

# How I Treat Triple-Negative Breast Cancer in 2023

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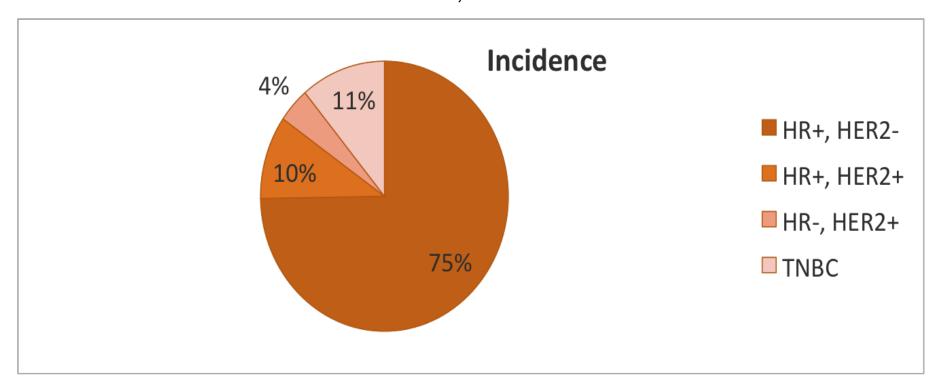
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### Incidence by Hormone Receptor and HER2 Status

Data of 321,958 patients from Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) database, 2010-2015



HR: hormone receptor; HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; TNBC: triple-negative breast cancer. Hwang KT et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2019

# **TNBC: Poorer Prognosis Than Other Subtypes**

- High initial sensitivity to chemotherapy
- High relapse rates and higher likelihood of distant disease progression<sup>1</sup>
  - More aggressive visceral disease (liver, lung) <sup>1</sup>
  - Higher frequency of brain metastases<sup>2</sup>
- TNBC recurrence peaks within the first 3 years after treatment<sup>1,3</sup>
  - The likelihood of distant recurrences declines after 5 years
- The mean time to distant recurrence is approximately 2.4 years for TNBC compared with 4.4 years for ER+ patients<sup>4</sup>
- Most deaths occur in the first 3-5 years<sup>1,3</sup>

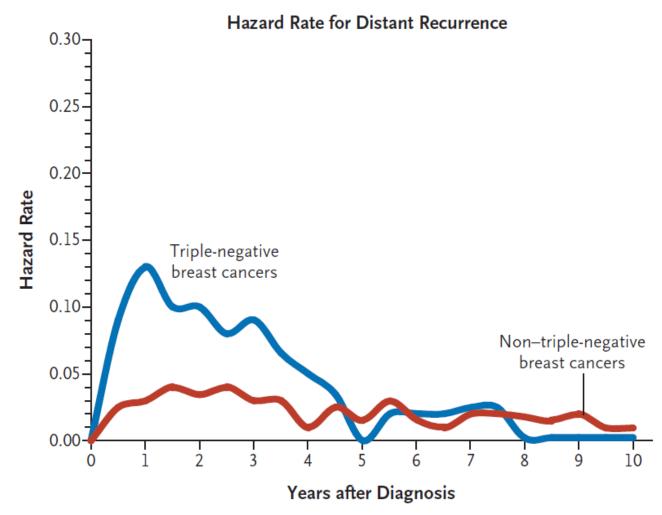
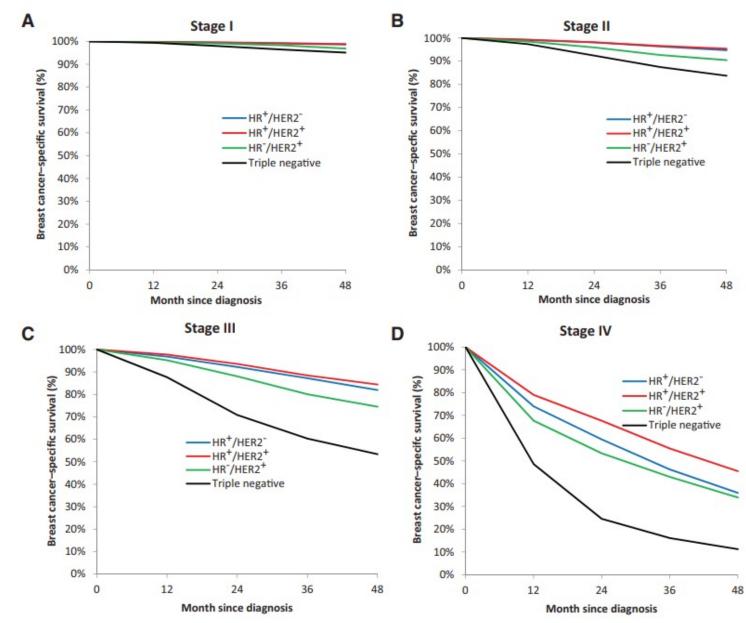


Figure from Foulkes WD, et al. N Engl J Med. 2010.

# TNBC: shorter survival despite anthracycline and taxane chemotherapy

- Four-year breast cancerspecific survival by stage and molecular subtypes using SEER registry data
- Women diagnosed 2010-2013



# Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Treatment of TNBC: adding other therapies to anthracycline and taxane chemotherapy

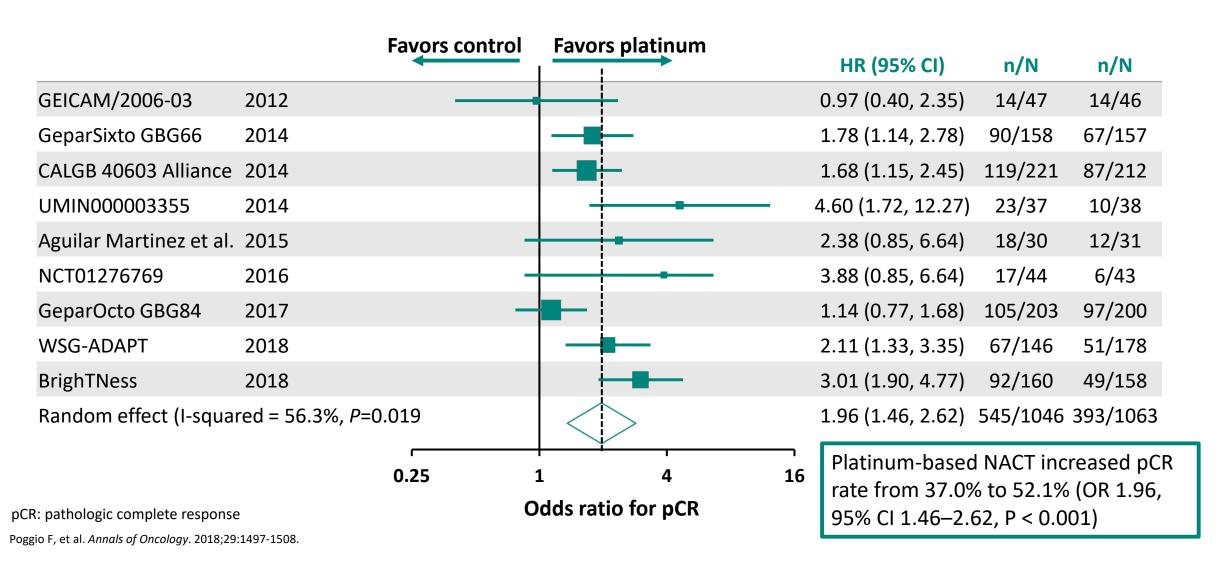
Carboplatin

**Immunotherapy** 

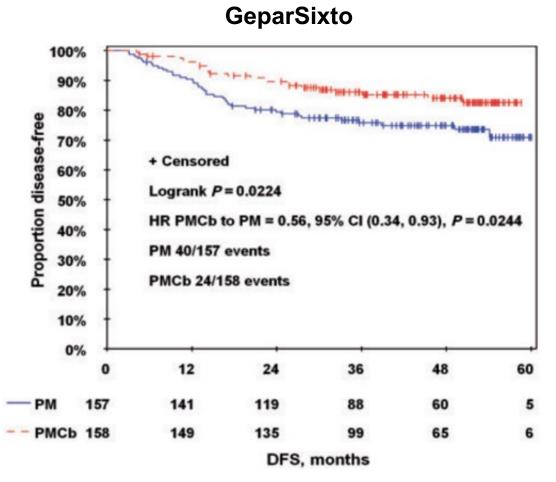
Capecitabine

PARP inhibitor

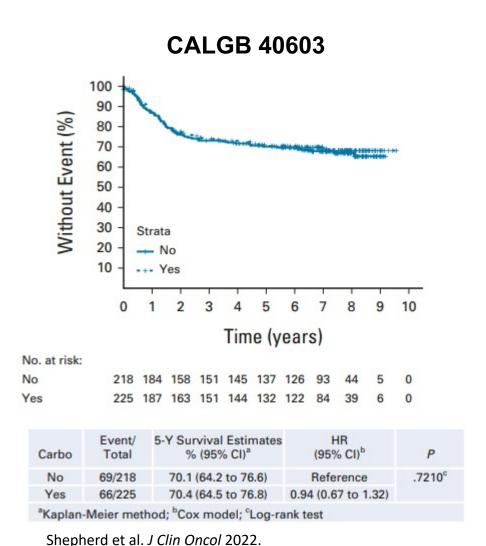
# Neoadjuvant therapy: increased pCR with addition of carboplatin



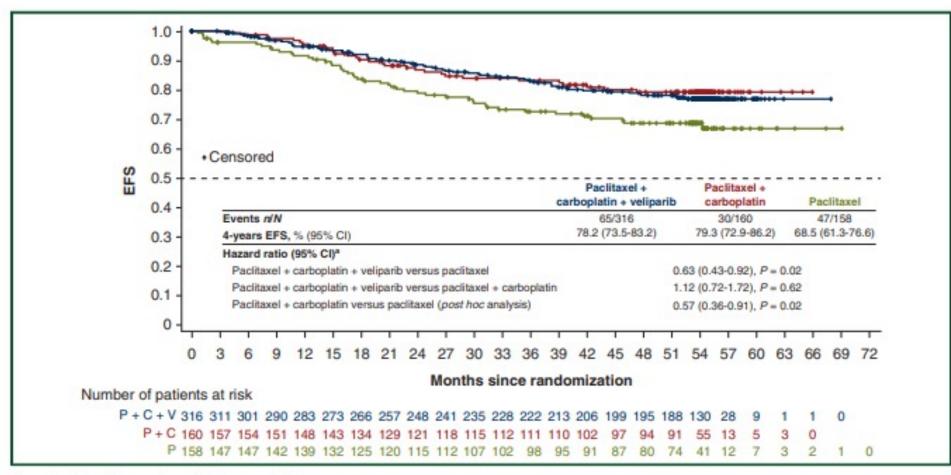
# Neoadjuvant therapy: differing EFS data with addition of carboplatin



PM: paclitaxel and liposomal doxorubicin Loibl et al. *Ann Oncol* 2018



# Neoadjuvant therapy: BrighTNess EFS data with addition of carboplatin



Median follow-up: 4.5v

Figure 2. EFS with a median of ≥4.5 years of follow-up.

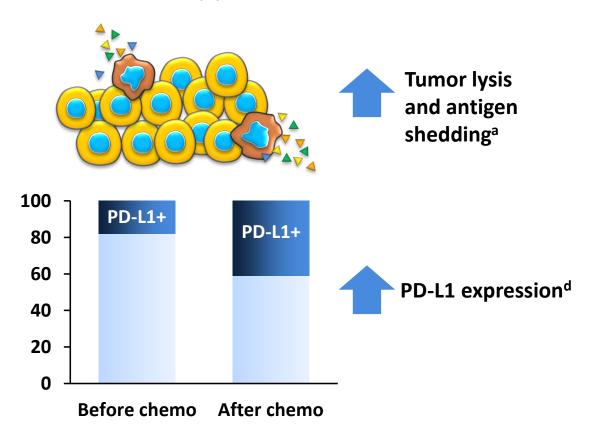
Final analysis of EFS carried out ≥4 years after surgery.

C, carboplatin; CI, confidence interval; EFS, event-free survival; gBRCA, germline BRCA; P, paclitaxel; V, veliparib.

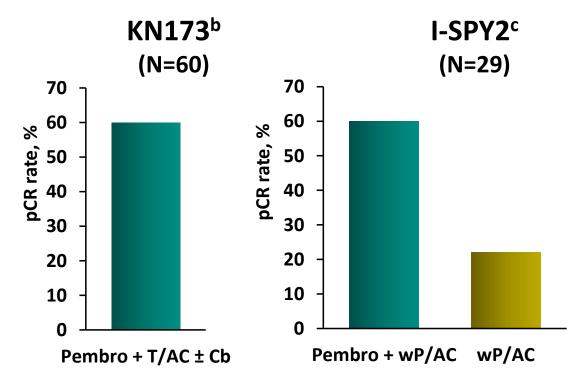
<sup>&</sup>quot;Stratified by gBRCA status, lymph node status, and planned doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide dose intensity.

# Neoadjuvant therapy: rationale for combining checkpoint inhibitor and 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.

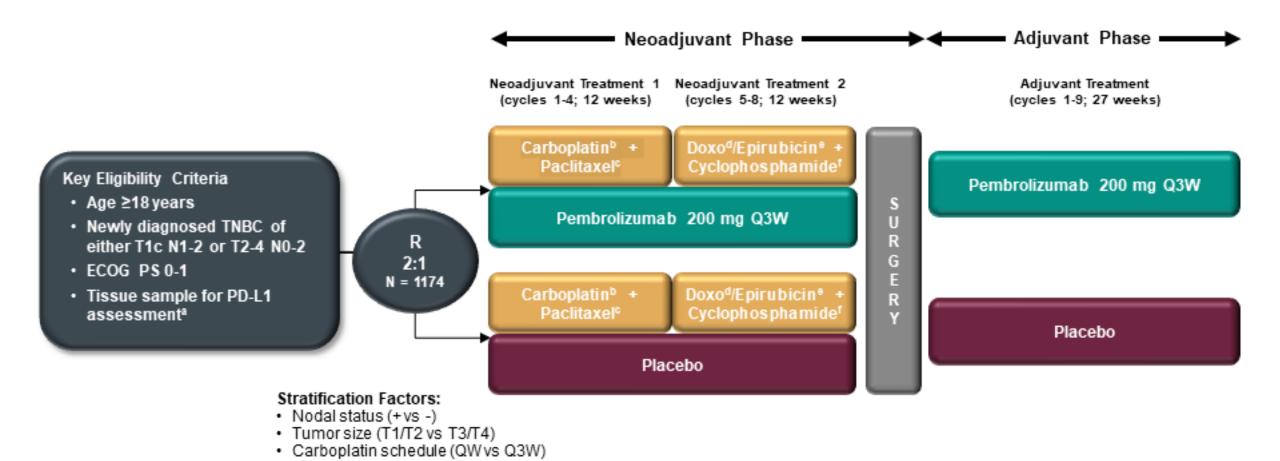
<sup>a</sup> Economopoulou P, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2016;27:1675-1685; <sup>b</sup> Schmid P, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2020;31:569-581; <sup>c</sup> Nanda R, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2020;6(5):1-9. Epub ahead of print; d Bailly C, et al. *NAR Cancer*. March 2020;2(1).

# Immunotherapy in early-stage TNBC

	I-SPY2 <sup>a</sup> Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-522 <sup>b</sup> Pembrolizumab	NEOTRIP <sup>c</sup> Atezolizumab	IMpassion 031 <sup>d</sup> Atezolizumab	GEPARNUEVO <sup>e</sup> Durvalumab
Total patients	69/181	602/1174	280	333	174
Target	PD-1	PD-1	PD-L1	PD-L1	PD-L1
Stage	11/111	11/111	Included N3	11/111	35% stage I
Anthracyclines	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Carboplatin	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
pCR rate	60% vs 22% (graduated)	65% vs 51% (p=0.00055)	44% vs 41% (p=0.66)	58% vs 41% (p=0.0044)	53% vs 44% (p=0.287)

- Anthracyclines and stage are key factors determining benefit from neoadjuvant immunotherapy
- PD-L1 status does not matter when immune system is intact
- Other variables may play role, such as tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes

## KEYNOTE-522 Study Design (NCT03036488)



**Neoadjuvant phase:** starts from the first neoadjuvant treatment and ends after definitive surgery (post treatment included) **Adjuvant phase:** starts from the first adjuvant treatment and includes radiation therapy as indicated (post treatment included)

<sup>\*</sup>Must consist of at least 2 separate tumor cores from the primary tumor.

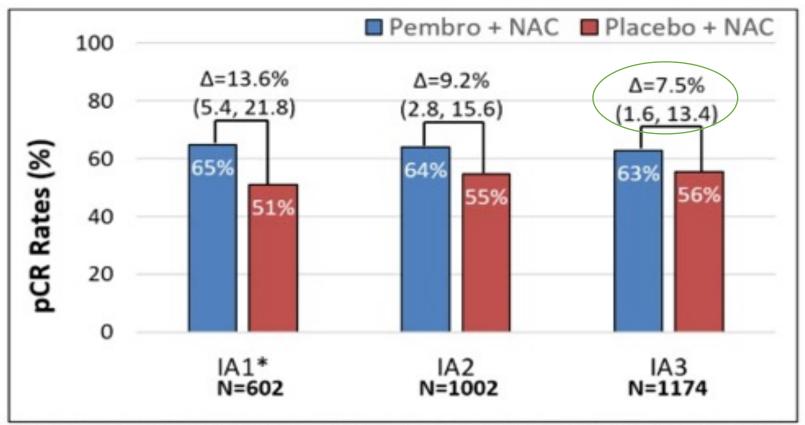
Carboplatin dose was AUC 5 Q3W or AUC 1.5 QW. cPaclitaxel dose was 80 mg/m² QW.

Doxorubicin dose was 60 mg/m² Q3W. Epirubicin dose was 90 mg/m² Q3W.

Cyclophosphamide dose was 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W.

# Neoadjuvant therapy: Keynote-522 pCR

pCR across interim analyses\*



<sup>\*</sup> Statistical boundary was crossed with p-value 0.00055; compare with allocated α of 0.003

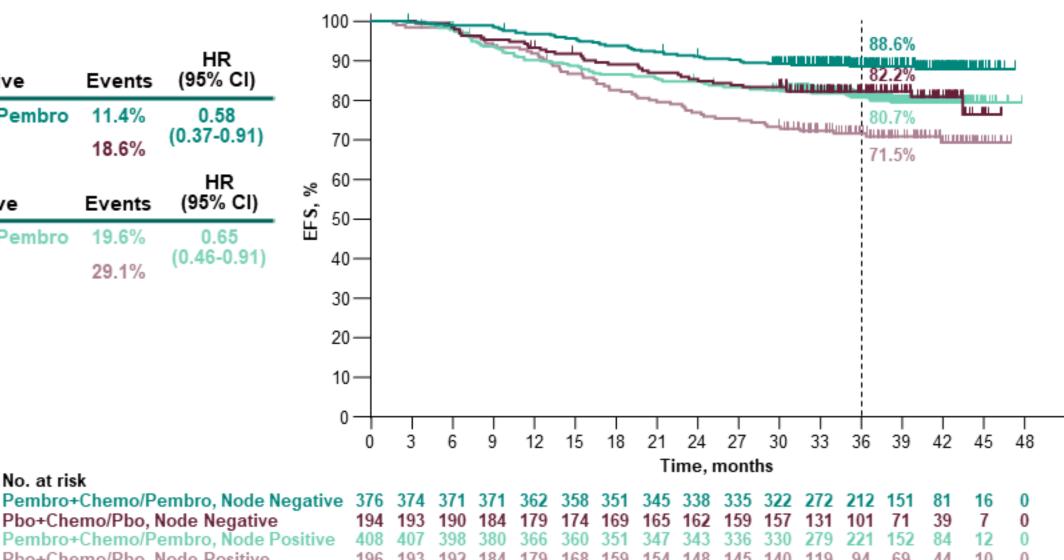
### **EFS by Nodal Status**

Node Negative	Events	HR (95% CI)
Pembro+Chemo/Pembro	11.4%	0.58
Pbo+Chemo/Pbo	18.6% (0.37-0.91	
Node Positive	Events	HR (95% CI)
Node Positive Pembro+Chemo/Pembro	Events 19.6%	

No. at risk

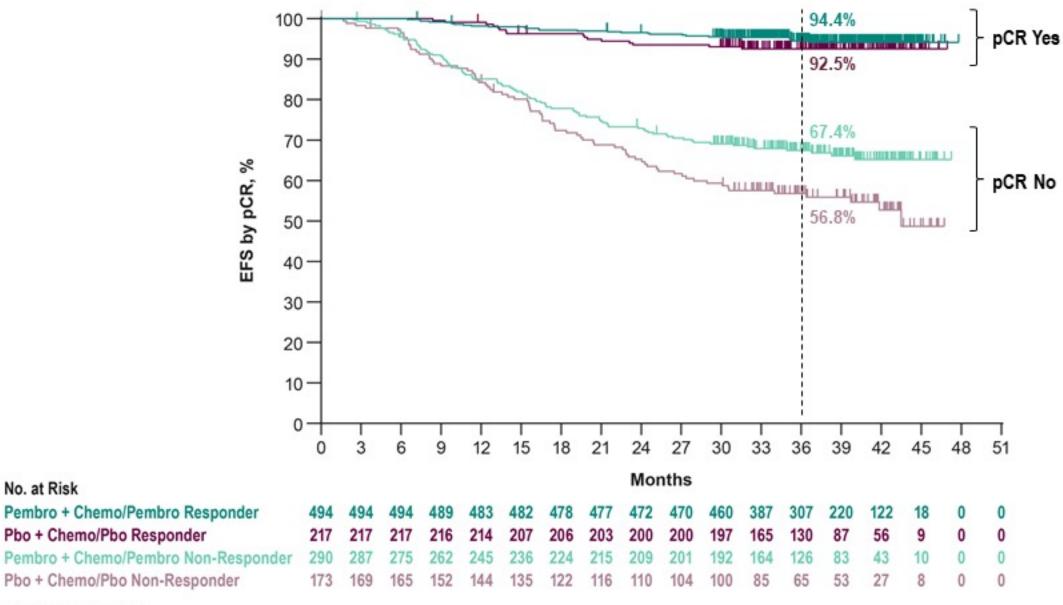
Pbo+Chemo/Pbo, Node Negative

Pbo+Chemo/Pbo, Node Positive



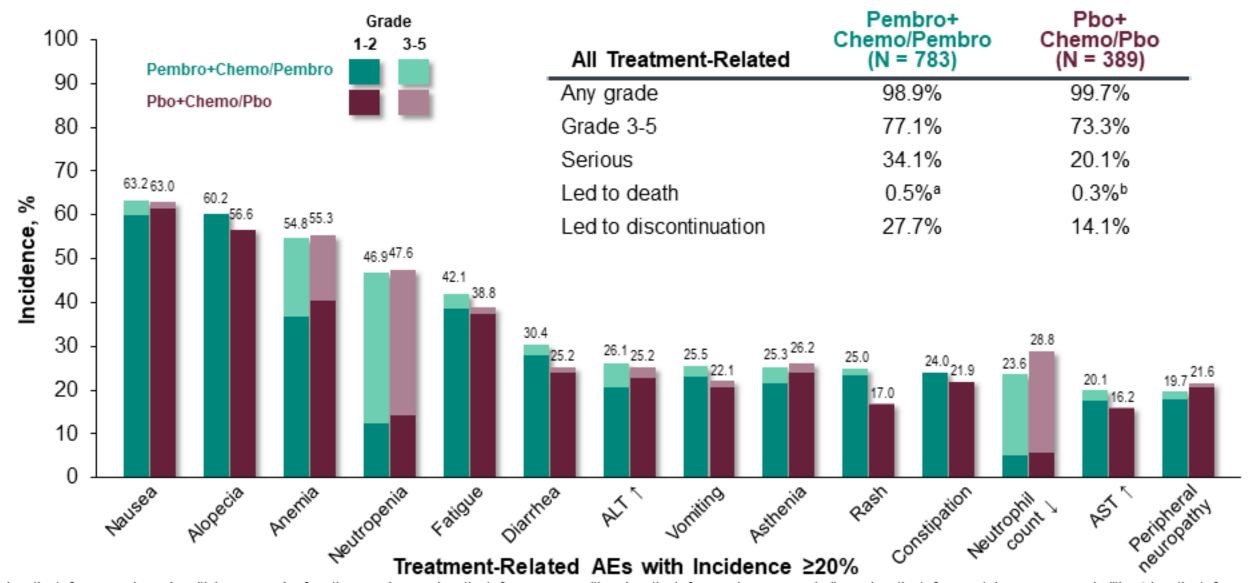
Data cutoffdate: March 23, 2021.

# EFS by pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)



Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

### **Treatment-Related AEs in Combined Phases**



all patient from sepsis and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome; 1 patient from pneumonitis; 1 patient from pulmonary embolism; 1 patient from autoimmune encephalitis. 1 patient from septic shock. Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

# Residual disease after neoadjuvant therapy: capecitabine

Pts 20-74 yrs of age

stage I-IIIB HER2- BC and residual disease

(non-pCR or pN+) after neoadjuvant chemotherapy\* and surgery;

ECOG PS 0 or 1;

no previous oral fluoropyrimidines

 $(N = 910)^{\dagger}$ 

Capecitabine

2500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day PO Days 1-14

Q3W for 8 cycles<sup>‡</sup>

Hormonal therapy if ER/PgR+

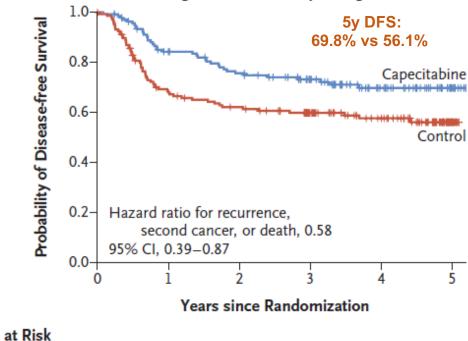
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Hormonal therapy if ER/PgR+

No further therapy if ER/PgR-

 $(n = 455)^{\dagger}$ 

Disease-free Survival among Patients with Triple-Negative Disease

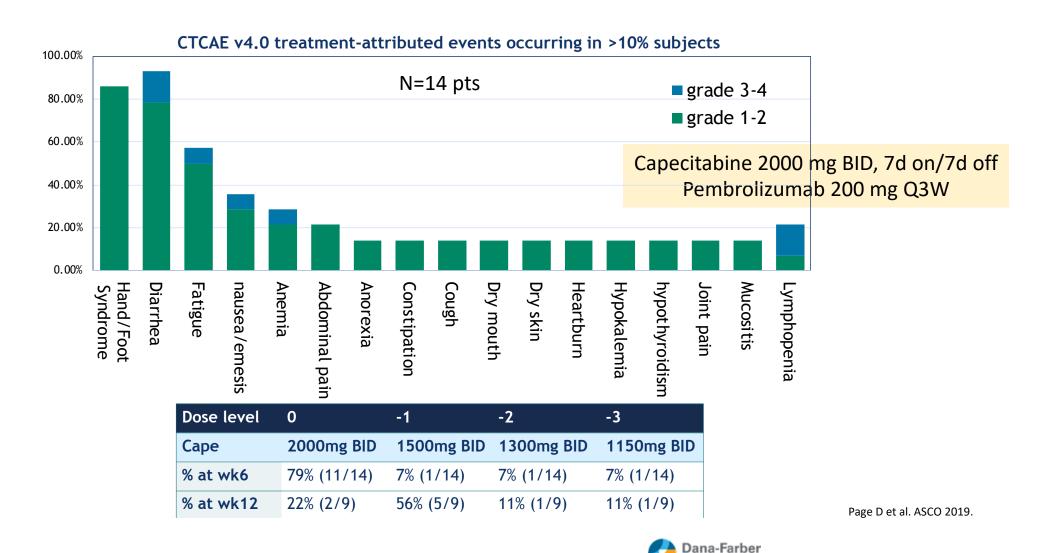


 No. at Risk

 Capecitabine
 139
 109
 96
 76
 42
 11

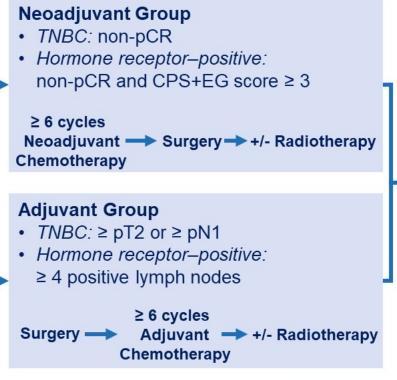
 Control
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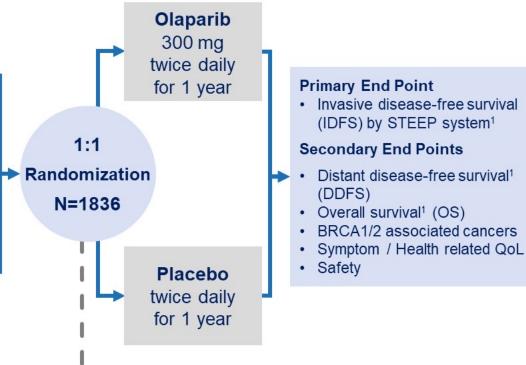
# Capecitabine + Pembrolizumab in metastatic disease



# OlympiA: Trial schema

- Local genetic testing or on-study central screening (Myriad Genetics Inc.)
- Germline pathogenic or likely pathogenic BRCA1/2 mutation
- HER2–negative (hormone receptor–positive or TNBC)
- Stage II-III Breast Cancer or lack of PathCR to NACT





#### **Stratification Factors**

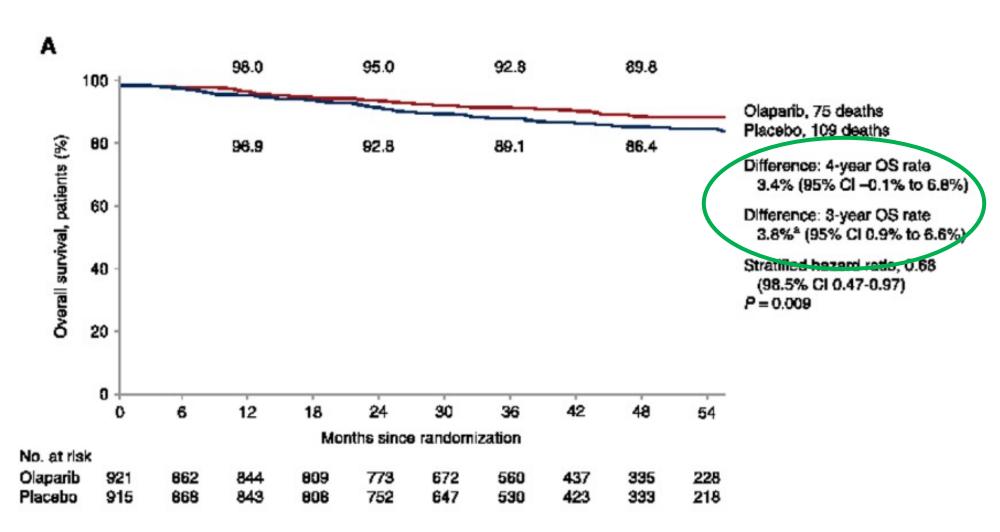
- Hormone receptor–positive vs. TNBC
- Neoadjuvant vs. adjuvant
- · Prior platinum-based chemotherapy (yes vs. no)

#### **Concurrent Adjuvant Therapy**

- · Endocrine therapy
- Bisphosphonates
- No 2nd Adjuvant Chemotherapy

Hormone receptor +ve defined as ER and/or PgR positive (IHC staining ≥ 1%) Triple Negative defined as ER and PgR negative (IHC staining < 1%) 
¹Hudis CA, J Clin Oncol 2007

## OlympiA: overall survival



# Olaparib + pembrolizumab for residual disease

- No randomized data showing that immunotherapy adds benefit to adjuvant olaparib for residual disease
- Possible synergistic activity
- Safety data from the phase II MEDIOLA study<sup>1</sup> (olaparib + durvalumab) and TOPACIO/KEYNOTE-162 study<sup>2</sup> (niraparib + pembrolizumab) in metastatic disease
- Consider olaparib + pembrolizumab in patients with BRCA mutation and TNBC with residual disease

<sup>2.</sup> Konstantinopoulos PA et al. JAMA Oncol 2019

# Approach to early stage TNBC

Moderate/high risk early stage TNBC

Paclitaxel/Carboplatin + AC

Pembrolizumab

Non-pCR: Capecitabine +/Pembrolizumab

Non-pCR and gBRCAm:
Olaparib +/- Pembrolizumab

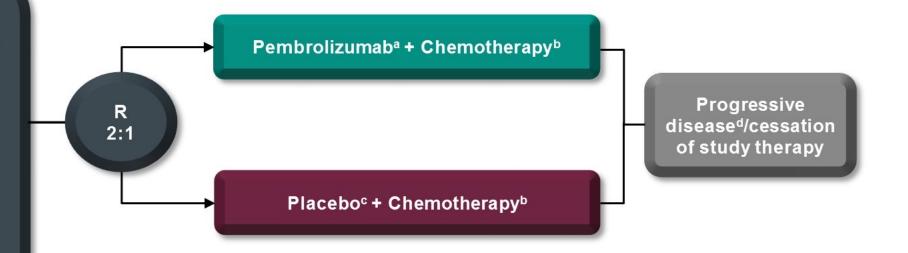
Pembrolizumab

TNBC: triple-negative breast cancer; gBRCAm: germline BRCA mutation; pCR: pathologic complete response

# KEYNOTE-355 Study Design (NCT02819518)

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Age ≥18 years
- · Central determination of TNBC and PD-L1 expression
- Previously untreated locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic **TNBC**
- · Completion of treatment with curative intent ≥6 months prior to first disease recurrence
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- Life expectancy ≥12 weeks from randomization
- Adequate organ function
- No systemic steroids
- · No active CNS metastases
- · No active autoimmune disease



#### Stratification Factors:

- Chemotherapy on study (taxane vs gemcitabine/carboplatin)
- PD-L1 tumor expression (CPS ≥1 vs CPS <1)</li>
- Prior treatment with same class chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant or adjuvant setting (yes vs no)

<sup>a</sup>Pembrolizumab 200 mg intravenous (IV) every 3 weeks (Q3W)

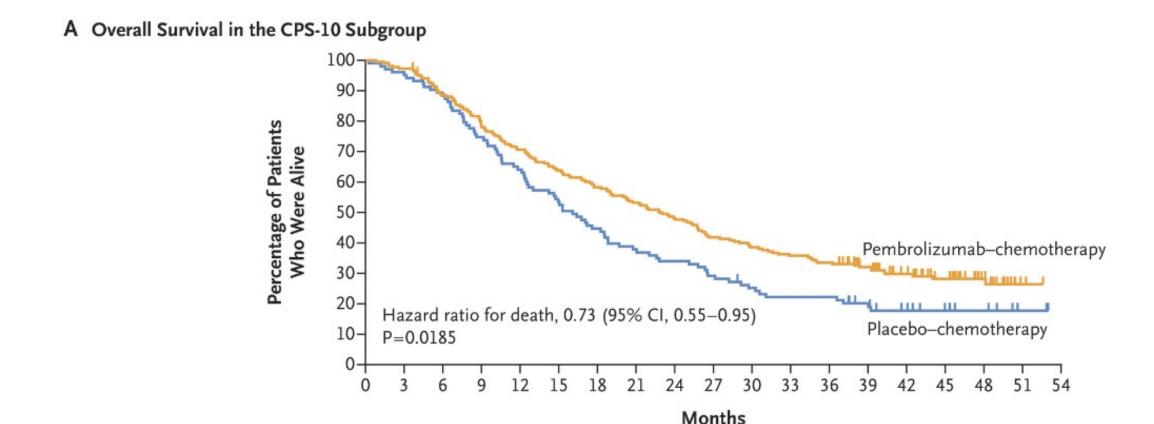
bChemotherapy dosing regimens are as follows:

Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days

Paclitaxel 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 and 8 every 21 days <sup>c</sup>Normal saline

Treatment may be continued until confirmation of progressive disease CNS=central nervous system; ECOG=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; PD-L1=programmed death ligand 1; R=randomized; TNBC=triple-negative breast cancer

### **KEYNOTE-355: Overall Survival at PD-L1 CPS ≥10**



No. at Risk
Pembrolizumab-chemotherapy
Placebo-chemotherapy

220 214 193 171 154 139 127 116 105 91 84 78 73 59 43 31 17 2 103 98 91 77 66 55 46 39 35 30 25 22 22 17 12 8 6 2

# Efficacy of PARP inhibitors in patients with BRCA mutation and metastatic breast cancer

	<b>OlympiAD¹</b> Olaparib vs. TPC	<b>EMBRACA<sup>2</sup></b> Talazoparib vs. TPC	BROCADE3 <sup>3</sup> Carbo/paclitaxel + veliparib or placebo
PFS	<b>5.6 mos</b> vs. 2.9 mos <b>HR = 0.43</b> 95% CI (0.29-0.63)	<b>5.8 mos</b> vs. 2.9 mos <b>HR= 0.60</b> 95% CI (0.41-0.87)	<b>14.5 mos</b> vs. 12.6 mos <b>HR=0.71</b> 95% CI (0.57-0.88)
ORR	<b>51.8%</b> vs. 5.4% (n=83) (n=37)	<b>61.8%</b> vs. 12.5% (n=102) (n=48)	

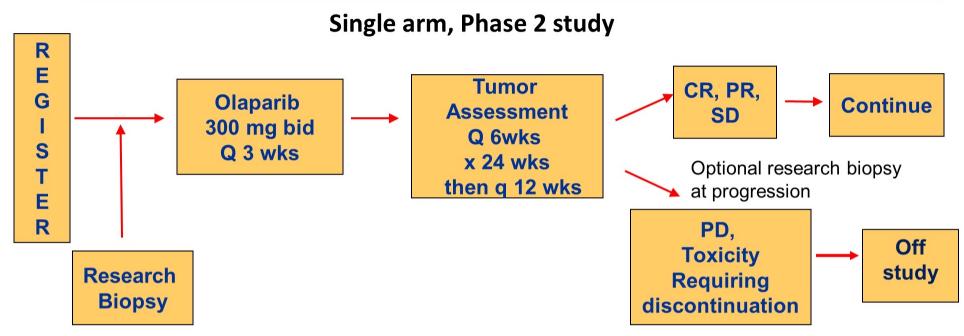
<sup>1.</sup> Robson M et al. N Engl J Med 2017

<sup>2.</sup> Litton JK et al. N Engl J Med 2018

<sup>3.</sup> Dieras V et al. Lancet Oncol 2020

### **TBCRC-048**

### **Schema: Olaparib Expanded**



**Cohort 1: Germline Mutation Cohort 2: Somatic Mutation** 

sBRCA1/2 allowed if gBRCA negative

ATM, ATR, BAP1, BARD1, BLM, BRIP1 (FANCJ), CHK1 (CHEK1), CHEK2, CDK12, FANCA, FANCC, FANCD2, FANCF, MRE11A, NBN (NBS1), PALB2, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D, WRN

# TBCRC 048: Olaparib Expanded benefit in germline PALB2 and somatic BRCA mutation

<i>PALB2</i> N=13	s <i>BRCA1</i> /2 N=17	<i>ATM &amp; CHEK2</i> 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)		

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

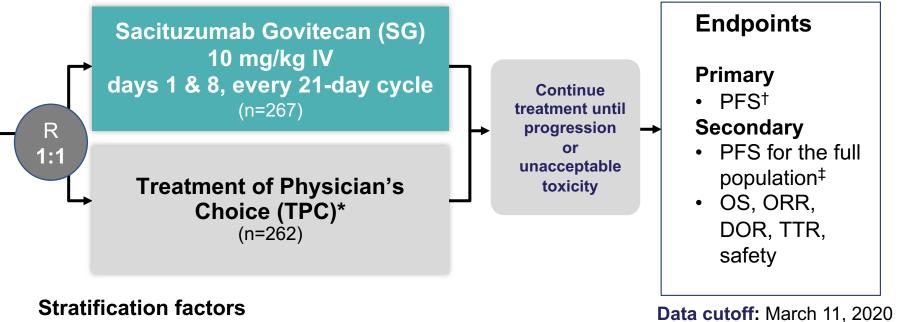
# Metastatic TNBC (per ASCO/CAP)

≥2 chemotherapies for advanced disease

[no upper limit; 1 of the required prior regimens could be from progression that occurred within a 12-month period after completion of (neo)adjuvant therapy)]

N = 529

NCT02574455



- Number of prior chemotherapies (2-3 vs >3)
- Geographic region (North America vs Europe)
- Presence/absence of known brain metastases (yes/no)

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

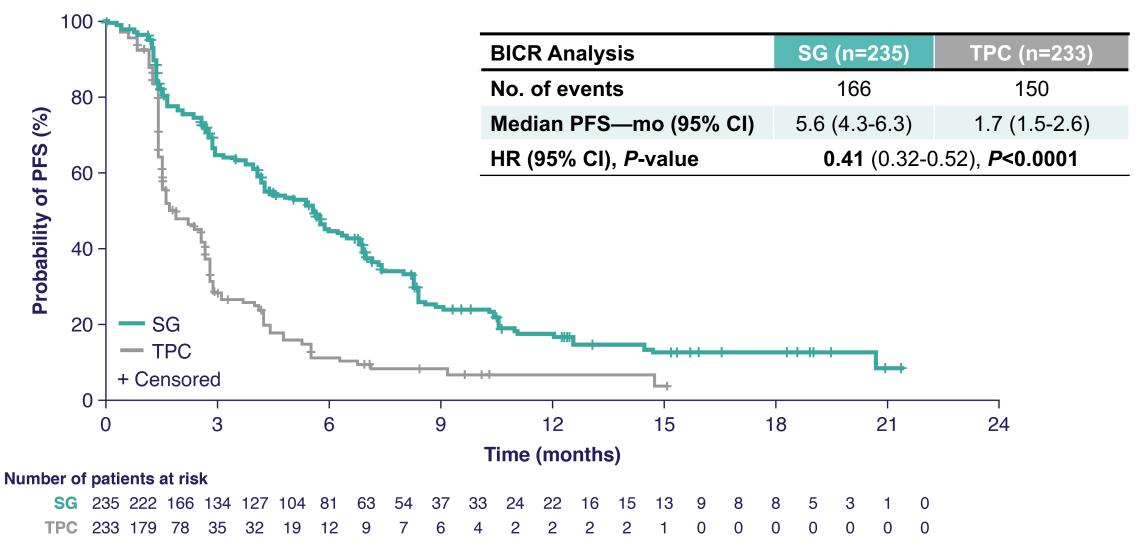
Here, we report the primary results from ASCENT, including PFS and OS.

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

ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists; DOR, duration of response; DSMC, Data Safety Monitoring Committee; IV, intravenous; mTNBC, metastatic triple-negative breast cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; R, randomization; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; TTR, time to response.

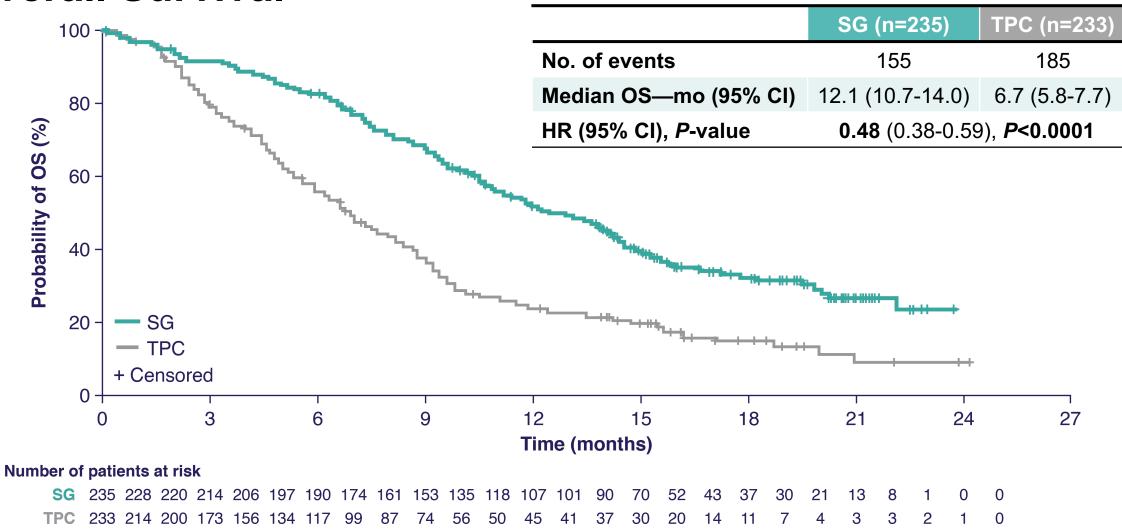
National Institutes of Health. <a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02574455">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02574455</a>.

### Progression-Free Survival (BICR Analysis)



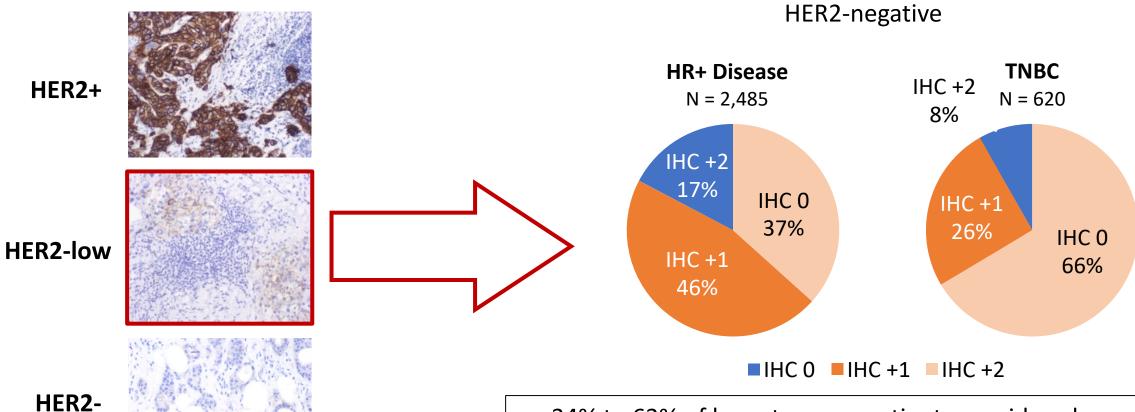
Primary endpoint (PFS) assessed by independent central review in the brain metastases-negative population, as pre-defined in the study protocol. Secondary endpoint (PFS) assessed in the full population (brain metastases-positive and -negative) and PFS benefit was consistent (HR=0.43 [0.35-0.54], *P*<0.0001). BICR, blind independent central review; PFS, progression-free survival; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

### **Overall Survival**



# Prevalence of HER2-low by HR-status

**HER2 IHC examples** 

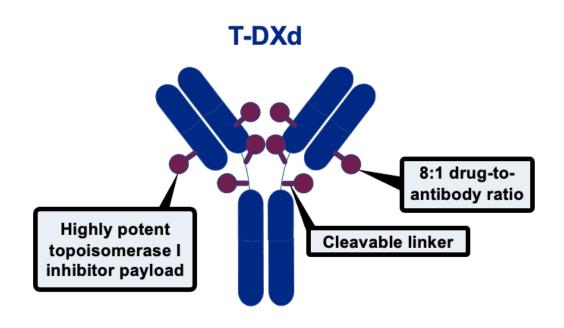


HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR: hormone receptor; IHC: immunohistochemical staining; TNBC: triple negative breast cancer

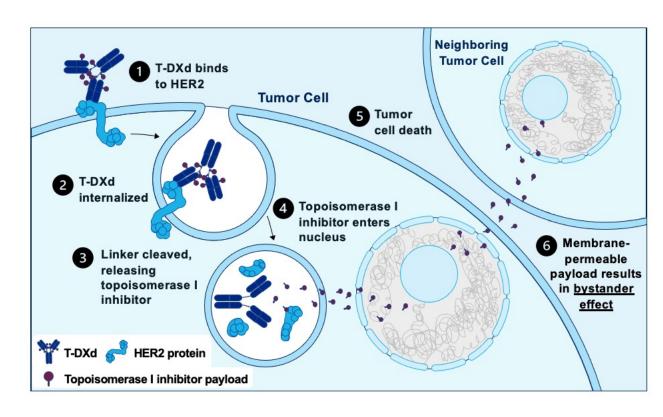
 34% to 63% of breast cancer patients considered HER2-negative under current guidelines express low levels of HER2

# Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd)

#### STRUCTURE AND MECHANISM OF ACTION



Internalization of T-DXd leads to release of the DXd payload and subsequent cell death in the target tumor cell and neighboring tumor cells through the bystander effect



# DESTINY-Breast04: Trastuzumab Deruxtecan vs Chemotherapy in Previously Treated HER2-low BC

• International, randomized, open-label phase III study

Women and men with unresectable and/or metastatic HER2-low breast cancer; progression on endocrine therapy, 1-2 prior lines chemotherapy; no prior HER2 positivity (IHC3+ or ISH+) (planned N = 540)

Trastuzumab deruxtecan 10 mg/kg on Day 1 and 8

Chemotherapy\*

21-d cycles

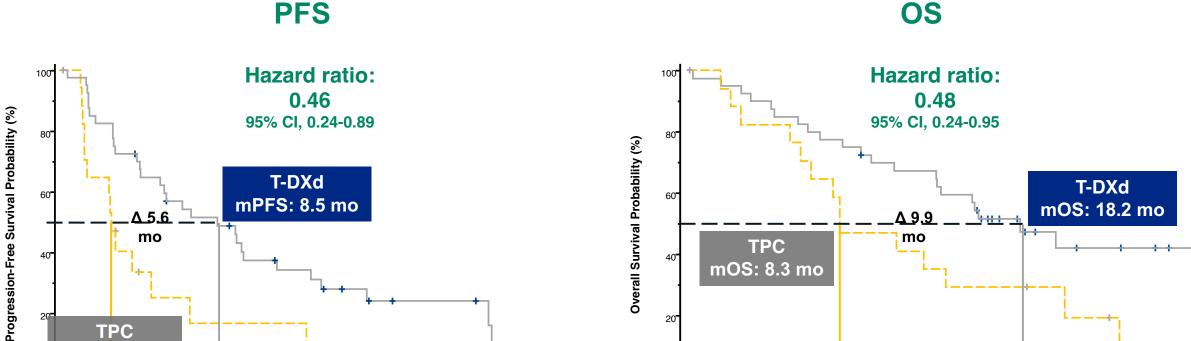
\*Investigator's choice of capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, paclitaxel, or nab-paclitaxel.

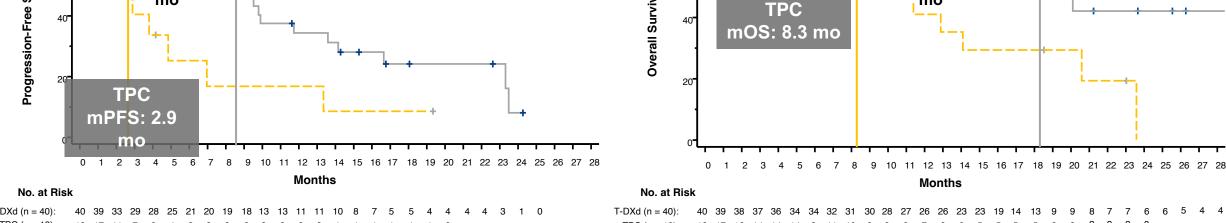
- Primary endpoints: PFS per BICR
- Secondary endpoints: OS, DoR, ORR, PFS per investigator

BOR: best overall response; ECOG PS: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LHRH: luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone; TTD: time to deterioration.



### PFS and OS in HR- (Exploratory Endpoints)





HR: hormone receptor; mOS: median overall survival; mPFS: median progression-free survival; OS: overall survival; PFS: progression-free survival; T-DXd: trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC: treatment of physician's choice.

For efficacy in the hormone receptor–negative cohort, hormone receptor status is based on data from the electronic data capture corrected for misstratification.

### ASCENT vs DESTINY-Breast04 mTNBC Subset: efficacy overview

- Sacituzumab has demonstrated efficacy in the ITT population of patients with mTNBC in a dedicated phase 3 study regardless of HER2- status<sup>1,3</sup>
- T-DXd has shown preliminary efficacy data in a small subset of patients with mTNBC in an exploratory analysis of 58 patients<sup>2</sup>
- Due of differences in patient populations, direct comparisons between any of the study endpoints cannot be made

		ASCENT	DESTINY-Breast04
	Population size	Patients with mTNBC: N=529 <sup>1</sup> Of patients with centrally assessed HER2 status <sup>3</sup> HER2-IHC 0 = 70% (293/416), 149 treated with SG HER2-low = 30% (123/416), 63 treated with SG	Patients with mTNBC (n=58; 40 treated with T-DXd); subset of study population of patients with HER2-low disease (N=557) <sup>2</sup>
12	Statistical considerations	Efficacy in patients with mTNBC is the primary endpoint of the study <sup>1</sup>	Efficacy in patients with mTNBC is an exploratory endpoint <sup>4</sup>
	Efficacy	Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in PFS, OS, and ORR with SG versus TPC regardless of HER2-negative subtype <sup>3</sup>	Numerical improvements in PFS, <sup>2</sup> OS, <sup>2</sup> and ORR <sup>2</sup> with T-DXd versus TPC
<b>(+)</b>	Implications for mTNBC treatment	SG has demonstrated efficacy in all mTNBC patients including those with HER2-low and those with HER2-IHC 0 disease <sup>3</sup>	T-DXd has demonstrated efficacy only in patients with HER2-low <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Bardia A, et al. N Engl J Med 2021

Modi S, et al. 2022;

<sup>3.</sup> Hurvitz SA, et al. ES*N Engl J Med* MO Breast 2022

<sup>4.</sup> Modi S, et al. ASCO 2022

### **Approach to metastatic TNBC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Line 1<sup>st</sup> Line 3<sup>rd</sup> Line + Sacituzumab govitecan PD-L1+: **Chemotherapy + Pembrolizumab** Trastuzumab deruxtecan if HER2-low PD-L1-: Chemotherapy (Taxane Chemotherapy: Eribulin, Capecitabine, Gemcitabine, Navelbine... or Platinum) BRCA mutation or germline PALB2 mutatiom: Olaparib or Talazoparib High TMB, MSI-H: Pembrolizumab

# Conclusions: early stage TNBC

- TNBC has a higher risk of recurrence and poorer prognosis than other breast cancer subtypes
- Neoadjuvant checkpoint inhibition with chemotherapy is standard of care for stage 2 and 3 TNBC
- Given potential long-term toxicities, need to develop biomarker predictors of benefit to help to identify patients who can avoid checkpoint inhibitors and be treated with chemotherapy alone
- For residual disease, adding capecitabine or olaparib improves outcomes





# Conclusions: metastatic TNBC

- Biomarker information is needed to determine therapy recommendations in TNBC: PDL1, BRCA and PALB2 mutations, HER2-low, Tumor Mutation Burden/MSI
- First-line therapy with chemotherapy + pembrolizumab is standard of care for PDL1+ mTNBC
- ADCs currently are the standard of care for second-line therapy
  - TNBC with HER2-low: slight preference for sacituzumab govitecan over trastuzumab deruxtecan given robust phase 3 data



