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Can Anti-HER2 Treatment for Advanced Disease be Individualized in 2017?

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Anti-HER2 drugs for breast cancer



A plethora of divinities...

Trastuzumab = Zeus Pertuzumab, Lapatinib, T-DM1... : who marries whom? Who is allowed to set the scene first?

Anti-HER2 therapies



J Baselga, S Swain, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2009

HER2 signaling pathway



A revised mechanism of action of Trastuzumab



HMGB-1 = High Mobility Group Box 1 Protein

(1+2)

Trastuzumab recruits Fc receptor expressing cells such as NK cells

(3)

ADCC (or HER2 signaling blockade) causes cell death and the release of "death signals" such as HMGB-1, which triggers the activation of Antigen presenting cells (APC)

(4) As a result CD8-dependent adaptive anti-tumor immunity is generated

Trastuzumab-DM1 in HER2+ MBC



DM1

Trastuzumab-DM1

Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC)



Maytansine (inhibitor of microtubule assembly)

- Potency > Vincristine or Vinblastine
- Maximal exposure of HER2+ tumors
- Minimal exposure of normal tissues
- Antitumor Properties of trastuzumab

Lewis-Phillips GD et al., Cancer Res 68:9280-9290, 2008

T-DM1: 1st-in-class HER2 antibodydrug conjugate (ADC)



Systemic therapies for HER2+ advanced BC Standards of care in 2017





Dual anti-HER2 blockade: Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab



J Baselga, S Swain, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2009

CLEOPATRA TRIAL



Primary endpoint: PFS (as determined by independent review facility) Secondary endpoint: OS, PFS (investigator assessed), ORR, safety

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Intention-to-Treat Population.*					
Characteristic	Placebo plus Trastuzumab plus Docetaxel (N = 406)	Pertuzumab plus Trastuzumab plus Docetaxel (N=402)			
Female sex — no. (%)	404 (99.5)	402 (100.0)			
Age — yr					
Median	54.0	54.0			
Range	27-89	22-82			
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†					
Asian	133 (32.8)	128 (31.8)			
Black	20 (4.9)	10 (2.5)			
White	235 (57.9)	245 (60.9)			
Other	18 (4.4)	19 (4.7)			
Region — no. (%)					
Asia	128 (31.5)	125 (31.1)			
Europe	152 (37.4)	154 (38.3)			
North America	68 (16.7)	67 (16.7)			
South America	58 (14.3)	56 (13.9)			
ECOG performance status — no. (%)‡					
0	248 (61.1)	274 (68.2)			
1	157 (38.7)	125 (31.1)			
≥2	1 (0.2)	3 (0.7)			
Disease type at screening — no. (%)					
Nonvisceral	90 (22.2)	88 (21.9)			
Visceral	316 (77.8)	314 (78.1)			
Hormone-receptor status — no. (%)					
ER-positive, PgR-positive, or both	199 (49.0)	189 (47.0)			
ER-negative and PgR-negative	196 (48.3)	212 (52.7)			
Unknown	11 (2.7)	1 (0.2)			
HER2 status, assessed by immunohistochemistry — no. (%)					
0 or 1+	2 (0.5)	4 (1.0)			
2+	32 (7.9)	47 (11.7)			
3+	371 (91.4)	350 (87.1)			
Data not available	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)			
HER2 status, assessed by FISH — no. (%)					
Positive	383 (94.3)	384 (95.5)			
Negative	4 (1.0)	1 (0.2)			
Data not available	19 (4.7)	17 (4.2)			

Table 1. (Continued.)		
Characteristic	Placebo plus Trastuzumab plus Docetaxel (N=406)	Pertuzumab plus Trastuzumab plus Docetaxel (N=402)
Prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant chemotherapy — no. (%)		
No	214 (52.7)	218 (54.2)
Yes∫	192 (47.3)	184 (45.8)
Anthracycline	164 (40.4)	150 (37.3)
Hormone	97 (23.9)	106 (26.4)
Taxane	94 (23.2)	91 (22.6)
Trastuzumab	41 (10.1)	47 (11.7)

* Baseline characteristics did not differ significantly between the two groups. ER denotes estrogen receptor, FISH fluorescence in situ hybridization, HER2 human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, and PgR progesterone receptor.

† Race or ethnic group was determined by the investigator. The category of "Other" includes American Indian and Alaska Native.

The Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status reflects the daily-living abilities of the patient, on a scale of 0 (fully active without symptoms) to 5 (dead).

§ Patients may have received more than one form of adjuvant or neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

Only 10-12% received prior adjuvant trastuzumab

Baselga et al. NEJM 2012

Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab: toxicities

Table 2. Adverse Events after the Discontinuation of Docetaxel in the Safety Population.*				
Adverse Event	Control Group (N=261)	Pertuzumab Group (N=306)		
Most common events of any grade — no. of patients (%)†				
Alopecia	6 (2.3)	5 (1.6)		
Diarrhea <u>‡</u>	37 (14.2)	86 (28.1)		
Neutropenia	13 (5.0)	10 (3.3)		
Nausea	30 (11.5)	39 (12.7)		
Fatigue	25 (9.6)	41 (13.4)		
Rash‡	21 (8.0)	56 (18.3)		
Asthenia	23 (8.8)	41 (13.4)		
Decreased appetite	14 (5.4)	22 (7.2)		
Peripheral edema	32 (12.3)	28 (9.2)		
Vomiting	17 (6.5)	30 (9.8)		
Myalgia	19 (7.3)	25 (8.2)		
Mucosal inflammation	4 (1.5)	11 (3.6)		
Headache	32 (12.3)	52 (17.0)		
Constipation	18 (6.9)	17 (5.6)		
Upper respiratory tract infection‡	32 (12.3)	56 (18.3)		
Pruritus‡	15 (5.7)	42 (13.7)		
Febrile neutropenia	0	0		
Dry skin	10 (3.8)	10 (3.3)		
Muscle spasm <u>‡</u>	6 (2.3)	24 (7.8)		

Combination generally well tolerated

No increase in cardiotoxicities

Swain et al. NEJM 2015

CLEOPATRA: RESULTS



Dual anti-HER2 blockade in first line setting: Can we improve the results?



J Baselga, S Swain, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2009

MARIANNE TRIAL



and superiority assessed Secondary endpoint: OS, PFS (investigator assessed), ORR, safety, patients-reported outcomes

Phase III MARIANNE Study



PERTAIN Study Design (Phase II Trial)



- Time since adjuvant hormone therapy
- (<12 months/≥12 months/no prior therapy)
- * 165 events to detect significant improvement in PFS from 7 months to 10.8 months (I.E. HR 0.645) with 80% power and a 2-sided log-rank test at an alpha level of 0.05.

** Choice of chemotherapy must be specified before randomization; administered per product labelling. LA, locally advanced; R, randomization)

Previous Systemic Therapy for Breast Cancer (ITT Population)

	Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab + AI (n=129)	Trastuzumab + Al (n=129)
Previous systemic therapy for BC, n (%)*	67 (51.9)	67 (51.9)
Chemotherapy, n(%) Neoadjuvant Adjuvant	20(15.5) 51(39.5)	18 (14.0) 41 (31.8)
Anthracyclines Taxanes	53 (41.1) 33 (25.6)	36 (27.9) 36 (27.9)
Trastuzumab, n(%) Neoadjuvant Adjuvant	10 (7.8) 30 (23.3)	8 (6.2) 24 (18.6)
Hormonal therapy, n (%) Neoadjuvant Adjuvant Other**	1 (0.8) 54 (41.9) 2 (1.6)	1 (0.8) 51 (39.5) 4 (3.1)

Patients could be counted under \geq 1 treatment setting, e.g. neoadjuvant/adjuvant if they received > 1 treatment with a different purpose.

* Includes previous lapatinib (n=1 in each arm) and bevacizumab (n=1 in Arm A)

** Metastatic disease (n=3), bone metastasis (n=1), first-line metastasis (n=1), cancer treatment (n=1)

San Antonio Broast Cancor Symposium, December 6-10, 2016

Primary Progression-Free Survival Analysis (Stratified, ITT Population)



Analysis based upon Kaplan-Maler approach including stratification factors from IXRS. HR from a stratified Cex proportional hazards model including stratification factors from IXRS. Nedian time of fellow-up: 31 months. Cl, coefidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.

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Duration of Response (Unstratified, ITT Responders)



Unstratified analysis based upon Kaplan-Meier approach. HR from a stratified Cox proportional hazards model including stratification factors from IXRS.

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Messages from the PERTAIN trial

- In a patient population with prior exposure to adjuvant CTX (45%) and adjuvant trastuzumab (30%), dual HER2 blockade (T+P) with a taxane (and endocrine therapy) is of added value, but its effect is less impressive than in CLEOPATRA
- There is a subgroup of patients at first relapse with more « indolent » disease that can be treated very efficiently with endocrine therapy (ET) and dual HER2 blockade (12m gain in PFS compared to ET + trastuzumab)

After first-line with trastuzumab

EMILIA TRIAL DESIGN

HER2-positive (central) ABC

Prior treatment with trastuzumab and a taxane

Progression on metastatic tx or within 6 months of adjuvant tx (N=991)



Primary endpoints: PFS, OS and safety

Characteristic	Lapatinib plus Capecitabine (N=496)	T-DM1 (N = 495)
Age — yr		
Median	53	53
Range	24-83	25-84
Race — no. (%)†		
White	374 (75)	358 (72)
Asian	86 (17)	94 (19)
Black	21 (4)	29 (6)
Other	10 (2)	7 (1)
Not available	5 (1)	7 (1)
World region — no. (%)		
United States	136 (27)	134 (27)
Western Europe	160 (32)	157 (32)
Asia	76 (15)	82 (17)
Other	124 (25)	122 (25)
ECOG performance status — no. (%)‡		
0	312 (63)	299 (60)
1	176 (35)	194 (39)
Not available	8 (2)	2 (<1)
Site of disease involvement — no. (%)		
Visceral	335 (68)	334 (67)
Nonvisceral	161 (32)	161 (33)
Hormone-receptor status — no. (%)		
ER-positive, PR-positive, or both	263 (53)	282 (57)
ER-negative and PR-negative	224 (45)	202 (41)
Unknown	9 (2)	11 (2)
Prior systemic therapy — no. (%)§		
Anthracycline	302 (61)	303 (61)
Other chemotherapy	382 (77)	385 (78)
Biologic agent other than trastuzumab or pertuzumab	21 (4)	13 (3)
Endocrine therapy	204 (41)	205 (41)
Prior chemotherapy regimens for locally advanced or metastatic diseaseno. (%)		
0 or 1	305 (61)	304 (61)
>1	191 (39)	191 (39)
Prior trastuzumab treatment — no. (%)∬		
For metastatic breast cancer, early breast cancer, or both	419 (84)	417 (84)
For early breast cancer only	77 (16)	78 (16)

Majority of patients received only 0 to 1 prior therapy in the metastatic setting

100% received prior trastuzumab - 84% in the metastatic setting

Verma et al. NEJM 2012

EMILIA RESULTS

OS

0

0

PFS





No. at Risk Lapatinib 496 404 310 176 129 73 53 35 25 14 9 8 5 1 0 capecitabine T-DM1 495 419 341 236 183 130 101 72 54 44 30 18 9 3 1

No. at Risk																			
Lapatinib-	496	471	453	435	403	368	297	240	204	159	133	110	86	63	45	27	17	7	4
capecitabine T-DM1	495	485	474	457	439	418	349	293	242	197	164	136	111	86	62	38	28	13	5

OS 30.9 months (T-DM1) vs 25.1 months (p< 0.001)

mPFS 9.6 months (T-DM1) vs 6.4 months (p < 0.001)

Verma et al. NEJM 2012

T-DM1 vs Lapatinib + Capecitabine

Improved outcomes:

↑DFS ↑OS

Good safety profile:

↓ Diarrhea
 ↓ Palmar-plantar
 erythrodysesthesia
 ↓ Vomiting
 ↓ Mucosal Inflammation

↓Thrombocytopenia ↓Elevated AST/ALT

Lapatinib + Capecitabine

T-DM1

T-DM1 better

TH3RESA TRIAL DESIGN





Co-primary endpoints: PFS and OS

	Physician's choice (n=198)	Trastuzumab emtansine (n=404)
Age (years)	54 (28-85)	53 (27-89)
<65	164 (83%)	345 (85%)
65-74	28 (14%)	46 (11%)
≥75	6 (3%)	13 (3%)
World region		
USA	48 (24%)	99 (25%)
Western Europe	85 (43%)	171 (42%)
Other	65 (33%)	134 (33%)
Race		
White	161 (81%)	325 (80%)
Asian	24 (12%)	57 (14%)
Other*	13 (7%)	22 (5%)
ECOG PS†		
0	82 (41%)	180 (45%)
1	101 (51%)	200 (50%)
2	15 (8%)	22 (5%)
Hormone receptor status‡		
ER positive and/or PR positive	103 (52%)	208 (51%)
ER negative and PR negative	85 (43%)	185 (46%)
Unknown	10 (5%)	11 (3%)
Visceral disease involvement	150 (76%)	302 (75%)
Disease extent		
Metastatic	187 (94%)	391 (97%)
Unresectable locally advanced or recurrent	11 (6%)	13 (3%)
Measurable disease	163 (82%)	345 (85%)
Number of previous regimens for advanced breast cancer§¶	4 (1-19)	4 (1-14)
≤3	78 (39%)	131 (33%)
4-5	65 (33%)	149 (37%)
>5	55 (28%)	122 (30%)
Previous exposure to HER2-directed therapy		
Trastuzumab	198 (100%)	404 (100%)
Duration (months)	23.7 (0.7-508.8)	24·3 (1·4-140·5)
Lapatinib	198 (100%)	404 (100%)
Duration (months)	7.62 (0.1-48.0)	7.98 (0.1-71.2)
Previously treated asymptomatic brain metastasis	27 (14%)	40 (10%)

Very advanced disease: >60% of patients with more than 3 lines of therapy in the metastatic setting

100% received previous trastuzumab and lapatinib

THERESA results



With results from TH3RESA + EMILIA, Trastuzumab emtansine should be considered as a new standard for patients with HER2positive advanced breast cancer who have previously received anti-her2 therapy.

Ian E Krop, Lancet Oncol 2014



EGF104900: significant OS benefit with Herceptin + lapatinib following disease progression



* Median OS (months)

Not within EMEA-approved indication for Herceptin

Blackwell et al 2010



Most likely trastuzumab needs to be kept "on board" while using an anti-HER2 TKI!

Trials showing « loss of survival » with trastuzumab interruption in advanced disease



OS worse for the non trastuzumab-containing arm

Beyond Guidelines



How can we improve treatment tailoring in advanced HER2+ BC?





Selection of the « optimal » use of approved anti-HER2 therapies

Optimizing the use of new HER2 targeted agents in advanced disease : No known brain metastases

Trastuzumab (T) naive or T-« sensitive » population (adj. T- free interval ≥ 1y) Trastuzumab (T) pretreated and doubt about T-« sensitivity » (adj. T- free interval < 1y)

1 ^{rst} line	Taxane + T + Pertuzumab	T-DM1
2 nd line	T-DM1	Lapatinib + Capecitabine
3 rd line	Lapatinib + Capecitabine	Lapatinib + Trastuzumab
4 th line	Lapatinib + Trastuzumab	Trastuzumab + Chemo

Optimizing the use of new HER2 targeted agents in advanced disease : No known brain metastases



Optimizing the use of new HER2 targeted agents in advanced disease : What if there are known brain metastases as well as distant metastases?



* 66% RR, most progressions (78%) in CNS after a median time of 5,5m, significant toxicities

Ramakrishna et al, ASCO Guidelines 2014

Courtesy E. de Vries

Patient 202: response of brain metastases to T-DM1



Before: 1-AUG-2012

After 3 cycles: 28-SEP-2012



Selection of the « optimal » use of approved anti-HER2 therapies

Individualization of T-DM1 therapy in advanced HER2+ BC



ZEPHIR trial (NCT01565200) Belgium and Holland Coordination : Nuclear Medicine Department (P. Flamen, G. Gebhart - J. Bordet Institute)



The ZEPHIR Trial: Optimizing T-DM1 Administration in Advanced HER2+ BC Rationale

1. For TDM1 to be active, the presence of an intact HER2 receptor is "key".

The zirconium 89 labelled trastuzumab PET/CT is a non invasive test which shows promise in evaluating HER2 expression (extracellular domain) for the <u>entire disease burden</u>

2. It is desirable to identify early on, which patients are <u>unlikely</u> to benefit.

The ZEPHIR Trial: Optimizing T-DM1 Administration in Advanced HER2+ BC

The ZEPHIR Trial					
Primary Objective	To show that pre-treatment 89Zr-trastuzumab PET/CT is able to select lesions not responding from treatment with T-DM1				
Primary Endpoint	NPV of the 89Zr-trastuzumab PET/CT				
Secondary Objective	To show that early FDG PET/CT (performed after one cycle of T-DM1) is able to select lesions not responding from treatment with T-DM1				
Secondary Endpoint	NPV of the early FDG PET/CT				



ZEPHIR trial design



G. Gebhart et al., Annals of Oncology, published online Nov 23, 2015

Patterns of ⁸⁹Zr-trastuzumab PET/CT confronted with FDG-PET/CT

FDG

FDG

All (A) or most (B) of the metastatic lesions are seen on the HER2 PET

Majority of the tumour load: high ⁸⁹Zr-T

HER2

HER2

HER2 IMAGING METHODOLOGY

None (D) or very few (C) metastatic lesions are seen on the HER2 PET

Majority of the tumour load: low/no ⁸⁹Zr-T uptake

HER2

All lesions :high ⁸⁹Zr-T uptake

HER2

FDG

FDG

G. Gebhart et al., Annals of Oncology, published online Nov 23, 2015

All lesions: low/no ⁸⁹Zr-T uptake

PET



Post 3 cycles TDM1 FDG PET



Post 3 cycles TDM1 FDG PET



Heterogeneity in HER2 « mapping » and early FDG-PET predict time to treatment failure (TTF) under T-DM1 Therapy





Selection of the « optimal » use of approved anti-HER2 therapies

Translational Research efforts in HER2+ BC

Microenvironment

Downstream signaling pathways

HER2 itself

Other membrane receptors & their ligands

Translational Research efforts in HER2+ BC I. Advanced disease

Downstream signaling pathways

Other membrane receptors

HER2 itself

& their ligands

PIK3CA mutations

High tumor HER2 mRNA means a better prognosis



PiK3CA mutations (32% incidence): worse prognosis but still a benefit from treatment

Cleopatra trial





Dual blockade works in both cohorts... but larger magnitude of benefit in wild type cohort T-DM1 works in both cohorts... but larger magnitude of benefit in mutated cohort

Translational Research efforts in advanced HER2+ BC



Translational Research efforts in HER2+ BC





Are TILs prognostic or predictive in the context of advanced disease treated with anti-HER2 therapies?

TIL's are prognostic in the context of advanced HER2 positive Breast Cancer treated with anti-HER2 MAbs

- Clinical trial = CLEOPATRA (adding pertuzumab to trastuzumab + docetaxel improves PFS by 6.3m and OS by 15.7m in the first line setting)
- Tissue collected from 678 out of 808 patients (N=155 fresh samples, 519 archival samples, only 20 "paired" samples)
- Stromal TILs: median = 10%, range 1-95% (significantly higher in ER negative tumors)

Each 10% increase in TILs is associated with an 11% decrease in the risk of death

TIL's are prognostic in CLEOPATRA



Luen, S.J. et al, Lancet Oncology, 2017, 18:52-62

CCTTG MA.31: Predictive effect of cytotoxic tumor infiltrating lymphocytes for PFS in HER2+ M.B.C.



! No demonstration of a prognostic effect

When should we use TKI inhibitors?

 Unfortunately p95-HER2 not validated as a biomarker of preferential activity of lapatinib

• Lapatinib (or other TKI) to be explored in Zirconium PET "negative" patients?

Winning the battle against HER2 positive BC !



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