# **IDO Pathway and Cancer**

#### **Key Immuno-Oncology Target**

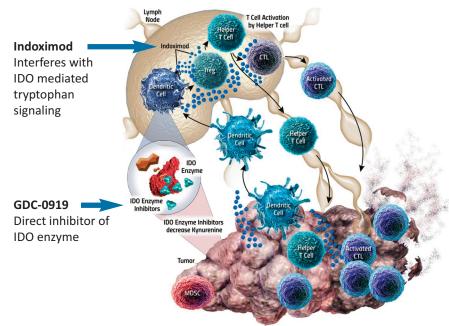
- ▶ IDO (indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase) is an intracellular enzyme that regulates immune responses and when the pathway is active, results in an immuno-suppressive phenotype rather than an activated anti-tumor phenotype¹
- Tumors hijack the IDO pathway, a normal part of the immune system, to facilitate immune escape<sup>2</sup>
- Used in combination with other cancer therapies, IDO pathway inhibitors are being evaluated in multiple tumor types to potentially improve outcomes for patients with cancer

## Targeting the IDO Pathway Two Strategies for Inhibition

- ▶ Indoximod
- Acts directly on immune cells to reverse IDO pathway mediated suppression
- ▶ GDC-0919
- Direct IDO enzymatic inhibitors, block tryptophan metabolism<sup>1,2</sup>
- Available data indicate similar activity with both approaches<sup>3</sup>

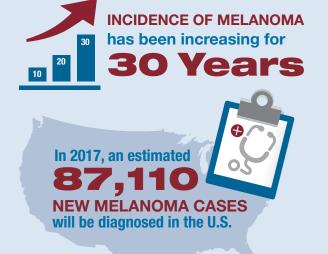
<sup>1</sup> Mautino, M. *AACR* 2013. Abstract 491. <sup>2</sup> Jochems, C. *Oncotarget*. 2016;7(25):37762-37772.

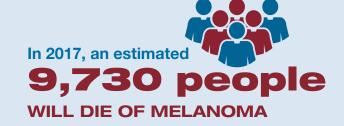
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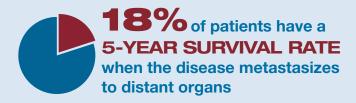


### Melanoma

### METASTATIC OR ADVANCED MELANOMA IS THE DEADLIEST FORM OF THE DISEASE







Source: American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures, 2017



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mertz, R. *Oncoimmunology.* 2012;1(9):1460-1468. <sup>2</sup> Johnson TS. *Immunol Invest.* 2012;41(6-7):765-797.