

# Therapeutic approaches of Metastatic Breast Cancer: TNBC

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# TNBC: a clinical case

A 43 year old patient => surgery + LND

AP: IDC (3cm), 3 LN+, Grade 3, ER 0/8 PgR 0/8 and HER2-, Ki67 40%

Adjuvant therapy: EC dose dense (q2w) + 12 weekly paclitaxel

No germline BRCA mutation performed

16 months later, a CT showed one lung lesion (2cm) and 2 lesions in the liver. CA 15-3: 228. CTC: 123

Biopsy of one liver metastasis performed: TNBC

What do you propose?

1. To perform brain MRI
2. Gene profiling of the liver biopsy
3. NGS of the liver biopsy
4. PDL-1 expression
5. Germline BRCA mutation
6. All
7. 3 + 4 + 5
8. 4 + 5

# TNBC

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**Should therapeutic algorithm be based on  
Clinical or molecular subtyping ?**

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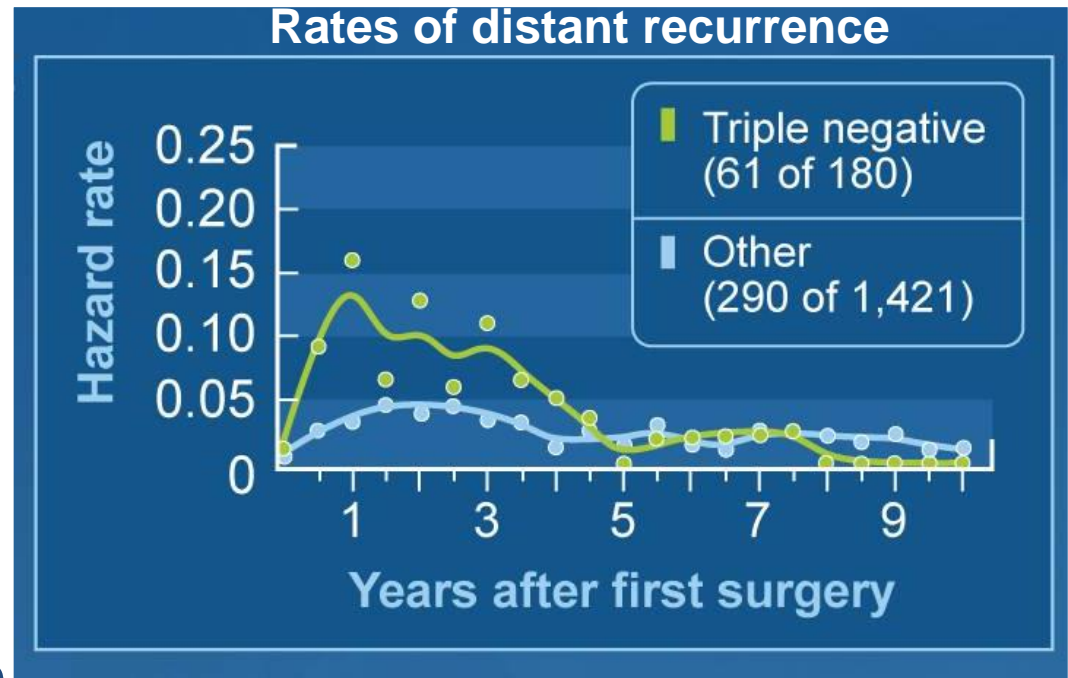
# TNBC: Clinical Characteristics

## \* Risk Factors:

- Young
- BRCA1 carriers (80%)

## \* Relapse pattern:

- Higher risk
- Early timing
- Sites differ from luminal:
  - e.g., CNS 46% over time



	N	Bone	Soft Tissue	Viscera
TNBC	79	13%	13%	74%
ER+	123	39%	7%	54%
HER2+	78	7%	12%	81%

# Poor outcome of a “triple negative” breast cancer clinical case



ER –  
PgR –  
HER-2 –  
Ki67 80%

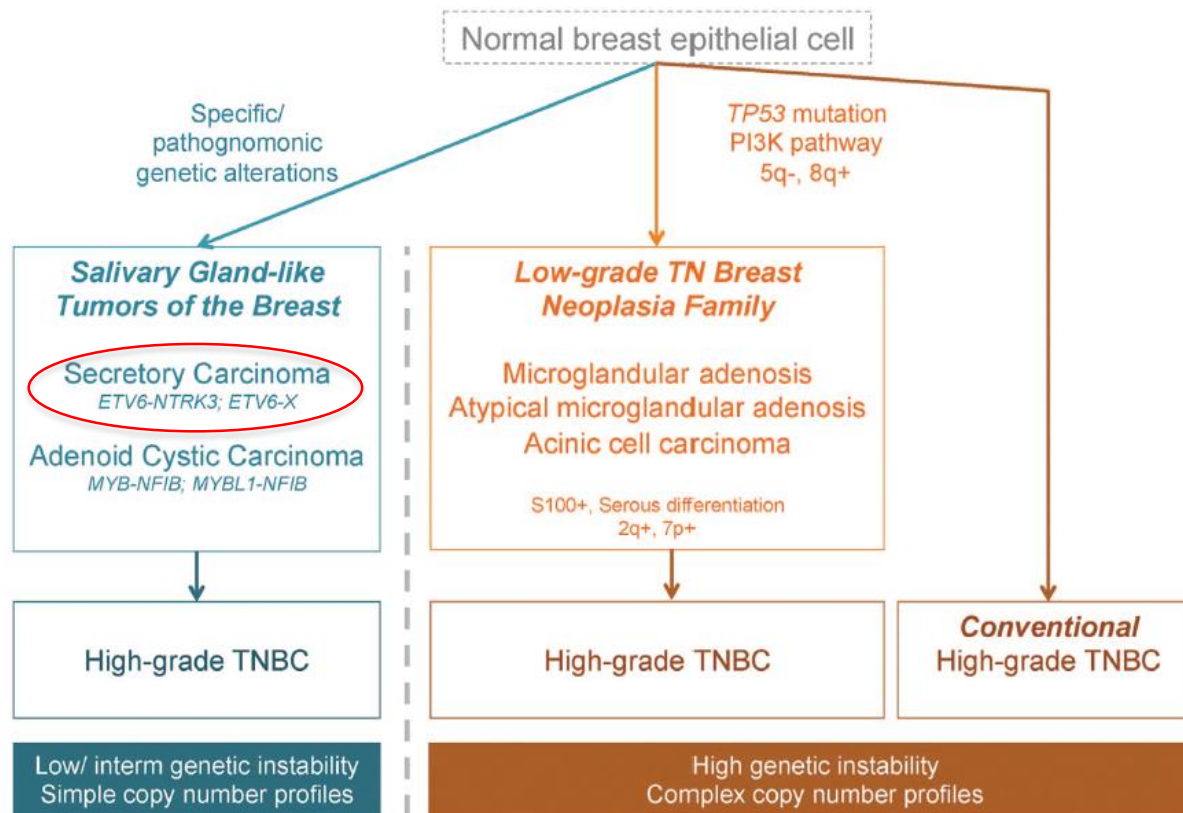
} "Triple Negative"

**Progressive disease in spite of:**

- FEC x 6
- Weekly paclitaxel
- Kinesin inhibitor
- Capecitabine
- Radiotherapy

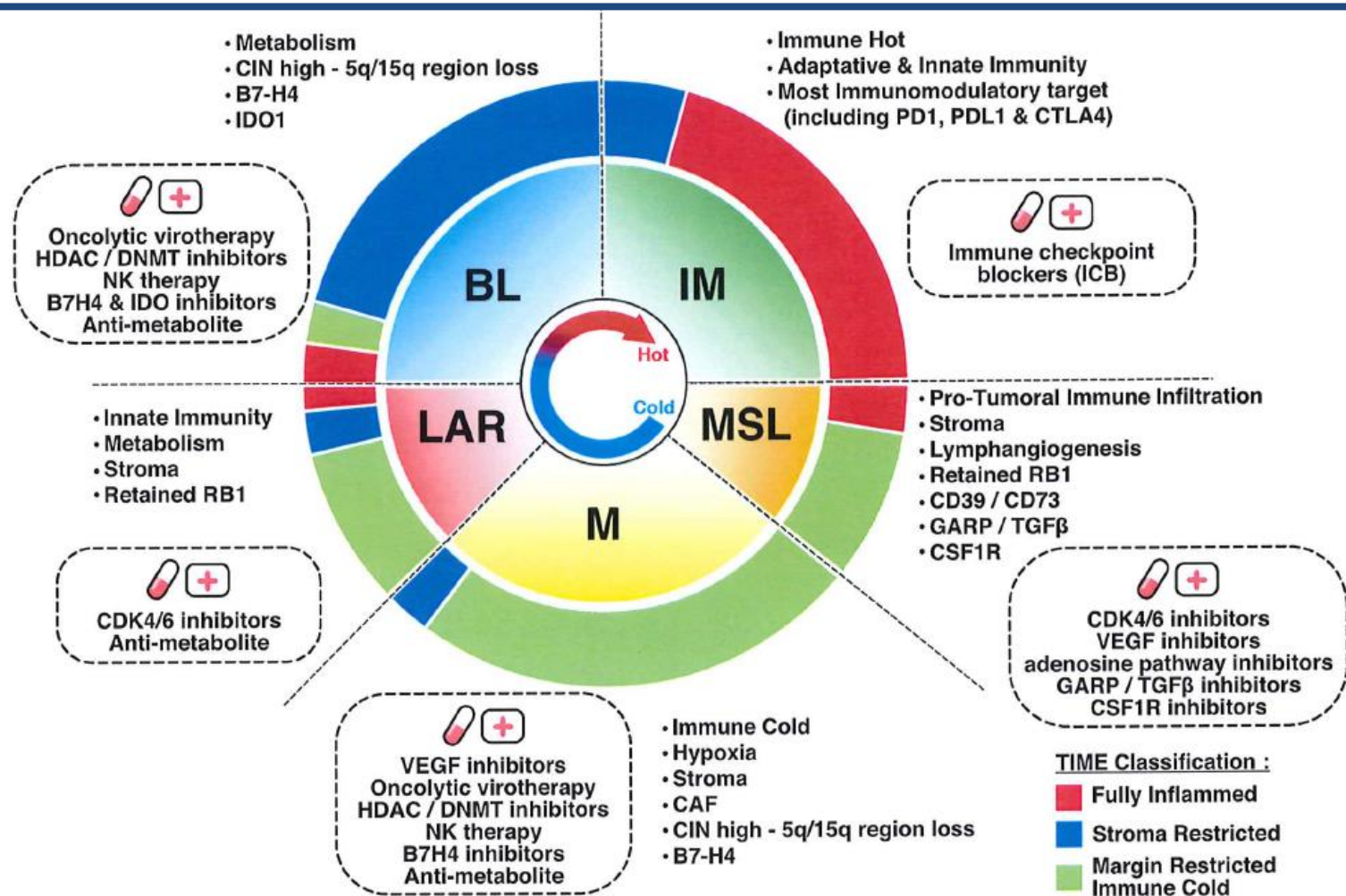
**Angiogenic and  
inflammatory pattern of the  
local recurrence !!!**

# Hypothetical model of potential evolutionary paths of TNBCs

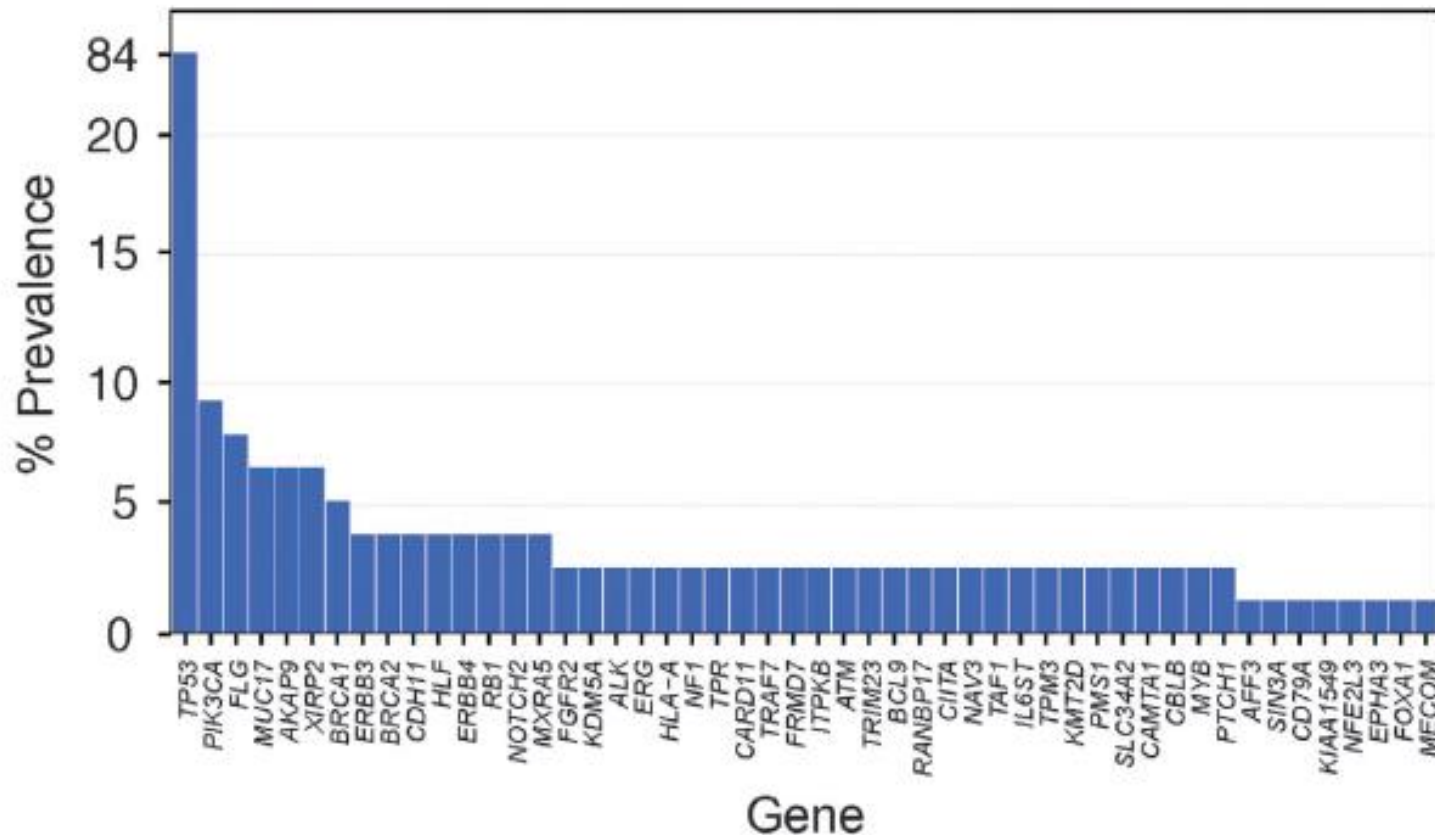




# TNBC : Gene profiling, targets, pathways and potential modulators



# Somatic mutations affecting cancer genes in TNBCs



If germline BRCA mutation and PD-L1 were both negative, what do you propose as therapy?

1. Taxane + bevacizumab
2. Chemo + CPIs
3. Capecitabine
4. Platinum-based therapy
5. Eribuline

# Selected anticancer agents (cytotoxics, biologicals) studied clinically in TNBC

- Anthracyclines and taxanes
  - Platinum compounds
  - Antimetabolites (e.g., capecitabine, ...)
  - Eribulin
  - Antibody drugs conjugates (Emerging active therapy)
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- PARP inhibitors
  - Bevacizumab
  - Checkpoints inhibitors (e.g., atezolizumab, pembrolizumab...)
  - Androgen receptor modulators
  - Anti-AKT/PI3K?

# T/FAC Neoadjuvant Response by PAM50 subtype

(12 weeks of paclitaxel followed by 4 cycles of FAC)

the overall pCR rate was 22%

## T/FAC pathological complete response rates for PAM50 subtypes and the triple-negative classification

Classification	RD	pCR
Basal-like	11 (41%)	16 (59%)
HER2-enriched	17 (59%)	12 (41%)
LumA	36 (100%)	0 (0%)
LumB	22 (82%)	5 (18%)
Normal-like	13 (93%)	1 (7%)
Triple Negative	13 (50%)	13 (50%)
Any Positive	82 (80%)	20 (20%)
Triple Negative/Basal	6 (35%)	11 (65%)
Triple Negative/Non-Basal	7 (78%)	2 (22%)
Non-Triple Negative/Basal	4 (50%)	4 (50%)
Non-Triple Negative/Non-Basal	78 (83%)	16 (17%)

Parker et al. J Clin Oncol; 27:1160-1167 2009

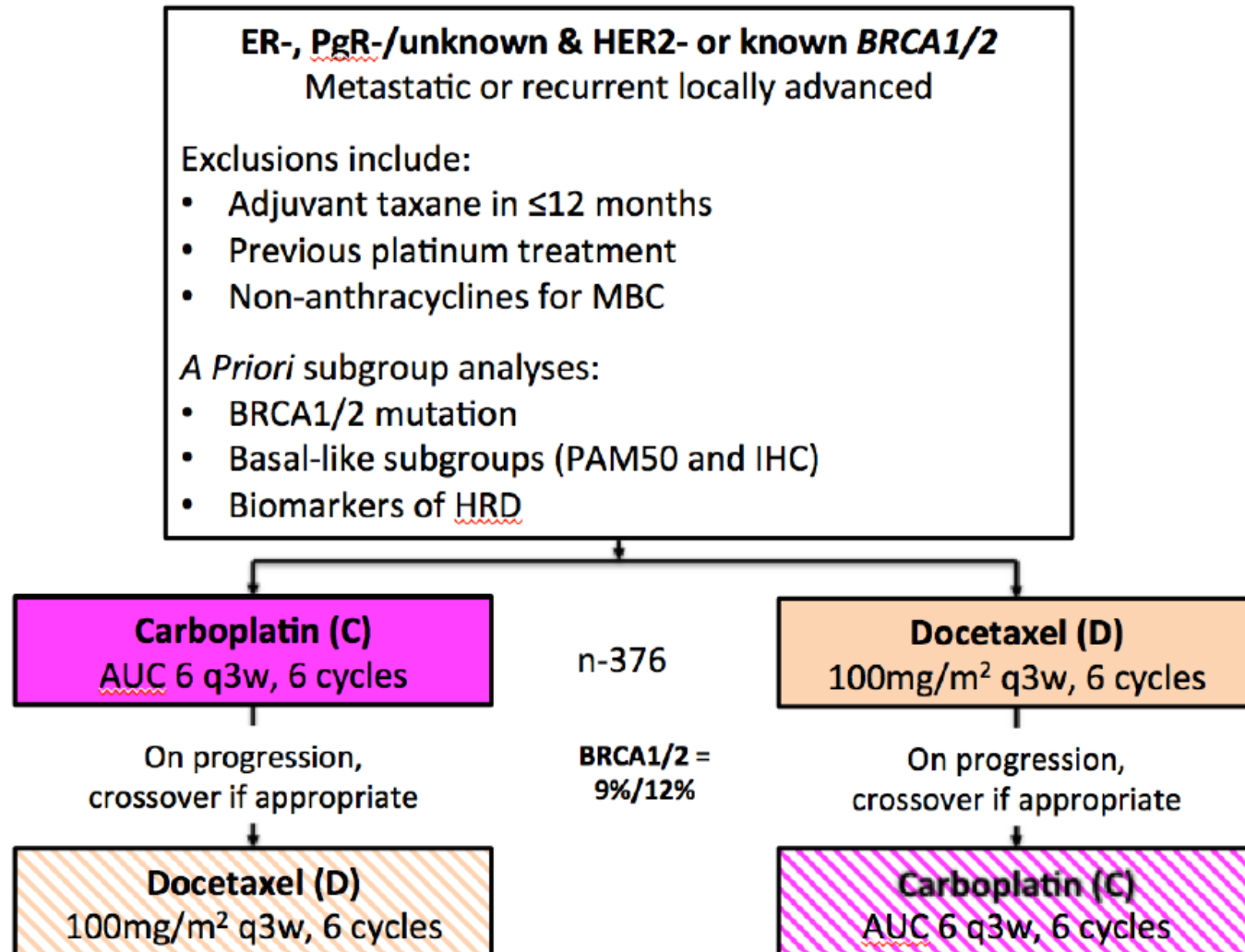


# Neoadjuvant setting : Platinum Sensitivity in BRCA1+/TNBC

Trial	Pop'n	Regimen	N	pCR
Ryan	Sporadic TNBC	CDDP 75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x4 + bevacizumab 15 mg/kg q3wk x3	51	8 (16%)
Silver	Sporadic TNBC	CDDP 75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x4	26	4 (15%)
Byrski	BRCA1+	Non-platinum	90	14 (16%)
Byrski	BRCA1+	CDDP 75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x4	12	10 (83%)
Gronwald	BRCA1+	CDDP 75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x4	25	18 (72%)

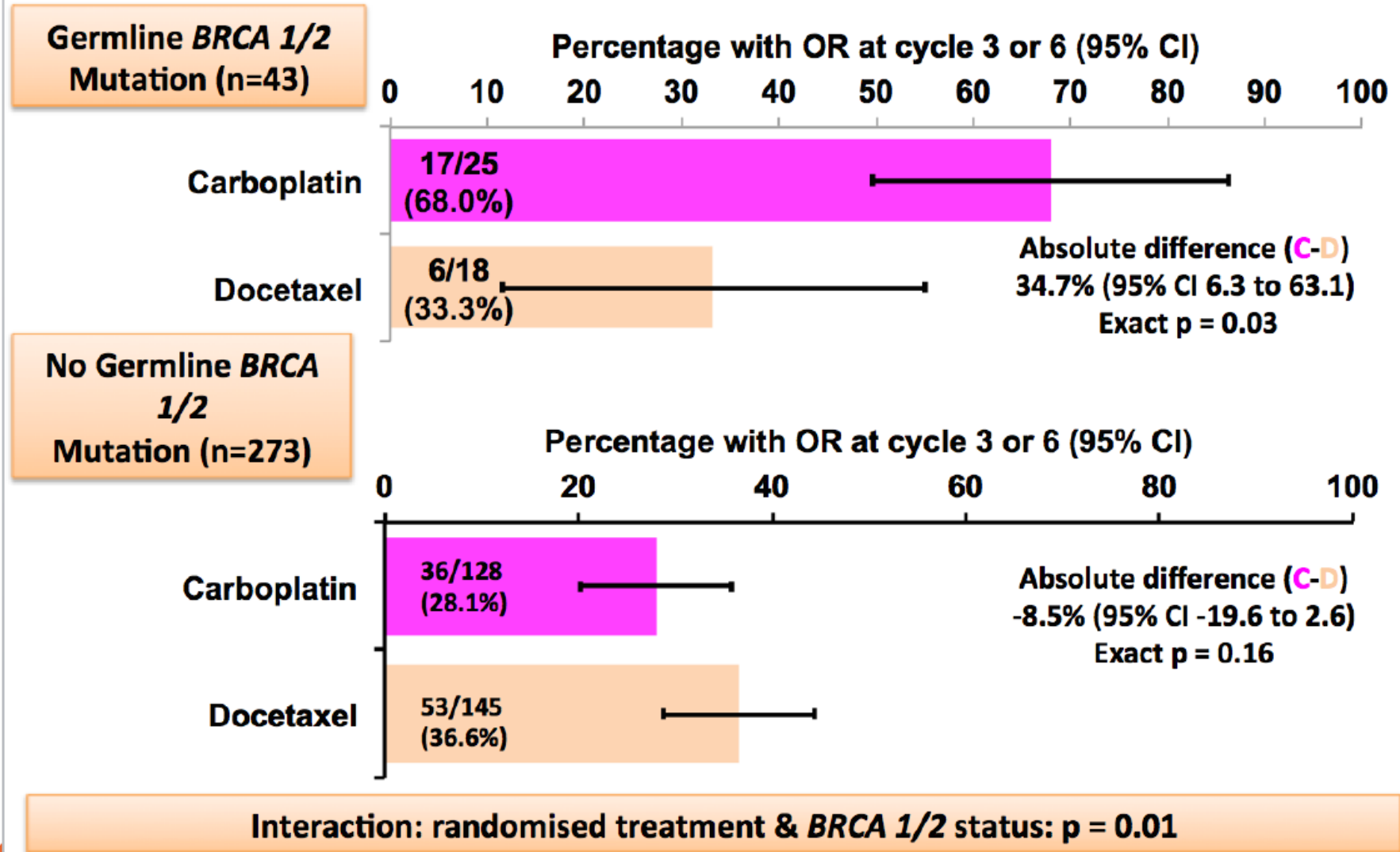
# First-Line Platinum-based Chemotherapy

## TNT Trial: CRUK/07/012



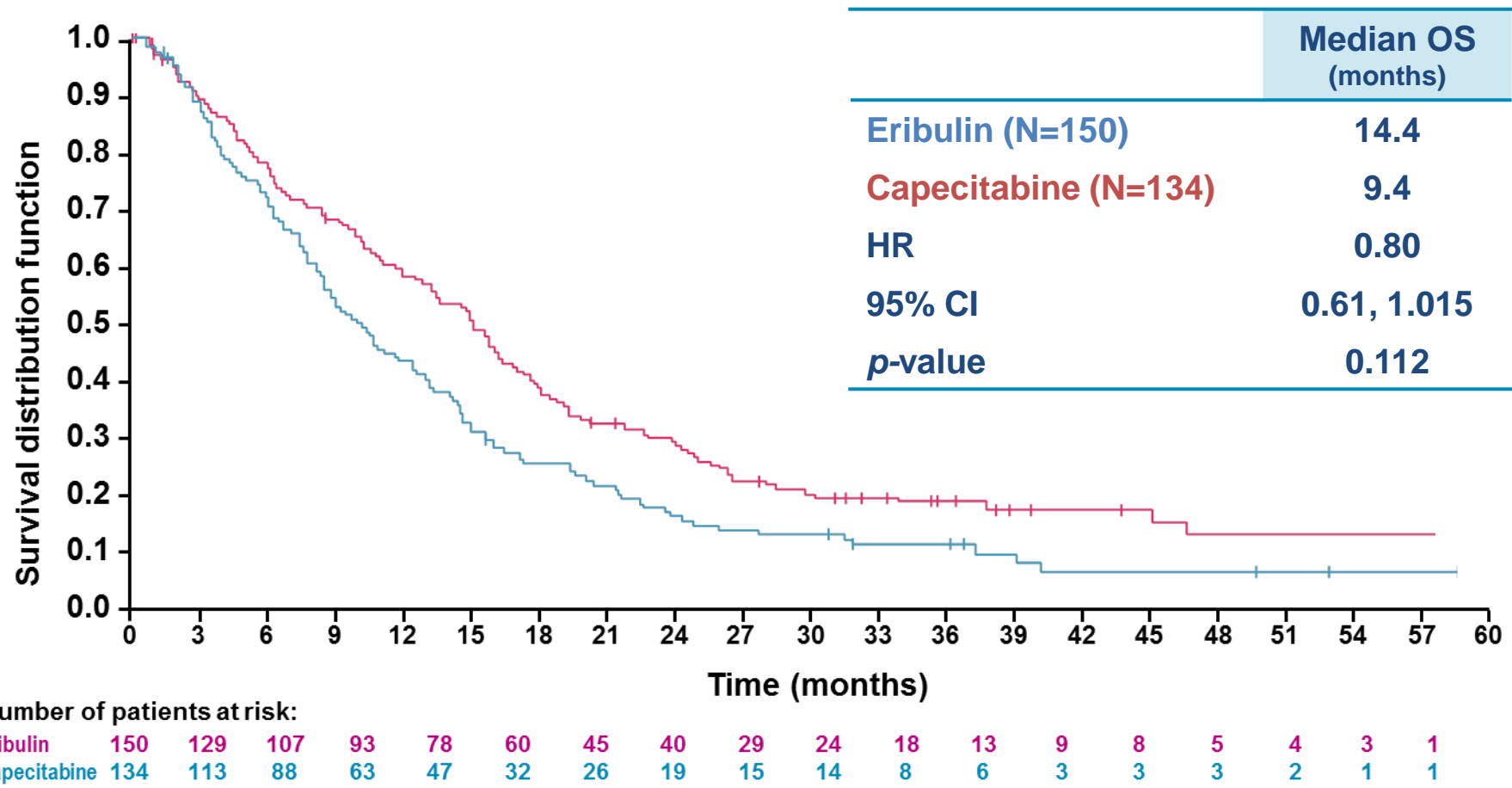
# First-Line Platinum-based Chemotherapy

## Objective Response Rate by *BRCA* Mutational Status





# Eribulin 301 study : Overall survival in TNBC patients



CI=confidence interval  
Pre-specified exploratory sub groups

1)Twelves C et al. Breast Cancer: Basic and Clinical Research 2016

# Bevacizumab for Metastatic TNBC

Trial / Arm	Median PFS (mo) in TNBC Subset
<b>E2100</b>	
Paclitaxel (n=110)	5.3
Paclitaxel + bev (n=122)	10.6
<b>AVADO</b>	
Docetaxel + placebo (n=52)	5.4
Docetaxel + bev 15 mg/kg (n=58)	8.2
<b>RIBBON-1</b>	
Taxane/anthracycline + placebo (n=46)	6.2
Taxane/anthracycline + bev (n=96)	6.5
Capecitabine + placebo (n=50)	4.2
Capecitabine + bev (n=87)	6.1
<b>ATHENA</b>	
Taxane-based regimen + bev (n=577)	7.2*

OS in TNBC population showed no difference between bev and non-bev treated groups (HR=0.96; 95% CI: 0.79-1.16)

The patient received 5 months of taxane + bevacizumab. A CT scan showed one remaining lesion of the liver. What do you propose next?

1. Stop treatment and FU
2. Stop taxane and maintenance bevacizumab
3. Local therapy of the remaining lesion (oligometastatic disease)
4. Biopsy of the remaining lesion for biology analysis
5. 2 + 3
6. 2 + 3 + 4

# Oligometastatic Disease: Investigational Approach in MBC

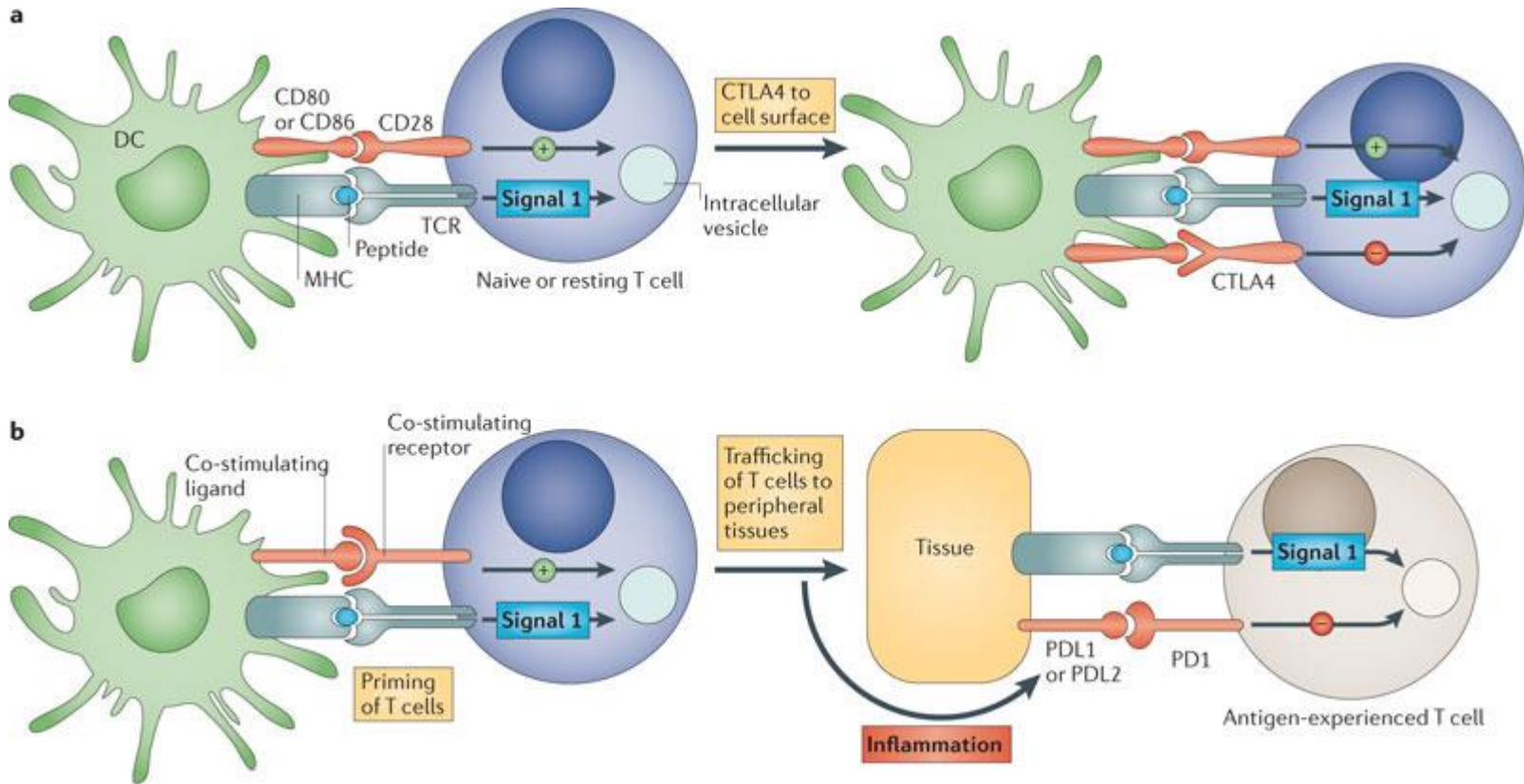
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**Oligosensitive disease  $\neq$  Oligoprogressive disease**

If germline BRCA mutation was negative and PD-L1 positive, what do you propose?

1. Chemo + bevacizumab
2. Chemo + CPIs
3. Platinum-based therapy
4. Eribuline

# Immune Checkpoints in Cancer



**CTLA4 immune checkpoint regulates initial T-cell response to antigen, whereas PD1 pathway regulates inflammatory responses in peripheral tissues by effector T cells**

# Chemo ± CPIs in metastatic TNBC: A summary

VIRTUAL 2020 ESMO congress

MUNICH 2018 ESMO congress

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PDL1+ subsets	IMpassion 131	IMpassion 130	KEYNOTE 355
N	292	369	323 (2:1)
Minimum DFI	12m	12m	6m (20% < 12m)
> 3 involved sites	15%	20%	43% ( $\geq 3$ )
Chemo backbone	paclitaxel	nab paclitaxel	nab paclitaxel, paclitaxel, gem/carbo
Prior chemo for EBC	52% taxane	51% taxane	22% prior same class
No prior chemo	29% de novo	35% chemo-naive	32% de novo
PDL1+ rate	45% (SP142, IC $\geq$ 1%)	41% (SP142, IC $\geq$ 1%)	38% (22C3, CPS $\geq$ 10)

PFS  $\approx$   
OS  $\leq$

PFS  $\uparrow$   
« OS  $\uparrow$  »

PFS  $\uparrow$

Question de corticoïdes?

Type de chimiothérapie ? Taxol vs Nab-paclitaxel ? Other?

# Neoadjuvant Chemo-Immunotherapy in TNBC

## A summary

	<b>KN 522</b> <b>Pembro / Placebo</b>	<b>Impassion 031</b> <b>Atezo / Placebo</b>
Patients	n= 602 (pCR Anal.)	n= 333 (after Amendment)
Carboplatin	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>
N+	51.7% / 51.3%	33.9% / 42.9%
T3/T4	26.0% / 25.6%	29.7% / 26.8%
PD-L1 pos.	83.3% / 81.6 % (CPS≥1)	45.2% / 47.3%( IC ≥ 1%)
Primary Endpoints	pCR in ITT, EFS	Co-Primary: pCR in ITT and PD-L1 pos.
pCR ITT	64,8% / 51;2% $\Delta 13;6\%$	57;6%/41.1% $\Delta 16.5\%$
pCR PD-L1pos.	68.9% / 54.9% $\Delta 14\%$	68.8% / 49.3% $\Delta 19.5\%$
pCR PD-L1neg.	45.3% / 30.3% $\Delta 15\%$	47.7% / 34.3% $\Delta 13.3\%$
LN+	64.8% / 44.1% $\Delta 20.7$	57.1% / 30.6% $\Delta 26.5\%$
LN-	64.9% / 58.6% $\Delta 6.3$	57.8% / 49.0% $\Delta 8.8\%$



The patient received 6 months of carboplatin + gemcitabine + pembrolizumab (in a clinical trial) with partial response. What do you propose next?

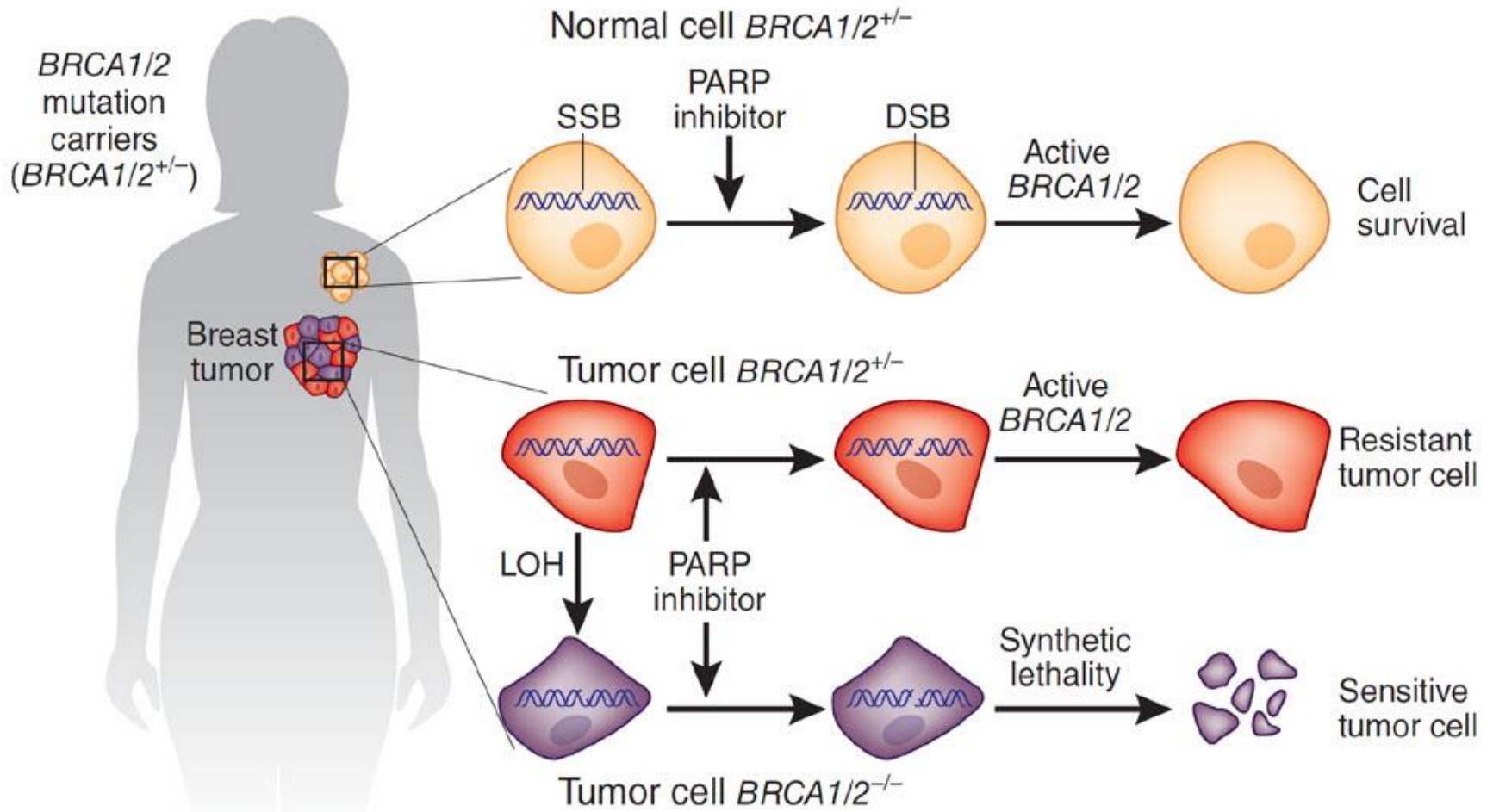
1. Stop treatment and follow-up
2. Stop chemotherapy and maintenance pembrolizumab
3. Abraxane + atezolizumab in order to improve tumor response
4. capecitabine alone as maintenance

If germline BRCA1 mutation and PD-L1 were both positive, what do you propose as therapy?

1. Chemo + CPIs
2. PARP inhibitor alone (Olaparib or talazoparib)
3. Veliparib (PARP inhibitor) + carboplatin + paclitaxel
4. Chemo + bevacizumab
5. Perform oophorectomy + 1
6. Perform oophorectomy + 2 or 3

# Managing BRCA – Mutated Positive MBC

# The concept of synthetic lethality



# **BRCA positive tumors: Role of PARP inhibitors in MBC HR + and TNBC**

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- **Olaparib ( OlympiAd trial)**
- **Talazoparib (EMBRACAtrial)**
- **Veliparib (BROCADE 3)**

# OLYMPIAD: STUDY DESIGN

## HER2- MBC(N=302)

- ER+ and/or PR+ (HR+) or
- TNBC
- Deleterious or suspected deleterious g*BRCA* mutation
- ≤2 prior CT lines in metastatic setting
- Prior anthracycline and taxane
- HR+ disease progressed on ≥1 ET, or not suitable
- If prior platinum use
  - No evidence of progression under treatment
  - ≥12 months since (neo)adjuvant treatment

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Olaparib  
300 mg BID

Chemotherapy  
TPC

- Capecitabine
- Eribulin
- Vinorelbine

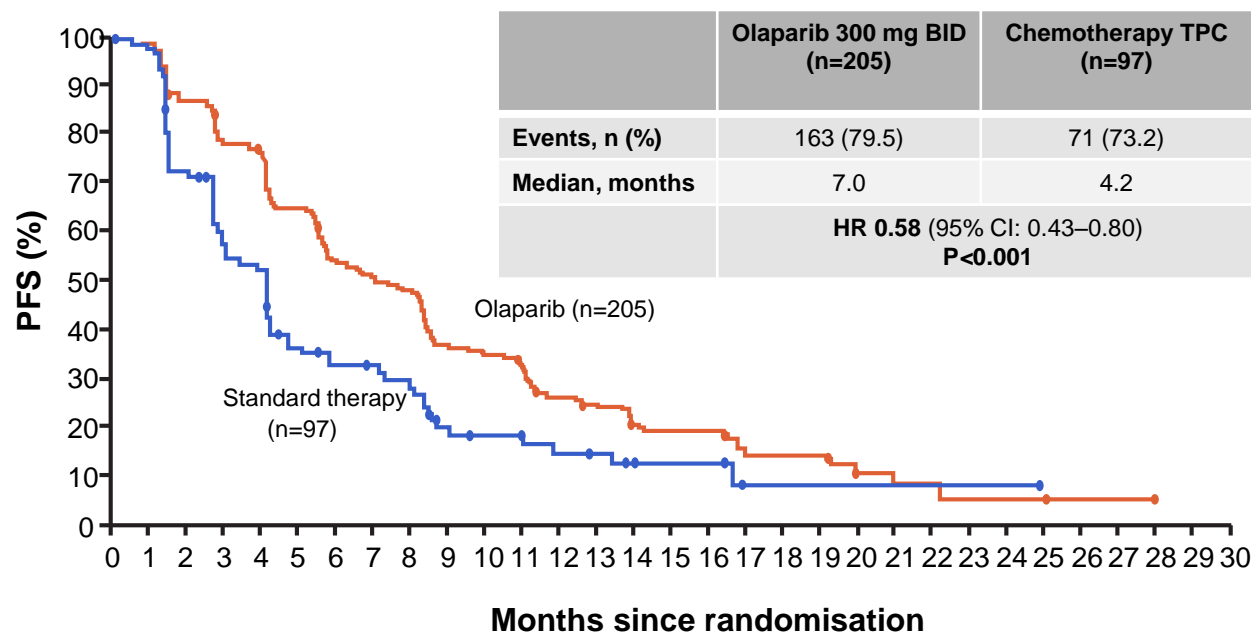
- **Primary endpoint:** PFS (RECIST 1.1, BICR)
- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, time to second progression or death, ORR, global HRQoL (EORTC-QLQ-C30), safety and tolerability

Investigational drug: olaparib is not approved for use breast cancer in Europe.

BICR, blinded independent central review; BID, twice daily; EORTC; European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; ER, oestrogen receptor; g*BRCA*, germline *BRCA*; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; PR, progesterone receptor; QLQ, quality of life questionnaire; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumours; TPC, treatment of physician's choice

Robson M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377:523–533.

# OLYMPIAD: PFS (CENTRALLY EVALUATED)



## No. at Risk

Olaparib	205	201	177	159	154	129	107	100	94	73	69	61	40	36	23	21	11	11	11	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
Standard therapy	97	88	63	46	44	29	25	24	21	13	11	11	8	7	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

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Olaparib is approved by US FDA for the treatment of patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious *gBRCA* mutation, HER2- MBC who have previously been treated with CT in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant or metastatic setting. Patients with HR+ BC should have been treated with a prior ET or be considered inappropriate for ET  
FDA, US Food and Drug Administration

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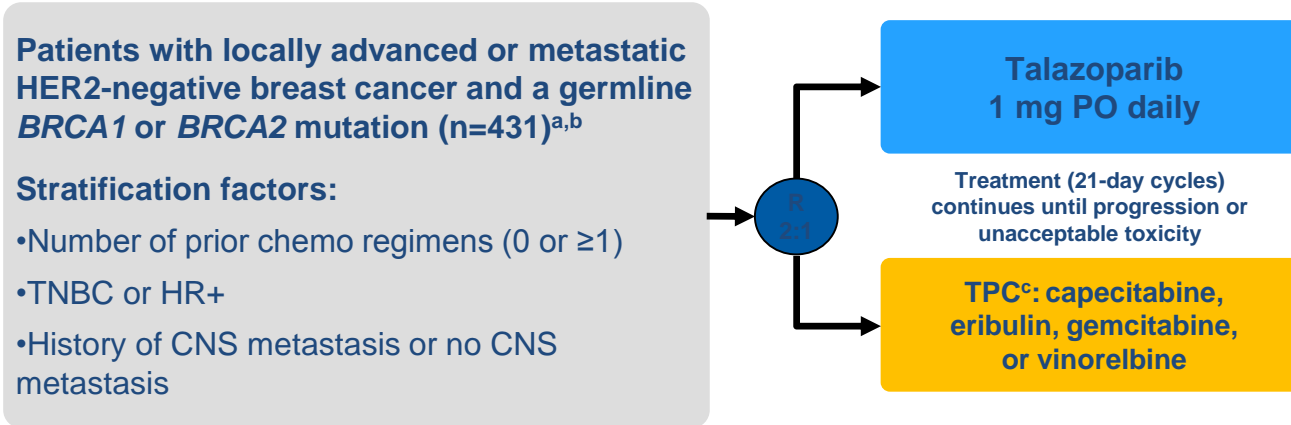


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# EMBRACA: STUDY DESIGN

## Open-label, Phase III trial



- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by blinded central review
- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, safety
- **Exploratory endpoints:** DoR for objective responders, QoL (EORTC QLQ-C30, QLQ-BR23)

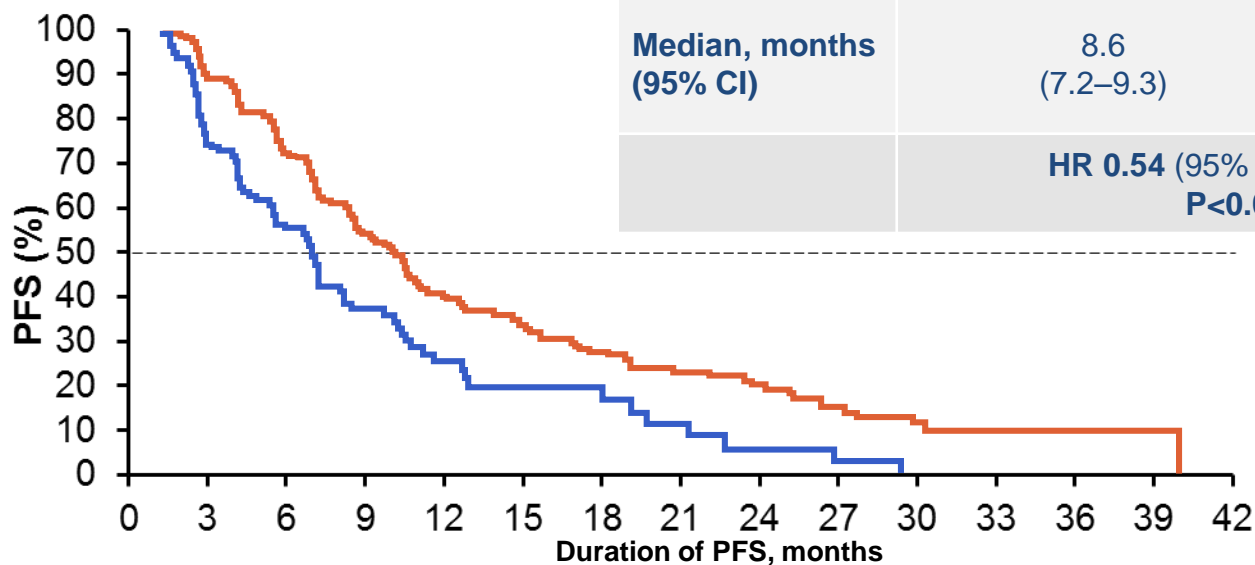
Investigational drug: talazoparib is not approved for use in breast cancer in Europe.

<sup>a</sup>Additional inclusion criteria: no more than 3 prior cytotoxic CT regimens for locally advanced or metastatic disease; prior treatment with a taxane and/or an anthracycline unless medically contraindicated; <sup>b</sup>HER2+ disease is excluded; <sup>c</sup>Physician's choice of therapy PO, by mouth

Litton J, et al. Presented at SABCS 2017. Abstract GS6-07.



# EMBRACA: PFS BY BLINDED CENTRAL REVIEW



	Talazoparib (n=262)	Overall TPC (n=114)
Events, n (%)	186 (65)	83 (58)
Median, months (95% CI)	8.6 (7.2–9.3)	5.6 (4.2–6.7)
	HR 0.54 (95% CI: 0.41–0.71) P<0.0001	

No. at risk (event/cumulative events)

Talazoparib	287 (0/0)	229 (50/50)	148 (53/103)	91 (34/137)	55 (17/154)	42 (9/163)	29 (9/172)	23 (2/174)	12 (4/183)	5 (2/185)	3 (0/185)	1 (0/185)	0 (1/86)	0 (1/86)	287 (0/0)
TPC	144 (0/0)	68 (41/41)	34 (20/61)	22 (8/69)	9 (7/76)	8 (0/76)	4 (3/79)	2 (2/81)	1 (1/82)	0 (1/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	144 (0/0)



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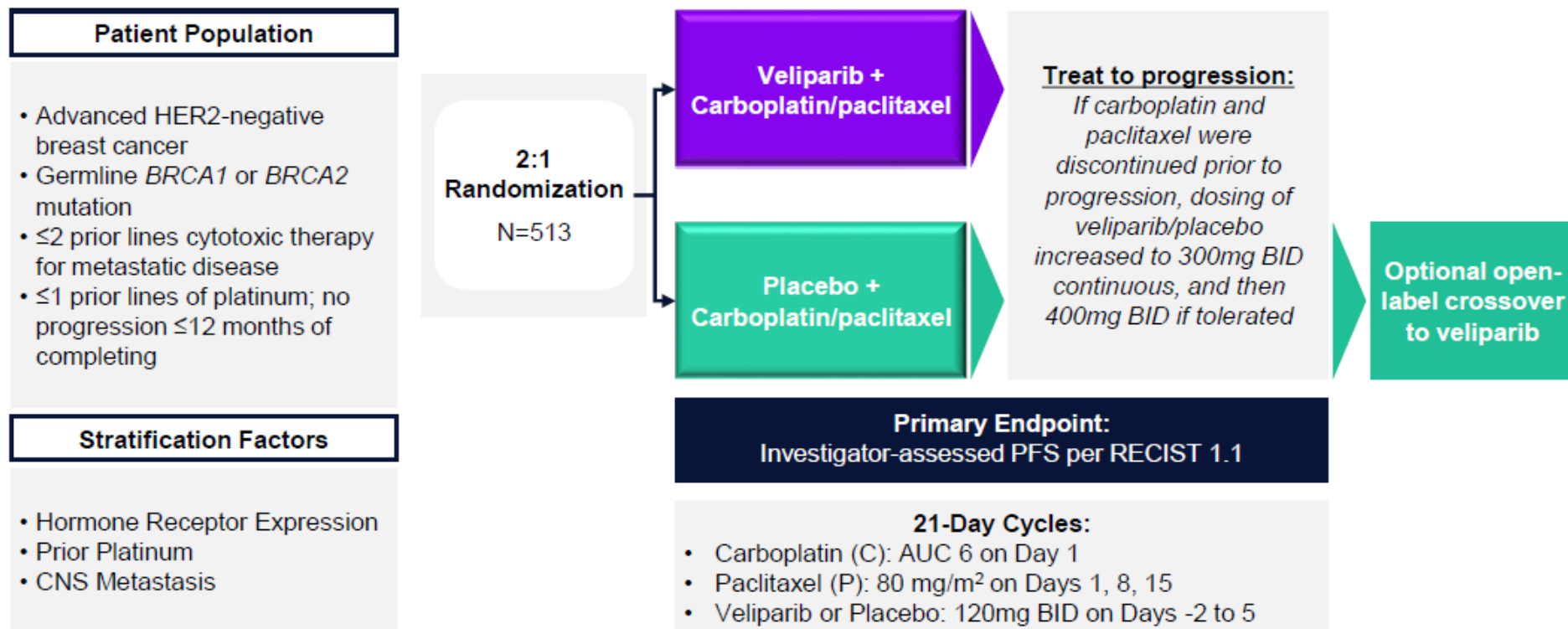
# Phase 3 study of veliparib with carboplatin and paclitaxel in HER2-negative advanced/metastatic gBRCA-associated breast cancer: BROCADE3

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# Study Design: BROCADE3 (NCT02163694)



# Primary Endpoint: PFS by Investigator Assessment

**HR 0.705**

[95% CI 0.566-0.877], p = 0.002

**PFS by Inv.**

PFS Events, n/N

**Veliparib + C/P**

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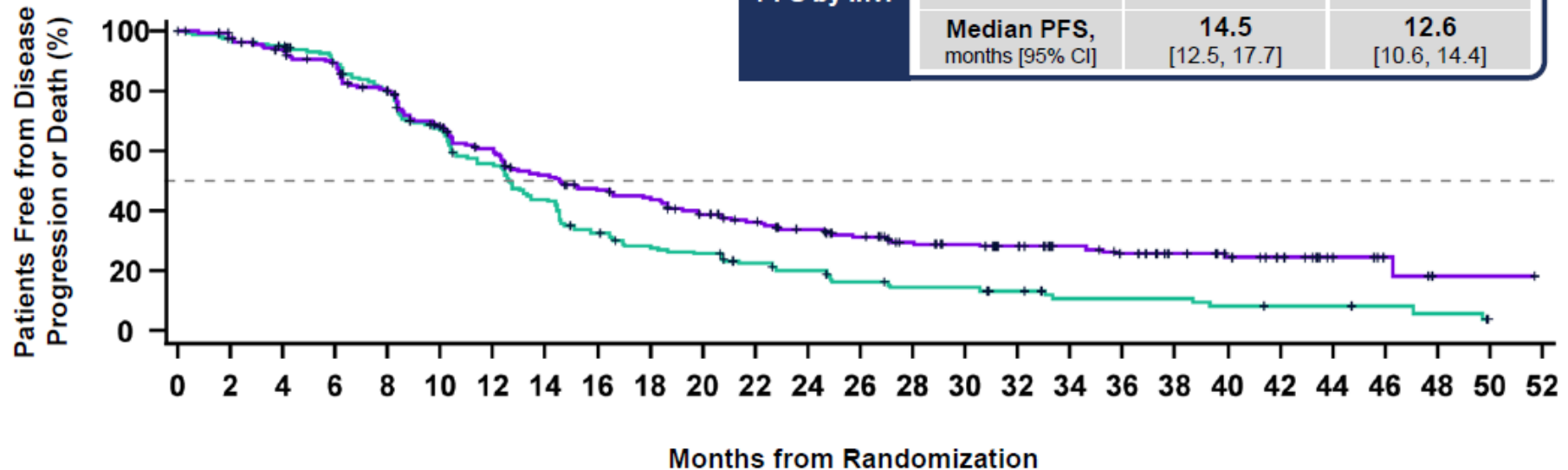
**Placebo + C/P**

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**Median PFS,  
months [95% CI]**

**14.5**  
[12.5, 17.7]

**12.6**  
[10.6, 14.4]



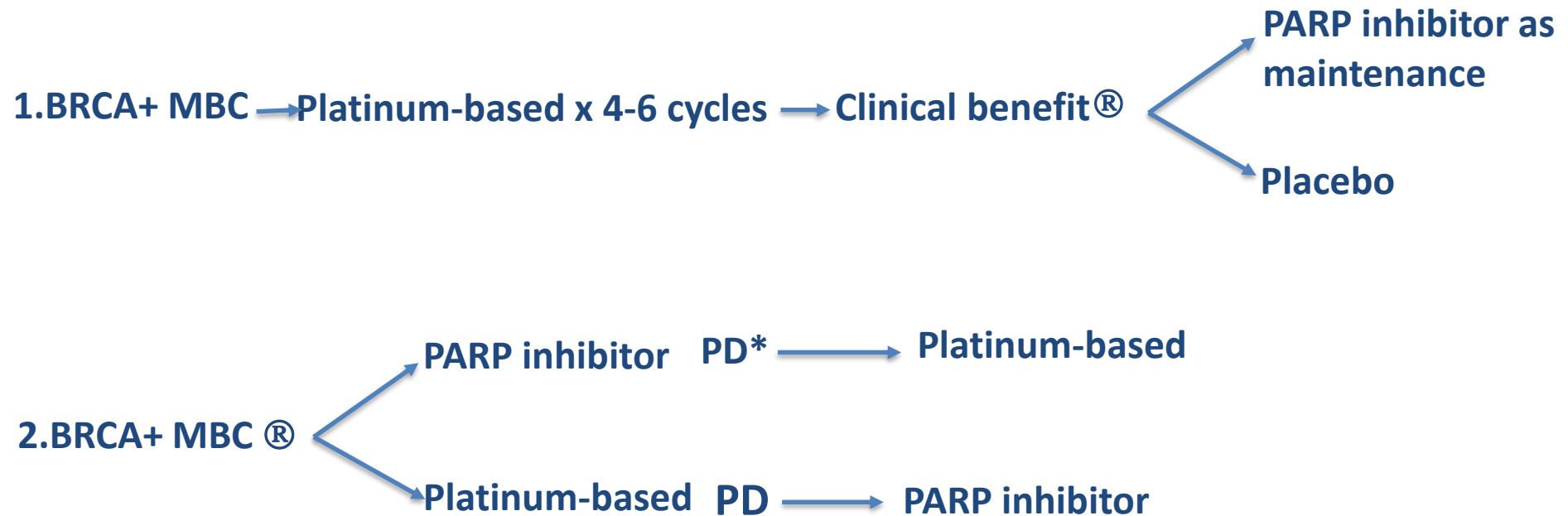
No. at Risk

Control	172	160	153	140	123	99	82	64	47	39	35	27	23	18	15	15	12	8	8	8	6	5	5	4	3	0	
Veliparib	337	316	301	282	250	207	181	154	137	126	107	92	81	72	60	51	45	38	32	25	20	16	8	4	1	1	0



C/P: Carboplatin and Paclitaxel

# Propositions for clinical trials design including platinum compounds and PARP inhibitors in BRCA+ metastatic breast cancer



\* Progressive disease

If the patient received for metastatic TNBC the following treatments:  
Taxane, capecitabine and eribuline  $\pm$  biologicals; PS now is 2;  
multimetastatic disease but biological tests still normal: What do you  
propose?

1. Best supportive care
2. Clinical trial
3. Biopsy of one metastatic lesion and perform NGS
4. Sacituzumab govitecan
5. Vinorelbine or gemcitabine or eribuline

# 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

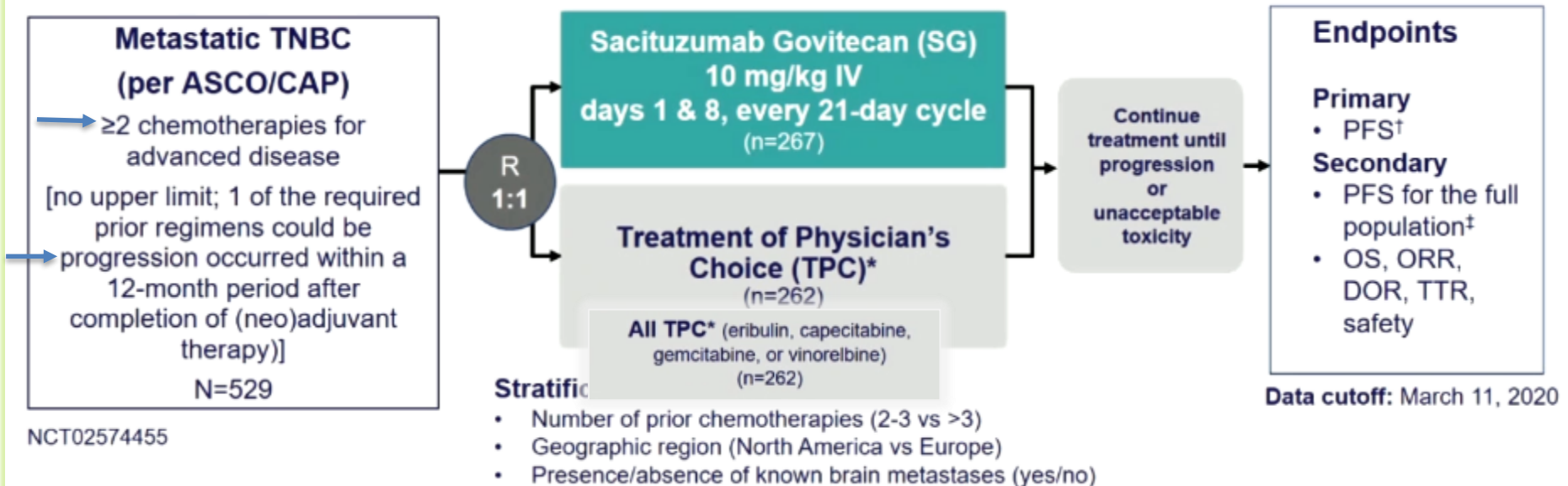


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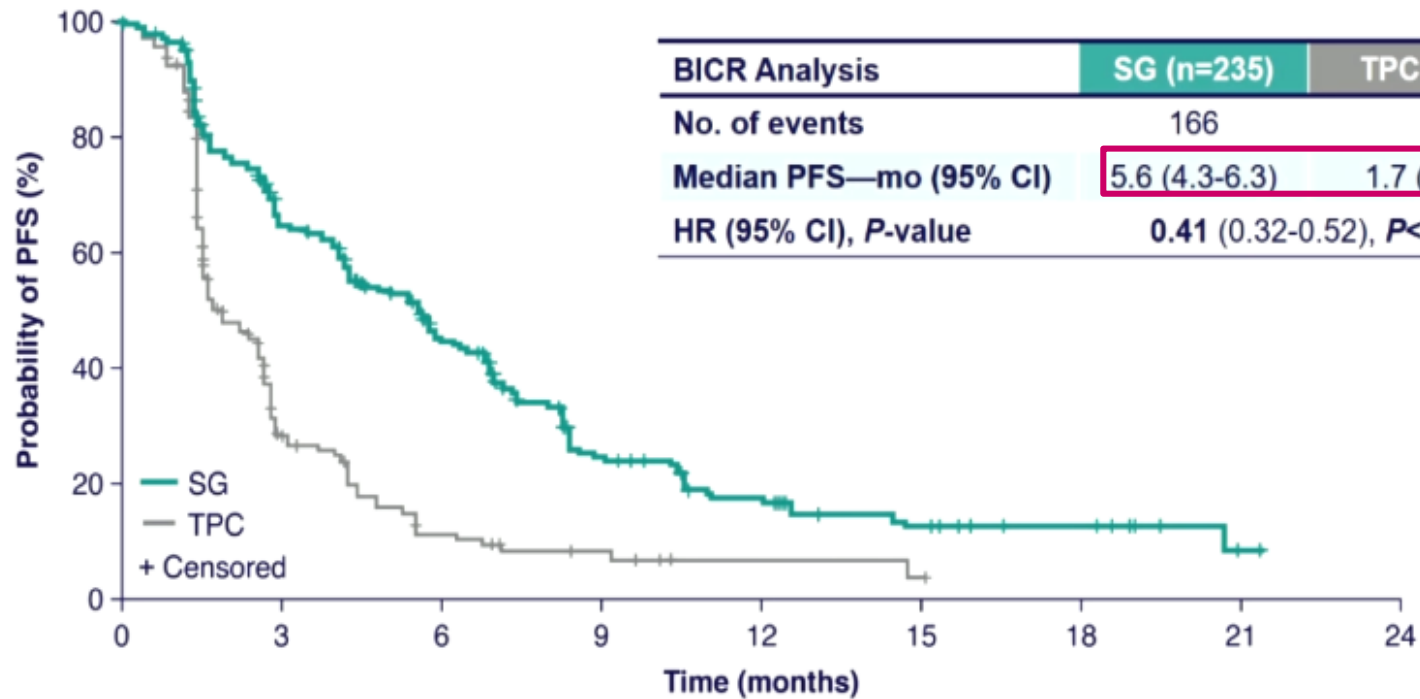
# ASCENT: A Phase 3 Confirmatory Study of Sacituzumab Govitecan in Refractory/Relapsed mTNBC





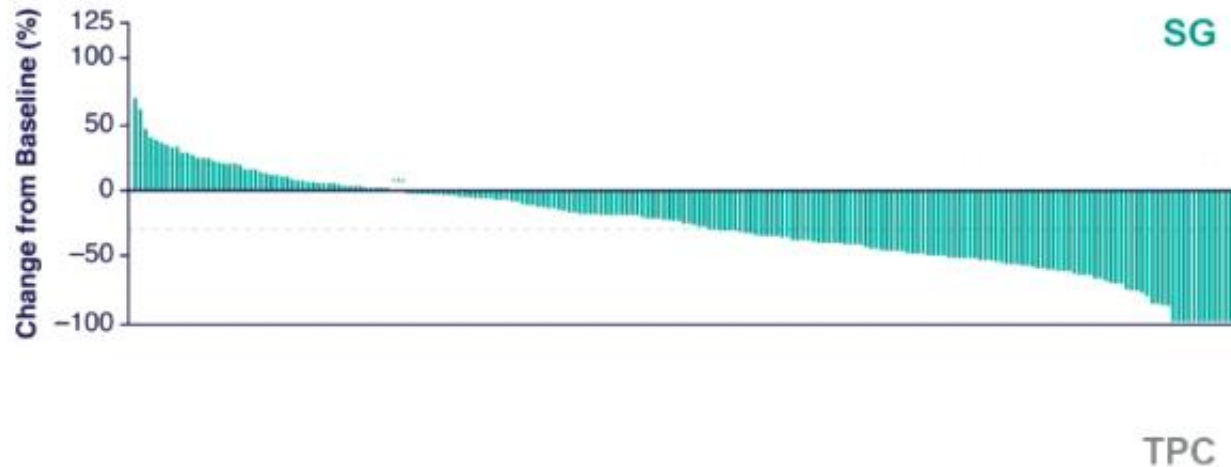


## Progression-Free Survival (BICR Analysis)





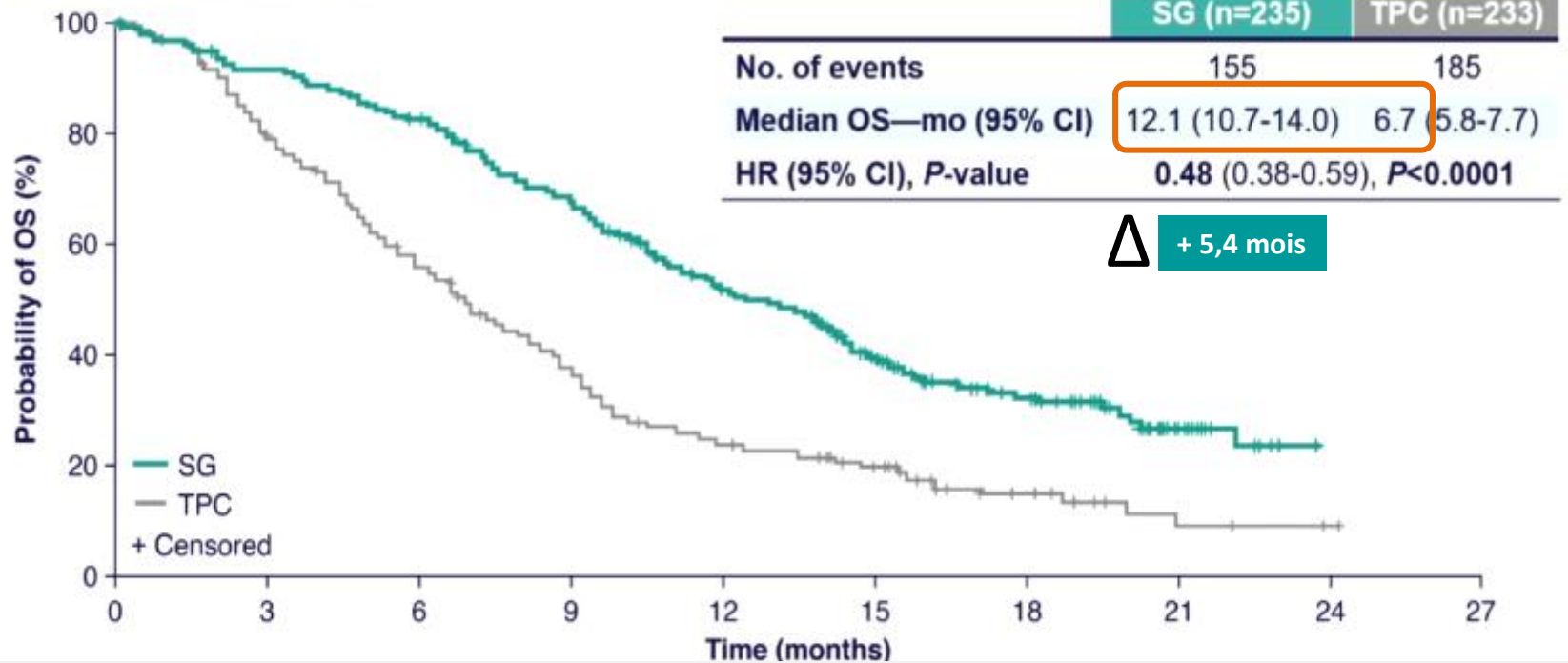
## Overall Response and Best Percent Change From Baseline in Tumor Size



	SG (n=235)	TPC (n=233)
ORR—no. (%)	82 (35)	11 (5)
P-value	<0.0001	
CR	10 (4)	2 (1)
PR	72 (31)	9 (4)
CBR—no. (%)	105 (45)	20 (9)
P-value	<0.0001	



## Overall Survival





## 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

→ Arrêt = 4,7 %

# TNBC: Conclusions (1)

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- ♦ A group of TNBC benefits from chemotherapy based on anthracyclines and taxanes (and also from capecitabine and eribuline)
- ♦ Standard chemotherapy is revisited with the development of antibody-drugs conjugates (e.g. sacituzumab govitecan)
- ♦ *BRCA* mutated tumors: significant tumor responses to platinum and PARP inhibitors

# TNBC: Conclusions (2)

- ◆ Immune checkpoint inhibitors + chemotherapy are active in 1<sup>st</sup> line TNBC, PD-L1 positive population.
- ◆ Chemotherapy + biologicals are needed in HR-, HER-2  $\neg$ , PD-L1  $\neg$  tumors (quadruple negative)
- ◆ Genomic era: better understanding of the tumor heterogeneity and biology of tumor at baseline and at resistance which might lead to new targets and potentially to new active agents (challenge: studies design and pts accrual)

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# THANK YOU

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