



## HER2+ Breast Cancer : State of the Art



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Romond, et al., New England Journal of Medicine (2005).

## HER2+ Breast Cancer – Remains a High Unmet Need



(I)DFS Outcomes in HER2+ eBC Trials

## Chromoanasynthesis is a common mechanism that leads to ERBB2 amplifications in a cohort of early stage HER2+ breast cancer samples



- Chromosomes 8 is commonly involved in the same chromoanasynthesis with 17
- When chromosome 8 is involved, NRG1 fusions, NRG1amplification, FGFR1 amplification and ADAM32 or ADAM5 fusions have been observed
- ERBB3 overexpression is associated with NRG1 fusions, and EGFR and ERBB3 expression are anti-correlated
- In one instance a small duplication fully encompassing the ERBB2 gene was accompanied by a pathogenic mutation

Fig. 1 Genome U-plot representation of case BRB-041. Coverage of each chromosome is presented horizontally with grey regions indicating normal diploid coverage. Red and blue chromosomal regions indicate losses and gains, respectively. Straight green lines represent translocation junctions between different chromosomes whereas magenta arcs represent junctions within chromosomes



Vasmatzis et al. BMC Cancer (2018) 18:738.

## Allosteric Mechanism for Activation of EGFR-family Kinases



Zhang X, et al., Cell 125: 1137-49 (2006); Peter Littlefield et al., Sci. Signal. 2014;7:ra114; Olayioye, et al., EMBO Journal 19(13) 3159-67, 2000.

### Pertuzumab Binds Subdomain II and Disrupts Ligand-Dependent HER2:HER3 Interaction; Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab Induces Apoptosis



Z Cai, et al., Oncogene (2008) 27, 3870-3874

CLEOPATRA end of study analysis: Statistically significant OS benefit at more than 8 years' follow-up (median 99 mos) = 16.3 mos (HR = 0.69), and was consistent across patient subgroups. Median PFS = 18.7 mos. [Swain SM, et al. ASCO 2019, abstract 1020].



Rita Nahta, et al. Cancer Res 2004;64:2343-2346.

## **APHINITY: Node-positive Subgroup**



von Minckwitz G, Procter MJ, De Azambuja E, et al: APHINITY trial (BIG 4-11): 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting. Abstract LBA500. Presented June 5, 2017.

## **APHINITY: IDFS Forest Plot by Subgroups**

	No. of Events / No. of Patients			Unstratified	3-year IDFS Rate, %		- Interaction
Subgroup	Pertuzumab	Placebo		Hazard Ratio (95%CI)	Pertuzumab	Placebo	test p-value
All patients	171 / 2400	210 / 2404	┝╼╪╾┩	0.82 (0.67–1.00)	94.1	93.2	NA
Nodal status							
0 positive nodes, tumor ≤1cm	2 / 90	4/84 🗲		0.48 (0.09–2.60)	97.7	97.5	
0 positive nodes, tumor >1cm	30 / 807	25 / 818	<b>⊢⊹</b> → <b>-</b>	1.23 (0.72–2.10)	97.5	98.5	0.374
1–3 positive nodes	55 / 907	75 / 900	⊢ <mark>⊨</mark> ́н	0.73 (0.52–1.04)	94.9	93.8	
≥4 positive nodes	84 / 596	106 / 602	⊢ <del>i  </del> 4	0.79 (0.59–1.05)	87.5	84.7	
0 positive nodes	32 / 897	29 / 902	₽	1.13 (0.68–1.86)	97.5	98.4	0.169
≥1 positive nodes	139 / 1503	181 / 1502	<b>⊢</b> ∎ <mark>i</mark> I	0.77 (0.62–0.96)	92.0	90.2	
Adjuvant chemotherapy regimen							
Anthracycline	139 / 1865	171 / 1877	<b>⊢_≑_</b> ↓	0.82 (0.66–1.03)	93.8	93.0	0.006
Non-anthracycline	32 / 535	39 / 527	►	0.82 (0.51–1.31)	94.9	94.0	0.990
Central hormone receptor status							
Positive (ER- and/or PgR-positive)	100 / 1536	119 / 1546	P→	0.86 (0.66–1.13)	94.8	94.4	0.543
Negative (ER- and PgR-negative)	71/864	91 / 858	<b>⊢</b> ∔	0.76 (0.56–1.04)	92.8	91.2	
Protocol version							
Protocol A	120 / 1828	143 / 1827	E₩+4	0.84 (0.66–1.08)	94.7	94.1	0 696
Protocol Amendment B	51/572	67 / 577	<b>⊢</b>	0.77 (0.53–1.11)	91.9	90.6	0.080
Menopausal status at screening							
Pre-menopausal	93 / 1152	96 / 1173	P+-₽4	0.99 (0.75–1.32)	93.5	93.7	0.060
Post-menopausal	78 / 1242	113 / 1220	┝─────┼┥	0.68 (0.51–0.91)	94.5	92.7	0.069
Age group (years)							
<40	30 / 326	32 / 327		0.96 (0.59–1.59)	93.4	93.1	
40–49	48 / 708	53 / 702	⊢ <mark>╱╶┼╸┼╶</mark> ┦╴	0.89 (0.60–1.32)	94.5	94.3	0.781
50–64	69 / 1051	91 / 1082	₽ <mark>₽──</mark> ─┤₽	0.78 (0.57–1.07)	94.3	93.3	
≥65	24 / 315	34 / 293		0.70 (0.41–1.17)	92.9	90.6	
Tumor size (cm)							
<2	41/977	64 / 944	►	0.62 (0.42–0.92)	97.0	94.6	
2–<5	108 / 1273	115 / 1283	₽┼┓	0.96 (0.74–1.24)	92.5	93.0	0.203
≥5	22 / 147	31/174		0.85 (0.49–1.47)	87.5	87.5	
Sex							
Female	171 / 2397	209 / 2396		0.82 (0.67–1.01)	94.1	93.2	NA
		4	Pertuzumab better Placebo better				

von Minckwitz, G et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;377:122-131

# APHINITY confirmed well known and manageable safety profile of pertuzumab | trastuzumab combination

#### Common Grade ≥3 Adverse Events

Adverse Events	Pertuzumab, n (%) n=2364	Placebo, n (%) n=2405	
Neutropenia	385 (16.3)	377 (15.7)	
Febrile neutropenia	287 (12.1)	266 (11.1)	
Anemia	163 (6.9)	113 (4.7)	
<ul> <li>Diarrhea</li> <li>with chemotherapy and targeted therapy</li> <li>with targeted therapy (post-chemotherapy)</li> <li>with AC→T (N=1834; 1894)</li> </ul>	<b>232 (9.8)</b> 232 (9.8) 12 (0.5) 137 (7.5)	<b>90 (3.7)</b> 90 (3.7) 4 (0.2) 59 (3.1)	
<ul> <li>with TCH (N=528; 510)</li> </ul>	95 (18.0)	31 (6.1)	

Less than 1% of patients in both treatment arms experienced heart failure, with the majority of patients recovering

von Minckwitz, G et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;377:122-131

## Historical Adjuvant Breast Cancer Trials



#### Addition of taxanes: Absolute 5-year DFS benefit of 2.9%

## **KATHERINE Study Design**

- cT1-4/N0-3/M0 at presentation (cT1a-b/N0 excluded)
- Centrally confirmed HER2-positive breast cancer
- Neoadjuvant therapy must have consisted of
  - Minimum of 6 cycles of chemotherapy
    - Minimum of 9 weeks of taxane
    - Anthracyclines and alkylating agents allowed
    - All chemotherapy prior to surgery
  - Minimum of 9 weeks of trastuzumab
    - Second HER2-targeted agent allowed
- Residual invasive tumor in breast or axillary nodes
- Randomization within 12 weeks of surgery

Stratification factors:

- Clinical presentation: Inoperable (stage cT4 or cN2–3) vs operable (stages cT1-3N0-1)
- Hormone receptor: ER or PR positive vs ER negative and PR negative/unknown
- Preoperative therapy: Trastuzumab vs trastuzumab plus other HER2-targeted therapy
- Pathological nodal status after neoadjuvant therapy: Positive vs negative/not done





Radiation and endocrine therapy per protocol and local guidelines

### Invasive Disease-Free Survival



By comparison, 3 year DFS, B31/N9831 Joint Analysis: 87% vs. 75%

Echoes of "The results are simply stunning"? -- Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, N Engl J Med 2005; 353:1734-1736

von Minckwitz G, et al., N Engl J Med. 2018 Dec 5. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1814017. [Epub ahead of print]

## MEDI4276 INDUCES HER2 RECEPTOR CLUSTERING, WHICH PROMOTES ROBUST INTERNALIZATION, LYSOSOMAL TRAFFICKING, AND DEGRADATION

• Proposed systems pharmacokinetic model for intracellular processing of ADCs<sup>1</sup>

- ErbB2 is an internalization-resistant receptor<sup>2</sup>
- HER2 biparatopic antibody promotes HER2 clustering and lysosomal degradation<sup>3</sup>



Pegram, et al. ESMO, Targeted Anti-Cancer Therapy– Paris (2018)

#### CHANGE IN TUMOR SIZE FROM BASELINE: AS TREATED POPULATION (RECIST V1.1)





#### At MTD (0.75mg/kg), 58.3% of patients experienced ≥ 1 serious and/or grade ≥ 3 severity event

Pegram, et al. ESMO, Targeted Anti-Cancer Therapy– Paris (2018)

#### Single Agent ZW25, a HER2 Bispecific, in Heavily Pretreated HER2+ Cancers



ZW49 is generated from the conjugation of a novel N-acyl sulfonamide auristatin payload to the inter-chain disulfide bond cysteines of the bispecific anti-HER2 IgG1 antibody ZW25, via a protease cleavable linker.

## Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201a)

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## Antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) in HER2-low MBC patients

	DS-8201a (Abstract #:2501)	SYD985 (Abstract #:1014)		
Trial phase	Phase I	Phase I		
Antibody	Trastuzumab	Trastuzumab		
Payload	Deruxtecan (Topoisomerase l inhibitor)	Duocarmycin (alkylating agents)		
Population	Heavily pretreated MBC	Heavily pretreated MBC		
HER2 low definition	IHC 1+/2+/ISH-	IHC 1+/2+/ISH-		
		HR+ (N=32): 27%		
UKKS (95%LI)	10/26, 38.5% (20.2, 59.4)	HR- (N=17): 40%		



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#### Fc Receptors Modulate Antitumor Activity of Trastuzumab

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 89, pp. 4285-4289, May 1992 Immunology

#### Humanization of an anti-p185<sup>HER2</sup> antibody for human cancer therapy

(antibody engineering/site-directed mutagenesis/c-erbB-2/neu)

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Top view of the structure of the glycosylated Fc-FcγRIIIa complex. Oligosaccharides are depicted as ball and stick representations.

Ferrara C et al. PNAS 2011;108:12669-12674 PNAS

\*ADCC = Antibody-Dependent Cell-mediated Cytotoxicity

#### The trastuzumab Fc-domain/FcgRIIIa Complex is a Potent Mediator of ADCC



Pegram, et al., Proc Am Assoc Cancer Res 38: 602, 1997 (abstr 4044).

Breast Cancer Cell Growth Following Treatment with Trastuzumab in the Presence and Absence of Functional Fc Receptors



Adapted from Clynes et al. Nature Med. 2000;6:443-446



Locations of Fc mutations identified by yeast surface display identify the variant F243L/R292P/Y300L/V305I/P396L

## SOPHIA: Margetuximab in Pre-Treated Patients with HER2+ mBC

#### PFS Analysis in the ITT Population (N=536)



#### FF or FV (n=437; 86%)

Increased Infusion Reactions on Margetuximab (14.4% vs. 3.8%), Otherwise Similar Safety; No difference in LV dysfunction (3.4 vs. 3.0%).

Jeffrey B. Stavenhagen et al. Cancer Res 2007;67:8882-8890

## Anti-CD137 agonistic MAb enhances anti-breast cancer activity of trastuzumab in vivo



4-1BB Agonist Monoclonal Antibody Utomilumab (PF-05082566) With Trastuzumab Emtansine or Trastuzumab in Treating Patients With Advanced HER2+ Breast Cancer\* \*NCT03364

Kohrt, et al., J Clin Invest 122(5): 1066-75 (2012) \*NCT03364348

## Capecitabine + Neratinib or Lapatinib as 3L+ in Patients With HER2+ mBC

NALA (ASCO 2019) Global Phase III Registration Study Design

- ≥ 3rd-line therapy for patients with HER2+ metastatic breast cancer
- Prior T-DM1, pertuzumab acceptable; prior lapatinib, capecitabine not permitted
- Patients with asymptomatic CNS metastatic disease are eligible to enroll\*
- \*TBCRC 022 49% CNS ORR (N+C), N=37; 29% G3 diarrhea<sup>1</sup>



- 1. Freedman RA, et al. JCO (2019) 37:13, 1081-89
- 2. CBR is defined as Complete Response (CR) or Partial Response (PR) or Stable Disease (SD) for  $\geq$  24 weeks
- 3. Loperamide prophylaxis required in neratinib arm

CBR=clinical benefit rate; CNS=central nervous system; mBC=metastatic breast cancer; PD=progressive disease ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01808573

- Time to intervention for symptomatic CNS disease longer in the N+C arm
- PFS HR = 0.76;
   95% CI 0.63–0.93; p = 0.006 (12m PFS 28.8% vs 14.8% for N+C vs L+C, respectively)
- OS HR = NOT significant
   (0.88; 95% CI 0.72–
   1.07; p = 0.2086)
- ORR in patients with measurable disease
   32.8% vs 26.7% (N+C vs L+C);
   p = 0.1201
- "Tolerability was similar between the two arms" - ??
- Grade 3 diarrhea increased with N+C (24.4% vs 12.5%)

## Neratinib Efficacy in HER2-*mutant* Nonamplified Metastatic Breast Cancer

**Baseline** 

HER2 mutations identified by tumor DNA sequencing at Central and other laboratories.



HER2 mutation frequency: 5/309 (1.6%), 4/51 (7.8%) in invasive lobular (P=0.026). At progression, emergence of several other HER2 mutations, including T798I (analogous to EGFR T790M "gatekeeper" resistance mutation). **CBR = 31%.**  *HER2*-mutant (P780\_Y781insGSP) ER+/HER2– ductal carcinoma Neratinib + fulvestrant treatment



PR by RECIST v1.1

8 Weeks

Courtesy https://www.primeoncology.org/app/uploads/prime\_activities/35857/1250\_Baselga\_St-Gallen-2017\_FINAL-WEB.pdf

### HER2CLIMB Pivotal Trial Design





8

7

49

>10,000

8

31

tucatinib

neratinib

lapatinib







Screening. Post-cycle 6 (Images selected to demonstrate longest axis of lexions)



HER2CLIME

- No instance of CHF
- 3 patients (11%) had transient Grade 3 LFT elevations – continued therapy after dose reduction
- 3 patients (11%) had Grade 3 diarrhea seen only in capecitabine-containing cohorts -- consistent with single agent capecitabine treatment
- No deaths 2° to treatmentemergent adverse events
- 1 DLT (cerebral edema) in triplet cohort

Murthy R, et al. Lancet Oncology, VOLUME 19, ISSUE 7, P880-888, JULY 01, 2018



Chromoanasynthesis is a common mechanism leading to amplification at the ERBB2 locus (17q.12)

10 year follow-up of all the adjuvant trastuzumab trials underscores a high unmet need in HER2+ early breast cancer

Allosteric activation of HER2|HER3 complexes is an important mitogenic stimulus – disrupted by pertuzumab

HER2/HER2 bispecific/bi-paratopic ADCs with higher internalization rates -- MEDI4276; ZW49 – tox challenges?

HER2 MAb-based combinations with agonist CD137 MAb (to enhance ADCC) -- Utomilumab (PF-05082566) – Phase IB/II

Tucatinib, a "pure" HER2 TKI, is active in heavily pretreated HER2+ MBC (including CNS mets), and is less toxic than "dirty" HER2 TKIs

