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Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors in the Era of Precision Medicine: What Radiologists Should Know

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Over the past five years immune-checkpoint inhibitors have dramatically changed the therapeutic landscape of advanced solid and hematologic malignancies. The currently approved immune-checkpoint inhibitors include antibodies to cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen-4, programmed cell death (PD-1), and programmed cell death ligand (PD-L1 and PD-L2). Response to immune-checkpoint inhibitors is evaluated on imaging using the immune-related response criteria. Activation of immune system results in a unique toxicity profile termed immune-related adverse events. This article will review the molecular mechanism, clinical applications, imaging of immune-related response patterns and adverse events associated with immune-checkpoint inhibitors.

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INTRODUCTION

The management of cancer patients has been revolutionized in the last few decades by advances in targeted therapies, which, unlike conventional chemotherapy, enable the precise targeting of cancer cells giving rise to the concept of precision medicine. The term targeted therapy encompasses a wide spectrum of drug classes including inhibitors of signal transduction (receptor tyrosine kinases), hormonal agents, inhibitors of angiogenesis, DNA damage modulators and modulators of

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This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial License (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0) which permits unrestricted non-commercial use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. immune system, to name a few. Of these targeted therapies, immune modulators or immune-checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) have garnered significant attention in the last 5 years due to their increasing spectrum of activity in oncology and have, as such, radically changed the therapeutic landscape of advanced solid and hematologic malignancies. To date, four different ICIs have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for various malignancies since 2011 (1). The use of ICIs is expected to increase significantly in the near future with several new single and combination therapies under active research in phase I and II trials.

Owing to their unique anti-cancer mechanism, ICIs are associated with unusual response patterns and adverse event profiles on imaging, which are currently under investigation. As ICIs become the standard of care for an increasing number of cancers and prolong life expectancy of patients with metastatic disease, radiologists, as an integral part of the multidisciplinary oncologic patient care, need be familiar with the mechanistic background of these anticancer agents, their immune-related tumor



response patterns, immune-related adverse event (irAE) profiles, to contribute to clinical decision making. In this article, we will review the molecular bases of anti-cancer immunotherapeutic agents, their clinical application in solid and hematologic malignancies, the immune-related patterns of response observed on imaging studies and the imaging features of irAEs.

Immunotherapy

Using the immune system to treat diseases dates back to 1796, when Edward Jenner produced the first vaccine involving immunization with cowpox to prevent smallpox. It was only in the late 1980s that immunotherapy has been used to treat cancer, when Rosenberg (2) and colleagues reported a low tumor regression rate (2.6-3.3%) in 1205 patients with metastatic cancer who underwent different types of immunotherapy. Since then, cancer immunotherapy, which utilizes the immune system to kill cancer cells, has become an established modality for cancer care. Several agents have been used over the years, targeting the immune systems at different levels and in different ways. Cytokine IL-2 has shown objective response in patients with melanoma and renal cell carcinoma (RCC) (3). Vaccine sipuleucel-T has been FDA approved in April 2010 for treatment of metastatic prostate cancer (4). Patient's own T-cells have been engineered with chimeric antigen receptors to recognize and fight leukemias and lymphomas (5). More recently, ICIs, which act "unleashing" the immune system to fight the cancer, have gained FDA approval for treatment of different types of solid and hematologic malignancies (6).

Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors: Mechanism of Action

Immune-checkpoint inhibitors act by inhibiting crucial regulatory steps in the immune system, promoting the activation and proliferation of T-cells to induce tumor infiltration and regression. Based on the checkpoint target, three main types of ICIs have been studied so far and gained FDA approval: Cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen-4 (CTLA-4) antibodies and programmed cell death (PD-1) and programmed cell death ligand (PD-L1 and PD-L2) antibodies. CTLA-4, discovered in 1987, is a negative regulator of T cell activation, inhibiting CD4+ and CD8+ cell activation, triggered by the antigen presenting cells (7-9). Ipilimumab

(Yervoy; Bristol-Myers Squibb, New York, NY, USA), a CTLA4 inhibitor, was the first ICI, to gain approval by the U.S. FDA in 2011, based on two pivotal randomized trials (1), which have shown improved overall survival in patients with advanced melanoma. It has also been approved as adjuvant therapy for high-risk melanoma, as an alternative to interferon. Ipilimumab is administered intravenously every 3 weeks for a total of 4 doses, called the induction regimen. Additional CTLA-4 inhibiting monoclonal antibodies have been investigated in other solid malignancies, such as Tremelimumab for malignant mesothelioma (10-12).

PD-1, PD-L1 and PD-L2 are transmembrane inhibitory proteins expressed on T cells, B cells and natural killer (NK) cells, binding to PD-ligand 1 and PD-ligand 2 on multiple tissue types and hematopoietic cells, respectively (13). Nivolumab, Pemrolizumab and Atezolizumab have been FDA approved and are increasingly used in multiple cancer types (14-16). Nivolumab, IgG4 subclass PD-1 inhibitor, is FDA approved for metastatic melanoma, advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) (17), RCC (18) and Hodgkin's disease (19-26). Pembrolizumab is FDA approved for metastatic melanoma and advanced NSCLC and Atezolizumab has been recently FDA approved for the treatment of urothelial bladder cancer (27). In addition, these agents and other antibodies targeting PD-1 or PD-L1 are under investigation in a broad spectrum of malignancies, such as mismatch-repair deficient colorectal carcinoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and cancers of the head and neck. Other potential targets for checkpoint inhibition have been studied, including T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain 3, lymphocyte activation gene 3, B and T-cell lymphocyte attenuator, and V-domain Iq suppressor of T-cell activation. In addition, multiple clinical trials investigating combination regimen of checkpoint inhibitors are underway. Blocking the CTLA-4 and the PD-1/PD-L1 pathways, in fact, has been proved to have synergistic effect (28, 29). The combination Ipilimumab and Nivolumab has demonstrated a significant higher response rate than Ipilumamb alone in metastatic melanoma and has already been FDA approved for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma across BRAF status (28, 29). Clinical trials combining Ipilimumab and Nivolumab are underway in NSCLC, epithelial ovarian/fallopian tube carcinoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, RCC and soft tissue sarcoma (28, 29).



Immune-Related Imaging Features

Immune-Related Response and Immune Response Criteria

Cancer immunotherapy is associated with a variety of new imaging features, including unconventional response patterns and new spectrum of drug-related toxicities. The patterns of response seen with ICIs differ in many ways from the ones seen with conventional cytotoxic agents and molecular targeted therapies. Treatment response to immune-modulatory agents, in fact, can be seen long after the start of treatment; furthermore, increased and new lesions soon after start of treatment do not necessarily represent worsening of disease, as they do with conventional therapies. The immuno-modulation elicits an inflammatory reaction, which can cause initial increase in tumor size,

giving the appearance of pseudoprogression, before leading to response or stability of disease (30-33). New lesions can also be seen in the context of the initial inflammatory reaction, likely representing undetected lesions at baseline, increasing in size during the initial immune reaction. The pseudoprogression pattern of response is supported by a case study of an Ipilimumab-treated patient which showed increased tumor burden on imaging after 12 weeks of therapy, while histologic exam demonstrated that the increased in size was due to inflammatory response caused by T-cell infiltration rather than tumor cell proliferation (30). In this setting of unconventional response, the application of conventional tumor response criteria, such as Response Evaluation Criteria for Solid Tumors (RECIST) and World Health Organiziation (WHO) criterion, where new lesions and increase tumor size suggest progression of disease,

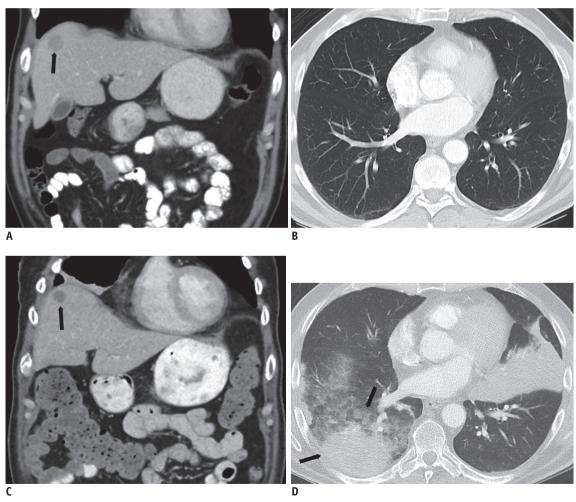


Fig. 1. 62-year-old male with history of ocular melanoma metastatic to liver.

A, B. Contrast enhanced coronal abdominal CT image shows single solid hepatic metastasis (black arrow, A); lung parenchyma is normal. C,

D. After 8 weeks of treatment with combination therapy Ipilimumab/Nivolumab, patient presents to emergency department complaining of shortness of breath. While contrast enhanced coronal abdominal CT image shows decreased size and density of hepatic metastasis (black arrow, C),

suggesting response to treatment, new lung consolidative opacities are concerning for drug pneumonitis (black arrows, D).



would underestimate the benefit of therapy and lead to premature discontinuation of treatment. Hence, to assess this atypical pattern of response, in 2009, a committee of 200 oncologists, immunotherapists, and regulatory experts proposed a new immune-related Response Criteria (irRC) (34-37).

Immune-related Response Criteria revisits the definition of progression of disease, preventing new measurable or

non-measurable lesions from defining progression and incorporates new measurable lesions into the tumor burden. Radiologic aspects of immune-related tumor response criteria and patterns of irAEs in patients undergoing Ipilimumab therapy (31, 33). Maintaining the concept of measurable and non-measurable lesions and the bidimensional measurement according to WHO criterion, irRC proposes a new immune-related (ir) response assessment,

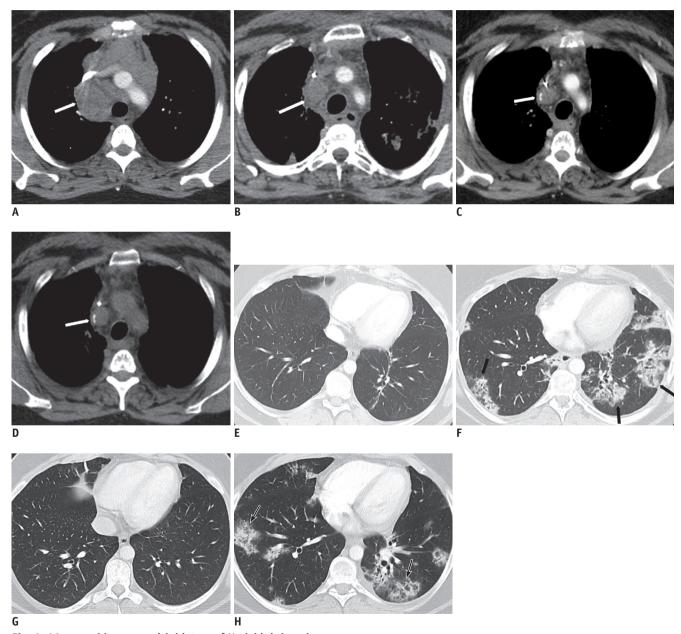


Fig. 2. 33-year-old woman with history of Hodgkin's lymphoma.

A, E. Axial contrast enhanced CT image of mediastinum shows bulky mediastinal adenopathy (white arrow, A); lung parenchyma is normal. B, F. After 12 weeks of treatment with Nivolumab, while mediastinal lymph nodes have significantly decreased (white arrow, B), new parenchymal patchy bilateral opacities suggest drug pneumonitis (black arrows, F). C, G. Nivolumab was stopped, high dose therapy with corticosteroid initiated. After 4 weeks of steroid, axial CT image of lung parenchyma demonstrates resolution of pneumonitis, while mediastinal disease continues to decrease (white arrow). D, H. After steroid taper, while mediastinal adenopathy has not significantly changed (white arrow), axial chest CT in lung window shows recurrent pneumonitis (black arrows).



as follow:

- 1) Immune-related complete response: complete response is defined as disappearance of all measureable and non-measurable lesions, with no new lesions. Complete response must be confirmed by a subsequent, consecutive assessment at least four weeks apart.
- 2) Immune-related partial response: partial response is defined as decrease in the total tumor burden of 50 percent or more from the baseline, confirmed by a subsequent scan at least four weeks later. Increase in size of some of the lesions and/or appearance of new lesions, as long as the total tumor burden meets the response criterion of 50 percent decrease, are allowed.
- 3) Immune-related stable disease: stability of the tumor burden, not meeting the criteria for partial, complete response or for progressive disease.
- 4) Immune-related progressive disease: progression of disease is defined as 25 percent increase in the tumor burden from the baseline or nadir study. A short-term

follow-up imaging study, at least four weeks apart, should rule out true progression.

While irRC accurately revisits the parameter defining the response assessment, it presents some limitations and scope for areas for improvement. For example, a major pitfall of the original irRC is the use of bidimensional measurements according to WHO criterion, defined as the product of the longest diameter and the longest perpendicular diameter (LD x LPD). Prior studies have in fact demonstrated that bidimensional measurements are not suitable for capturing small changes of tumor burden, as they are subject to a higher variability than unidimensional measurements (38-41). Furthermore, since multiple prior trials have used RECIST, which is based on unidimensional measurements, the use of bidimensional measurements in irRC makes it difficult to directly compare results (42, 43). Tumor density, volume, metabolic activities and other functional information, should also be incorporated in the criterion to evaluate immune-related response and are under

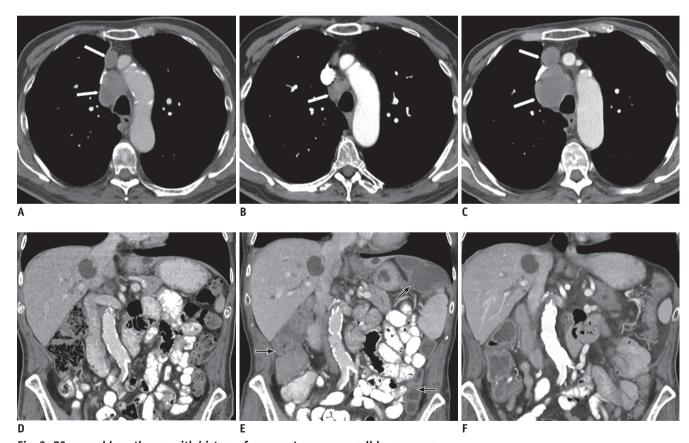


Fig. 3. 73-year-old gentleman with history of recurrent squamous cell lung cancer.

A. D. Axial contrast-enhanced CT image of mediastinum shows mediastinal adenomathy (white

A, D. Axial contrast-enhanced CT image of mediastinum shows mediastinal adenopathy (white arrows, A); coronal abdominal image is unremarkable. B, E. After 4 weeks of treatment with Nivolumab, while mediastinal lymph nodes have significantly decreased (white arrow, B), visualized colon is hyperemic and fluid filled, suggesting colitis (black arrows, E). C, F. Nivolumab was stopped, high dose therapy with corticosteroid initiated. After 8 weeks, restaging contrast-enhanced abdominal CT shows resolution of colitis, but there has been significant increased in size of mediastinal adenopathy (white arrows, C).



investigation (36, 44). The field of atypical response with ICIs, as single agents or in combination therapy, has to be further explored (45-48).

A recent study by Hodi et al. (49) evaluated atypical response patterns using irRC in comparison with RECIST1.1 in 327 patients with melanoma during treatment with Pembrolizumab, the largest retrospective study to date, evaluating immune-related responses in patients on PD-1 inhibitor therapy. The study found that, based on survival analysis, conventional RECIST underestimates the benefit of Pembrolizumab in approximately 15% of patients in comparison with irRC. The article provides important insights for future directions toward an irRECIST 1.1, which, maintaining the modifications introduced by irRC, will propose a common denominator with conventional RECIST, for allowing accurate comparison of the immune-related

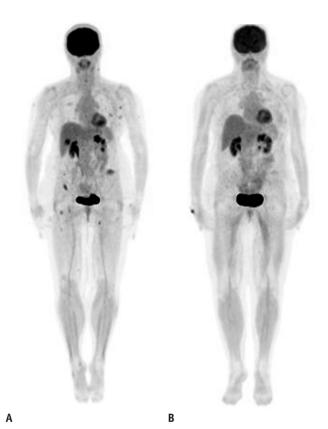


Fig. 4. 59-year-old female with history of left arm melanoma, metastatic to lung, bones, liver brain and subcutaneous tissue, before and after 12 weeks of treatment with Ipilimumab.

A. Whole body MIP F-FDG PET/CT image at baseline demonstrates tracer uptake within lung, bones, liver and subcutaneous tissue, suggesting widespread metastatic disease. B. Whole body MIP F-FDG PET/CT image after 12 weeks of treatment with Ipilimumab demonstrates interval resolution of tracer avidity at sites of metastases. F-FDG = fludeoxyglucose, MIP = maximum intensity projection, PET = positron emission tomography

response (39).

Immune-Related Response in the Radiology Reading Room

In the clinical practice of a radiology reading room of a tertiary cancer center, the non-conventional patterns of response elicited by immunomodulatory agents, translate into three main categories, which radiologists should be aware of:

- 1) Initial Progression followed by response or stability: increase in tumor burden and/or presence of new lesions at the first follow up imaging study after start of immunomodulatory agent should not be reported as progression of disease. In fact, this could represent initial transient flare up of tumor burden, followed by improvement or stabilization of disease. Patients with this type of response pattern are usually asymptomatic during the flare; conversely, patients with true progression will show clinical symptoms. In the absence of clear symptomatic progression, a short-term follow up scan (at least 4 weeks) should be suggested in the radiology report, to avoid considering failure of immunotherapy.
- 2) Prolonged stable disease followed by response: stability of the tumor burden can be seen for a long period of time after initiation of ICIs, before seeing response, which could become apparent only after the induction period of 4 doses administered 3 weeks apart. Practically, after the induction period of 12 weeks, is the time a radiologist should carefully look for changes in the tumor burden.
- 3) Long period of stability: although there is no visible decrease in size of the lesions, even long period of stability can be clinically significant. In the clinical practice, reporting stability of an otherwise incurable and aggressive disease after multiple imaging studies can be clinically relevant. Hence, the time of initiation of treatment should be known to the radiologist, and the stability over a long period of time should be emphasized in the radiology report.

Immune-Related Adverse Events

Immune-checkpoint inhibitors can cause a variety of irAEs, either symptomatic or clinically silent, most of them associated with radiology manifestations. While both clinical and radiographic characterization of irAEs is still ongoing, several have been described and are well characterized. These include enterocolitis, hepatitis,



thyroid disorders, hypophysitis, pancreatitis, pneumonitis and dermatitis (50). Additional imaging findings, such as retroperitoneal stranding, sarcoid-like distributed lymphadenopathy, myositis and arthritis have also been attributed to the proinflammatory state elicited by ICIs. irAEs are quite frequent as the body's innate control against autoimmunity is down-regulated by ICIs (50), more so with CTLA-4 inhibitors, which involves the early activation of T-cells, less with PD-1 and PD-L1 antibodies, involved in the later phases of the activation. With early detection, irAEs can be successfully managed delaying or discontinuing the therapy, based on the severity of the event, and high dose corticosteroids. Hence, prompt recognition of drug-related toxicity by the radiologist is crucial for clinical decision-making.

Pneumonitis: pneumonitis is a serious, potentially lifethreatening irAEs, which resulted in three deaths in a phase I trial. Pneumonitis as new consolidative or groundglass opacities has been reported in up to 5% of patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibition (Fig. 1; please also see Fig. 4M, P regarding PET findings) (50). Although imaging features have yet to be described, initial reports of ICI-related pneumonitis indicate a spectrum of radiographic manifestations of the entity. Three cases of pneumonitis associated with the use of anti-PD-1 antibodies in patients with melanoma have been reported with two main radiologic patterns: an acute respiratory distress syndrome-like pattern, with diffuse ground-glass and reticular opacities, consolidation associated with traction bronchiectasis, decreased lung volumes and pleural effusion

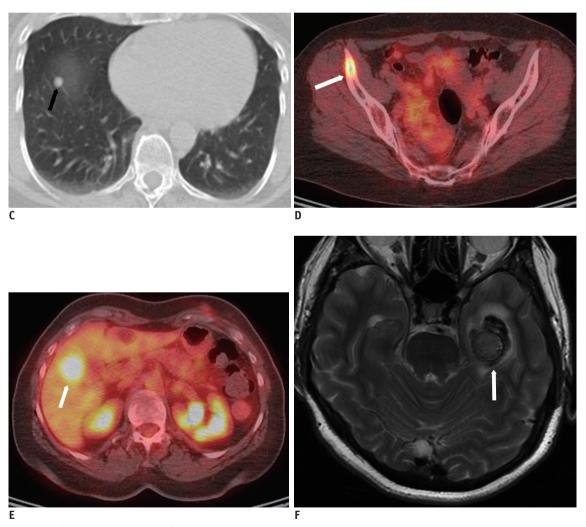


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C-F. Axial CT image in lung window, fused PET/CT images of pelvis and liver, contrast enhanced T2 weighted MRI image of brain demonstrate right lower lobe nodule (black arrow, **C**), right iliac bone (white arrow, **D**), right liver (white arrow, **E**) and left temporal lobe metastases (white arrow, **F**). F-FDG = fludeoxyglucose, MIP = maximum intensity projection, PET = positron emission tomography



and a non-specific interstitial pneumonia (NSIP)-pattern, with peripheral ground-glass and reticular opacities, predominantly at the lung bases (51, 52). A case study of two patients reports anti-PD-1 pneumonitis in advanced NSCLC patients treated with Nivolumab (51). CT of both patients demonstrated ground-glass, reticular opacities and rapidly evolving consolidations in a peripheral distribution, in a radiographic pattern of cryptogenic organizing pneumonia. Nivolumab was stopped and treatment with high dose corticosteroids was initiated, with improvement of respiratory symptoms and radiographic findings. After steroid taper, one patient, not on any active treatment, developed another episode of pneumonitis ("pneumonitis flare") and had to be restarted on corticosteroids with subsequent clinical and radiologic improvement. further

indicating the complicated nature of this irAE (Fig. 2).

Immune-related colitis is the most commonly reported irAE, and can be observed even in asymptomatic patients. It is most commonly associated with Ipilimumab and usually occurs between 5–10 weeks of initiation of therapy (Fig. 3) (53). Two distinct CT appearances have been described: diffuse bowel wall thickening, with or without fluid filled distended colon, with mesenteric vessel engorgement, or segmental bowel wall thickening and pericolonic stranding, often superimposed to diverticulitis, so called 'segmental colitis associated with diverticulosis' (54). It is important to differentiate between the two patterns as their management differs: after stopping the drug, diffuse colitis is treated with steroids and antibiotics.

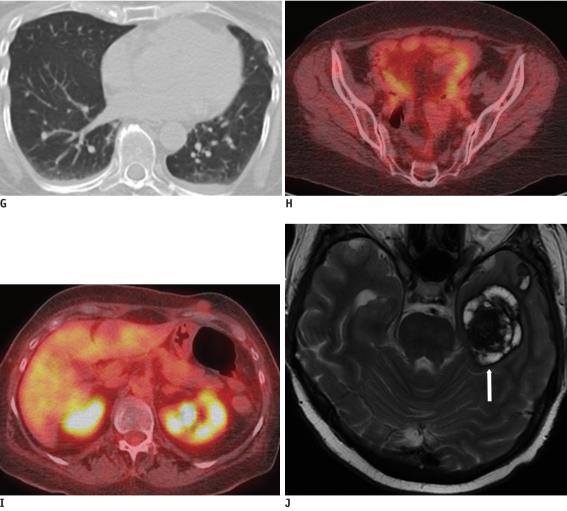


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G-J. Restaging imaging at 12 weeks after induction treatment with Ipilimumab show significant decrease of lung nodule, significant decrease uptake of right iliac bone lesion, of liver metastasis and decreased enhancement of brain metastasis (white arrow), suggesting response to treatment.



Hepatitis: immune-related hepatitis usually appears between 6–14 weeks of initiation of therapy. Imaging findings can be subtle and a high index of suspicion should be maintained in patients with systemic symptoms and altered liver function tests (LFTs). Classic imaging appearance of acute hepatitis is seen in such patients, as reported in a study of 6 melanoma patients with Ipilimumab-associated hepatitis (55). Periportal edema, mild hepatomegaly, and periportal lymphadenopathy are the most common findings. Conversely, imaging of asymptomatic patients, with mildly increased LFTs can be normal (55, 56). Histologically, Ipilimumab-associated hepatitis has been described as hepatocyte injury, with acute hepatitis pattern or as bile duct injury (56).

Endocrine irAEs are quite common and usually appear between 7–20 weeks of initiation of therapy. They might cause serious and life-changing symptoms due to permanent damage of the hypophysis or the thyroid glands. They have to be promptly recognized by the radiologist, as symptoms can resolve with adequate hormone replacement, allowing the patients to continue a therapy they are benefiting from. Thyroid disorders are the most common clinically reported endocrine irAEs, particularly in women on anti-PD-1 inhibitors and can clinically manifests with hypothyroidism, most commonly, followed by hyperthyroidisim, whereas thyroiditis has not yet been reported (50, 57). Imaging features have been described as new enlargement of the thyroid gland, enhancement and diffuse fludeoxyglucose (FDG) uptake on PET/CT, as reported by a study on Ipilimumab related adverse event (50).

Hypophysitis is more commonly associated with Ipilimumab, is rare with PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitor monotherapies, and has a median appearance at 11 weeks, but can be seen as early as 4 weeks (Fig. 4N) (58). Clinical picture and imaging findings resemble those seen with primary lymphocytic hypophysitis, with avid enhancement of the hypophysis on contrast enhanced CT, T1 precontrast and T2 hypointensity and homogeneous enhancement on

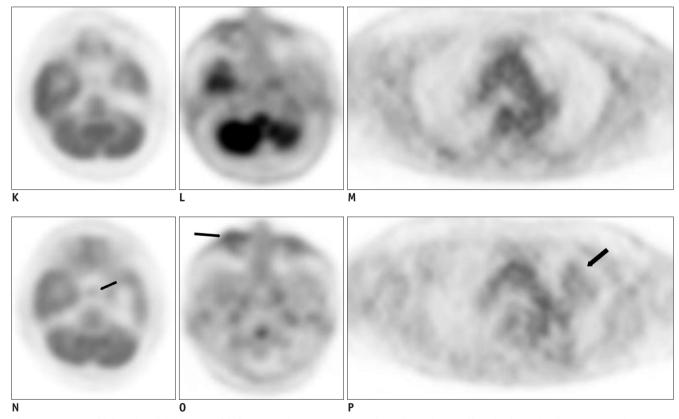


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K-M. Axial PET image of brain at level of hypophysis, mid face and mid thorax before treatment show physiologic tracer uptake. **N-P.** Restaging PET images at 12 weeks after induction treatment with Ipilimumab show interval increased uptake within hypophysis (black arrow, **N**), in region of palpebrae (black arrow, **O**) and left lung parenchyma (black arrow, **P**), which suggest drug associated hypophysitis, blepharoconjunctivitis and pneumonitis. F-FDG = fludeoxyglucose, MIP = maximum intensity projection, PET = positron emission tomography

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MRI (57). Additional rare immune-related endocrinopathies have been described and include Ipilimumab Graves' ophthalmopathy and anti PD-1 Type I diabetes mellitus, which has been reported in only 4 patients to date, but imaging features have yet to be described (Fig. 40).

Clinically silent new imaging findings have been observed. Awareness that these findings might reflect inflammatory response rather than new sites of disease is crucial for the radiologist. Examples include new sarcoid-like distributed lymph nodes (bilateral hilar and mediastinal), which have been reported in up to 5% of patients on ICIs treatment (50, 59-62). Although the imaging appearance of these nodes can be indistinguishable from nodal metastases, the distribution resembling typical sarcoidosis, in absence of infection and occurring in the setting of response at other sites, favor sarcoid-like reaction and ACE-level and tissue diagnosis can support the diagnosis of irAE (50). Treatment should not be discontinued as these nodes are likely a flare phenomenon at initiation of therapy and might regress spontaneously. New abdominal lymphadenopathy, stranding in perirenal or retroperitoneal fat and focal muscle abnormalities have also been observed and are also likely a marker of lymphocytic infiltration, indicating treatment effect, rather than new sites of disease. New focal intramuscular enhancement seen on contrast-enhanced CT or new intramuscular tracer uptake on PET/CT has been described as drug-related myositis and should be reported.

An interesting relationship between tumor response and irAEs has been described: radiologic manifestations of irAEs have been associated with improved tumor response and disease control (53). A study of 119 patients with metastatic melanoma on Ipilimumab therapy showed irAEs in 17% of patients, who were more likely to show response and disease control (55%) (63). This relationship is more apparent in combination therapies. For example, Ipilimumab and Nivolumab therapy for the treatment of metastatic melanoma, as it demonstrates increase antitumor activity, shows increased incidence of drug-associated adverse events. The combination of Pembrolizumab and Ipilimumab has also been associated with increased adverse events, the thyroid gland being most affected organ, manifesting as hypothyroidism. This interesting relationship between response and toxicities, however, need to be further investigated with a rigorous study design controlling for important factors such as time of therapy duration.

CONCLUSION

Immune-checkpoint inhibitors consist of a new paradigm of anti-cancer drugs approved for treatment of a variety of solid and hematologic malignancies. With the increasing use of ICIs in a growing number of tumor types, awareness of the immune-related patterns of response, the clinical and imaging manifestations of irAEs is key for radiologists, as they become increasingly involved in and key contributors of cancer patient care.

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