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# Latest Treatments for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

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# **Triple Negative Breast Cancer**

- General concepts
  - Heterogeneous disease
    - Highly proliferative, generally chemotherapy responsive
    - Rapid development of resistance
  - High risk of early recurrence
    - Visceral dominant disease, early/frequent brain metastases
    - Short median survival (<2yrs) after diagnosis of metastases</li>
  - Rare indolent subtypes, generally in older women



Lin NU, et al. Cancer. 2008;113:2638-2645. Liedtke C, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;26:1275-1281. Dent R, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2007;13:4429-4434.

# **Targeting Treatment to Biology**

### • Metastatic Disease

- Immunotherapy
  - Can we amplify the immune response?
- PARP inhibitors: can we expand use?
- Antibody drug conjugates
  - Sacituzumab govitecan
  - Trastuzumab deruxtecan
  - Datopotamab deruxtecan

### • Early Stage Disease

- Optimal chemotherapy backbone
- Immunotherapy
- Post-neoadjuvant strategies

## RATIONALE FOR COMBINING CHECKPOINT INHIBITION WITH CHEMOTHERAPY

• Chemotherapy results in:

 Pembrolizumab plus standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy in TNBC



pCR=pathologic complete response as defined as ypT0/Tis ypN0; TNBC=triple-negative breast cancer; PAC=paclitaxel, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide.

<sup>a</sup> Economopoulou P, et al. Ann Oncol. 2016;27:1675-1685; <sup>b</sup> Schmid P, et al. Ann Oncol. 2020;31:569-581; <sup>c</sup> Nanda R, et al. JAMA Oncol. 2020;6(5):1-9. Epub ahead of print; <sup>d</sup> Bailly C, et al. NAR Cancer. March 2020;2(1).

# IMpassion 130: Final OS in the PD-L1 IC+ population



Data cutoff, 14 April 2020. NE, not estimable. <sup>a</sup> *P* value not displayed since OS in the PD-L1+ population was not formally tested due to the hierarchical study design.

Emens et al: Ann Oncol 2021 IMpassion130 Final OS.

### KEYNOTE-355 Study Design (NCT02819518)

OS: PD-L1 CPS ≥10



Cortes et al, Lancet 2020; Rugo et al, ESMO 2021; Cortes et al, NEJM 2022

# Immunotherapy: First-Line Rx for mTNBC

	IMPASSION 131	IMPASSION 130	KEYNOTE 355
N (PD-L1+)	943 (292, 45%) <u>&gt;</u> 1%	902 (369, 41%) <u>&gt;</u> 1%	847 (332, 38%) CPS <u>&gt;</u> 10
Randomization and Treatment	2:1 Paclitaxel 90 mg/m2 Atezolizumab	1:1 nab-Paclitaxel 100 mg/m2 Atezolizumab	2:1 Pac/nab/gem+carbo Pembrolizumab
de novo	28-30%	~37% (no chemo)	30%
Prior taxane	51-53%	51%	45%
PFS in PD-L1+	5.7 → 6 mo; HR 0.82 P=0.2	5 → 7.5 mo; HR 0.62 P<0.0001	5.6→9.7 mo; HR 0.65 P=0.0012 FDA approved 7/21
OS benefit	No	YES	YES

Miles et al, Ann Oncol 2021; Schmid et al, NEJM 2018 & Emens et al, Ann Oncol 2021; Cortes et al, Lancet 2020 & NEJM 2022

# Efficacy of Single Agent Carboplatin and PARP Inhibitors in Patients with gBRCA Mutations and MBC

	<b>OlympiAD<sup>1,2</sup></b> Olaparib vs. TPC	<b>EMBRACA</b> <sup>3</sup> Talazoparib vs. TPC	<b>TNT<sup>4</sup></b> Carboplatin vs. docetaxel
PFS	<b>5.6 months</b> vs. 2.9 months <b>HR = 0.43</b> 95% CI (0.29, 0.63)	<b>5.8 months</b> vs. 2.9 months <b>HR= 0.60</b> 95% CI (0.41, 0.87)	6.8 months vs. 4.4 months
ORR	<b>51.8%</b> vs. 5.4% (n=83) (n=37) Investigator assessment	<b>61.8%</b> vs. 12.5% (n=102) (n=48) <i>Investigator assessment</i>	68.0% vs. 33.3% (n=25) (n=18)

TNT: small numbers, more toxicity with carboplatin vs PARPi, and all 1st line

BROCADE3 trial (carbo/pac +/- veliparib): role of PARPi maintenance<sup>5</sup>?

In the absence of head to head studies between olaparib and other PARPi no comparisons can be made.

1. Senkus et al., Poster PB-002, presented at EBCC 2018; 2. AZ data on file (2019); 3. Eiermann W. et al., Poster 1070, presented at ASCO 2018; 4. Tutt A et al. Nature Med. 2018, 24(5):628-637 5. Dieras et al, Lancet Oncol 2020

### Expanding the use of PARP inhibitors

### Best Overall Responses: Cohort 1 (Germline)



### Best Overall Responses: Cohort 2 (Somatic)<sup>\*</sup>



# Responses for 5 most common genes (somatic and germline mutations)

<i>PALB2</i> N=13	s <i>BRCA1/2</i> N=17^	ATM & CHEK2** N=17
Germline: 9/11 PR (82%) 10/11 had tumor regression; 1 SD > 1 yr	8/16 PR (50%)	0/13 germline 0/4 somatic
Somatic: 0/2 – both SD* (limited assessments)		
	15 patients remain on study	1

\*Somatic mutations much more frequent in lobular cancer

\* 1 sPALB2- lost to follow-up after 1<sup>st</sup> tumor assessment with skin and tumor marker response ^ includes patient from Cohort 1 with sBRCA1 and gCHEK2

\*\* Not included: patient with both gCHEK2 & sBRCA1; patient with gATM and gPALB2

### Sacituzumab Govitecan (SG): First-in-Class Trop-2–Directed ADC



- Trop-2 is expressed in all subtypes of breast cancer and linked to poor prognosis
- Full approval for the treatment of mTNBC and accelerated approval for advanced urothelial cancer



Bardia et al. NEJM. 2019.

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



NCT02574455

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

#### Demographics:

TPC: 53% eribulin, 20% vinorelbine, 15% gemcitabine, 13% capecitabine; 70% TN at initial diagnosis Median prior regimens 4 (2-17); ~88% with visceral disease

#### ASCENT was halted early due to compelling evidence of efficacy per unanimous DSMC recommendation.

Bardia et al. NEJM 2021

\*TPC: eribulin, vinorelbine, gemcitabine, or capecitabine. <sup>†</sup>PFS 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. <sup>‡</sup>The full population includes all randomized patients (with and without brain metastases). Baseline brain MRI only required for patients with known brain metastasis.

National Institutes of Health. https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02574455

### ASCENT

# Final PFS and OS in the BMneg Population

# Efficacy in ITT population consistent with the BMNeg population

- Median PFS of 4.8 vs 1.7 mo (HR 0.41, p<0.0001)</li>
- Median OS of 11.8 vs 6.9 mo (HR 0.51, P<0.0001)</li>





\*OS is defined as the time form date of randomization to the date of death from any cause. Patients without documentation of death are conserved on the date they were last known to be alive. We dan OS is from Kaptan Maker estimate. Cl for modan was compared using the Broekmeyer-Crowley method. Statified ing rank test and shall be Cover pression adjusted for testification factors: number of price chemothematics and using the Broekmeyer-Crowley method. Statified ing rank test and shall be BNNeg, have metastaces methods. So and cause by present and the source of physician's choice.

# ASCENT Study: ORR, Additional Analyses, and Safety

	Patients without Brain Metastases		
	SG	ТРС	
	(N=235)	(N=233)	
Objective response — n (%)§	82 (35)	11 (5)	
CR	10 (4)	2 (1)	
PR	72 (31)	9 (4)	
Clinical benefit — n (%) <u>¶</u>	105 (45)	20 (9)	
SD — n (%)	81 (34)	62 (27)	
SD for ≥6 mo	23 (10)	9 (4)	
PD — n (%)	54 (23)	89 (38)	
Response NE — n (%) <u>∥</u>	18 (8)	71 (30)	
Median TTR (95% Cl) — mo	1.5 (0.7–10.6)	1.5 (1.3–4.2)	
Median DOR (95% CI) — mo	6.3 (5.5–9.0)	3.6 (2.8–NE)	
HR (95% CI)	0.39 (0.14–1.07)		

Assessed by independent central review in brain met-neg population.

\*Denotes patients who had a 0% change from baseline in tumor size.

BICR, blind independent central review; CBR, clinical benefit rate (CR + PR + SD  $\geq$ 6 mo).

Bardia A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2021;384:1529-1541; Bardia et al. Ann Oncol 2021; Carey et al NPJ BC 2022; Rugo et al, NPJ Breast 2022

### **Additional Analyses**

- Activity consistent across medium and high TROP2 expression (too few with low/no expression) and regardless of BRCA mutation status
- 14% treated in the first-line setting (<12 mo from adj/neoadj rx)
  - PFS 5.7 vs 1.5 months (HR 0.41; 95% CI, 0.22-0.76)
  - OS 10.9 vs 4.9 months (HR 0.51; 95% CI, 0.28-0.91)

### Most common toxicities

- Neutropenia, diarrhea, nausea, alopecia, fatigue
- 63 vs 40% grade 3 NTP; 59 vs 12% all grade diarrhea (10% grade 3)
- G-CSF: 49% (SC) and 23% (TPC)
- AEs leading to discontinuation: 4.7% vs 5.4 % TPC, dose reductions due to TRAE similar (22 vs 26%)

#### ASCENT-03 (NCT05382299): PD-L1 negative

N=540

Ascent-07:

First-line Chemotherapy in HR+



PI: Sara Tolaney; Alliance Foundation Trial

### DESTINY-Breast04: Exploratory Efficacy of TDXd in TN HER2-Low MBC



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 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0



TPC (n=18): 18 17 16 14 14 14 3 11 10 8 8 8 7 6 6 5 5 5 5 3 3 2 2 2 0

Modi S, et al. NEJM 2022

### T-DXd + Durvalumab: The Begonia Trial

- First-line basket trial for HER2-low mTNBC
  - Arm 6 (n=58)
    - PD-L1 testing using SP263
    - ORR 56.9% (n=33); PFS 12.6 mo (8.3-NC)

### - Safety

100

- 8 cases of adjudicated ILD, 2 more pending review
  - Grade1 (3), grade2 (2), grade3 (1), grade5 (1\*) 17%
    stopped rx due to AEs



\*Covid related

### **Datopotamab Deruxtecan (Dato-DXd)**

### Dato-DXd is an ADC with 3 components<sup>1,2</sup>:

- A humanized anti-TROP2 IgG1<sup>3</sup> monoclonal antibody attached to:
- A topoisomerase I inhibitor payload, an exatecan derivative, via
- A tetrapeptide-based cleavable linker





<sup>a</sup> Image is for illustrative purposes only; actual drug positions may vary. <sup>b</sup> The clinical relevance of these features is under investigation. <sup>c</sup> Based on animal data. 1. Okajima D, et al. AACR-NCI-EORTC 2019; [abstract C026]; 2. Nakada T, et al. *Chem Pharm Bull*. 2019;67(3):173-185; 3. Daiichi Sankyo Co. Ltd. DS-1062. Daiichi Sankyo.com. Accessed October 6, 2020. https://www.daiichisankyo.com/media\_investors/investor\_relations/ir\_calendar/files/005438/DS-1062%20Seminar%20Slides\_EN.pdf; 4. Krop I, et al. SABCS 2019; [abstract GS1-03]; 5. Ogitani Y, et al. *Cancer Sci*. 2016;107(7):1039-1046.



Schmid et al, SABCS 2022; PD11-09



Pembrolizumab (CPS) or atezolizumab ex US (SP142), nab-paclitaxel only)

PARPi: PARP inhibitor (olaparib, talazoparib)

Role of AR targeting to be defined – LAR low proliferative subtypes?

Always consider clinical trials at each decision point

**Early Stage Disease** 



## **TMC Neoadjuvant Platinum TNBC Study**



#### Gupta et al, SABCS 2022

\*Gupta S, et al. Single agent weekly paclitaxel as neoadjuvant chemotherapy in locally advanced breast cancer: a feasibility study. Clin Oncol (R Coll Radiol). 2012 Nov;24(9):604-9

# Pathologic Complete Response: Overall and by Age



pCR highly prognostic for EFS regardless of age

	<u>pCR (ypT0/is ypN0)</u>	No-pCR	
5-year EFS (95% CI)	84.9% (80.39 - 89.41%)	51.8% (45.33 - 58.27%)	
HR (95%CI)	0.248 (0.174 - 0.353)	<mark>Δ=33.1%</mark>	
'p'	<0.001		

	pCR (ypT0/is ypN0)	<u>No-pCR</u>
5-year EFS (95% CI)	86.8% (79.16 - 94.44%)	52.6% (43.19 - 62.01%)
HR (95%CI)	0.258 (0.135 - 0.493)	A-24.00/
ʻp'	<0.001	Δ=34.2%

Efficacy (n=717)



# Can we Eliminate Anthracyclines?



Gluz et al JNCI 2017; Sharma et al CCR 2016; Sharma et al CCR 2018; Sharma et al, CCR 2021.

## Phase III Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy Trials



### Benefit from Immunotherapy is Independent of PD-L1 status

Is PD-L1 Predictive of Response to Chemotherapy?

Schmid et al. SABCS 2019, Abstr. GS3-03; Mittendorf et al. Lancet 2020;396(10257):1090-1100.



#### pCR (95% CI), ypT0/is ypN0 (PD-L1-positive)

%

DCR (95% CI)







### Pembrolizumab Improves EFS and DRFS



Schmid et al, NEJM 2022

<sup>a</sup>Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. <sup>b</sup>Prespecified *P*-value boundary of 0.00517 reached at this analysis. <sup>c</sup>Defined as the time from randomization to the data cutoff date of March 23, 2021.

### What is the Patient Cost of Therapy: Toxicity



# **Checkpoint Inhibitors in Early TNBC**

Variable	I-SPY	KEYNOTE-522	IMPASSION 031	NeoTRIP	GeparNUEVO
Total patients	69/180	1174 (602)	333	280	174
Type of CPi	PD1 Pembro x 4	PD1 Pembro x 1 year	PD-L1 Atezo x 1 year	PD-L1 Atezo x 8	PD-L1 Durva x 8
Stage	Stage II/III	Stage II/III	Stage II/III	+ N3 disease	35% stage I
Anthracycline pre-op	yes	yes	yes	No*	yes
Included carboplatin	no	yes	No (nab-pac)	Yes (nab-pac) 2 wks on, 1 wk off x 8	no
Improved pCR	Yes	Yes 51.2 v 64.8% P=0.00055	Yes 41.1 v 57.6% P=0.0044	No	Numeric improvement (44 v 53%, p=0.18)
Improved EFS	NR: pCR>nonpCR	Yes	NR	NR	Yes EFS, DDFS and OS

Nanda et al, JAMA Onc 2020; Schmid et al, NEJM 2020 & ESMO Plenary 2021; Mittendorf et al, Lancet 2020; Gianni et al, SABCS 2019; Loibl et al, Ann Oncol 2019 & ASCO 2021

\*Callari et al, PD10-09:, SABCS 2021: role of anthracyclines in the modulation of the immune microenvironment

# **Ongoing Phase III Trials with IO in TNBC**

### Neoadjuvant/adjuvant

- Atezolizumab
  - NSABP B59/GeparDouze (n=1520)
    - Pac/carbo → AC/EC
  - EFS NeoTRIPaPDL1 (n=272)
  - EFS Impassion 031 (n=333)
- Pembrolizumab
  - NeoPACT (n=100)
    - Docetaxel/carbo/pembro x 6

### Adjuvant

- Atezolizumab
  - Impassion 30 (n=2300)
    - Pac → AC/EC

### Avelumab

- A-Brave (n=335)
  - Adjuvant and post NAC high risk: avelumab alone
- Pembrolizumab
  - SWOG S1418/NRG BR006 (n=1155)
    - Post NAC: Pembro vs Obs x 1 yr

- Completed
- Closed early, results pending

### **TNBC: Immunotherapy for Early-Stage Disease** What are the unanswered questions?

- Who needs checkpoint inhibitors
  - Balancing risk and cost: Can we identify a group of patients who will do well with chemotherapy alone?
  - Balancing risk and toxicity: are there patients who should not receive IO?
- Optimal chemotherapy backbone
  - Role of platinum salts: improved PCR and EFS but not OS; balance toxicity against impact on EFS
  - Anthracyclines may have an important role
- Optimal duration of CPI if pCR achieved?
  - Balancing risk and toxicity
- Optimal post-neoadjuvant therapy
  - Should we combine or sequence pembrolizumab with other post-neoadjuvant therapies?



### **OptimICE-pCR**

# **Alternative NeoAdjuvant Regimens for TNBC**

- NeoPACT:
  - Pembrolizumab/docetaxel/carboplatin x 6 cycles
  - 109 evaluable, 88% stage 2-3
  - pCR in TNM stage I, II, and III disease was 69%, 59%, and 43%, respectively.
  - Stage II-III, ER & PR IHC <1%
    - pCR and RCB 0+1 59% and 69%
  - 2-year EFS with pCR: 98%
- NeoSTAR: Sacituzumab govitecan x 4
  - N=50 (12 stage I disease, 26 stage II, 11 stage III; 62% node neg; 9 pts gBRCA+).
  - pCR rate 30% (n= 15/50; (18%, 45%); RCB1=3
  - Ongoing study plus pembrolizumab









S2212: Shorter Anthracycline-free Chemoimmunotherapy Adapted to pathological Response in Early TNBC (SCARLET)

#### Randomized non-inferiority trial

Hypothesis: In patients with early stage TNBC, carboplatin-taxane chemoimmunotherapy is non-inferior to taxane-platinum-anthracycline-based chemoimmunotherapy









<sup>f</sup> Co-enrollment in adjuvant NCTN escalation trials will be allowed after discussion with CTEP/study teams <sup>g</sup> No Further Adjuvant chemotherapy. Co-enrollment in adjuvant NCTN de-escalation trials will be allowed after discussion with CTEP/study teams

# **Post-Neoadjuvant Therapy**

# Post-Neoadjuvant Capecitabine



Masuda N et al. N Engl J Med.2017.



### ECOG 1131

- ~80% of patients with residual TNBC after NAC have basal-subtype by PAM50 analysis
- Platinum agents were associated with more severe hematological toxicities
- Irrespective of treatment arm, a much higher than expected event rate was observed in this high-risk population

Mayer et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021

# Olympia: Updated Endpoints Median FU 3.5 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> IA

#### **Neoadjuvant Group**

- TNBC: non-pCR
- Hormone receptor-positive: non-pCR and CPS+EG score  $\geq$  3

3.8% (95% CI: 0.9%, 6.6%)

12

844

843

6

862

868

Olaparib (75 deaths, 70 due to breast cancer)

Placebo (109 deaths, 103 due to breast cancer)

18

809

808

3.4% (95% CI: -0.1%, 6.8%)

30

672

647

36

560

530

42

437

423

48

335

333

54

228

218

Stratified hazard ratio 0.68 (98.5% CI: 0.47, 0.97); P = 0.009 crossing the significance boundary of 0.015

24

773

752

Time since randomisation (months)

#### **Adjuvant Group**

- *TNBC*:  $\geq$  pT2 or  $\geq$  pN1
- Hormone receptor-positive:  $\geq$  4 positive lymph nodes



60

40

20

No. at risk

Olaparib

Placebo

0

921

915

- No increase in MDS/AML compared to placebo
- Most toxicity grade 1/2; nausea most common
- Grade 3
  - Anemia 9%, fatigue 2%, neutropenia 5%

Tutt et al. N Engl J Med. 2021;384(25):2394-2405; Tutt et al. ESMO Plenary 2022.

# TNBC: Early-Stage Disease

- Significant progress!
- Neoadjuvant therapy preferred for all but the smallest tumors
  - pCR (no invasive disease in breast or node) associated with a markedly improved outcome
  - Allows individualization of therapy to response
- Immunotherapy approved for early-stage high risk TNBC
  - Understanding who needs immunotherapy and managing toxicity are critical issues
- The next step
  - Therapy directed to biologic subsets
  - Improving post-neoadjuvant therapy

# Roadmap for Early TNBC



Ongoing Trials: Tailoring neoadjuvant therapy to response; optimizing post-neoadjuvant therapy – ADCs, checkpoint inhibitor? AC: anthracycline/cyclophosphamide; Ca: carboplatin gBRCA mutation: neoadjuvant PARP inhibitors?

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