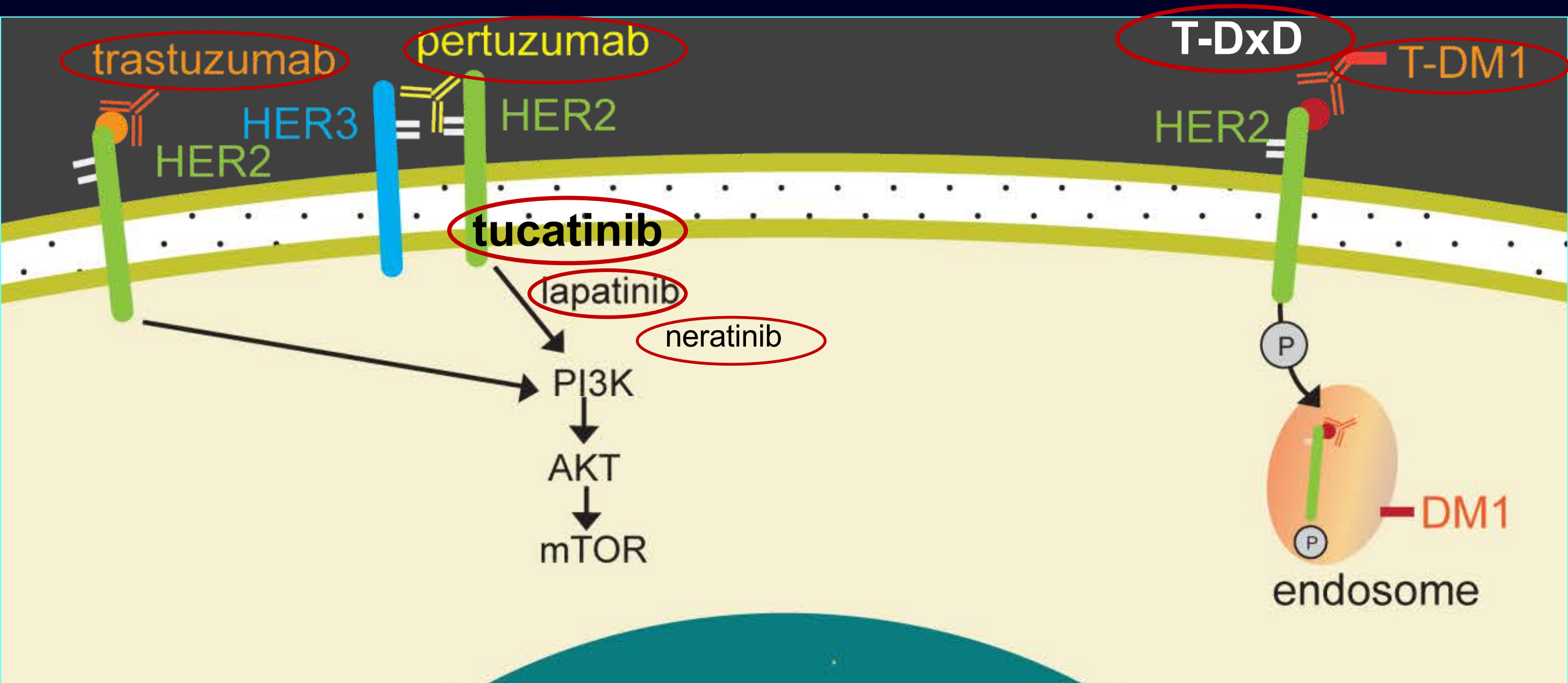


# Optimizing the Management of HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC)

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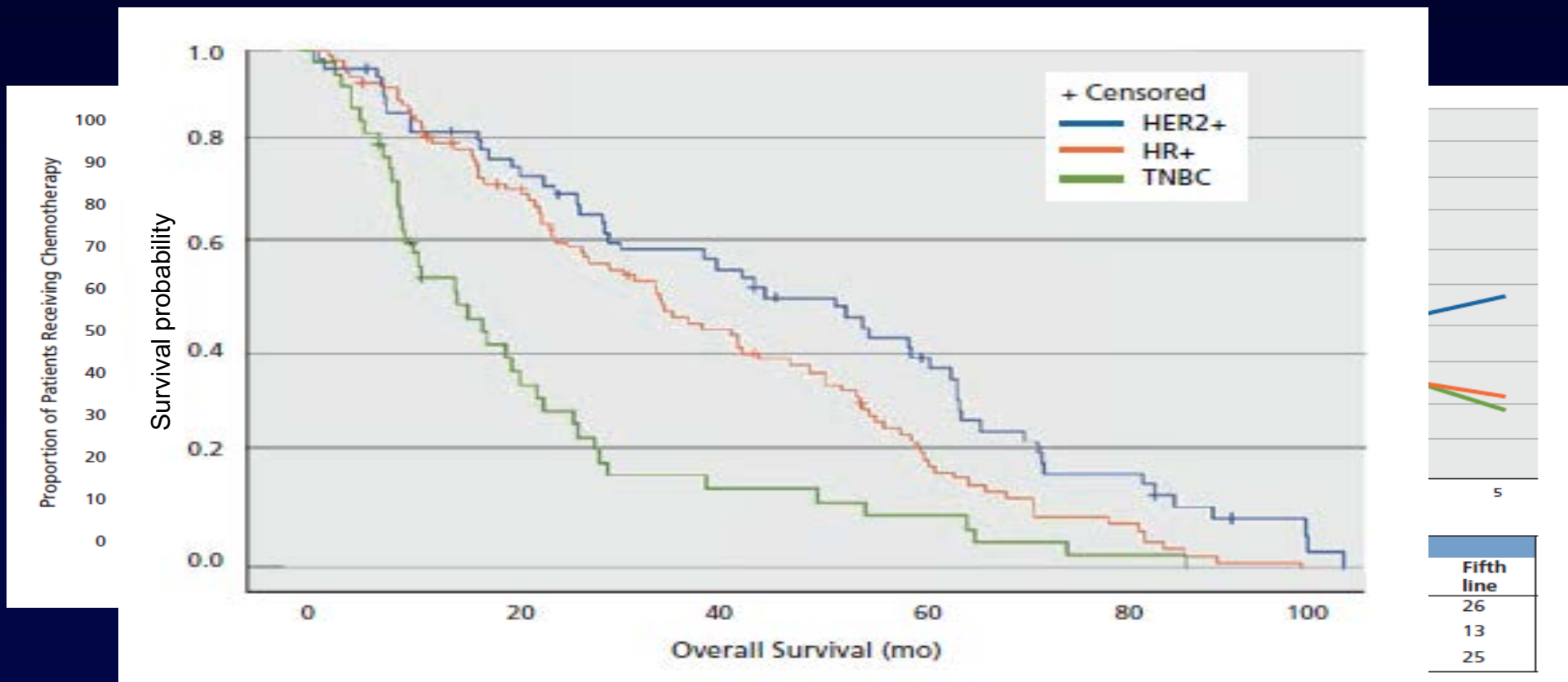


# 2020: 7 FDA APPROVED HER2-DIRECTED THERAPIES



# After THP and T-DM1, then what?

## Number of Lines and Median Duration of Chemotherapy by Subtype (n=199)

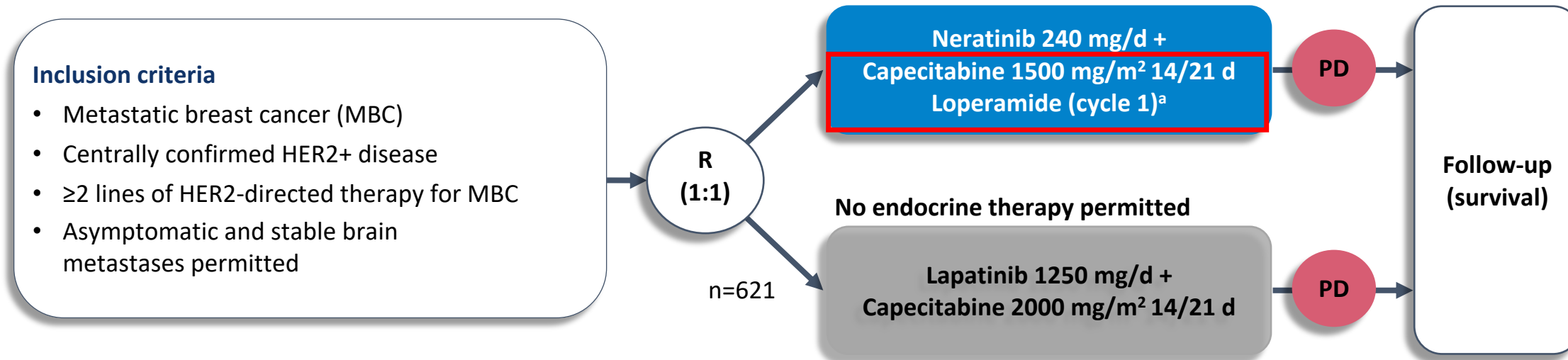


**Multiple lines of therapy available & appropriate as long as patient has reasonable performance status & willing to receive therapy**

# Newly Approved Therapy: Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor

Neratinib + Capecitabine

# NALA Phase III trial of neratinib: study design



## Stratification variables

- Number of prior HER2 therapies for MBC
- Disease location
- HR status
- Geographic location

## Endpoints

- Co-primary: PFS (centrally confirmed) and OS
- Secondary: PFS (local), ORR, DoR, CBR, intervention for CNS metastases, safety, health outcomes

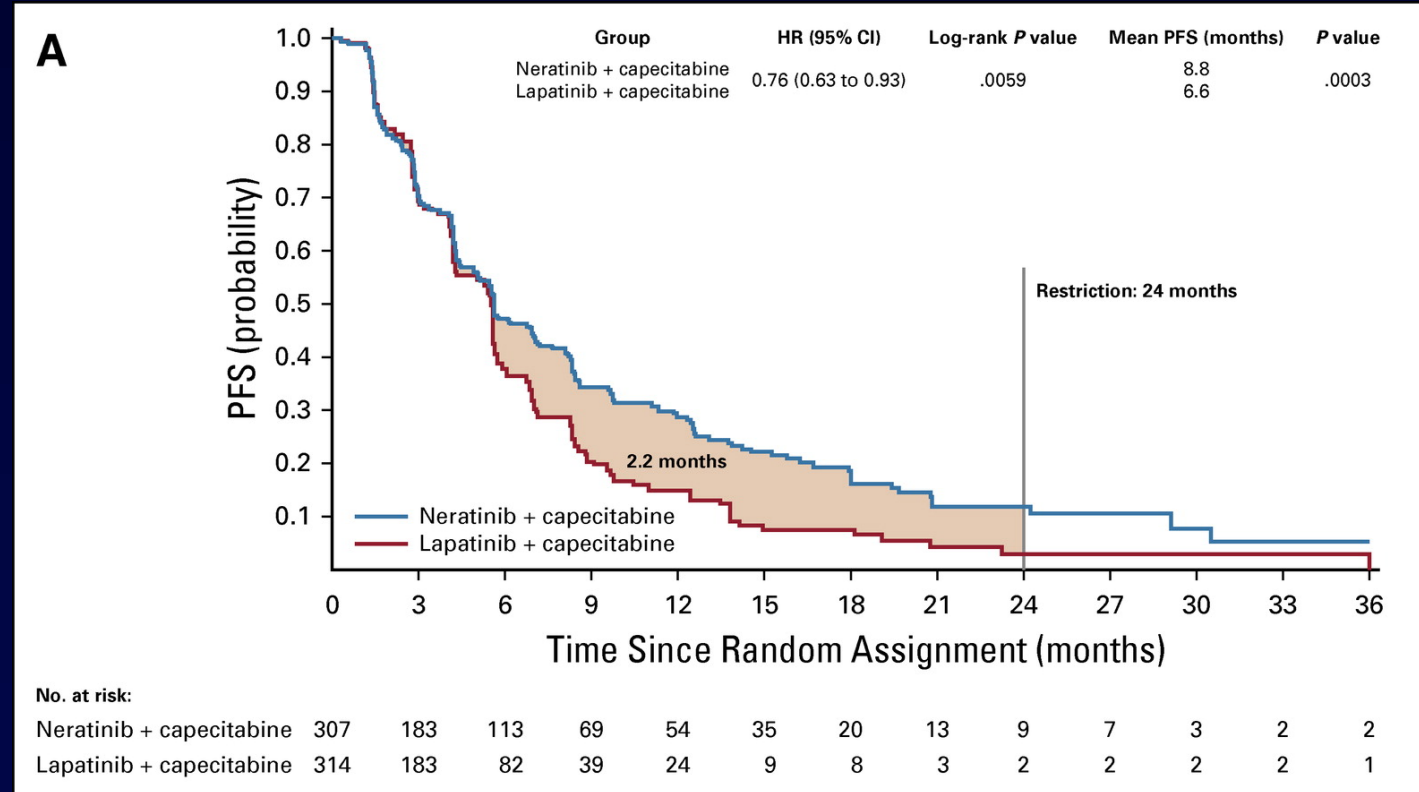
*Loperamide 4 mg with first dose of neratinib, followed by 2 mg every 4 h for first 3 d, then loperamide 2 mg every 6–8 h until end of Cycle 1. Thereafter as needed*

Saura C, et al. ASCO Annual Meeting 2019; *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 37, no. 15\_suppl (May 20, 2019) Abs 1002

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# NALA Results

- PFS (by restricted means analysis at 24 mos)
  - 8.8 mos (neratinib) vs. 6.6 mos (lapatinib)  $p=0.003$
- Cumulative incidence intervention CNS mets
  - 22.8% (neratinib) vs 29.2% (lapatinib);  $p=0.043$
- Grade 3/4 diarrhea
  - 24% (neratinib) vs. 13% (lapatinib)



Saura C, et al. *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 2020;38(27):3138-3149.

# CONTROL: Incidence of Treatment-Emergent Diarrhea by Worst Grade in ADJUVANT setting

	<b>LOP (n=137)</b>	<b>LOP + budesonide (n=64)</b>	<b>LOP + colestipol (n=136)</b>	<b>LOP prn + colestipol (n=104)</b>	<b>LOP prn + neratinib dose escalation (n=60)</b>
Treatment-emergent diarrhea incidence, N (%)					
No diarrhea	28 (20)	9 (14)	23 (17)	5 (5)	2 (3)
Gr 1	33 (24)	16 (25)	38 (28)	33 (32)	24 (40)
Gr 2	34 (25)	21 (33)	47 (35)	31 (30)	25 (42)
Gr 3	42 (31)	18 (28)	<b>28 (21)</b>	35 (34)	<b>9 (15)</b>
Gr 4	0	0	0	0	0

Budesonide 9 mg qd; colestipol 2g BID;  
 loperamide escalation: 120 mg x 7d → 160 mg x 7 d then 240 mg

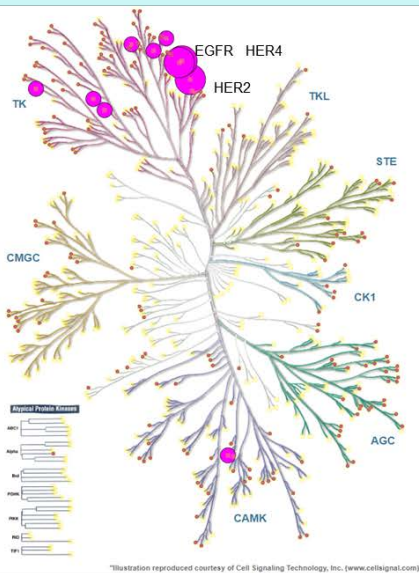
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## Neratinib Approval - 2.25.2020

Neratinib approved in combination with capecitabine for adult patients with advanced or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer *who have received two or more prior anti-HER2 based regimens in the metastatic setting.*

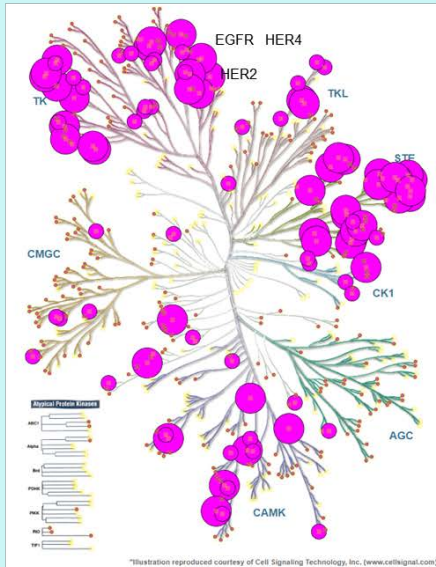


# Tucatinib: HER2 Selective Kinase Inhibitor



Tucatinib

- IC<sub>50</sub> < 1uM (large circle)
- 1uM < IC<sub>50</sub> < 10uM (medium circle)
- IC<sub>50</sub> > 10uM (small circle)



Neratinib

Kinome scan data from the Library of Integrated Network-based Cellular Signatures  
<https://lincs.hms.harvard.edu/kinomescan/>

- Kinome analysis shows limited activity in a panel of 237 protein kinases at 1 or 10  $\mu$ M
  - Activity is restricted to HER2 related kinases EGFR and HER4
- Tucatinib is selective for HER2 vs. EGFR in biochemical assays

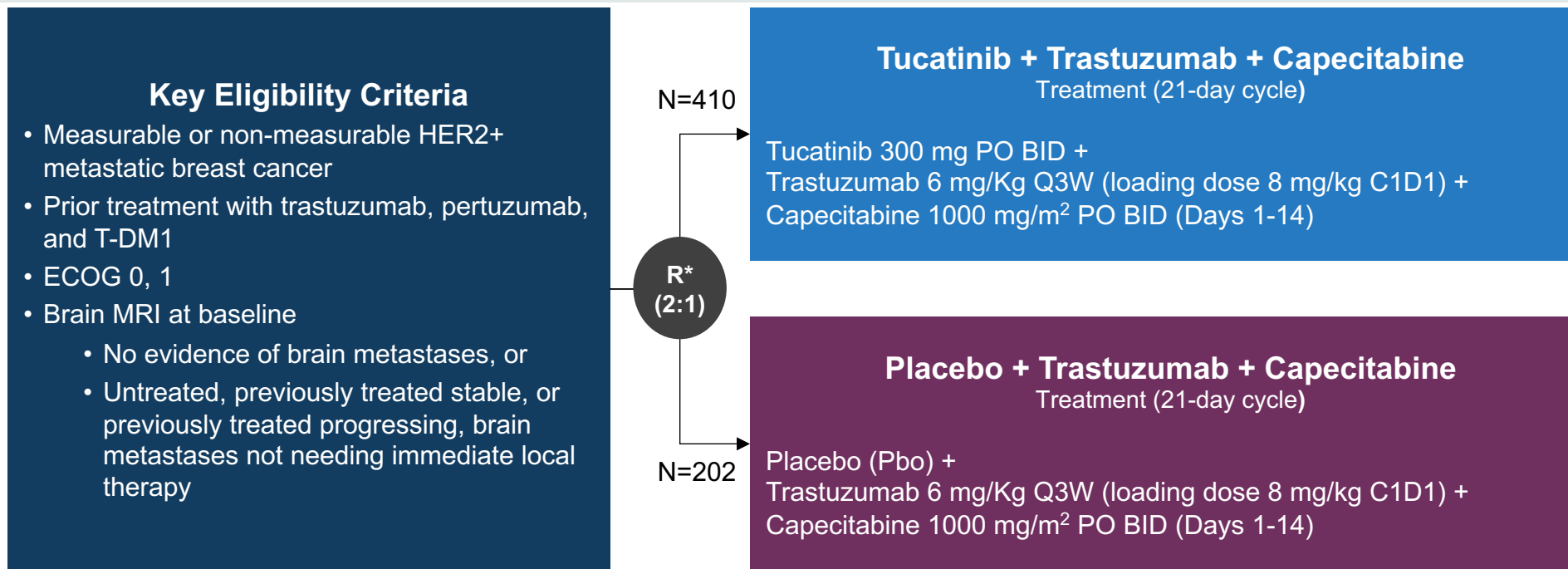
Compound	Biochemical Selectivity (Kinase Assays)	
	HER2 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	EGFR IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
Tucatinib	6.9	449
Neratinib	5.6	1.8
Lapatinib	109	48

- *Lapatinib and neratinib inhibit EGFR and HER2 with similar potencies*

- Less EGFR-associated toxicity than other HER2-targeted TKIs
- CNS penetration
- Well tolerated and active in combinations (eg, with T-DM1, capecitabine, or trastuzumab)

Agent	Cellular Selectivity, IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	
	HER2	EGFR
Tucatinib	8	4000
Neratinib	7	8
Lapatinib	49	31

# HER2CLIMB Trial Design



\*Stratification Factors: presence of brain metastases (yes/no), ECOG status (0 or 1), and region of world (US or Canada or rest of world)

## Baseline Characteristics of Note

- **60% HR positive**
- **48% CNS Metastases**
- **36% de novo metastatic breast cancer**
- **Median 3 prior lines of therapy in metastatic setting (range 1-14)**

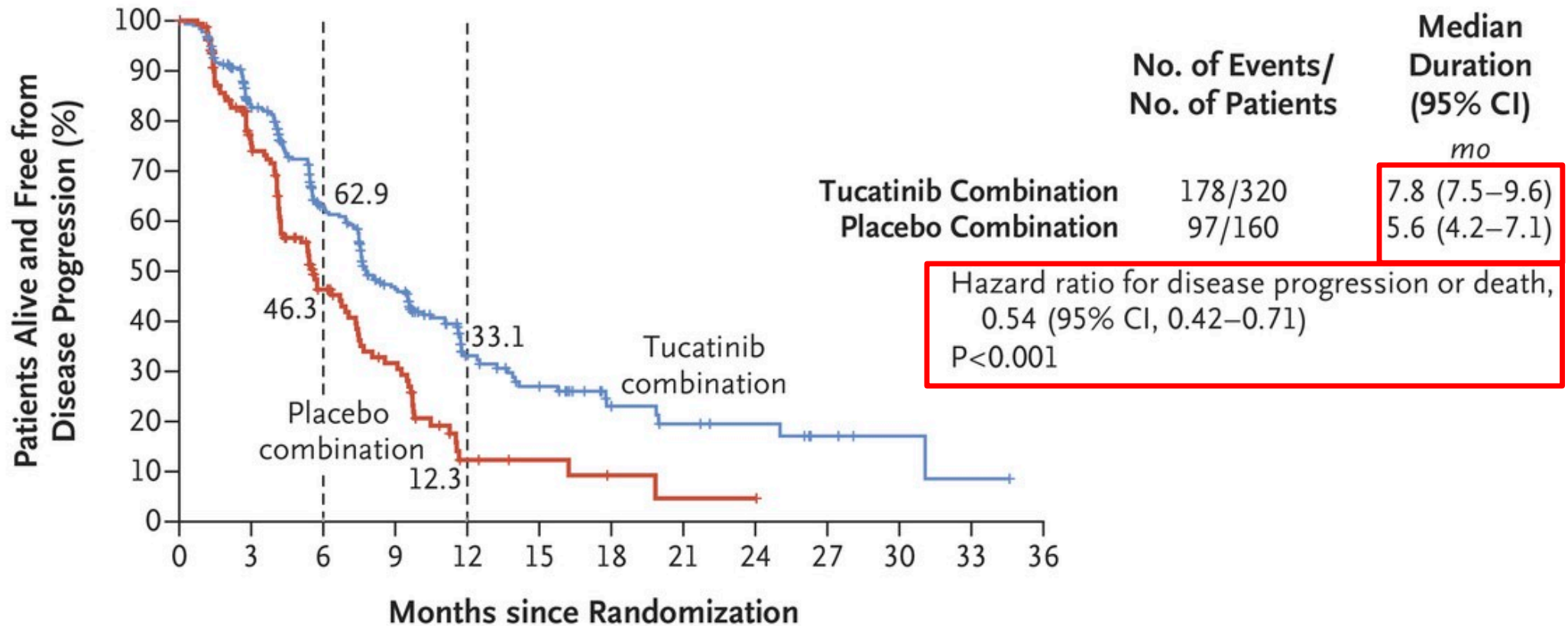
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# Progression-free Survival

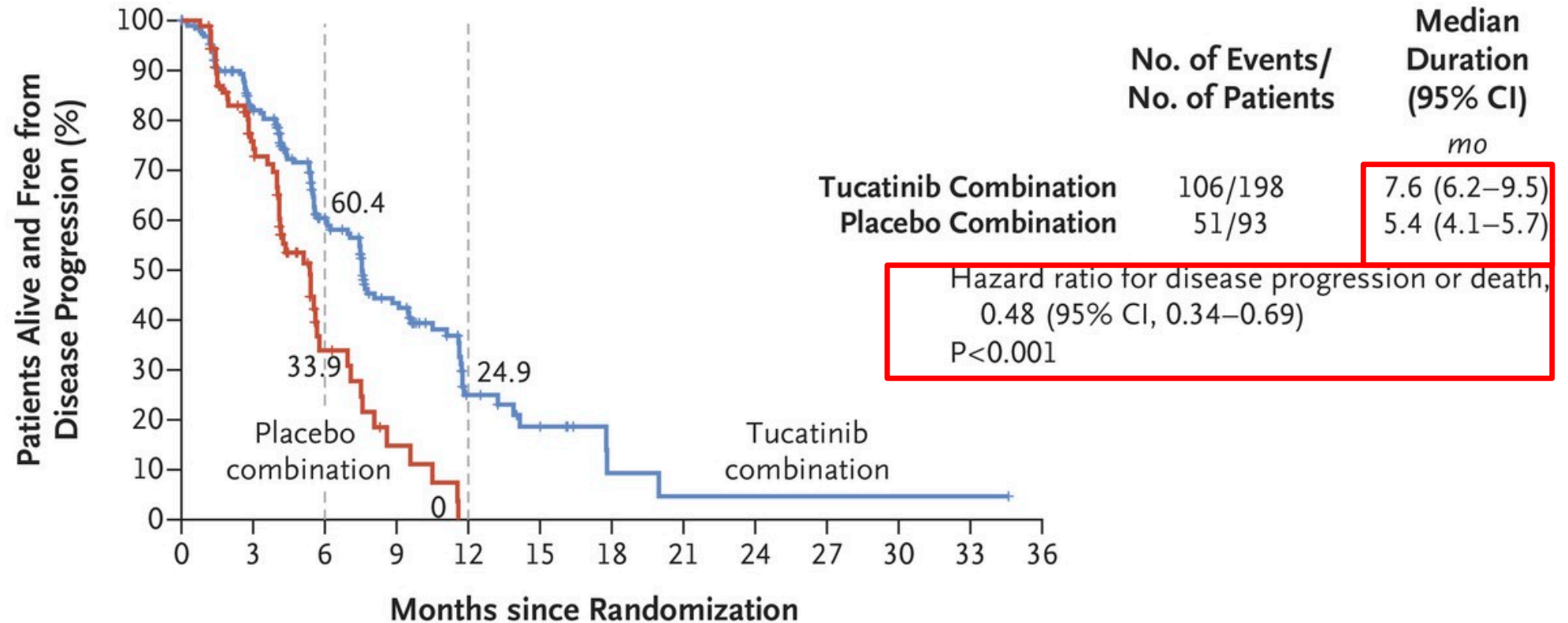
A Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Progression-free Survival



- ORR: 41% (tucatinib) vs. 23% (placebo)

# Progression-free Survival among the Patients with Brain Metastases

A Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Progression-free Survival among Patients with Brain Metastases



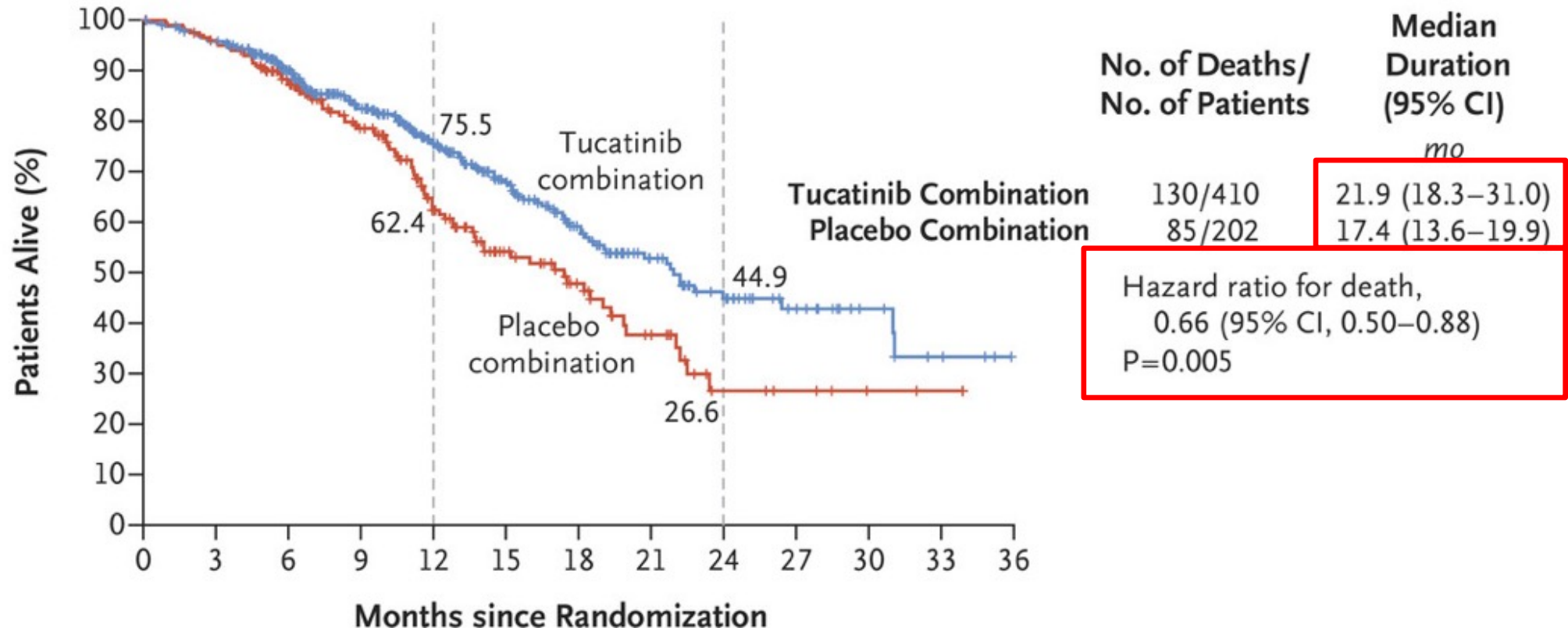
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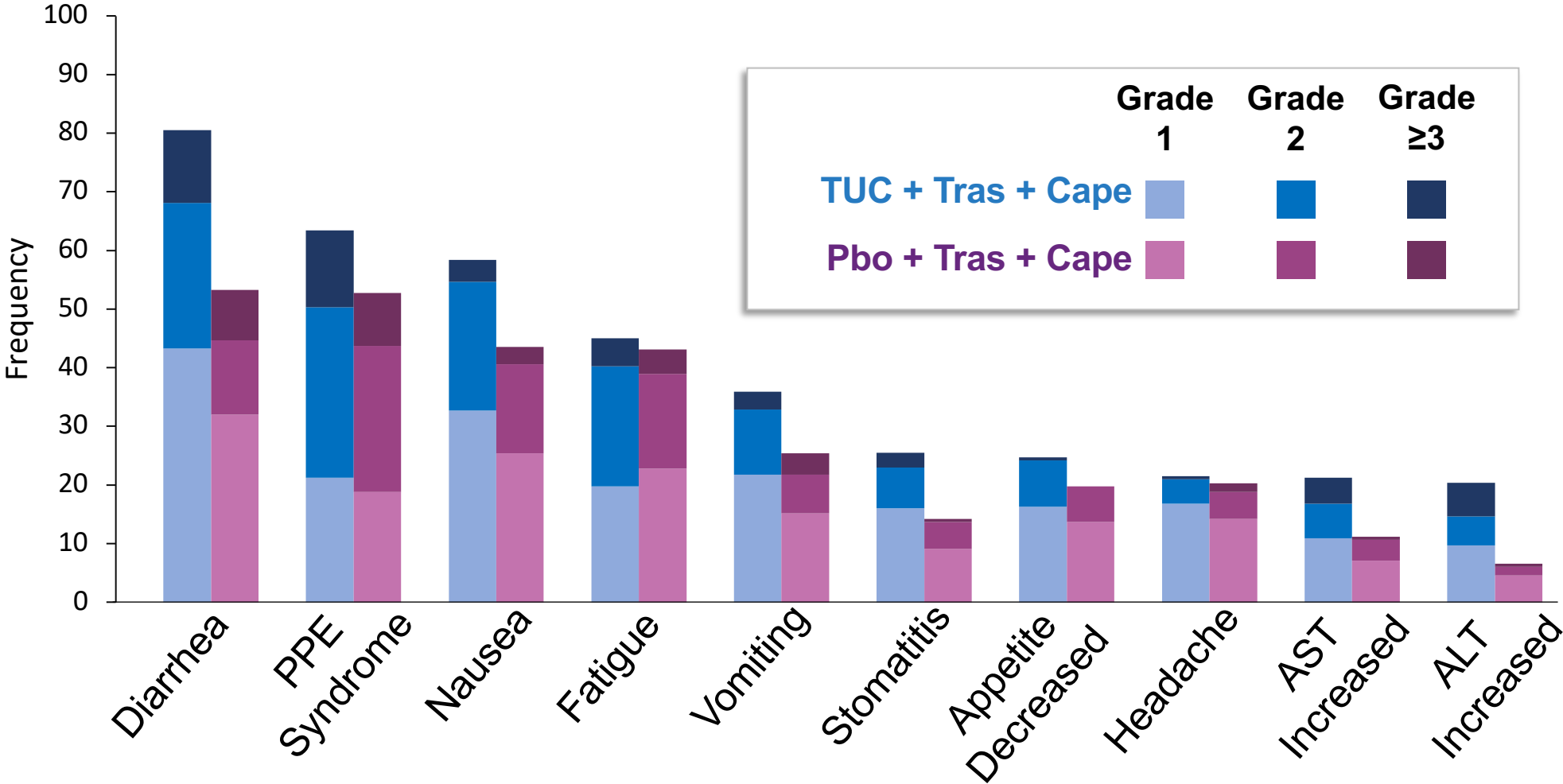
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# Overall Survival in the Total Population

A Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Overall Survival



# Most Common Adverse Events (≥20% in the Tucatinib Arm)



PPE: palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, AST: aspartate transaminase, ALT: alanine transaminase

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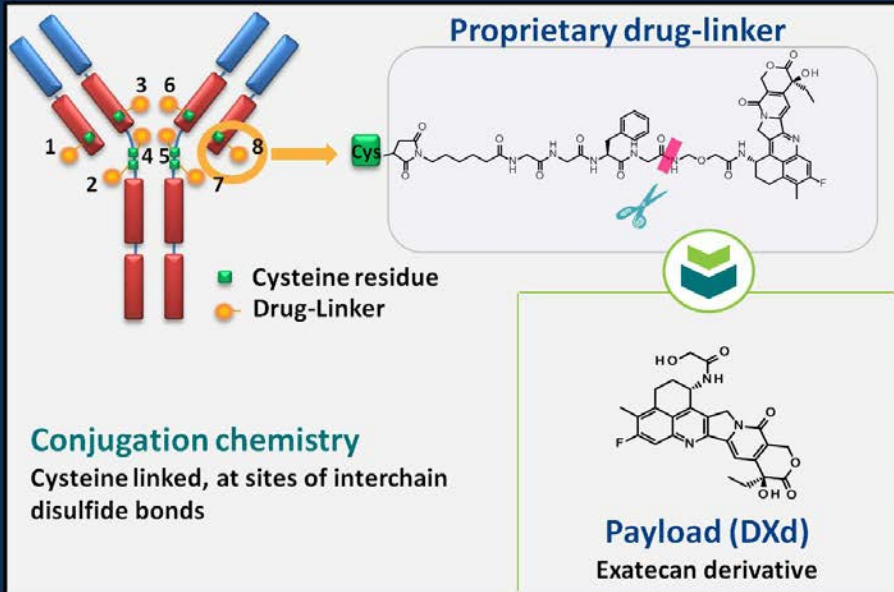


# Tucatinib Approval

**On April 17, 2020, the FDA approved tucatinib in combination with trastuzumab/capecitabine for treatment of advanced, unresectable or metastatic HER2+ BC, including patients with brain metastases, who have received  $\geq 1$  previous HER2-targeted therapy in the metastatic setting**

# Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (DS-8201a): Structure and Mechanism of Action

## DS-8201a



- Novel payload
- High potency
- Bystander effect
- Short systemic half-life payload
- Stable linker-payload
- Tumor selective cleavable-linker
- High drug-to-antibody ratio

Designed with the goal of improving clinical attributes of an ADC

Drug Design Attributes			Clinical Implications
	DS-8201	T-DM1	
Payload	Topoisomerase-1 inhibitor	Tubulin inhibitor	Validated topo-1 mechanism
Drug antibody ratio	High: 7-8	Low: 3-4	
Payload Membrane permeability	Highly membrane permeable → "bystander effect"	Membrane impermeable → no bystander effect	Kills neighboring heterogenous non-HER2 tumor cells (pH dependent topo-1 potency)

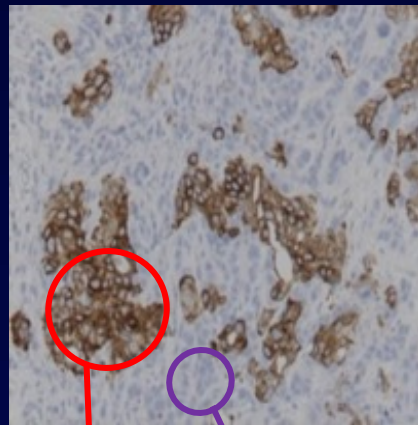


# Bystander effect of T-DXd

## Bystander effect (Preclinical, after 14 day treatment)

Control

Co-culture of HER2+ and HER2- tumors in vivo



HER2+ tumors

HER2- tumors

T-DM1, 10 mg/kg

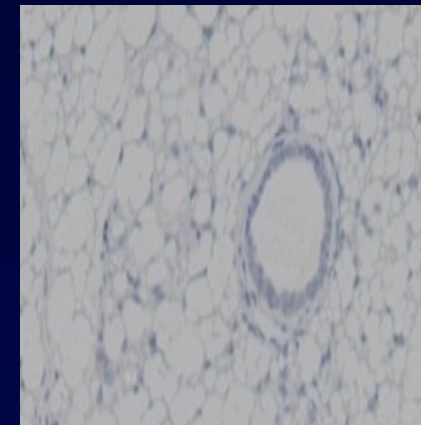
Activity against HER2+ tumors only



HER2- tumors

DS-8201a, 3.0 mg/kg

Activity against HER2+ and HER2- tumors

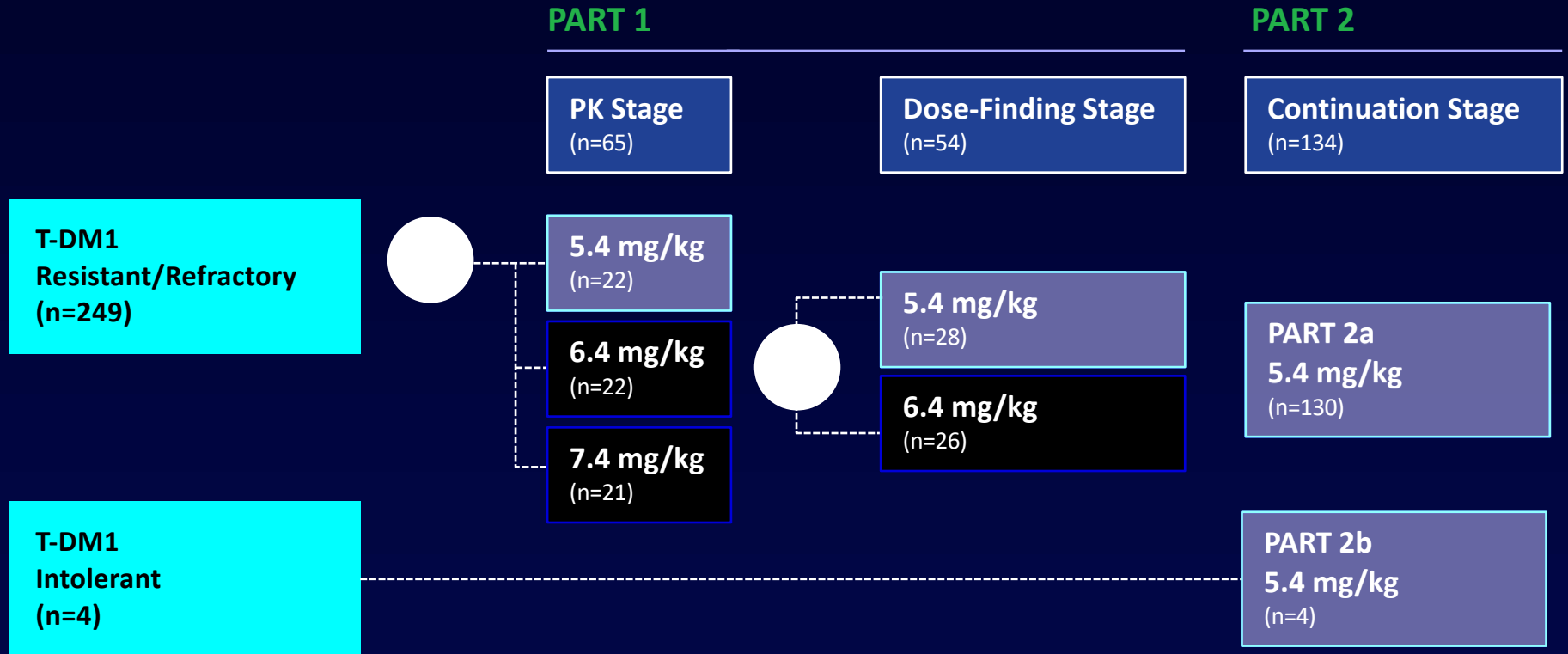


DS-8201a: Ability to kill neighboring tumor cells

# DESTINY-Breast01 Study Design: An Open-Label, Multicenter, Phase 2 Study

**Population**

- ≥18 years of age
- Unresectable and/or metastatic BC
- HER2-positive (centrally confirmed on archival tissue)
- Prior T-DM1
- Excluded patients with history of significant ILD
- Stable, treated brain metastases were allowed

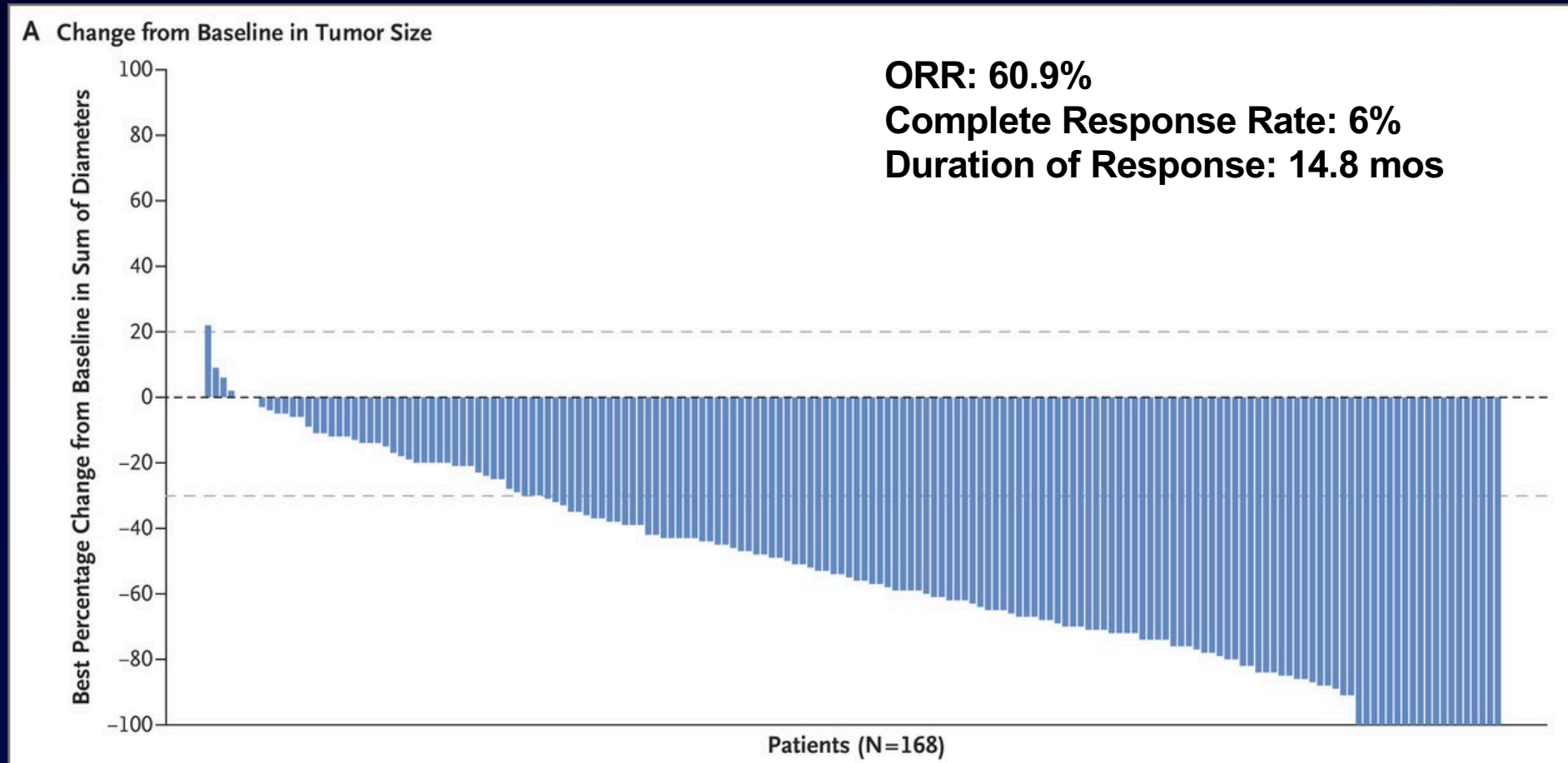


**Baseline Characteristics of Note**

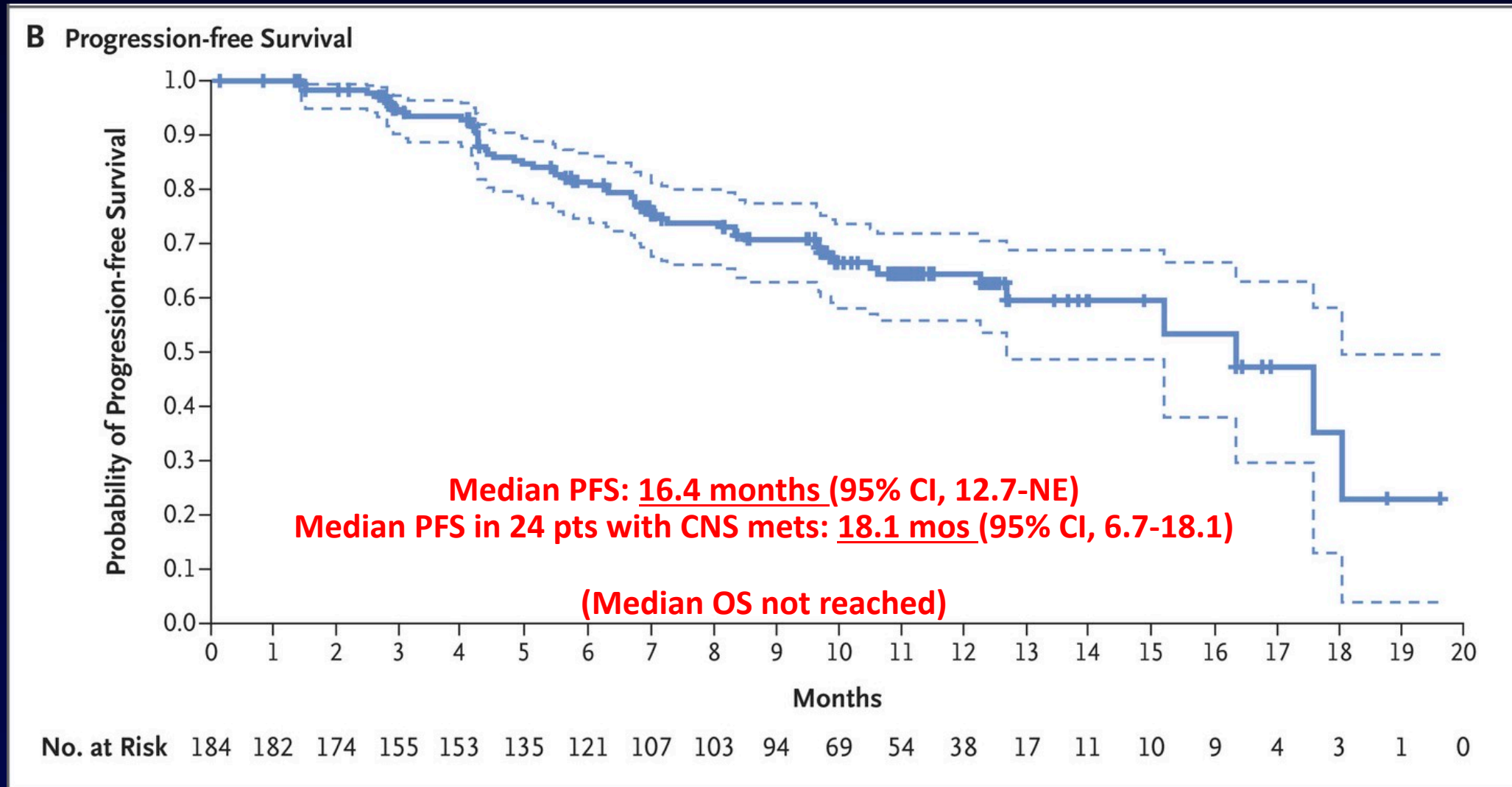
- **53% HR positive**
- **HER2 IHC 3+ 84%; 1+/2+ (FISH+) 16%**
- **92% visceral disease; 13% h/o brain metastases**
- **Median 6 prior lines of therapy (range 2-27)**

184 patients enrolled at 5.4 mg/kg

# Response to Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, According to Tumor Size and Subgroup Analyses.



# Kaplan–Meier Analysis of Progression-free Survival.



# DESTINY-Breast02 and -Breast03: U301 & U302

## Ph III HER2+ mBC Trial Designs

### U301



Primary endpoints: PFS

PFS: 90% power for HR of 0.70 in PFS with a 1-sided alpha of 0.025

OS: 80% power for HR of 0.75 with a 1-sided alpha of 0.025

PFS will be tested first, if positive, OS will be tested at the same alpha level. There is a planned OS interim analysis at the same time when PFS primary analysis is performed.

\*trastuzumab + capecitabine or lapatinib + capecitabine

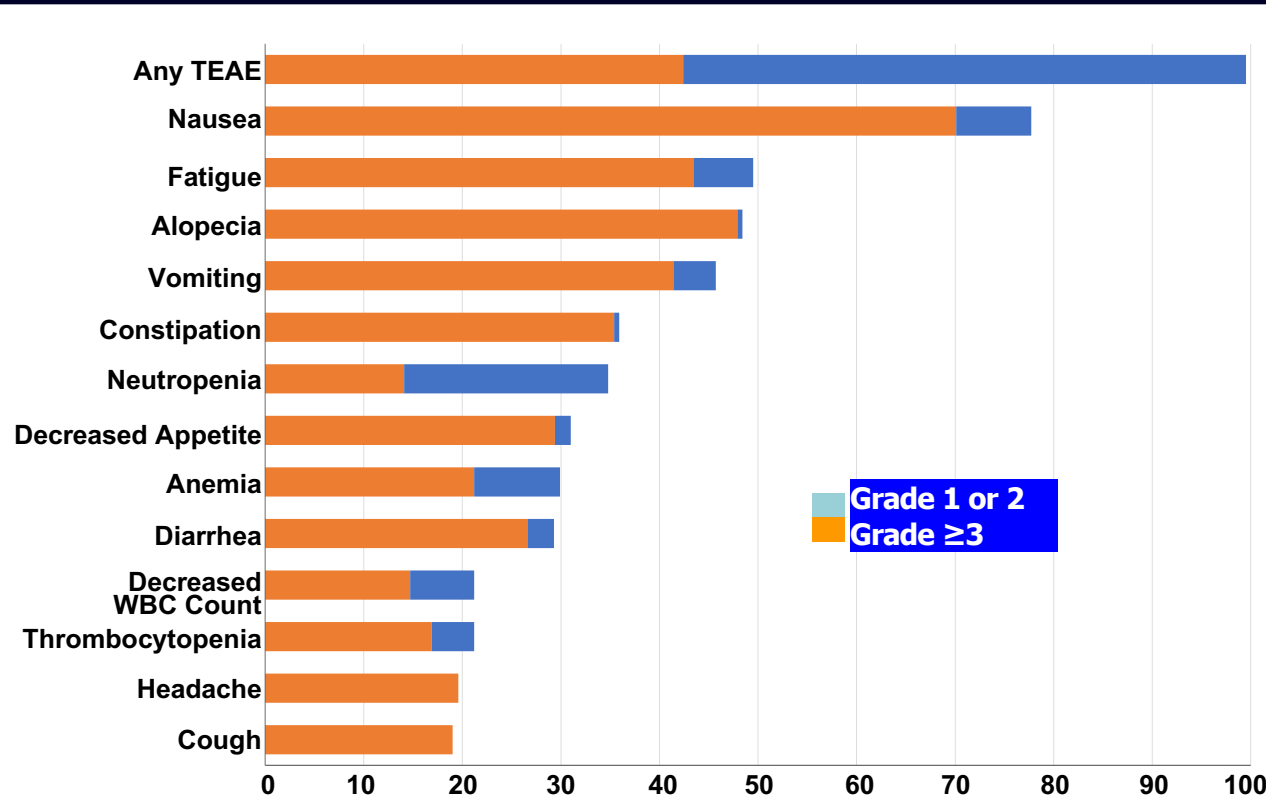
### U302



Primary endpoint: PFS

90% power for HR of 0.70 with a 1-sided alpha of 0.025

# TDxD: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (in >15% of Patients)



## Interstitial Lung Disease

Median time from the first infusion of T-DXd to onset of ILD was 27.6 weeks (range, 6-76 weeks)

Patients who received T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg (N=184)						
Preferred Term, n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade/Total
Interstitial lung disease <sup>a</sup>	5 (2.7)	15 (8.2)	1 (0.5)	0	4 (2.2)	25 (13.6)

- Serious TEAEs, 22.8% (drug related, 12.5%)
- TEAEs associated with discontinuation, 15.2% (drug related, 14.7%); **the majority were due to pneumonitis/ILD (8.7%)**
- 9 (4.9%) TEAE-associated deaths

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# Pneumonitis-associated with DS-8201a

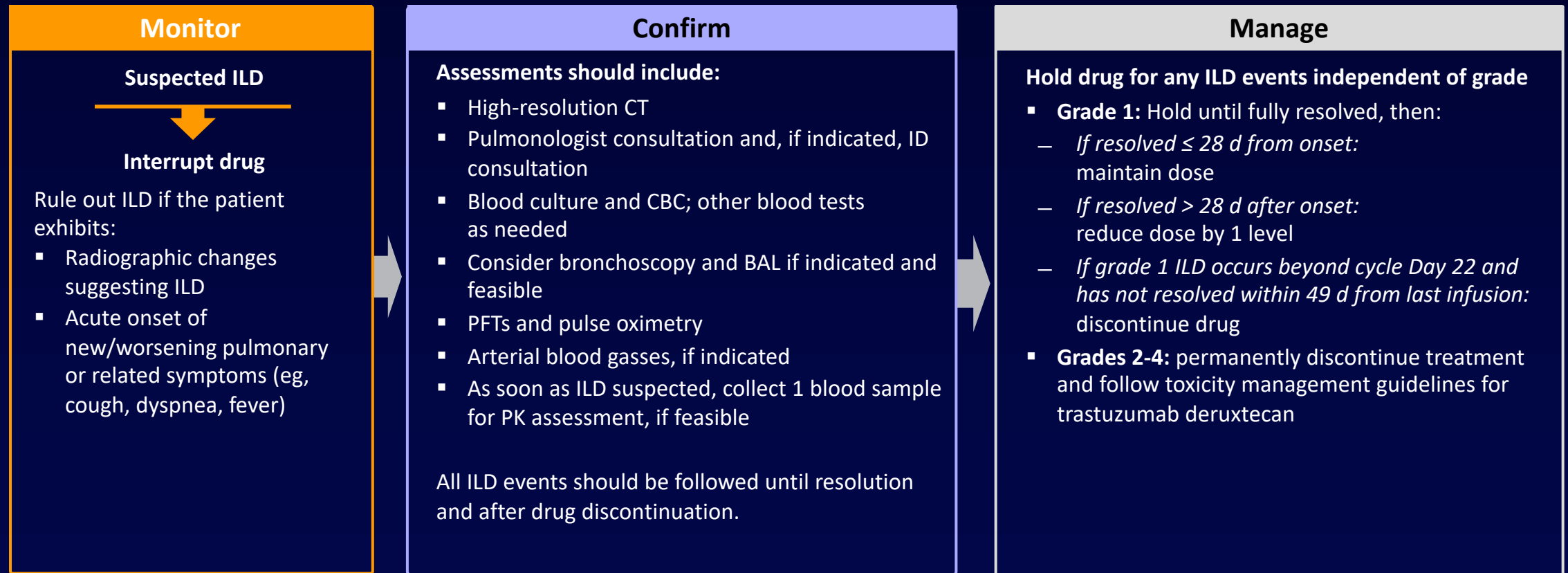
## ILD in Phase 1/2 studies<sup>1</sup>

	All-grade	Grade 5
All subjects N=665	9.9%	0.8%
Breast cancer, any dose N=510	10.6%	0.8%
Breast cancer, 5.4 mg/kg N=269	5.6%	0.4%

## Conclusions

- **Higher likelihood of developing ILD associated with<sup>1</sup>:**
  - **Higher dose ( $\geq 6.4$  mg/kg)**
  - **Japanese origin:** *Japanese patients 49% of N=665 sample*
  - **Number of prior therapies:** *Many patients in Phase 1/2 have multiple prior lines of therapy*
- **Median 149 days (~6 months) to onset<sup>1</sup> allows for monitoring & intervention**
- **Education and guidelines implementation underway**

# Management of Interstitial Lung Disease in Clinical Studies of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan





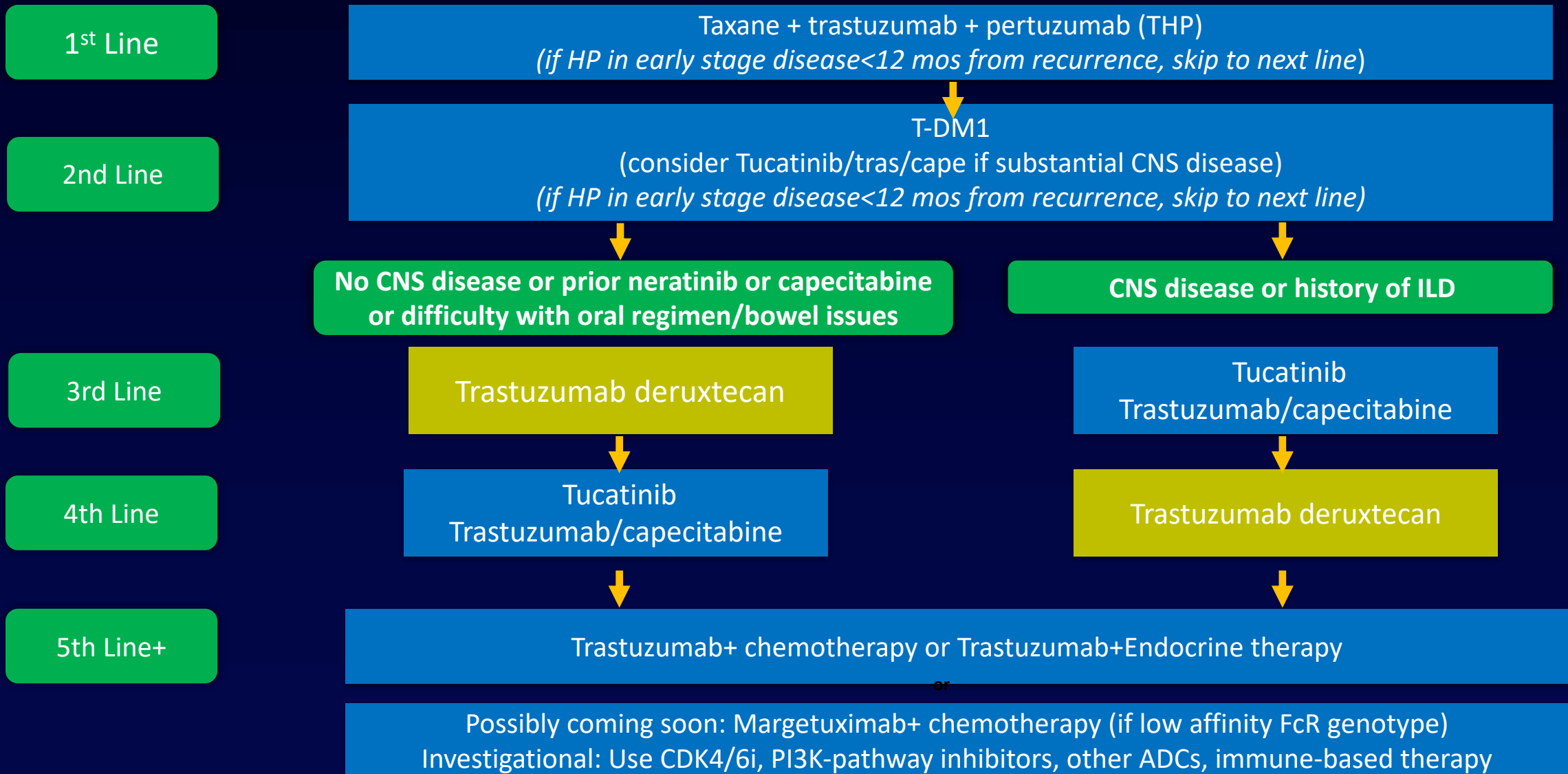
# FDA Accelerated Approval 12.20.2019

fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki approved for patients with unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer *who have received two or more prior anti-HER2-based regimens in the metastatic setting.*

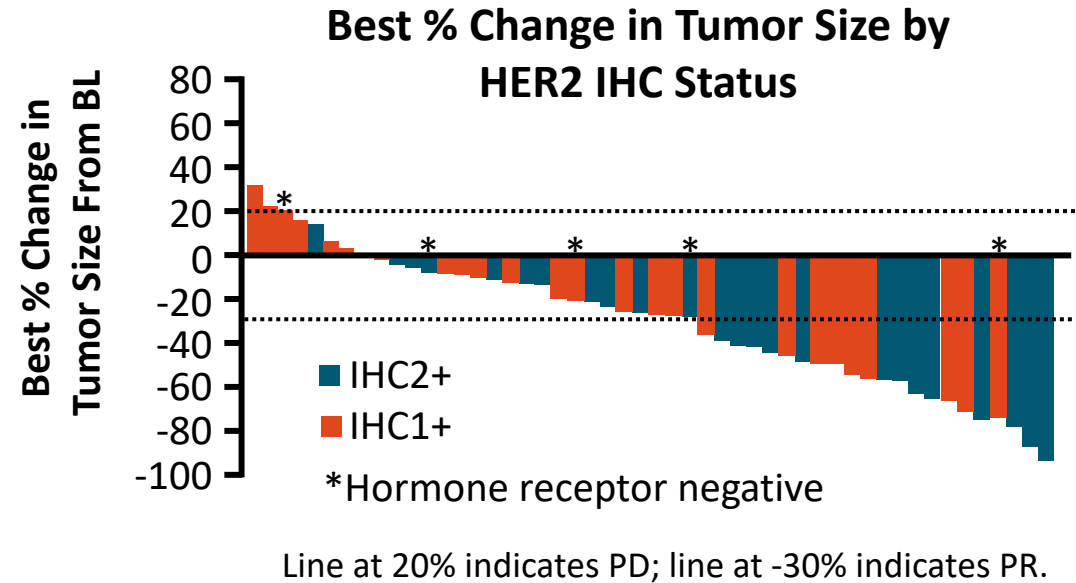
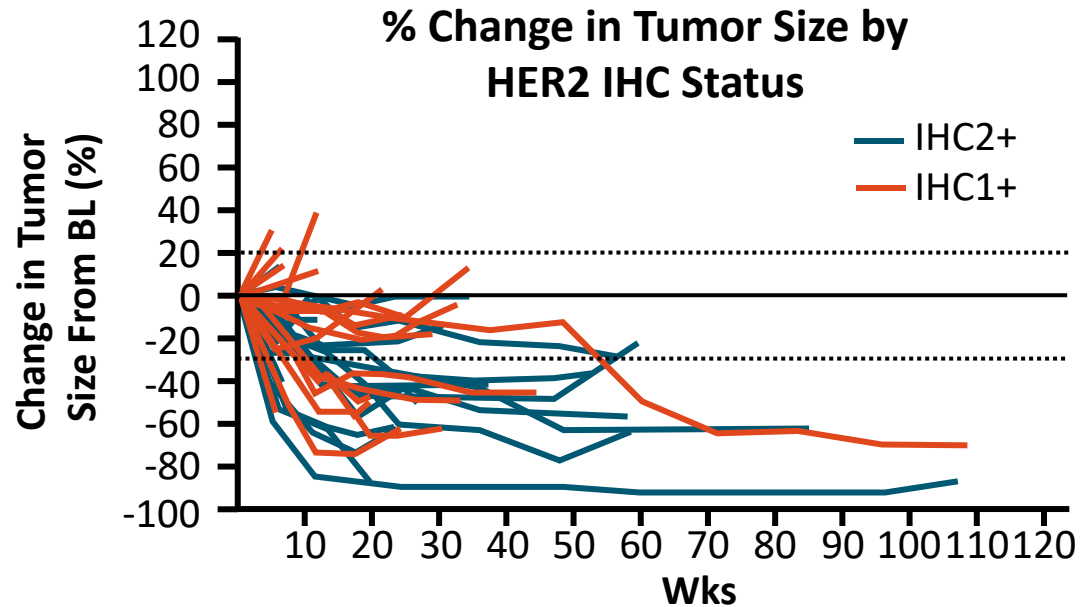
# How to Best Sequence New $\geq 3$ rd-Line Agents?

	<b>Trastuzumab Deruxtecan</b>	<b>Tucatinib + Tras/Cape</b>	<b>Neratinib + Capecitabine</b>
PROS	Very high ORR	OS and PFS benefit	PFS benefit
	Durable benefit Long PFS	Activity in both treated and progressive brain mets	Delays time to CNS Rx
	Activity maintained in pts with treated brain mets	Manageable toxicity profile	
CONS	ILD is serious potential risk	Absolute PFS benefit modest	Serious diarrhea is common
	No data on efficacy in progressive brain mets		Benefit modest

# Approach to Therapy for Metastatic HER2+ Disease: Move to Personalization



# HER2-Low MBC: Use of trastuzumab deruxtecan??

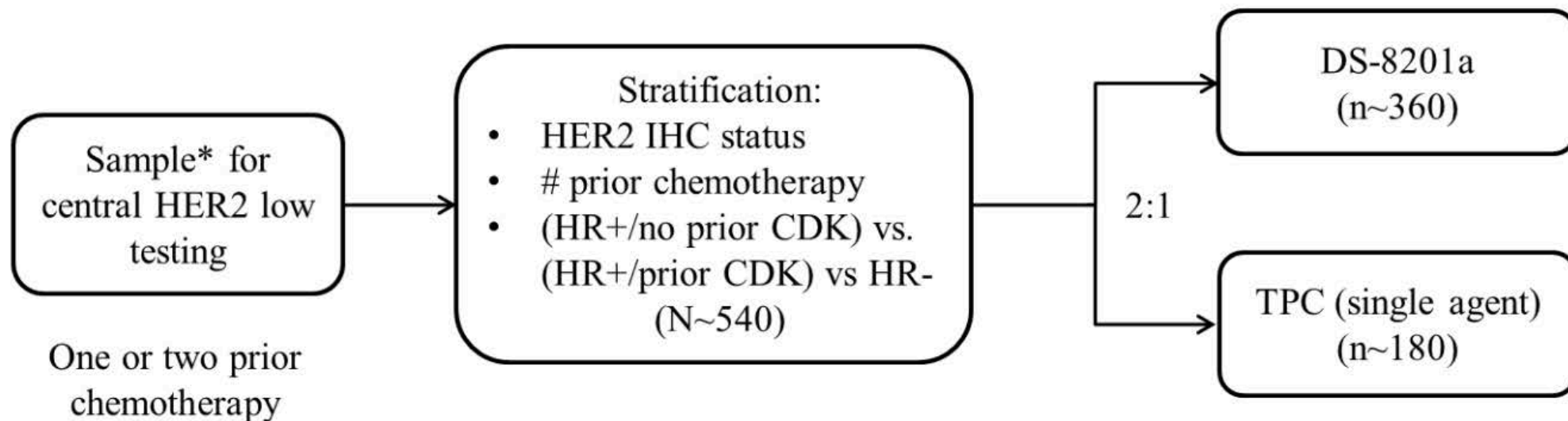


Efficacy in HER2-Low MBC	Confirmed ORR, %	Median DoR, Mos	Median PFS, Mos
All (N = 51)	44.2	9.4	7.6
IHC 2+ (n = 24)	<b>54.5</b>	11.0	<b>13.6</b>
IHC 1+ (n = 27)	<b>33.3</b>	7.9	<b>5.7</b>
HR+ (n = 45)	47.4	11.0	7.9
Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor (n = 15)	33.3	NR	7.1



# DESTINY-Breast04

## HER2 Low (1+ or 2+ IHC)



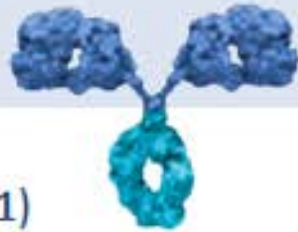
CDK = cyclin-dependent kinase, HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, IHC = immunohistochemistry, TPC = treatment of physician's choice.

# Margetuximab: Fc-engineered to Activate Immune Responses

## Trastuzumab

### Fab:

- Binds HER2 with high specificity
- Disrupts signaling that drives cell proliferation and survival



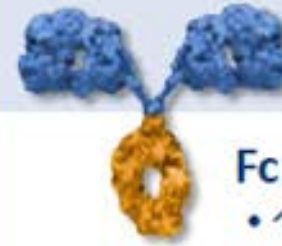
### Fc:

- Wild-type immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) immune effector domains
- Binds and activates immune cells

## Margetuximab<sup>1,2</sup>

### Fab:

- Same specificity and affinity
- Similarly disrupts signaling



### Fc engineering:

- ↑ Affinity for activating FcγRIIIA (CD16A)
- ↓ Affinity for inhibitory FcγRIIB (CD32B)

### Margetuximab Binding to FcγR Variants:

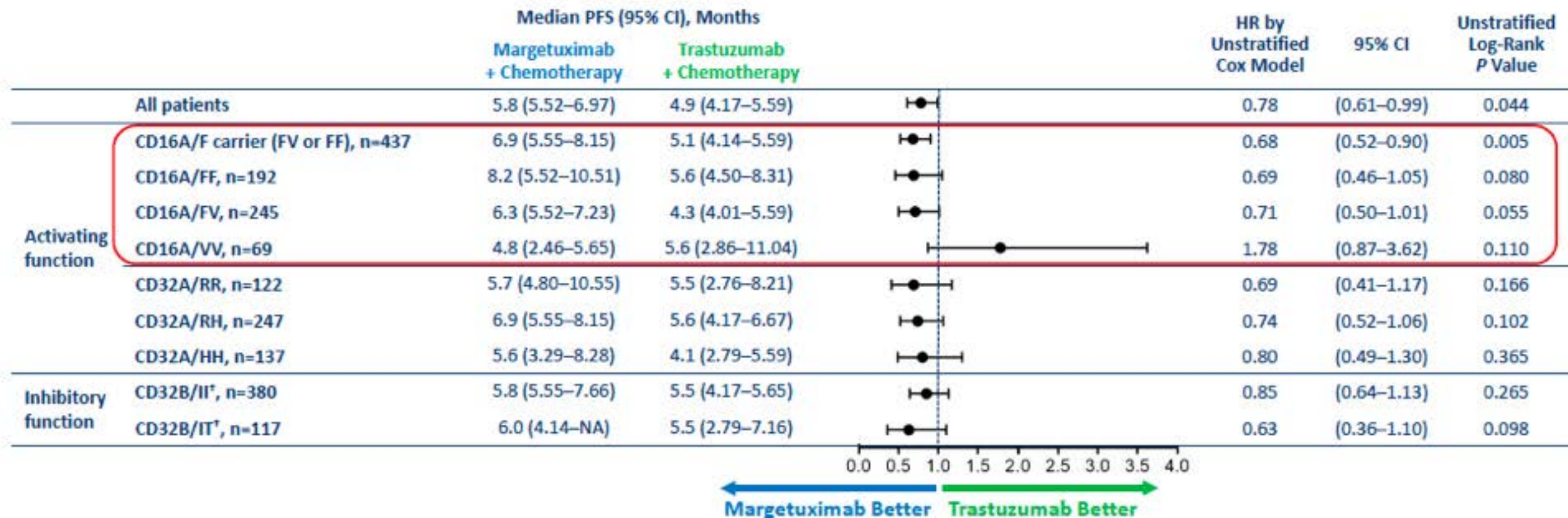
Receptor Type	Receptor	Allelic Variant	Relative Fc Binding	Affinity Fold-Change
Activating	CD16A	158F	Lower	6.6x ↑
		158V	Higher	4.7x ↑
	CD32A	131R	Lower	6.1x ↓
		131H	Higher	↔
Inhibitory	CD32B	232I/T	Equivalent	8.4x ↓

1. Nordstrom JL, et al. *Breast Cancer Res.* 2011;13(6):R123. 2. Stavenhagen JB, et al. *Cancer Res.* 2007;67(18):8882-8890.



# Planned\* Exploratory PFS Analyses by FcγR Genotypes (CBA)

*Margetuximab benefit appears to be increased in low-affinity CD16A-158F allele carriers*



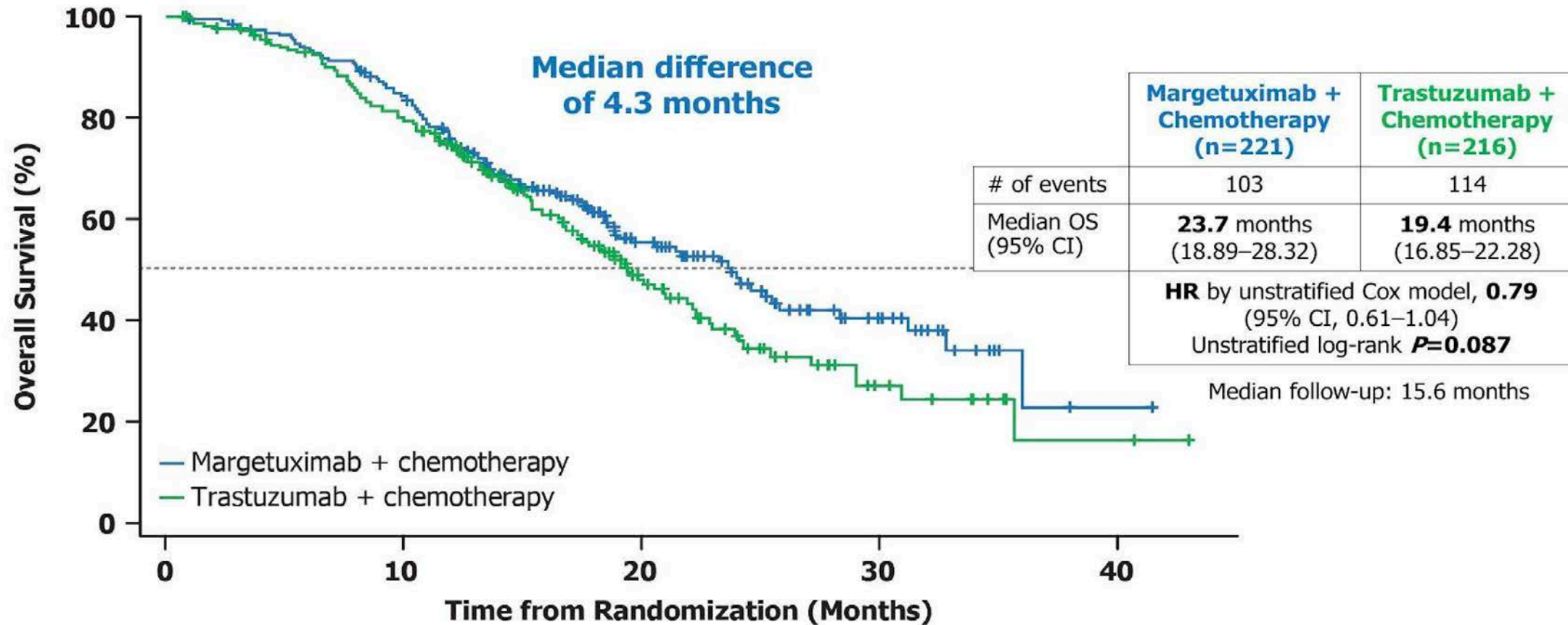
\*Non-alpha allocating, exploratory analysis.

†CD32B/TT not included on forest plot because n=9 is too small (5 on margetuximab, 4 on trastuzumab) to make analysis meaningful.

# Prespecified OS in CD16A-158F carriers

<sup>1</sup>Sep-2019 Cutoff

CD16A-158F Carriers, FF or FV, n=437 of 506 (86%) genotyped



Margetuximab	221	219	212	204	196	181	157	135	111	91	68	55	42	31	27	19	13	8	2	1	1	0	
Trastuzumab	216	210	201	192	176	165	145	123	98	81	57	43	30	21	16	11	9	6	2	2	2	1	0

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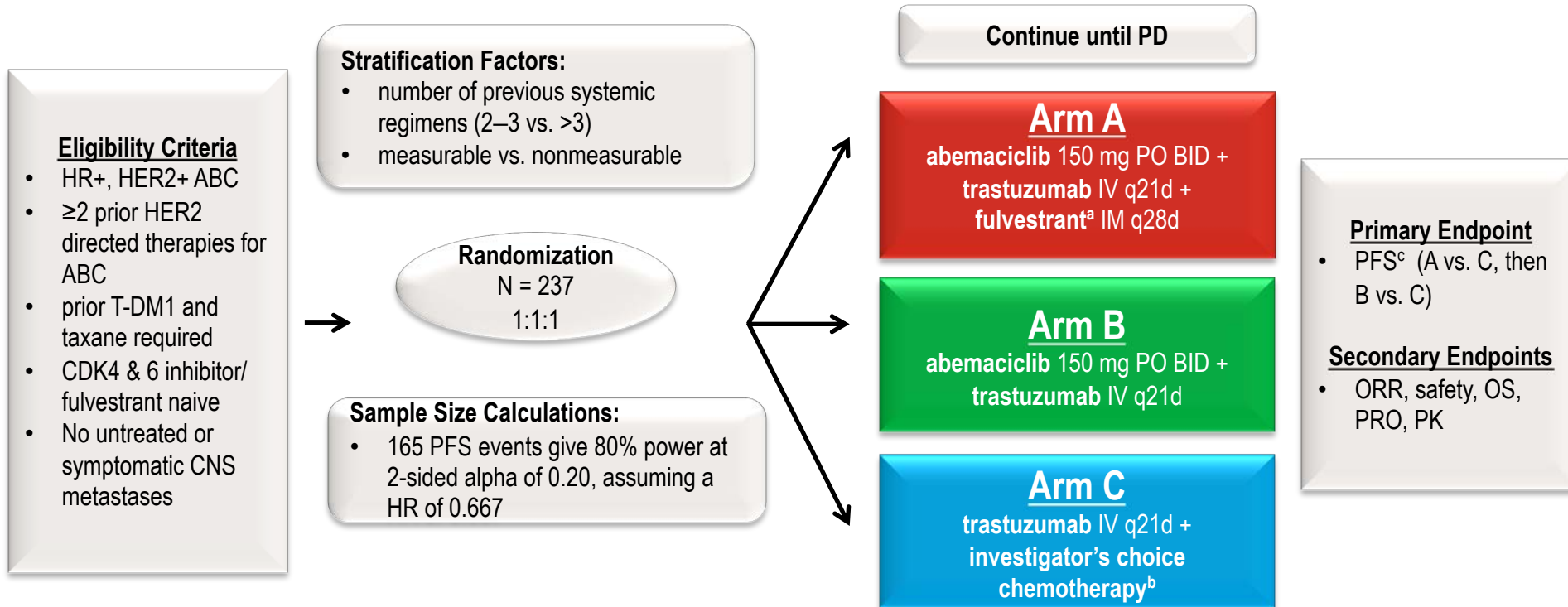
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# Additional HER2 Targeting ADCs in Breast Cancer

Drug Name	Clinical Trials	Setting
A166	Phase 1/2: NCT03602079	HER2+ locally advanced/metastatic solid tumors that did not respond or stopped responding to approved therapies
ALT-P7 (HM2-MMAE)	Phase 2: NCT03281824	HER2+ metastatic breast cancer patients who have progressed on previous trastuzumab-based therapy
ARX788	Phase 1: NCT02512237 Phase 1: NCT03255070	HER2+ advanced cancers
DHES0815A (anti-HER2/PBD-MA)	Phase 1: NCT03451162	HER2+ breast cancer
MEDI4276	Phase 1: NCT02576548	HER2+ advanced solid tumors
RC48	Phase 1b/2: NCT03052634 Phase 2: NCT03500380	HER2+ advanced breast cancer
SYD985 ([vic-]trastuzumab duocarmazine)	Phase 3: TULIP; NCT03262935	HER2+ unresectable locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer vs. physician's choice
XMT-1522 (TAK-522)	Phase 1: NCT02952729	HER2+ advanced breast cancer and other advanced tumors

# CDK4/6 inhibitor for HER2+/HR+ breast cancer: monarchHER STUDY DESIGN



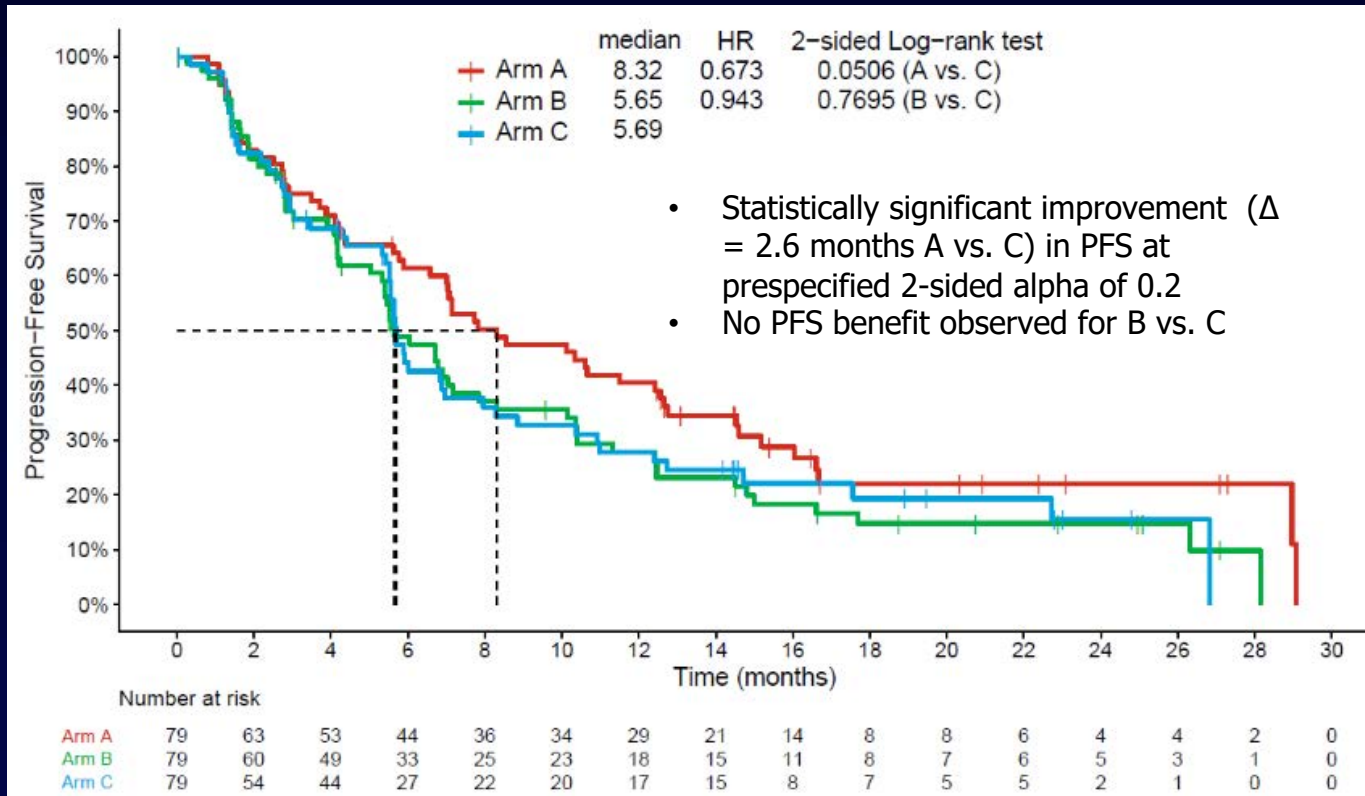
Abbreviations: ABC = advanced breast cancer, HR+ = hormone receptor-positive, HER2(+) = human epidermal growth factor receptor-2 (positive), n = number of patients, PD = progressive disease, BID= twice daily, q21d= every 21 days, PFS = Progression Free Survival, ORR = Objective Response Rate, OS = Overall Survival, PRO = Patient Reported Outcomes, PK = pharmacokinetics

<sup>a</sup>Dosing per fulvestrant label

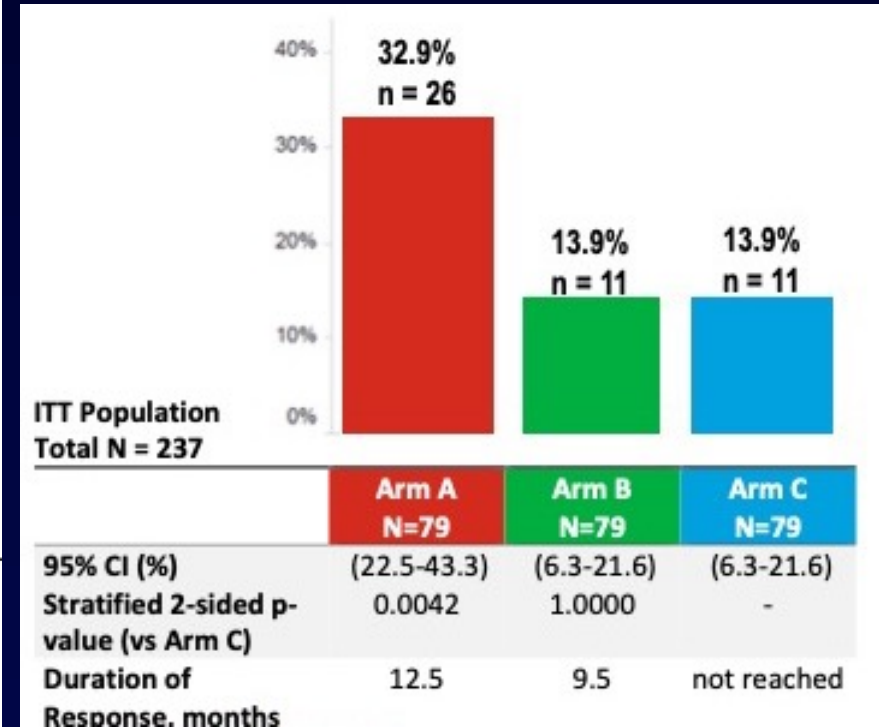
<sup>b</sup>Standard-of-care single-agent chemotherapy should include approved drug in breast cancer.

<sup>c</sup>investigator assessed

# Phase II monarchHER: PFS and ORR



## OBJECTIVE RESPONSE RATE



- Arm A= abemaciclib + trastuzumab + fulvestrant
- Arm B= abemaciclib + trastuzumab
- Arm C= trastuzumab + chemotherapy

Tolaney S, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2019;30(suppl\_5):v851-v934.

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# Summary

- VERY exciting time for novel therapies to treat HER2+ metastatic breast cancer
- 3 new approvals in the last year (tucatinib, trastuzumab deruxtecan, neratinib)
- Many novel agents being evaluated:
  - Margetuximab may be next approval?
  - Other ADCs
  - Novel antibodies
  - CDK4/6 inhibitors
  - Immune therapy

## **CASE 1: A patient with HER2-positive breast cancer who received trastuzumab deruxtecan**

50 y.o. female diagnosed 2002 with stage III ER+ HER2+ BC, s/p TCH, lumpectomy with residual disease, tamoxifen. 2 years later metastases to spine. Treated with trastuzumab/endocrine therapy, lapatinib/trastuzumab/endocrine therapy; vinorelbine/trastuzumab/pertuzumab; T-DM1, went on HER2CLIMB trial of trastuzumab/capecitabine +/- tucatinib; I thought she was getting tucatinib because she had rash, SBO, colitis, dose reduced tucatinib (or placebo), ultimately taken off study for PD 14 mos after enrolling (Later found out she was on placebo arm!). Placed on study of trastuzumab deruxtecan 9/2018. Still on study with disease control (cycle 37 now). Tolerating well but significant hair thinning. Nausea much better than at beginning of study.

## **CASE 2: A patient with HER2-positive breast cancer who received tucatinib (?)**

65 yo woman diagnosed with right breast calcs 2015 s/p incisional biopsy showing DCIS, mastectomy revealing multifocal invasive ductal carcinoma (1,2,4,4,4,5 mm) from DCIS. T1a(m) N0(i-). ER 95%, PR neg, HER2 3+. Received APT regimen 2015-2016. Started AI 2016. Diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer 4 years later in 2020. Liver biopsy revealed metastatic ductal carcinoma ER (1-2+) 5-10%, PR 0%, HER2 2+ by IHC, positive by FISH (copy 11.45, ratio 4.98). Signed consent for a trial evaluating T-DM1 +/- tucatinib (unknown if she is on tucatinib). Tolerating GREAT but third cycle delayed 3 weeks due to grade 3 ALT/AST elevation. Post-cycle 3 scans showing disease shrinkage (near PR)

## **CASE 3: A patient with HER2-positive breast cancer who received neratinib**

**61 yo** female diagnosed with stage III ER/PR+ HER2+ left BC 1999 s/p ddAC-T, high dose chemo → ASCT, RT, tamoxifen. Four years later (2003) metastatic recurrence to lungs. ER+PR- HER2+. Treated with AI, trastuzumab/cape, tras/vinorelbine, gemcitabine/trastuzumab, fulvestrant/tras, CMF, T-DM1, trastuzumab/lapatinib, eribulin/tras, THP, Palbociclib/trastuzumab/letrozole, tucatinib/cape/tras compassionate use (brain mets), then at PD, took neratinib/taxane and response only lasted 3 months before progression—underscoring fact that there is likely cross-resistance with TKI's. Passed in 2020 after 17 years with MBC.

Thank you!