# Il carcinoma mammario TN e immunoterapia: setting (neo)adiuvante: dalle evidenze della letteratura ala pratica clinica

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## Adjuvant/neoadjuvant treatment decision



# Goals of neoadjuvant therapy in breast cancer

- Make tumors more operable, increase the rate of breast conserving surgeries (breast + axilla)
- Have a better idea of prognosis based on response to neoadjuvant treatment
- Improve DFS and OS using pathological response rate for selection of subsequent treatment in individual patients

# Does pCR predict better outcome in different biologic subsets of breast cancer?

ER+, HER2-







Figure 5: Association between pCR and event-free survival, by breast cancer subtype

## pCR and EFS and OS by Breast Cancer Subtype Patient level Meta-analysis: 27,000 Patients



 common theme for neoadjuvant studies, which are typically powered for primary endpoint of pCR and not secondary long-term survival outcomes

Spring L et al. SABCS 2018



## Adjuvant chemotherapy after pCR



Blue: pCR without adjuvant chemotherapy Orange: pCR with adjuvant chemotherapy



Adjuvant Chemotherapy	Hazard Ratio (pCR and EFS)	95% PI
Yes <sup>1</sup>	0.36	0.19-0.67
No <sup>2</sup>	0.36	0.27-0.54

pCR was associated with significantly improved EFS in both groups, and there was no significant difference in Hazard Ratios between the two groups<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> >90% of patients received adjuvant chemotherapy
<sup>2</sup> No more than 10% of patients received adjuvant chemotherapy
<sup>3</sup> Paired T-test (difference in log-HR: 0.02, 95% PI: -0.75-0.73; p = 0.60)

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#### Adjuvant Capecitabine for Breast Cancer after Preoperative Chemotherapy

Patients with HER2-negative stage I-IIIB breast cancer Age 20-74 yr ECOG performance-status score of 0 or 1



	Capecitabine group (N=443)	Control Group (N=444)
Characteristics		
Median age Range	48 25-74	48 25-74
ER+ or PgR+ no. (%) ER-and PgR-	304 (69) 139 (31)	297 (67) 147 (33)
Neoadj CT no. (%) Seq anthra and tax Concurr anthra and tax	357 (81) 63 (14)	372 (84) 53 (12)



Masuda N N Engl J Med 2017;376:2147-59.



# Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy, Endocrine Therapy, and Targeted Therapy for Breast Cancer: ASCO Guideline

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#### **Recommendation 1.3**

 Neoadjuvant systemic therapy should be offered to patients with high-risk HER2-positive or triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) in whom the finding of residual disease would guide recommendations related to adjuvant therapy.



Strength of

Evidence-based

benefits outweigh harms

**Evidence Quality** 



### **Recommendation 3.2**

 Patients with cT1a or cT1bN0 TNBC should not routinely be offered neoadjuvant therapy outside of a clinical trial.





## **KEYNOTE-522: study design**



#### **Primary End Point:**

pCR /ypT0/is ypN0) assessed by local pathologist in ITT population EFS

Schmid, NEJM 2020

## **KEYNOTE-522: pCR**

Primary End Point: ypT0/is N0

**Primary End Point:** by PD-L1 status\*



\* PD-L1 assessed using the IHC 22C3 assay and measured using the CPS; PD-L!-positive = CPS  $\geq 1$ 

Schmid, NEJM 2020

## **KEYNOTE-522: EFS**



### **KEYNOTE-522: Immune mediate EAs in the combined phase**



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## IMpassion031: Phase III atezolizumab neoadjuvant study in eTNBC<sup>1,2</sup>

A randomised, multicentre, international, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



Co-primary endpoints: pathologic complete response (pCR, ypT0/is ypN0) in ITT and PD-L1–positive (IC ≥ 1%) subpopulation

#### Secondary endpoints: EFS, DFS, and OS in ITT and in PD-L1-positive subpopulation, safety, PROs

\* Postsurgical management of patients was at the discretion of the treating investigator and based on local practice guidelines.

pCR, pathologic complete response; PD-L1 IC, PD-L1-expressing tumor-infiltrating immune cells as percentage of tumor area using the VENTANA SP142 assay; PRO, patient-reported outcome; g2w, every 2 weeks, g3w, every 3 weeks, gw, every week.

1. Mittendorf E, et al. SABCS 2017 [abstract 17-OT2-07-03]. 2. ClinicalThals.gov.

https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT03197935. Accessed 11 August 2020.



One-sided significance boundary P = 0.0184 (accounting for the adaptive enrichment design). P = 0.0085 for the intersection hypothesis of pCR in the ITT and PD-L1-positive population. Harbeck et al. IMpassion031 Primary Analysis https://bit.ly/3ji97cn

#### pCR (95% CI), ypT0/is ypN0 (PD-L1-positive) A 19.5% (4.2, 34.8) 100 P = 0.021b Did not cross significance 90 boundary of 0.0184 68.8% 80 2 pCR (95% CI) 70 49.3% 60 50 40 30 20 10 53/77 37/75 0 Atezolizumab-Placebo-Chemo Chemo

#### Implications of all the available evidence

The IMpassion031 results showed that addition of atezolizumab to neoadjuvant chemotherapy with nab-paclitaxel followed by doxorubicin plus cyclophosphamide provides clinical benefit in the potentially curable setting of early-stage TNBC. Patients derived pathological complete response benefit regardless of PD-L1 status.

## **NeoTRIP: study design**

ER and PgR negative, HER2-negative, early high risk (cT1N1; T2N1; T3N0) or locally advanced unilateral breast cancer

Carboplatin + nab-paclitaxel weekly for 2 wks every 3 for 8 cycles	S	AC/EC/FEC for 4 cycles	FOL
Carboplatin + nab-paclitaxel weekly for 2 wks every 3 for 8 cycles + Atezolizumab day 1 every 3 wks for 8 cycles	S	AC/EC/FEC for 4 cycles	

**Primary End Point:** EFS (5 years)

Secondary End Point: pCR, tolerability

# **NeoTRIP: pCR**



Variable	Effect	OR (95%CI)	P value
Treatment	With Atezo vs. no Atezo	1.11 (0.88-1.40)	0.39
PD-L1 expression	Positive vs. negative	0.84 (0.66-1.06)	0.15

## **Clinical Question 3**

• What neoadjuvant systemic therapy regimens are recommended for patients with TNBC?

#### **Recommendation 3.1**

 Patients with TNBC who have clinically node positive and/or at least T1c disease should be offered an anthracycline- and taxanecontaining regimen in the neoadjuvant setting.





#### **Recommendation 3.2**

 Patients with cT1a or cT1bN0 TNBC should not routinely be offered neoadjuvant therapy outside of a clinical trial.

#### **Recommendation 3.3**

 Carboplatin may be offered as part of a neoadjuvant regimen in patients with TNBC to increase likelihood of pCR. The decision to offer carboplatin should take into account the balance of potential benefits and harms.



Intermediate



Moderate

### **Recommendation 3.4**

• There is insufficient evidence to recommend routinely adding the immune checkpoint inhibitors to neoadjuvant chemotherapy in patients with early-stage TNBC.





## **Post-neoadjuvant: trial in progress**

## SWOG S1418

TNBC with >/=1 cm residual invasive breast cancer or any + LN after neoadjuvant chemotherapy N=1000



