

**Competenze dell'infermiere e sicurezza nella pratica
clinica oncologica: gestione della paziente con
carcinoma mammario**

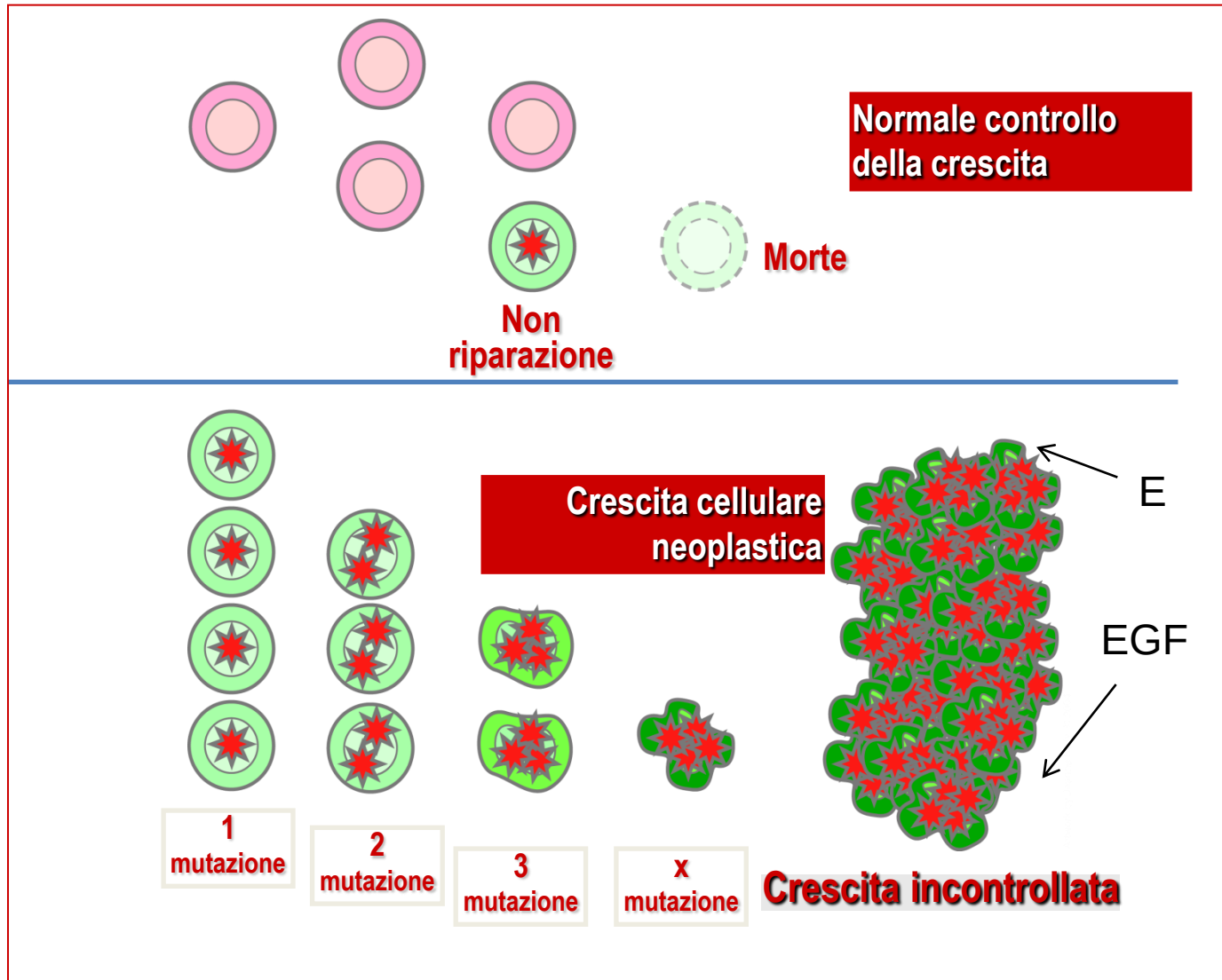
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**UTILIZZO DEI FARMACI BIOLOGICI NEL
TRATTAMENTO DELLE PAZIENTI CON
CARCINOMA MAMMARIO**

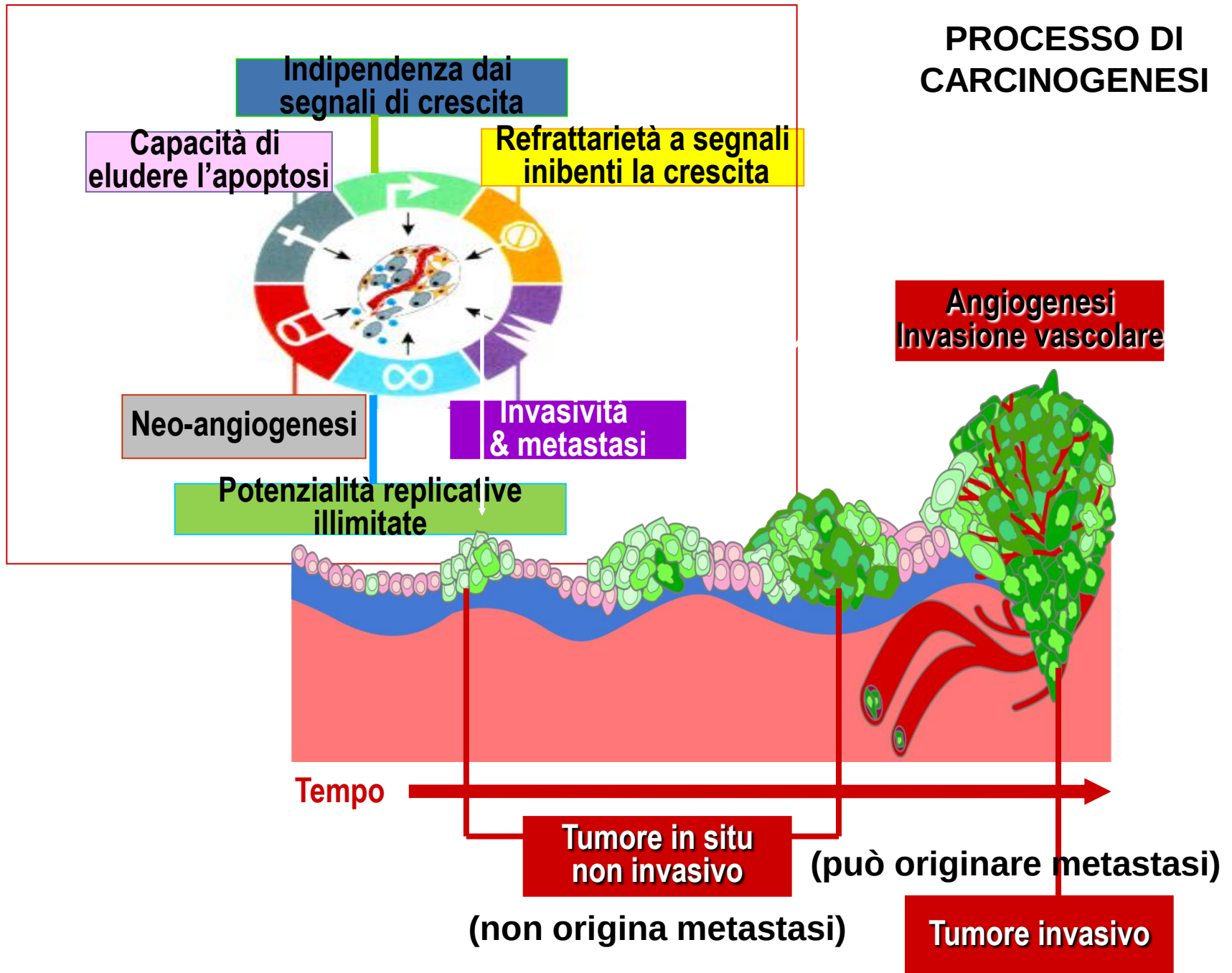
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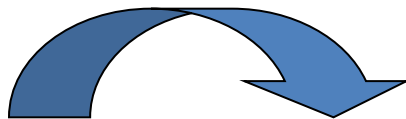
CRESCITA DELLA CELLULA TUMORALE: perdita di controllo



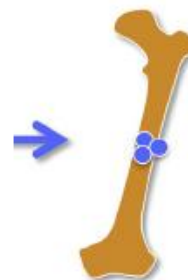
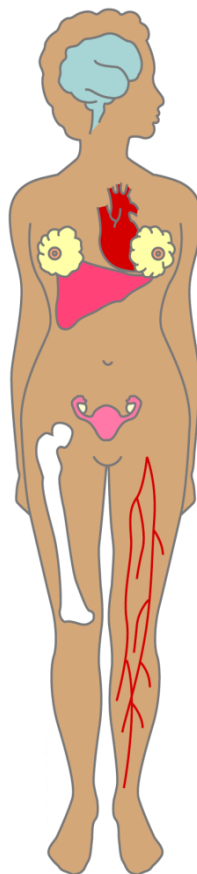
PROCESSO DI CARCINOGENESI



TERAPIA SISTEMICA



Micrometastasi



Metastasi cliniche

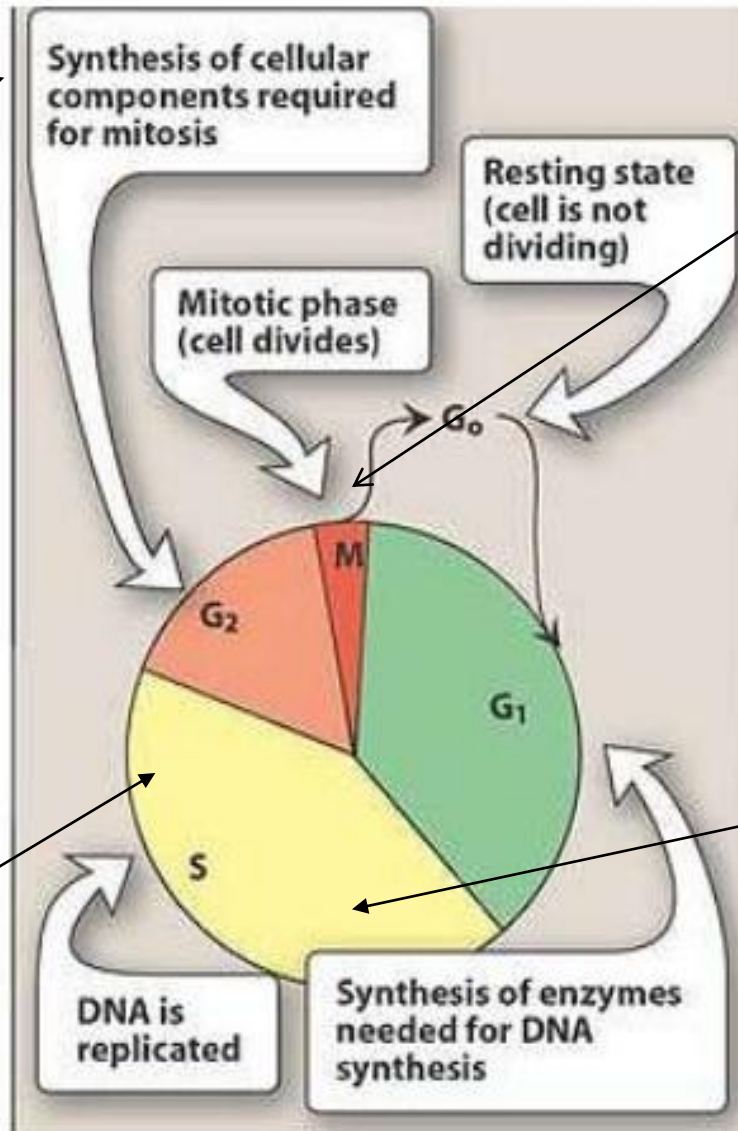
DEFINIZIONE DI TERAPIA SISTEMICA	STADIO DI MALATTIA	SCOPI-OBIETTIVI
ADIUVANTE	Localizzata “Early”	Prevenzione metastasi GUARIGIONE
PRIMARIA/ NEOADIUVANTE	Localmente avanzata (II,III)	Controllo locale Chirurgia radicale/conservativa Prevenzione metastasi GUARIGIONE
TERAPEUTICA	Metastatica (IV)	Qualità di Vita Regressione tumore Prolungamento sopravvivenza PALLIAZIONE

CHEMIOTERAPIA

Phases of cell cycle

Antibiotici citotossici e correlati (doxorubicina, epirubicina)

Antimetaboliti e inibitori della catena dei folati (methotrexate, fluorouracile)



Antimitotici di origine naturale (alcaloidi della vinca-vinorelbina, taxani-paclitaxel e docetaxel)

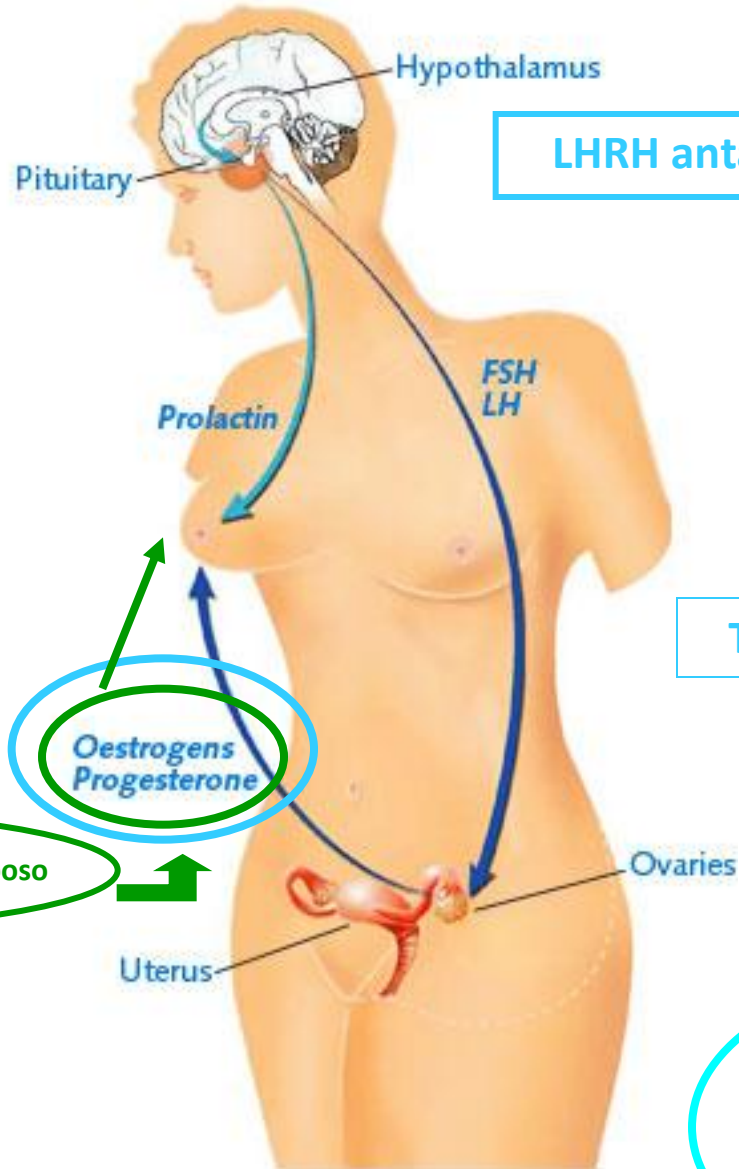
Agenti alchilanti (ciclofosfamide, cisplatino derivati)

ORMONOTERAPIA

**POST-
MENOPAUSA**

**Inibitori dell'aromatasi
(letrozolo, anastrozolo,
exemestane)**

Fegato, ghiandole surrenaliche, tess. adiposo



Tamoxifene

**PRE-
MENOPAUSA**

TERAPIA A BERSAGLIO MOLECOLARE

(a) Implementing Translational Cancer Research

Past



Drugs



Which patients respond best?

Current
and future



Determine molecular profile
of the patient's tumour



Determine which drugs
are most appropriate

“Tailored Therapy”

TERAPIE A BERSAGLIO MOLECOLARE

**Farmaci diretti contro uno specifico bersaglio molecolare
espresso selettivamente sulle cellule tumorali**



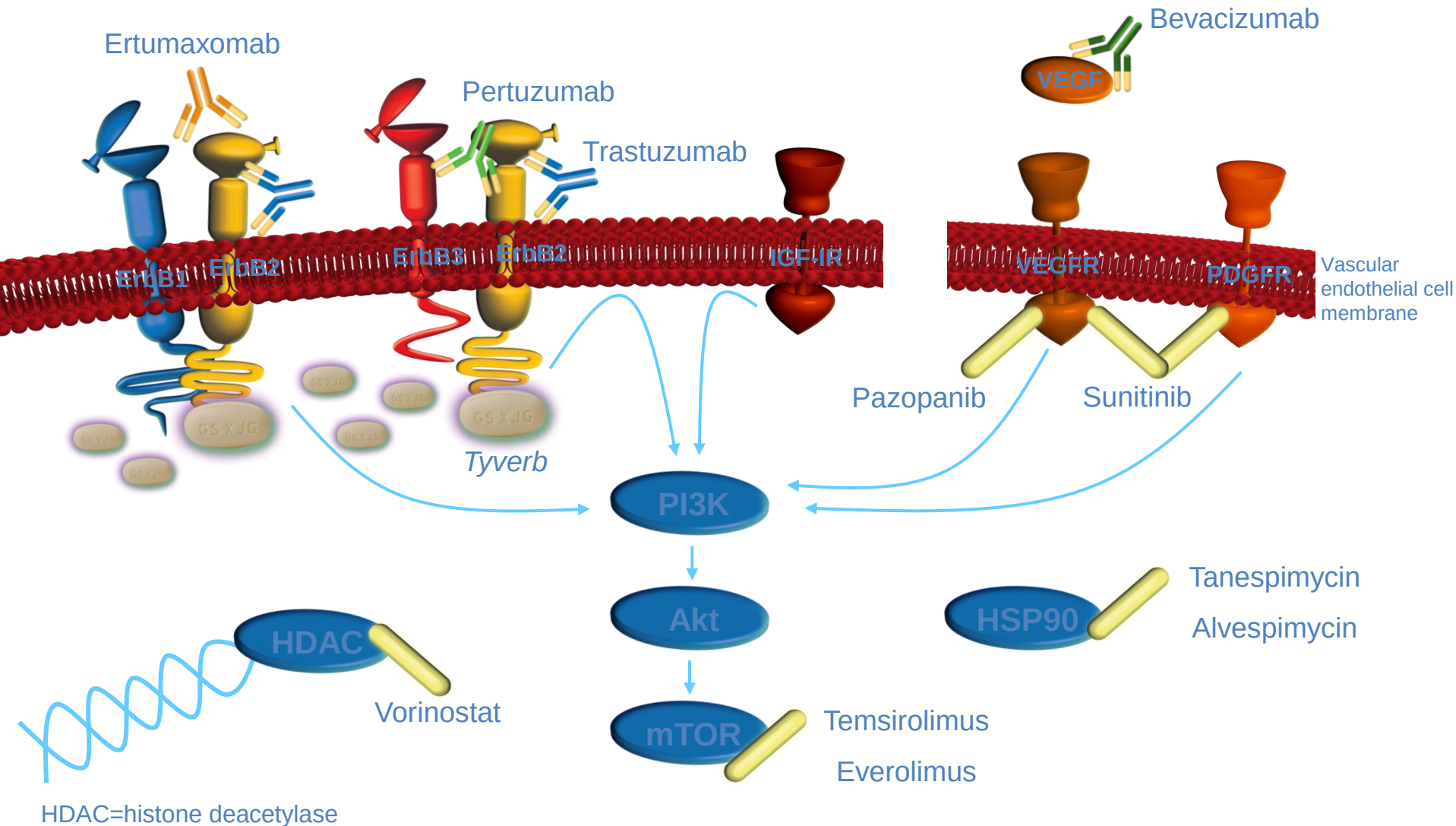
Azione selettiva e specifica verso le cellule tumorali

**Tossicità minore e diversa rispetto la chemioterapia
tradizionale**

**Possibile utilizzo in concomitanza di chemioterapia o
ormonoterapia o radioterapia**

**Somministrazioni in alcuni casi per via orale/sc con
miglior compliance e risparmio di risorse sanitarie**

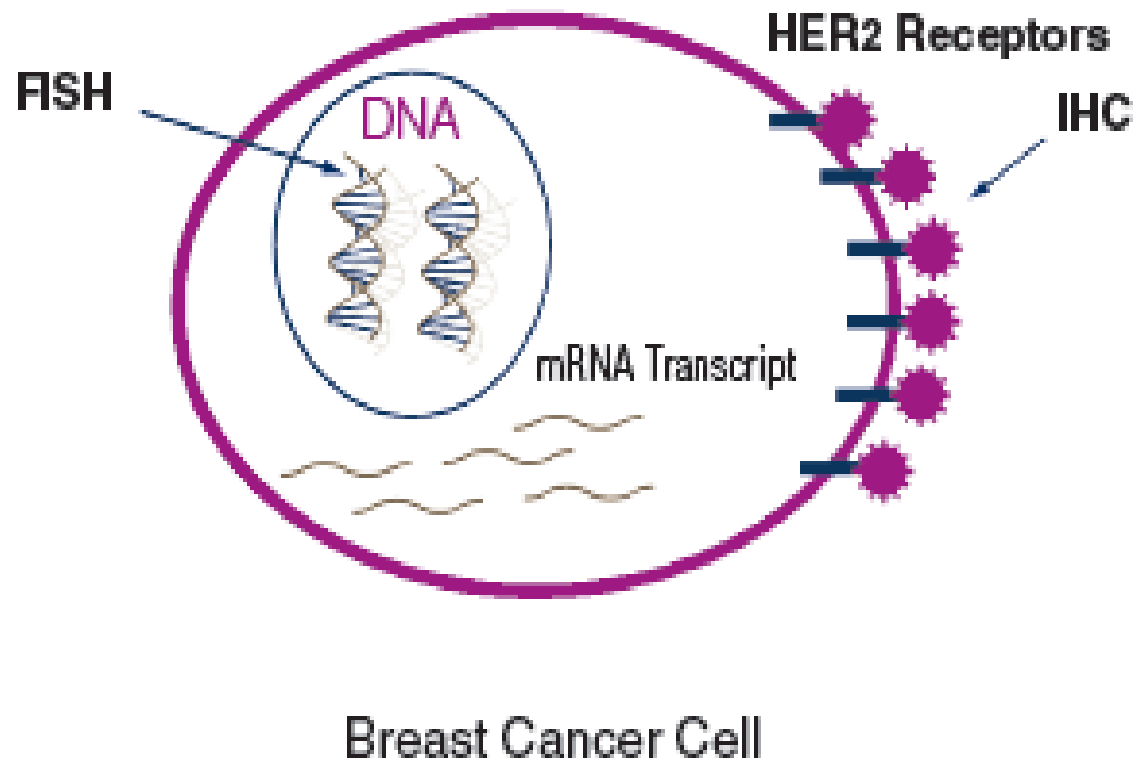
Targets and bullets in breast cancer



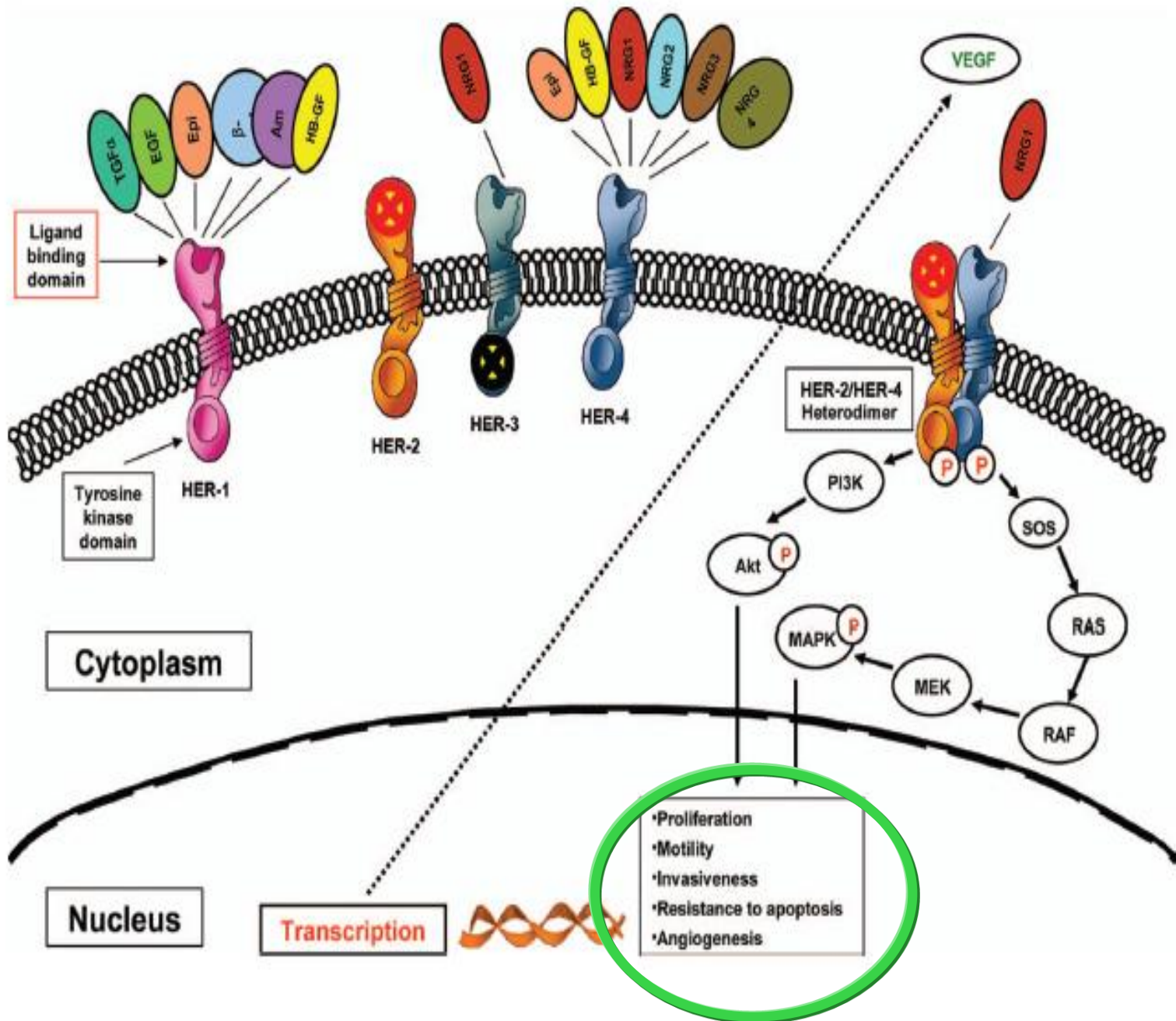
Terapie a bersaglio molecolare nel carcinoma mammario

Trastuzumab	Anticorpo monoclonale umanizzato contro Her2
Pertuzumab	Anticorpo monoclonale umanizzato inibitore delle dimerizzazione di Her2
TDM1	Anticorpo farmaco coniugato (Trastuzumab-Emtansine) contro Her2
Lapatinib	Piccola molecola inibitore reversibile e selettivo della tirosin chinasi intracellulare di entrambi i recettori EGFR (ErbB1) e HER2 (ErbB2)
Everolimus	Molecola inibitore dell' mTORC1
Denosumab	Anticorpo monoclonale umanizzato diretto contro RANKL
Bevacizumab	Anticorpo monoclonale umanizzato diretto contro il VEGF

ANTI-HER2 THERAPIES

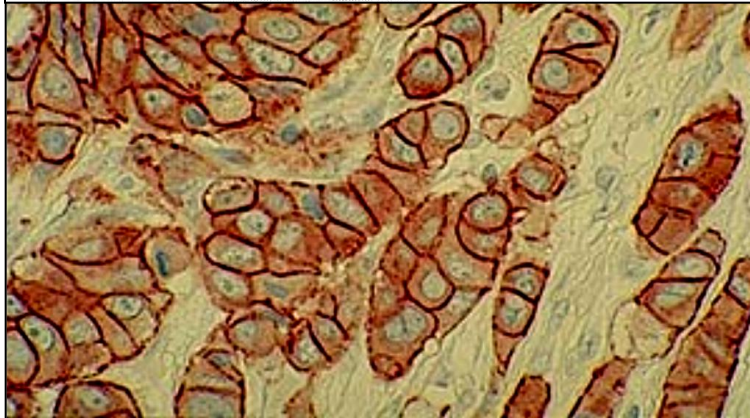
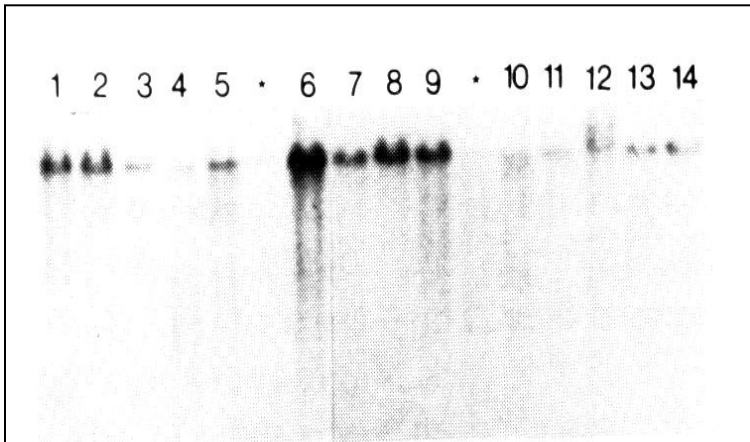


HER2 gene amplification is the underlying biological change that results in HER2 overexpression.



HER2/Neu (ErbB2) oncogene is associated with poor prognosis in breast cancer

HER2 gene
amplification (Southern)



HER2 protein
overexpression (IHC)

Median Survival

HER2 overexpression
HER2 normal

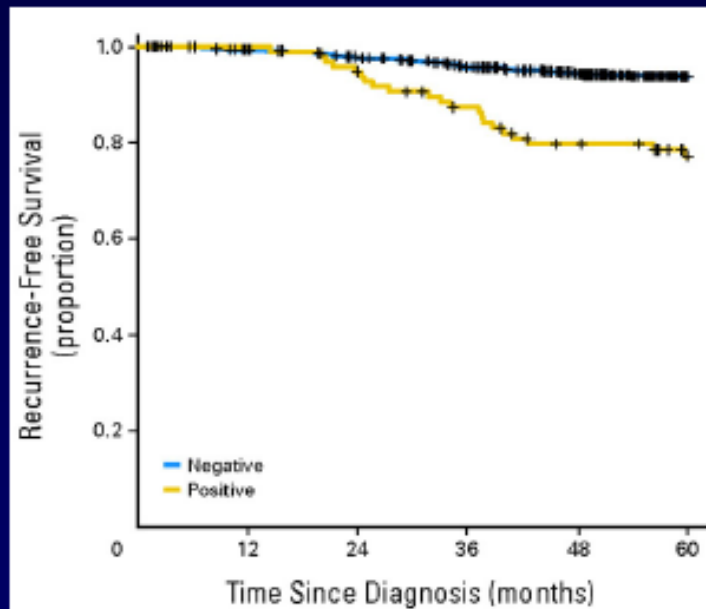
3 yrs
6-7 yrs

Slamon *et al. Science* 237:177, 1987

Outcomes for T1a/bN0 HER2+ Tumors

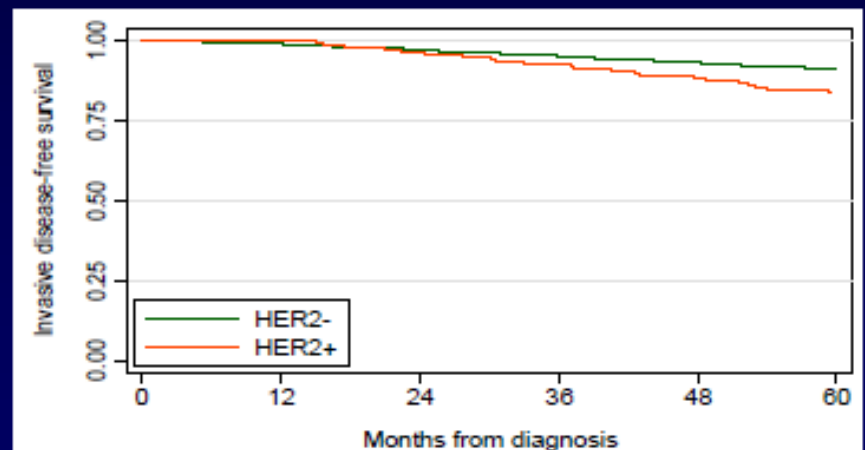
MD Anderson series

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



NCCN series

HER2 status	n	5 yr DFS
HER2+	255	83.3%
HER2-	3127	89.0%



Gonzalez-Angulo AM, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2009;27(34):5700-5706. Vaz Duarte Luis IM, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2013;31(Suppl): Abstract 1006.

Tolaney SM, et al. *Cancer Res*. 2013;73(24 Suppl): Abstract S1-04.

From Bench to Bedside....

HER2 gene is cloned²
HER2 protein found to be
overexpressed in breast tumours³

1984

HER2/neu
gene identified¹

1985

HER2 overexpression
associated with more
aggressive phenotype⁴

1987

1989

Anti-HER2 monoclonal
mouse antibody
humanised: trastuzumab⁶

1992

1993–1995

**Herceptin
clinical trials begin**

US approval:
HER2-positive MBC¹

1998

2000

EU approval:
HER2-positive MBC²

EU/US approval:
HER2-positive EBC³

2006

2010

EMA approval:
Concurrent Herceptin
+ chemotherapy in EBC⁵

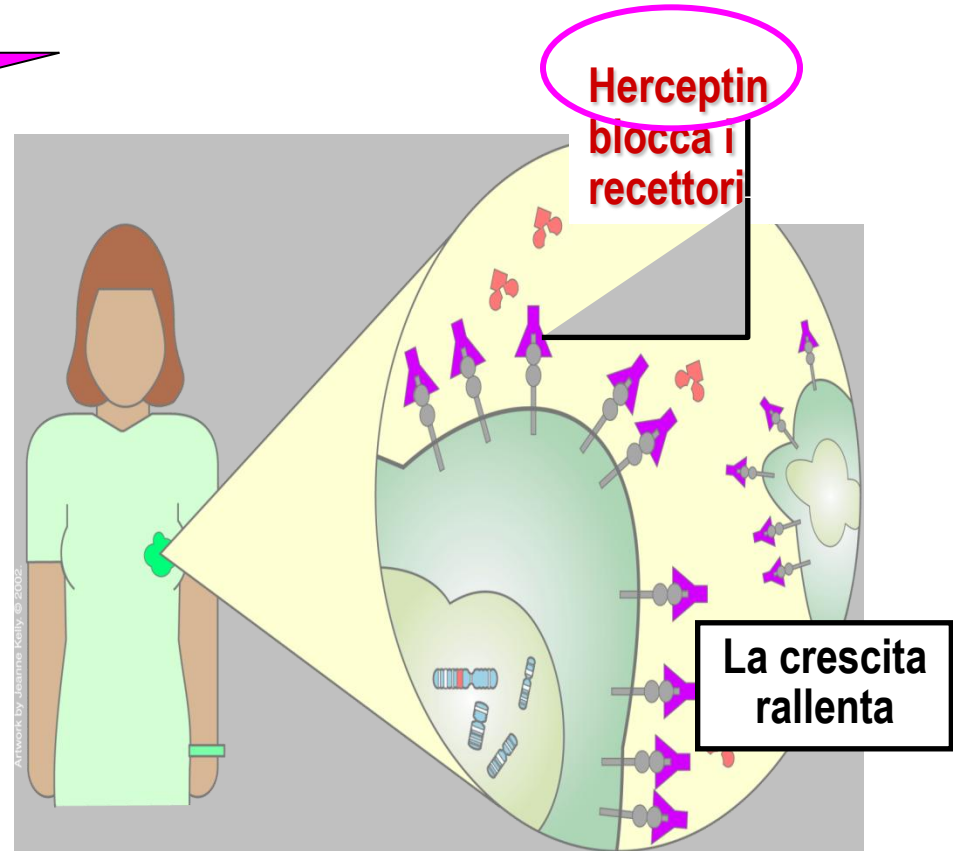
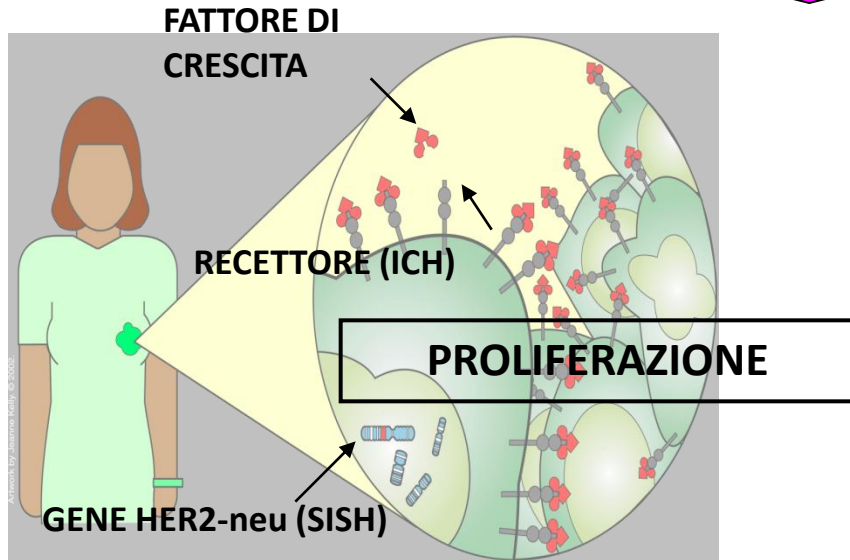
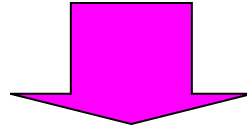
2011

EMA approval:
Neoadjuvant-adjuvant
therapy with Herceptin⁶

2012

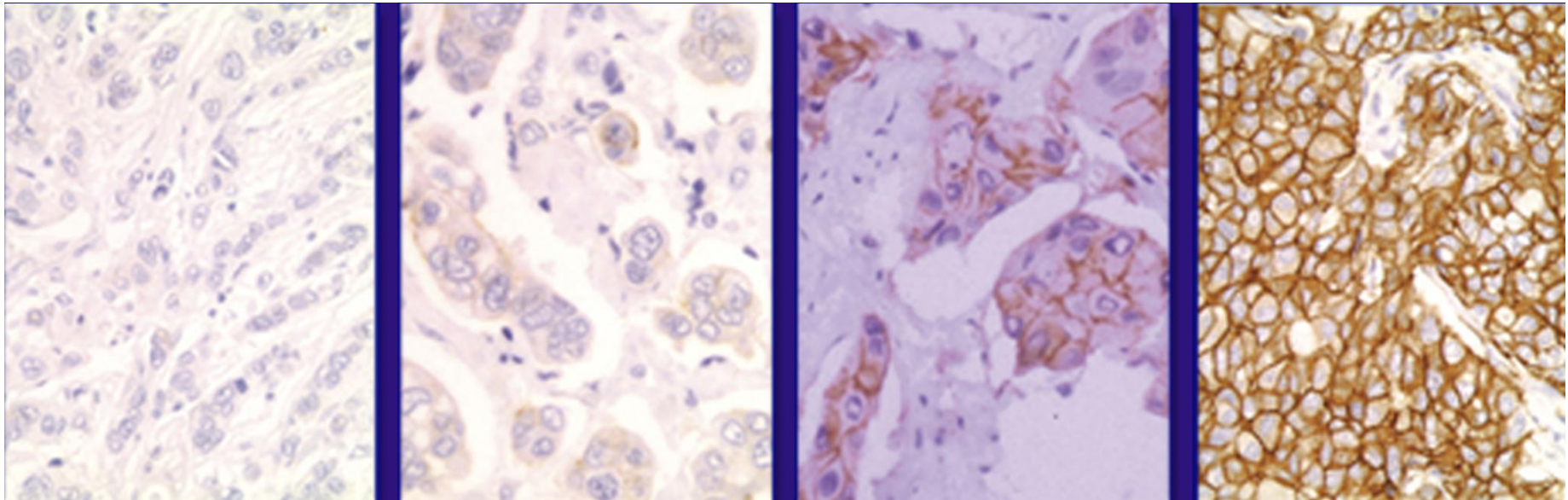


TERAPIA A BERSAGLIO MOLECOLARE ANTI-HER2



IHC Test Measures HER2 Protein Overexpression

Immunohistochemistry



IHC 0

IHC 1+

IHC 2+

IHC 3+

- IHC is scored on a 0-3+ scale based on staining intensity and completeness of membrane staining
- HercepTest® is an FDA-approved assay

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A S C O S P E C I A L A R T I C L E

Recommendations for Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Testing in Breast Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists Clinical Practice Guideline Update

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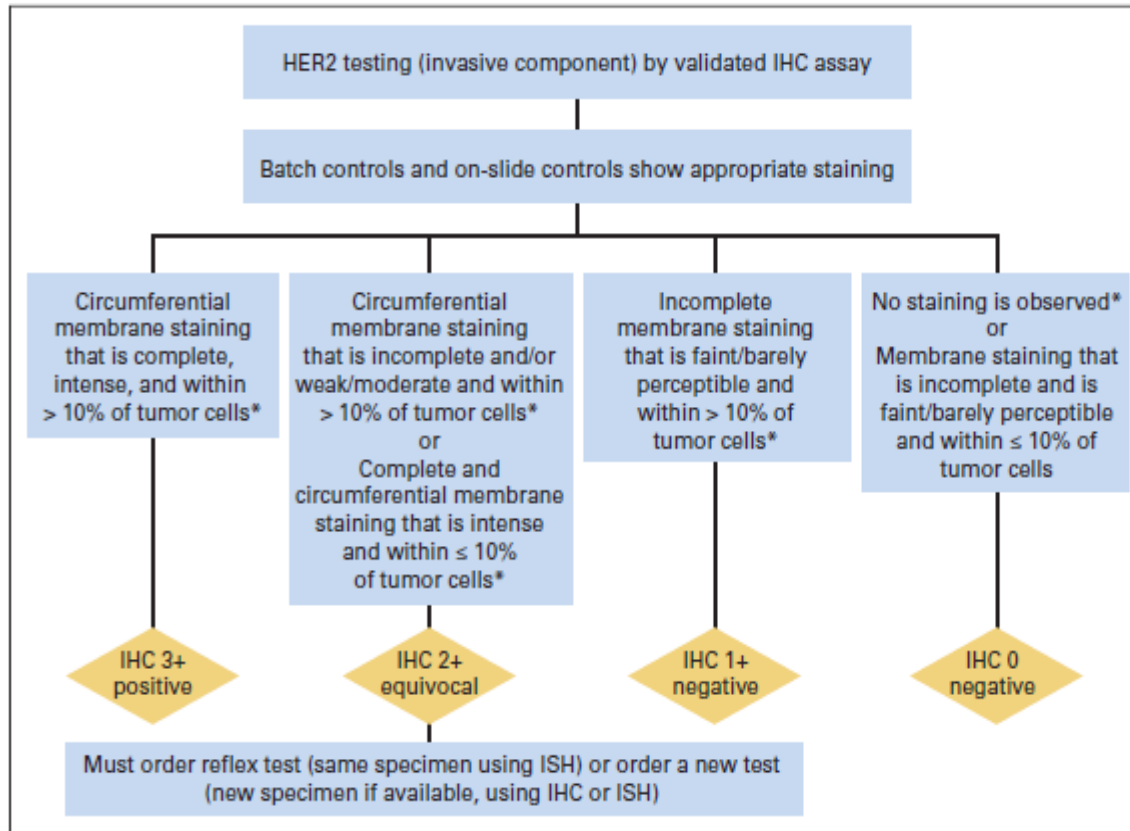
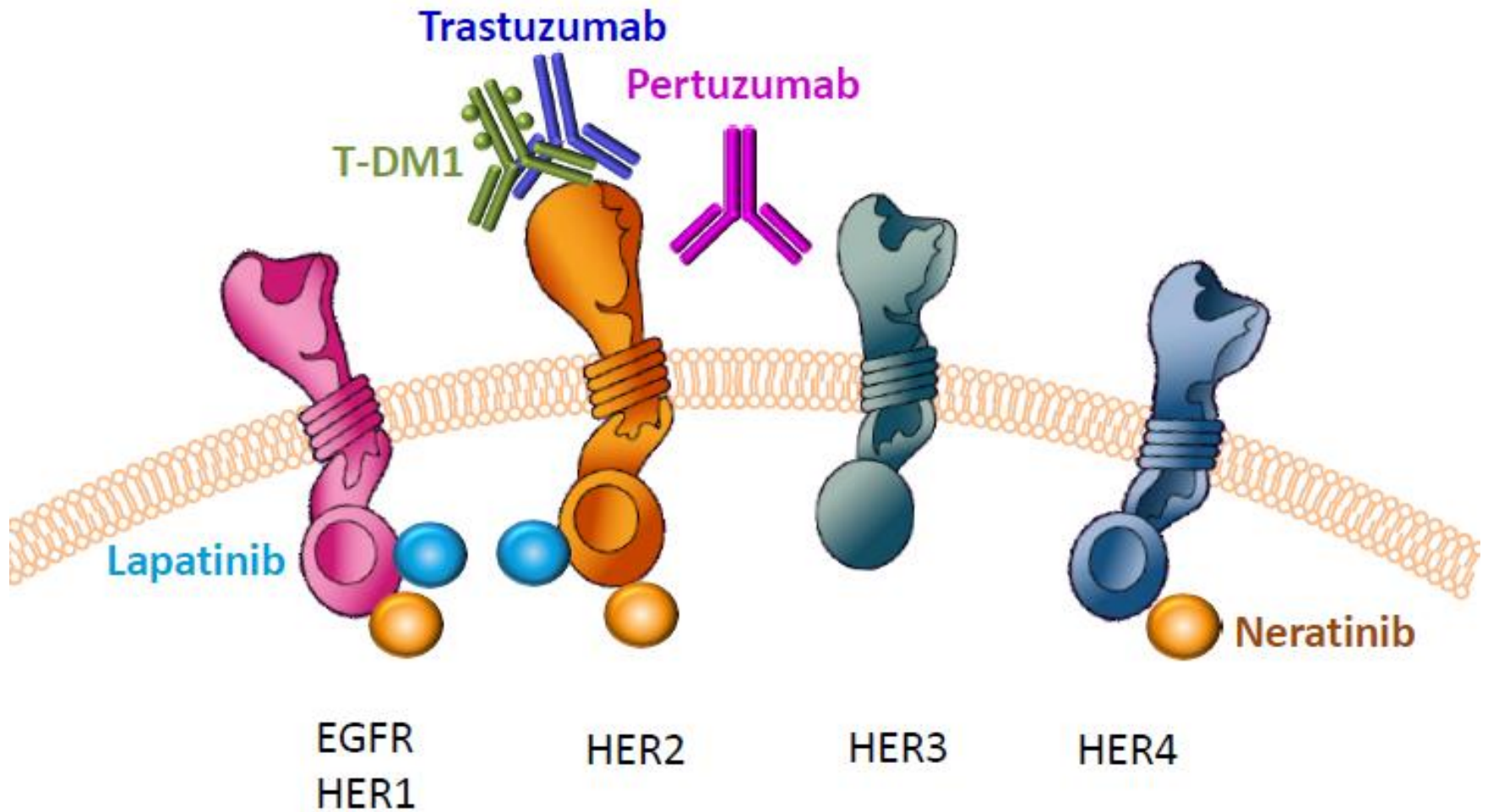


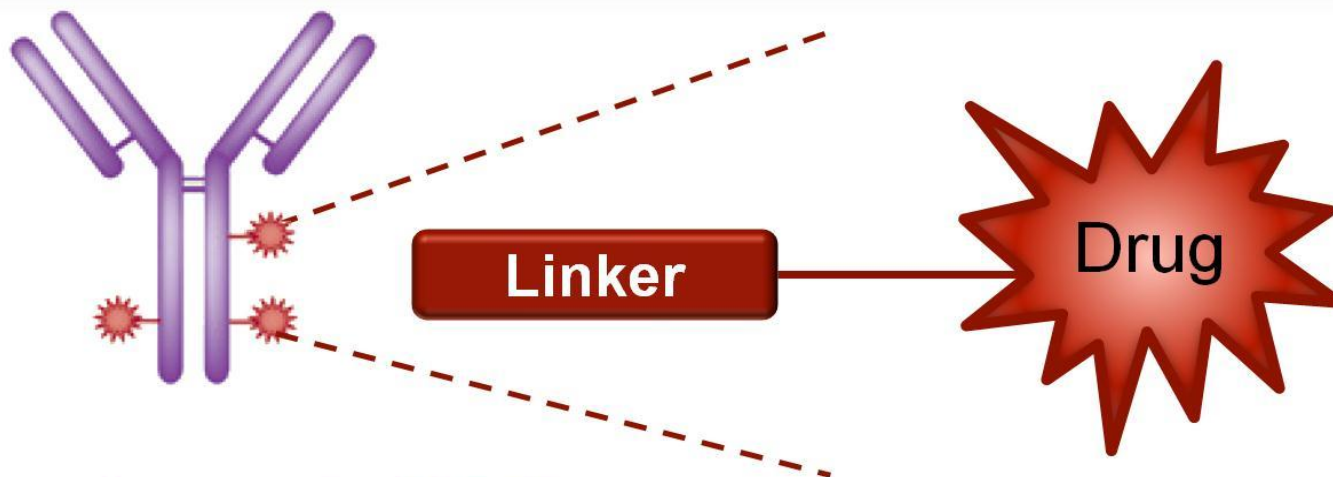
Fig 1. Algorithm for evaluation of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) protein expression by immunohistochemistry (IHC) assay of the invasive component of a breast cancer specimen. Although categories of HER2 status by IHC can be created that are not covered by these definitions, in practice they are rare and if encountered should be considered IHC 2+ equivocal. ISH, in situ hybridization. NOTE: the final reported results assume that there is no apparent histopathologic discordance observed by the pathologist. (*) Readily appreciated using a low-power objective and observed within a homogeneous and contiguous invasive cell population.

Anti-HER2 therapy and HER family



Antibody-Drug Conjugates

Basics

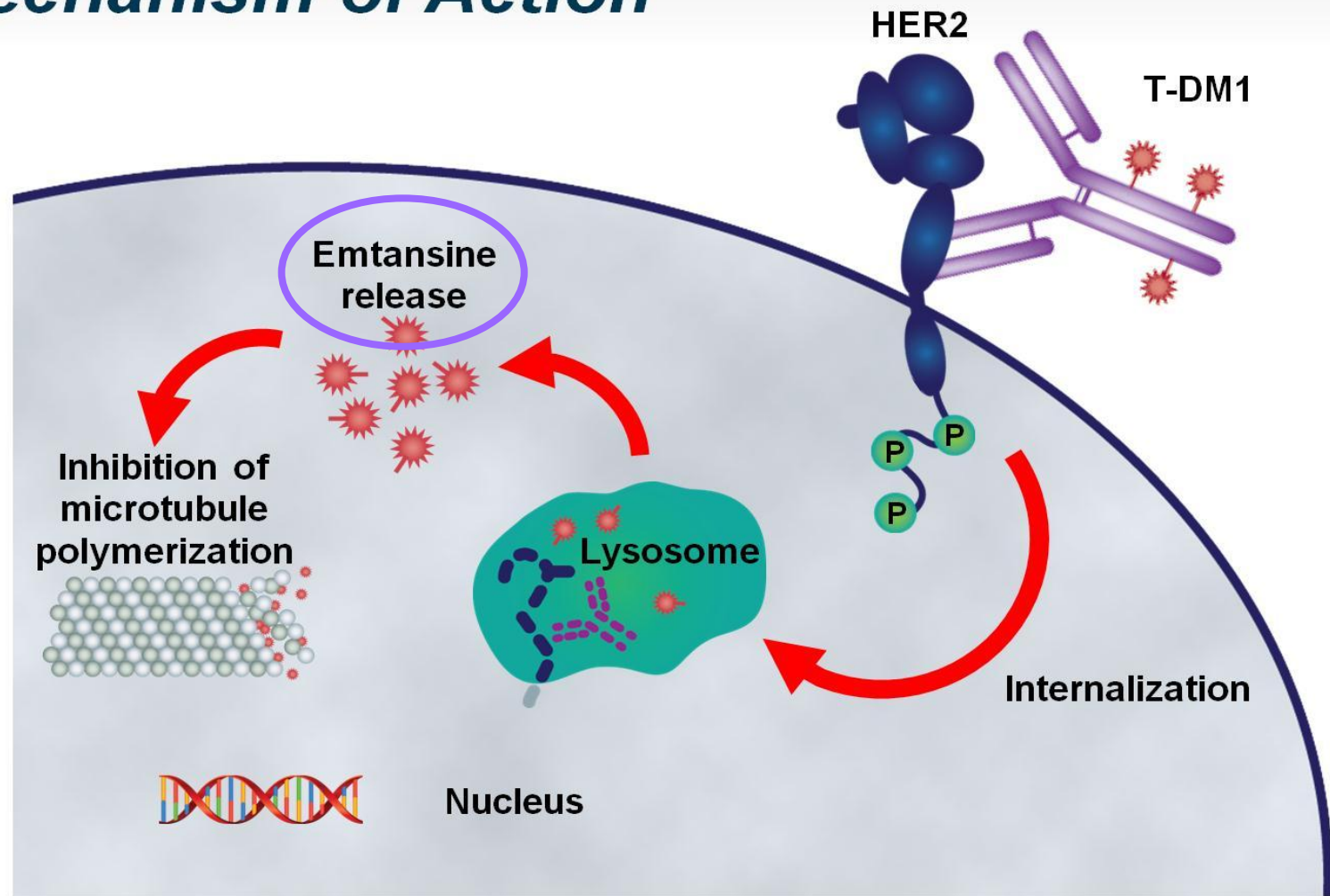


What makes an optimal ADC?

- Antibody
 - Target recognition unaltered compared with naked Ab
 - Abundant target expression and internalization
- Drug
 - Highly potent cytotoxic agent ($\leq$ nM IC₉₀ as a free drug)
 - Validated mechanism of action (microtubule inhibition, DNA damage)
- Linker
 - Stable in plasma to avoid premature release of the drug
 - Labile once internalized to release the drug in its active form

T-DM1

Mechanism of Action



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USE OF CHEMOTHERAPY PLUS A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY AGAINST HER2 FOR METASTATIC BREAST CANCER THAT OVEREXPRESSES HER2

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ANTI-HER2 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY PLUS CHEMOTHERAPY FOR METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

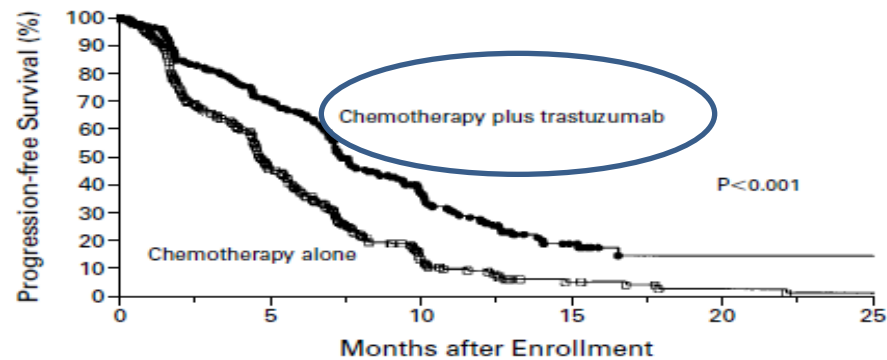
TABLE 1. BASE-LINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATIENTS.

CHARACTERISTIC	AN ANTHRACYCLINE, CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE, AND TRASTUZUMAB (N=143)*	AN ANTHRACYCLINE AND CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE ALONE (N=138)†	PACITAXEL AND TRASTUZUMAB (N=92)	PACITAXEL ALONE (N=96)
Age — yr				
Mean ±SD	54±10.3	54±10.1	51±11.5	51±11.0
Range	27–76	25–75	25–77	26–73
Karnofsky score — no./no. analyzed (%)				
90–100	91/138 (66)	89/135 (66)	68/90 (76)	61/94 (65)
60–80	47/138 (34)	46/135 (34)	22/90 (24)	33/94 (35)
Median no. of positive lymph nodes at diagnosis	1.0	0.5	5.0	6.0
Prior therapy — no./no. analyzed (%)				
Adjuvant chemotherapy	81/142 (57)	50/136 (37)	88/91 (97)	95/95 (100)
Hormonal therapy (as adjuvant, for metastasis, or both)	88/142 (62)	76/134 (57)	49/89 (55)	53/95 (56)
Radiotherapy (as adjuvant, for metas- tasis, or both)	69/143 (48)	76/136 (56)	60/89 (67)	72/95 (76)
Median disease-free interval — mo	24.5	22.8	22.4	18.9
Degree of overexpression of HER2 — no./no. analyzed (%)‡				
2+	35/143 (24)	42/138 (30)	24/92 (26)	19/96 (20)
≥3	108/143 (76)	96/138 (70)	68/92 (74)	77/96 (80)
No. of metastatic sites at enrollment — no./no. analyzed (%)				
≤1	48/143 (34)	49/136 (36)	31/91 (34)	27/95 (28)
2	38/143 (27)	48/136 (35)	32/91 (35)	35/95 (37)
≥3	57/143 (40)	39/136 (29)	28/91 (31)	33/95 (35)

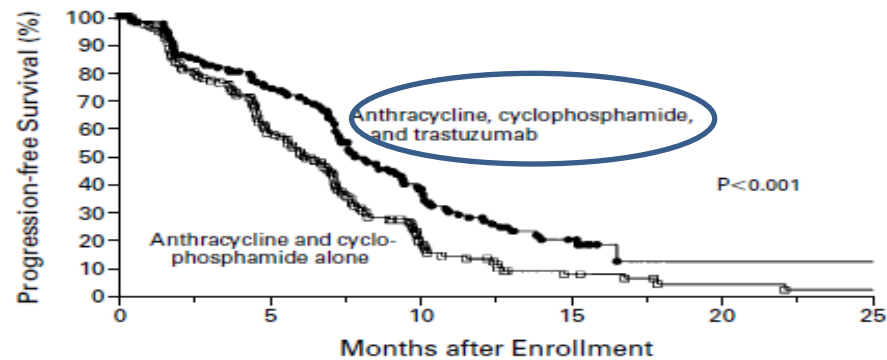
Progression-free survival

Rate of overall response was 50% for trastuzumab-group vs 32% w/o trastuzumab ($p < 0.001$)

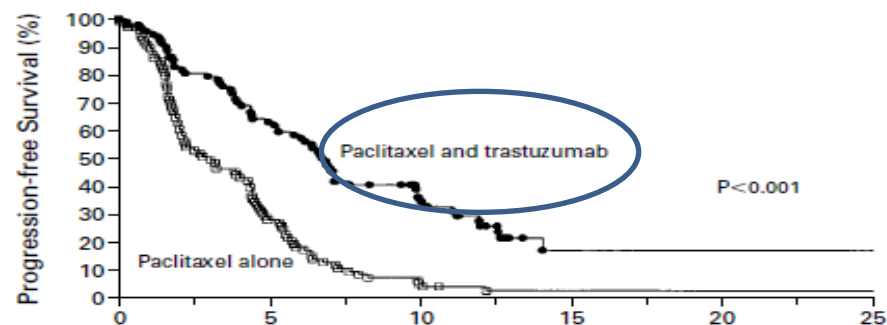
Median duration of response was 9.1 months for trastuzumab-group vs 6.1 months w/o trastuzumab



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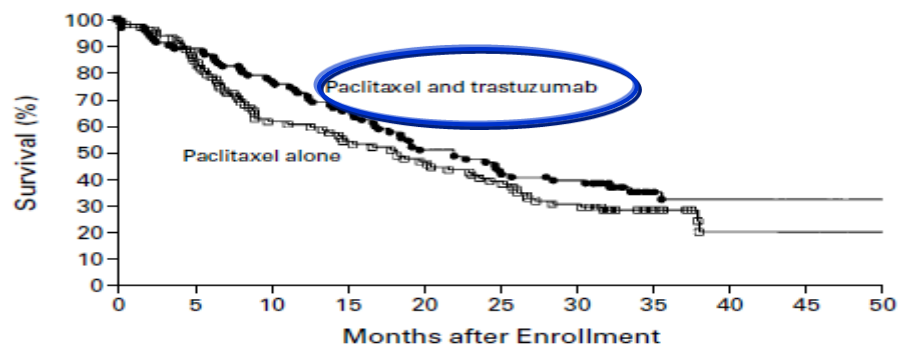
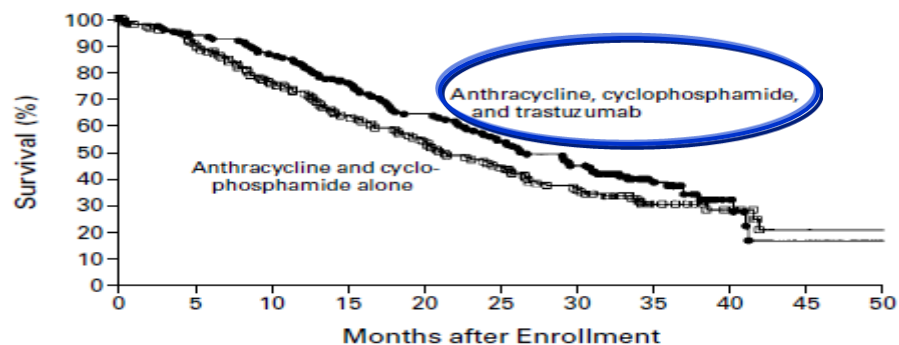
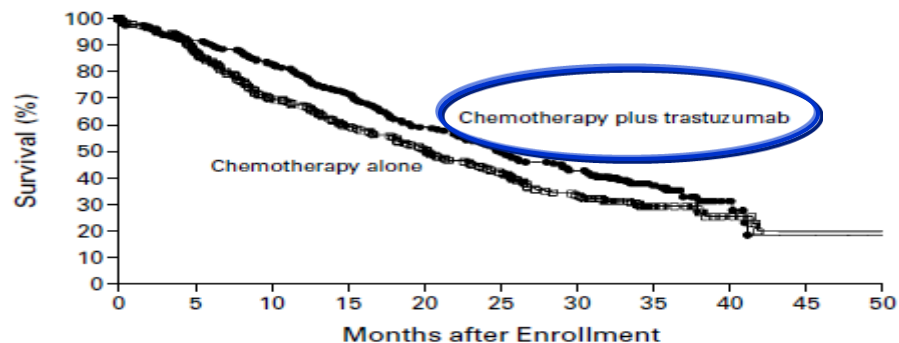


cyclophos- trastuzumab	143	98	40	12
1 cyclo- alone	138	77	20	6



Overall survival

Reduced risk of death
of 18-20%.



Capecitabine vs Capecitabine + Lapatinib

- Progressive, HER2+ MBC or LABC
- Previously treated with anthracycline, taxane and trastuzumab*
- No prior capecitabine



Lapatinib 1250 mg po qd continuously +
Capecitabine 2000 mg/m²/d po days 1-14 q 3 wk

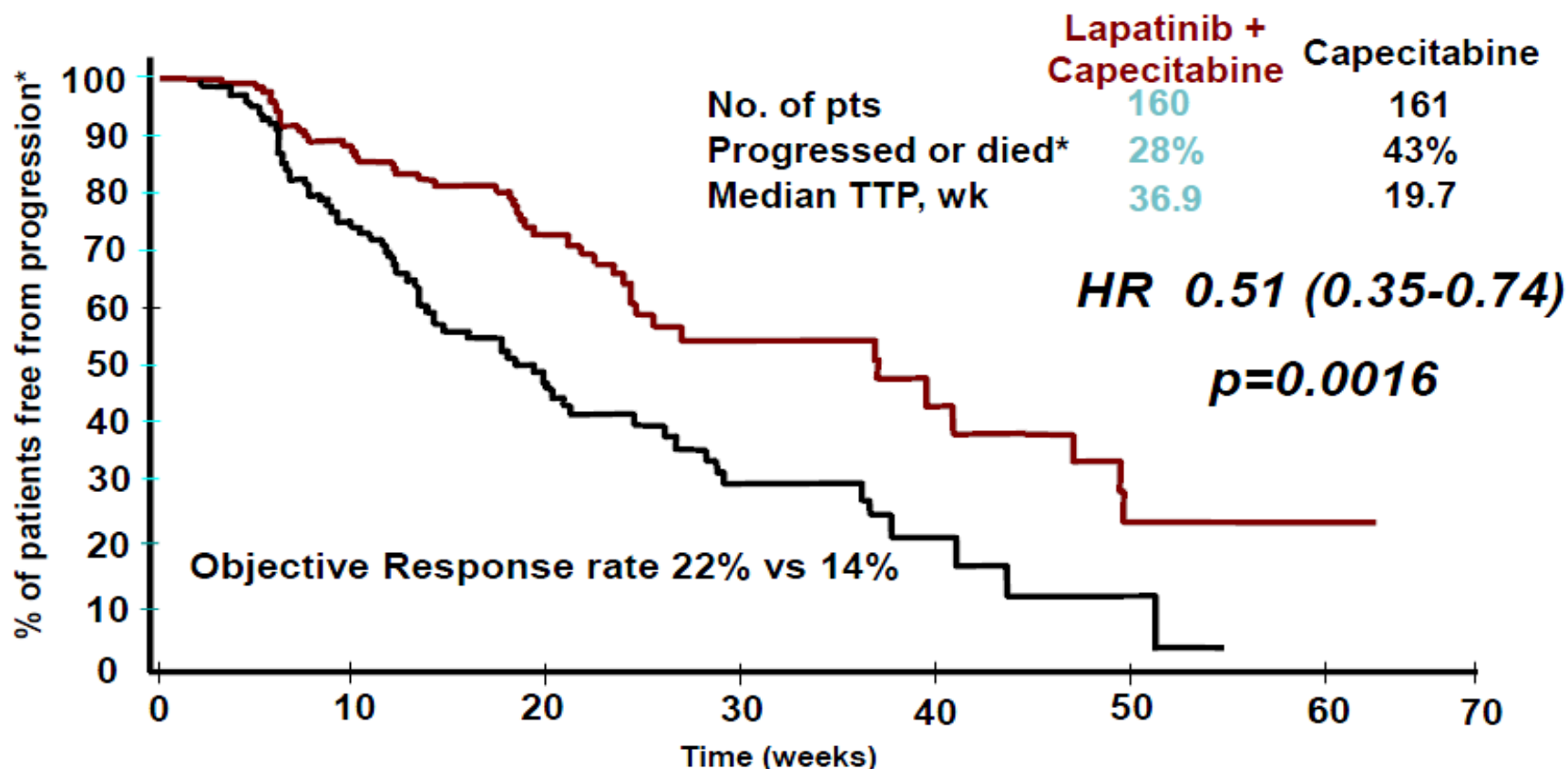
Capecitabine 2500 mg/m²/d po days 1-14 q 3 wk

N=528

*Trastuzumab must have been administered for metastatic disease

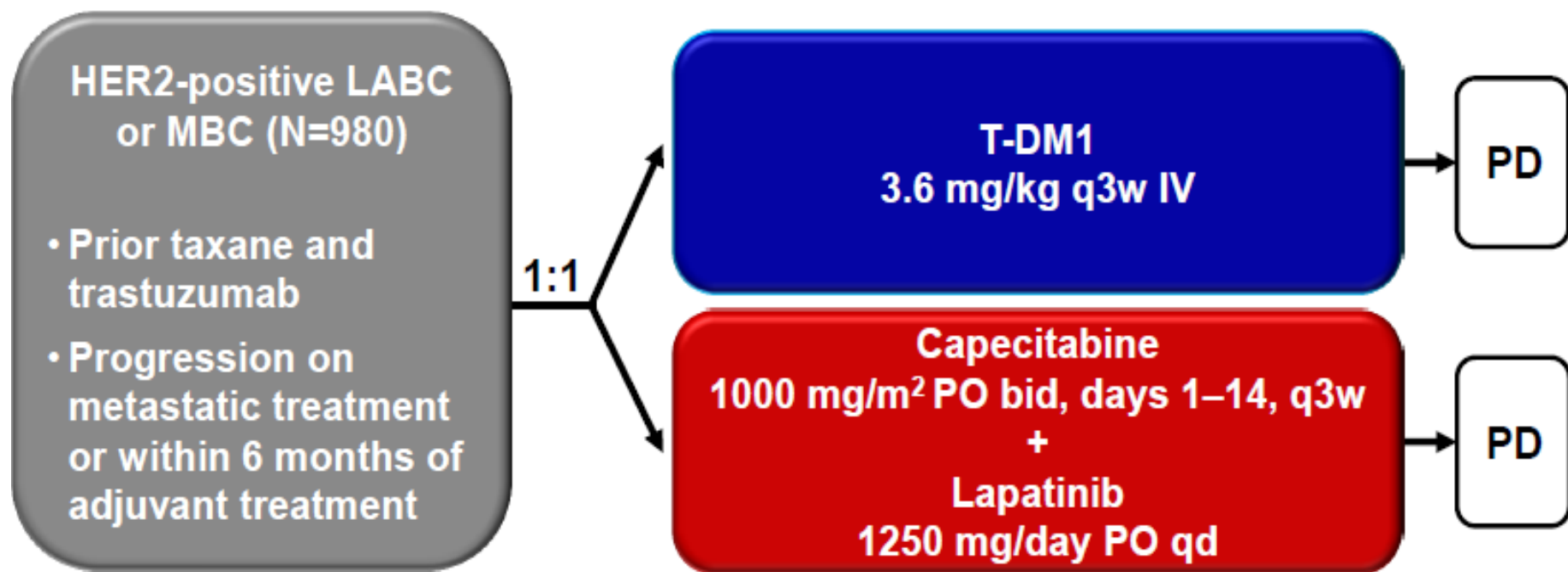
Geyer et al, NEJM 2006

Capecitabine +/- Lapatinib: Time to Progression

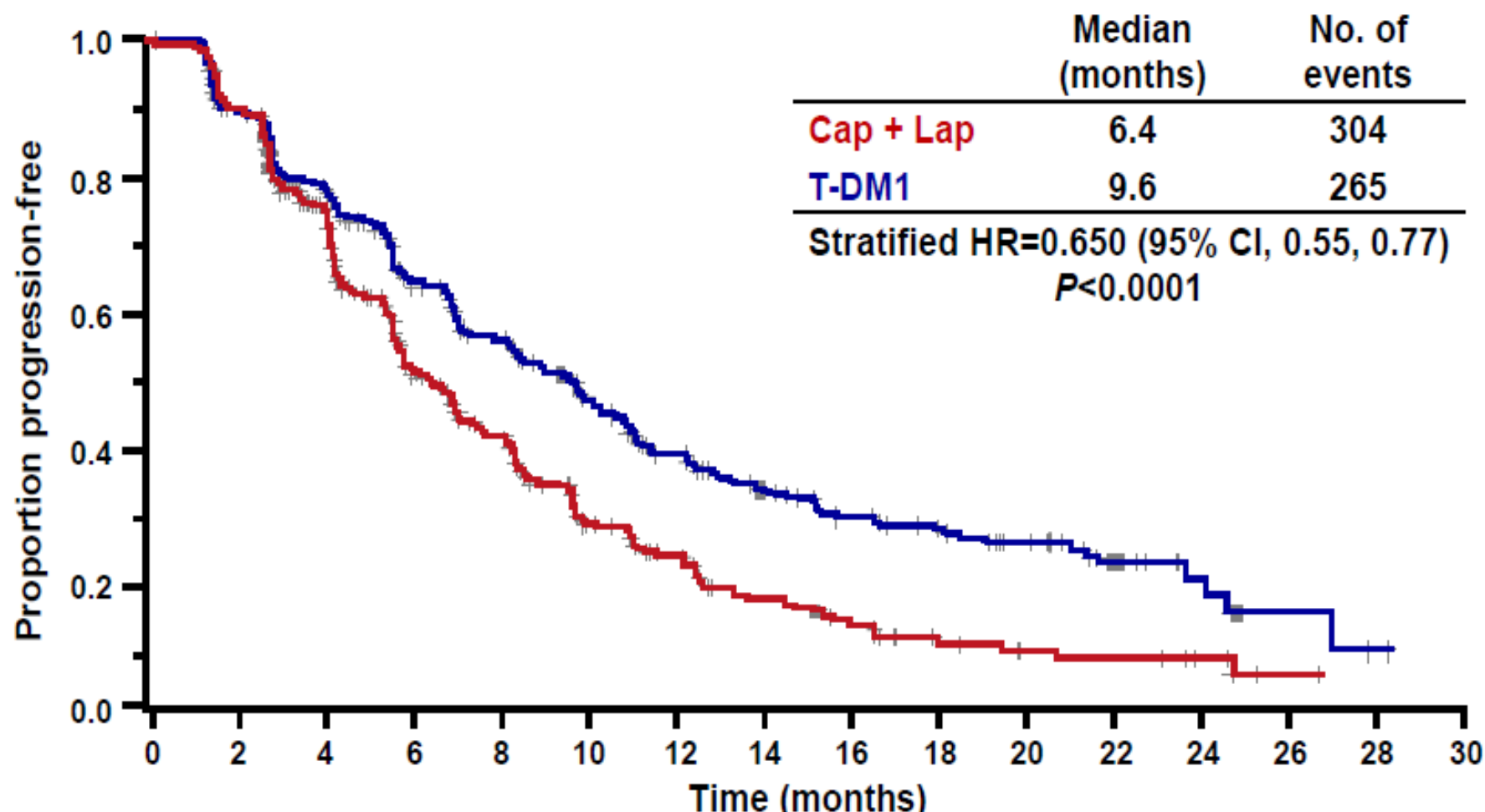


No Difference Seen In Overall Survival

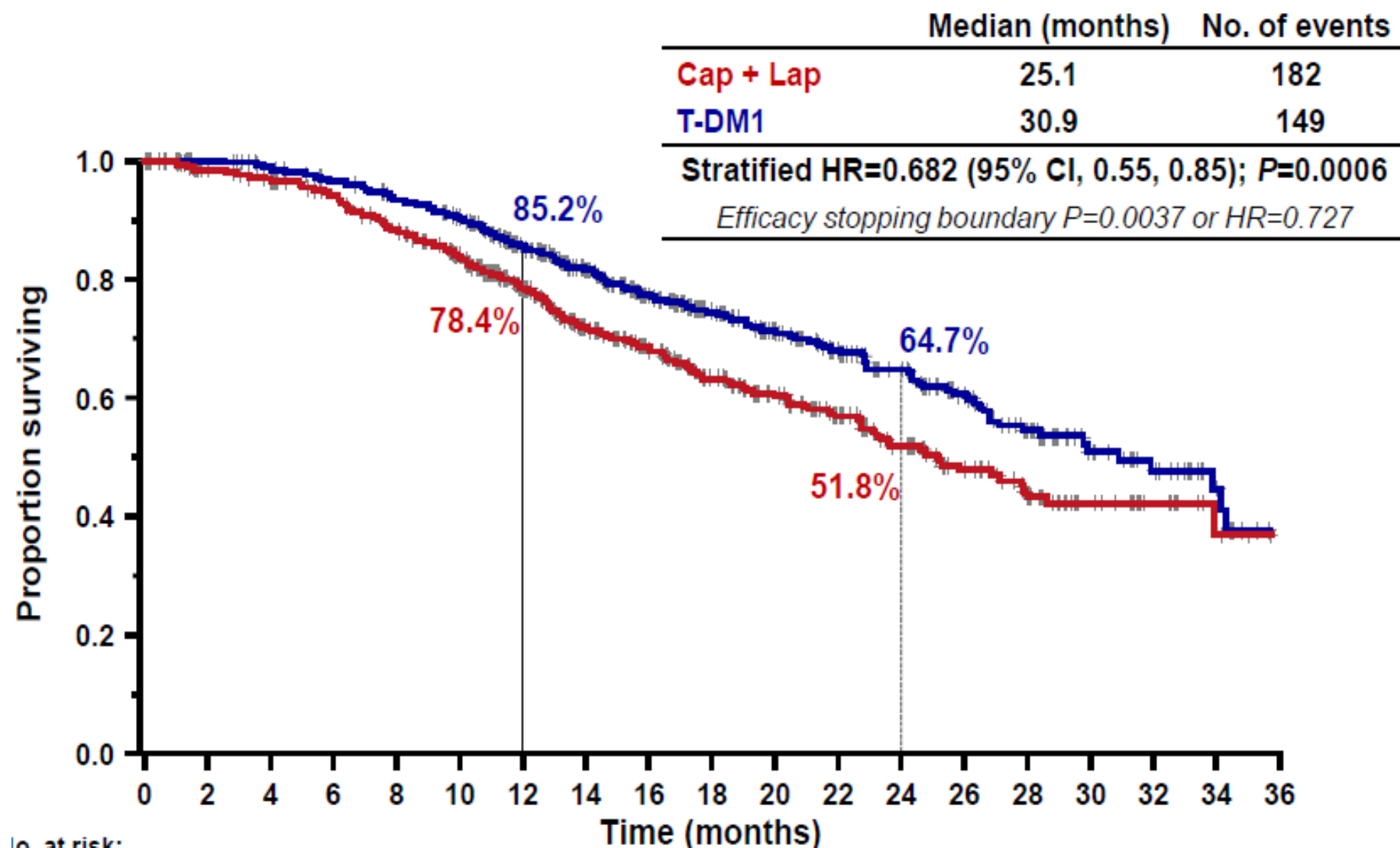
EMILIA Study Design



Progression-Free Survival by Independent Review



Overall Survival: Confirmatory Analysis



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Pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and docetaxel for HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (CLEOPATRA study): overall survival results from a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study.

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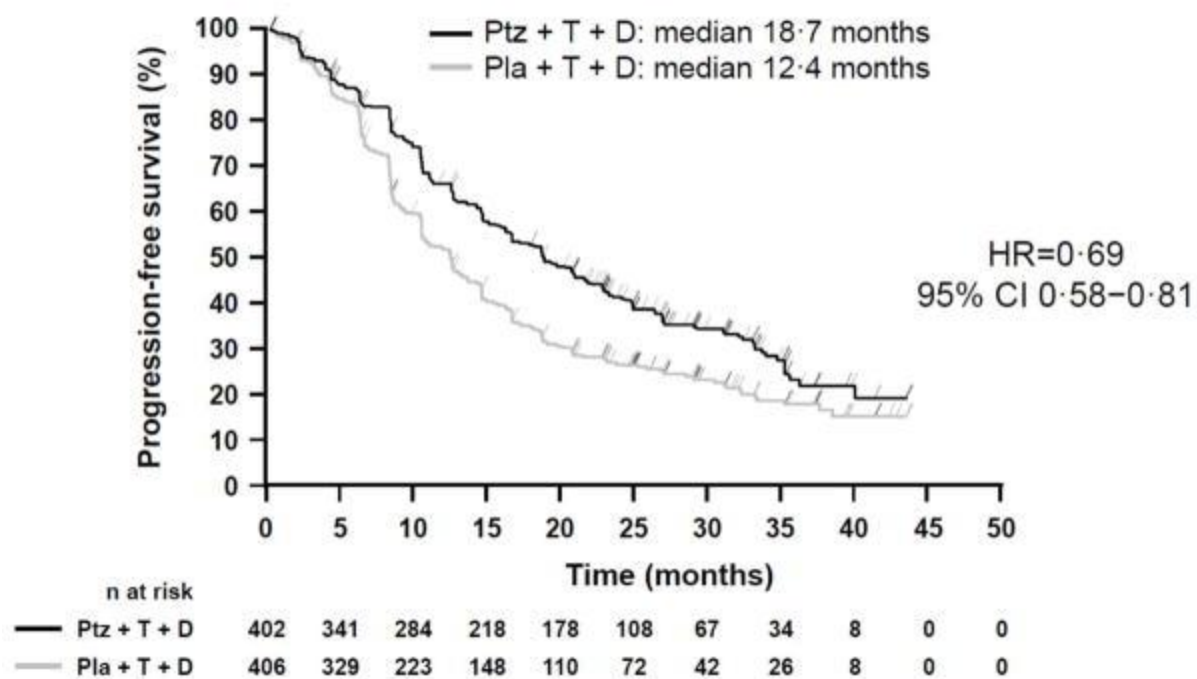
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Abstract

BACKGROUND: CLEOPATRA is a phase 3 study to compare the efficacy and safety of pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and docetaxel with placebo, trastuzumab, and docetaxel in patients with HER2-positive first-line metastatic breast cancer. The

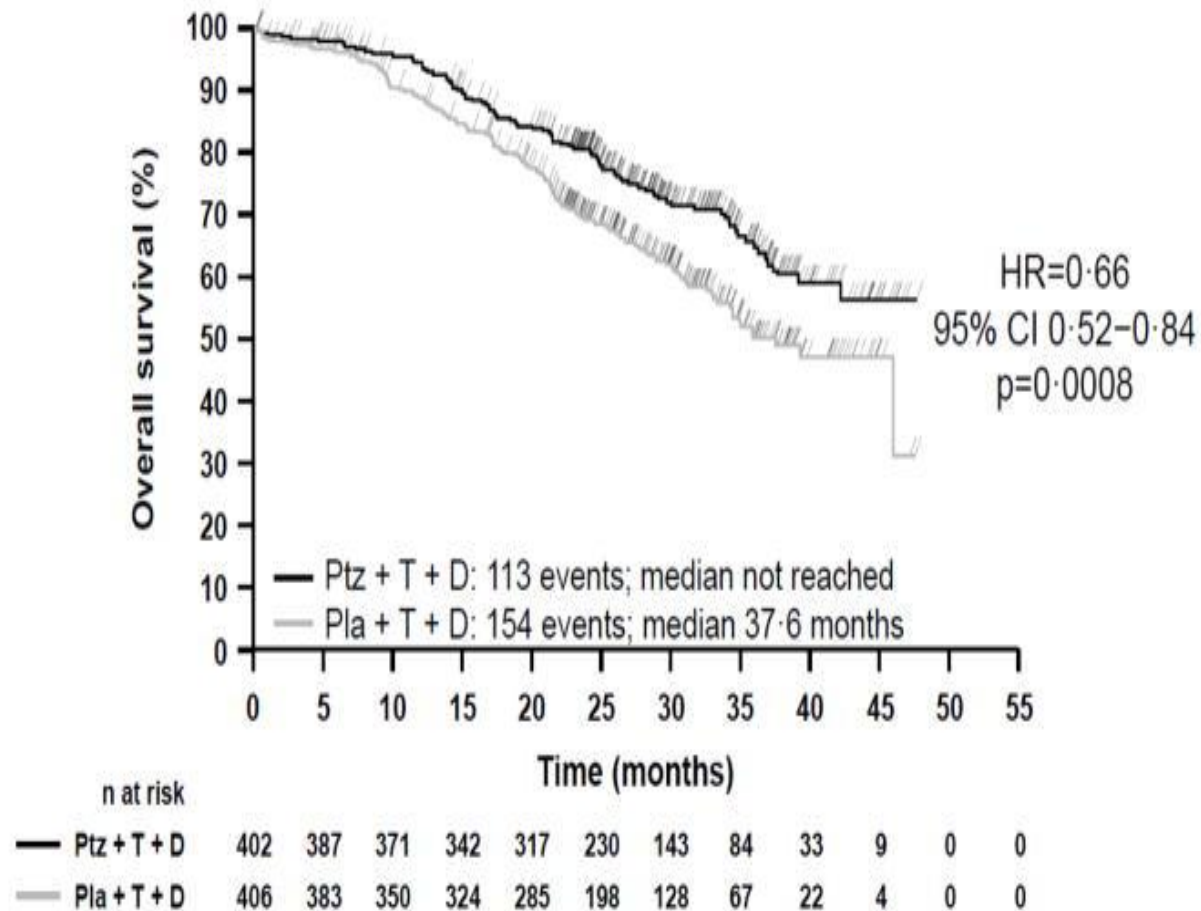
Progression-free survival

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Overall survival

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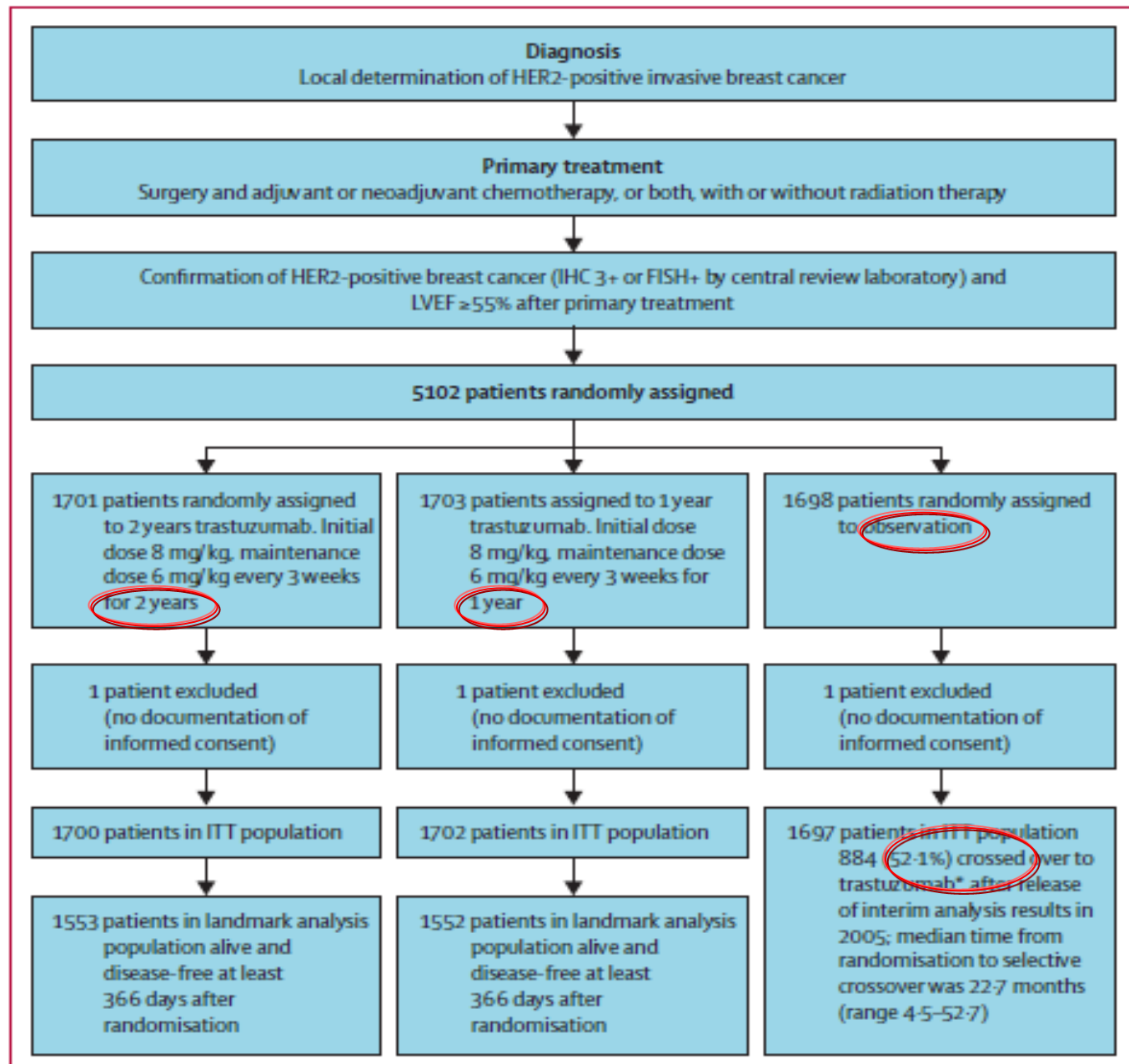
Up date from ESMO Congress 2014: median survival with adding pertuzumab vs only trastuzumab in 50.6 months vs 40.7 months.

2 years versus 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab for HER2-positive breast cancer (HERA): an open-label, randomised controlled trial

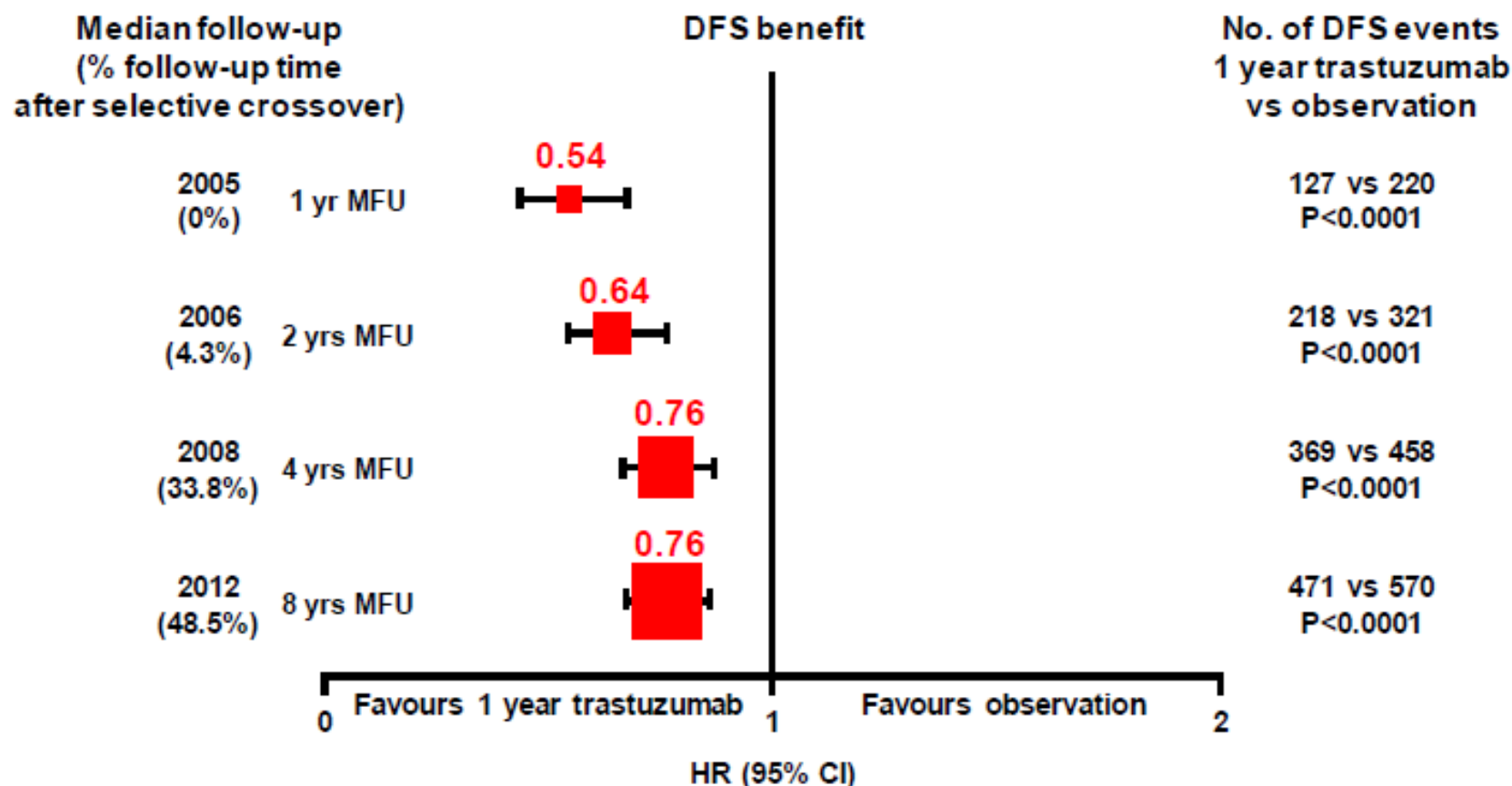


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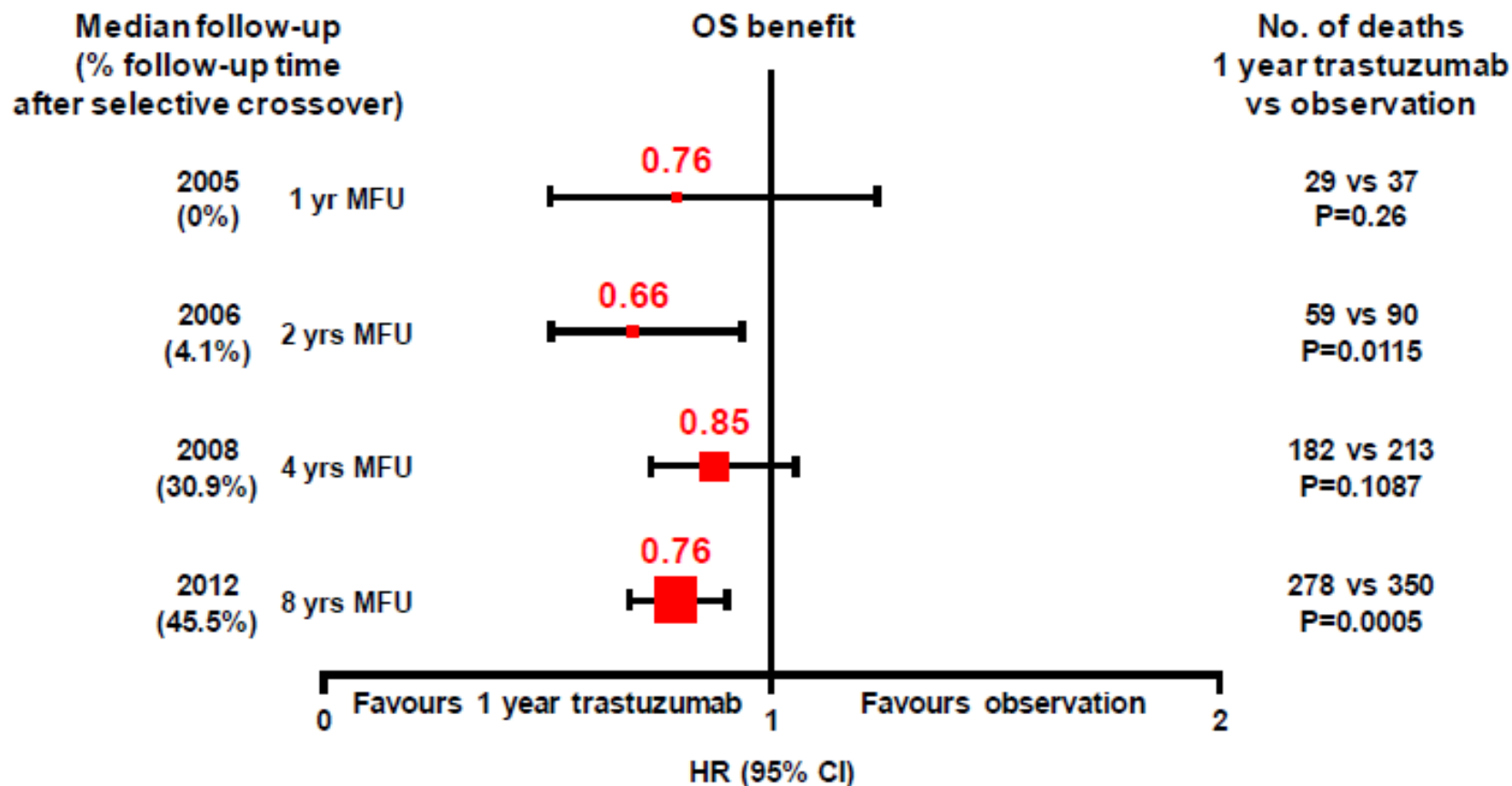


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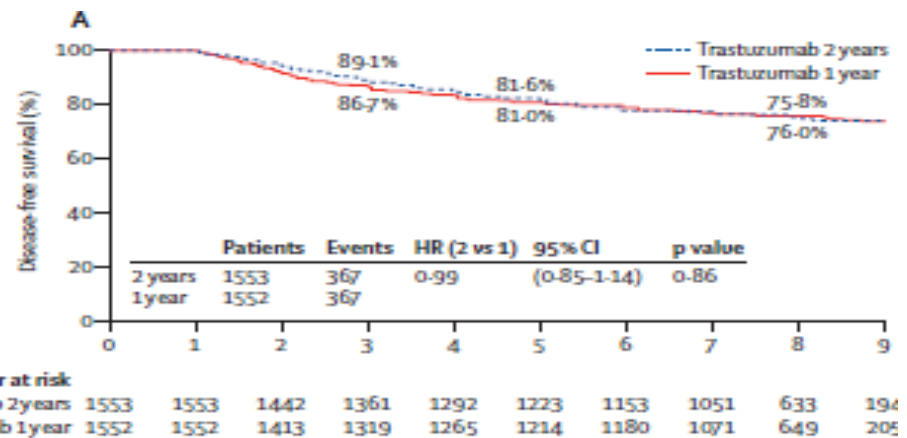
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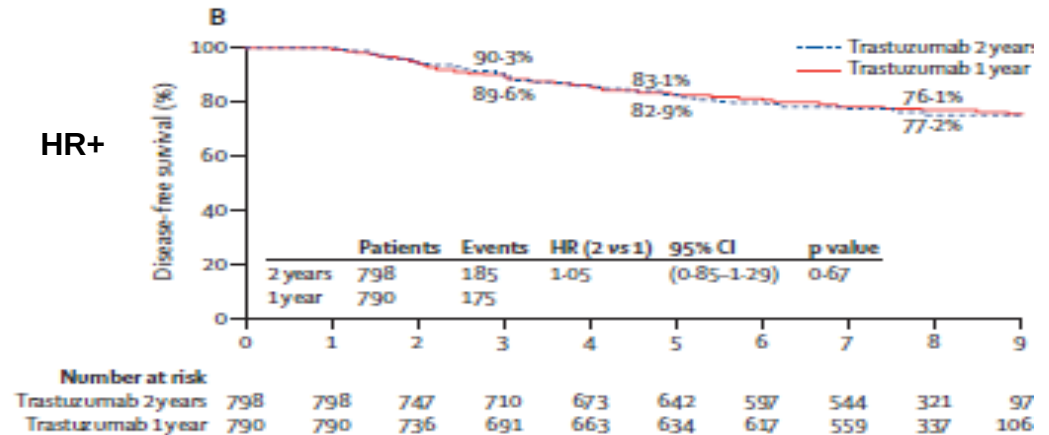
WHAT ABOUT THE DURATION OF TREATMENT?

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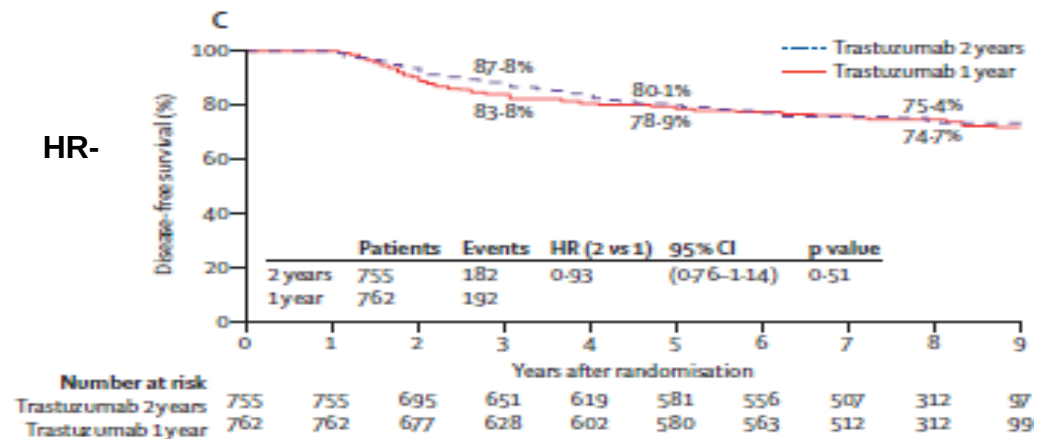


HERA-results: 1yr vs 2yrs

HR+



HR-

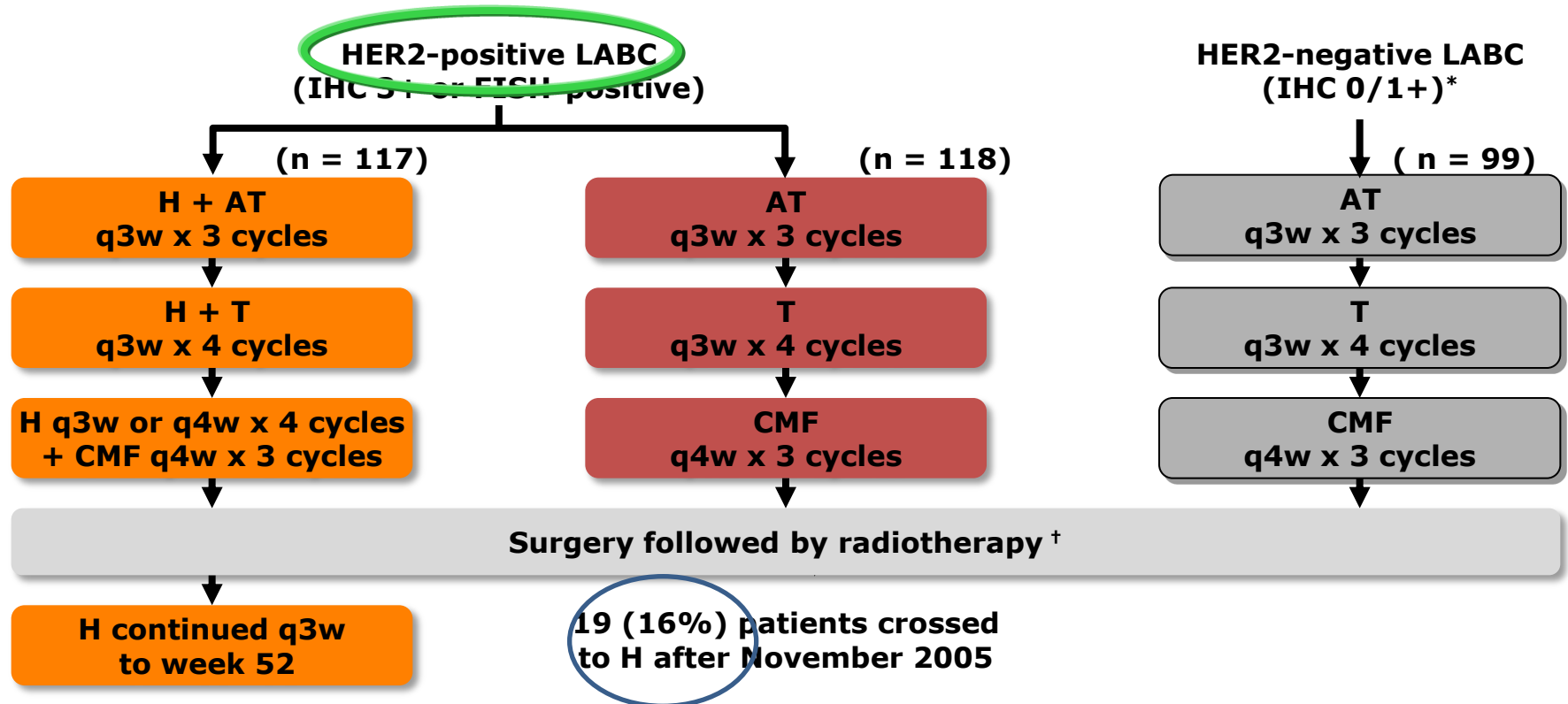


NOAH: Inclusion criteria

- Histologically proven locally advanced breast cancer (T3N1/T4) or any T plus N2/N3, or any T plus involvement of ipsilateral supraclavicular nodes
- HER2-positive disease was defined as IHC 3+ overexpression or HER2 amplification by FISH according to a central laboratory
 - For the observational arm, HER2-negative disease was defined as IHC 0 or 1+ on the basis of local laboratory testing
- Mandatory hormone receptor assessment
- LVEF $\geq 55\%$

NOAH (MO16432): Study design

An international, open-label, Phase III study of neoadjuvant–adjuvant trastuzumab in patients with locally advanced or inflammatory HER2-positive breast cancer



•H, trastuzumab (8 mg/kg loading dose then 6 mg/kg);

AT, doxorubicin (60 mg/m²), paclitaxel (150 mg/m²); T, paclitaxel (175 mg/m²);

CMF, cyclophosphamide, methotrexate and fluorouracil 5-FU

* A separate treatment group of HER2-negative patients received chemotherapy only;

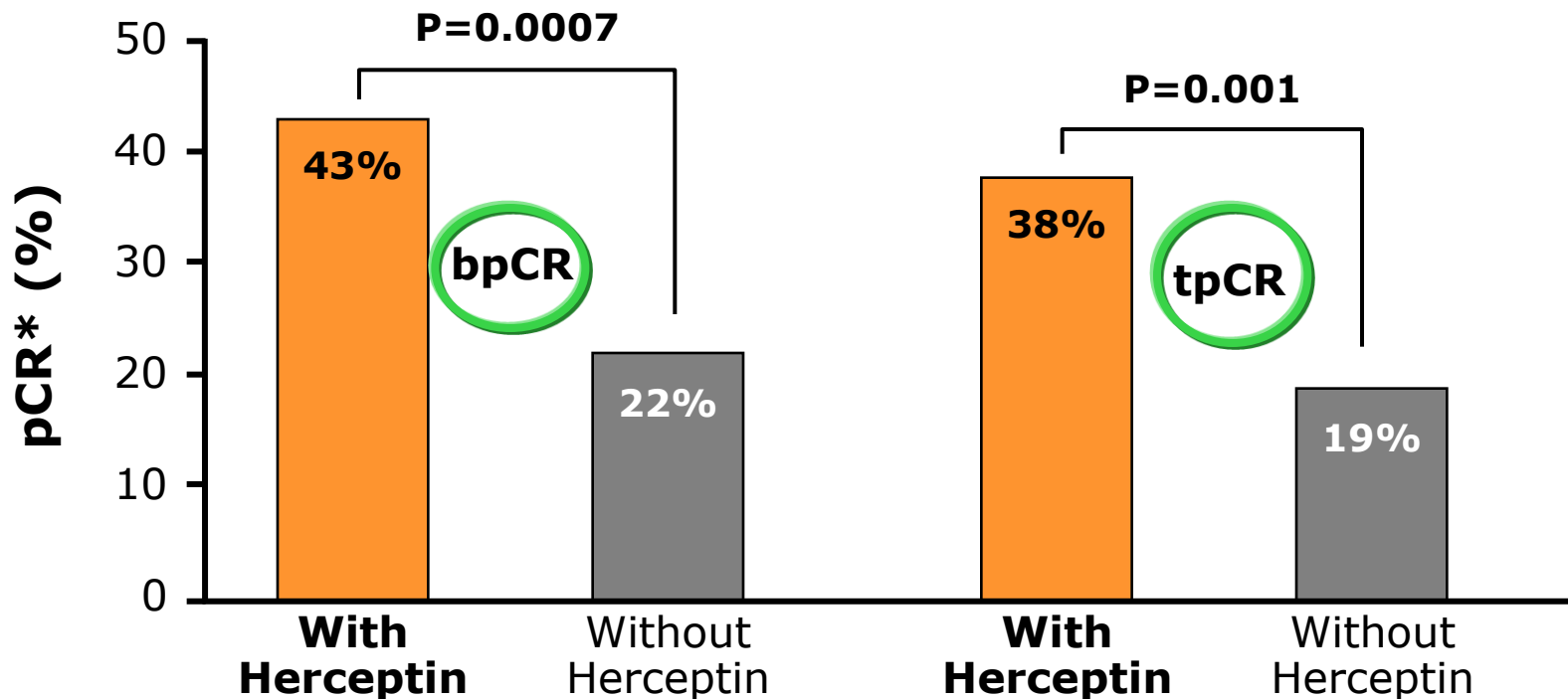
† Hormone receptor-positive patients received adjuvant tamoxifen.

• Gianni et al. ASCO 2013 – abs 504

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NOAH neoadjuvant–adjuvant study: Significant improvement in pCR rates with Herceptin

Significant improvement in pCR with addition of Herceptin to chemotherapy in HER2-positive treatment groups



pCR, pathological complete response

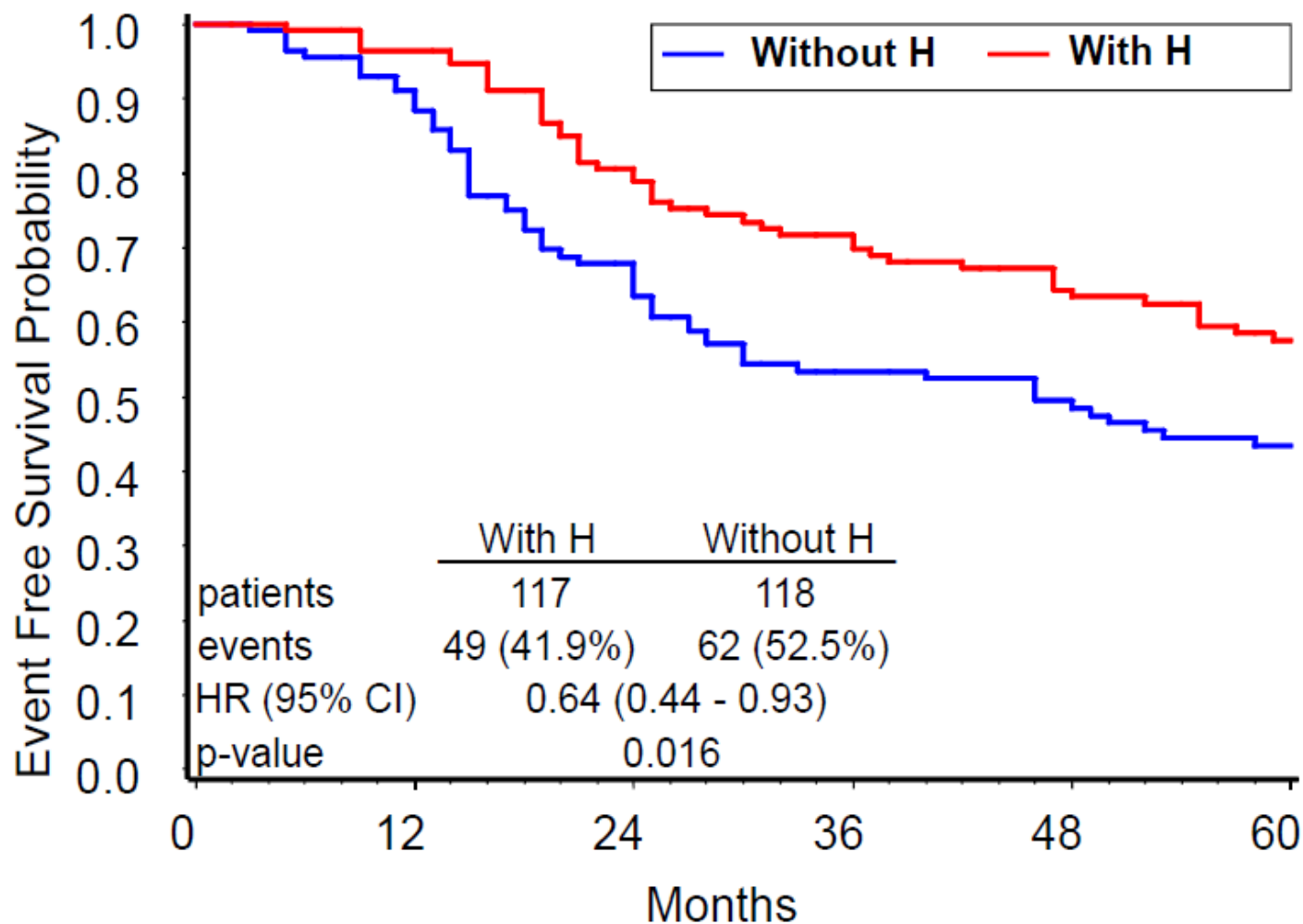
bpCR, pathological complete response in breast tissue;

tpCR, total pathological complete response (in breast and axillary nodes)

*Absence of invasive tumour cells

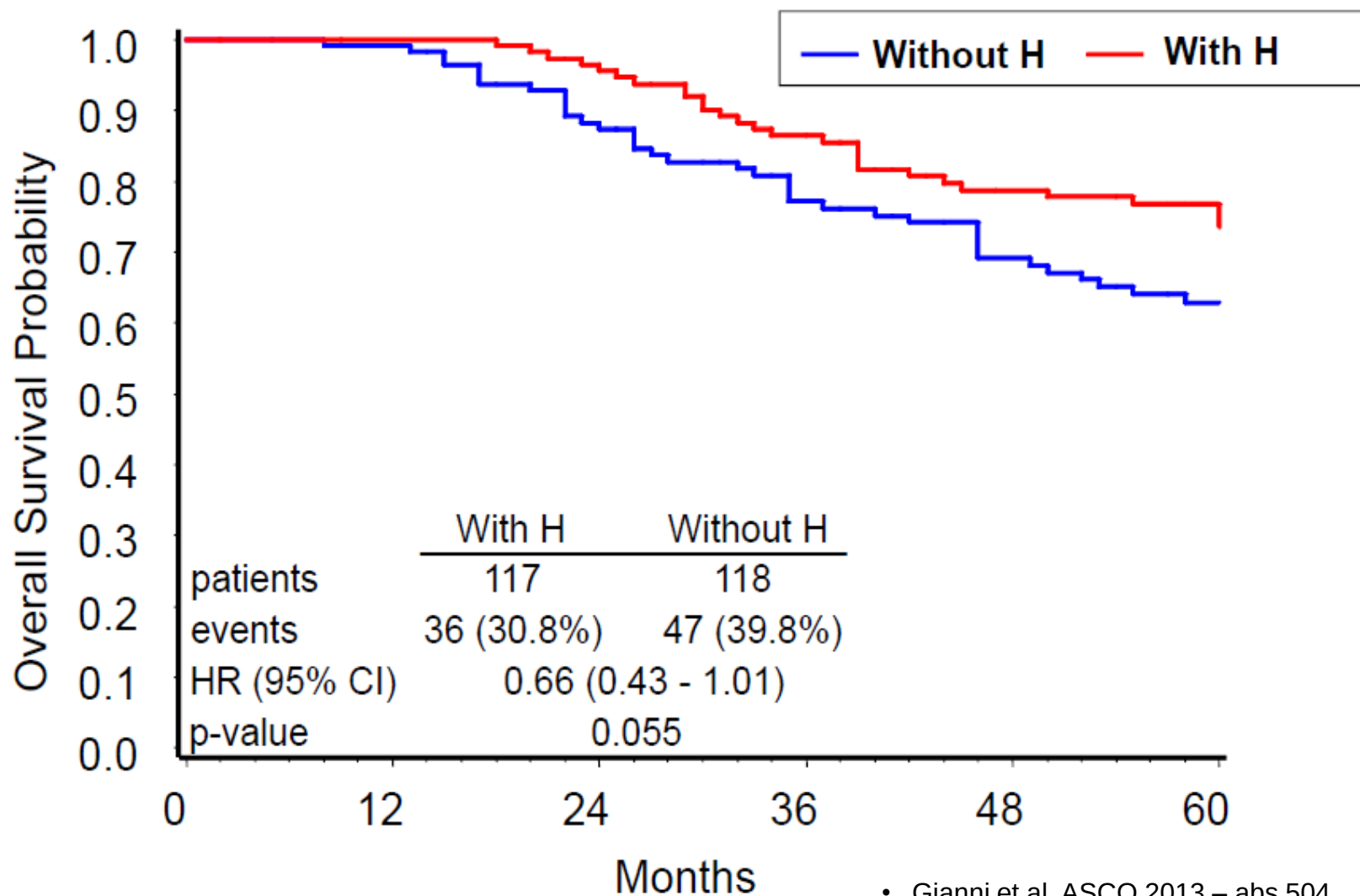
NOAH: EFS (primary endpoint) in HER2-positive ITT population (follow-up data)

Significant EFS benefit with the addition of trastuzumab to chemotherapy in HER2-positive patients

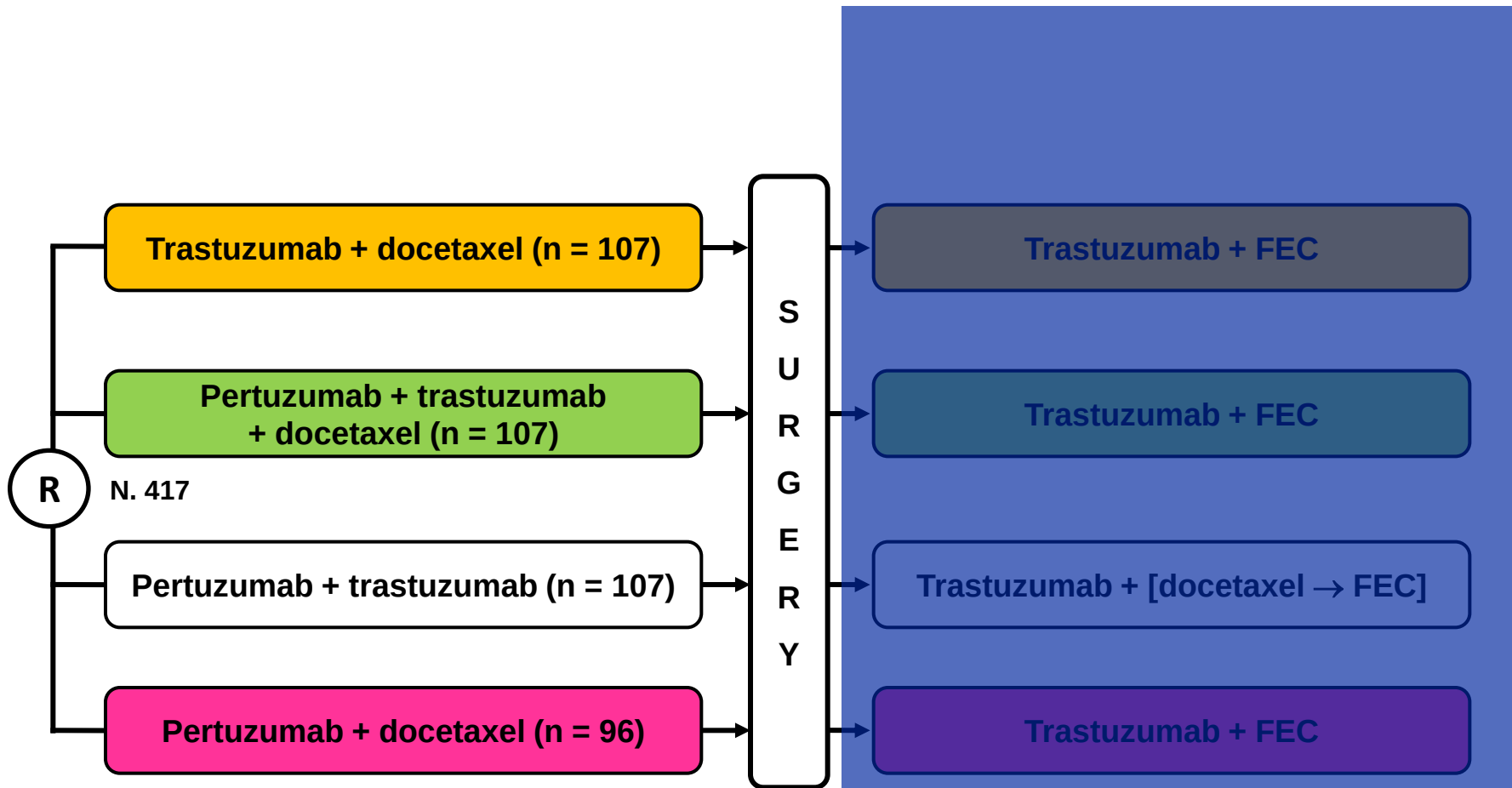


NOAH: Overall survival in the HER2-positive ITT population (follow-up data)

Trend towards overall survival benefit with the addition of trastuzumab to chemotherapy in HER2-positive patients



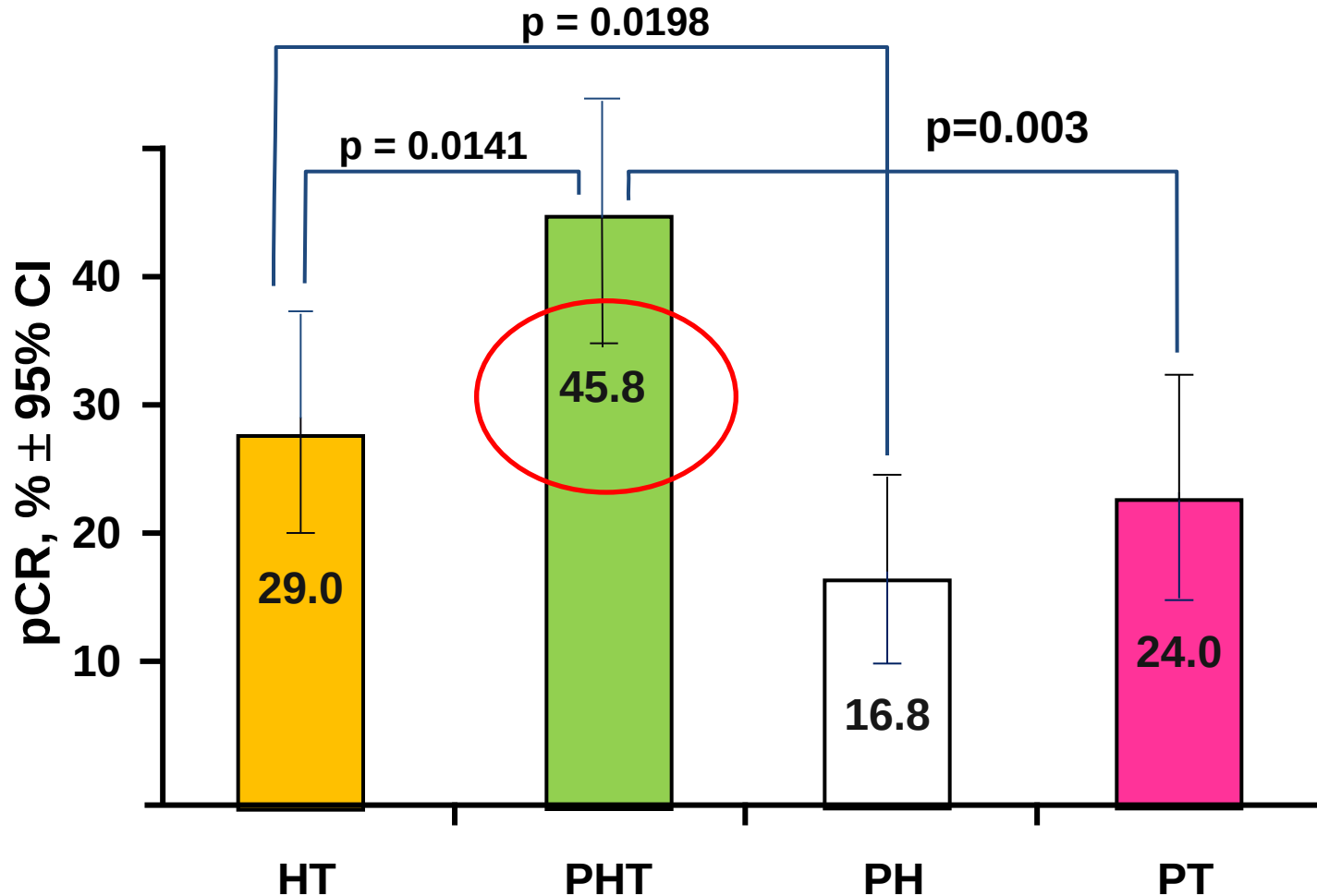
NeoSphere: Randomised, open-label study of pertuzumab and/or trastuzumab with a taxane in the neoadjuvant setting



(NEOadjuvant Study of Pertuzumab and Herceptin in an Early Regimen Evaluation)

NeoSphere: Pertuzumab and trastuzumab plus docetaxel significantly increased the pCR rate vs other arms

H, trastuzumab; P, pertuzumab; pCR, pathological complete response; T, docetaxel

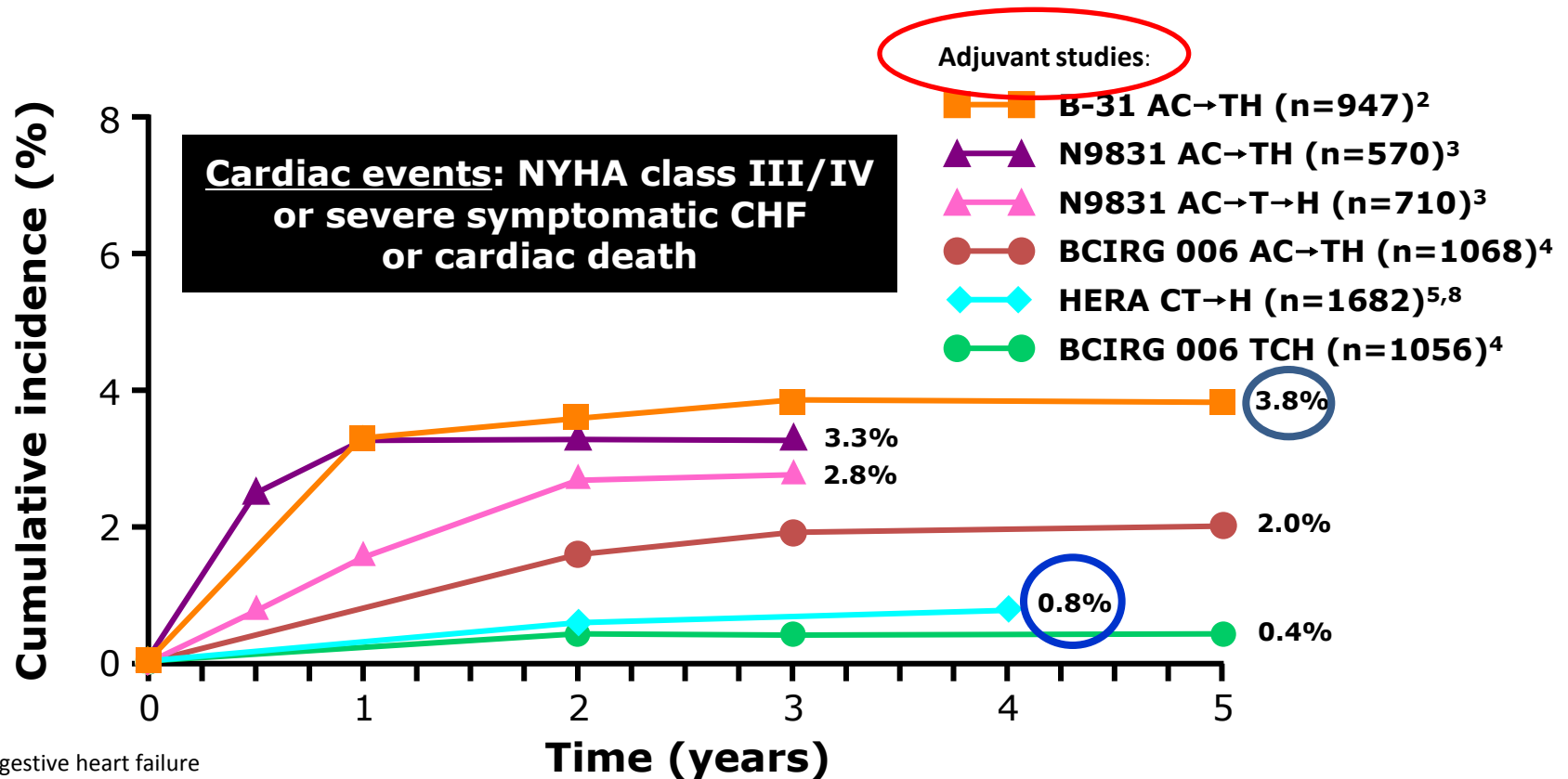


COMMON OR SEVERE TOXICITIES OF anti-HER2 BIOLOGIC AGENTS

Anti-HER2 Agent	Common or Serious Grade $\geq$ 3 Adverse Events
Trastuzumab	Cardiotoxicity Infusion reactions
Lapatinib	Diarrhea Rash
Pertuzumab	Neutropenia Febrile neutropenia Diarrhea Rash
T-DM1	Thrombocytopenia Liver Disfunction (elevate AST/ALT)

Herceptin has a consistent safety profile based on experience in ~1,000,000 patients¹

- Herceptin is well tolerated with a consistent safety and tolerability profile²⁻⁷
- Low cumulative incidence of cardiac events after long-term follow-up²⁻⁷



CHF, congestive heart failure
NYHA, New York Heart Association

Herceptin IV: Dosage and administration

Dosage

- Three-weekly schedule: loading dose of Herceptin 8 mg/kg followed by 6 mg/kg maintenance dose at 3-weekly intervals, beginning 3 weeks after the loading dose
- Weekly schedule: loading dose of Herceptin 4 mg/kg followed by 2 mg/kg maintenance dose every week, beginning 1 week after the loading dose
- EBC: Administration for 1 year or until disease recurrence, whichever occurs first
- MBC: Administration until disease progression

18 cycles

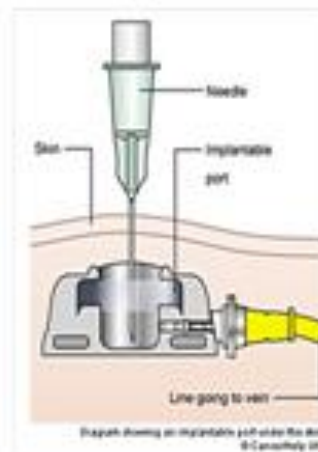
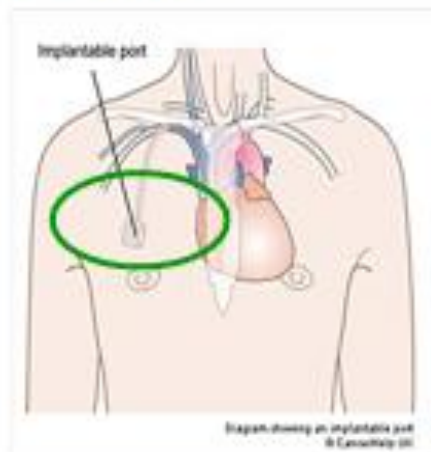
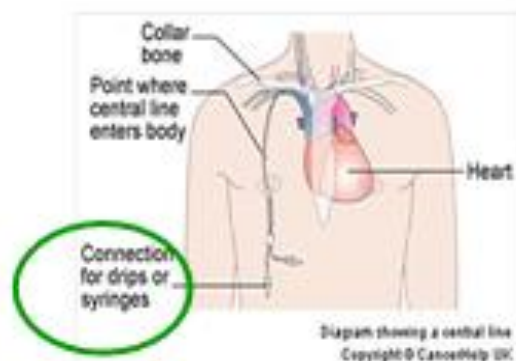
52 wks

Intravenous administration

- First dose: administered over 90 minutes
- Observation time: 6 hours required after start of the first infusion to monitor for symptoms like fever and chills or other infusion-related symptoms
- Subsequent doses: administered over 30 minutes if well tolerated
- Observation time: 2 hours required after each administration

Cosa comporta per la paziente

- **Prelievi più volte/mese**
- **Accessi ambulatoriali più volte/mese**
- **Permanenza in ambulatorio da 30 minuti ad alcune ore**
- **Posizionamento di accessi venosi centrali (chemioterapie per via ev)**



Subcutaneous versus intravenous administration of (neo)adjuvant trastuzumab in patients with HER2-positive, clinical stage I-III breast cancer (HannaH study): a phase 3, open-label, multicentre, randomised trial

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Panel: Research in context

Systematic review

The standard route of administration of trastuzumab is by intravenous injection. When recombinant human hyaluronidase (rHuPH-20) became available, development of a subcutaneous formulation of trastuzumab was possible allowing for administration of larger volumes. At the time of study design, results from a phase 1 study were available, which showed that subcutaneous trastuzumab could be given in about 5 min, and could lead to similar systemic exposure and was well tolerated.⁹ On the basis of pharmacokinetic data from this study, the fixed dose of 600 mg subcutaneous trastuzumab was developed.

HannaH-study

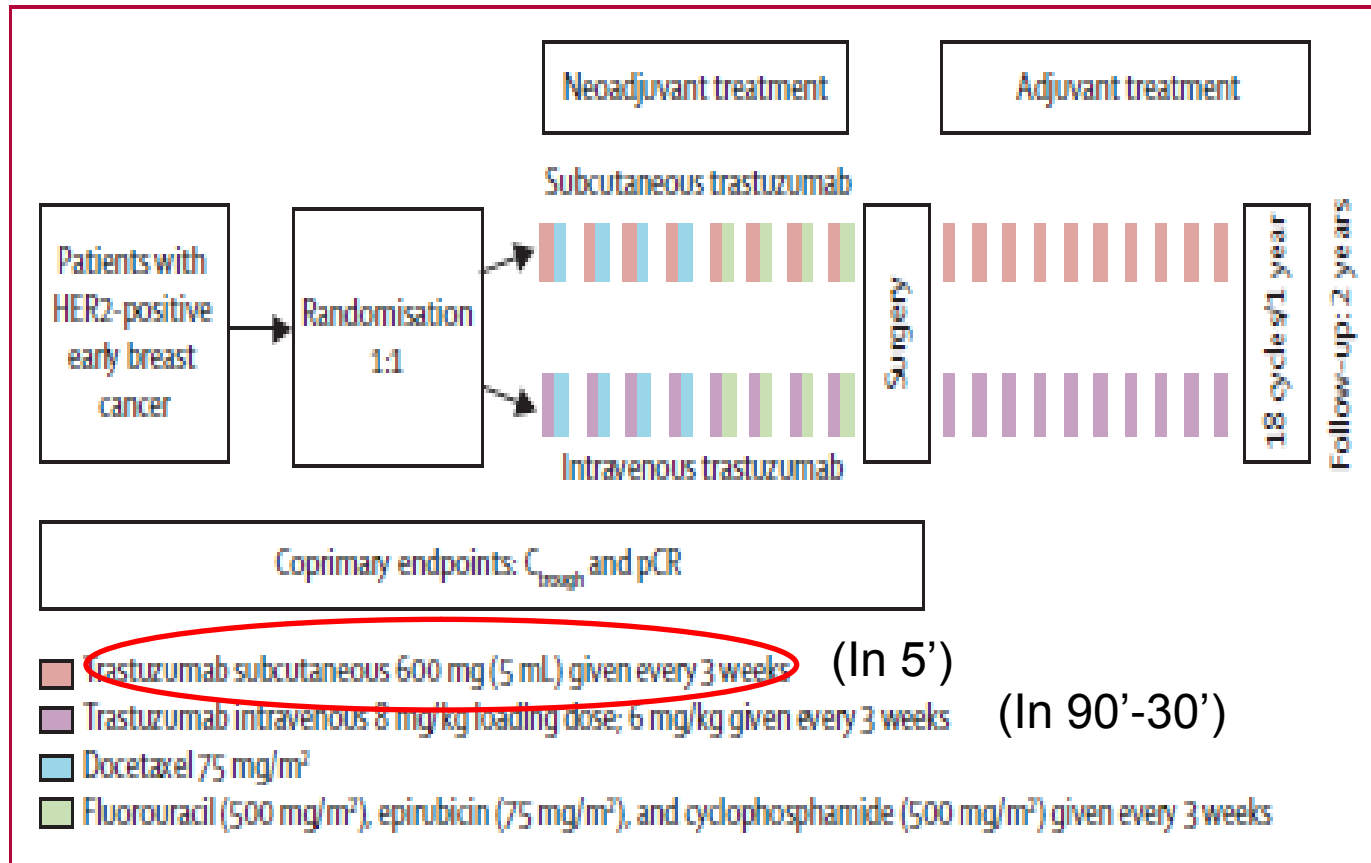


Figure 1: Study design

Hannah-results: efficacy

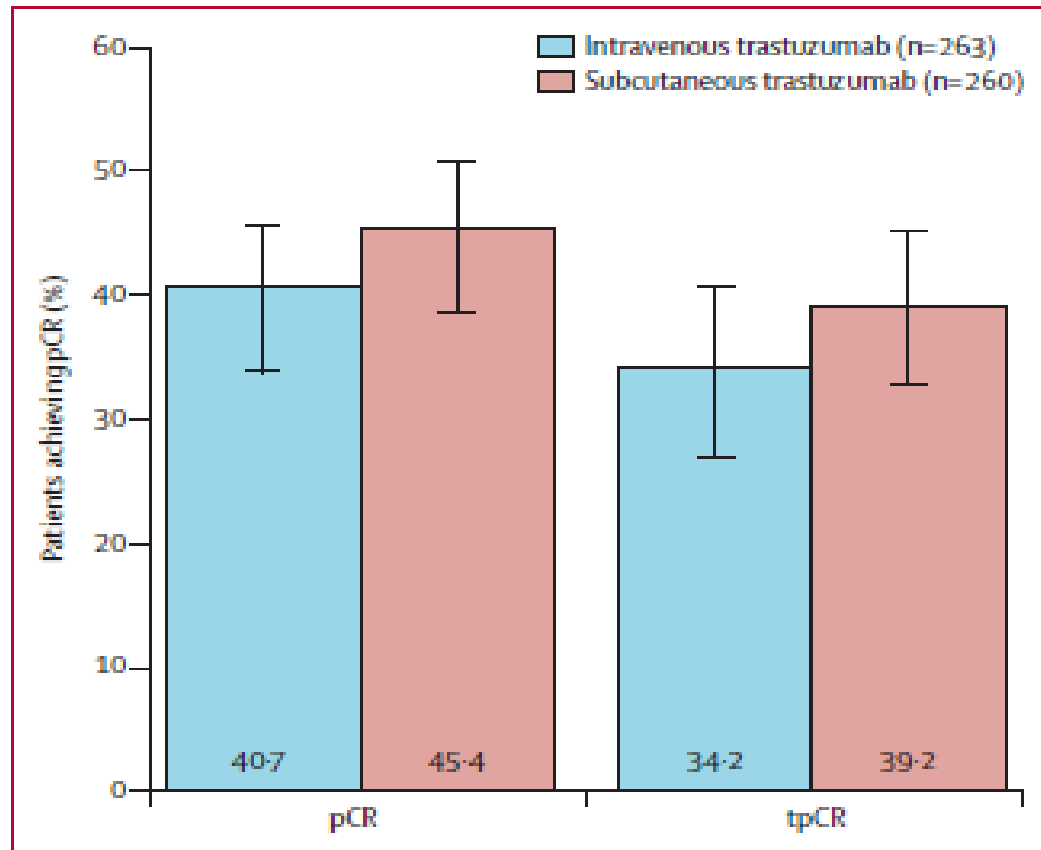


Figure 3: Proportion of patients who achieved a pathological complete response

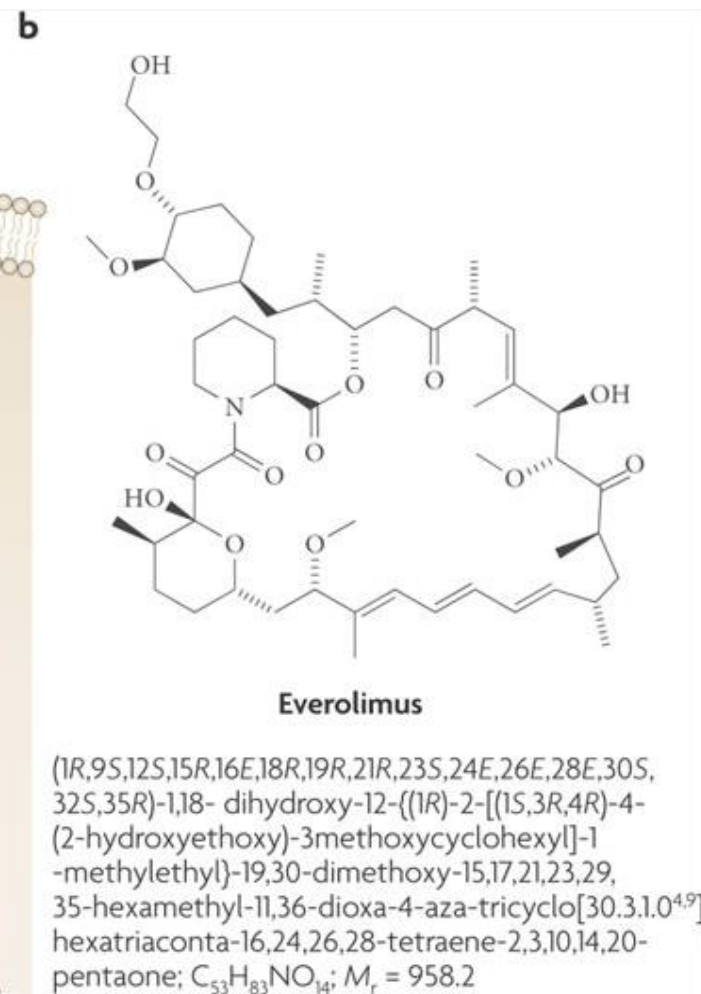
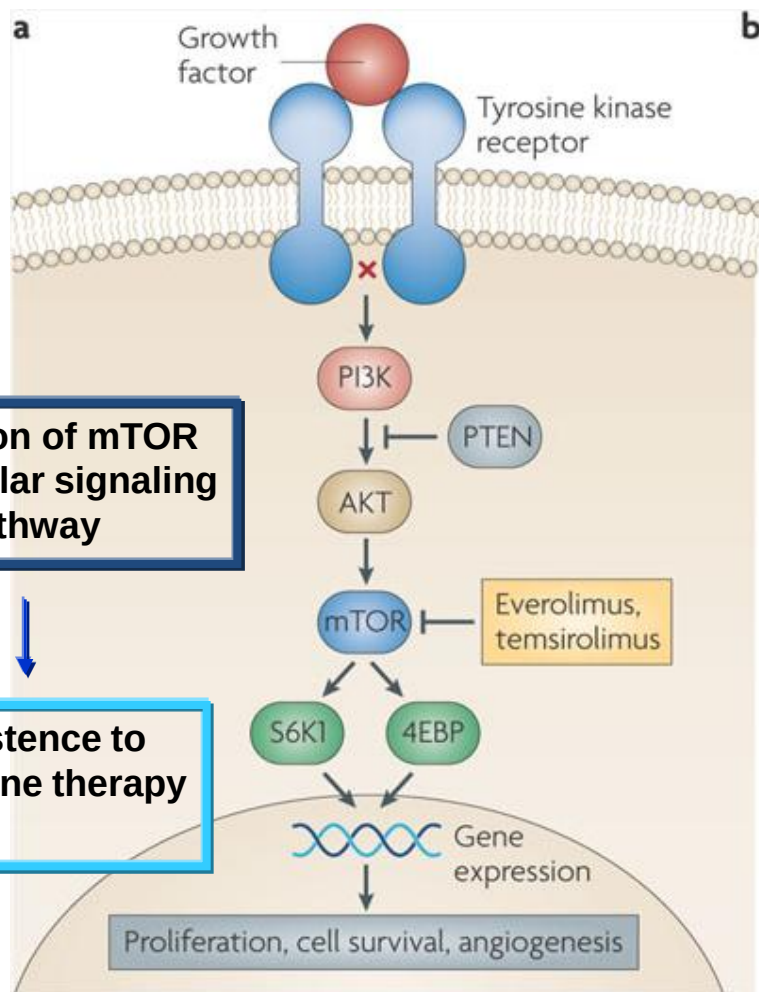
Preference for subcutaneous or intravenous administration of trastuzumab in patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer (PrefHer): an open-label randomised study

Lancet Oncol 2013; 14: 962-70

	n*
Subcutaneous preferred, n=216	
Time saving	195
Less pain/discomfort	88
Convenience to patient	35
Ease of administration	33
Problems with intravenous	25
Less stress/anxiety	15
Other	6
Intravenous preferred, n=16	
Fewer reactions (less pain, bruising, irritation, etc)	11
Other	5
Environment/staff	2
Perceived efficacy	1
Ecological considerations	1

Interpretation Patient preference and safety results from PrefHer, combined with the known non-inferior efficacy and pharmacokinetic and safety profile data, suggest that a fixed dose of 600 mg trastuzumab administered subcutaneously every 3 weeks is a validated, well tolerated treatment option for HER2-positive breast cancer, and is the preferred treatment of patients.

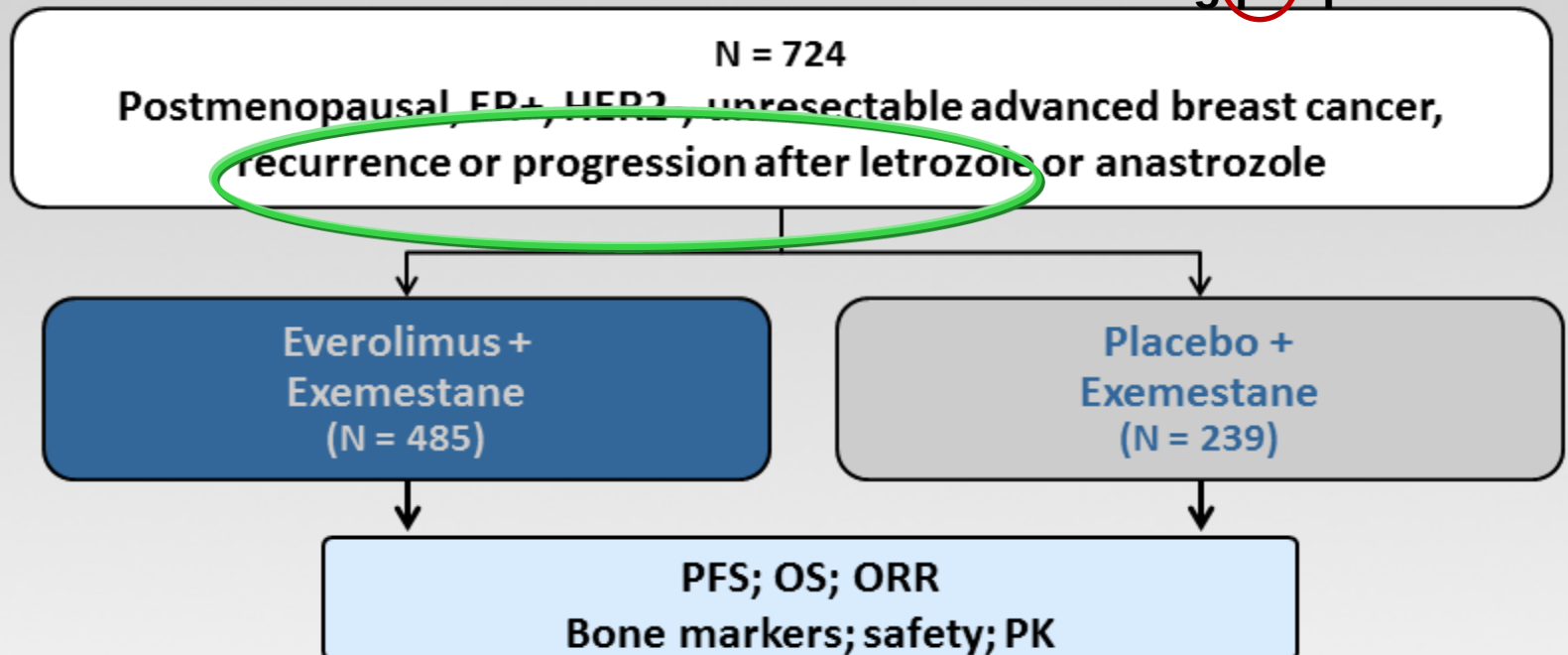
Everolimus in postmenopausal Hormone-receptor-positive advanced breast cancer



Phase 3 BOLERO-2 Trial

Exemestane 25 mg po qd

Everolimus 10 mg **po** qd

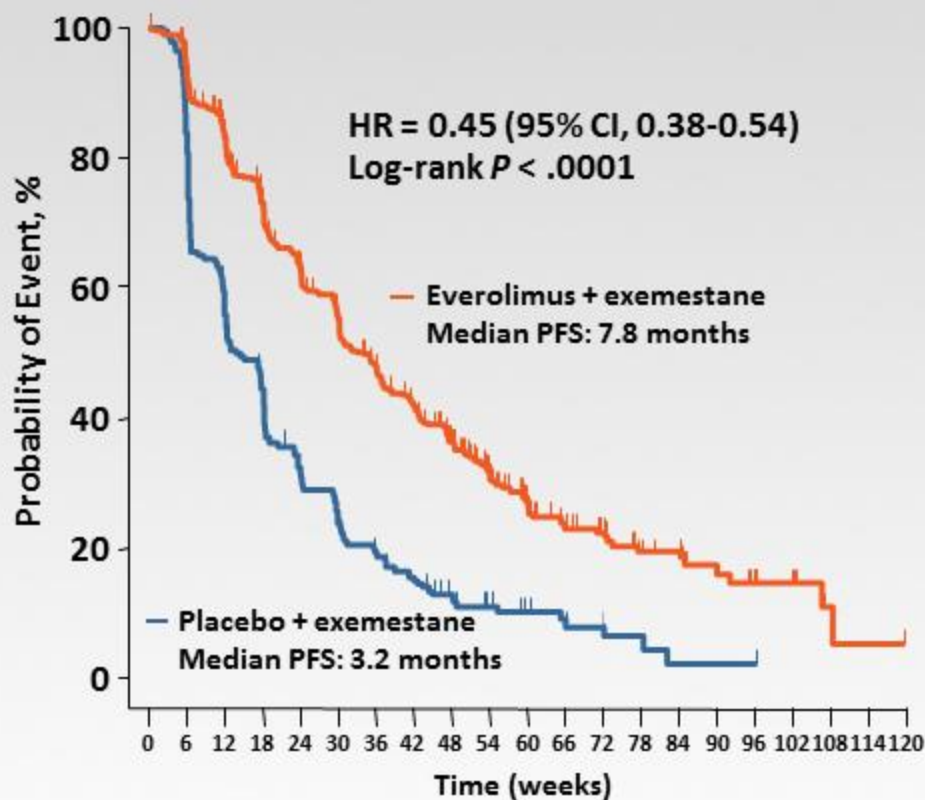


- Stratification:
 1. Sensitivity to prior hormonal therapy
 2. Presence of visceral disease
- Treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

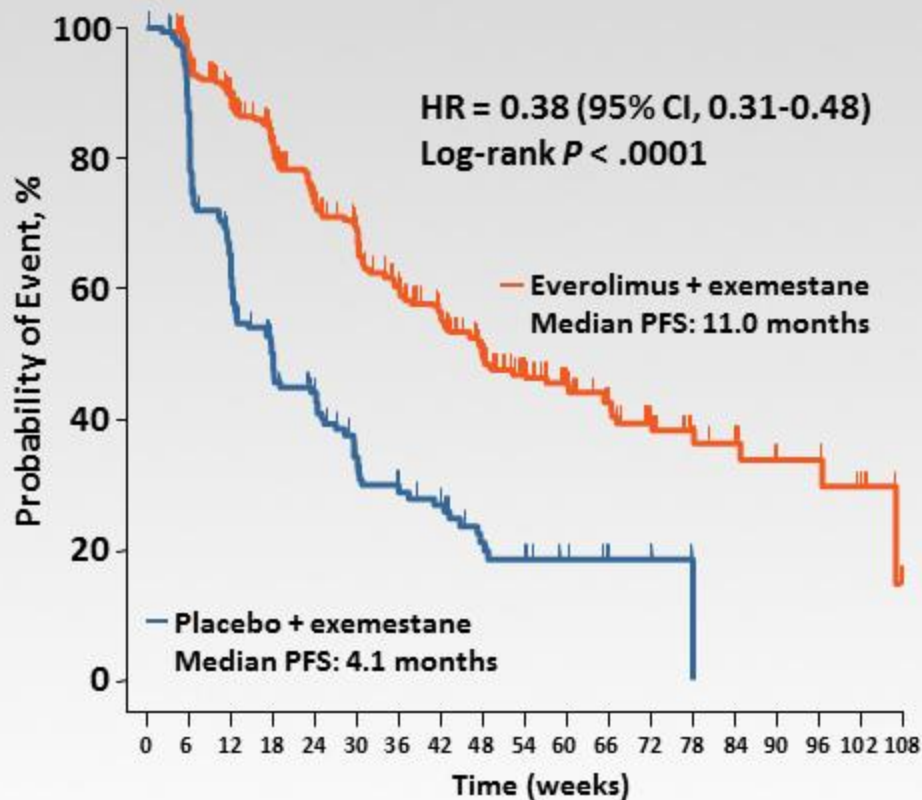
HER = human epidermal growth factor receptor; ORR = overall response rate; OS = overall survival;
PFS = progression-free survival; PK = pharmacokinetics

BOLERO-2: PFS in All Patients

Local Assessment



Central Assessment



CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio

BOLERO-2: PFS by Type of Metastases

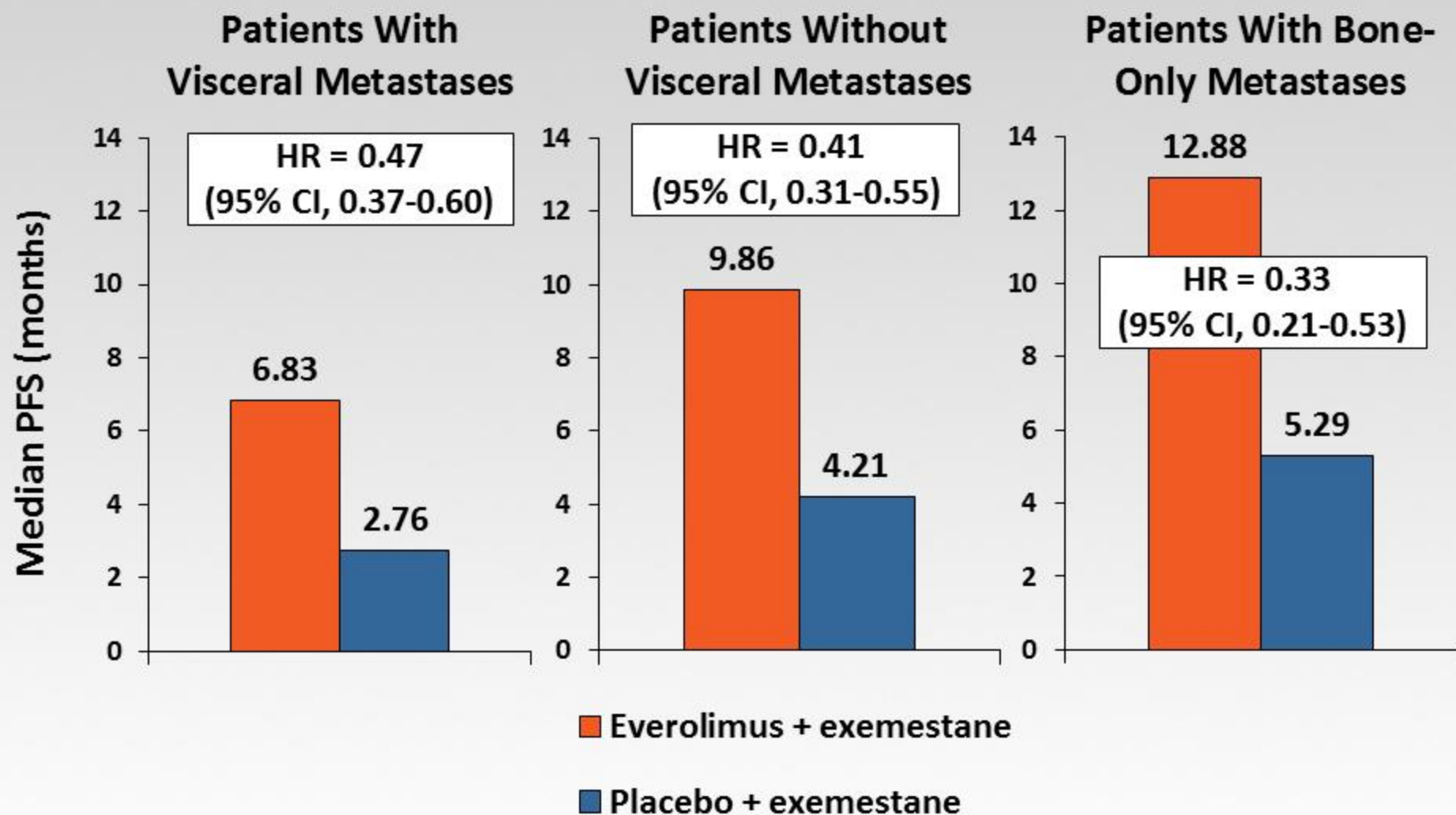
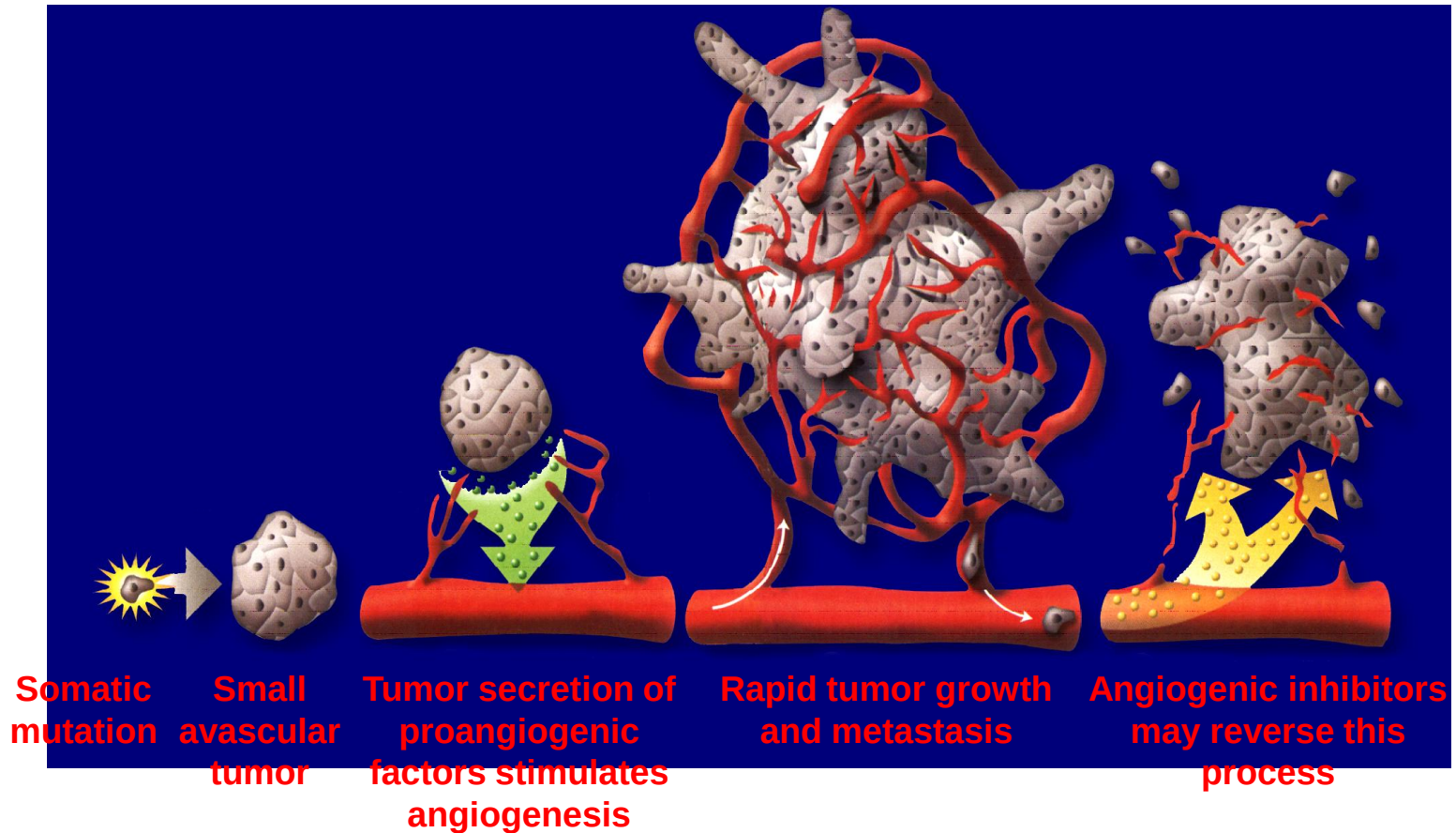


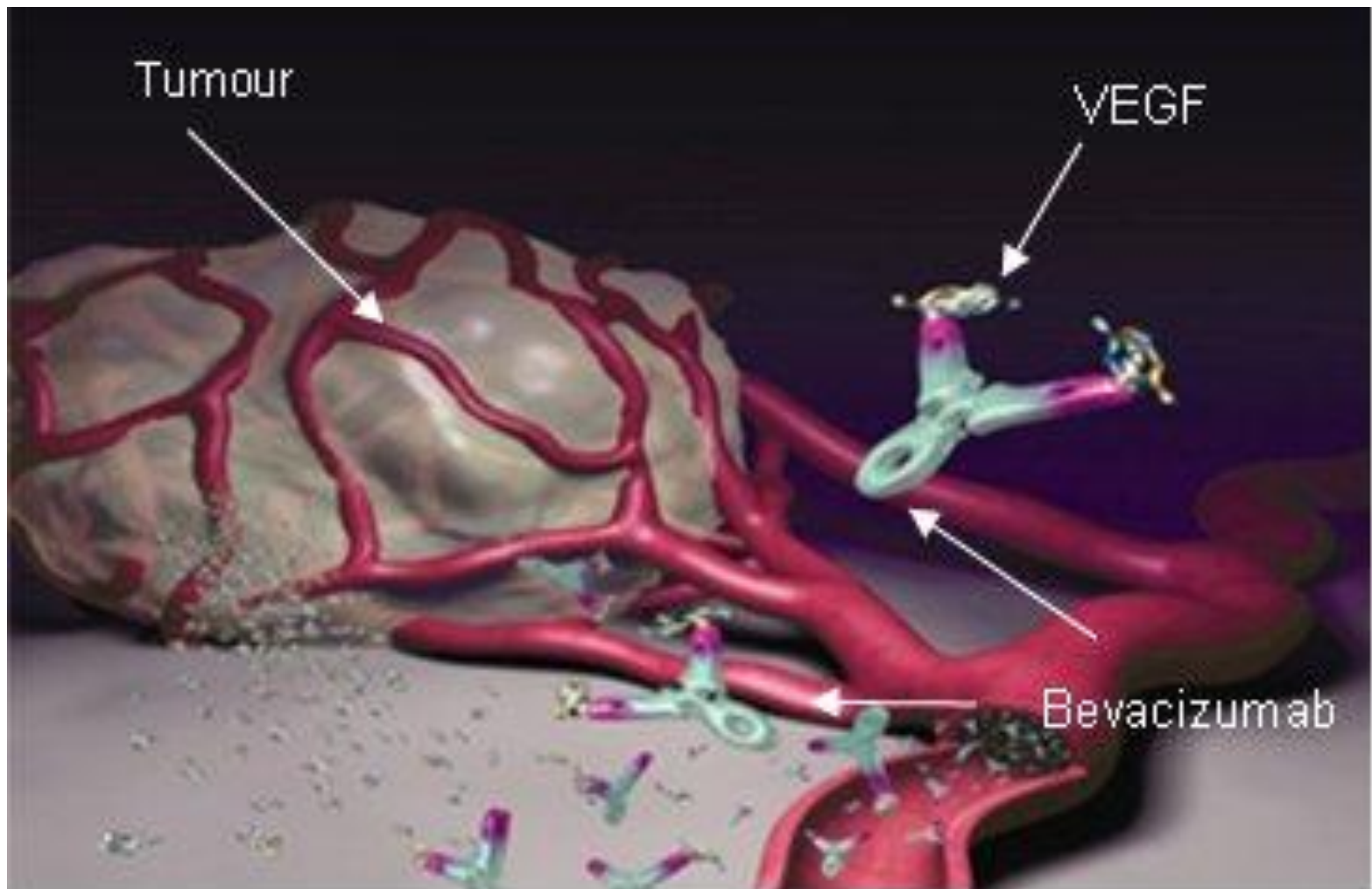
Table 2. Adverse Events Irrespective of Relationship to Study Treatment (with at Least 10% Incidence in the Everolimus–Exemestane Group).

Adverse Event	Everolimus and Exemestane (N=482)			Placebo and Exemestane (N=238)		
	Any Event	Grade 3 Event	Grade 4 Event	Any Event	Grade 3 Event	Grade 4 Event
	<i>percent</i>					
Stomatitis	56	8	0	11	1	0
Rash	36	1	0	6	0	0
Fatigue	33	3	<1	26	1	0
Diarrhea	30	2	<1	16	1	0
Decreased appetite	29	1	0	10	0	0
Nausea	27	<1	<1	27	1	0
Cough	27	1	0	11	0	0
Dysgeusia	21	<1	0	5	0	0
Headache	19	<1	0	13	0	0
Decreased weight	19	1	0	5	0	0
Dyspnea	18	4	0	9	1	<1
Arthralgia	16	1	0	16	0	0
Anemia	16	5	1	4	<1	<1

Inhibiting Local Sprouting Tumor: Angiogenesis as an Anticancer Treatment



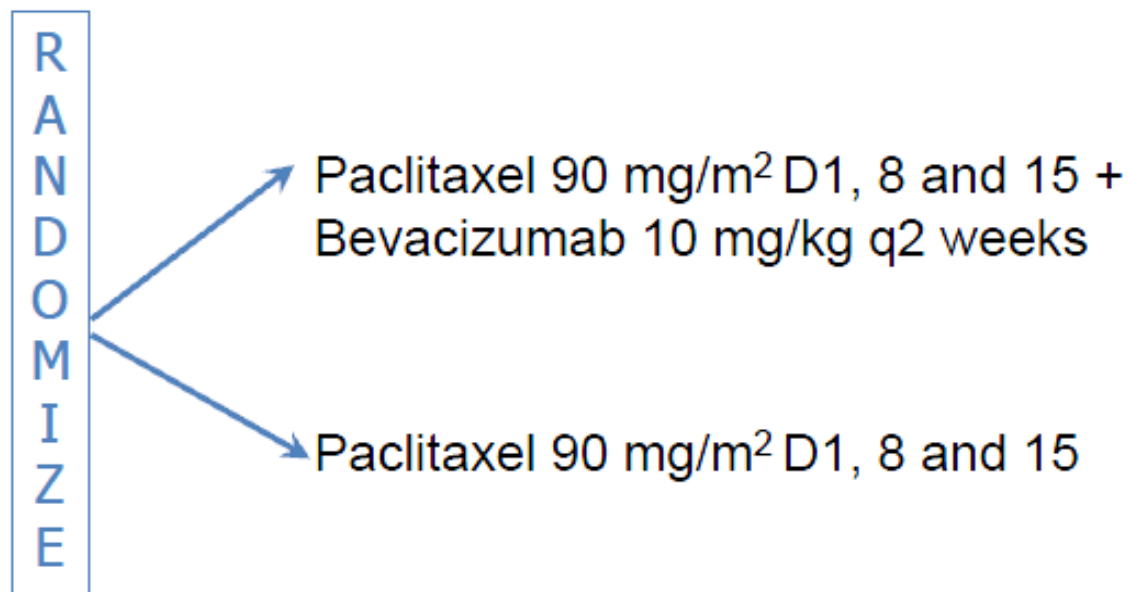
Bevacizumab



E2100: Study Design

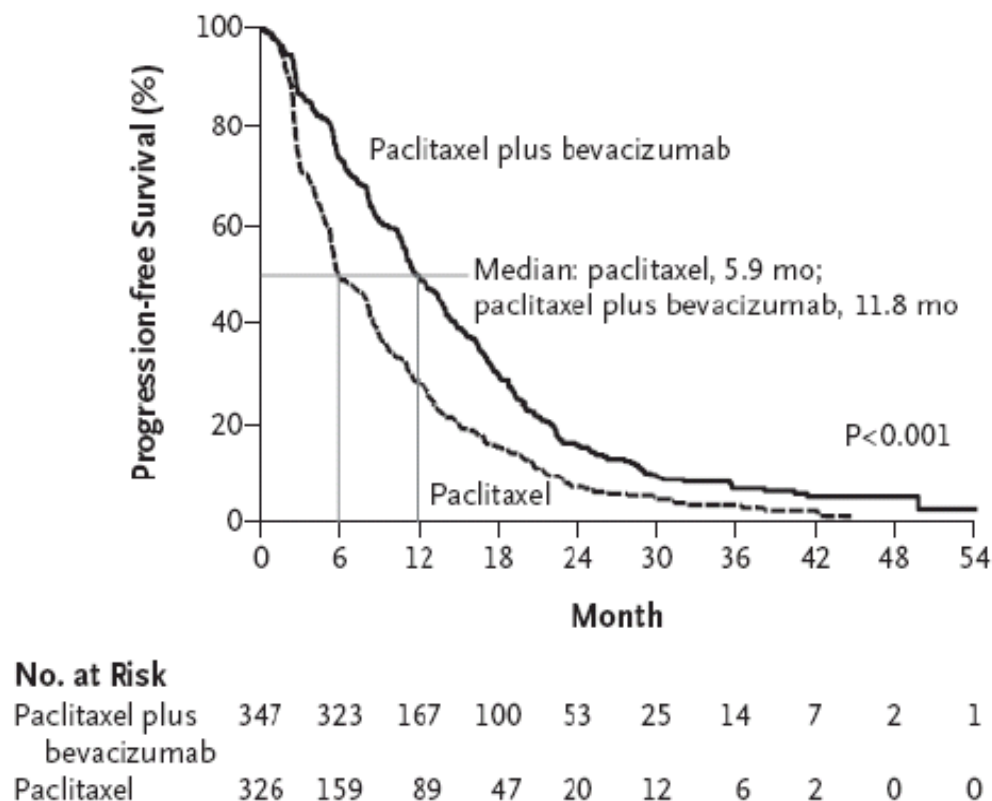
Stratify:

- DFI $\leq$ 24 mos. vs. $>$ 24 mos.
- < 3 vs. ≥ 3 metastatic sites
- Adjuvant chemotherapy yes vs. no
- ER+ vs. ER- vs. ER unknown



E2100: Progression-free Survival

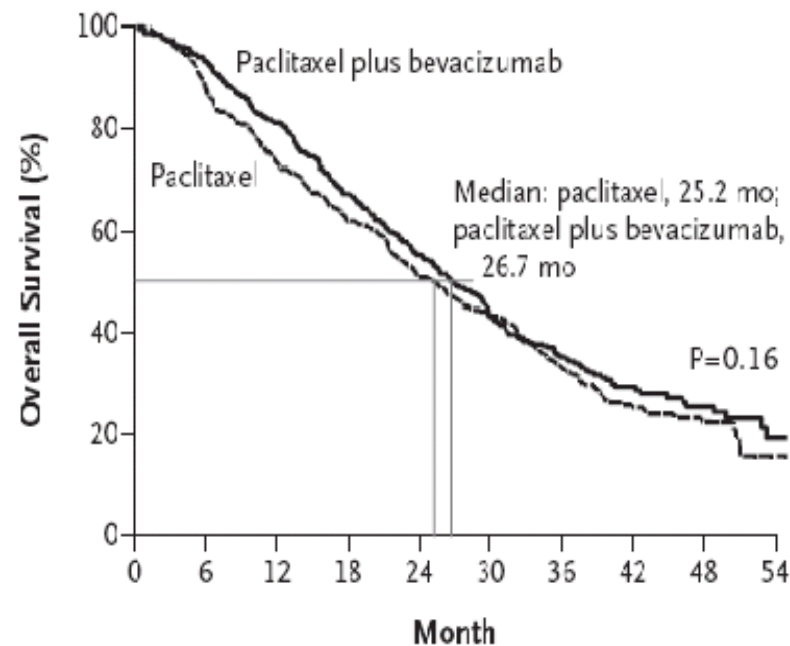
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Miller et al. NEJM 2007;357:2666-76

E2100: Overall Survival

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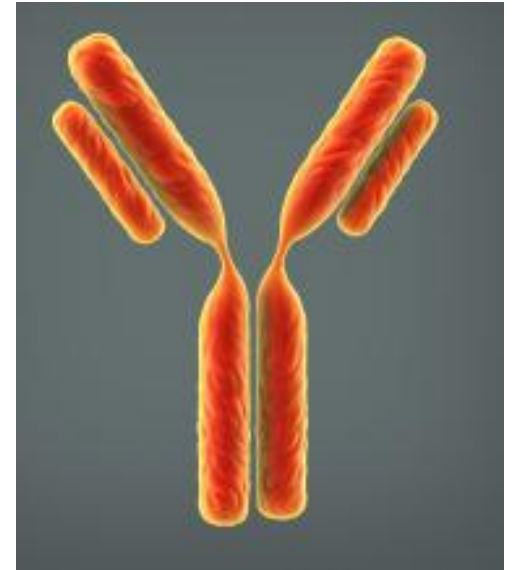
No. at Risk

Paclitaxel plus bevacizumab	347	323	280	232	190	147	88	46	24	7
Paclitaxel	326	284	236	199	162	138	88	47	23	5

Miller et al. NEJM 2007;357:2666-76

Denosumab

- Denosumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody that binds human RANK Ligand with high affinity and specificity¹
- By binding to RANK Ligand, denosumab prevents activation of its receptor on the surface of osteoclasts and their precursors
- In clinical trials, no neutralising antibodies were detected^{2–4}



1. McClung MR et al. New Engl J Med 2006;354:821–31;
2. Stopeck AT et al. J Clin Oncol 2010;28:5132–9;
3. Fizazi K et al. Lancet 2011; Lancet 2011;377:813–22;
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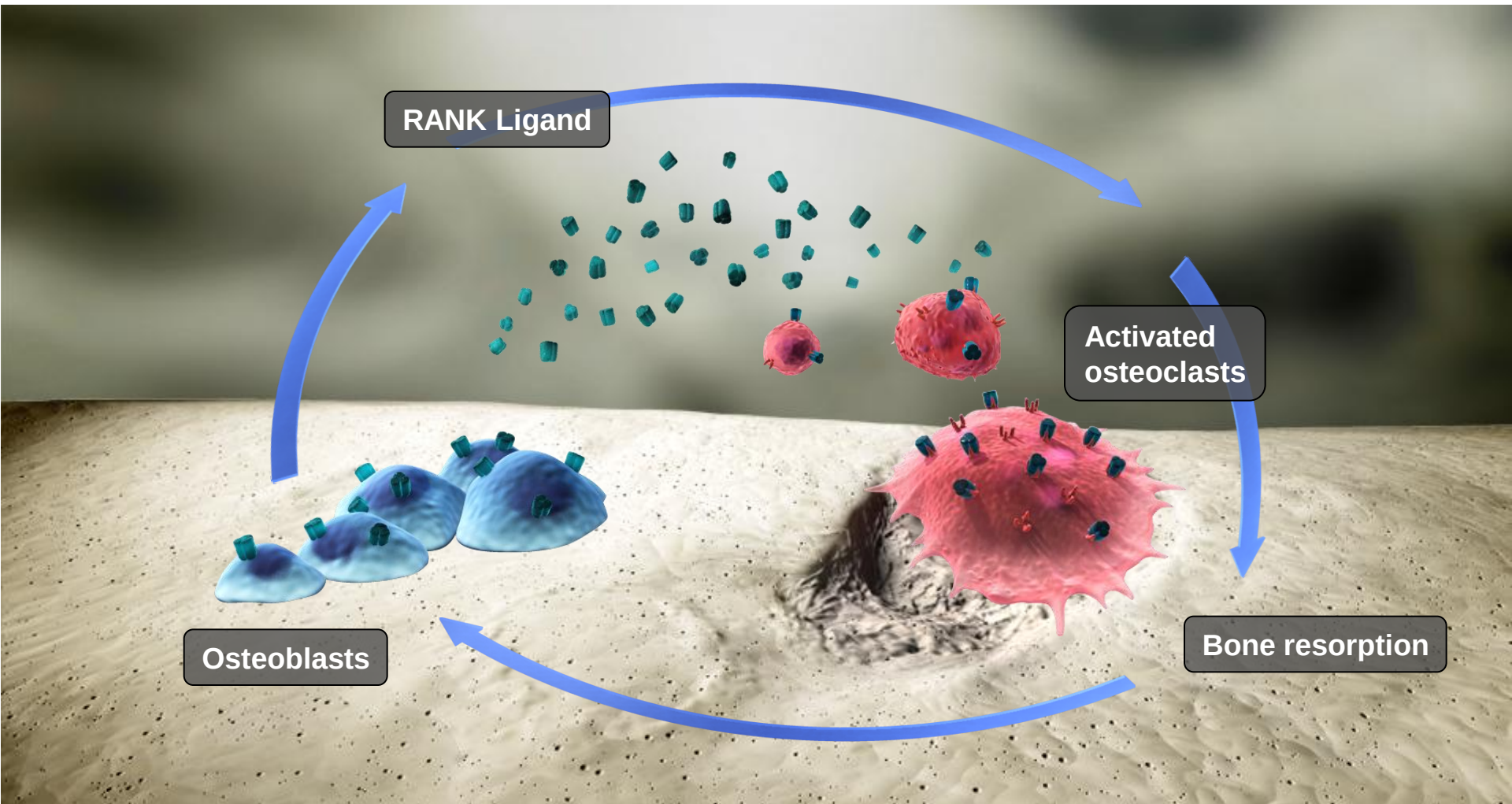
Bone metastases from Breast Cancer

- 70-80% of patients with MBC develop bone mets
- SREs occur in up 64% of MBC pts not with bisphosphonates
- ✓ Morbidity
- ✓ Reduced performance status
- ✓ Quality of life
- ✓ Reduced survival
- ✓ Hospital cost

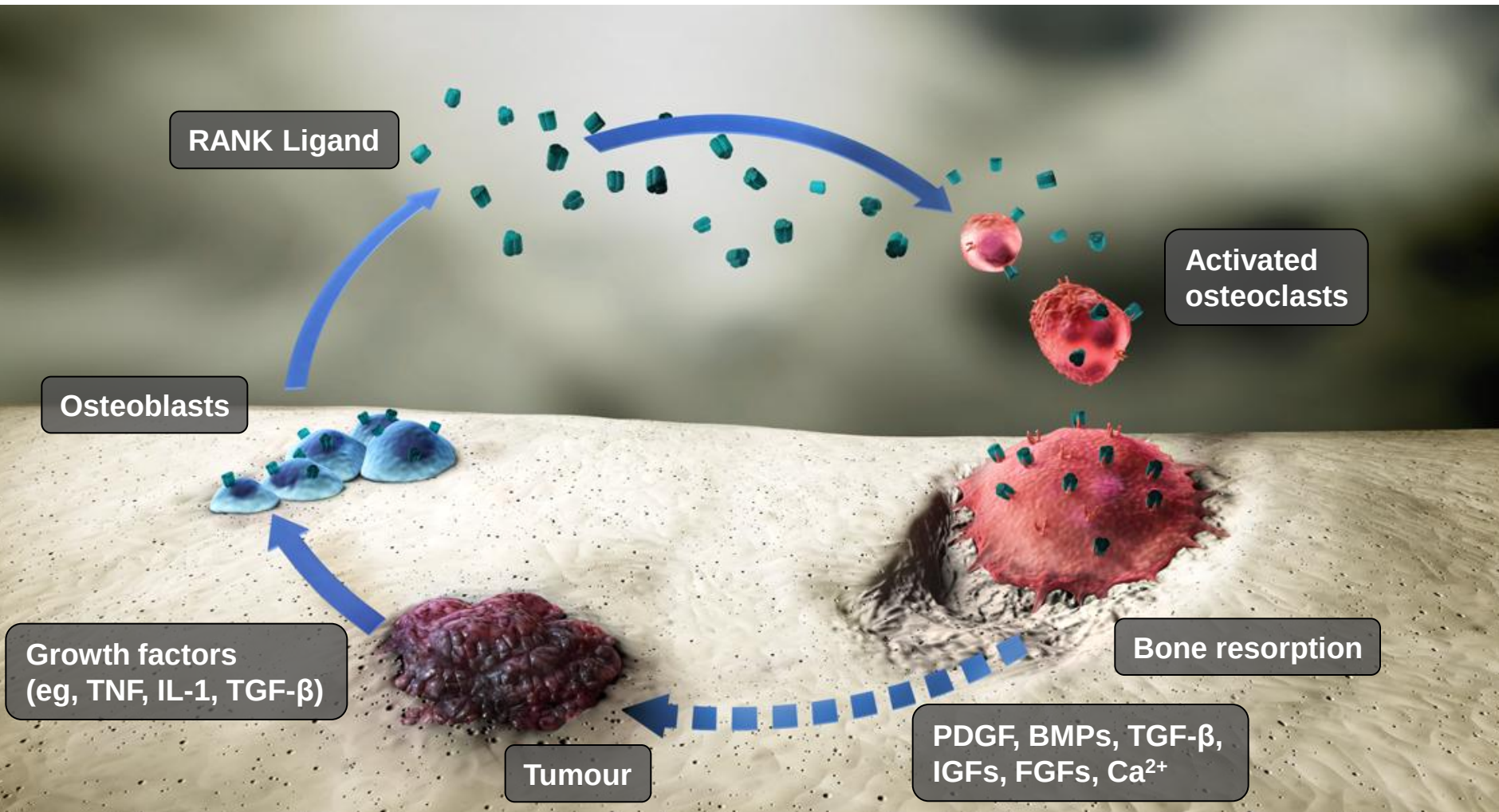
Lipton A. Cancer. 2003;97:848-853



Bone turnover



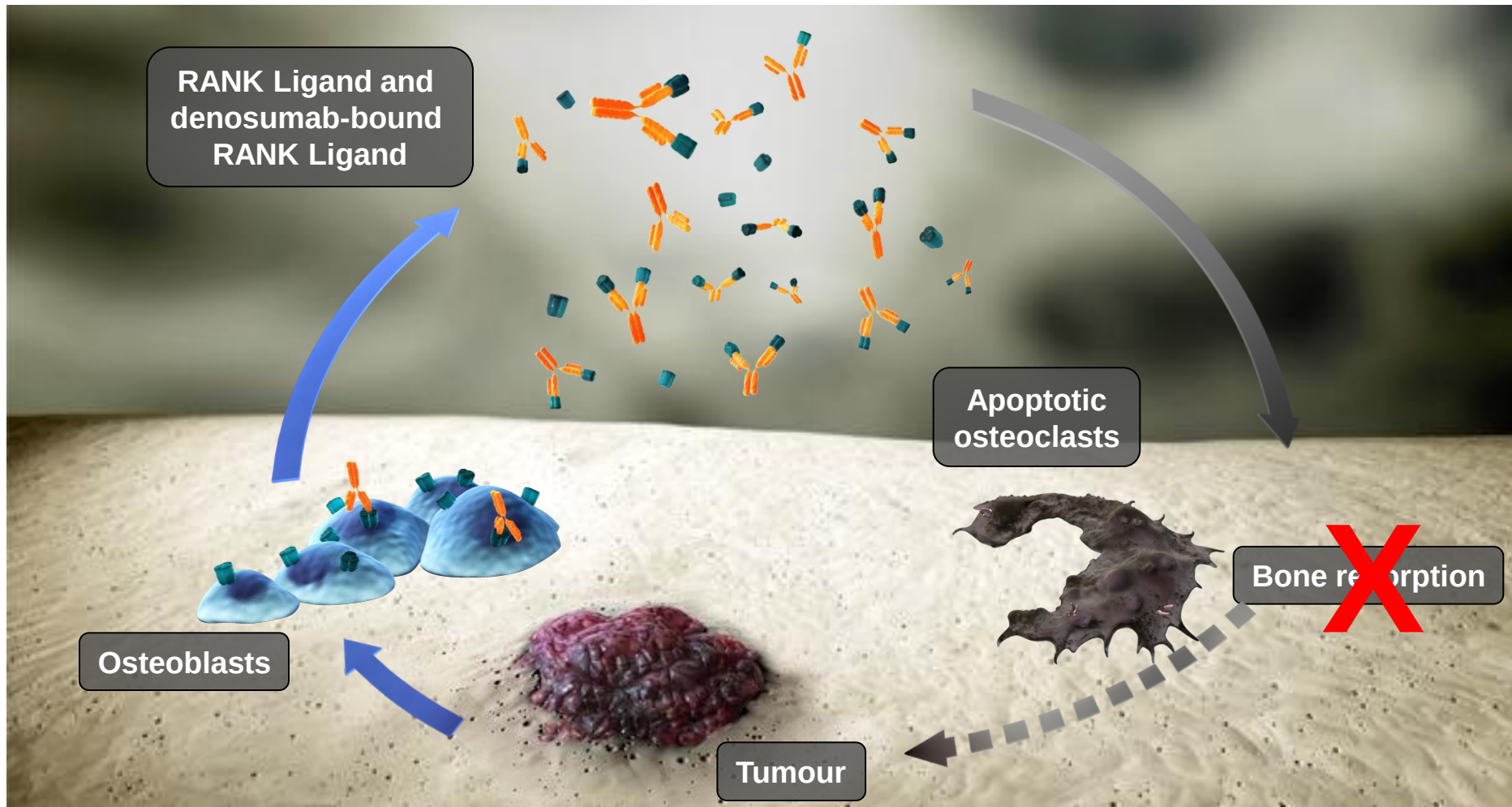
The Vicious Cycle Of Bone Destruction



1. Adapted from: Boyle WJ, et al. Nature 2003;423:337–42;

2. Roodman GD. N Engl J Med 2004;350:1655–64.

Denosumab inhibits RANK Ligand to interrupt the vicious cycle of bone destruction



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FDA-Approved Agents for Prevention of SREs in Metastatic Breast Cancer

AGENT	DRUG CLASS	DOSE AND SCHEDULE
Zoledronic Acid (IV)	Bisphosphonate	4 mg IV q3-4w
Pamidronate (IV)	Bisphosphonate	90 mg IV q3-4w
Denosumab (SC)	RANK-L targeted Mab	120 mg SQ q4w

Both ASCO and NCCN recommend all 3 agents^[1,2]

- No agent is recommended over another
- Bone-modifying agent therapy is only recommended for patients with evidence of bone metastases

1.Van Poznak CH, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29:1221-1227. 2. NCCN. Clinical practice guidelines in oncology: breast cancer. v.2.2013.



- Patients should receive a dental exam and preventive dentistry before initiating bone-modifying agent therapy
- Frequent measurement of Ca, P, Mg
- Should be accompanied by calcium and Vit D supplementation.
- Duration of treatment: Biphosponate for up to 2 years. Denosumab unknown

FATTORI CHE INFLUENZANO LA PROGNOSI

- **Stadio di malattia**
- **Caratteristiche genetiche e biologiche**

(MALATTIA)

- **Adeguatezza del trattamento**

(CHI CURA)

schema

modalità di somministrazione

conservazione dei farmaci

valutazione tossicità

- **Condizioni cliniche, età, comorbidità**

(PAZIENTE)

Grazie

