



# Focus on triple negative breast cancer (TNBC)

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WHAT IS TRIPLE NEGATIVE  
BREAST CANCER?

WHEN FIRST DIAGNOSED

WORKING TOWARDS A CURE

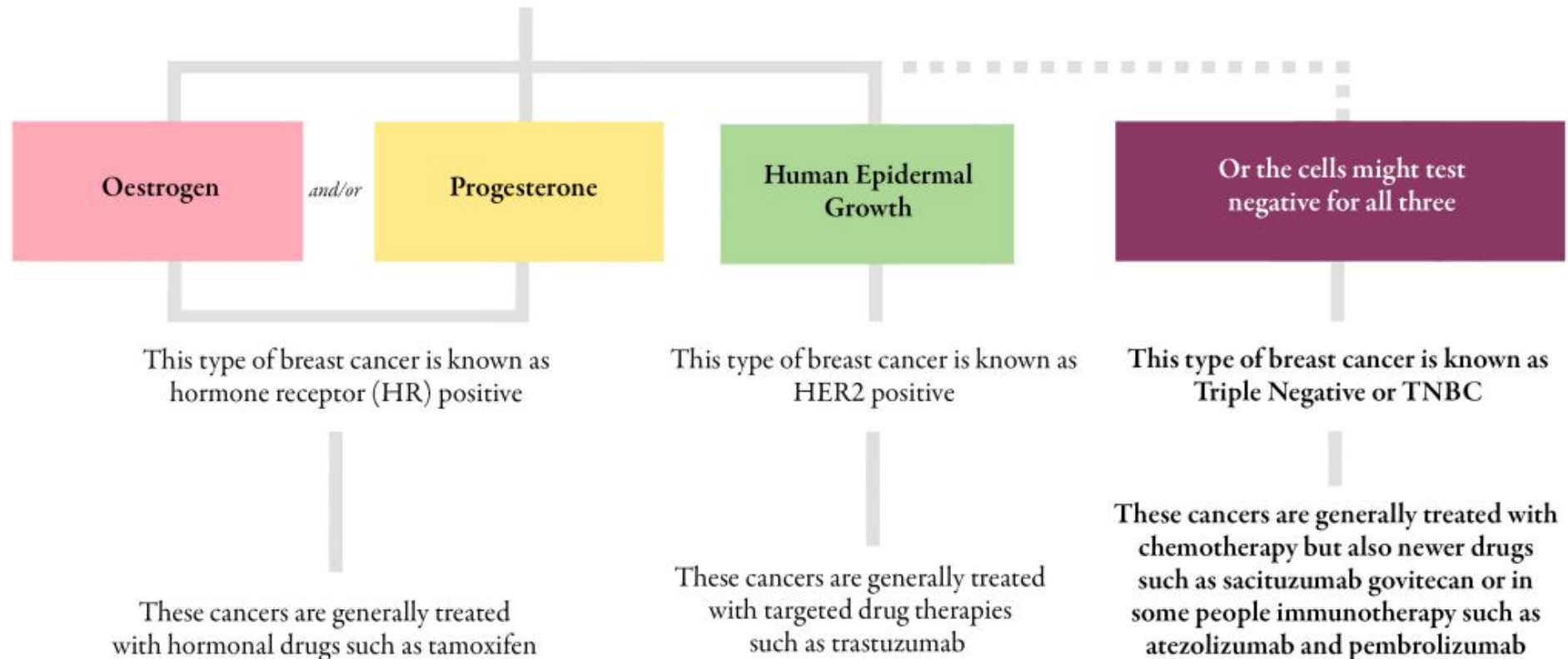
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# What is Triple Negative Breast Cancer?



After the whole tumour, or part of it, has been removed by an operation or biopsy it is sent to the laboratory where the pathologist will confirm (i) that it is a breast cancer and (ii) what type of cancer it is.

The type of breast cancer is decided by whether there are certain "receptors" on the cancer cells.



# TNBC Background



Overall, 15% - 20% of all breast cancers

- In the U.S., more common in African American and Hispanic women
- More common in younger women

Outcomes are less good than for women with other molecular phenotypes of breast cancer

- Higher risk of recurrence and metastasis after treatment for early disease
  - But many such women are cured
- Survival following development of metastatic disease is less good
  - But metastatic TNBC is not “terminal”

Local treatment of TNBC (surgery, RT) essentially the same as other types of breast cancer

But systemic treatments (neo/adjuvant and/or metastatic) differ from HR+ve and HER2+ve disease

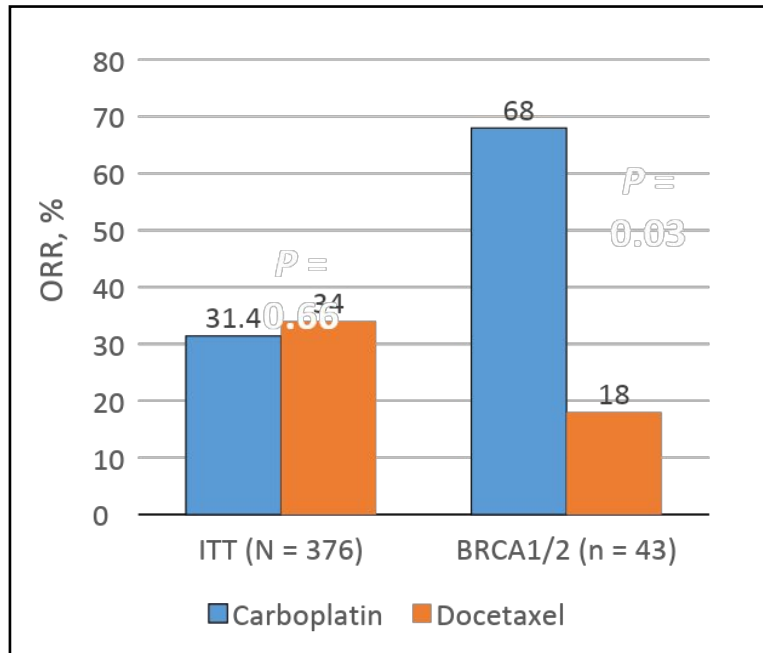
- Historically, systemic treatment for TNBC limited to chemotherapy
- But new treatments are emerging specifically for people with TNBC

# Systemic treatment: Chemotherapy



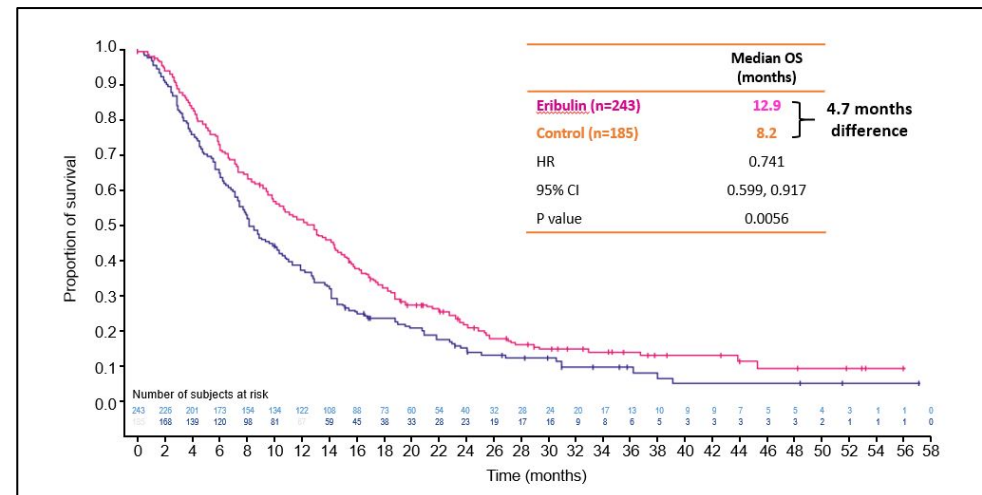
## Metastatic TNBC

- Standard cytotoxics are effective (right), but some appear more effective than others in TNBC
  - Platinum (below left)
  - Eribulin (below right)



Tutt A, et al. *Nat Med.* 2018;24:628-637.

Preferred Single Agents			
Anthracyclines	Taxanes	Antimetabolites	Other Microtubule Inhibitors
<u>Epirubicin</u>	<u>Paclitaxel (q1w)</u>	<u>Capecitabine</u>	<u>Eribulin</u>
Doxorubicin Pegylated/liposomal doxorubicin	Docetaxel <u>nab-paclitaxel</u>	Gemcitabine	<u>Vinorelbine</u>
Other Single Agents			
Cyclophosphamide <u>Mitoxantrone</u> etc	Etoposide (po) Vinblastine (iv/po)	Fluorouracil <u>(Ixabepilone)</u>	



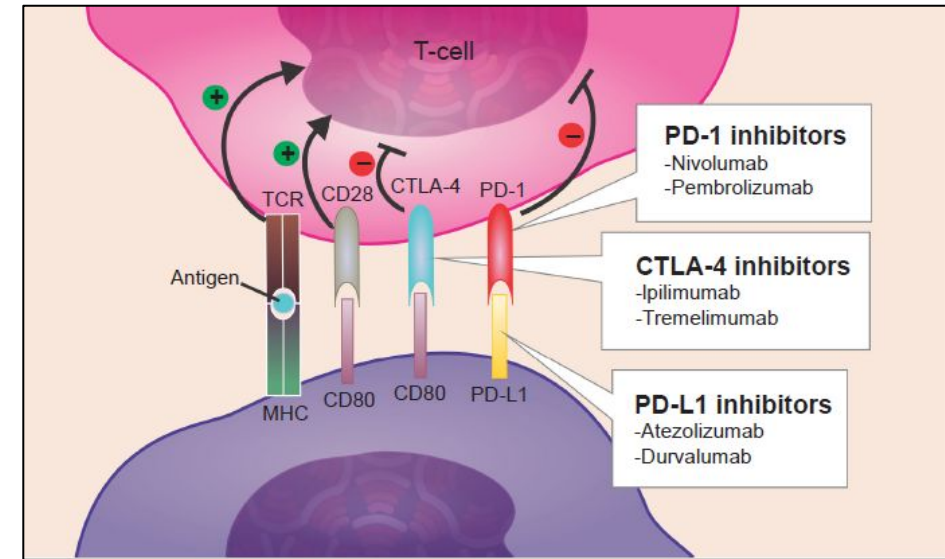
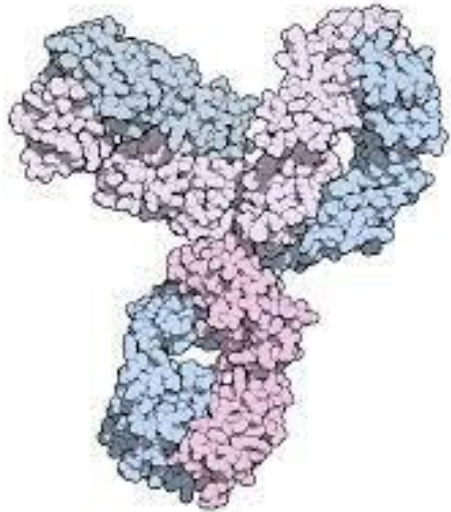
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# Systemic treatment: Immunotherapy



## Metastatic TNBC

- Immunotherapy is more effective in PDL-1 +ve TNBC than other types of breast cancer as 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment

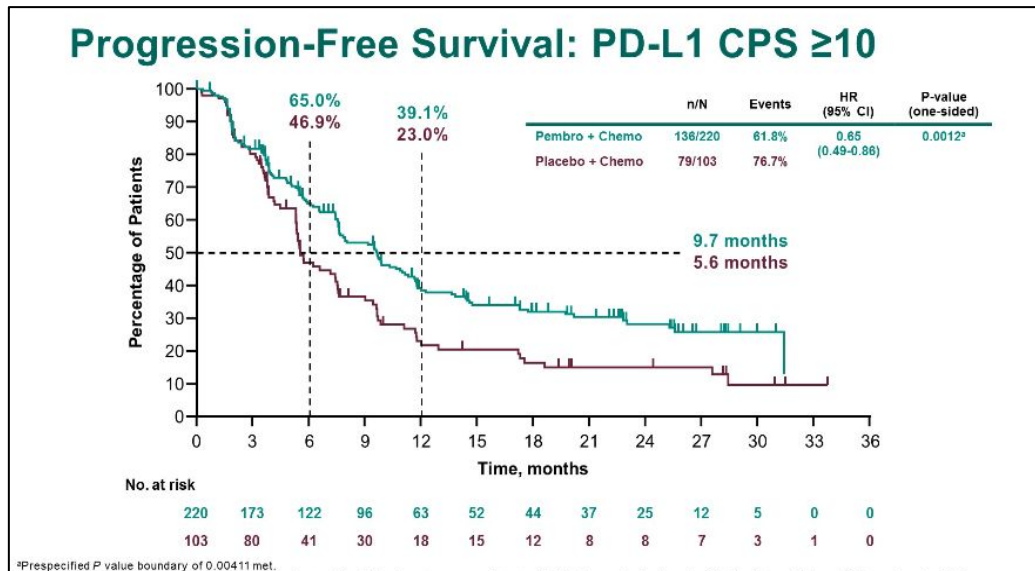
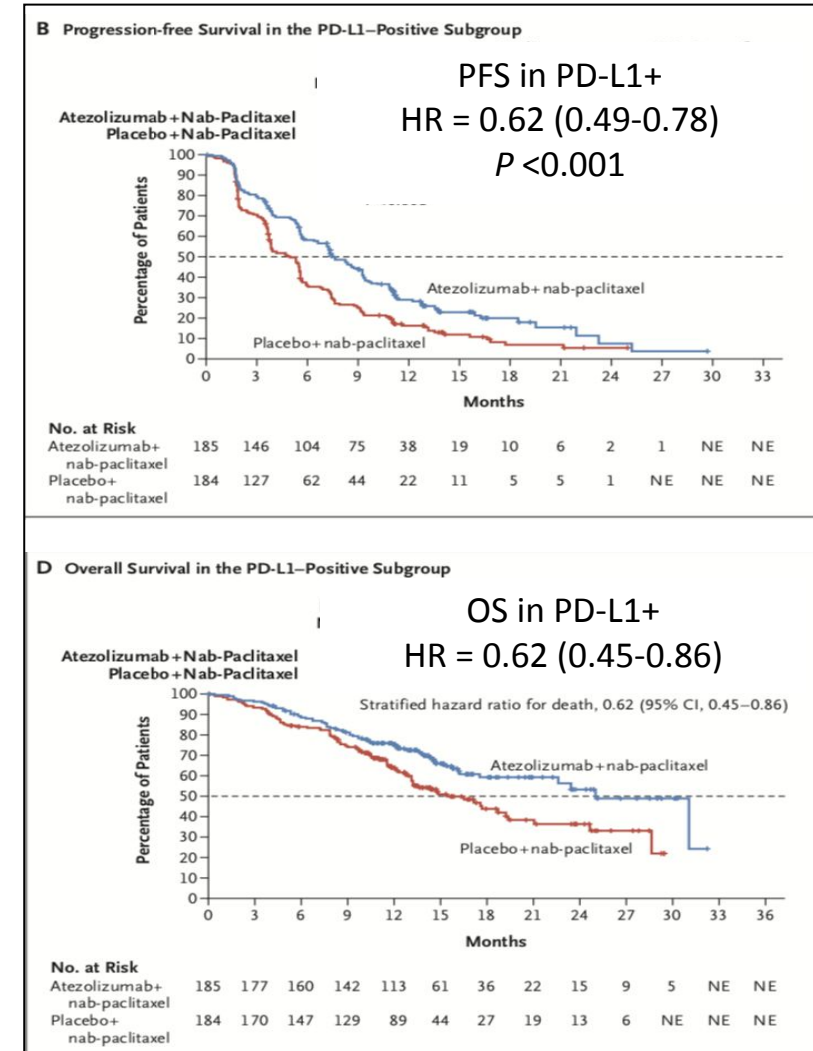


# Systemic treatment: Immunotherapy



## Metastatic TNBC

- Immunotherapy prolongs PFS and OS in PDL-1 +ve TNBC as 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment
  - 22C3 +ve: Atezolizumab plus *nab*-paclitaxel (right)
  - SP142 +ve: Pembrolizumab plus paclitaxel or *nab*-paclitaxel (below)



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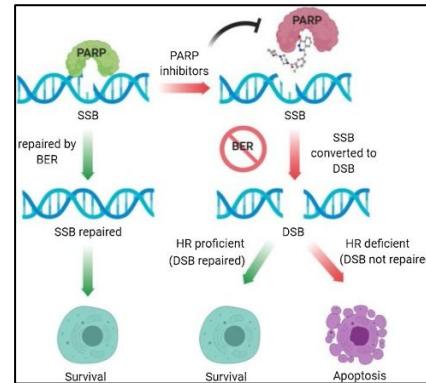


# Systemic treatment: Targeted therapies – PARP inhibitors (PARPi)



PARP helps repair damaged DNA

- Blocking PARP may stop cancer cells from repairing damaged DNA leading to cell death.
- gBRCA patients already have deficient DNA repair so their cancers are more susceptible to PARPi.



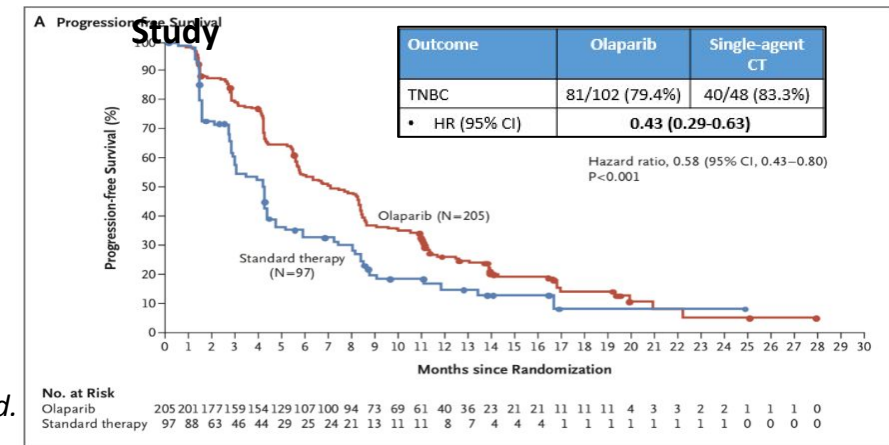
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## Metastatic TNBC

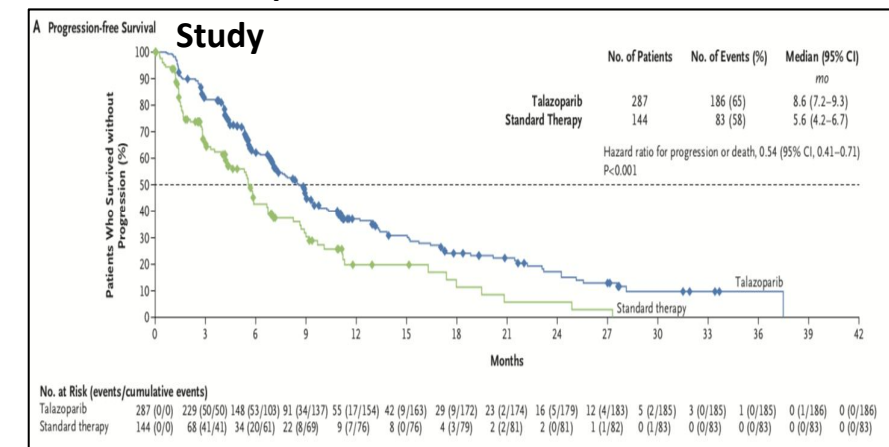
- Increased incidence of *mBRCA1/2* in TNBC (15 – 25%)
- Less toxicity with PARPi than chemotherapy
  - PARPi response rates similar (60%, 63%) to carboplatin in TNT (68%), and higher than control arms (29%, 27%)
  - Not funded through NHS for MBC

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### Olaparib: Phase 3 OlympiAD



### Talazoparib: Phase 3 EMBRACA



# Systemic treatment: Antibody drug conjugates – sacituzumab govitecan

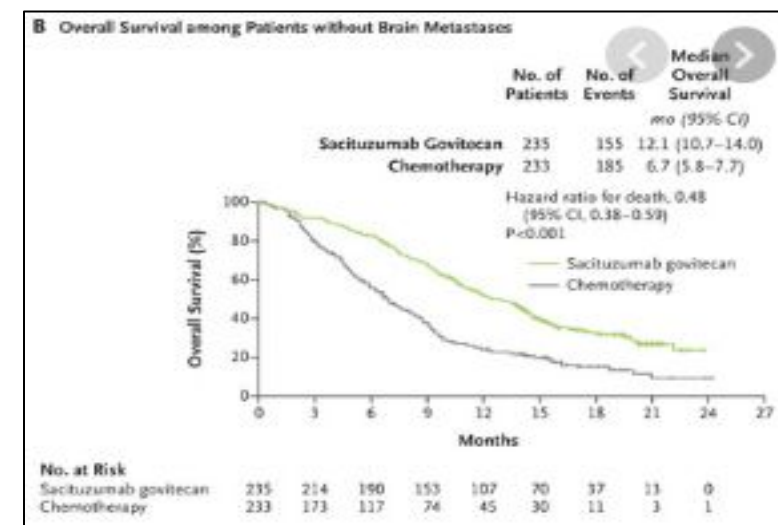
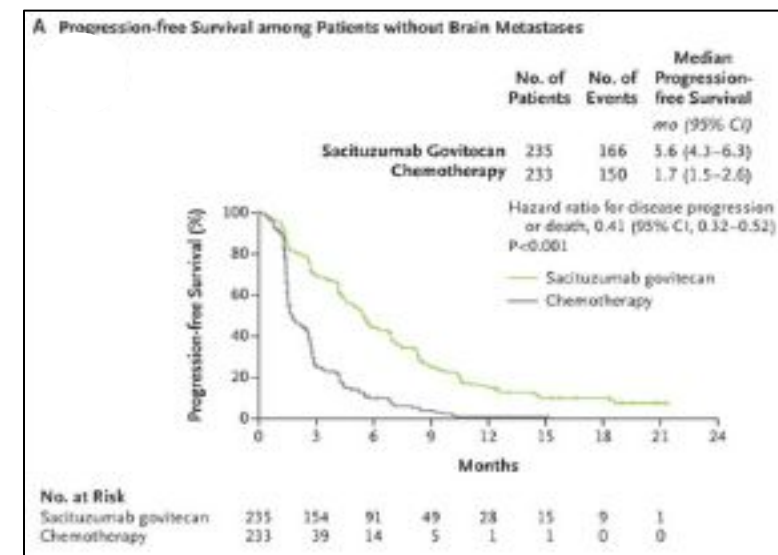
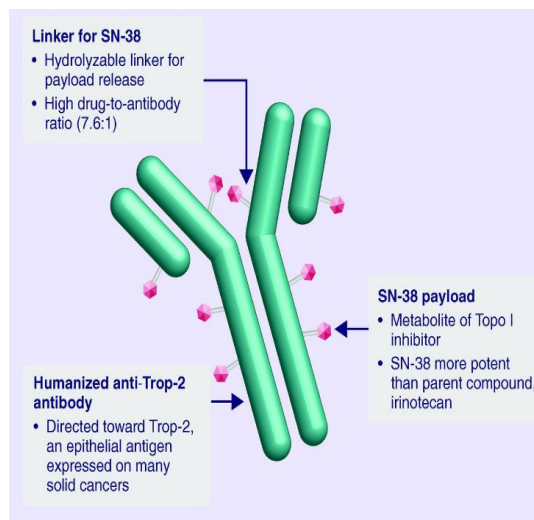


## Metastatic TNBC

Antibody targeting Trop-2 conjugated to SN-38, topoisomerase I inhibitor

- Trop-2 overexpressed in many solid tumors, including TNBC, with limited expression in normal tissue
- IV days 1 and 8 of 21-day cycle vs TPC
- Toxicities: neutropenia and diarrhea; can be severe
- Prophylactic premedication for infusion reactions and N&V

Approved specifically in TNBC; no Trop-2 testing



**TABLE 1: ASCENT Analysis by Trop-2 Expression**

Endpoint	Trop-2 High		Trop-2 Medium		Trop-2 Low	
	SG	Control	SG	Control	SG	Control
PFS	6.9 mo	2.5 mo	5.6 mo	2.2 mo	2.7 mo	1.6 mo
OS	14.2 mo	6.9 mo	14.9 mo	6.9 mo	9.3 mo	7.6 mo
ORR	44%	1%	38%	11%	22%	6%

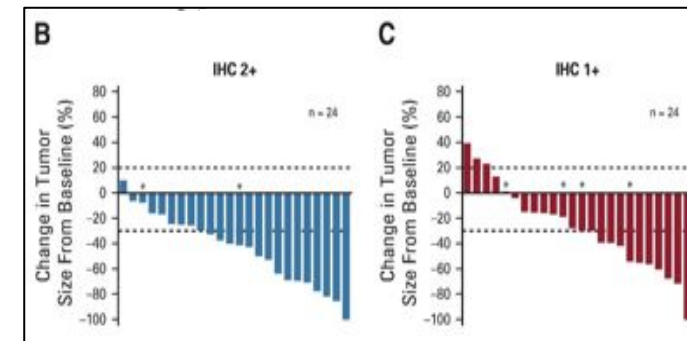
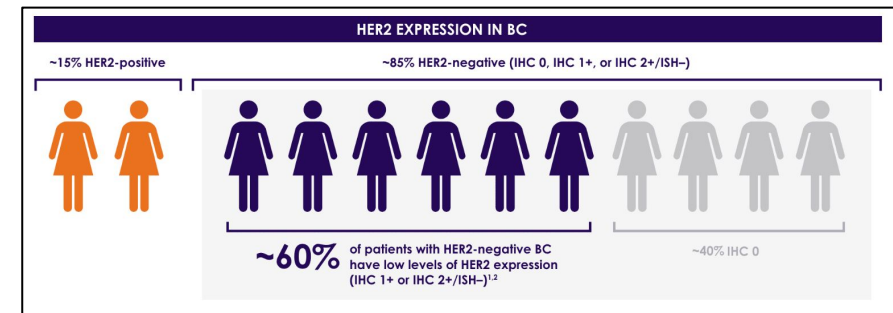
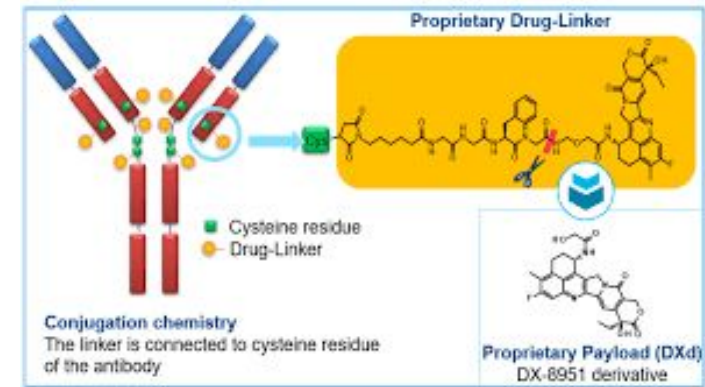
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# Systemic treatment: Antibody drug conjugates – trastuzumab deruxtecan



## Metastatic TNBC

- HER2-targeted antibody drug conjugate
- Cleaved by lysosomal cathepsins with bystander effect
- Approved in HER2+ve MBC
- 54 patients with pre-treated HER2-low MBC
  - ORR (37.0%; 95% CI, 24.3% to 51.3%)
  - Similar in 1+ and 2+ (36% vs 38%)
  - But lower in ER-ve than ER+ve (14% vs 40%)
  - Median duration of response 10.4 months
- Generally well tolerated but some concerns over interstitial lung disease
- Phase III trials vs TPC ongoing



# State of the art of advanced/metastatic TNBC management



Patients with metastatic/advanced TNBC have an increasing number of approved therapies

- Specific chemotherapies
- Immuno-oncology
- Targeted therapies
- Antibody drug conjugates

These drugs are achieving meaningful improvements in patient outcomes, including prolonging OS

TNBC on longer a Cinderella cancer, but remains a major unmet need

Opportunities for trial participation

## Metastatic/advanced TNBC

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	≥3 <sup>rd</sup>
Taxanes (q1w pacli)	Eribulin*	Eribulin
Platinum (carbo, carbo/pacli)	Platinum (carbo, carbo/pacli)	Capecitabine
Chemo + immuno-therapy	Sacituzumab govitecan	Sacituzumab govitecan
Olaparib**	Olaparib**	Olaparib**

TNBC nos		
PD-L1 +ve		40-60%
Trop2 +ve		?100%
gBRCA-Mt+		15-25%

\* Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> line but funded >3<sup>rd</sup> line in UK

\*\* Approved in EU but not funded through NHS; may be available through manufacturer on individual patient basis



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