

# Triple Negative Breast Cancer: Still Jurassic Park?

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## Triple Negative Breast Cancer

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**TRIPLE NEGATIVE  
BREAST CANCER:  
STILL JURASSIC PARK?**



### CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS FOR RECURRENT OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE<sup>1</sup>

#### HER2-Negative

##### Single agent<sup>2</sup>

##### Preferred regimens:

- Anthracyclines
  - ▶ Doxorubicin
  - ▶ Liposomal doxorubicin
- Taxanes
  - ▶ Paclitaxel
- Anti-metabolites
  - ▶ Capecitabine
  - ▶ Gemcitabine
- Microtubule inhibitors
  - ▶ Vinorelbine
  - ▶ Eribulin
- PARP inhibitors (options for patients with HER2-negative tumors and germline *BRCA1/2*- mutation)<sup>3</sup>
  - ▶ Olaparib<sup>3</sup> (category 1)
  - ▶ Talazoparib<sup>3</sup> (category 1)

##### Other recommended regimens:

- Cyclophosphamide
- Carboplatin
- Docetaxel
- Albumin-bound paclitaxel
- Cisplatin
- Epirubicin
- Ixabepilone

#### HER2-Negative

##### Combination regimens<sup>2</sup>

##### Preferred regimens:

- None<sup>2</sup>

##### Useful in certain circumstances<sup>2</sup>:

- AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- EC (epirubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- CMF (cyclophosphamide/methotrexate/fluorouracil)
- Docetaxel/capecitabine
- GT (gemcitabine/paclitaxel)
- Gemcitabine/carboplatin
- Paclitaxel/bevacizumab<sup>4</sup>

#### HER2-Positive

##### Preferred regimens:

- Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel (category 1)<sup>5</sup>
- Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel<sup>5</sup>

##### Other recommended regimens:

- Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)
- Trastuzumab + paclitaxel<sup>5</sup> ± carboplatin
- Trastuzumab + docetaxel<sup>5</sup>
- Trastuzumab + vinorelbine<sup>5</sup>
- Trastuzumab + capecitabine
- Lapatinib + capecitabine
- Trastuzumab + lapatinib (without cytotoxic therapy)
- Trastuzumab + other agents<sup>5,6,7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Nab-paclitaxel may be substituted for paclitaxel or docetaxel due to medical necessity (ie, hypersensitivity reaction). If substituted for weekly paclitaxel or docetaxel, then the weekly dose of nab-paclitaxel should not exceed 125 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup>Sequential single agents are preferred, but chemotherapy combinations may be used in select patients with high tumor burden, rapidly progressing disease, and visceral crisis.

<sup>3</sup>Patients with HER2-negative disease eligible for single-agent therapy, strongly consider for germline *BRCA 1/2* testing.

<sup>4</sup>Randomized clinical trials in metastatic breast cancer document that the addition of bevacizumab to some first- or second-line chemotherapy agents modestly improves time to progression and response rates but does not improve overall survival. The time-to-progression impact may vary among cytotoxic agents and appears greatest with bevacizumab in combination with weekly paclitaxel.

<sup>5</sup>Patients previously treated with chemotherapy plus trastuzumab in the absence of pertuzumab in the metastatic setting may be considered for one line of therapy including both trastuzumab plus pertuzumab in combination with or without cytotoxic therapy (such as vinorelbine or taxane). Further research is needed to determine the ideal sequencing strategy for anti-HER2 therapy.

<sup>6</sup>Trastuzumab given in combination with an anthracycline is associated with significant cardiac toxicity. Concurrent use of trastuzumab and pertuzumab with an anthracycline should be avoided.

<sup>7</sup>Trastuzumab may be safely combined with all non-anthracycline containing preferred and other single agents listed above for recurrent or metastatic breast cancer.



**Doxorubicin**



**Paclitaxel**



**Cyclophosphamide**

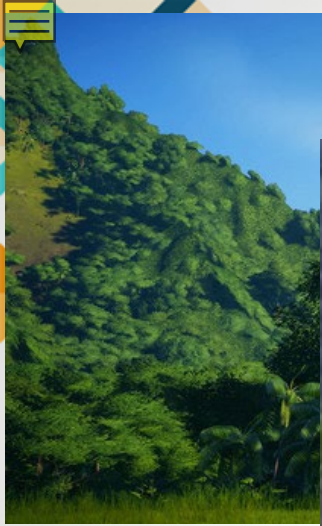


**CMF**



**JURASSIC TREATMENT OPTIONS**







# TNBC

**LAR:**  
Androgen  
receptor and  
downstream  
genes,  
luminal  
features

**Basal-like 1:**  
Cell cycle,  
DNA repair,  
and  
proliferation  
genes

**Basal-like 2:**  
Growth factor  
signaling  
(EGFR, MET,  
Wnt, IGF1R)

## TNBC

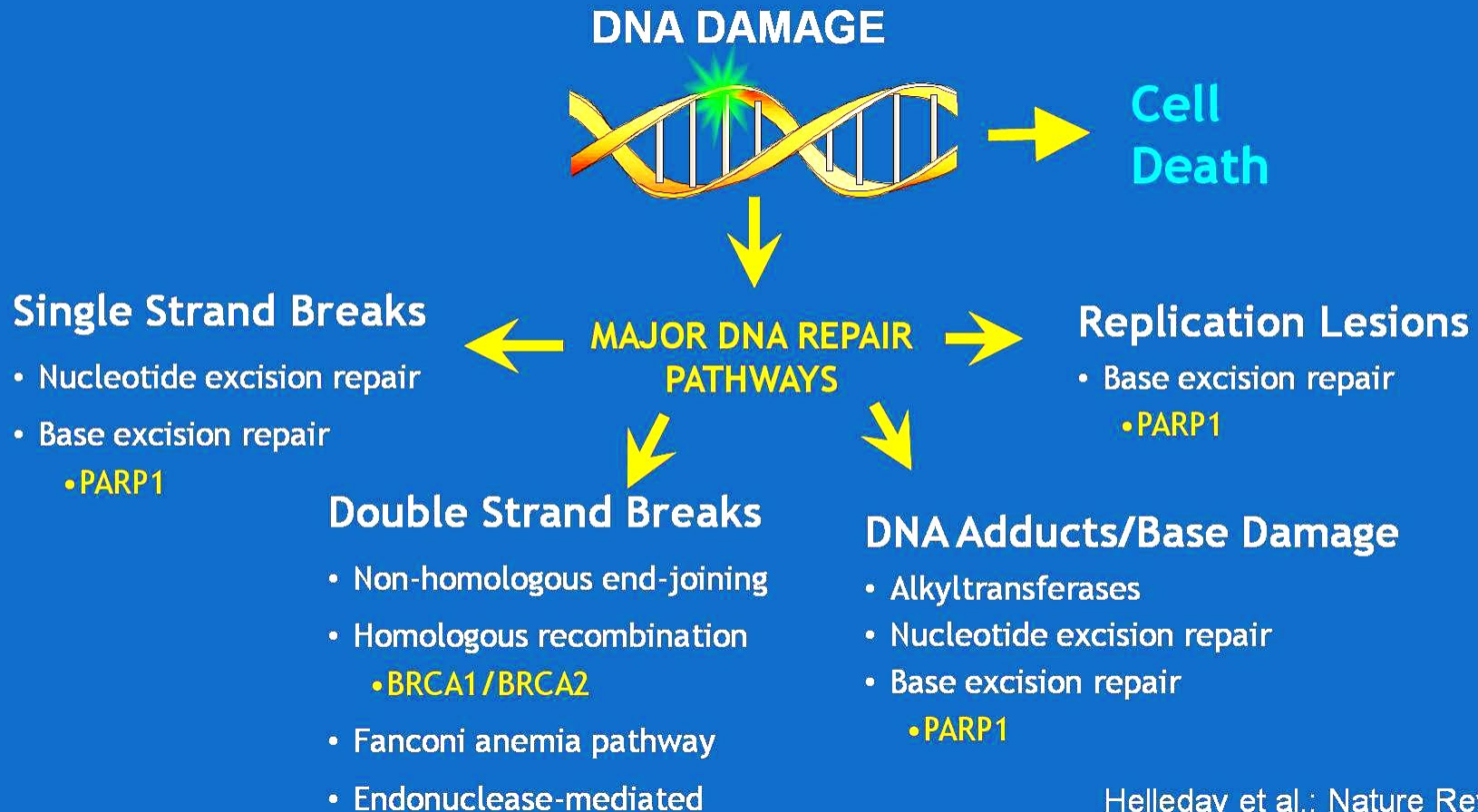
**MSL:** Similar  
to M but  
growth factor  
signaling, low  
levels of  
proliferation  
genes

**IM:** Immune  
cell  
processes  
(medullary  
breast  
cancer)

**M:** Cell motility  
and  
differentiation,  
EMT  
processes



# BRCA and PAPER inhibition



Helleday et al.; Nature Reviews, 2008

# OlympiAD: BRCA TNBC or HR+

- HER2-negative metastatic BC
  - ER+ and/or PR+ or TNBC
- Deleterious or suspected deleterious gBRCAm
- Prior anthracycline and taxane
- ≤2 prior chemotherapy lines in metastatic setting
- HR+ disease progressed on ≥1 endocrine therapy, or not suitable
- If prior platinum use
  - No evidence of progression during treatment in the advanced setting
  - ≥12 months since (neo)adjuvant treatment

Olaparib  
300 mg tablets bd

2:1 randomization

Chemotherapy  
treatment of physician's  
choice (TPC)

- Capecitabine
- Eribulin
- Vinorelbine

Treat until progression

Primary endpoint:

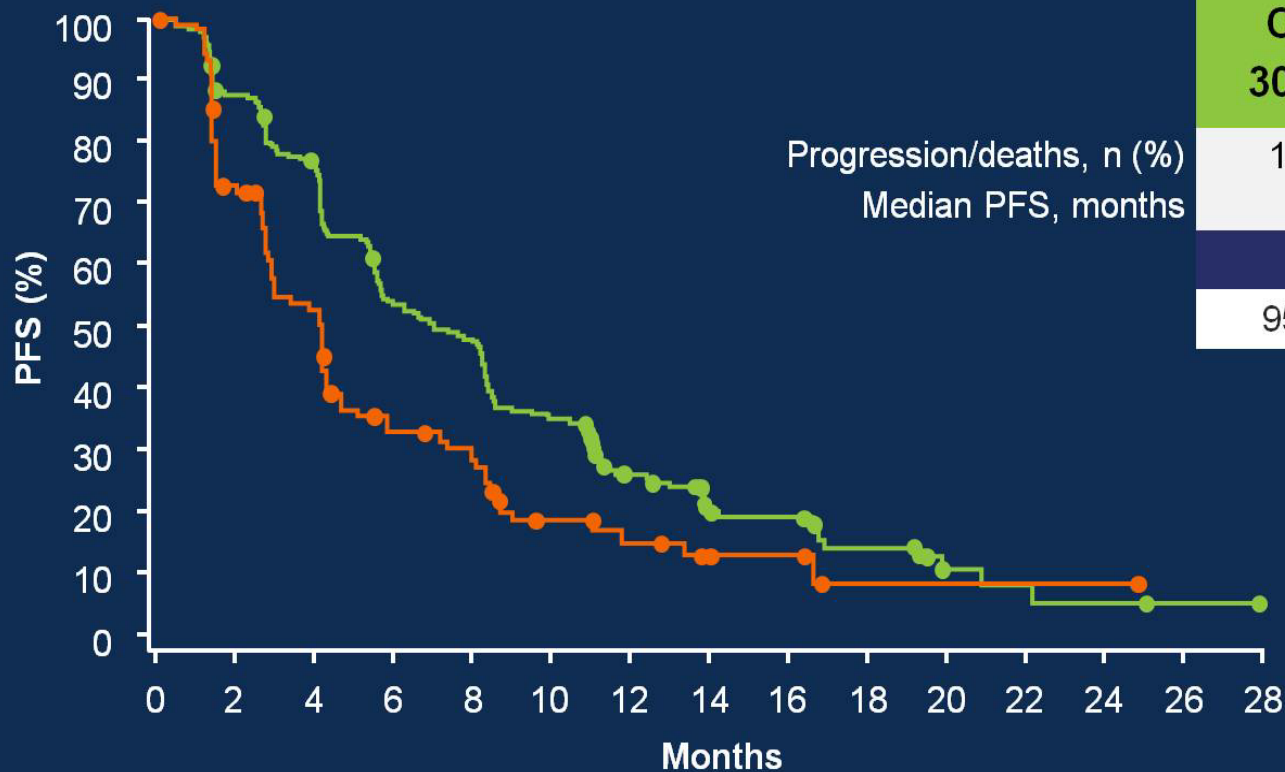
- Progression-free survival (RECIST 1.1, BICR)

Secondary endpoints:

- Time to second progression or death
- Overall survival
- Objective response rate
  
- Safety and tolerability
- Global HRQoL (EORTC-QLQ-C30)

BICR, blinded independent central review; ER, estrogen receptor; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; PR, progesterone receptor; RECIST, response evaluation criteria in solid tumors; TNBC, triple negative breast cancer

# OlympiAD: Primary Endpoint PFS

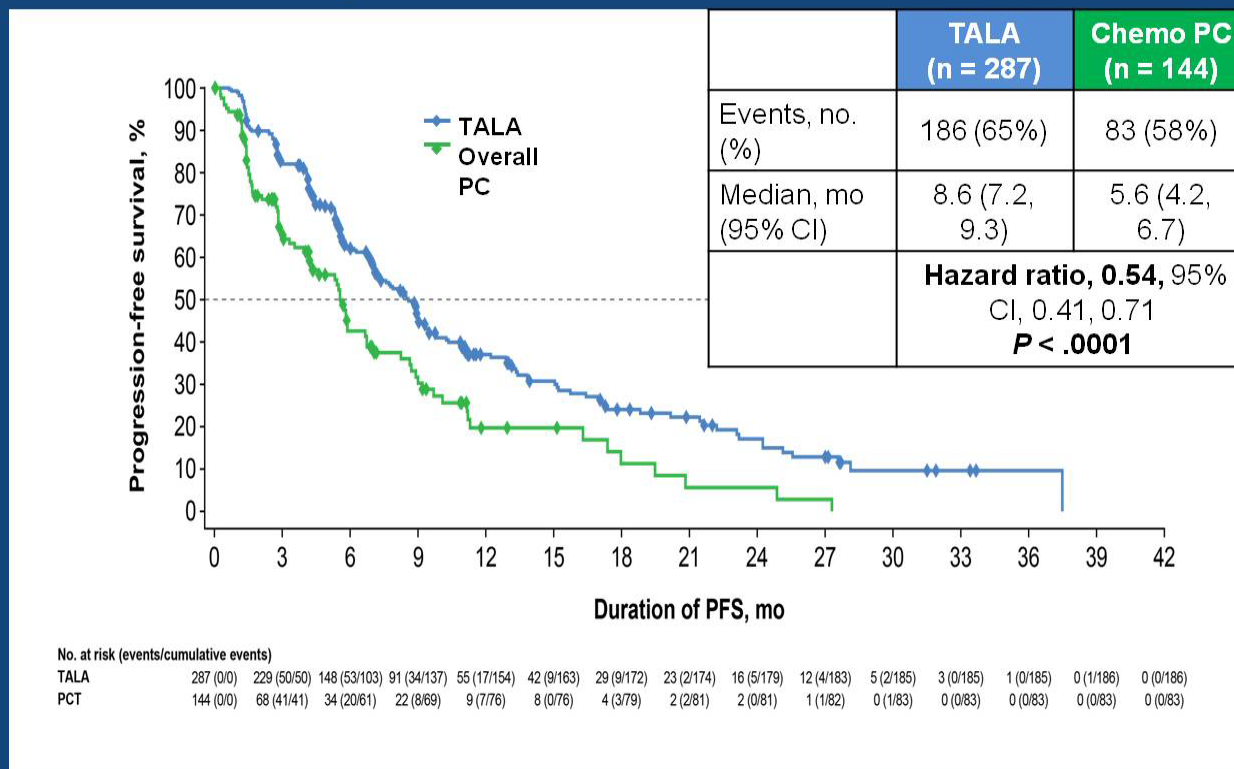


| At risk, n | 0   | 2   | 4   | 6   | 8  | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 28 |                    |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------|
|            | 205 | 177 | 154 | 107 | 94 | 69 | 40 | 23 | 21 | 11 | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  | Olaparib 300 mg bd |
|            | 97  | 63  | 44  | 25  | 21 | 11 | 8  | 4  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | Chemotherapy TPC   |

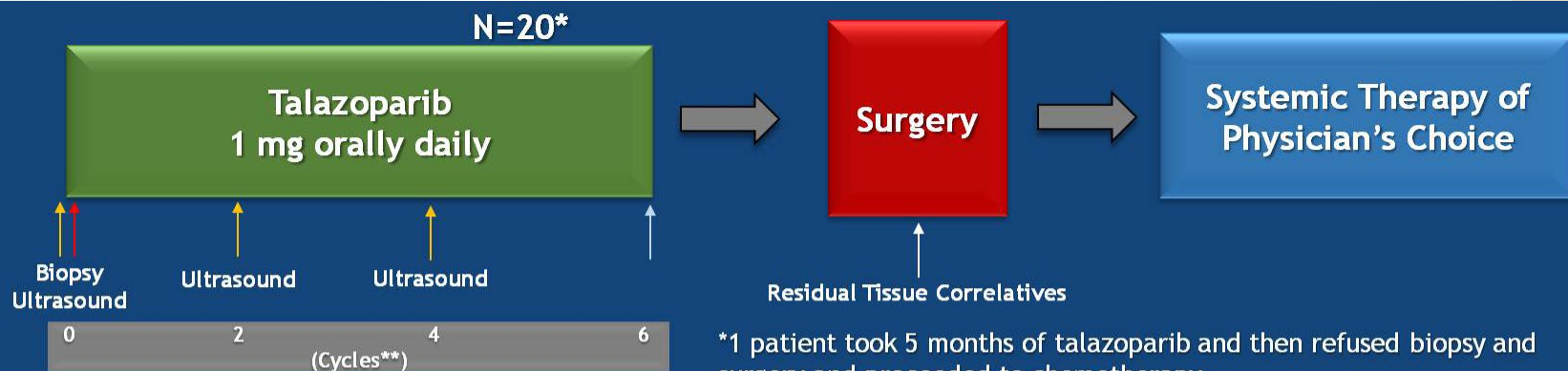


# Talazoparib

## EMBRACA: Talazoparib PFS



# Talazoparib in the Neoadjuvant Setting



\*1 patient took 5 months of talazoparib and then refused biopsy and surgery and proceeded to chemotherapy  
\*\* 1 cycle=28 days

## Eligibility

- Tumors > 1 cm
- Clinical Stage I-III
- Germline BRCA mutation
- No previous therapy for invasive breast cancer

## Exclusion

- HER2 positive

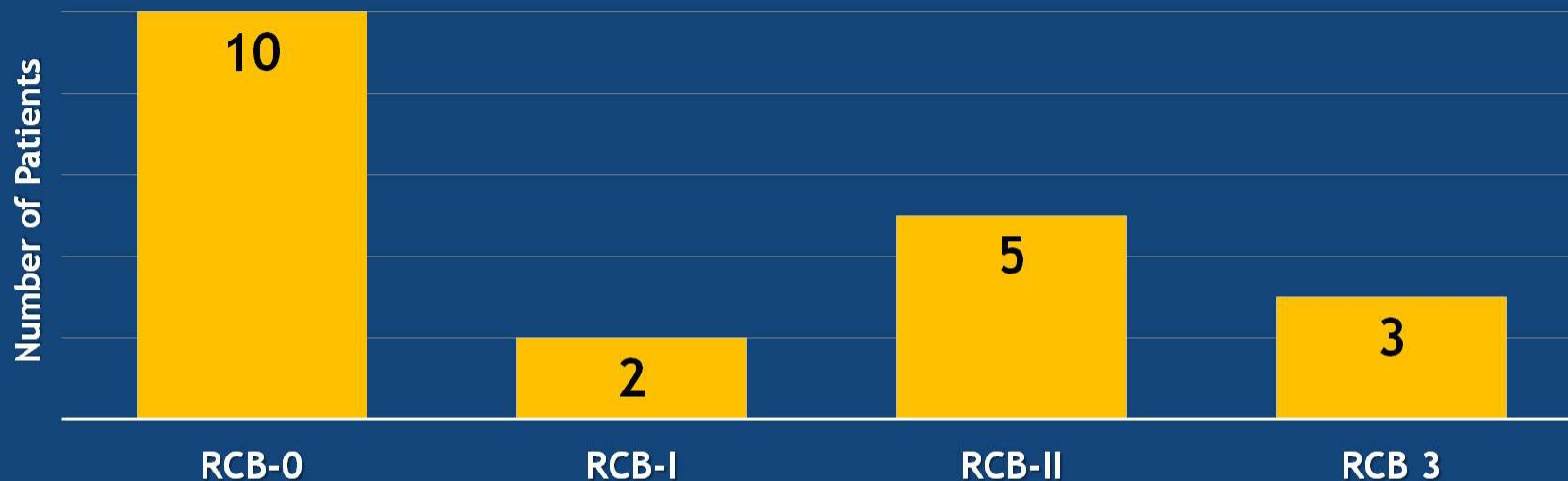
## Primary Objectives

- pCR (ypT0/is ypN0)
- RCB-0 + RCB-I

## Secondary Objective

- Evaluate toxicity

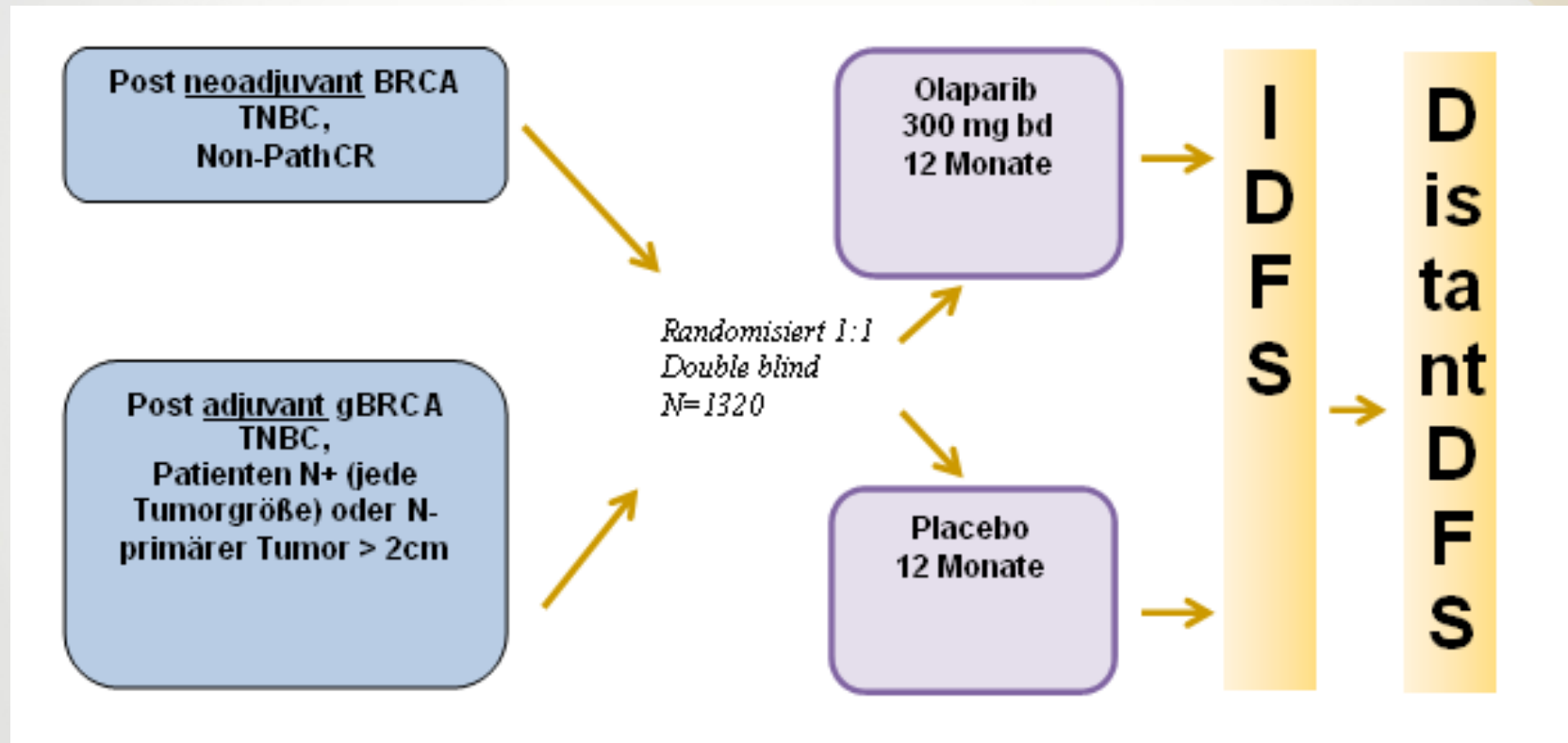
# Pathologic Results: RCB



pCR (RCB-0): 10/19 = 53%, 95% CI = 32%, 73%

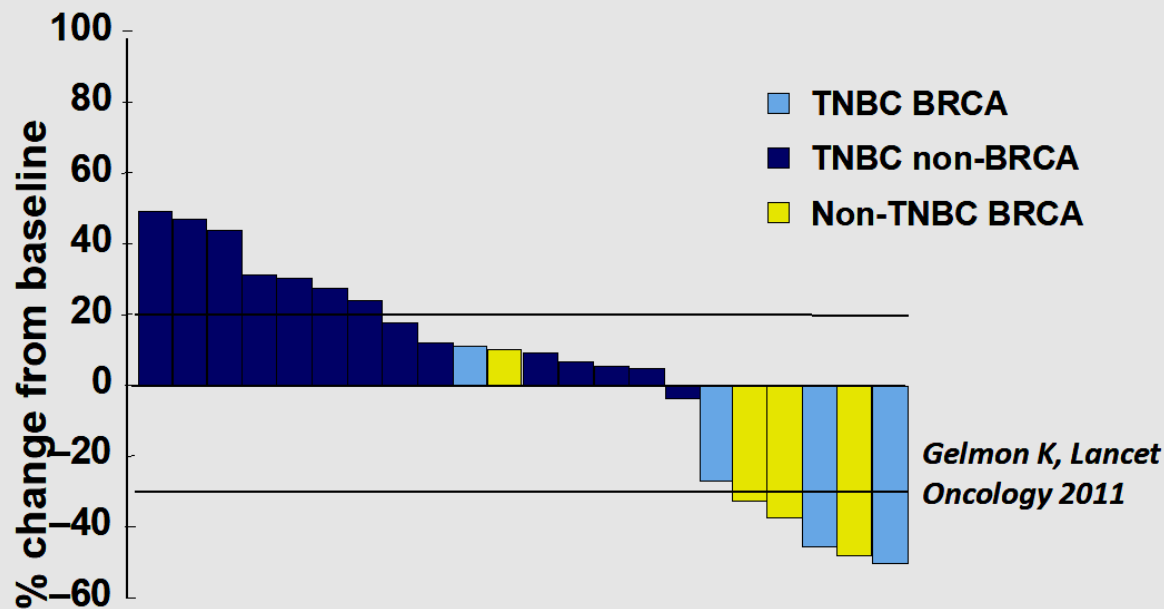
RCB-0+I: 12/19 = 63%, 95% CI = 41%, 81%

# Adjuvant PARPi in BRCA+ TNBC: OlympiA



# Parp inhibition in BRCA1+ and Sporadic

Randomized phase II  
olaparib in sporadic  
TNBC and known  
BRCA mutation  
carriers:



Clinical data to date: BRCA not encouraging  
in sporadic TNBC

# Platinum in TNBC: What we know

- ✓ Cisplatin had 47% response rate in first line metastatic breast cancer reported by Segal et al (JCO 1988)
- ✓ Use was replaced by taxanes, mostly due to concerns with toxicities
- ✓ Regain interest, especially in TNBC due to DNA crosslinking mechanism of action
- ✓ Great responses in TNBC in the neoadjuvant setting and in BRCA carriers



# Carboplatin in unselected TNBC, Neoadjuvant

## GeparSixto

pCR rates



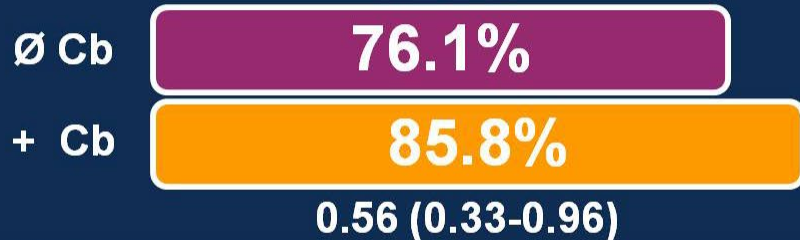
## CALGB 40603

pCR rates



Addition of carboplatin increases pCR rate in TNBC to >50% but impact on EFS/OS unclear

### 3a-DFS



### 3a-EFS



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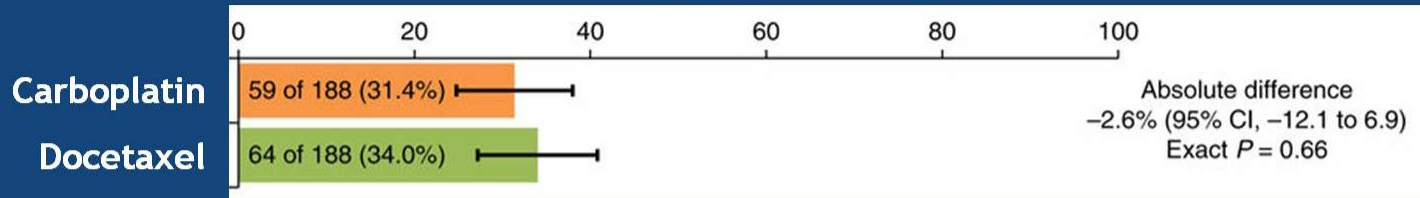
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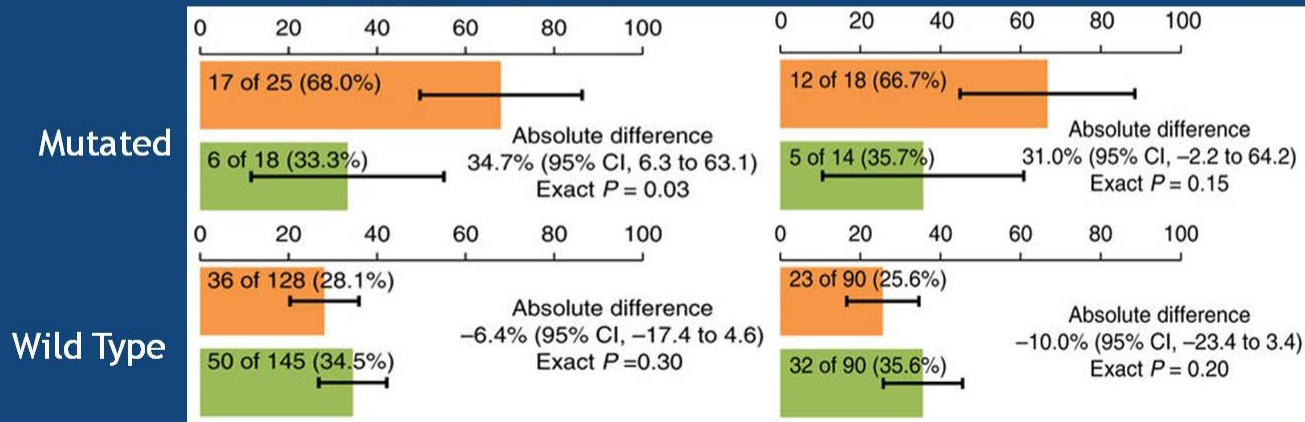
# Carboplatin in Metastatic Setting: TNT Trial

## ITT Analysis in All Patients



## Germline BRCA 1/2

## Tumor Somatic BRCA 1/2

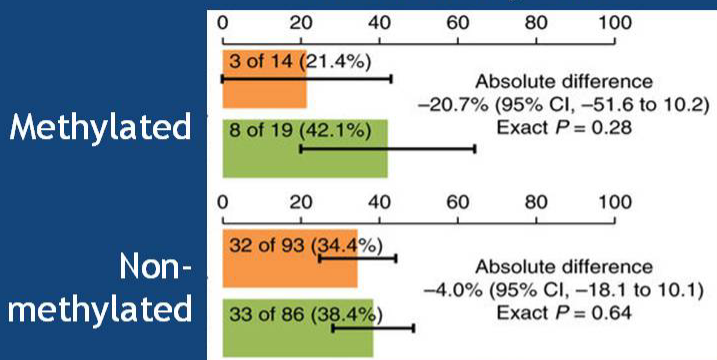


Tutt, et al.; Nature Med., 2018

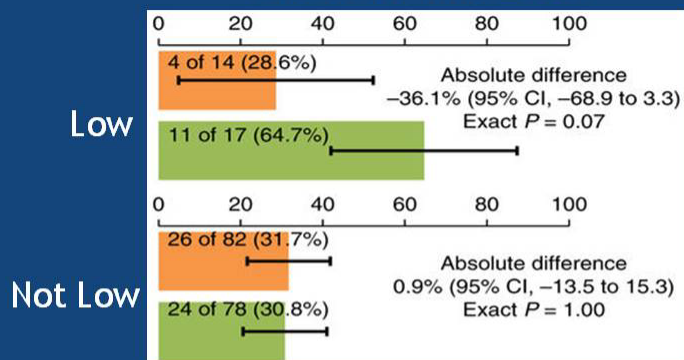


# TNT Trial

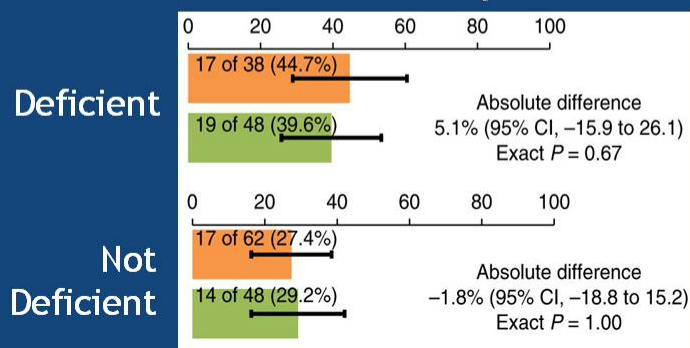
## BRCA1 Methylation



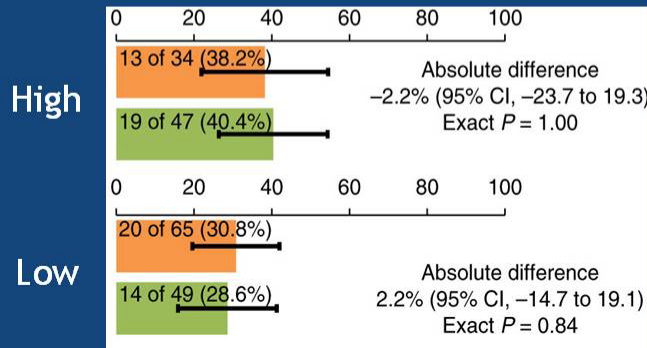
## BRCA1 m-RNA Level



## HR Deficiency Status



## Dichotomized HRD Score



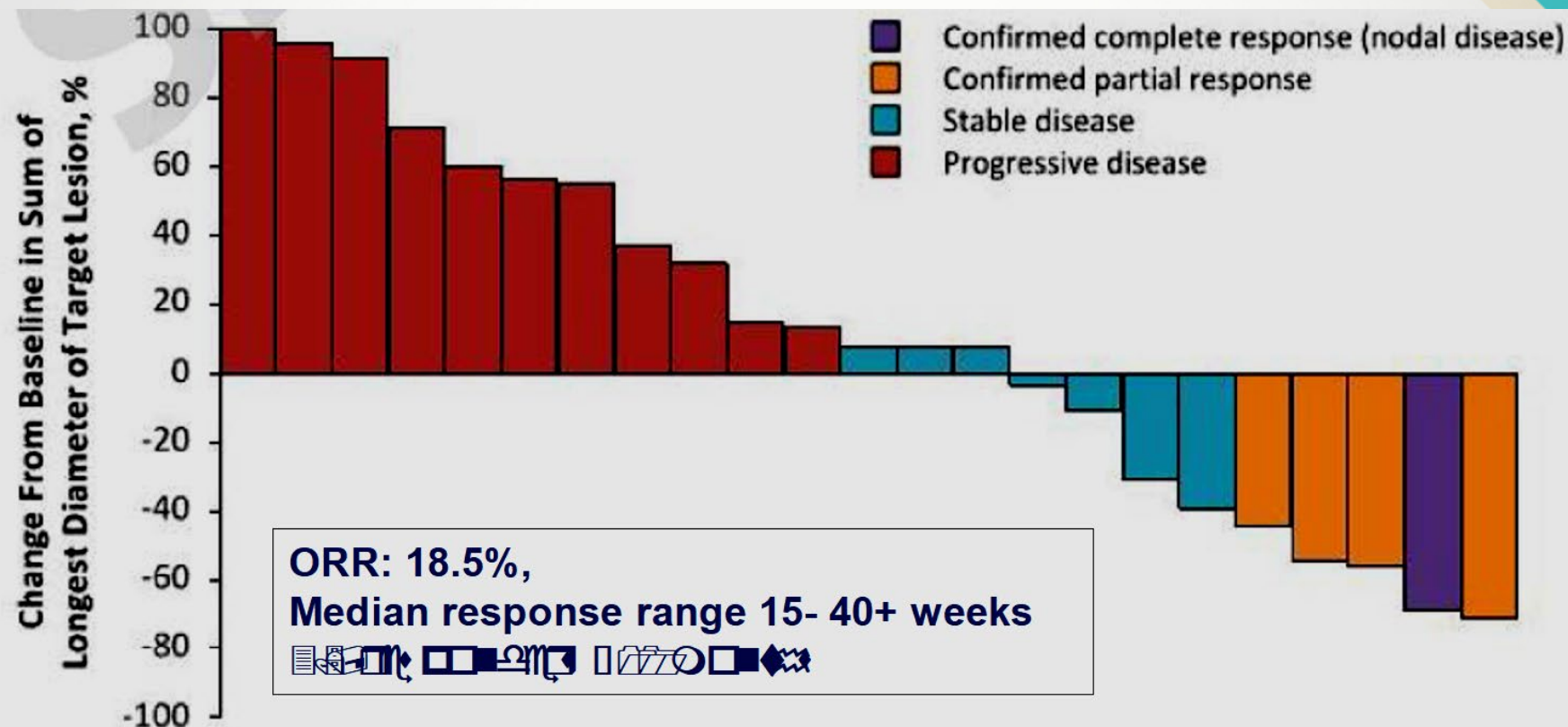
# Immunomodulatory PD-1

- ✓ Higher PD-L1 expression in TNBC than non TNBC
- ✓ Robust presence of tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) in the immunomodulatory subtype
  - High TILs are an independent predictor for pCR/ response to chemotherapy
  - High TILs are associated with increased PD-1 expression in TNBC – May suggest sensitivity to immune directed therapies
- ✓ TNBC might have a higher mutational load than other breast cancer subtypes that can produce neoantigens

# PD-1 and PD-L1

|                              | n                                    | Median #<br>prior lines<br>therapy<br><br>(range) | Agent(s) | ORR<br><br>(95% CI) | Median<br>duration<br>response |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| KEYNOTE-012<br>(NCT01848834) | 32                                   | 2<br>(0-9)  | Pembro   | 18.5%               | NR                             |
| KEYNOTE-086<br>(NCT02447003) | A (>1 prior therapy)= 170            | NR  | Pembro   | 5%                  | 6.3 mths                       |
|                              | B (1 <sup>st</sup> line, PD-L1+)= 52 | 0   |          | 23%                 | 8.4 mths                       |
| Javelin                      | 58                                   | 2<br><br>(1-6)                                    | Avelu    | 5.2%                | 5.9 mths                       |
| Phase I                      | 54 (evaluatable=21)                  | NR  | Atezo    | 19%                 | NR                             |

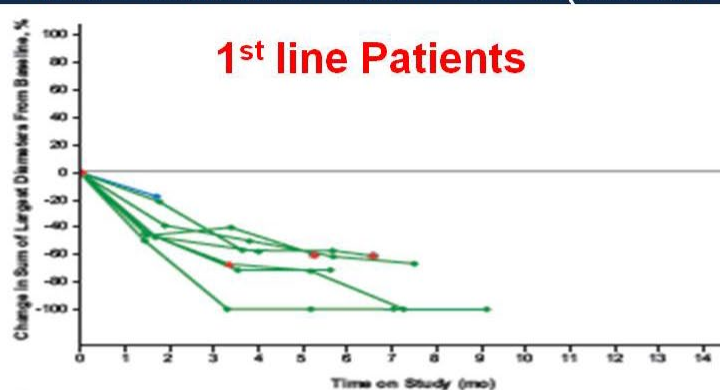
# Keynote 012: Pembrolizumab in the TNBC group



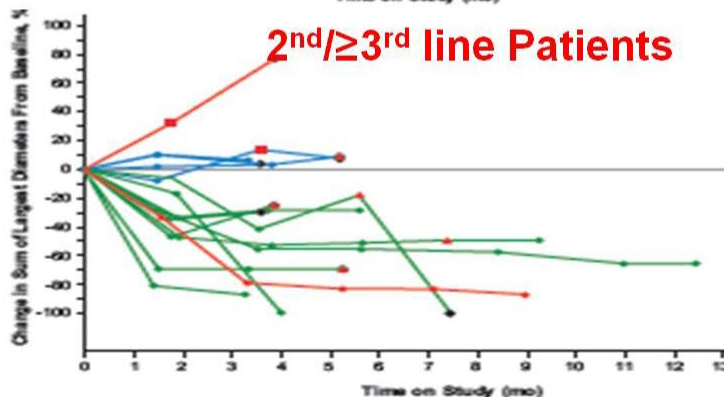
# Combination Immune and Chemotherapy in TNBC

## Nab-Paclitaxel + anti-PD-L1 (atezolizumab)

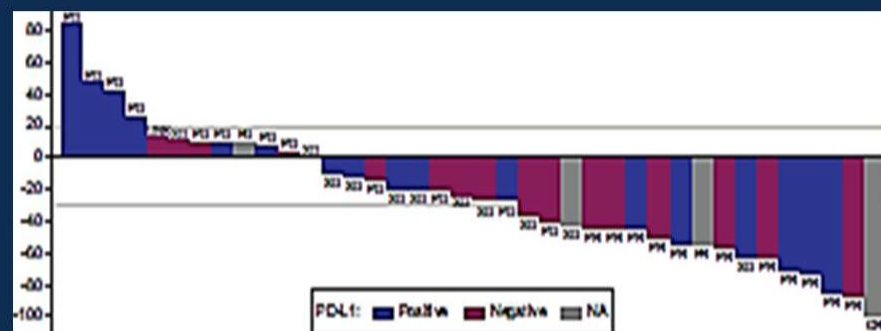
### 1<sup>st</sup> line Patients



### 2<sup>nd</sup>/ $\geq$ 3<sup>rd</sup> line Patients



## Eribulin + anti-PD-1 (pembrolizumab)



|     | All   | 1 <sup>st</sup> line<br>(n=17) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> L<br>(n=18) |
|-----|-------|--------------------------------|--|
| ORR | 34.4% | 41.2%                          | 27.3%  |
| CBR | 40.6% | 47.1%                          | 36.4%  |



# Atezolizumab + nab-Paclitaxel

| Best Overall Response                  | 1L<br>(n = 9)         | 2L<br>(n = 8)         | 3L+<br>(n = 7)       | All Patients<br>N = 24<br>% (95% CI) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Confirmed ORR<br>(95% CI) <sup>a</sup> | 66.7%<br>(29.9, 92.5) | 25%<br>(3.2, 65.1)    | 28.6%<br>(3.7, 71.0) | 41.7%<br>(22.1, 63.4)                |
| ORR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>              | 88.9%<br>(51.7, 99.7) | 75.0%<br>(34.9, 96.8) | 42.9%<br>(9.9, 81.6) | 70.8 %<br>(48.9, 87.4)               |
| CR                                     | 11.1%                 | 0                     | 0                    | 4.2%                                 |
| PR                                     | 77.8%                 | 75.0%                 | 42.9%                | 66.7%                                |
| SD                                     | 11.1%                 | 25.0%                 | 28.6%                | 20.8%                                |
| PD                                     | 0                     | 0                     | 28.6%                | 8.3%                                 |

\*Nab-paclitaxel 53% |-----22%-----|

# IMpassion130: Biomarker Analysis in TNBC Patients Receiving Frontline Atezolizumab + Nab-Paclitaxel

- ✓ International, randomized, double-blind phase III study<sup>[1,2]</sup>

*Stratified by prior taxane use, liver metastases, and PD-L1 expression on IC*

Patients with previously untreated\*  
metastatic or unresectable locally  
advanced triple-negative breast  
cancer  
(N = 902)



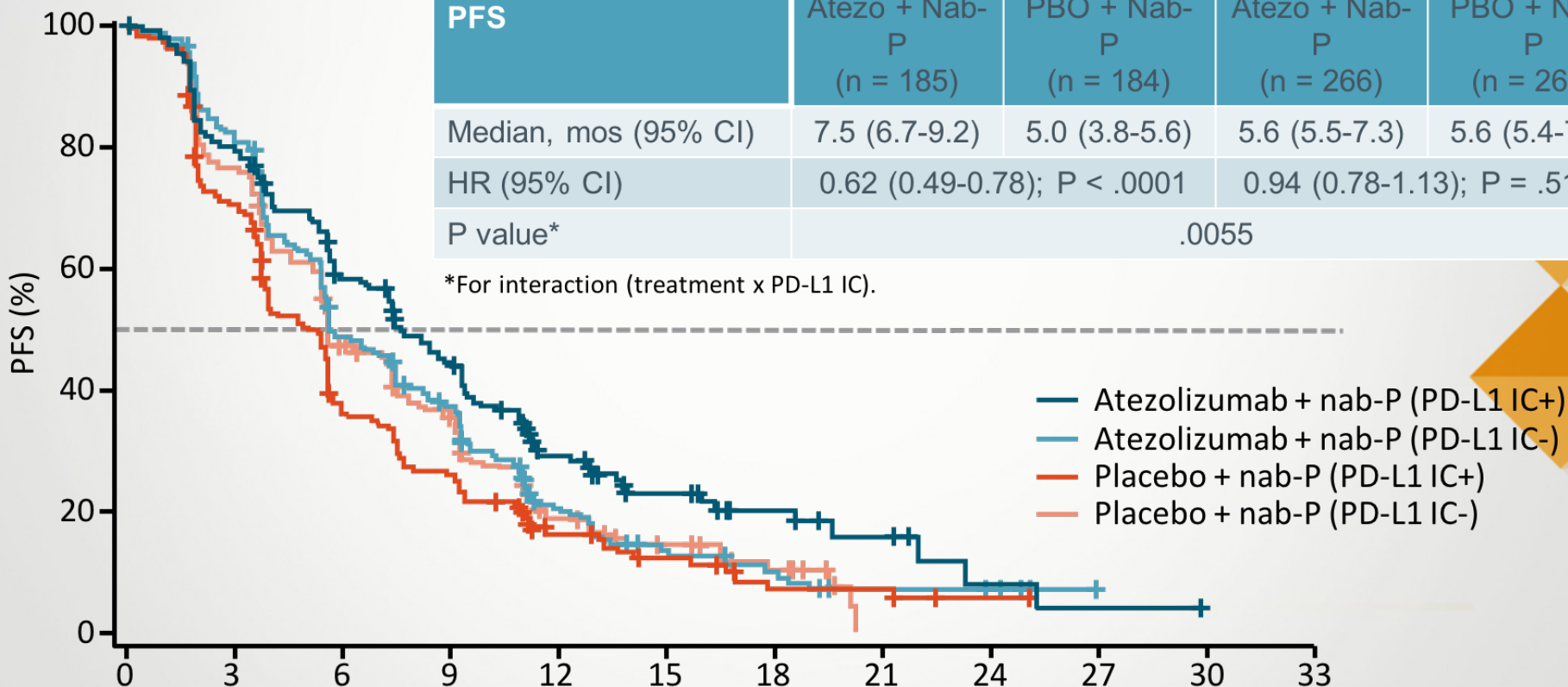
\*Prior chemo in curative setting permitted if tx-free for  $\geq 12$  mos. <sup>†</sup>840 mg IV Q2W. <sup>‡</sup>100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on D1, 8, and 15 of 28-day cycle.

- Coprimary endpoints: PFS, OS in ITT population and PD-L1+ subgroup ( $\geq 1\%$  on tumor infiltrating IC)<sup>[1]</sup>
- Exploratory analysis: efficacy by PD-L1 expression on TC, intratumoral CD8+ T-cells, sTILs, *BRCA1/2* status<sup>[2]</sup>

# IMpassion130: PFS by PD-L1 Expression

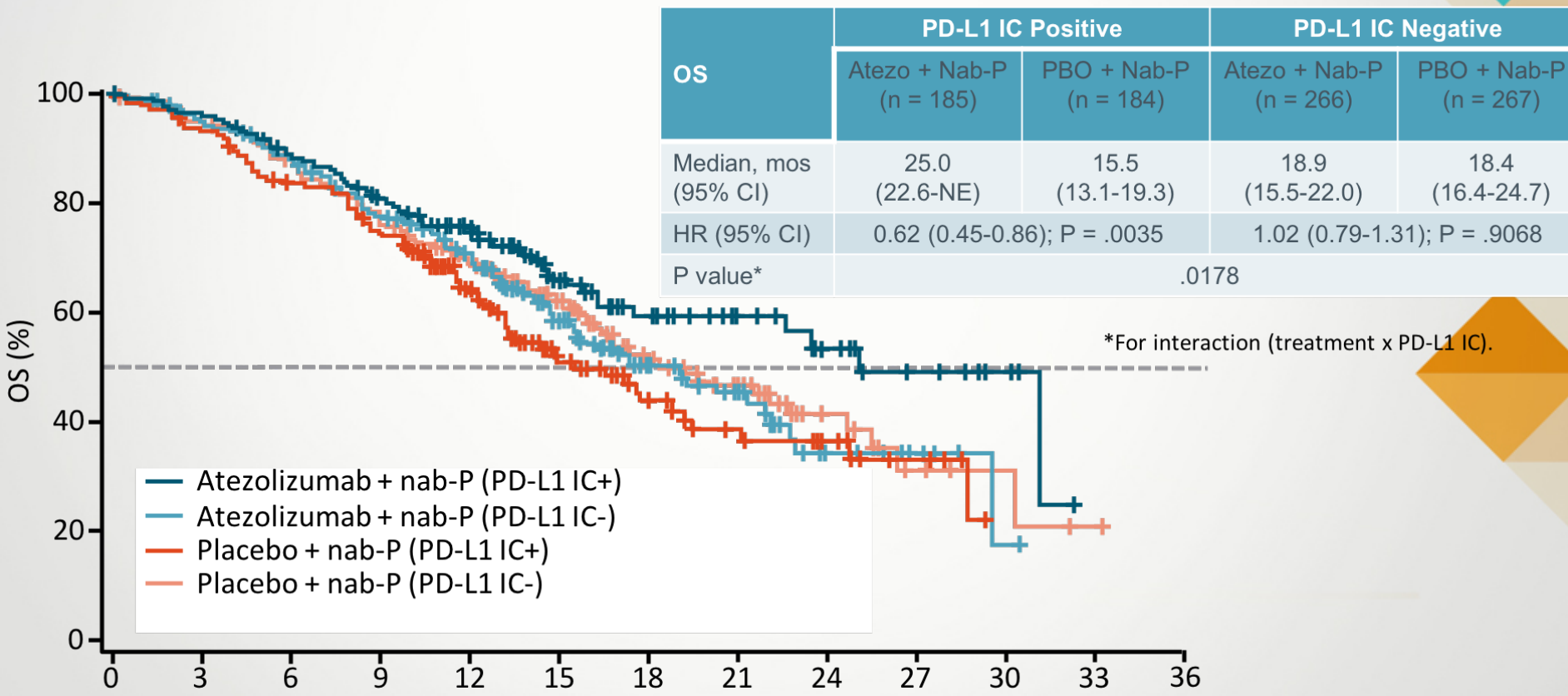
| PFS                  | PD-L1 IC Positive           |                          | PD-L1 IC Negative           |                          |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                      | Atezo + Nab-P<br>(n = 185)  | PBO + Nab-P<br>(n = 184) | Atezo + Nab-P<br>(n = 266)  | PBO + Nab-P<br>(n = 267) |
| Median, mos (95% CI) | 7.5 (6.7-9.2)               | 5.0 (3.8-5.6)            | 5.6 (5.5-7.3)               | 5.6 (5.4-7.2)            |
| HR (95% CI)          | 0.62 (0.49-0.78); P < .0001 |                          | 0.94 (0.78-1.13); P = .5152 |                          |
| P value*             | .0055                       |                          |                             |                          |

\*For interaction (treatment x PD-L1 IC).





# IMpassion130: OS by PD-L1 Expression



## TNBC AR luminal type

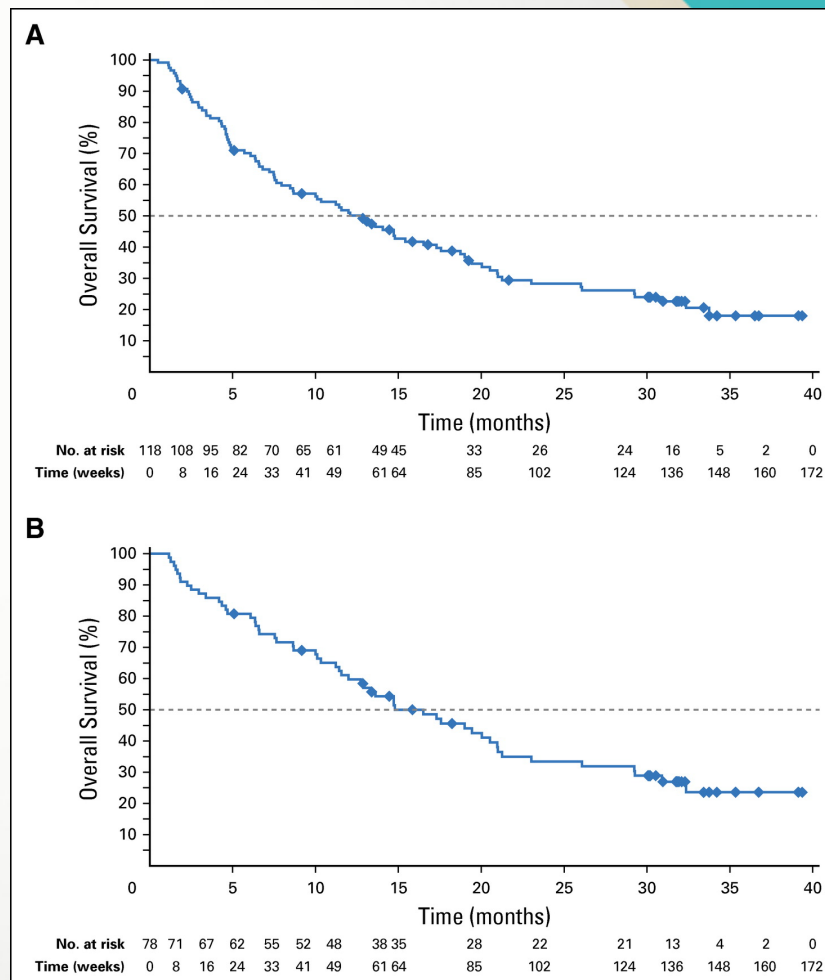
- ✓ Seems to be hormonally regulated, clustering closer to estrogen receptor (ER)–positive/progesterone receptor (PgR)–positive disease, despite lacking expression of these receptors
- ✓ Growth of this subtype is thought to be driven by signaling through the androgen receptor (AR)
- ✓ AR-expressing TNBC cell lines and in vivo models have demonstrated growth activation by AR stimulation and decreased growth by AR antagonists

# Enzalutamide for the Treatment of Androgen Receptor–Expressing Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

**Table 2.** Clinical Benefit

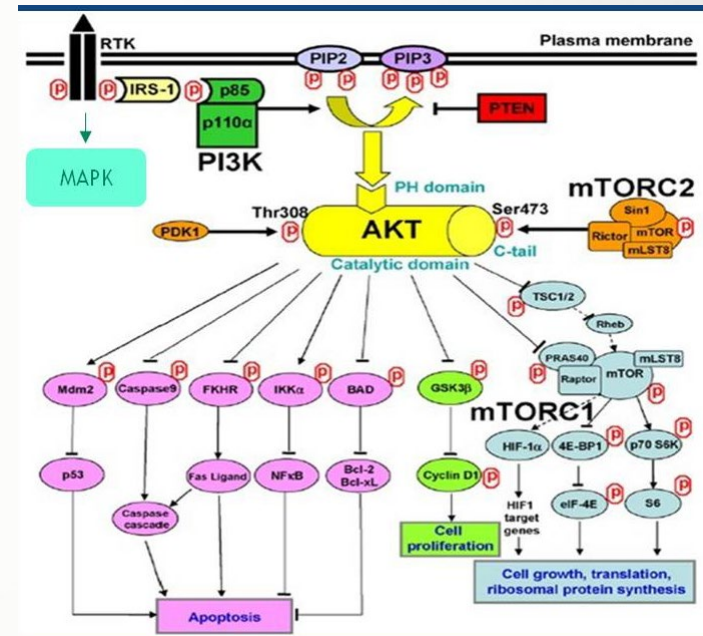
| Benefit         | Evaluable Subgroup (n = 78) | ITT Population (N = 118) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>CBR16</b>    |                             |                          |
| No.             | 26                          | 29                       |
| % (95% CI)      | 33 (23 to 45)               | 25 (17 to 33)            |
| <b>CBR24</b>    |                             |                          |
| No.             | 22                          | 24                       |
| % (95% CI)      | 28 (19 to 39)               | 20 (14 to 29)            |
| <b>CR or PR</b> |                             |                          |
| No.             | 6                           | 7                        |
| %               | 8                           | 6                        |

Abbreviations: CBR16, clinical benefit rate at 16 weeks; CBR24, clinical benefit rate at 24 weeks; CR, complete response; ITT, intent-to-treat; PR, partial response.



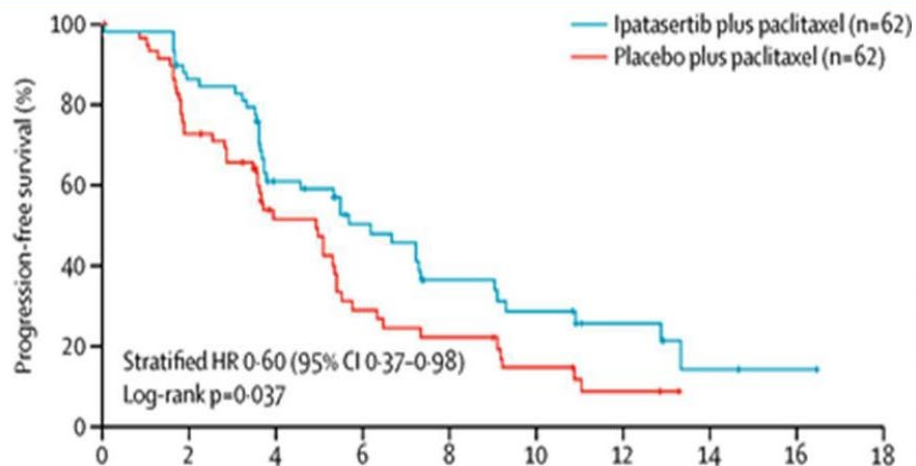
# PI3K/AKT pathway

- ✓ One of the most frequently altered pathways in breast cancer and is key for survival and growth of tumors
- ✓ AKT can be activated by
  - Loss of function of negative regulators (ie PTEN)
  - Gain of function of positive regulators (PI3K, AKT, HER2)



Toker A. Cell 2017

# Lotus: Ipatasertib with paclitaxel



Progression/deaths, n (%)

Median PFS, months

| Ipatasertib 400 mg daily + paclitaxel (n=62) | Placebo + paclitaxel (n=62) |
|--|-----------------------------|
|--|-----------------------------|

39 (62.9)      45 (72.6)

6.2              4.9

HR 0.60

95% CI 0.37 to 0.98;

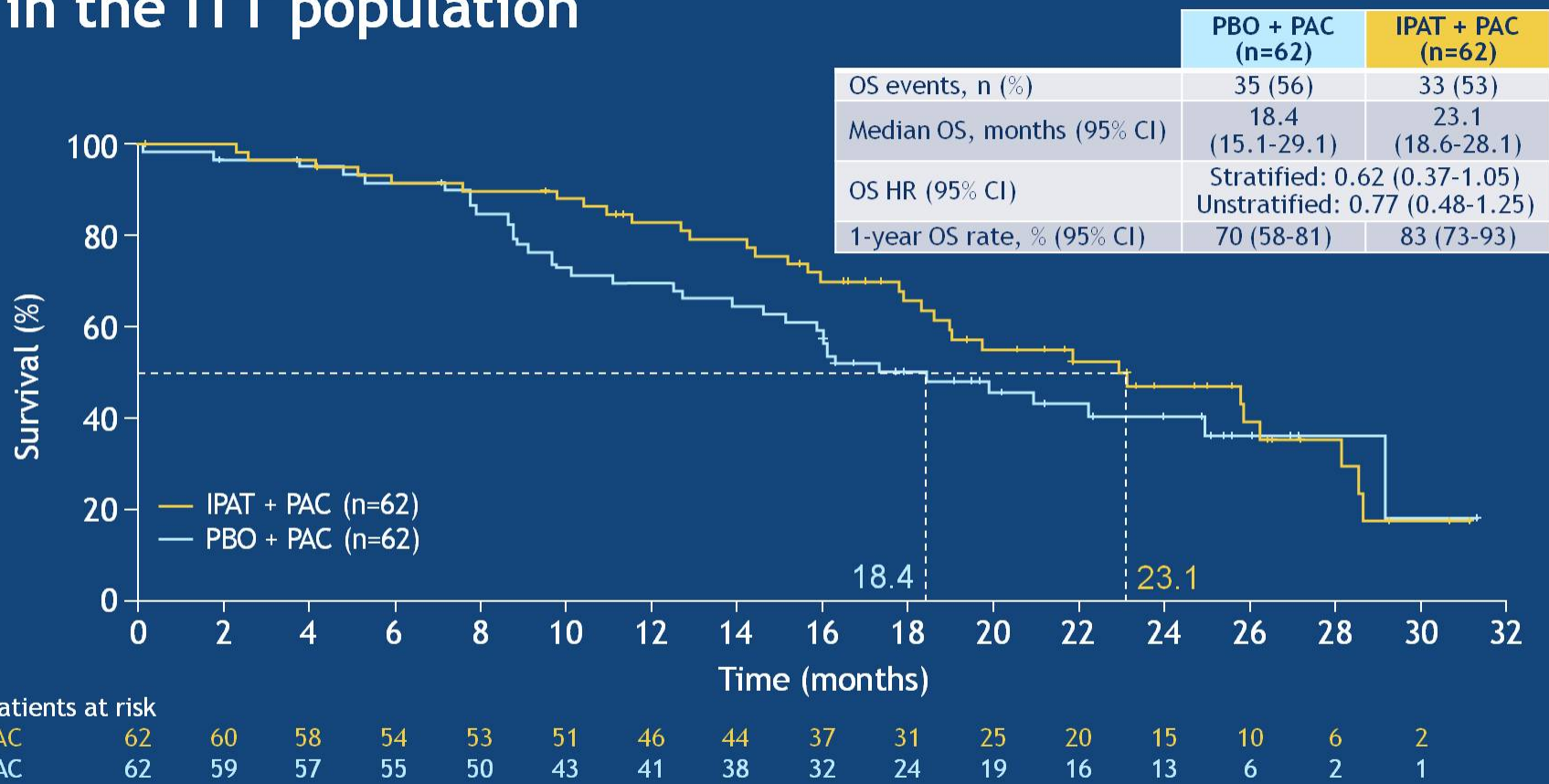
P=0.037

Number at risk  
(number censored)

|                             | 0  | 2      | 4       | 6       | 8       | 10      | 12     | 14     | 16     | 18     |
|-----------------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ipatasertib plus paclitaxel | 62 | 50 (4) | 31 (9)  | 22 (13) | 14 (15) | 11 (15) | 6 (19) | 2 (21) | 1 (22) | 0 (23) |
| Placebo plus paclitaxel     | 62 | 43 (3) | 23 (12) | 13 (12) | 10 (12) | 6 (13)  | 3 (14) | 0 (17) |        |        |

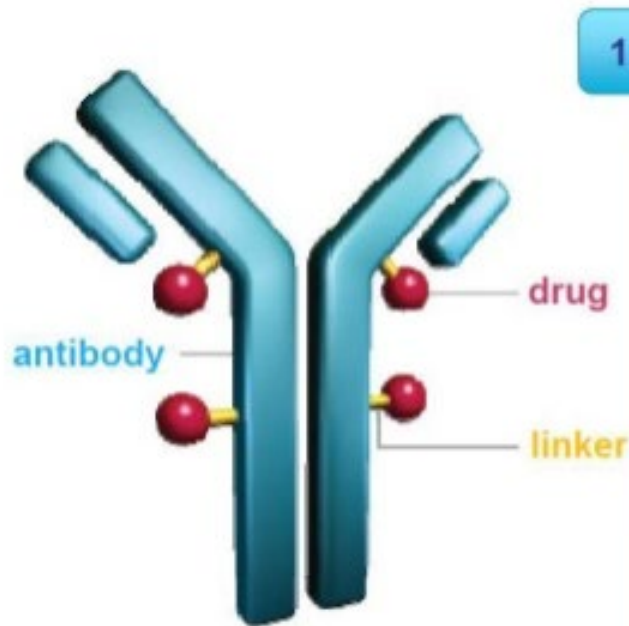
# OS Update on Lotus Trial

## OS in the ITT population





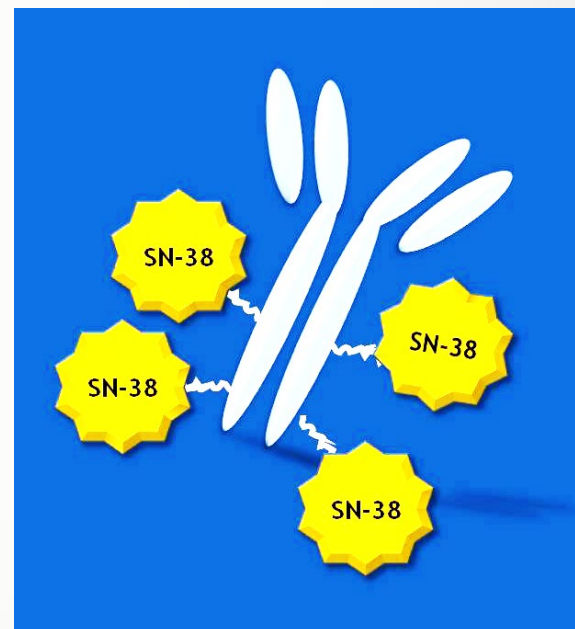
# Antibody drug conjugates



1. Monoclonal antibody specific for a tumor antigen with little/no expression on normal cells
2. Linker that is stable in circulation but releases the cytotoxic agent in target cells
3. Potent cytotoxic agent designed to induce target cell death when internalized and released

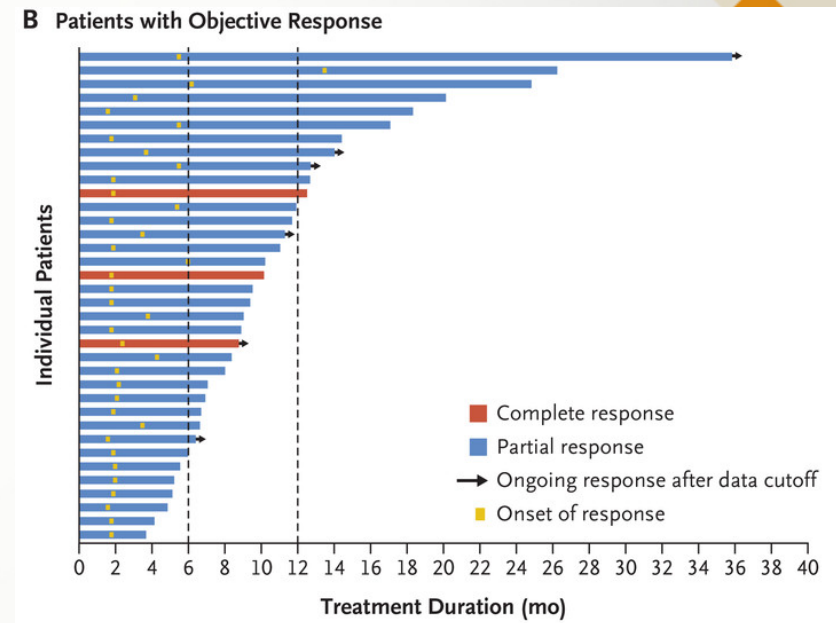
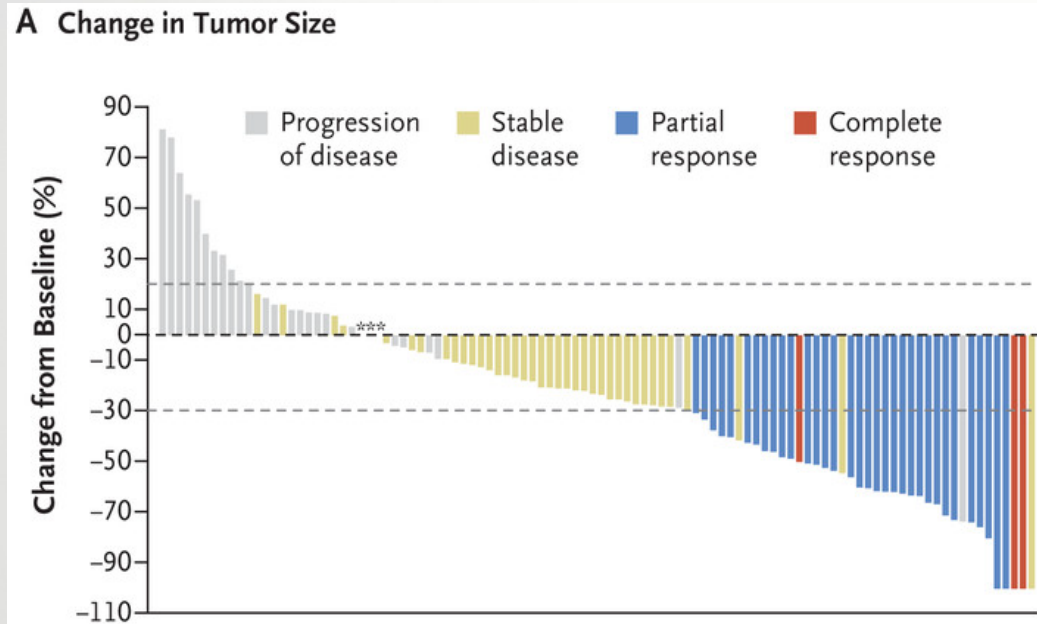
# Sacituzumab Govitecan

- ✓ Anti Trop-2 antibody
- ✓ Trop-2 expressed in up to 80% of TNBC
- ✓ Linked to SN-38 (active metabolite of irinotecan)

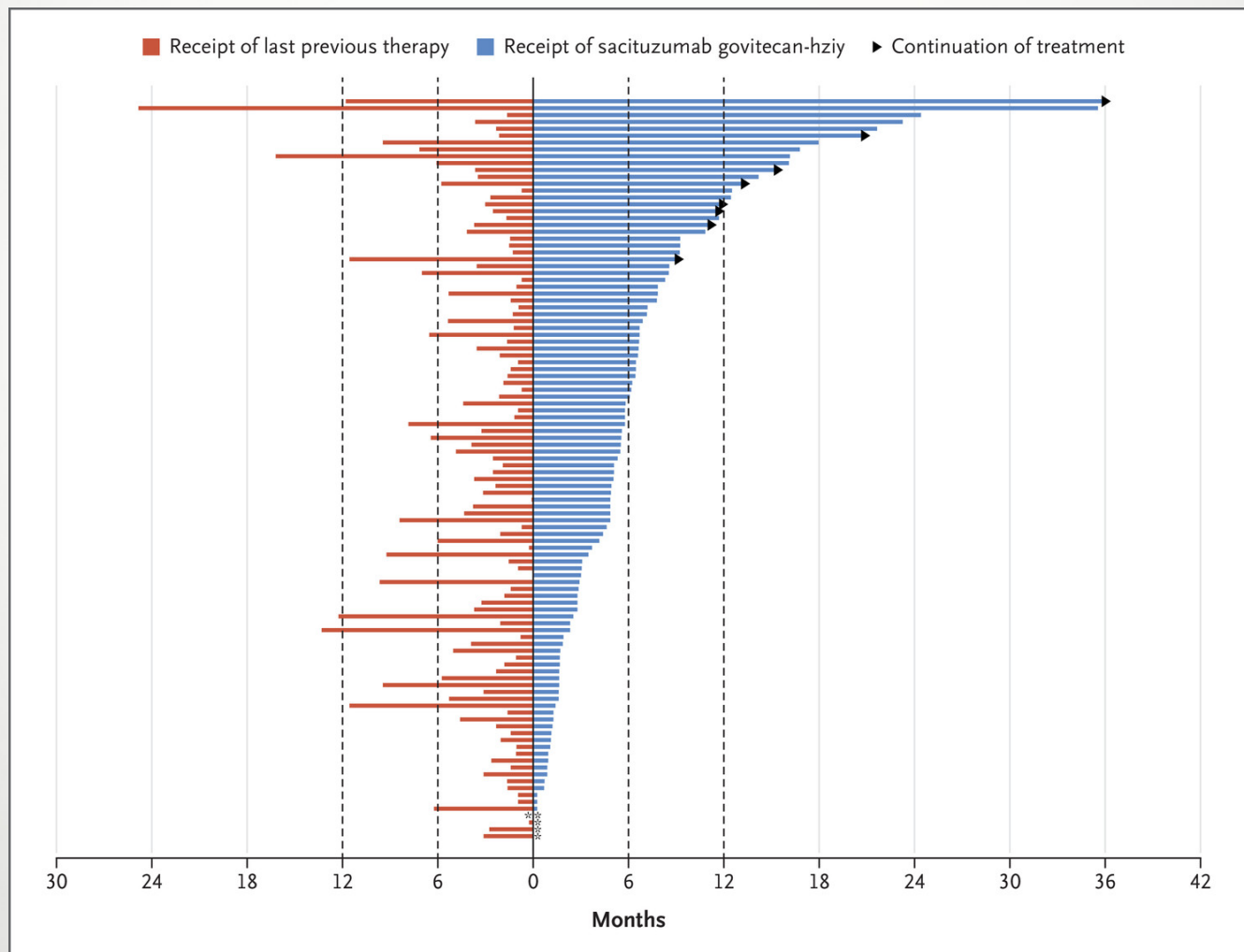




# Response and Survival among 108 Patients with Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer.



# Duration of Treatment with Sacituzumab Govitecan-hziy and with the Last Previous Therapy in the 108 Patients with Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer.





# Conclusions

- TNBC is a very heterogenous disease: no single target
- Platinum chemotherapy may have a role for some mTNBC, but not all
- PARP inhibition is a therapeutic option in BRCA carriers in the metastatic setting
- New promising approaches including immunotherapy, TKI, and antibody drug conjugates
- Need for better biomarkers to be used at the clinic for better selection of patients and treatment options.

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