

Advancement in HER2-Directed Therapy for Breast Cancer

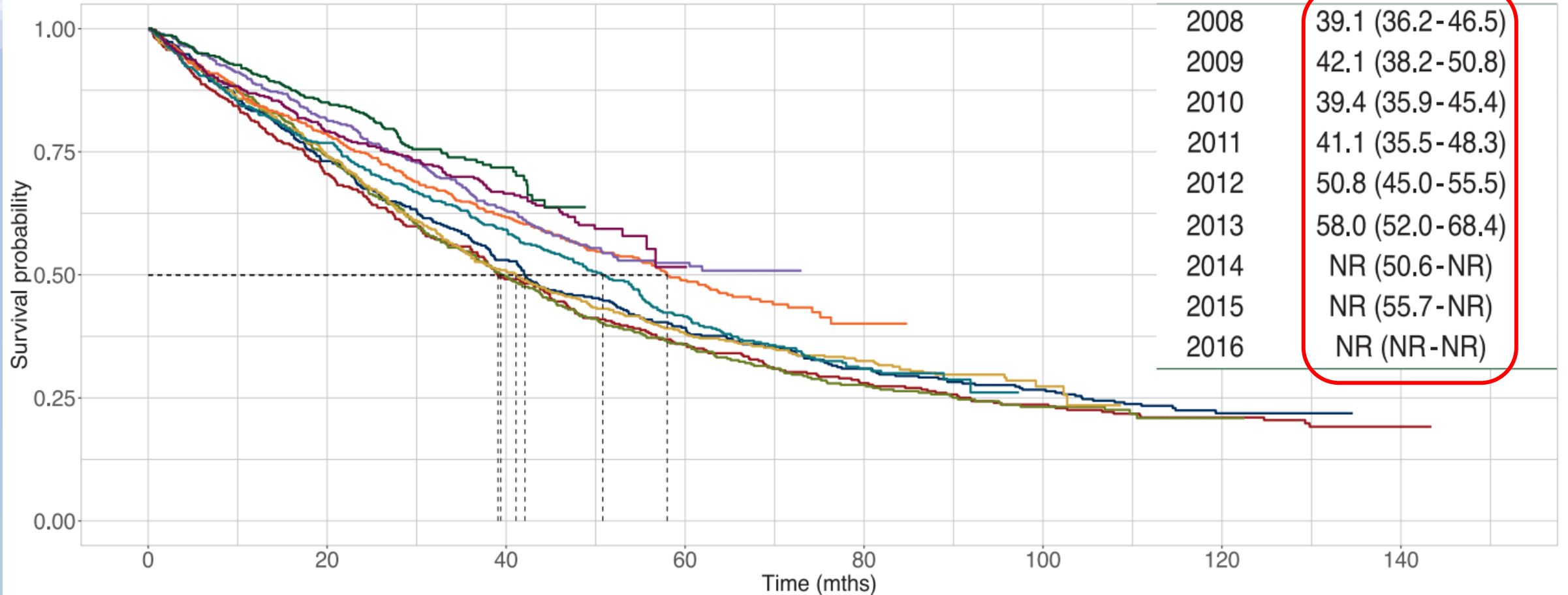
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- **HER2+ metastatic breast cancer (mBC)**
- **HER2 low mBC**

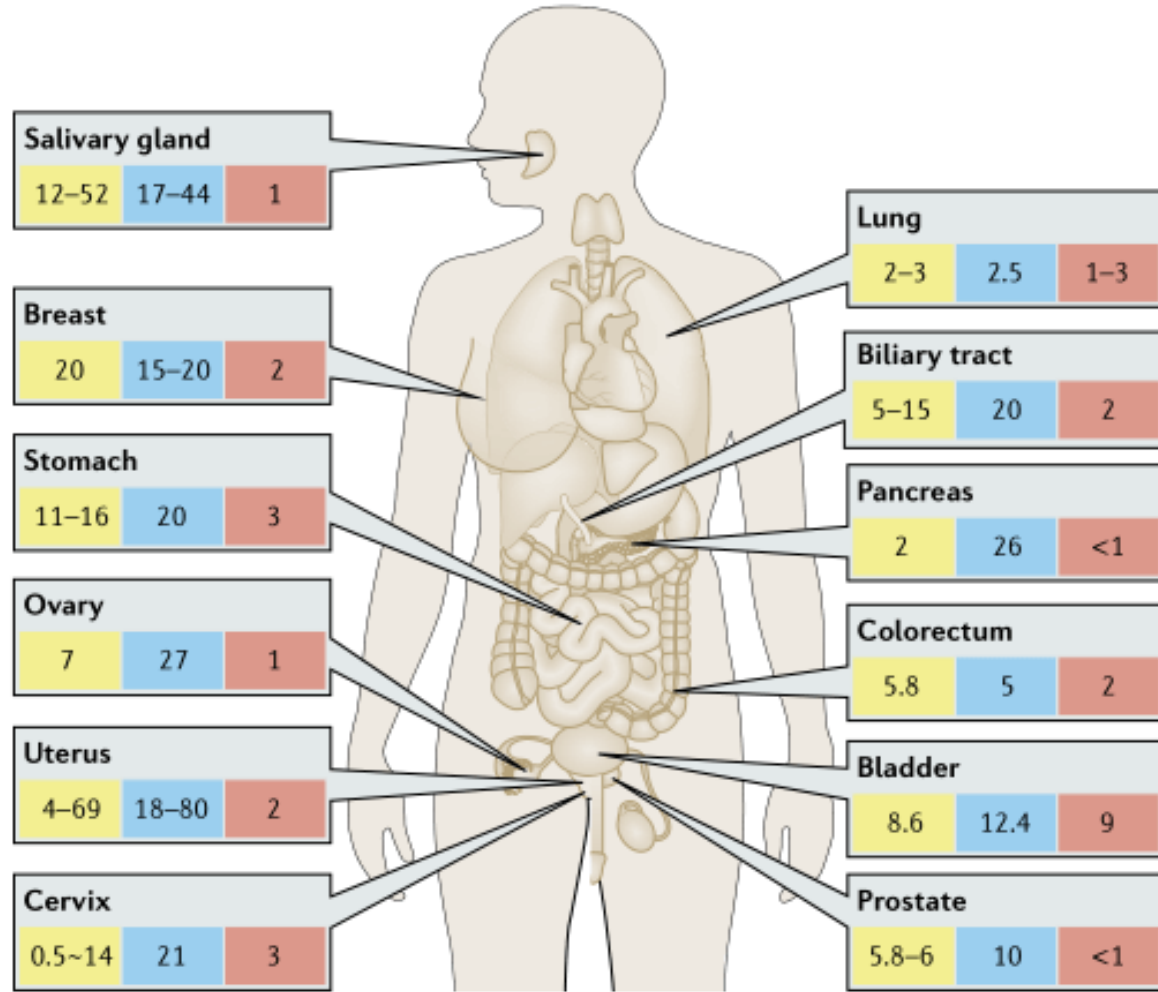
Overall Survival in HER2 + mBC by Year of Diagnosis

Based on Kaplan–Meier estimates

YOD — 2008 — 2010 — 2012 — 2014 — 2016
 — 2009 — 2011 — 2013 — 2015



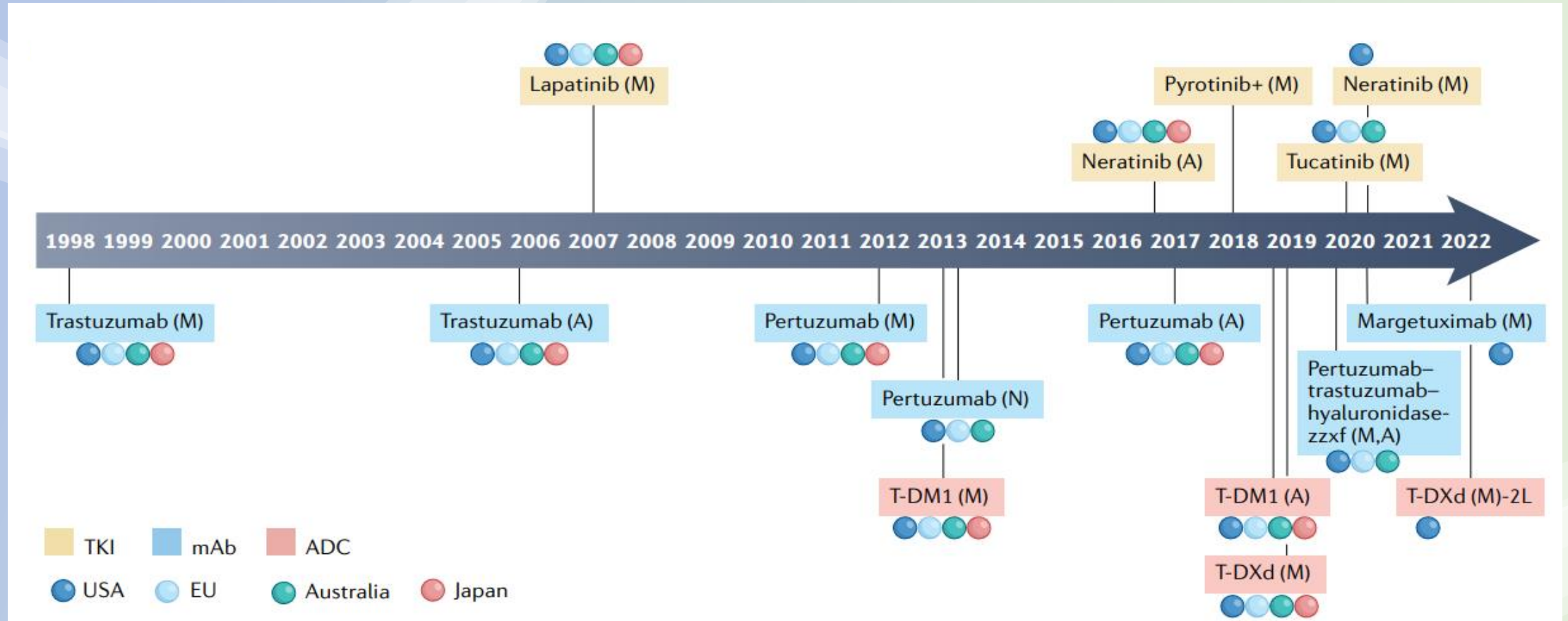
HER2 abnormality



Approval of HER2 targeted therapy

- **Monoclonal Antibody (mAb):** Trastuzumab, Pertuzumab, Margetuximab
- **Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor (TKI):** Tucatinib, Lapatinib, Neratinib
- **Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC):** T-DM1, T-Dxd

Approval of HER2 targeted therapy



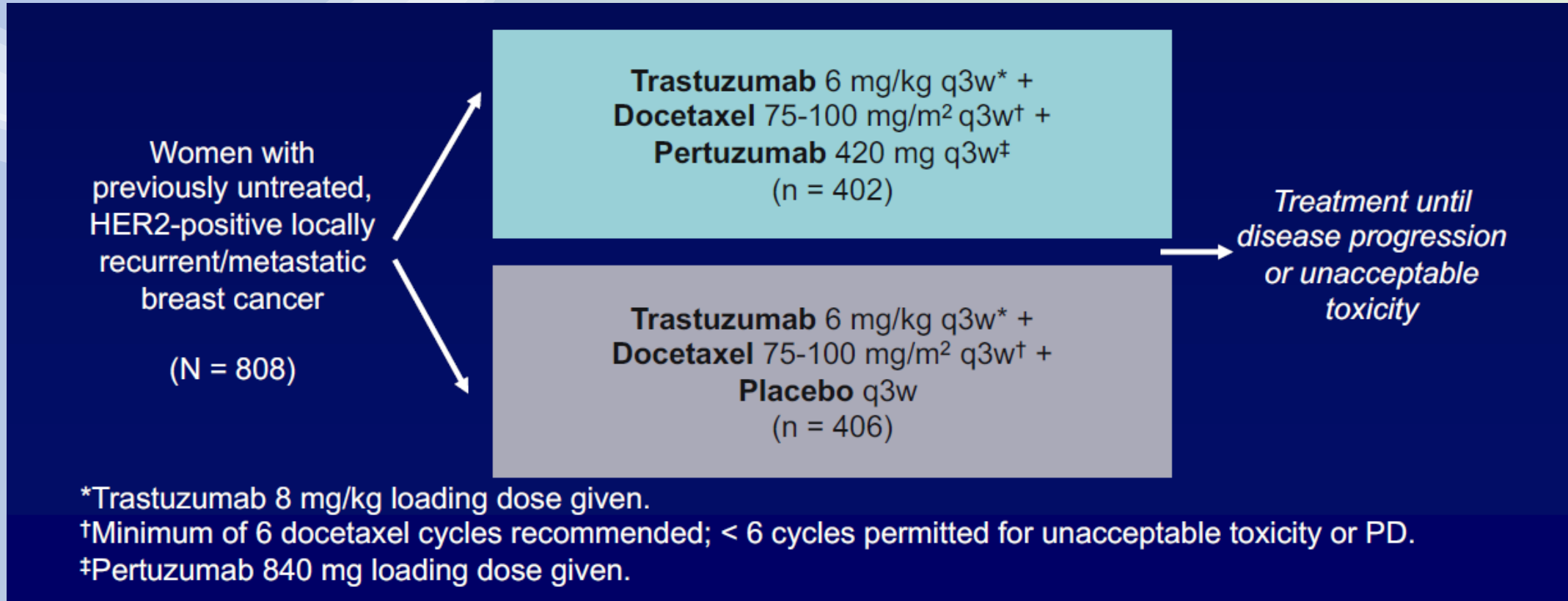
A. Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant setting
M. Metastatic setting

TKI: Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor
mAb: Monoclonal Antibody
ADC: Antibody Drug Conjugate

1L Therapy *for HER2+ mBC*

- **Taxane+Trastuzumab+Pertuzumab (THP)** - CLEOPATRA
- **T-Dxd +/- Perutuzumab** - Destiny Breast -09

CLEOPATRA Study Design

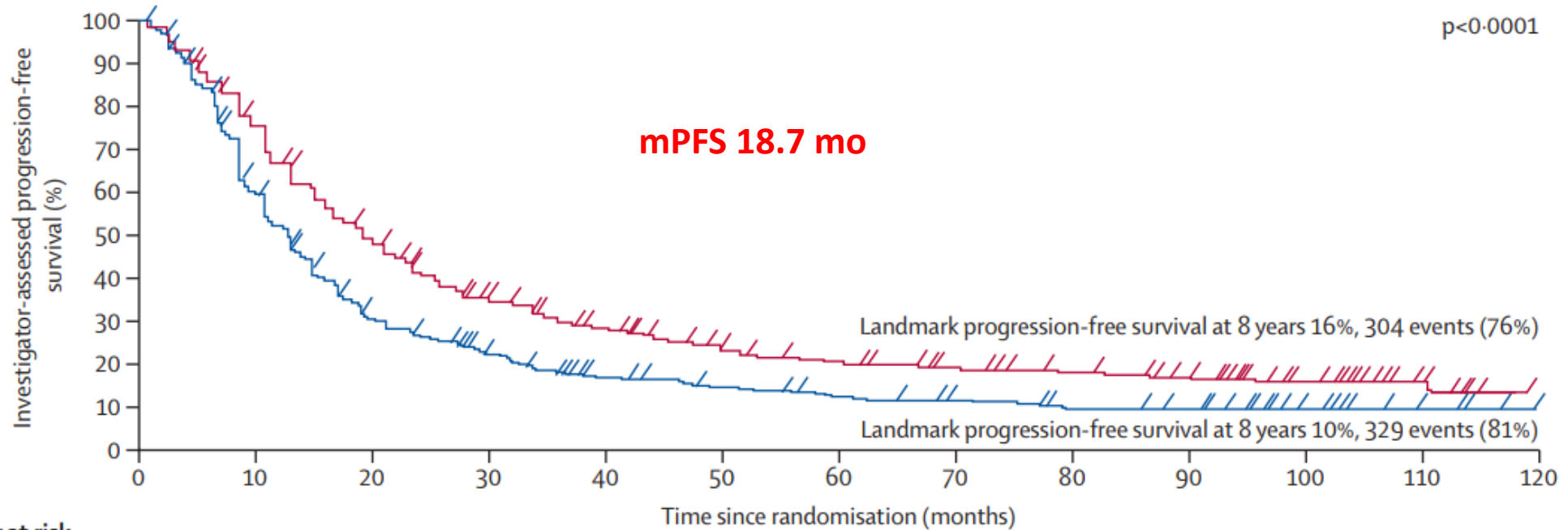


Primary endpoint: PFS

Secondary endpoint: OS, Safety

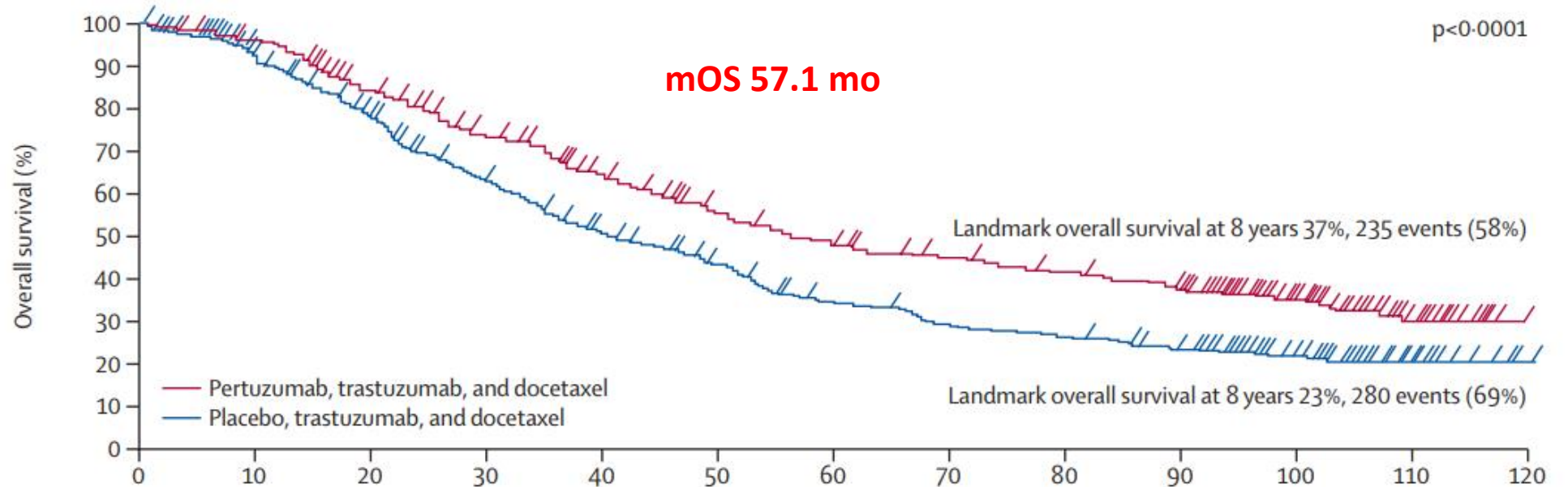
CLEOPATRA End-of-Study Results

Median follow up ~100 months



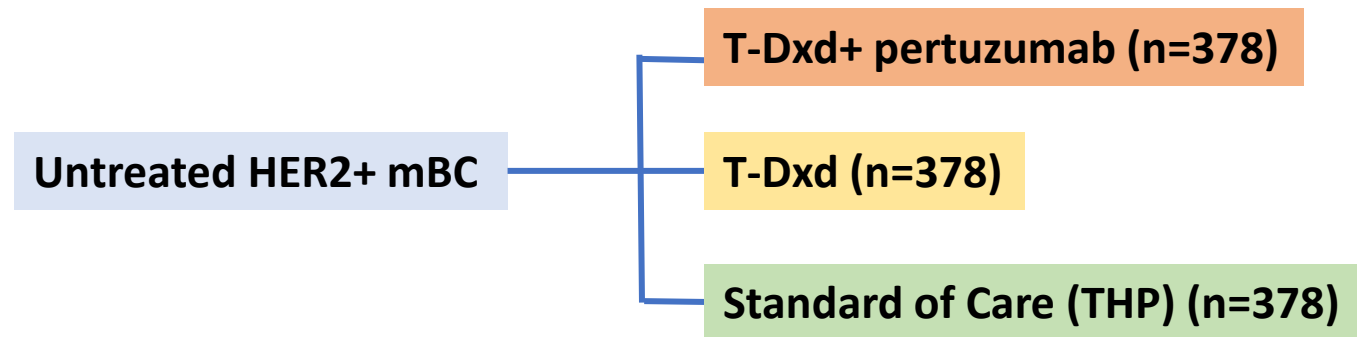
at risk

THP is the current standard 1L therapy for HER2+ mBC



Things might change... Destiny-Breast 09 Study

DB09- T-Dxd (Trastuzumab deурaxican) with or without pertuzumab vs THP (Taxane, trastuzumab and pertuzumab) in HER2-positive, untreated mBC



Primary Endpoint: PFS

2L Therapy *for HER2+ mBC*

- **TDM1 - EMILIA**
- **T-Dxd - Destiny Breast -03**
- **Tucatinib+Capcitabine+Trastuzumab - HER2CLIMB**

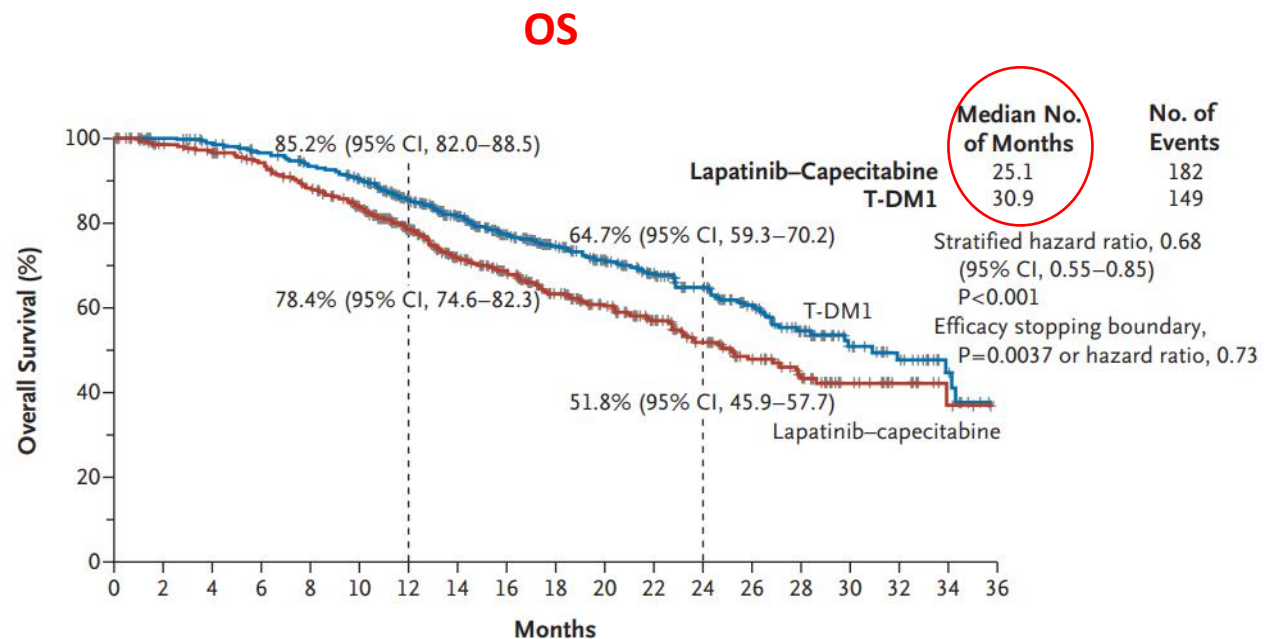
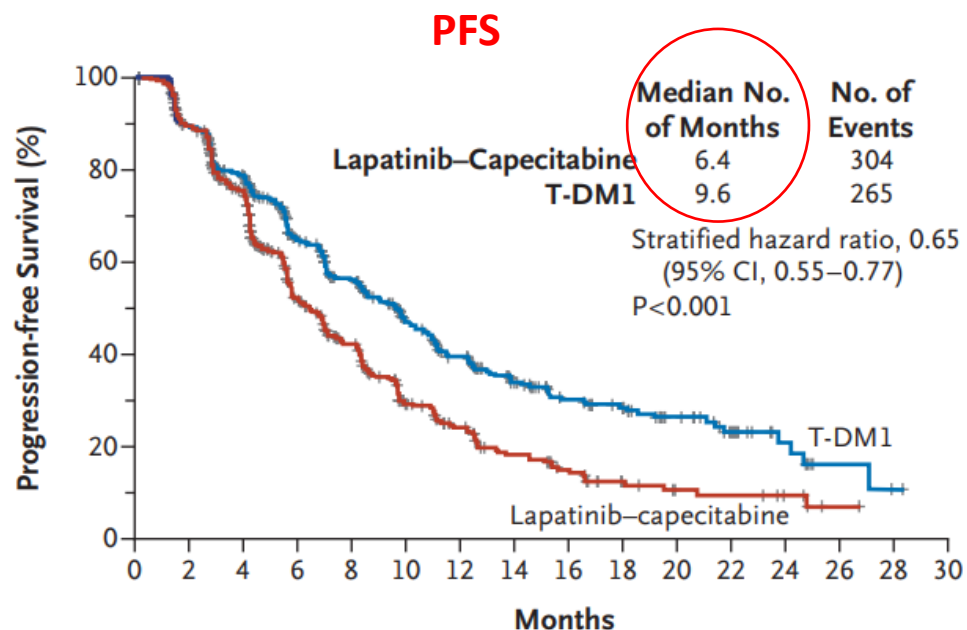
EMILIA Study

- HER2+ mBC
- Progressed on trastuzumab and taxane

T-DM1

1:1

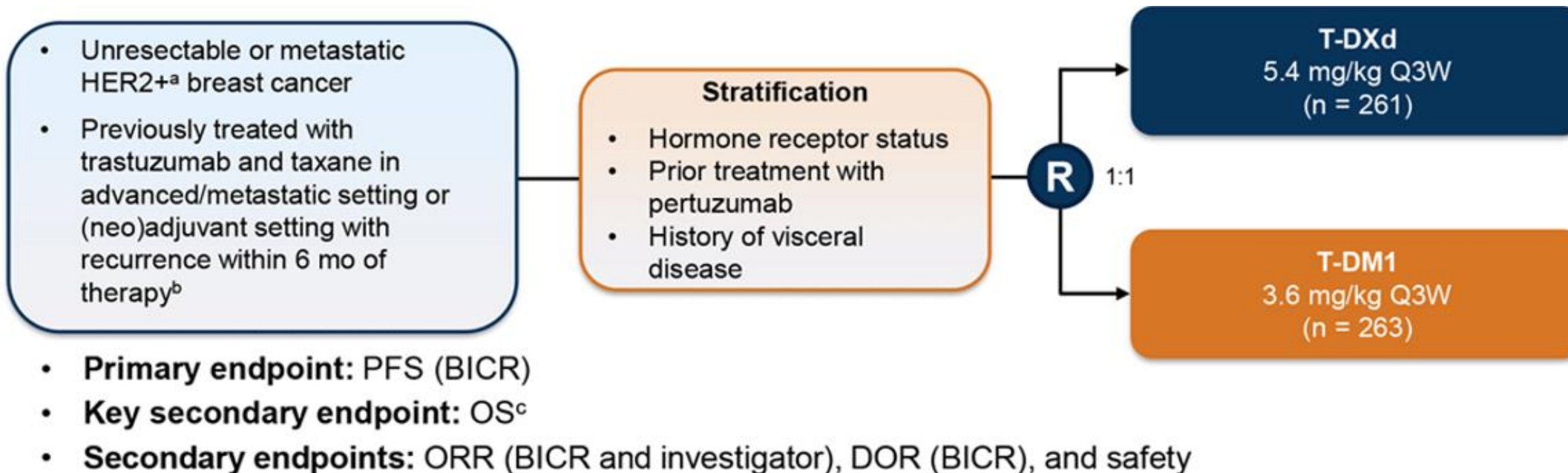
Lapatinib + Capecitabine



TDM1 became the standard 2L therapy for HER2+ mBC

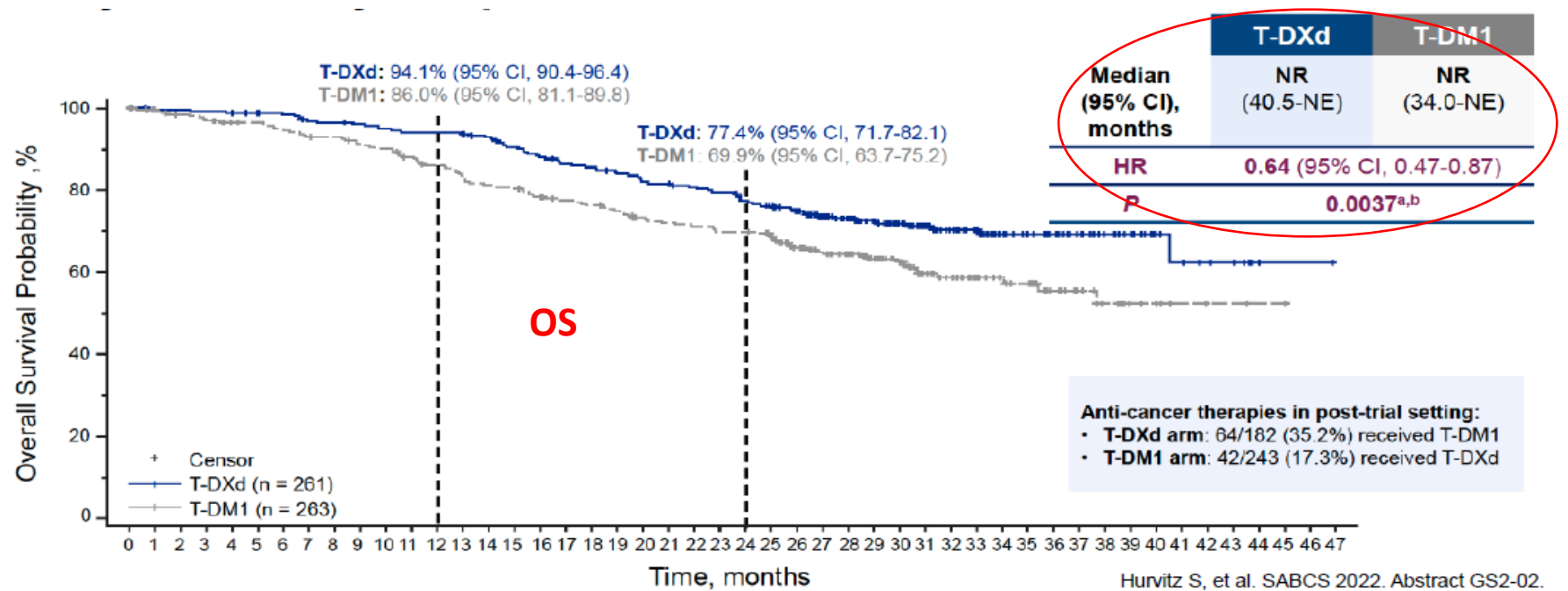
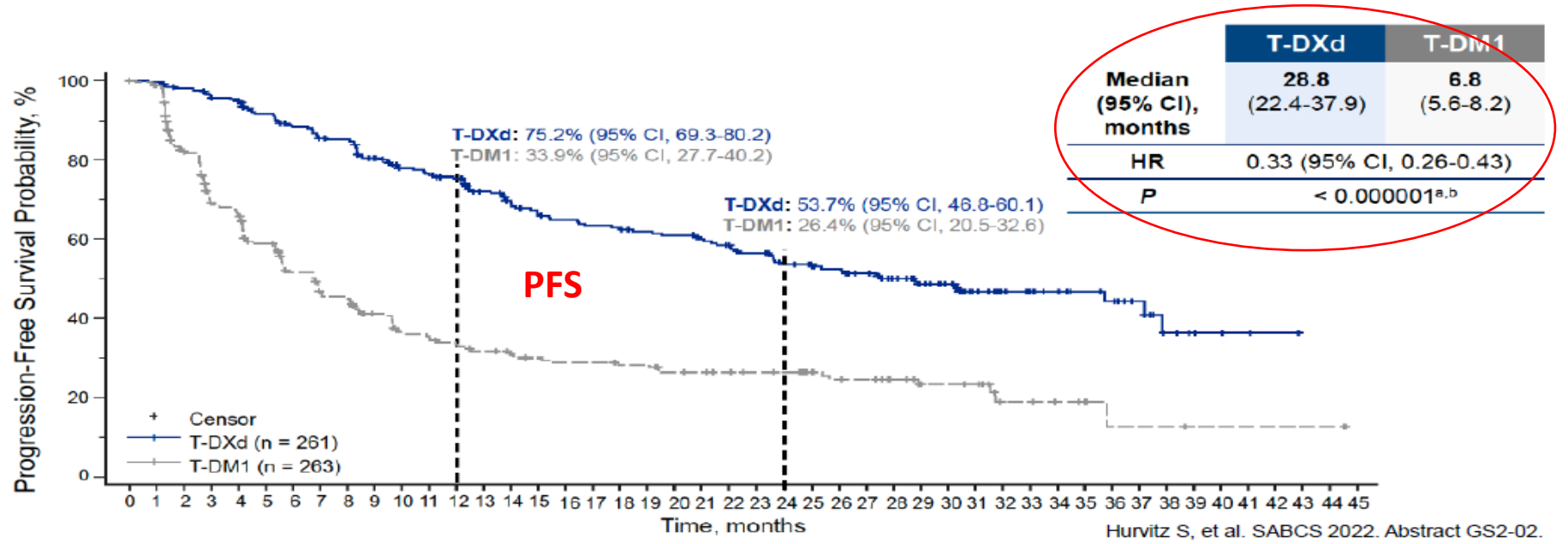
Things have changed...Destiny-Breast 03

Destiny-Breast 03 Study Design



DB 03: PFS and OS

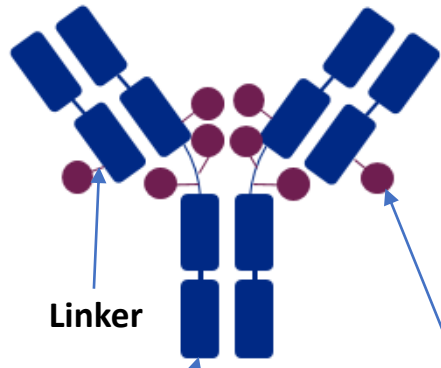
T-Dxd has replaced TDM1 and become the standard 2L therapy for HER2+ mBC



Characteristic Difference Between T-DXd and T-DM1

Both are Antibody Drug Conjugate

**Trastuzumab
deruxtecan
(T-DXd)**



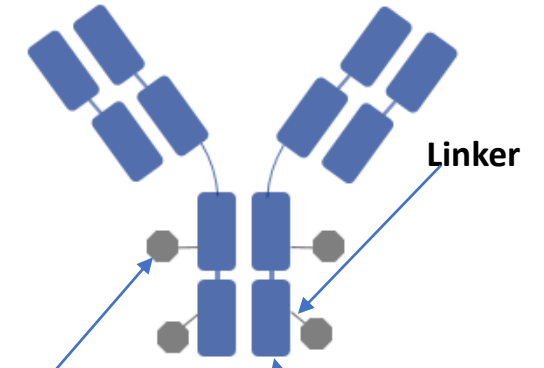
Anti-HER2 antibody

Linker

Payload (the drug):
Topoisomerase I inhibitor

T-DXd	ADC Attributes	T-DM1
Topoisomerase I inhibitor	Payload MoA	Anti-microtubule
~8:1	Drug-to-antibody ratio	~3.5:1
Yes	Tumor-selective cleavable linker?	No
Yes	Evidence of bystander anti-tumor effect?	No

**Trastuzumab
emtansine
(T-DM1)**



Anti-HER2 antibody

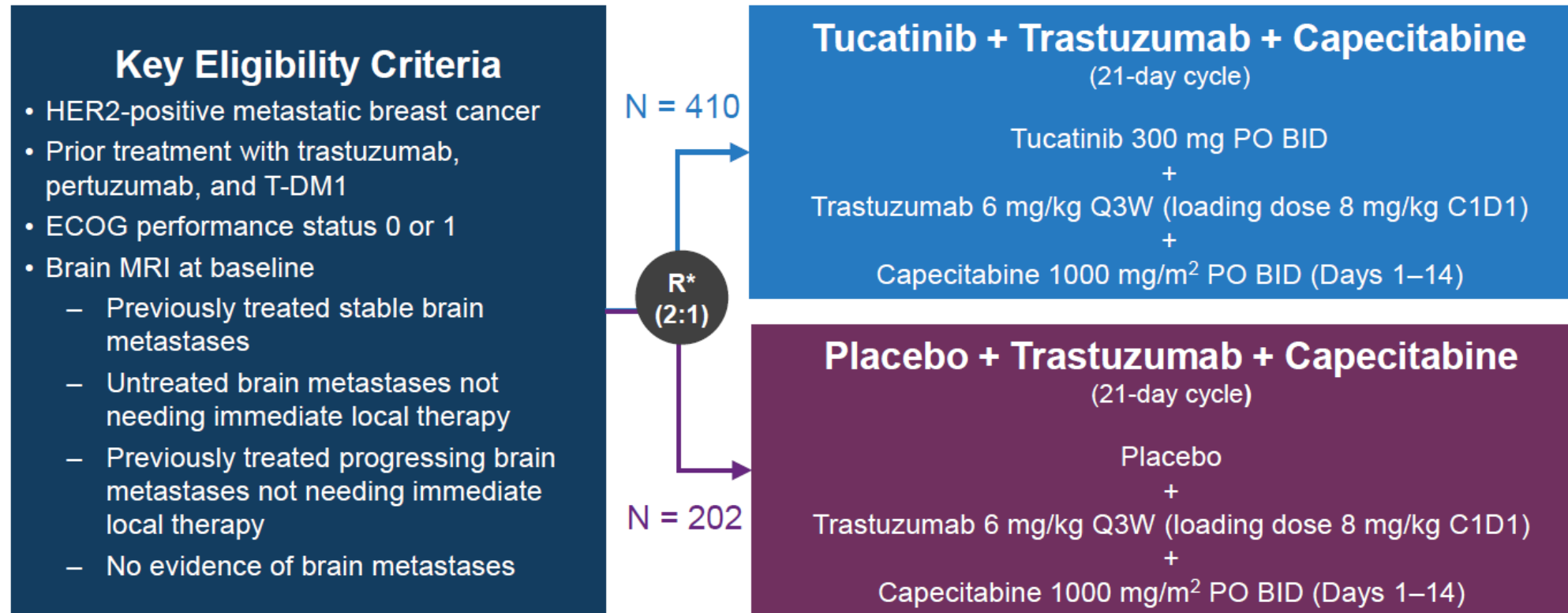
Linker

Payload (the drug):
Anti-microtubule

Anti-HER2 antibody

Other 2L therapy option – HER2CLIMB

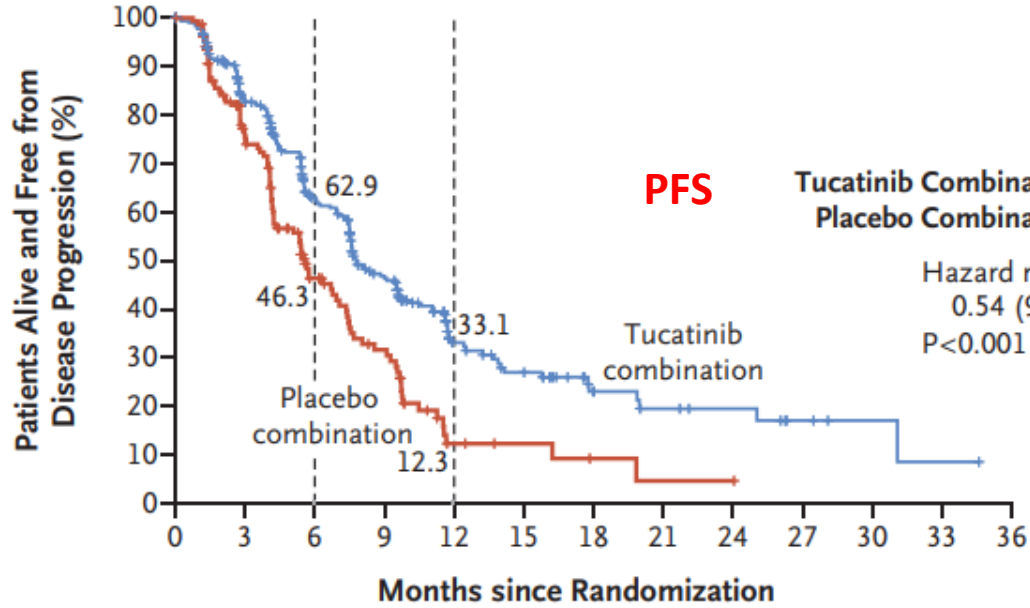
HER2CLIMB Study Design



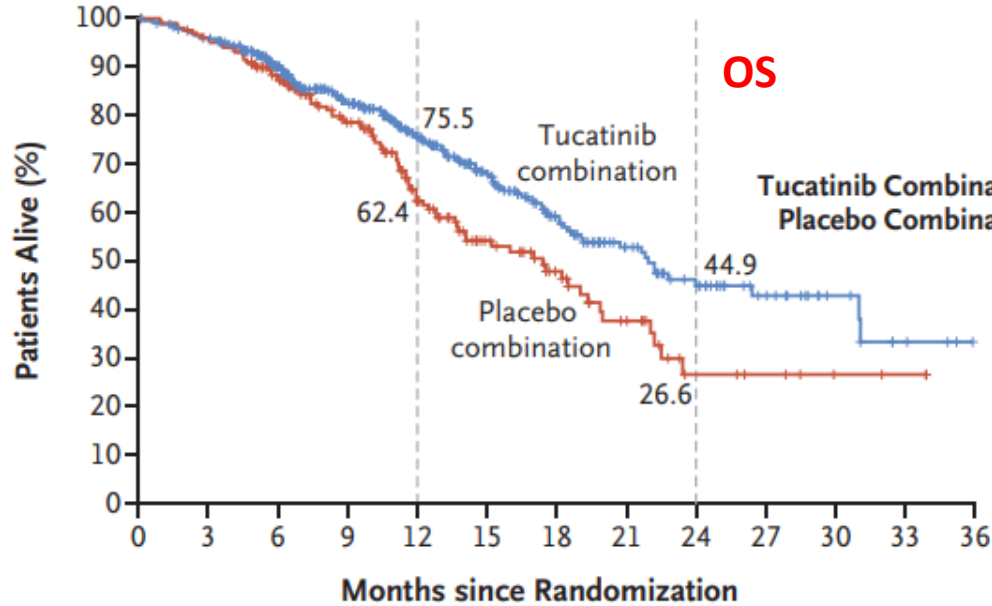
HER2CLIMB: PFS and OS

2020, FDA approved this regimen for HER2+mBC after at least 1L of therapy

Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Progression-free Survival



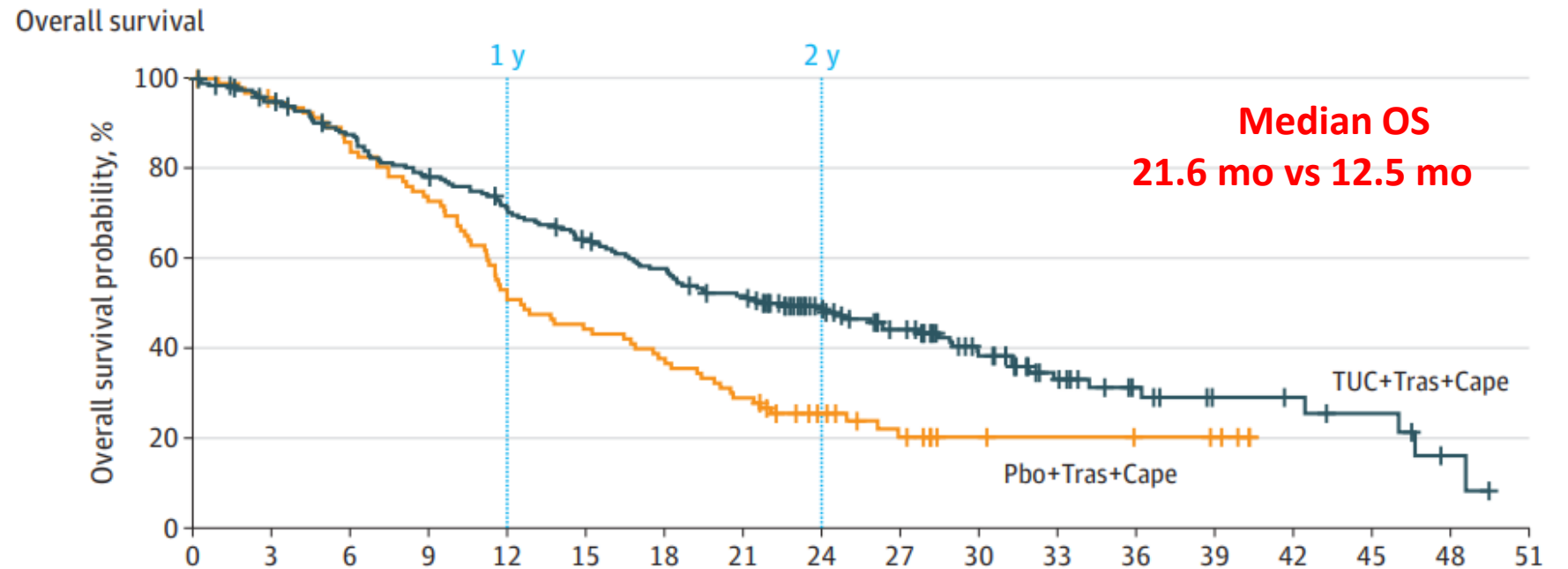
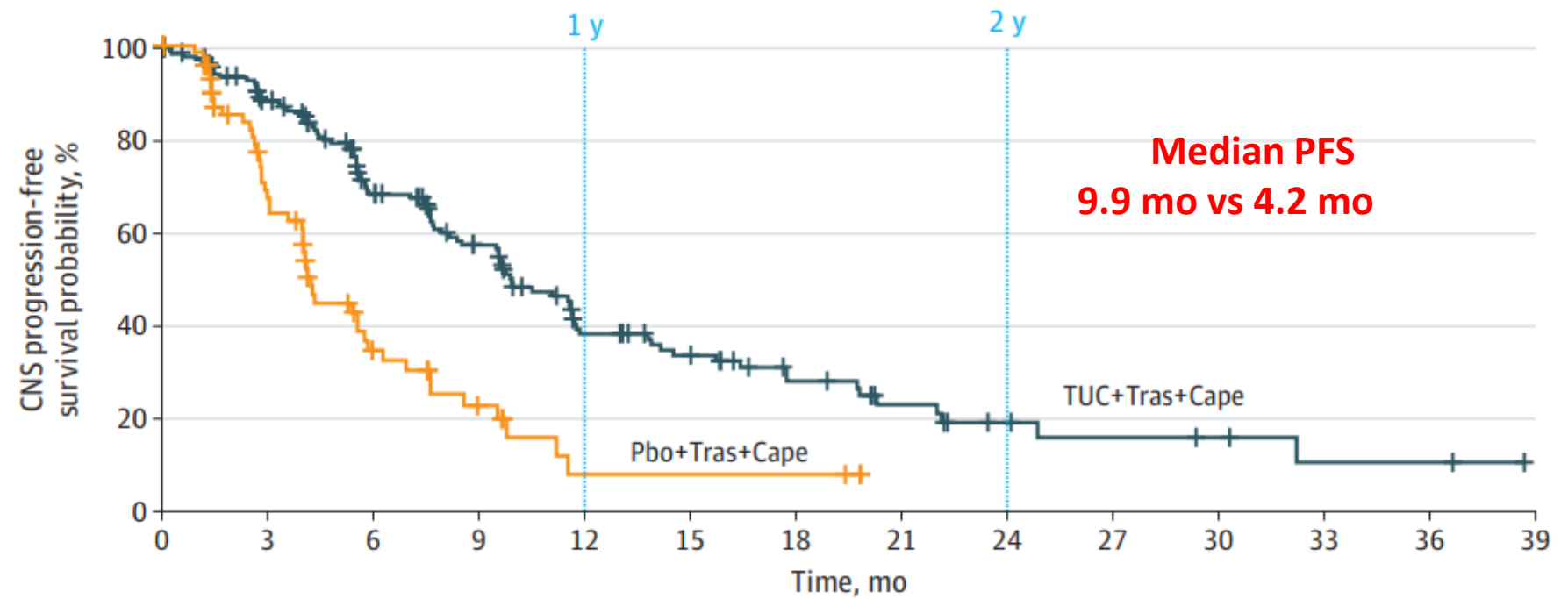
Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Overall Survival



HER2CLIMB:

Patients with Brain Metastases

**Tucatinib triplet is
the Preferred
regimen for
patients with brain
metastases**

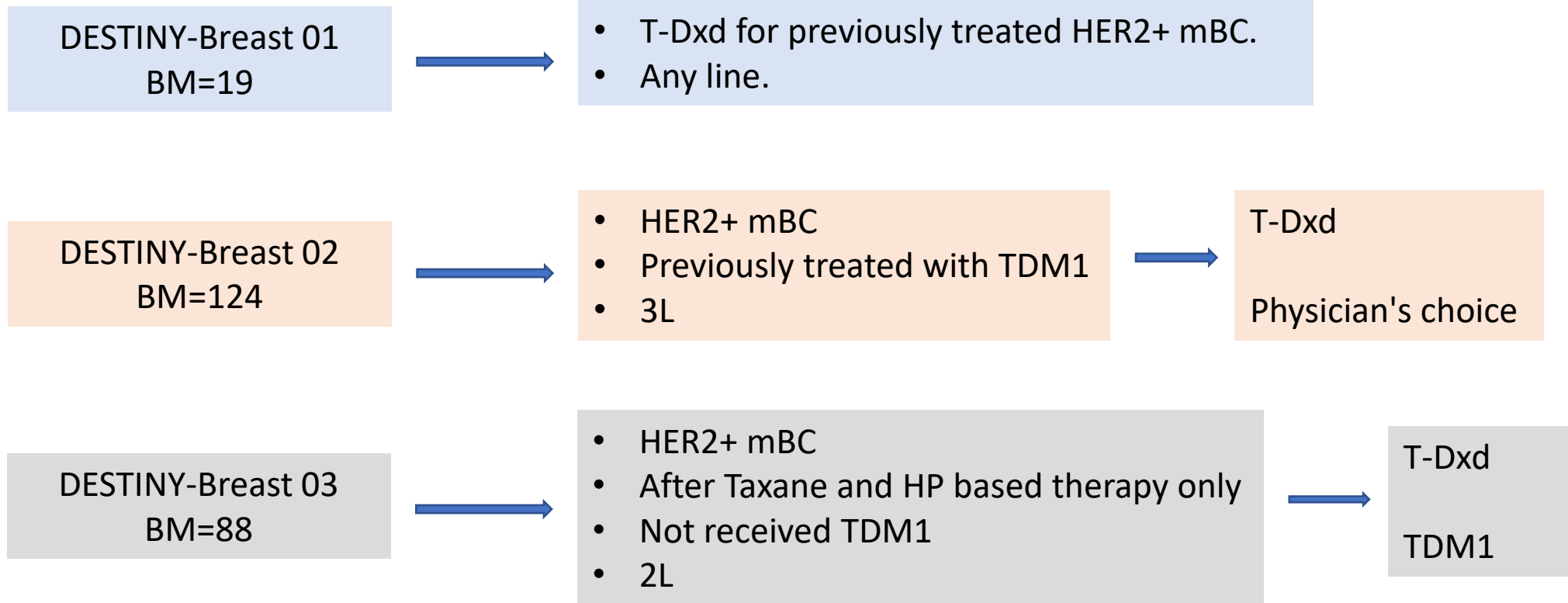


Second Line Therapy *for HER2+ mBC*

- TDM1 **→ 4L**
- T-Dxd **2L or 3L**
- Tucatinib + Capecitabine + trastuzumab **2L or 3L**
(Preferred for patients with brain met)

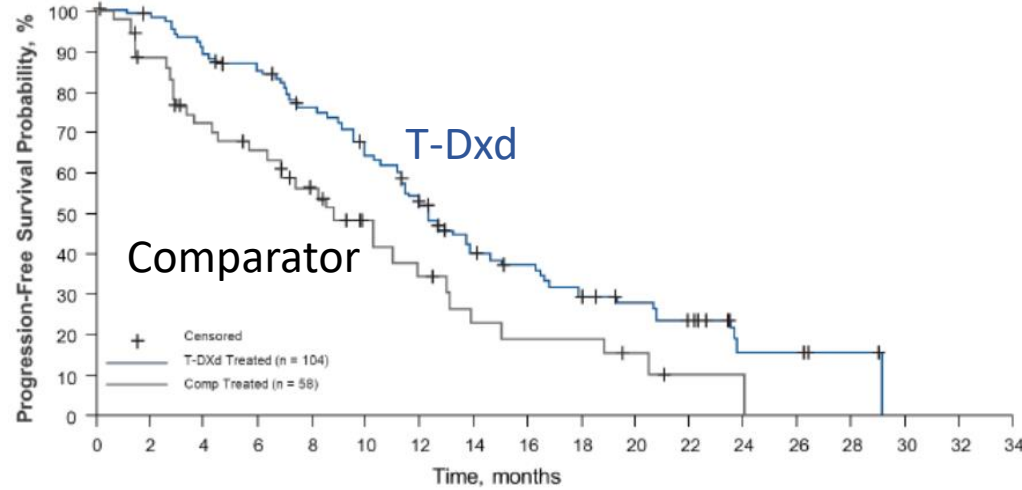
Preferred regimen for brain met may change...

DESTINY-Breast 01, 02, and 03 Pooled analysis of T-dxd in HER2+ mBC with Brain Metastases (BM)



DESTINY-Breast 01, 02, and 03 Pooled analysis of T-dxd in HER2+ mBC with BM

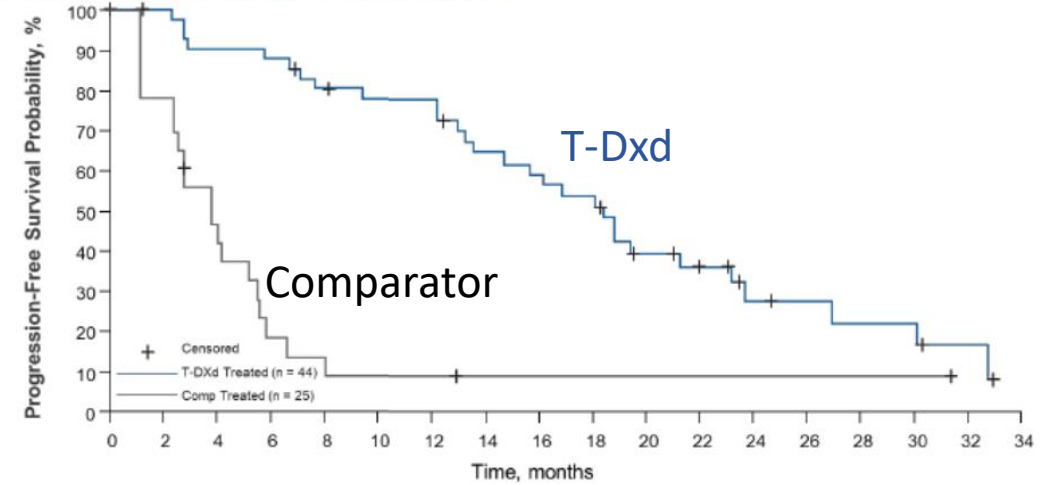
CNS-PFS in Treated/Stable BMs



Patients still at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
T-DXd Treated (n = 104)	104	100	89	83	72	58	46	32	28	21	18	12	4	4	2	0	0	0
Comparator Treated (n = 58)	58	44	33	29	22	14	10	6	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

CNS-PFS in Untreated/Active BMs



Patients still at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
T-DXd Treated (n = 44)	44	41	37	36	32	30	30	24	22	20	13	11	6	5	4	4	2	0
Comparator Treated (n = 25)	25	18	11	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0

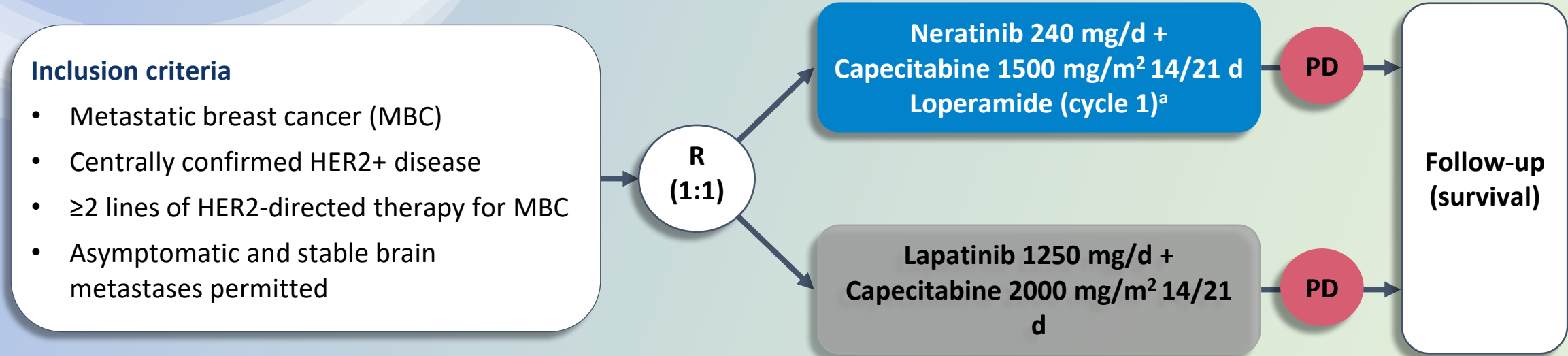
Treated/Stable BM	T-DXd n=104	Comparator (n=58)
Median CNS-PFS, mo (95% CI)	12.3 (11.1-13.8)	8.7(6.3-11.8)
HR (95% CI)	0.59 (0.39, 0.89)	

untreated/active BM	T-DXd n=44	Comparator (n=25)
Median CNS-PFS, mo (95% CI)	18.5(13.6,23.3)	4.0(2.7, 5.7)
HR (95% CI)	0.19 (0.11, 0.35)	

4L therapy and Beyond *for HER2 + mBC*

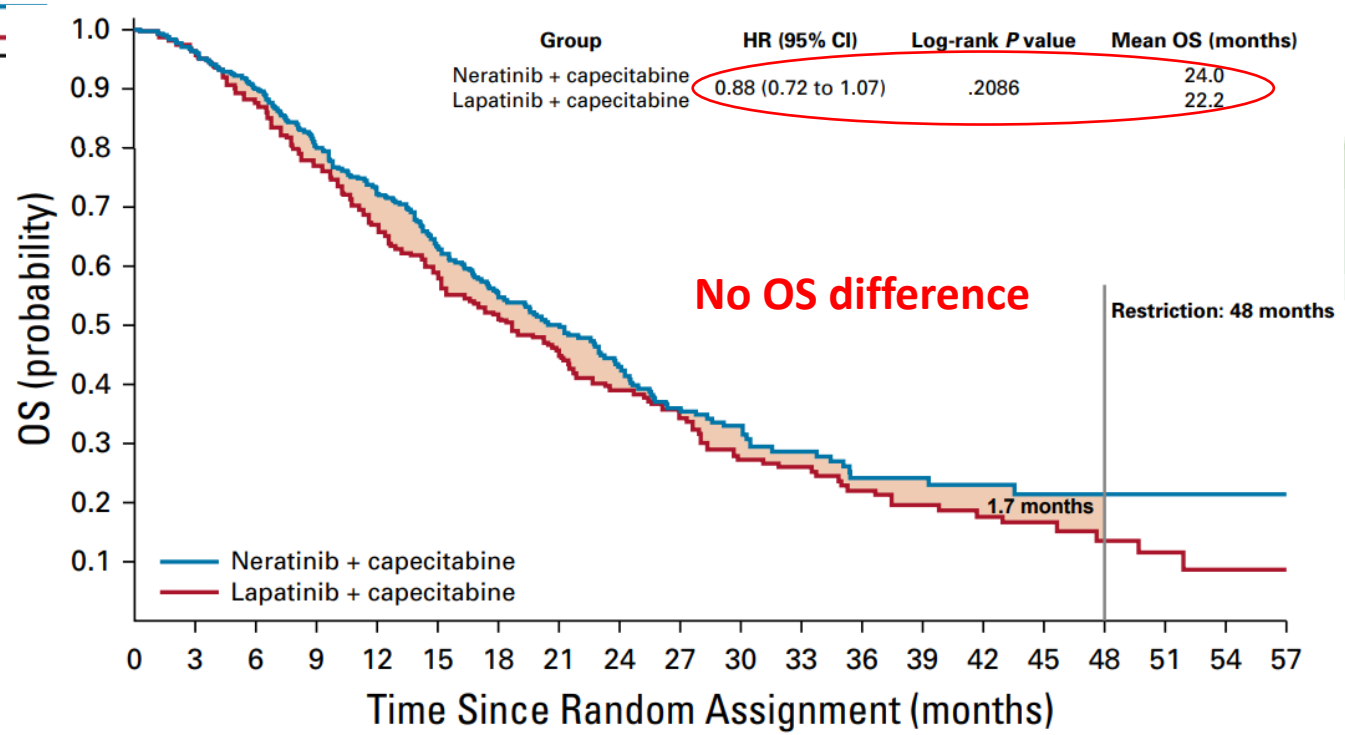
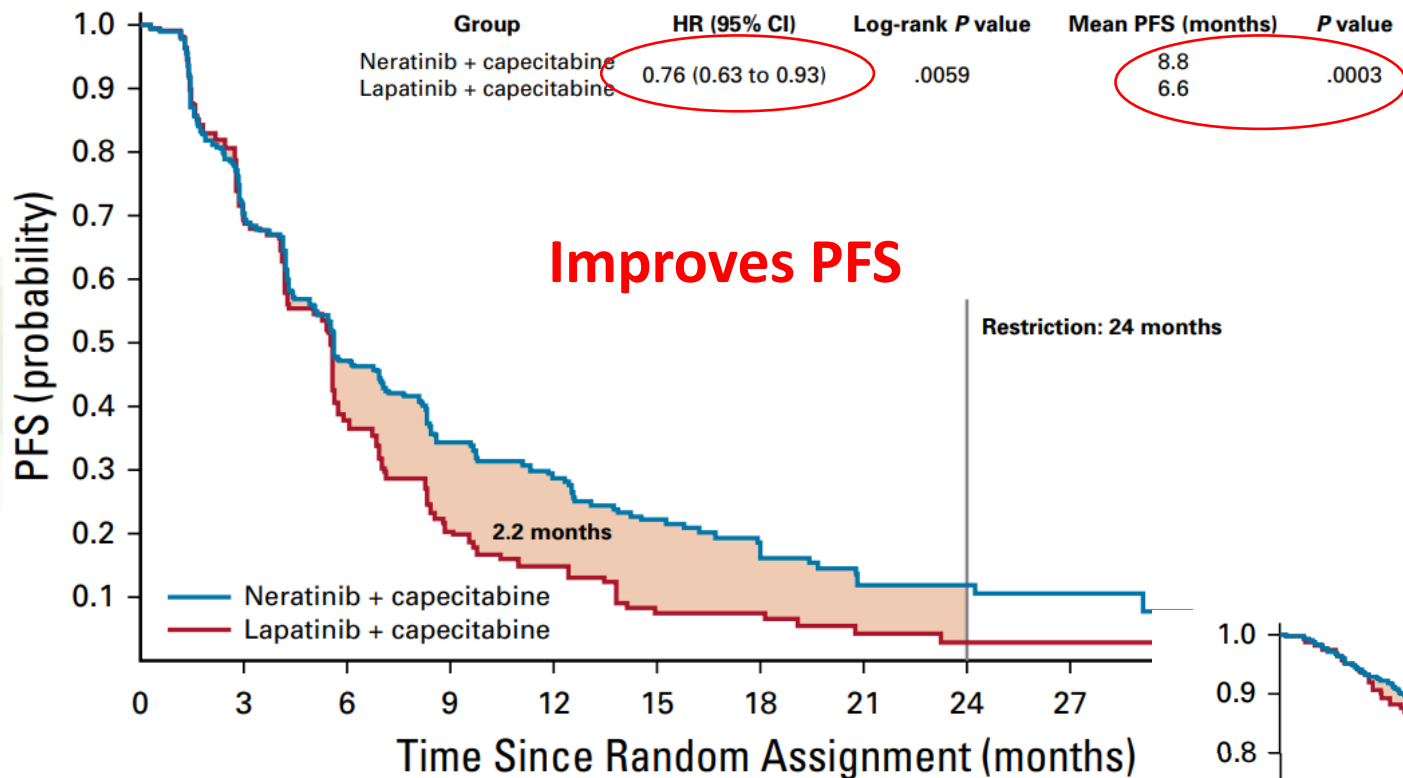
➤ **Neratinib + Capecitabine** - NALA Study

NALA Study Design



Endpoints

- Co-primary: PFS (centrally confirmed) and OS



Evolution of PFS and OS of HER2+ mBC with different regimen

	mPFS	mOS
Taxan, Trastuzumab, Pertuzumab (1L)	18.7	57.1
T-Dxd (2L)	28.8	NR
Tucatinib, Capecitabine, Trastuzmab (2L, 3L)	7.8	21.9
T-DM1 (>3L)	9.6	30.9
Neratinib + Capecitabine (> 3L)	8.8	24

1. SM Swain, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020
2. SA Hurvitz et al. Lancet 2023
3. R.K. Murthy et al. NEJM 2020
4. C. Saura, et al. JCO. 2022
5. Verma S, et al. NEJM. 2012

On Going Studies for HER2+ Breast Cancer

Table 1 | Select HER2-targeted antibody–drug conjugates in development

Drug name (company)	Linker type	Payload	Payload MOA	DAR	Clinical trial ID	Clinical trial data	Reference
Trastuzumab duocarmycin (Synthon/Byondis B.V.)	Cleavable	Duocarmycin (vc-seco-DUBA)	DNA alkylator	2.8	NCT04602117 (phase I), NCT03262935 (phase III)	Phase III trial SYD985 vs TPC: median PFS 7 vs 4.9 mo; HR 0.64, $P=0.002$	Saura Manich et al. ¹⁴⁴
Disitamab vedotin (RC48-ADC) (RemGen Co./Seagen)	Cleavable	MMAE	Microtubule inhibitor	4	NCT02881190 (phase I), NCT03500380 (phase II), NCT04400695 (phase III)	Phase I trial in HER2 ⁺ cancers: ORR 15%; DCR 45%	Xu et al. ²¹⁶
A166 (Kluss Pharma/ Sichuan Kelun-Biotech Biopharmaceutical Co. Ltd)	Cleavable	Duo-5	Microtubule inhibitor	2.8	CTR20181301 NCT03602079 (phase I)	Phase I trial in advanced solid tumours: ORR 59-71% based on the dose, DCR ~85%	Hu et al. ²¹⁷
ALT-P7 (Alteogen, Inc.)	Cleavable	MMAE	Microtubule inhibitor	2	NCT03281824 (phase I)	Phase I trial in HER2 ⁺ MBC: DCR 72%, CBR 32%	Park et al. ²¹⁸
ARX788 (Ambryx)	Non-cleavable	AS269- synthetic dolastatin	Microtubule inhibitor	2	CTR20171162 (phase I), NCT04829604 (phase II)	Phase I trials in HER2 ⁺ MBC: ORR 66%; DCR 100%	Hurvitz et al. ²¹⁹
BB-1701 (Bliss Biopharmaceutical)	Cleavable	Eribulin	Microtubule inhibitor	4	NCT04257110 (phase I)	Not applicable	Not applicable
DB-1303 (Duality Bio, Inc.)	Cleavable	DXd derivative	Topoisomerase 1 inhibitor	8	NCT05150691 (phase I)	Not applicable	Not applicable
DX126-262 (Hangzhou DAC)	Unknown	Tubulysin	Microtubule inhibitor	NR	CTR20191224 (phase I)	Not applicable	Zhang et al. ²²⁰
FS-1502/IKS014 (Shanghai Fosun Pharmaceutical Industrial Development Co, Ltd)	Unknown	MMAE	Microtubule inhibitor	NR	NCT03944499 (phase I)	Not applicable	Fasching ²²¹
Zanidatamab zovodotin (ZW49) (Zymeworks, Inc.)	Cleavable	Auristatin based	Microtubule inhibitor	2	NCT03821233 (phase I)	Phase I trial in advanced solid tumours. ORR 13%; DCR 50%; CBR 25%; MTD not reached	Jhaveri et al. ²²²

- **HER2+ metastatic breast cancer**

- **HER2 low, ultra low, and zero breast cancer**

- **Definition**

- **Distribution**

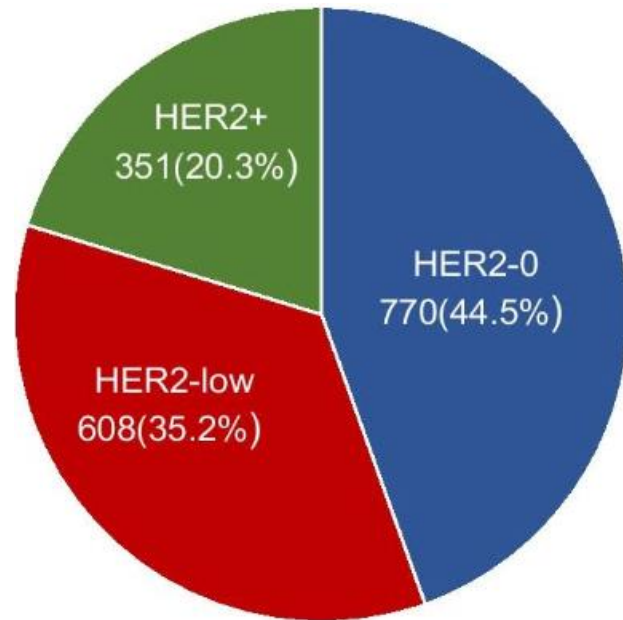
- **Why it matters**

HER2 Low Definition

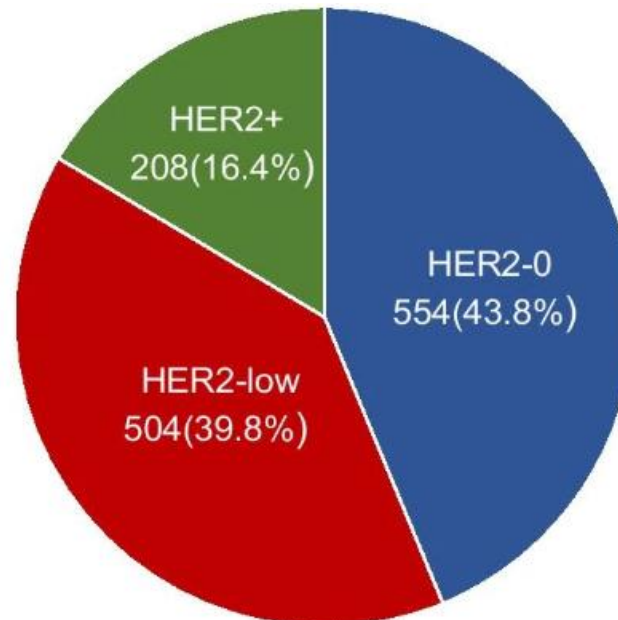
IHC score	HER2 FISH	HER2 status
0	N/A	Negative
1+	N/A	Negative
2+	Not Amplified	Negative
3+	N/A	Positive

HER2 Low

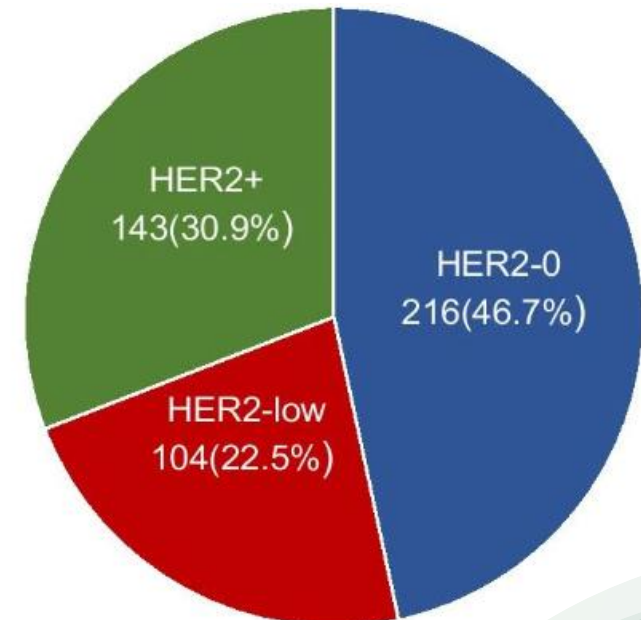
HER2 Low Breast Cancer Distribution



All
(n=1,729)



HR+
(n=1,266)

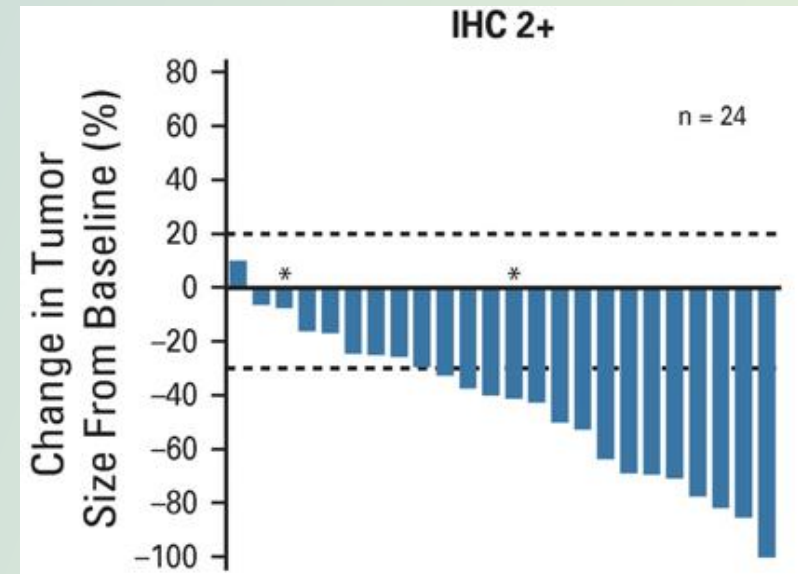
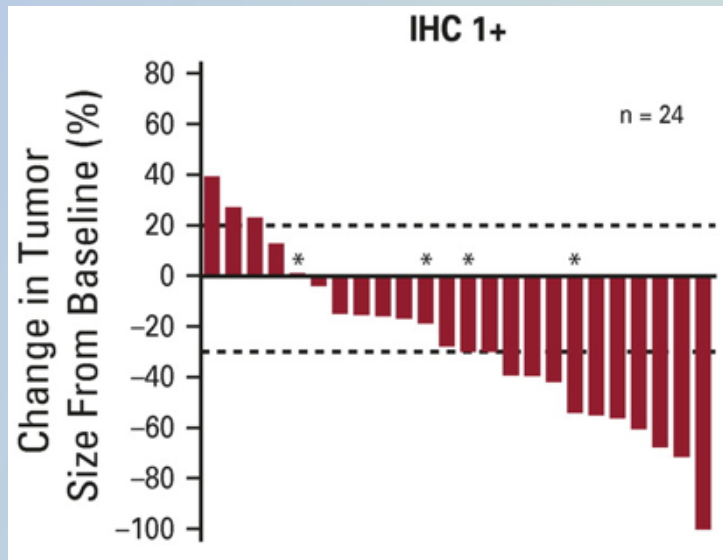
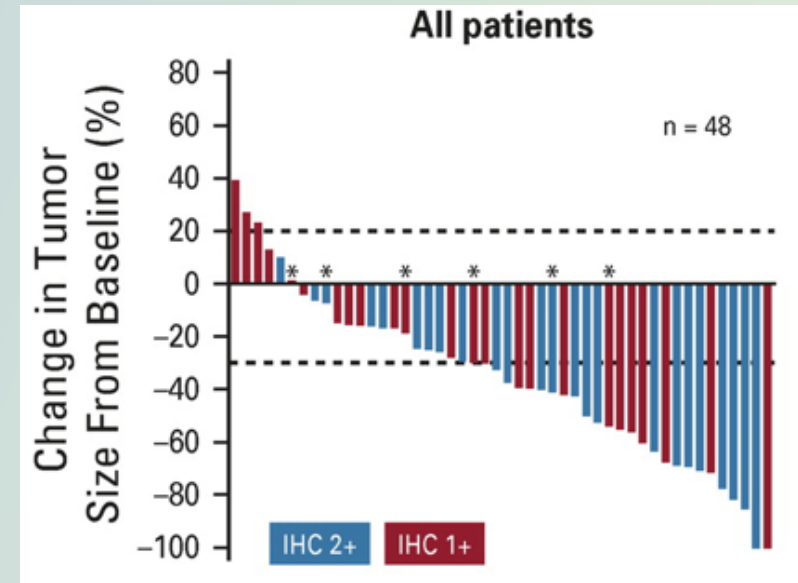


HR-
(n=463)

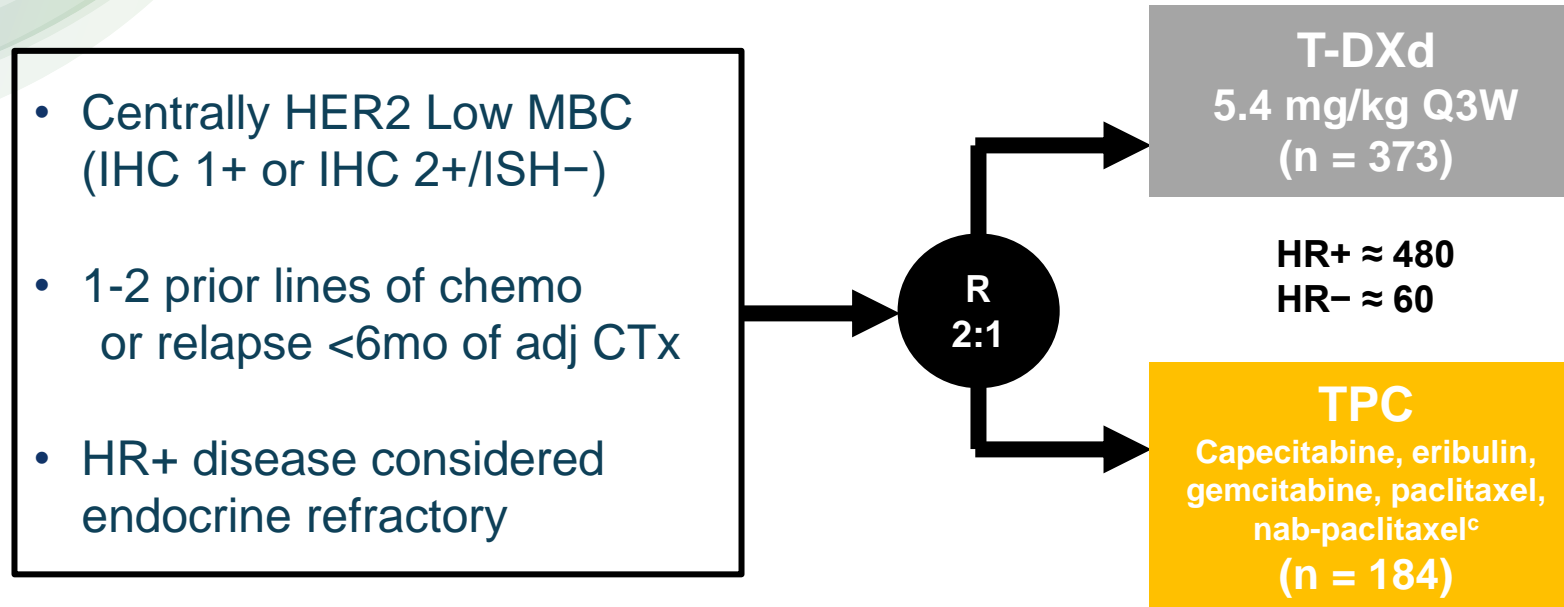
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- HER2+ metastatic breast cancer
 - **HER2 low, ultra low, and zero breast cancer**
 - Definition
 - Distribution
 - **Why HER2 low matters**

T-DXd in HER2-Low mBC

- HER2 Low mBC
- Median prior lines: 7.5
- ORR = 37%
- mDOR = 10.4 mo
- mPFS = 11 mo



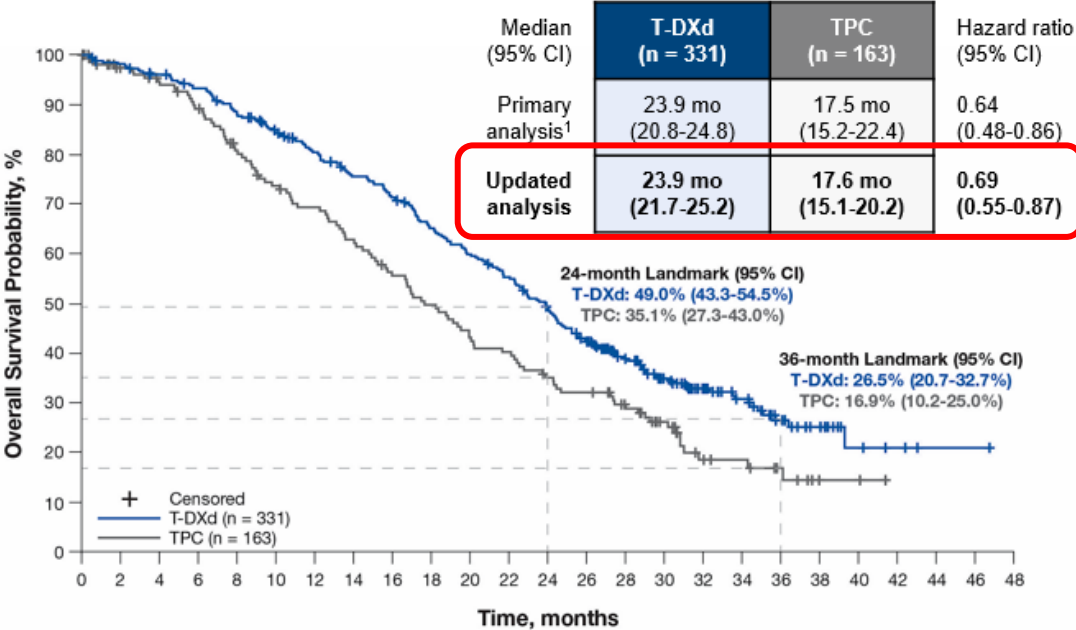
DESTINY-Breast 04: Phase 3 Study of T-DXd for HER2-low mBC



Primary endpoint: PFS

DB-04: Overall Survival (med 32 mo f/u)

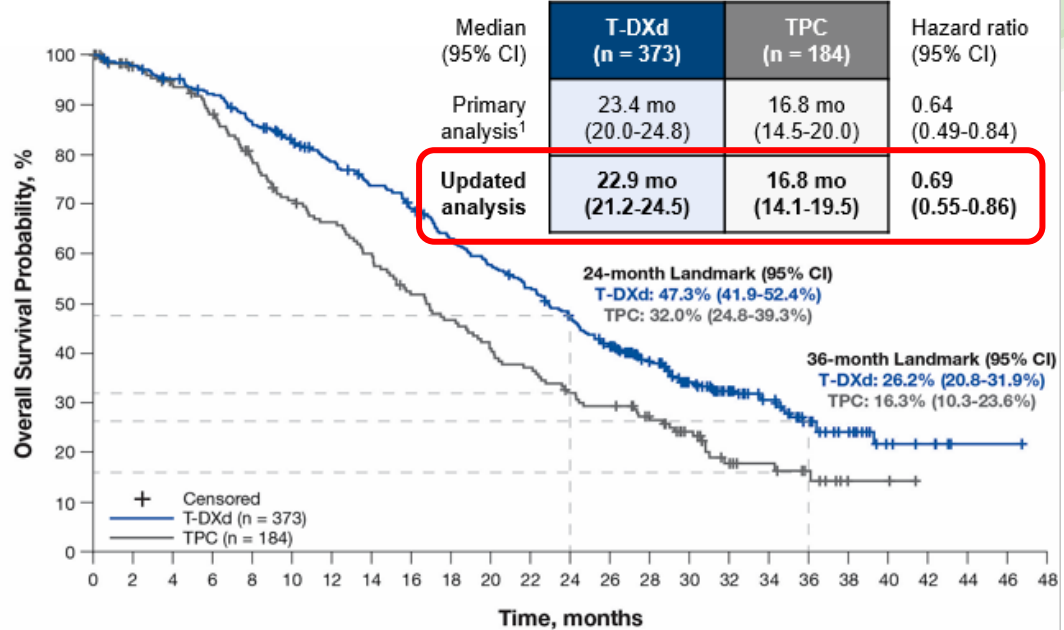
HR+ Cohort



Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 331)	331	325	323	317	313	307	302	292	284	279	267	258	250	243	233	230	220	212	199	189	183	176	168	156	147	135	124	109	94	81	72	66	54	46	42	34	23	17	14	7	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	0
TPC (n = 163)	163	150	144	142	138	134	129	123	114	108	103	97	96	92	87	82	76	71	68	64	59	56	55	50	47	43	43	42	35	31	25	16	13	11	11	9	7	5	2	2	2	1	0					

All Patients



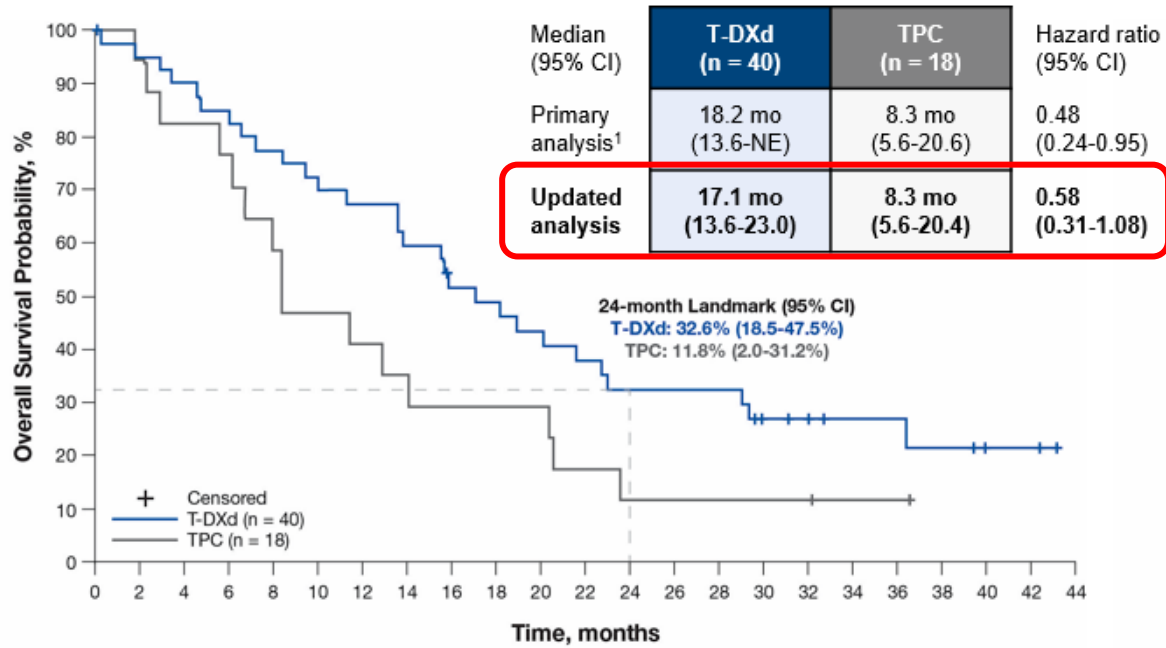
Patients still at risk:

T-DXd (n = 373)	373	366	363	356	350	342	337	326	314	308	295	286	276	269	257	254	240	231	217	205	190	181	182	168	160	148	137	122	107	94	81	75	62	52	48	39	28	21	18	11	7	6	5	3	1	1	1	0
TPC (n = 184)	184	170	165	160	156	152	145	137	127	119	113	107	105	100	95	88	81	76	73	69	64	59	58	53	49	45	45	44	37	33	27	18	15	12	12	10	8	5	2	2	2	1	0					

DB-04 : Efficacy in the HR- Cohort (med 32 mon f/u)

TNBC

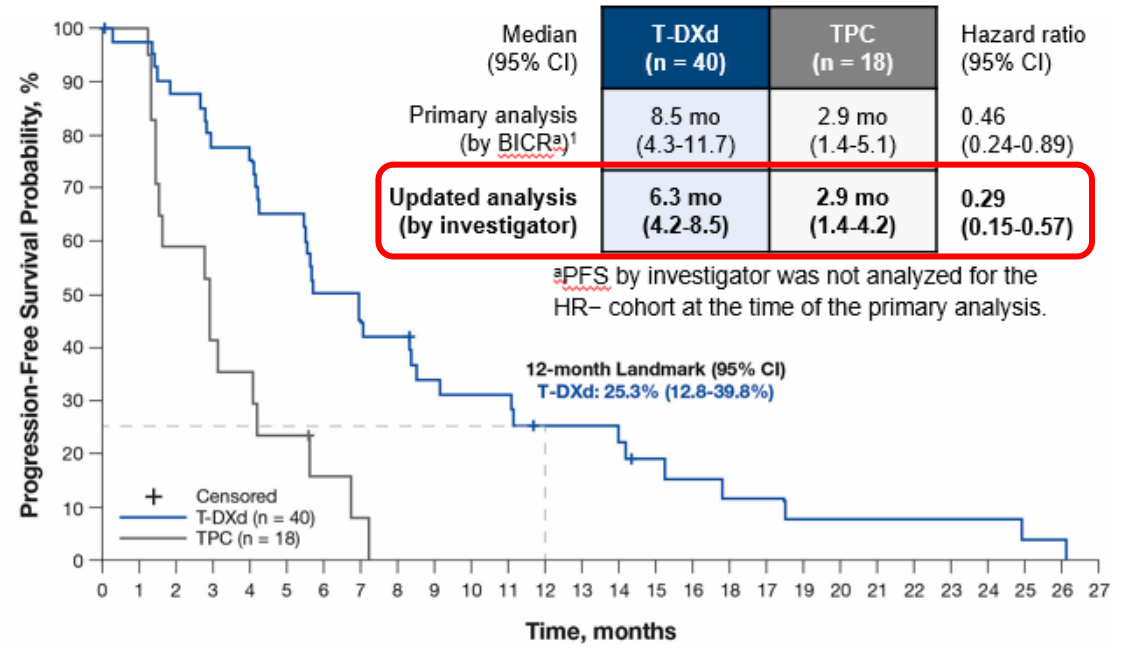
Overall Survival



Patients still at risk:

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T-DXd (n = 40)	40	38	36	34	31	28	26	23	19	18	16	14	12	12	12	8	7	5	5	4	2	2	0
TPC (n = 18)	18	16	14	13	10	8	7	6	5	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Progression-Free Survival (by Investigator)



Patients still at risk:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
T-DXd (n = 40)	40	39	35	31	30	26	19	17	16	12	11	11	8	8	7	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0
TPC (n = 18)	18	17	10	7	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Challenges

1. Low Concordance Among Pathologists Between HER2 IHC 0 and HER2 IHC 1+

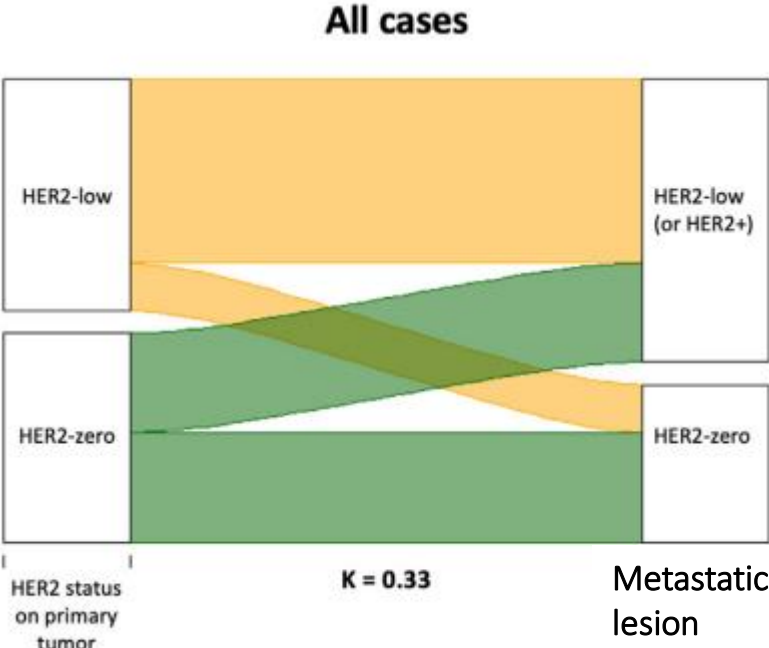


Among 18 experienced pathologists there was **only 26% concordance** between the diagnoses of HER2 IHC 0 and HER2 IHC 1+



- Digital Pathology?
- Quantitative Methods?
- RT-qPCR?

2. HER2 Expression evolution

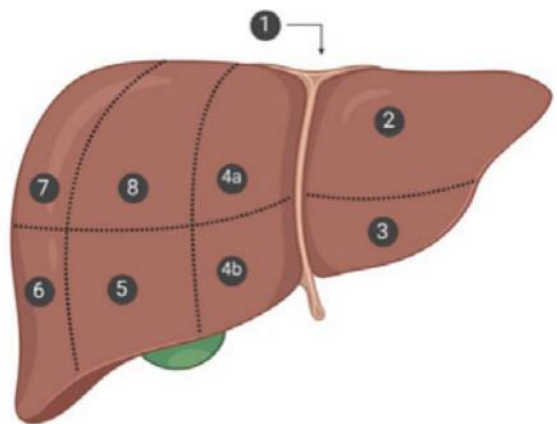
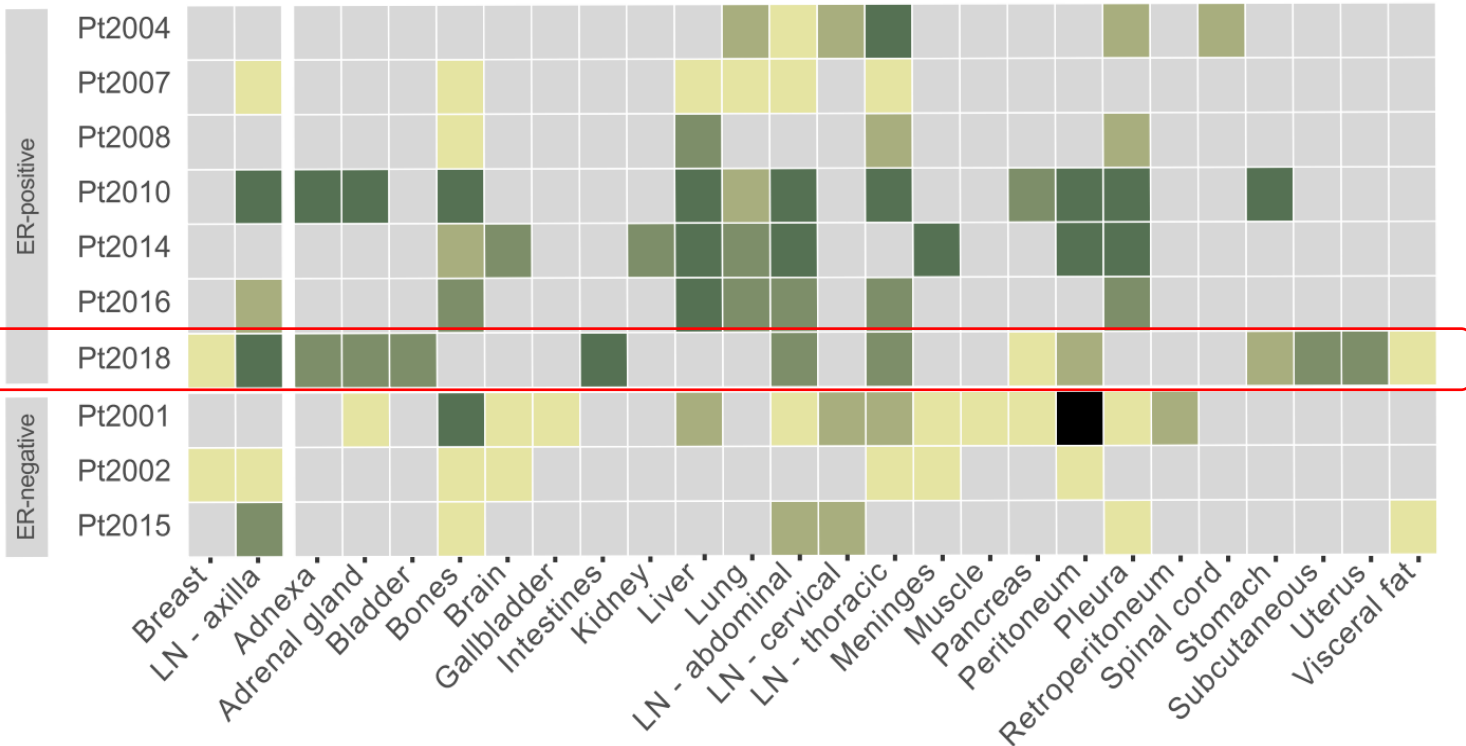
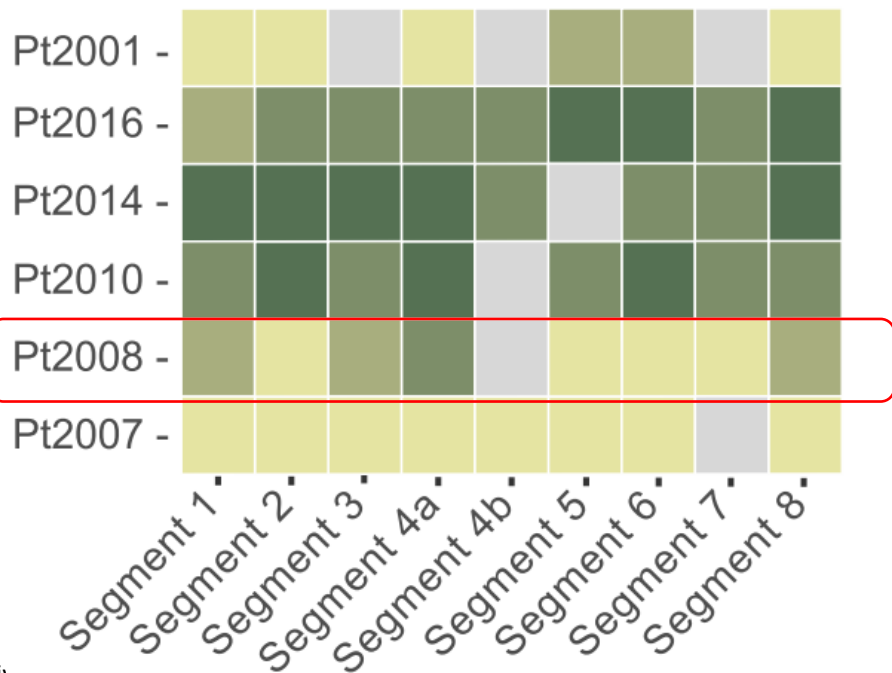
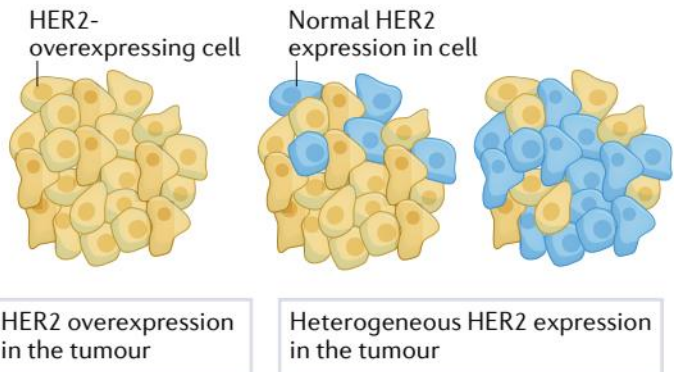


- Repeat biopsy?
- Liquid testing?

1. Fernandez, et al. JAMA Oncol. 2022
2. P. Tarantino, et all. Euro J of Cancer. 2022

Challenges

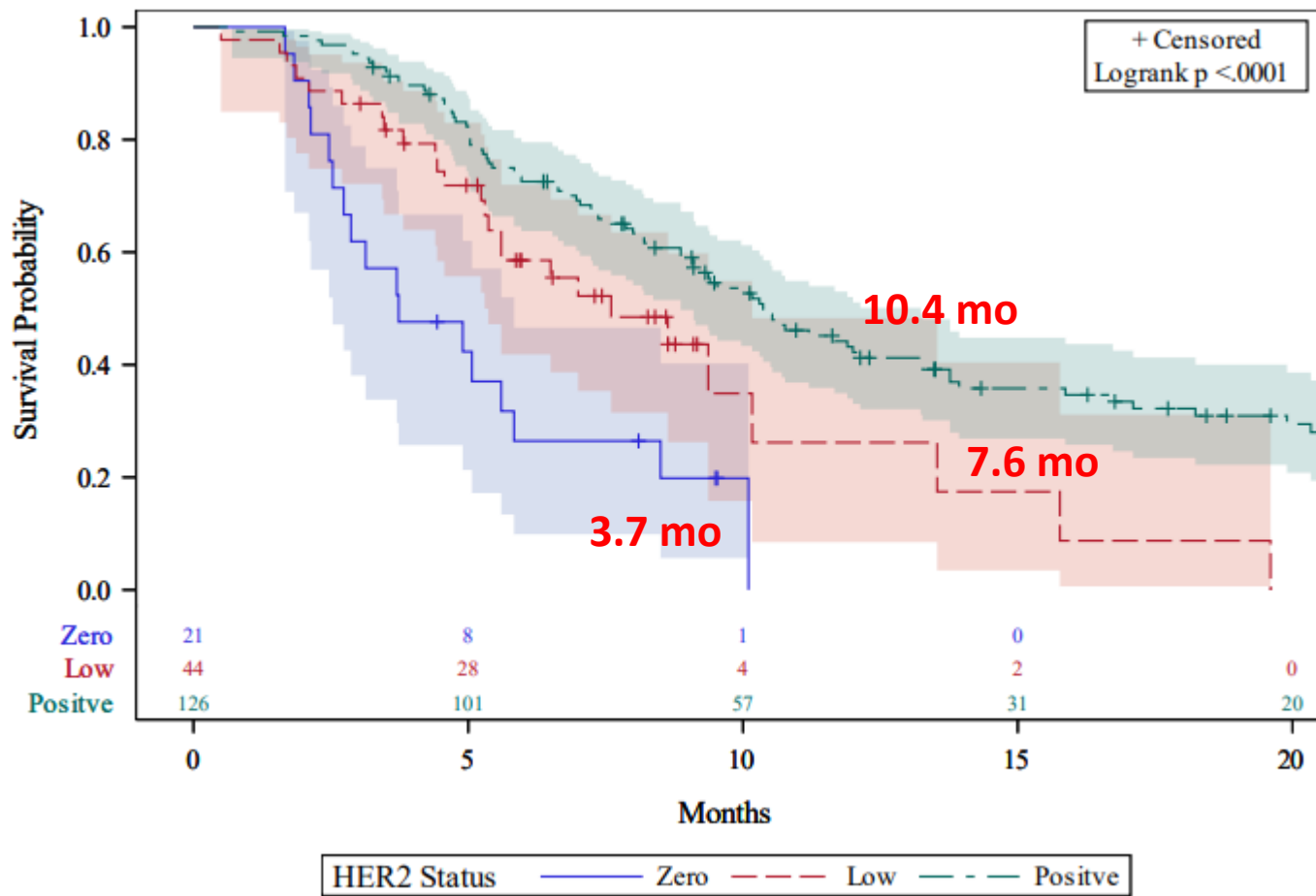
3. Tumor heterogeneity



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RELIEVE- real world mBC response to T-Dxd by HER2 Expression

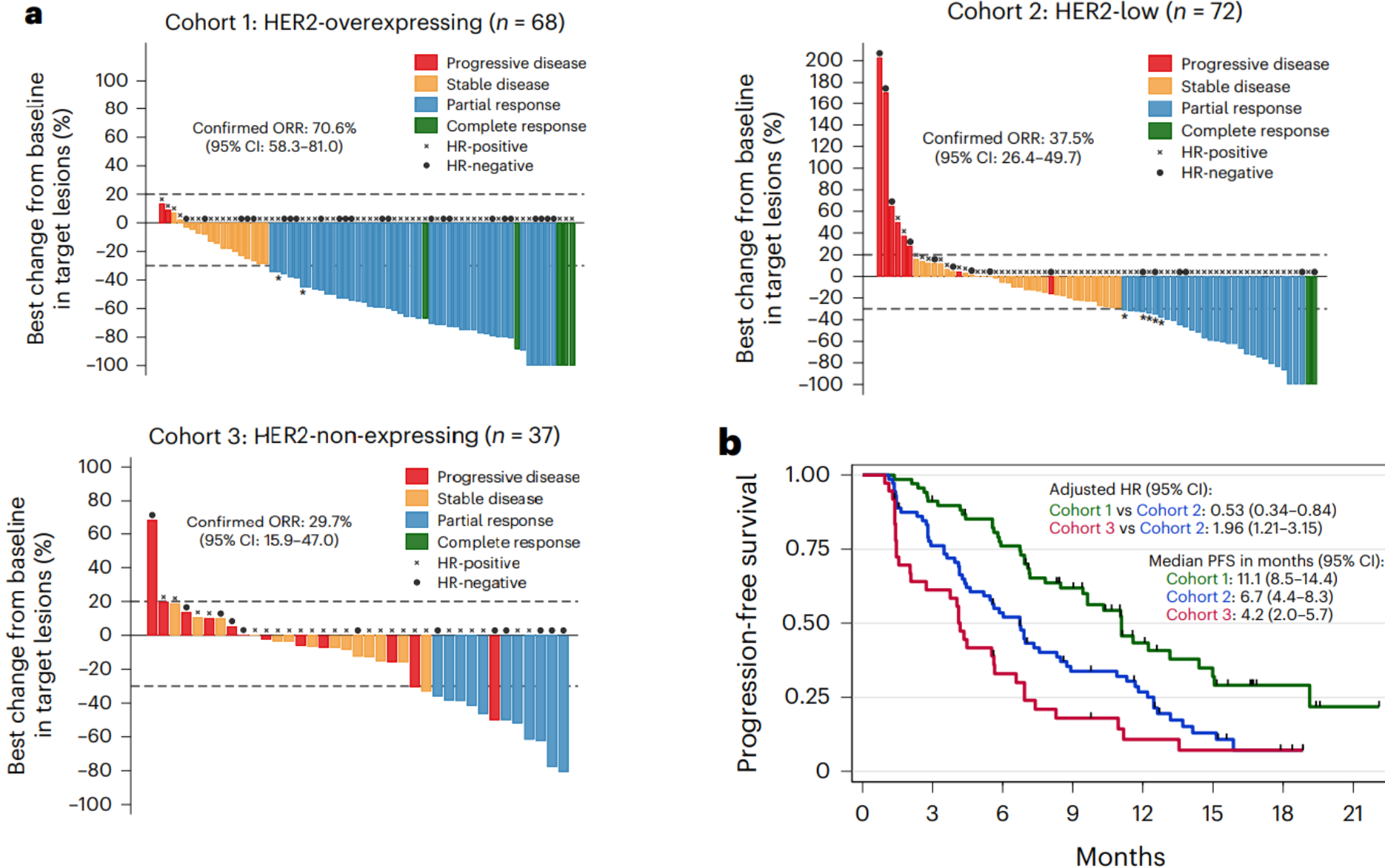
Time to Next Treatment (TTNT) by HER2 Expression



Change of HER2 Status	mTTNT	P value
HER2-Low -> HER2-0	3.0 mo	
HER2-0-> HER2- Low	5.6 mo	
Stable HER2 Low	9.4 mo	P=0.006

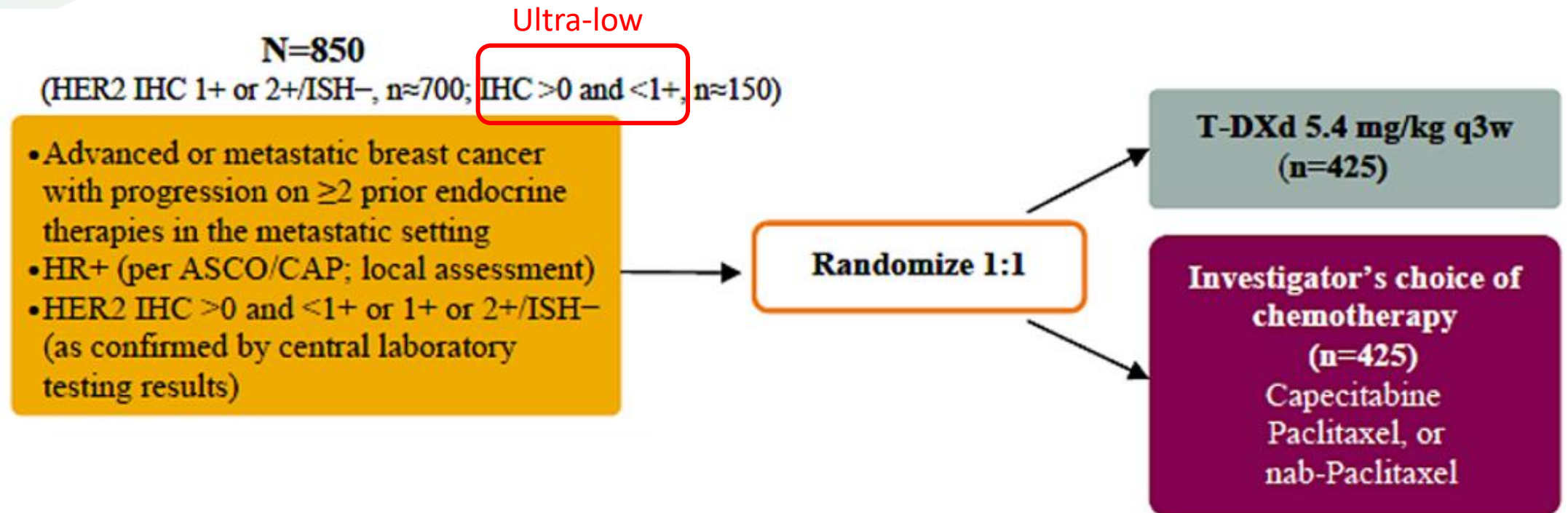
***Lower HER2 expression,
lower response to T-Dxd***

DAISY Study: T-Dxd in mBC with variable HER2 expression



- *Anti-tumor activity from T-dxd regardless HER2 expression*
- *ORR decreases as HER2 expression decreases*

DESTINY-Breast 06: T-DXd vs Investigator's choice for HER2 low and ultra-low BC



In Summary

- **HER2+ mBC survival has improve significantly**
- **Many novel HER2 directed therapies are under investigation for HER2+ mBC**
- **HER2 low expression BC could still response to HER2 directed therapy**
- **More accurate HER2 testing methods is needed**