Side-effects of checkpoints inhibitors

Endocrinologic and nephrologic syndromes

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Organs affected by immune checkpoint blockade

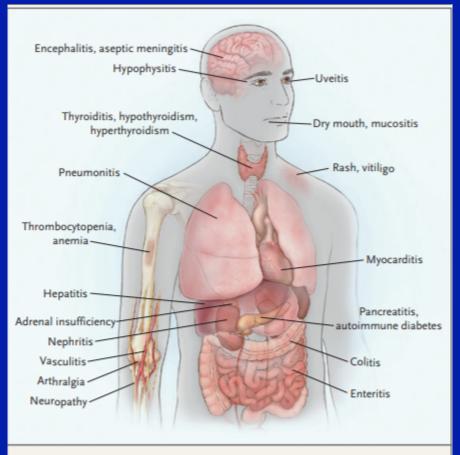
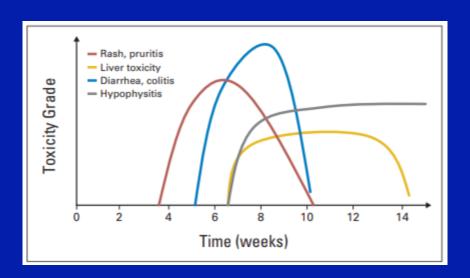


Figure 1. Organs Affected by Immune Checkpoint Blockade.

Immune checkpoint blockade can result in inflammation of any organ. Shown are the most common immune-related adverse events that clinicians encounter in patients treated with immune checkpoint blockade.

Kinetics of appearance of immune-related adverse event

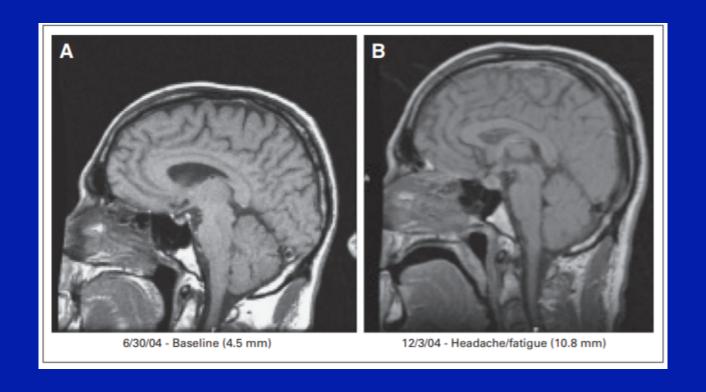


NCI-NIH Grading system of selected endocrine toxicities as reported in the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events

Grade	1	2	3	4	5
Toxicity grading applicable to hypophisitis	Asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Moderate; minimal, local, or non- invasive intervention indicated; limiting age appropriate instrumental activities of daily living	Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self-care activities of daily living	Life- threatening consequence; urgent intervention indicated	Death

Characteristics of hypophysitis in ipilimumab-treated melanoma patients

Cohort size (n° patients):	154	
Male / female:	99/55	
Hypophysitis (n° patients)	17 (11%)	
Grade 3/4	8 (5%)	
Time to onset after therapy	8.4 weeks	
Pituitary enlargement	34 (22%)	
Presenting symptoms		
headache	31 (20%)	
fatigue	17 (11%)	
Hormonal disturbances		
thyroid	34 (22%)	
adrenal	21 (13%)	
gonadal	30 (29%)	
growth hormone	7 (4%)	
prolactine low	12 (8%)	
prolactine high	26 (16%)	
diabetes insipidus	17 (11%)	
Discontinuation due to hypophysitis	34 (22%)	



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(All grades / grades 3 and 4)

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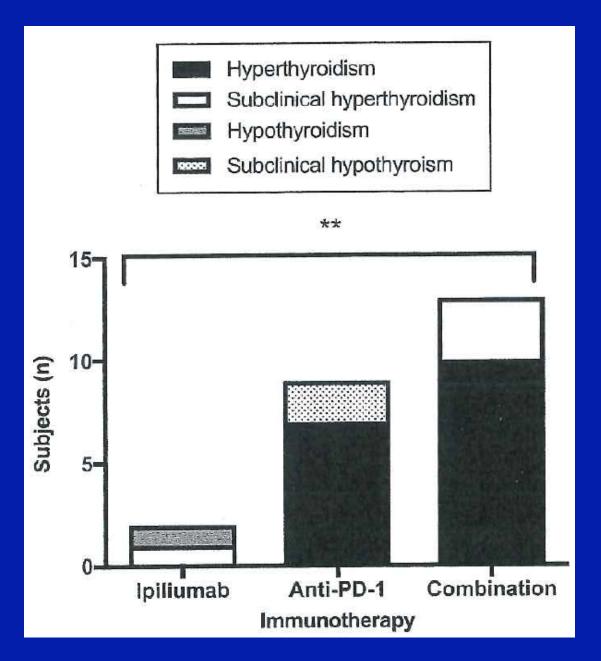
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Type 1 diabetes mellitus and/or diabetic ketoacidosis can occur with each ICI at the rate of less than 1%, independently of the drug, the dose and clinical indication. Interestingly, the incidence of type 1 diabetes mellitus and/or diabetic ketoacidosis doubled (1,5%) with the use of ipilimumab + nivolumab combination.

Insulin therapy is recommended, and steroids are not indicated

Diagnosis and management of immune checkpoint inhibitors – associated endocrine toxicities

 Diagnosis: high level of suspicion and liberal use of regular biological tests

•Management:

- 1. Withdrawal or discontinuation of ICI depending on grade and response to therapy
- 2. Substitution or specific treatment for specific endocrine syndromes
- 3. High dose corticosteroids if severe signs or symptoms in spite of specific substitution therapy

Renal complications of immune checkpoint blockade

- Acute kidney injury is rare (1,5%; G ¾: 0,5%)
- •lpilimumab = Nivolumab
- Clinical presentation: acute interstitial nephritis (90%)
- Monitoring: creatinine level (G 3 > 3mg%;G 4 > 6mg%)
- Therapy: high dose corticoids + withold/ discontinue ICI



See you later!