



# Metastatic Breast Cancer

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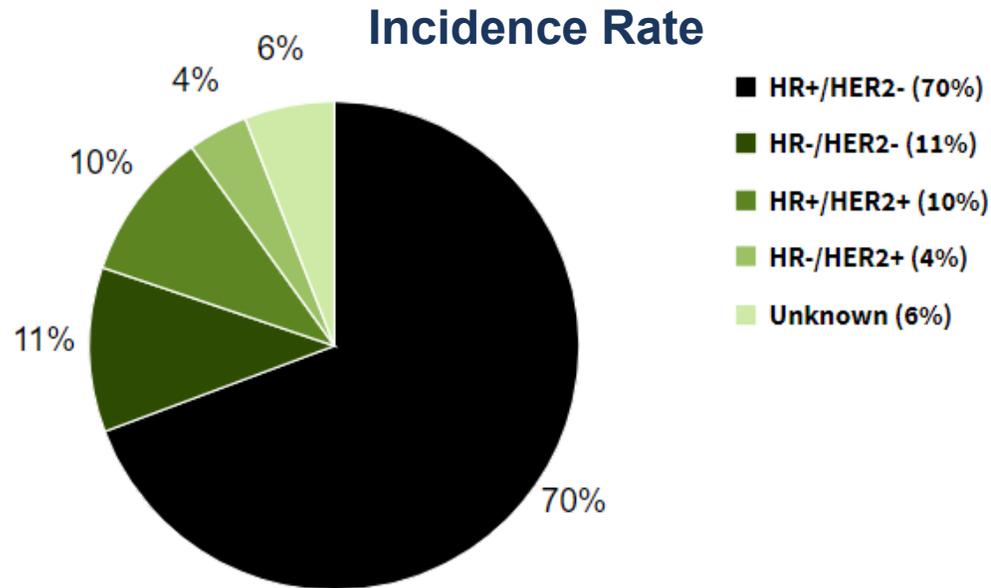
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# 1. Background

# Breast Cancer United States

- **Most common** type of cancer among females
- **13.1%** of all women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lifetime



## 5-Year Relative Survival Percent

Subtype	Localized	Regional	Distant
HR+/HER2-	100.0%	90.5%	35.4%
HR-/HER2-	92.0%	66.8%	14.3%
HR+/HER2+	99.3%	90.4%	45.8%
HR-/HER2+	97.3%	84.2%	39.7%

SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Breast Cancer. NCI. Bethesda, MD. September 2024.  
SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Female Breast Cancer Subtypes. NCI. Bethesda, MD. September 2024.

# When metastatic disease is suspected:

- Tissue biopsy with biomarker assessment (ER, PR, HER2) and germline genetic testing (*BRCA1/2*, *PALB2*) is essential.
  - If recurrent HR+HER2-, testing for tumor *PIK3CA* mutation or *ESR1* mutation may be indicated (see below section on HR+)
- If bone metastases, start bone stabilizer (denosumab, pamidronate or q3 monthly zoledronic acid)
  - Ensure adequate renal function
  - Supplement calcium and vitamin D
  - Dental exam at baseline and every 6 months given risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw
    - Avoid bisphosphonate/RANKLi if dental extractions or implants (work with dentist to determine timing of initiation or resumption of bone stabilizer therapy)

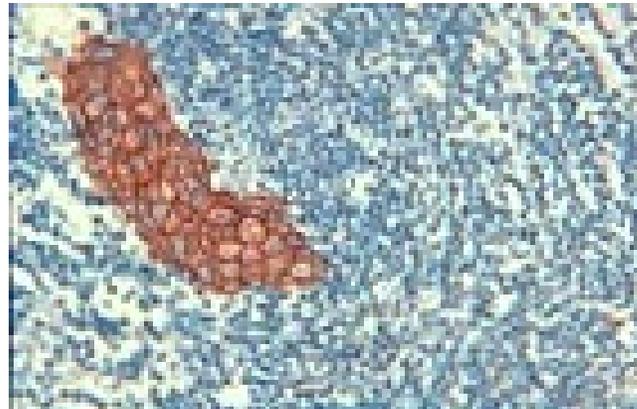


# 2. HER2+ MBC

# HER2 amplified breast cancer is associated with poor outcome



HER-2 Oncogene  
Amplification



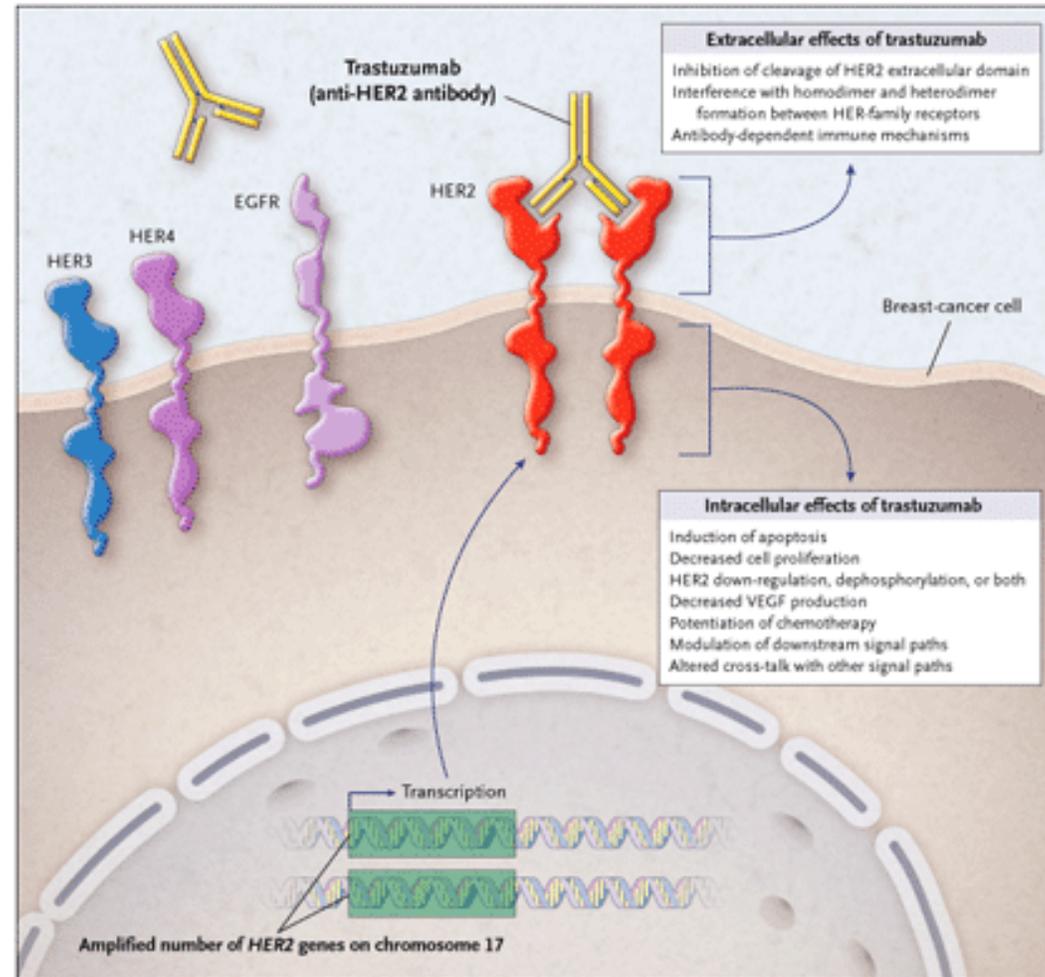
HER-2 Oncoprotein  
Overexpression

## Median Survival from First Diagnosis of Early-Stage LN+ BC

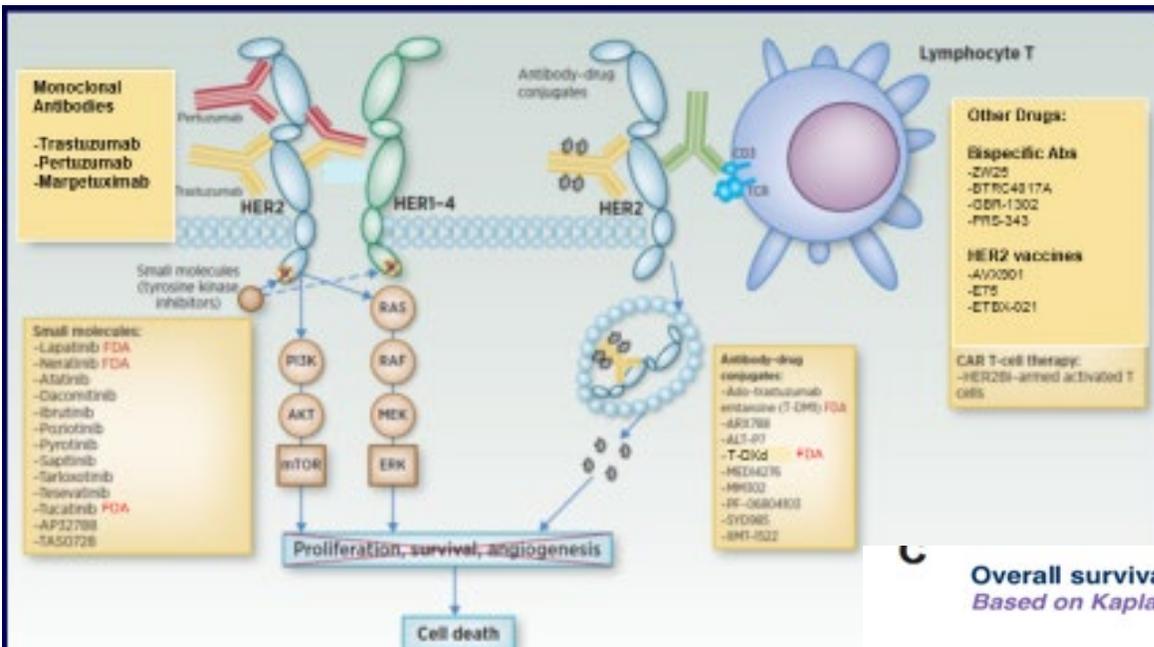
HER-2 overexpressing	3 yrs
HER-2 normal	6 - 7 yrs



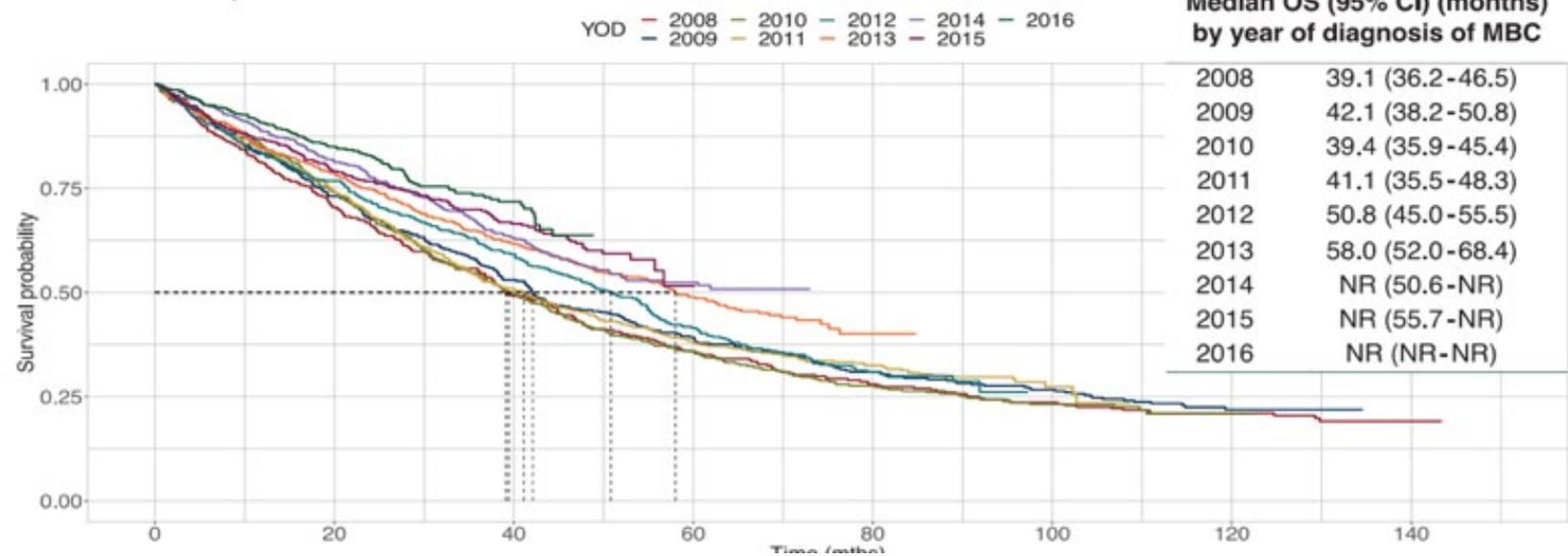
# Trastuzumab Has Changed the Natural History of HER2+ Breast Cancer



# An Expanding Armamentarium Is Improving Outcomes for HER2+ Disease



Overall survival in the HER2+ subcohort according to the YOD  
Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates



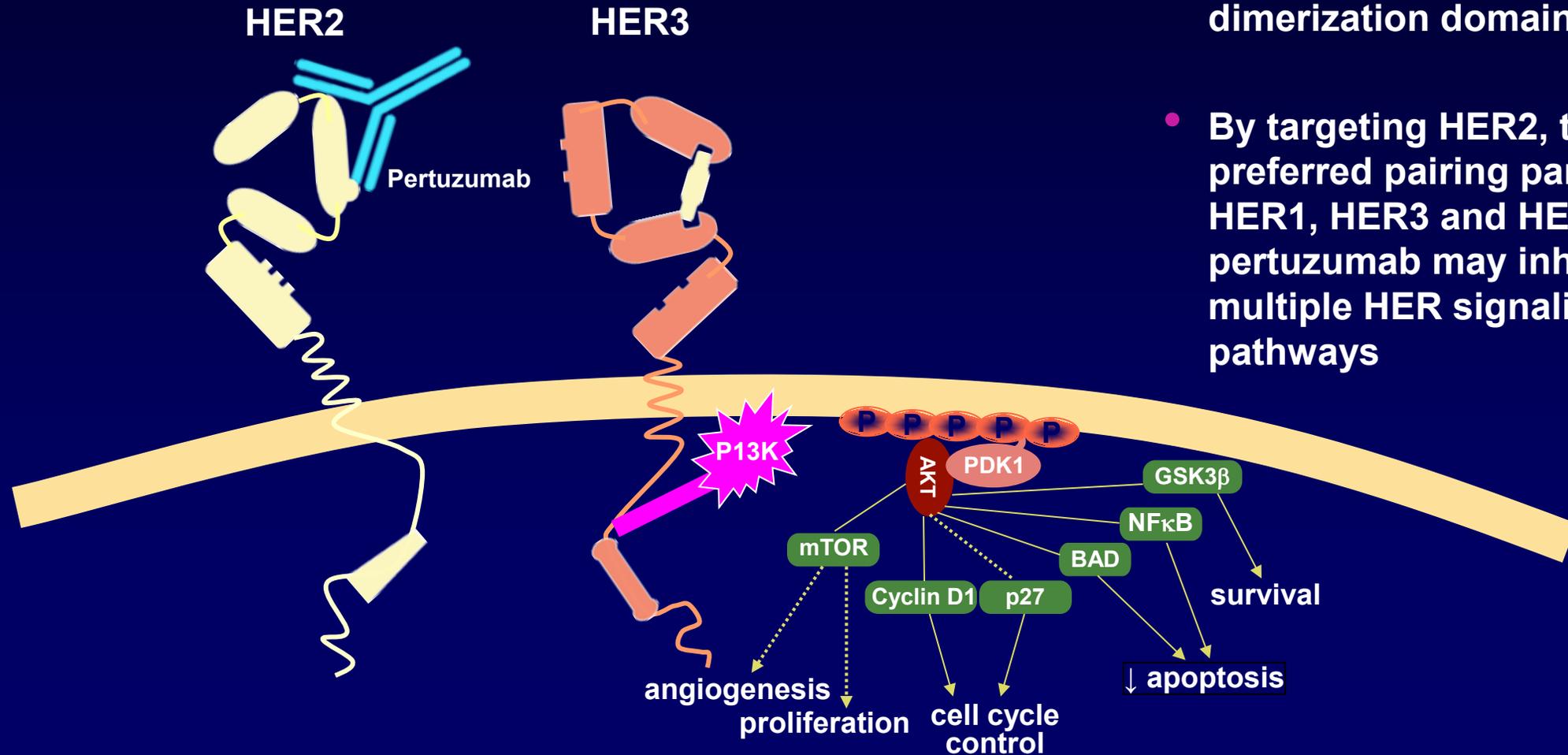
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# First Line Therapy HER2+

Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab + Taxane (“THP)

(docetaxel q3 weekly or paclitaxel weekly) induction for 4-8 cycles then maintenance trastuzumab/pertuzumab until progression of disease

# Pertuzumab: a HER2 dimerization inhibitor

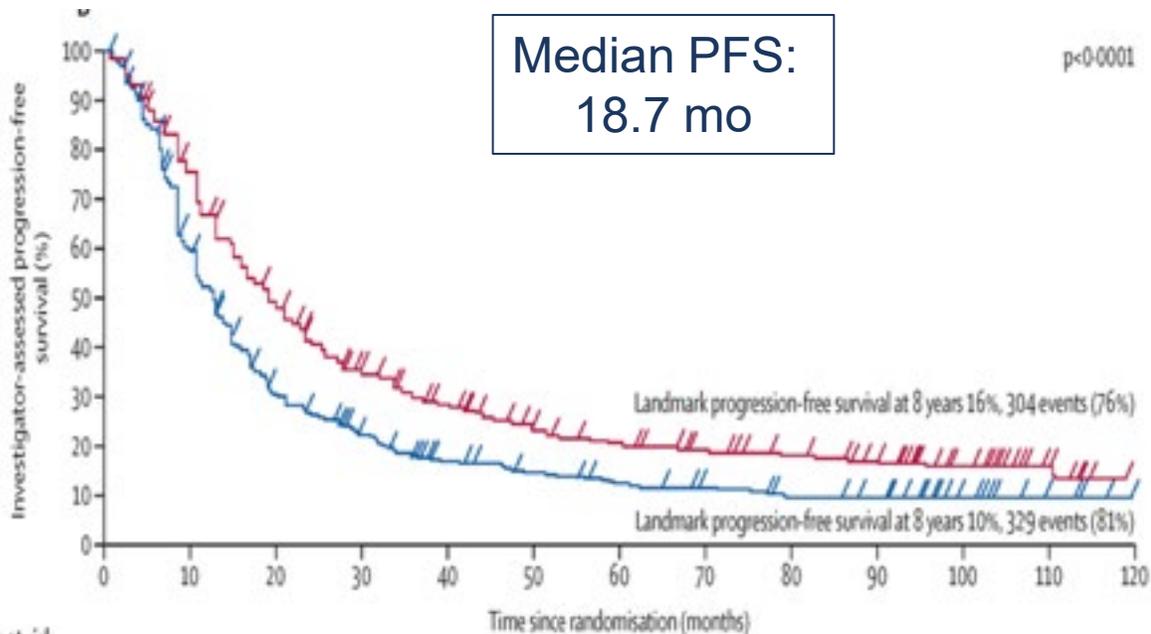


- A mechanism of action designed to bind to the HER dimerization domain
- By targeting HER2, the preferred pairing partner for HER1, HER3 and HER4, pertuzumab may inhibit multiple HER signaling pathways

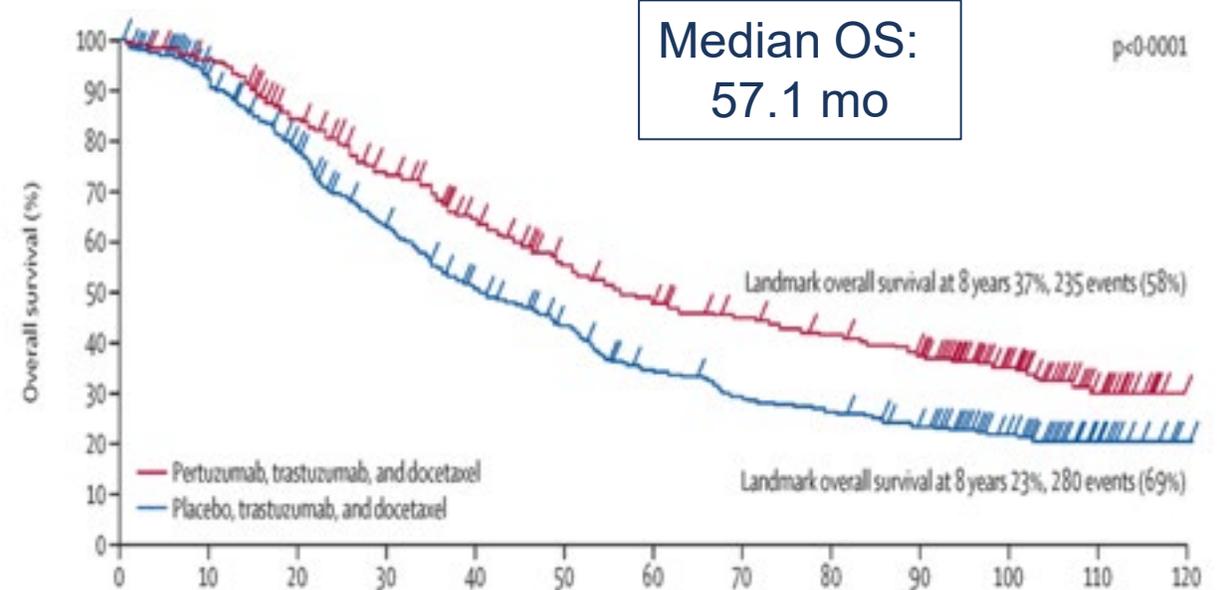
# CLEOPATRA End-of-Study Results:

## Adding Pertuzumab to Taxane + Trastuzumab Improves PFS and OS

(median follow-up ~100 months)



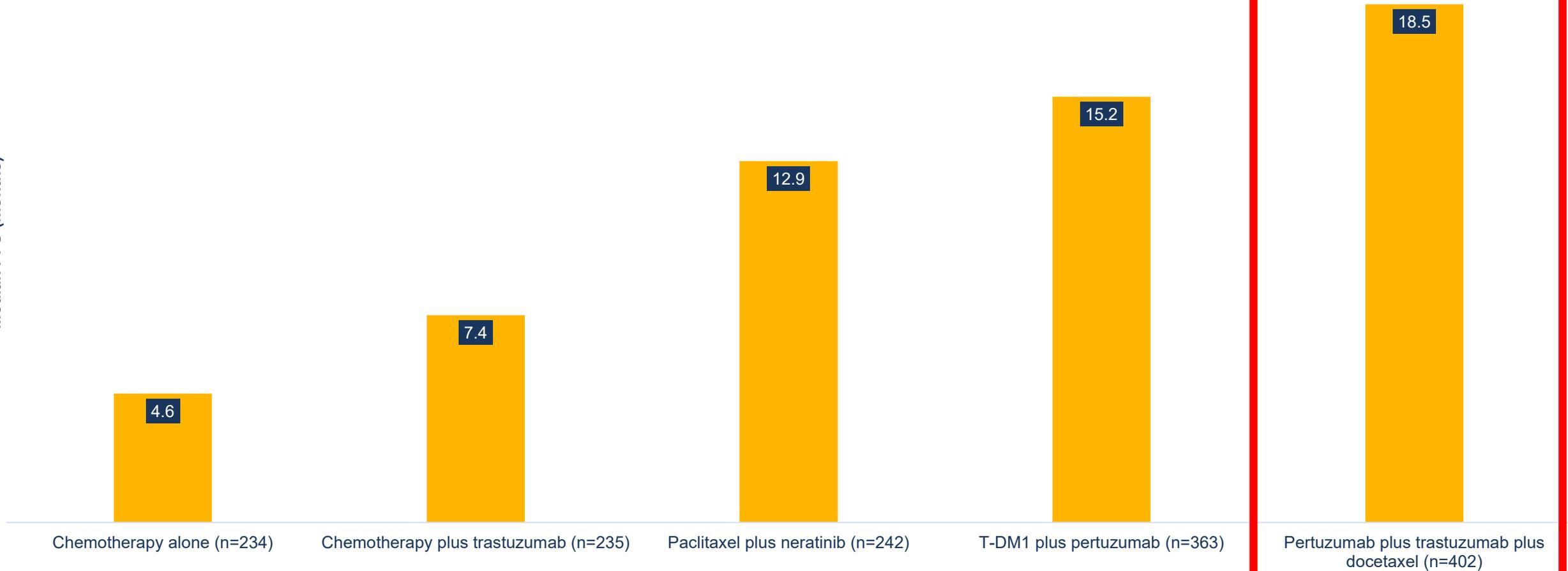
Number at risk (number censored)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Pertuzumab	402 (0)	284 (18)	179 (24)	121 (34)	93 (40)	71 (47)	60 (49)	52 (54)	43 (60)	34 (66)	21 (78)	6 (92)	0 (98)
Placebo	406 (0)	223 (27)	110 (32)	76 (39)	53 (44)	43 (47)	35 (49)	30 (52)	23 (54)	21 (56)	10 (67)	4 (73)	0 (77)



Number at risk (number censored)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and docetaxel	402 (0)	371 (14)	318 (23)	269 (32)	228 (41)	188 (48)	165 (50)	150 (54)	137 (56)	120 (59)	71 (102)	20 (147)	0 (167)
Placebo, trastuzumab, and docetaxel	406 (0)	350 (19)	289 (30)	230 (36)	181 (41)	149 (48)	115 (52)	96 (53)	88 (53)	75 (57)	44 (84)	11 (115)	1 (125)

# Evolution of PFS in First Line HER2+ MBC

Median PFS (months)

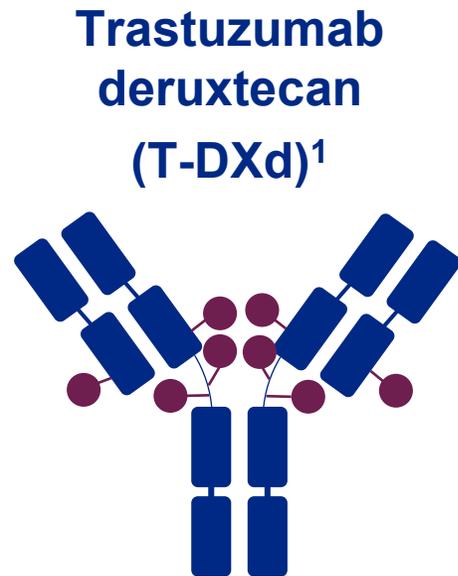


1L=first line; HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; PFS=progression-free survival; T-DM1=ado-trastuzumab emtansine.

1. Slamon DJ, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2001;344:783-792. 2. Awada A, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2016;2:1557-1564. 3. Perez EA, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35:141-148. 4. Baselga J, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2012;366:109-119.



# First Line Standard May Change Very Soon: Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd): a Novel HER2 Antibody Drug Conjugate



T-DXd <sup>1-4</sup>	ADC Attributes
Topoisomerase I inhibitor	Payload MoA
~8:1	Drug-to-antibody ratio
Yes	Tumor-selective cleavable linker?
Yes	Evidence of bystander anti-tumor effect?

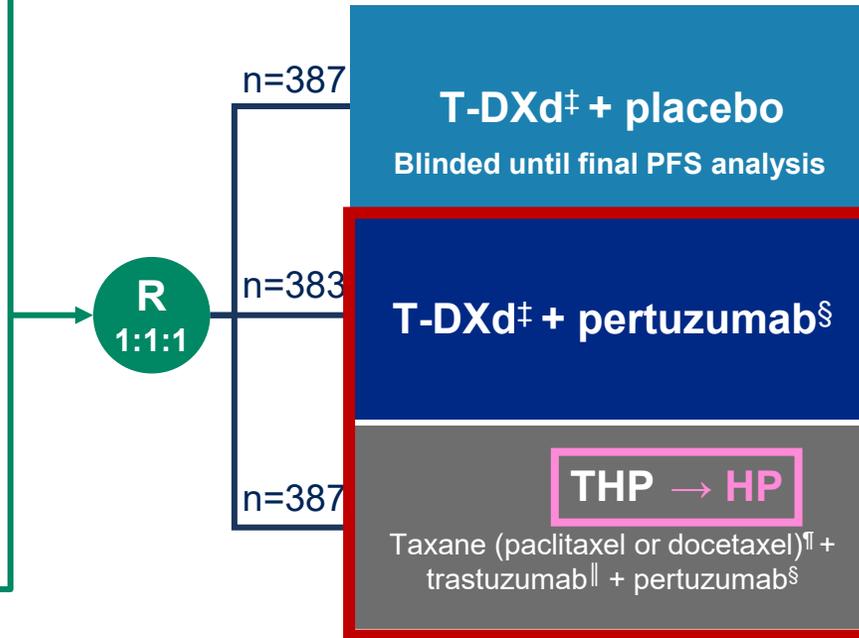
Abbreviations: ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; MoA, mechanism of action.

1. Cortes J, et al. Abstract LBA-1. Presented at: ESMO 2021 Annual Meeting; September 16-21, 2021

# DESTINY-Breast09 – 1L HER2+ mBC

## Eligibility criteria

- HER2+ a/mBC
- Asymptomatic/inactive brain mets allowed
- DFI >6 mo from last chemotherapy or HER2-targeted therapy in neoadjuvant/adjuvant setting
- One prior line of ET for mBC permitted
- **No other prior systemic treatment for mBC<sup>†</sup>**



## Endpoints

### Primary

- PFS (BICR)

### Key secondary

- OS

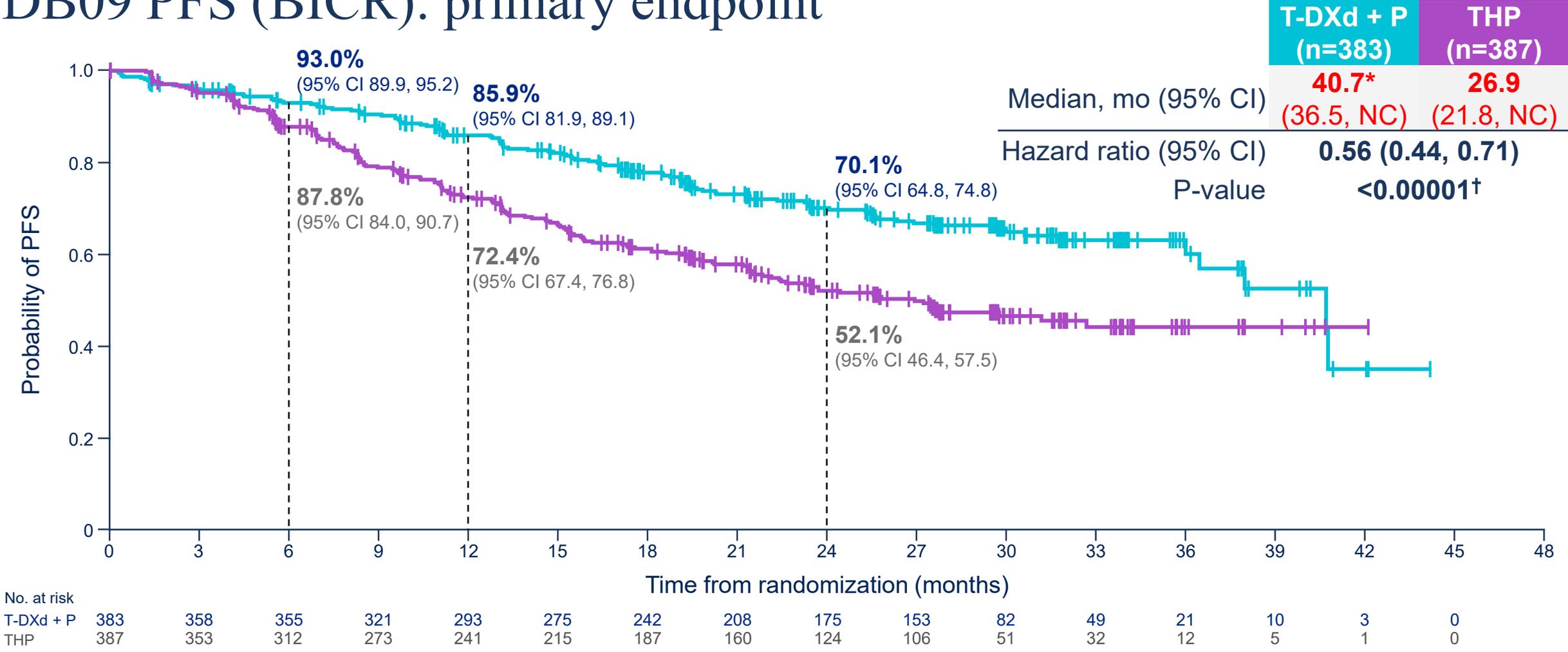
### Secondary

- PFS (INV)
- ORR (BICR/INV)
- DOR (BICR/INV)
- PFS2 (INV)
- Safety and tolerability

## Key participant characteristics:

- **51% de novo mBC**; 54% HR+; ~82% IHC 3+
- Of those initially diagnosed with ESB: ~ 80-85% received (neo)adjuvant chemo; ~ **58% trastuzumab**; ~**15% pertuzumab**; **2% T-DM1**
- **Concurrent use of ET in HR+: 13.5% in T-DXd + P arm; 38.3% in THP arm**

# DB09 PFS (BICR): primary endpoint



**Statistically significant and clinically meaningful PFS benefit with T-DXd + P (median Δ 13.8 mo)**

\*Median PFS estimate for T-DXd + P is likely to change at updated analysis; †stratified log-rank test. A P-value of <0.00043 was required for interim analysis superiority  
 BICR, blinded independent central review; CI, confidence interval; mo, months; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; NC, not calculable; P, pertuzumab; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; THP, taxane + trastuzumab + pertuzumab

# DB09: T-DXd + Pertuzumab

- Median Progression Free Survival of 40.7 mos is historic!
  - THP in CLEOPATRA median PFS only 18.6 mos
  - THP in this study notably longer at 26 mos (endocrine therapy used during maintenance phase)
  - Likely will receive approval
  - But....



# Is Frontline T-DXd/Pertuzumab necessary for everyone?

- Overall survival benefit not yet seen
- Unclear whether pertuzumab is adding anything to the T-DXd
- Very few patients crossed over so do not know if harming patients by waiting for 2<sup>nd</sup> line for T-DXd
- 16% of patients on CLEOPATRA were progression free at 8 years. Can we prospectively select those pts and treat them with THP—HP maintenance?
- Studies ongoing (DEMETHER) to evaluate induction T-DXd with maintenance HP strategy (Cortés J, *et al.* SABCS 2024; P5-03-11)
- Stay tuned!



# Second Line Therapy HER2+ (after trastuzumab/taxane)

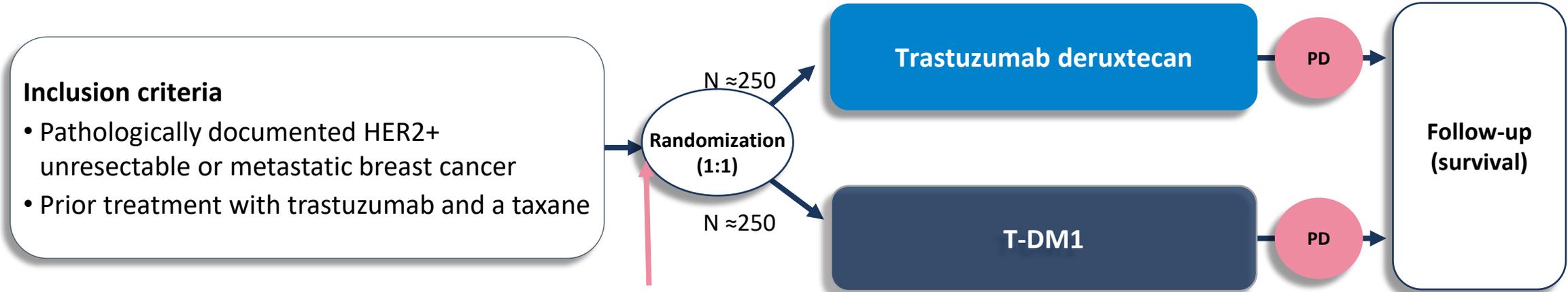
T-DXd (if not yet received)

Tucatinib/trastuzumab/capecitabine (if T-DXd received, or if  
brain metastases)

# DESTINY-Breast03: Trial Design

## *Trastuzumab Deruxtecan vs T-DM1*

- Randomized open-label phase III trial



### Inclusion criteria

- Pathologically documented HER2+ unresectable or metastatic breast cancer
- Prior treatment with trastuzumab and a taxane

Randomization (1:1)

N ≈ 250

N ≈ 250

Trastuzumab deruxtecan

PD

T-DM1

PD

Follow-up (survival)

**HER2+ confirmed by central laboratory assessment of most recent tumor sample**

### Prior therapy for MBC:

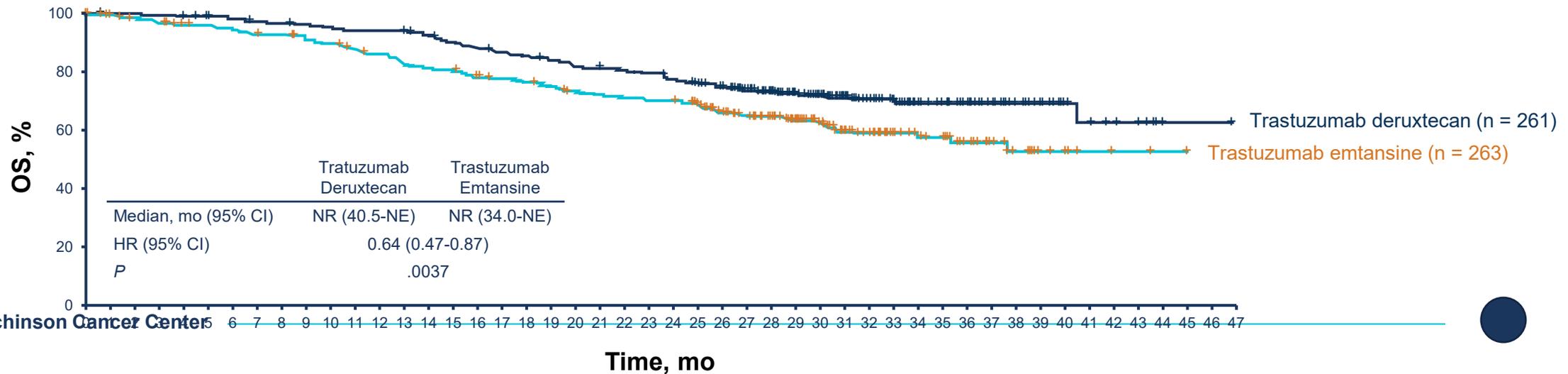
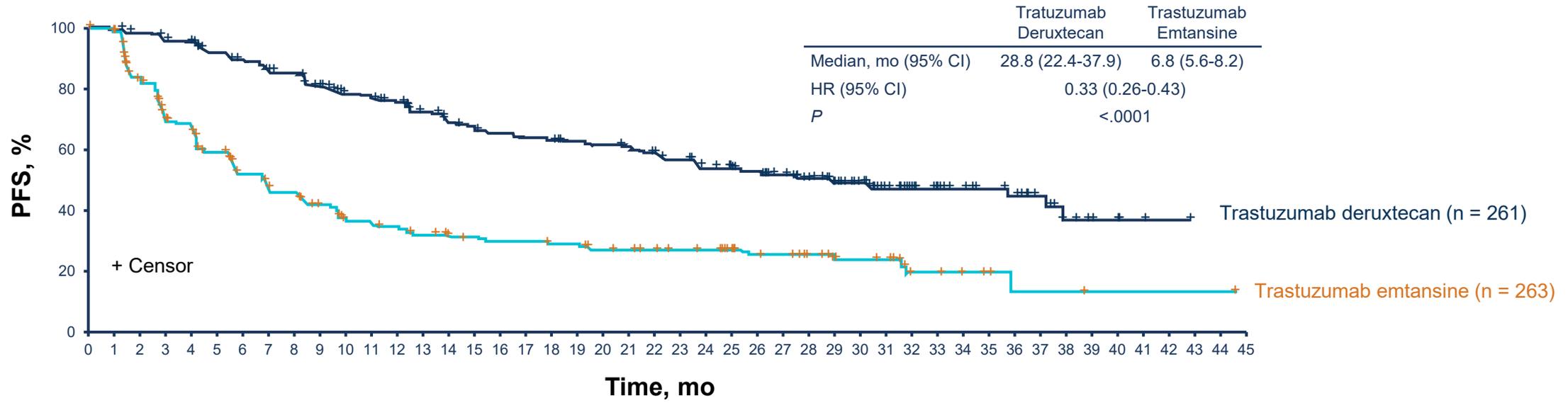
- 100% received prior trastuzumab
- 60% received prior pertuzumab
- 16% received HER2 TKI

### Endpoints

- Primary: PFS
- Secondary: OS, ORR, DOR



# DESTINY-Breast03: PFS and OS<sup>1</sup>



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1. Hurvitz SA et al. *Lancet*. 2023;401:105-117.

# DESTINY-Breast03: Adjudicated Drug-Related ILD/Pneumonitis<sup>1</sup>

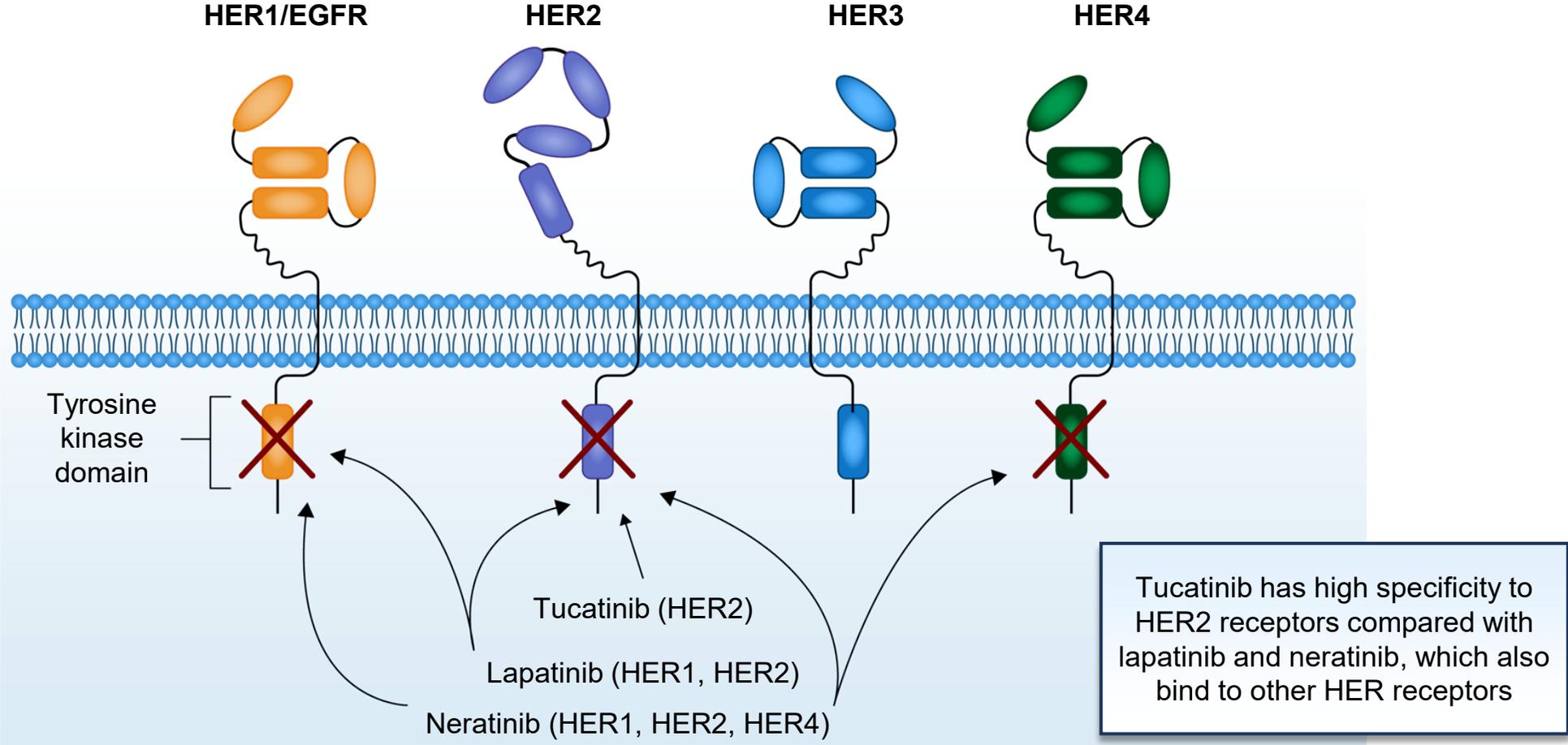
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade
<b>T-DXd</b> (n = 257), n (%)	11 (4.3)	26 (10.1)	2 (0.8)	0	0	39 (15.2)
<b>T-DM1</b> (n = 261), n (%)	4 (1.5)	3 (1.1)	1 (0.4)	0	0	8 (3.1)

- Interstitial lung disease occurs in 10-15% of patients treated with T-DXd. Deaths 1-3%
- Must hold therapy with grade 1 (asymptomatic, ground glass opacities/infiltrates on imaging) and do not restart until fully resolve. Consider steroids, pulm consult. If takes longer than one month to resolve, dose reduce
- Must permanently discontinue for any symptomatic ILD (and initiate steroids, involve pulmonology)



# Third Line Therapy HER2+ and beyond

# HER2-Targeted Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors<sup>1,2</sup>



1. Dent SF, et al. Curr Oncol Rep. 2021;23:128. 2. Murthy R, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2018;19:880-888.

# HER2CLIMB

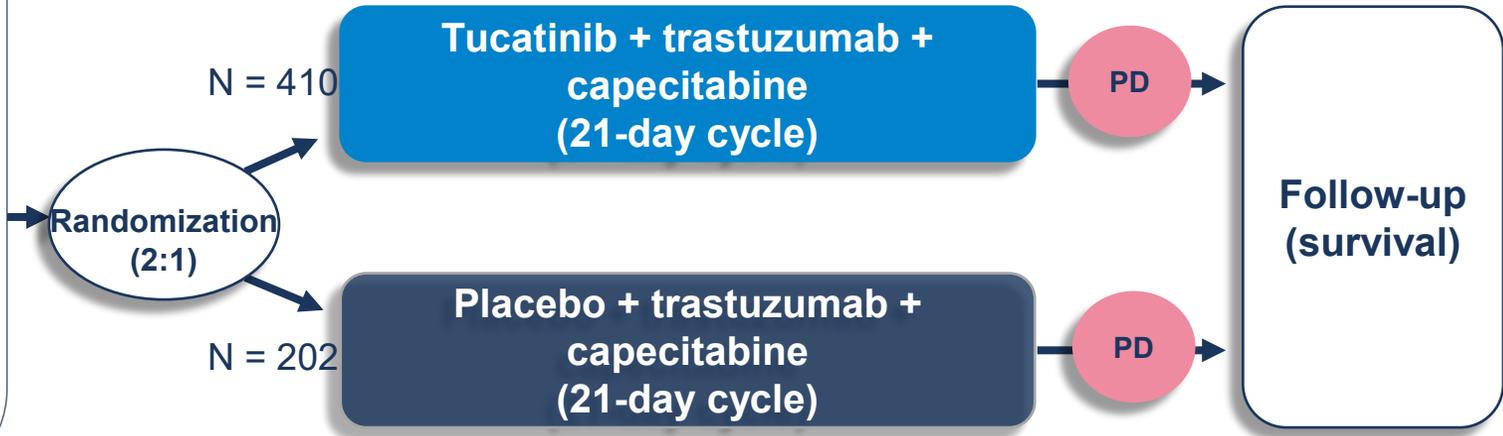
## *Tucatinib + Trastuzumab + Capecitabine vs Placebo + Trastuzumab + Capecitabine*

**Inclusion criteria**

- HER2+ metastatic breast cancer
- **Prior treatment with trastuzumab, pertuzumab, and T-DM1**
- ECOG 0, 1
- *Brain MRI at baseline*
  - No evidence of brain metastases, or
  - Untreated, previously treated stable, or previously treated progressing, brain metastases not needing immediate local therapy

**Stratification variables**

- Presence of brain metastases (yes/no)
- ECOG status (0 or 1)
- Region of the world (US or Canada or rest of world)



**Endpoints**

- Primary: PFS (first 480 patients randomized)
- Secondary: OS (total population), PFS among patients with brain metastases, ORR

***Notable baseline characteristic: 48% of patients had CNS metastases***

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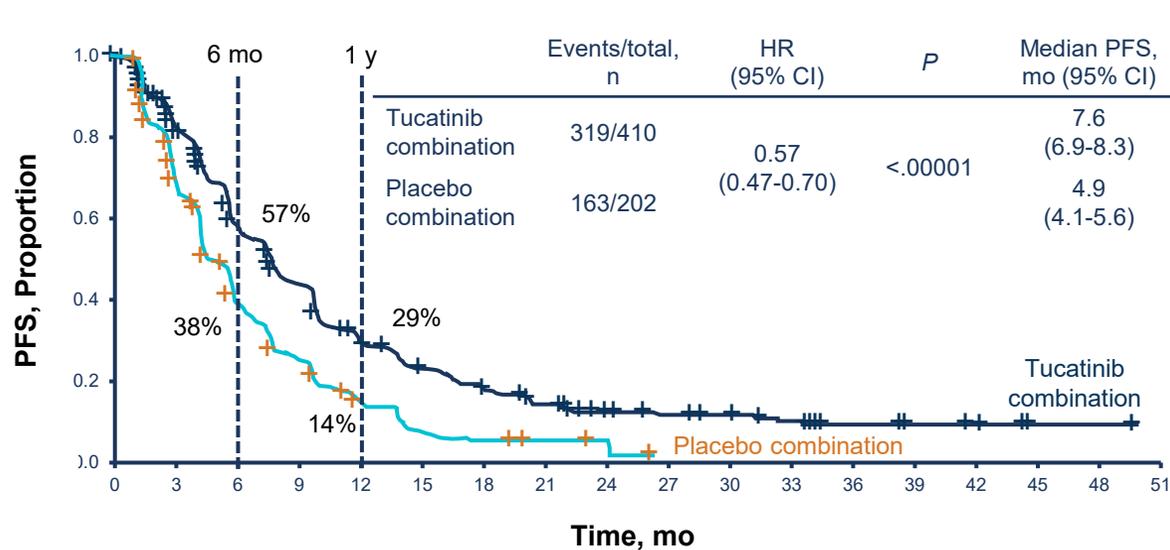
Abbreviations: CNS, central nervous system; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival.

Murthy R, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382:597-609.



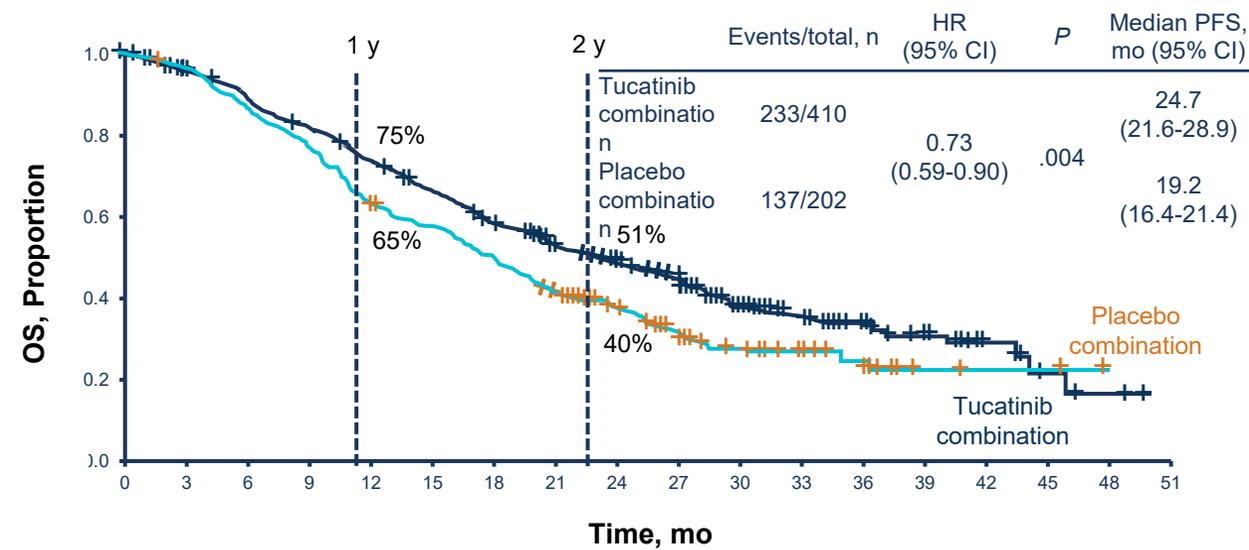
# HER2CLIMB: PFS and OS<sup>1</sup> with tucatinib/capecitabine/trastuzumab

## PFS



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Tucatinib combination	410	303	205	154	99	77	59	44	28	24	20	14	9	5	4	1	1	0
Placebo combination	202	118	64	41	19	9	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## OS



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	
Tucatinib combination	410	387	356	325	295	268	241	214	153	122	81	56	38	24	19	11	4	2	0
Placebo combination	202	191	174	156	129	114	103	87	63	47	28	21	14	8	4	3	2	0	0



1. Curigliano G et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2022;33:321-329.

# HER2+ Brain Metastases

# Discussion: Should We Screen Asymptomatic Patients With HER2+ MBC for BMs?



“There are insufficient data to recommend for or against performing routine magnetic resonance imaging to screen for brain metastases; clinicians should have a low threshold for MRI of the brain because of the high incidence of brain metastases among patients with HER2+ advanced breast cancer.”



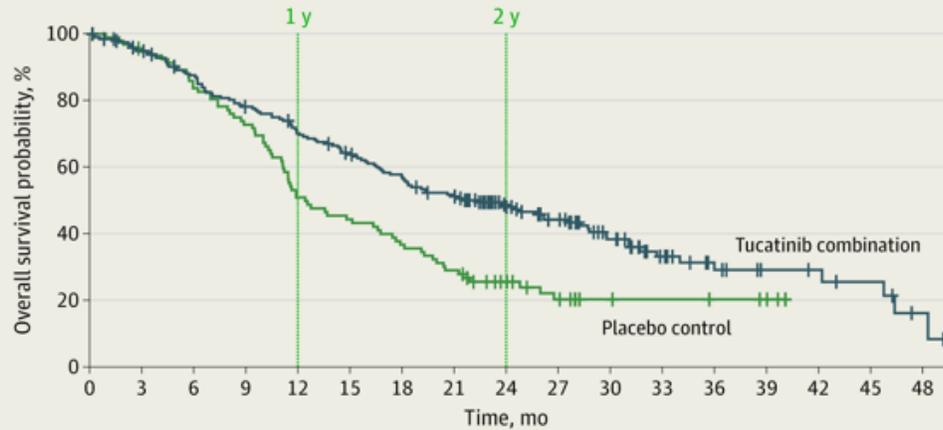
“Screening at diagnosis is potentially justified in HER2+ and TN MBC (EANO: IV, n/a; ESMO IV, B). This approach will result in a higher rate of detection of asymptomatic BM.”



# Outcomes in HER2CLIMB in patients with CNS metastases

## FINDINGS

Median OS was longer in the tucatinib-combination group compared with the placebo-combination group



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
TUC+Tras+Cape	198	183	166	147	131	118	105	92	68	54	36	22	14	9	8	6	2
Pbo+Tras+Cape	93	87	76	66	46	40	34	26	17	11	6	5	4	3	0	0	0

### Median OS:

**21.6 mo** (95% CI, 18.1-28.5 mo) in tucatinib-combination group

**12.5 mo** (95% CI, 11.2-16.9 mo) in placebo-combination group

Table. Confirmed Intracranial Responses in Patients With Active Brain Metastases and Measurable Intracranial Lesions at Baseline

	Tucatinib combination (n = 55) <sup>a</sup>	Placebo combination (n = 20) <sup>b</sup>
Intracranial response		
Patients with objective response of confirmed complete response or partial response, No.	26	4
Confirmed ORR-IC, % (95% CI)	47.3 (33.7-61.2)	20.0 (5.7-43.7)
DOR-IC, median (95% CI), mo <sup>c</sup>	8.6 (5.5-10.3)	3.0 (3.0-10.3)

Abbreviations: DOR-IC, duration of intracranial response; ORR-IC, intracranial objective response rate.

<sup>a</sup> Tucatinib, trastuzumab, and capecitabine.

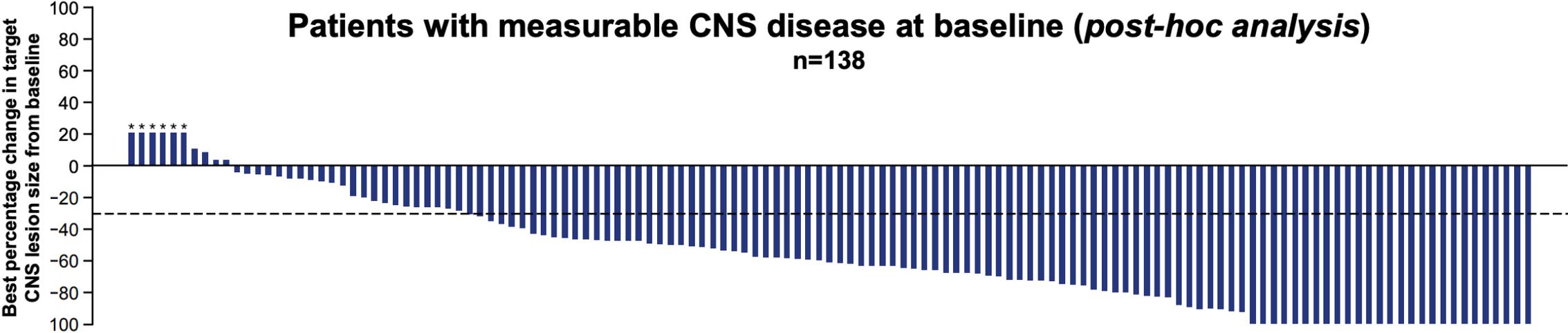
<sup>b</sup> Placebo, trastuzumab, and capecitabine.

<sup>c</sup> Calculated with the complementary log-log transformation method.



# DESTINY-Breast12: T-DXd in Patients with CNS metastases

## Baseline BMs: CNS ORR<sup>1</sup>



Measurable CNS disease at baseline	All patients (n=138)	Stable BMs (n=77)	Active BM subgroups		
			Active BMs (n=61)	Untreated (n=23) <i>Post-hoc analysis</i>	Previously treated / progressing (n=38) <i>Post-hoc analysis</i>
Confirmed CNS ORR, % (95% CI)	71.7 (64.2, 79.3)	79.2 (70.2, 88.3)	62.3 (50.1, 74.5)	82.6 (67.1, 98.1)	50.0 (34.1, 65.9)

**T-DXd showed substantial CNS responses in the overall BMs population, including patients with stable and active BMs**

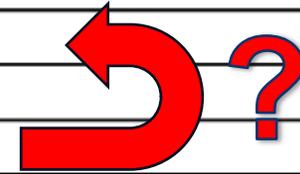
Dashed line indicates a 30% decrease in target tumor size (PR). \*Imputed values: a value of +20% was imputed if best percentage change could not be calculated because of missing data if: a patient had a new lesion or progression of non-target lesions or target lesions, or had withdrawn because of PD and had no evaluable target lesion data before or at PD.

1. Lin N et al. ESMO 2024. Abstract LBA18.



# Summary: Standard for HER2+ MBC

HR-Positive or -Negative and HER2-Positive <sup>m</sup>	
See <a href="#">BINV-Q (1)</a> for Considerations for systemic HER2-targeted therapy.	
Setting	Regimen
First Line <sup>n</sup>	Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel (category 1, preferred)
	Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel (preferred)
Second Line <sup>o</sup>	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki <sup>n</sup> (category 1, preferred)
Third Line	Tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine <sup>o</sup> (category 1, preferred)
	Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1) <sup>p</sup>
Fourth Line and Beyond (optimal sequence is not known) <sup>q</sup>	Trastuzumab + docetaxel or vinorelbine
	Trastuzumab + paclitaxel ± carboplatin
	Capecitabine + trastuzumab or lapatinib
	Trastuzumab + lapatinib (without cytotoxic therapy)
	Trastuzumab + other chemotherapy agents <sup>r,s</sup>
	Neratinib + capecitabine
	Margetuximab-cmkb + chemotherapy (capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, or vinorelbine)
	Abemaciclib in combination with fulvestrant and trastuzumab (for HR+ only) (category 2B)
	Targeted Therapy and emerging biomarker Options <a href="#">BINV-Q (7)</a> and <a href="#">BINV-Q (8)</a>



# HER2+ Brain Metastases: NCCN Guidelines v2.2025

## ▶ HER2 positive

### ◊ Preferred

- Tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine (category 1) if previously treated with  $\geq 1$  regimen<sup>6</sup>
- Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki if previously treated with  $\geq 1$  regimen<sup>7,8</sup>

### ◊ Other Recommended

- Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)<sup>9</sup>
- Neratinib and T-DM1<sup>10</sup>
- Capecitabine + lapatinib<sup>11,12</sup>
- Capecitabine + neratinib<sup>13,14</sup>
- Pertuzumab and high-dose trastuzumab<sup>d,15</sup>
- Paclitaxel + neratinib (category 2B)<sup>16</sup>



# Summary: Standard for HER2+ MBC

## First Line

Trastuzumab + pertuzumab  
+ taxane

CLEOPATRA

- Continue HP after induction
- HR+: Consider addition of palbociclib and endocrine therapy to HP (PATINA trial)

## Second Line

Trastuzumab deruxtecan  
(T-DXd)

DB03

or

Tucatinib + trastuzumab  
+ capecitabine

HER2CLIMB

Factors include extracranial disease burden, intracranial disease burden, comorbidities, patient preference

## Third Line

Tucatinib + trastuzumab  
+ capecitabine

HER2CLIMB

or

Trastuzumab deruxtecan

DB02/03

or

Trastuzumab emtansine  
(T-DM1)

EMILIA, TH3RESA



# Late Line Options for HER2+ MBC: “Dealer’s Choice”

## Fourth Line +

Trastuzumab emtansine  
(T-DM1)

TH3RESA

Margetuximab + chemo

SOPHIA

Neratinib + capecitabine

NALA

Trastuzumab + chemo

Trastuzumab + lapatinib

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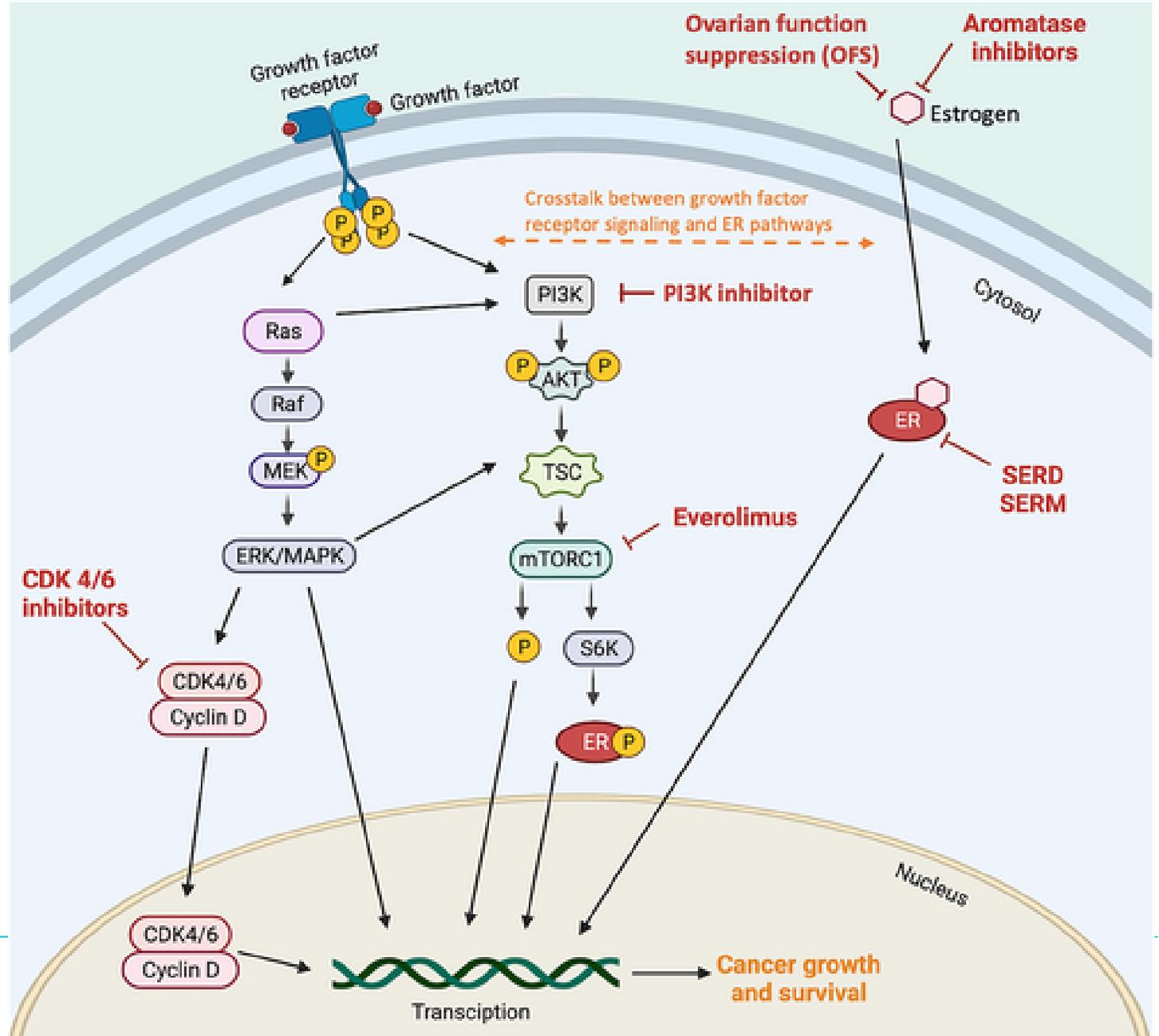
Many possible agents,  
including

- Vinorelbine
- Eribulin
- Gemcitabine
- Doxil
- Carboplatin

**Special consideration  
in HR+/HER2+:**  
fulvestrant/abema/trastuzumab

# 3. Hormone Receptor Positive (HR+), HER2- MBC

# Pathways to Target in HR+ Breast Cancer

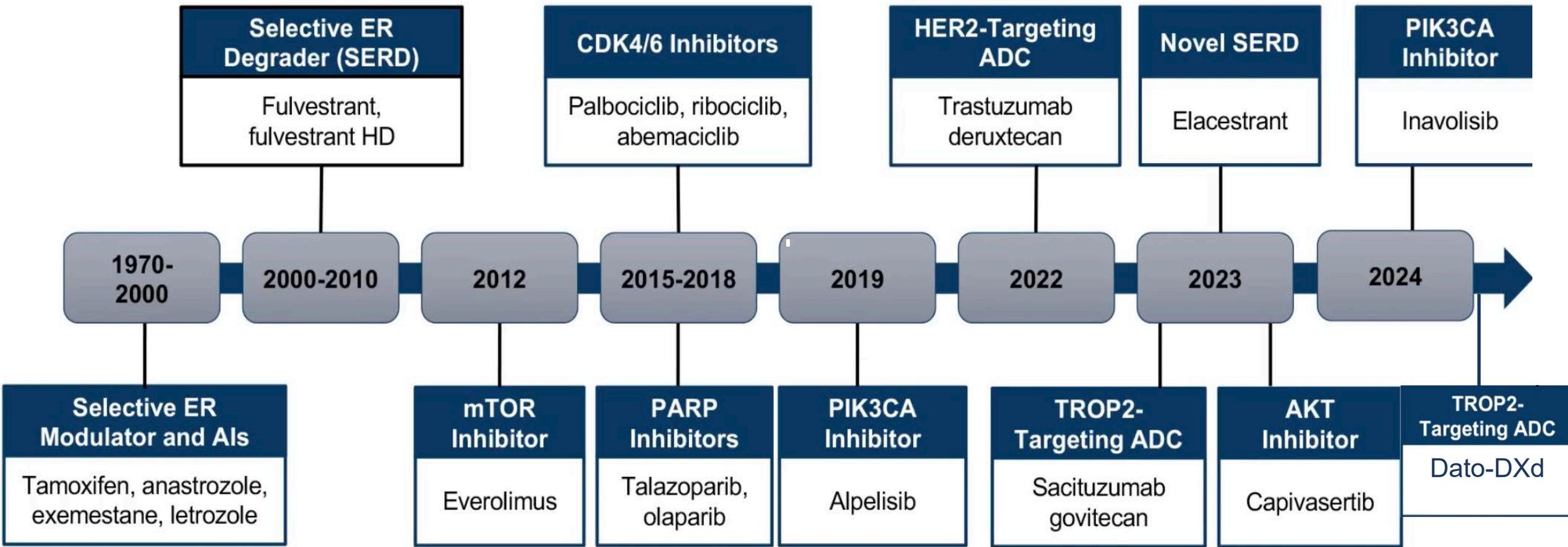


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Huppert LA, et al. CA. 2023; 73(5):480-515.



# Evolving Treatment Landscape of HR+, HER2- Advanced Breast Cancer



# Treatment Recommendations

## HR+/HER2- mBC

### First Line

- **CDK4/6 inhibitor + ET**
- Inavolisib/palbociclib/fulvestrant\*\*

**\*\*If recurrence on/within 12 months of adjuvant AI treatment AND tumor PIK3CA mutation AND acceptable baseline glucose parameters**

### Subsequent Lines

- Endocrine-Targeted Therapies
  - CDK4/6 inhibitor + fulvestrant (if not used first-line)
  - Everolimus + ET
  - Targeted therapy (*PI3K/AKT1/mTOR*, *PTEN*, *ESR1*, etc.)
  - PARP inhibitor (if *BRCA1/2* mutation)
  - Endocrine monotherapy (fulvestrant, aromatase inhibitor, or tamoxifen)



# First-Line

Cyclin Dependent Kinase 4/6 inhibitor plus  
endocrine therapy

# Results for Pivotal CDK 4/6 Inhibitor Trials

Trial	CDK Inhibitor	Line of Therapy (Endocrine Rx)	Menopausal Status	PFS HR	Statistical Significance	OS HR	Statistical Significance
PALOMA-2	Palbociclib	1 <sup>st</sup> Line/AI	Post	0.56	Yes	0.96	<b>No</b>
MONALEESA-2	<b>Ribociclib</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Line/AI	Post	0.57	Yes	<b>0.76</b>	<b>Yes</b>
MONALEESA-7*	<b>Ribociclib</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Line/AI or Tam	Pre/Peri	0.55	Yes	<b>0.70</b>	<b>Yes</b>
MONARCH-3	Abemaciclib	1 <sup>st</sup> Line/AI	Post	0.54	Yes	0.75	<b>Possibly</b>
PALOMA-3	Palbociclib	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line/Fulv	Pre/Post	0.46	Yes	0.81	No
MONARCH-2	<b>Abemaciclib</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line/Fulv	Pre/Post	0.55	Yes	<b>0.78</b>	<b>Yes</b>
MONALEESA-3	<b>Ribociclib</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Line/Fulv	Pre/Post	0.59	Yes	<b>0.72</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- PALOMA-2: Finn R, et. al. New Engl J Med 2016; Rugo H, et al. Breast Cancer Res Treat, 2019. Finn R et al. ASCO 2022 LBA1003
- MONALEESA-2: Hortobagyi G, et al. New Engl J Med 2016; Hortobagyi G, et al. Ann Oncol 2018.
- MONALEESA-7: Tripathy D, et al. Ann Oncol 2018; Im S-A, et al New Engl J Med 2019. [Note PFS/OS data reported for approved AI subset]
- MONARCH-3: Goetz M, et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; Johnson S, et al. npj Breast Cancer 2019. Goetz et al ESMO 2022
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- MONARCH-2: Sledge G, et al. J Clin Oncol. Sledge G, et al. JAMA Oncol 2019.
- MONALEESA-3: Slamon D, et al. J Clin Oncol 2018; Slamon D, et al New Engl J Med 2020.

Should (young) patients with highly symptomatic visceral disease receive chemo instead of CDK4/6i?

**YES!!**



# RIGHT Choice study design

- Pre-/perimenopausal women
- HR+/ HER2– ABC (>10% ER+)
- No prior systemic therapy for ABC
- Measurable disease per RECIST 1.1

- Aggressive disease<sup>a</sup>
  - Symptomatic visceral metastases
  - Rapid disease progression or impending visceral compromise
  - Markedly symptomatic non-visceral disease

- ECOG PS  $\leq 2^b$
- Total bilirubin  $\leq 1.5$  ULN
- N = 222<sup>c</sup>

Stratified by (1) the presence or absence of liver metastases and by (2) DFI<sup>d</sup> < or  $\geq 2$  years

R 1:1

**Ribociclib**  
(600 mg, 3 weeks on/1 week off)  
+  
**Letrozole or anastrozole + goserelin**

**Investigators' choice of combination CT<sup>e</sup>**  
**Docetaxel + capecitabine**  
**Paclitaxel + gemcitabine**  
**Capecitabine + vinorelbine**

**Tumor imaging evaluation**  
Q6W for 1st 12 weeks, Q8W for next 32 weeks, then Q12W<sup>f</sup>

## Primary endpoint

- PFS (locally assessed per RECIST 1.1)

## Secondary endpoints

- TTF
- 3-month TFR
- ORR
- CBR
- TTR
- OS
- Safety
- QOL

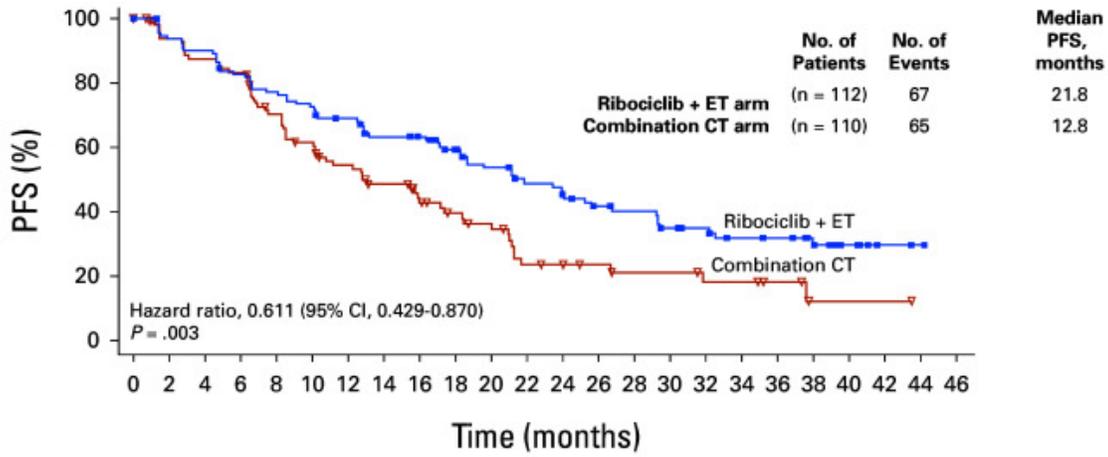
## Exploratory endpoints

- Biomarker analyses
- Healthcare resource utilization

ABC, advanced breast cancer; CBR, clinical benefit rate; CT, chemotherapy; DFI, disease-free interval; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ER+, estrogen receptor positive; HER2–, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative; HR+, hormone receptor positive; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q6W, every 6 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; Q12W, every 12 weeks; QOL, quality of life; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; TFR, treatment failure rate; TTF, time to treatment failure; TTR, time to response; ULN, upper limit of normal.

<sup>a</sup> Where combination CT is clinically indicated by physician's judgment; <sup>b</sup> For patients with ECOG 2, the poor performance status should be due to breast cancer; <sup>c</sup> Patients were enrolled from Feb 2019 to Nov 2021; <sup>d</sup> Disease-free interval is defined as the duration from date of complete tumor resection for primary breast cancer lesion to the date of documented disease recurrence; <sup>e</sup> If one of the combination CT drugs had to be stopped because of toxicity, the patient was allowed to continue on the other, better-tolerated CT drug (monotherapy); <sup>f</sup> Until disease progression, death, withdrawal of consent, loss to follow-up, or patient/guardian decision, and at end of treatment.

# RIGHT Choice: Ribociclib better than chemotherapy!



**No. at risk**

Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
Ribociclib + ET arm	112	103	99	90	84	79	73	65	63	55	48	41	39	32	30	25	23	19	17	13	6			
Combination CT arm	110	90	84	79	63	54	46	38	29	24	21	13	12	10	8	8	6	6	4	1	1			

**TABLE 2. ORR and CBR (full analysis set)**

Outcome Measures	Ribociclib + ET (n = 112) <sup>a</sup>	Combination CT (n = 110) <sup>a</sup>
Best overall response		
Complete response	7 (6.3)	3 (2.7)
Partial response	67 (59.8)	65 (59.1)
Stable disease	27 (24.1)	20 (18.2)
Progressive disease	9 (8.0)	6 (5.5)
Unknown	2 (1.8)	16 (14.5)
ORR, <sup>b</sup> No. (%)	74 (66.1)	68 (61.8)
95% CI	56.5 to 74.7	52.1 to 70.9
CBR, <sup>c</sup> No. (%)	91 (81.3)	82 (74.5)
95% CI	72.8 to 88.0	65.4 to 82.4

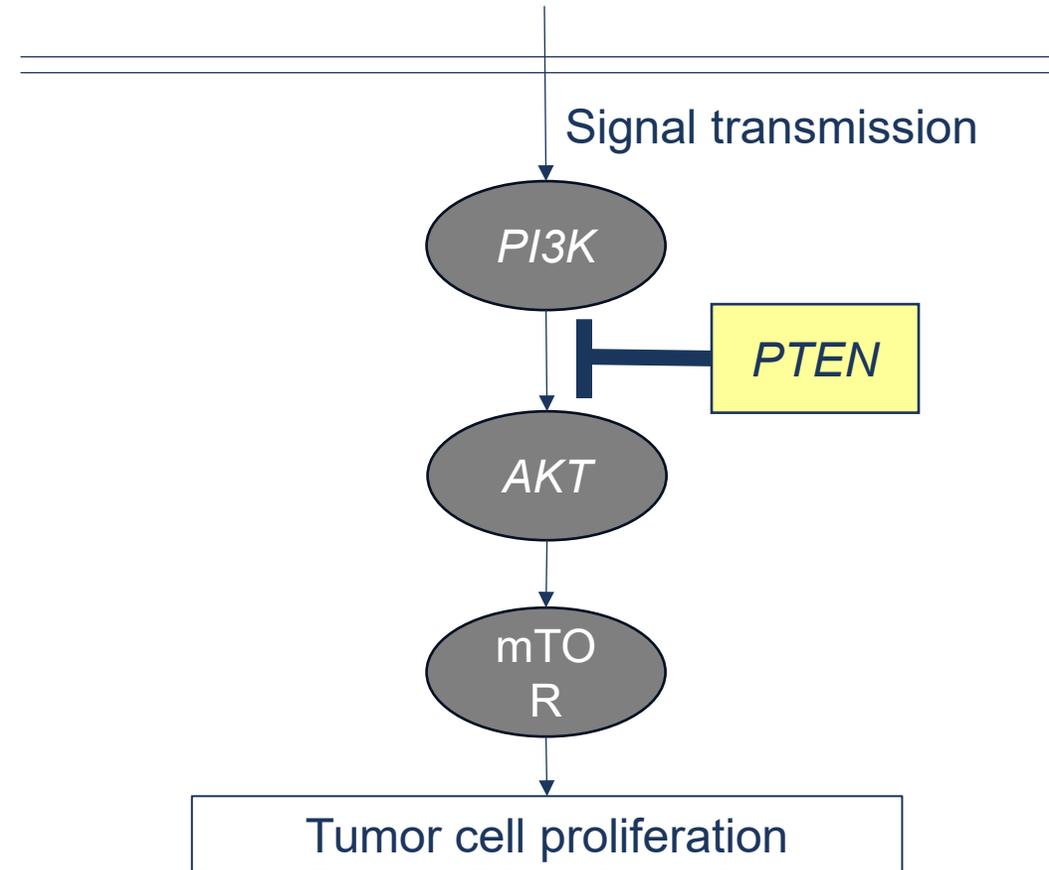


# Frontline, Endocrine Resistant *PIK3CA* mutated

Inavolisib + palbociclib + fulvestrant

# Alterations in *PI3K/AKT/PTEN* Pathway

- Occurs in ~**40%** of patients with HR+ breast cancer
- Majority of mutations in *PIK3CA*
- *PIK3CA* mutations do NOT predict benefit from CDK4/6 inhibitors, but PFS is shorter
- Less common mutations
  - *AKT1* (2-3%)
  - *PI3K* regulatory subunit alpha (1-2%)
  - Loss-of-function mutations in *PTEN* (2-4%)



# INAVO120 Trial: *PIK3CA* inhibitor + CDK4/6 inhibitor + SERD

- N=325, patients receiving first-line therapy in ET-resistant, *PIK3CA* mutated, HR+/HER2- mBC
  - Double-blind, phase 3
  - Only allowed patients with metastatic recurrence during/within 12 months of adjuvant ET completion
  - Strict glucose requirements at enrollment (HbA1c < 6, FPG < 126)
- Treatment\*
  - Inavolisib 9 mg PO daily + palbociclib 125 mg PO daily on D1-21 + fulvestrant 500 mg IM every 28 days
  - Placebo + palbociclib + fulvestrant
- Results
  - mPFS **15** versus **7.3** months  
(HR 0.43; 95% CI 0.43-0.97, **p < 0.0001**)
  - **Overall survival positive** 34.0 months vs 27.0 months (HR, 0.67; P=0.02)
  - ORR 62.7% vs 28.0% (P<0.001).

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Recent FDA  
Approval

- 10/10/2024
- For patients with endocrine-resistant, *PIK3CA* mutated, HR+/HER2- metastatic or locally advanced breast cancer following adjuvant endocrine therapy

# Second-Line Endocrine Resistant after CDK4/6i

*PIK3CA* mutated:

- Alpelisib plus fulvestrant
- Capivasertib plus fulvestrant

*PIK3CA* non-mutated (wild-type)

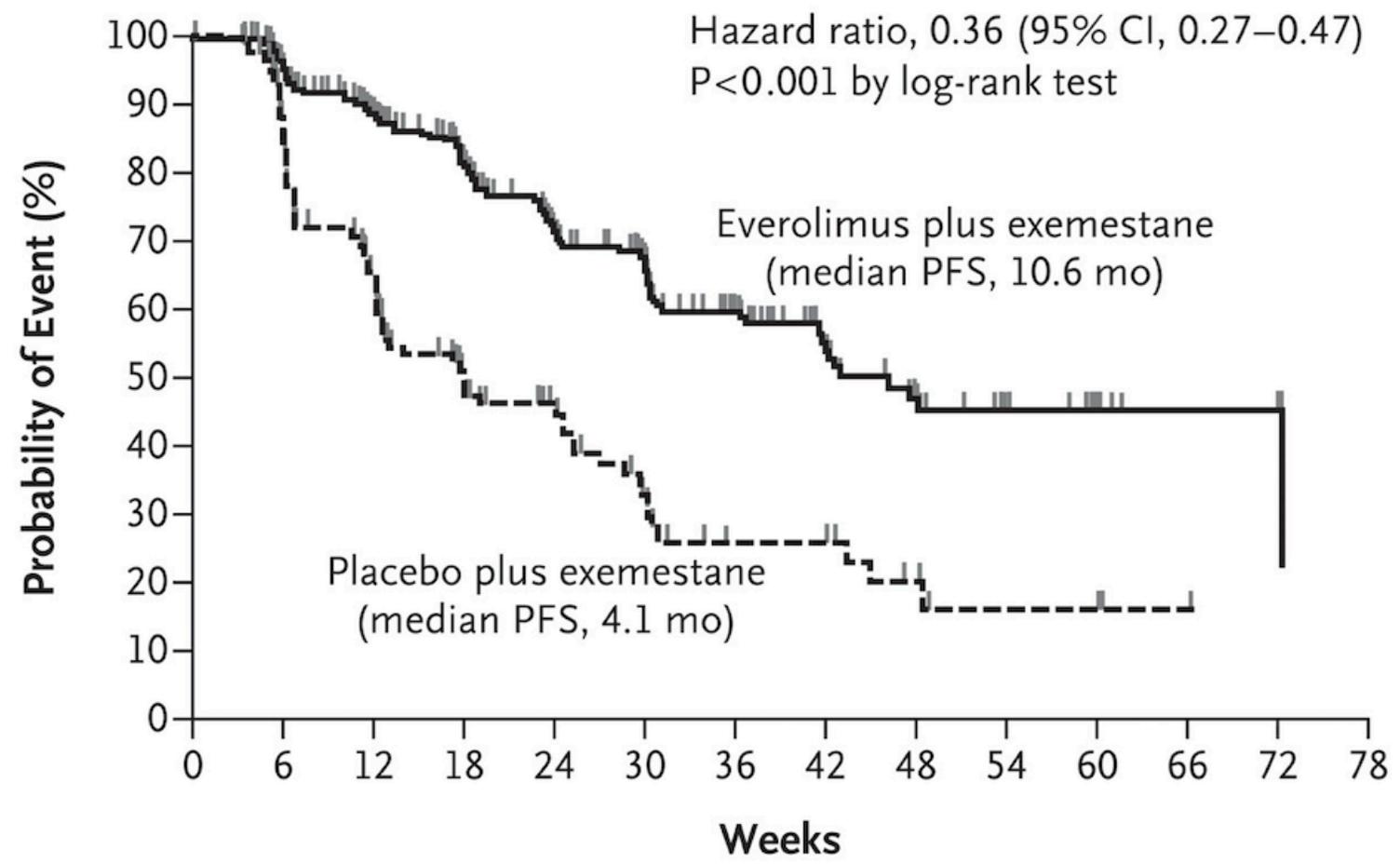
- Everolimus plus endocrine therapy (exemestane, fulvestrant or tamoxifen)

*ESR1* mutated

- Elacestrant

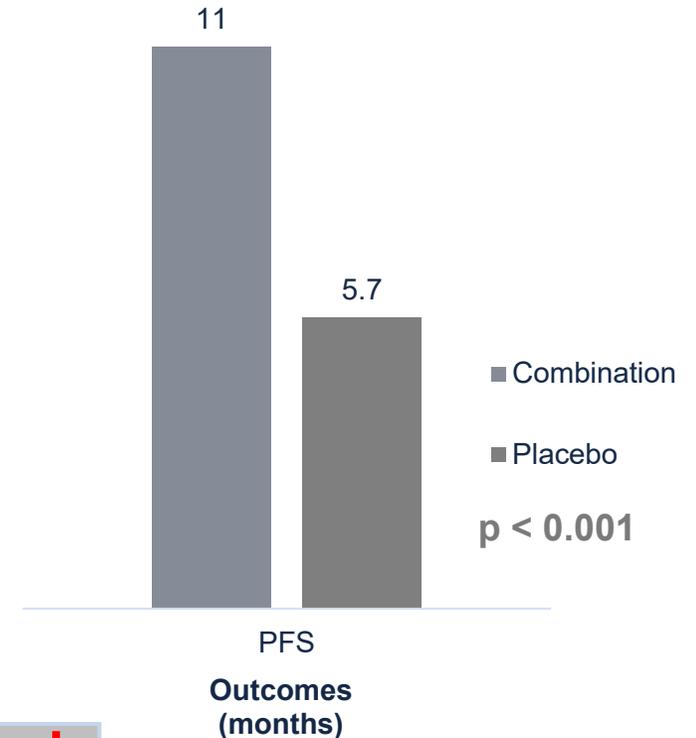
# BOLERO-2: Everolimus (mTOR inhibitor) + Exemestane after progression on endocrine therapy (*PIK3CA* mut or wild type)

## B Central Assessment



# SOLAR-1 Trial: Alpelisib (PI3K inhibitor) + SERD for *PIK3CA* mutated breast cancer

- N=572, postmenopausal women who previously received endocrine therapy with *PIK3CA*-mutated HR+/HER2- mBC
  - Double-blind, phase 3
- Treatment\*
  - Alpelisib 300 mg PO daily + fulvestrant 500 mg IM every 28 days
  - Placebo + fulvestrant
- Results
  - Overall response 26.6% vs. 12.8%
  - Grade  $\geq 3$  AE: hyperglycemia 36.6%, rash 10%, diarrhea 6.7%
  - No overall survival benefit



**Combination therapy prolonged PFS, not OS, in *PIK3CA*-mutated, HR+/HER2- mBC**

# CAPitello-291 Trial: Capivasertib (AKT inhibitor)+ SERD for *PIK3CA*mut, *AKT*mut or *PTEN* loss

- N=708, patients who previously received AI ± CDK4/6 inhibitor for their HR+/HER2- mBC
  - Double-blind, phase 3
  - Stratified based on presence or absence of *AKT*-pathway alterations
  - Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor use noted in 69.1% of patients
- Treatment\*
  - Capivasertib PO 400 mg BID x 4 days followed by 3 days off + fulvestrant 500 mg IM every 28 days
  - Placebo + fulvestrant

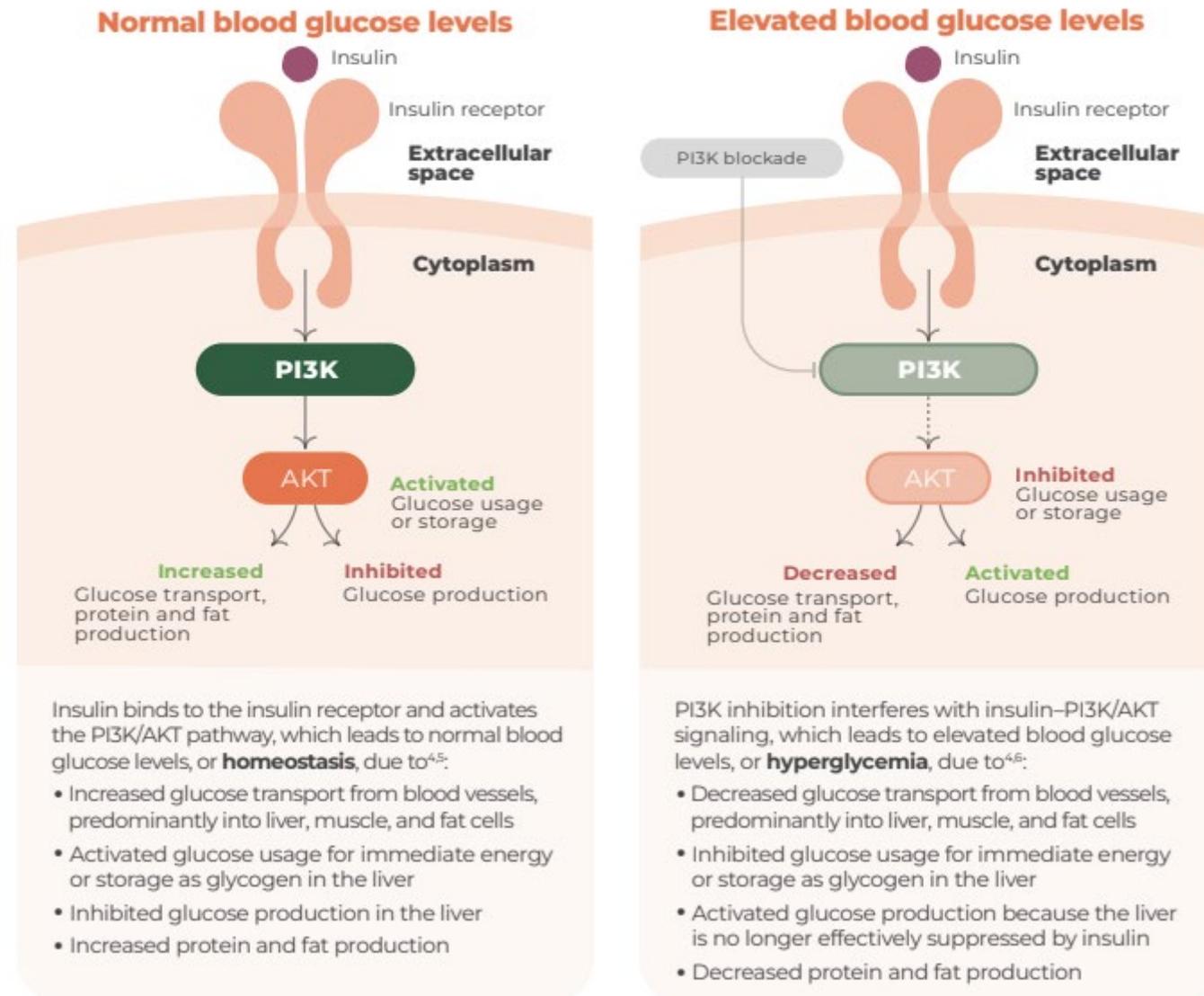
	AKT-pathway altered population		Overall population	
	Capivasertib + Fulvestrant	Placebo + Fulvestrant	Capivasertib + Fulvestrant	Placebo + Fulvestrant
<b>mPFS – mo</b>	7.3	3.1	7.2	3.6
HR for disease progression/ death	0.50 (0.38-0.65)		0.60 (0.51-0.71)	
<b>P value</b>	< 0.001		< 0.001	

FDA Approval

- 11/16/2023
- HR+/HER2- mBC with ≥ 1 ***PIK3CA/AKT1/PTEN***-alterations

# Toxicity of PI3K Pathway Inhibition

## Elevated blood glucose is an expected, on-target effect of PI3K inhibition<sup>2,4</sup>

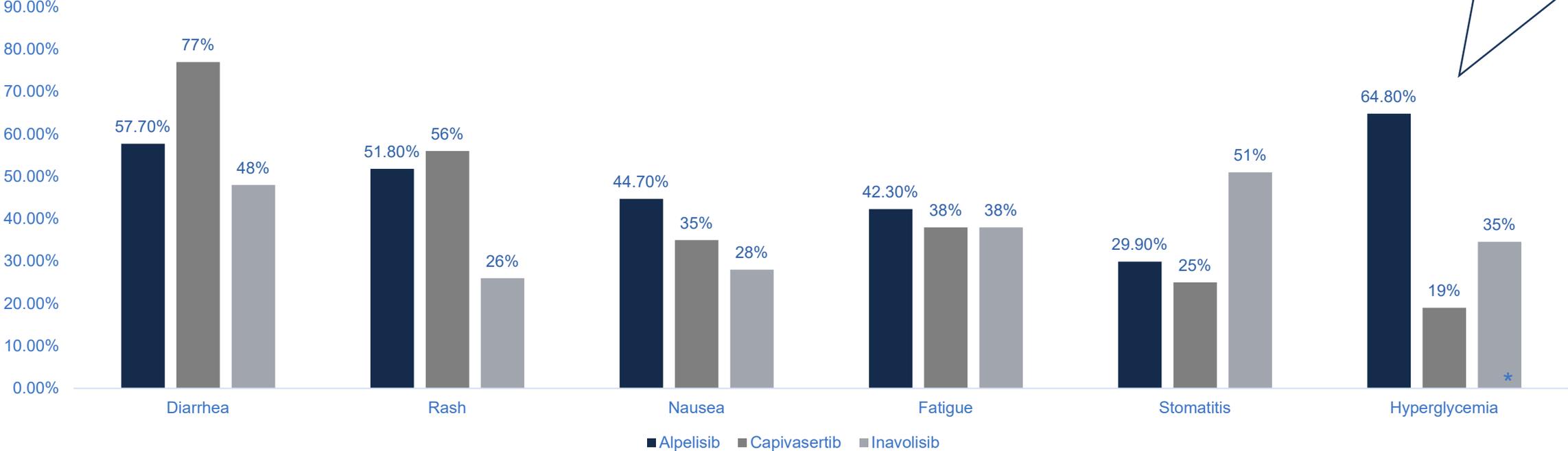


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# PI3K/AKT/mTOR Targeted Agents Toxicity Profiles

Grade  $\geq 3$   
hyperglycemia:

- Alpelisib: 37%
- Capivasertib: 1.9%
- Inavolisib: 12.6%

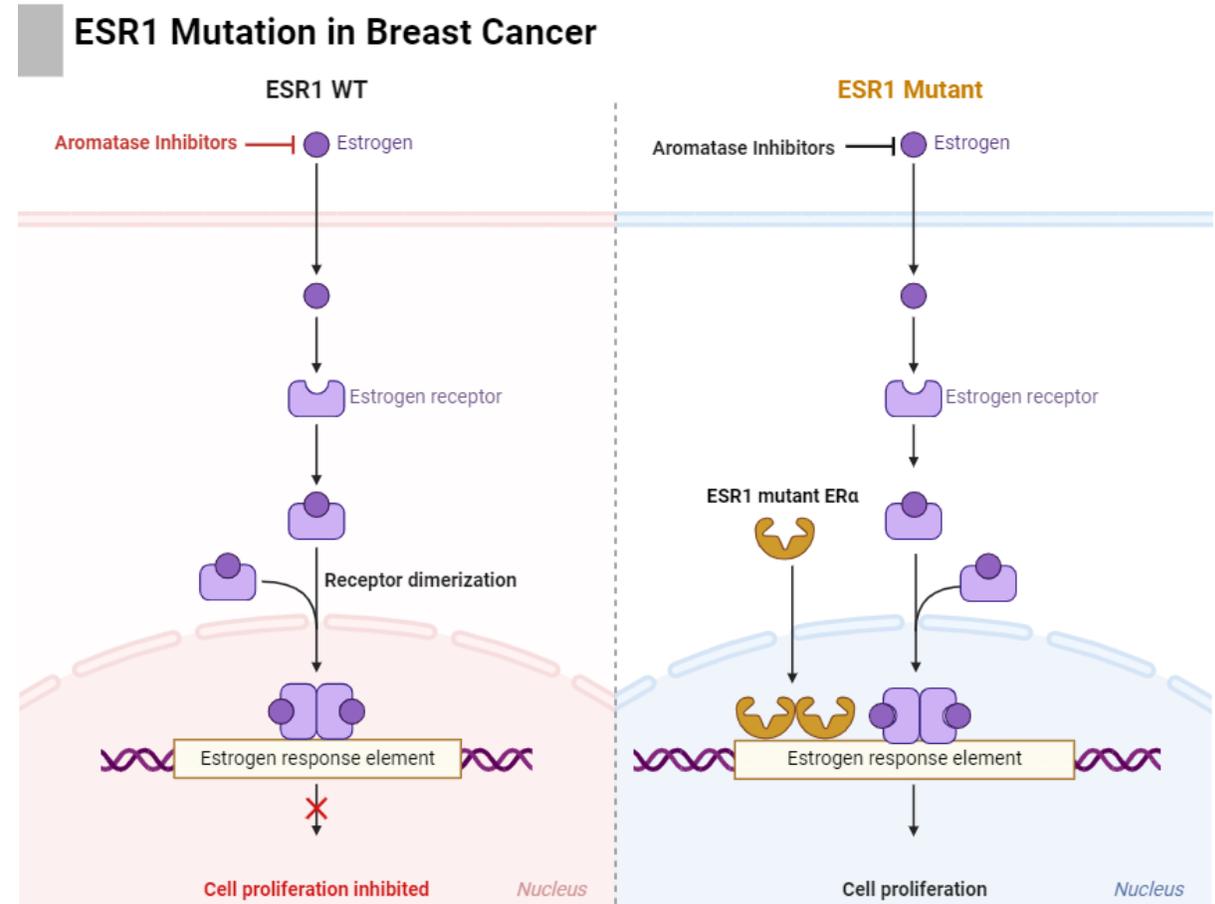


\*different HgbA1c eligibility between trials



# Estrogen-Receptor 1 (*ESR1*) Mutations

- Mechanism
  - *ESR1* is a transcription factor coding for estrogen receptor (ER) alpha protein
  - After exposure to ET, *ESR1* mutation may develop leading to constitutive activation of ER pathway
- Prevalence
  - Dependent on time of testing
  - Occurs in **40-50%** of patients who have been previously exposed to an AI
    - **< 1%** of patients that have treatment-naive BC
    - **4-5%** of patients that receive adjuvant AI
    - **50%** of patients after one year of first-line CDK4/6 inhibitor + AI
- Consequences
  - Associated with poor response to AI with shorter PFS and 1-year OS



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# EMERALD Trial: oral SERD Elacestrant for *ESR1* mutated breast cancer

- N=477, postmenopausal women and men receiving second- or subsequent-line therapy for their HR+/HER2- mBC
  - International, multicenter, randomized, open-label phase 3 trial
  - Stratified based on *ESR1* mutation status and prior fulvestrant use
- Treatment\*
  - Elacestrant 345 mg PO daily
  - Standard-of-care [Fulvestrant (n=166); AI (n=73)]
- Results
  - All patients: **2.8 months** vs. 1.9 months (HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.55-0.88; p= 0.0018)
  - Patients with *ESR1* mutated cancer: **3.8 months** v. 1.9 months (HR 0.55; 95% CI 0.39-0.77; p= 0.0005)
  - Benefit greatest in those with endocrine sensitive disease (e.g. PFS of at least 12 mos on prior CDK4/6i)

Exploratory analysis mutated population showed HR 0.86; 95% CI 0.36-1.19 of PFS in non-*ESR1*



FDA approved on 1/27/23 for postmenopausal men and women with HR+/HER2-, ***ESR1* mutated** advanced or metastatic breast cancer following disease progression on  $\geq 1$  ET



# Summary: Biomarker Driven Treatment Selection HR+, NCCN v4.2025

Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies					
Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection <sup>t</sup>	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
HR-positive, HER2-negative	<i>PIK3CA</i> activating mutation	NGS, PCR	Inavolisib + palbociclib + fulvestrant <sup>u</sup>	Category 1	Useful in certain circumstances first-line therapy
HR-positive/ HER2-negative	<i>PIK3CA</i> activating mutation	NGS, PCR	Alpelisib + fulvestrant <sup>v</sup>	Category 1	Preferred second- or subsequent-line therapy
HR-positive/ HER2-negative	<i>PIK3CA</i> or <i>AKT1</i> activating mutations or <i>PTEN</i> alterations	NGS, PCR	Capivasertib + fulvestrant <sup>w</sup>	Category 1	Preferred second- or subsequent-line therapy in select patients <sup>w</sup>
HR-positive/ HER2-negative <sup>x</sup>	<i>ESR1</i> mutation <sup>x</sup>	NGS, PCR	Elacestrant	Category 2A	Other recommended regimen subsequent-line therapy

Note: PARPi (olaparib or talazoparib) available for patients with BRCA1/2 mutation

Note: Everolimus + endocrine therapy available for patients without PI3K-pathway activation



# Treatment after Exhausting Endocrine Based Approaches

# After exhausting endocrine therapy.... (NCCN v4.2025)

HR-Positive and HER2-Negative with Visceral Crisis <sup>†</sup> or Endocrine Refractory		
See <a href="#">BINV-Q (1)</a> for Considerations for Systemic Therapy.		
Setting	Subtype/Biomarker	Regimen
First Line	No germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation <sup>b</sup> and/or HER2 IHC 0+, 1+, or 2+/ISH negative <sup>d</sup>	Systemic chemotherapy <sup>e</sup> (category 1, preferred) <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a> , or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki <sup>e,f</sup> (other recommended regimen)
	Germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation <sup>b</sup>	PARPi (olaparib, talazoparib) <sup>c</sup> (category 1, preferred)
Second Line	HER2 IHC 1+ or 2+/ISH negative <sup>d</sup>	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki <sup>f</sup> (category 1, preferred)
	HER2 IHC 0+ <sup>d</sup>	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki <sup>f</sup> (other recommended regimen)
	Not a candidate for fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki	Sacituzumab govitecan <sup>g</sup> (category 1, preferred)
		Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a>
		Targeted therapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (6)</a> and <a href="#">BINV-Q (7)</a>
For HER2 IHC 0, 1+, or 2+/ISH negative: <sup>d</sup> Datopotamab deruxtecan-dlnk <sup>h</sup> (other recommended regimen)		
Third Line and beyond	Any	Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a>
	Biomarker positive (ie, MSI-H, NTRK, RET, TMB-H)	Targeted agents and emerging biomarker options <a href="#">BINV-Q (6)</a> , <a href="#">BINV-Q (7)</a> , and <a href="#">BINV-Q (8)</a>

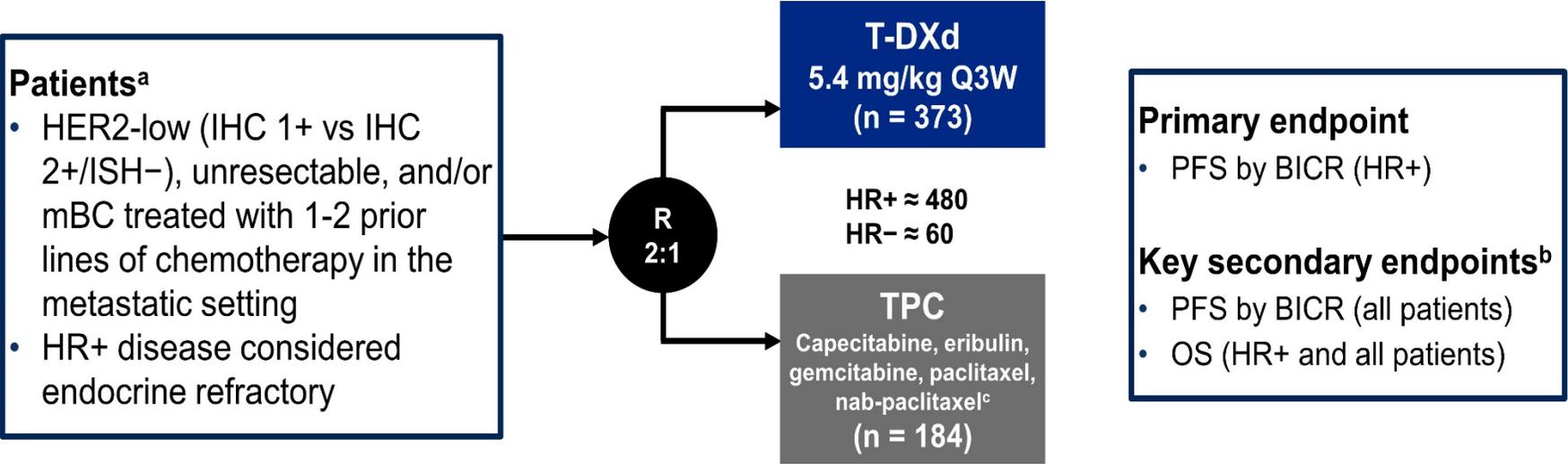
# ADCs Approved for HR+ HER2- MBC

ADC Attributes	Sacituzumab govitecan (SG)	Datopotamab deruxtecan (Dato-DXd)	Trastuzumab deruxtecan
Target	TROP2	TROP2	HER2
Antibody	hRS7 IgG1k	Datopotamab	Trastuzumab
DAR	~7.6:1	~4:1	~8:1
Linker	Hydrolysable	Tetrapeptide-based	Tetrapeptide-based
Cleavable linker?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Payload	SN-38	DXd	DXd
Payload MoA	Topo1 inhibitor	Topo1 inhibitor	Topo1 inhibitor
Membrane permeable?	Yes	Yes	Yes



# DESTINY-Breast04: Phase III Trial of T-DXd in HER2 low breast cancer

An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)



**Stratification factors**

- Centrally assessed HER2 status<sup>d</sup> (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH-)
- 1 versus 2 prior lines of chemotherapy
- HR+ (with vs without prior treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitor) versus HR-

ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists; BICR, blinded independent central review; CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; DOR, duration of response; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR, hormone receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomization; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.  
<sup>a</sup>If patients had HR+ mBC, prior endocrine therapy was required. <sup>b</sup>Other secondary endpoints included ORR (BICR and investigator), DOR (BICR), PFS (investigator), and safety; efficacy in the HR- cohort was an exploratory endpoint. <sup>c</sup>TPC was administered accordingly to the label. <sup>d</sup>Performed on adequate archived or recent tumor biopsy per ASCO/CAP guidelines using the VENTANA HER2/neu (4B5) investigational use only [IUO] Assay system.

Trastuzumab Deruxtecan		Physician's Choice
		Capecitabine Eribulin Gemcitabine Paclitaxel Nab-paclitaxel 
Hormone receptor–positive	N=331	N=163
Hormone receptor–negative	N=40	N=18

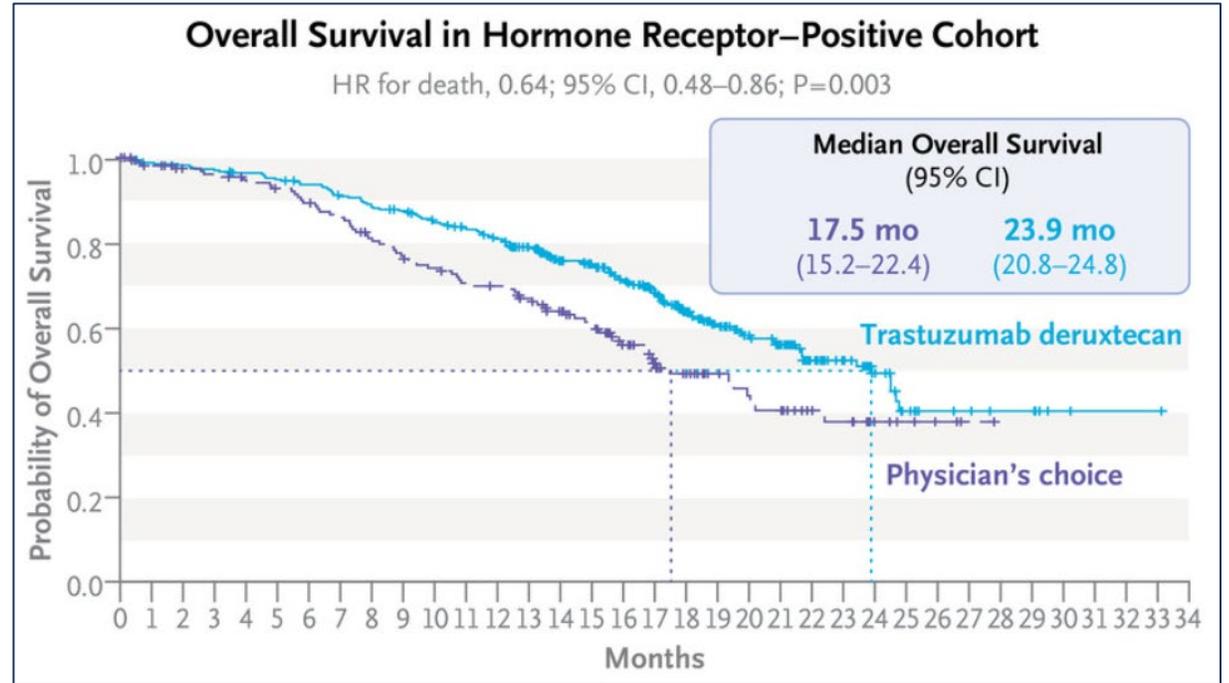
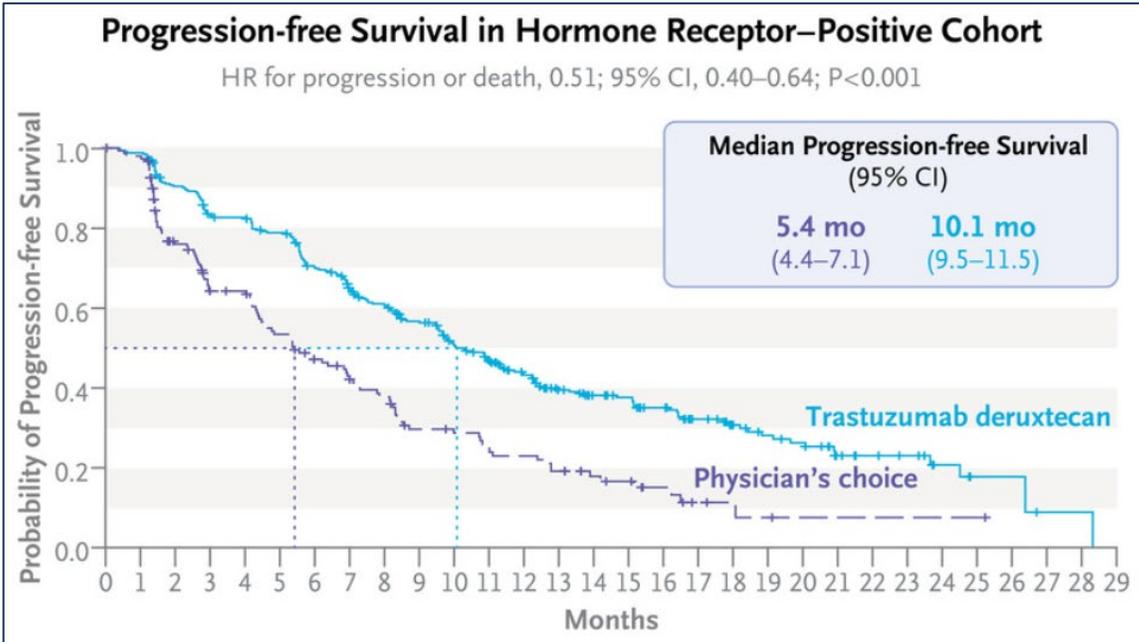
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## Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Previously Treated HER2-Low Advanced Breast Cancer



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FDA Approval for HER2 low August 5, 2022

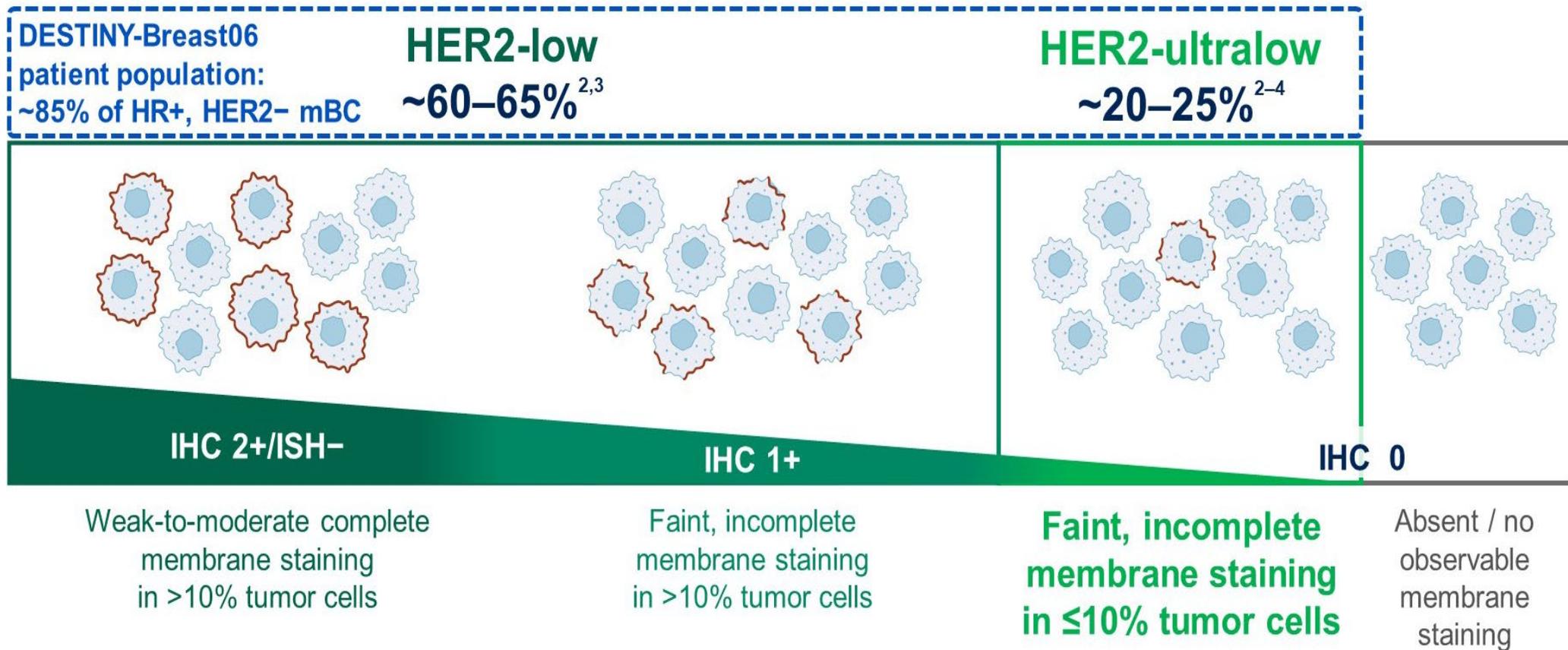
After 1 line of chemo for MBC

(HR+ or TNBC, 1+ or 2+/FISH negative)

Modi S et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2022;387(1):9-20.

# Targeting 'low' and 'ultralow' HER2-expressing tumors in mBC

## HER2 IHC categories within HR+, HER2-negative (HER2-) mBC (per ASCO/CAP<sup>1</sup>)



ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology / College of American Pathologists; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR+, hormone receptor-positive; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan  
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# DESTINY-Breast06: HR+ HER2 Low or Ultralow

## PATIENT POPULATION

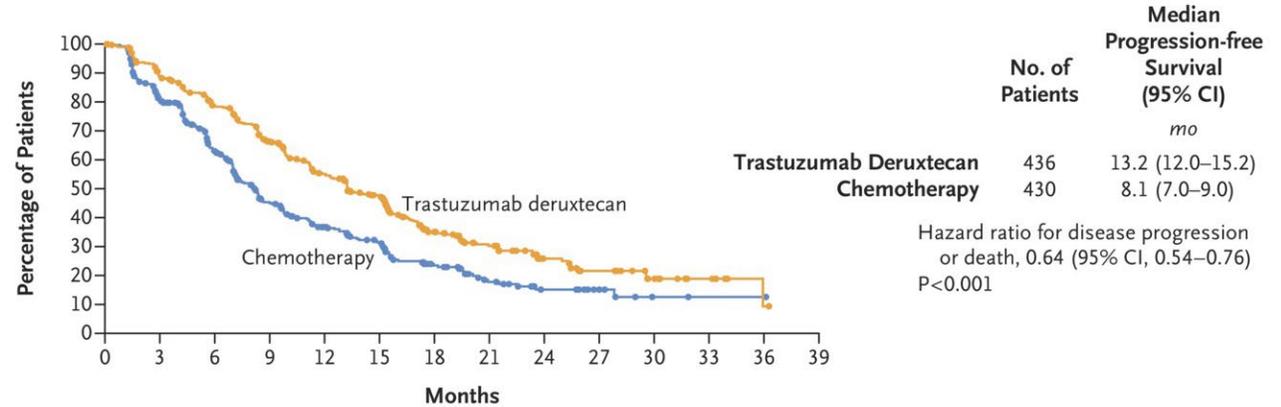
- HR+ mBC
- HER2-low (IHC 1+ or IHC 2+/ISH-) or HER2-ultralow (IHC 0 with membrane staining)\*
- **Chemotherapy naïve in the mBC setting**

### Prior lines of therapy

- ≥2 lines of ET ± targeted therapy for mBC
- OR
- 1 line for mBC AND
  - Progression ≤6 months of starting first-line ET + CDK4/6i
  - OR
  - Recurrence ≤24 months of starting adjuvant ET

- Overall survival not mature, thus far not significant
- FDA Approval for HER2 ultralow (IHC 0 with membrane staining) January 27, 2025

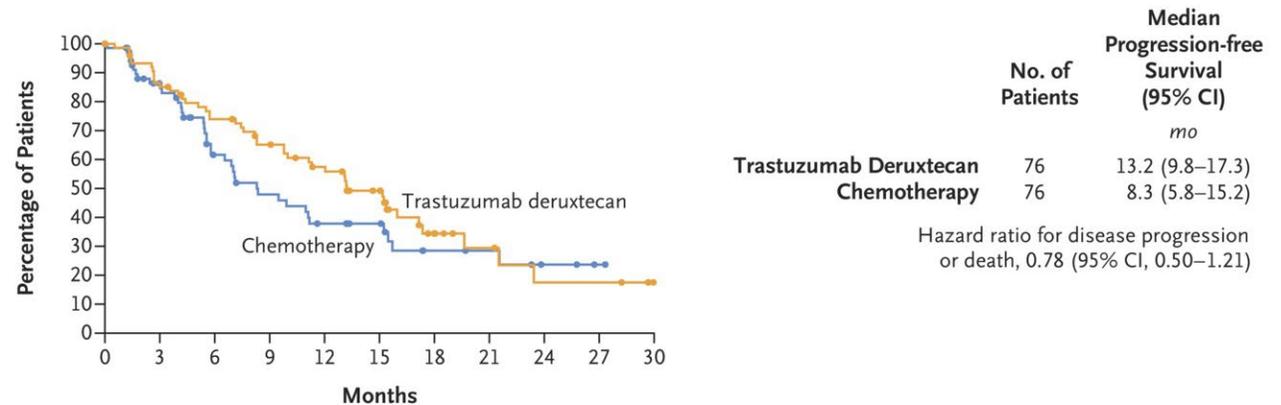
**B Progression-free Survival in the Intention-to-Treat Population**



### No. at Risk

Trastuzumab deruxtecan	436	375	319	258	199	156	82	56	32	21	11	6	1	0
Chemotherapy	430	306	224	142	103	79	44	25	13	7	2	1	1	0

**C Progression-free Survival in the HER2-Ultralow Population**



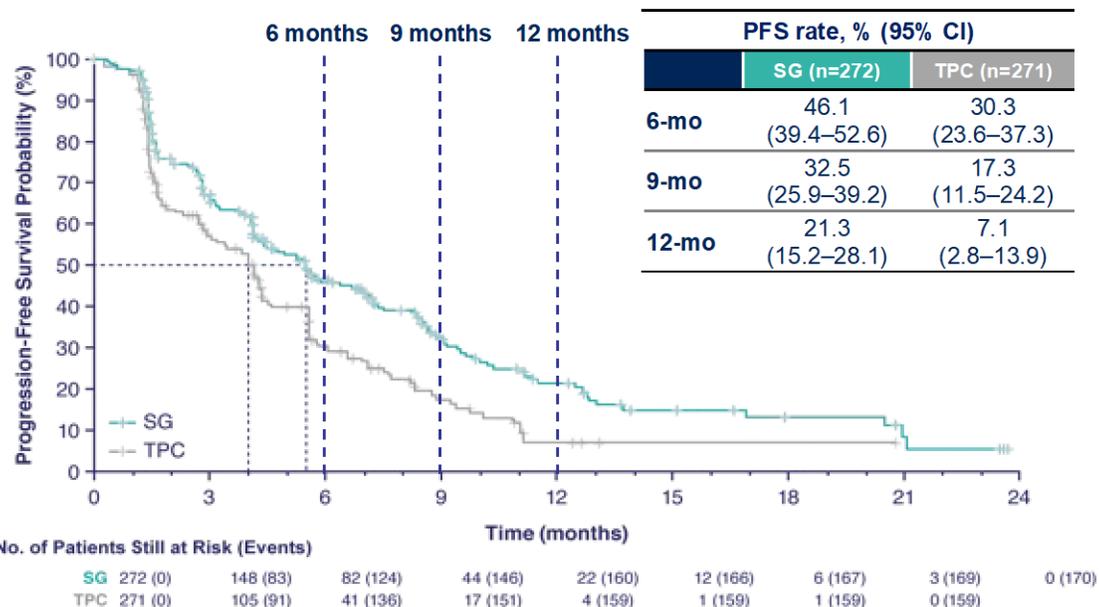
### No. at Risk

Trastuzumab deruxtecan	76	64	53	44	35	24	9	6	3	3	0
Chemotherapy	76	52	32	24	18	14	7	6	3	1	0

# TROPiCS-02: TROP2 ADC (sacituzumab govitecan) vs TPC $\geq 1$ endocrine therapy, $\geq 1$ CDK4/6 inhibitor, a taxane, and 2-4 chemo for MBC

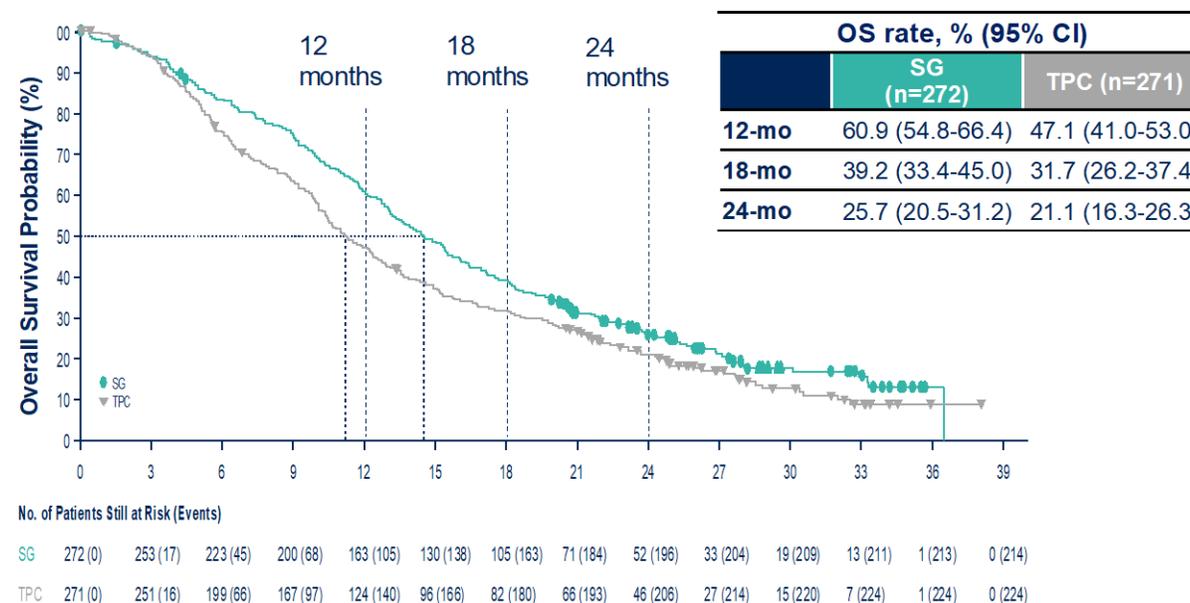
## PFS

BICR analysis	SG (n=272)	TPC (n=271)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	5.5 (4.2–7.0)	4.0 (3.1–4.4)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	<b>0.66</b> (0.53–0.83)	
Stratified Log Rank P value	P=0.0003	



## OS

	SG (n=272)	TPC (n=271)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	14.5 (13.0–16.0)	11.2 (10.2–12.6)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	<b>0.79</b> (0.65–0.95)	
Nominal P value	P=0.0133	



**SG demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in PFS and OS vs TPC**

# TROPiCS-02

## Sacituzumab govitecan

### Safety summary

n (%)	SG (n=268)	TPC (n=249)			
AE Grade ≥3	199 (74)	149 (60)			
AEs → discontinuation	17 (6)	11 (4)			
AEs → dose delay	178 (66)	109 (44)			
AEs → dose reductions	91 (34)	82 (33)			
SAEs	74 (28)	48 (19)			
AEs → death <sup>a</sup>	6 (2)	0			
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3	
Hematologic	<b>Neutropenia</b>	189 (71)	140 (52)	136 (55)	97 (39)
	Anemia	98 (37)	20 (7)	69 (28)	8 (3)
	Thrombocytopenia	17 (6)	1 (<1)	41 (16)	9 (4)
GI	<b>Diarrhea</b>	166 (62)	27 (10)	57 (23)	3 (1)
	Nausea	157 (59)	3 (1)	87 (35)	7 (3)
	Constipation	93 (35)	1 (<1)	61 (24)	0
	Vomiting	64 (24)	3 (1)	39 (16)	4 (2)
	Abdominal pain	53 (20)	10 (4)	34 (14)	2 (1)
Other	Alopecia	128 (48)	0	46 (18)	0
	Fatigue	105 (39)	16 (6)	82 (33)	9 (4)
	Asthenia	62 (23)	6 (2)	50 (20)	5 (2)
	Decreased appetite	57 (21)	4 (1)	52 (21)	2 (1)
	Dyspnea	49 (18)	5 (2)	39 (16)	11 (4)
	Headache	44 (16)	1 (<1)	36 (14)	2 (1)
	Pyrexia	39 (15)	2 (1)	45 (18)	0
	AST increased	33 (12)	4 (1)	44 (18)	8 (3)

Patients will lose ALL their hair (underreported in clinical trials)

<sup>a</sup>Of 6 AEs leading to death, 1 (septic shock due to neutropenic colitis) was considered treatment related by investigator



# TROPION-Breast01: TROP2 ADC Datopotamab deruxtecan vs chemo

## Key eligibility

- HR+/HER2<sup>-a</sup> breast cancer
- Previously treated with 1–2 lines of chemo (inoperable/metastatic setting)
- Experienced progression on ET and for whom ET was unsuitable
- ECOG PS 0/1

R  
1:1

Dato-DXd  
6 mg/kg IV Day 1 Q3W  
(n=365)

TPC<sup>b</sup>  
(n=367)

Continue until PD,  
unacceptable toxicity / other discontinuation criteria

## Dual primary endpoints<sup>c</sup>:

- PFS by BICR
- OS

## Key secondary endpoint:

- ORR
- PFS (investigator assessed)
- Safety

## Stratification factors

- Lines of chemo in unresectable/metastatic setting (1 vs 2)
- Geographical location (US/Canada/Europe vs ROW)
- Previous CDK4/6 inhibitor (yes vs no)

## At data cutoff (July 17, 2023), patients remaining on treatment:

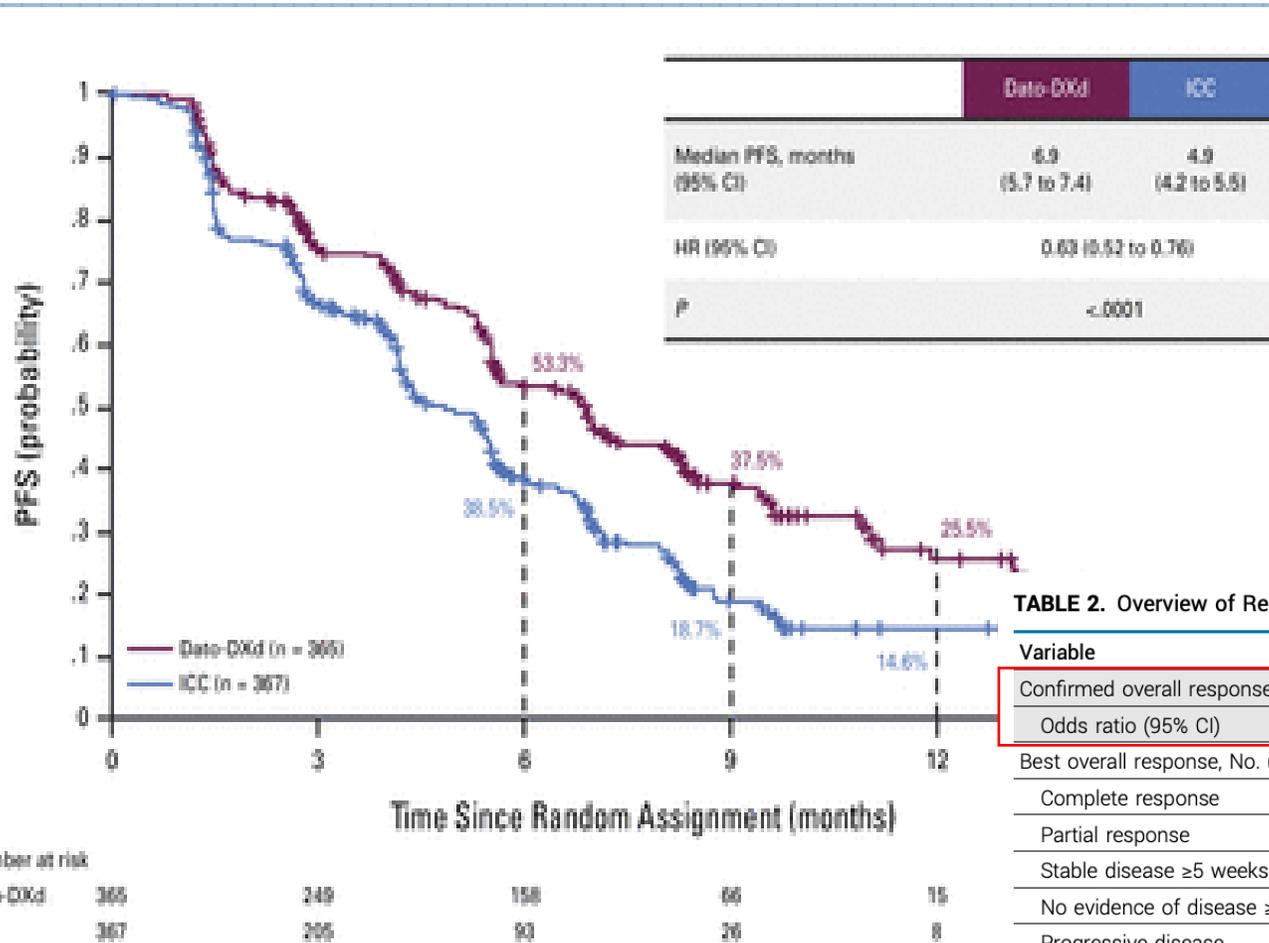
- Data-DXd, n=93
- TPC, n=39
- Median follow-up: 10.8 months
- Median one line of prior therapy

<sup>a</sup>IHC 0/1+/2+; ISH-; <sup>b</sup>Investigator's choice of chemotherapy; <sup>c</sup>By BICR per RECIST v1.1.  
Dato-DXd, datopotamab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

# TROPION-Breast01 PFS and ORR

Press Release: AstraZeneca Sept 23, 2024

**Survival results for datopotamab deruxtecan in TROPION-Breast01 did not achieve statistical significance versus chemotherapy**



**TABLE 2.** Overview of Response by BICR (intention-to-treat population)

Variable	Dato-DXd (n = 365)	ICC (n = 367)
Confirmed overall response, No. (%)	133 (36.4)	84 (22.9)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.95 (1.41 to 2.71)	
Best overall response, No. (%)		
Complete response	2 (0.5)	0
Partial response	131 (35.9)	84 (22.9)
Stable disease ≥5 weeks <sup>a</sup>	168 (46)	176 (48)
No evidence of disease ≥5 weeks	1 (0.3)	0
Progressive disease	58 (15.9)	76 (20.7)
Not evaluable	5 (1.4)	31 (8.4)
Incomplete postbaseline assessments	5 (1.4)	28 (7.9)
Stable disease <5 weeks	0	2 (0.5)
Death	0	1 (0.3) <sup>c</sup>
Disease control rate at 12 weeks, % <sup>b</sup>	275 (75.3)	234 (63.8)
Median duration of response, months (95% CI)	6.7 (5.6 to 9.8)	5.7 (4.9 to 6.8)
Median time to response, months (IQR)	2.7 (1.4-3.9)	2.6 (1.4-2.9)

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# Summary: First- and Second-Line Treatment Options

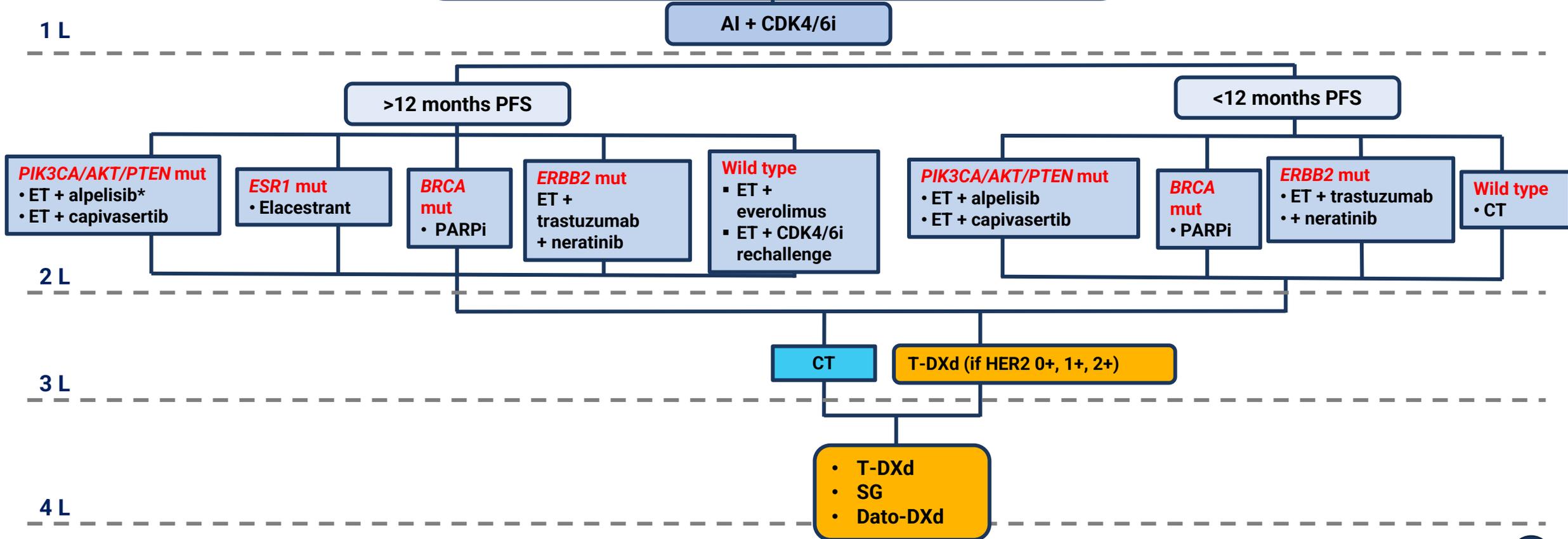
HR+/HER2- Advanced Breast Cancer

Line of Therapy	Mutation Status	Treatment Option
1L	Any	ET+ CDK4/6i
1L	<i>PIK3CA</i> <sup>mt</sup> ; recurrence $\leq$ 12 months from adjuvant endocrine therapy; acceptable glucose at baseline	ET+ CDK4/6i + inavolisib
2L	<i>PIK3CA</i> <sup>mt</sup>	Alpelisib + fulvestrant
2L	<i>PIK3CA</i> <sup>mt</sup> / <i>AKT1</i> <sup>mt</sup> / <i>PTEN</i> <sup>loss</sup>	Capivasertib + fulvestrant
2L	<i>ESR1</i> <sup>mt</sup>	Elacestrant
2L	g <i>BRCA</i> 1/2 <sup>mt</sup>	PARPi
2L	None/Not Known	Everolimus + ET CDK4/6i (switch) + ET Single agent endocrine therapy ADC, Chemotherapy

# Optimizing Treatment: ET Sensitive or de novo HR+/HER2- mBC

ET sensitive\* or de novo  
 \*Patients presenting with de novo disease or experiencing relapse  
 >12 months after the completion of adjuvant ET

In premenopausal women  
 add ovarian suppression



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\*Consider this option only for patients with mutations in PIK3CA.

AI = aromatase inhibitor; CDK4/6i = cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors; CT = chemotherapy; ESR1 mut = estrogen receptor 1 mutation; ET = endocrine therapy; HR+ = hormone receptor-positive; HER2- = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative; PARPi = poly [ADP-ribose] polymerase inhibitor; PD = progressive disease; SG = sacituzumab govitecan; T-DXd = trastuzumab deruxtecan.

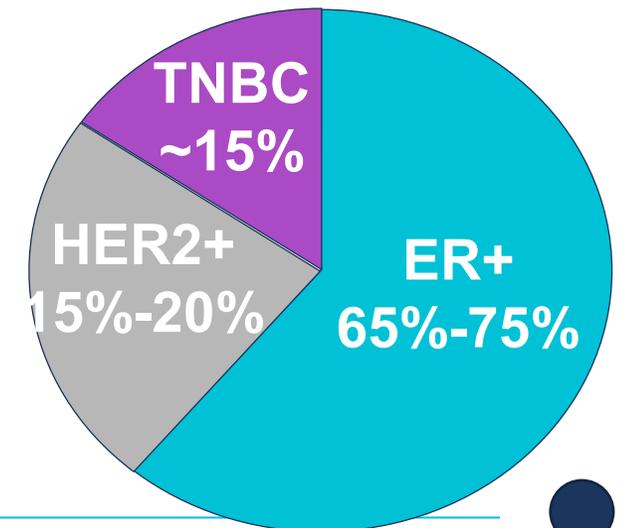
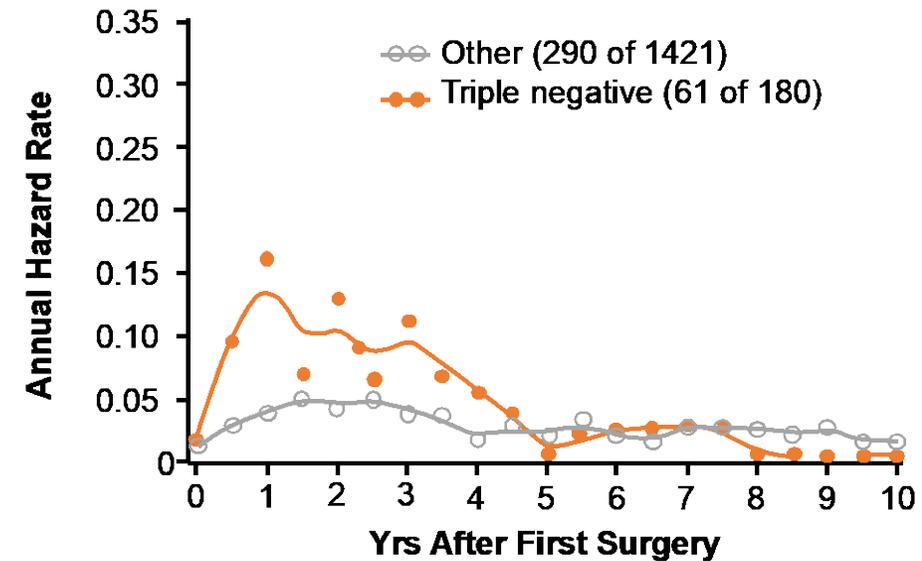
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# 4. Triple Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer

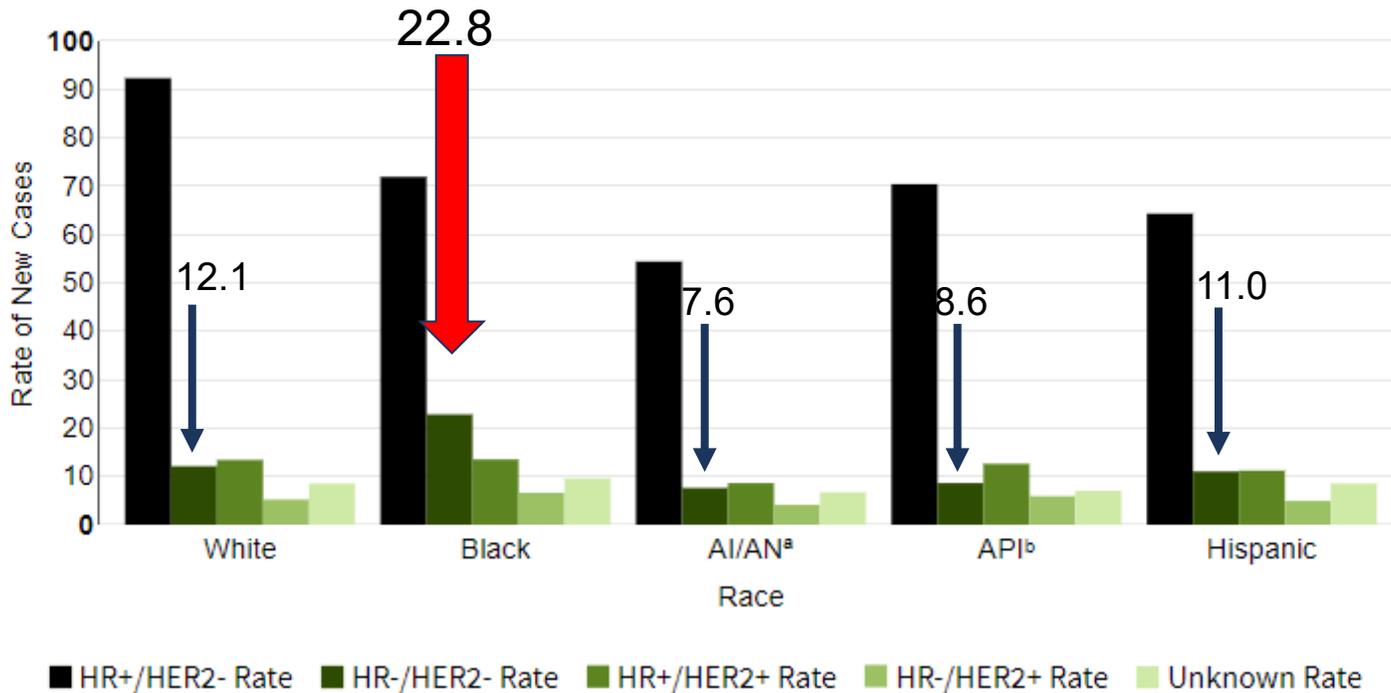
# Triple Negative Breast Cancer

- 10-15% of all breast cancer, defined by what it is not
- Heterogeneous disease
  - Highly proliferative, usually chemotherapy responsive
  - Rapid development of resistance
- High risk of early recurrence, esp first 5 years
  - Visceral dominant disease, early/frequent brain metastases
  - Short median survival (<2yrs) after diagnosis of metastases
- Generally affects younger women; Black women have a higher proportion of TNBC than other races
- Rare indolent subtypes, generally in older women
- P53 mutations common; may be associated with *BRCA1* mutations and/or *BRCA* pathway dysfunction



# Black Women Have the Highest Rate of TNBC

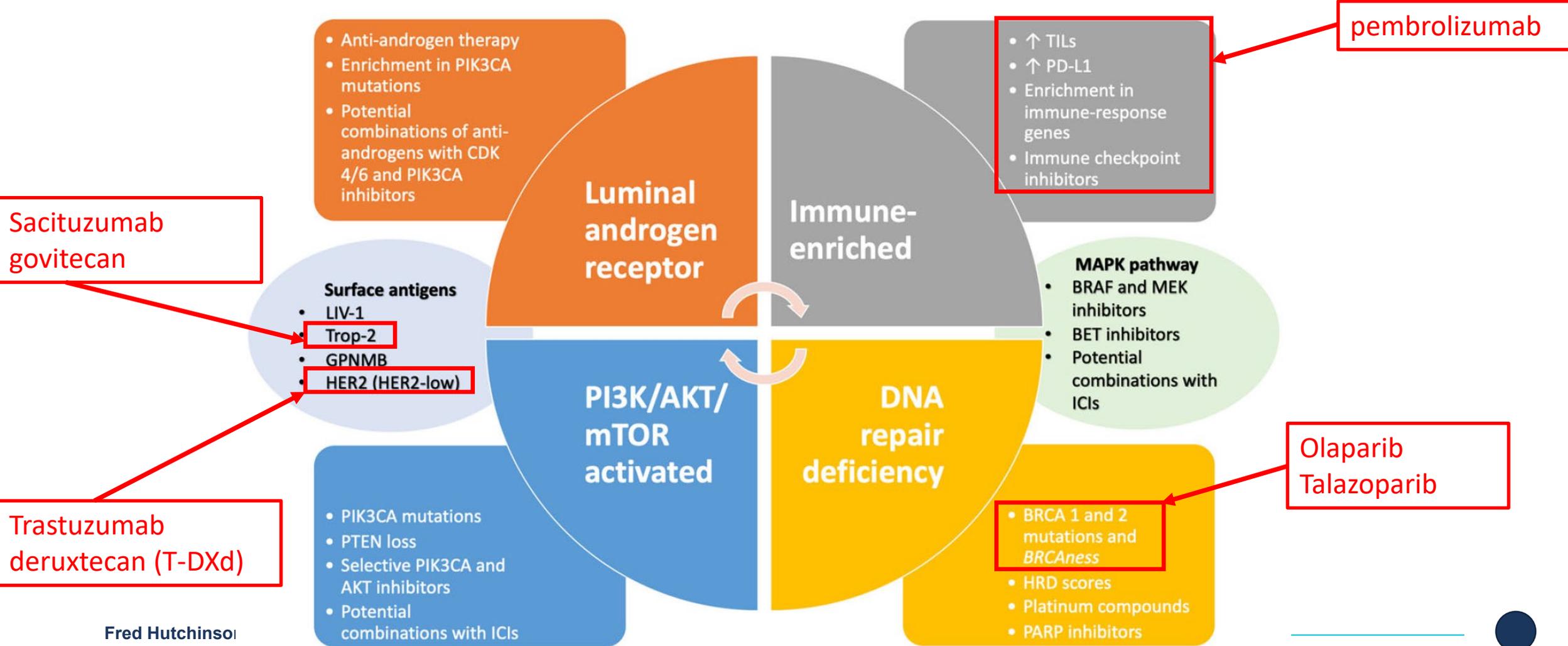
Age-Adjusted Rate of New Female Breast Cancer Subtypes per 100,000 by Race/Ethnicity



SEER 21 2014–2018, <sup>a</sup> American Indian / Alaska Native, <sup>b</sup> Asian or Pacific Islander

- In a population-based cohort study of 23,213 patients with TNBC, African American women compared to white women<sup>2</sup>
  - Had lower odds of receiving surgery (OR, 0.69) or chemotherapy (OR, 0.89)
  - Breast cancer mortality was higher (HR, 1.28)
- NH Black women have a 12% higher 5-year mortality than NH White women, even when age and clinical factors are adjusted<sup>3</sup>

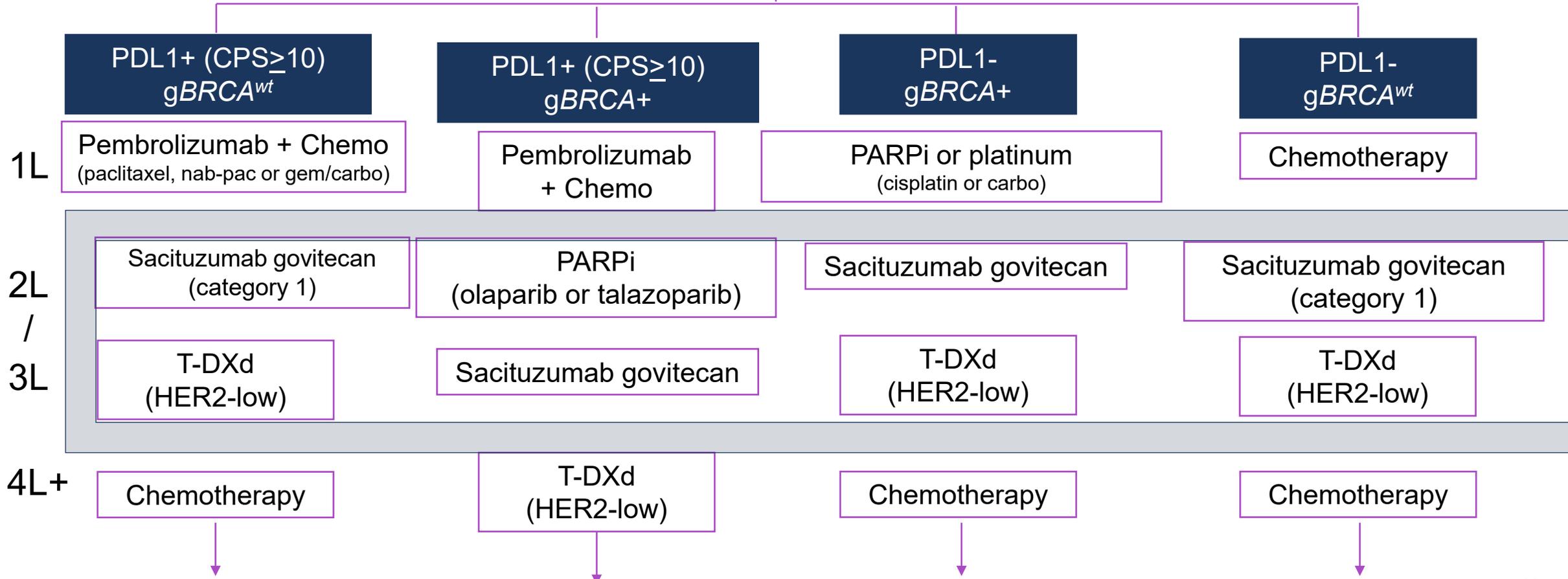
# Biomarker-Driven Therapeutic Approaches



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# “mTNBC”

Clinical trials are an option at any line!

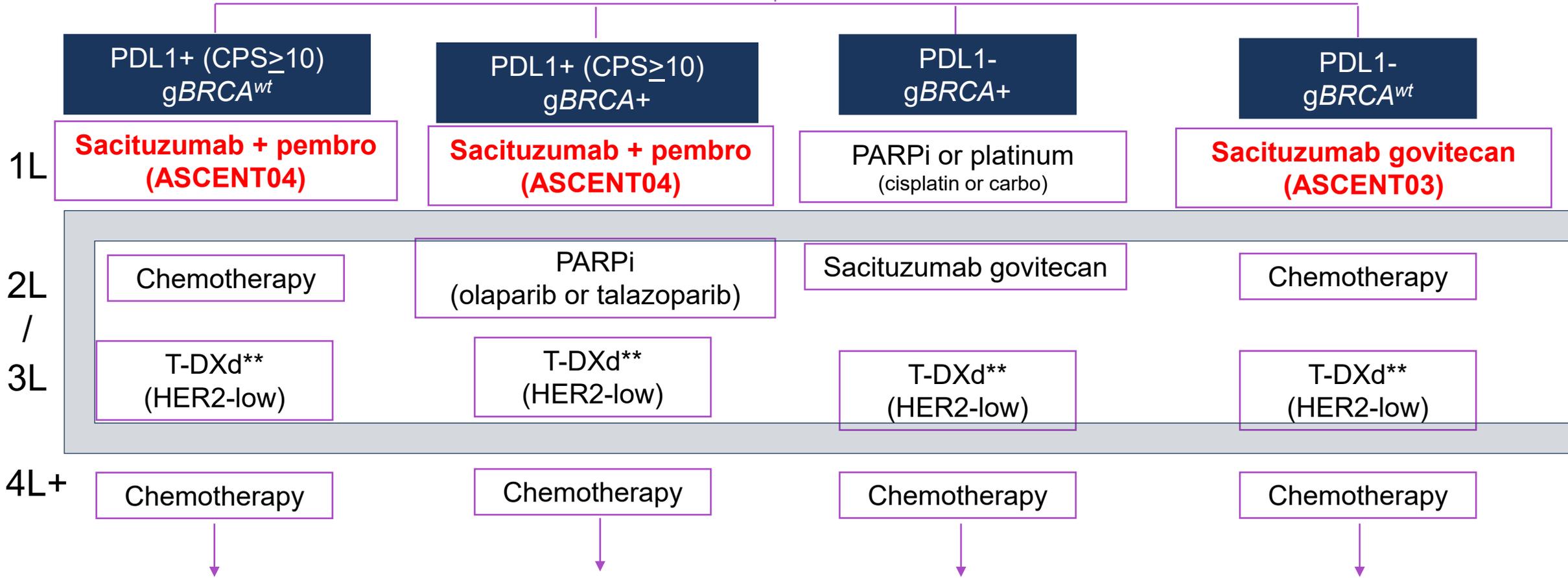


- Pembrolizumab 2L+ for solid tumors with **TMB-H (>10mut/Mb)** or **MSI-high**
- **NTRK fusion**: Larotrectinib or entrectinib for metastatic solid tumor

# mTNBC

## POSSIBLE NEAR FUTURE

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- \*\*unclear benefit of using sequential ADCs (SG → T-DXd)
- Pembrolizumab 2L+ for solid tumors with **TMB-H (>10mut/Mb)** or **MSI-high**
- **NTRK fusion**: Larotrectinib or entrectinib for metastatic solid tumor

Adapted from NCCN v4.2025 & ESMO Guidelines.



# KEYNOTE-355 Study Design (NCT02819518)

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age ≥18 years
- Central determination of TNBC and PD-L1 expression<sup>a</sup>
- Previously untreated locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic TNBC
- De novo metastasis or completion of treatment with curative intent ≥6 months prior to first disease recurrence
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- Life expectancy ≥12 weeks from randomization
- Adequate organ function
- No systemic steroids
- No active CNS metastases
- No active autoimmune disease



## Stratification Factors:

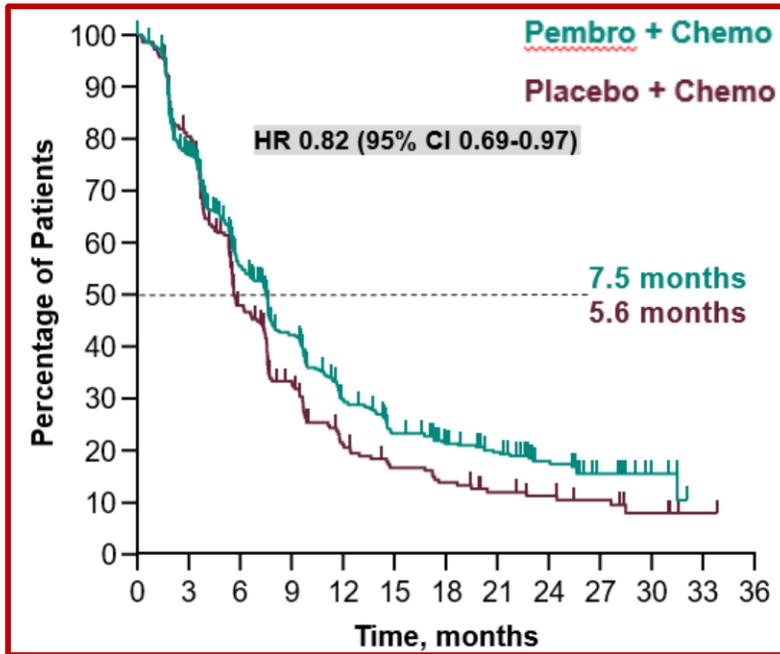
- Chemotherapy on study (taxane or gemcitabine-carboplatin)
- PD-L1 tumor expression (CPS ≥1 or CPS <1)
- Prior treatment with same class chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant or adjuvant setting (yes or no)

<sup>a</sup>Based on a newly obtained tumor sample from a locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic site (an archival tumour sample was used with permission from the study sponsor if a new tumor biopsy was not obtainable). <sup>b</sup>Pembrolizumab 200 mg intravenous (IV) every 3 weeks (Q3W). <sup>c</sup>Chemotherapy dosing regimens are as follows: Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days; Paclitaxel 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days; Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 and 8 every 21 days. <sup>d</sup>Normal saline.

<sup>e</sup>Treatment may be continued until confirmation of progressive disease.

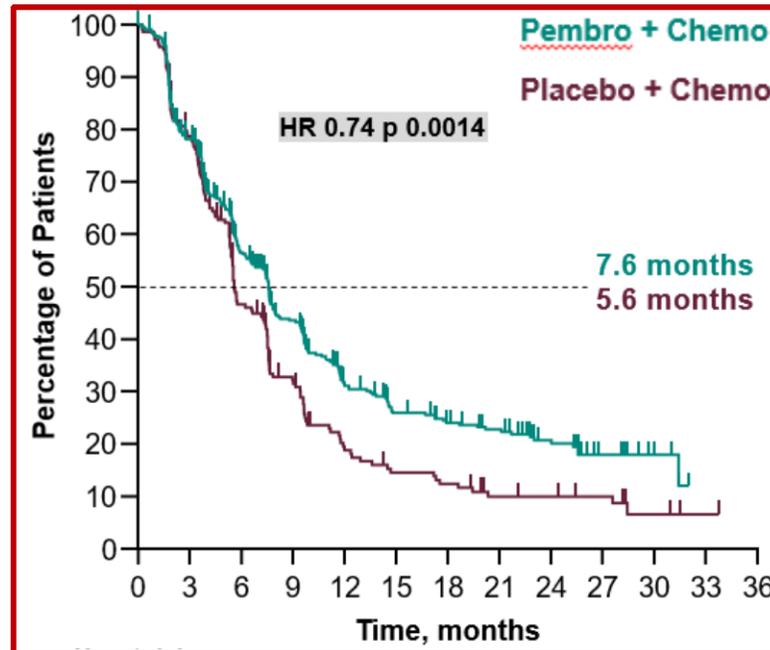
# KEYNOTE-355: Primary Outcome (PFS)

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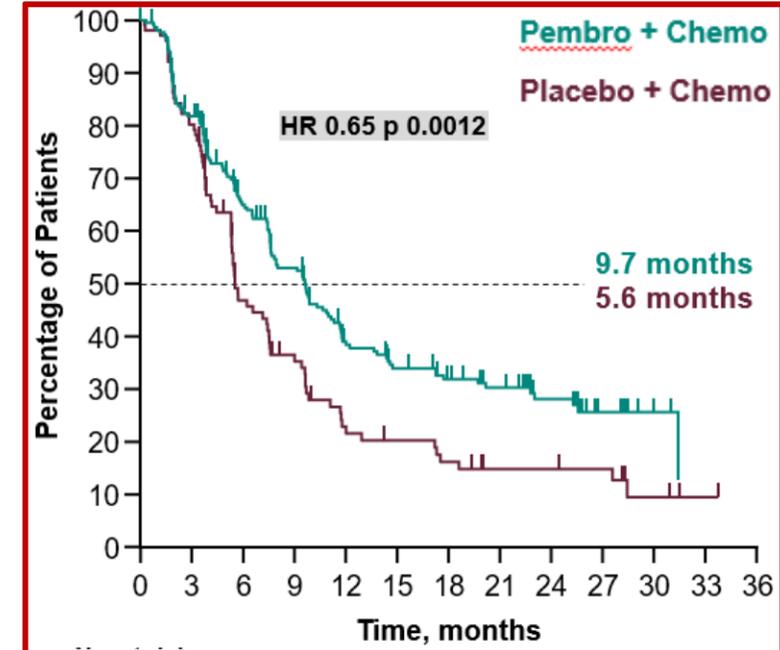
Statistical significance was not tested due to the prespecified hierarchical testing strategy.

PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 1$   
75% of patients



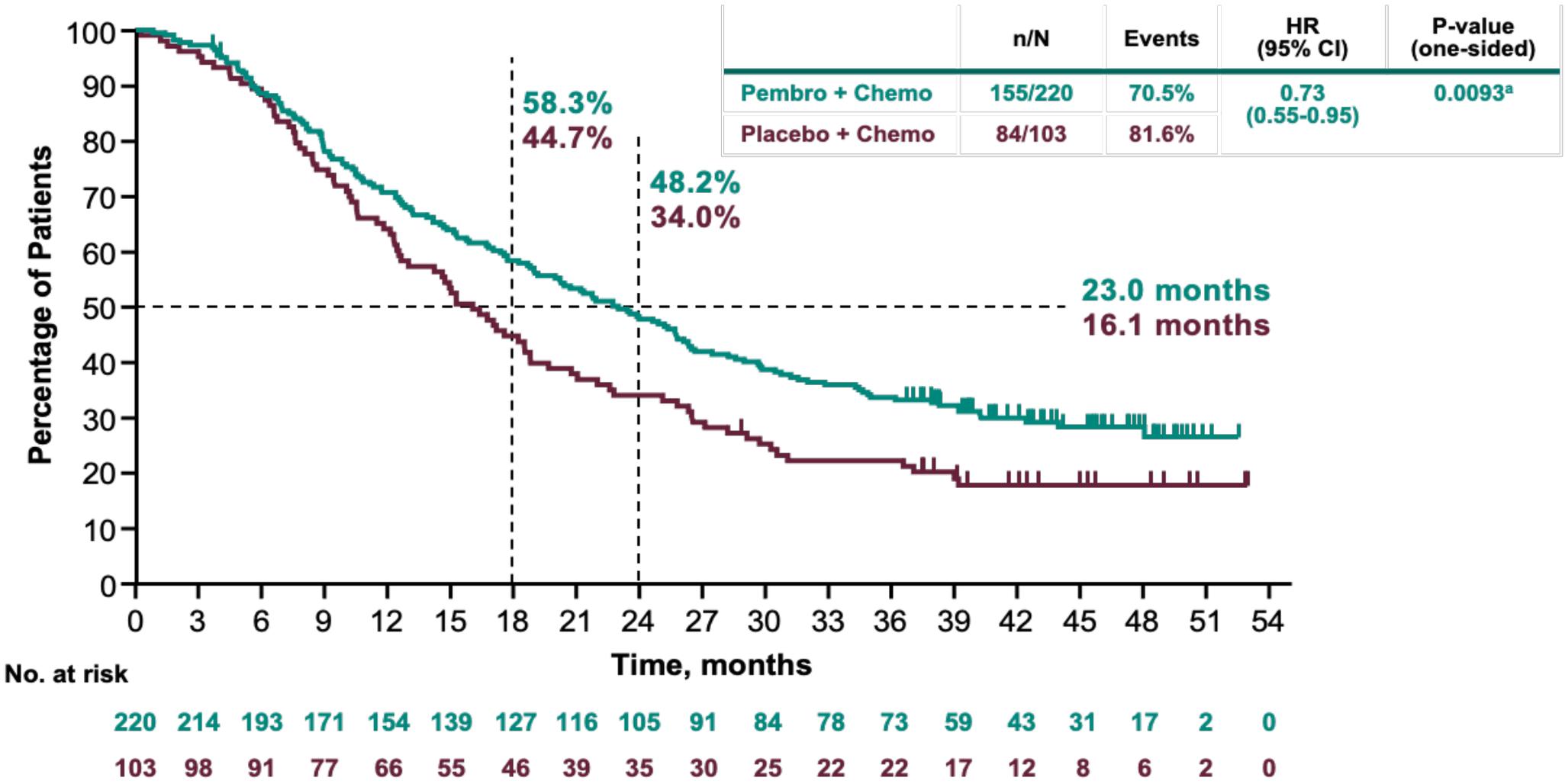
Prespecified *P* value boundary of 0.00111 **not** met.

PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 10$   
38% of patients



Prespecified *P* value boundary of 0.00411 met.

# KN-355: Overall Survival in PD-L1+ Patients CPS $\geq 10$



<sup>a</sup>Prespecified in the Pembrolizumab vs Placebo in Combination with Carboplatin and Paclitaxel in Patients with PD-L1-Expressing Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung (KEYNOTE-048) study.

Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff: June 15, 2021.

# Combined Positive Score (CPS) for PD-L1

Number of positive immune cells (*lymphocytes and macrophages*) and tumor cells within tumor nests and adjacent supporting stroma/total number of viable tumor cells\*100

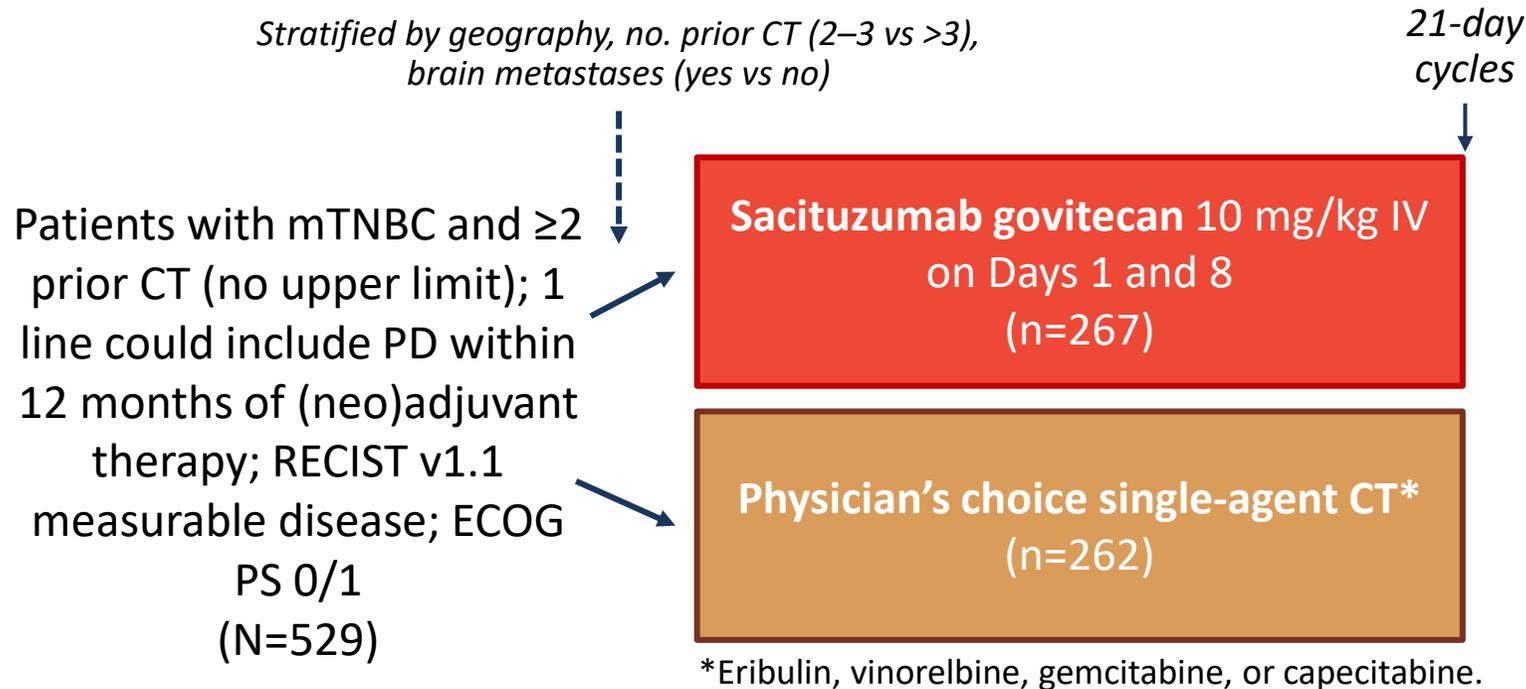
	CPS
<b>Calculation</b>	$\frac{\# \text{ PD-L1-staining cells (tumor, lymphocytes, macrophages)}}{\text{Total \# viable tumor cells}} \times 100$
<b>Assay</b>	PD-L1 IHC <b>22C3</b> pharmDx <sup>1</sup>
<b>Developed for use with</b>	<b>Pembrolizumab</b>
<b>Clinically relevant cut-off in TNBC</b>	<b>CPS <math>\geq 10</math></b>

- PD-L1 results may differ based on site sampled<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Breast, lymph node, skin, lung higher likelihood PD-L1+
  - Liver lower likelihood
- PD-L1 results may differ based on timing of sampling<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Sample from primary diagnosis higher likelihood to be PD-L1+ than metastatic site



# ASCENT: Sacituzumab Govitecan vs Single-agent CT in Metastatic TNBC after $\geq 2$ Previous CT Regimens

- Randomized, open-label phase III trial



- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by IRC in patients without brain metastases
- **Secondary endpoints:** PFS (full population), OS, ORR, DoR, TTR, safety

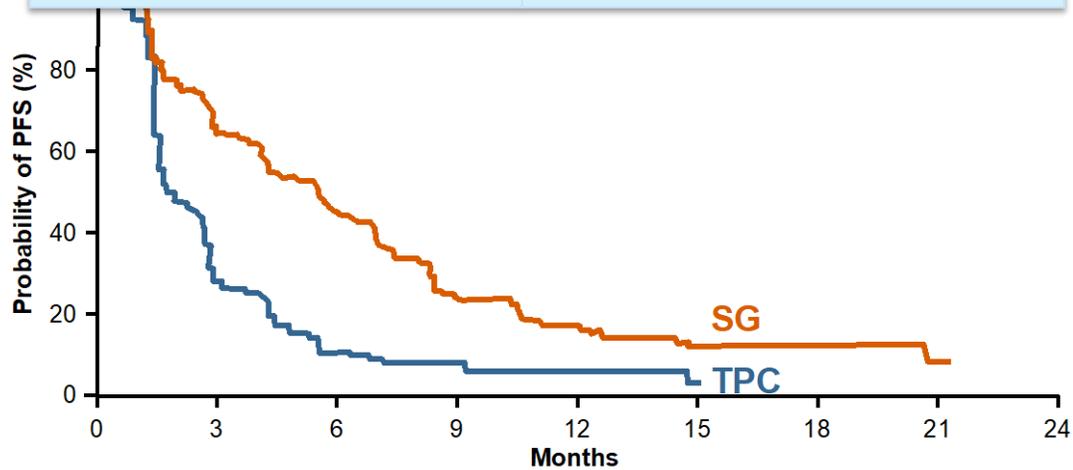
- **Trial halted early based on efficacy** per unanimous independent DSMC recommendation

CT, chemotherapy; DoR, duration of response; DSMC, data and safety monitoring committee; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IRC, independent review committee; mTNBC, metastatic triple negative breast cancer; PD, progressive disease; PS, performance status; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; TTR, time to response.

# Phase 3 ASCENT: Efficacy

## Progression-free survival

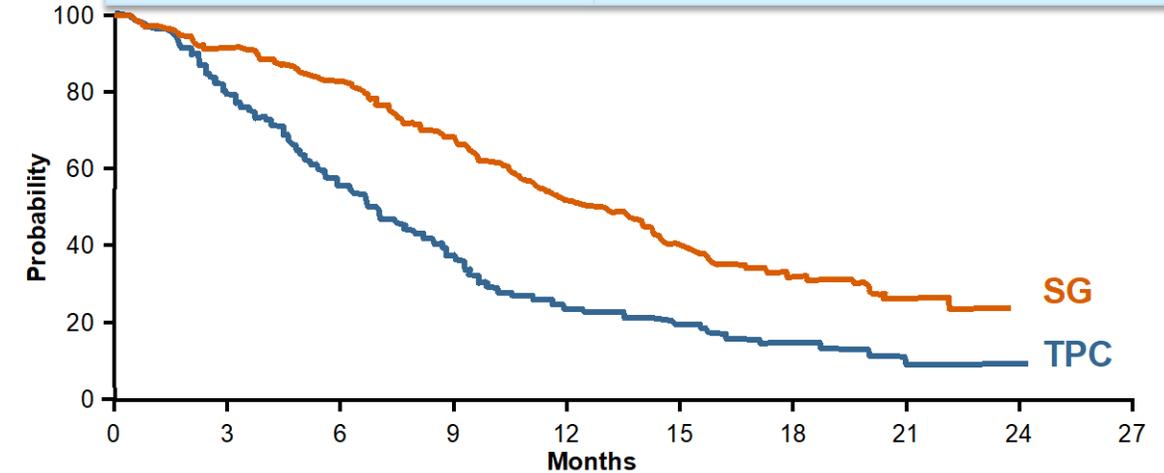
BICR Analysis	SG (n=235)	TPC (n=233)
No. of events	166	150
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	5.6 (4.3-6.3)	1.7 (1.5-2.6)
HR (95% CI), P-value	0.41 (0.32-0.52), P < 0.0001	



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24															
SG	235	222	166	134	127	104	81	63	54	37	33	24	22	16	15	13	9	8	8	5	3	1	0	
TPC	233	179	78	35	32	19	12	9	7	6	4	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Overall survival

	SG (n=235)	TPC (n=233)
No. of events	155	185
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	12.1 (10.7-14.0)	6.7 (5.8-7.7)
HR (95% CI), P-value	0.48 (0.38-0.59), P < 0.0001	



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27																
SG	235	228	220	214	206	197	190	174	161	153	135	118	107	101	90	70	52	43	37	30	21	13	8	1	0	0
TPC	233	214	200	173	156	134	117	99	87	74	56	50	45	41	37	30	20	14	11	7	4	3	3	2	1	0

SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.  
Bardia A, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021; 384:1529-1541.

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# ASCENT-04/KEYNOTE-D19 Study Design

**Previously untreated, locally advanced unresectable, or metastatic TNBC<sup>a</sup>:**

- PD-L1-positive (CPS  $\geq$  10 by the 22C3 assay<sup>b</sup>)
- $\geq$  6 months since treatment in curative setting (prior anti-PD-[L]1 use allowed)

N = 443

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1:1

**SG + pembro<sup>d</sup>**  
(SG 10 mg/kg IV, days 1 and 8 of 21-day cycles; pembro 200 mg, day 1 of 21-day cycles)  
n = 221

**Chemo\* + pembro<sup>d</sup>**  
(paclitaxel 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> OR nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on days 1, 8, & 15 of 28-day cycles, OR gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 & 8 of 21-day cycles; pembro 200 mg on day 1 of 21-day cycles)  
n = 222

*\*Eligible patients who experienced BICR-verified disease progression were offered to cross-over to receive 2L SG monotherapy*

All treatment, including SG or chemo, was continued until BICR-verified disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

**End points**

**Primary**

- PFS by BICR<sup>e</sup>

**Secondary**

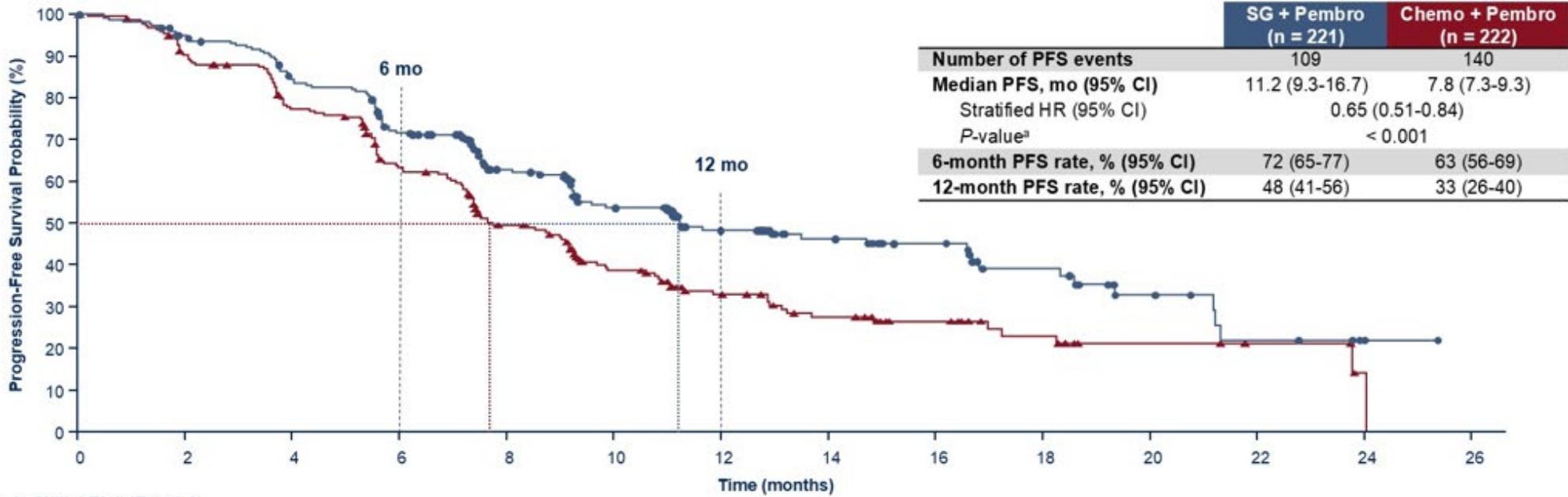
- OS
- ORR, DOR by BICR<sup>e</sup>
- Safety
- QoL

**Stratification factors:**

- De novo mTNBC<sup>c</sup> vs recurrent within 6 to 12 months from completion of treatment in curative setting vs recurrent > 12 months from completion of treatment in curative setting
- US/Canada/Western Europe vs the rest of the world
- Prior exposure to anti-PD-(L)1 (yes vs no)

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT05382286.  
<sup>a</sup>TNBC status determined according to standard American Society of Clinical Oncology-College of American Pathologists criteria. <sup>b</sup>Dako, Agilent Technologies. <sup>c</sup>Up to 35% de novo mTNBC. <sup>d</sup>Pembro was administered for a maximum of 35 cycles. <sup>e</sup>Per RECIST v1.1. AUC, area under the curve; BICR, blinded independent central review; chemo, chemotherapy; CPS, combined positive score; DOR, duration of response; IV, intravenously; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1; pembro, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; QoL, quality of life; R, randomized; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, version 1.1; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer; TTR, time-to-response.

# ASCENT-04/KEYNOTE-D19: Progression-Free Survival by BICR



No. of Patients Still at Risk (Events)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
SG + Pembro	221 (0)	202 (11)	174 (33)	142 (59)	105 (75)	78 (89)	58 (96)	42 (98)	34 (99)	22 (103)	11 (106)	6 (109)	2 (109)	0 (109)
Chemo + Pembro	222 (0)	191 (21)	159 (48)	123 (76)	88 (102)	59 (120)	40 (128)	29 (134)	21 (135)	13 (137)	7 (138)	4 (138)	1 (139)	0 (140)

**SG + pembro demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS vs chemo + pembro by BICR analysis, with a 35% reduction in risk of disease progression or death**

Data cutoff date: March 3, 2025.  
<sup>a</sup>Two-sided P-value from stratified log-rank test.  
 FI BICR, blinded independent central review; chemo, chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; pembro, pembrolizumab; SG, sacituzumab govitecan.

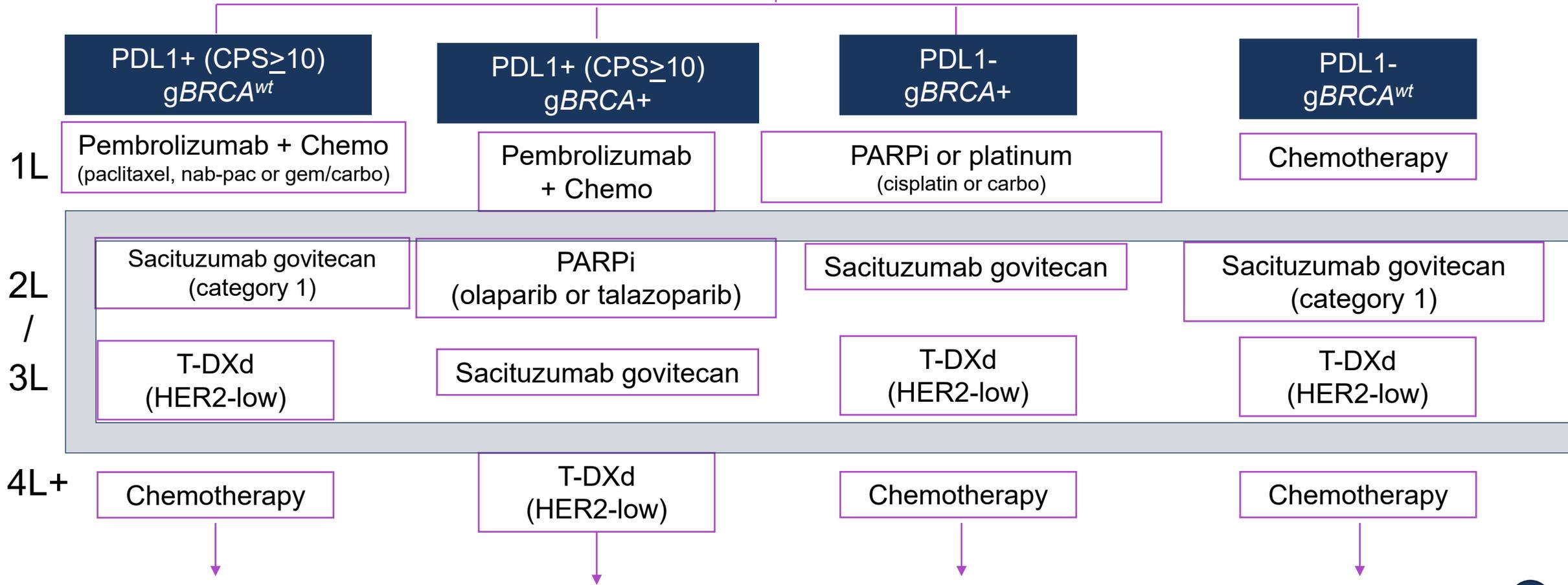
# PARP Inhibitors for BRCA1/2 mutated Breast Cancer

	Approved Use	Trial	Phase	Setting	Treatment Arms	Results
Olaparib	Germline <i>BRCA</i> mutation, HER2-MBC after failure of frontline chemotherapy or hormone therapy	OlympiAD NCT02000622	3	HER2- MBC with no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens with a germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation	A. Olaparib B. Chemo	A. <b>mPFS: 7.0mo; ORR: 60%; mOS: 19.3mo</b> B. <b>mPFS: 4.2mo; ORR: 29%; mOS: 17.1mo</b> <b>Hazard Ratio – PFS: 0.58 (P &lt; .001)</b> OS: 0.90 (95% CI: 0.66-1.23, P = .513)
Talazoparib	Germline <i>BRCA</i> mutation with HER2- locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer	EMBRACA NCT01945775	3	Advanced breast cancer with a germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation	A. Talazoparib B. Chemo	A. <b>mPFS: 8.6mo; ORR: 63%; mOS: 19.3mo</b> B. <b>mPFS: 5.6mo; ORR: 27%; mOS: 19.5mo</b> <b>Hazard Ratio – PFS: 0.54 (P &lt; .001)</b> OS: 0.85 (95% CI: 0.67-1.07, P = .17)



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# Less common targetable alterations: NCCN v4.2025

Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies					
Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection <sup>†</sup>	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
Any	Germline <i>BRCA1</i> or <i>BRCA2</i> mutation	Germline sequencing	Olaparib Talazoparib	Category 1	Preferred
Any	Germline <i>PALB2</i>	Germline sequencing	Olaparib <sup>y</sup>	Category 2A	Other recommended regimen
Any	<i>NTRK</i> fusion	FISH, NGS, PCR	Larotrectinib <sup>z</sup> Entrectinib <sup>z</sup> Repotrectinib <sup>aa</sup>	Category 2A <sup>aa</sup>	Useful in certain circumstances
Any	MSI-H/dMMR	IHC, NGS, PCR	Pembrolizumab <sup>bb</sup> Dostarlimab-gxly <sup>cc</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	TMB-H (≥10 mut/Mb) <sup>dd</sup>	NGS	Pembrolizumab <sup>bb</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	<i>RET</i> -fusion	NGS	Selpercatinib <sup>ee</sup>	Category 2A	



**Thank you**