



## Previsione del rischio di ripresa .....

I risultati della ricerca nel carcinoma  
mammario metastatico nei fenotipi  
HR+/HER2negativo, triplo negativo,  
HER2-positivo e nelle donne portatrici  
di VP BRCA1-2

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**What more shocking change in  
metastatic BC?**

Chemotherapy and Targeted Therapy for Women With Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2–Negative (or unknown) Advanced Breast Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

2014: OT over CT

Use of Biomarkers to Guide Decisions on Systemic Therapy for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

2015: rebiopsy and testing ER PR **HER2**

**Endocrine Treatment and Targeted Therapy for Hormone Receptor–Positive, Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2–Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer: ASCO Guideline Update**

2021: PIK3CA, BRCA, no ESR1

**Biomarkers for Systemic Therapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer: ASCO Guideline Update**

2022: PIK3CA, BRCA, NTRK, no ESR1, no PALB2  
PDL1 MMR/MSI TMB in TNBC

## **Having to Make a Selection .....**

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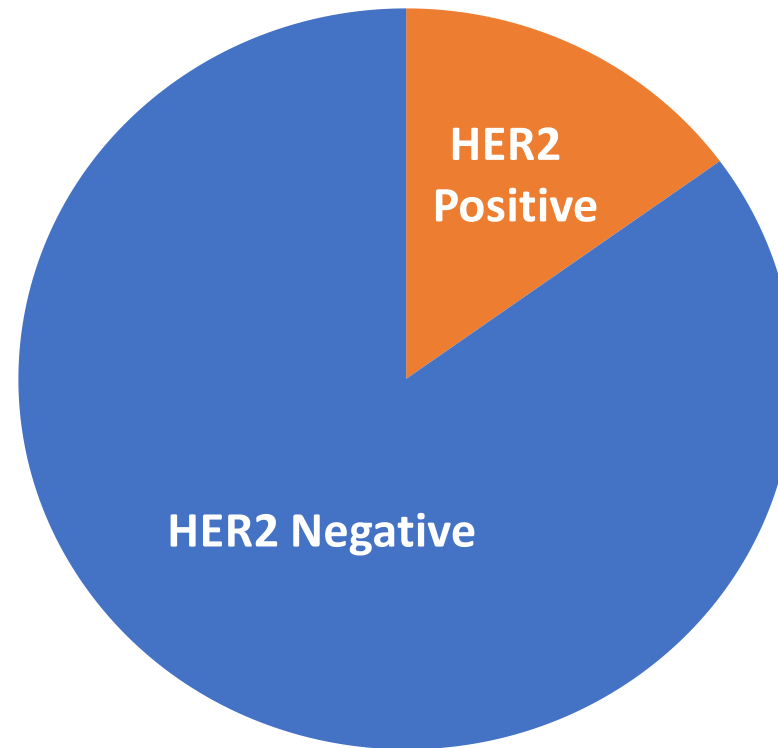
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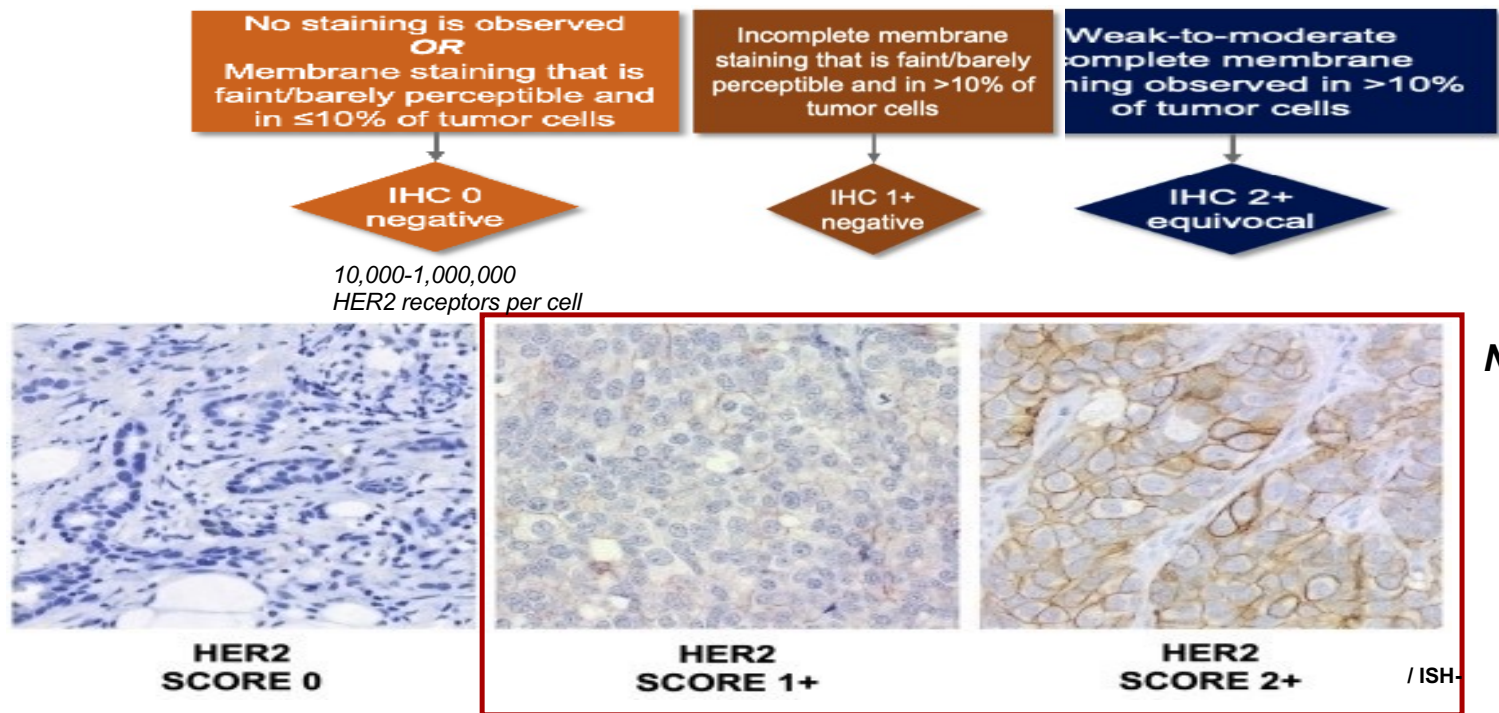
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## Traditional View of HER2-Positive Breast Cancer

- Tumors lacking *ERBB2* overexpression or amplification are collectively defined as HER2 negative

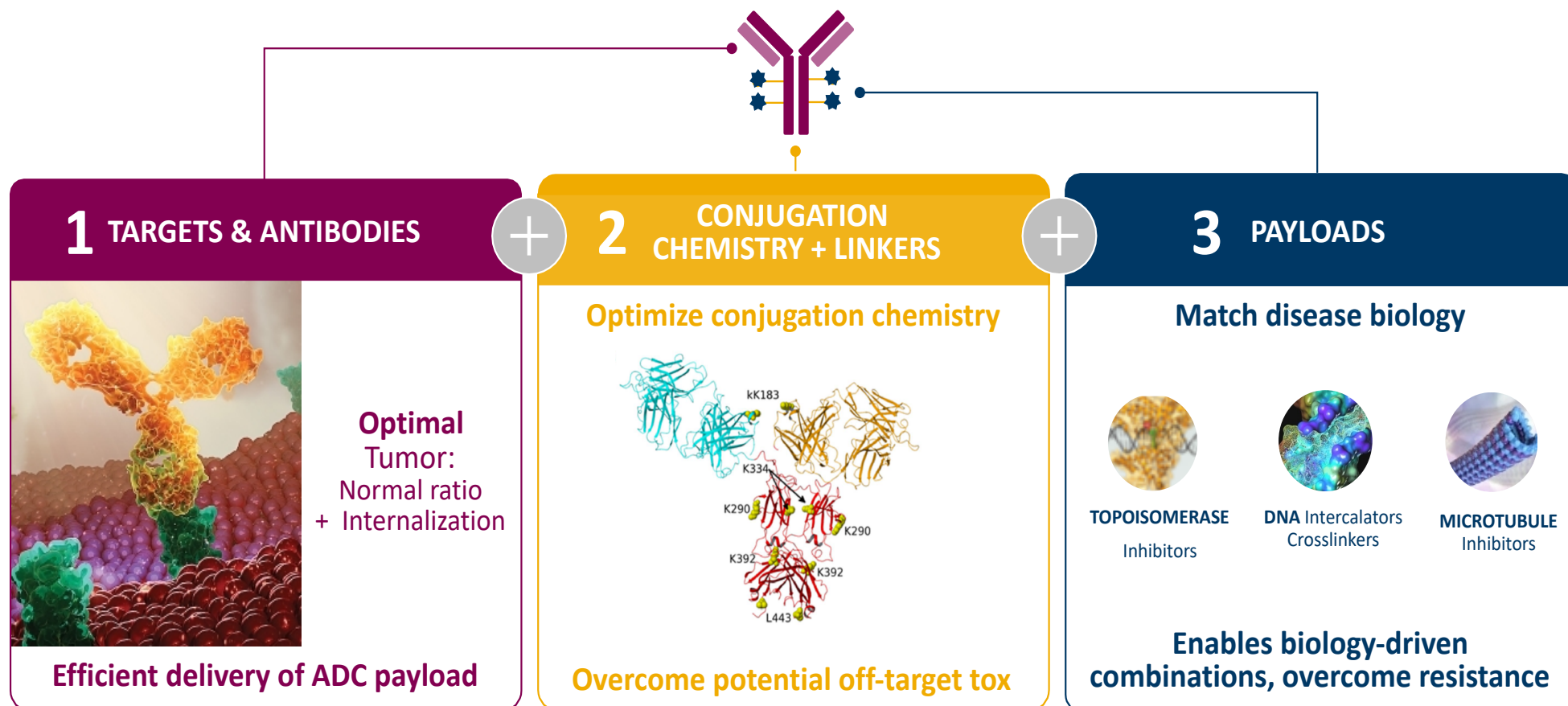


# HER2 Negative: Composed of HER2-low & HER2 0

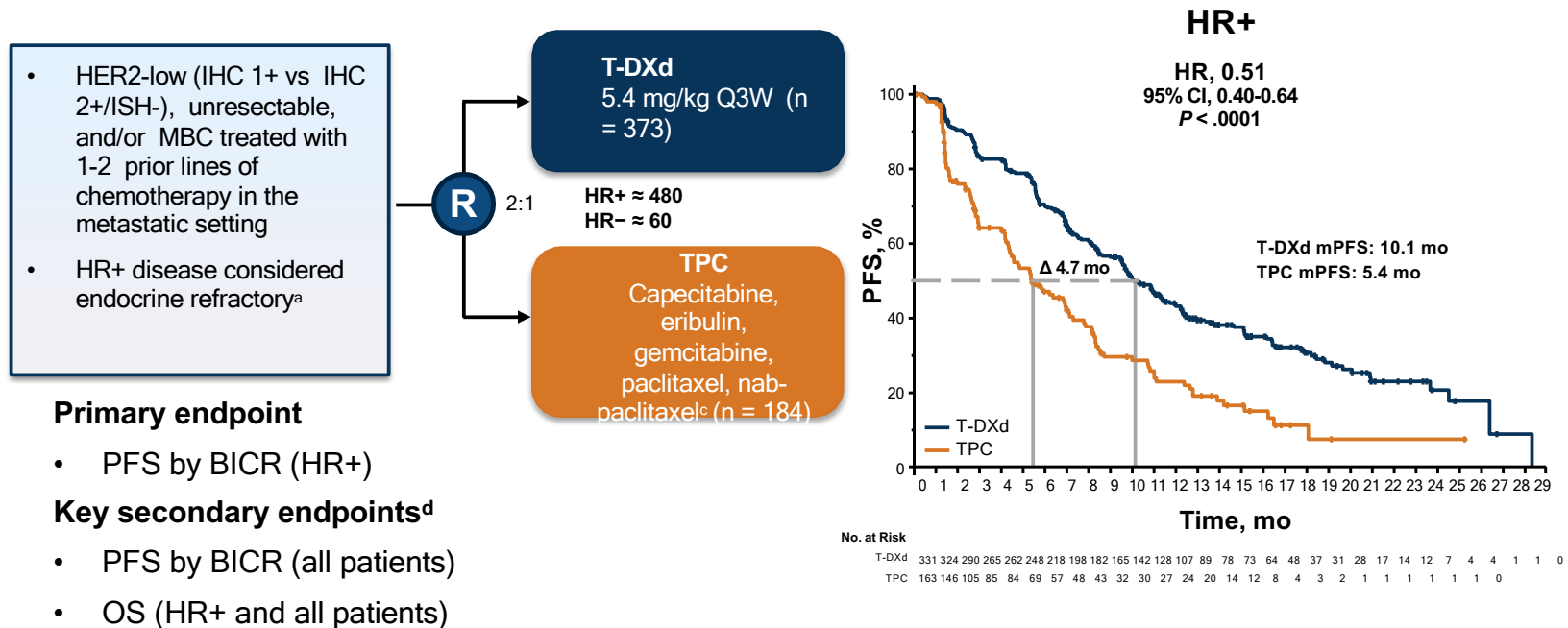


**No approved anti-HER2 agent between 2000 and 2021**

# 50 years in the making: Learning the right combinations for successful ADCs



# DESTINY-Breast04: First Randomized Phase 3 Study of T-DXd vs Treatment of Physicians Choice for HER2-low MBC



## Primary endpoint

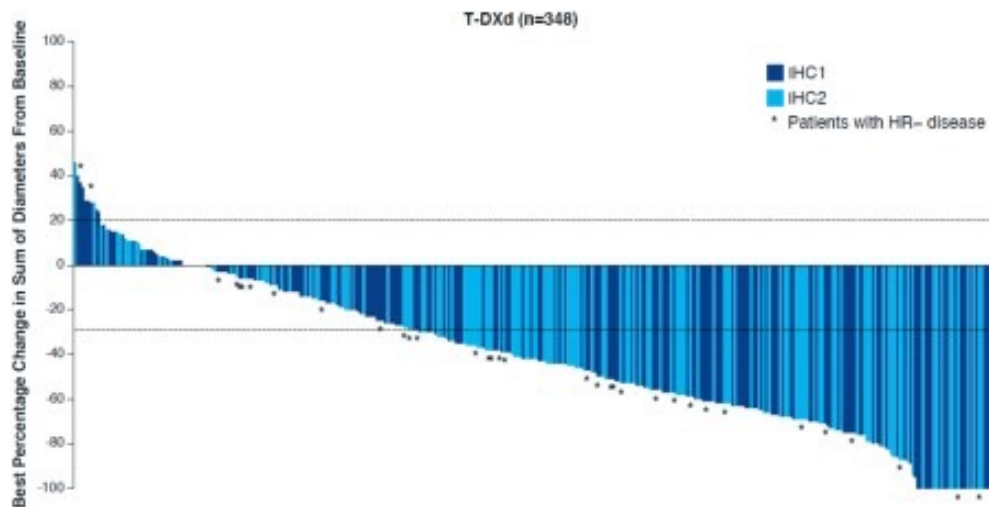
- PFS by BICR (HR+)

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

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

Modi S et al. ASCO 2022  
Modi S et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2022.

## Activity of T-DXd according to HER2 IHC levels from HER2-low



No differences in terms of ORR

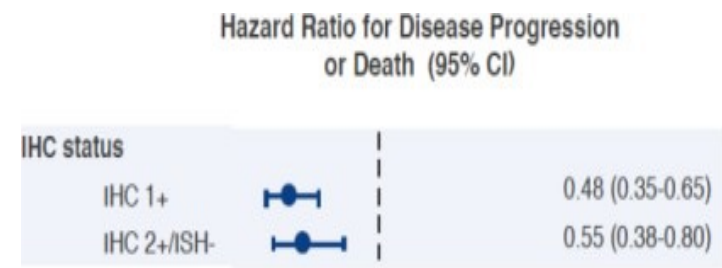


Figure modified from supplemental material

No differences in terms of PFS

Modi et al. NEJM 2022

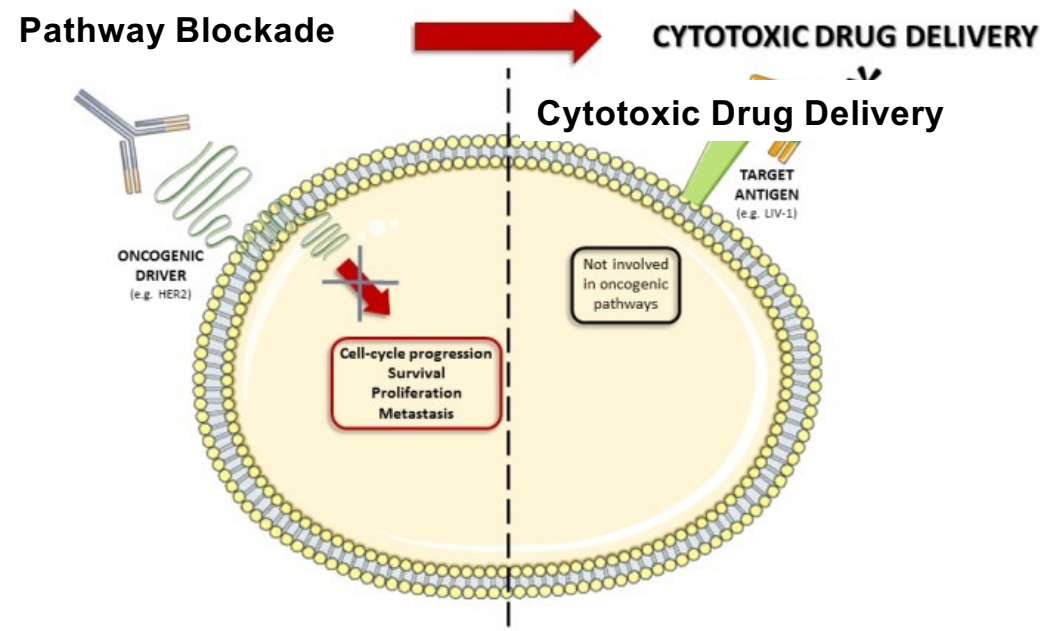
## Activity of T-DXd according to HR status from HER2-low

	HR-positive		HR-negative	
	T-DXd	Control	T-DXd	Control
<b>ORR</b>	52.6%		50.0%	
<b>PFS</b>	10.1	5.4	8.5	2.9
	0.51		0.64	
<b>OS</b>	23.9	17.5	18.2	8.3
	0.46		0.48	

No differences in terms of ORR and PFS/OS Hazard Ratio

# HER2 Low: Activity of HER-directed ADCs not likely related to blockade of an oncogenic driver

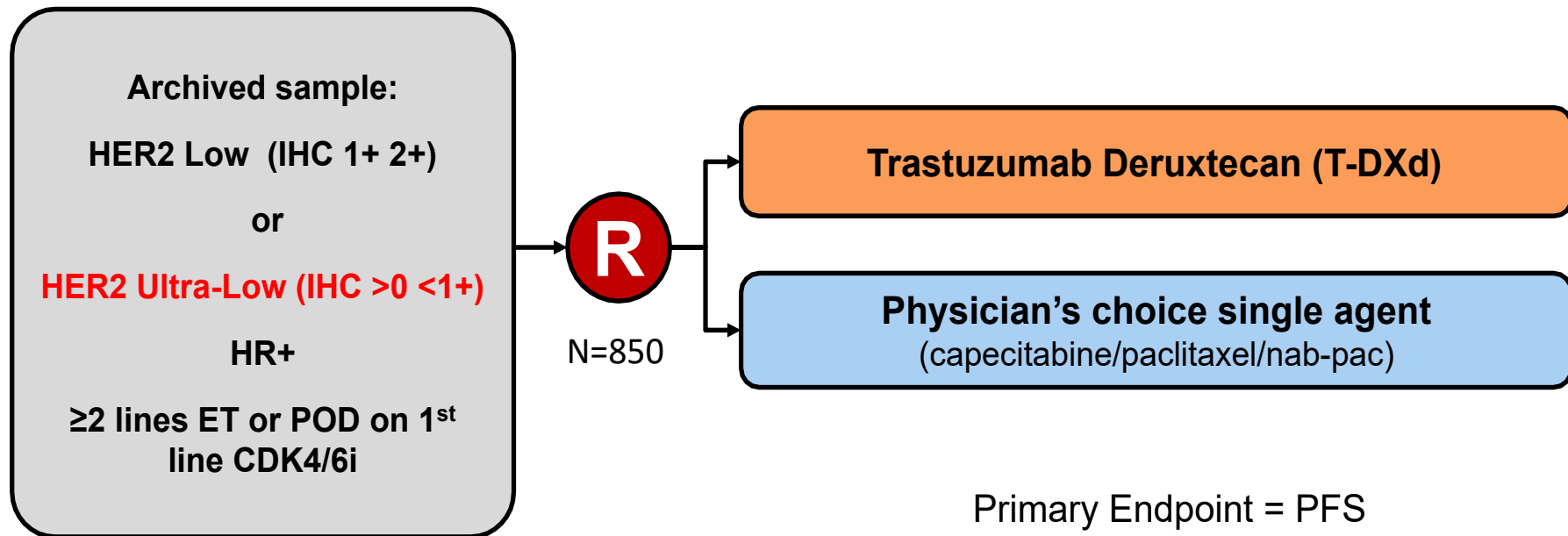
- No benefit with HER2-blockade
- Activity is not likely related to the blockade of an oncogenic pathway, but rather to the **targeted delivery of a highly potent payload**
- HER2-low not a new subtype characterized by an oncogenic driver, but is rather a biomarker for benefit to ADCs targeting HER2



Tarantino P et al. Expert Opin Biol Ther. 2020;20:1009-1024.

**The Super  
New!!!**

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



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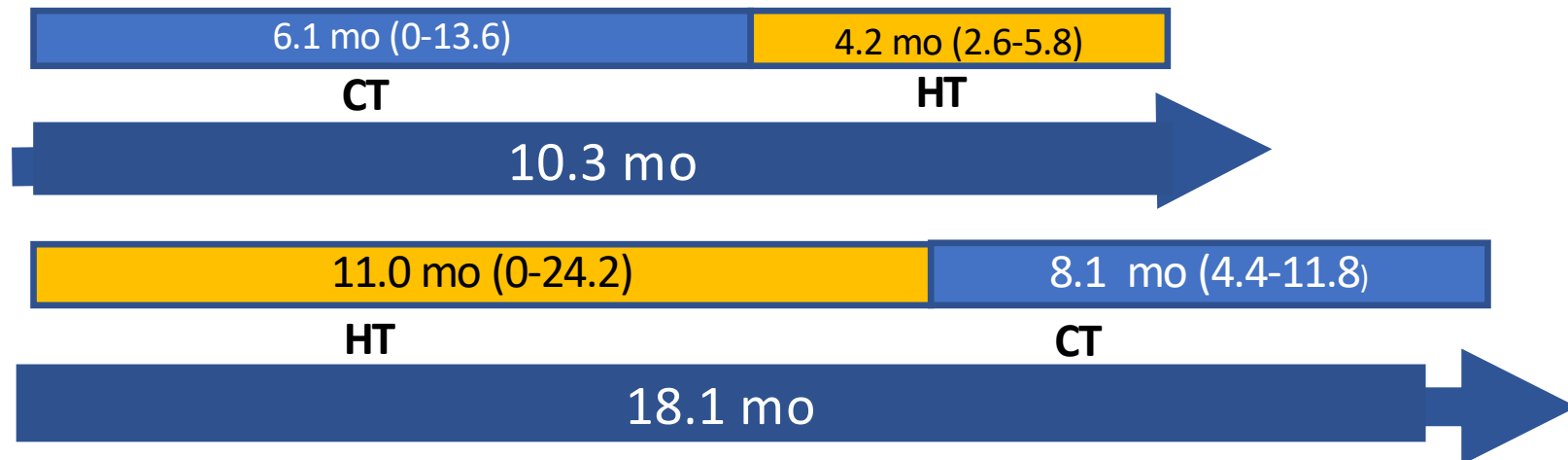
## When do patients receive chemotherapy after CDK4/6i PD?

**Table 2.** First Subsequent Antineoplastic Therapy among Patients Who Discontinued the Trial Regimen.

Variable	Ribociclib Group (N = 335)	Placebo Group (N = 337)
No. of patients who discontinued the trial regimen	219	280
Patients who received any subsequent therapy — no. (%)	151 (68.9)	205 (73.2)
Chemotherapy alone	49 (22.4)	80 (28.6)
Chemotherapy plus hormone therapy or other therapy*	18 (8.2)	22 (7.9)
Hormone therapy alone	49 (22.4)	57 (20.4)
Hormone therapy plus other therapy†	31 (14.2)	41 (14.6)
Other	4 (1.8)	5 (1.8)

**Post-progression treatments after Palbociclib plus Endocrine Therapy in HR+/HER2-  
Metastatic Breast Cancer patients: which better choice?**

**RWE**



# Mutations in Breast Cancer

P53: 37%

PI3K: 36% → Solar 1 study -> Alpelisib + FLV

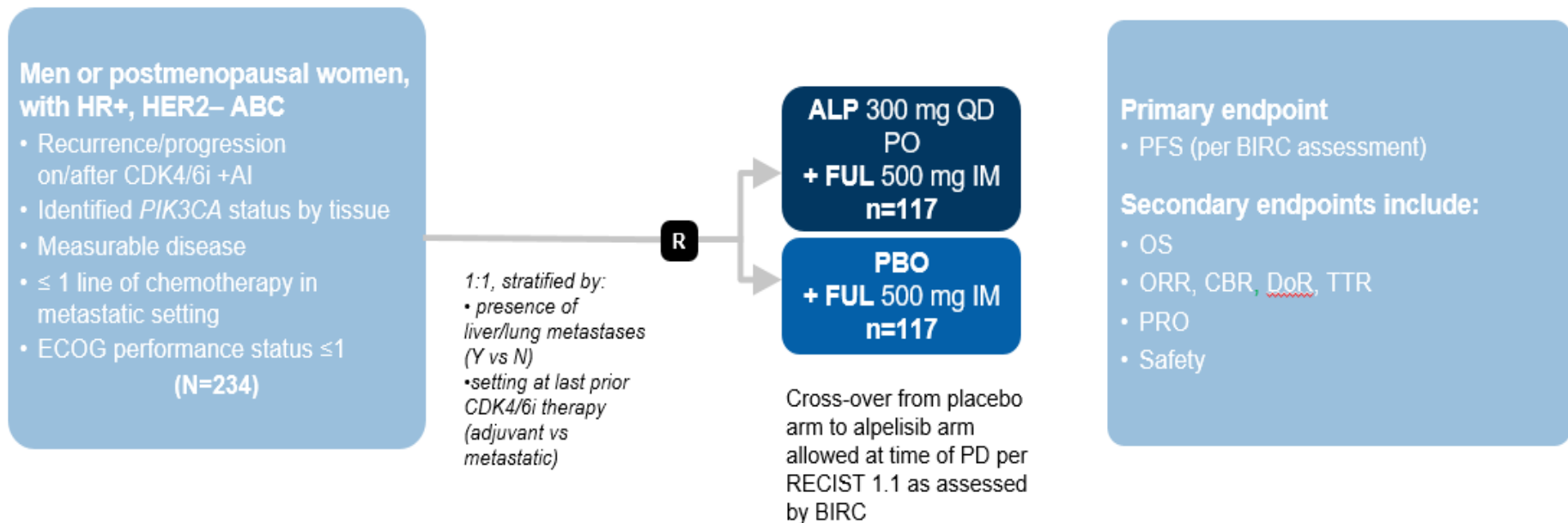
GATA: 11%

MAP3K1: 8%

MLL3: 7%

MAP2K4: 4%

## ***EPIKB5: Phase III trial of alpelisib + fulvestrant in HR+, HER2- advanced breast cancer with a PIK3CA mutation who progressed on or after AI and a CDK4/6 inhibitor***

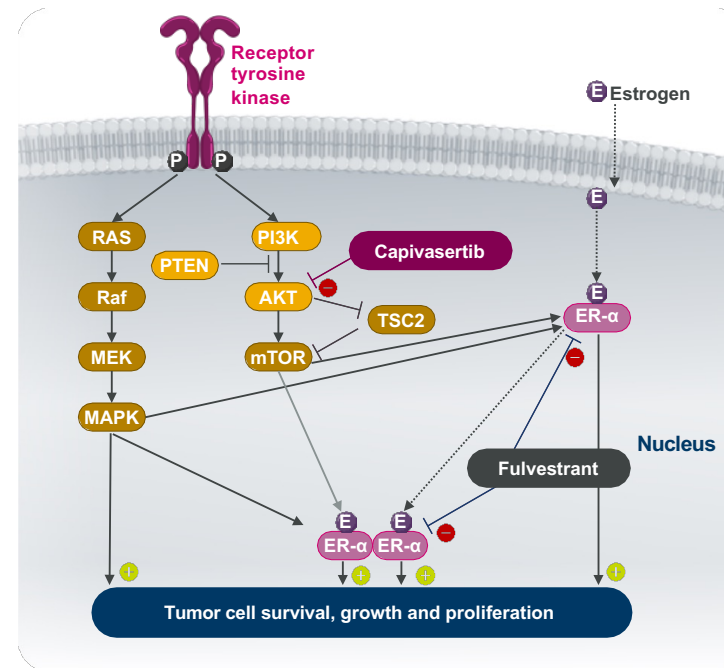


**Sample size:** 234 randomised patients (24m recruitment period); 162 PFS events will be required to detect a hazard ratio of 0.60 with 90% power, estimated that 162 PFS events will be observed 29 months after FPFV

**But this is an ongoing Trial**

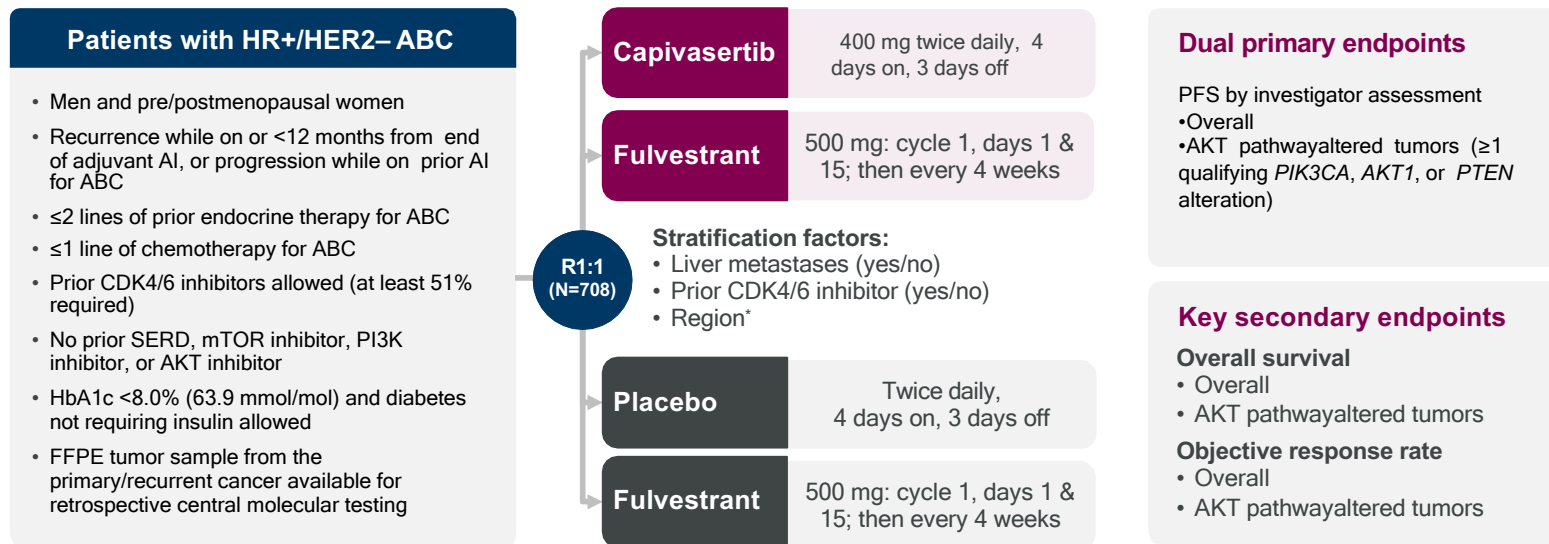
## Overcoming Resistance to HT

- AKT pathway activation occurs in many HR+/HER2- ABC through alterations in *PIK3CA*, *AKT1* and *PTEN*, but may also occur in cancers without those genetic alterations.<sup>1,2</sup> AKT signalling is also implicated in the development of resistance to endocrine therapy<sup>2</sup>
- Capivasertib is a potent, selective inhibitor of all three AKT isoforms (AKT1/2/3)
- In the Phase II, placebocontrolled FAKTION trial<sup>3</sup>:
  - The addition of capivasertib to fulvestrant significantly improved PFS and OS in postmenopausal women with AI-resistant HR+/HER2- ABC in the overall population, with a more pronounced benefit in pathway altered tumours
  - No patients had received prior CDK4/6 inhibitors



## CAPitello291: Study overview

### Phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (NCT04305496)

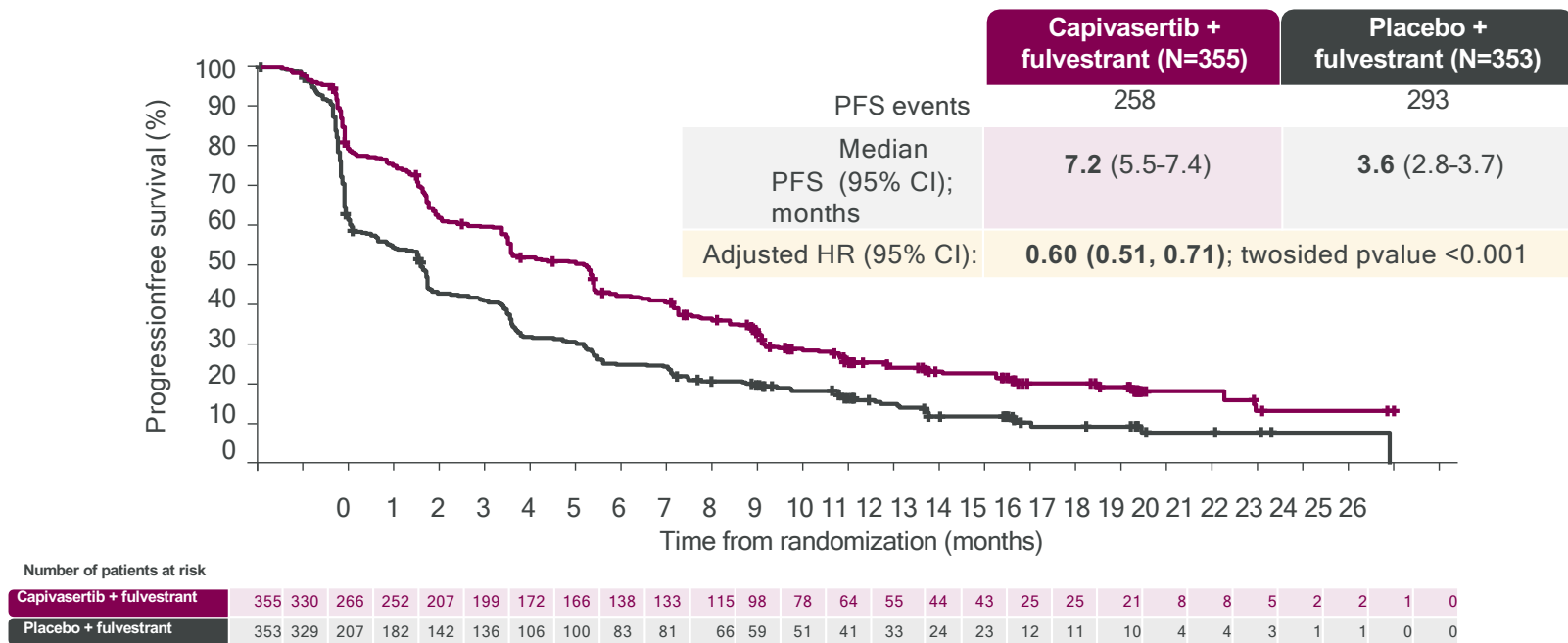


HER2- was defined as IHC 0 or 1+, or IHC 2+/ISH-. \*Region 1: United States, Canada, Western Europe, Australia, and Israel, Region 2: Latin America, Eastern Europe and Russia vs Region 3: Asia. ABC, advanced (locally advanced [inoperable] or metastatic) breast cancer.

Pre or perimenopausal women also received a luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone agonist for the duration of the study treatment

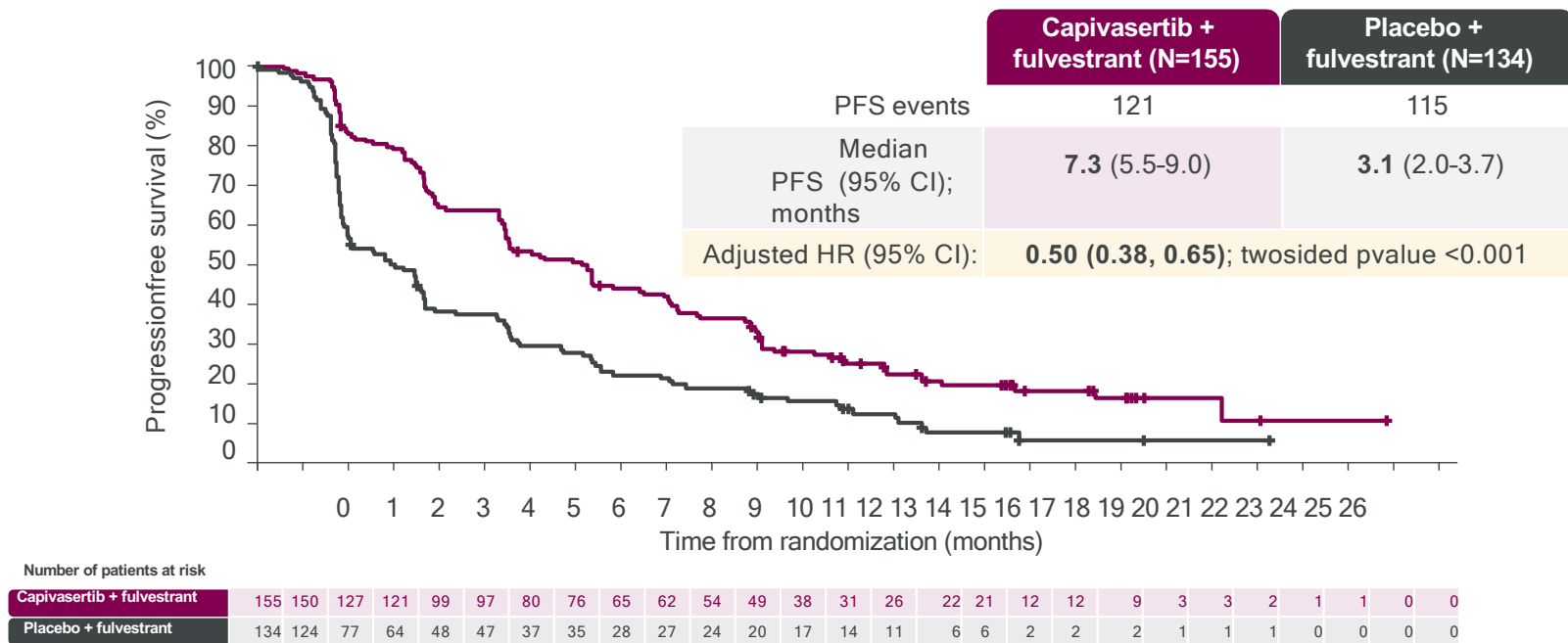
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# Dualprimary endpoint: PFS in the overall population



+ indicates a censored observation. HR was estimated using the Cox proportional hazard model stratified by the presence of liver metastases, prior use of CDK4/6 inhibitor, and geographic region.  
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# Dualprimary endpoint: Investigator assessed PFS in the AKT pathway altered population



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# Response per investigator assessment

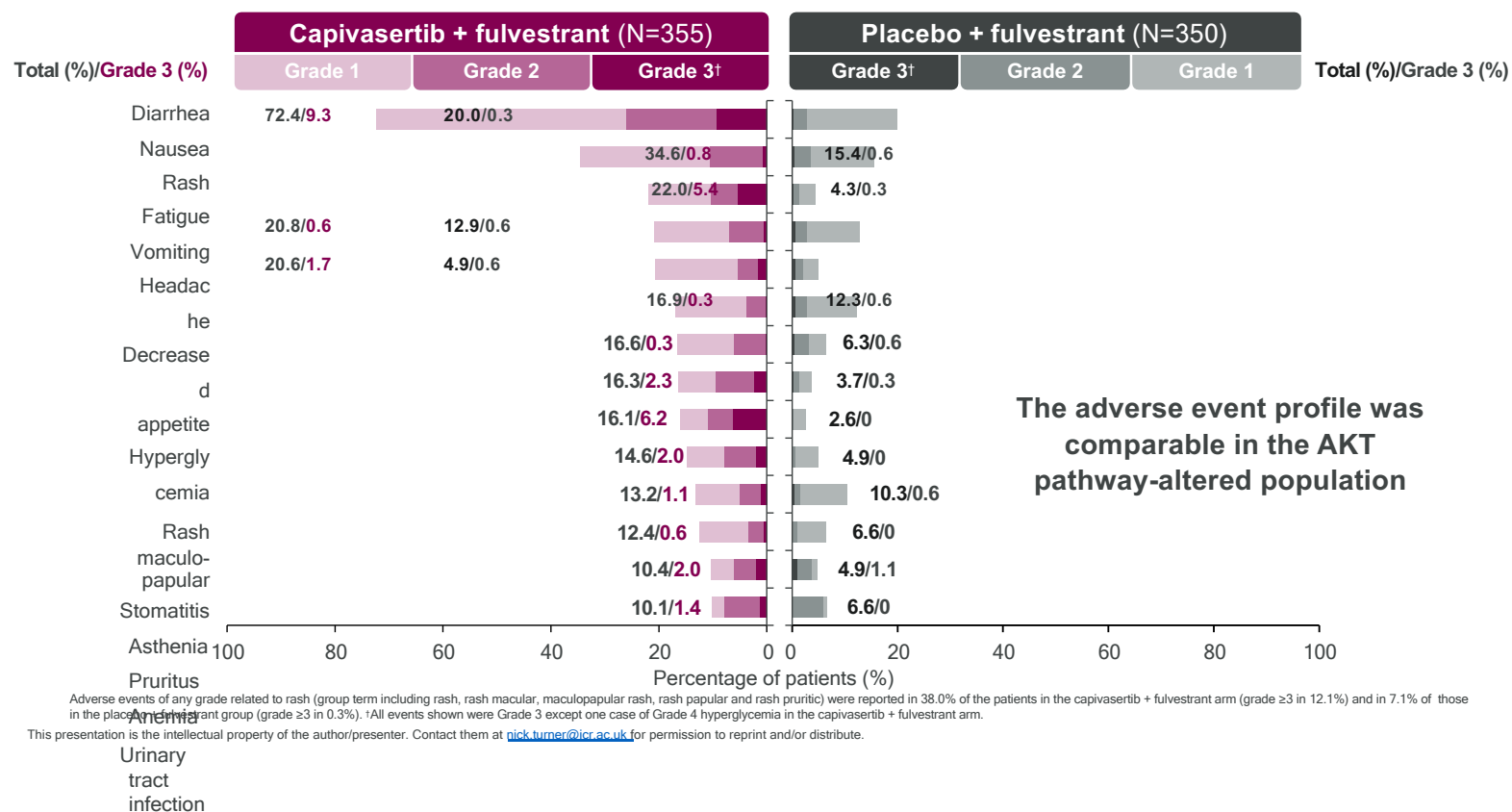
	Overall population		AKT pathway-altered population	
	Capivasertib + fulvestrant	Placebo + fulvestrant	Capivasertib + fulvestrant	Placebo + fulvestrant
Patients with measurable disease at baseline	310	320	132	124
Objective response rate; n (%)	71 (22.9)	39 (12.2)	38 (28.8)	12 (9.7)
Odds ratio (95% CI)*	2.19 (1.42, 3.36)		3.93 (1.93, 8.04)	
Best objective response in all patients; n (%)	355	353	155	134
Complete response	4 (1.1)	1 (0.3)	3 (1.9)	0
Partial response	68 (19.2)	38 (10.8)	35 (22.6)	12 (9.0)
Stable disease (≥ 8 weeks)	187 (52.7)	152 (43.1)	84 (54.2)	55 (41.0)
Progressive disease	83 (23.4)	149 (42.2)	31 (20.0)	62 (46.3)
Non evaluable	13 (3.7)	13 (3.7)	2 (1.3)	5 (3.7)

As per the multiple testing procedure, formal comparison of ORR will only be conducted if overall survival is significant in both populations.  
Objective response rates were assessed in patients with measurable disease at baseline.

\*Analysis was performed using logistic regression adjusted for stratification factors. Odds ratio >1 favors capivasertib + fulvestrant.

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## Adverse events (>10% of patients) – overall population



# Liquid Biopsy for ctDNA ESR1m

# SERENA 6

Ongoing study

## Eligibility Criteria

- Pre<sup>a</sup> - and postmenopausal women and men<sup>a</sup> with HR+/HER2- locally advanced inoperable or MBC
- Currently under treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitor (PAL or ABE) + AI (LET or ANA)+/- LHRHa as their 1L MBC treatment per CDK4/6 inhibitor approved local label indication
- AND have been on treatment for  $\geq 6$  months
- *ESR1m* positive detected by a prespecified ctDNA assay at central laboratories
- No evidence of disease progression per investigator assessment
- Willing to provide archival tumor assessment scan images before the detection of *ESR1m*+

1:1

Randomisation

## Arm A

AZD9833 (75 mg once daily)  
+ CDK4/6 inhibitor<sup>b</sup>  
+ Placebo for AI

## Arm B Continue on AI<sup>c</sup>

+ CDK4/6 inhibitor<sup>b</sup>  
+ Placebo for AZD9833

## Primary Endpoint

- PFS by investigator assessment (blinded independent review will also be performed)

## Secondary endpoints

- PFS2 by investigator assessment
- Chemotherapy-free survival
- ORR in patients with measurable disease
- CBR at 24 weeks
- OS
- OS at 2 and 3 years
- TFST
- TSST
- TTD
- Safety

N=300 patients

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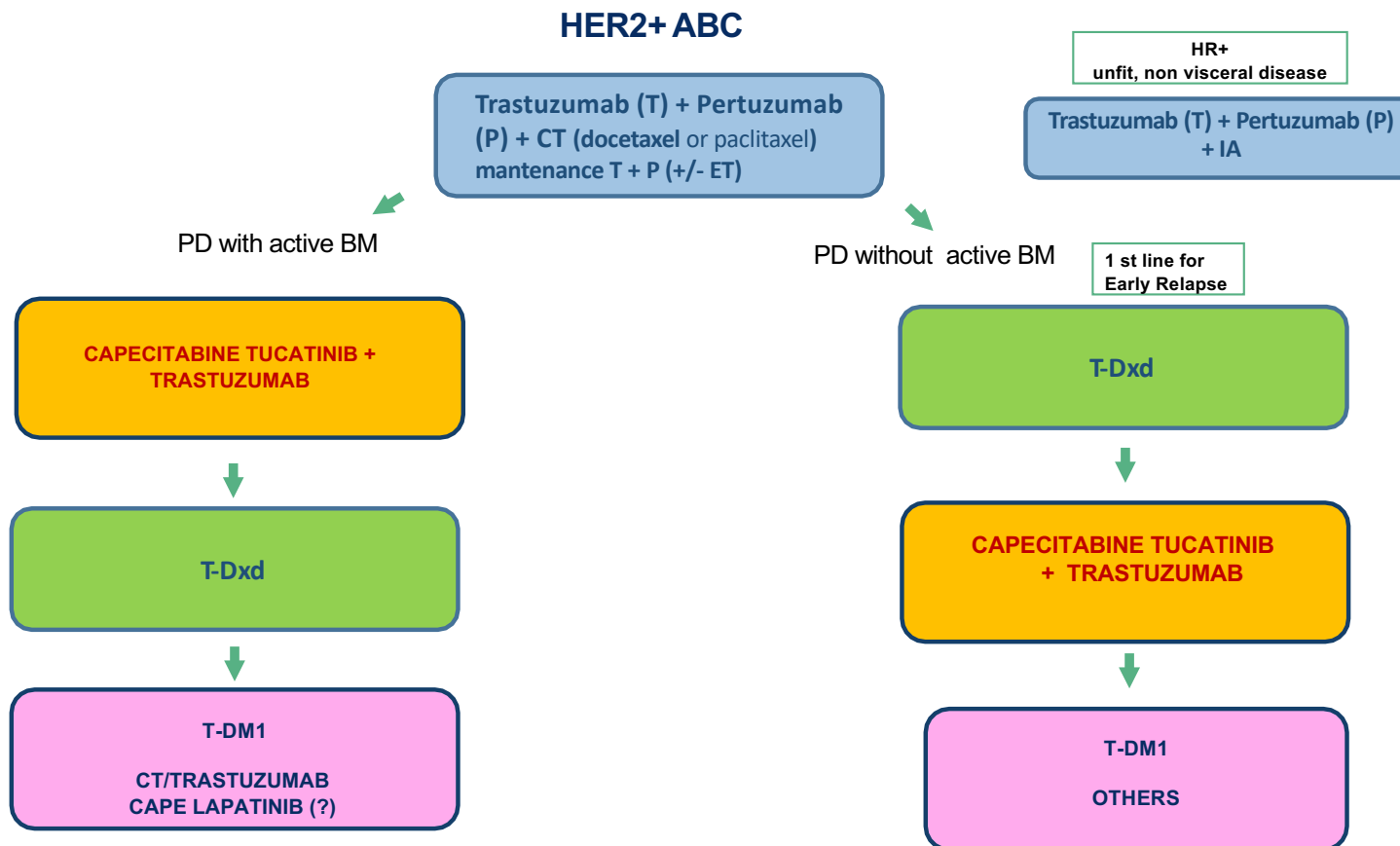
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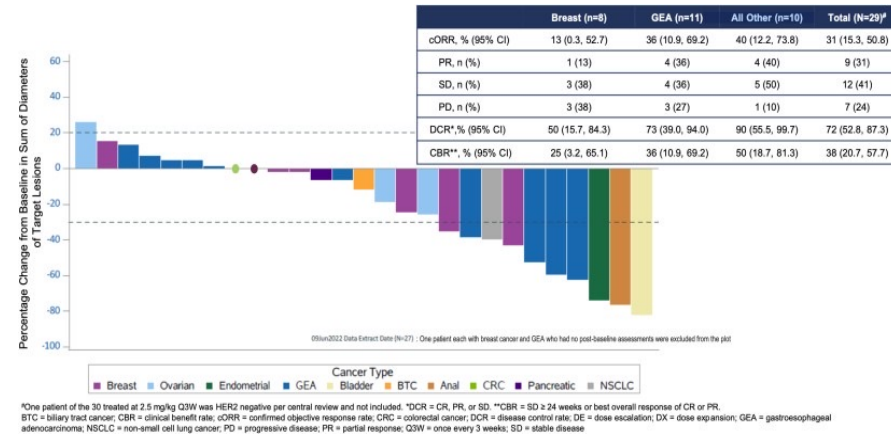
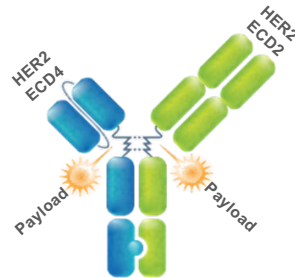
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# HER2 MBC: possible future treatment algorithm



# Zanidatamab Zovodotin (ZW49): Anti-HER2 Bispecific ADC



- Immunoglobulin 1-like antibody backbone directed against **extracellular domain 4 (ECD4) & ECD2** of HER2
- **Auristatin payload (tubulin targeting)** covalently linked via a protease **cleavable valine-citruline linker** ; (DAR) = 2
- Antibody-induced internalization with increased toxin-mediated cytotoxicity and immunogenic cell death

## Disitamab Vedotin (RC-48): HER2 ADC for HER2+/Low BC

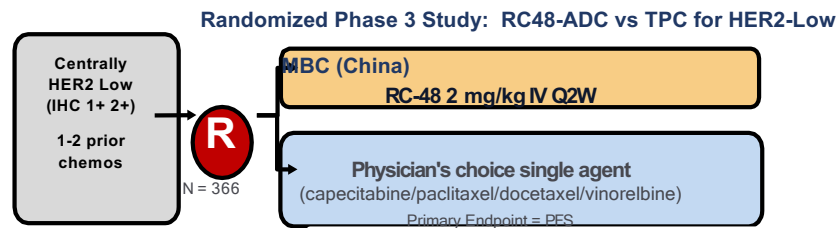
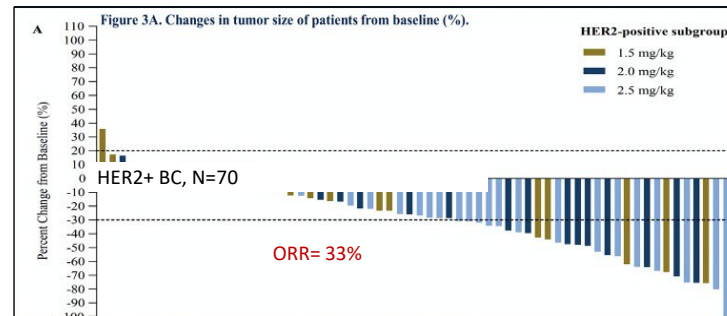
- HER2 Antibody:
  - **Hertuzumab**
  - different antigen recognition regions v Tras
  - Preferable affinity v Tras

Linker:

- **Cleavable**
- Bystander Effect

Payload:

- **MMAE**
- Blocks polymerization of tubulin



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**Triple Negative.....ER- PGR- HER2-**

HER2  
Classical and Actual Definition  
HER0, 1+, 2+ FISH/SISH NA

**.....Looking for the Target !**

**PDL1**

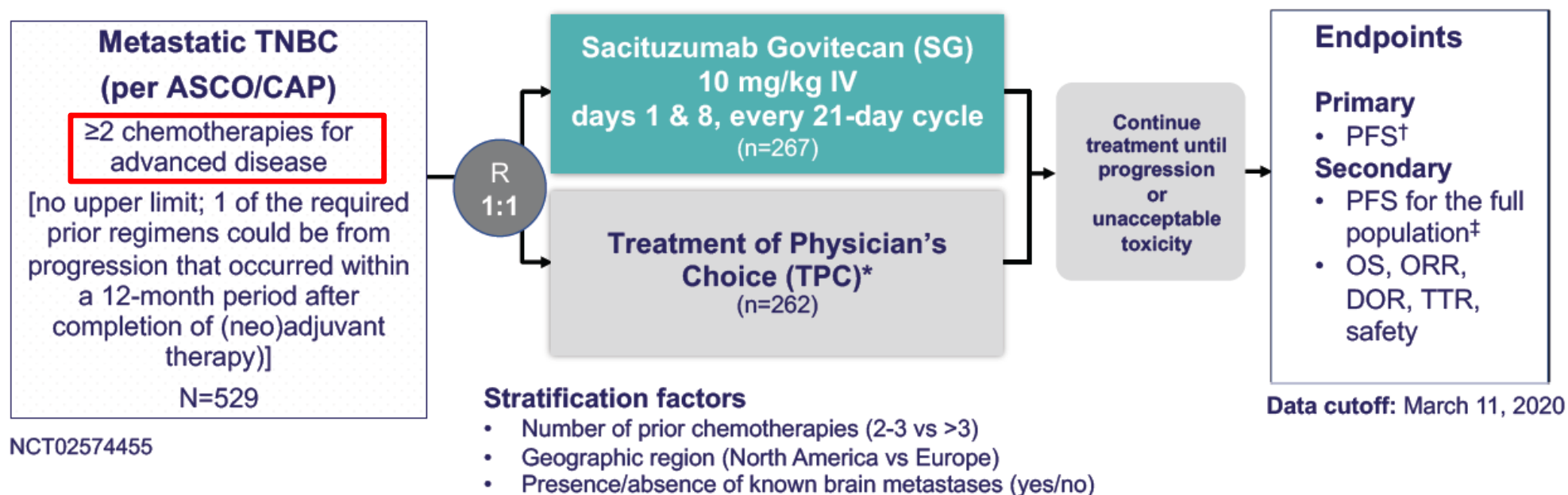
**+ / -**

**BRCA**

**m / wt**

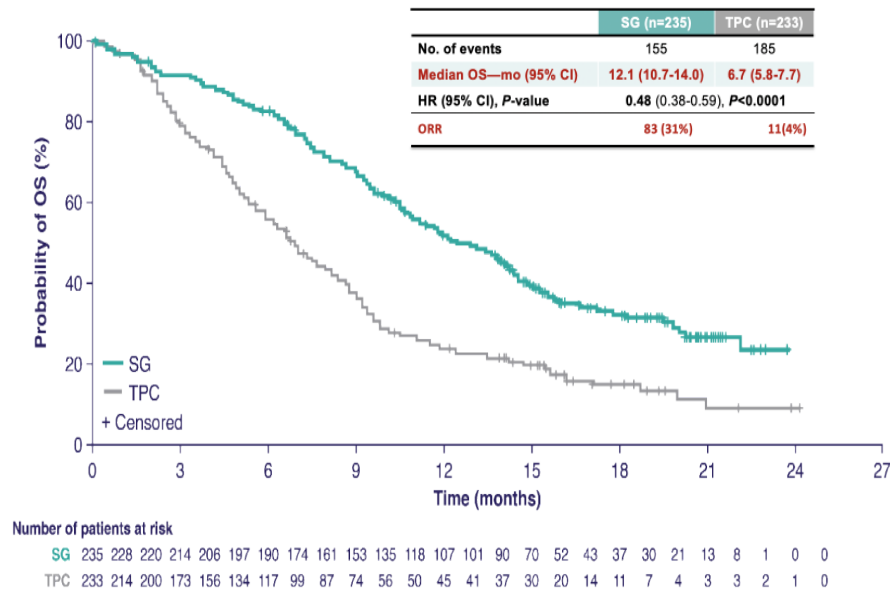


# Phase 3 ASCENT Trial: Sacituzumab Govitecan vs TPC in mTNBC



\* TPC options: capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, vinorelbine

# ASCENT: Sacituzumab Associated With 52% Increase in OS!



Treatment-related discontinuation rates: Sacituzumab 4.7%, TPC 5.4%

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

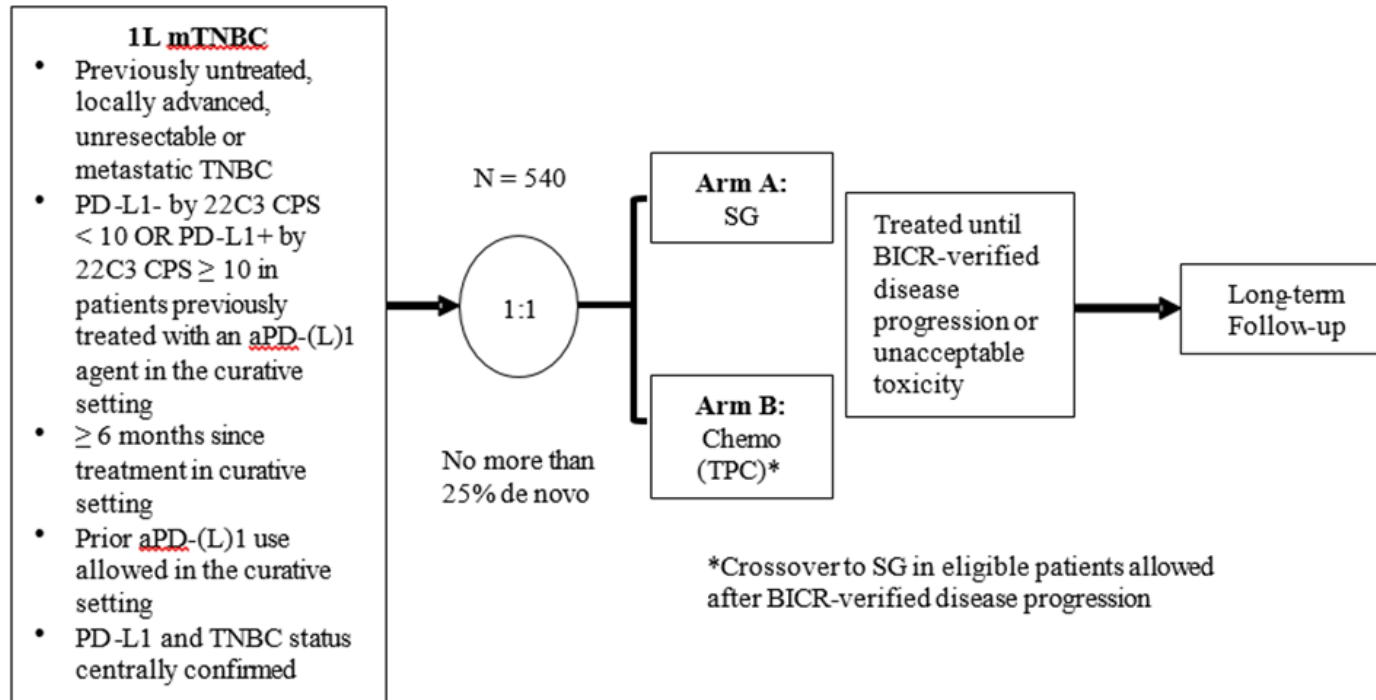
		SG (n=258)			TPC (n=224)		
	TRAE*	All grade %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %	All grade, %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %
Hematologic	Neutropenia <sup>†</sup>	63	46	17	43	27	13
	Anemia <sup>‡</sup>	34	8	0	24	5	0
	Leukopenia <sup>§</sup>	16	10	1	11	5	1
	Febrile neutropenia	6	5	1	2	2	<1
Gastrointestinal	Diarrhea	59	10	0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

**Sacituzumab approved for metastatic TNBC with at least one line of prior Tx**

Figure 1.

# Study Schema

## ASCENT 03



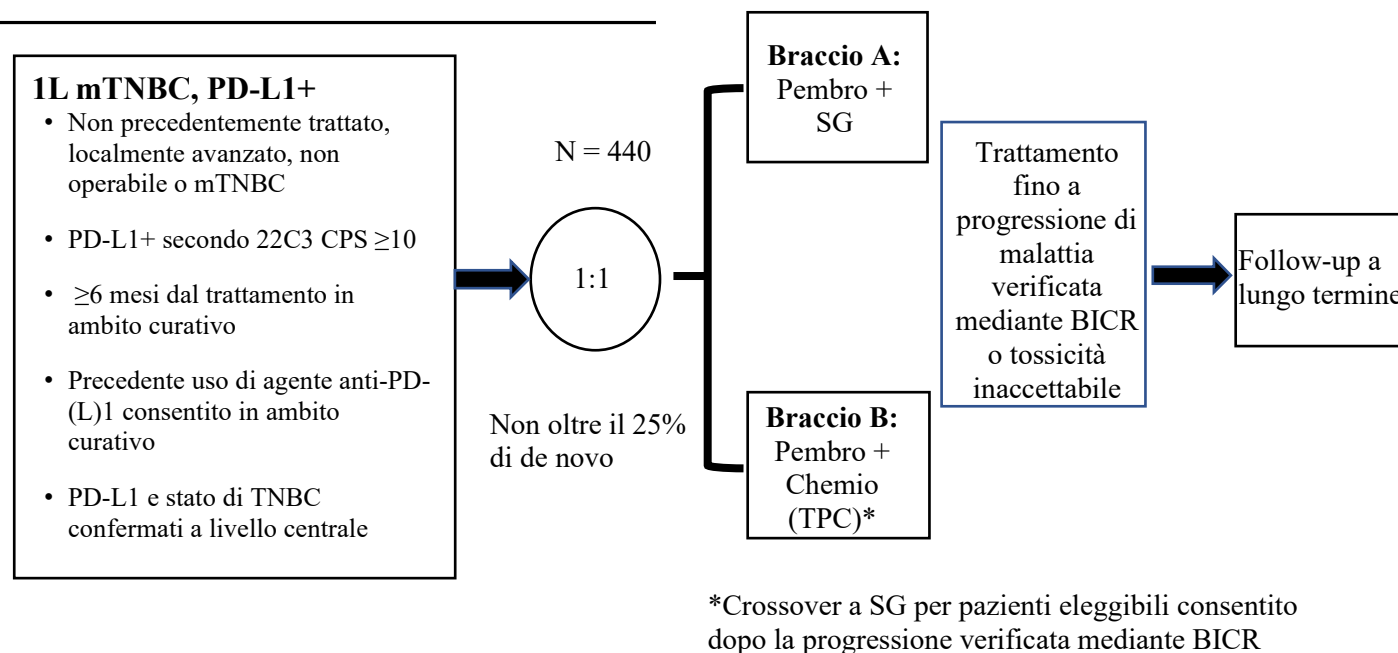
### Stratification Factors:

- De novo vs recurrent disease within 6-12 months of treatment in the curative setting vs recurrent disease > 12 months of treatment in the curative setting
- Geographic region (US/Canada/Western Europe vs rest of world)

**Primary End Point:** PFS

**Key Secondary End Points:** OS, ORR, PROs, and Safety

# ASCENT 04



## Fattori di stratificazione

- Malattia de novo rispetto a recidivante tra i 6 e 12 mesi dal completamento del trattamento in ambito curativo rispetto a malattia recidivante che si manifesta >12 mesi dal completamento del trattamento in ambito curativo\*\*

**Endpoint primario:** PFS in popolazione ITT

**Principali endpoint secondari:** OS

**Altri endpoint secondari:** ORR, PRO e sicurezza

# OlympiAD: Phase III study of olaparib vs. TPC in gBRCAm HER2- mBC

## Study design

- gBRCAm mBC
- TNBC or HER2-negative, ER/PR positive
- **≤2 prior chemotherapy lines for mBC**
- Previous treatment **with anthracycline and taxane** in either the (neo)adjuvant or metastatic setting
- Hormone receptor positive (HR+) disease progressed on **≥1 endocrine therapy**, or not suitable
- If patients have received platinum therapy there should be:
  - No evidence of progression during treatment in the advanced setting
  - At least 12 months since (neo)adjuvant treatment and randomisation
- ECOG PS 0-1
- At least one lesion that can be assessed by RECIST v1.1

FSI May 2014:<sup>3</sup>  
Global Study in  
19 countries and  
approximately 141 sites<sup>1</sup>

**Randomise 2:1**  
*n=302<sup>4</sup>*

Stratification by:<sup>2</sup>

- Prior chemotherapy regimens for metastatic breast cancer
- Hormonal receptor (HR) status
- Prior platinum therapy

**Olaparib**  
300mg\*po bid

**Treatment of  
Physician's Choice  
(TPC)**

Primary endpoint

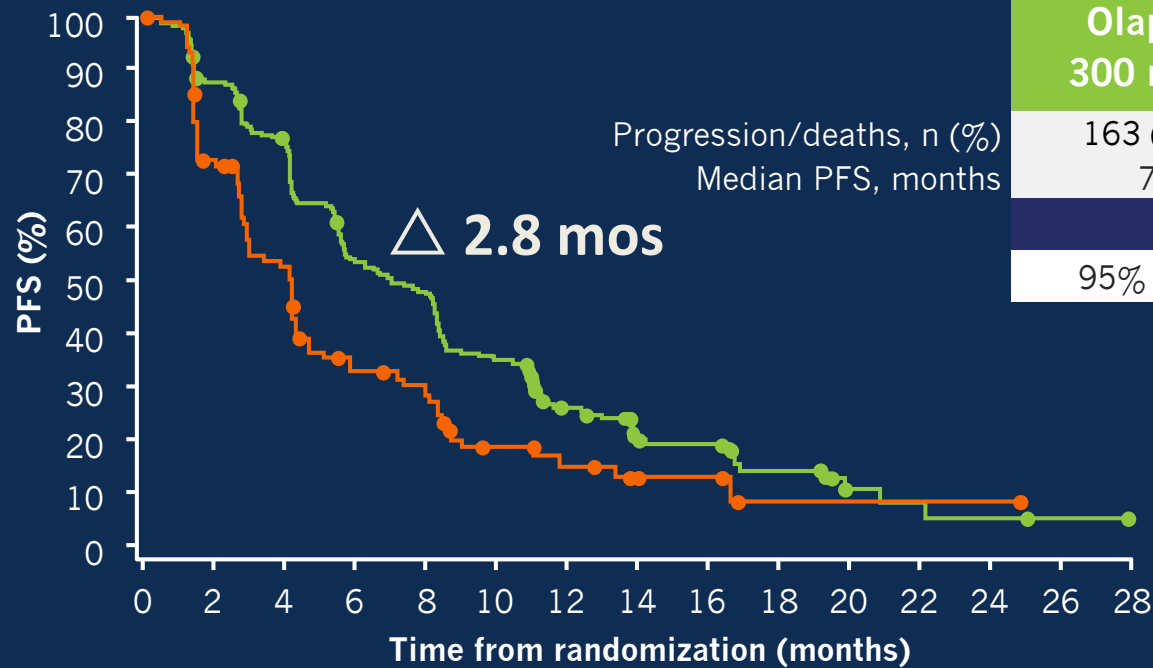
- PFS (RECIST 1.1, Independent Review)

Secondary endpoints

- OS
- PFS2
- ORR
- PFS, PFS2 and OS based on Myriad gBRCAm status
- HRQoL (EORTC-QLQ-C30)
- Safety and tolerability

\* Tablet formulation (2 tablets twice daily)  
Robson et al. N Engl J Med. 2017; 377:523-533

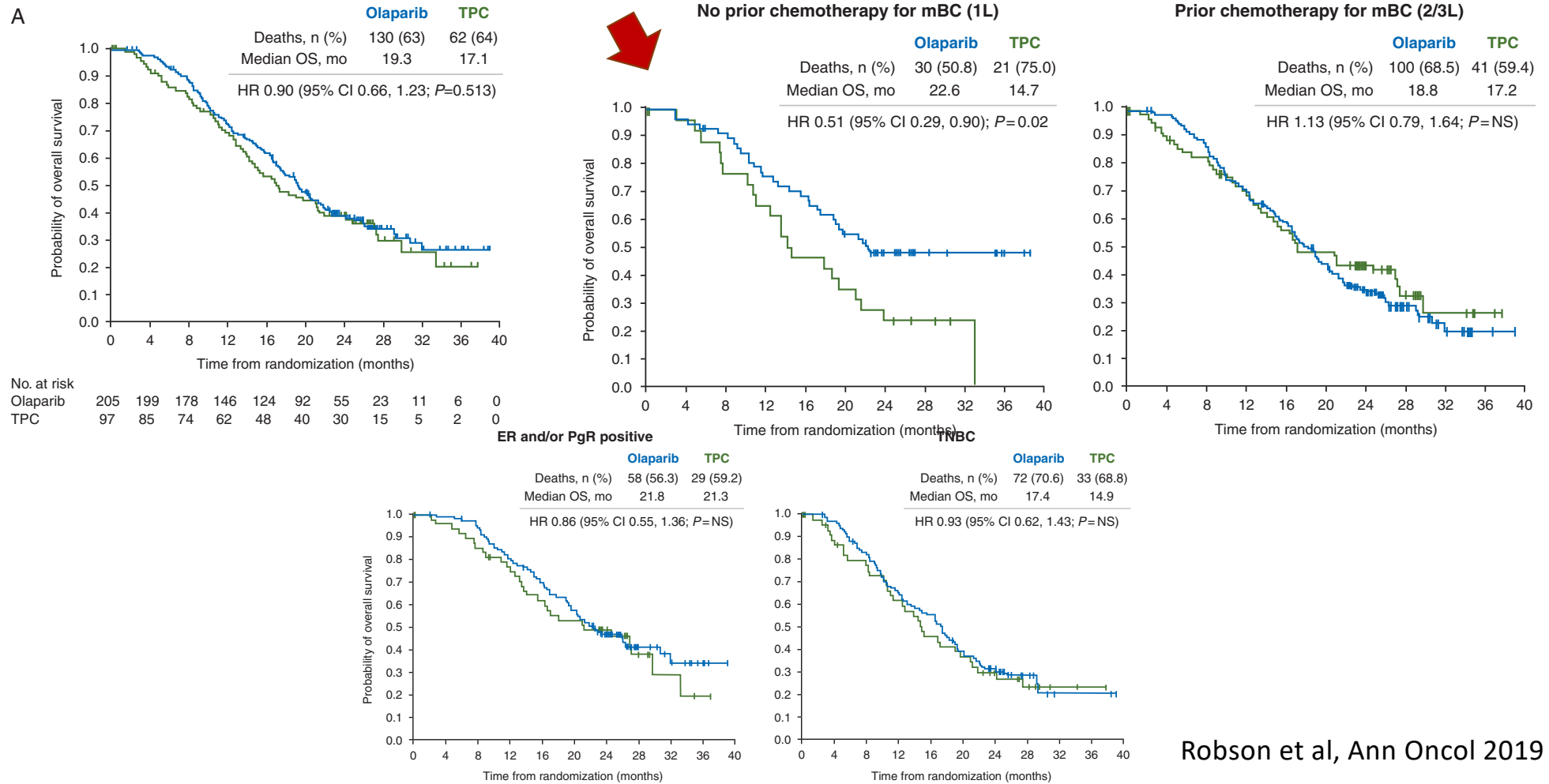
# Primary endpoint: progression-free survival by BICR



Olaparib 300 mg bd	Chemotherapy TPC
163 (79.5)	71 (73.2)
7.0	4.2
<b>HR 0.58</b>	
95% CI 0.43 to 0.80; $P=0.0009$	

At risk, n	205	177	154	107	94	69	40	23	21	11	4	3	2	1	0	Olaparib
	97	63	44	25	21	11	8	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	TPC

# The Aim of the Survival



Robson et al, Ann Oncol 2019

***Secondo lo scenario terapeutico in evoluzione in TNBC  
.....alla luce di nuovi marcatori biologici e nuovi farmaci***

**ER, PR and HER2  
not enough anymore !**

1<sup>st</sup> line

DIAGNOSIS OF METASTATIC  
TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER

PDL 1

Positive

Negative

NAB-PACLITAXEL  
+  
ATEZOLIZUMAB

BRCA

Mutated

Not-Mutated

BRCA

CARBOPLATIN  
OR  
PARP INHIBITOR

TAXANE-BASED  
CHEMOTHERAPY

CHEMOTHERAPY  
OR  
CLINICAL TRIAL

***When to test BRCA???***

***Parp in first Line? No  
data comparing to  
Platinum!!***

≥ 2<sup>nd</sup> line

***Sacituzumab***



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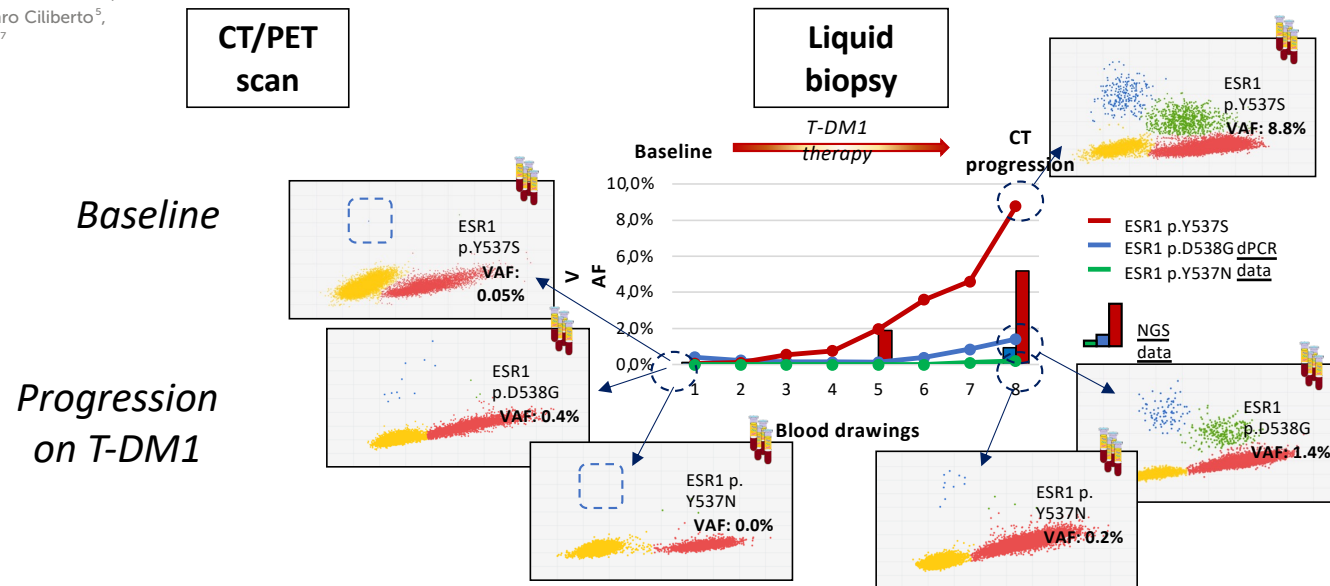
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*How to follow disease?*

Unusual phylogenetic tree and circulating actionable ESR1 mutations in an aggressive luminal/HER2-low breast cancer: Case report

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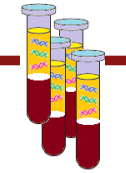
## Disclosure of Tumor Vulnerability *The Tumor Movie*



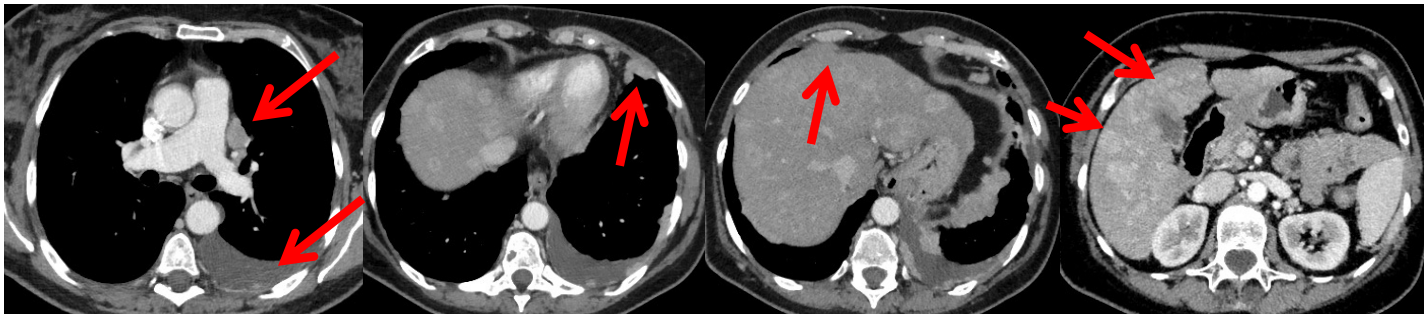
The patient story from 2016 to 2020

Front Oncol 2022

— *LiqBreastTrack: response to NON-SOC therapy* —



June 2019




HER2+ (tissue) -> ESR1m (blood) :

From the **Molecular Tumor Board**: anti HER2 targets to Fulvestrant  
**LB anticipates the imaging outcome by about 3.5 months**

# Liquid biopsy identifies actionable dynamic predictors of resistance to Trastuzumab Emtansine (T-DM1) in advanced HER2-positive breast cancer

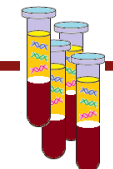


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Allegretti *et al. Mol Cancer*.

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12943-021-01438-z>

## Moving forward: from LiqBreasTrack to GIM21



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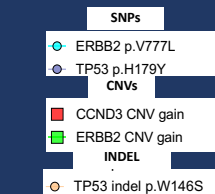
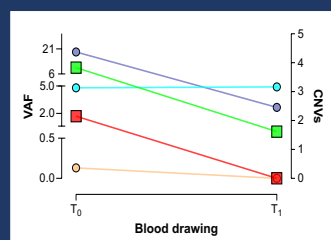
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## Discovery of new mutational patterns

Marked clonal complexity, and variable clonal response to TDXd can be found in pretreated HER2 positive patients.

Fig. 1: Pts. N. 7

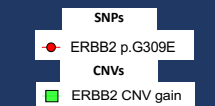
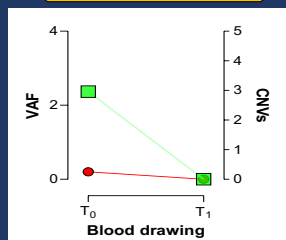
### T-DXd infusion



Best response after 6 TDXd cycles: stable disease

Fig. 2: Pts. N. 8

### T-DXd infusion



Best response after 6 TDXd cycles: Partial response

Although the small sample, this complex tumor evolution is surprising in light of the bystander payload effect of T-DXd and suggest a correlation with disease response.

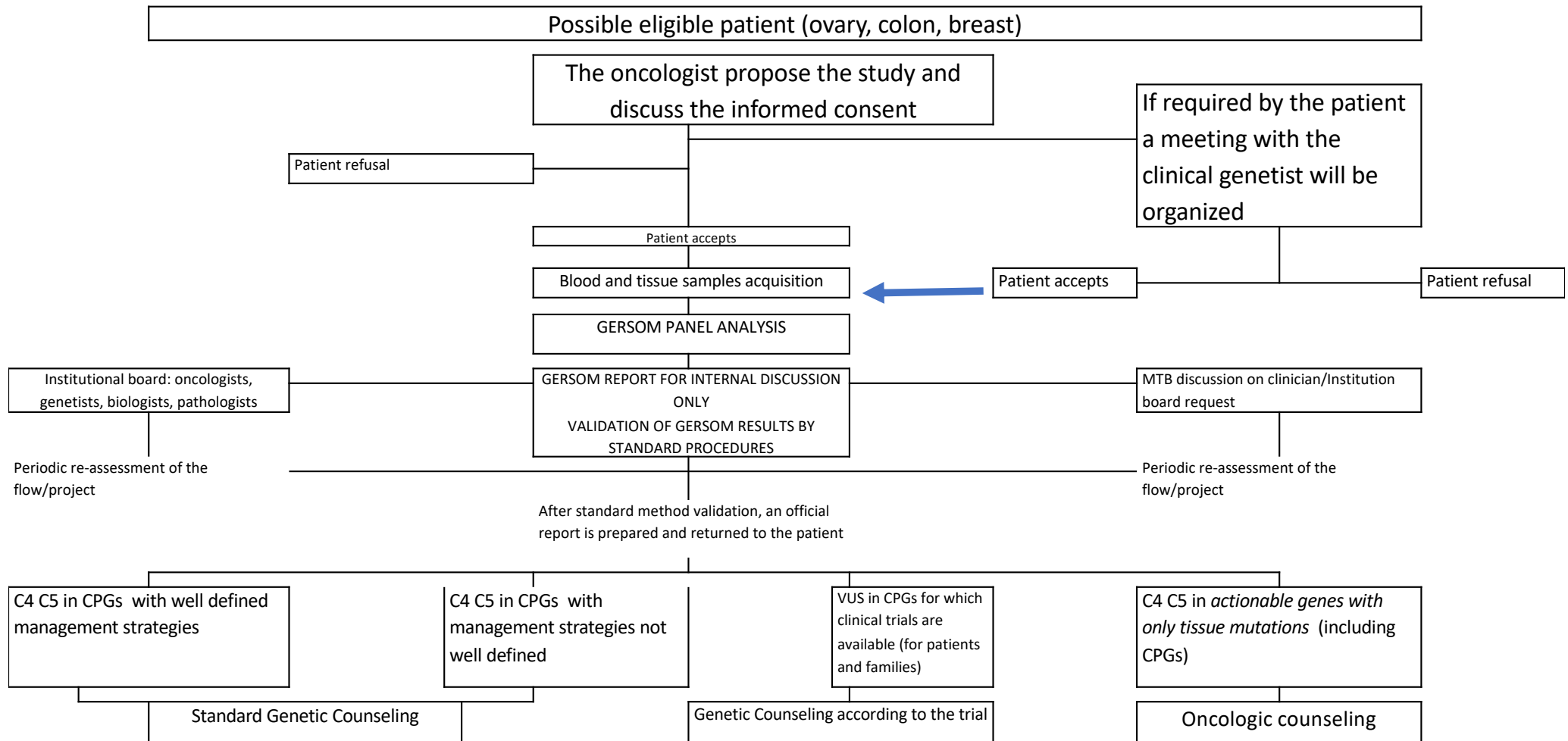
Patients	Number of Previous Tx' Lines	ctDNA			Timepoint		Trend	Radiological Best response
		SNPs	INDEL	CNVs	T <sub>0</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>		
#1	3	PIK3CA p.E542K TP53 p.K139N	TP53 indel p.W146S	FGFR3 loss	3,28% 0,17%	0,50%	↓ ↓ ↑ ↓	PR
#2	2		TP53 indel p.W146S		NF	0,60%	↑	PR
#3	5		EGFR indel p.P753E TP53 indel p.N29R		NF	0,10% 0,30%	↑ ↑	PR
#4	4			FGFR3 loss	0,48 0,20%	NA		NA
#6	6	TP53 p.R248P	TP53 indel p.N29R		NF	0,30%	↑	PR
#7	10	ERBB2 p.V777L TP53 p.H179Y	TP53 indel p.W146S	CCND3 gain ERBB2 gain	2,15 3,83 4,80% 19,13%	1,62 4,90% 2,66%	↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓	SD
#8	4	ERBB2 p.G309E		ERBB2 gain	0,20% 2,37%		↓ ↓	PR
#9	5	PIK3CA p.H1047R ESR1 p.D538G FGFR2 p.N549K TP53 p.R283C ERBB2 p.V777L			39,02% 48,38% 11,08% 68,94% 1,29%	NA		PR

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