Current and Future Management of PD-L1-Negative Metastatic Triple Negative Breast Cancer

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Heterogeneity of TNBC



BL1: Basal-like 1

BL2: Basal-like 2

IM: Immunomodulatory

M: Mesenchymal

MSL: Mesenchymal stem cell-like

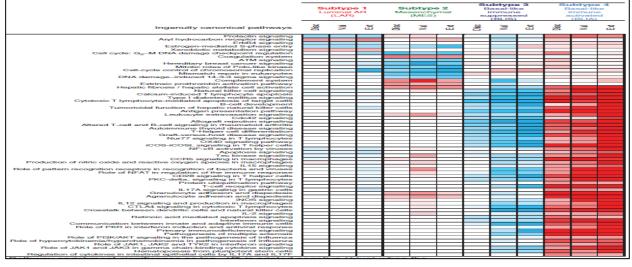
LAR: Luminal androgen receptor

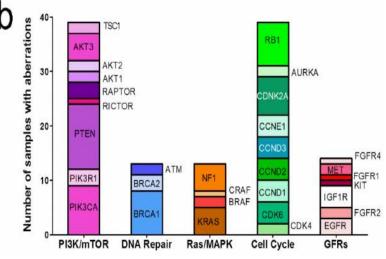


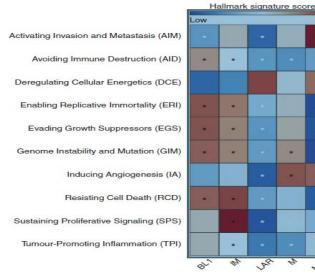
Mesenchymal

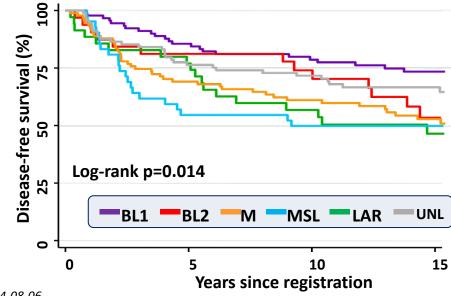
Basal-like Immune-suppressed

Basal-like Immune-activated









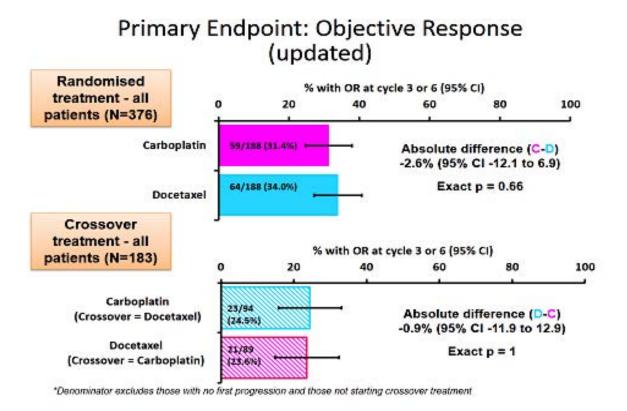
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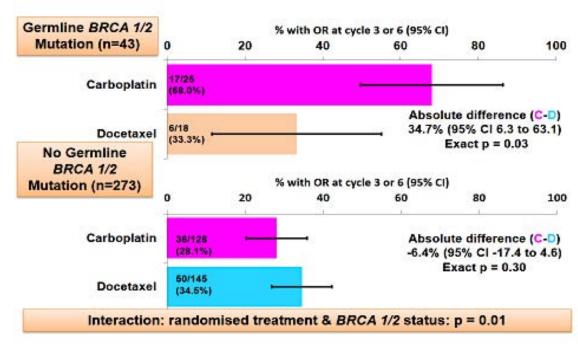
NCCN Guidelines 2020: Preferred Regimens for HER2-Negative Recurrent or Stage IV (M1) Disease

Drug Class	Recommended Agents
Anthracycline	Doxorubicin Liposomal doxorubicin
Taxane	Paclitaxel
Antimetabolite	Capecitabine Gemcitabine
Microtubule Inhibitor	Vinorelbine Eribulin
PARP Inhibitors (for TNBC and gBRCAm)	Olaparib Talazoparib
Platinum Agent	Carboplatin Cisplatin
Immunotherapy (for PD-L1+ TNBC)	Atezolizumab + <i>nab</i> -paclitaxel

TNT: Carboplatin vs Docetaxel First-Line Metastatic TNBC



Objective Response - gBRCA 1/2 Mutation Status



PFS by BRCA mutation status

	BRCA 1/2 mutated	BRCA 1/2 not mutated
D	4.4 mo (1.9-7.0)	4.6 mo (4.2-5.5)
С	6.8 mo (4.6-8.5)	2.9 mo (2.3-4.2)

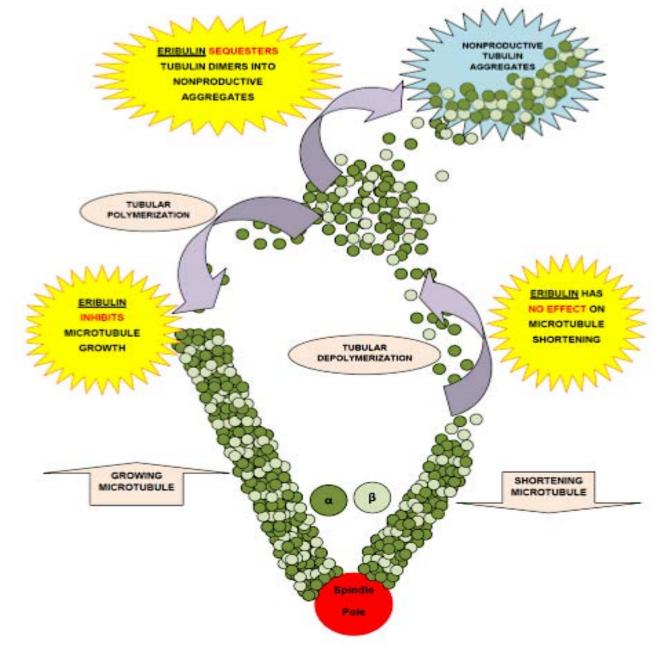
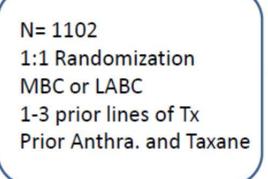


Figure 2. Mechanism of action of eribulin mesylate.



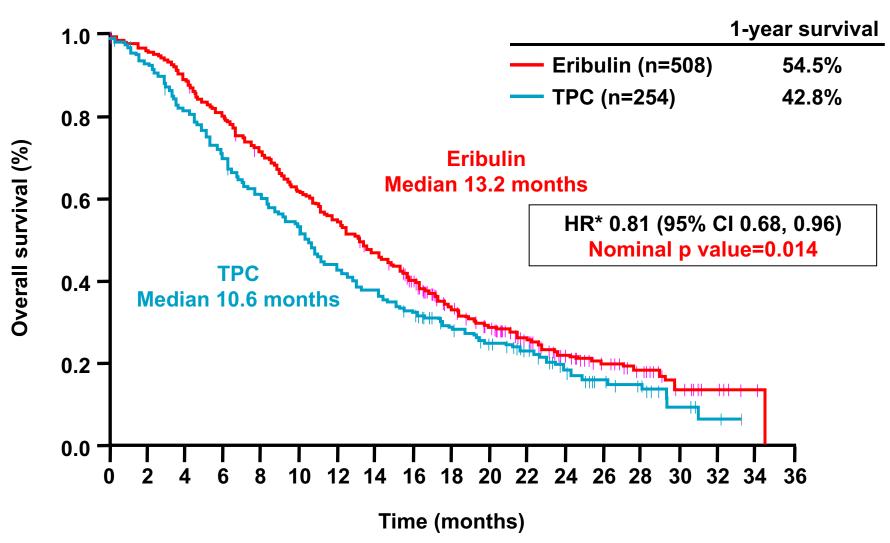
Eribulin (1.4 mg/m² D1&8 Q3W)

Capecitabine 1.25 g/m² BID D1-14 Q3W

Median OS	Eribulin	Cape	Hazard ratio
HER2 status			
Positive	14.3 mo	17.1 mo	0.965
Negative	15.9 mo	13.5 mo	0.838
ER status			
Positive	18.2 mo	16.8 mo	0.897
Negative	14.4 mo	10.5 mo	0.779
Triple-negative BC (TNBC)			
Yes	14.4 mo	9.4 mo	0.702
No	17.5 mo	16.6 mo	0.927
Overall	15.9 mo	14.5 mo	0.879

Study 301: eribulin vs capecitabine 2L MBC

EMBRACE: OS (ITT Population) Eribulin vs Treatment of Physician's Choice



Phase II Trial Sacituzumab Govitecan

Sacituzumab Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADC)

Humanized RS7 antibody

Targets Trop-2, an epithelial antigen expressed on many solid cancers, including mTNBC

SN-38 payload

- Targets 136-fold more SN-38 than the parent compound, irinotecan (topoisomerase I inhibitor)
- ADCs unique chemistry avoids low solubility and selectively delivers SN-38 to the tumor

Linker for SN-38

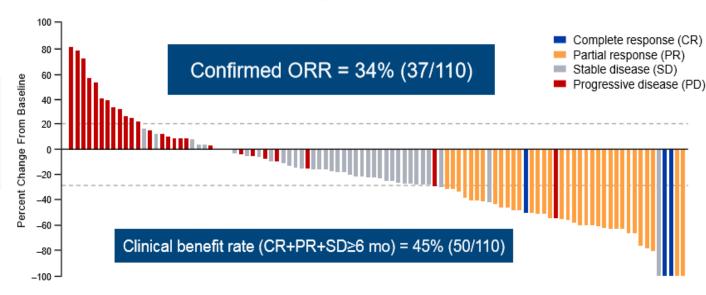
- High drug-to-antibody ratio (7.6:1)
- pH-sensitive linker for rapid payload release at or inside the tumor

High Low / Negative

> 90% TNBCs express Trop-2

Met TNBC 3/4/5th-line Phase II

Tumor Response to Treatment



- 74% (75/102) of patients with at least one CT response assessment had reduction of target lesions (sum of diameters)
- 102 patients had ≥1 scheduled CT response assessment
- 8 patients withdrew prior to assessment (4 PD, 4 MRI brain mets)

Median DoR 7.6 mos Med PFS 5.5 mos

ASCENT (Phase III): Sacituzumab Govitecan (SG) vs Treatment of Physician's Choice (TPC) in pretreated mTNBC (N=529) - Study Design

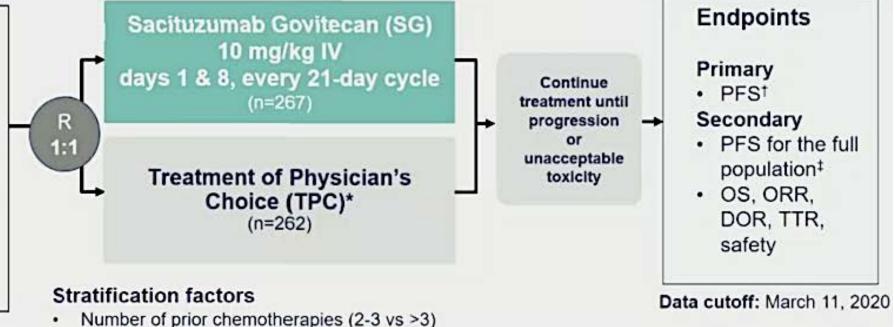
Metastatic TNBC (per ASCO/CAP)

≥2 chemotherapies for advanced disease

[no upper limit; 1 of the required prior regimens could be progression occurred within a 12-month period after completion of (neo)adjuvant therapy)]

N=529

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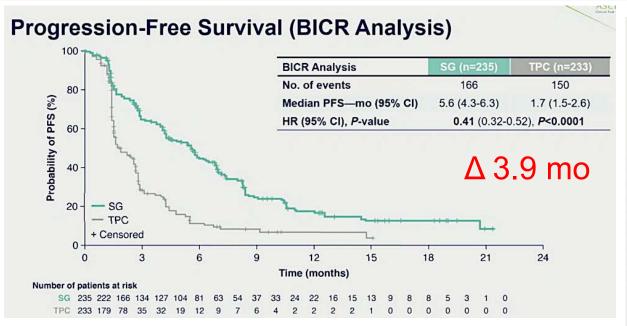
Geographic region (North America vs Europe)

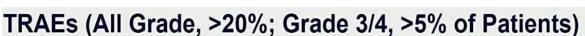
Presence/absence of known brain metastases (yes/no)

ASCENT was halted early due to compelling evidence of efficacy per unanimous DSMC recommendation. Here, we report the primary results from ASCENT, including PFS and OS.

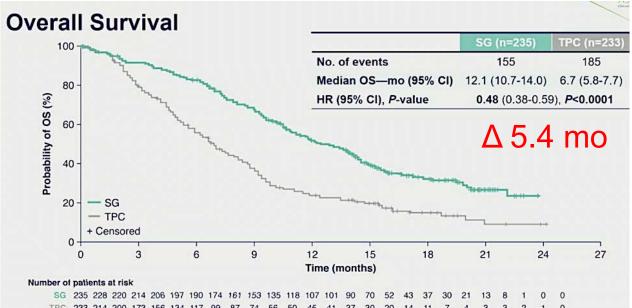
*TPC: eribulin, vinorelbine, gemcitabine, or capecitabine. *IPFS measured by an independent, centralized, and blinded group of radiology experts who assessed tumor response using RECIST 1.1 criteria in patients without brain metastasis, ¹The full population includes all randomized patients (with and without brain metastases). Baseline brain MRI only required for patients with known brain metastasis.

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





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

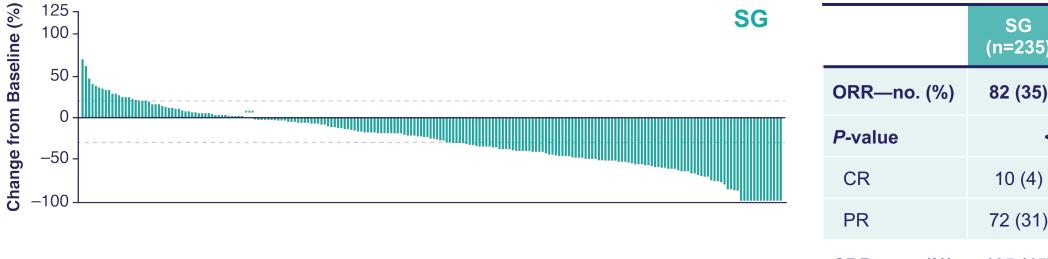
Overall Response and Best Percent Change From Baseline in Tumor Size

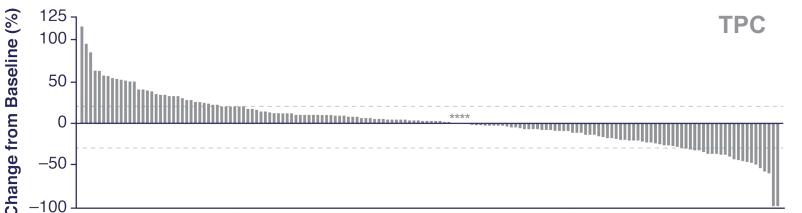


TPC

(n=233)

11 (5)





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P-value	<0.0001		
CR	10 (4)	2 (1)	
PR	72 (31)	9 (4)	
CBR—no. (%)	105 (45)	20 (9)	
	<0.0001		
P-value	<0.	0001	
P-value Median DOR —mo (95%CI)	6.3	3.6 (2.8-NE)	
Median DOR	6.3 (5.5-9.0)	3.6	

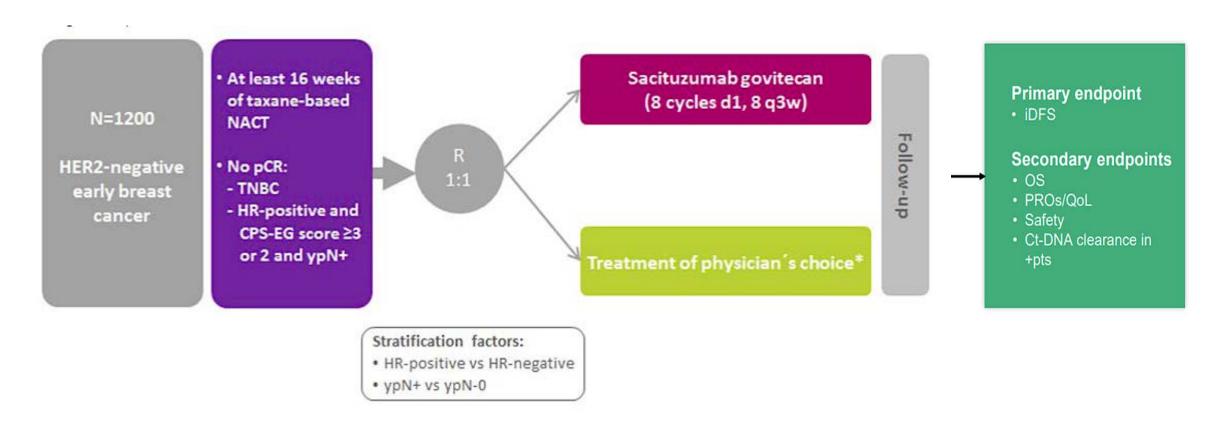
Assessed by independent central review in brain metastases-negative population.

BICR, blind independent central review; CBR, clinical benefit rate (CR + PR + SD ≥6 mo); CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice; TTR, time to response.



^{*}Denotes patients who had a 0% change from baseline in tumor size.

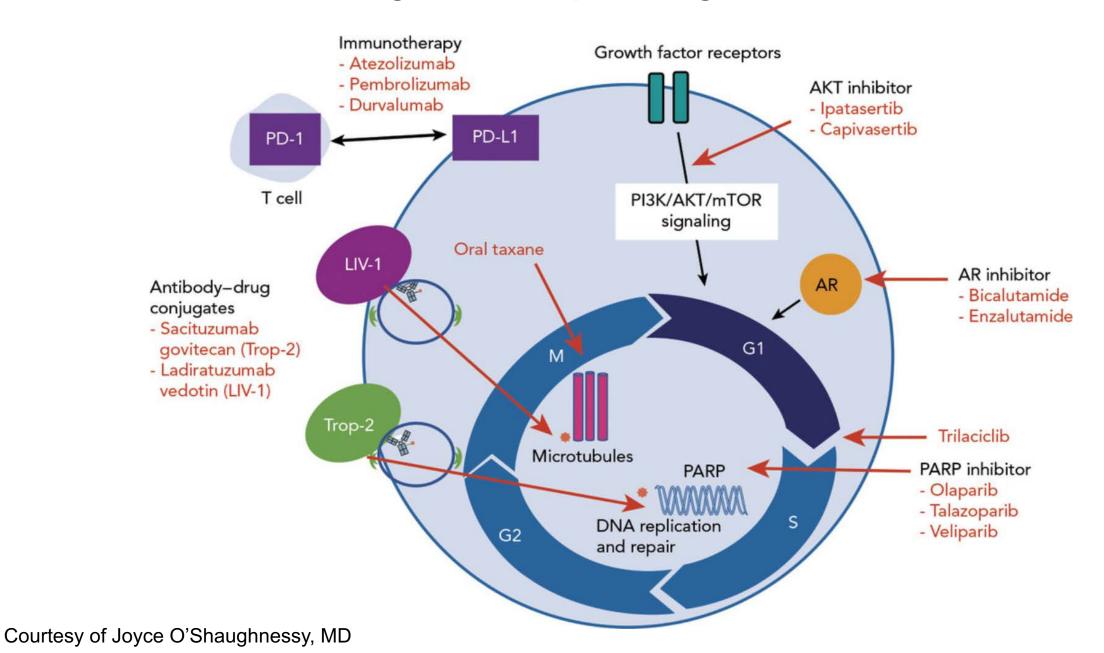
SASCIA trial schema



^{*}Capecitabine (8 cycles) or platinum-based chemotherapy (8 cycles) or observation.

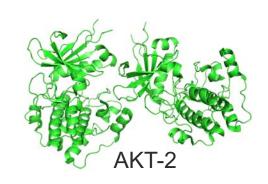
Background therapy: in patients with HR-positive breast cancer, endocrine-based therapy will be administered according to local guidelines.

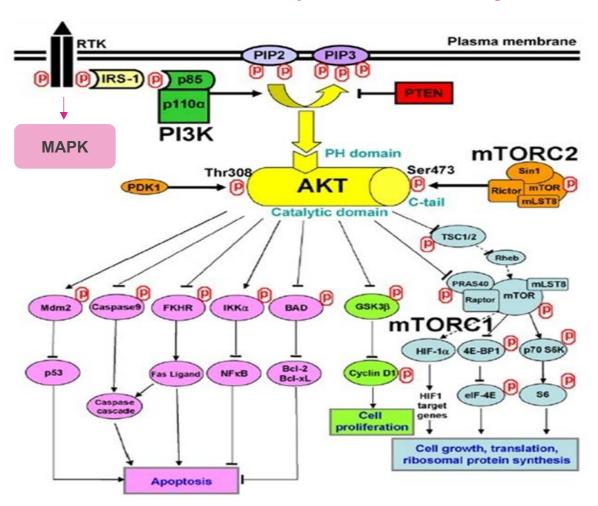
Novel Targets in Triple Negative Breast Cancer



Breast cancer and PI3K/AKT pathway

The PI3K/AKT pathway is one of the most frequently altered pathways in breast cancer and is key for survival and growth of tumors





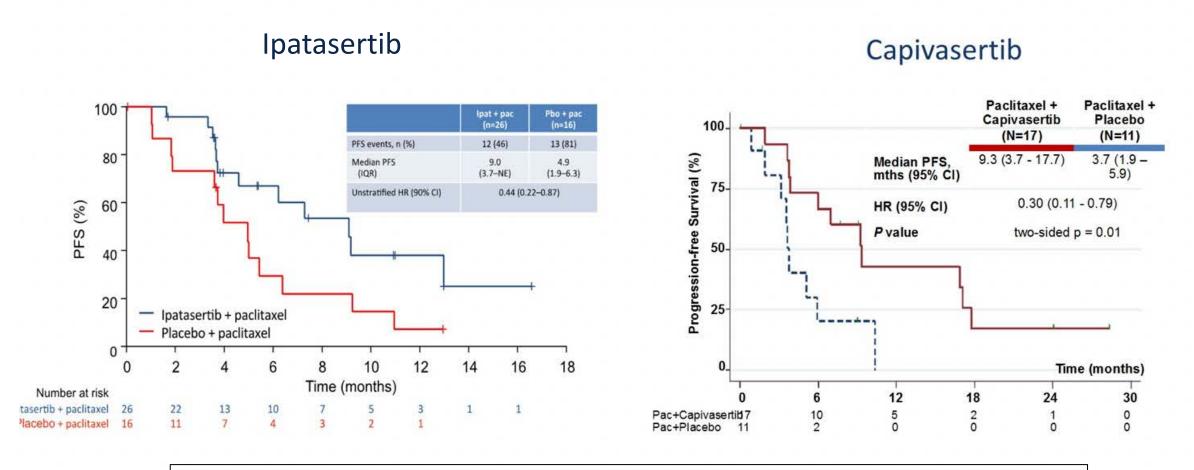
AKT can be activated by:

- Gain of function of positive regulators
 - PI3K
 - AKT
 - Receptor tyrosine kinases (HER2)
- Loss of function of negative regulators
 - PTEN
 - INPP4B
 - PHLPP
 - PP2A
- Therapy-induced survival response
 - Chemotherapy
 - Hormone therapy

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AKT Inhibitors Ipatasertib and Capivasertib for Metastatic TNBC

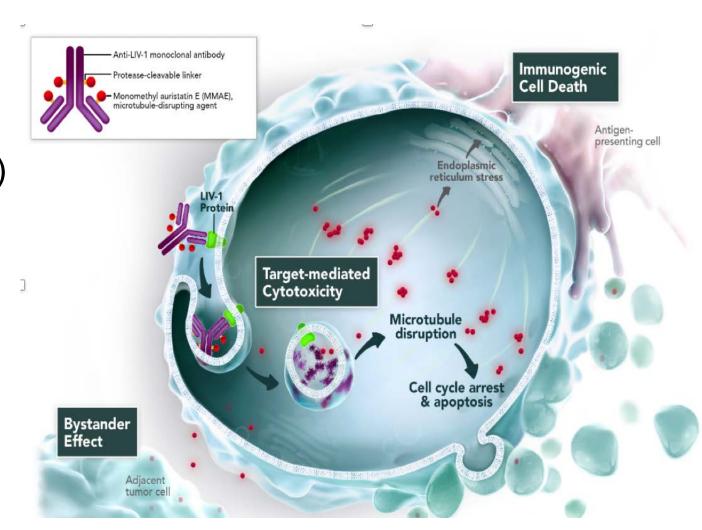
PIK3CA-AKT1-PTEN mutations



Phase III trials IPATunity and CAPItello-290: Paclitaxel +/- AKT inhibitor in metastatic TNBC

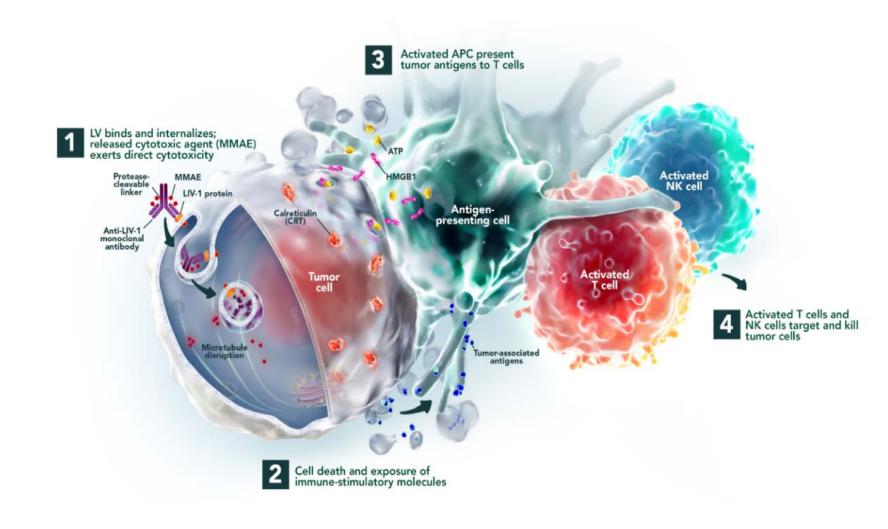
Ladiratuzumab Vedotin (LV) Novel Antibody Drug Conjugate

- LV
 - Humanized IgG1 ADC
- Selectively binds to cells expressing LIV-1 (90%+ MBCs)
 - Conjugated to monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE)
- LV-mediated delivery of MMAE drives antitumor activity through
 - Cytotoxic cell killing
 - Inducing Immunogenic Cell Death

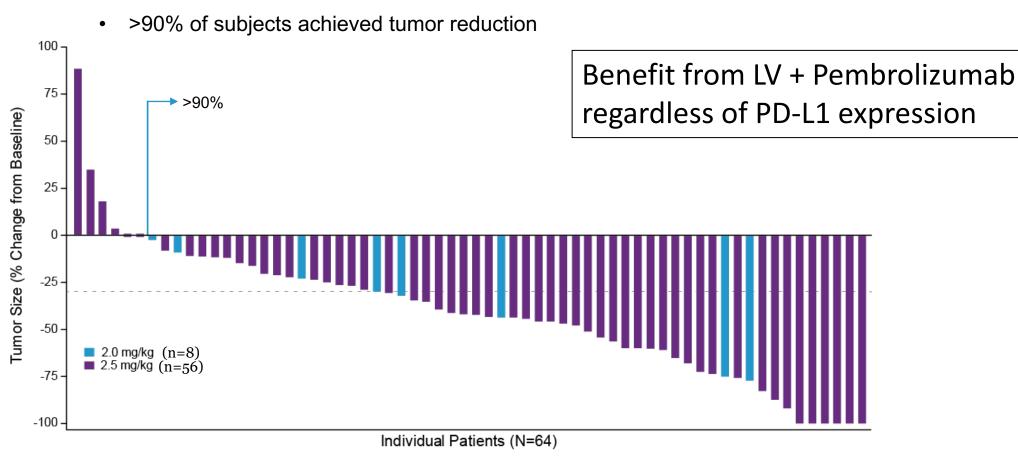


Rationale for Combining LV with Pembrolizumab

- LV and pembrolizumab act through distinct and complementary mechanisms
- LV-induced ICD elicits an inflammatory response
 - Increases tumor immune cell infiltration¹⁴
- LV-induced ICD creates a microenvironment favorable for enhanced pembrolizumab activity



LV + Pembrolizumab Maximum Change in Tumor Burden in 1L metTNBC

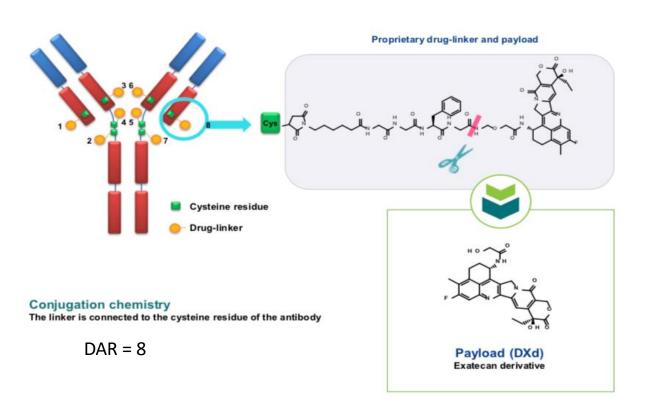


- The efficacy evaluable population includes all treated subjects with at least one evaluable post-baseline assessment according to RECIST v1.1 or who had discontinued from the study (N=69).
- Of the efficacy evaluable population, 5 subjects did not have evaluable response assessments before study discontinuation.

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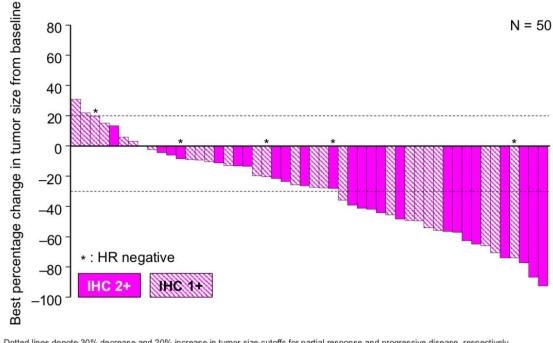
Other ADCs in TNBC... trastuzumab deruxtecan

Trastuzumab deruxtecan DS-8201a



HER2 "low"

Best Percentage Change in Tumor Size from Baseline by IHC Status (October 12, 2018 Data Cutoff)



Dotted lines denote 30% decrease and 20% increase in tumor size cutoffs for partial response and progressive disease, respectively HR, hormone receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry.

Conclusions: Therapeutics for PD-L1 Negative metTNBC

- Cytotoxic therapy is the mainstay of treatment for PD-L1-Negative metastatic TNBC
- Median OS is about 18 mos
- Eribulin improves OS in pretreated metastatic TNBC with neutropenia and neuropathy as treatment-limiting toxicities
- Sacituzumab govitecan improves OS in pretreated metastatic TNBC with neutropenia and diarrhea as treatment-limiting toxicities
- Other ADCs ladiratuzumab vedotin and trastuzumab deruxtecan have promising activity in metastatic TNBC patients
- Trials targeting AKT, DNA damage repair, AR, AURKA, FGFR1/2, CDK4/6, STAT3 in metastatic TNBC are underway

Case 1: Triple Negative Brain Metastases

 A 40 year old woman with no family history of breast cancer presented with a grade 3, ki-67 90% T4N1M0 TNBC, had preoperative dose dense AC/T followed by mastectomy, and had a pCR followed by PMRT

 18 mos later she presented with numerous brain metastases and a biopsy proven humerus metastasis that was triple negative. BRCA1/2 testing was negative

Triple Negative Brain Metastases

- She underwent resection of two brain metastases for unremitting headache, followed by WBRT
- She was treated with 4 cycles of cisplatin + etoposide
- 2 years after the WBRT she underwent SRS as therapy for a questionable solitary CNS recurrence
- 8 years later, brain MRI detected a growing mass at the site of the prior SRS and a GBM was found at resection. She died from the GBM 1 year later

Case 2: First-Line Metastatic TNBC

- A 30 yo G1P1 Latina woman presented with a T3N0 TNBC and was treated with preoperative AC then paclitaxel carboplatin. BRCA1/2 testing was negative
- At mastectomy there was 3cm residual disease with sarcomatous metaplastic features, node negative
- 9 mos later she presented to ER with abdominal pain and had a 7 cm liver metastasis and questionable second small lesion; biopsy showed TNBC

First-Line Metastatic TNBC

- She was treated with eribulin 1.4 mg/m² days 1, 8 plus capecitabine 1650 mg/m² d1-14 q 21 d and had no toxicity including no alopecia, no disruption of menses, no neuropathy and no HFS
- The liver metastasis responded nearly completely and resection of residual disease showed 3-4 mm of TNBC. NSG showed multiple activating alterations in the AKT pathway

First-Line Metastatic TNBC

- She remained on combined eribulin plus capecitabine for 4 additional years without toxicity
- She stopped therapy 2 years ago to have a second child, successfully, and she has remained NED

Case 3: Pretreated Metastatic TNBC

- A 39 year old AA woman presented with a right T3N2 triple negative breast cancer and underwent preoperative dose dense AC followed by weekly paclitaxel/carboplatin
- Panel germline testing showed no deleterious mutation
- At mastectomy she had 3 cm residual disease in her breast and 6+
 LNs and was treated with PMRT, with and followed by capecitabine
- 18 mos later during reconstructive surgery she was found to have recurrent right chest wall and axillary disease which was PD-L1 negative, as was the primary cancer

Pretreated Metastatic TNBC

- Staging showed brachial plexus, axillary and lung metastases
- She was treated with eribulin with 5 mos of stable disease and then had no response to gemcitabine/carboplatin
- By then she had developed severe right upper extremity swelling and neuropathic pain due to axillary and brachial plexus disease
- She was treated with sacituzumab with partial response and marked decrease in arm pain and swelling and improved RUE mobility
- Her response to sacituzumab continues currently 7+ mos on therapy