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Abbreviations: CTC, circulating tumor cell; CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; DC, dendritic cell; DDR, DNA damage response; DSB, double-stand break; dsDNA, double-stranded DNA; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; ICB, immune checkpoint blocker; IFN, interferon; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IRDS, IFN-related DNA damage resistance signature; MMR, mismatch repair; MSI, microsatellite instability; NK, natural killer; NSCLC, non-small cell lung carcinoma; RCD, regulated cell death; RT, radiation therapy.