



# HIGHLIGHTS nel Setting Metastatico

## *Triplo Negativo*

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# Thoughts from Research to Clinical Practice Today in 'BJClub'

**X** Comportamento del TN nell'ultimo 20ennio

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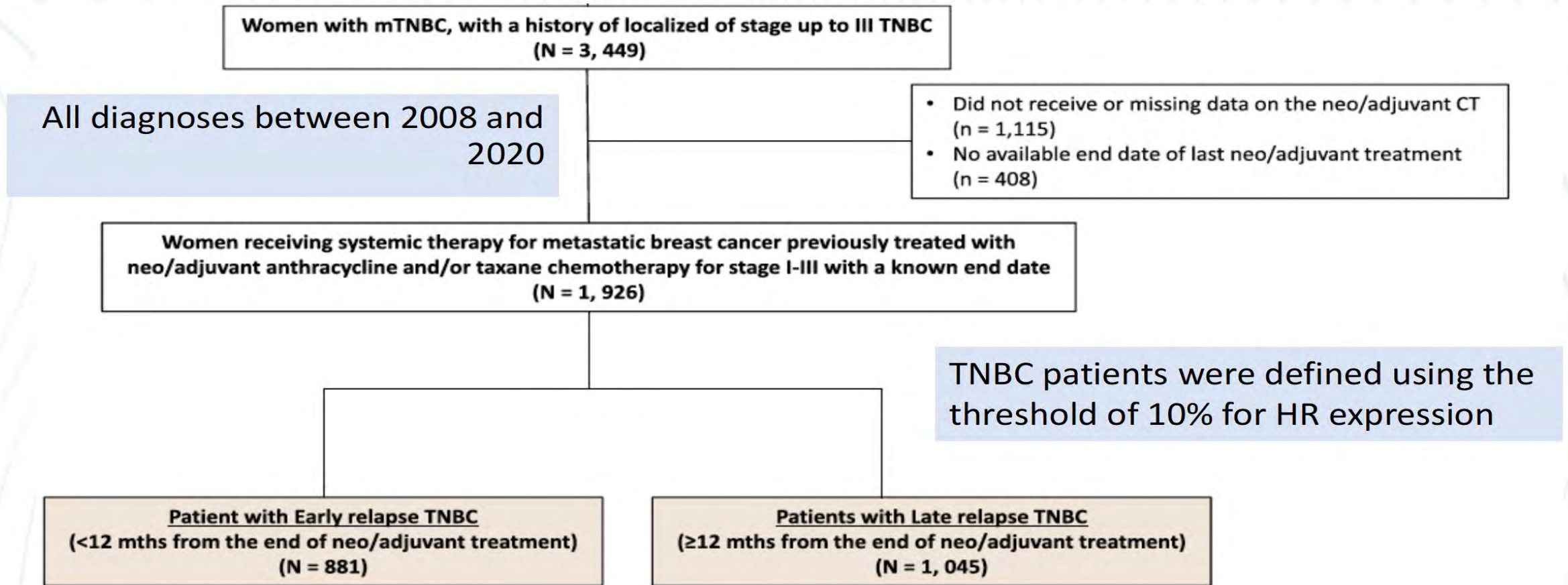
**X** Dopo la I linea il mantenimento.....ovaio = mammella?

**X** ADCs e la loro 'postazione'....dove, come....e quel che sarà

**X** News in Biomarcatori



# Real-world clinical and survival outcomes of pts with early relapsed TNBC from the ESME cohort



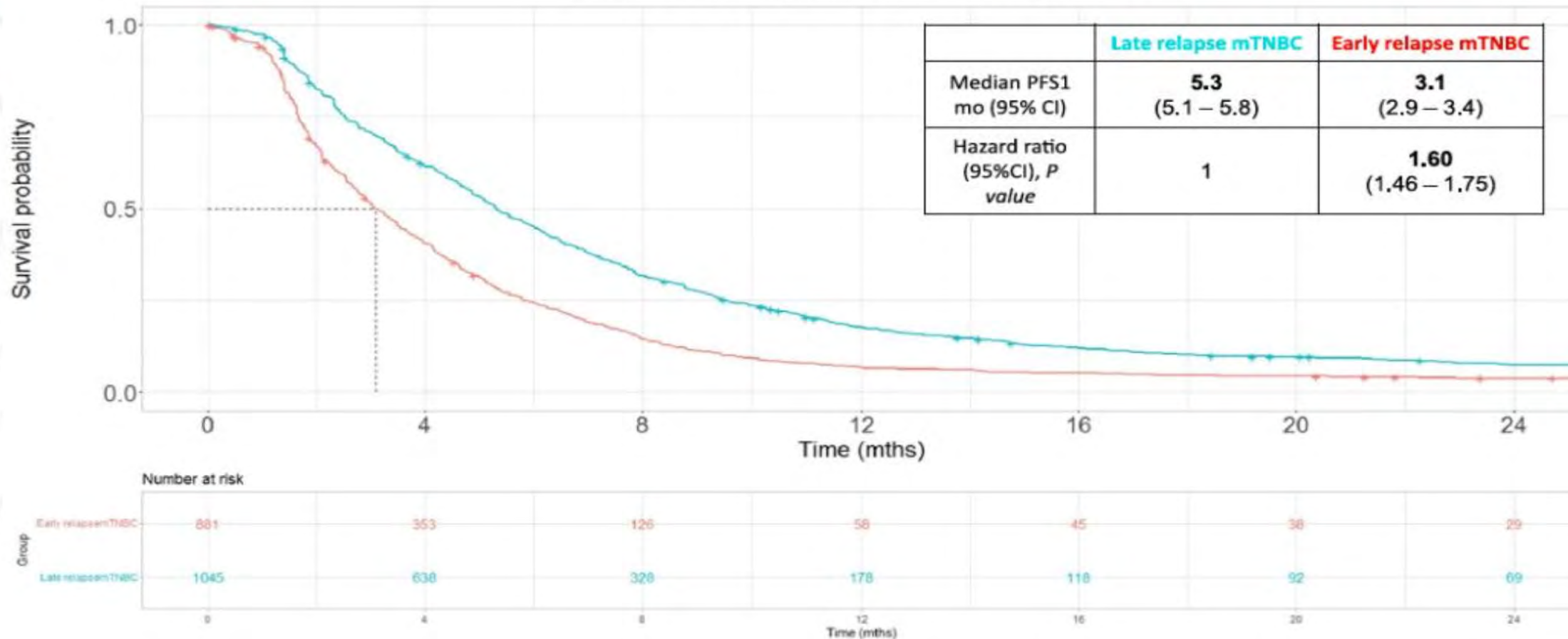
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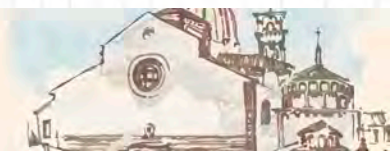
Progression free survival

Group → Early relapse mTNBC → Late relapse mTNBC



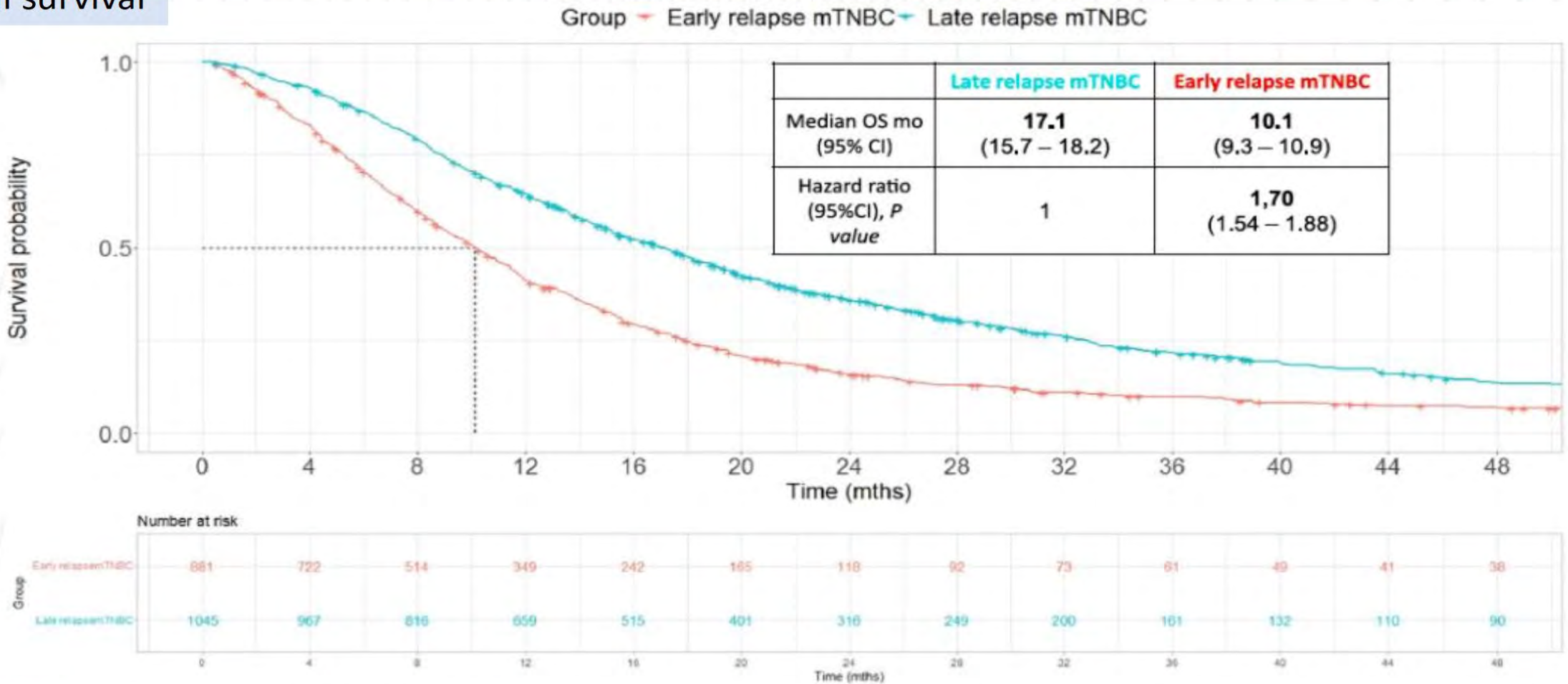
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## Overall survival



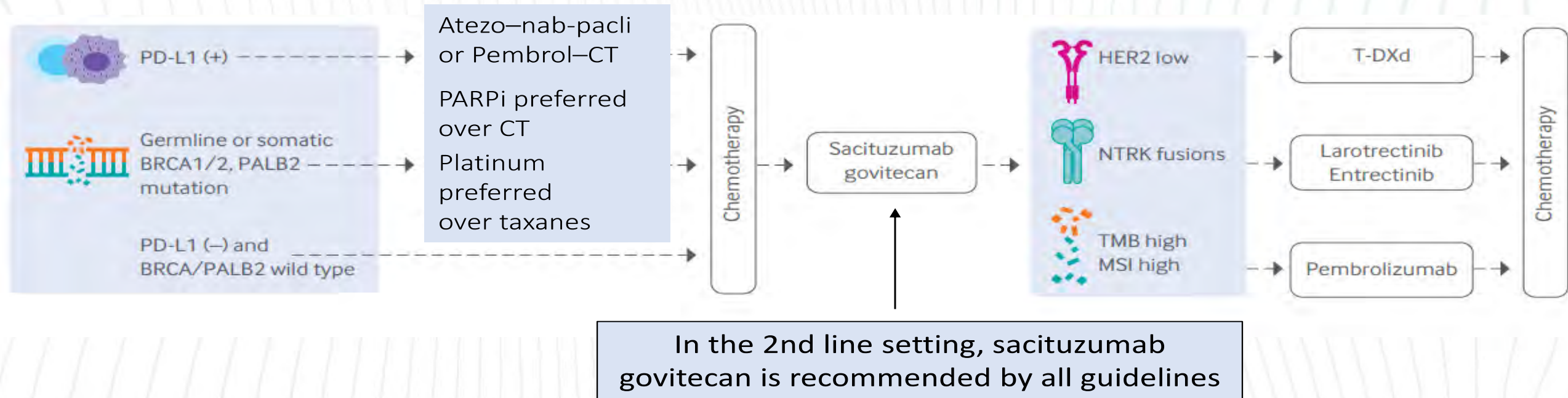
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# Standard treatment of mTNBC

A shift from an empiric “pick a chemotherapy drug from a list” approach to a biomarker driven method of drug selection

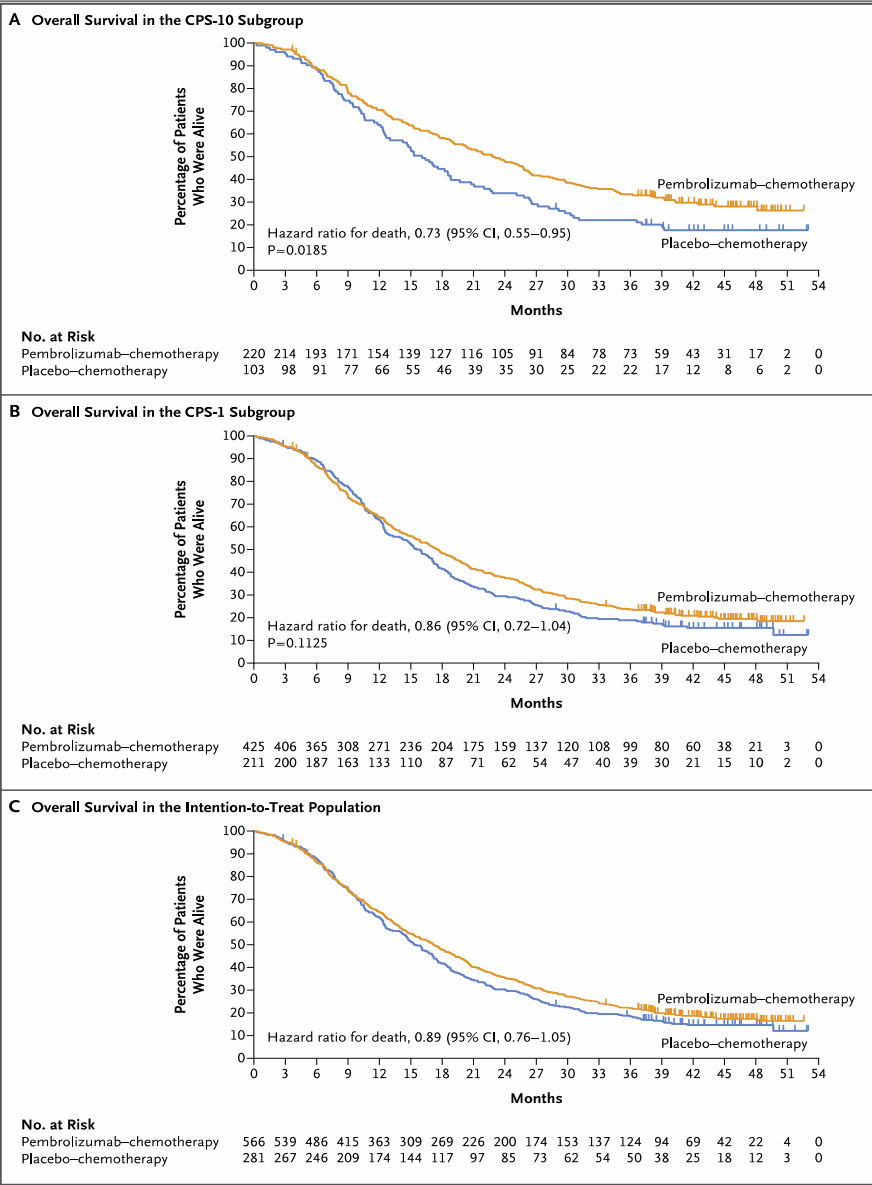


Modified from Leon-Ferre RA, Goetz MP. *BMJ* 2023;381:e0716



# The ERA of Immunotherapy - Keynote 355

## Overall Survival in Subgroups According to PD-L1 CPS Status at Baseline



Subgroup	No. of Patients	Median Overall Survival		Hazard Ratio for Death (95% CI)	
		Pembrolizumab- chemotherapy <i>mo</i>	Placebo- chemotherapy <i>mo</i>		
Overall	847	17.2	15.5	0.89	(0.76–1.05)
PD-L1 CPS cutoff of 1					
CPS ≥1	636	17.6	16.0	0.86	(0.72–1.04)
CPS <1	211	16.2	14.7	0.97	(0.72–1.32)
PD-L1 CPS cutoff of 10					
CPS ≥10	323	23.0	16.1	0.71	(0.54–0.93)
CPS <10	524	14.7	15.2	1.04	(0.85–1.26)
PD-L1 CPS cutoff of 20					
CPS ≥20	204	24.0	15.6	0.72	(0.51–1.01)
CPS <20	643	15.9	15.5	0.96	(0.80–1.14)

←
0.25
0.50
1.00
2.00
4.00
→

← Pembrolizumab–Chemotherapy Better
Placebo–Chemotherapy Better →

**vantaggio di sopravvivenza di 7 mesi e riduzione del rischio di morte del 30%**

Cortes et al NEJM

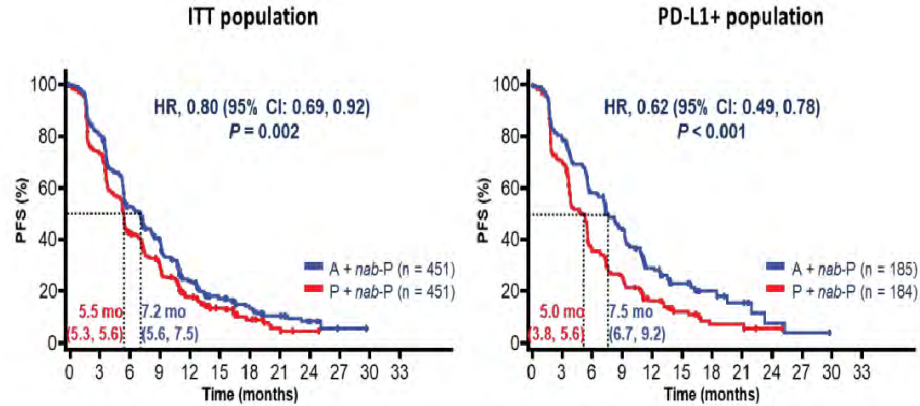
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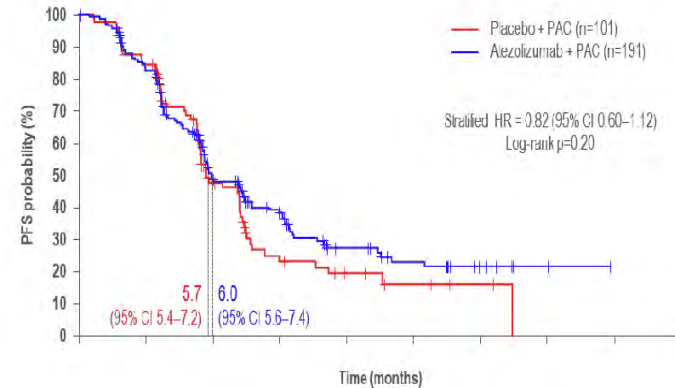


# Randomized phase III studies with chemotherapy & PD1/PDL1 inhibitors: Key efficacy results

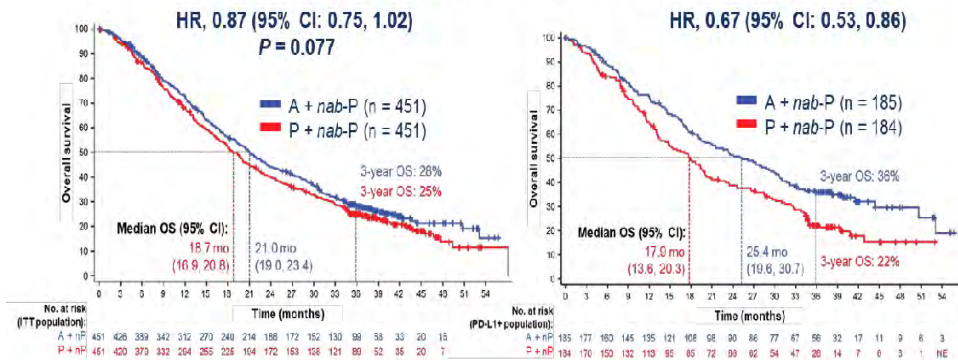
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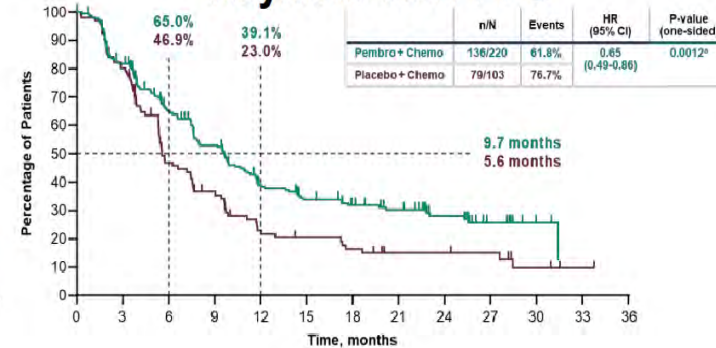
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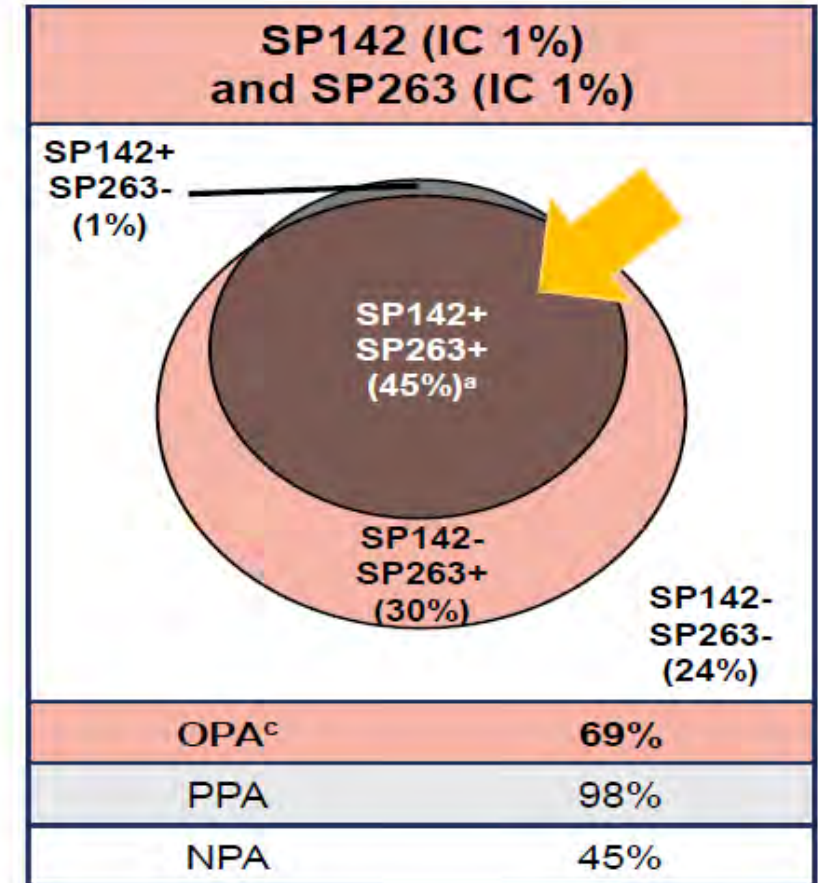
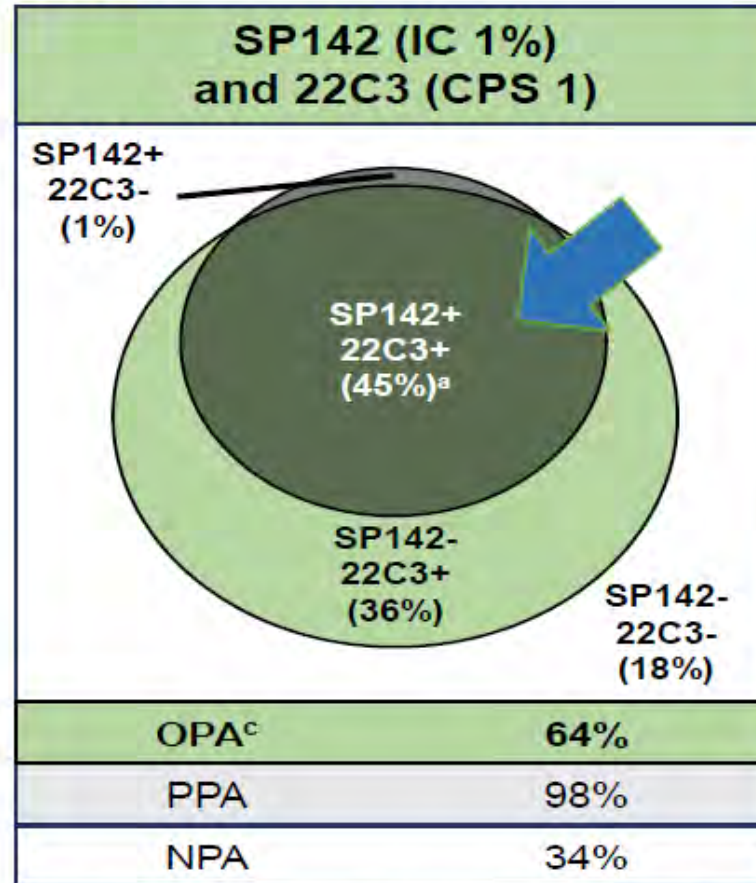
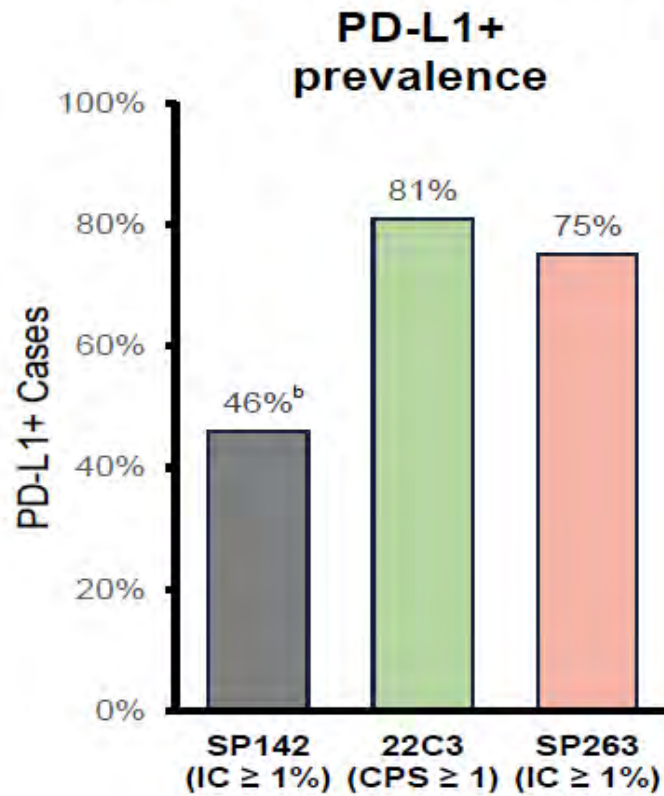
## Impassion 130: Final OS<sup>2</sup>



## Keynote 355: PFS<sup>4</sup>



# PD-L1 IHC assays: prevalence and analytical concordance



NPA, negative percentage agreement; OPA, overall percentage agreement; PPA, positive percentage agreement.  
<sup>a</sup> > 97% of SP142+ samples included in 22C3+ or SP263+ samples. <sup>b</sup> Compared with 41% in ITT (Schmid, *New Engl J Med* 2018).  
<sup>c</sup> ≥ 90% OPA, PPA **and** NPA required for analytical concordance.

# The Choice of IL IC

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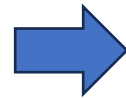
**Companion**

**Patients and Tumor Burden**

**Patient's Age**



# Immunotherapy at Home : Is it the Same Sound



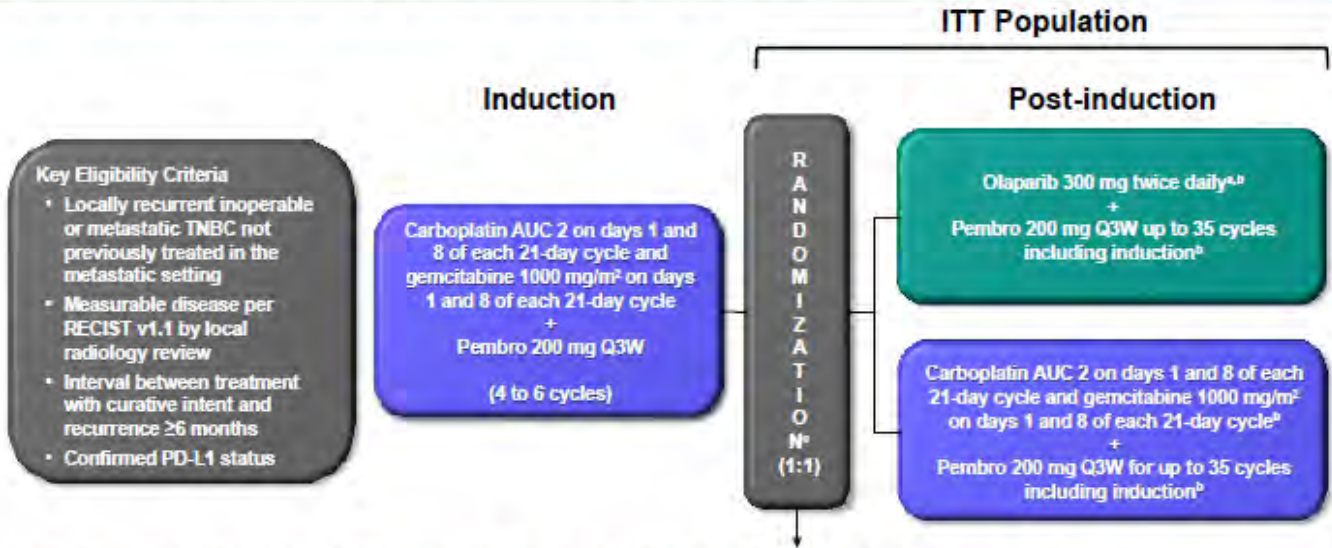
**Supplementary Table 4. Comparison between outcomes of the patients in Anastase real life and Impassion130 studies**

Patient number	ANASTASE real life study	IMPASSION 130 study
	52	185
Overall objective response, n (%) [95%CI]	22 (42.3) [28.9– 55.7]	109 (58.9) [51.5–66.1]
Complete Response, n (%)	3 (5.8)	19 (10.3)
Partial Response, n (%)	19 (36.5)	90 (48.6)
Stable Disease, n (%)	10 (19.2)	38 (20.5)
Progressive Disease, n (%)	16 (30.8)	31 (16.8)
Patients who had missing data or could not be evaluated, n (%)	4 (7.7)	7 (3.8)
median Duration of Response (95% CI); months	12.7 (4.1–21.4)	8.5 (7.3–9.7)
median Cycle to Best Response (95% CI); months	3.0 (1–7)	NR
median TTD (95% CI); months	5.0 (2.8–7.1)	NR
median TNT-D (95% CI); months	8.1 (5.5–10.7)	NR
median PFS (95% CI); months	6.3 (95% CI 3.9–8.7)	7.5 (95% CI 6.7–9.2)

Fabi et al, NPJ BC 2023

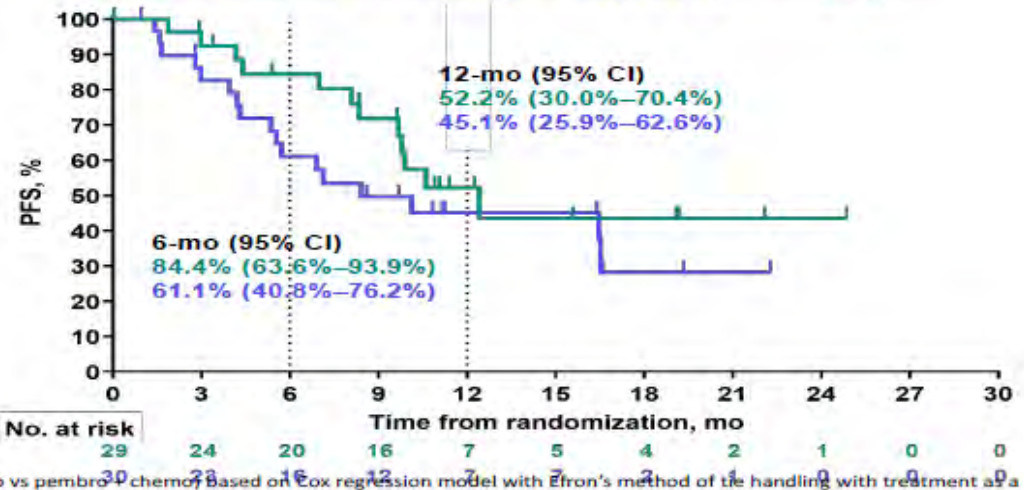


# KEYLYNK-009 (NCT04191135): Study Design

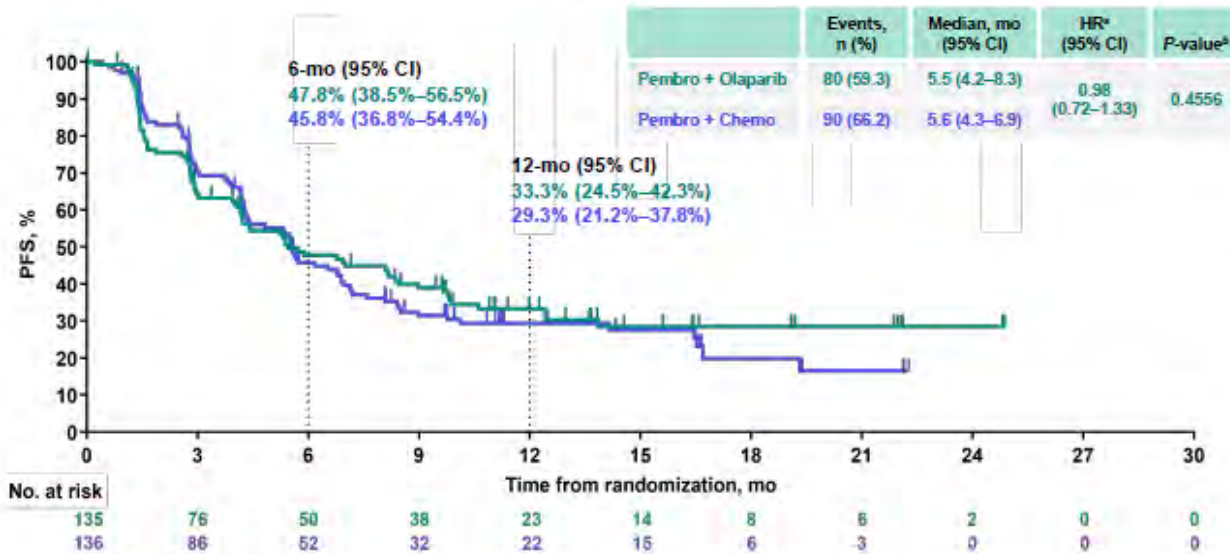


## tBRCAm Population

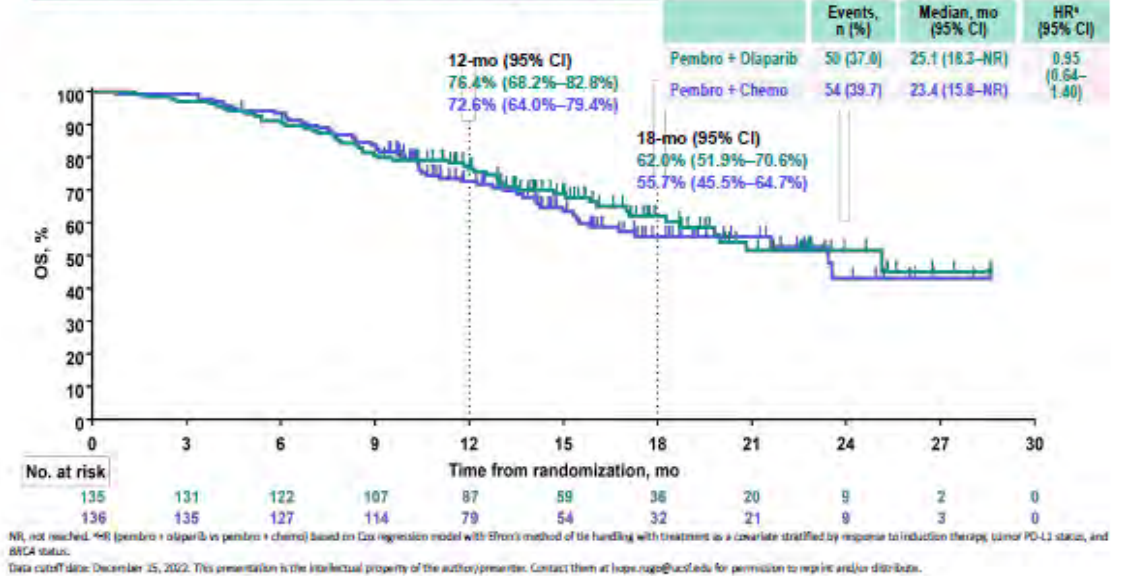
	Events, n (%)	Median, mo (95% CI)	HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)
Pembro + Olaparib	12 (41.4)	12.4 (8.3–NR)	0.70 (0.33–1.48)
Pembro + Chemo	17 (56.7)	8.4 (5.4–NR)	



## PFS per RECIST v1.1 by BICR: ITT Population

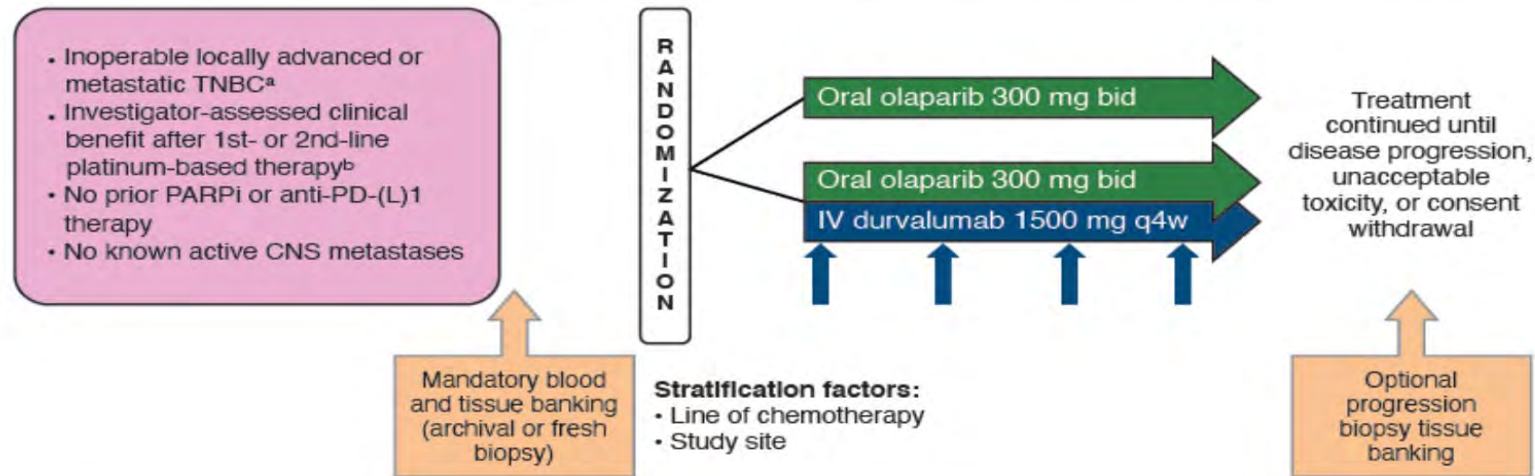


## Estimates of OS: ITT Population



# DORA: Maintenance trial of olaparib +/- durvalumab in mTNBC

Can we use platinum sensitivity as a “biomarker” to identify pts who can benefit from PARPi +/- IO



- PFS in olaparib (O=4 months) and olaparib+durvalumab (O+D=6.1 months) arms was longer than historical control (2 months)
- Durable disease control (O=52.2% and O+D= 68.2%) with chemo-free maintenance tx in subset of pts with non-gBRCA altered TNBC
  - Small pt numbers but support hypothesis of platinum sensitivity as an enrichment strategy

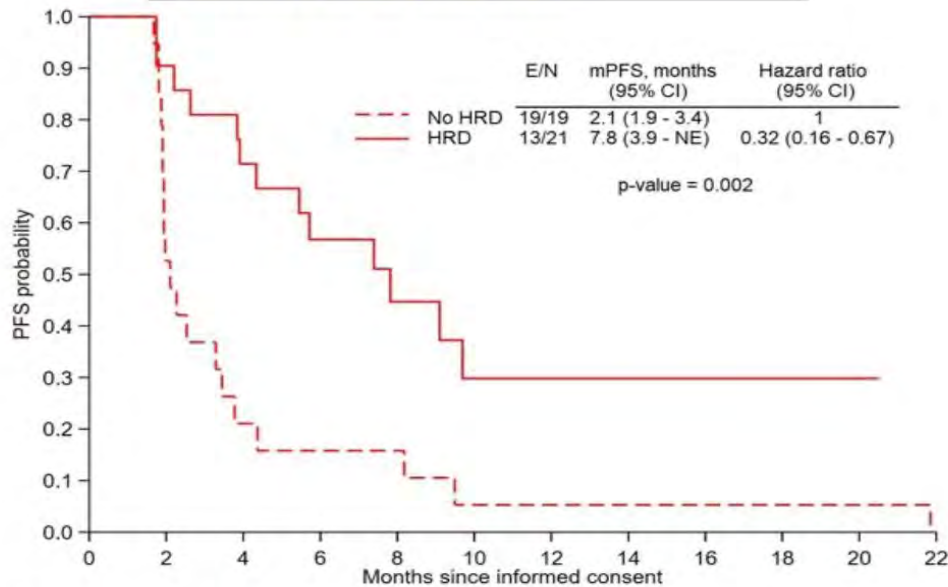
Sammons S et al. SABCS 2022 PD11-12



# DORA: HRD status

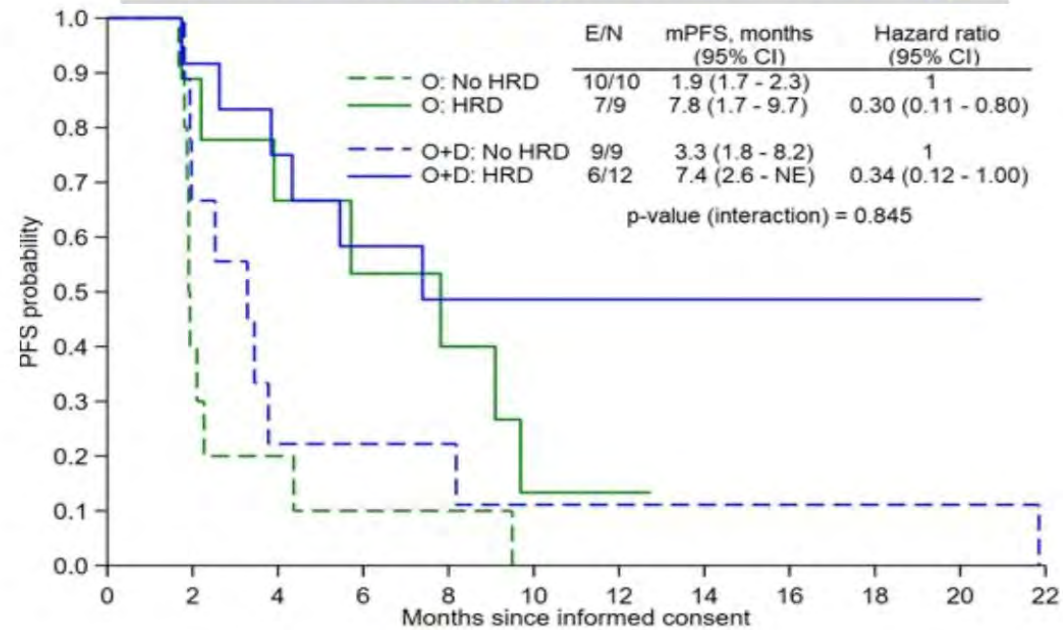
HRD testing in tissue using oncoReveal™ HRD panel# and *BRCA1* & *RAD51C* methylation panel  
 HRD = Any mutation in HR related genes, or *BRCA1*, *RAD51C* promoter methylation (n=21)

PFS longer on maintenance therapy in presence of HR alteration



HRD set – includes all patients treated with maintenance olaparib +/- durvalumab

The association between PFS and presence of HR alteration did not vary by type of maintenance therapy



\*Olaparib- TBCRC 048 & Talazoparib- Gruber

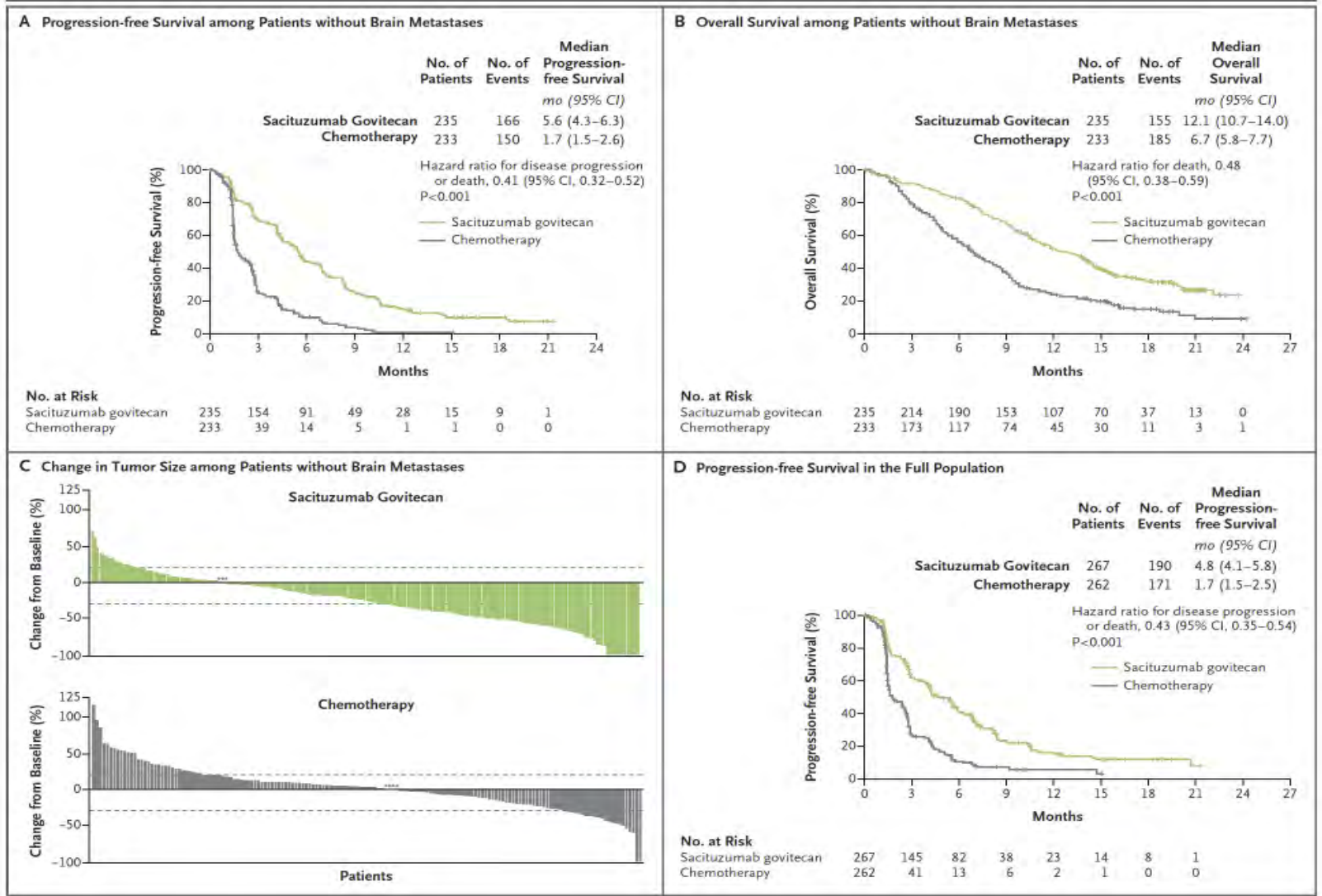
Tan TJ et al. ESMO BC 4MO



# Phase III ASCENT Trial Comparing Sacituzumab Govitecan to Chemotherapy in Metastatic TNBC

**April 2020:** Granted accelerated FDA approval

**April 2021:** Granted full FDA approval



Bardia A, et al. NEJM 2021; 384:1529-41





**WHAT ELSE ???**

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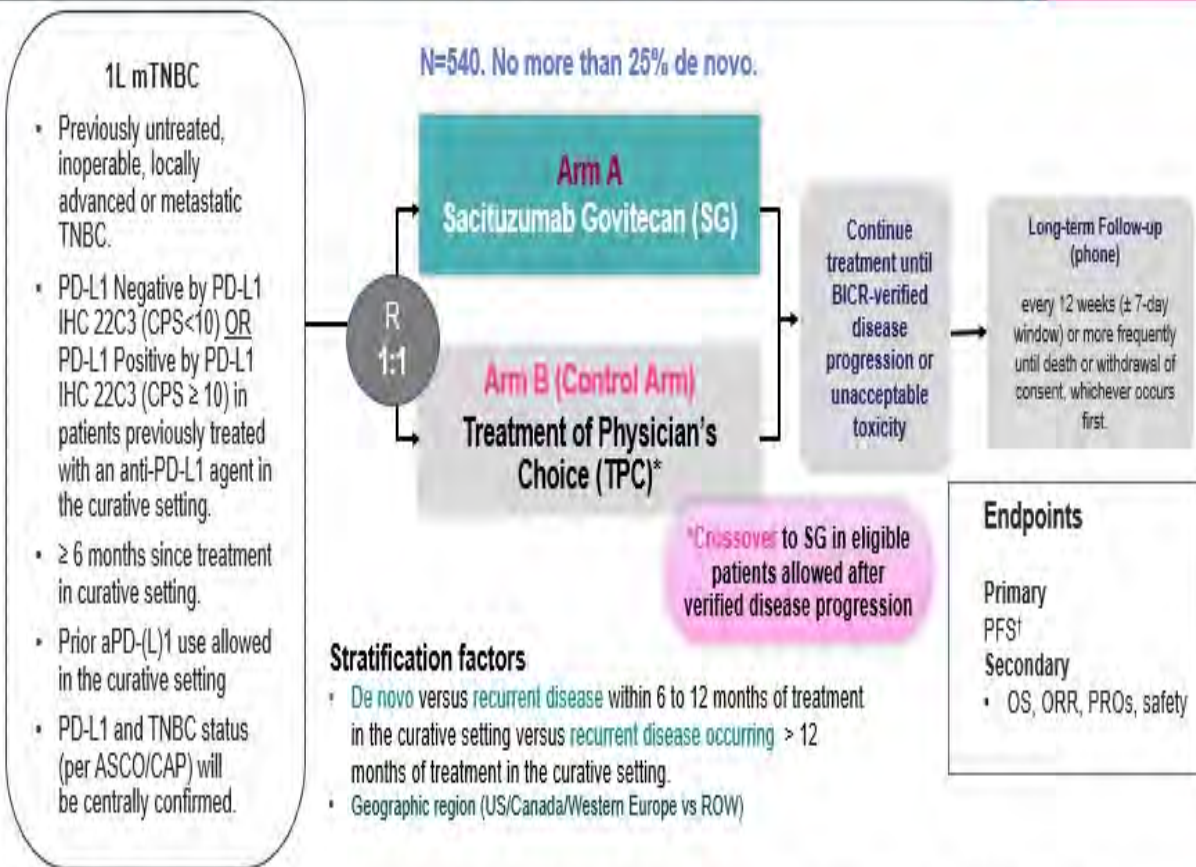


# First line treatment combinations, does one size fits all?

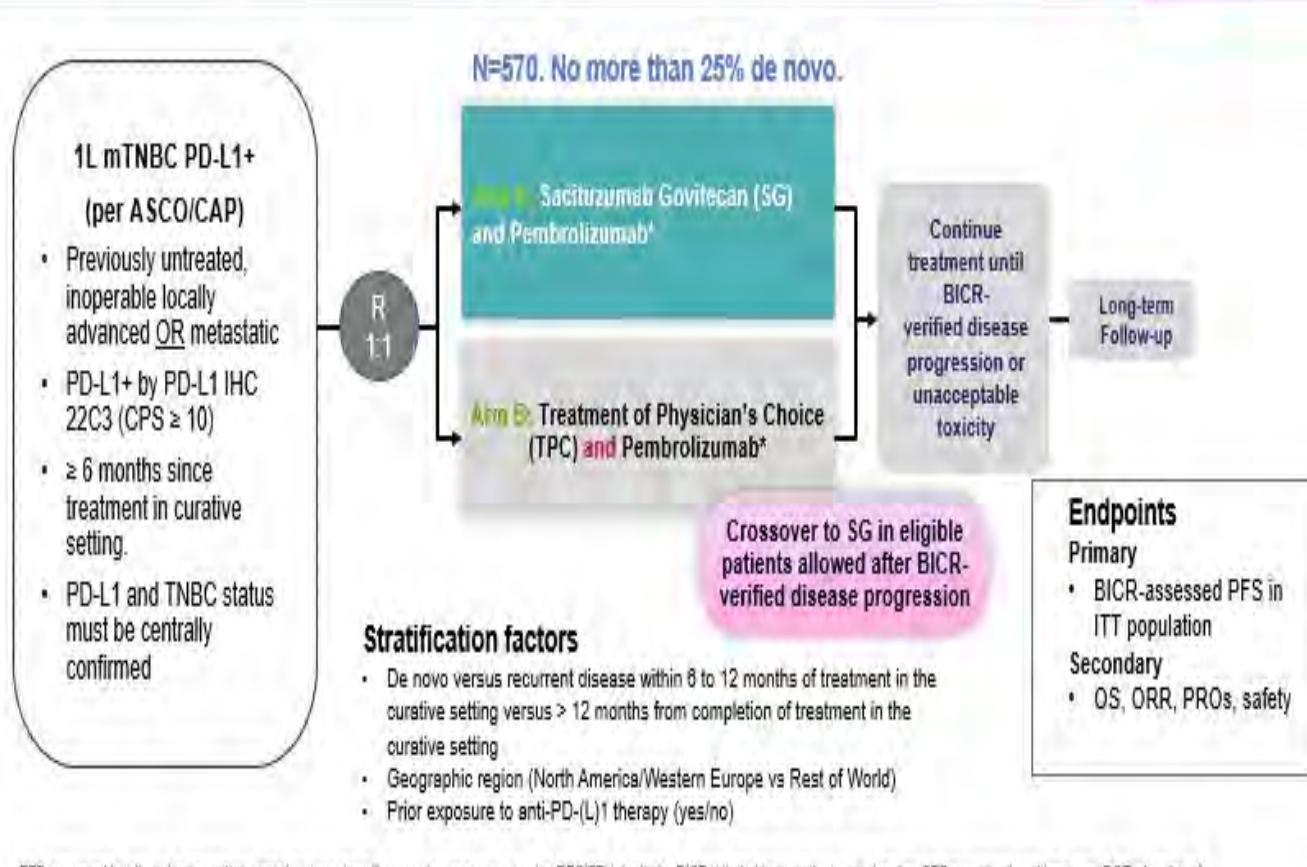
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\*Pembrolizumab administered for a maximum of 35 cycles (~2 yrs)

# DESTINY Breast04: Subgroup analysis in ER-low/HER2-low MBC

ER-negative (IHC 0%)

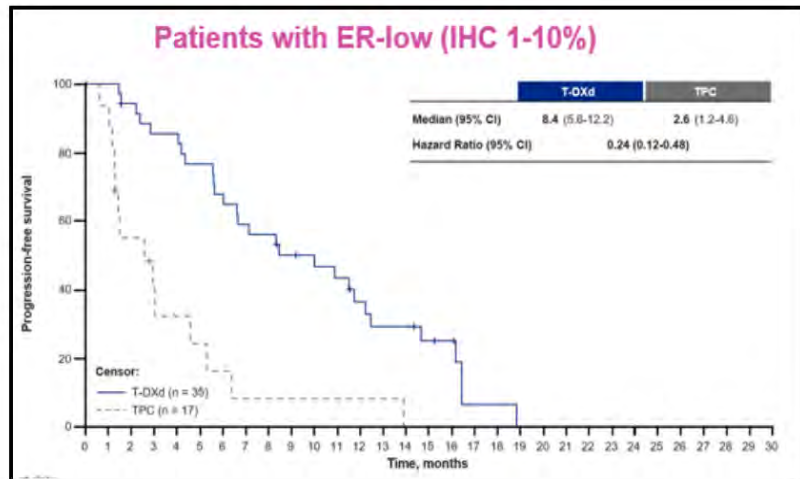
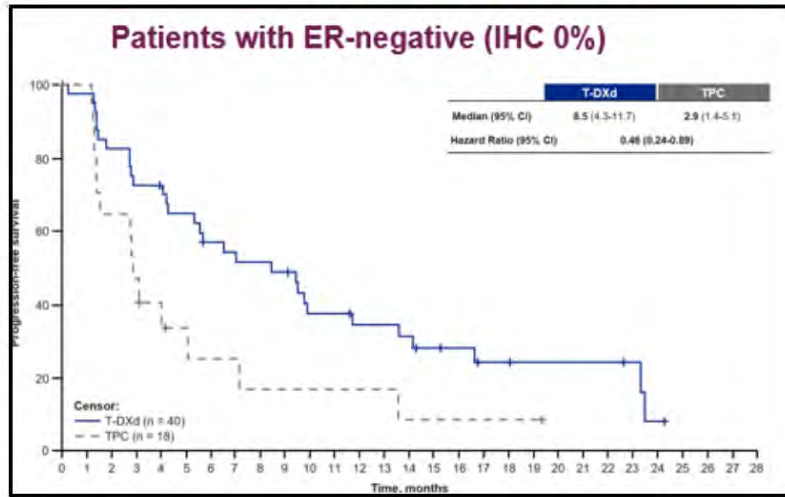
ER-low (IHC 1-10%)

T-DXd (n = 40)

TPC (n = 18)

T-DXd (n = 35)

TPC (n = 17)



	ER-Low (IHC 1-10%)		ER-negative (IHC 0%)	
	T-DXd	TPC	T-DXd	TPC
ORR	57.9%	5.9%	50.0%	6.7%
PFS (months)	8.4	2.6	8.5	2.9
OS (months)	20	10.2	18.2	8.3

ER-low MBC derived similar benefit from T-DXd compared to triple negative MBC

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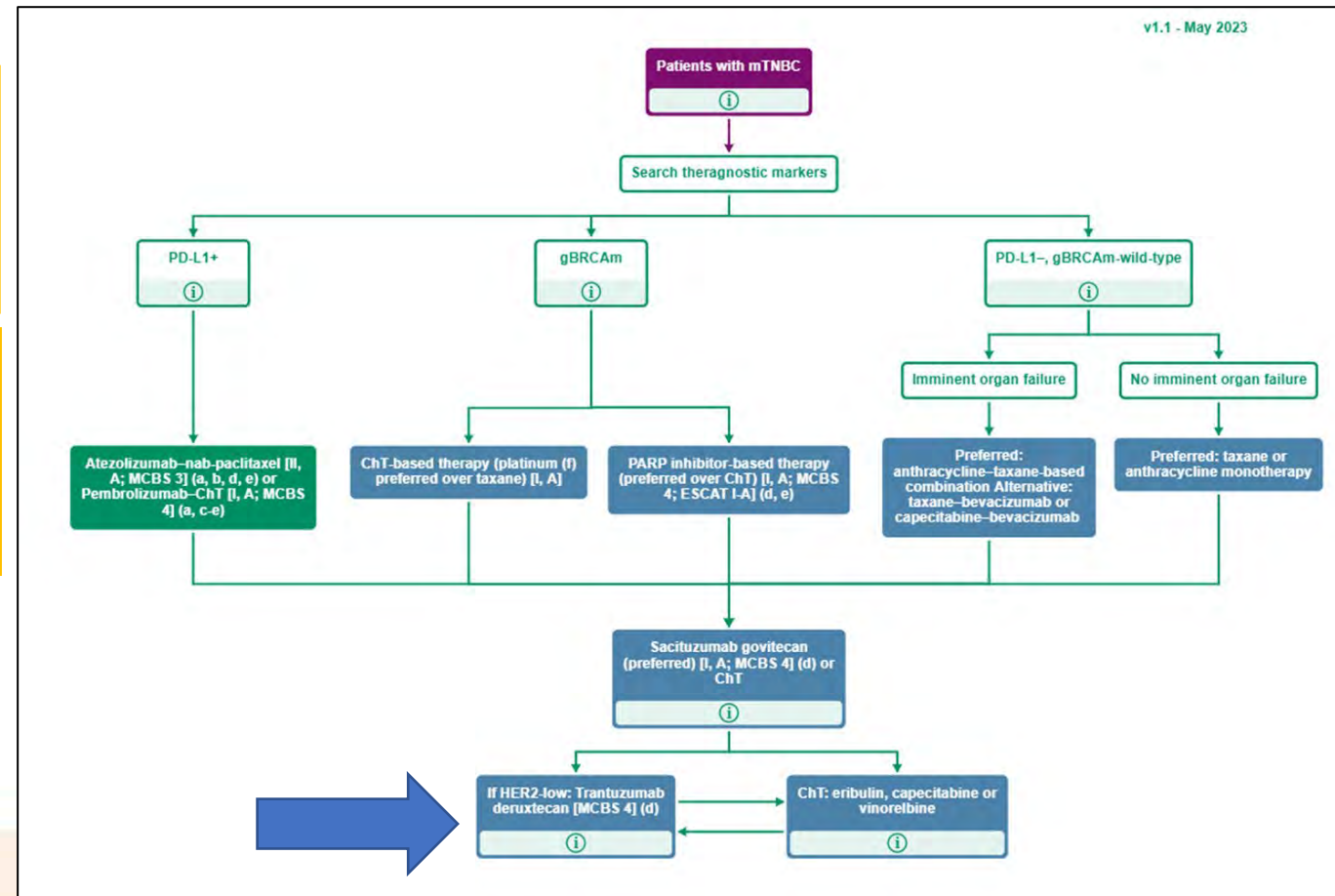
# Sustained remarkable OS benefit with T-DXd in HER2-low (HR-)

Only on T-DXd, some patients had prolonged disease control

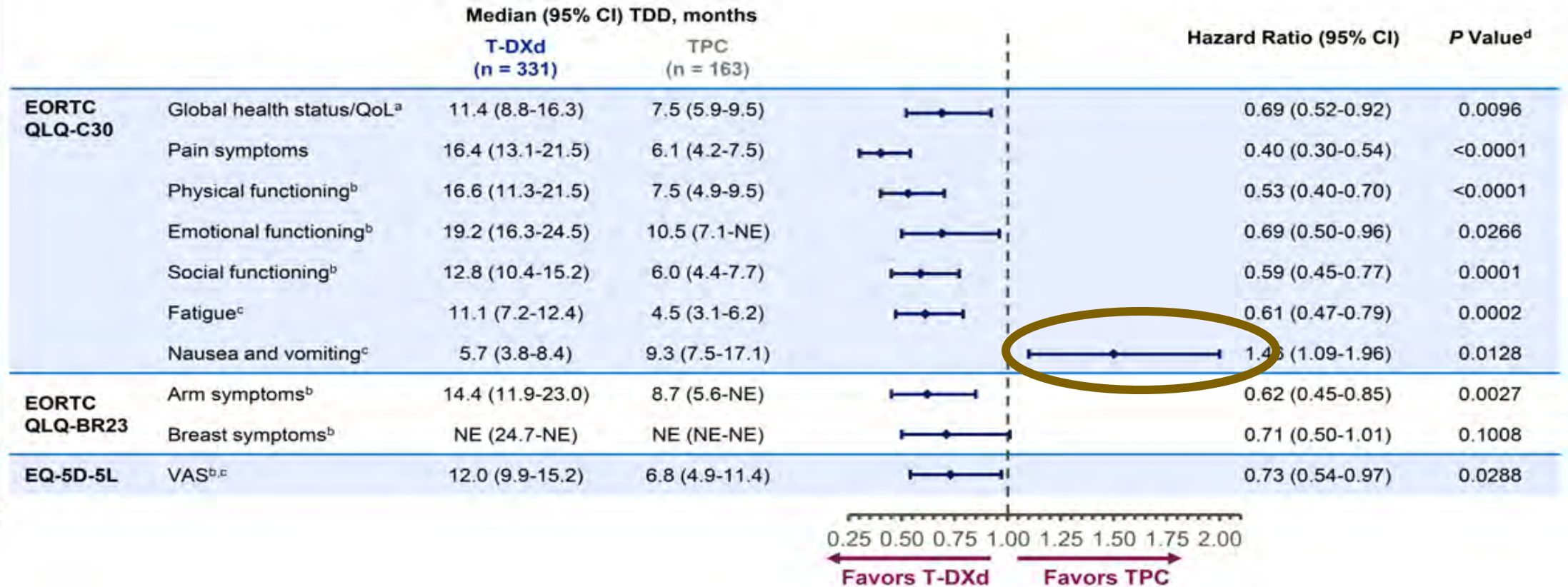
The consistent results across all endpoints (ORR, mDoR, PFS, and OS) establish the role of T-DXd in TN HER2-low mBC

Current limitations

- Exploratory analysis
- Only 58 patients



# Patient's perspective: QoL benefit of T-DXd vs TPC



Longer T-DXd exposure does not increase toxicity  
 No new cases of ILD/pneumonitis since the primary analysis

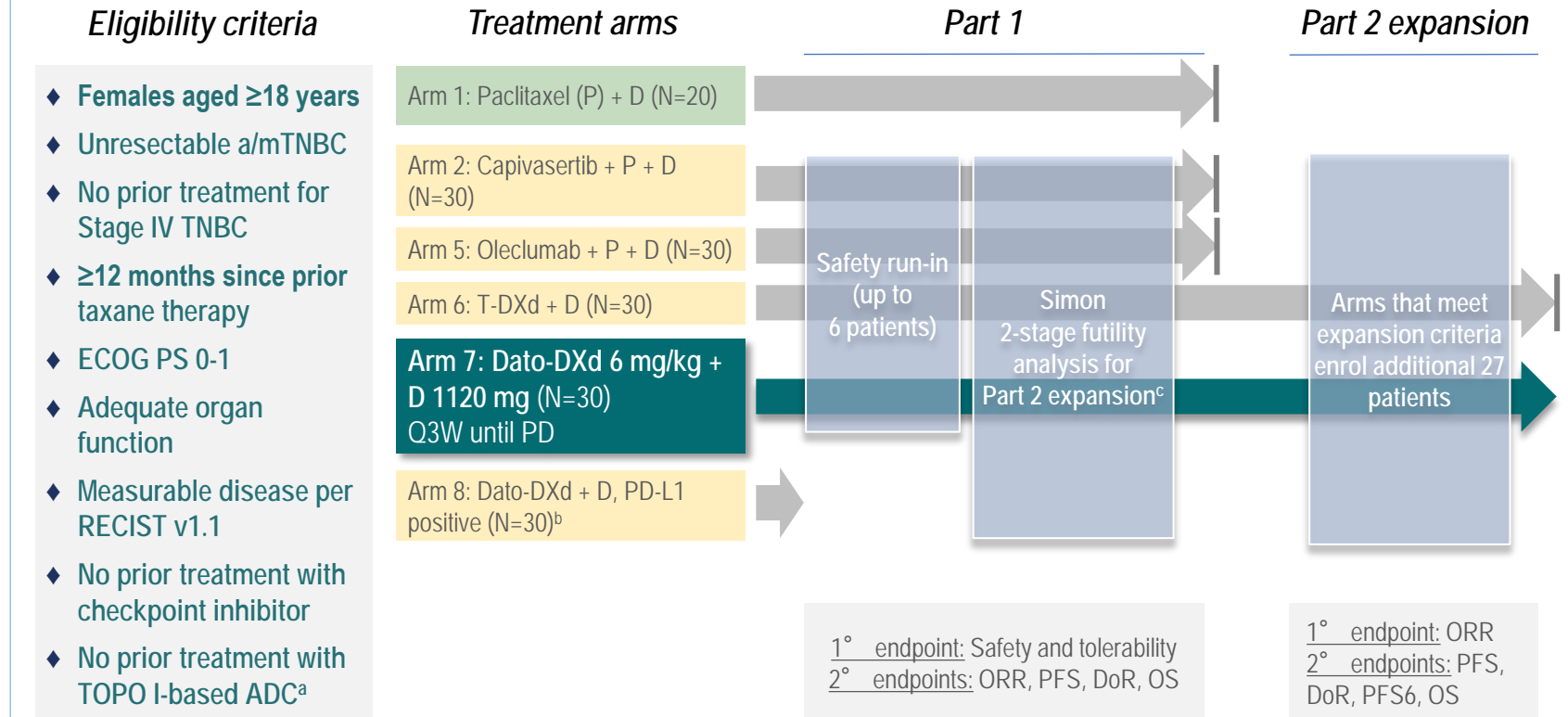


# The BEGONIA Study (NCT03742102)

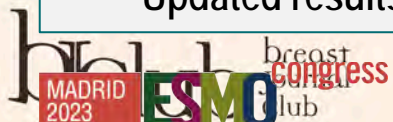
## Rationale

- ◆ Immune checkpoint inhibitors + chemotherapy is the standard of care for patients with PD-L1 positive a/mTNBC; still, most progress within a year (median PFS ~9–10 months)<sup>1,2</sup>
- ◆ BEGONIA is evaluating combinations of durvalumab (D), an anti-PD-L1 antibody, with other novel therapies in first-line a/mTNBC
- ◆ Dato-DXd is a TROP2-directed ADC with a TOPO I inhibitor payload and a tumour-selective cleavable linker<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ At median 7.2 months follow-up, ORR was 74% for patients treated with Dato-DXd + D in BEGONIA<sup>4</sup>

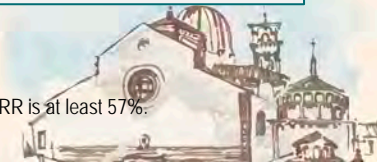
## Study Design



Updated results with median 11.7 months of follow-up for patients from Parts 1 and 2 treated with Dato-DXd + D in BEGONIA Arm 7



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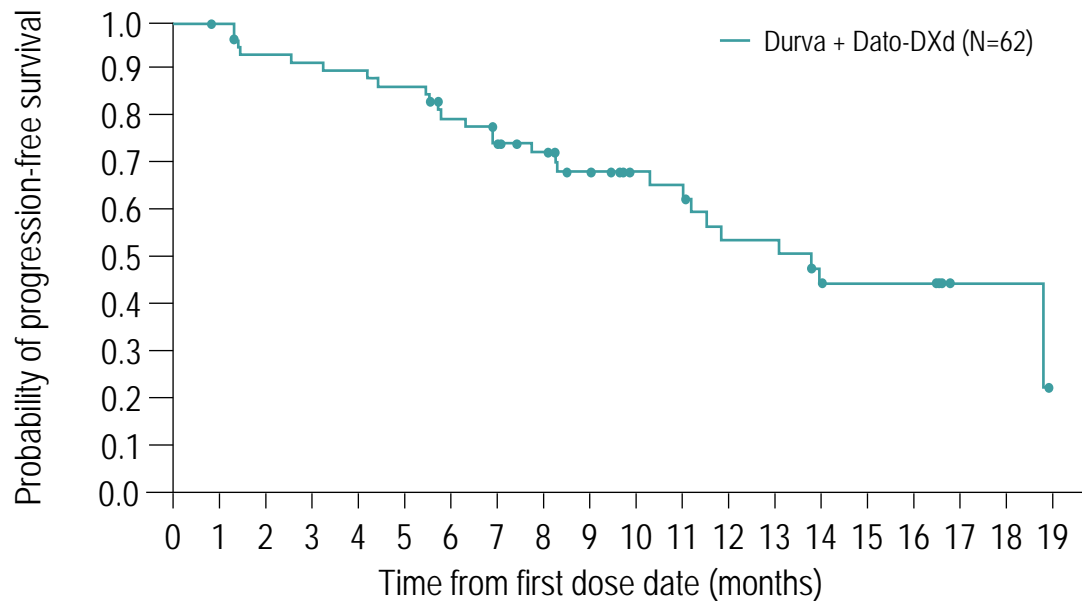
<sup>a</sup>ADC-cohort-specific criteria. <sup>b</sup>Currently enrolling; a safety run-in will not occur for this arm as Dato-DXd + D was already evaluated and found to be tolerable with no dose-limiting toxicities reported. <sup>c</sup>Novel treatment combinations may enter Part 2 expansion if confirmed ORR is at least 57%.  
 1. Cortazar A, et al. Presented at ASCO 2020. Abstract 1817-1828. 2. Emens LA, et al. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 2021;113(8):1005-1016. 3. Bardia A, et al. Presented at SABCs 2022. P6-10-03. 4. Schmid P, et al. Presented at SABCs 2022. PD11-09.



# BEGONIA Arm 7: Dato-DXd + Durvalumab

## Progression-Free Survival and Duration of Response

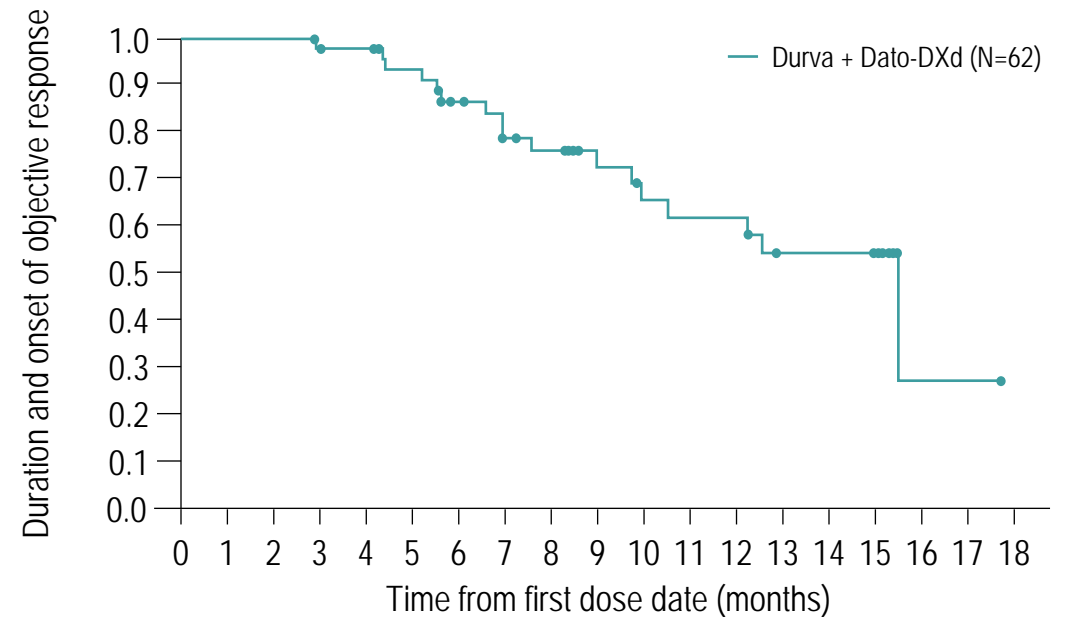
Median PFS was **13.8** months (95% CI, 11.0–NC)



Number of patients at risk

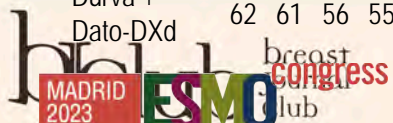
Durva + Dato-DXd 62 61 56 55 54 52 45 40 37 32 24 23 18 18 14 13 13 2 2 0

Median DoR was **15.5** months (95% CI, 9.92–NC)



Number of patients at risk

Durva + Dato-DXd 49 49 49 47 46 42 35 30 28 21 18 17 17 13 13 12 1 1 0



Kaplan-Meier analysis was performed. Circles indicate censored observations.

CI, confidence interval; Dato-DXd, datunexant; durvalumab deruxtecan; DoR, duration of response; NC, not calculable; PFS, progression-free survival.

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Data cutoff: 02 Feb 2023



# BEGONIA Arm 7: Dato-DXd + Durvalumab

## Adverse Events

### Most frequently reported adverse events ( $\geq 15\%$ ) (N=62)

AE preferred term	Any grade, n (%)	Grade 3/4, n (%)
Nausea	40 (65)	0
Stomatitis	40 (65)	7 (11)
Alopecia	31 (50)	0
Constipation	29 (47)	1 (2)
Fatigue	28 (45)	1 (2)
Rash	20 (32)	0
Vomiting	16 (26)	1 (2)
Amylase increased	13 (21)	11 (18)
COVID-19	13 (21)	0
Dry eye	13 (21)	0
Decreased appetite	12 (19)	1 (2)
Pruritus	10 (16)	0
Cough	10 (16)	0

- ◆ The most common AEs were gastrointestinal and generally of low grade (Table)
- Stomatitis was the most common AE leading to Dato-DXd dose reduction (11 patients)
- There were 3 (5%) adjudicated treatment-related ILD/pneumonitis events (2 grade 2 events, 1 grade 1 event)
- Limited rates of diarrhea (13% any grade, 1 grade 3 event) and neutropenia (5% any grade, 1 grade 3 event) were reported
- The most frequent AESIs for Arm 7 were stomatitis (65%), rash (32%), dry eye (21%), hypothyroidism (14.5%), and keratitis (14.5%)

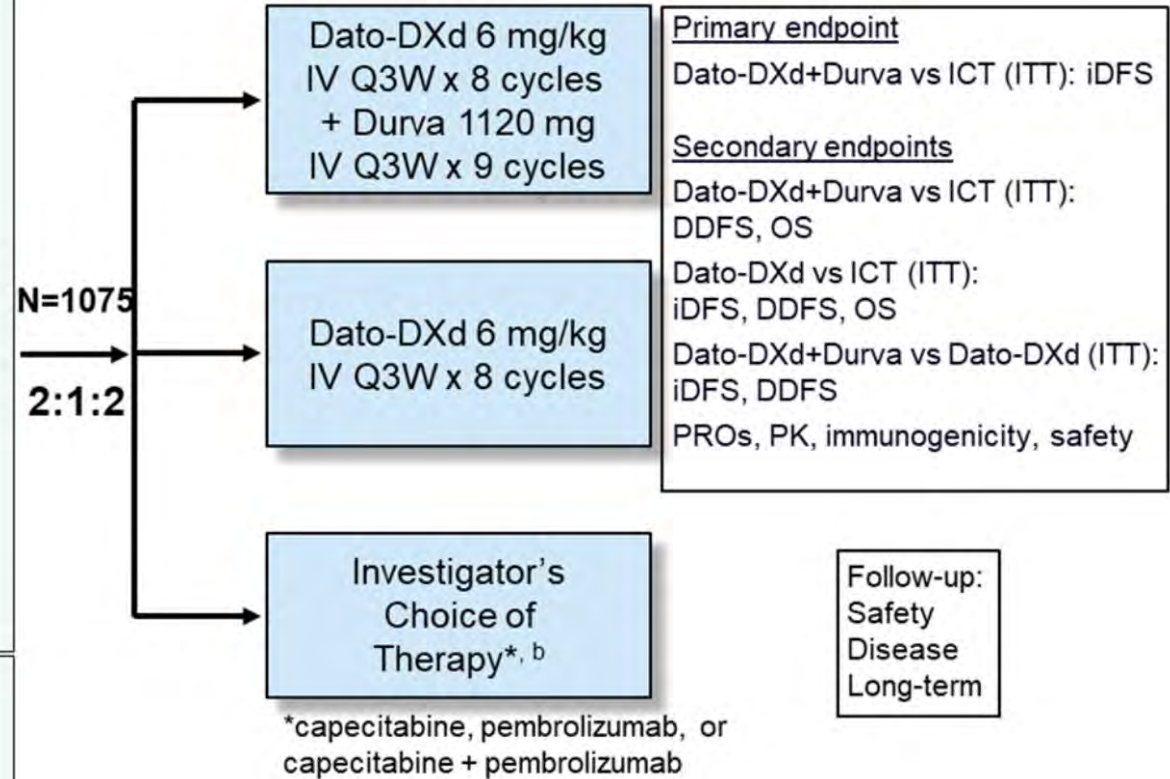


### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Histologically confirmed invasive TNBC (ER < 1%, PR < 1%, HER2-negative)
- Completed at least 6 cycles of neoadjuvant therapy containing an anthracycline and/or a taxane with or without carboplatin, with or without pembrolizumab.
- Residual invasive disease in the breast and/or axillary lymph node(s) at surgical resection following neoadjuvant therapy
- No evidence of locoregional or distant relapse
- Radiotherapy (if indicated) delivered before the start of study intervention
- No adjuvant systemic therapy
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Adequate bone marrow reserve and organ function
- No known germline *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation

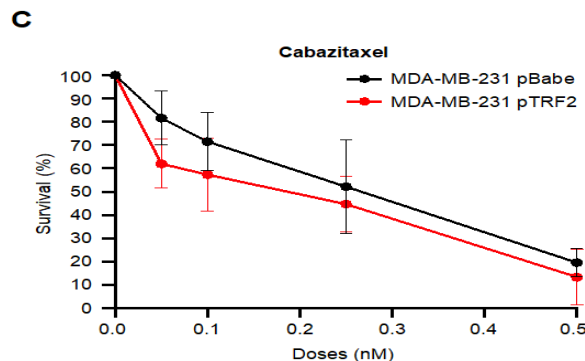
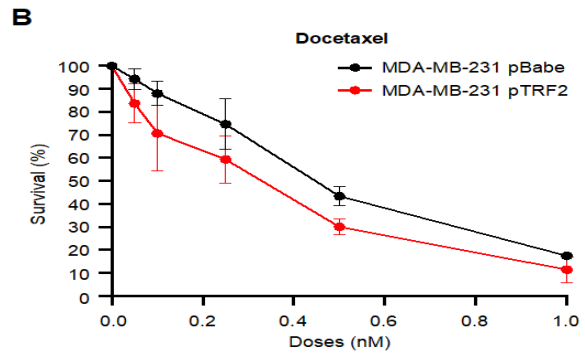
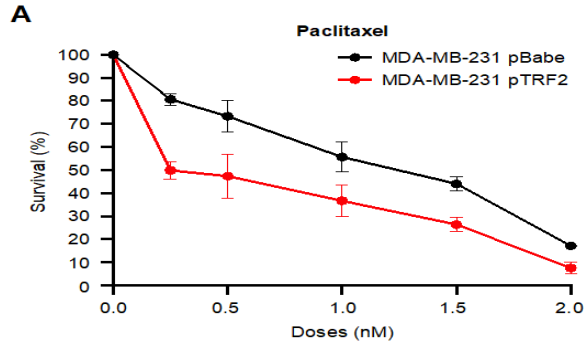
### Stratification factors:

- Prior neoadjuvant pembrolizumab (Yes vs No); cap No at 40%
- Residual disease (< 1 cm vs ≥ 1 cm)<sup>a</sup>; cap < 1 cm at 20%
- Prior neoadjuvant platinum chemotherapy (Yes vs No)



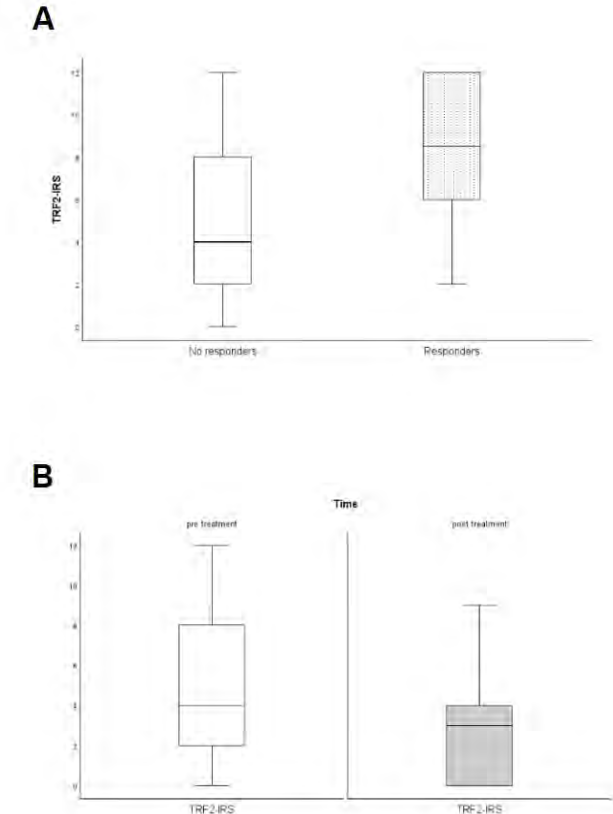
# TRF2 is a novel marker of tumor response to taxane-based therapy: from mechanistic insight to clinical implications

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**TRF2 over-expression correlates with responsiveness of TNBC patients to Taxane-based neo-adjuvant chemotherapy**

**TRF2 over-expression confers sensitivity to chemotherapy to TNBC cells *in vitro***

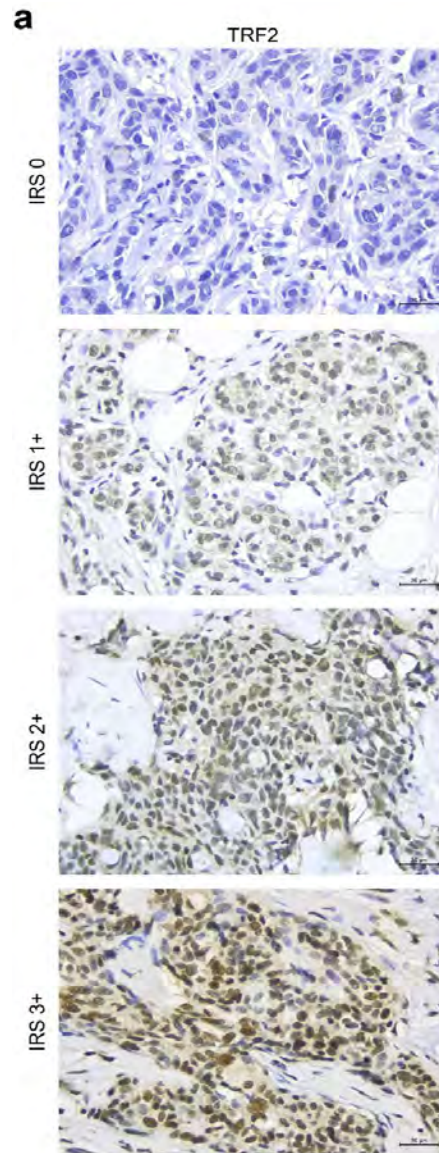


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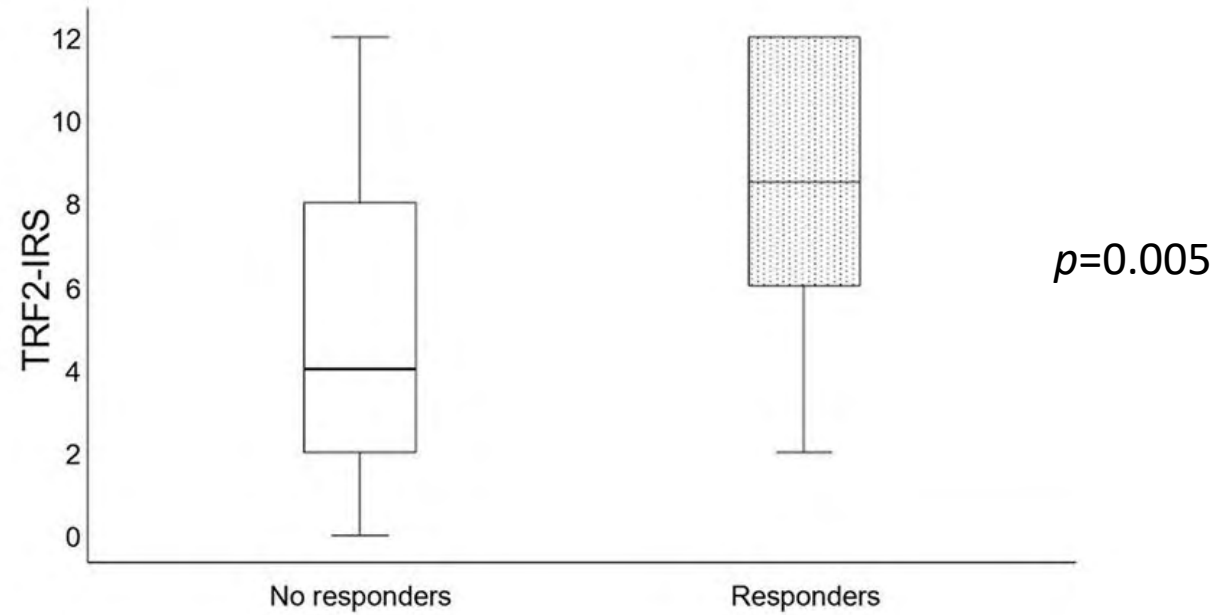
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# Upregulation del PDL-1



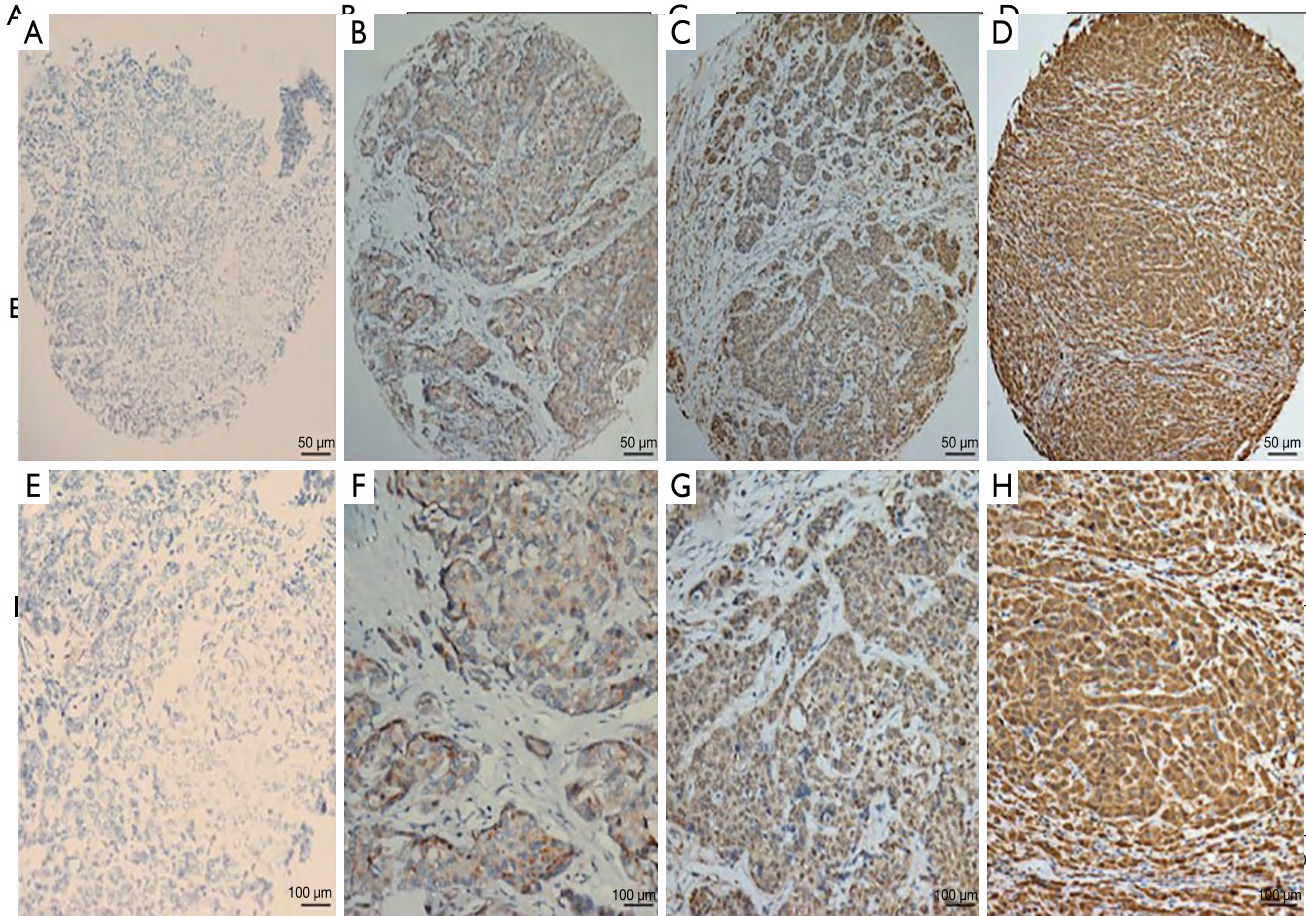
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median follow-up 43 months



# Overexpression of KLHL22 correlates with poor prognosis in patients with triple-negative breast cancer



**Table 3** Multivariate survival analyses of clinicopathologic variables in TNBC patients

Variable	OS			PFS		
	HR	95% CI	P value	HR	95% CI	P value
Age (>49 vs. ≤49) (year)	0.602	0.300–1.207	0.152	0.52	0.185–1.466	0.216
P53 (yes vs. no)	2.441	1.125–5.299	0.024	0.633	0.234–1.714	0.368
Tumor size (>2.5 vs. ≤2.5) (cm)	0.847	0.424–1.691	0.637	0.74	0.254–2.154	0.581
Clinical stage (III+IV vs. I+II)	4.596	2.260–9.345	<0.001	3.093	1.062–9.008	0.038
KLHL22 (high vs. low)	10.41	4.313–25.126	<0.001	8.493	2.210–32.642	0.002

TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.



- We need to keep seeking curative therapeutic strategies for advanced TNBC
  - This has proven elusive so far
  - While survival has improved, it is simply not good enough
- For all who are new to breast cancer research, there is enormous opportunity to contribute to a better future for all affected by TNBC
  - Potential for clinical impact is real and patients are depending on it



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