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# CARCINOMA MAMMARIO: QUALI NOVITA' PER IL 2024?

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La chemioterapia nel carcinoma mammario metastatico: quale ruolo ha oggi?

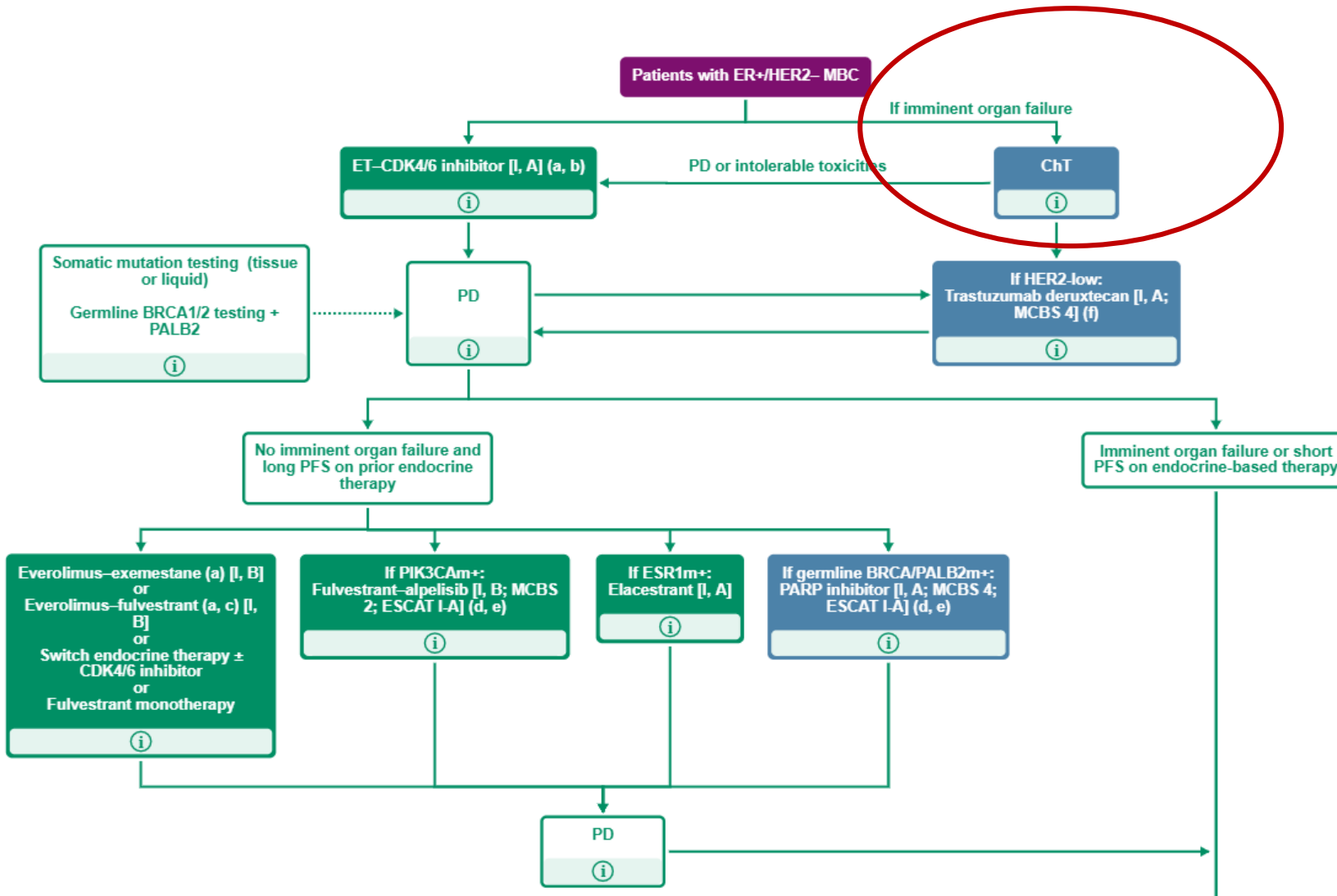
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HR+/HER2 NEGATIVE MBC

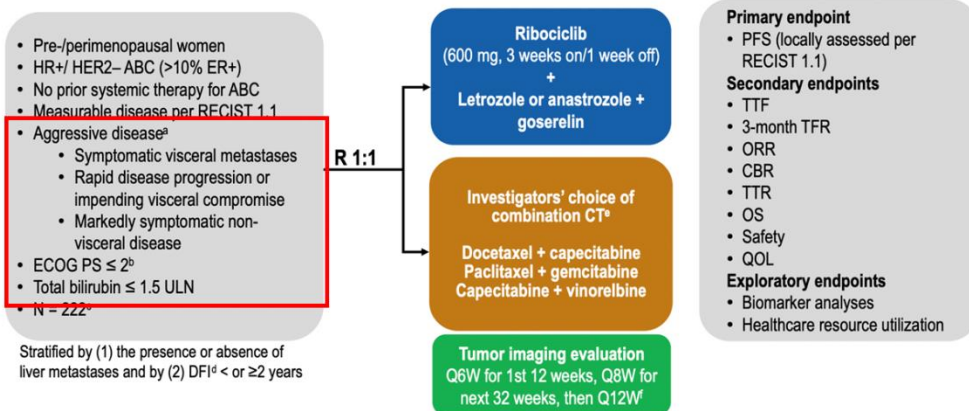


According to the 5th ESO-ESMO international consensus guidelines (Cardoso F, et al. Ann Oncol 2020;31:1623-1649) for advanced breast cancer visceral crisis is defined as: "severe organ dysfunction, as assessed by signs and symptoms, laboratory studies and rapid progression of disease. Visceral crisis is not the mere presence of visceral metastases but implies important organ compromise leading to a clinical indication for the most rapidly efficacious therapy."

# Chemo or ET +CDK4/6i as first line in very aggressive disease?

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## RIGHT Choice study design



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.

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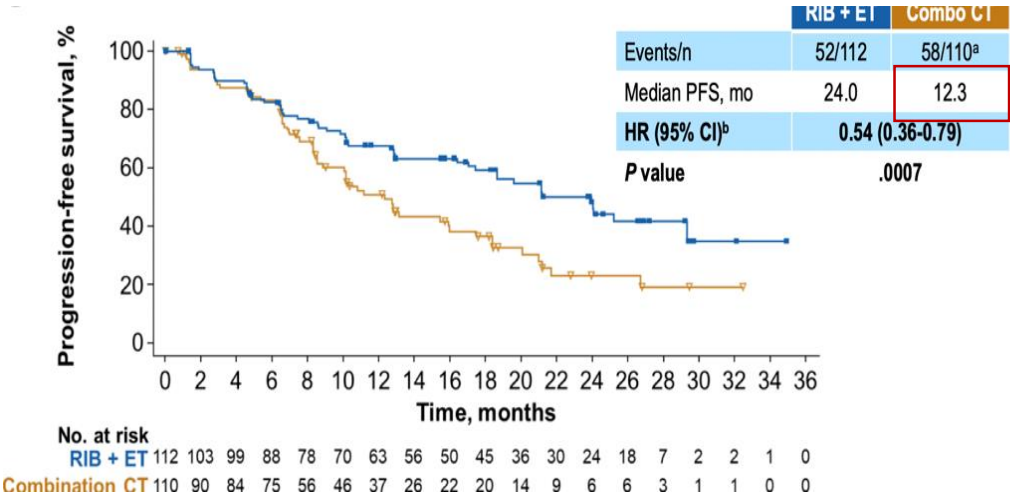
## Baseline characteristics were well balanced

Parameter, n (%)	RIB + ET n = 112	Combo CT n = 110	Parameter, n (%)	RIB + ET n = 112	Combo CT n = 110
<b>Median age, years</b>	44.0	43.0	<b>Disease status</b>		
≥40 years	80 (71.4)	72 (65.5)	De novo	71 (63.4)	73 (66.4)
<b>Race<sup>a</sup></b>			<b>Visceral metastatic sites<sup>b</sup></b>		
Asian	60 (53.6)	58 (52.7)	Liver	56 (50.0)	57 (51.8)
White	51 (45.5)	52 (47.3)	Lung	63 (56.3)	58 (52.7)
<b>Histological grade</b>			Liver or lung	89 (79.5)	85 (77.3)
Grade 1	10 (8.9)	16 (14.5)	<b>Aggressive disease characteristic</b>		
Grade 2	66 (58.9)	61 (55.5)	Rapid progression	23 (20.5)	18 (16.4)
Grade 3	35 (31.3)	29 (26.4)	Symptomatic non-visceral disease	15 (13.4)	16 (14.5)
≥50% ER <sup>+</sup>	95 (84.8)	95 (86.4)	Symptomatic visceral metastases	74 (66.1)	76 (69.1)
PR <sup>+</sup>	99 (88.4)	102 (92.7)	<b>Visceral crisis<sup>c</sup></b>	61 (54.5)	55 (50.0)

Combo CT, combination chemotherapy; ER+, estrogen receptor positive; ET, endocrine therapy; RIB, ribociclib.  
<sup>a</sup> One patient (0.9%) in the RIB arm was African American; <sup>b</sup> The same patient may have multiple visceral metastatic sites; <sup>c</sup> Based on PI's judgment, which followed ABC3 and NCCN guidelines, which were available at the time of study design. This presentation is the intellectual property of the author/presenter. Contact them at yslu@ntu.edu.tw for permission to reprint and/or distribute.

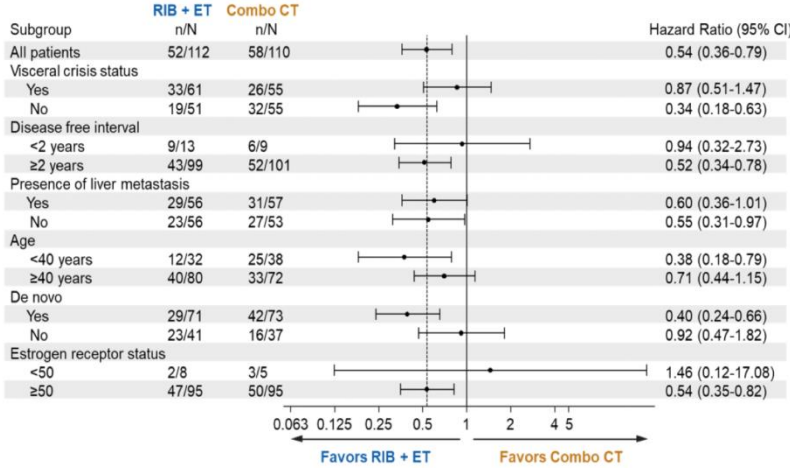
# RIGHT Choice trial: results

## PFS



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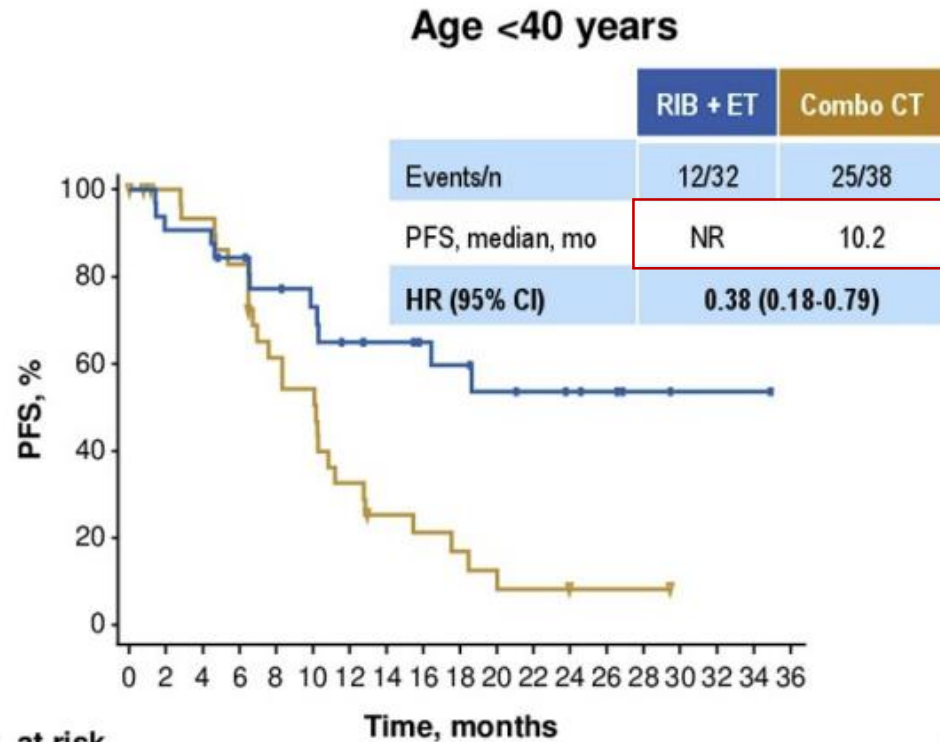
## PFS benefit with RIB + ET over combination CT was consistent across most subgroups of patients with aggressive HR+/HER2- ABC



ABC, advanced breast cancer; Combo CT, combination chemotherapy; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative; HR+, hormone receptor positive; PFS, progression-free survival; RIB, ribociclib.

Lu Y-S, et al. Presented at: San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS) 2022; December 6-10, 2022; San Antonio, TX. Presentation GS1-10.

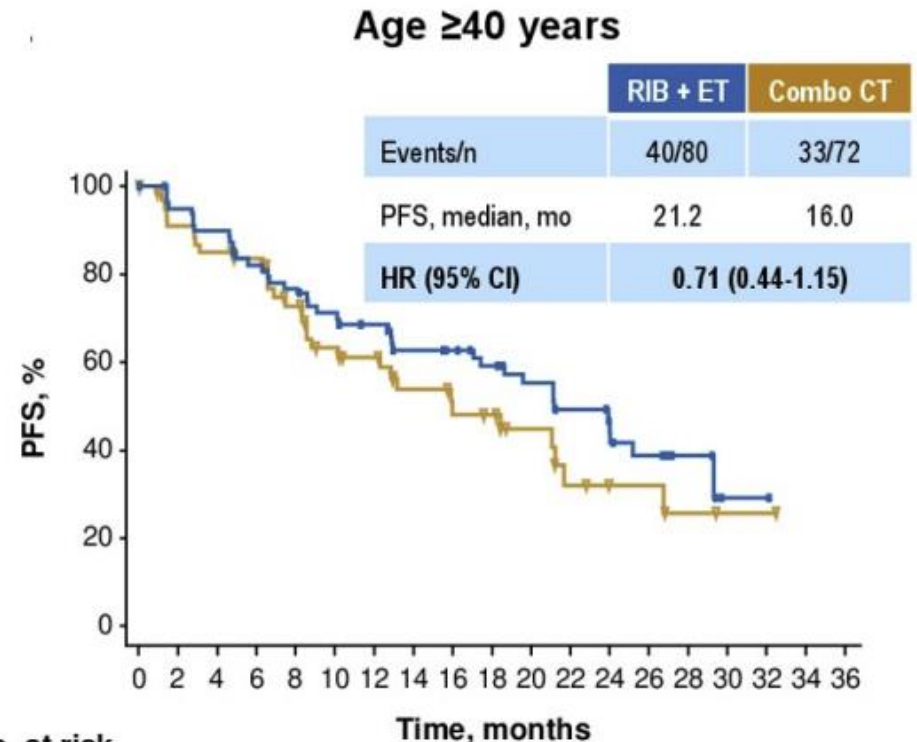
# RIGHT Choice: Progression-Free Survival (PFS) by Age



No. at risk

Time, months	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
RIB + ET	32	29	29	25	21	18	15	14	12	11	9	8	6	4	2	1	1	1	0
Combo CT	38	29	27	24	17	15	9	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

NR, not reached.

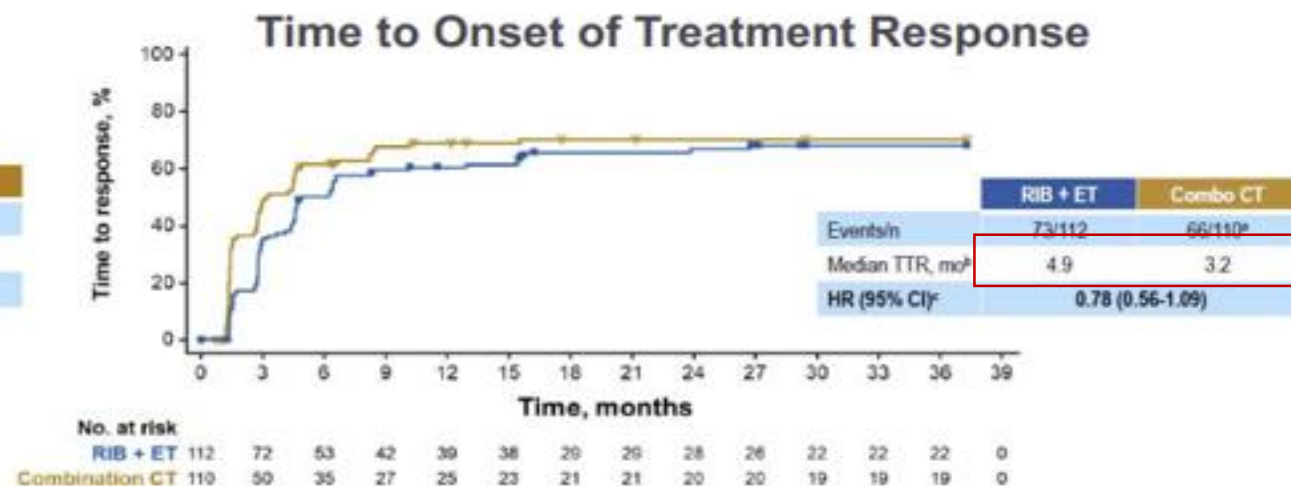
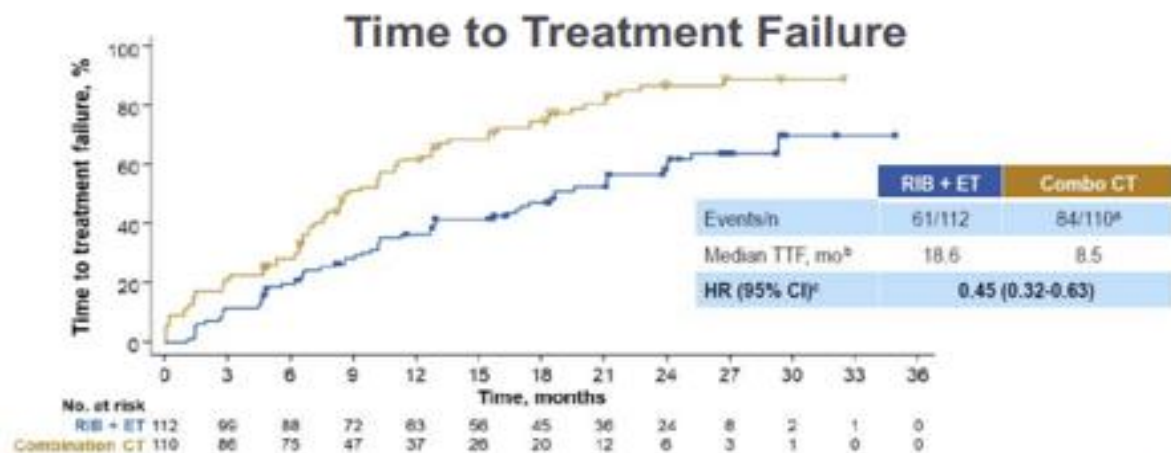


No. at risk

Time, months	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
RIB + ET	80	74	70	63	57	52	48	42	38	34	27	22	18	14	5	1	1	0	0
Combo CT	72	61	57	51	39	31	28	20	17	16	11	7	5	5	2	1	1	0	0

# RIGHT Choice

## TTF and Response



### Dose Reductions

Parameter, n (%)	Ribociclib + ET (n = 112)	Combination CT (n = 100)
0	81 (72.3)	54 (54.0)
1	27 (24.1)	12 (12.0)
2	4 (3.6)	14 (14.0)
≥ 3	0	20 (20.0)

	Ribociclib + ET (n = 112)	Combination CT (n = 100)
ORR, %	65.2	60.0
CBR, %	80.4	72.7



# What is best therapy post-CDK4/6 progression?

A grey zone between 1st line ET and 1<sup>st</sup> line chemotherapy with PFS ranged from 3 to 7months

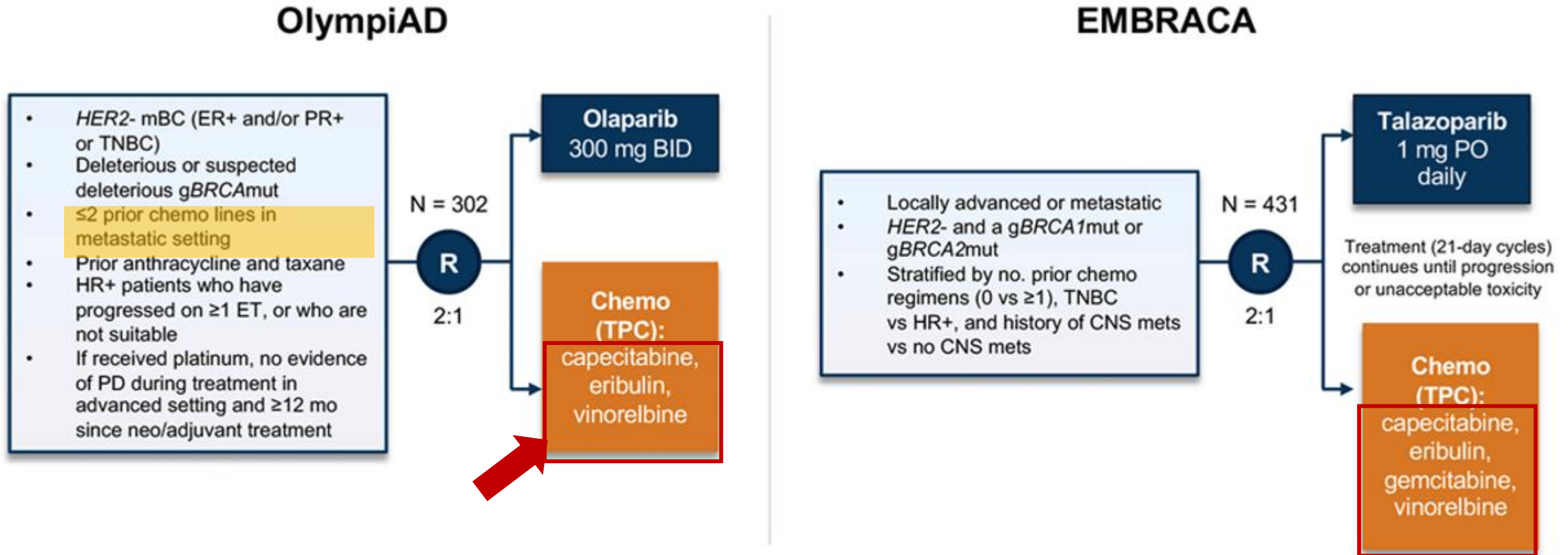
- 1) Can we Continue CDK4/6i therapy after progression to CDK4/6?
- 2) Have a role **mono-endocrine therapies**?
  - Fulvestrant and Novel Oral SERDs
- 3) Have a role **inhibitors of PI3K/AKT/mTOR** signaling pathway?
- 4) **Chemotherapy**

# Endocrine refractory HR+HER2negative disease

## SYSTEMIC THERAPY REGIMENS FOR RECURRENT UNRESECTABLE (LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE<sup>a</sup>

HR-Positive and HER2-Negative with Visceral Crisis <sup>†</sup> or Endocrine Refractory		
Setting	Subtype/Biomarker	Regimen
First Line	No germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation <sup>b</sup>	Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a>
	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>e</sup> (Category 1, preferred)
	Not a candidate for fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki	Sacituzumab govitecan <sup>f</sup> (Category 1, preferred)
		Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a>
Third Line and beyond	Any	Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">BINV-Q (5)</a>
	Biomarker positive (ie, MSI-H, NTRK, RET, TMB-H)	Targeted agents <a href="#">BINV-Q (6)</a>

# Phase 3 PARPi trials in MBC

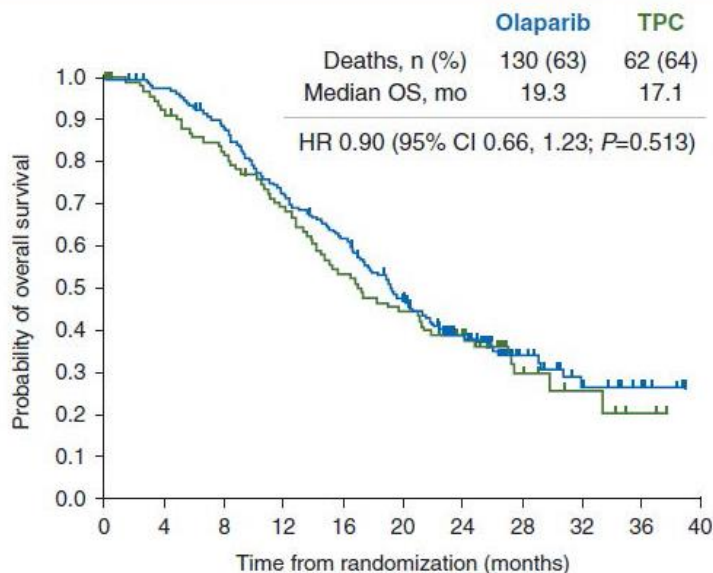


- OlympiAD and EMBRACA: phase 3 trials, PARPi vs standard nonplatinum chemo (first to third line)

# Phase III Trials: Final Overall Survival Data

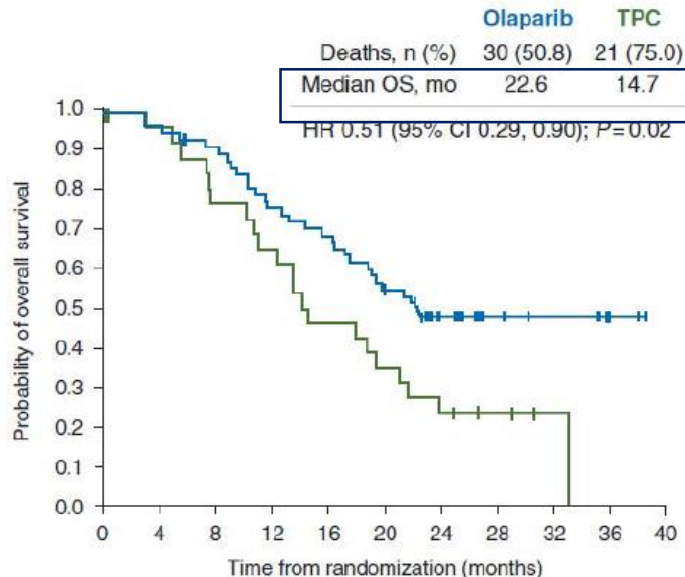
## OlympiAD

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B

No prior chemotherapy for mBC (1L)

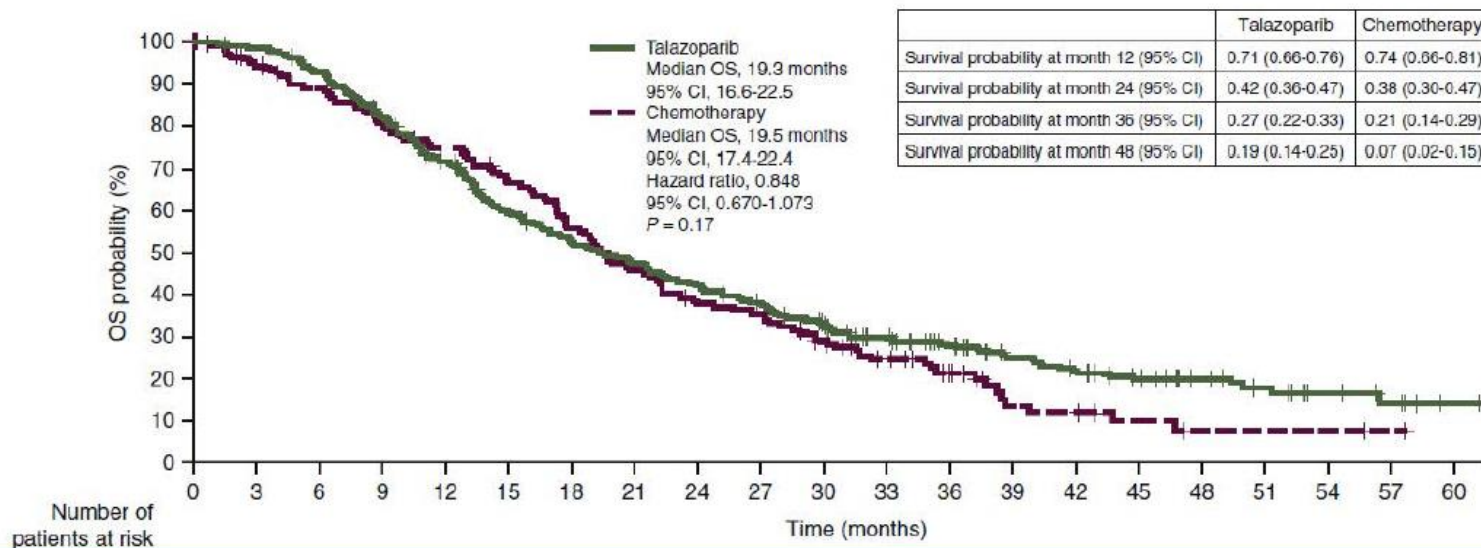


- No crossover
- No approved PARPi available at progression.

Robson, Annals of Oncology 30: 558–566, 2019

## EMBRACA

A



- 25% of chemo received olaparib in subsequent lines v. 2.8% of talazoparib.
- CDK4/6i: 13.6% talazoparib v. 10.4% chemotherapy

Litton, Annals of Oncology, 31: 1526-1535, 2020

# Endocrine resistant setting

- Patients with tumours that are endocrine resistant should be considered for ChT [V, B]
- **Sequential single-agent** ChT is generally preferred over combination strategies.
- In patients where a rapid response is needed due to imminent organ failure, combination ChT is preferred [II, A]
- The optimal sequence of regimens preferably includes low toxic agents in early lines of treatment

Systemic Chemotherapy for HR-Positive or -Negative and HER2-Negative <sup>a,s,t,u,v</sup>		
<u>Preferred Regimens</u>	<u>Other Recommended Regimens</u>	<u>Useful in Certain Circumstances</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthracyclines               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Doxorubicin</li> <li>▶ Liposomal doxorubicin</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Taxanes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Paclitaxel</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Anti-metabolites               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Capecitabine</li> <li>▶ Gemcitabine</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Microtubule inhibitors               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Vinorelbine</li> <li>▶ Eribulin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclophosphamide</li> <li>• Docetaxel</li> <li>• Albumin-bound paclitaxel</li> <li>• Epirubicin</li> <li>• Ixabepilone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)</li> <li>• EC (epirubicin/cyclophosphamide)</li> <li>• CMF (cyclophosphamide/methotrexate/fluorouracil)</li> <li>• Docetaxel/capecitabine</li> <li>• GT (gemcitabine/paclitaxel)</li> <li>• Gemcitabine/carboplatin</li> <li>• Carboplatin + paclitaxel or albumin-bound paclitaxel</li> </ul>

# What does the real world tell us?

## Real-world treatment (Tx) patterns in patients (pts) with HR+/HER2 neg MBC treated with chemotherapy (CT) in the United States (US)

- Capecitabine and paclitaxel were most commonly used in earlier lines of CT included.

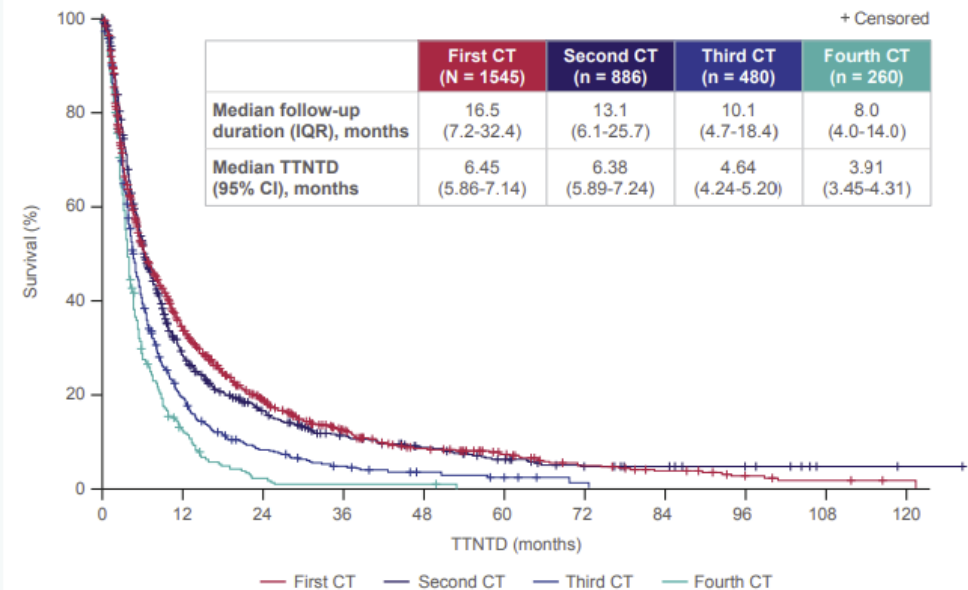
**Table: 238P Use of CT agents in pts with HR+/HER2- mBC**

Treatment type*	1st CT N=1545	2nd CT n=886	3rd CT n=480	4th CT n=260
<b>Taxanes</b>				
Paclitaxel	29%	35%	25%	17%
Docetaxel	7%	5%	3%	4%
<b>Anthracyclines</b>				
Doxorubicin	11%	7%	12%	11%
Epirubicin	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
<b>Platinum agents</b>				
Cisplatin	1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Carboplatin	6%	7%	8%	8%
<b>Pyrimidine analogues</b>				
Capecitabine	45%	30%	22%	16%
Gemcitabine	8%	13%	18%	22%
<b>Other</b>				
Eribulin	3%	11%	19%	20%
Vinorelbine	1%	4%	4%	11%

\*The proportion of pts may add up to greater than 100% as the subgroups are not mutually exclusive.

CT, chemotherapy; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; pts, patients.

Figure 5. TTNTD by line of CT



CT, chemotherapy; IQR, interquartile range; TTNTD, time to next treatment or death.

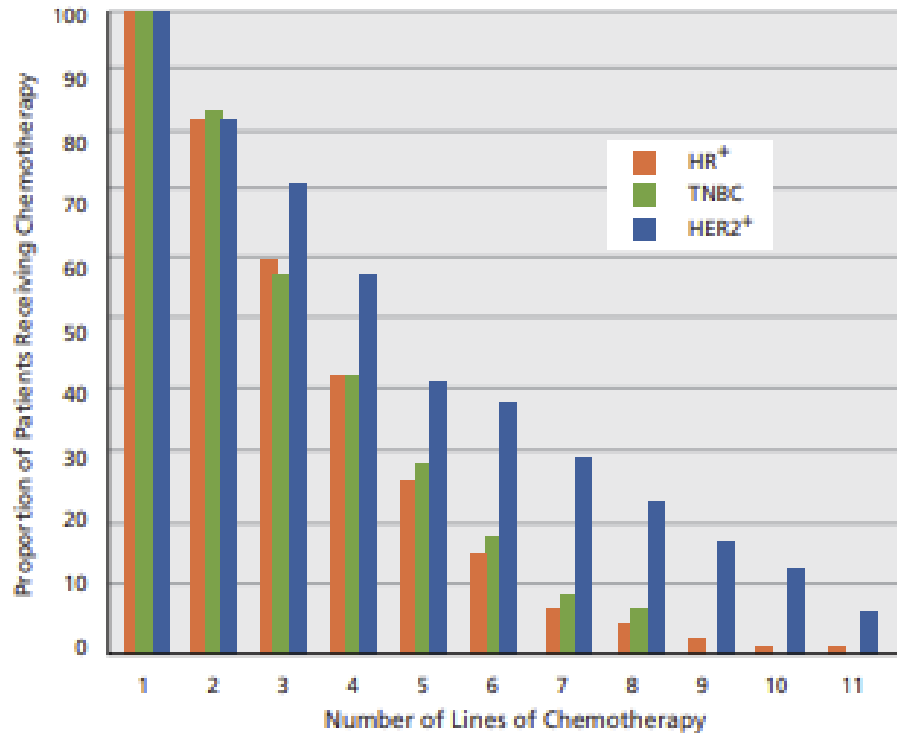
- At 12-month follow up, the median (95% CI) percentage of patients surviving was 70% (67%-72%)
- In patients who subsequently received a second, third, and fourth CT during the study period, median OS rates decreased with each line of CT

- Time to next Tx or death decreased with each subsequent CT received, indicating a high unmet need for more efficacious treatment options for ET resistant HR+/HER2- mBC

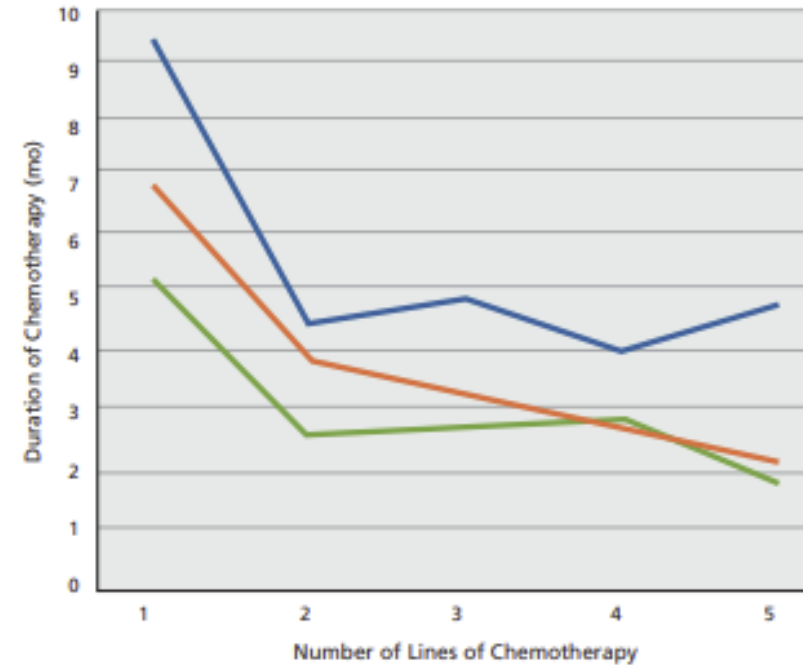


# What does the MBC history tell us?

## Use and Duration of Chemotherapy in MBC patients



**Figure 2** Number of lines of chemotherapy by line and subtype. Abbreviations: HR, hormone receptor; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.



	Number of Patients				
	First line	Second line	Third line	Fourth line	Fifth line
HR+	96	80	59	41	26
TNBC	44	37	26	19	13
HER+	59	49	43	35	25

# What does the MBC history tell us?

Median chemotherapy duration in observational studies in first- until third-line

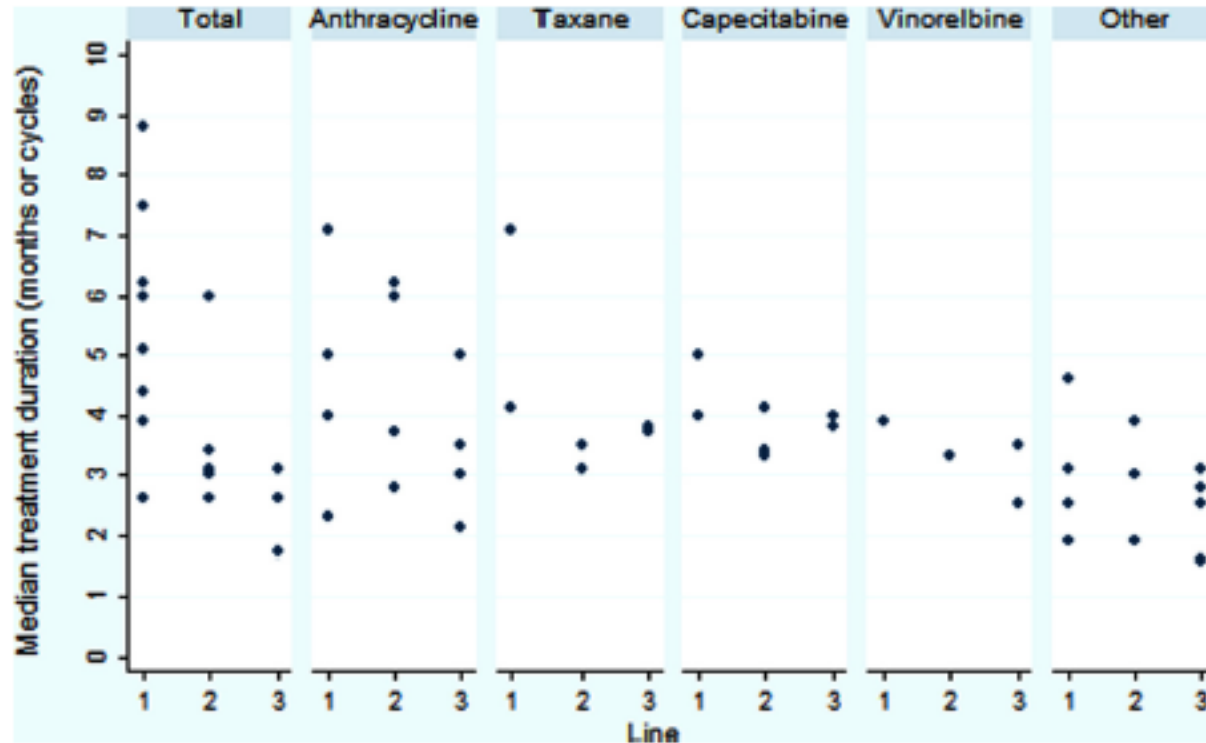


Fig. 1. Overview of median chemotherapy duration in observational studies in first- until third-line. Median chemotherapy duration per line without specification of agents used (overall) in 9 observational studies; and grouped per type of agent(s)\* used (anthracyclines, taxanes, capecitabine, vinorelbine, others) in 3 observational studies. \*Anthracyclines included regimens containing either doxorubicin or epirubicin, taxanes included regimens containing either (liposomal) docetaxel or (nab-)paclitaxel. Other chemotherapy included regimens containing the following agents: bleomycin, carboplatin, cisplatin, cyclophosphamide, eribulin, (5-)fluorouracil, gemcitabine, ifosfamide, methotrexate, mitomycin C, mitozantrone, and vinblastine. NOTE: results shown here should be interpreted in relation with Fig. 2 which indicates that later-line chemotherapy is generally less effective; thereby limiting the treatment duration as a result of progression of disease. Additionally, comparison of treatment duration between different agents is biased by the imbalanced number of patients.



# What does the MBC history tell us?

## Outcomes in observational studies on multiple lines of chemotherapy for MBC

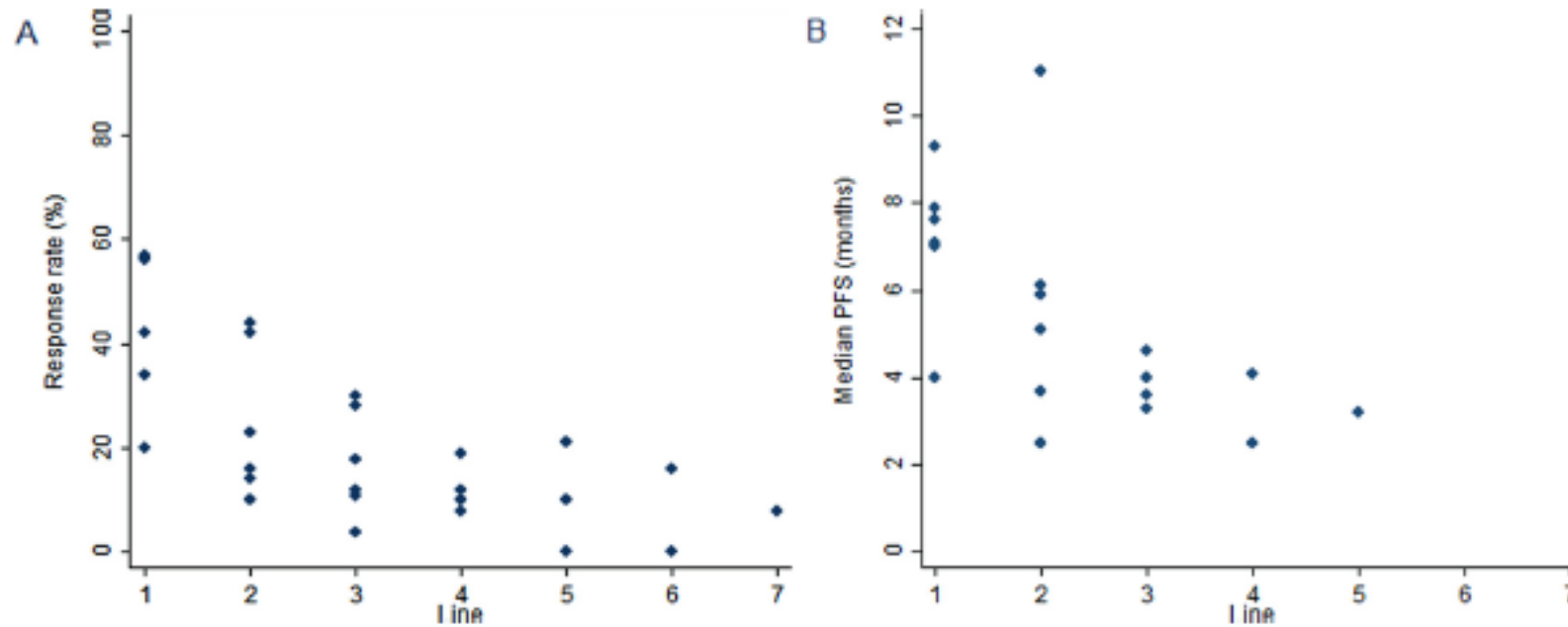


Fig. 2. Overview of outcomes in observational studies on multiple lines of chemotherapy for advanced breast cancer. A) Median line-specific overall response-rate of chemotherapy from 12 observational studies. B) Median line-specific progression-free survival of chemotherapy from 8 observational studies.

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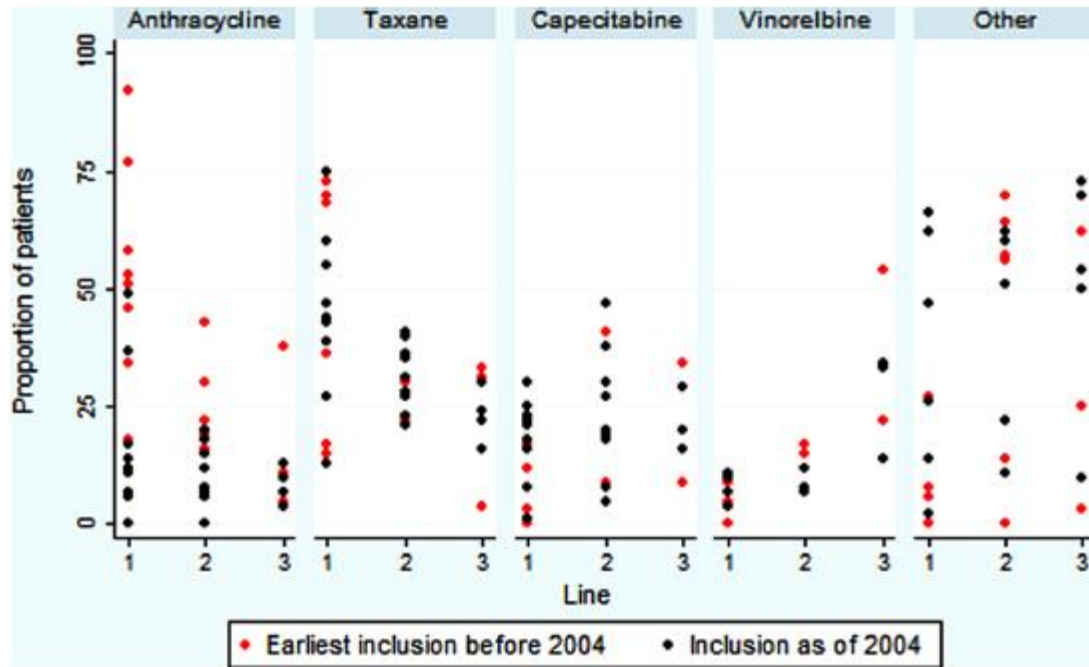


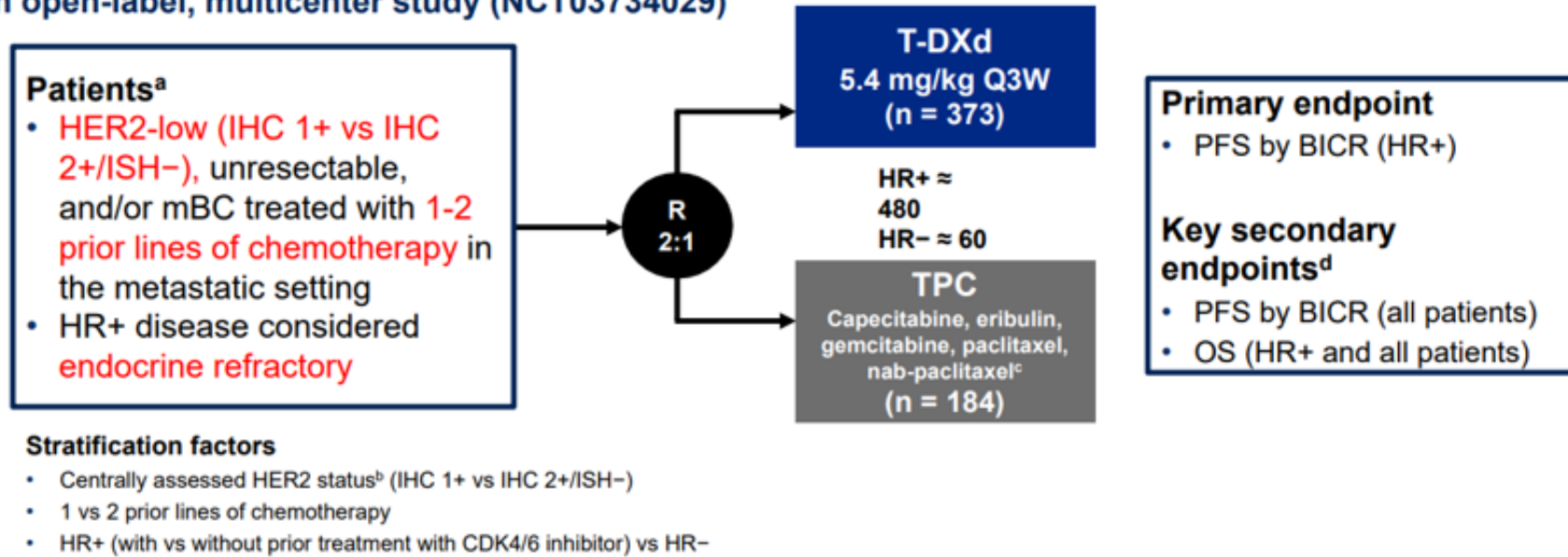
Fig. 3. Overview of the use of different groups of chemotherapy agents (proportion of patients) for first- until third-line in 16 observational studies.

- The questions on the optimal agent for a specific treatment line and the optimal sequence of agents over multiple lines remains unanswered
- Capecitabine, despite the increasing use in first-line over the years, still more often prescribed from second-line onwards

# What do the recent history tell us?

## Destiny 04: ADCs in HER2 low MBC

An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)



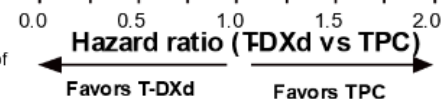
# Prior chemotherapies

- DESTINY-Breast04: January 11, 2022, DCO  
Subgroup analysis: PFS in all patients <sup>a</sup>

		No. of Events/No. of Patients		Median PFS (mo, 95% CI) <sup>b</sup>		Hazard Ratio (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>
		T-DXd	TPC	T-DXd	TPC	
Disease burden <sup>e</sup>	Low (n = 235)	88/150	60/85	11.4 (9.8-16.2)	5.1 (3.1-7.3)	0.41 (0.30-0.58)
	High (n = 322)	155/223	67/99	9.5 (7.5-10.1)	4.8 (2.9-6.9)	0.58 (0.43-0.78)
Rapid progression <sup>f</sup>	Yes (n = 22)	9/14	6/8	8.2 (1.4-NE)	2.2 (0.6-NE)	0.38 (0.12-1.21)
	No (n = 535)	234/359	121/176	9.9 (9.0-11.3)	5.3 (4.2-6.9)	0.51 (0.41-0.64)
HER2 IHC status	IHC 1+ (n = 321)	134/214	75/107	10.0 (8.6-12.3)	4.8 (3.0-7.0)	0.48 (0.36-0.63)
	IHC 2+/ISH- (n = 236)	109/159	52/77	9.9 (8.0-11.5)	5.1 (2.9-7.1)	0.55 (0.39-0.76)
Prior lines of chemotherapy	1 (n = 321)	141/221	68/100	10.1 (8.4-12.2)	6.4 (4.3-7.8)	0.52 (0.39-0.70)
	2 (n = 234)	101/151	59/83	9.7 (8.1-11.4)	4.2 (3.0-5.4)	0.49 (0.35-0.68)
Age	<65 years (n = 426)	191/290	93/136	9.8 (8.4-11.1)	4.6 (2.9-5.9)	0.47 (0.37-0.61)
	≥65 years (n = 131)	52/83	34/48	11.4 (8.3-13.3)	6.2 (4.3-10.8)	0.57 (0.36-0.89)
Baseline CNS metastases	Yes (n = 32)	18/24	6/8	8.1 (4.0-11.3)	4.8 (0.6-11.0)	0.71 (0.28-1.80)
	No (n = 525)	225/349	121/176	10.1 (9.5-11.5)	5.1 (4.2-6.8)	0.49 (0.39-0.62)
Prior anthracycline treatment <sup>g</sup>	Yes (n = 342)	155/239	81/113	9.8 (8.5-11.7)	5.3 (3.0-7.9)	0.53 (0.40-0.70)
	No (n = 205)	88/134	46/71	10.0 (7.2-12.5)	4.6 (3.0-6.8)	0.46 (0.32-0.66)

Dashed line at 0.50 represents mPFS for all patients.

<sup>a</sup>mPFS is from Kaplan-Meier analysis. CI for median was computed using the Brookmeyer-Crowley method. <sup>b</sup>Hazard ratio is from unstratified Cox proportional hazards model with treatment as the only covariate. <sup>c</sup>Disease burden was defined by the number of metastatic disease sites at baseline (low = 2; high = 3+). At baseline, 69.8% of patients had liver metastases. <sup>d</sup>Rapid progression status was defined as disease progression within 6 months of concluding a prior course of chemotherapy in early breast cancer. <sup>e</sup>Defined as prior anticancer therapy of 'anthracyclines,' 'doxorubicin,' 'epirubicin,' 'daunorubicin,' or 'idarubicin' in CMDECOD and CMTRT in ADCM.



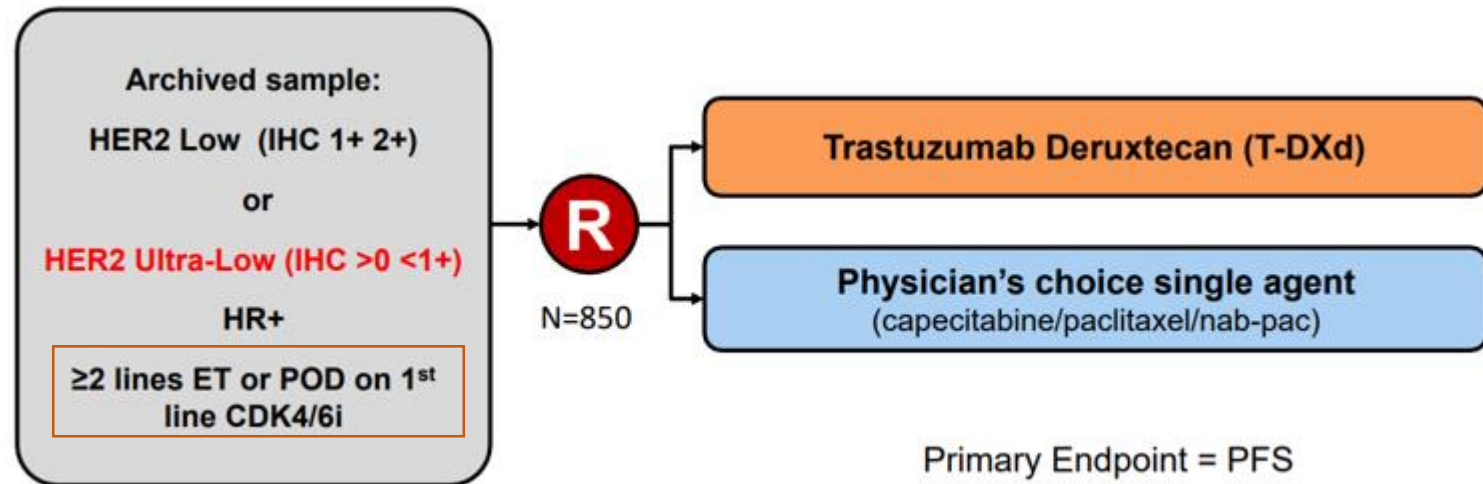
Which chemo?

In which setting?

# DESTINY Breast-06: Chemotherapy-naïve, HR+, HER2 LOW or HER2 Ultra-Low MBC

Key differences with DB-04:

- Includes IHC0 (ultra-low)
- Larger (n=850)
- Restricted to HR+ disease
- Chemo-naïve patients



# Destiny 04: ADCs in HER2 low MBC

An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)

**Patients<sup>a</sup>**

- HER2-low (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH-), unresectable, and/or mBC treated with 1-2 prior lines of chemotherapy in the metastatic setting
- HR+ disease considered endocrine refractory



**T-DXd**  
5.4 mg/kg Q3W  
(n = 373)

HR+ ≈ 480  
HR- ≈ 60

**TPC**  
Capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, paclitaxel, nab-paclitaxel<sup>c</sup>  
(n = 184)

**Primary endpoint**

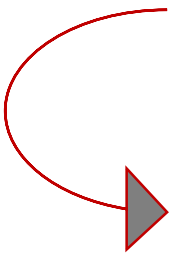
- PFS by BICR (HR+)

**Key secondary endpoints<sup>d</sup>**

- PFS by BICR (all patients)
- OS (HR+ and all patients)

**Stratification factors**

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



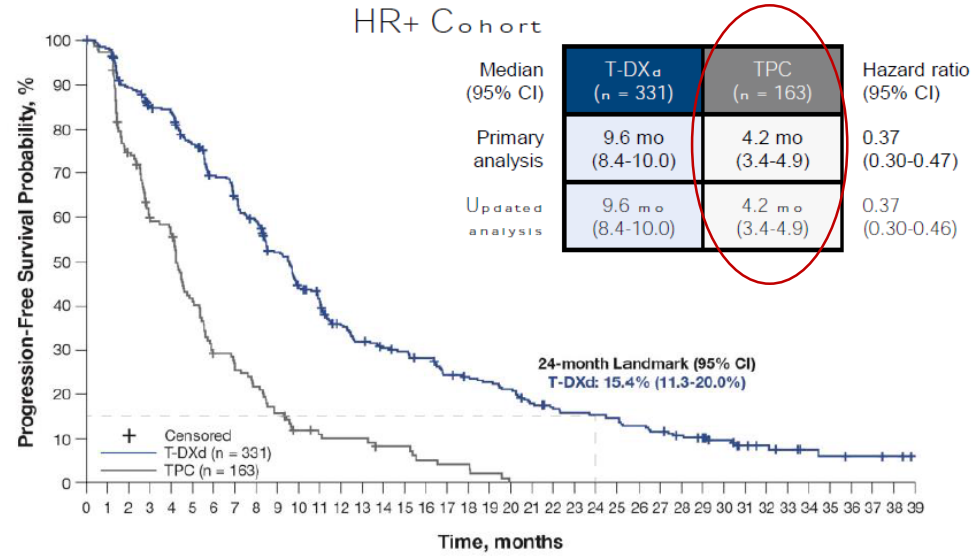
Chemotherapy, n (%)	
Eribulin	94 (51.1)
Capecitabine	37 (20.1)
Nab-paclitaxel	19 (10.3)
Gemcitabine	19 (10.3)
Paclitaxel	15 (8.2)

# Destiny 04: PFS 32 months Follow up



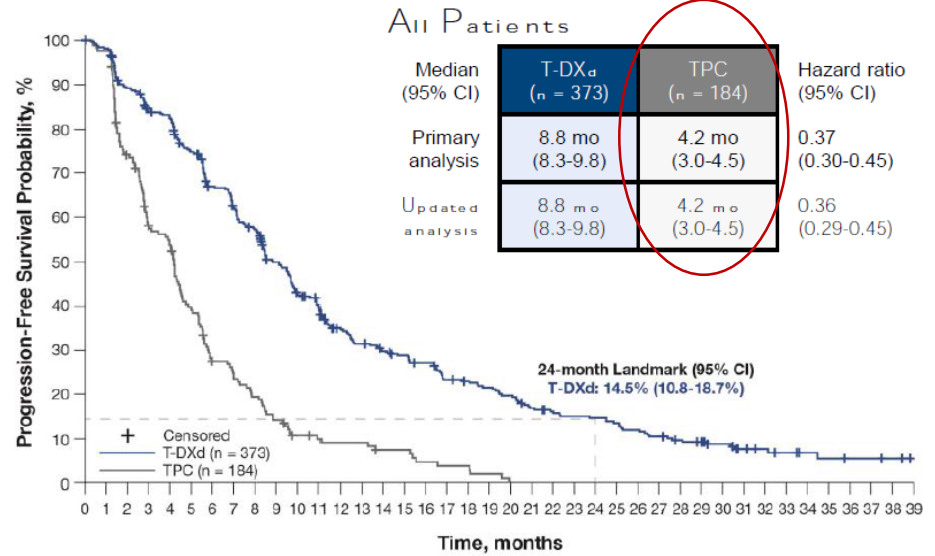
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## Progression-Free Survival (by Investigator<sup>a</sup>)



Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 331) 331 323 290 272 267 241 215 198 181 154 129 119 96 88 82 79 74 63 60 57 53 44 40 37 36 34 30 27 23 21 16 11 9 7 5 4 3 2 0  
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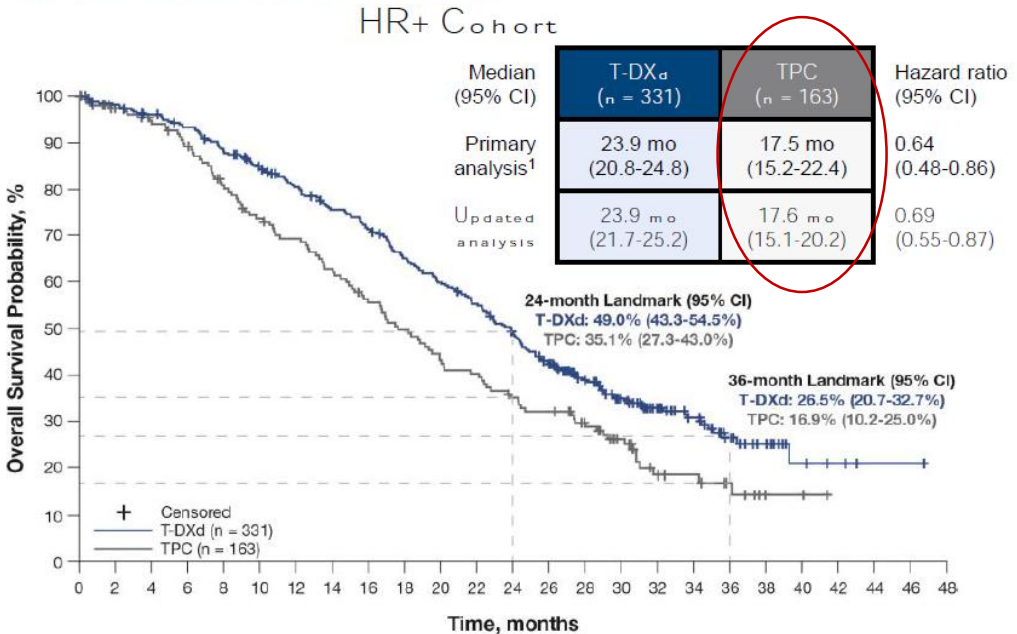
Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 373) 373 364 327 304 297 267 234 216 198 186 140 130 107 97 90 85 79 67 64 60 55 45 42 39 38 35 31 27 23 21 16 11 9 7 5 4 3 2 0  
 TPC (n = 184) 184 163 121 92 85 61 41 35 29 21 14 12 11 8 8 5 4 4 2 0

- Median PFS was consistent with results from the primary analysis,<sup>1</sup> showing a reduction in risk of disease progression or death of 63% and 64% in the HR+ cohort and all patients, respectively, for the T-DXd arm compared with the TPC arm

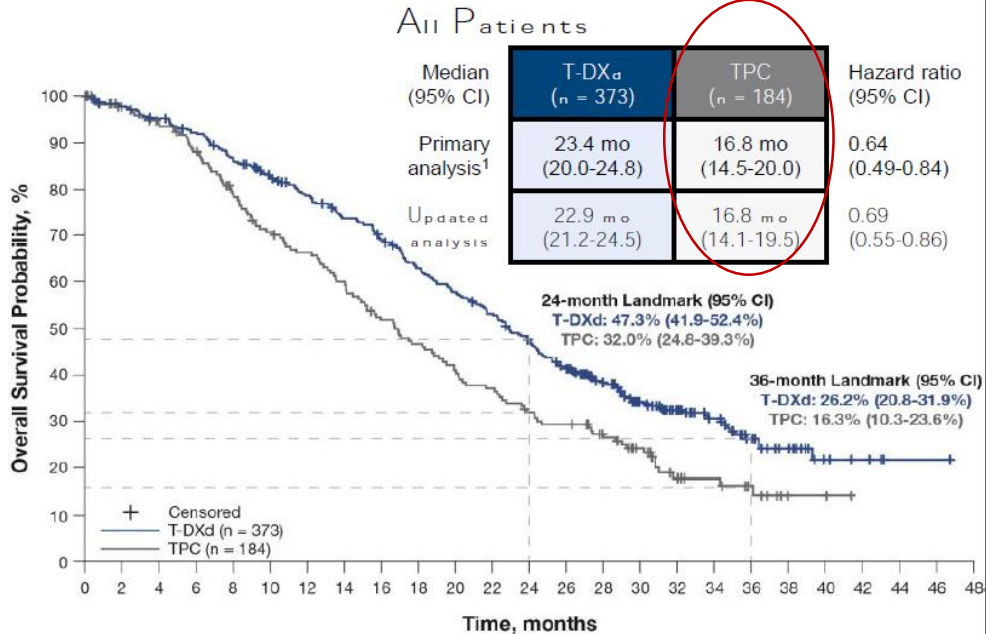
# Destiny 04: OS at 32 months Follow up

## Overall Survival



Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 331) 331 325 323 317 313 307 302 292 284 279 267 258 250 243 233 230 220 212 199 189 183 176 168 155 147 136 124 109 94 81 72 65 54 46 42 34 23 17 14 7 5 4 3 2 1 1 1 0  
 TPC (n = 163) 163 150 144 142 138 134 129 125 116 108 93 87 96 82 87 79 71 64 64 59 56 55 50 47 43 43 42 35 31 25 15 13 11 9 7 5 2 2 1 0



Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 373) 373 366 363 355 350 342 337 325 314 308 295 285 276 269 257 254 240 231 217 205 199 191 182 168 160 148 137 122 107 94 81 75 82 52 48 39 28 21 18 11 7 5 3 1 1 1 0  
 TPC (n = 184) 184 170 165 160 156 152 145 137 127 119 113 107 105 103 95 88 81 76 73 69 64 59 56 53 49 45 44 37 33 27 18 15 12 10 8 5 2 2 1 0

- In the HR+ cohort and all patients, median OS was consistent with results from the primary analysis,<sup>1</sup> showing a 31% reduction in risk of death for patients receiving T-DXd compared with those receiving TPC





## PFS2<sup>a</sup> and Post-Study Anticancer Therapies<sup>b</sup>

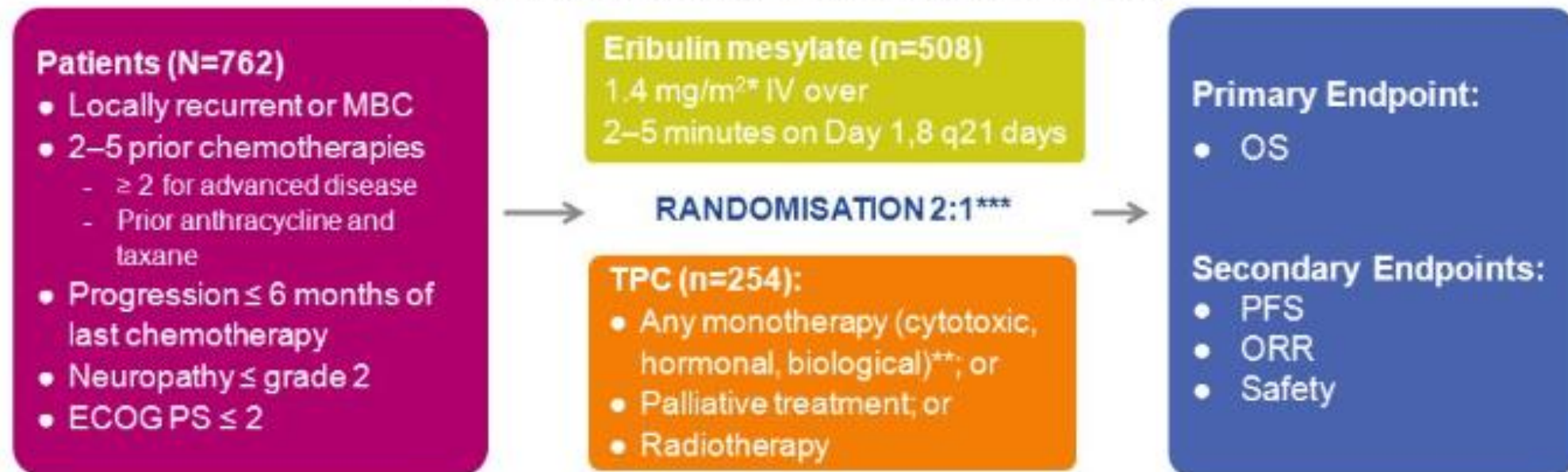
	HR+ Cohort		All Patients	
	T-DXd (n = 331)	TPC (n = 163)	T-DXd (n = 373)	TPC (n = 184)
Median PFS2 by investigator, mo (95% CI)	15.5 (13.8-17.2)	10.5 (8.3-11.4)	15.4 (13.6-16.5)	9.7 (8.3-10.8)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.51 (0.40-0.64)		0.51 (0.41-0.64)	
Post-study anticancer therapies				
Systemic treatment, n (%)	247 (74.6)	126 (77.3)	282 (75.6)	144 (78.3)
Targeted therapy <sup>c</sup>	119 (36.0)	70 (42.9)	134 (35.9)	75 (40.8)
CDK4/6 inhibitors	47 (14.2)	27 (16.6)	48 (12.9)	27 (14.7)
ADC	16 (4.8)	15 (9.2)	18 (4.8)	15 (8.2)
T-DXd	2 (0.6)	4 (2.5)	2 (0.5)	4 (2.2)
Sacituzumab govitecan	9 (2.7)	5 (3.1)	11 (2.9)	5 (2.7)
Endocrine therapy	102 (30.8)	56 (34.4)	103 (27.6)	57 (31.0)
Chemotherapy	222 (67.1)	109 (66.9)	257 (68.9)	126 (68.5)
Radiation, n (%)	32 (9.7)	25 (15.3)	37 (9.9)	29 (15.8)
Surgery, n (%)	3 (0.9)	1 (0.6)	5 (1.3)	1 (0.5)

Which chemo?

# EMBRACE Compared Eribulin with 'Real-life' Treatment Choices



Global, open-label, randomised, phase III study



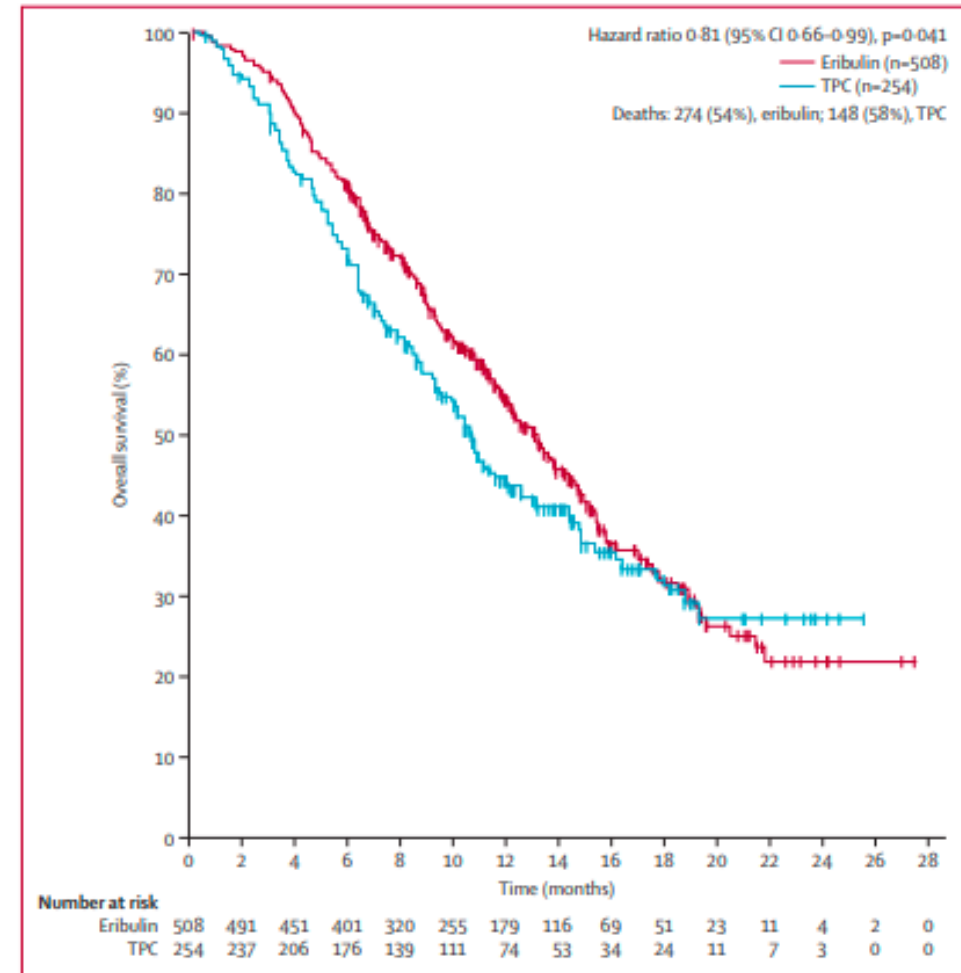
ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

- \*Equivalent to 1.23 mg/m<sup>2</sup> eribulin
- \*\*Approved for treatment of cancer and administered according to local practice
- \*\*\*Patients were stratified by geographic region, prior capecitabine treatment, and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2/neu) status before randomisation
- Patients were treated with eribulin mesylate or TPC until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, patient/physician request to discontinue or serious protocol non-compliance
- Exploratory subgroups: Hormone receptor expression status (ER, PgR, HER2, triple-negative); number of organs involved; sites of disease

# EMBRACE RESULTS: OS

Eribulin showed a significant and clinically meaningful improvement in overall survival compared with TPC in women with heavily pretreated metastatic breast cancer

The median duration of eribulin treatment (n=503) was 3.9 months (range 0.7–16.3)



# Capecitabine in MBC

- Advantage: its oral administration
- Capecitabine as monotherapy is indicated for the second- and subsequent-line treatment of patients with MBC resistant to both paclitaxel and an anthracycline-containing chemotherapy regimen or in patients resistant to paclitaxel and for who further anthracycline therapy is not indicated.
- In patients with MBC previously treated with anthracyclines and/or taxanes
  - Response rates 15%–28%
  - TtP was 3–5 months
  - OS was 10–15 months
- Approved dosing: 1250 mg/mq twice daily on days 1-14 every 21 days

Reichardt P, Ann Oncol 2003; 14(8): 1227–1233. 31.

Blum JL et al. J Clin Oncol 1999; 17(2): 485–493. 32.

Blum JL et al. Cancer 2001; 92(7): 1759–1768.

Fumoleau P, Eur J Cancer 2004; 40(4): 536–542

# X-7/7 Study Design

## ELIGIBILITY

- Adult female patients with pathologically confirmed MBC
- Any prior number of chemo or endocrine therapies
- Any breast cancer subtype
- HER2+ required concurrent trastuzumab
- CrCl >50 mL/min

## STRATIFICATION

- Line of chemotherapy (first or subsequent line)
- Measurable or non-measurable disease
- ER status

## ENDPOINTS

- Primary: 3-month PFS
- Secondary: PFS, Overall Survival, Objective Response Rate, Toxicity

## FD-7/7 Arm (N=80)

Capecitabine 1500 mg PO BID x7 days followed by 7-day rest



## SD-14/7 Arm (N=73)

Capecitabine 1250\* mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO BID x14 days followed by 7-day rest



\*Physician had discretion to use alternative dosing of 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO BID (N=11)

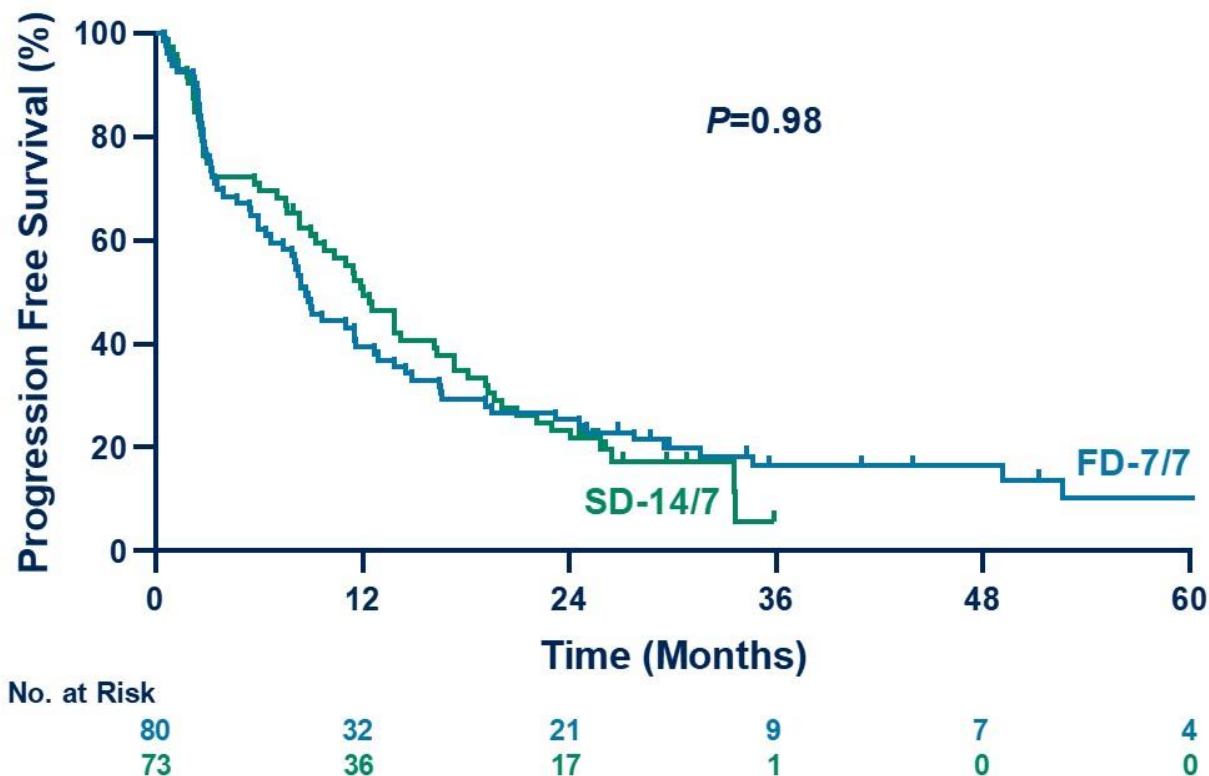
- CT C/A/P and bone scan every 12 weeks
- Cycles repeated every 14 (FD-7/7) or 21 (SD-14/7) days until PD, unacceptable toxicity, or delays >4 weeks
- Capecitabine toxicities were solicited at each visit

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# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Overall (N=153)	FD-7/7 (N=80)	SD-14/7 (N=73)	P-value
Median Age, range- yr	60	59.1 (35-84)	60.9 (32-87)	0.33
Sex, Female- %	100	100	100	-
Race/ethnicity- n (%)				0.69
White	131 (85.6)	70 (87.5)	61 (83.6)	
African American	13 (8.5)	5 (6.3)	8 (11)	
Hispanic	5 (3.3)	3 (3.8)	2 (2.7)	
American Indian, Alaska Native	1 (0.7)	1 (1.3)	0	
Other	3 (2.0)	1 (1.3)	2 (2.7)	
Visceral metastasis- n (%)				0.89
Yes	68 (44)	36 (45)	32 (44)	
No	85 (56)	44 (55)	41 (56)	
Breast Cancer Subtypes- n (%)				0.993
HR positive, HER2 negative	119 (78)	63 (79)	56 (77)	
HER2 positive	17 (11)	8 (10)	9 (12)	
Triple negative	17 (11)	9 (11)	8 (11)	
Prior lines of chemotherapy- n (%)				0.151
0	99 (65)	56 (70)	43 (59)	
≥1	54 (35)	24 (30)	30 (41)	
Measurable Disease- n (%)				0.36
Yes	102 (67)	56 (70)	46 (63)	
No	51 (33)	24 (30)	27 (37)	

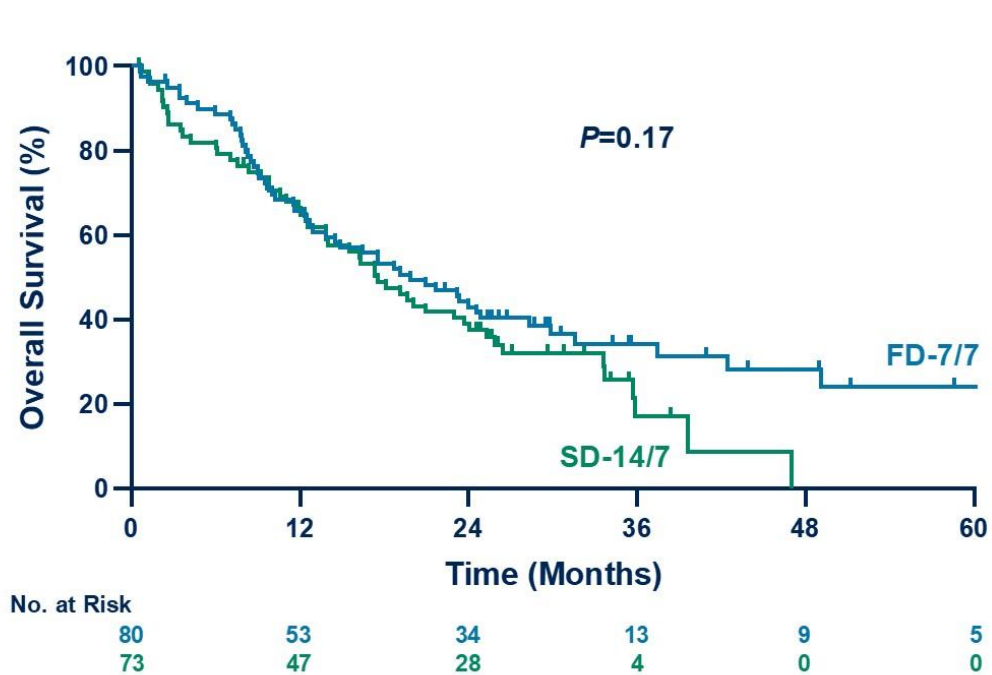
# Progression Free Survival



	FD-7/7 (N=80)	SD-14/7 (N=73)
PFS events (%)	67 (83.7)	59 (80.8)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	8.7 (6.4-11.6)	12.07 (8.9-16.3)
Log-rank test p-value	0.98	
HR (95% CI)	1.00 (0.70-1.43)	
Non-proportionality p-value*	0.045	
RMST at 36 months, months (95% CI)	13.9 (11.1-16.7)	14.6 (11.9-17.3)
RMST difference, months (95% CI)	0.7 (-3.14, 4.57)	

\*Model assumptions were not valid; visually observed by KM curves crossing

# Overall Survival



	FD-7/7 (N=80)	SD-14/7 (N=73)
Deaths (%)	53 (66.2)	53 (72.6)
Median OS, months (95% CI)	19.8 (12.9-28.3)	17.5 (12.5-34)
Log-rank test p-value	0.17	
HR (95% CI)	0.76 (0.52-1.12)	
Non-proportionality p-value	0.020	
RMST at 47 months, months (95% CI)	24.5 (20.7-28.3)	20.9 (17.3-24.5)
RMST difference, months (95% CI)	-3.6 (-8.89, 1.54)	

- Similar efficacy with no difference in PFS and OS
- Lower incidence of HFS, diarrhea, and stomatitis
- Fewer treatment discontinuations and dose modifications

FD-7/7 may be an alternative dosing option to minimize toxicity while maintaining outcomes in MBC



# Metronomic chemotherapy and drug repurposing

- Metronomic chemotherapy involves the administration of chemotherapeutic regimens at lower doses, without long drug-free intervals that have previously been a hallmark of such treatments.
- This method offers a significant reduction in side effects and improved disease management

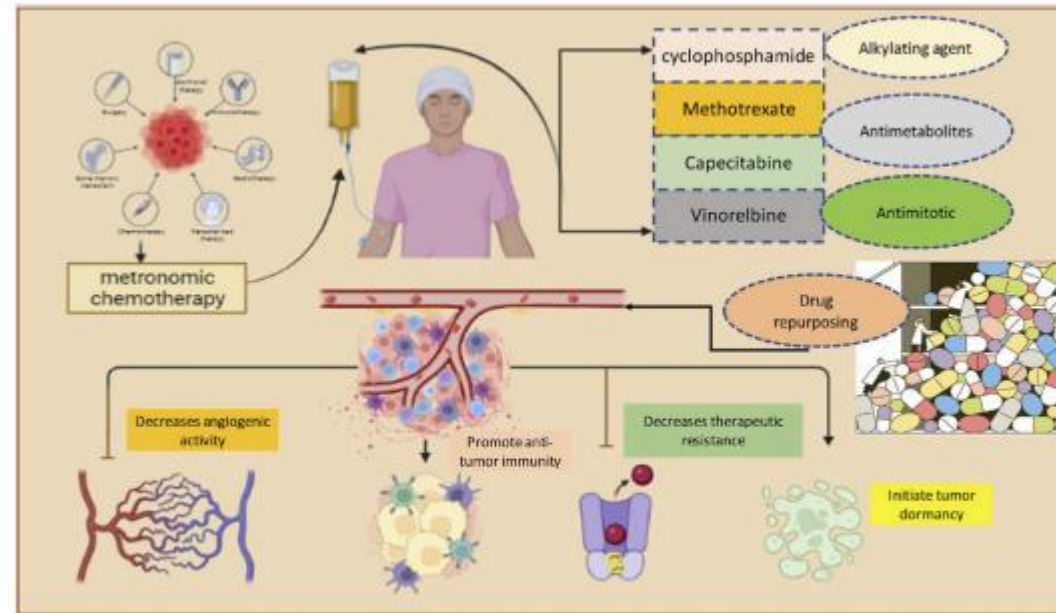
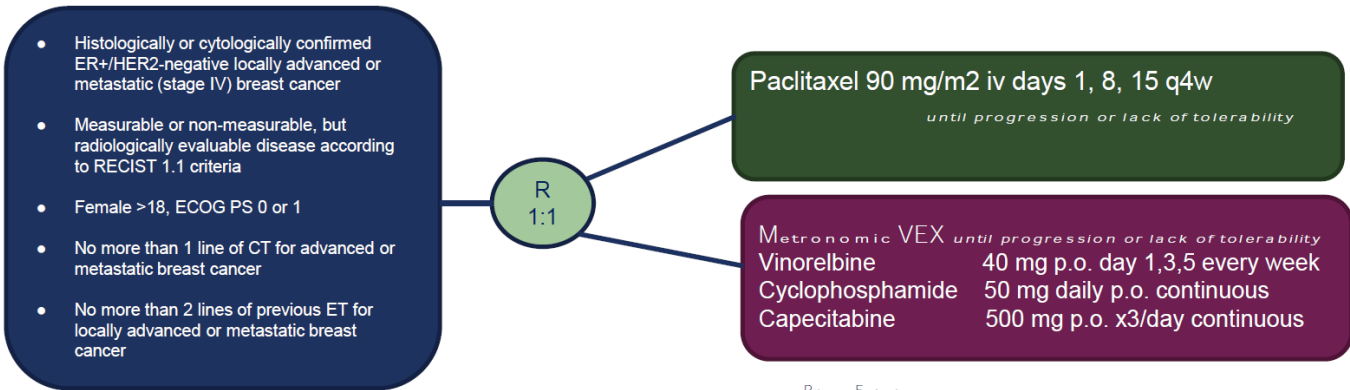


Fig. 1. Combinatorial role of metronomic chemotherapy and drug repurposing in initiating the anti-tumor activity via several mechanisms.

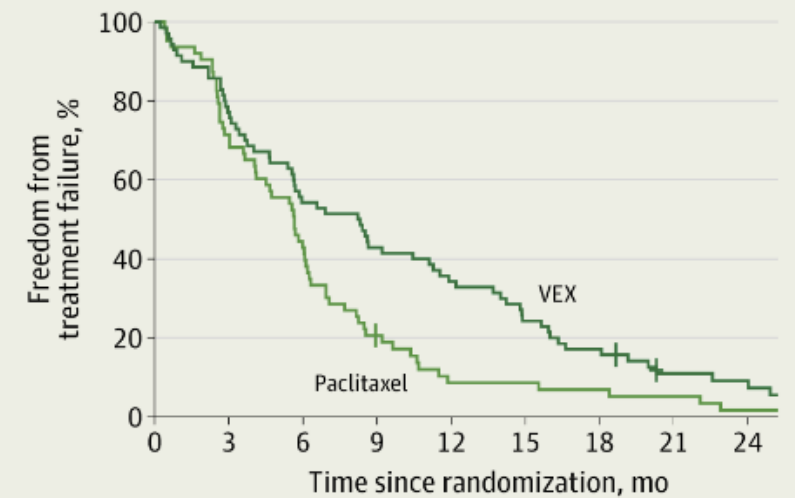
# METEORA-II trial (IBCSG 54-16)



- Primary Endpoints
- TTF
- Secondary Endpoints
- PFS based on local Investigator assessment by RECIST 1.1
  - Safety and tolerability, according to NCI CTCAE v4.0
  - Disease control, based on RECIST 1.1 criteria
  - Overall survival (OS)

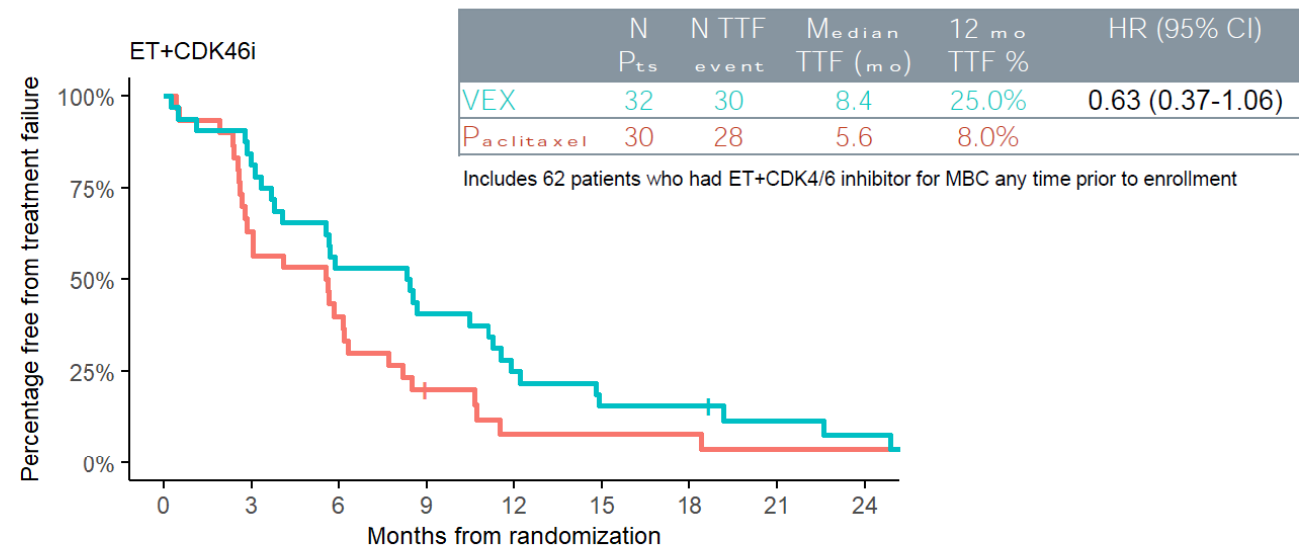
## FINDINGS

TTF was significantly longer for the VEX group than the paclitaxel group



**Median TTF for VEX, 8.3 (95% CI, 5.6-11.1)**  
**Median TTF for paclitaxel, 5.7 (95% CI, 4.1-6.1)**  
**Hazard ratio, 0.61 (95% CI, 0.42-0.88); P=.008**

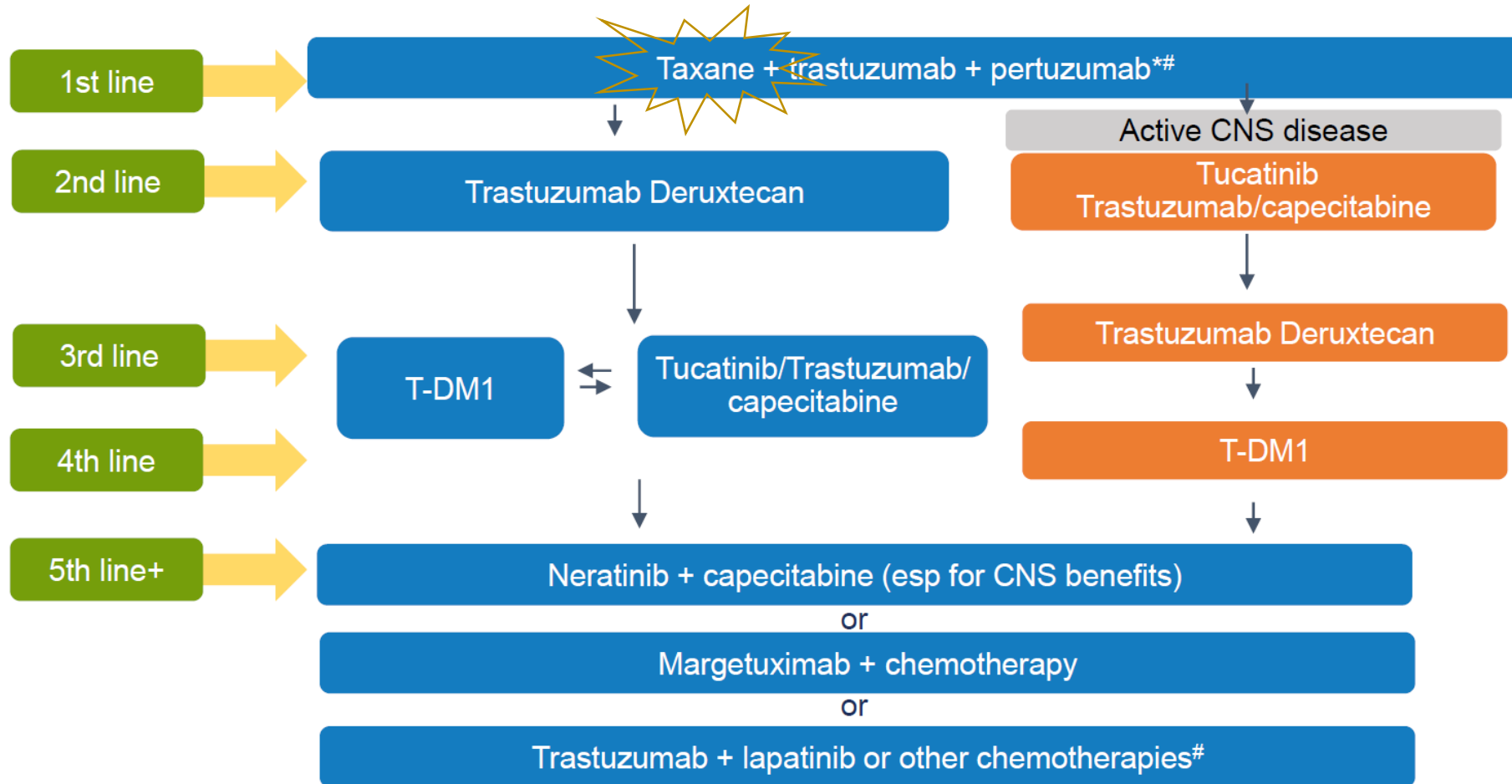
## Time to treatment failure (TTF) in the efficacy analysis population: prior ET with CDK4/6 inhibitor subgroup



	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Paclitaxel	30	19	12	5	2	2	2	1	1
VEX	32	26	17	13	8	5	5	3	2

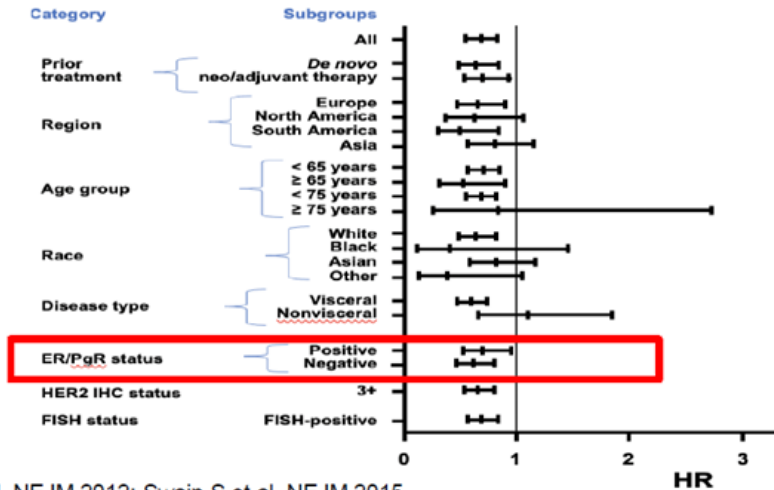
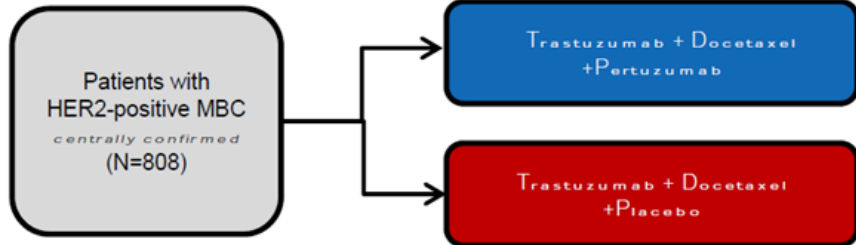
**HER2 POSITIVE MBC**

## A 2023 Approach to Therapy for Metastatic HER2+ BC:



\*AI+TP in select cases and for maintenance in ER+ disease; # endocrine Tx + HER2 therapy at clinically appropriate points for ER+ MBC

# CLEOPATRA TRIAL



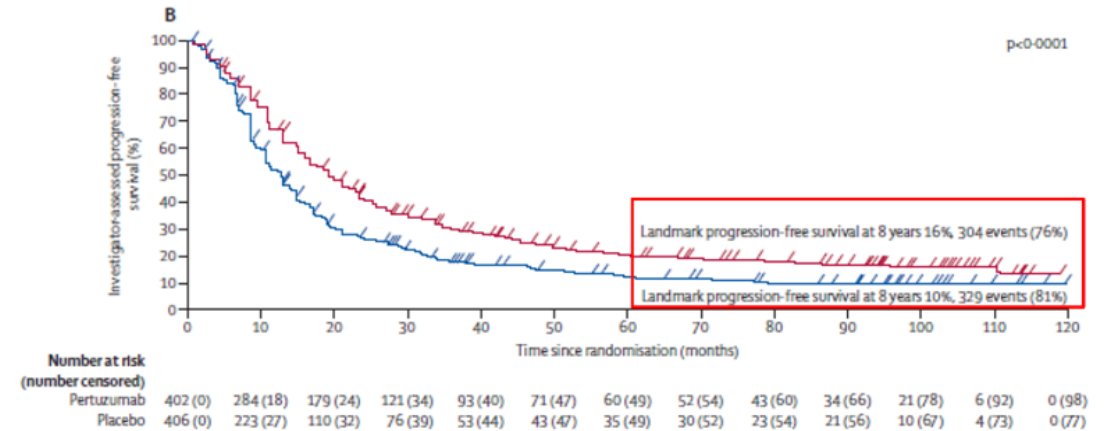
Baselga J et al, NEJM 2012; Swain S et al, NEJM 2015

1<sup>st</sup> line therapy

- Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + taxane is first line SOC

## Addition of Pertuzumab Improves PFS

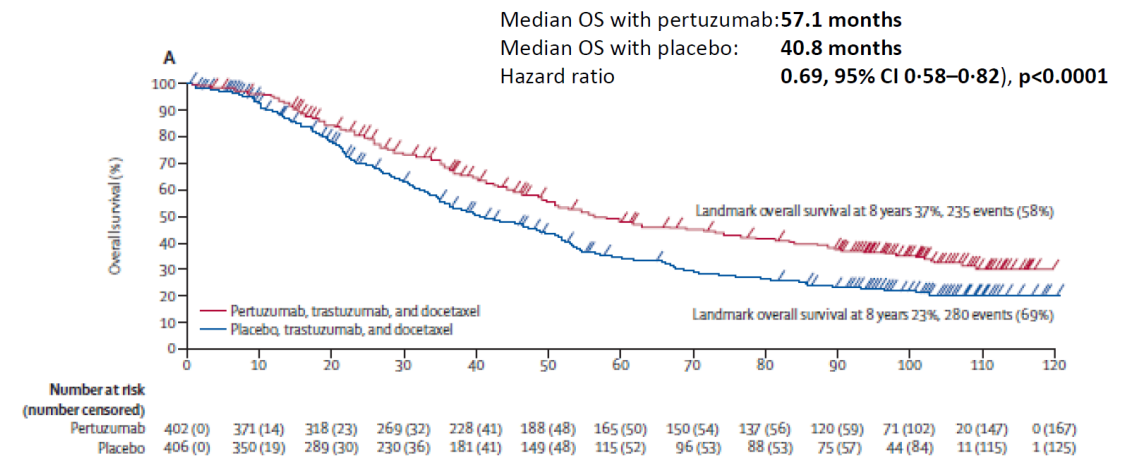
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Swain S, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21:519-530

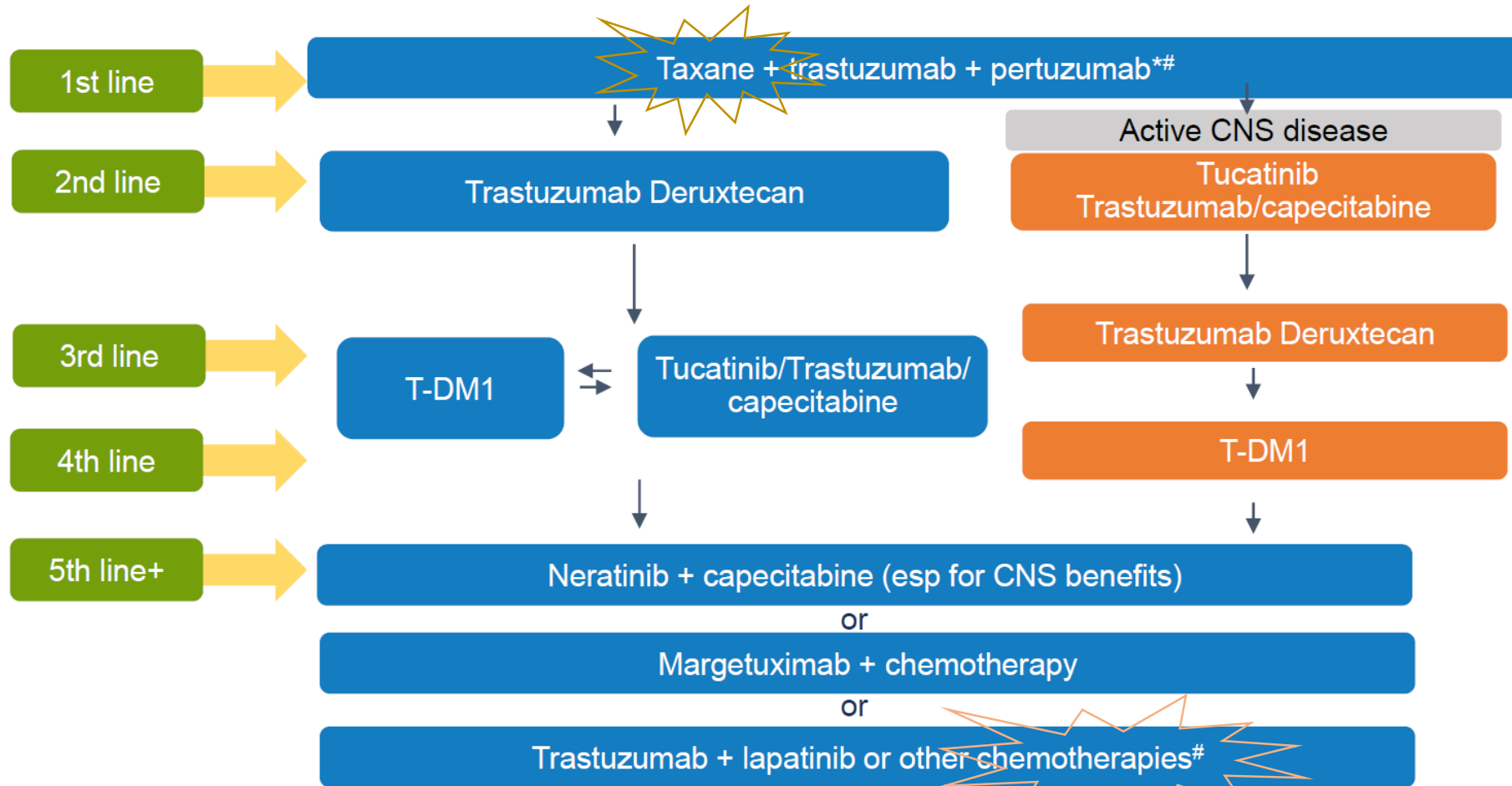
## Addition of Pertuzumab Improves Overall Survival

(median follow-up 99.9 months)



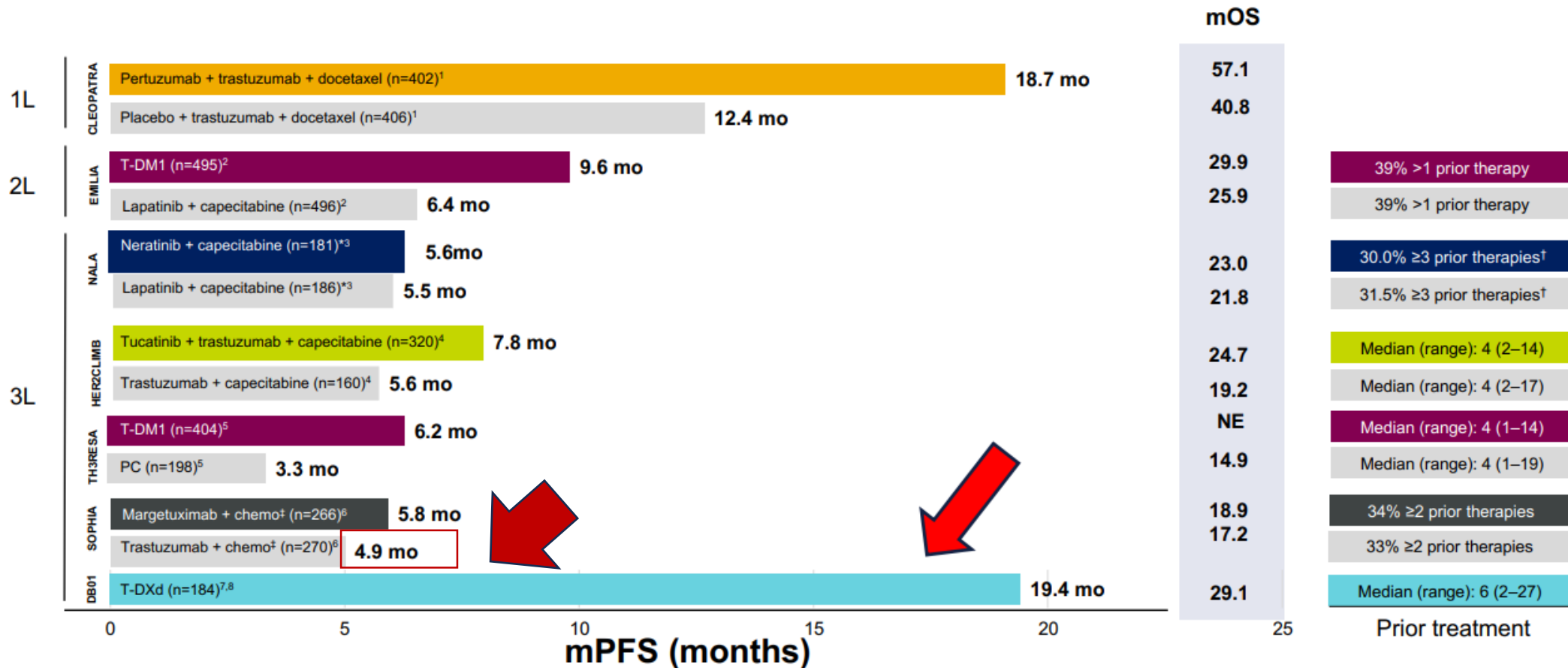
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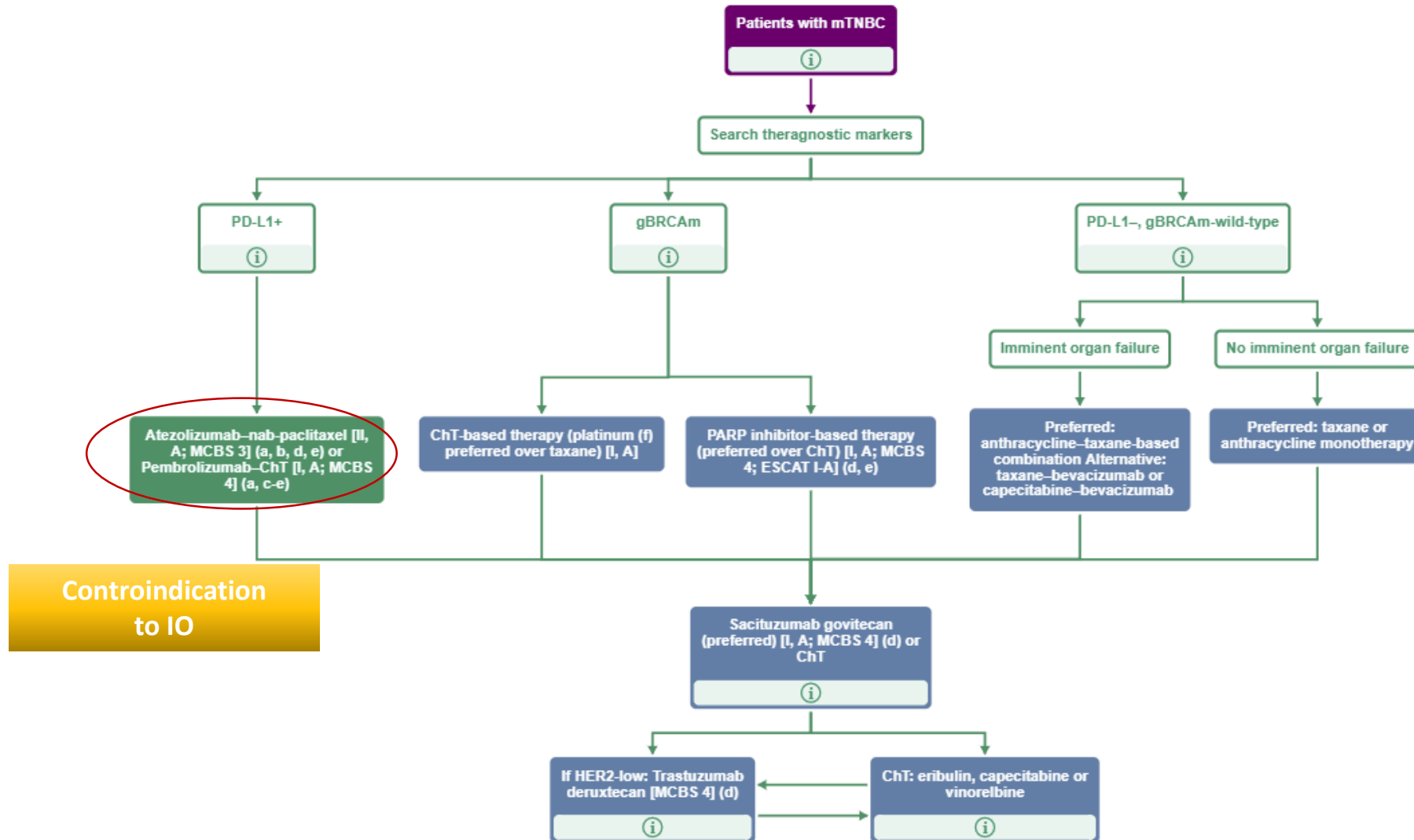
# New 3L Therapies for HER2+ MBC: Cross-Trial Comparisons



Swain S, et al. Presented at ASCO, 31–4 June 2019, Chicago US. Abstract #1020; Diéras V, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017;18(6):732–742; Saura C, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2020;38:3138–3149; Murthy RK, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382(7):597–609; Krop IE, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15(7):689–699; Rugo HS, et al. Presented at ASCO 2019. Abstract 1000; Saura C et al. Presented at ESMO Congress 2021.

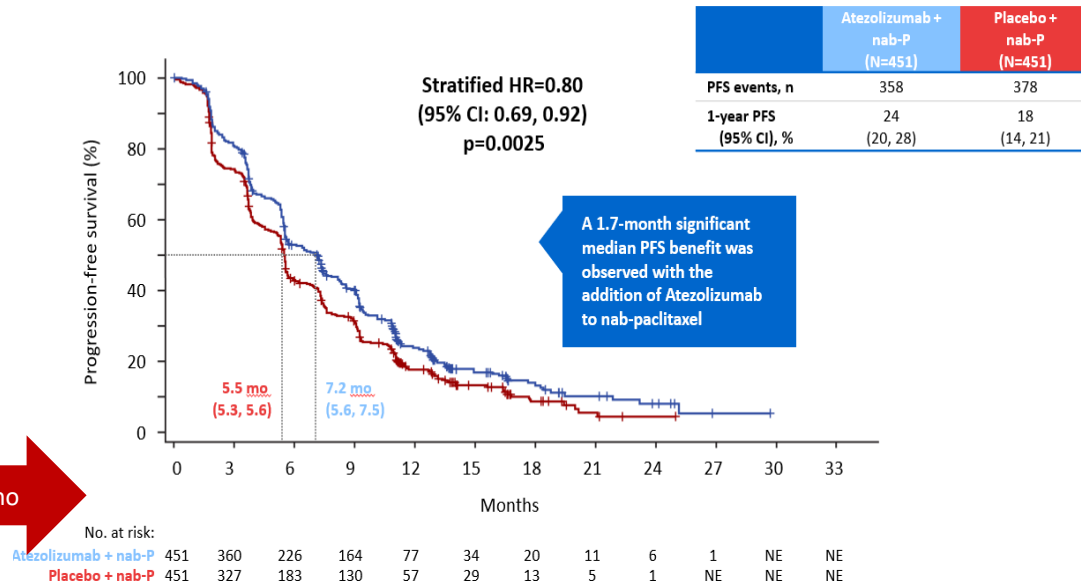


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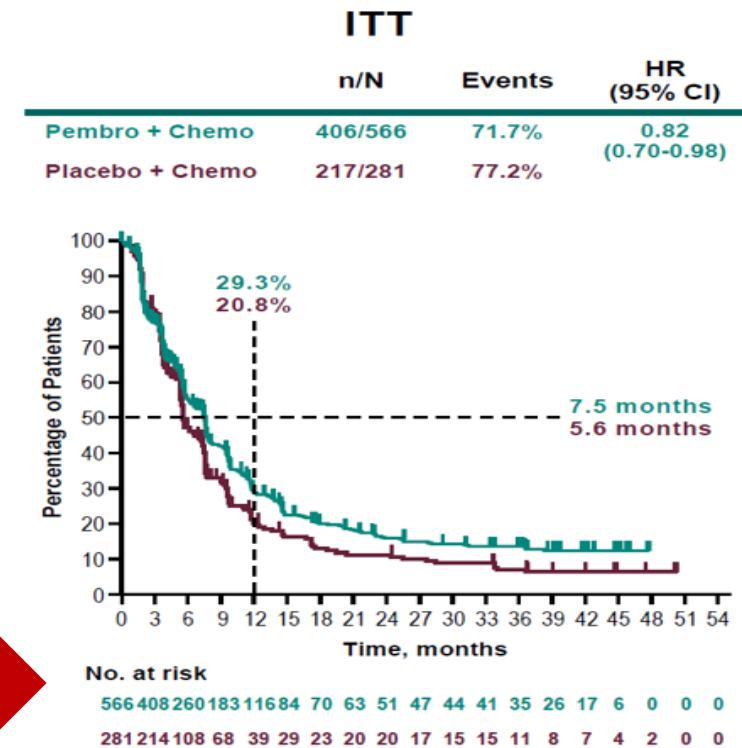
# First line

## IMPASSION 130

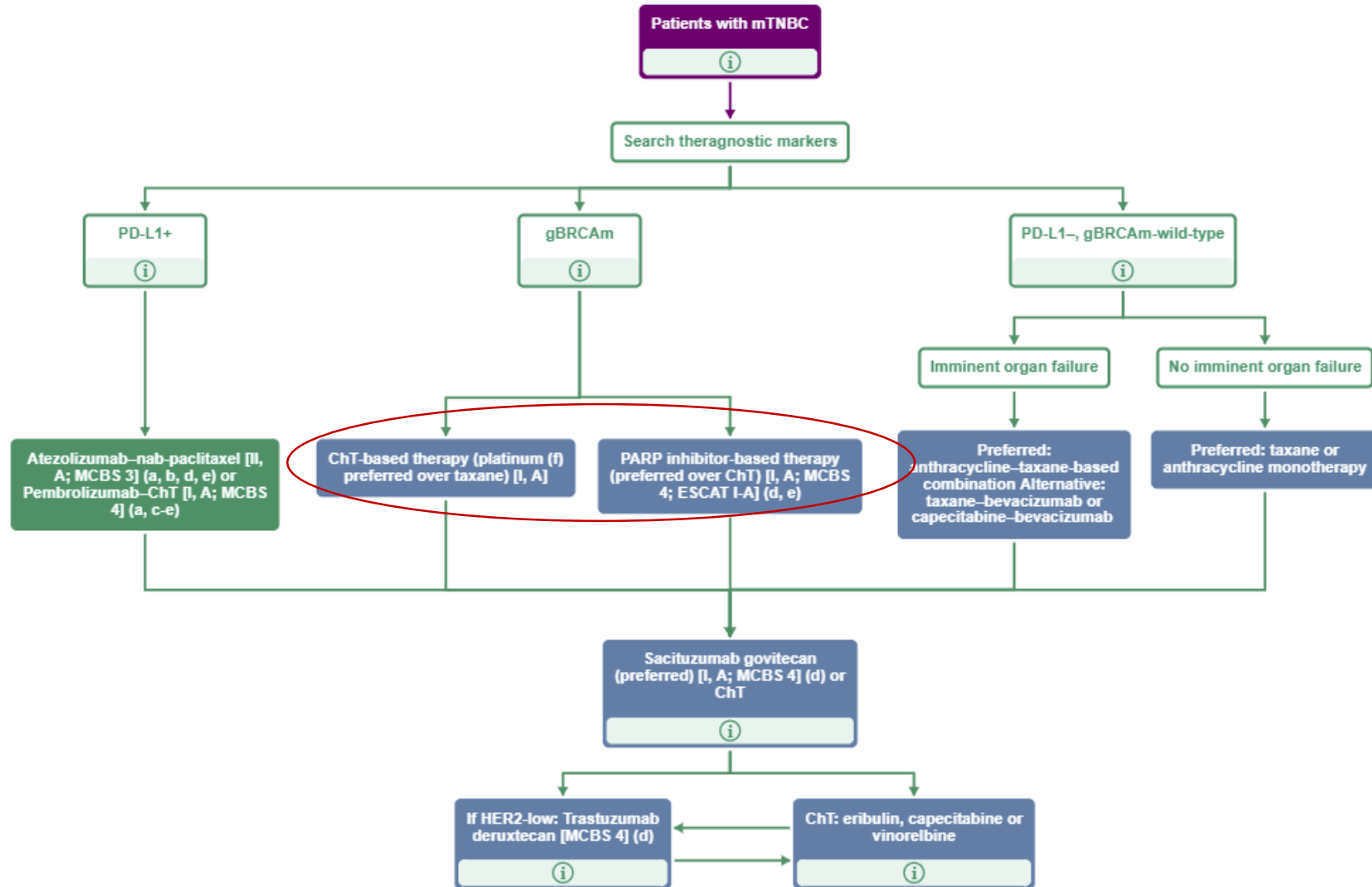


Nab 5.5 mo

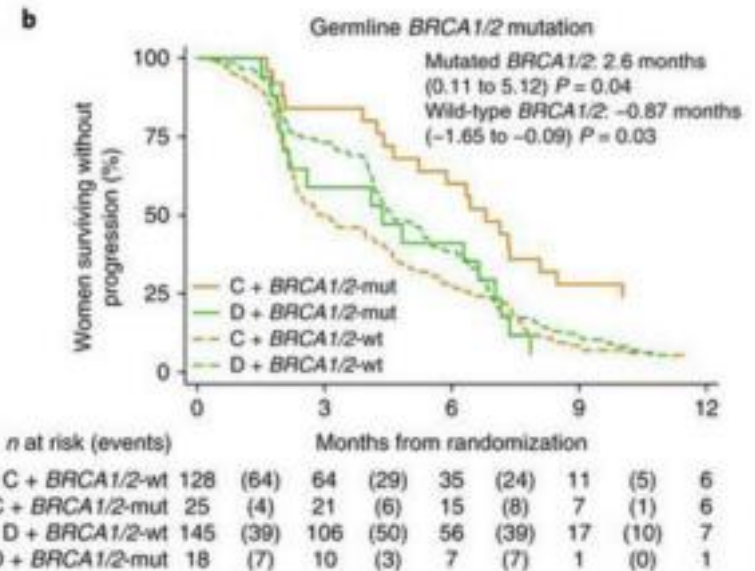
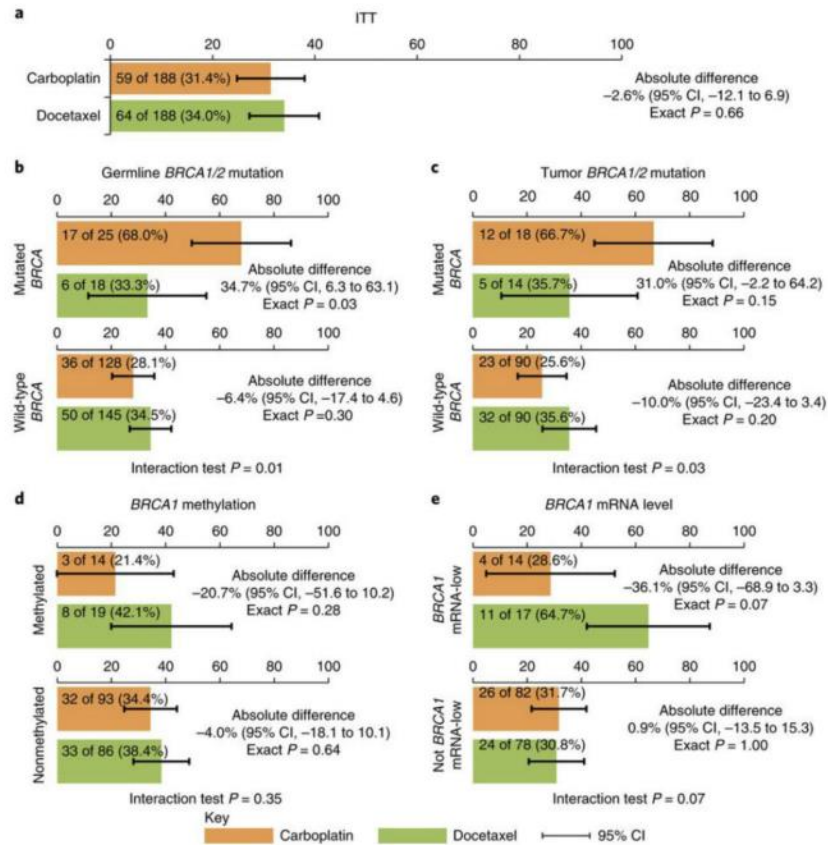
## Keynote 355



Chemo 5.6 mo



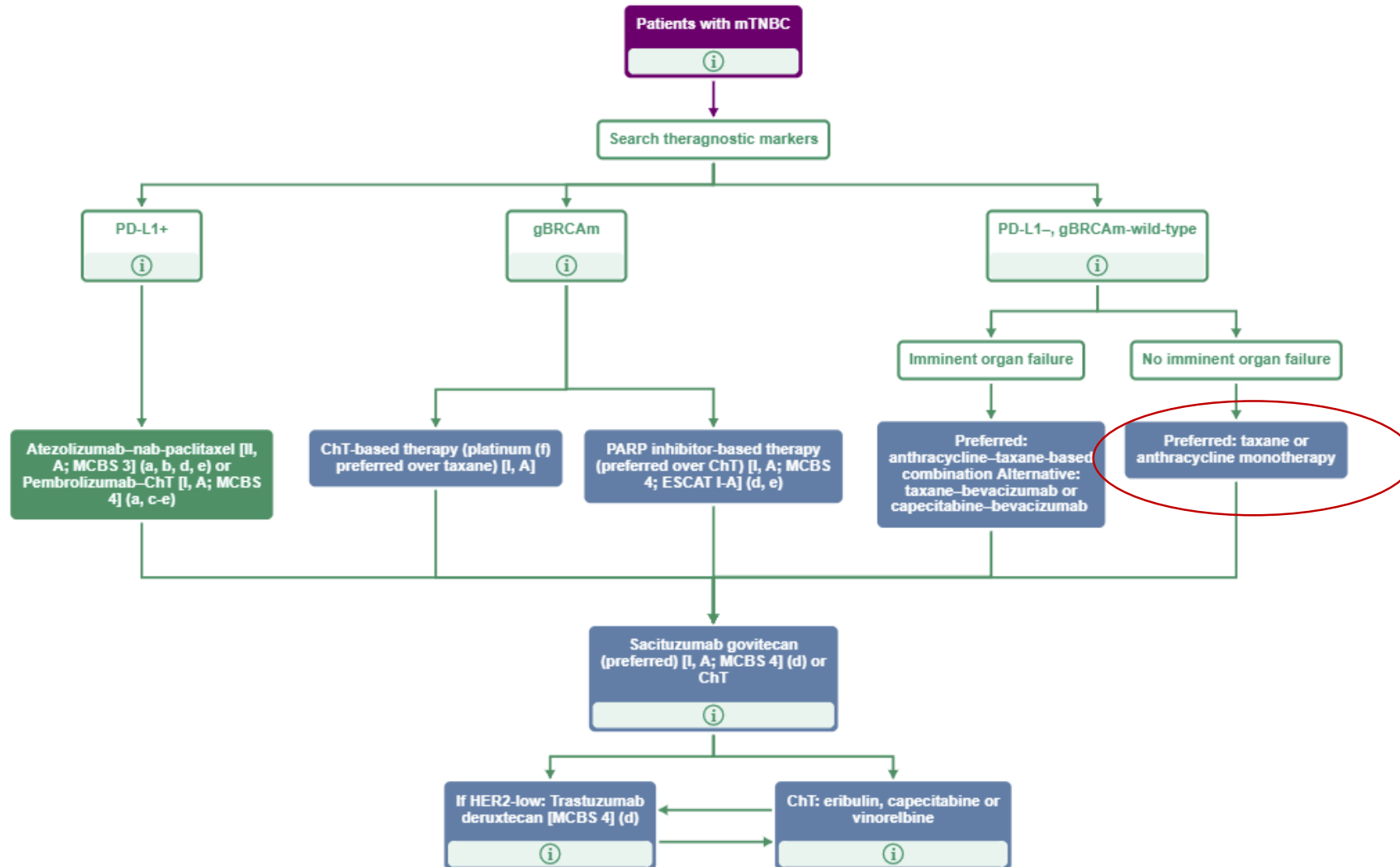
# TNT: Carboplatin vs Docetaxel First-Line Metastatic TNBC



**Figure 2. Response rates (overall and *BRCA* subgroups)**

Absolute differences between treatment groups within biomarker subgroups are presented; p-values for the differences are calculated using a 2-sided Fisher's exact test. P-values for interactions are based on a logistic regression model of response with terms for biomarker status, treatment group and interaction.

Carboplatin may be considered as a superior treatment option to docetaxel, since median PFS was improved but only by 2.6 months without an OS benefit

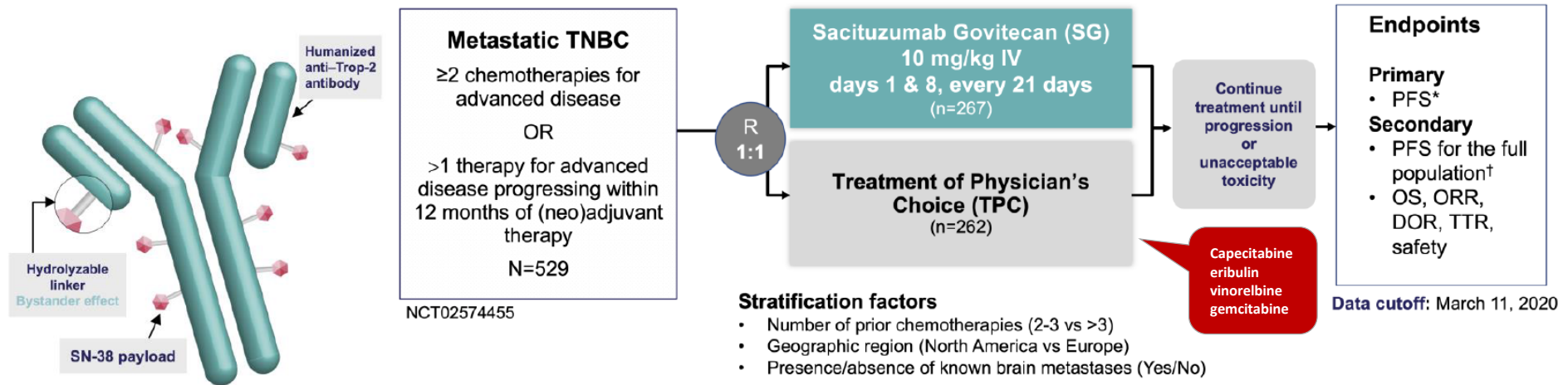


# First line

- Several options are possible according to previous treatment exposure in the EBC setting, DFI and disease presentation
- Taxane monotherapy is the most frequent option.
- Anthracyclines: Is a good option?
  - In case of no prior exposure or if rechallenge is possible.
  - Pegylated doxorubicin (PLD) and nonpegylated doxorubicin (NPLD)?
- Single-agent versus combination ChT?
  - Cochrane review combination ChT was associated with a longer OS(HR 0.88; 95% CI 0.83-0.94; P < 0.001), the clinical benefit was modest and at the cost of increased toxicity

# Second and beyond line

## Sacituzumab Govitecan: an anti-Trop2 antibody-drug conjugate ASCENT Phase 3 trial in pretreated advanced TNBC



ASCENT was halted early due to compelling evidence of efficacy per unanimous DSMC recommendation

\*PFS measured by an independent centralized and blinded radiologists in patients without brain metastases

†The full population includes all randomized patients (with and without brain metastases).



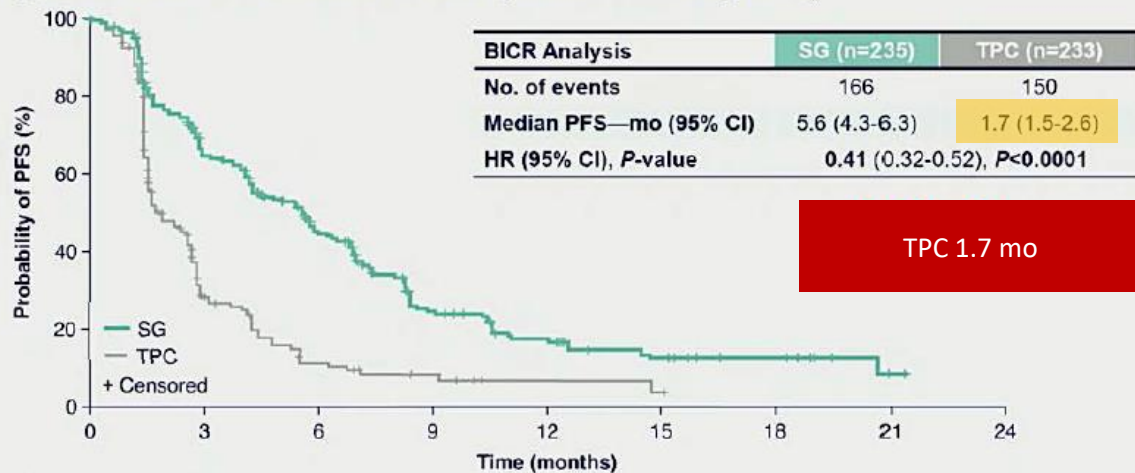
# Demographics and Patient Characteristics

	SG (n=235)	TPC (n=233)
Female—no. (%)	233 (99)	233 (100)
Median age—yr (range)	54 (29-82)	53 (27-81)
Race or ethnic group—no. (%)		
White	188 (80)	181 (78)
Black	28 (12)	28 (12)
Asian	9 (4)	9 (4)
Other or not specified	10 (4)	15 (6)
ECOG PS—no. (%)		
0	108 (46)	98 (42)
1	127 (54)	135 (58)
BRCA 1/2 mutational status—no. (%)		
Positive	16 (7)	18 (8)
Negative	133 (57)	125 (54)
Unknown	86 (37)	90 (39)
TNBC at initial diagnosis*		
Yes	165 (70)	157 (67)
No	70 (30)	76 (33)

	SG (n=235)	TPC (n=233)
Previous anticancer regimens <sup>†</sup> —median no. (range)	4 (2-17)	4 (2-14)
Most common previous chemotherapy—no. (%)		
Taxane <sup>‡</sup>	235 (100)	233 (100)
Anthracycline <sup>§</sup>	191 (81)	193 (83)
Cyclophosphamide	192 (82)	192 (82)
Carboplatin	147 (63)	160 (69)
Capecitabine	147 (63)	159 (68)
Previous PARP inhibitor—no. (%)	17 (7)	18 (8)
Previous use of checkpoint inhibitors—no. (%)	67 (29)	60 (26)
Most common sites of disease <sup>  </sup> —no. (%)		
Lung only	108 (46)	97 (42)
Liver	98 (42)	101 (43)
Bone	48 (20)	55 (24)

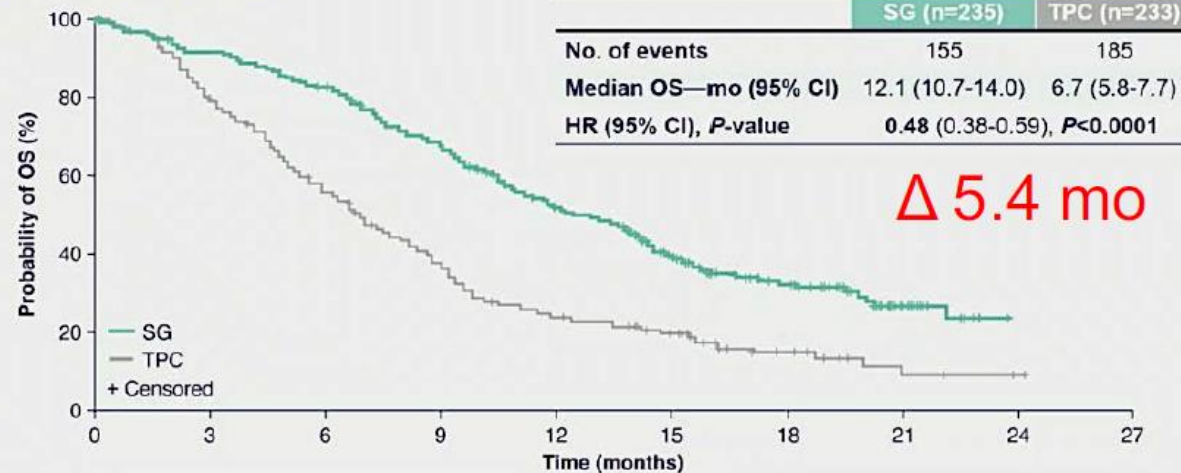
# ASCENT (Phase III): Sacituzumab Govitecan (SG) vs Treatment of Physician's Choice (TPC) in pretreated mTNBC (N=529) – PFS and OS in BM-Neg Patients

## Progression-Free Survival (BICR Analysis)



Number of patients at risk	
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

## Overall Survival



Number of patients at risk	
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

## TRAEs (All Grade, >20%; Grade 3/4, >5% of Patients)

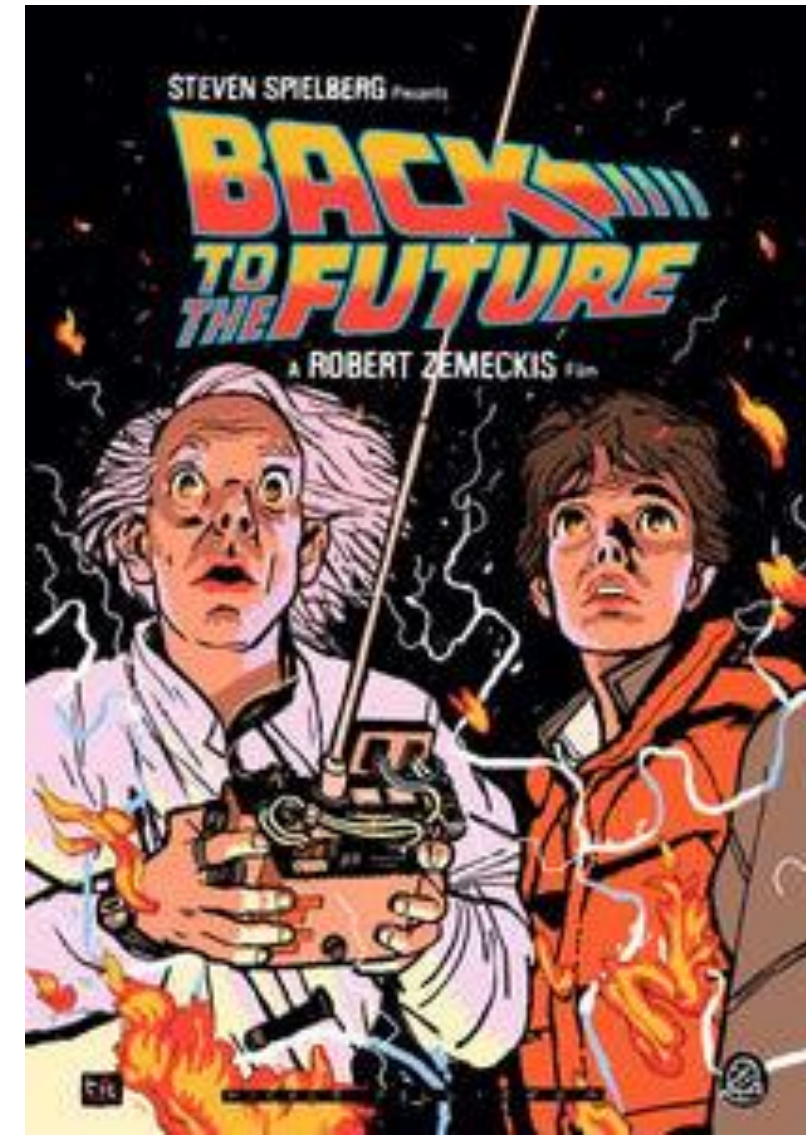
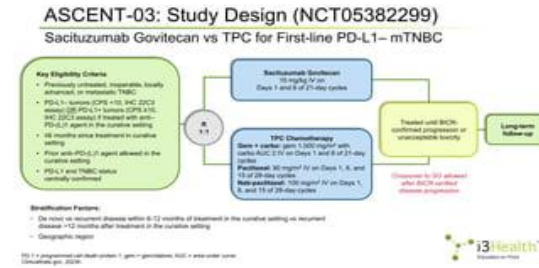
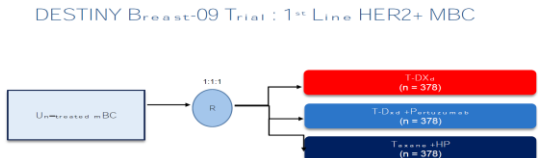
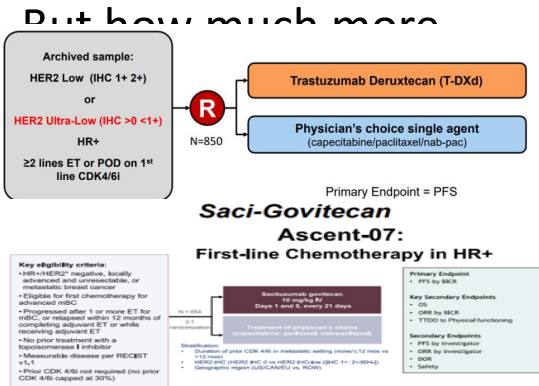
TRAE*	SG (n=258)			TPC (n=224)		
	All grade %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %	All grade, %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %
<b>Hematologic</b>						
Neutropenia <sup>†</sup>	63	46	17	43	27	13
Anemia <sup>†</sup>	34	8	0	24	5	0
Leukopenia <sup>‡</sup>	16	10	1	11	5	1
Febrile neutropenia	6	5	1	2	2	<1
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>						
Diarrhea	59	10	0	12	<1	0
Nausea	57	2	<1	26	<1	0
Vomiting	29	1	<1	10	<1	0
<b>Other</b>						
Fatigue	45	3	0	30	5	0
Alopecia	46	0	0	16	0	0

SG was well tolerated with manageable safety profile

- AE leading to treatment discontinuation 4.7%
- No severe cardiotoxicity
- No grade >2 neuropathy
- No grade >3 interstitial lung disease

# Conclusions

- Chemo: has it a role in MBC strategy? **Yes....**
- But
  - No evidence regarding its efficacy after ADCs (>ADCs sequences)
  - Will new ADCs and target therapies replace chemo?
  - ADCs are clearly winning in efficacy, tolerable are they?



- First line: replacement by ADCs?
  - in HR+/HER2 low (Destiny 06)
  - in HR+/HER2 neg (Ascent 07)
  - in HER2 positive (Destiny 09)
  - In TN (ASCENT 03)