



Targeted Therapy for Metastatic Breast Cancer: HER2+ Disease

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Breast cancer is a common disease

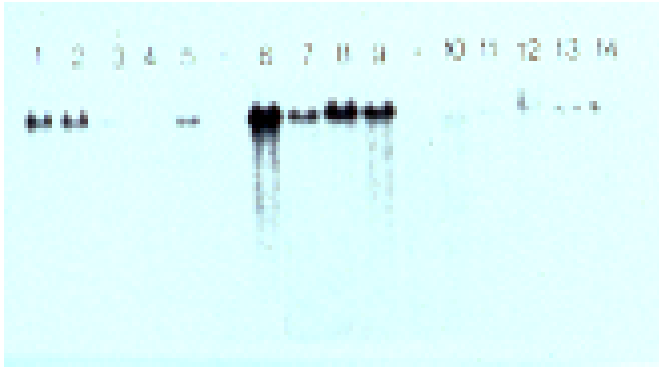
In Hong Kong:

- most frequent non-skin cancer in HK women
- 25.8% of all new cancer cases (3508 new cases of female breast cancer)
- 11.1% of all cancer deaths among women

Biomarkers to guide treatment

- Estrogen receptor (ER)
- Progesterone receptor (PR)
- Human epidermal receptor 2 (HER2 / Cerb2)
- ...

HER2+(Cerb2+) Breast Cancer



HER2 Oncogene
Amplification

HER2基因擴增

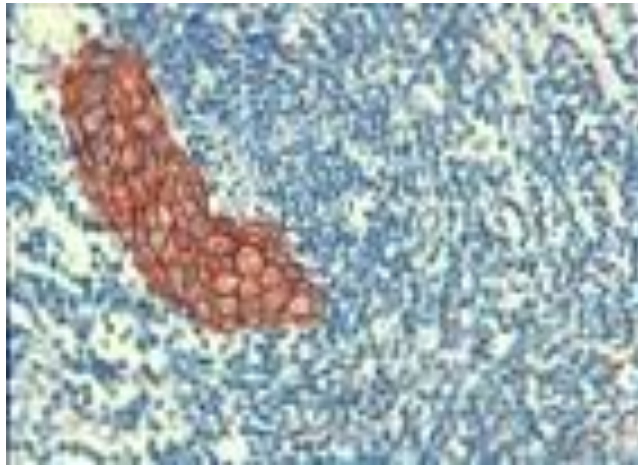


HER2 Oncoprotein
Overexpression

HER2基因表達



Poor prognosis



HER2+(Cerb2+) Breast Cancer

- Cytotoxic chemotherapy alone- lower response

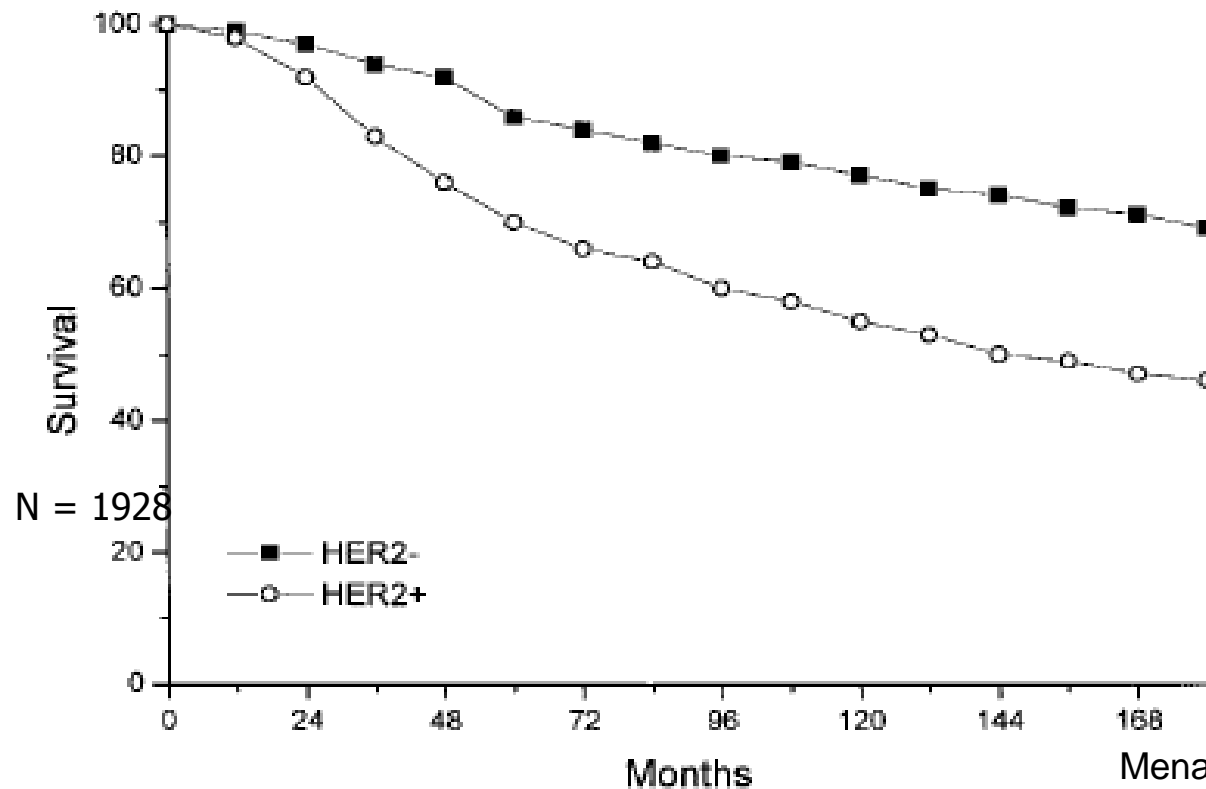
Median Survival from First Diagnosis

HER-2 overexpressing

3 yrs

HER-2 normal

6 - 7 yrs



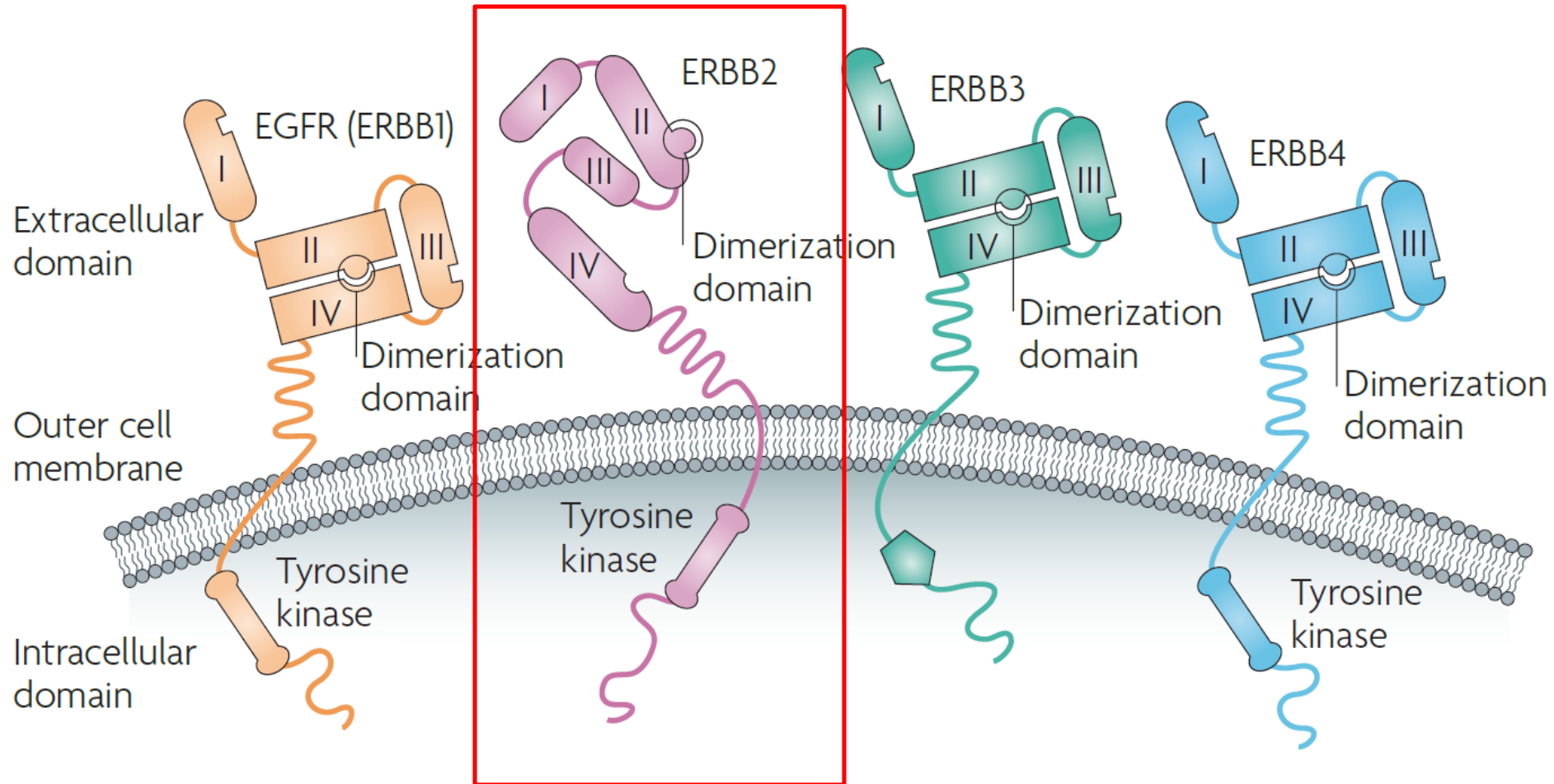
When a patient presents with metastatic breast cancer (MBC)

- Incurable
- Treatment has palliative intent
 - 1st line therapy
 - 2nd line therapy
 - 3rd line therapy
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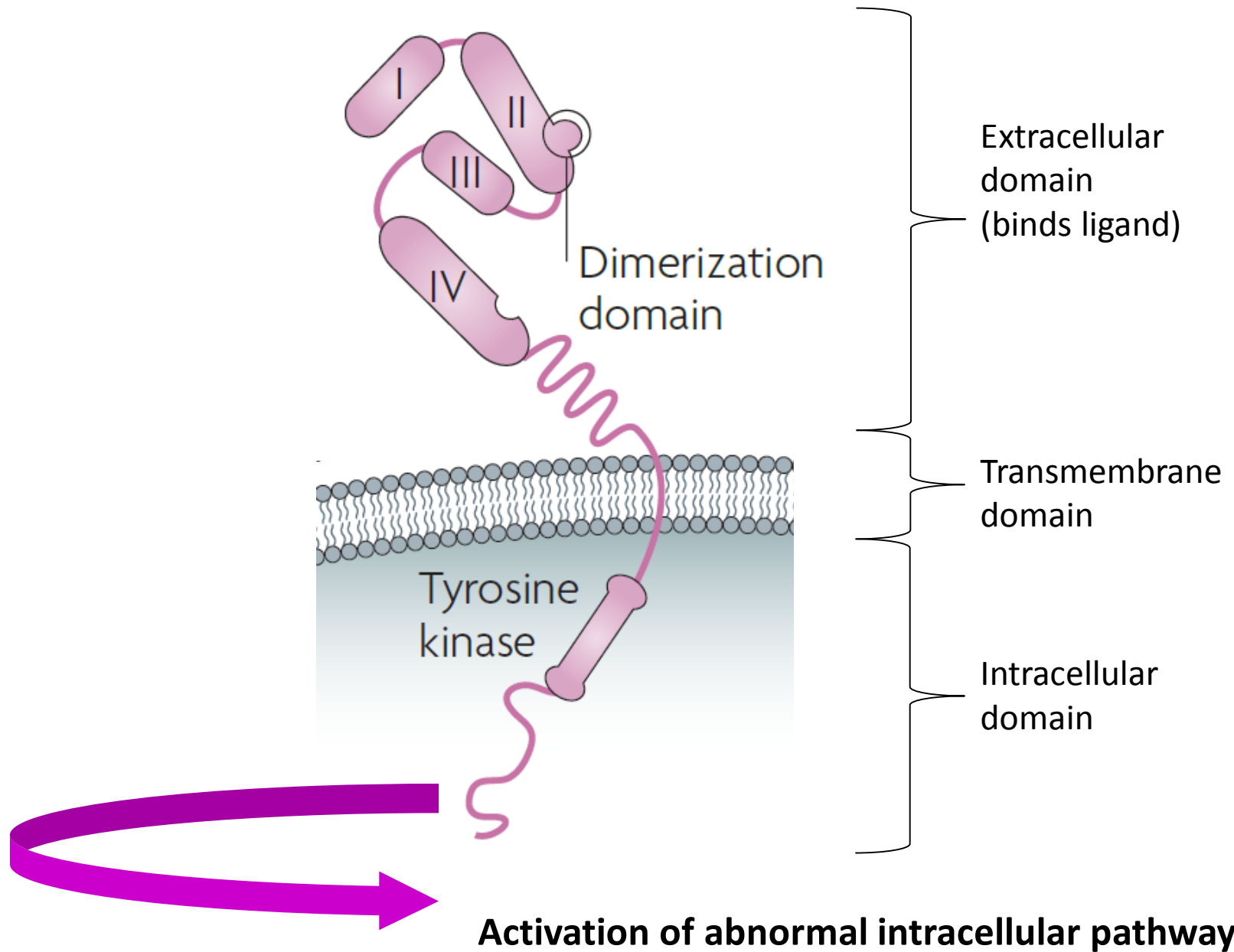
How can we tackle HER2+ BC



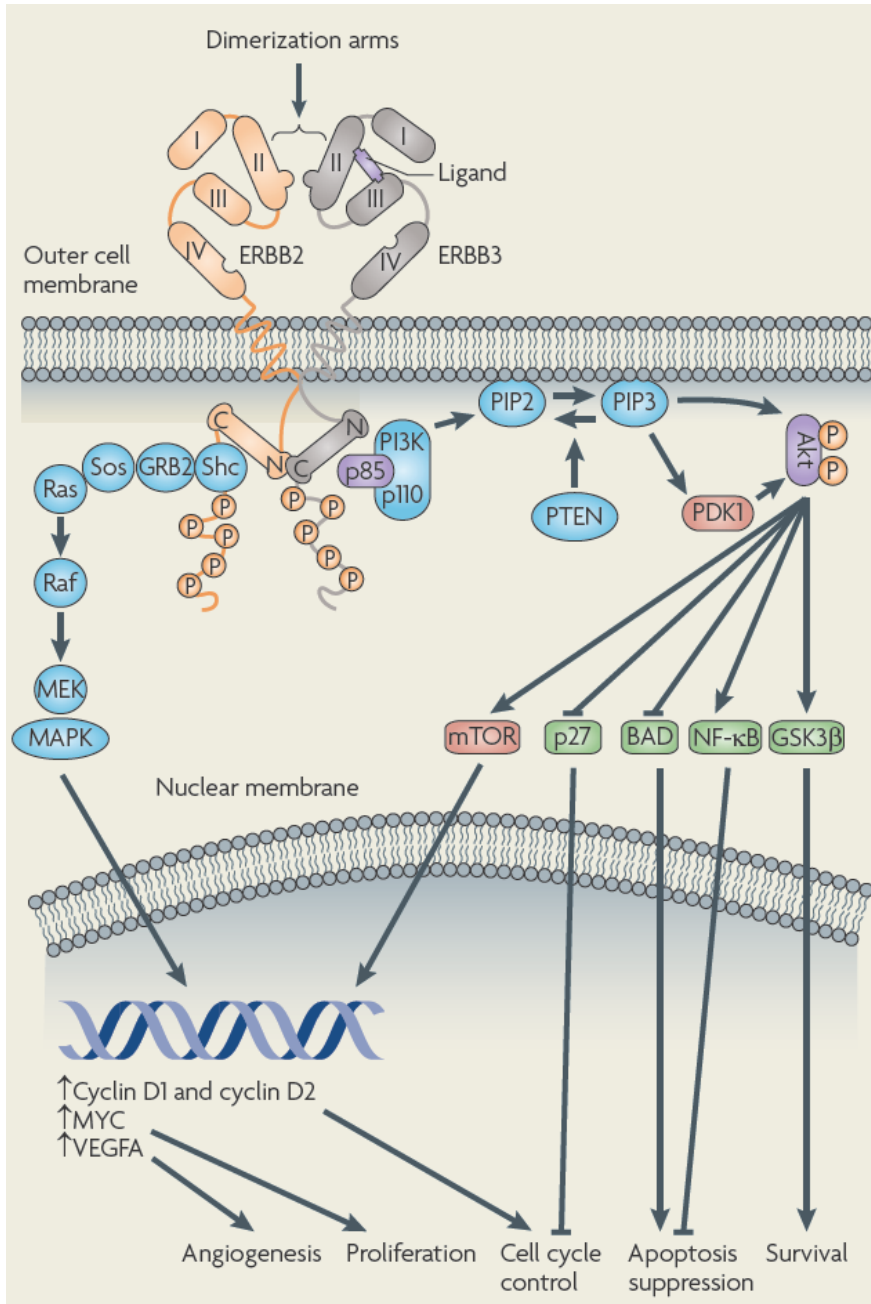
The HER/ ErbB family



HER2 molecule: ~20-25% of breast cancer patients



Signalling downstream of HER dimer formation

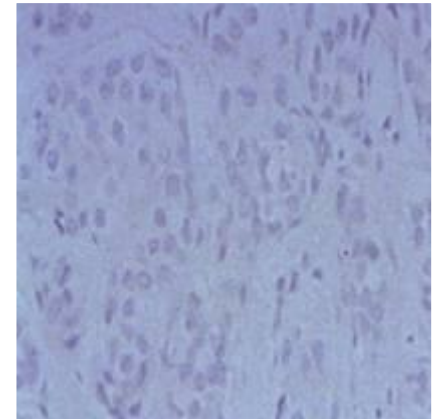
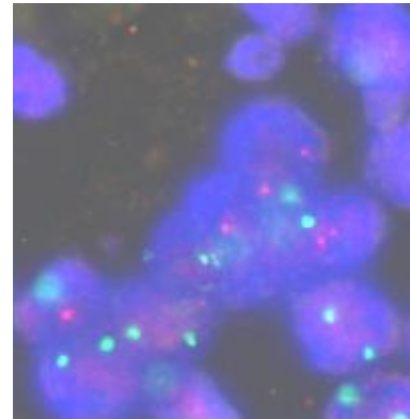
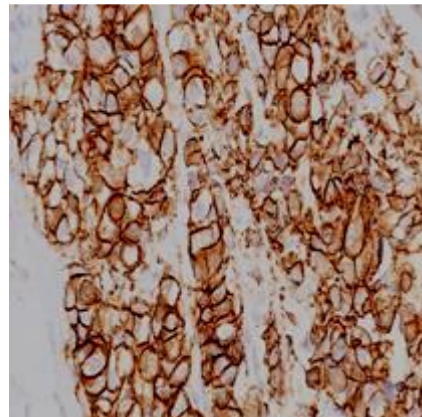
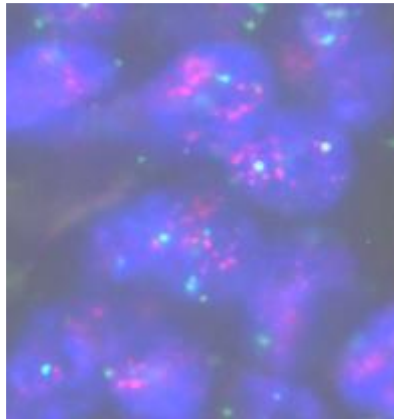


Two key signalling pathways :

1. MAPK pathway, which stimulates proliferation
激活細胞增殖
2. PI3K–Akt pathway, which promotes tumour cell survival
激活細胞全活

Means to determine HER2+ status

- Determined by IHC or FISH



FISH+

IHC+
(HER2 3+)

FISH-

IHC-
(HER2+ 0/1+/2+)

Eligible for anti-HER2 therapy

NO BENEFIT from anti-HER2 therapy

Potential HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

a. Binds directly to extracellular domain (IV) of HER2

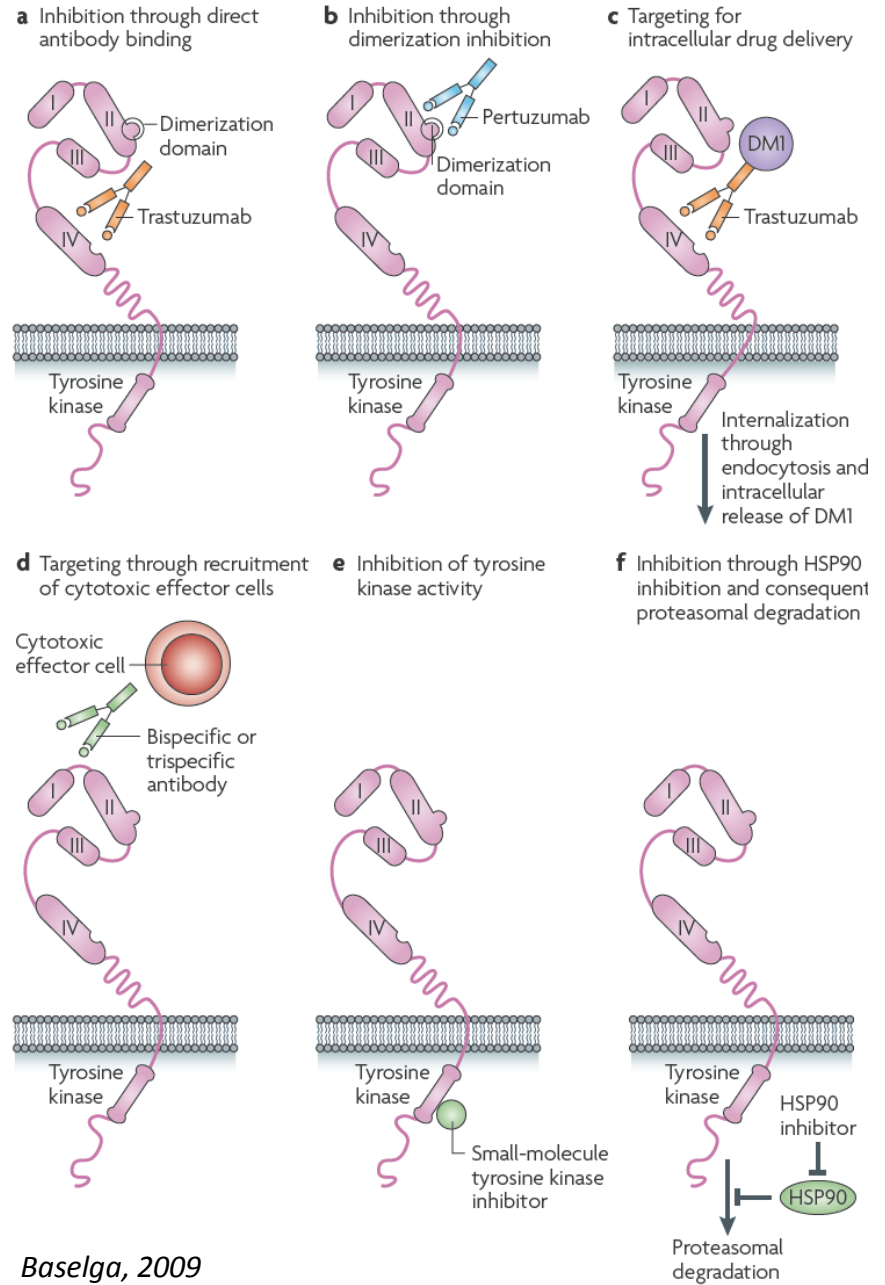
b. Prevents HER2 dimerization

c. Antibody–drug conjugate

d. HER2-specific binding by antibodies

e. Inhibition of the activity of the HER2 TK domain

f. Inhibition of HSP90



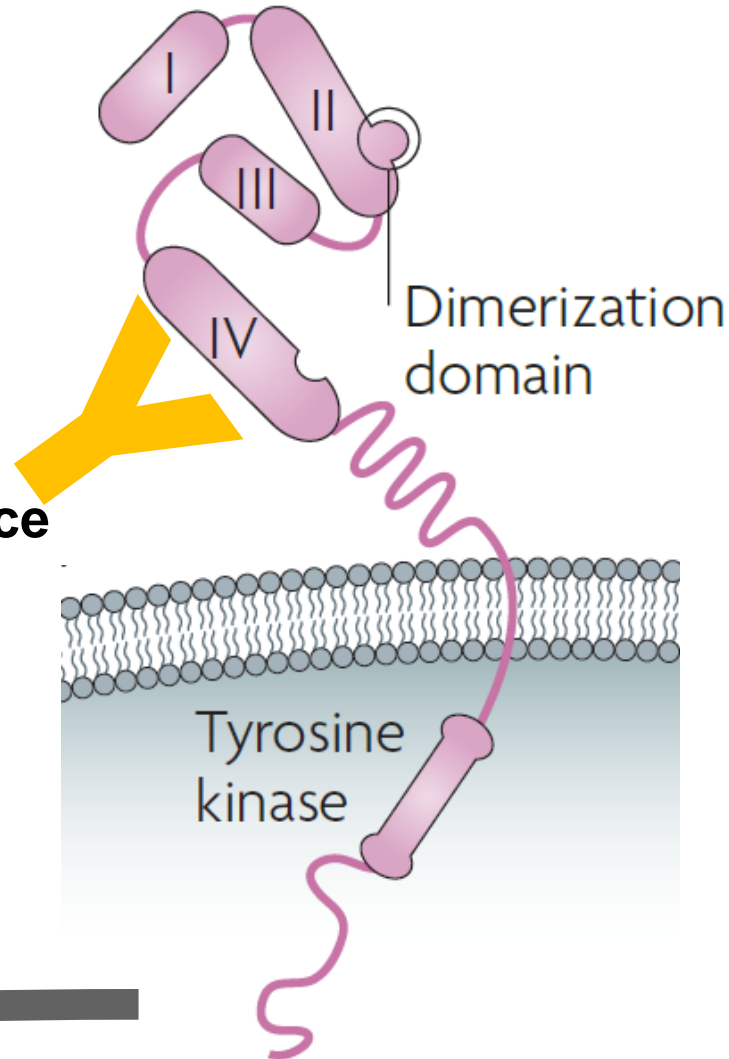
Treatment of HER2+
Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC)
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HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

1. **Binds directly to extracellular domain (IV) of HER2**

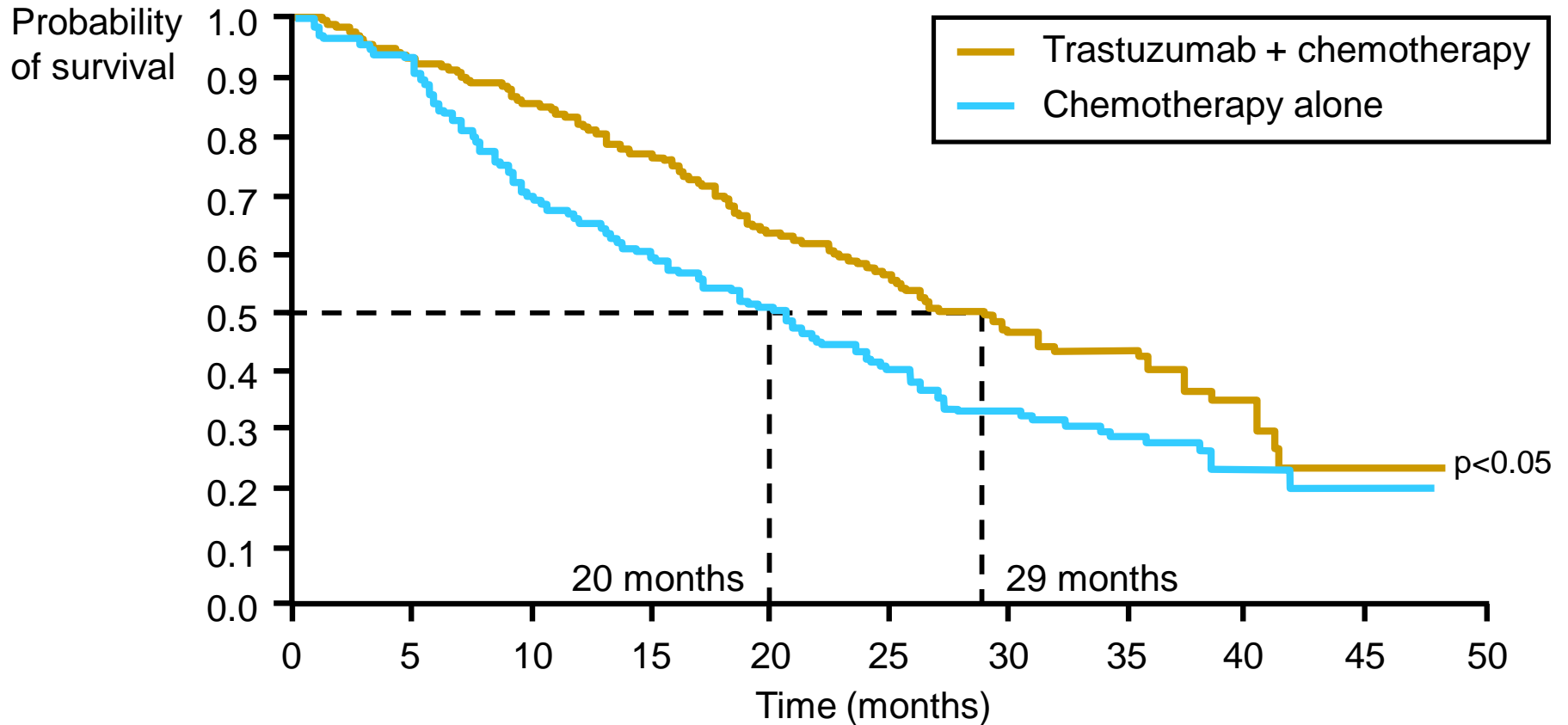
Trastuzumab- a monoclonal antibody against HER2

Trastuzumab targets HER2
acts outside the cell surface



Activation of abnormal intracellular pathways

HER2+ MBC 1st line: Trastuzumab + chemotherapy improves OS (HER2 IHC 3+)



Trastuzumab with Chemotherapy as First-line Therapy for Metastatic Disease

Agent(s) Administered with Trastuzumab	Response Rate (%)	Median Response Duration (months)	Median TTF (months)	Median Survival (months)
Doxorubicin Cyclophos- phamide ¹	56	9.1	7.2	26.8
Paclitaxel ¹	41	10.5	5.8	22.1
Docetaxel ²	61	11.7	9.8	31.2
Navelbine ³	68	N/P	5.6	N/P

* N/P = Not Provided

¹ Slamon DJ, Leyland-Jones B, Shak S, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;344:783-792

² Marty M, Cognetti F, Maraninchi D, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2005;23:4265-4274

³ Burstein HJ, Harris LN, Marcom PK, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2003;21:2889-2895

Active with multiple combination partners

Trastuzumab combination partners in MBC^a
>110 publications

Trastuzumab + chemotherapy (taxane), e.g.
Trastuzumab + paclitaxel or
Trastuzumab + docetaxel

For HER2+ MBC who experienced progression during trastuzumab:

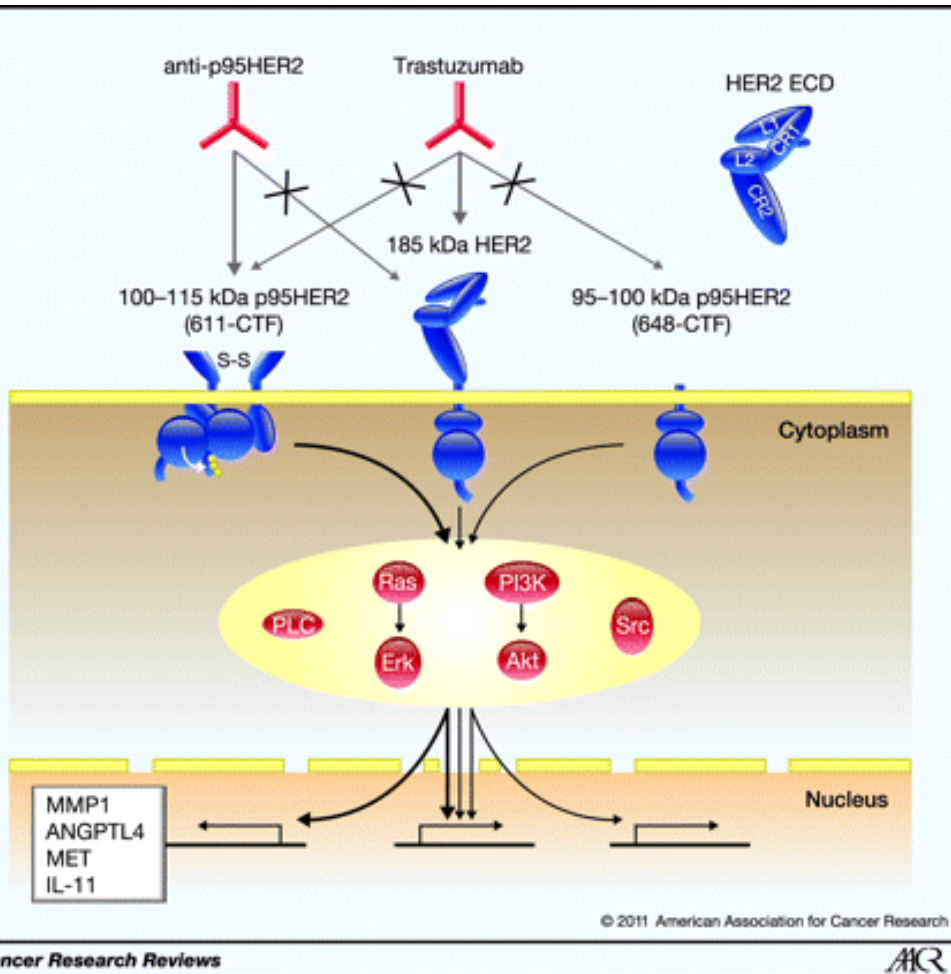
Continuation of anti-HER2 agent + chemotherapy improves clinical outcomes

	Chemotherapy + anti-HER2 vs. Chemotherapy
1 st line	better outcome with continuation of anti-HER2
2 nd line	better outcome with continuation of anti-HER2
3 rd line	better outcome with continuation of anti-HER2

Potential Mechanisms of Trastuzumab Resistance

- Altered receptor-antibody interactions
 - Mutations
 - Truncated ECD (p95)- HER2蛋白截短
 - Binding of other proteins (Muc4)
- Increased signaling via the PI3K/Akt pathway
- Increased signaling through alternate growth regulatory pathways (IGF-1R)

Truncated Forms of HER2 Receptor-p95HER2



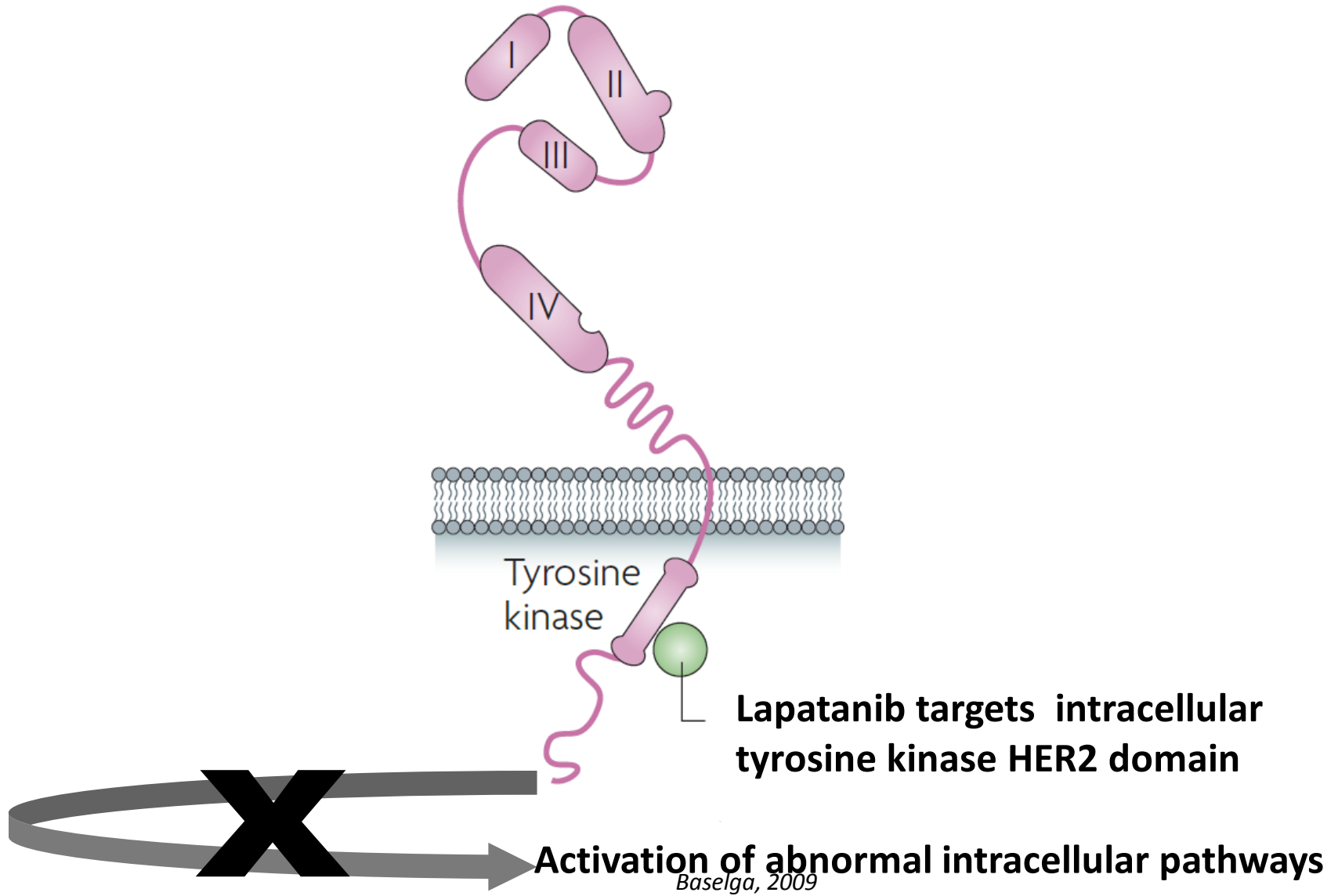
100- to 115-kDa p95HER2+ tumours

- twice as likely to metastasize to lungs
- specifically regulated genes involved in metastatic progression (MMP1, ANGPTL4, MET, and IL-11)
- significantly shorter PFS and OS when compared to full length HER2
- a more potent activator of the PI3K pathway than HER2-HER3 dimer

HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

2. Inhibition of the activity of the HER2 TK domain

Lapatinib- tyrosine kinase inhibitor against HER2



Treatment response in relation with p95HER2

	Full-length HER2	p95 HER2	P
Response to trastuzumab* (1st line; n=46)	51.4%	11.1%	0.029
Response to lapatinib** (2nd line; n = 68)	34-35%	29-31%	>0.05

*p95 rate= 19.6%

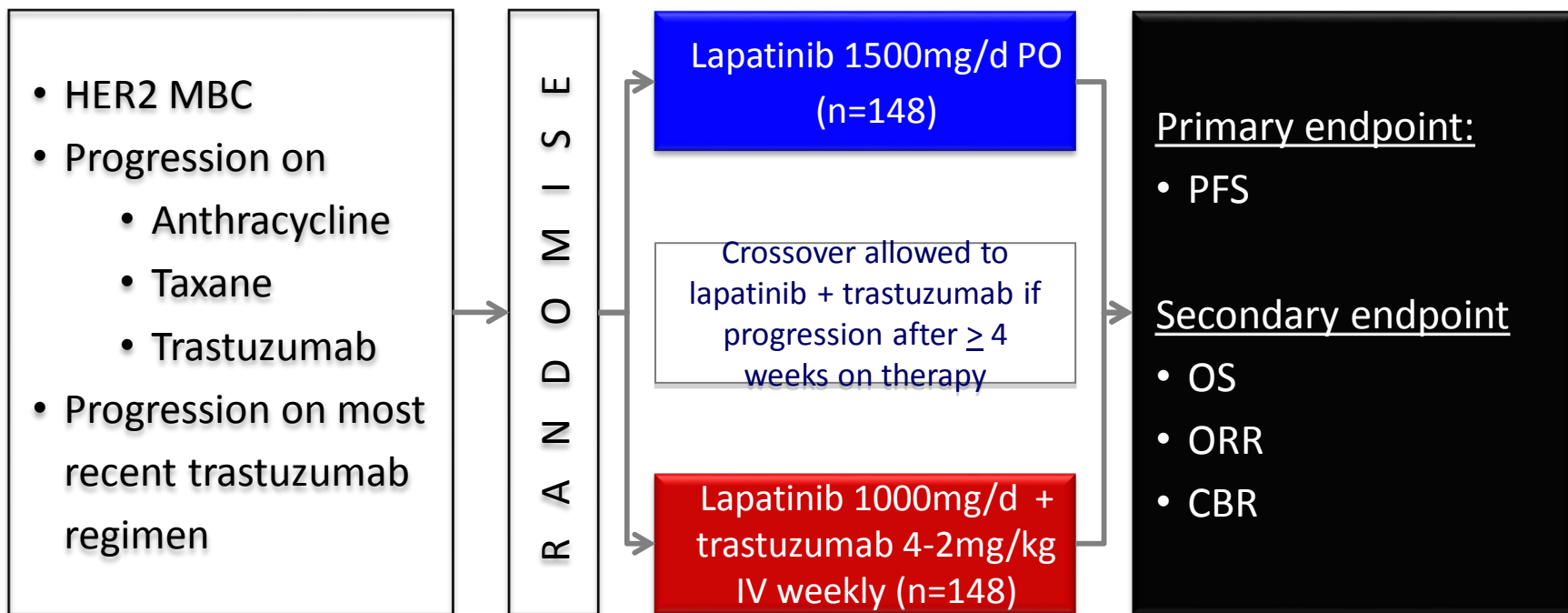
**EGF20009 (n=14; p95 rate= 20.5%) and EGF100151 (n=54; p95 rate= 28.5%)

*Scaltriti , J Natl Cancer Inst 2007

**Scaltriti , Clin Cancer Res; 2010

Refractory HER2+ MBC: Dual blockade

EGF104900- Phase III



Efficacy Summary

	L N=145	L + T N=146
Median PFS	8.1 weeks	12.0 weeks
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.73 (0.57, 0.93), p=0.008	
Median OS	9.5 months	14 months
Hazard Ratio (95%CI)	0.74 (0.57, 0.97), p=0.026	
Overall Response Rate, % (95%CI)*	6.9 (3.4, 12.3)	10.3 (5.9, 16.4)
Odds Ratio (95% CI)	1.5 (0.6, 3.9) P= 0.46	
Clinical Benefit Rate, % (95%CI)†	12.4 (7.5, 18.9)	24.7 (17.9, 32.5)
Odds Ratio (95% CI)	2.2 (1.2, 4.5) P=0.01	

*Confirmed complete (CR) + partial response (PR) †Confirmed CR + PR + stable disease ≥ 6 mo

Second Generation TKIs for HER2+ MBC

Neratinib

- HER1/2/4 Receptor TKI
- Irreversible inhibitors
- Orally administered
- Phase III development
- Potential to cross BBB

Afatinib

- HER1/2/4 Receptor TKI
- Irreversible inhibitors
- Orally administered
- Phase III development
- Potential to cross BBB
- Inhibits mutated HER1

HER Receptor TKIs: Efficacy

TKI	1 st line Setting ORR; CBR	Pre-treated Setting ORR; CBR	Grade 3 Diarrhea
^{1,2} Lapatinib	24%; 31%	4 -7%; 12%	3%
³ Neratinib	56%; 69%	24%; 33%	30%
⁴ Afatinib	N/A	10%; 46%	25%

¹ Blackwell et al, Ann Oncol 2009; ² Gomez HL, et al, J Clin Oncol 2008; ³ Burstein HJ, et al, J Clin Oncol 2010; ⁴ Lin NU et al, Breast Can Res Treat 2012

Brain mets in HER2+ MBC

- 30-50% incidence- risk continues over time
- Lapatinib monotherapy: CNS ORR 2-6%
- Lapatinib + capecitabine:
 - CNS ORR 18-36%. PFS 3.6-5.1 months in pre-treated pts
 - CNS ORR 67%, PFS 5.5 months in upfront setting

HER2 Receptor TKIs: On-going trials for Brain mets

TKI	Trials	Patients	Study regimens
Neratinib	² TBCRC022	PD after std local Rx Surgical candidate	Neratinib Neratinib→Surgery→Neratinib
Afatinib	¹ LUX-breast 3	Prior T/L	Afatinib vs. Afatinib+vinorelbine vs. TPC

HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

3. Prevents HER2 dimerization

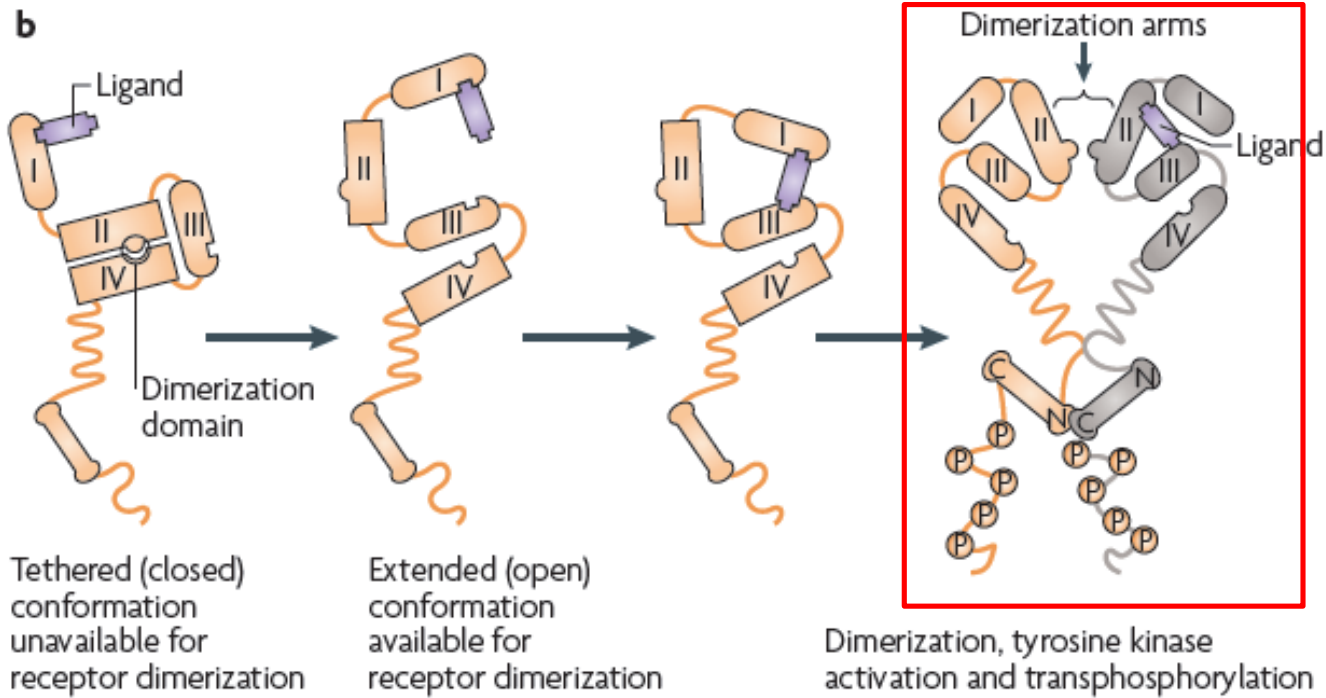
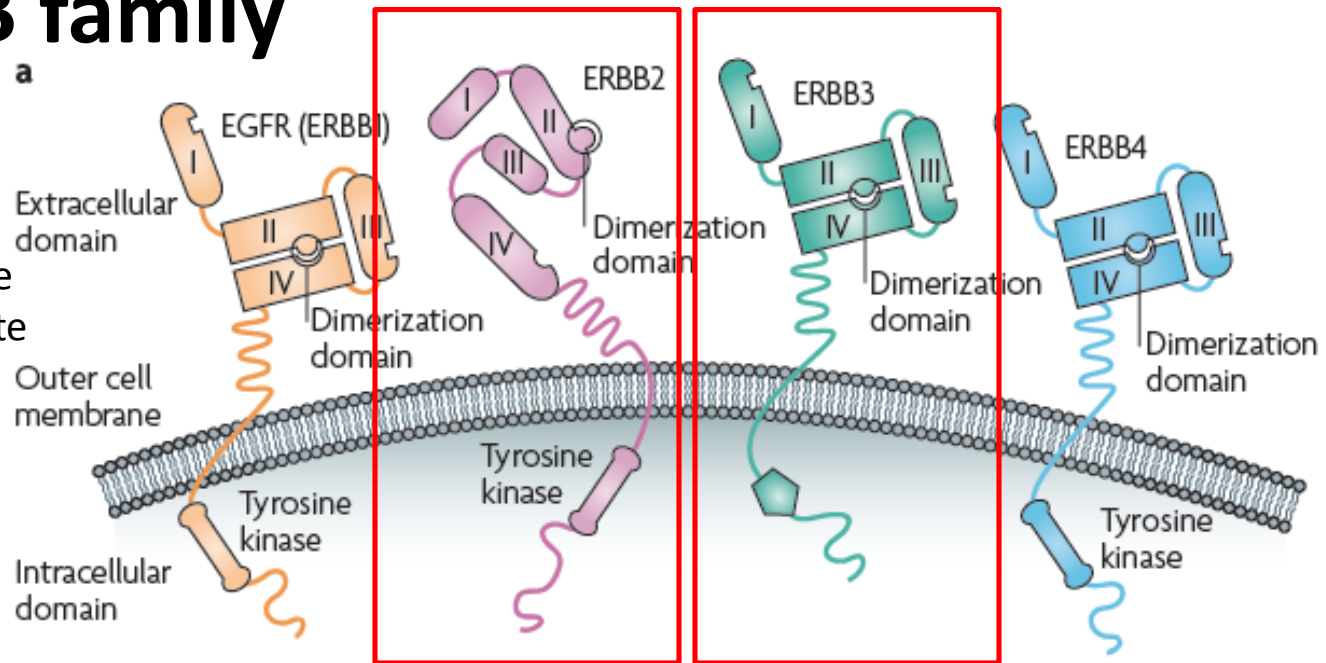
The HER/ ErbB family

- **HER2**

- Possesses an active TK domain
- no ligand identified exists in the open ('active') conformation state
- available for dimerization

- **HER3**

- lack intrinsic TK activity
- binds several ligands
- cannot form homo-, and only heterodimers

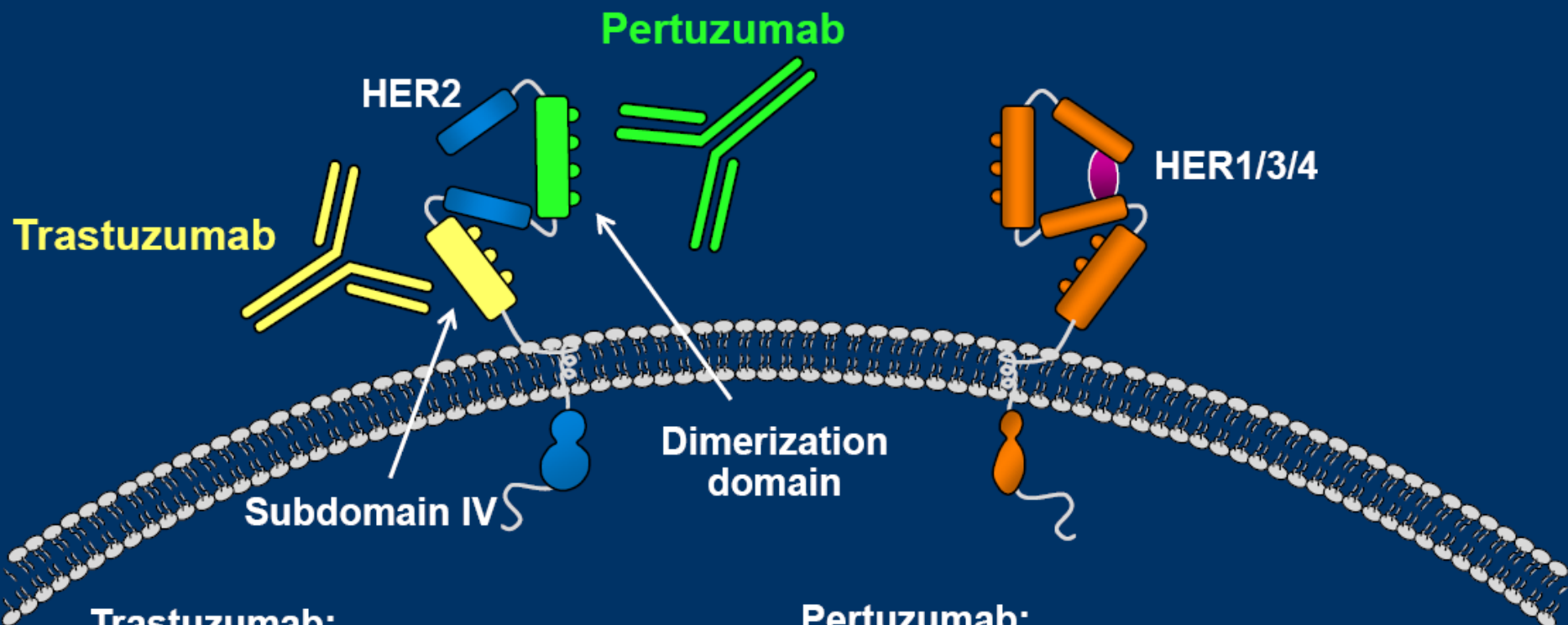


HER2-HER3 dimerization:
 - crucial role in activation of intracellular pathways, including PI3K–Akt pathway which drives tumorigenesis

Berger. *FEBS Lett.* **569**, 332–336 (2004).

Baselga J et al. *Nature Reviews* 2009; 9: 463–475.

Pertuzumab and trastuzumab have complementary mechanisms of action



Trastuzumab:

- Inhibits ligand-independent HER2 signaling
- Activates ADCC
- Prevents HER2 ECD shedding

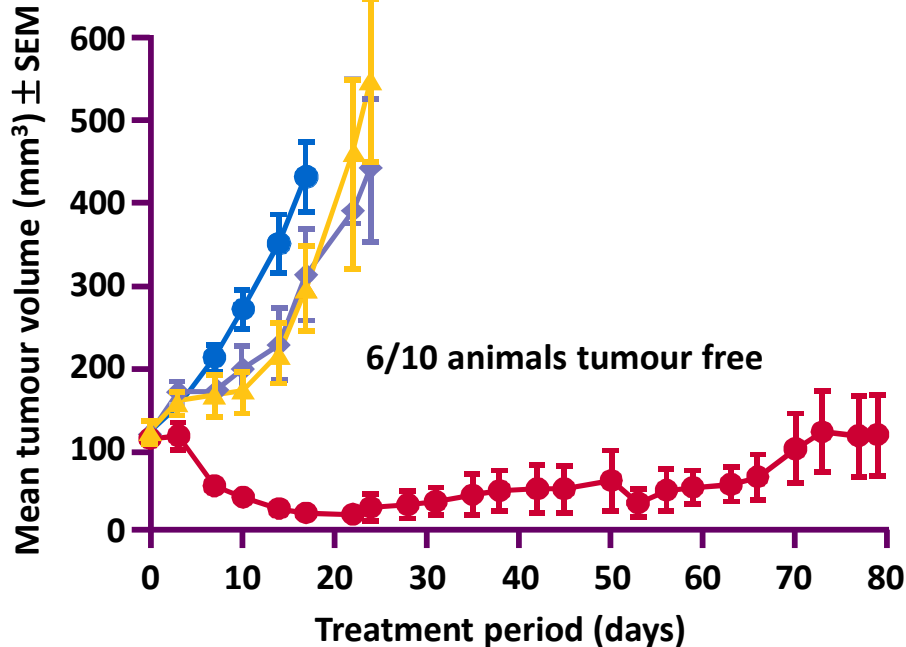
Pertuzumab:

- Inhibits ligand-dependent HER2 dimerization and signaling
- Activates ADCC

In Preclinical Models, Pertuzumab and Trastuzumab Have a Synergistic Effect

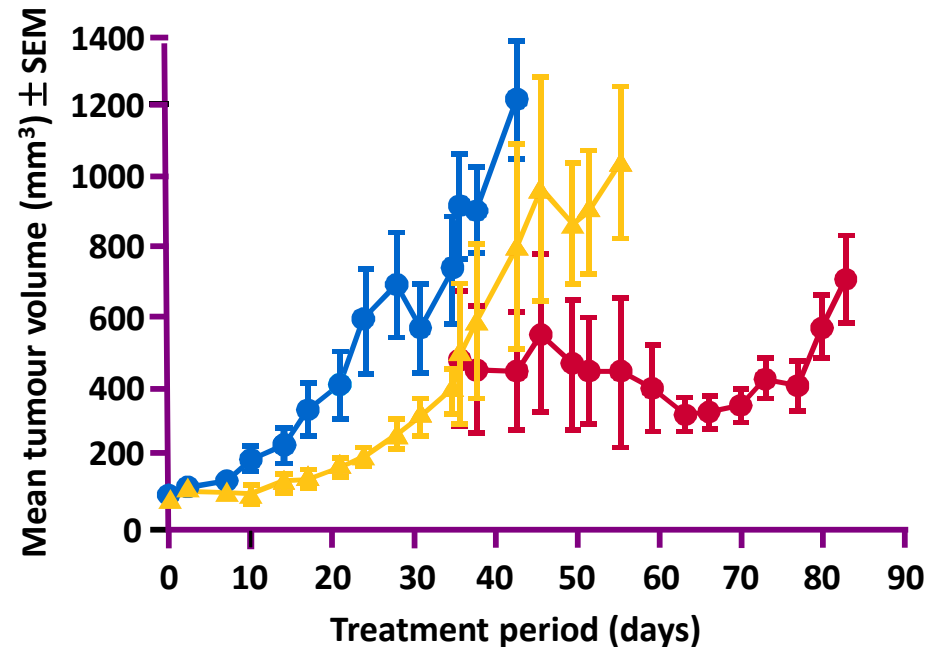
Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab initial combination

- Vehicle control
- ◆ Pertuzumab (30/15 mg/kg/w i.p.)
- ▲ Trastuzumab (30/15 mg/kg/w i.p.)
- Pertuzumab (30/15 mg/kg/w i.p.) + Trastuzumab (30/15 mg/kg/w i.p.)



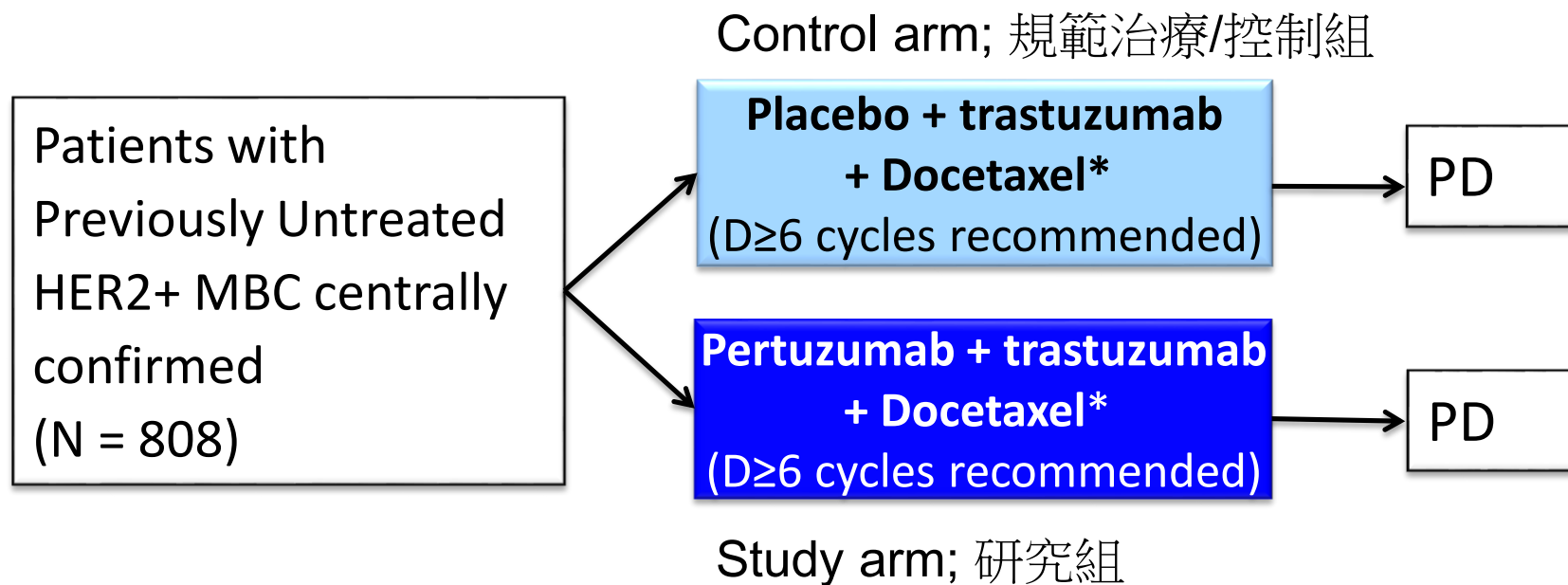
Pertuzumab treatment after progression following Trastuzumab treatment

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Pertuzumab: 1st line HER2+ MBC: CLEOPATRA

A Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind,
Placebo-Controlled Registration Trial



Primary: PFS.

Secondary: OS, RR

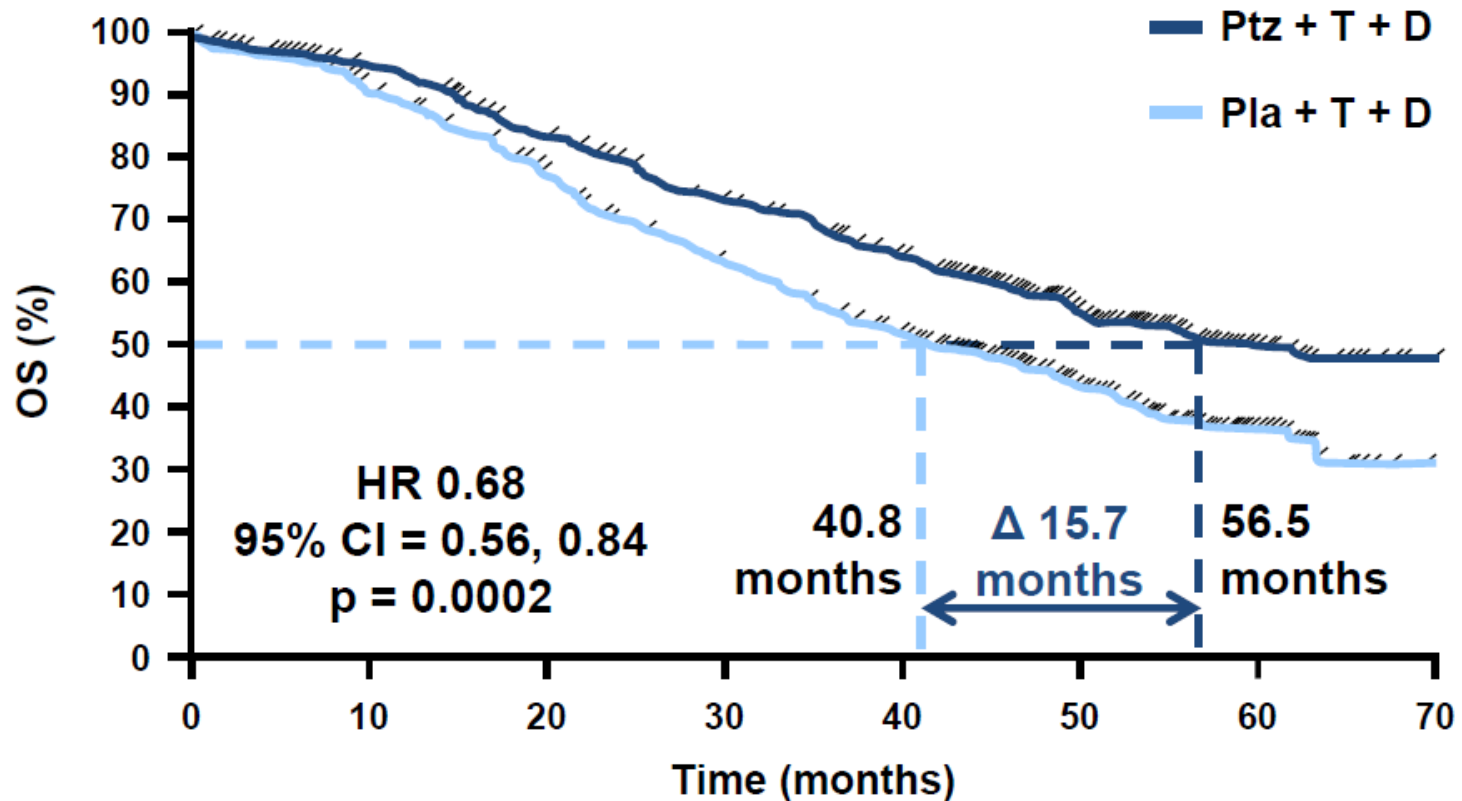
Independently reviewed objective response In patients with measurable disease at baseline

	Placebo + trastuzumab + docetaxel (n = 336)	Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel (n = 343)
Objective response rate, n (%)	233 (69.3)	275 (80.2)
Complete response rate, n (%)	14 (4.2)	19 (5.5)
Partial response rate, n (%)	219 (65.2)	256 (74.6)
	p = 0.0011*	
Stable disease, n (%)	70 (20.8)	50 (14.6)
Progressive disease, n (%)	28 (8.3)	13 (3.8)
Unable to assess or no assessment, n (%)	5 (1.5)	5 (1.5)

* The statistical test result is deemed exploratory

Final OS Analysis

Median follow-up 50 months (range 0–70 months)



n at risk		0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
■	Ptz + T + D	402	371	318	268	226	104	28	1
■	Pla + T + D	406	350	289	230	179	91	23	0

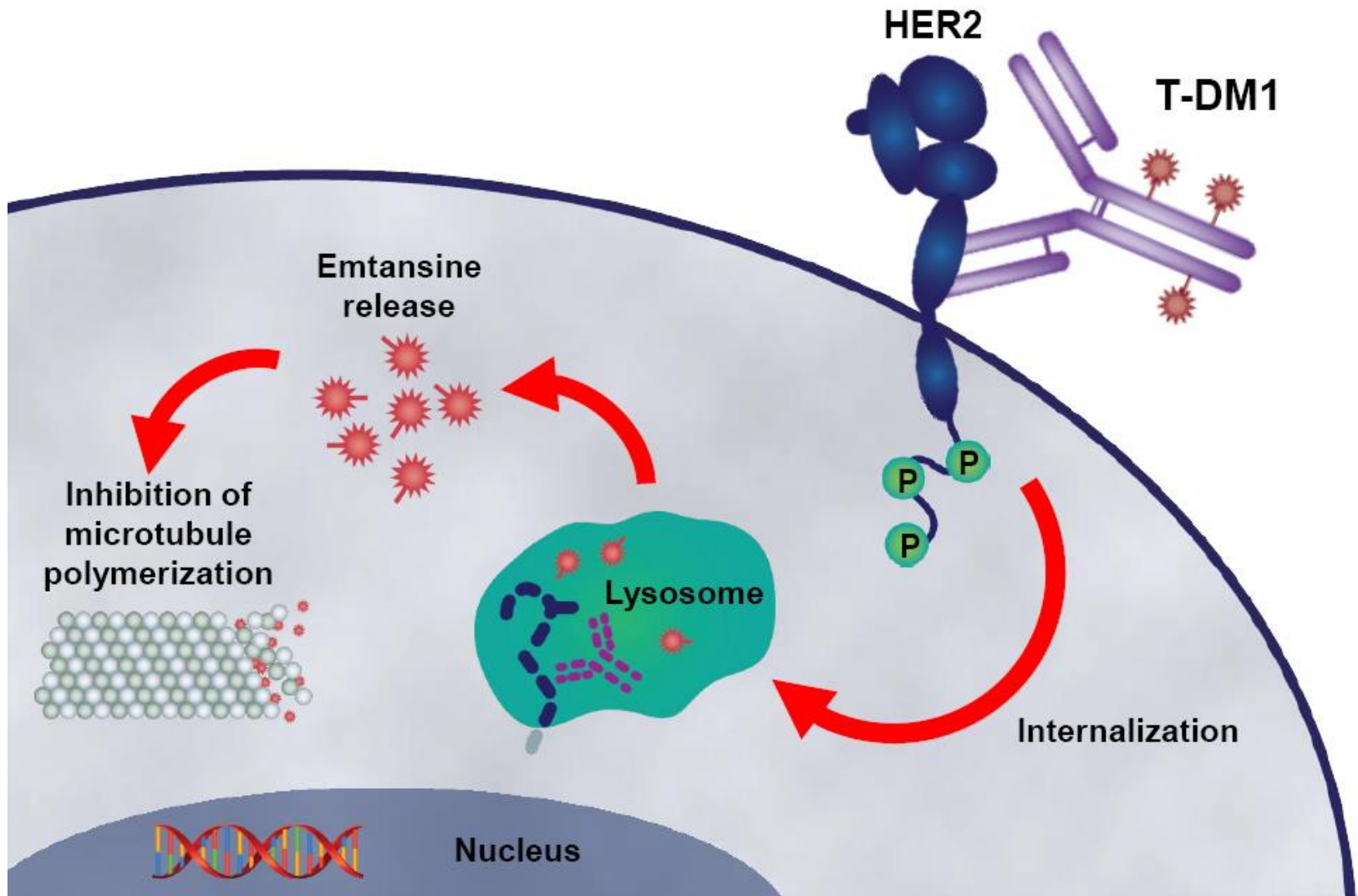
ITT population. Stratified by geographic region and neo/adjuvant chemotherapy.

CI, confidence interval; Pla, placebo; Ptz, pertuzumab.

HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

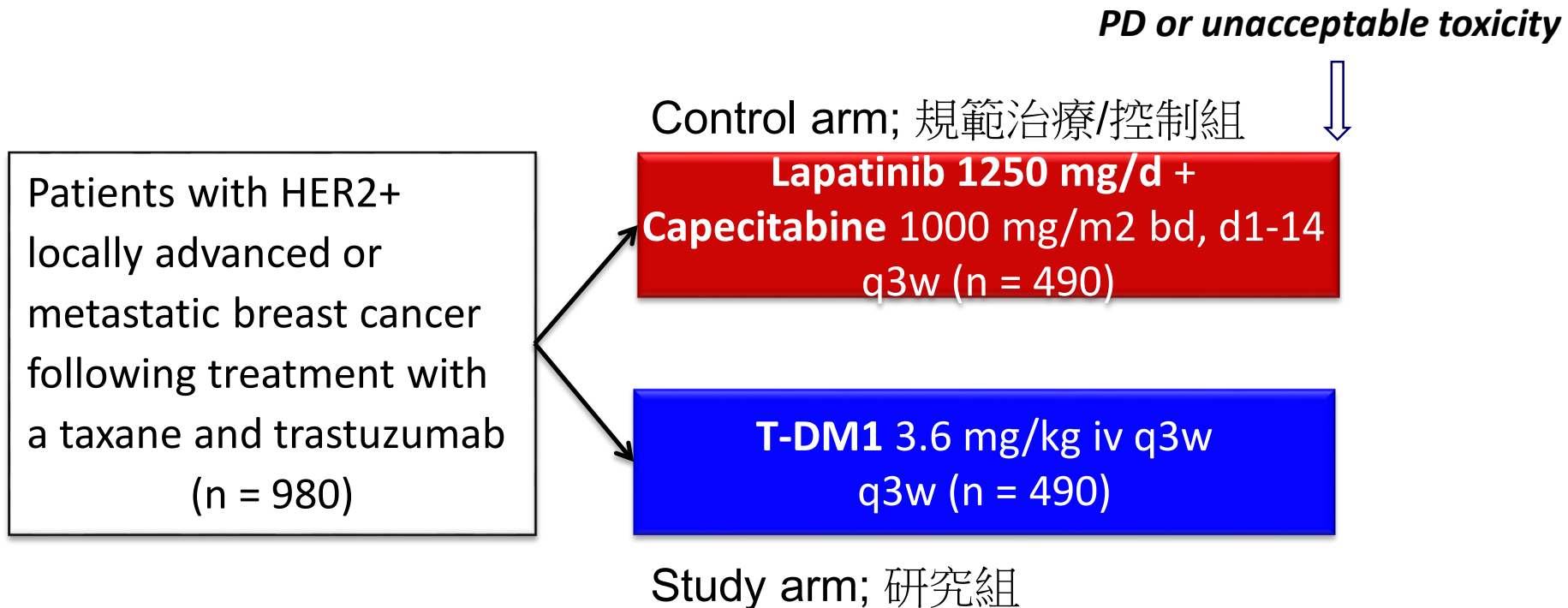
4. Antibody–drug conjugate

T-DM1: Internalization through endocytosis and intracellular release of DM1 (emtansine)



T-DM1- 2nd line MBC: EMILIA

Phase III Study: - Prior trastuzumab



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: QoL (FACT B), DOR, PFS by investigator assessment

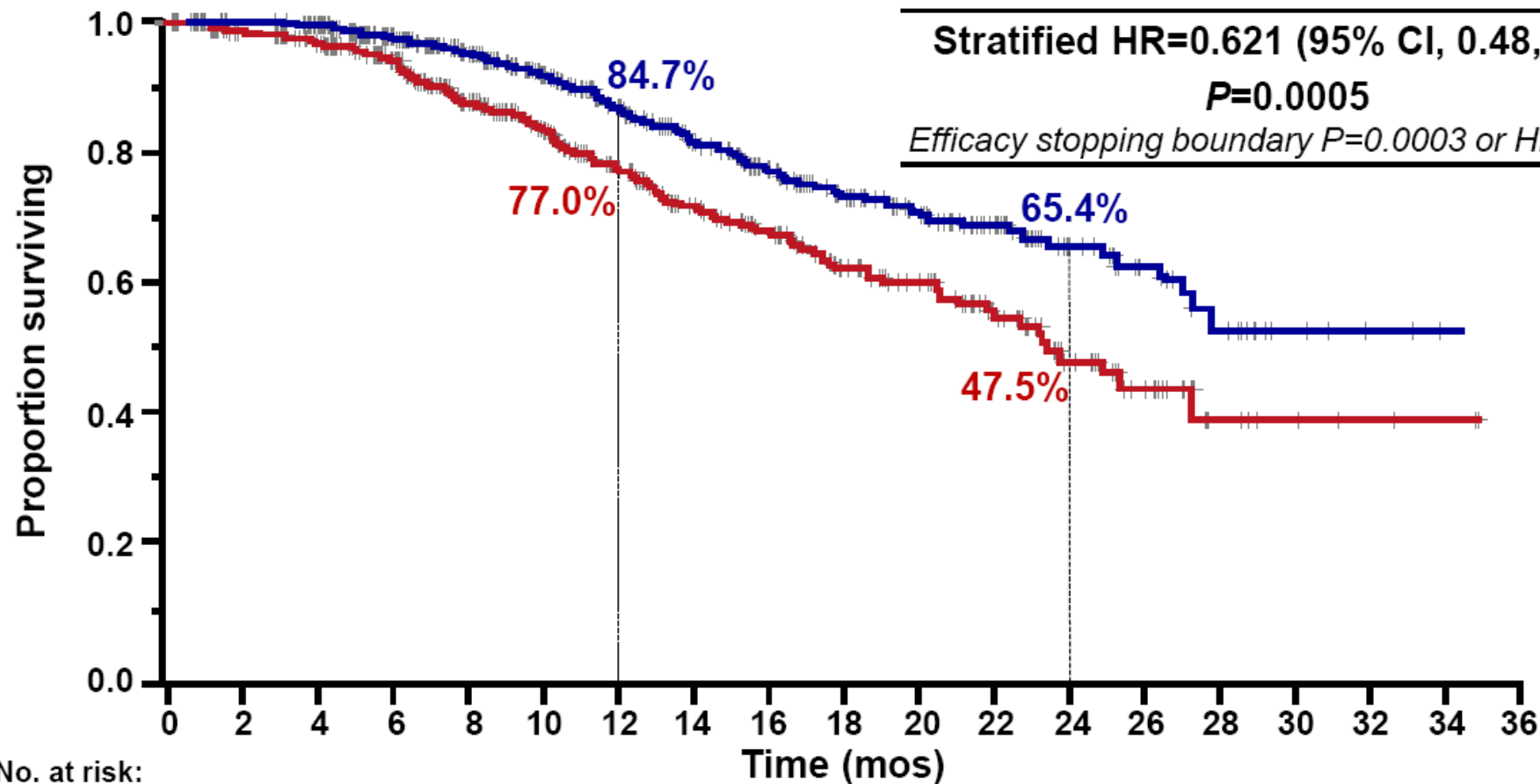
Overall Survival: Interim Analysis

	Median (mos)	No. events
Cap + Lap	23.3	129
T-DM1	NR	94

Stratified HR=0.621 (95% CI, 0.48, 0.81)

P=0.0005

Efficacy stopping boundary P=0.0003 or HR=0.617



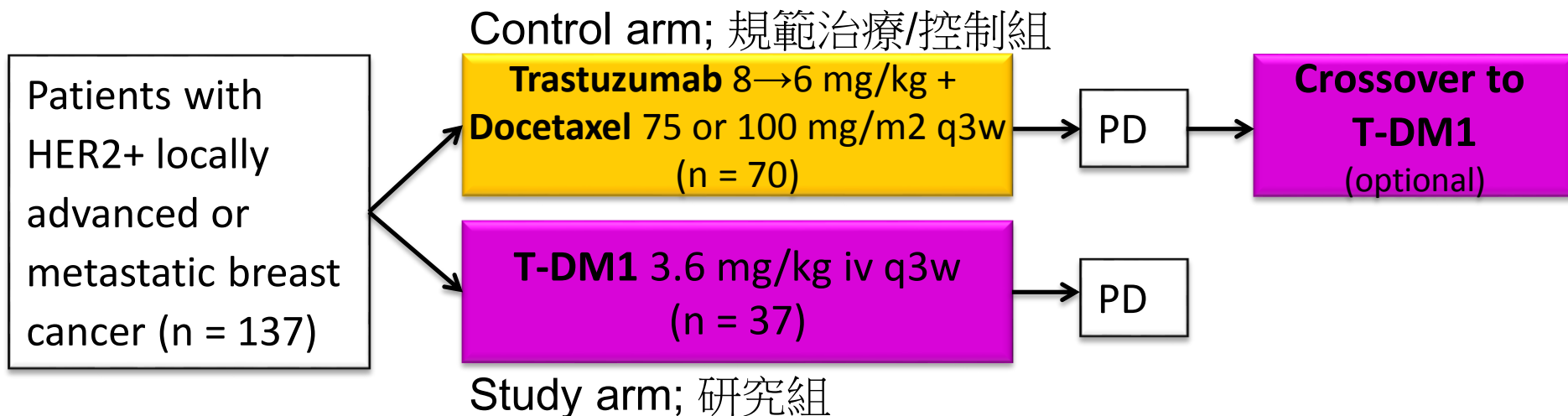
No. at risk:

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
Cap + Lap	496	469	438	364	296	242	195	155	129	97	74	52	31	17	7	3	2	1	0
T-DM1	495	484	461	390	331	277	220	182	149	123	96	67	46	29	16	5	2	0	0

1st line MBC:

T-DM1 vs. Trastuzumab + Docetaxel

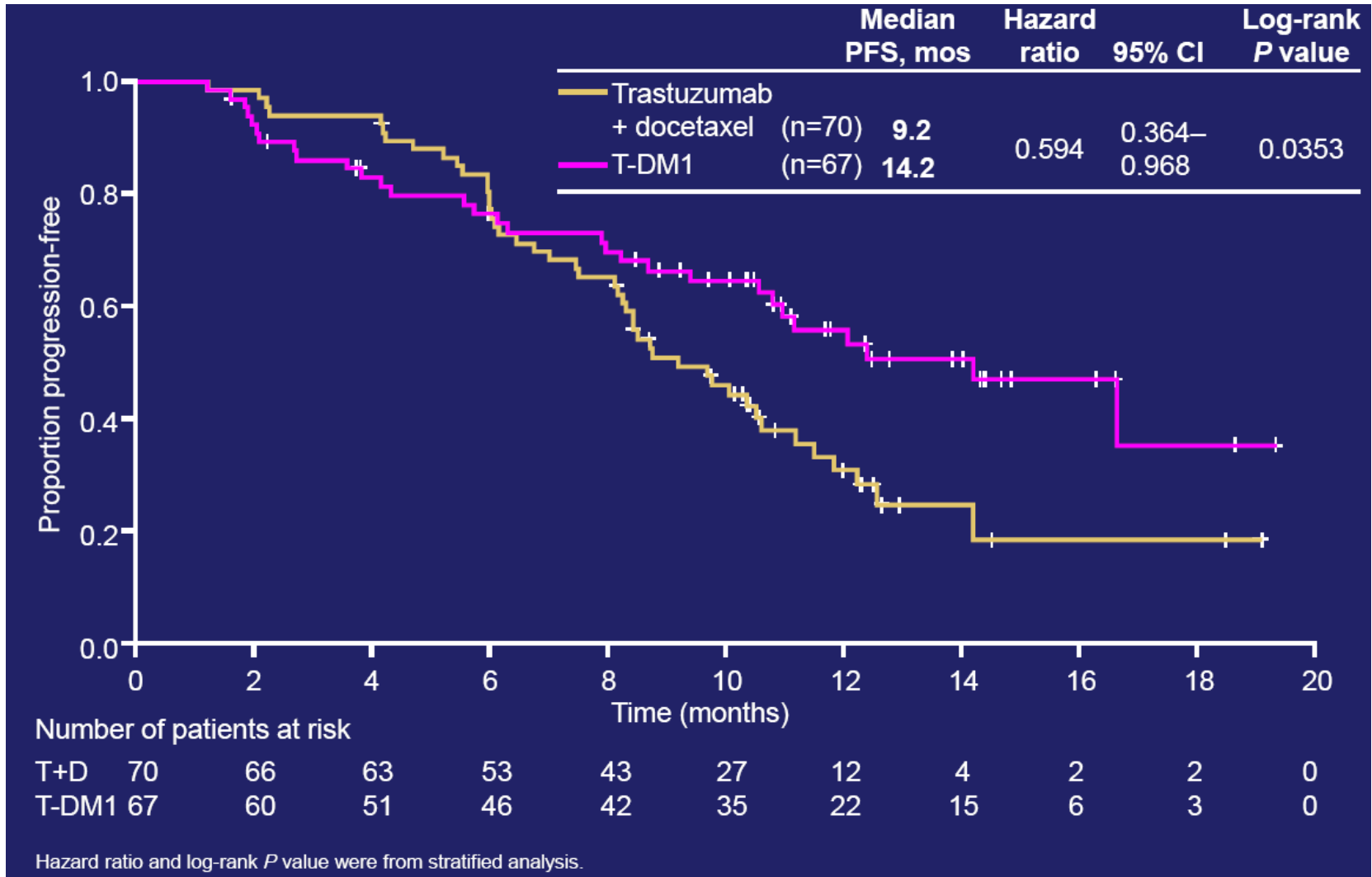
Study Design- Rand Phase II



- Stratification factors: World region, prior adjuvant trastuzumab therapy, disease-free interval
- Primary end points: PFS by investigator assessment, and safety
- Data analyses were based on clinical data cut of Nov 15, 2010 prior to T-DM1 crossover
- Key secondary end points: OS, ORR, DOR, CBR, and QOL

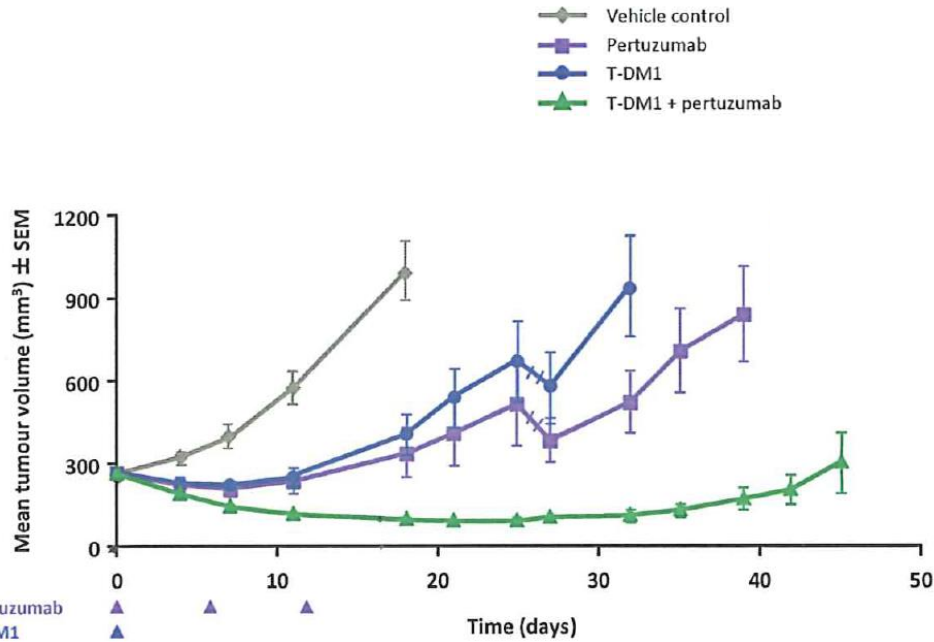
Primary endpoint: PFS

by Investigator



T-DM1 in combination with pertuzumab

KPL-4 breast cancer xenograft model

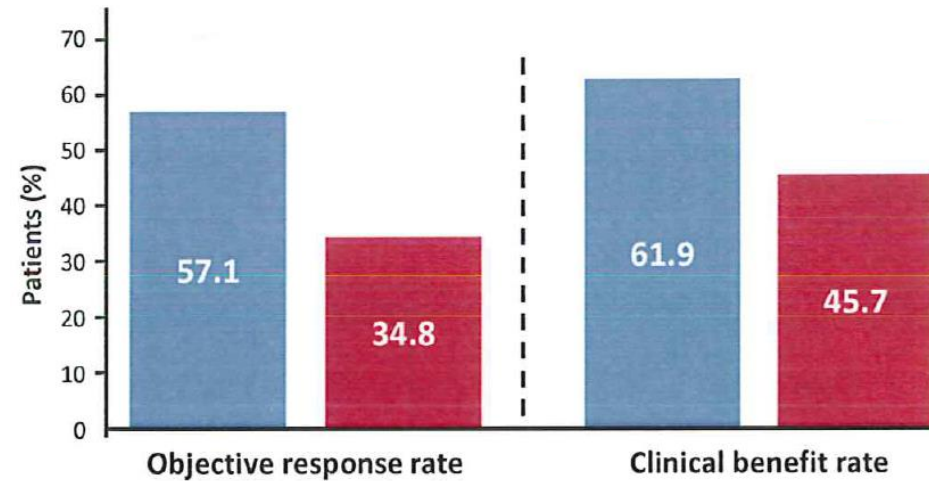


Phase Ib/II single arm

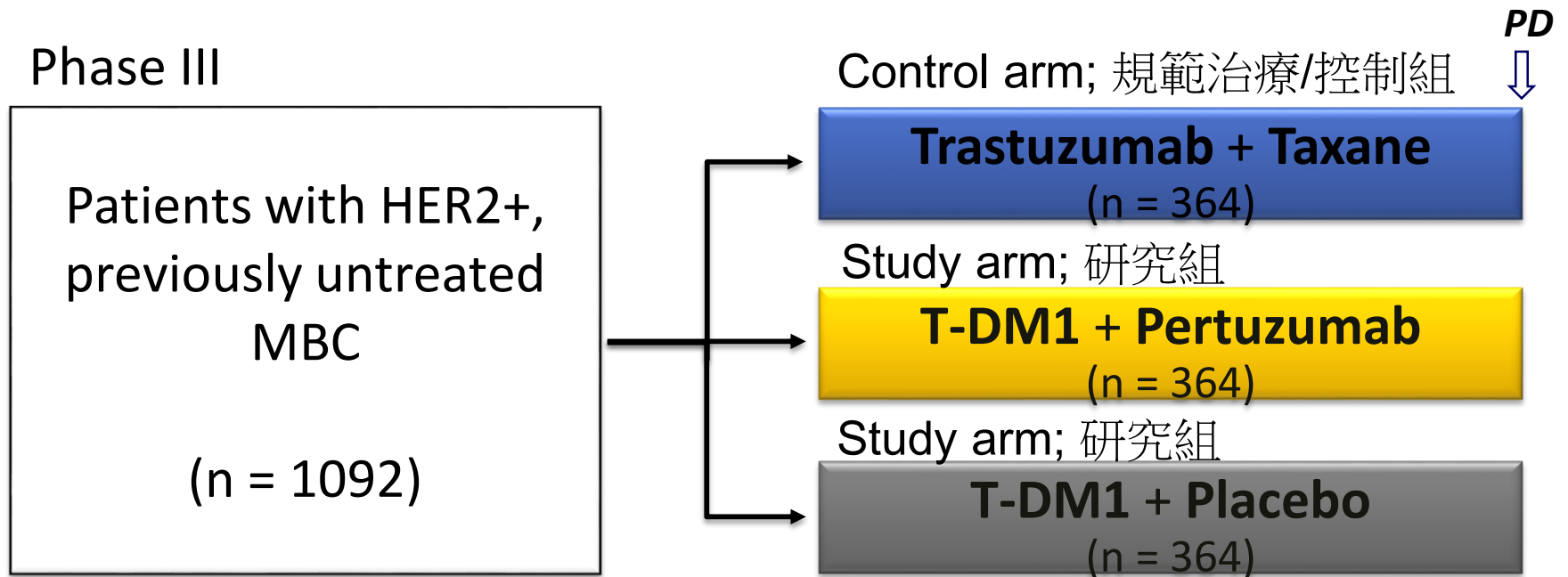
● First-line (n = 21)

● Relapsed (n = 46)

Median no. prior systemic agents in metastatic setting (range) = 6.0 (2-14);
No prior T-DM1 or pertuzumab



1st line HER2+ MBC: MARIANNE Study



- Primary endpoints: PFS as assessed by IRF, AEs
 - Superiority design with a noninferiority analyses
 - Interim futility analysis: option to drop experimental arm
- Secondary endpoints: OS, TTF by IRF, ORR, CBR, DOR

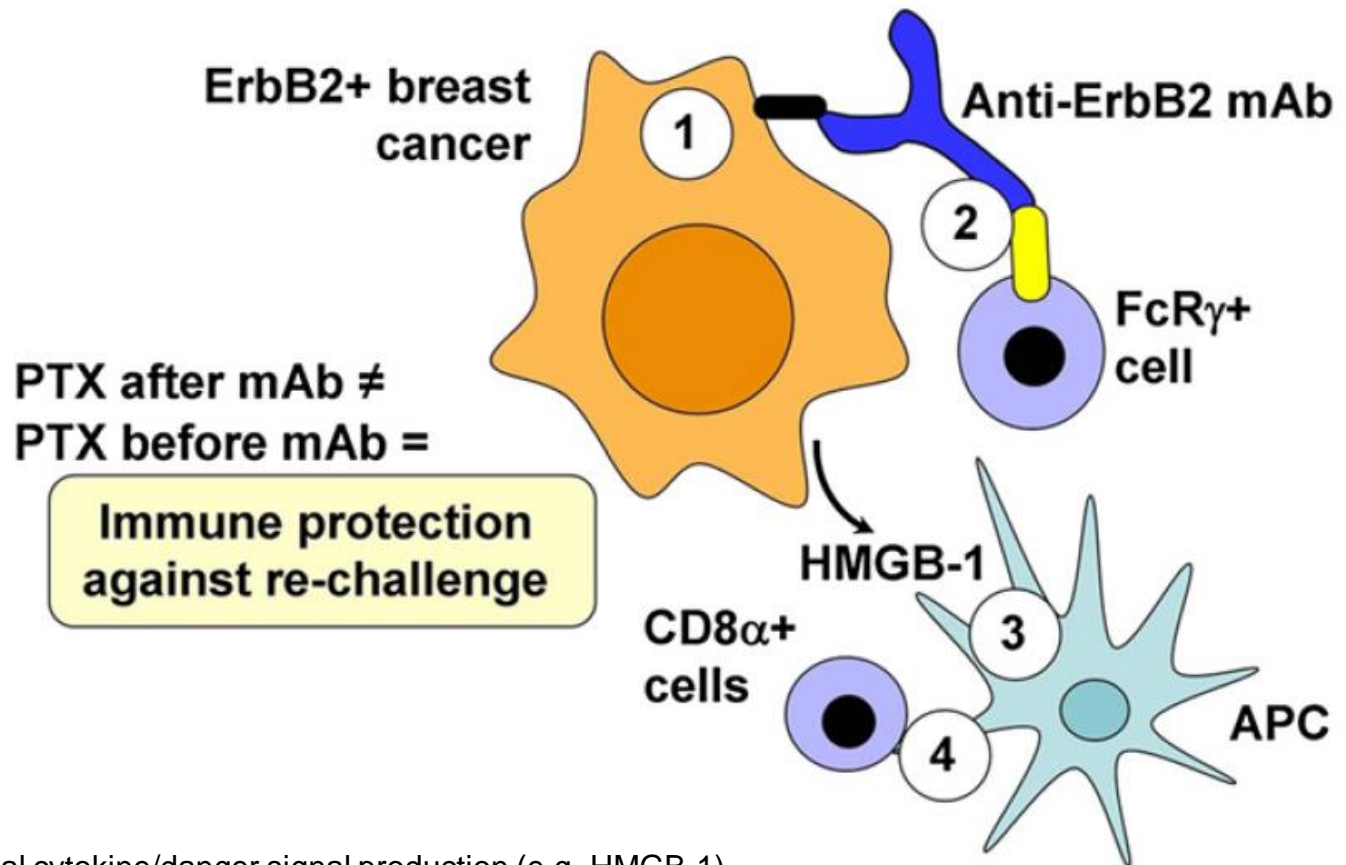
HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

5. HER2-specific binding by antibodies

Action for Trastuzumab-

A Revised Mechanism:

- Trastuzumab marks HER2 overexpressed tumour cells for immunological destruction (ADCC), through recruitment of cytotoxic effector cell



FcR+ cells

- ADCC
- induce additional cytokine/danger signal production (e.g. HMGB-1)
- triggers MyD88-dependent activation of antigen-presenting cells (APC)
- may more effectively activate the CD8 α -dependent adaptive immune system for enhanced tumor control.

Relationship of anti-Her2 Mab therapy and cytotoxic treatment

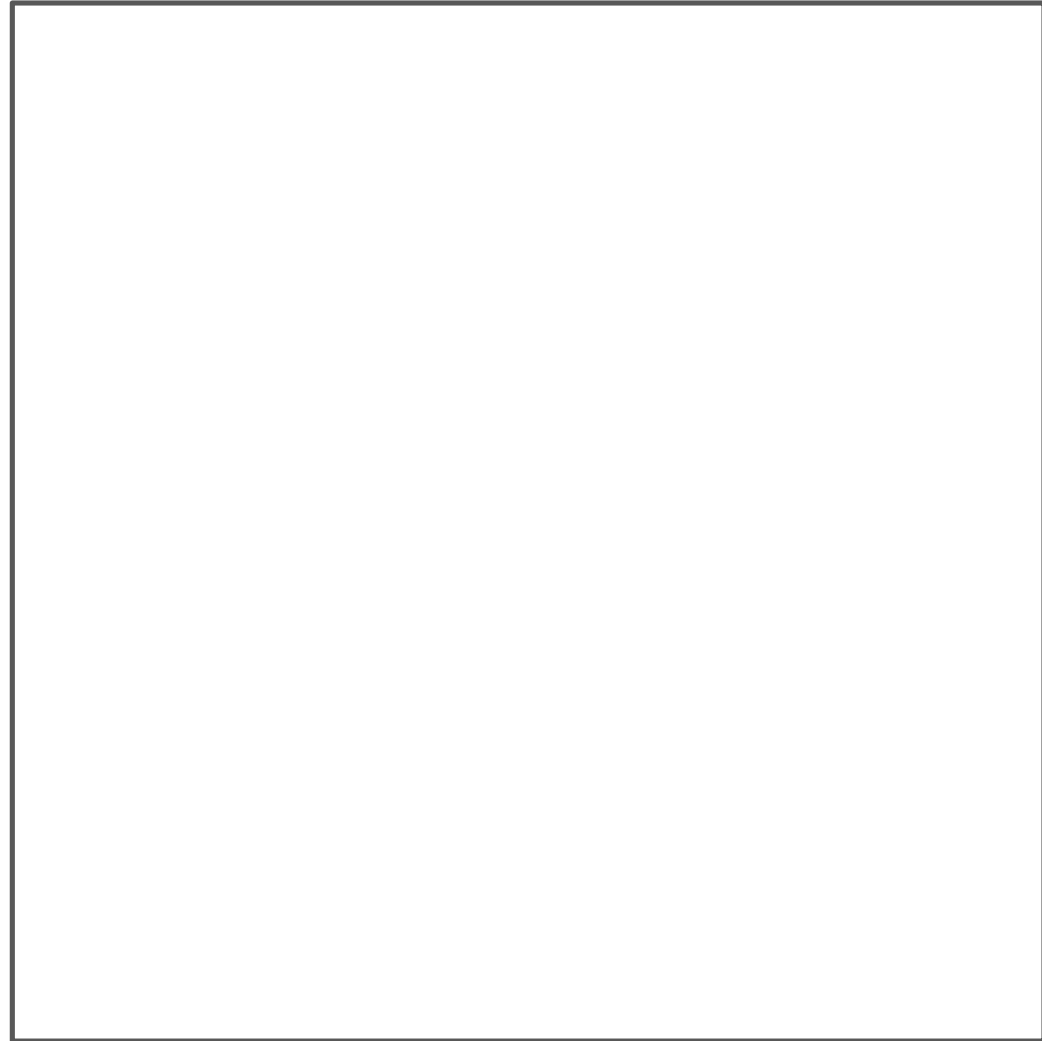
- **Timing** of cytotoxic agent administration :
 - anti- HER2 mAb → paclitaxel:
 - abrogated secondary immune responses to tumor
 - paclitaxel → anti- HER2 mAb:
 - preserved immune responses¹
- **Dose** of cytotoxic agent:
 - Chemotherapy may reduced T cell responses → alter immune responses.
 - Low dose chemotherapy may significantly reduce tumour burden while boosting immune responses.

HER2 targets for anticancer therapy

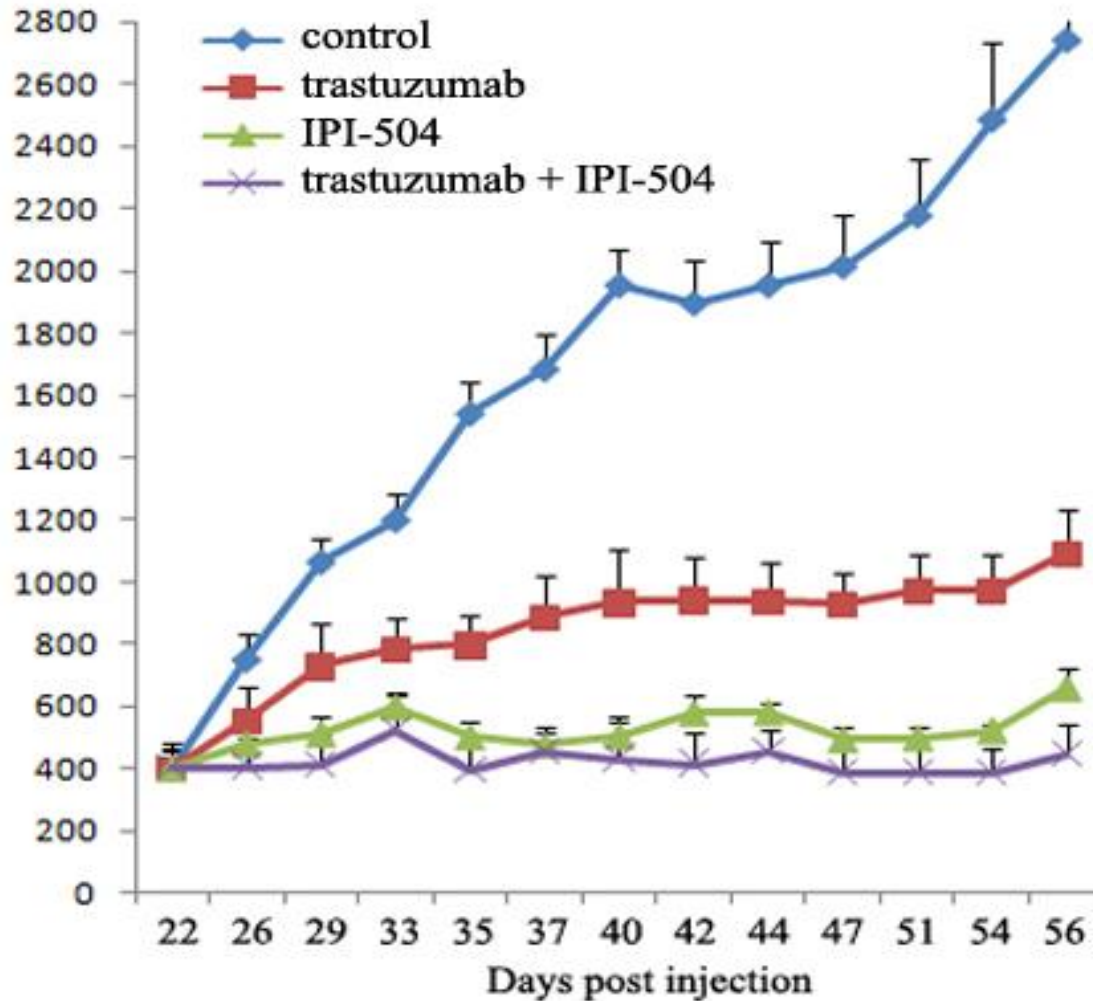
6. Inhibition of HSP90

HSP90 as a Therapeutic Target

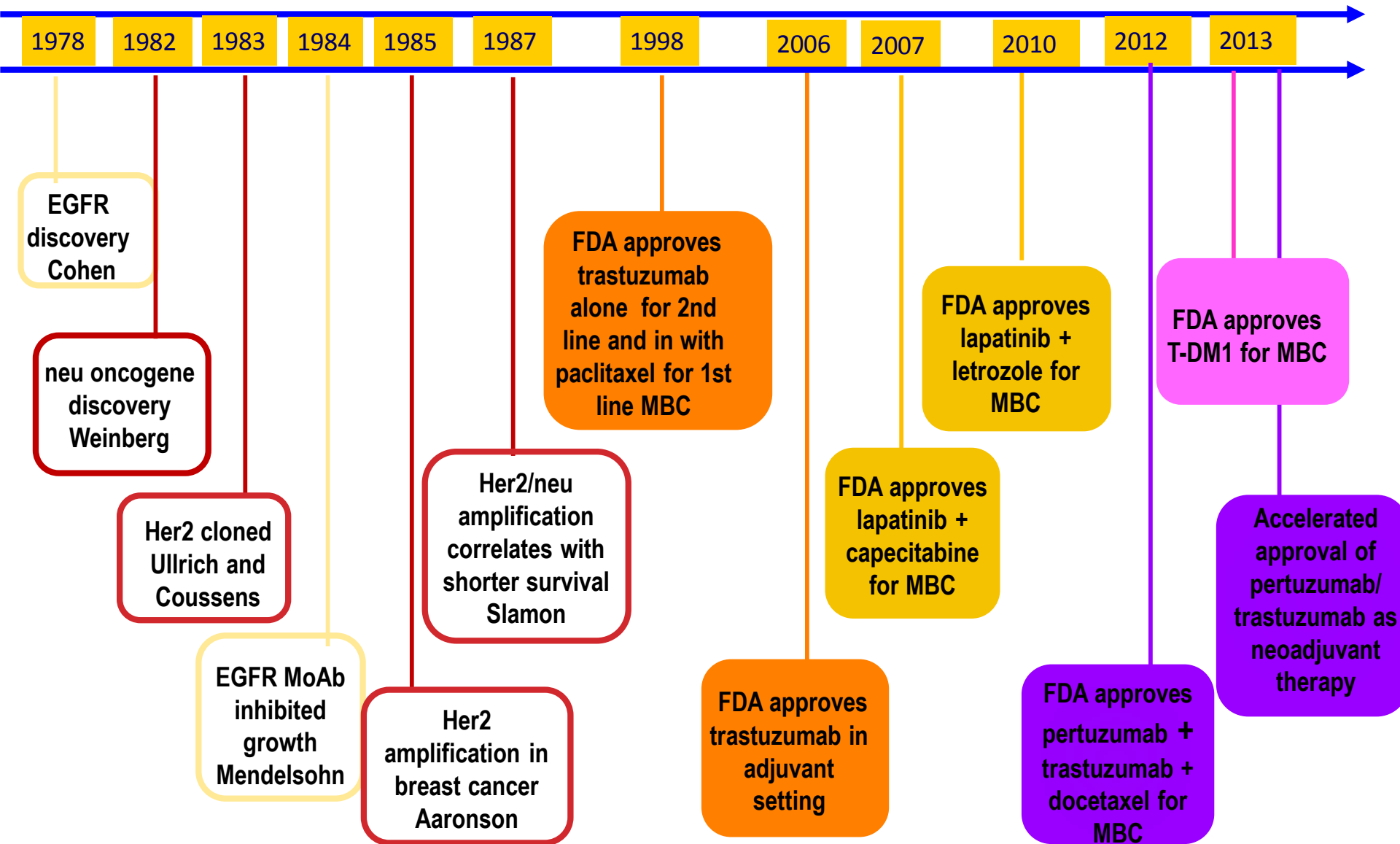
- Chaperone protein
- Required for the maturation and stabilization of client proteins
- Key clients include:
 - HER2
 - mutant p53
 - ER/PR/AR
 - v-src
 - AKT
 - bcr-abl
 - MET
 - mutant B-RAF
 - Raf kinase
- HSP90 inhibition: results in ubiquitylation and proteasomal degradation of both HER2 and its downstream signalling partners



HSP-90 Inhibitors are active in trastuzumab resistant BT-474 HER2 +ve tumors



Milestones of HER2/anti-HER2 therapies in BC



Other approaches for HER2+ MBC

m-TOR inhibition

Everolimus in HER2+ MBC (BOLERO-3)

HER2+ MBC
Prior taxane
Trastuzumab failure
(<12 m of adjuvant Tras or
 $< 4/52$ of PD with Tras)
N=572

Study arm; 研究組

Vinorelbine (25mg/m² weekly)
Trastuzumab (2mg/kg weekly)
Everolimus 5 mg po daily

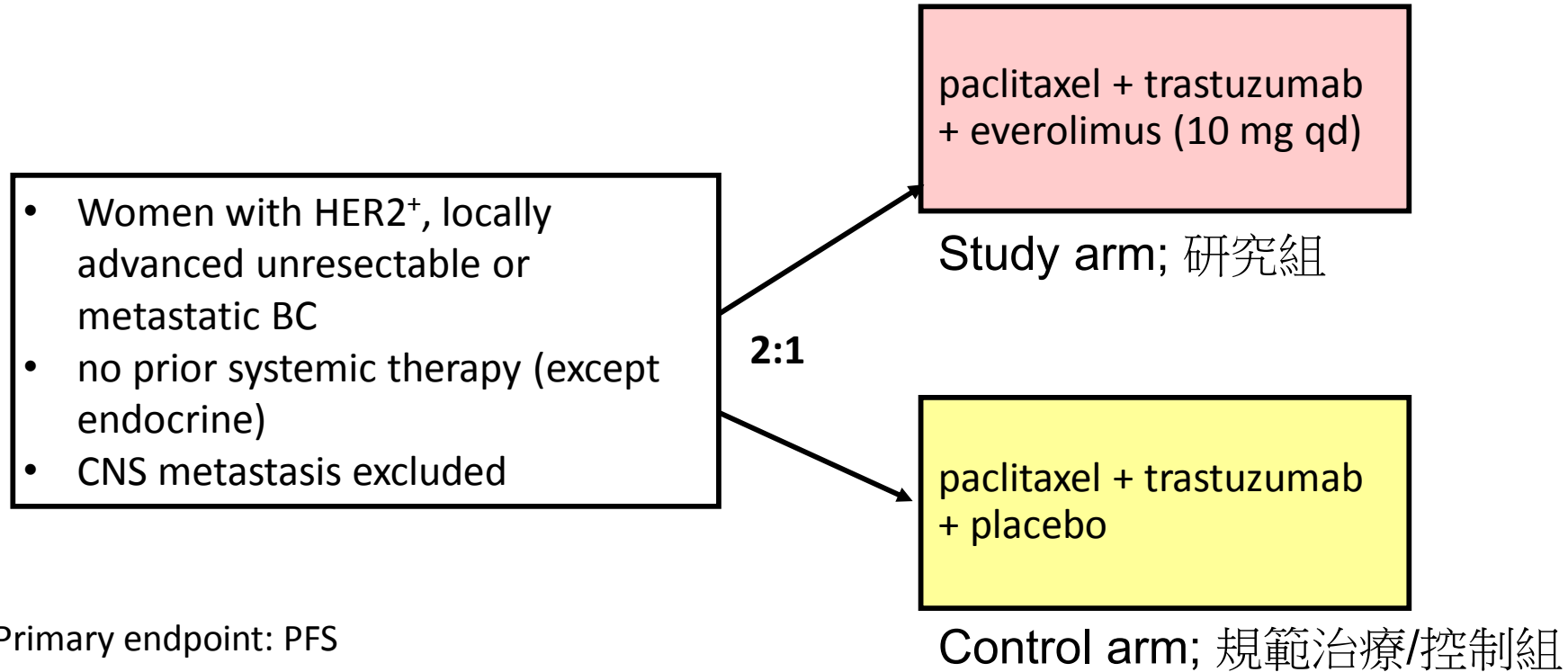
Vinorelbine (25mg/m² weekly)
Trastuzumab (2mg/kg weekly)
Placebo po daily

Control arm; 規範治療/控制組

	Everolimus (n= 284)	Placebo (n= 285)	p
PFS (1 ⁰ endpoint)	7.00 m	5.78 m	0.0067; HR 0.78 (0.65-0.95)
ORR	40.8%	37.2%	0.2108
CBR	59.2%	53.3%	0.0945
OS	NR	NR	NS (Final analysis to be conducted after 384 deaths)

BOLERO-1: Everolimus in HER2+ locally advanced or metastatic BC

Phase III, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicenter trial



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: OS, ORR, CBR.
- Additional endpoints: safety, performance status, biomarkers.
- This trial is sponsored by Novartis Pharmaceuticals and is registered (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT00876395).
- Enrollment began September 2009, with a planned accrual of 717. The current accrual is 719, and the estimated primary completion date is October 2012.

Novel combinations: Anti-HER2 + anti-mTOR- Neratinib + temsirolimus

Phase I/II Her2+ or TNBC:

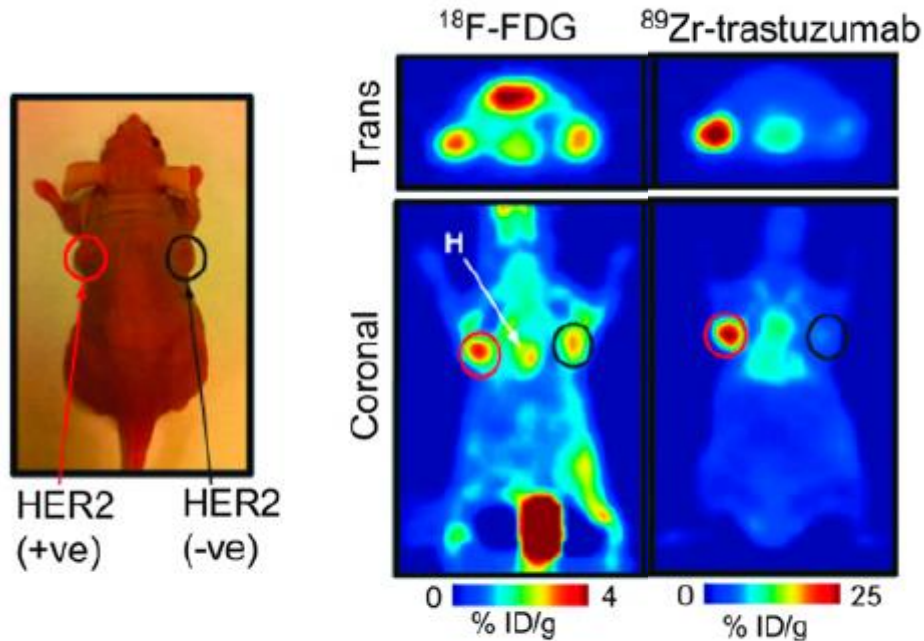
- 15 pts HER2+ (median 2 priors)
 - 9 PR (ORR = 60%)
 - 1 SD > 6 months
 - Responses seen in pts with prior trastuzumab, lapatinib, T-DM1

Numerous Treatments for HER2+ Breast Cancer Are in Development

Class	Agents, INSM-
HER2-directed	Liposome (MM-302), TKI (ARRY-380), Trifunctional Ab (Ertumaxomab), Vaccine (AE37)
VEGF Inhibitors	Bevacizumab: AVERAL study (Docetaxel + trastuzumab +/- Bevacizumab)- no advantage
mTOR Inhibitors	Everolimus, temsirolimus, sirolimus
HSP 90 inhibitors	Tanespimycin, alvespimycin, CNF2024, IPI-504, AUY922, SNX5422, ganetespib
IGF-IR inhibitors	CP-75187, E, IMC-AM, NVP-ADW742, INSM-18
HDAC inhibitors	Varinostat, Belinostat, depsipeptide, LBH589, NVP-LAQ824, CI_994, MS-275
PI3k Inhibitors	BEZ235, BKM120, XL765, CDC-0941, GDC-0980, GDC-0032, BYL719 Small molecule selectively binding PI3K isoforms: Inhibit P13K/Akt pathway
HSP 90 inhibitors	Tanespimycin, alvespimycin, CNF2024, IPI-504, AUY922, SNX5422, ganetespib
Akt inhibitors	Perifosine, XL418, Mk-2206

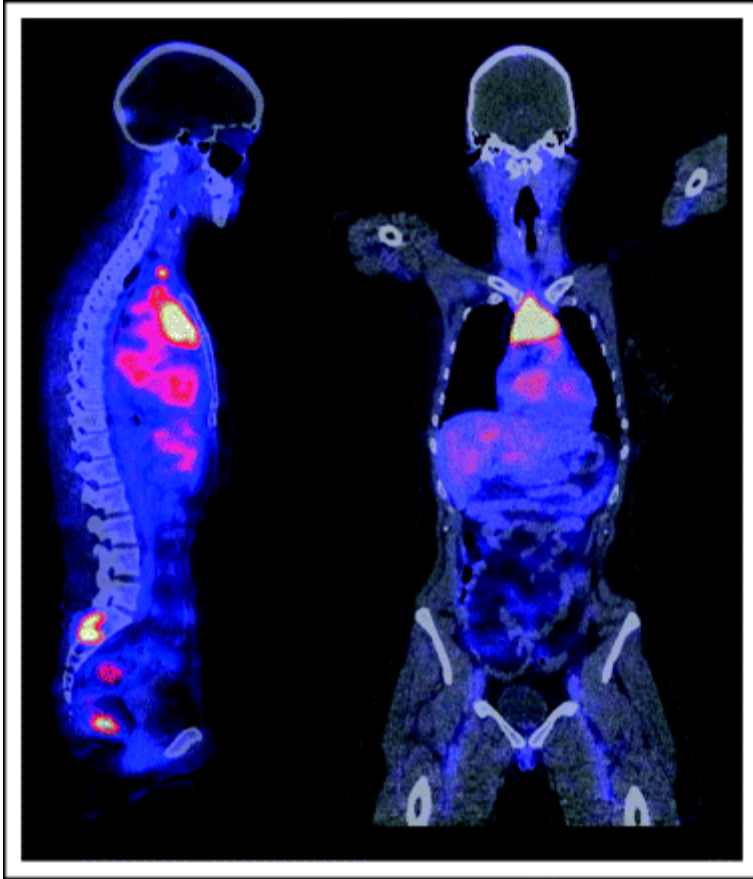
PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; HSP, heat-shock protein; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor

Molecular Imaging



- Specificity of Zirconium-89-trastuzumab for HER2+ tumors.
- ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab and ^{18}F -FDG PET images of athymic nude mice bearing subcutaneous HER2+ NCI-N87(left) and HER2- MKN-74 (right)
- HER2+ and HER2- tumors were ^{18}F -FDG PET-avid
- Only HER2+ tumor was ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab-FDG PET-avid

Molecular Imaging



- ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab PET scan
 - the potential as a noninvasive assessment tool of HER2 status of MBC
 - ability to measure receptor expression for the entire disease burden
 - possibility to evaluate lesions unsuitable for a biopsy
 - avoiding the sampling error that can occur with heterogeneous receptor expression
- Potential to guide treatment options in targeted therapy in HER2+ MBC
 - ^{18}F -FDG PET positive tumours may not be ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab PET positive
 - ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab PET potentially enables evaluation of HER2 expression (with extracellular domain) for the entire disease burden:
 - Negative scan indicates tumours that may not respond to trastuzumab therapy

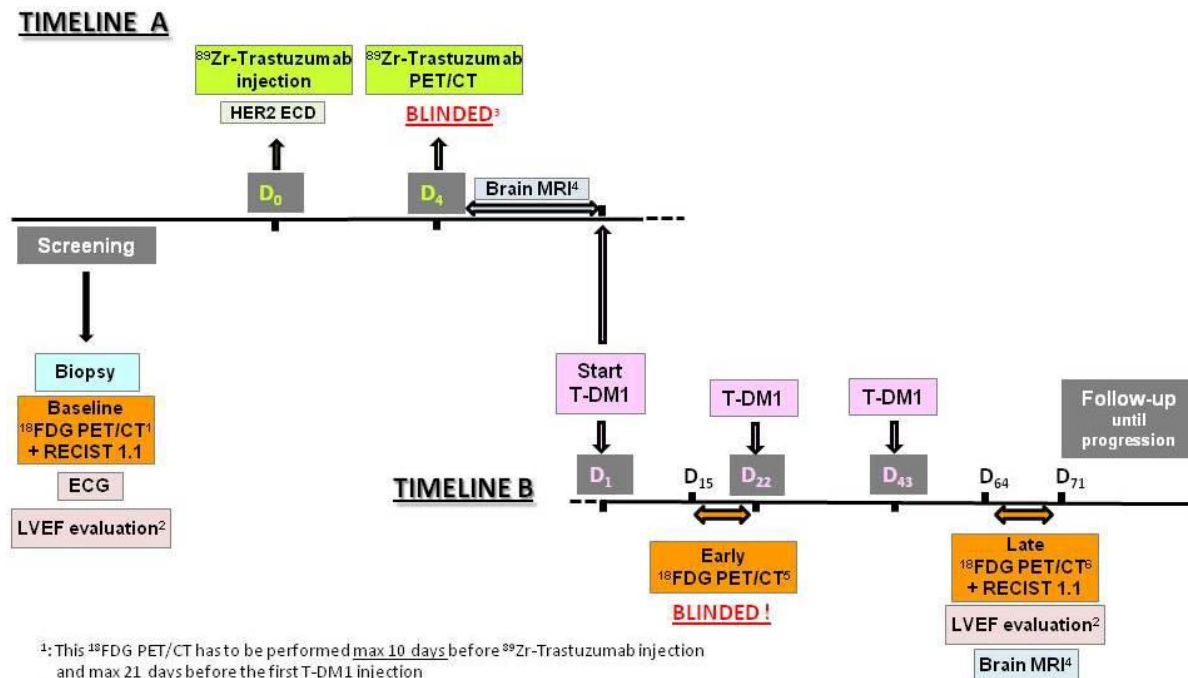
Correlative Molecular Imaging Study: ZEPHIR study

Primary objective

- To show that ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab PET /CT combined with FDG-PET/CT is able to select early lesions (patients) not benefiting from treatment with TDM1

Secondary objective

- To show that early FDG-PET/CT (after one cycle of TDM1) is able to select lesions not benefiting from treatment with TDM1



¹: This ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT has to be performed **max 10 days** before ^{89}Zr -Trastuzumab injection and **max 21 days** before the first T-DM1 injection

²: Echocardiography or MUGA

³: ^{89}Zr -Trastuzumab will be blinded to treating Oncologist.

⁴: Only if unknown asymptomatic brain lesion detected on ^{89}Zr -Trastuzumab PET/CT.

⁵: Before the 2nd T-DM1 injection, results blinded to treating Oncologist.

⁶: Before the 4th T-DM1 injection.

Prognosis in MBC by HER2 Status and by Therapy With Trastuzumab

N = 2091 (median f/u = 16.9 mos)	No. of pts (%)	1-yr survival (95% CI)	HR
HER2-positive	118 (5.6)	70.2% (60.3%, 78.1%)	—
HER2-negative	1782 (85.3)	75.1% (72.9%, 77.2%)	0.56 (95% CI 0.45-0.69, P = 0.0001)
HER2-positive treated with trastuzumab	191 (9.1)	86.6% (80.8%, 90.8%)	

CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; MBC = metastatic breast cancer

HER2+ MBC: Treatment

HER2+ MBC
1st line

Preferred first line agents:

- Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab + taxane

Other first line agents, trastuzumab plus:

- Paclitaxel \pm carboplatin
- Vinorelbine
- Capecitabine

HER2+ MBC
2nd line and beyond

Preferred agents for trastuzumab-exposed MBC:

- T-DM1

Other agents for trastuzumab-exposed MBC:

- Lapatinib+ Capecitabine
- Trastuzumab+ Capecitabine
- Trastuzumab+ Lapatinib
- Trastuzumab+ other chemo

HER2+ MBC treatment outcome with anti-HER2 therapies

Year	Treatment	Median survival
2001	Chemotherapy alone	20 m
2001	Chemotherapy+ trastuzumab in the 1 st line	29 m
2014	Chemotherapy+ trastuzumab in the 1st line Other treatment with trastuzumab and/or lapatinib in 2 nd line and beyond	41 m
2014	Chemotherapy+ trastuzumab + pertuzumab in the 1st line Other treatment with various anti-HER2 agents in 2 nd line and beyond	57 m

Conclusions

- HER2+ MBC remains incurable:
 - HER2 remains a valid target after progression on trastuzumab
 - Strategies to overcome resistance
 - combinations of HER2-directed therapies
 - Becoming a chronic disease:
 - Multiple, sequential therapies available
- Does everyone needs chemo
 - Does everyone needs to have all anti-HER2 agents at the same time
 - Some may work with single anti-HER2
 - Markers to tailor personalized therapy
 - Molecular
 - Imaging
- Her2+ EBC:
 - Most patients are considered for trastuzumab-containing chemotherapy
 - We are definitively curing patients with trastuzumab in early stage breast cancer
 - On-going trials will address if further anti-HER2 agents provide additional benefit
- Financial implications associated with novel therapies

Thank you