

# Updates in Triple Negative Breast Cancer

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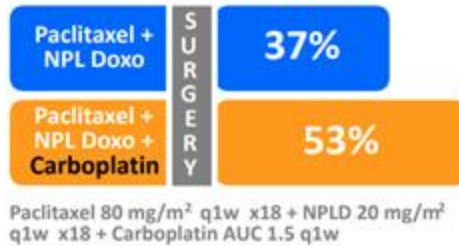
# Role of platinum in TNBC



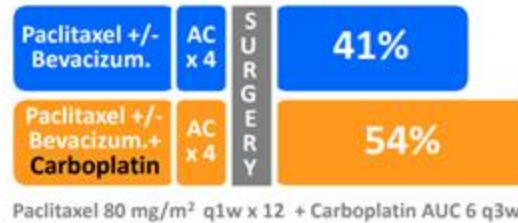
pCR Rates without Platinum around 35%

Carboplatin increases pCR rate to >50% with/without improvement in EFS and OS

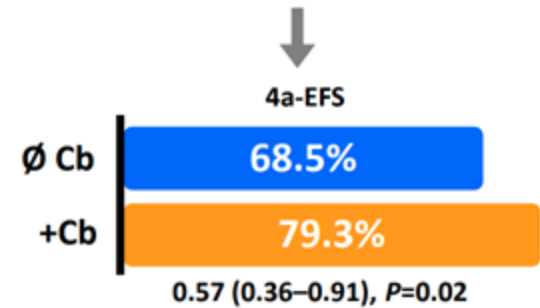
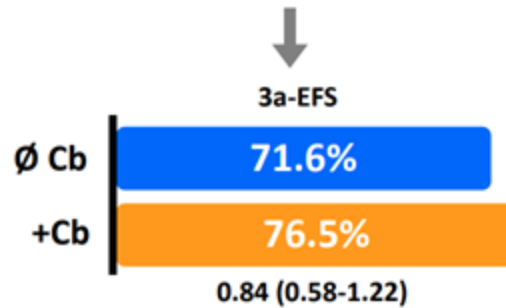
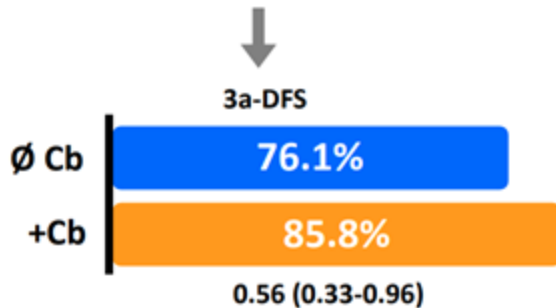
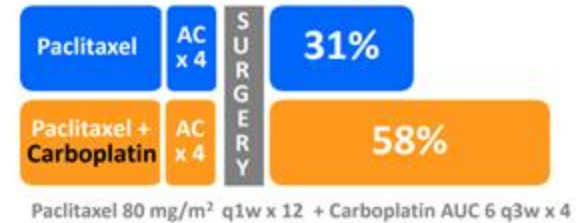
## GeparSixto



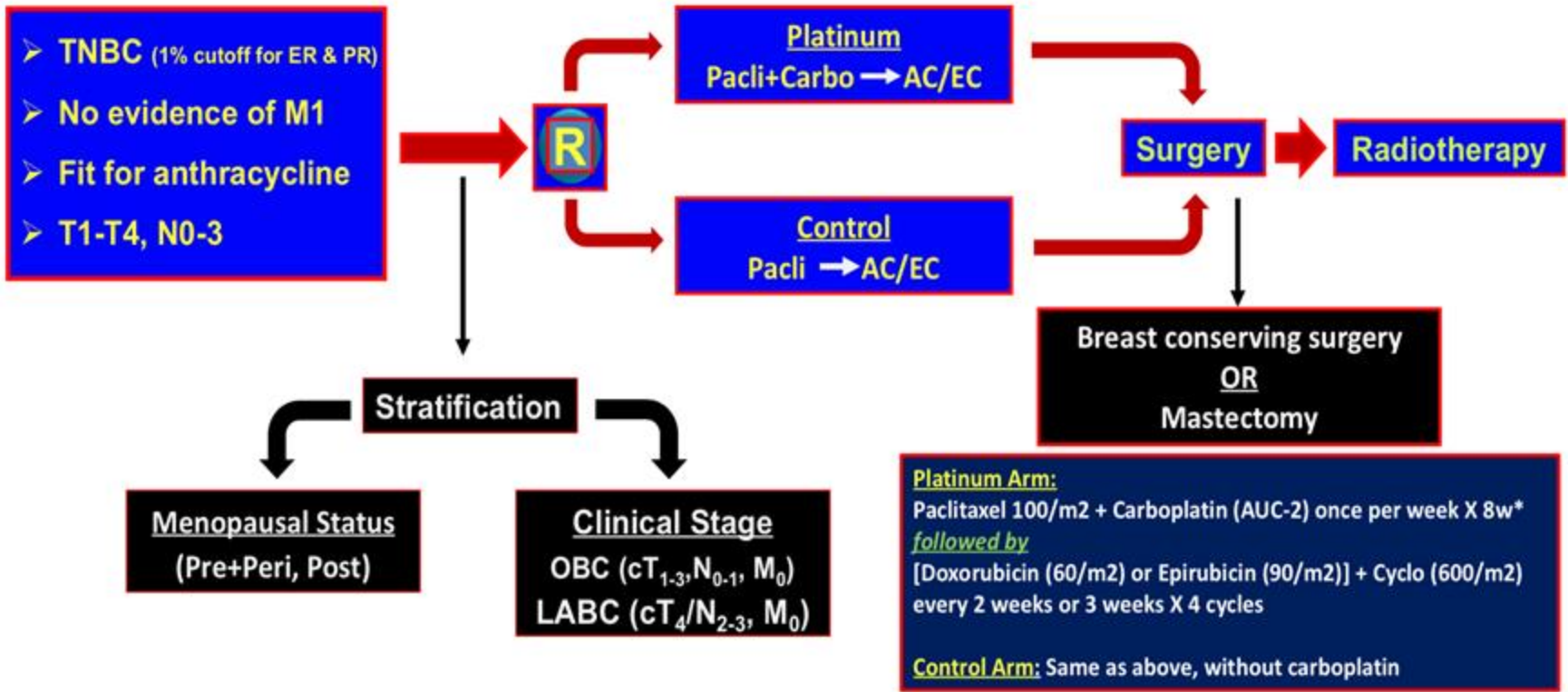
## CALGB 40603



## BrightNESS



**Addition of platinum to sequential taxane-anthracycline  
neoadjuvant chemotherapy in patients with  
triple-negative breast cancer:  
A phase III randomized controlled trial**



\*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

# Study Design and Statistical Consideration

**Primary endpoint:** Event-free survival (EFS) defined by disease progression, relapse, second cancer or death due to any cause whichever was earliest.

**Secondary endpoints:** Overall survival (OS) and pathological complete response (pCR, ypT0 or Tis & ypN0) proportion.

## Patient & Tumor Characteristics

	Control Arm (N=356)	Platinum Arm (N=361)	Total (N=717)
<b>Age (years)</b>			
Median (Range)			
≤ 50 years			
> 50 years			
<b>Menopausal Status</b>			
Pre- or Peri-menopausal			
Post-menopausal			
<b>Family History of Any Cancer</b>			
Yes			
No			

## Patient & Tumor Characteristics

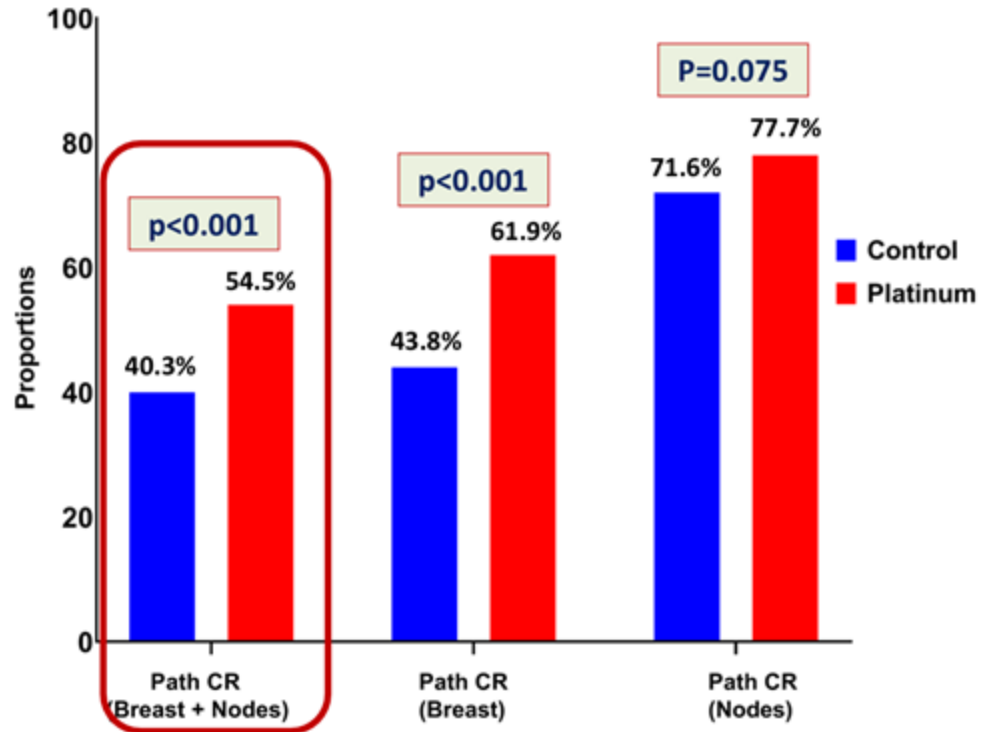
	Control Arm (N=356)	Platinum Arm (N=361)	Total (N=717)
<b>Clinical Stage (pre-NACT)</b>			
Stage I	1 (0.3%)	143 (39.6%)	285 (39.7%)
Stage II	1 (0.3%)	218 (60.4%)	432 (60.3%)
Stage III	0 (0%)	41 (11.4%)	80 (11.2%)
Stage IV	0 (0%)	320 (88.6%)	637 (88.8%)
<b>ECOG Performance</b>			
0-1	0 (0.0%)	6.0 (1.5-20.0)	6.0 (1.2-20.0)
2-3	0 (0%)	81 (22.4%)	160 (22.3%)
4-5	0 (0%)	280 (77.6%)	557 (77.7%)

## Patient & Tumor Characteristics

	Control Arm (N=356)	Platinum Arm (N=361)	Total (N=717)
<b>Receptor Status</b>			
TNBC	356 (100%)	361 (100%)	717 (100%)
Other	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Pathological Subtype</b>			
Invasive Duct Carcinoma	310 (87.1%)	331 (91.7%)	641 (89.4%)
Metaplastic	33 (9.3%)	22 (6.1%)	55 (7.7%)
Others	13 (3.7%)	8 (2.2%)	21 (2.9%)
<b>Grade</b>			
II	2 (0.6%)	3 (0.8%)	5 (0.7%)
III	354 (99.4%)	358 (99.2%)	712 (99.3%)

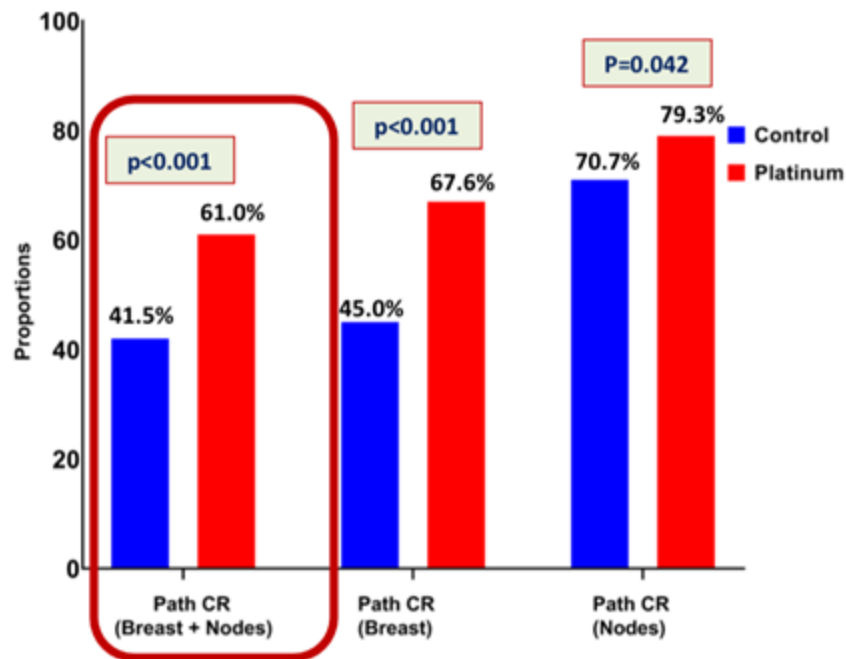


## ITT: Pathological Response to NACT by Rx-Arm

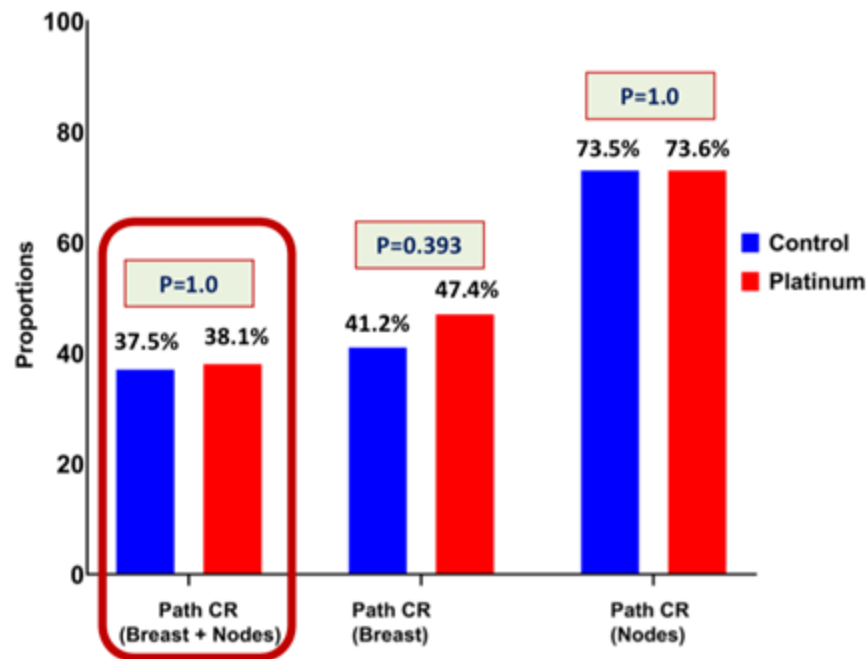


# Pathological Response to NACT by Age & Rx-Arm

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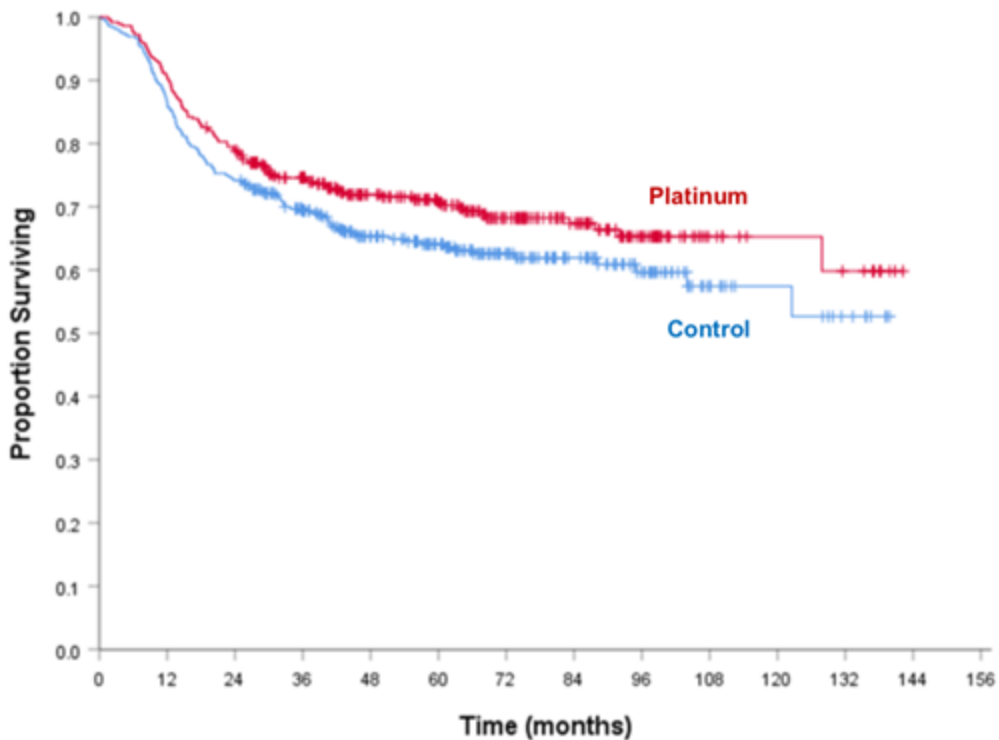


Age > 50 years



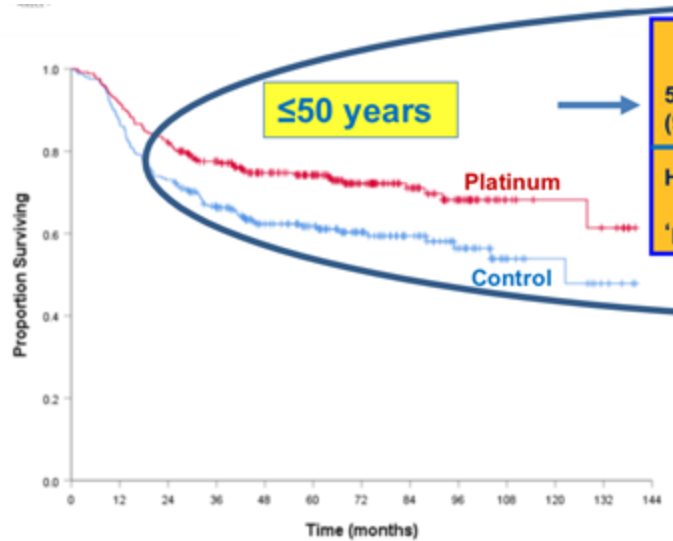
Multivariable (binary logistic) analysis for factors affecting pCR: Rx-Arm X Age interaction significant in a model including Rx-Arm, Age, cT size, cN status, Family History

# Event-free Survival in ITT (N=717)



Control	356	308	264	218	169	141	101	70	45	19	12	7
Platinum	361	326	284	239	190	159	112	79	47	17	12	10

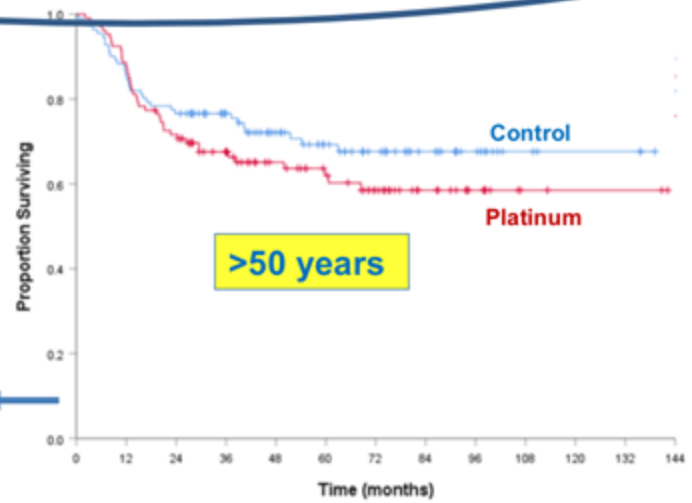
# Event Free Survival in Younger and Older Patients



≤50 years

	Platinum	Control
5-year EFS (95% CI)	74.2% (68.71 - 79.69%)	61.7% (55.43 - 67.97%)
HR (95% CI)	0.642 (0.473 - 0.871)	
'p'	0.004	

Control	245	213	179	149	115	98	69	49	32	14	9	4
Platinum	255	233	209	180	145	122	85	62	37	14	10	8

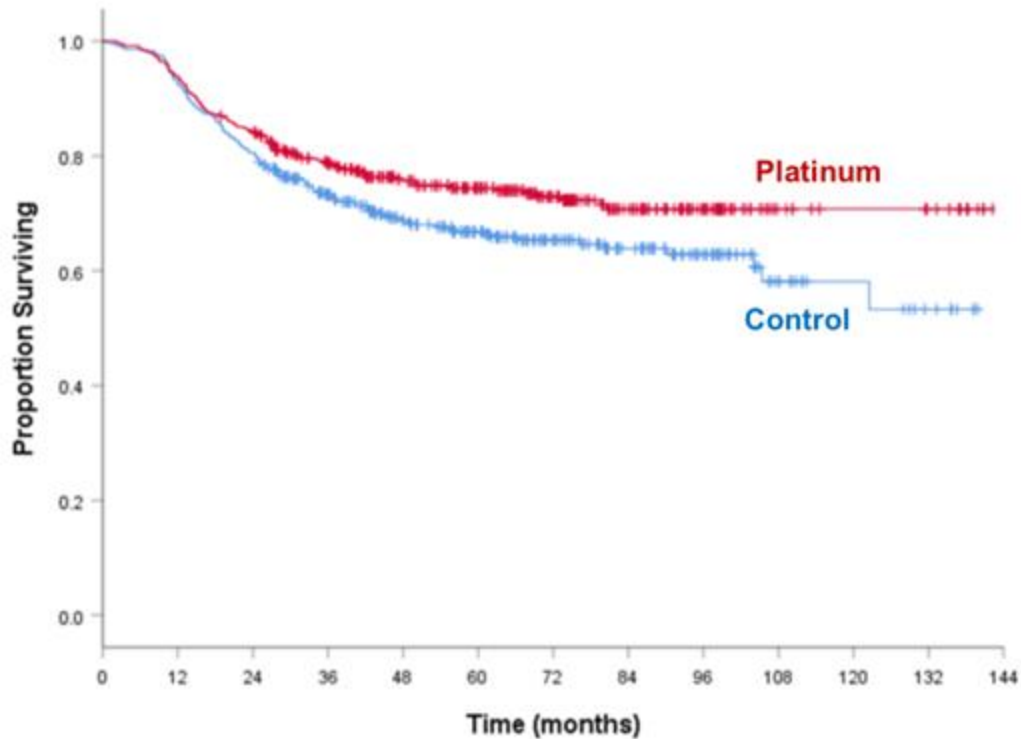


>50 years

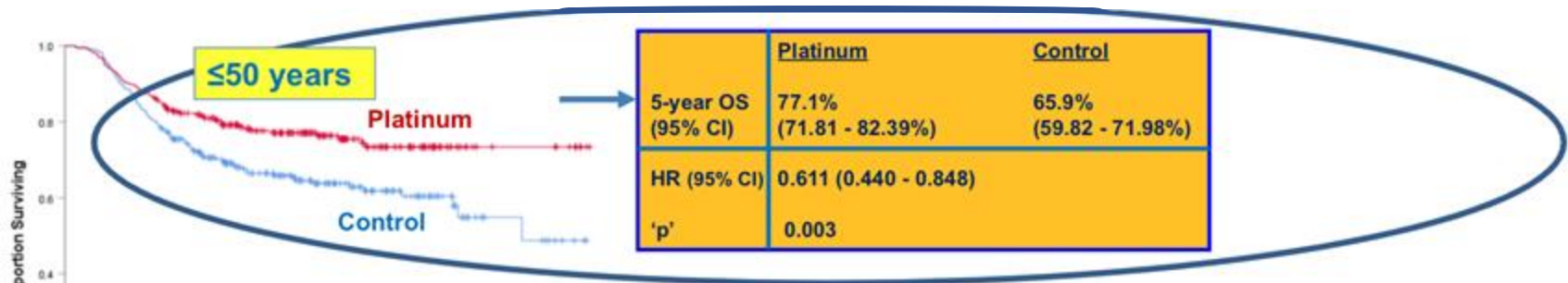
	Platinum	Control
5-year EFS (95% CI)	62.0% (52.2 - 71.8%)	69.3% (60.28 - 78.32%)
HR (95% CI)	1.309 (0.825-2.076)	
'p'	0.253	

Control	111	95	85	69	54	43	32	21	13	5	3	3
Platinum	106	93	75	59	45	37	27	17	10	3	2	2

# Overall Survival in ITT (N=717)



<b>Control</b>	356	330	287	229	179	147	106	74	48	20	12	7
<b>Platinum</b>	361	339	303	252	201	168	122	83	51	19	14	12



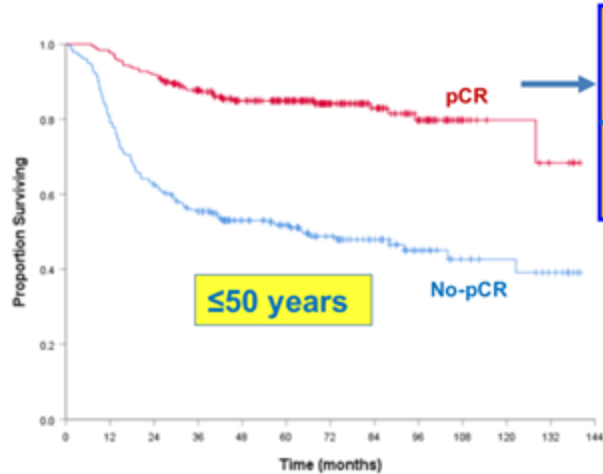
Control	245	232	197	160	125	104	74	53	35	15	9	4
Platinum	255	240	220	190	153	127	91	64	40	15	11	9

	Platinum	Control
5-year OS (95% CI)	68.0% (58.79 - 77.21%)	68.9% (59.69 - 78.11%)
HR (95% CI)	1.132 (0.698 - 1.835)	
'p'	0.615	



Control	111	98	90	69	54	43	32	21	13	5	3	3
Platinum	106	99	83	62	48	41	31	19	11	4	3	3

# Prognostic impact of pathological complete response in younger and older patients

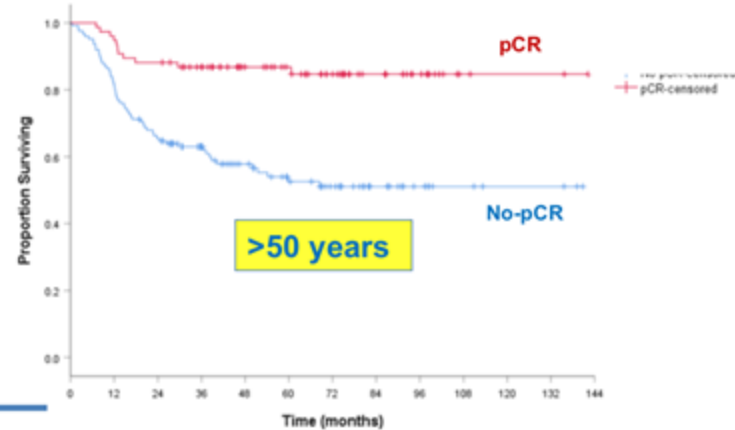


≤50 years

No-pCR

No pCR	234	186	146	124	93	79	56	41	24	15	12	8
pCR	248	243	228	196	162	137	94	67	43	13	7	4

	pCR (ypT0/is ypN0)	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)	
'p'	<0.001	



>50 years

No pCR	125	102	81	62	48	37	28	17	10	5	3	3
pCR	76	72	67	60	47	41	30	20	12	3	2	2

	pCR (ypT0/is ypN0)	No-pCR
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)	
'p'	<0.001	

# Compliance to Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

	Platinum (N=361)	Control (N=356)
Completed 8 cycles of Weekly Paclitaxel or Weekly Paclitaxel-Carboplatin	341 (94.5%)	346 (97.2%)
Completed 12 cycles of NACT (8# weekly taxane +/- platinum followed by 4# AC/EC)	280 (77.6%)	285 (80.1%)

***Treatment compliance and toxicity were not different in younger and older patients.***



# CONCLUSIONS

- Addition of carboplatin to sequential taxane-anthracycline neoadjuvant chemotherapy significantly improves overall survival and tends to improve event-free survival among patients with operable and locally-advanced TNBC.
  - The benefit seems confined to younger or premenopausal patients in whom there is substantial and significant improvement in EFS and OS.
- Increased pCR with carboplatin is predictive of EFS and OS benefit in younger patients **AND** lack of improvement in pCR is predictive of lack of EFS and OS benefit in older patients.

# CONCLUSIONS

- The precise reasons for interaction between age/menopausal status and carboplatin are unclear.
- Our survival results are concordant with GeparSixto and BrightNESS studies but discordant with CALGB 40603.
  - We used weekly carboplatin in all patients in the platinum arm (like GeparSixto) which likely increased compliance and reduced toxicity.
  - We used the standard chemotherapy backbone of taxane, anthracycline and cyclophosphamide.
  - We did not use bevacizumab or PARP inhibitors.

# CONCLUSIONS

Addition of carboplatin to taxane and anthracycline neoadjuvant chemotherapy should be the standard treatment in patients with TNBC who are  $\leq 50$  years or who are pre-menopausal.

**PRACTICE CHANGING !!!!**

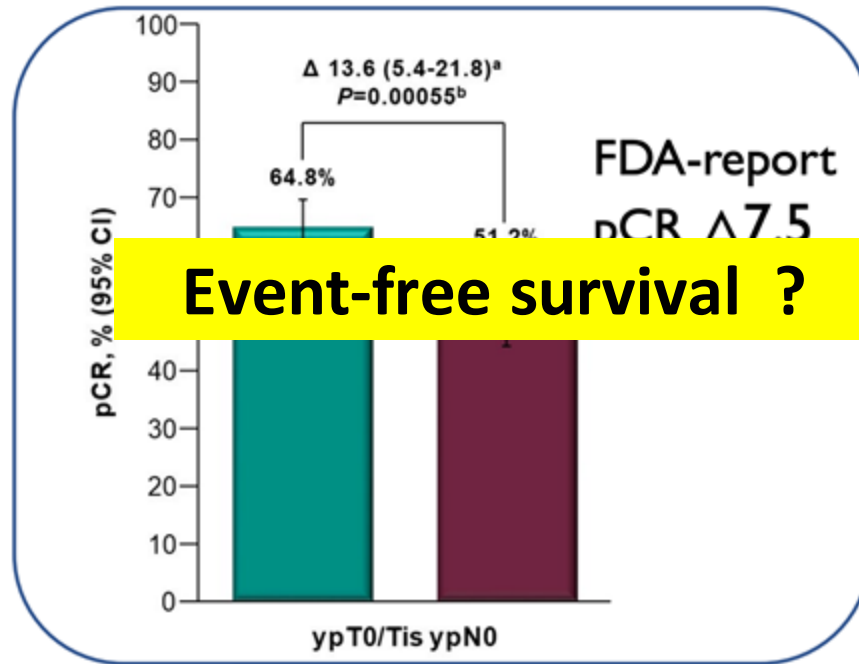
# KEYNOTE-522

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Newly diagnosed TNBC of either T1c N1-2 or T2-4 N0
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Tissue sample for PD-L1 assessment<sup>a</sup>

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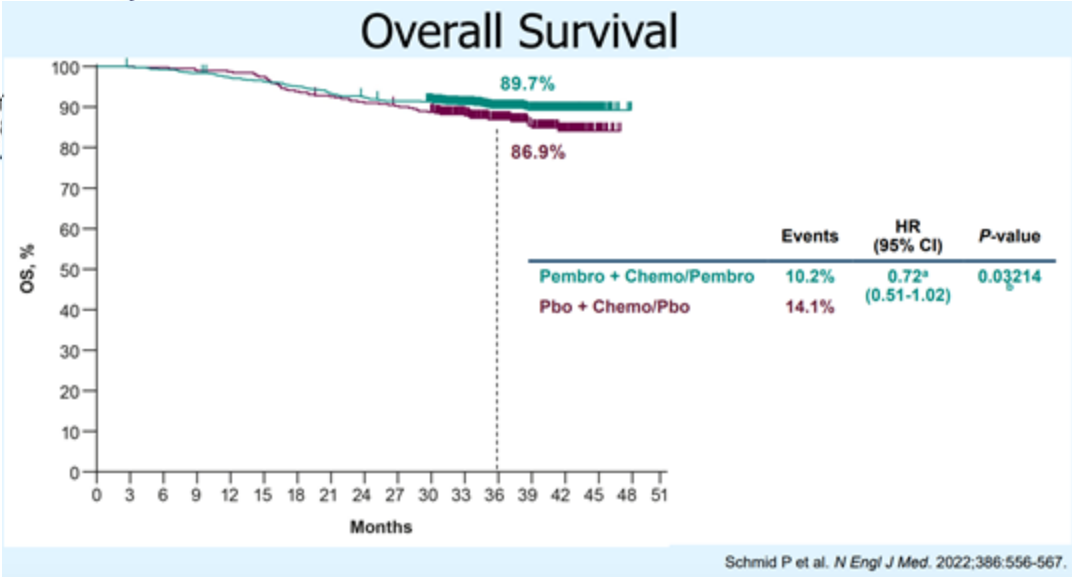
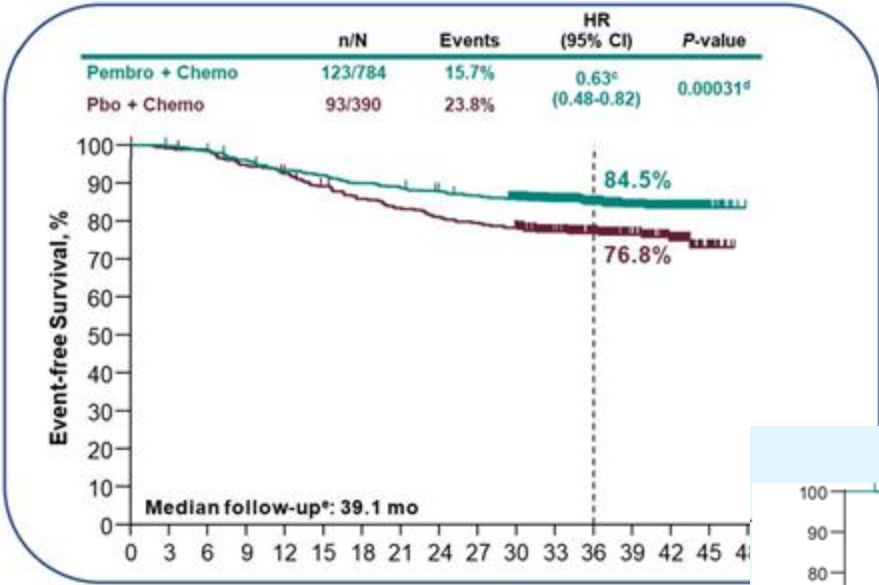
← Noadjuvant Phase → → Adjuvant Phase →



Adjuvant Treatment  
(cycles 1-9; 27 weeks)

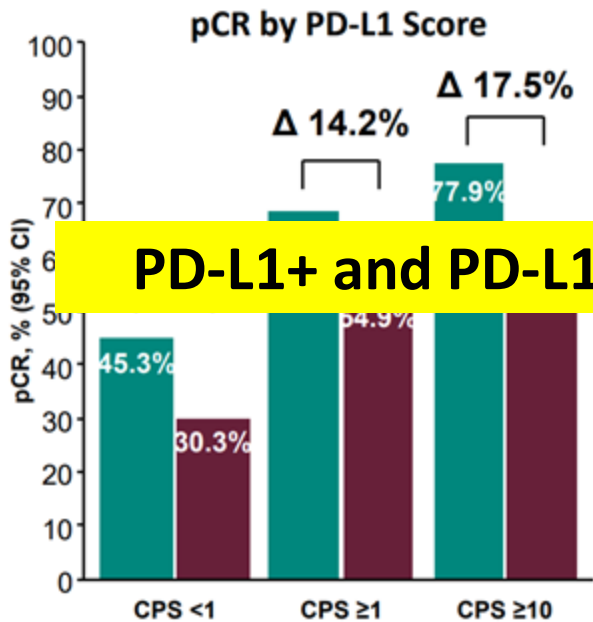
Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W

Placebo



Schmid P et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2022;386:556-567.

# PD-L1 Status and Benefit from Immunotherapy



## EFS in Subgroups

		No. Events/No. Patients (%)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	
		Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	
Overall		123/784 (15.7)	93/390 (23.8)	0.63 (0.48 to 0.82)
Nodal status				
Positive		80/408 (19.6)	57/196 (29.1)	0.65 (0.46 to 0.91)
Negative		43/376 (11.4)	36/194 (18.6)	0.58 (0.37 to 0.91)
Tumor size				
T1/T2		64/581 (11.0)	59/290 (20.3)	0.51 (0.36 to 0.73)
Weekly		71/444 (16.0)	56/220 (25.5)	0.60 (0.42 to 0.86)
PD-L1 status				
Positive		98/656 (14.9)	68/317 (21.5)	0.67 (0.49 to 0.92)
Negative		25/128 (19.5)	25/69 (36.2)	0.48 (0.28 to 0.85)
Age category				
<65 years		103/700 (14.7)	79/342 (23.1)	0.61 (0.45 to 0.82)
≥65 years		20/84 (23.8)	14/48 (29.2)	0.79 (0.40 to 1.56)
ECOG PS				
0		101/678 (14.9)	80/341 (23.5)	0.60 (0.45 to 0.80)
1		22/106 (20.8)	13/49 (26.5)	0.81 (0.41 to 1.62)

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← Favors Pembro + Chemo/Pembro      Favors Pbo + Chemo/Pbo →

**PD-L1+ and PD-L1- patients have similar EFS and pCR Benefit**

# KEYNOTE 522

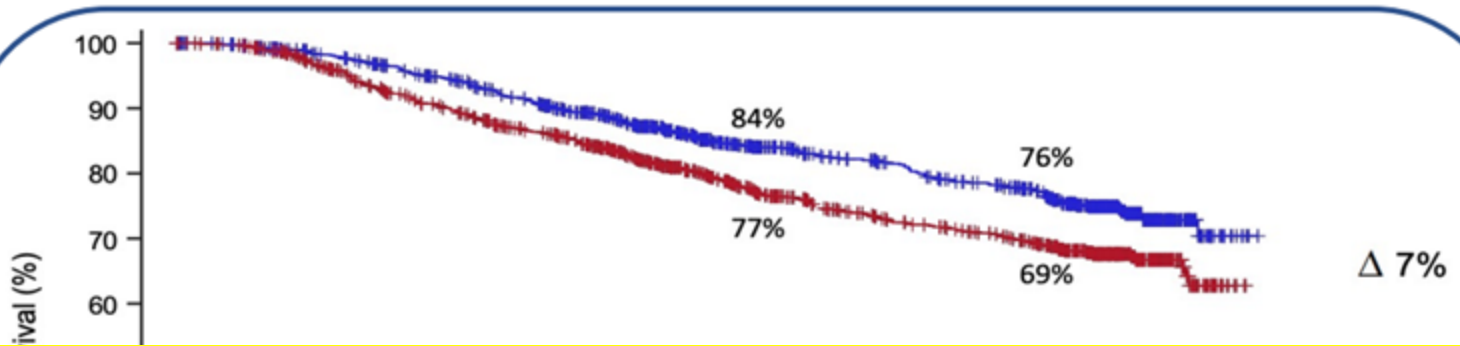
RESIDUAL DISEASE



Every 3 weeks  
doxorubicin and  
cyclophosphamide

No olaparib

No capecitabine



**KEYNOTE 522 DOES NOT have dose-dense anthracyclines**

HR 0.72 (95% CI 0.60-0.86)  
P = 0.0004

	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Events</u>
<b>Q2</b>	1002	197
<b>Q3</b>	1001	254

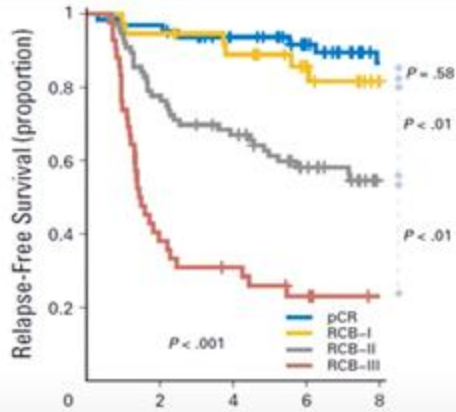
**OS benefit!**  
**TNBC:  $\Delta$  12%!**

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Time (years)



# Adjuvant capecitabine improves outcomes in patients with residual TNBC

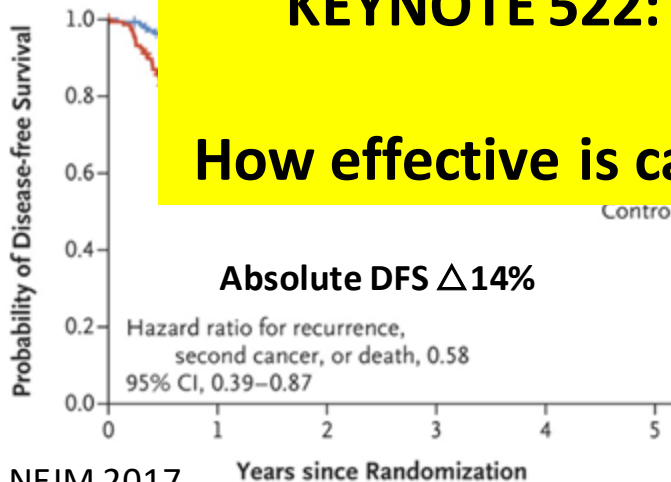


## CREATE-X: Trial Design

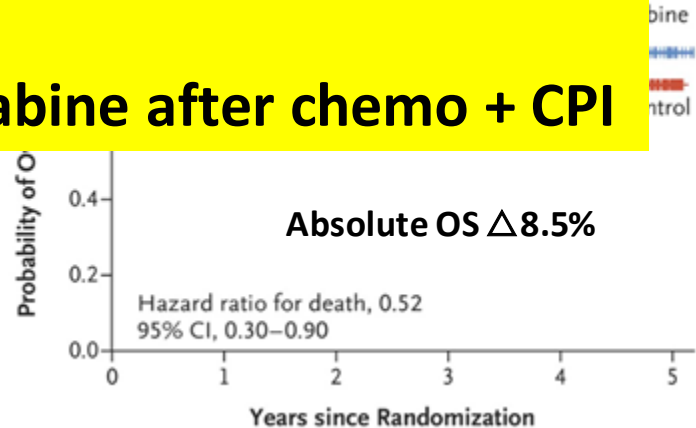


**KEYNOTE 522: NO adjuvant capecitabine**

**How effective is capecitabine after chemo + CPI**



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# OlympiA: Phase III Study of Olaparib as Adjuvant Therapy for High-Risk, HER2-Negative Primary Breast Cancer with Germline BRCA1/2 Mutations

82% were TNBC

Enrollment (N = 1,500)

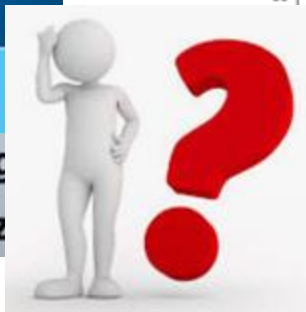
- TNBC
- Germline mutation in BRCA1 or BRCA2
- Completed neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy
- High risk of recurrence

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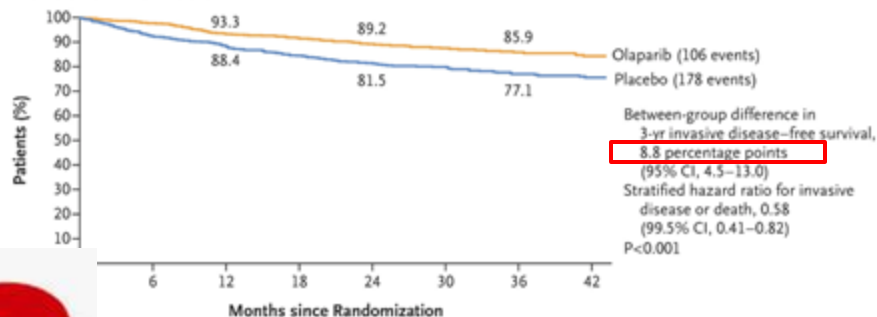
Olaparib  
300 mg BID PO

Matched placebo

Clinically highly meaningful  
Primary endpoint (may be generalizable)

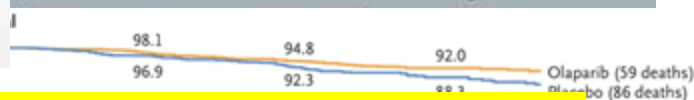
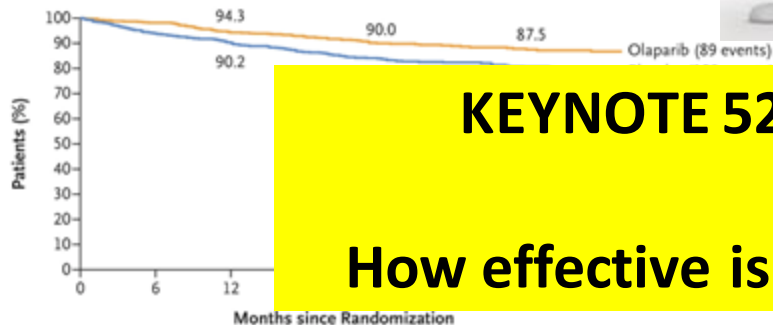


A Invasive Disease-free Survival



germline BRCA1/2-associated  
, somatic BRCA1/2mt

B Distant Disease-free Survival



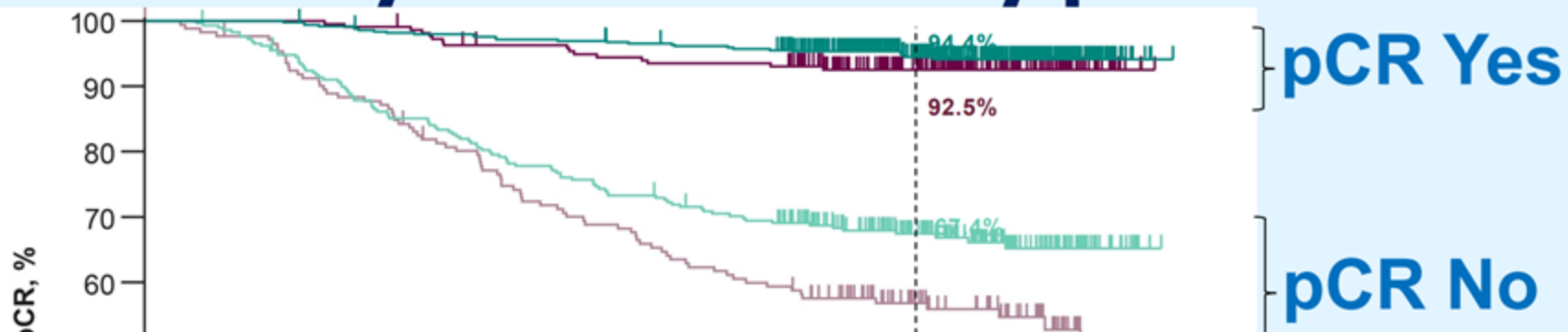
Between-group difference in 3-yr overall survival, 1.7 percentage points (95% CI, 0.3–7.1)  
Stratified hazard ratio for death, 0.68 (99% CI, 0.44–1.05)  
P=0.02

**KEYNOTE 522: NO adjuvant olaparib**  
**How effective is olaparib after chemo + CPI ?**

No. at Risk	921	823	744	612	479	364	279	187
Olaparib	921	823	744	612	479	364	279	187
Placebo	915	817	742	594	461	359	263	179

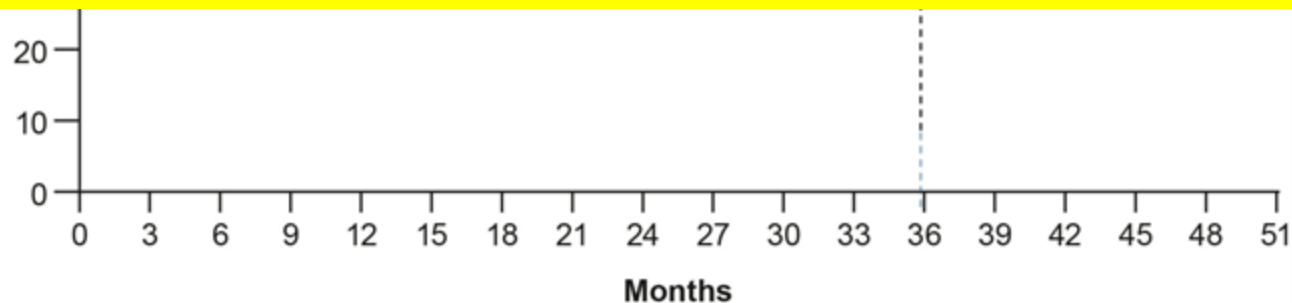
No. at Risk	921	856	801	659	531	400	310	205
Olaparib	921	856	801	659	531	400	310	205
Placebo	915	865	801	659	516	397	292	199

# Keynote 522 EFS by pCR



**For pCR: Forgo adjuvant CPI ?**

**Is there benefit from post-operative CPI in residual disease ?**



# GeparNUEVO Study Design

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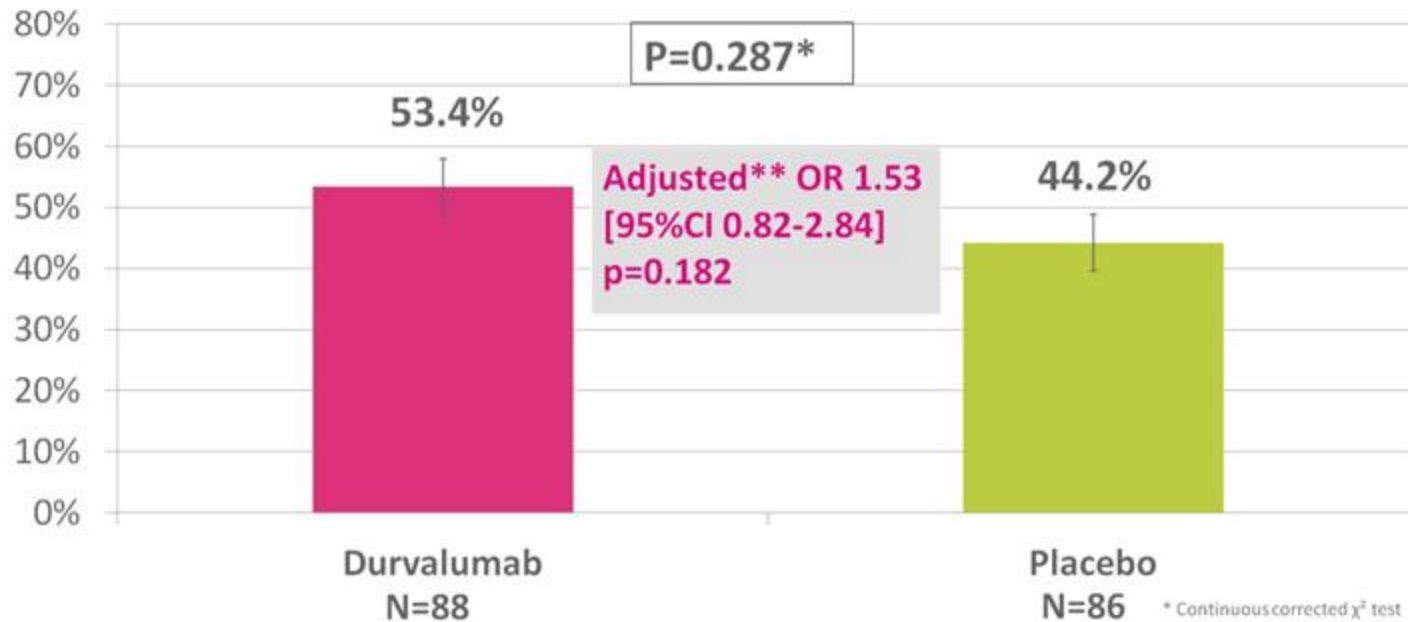


Primary Endpoint - pathological complete response  
pCR – ypT0, ypN0



PI

N=17  
TNBC  
Stratum  
TILs  
(low/me



Surgery

\*Tissue: FFPE  
Liquid biopsies: full blood; plasma, serum;

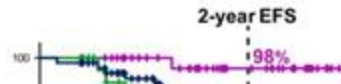
1.5g d1q28

\* Continuous corrected  $\chi^2$  test  
\*\* For stratification factor (TIL groups)  
Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1q14

**GeparNuevo**  
**Mdn 43.7mo**

**Keynote-522**  
**Mdn 39.1mo**

84.5%

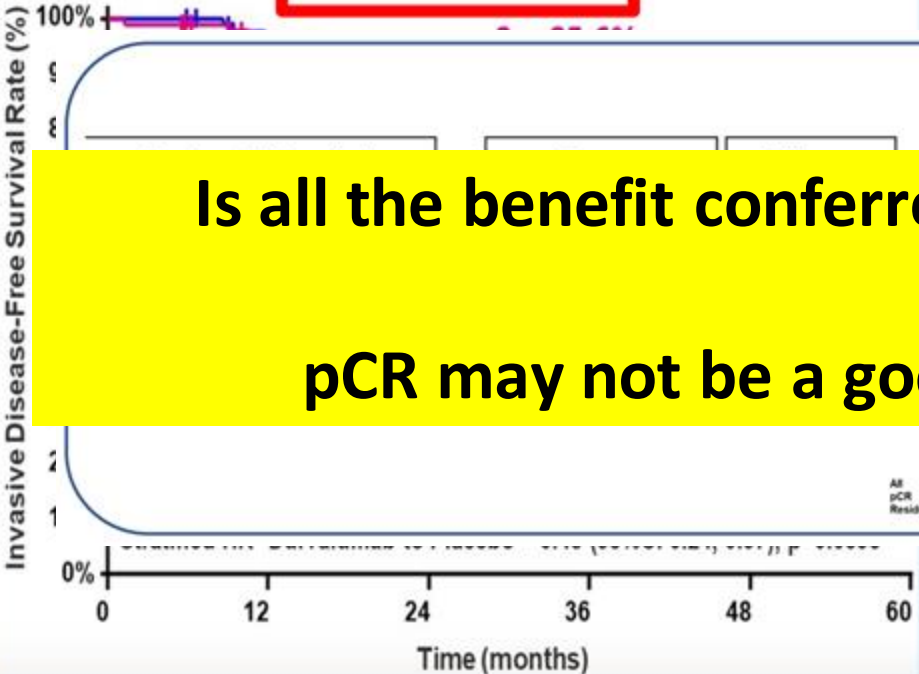


Median follow-up 24.4 months

NEOPACT

**Is all the benefit conferred from pre-operative CPI ?**

**pCR may not be a good endpoint for survival**

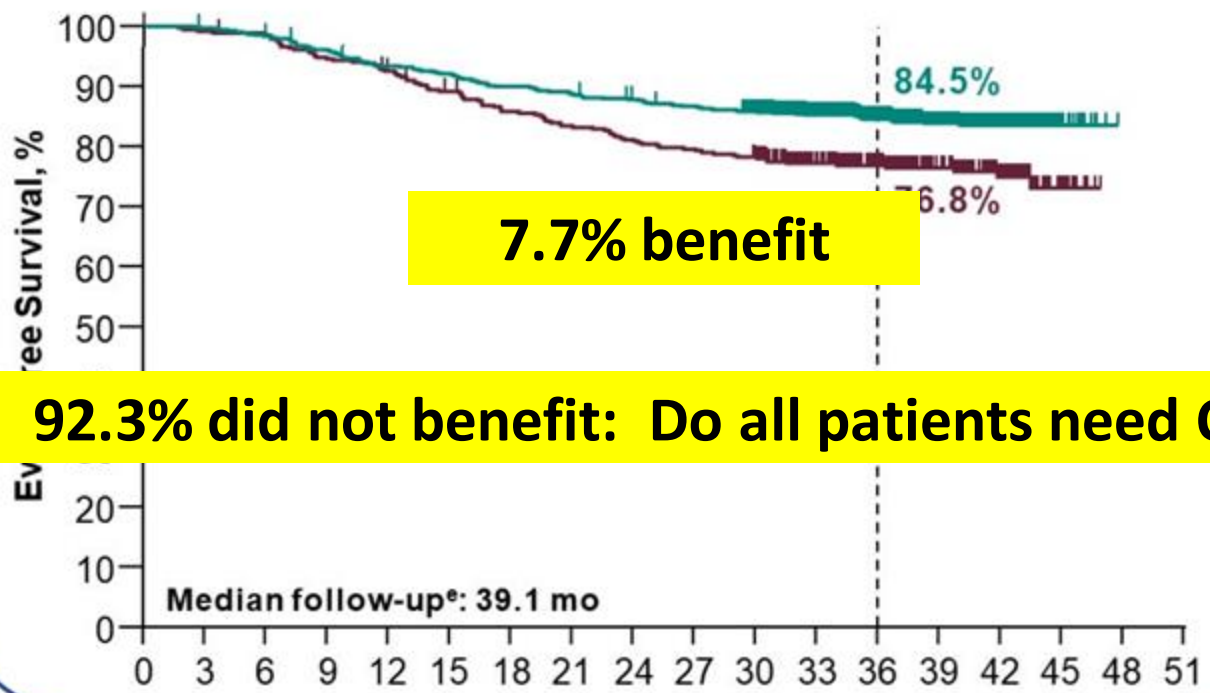


	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
All	113	108	95	75	54	37	18
pCR	62	62	55	48	38	28	13
Residual disease	49	46	40	27	16	9	5

Survival analysis includes all patients in the population except for n=2 who are awaiting surgery



	n/N	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Pembro + Chemo	123/784	15.7%	0.63 <sup>c</sup> (0.48-0.82)	0.00031 <sup>d</sup>
Pbo + Chemo	93/390	23.8%		



**Predictors of response to immune checkpoint inhibitors ?**

**DESPERATELY NEEDED !!!!**



# **Comparison of an atezolizumab monotherapy window followed by atezolizumab and chemotherapy versus atezolizumab and chemotherapy alone in triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) – an interim analysis of the adaptive randomized neoadjuvant two-arm trial neoMono**

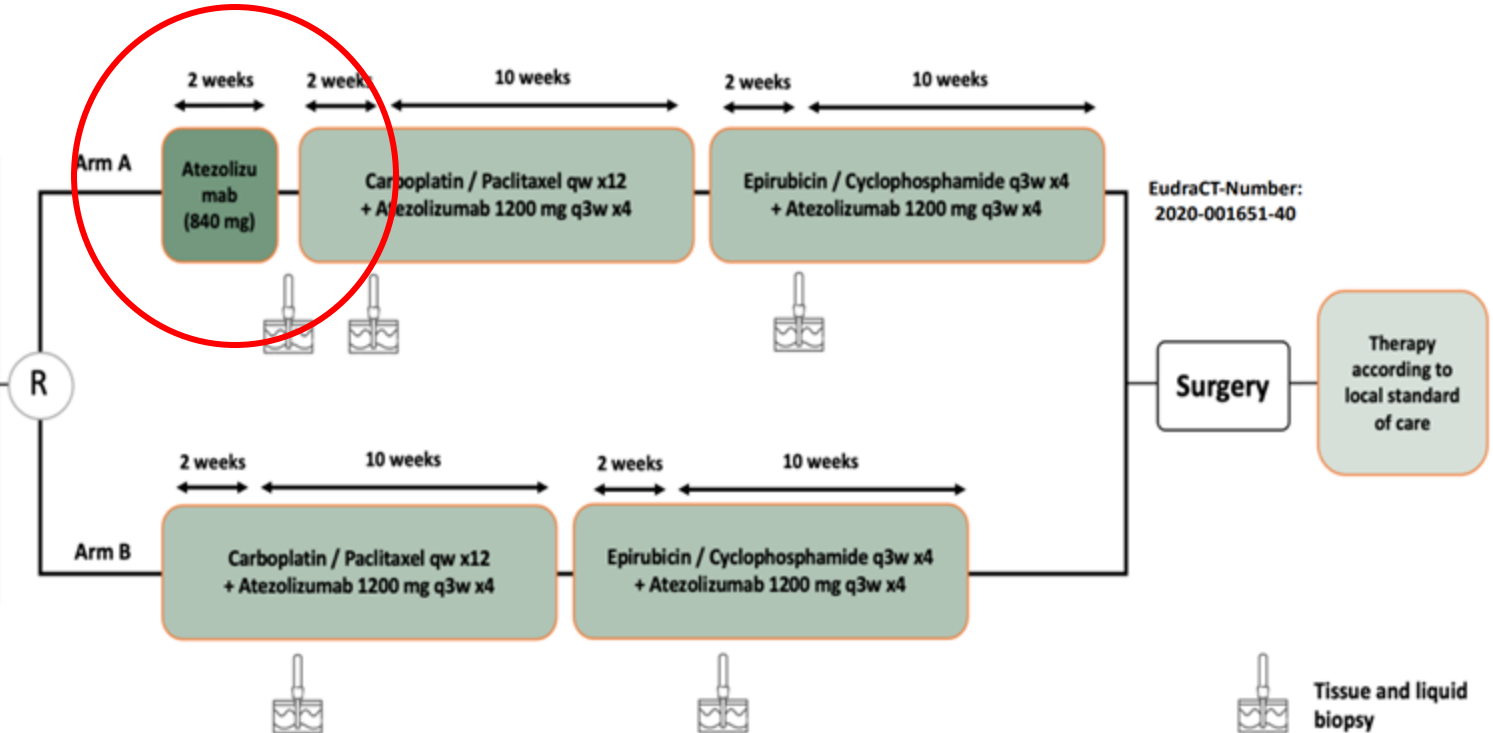
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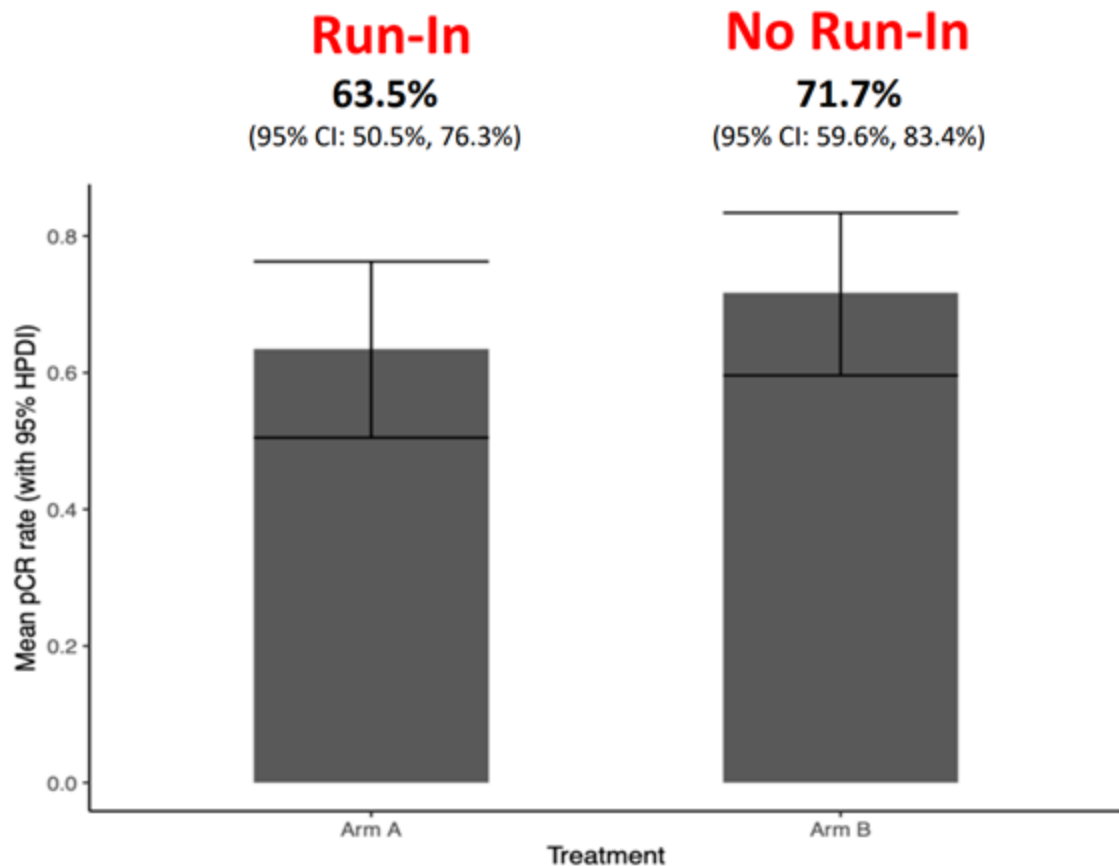
# Phase-II-neoMono trial

- 108 female and male patients
- TNBC (defined as ER/PR < 10% and HER2 negative)
- Stage cT1c – cT4d (irrespective of nodal status).



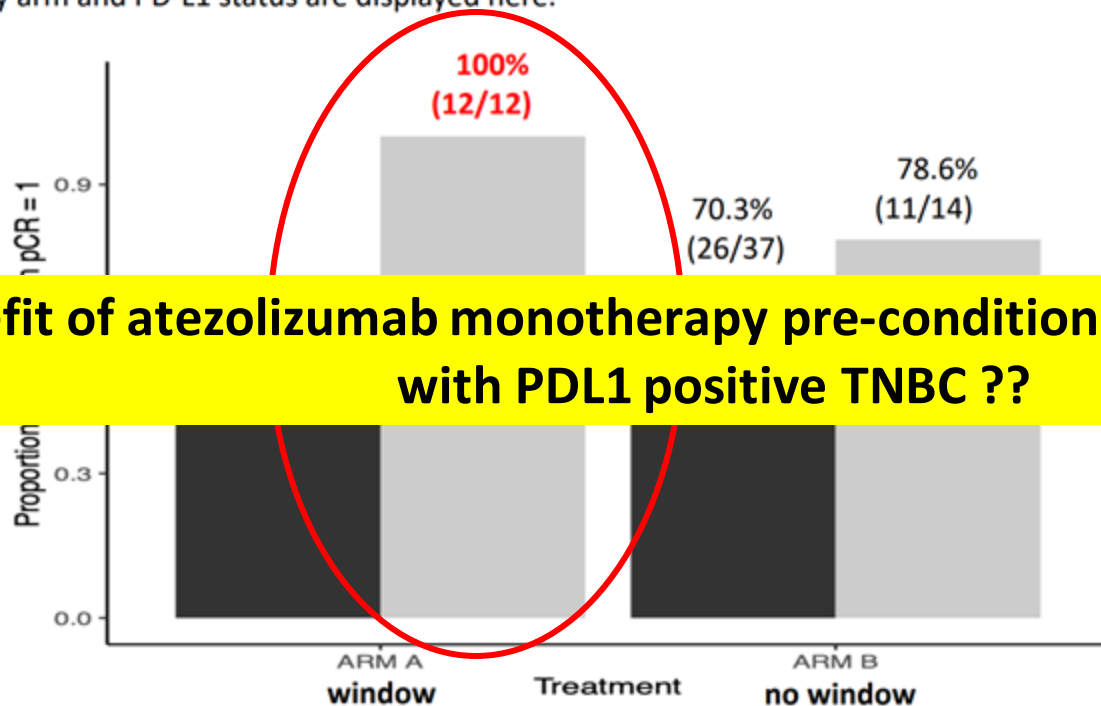
## Results of neoMono interim analysis (ITT population)

- All patients have hormone receptor status <1%
- 25.7% stage I
- 61.0% stage II
- 13.3 % stage III
- PD-L1 positive in 26.7%



## Interim analysis: results after stratification for PD-L1 (IC) status

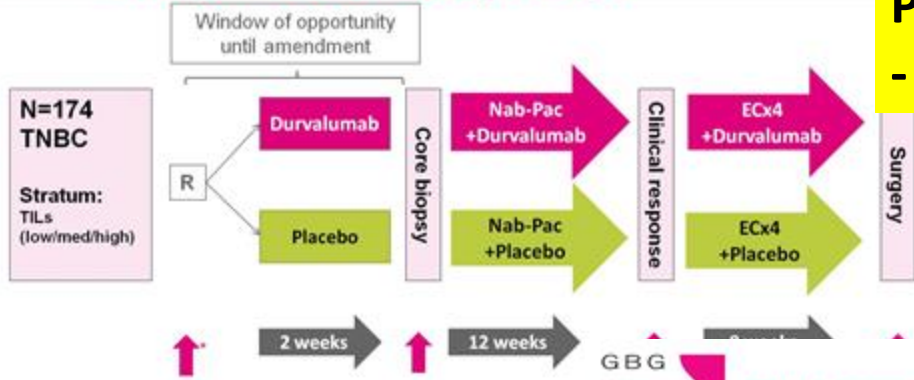
Due to an observed association between study arm and PD-L1 status regarding pCR in multivariable analysis, pCR results stratified according to study arm and PD-L1 status are displayed here.



**Benefit of atezolizumab monotherapy pre-conditioning among patients with PDL1 positive TNBC ??**

# GeparNUEVO Study Design

**Predictor of response ?**  
- Pre-conditioning with CPI monotherapy

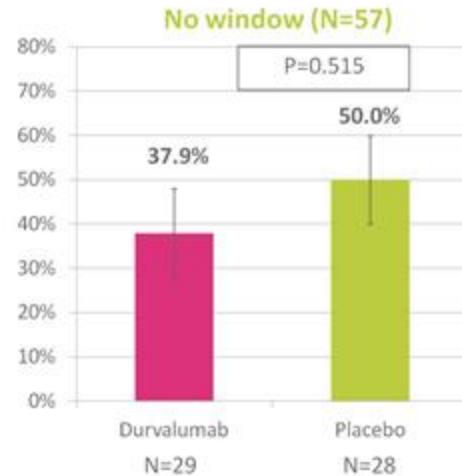
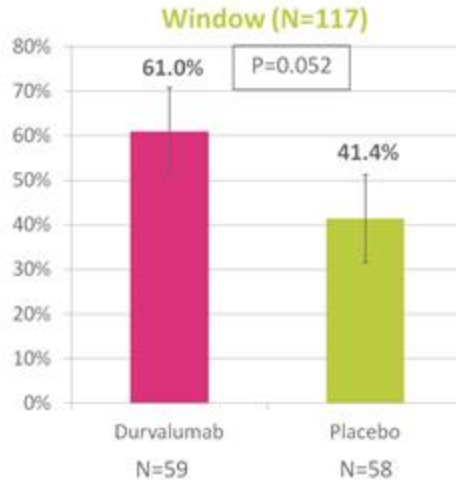


\*Tissue: FFPE, fresh frozen;  
Liquid biopsies: full blood, plasma, serum;

Durvalumab (0.75g)  
1.5g d1q28

nab-Paclitaxel 125mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Subgroup Analysis of the Window Cohort



# Association of TNBC-DX scores with outcomes in triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) treated with neoadjuvant pembrolizumab and chemotherapy: a correlative analysis from NeoPACT and NeoSTOP trials

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## Background

- Neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy is considered standard treatment for patients with stage II-III TNBC. Availability of biomarkers that can predict both pathological response and survival with chemoimmunotherapy can optimize this therapy.
- TNBC-DX risk score includes the 14-gene immunoglobulin (IGG) immune signature, tumor size, and nodal status and has shown prognostic value for survival in early-stage TNBC.<sup>1</sup>
- Currently unknown are the value of the TNBC-DX risk score and IGG immune signature in predicting outcomes in the context of neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy and predicting pathologic complete response (pCR) following neoadjuvant therapy.
- Here we assess IGG signature and TNBC-DX risk score in patients with TNBC treated with neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy (NeoPACT; NCT03639948)<sup>2</sup> or neoadjuvant chemotherapy without immunotherapy (NeoSTOP; NCT02413320)<sup>3</sup> on two trials.

## Aim

- To investigate impact of TNBC-DX and IGG immune signature on outcomes in TNBC patients.

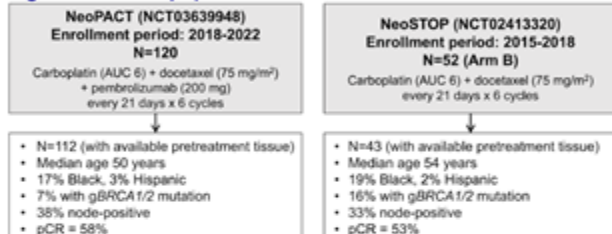
## Methods

- NeoPACT and NeoSTOP trials with patients included in this analysis are described in Figure 1. Only Arm B of NeoSTOP was included in this correlative analysis as the chemotherapy regimen for Arm B was identical to that of NeoPACT.
- RNA isolated from pretreatment tumor tissue was subjected to next-generation sequencing.
- The 14-gene IGG immune signature and TNBC-DX risk score were calculated in silico as previously described.<sup>1</sup> Evaluation of stromal tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (sTILs) was performed by one pathologist (RS) as previously described.<sup>4</sup>
- Markers were tested for prediction of pCR. Logistic regression analysis was used to examine effect of multiple variables. Event-free survival (EFS) curves were assessed by the Kaplan-Meier method and groups compared by log-rank test, followed by Cox regression analysis.

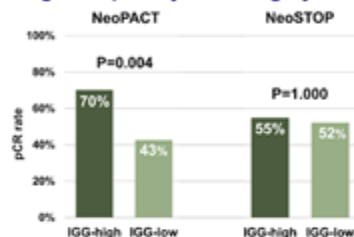
## Results

- 14-gene IGG signature in NeoPACT:** IGG signature was significantly associated with improved pCR (odds ratio [OR]=1.106, 95% CI 1.024-1.196, P=0.011 for every 0.2 increment). The pCR rates in IGG-high (above median) and IGG-low (below median) groups were 70% and 43%, respectively (OR=3.171, 95% CI 1.450-6.938, P=0.004) (Figure 2). sTILs and IGG signature were predictive (as modeled individually and jointly) for pCR in multivariable analyses adjusting for T stage and nodal status (Table 1). Neither sTILs (hazard ratio [HR] 0.613, 95% CI 0.179-2.097, P=0.436) nor the 14-gene IGG signature (HR=0.509, 95% CI 0.149-1.741, P=0.272) was prognostic for EFS in NeoPACT.
- TNBC-DX risk score in NeoPACT:** In contrast, TNBC-DX risk score was strongly associated with EFS (HR=5.345, 95% CI 1.153-24.763, P=0.017), even after adjusting for sTILs and pCR status (HR=7.868, 95% CI 0.987-62.722, likelihood ratio test P=0.013). Estimated 3-year EFS in TNBC-DX high and low risk groups (above and below median, respectively) was 93% and 80%, respectively (P=0.017) (Figure 3).
- IGG signature and TNBC-DX risk score in NeoSTOP:** No association of IGG signature with pCR (pCR 55% and 52% in IGG-high and IGG-low groups, respectively) (Figure 2) or TNBC-DX score with EFS (3-year EFS 88% and 91% in TNBC-DX high and low risk groups, respectively) was observed.
- A moderate correlation between IGG signature and sTILs was observed when both trial datasets were combined (r=0.642, P<0.001) (Figure 4).
- On CIBERSORTx leukocyte deconvolution analysis, IGG-high tumors exhibited significant enrichment of CD8+ T cells (P<0.001, q=0.004), plasma cells (P<0.001, q<0.001), CD4+ activated memory T cells (P<0.001, q<0.001), M1 macrophages (P<0.001, q<0.001),  $\gamma\delta$  T cells (P<0.01, q=0.03) and naive B cells (P=0.03, q=0.08) and depletion of unpolarized M0 macrophages (P=0.008, q=0.03), immunosuppressive M2 macrophages (P=0.02, q=0.06) and resting mast cells (P=0.009, q=0.03) (Figure 5).

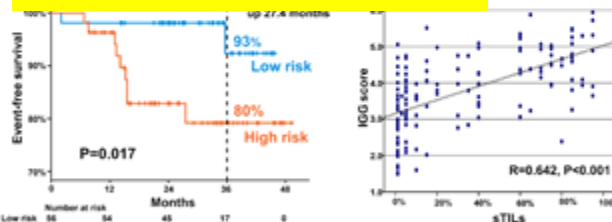
## Figure 1. Patient population



## Figure 2. pCR by IGG category



## TNBC-DX score versus IGG



**Table 1. Multivariable analysis: pCR in NeoPACT**

Model	Variable	Odds ratio	95% CI	p	C-statistic
1	sTILs $\geq$ 30% vs < 30%	4.509	1.893-10.735	<0.001	0.713
2	IGG high vs low	3.648	1.590-8.369	0.002	0.695
3	sTILs $\geq$ 30% vs < 30%	3.127	1.189-8.224	<0.001	0.735
4	IGG high vs low	2.184	0.854-5.585	0.107	0.735

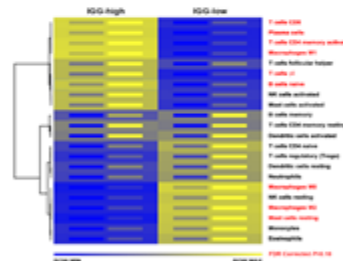
The p-value is a Wald test (to the left of the addition of the biomarker) to a model including T stage category and nodal status. The C-statistic is the area under the ROC, ranging from chance (0.5) to perfect (1.0).

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## Figure 5. Immune cell composition according to IGG signature



## Conclusions

- High expression of the 14-gene IGG immune signature in pretreatment tumor samples predicts for pCR following pembrolizumab-based neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy in early-stage TNBC.
- The combination of the IGG signature with tumor burden as assessed by TNBC-DX is prognostic for long-term outcomes in patients treated with neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy.
- Availability of biomarkers that can predict both pathological response and survival with chemoimmunotherapy can optimize this therapy, and evaluation of this biomarker in larger studies is warranted.
- In patients treated with chemotherapy (on NeoSTOP), IGG signature was not associated with pCR, and TNBC-DX was also not prognostic for survival. This could be due to small sample size of this chemotherapy-treated population.
- IGG-high tumors exhibited enrichment of anti-tumor leukocytes and depletion of immunosuppressive leukocytes on CIBERSORTx leukocyte deconvolution analysis.
- The IGG signature moderately correlates with sTILs but may capture a distinct immune composition.

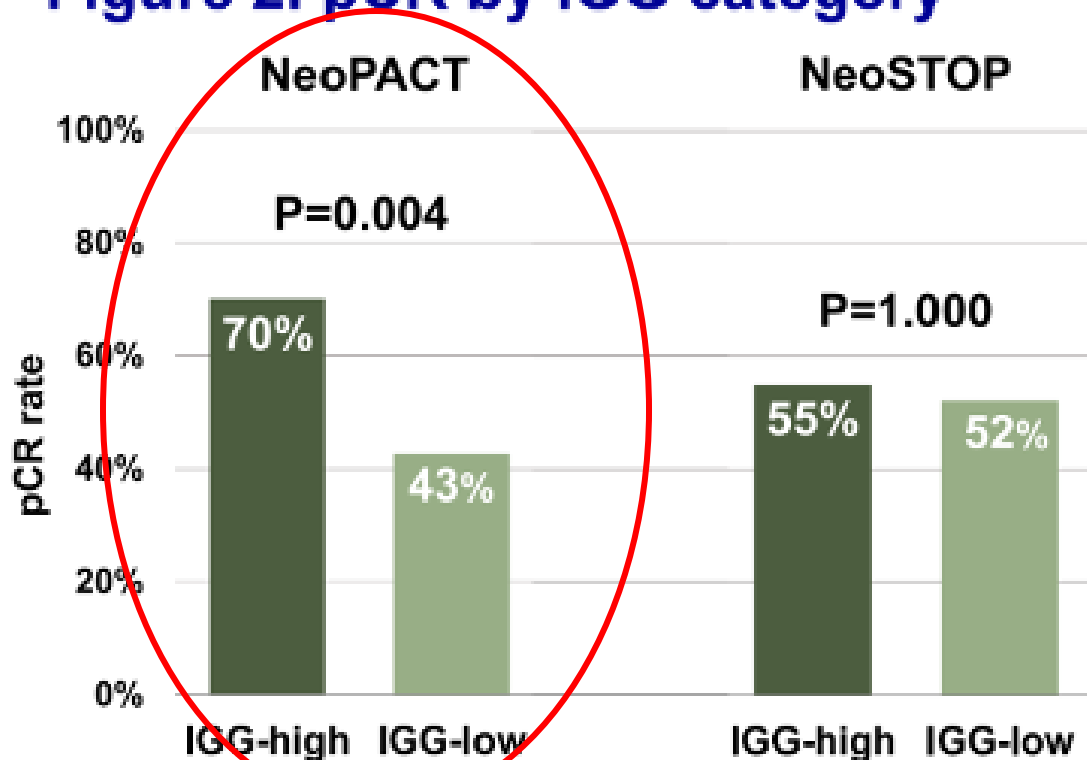
**Figure 1. Patient population**

NeoPACT (NCT03639948)  
 Enrollment period: 2018-2022  
 N=120  
 Carboplatin (AUC 6) + docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 + pembrolizumab (200 mg)

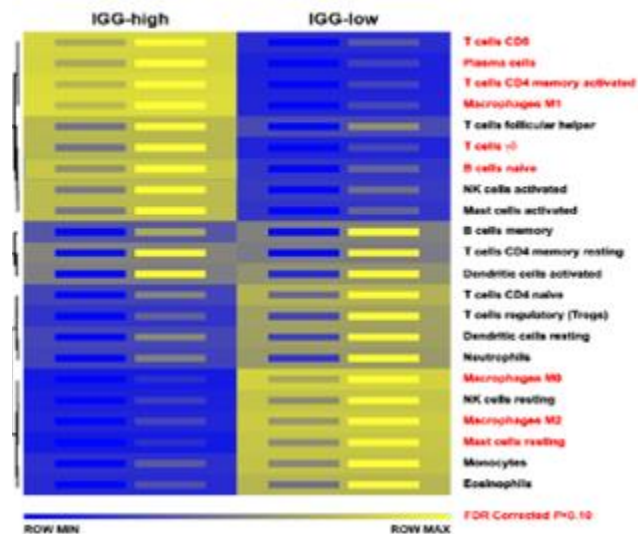
NeoSTOP (NCT02413320)  
 Enrollment period: 2015-2018  
 N=52 (Arm B)  
 Carboplatin (AUC 6) + docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 every 21 days x 6 cycles

**Predictor of CPI response ?  
 - IGG signature**

**Figure 2. pCR by IGG category**



**Figure 5. Immune cell composition according to IGG signature**

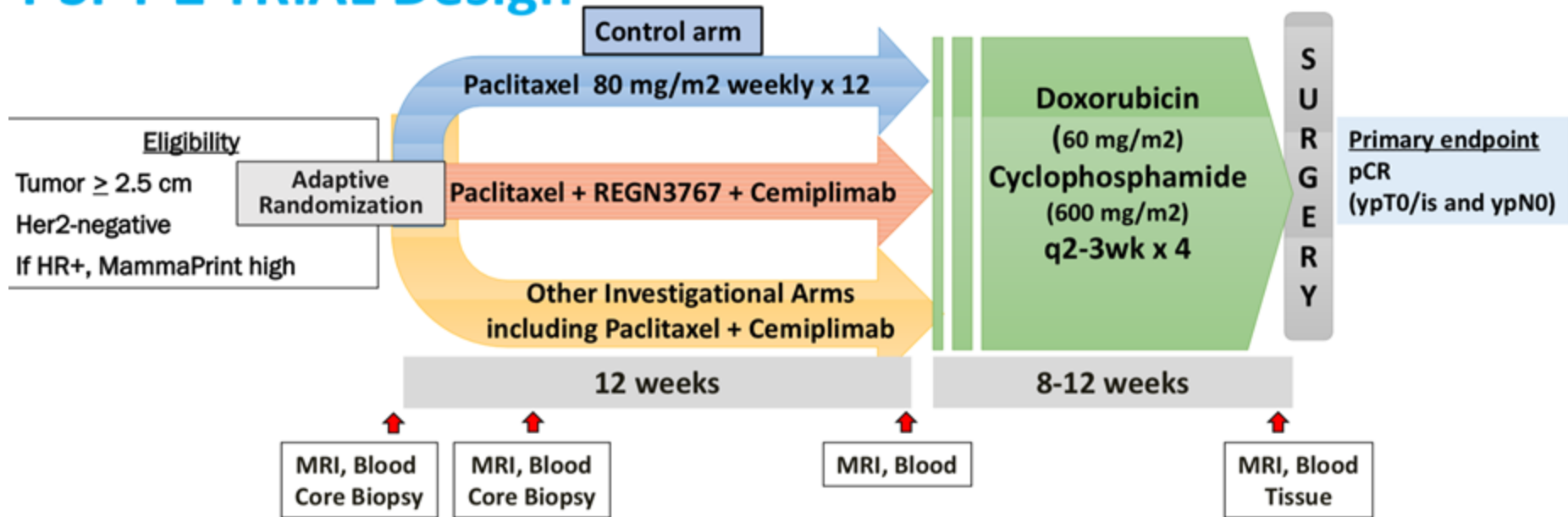


**Preclinical data suggests synergistic interaction between anti-LAG3  
and anti-PD1 therapy**

**Evaluation of anti-PD-1 Cemiplimab plus  
anti-LAG-3 REGN3767 in Combination with  
Paclitaxel in Early-Stage, High-Risk HER2-  
negative Breast Cancer: Results from the  
Neoadjuvant I-SPY 2 TRIAL**



# I-SPY 2 TRIAL Design

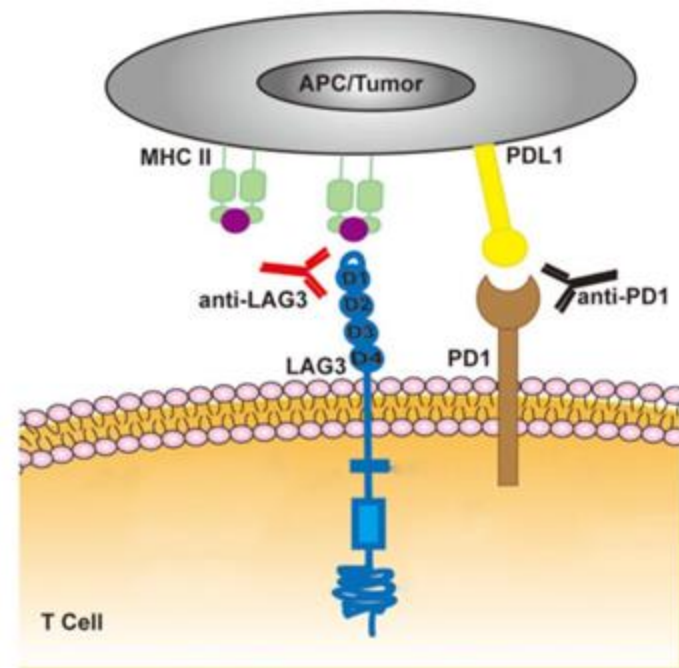


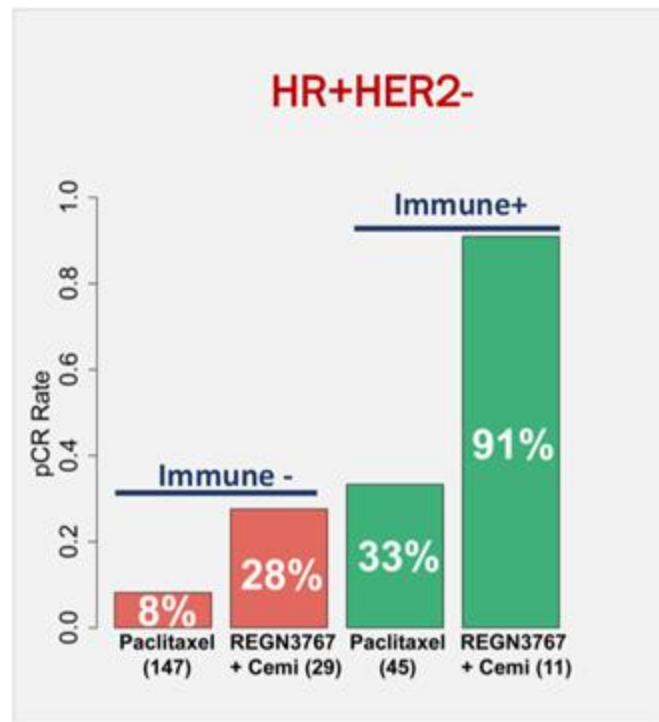
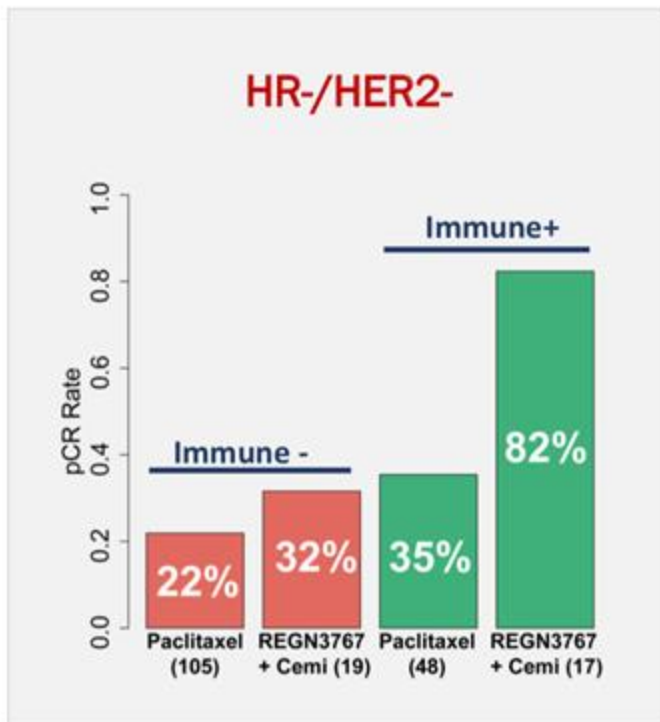
- REGN3767 + Cemiplimab was studied in **3 HER2-negative** biomarker signatures: **all HER2-; TNBC; HR+/HER2**
- Agent Graduation:
  - $\geq 85\%$  predicted probability of success in a 300-patient phase 3 neoadjuvant trial
- Graduation is assessed for each pre-specified biomarker signature



# REGN3767: LAG-3 Antagonist

- REGN3767 (Fianlimab) is a fully humanized, high-affinity mAb that binds to and antagonizes lymphocyte activation gene 3 (LAG-3)<sup>1</sup>
- LAG-3
  - Cell surface molecule expressed on immune cells including T cells
  - Binds to MHC class II leading to inhibition of T-cell proliferation and activation<sup>1</sup>
  - REGN3767 blocks LAG-3/MHC class II-driven T cell inhibition<sup>1</sup>
  - Often co-expressed with PD-1
- Cemipimab is anti-PD-1<sup>2</sup> approved for treatment of NSCLC and cutaneous and squamous cell CA





Observed (not modeled) pCR rates are shown

345 control and 76 cemi+REGN3767 of primary efficacy analysis population have ImPrint data

# Conclusions from the I-SPY 2 Trial

- Cemiplimab + REGN 3767 highly effective combination in both TNBC and HR+/HER2 negative breast cancer
- ImPrint signature identified greatest benefit from checkpoint inhibitor based therapy

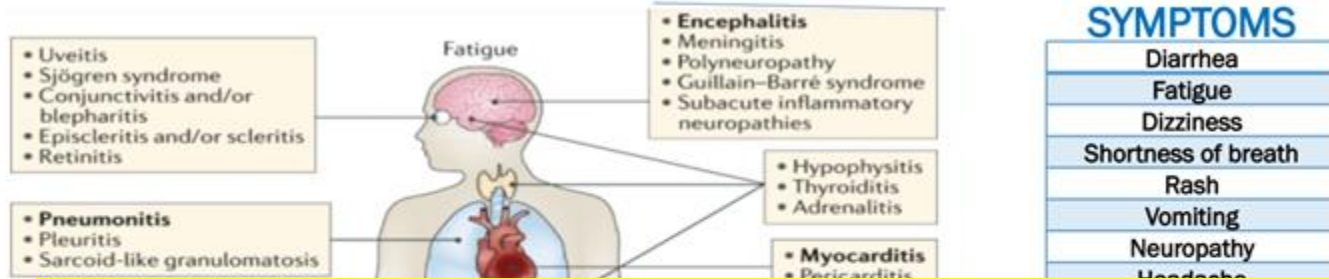
**Not ready for prime time**

## **Predictor for CPI response ? ImPrint signature**

well as 3 cases (5%) of type 1 diabetes

- This rate has not been observed in other patient populations
- Small studies have suggested lower irAEs with lower doses of immunotherapy
- Given activity, evaluating safety profile of lower dose REGN3767 given in combination with cemiplimab + paclitaxel

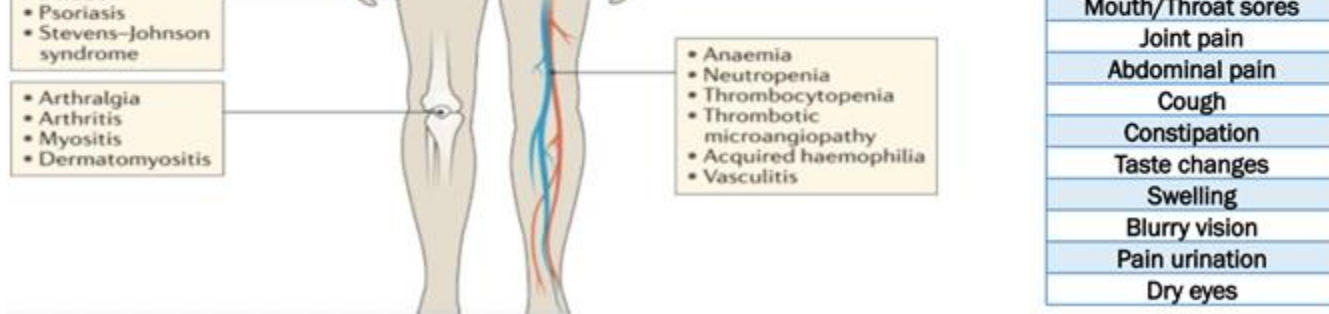
# Immune-related Adverse Events and Associated Symptoms



SYMPTOMS	
Diarrhea	
Fatigue	
Dizziness	
Shortness of breath	
Rash	
Vomiting	
Neuropathy	
Headache	

**Predictors of toxicity to immune checkpoint inhibitors ?**

**DESPERATELY NEEDED !!!!**



Mouth/Throat sores
Joint pain
Abdominal pain
Cough
Constipation
Taste changes
Swelling
Blurry vision
Pain urination
Dry eyes

Martins et al, 2019, Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology

# Identification of Symptoms Associated with irAEs in the I-SPY Trial

**Need to identify predictors of irAE**

Presented

- **Avoid immune checkpoint inhibition**
- **Intervene early to prevent irAEs**

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***Clinician-assessed adverse events (CTCAE v 5.0)***

- Included all grade 1-4 AEs
- Collected weekly to every 2-3 weeks depending on chemotherapy schedule
- Follow-up: up to 1 year



***Patient-reported Outcomes (PRO-CTCAE/PROMIS)***

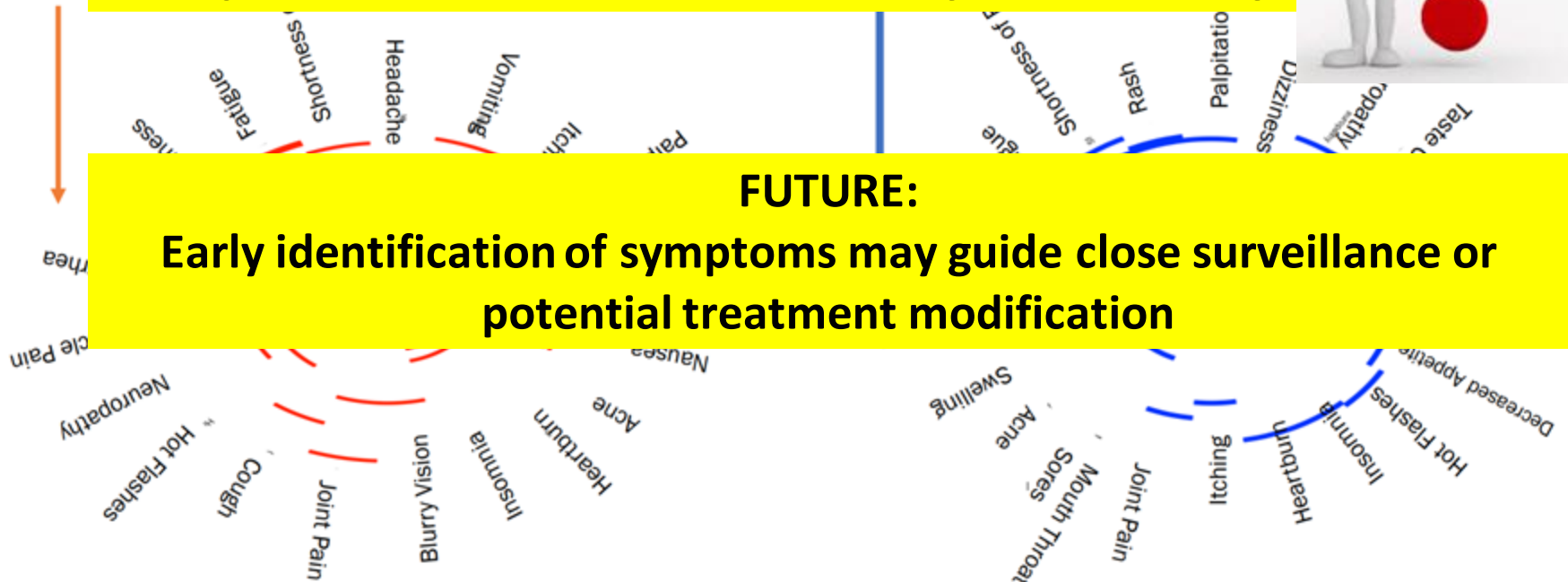
- Patients filled in in at least 2 timepoints including baseline
- Surveys were collected weekly for symptoms, and monthly for QOL
- Surveys collected through 24 months
- Reported using the Likert scale 1-5 (from none/mild to severe)

# Results: Co-occurring Symptoms up until 6 week timepoint

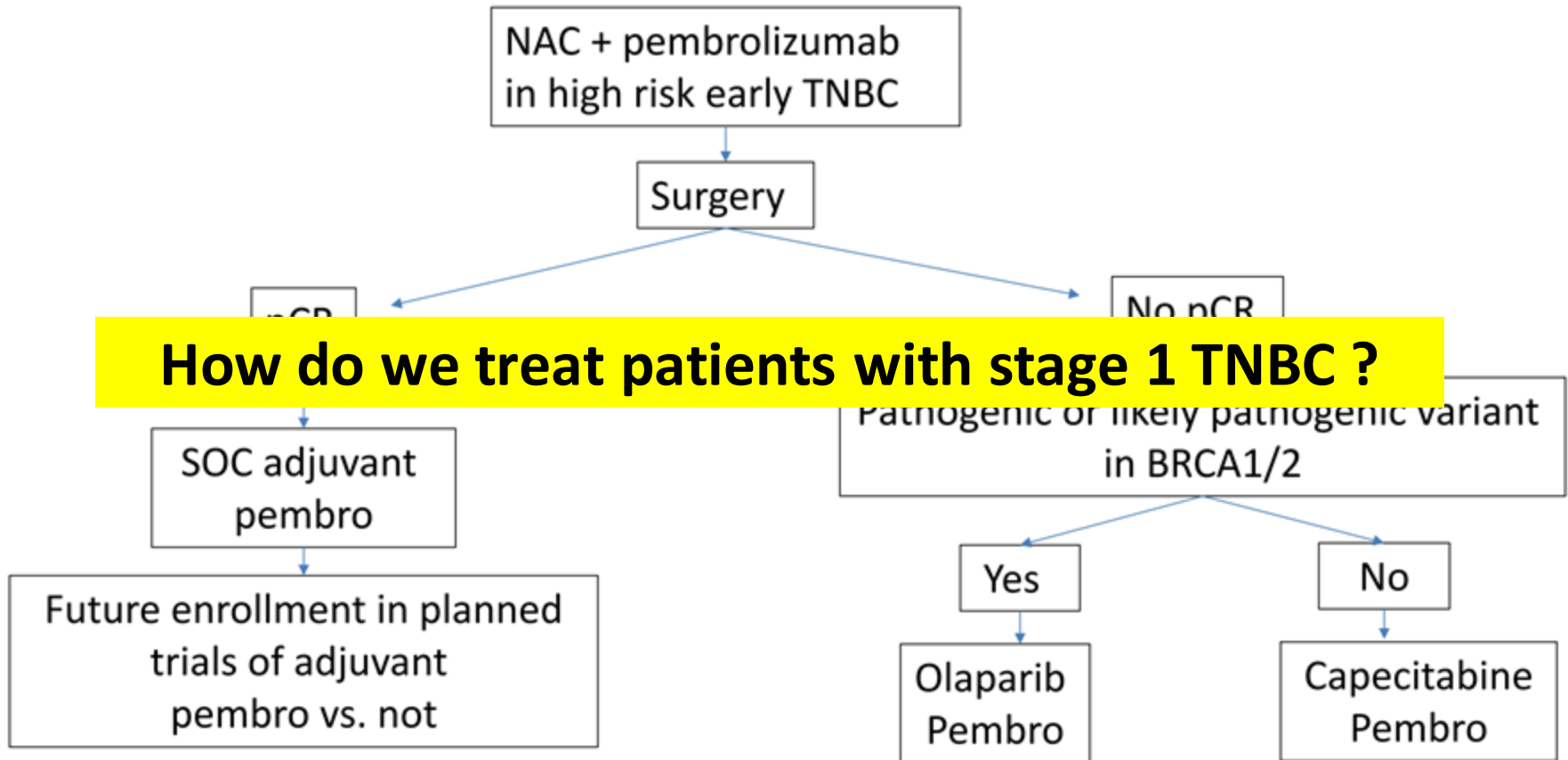


**Incipient disease before laboratory abnormality**

**FUTURE:  
Early identification of symptoms may guide close surveillance or potential treatment modification**

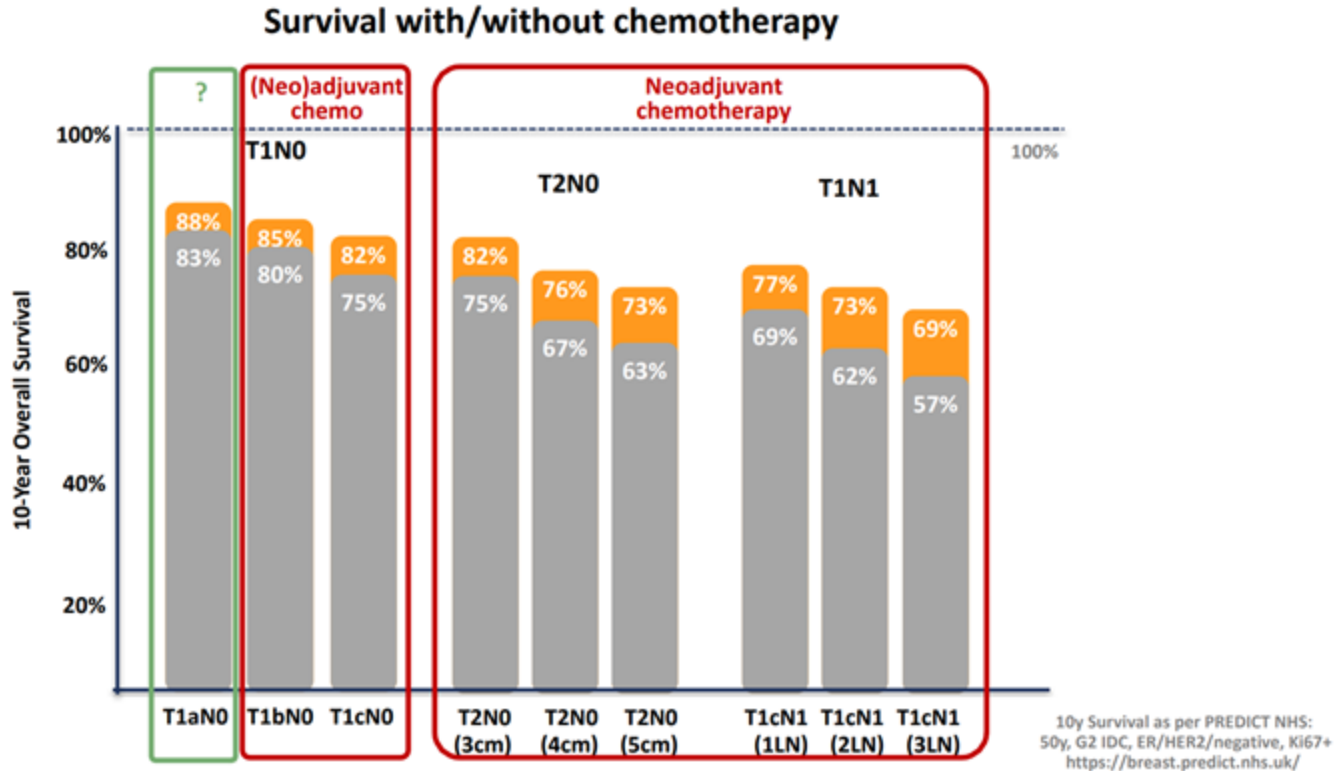


# Algorithm for management of high risk early TNBC





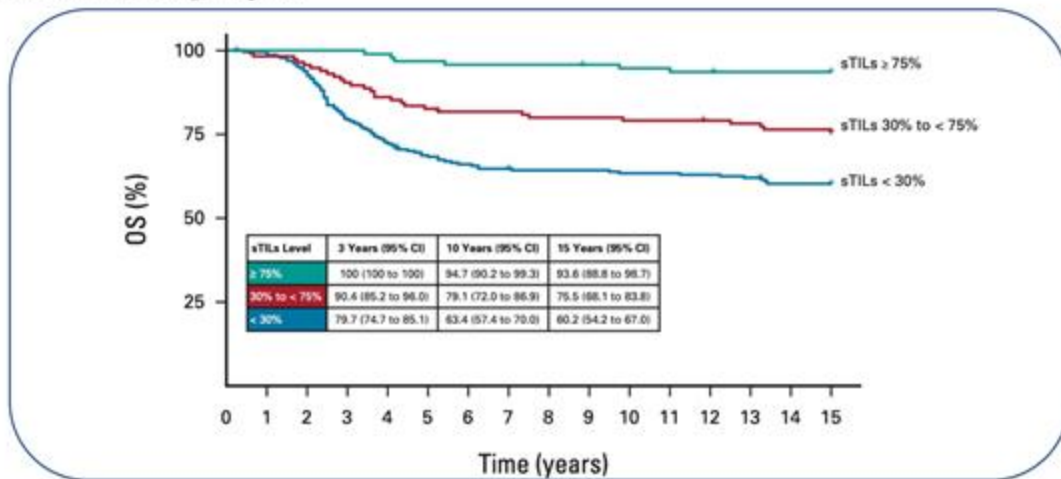
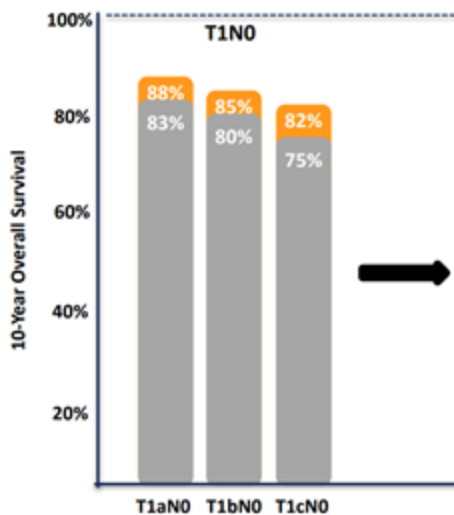
# Do all patients with early stage TNBC need systemic treatment ?



# Do all patients with early stage TNBC need systemic treatment ?

## De-escalate therapy ?

<40yrs, no chemo, N0, TIL (tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes)  $\geq 75\%$ :  
only 2% distant mets @15yrs!

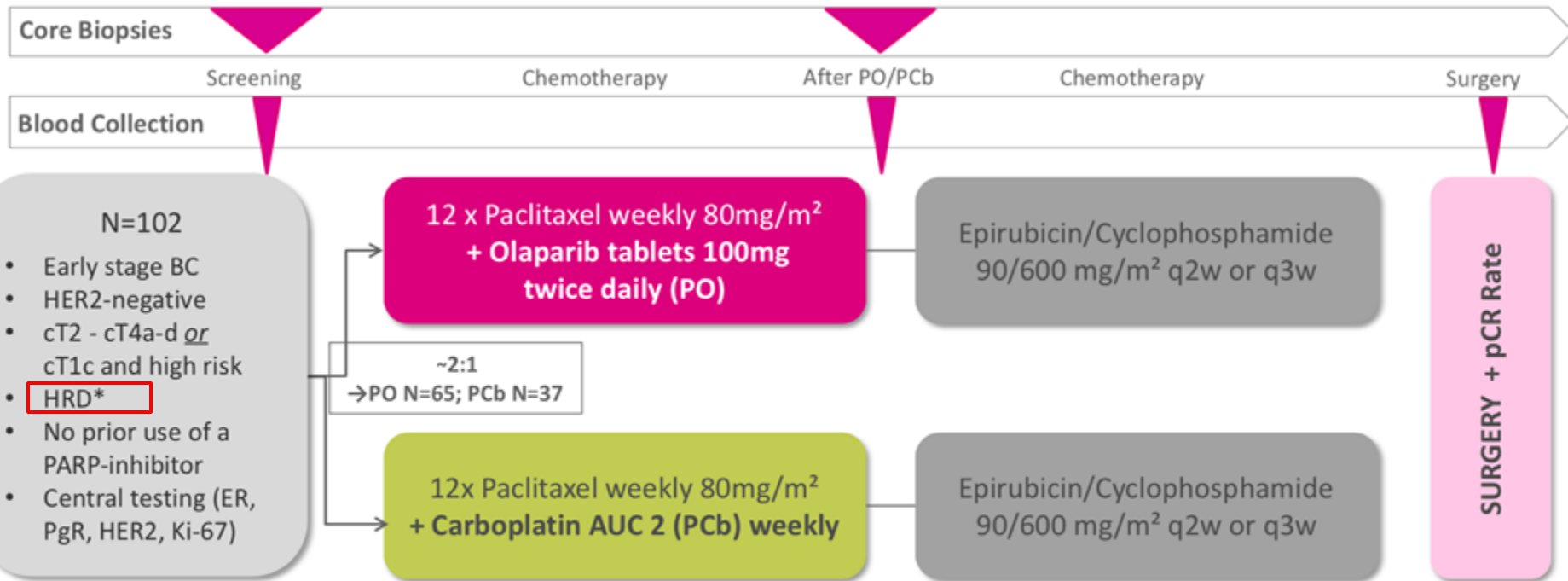


## **GeparOLA - GBG 90**

**Neoadjuvant paclitaxel/olaparib in comparison to paclitaxel/carboplatinum in patients with HER2-negative early breast cancer and homologous recombination deficiency – long-term survival of the GeparOLA study**

72.6% TNBC

# GeparOLA Study Design



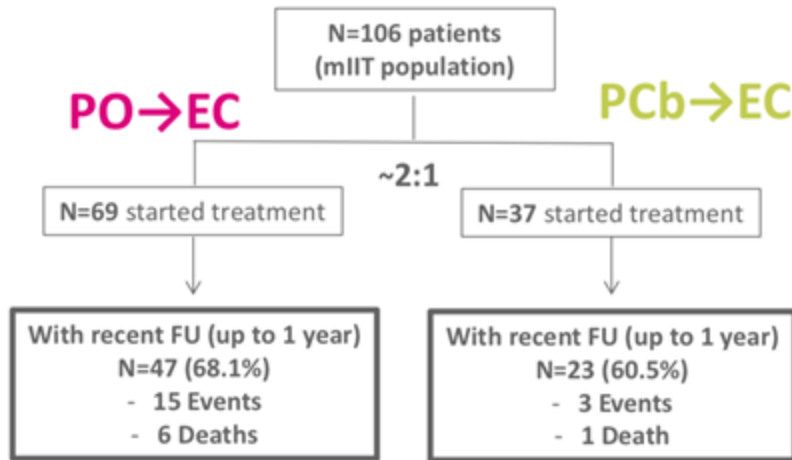
## Stratification Factors:

- Age (<40 years vs ≥ 40 years)
- Hormone Receptor Status (HR+ vs HR-)

\* Patients with either a known somatic or germline *BRCA1/2* mutation or HRD score<sup>1</sup> high (defined as a MyChoice™ Score of ≥42)

# Patient disposition and Patient Characteristics

## Consort Diagram



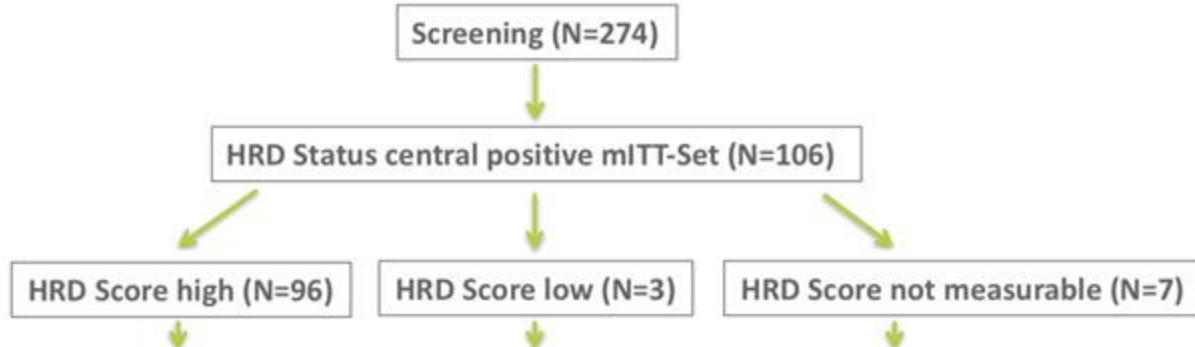
## Main Baseline Characteristics

	PO→EC N=69 N (%) *	PCb→EC N=37 N (%) *	Overall N=106 N (%) *
Age (years), median (range)	48.0 (25.0, 71.0)	45.0 (26.0, 67.0)	47.0 (25.0, 71.0)
cT2	41 (60.3)	23 (62.2)	64 (61.0)
<b>cN+</b>	<b>17 (24.5)</b>	<b>16 (45.7)</b>	<b>33 (31.8)</b>
ER and/or PgR positive**	19 (27.5)	10 (27.0)	29 (27.4)
Ki-67 > 20%**	63 (91.3)	32 (86.5)	95 (89.6)
g/tBRCA-mutation	38 (55.9)	21 (56.8)	59 (56.2)

\*valid percent

\*\* central testing

# Screening for Patients: HRD status and g/t BRCA 1/2 mutations

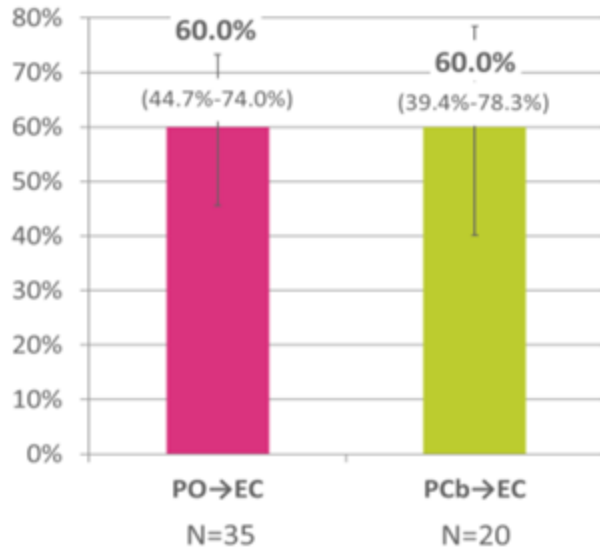


<i>g/tBRCA</i>	HRD Score high N (%)	HRD Score low N (%)	HRD Score not measurable* N (%)
Mutated (n=55)	49 (46.2)	3 (2.8)	3 (2.8)
Intact (n=46)	46 (43.4)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Not measurable*	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	4 (3.8)**

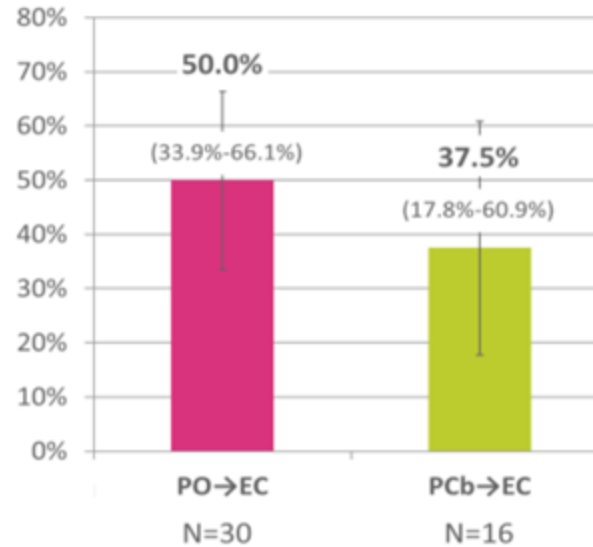
- Eligible patients
- \* Insufficient quality or quantity of DNA
- \*\* Eligibility criteria: *gBRCA* local positive

# pCR rates in g/t BRCA Subgroups

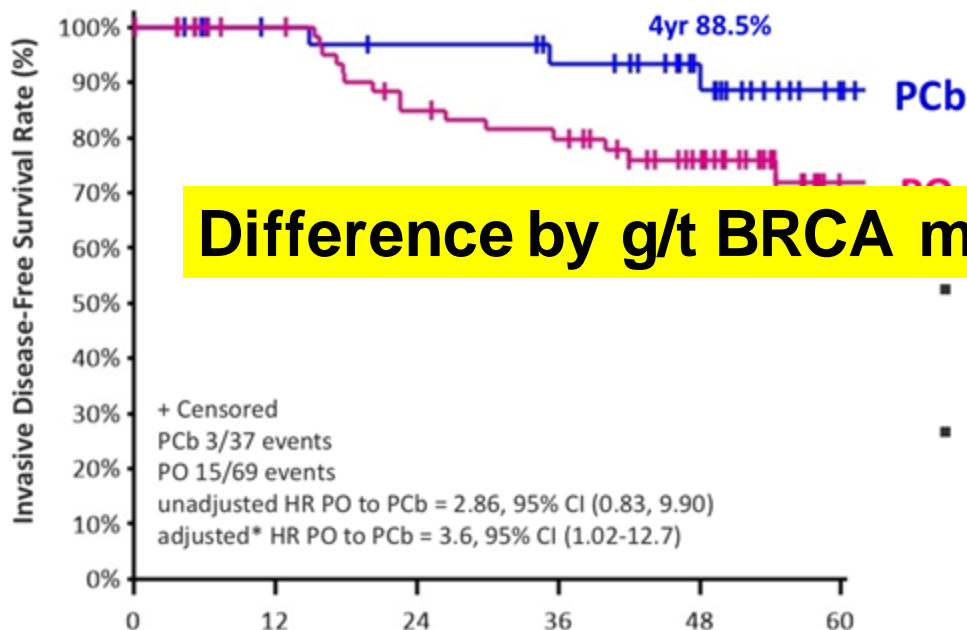
**g/tBRCA mutated**  
(N=55)  
(n=49 HRD high)



**g/tBRCA wildtype**  
(N=46)  
(all HRD high)



# iDFS in the overall study population



**Difference by g/t BRCA mutation ??**

- Median follow-up of 49.8 (range 0.1 – 69.1) months
- 4-year loco-regional recurrence rate after PO treatment was higher (10.3%) compared to PCb treatment (4.9%)

Patients at risk:

	0	12	24	36	48	60
PCb	37	32	30	27	19	6
PO	69	61	50	46	34	7

\*adjusted for nodal status and gene mutation status

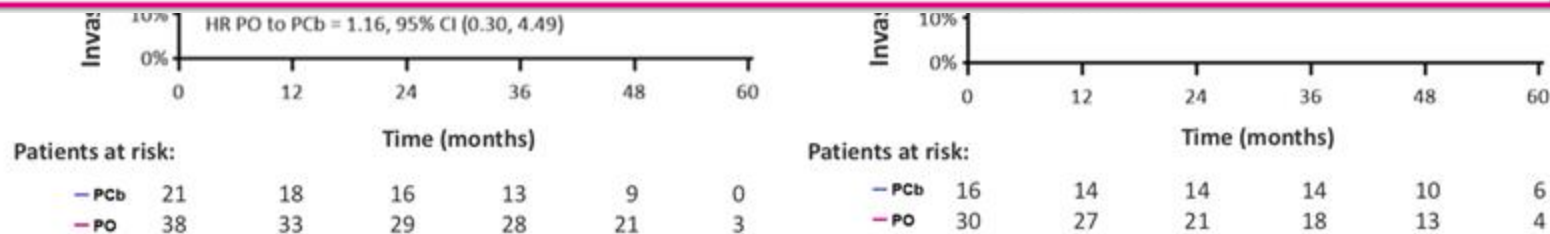


# iDFS by BRCA-1/2 mutation status

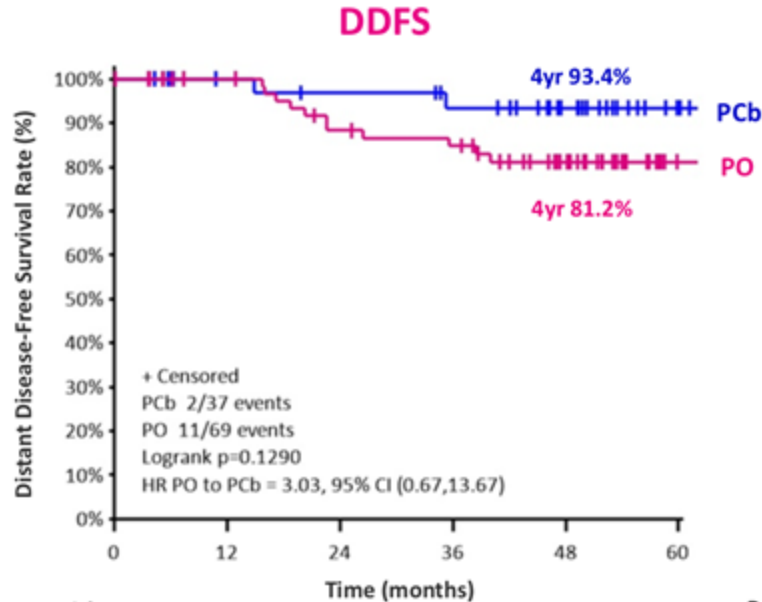


It can be hypothesized within the population of HER2 negative early BC patients with HRD:

- In patients with a *g/tBRCA* mutation olaparib can replace carboplatin. **LOWER TOXICITY PROFILE**
- In patients without a *g/tBRCA* mutation platinum containing NACT might result in a superior outcome.

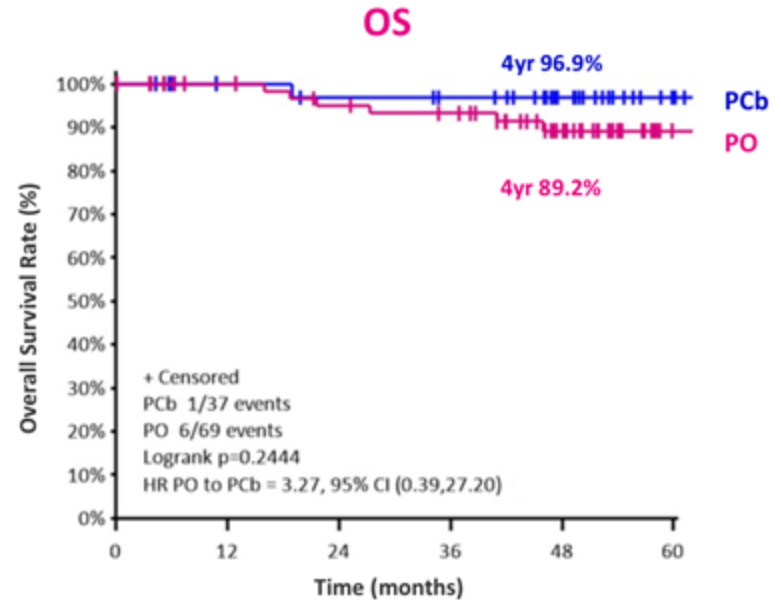


# DDFS and OS in the overall study population



Patients at risk:

	0	12	24	36	48	60
— PCb	37	32	30	27	19	6
— PO	69	61	52	49	36	7



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— PCb	37	32	30	28	19	6
— PO	69	61	56	53	37	7

# gBRCA status is not predictive of benefit from Platinum

Platinum benefit seen in gBRCA1/2 wildtype patients

Carboplatin may not be needed for gBRCA mutant population ??

Does this change implications of using carboplatin in KEYNOTE 522 ??



# Conclusions: Management of Early stage TNBC

TNBC < 1 cm

upfront surgery -> followed by docetaxel and cyclophosphamide

TNBC 1-2 cm

upfront surgery/neoadjuvant ..... ??

TNBC >2 cm or LN positive

KEYNOTE 522 regimen

pCR post NACT and pembrolizumab

irAE/ toxicities – can discontinue pembrolizumab

Residual disease (gBRCA mutation)

Olaparib + pembrolizumab

Residual disease (gBRCA wild-type)

Capecitabine + pembrolizumab

Residual disease (gPALB2, sBRCA1/2)

Consider Olaparib vs. capecitabine + pembrolizumab

Weekly carboplatin should be used as part of KEYNOTE 522 regimen

**ADVANCED STAGE**

# KEYNOTE 355

## Key Eligibility Criteria

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

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2:1

Pembrolizumab<sup>a</sup> + Chemotherapy<sup>b</sup>

Placebo<sup>c</sup> + Chemotherapy<sup>b</sup>

Progressive disease<sup>d</sup>/cessation of study therapy

## Stratification Factors:

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

<sup>a</sup>Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W.

<sup>b</sup>Chemotherapy 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.

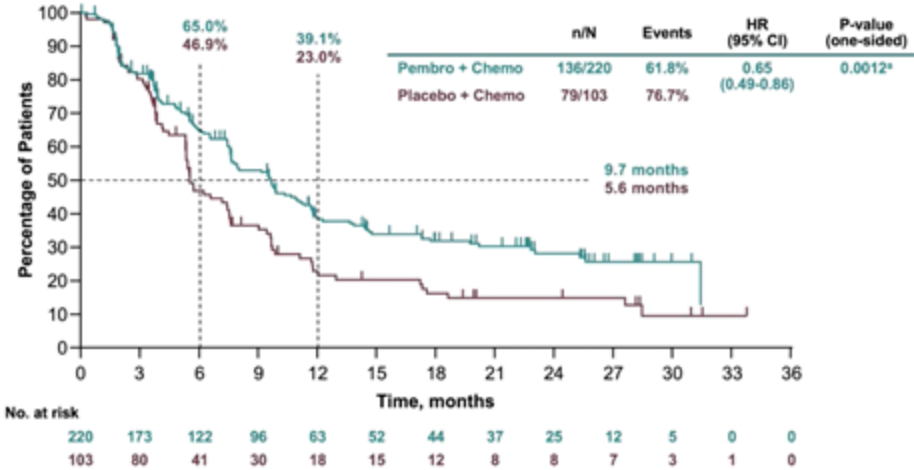
Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 and 8 every 21 days.

<sup>c</sup>Normal saline.

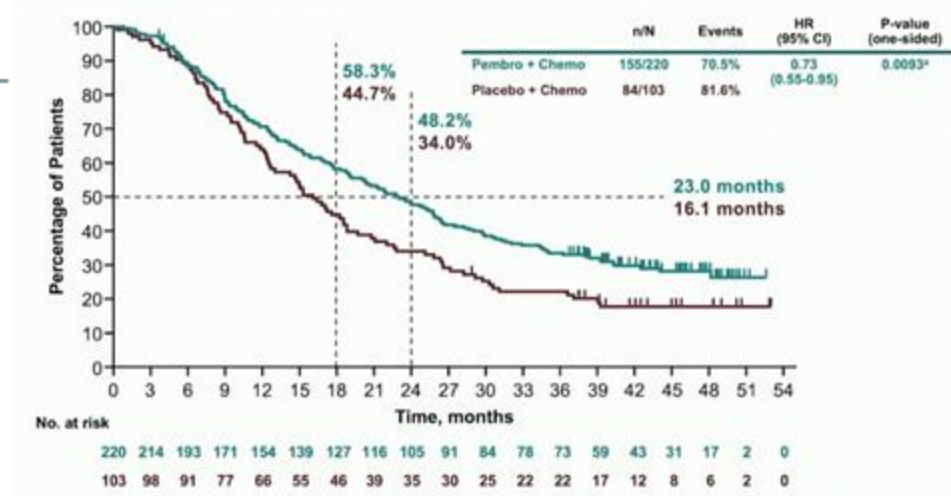
<sup>d</sup>Treatment may be continued until confirmation of progressive disease.

<sup>e</sup>PD-L1 CPS at cutoff 10 was not a stratification factor.

# PDL1 CPS $\geq 10$



Progression free survival



Overall survival

**Only for 40% metastatic TNBC patients who are PD-L1 positive**

# BEGONIA (NCT03742102)

## Key Eligibility

- Female  $\geq$  18 yo
- Metastatic or inoperable locally advanced TNBC
- 1L metastatic setting
- $\geq$  12 months since prior taxane therapy
- No prior ICI or Topo1-based ADC
- ECOG 0-1
- No history of pneumonitis (Arm 6)

## Endpoints

- **Primary:** safety and tolerability
- **Secondary:** ORR, PFS, DoR, OS
  
- Tumor response evaluated every 6 weeks for first 48 weeks then every 12 weeks
- PD-L1 expression measured SP263 ( $\geq$  10% tumor area positivity)

**Unresectable, HR-, HER2 low breast cancer**  
[IHC2+/*ISH-*, IHC 1+/*ISH-*, IHC 1+/*ISH* untested]

Durvalumab 1120mg q3 weeks

Trastuzumab deruxtecan 5.4mg/kg q3 weeks



**Antibody-Drug Conjugate**

*HER2 antibody + Topo1  
inhibitor payload*

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**Antibody-Drug Conjugate**

*TROP-2 antibody + Topo1  
inhibitor payload*



	<b>T-DXd + Durvalumab</b> <i>PD 11-08 BEGONIA, Arm 6</i>	<b>T-DXd</b> <i>DESTINY- Breast04 Modi et al. NEJM. 2022.</i>	<b>Dato-DXd + Durvalumab</b> <i>PD 11-09 BEGONIA, Arm 7</i>	<b>Dato-DXd</b> <i>TROPION-PanTumor01 Krop et al. SABCS 2021.</i>
<b>Prior Tx*</b>	<i>1L Metastatic 27% no prior tx</i>	<i>Median of 3 prior tx 62% had ≥ 3 prior</i>	<i>1L Metastatic 41% no prior tx</i>	<i>Median of 3 prior tx 68% had ≥ 2 prior</i>
<b>ORR</b>	<b>56.9%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>34%</b> <i>52% in Trop2 ADC naïve</i>
<b>mPFS</b>	<b>12.6 months</b> <i>( 8.3 to not calculated)</i>	<b>8.5 months</b> <i>(4.3 to 11.7)</i>	---	---
<b>Toxicity</b>	<i>GI symptoms, fatigue, neutropenia, alopecia</i>		<i>GI symptoms, stomatitis, alopecia, fatigue</i>	

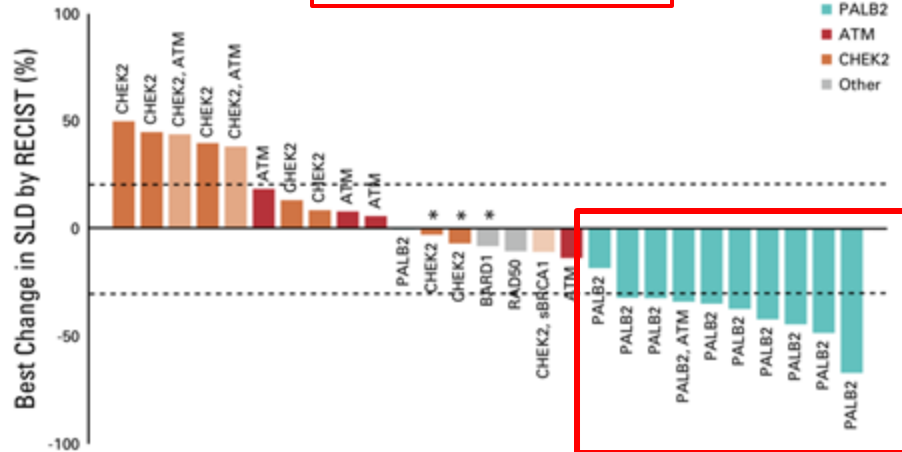
*\*BEGONIA study was for 1<sup>st</sup> line, metastatic TNBC, whereas both DESTINY-Breast04 and TROPION were in heavily treated patients*

	KEYNOTE 355	T-DXd + Durvalumab	Dato-DXd + Durvalumab
<b>ORR</b>	ITT: 41%  PDL1 CPS >=10 : 53.2%	56.9%	73.6%
<b>mPFS</b>	ITT: 7.5 months  PDL1 CPS >= 10: 9.7 months	12.6 months	-----

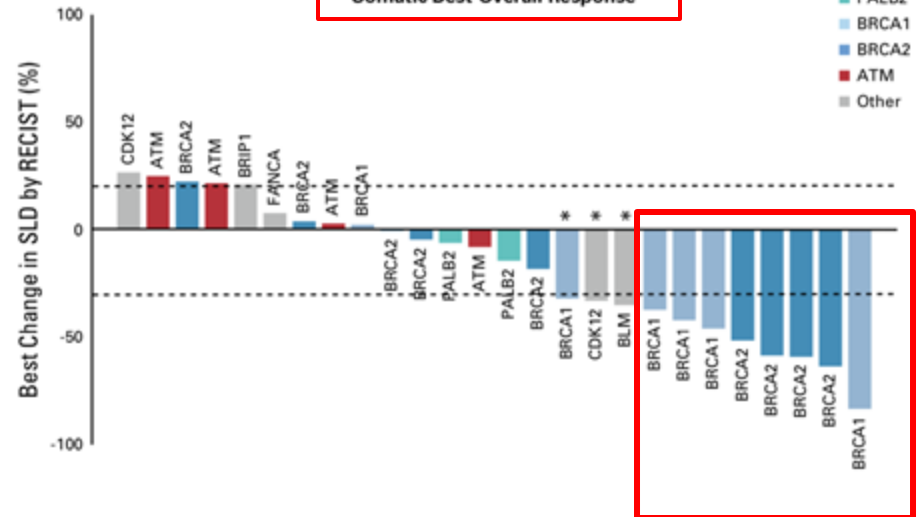
**Will PD-L1 status no longer be a good biomarker for immune response ?**

# TBCRC 048: Phase II Study of Olaparib for Metastatic Breast Cancer and Mutations in Homologous Recombination-Related Genes

Germline Best Overall Response



Somatic Best Overall Response



# PARP inhibitors in metastatic TNBC

Germline BRCA 1/2 mutations



Somatic BRCA 1/2 mutations



Germline PALB2 mutations

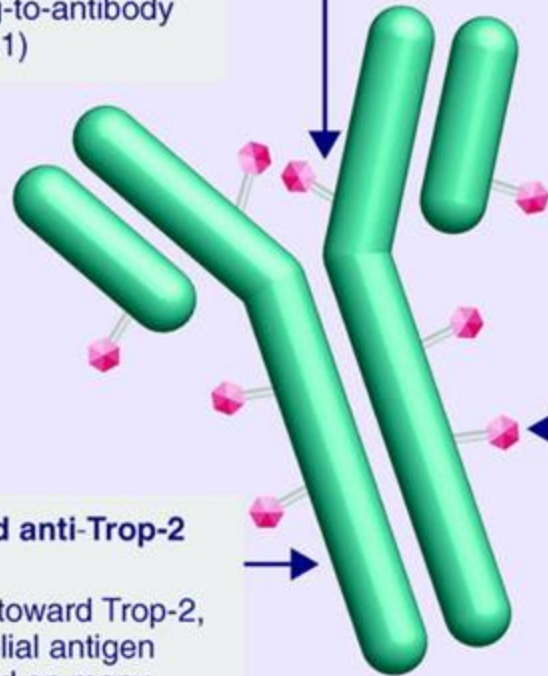


**PARP inhibitors in BRCA wildtype: NOT YET**

# Sacituzumab Govitecan

## Linker for SN-38

- Hydrolyzable linker for payload release
- High drug-to-antibody ratio (7.6:1)



## Humanized anti-Trop-2 antibody

- Directed toward Trop-2, an epithelial antigen expressed on many solid cancers

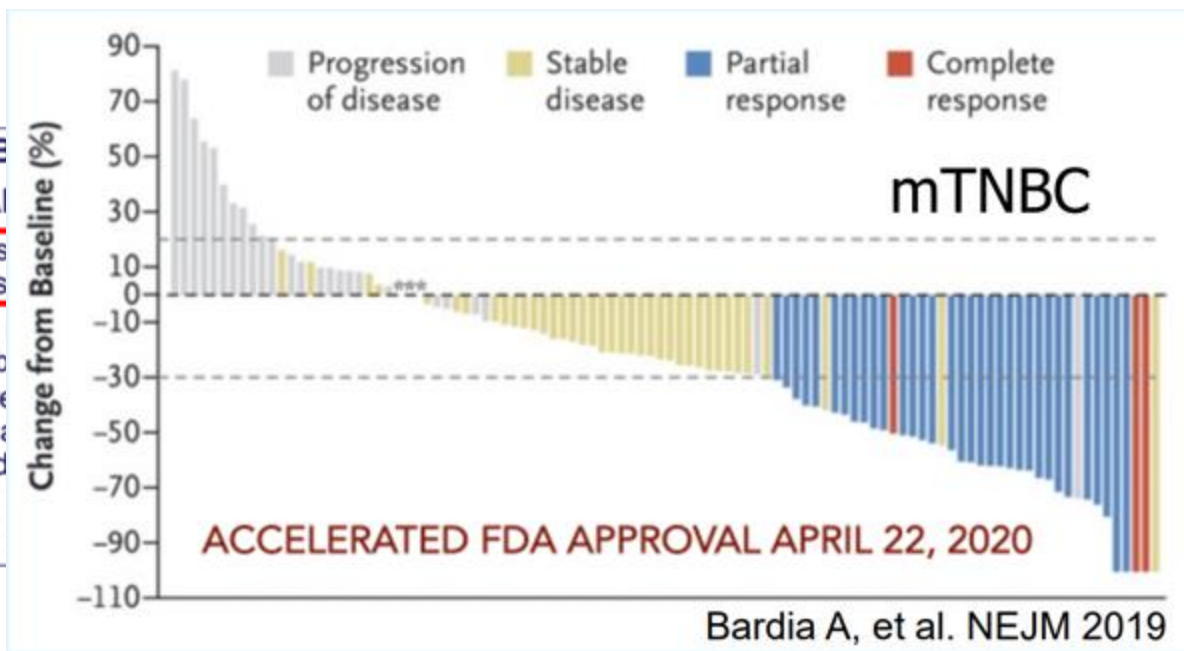
## SN-38 payload

- Metabolite of Topo I inhibitor
- SN-38 more potent than parent compound, irinotecan

# Phase 3 ASCENT Trial: Sacituzumab Govitecan vs TPC in mTNBC

**Metastatic TNBC**  
 (per ASCO/CATAP)  
 ≥2 chemotherapies  
 advanced disease  
 [no upper limit; 1 of the  
 prior regimens could be  
 progression that occurred  
 a 12-month period at  
 completion of (neo)adjuvant  
 therapy]]  
 N=529

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\* TPC options: capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, vinorelbine

# HER2 Expression in Breast Cancer

**HER2 LOW**

	0	1+	2+	3+
HER2 IHC	≤10% weak, incomplete staining	>10% weak, incomplete staining	>10% weak to moderate, circular staining	>10% strong, circular staining
HER2 ISH				
traditional classification	HER2-negative			HER2-positive

Legend: ■ HER2-positive    ■ HER2-negative

Presented by: Giuseppe Curigliano, MD PhD



# DESTINY-Breast04: First Randomized Phase 3 Study of T-DXd for HER2-low mBC

An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)

## Patients<sup>a</sup>

- HER2-low (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH-), unresectable, and/or mBC treated with 1-2 prior lines of chemotherapy in the metastatic setting
- HR+ disease considered endocrine refractory

## Stratification factors

- Centrally assessed HER2 status<sup>d</sup> (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-

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2:1

## T-DXd

5.4 mg/kg Q3W  
(n = 373)

HR+ ≈ 480  
HR- ≈ 60

## TPC

Capecitabine, eribulin,  
gemcitabine, paclitaxel,  
nab-paclitaxel<sup>c</sup>  
(n = 184)

## Primary endpoint

- PFS by BICR (HR+)

## Key secondary endpoints<sup>b</sup>

- PFS by BICR (all patients)
- OS (HR+ and all patients)



Hormone receptors expressed?

YES

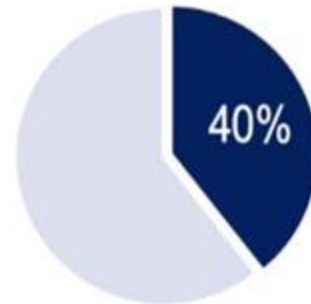
NO

HR+ HER2-low



■ HER2-low ■ HER2-zero

TNBC HER2-low



■ HER2-low ■ HER2-zero

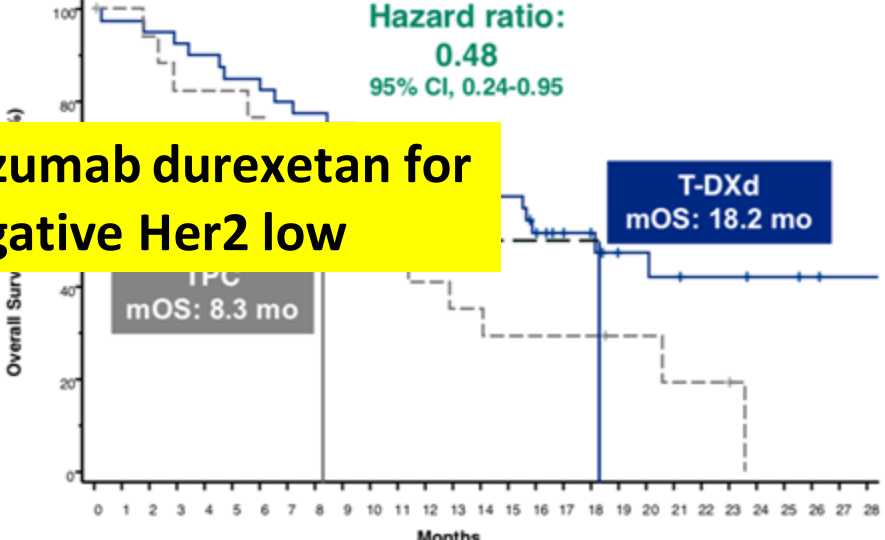
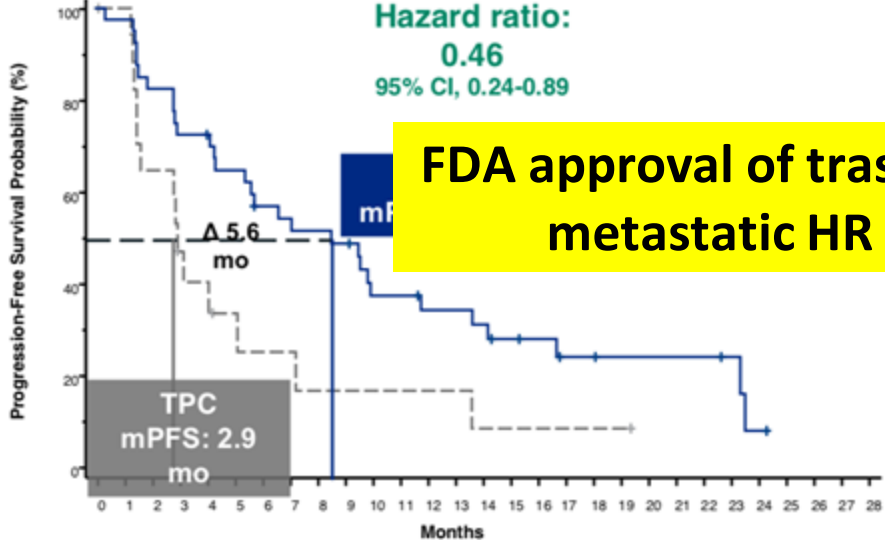
# PFS and OS in HR- (Exploratory Endpoints)

Hormone receptor-negative

Hazard ratio:  
0.46  
95% CI, 0.24-0.89

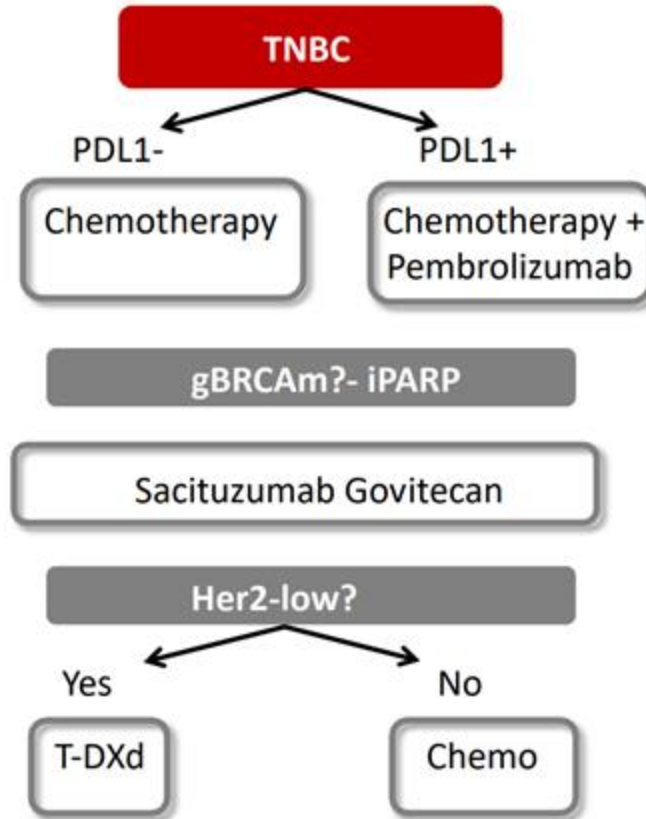
Hazard ratio:  
0.48  
95% CI, 0.24-0.95

**FDA approval of trastuzumab durexetan for metastatic HR negative Her2 low**



# CONCLUSIONS : Therapy sequencing in metastatic TNBC

**CLINICAL TRIALS !!**



# CLINICAL TRIALS AT ROSWELL PARK

- Metastatic triple negative and HER2 positive breast cancer with asymptomatic brain metastases : Dendritic cell vaccine + pembrolizumab
- Metastatic TNBC patients : Chemokine modulation therapy + pembrolizumab
- Biopsy accessible metastatic TNBC: Intratumoral dendritic cell vaccine + pembrolizumab

**Thank you**