# "DE-ESCALATION" NELLA TERAPIA SISTEMICA DEL CARCINOMA MAMMARIO: QUALI EVIDENZE?

Terapia del carcinoma mammario metastatico HER2-positivo Carmen Criscitiello



## Cleopatra trial: Study design

#### Abstract 1020

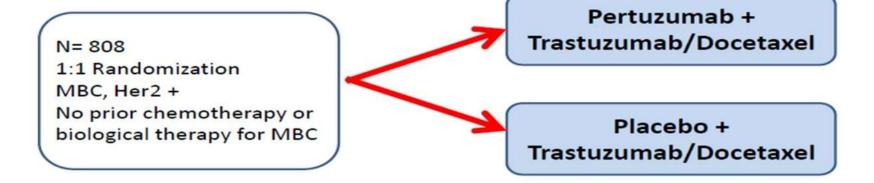
End-of-study analysis from the phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo (Pla)-controlled CLEOPATRA study of first-line (1L) pertuzumab (P), trastuzumab (H), and docetaxel (D) in patients (pts) with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (MBC)

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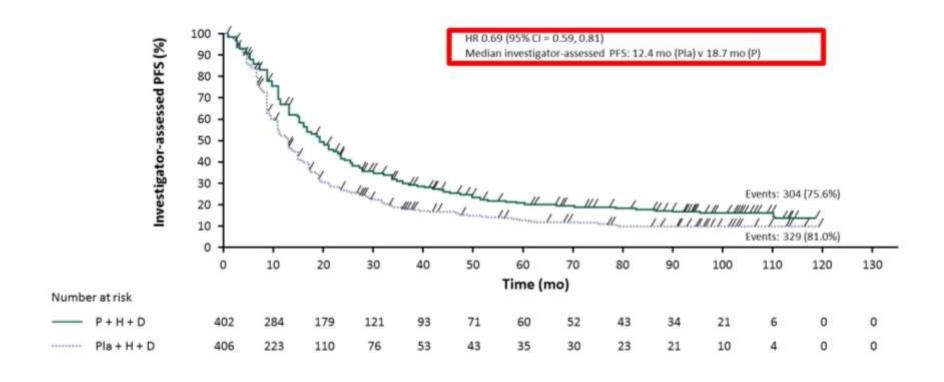
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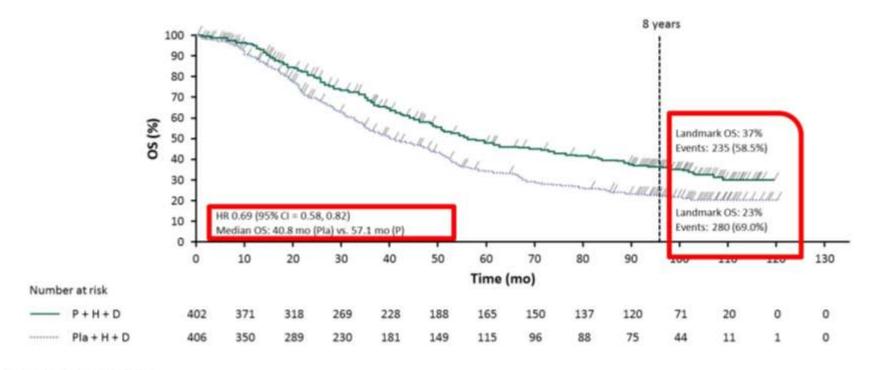
# CLEOPATRA: End-of-study investigator-assessed PFS



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

Cl, 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



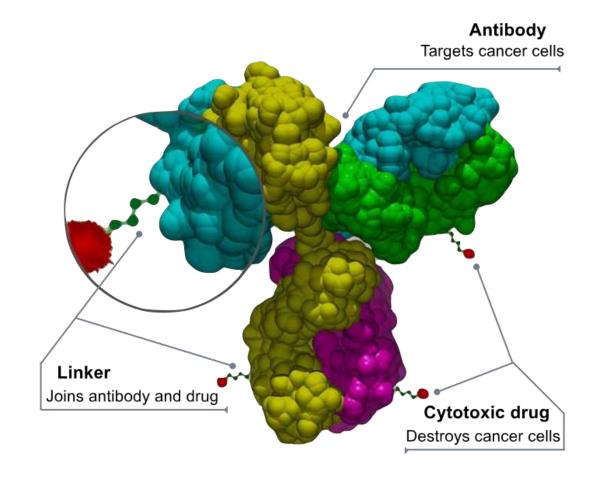
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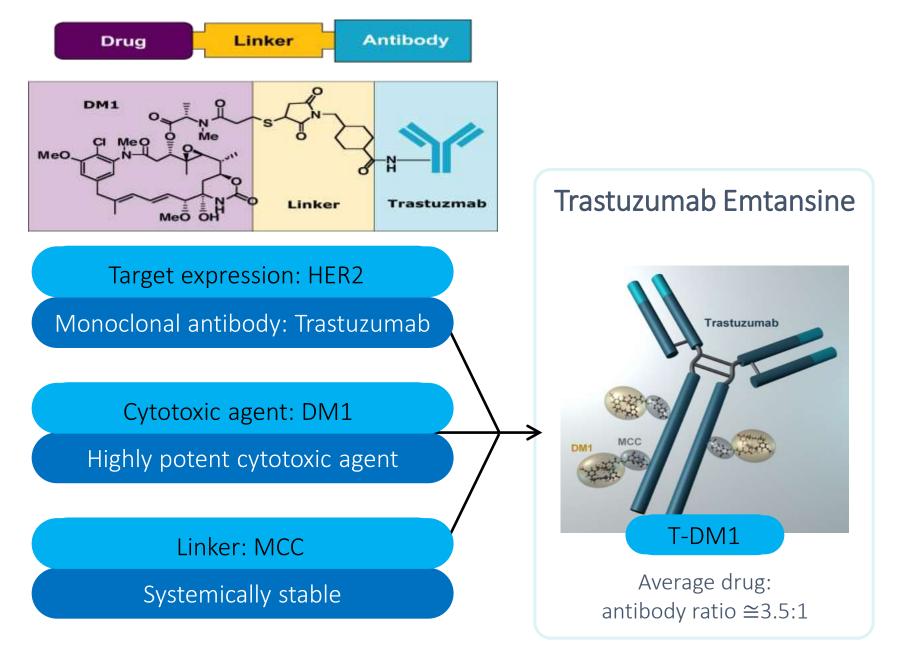
OS was compared between arms using the log-rank test, stratified by prior treatment status and geographic region. The Kaplan-Meier approach was used to estimate median OS, and a stratified Cox proportional hazards model was used to estimate the HR and 95% CIs.

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

# Emerging Role of Antibody-Drug Conjugates (ADCs)

- New class of highly potent anti-cancer drugs
- Offer the hope of sensitive discrimination between cancer cells and healthy cells
- Key characteristics
  - Highly selective mAb for a tumor associated antigen with minimal expression on healthy cells
  - Potent cytotoxic agent with high systemic toxicity (too toxic to give alone)
    - Target cell death with internalization and release into the tumor cell
  - Stable linker in the circulation, but releases the cytotoxic agent in target cells.
- One ADC currently approved for breast cancer
  - Trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1) for HER2+ disease

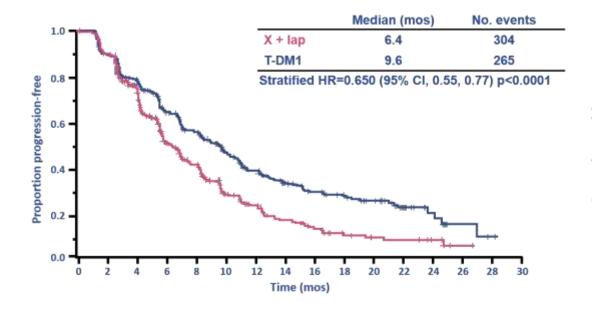


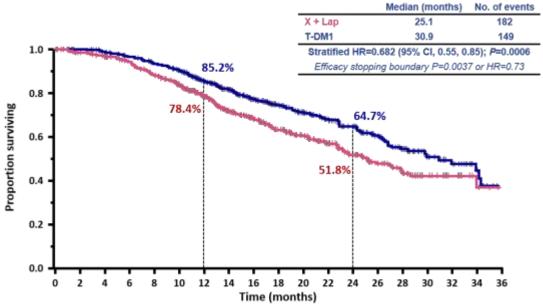


DM1: derivative of maytansine, a potent microtubule inhibitor

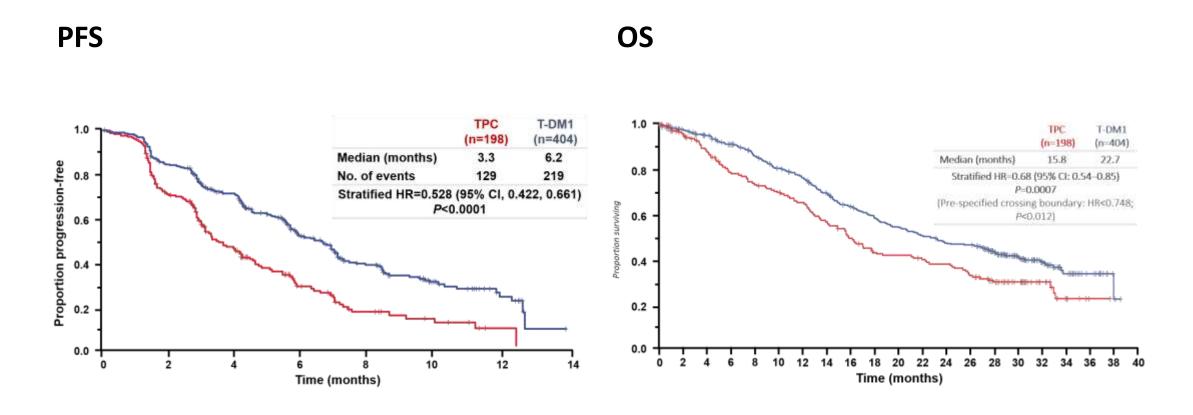
# EMILIA study







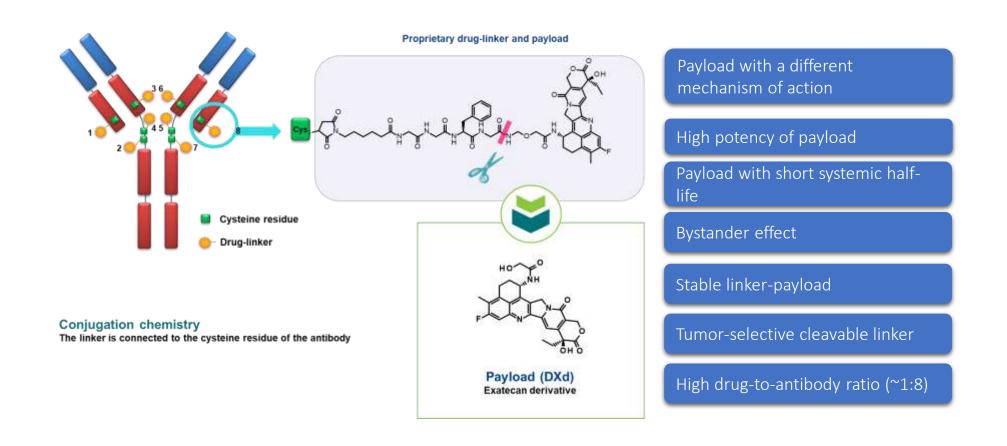
# TH3RESA study



# Anti-HER2 ADC in clinical development for BC

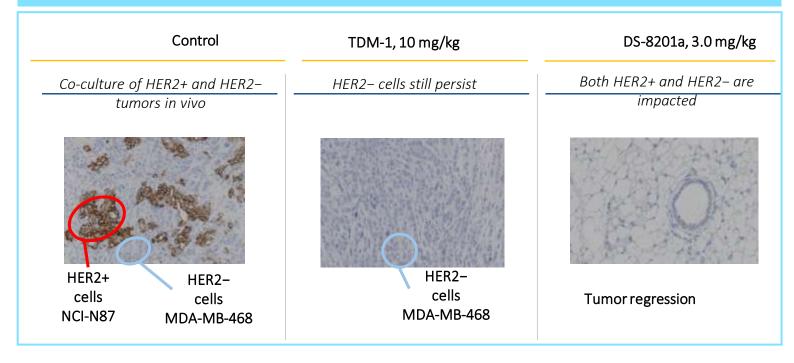
Name	Anti-HER2 MAb	Isotype	Linker-drug	Drug class/target	Tumor indications <sup>a</sup>	Latest development stage <sup>a</sup>	Sponsor/Trial ID <sup>a</sup>
Kadcyla* T-DM1	Trastuzumab	Hz IgG1	SMCC-DM1 Non-cleavable	Maytansinoid/tubulin	HER2 + metastatic breast cancer prior trastuzumab & taxane	Approved	Genentech/Roche
MEDI-4276	MAb 39S with Trastuzumab scFv at N terminus	39S Hu IgG1	SC-Lys-AZ13599185 Cleavable	Tubulysin/tubulin	HER2 + advanced breast or gastric/stomach cancers	Phase 1/2	MedImmune/AZ NCT02576548
XMT-1522	XMT-1519	Hu IgG1	Fleximer* polymer ester- auristatin F-HPA Cleavable	Auristatin/tubulin	HER2 + ( $\geq$ IHC 1 +) breast, gastric and lung cancers	Phase 1	Mersana NCT02952729
ARX788	Anti-HER2 MAb incorporating non-natural amino acids for site-specific conjugation	Undisclosed IgG1	PEG4-AS-269 Non-cleavable	Auristatin/tubulin	Part 1:HER2 + breast or gastric cancers Part 2a: HER2 high (ISH + /IHC3 +) breast Part 2b: HER2 medium/low (ISH -/	Phase 1/1b	Ambrx/Zhejang Medicine Co NCT02512237
DS-8201a	Trastuzumab	Hz IgG1	Gly-Gly-Phe-Gly-Dxd Cleavable	Exatecan/ topoisomerase I	Part 1: advanced solid tumors Part 2: breast cancer: 2a: HER2 overexpressed, prior T-DM1 2c: HER2 low	Phase 1	Daiichi Sankyo NCT02564900
SYD985	Trastuzumab	Hz IgG1	Val-Cit-PABC-CM-seco- DUBA Cleavable	Duocarmycin/DNA	Part 1: Advanced solid tumors of any histology Part 2: Breast, gastric, urothelial and endometrial tumors	Phase 1	Synthon NCT02277717
ADCT-502	Trastuzumab	Hz IgG1	Val-Ala-PABC Cleavable	PBD dimer/DNA	HER2 + breast, NSCLC, gastroEsophageal, bladder cancer	Phase 1	ADC Therap. NCT03125200

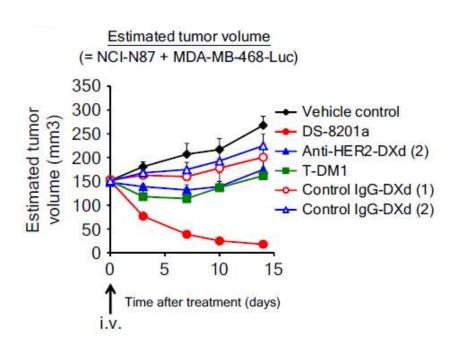
# Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (DS-8201a): Structure and Mechanism of Action



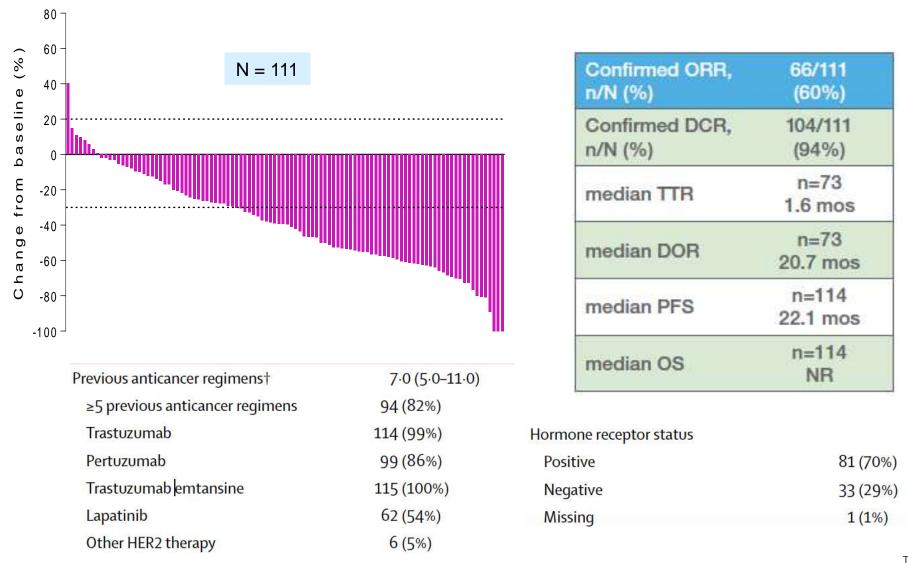
## DS-8201a: Bystander Effect

#### In Vivo Bystander Effect of DS-8201a vs T-DM1 After 14 days of treatment





#### Efficacy of DS-8201a in HER2+ mBC: Phase I study

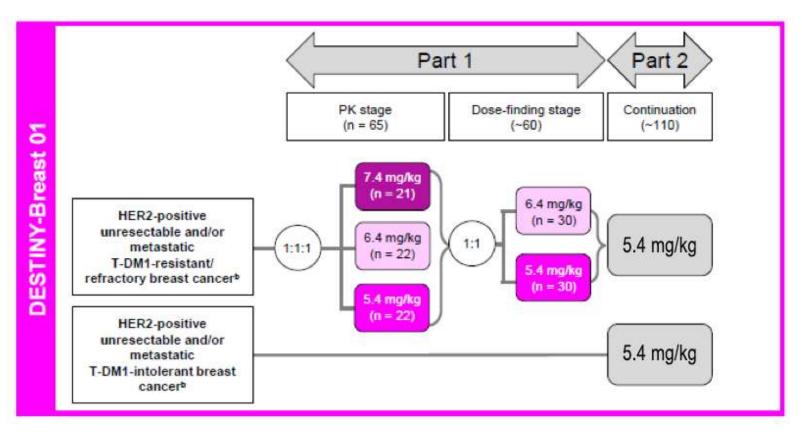


## DS-8201a Safety: Selected AEs

AEs	Overall (5.4 or 6.4 mg/kg), $N = 259^a$			
ALS	All grades, n (%)	Grade ≥3, n (%)		
AST increased	53 (20.5)	4 (1.5)		
ALT increased	40 (15.4)	2 (0.8)		
Blood bilirubin increased	6 (2.3)	1 (0.4)		
Ejection fraction decreased	2 (0.8)	0		
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	13 (5.0)	1 (0.4)		
ILD	10 (3.9)	2 (0.8)		
Pneumonitis	22 (8.5)	6 (2.3)		

- The most common TEAEs in breast cancer patients were nausea (79.4%), anorexia (54.1%) and alopecia (46.5%)
  - Generally mild, most grade ≤2
- ILD/pneumonitis including 5 fatal cases observed
  - One not due to drug; 3/4 dosed at 6.4 mg/kg
  - With detailed monitoring and early intervention, no further fatalities attributed to pneumonitis observed

# DESTINY-Breast01 study: DS-8201a in HER2+ MBC with prior T-DM1



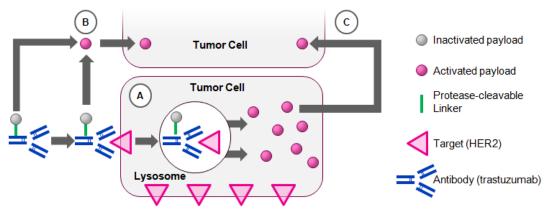
Accrual complete as of September 2018

## Ongoing Phase III Trials: DS-8201a in MBC

Study Name	Description/Population	CT.gov Identifier and EUDRA CT Identifier	Recruitment Status		
DESTINY-Breast02	DS-8201a vs investigator's choice in HER2-positive unresectable and/or MBC previously treated with standard of care anti-HER2 therapies including T-DM1	<u>NCT03523585*</u> 2018-000221-31	Recruiting		
DESTINY-Breast03	<b>DS-8201a vs. T-DM1</b> in <b>HER2-positive</b> unresectable and/or MBC	<u>NCT03529110*</u> 2018-000222-61	Recruiting		
DESTINY-Breast04	DS-8201a vs. physician's choice in HER2- low, unresectable and/or MBC  NCT03734029 2018-003069-3		Recruiting		
Phase I/II: Novel Combination					
U105	MBC (HER2 positive/HER2 low) Bladder cancer (HER2 high/low) DS_8201a plus nivolumab	NCT03523572	Recruiting		

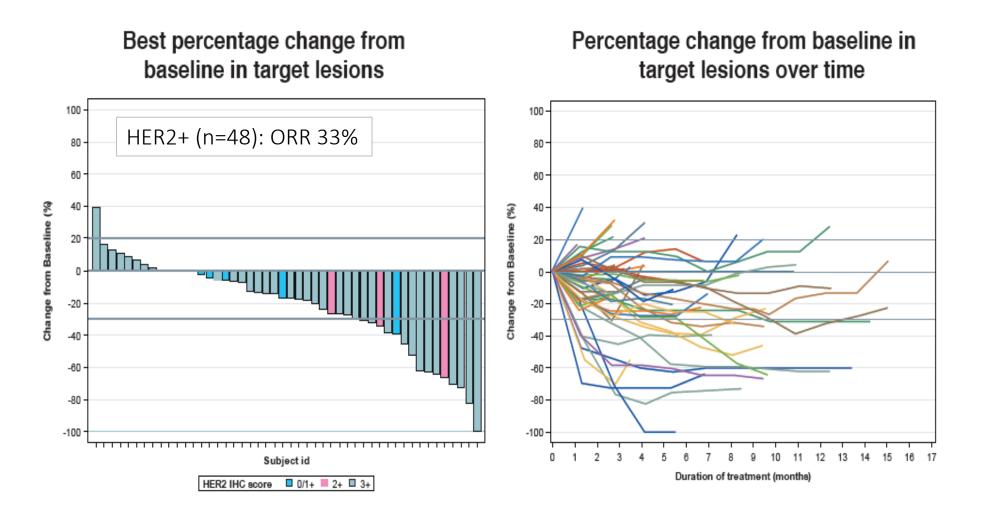
#### SYD-985: Trastuzumab Duocarmazine

- HER2-targeting ADC based on trastuzumab
- Protease cleavable linker with a DNA alkylating toxin duocarmycin
- Toxin incorporated into the linker as an inactive prodrug
- Proteolytic cleavage: release of the membrane permeable active toxin



- (A) Uptake of ADC by internalization and intracellular release of payload
- B Proteolytic cleavage and subsequent release of payload in tumor microenvironment
- C Diffusion of active payload to neighbouring tumor cells (bystander effect)

# Efficacy of SYD-985 in MBC: Phase I study

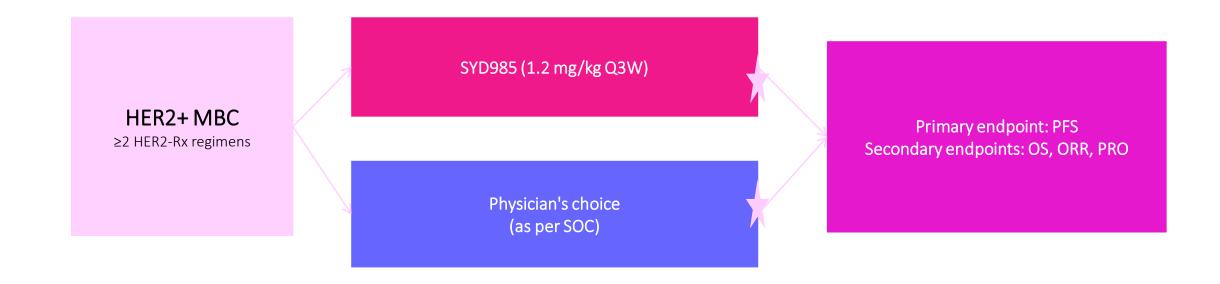


#### SYD-985: AEs in ≥10% of pts all cohorts (N=146)

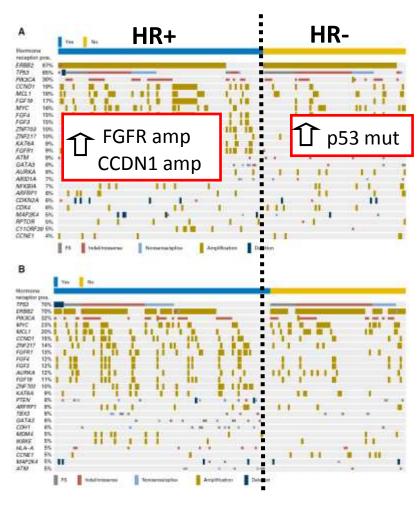
		All Patients (N=146)			
System Organ Class	Preferred Term	Grade 1 n (%)	Grade 2 n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	All Grades n (%)
Eye Disorders	<ul> <li>Dry eye</li> <li>Conjunctivitis</li> <li>Lacrimation increased</li> <li>Keratitis</li> <li>Vision blurred</li> </ul>	28 (19) 11 (8) 21 (14) 4 (3) 12 (8)	14 (10) 22 (15) 7 (5) 16 (11) 3 (2)	1 (1) 4 (3) 0 (0) 3 (2) 1 (1)	43 (29) 37 (25) 28 (19) 23 (16) 16 (11)
General Disorders	◆ Fatigue	24 (16)	18 (12)	5 (3)	47 (32)
Gastrointestinal Disorders	<ul><li>Nausea</li><li>Stomatitis</li><li>Vomiting</li></ul>	22 (15) 15 (10) 12 (8)	7 (5) 3 (2) 4 (3)	0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0)	29 (20) 18 (12) 16 (11)
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	<ul><li>Alopecia</li><li>Dry skin</li><li>Skin</li><li>hyperpigmentation</li></ul>	22 (15) 25 (17) 13 (9)	4 (3) 0 (0) 6 (4)	0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0)	26 (18) 25 (17) 19 (13)
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders	◆ Decreased appetite	14 (10)	11 (8)	2 (1)	27 (18)
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders	<ul><li>Neutropenia</li><li>Anemia</li></ul>	4 (3) 8 (5)	10 (7) 6 (4)	9 (6) 2 (1)	23 (16) 16 (11)

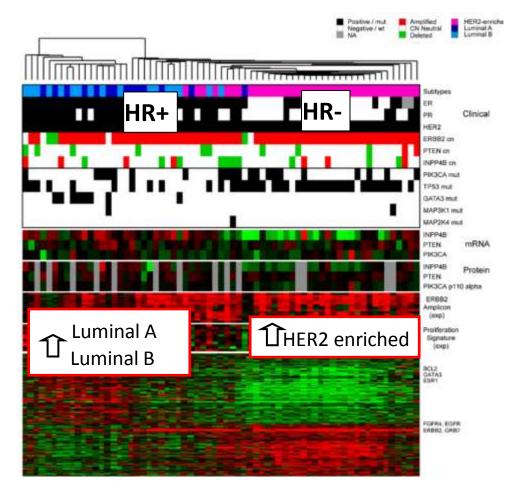
- Ocular toxicity and fatigue most frequently reported
- 28 (19%) patients discontinued due to ADRs most commonly due to ocular toxicity
- Evaluation of prophylactic eye drops on ocular toxicity is ongoing

# Phase III: Tulip Trial (n=345)



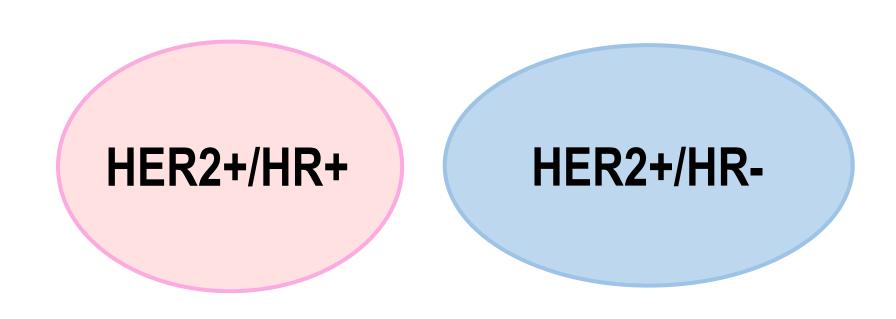
# Molecular heterogeneity within HER2+ BC by HR status

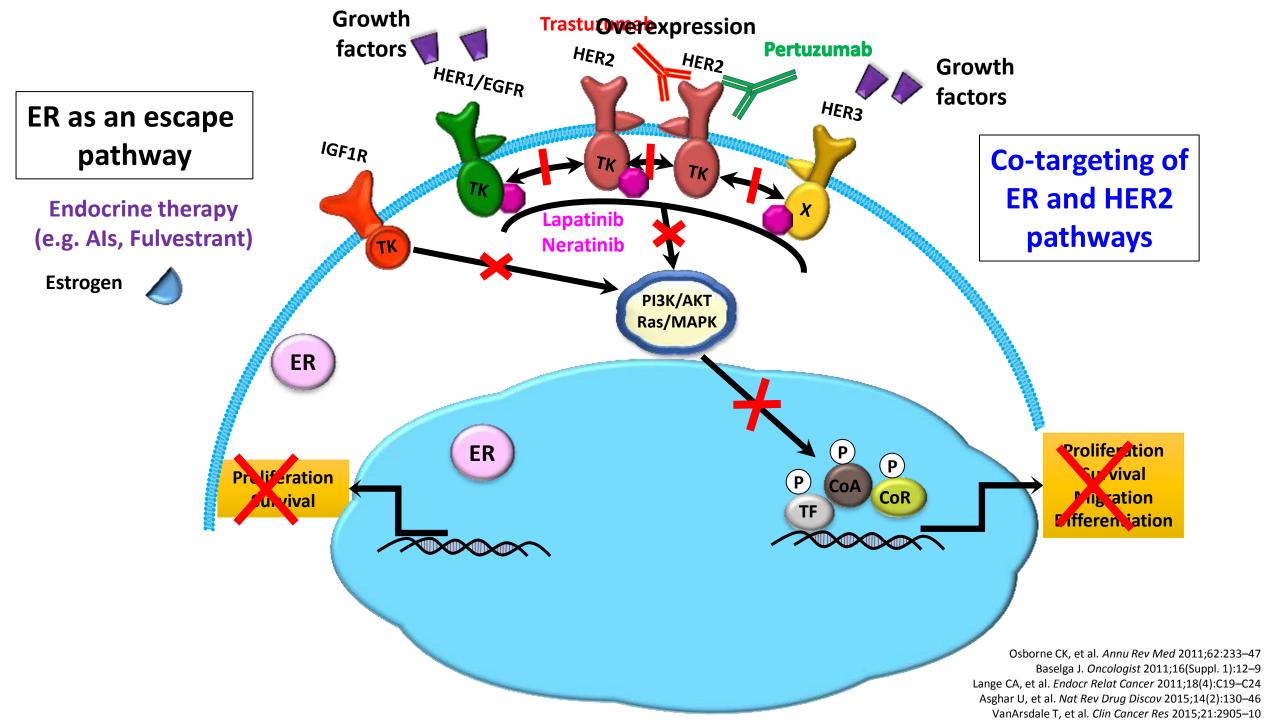




TCGA Nature 2012

HR+/HER2+ and HR-/HER2+: Two different diseases





# The cross-talk between ER and HER2 and the "chemo-less" goal

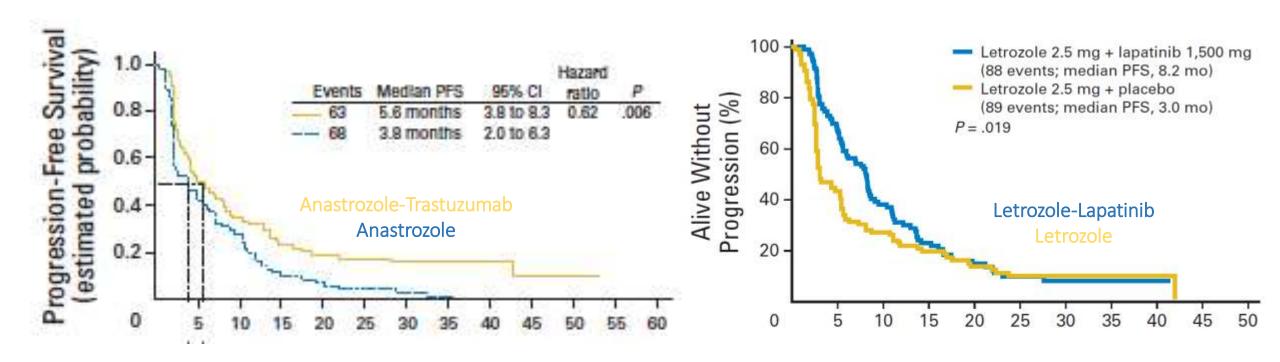
# Anti-HER2 therapy + endrocrine therapy (ET)

Author	No. of Patients	Trial Phase	Study Design	PFS
Johnston <sup>1</sup>	219	III	letrozole vs letrozole + lapatinib	3.0 vs 8.2 mo P = .019
Kaufman <sup>2</sup>	Kaufman <sup>2</sup> 207 III		anastrozole vs anastrozole + trastuzumab	3.8 vs 5.6 mo P = .0016

<sup>1.</sup> Johnston S, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009

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# Anti-HER2 therapy + ET in ER+/HER2+ MBC



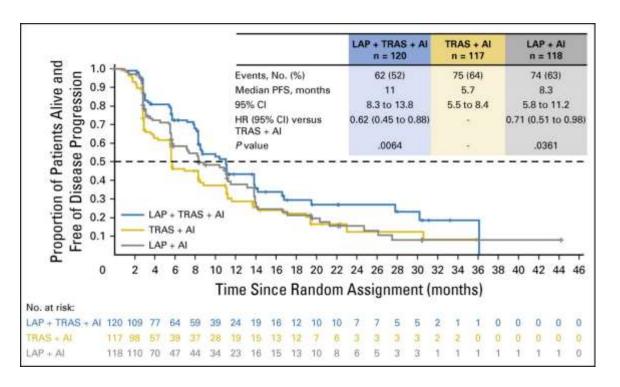
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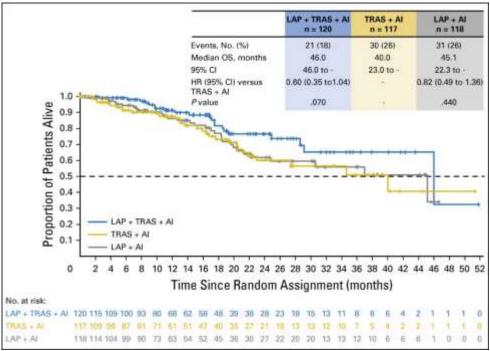
# What about dual HER2 blockade + endocrine therapy?

## ALTERNATIVE study (Phase III)

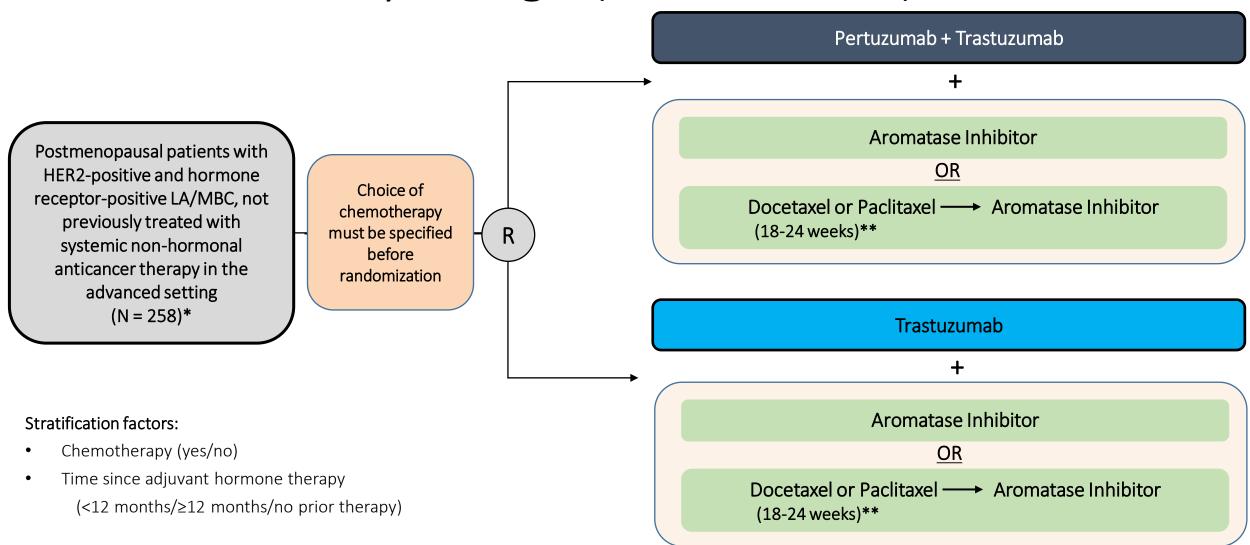
**PFS** 



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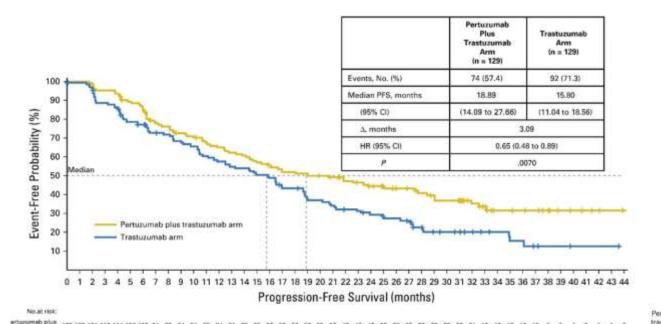


# PERTAIN Study Design (Phase II Trial)

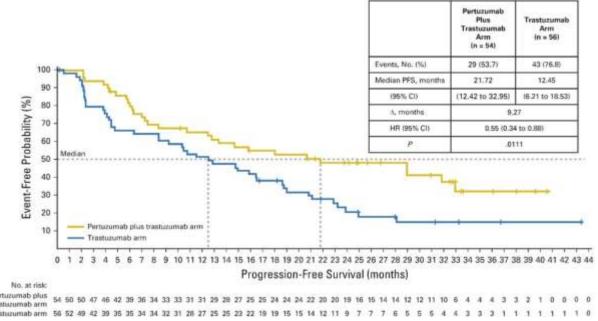


#### PERTAIN: PFS

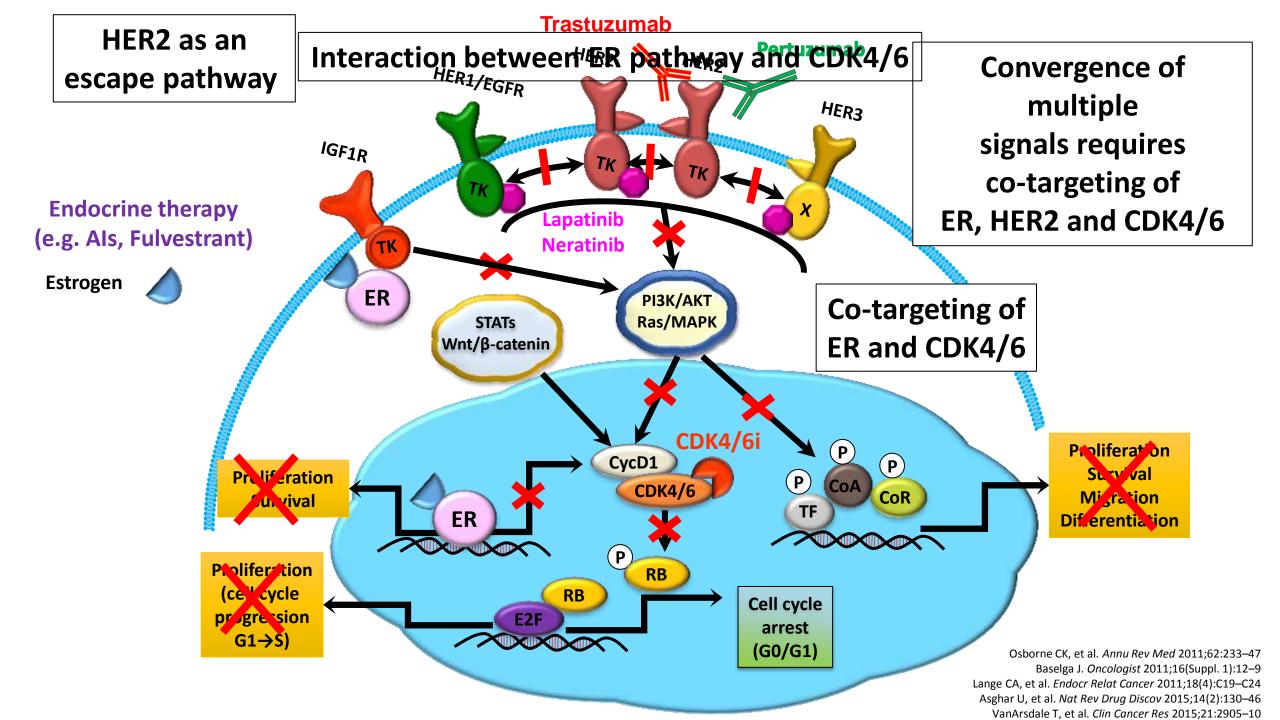
#### ITT



#### Pts with no induction chemotherapy



# ER and HER2 pathways require CDK4/6-mediated transcription for cell-cycle progression



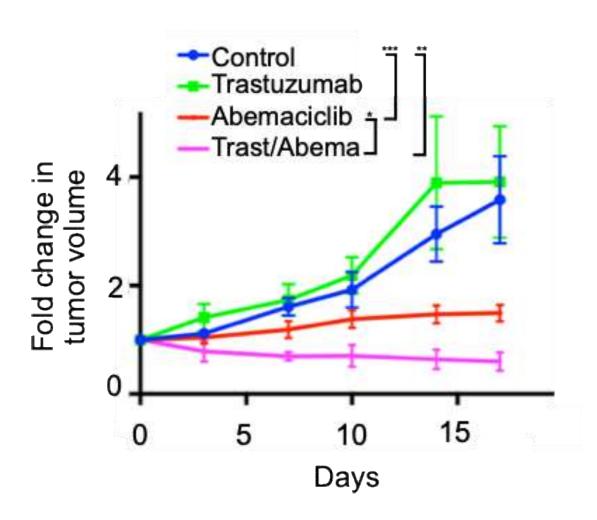


# monarcher: A Randomized Phase 2 Study of Abemaciclib Plus Trastuzumab with or without fulvestrant versus Trastuzumab plus Standard-Of-Care Chemotherapy in Women with HR+, Her2+ Advanced Breast Cancer (ABC)

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Combined inhibition of CDK4/6 and HER2 is synergistic in PDX model resistant to HER2 directed therapies



## monarcHER: Study design

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- HR+/HER2+ ABC
- ≥2 prior anti-HER2 therapies for ABC
- prior T-DM1 and taxane required
- CDK4/6i/fulvestrant naive
- No untreated or symptomatic CNS metastases

#### **Stratification Factors:**

- number of previous systemic regimens (2–3 vs. >3)
- measurable vs. non-measurable

#### Randomization

N = 237 1:1:1

#### Sample Size Calculations:

 165 PFS events give 80% power at 2-sided alpha of 0.20, assuming a HR of 0.667

#### Continue until PD

#### Arm A

abemaciclib 150 mg PO BID + trastuzumab IV q21d + fulvestrant IM q28d

#### Arm B

abemaciclib 150 mg PO BID + trastuzumab IV q21d

#### Arm C

trastuzumab IV q21d + investigator's choice chemotherapy

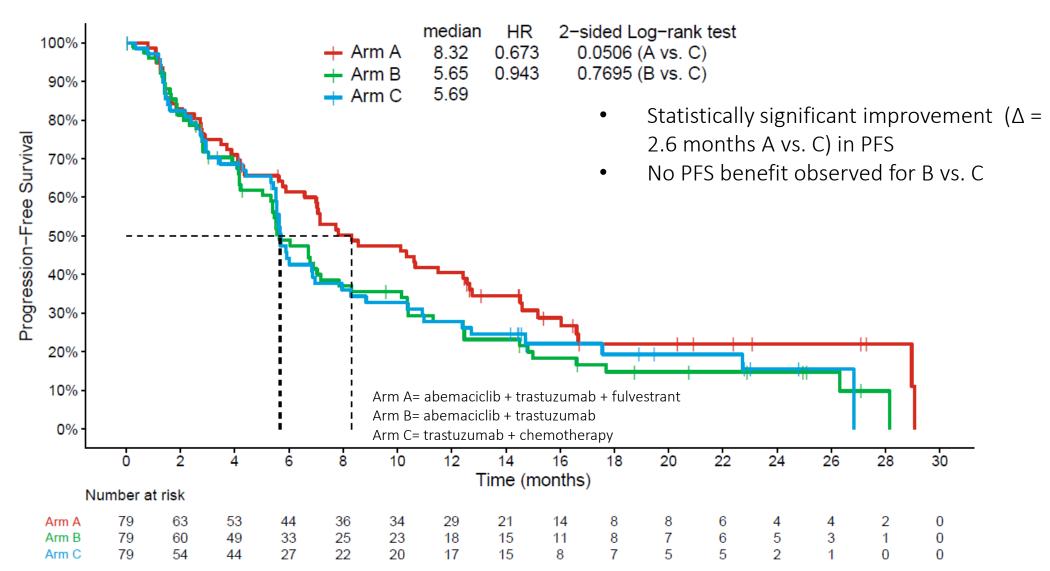
#### Primary Endpoint

PFS (A vs. C, then B vs. C)

#### Secondary Endpoint

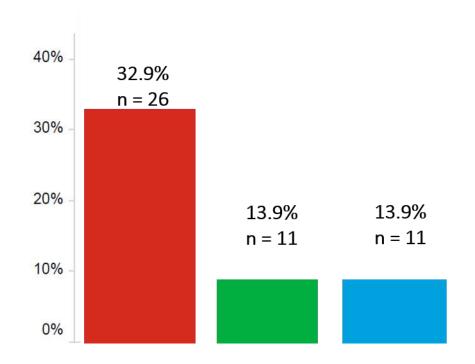
 ORR, safety, OS, PRO, PK

#### monarcHER: PFS

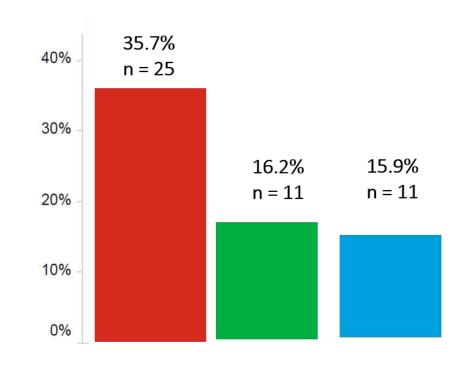


## Confirmed Best Overall Response Rate

#### ITT (237 pts)



#### Measurable disease (207)



Arm A= abemaciclib + trastuzumab + fulvestrant Arm B= abemaciclib + trastuzumab Arm C= trastuzumab + chemotherapy

#### Conclusions

• Excellent outcome has been achieved with standard treatments

 De-escalation in the metastatic setting is possible, but has to be done safely and cautiously without compromising outcome

ADCs may improve outcome by ameliorating the toxicity profile

 Combinations of anti-HER2 agents and ET + CDK4/6 inhibitors are a valid and rational strategy for HR+/HER2+ disease