	NA	NCT02927301 Lee JM et al., 2021 [40]
	Surgically resectable stage II-III B NSCLC (T3N2 only)	Arm 1: nivolumab + platinum-based doublet chemotherapy Arm 2: placebo + platinum-based doublet chemotherapy	3	452 Active, Recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Placebo-Controlled Double masking	Primary: EFS Secondary: OS, pCR, MPR, SAEs, AEs	NA	NCT04025879 (CheckMate 77T) Cascone T et al., 2020 [41]
	Surgically resectable stage II, IIIA, IIB (T3-4N2)	Arm 1: pembrolizumab + platinum-	3	786 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Placebo-	Primary: EFS, OS Secondary: MPR, pCR, QoL, AEs, perioperative complications, treatment discontinuation due to AEs	NA	NCT03425643 (MK-3475-671/KEYNOTE-671)

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	NSCLC	based doublet chemotherapy Arm 2: placebo + platinum-based doublet chemotherapy			Controlled Double masking			Tsuboi M et al., 2020 [42]
	Surgically resectable stage II and III NSCLC	Arm 1: Durvalumab + platinum-based chemotherapy Arm 2: Placebo + platinum-based chemotherapy	3	800 Active, Recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Placebo-Controlled Double masking	Primary: pCR, EFS Secondary: DFS, mPR, OS, in PD-L1-TC ≥1% positive patients: EFS, pCR, DFS, MPR, OS, QoL, PK durvalumab in blood, presence of ADA for durvalumab, AEs	NA	NCT03800134 (AEGEAN) Heymach JT et al., 2019 [43]
	Surgically resectable stage II, IIIA, or Select IIIB	Arm 1: Atezolizumab + platinum-based chemotherapy Arm 2: Placebo + platinum-based chemotherapy	3	453 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Placebo-Controlled Double masking	Primary: EFS Secondary: pCR, MPR, OR, EFS, DFS, OS, QoL, AEs, Number of surgical delays, Length of surgical delays, Number of operative and post-operative complications, reasons for surgical cancellations, minimum and maximum observed serum atezolizumab concentration, Percentage of participants with anti-drug antibody (ADA) to atezolizumab	Ongoing	NCT03456063 (IMpower 30) Peters SK et al., 2019 [44]
	Surgically resectable stage IB to IIIA NSCLC and no known	Arm 1: platinum-based chemotherapy	3	358 Active, Not recruiting	Randomized Parallel assignment Double masking	pCR (ITT population): Arm 1 = 2.2%, Arm 2 = 24.0%; odds ratio 13.94 [99% CI 3.49-55.75]; P < 0.0001). Improvement consistent across subgroup of disease stage and TMB	ctDNA more likely to clear when nivolumab given with chemotherapy (56%) versus chemotherapy alone (34%) pCR more likely to be achieved	NCT02998528 (CheckMate 816) Forde PM et al., 2021 [45]

Disease category	Tumor Type	Treatment	Phase	Number of patients enrolled/to enroll Status	Design	Endpoints/Results	Biomarkers analysis/Results	NCT Reference
	EGFR/ALK alterations	Arm 2: nivolumab + platinum-based chemotherapy				MPR (ITT population): Arm 1 = 8.9%, Arm 2 = 36.9% ORR (ITT population): Arm 1 = 37.4%, Arm 2 = 53.6% Radiographic down-staging (ITT population): Arm 1 = 23.5%, Arm 2 = 30.7% Definitive surgery: Arm 1 = 74.4% of patients, Arm 2 = 83.2% of patients. TRAEs grade 3-4 : Arm 1 = 36.9%, Arm 2 = 33.5% Surgery-related AEs grade 3-4 : Arm 1 = 14.8%, Arm 2 = 11.4%	with clearance of ctDNA: pCR = 46% in patients with ctDNA clearance versus 13% in those without it Patients with pCR and clearance of ctDNA were more likely to have surgical resection	
AEs: Adverse events; CI: Confidence interval; CR: Complete response; DFS: Disease free survival; EFS: event free survival; HR: Hazard ratio; irAEs: Immune related adverse events; ITT: Intention to treat; MPR: Major pathological response; NT: Neoadjuvant treatment; ORR: overall response rate; OS: overall survival; pCR: Pathological complete response; PD: Progressive disease; pNC: Pathological near-complete; pNR: Pathological persistence of tumor ; pPR: Pathological partial response; pRR: Pathological response rate; PR: Partial response; QOL: Quality of life; RFS: Recurrence free survival; RR: Response rate; SAEs: Serious adverse events; SD: Stable disease; TMB: Tumor mutational burden, TRAEs: Treatment related adverse events.								

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