HER2-low Advanced and Metastatic Breast Cancer: How Low Can You Go?

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Historically 2 Different Treatment Algorithms for MBC Based on HER2 Receptor Status^{1,2}



HER2 status in patients with breast cancer is routinely determined via IHC to evaluate HER2 protein expression levels, ISH to assess HER2 gene amplification, or combined interpretation of the IHC and ISH assays

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NSABP B-47 phase 3 trial

To understand whether HER2-blockade could also be helpful in **HER2-negative tumors with detectable HER2 expression**, a large phase 3 trial of adjuvant trastuzumab was conducted



NSABP B-47 phase 3 trial



NO BENEFIT of adjuvant trastuzumab in this population

Adapted from: Fehrenbacher L, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(5):444-453.

The "Traditional" HER2 pie chart

Given lack of benefit from trastuzumab, most breast tumors (~80-85%) have been defined **HER2-negative** for decades, despite the presence of detectable HER2 expression



HER2-targeted Agents for HER2+ Breast Cancer

Since the first approval of **trastuzumab** in 1998, **7 additional anti-HER2 agents** have been approved by the FDA and EMA for the treatment of **HER2-positive** breast cancer





FDA. Accessed March 19, 2024. https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-approval-process-drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases.

HER2-low: Distinct Entity?

- The development of **novel anti-HER2 ADCs** has recently challenged this paradigm, with **activity in tumors canonically defined HER2-negative**
- No distinct biology
- No distinct prognosis
- No distinct genomic profile



Tarantino P, et al. Expert Opin Biol Ther. 2020;20(9):1009-1024.

Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)



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



J101 Phase 1 Trial: T-DXd for HER2-low MBC

First presented at ASCO 2018, results from a Phase 1b study of **trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)** suggested activity in HER2-low BC.

Among 54 highly pre-treated (median 7.5) mBC patients with **HER2 IHC 1+ or 2+/FISH-**:

- ORR 37%, responses in IHC 1+ and 2+
- mPFS 11 months



DESTINY-Breast04 phase 3 trial: T-DXd vs chemo for HER2-low MBC



Stratification factors

- Centrally assessed HER2 status^d (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH-)
- 1 versus 2 prior lines of chemotherapy
- HR+ (with vs without prior treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitor) versus HR-

DESTINY Breast 04 Patient Characteristics

90% HR+ (n=499), 10% TNBC (n=58)

Median of 2 prior lines of ET and 1 chemo

NCT03734029. Accessed March 31, 2023. https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03734029.

I	Hormone rec	eptor–positive	All patients			
I	T-DXd	TPC	T-DXd	TPC		
	(n = 331)	(n = 163)	(n = 373)	(n = 184)		
Age, median (range), years	57 (32-80)	56 (28-80)	58 (32-80)	56 (28-80)		
Female, n (%)	329 (99)	163 (100)	371 (99)	184 (100)		
Region, n (%)						
Europe + Israel	149 (45)	73 (45)	166 (45)	85 (46)		
Asia	128 (39)	60 (37)	147 (39)	66 (36)		
North America	54 (16)	30 (18)	60 (16)	33 (18)		
HER2 status (IHC), n (%)						
1+	193 (58)	95 (58)	215 (58)	106 (58)		
2+/ISH-	138 (42)	68 (42)	158 (42)	78 (42)		
ECOG performance status, %		. ,	. ,	. ,		
0	187 (56)	95 (58)	200 (54)	105 (57)		
1	144 (44)	68 (42)	173 (46)	79 (43)		
Hormone receptor an (%)						
Positive	328 (99)	162 (99)	333 (89)	166 (90)		
Negative	3 (1)	1 (1)	40 (11)	18 (10)		
Brain metastases at baseline, n (%)	18 (5)	7 (4)	24 (6)	8 (4)		
Liver metastases at baseline, n (%)	247 (75)	116 (71)	266 (71)	123 (67)		
Lung metastases at baseline, n (%)	98 (30)	58 (36)	120 (32)	63 (34)		
Lines of systemic therapy (metastatic setting)						
Number of lines, median (range)	3 (1-9)	3 (1-8)	3 (1-9)	3 (1-8)		
Number of lines, n (%)	00 (7)	14 (0)	20 (40)	40 (40)		
1	23 (7)	14 (9)	39 (10)	19 (10)		
≥3	223 (67)	108 (66)	234 (63)	112 (61)		
Lines of chemotherapy (metastatic setting)	220 (01)	100 (00)	204 (00)	112 (01)		
Number of lines, median (range)	1 (0-3)	1 (0-2)	1 (0-3)	1 (0-2)		
Number of lines, n (%)						
0	1 (0.3)	1 (0.6)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.5)		
1	203 (61.3)	93 (57.1)	221 (59.2)	100 (54.3)		
2	3 (0.9)	09 (42.3)	6 (1 6)	83 (45.1)		
Lines of endocrine therapy (metastatic setting)	3 (0.9)	U	0(1.0)	U		
Number of lines, median (range)	2 (0-7)	2 (0-6)	2 (0-7)	2 (0-6)		
Number of lines, n (%)	. ,	· /	, <i>,</i> ,	. ,		
0	28 (8)	17 (10)	60 (16)	34 (18)		
1	105 (32)	49 (30)	108 (29)	51 (28)		
2	110 (33)	53 (33)	115 (31)	54 (29)		
≤3 Prior targeted cancer therapy n (%)	88 (27)	44 (27)	90 (24)	45 (24)		
Targeted therapy	259 (78)	132 (81)	279 (75)	140 (76)		
CDK4/6 inhibitor	233 (70)	115 (71)	239 (64)	119 (65)		

DESTINY-Breast04 phase 3 trial: Updated PFS





DESTINY-Breast04 phase 3 trial: Updated OS



T-DXd (n = 331) 301 325 323 317 313 307 302 292 294 279 267 268 290 243 233 220 220 212 100 109 109 109 109 176 168 155 H/7 133 124 109 94 81 72 66 54 46 42 94 23 17 14 7 5 4 3 2 1 1 1 0 TPC (n = 163) 103 150 144 142 138 134 139 123 114 108 103 07 96 62 67 62 76 71 68 64 59 56 50 50 47 44 43 42 35 31 25 16 13 11 11 9 7 5 2 2 2 1 0 -DXd (n = 373) 373 366 363 365 360 342 337 368 314 308 258 258 278 299 257 254 240 231 217 205 199 191 182 108 160 146 137 122 107 94 81 75 62 52 48 39 28 21 18 11 7 6 5 3 1 1 TPC (n = 184) 164 170 165 160 156 152 145 137 127 119 113 107 105 100 160 88 81 76 73 69 64 59 58 53 49 45 45 44 37 33 27 18 15 12 12 10 8 5 2 2 2 1 0

DESTINY-Breast 04 phase 3 trial: activity in TNBC (i.e. HR-/HER2-low)



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DESTINY-Breast 04 phase 3 trial: Adverse Events

Drug-Related TEAEs in ≥20% of Patients

5 0 24 Nausea 5 Fatiguea 52 8 44 Transaminases increased^b 42 4 40 11 Alopecia 38 33 42 53 Neutropenia 14 35 Anemiad 34 9 5 24 Vomiting 0 10 34 Decreased appetite 29 16 Thrombocytopenia^e 25 6 Leukopeniaf 24 19 31 Diarrhea 22 18 Constipation 22 13

T-DXd, any grade
T-DXd, grade ≥3
TPC, grade ≥3
TPC, any grade

Percent of Patients Experiencing Drug-Related TEAE

Anti-emetic prophylaxis with T-DXd

The SmPC lacks specific antiemetic guidance, however other resources are available with more specific guidance¹

Such guidelines include:^{2,3}

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Insights from an expert panel recommend:⁴

A thorough evaluation of individual patient characteristics and clinical history is crucial to tailor treatment and optimise efficacy while limiting toxicities

In select patients with increased risk of emesis (e.g., characteristics and site of the tumour, patient age and gender, constipation, prior nausea induced by chemotherapy), antiemetic prophylaxis from the first cycle should be started with a **three-drug regimen (including NK-1 receptor blockers)**

In the case of anything less than an optimal control of emesis during the first cycle using the DEX + 5-HT₃ regime, attempts to introduce minor modifications should be discouraged. Instead, treatment should be immediately escalated before the second cycle using a **three-drug regimen (including NK-1 blockers)**

5-HT₃=5-hydroxytryptamine 3; ASCO=American Society of Clinical Oncology; DEX=dexamethasone; ESMO=European Society for Medical Oncology; MASCC=Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer; NK-1=neurokinin-1; SmPC=summary of product characteristics.

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Adverse Events of Special Interest

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade	
ILD/pneumonitis (adjudicated, drug-related), n (%)							
T-DXd (n = 371)	13 (3.5)	24 (6.5)	4 (1.1) ^a	0	4 (1.1) ^a	45 (12.1)	
TPC (n = 172)	1 (0.6)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)	
Left ventricular dysfunction							
Ejection fraction decreased, n (%)							
T-DXd (n = 371)	2 (0.5)	15 (4.0)	1 (0.3)	0	0	18 (4.9)	
TPC (n = 172)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cardiac failure, n (%)							
T-DXd (n = 371)	0	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	0	0	2 (0.5)	
TPC (n = 172)	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Management of ILD: the 5 S rules



Most patients with MBC are currently eligible for T-DXd



Hormone receptor positive breast cancers express a wide range of HER2



Multiple additional HER2 ADCs are showing promising activity in HER2-low MBC



Banerji U, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2019;20(8):1124–1135; Wang J, et al. Presented at ASCO 2021; Zhang T. AACR 2023



DESTINY-Breast06 Study design

DESTINY-Breast06: a Phase 3, randomized, multicenter, open-label study (NCT04494425)



- Prior CDK4/6i use (ves vs no) •
- HER2 expression (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH- vs IHC 0 with membrane staining)
- Prior taxane in the non-metastatic setting (yes vs no)



Patient-reported outcomes[‡]

*Study enrollment was based on central HER2 testing, HER2 status was determined based on the most recent evaluable HER2 IHC sample prior to randomization. HER2-ultralow was defined as faint, partial membrane staining in <10% of tumor cells (also known as IHC >0<1+); *HER2-ultralow status as determined per IRT data (note: efficacy analyses in the HER2ultralow subgroup were based on n=152 as determined per central laboratory testing data); *to be presented separately

BICR, blinded independent central review; CDK4/6j, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitor; DOR, duration of response; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR+, hormone receptor-positive; IHC, immun ohistochemis try; INV, investigator assessed; IRT, interactive response technology; ISH, in situ hybridization; ITT, intent-to-treat; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomization; T-DXd, trastuz umab deruxtecan: TPC, chemotherapy treatment of physician's choice

NCT04494425. Up dated. April 12, 2024. Available from: https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04494425 (Accessed May 13, 2024)

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capecitabine, nab-paclitaxel, paclitaxel



Patient demographics and key baseline characteristics

	HER2-low*		ITT (HER2-low and HER2-ultralow)		HER2-u	ultralow*
	T-DXd (n=359)	TPC (n=354)	T-DXd (n=436)	TPC (n=430)	T-DXd (n=76)	TPC (n=76)
Age, median (range), years	58.0 (28-87)	57.0 (32-83)	58.0 (28–87)	57.0 (32-83)	58.0 (33-85)	57.5 (34-82)
Female, n (%)	359 (100)	353 (99.7)	436 (100)	429 (99.8)	76 (100)	76 (100)
ECOG PS at screening, n (%) [†]						
0	207 (57.7)	218 (61.6)	252 (57.8)	257 (59.8)	44 (57.9)	39 (51.3)
1	148 (41.2)	128 (36.2)	178 (40.8)	163 (37.9)	30 (39.5)	35 (46.1)
HER2 status, n (%) [‡]						
IHC 0 with membrane staining (HER2-ultralow)	-	-	76 (17.4)	76 (17.7)	76 (100)	76 (100)
IHC 1+ (HER2-low)	238 (66.3)	234 (66.1)	239 (54.8)	234 (54.4)	=	-
IHC 2+/ISH- (HER2-low)	117 (32.6)	118 (33.3)	117 (26.8)	118 (27.4)	-	_
ER/PR status, n (%)§						
ER+/PR+	206 (57.4)	193 (54.5)	253 (58.0)	237 (55.1)	46 (60.5)	44 (57.9)
ER+/PR-	141 (39.3)	152 (42.9)	167 (38.3)	181 (42.1)	26 (34.2)	29 (38.2)
ER-/PR+	3 (0.8)	2 (0.6)	3 (0.7)	2 (0.5)		-
Primary endocrine resistance [¶]	105 (29.2)	116 (32.8)	128 (29.4)	140 (32.6)	23 (30.3)	24 (31.6)
De-novo disease at diagnosis, n (%)	111 (30.9)	104 (29.4)	133 (30.5)	132 (30.7)	22 (28.9)	28 (36.8)
Bone-only disease at baseline, n (%)	11 (3.1)	10 (2.8)	13 (3.0)	13 (3.0)	2 (2.6)	3 (3.9)
Visceral disease at baseline, n (%)	309 (86.1)	299 (84.5)	376 (86.2)	364 (84.7)	66 (86.8)	65 (85.5)
Liver metastases at baseline, n (%)	243 (67.7)	232 (65.5)	296 (67.9)	283 (65.8)	52 (68.4)	51 (67.1)

*HER2-low status defined at randomization per IRT data, and HER2-ultralow status defined per central laboratory testing data. With mis-stratification, the combined sample size of these two populations may not match the ITT total; ¹n=14 patients had missing ECOG PS status at baseline; ¹n=2 patients in the ITT (1 per treatment group) were found to have HER2 IHC 0 with absent membrane staining per central laboratory testing; ⁵patients with ER-/PR- status were excluded from the study; however, n=1 patient with ER-/PR- status was randomized in error; ⁸defined as relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant endocrine therapy, or progressive disease within the first 6 months of first-line endocrine therapy for metastatic breast cancer; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ER, estrogen receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IRT, interactive response technology; ISH, in situ hybridization; ITT, intent-to-treat; PR, progesterone receptor; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, cherrotherapy treatment of physician's choice



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Prior therapies

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	HER2-low*		ITT (HER2-low and HER2-ultralow)		HER2-ultralow*	
	T-DXd (n=359)	TPC (n=354)	T-DXd (n=436)	TPC (n=430)	T-DXd (n=76)	TPC (n=76)
ET in the metastatic setting						
Lines of ET						
Number of lines, median (range)	2.0 (1-4)	2.0 (1-5)	2.0 (1-4)	2.0 (1-5)	2.0 (1-4)	2.0 (1–5)
Number of lines, n (%)						
1	54 (15.1)	67 (19.0)	65 (14.9)	82 (19.2)	11 (14.5)	15 (19.7)
≤6 months on first-line ET + CDK4/6i	33 (9.2)	33 (9.4)	37 (8.5)	40 (9.3)	4 (5.3)	7 (9.2)
2	242 (67.6)	236 (67.0)	295 (67.8)	288 (67.3)	52 (68.4)	52 (68.4)
≥3	62 (17.3)	49 (13.9)	75 (17.2)	58 (13.6)	13 (17.1)	9 (11.8)
Prior therapies, n (%)						
ET monotherapy	189 (52.6)	183 (51.7)	230 (52.8)	223 (51.9)	41 (53.9)	40 (52.6)
ET with CDK4/6i	318 (88.6)	316 (89.3)	388 (89.0)	385 (89.5)	69 (90.8)	69 (90.8)
ET with other targeted therapy [†]	120 (33.4)	105 (29.7)	143 (32.8)	127 (29.5)	22 (28.9)	22 (28.9)
Adjuvant/neoadjuvant setting [‡]						
Prior therapies, n (%)						
ET	227 (63.2)	218 (61.6)	275 (63.1)	256 (59.5)	48 (63.2)	38 (50.0)
Cytotoxic chemotherapy	192 (53.5)	196 (55.4)	228 (52.3)	234 (54.4)	36 (47.4)	38 (50.0)
Taxane	151 (42.1)	151 (42.7)	179 (41.1)	177 (41.2)	28 (36.8)	26 (34.2)
Anthracycline	167 (46.5)	173 (48.9)	197 (45.2)	206 (47.9)	30 (39.5)	33 (43.4)

*HER2-low status defined at randomization per IRT data, and HER2-ultralow status defined per central laboratory testing data; [†]other targeted therapies were mTORi (23.8%), PI3Ki (4.2%), or PARPi (0.9%) in the ITT; [‡]approximately 30% of the patient population had de-novo metastatic disease and were not included in this category

CDK4/6i, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitor; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2; human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IRT, interactive response technology; ISH, in situ hybridization; ITT, intent-to-treat; mTORi, mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitor; PARPi, poly-adenosine diphosphate ribose polymerase inhibitor; PI3Ki, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha inhibitor; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, chemotherapy treatment of physician's choice



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DESTINY- Breast 06: PFS (BICR) in HER2-low: primary endpoint

Median of 2 prior lines of ET, 90% with prior CDK4/6i, no prior chemo, 85% had visceral disease, 70% relapsed



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DESTINY Breast 06: PFS and OS in HER2-ultralow: prespecified exploratory analyses



PFS improvement with T-DXd vs TPC in HER2-ultralow was consistent with results in HER2-low

*34.9% maturity (of total N for population) at this first interim analysis; median duration of follow up was 16.8 months

BICR, blinded independent central review; CI, confidence in terval; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; OS, overall survival; mo, months; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; T-DXd, trastuzu mab deruxtecan; TPC, chemotherapy treatment of physician's choice

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OS in HER2-low and ITT: key secondary endpoints (~40% maturity)



duration of follow up was 18.2 months (ITT)

CI, confidence interval; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; ITT, in tent-to-treat; OS, overall survival; T-DXd, trastu zumab deruxtecan; TPC, chem otherapy treatment of physician's choice

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Antitumor activity



	HER2-low*		ITT		HER2-ultralow*	
	T-DXd (n=359)	TPC (n=354)	T-DXd (n=436)	TPC (n=430)	T-DXd (n=76)	TPC (n=76)
Confirmed ORR, n (%)	203 (56.5)	114 (32.2)	250 (57.3)	134 (31.2)	47 (61.8)	20 (26.3)
Best overall response, n (%)						
Complete response	9 (2.5)	0	13 (3.0)	0	4 (5.3)	0
Partial response	194 (54.0)	114 (32.2)	237 (54.4)	134 (31.2)	43 (56.6)	20 (26.3)
Stable disease	125 (34.8)	170 (48.0)	148 (33.9)	212 (49.3)	22 (28.9)	42 (55.3)
Clinical benefit rate, n (%) [†]	275 (76.6)	190 (53.7)	334 (76.6)	223 (51.9)	58 (76.3)	33 (43.4)
Median duration of response, mo	14.1	8.6	14.3	8.6	14.3	14.1

ORR based on RECIST v1.1; response required confirmation after 4 weeks

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"HER2-low status defined at randomization per IRT data, and HER2-ultralow status defined by central laboratory testing data; †defined as complete response + partial response + stable disease at Week 24, by blinded independent central review HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry, IRT, interactive response technology; ITT, intent-to-treat; mo, months; ORR, objective response rate; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, chemotherapy treatment of physician's choice



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Approach to therapy for metastatic hormone receptor positive breast cancer



The expanding pie chart of HER2 targetability

ERBB2-amplified

ERBB2 non-amplified



1. To distinguish HER2-positive from other tumors

T-DXd clearly has a **differential activity in HER2+ vs. non-HER2+ tumors**. In addition, **7 more anti-HER2 drugs are approved for the 15% of patients with HER2+ disease**. This makes it critical to understand if patients have HER2+ (overexpressing) or non-HER2+ disease.



DB03 (HER2+) – mPFS with T-DXd: 28.8 months



DB04 (HER2-low) – mPFS with T-DXd: 8.8 months

2. Even within HER2-negative tumors, there may be a differential activity with different HER2 expressions

Both the DAISY phase 2 trial and our real-world DFCI/Duke cohort highlighted a difference in the activity of T-DXd among patients with HER2-low (PFS 7-8 months) and HER2-0 MBC (PFS ~4 months)



DAISY phase 2 trial



RW outcomes at DFCI/Duke

3. An expanding deck of other ADCs are becoming available in case of HER2-0 disease

Sacituzumab govitecan is approved for TNBC and HR+ MBC. **Datopotamab deruxtecan** may also be approveved for HR+ MBC. Dozens of additional promising ADCs are in early and late phase testing

PFS by BICR: primary endpoint 1.0 BICR analysis 100 · Median PFS, (95% CI) mo 5.5 (4.2-6.9) 4.0 (3.0-4.4) 0.9 6 months 12 months 18 months 90 · Dato-DXd ICC ž 0.65 (0.53-0.81) Stratified HR (95% CI) 0.8 80 of PFS Median PFS, months 6.9 4.9 Nominal P-value .0001 0.7 70 -(95% CI) (5.7-7.4) (4.2-5.5) 6-month PFS rate, % (95% CI) 45.6 (38.9-52.0) 29.4 (22.9-36.2) 0.6 ø 60 · 53.3% HR (95% CI) 0.63 (0.52-0.76) 12-month PFS rate, % (95% CI) 21.7 (15.8-28.3) 8.4 (4.2-14.5) Probability 50 0.5 < 0.0001 P-value 18-month PFS rate, % (95% CI) 14.4 (9.1-20.8) 4.7 (1.3-11.6) 40 -0.4 30 -38.5% 25.5% 0.3 20 -SG 0.2 10. TPC Dato-DXd (n=365) 18.7% 0.1 14.6% ICC (n=367) 27 15 21 24 0 Time (months) 12 No. of Patients Still at Risk (Events Λ 15 Time from randomisation (months) 0 (180) Number at risk 365 367 271(0) 109 (96) 42 (144) 3 (169) 1 (170) 1 (170) 0 (170) Dato-DXd ICC 249 205 158 93 66 26 15 8

TROPiCS-02 phase 3 trial

TROPION-Breast01 phase 3 trial

Novel assays may improve HER2 testing

To overcome challenges with IHC testing, multiple novel HER2 testing strategies are being investigated.

When applied to the J101 trial of T-DXd in HER2-low MBC, HER2 digital pathology assessment with QCS was able to stratify patients in two subgroup with distinct ORR (53% vs 24%) and PFS (14.5 mo vs 8.6 mo)

Additional assays being developed include HER2 quantitative assessment with **qIF**, **mass spectrometry**, **RPPA**, **RT-qPCR**, among others.



Gustavson M. et al. SABCS 2020; Kapil et al Sci Rep. 2024 May 27;14(1):12129

Conclusion

- Up to 70% of patients with MBC are currently eligible for T-DXd (HER2+ or HER2-low). This number may raise to >90% if DB06 is is approved in HER2-ultralow MBC.
- Testing for HER2 could remain critical, since it allows to identify HER2+ tumors (distinct biology), stratify different levels of benefit from HER2 ADCs, and prioritize patients for the right therapies
- Concomitantly, the emergence of **quantitative HER2 assays** may refine our HER2 testing categories, ultimately enhancing treatment tailoring with anti-HER2 ADCs
- Dozens of novel ADCs currently in testing are expected to further improve outcomes for MBC and create opportunities for treatment tailoring

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