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Stage IA HER2 + Breast Cancer: De-escalation vs Escalation

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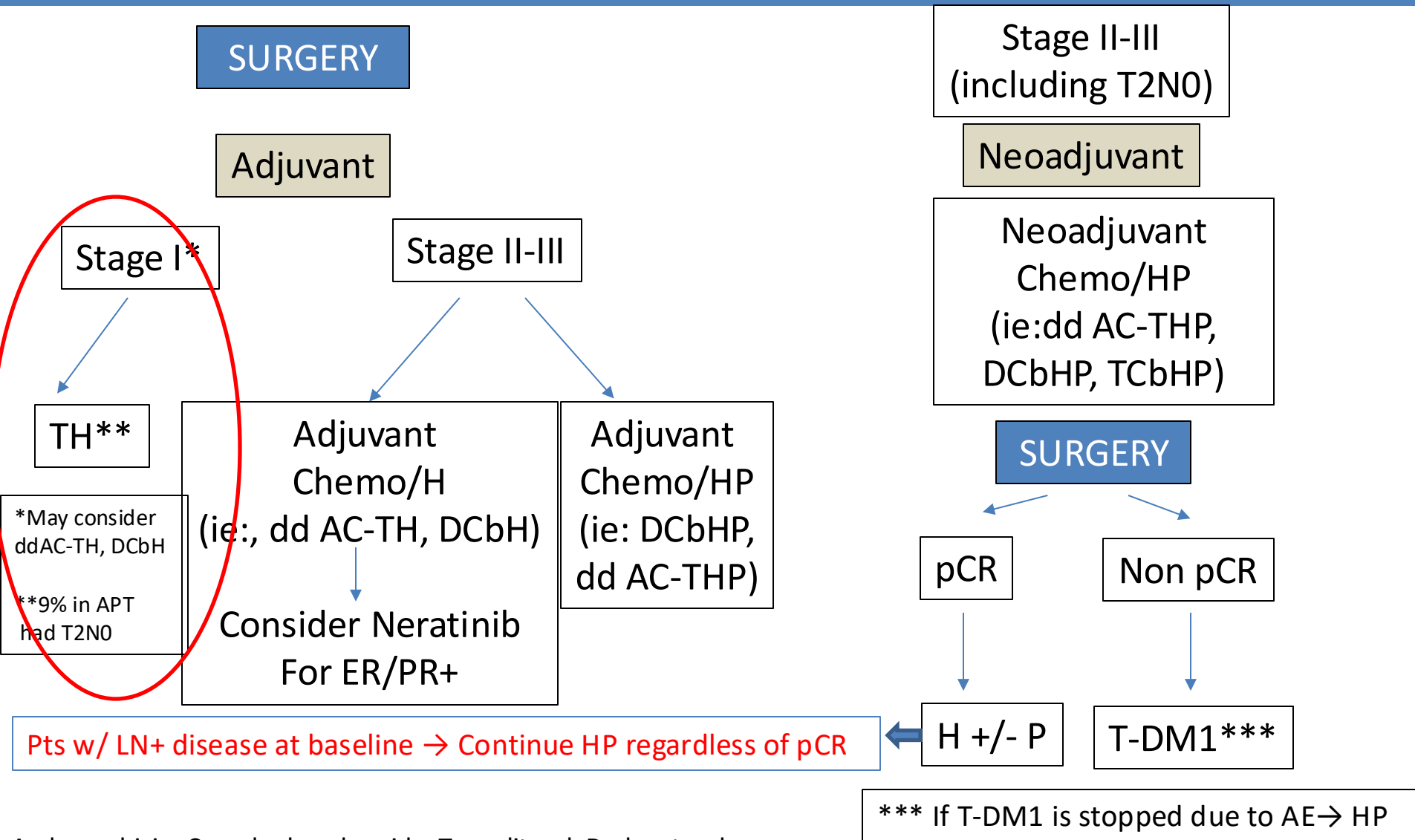
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Objectives

- Current treatment algorithm for early stage HER2+ breast cancer
- Limited literature review of outcomes of patients with stage IA HER2+ breast cancer
 - Stage IA = T1N0
- Genomic Tool
- De-escalation and escalation trials

Approach to Early Stage HER2+ Breast Cancer 2024

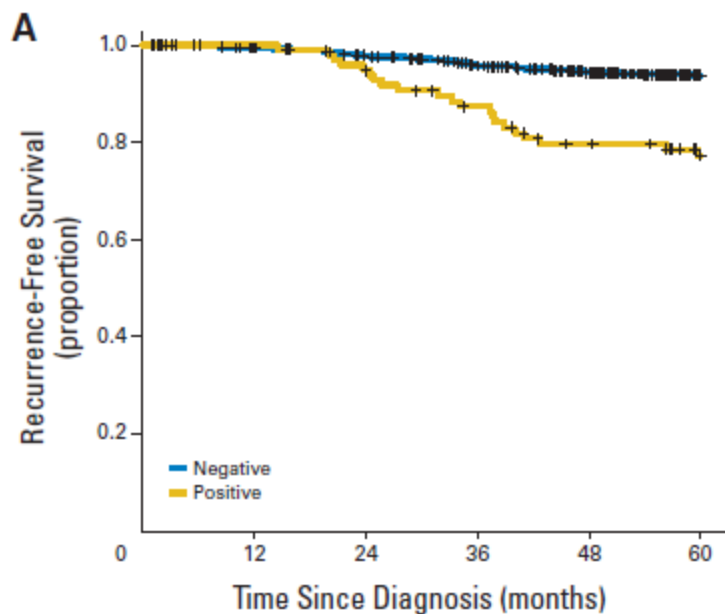


A=doxorubicin, C=cyclophosphamide, T=paclitaxel, D=docetaxel, Cb=carboplatin, H=trastuzumab, P=pertuzumab, dd=dose-dense; pCR=pathologic complete response

Outcomes for T1a/bN0 HER2+ Tumors

MDACC Series (N=98)

HER2 status	N	5 yr RFS
HER2+	98	77.1%
HER2-	867	93.7%



NCCN Series (N=520)

For HR+ HER2+

No Rx

Chemo +/-
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5-yr DRFS

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T1a

96% vs 100%

T1b

94% vs 96%

5-yr OS

T1a

95% vs 100%

T1b

95% vs 99%

For HR-HER2+

5-yr DRFS

T1a

93% vs 100%

T1b

94% vs 94%

5-yr OS

T1a

93% vs 100%

T1b

100% vs 95%

Vaz-Luiz et al. JCO 2014

Gonzalez-Angulo et al. JCO 2009

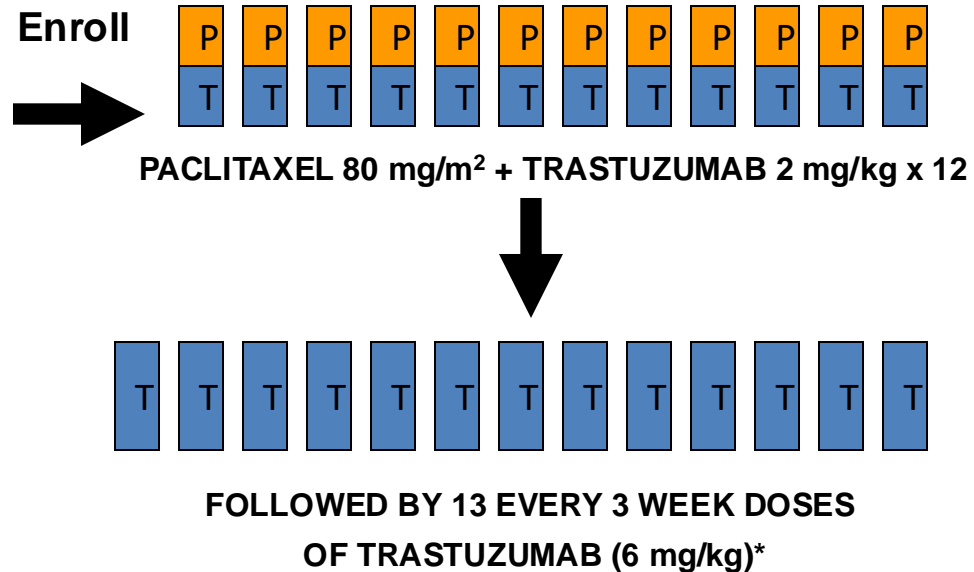
APT TRIAL: STUDY DESIGN

10-YEAR FU

HER2+
ER+ or ER-
Node Negative
≤ 3 cm

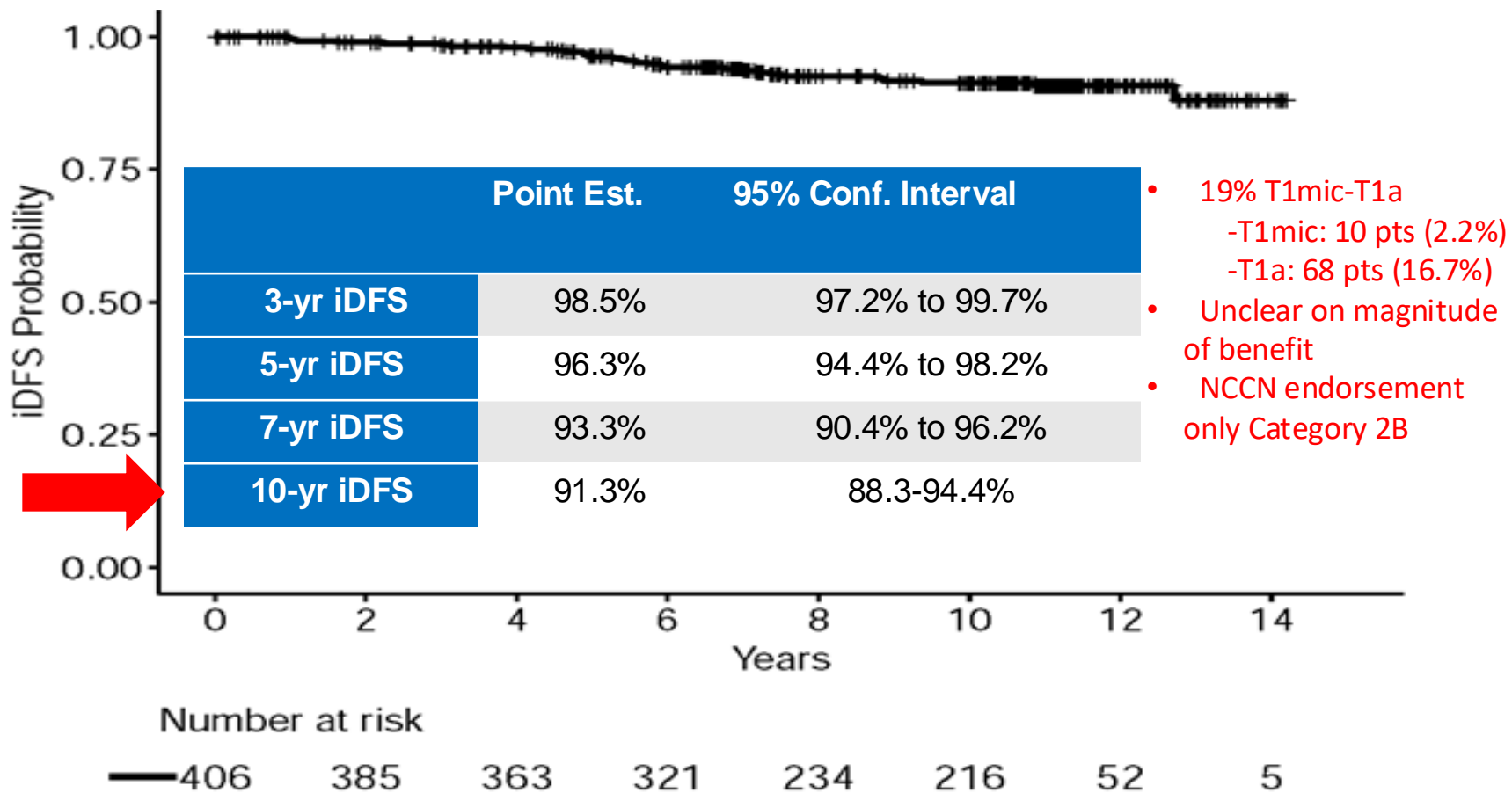
Planned N=400

T1a-19%
1b-31%
1c-42%
T2 - 9%



Tolaney SM et al, NEJM 2015
Tolaney SM et al, JCO 2019
Tolaney et al. SABC 2022

APT: 10-year RESULTS (iDFS)



ATEMPT Trial

N = 497

Co-1° EPs: 3 y DFS w/ T-DM1
Eval Clin Relevant Tox (CRT)
b/t TH vs T-DM1

3 y DFS w/ T-DM1 → 97.8%
CRT → No difference

T1mic = 11 pts (2%)
T1a = 70 pts (14%)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Stage 1 HER2+ breast cancer
 - HER2 centrally tested (ASCO CAP 2013 guidelines)
- N0 or N1mic
- Left Ventricular EF ≥ 50%
- No prior invasive breast cancer
- ≤90 days from last surgery

N = 497

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N = 383

T-DM1

3.6 mg/kg IV q3 wks x 17

N = 114

TH

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m² IV + Trastuzumab 2 mg/kg IV wky x12 → Trastuzumab 6 mg/kg every 3 wks x13

Stratification factors:

- Age (<55, ≥55)
- Planned radiation (Yes/No)
- Planned hormonal therapy (Yes/No)

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

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Discontinuation rates 17% (TDM) vs 6%, (TH)
ATEMPT Version 2.0 ongoing

Tolaney et al. SABC 2019
Tolaney et al. JCO 2021

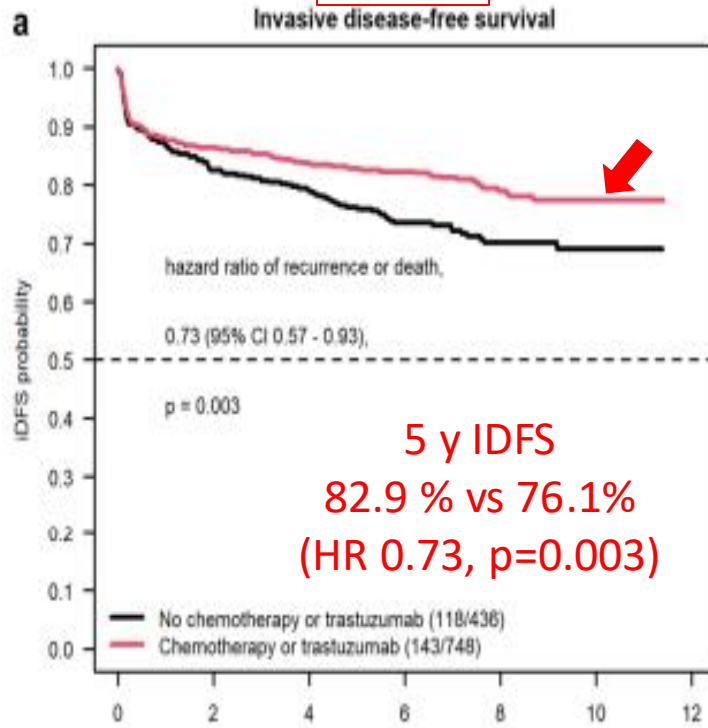


The survival benefit of adjuvant trastuzumab with or without chemotherapy in the management of small (T1mic, T1a, T1b, T1c), node negative HER2+ breast cancer

- Retrospective analysis of outcomes of pts with T1a-c HER2+ breast ca using ASCO CancerLinQ database (2010-2021).
- N = 1184
 - Local Rx alone (N of 436)
 - Tras +/- chemo (N of 748)
 - Tras (N of 169)
 - Tras + chemo (N of 579)
- Demographic
 - T1mic = 14 (1.2%)
 - T1a = 202 (17.1%)
 - T1b = 325 (27.4%)
 - T1c = 615 (51.9%)

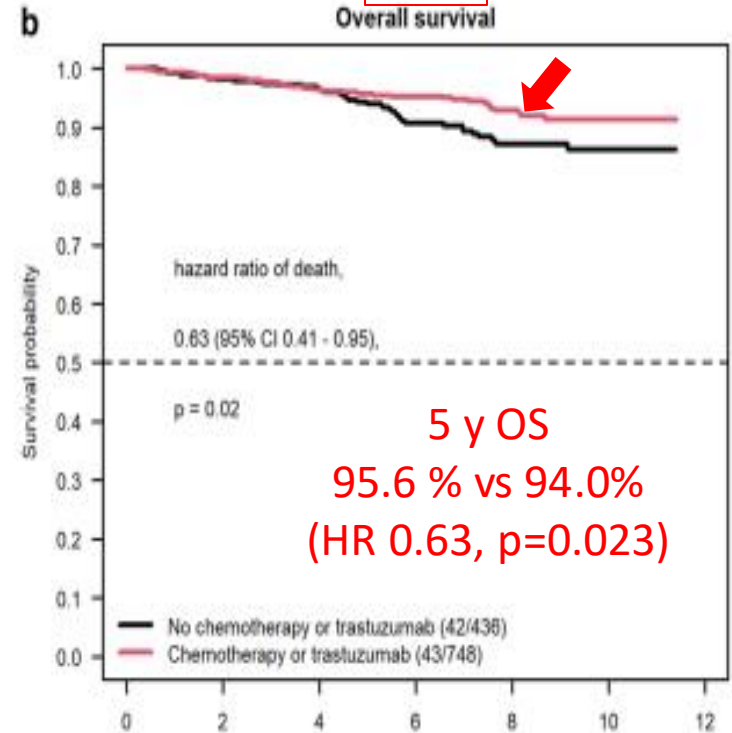
IDFS and OS (Treated vs Untreated)

IDFS



No. at risk	Years from diagnosis					
	0	2	4	6	8	10
No chemotherapy or trastuzumab	438	357	320	199	112	33
Chemotherapy or trastuzumab	748	643	571	374	178	50

OS

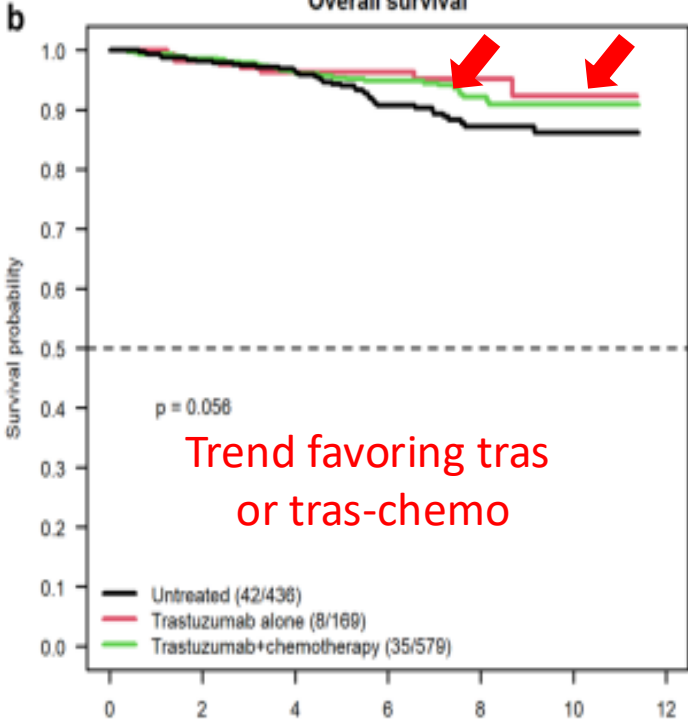
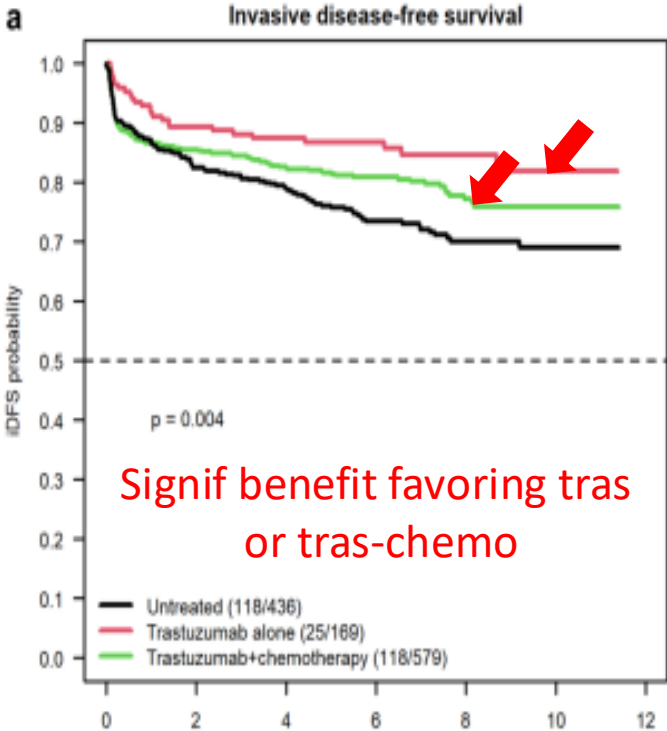


No. at risk	Years from diagnosis					
	0	2	4	6	8	10
No chemotherapy or trastuzumab	436	425	385	247	133	43
Chemotherapy or trastuzumab	748	733	647	431	210	63

IDFS and OS (Tras or Tras/Chemo vs Untreated)

IDFS

OS



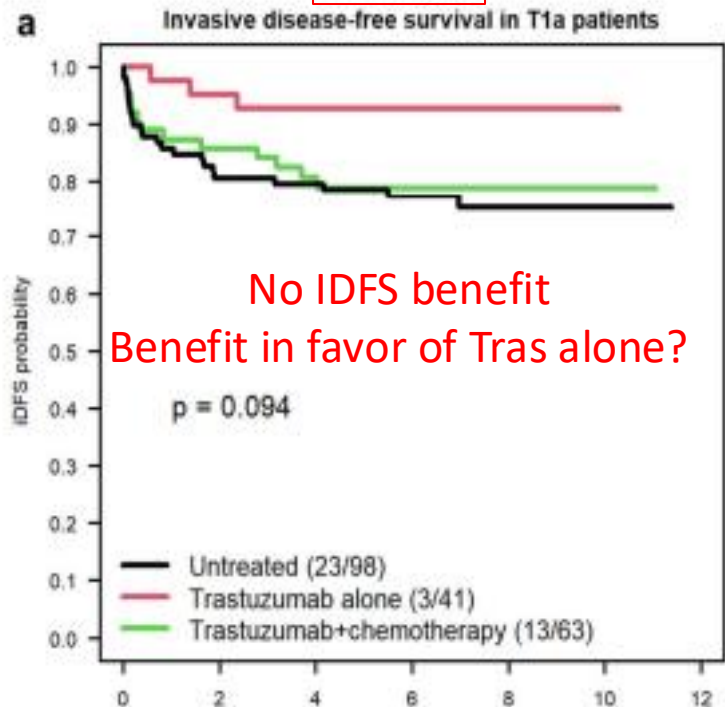
No. at risk	Years from diagnosis					
	0	2	4	6	8	10
Untreated	438	357	320	199	112	33
Trastuzumab alone	169	150	138	88	47	16
Trastuzumab+chemotherapy	579	493	435	286	131	34

No. at risk	Years from diagnosis					
	0	2	4	6	8	10
Untreated	438	425	385	247	133	43
Trastuzumab alone	169	165	148	96	52	17
Trastuzumab+chemotherapy	579	588	499	335	158	46

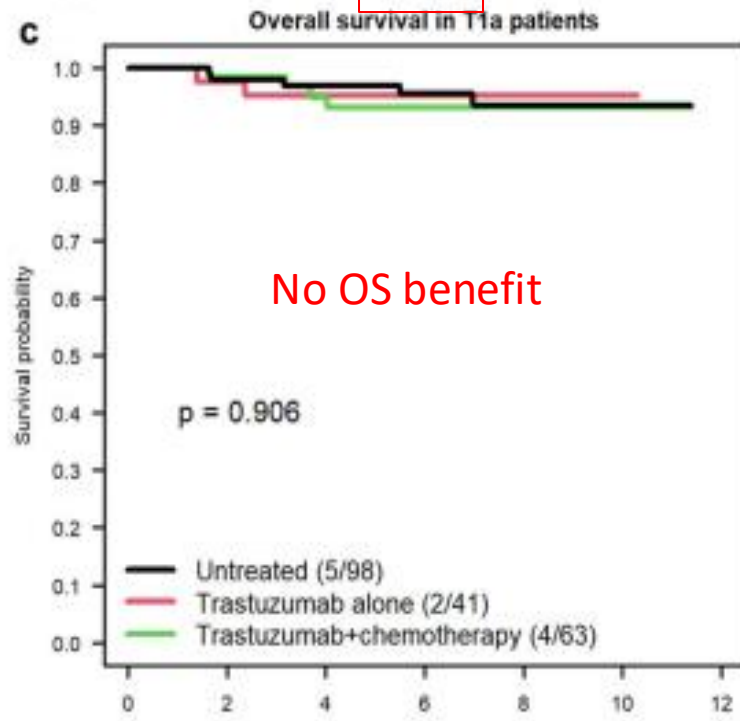
IDFS and OS for T1a (Tras or Tras/Chemo vs Untreated)

IDFS

OS



No. at risk	Years from diagnosis						
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Untreated	313	257	228	137	75	25	
Trastuzumab alone	120	104	95	64	35	12	
Trastuzumab+ chemotherapy	507	431	383	254	114	30	

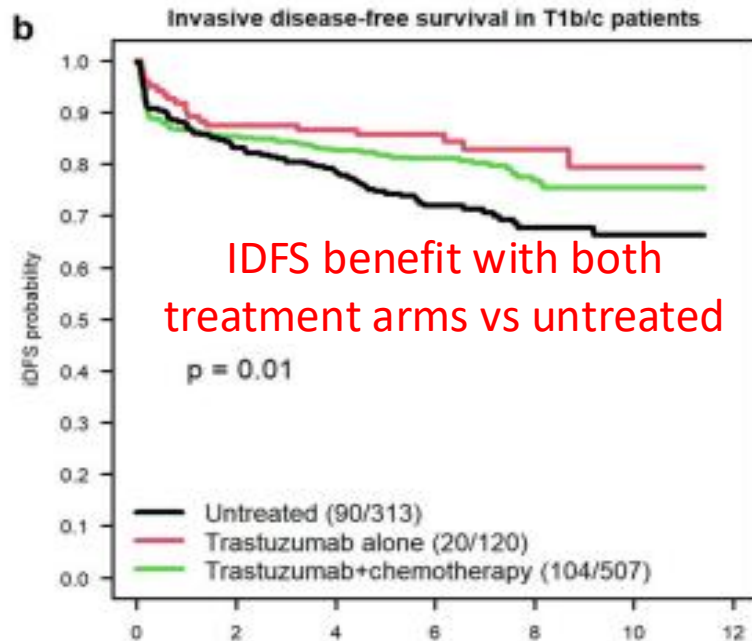


No. at risk	Years from diagnosis						
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Untreated	98	96	89	62	32	8	
Trastuzumab alone	41	40	35	20	8	3	
Trastuzumab+ chemotherapy	63	62	52	32	16	6	

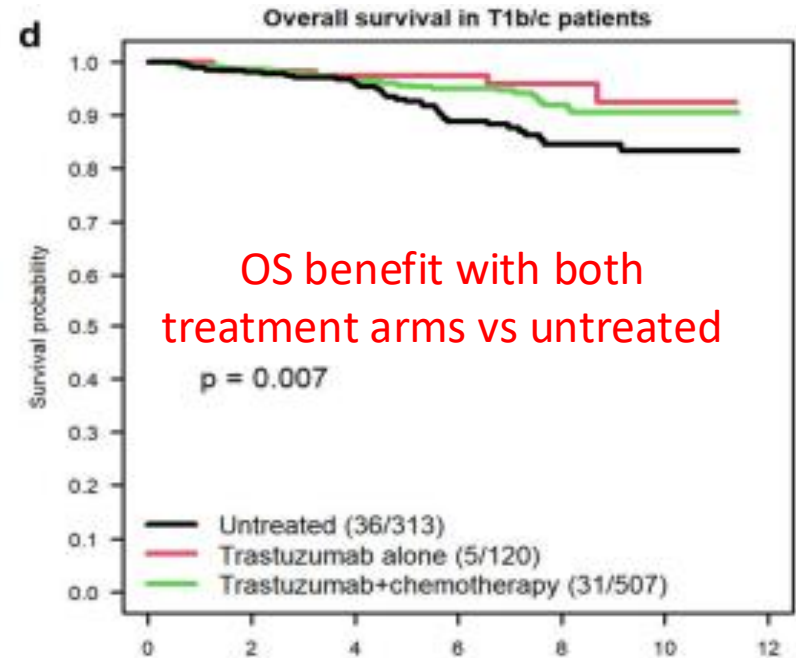
IDFS and OS for T1 b/c (Tras or Tras/Chemo vs Untreated)

IDFS

OS



No. at risk	Years from diagnosis						
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Untreated	313	257	228	137	75	25	
Trastuzumab alone	120	104	95	64	35	12	
Trastuzumab+chemotherapy	507	431	383	254	114	30	



No. at risk	Years from diagnosis						
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Untreated	313	304	275	170	92	34	
Trastuzumab alone	120	117	106	72	40	13	
Trastuzumab+	507	497	440	297	139	40	

Overall, subgroup data suggest that T1b/c tumors derived greatest benefit from Tras or Tras-chemo

A US Registry–Based Assessment of Use and Impact of Chemotherapy in Stage I HER2-Positive Breast Cancer

Benjamin M. Parsons, DO^a; Dipesh Uprety, MD^a; Angela L. Smith, MA^b; Andrew J. Borgert, PhD^b; and Leah L. Dietrich, MD^a

- Retrospective analysis using propensity matched cohort model
- 1 EP: OS
- N = 8222
- Effect of adjuvant chemo on 5-y OS
 - T1mic (N = 626) (worse effect, 89.1% vs 99.1%)
 - T1a (N = 2901) (no effect, 95.4% vs 96.9%)
 - T1b (N = 2340) (better, 97.1% vs 92.3%)
 - T1c (N = 2355) (better, 95.9% vs 91.5%)

Unclear that systemic tras or tras-chemo is beneficial in pts with T1mic or T1a

Can Genomic Tool Help to Refine Treatment?

HER2DX Genomic Test

- First genomic tool - predictive of likelihood of pCR and long-term prognosis in pts with early stage HER2+ breast Ca
- Based on
 - 4 gene signatures (comprised of 27 genes)
 - 14 gene immunoglobulin module
 - 4 gene tumor cell proliferation signature
 - 5 gene luminal differentiation signature
 - 4 gene HER2 amplicon signature
 - Clinical features (size, nodal status)
- Villacampa et al eval assoc of HER2DX score in 7 neoadj cohorts (DAPHNE, GOM-HGUGM-2018-05, CALGB 40601, ISPY-2, BiOnHER, NEOHER, PAMELA) ¹
 - pCR according to HR status and Rx type
 - Survival outcomes according to pCR

HER2DX Genomic Test

- pCR high, pCR medium, and pCR low tumors
 - pCR high tumors: high pCR w/ single taxane/HP
 - Highly HER2 addicted, proliferative, immune infiltrated
 - pCR low tumor: low pCR (regardless of dual anti-HER2 or multi-chemo Rxs given)
 - Highest expression luminal features
 - pCR medium tumors: benefitted from multi-chemo Rxs w/ anti-HER2
 - Intermediate
- HER2DX low-risk and high-risk
 - Low-risk group assoc w/ high EFS and OS regardless of pCR status
- Validation studies ongoing
- Can we use HER2DX genomic test to identify pts who need less vs more Rx?

Thoughts...

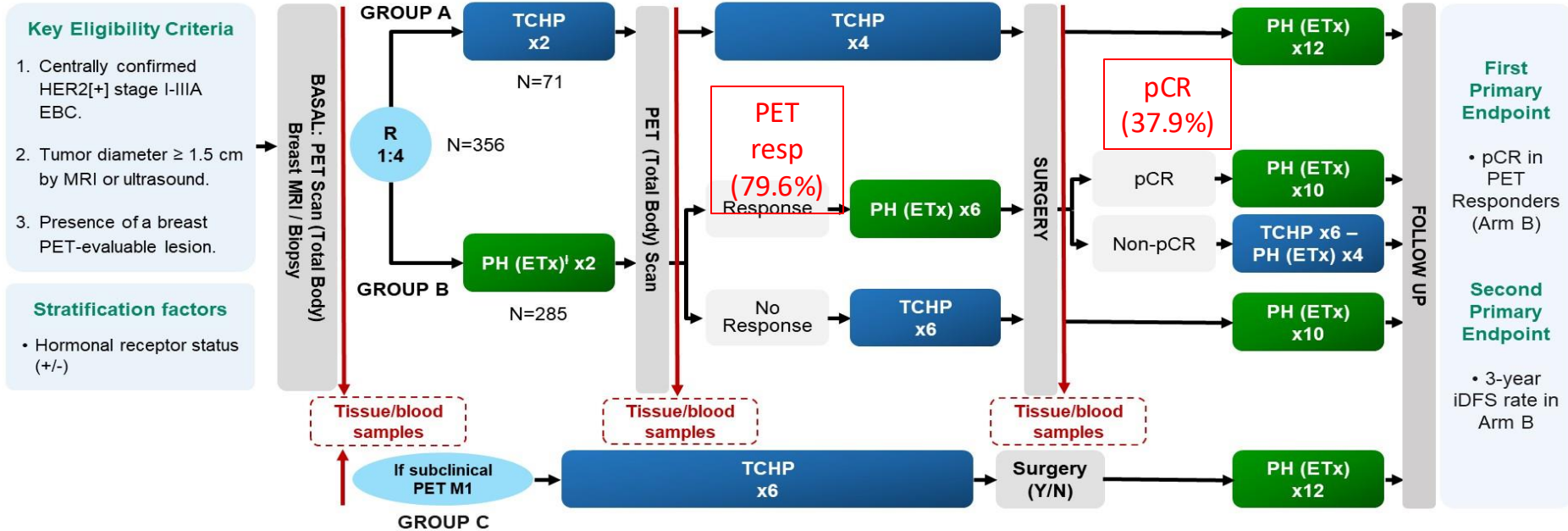
- HER2 DX Genomic Test
 - Predictive of pCR and long-term outcomes (pts with early stage HER2+ breast Ca)
 - Prospective validation studies needed
 - Future prospective trials using HER2 DX
 - T1mic and T1a
 - Need systemic Rx?
 - T1b/c
 - Shorter duration ?
- Other Biomarkers?
 - HER2 Enriched, PIK3CA, TILS/immune activation

De-escalation and Escalation Trials

De-Escalation Trials

1 EP: pCR in PET responders in Group B
3-y iDFS in Group B

PHERGain Study Design



C: Carboplatin; D: Docetaxel; EBC: Early breast cancer; ETx: Endocrine therapy (letrozole post-menopausal/tamoxifen pre-menopausal), Adjuvant ETx up to 3 years from surgery; PET: ¹⁸F-fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography/computed tomography; H: Trastuzumab SC; HER2: Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2; iDFS: Invasive disease-free survival; MRI: Magnetic resonance imaging; P: Pertuzumab IV; R: Randomization; TCHP: Trastuzumab, pertuzumab, docetaxel, and carboplatin. [†] All hormonal receptor-positive patients received ETx concomitantly with PH (except on chemotherapy).

- PET RESPONDERS: RECIST responders after cycle 2 with SUV_{max} reduction $\geq 40\%$.
- pCR, Pathological complete response (ypT0/isN0)

De-escalation
Using PET response to
de-escalate chemo use

Cortes et al. ASCO 2023
Perez-Garcia et al. Lancet 2024

Efficacy Analysis: Summary of other efficacy endpoints

	Group A (n = 63)	Group B (n = 267)	Group B without CT (n = 86)
3-year iDFS	98.3%	95.4%	98.8%
(95% CI)	(95.1–100%)	(92.8–98.0%)	(96.3–100%)
3-year DDFS	98.3%	96.5%	100%
(95% CI)	(95.1–100%)	(94.3–98.8%)	(100–100%)
	(n = 71)	(n = 285)	(n = 86)
3-year EFS	98.4%	93.5%	98.8%
(95% CI)	(95.3–100%)	(90.7–96.5%)	(96.6–100%)
3-year OS	98.4%	98.5%	100%
(95% CI)	(95.3–100%)	(97.1–100%)	(100–100%)

None of these comparisons between the groups reached statistical significance.
iDFS and DDFS are defined from the time of surgery; EFS and OS are defined from randomization.

PET-based, pCR-adapted strategy assoc w/ excellent 3 y iDFS !

Can HER2DX identify pts who can avoid chemo upfront (ie: pCR high)?

De-Escalation Trials

DECRESENDO

CompassHER2 Trials

EA1181 and A011801



EA1181
CompassHER2 pCR

EA1181 Eligibility (n=1,250)
Stage II or IIIA HER2+ BC (T2-3, N0-2)

- cN0 eligible if ≥ 2.0 cm
- cN1-2 eligible ≥ 1.5 cm
- ER+ and ER- eligible

Preoperative Phase: all patients

REGISTRATION

THP* x 4 cycles
paclitaxel weekly x12
(or docetaxel q3w x4)
plus
trastuzumab (H) & pertuzumab (P) q3w x4

*nab-pacl and biosimilars allowed

SURGERY

pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)
40%

EA1181 Arm A: pCR

continue EA1181

- complete 1 yr HP
- radiation and endocrine rx (as appropriate)

No pCR
60%

EA1181 Arm B: Residual Disease

may join A011801
CompassHER2 RD

Grp 1: pre-op THP-> post-op AC or Cb/HP x 4
Grp 2: pre-op TCHP, AC-THP -> no further chemo

Eligibility A011801

HER2+ RD
ER- & ER+ (must have N+ if ER+)

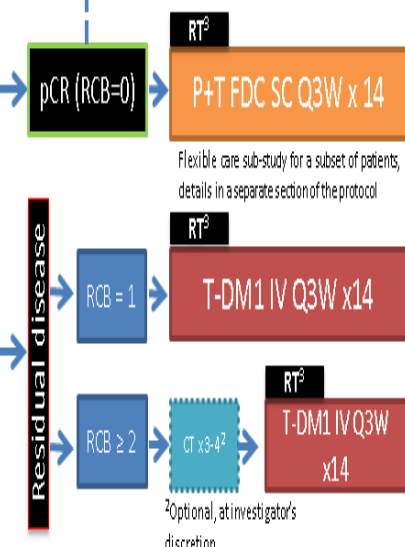
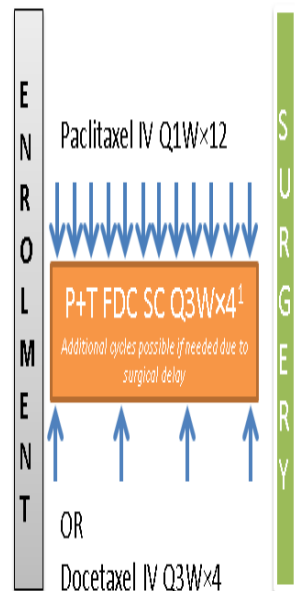
(~30% of A011801 participants expected to come from EA1181)

REGISTRATION

T-DM1 + placebo x 14 doses

T-DM1+ tucatinib x 14 doses

Patients (N = 1065)
HER2+/ER-
 ≥ 15 mm and ≤ 50 mm
Node-negative
Non-metastatic BC



Primary analysis
3-year RFS $\geq 94\%$ (95%CI $\geq 92\%$)
Hierarchical:
HER2-enriched → overall population

Follow-up period
4 years

Risk-Based Strategy

HER2DX pCR score may identify pts who benefit from:

- Neo THP (ie: pCR high)
- Multi-chemo Rx (ie: pCR medium)

External validation of HER2DX planned

De-escalation

Omission of neo anthr and multi-chemo Rxs

Escalation Trials

COMPASS HER RD

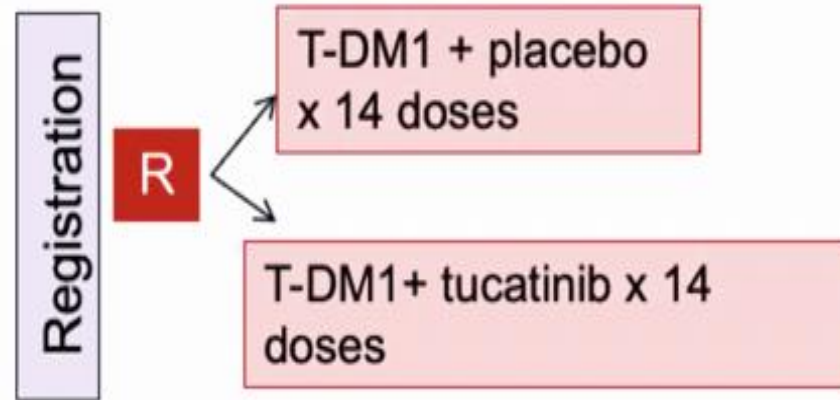
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HER2+ RD

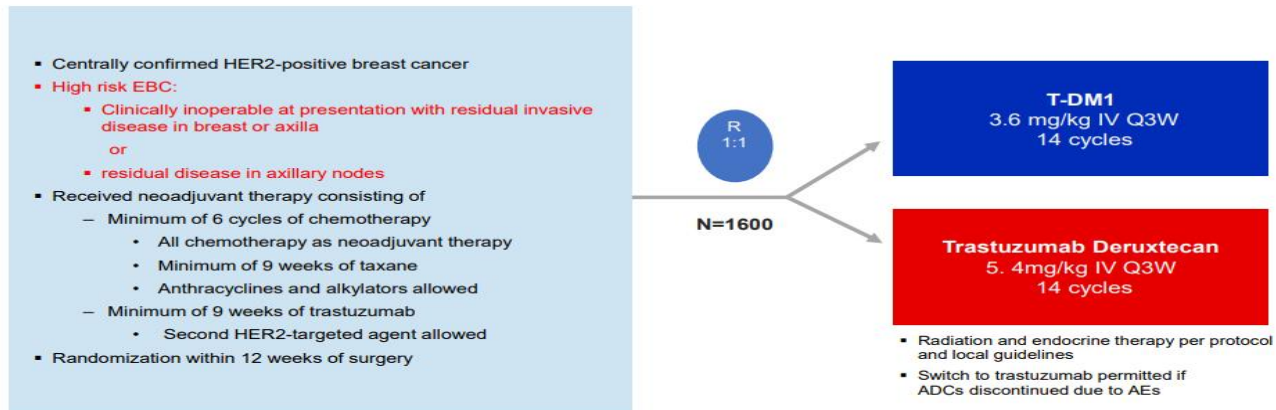
ER- & ER+

(must have N+ if ER+)

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NSABP B-60 / DESTINY Breast 05 ADJUVANT Trial



Primary Endpoint: IDFS

Can HER2DX risk score identify pts who will not benefit from escalation ?

Summary

- Current strategy is based on burden of disease
 - Stage IA → TH
 - T1a: Unclear benefit of chemo/H
 - T1b/c: Benefit of chemo/H more defined
- Future risk-based Rx strategy – based on biology
- HER2 DX Genomic Test promising
 - Prospective trial needed to refine therapy, especially those with T1mic and T1a disease
- PET based pCR adapted approach is promising



Thank You!