

Synthetic Lethality and DNA Repair in Pancreatic Cancer

A Normal Cells

B Cells with BRCA Mutation

C Cells with Drug-induced PARP1 inhibition

D Cells with BRCA Mutation and PARP1 inhibition

Phase II trial of olaparib in BRCA mutated cancers (PDAC, N = 23)	
Median PFS	4.6 months
ORR	21.7%

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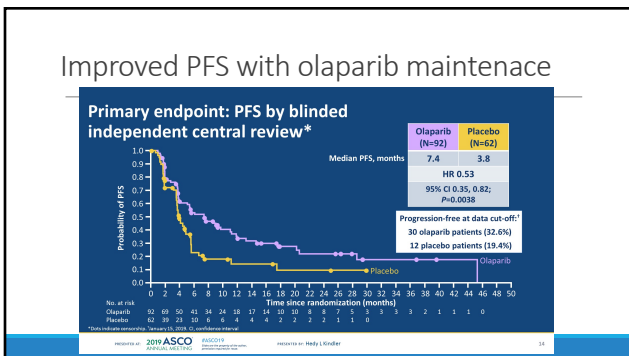
Phase III POLO trial: olaparib as maintenance therapy following platinum-based chemo in gBRCA mutated mPDAC

METHODS

- 3315 patients screened with a 7% detection rate of gBRCA1/2 mutation (247 patients identified) -> 154 randomized
- Received at least 16 weeks of first line platinum based chemo for metastatic disease without progression
- 154 patients randomized 3:2 to maintenance olaparib (300mg BID) or placebo
- Primary endpoint: PFS (starting from time of randomization)

Patient Characteristics		Olaparib (N = 92)	Placebo (N = 62)
Time from diagnosis to randomization	Median, months (range)	6.9 (3.6 – 38.4)	7.0 (4.1 – 30.2)
Duration of first-line chemotherapy	Median, months (range)	5.0 (2.5 – 35.2)	5.1 (3.4 – 20.4)
First-line chemo	FOLFIRINOX	79 (85.9)	50 (80.6)
Best response on chemo	CR or PR	46 (50)	30 (48.4)

Kindler HL et al, *JCO suppl*; abstract LBA4



Other Conclusions

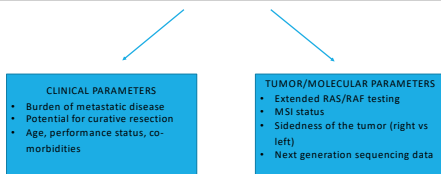
- Interim OS data showed no difference between arms at 46% maturity (18.9 vs 18.1 months, HR 0.91, p = 0.68)
- No difference between the two arms in terms of quality of life assessments
- There was no unexpected toxicity from olaparib compared to AE data from other trials
 - Most common AEs: fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain, anemia, decreased appetite, constipation, vomiting, back pain and arthralgia

Is there a role for 1st line therapy with FOLFOXIRI in mCRC

VISNU-1: FOLFOXIRI + bevacizumab vs FOLFOX + bevacizumab in mCRC deemed high risk by presence of ≥ 3 CTC

TRIBE-2: FOLFOXIRI plus bevacizumab vs sequential FOLFOX + bevacizumab -> FOLFIRI plus bevacizumab

General Principles of Treating Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Patients



CALGB 80405: Establishing a paradigm for RAS/RAF wild-type mCRC

- *First line randomized study of mFOLFOX6 vs FOLFIRI combined with either cetuximab or bevacizumab in 1137 patients with untreated RAS wt mCRC
- *Global provider preference for FOLFOX over FOLFIRI (73 vs 27%)
- *Response rates were 55% in the bevacizumab group and 59% in the cetuximab group (p = 0.13)
- *140 patients underwent curative resection following chemotherapy (mOS for bevacizumab group 62 months, cetuximab 65 months).

Arm	N	Median	95% CI	P
FOLFOX6 + bevacizumab	568	73.2	67.5-78.9	0.40
FOLFIRI + cetuximab	569	71.2	65.5-77.0	0.54
95% CI for difference		2.0	-3.7 to 7.7	
95% CI for difference		1.7%	-2.5 to 5.9	

Week AP et al. JAMA. 2012;307(23):2392-2401, 2012

Phase III trials with improved outcomes with FOLFOXIRI compared to FOLFIRI

Phase III GONO (N = 244)

Falcone A, et al. JCO 2007; 25: 1670-1676

TRIBE (N = 508)

Loupakis F, et al. NEJM 2014; 371: 1609-1618

Phase III HORG (N = 285)

Souglakov J, et al. Br J Cancer 2006; 94: 798-805

VISNU-1 Design

Sastre J et al, JCO 37 (Abstract 3507); ASCO 2019

VISNU-1: Key Results

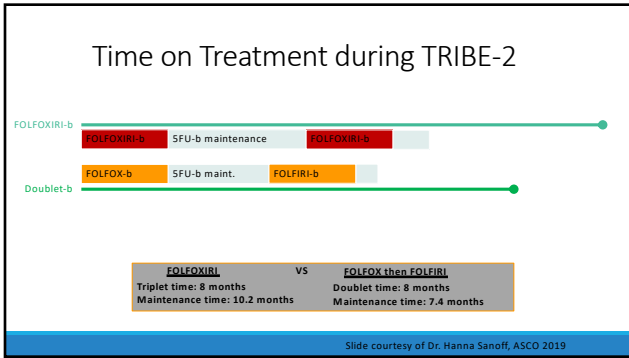
	FOLFIRI-bev N=172	FOLFOX-bev N=177	HR, 95% CI
PFS	12.4m	9.3m	0.64 (.49-.82) P = 0.0004
OS	22.3m	17.6m	0.862 (.66-1.06)
RR	59%	52%	

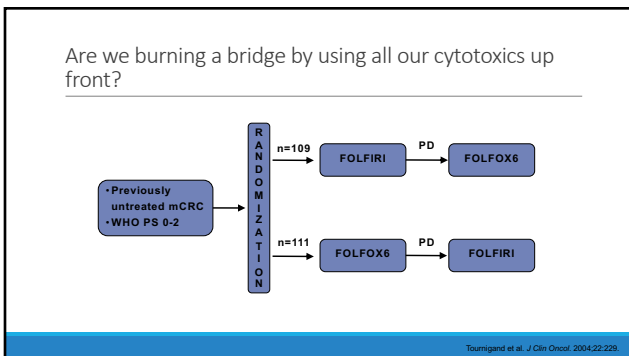
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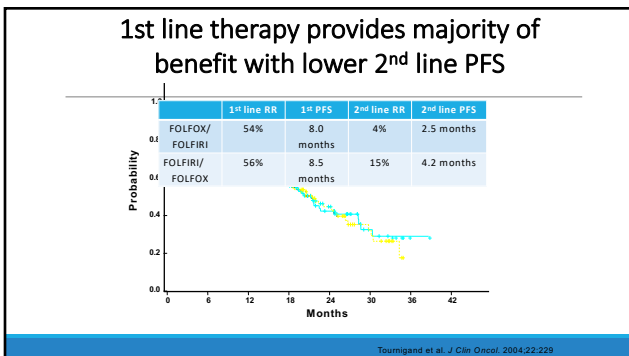
Cremolini C et al. JCO 37, 2019 (Abstract 3028) ASCO 2019

TRIBE2: Key Results

	FOLFIRI-bev N=339	Sequential doublet-bev N=340	HR (95% CI)
PPFS2	19.1m	17.5 m	HR 0.74 (.62-.88)
PPFS1	12.0m	9.8 m	HR 0.75 (.63-.88)
OS	27.6m	22.6 m	HR 0.81 (.67-.98)
RR	62%	50% (FOLFOX-bev)	
2 nd line RR	19%	12%	
2 nd line PFS	6.2 m	5.6 m	HR .87 (.73-1.04)

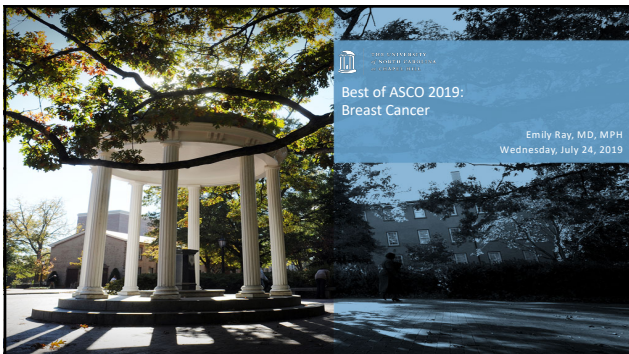






Overview of treating mCRC

- While FOLFOXIRI has been shown to improve outcomes compared to both FOLFIRI and FOLFOX, this approach is not appropriate for all patients
 - Both trials excluded patients based on age (no one greater than 75). For frailer patients or those with lower burden of disease, may be more reasonable to start with a doublet
- Importantly, patients having received adjuvant oxaliplatin were excluded from TRIBE2 (only 4% in VISNU1)
- TRIBE2 shows minimal benefit for re-introducing FOLFOXIRI vs restarting a doublet at time of progression



Outline

- Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapies**
 - HER2+ breast cancer (Abstract 500)
 - HR+ breast cancer (Abstract 514)
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Therapies**
 - HER2+ breast cancer (Abstract 1000)
 - HR+ breast cancer (Late-breaking abstract 1008)
 - Triple negative breast cancer (Abstract 1003)
- Supportive Therapies** (Abstract 6527)



Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapies

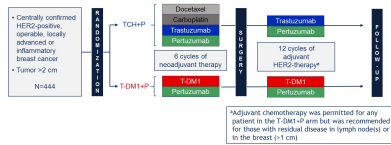
HER2+ breast cancer

KATHERINE trial (N Engl J Med 2019; 380:617-628)

- Established the role of trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1), an antibody-drug conjugate of trastuzumab and the cytotoxic agent emtansine (DM1) in the **adjuvant** setting for patients with **residual invasive breast cancer** following neoadjuvant therapy
- Invasive disease-free survival was significantly higher in the T-DM1 group than in the trastuzumab group (HR 0.50)



KRISTINE Study Design



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

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

Secondary endpoints: EFS, IDFS, OS, safety, PRO

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Primary Results

- Neoadjuvant TCH+P resulted in a superior pCR rate compared with T-DM1+P
 - 56% vs 44%, $P=0.0155^1$
 - pCR rates were higher with TCH+P in tumors with IHC2+ HER2 staining (23% vs 7%), or IHC3+ HER2 staining (61% vs 50%)²
- During neoadjuvant treatment, T-DM1+P had a more favorable safety profile than TCH+P¹
 - Lower incidence of grade ≥ 3 adverse events (13% vs 64%)
 - Lower incidence of serious adverse events (5% vs 29%)
 - Lower incidence of adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation (3% vs 8%)

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EFS Events

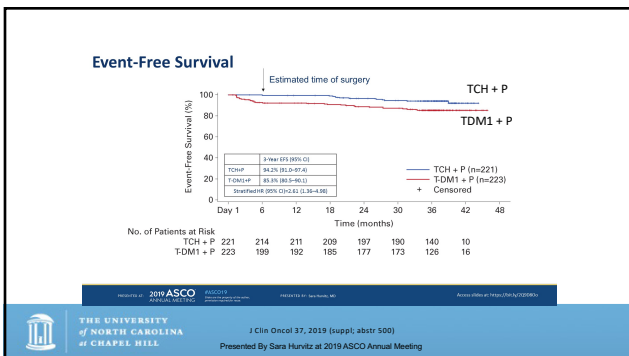
Event, n (%)	T-DM1+P (n=223)	TCH+P (n=221)
Total number of EFS events	31 (13.9)	13 (5.9)
Locoregional progression before surgery	15 (6.7) ^a	0
Invasive disease recurrence after surgery	11 (4.9)	11 (5.0)
Non-invasive recurrence (DCIS) after surgery	3 (1.3)	0
Death without prior EFS event	2 (0.9)	2 (0.9)

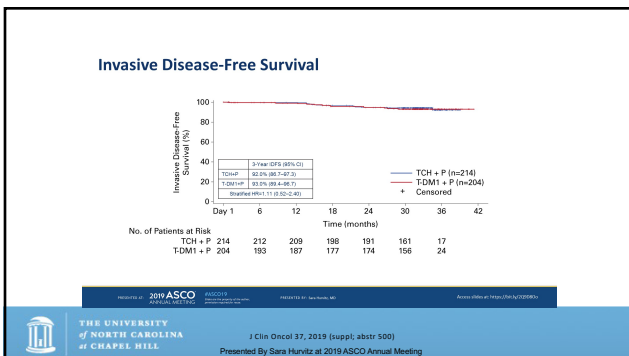
^aNo surgery date was recorded for these patients; therefore they were not included in the EFS analysis. All of these patients, however, were included in the OS analysis.


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Neoadjuvant Trastuzumab Emtansine and Pertuzumab in Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2-Positive Breast Cancer: Three-Year Outcomes From the Phase III KRISTINE Study

Implications of Neoadjuvant Therapy in Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2-Positive Breast Cancer

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Take-Home Points

Higher risk of EFS event in T-DM1+P arm (HR 2.61, 95% CI 1.36-4.98)

- Driven by presurgical locoregional progression which was associated with lower HER2 expression and greater HER2 heterogeneity

Similar risk of IDFS event between arms (HR 1.11, 95% CI 0.52-2.40)

- Is systemic chemotherapy unnecessary for some patients?
- Area of needed investigation before can be implemented in practice

Patients attaining pCR had ~97% 3-year IDFS

AEs and PROs favor T-DM1

Clinical Application

Would not routinely use T-DM1+P in the neoadjuvant setting

Could consider using for patients unable to tolerate chemotherapy or unwilling to take chemotherapy

Unclear if we can use chemotherapy-sparing neoadjuvant regimens in some patients – further investigation required

Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapies

HR+ breast cancer – Duration of Endocrine Tx

The **Clinical Treatment Score at 5 years (CT55)** is a prognostic tool using clinicopathological data to estimate **distant recurrence (DR) risk after 5 years of endocrine therapy** for postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor positive (ER+) breast cancer.

It was developed and validated in the ATAC and BIG 1-98 trials.



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HR+ breast cancer – Duration of ET

Tumour size (mm)

Tumour Grade

Patient age (years)

Number of nodes involved

CALCULATE RISK

<https://www.ct55-calculator.com/>



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HR+ breast cancer – Duration of ET

Methods: The validity of CT55 was tested in a retrospective cohort of unselected, non-trial patients diagnosed with early ER+ breast cancer at the Royal Marsden Hospital from 2000-2007 who were alive and distant recurrence-free at 5 years.

Primary endpoint: Time to late distance recurrence (5-10 years).



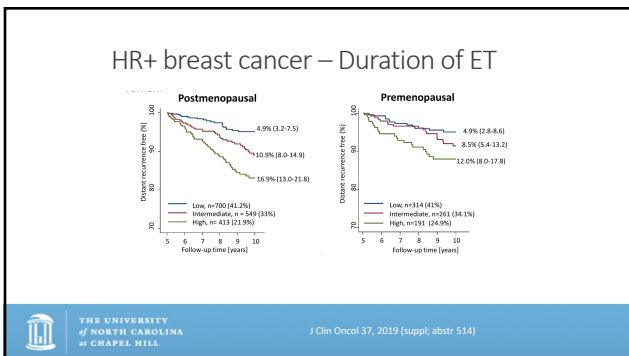
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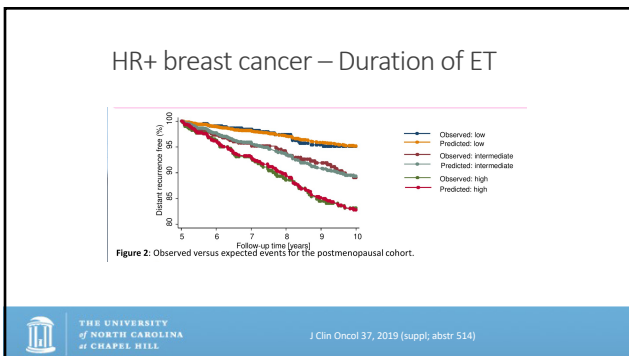
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HR+ breast cancer – Duration of ET

		HR for late distant recurrence (95% CI)	P-value
Postmenopausal (N=1662, DR=107)	CTSS (continuous)	1.95 (1.59-2.39)	<0.0001
	CTSS low	Reference	
	CTSS intermediate	2.28 (1.32-3.93)	0.003
	CTSS high	3.81 (2.27-6.41)	<0.0001
Premenopausal (N=776, DR=51)	CTSS (continuous)	1.72 (1.23-2.40)	0.001
	CTSS low	Reference	
	CTSS intermediate	1.69 (0.84-3.51)	0.16
	CTSS high	2.63 (1.29-5.34)	0.008

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Take-Home Points

CTSS is validated in an unselected, non-trial cohort, including pre-menopausal patients
 Calibration was less accurate in pre-menopausal patients compared to post-menopausal



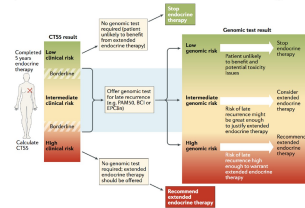
Clinical Application

These findings highlight the prognostic value of the CTSS calculator, not the predictive value (i.e. likelihood of benefit of further endocrine therapy)

- Therefore, this tool should be used to identify patients whose risk of distant recurrence after 5 years of ET is so low that extended ET could not possibly be beneficial



Clinical Application




Proposed extended endocrine therapy algorithm, adapted from Richman and Dowsett, NCR0, 2018.



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Metastatic Breast Cancer – HER2+





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Persistent Unmet Need in HER2+ MBC After Anti-HER2 Therapy

- Current standard of care for HER2-positive MBC
 - First-line: trastuzumab and pertuzumab with chemotherapy¹⁻³
 - Second-line: T-DM1^{4,5}
- After the above therapies, there is no recognized standard of care
 - Subsequent therapies are poorly defined, including sequential chemotherapy with trastuzumab and/or lapatinib^{6,7}
 - Continued anti-HER2 therapy after progression is generally preferred, in combination with chemotherapy⁸⁻¹¹

HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MBC=metastatic breast cancer; T-DM1=trastuzumab emtansine
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SOPHIA Primary PFS Analysis: A Phase 3 Study of Margetuximab + Chemotherapy vs Trastuzumab + Chemotherapy in Patients With HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer After Prior Anti-HER2 Therapies

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Margetuximab: Fc-engineered to Activate Immune Responses

Trastuzumab

Fab:

- Binds HER2 with high specificity
- Disrupts signaling that drives cell proliferation and survival

Fc:

- Wild-type immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) immune effector domains
- Binds and activates immune cells

Margetuximab^{1,2}

Fab:

- Same specificity and affinity
- Similarly disrupts signaling

Fc engineering:

- ↑ Affinity for activating FcγRIIIa (CD16A)
- ↓ Affinity for inhibitory FcγRIIb (CD32B)

Receptor Type	Receptor	Adult Variant	Relative Fc Binding	Affinity Fold-Change	
Activating	CD16A	158F	Lower	6.3x ↑	
		158W	Higher	4.7x ↓	
Inhibitory	CD32A	131R	Lower	6.1x ↓	
		131H	Higher	n/a	
	Inhibitory	CD32B	232I/T	Equivalent	8.4x ↓

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Study CP-MGAH22-04 (SOPHIA) Design^{1,2}

HER2+ advanced breast cancer

- ≥2 prior anti-HER2 therapies, including pertuzumab
- ≥3 prior treatment lines in metastatic setting
- Prior brain metastasis ok if treated and stable

Sequential Primary Endpoints

- PFS (by CBA, n=257; HR:0.67; α=0.05; power=90%)
- OS (n=855; HR:0.75; α=0.05; power=80%)

Secondary Endpoints

- PFS (Investigator assessed)
- Objective response rate (by CBA)

Tertiary/Exploratory Endpoints

- Clinical benefit rate (CBR), duration of response (DoR)
- Safety profile, anti-drug antibody
- Effect of CD16A, CD32A, and CD32B on margetuximab efficacy

Investigator's choice of chemotherapy (epirubicin, etoposide, gemtuzumab, or vinorelbine)

→

1:1 Randomization (N=536)

Arm 1

Margetuximab [15 mg/kg Q3W] + chemotherapy in 3-week cycles

Arm 2

Trastuzumab (loading → 6 mg/kg Q3W) + chemotherapy in 3-week cycles

Stratification:

- Chemotherapy choice
- Prior therapies (≤2 vs >2)
- Metastatic sites (≤2 vs >2)

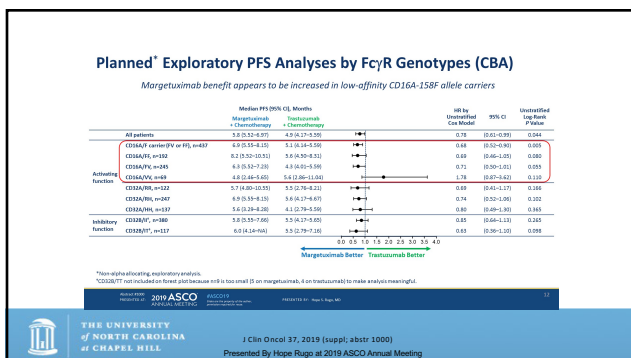
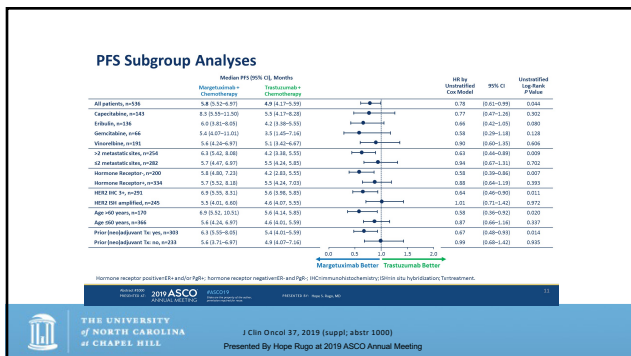
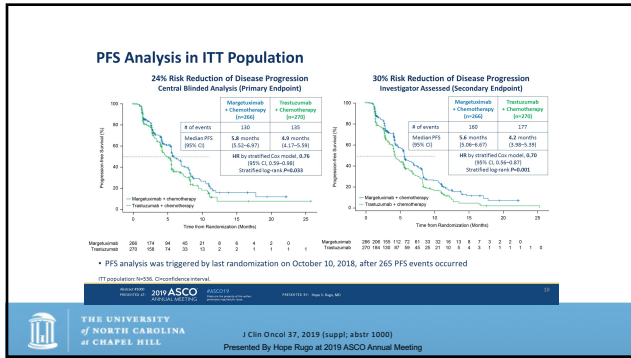
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AEs Regardless of Causality

	Margetuximab + Chemotherapy (n=264)		Trastuzumab + Chemotherapy (n=265)	
	All Grade	Grade ≥3	All Grade	Grade ≥3
Most common AEs, n (%)				
Fatigue	103 (39.0)	12 (4.5)	92 (34.7)	7 (2.6)
Nausea	81 (30.7)	3 (1.1)	84 (31.7)	1 (0.4)
Neutropenia	73 (27.7)	51 (19.3)	51 (19.2)	30 (11.3)
Diarrhea	59 (22.3)	6 (2.3)	62 (23.4)	5 (1.9)
Anemia	48 (18.2)	12 (4.5)	55 (20.8)	17 (6.4)
Neutrophil count decreased	32 (12.1)	22 (8.3)	35 (13.2)	25 (9.4)
Febriile neutropenia	8 (3.0)	8 (3.0)	12 (4.5)	12 (4.5)
AEs of special interest, n (%)	All Grade	Grade ≥3	All Grade	Grade ≥3
Infusion-related reaction (IRR)*	34 (12.9)	4 (1.5)	10 (3.8)	0
Left ventricular dysfunction	6 (2.3)	3 (1.1)	7 (2.6)	1 (0.4)
Discontinuation due to IRRs, n (%)	3 (1.1)	2 (0.8)	0	0

Safety Population: n=529.
 *Incidence ≥20% in either treatment group.
 †Incidence ≥5% in either treatment group.
 ‡All patients received prior trastuzumab. ††Incidence of trastuzumab IRRs occurred in 21% to 40% of patients (US package insert).

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Take-Home Points

In combination with chemotherapy in pretreated HER2+ MBC, margetuximab improves PFS over trastuzumab with comparable safety.

Overall survival data in the ITT population showed a non-significant 1.7-month difference favoring the margetuximab arm, which grew to 6.7 months in the CD16A FV/FF allele group (94% of patients)

A second interim analysis for overall survival is expected later this year.

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Clinical Application

Margetuximab with chemotherapy could be considered in the 3rd line for patients with HER2+ MBC

- Clear PFS benefit
- OS benefit yet to be established, stay tuned
- Need further investigation regarding patient selection according to genotype

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Metastatic Breast Cancer – HR+



MONALEESA-7 Study Design

First Phase III trial with a CDK4/6 inhibitor exclusively in premenopausal patients

Premenopausal women with HR+/HER2- ABC
No prior ET for ABC
≤ 1 prior CT for ABC
N = 672

**Ribociclib (CDK4/6 inhibitor)
3 weeks on/1 week off
+ NSA/TAAM + GOS^a
n = 335**

**Placebo
3 weeks on/1 week off
+ NSA/TAAM + GOS^a
n = 337**

Primary endpoint
• PFS (local)

Key secondary endpoint
• OS

Select secondary endpoints
• SRRCL
• ORR
• TTRC of ECGO PS
• Safety

Stratification Factors

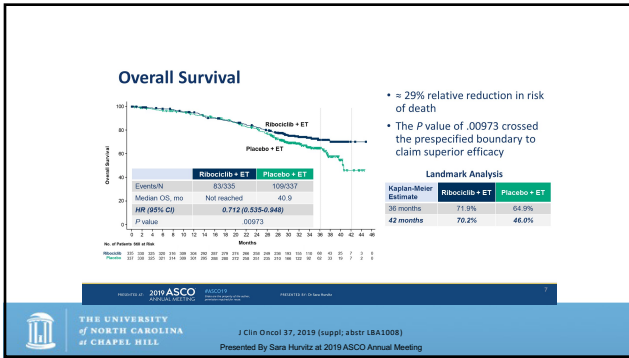
- Ever/long metastasis (yes/no)
- Prior chemotherapy (yes/no)
- Combination partner (NSA/TAAM)

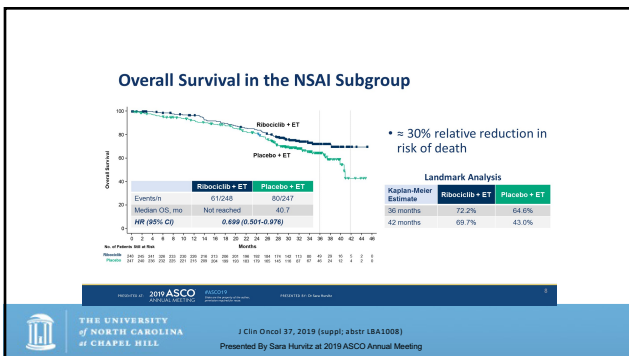
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Unmet Needs in Premenopausal Patients With Advanced Breast Cancer

- Young women with breast cancer tend to have poorer prognoses and more aggressive cancer compared with older women, yet premenopausal patients are underrepresented in clinical trials¹⁻³
- Ribociclib, a CDK4/6 inhibitor, plus ET with ovarian suppression demonstrated a significantly longer PFS vs ET alone as initial ET in premenopausal patients with HR+/HER2- ABC in the MONALEESA-7 trial⁴ (23.8 vs 13 mos, HR 0.55)
- To date, there have been no reports of a statistically significant improvement in OS with the addition of a CDK4/6 inhibitor to ET

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Take-Home Points

Ribociclib plus ET has favorable PFS and OS compared to ET alone in pre-menopausal patients with HR+ metastatic breast cancer

No other CDK 4/6 inhibitor has a proven OS benefit

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Clinical Application

CDK 4/6 inhibitor plus ET is the clear choice for first-line treatment of HR+, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer

- Different agents have been used interchangeably with choice of agent often driven by affordability to patient, dosing, side effect profile
- Ribociclib may become the preferred agent as the only CDK 4/6 inhibitor with proven overall survival benefit



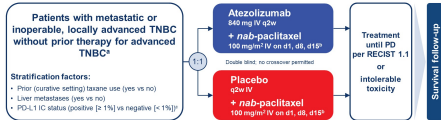
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Metastatic Breast Cancer – TNBC



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IMpassion130 Study Design



- Co-primary endpoints in ITT and PD-L1 IC+ PFS and OS⁴
- Pre-specified hierarchical testing of OS in ITT and, if significant, in PD-L1 IC+ patients
- In both treatment arms, 41% of patients were PD-L1 IC+

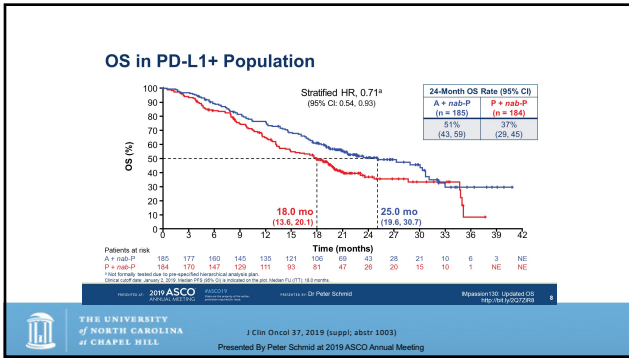
¹ Prior chemotherapy: a taxane within 30 days (T-stage any), 1st line, 2nd line or later. ² Central evaluation on IHC (D5F3) 2014 ASCO abstracts. ³ Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m² IV on d1, d8, d15. ⁴ RECIST 1.1 (2009).

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Take-Home Points

IMpassion130 is the first and only phase 3 study to show the clinically meaningful benefit of immunotherapy in metastatic TNBC

PD-L1 status predicts clinical benefit of atezolizumab plus nab-paclitaxel

No new safety signals in updated analysis

Clinical Application

Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel is FDA approved and recommended for the treatment of patients with PD-L1+ metastatic TNBC

Outline


Preoperative and Adjuvant Therapies

- HER2+ breast cancer (Abstract 500)
- HR+ breast cancer (Abstract 514)


Metastatic Breast Cancer Therapies

- HER2+ breast cancer (Abstracts 1000)
- HR+ breast cancer (Late-breaking abstract 1008)
- Triple negative breast cancer (Abstract 1003)

Supportive Therapies (Abstract 6527)




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6527 Growth Factor Use and Rate of Neutropenic Complications in Breast Cancer Patients Treated with Dose-dense Paclitaxel: A 5-year Experience from a Safety Net Hospital 


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- Dose-dense paclitaxel
 - Less neuropathy than weekly paclitaxel [J Clin Oncol 37, 2019 (suppl); abstr 6527]
 - Shorter duration of treatment than weekly paclitaxel
 - 8 weeks vs 12 weeks
 - Per NCCN guidelines, requires growth factor support with each cycle



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Hypothesis: Growth factor support is not necessary with dd-paclitaxel

Methods: Retrospective chart review of 265 patients receiving dd-paclitaxel for breast cancer (1010 cycles of chemotherapy, 783 without G-CSF, 227 cycles with G-CSF, dependent on provider standard practice)



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Results:

- No episodes of neutropenic fever in all 1010 cycles of dd-paclitaxel
- Similar rates of grade 3/4 neutropenia in both groups (10% without GCSF vs 9% with GCSF)
- Estimated number needed to treat to prevent 1 episode of grade 3/4 neutropenia: 167

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Take-Home Points

Dose-dense paclitaxel confers about a 10% risk of grade 3/4 neutropenia but very low risk of febrile neutropenia

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Clinical Application

Omission of GCSF following dose-dense paclitaxel seems reasonable in patients who otherwise do not have patient-specific risk factors for myelosuppression

- Age > 65
- Persistent neutropenia
- Bone marrow involvement by tumor
- Recent surgery / open wounds
- Liver dysfunction (Bilirubin > 2)
- Renal dysfunction (Cr clearance < 50)

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