#### **Breast Cancer: Poster Review**

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# Chemotherapy optimization in the neoadjuvant setting

#### ETNA (Gianni et al, abstract 515)

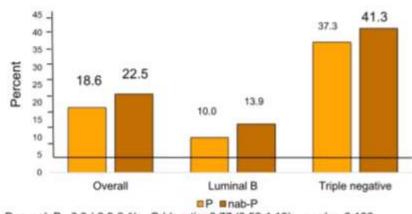
#### Study design

#### Paclitaxel (P) \*HER-2 negative, 90 mg/m² weekly for 3 q4 wks for 4 cycles operable or locally followed by A(E)C or FEC advanced unilateral Endocrine breast cancer: Therapy if Triple Negative HR positive nab-Paclitaxel (nab-P) tumors Luminal B-like 125 mg/m2 weekly for 3 q4 wks for 4 cycles followed by A(E)C or FEC

\*Estrogen receptor, progesterone receptor, HER2 and Ki67 were centrally assessed before randomization

Tumour & Blond Banked for Correlative Studies

#### Primary endpoint: pCR rate



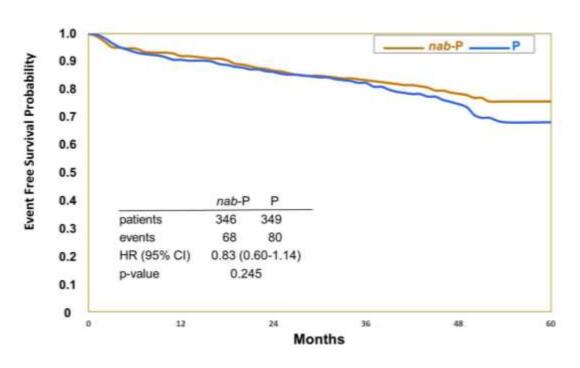
Overall: P vs nab-P -3.9 (-9.9-2.1); Odds ratio: 0.77 (0.52-1.13); p value 0.186 Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test, controlling for tumor subtype and disease stage and quantified by OR and rate difference

#### ETNA (Gianni et al, abstract 515)

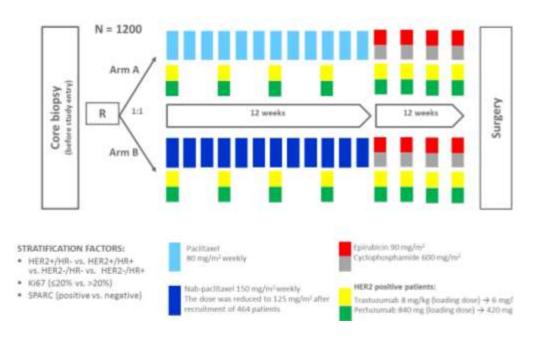
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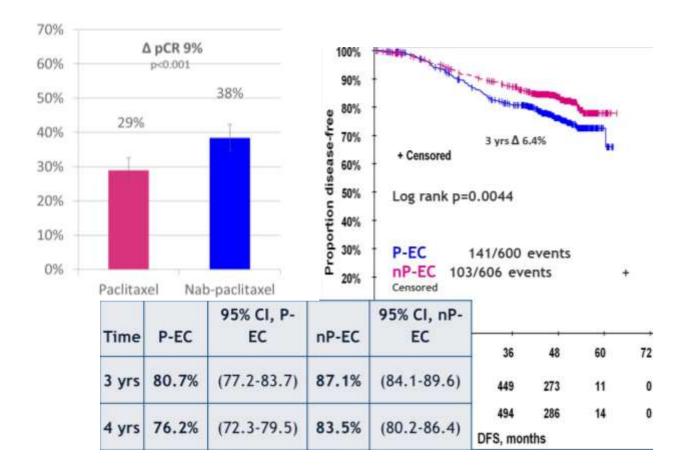
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#### **EFS** by study arm (ITT)



#### GeparSepto study





#### Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer

#### Cleopatra trial (Swain SM et al, abstract 1020)

#### Abstract 1020

End-of-study analysis from the phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo (Pla)-controlled CLEOPATRA study of first-line (1L) pertuzumab (P), trastuzumab (H), and docetaxel (D) in patients (pts) with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (MBC)

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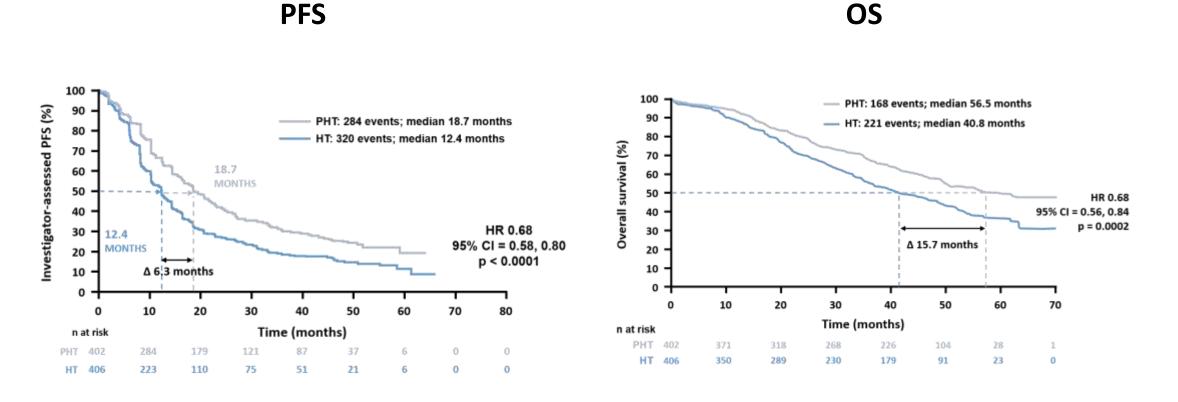
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N= 808
1:1 Randomization
MBC, Her2 +
No prior chemotherapy or
biological therapy for MBC
Pertuzumab +
Trastuzumab/Docetaxel

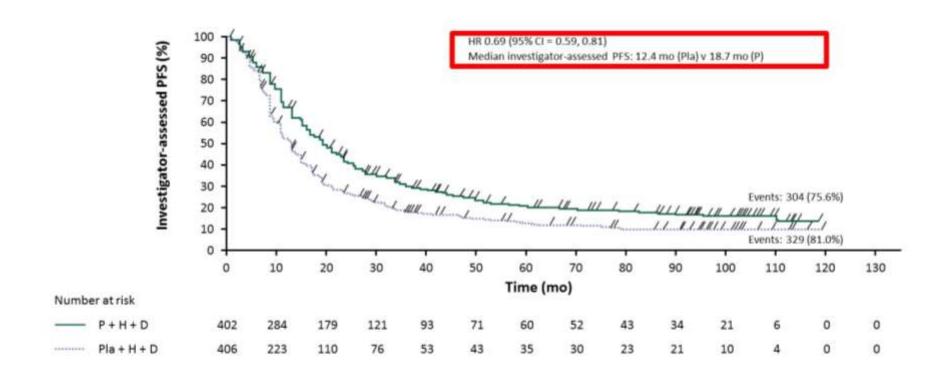
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Trastuzumab/Docetaxel

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#### Cleopatra trial: Outcome results



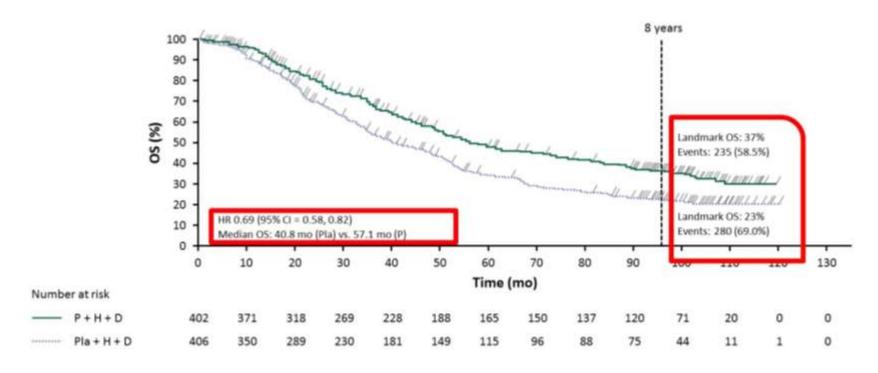
#### CLEOPATRA: End-of-study investigator-assessed PFS



<sup>\*</sup> Crossover pts were analyzed in the Pla arm.

CI, confidence interval; D, docetaxel; H, trastuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention-to-treat; P, pertuzumab; PFS, progression-free survival; Pla, placebo; pts, patients.

#### CLEOPATRA: End-of-study OS in the ITT population



<sup>\*</sup> Crossover pts were analyzed in the Pla arm.

OS was compared between arms using the log-rank test, stratified by prior treatment status and geographic region. The Kaplan-Meier approach was used to estimate median OS, and a stratified Cox proportional hazards model was used to estimate the HR and 95% CIs.

Cl. confidence interval; D. docetaxel; H. trastuzumab; HR. hazard ratio; fTT, intention-to-treat; OS, overall survival; P, pertuzumab; Pla, placebo.

#### **CLEOPATRA:** Key safety

	Pre-crossover (se	Crossover population	
Pts, n (%)	P + H + D (n = 408)	Pla + H + D (n = 396)	P + H + D $(n = 50)$
Diarrhea	280 (68.6)	191 (48.2)	25 (50.0)
Grade ≥3	40 (9.8)	20 (5.1)	1 (2.0)
Rash	213 (52.2)	155 (39.1)	18 (36.0)
Grade ≥3	15 (3.7)	6 (1.5)	0
Symptomatic LVD as assessed by the investigator	6 (1.5)	7 (1.8)	1 (2.0)*
NYHA Functional Classification III/IV	4 (1.0)	4 (1.0)	1 (2.0)*
LVD (PT)	32 (7.8)	34 (8.6)	3 (6.0)
Grade ≥3	6 (1.5)	13 (3.3)	2 (4.0)*
SAE suggestive of CHF	8 (2.0)	8 (2.0)	1 (2.0)*
Grade ≥3	7 (1.7)	7 (1.8)	1 (2.0)*
LVEF decline ≥10% points from baseline to <50%, n/N (%)	28/394 (7.1)	28/378 (7.4)	3/49 (6.1)

<sup>\*</sup> Onset ~46 mo after crossing to the P arm; resolution in 34 days; pt discontinued study medication.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For the one pt with an event in this category since the previous analysis, <sup>‡</sup> onset was <sup>−</sup>77 mo on treatment in the P arm: resolution in 34 days; pt continued on study medication. <sup>‡</sup> N represents pts with both a baseline LVEF assessment and ≥1 post-baseline assessment.

CHF, congestive heart failure; D, docetaxel; H, trastuzumab; LVD, left ventricular dysfunction; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction;

NYHA, New York Heart Association; P, pertuzumab; Pla, placebo; pt, patient; PT, preferred term; SAE, serious adverse event.

# Metastatic Luminal Breast Cancer: CDK4/6 inhibitors and beyond

#### Combination of CDK4/6i + ET improves outcome

Study/Arms	¹Paloma 1	<sup>2</sup> Paloma 2	³Monaleesa 2	<sup>4</sup> Monarch 3	5MONALEESA-7	<sup>6</sup> Paloma 3	<sup>7</sup> Monarch 2	8MONALEESA-3
Phase	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CDK4/6i ET partner	Palbo Al	Palbo Al	Ribo Al	Abema Al	Ribo Al/Tam + OS	Palbo Fulvestrant	Abema Fulvestrant	Ribo Fulvestrant
N	165	666	668	493	642	521	669	726
Median PFS (months) Placebo	10.2	14.5	16	14.7	13.0	4.6	9.3	12.8
Median PFS (months) CDK 4/6i	20.2	27.6	25.3	28,1	23.8	11.2	16.4	20.5
HR 95% CI	0.48 0.31-0.74	0.56 0.46-0.69	0.54 0.41-0.69	0.55 0.44-0.69	0.55 0.44-0.69	0.50 0.40-0.62	<b>0.553</b> 0.45-0.68	0.593 0.480-0.732
P value	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01

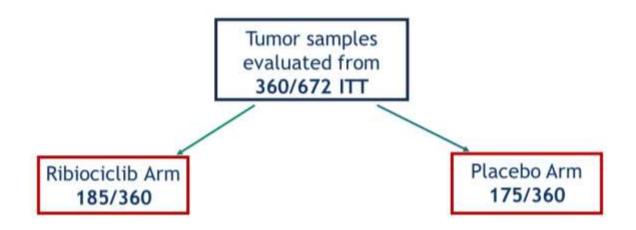
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#### Multiple potential mechanisms of resistance to CDK4/6i

# P Rb Loss Rb1 Loss FAT1 loss via Hippo pathway High CCNE1 mRNA FGFR1 amplification Acquired Rb1 loss Majority: unknown ERBB2 mutation PTEN loss of function mutations

Turner et al JCO 2019; Chandarlapaty and Razavi, JCO 2019; Razavi et al Cancer Cell 2018; O'Leary et al. Cancer Discovery 2018; Li et al., 2018, Cancer Cell 34, 893-905; Razavi et al ASCO 2019; <sup>1</sup>Finn et al., Lancet Oncol 2015; 16:25-35; <sup>2</sup>Cristofanilli et al., Lancet Oncol 2016; 17: 425 39; <sup>3</sup>Fribbens et al., JCO 2016; 34: 2961; <sup>4</sup>Finn et al., ESMO 2016; <sup>5</sup>Hortobagyi et al. Ann Onc 2018; Formisano et al Nat Commun 2019; Hortobagyi et al SABCS 2017

## MONALEESA-7: Gene Expression Analysis using mRNA from Archival Tumor (Yen-Shen Lu et al. Abstract 1018)



- Customized NanoString nCounter® GX 800-gene panel containing genes related to breast cancer, profileration, cell cycle and RTK pathways
- 75% samples from primary tumor
- Using Median expression as cut off: Patients classified as LOW vs HIGH
- PFS benefit: defined by Hazard ratio

#### MONALEESA-7: Gene Expression Analysis Results

PFS benefit with Ribociclib was similar in the low and high gene expression subgroups and ITT population

- Trend towards PFS benefit with Ribociclib with high CCND1, IGF1R and ERBB3
- Stronger trend towards PFS benefit with Ribociclib with low CCNE1 and MYC
- Trend towards similar PFS benefit with ribociclib regardless of low or high expression of ESR1, MKI67 and FGFR1

# Phase II Abemaciclib in ER+ BC with Brain Mets (BM) (Anders et al, abstract 1017)

	N=58
Age (yrs), median (range)	55 (30, 79)
Female, n (%)	57 (98.3)
Race, n°a	43
Asian, n (%)	3 (5.2)
African American, n (%)	4 (6.9)
White, n (%)	35 (60.3)
Multiple, n (%)	1 (1.7)
Prior systemic therapy (N=52), median (range)	4.0 (1-11)
Prior systemic therapy in the metastatic setting, n (%)	51 (87.9)
Prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting, n (%)	44 (75.9)
Median time from radiation to therapy, days	283.0
Prior radiotherapy to IC target lesion	
SRS, WBRT, or both	34 (58.6)
SRS-treated, n (%)	20 (34.5)
WBRT, n (%)	27 (46.6)
Surgical resection, n (%)	4 (6.9)
No prior SRS or WBRT, n (%)	24 (41.4)
Disease stage at initial diagnosis, n*a	52
0, 1, n (%)	7 (12.1)
II, III, n (%)	35 (60.3)
IV, n (%)	10 (17.2)

#### **Key Eligibility**

- CDK 4/6 naive patients
- ≥1 new/not previously irradiated measurable BM≥10mm or progressive previously irradiated BM

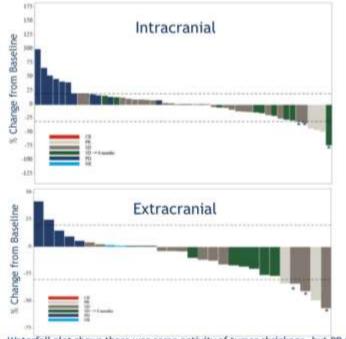
Primary Endpoint: OIRR

#### Abemaciclib in ER+ BC with BM: Results

Change in tumor size

Best overall response

PFS



BOIRR <sup>a</sup>		DIRR <sup>a</sup>		BOE	RR <sup>b</sup>
n, (%)	ALL N=58	EVAL N=52		ALL N=58	EVAL N=50
cOIRR <sup>c</sup>	3 (5)	3 (6)	cOERR <sup>c</sup>	2 (3)	2 (4)
IDCR	38 (66)	37 (71)	EDCR	30 (60)	30 (60)
ICBR	14 (24)	13 (25)	ECBR	12 (21)	12 (24)
CR	0 (0)	0 (0)	CR	0 (0)	0 (0)
PR	3 (5)	3 (6)	PR	2 (3)	2 (4)
SD	35 (60)	34 (65)	SD	28 (48)	28 (56)
SD ≥ 6 mo	11 (19)	10 (19)	SD ≥ 6 mo	10 (17)	10 (20)
PD	15 (26)	15 (29)	PD	9 (16)	9 (18)
OPD	13 (22)	13 (25)	OPD	9 (16)	9 (18)
CPD	2 (3)	2 (4)	CPD	0 (0)	0 (0)
NE	5 (9)	0 (0)	NE	19 (33)	11 (22)

PFS (in months)	N=58
Bi-Compartmental PFS	
Number of events, n (%)	54 (93.1)
mPFS, median (95% CI)	4.4 (2.6, 5.5)
Intracranial PFS	
Number of events, n (%)	53 (91.4)
mPFS, median (95% CI)	4.9 (2.9, 5.6)
Extracranial PFS	
Number of events, n (%)	36 (62,1)
mPFS, median (95% CI)	6.6 (4.3, 12.4)

Median treatment duration, 3.1 months (0.5, 35.4)

aterfall plot shows there was some activity of tumor shrinkage, but PR was not confirmed by subsequent tumor assessments

<sup>✓</sup> Negative for primary endpoint: OIRR 6% (predicted > 11%)

<sup>✓ 38%</sup> had some tumor shrinkage and ICBR was 25%

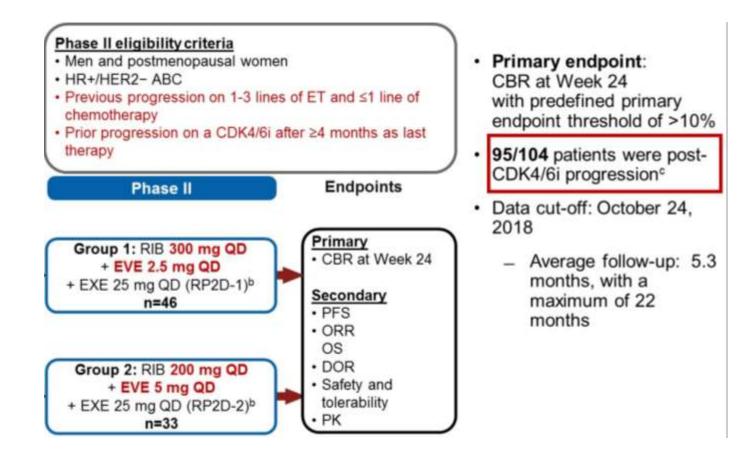
<sup>✓ 41%</sup> had no prior SRS or WBRT. Of these 29% had SD>6 months

#### Treatment paradigm after progression on CDK4/6i

Current treatment options in second-line setting that «predate» CDK4/6i era:

- Fulvestrant (if not used in first-line)
- AI
- Everolimus+exemestane
- Chemotherapy
- Clinical trials
- Hopefully soon alpelisib for PIK3CA mut

#### TRINITI-1 trial (Bardia et al, abstract 1016)

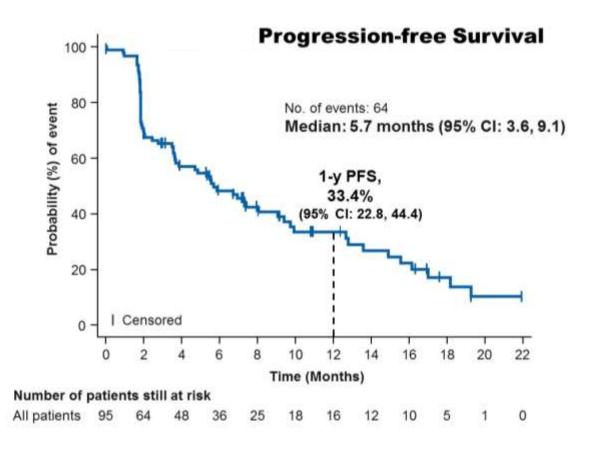


#### TRINITI-1: Results

#### **Best Overall Response**<sup>a</sup>

	Total Patients (N=95)	
CBR at Week 24, n (%) (95% CI)b	39 (41.1) (31.1, 51.6)	
DCR, n (%) (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	58 (61.1) (50.5, 70.9)	
ORR, n (%) (95% CI) <sup>d</sup>	8 (8.4) (3.7, 15.9)	
DOR, median (95% CI), months <sup>e</sup>	5.6 (3.1, NE)	
Best Overall Response, n (%)	v	
CR	1 (1.1)	
PR	7 (7.4)	
SD	47 (49.5)	
PD	32 (33.7)	
Non-CR/non-PD	3 (3.2)	

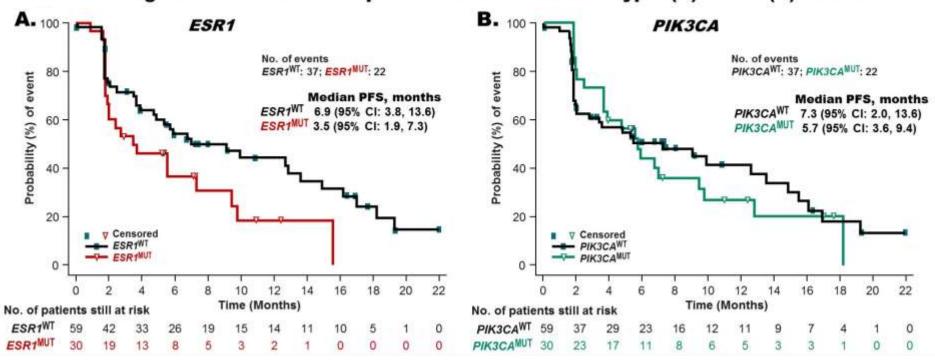
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Local investigator assessment per RECIST 1.1. Patients with measurable disease at baseline: n=75; patients with only non-measurable disease at baseline: n=20. Five patients discontinued without post-baseline tumor evaluation. <sup>b</sup> CBR: patients with CR, PR, SD, or NCRNPD at Week 24. <sup>c</sup> DCR: patients with CR, PR, SD, or NCRNPD anytime during the study. <sup>d</sup> ORR: patients with CR or PR. <sup>e</sup> DOR: duration of ORR.



#### TRINITI-1: Biomarker Analysis

Patients with ESR1 or PIK3CA mutation had numerically shorter median PFS vs those with WT





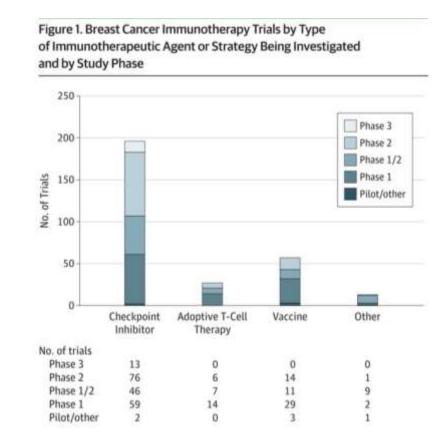
#### TRINITI-1 study

- Encouraging results
- Next step: RCTs CDK4/6i + ET + everolimus vs ET + everolimus
- Biomarker analyses are hypothesis generating and need validation
  - Shorter PFS in pts with cfDNA mutations could be a reflection of aggressive tumor/high tumor burden?
  - ESR1 mutants: choice of SERD as ET partner?
- Currently, CDK4/6i should not be used beyong progression outside of clinical trials

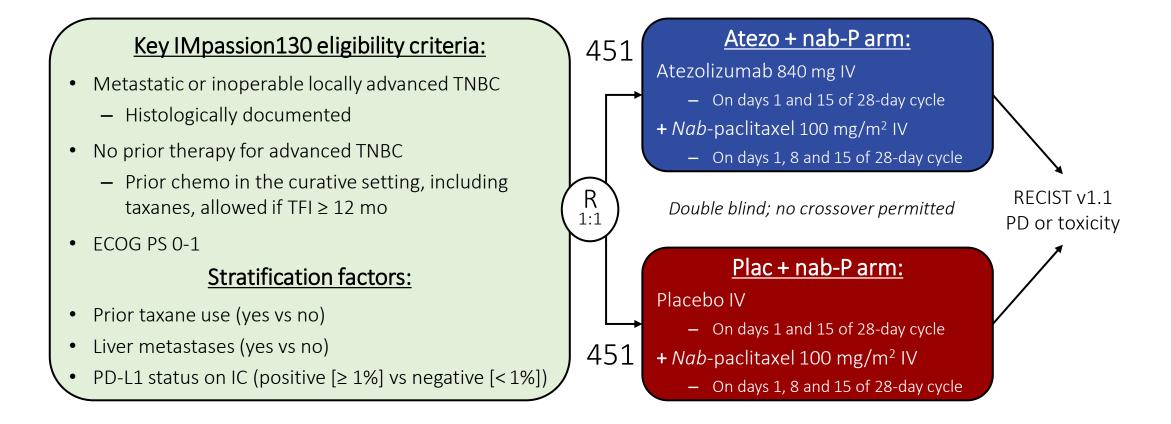
#### Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer

#### The immunotherapy landscape in breast cancer

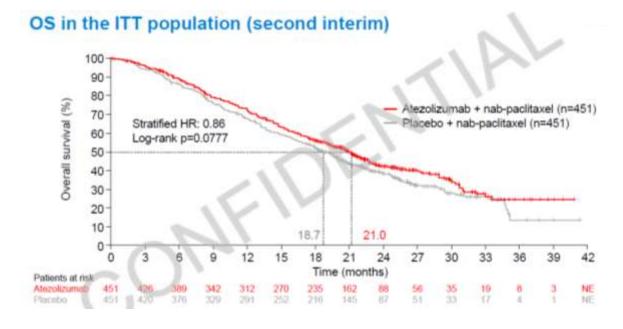
- April 2018: review of ClinicalTrials.gov identified 293 actively accruing trials evaluating immunotherapeutic agents in breast cancer
- There is an urgent need to identify reliable biomarkers of response (and resistance) to immunotherapy in order to:
  - Select patients who will benefit from immunotherapy
  - Avoid unnecessary side effects
  - Avoid «financial toxicity»

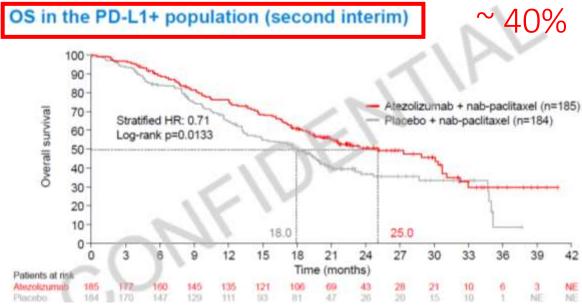


#### IMpassion130: study design

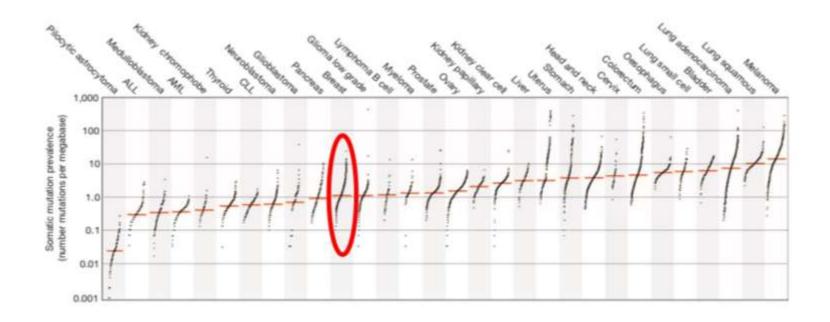


#### IMpassion130: Outcome results



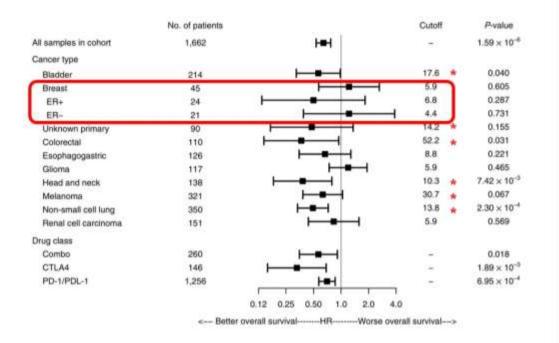


#### TMB across tumor types

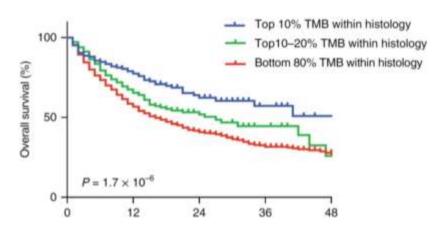


#### TMB as an immunotherapy biomarker

#### There may not be *one universal* definition of high TMB

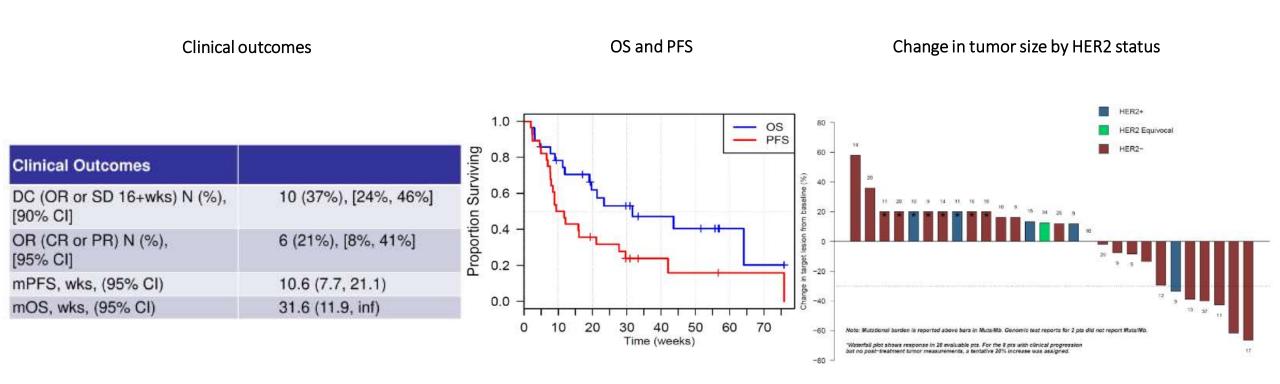


#### Effect of mutational load on overall survival after treatment with immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI)



Tumors sequenced with targeted NGS (MSK-IMPACT)

# Pembrolizumab in pts with MBC with reported high (>9 mut/mb) TMB: TAPUR study (Alva et al, abstract 1014)



# Pembrolizumab in 28 pts with MBC with reported high (>9 mut/mb) TMB: TAPUR study (Alva et al, abstract 1014)

Clinical outcomes

**Historical Clinical outcomes** 

Clinical Outcomes	
DC (OR or SD 16+wks) N (%), [90% CI]	10 (37%), [24%, 46%]
OR (CR or PR) N (%), [95% CI]	6 (21%), [8%, 41%]
mPFS, wks, (95% CI)	10.6 (7.7, 21.1)
mOS, wks, (95% CI)	31.6 (11.9, inf)

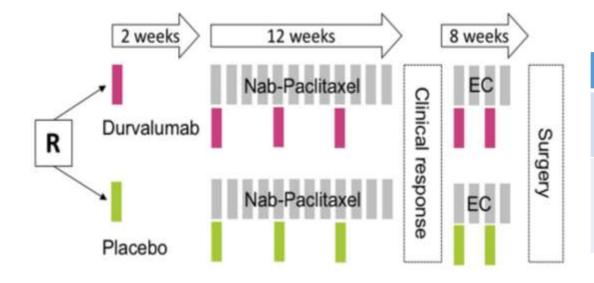
	Ref.	Drug	ORR
TNDC	Adams S et al, Ann Oncol 2019	Pembrolizumab	5.3%
TNBC 2L+	Emens L et al, JAMA Oncol 2018	Atezolizumab	7.0%

2 prior Tx 7% ≥ 3 prior Tx 93%

#### GeparNuevo study

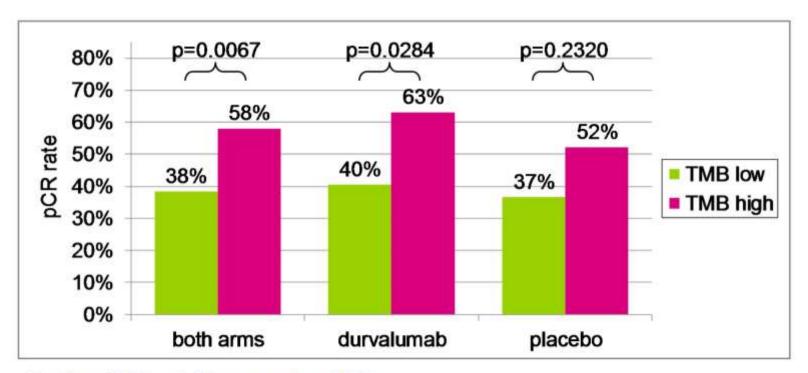
#### Study design

#### pCR rate



	Durvalumab	Placebo	P-value
All patients (n=174)	53%	44%	0.287
Window patients (n=117)	61%	41%	0.048

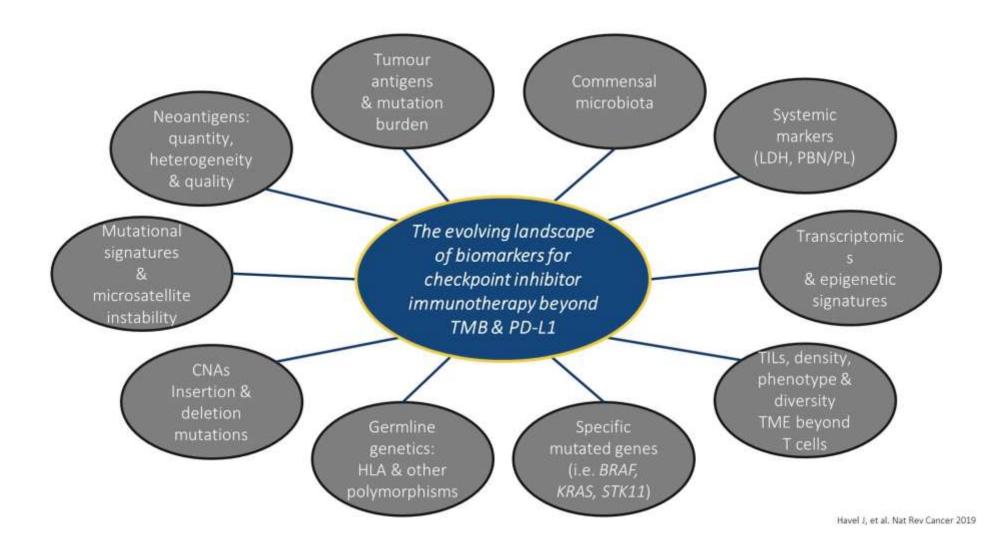
# GeparNuevo: Response based on TMB (Seliger et al, abstract 588)



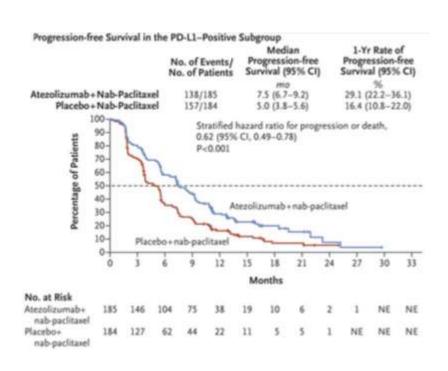
Median TMB: 1.52 mutations/MB

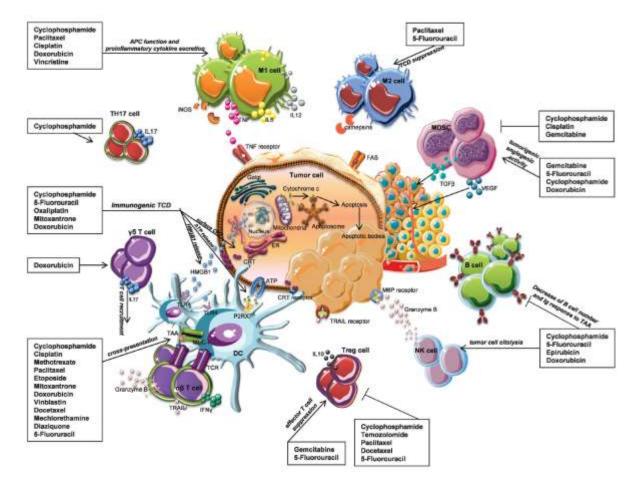
TMB low: below 66.7% percentile; TMB high: above 66.7% percentile

Top TMB tertile PCR 58% versus low TMB tertile 38%



# Refining immunotherapy strategies: Which is the best chemotherapeutic partner?

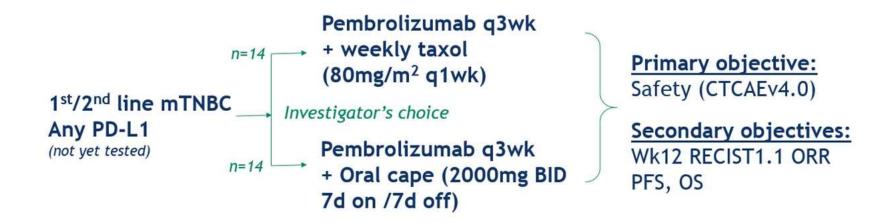




Schmid P et al, N Engl J Med 2018

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# First or second-line pembrolizumab with weekly taxol or capecitabine for mTNBC (Page et al, abstract 1015)



#### **Exploratory objectives presented today:**

- Peripheral blood immune effects of taxol v. cape
- Efficacy in Impassion130-eligible (*de novo* or curative chemo>12mo) & Impassion130-ineligible (2nd-line or chemo<12mo) populations

### Pembrolizumab with weekly taxol or capecitabine for mTNBC: Results

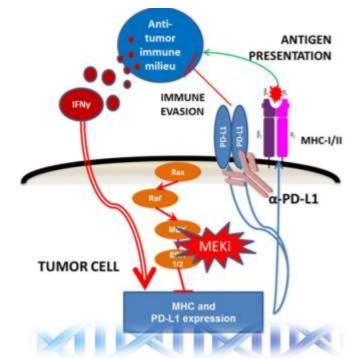
	<12 mo from last chemo	>12 mo from last chemo	All
Taxol	0% ORR (0/5)+ 0% CBR (0/5)		23% ORR (3/13) 31% CBR (4/13)
Cape	38% ORR (3/8) 50% CBR (4/8)	50% ORR (3/6) 67% CBR (4/6)	43% ORR (6/14) 57% CBR (8/14)
All	23% ORR (3/13) 31% CBR (4/13)	, ,	33% ORR (9/27) 44% CBR (12/27)

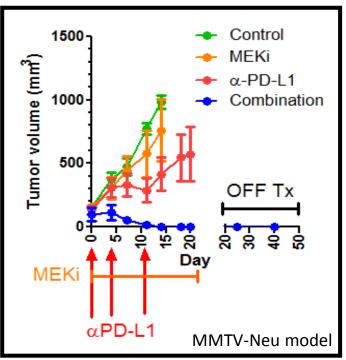
Signal in quickly progressing TNBC?

Improved ICD signal in capecitabine treated tumors or chemoresistance to taxanes

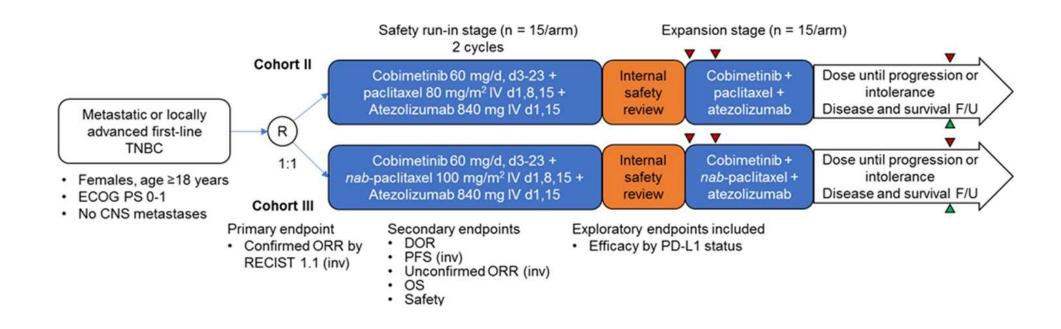
# Refining immunotherapy strategies: Can targeted agents improve response?

- The MEK pathway is active in TNBC
- Activation suppresses inflammatory resposes to T-cells, leading to reduced antigen presentation and PD-L1 expression
- Combining MEKi with anti-PD-L1i may improve antigen presentation while blocking PD-L1 mediated suppression
- Sinergistic activity of MEKi and anti-PD-L1i





# Phase II COLET study: Atezolizumab + Cobimetinib + Paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel as first-line treatment for mTNBC (Brufsky et al, abstract 1013)

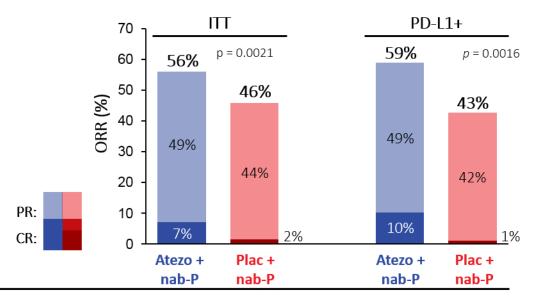


#### Phase II COLET study: Outcome results

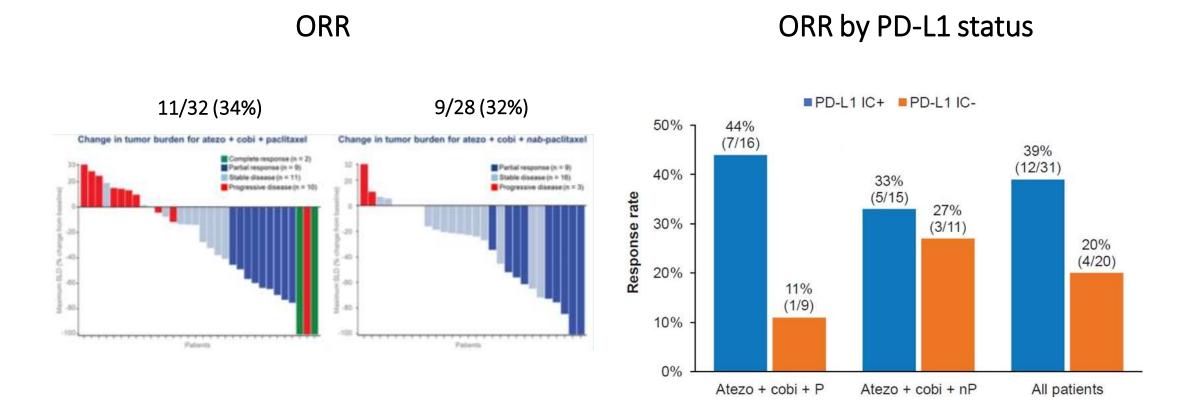
#### ORR

# 11/32 (34%) Change in tumor burden for atezo + cobi + paclitaxel Change in tumor burden for atezo + cobi + nab-paclitaxel Change in tumor burden for atezo + cobi + nab-paclitaxel Soluble disease (n = 10) Progressive disease (n = 10) Progressive disease (n = 3)

#### ORR in the IMpassion130



#### Phase II COLET study: Outcome results



#### Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer

- Need for better biomarkers and for an understanding of their relationship to one another
- Is there a role for improving response to immune checkpoint inhibitors by selecting the best chemotherapeutic partner?
- Re-thinking targeted therapies in combination with immune checkpoint inhibitors

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