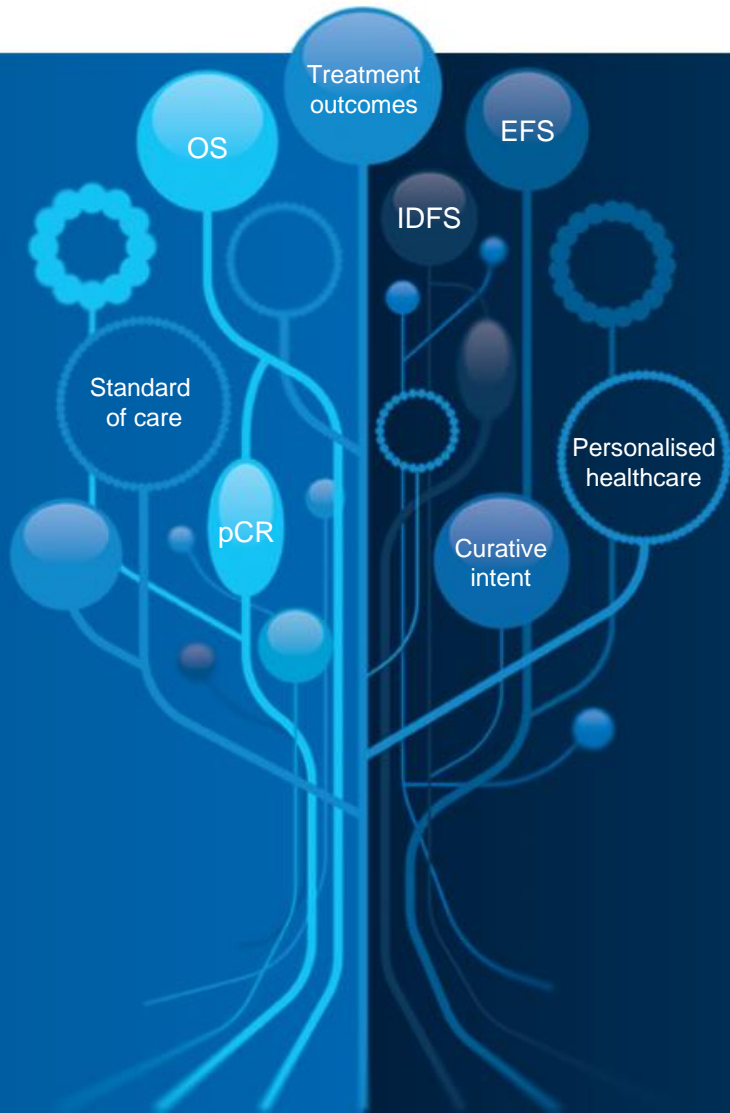


Annual updates on Breast Cancer 2018
— from trial to clinical practice



Navigating HER2-positive early breast cancer treatment

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Agenda



1. Current standard of care in early breast cancer (eBC)



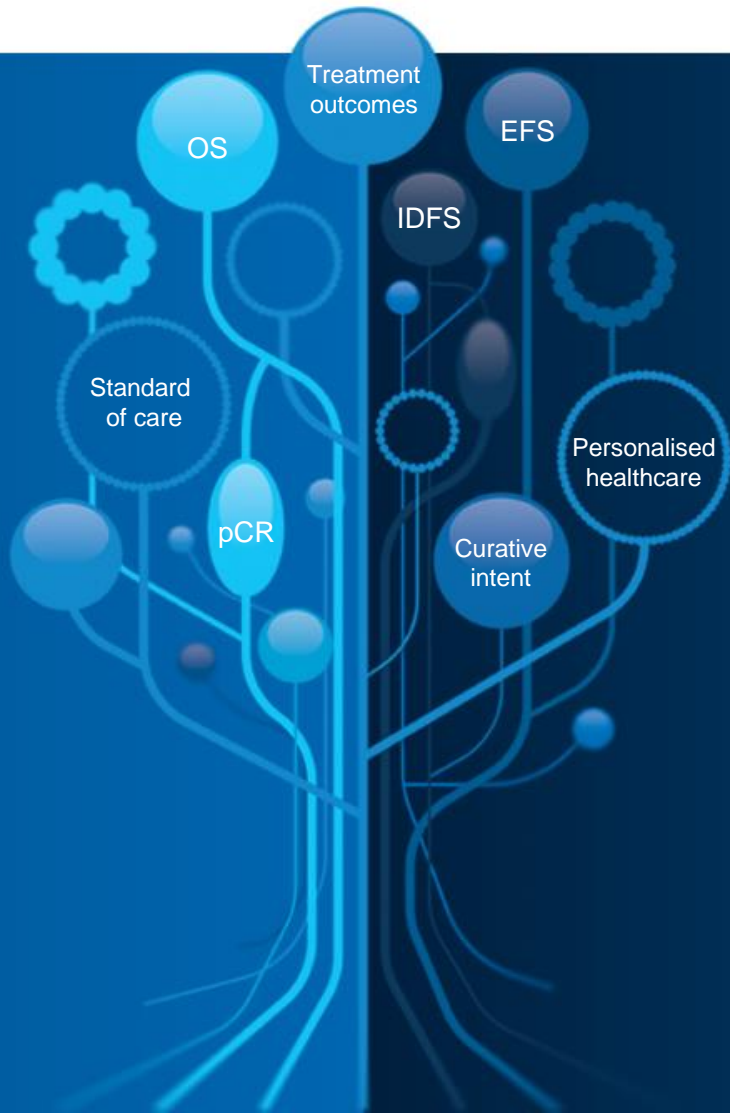
2. Potential for treatment de-escalation in neoadjuvant setting



3. Need for treatment escalation with incorporation of newer modalities



4. Bridging neoadjuvant to adjuvant treatment



Current standard of care in eBC

Breast cancer cure rates are increasing, however...

BC remains a leading cause of female cancer deaths^{1,2}



**~30% of patients
treated for eBC go on to
develop mBC³**



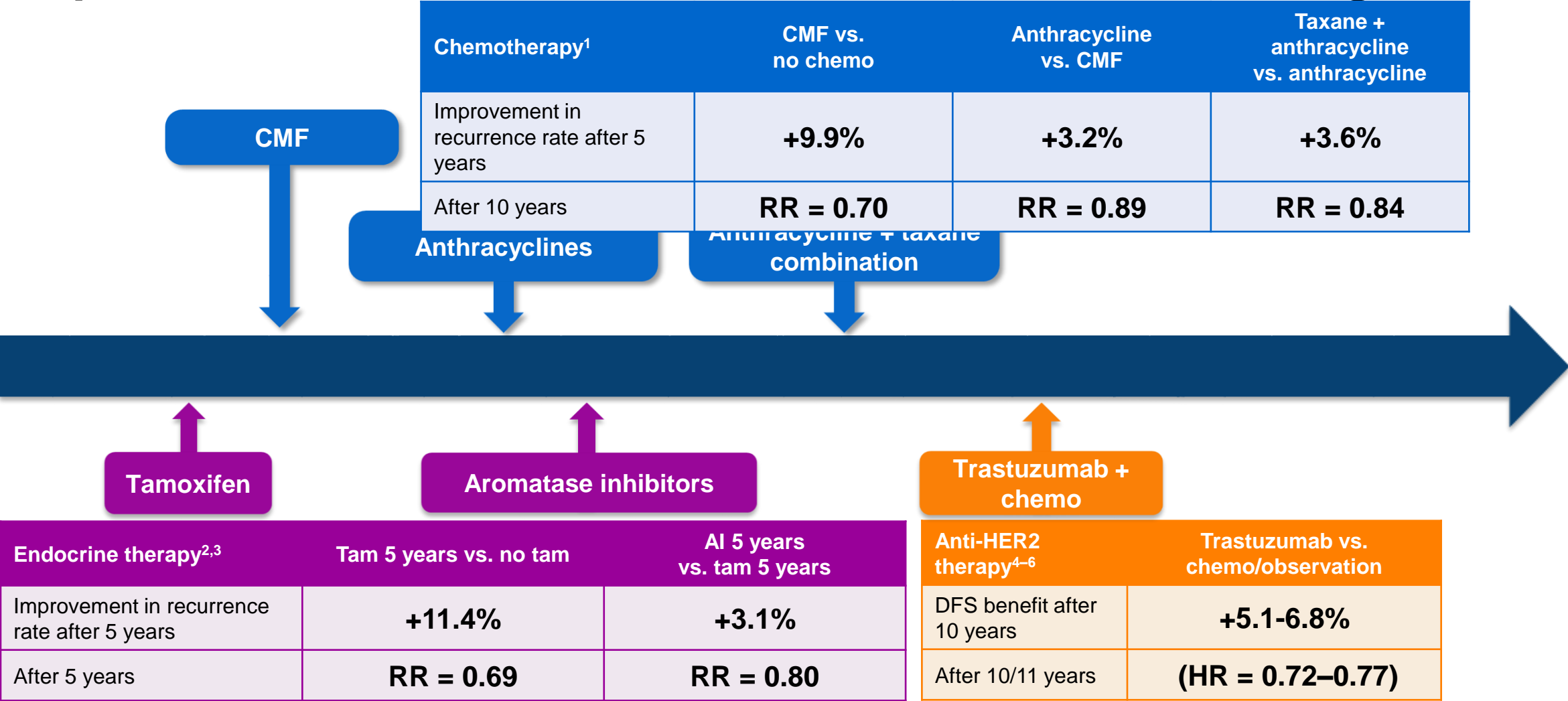
**Treatment in eBC has a
curative intent;⁴ therefore,
patients should be given the
most efficacious treatment
available**



**mBC with distant organ metastases is considered essentially incurable.⁵
It is important to treat patients with effective therapies as early as possible.**

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Introduction of new treatment modalities over time has improved recurrence outcomes in the ADJUVANT setting

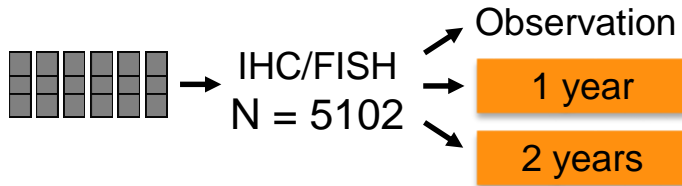


AI, aromatase inhibitor; CMF, cyclophosphamide, methotrexate and fluorouracil; DFS, disease-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; RR, risk ratio.

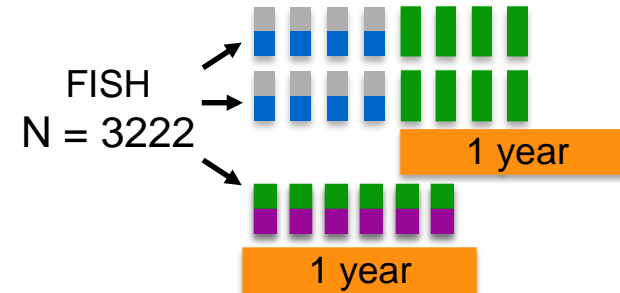
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Four pivotal trials (>12,000 patients) established 18 cycles (1 year) of adjuvant trastuzumab as the SoC for HER2-positive eBC

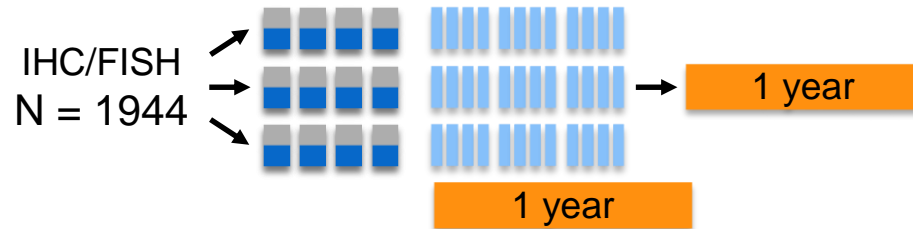
HERA (ex-US)^{1,2}



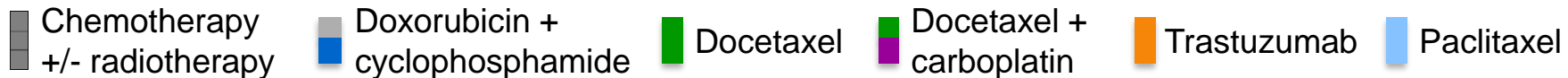
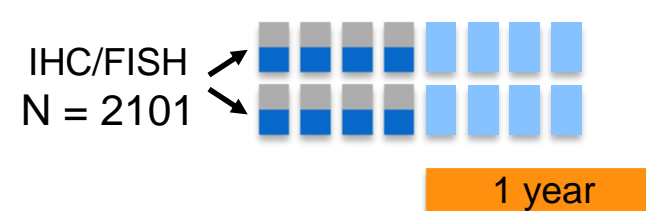
BCIRG 006 (global)³



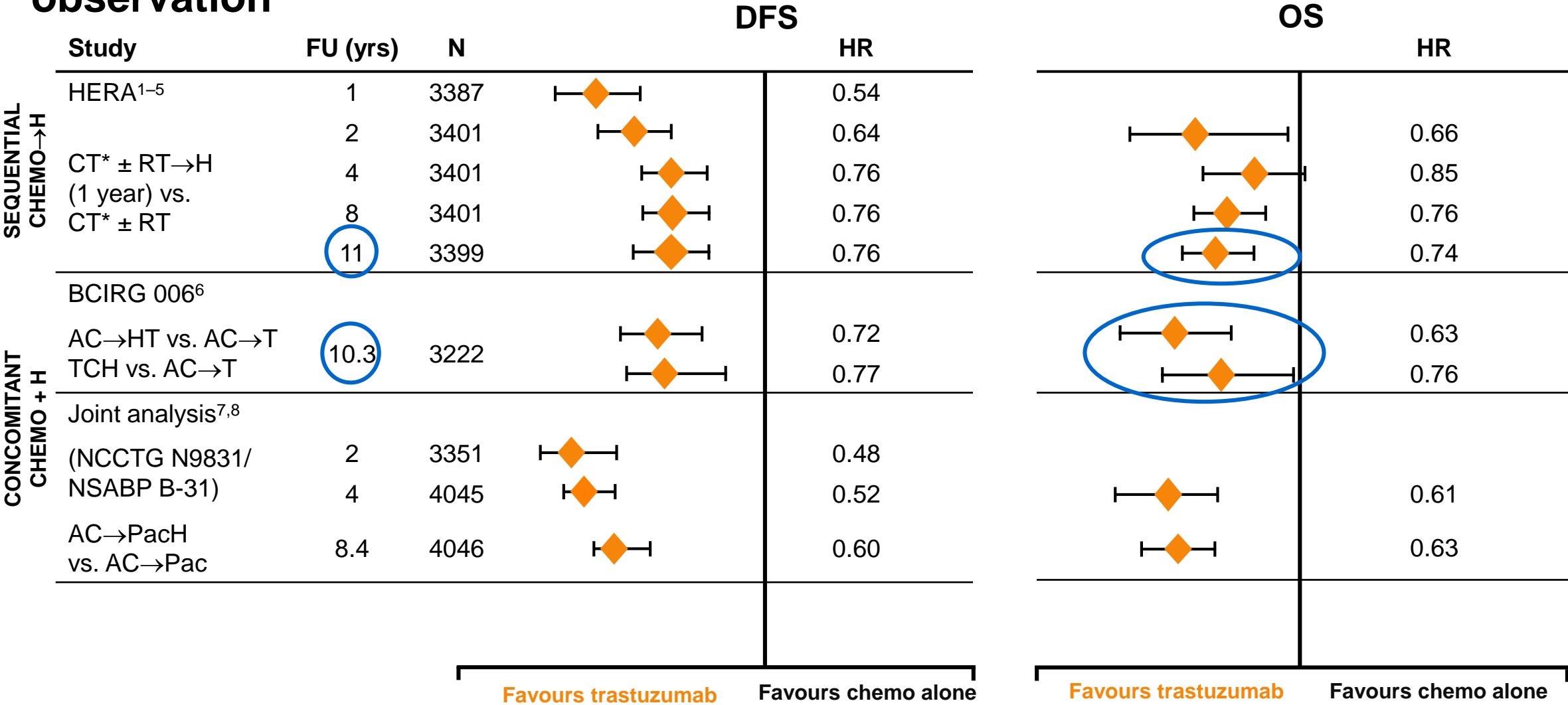
NCCTG N9831 (US)⁴



NSABP B-31 (US)⁴



These adjuvant trials demonstrated consistent DFS and OS benefit over time with 1 year of trastuzumab treatment vs. observation

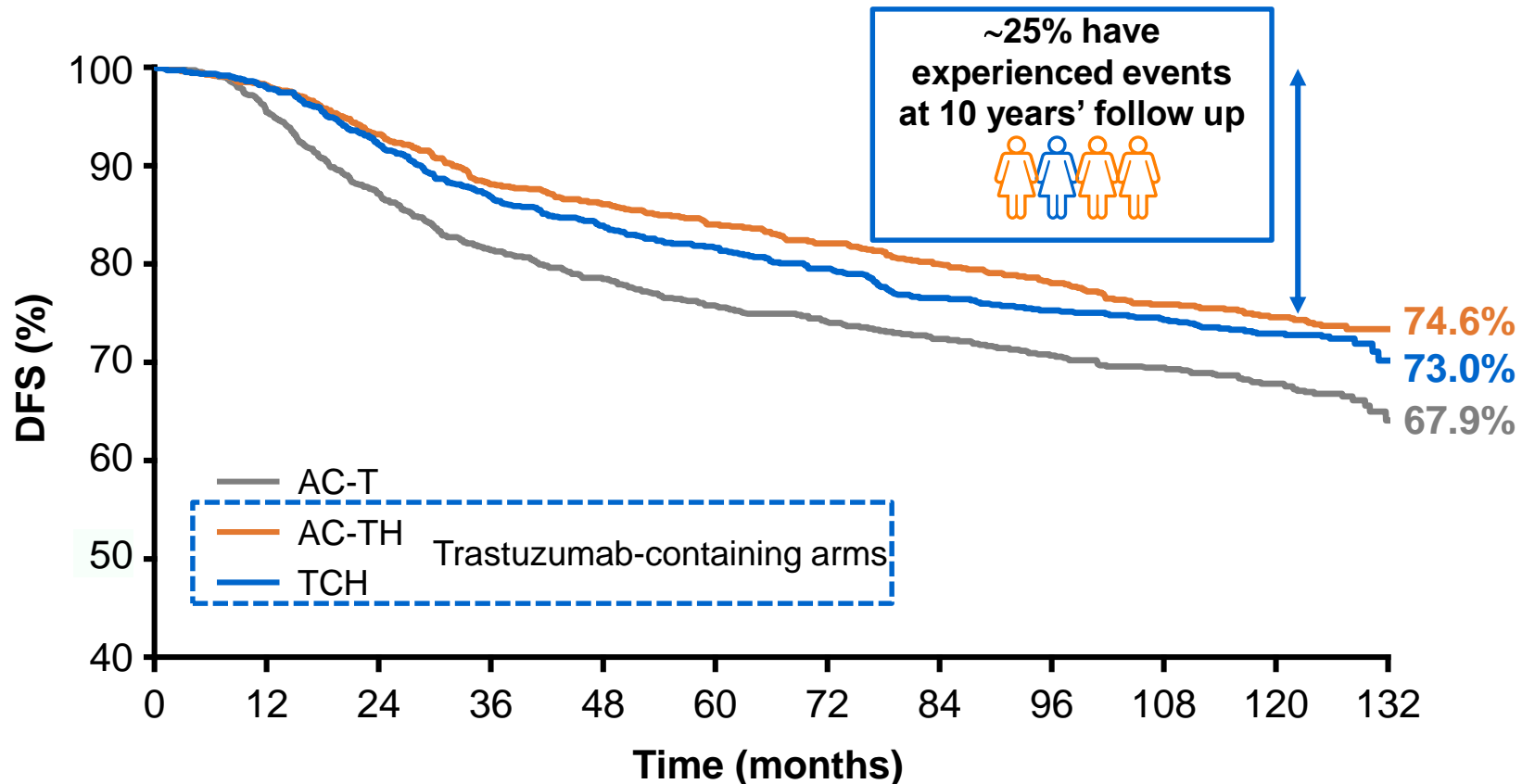


AC, doxorubicin + cyclophosphamide; C, carboplatin; CT, chemotherapy;
DFS, disease-free survival; FU, follow-up; H, trastuzumab; OS, overall survival;
Pac, paclitaxel; RT, radiotherapy; T, docetaxel.
* Selected from a list of approved regimens consisting of ≥4 cycles.

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BCIRG 006: Relapse rates in HER2-positive eBC remain high despite the significant impact of trastuzumab-based therapy

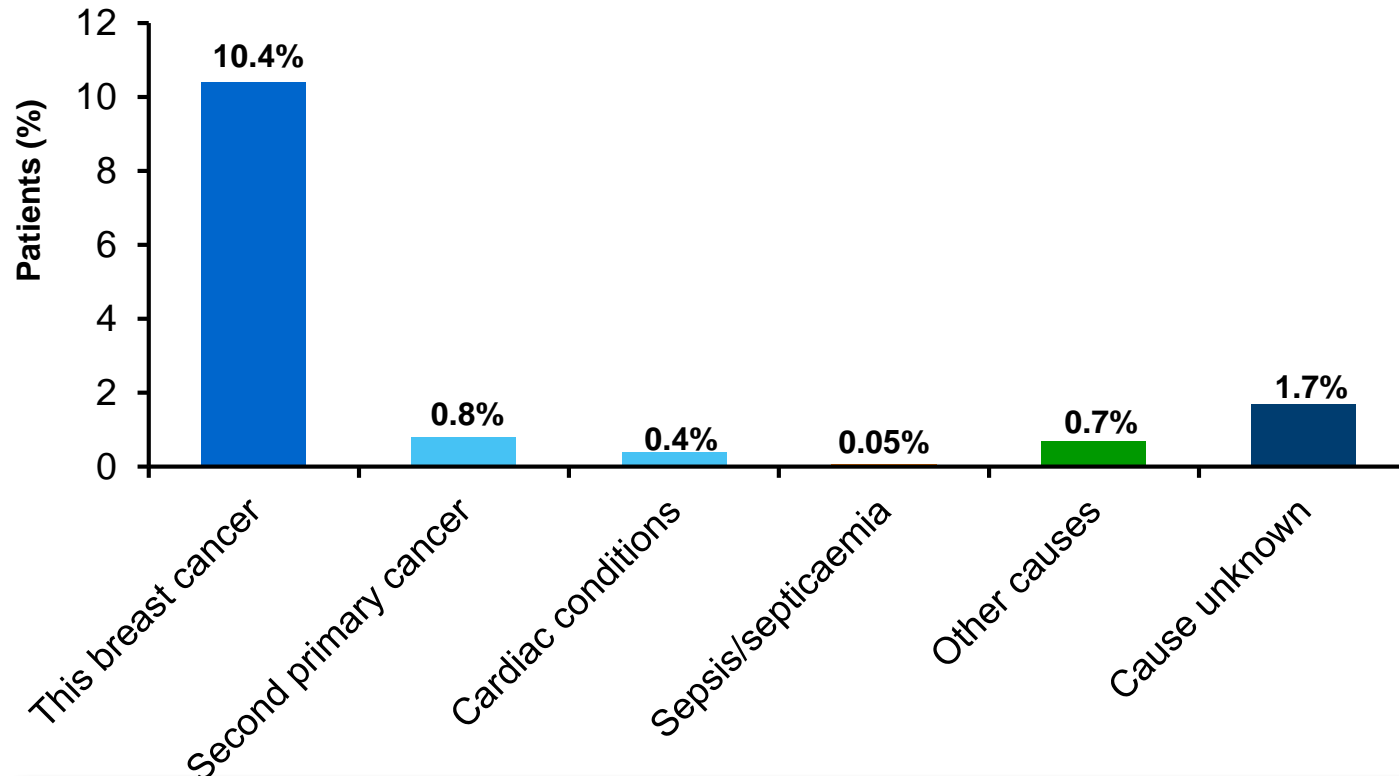
DFS final analysis (10.3 years' median follow-up)



**1 in 4 patients
will still
experience
recurrence or
death**
despite 1 year of
adjuvant
trastuzumab-based
therapy

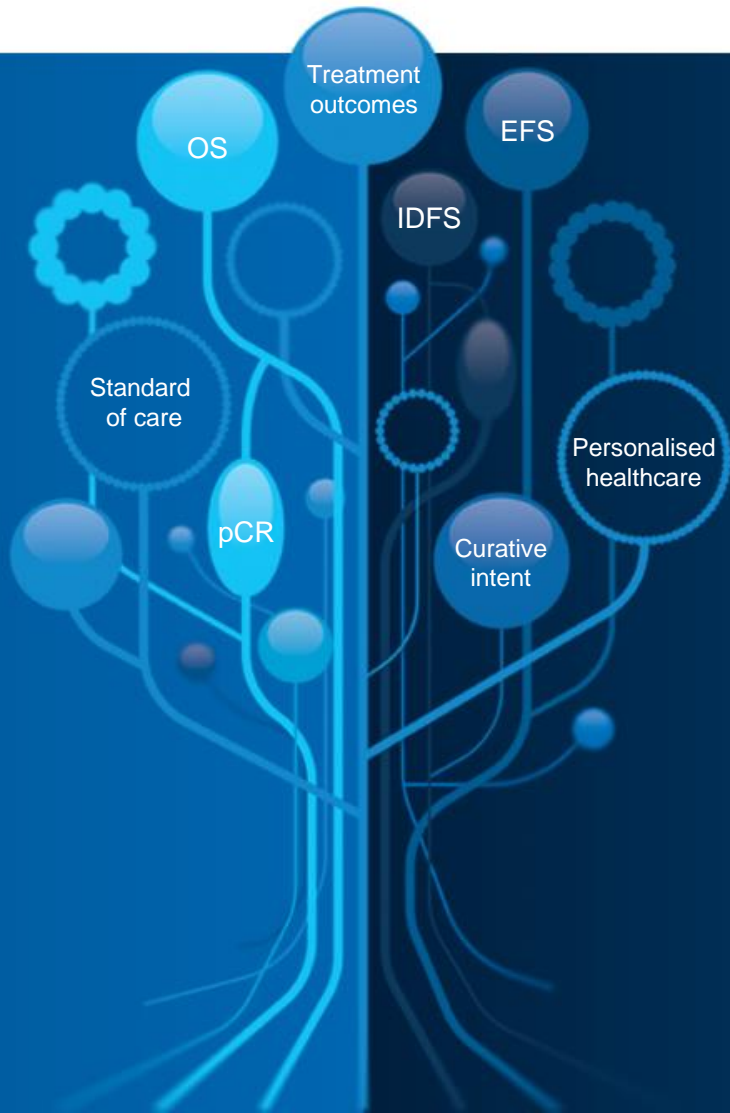
The majority of deaths following adjuvant trastuzumab are from recurrence of BC

B-31/N9831: 10-year overall survival events and causes of death in patients treated with trastuzumab



Although trastuzumab has revolutionised treatment of women with HER2-positive BC, many patients still die from disease recurrence

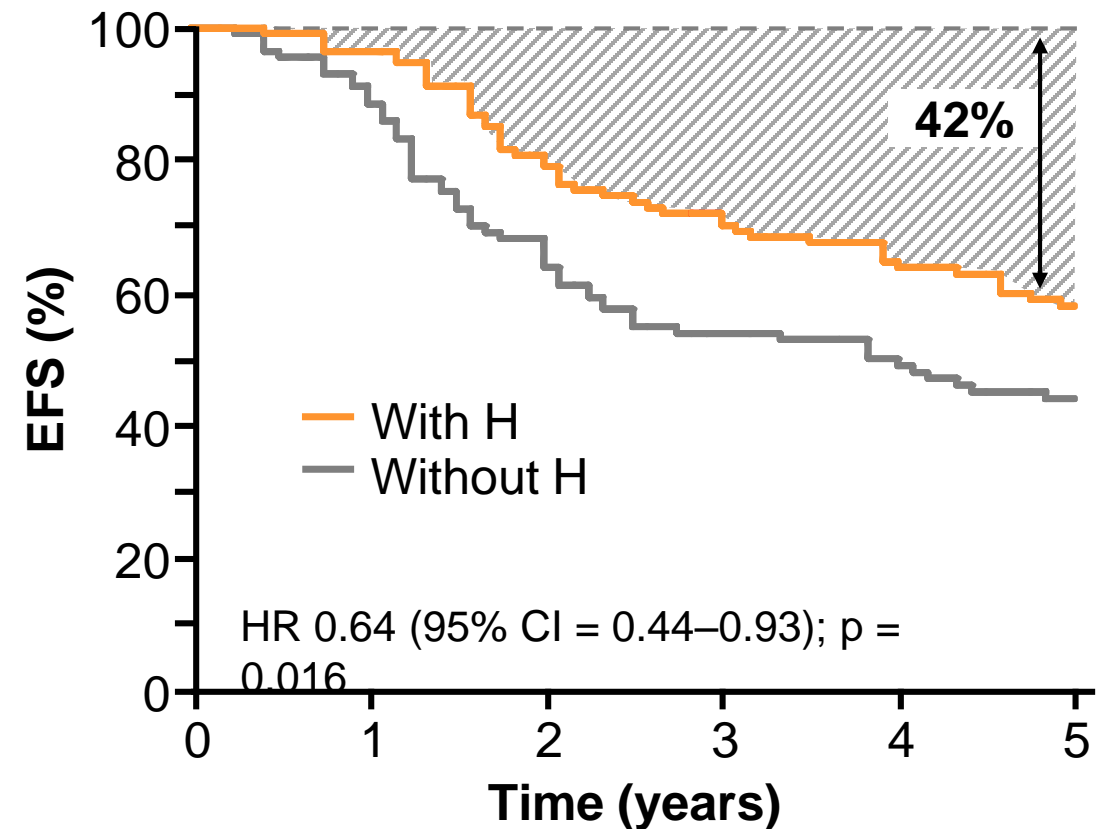
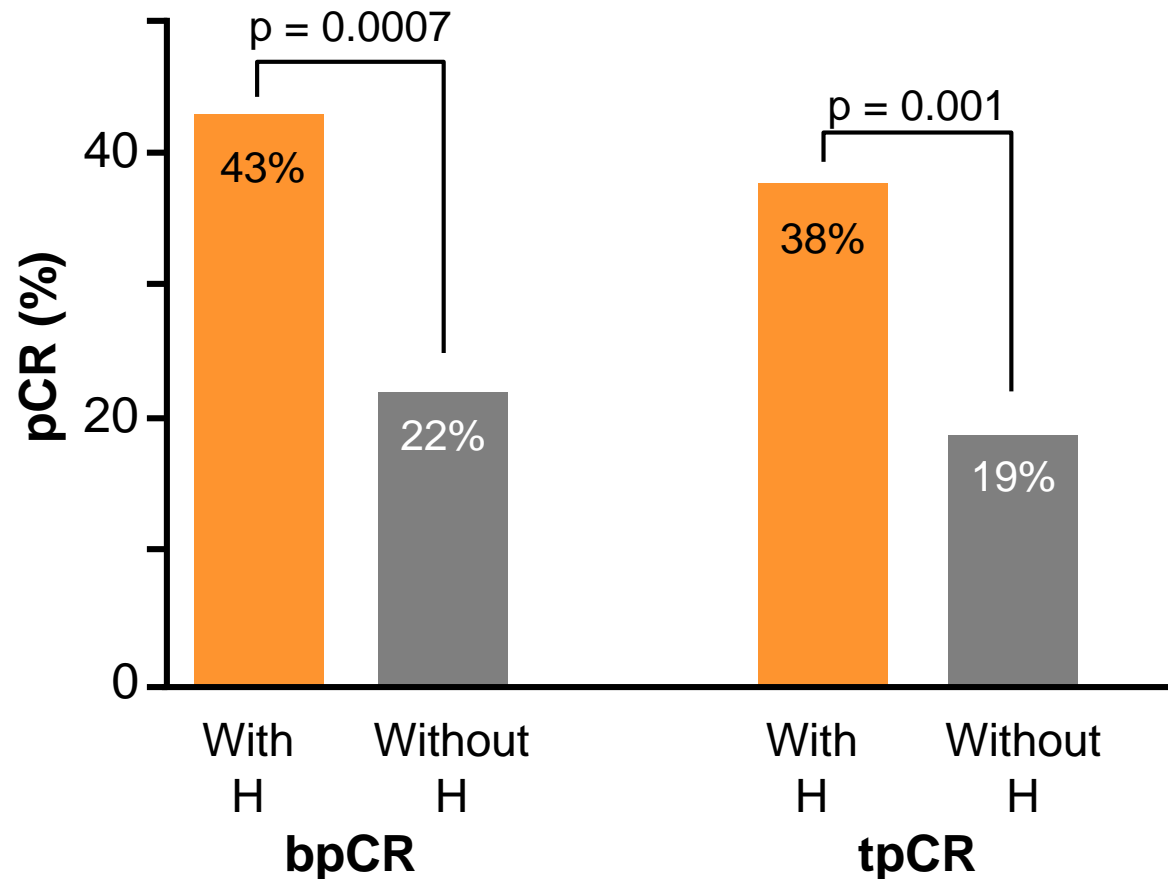
BC was the cause of death for the majority of the ~14% of patients who died



What have we learnt from dual inhibition in neoadjuvant setting?

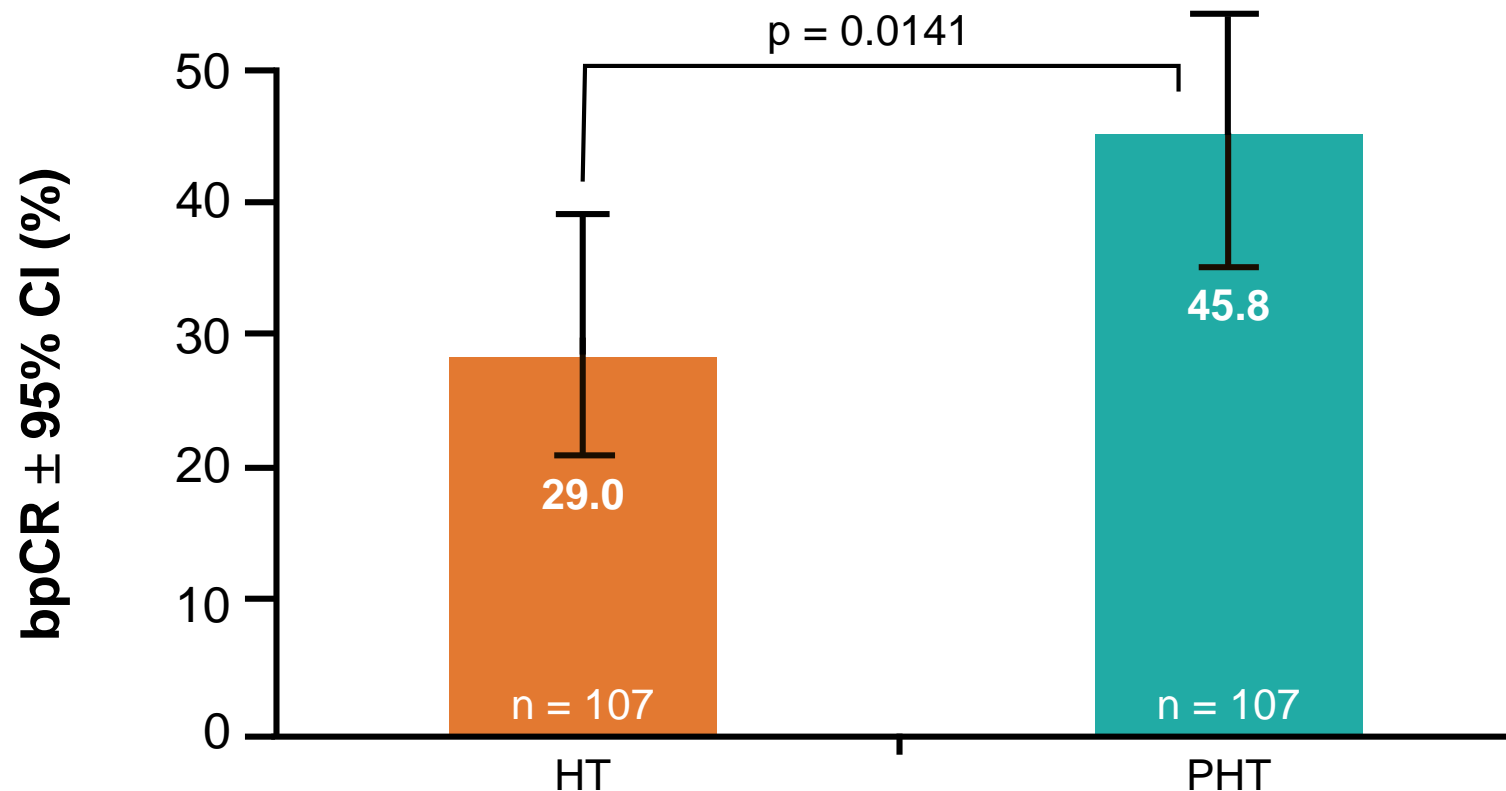
NOAH: Trastuzumab increased both pCR and EFS, but many patients still experience relapse

Increased pCR rates with trastuzumab added to chemotherapy resulted in improved EFS, but 42% of patients had relapsed at 5 years



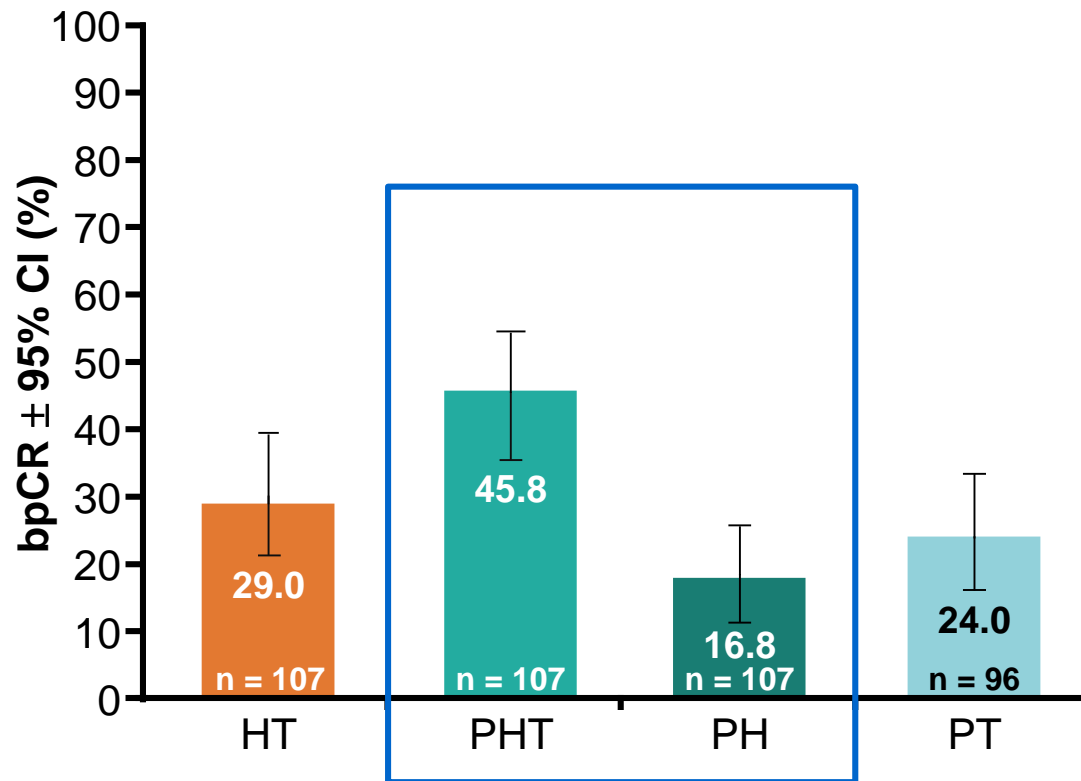
NeoSphere: Dual HER2 targeting with pertuzumab–trastuzumab was associated with improved pCR

Pertuzumab–trastuzumab plus docetaxel significantly increased pCR rates vs. trastuzumab plus docetaxel alone, leading to pertuzumab approval

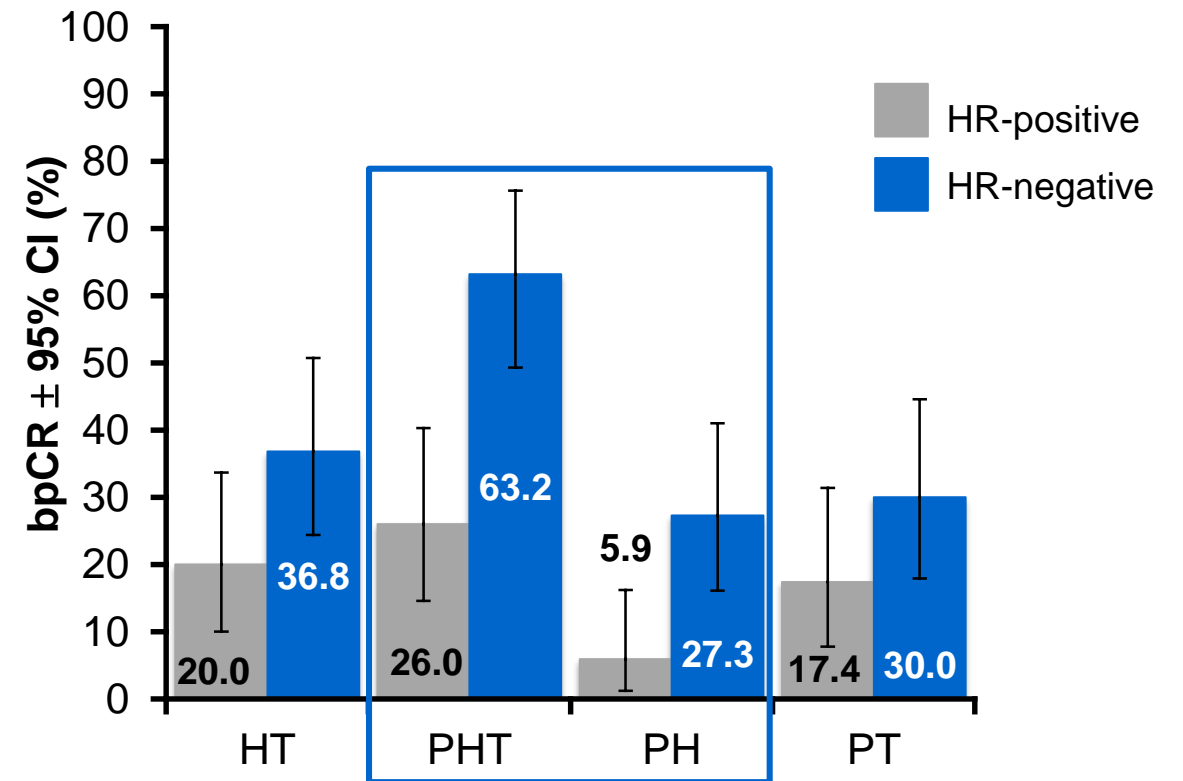


NeoSphere: PHT improved pCR regardless of HR status; however, HR-negative disease appears more reliant on the HER2-signalling pathway

pCR in the breast*



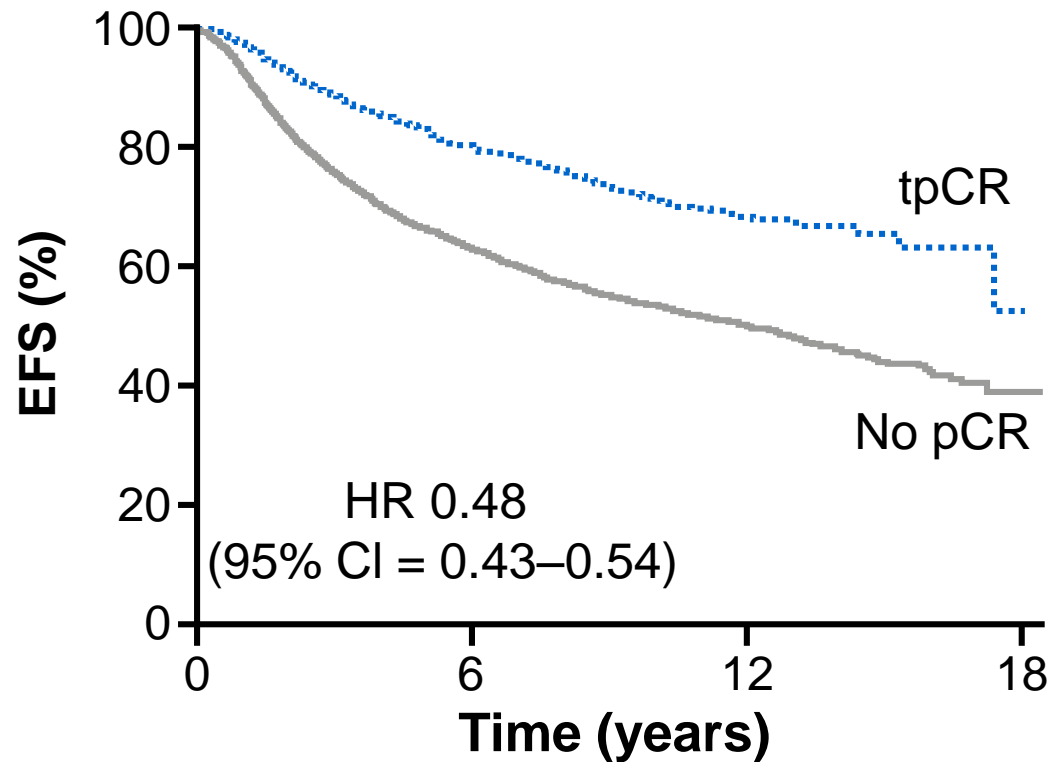
pCR in the breast by HR status*



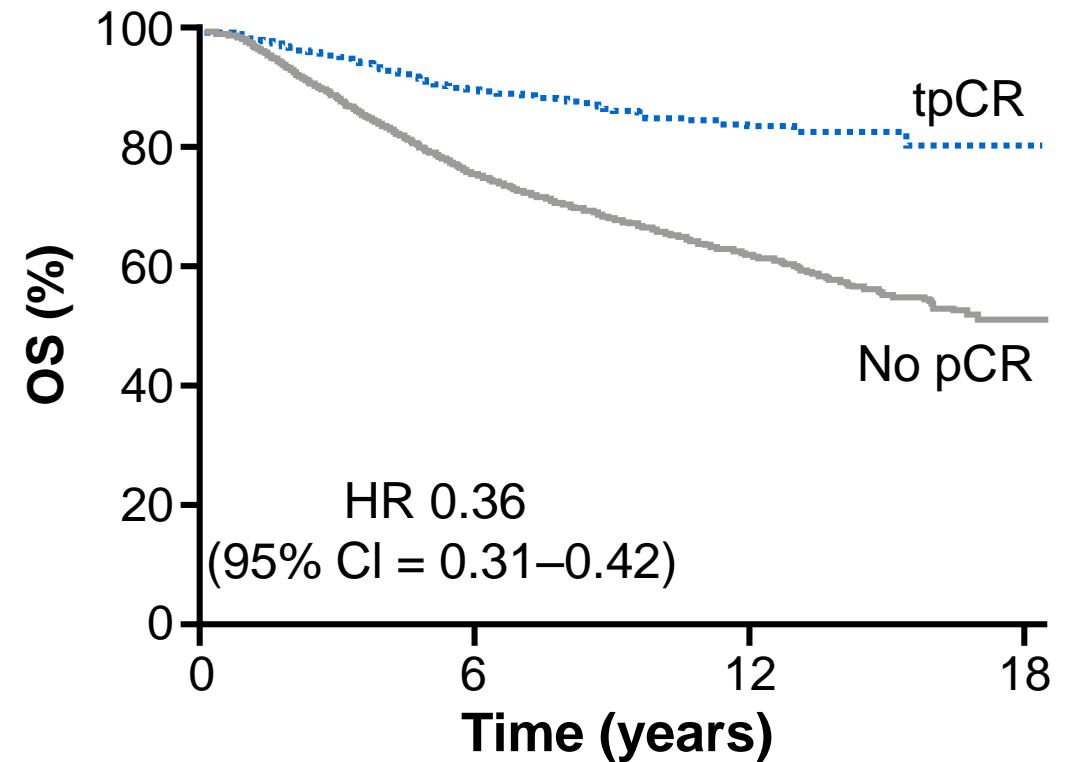
bpCR, pathological complete response in the breast;
CI, confidence interval; P, pertuzumab; pCR, pathological complete response.
* NeoSphere: chemotherapy was given following surgery.

CTNeoBC meta-analysis: Achieving a tpCR with neoadjuvant chemotherapy resulted in longer EFS and OS than not achieving a tpCR

EFS

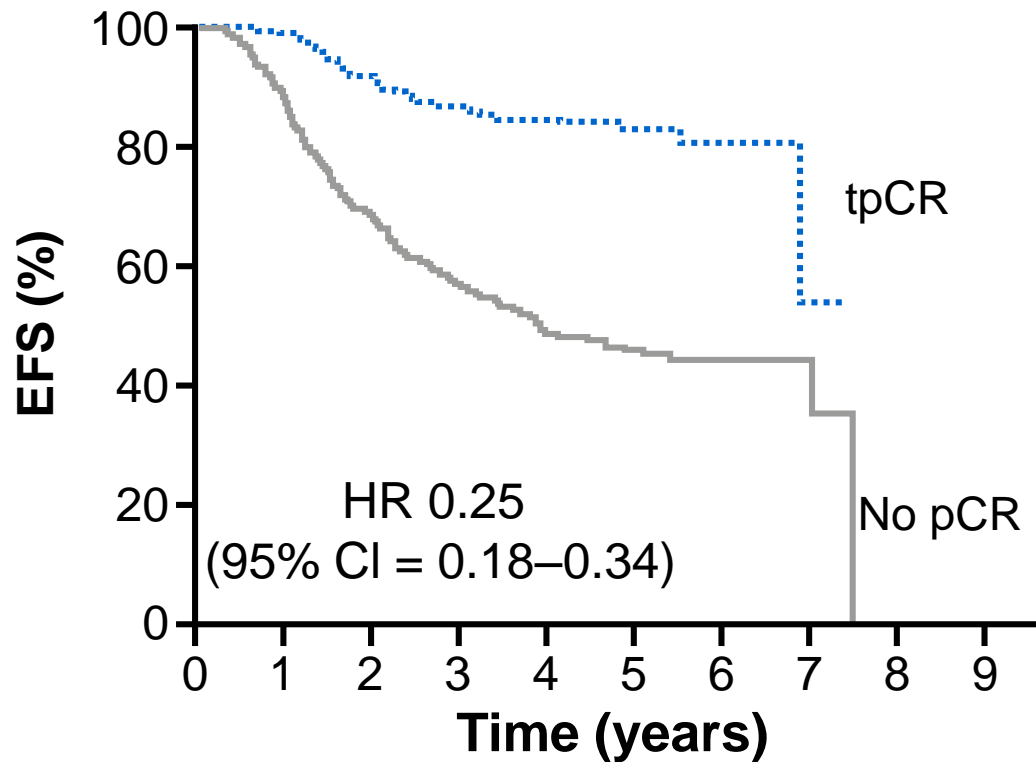


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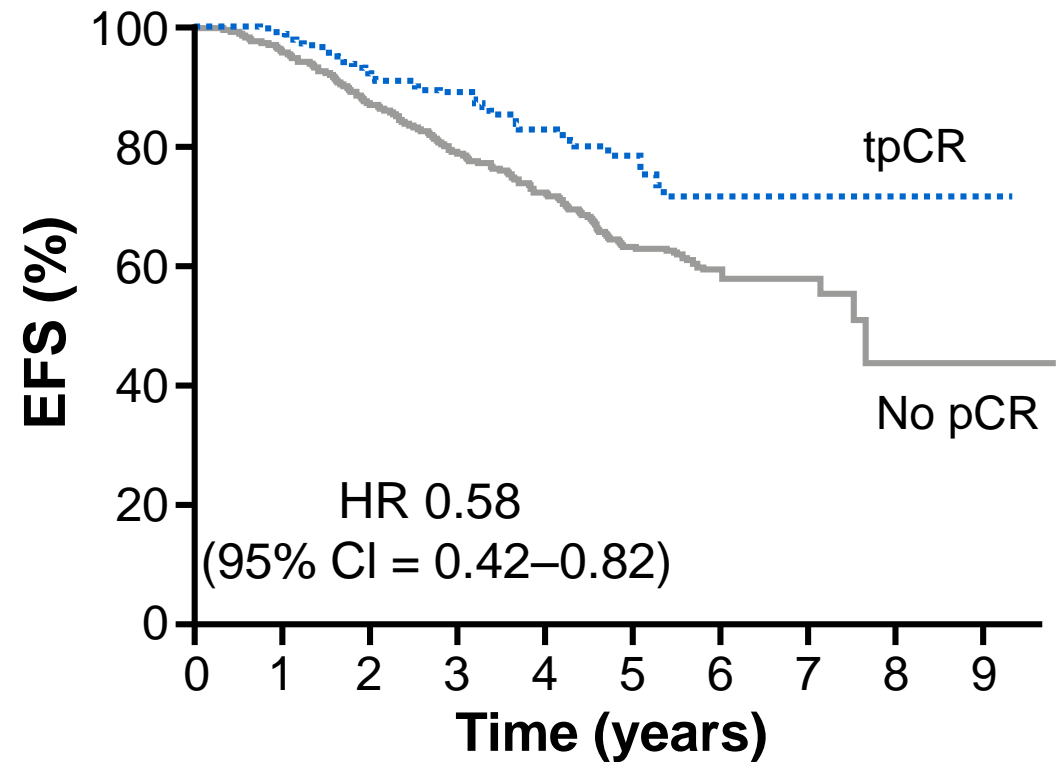


CTNeoBC meta-analysis: EFS benefit after pCR was more pronounced in HER2-positive, HR-negative tumours

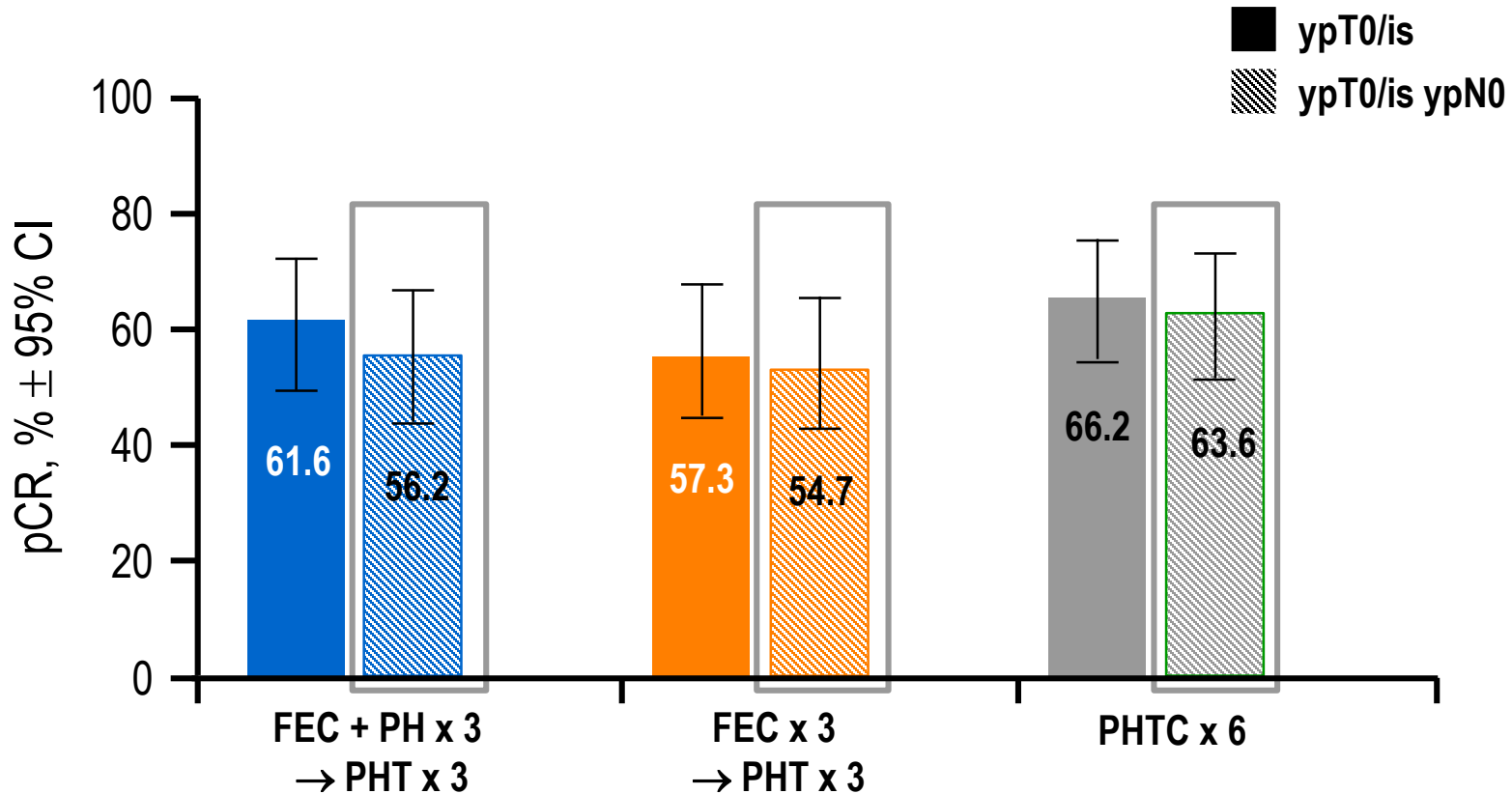
HER2-positive, HR-negative



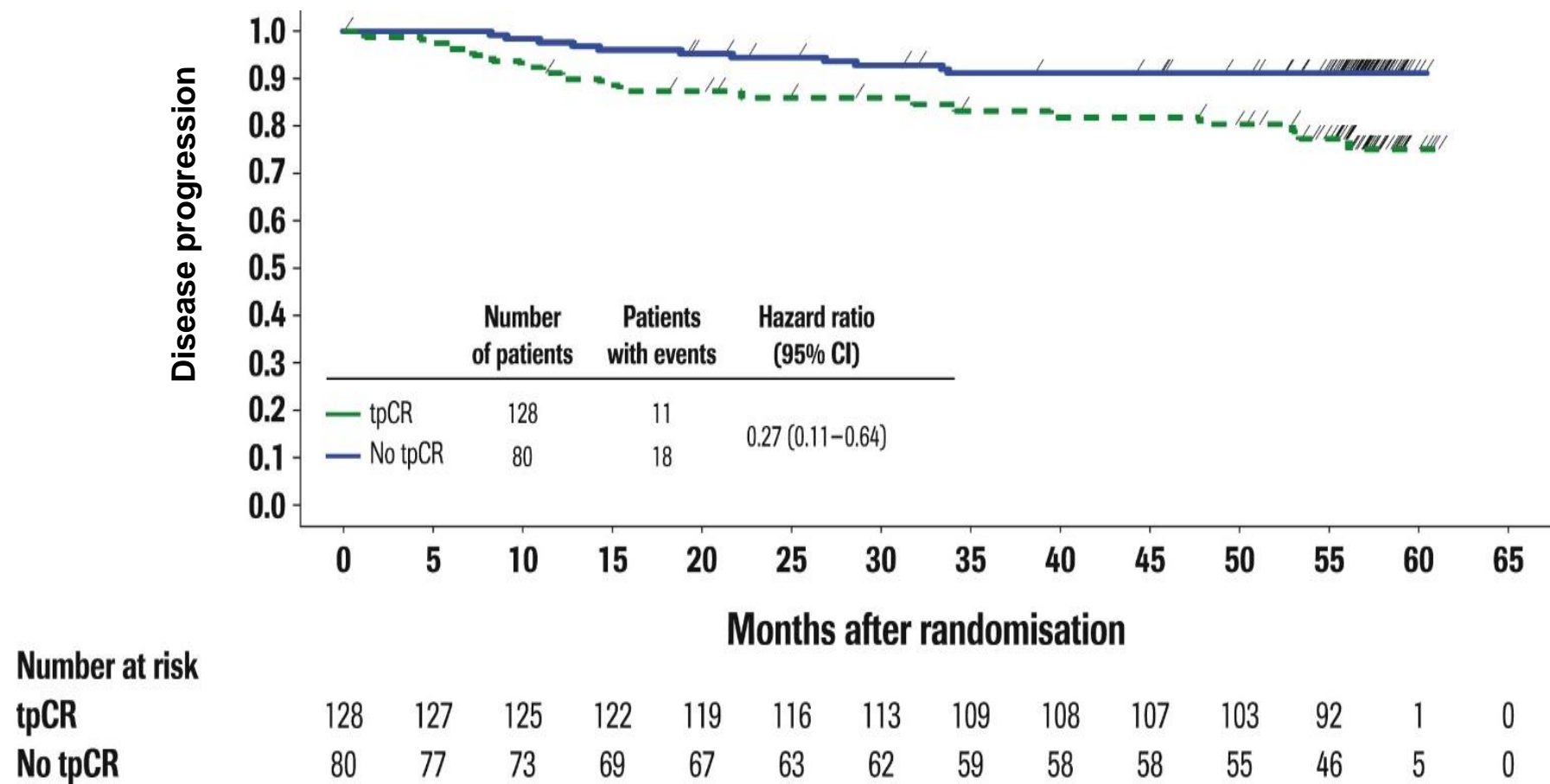
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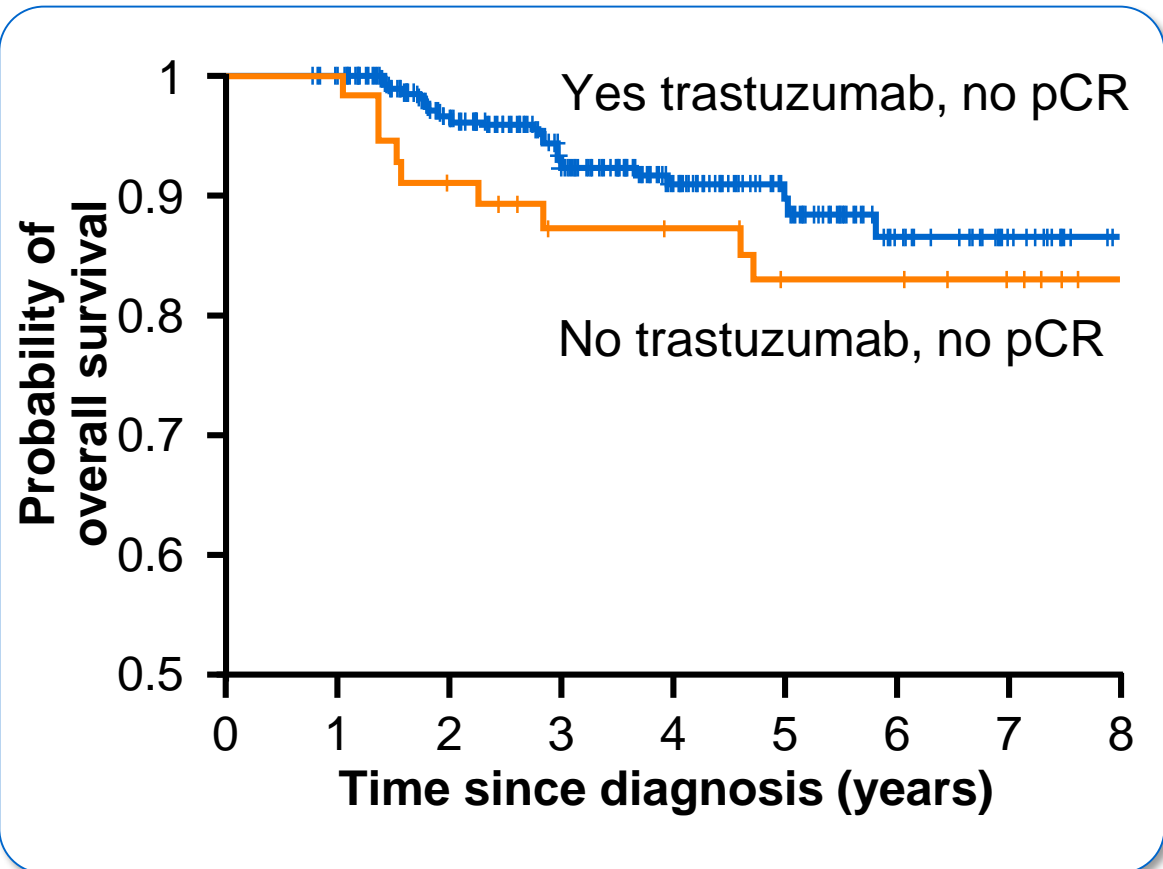
TRYPHAENA: The combination of pertuzumab and trastuzumab in the neoadjuvant setting resulted in high pCR rates, regardless of chemotherapy partner



TRYPHAENA 3-year follow-up: tpCR was associated with improved disease-free survival (DFS)



Continuation of trastuzumab in non-pCR patients



In a retrospective analysis, patients with HER2-positive eBC who did not achieve a pCR with neoadjuvant trastuzumab-based therapy appeared to benefit more from adjuvant trastuzumab (N = 589)

The outcome of neoadjuvant therapy may still influence subsequent treatment decisions

Potential outcomes following neoadjuvant therapy

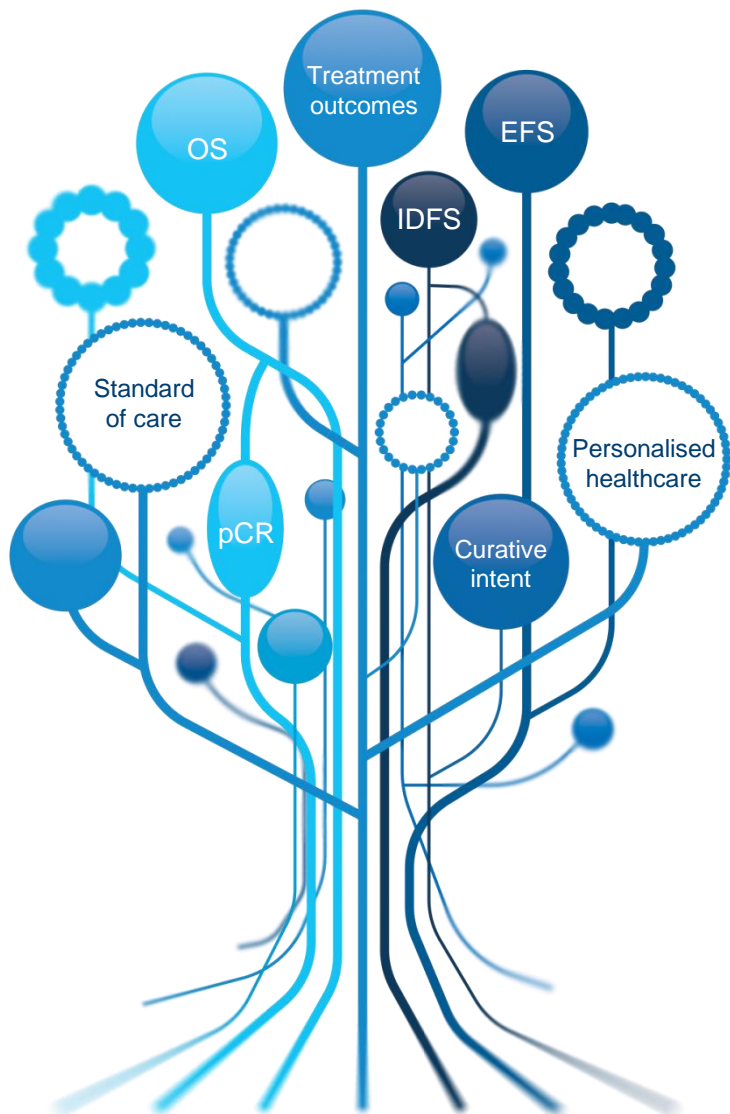
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graph TD; A[Potential outcomes following neoadjuvant therapy] --> B[pCR: No malignant cells found on pathological examination in breast and axilla1]; A --> C[No pCR: Residual macroscopic or microscopic disease present in breast and axilla1]; B --> D[Need to maintain the same treatment? Take advantage of tumours sensitive to neoadjuvant treatment? (to be addressed by ongoing clinical trials!)] ; C --> E[An alternative treatment might improve the chances of achieving a positive long-term outcome? (to be addressed by ongoing clinical trials!)]
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**An alternative treatment might improve
the chances of achieving a positive
long-term outcome?
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Potential for treatment de-escalation

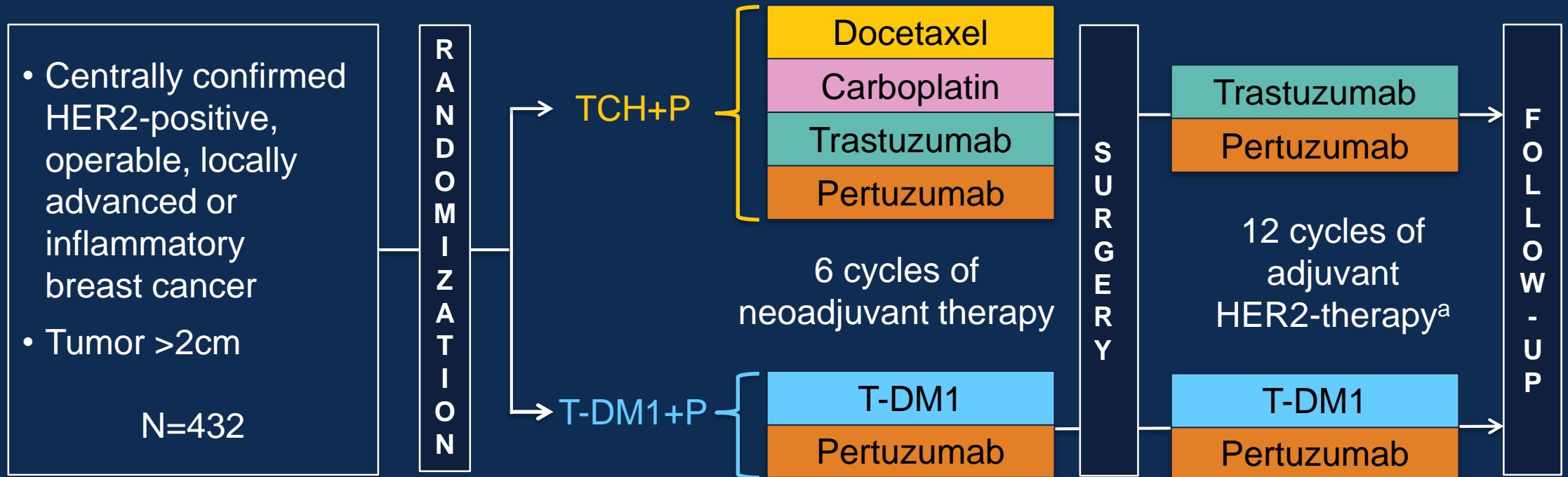
Omitting systemic chemotherapy in neoadjuvant setting?

Pathologic complete response rates after neoadjuvant trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1) + pertuzumab vs docetaxel + carboplatin + trastuzumab + pertuzumab (TCH+P) treatment in patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer (KRISTINE/TRIO-021)

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KRISTINE Study Design



Primary endpoint: pCR by local assessment (ypT0/is, ypN0)

- Stratification factors:** local HR status, geographic location, and clinical stage at presentation

^aAdjuvant chemotherapy was recommended for patients in the T-DM1+P arm who had residual disease in lymph node(s) or in the breast (>1cm).

Patient Disposition

- Study conducted globally: 68 centers, 10 countries
- Total of 444 patients randomized from June 25, 2014 to June 15, 2015
- Clinical cut-off date: December 3, 2015

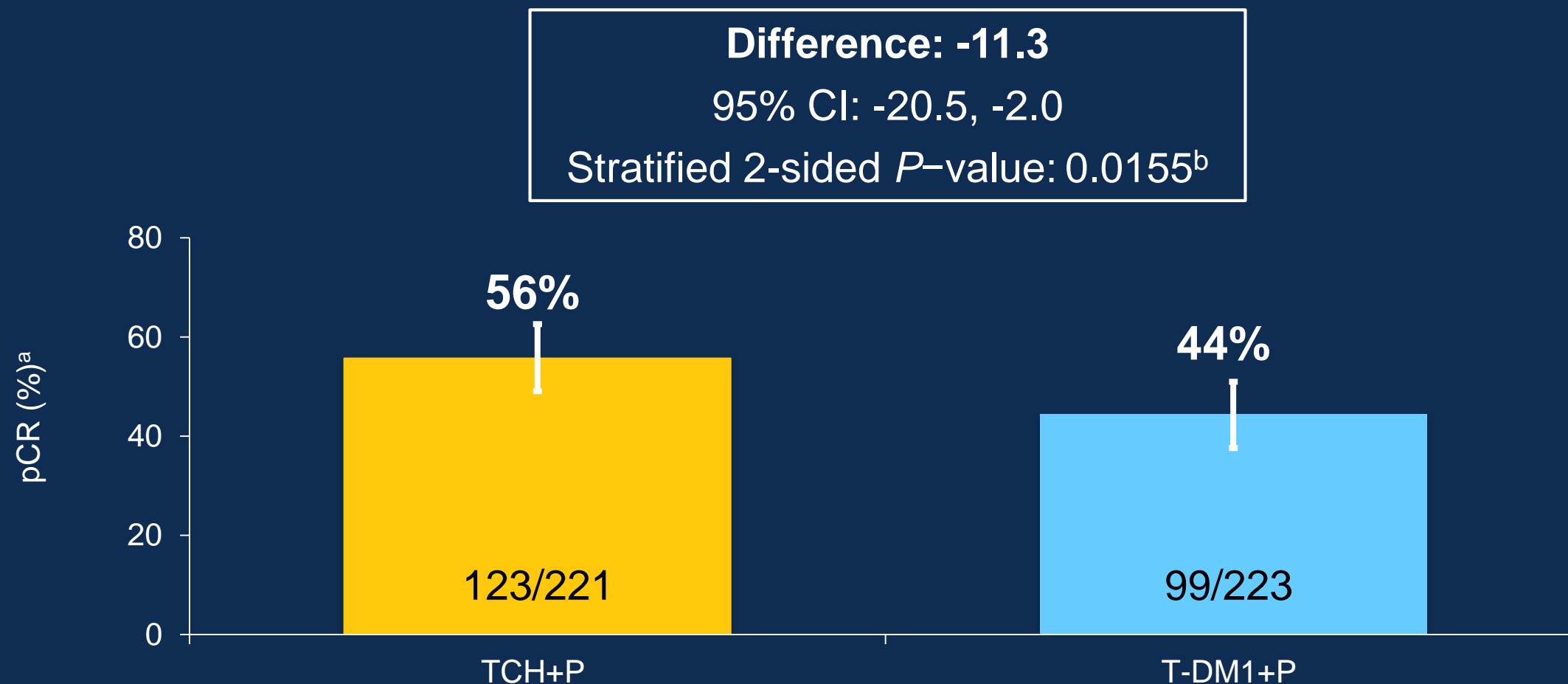
	TCH+P	T-DM1+P
Randomized (ITT) ^a , n	221	223
Treated (safety population), n	219	223
Median duration of follow-up including adjuvant phase, months (min–max)	8.9 (0.1–15.7)	8.8 (4.5–17.3)

^aTwo patients randomized to the TCH+P arm did not receive any study drug (reasons for study discontinuation were: withdrawal by subject and other). ITT, intent-to-treat.

Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Characteristics	TCH+P (n=221)	T-DM1+P (n=223)
Median age, years (min–max)	49 (22–79)	50 (23–79)
World region, %		
North America	24	24
Western Europe	38	38
Rest of the world	38	38
Local ER/PR status, %		
ER and PR negative	38	38
ER and/or PR positive	62	62
Clinical stage at presentation, %		
IIA–IIIA	83	83
IIIB–IIIC	17	17

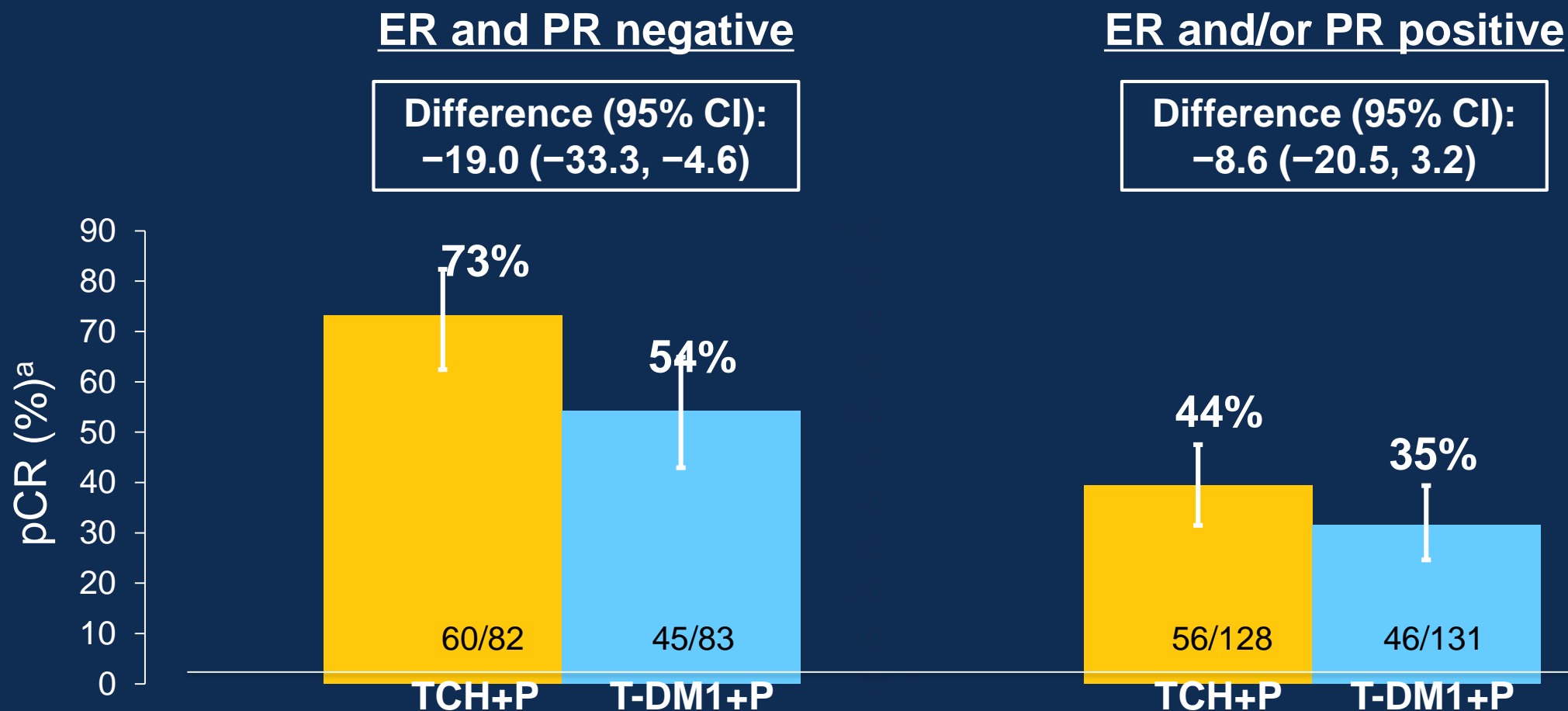
Primary Endpoint: pCR (ypT0/is, ypN0)



^apCR rate and 95% CI are shown. Patients with missing or unevaluable pCR status were considered nonresponders: TCH+P, 7 (3.2%); T-DM1+P, 18 (8.1%).
Treatment discontinuation in the neoadjuvant phase for progressive disease: TCH+P, 0% of patients; T-DM1+P, 7% of patients.











^bCochran-Mantel-Haenszel Chi-square.

pCR by Central ER/PR Receptor Status



^aypT0/is, ypN0; patients with missing or unevaluable pCR status were considered nonresponders. Twenty patients had “unknown” ER/PR status by central analysis.

pCR by Baseline Factors

	TCH+P (n=221)		T-DM1+P (n=223)		Response Rate		TCH+P	T-DM1+P
	n	Responder, %	n	Responder, %	Difference	95% CI	better	better
All patients	221	55.7	223	44.4	-11.26	(-20.50, -2.02)		
Age group								
<65	200	57.5	198	45.5	-12.05	(-21.79, -2.30)		
≥65	21	38.1	25	36.0	- 2.10	(-30.12, 25.93)		
World region								
North America	54	53.7	54	33.3	-20.37	(-38.67, -2.07)		
Rest of the world	83	51.8	84	50.0	-1.81	(-16.97, 13.35)		
Western Europe	84	60.7	85	45.9	-14.83	(-29.71, 0.04)		
Clinical stage at diagnosis								
II-III A	183	57.9	186	43.0	-14.91	(-25.00, -4.82)		
IIIB-III C	38	44.7	37	51.4	6.61	(-15.95, 29.18)		
Central ER/PR status								
ER and PR negative	82	73.2	83	54.2	-18.95	(-33.34, -4.57)		
ER and/or PR positive	128	43.8	131	35.1	-8.64	(-20.50, 3.22)		

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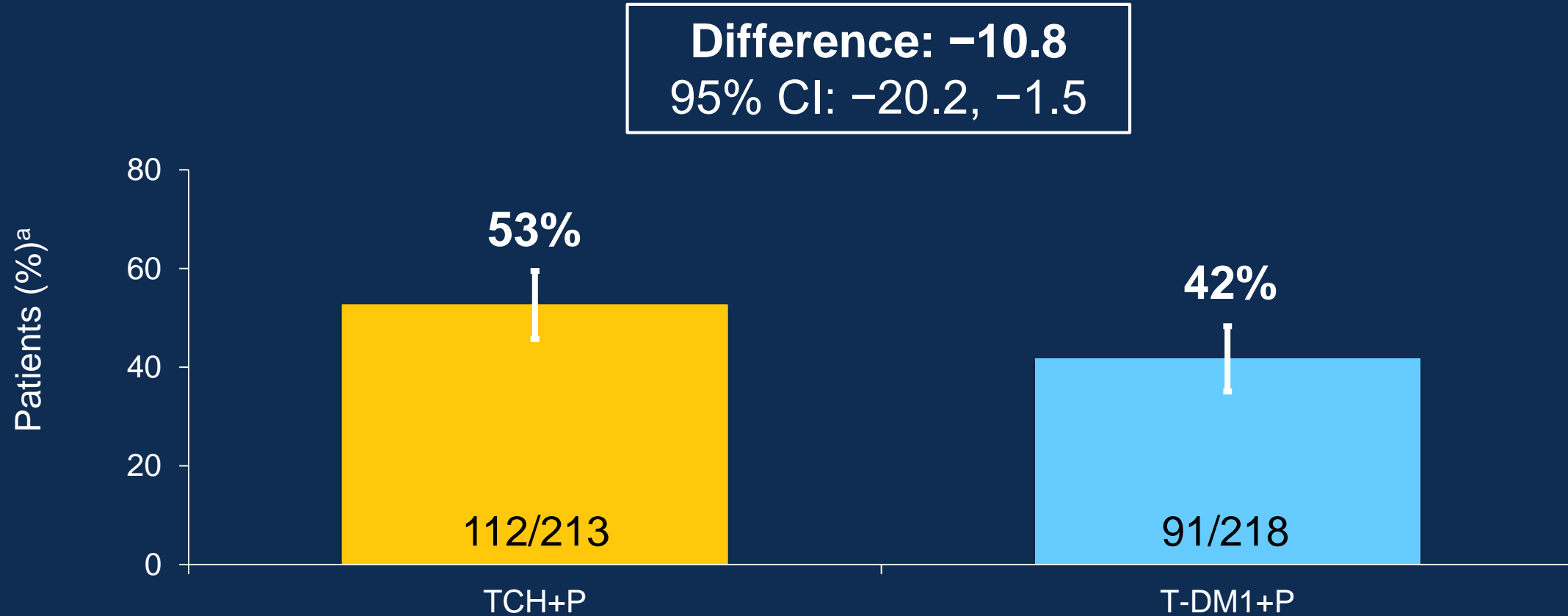
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Breast Conserving Surgery Rates

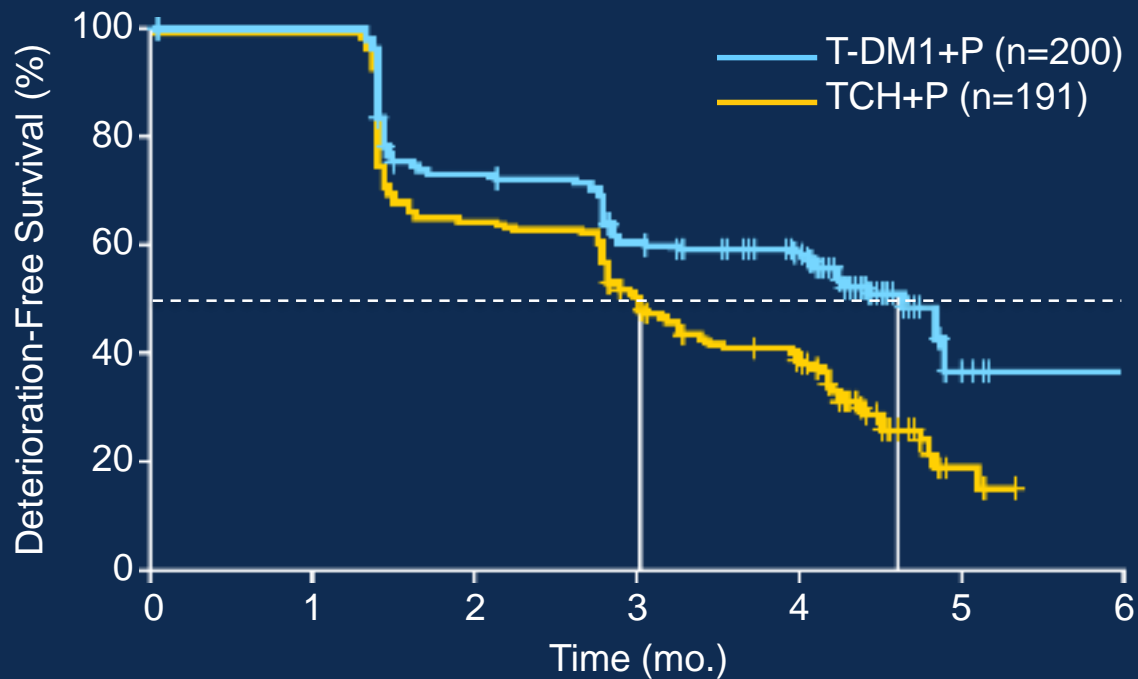


^aITT population of patients without inflammatory breast cancer patients.

Maintenance of HRQoL and Physical Function

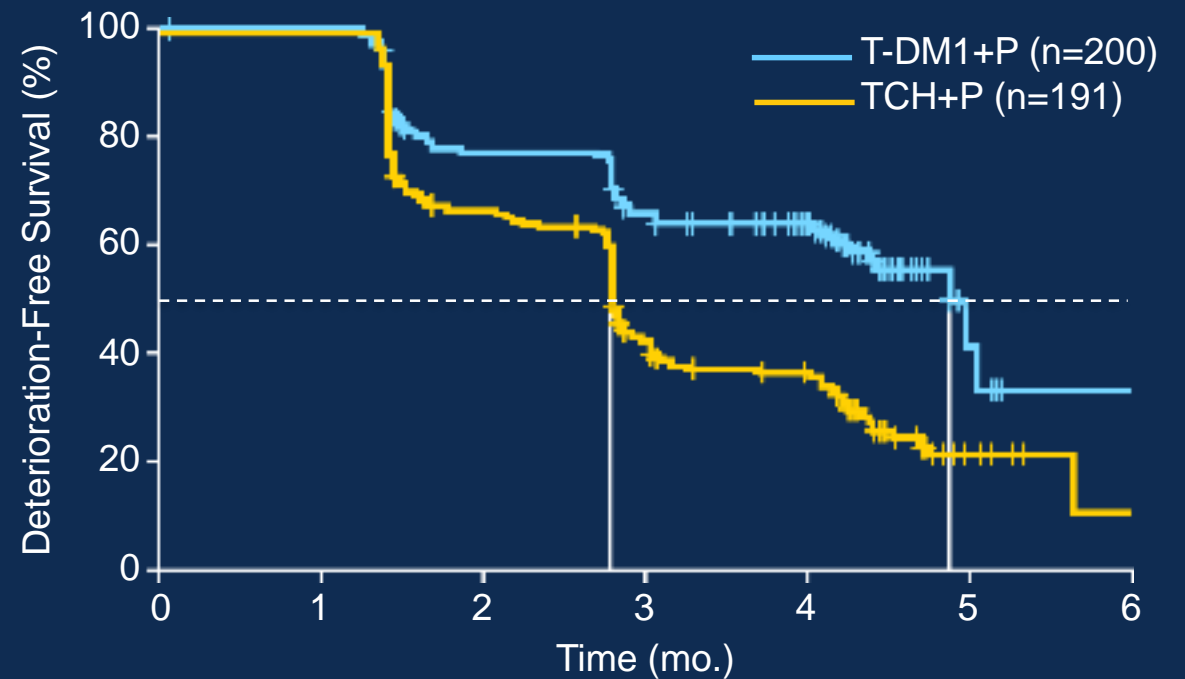
Maintenance of HRQoL^a

HR (95% CI): 0.60 (0.46–0.78)



Maintenance of physical function^a

HR (95% CI): 0.47 (0.36–0.62)



^aData are based on the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) quality of life questionnaire (QLQ)-C30 and QLQ-modified breast cancer module (BR23). Maintenance of health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and physical function were assessed as the time to deterioration defined as the time from baseline to first 10-point (or greater) decrease.

Only data from the neoadjuvant treatment phase including pre-surgery visit are used. Patients of the ITT population with a baseline assessment and at least 1 post-treatment assessment are included in this analysis.

Treatment Exposure and Overview of Adverse Events: Neoadjuvant Phase

	TCH+P (n=219) ^a	T-DM1+P (n=223) ^a
Median number of cycles (min–max)	6 (1–6)	6 (2–6)
Any adverse event, %	98.6	88.3
Serious adverse event, %	28.8	4.9
Grade ≥3 adverse event, %	64.4	13.0
Adverse event leading to treatment discontinuation of any component, %	8.7	3.1
LVEF <50% and ≥10% points decrease from baseline, %	0.5	0.4

- Serious adverse events occurring in ≥1% of patients in the TCH+P arm: febrile neutropenia (12%), neutropenia (3%), diarrhea (4%), vomiting (1.8%), colitis (1%), and neutrophil count decreased (1%).
- No single serious adverse event occurred in ≥1% of patients in the T-DM1+P arm.

^aSafety population.
LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction.

Grade ≥ 3 Adverse Events With Incidence of $\geq 3\%$ in Either Treatment Arm: Neoadjuvant Phase

Adverse event preferred term, %	TCH+P (n=219) ^a	T-DM1+P (n=223) ^a
Neutropenia	25.1	0.4
Diarrhea	15.1	0.9
Febrile neutropenia	15.1	0
Anemia	9.6	0.9
Neutrophil count decreased	9.1	0
Platelet count decreased	5.0	1.3
Fatigue	3.2	1.3
White blood cell count decreased	4.1	0
Hypertension	3.2	0.4
Vomiting	3.2	0.4

^aSafety population.

Conclusions

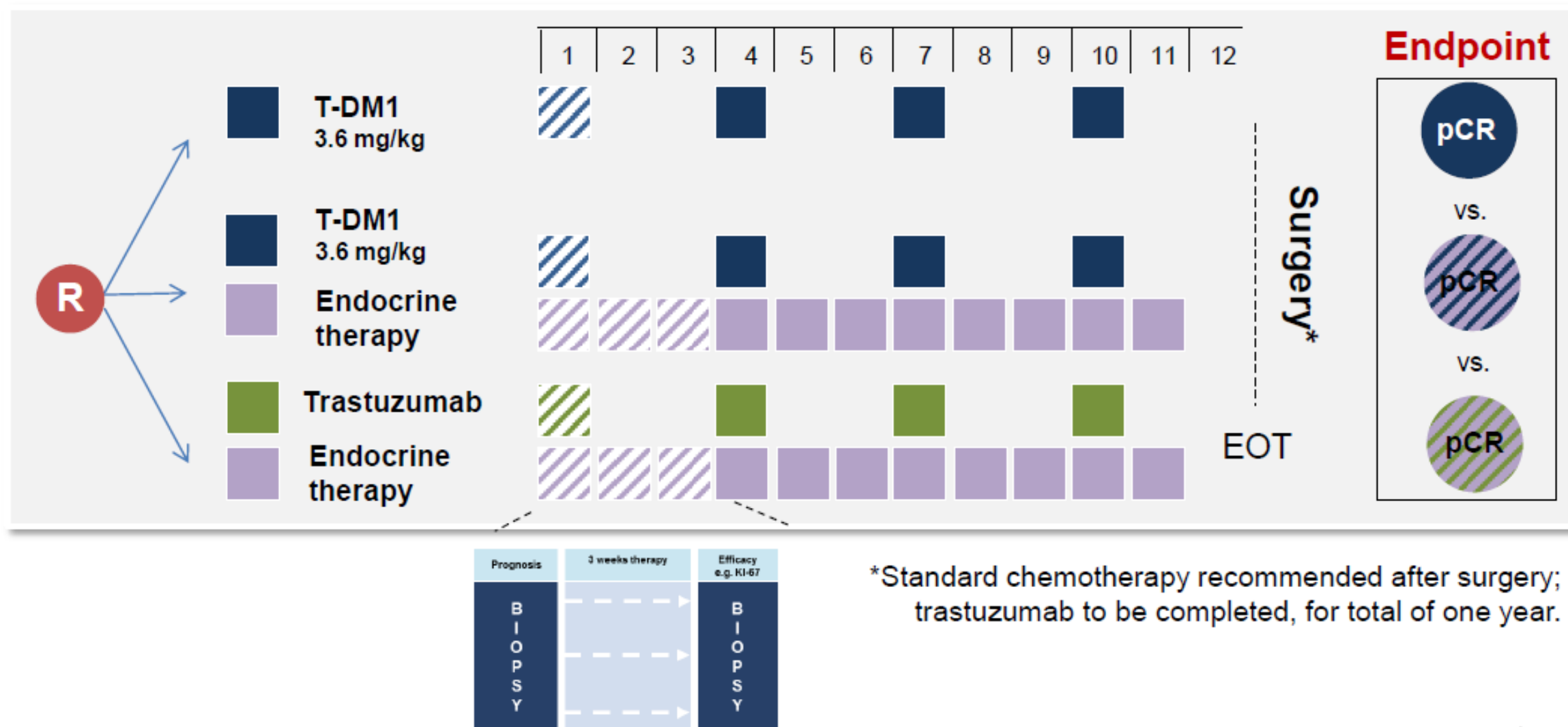
- Neoadjuvant TCH+P achieved a superior pCR rate compared with T-DM1+P (56% vs 44%)
- Neoadjuvant TCH+P was associated with a higher BCS rate (53% vs 42%)
- Neoadjuvant T-DM1+P had a more favorable safety profile
 - Lower incidence of grade ≥ 3 adverse events (13% vs 64%), serious adverse events (5% vs 29%), and adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation (3% vs 9%)
- Neoadjuvant T-DM1+P was associated with longer maintenance of patient-reported HRQoL and physical function

ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Rationale

- In HER2+ early breast cancer, current standard (chemo- + anti-HER2 therapy) is independent of hormone receptor (HR) status
- HER2+/HR+ (*triple positive*) breast cancer is a distinct entity
- pCR after neoadjuvant chemo- + anti-HER2 therapy:
 - rates differ according to HR-status
 - impact on survival differs according to HR-status
- Combined targeted blockade (endocrine + anti-HER2 therapy) without systemic chemotherapy may be an effective neoadjuvant strategy

Cortazar et al, Lancet 2014; Rimawi et al, JCO 2013

ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Trial Design



*Standard chemotherapy recommended after surgery; trastuzumab to be completed, for total of one year.

ADAPT HER2+/HR+:

Key Inclusion criteria

- Confirmed ER and/or PR positive ($\geq 1\%$) and HER2+ by *central* pathology
- cT1c - cT4a-c
- All cN
- No clinical evidence for distant metastasis (M0)
- Adequate organ function
- LVEF $\geq 50\%$; LVEF within normal institutional limits by echocardiography; normal ECG

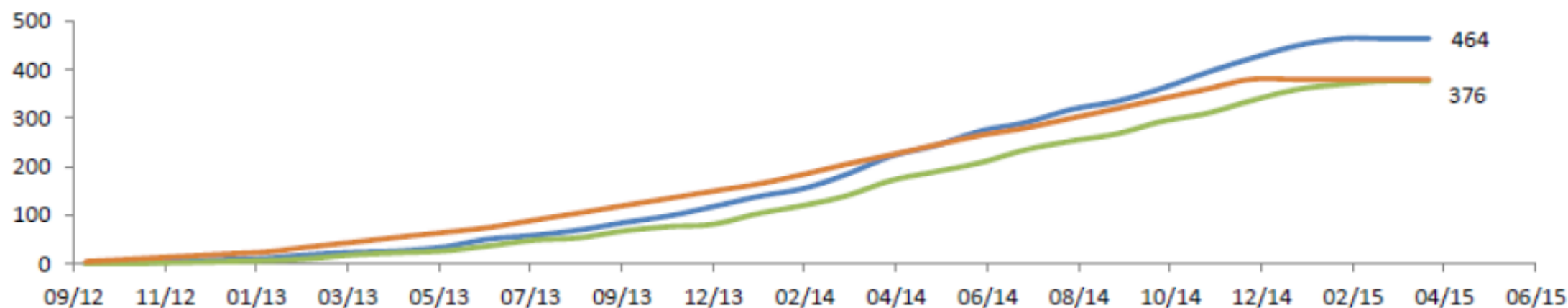




ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Recruitment

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- Screened patients
- Randomized patients
- Planned randomization

n = 48 active sites (51 total)



ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Interim Analysis

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- Primary trial endpoint: Comparison of pCR rates of each T-DM1 arm (\pm ET) vs. trastuzumab + endocrine therapy (assumption 25% vs. 10%; power 80%, alpha 2.5% each, one sided)
- pCR: no invasive carcinoma in breast and nodes
- Pre-planned interim analyses after first 130 patients:
 - evaluate pCR rates and their correlations with early response markers (changes between initial and 3-week biopsy)
 - assure safety of study medications
- Interim analyses presented to DSMB in January 2015

ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Baseline patient and tumor characteristics

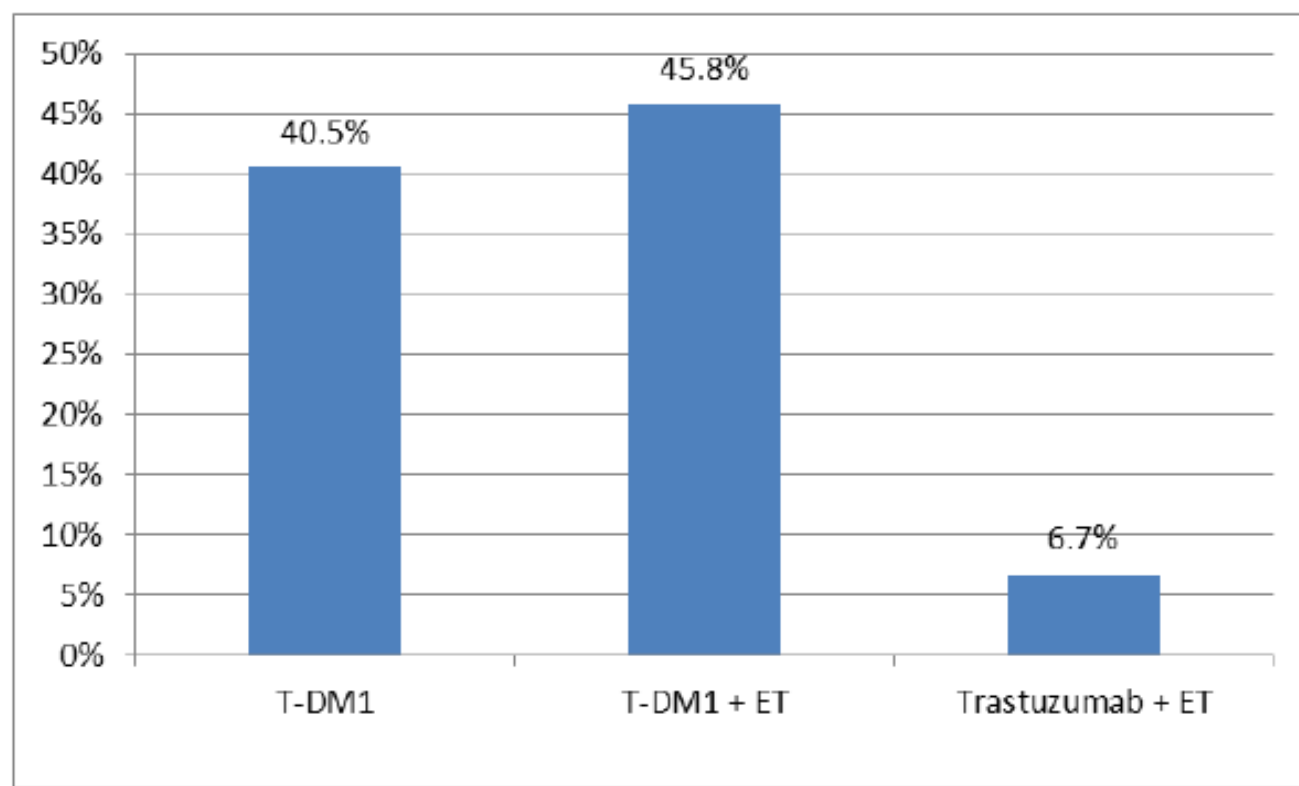
	A (T-DM1)	B (T-DM1+ET)	C (Trast. + ET)
N	37	48	45
median age	46 years	51 years	48 years
premenopausal	22 (59.5%)	22 (45.8%)	27 (60.0%)
postmenopausal	15 (40.5%)	26 (54.2%)	18 (40.0%)
cT 1	15 (40.5%)	22 (45.8%)	15 (33.3%)
cT 2	17 (45.9%)	24 (50.0%)	26 (57.8%)
cT ≥3	5 (13.5%)	2 (4.2%)	4 (8.9%)
cN 0	23 (62.2%)	35 (72.9%)	31 (68.9%)
cN 1	11 (29.7%)	12 (25.0%)	12 (26.7%)
cN ≥2	3 (8.1%)	1 (2.1%)	2 (4.4%)
ER positive	36 (97.3%)	47 (97.9%)	44 (97.8%)
ER negative	1 (2.7%)	1 (2.1%)	1 (2.2%)
PR positive	34 (91.9%)	43 (89.6%)	37 (82.2%)
PR negative	3 (8.1%)	5 (10.4%)	8 (17.8%)
central G1/2 (mostly G2)	8 (21.6%)	10 (20.8%)	14 (31.1%)
central G3	29 (78.4%)	38 (79.2%)	31 (68.9%)
Ki67 (median)	35%	35%	30%

- Study medication administered for 4 cycles:
 - 100% T-DM1; 95.8% T-DM1 + ET; 95.2% T+ET
- 16 serious adverse events in 13 patients (all CTCAE grades 1-3)
- 14 termed serious due to unplanned hospitalization, 7 related to study medication; all patients recovered completely

Parameter	T-DM1		T-DM1 + ET		Trastuzumab + ET	
	all CTC	CTC 3	all CTC	CTC 3	all CTC	CTC 3
Liver Function Investigation						
Blood bilirubin increased	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gamma glutamyltransferase increased	5%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	19%	5%	10%	0%	0%	0%
Alanine aminotransferase increased	22%	3%	6%	0%	2%	0%
Alkaline phosphatase increased	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%
Hepatotoxicity	3%	0%	4%	2%	0%	0%
Blood and lymphatic disorders						
Neutropenia	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Thrombocytopenia	30%	3%	15%	0%	4%	0%
Infections and infestations	11%	0%	15%	2%	9%	0%
n		37		48	45	

no reported CTCAE
grade 4 events

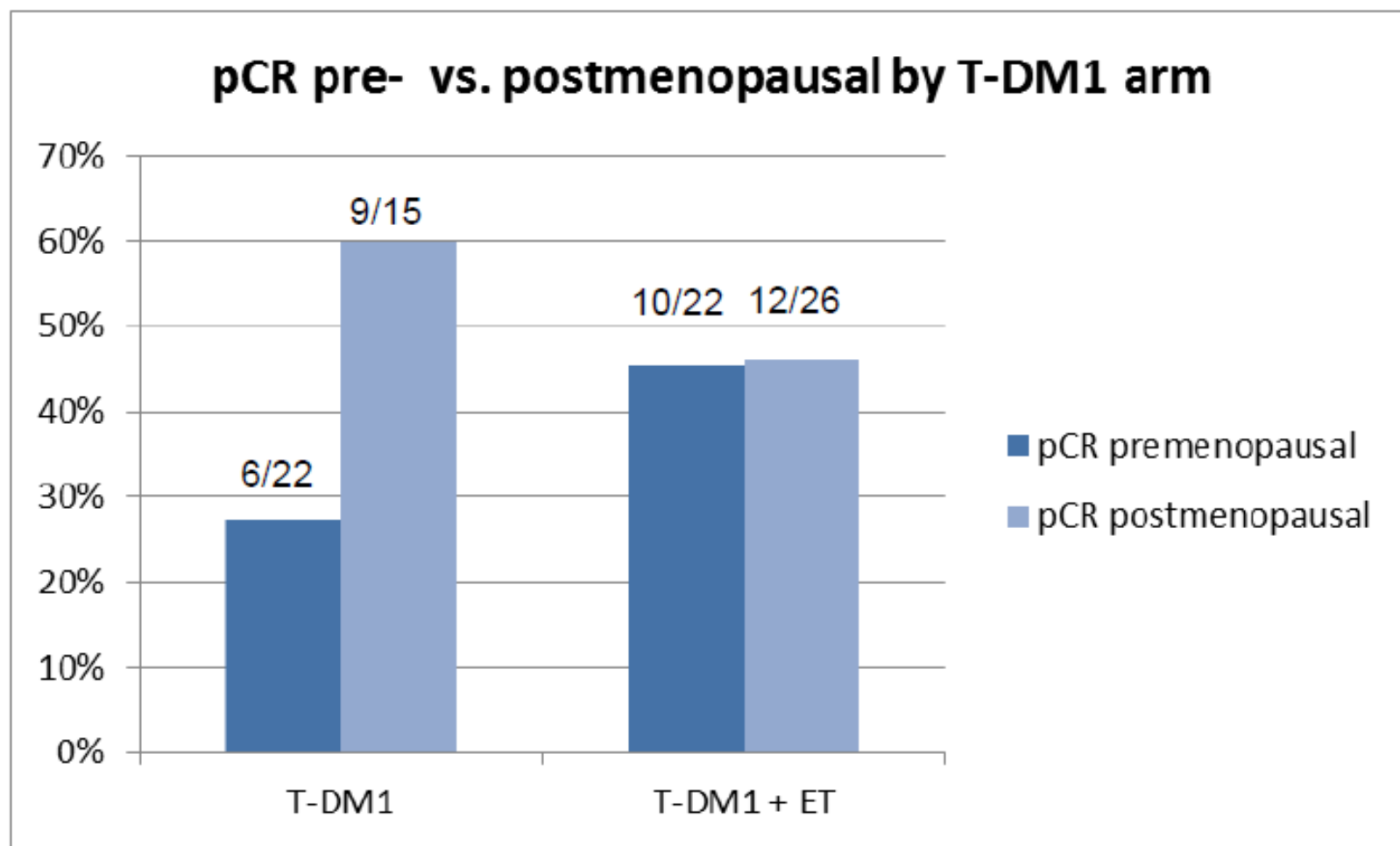
ADAPT HER2+/HR+: pCR (no invasive tumor in breast and nodes)



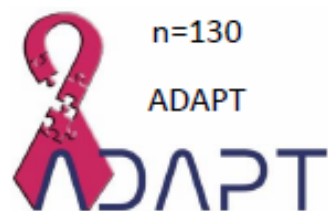
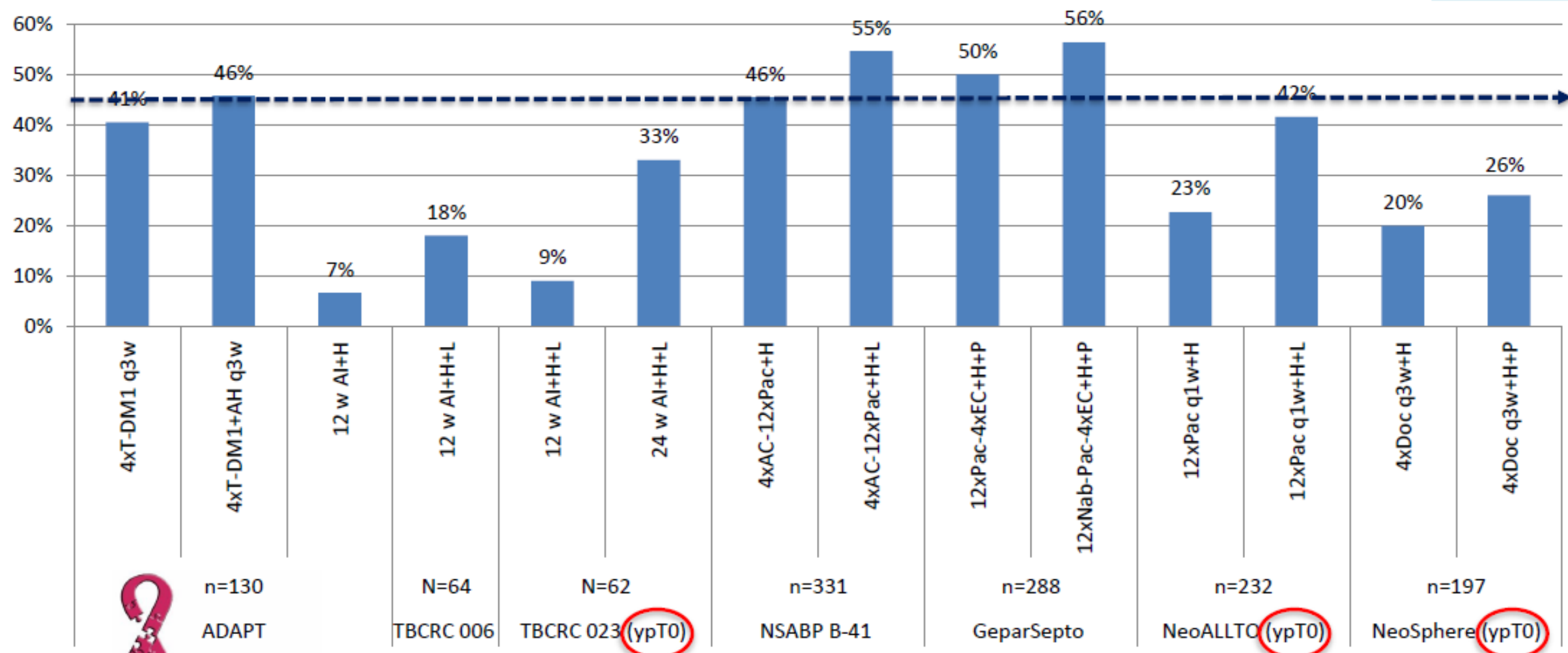
- pCR rates substantially higher in T-DM1 containing arms ($p < 0.001$ A or B vs. C)



ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Efficacy of adding endocrine therapy to T-DM1 differs by menopausal status (exploratory analysis)



pCR rates in HER+/HR+ early breast cancer



Rimawi et al, 2013; Rimawi et al, 2014; Robidoux et al, 2013;
Untch et al, 2014; Baselga et al, 2012; Gianni et al, 2012.



ADAPT HER2+/HR+: Conclusions from pre-planned interim analysis



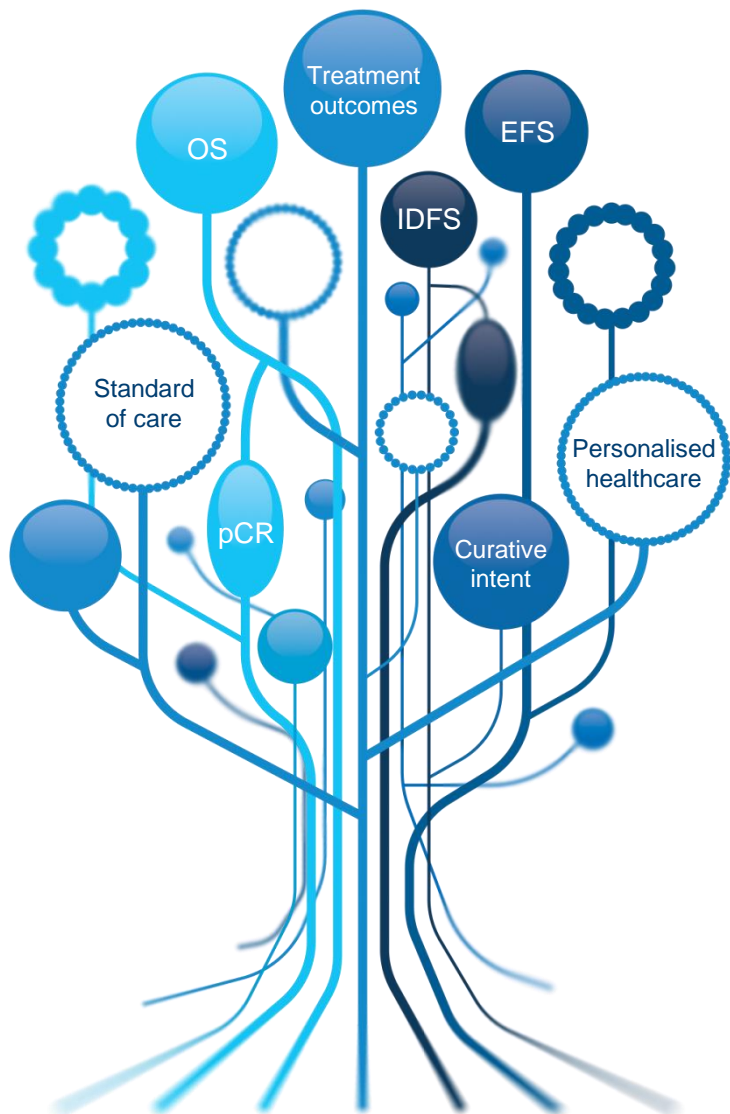
- **More than 40% pCR (breast and nodes) in T-DM1 treated patients after 12 weeks without *systemic* chemotherapy:**
 - 40.5% T-DM1; 45.8% T-DM1 + ET; 6.7% trastuzumab + ET
- **Very low overall toxicity;** no new safety signals detected
- Adding endocrine therapy to T-DM1 increases pCR in pre- but not in postmenopausal patients (exploratory analysis)
- Early response biomarkers:
 - No trend for Ki-67 (3-week vs. baseline) as predictor of pCR
 - Early therapy effect impacted Ki-67 quantification in 3-week biopsy (low cellularity in 43.1%) and was associated with pCR



HER2+ HR+ early breast cancer: Future perspectives



- Therapy de-escalation is possible
- TDM-1 single agent warrants further evaluation
- Full data set needed to substantiate interim findings:
 - Confirm efficacy and impact of additional endocrine therapy
 - Assess early-response biomarkers, mutation analysis, and subtypes
- Comparison T-DM1 single agent vs. standard chemotherapy + dual blockade (trastuzumab + pertuzumab) needed



Need for treatment escalation with incorporation of newer modalities

*Adding endocrine therapy in neoadjuvant
setting for triple positive tumours?*

NSABP B-52 (NRG Oncology)

Evaluating Pathologic Complete Response Rates in Patients with Hormone Receptor-Positive, HER2-Positive Breast Cancer treated with Neoadjuvant Therapy of Docetaxel, Carboplatin, Trastuzumab, and Pertuzumab (TCHP) with or without Concurrent Estrogen Deprivation Therapy

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Dual HER2 inhibition by ER status

Trial	HER2 Inhibition	pCR in ER-positive	pCR in ER-negative
NeoSphere	Per/Tras	26%	63%
NeoALTTO	Lap/Tras	42%	61%
CALGB 40601	Lap/Tras	42%	77%
NSABP B-41	Lap/Tras	56%	73%
TRYPHAENA	Per/Tras	46-50%	65-84%

Rationale

- **ER+/HER2+ tumors are less likely than ER-/HER2+ tumors to respond to dual anti-HER2 therapy.**
- **ER may act as a pathway of resistance to anti-HER2 treatment.**
- **Older trials suggested antagonistic effects of chemotherapy and endocrine therapy.**

Hypothesis

- We hypothesized that concurrent inhibition of ER and HER2, plus chemotherapy, **will not be antagonistic, and will overcome resistance** to treatment thus improving pCR rates in pts with ER+/HER2+ breast cancer.

NRG Oncology/NSABP B-52

**HER2-Positive, ER and/or PgR-Positive Invasive Breast Cancer
Diagnosed by Core Needle Biopsy**

REQUIRED BLOOD AND TISSUE

STRATIFICATION

RANDOMIZATION

Arm 1

**TCH
every 21 days x 6 cycles
+
Pertuzumab
every 21 days x 6 cycles**

Arm 2

**TCH
every 21 days x 6 cycles
+
Pertuzumab
every 21 days x 6 cycles
+
Estrogen Deprivation**

REQUIRED TISSUE

Core biopsy of primary tumor
*before Cycle 3 of TCHP**

**Obtained core biopsy in 103 pts.*

SURGERY (lumpectomy or mastectomy) and axillary staging

Eligibility Criteria

- Invasive adenocarcinoma of the breast *diagnosed by core needle biopsy*
- Clinical tumor ≥ 2.0 cm if clinically node negative. Any size if node positive.
- Tumors must be hormone receptor positive and HER2+ by ASCO/CAP
- The LVEF must be $\geq 50\%$ regardless of the testing facility's lower limit of normal.
- Adequate organ function

Dose Regimen

- **TCH: Docetaxel 75 mg/m² IV + carboplatin AUC of 6 IV + trastuzumab IV (administer a loading dose of 8mg/kg; then 6 mg/kg every 3 wks for the remaining doses).**
- **Pertuzumab: Administer a loading dose of 840 mg; then 420 mg every 3 wks for the remaining doses.**
- **Estrogen deprivation therapy determined by menopausal status:**
 - Postmenopausal: Aromatase inhibitor*
 - Premenopausal: Aromatase inhibitor plus ovarian suppression*

Endpoints

Primary

- pCR rate in the breast and nodes (ypT_{0-is} ypN_0)

Secondary

- pCR rate in the breast
 - Clinical complete response
 - Toxicity
 - Recurrence-free interval
 - OS
- } ~ 8 yrs after start of trial

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Patient Characteristics*

➤ Age

« ≤ 49	46%
« 50 – 59	32%
« ≥ 60	22%

➤ Race

« White	79%
« Black	12%
« Other/Unk	9%

➤ Tumor staging

« cT0-cT2	74%
« cT3-cT4c	24%
« cT4d	2%

➤ Clinical Nodal Status

« Pos.	57%
« Neg.	43%

* Patient characteristics were balanced between treatment regimens

NSABP B-52

Toxicity

Toxicity	TCHP (n=154)				TCHP +Est Dep (n=157)			
	Gr 0-1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 0-1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4
Diarrhea	42%	34%	23%	<1%	43%	35%	22%	0%
Nausea	60%	31%	9%	0%	65%	29%	6%	0%
Vomiting	82%	10%	8%	<1%	82%	13%	5%	0%
Dehydration	71%	20%	8%	<1%	78%	17%	5%	0%

NSABP B-52

Toxicity

Toxicity	TCHP (n=154)				TCHP +Est Dep (n=157)			
	Gr 0-1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 0-1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4
Anemia	53%	35%	12%	0%	56%	26%	18%	0%
Hypokalemia	83%	5%	10%	2%	80%	8%	10%	1%
Febrile Neutropenia	-	-	5%	<1%	-	-	7%	1%
Overall	3%	29%	59%	10%	5%	37%	52%	6%

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Completion of Neoadjuvant Therapy

	TCHP (n=158)	TCHP + Est Dep (n=157)
TCHP*	89.9%	90.4%

*** Completed at least 5 cycles of all 4 drugs comprising TCHP**

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Completion of Estrogen Deprivation among the TCHP+Est Dep Group

Aromatase Inhibitor

% completed of total exp daily doses

$\geq 90\%$	79.6%
80–89%	10.2%
$< 80\%$	10.2%

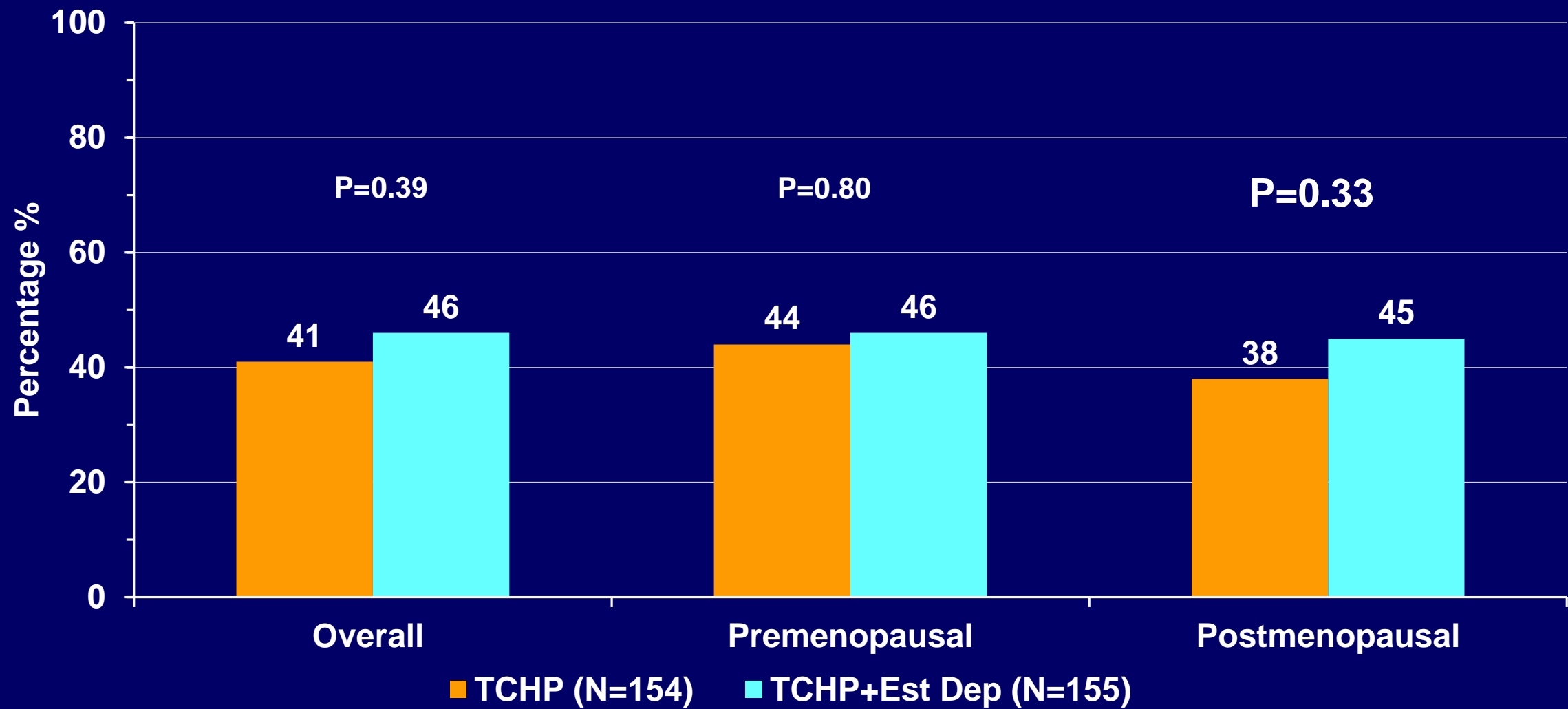
Goserelin/LHRH agonist

(Among premenopausal women only)

89.9%

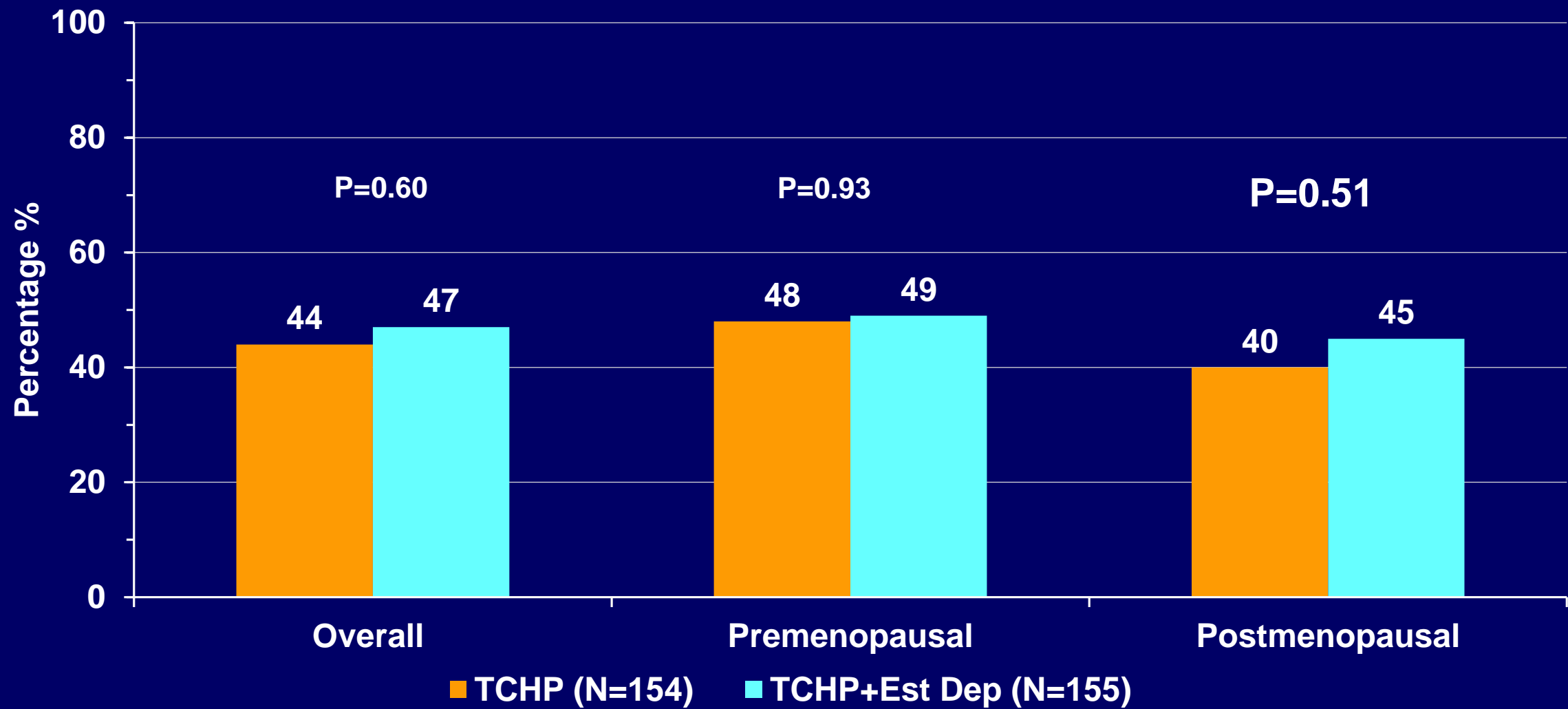
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pCR Breast and Nodes



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pCR Breast



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Clinical Complete Response

cCR	TCHP (n=138)	TCHP + Est Dep (n=142)	p
Overall	68.1%	73.9%	0.28

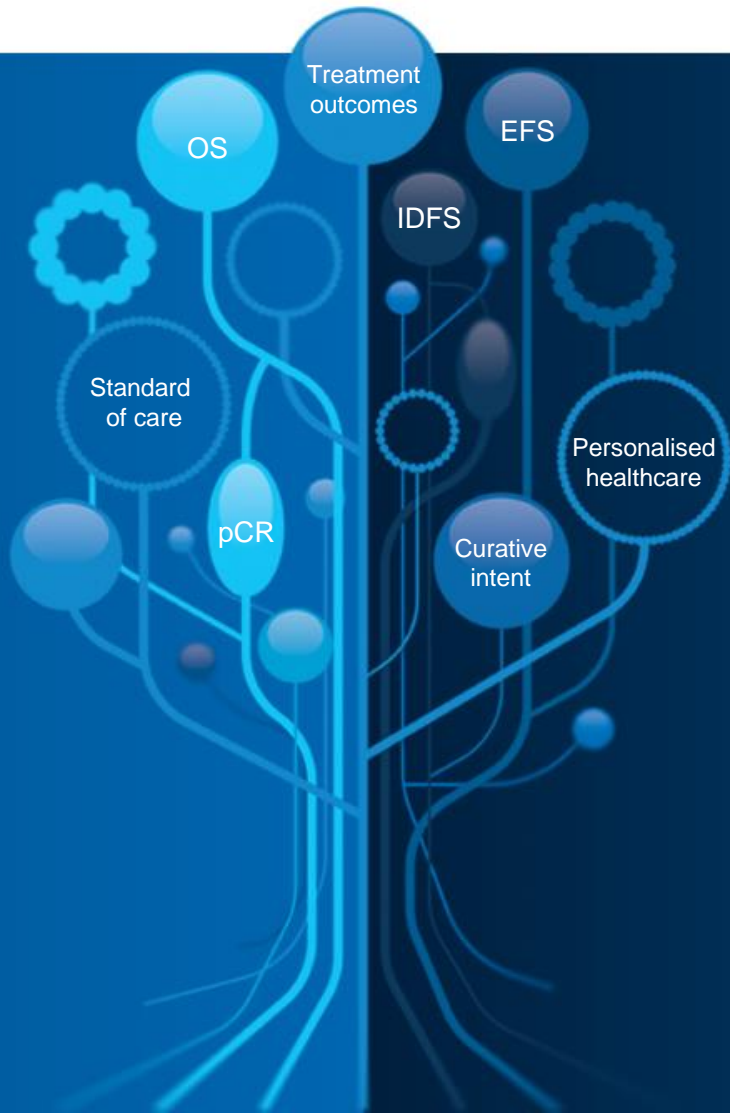
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Surgery

Type of Surgery	TCHP (n=158)	TCHP +Est Dep (n=157)
Lumpectomy	33.5%	42.7%
Mastectomy	63.9%	56.1%
No Surgery	2.5%	1.3%

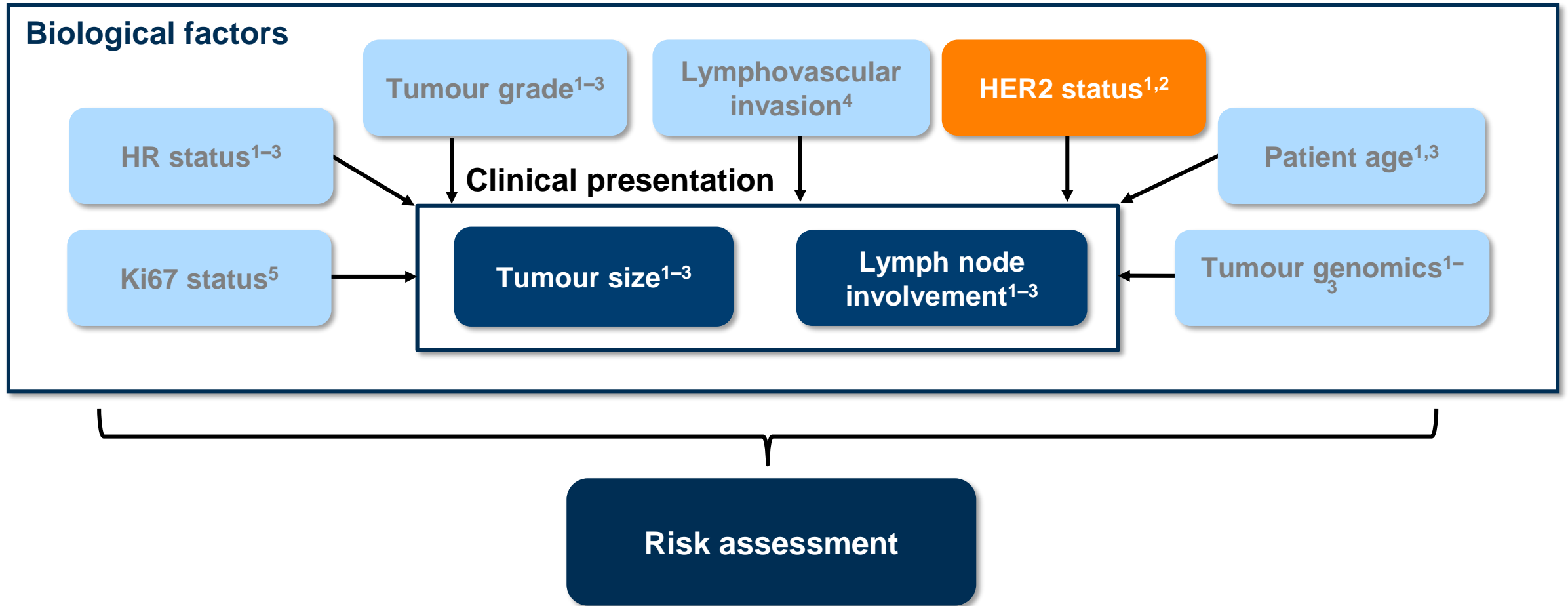
Conclusion

- The addition of estrogen deprivation to neoadjuvant chemotherapy was not antagonistic and did not increase toxicity.
- The combination increased pCR rates numerically, but the improvement was **not statistically significant**.
- Correlative science studies, evaluation of residual cancer burden (RCB), and long-term outcomes may help define the role of estrogen deprivation in the treatment of HER2+ early breast cancer.



Bridging neoadjuvant to adjuvant treatment

Tumour biology and prognosis in trastuzumab-treated HER2-positive eBC patients is determined by a number of different risk factors



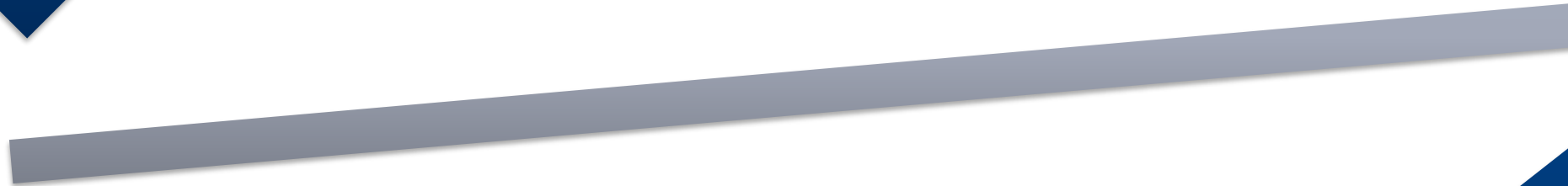
1. Martei YM & Matro JM. *Breast Cancer (Dove Med Press)* 2015; **7**:337–343;
2. Sparano JA, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015; **373**:2005–2014; 3. Drukker CA, et al. *Int J Cancer* 2013; **133**:929–936;
4. Zhang S, et al. *BMC Cancer* 2017; **17**:335; 5. Inwald EC, et al. *Breast Cancer Res Treat* 2013; **139**:539–552.

Evolving Standard of HER2 Treatment More or Less



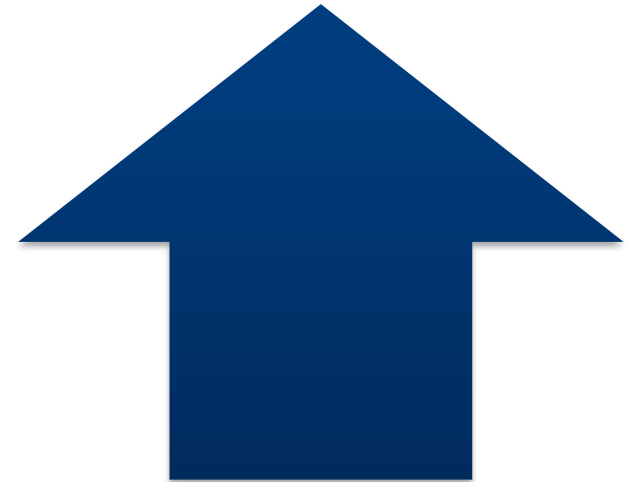
De-escalation of Treatment

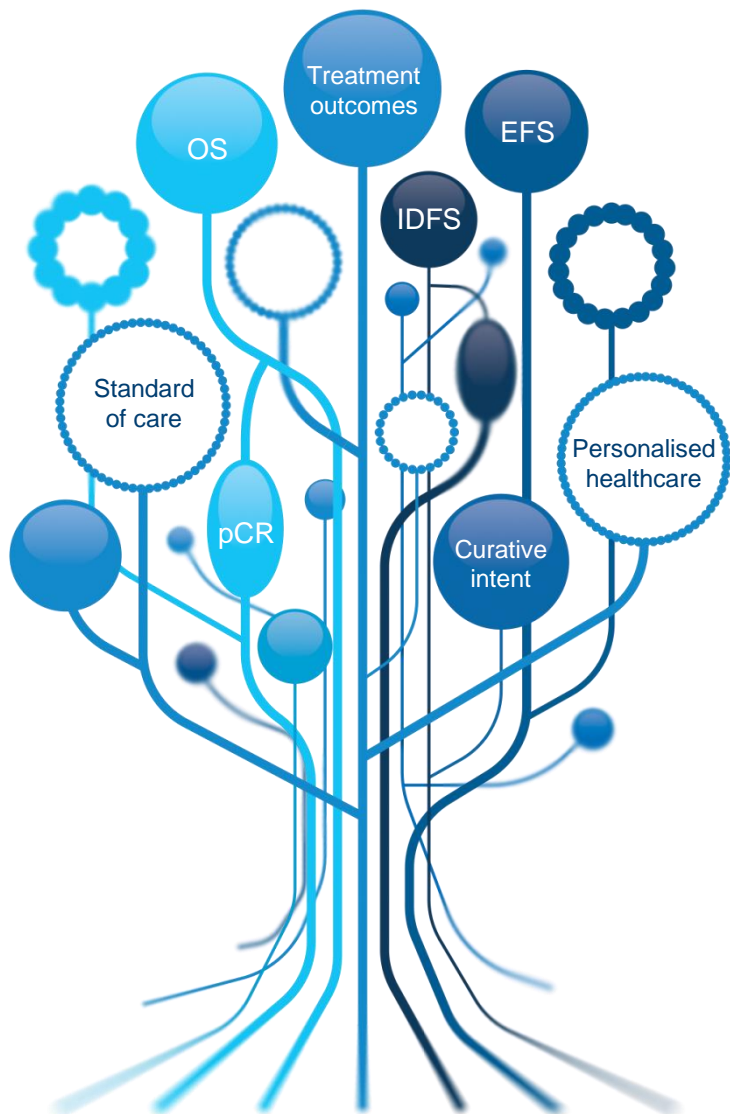
- T1a/T1b/T1c
- Certain Node Negative
- ? Immunomodulatory host factors



Escalation (incorporation of newer tx)

- Node positive
- LABC/Inflammatory
- ? no pCR
- ? Resistant Phenotype/Signatures



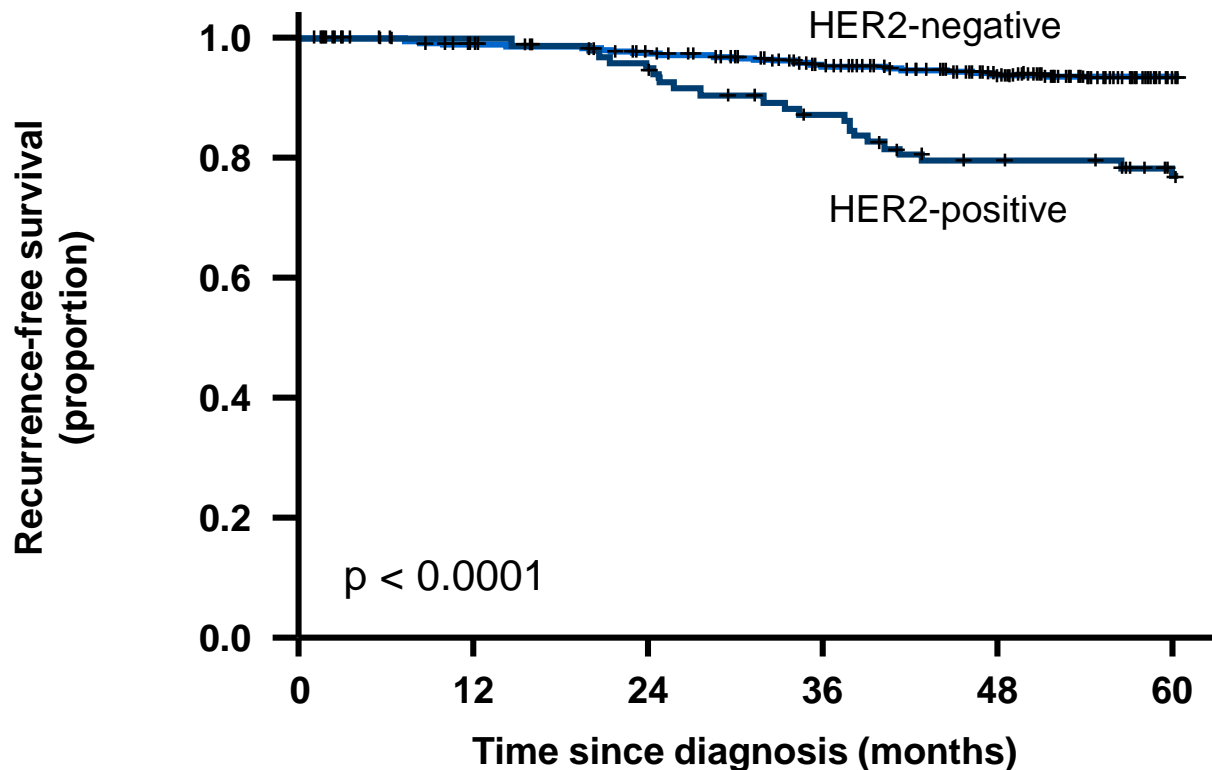


Potential to de-escalate treatment for lower risk patients

Node negative disease with small tumour size

The effect of HER2 status on survival of patients with small breast tumours

No patient with HER2-positive breast cancer is 'low-risk'



Analysis of 965 patients with T1a/b node-negative tumours who did not receive adjuvant systemic therapy revealed lower recurrence-free survival rates in patients with HER2-positive breast cancer than those with HER2-negative disease

Retrospective analysis of prognosis and relapse in patients with small HER2-positive tumours

Group	No. of patients	No. of HER2-positive patients	Tumour grade	Key results and conclusions
Macarthur H, <i>et al.</i>	99	99	T1a,bN0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant results are obtained from overall study population (smaller than 2cm, node negative, HER2+ breast cancer) The 3-year loco-regional invasive recurrence-free, distant recurrence-free, invasive disease-free, and overall survival were 92% versus 98% ($p = .0137$), 95% versus 100% ($p = .0072$), 82% versus 97% ($P < .0001$), and 97% versus 99% ($P = .18$) for the “no trastuzumab” and “trastuzumab” cohorts, respectively.
Rodrigues MJ, <i>et al.</i>	97	97	T1a,bN0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjuvant trastuzumab improved 55-month recurrence free survival in patients with small tumours from 85% to 100% ($p = 0.11$, *non-significant)
Kelly CM, <i>et al.</i>	(386)	(386)	T1a,bN0M0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An analysis of the prognostic value of HER2 in patients with node-negative T1a/T1b concluded that HER2-positive cancers remains in the transition area between evidence and subjective judgement-based medicine

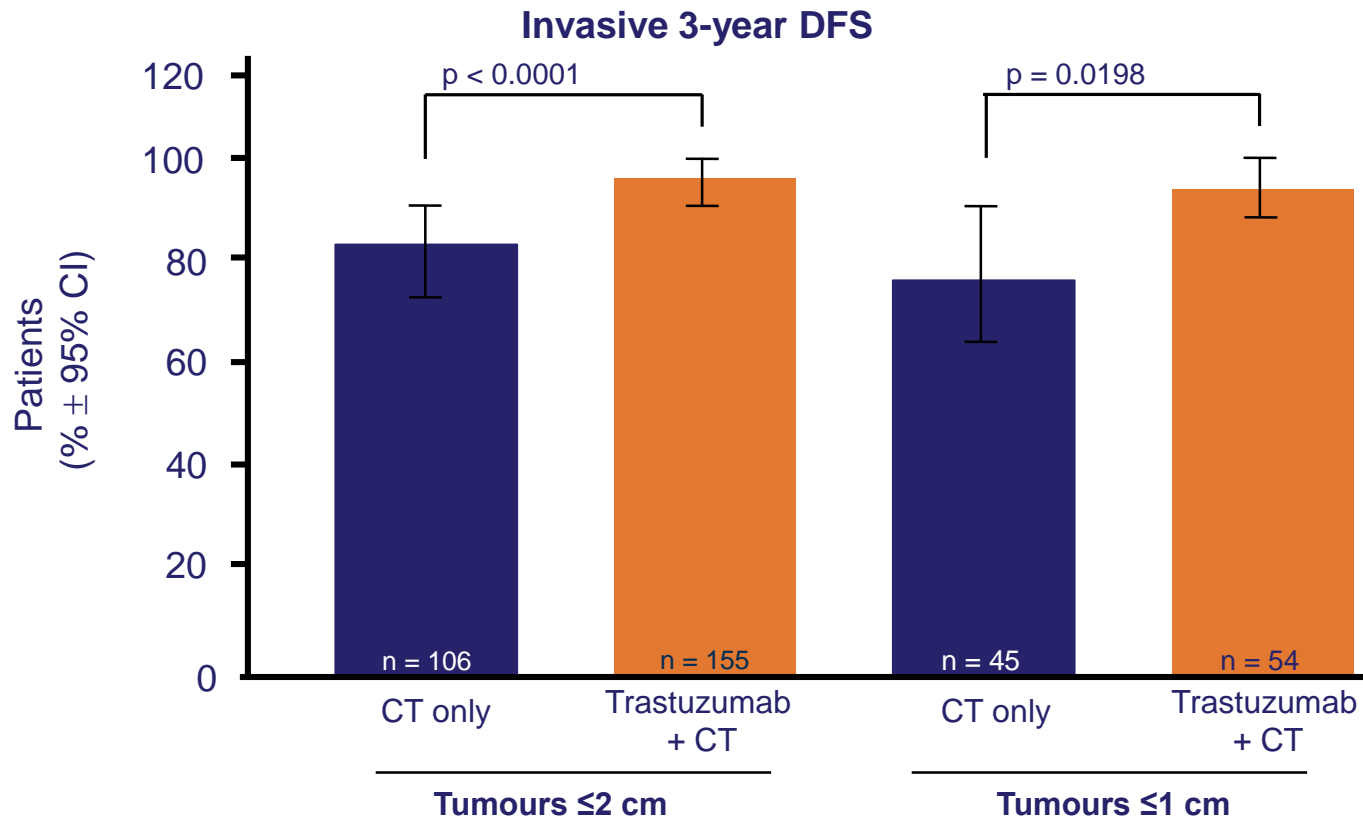
Evidence suggests trastuzumab treatment will increase survival of patients with small node-negative, HER2-positive tumours

Avoiding trastuzumab therapy will result in an otherwise avoidable recurrence

•NS, non-significant
 Macarthur H, *et al. Cancer* 2011;
 •Rodrigues MJ, *et al. J Clin Oncol* 2010;
 •Kelly CM, *et al. Ann Oncol* 2011.

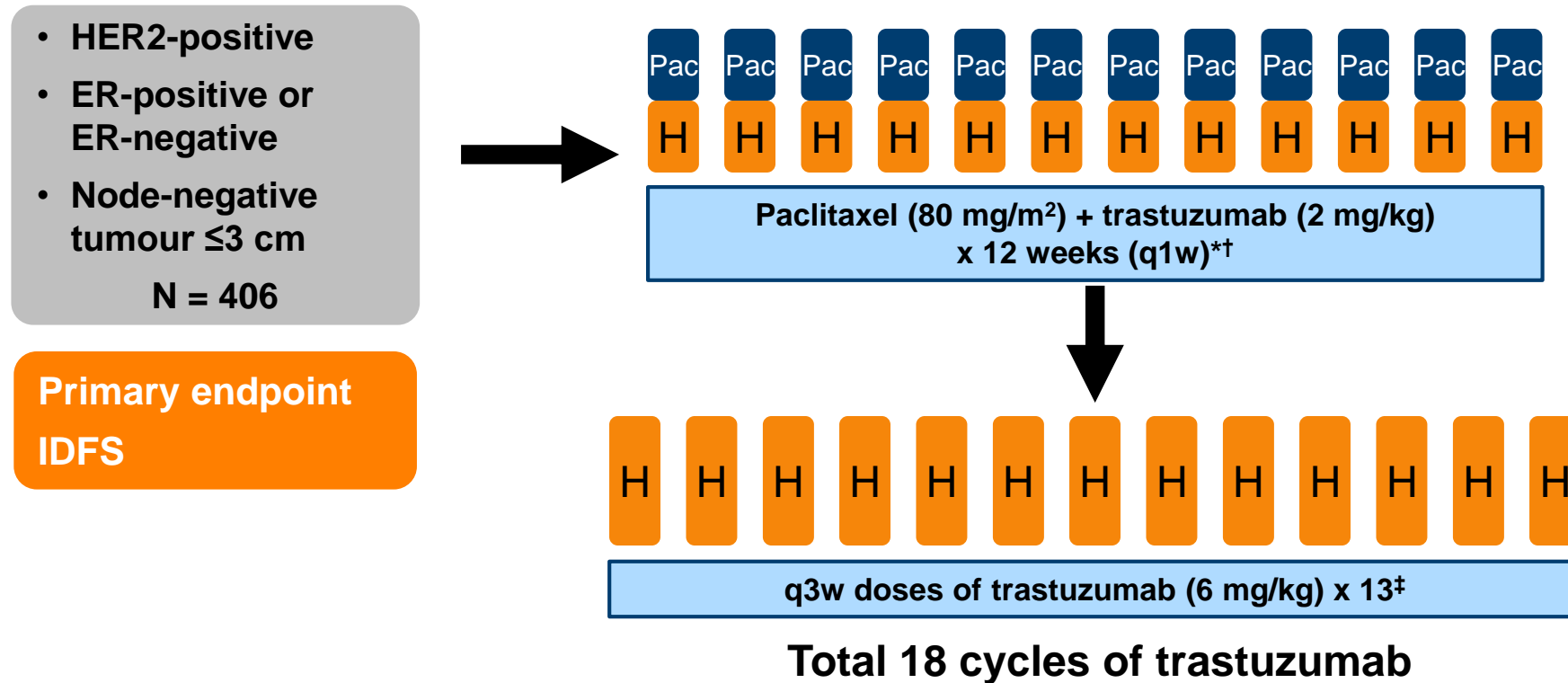
Trastuzumab plus chemotherapy is likely to benefit patients with small, node-negative, HER2-positive BC

Trastuzumab plus chemotherapy improves DFS rates in small tumours compared with chemotherapy alone



•BC, breast cancer; CT, chemotherapy; DFS, disease-free survival
•Macarthur H, *et al. Cancer* 2011.

APT (Tolaney) trial: Adjuvant paclitaxel and trastuzumab for HER2-positive breast cancer at lower risk of recurrence



NOTE: This is a single-arm, single-centre study, so is unable to provide definitive data on treatment benefit

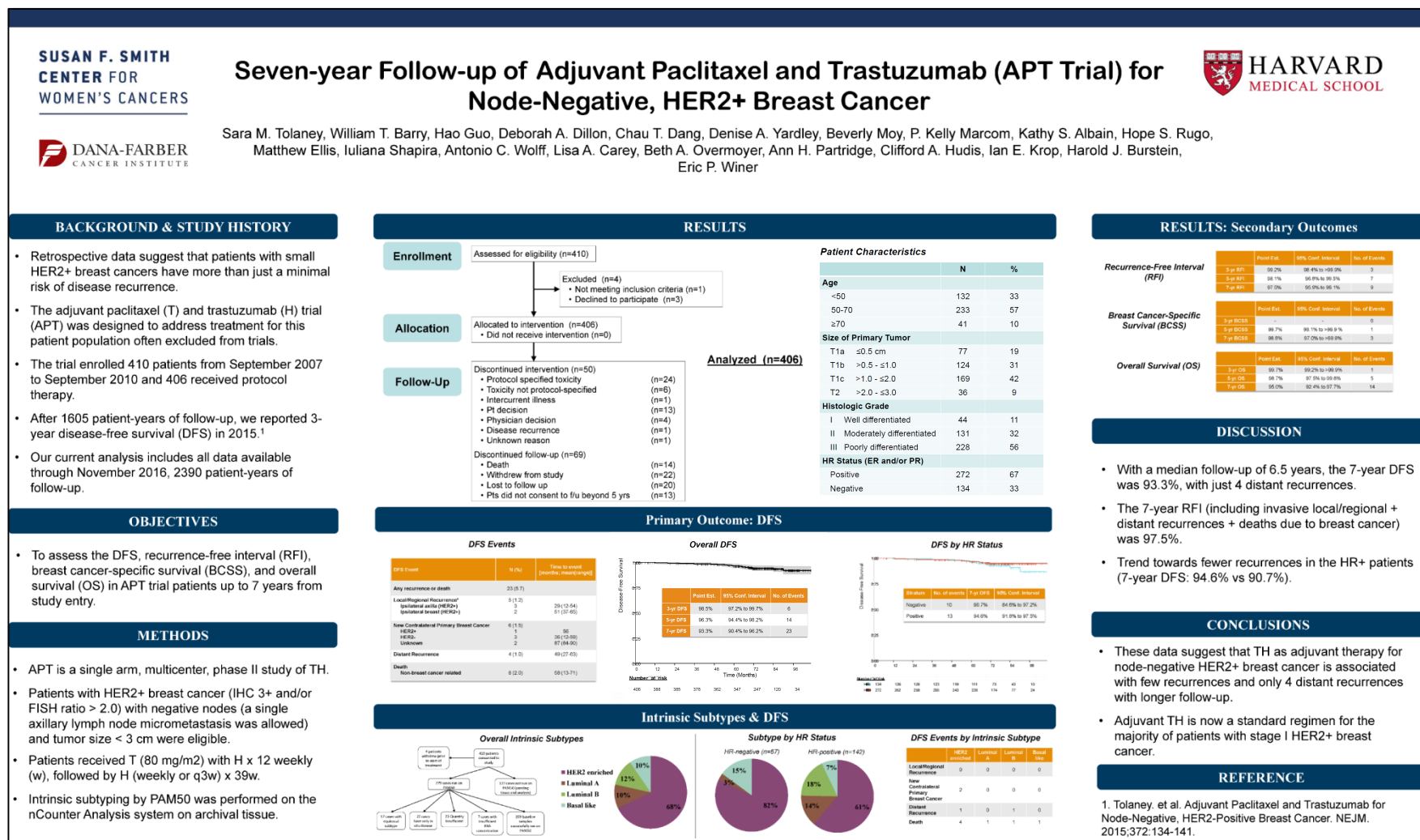
q1w, weekly; q3w, every 3 weeks.

* Loading dose of 4 mg/kg intravenous trastuzumab on Day 1.

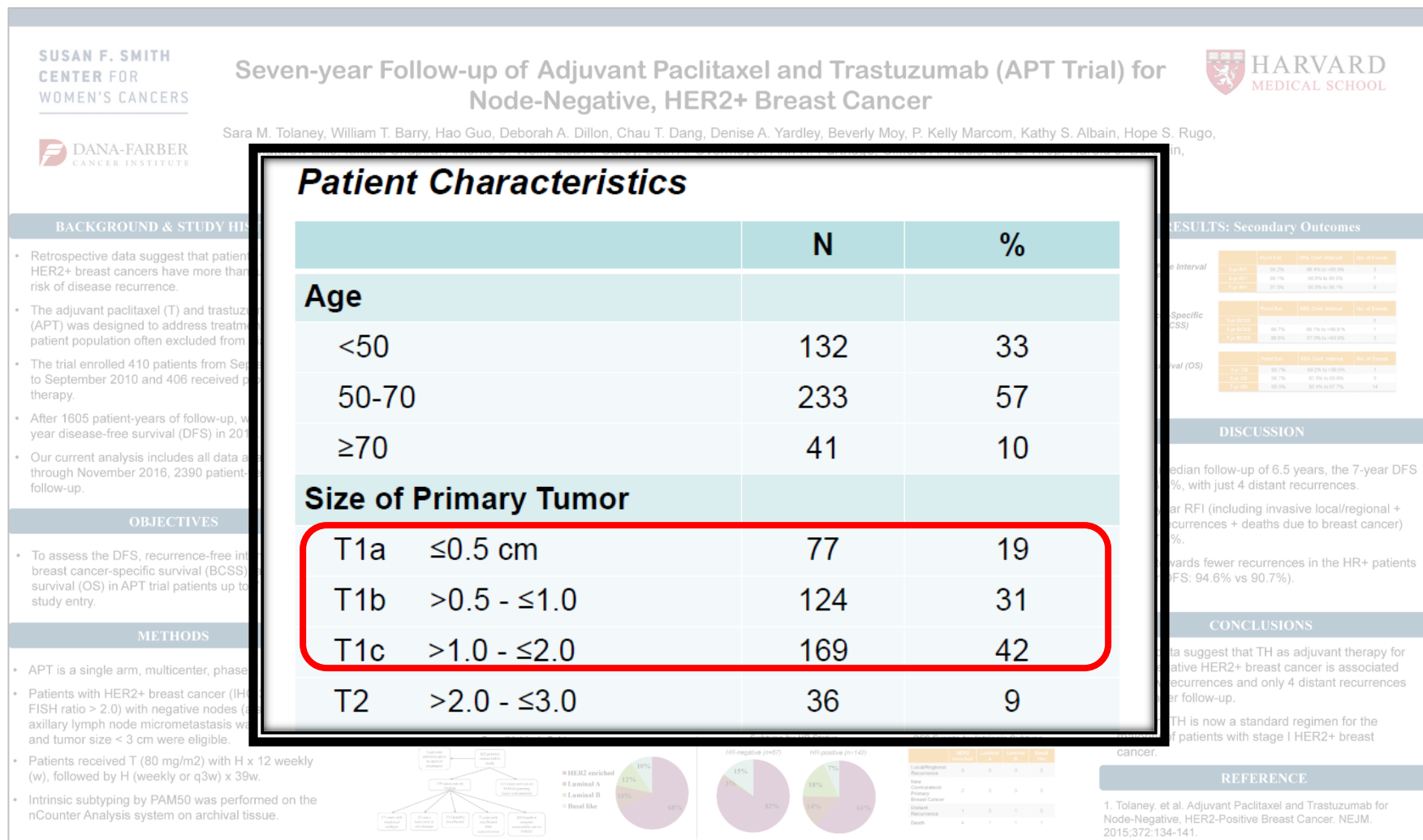
† Radiation and hormonal therapy were initiated after completion of paclitaxel.

‡ Dosing could alternatively be 2 mg/kg intravenous q1w for 40 weeks.

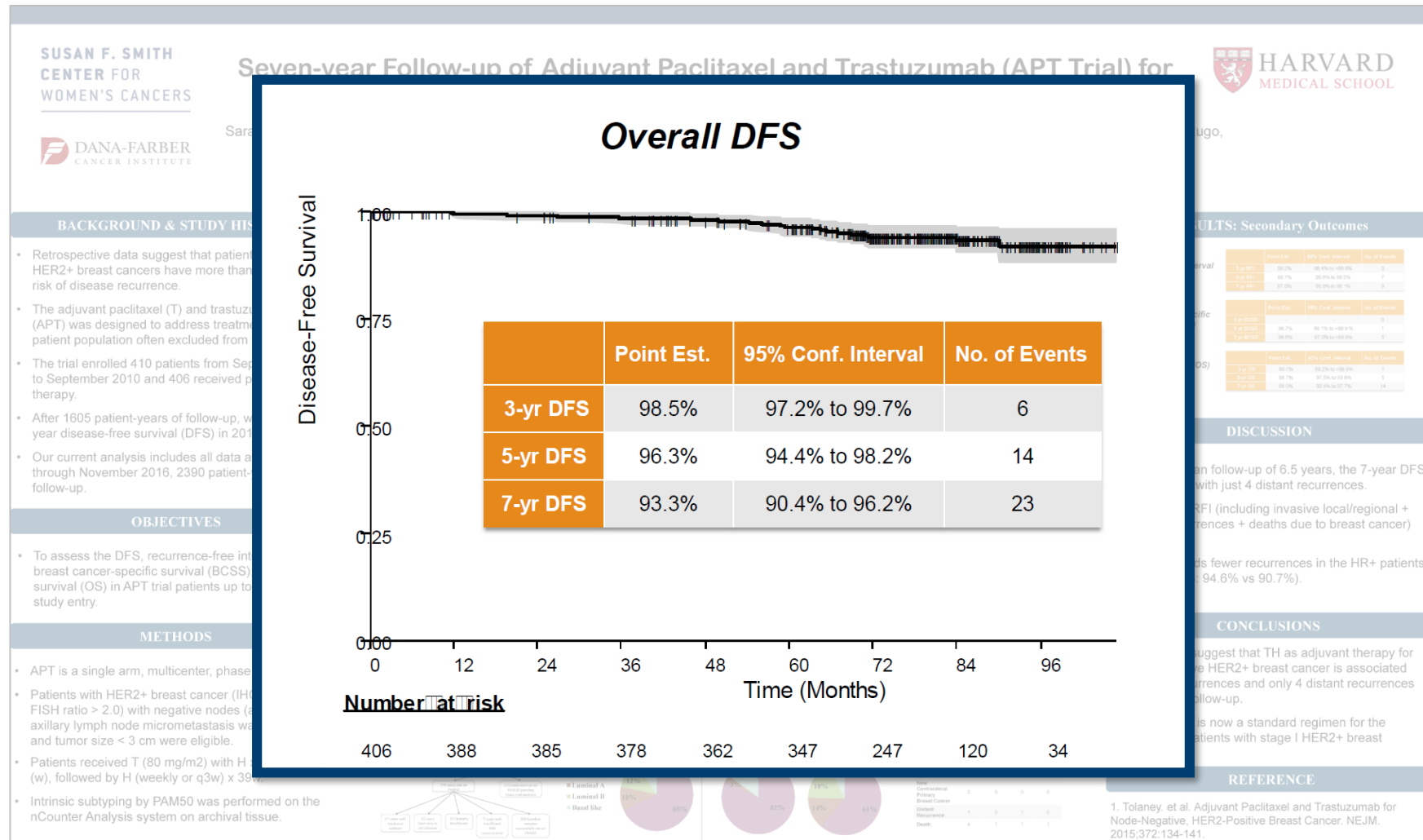
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International guidelines recommend the APT treatment regimen for patients with small, node-negative tumours



St. Gallen Expert Consensus

Adjuvant therapy: HER2 targeted therapy¹

Paclitaxel and trastuzumab is an effective regimen for stage I breast cancers with low rates of recurrence



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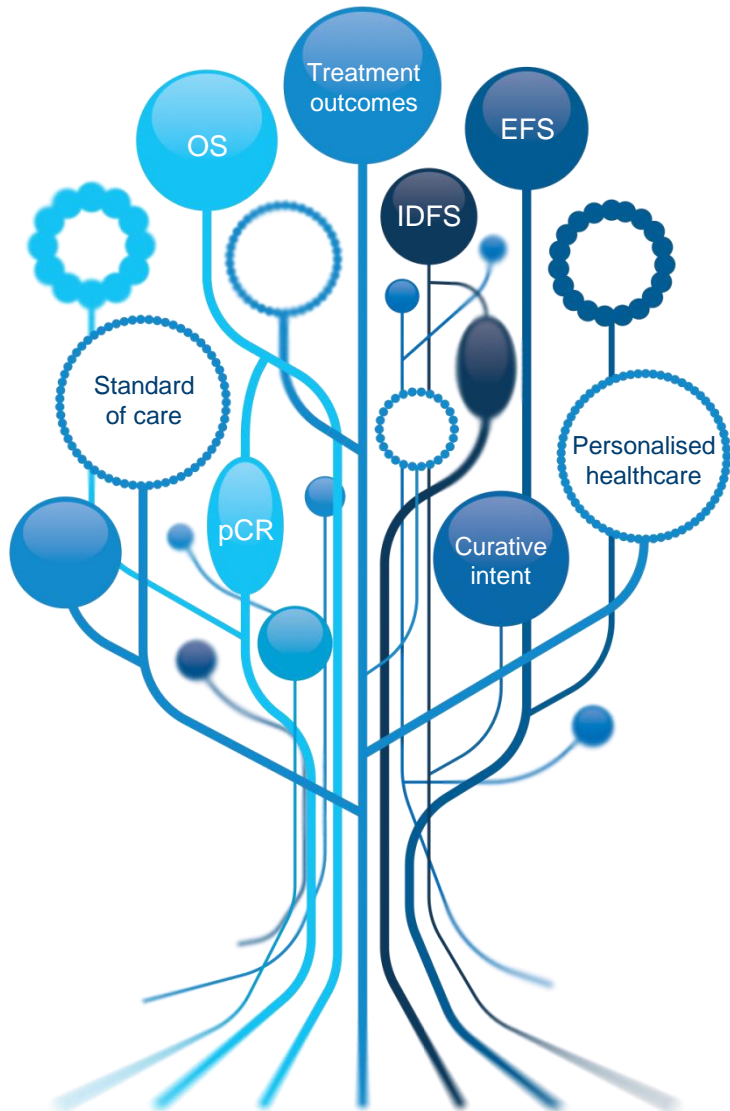
Adjuvant systemic treatment²

Luminal B HER2-positive tumours are treated with chemotherapy, endocrine therapy and trastuzumab [I, A]*

No randomised data exist to support omission of chemotherapy in this group. However, in small, node-negative tumours, combination of single-agent paclitaxel and trastuzumab provides excellent results

* Level of evidence I: Evidence from at least one large, randomised, controlled trial of good methodological quality (low potential for bias) or meta-analyses of well-conducted, randomised trials without heterogeneity;
Grade of recommendation **A**: strong evidence for efficacy with a substantial clinical benefit, strongly recommended.

1. Curigliano G, *et al. Ann Oncol* 2017; **28**:1700–1712;
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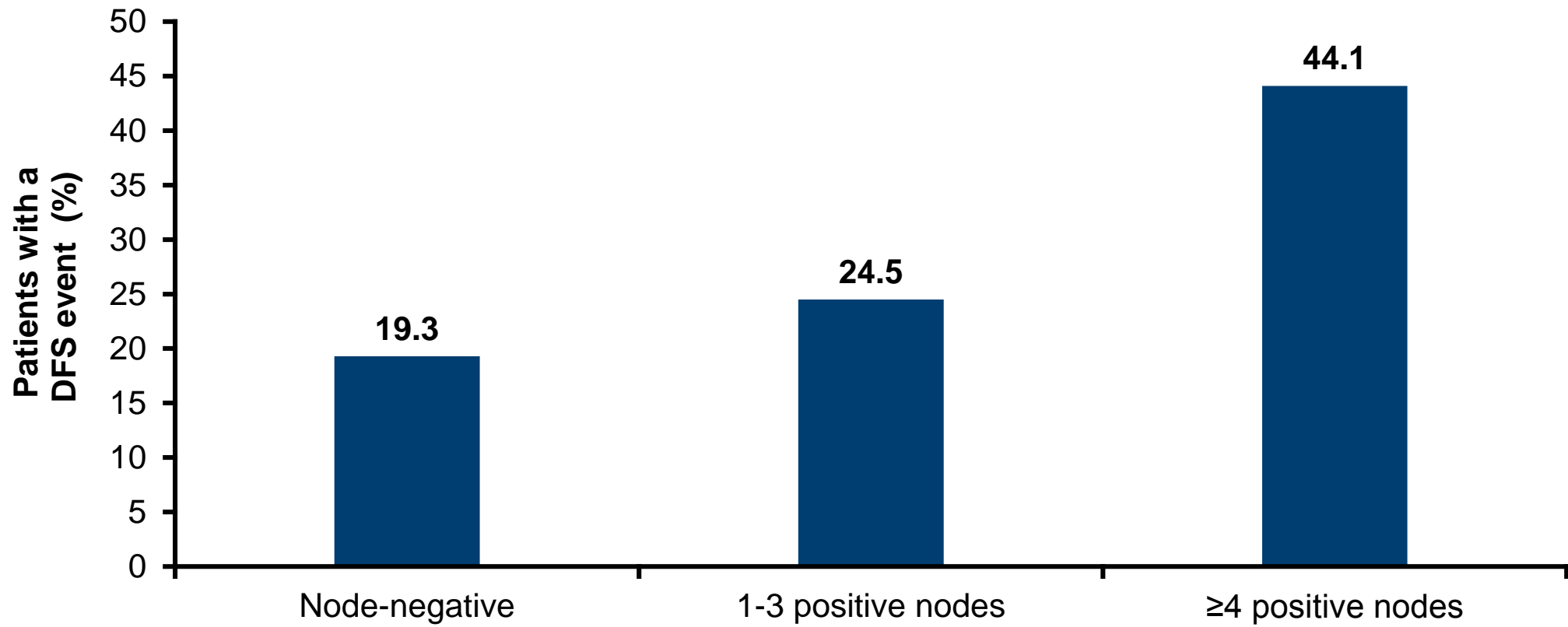


How can higher-risk HER2-positive eBC patients be defined?

Nodal status

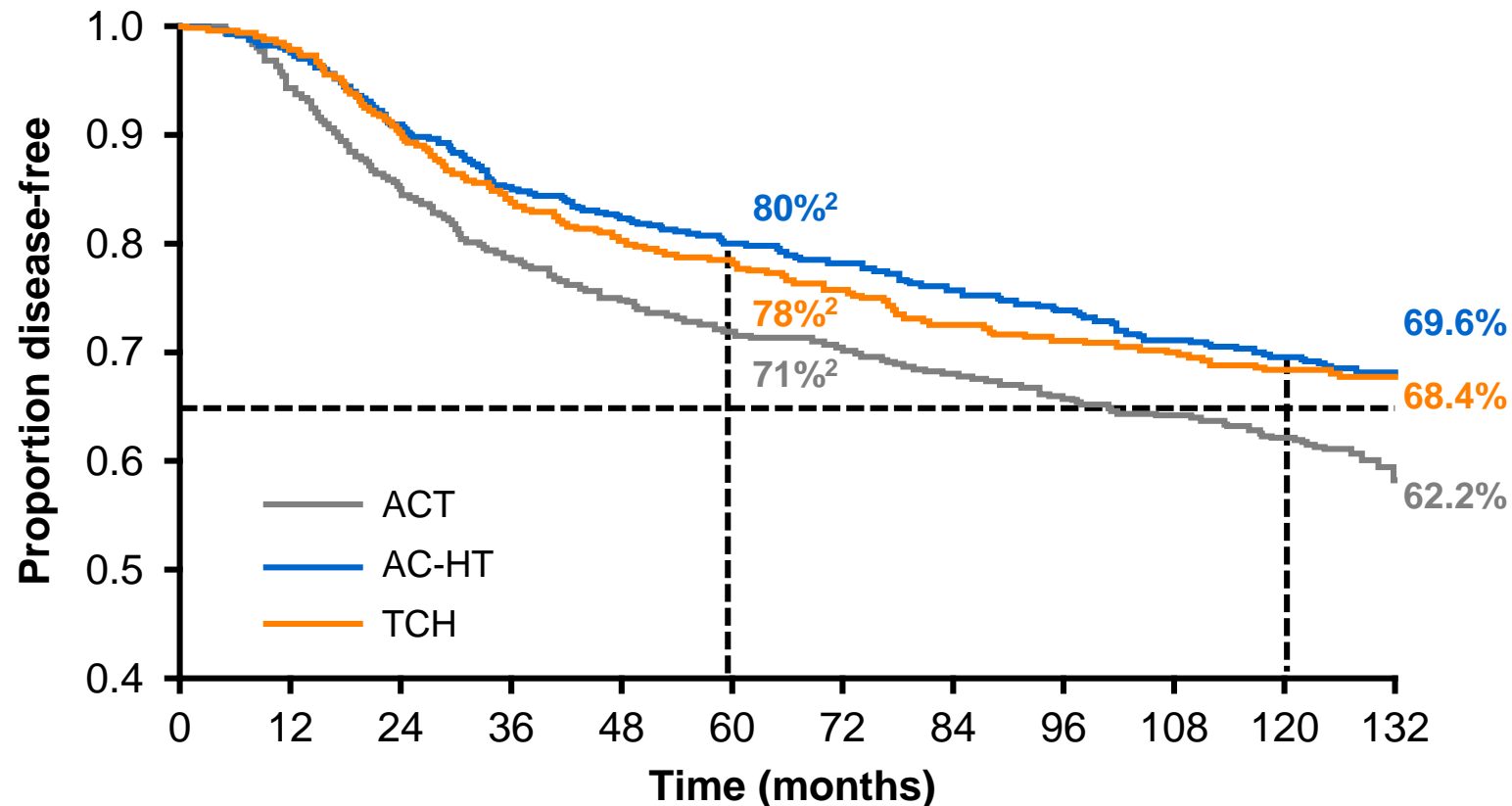
HERA: DFS event rate increases with increasing numbers of positive nodes

HERA 11-year FU: DFS events by nodal status with 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab



BCIRG 006: Regardless of chemotherapy partner, after 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab, ~30% of node-positive patients still relapse

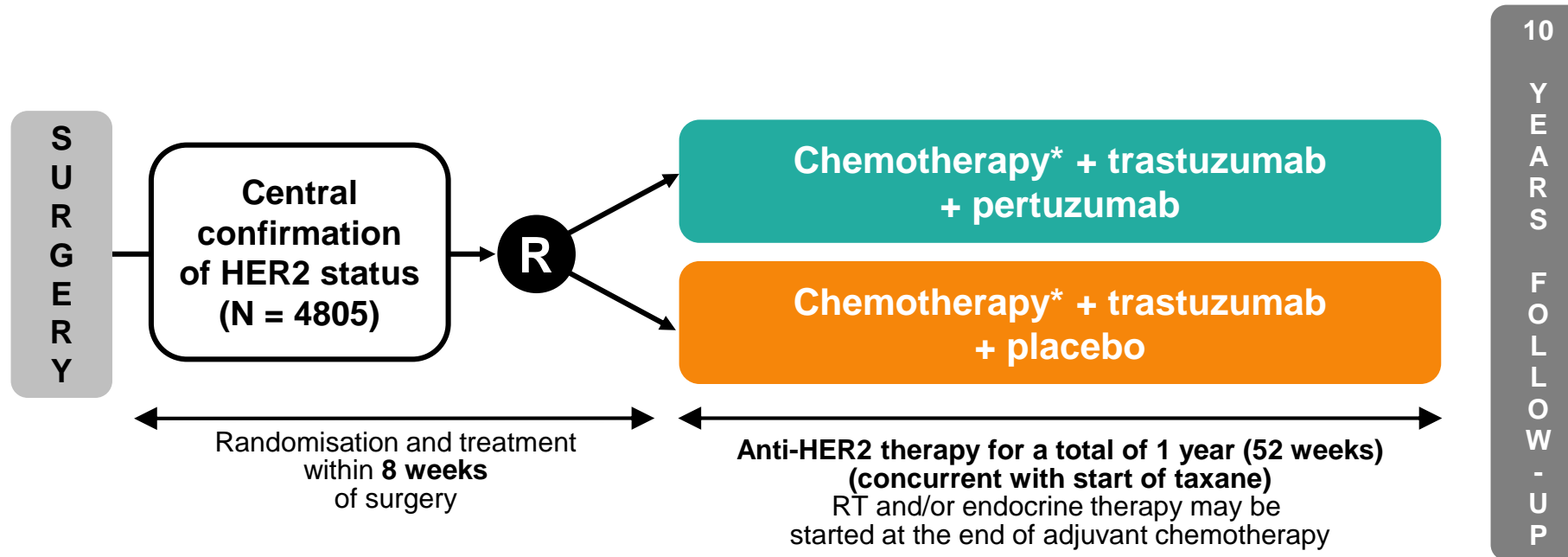
BCIRG 006: DFS in **node-positive** disease after 10 years' follow-up¹



1. Slamon D, et al. SABCS 2015 (Abstract S5-04; oral presentation);

2. Slamon D, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011; **365**:1273–1283.

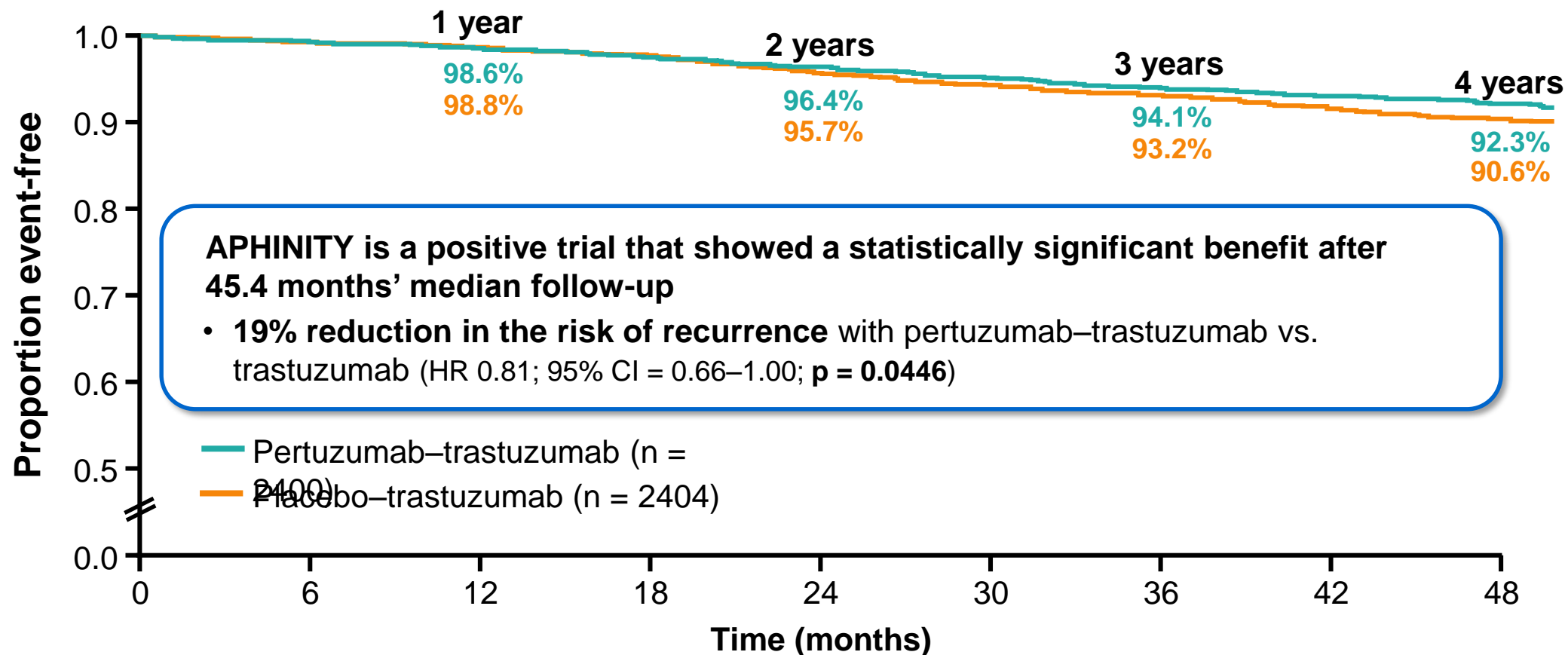
APHINITY: Phase III study to assess pertuzumab plus trastuzumab in the adjuvant setting



* Standard anthracycline or non-anthracycline (TCH) regimens were allowed

- **Primary endpoint:** IDFS
- **Secondary endpoints:** IDFS with second non-breast primary cancers included, DFS, OS, RFI, DRFI, safety and HRQoL
- **Predefined stratification factors:** Chemotherapy regimen, [HR status](#), [nodal status](#), geographic region and protocol version (A vs. B)

APHINITY: Pertuzumab–trastuzumab plus chemotherapy significantly increased IDFS rates for HER2-positive eBC in the adjuvant setting



Stratification factors are: nodal status and protocol version, intended adjuvant chemotherapy and central hormone receptor status.

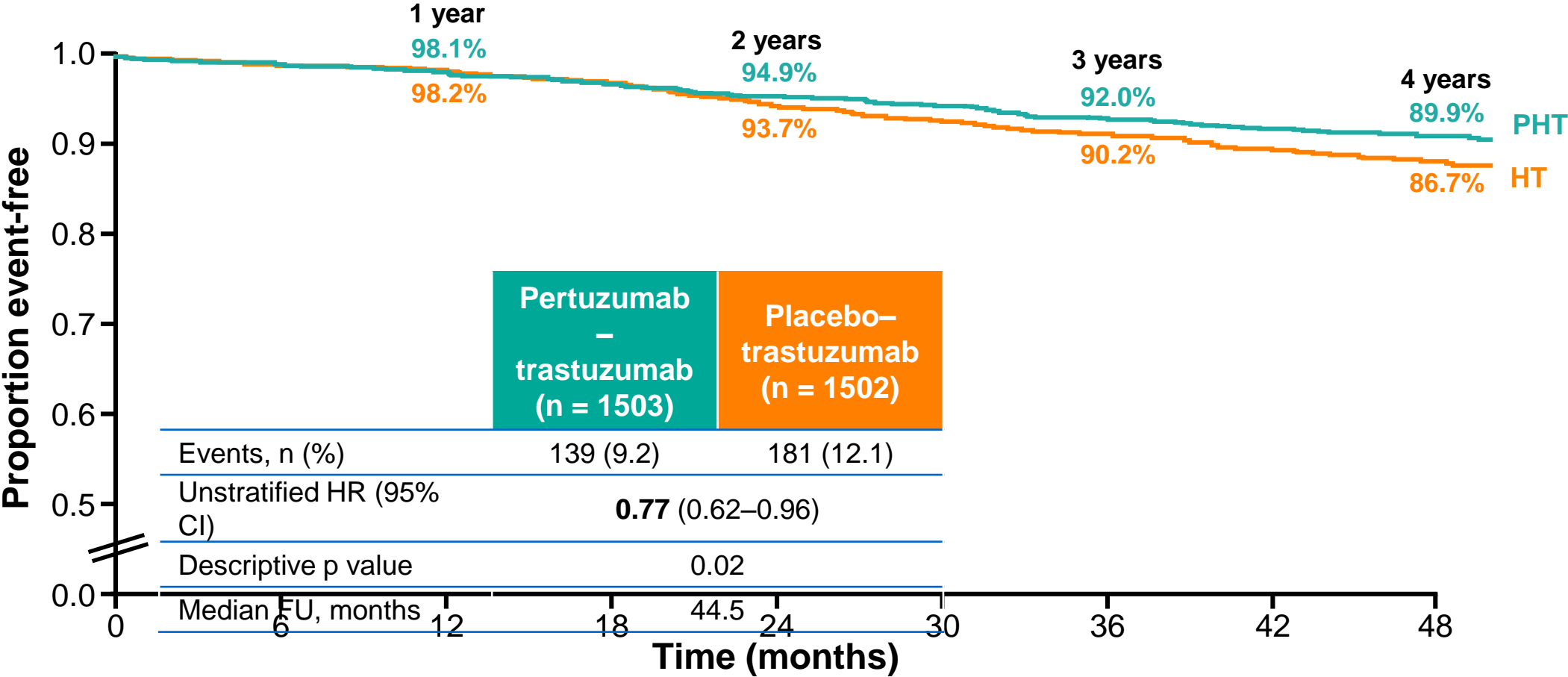
Hazard ratio was estimated by Cox regression.

*Pertuzumab is not yet approved in the adjuvant setting in Hong Kong

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APHINITY: Pertuzumab–trastuzumab significantly improved IDFS rates in HER2-positive, node-positive eBC in the adjuvant setting

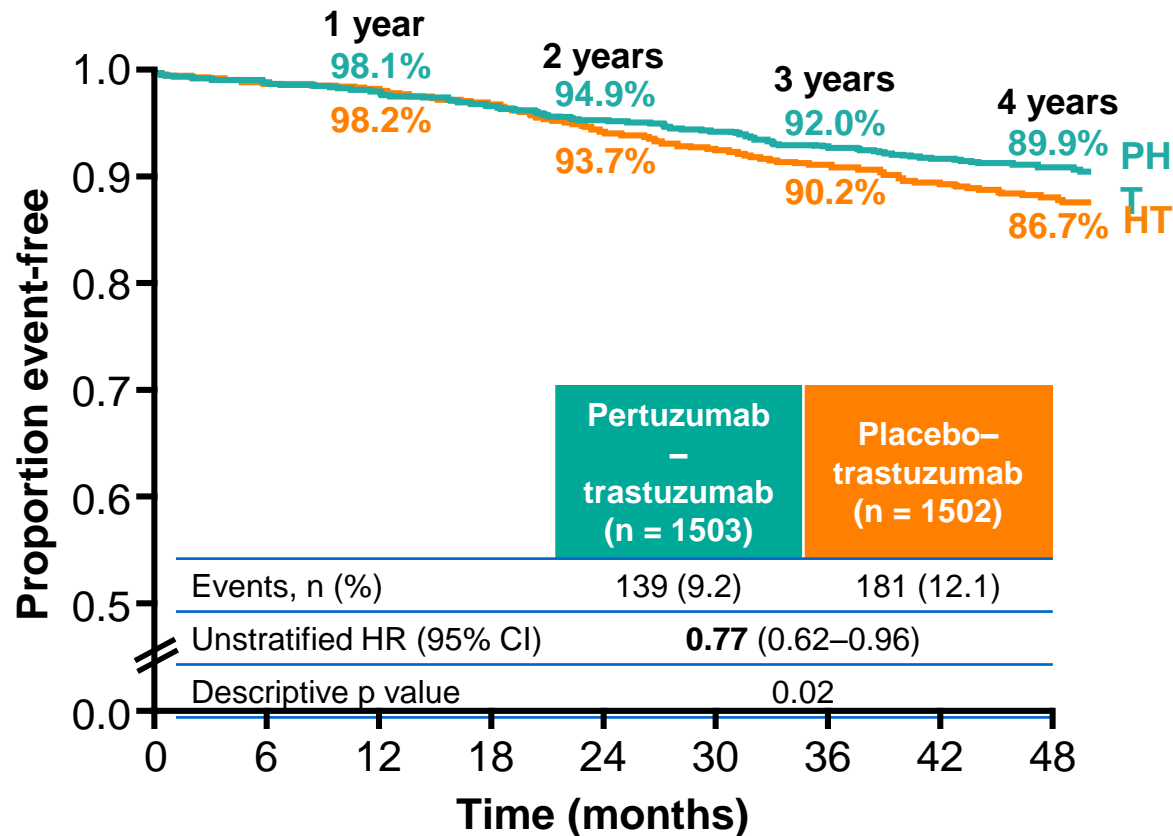
Lymph node-positive subgroup (n = 3005)



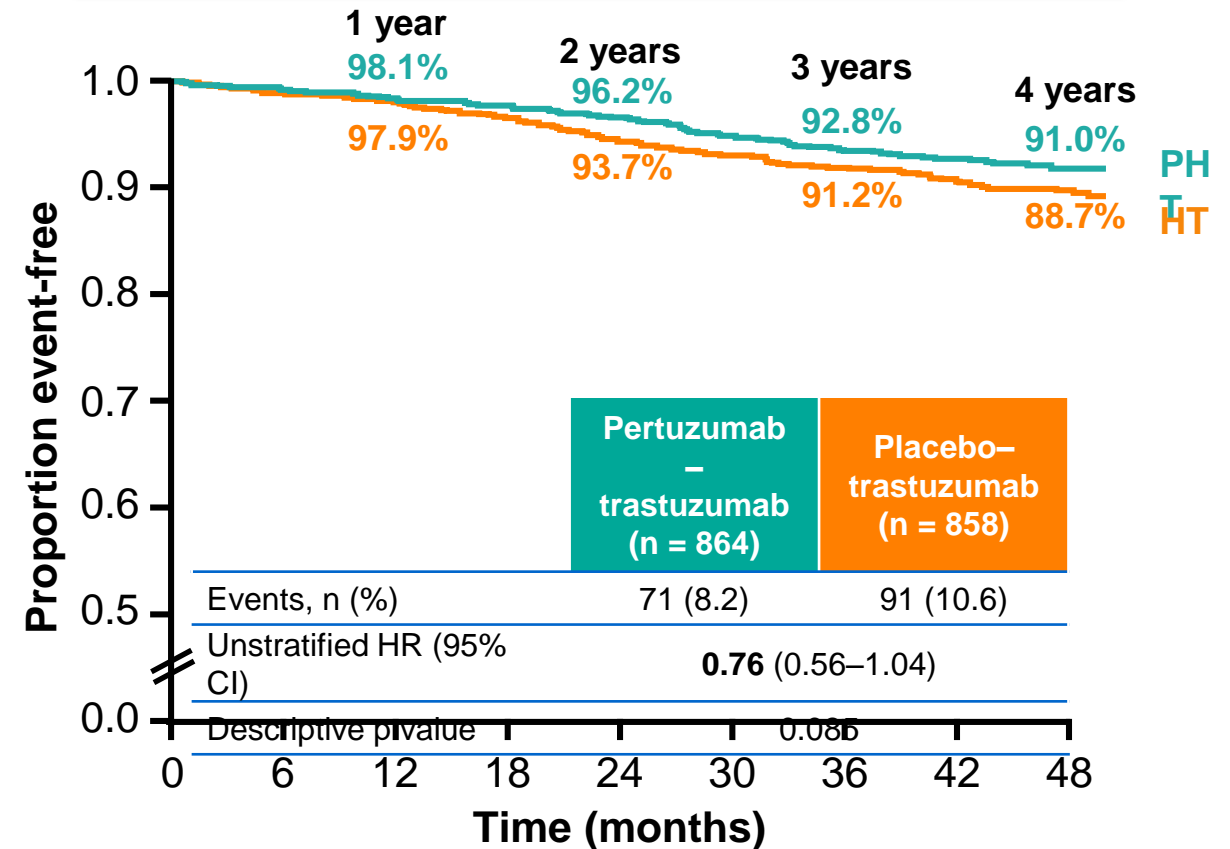
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APHINITY: The positive outcome of the study was likely driven by results in patients with disease at high risk of recurrence (e.g. N+ and/or HR-)

Lymph node-positive subgroup (n = 3005)



HR-negative subgroup (n = 1722)



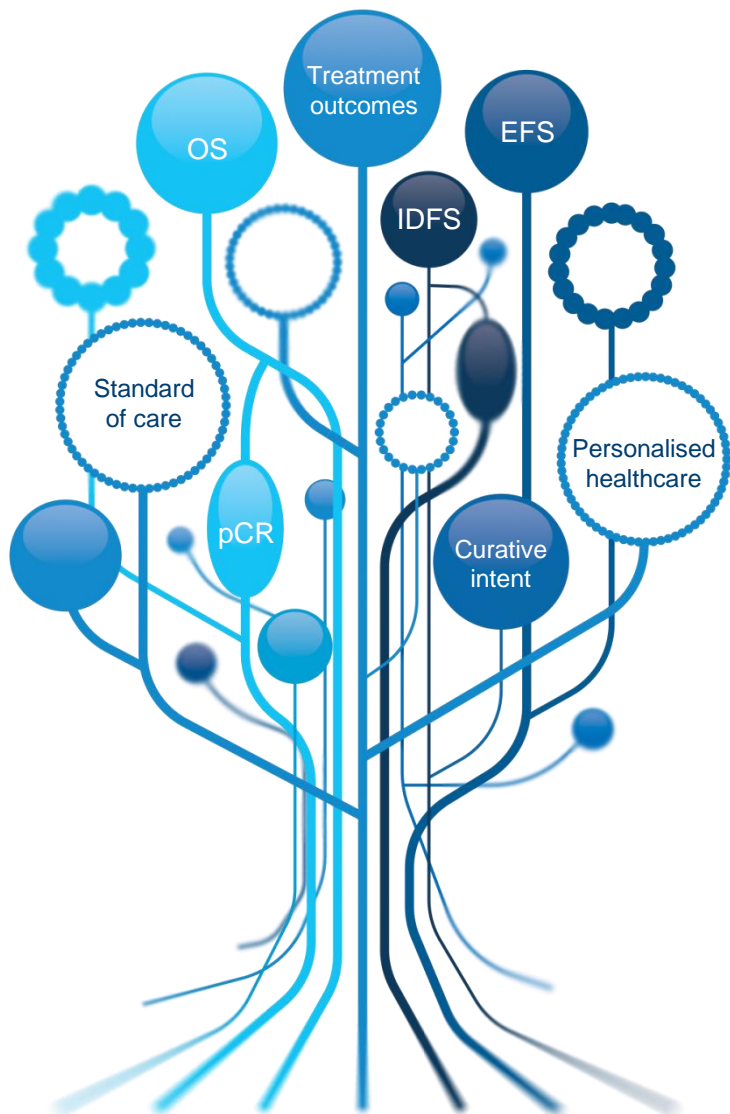
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APHINITY: Safety

Event	Pertuzumab Group (N = 2364)	Placebo Group (N = 2405)
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>	
Grade ≥ 3 adverse event	1518 (64.2)	1379 (57.3)
Neutropenia	385 (16.3)	377 (15.7)
Febrile neutropenia	287 (12.1)	266 (11.1)
Neutrophil count decreased	228 (9.6)	230 (9.6)
Diarrhea [†]	232 (9.8)	90 (3.7)
Anemia	163 (6.9)	113 (4.7)
Fatal adverse event [‡]	18 (0.8)	20 (0.8)
Primary cardiac event [§]	17 (0.7)	8 (0.3)
NYHA class III or IV heart failure and substantial decrease in LVEF [¶]	15 (0.6)	6 (0.2)
Definite or probable cardiac death	2 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Secondary cardiac event	64 (2.7)	67 (2.8)
Identified automatically from LVEF assessments	50 (2.1)	47 (2.0)
Identified by cardiac advisory board	14 (0.6)	20 (0.8)

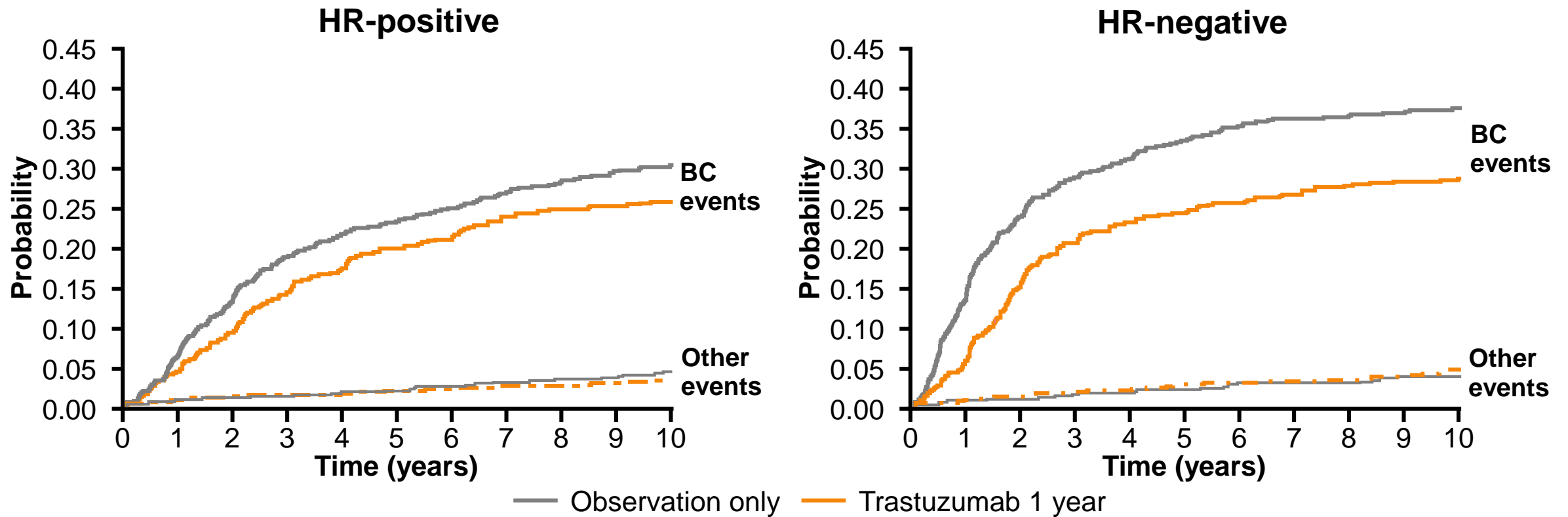


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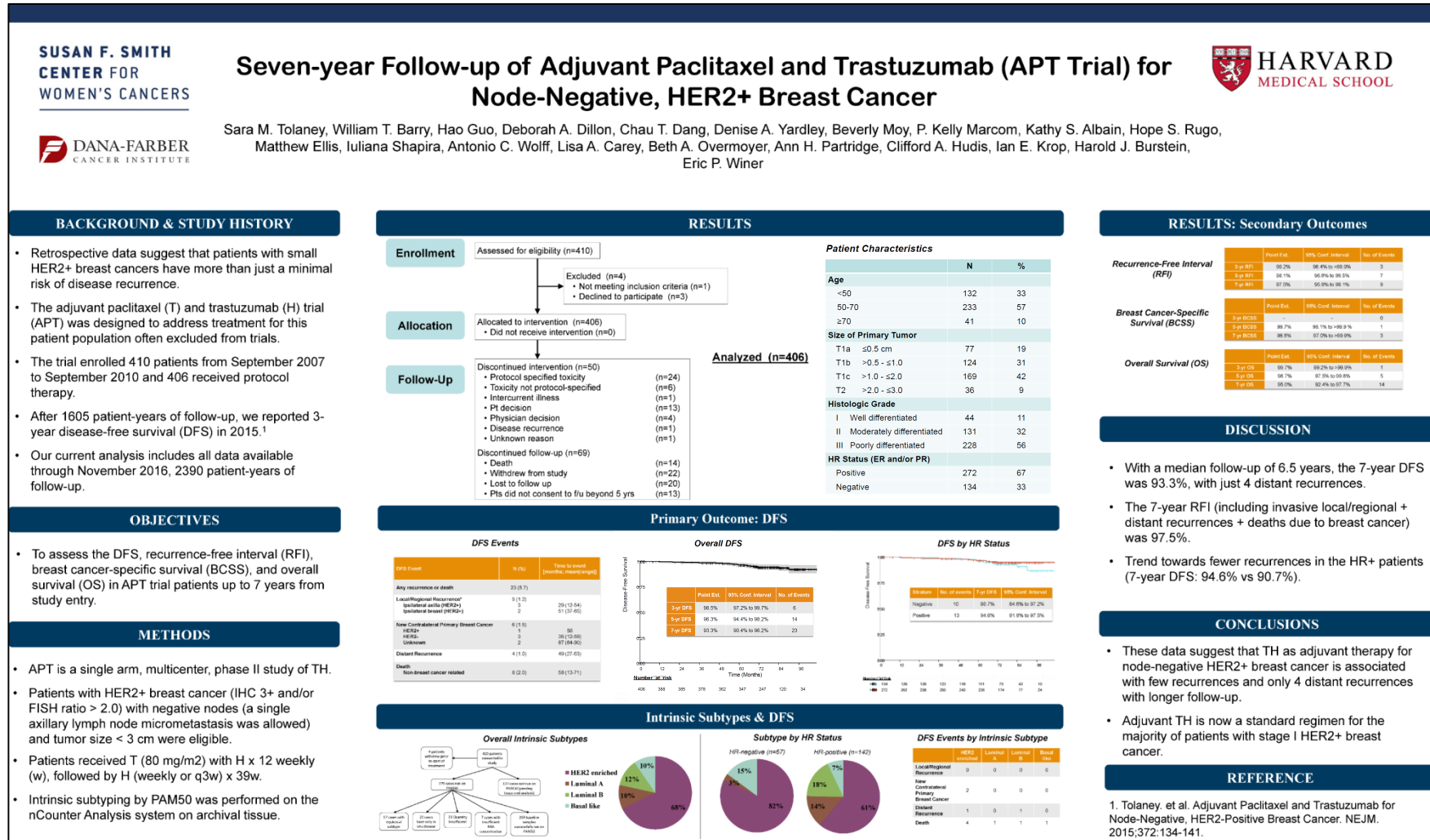
Hormone receptor status

HERA: HR-negative status confers a higher risk for early relapse, and within a shorter timeframe

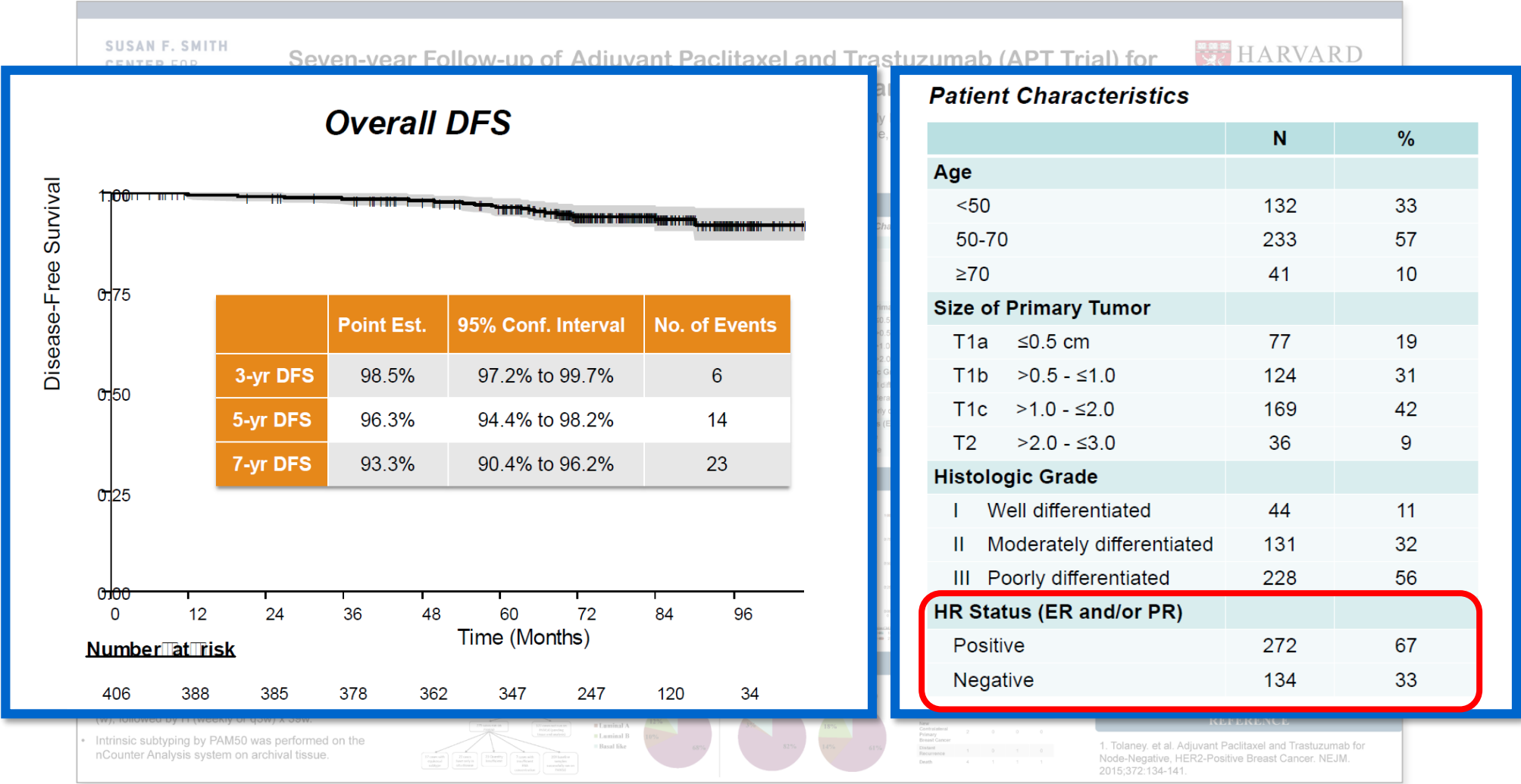
HERA 11-year FU: Cumulative incidence of type of DFS event with 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab



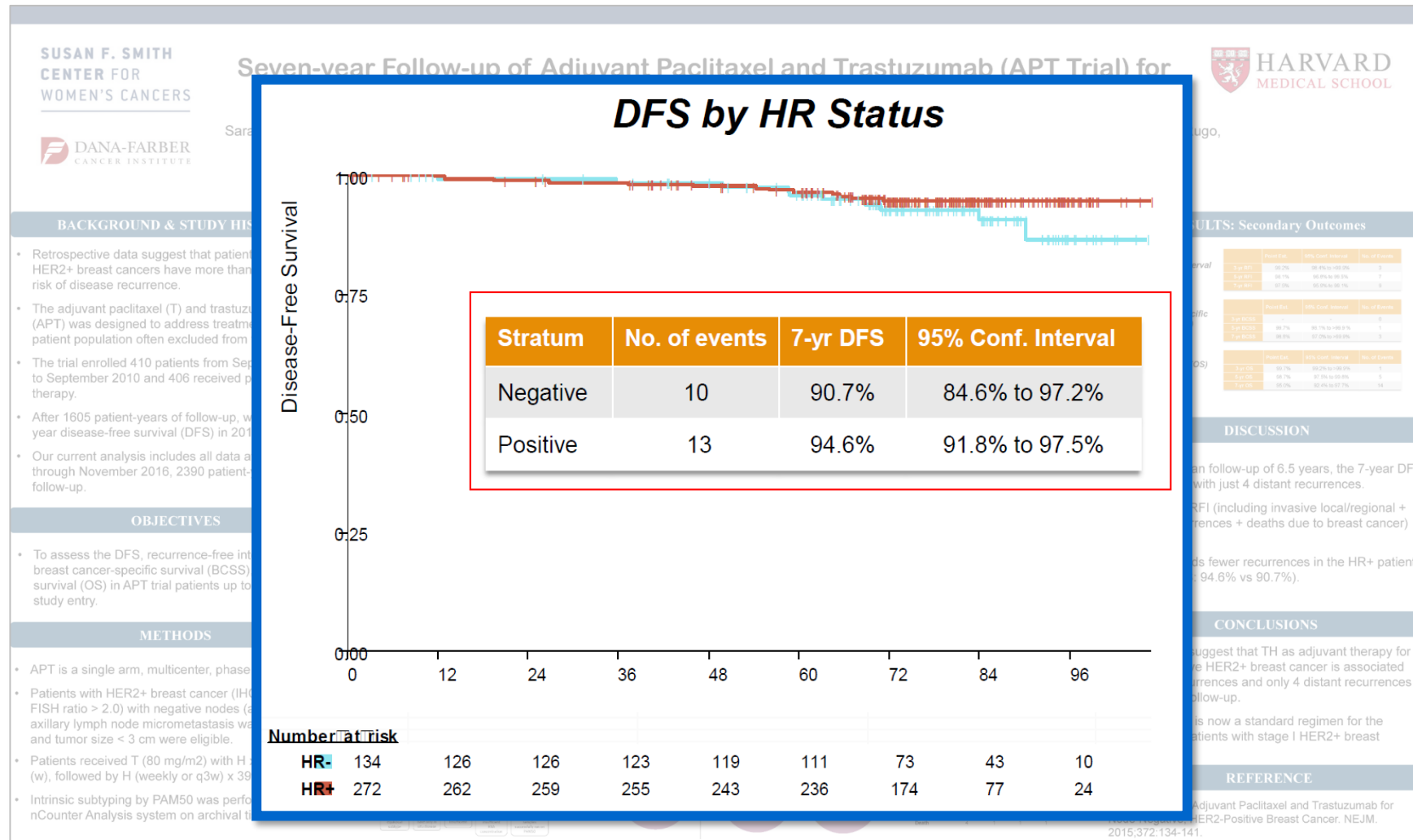
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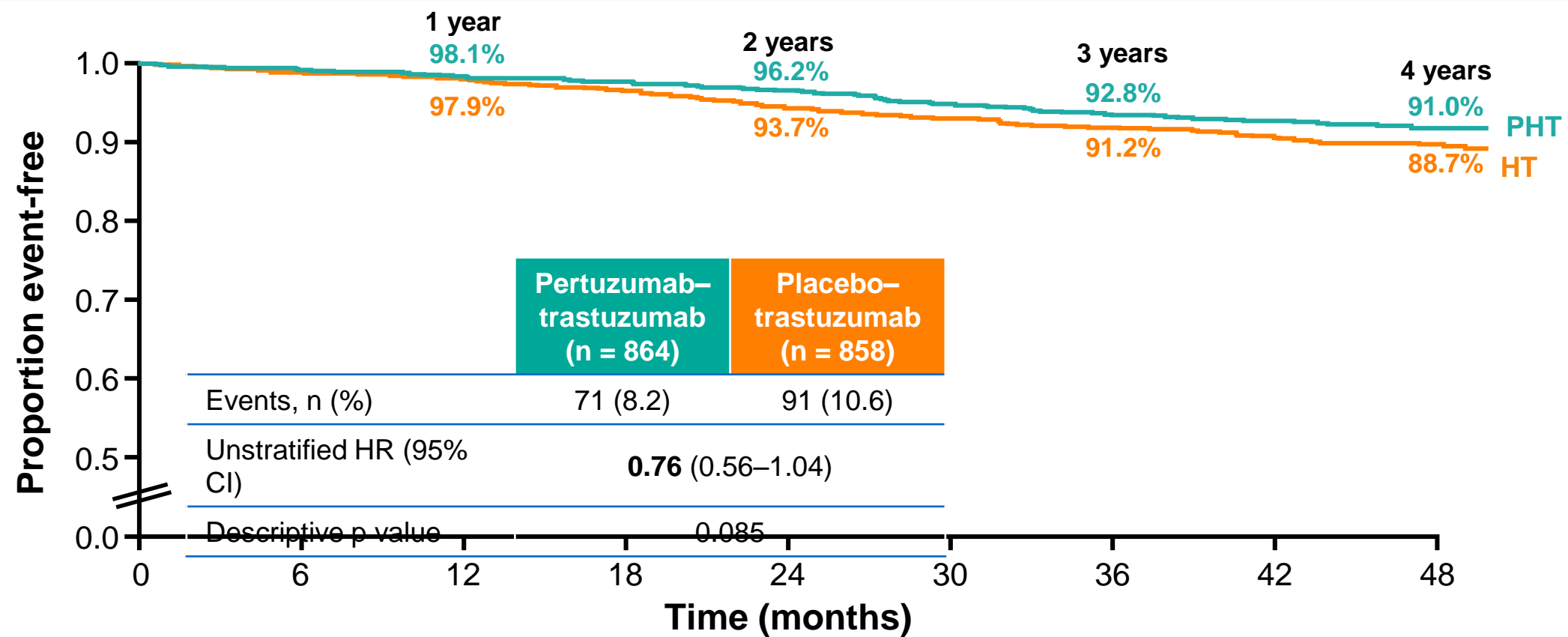
APT (Tolaney) trial: Small node-negative, HER2-positive tumours treated with 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab are more likely to recur if HR-negative



HR-positive
HR-negative

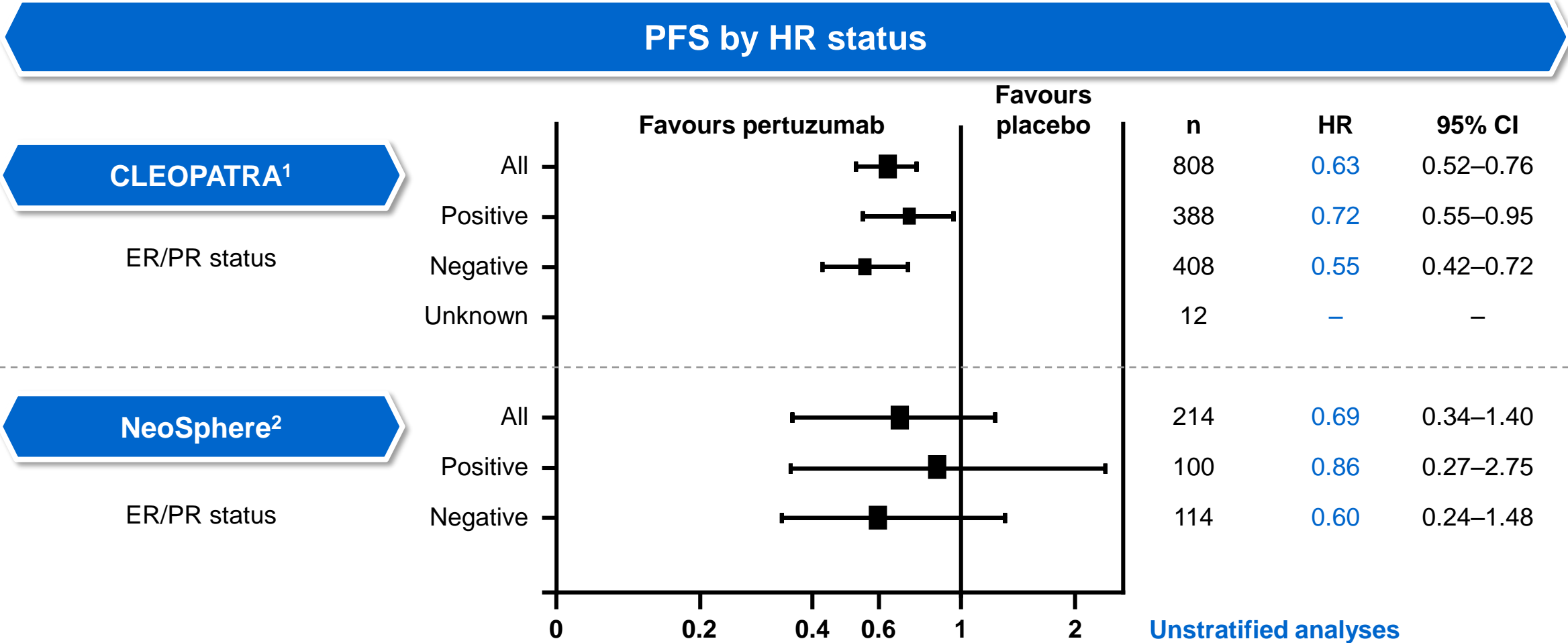
APHINITY: IDFS rates in HER2-positive, HR-negative eBC with adjuvant pertuzumab–trastuzumab therapy

HR-negative subgroup (n = 1722)



Hazard ratios were estimated by Cox regression.
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Consistent efficacy benefit with pertuzumab–trastuzumab + chemotherapy in HER2-positive, HR-negative eBC & mBC



mBC, metastatic breast cancer; PFS, progression-free survival.

1. Baselga J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2012; **366**:109–119;
2. Gianni L, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016; **17**:791–800 (Supplementary information).

International guidelines recommend the APHINITY regimen in patients with tumours at high risk of recurrence*



St. Gallen Expert Consensus¹

Adjuvant systemic treatment recommendations:

Dual blockade with pertuzumab and trastuzumab improves outcome among patients who are at **high risk of relapse due to lymph node involvement or hormone receptor negativity**



NCCN Breast Cancer Guidelines²

Adjuvant systemic treatment recommendations:

If HER2-positive, **node-positive, HR-positive or HR-negative** receive adjuvant chemotherapy with trastuzumab ± pertuzumab (plus endocrine therapy if HR-positive)

Based on APHINITY, FDA label and NCCN guidelines support the continuation of pertuzumab–trastuzumab from neoadjuvant to adjuvant*



Pertuzumab Prescribing Information¹

Following surgery, **patients should continue to receive PERJETA and trastuzumab to complete 1 year of treatment (up to 18 cycles)**



**NCCN Breast Cancer
Guidelines²**

Adjuvant systemic treatment recommendations after neoadjuvant therapy:

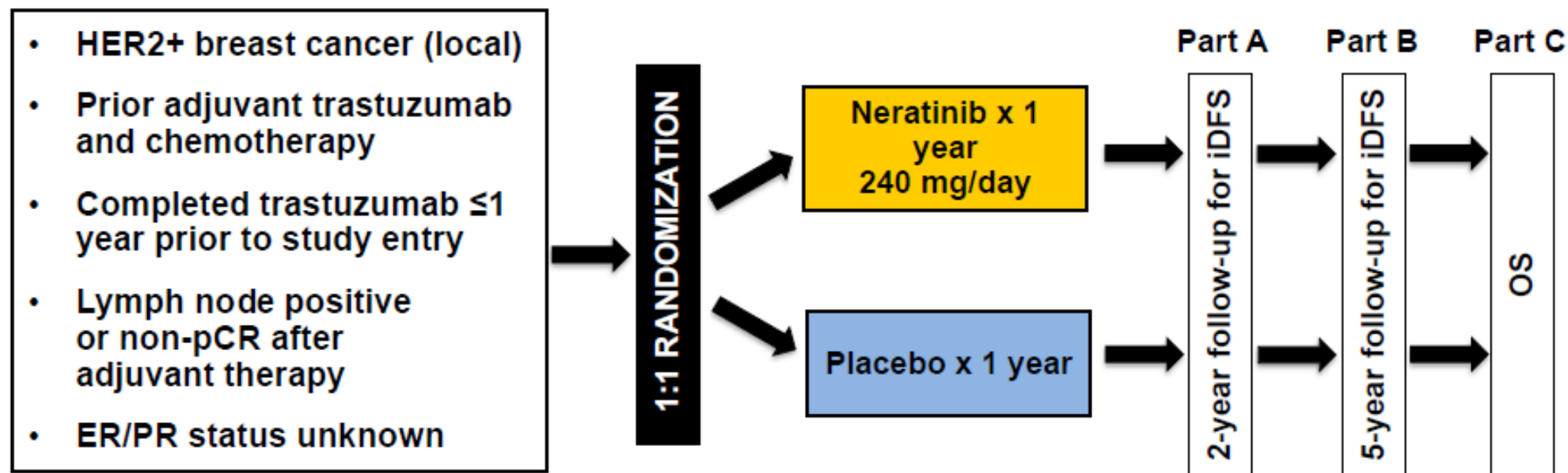
If HER2-positive, complete up to one year of HER2-targeted therapy with trastuzumab ± pertuzumab in **node-positive, HR-positive or HR-negative tumours**

HER2-targeted therapy may be administered concurrently with radiation therapy and with endocrine therapy if indicated

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1. PERJETA (pertuzumab) Prescribing Information, 2017;
2. NCCN Breast Cancer Guidelines. Version 1, 2018.

ExteNET: Final Study Design

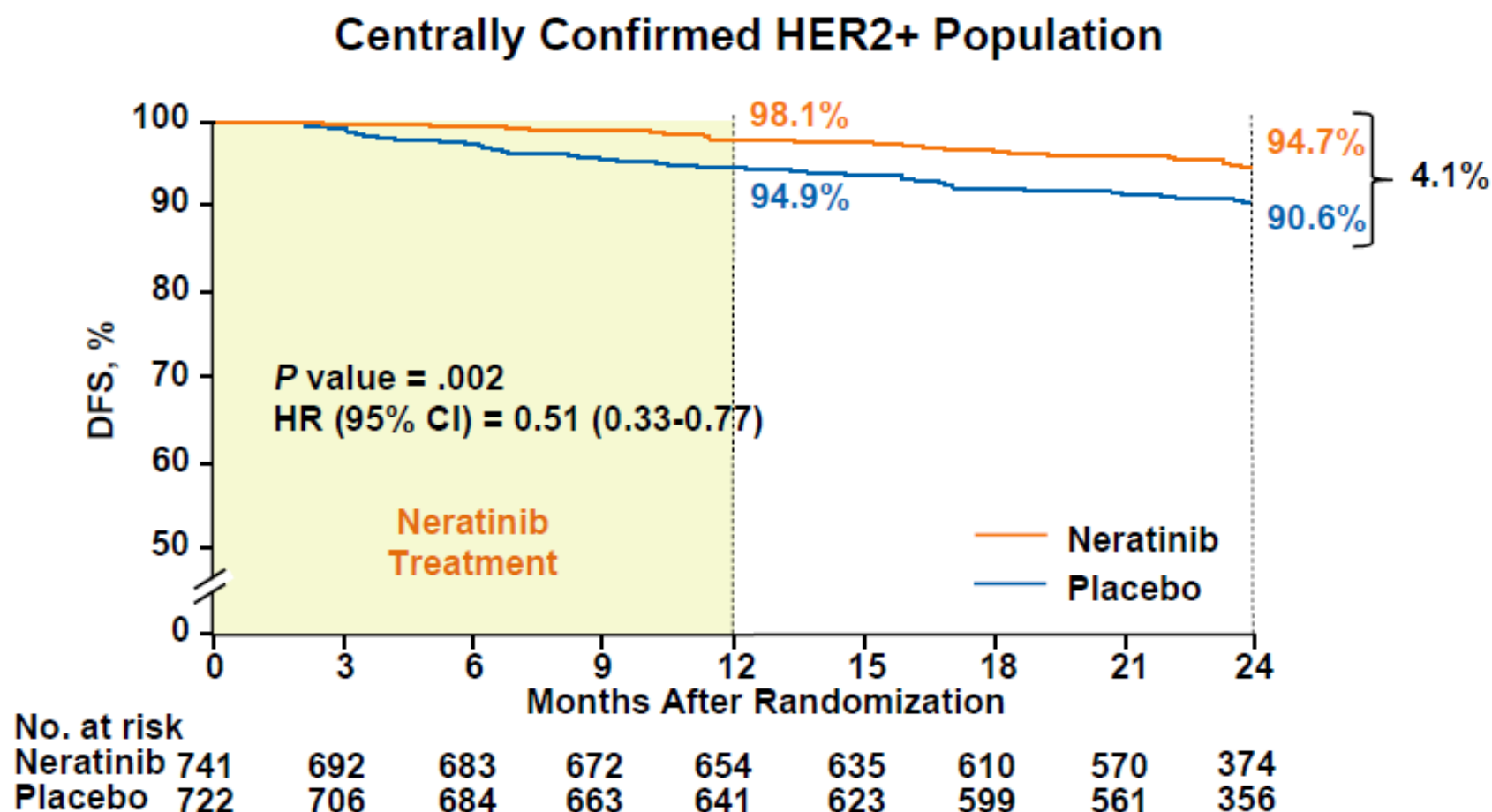


Primary analysis: Invasive disease-free survival DFS (iDFS) in intent-to-treat (ITT) population (n = 2840)

- iDFS at two years: HR = 0.67 (0.50-0.91); $P = .009$
 - HR positive (n = 1631, 57.4%); HR = 0.51; $P = .001$
 - Centrally confirmed HER2-positive 60% (n = 1463; 51%); HR = 0.51; $P = .002$

Primary Analysis: iDFS in ccHER2+

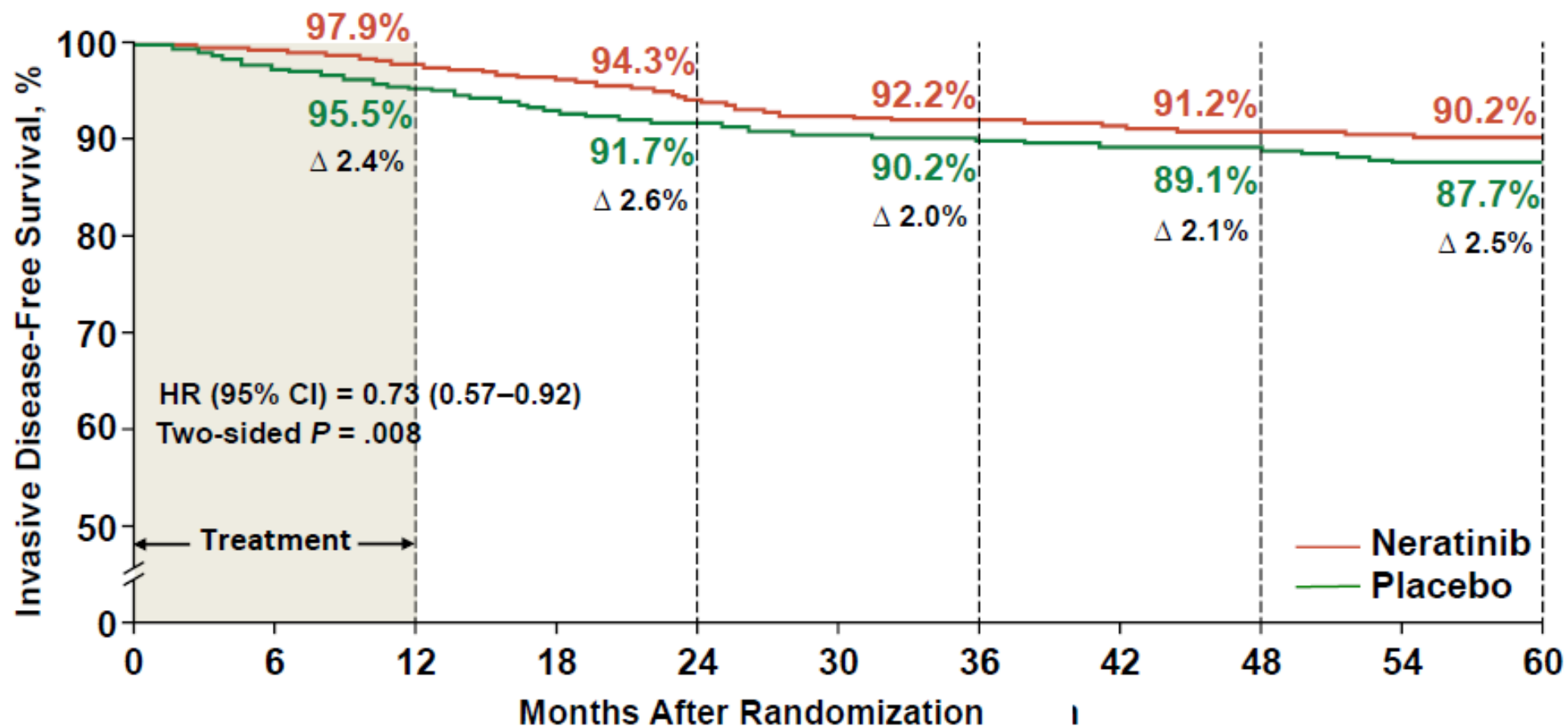
Absolute benefit with neratinib in ccHER2+ population over 4%



ccHER2+, centrally confirmed HER2+

Chan A, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17(3):367-377.

ExteNET: 5-Year Analysis—iDFS



No. at risk

Neratinib	1420	1316	1272	1225	1106	978	965	949	938	920	885
Placebo	1420	1354	1298	1248	1142	1029	1011	991	978	958	927

Intention-to-treat population. Cut-off date: March 1, 2017

5-Year Analysis: By Endpoint

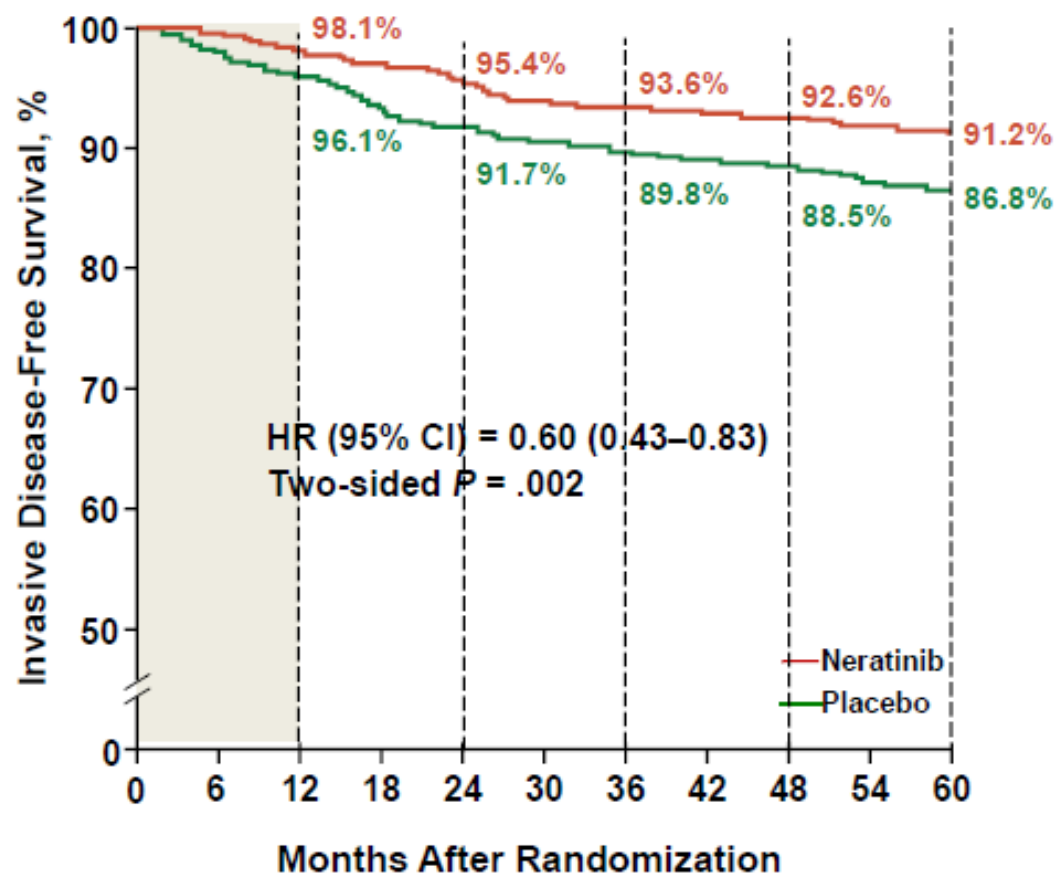
Endpoint	Estimated Event-Free Rate, % ^a		Hazard Ratio ^b (95% CI)	P Value ^b [2-Sided]
	Neratinib n = 1420	Placebo n = 1420		
Invasive disease-free survival	90.2	87.7	0.73 (0.57-0.92)	.008
Disease-free survival with DCIS	89.7	86.8	0.71 (0.56-0.89)	.004
Distant disease-free survival	91.6	89.9	0.78 (0.60-1.01)	.065
Time to distant recurrence	91.8	90.3	0.79 (0.60-1.03)	.078
CNS recurrences	1.30	1.82	—	.333 ^c

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^aEvent-free rates for all endpoints, except CNS recurrences which is reported as cumulative incidence. ^bStratified by randomization factors. ^cGray's method

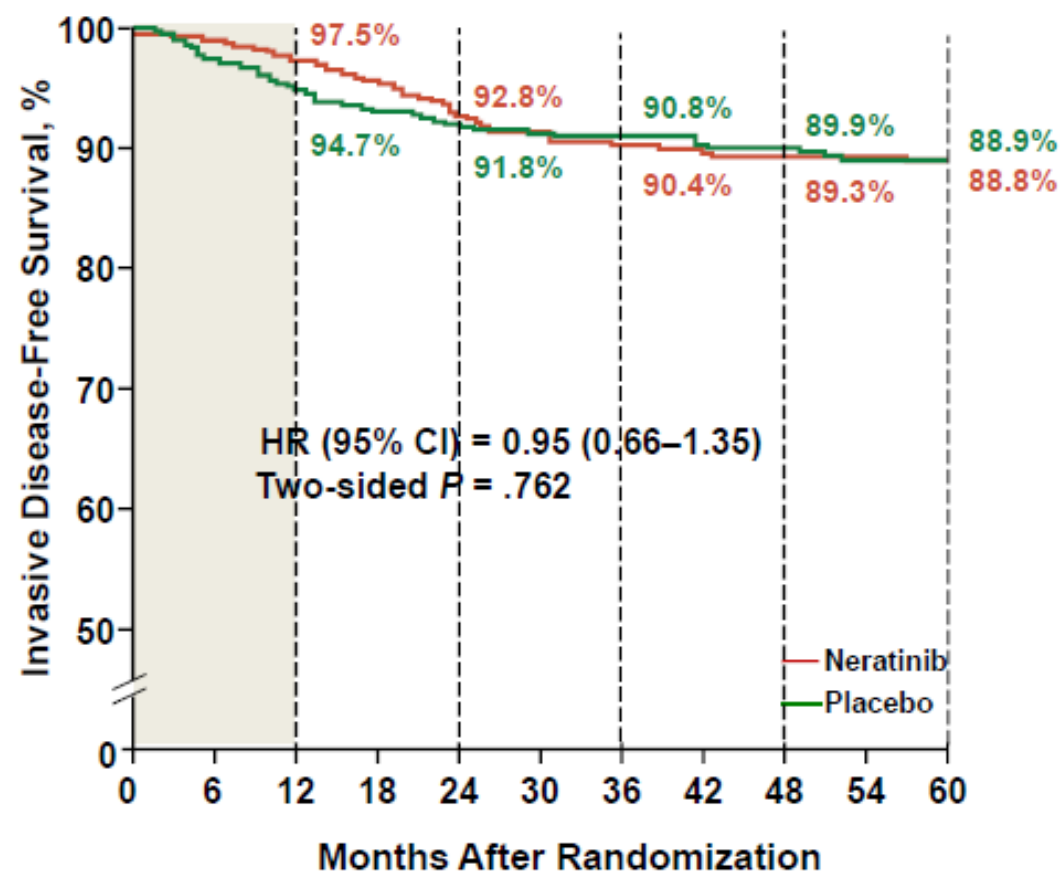
ExteNET: iDFS By Hormone Receptor Status

HR-Positive Subgroup



No. at risk											
Neratinib	816	757	731	705	642	571	565	558	554	544	523
Placebo	815	779	750	719	647	581	567	556	551	542	525

HR-Negative Subgroup



No. at risk											
Neratinib	604	559	541	520	464	407	400	391	384	376	362
Placebo	605	575	548	529	495	448	444	435	427	416	402

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Martin M, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017;18(12):1688-1700.

ExteNET: Adverse Events (≥10% of Patients)

n (%)	Neratinib n = 1408			Placebo n = 1408		
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Diarrhea	781 (55.5)	561 (39.8)	1 (0.1)	476 (33.8)	23 (1.6)	0
Nausea	579 (41.1)	26 (1.8)	0	301 (21.4)	2 (0.1)	0
Fatigue	359 (25.5)	23 (1.6)	0	276 (19.6)	6 (0.4)	0
Vomiting	322 (22.9)	47 (3.3)	0	107 (7.6)	5 (0.4)	0
Abdominal pain, general	314 (22.3)	24 (1.7)	0	141 (10.0)	3 (0.2)	0
Headache	269 (19.1)	8 (0.6)	0	269 (19.1)	6 (0.4)	0
Abdominal pain, upper	201 (14.3)	11 (0.8)	0	93 (6.6)	3 (0.2)	0
Rash	205 (14.6)	5 (0.4)	0	100 (7.1)	0	0
Decreased appetite	166 (11.8)	3 (0.2)	0	40 (2.8)	0	0
Muscle spasms	157 (11.2)	1 (0.1)	0	44 (3.1)	1 (0.1)	0
Dizziness	143 (10.2)	3 (0.2)	0	125 (8.9)	3 (0.2)	0
Arthralgia	84 (6.0)	2 (0.1)	0	158 (11.2)	4 (0.3)	0

Antidiarrheal prophylaxis to minimize neratinib-related diarrhea was not protocol-mandated.

Summary

- There remains a need to do more for patients with HER2-positive eBC as 1 in 4 patients experience recurrence or death after 18 cycles of trastuzumab (plus chemotherapy)¹
- Risk factors are important in both predicting the prognosis of patients and in making treatment decisions²
- Patients with eBC at lower risk of recurrence, i.e. patients with stage I breast cancer, may be treated with single-agent trastuzumab and paclitaxel to reduce treatment burden³
- Recent data from the APHINITY trial demonstrated a significant improvement in IDFS rates for patients treated with pertuzumab–trastuzumab plus chemotherapy^{*4}
 - At this time, patients with characteristics that increase the risk of recurrence, such as node-positive or HR-negative disease, appear to gain the most benefit from dual blockade with pertuzumab–trastuzumab in the adjuvant setting⁴
 - International guidelines have been updated to recommend the APHINITY regimen in patients with tumours at high risk of recurrence^{5–7}

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3. Tolaney SM, *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2015; **372**:134–141; 4. von Minckwitz G, *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2017; **377**:122–131;
5. Curigliano G, *et al.* *Ann Oncol* 2017; **28**:1700–1712;
6. NCCN Breast Cancer Guidelines. Version 4, 2017 – February 7, 2018;
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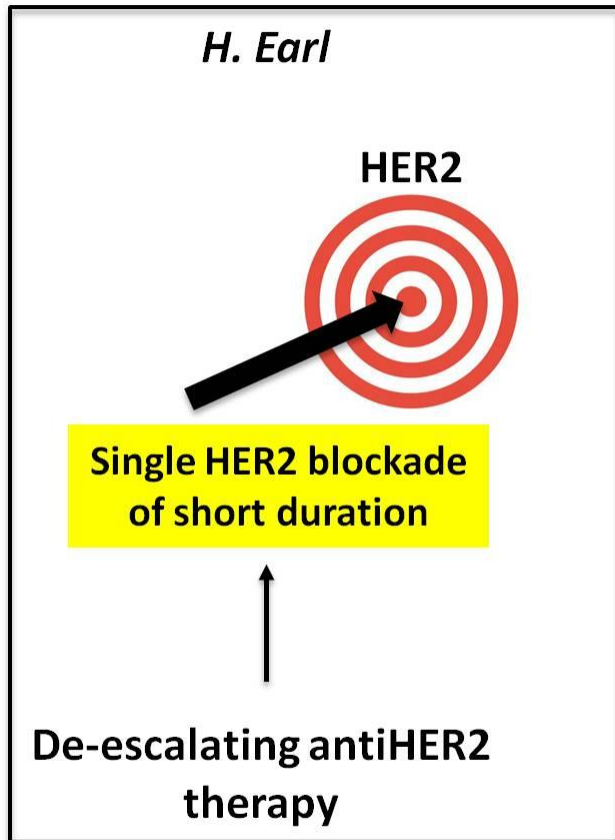
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Less is more : Opportunities (... challenges ?) to de-escalate therapy

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- Persephone compared to other trials exploring shorter adjuvant trastuzumab durations
- Strengths/weaknesses of Persephone
- Should we change clinical practice tomorrow ?

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Non-inferiority trials : when and how ?

- *Is there a justification for running a non-inferiority trial in the first place ?*
- *Does the selected non-inferiority margin make sense ?*
- Trastuzumab < 12 m : Yes !
 - cheaper, more convenient, less cardiotoxic...
- What is the largest loss of effect that is clinically acceptable ?
 - > Persephone : $\leq 3\%$ absolute \downarrow in DFS with 80% DFS assumed for 12 m trast at 4y)
 - > FDA : must be « *much smaller* » than the benefit of the active control over placebo...
 - BCIRG-006 : 7 to 9% benefit of trastuzumab 12 m at 4y follow-up

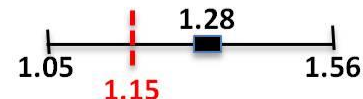
Selection of the “non inferiority margin”

Phare

- Focus on Hazard Ratio (HR) and an acceptable \uparrow in relative risk of a DFS event
- HR must show an upper boundary of the 95% CI < 1.15 independent from the actual DFS %

Would patients accept 2-3% absolute reductions in DFS at 4y in return for the benefits of a shorter trastuzumab duration?


 Non inferiority claim NOT supported by trial results

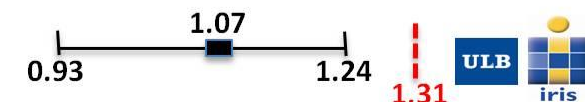


Persephone

- For a stable absolute difference at 4y, the reference set at 3% max... then HR non inferiority margin established taking into account the actual DFS % observed

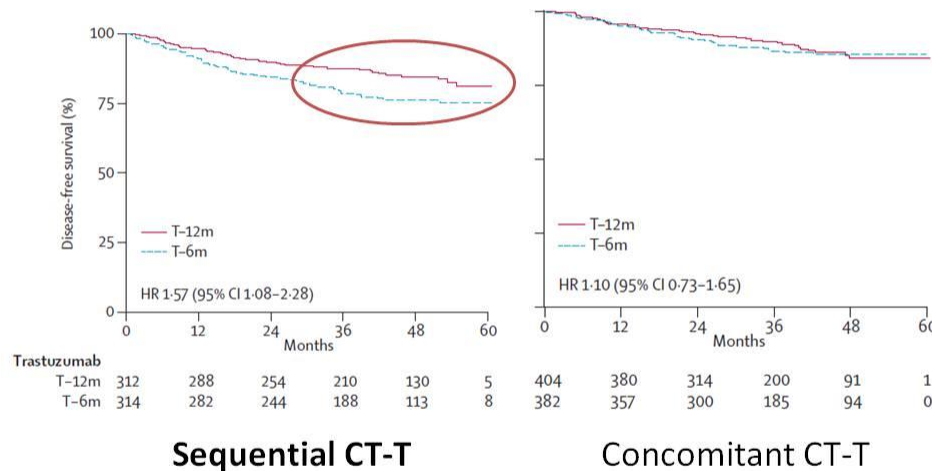
Observed 4y DFS 89,8% instead of estimated 80% -> HR non inferiority margin changed from 1,17 to 1,31

 Non inferiority claim supported by trial results



HER2+ HR- disease : other “signals” that longer trastuzumab could be better than shorter trastuzumab

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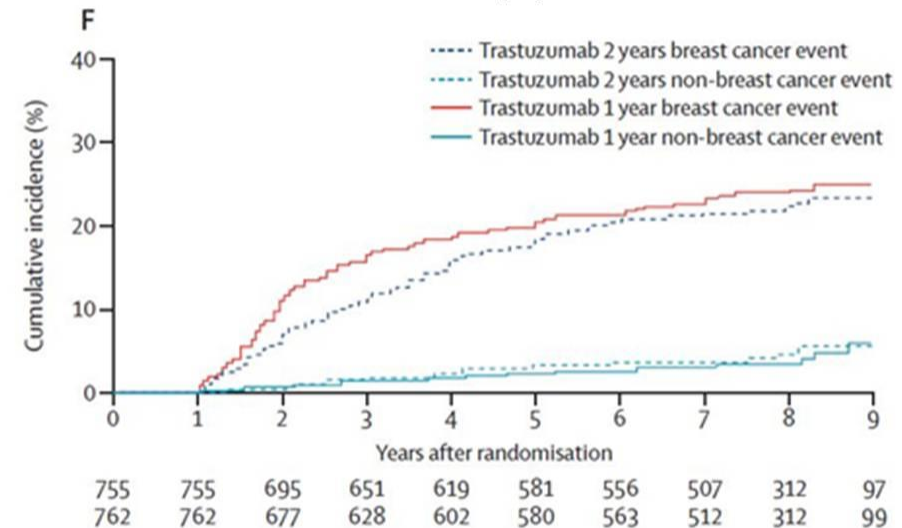


HR negative: Trastuzumab 6 months much worse in the sequential CT-T arm



1. Pivot X et al Lancet Oncol 2013; 2. Goldhirsch et al The Lancet 2013

Hera (2)



Suggestion of a transient benefit from continuing trastuzumab after 1 y in HR- subgroup



Cardiotoxicity in trials of 6 months versus 12 months of trastuzumab

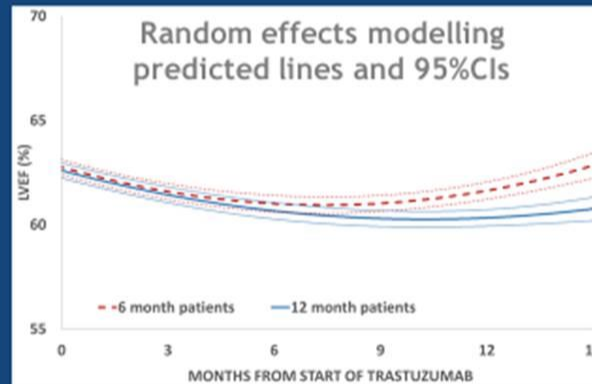
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HORG (2)	481			100%	q3m until end of treatment	0 vs 2 cases
PERSEPHONE (3)	2430/	Continue up to the 9th cycle of trastuzumab	90%	47%	q3m until end of treatment	9% vs 12%

Less « cardiotoxicity » with shorter trastuzumab duration in all trials !

Are we really concerned by cardiotoxicity ?

Random effects modelling of LVEFs

- The quadratic change over time proves that cardiac function recovers post-trastuzumab ($p < 0.0001$)
- 6-month patients had a more rapid recovery ($p = 0.02$)



Ref: Earl et al. British Journal of Cancer (2016) 115, 1462–1470

Earlier « recovery » in the 6 month arm... ???

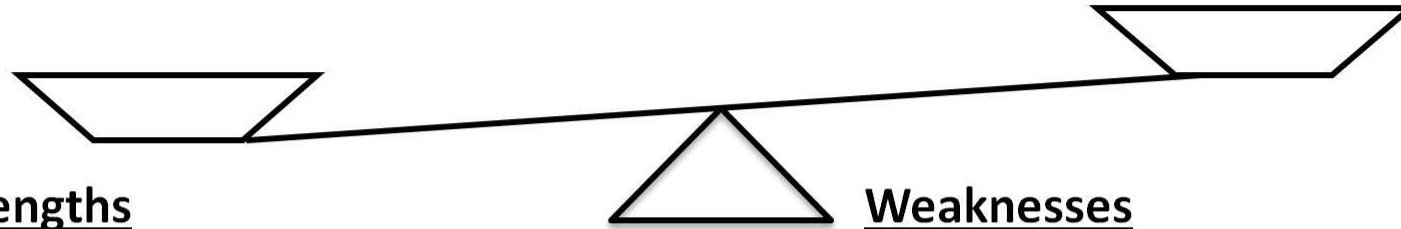
- Only 1 post treatment assessment in the 12 m arm
- At least 2 more points (18 m – 21 m) needed for a fair comparison

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Persephone : strengths and weaknesses



Strengths

- Highly relevant question in 2007
- Very large, nationwide, government supported trial
- Pragmatic
- Excellent treatment compliance (> 82%)
- Careful cardiac monitoring
- Quality of life collected
- Health technology assessment pending
- Carefully planned interim analyses (n = 3)



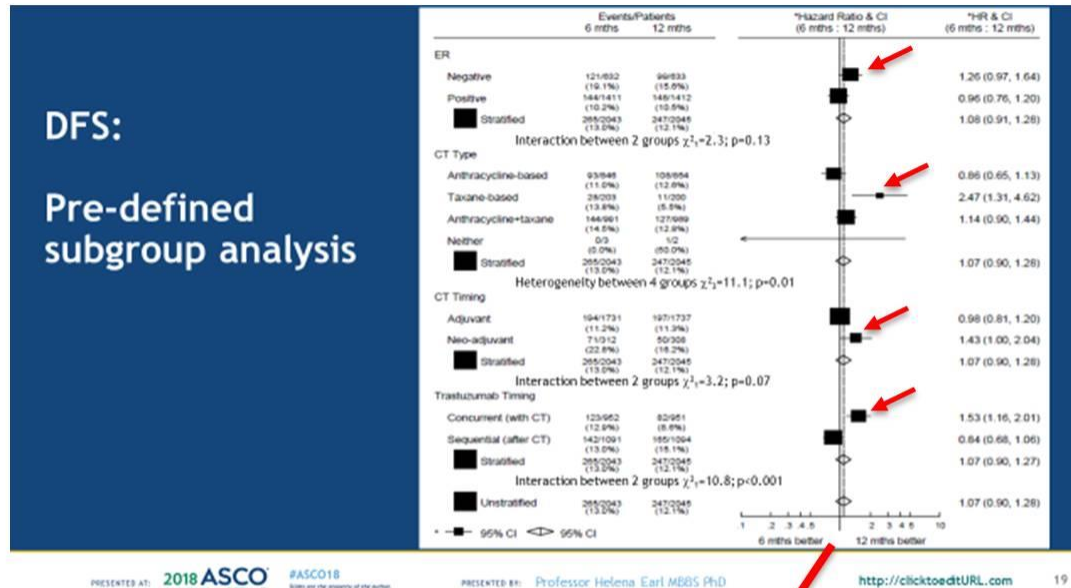
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Weaknesses

- Somewhat less relevant question today except for low income countries
- Persephone population not representative of today's populations (sequential T has ↓↓, more A+T use in high risk or T alone in low risk patients)
- Potential biases with the randomization « window » of 6 m...; landmark analysis, however, somewhat reassuring



Why I will not change my clinical practice tomorrow



Subgroups for which 12 m might be superior

- ER-
- Taxane w/o Anthracycline
- Neoadjuvant CTX use
- Concomitant CTX – trastuzumab administration

Further work needed to reliably identify subgroups for which shorter trastuzumab therapy could become « standard » of care
(? Combined efforts with Phare investigators)

Breast cancer is common for bone metastases

Cancer	Prevalence,* thousands ¹	Incidence of bone metastases, % ²	Median survival after developing bone metastases, months ²⁻⁴
Breast	5189	65–75	20–24
Prostate	3200	65–75	12–53
Lung	1677	30–40	3–6
Bladder	1172	40	7

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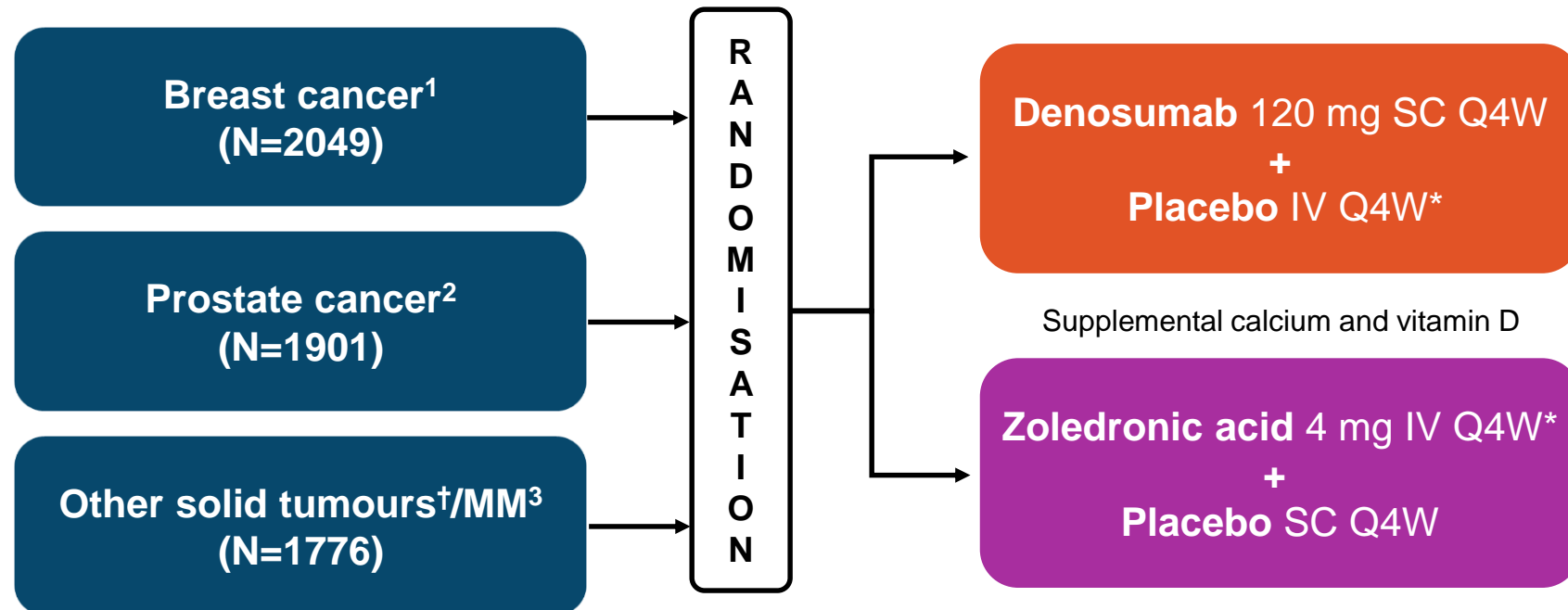
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*Worldwide 5-year prevalence.

Pivotal Phase III bone metastases trials with denosumab: three trials of identical design in different patient populations



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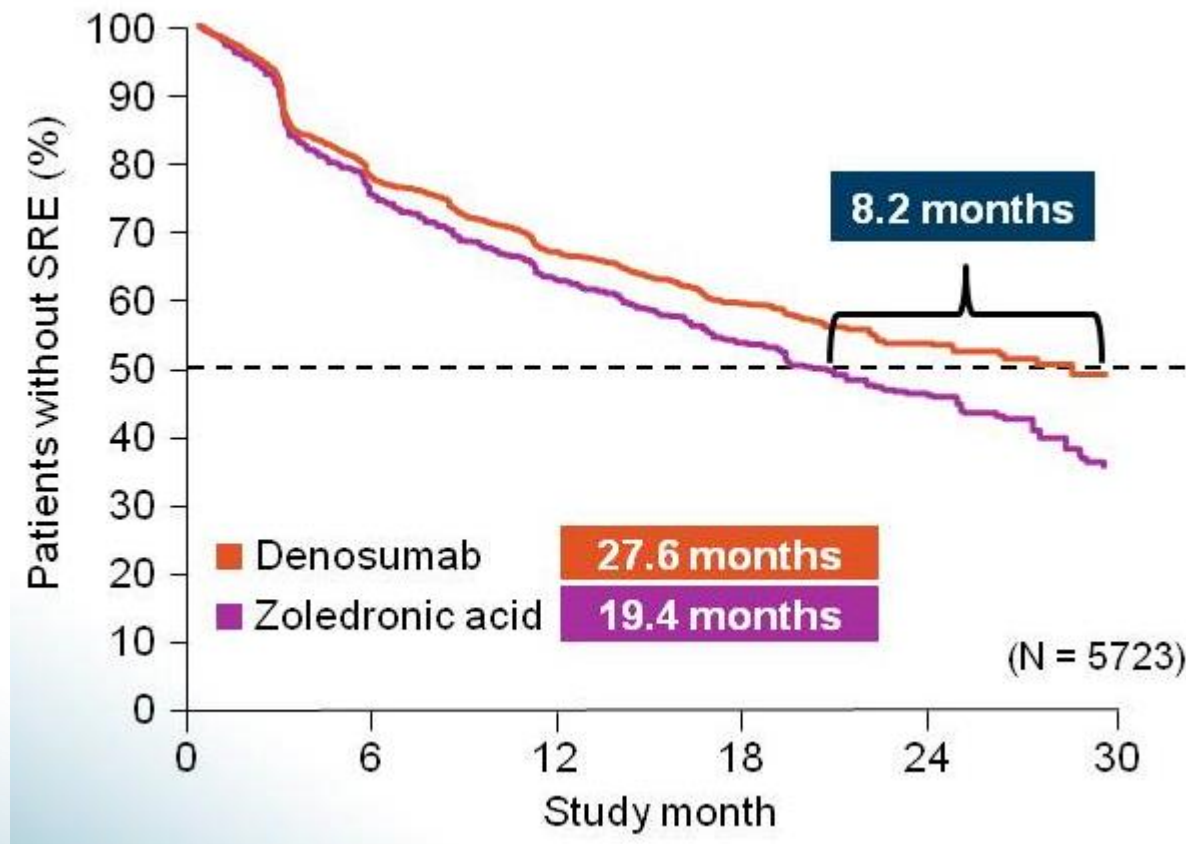
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*Per protocol and zoledronic acid label, IV product dose adjusted for baseline creatinine clearance and subsequent dose intervals determined by serum creatinine.

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IV, intravenously; MM, multiple myeloma; Q4W, every 4 weeks; SC, subcutaneously.

Significantly longer time without an SRE with denosumab vs zoledronic acid



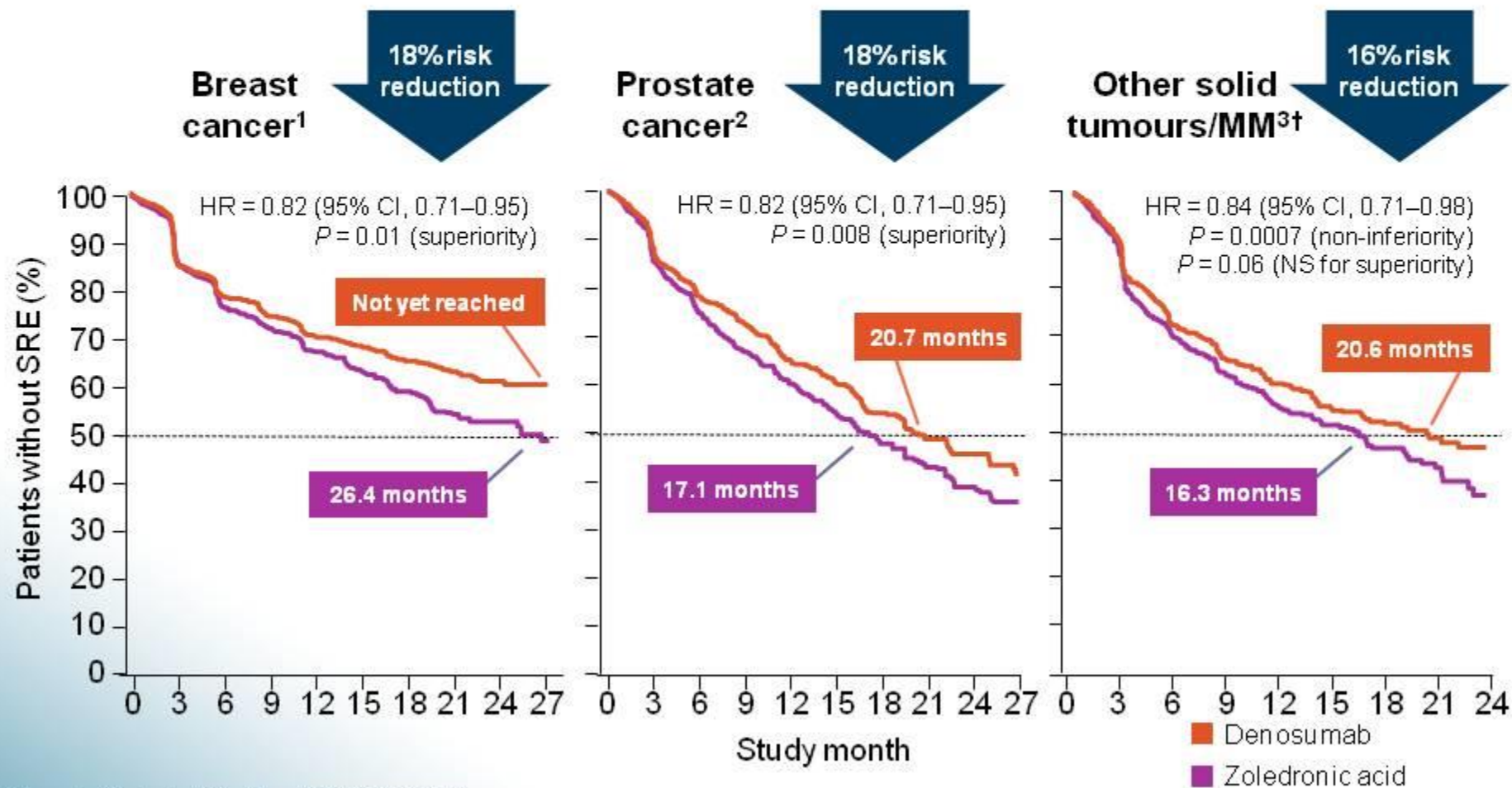
Time to first SRE



17% Risk
Reduction

HR=0.83
(95% CI, 0.76–0.90)
 $p < 0.001$ (superiority)

Risk reduction in time to first SRE consistently favoured denosumab across tumour types



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SOLD	2176	Before chemotherapy	100%	100%	At w18, 31, 43, 61 and 36m	2.0 vs 3.9%

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