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# Treating BC in 2022: Selection strategy for a better outcome

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# Therapeutic Approaches to tackle/delay Endocrine Resistance

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- Endocrine therapy (single vs ~~combination~~ of ET)
  - Maximizing sensitivity to endocrine therapy
    - Strategies targeting CDK4/6
    - Strategies to antagonize the growth factor pathways (mTor (everolimus), PIK3CA (alpelisib),...)
    - Strategies targeting genomic alterations of ESR1 (Elacestrant)
    - Strategies targeting the DNA repair pathway (PARP inhibitors)
- Antibody – drug conjugates (targeted chemotherapy) (Sacituzumab govectin; T-DXd)
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# Advanced luminal breast cancer in clinical practice: Important questions (1)

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1. CDK4/6 inhibitors as first-line or later lines ? → First-line
  2. Which ET should we prescribe in first-line with CDK4/6 inhibitor (AI or fulvestrant)? → Whenever possible AI
  3. Which CDK4/6 inhibitor ?
  4. In the presence of non life-threatening visceral disease (lung + liver) : ET + CDK4/6 inh. or chemotherapy ? → ET+ CDK 4/6 inh.
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# Advanced luminal breast cancer : Important questions (2)

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5. Tissue biopsy or liquid biopsy and the role of NGS (PIK3CA mutation ? ERS1 ? BRCA ? ...) as predictive biomarkers and when?

➡ After first-line therapy (ESMO)

6. Efficacy of PIK3CA inhibitor (Alpelisib) in PIK3CA mutated tumors and in CDK4/6 inhibitors pretreated patients? ➡ Ongoing studies

7. Rechallenge with CDK4/6 inhibitors in patients pretreated with CDK4/6 inhibitors? ➡ Promising early data (MAINTAIN trial)

8. Setting of exemestane + everolimus therapy? ➡ Later lines endocrine therapy

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# CDK 4-6i in Metastatic Breast Cancer: Pivotal Trials

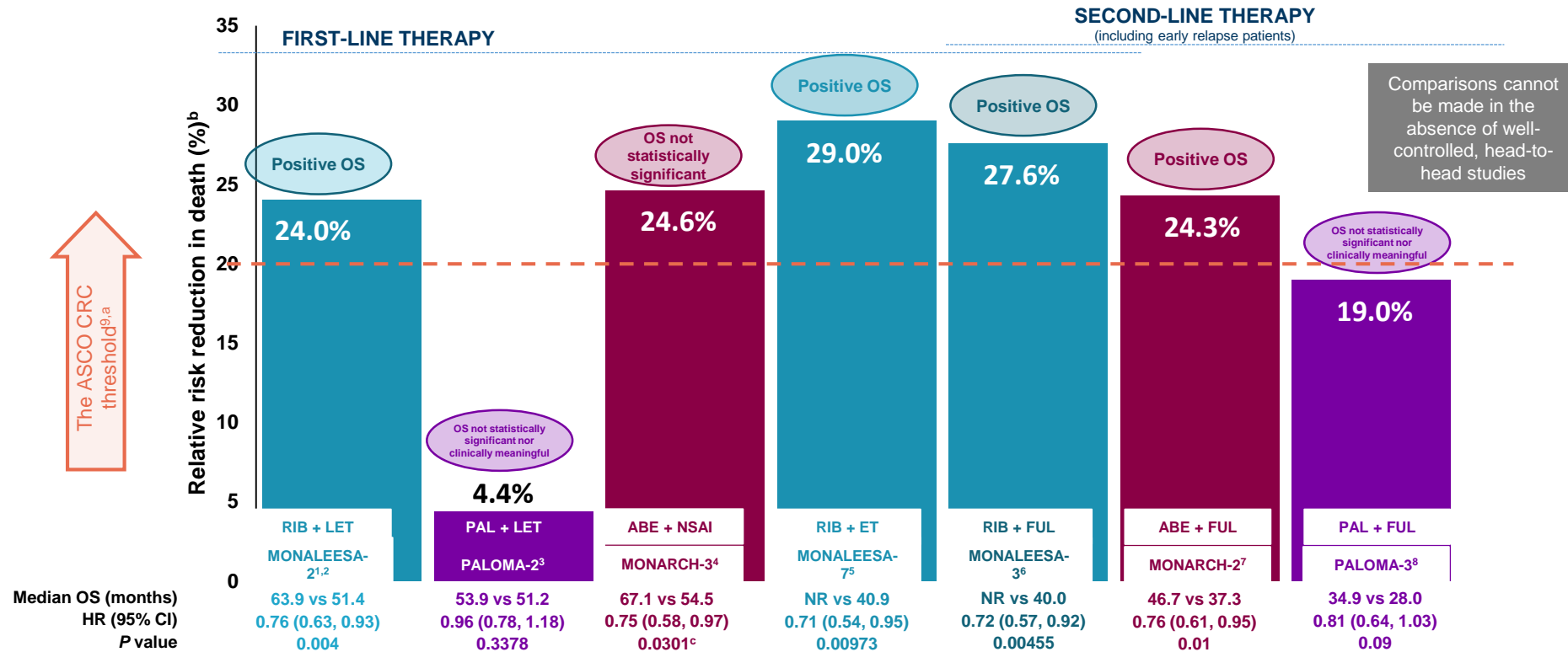
## Consistent PFS results for all drugs and settings

	PALOMA 1	PALOMA 2	PALOMA 3	MONALEESA 2	MONALEESA 7	MONALEESA 3	MONARCH 3	MONARCH 2	MONARCH Plus
Phase	II	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
No. of pts	165	666	521	668	672	726	493	669	463
Treatment	Palbo + letro vs letro	Palbo + letro vs letro	Palbo + fulvestrant vs fulvestrant	Ribo + letro vs letro	Ribo + tamoxifen or AI and GnRHa vs tamoxifen or AI + GnRHa	Ribo + fulvestrant vs fulvestrant	Abema + NSAI vs NSAI	Abema + fulvestrant vs fulvestrant	Abema + NSAI or fulvestrant vs NSAI or fulvestrant
Setting	1st line MBC	1st line MBC	Prior ET. Up to 1 chemo for MBC	1st line MBC	1st line MBC	≤1st line of ET for MBC	1st line MBC	No more than one ET. No prior chemo for MBC.	≥1st line HR+ HER2-MBC
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.49 (0.32- 0.75)	0.58 (0.46- 0.72)	0.46 (0.36- 0.59)	0.57 (0.46- 0.70)	0.55 (0.44-0.69)	0.59 (0.48- 0.73)	0.54 (0.41-0.72)	0.55 (0.45-0.68)	0.50 (0.35- 0.72) 0.38 (0.24-0.59)
OS HR (95% CI)	0.81 (0.49-1.35)	NM	0.81 (0.64- 1.03)	0.75 (0.52-1.08)	0.71 (0.54-0.95)	0.72 (0.57-0.92)	NM	0.76 (0.61-0.95)	NM



Adapted from Schettini et al, JNCI 2020

# Ribociclib and Abemaciclib have demonstrated a consistent significant OS benefit across all phase 3 studies



Median OS (months)  
HR (95% CI)  
P value

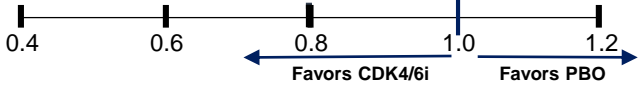
<sup>a</sup> The ASCO Cancer Research Committee defined incremental improvements in HR of OS  $\geq 20\%$  over standard therapy as a clinically meaningful outcome; the magnitude of benefit is based on hazard ratios and refers to the proportional improvement achieved with the addition of CDK4/6 inhibitors in comparison to the respective control groups. <sup>b</sup> As measured by 1 minus HR multiplied by 100. <sup>c</sup> P value did not reach threshold for statistical significance at this interim analysis of MONARCH 3

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# Exploratory time to chemotherapy results among CDK4/6is

Trial	Study Tx		PBO, n/N (%)		Hazard Ratio by TTC	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
	Events/n	Median TTC, mo	Events/n	Median TTC, mo		
<b>MONALEESA-2<sup>1</sup></b>	176/334	50.6	200/334	38.9		0.742 (0.606-0.909)
<b>MONALEESA-7<sup>2</sup></b>	144/335	50.9	173/337	36.8		0.694 (0.556-0.867)
<b>MONALEESA-3<sup>3</sup></b>	215/484	48.1	131/242	28.8		0.704 (0.566-0.876)
<b>MONARCH 2<sup>4</sup></b>	200/446	50.2	135/223	22.1		0.625 (0.501-0.779)
<b>PALOMA-2<sup>5</sup></b>	NR	38.1	NR	29.8		0.730 (0.607-0.879)
<b>PALOMA-3<sup>6</sup></b>	347 <sup>a</sup>	17.6	174 <sup>a</sup>	8.8		0.58 (0.47-0.73)

Comparisons cannot be made in the absence of well-controlled, head-to-head studies



<sup>a</sup> The number of events was not reported.



# NSAI or Fulvestrant ± CDK4/6 Inhibitors : Main Results from Phase III Studies

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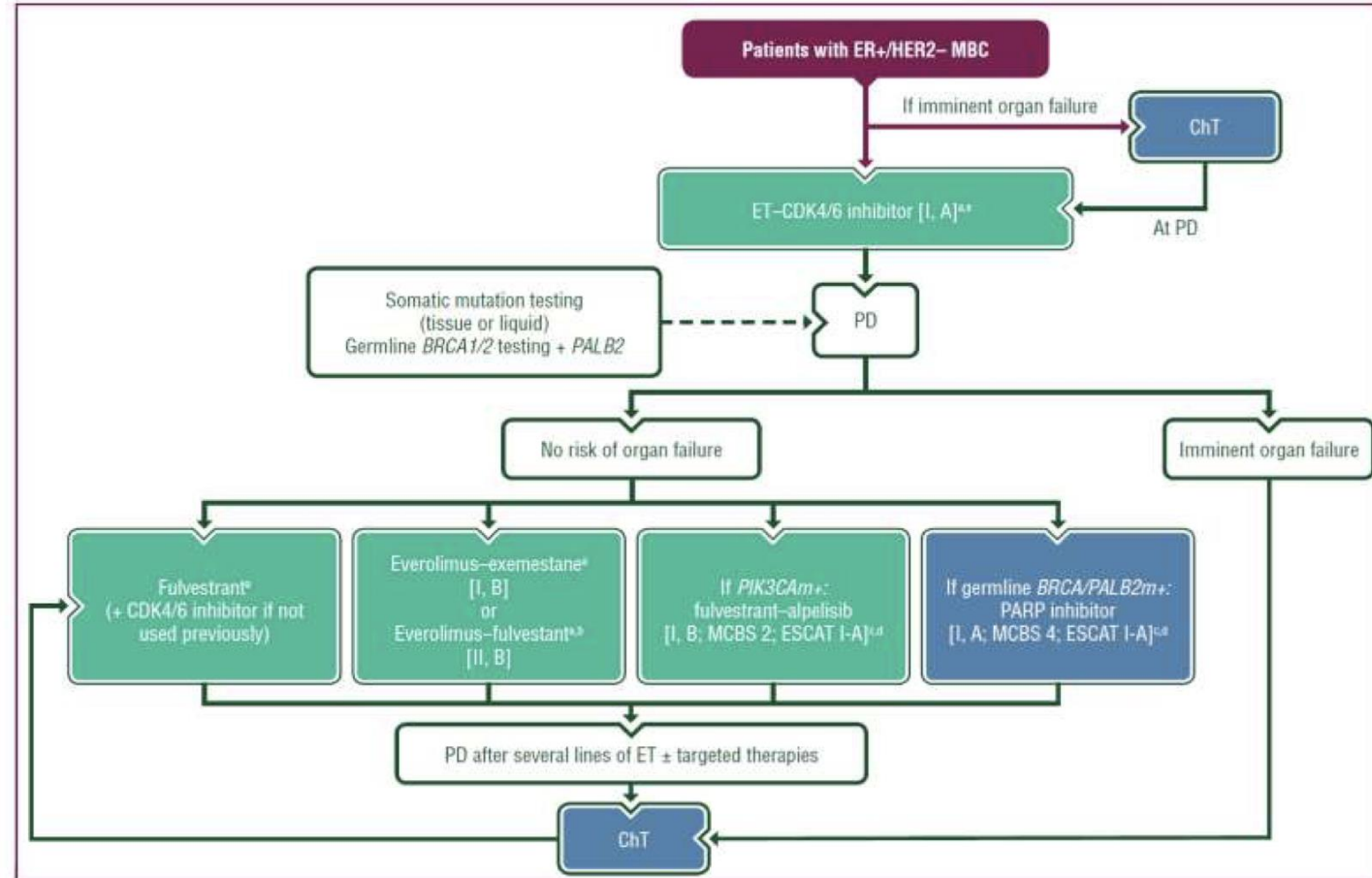
- Differences in doses and schedule, patient characteristics and prior therapies between drugs and studies
- For the 3 agents, basically equivalent PFS results
- Unprecedented increases of OS for Ribociclib + ET in the first-line setting (pre and postmenopausal). Final results from MONARCH-3 are awaited but intermediate OS results are promising
- Clear differences in the main side effects

Palbociclib	Ribociclib	Abemaciclib
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neutropenia but no significant neutropenia-related events</li><li>• Fatigue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same as palbociclib</li><li>• ↑ LFTs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less neutropenia</li><li>• GI toxicity (diarrhea)</li><li>• Reversible increases in creatinine</li><li>• DVT (4%)</li></ul>

- Early management of AEs is mandatory to preserve QoL
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# ESMO Algorithm

HR+/HER2-



Gennarini et al. Ann Oncol 2021

**Heavily pretreated** : Sacituzumab govitecan (TROPICS-02)  
**HER2 low expressors** : T-Deruxtecan (DESTINY – Bo4)

# Luminal MBC : Selected reported results in 2022

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- Elacestrant (a SERD) is a possible option in ESR mutated tumors ( EMERALD trial : Modest PFS benefit/ Giredestrant and amcenestrant : negative results)
  - Rechallenge with CDK4/6 inh in CDK4/6 inh pretreated and resistant pts needs confirmation ( MAINTAIN Trial)
  - Antibody drugs conjugates emerged as a therapeutic option in HR+ ( TROPICS – 02)/(DESTINY B-04)
  - Given activity in advanced setting, CDK4/6 inhibitors moved to adjuvant setting (PALLAS negative; MONARCHE E positive (longer FU results at SABCS 2022) ; NATALEE with Ribociclib (waiting results).
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## Ph-2 MAINTAIN Trial: F or E ± Ribociclib after PD on anti-estrogen therapy + CDK4/6 inh.

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- N = 120 evaluable pts
- EndocrineTherapy: F: 83% / E: 17%
- Prior Palbo (84%), ribociclib (11%), abemaciclib (2%), other (3%)
- Median PFS: F or E + ribo: 5.33 mo vs 2.76 (placebo) [HR 0.56; P=0.004]
- PD free at : 6mo: 42% vs 24%  
12mo: 25% vs 7%

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F: Fulvestrant; E: Exemestane

Kalinsky K LBA 1004, ASCO 2022

# TROPiCS-02: A randomized ph 3 trial of Sacituzumab Govitecan vs TPC in HR+/HER2- MBC

## Study Design

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MBC

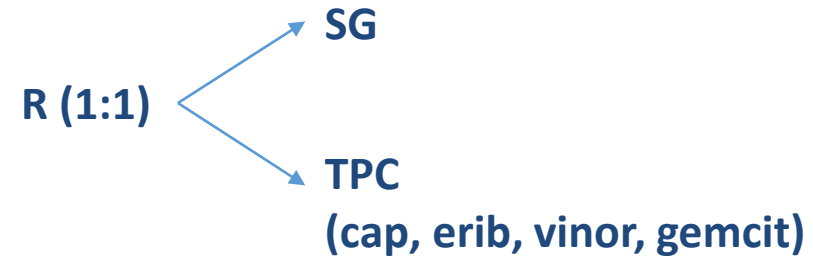
PS 0-1

2-4 prior CT for MBC

1 prior CT if PD  $\leq$  12mo after (Neo)adj

Prior taxane

Prior CDK4/6 inh



Primary endpoint: PFS

## TROPICS-02: A randomized ph 3 trial of Sacituzumab Govitecan (Trop2) vs TPC in HR+/HER2- MBC Results

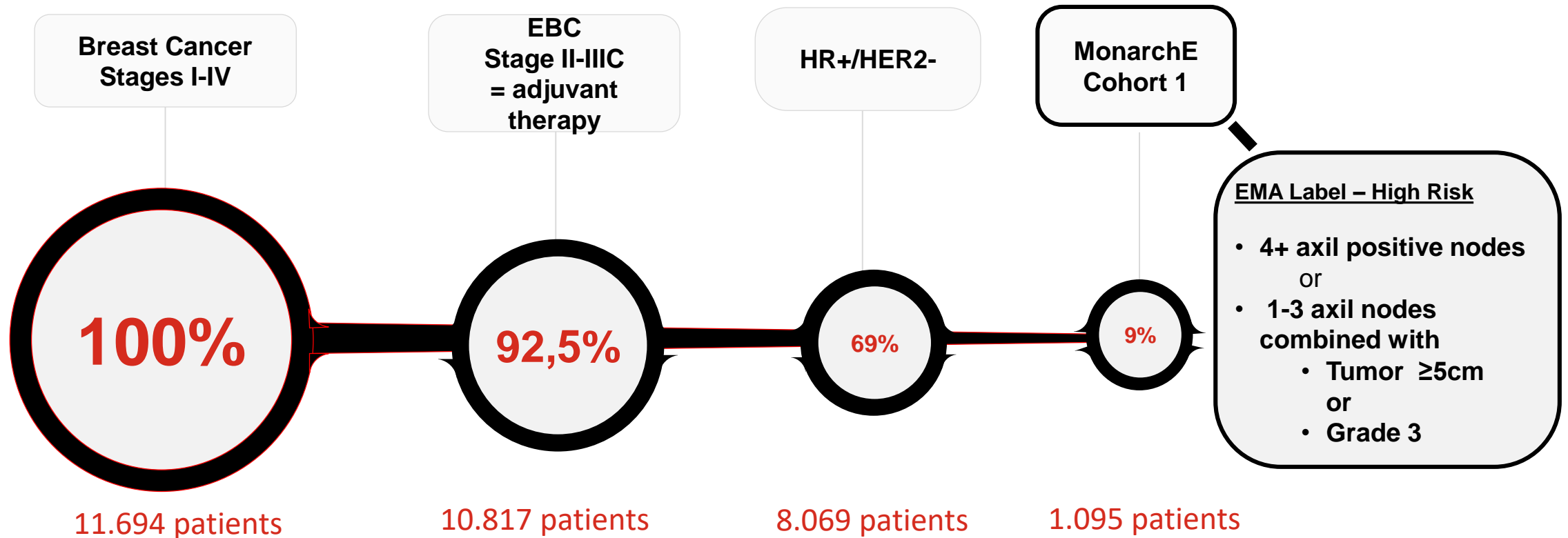
Characteristics	SG	TPC	HR
N° of pts	272	271	
Med prior CT (MBC)	3	3	
Med PFS (mo.)	5.5	4.0	0.66 (P=0.003) (95% CI, 0.53-0.83)
PFS (6mo)	46%	30%	
PFS (12mo)	21%	7%	
OS (mo)	13.9	12.3	0.84 (P=0.143)
ORR	21%	14%	
CBR	34%	22%	

Visceral M<sup>+</sup>: 95%

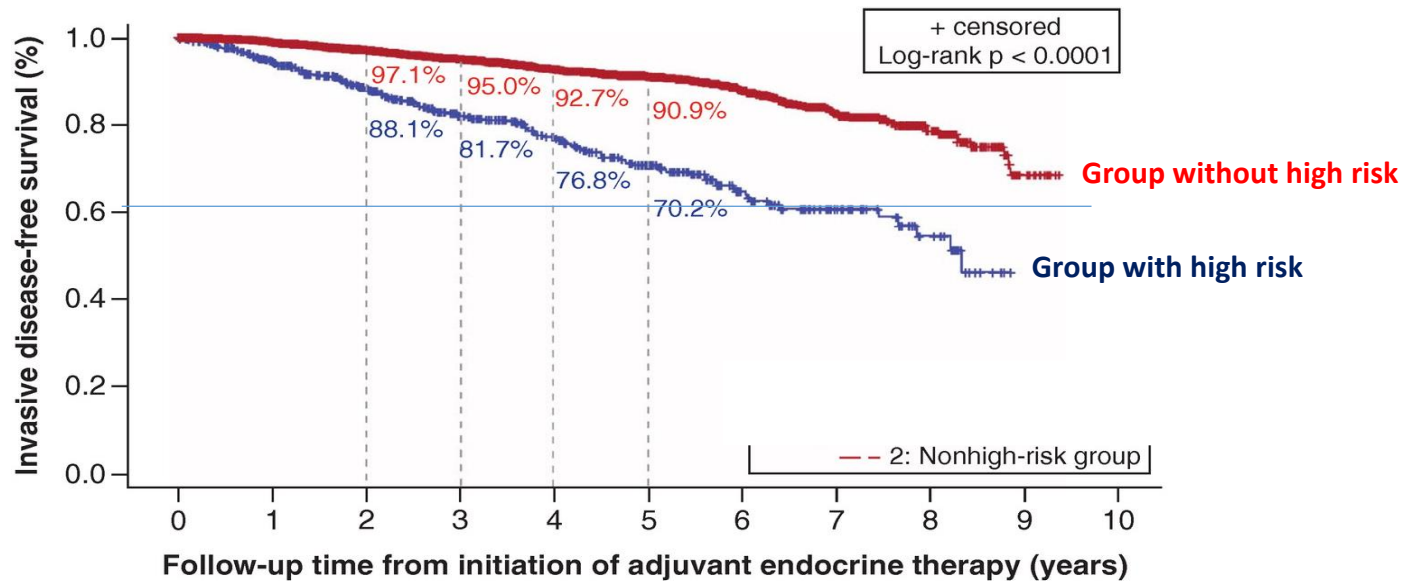
Rugo HS LBA 1001, ASCO 2022

# Abemaciclib indicated for High Risk HR+/HER2- eBC patients – added for 2 Years to Hormone Therapy

- EMA Approved population : Cohort 1 of MonarchE (5.120 (91%) of 5.637 of ITT population)
- In Belgium this represents ~ 9% of all new patients with breast cancer



# Outcome of standard adjuvant treatments (Chemo / HormoneTx) is insufficient to reduce recurrence in this high risk population



### EMA Label – High Risk

- 4+ axil positive nodes  
or
- 1-3 axil nodes combined with
  - Tumor  $\geq 5\text{cm}$
  - or
  - Grade 3

Risk (n)

1	557	466	368	274	206	148	86	47	21	0
2	3471	2923	2317	1816	1364	897	516	278	120	18

- **One out of 2** women with high risk factors, **will relapse** over time (**30%** of relapses are metastatic **within 5Y** - **50%** within **9Y**)
- New therapies are needed to decrease this risk to relapse.

\* RWE data matched with MonarchE trial

Sheffield KM et al. Future Oncol (2022)18(21),2667-2682.



# Abemaciclib 2Y in adj setting Clinical added value on IDFS (development of new tumor lesions)

15,5 months of follow-up \*

**Delta @  
2yrs :  
3,5 %**  
HR = 0,747  
RRR: 25,3%

*p value = 0,0096*

19 months of follow-up \*

HR = 0,713  
RRR = 28,7%

27 months of follow-up \*

**Delta @ 3 yrs  
5,4 %**  
HR = 0,70  
RRR = 32%

confidence intervals:  
15,5 m CI 0,6-0,96  
19m CI 0,58-0,87  
27m CI 0,59-0,82  
42m CI 0,578, 0,762

42 months of follow-up \*

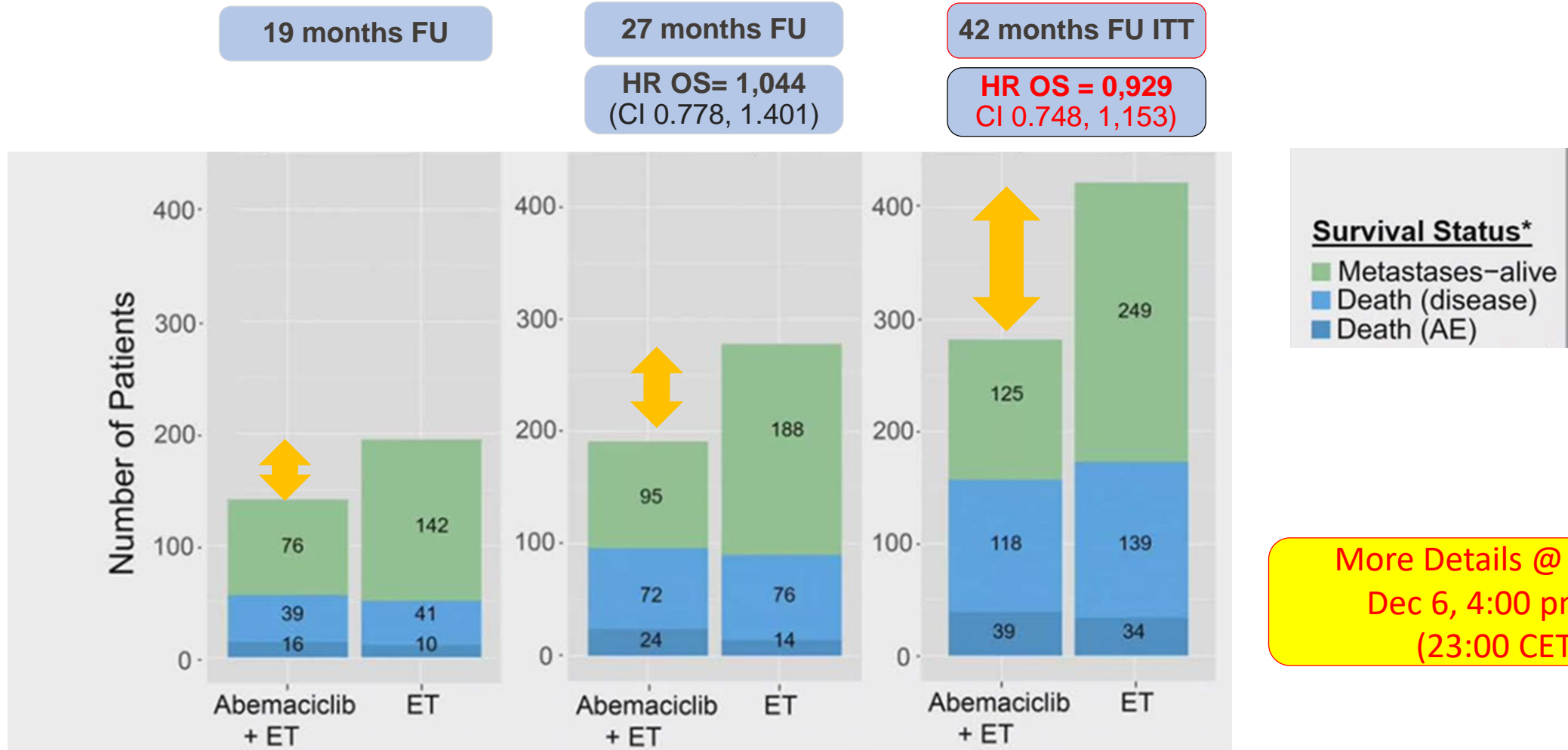
**Delta @ 4 yrs  
6,4%**  
HR = 0,66  
RRR = 34%

*p value = 0,0001*

**More Details @ SABCS  
Dec 6, 4:00 pm CT  
(23:00 CET)**

➔ Absolute risk reduction on development of new tumor lesion of **6,4% at 4 years**

# Robust benefit in distant recurrence (DRFS) is expected to increase also the OS benefit



27 months FU  
HR OS= 1,044  
(CI 0.778, 1.401)

42 months FU ITT  
HR OS = 0,929  
CI 0.748, 1,153


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90% of patients finished the 2Y adj abemaciclib

100% of patients finished the 2Y adj abemaciclib

# HR+ / HER2 Non Amplified : Available Biological Agents in Breast Cancer

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- Endocrine therapies + 
  - CDK 4/6 inhibitors
  - Everolimus
  - Alpelisib (PIK3CA mutated tumors)
- Elacestrant (ESR1 mutated tumors)
- Olaparip, talazoparib (Germline BRCA mut.)
- Low HER2 expressors : Trastuzumab-deruxtecan

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MONARCHE : Abemaciclib + ET : Adjuvant in high risk pts

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# Proposed Therapeutic Algorithm of HER2 amplified MBC in 2022 : An Evolving Field

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- 1<sup>st</sup> L Taxane + H + P or Vinorelbine + H + P
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> L T-deruxtecan
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> L Active Brain metastases : Tucatinib + H + Capecitabine  
Tucatinib or Neratinib  
Capecitabine-based
  - 4<sup>th</sup> L Chemo + Margetuximab ↔ T-DM1
  - > 4<sup>th</sup> L Chemo + H ↔ H + Lapatinib
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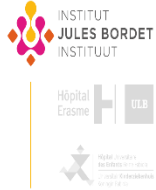
**HER2 mutated/HR+ MBC** : Neratinib + Fulverstrant + Trastuzumab  
(SUMMIT trial) → ORR 46% ; mDOR 10.9 mo ; mPFS: 8.3 mo

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**HER2 Low expressors MBC: T-Dxd (DESTINY-B04)**



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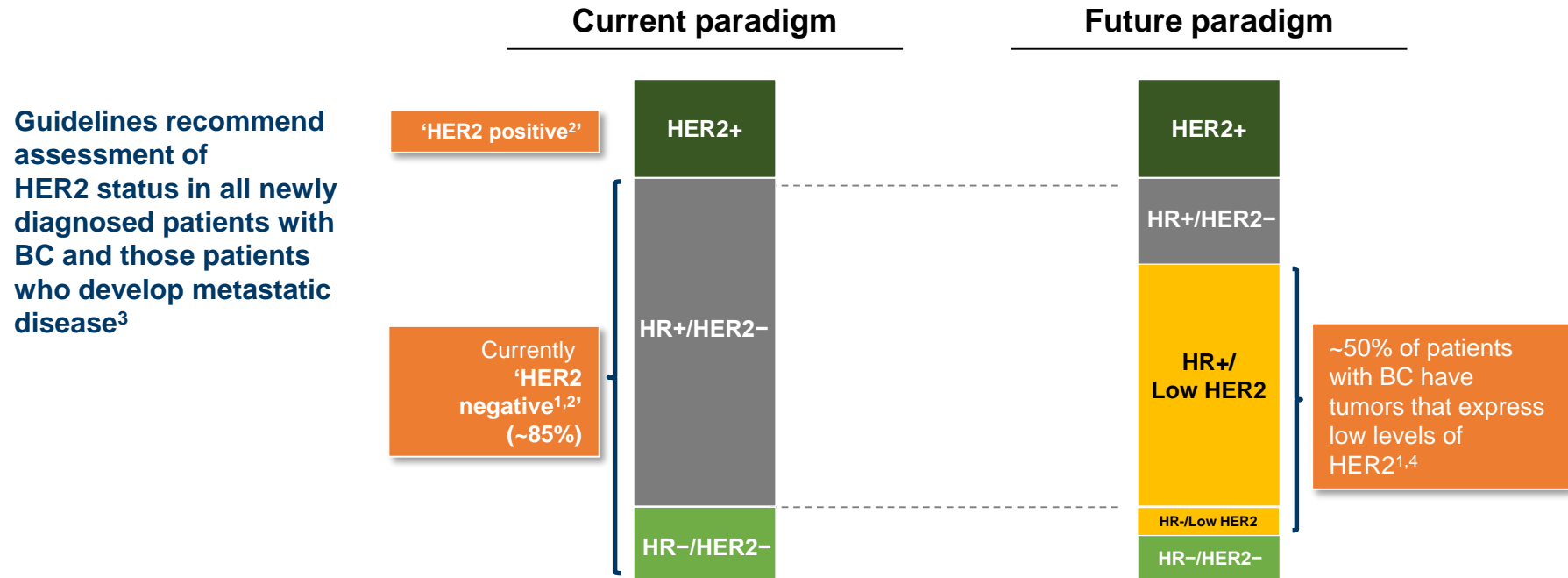


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# HER-2 Low Expressors Advanced Breast Cancer

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# Over half of breast cancers currently categorized as HER2 negative express low levels of HER2, which may be clinically meaningful<sup>1</sup>

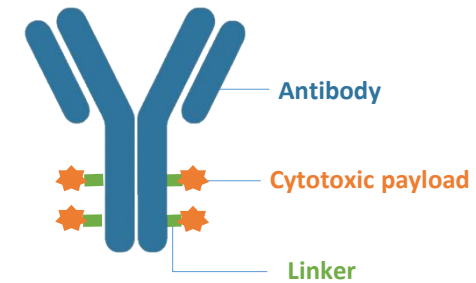


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# Antibody-drug conjugates = Targeted Chemotherapy!

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- ADCs are monoclonal antibodies conjugated with a cytotoxic payload by a linker
- Rationale: To overcome the limitations of chemotherapeutic agents :
  - Drug delivery to select therapeutic targets
  - Improved therapeutic index (↑ activity and ↓ toxicity). Better QoL



## Characteristics of HER2-targeted ADC as an example : Similarities and divergences

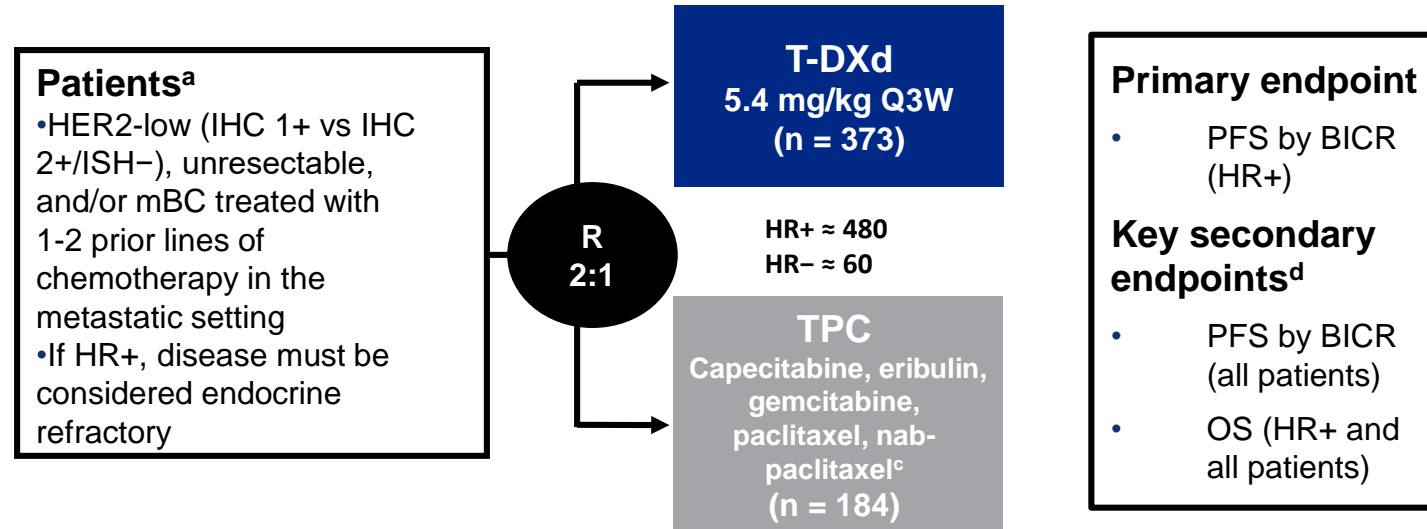
Antibody-Drug Conjugate	T-DM1	SYD-986	T-Dxd
HER2 targeting vehicle	Trastuzumab	Trastuzumab	Trastuzumab
Linker	Non-cleavable	Cleavable	Cleavable
→ Drug-antibody ratio	3.5:1	2.8:1	8:1
Cytotoxic moiety	Maytansine derivative	Seco-DUBA	Exatecan derivative
Cytotoxic moiety MoA	Antimicrotubule (mitotic poison)	Alkylating agent	Topoisomerase I inhibitor
Diffusible cytotoxic moiety?	✗	✗	✓
→ Bystander killing effect?	✗	✓	✓
Targets HER2-positive or homogenous tumors?	✓	✓	✓
→ Targets HER2-low or heterogeneous tumors?	✗	✓	✓

Legend: MoA = mechanism of action.



- DESTINY-Breast04: Study Design

## An Open-Label, Multicenter, Phase 3 Study (NCT03734029)



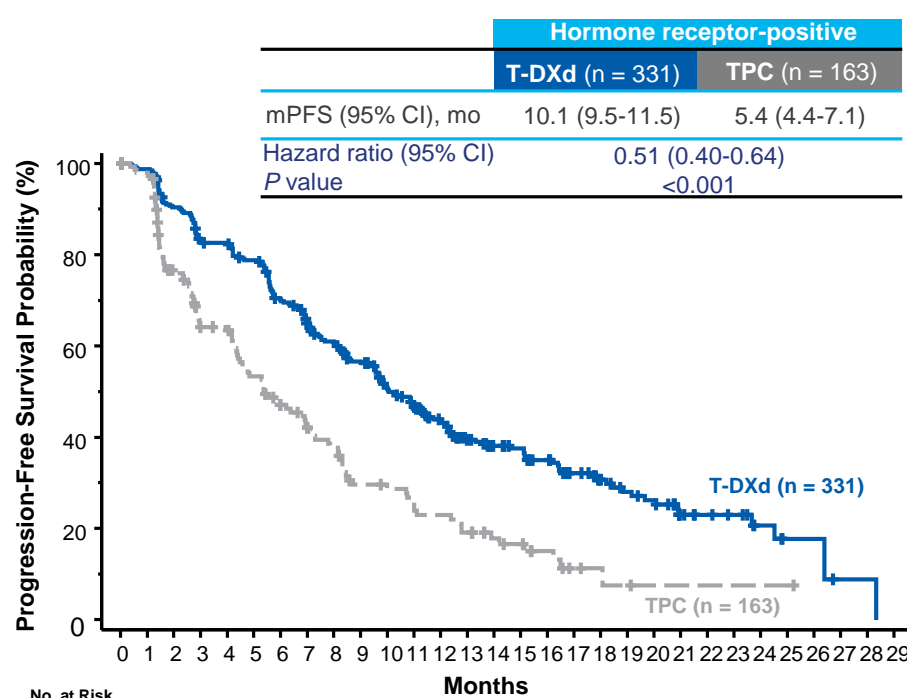
### Stratification factors

- 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-

<sup>a</sup>If patients had HR+ mBC, prior endocrine therapy was required. <sup>b</sup>Performed on adequate archived or recent tumor biopsy per ASCO/CAP guidelines using the VENTANA HER2/neu (4B5) investigational use only Assay system. <sup>c</sup>TPC was administered according to the label. <sup>d</sup>Other secondary endpoints included ORR (BICR and investigator), DOR (BICR), and PFS (investigator) in the HR+ cohort and in all patients (HR+ and HR-), and safety in all treated patients; efficacy in the HR- cohort was an exploratory endpoint.

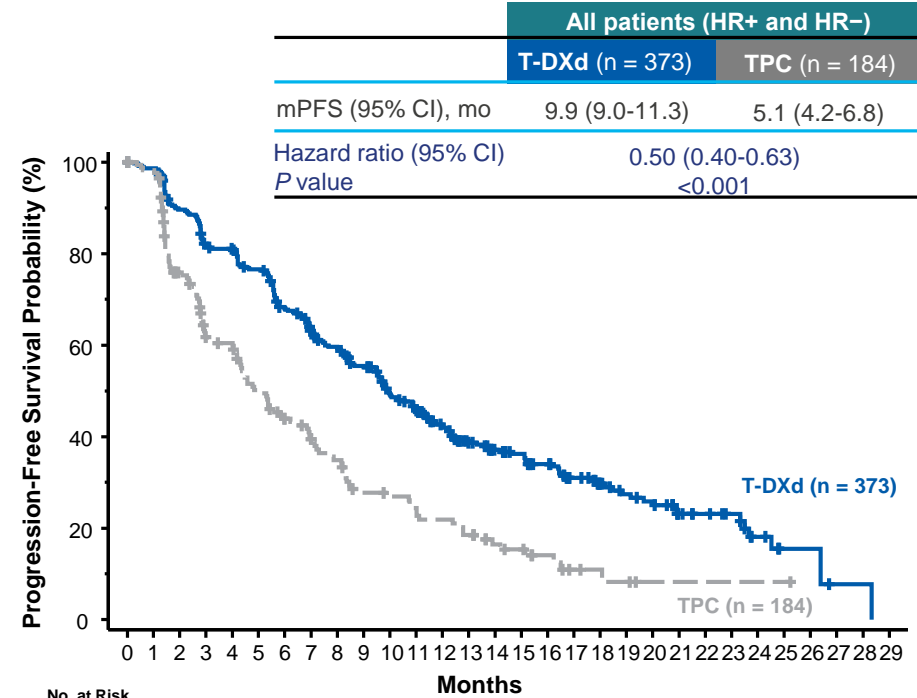
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# PFS in HR+ and All Patients



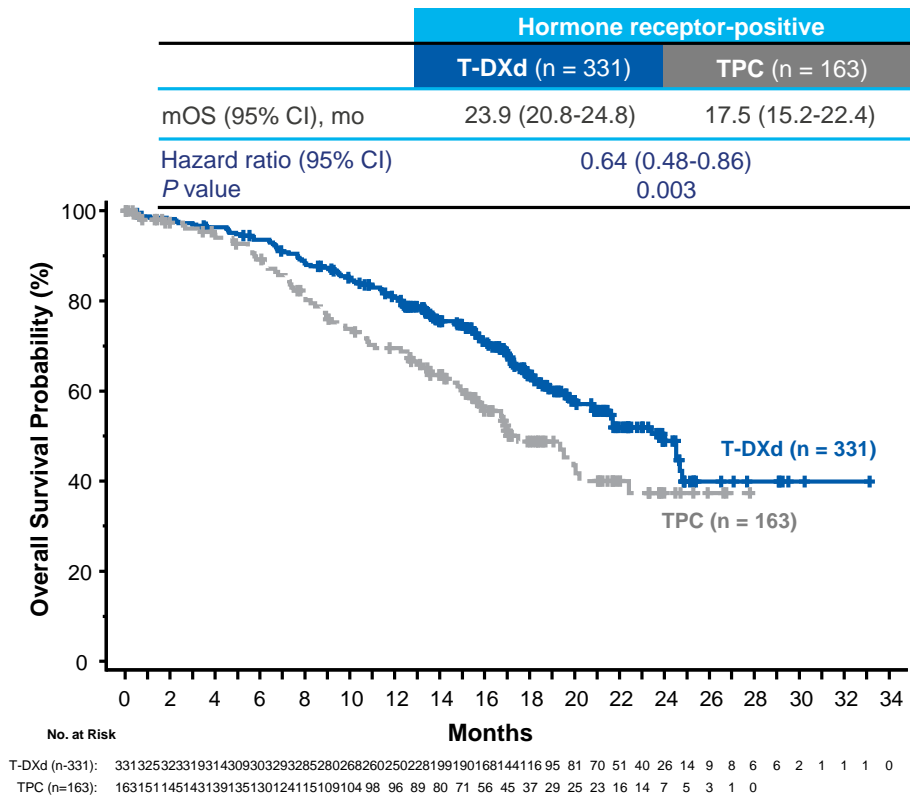
T-DXd (n=331): 331324290265262248218198182165142128107 89 78 73 64 48 37 31 28 17 14 12 7 4 4 1 1 0  
 TPC (n=163): 163146105 85 84 69 57 48 43 32 30 27 24 20 14 12 8 4 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

PFS by blinded independent central review.  
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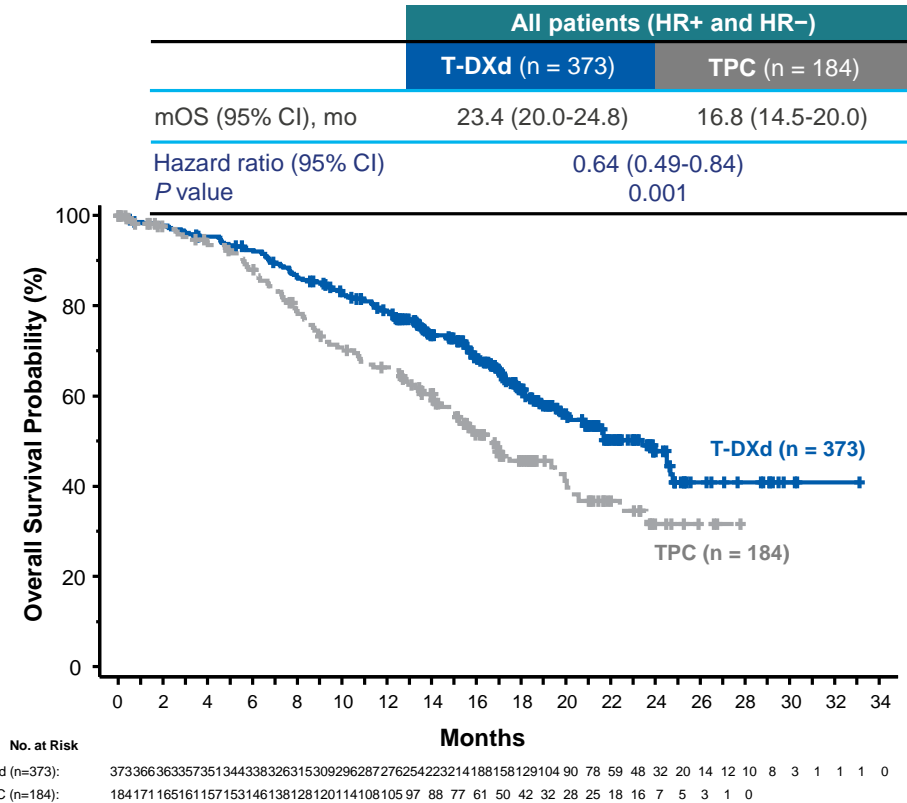


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# OS in HR+ and All Patients



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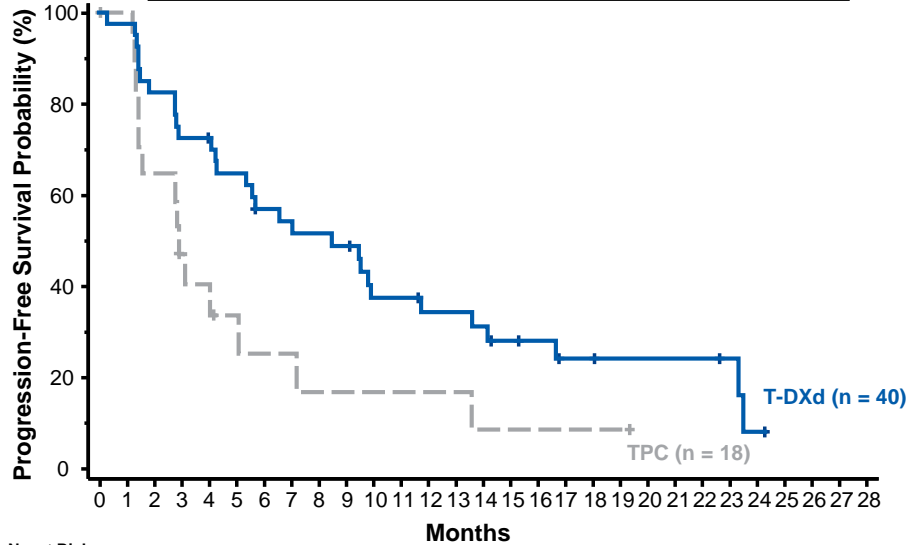


T-DXd is indicated for the treatment of HER2+ mBC after 2 prior anti-HER2 treatments

ADC/22/0185 Date of last revision: June 2022

# Exploratory Endpoints: PFS and OS in HR-

	PFS in hormone receptor-negative	
	T-DXd (n = 40)	TPC (n = 18)
mPFS (95% CI), mo	8.5 (4.3-11.7)	2.9 (1.4-5.1)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.46 (0.24-0.89)	

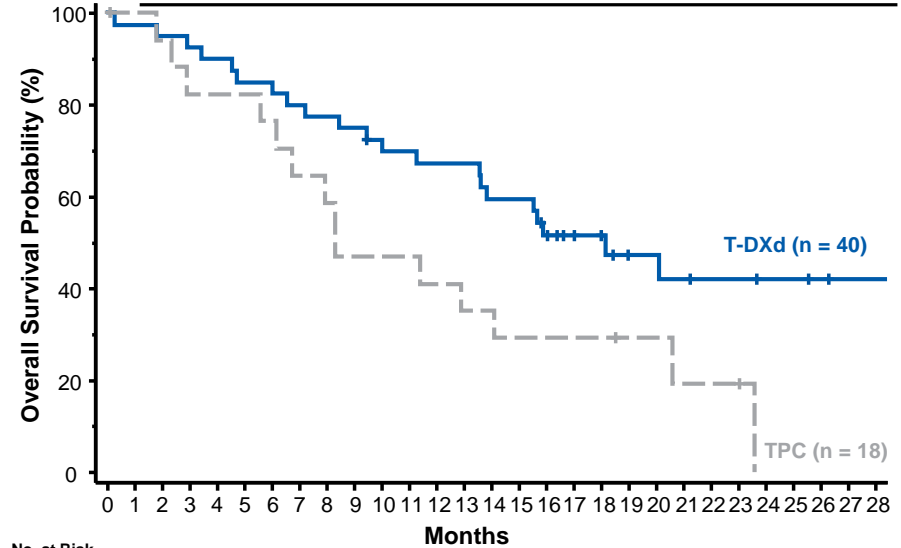


No. at Risk

T-DXd (n=40): 40 39 33 29 28 25 21 20 19 18 13 13 11 11 10 8 7 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 1 0  
 TPC (n=18): 18 17 11 7 6 4 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

For efficacy in the hormone receptor negative cohort, hormone receptor status is based on data from the electronic data capture corrected for misstratification.  
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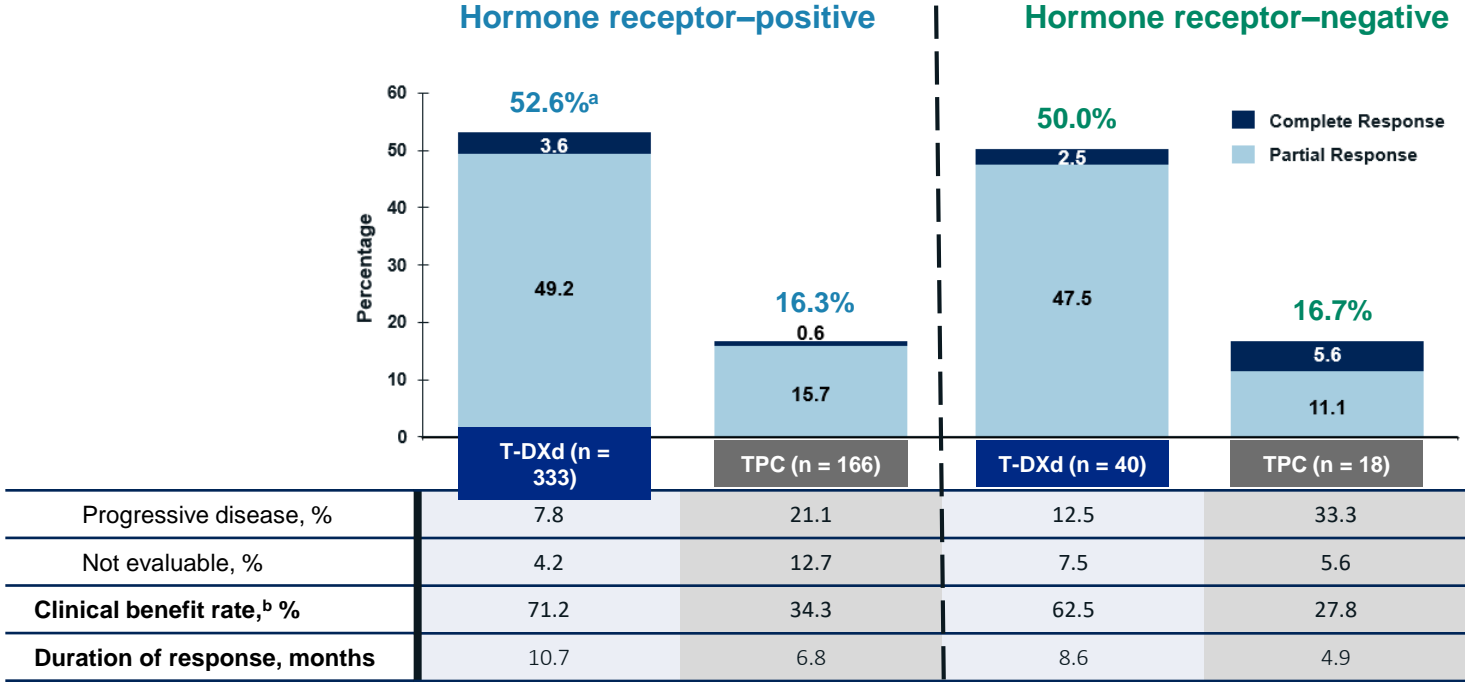
	OS in hormone receptor-negative	
	T-DXd (n = 40)	TPC (n = 18)
mOS (95% CI), mo	18.2 (13.6-NE)	8.3 (5.6-20.6)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.48 (0.24-0.95)	



No. at Risk

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# DESTINY-Breast04: Confirmed ORR

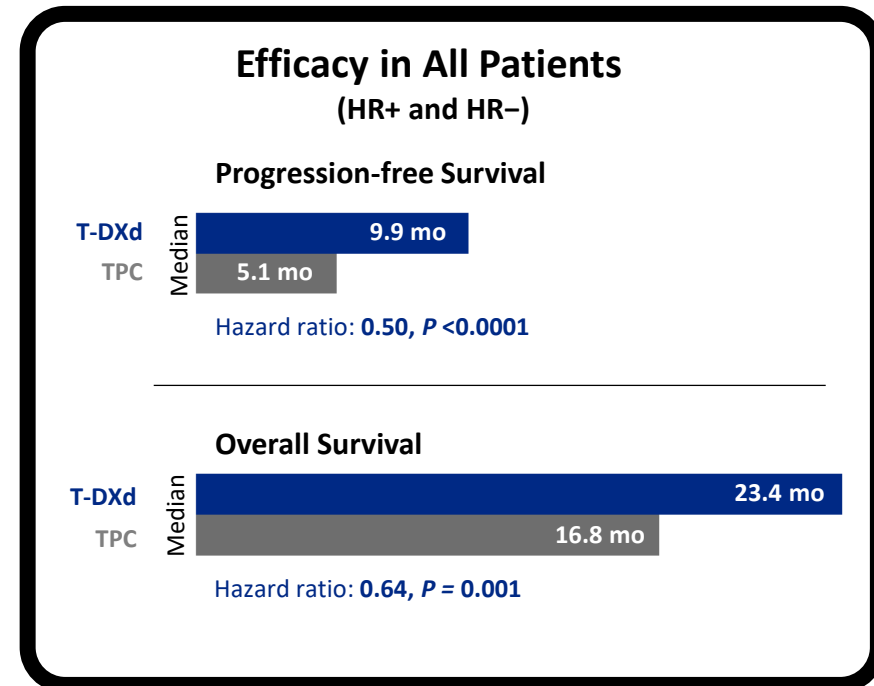


Hormone receptor status is based on data from the electronic data capture corrected for misstratification.  
<sup>a</sup>The response of 1 patient was not confirmed. <sup>b</sup>Clinical benefit rate is defined as the sum of complete response rate, partial response rate, and more than 6 months' stable disease rate, based on blinded independent central review.  
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- DESTINY-Breast04: January 11, 2022 DCO

## DESTINY-Breast04 establishes T-DXd as a new treatment option in HER2-low, HR+/HR- mBC<sup>1,2</sup>

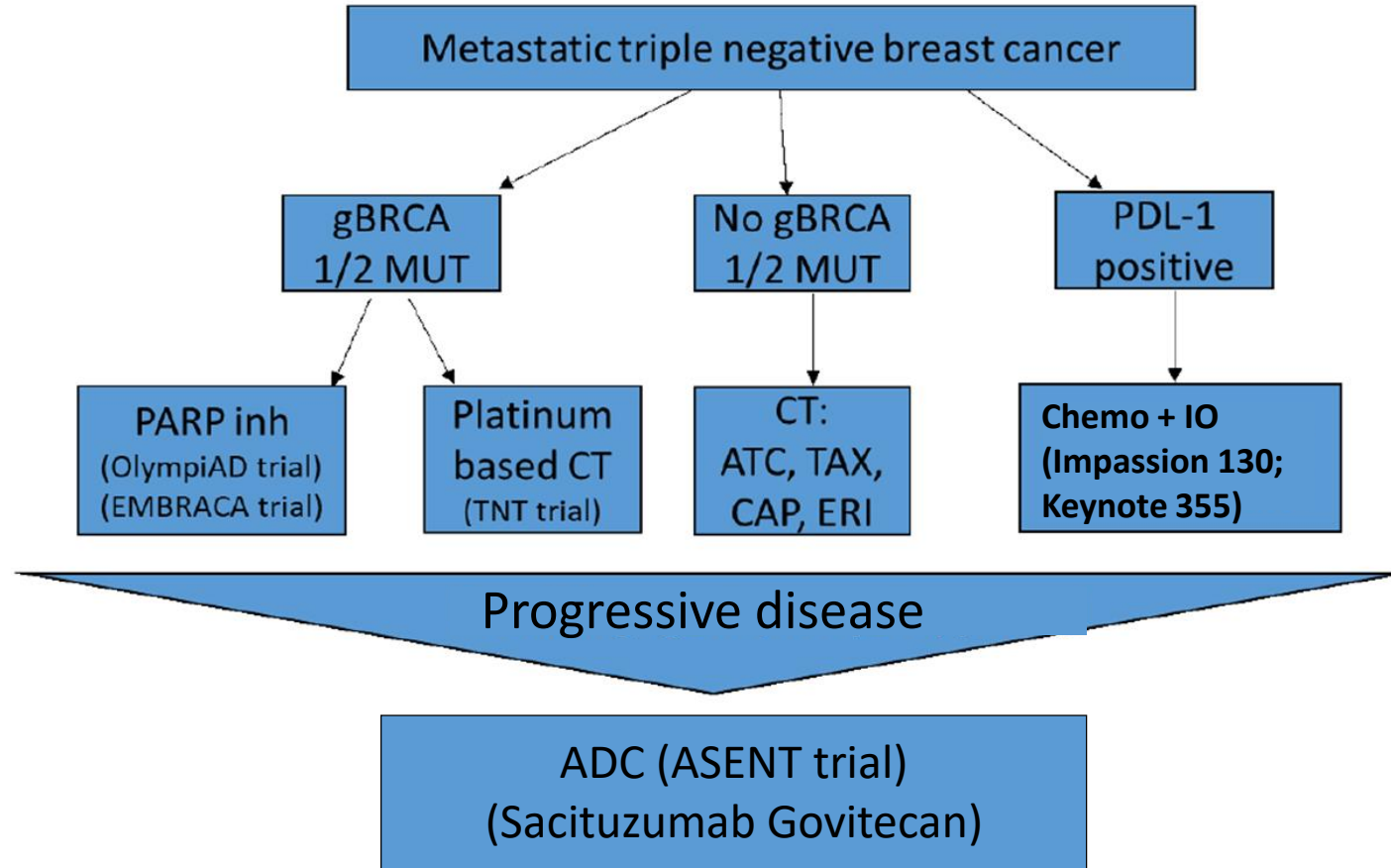
- T-DXd is the first HER2-targeted therapy to demonstrate unprecedented statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS and OS versus TPC
- Similar magnitude of benefit across all subgroups, including HER2 IHC status and prior CDK4/6i use
- Safety is consistent with the known safety profile and showed an overall positive benefit-risk
- DESTINY-Breast04 establishes HER2-low (IHC 1+, IHC 2+/ISH-) mBC as a new targetable patient population



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# Current standard-of-care treatments in metastatic triple-negative breast cancer & future perspectives

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# TNBC : Available Biological Agents

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- Adjuvant olaparib in BRCA mutated high risks patients
- Chemo + Pembro (neoadjuvant/ adjuvant) : Adjuvant Pembro if PCR ? Role of Cape and/or PARP inh. in residual disease?

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- CPIs + chemo (PDL1+)
  - PARP inhibitors (BRCA mutated) : Oloparib + talazoparib
  - Low HER2 expressors : Trastuzumab-deruxtecan!
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# HYBRID MEETING

# Breast Cancer Debate of the Year Best of SABCS

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Venue :  
MediMix bv  
Zone 1 Researchpark 30 - 1731 Zellik

Ahmad Awada, MD, PhD –  
Jules Bordet Institute – Brussels

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**Thank you !**

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