

Discrepancies Between Ideals and Reality in Management of Breast Cancer in Korea

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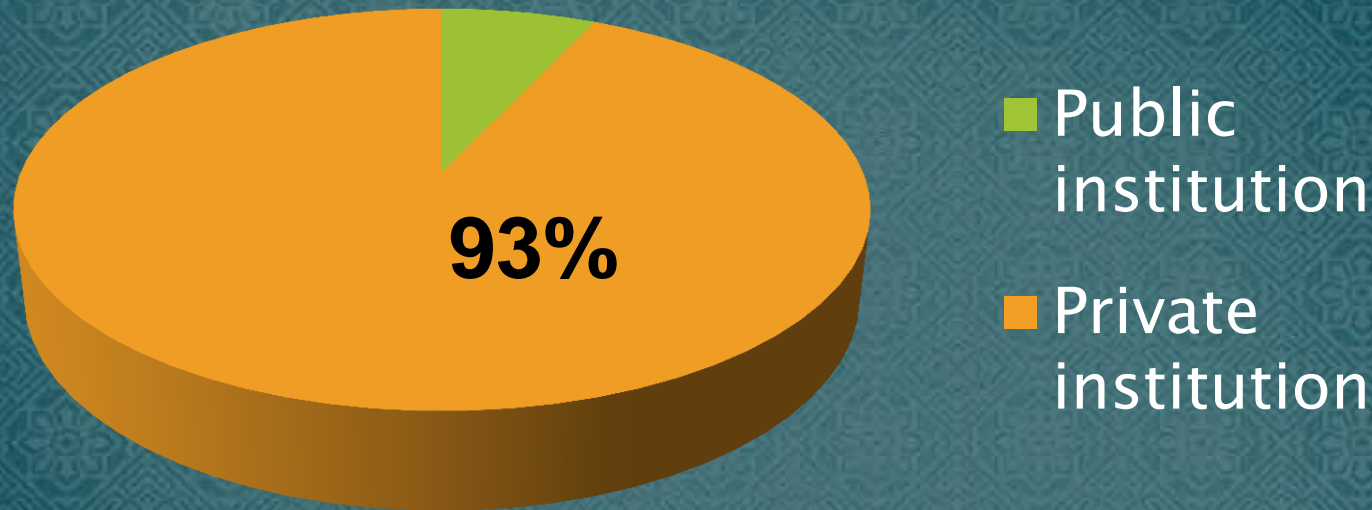
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- ✿ Current evidence and real management for breast cancer patients in Korea

National medical insurance system in Korea

- ✿ Only one provider, Government
(National Health Insurance Corporation)
- ✿ All people have mandatorily joined the medical insurance policy since 1989

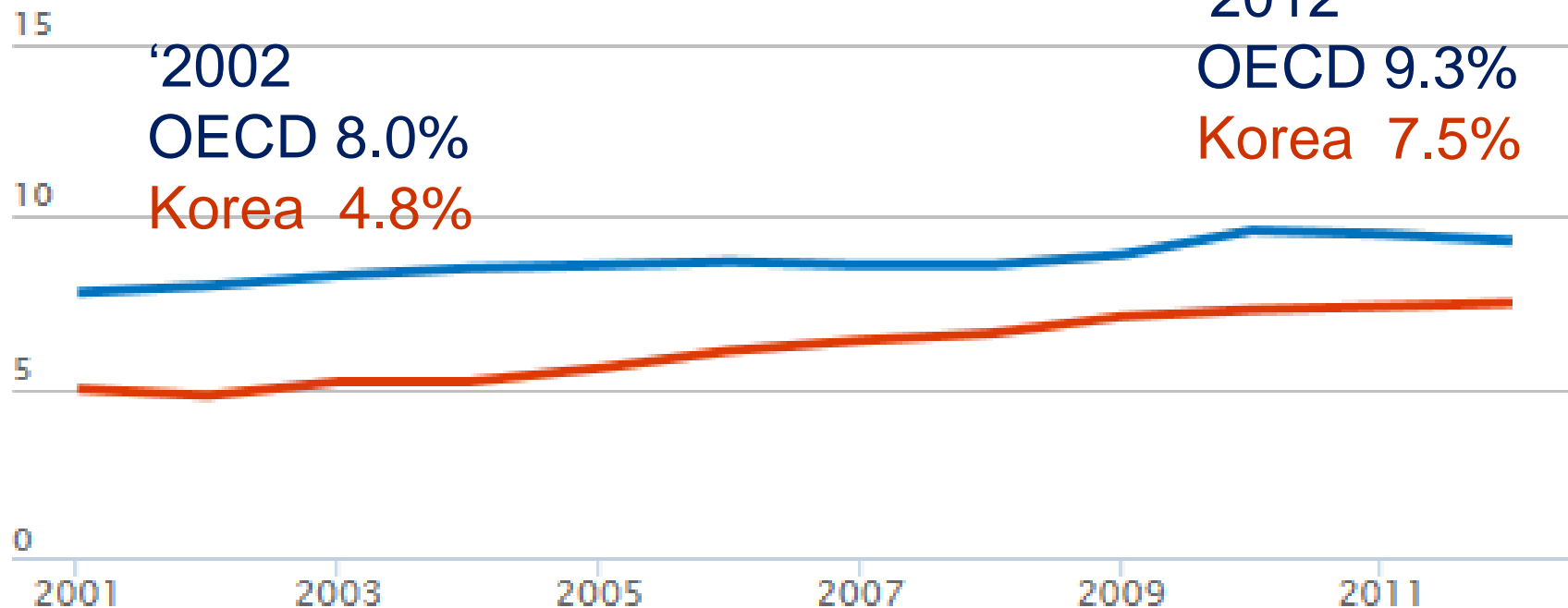
The Medical Insurance Natural Nomination System



Is meant for all the hospital or organization for medical treatment not to reject application of medical insurance but to offer an appropriate medical care to the patients.

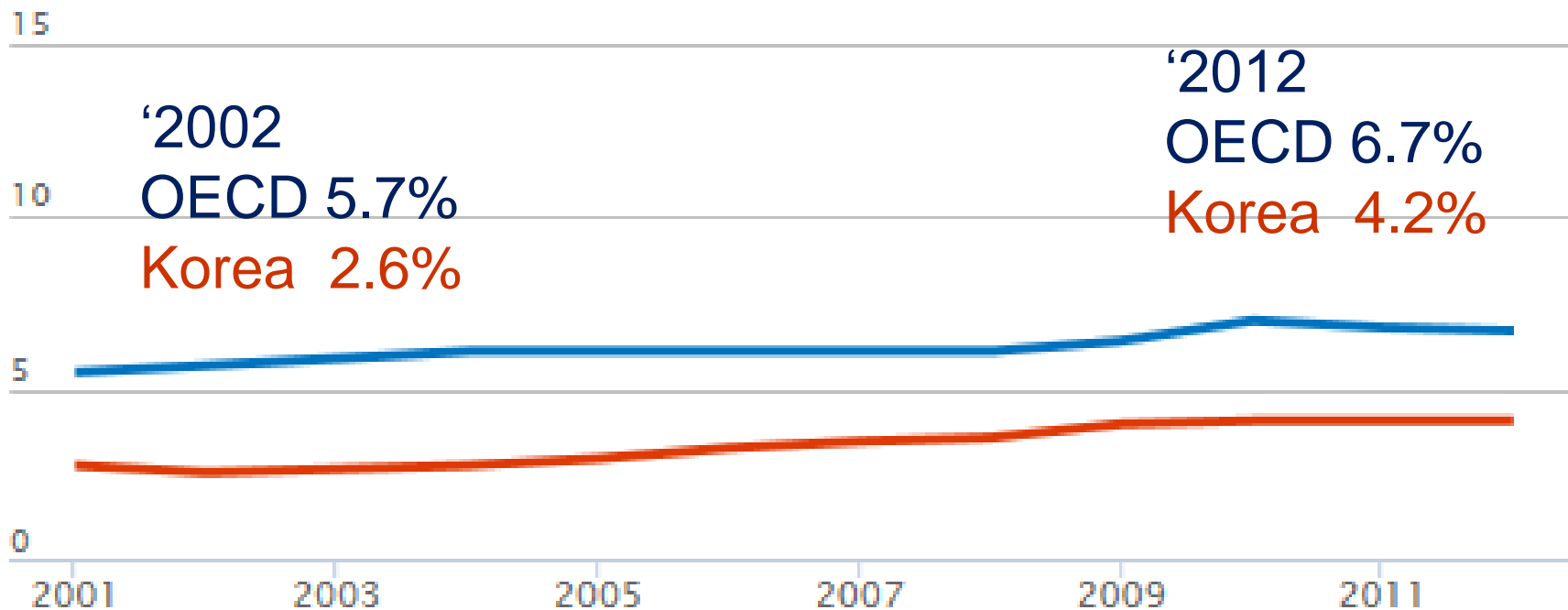
Health expenditure: Total

Total, % of GDP



Health expenditure: Public

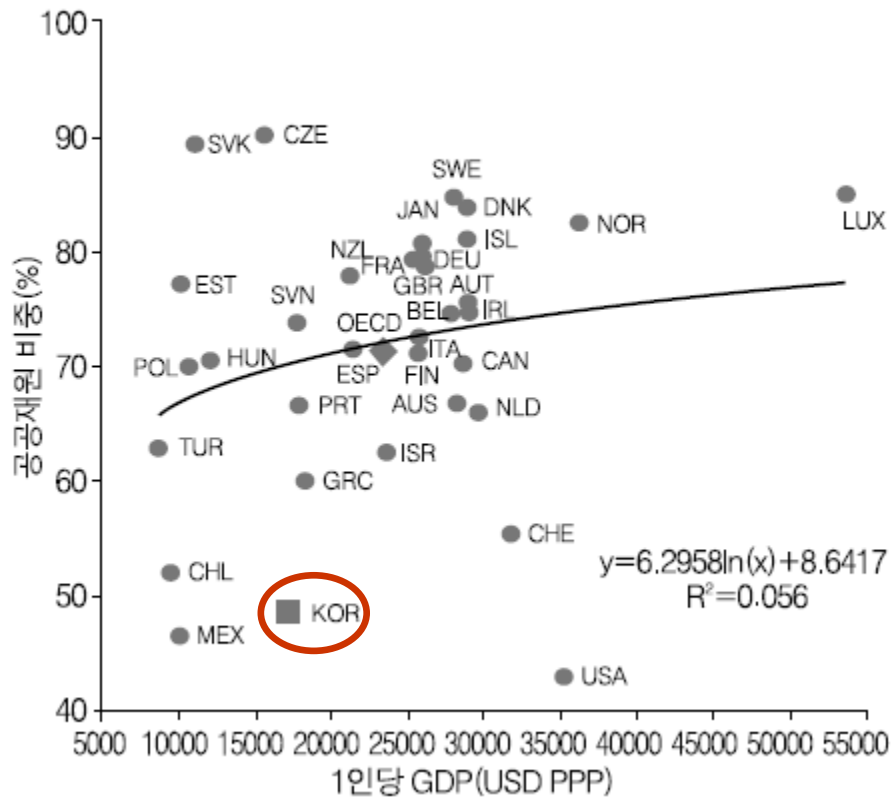
Public, % of GDP



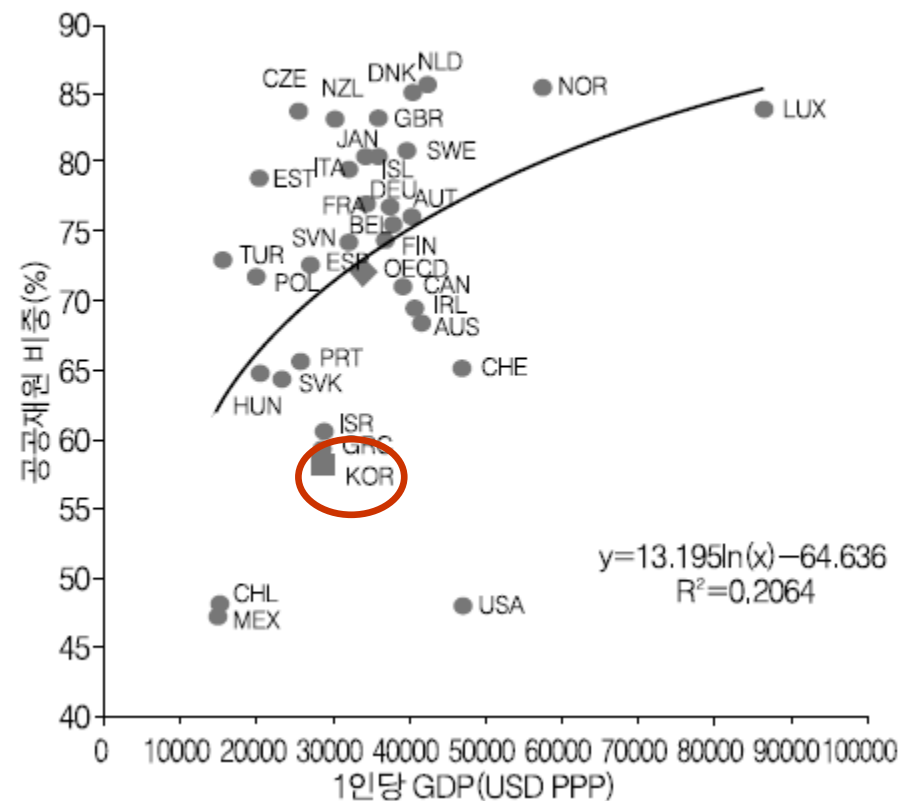
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Korea	53.7	52.4	52.6	52.9	55.3	55.8	55.9	58.2	58.2
OECD av.	71.9	71.4	71.0	71.0	71.3	71.3	72.0	72.4	72.2

Public Health expenditure (% of GDP)

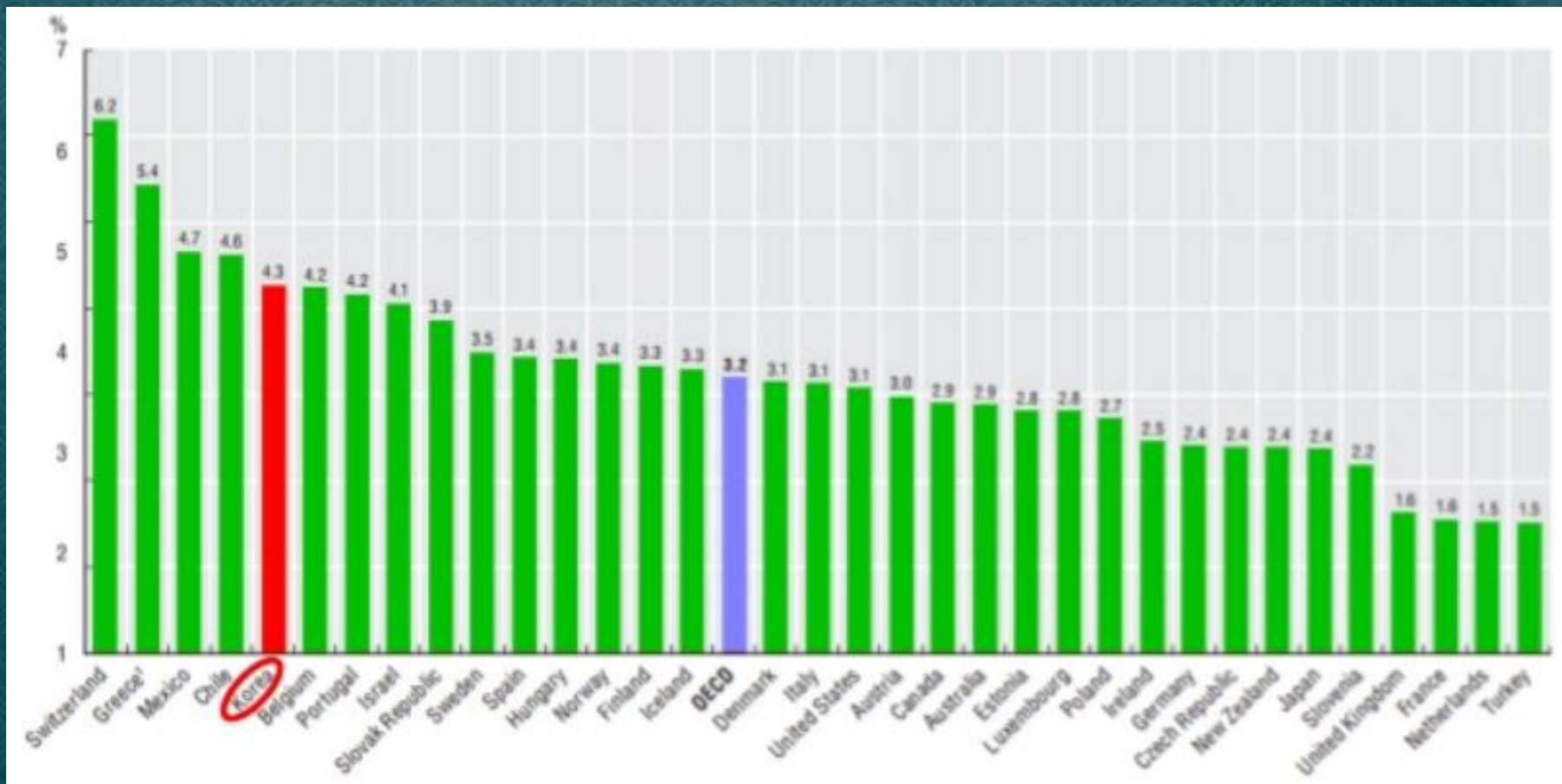
2000년



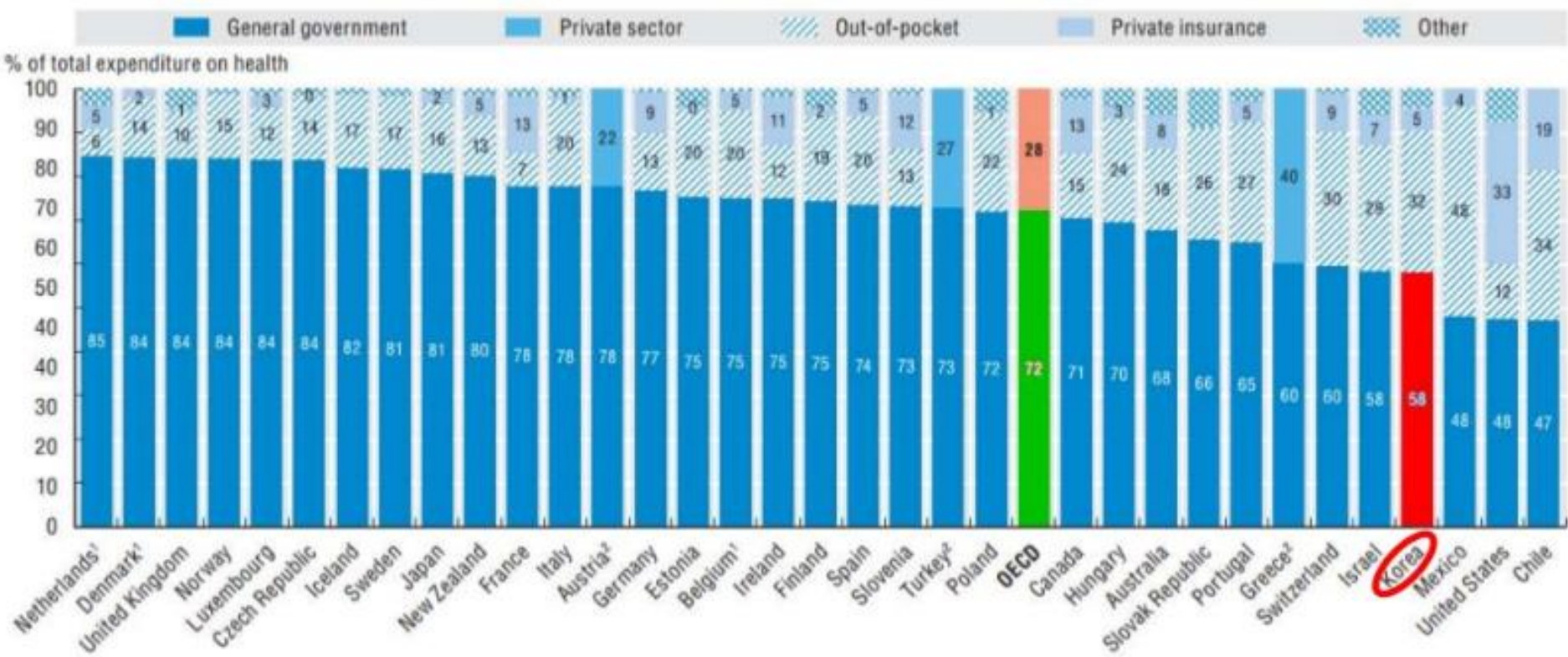
2010년



Out-of-pocket expenditure on health as a percentage of total expenditure on health.....



Expenditure on health by type of financing, 2009



1. Current expenditure.
 2. No breakdown of private financing available for latest year.

Source: OECD Health Data 2011.

Requirements for reimbursement

- ✿ Level of evidence : Category 1
- ✿ No drug for replacement or substitution
- ✿ No increase in financial burden for provider



✿ But, cancer patients pay only 5% of all medical cost if covered by insurance

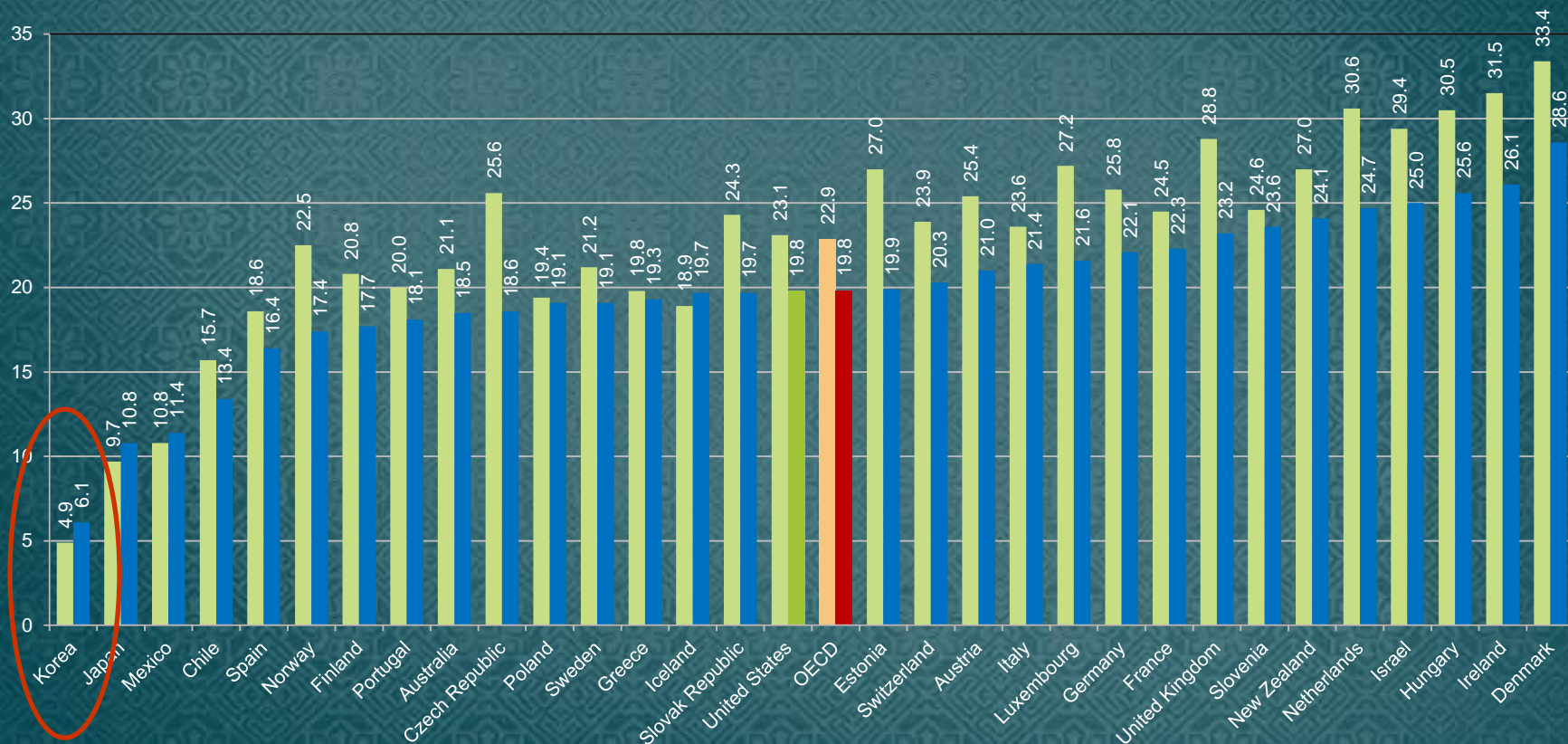
✿ Usually they are provided with good quality cancer care with low economic burden.

Breast cancer mortality, female, 2000 to 2009, age-adjusted

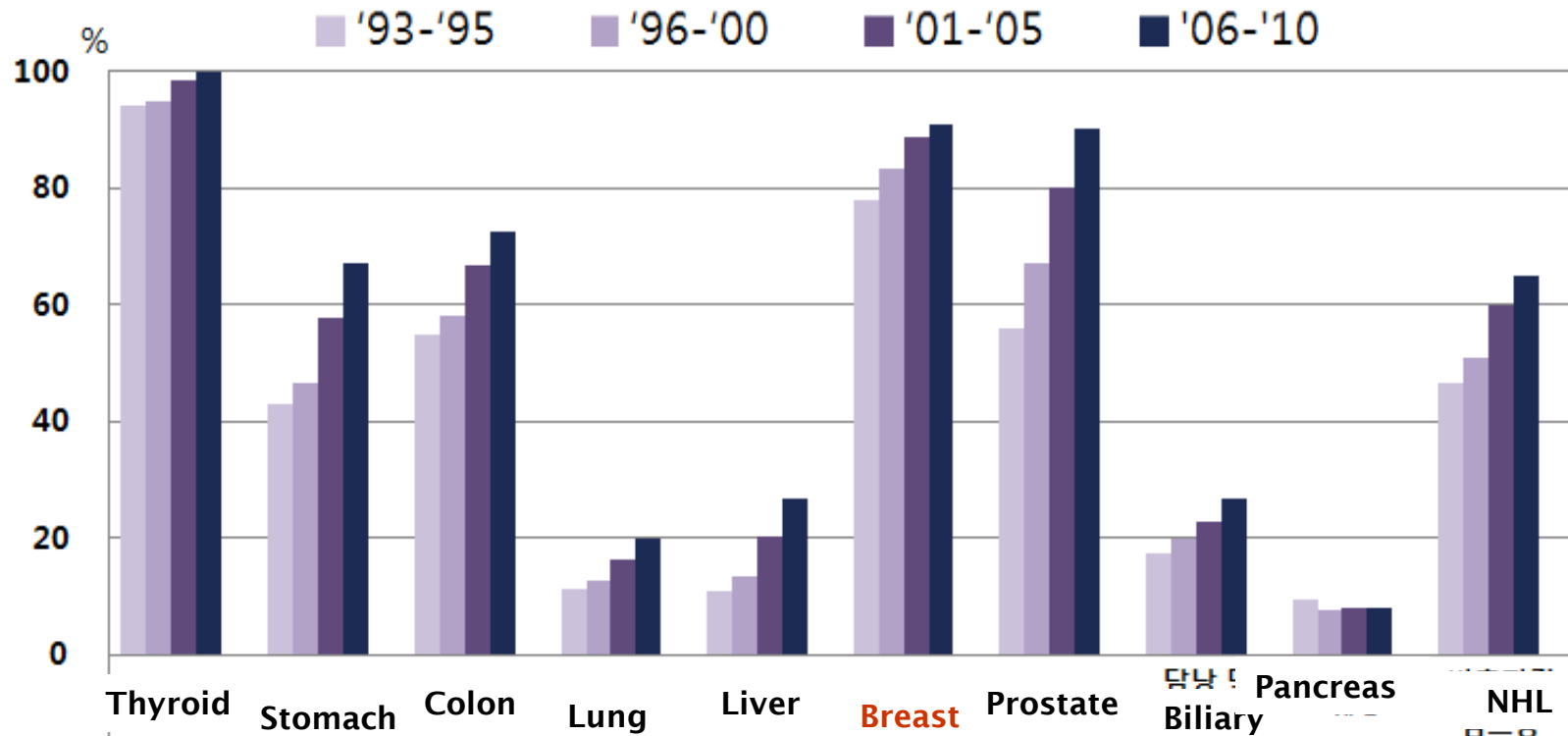
OECD 22.9% → 19.8%
Korea 4.9% → 6.1%

Age-standardised rates per 100 000 females

■ 2000 ■ 2009



5 year survival rate of major cancer



	Thyroid	Stomach	Colon	Lung	Liver	Breast	Prostate	Biliary	Pancreas	NHL
'93-'95	94.2	42.8	54.8	11.3	10.7	77.9	55.9	17.3	9.4	46.6
'96-'00	94.9	46.6	58.0	12.7	13.2	83.2	67.2	19.7	7.6	50.8
'01-'05	98.3	57.7	66.6	16.2	20.1	88.5	80.1	22.8	8.0	59.9
'06-'10	99.8	67.0	72.6	19.7	26.7	91.0	90.2	26.7	8.0	64.9
증감*	5.6	24.2	17.8	8.4	16.0	13.1	34.3	9.4	-1.4	18.3

* 증감: '93~'95년 대비 '06~'10년 암발생자의 생존율 차이

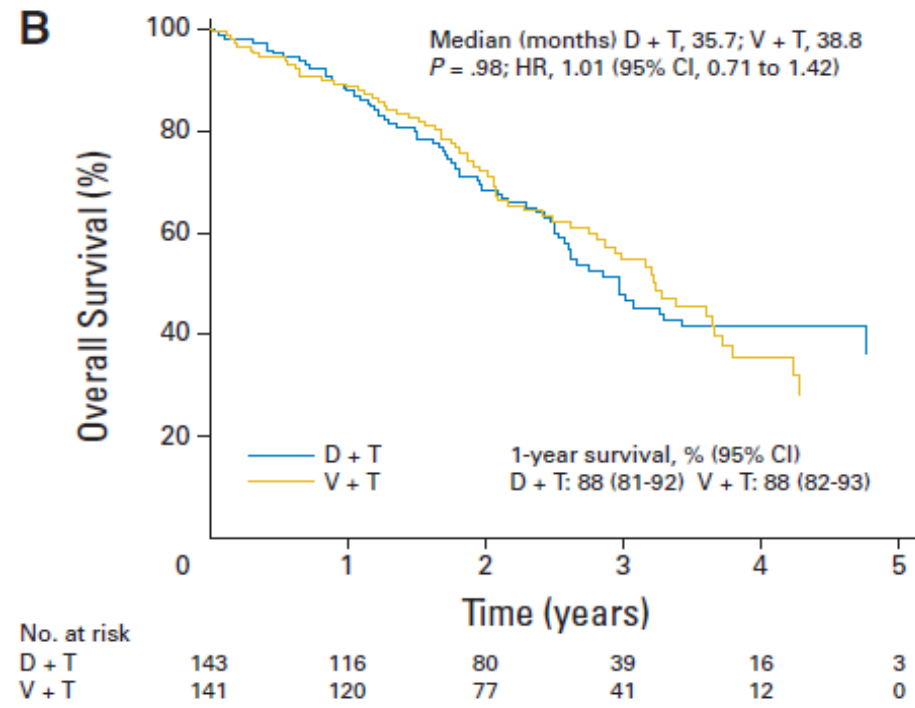
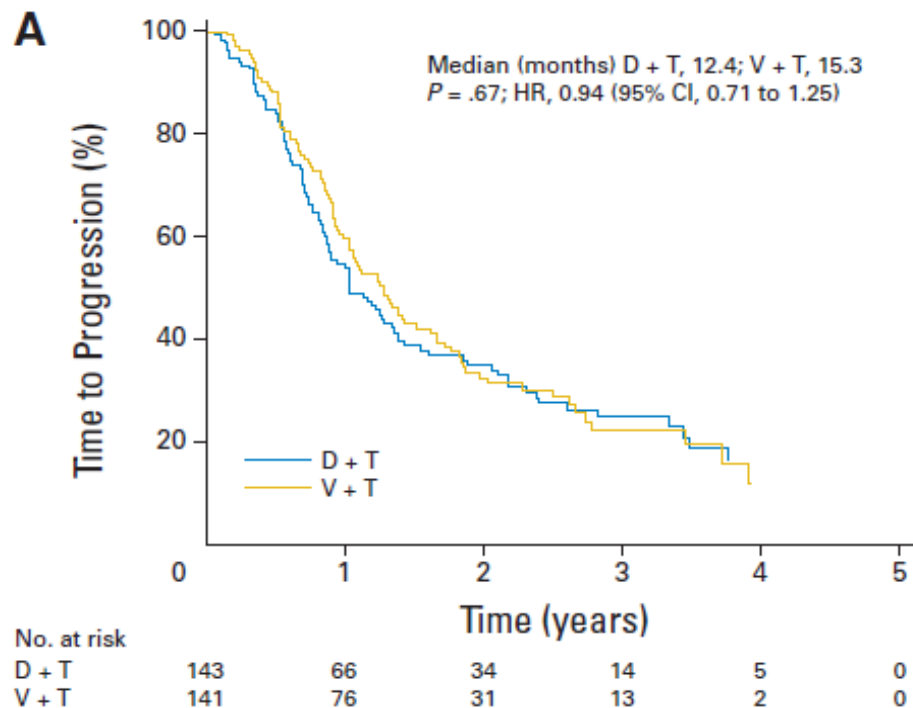
Randomized phase III trials beyond progression during trastuzumab

Trial	N	ORR	TTP/PFS (months)	OS (months)
von Minckwitz et al. (2009) Capecitabine Capecitabine+Trastuzumab	156	27% 48.1%	TTP 5.6 8.2 P=0.03	20.4 25.5 P=0.26
Geyer et al. (2006) Capecitabine Capecitabine+Lapatinib	324	14% 22% P=0.009	TTP 4.4 8.4 P<0.001	
Blackwell et al (2010) Lapatinib Lapatinib+Trastuzumab	296	6.9 10.3 P=0.46	8.4 wks 12 wks P=0.008	39 wks 51.6 wks P=0.016

In Korea...

- ✿ Beyond progression during or within 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab, physicians have to change to lapatinib/capecitabine in HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer.
- ✿ And then, no anti-HER2 targeted agents are allowed anymore.

HERNATA study: 1st line Trastuzumab/Docetaxel vs. Trastuzumab/Vinorelbine



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Table 3. Incidence of Drug-Related Toxicities Grade 2 to 4 Observed With Grade 3 to 4 in More Than 3% of Patients in Any Treatment Arm

Toxicity	Docetaxel	Vinorelbine	P (grade 3 + 4, docetaxel v vinorelbine)
% of Patients			
Hematologic			
Leucopenia	29.5	7.9	< .001
Neutropenia	36.0	10.1	.81
Febrile neutropenia	36.0	10.1	< .001
Nonhematologic			
Nausea	1.4	0.7	.72
Infection	25.1	13.0	.006
Pain	4.3	0	.55
Fatigue	4.3	0	.30
Diarrhea	7.9	0	.11
Neuropathy, motor	7.9	0.7	.75
Neuropathy, sensory	7.9	0.7	< .001
Edema	6.5	0	.003
Dyspnea	6.5	0	.54
Fever	6.5	0	.03
Nail changes	6.5	0	.005

More Gr 3/4 toxicities in Docetaxel arm :

Febrile neutropenia (36.0% vs 10.1%)

Leucopenia (40.3% vs 21.0%)

Infection (25.1% vs 13.0%)

Fever (4.3% vs 0%)

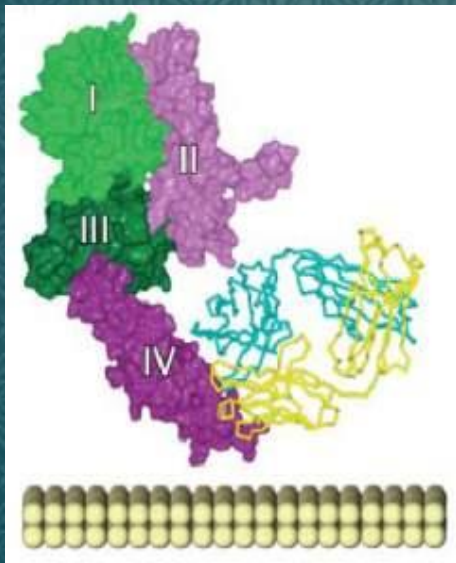
Neuropathy (7.9% vs 0.7%)

Edema (6.5% vs 0%)

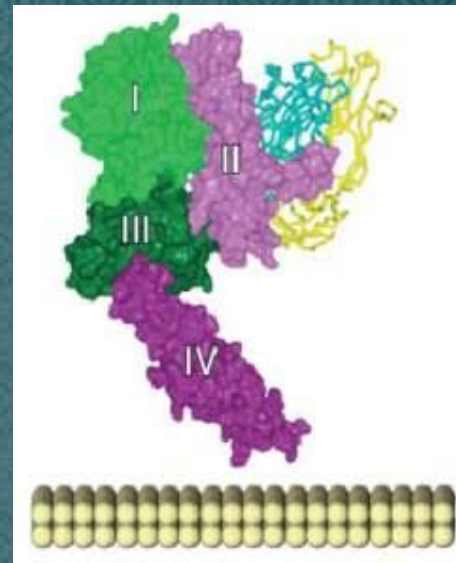
In Korea...

- ✿ Trastuzumab combined with taxane is the only one regimen allowed to use and reimbursed.
- ✿ Other combinations in current NCCN guideline, such as trastuzumab with vinorelbine, capecitabine, or lapatinib should not be used.

Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab (Perjeta)



Trastuzumab

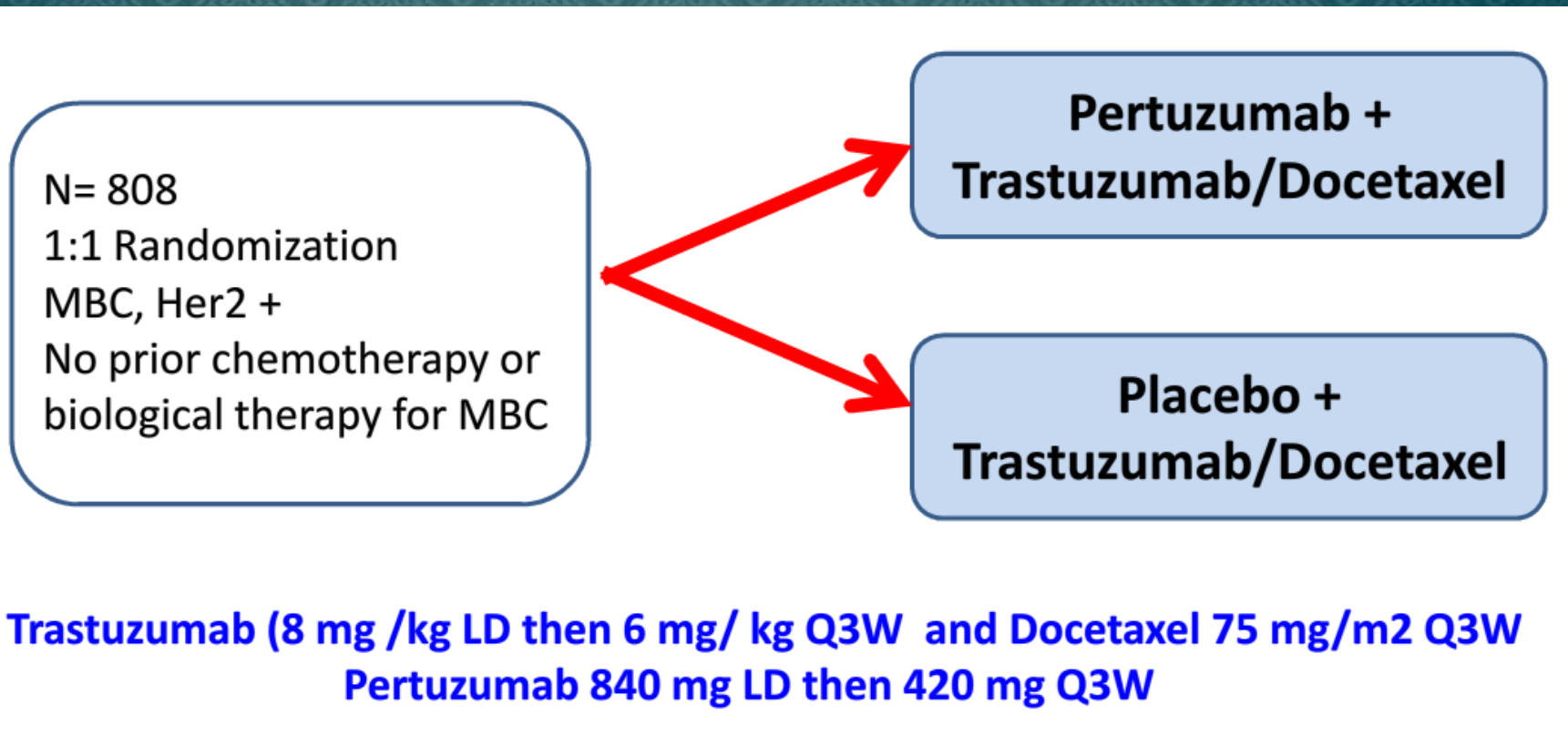


Pertuzumab

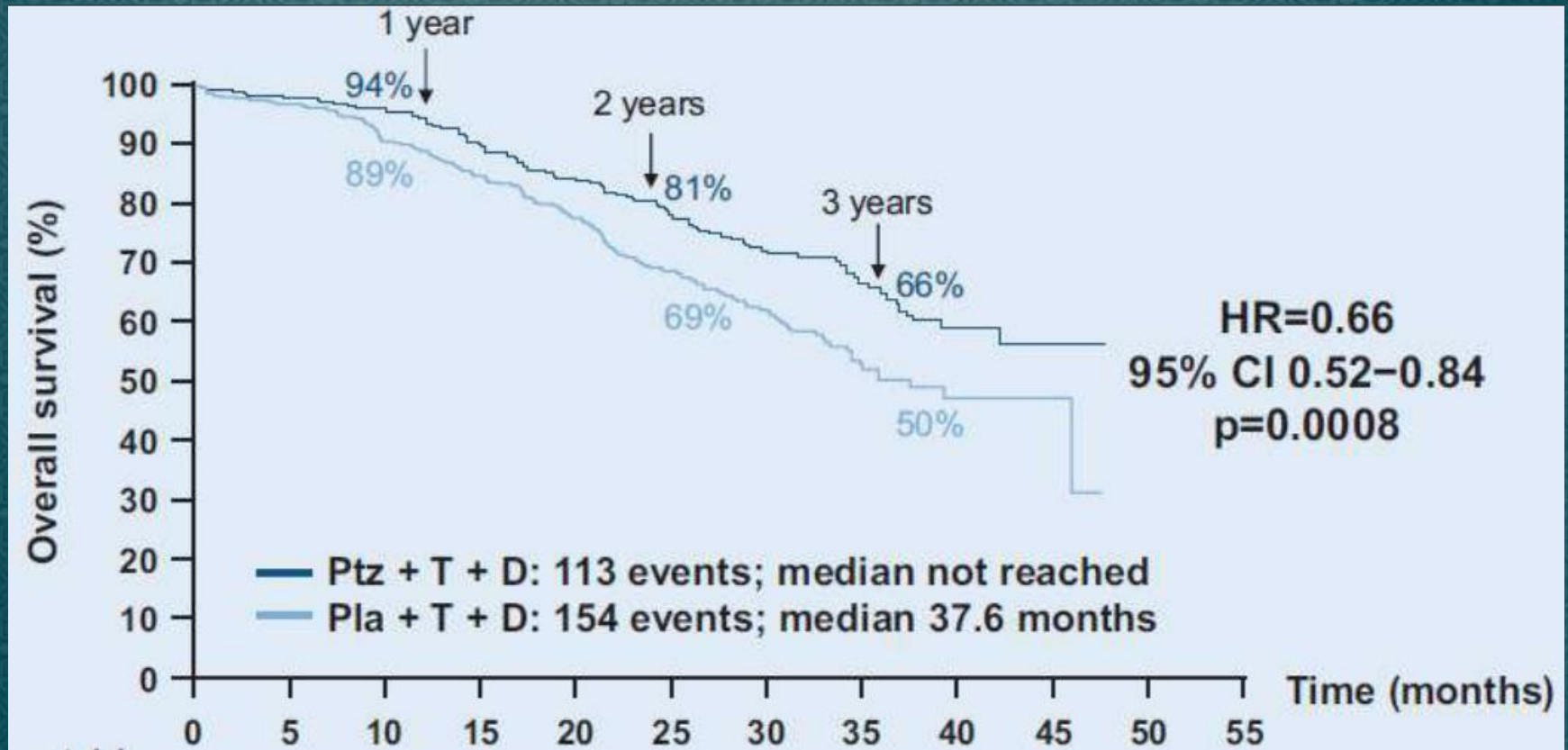
- ✿ Activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity
- ✿ Inhibits HER2-mediated signalling
- ✿ Inhibits shedding and, thus, formation of new p95
- ✿ Inhibits HER2-related angiogenesis

- Activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity
- Prevents receptor dimerization
- Potent inhibitor of HER2/HER2- and HER2/HER3-mediated signalling pathways

Phase III trial of Pertuzumab in combination of Trastuzumab/Docetaxel (Cleopatra)



Cleopatra : OS



At 30 months median follow up

Baselga et al. N Engl J Med 2012;366:109-19.

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- Doxorubicin
- Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin

Taxanes

- Paclitaxel

Anti-metabolites

- Capecitabine
 - Gemcitabine
- Other microtubule inhibitors*
- Vinorelbine
 - Eribulin

Other single agents:

- Cyclophosphamide
- Carboplatin
- Docetaxel
- Albumin-bound paclitaxel
- Cisplatin
- Epirubicin
- Ixabepilone

Chemotherapy combinations:

- CAF/FAC (cyclophosphamide/doxorubicin/fluorouracil)
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Other agents for trastuzumab-exposed HER2-positive disease:

- Lapatinib + capecitabine
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- Trastuzumab + lapatinib (without cytotoxic therapy)
- Trastuzumab + other agents

T-DM1 (Ado trastuzumab emtansine)



Target expression: HER2

Monoclonal antibody: trastuzumab



Cytotoxic agent: DM1

**Highly potent chemotherapy
(maytansine derivative)**



Linker

**Systemically stable
Breaks down in target cancer cell**



**T-DM1
(Kadcyla®)**

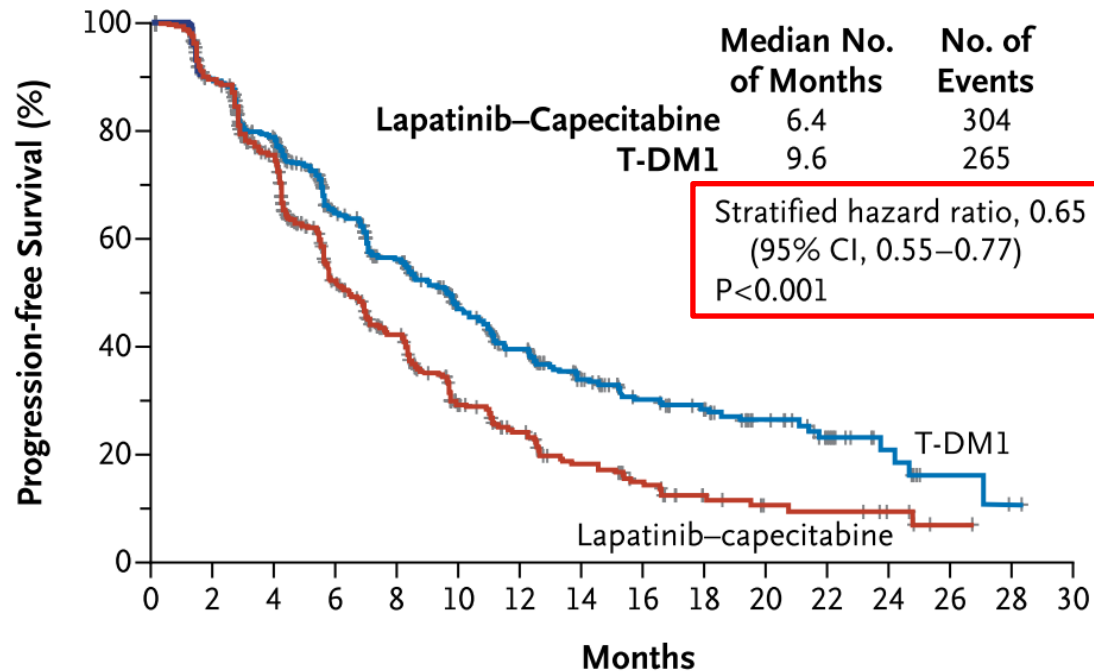
EMILIA : phase III 2nd line in MBC

N= 991
1:1 Randomization
MBC or LABC
Her2 +
Prior Tras. and Taxane
LEVF > 50%

T-DM1
(3.6 mg/kg D1 Q3W)

Capecitabine / Lapatinib
(1000mg/m² BID 1-14 Q3W /
1250 mg QD)

EMILIA : PFS

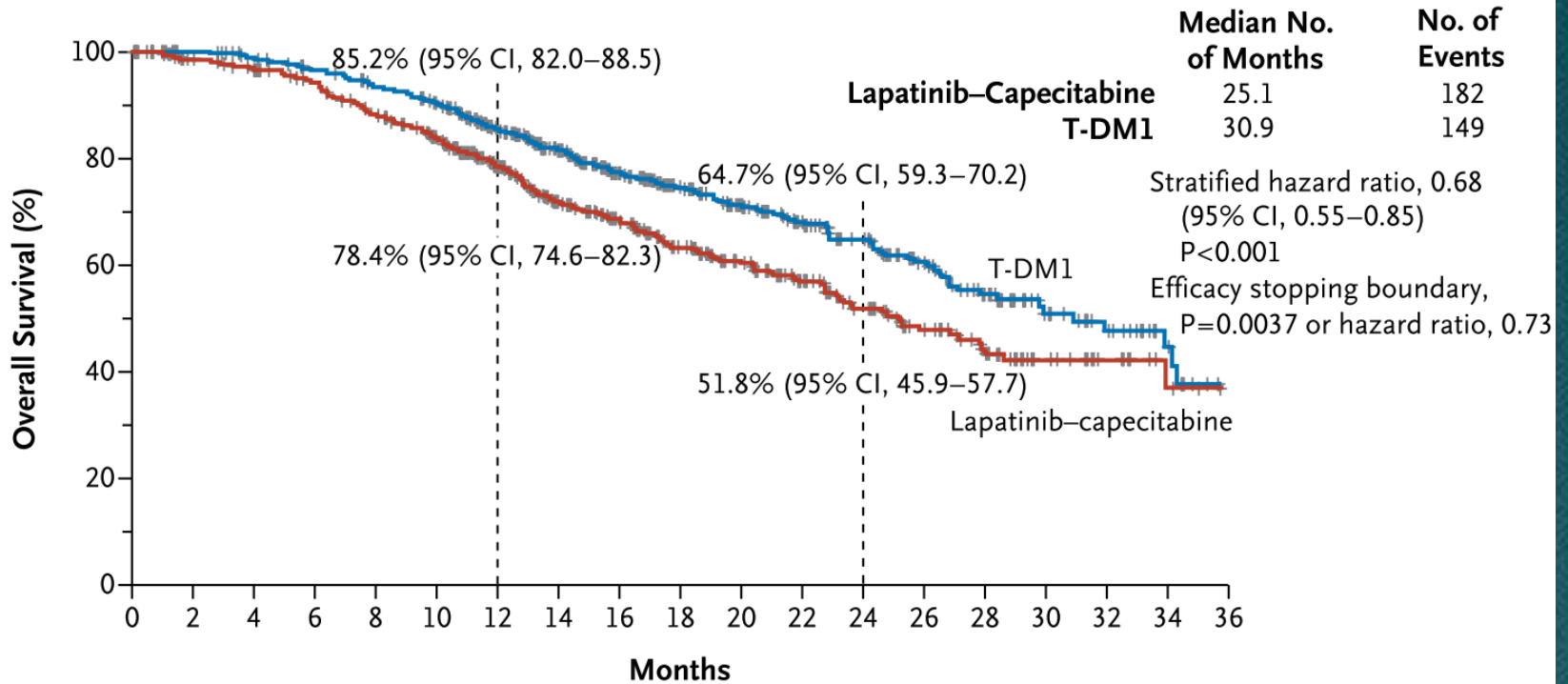


No. at Risk

Lapatinib-capecitabine	496	404	310	176	129	73	53	35	25	14	9	8	5	1	0	0
T-DM1	495	419	341	236	183	130	101	72	54	44	30	18	9	3	1	0

ORR : Cape/Lap : 31%, T-DM1 : 44%, p < 0.002

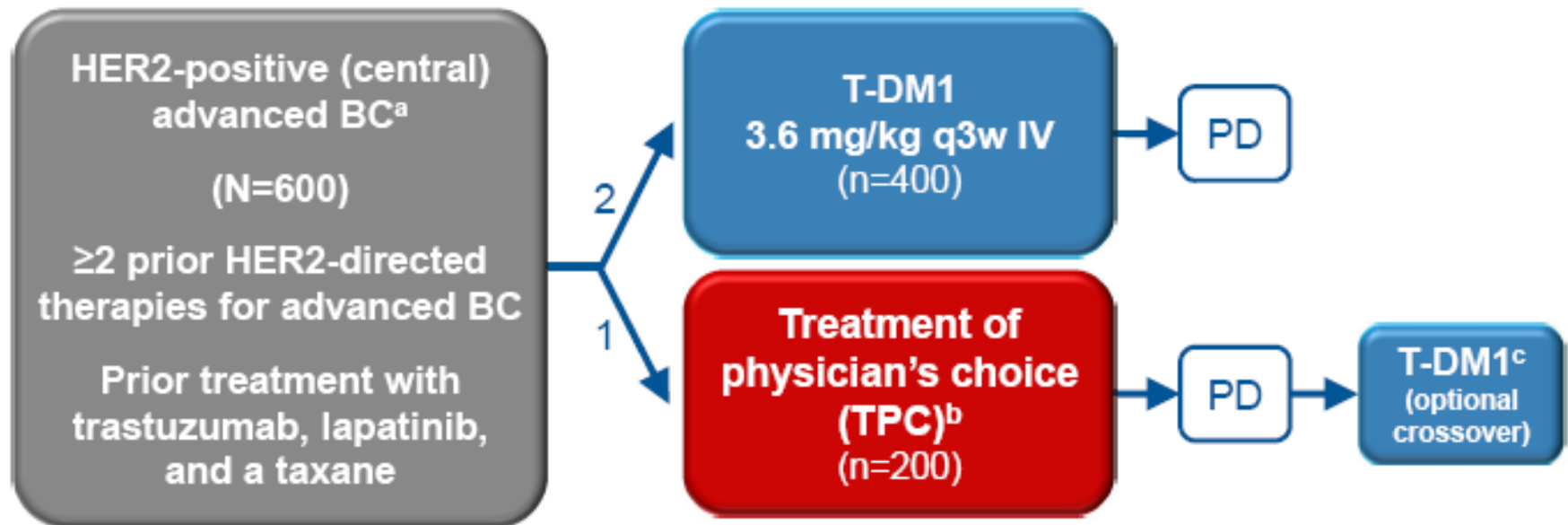
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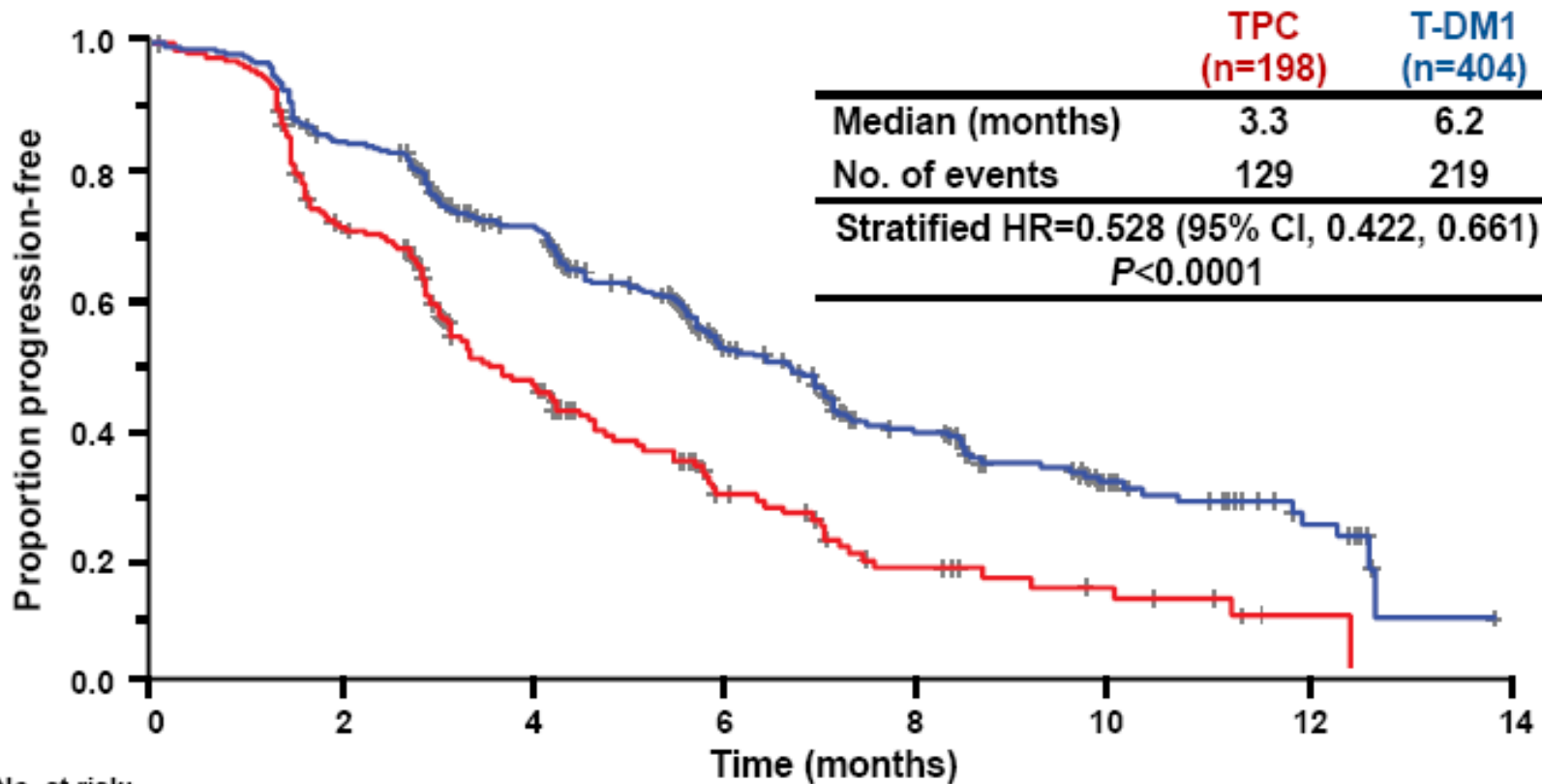
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TH3RESA : phase III 3rd line in MBC



- **Stratification factors:** World region, number of prior regimens for advanced BC,^d presence of visceral disease
- **Co-primary endpoints:** PFS by investigator and OS
- **Key secondary endpoints:** ORR by investigator and safety

PFS by investigator assessment

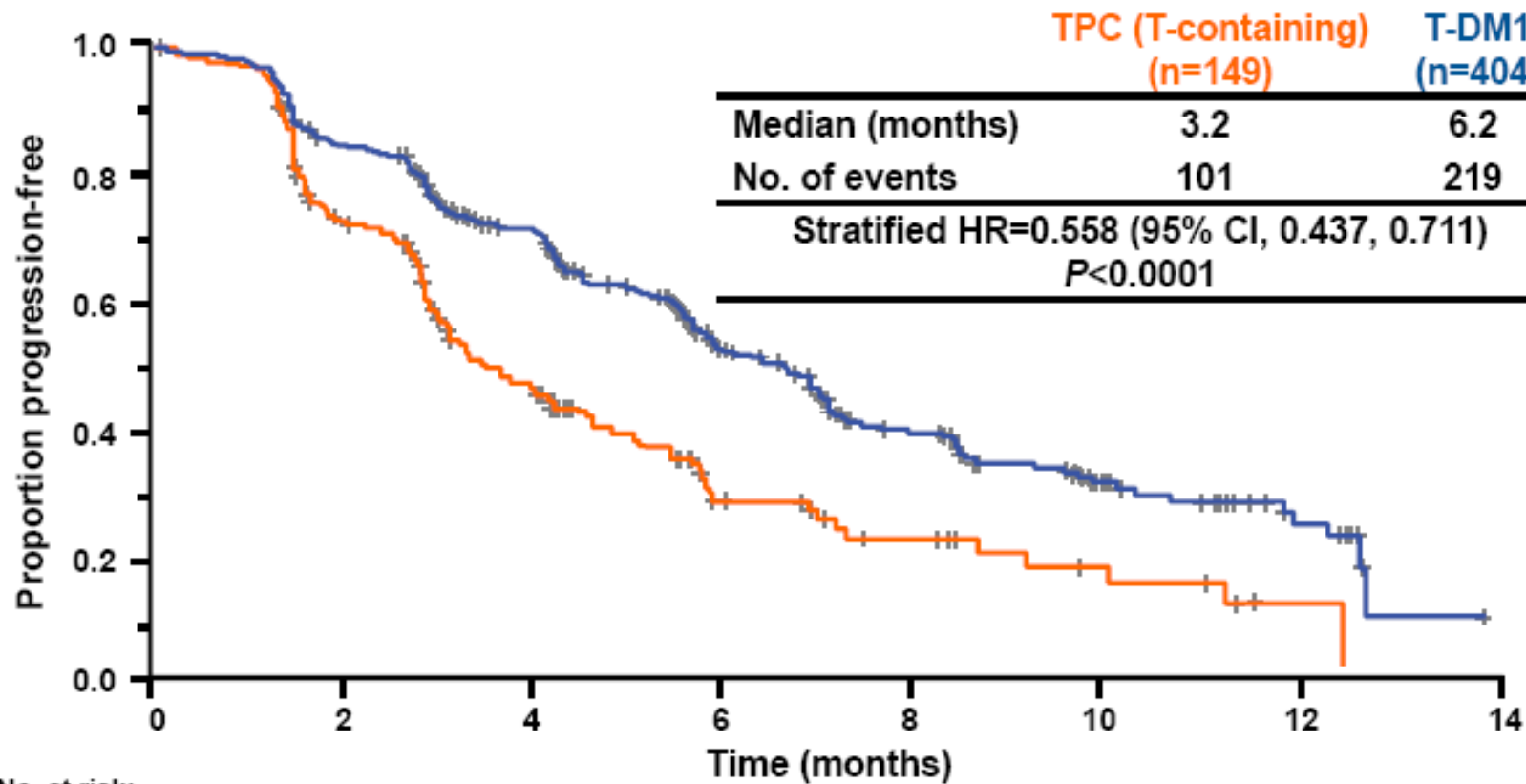


No. at risk:

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
TPC	198	120	62	28	13	6	1	0
T-DM1	404	334	241	114	66	27	12	0

Median follow-up: TPC, 6.5 months; T-DM1, 7.2 months.
Unstratified HR=0.521 (P<0.0001).

PSF for pts treated with trastuzumab-containing regimens



No. at risk:

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
TPC	149	99	50	20	12	5	1	0
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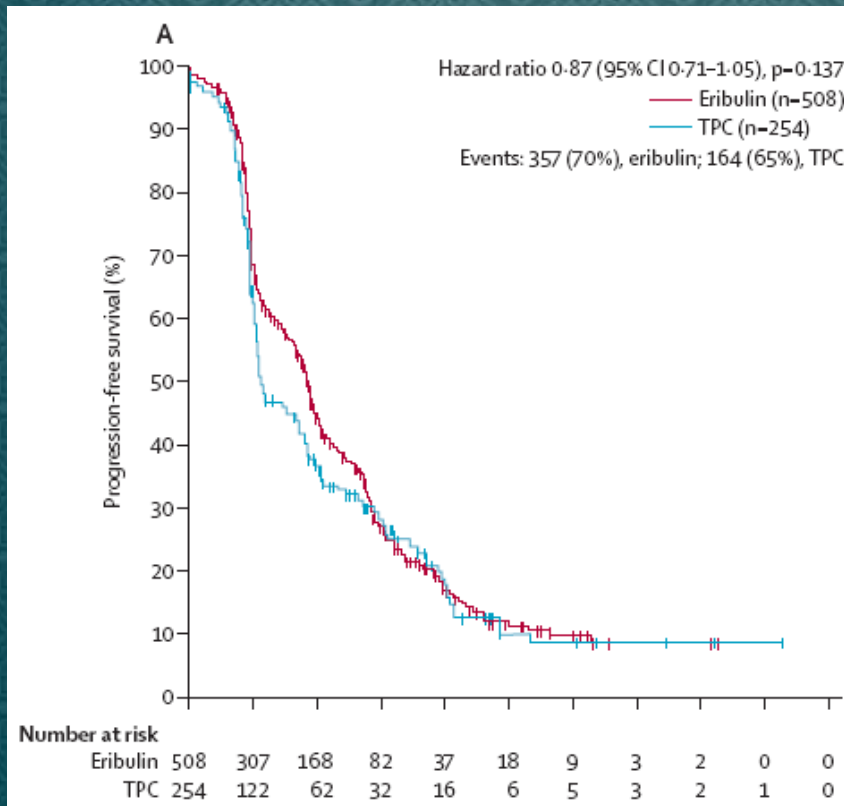
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- ✿ New anti-HER2 targeted agents, pertuzumab and T-DM1, are not available now.
- ✿ Outlook of their reimbursement in the near future is very dim.

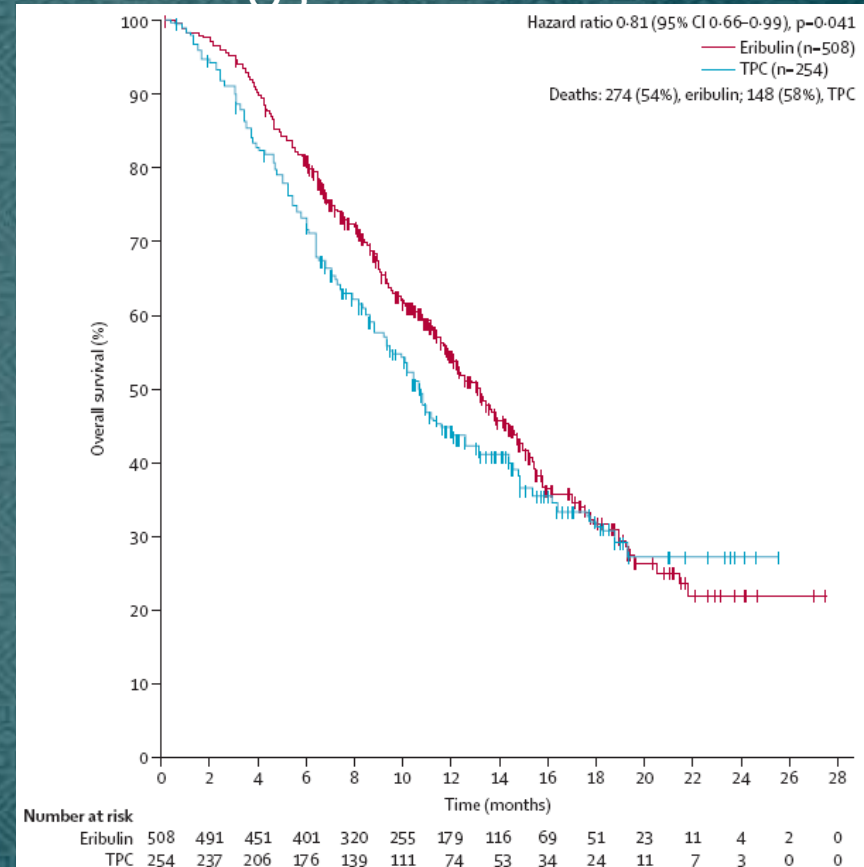
Eribulin

EMBRACE trial: PFS & OS

PFS

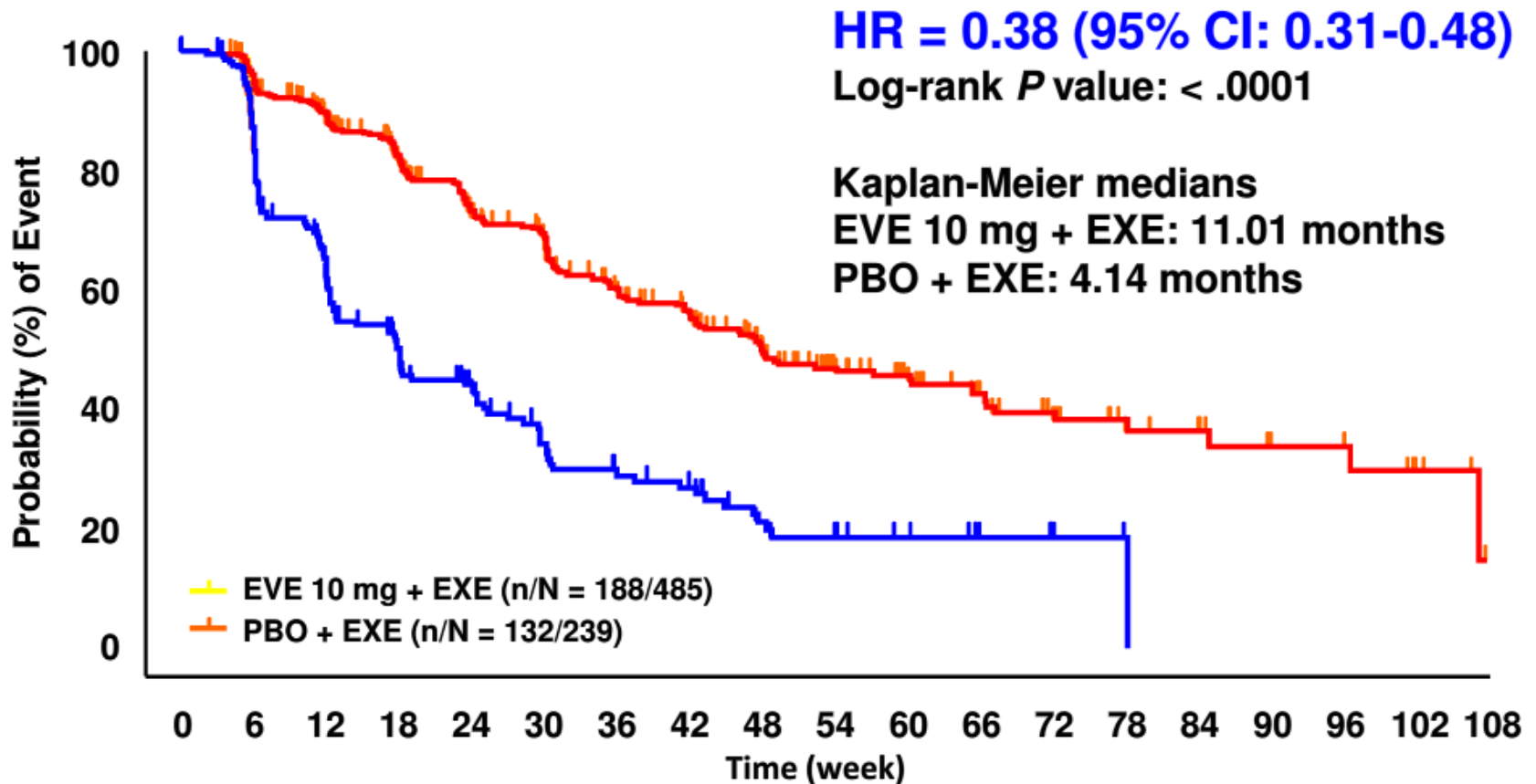


OS



Everolimus + exemestane

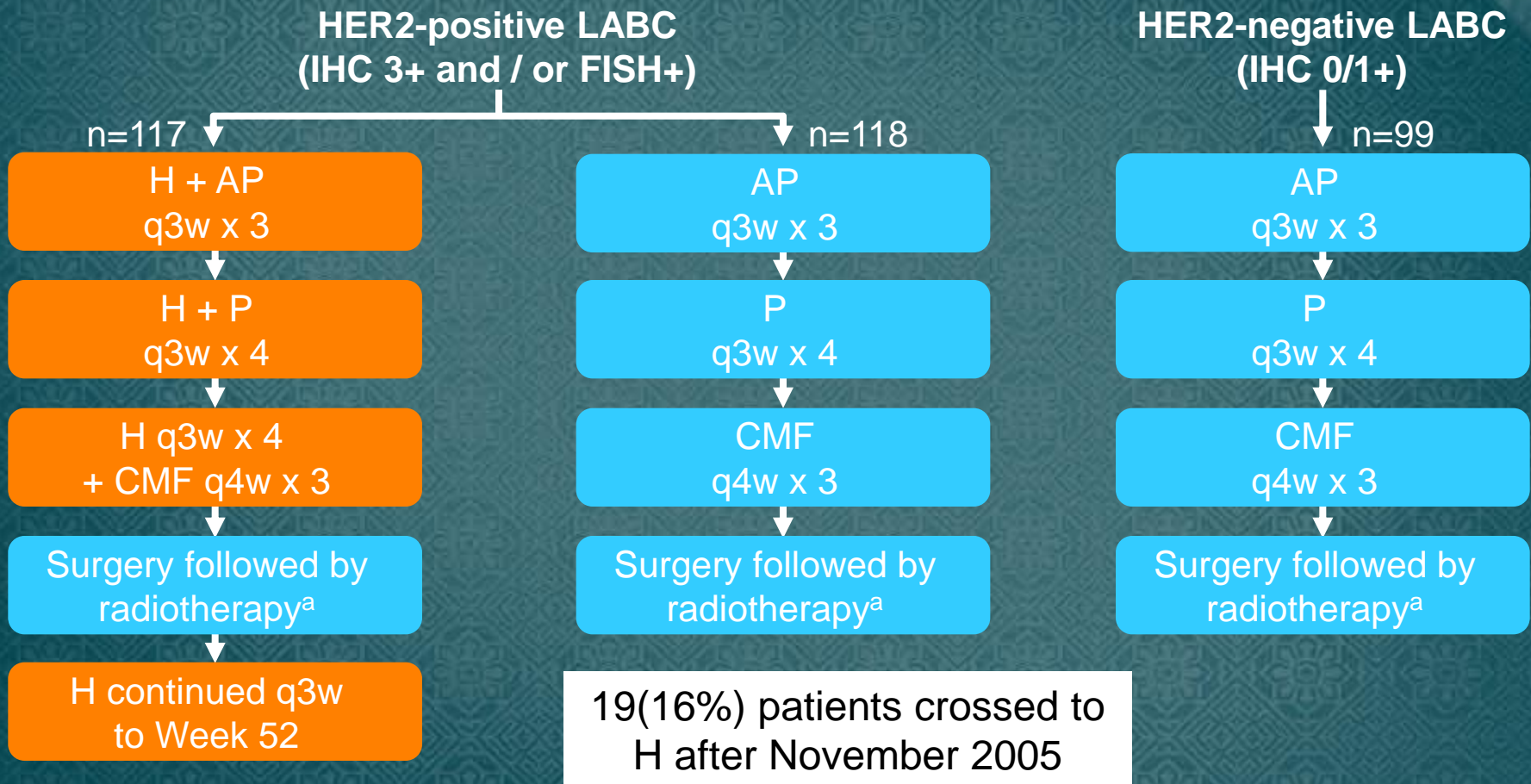
BOLERO-2 trial: PFS



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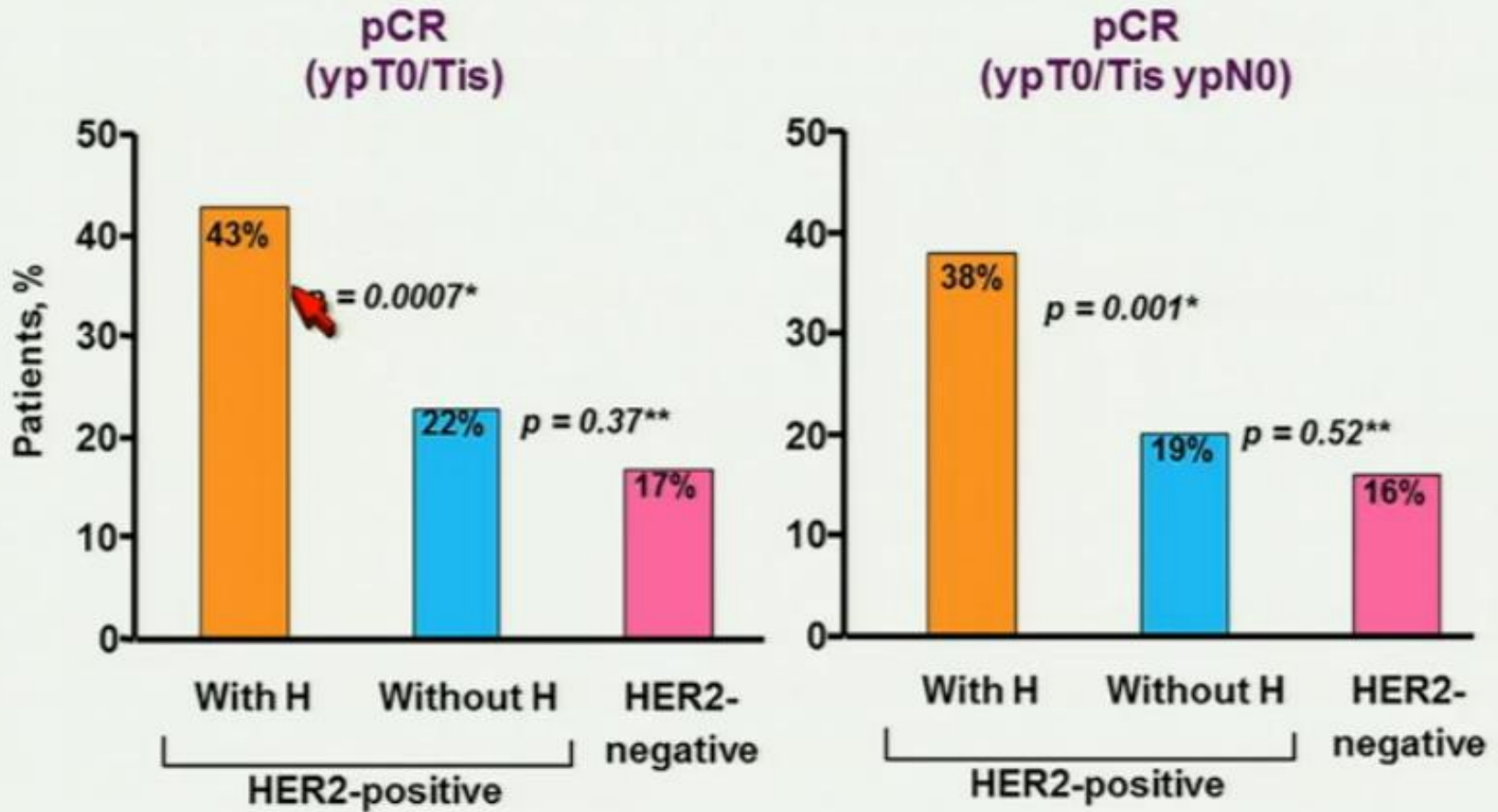
- ✿ New drugs for patients with HER2-negative cancer are very expensive and not reimbursed, yet.
 - ✿ Eribulin ca 4,000 USD/cycle
 - ✿ Everolimus/Exemestane ca 2,700 USD/month
- ✿ Less than 5% of patients indicated are treated with these drugs.

NOAH trial



^aHormone receptor-positive patients receive adjuvant tamoxifen;
AP, doxorubicin 60 mg/m², paclitaxel 150 mg/m²; H, Herceptin® 8 mg/kg loading then 6 mg/kg;
LABC, locally advanced breast cancer; P, paclitaxel 175 mg/m²; q3w, every 3 weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks

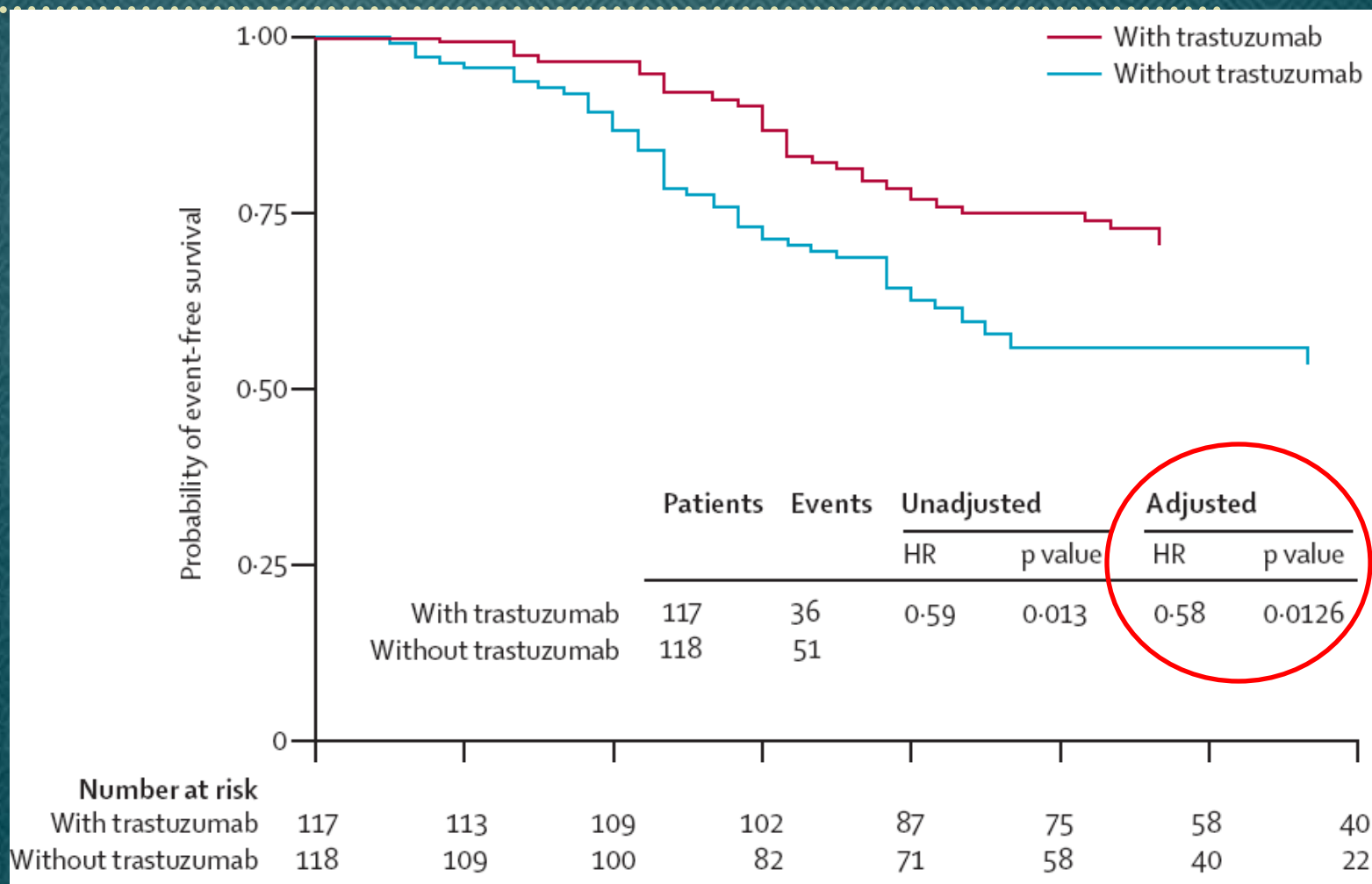
pCR in intent-to-treat population



*p-value for HER2-pos with H vs w/o H; **p-value for HER2-pos vs HER2-neg

L. Gianni et al, Lancet 2010

EFS in HER2+ ITT population



Summary

- ✿ Reveals a significant interaction ($p=0.037$) of treatment and pCR
 - * EFS benefit from trastuzumab is significantly linked to pCR, and almost restricted to pCR
 - * pCR with trastuzumab is linked to significant EFS benefit, while association of pCR and EFS is smaller and non significant without trastuzumab

Same chemotherapeutic regimens in neoadjuvant and adjuvant setting

NEOADJUVANT/ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY^{1,2,3,4,5}

Non-trastuzumab-containing regimens (all category 1)

Preferred regimens:

- Dose-dense AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide) followed by paclitaxel every 2 weeks
- Dose-dense AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide) followed by weekly paclitaxel
- TC (docetaxel and cyclophosphamide)

Other regimens:

- AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- FAC/CAF (fluorouracil/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- FEC/CEF (cyclophosphamide/epirubicin/fluorouracil)
- CMF (cyclophosphamide/methotrexate/fluorouracil)
- AC followed by docetaxel every 3 weeks
- EC (epirubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- FEC/CEF followed by T (fluorouracil/epirubicin/cyclophosphamide followed by docetaxel) or (fluorouracil/epirubicin/cyclophosphamide followed by weekly paclitaxel)
- FAC followed by T (fluorouracil/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide followed by weekly paclitaxel)
- TAC (docetaxel/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)

Trastuzumab-containing regimens (all category 1)

Preferred regimens:

- AC followed by T + concurrent trastuzumab (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide followed by paclitaxel plus trastuzumab, various schedules)
- TCH (docetaxel/carboplatin/trastuzumab)

Other regimens:

- Docetaxel + trastuzumab followed by FEC (fluorouracil/epirubicin/cyclophosphamide)
- AC followed by docetaxel + trastuzumab

Neoadjuvant only:

- T + trastuzumab followed by FEC + trastuzumab (paclitaxel plus trastuzumab followed by cyclophosphamide/epirubicin/fluorouracil plus trastuzumab)

The selection, dosing, and administration of anti-cancer agents and the management of associated toxicities are complex. Modifications of drug dose and schedule and initiation of supportive care interventions are often necessary because of expected toxicities and individual patient variability, prior treatment, and comorbidity. The optimal delivery of anti-cancer agents therefore requires a health care delivery team experienced in the use of anti-cancer agents and the management of associated toxicities in patients with cancer.

In Korea...

✿ The regimen used in NOAH trial is the only one approved as neoadjuvant treatment in HER2-positive breast cancer.

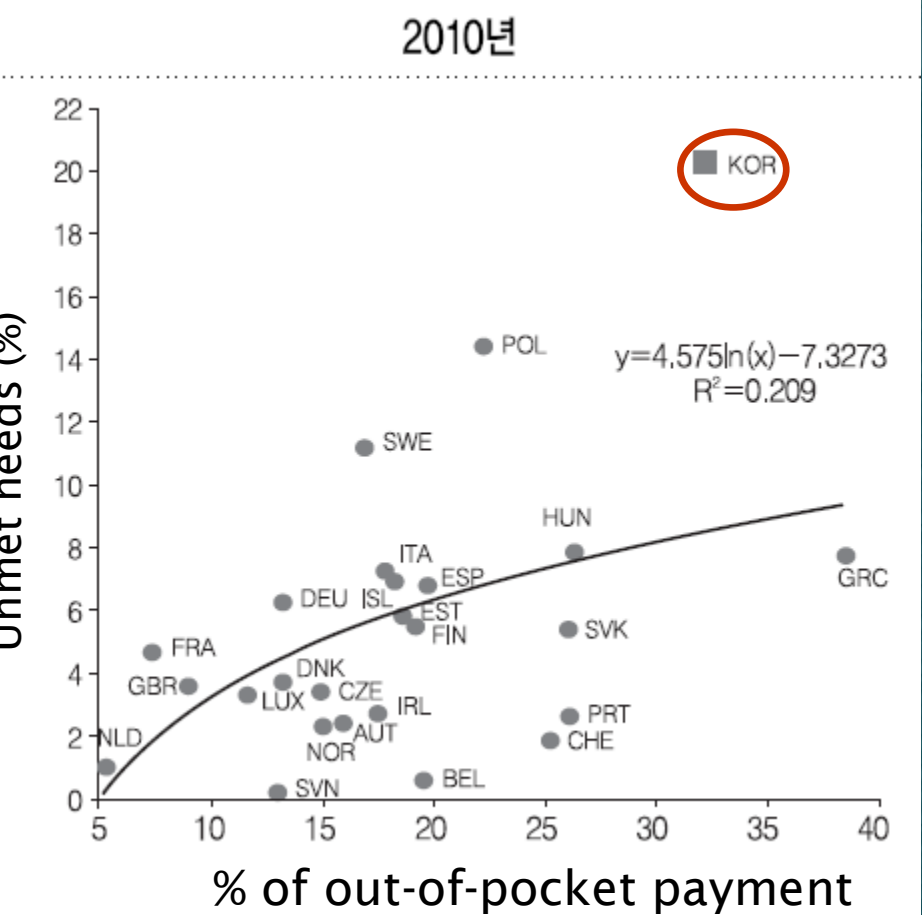
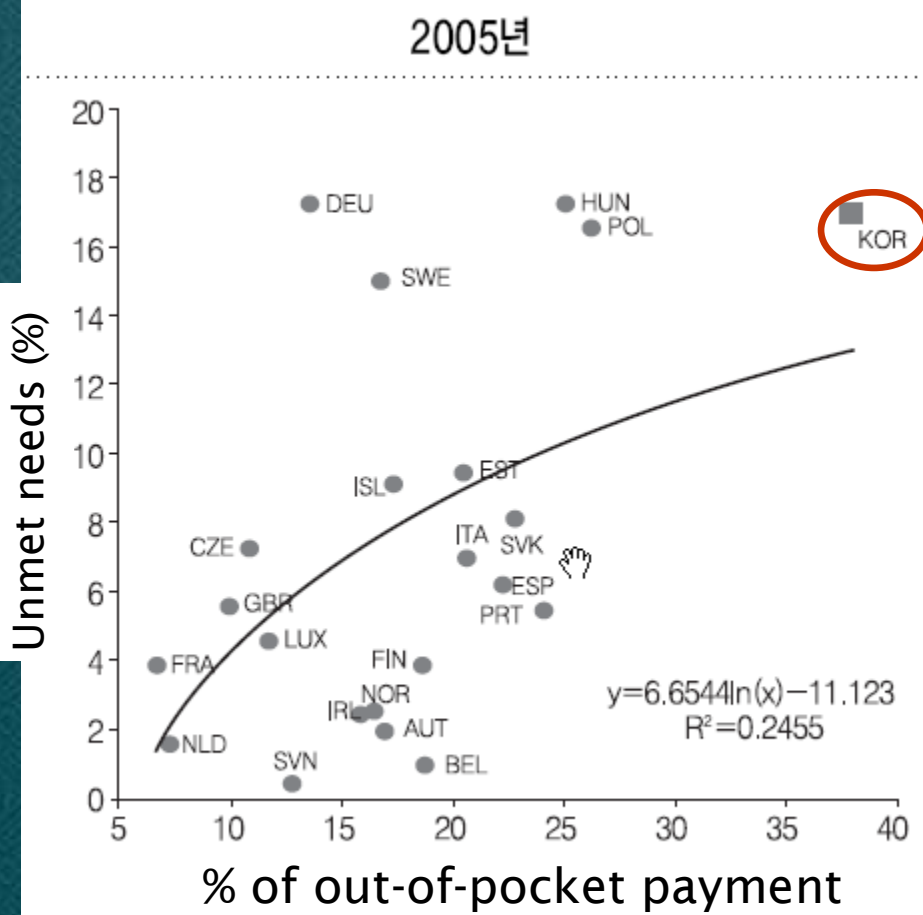
✿ But it's not reimbursed now.



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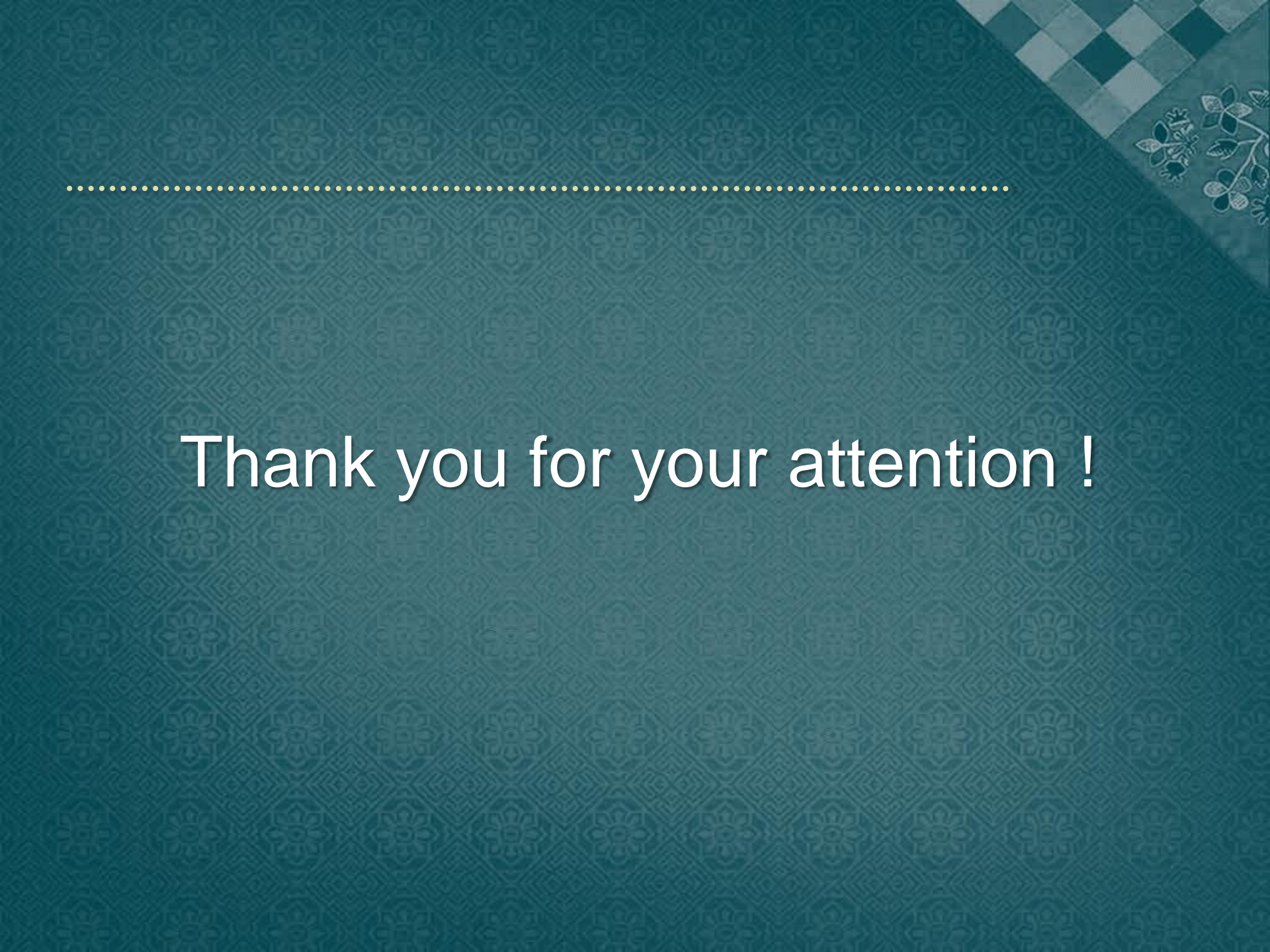
How do patients feel in current
medical environment in Korea?

Unmet needs and out-of-pocket payment



Conclusions

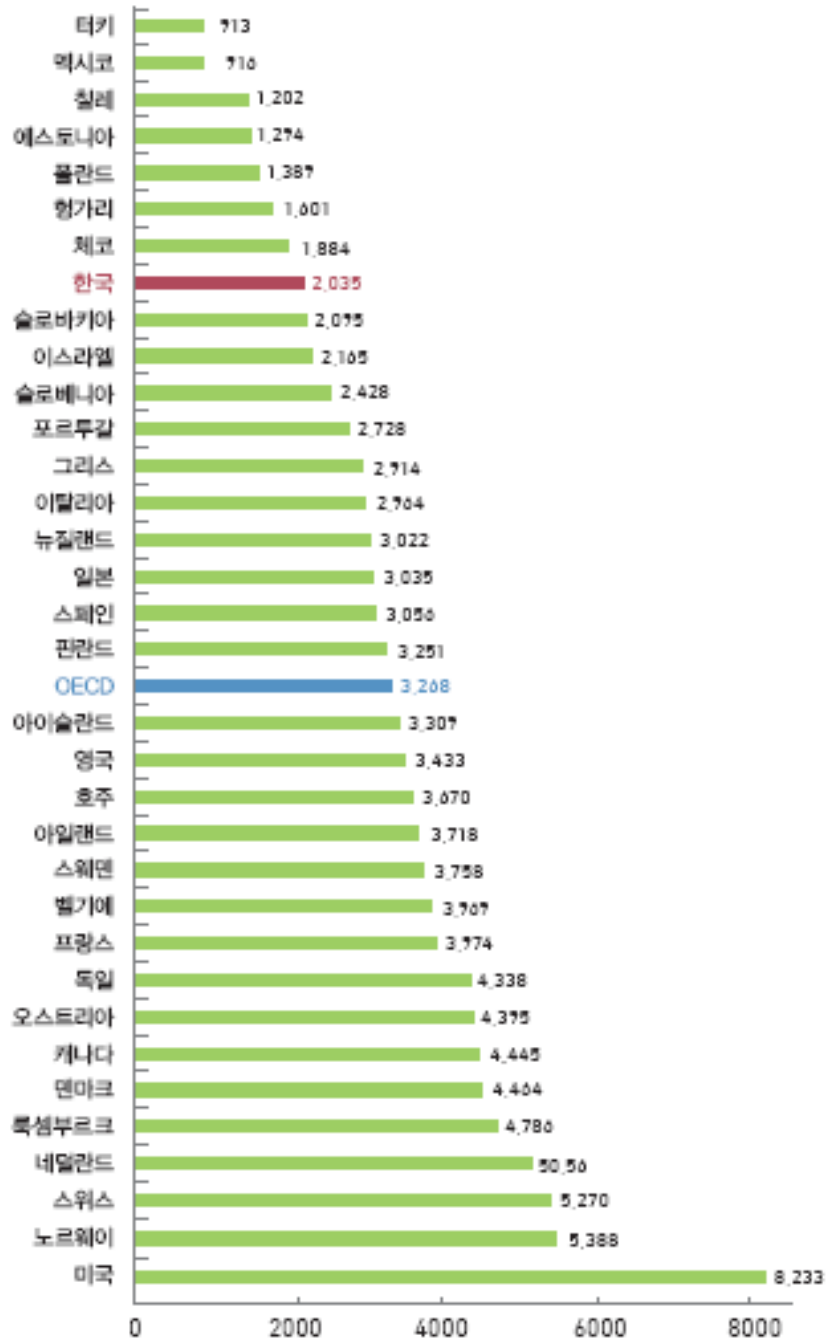
- ✿ Patients and doctors in Korea have many obstacles to access to modern &/or expensive drugs proven to increase clinical outcome and feel uncomfortable.
- ✿ We need more information on predicting benefits and toxicities of treatment in individual patient.
- ✿ Consensus and wisdom are eagerly needed for fair distribution of limited medical resources.



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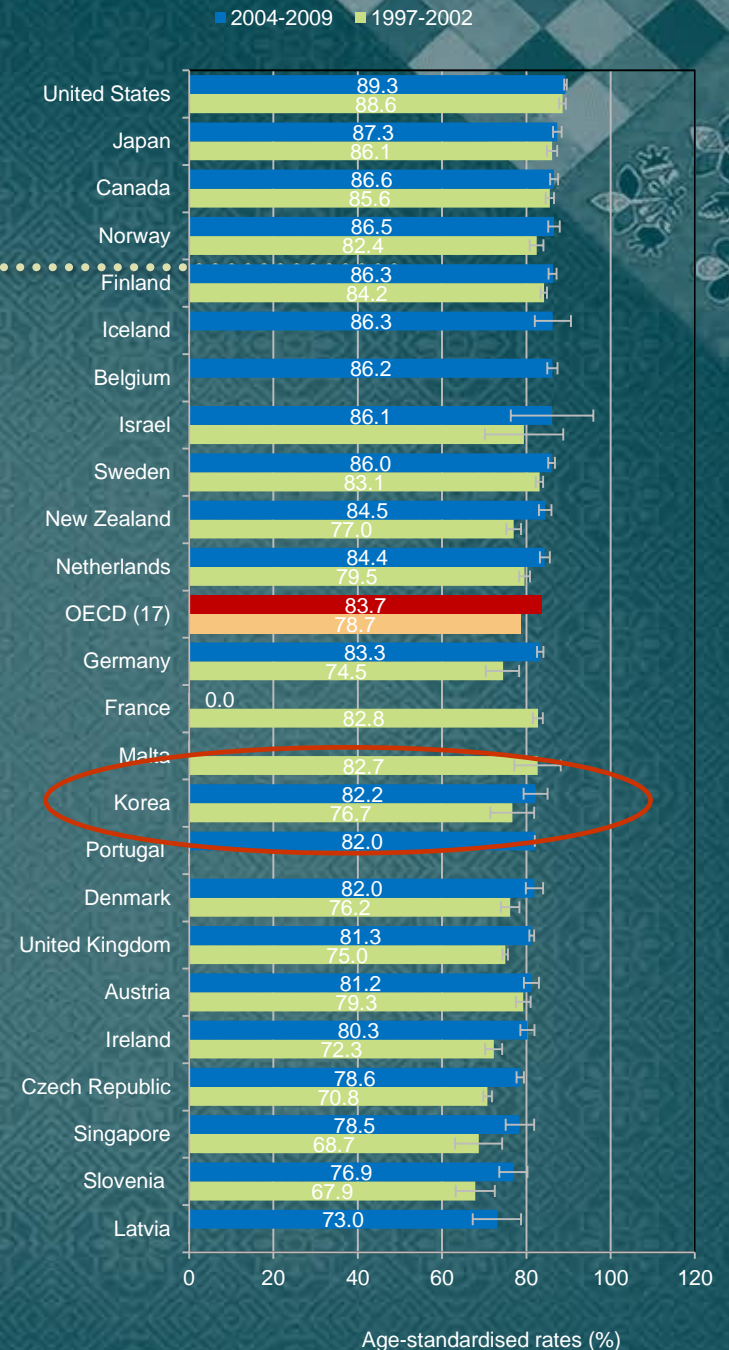
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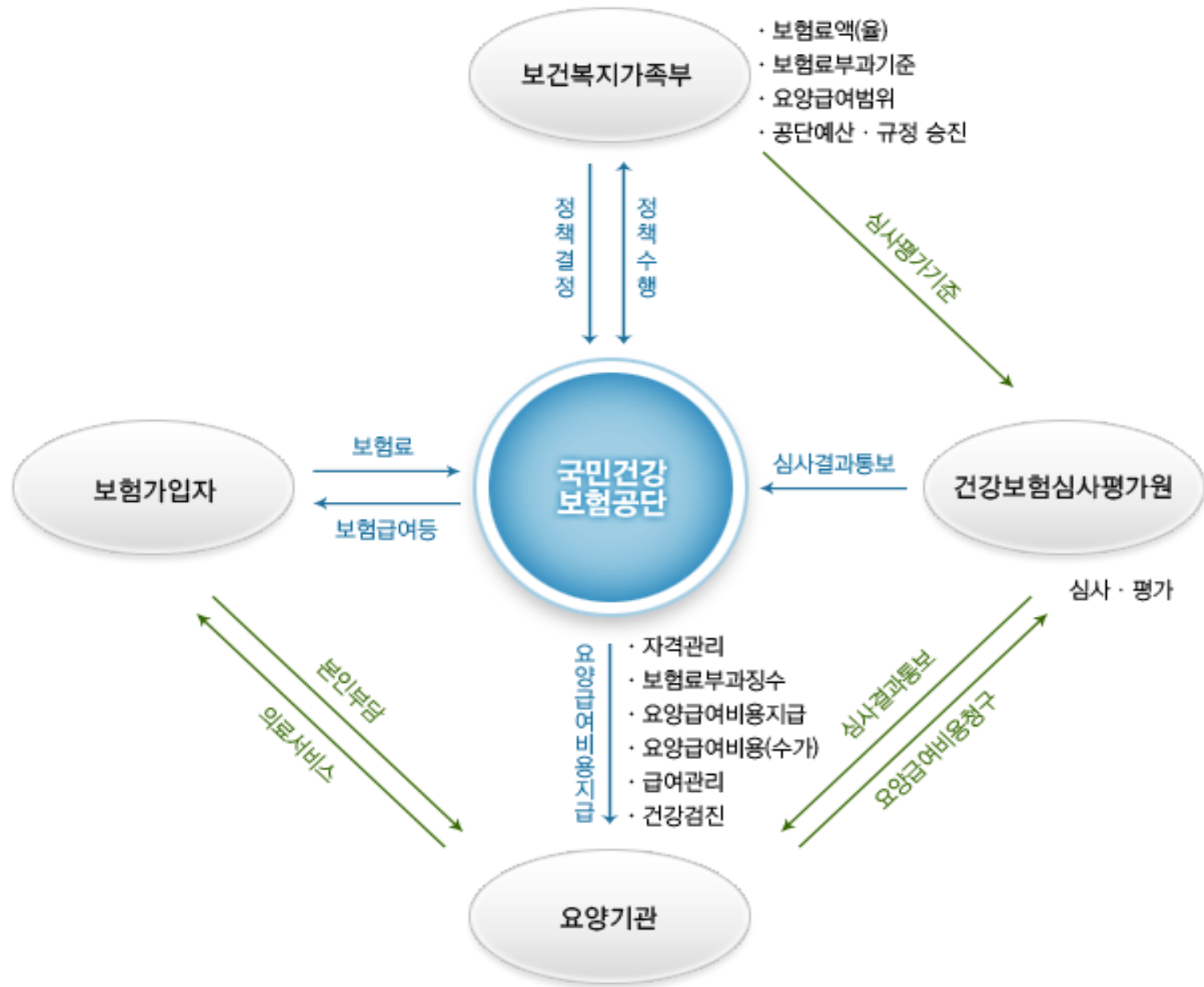




Breast cancer 5-year relative survival rate: (1997-2002 and 2004-2009 or nearest period)

	1997-2002	2004-2009
OECD (17)	78.7	83.7
Korea	76.7	82.2
Japan	86.1	87.3
Singapore	68.7	78.5





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