



# HER2-Positive Breast Cancer Updates

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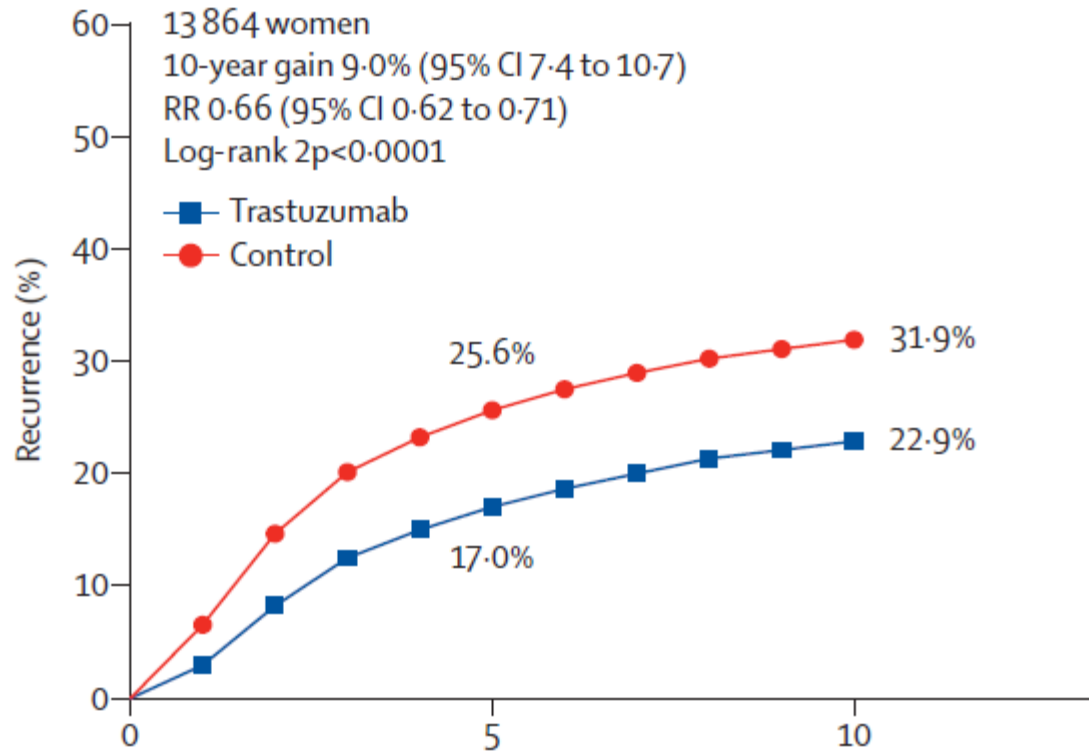
Tailoring of treatment  
(early stage)

Expansion of HER2 targeted  
therapies

Continued development of new  
treatments in advanced setting

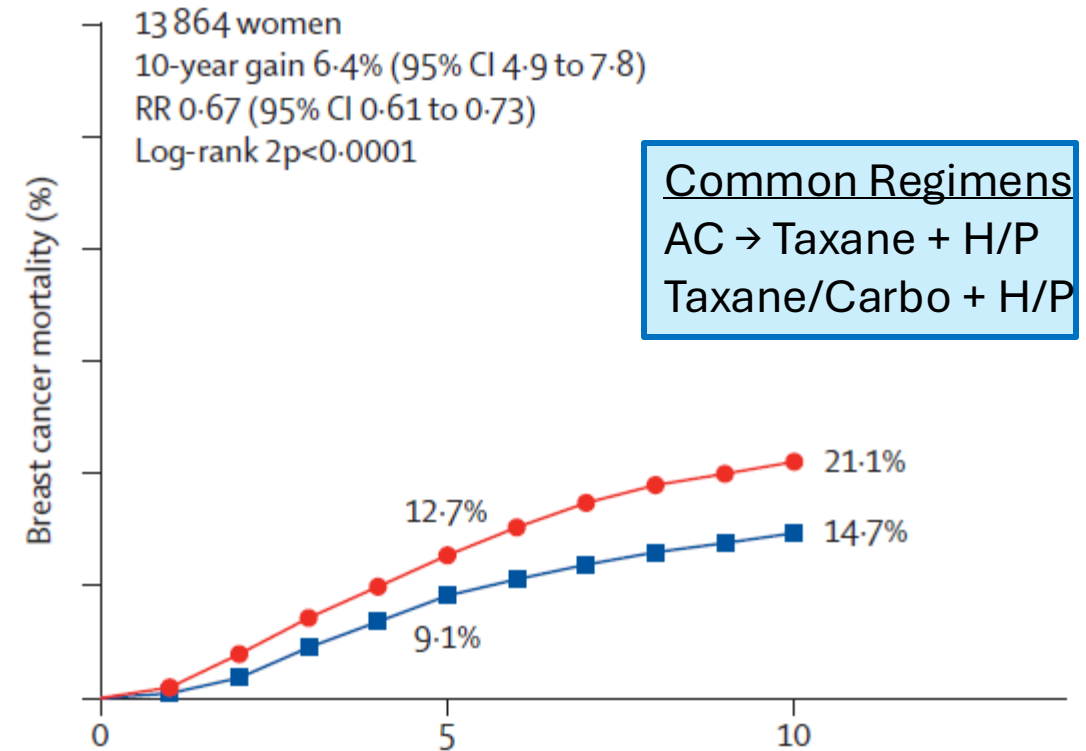
Brain mets:  
How to cross the  
Blood-Brain Barrier

# Adjuvant Trastuzumab Benefit: Oxford Overview Analysis



Recurrence rates per year (% [events/woman-years]) and log-rank analyses

	Years 0-4	Years 5-9	Years ≥10
Trastuzumab	4.10 (1469/35 853)	1.53 (422/27 648)	0.95 (75/7858)
Control	6.24 (1385/22 180)	1.87 (291/15 601)	1.12 (43/3835)
Rate ratio (95% CI)	0.62 (0.58-0.66)	0.83 (0.72-0.95)	0.91 (0.63-1.31)
from (O-E)/N	-284.0/591.3	-29.6/154.9	-2.5/25.3



**Common Regimens**  
 AC → Taxane + H/P  
 Taxane/Carbo + H/P

Death rates per year (%; 95% CI) and log-rank analyses

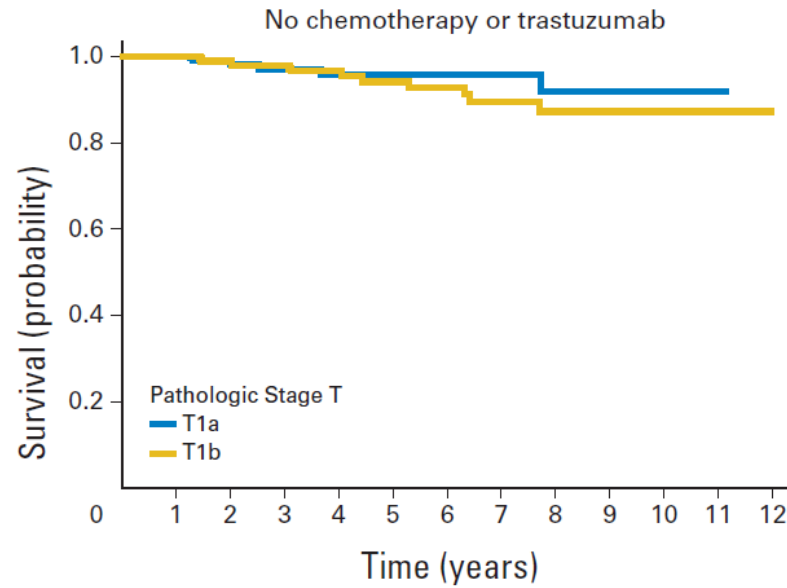
	Years 0-4	Years 5-9	Years ≥10
Trastuzumab	1.99 (1.85-2.13)	1.38 (1.25-1.51)	0.75 (0.57-0.93)
Control	2.73 (2.53-2.94)	2.18 (1.97-2.40)	1.15 (0.83-1.46)
Rate ratio (95% CI)	0.70 (0.63-0.76)	0.63 (0.56-0.70)	0.64 (0.47-0.88)
from (O-E)/N	-113.6/312.9	-84.2/179.8	-10.9/24.6

# Low-Risk HER2+ Breast Cancer Outcomes Data from NCCN

## The Dilemma of Studying Treatment Impact of Low-Risk Breast Cancer

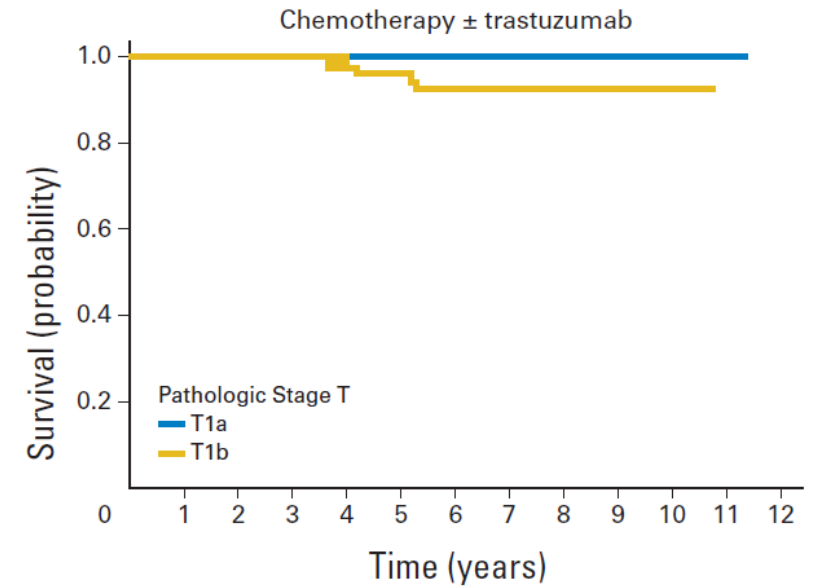
## Retrospective Data Allows For Modeling of Single-Arm Studies

HER+  
HR+



No. at risk  
T1a  
T1b

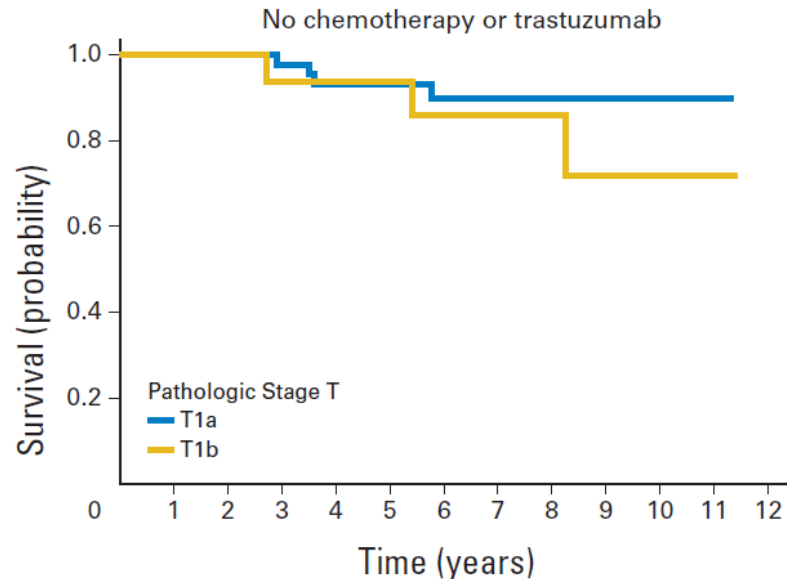
T1a	102	-	97	84	70	52	43	30	21	15	6	3	0
T1b	89	-	86	85	79	72	58	48	34	22	14	8	1



No. at risk  
T1a  
T1b

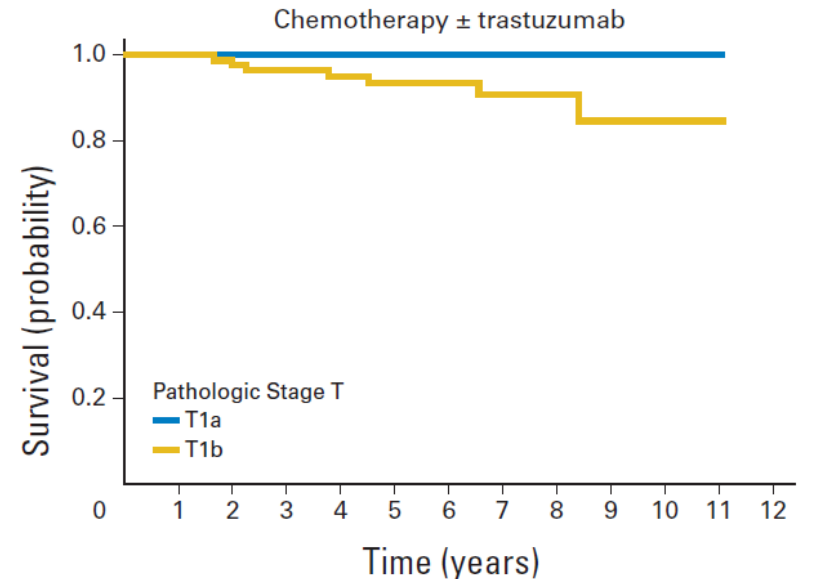
T1a	33	-	31	23	17	13	6	5	4	2	-	1	0
T1b	110	-	106	90	72	53	38	27	18	11	8	0	-

HER+  
HR-



No. at risk  
T1a  
T1b

T1a	49	-	47	45	38	33	23	17	9	8	4	1	0
T1b	17	-	-	15	14	13	11	9	6	4	2	1	0

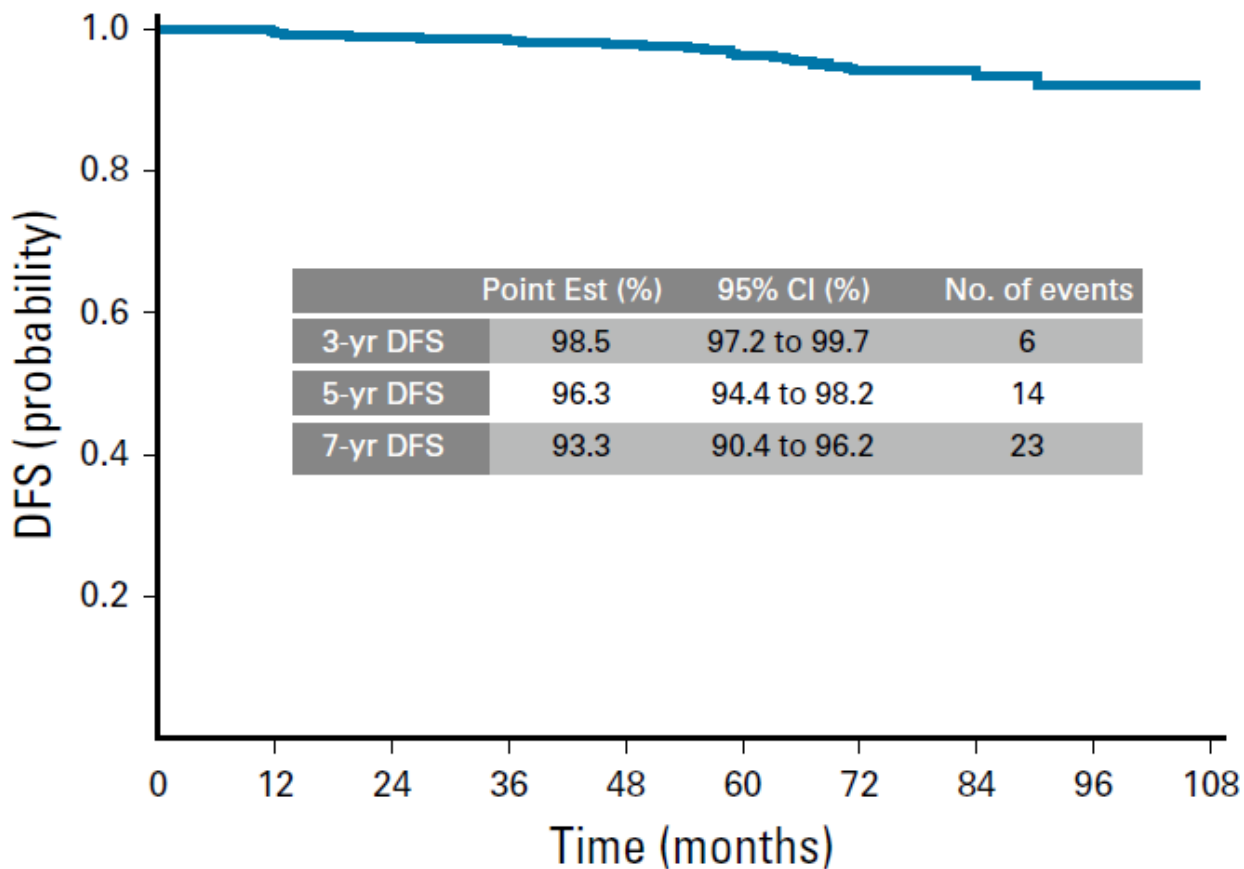


No. at risk  
T1a  
T1b

T1a	32	-	31	27	23	17	12	7	5	4	1	-	0
T1b	88	-	83	74	62	50	37	31	17	7	4	1	0

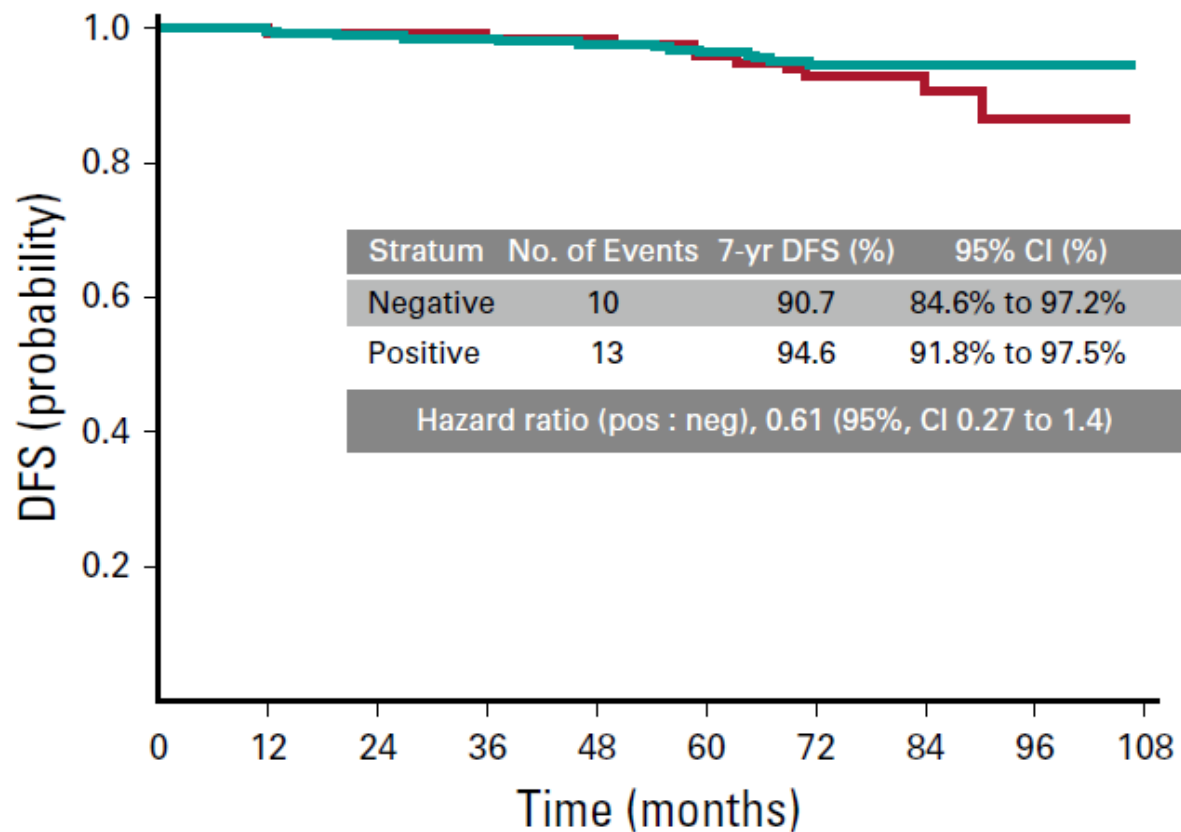
# APT Trial for 1-3 cm/Node-Negative HER2+ Breast Cancer

## Single-Arm Trial: Weekly Paclitaxel x 12 + Trastuzumab x 1 Year Total



No. at risk:

	406	388	385	378	362	347	247	120	34	0
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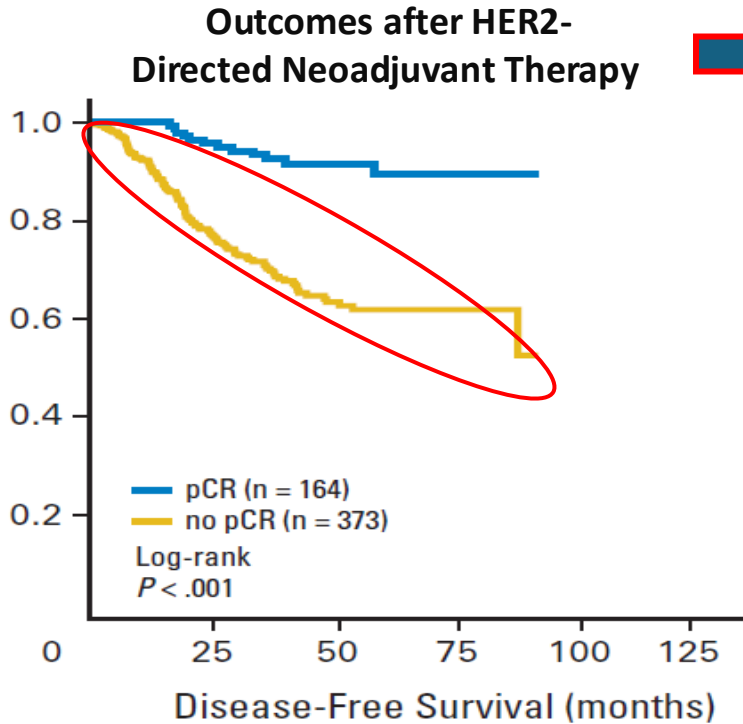


No. at risk:

	Neg	134	126	126	123	119	111	73	43	10	0
	Pos	272	262	259	255	243	236	174	77	24	0

# Pathological Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy

## Rationale of down-tailoring

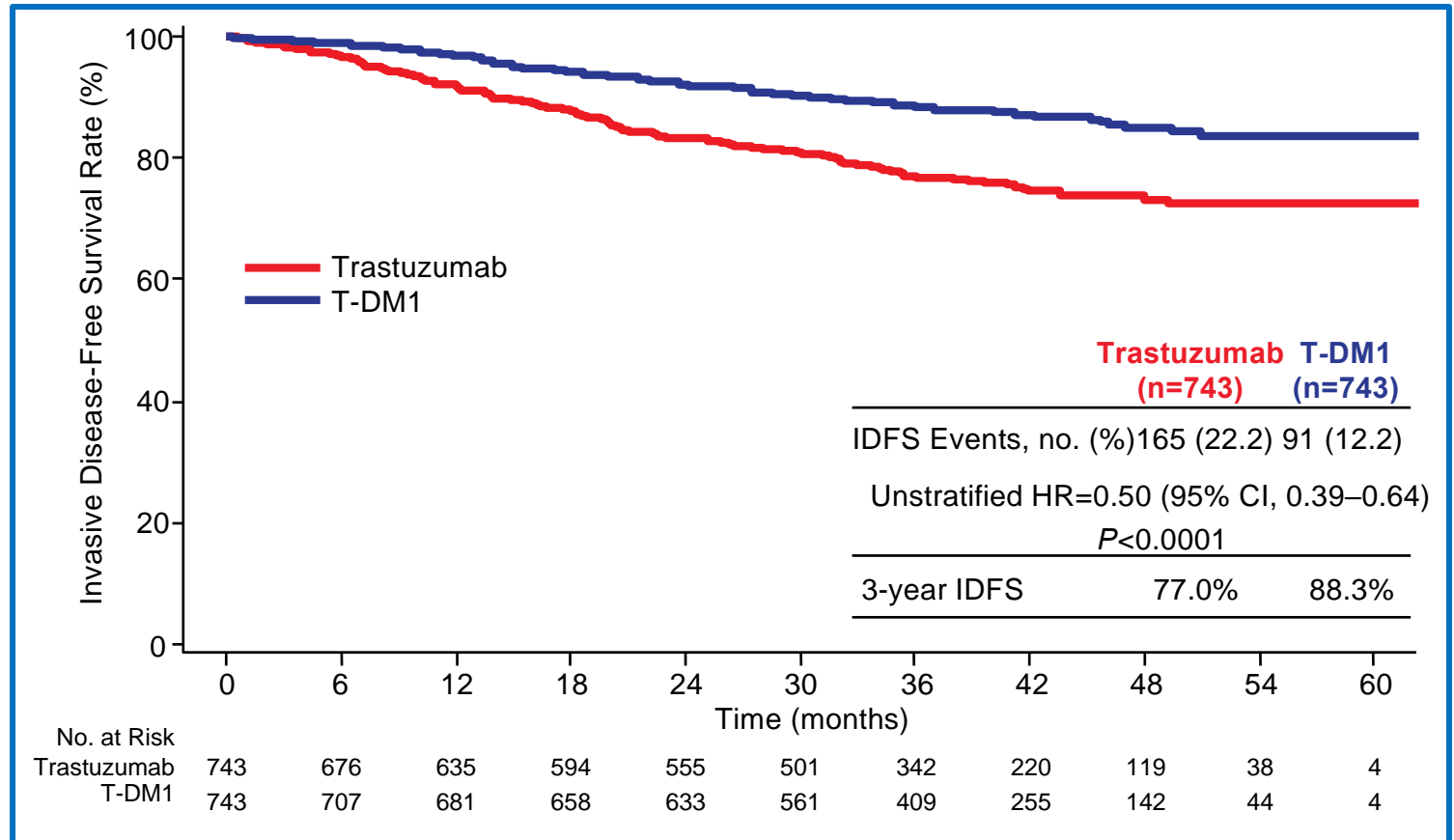
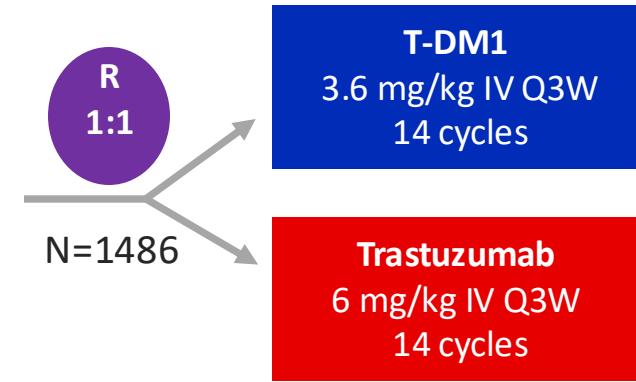


von Minckwitz G, et al. J Clin Oncol 2012

Led to pathological response-adapted trial  
cT1c-4/N0-3 HER2+ (central review)  
6+ cycles chemo,  
9+ weeks trastuzumab

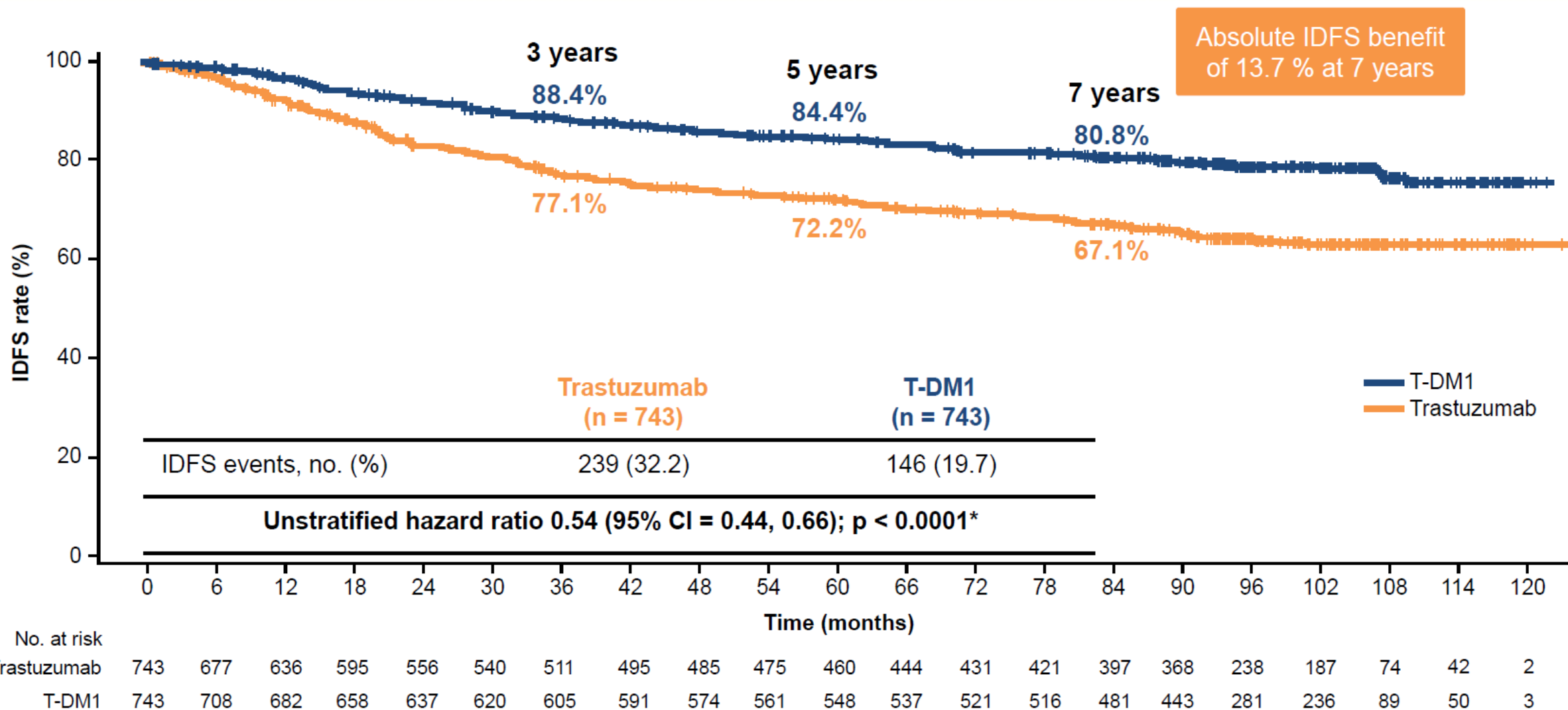


### KATHERINE Trial



von Minckwitz G et al. NEJM 2018.

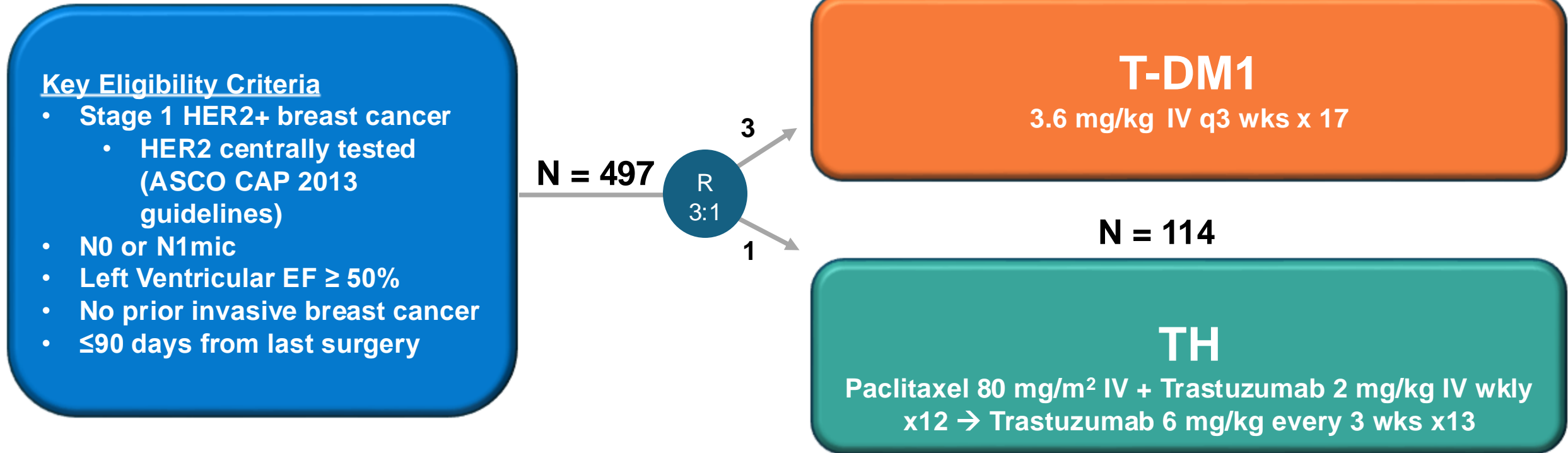
# KATHERINE IDFS final analysis; median follow-up 8.4 years (101 months)



\* p-value for IDFS is now exploratory given the statistical significance was established at the primary analysis.  
 CI, confidence interval; IDFS, invasive disease-free survival; T-DM1, ado-trastuzumab emtansine.

# Study Design: ATEMPT Trial

Designed and Powered to Compare Toxicities and Estimate (Not Compare) Disease-Free Survival



## Stratification factors:

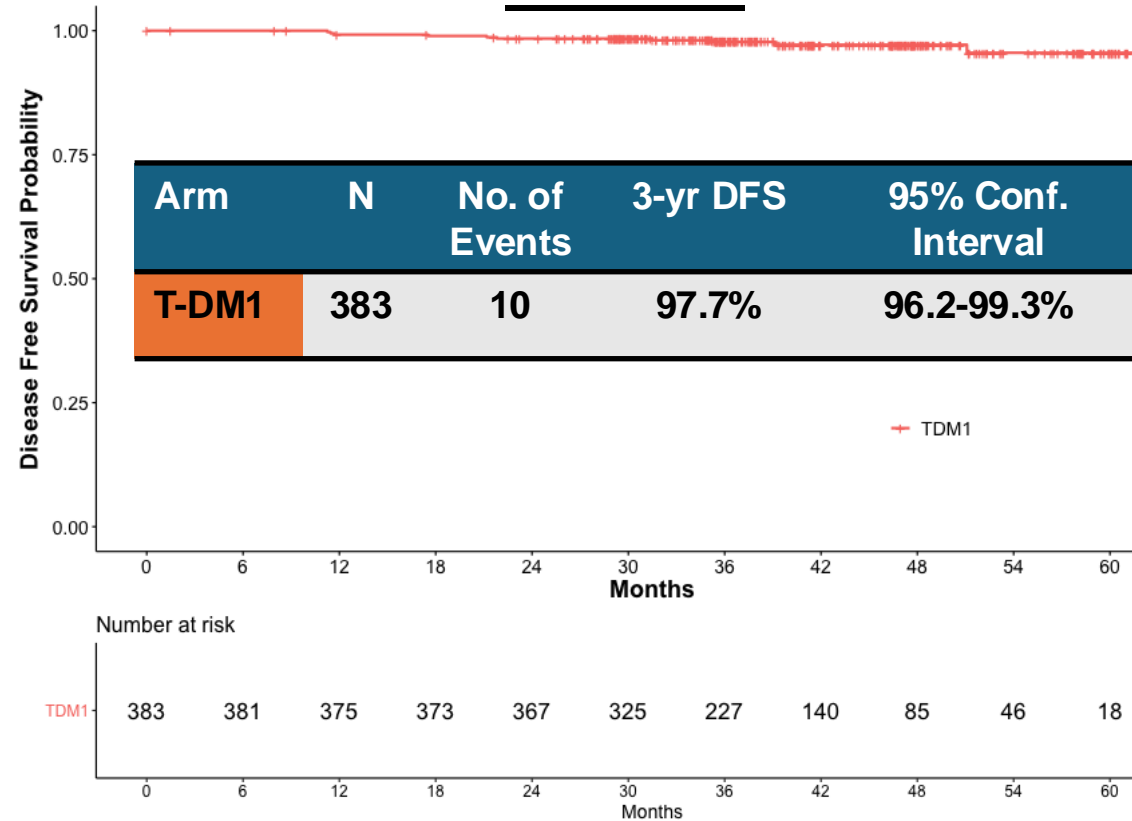
- Age (<55,  $\geq$ 55)
- Planned radiation (Yes/No)
- Planned hormonal therapy (Yes/No)

\*Radiation and endocrine therapy could be initiated after 12 weeks on study therapy

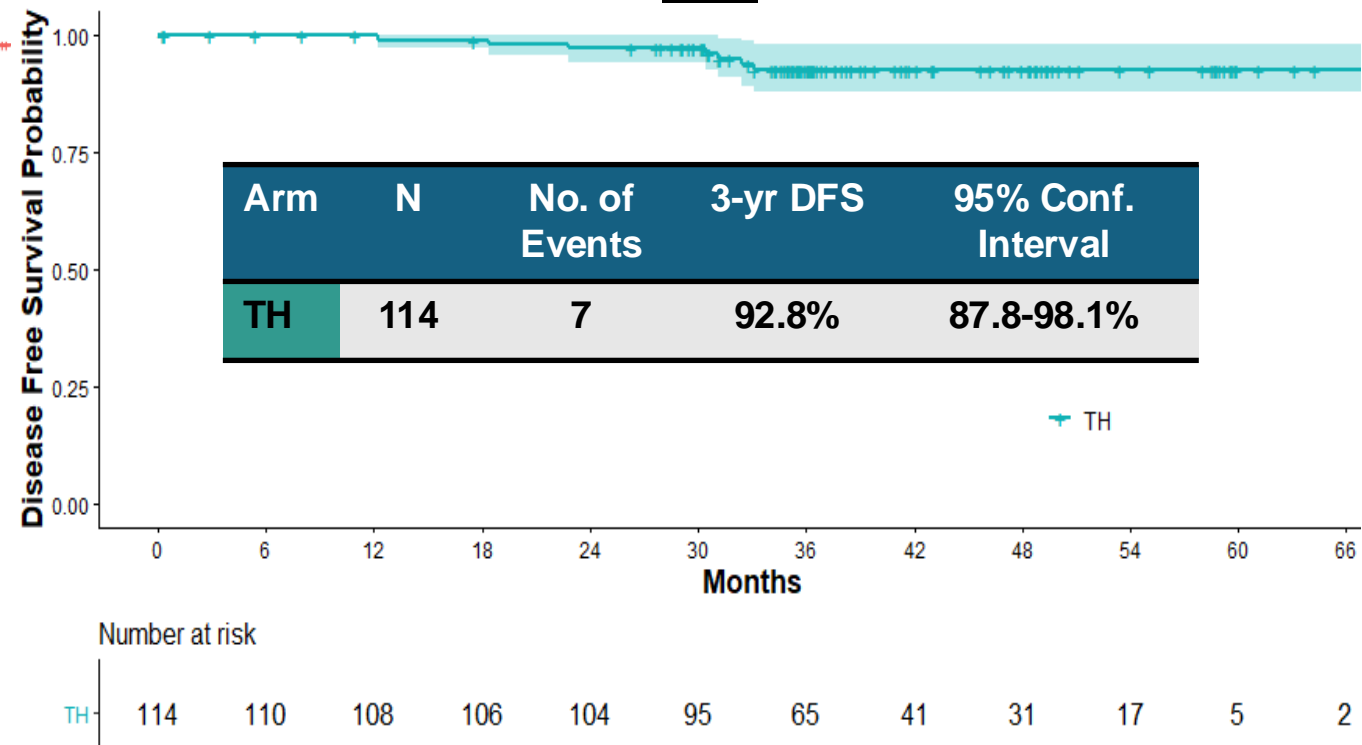


# Disease-Free Survival: ATEMPT

## T-DM1

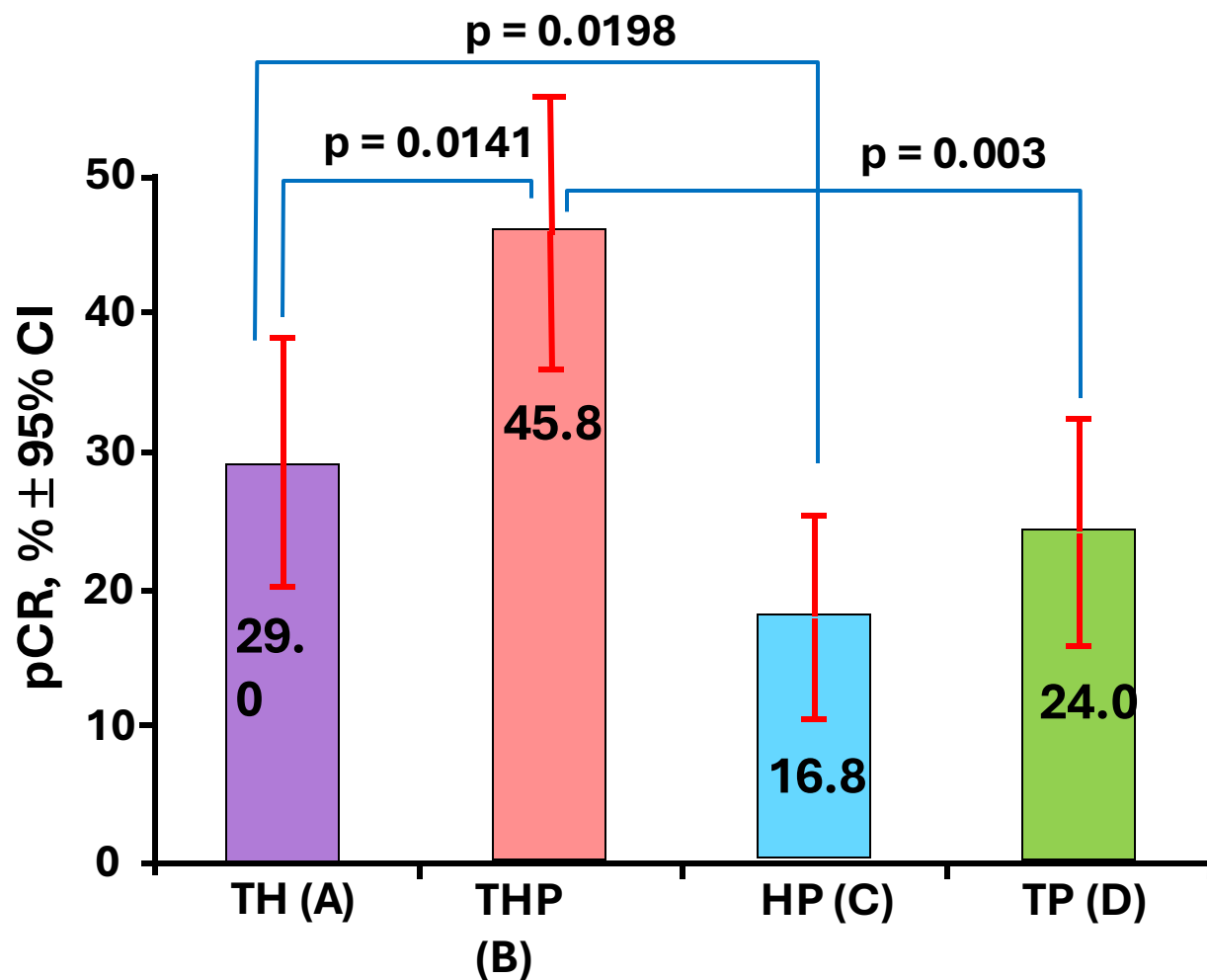


## TH

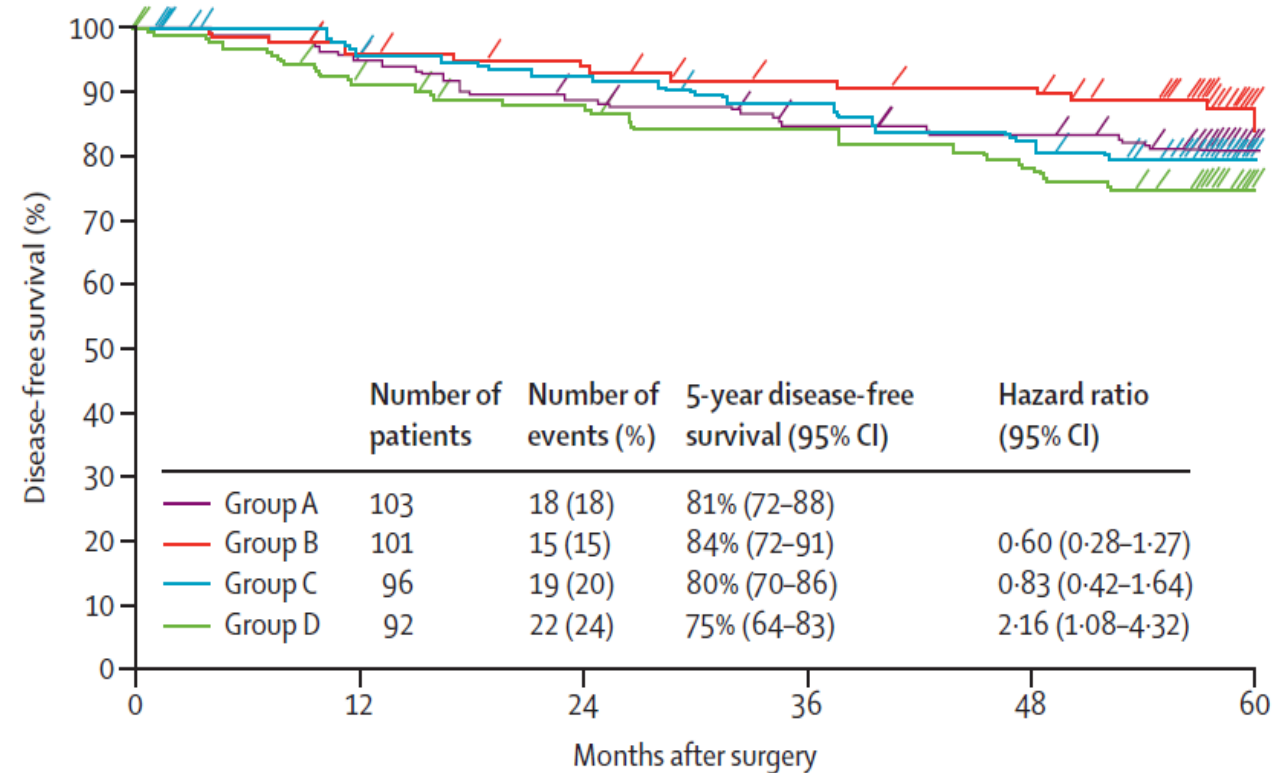


	Arm 1: T-DM1 (n = 383)	Arm 2: TH (n = 114)
<b>Symptomatic Congestive Heart Failure</b>	<b>3 (0.8%)</b>	<b>1 (0.9%)</b>
<b>Asymptomatic declines in LVEF (<math>\geq 15\%</math>)</b>	<b>5 (1.3%)</b>	<b>7 (6.1%)</b>

# NeoSphere Trial: Neoadjuvant Docetaxel, Pertuzumab and Trastuzumab pCR Rates in Different Combinations - ITT Population Summary

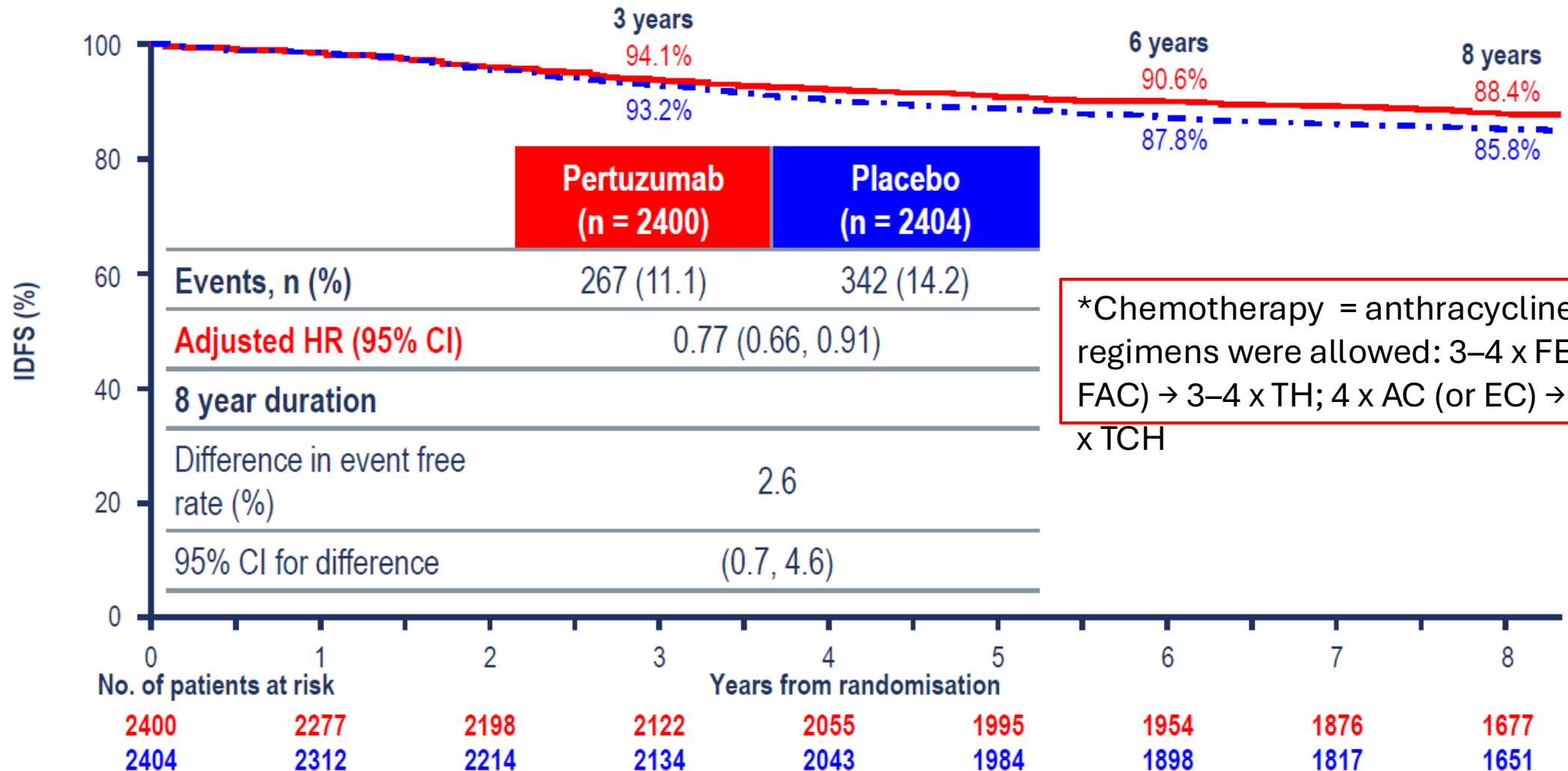


H, trastuzumab; P, pertuzumab; T, docetaxel



**Led to accelerated FDA approval of docetaxel, trastuzumab and pertuzumab for stage II/III HER2+ breast cancer**

# APHINITY Trial: Phase III Trial of Adjuvant Chemotherapy\* with Trastuzumab +/- Pertuzumab x 1 Year (Concurrent and Maintenance) – 8.4 Year F/U



\*Chemotherapy = anthracycline/(TCH) regimens were allowed: 3–4 x FEC (or FAC) → 3–4 x TH; 4 x AC (or EC) → 4 x TH; 6 x TCH

# Summary: Adaptive Therapy (Escalation and De-escalation) in HER2+ Early Stage Breast Cancer

**Adjuvant (up front Surgery)**  
(best for cT1+/N1+)

**Neoadjuvant**  
(best for cT2+/N1+)

**Node Negative </= 2cm**

**> 2cm or Node+**

Paclitaxel +  
Trastuzumab  
  
Consider TCH or  
for larger node-  
negative

Chemotherapy +  
Trastuzumab +  
Pertuzumab

Chemotherapy + Trastuzumab  
+ Pertuzumab

Surgery

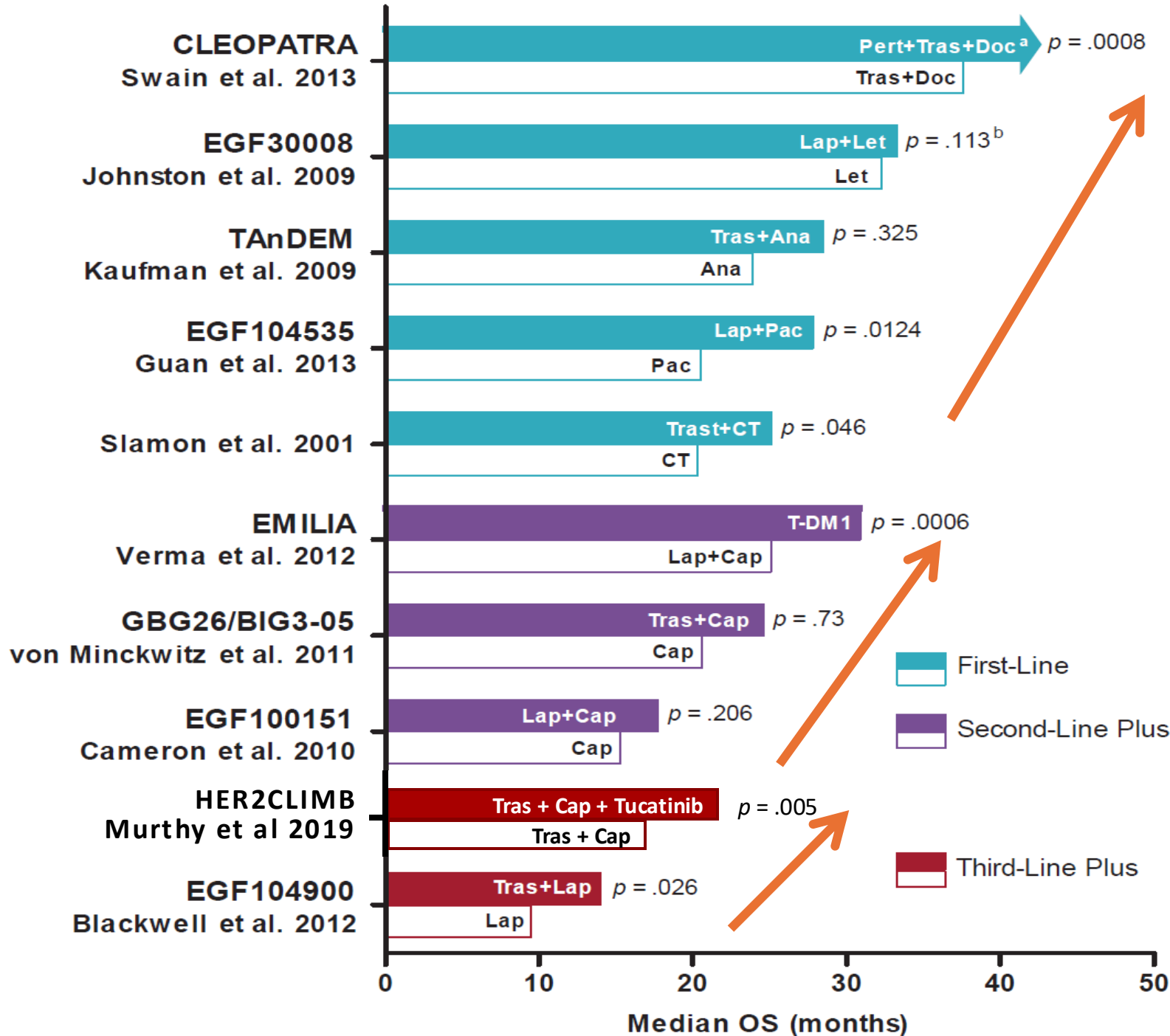
PCR

No PCR

Trastuzumab +/- Pertuzumab  
To complete 1 year  
TP for bulkier disease at presentation

TDM-1 every  
3 weeks x 14

Neratinib for Higher Risk, HR+



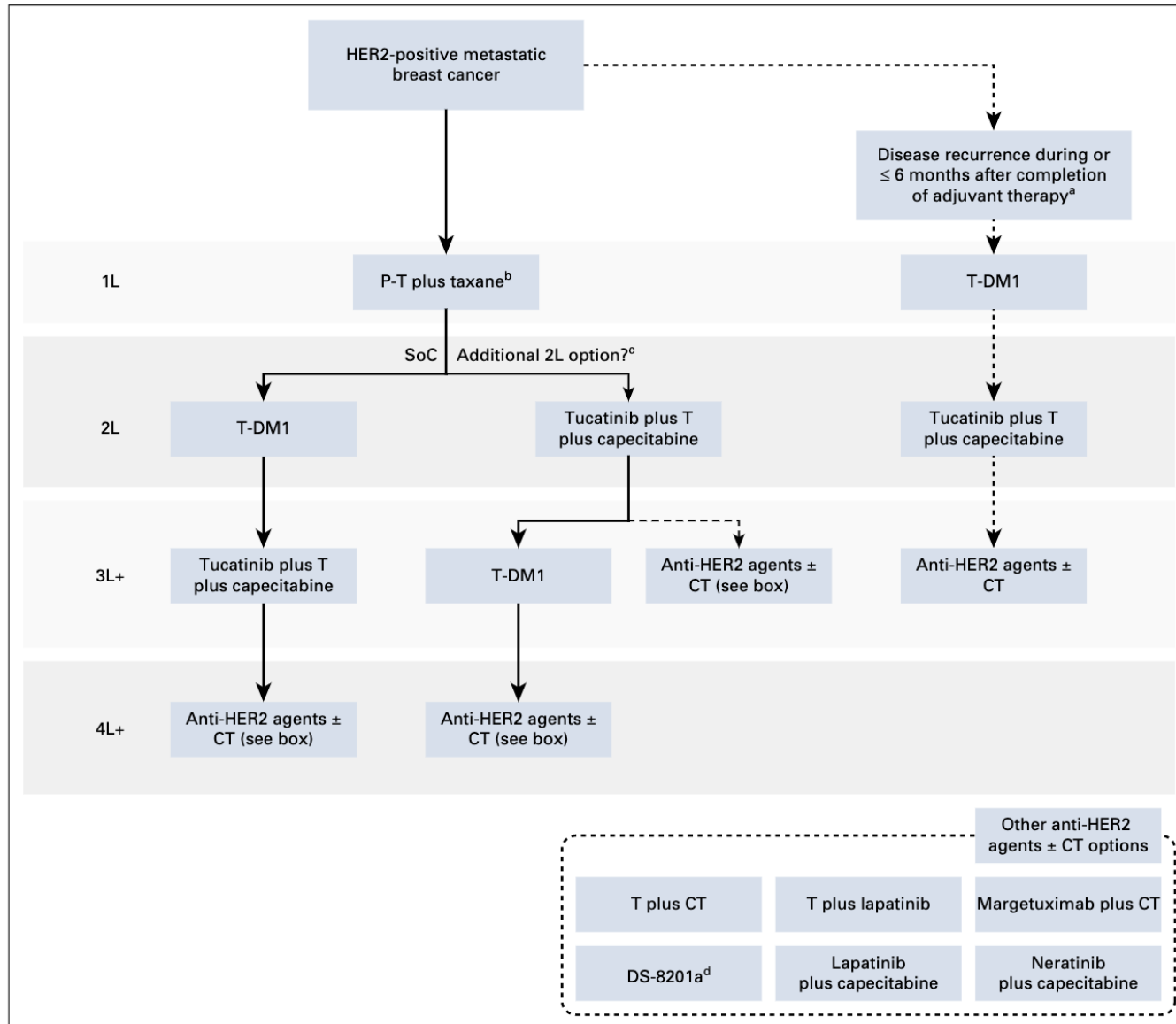
**HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer:**

**Serial Improvements in Survival with Newer Agents and Combinations**

**BUT... Rare “Cures”**

# Current recommended mHER2 therapy – in 2022

Martínez-Sáez and Prat



- But, also dependent on the changes in NAT and AT
- Novel combination with other ADC
- ADC/Ab + TKI still in question
- Combination with immunotherapy has not shown clear benefit

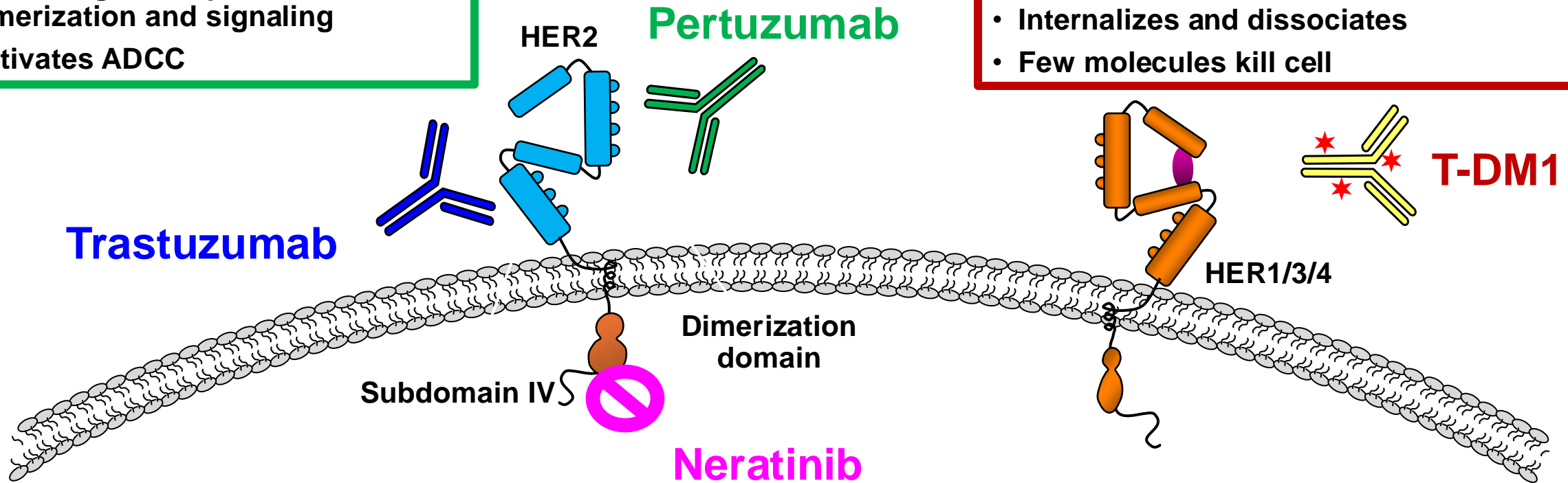
# Trastuzumab, Pertuzumab, Neratinib and T-DM1: Complementary Mechanisms

## Pertuzumab:

- Inhibits ligand-dependent HER2 dimerization and signaling
- Activates ADCC

## T-DM1:

- Immunoconjugate with emtansine
- Internalizes and dissociates
- Few molecules kill cell



## Trastuzumab:

- Inhibits ligand-independent HER2 signaling
- Activates ADCC
- Prevents HER2 ECD shedding

## Lapatinib, Neratinib:

- Inhibit intracellular kinase domain of HER2, HER1 (EGFR)

# Landscape of HER2 Targeted Therapies and Emerging New Agents

## Monoclonal Antibodies

- **Trastuzumab**
- **Pertuzumab**
- **Margetuximab**
- **Patritumumab**

## Bispecific Antibodies

- **Zanidatamab (ZW25)**
- **Zenocutuzumab (MCLA 128)**
- **GBR 1302 (HER2xCD3)**

## Immunological Combinations

- **Checkpoint blockade**
- **TGF- $\beta$ /PD-L1 bispecific peptide**
- **Anti-HER2/anti-CD3 bispecific Ab**

## Small Molecule Inhibitors

- **Lapatinib**
- **Neratinib (for MBC)**
- **Tucatinib**
- **Pyrotinib**
- **Pozotinib**
- **Afatinib**
- **TAS-0728**
- **ZN-A-1041**

## Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADCs)

- **T-DM1**
- **Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS 8201a)**
- **ARX788**
- **PF-06804103**
- **A166**
- **MEDI-4276**

## Other Receptor Pathway Mediators

- **IGF-IR**
- **PI3K**
- **mTOR**
- **HSP90**
- **HDAC**
- **CDK 4/6**
- **PARP/DNA Repair**

## HER2-Targeted Combinations

- **Immunoconjugates + TKIs**

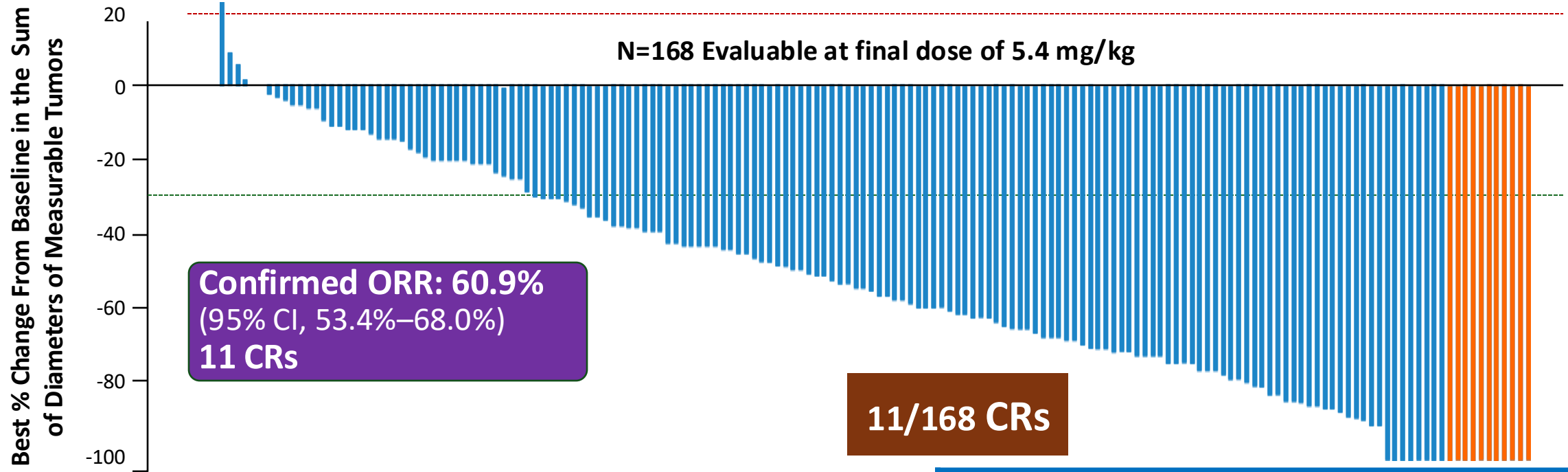
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 **Approved since 2019**

 **Investigational**



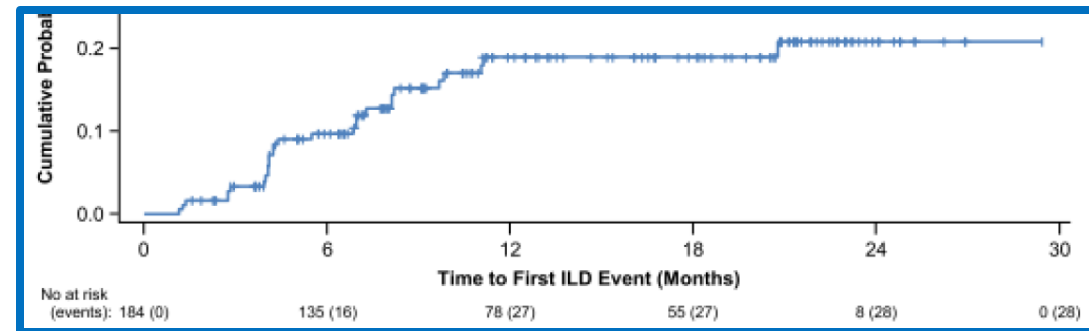
# DESTINY-Breast01 Trial: Phase 2 Study of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd)



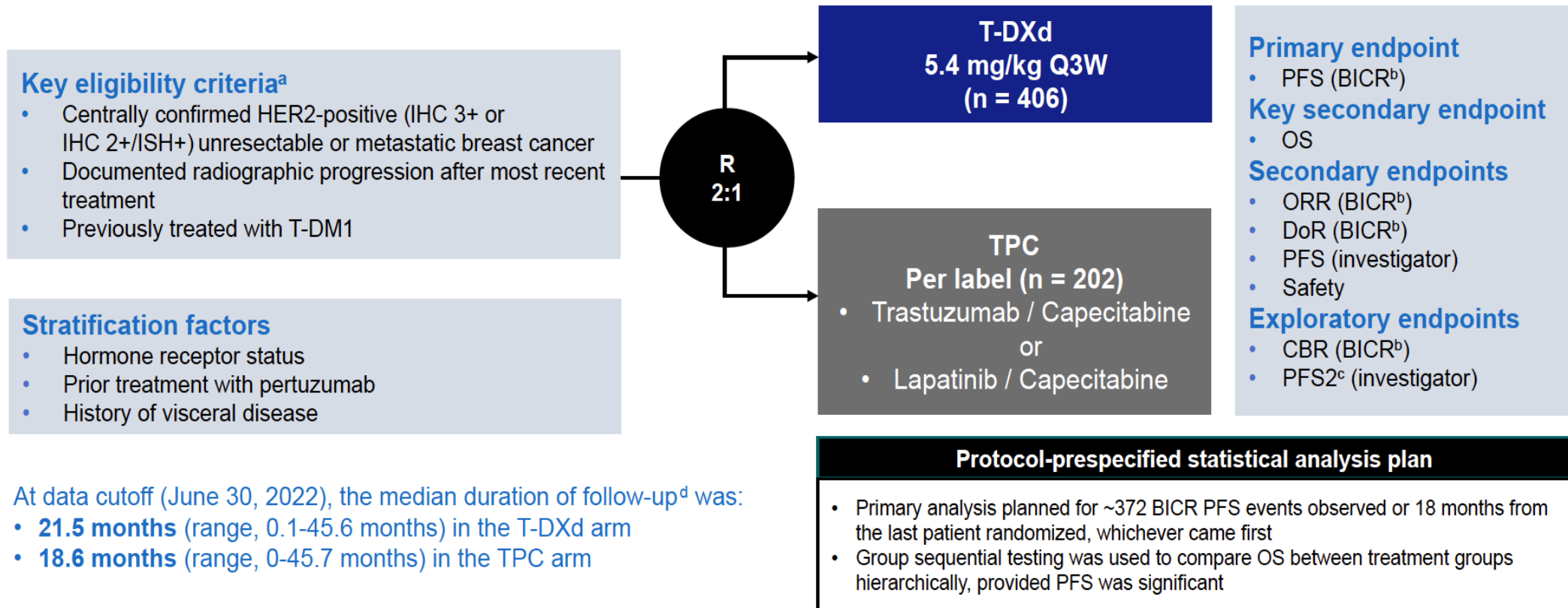
Median lines of therapy = 6 (range 2-17)	Patients, % T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg (N=184)
Trastuzumab	100
T-DM1	100
Pertuzumab	65.8
Other anti-HER2 therapies	54.3
Hormone therapy	48.9
Other systemic therapy	99.5

Interstitial Pneumonitis at 5.4 mg/kg (N=184)

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade/ Total
5 (2.7)	15 (8.2)	1 (0.5)	0	4 (2.2)	<b>25 (13.6)</b>



# DESTINY-B02: Randomized, Phase 3, open label, multicenter study

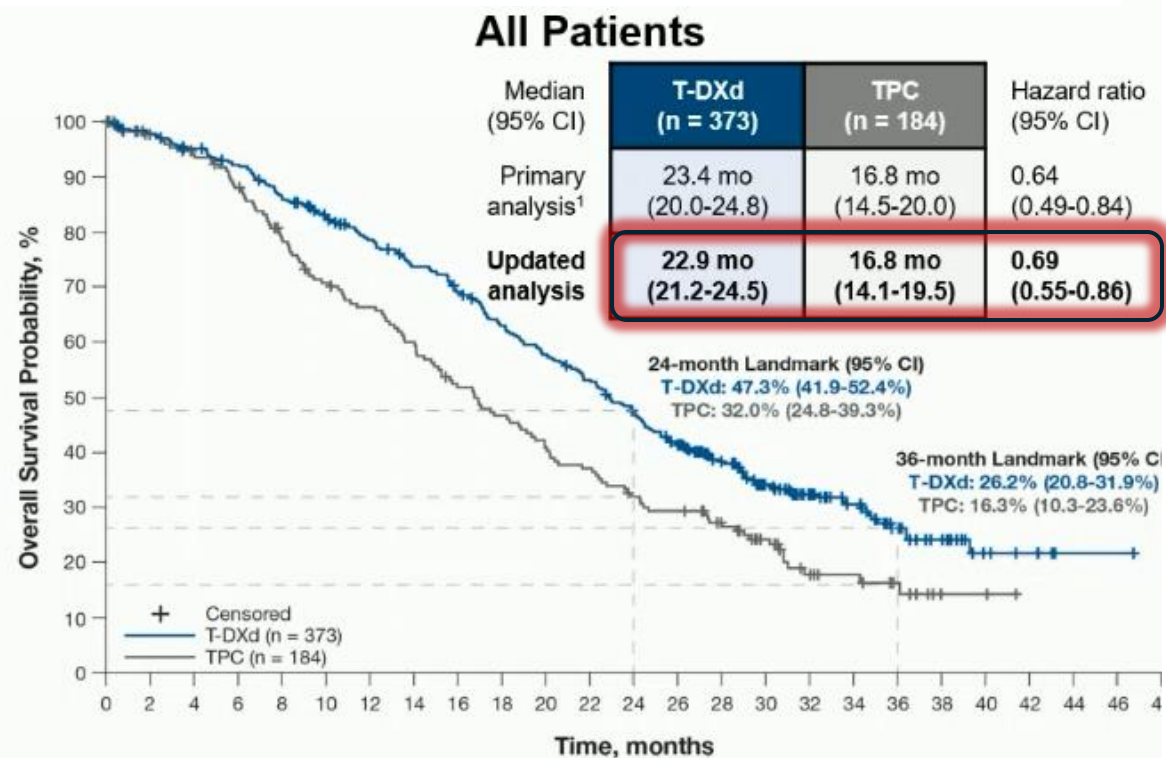
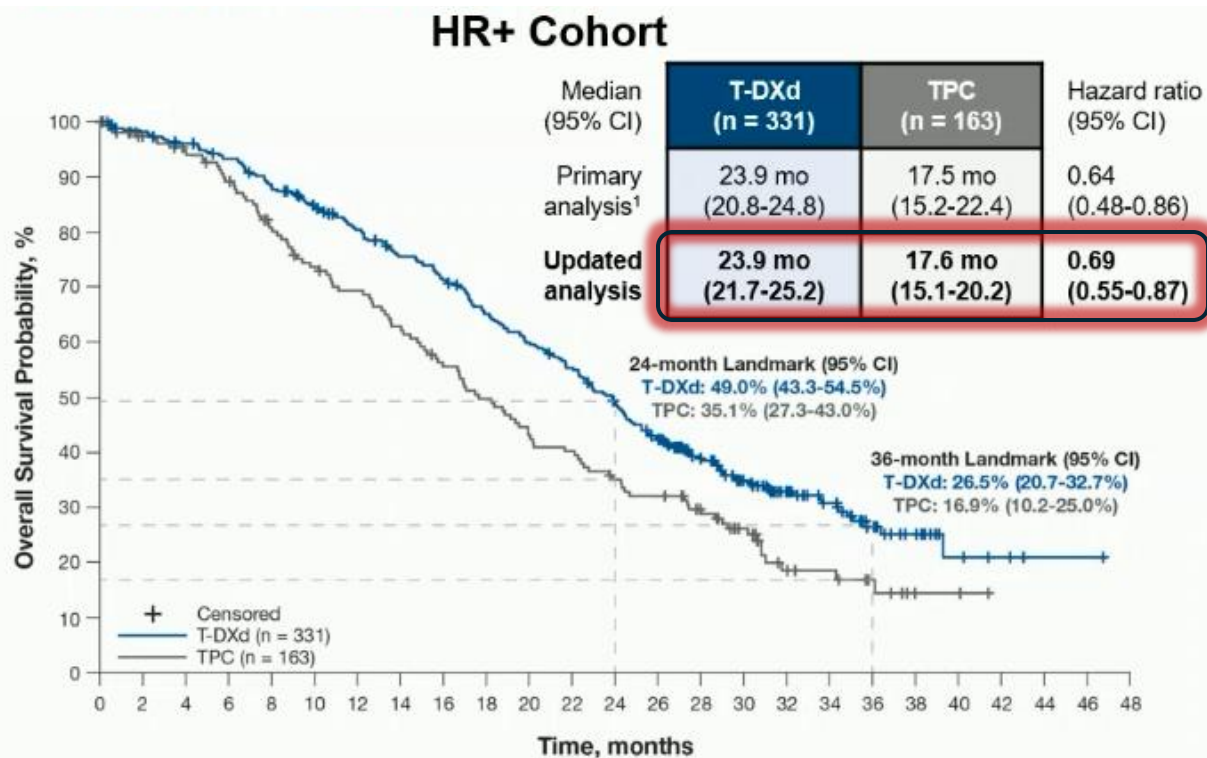


BICR, blinded independent central review; CBR, clinical benefit rate; DoR, duration of response; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mRECIST, modified Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PFS2, progression-free survival on the next line of therapy; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomization, T-DM1, trastuzumab emtansine; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

<sup>a</sup>Patients with clinically inactive brain metastases and patients with treated brain metastases that were no longer symptomatic and who require no treatment with corticosteroids or anticonvulsants could be included. <sup>b</sup>BICR assessed per mRECIST 1.1.

<sup>c</sup>PFS2 was defined as the time from date of randomization to the first documented progression on the next line of therapy or death due to any cause, whichever came first. <sup>d</sup>Duration of follow up is defined as study duration = the date last known alive minus date of randomization plus 1

# Updated OS (median 32 months) by investigator



Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 331) 331 325 323 317 313 307 302 292 284 276 267 258 250 243 233 230 226 212 199 189 183 176 168 156 147 135 124 109 94 81 72 66 54 46 42 34 23 17 14 7 5 4 3 2 1 1 0

TPC (n = 163) 163 150 144 142 138 134 129 123 114 100 103 97 96 92 87 82 76 71 66 64 59 56 50 47 43 43 42 35 31 25 10 13 11 9 7 5 2 2 1 0

Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 373) 373 366 363 355 350 342 337 325 314 306 295 285 276 269 257 254 240 231 217 206 190 191 182 168 160 148 137 122 107 94 81 76 62 52 48 39 28 21 15 11 7 6 5 3 1 1 0

TPC (n = 184) 184 170 165 160 156 152 145 137 127 119 113 107 105 100 95 85 81 76 73 69 64 59 53 49 45 45 44 37 33 27 15 15 12 10 8 5 2 2 2 1 0

- In the HR+ cohort and all patients, median OS was consistent with results from the primary analysis,<sup>1</sup> showing a 31% reduction in risk of death for patients receiving T-DXd compared with those receiving TPC

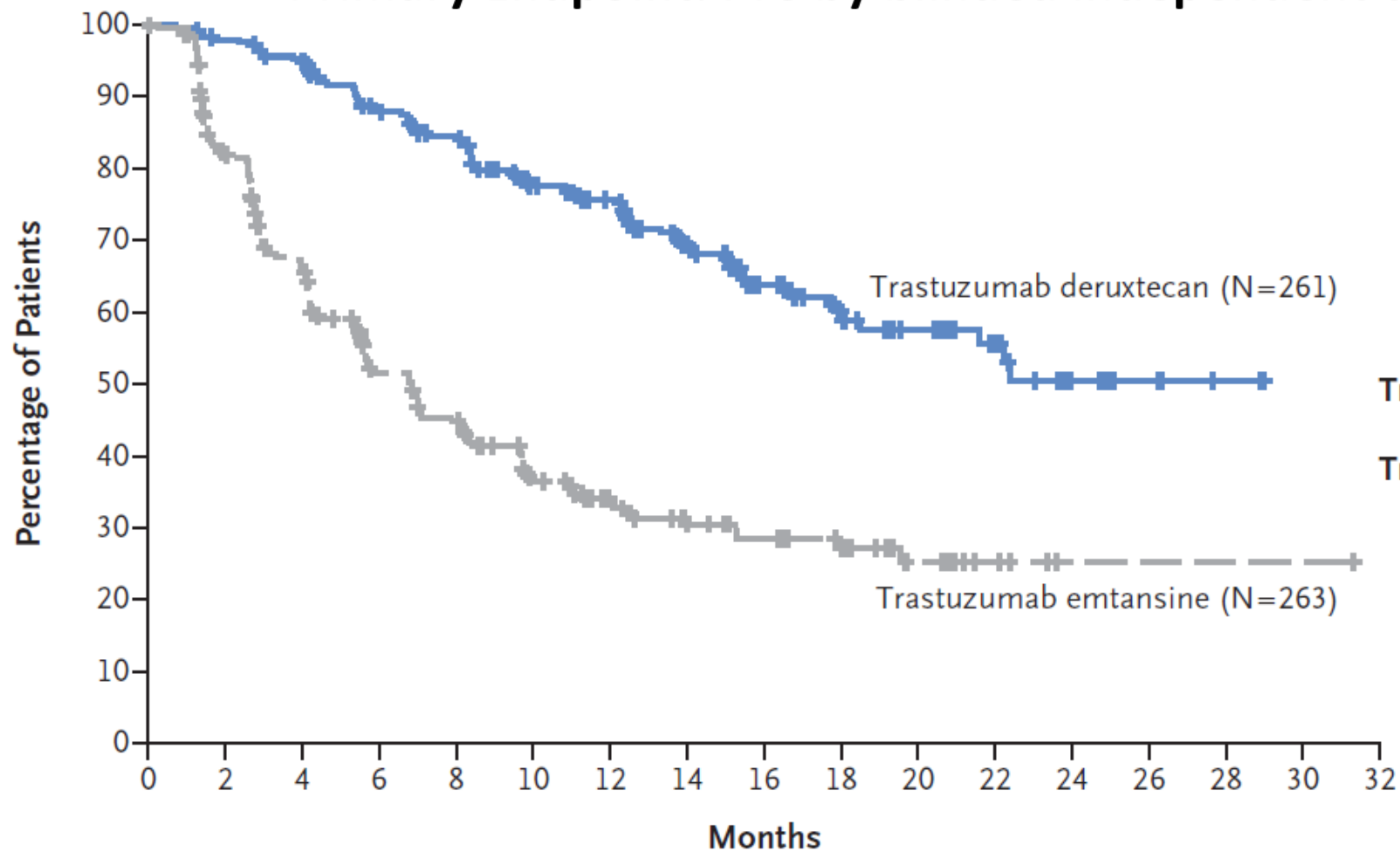
HR, hormone receptor; mo, month; OS, overall survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

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Modi S, et al. ESMO 2023

# Destiny-Breast03 Randomized trial T-DXd vs. T-DM1

## Primary Endpoint: PFS by blinded independent central review



	Median Progression-free Survival (95% CI) <i>mo</i>	12-Mo Progression-free Survival (95% CI) %
Trastuzumab Deruxtecan	NR (18.5–NE)	75.8 (69.8–80.7)
Trastuzumab Emtansine	6.8 (5.6–8.2)	34.1 (27.7–40.5)

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.28 (95% CI, 0.22–0.37)  
P<0.001

### No. at Risk

Trastuzumab deruxtecan	261	250	240	214	200	168	150	112	79	53	36	25	10	5	2		
Trastuzumab emtansine	263	200	155	108	93	65	51	37	29	21	12	6	1	1	1	1	0

# Margetuximab: Fc engineering Alters Fc Receptor Affinities

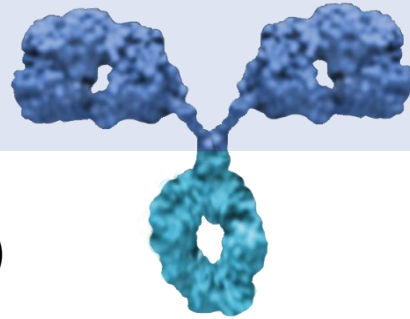
## Trastuzumab

### Fab:

- Binds HER2 with high specificity
- Disrupts signaling that drives cell proliferation and survival

### Fc:

- Wild-type immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) immune effector domains
- Binds and activates immune cells



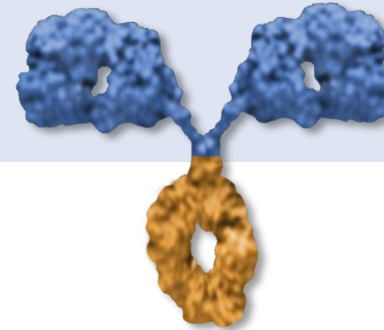
## Margetuximab<sup>1,2</sup>

### Fab:

- Same specificity and affinity
- Similarly disrupts signaling

### Fc engineering:

- **↑** Affinity for activating Fcγ RIIIA (CD16A)
- **↓** Affinity for inhibitory Fcγ RIIIB (CD32B)



## SOPHIA Study Design<sup>3</sup>

**HER2+ advanced breast cancer**

- **≥2 prior anti-HER2 therapies, including pertuzumab**
- **1-3 prior treatment lines in metastatic setting**
- **Prior brain metastasis OK if treated and stable**

**Investigator's choice of chemotherapy**  
(capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, or vinorelbine)

**1:1  
Randomization  
(N=536)**

**Arm 1**  
**Margetuximab** (15 mg/kg Q3W)  
+ **chemotherapy**  
in 3-week cycles

**Arm 2**  
**Trastuzumab**  
(8 mg/kg loading → 6 mg/kg Q3W)  
+ **chemotherapy**  
in 3-week cycles

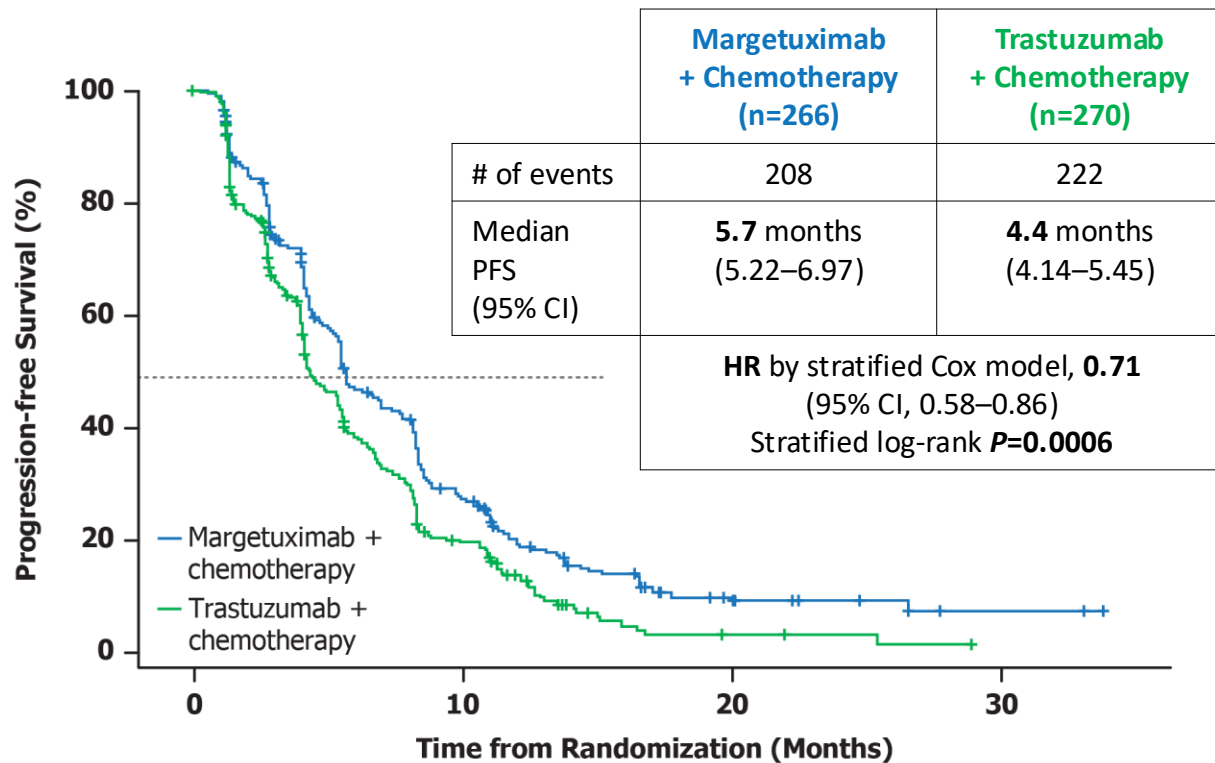
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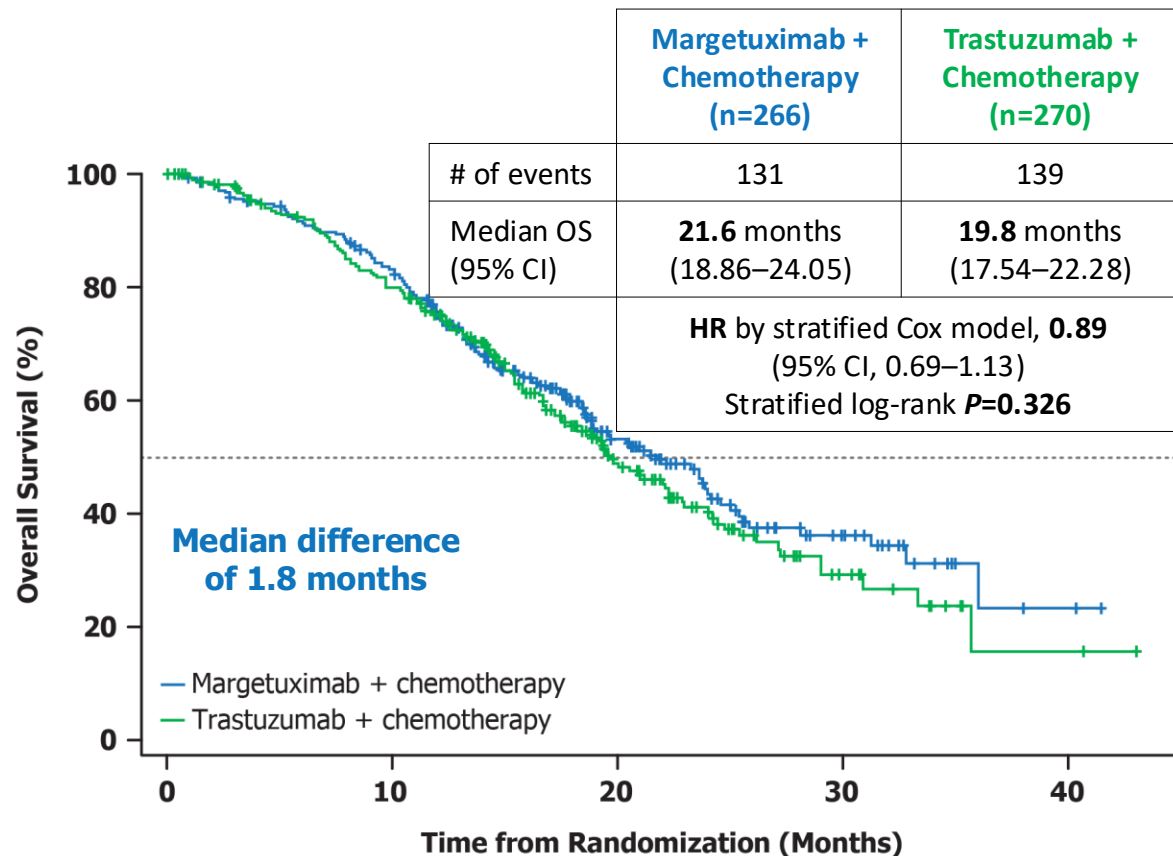
# SOPHIA Trial - ITT Population: 2nd Interim OS Analyses<sup>b</sup> (n=536)

## Investigator-Assessed PFS

**29% Risk Reduction of Disease Progression**



## OS Analysis



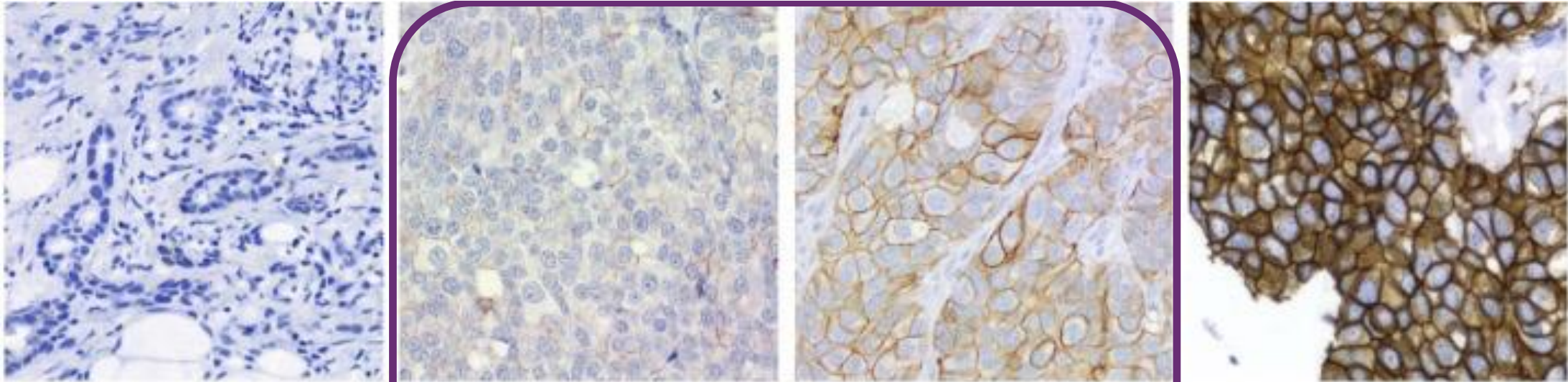
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Median follow-up: 15.6 months

<sup>b</sup>OS analysis performed as of September 10, 2019 data cutoff, after 270 (70%) of 385 events needed for final OS analysis had occurred

# Classification of HER2 in Breast Cancer



**HER2  
Score 0**

**HER2  
Score 1+**

**HER2  
Score 2+**

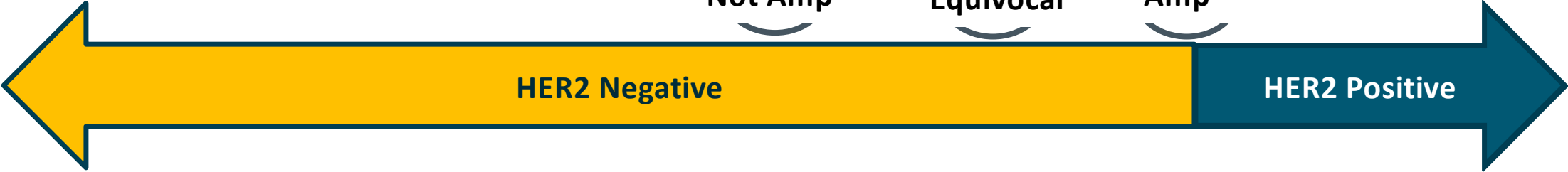
**HER2  
Score 3+**

ISH

Not Amp

Equivocal

Amp



**HER2 Negative**

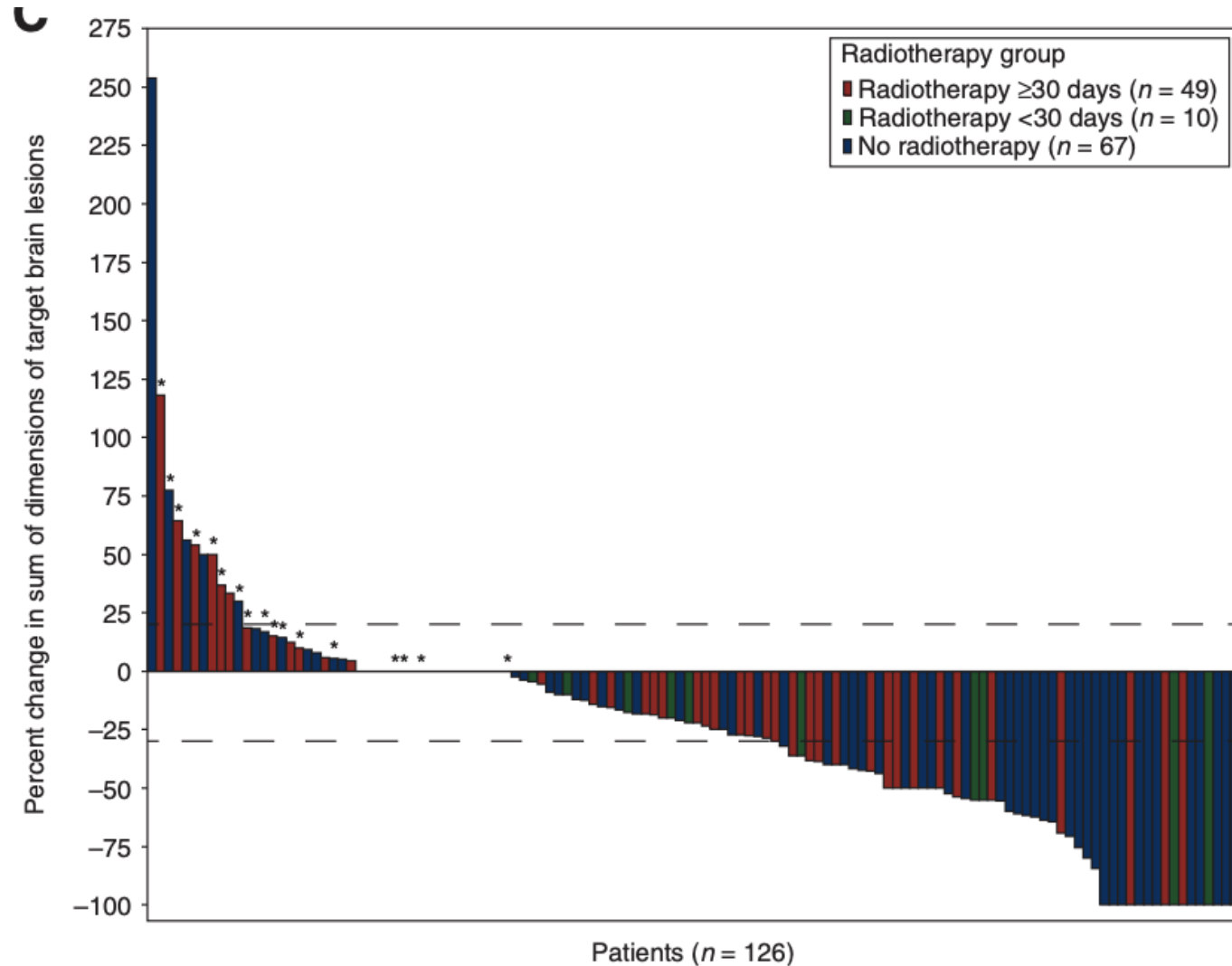
**HER2 Positive**



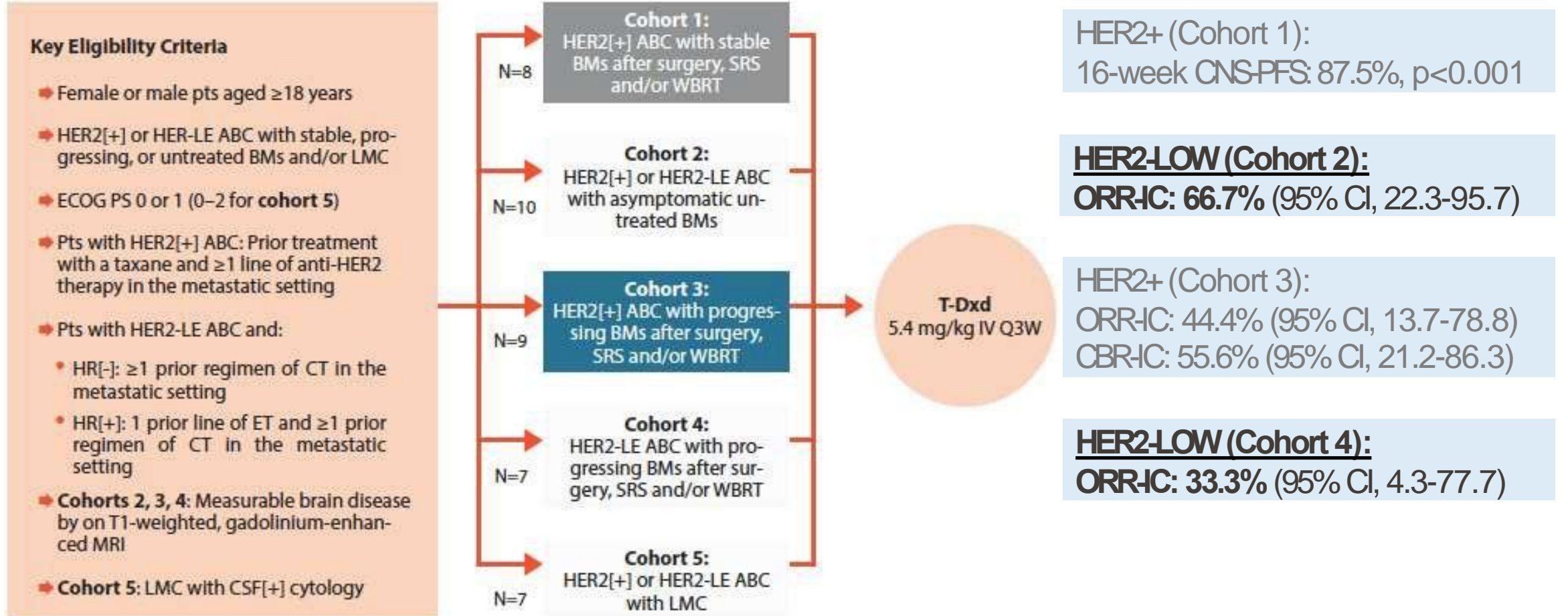


# CNS mets and T-DxD (KAMILLA)

Among 126 patients,  
ORR 21%  
median PFS 5.5 months  
median OS 18.9 months



# DEBRAH (T-DxD in CNS met patients)



# Advanced Stage/Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer

Note – tissue testing mandatory at initial recurrence and should be considered at progression if feasible

## First Line

- “De Novo”
- Recurrence after > 1 year from adjuvant trastuzumab (H, HP)



## Second Line

- <1 year from adjuvant HP/T-DM1
- Following (H/HP)



## Second/Third Line



## Fourth/Fifth Line



## Fourth/Fifth Line

Taxane + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab (HP) x 4-8, then HP maintenance until progression with best endocrine therapy for ER/PR+

Should patients have brain MRI at diagnosis regardless of symptoms?

Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan

Tucatinib, trastuzumab, capecitabine - ?preferred for CNS disease

Margetuximab + chemotherapy (capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, or vinorelbine)

Neratinib + Capecitabine

Thank you!!