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*Metastasi Cerebrali
da Carcinoma
Mammario
HER2-positivo*

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Terapia sistemica: quando e quale?

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Brain metastases in HER2+ breast cancer

Goals of treatment

Neurologic symptoms control

↑ Quality of Life

↑ Survival

Il trattamento delle metastasi cerebrali può avvalersi di:

- una terapia sintomatica
- un trattamento locale (radioterapia, chirurgia)
- una terapia sistemica antitumorale

variamente integrati tra loro nella singola paziente in base a:

prognosi,

numero di metastasi cerebrali, sede e dimensioni,
situazione della malattia extra-cranica,

PS.

Terapia sintomatica delle crisi epilettiche

Glioma a basso grado ed altri tipi di tumori cerebrali primitivi o metastasi cerebrali, ad eccezione del glioblastoma

LEVETIRACETAM: 500 mg os x 2/die (250 mg os x 2/die la prima sett)
SE NECESSARIO AUMENTARE a 750-1500 mg os x 2/die
(finestra terapeutica 5-25 mg/L)

Attenzione a irritabilità o cambiamenti dell'umore

Se continuano crisi epilettiche:

AGGIUNGERE **ACIDO VALPROICO** 500-1.000 mg os x 2/die (20 mg/Kg);
SE NECESSARIO aumentare a 1.500 mg os x 2/die (finestra terapeutica:
50-100 mg/L)

Recommendations on Disease Management for Patients With Advanced Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2–Positive Breast Cancer and Brain Metastases: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

Naren Ramakrishna, Sarah Temin, Sarat Chandarlapaty, Jennie R. Crews, Nancy E. Davidson, Francisco J. Esteva, Sharon H. Giordano, Ana M. Gonzalez-Angulo, Jeffrey J. Kirshner, Ian Krop, Jennifer Levinson, Shanu Modi, Debra A. Patt, Edith A. Perez, Jane Perlmutter, Eric P. Winer, and Nancy U. Lin

Ramakrishna N et al, JCO 2014;32:2100-08



Results

No studies or existing guidelines met the systematic review criteria; therefore, ASCO conducted a formal expert consensus–based process.

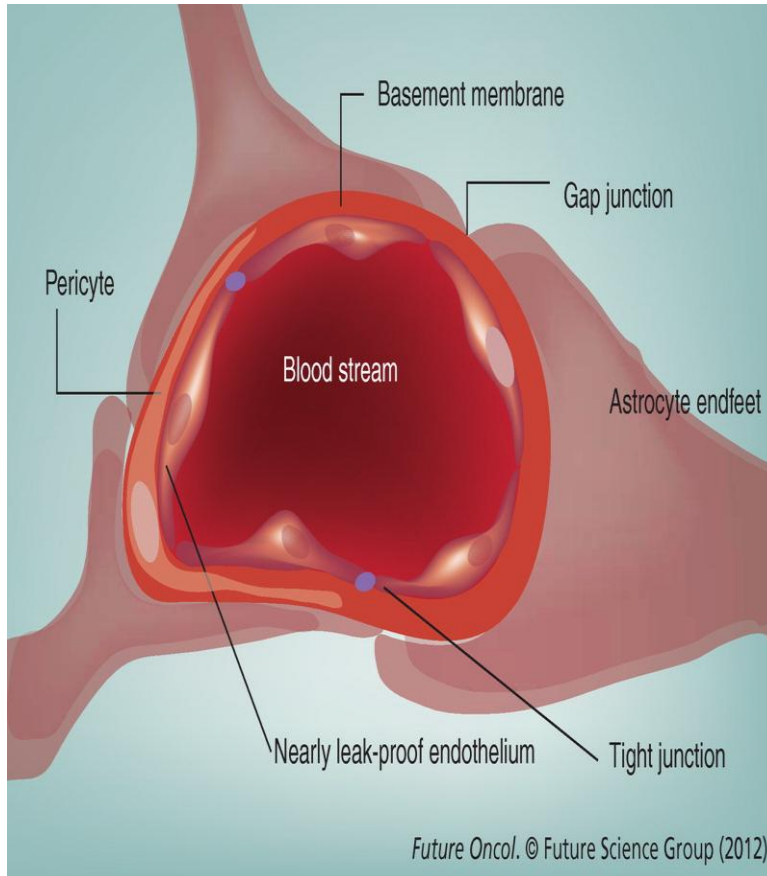
Systemic therapy in brain metastases from HER2+ BC

HER2 STATUS concordance between primitive tumor and brain metastases

	PRIMARY T (= n)	CNS METASTASES (= n)	CONCORDANCE
	13 HER2 +	13 HER2 +	100%
FUCHS I.B. <i>JCO 2002; 20: 4130-3</i>	16 HER2 -	15 HER2 - 1 HER2 +	Global Concordance 97%
LEAR-KAUL K.C. <i>ARCH. PATHOL. LAB. MED. 2003; 127:1451-7</i>	10*	10*	100%
IBRAHIM N.K. <i>ASCO 2006; 24 (suppl. 18) # 656</i>			88%
TOMASEVIC Z. <i>ASCO 2010 # 1117</i>	2 HER2 + 8 HER2 -	4 HER2 + 6 HER2 - 2 HER2 + (25% HER2- → HER2 +)	NR

* FISH amplified

CNS blood brain barrier



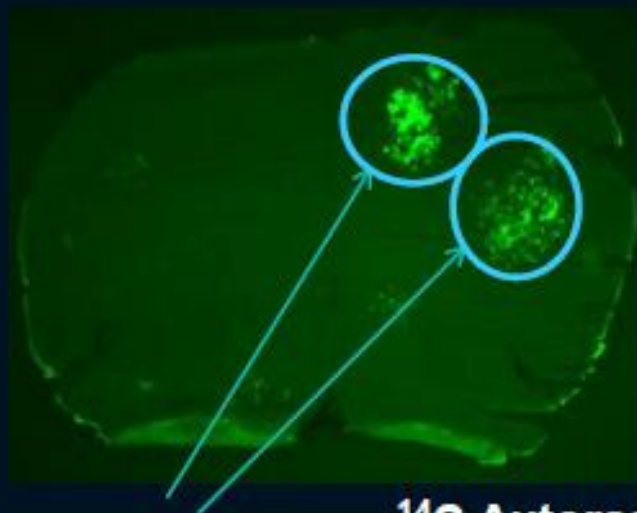
- The blood brain barrier (BBB) is permeable to substances with a diameter of $< 20 \text{ nm}^1$
 - **Trastuzumab** (~145 kDa) has limited ability to cross the BBB
 - **Lapatinib** (~1 kDa) has a higher potential to cross the BBB
- Studies show:
 - Trastuzumab levels in CSF 300-420 fold lower than in serum²
 - In animals, lapatinib levels 7-9 fold higher in brain tumour tissue compared to healthy brain tissue³
 - In animals, lapatinib inhibits formation of large brain metastases by HER2+ brain-seeking breast cancer cells⁴
- Whole brain radiotherapy may increase the permeability of the blood brain barrier

BBB=blood brain barrier; CSF=cerebrospinal fluid

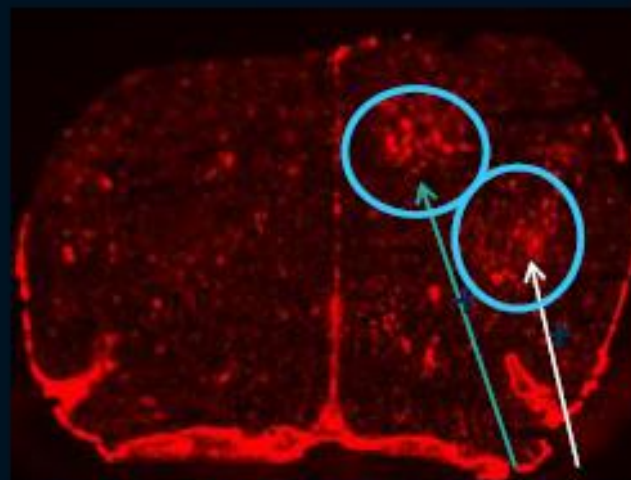
1. Azim HA & Azim HA. Future Oncol 2012;8:135-44.
2. Stemmler HJ & Heinemann V. The Oncologist 2008;13:739-50.
3. Taskar KS et al. Pharm Res 2012; 29:770-81.
4. Gril, et al. JNCI 2008; 100:1092-103.

^{14}C -Lapatinib Distribution in Brain Metastases

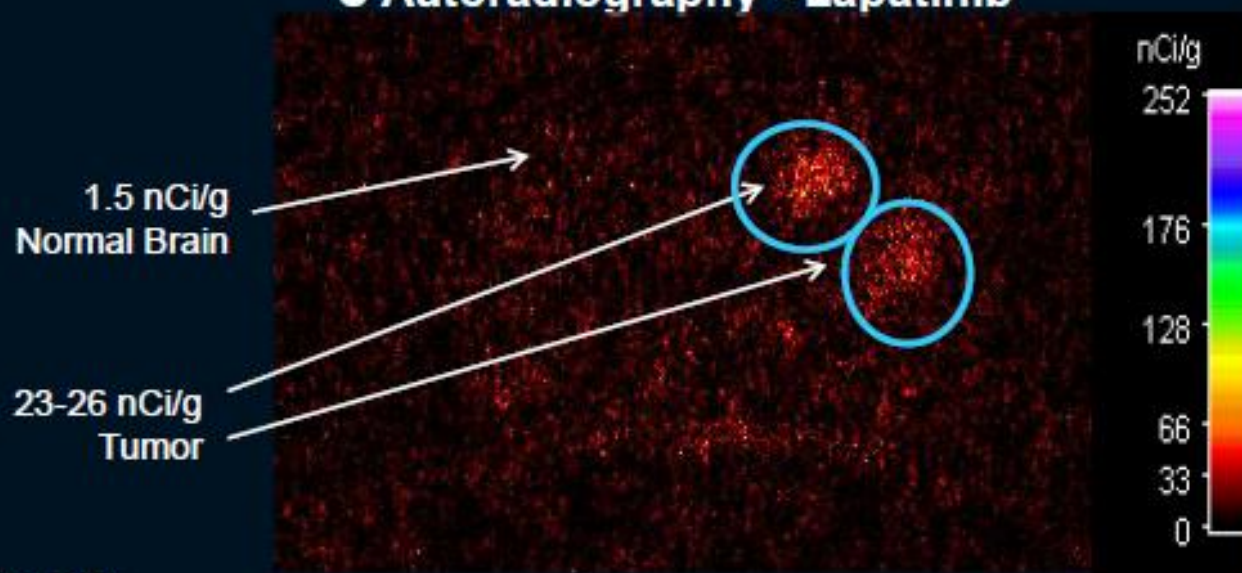
Green Fluorescence – GFP Tumor



Red Fluorescence – Texas Red 3kD Dextran



^{14}C Autoradiography - Lapatinib



Texas Red Leakage

LANDSCAPE: a FNCLCC phase II study with lapatinib+capecitabine in patients with brain metastases from HER2+ MBC before WBRT

Objective :

- Evaluate the clinical interest of L+C combination for BM in HER2+ MBC patients not previously treated with WBRT

Treatment of patients with BM at their onset may be a way:

- *To start at once an active systemic treatment*
- *To delay WBRT and associated toxicities*

LANDSCAPE PROTOCOL

- **Enrolled 45 pts:**
 - HER2+ MBC
 - Newly diagnosed brain metastases, at least 1 cm in diameter (T1 MRI)
 - Not candidate for brain surgery
 - Any previous treatment except WBRT, lapatinib or capecitabine
 - ECOG PS status 0-2
- **Treatment:** L: 1,250 mg/d, PO, continuous
C: 2,000 mg/m²/d, PO, d1–14 q3weeks
- **Clinical evaluation (including NSS) every 3 weeks**
- **Cerebral and systemic disease evaluation every 6 weeks**

NSS : Neurologic signs and symptoms

Primary Endpoint: CNS volumetric reduction

	Patients (n=44)
≥80% reduction	9 (20%)
50–<80% reduction	20 (45%)
20–<50% reduction	6 (14%)
0–<20% reduction	2 (5%)
Progression*	7 (16%)

*Two patients had progression outside of the CNS.

Table 3: Objective CNS response in assessable patients

CNS objective response =65.9%

Primary endpoint:

Centrally assessed CNS objective response (CNS-OR) defined as a ≥50% volumetric reduction of CNS lesions

in the absence of: increasing steroid use


progressive neurologic symptoms

progressive extra-CNS disease (RECIST)

Extra-CNS RECIST response

Extra-CNS-OR : $15/35 = 42.9\%$ (95% CI: 26-61)

Extra-CNS RECIST evaluation	n = 35	
Complete response	1	(2.8%)
Partial response	14	(40%)
Stable disease	16	(45.7%)
Progression	4	(11.4%)



- 7 patients had no extra-CNS disease
- 2 patients had no RECIST evaluable lesions

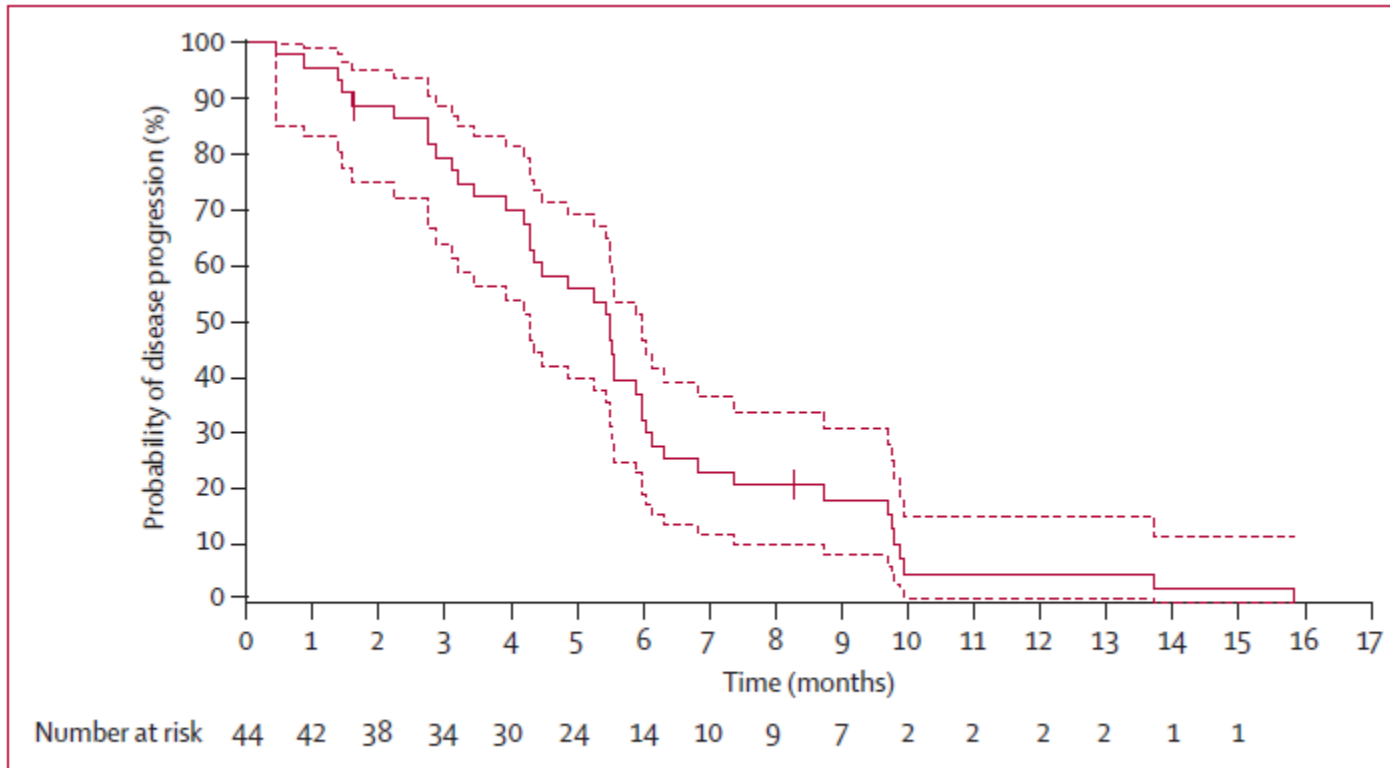


Figure 1: Time to disease progression (N=44)

Dashed lines are 95% CI.

Median time to progression: 5.5 mos

- **First progression CNS: n = 32/41 (78%);** median time to CNS progression was 5.5 mos
- **First progression extra-CNS: n = 2/41 (5%)**
- **Progression both CNS/extra-CNS: n = 5/41 (12%)**

➤ **Median time to WBRT is 8.3 months**

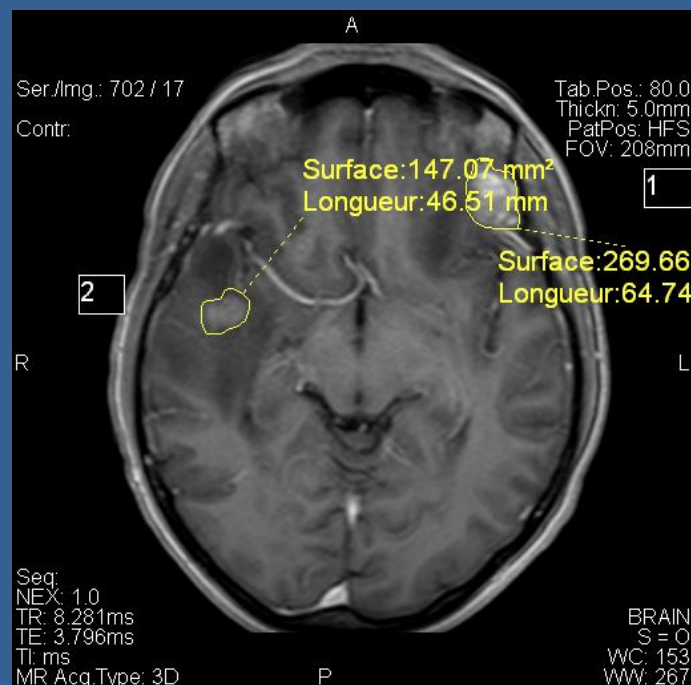
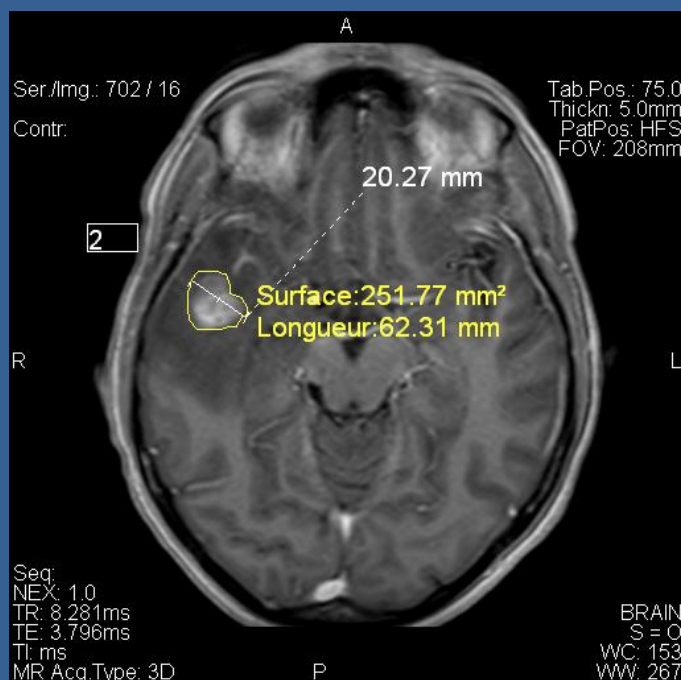
HER2+ BC and brain metastases: QUESTIONS

A- What response criteria in clinical practice?

Efficacy assessment

Central and blind volumetric evaluation of CNS lesions

- MRI standardized guidelines
- All target lesions contoured across all slices, T1 SE axial **5mm** Gado.
- The software calculated the **tumor volume** of every target lesion:
Tumor volume = $\sum(\text{outlined surfaces} \times \text{slice thickness})^*$



*Lin NU et al. JCO 2008; 26:1993-99; Lin NU et al. Clin Cancer Res 2009; 15: 1452-59

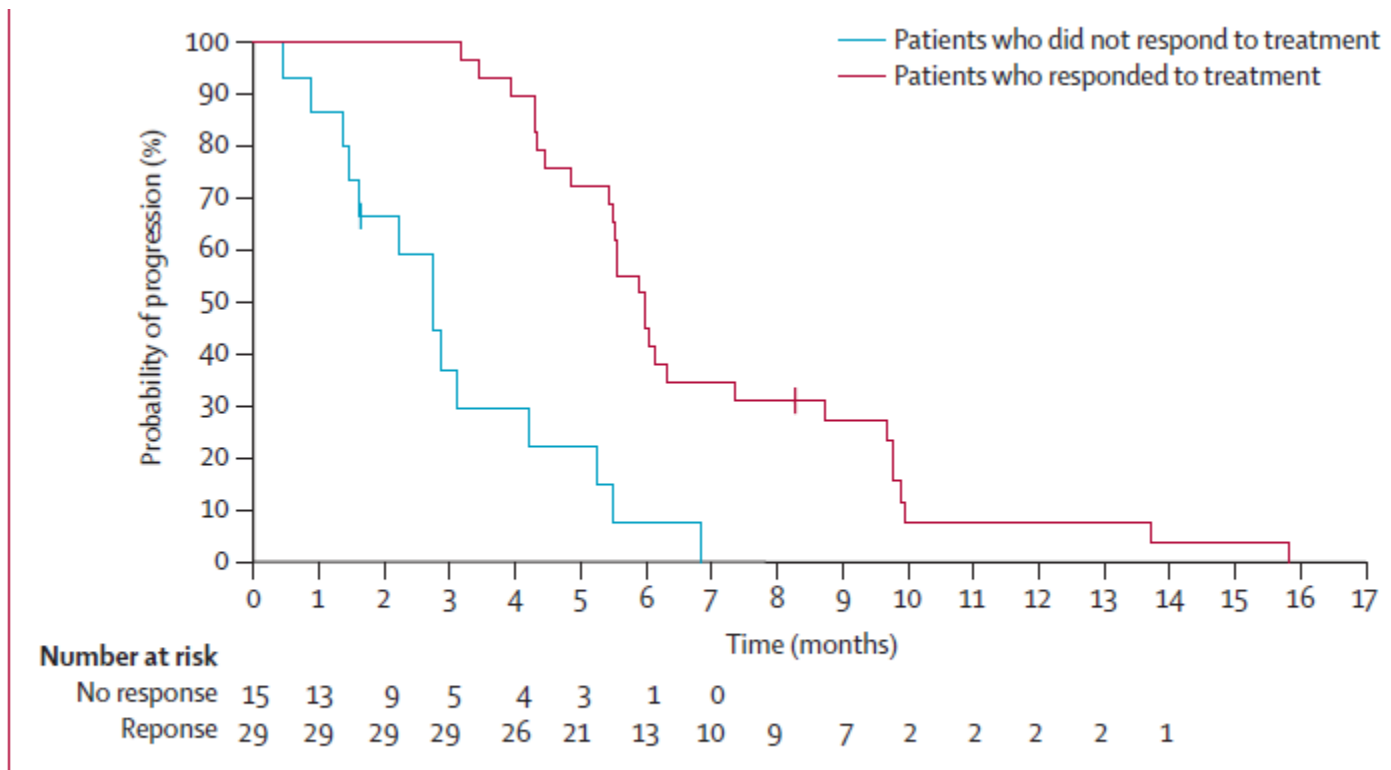


Figure 2: Time to progression, by CNS response (volumetric analysis; N=44)

Exploratory analysis:

Volumetric reduction	n (%)	Time To Progression (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
≥ 50 %	29 (67.4)	6 mo. (5.5-7.4)	<0.0001
< 50 %	14 (32.5)	2.8 mo. (1.4-4.2)	

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B- There are new systemic therapies?

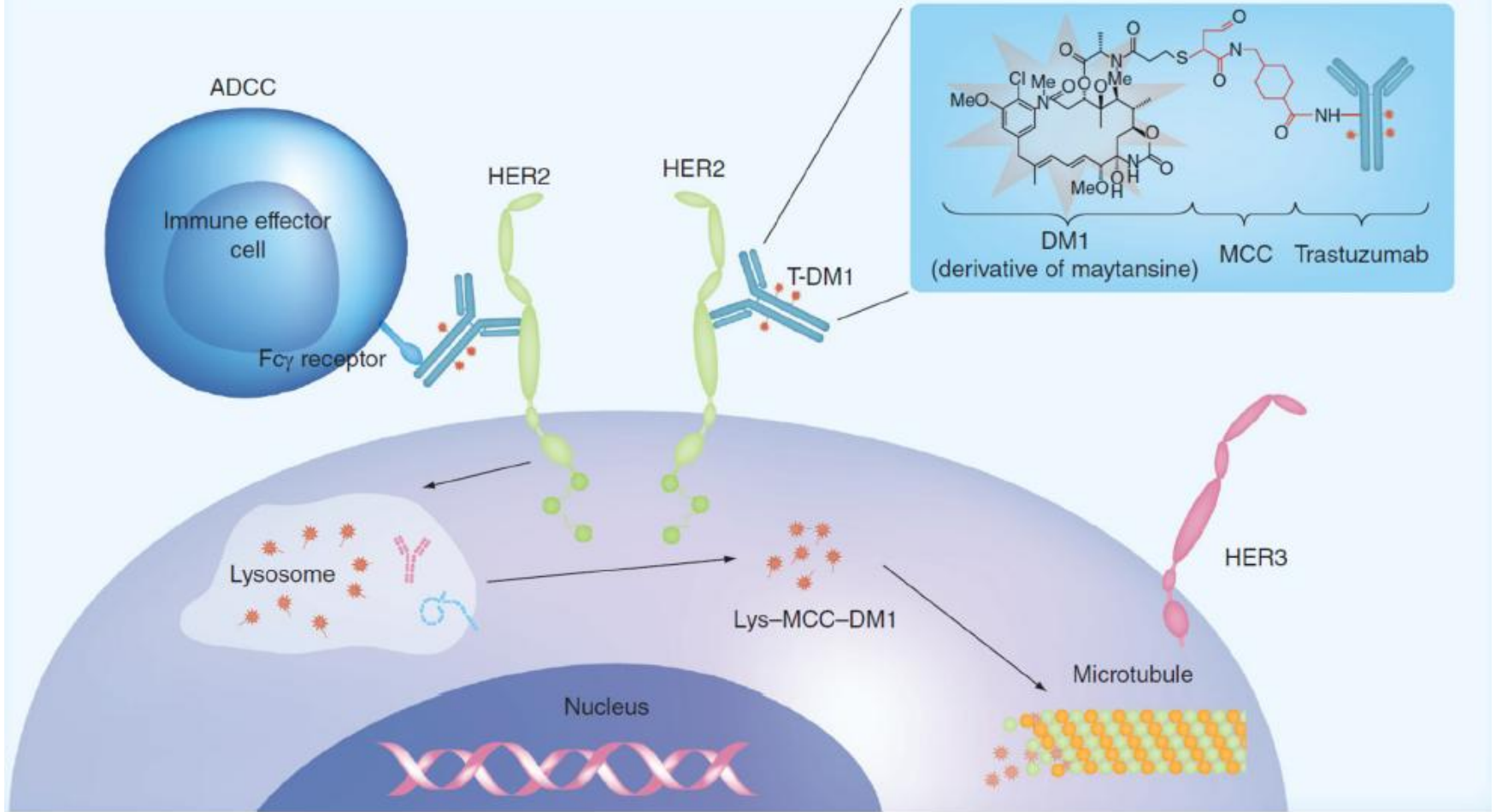


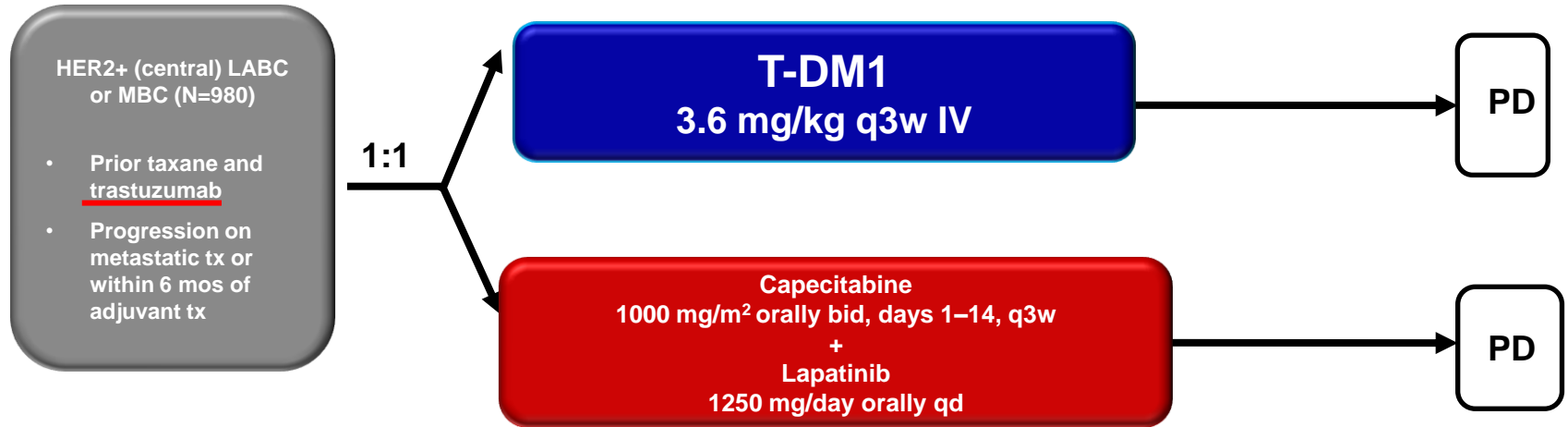
Figure 1. Structure of trastuzumab emtansine and mechanisms of action

After T-DM1 binds HER2, the HER2–T-DM1 complex undergoes internalization, followed by lysosomal degradation. This process results in the intracellular release of DM1-containing catabolites that bind to tubulin and prevent microtubule polymerization, as well as suppress microtubule dynamic instability. T-DM1 has also been shown to retain mechanisms of action of trastuzumab, including disruption of the HER3/PI3K/AKT signaling pathway and Fc γ receptor-mediated engagement of immune effector cells that leads to antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity.

ADCC: Antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; Lys: Lysine; T-DM1: Trastuzumab emtansine.

EMILIA: T-DM1 after disease progression

EMILIA Study Design



- **Primary endpoints:** PFS by independent review, OS, and safety

Outcome	T-DM1	Lap +Cap	HR (95%CI); p value
Median PFS	9.6 mo	6.4 mo	0.65 (0.55-0.77); p <.001
Median OS	30.9 mo	25.1 mo	0.68 (0.55-0.85); p <.001

- **Rate of grade 3-4 AEs** lower with T-DM1 vs Lapatinib+Capecitabine (41% vs 57%)

EMILIA: SNC metastases

Retrospective analysis

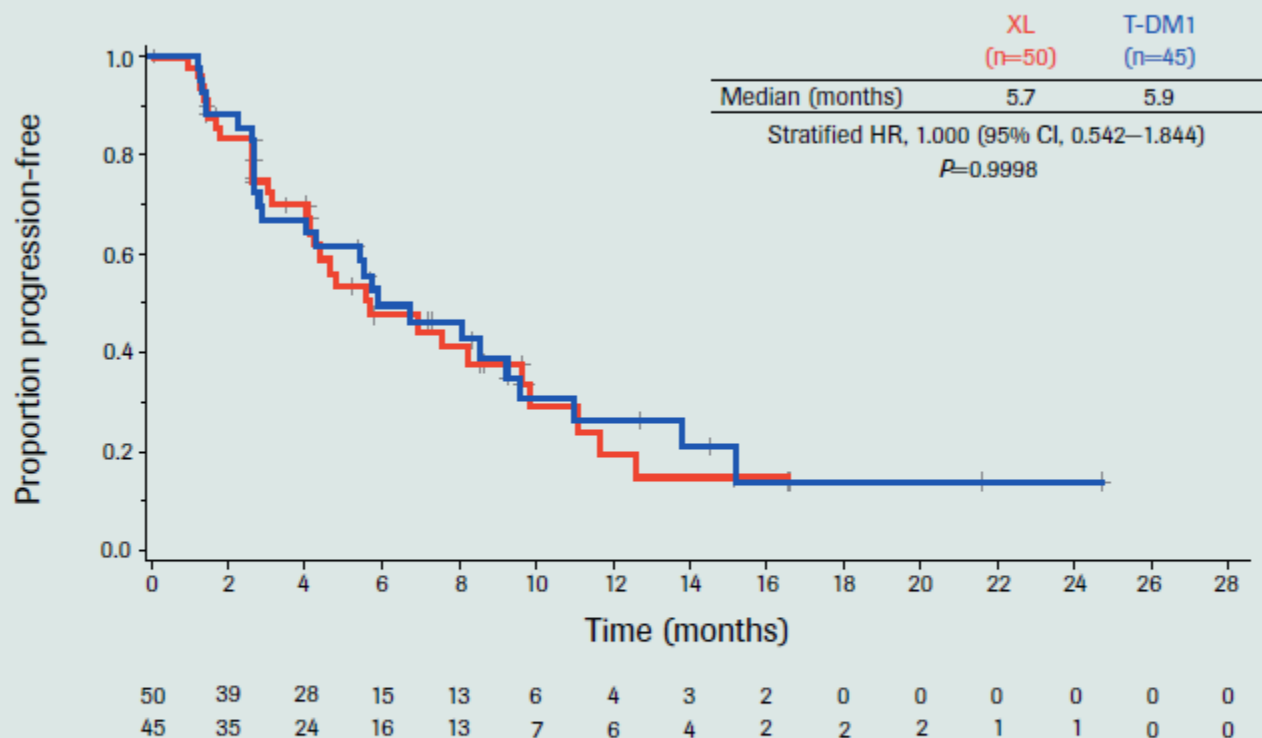
CNS metastases

- All patients underwent brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computed tomography (CT) at screening, and follow-up scans were performed as clinically indicated (but were not mandated per protocol)
- Patients with asymptomatic CNS metastases who were treated with radiotherapy were eligible to enroll 14 days after the last dose of radiotherapy
- Patients with CNS metastases who were untreated, symptomatic, or required therapy to control symptoms ≤ 2 months prior to randomization were excluded from EMILIA, as were patients with CNS-only disease

Retrospective analysis of patients with CNS metastases

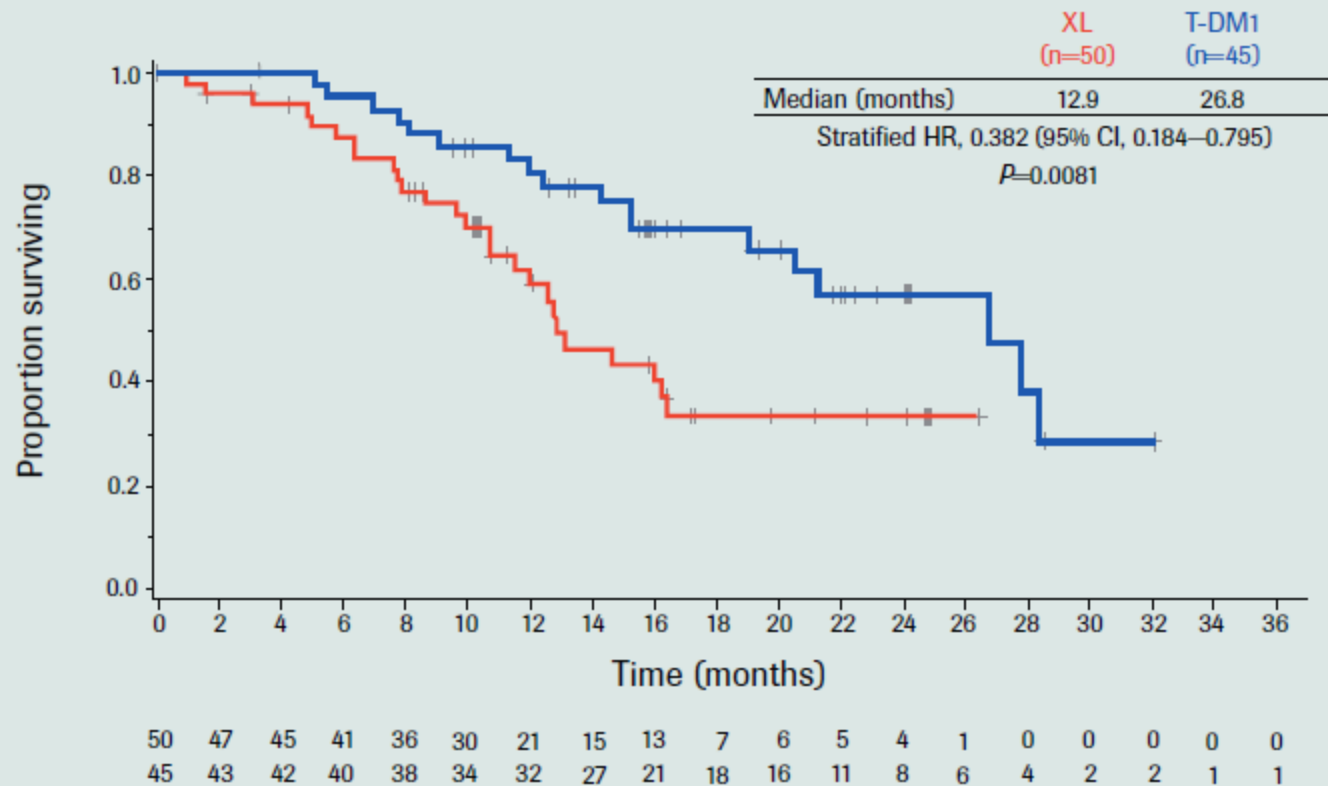
- Patients with CNS metastases at baseline or who developed CNS metastases on study were identified retrospectively using tumor assessment data from the independent review committee (IRC)
 - This analysis was exploratory and not prespecified in the protocol
- Kaplan–Meier methodology was used to estimate median PFS and OS

Figure 1A. PFS by IRC for patients with CNS metastases at baseline



CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; HR, hazard ratio; IRC, independent review committee; PFS, progression-free survival; T-DM1, trastuzumab emtansine; XL, capecitabine + lapatinib.

Figure 2. OS for patients with CNS metastases at baseline



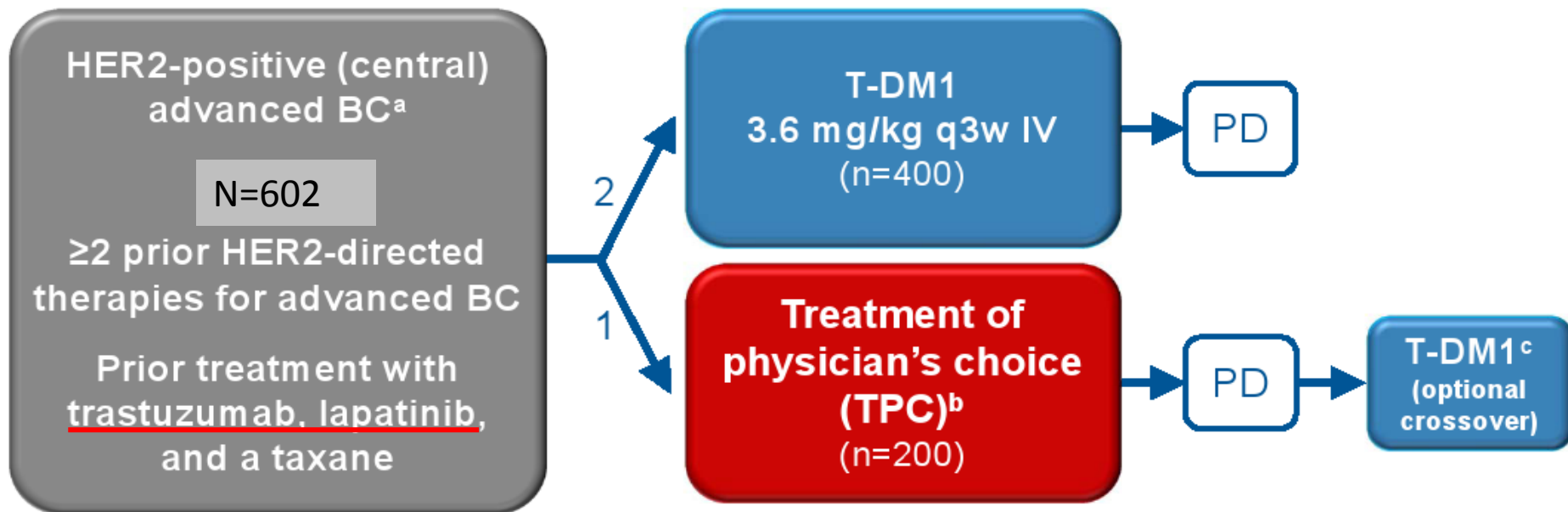
CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; T-DM1, trastuzumab emtansine; XL, capecitabine + lapatinib.

Table 5. Subsequent Anticancer Therapies in Patients With CNS Metastases at Baseline After Study Treatment Discontinuation

Treatment type, n (%)	XL (n=44)	T-DM1 (n=39)
Surgery	2 (4.5)	1 (2.6)
Brain	1 (2.3)	0
Nonbrain	1 (2.3)	1 (2.6)
Radiation	8 (18.2)	13 (33.3)
Brain	6 (13.6)	12 (30.8)
Nonbrain	3 (6.8)	6 (15.4)
Chemotherapy	23 (52.3)	29 (74.4)
Capecitabine	5 (11.4)	23 (59.0)
Taxane	9 (20.5)	5 (12.8)
Vinca alkaloid	15 (34.1)	10 (25.6)
Anthracycline	4 (9.1)	5 (12.8)
Hormonal therapy	4 (9.1)	3 (7.7)
HER2-targeted therapy	21 (47.7)	25 (64.1)
Trastuzumab	18 (40.9)	10 (25.6)
Lapatinib	7 (15.9)	21 (53.8)

CNS, central nervous system; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; T-DM1, trastuzumab emtansine; XL, capecitabine + lapatinib.

TH3RESA Study Schema (Phase 3)



- **Stratification factors:** World region, number of prior regimens for advanced BC,^d presence of visceral disease
- **Co-primary endpoints:** PFS by investigator and OS
- **Key secondary endpoints:** ORR by investigator and safety

^aAdvanced BC includes MBC and unresectable locally advanced/recurrent BC.

^bTPC could have been single-agent chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, or HER2-directed therapy, or a combination of a HER2-directed therapy with a chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, or other HER2-directed therapy.

^cFirst patient in: Sep 2011. Study amended Sep 2012 (following EMILIA 2nd interim OS results) to allow patients in the TPC arm to receive T-DM1 after documented PD.

^dExcluding single-agent hormonal therapy.

BC, breast cancer; IV, intravenous; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; q3w, every 3 weeks.

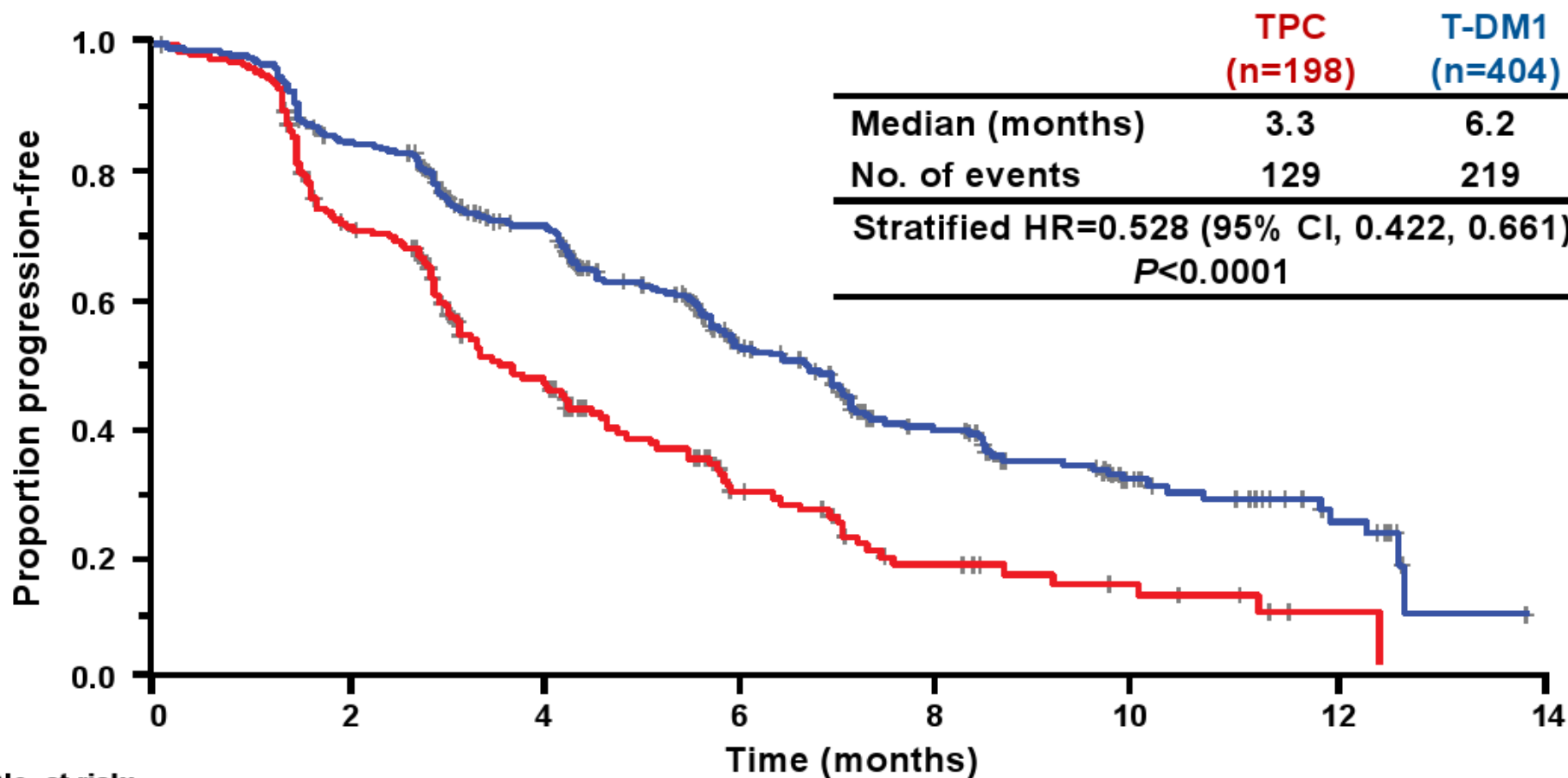
Baseline Characteristics (2)

Characteristic	TPC (n=198)	T-DM1 (n=404)
ER and/or PR-positive, %	52.0	51.5
Visceral involvement, %	75.8	74.8
Disease extent at study entry, %		
Metastatic	94.4	96.8
Unresectable locally advanced/recurrent BC	5.6	3.2
Number of prior regimens for advanced BC,^a median (range)	4 (1–19)	4 (1–14)
≤3, %	39.4	32.6
4–5, %	32.8	37.1
>5, %	27.8	30.3
Brain metastasis at baseline, %	13.6	9.9

^a Two patients in the T-DM1 arm had missing information for prior treatment in the advanced BC setting: TPC, n=198; T-DM1, n=402.
ER, estrogen receptor; PR, progesterone receptor.



PFS by Investigator Assessment



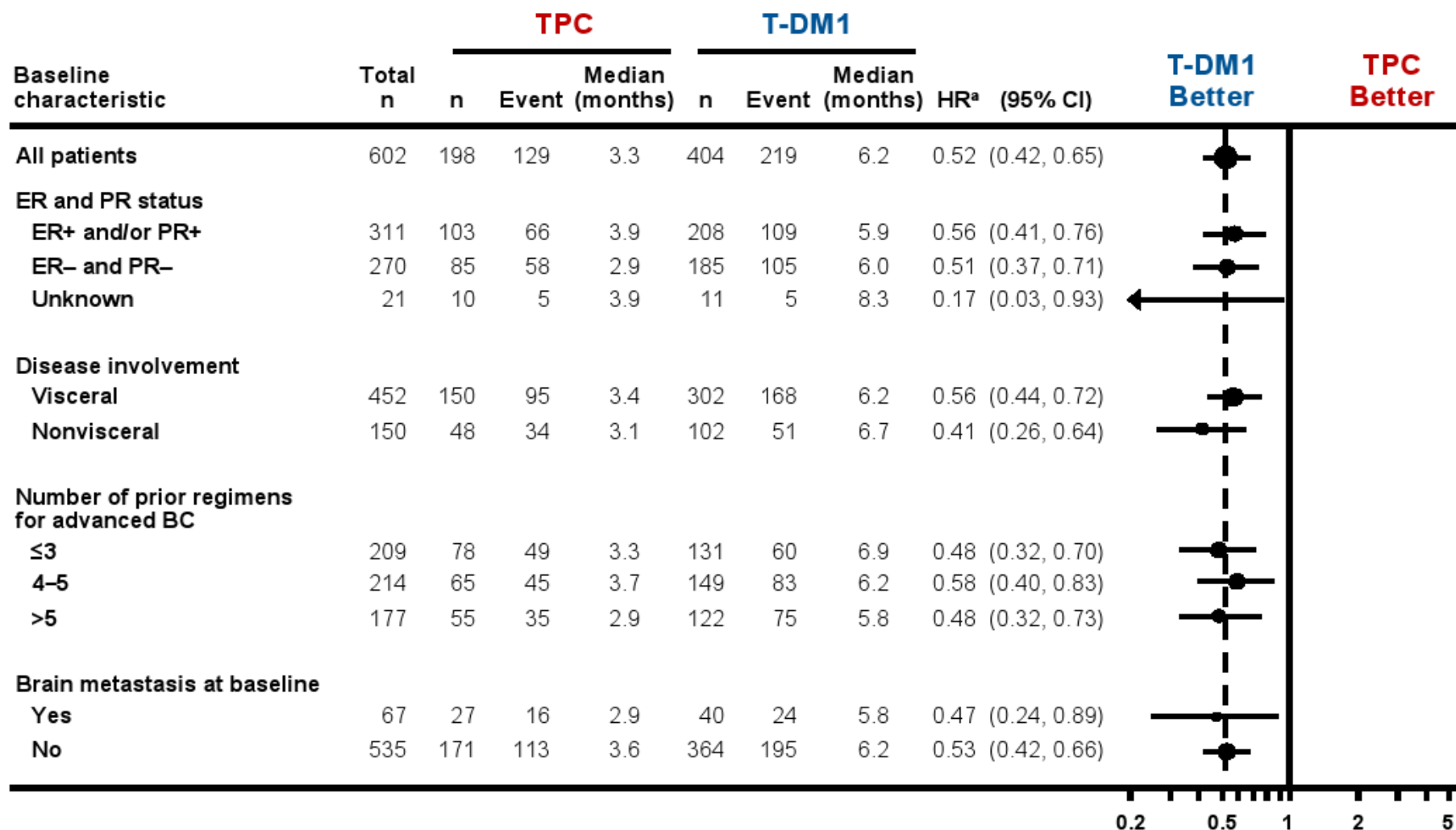
No. at risk:

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
TPC	198	120	62	28	13	6	1	0
T-DM1	404	334	241	114	66	27	12	0

Median follow-up: TPC, 6.5 months; T-DM1, 7.2 months.
Unstratified HR=0.521 (P<0.0001).

PFS Subgroup Analyses (2)

By Investigator Assessment



^a Unstratified HR.

HER2+ BC and brain metastases: QUESTIONS

C- How to integrate surgery, SRS, WBRT, systemic therapy?

D-What is the appropriate sequencing?

concurrent?

TRASTUZUMAB WITH CONCURRENT WBRT

radiologic ORR (WHO)= 74% at 6 wks
(23/31)*

low trastuzumab-related toxicity

Chargary C, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2010

LAPATINIB WITH CONCURRENT WBRT

volumetric ORR=70% at 2 mo
presently, no utilisation in clinical practice

Lin NU, ASCO 2010 #1154

Brain metastases in HER2+ breast cancer

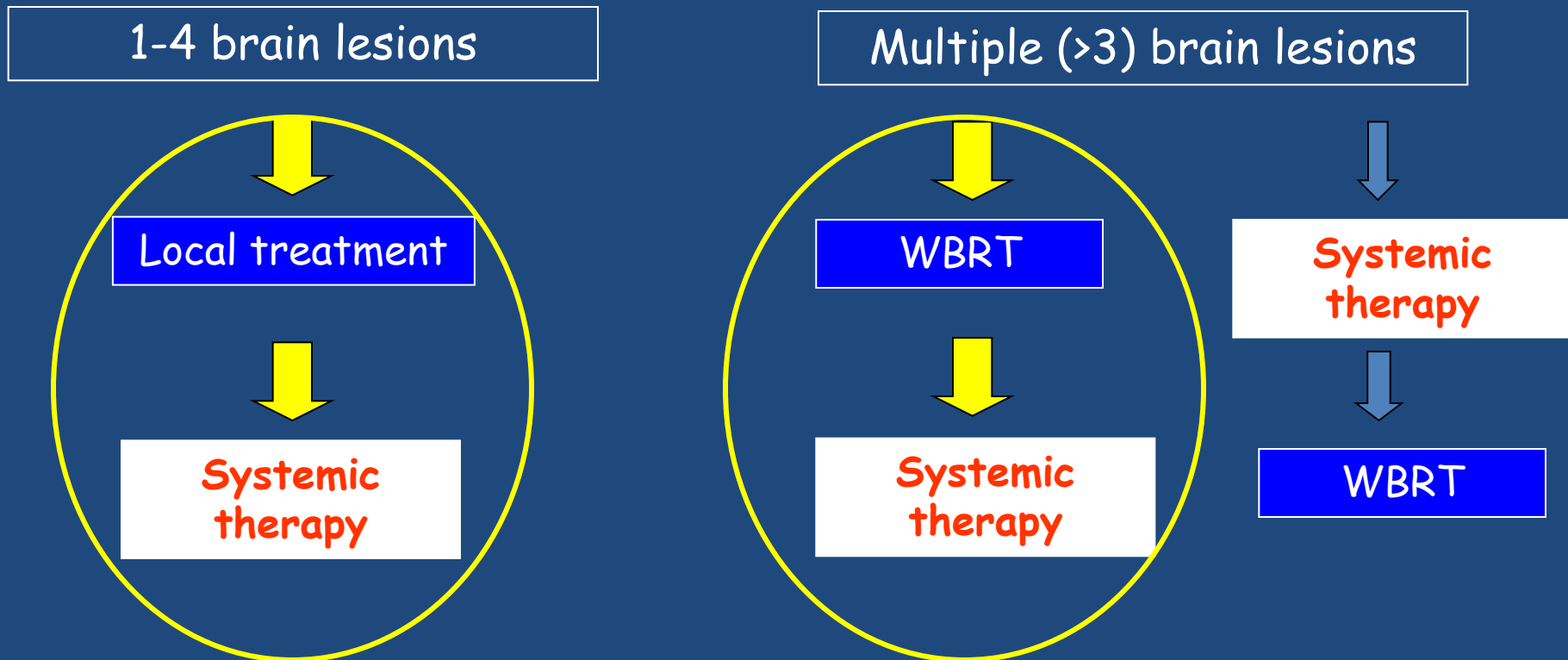
Causes of death

	PRE-Trastuzumab era	POST-Trastuzumab era	p
Park YH, BJC 2009			
Progression in the brain	46%	60%	ns
Progression in extra-CNS sites	37%	12%	0.014
Unknown	17%	28%	-
Bendell JC, Cancer 2003			
Progression in the brain	-	52%	-
Progression in extra-CNS +/- CNS sites	-	48%	-

Systemic therapy in brain metastases from HER2+ BC:

when?

Extracranial disease and ..



The choice of systemic therapy must be tailored on the following factors:
Performance Status and previous agents received

Systemic therapy in brain metastases from HER2+ BC:

what?

Newly diagnosed brain metastases
and
no PD at extracranial sites



•NOT switch systemic therapy anti-HER2-based

Newly diagnosed brain metastases
and
PD at extracranial sites



•HER2 targeted therapy according to the algorithms for treatment of HER2-MBC

Newly diagnosed, **asymptomatic** and low volume brain metastases, no treated with RT

▪ **Lapatinib + capecitabine**
phase II trial¹

Systemic therapy in brain metastases from HER2+ BC:

what?

Progression of brain metastases after RT (not candidate for re-irradiation)



..there are no randomized phase III trials evaluating systemic approaches in pts with progressive CNS metastases in BC



- **Lapatinib+capecitabine**¹⁻³
- **Trastuzumab+CT (?)**
- **T-DM1**⁴(?)
(In pretreated with T and with L)
- **Chemotherapy**

HER2+ BC and brain metastases: QUESTIONS

E- Screening of brain metastases

Recommendations on management for HER2+BC
and brain metastases :
ASCO 2014

Clinical Question D

Should patients with HER2-positive breast cancer be screened for development of brain metastases?

Recommendation VII (screening): VIIA. If a patient does not have a known history or symptoms of brain metastases, clinicians should not perform routine surveillance with brain magnetic resonance imaging. Evidence quality: low.

VII B. Clinicians should have a low threshold for performing diagnostic brain magnetic resonance imaging testing in the setting of any neurologic symptoms suggestive of brain involvement, such as new-onset headaches, unexplained nausea/vomiting, or change in motor/sensory function. Evidence quality: low. Recommendation strength: strong.

HER2+ BC and brain metastases: QUESTIONS

**G- Prevention of the CNS
metastases development?**

HER2+ BC and brain metastases

PREVENTION:

- WBRT (?)
- Lapatinib (?)



HER2+ BC, IV stage, and negative brain MRI at baseline (n=650)*

STRATIFICATION

prior Trastuzumab (Y/N) ; #line prior treat for MBC (0 vs ≥1)

RANDOMIZATION

LAPATINIB+
Capecitabine

TRASTUZUMAB+
Capecitabine

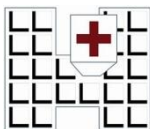
Primary endpoint:
Incidence of CNS metastases as first site of relapse

5%

3%

*Prior anthra or taxanes

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