

# Antibody Drug Conjugates to Enhance Anti-Tumor Immune Response

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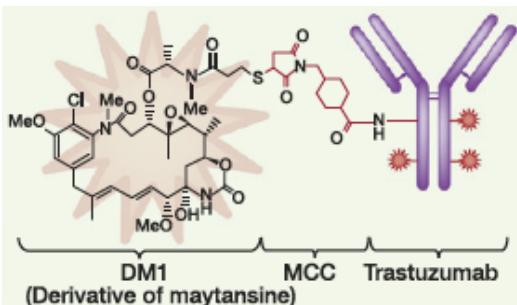
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# Current Landscape of ADCs in Breast Cancer

## Trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)

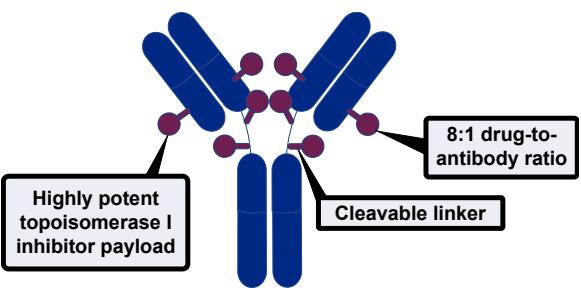
HER2-directed ADC



Previously treated metastatic  
or post-neoadjuvant early  
**HER2+** breast cancer

## Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)

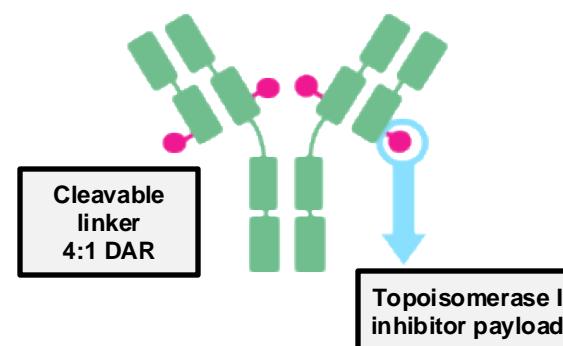
HER2-directed ADC



Previously treated unresectable  
or metastatic **HER2+** or  
**HER2-low/ultra-low** breast cancer

## Datopotamab deruxtecan (Dato-DXd)

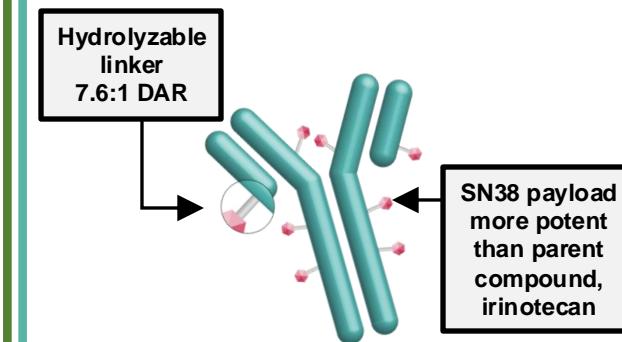
TROP2-directed ADC



Previously treated unresectable  
or metastatic **HR+/HER2-**  
breast cancer

## Sacituzumab govitecan (SG)

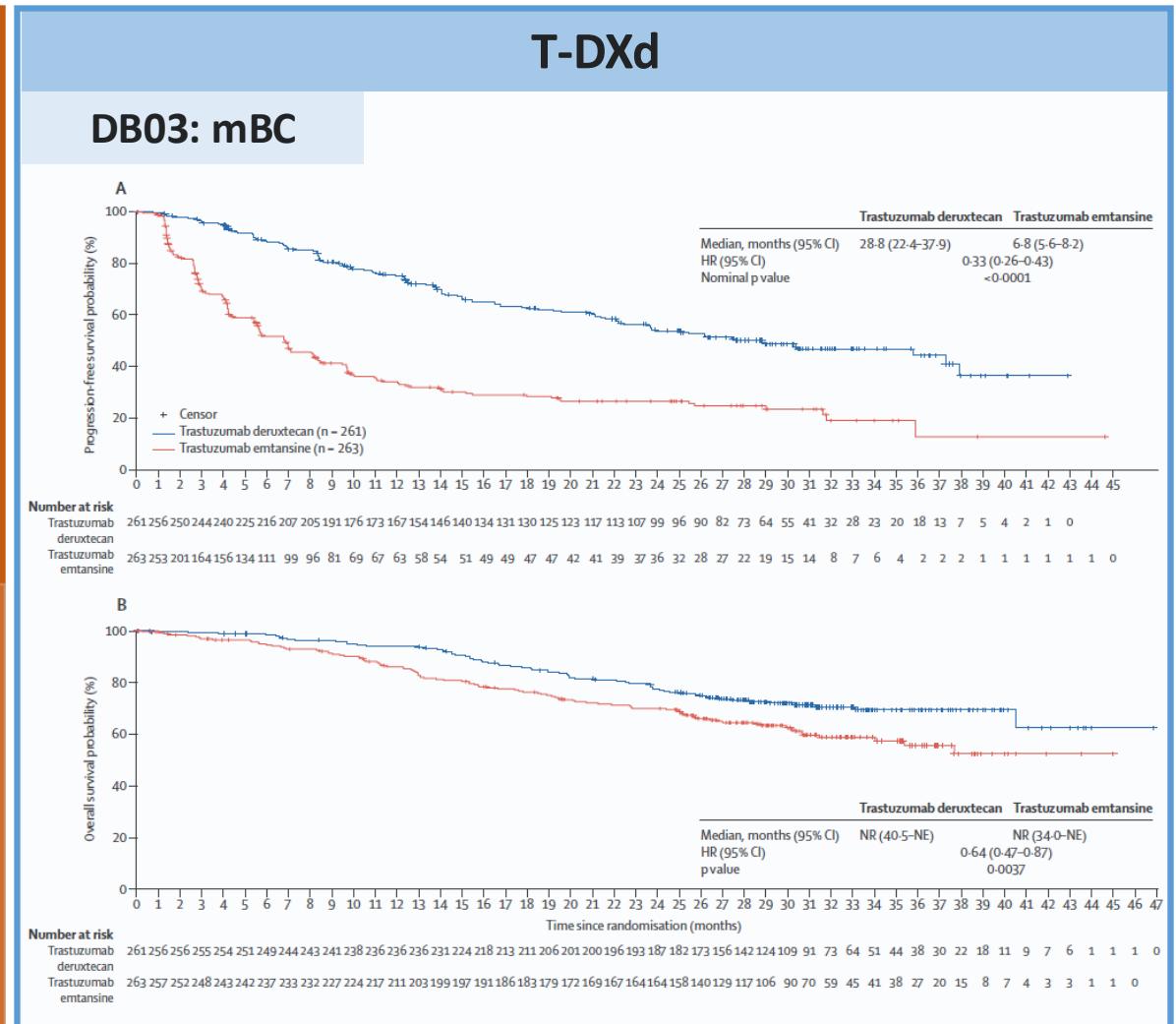
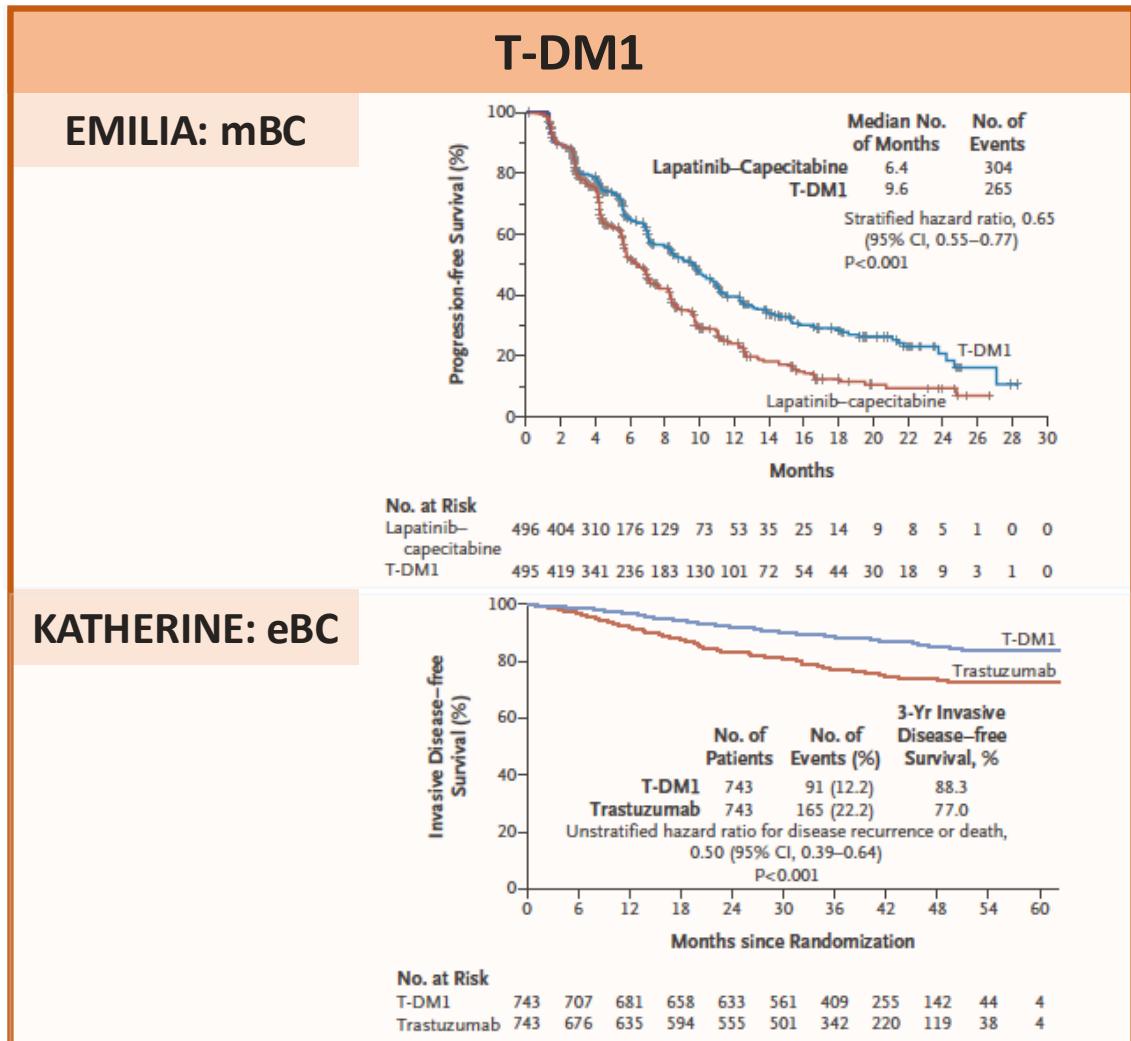
TROP2-directed ADC



Previously treated unresectable  
or metastatic **TNBC** or **HR+/HER2-**  
breast cancer

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# ADCs in HER2-positive Breast Cancer

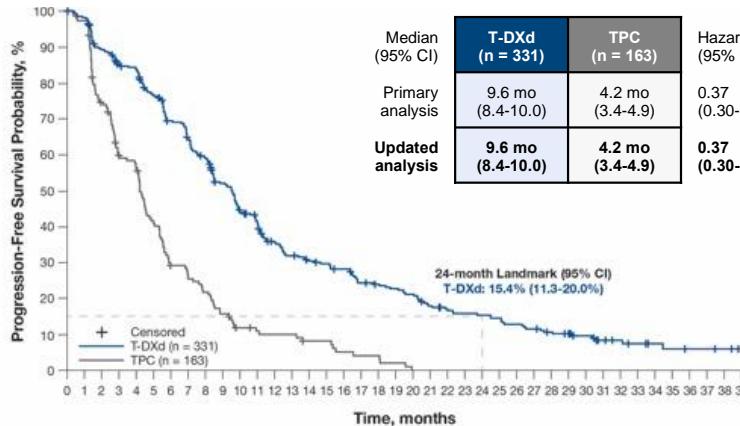


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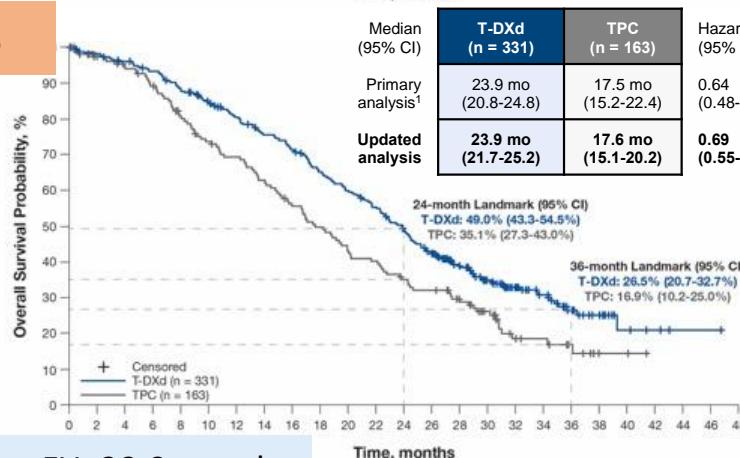
# DB04: T-DXd vs TPC for HER2-low MBC After Chemotherapy

PFS

## Hormone Receptor-positive (n=494)

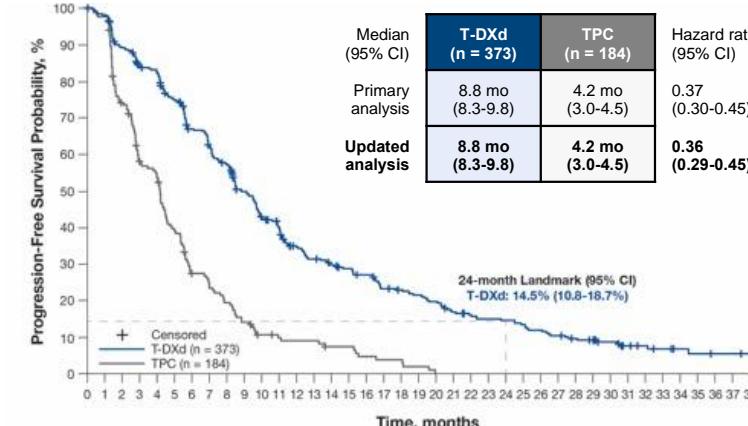


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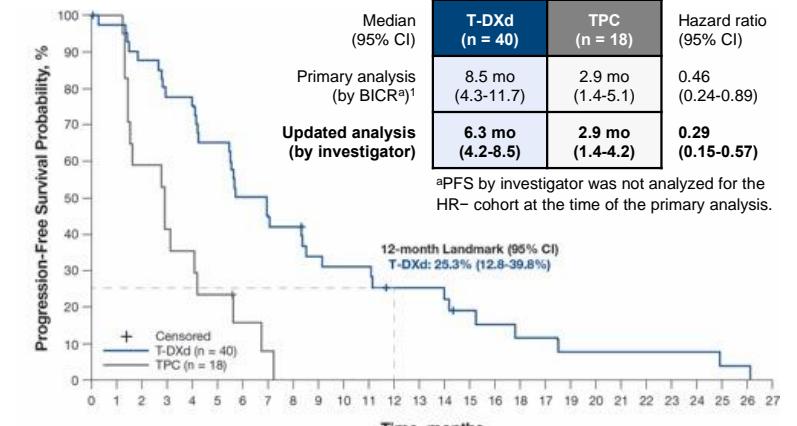


Median FU: 32.0 months

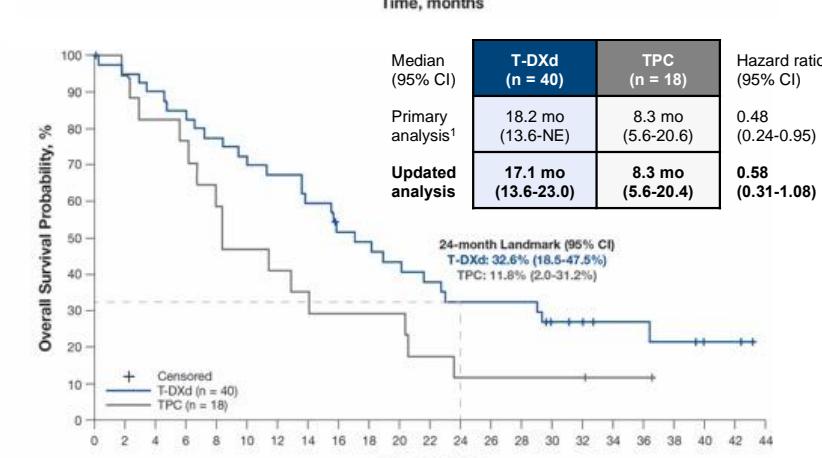
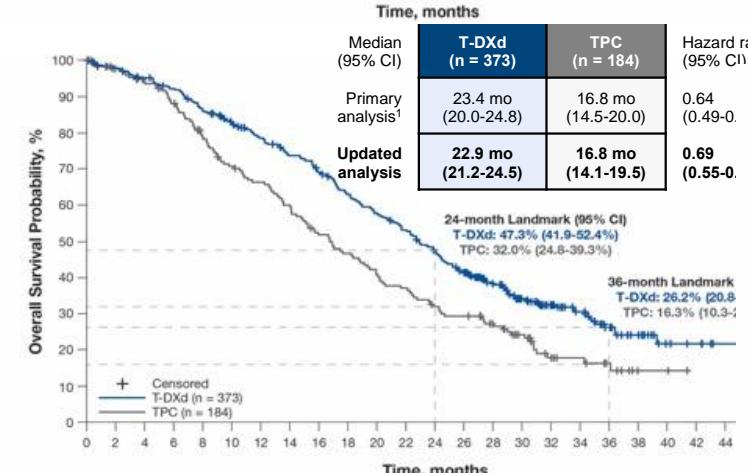
## ALL Patients (n=557)



## Hormone Receptor-negative (n=58)



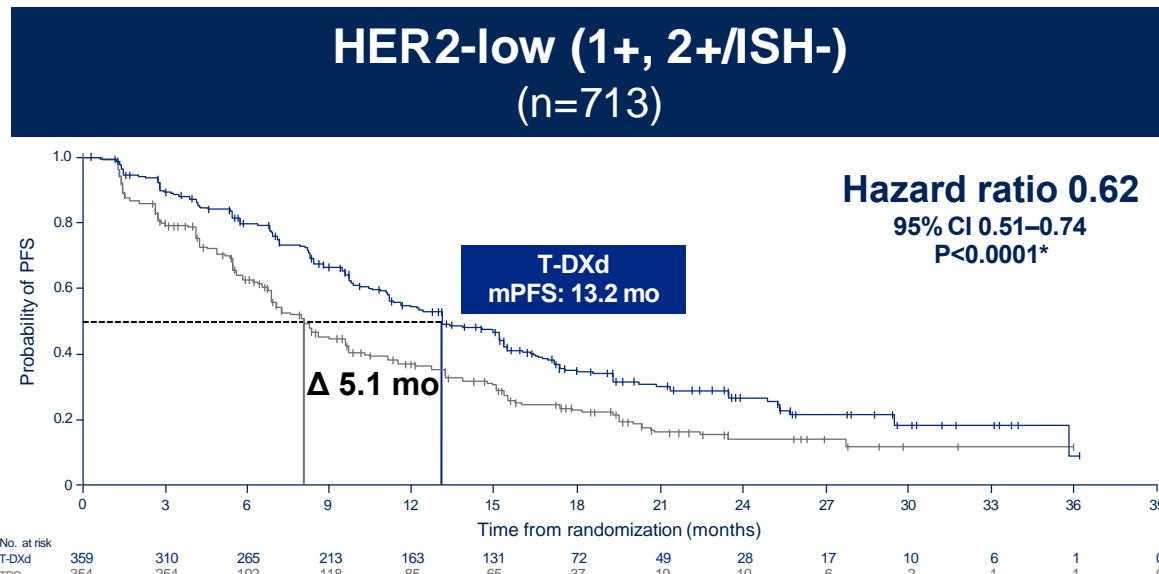
<sup>a</sup>PFS by investigator was not analyzed for the HR- cohort at the time of the primary analysis.



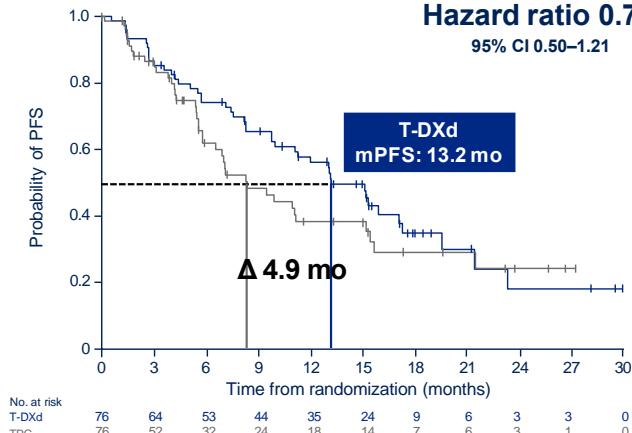
Modi S et al. ESMO 2023.

# DB06: T-DXd for HER2-low/ultra-low Endocrine-Refractory MBC

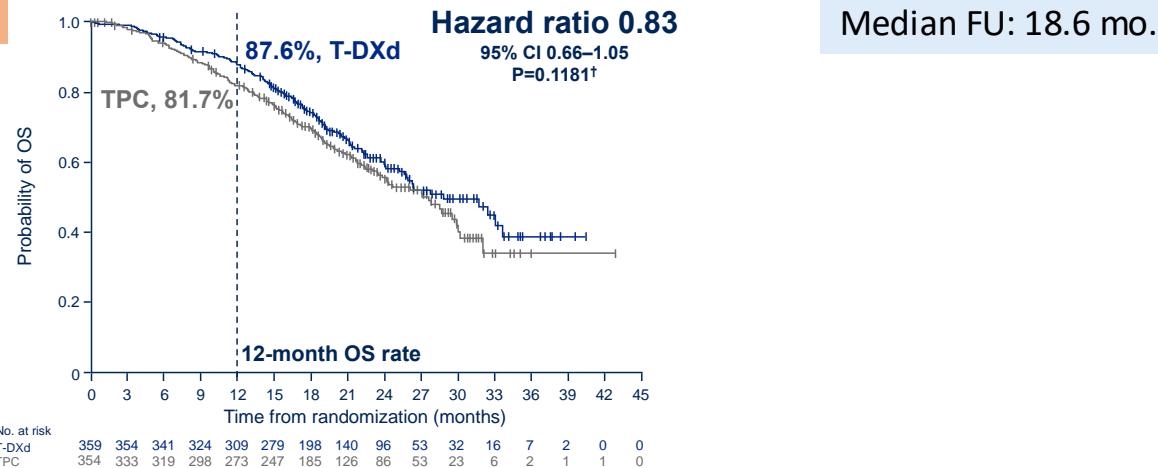
PFS



**HER2 ultra-low (>0 <1+)**  
(n=152)

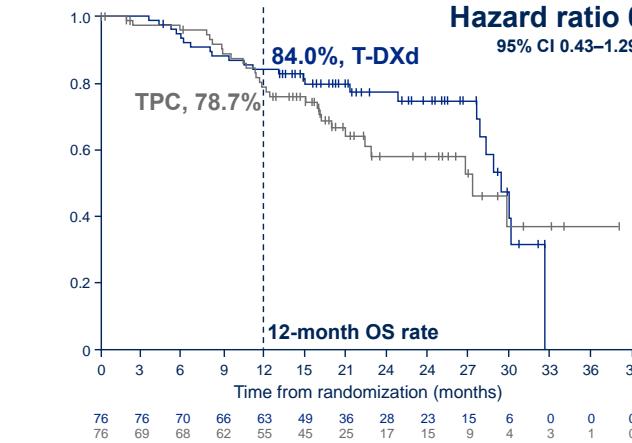


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**Hazard ratio 0.75**  
95% CI 0.43–1.29

**Median FU: 16.8 mo.**

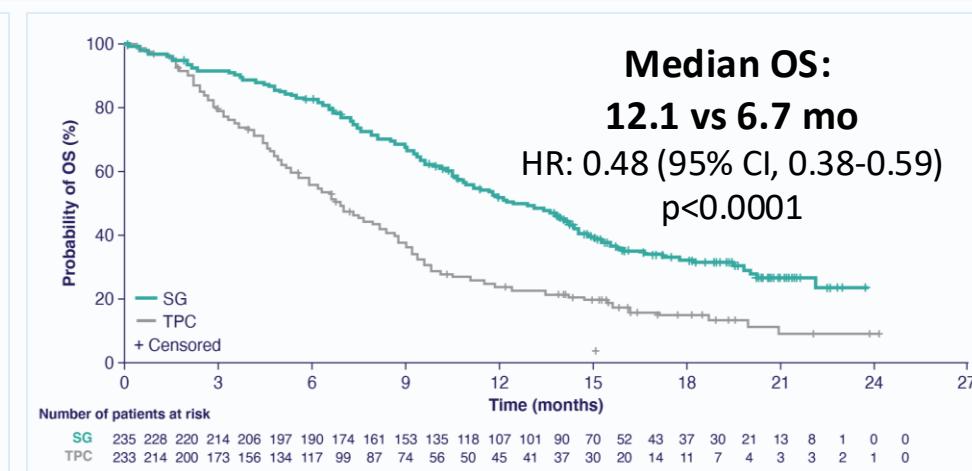
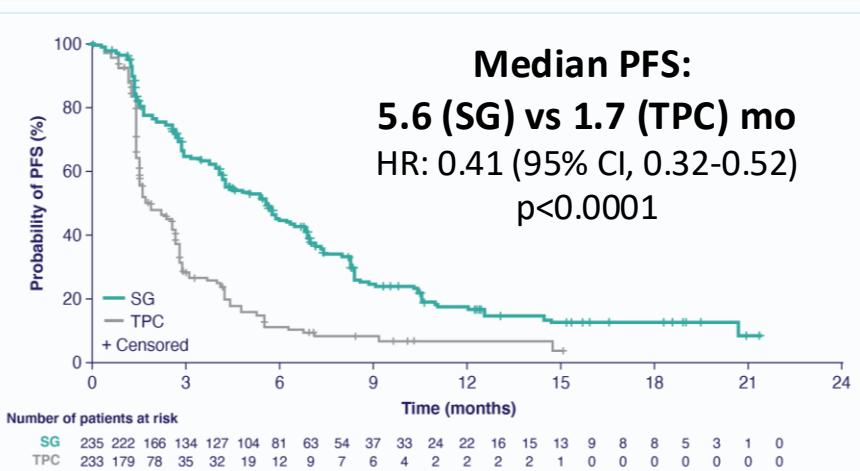


Curigliano G et al. ASCO 2024; Bardia A et al. N Engl J Med. 2024;391:2110-22.

# Sacituzumab govitecan for HER2-negative MBC

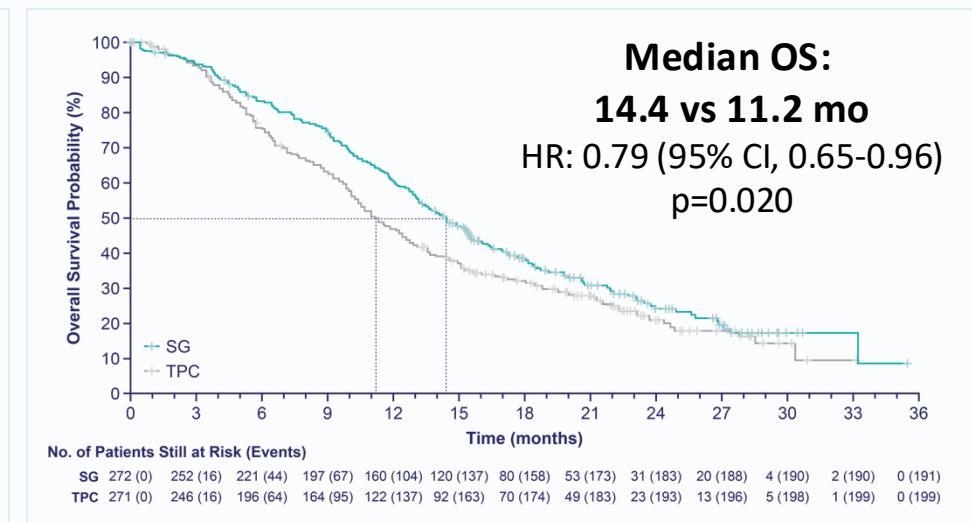
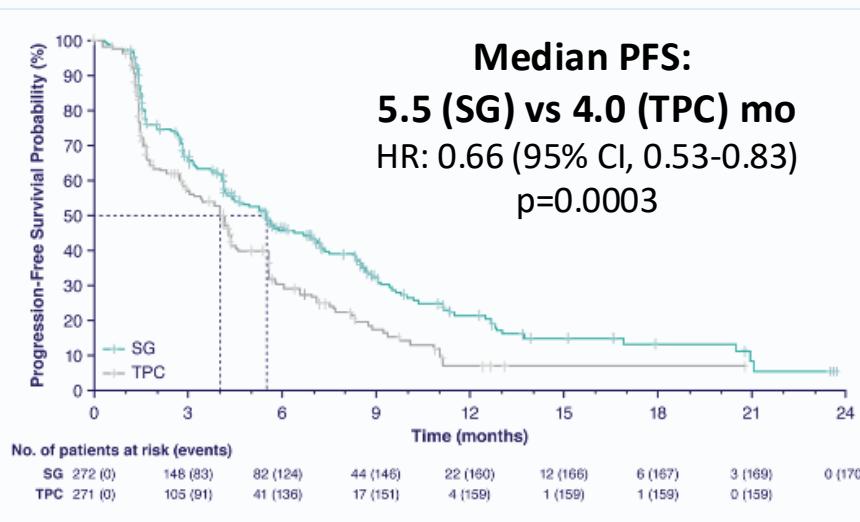
**ASCENT**  
TNBC  
(n=468)

**ORR: 35% vs. 5%**  
 $p<0.0001$



**TROPiCS-02**  
HR+/HER2-  
(n=543)

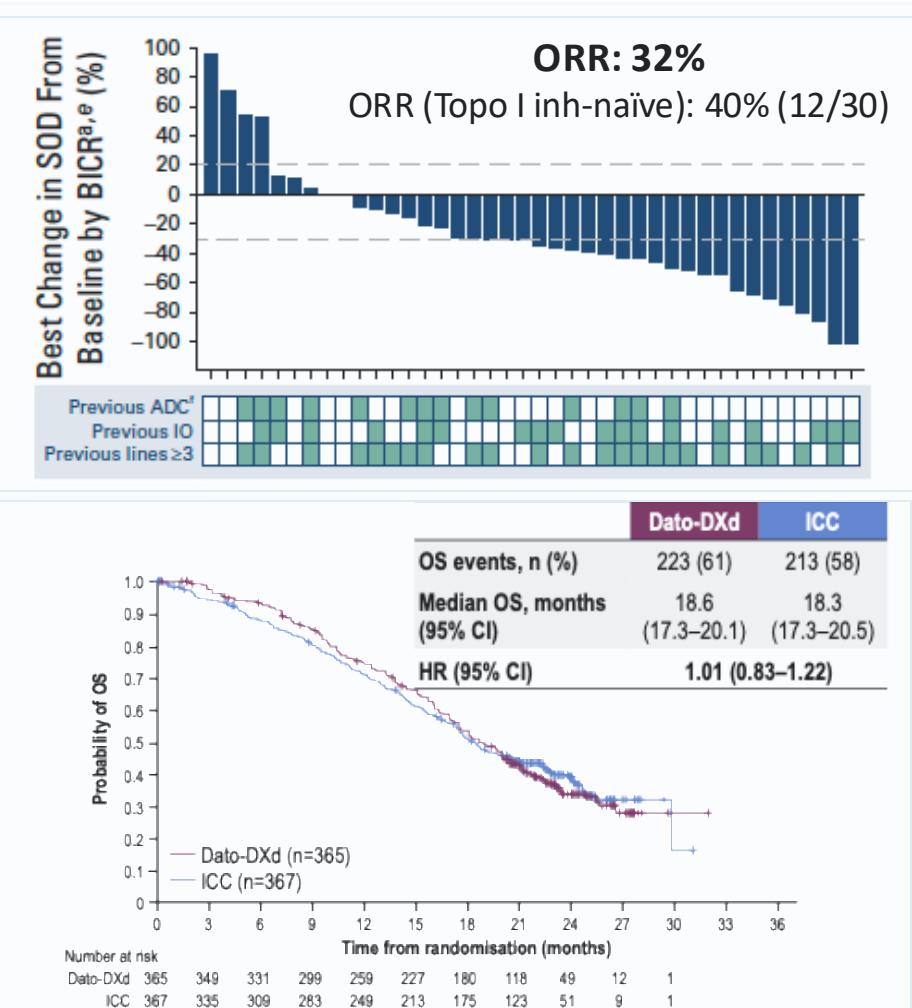
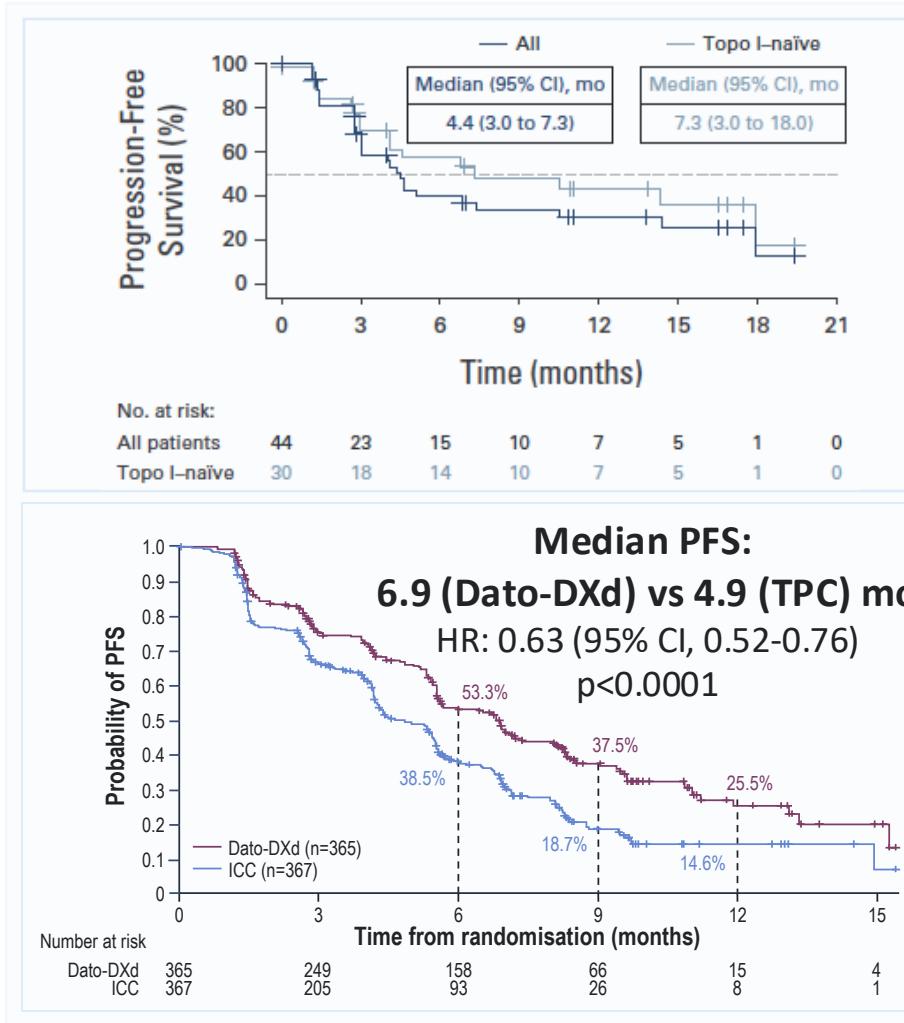
**ORR: 21% vs. 14%**  
 $p=0.03$



Bardia A et al. ESMO 2020; Rugo H et al. ASCO 2022; Rugo H et al. ESMO 2022.

# Datopotamab deruxtecan for HER2-negative MBC

**TROPION-  
PanTumor01**  
TNBC (n=44)

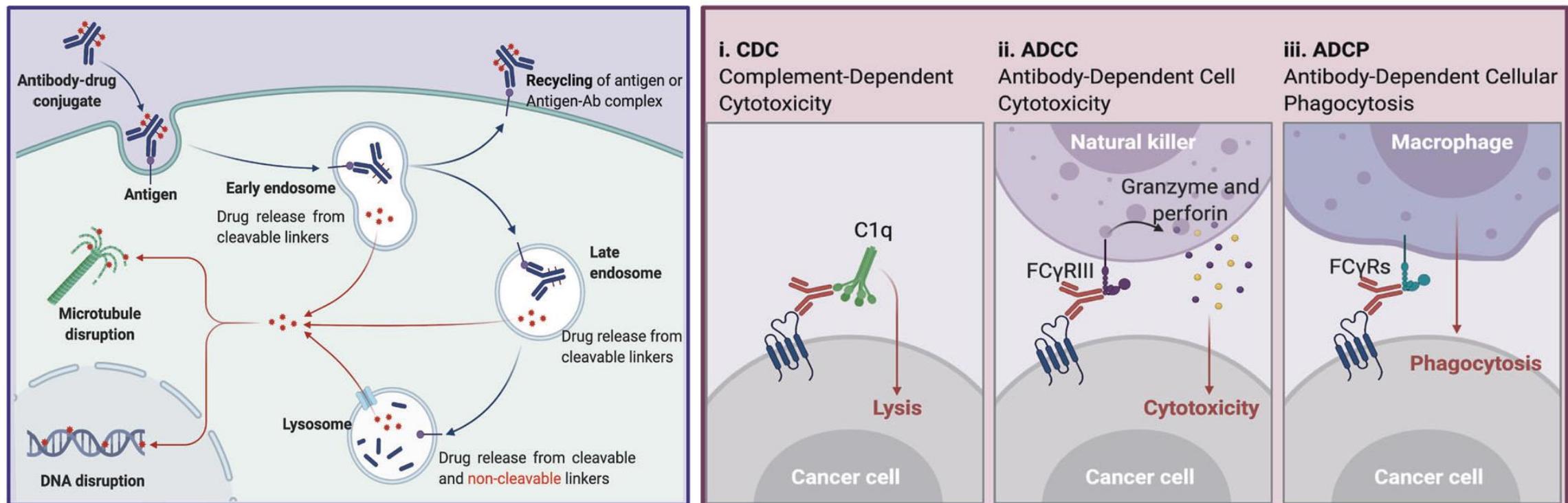


Bardia A et al. J Clin Oncol. 2024;42(19):2281-94; Bardia A et al. Ann Oncol. 2023;34(suppl\_2):S1254-S1335; Bardia A et al. J Clin Oncol. 2024;43(3):285-96; Pistilli B et al. ESMO VP1-2025. doi:10.1016/j.annonc.2025.01.009.

# ADCs in Breast Cancer

	Trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)	Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)	Trastuzumab duocarmazine (SYD985)	Disitamab vedotin (RC48-ADC)	Sacituzumab govitecan (SG)	Datopotomab deruxtecan (Dato-DXd)	Sacituzumab tirumotecan (MK-2870)	Patritumab deruxtecan (U3-1402)	Enfortumab vedotin (EV)
Target	HER2	HER2	HER2	HER2	TROP2	TROP2	TROP2	HER3	Nectin-4
Payload	Microtubule inhibitor (DM1)	Topo I inhibitor (DXd)	DNA alkylation (duocarmazine)	Microtubule inhibitor (MMAE)	Topo I inhibitor (SN38)	Topo I inhibitor (DXd)	Topo I inhibitor (KL610023)	Topo I inhibitor (DXd)	Microtubule inhibitor (MMAE)
Linker cleavage	No	Enzymatic (peptidase)	Enzymatic (peptidase)	Enzymatic (peptidase)	Enzymatic and pH-dependent	Enzymatic (peptidase)	Enzymatic and pH-dependent	Enzymatic (peptidase)	Enzymatic (peptidase)
Bystander effect	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DAR	3.5	~8	~2.8	4	7.6	4	7.4	7.8	3.8
Dosing	D1 (Q3W)	D1 (Q3W)	D1 (Q3W)	D1 (Q2W)	D1, D8 (Q3W)	D1 (Q3W)	D1 (Q2W)	D1 (Q3W)	D1, D8, D15 (Q4W)

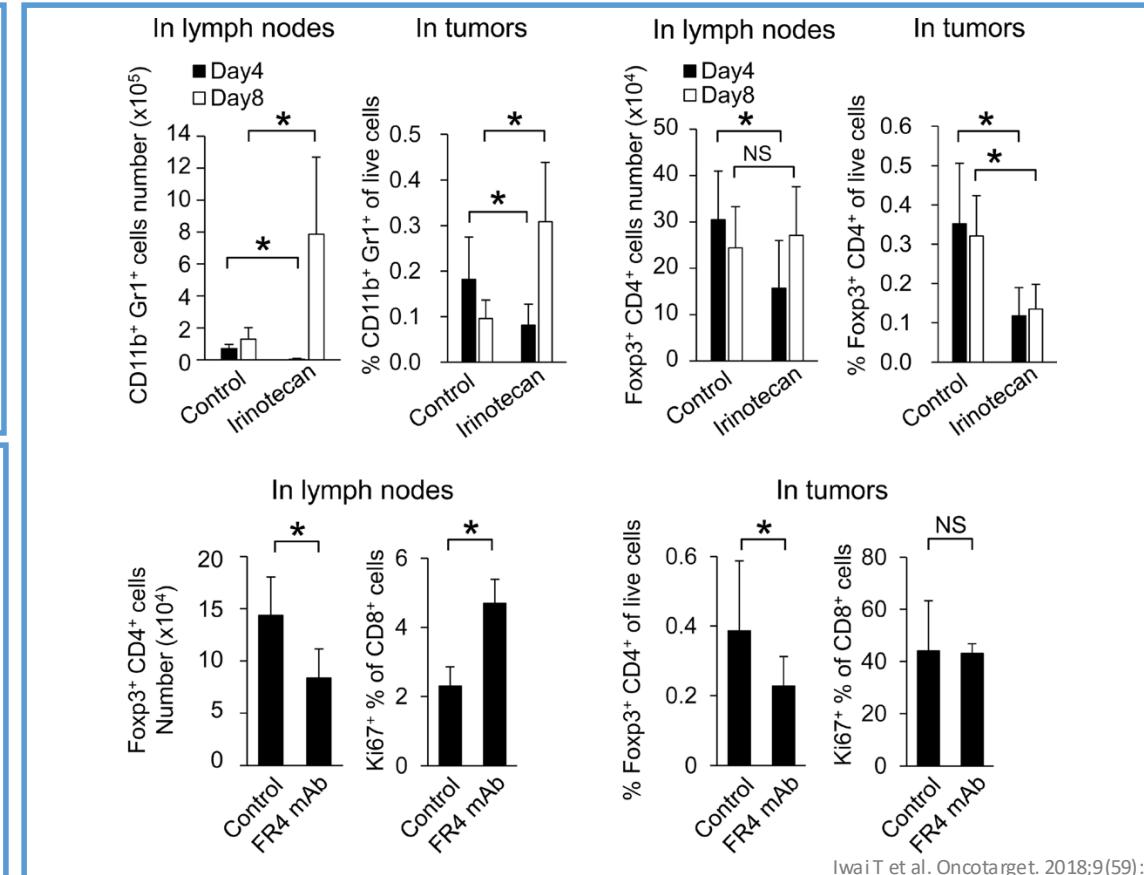
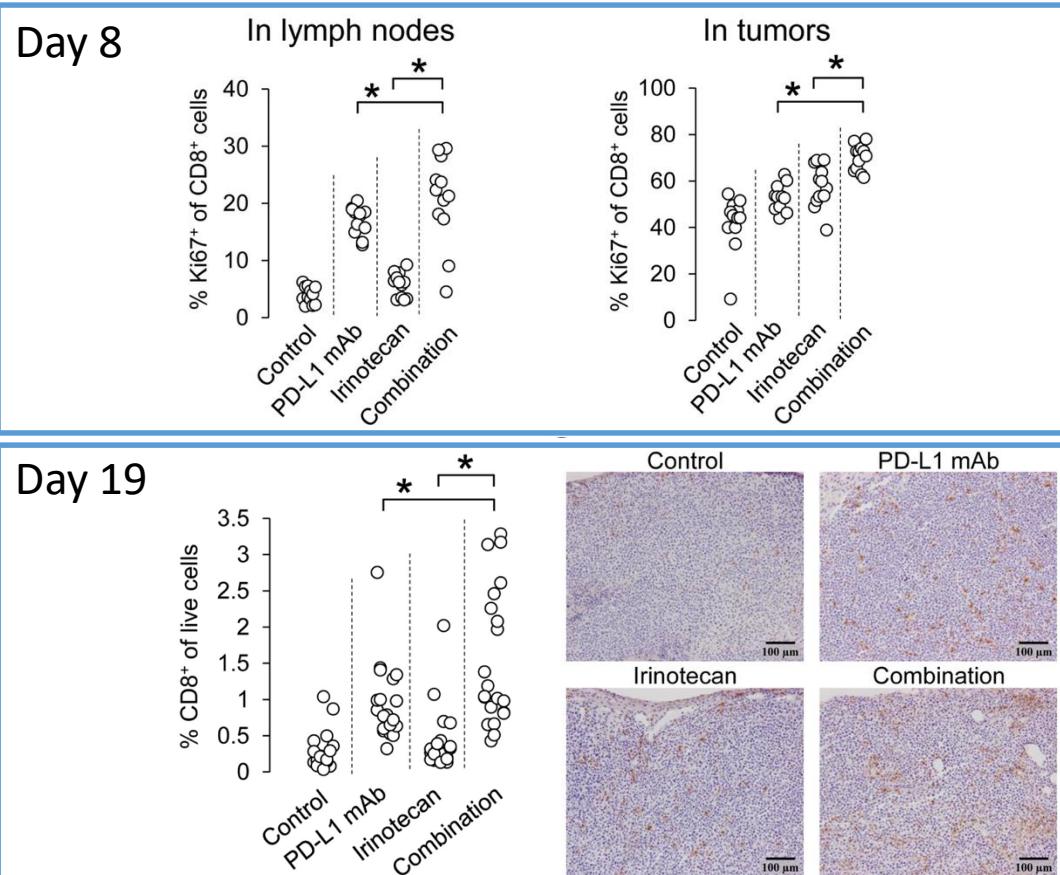
# ADC Engagement with Immune Effector Cells to Elicit Antitumor Immunity



Fu Z et al. Sig Transduct Target Ther 2022;7(93). doi.org/10.1038/s41392-022-00947-7.

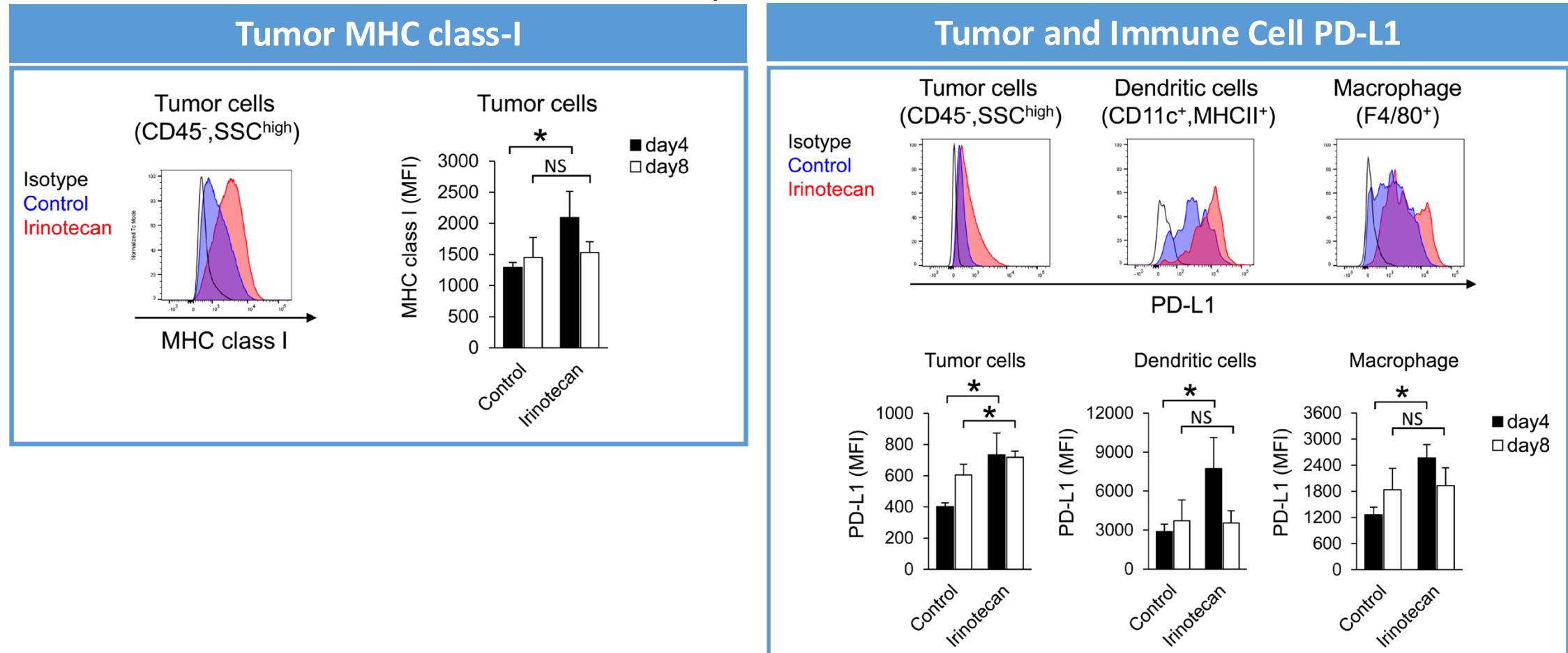
# Topo-I Inhibition Depletes T-reg and Upregulates MHC class-I and PD-L1 Expression

## Increased CD8+ T-cell proliferation through depletion of T-reg



Iwai T et al. Oncotarget. 2018;9(59):31411-21.

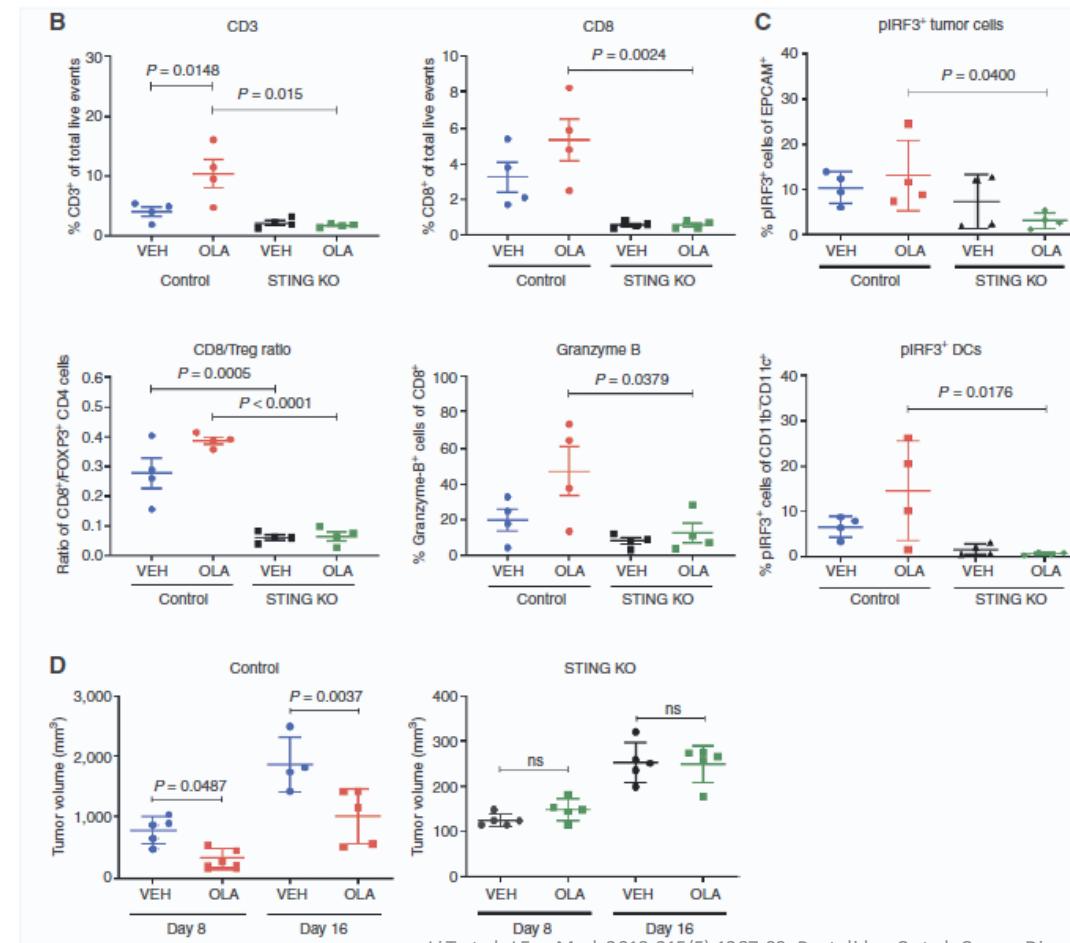
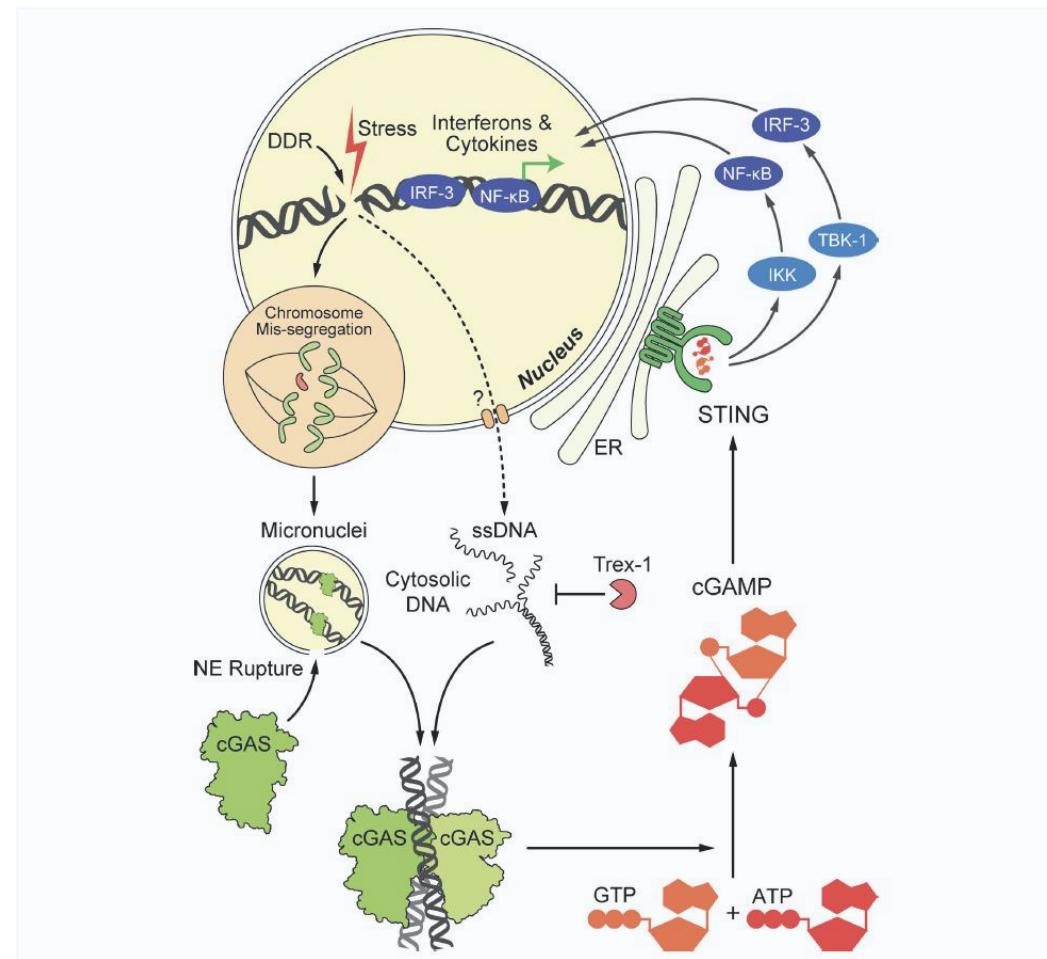
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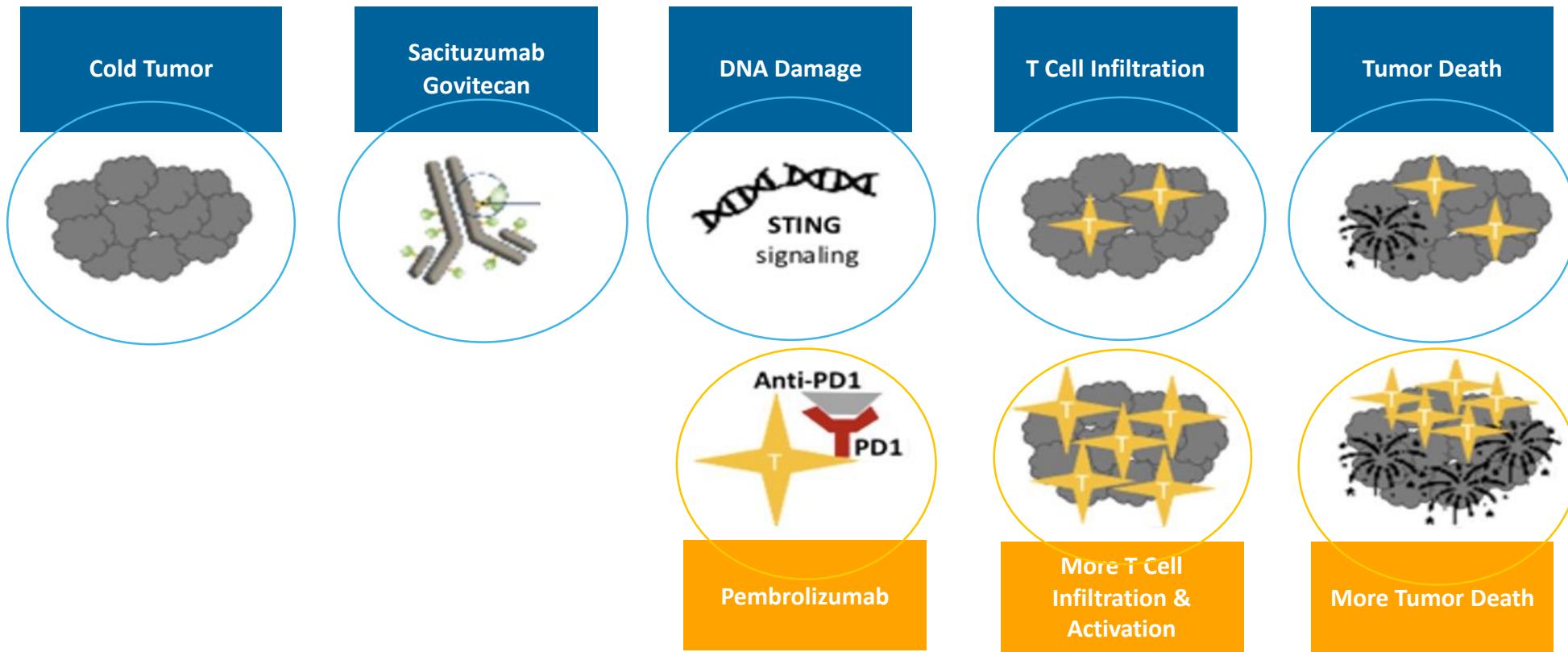
# DNA Damage Induces cGAS-STING Pathway Activation

Intratumoral STING depletion abolishes PARPi-induced T-cell recruitment and antitumor efficacy



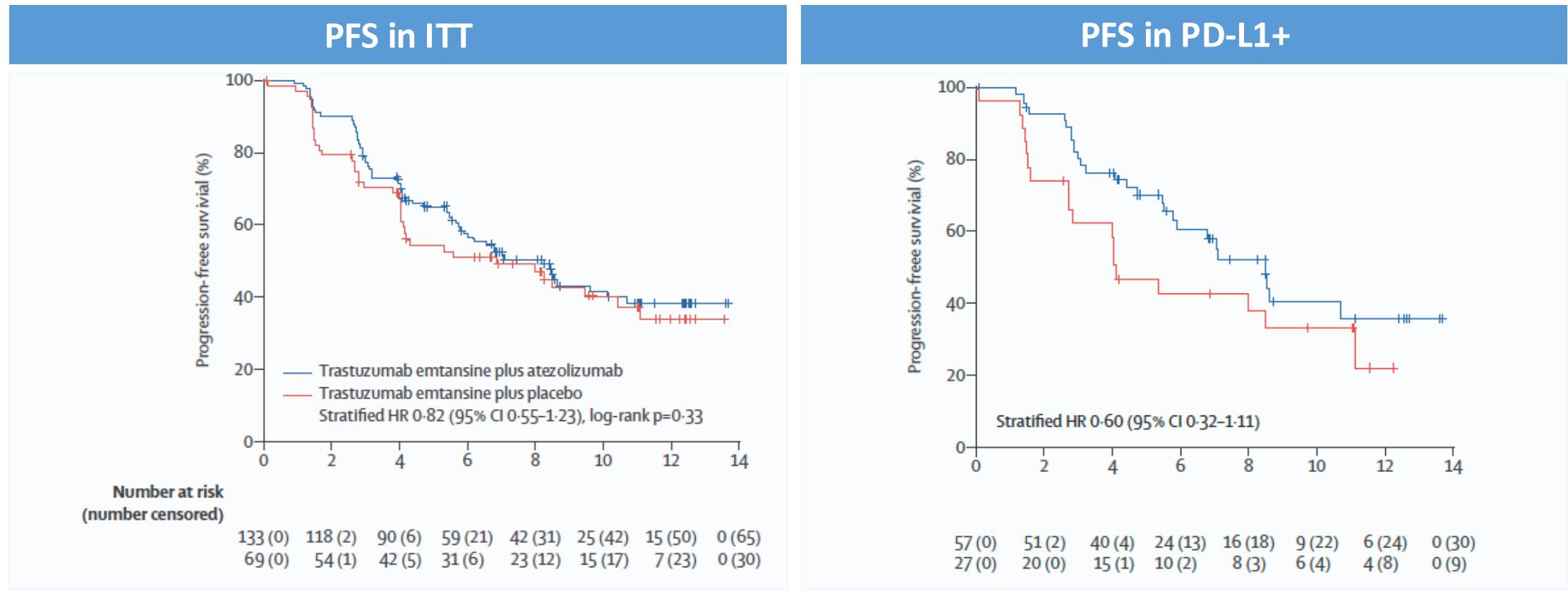
Li T et al. J Exp Med. 2018;215(5):1287-99; Pantelidou C et al. Cancer Discov. 2019;9(6):722-37.

# Hypothesis: TOPi ADC Synergize with ICI via DNA Damage-Induced T-cell Recruitment + Restoration of Effector Function



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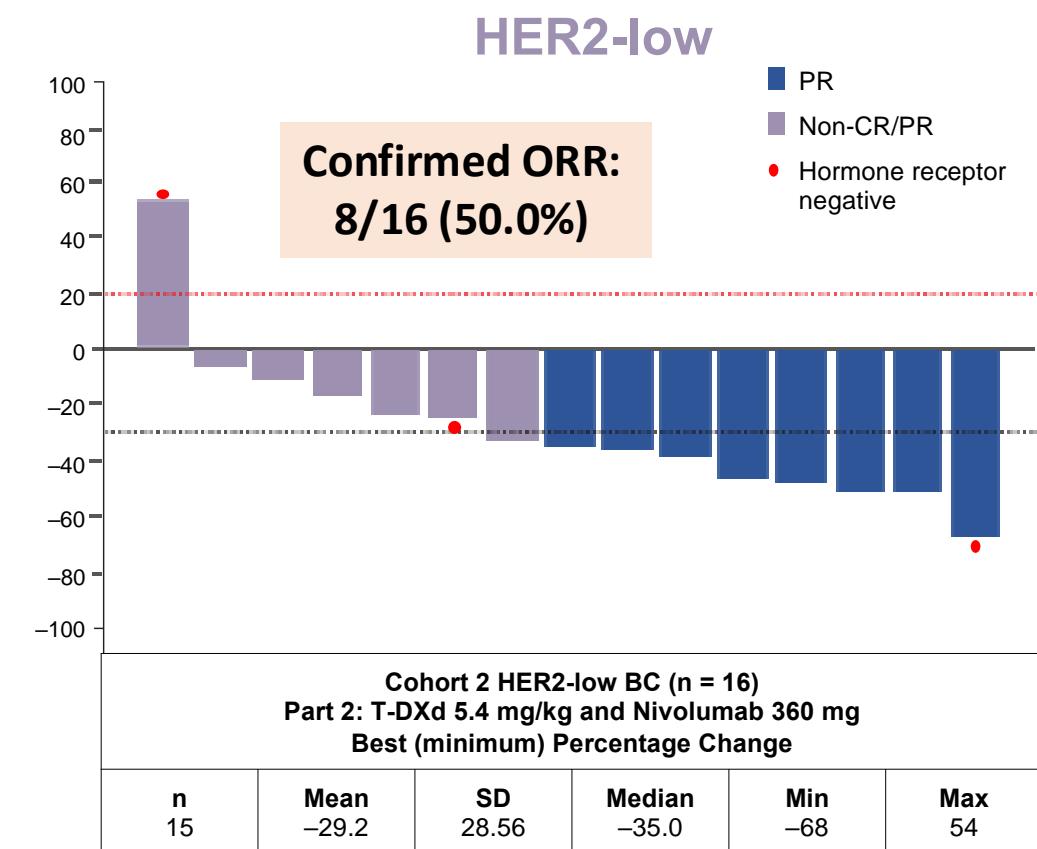
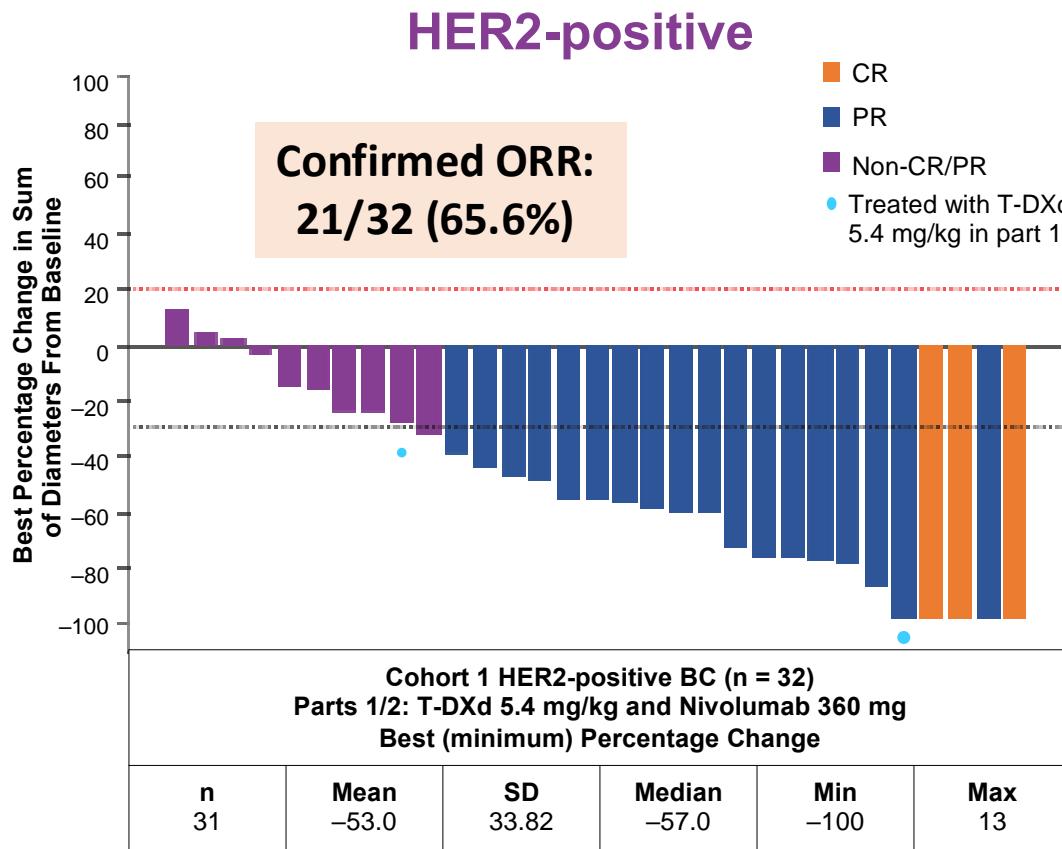
# KATE-2: T-DM1 + Atezolizumab for HER2+ MBC



In the PD-L1+ subgroup, 1-year OS rate was numerically higher in T-DM1 + atezolizumab (94.3%) vs T-DM1 + placebo arm (87.9%); in PD-L1-, 85.1% vs. 89.7%

Emens L et al. ESMO 2019; Emens LA et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21:1283-95.

# DS8201-A-U105: T-DXd + Nivolumab

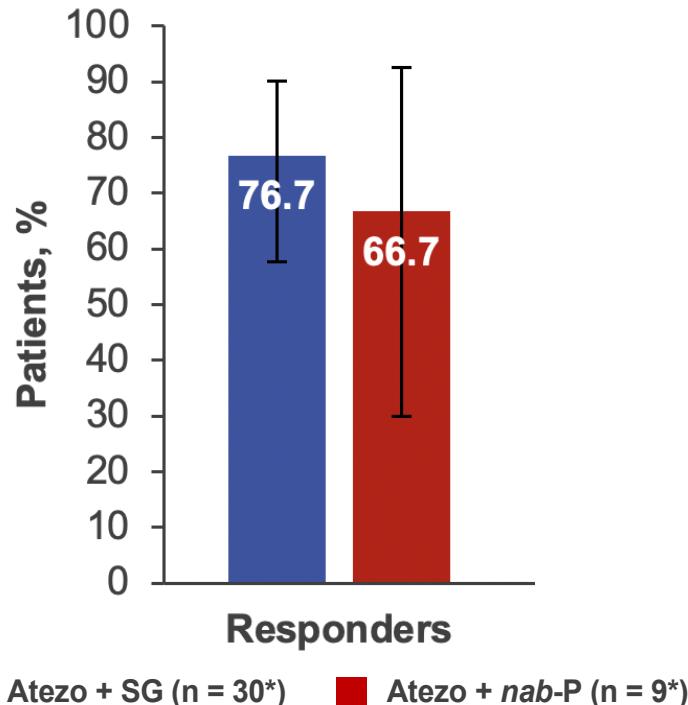


Hamilton E. et al. ESMO Breast 2022.

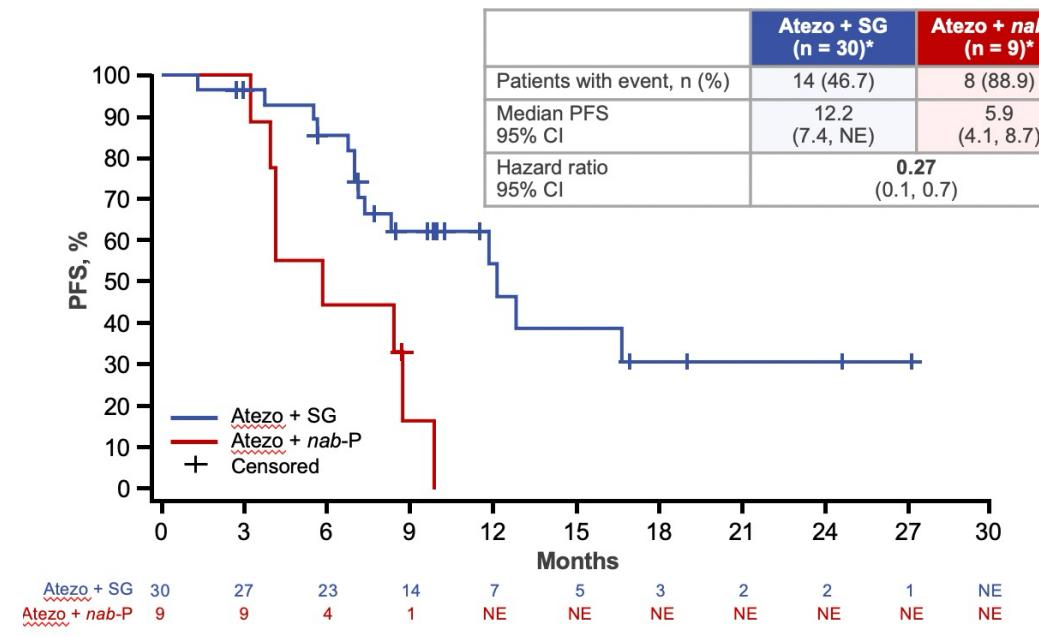
# MORPHEUS: Topo I-inhibitor ADC + ICI in 1L mTNBC

## SG + Atezolizumab in 1L PD-L1+ mTNBC

Confirmed ORR = 76.7% (17% CR)



Median PFS: 12.2 mo

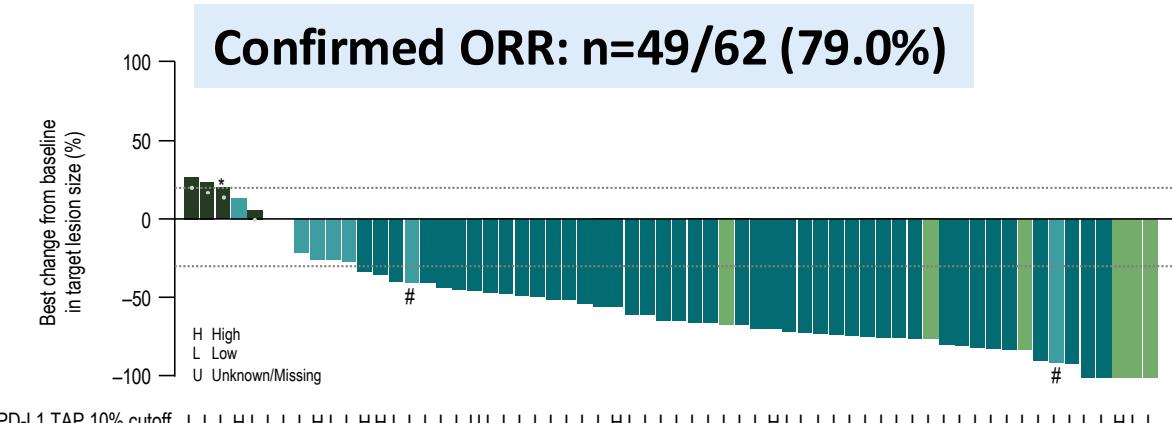


PFS data were immature at this analysis

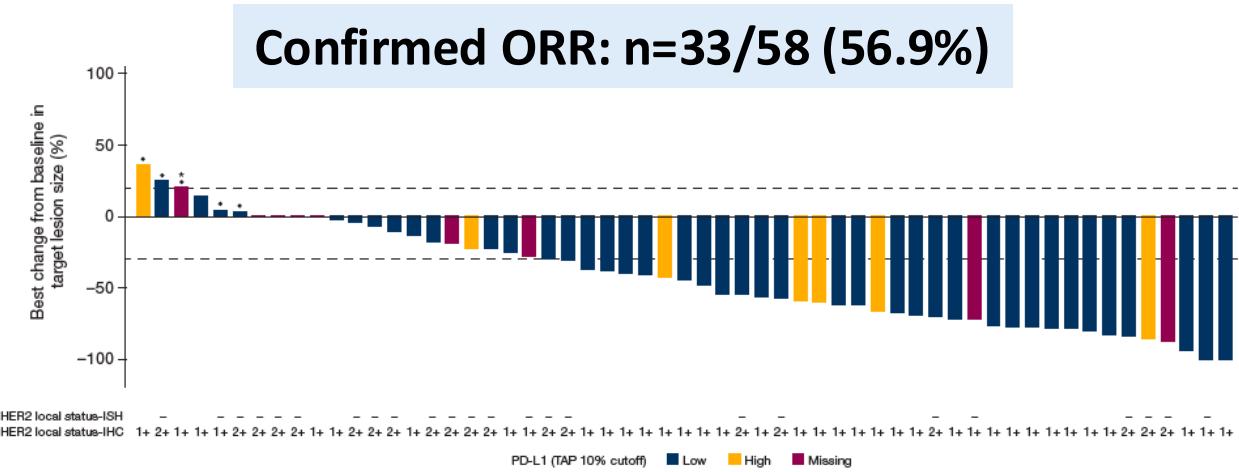
Schmid P et al. ESMO Breast 2024.

# BEGONIA: Topo I-inhibitor ADC + ICI in 1L mTNBC

## Dato-DXd + Durvalumab in mTNBC



## T-DXd + Durvalumab in HER2-low mTNBC



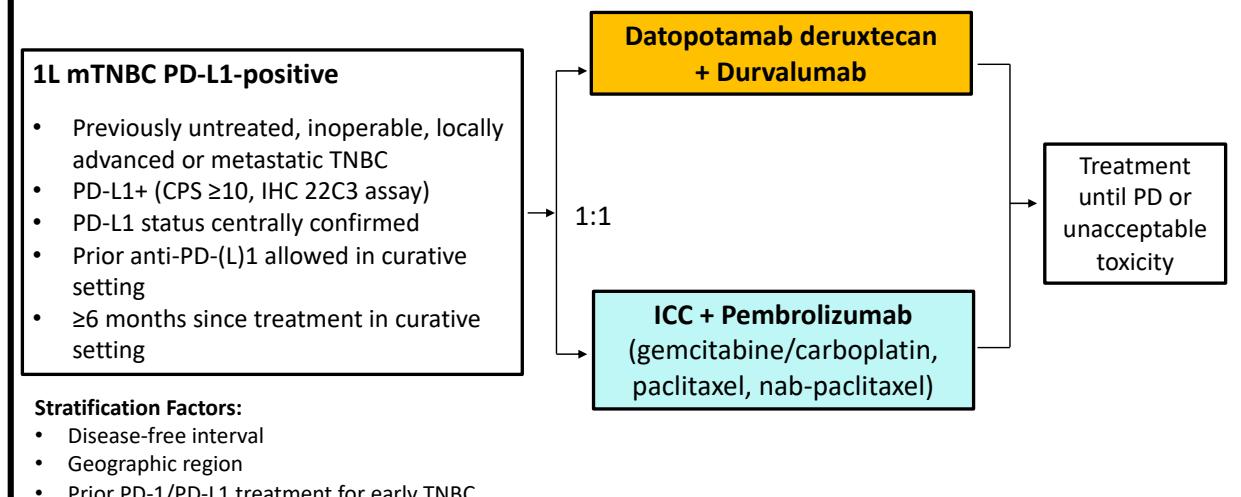
- Responses observed regardless of PD-L1
- No DLTs
- TRAE ILD/pneumonitis: G1, n=1; G2, n=2
- Stomatitis: most common AE leading to dose reduction (n=11)

- Responses regardless of PD-L1 or HER2-low category
- No DLTs
- TRAE ILD/pneumonitis: G1, n=3; G2, n=3; G3, n=1, G5, n=1 (COVID-associated pneumonitis)

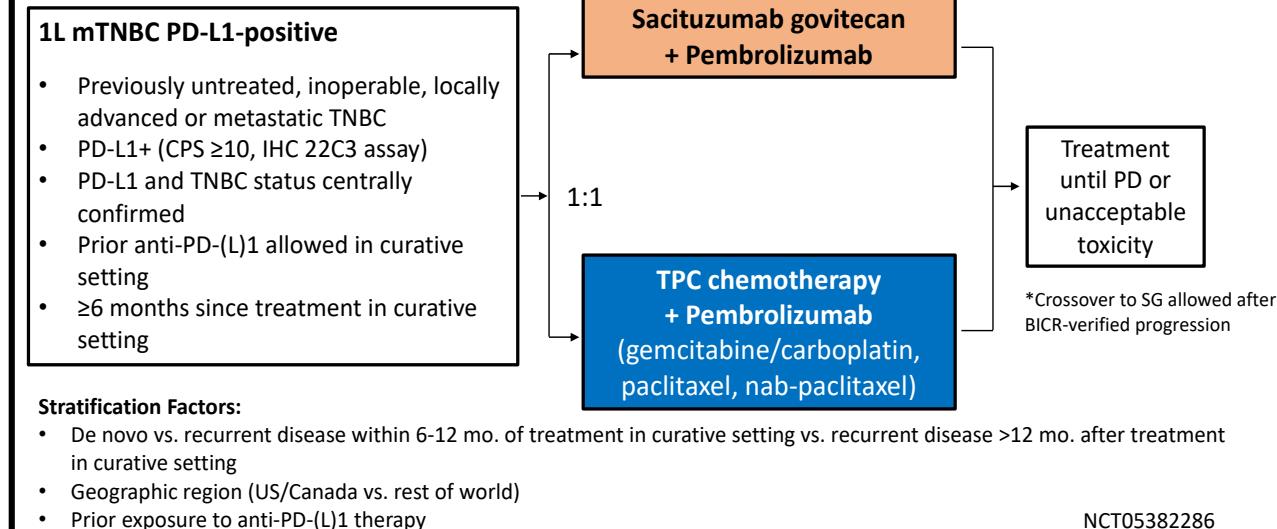
Schmid P et al. ESMO 2023; Schmid P et al. SABCS 2022.

# TROP2-directed ADC + ICI in 1L PD-L1+ mTNBC

## TROPION-Breast05: Dato-DXd + Durvalumab vs. TPC + Pembrolizumab in 1L PD-L1+ mTNBC

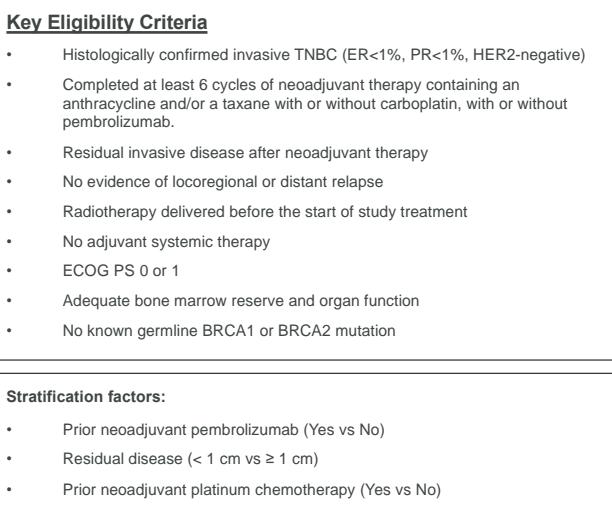


## ASCENT-04: Sacituzumab govitecan + Pembrolizumab vs. TPC + Pembrolizumab in 1L PD-L1+ mTNBC

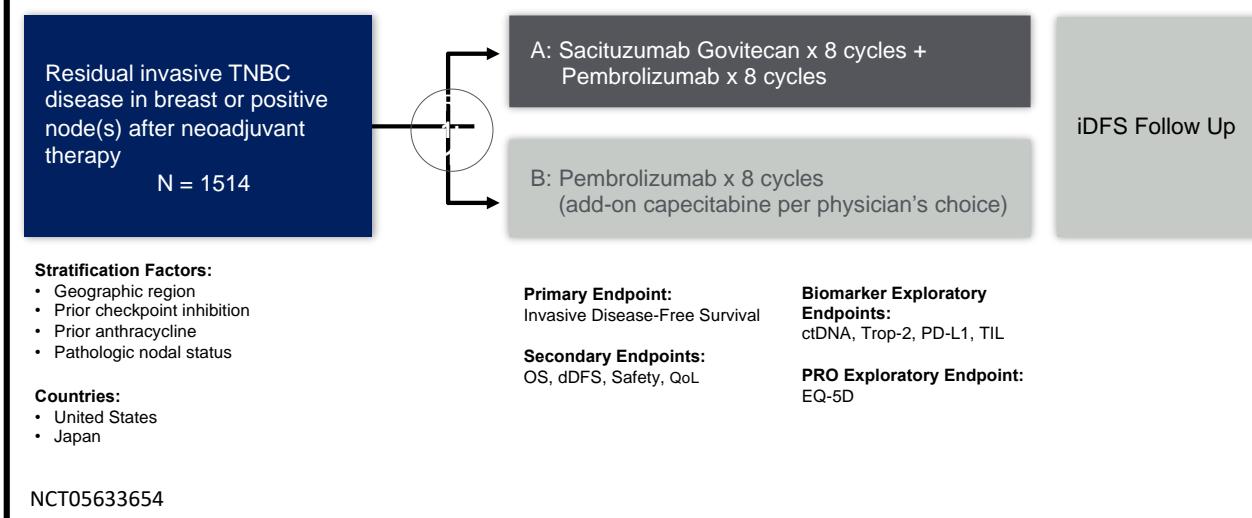


# TROP2-directed ADC + PD-(L)1 Inhibitor for Residual Disease Post-Neoadjuvant Therapy

## TROPION-Breast03: Dato-DXd +/- Durvalumab vs. TPC (pembrolizumab and/or capecitabine)

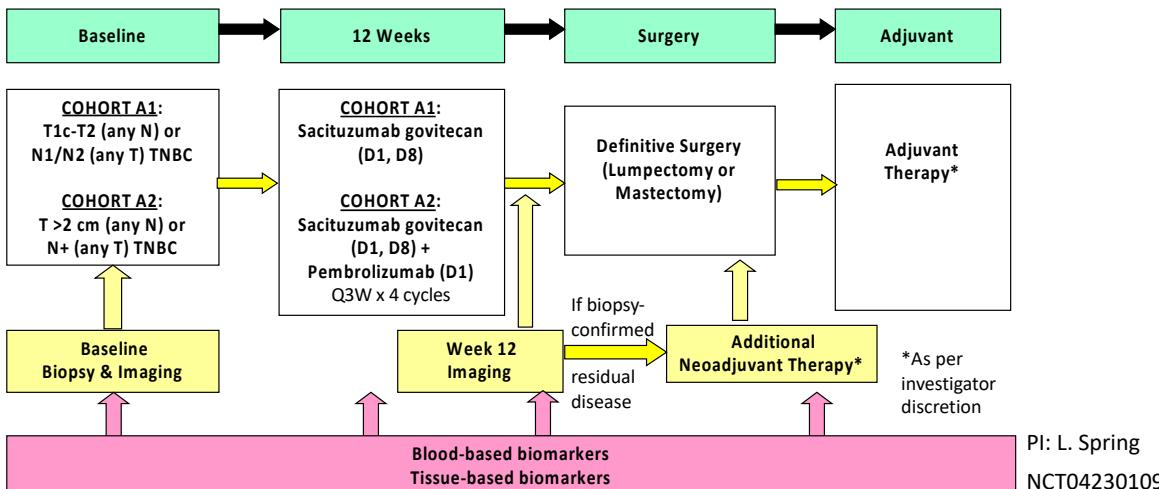


## ASCENT-05 (OptimICE-RD): SG plus pembrolizumab vs. TPC (pembrolizumab +/- capecitabine)

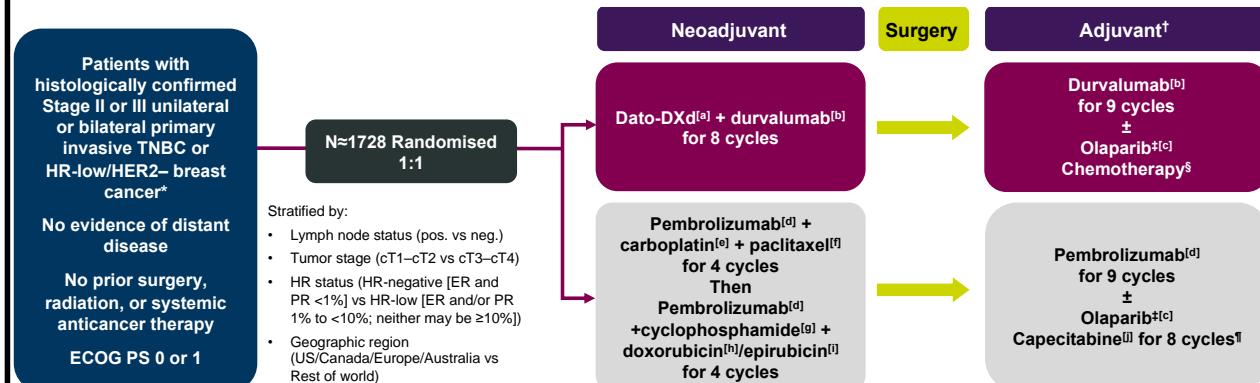


# TROP2-directed ADC + PD-(L)1 Inhibitor as Neoadjuvant Therapy

## NeoSTAR: Sacituzumab govitecan +/- Pembrolizumab



## TROPION-Breast04: Dato-DXd + Durvalumab vs. KN522 regimen for stage II-III TNBC



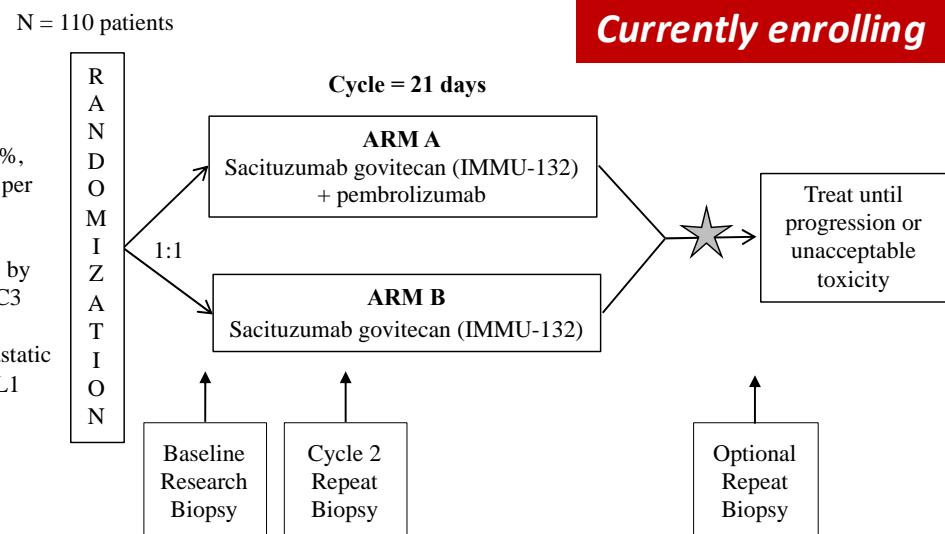
NeoSTAR	SG	SG + Pembro
TNBC eBC	A1: pCR = 30%	A2
HR+/HER2- eBC	B1	B2

I-SPY 2.2	Dato-DXd	Dato-DXd + Durva
TNBC eBC	Modeled pCR = 26%	Modeled pCR = 44%
HR+/HER2- eBC	Modeled pCR = 8%	Modeled pCR = 18%

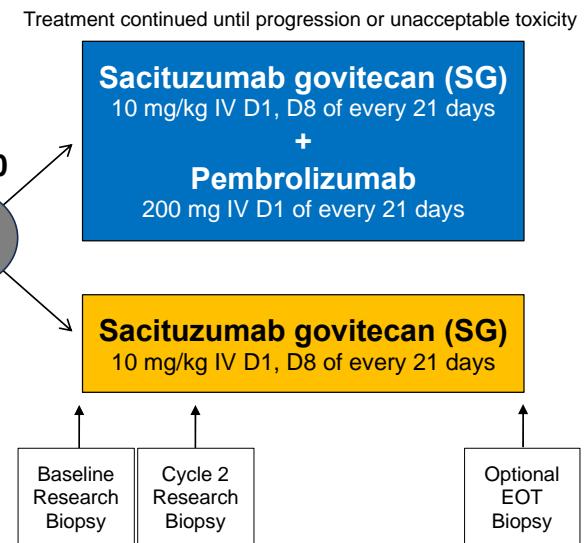
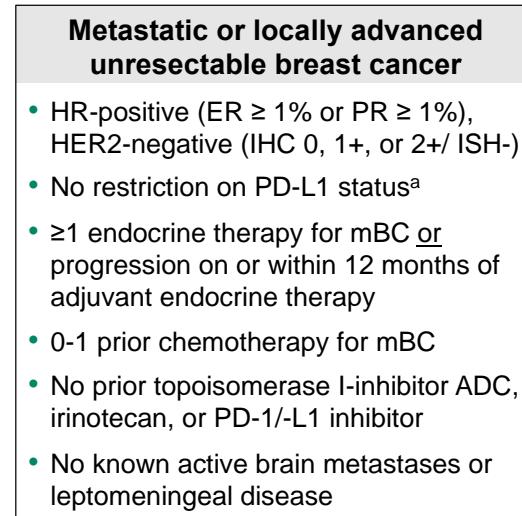
McArthur HL et al. SABCS 2023; Spring L et al. ASCO 2022; Spring L et al. Ann Oncol 2024;5(3):293-301; Shatsky R et al. ASCO 2024; Meisel J et al. ASCO 2024.

# TROP2-directed ADC + ICI in “Immune-cold” MBC

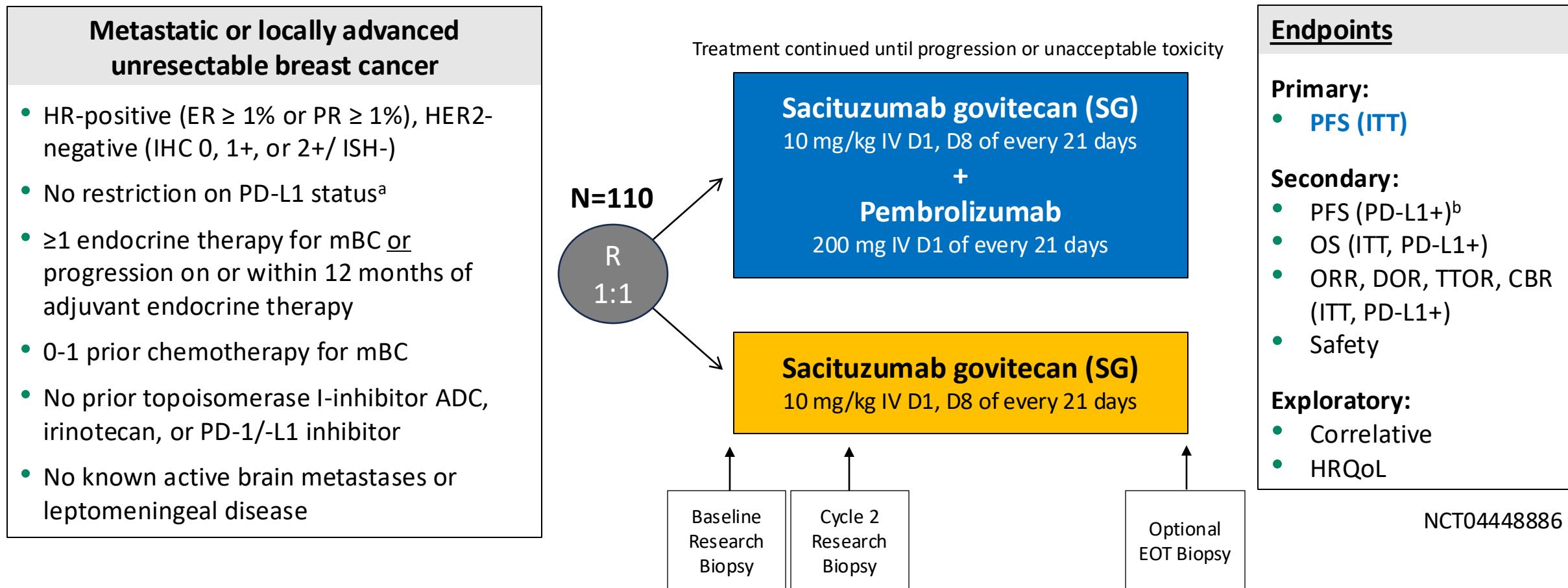
SACI-IO TNBC: Sacituzumab govitecan + Pembrolizumab vs. Sacituzumab govitecan in 1L PD-L1-negative mTNBC



SACI-IO HR+: Sacituzumab govitecan + Pembrolizumab vs. Sacituzumab govitecan in **HR+/HER2- mBC** (0-1 prior CT)



# SACI-IO HR+: Study Schema

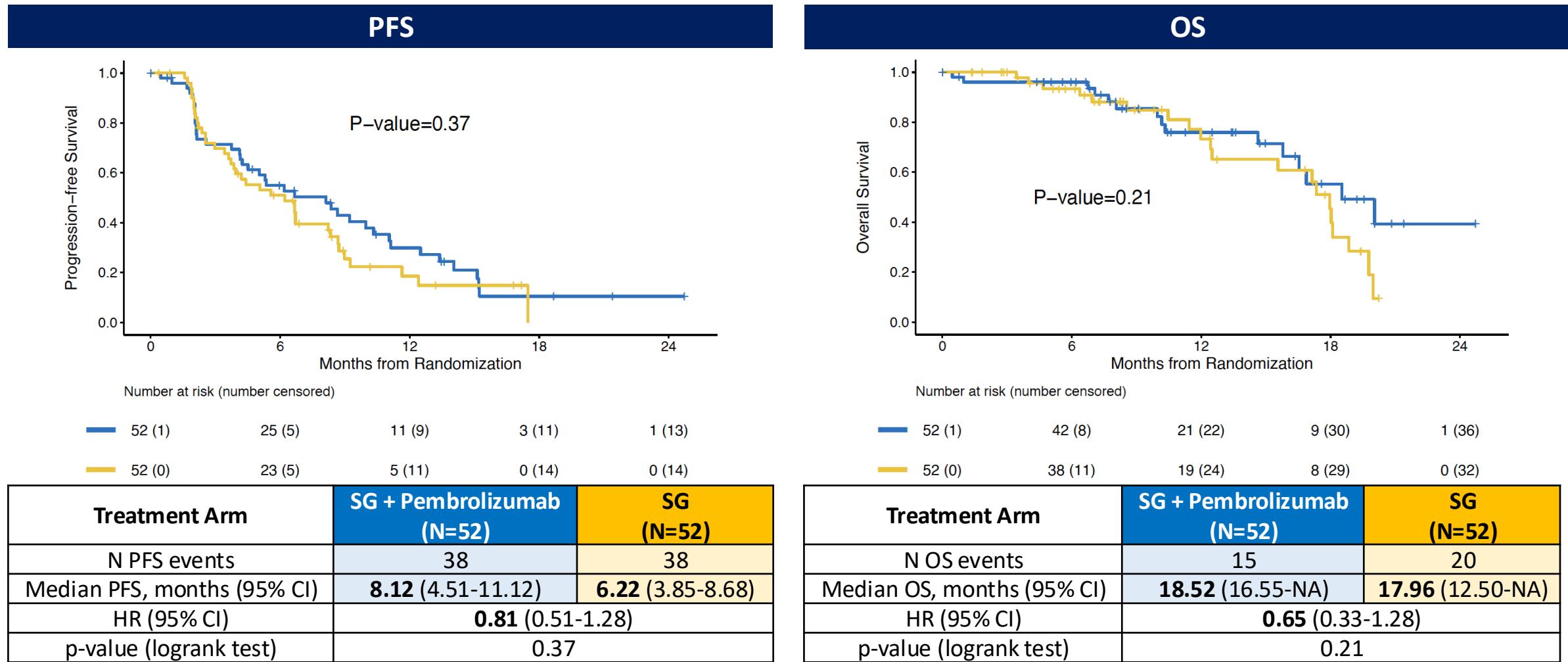


# Baseline Characteristics

	<b>SG + Pembrolizumab (N=52)</b>	<b>SG (N=52)</b>	<b>Total (N=104)</b>
<b>Age, median (range)</b>	56.5 (31.0 - 81.0)	57.0 (27.0 - 80.0)	<b>57.0 (27.0 - 81.0)</b>
<b>ER status<sup>a</sup></b>			
≥10%	49 (94.2%)	50 (96.2%)	<b>99 (95.2%)</b>
1-9%	2 (3.8%)	1 (1.9%)	<b>3 (2.9%)</b>
Unknown	1 (1.9%)	1 (1.9%)	<b>2 (1.9%)</b>
<b>PD-L1 status<sup>b</sup></b>			
Negative	35 (67.3%)	28 (53.8%)	<b>63 (60.6%)</b>
CPS ≥1	16 (30.8%)	24 (46.2%)	<b>40 (38.5%)</b>
CPS 1-9	13 (25.0%)	20 (38.5%)	<b>33 (31.7%)</b>
CPS ≥10	3 (5.8%)	4 (7.7%)	<b>7 (6.7%)</b>
Not tested	1 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)	<b>1 (1.0%)</b>
<b>Presentation at mBC diagnosis</b>			
De novo mBC	10 (19.2%)	13 (25.0%)	<b>23 (22.1%)</b>
Recurrent mBC	42 (80.8%)	39 (75.0%)	<b>81 (77.9%)</b>
<b>Liver metastasis at baseline</b>			
Yes	40 (76.9%)	41 (78.8%)	<b>81 (77.9%)</b>
No	12 (23.1%)	11 (21.2%)	<b>23 (22.1%)</b>
<b>Prior neo-/adjuvant chemotherapy<sup>c</sup></b>			
Yes	28 (66.7%)	28 (71.8%)	<b>56 (69.1%)</b>
No	14 (33.3%)	11 (28.2%)	<b>25 (30.9%)</b>
<b>Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor in any setting</b>			
Yes	47 (90.4%)	45 (86.5%)	<b>92 (88.5%)</b>
No	5 (9.6%)	7 (13.5%)	<b>12 (11.5%)</b>
<b>Prior chemotherapy regimens for mBC</b>			
0	27 (51.9%)	26 (50.0%)	<b>53 (51.0%)</b>
1	25 (48.1%)	26 (50.0%)	<b>51 (49.0%)</b>

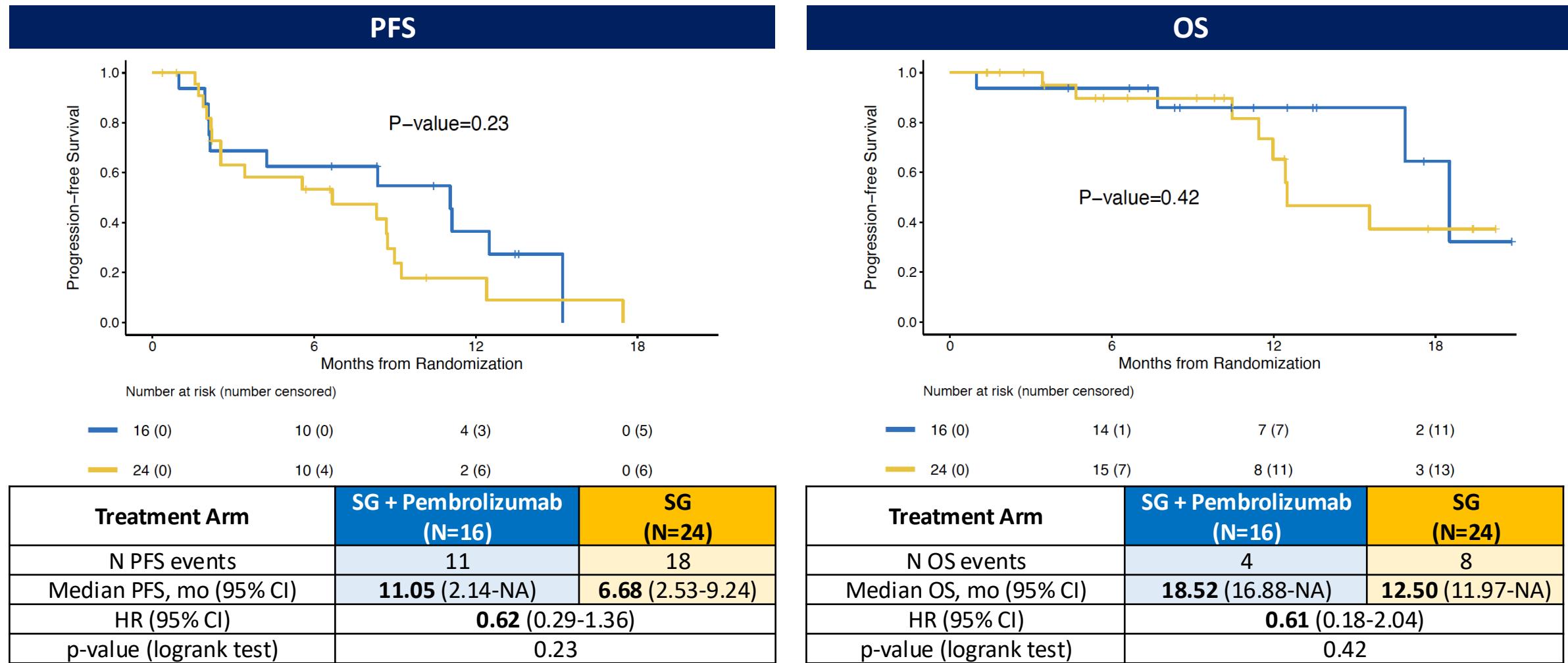
<sup>a</sup> Estrogen receptor (ER) in the most recent available tumor sample prior to study registration. ER positive (% unknown) in 2 patients. <sup>b</sup> Central PD-L1 testing performed on the baseline research biopsy (if a research biopsy was not performed, testing was performed on the most recent available archival tumor sample prior to study registration). Tissue was not available for testing in one patient. PD-L1-positive defined as combined positive score (CPS) ≥1. <sup>c</sup> Patients diagnosed with *de novo* stage IV breast cancer (SG + Pembrolizumab, n=10; SG, n=13) excluded from denominator.

# SACI-IO HR+: ITT



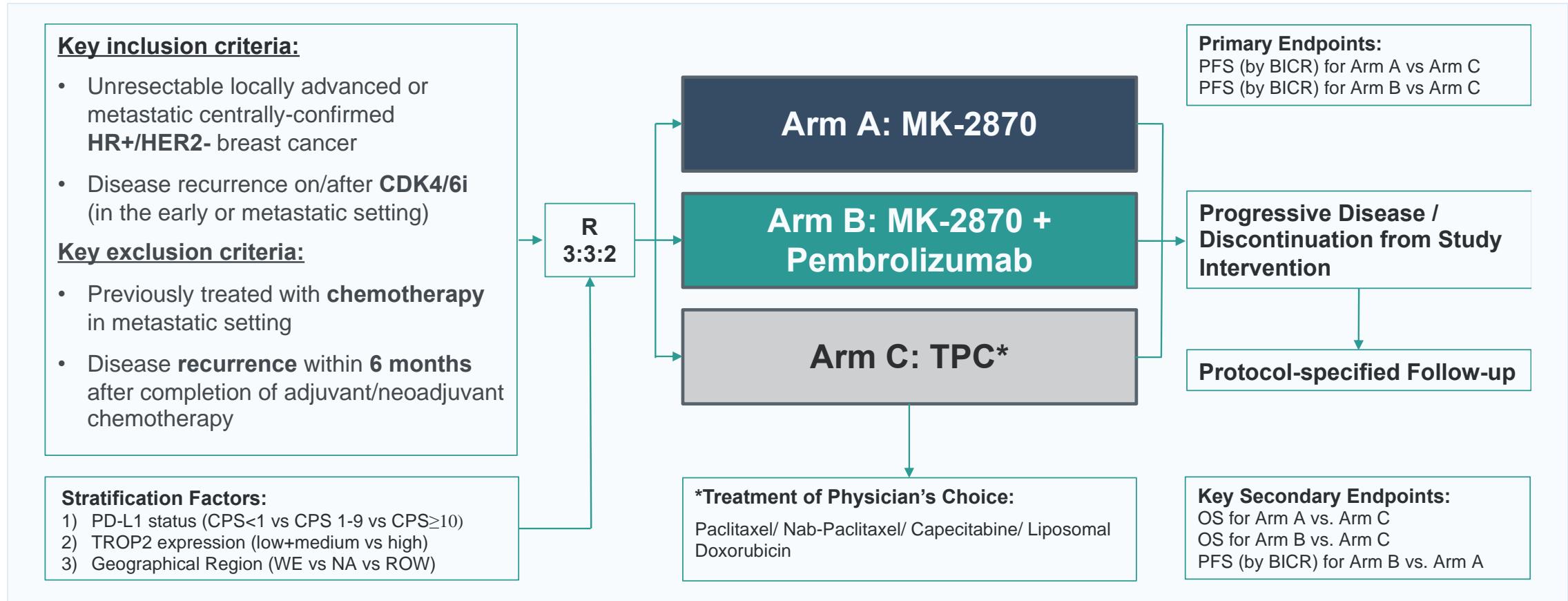
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# SACI-IO HR+: PD-L1+ (CPS≥1)



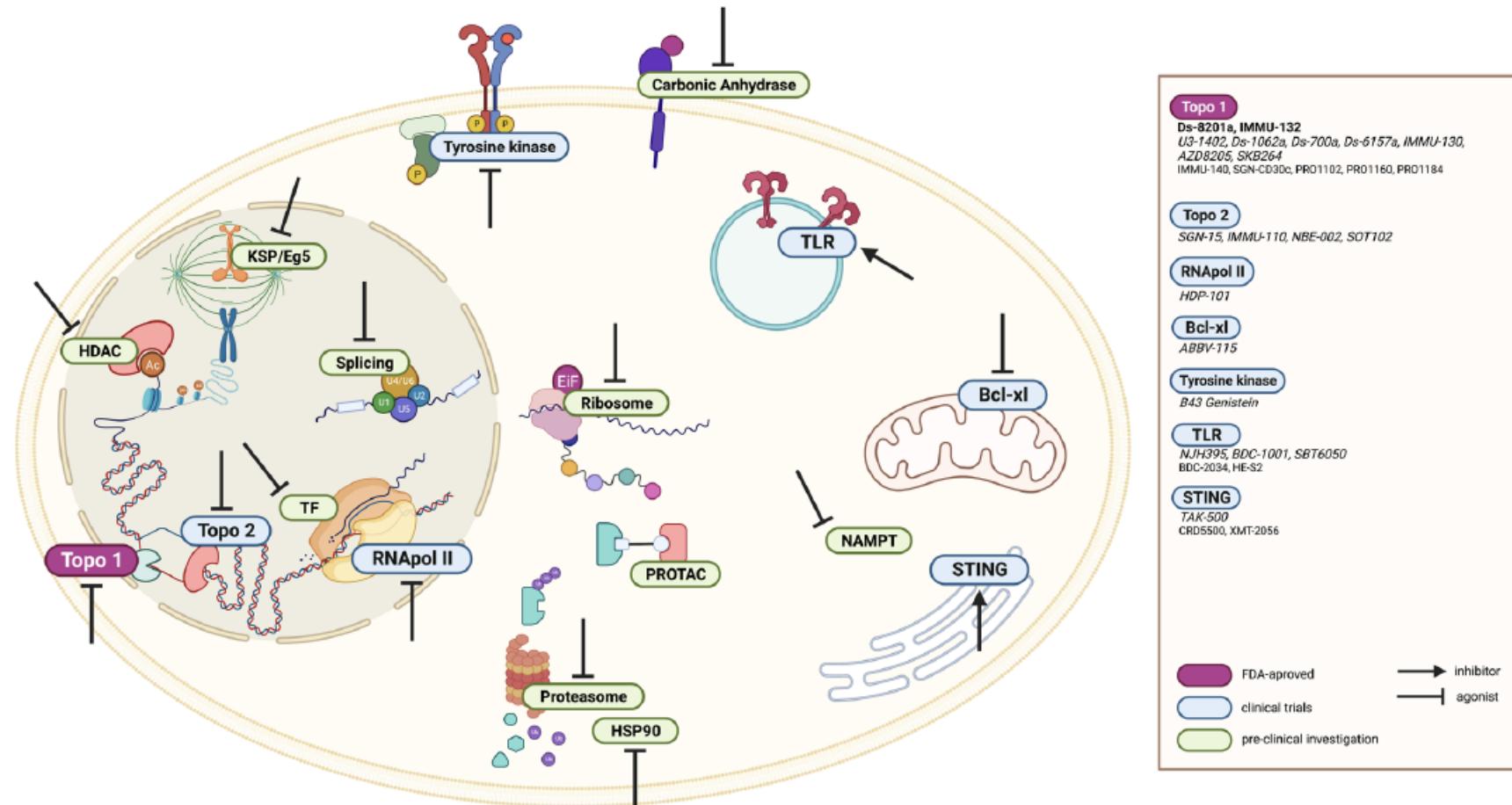
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# TroFuse-010: Sac-TMT $\pm$ Pembrolizumab vs TPC in HR+/HER2- mBC after ET



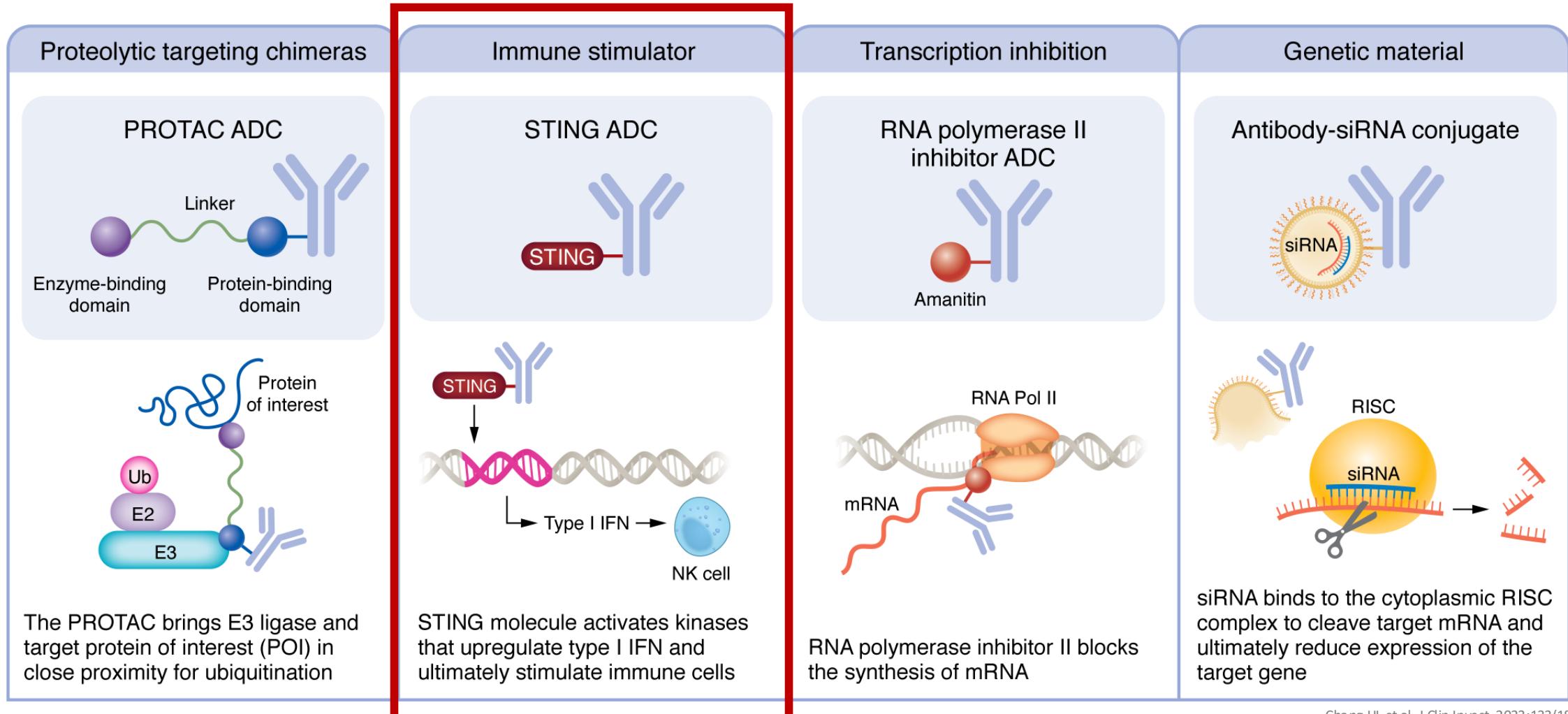
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# Landscape of ADC Payloads Beyond Microtubule and DNA-Intercalating Agents



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# Novel ADC Payloads

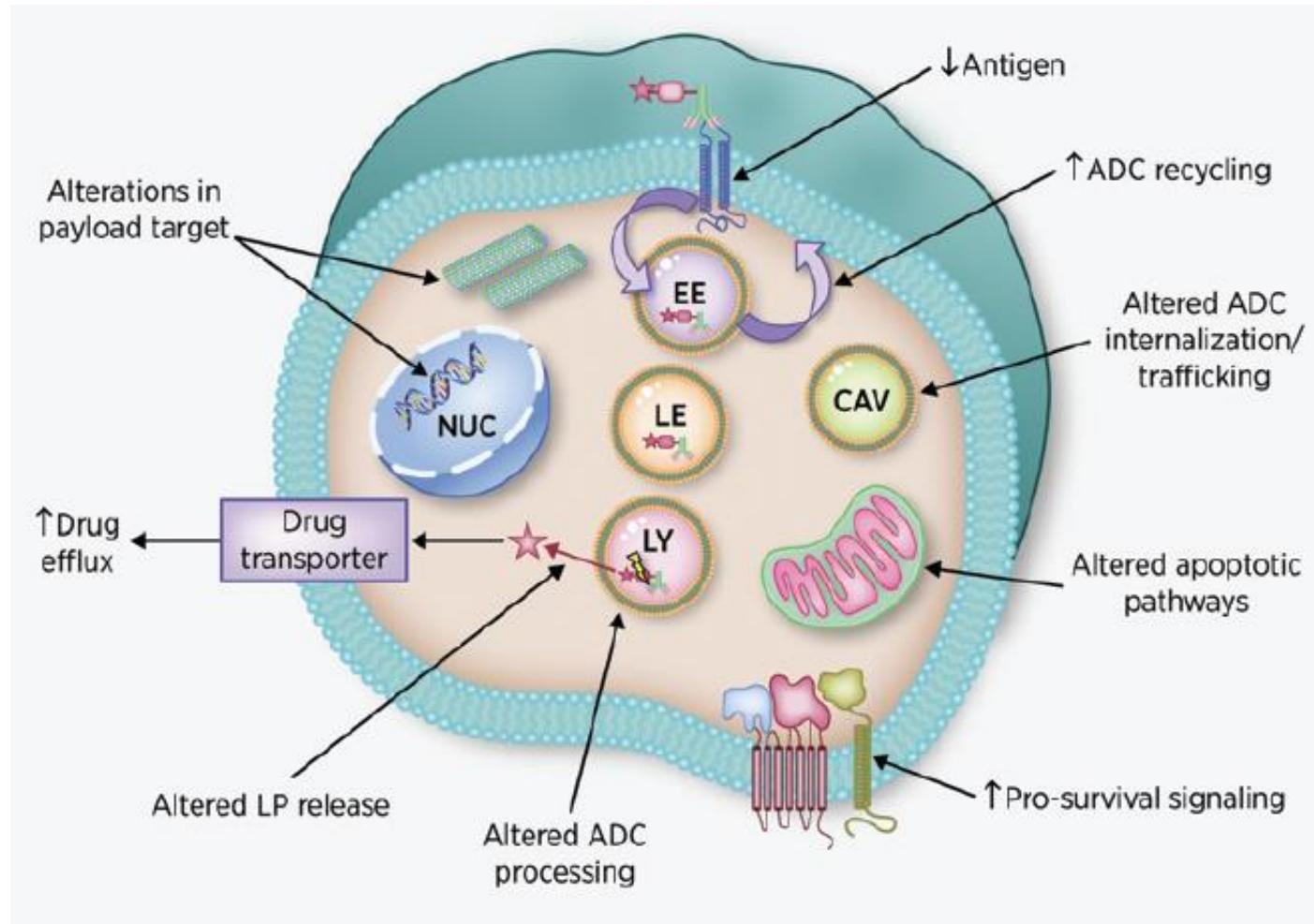


# Immune-Stimulating ADCs (ISACs)

Agent	Target	Payload	Latest trial phase	Setting	Trial number
TAK500	CCR2	STINGa	Phase Ia/b	Advanced solid tumors	NCT05070247
XMT-2056	HER2	STINGa	Phase I	Advanced solid tumors	NCT05514717
HE-S2	PDL1	TLR7-8a	Preclinical	Advanced solid tumors	Preclinical
PERTUZUMAB ZUVOLIMOD   SBT-6050	HER2	TLRa	Discontinued	Advanced solid tumors	NA
BDC-1001	HER2	TLR7-8a	Discontinued	Advanced solid tumors	NA
NJH395	HER2	TLR7a	Discontinued	Advanced solid tumors	NA
TAC 001	CD22	TLR9a	Phase II	Advanced solid tumors	NCT05399654

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# ADC Resistance: Beyond Target and Payload



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# Key Takeaways

- Potential of ADCs to enhance antitumor immune response:
  - Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity and cellular phagocytosis, complement-dependent cytotoxicity
  - Tumor cell death-mediated activation of DCs
  - Depletion of regulatory T-cells, upregulation of MHC class-I and PD-L1 expression
  - Activation of cGAS-STING pathway → immune cell recruitment to tumor
- Novel ADCs and targeted therapy approaches in development:
  - New ADC targets (e.g., non-tumor cells in microenvironment) and payloads (e.g., immunomodulatory, radionuclide)
  - Bispecific ADCs (BsADCs)
  - Novel combinations (e.g., ICI, PARPi)
- Understanding mechanisms that drive response and resistance to therapies is key to help inform treatment strategies: combinations, sequencing, duration of therapy



Thank you