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# **Treatment of Early-Stage HER2+ Breast Cancer**

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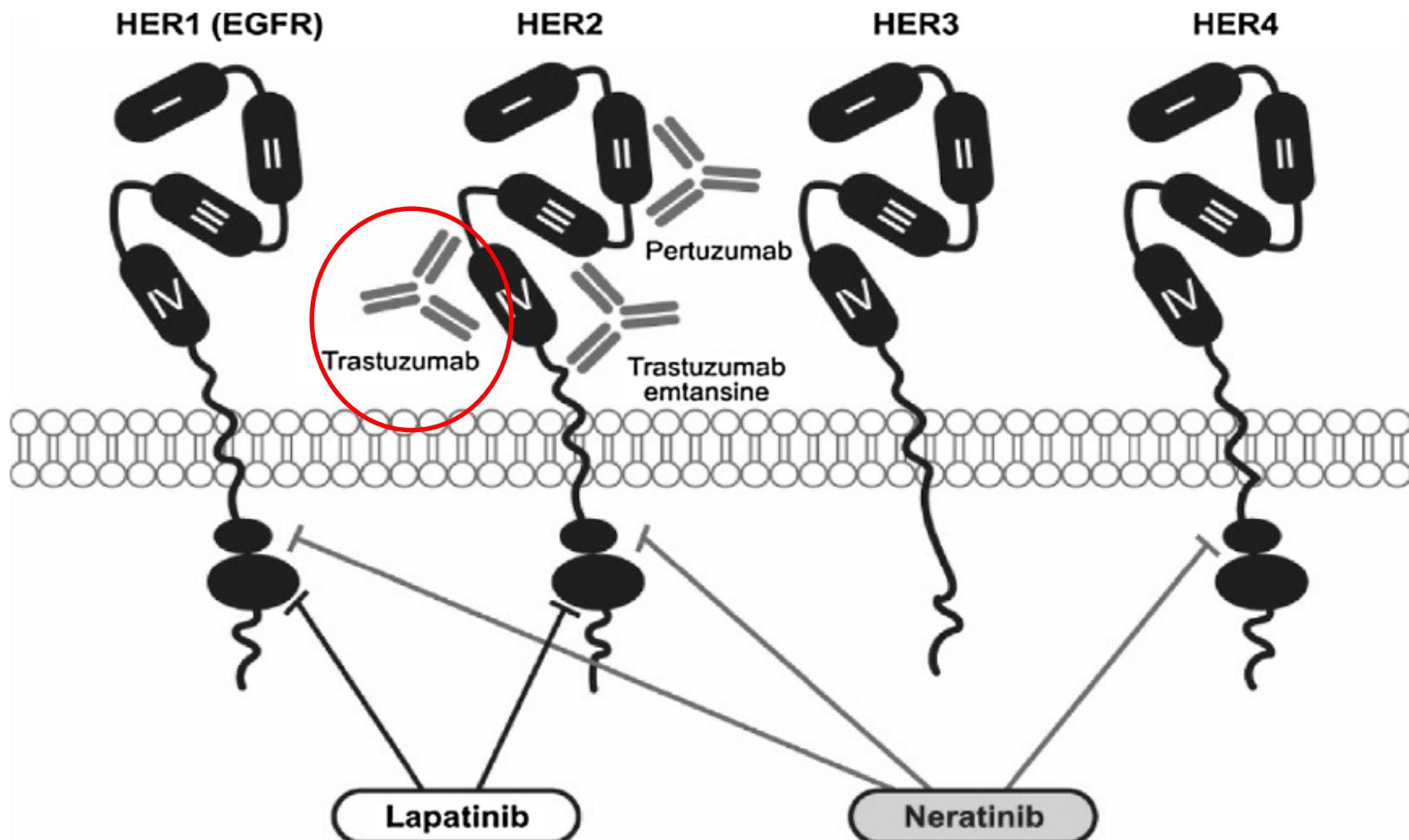
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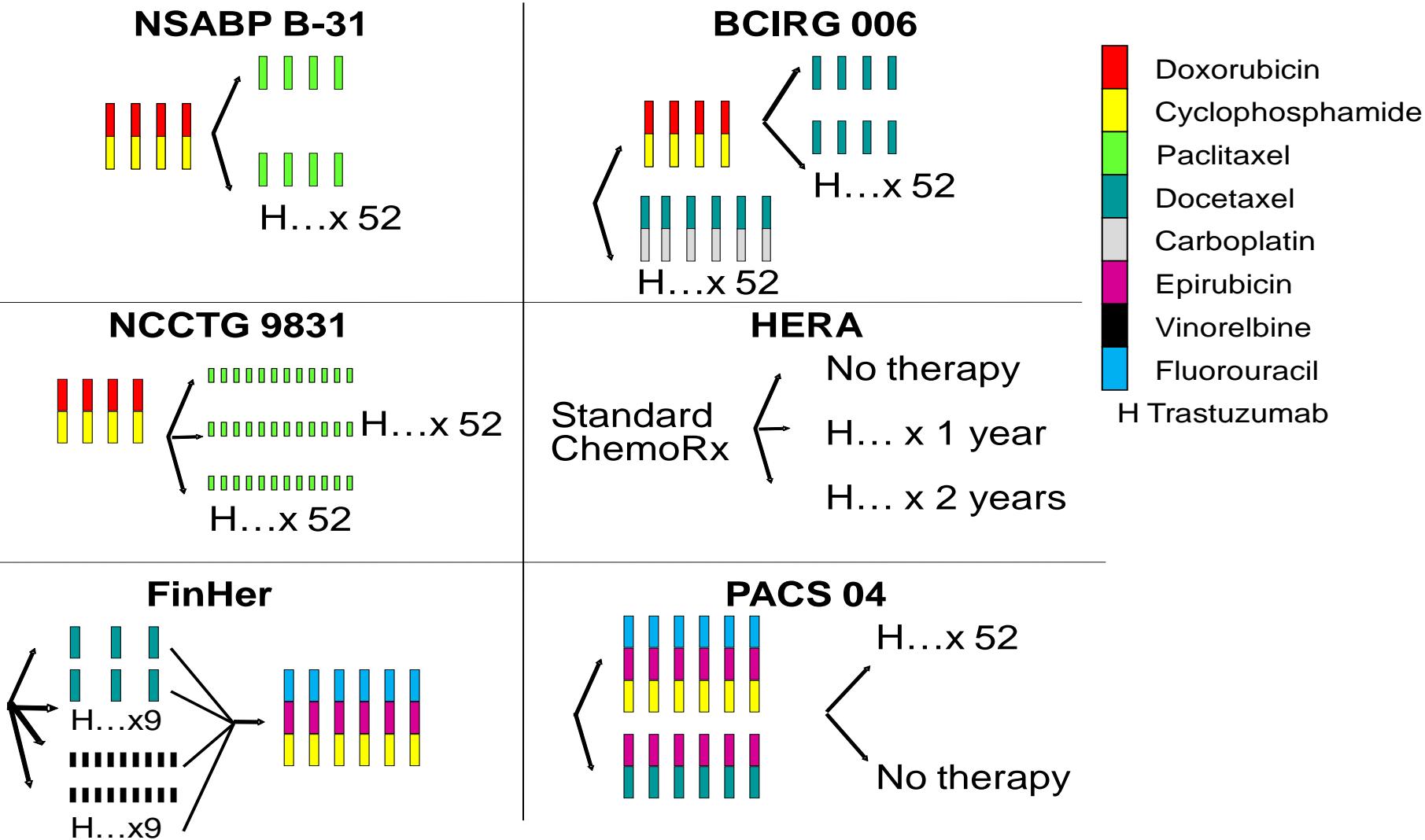
# Objectives

- Trastuzumab
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- Neoadjuvant
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  - TRYPHAENA
  - BERENICE
- Adjuvant
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  - ExteNET
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# Trastuzumab



# Trastuzumab in Adjuvant Setting



# Persistent Benefit of Adjuvant Trastuzumab

Study	Rx	Med FU	DFS	OS
HERA <sup>1</sup>  (x-over 52%)	Chemo	11yrs	63%	73%
	Chemo → H x 1 yr		69%	79%
	Chemo → H x 2 yr		69%	80%
B-31 <sup>2,3</sup>  (x-over 20%)	ACT	8.4 yrs*	62.2%	75.2%
	AC → TH → H		73.7%	84.0%
N 9831 <sup>2,3</sup>  (x-over 20%)	AC → w T	8.4 yrs*	62.2%	75.2%
	AC → w TH → H		73.7%	84.0%
	AC → w T → H			
BCIRG 006 <sup>4</sup>  (x-over 3.1%)	AC → D	10 yrs	67.9%	78.7%
	DCbH → H		73.0%	83.3%
	AC → DH → H		74.6%	85.9%

A=doxorubicin, C=cyclophosphamide

T=paclitaxel, D=docetaxel, Cb=carboplatin

H=trastuzumab, N=not reported

\*Combined analysis of B-31/N9831

1. Cameron et al. Lancet 2017
2. Perez et al. JCO 2014
3. Slamon et al. SABC 2015

# Adjuvant Trastuzumab, Asymptomatic LVEF Decline and Heart Failure, and Treatment Interruption

Study	Rx	Med FU (yrs)	Asx LVEF ↓≥ 10% to < 50%	NYHA Class III-IV	Med FU (yrs)	NYHA Class III-IV	Trastuzumab Discontinuation-Cardiac causes
HERA 1-2	Chemo	3.6	0.9%	0.0 %	11	0.1 %	NA
	Chemo → H x 1 yr		4.1%	0.8 %		1.0 %	5.2%
	Chemo → H x 2 yr		7.2%	NR		1.0 %	9.4%
B-31 <sup>3-5</sup>	ACT	2	NR	0.8%	7	1.0%	NA
	AC → TH→ H		14%	4.1%		4.0%	18%
N 9831 3,6-7	AC → w T	3.75	4%-5.1%	0.3%	9	0.6%	NA
	AC → w T→ H		4%-7.8%	2.8%		2.8%	NR
	AC → w TH→ H		5.8%-10.4%	3.3%		3.4%	18%
BCIRG 006 <sup>8-9</sup>	AC → D	5	11.2%	0.7%	10	0.7%	NA
	AC → DH→ H		18.6%	2.0%		2.0%	5.7%
	DCbH→ H		9.4%	0.4%		0.4%	2.9%

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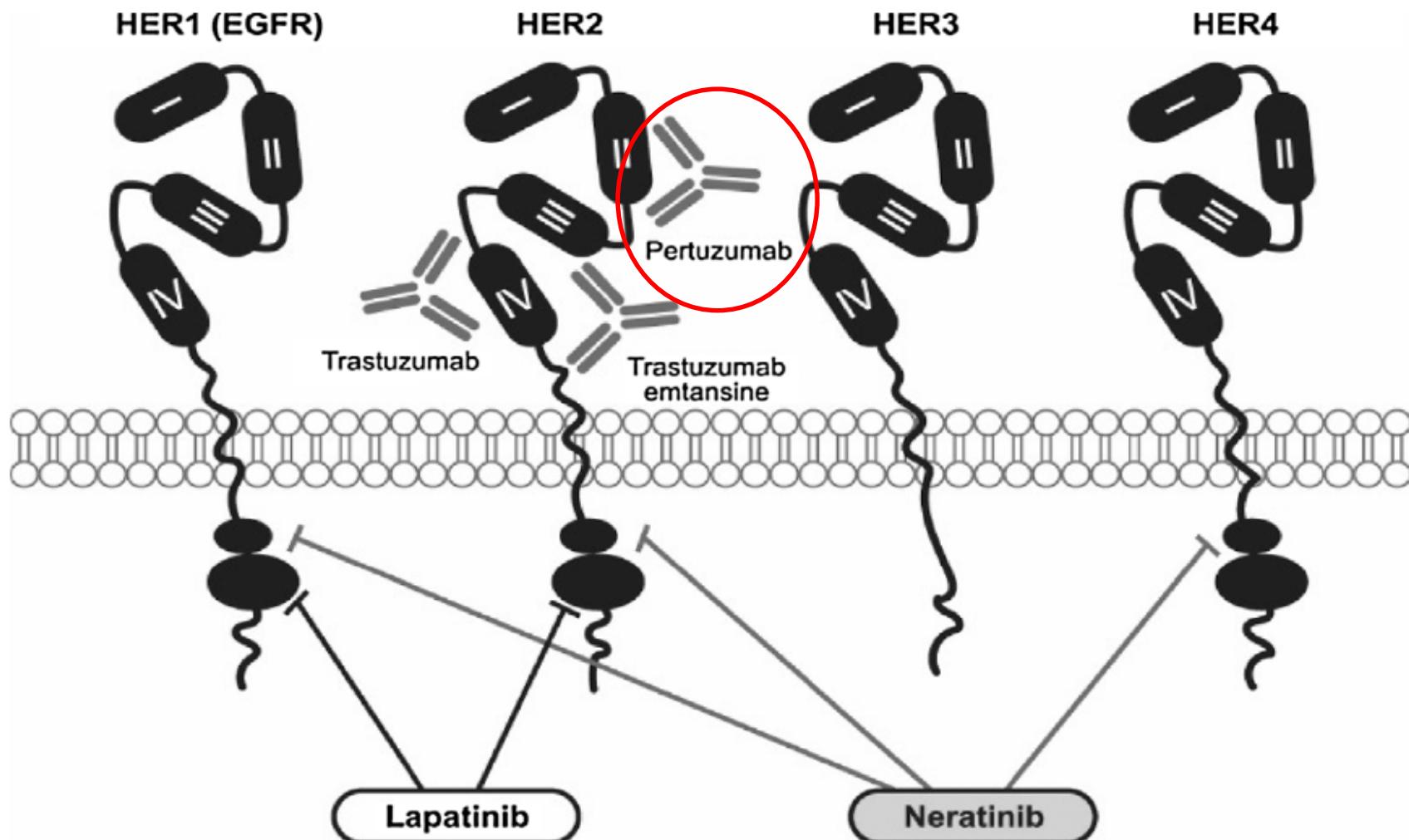
H=trastuzumab

NR=not reported, NA=not applicable

1. Procter et al. JCO 2010
2. Cameron et al. Lancet 2017
3. Romond et al. NEJM 2005
4. Tan-Chiu et al. JCO 2005
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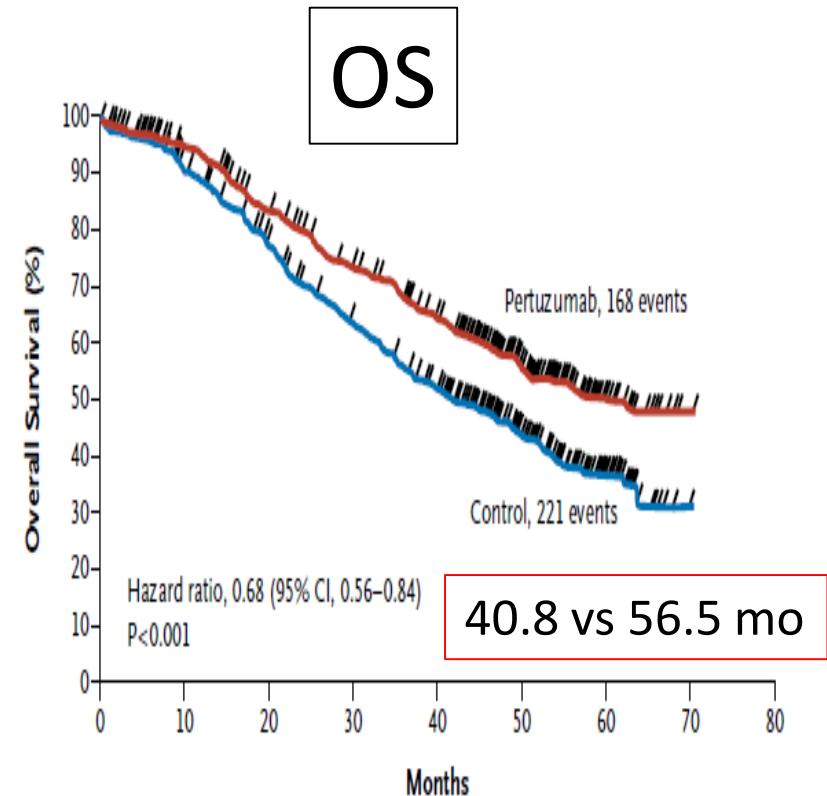
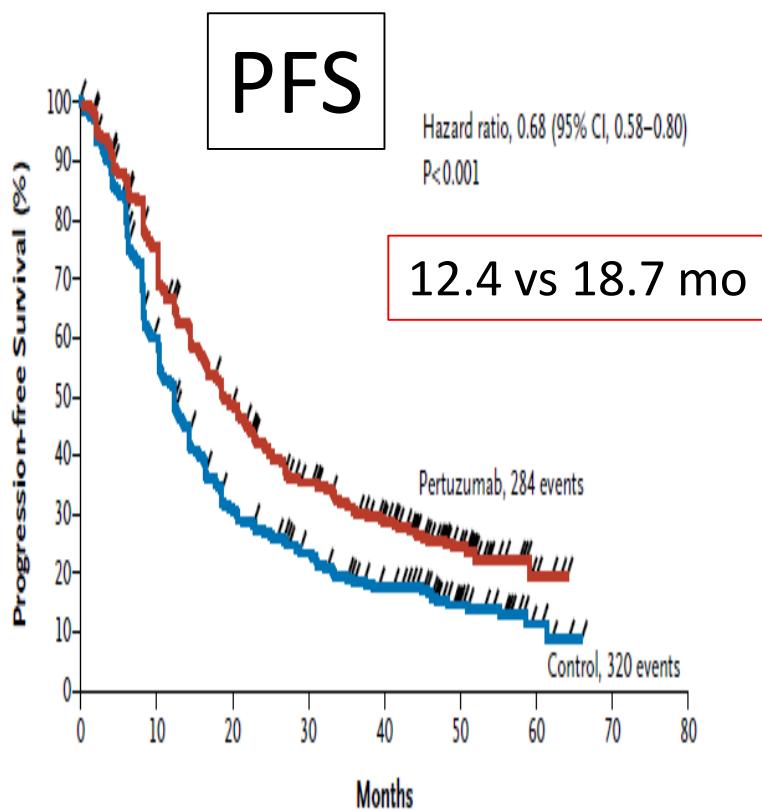
# **Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Anti-HER2 Therapy**

# Pertuzumab



# CLEOPATRA

Docetaxel/Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab >  
Docetaxel/Trastuzumab/Placebo



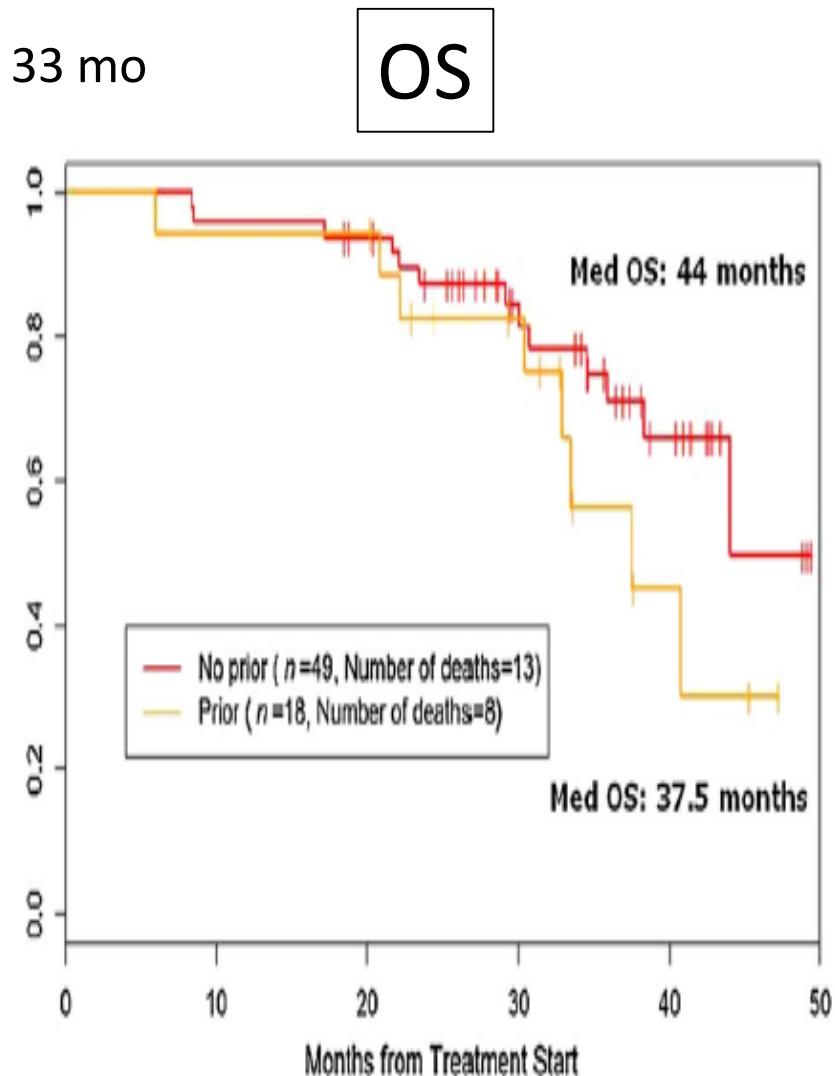
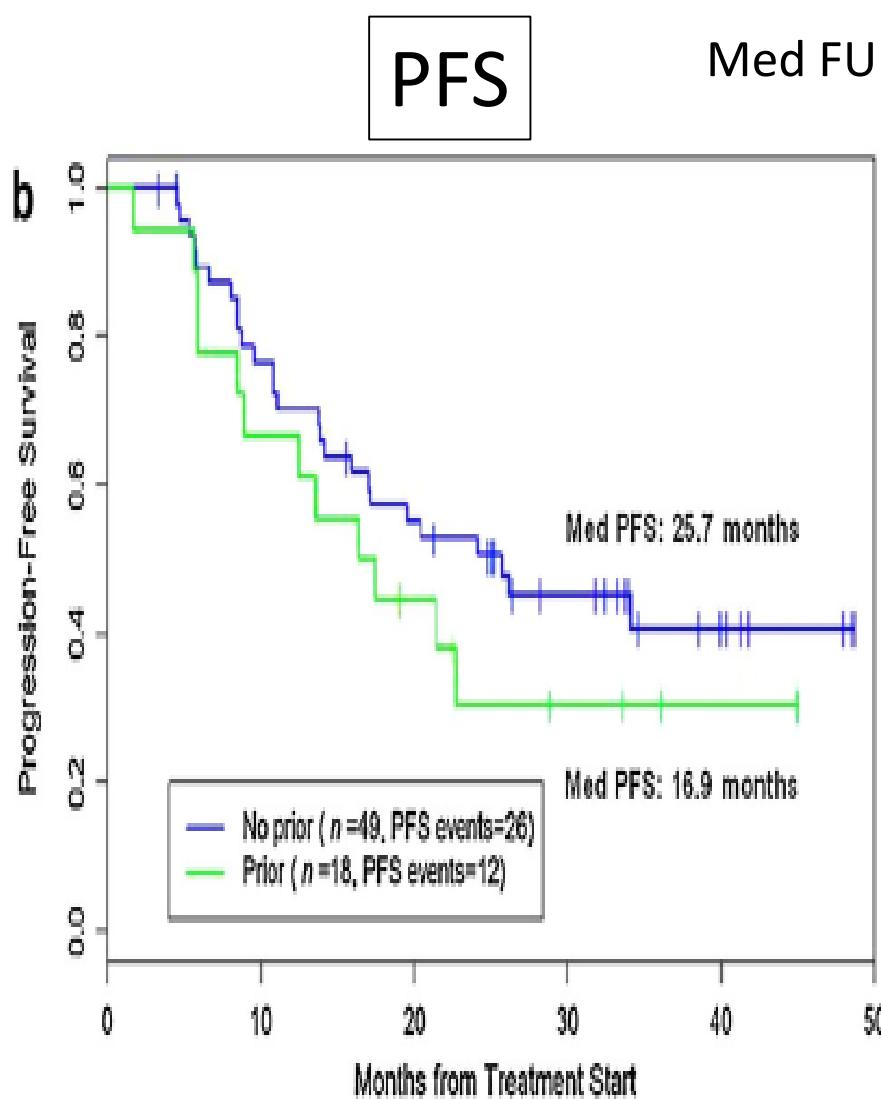
No. at Risk									
Pertuzumab	402	284	179	121	87	37	6	0	0
Control	406	223	110	75	51	21	6	0	0

No. at Risk									
Pertuzumab	402	371	318	268	226	104	28	1	0
Control	406	350	289	230	179	91	23	0	0

1. Baselga et al. NEJM 2012
2. Swain et al. NEJM 2015

# MSKCC Study

# **Paclitaxel, Trastuzumab, Pertuzumab (THP)**



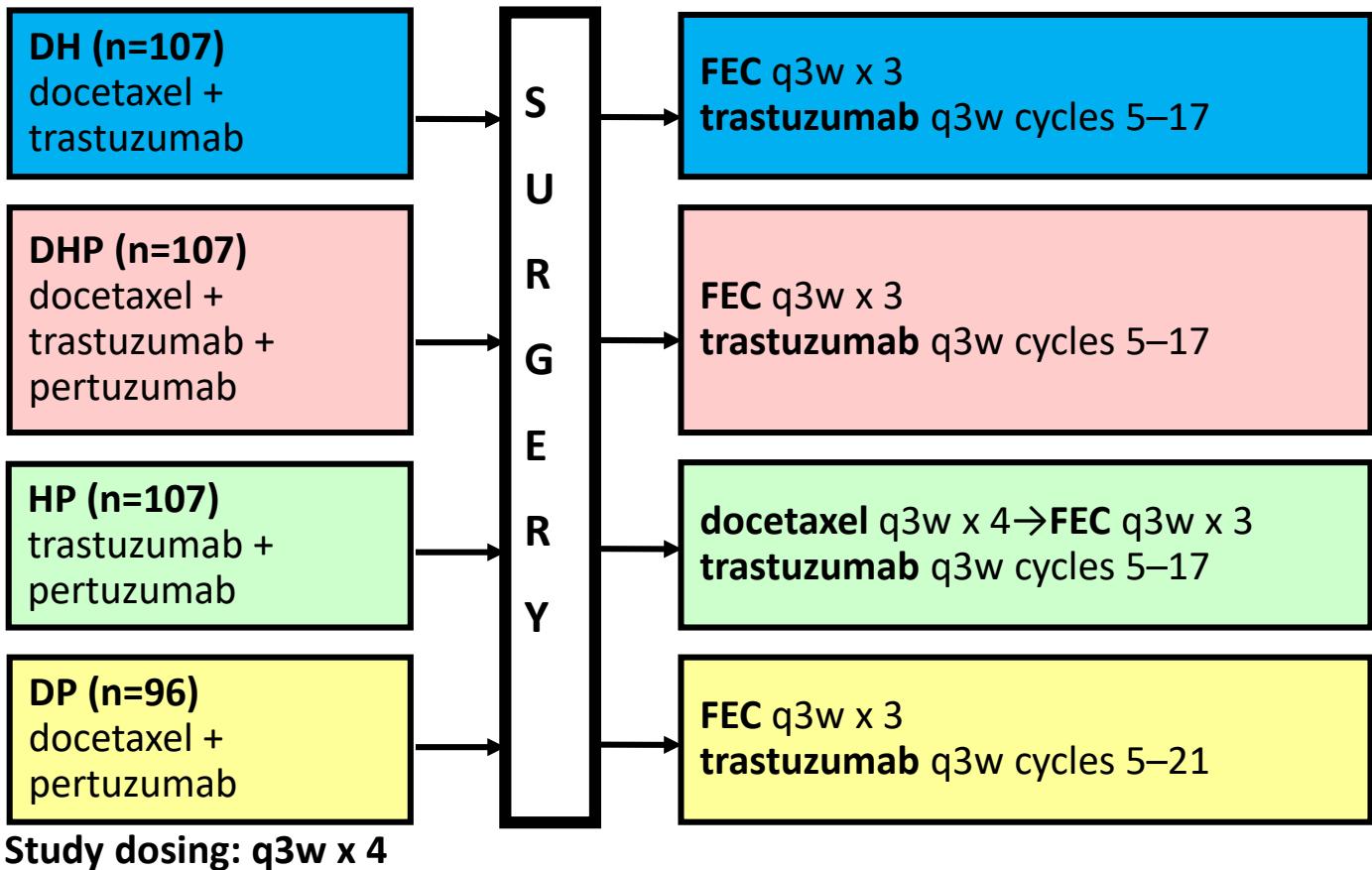
1. Dang et al. JCO 2015
  2. Smyth et al. Breast Can Res Tr 2016

# NeoSphere

## N=417

Patients with  
operable or  
locally advanced  
/inflammatory\*  
HER2-positive BC

Chemo-naïve &  
primary tumors  
>2cm

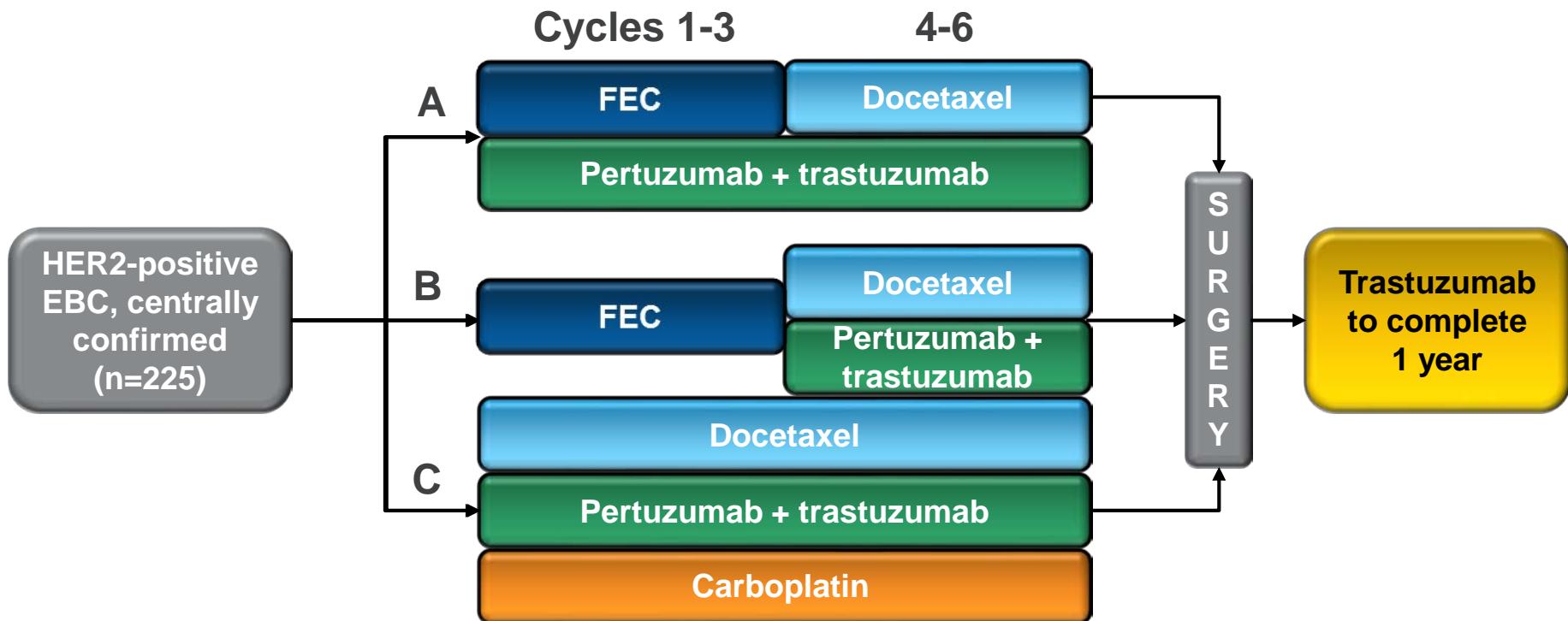


BC, breast cancer; FEC, 5-fluorouracil, epirubicin and cyclophosphamide

\*Locally advanced=T2–3, N2–3, M0 or T4a–c, any N, M0; operable=T2–3, N0–1, M0; inflammatory = T4d, any N, M0

H, trastuzumab; P, pertuzumab; D, docetaxel

# TRYPHAENA\* Phase II Neoadjuvant Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab in HER2-Positive Early Breast Cancer



- All 3 arms were experimental
- Study dosing q3w:
  - FEC: 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Carboplatin: AUC 6
  - Trastuzumab: 8 mg/kg loading dose, 6 mg/kg maintenance
  - Pertuzumab: 840 mg loading dose, 420 mg maintenance
  - Docetaxel: 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (escalating to 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> if tolerated, in Arms A and B only)
- Stratification:
  - Operable, locally advanced, and inflammatory breast cancer
  - Hormone receptor positivity

EBC=early-stage breast cancer; FEC=5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide

# Neoadjuvant Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab

	Regimen	Duration	pCR	P value
NEOSPHERE (N=417)	DH		29%	
	DP	12 w	24%	
	DHP		45.8% 	0.0141
	HP		16.8%	
TRYPHAENA (N=225)	FECHP → DHP		61.6%	
	FEC → DHP	18 w	57.3%	
	DCbHP		66.2%	

E=epirubicin; C=cyclophosphamide;

F=fluorouracil; D=docetaxel;

Cb=carboplatin; H=trastuzumab;

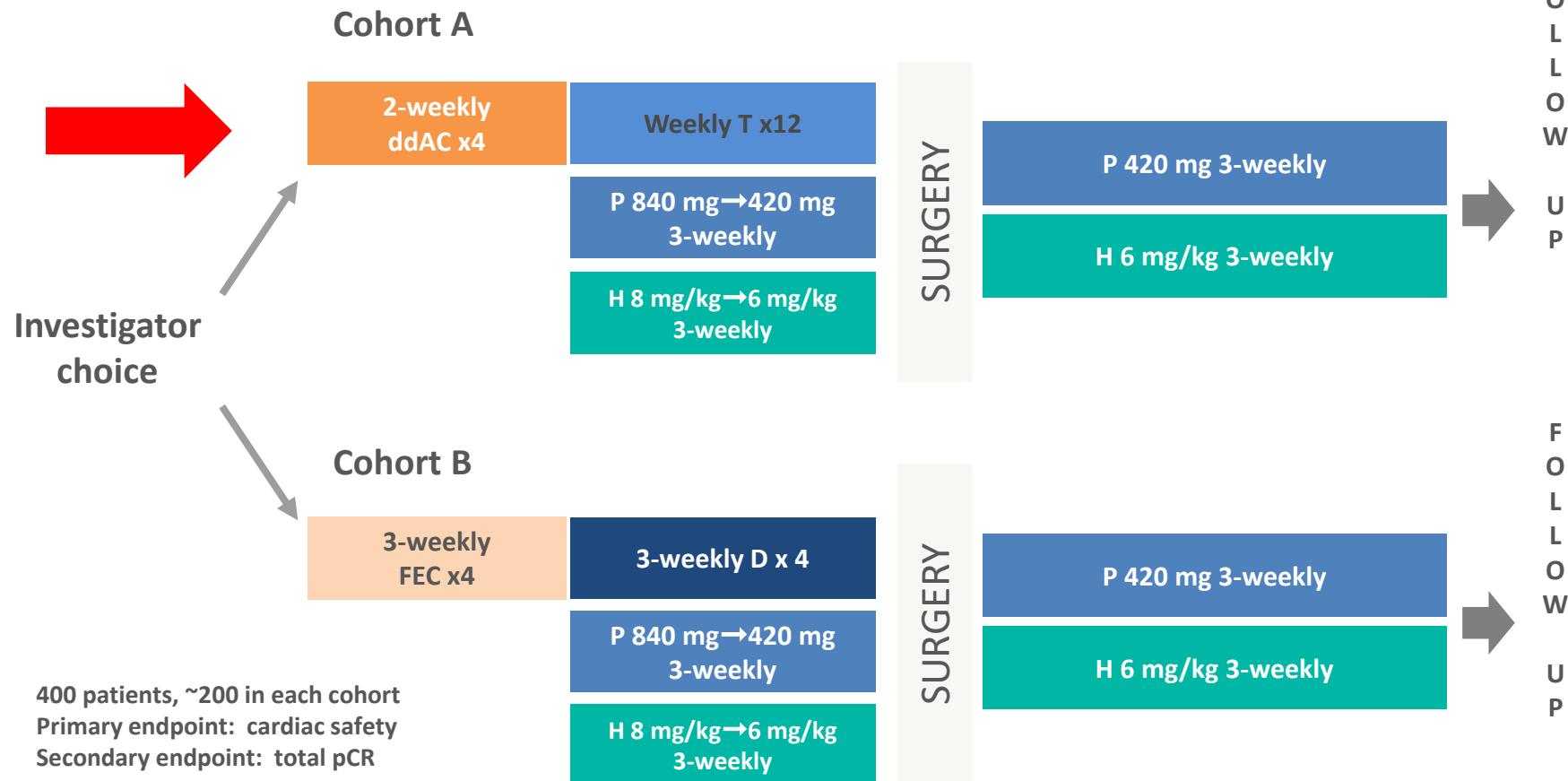
P=pertuzumab

# FDA Approval

## “Neoadjuvant” Setting

- Based on significant PFS/OS benefit of pertuzumab in MBC and pCR gain in neoadjuvant setting, pertuzumab was granted accelerated approval in neoadjuvant setting
- Eligible pts are those w/ stage II-III
  - Size > 2 cm
  - Node (+)
  - Locally advanced breast cancer
  - Inflammatory breast cancer
- Up to 6 cycles of pertuzumab allowed
- Safety of pertuzumab with doxorubicin containing regimen not established

# Cardiac safety study – BERENICE



ddAC= dose-dense doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide;  
FEC=5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide; T=paclitaxel;  
D=docetaxel; P=pertuzumab; H=trastuzumab

Swain, Dang et al. Ann Oncol 2018

# BERENICE

Cohort	tpCR (ypT0/is ypN0)	NYHA Class III-IV Heart Failure
ddAC-THP	61.8%	1.5%
FEC-DHP	60.7%	0%

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NYHA=New York Heart Association

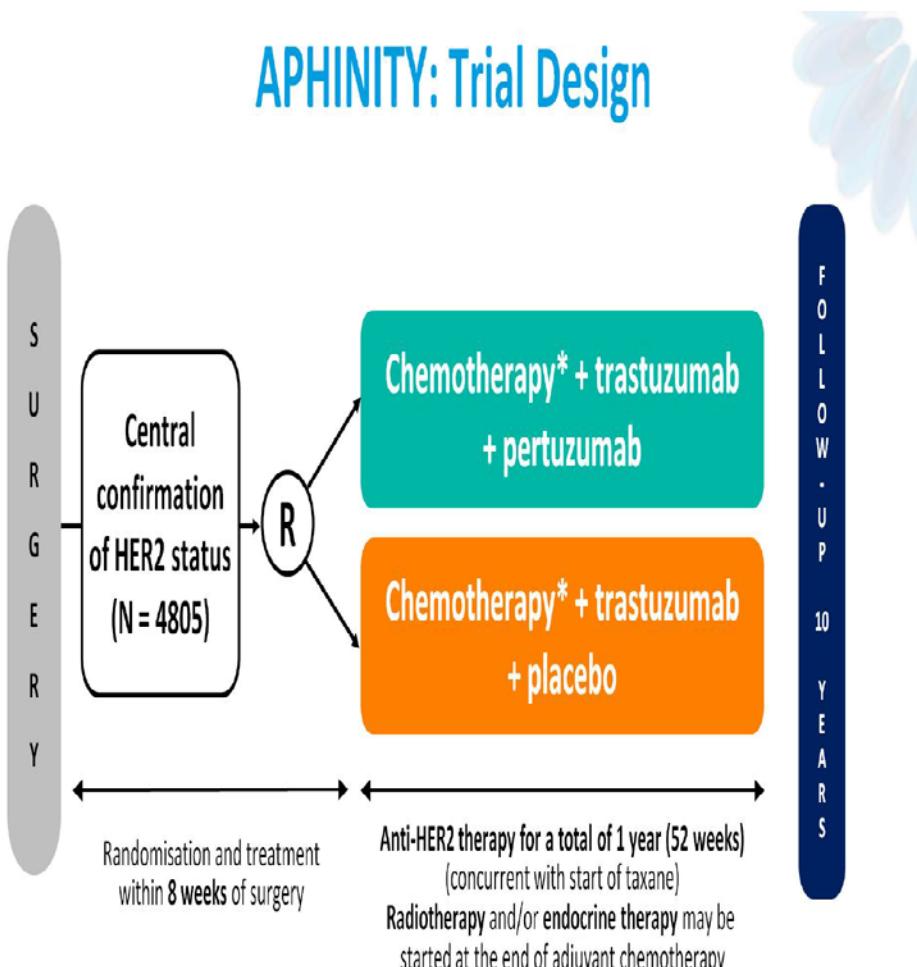
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# **Neoadjuvant Use Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab**

- Stage II-III: Yes
  - Downstage (primary tumor and/or axilla)
  - HP-based therapy
- Stage I: No

# Adjuvant Pertuzumab

## APHINITY: Trial Design



- Eligibility
  - Stage I-III
  - HER2 (+)
  - LVEF  $\geq$  55%
- 1°-3 yr iDFS, 2 °-OS, safety
- Demographics
  - Node (-) 38%
  - HR (+) 64%
  - Anthracycline 78%

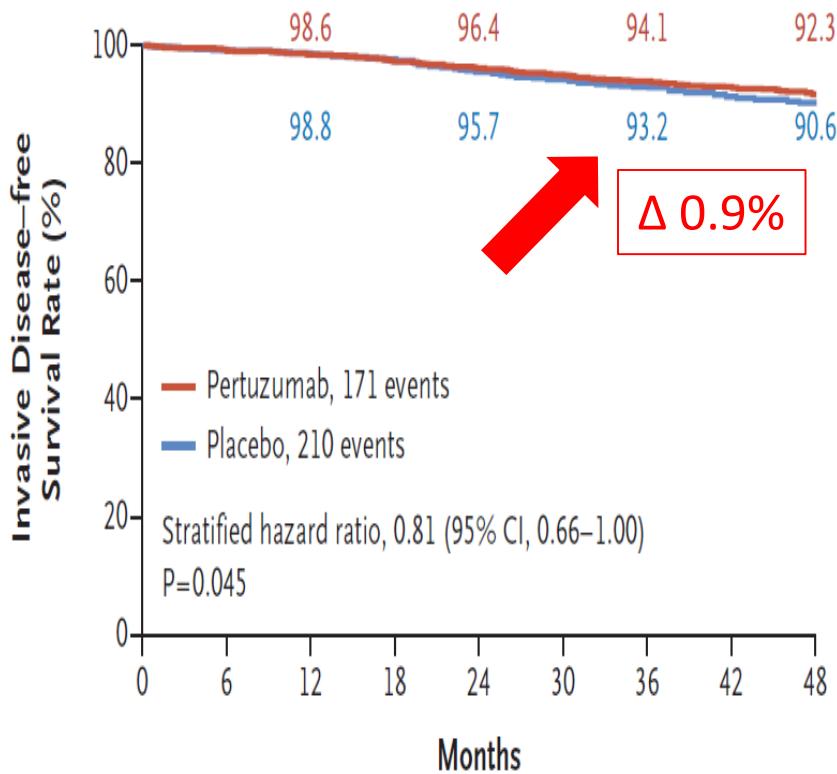
\*A number of standard anthracycline-taxane-sequences or a non-anthracycline (TCH) regimen were allowed



# Primary Endpoint

## 3-year iDFS

### A Intention-to-Treat Population



### No. at Risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Pertuzumab	2400	2309	2275	2236	2199	2153	2101	1687	879
Placebo	2404	2335	2312	2274	2215	2168	2108	1674	866

- Preplanned analysis
  - LN- (97.5% vs 98.4%, p=0.64)
  - LN+ (92% vs 90.2%, HR 0.77, p=0.02)
  - ER- (92.8% vs 91.2%, p=0.08)
  - ER+ (94.8% vs 94.4%, p=0.28)
- Adjuvant Pertuzumab FDA approved 2017
  - For pts at “high risk of recurrence”
- Note:
  - Pertuzumab appropriate for LN+
  - Less clear in other subgroups

# APHINITY: Cardiac Endpoints



N (%)	Pertuzumab n=2364	% Treatment difference (95% CI)	Placebo n=2405
<b>Primary cardiac endpoint</b>	<b>17 (0.7)</b>	<b>0.4 (0.0, 0.8)</b>	<b>8 (0.3)</b>
• Heart failure NYHA III/IV + LVEF drop*	15 (0.6)		6 (0.2)
• Cardiac death**	2 (0.08)		2 (0.08)
• Recovered according to LVEF	7		4
<b>Secondary cardiac endpoint</b> Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic LVEF drop*	<b>64 (2.7)</b>	<b>-0.1 (-1.0, 0.9)</b>	<b>67 (2.8)</b>

\*LVEF drop = ejection fraction drop  $\geq 10\%$  from baseline AND to below 50%;

\*\*Identified by the Cardiac Advisory Board for the trial according to a prospective definition

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# APHINITY: Common Grade ≥ 3 Adverse Events

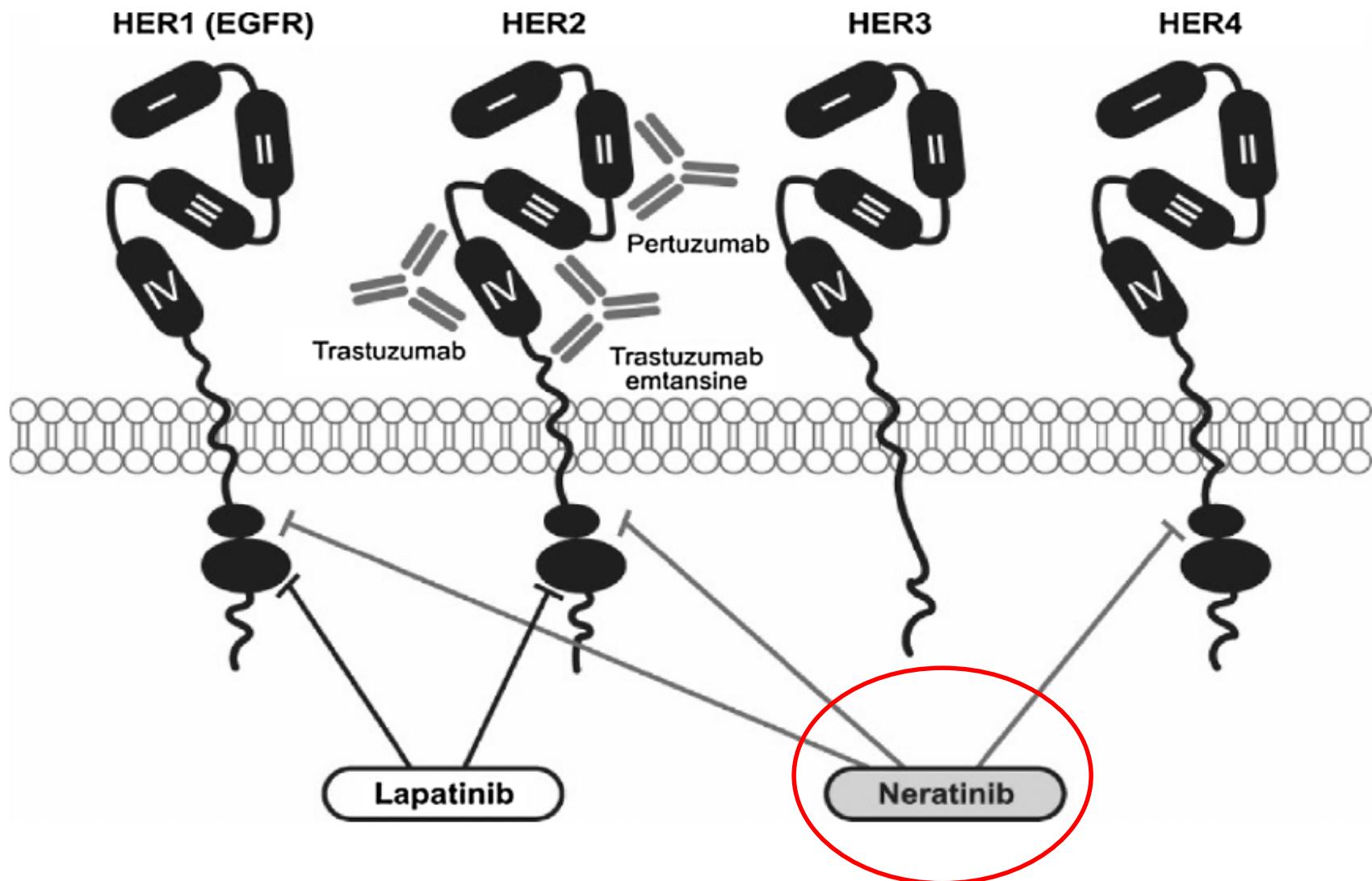
	Pertuzumab n=2364	Placebo n=2405
Neutropenia	385 (16.3%)	377 (15.7%)
Febrile Neutropenia	287 (12.1%)	266 (11.1%)
Anaemia	163 ( 6.9%)	113 ( 4.7%)
<b>Diarrhoea</b>	<b>232 (9.8%)</b>	<b>90 ( 3.7%)</b>
- with chemotherapy and targeted therapy	232 ( 9.8%)	90 ( 3.7%)
- with targeted therapy (post-chemotherapy)	12 ( 0.5%)	4 ( 0.2%)
- with AC->T (N=1834; 1894)	137 ( 7.5%)	59 ( 3.1%)
- with TCH (N= 528; 510)	95 (18.0%)	31 ( 6.1%)

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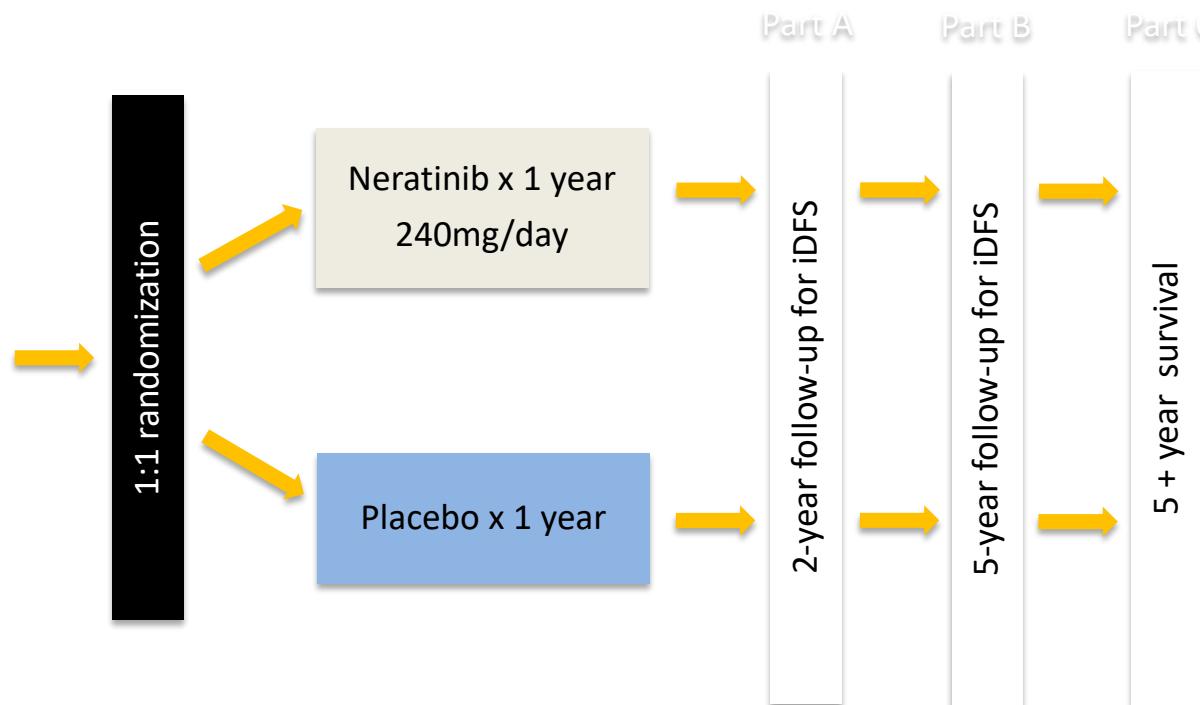


# Neratinib



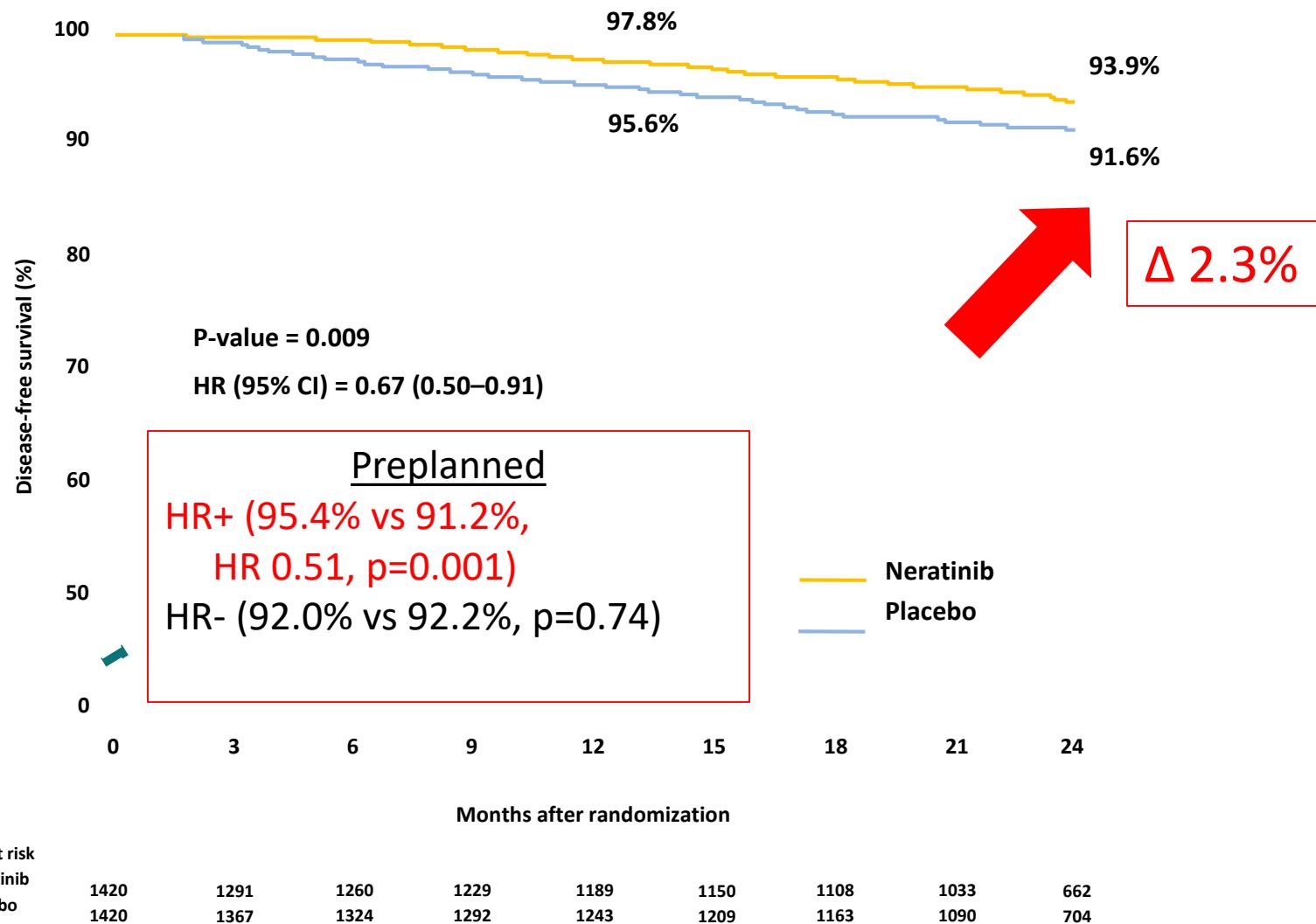
# ExteNET

- HER2+ breast cancer (local)
- Prior adjuvant trastuzumab & chemotherapy
- Stage I-III
- Lymph node -/+ or residual invasive disease after neoadjuvant therapy
- ER/PR + or -



- 1°-2 yr iDFS
- 2 °-DCIS-DFS, OS, safety
- Demographics
  - Node (-) 24%
  - HR (+) 57%
  - Anthracycline 78%

# Primary Endpoint: Invasive DFS (ITT)



# Safety (Adverse Events ≥10%)

n (%)	Neratinib (n=1408)		Placebo (n=1408)	
	All grades	Grade 3–4	All grades	Grade 3–4
Diarrhea	1343 (95.4)	562 (39.9)	499 (35.4)	23 (1.6)
Nausea	605 (43.0)	26 (1.8)	303 (21.5)	2 (0.1)
Fatigue	382 (27.1)	23 (1.6)	283 (20.1)	6 (0.4)
Vomiting	369 (26.2)	47 (3.3)	113 (8.0)	5 (0.4)
Abdominal pain, general	340 (24.1)	24 (1.7)	144 (10.2)	3 (0.2)
Headache	278 (19.7)	8 (0.6)	275 (19.5)	6 (0.4)
Abdominal pain, upper	212 (15.1)	11 (0.8)	96 (6.8)	3 (0.2)
Rash	211 (15.0)	5 (0.4)	100 (7.1)	0
Decreased appetite	170 (12.1)	3 (0.2)	40 (2.8)	0
Muscle spasms	159 (11.3)	1 (0.1)	45 (3.2)	1 (0.1)
Dizziness	146 (10.4)	3 (0.2)	128 (9.1)	3 (0.2)
Arthralgia	86 (6.1)	2 (0.1)	162 (11.5)	4 (0.3)

# Neratinib

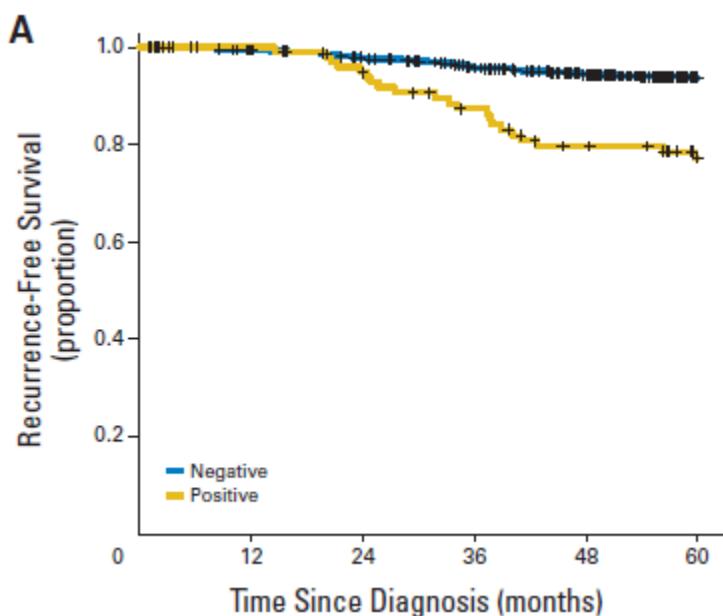
- FDA approved
  - As extended Rx in HER2+ pts after trastuzumab based Rx
- NCCN
  - “Consider” neratinib in pts w/ HR (+) dz “perceived” to be at high risk of recurrence
- Note:
  - Stage II-III (node+) → HP-based Rx (ie: AC-THP or DCbHP)
  - No data on neratinib after HP-based Rx

**Stage I HER2+**

# Outcomes for T1a/bN0 HER2+ Tumors

## MDACC Series (N=98)

HER2 status	N	5 yr RFS
HER2+	98	77.1%
HER2-	867	93.7%



## NCCN Series (N=520)

### For HR+ HER2+

5-yr DRFS

No Rx

Chemo +/-  
tras

96% vs 100%

94% vs 96%

5-yr OS

T1a

95% vs 100%

T1b

95% vs 99%

### For HR-HER2+

5-yr DRFS

T1a

93% vs 100%

T1b

94% vs 94%

5-yr OS

T1a

93% vs 100%

T1b

100% vs 95%

Vaz-Luiz et al. JCO 2014

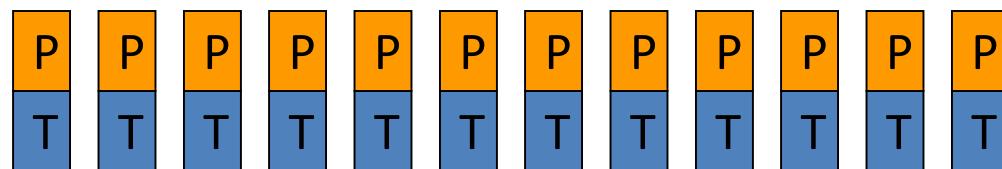
# Adjuvant Paclitaxel and Trastuzumab (APT)

**HER2+**  
**ER+ or ER-**  
**Node Negative**  
 **$\leq 3$  cm**

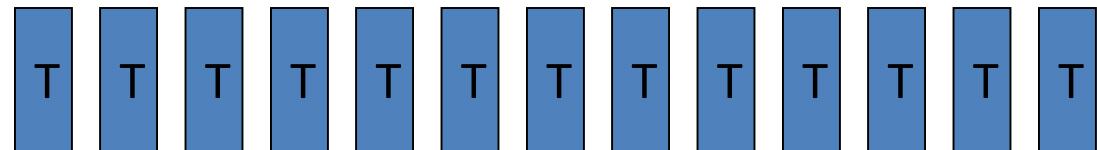
**Planned N=400**

**T1a-19%**  
**1b-31%**  
**1c-42%**  
**T2 - 9%**

**Enroll**  
→



**PACLITAXEL 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + TRASTUZUMAB 2 mg/kg x 12**



**FOLLOWED BY 13 EVERY 3 WEEK DOSES  
OF TRASTUZUMAB (6 mg/kg)\***

**\*Dosing could alternatively be 2 mg/kg IV weekly for 40 weeks**

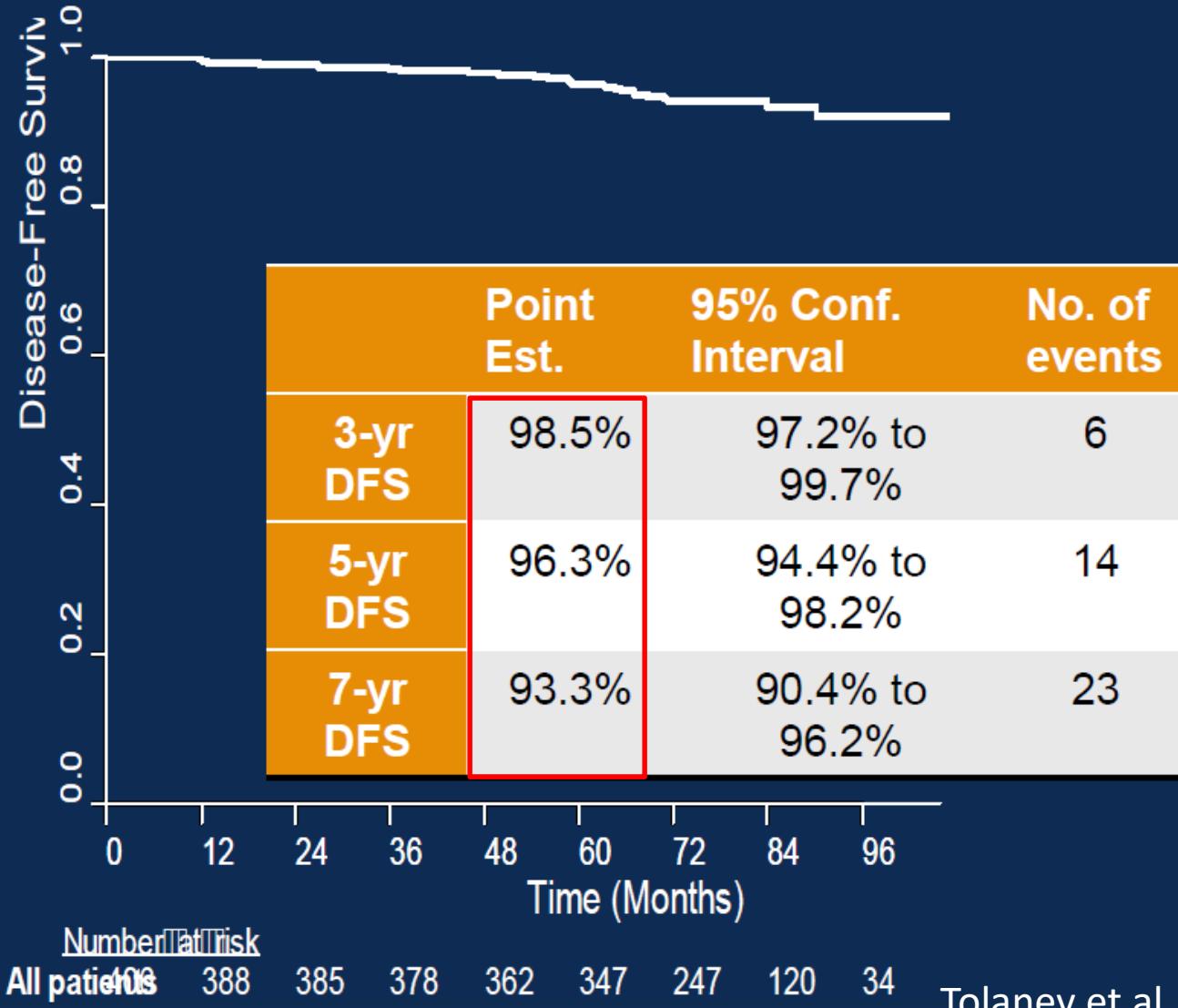
**\*\* Radiation and hormonal therapy was initiated after completion of paclitaxel**

Tolaney et al. NEJM 2015

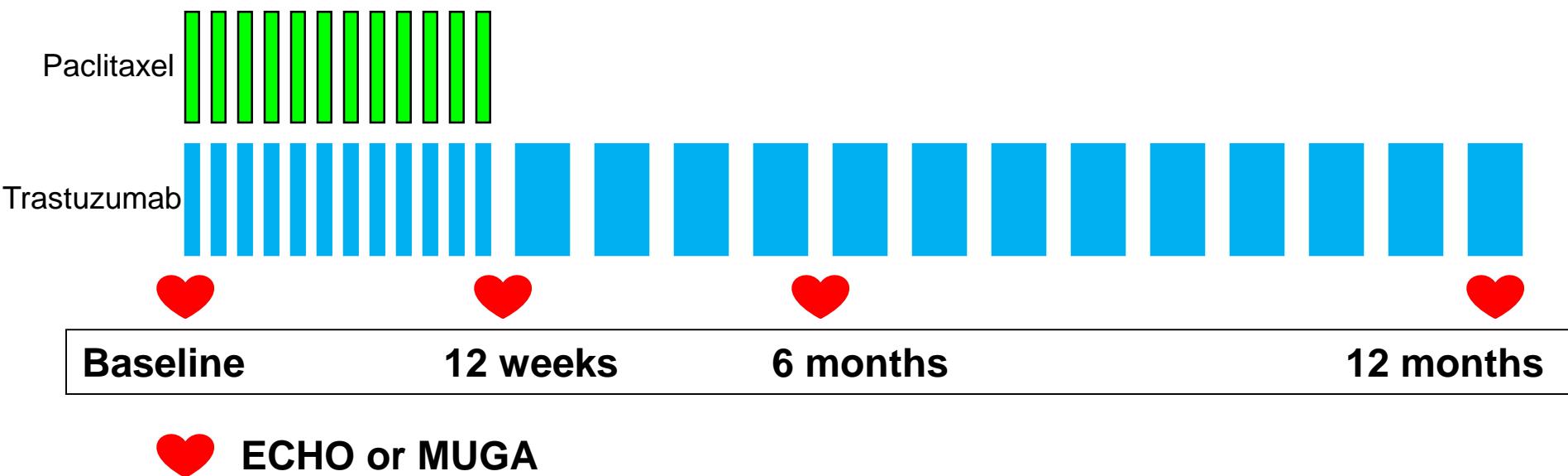
# Patient Characteristics

	N	%
<b><u>Age</u></b>		
<50	132	33
50-70	233	57
≥70	41	10
<b><u>Size of Primary Tumor</u></b>		
T1a ≤0.5 cm	77	19
T1b >0.5-≤1.0	124	31
T1c >1.0-≤2.0	169	42
T2 >2.0-≤3.0	36	9
		} 50%
		} 50%
<b><u>Histologic Grade</u></b>		
I Well differentiated	44	11
II Moderately differentiated	131	32
III Poorly differentiated	228	56
<b><u>HR Status (ER and/or PR)</u></b>		
Positive	272	67
Negative	134	33

# Disease-Free Survival



# Non-Anthracycline + Trastuzumab Cardiac Toxicity



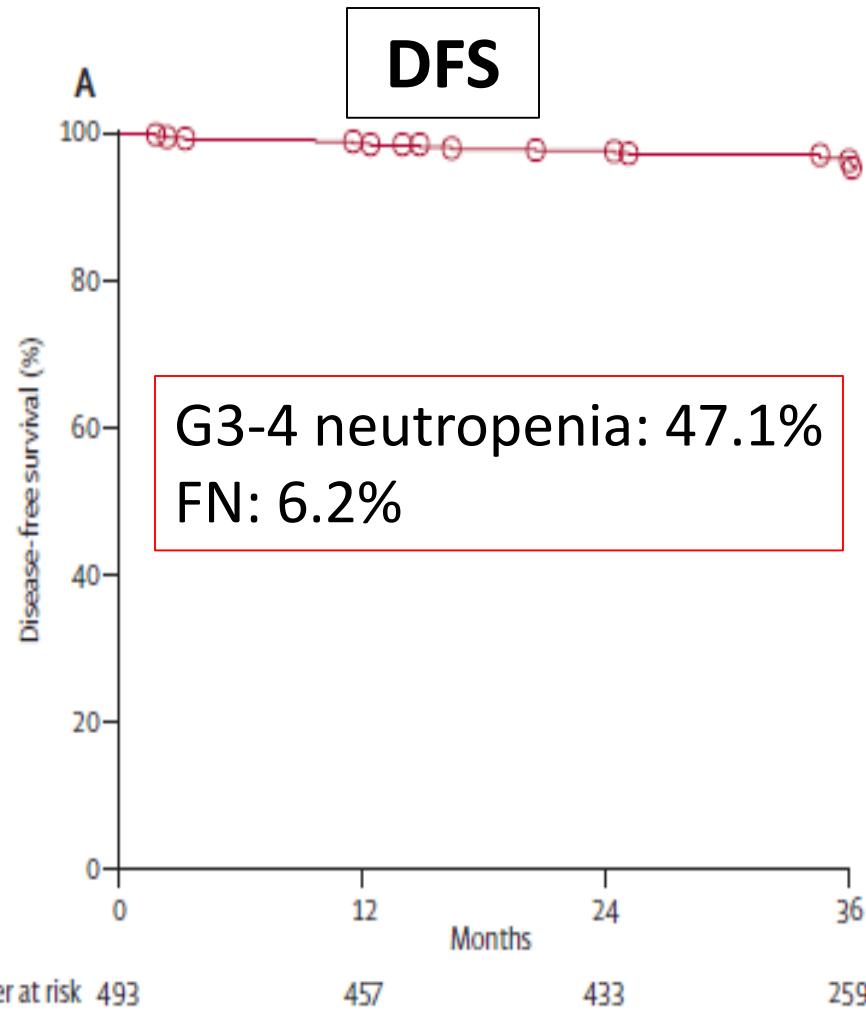
Cardiac event	N	% (95% CI)
Symptomatic Congestive Heart Failure*	2	0.5 (0.1-18)
Asymptomatic Declines in LVEF**	13	3.2 (1.7-5.4)

\*Both patients had normalization of LVEF after discontinuation of trastuzumab

\*\*11 of 13 were able to resume trastuzumab therapy after an interruption of trastuzumab

# Phase II Study of Docetaxel, Cyclophosphamide, and Trastuzumab

- N = 493, med FU of 3 yrs
- Node Status
  - Node (-): 79.3%
  - Node (+): 20.7%
- Stage: I (57.6%), II (41.2%)  
III (1.2%)
- Outcomes:
  - 2 year DFS: 97.8%
  - 3 year DFS: 96.9%
    - Node (-): 97.8%
    - Node (+): 93.5%
- Symptomatic heart failure:  
0.4%



# Putting it together

- Node (+)
  - Stage 2-3 → HP-based (ie: ddAC-THP or DCbHP)
  - No data on neratinib after HP (cost, QOL)
- Node (-)
  - Stage 2-3 → HP-based ( $\geq T2$ ) ?
    - No significant benefit of HP in node (-) tumors in APHINITY
    - If pts have received H-based Rx (ie: ddAC-TH, DCbH), can consider neratinib (ie: in HR+ pts)
  - Stage 1 → TH (T1, N1mi) or DCH
    - Pts in APT did well with TH alone

A=doxorubicin, C=cyclophosphamide, T=paclitaxel, D=docetaxel,  
Cb=carboplatin, H=trastuzumab, P=pertuzumab

# NCCN

## HER2 (+)

- Node (-) or N1mi:
  - $\leq$  0.5 cm: “Consider” Chemo + trastuzumab
  - $\leq$  0.5 cm N1mi: “Consider” Chemo + trastuzumab
  - $\geq$  0.6 - 1.0 cm: “Consider” Chemo + trastuzumab
  - $>$  1.0 cm: Chemo + trastuzumab
- Node (+): Chemo + trastuzumab

Add endocrine Rx hormone receptor (+) disease

# NCCN HER2-Positive (Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant)

- Preferred

- AC → TH+/-P
- DCbH+/-P
- TH

- Other

- AC → DH+/-P
- DCH

## Stage II-III

- AC → TH+/-P
- DCbH+/-P

(Consider neratinib in pts w/ HR+ “perceived” to have high-risk of recurrence after trastuzumab; no data after HP)

## Stage I

- TH
- DCH

# Summary

## Anti-HER2 Rx

- Neoadjuvant
  - Downstage tumor and/or axilla (ie: Stage II-III)
  - Same Rx as adjuvant
- Stage II-III HER2 (+)
  - Chemo + HP (ie: LN+)
    - ie: AC → THP, DCbHP
    - no data on neratinib after HP
  - Chemo + H (no P), consider neratinib in pts w/ HR+ disease “perceived” to be high-risk
- Stage I HER2 (+)
  - Taxane + trastuzumab (ie: TH or DCH)



**Thank You!**