

Poster Discussion session Breast cancer, metastatic

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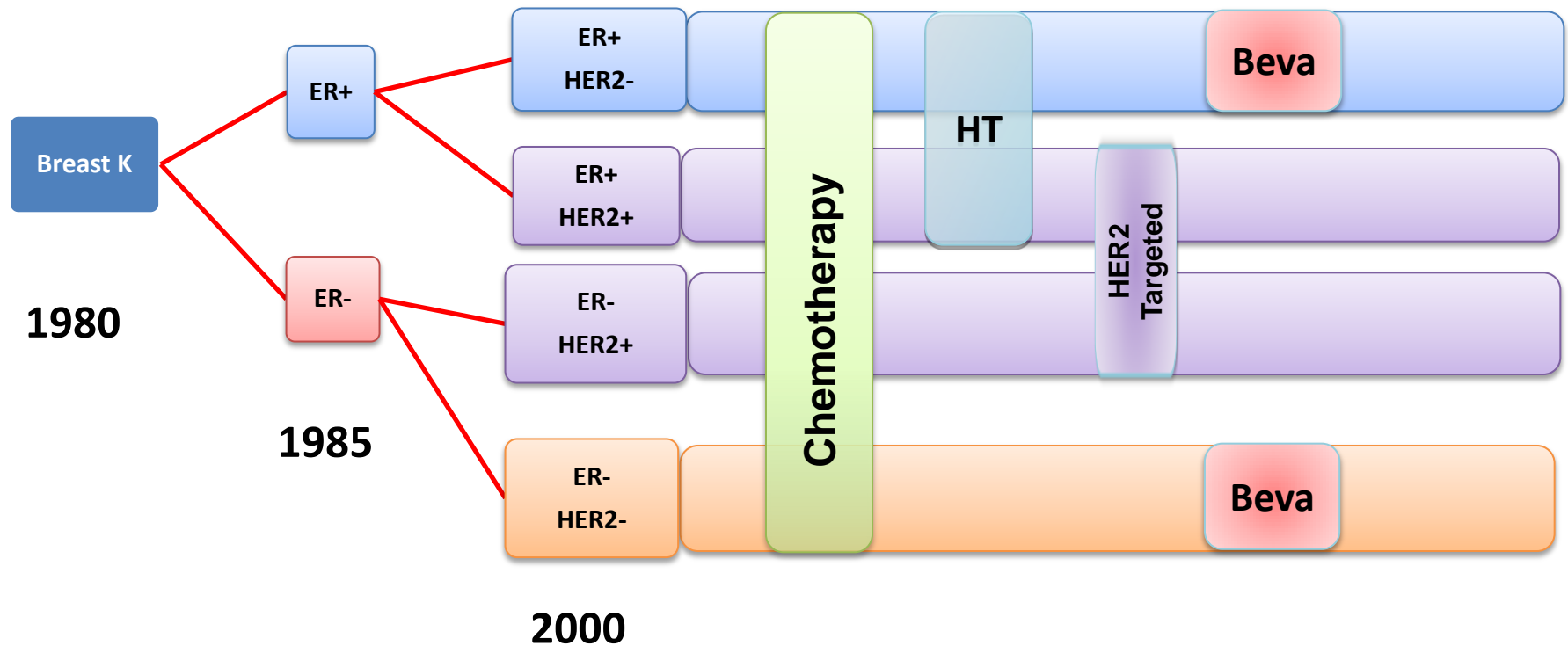
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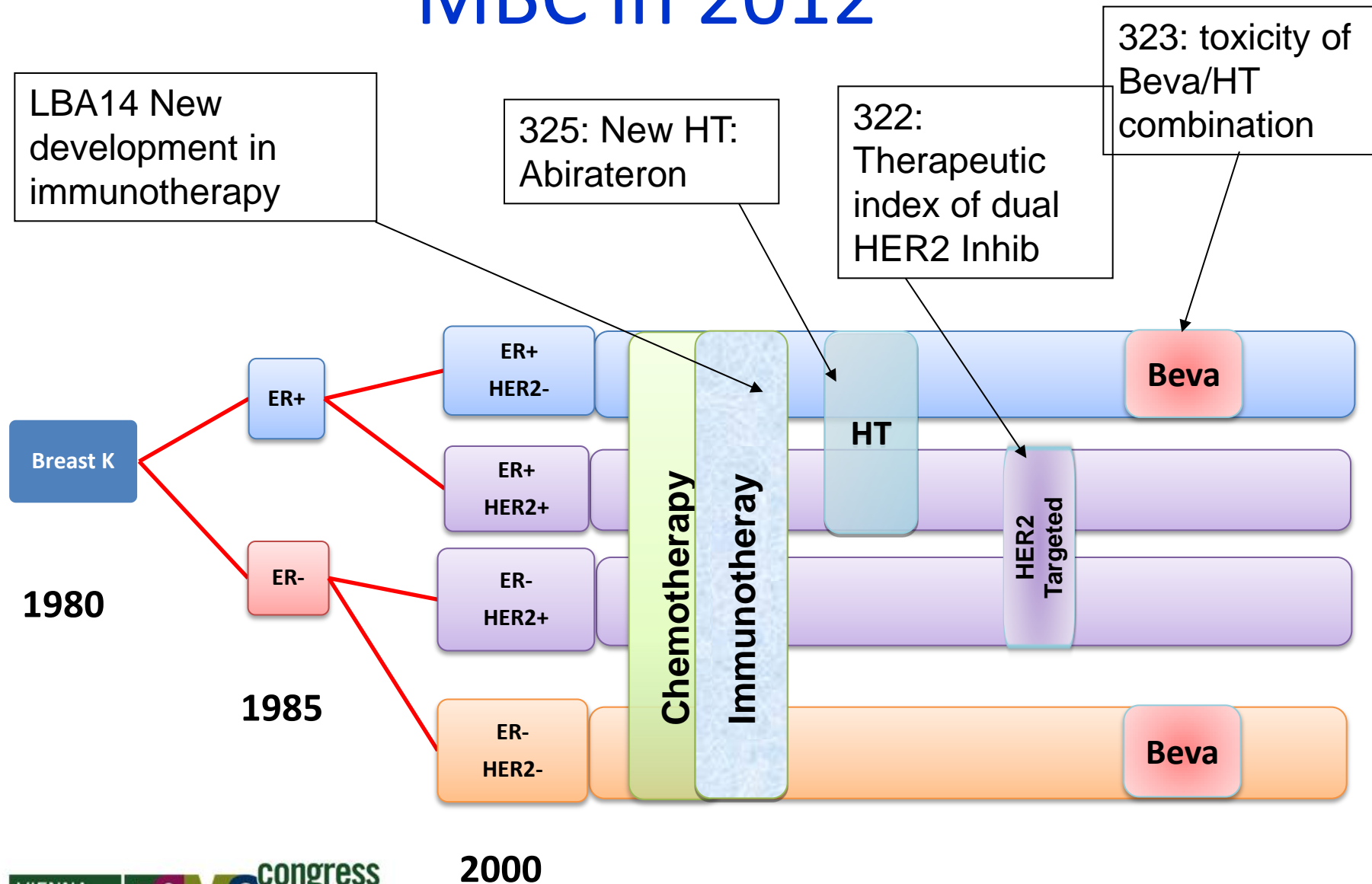
MBC in 2012

Multiple disease

Multiple treatment

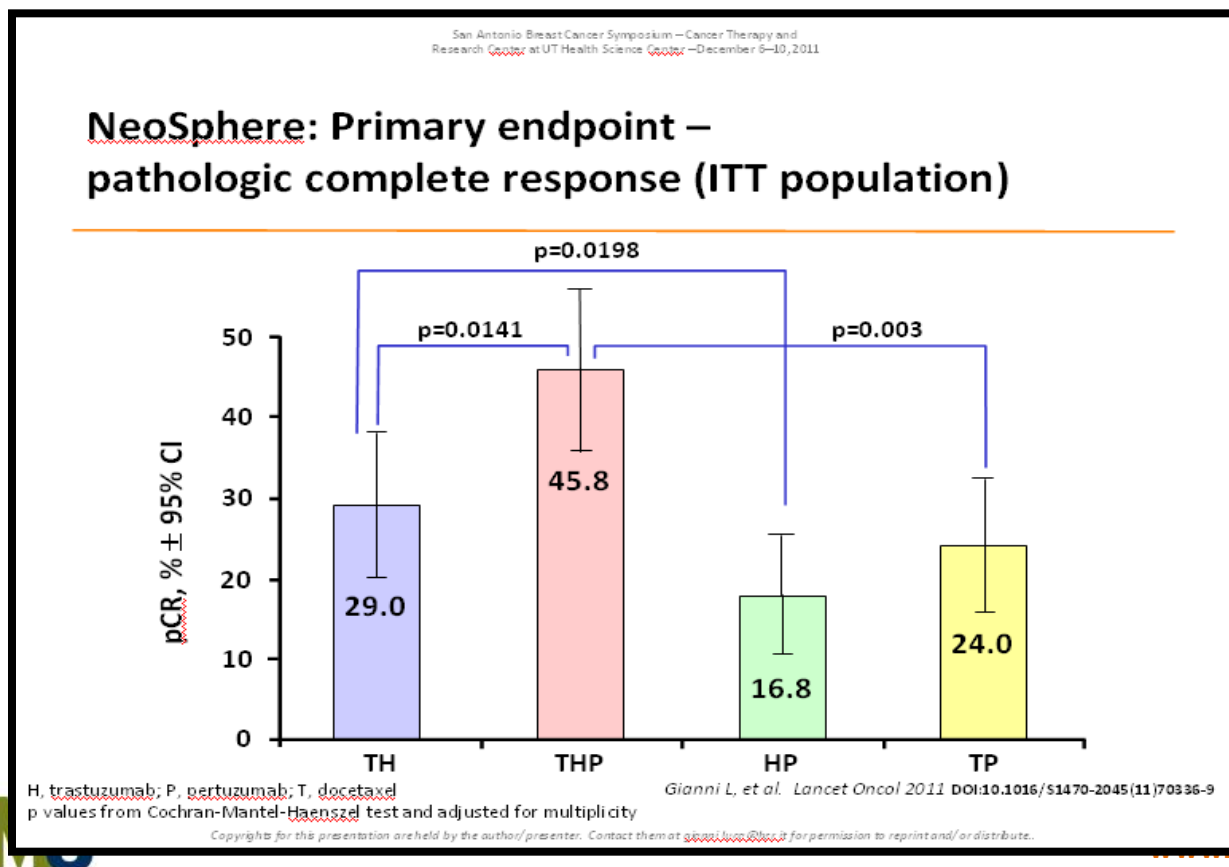


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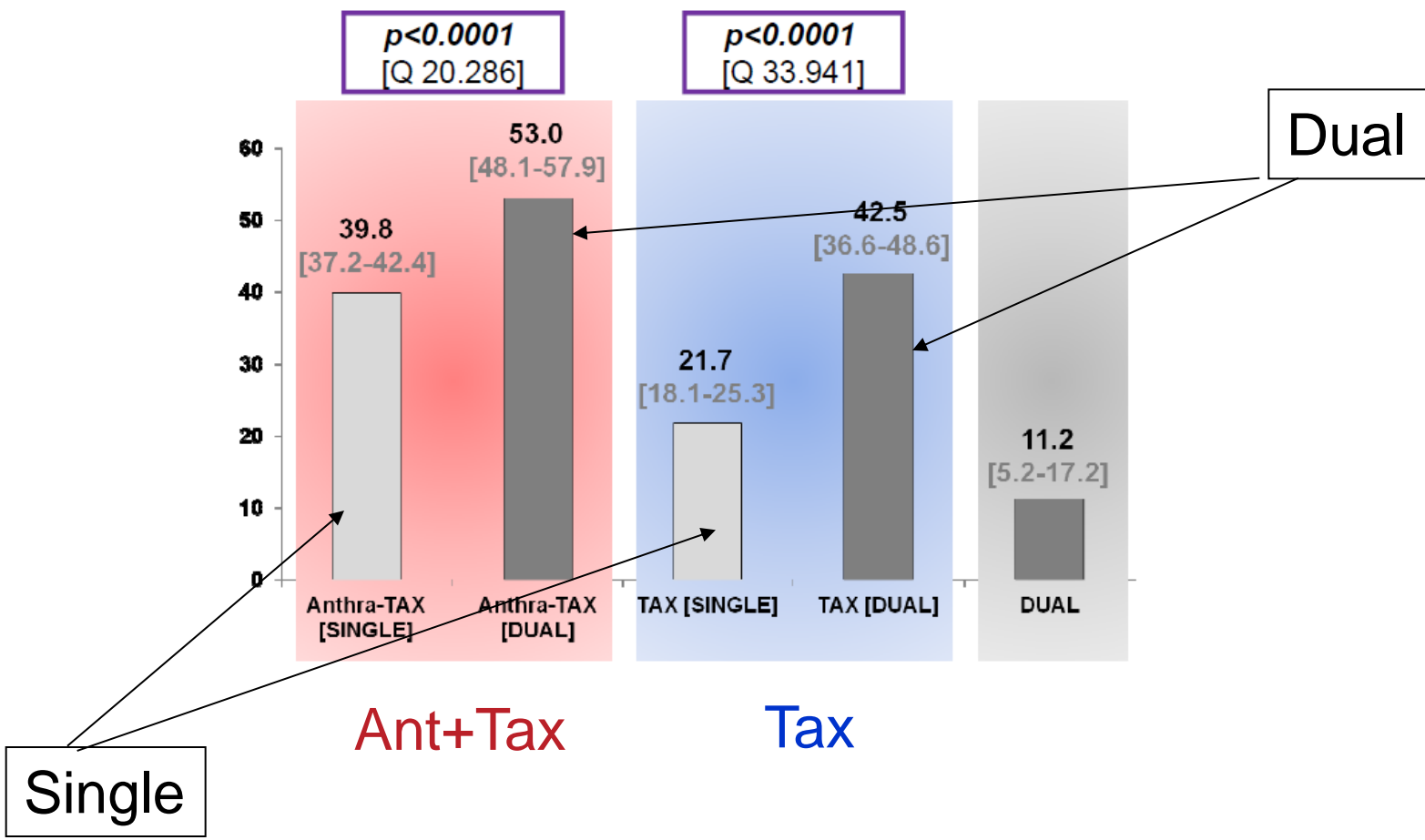
- With the intent **to weigh the relative impact upon pCR and clinically meaningful toxicities of both DUAL HER-2 inhibition and the addition of Anthra**, a treatment interaction analysis of the available Randomized CTs was accomplished.
- pCR , BCS, Grade 3-4 Neutro, Cardio and FN events were extracted, with a **literature-based meta-analysis approach**.

10 RCTs (2,627 pts), Phase IIR [5 RCTs, 888 pts], Phase III [5 RCTs, 1,739 pts]

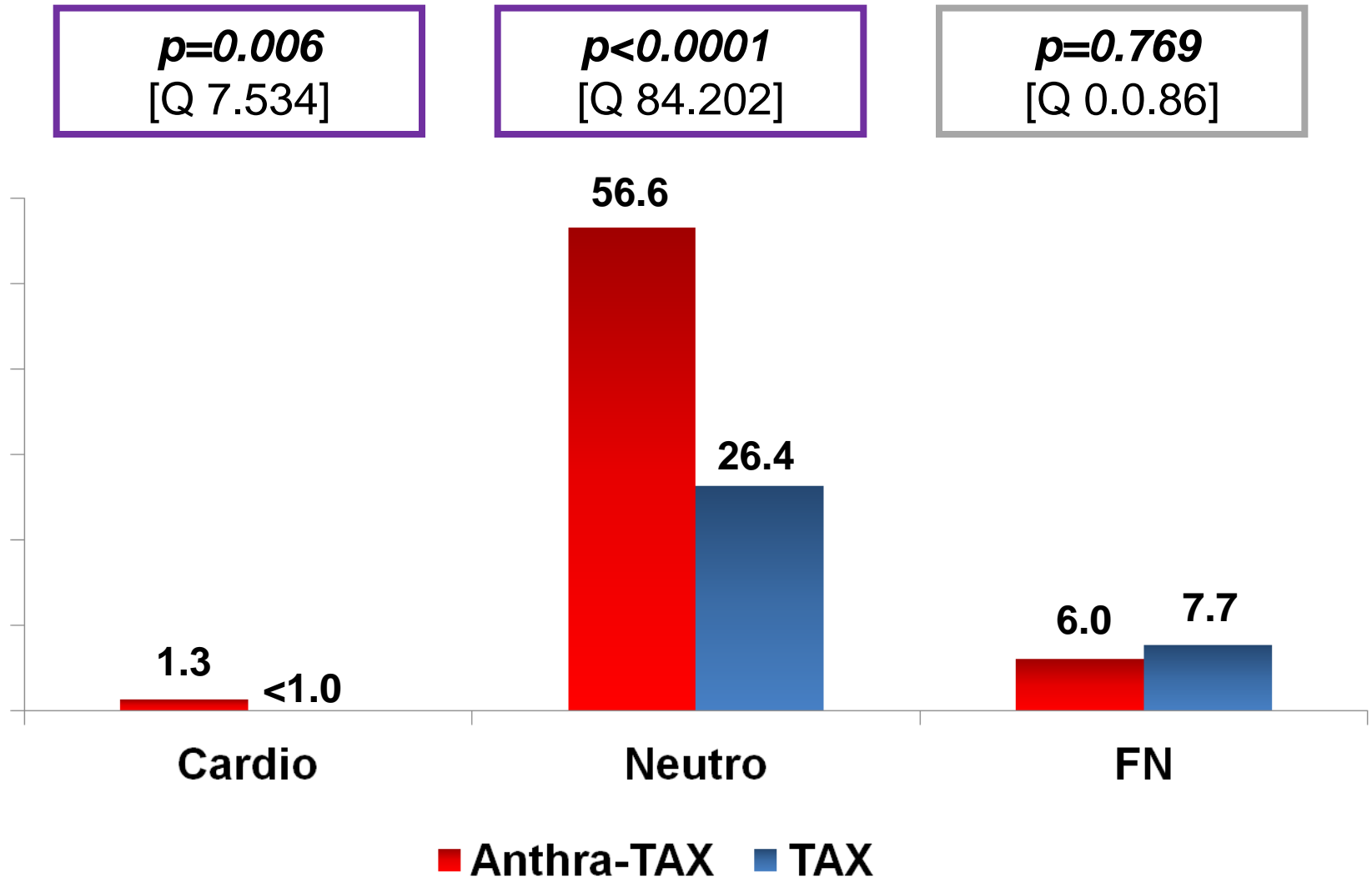
- A sensitivity analysis was accomplished, according to:
 - **SINGLE/DUAL HER-2 inhibition,**
 - **Hormonal Receptors (HRs),**
 - **Administered CT**

pCR according to HER2 inhibition and Chemo: 2>1 !!

pCR [Interaction according HER-2 Inhibition]

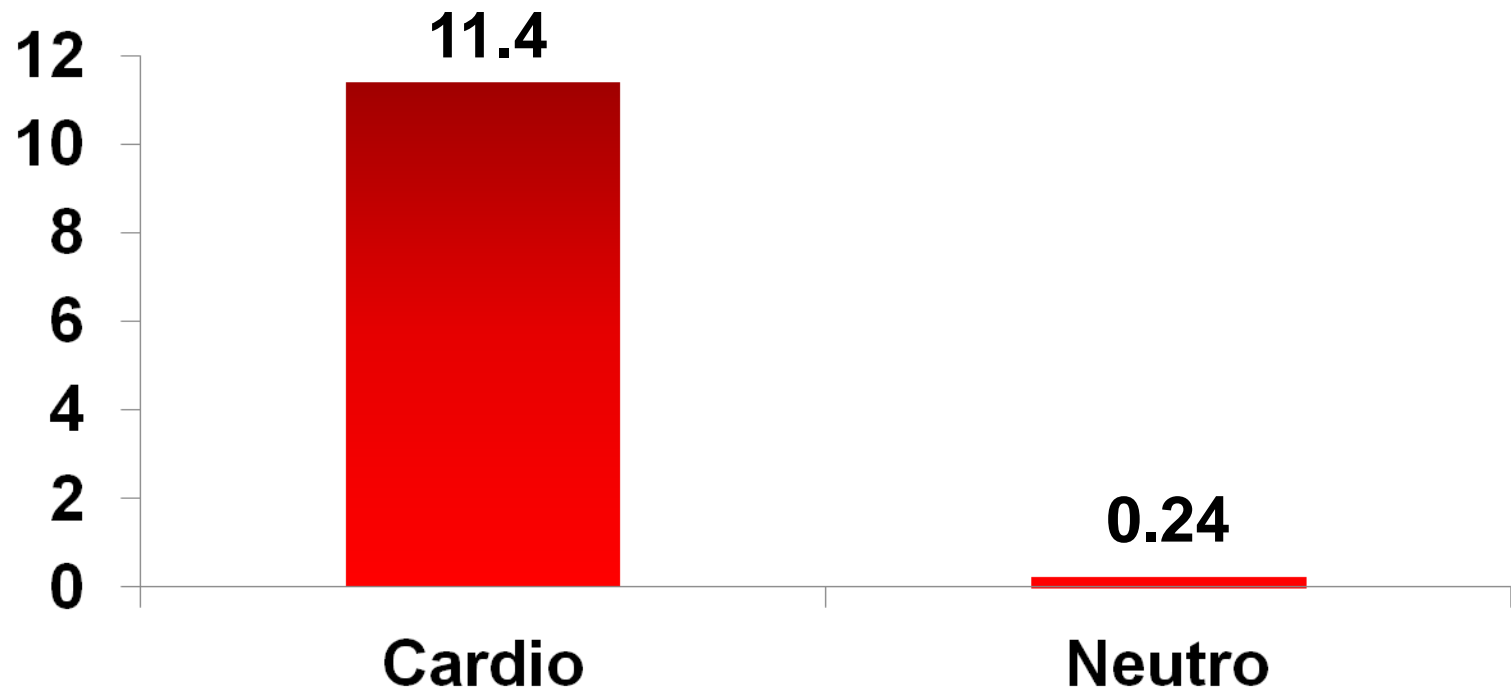


Toxicity [Interaction according to Chemo]



LHH [Weighted with the NNT of pCR]

i.e. how much is more likely to achieve a pCR than to be harmed when adding Anthra to TAX



Legend: LHH: likelihood of being helped and/or harmed; pCR: pathological complete response rate; NNH: number needed to harm; NNT: number needed to treat; Cardio: grade 3-4 cardiotoxicity; Neutro: grade 3-4 neutropenia; FN: febrile neutropenia

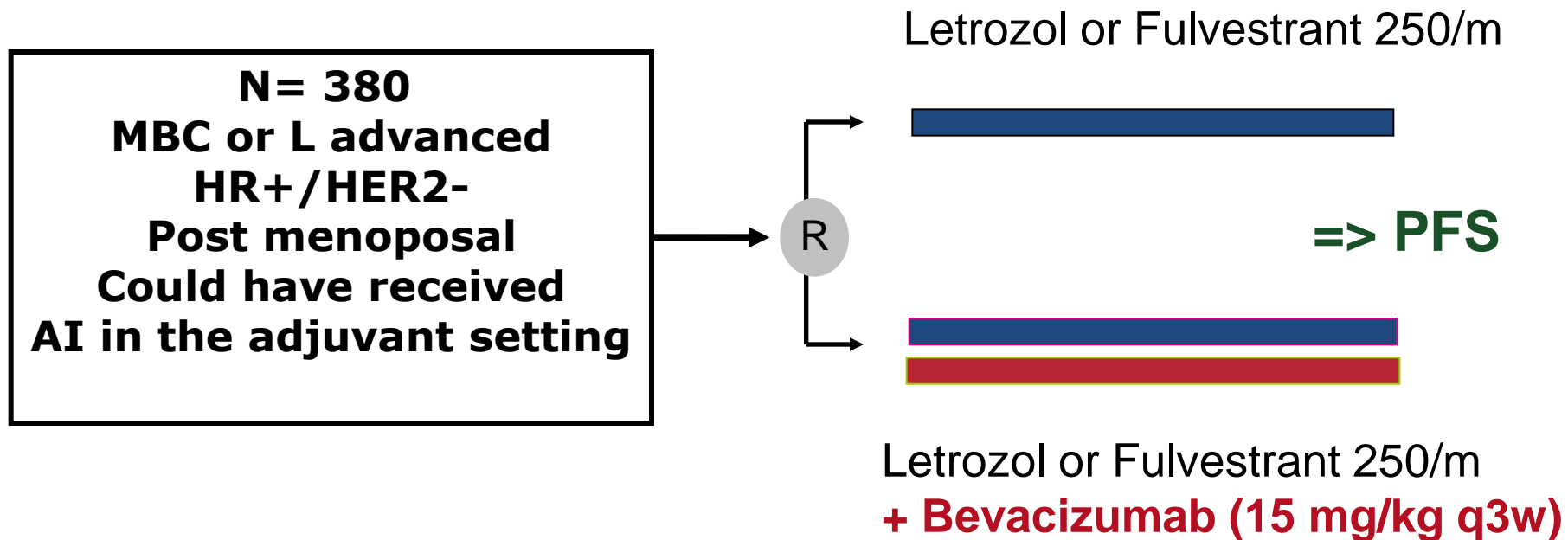
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Ok for Adjuvant/neoAdjuvant, but for MBC ??

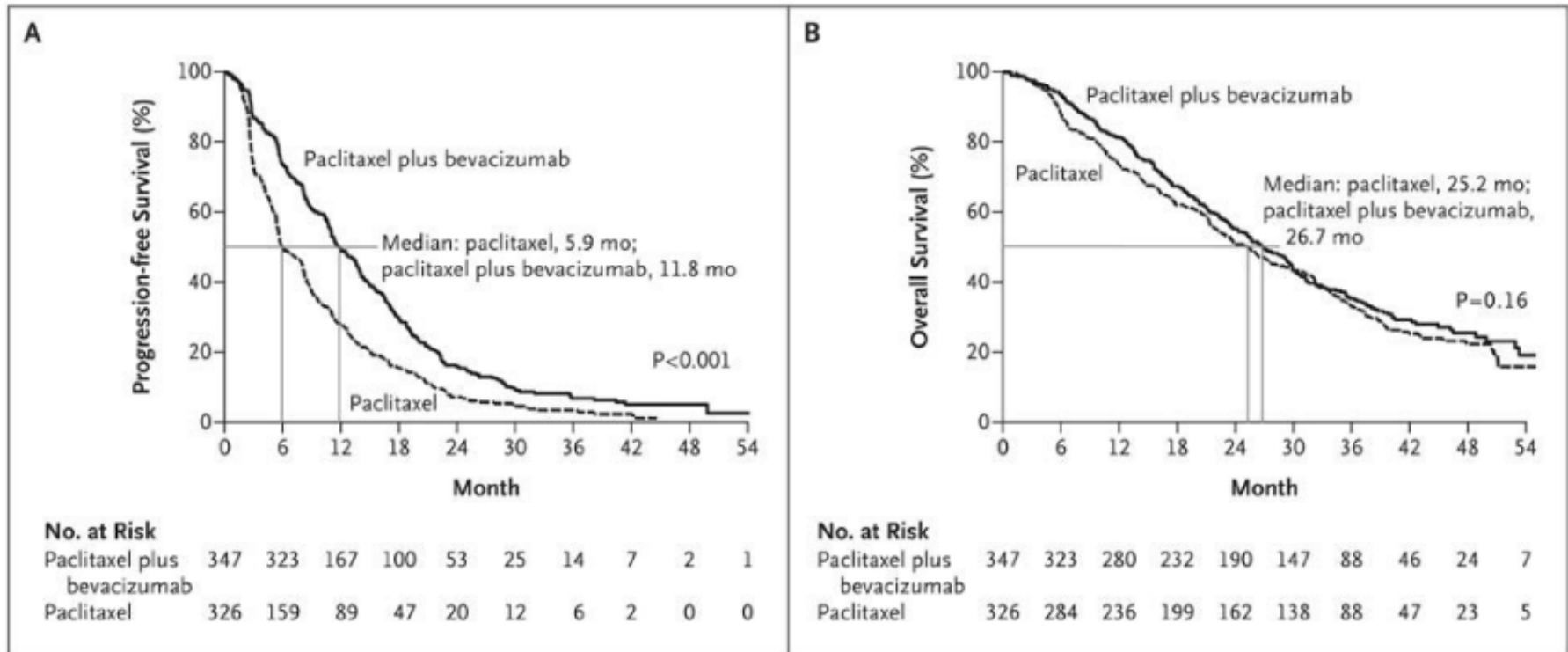
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Is it worth it ? We will have to wait for TTP and survival results

323 PD: Phase III trial evaluating the **addition of bevacizumab to endocrine therapy** as first-line treatment for advanced breast cancer: the GEICAM/GBG LEA study. Safety Analysis
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Bevacizumab and MBC: its utility is still controversial



Miller, N ENGL J MED 2007; 357:2666-2676;

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Treatment-Related Mortality With Bevacizumab in Cancer Patients A Meta-analysis

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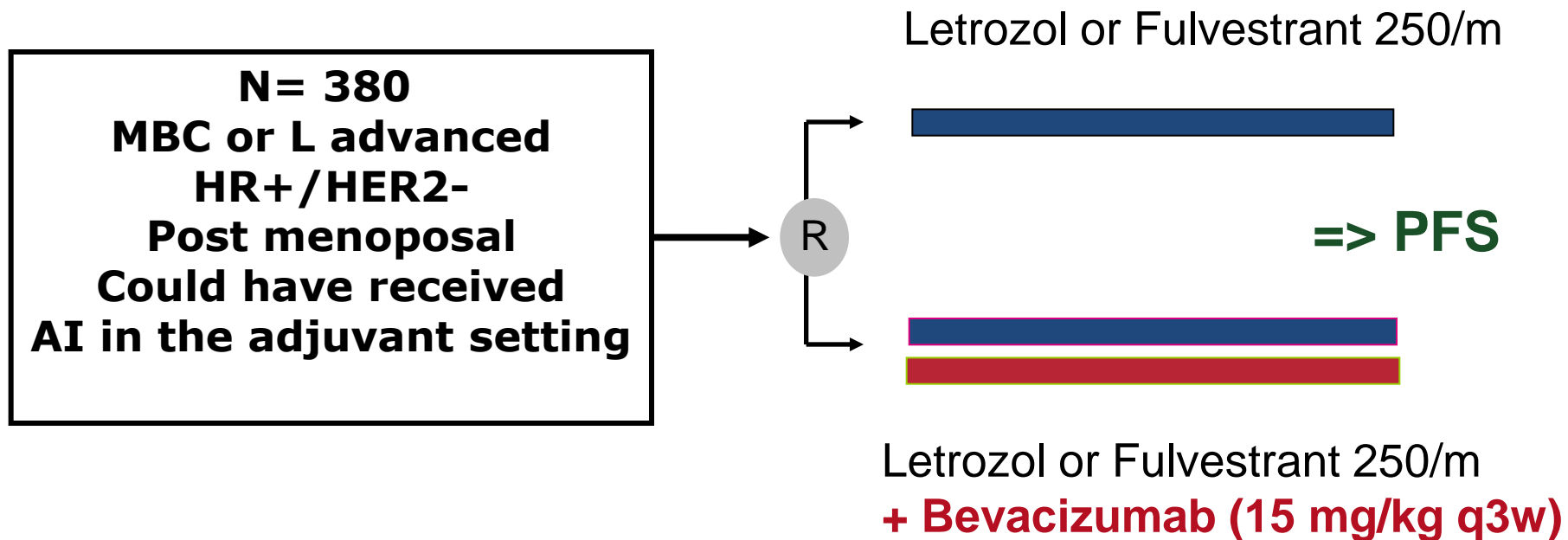
Context Fatal adverse events (FAEs) have been reported in cancer patients treated with the widely used angiogenesis inhibitor bevacizumab in combination with chemotherapy. Currently, the role of bevacizumab in treatment-related mortality is not clear.

Conclusion In a meta-analysis of RCTs, bevacizumab in combination with chemotherapy or biological therapy, compared with chemotherapy alone, was associated with increased treatment-related mortality.

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Significant different Non-haematological AEs grade 1-4

	ET n(%)	ET-B n(%)	P-value
Creatinine elevation	14 (8.0)	32 (17.1)	0.011
Diarrhoea	10 (5.7)	23 (12.2)	0.03
Fatigue	51 (29.0)	95 (50.5)	<0.001
Fever w/on neutropenia	6 (3.4)	17 (9.0)	0.031
Haemorrhage	3 (1.7)	35 (18.6)	<0.001
Hyperbilirubinaemia	7 (4.0)	19 (10.2)	0.026
Hypertension grade 3-4	4 (2.3)	24 (12.8)	<0.001
Liver Dysfunction	0	6 (3.2)	0.03
Liver enzymes elevation (ASAT)	49 (28.0)	87 (46.5)	<0.001
Proteinuria grade 3-4	0	11 (5.9)	0.001
Pain	83 (47.2)	128 (68.1)	<0.001
Vomiting	6 (3.4)	22 (11.7)	0.003

Deaths on Study:

7, all in the Bevacizumab arm

	Age at death	Co-morbidity at baseline	ET	ET-B
Pulmonary Embolism	75	Hypertension, osteoporosis, immobility (1 month on treat.)		1
Acute myocardial infarction	82	Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, obesity		1
Heart Failure	74	Hypertension, TIA, obesity		1
Sudden Death	73	Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia		1
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It's toxic: Patient selection is important

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Waiting for efficacy results !

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Phase I/II trial of Abiraterone Acetate (AA) in estrogen receptor (ER) or androgen receptor (AR) positive metastatic breast cancer (MBC); Chau Ng et col, Royal Marsden Hospital, UK.

Phase I/II trial of AA with hydrocortisone

Two patient population:

- ER α + / AR+ : 32pts, all previously received HT
- ER α - / AR+ : 6pts all previously received CT

=> Role of Androgen receptor in BC biology

=> Possible therapeutic potential

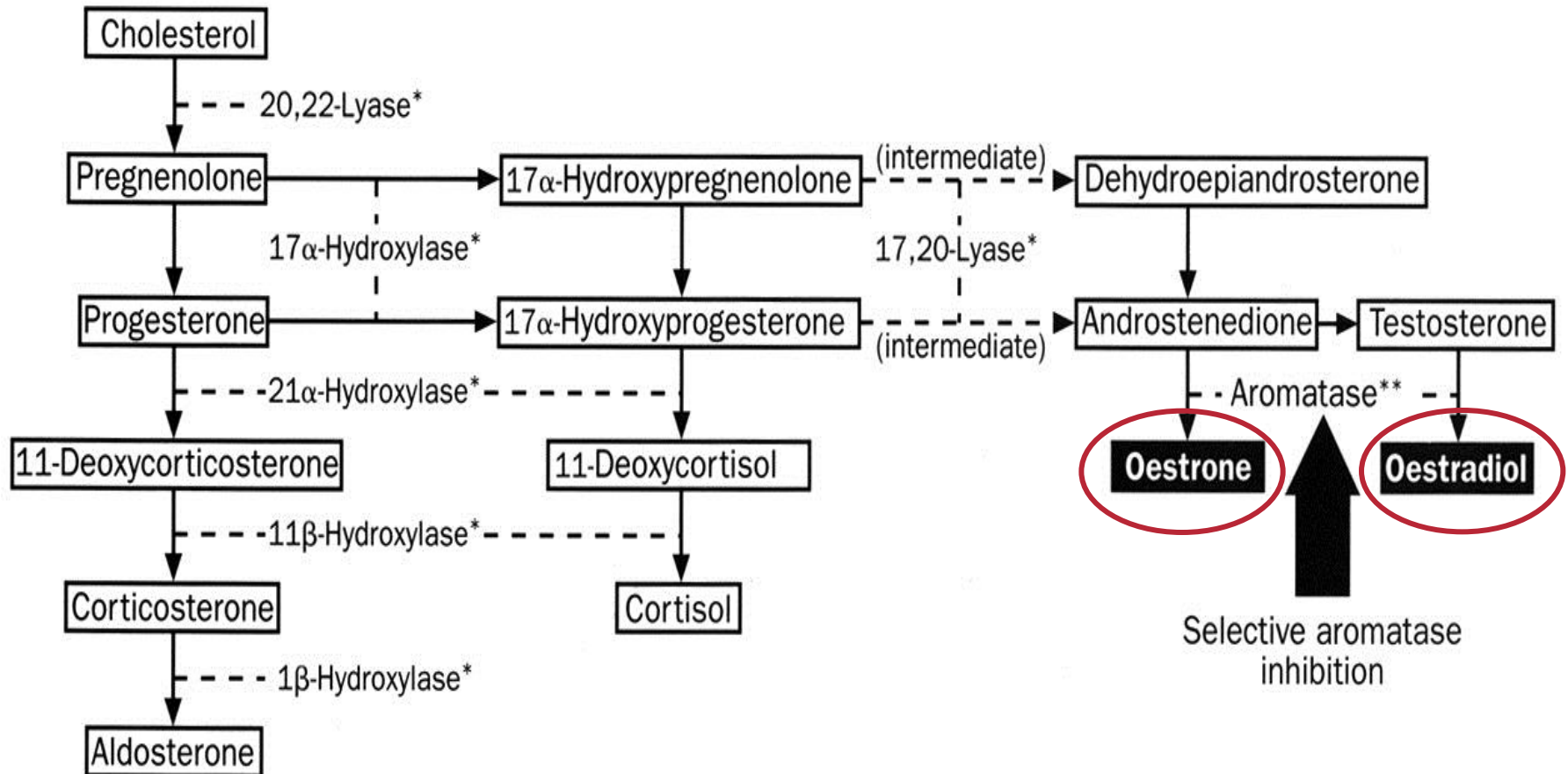
Role of AR in BC ??

- **Most frequent HR on BC cells !**
- **Mostly a good prognosis factor**
- **In vitro, Its inhibition **may inhibits or activate** BC proliferation, depending on the model !!**
- **Some interest in TNBC as it is expressed in 10-35% of cases**

Peters, Cancer Res 2009; 69: 6131-40; Garay, Am J Cancer Res 2012;2(4):434-445

Estrogen synthesis from cholesterol

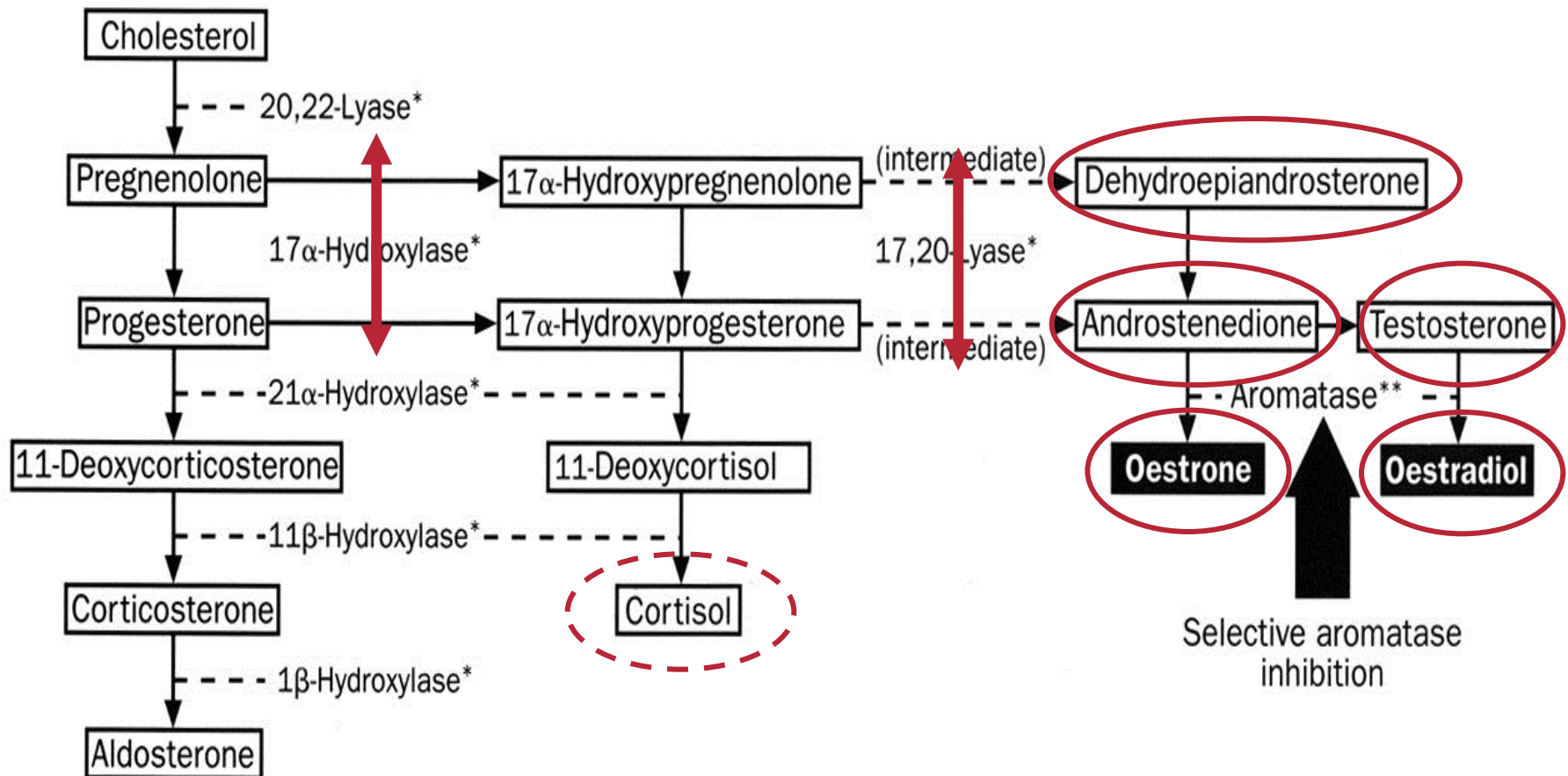
AI biological action



Biosynthesis of oestrogens: different targets of selective** and non-selective* aromatase inhibitors.

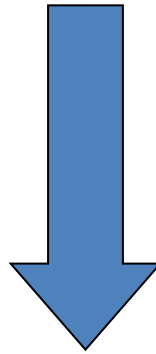
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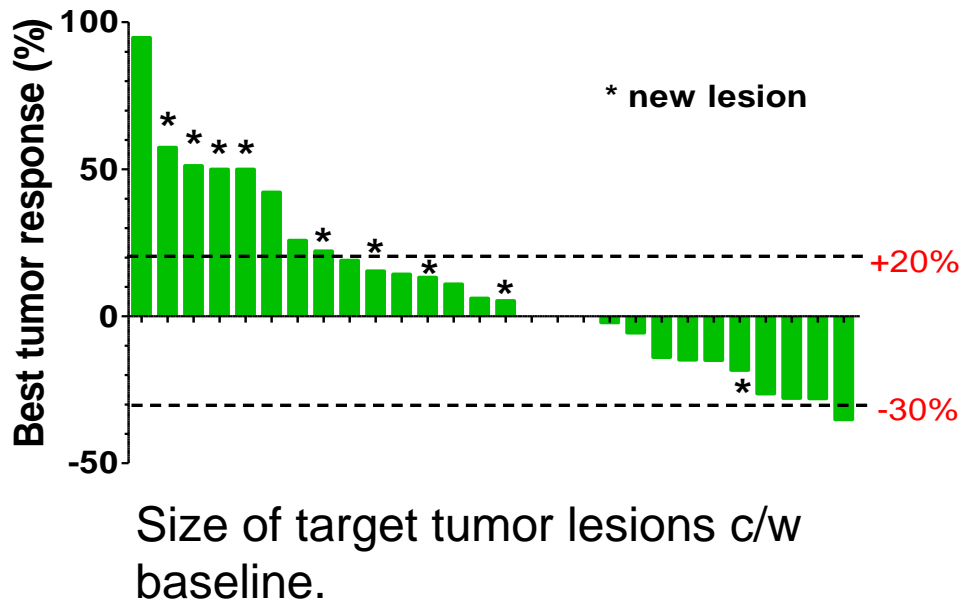
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Which one is responsible for clinical efficacy ?

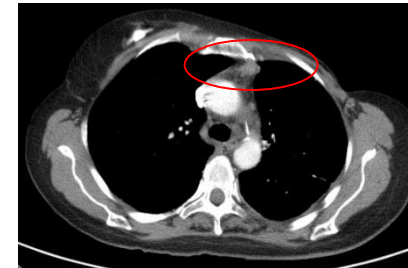
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ER α + / AR+

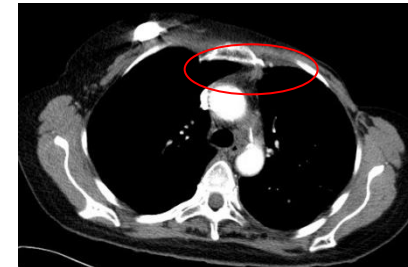


In ER α + / AR+ pts
RR: 4%; CBR: 22%

ER α - / AR+



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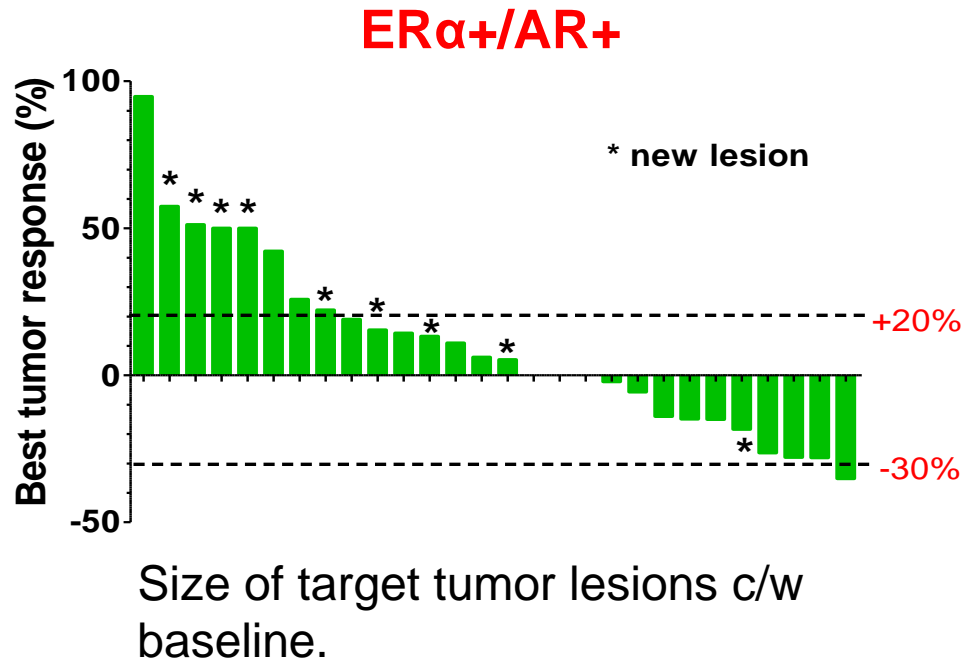


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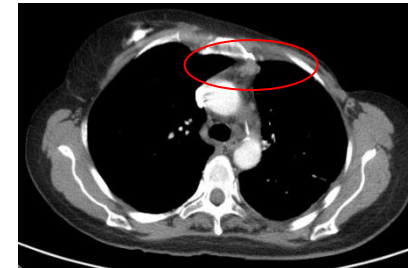
Tumour reduction not achieving confirmed PR in internal mammary node and pleural nodule

In ER- / AR+ pts:
1 minor response (7 m)
CBR: 1/6

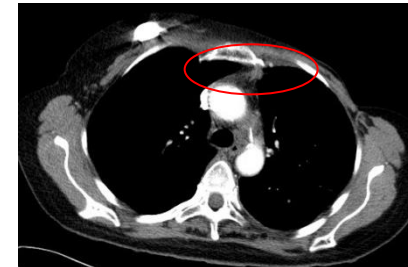
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Potential New hormonal therapy

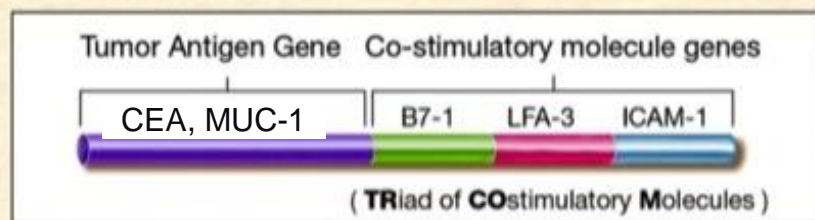
=> Need predictive factor

=> Need more knowledge of AR role in breast carcinogenesis

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A phase 2 randomized trial of docetaxel alone or in combination with therapeutic cancer vaccine, CEA-, MUC-1-TRICOM Christopher R. Heery et al., NCI

PANVAC: CEA-, MUC-1-TRICOM



Vaccinia:
Prime

Vaccines :

(rV-TAA-TRICOM)

(rF-TAA-TRICOM)

Fowlpox:
Boost



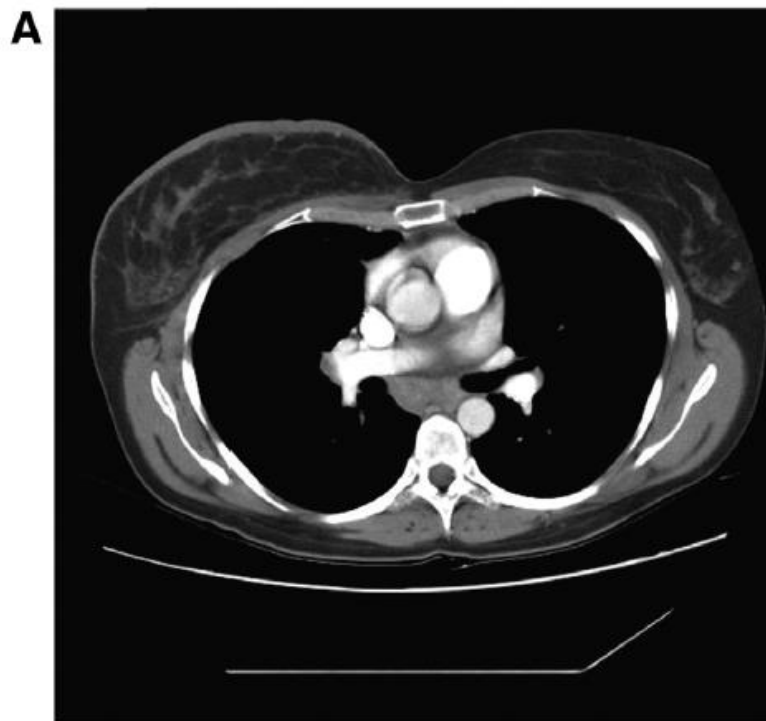
Vaccine

Induction of Tumor
specific immune
responses (T-cells)

Pilot Study of MUC-1/CEA/TRICOM Poxviral-Based Vaccine (PANVAC) on 26 breast and ovarian cancer

For the 12 MBC, median time to progression was 2.5 months (1–37+) and median overall survival was 13.7 months. Four patients had stable disease

**On patient was in PR after 10 months of vaccine and in CR after 18 months (C).
It lasted at least 3 years**

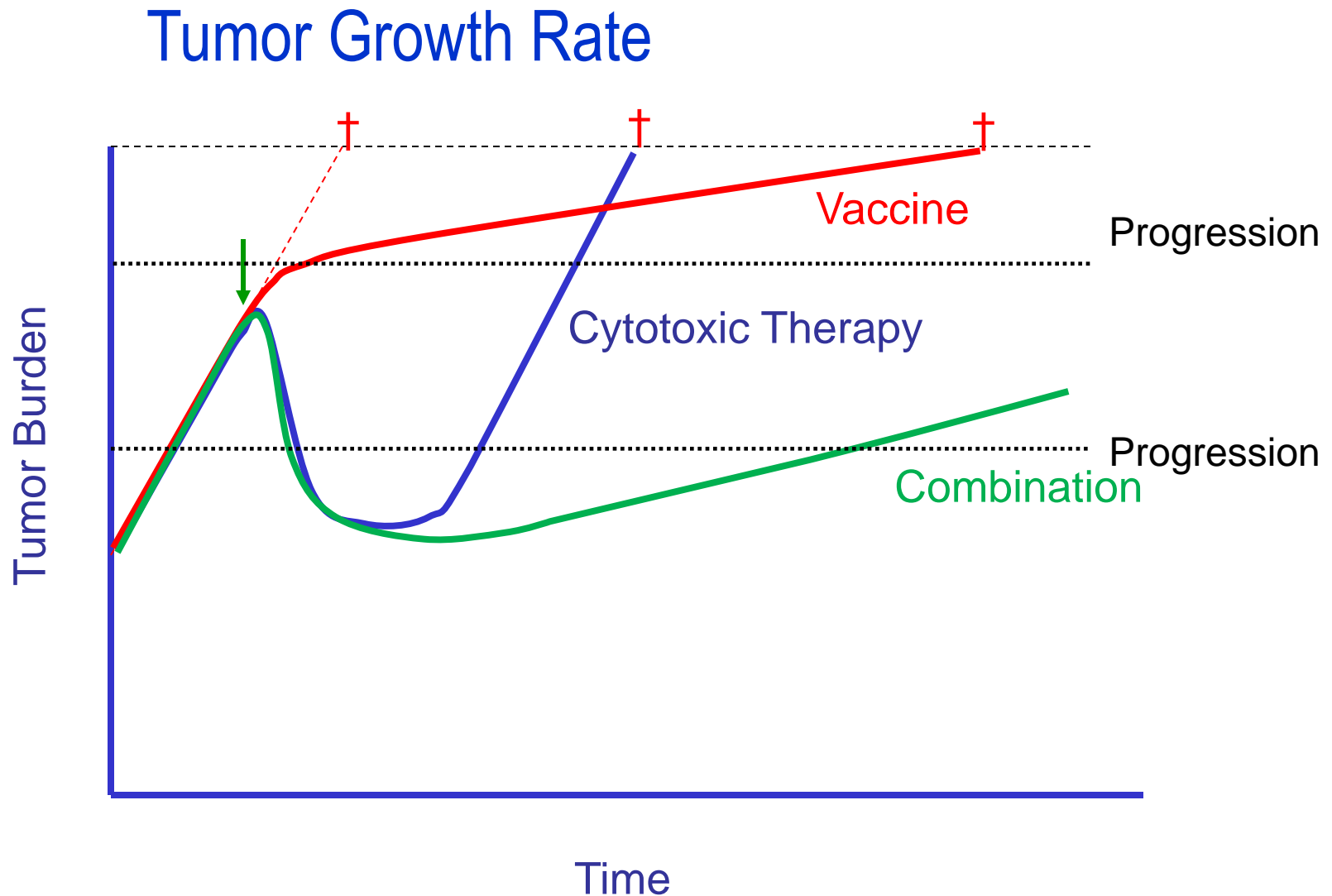


Mohebtash M et al. Clin Cancer Res 2011;17:7164-7173

Rational for combination of PANVAC and chemotherapy

- Docetaxel, may allow time for immune response to occur. If vaccine slows growth rate, time to progression on combination arm should improve.
- Docetaxel enhances expression of MHC class I and tumor associated antigens (TAAs), which leads greater cytolytic T-cell (CTL) killing (Hodge 2008)
- “Danger Signals” are created by chemotherapy induced tumor cell lysis, which may increase the immune response (Matzinger 1994)
- Chemotherapy-induced lysis of cells, may expose an activated immune response to new TAAs for CTL to target (Zitvogel, Kroemer)

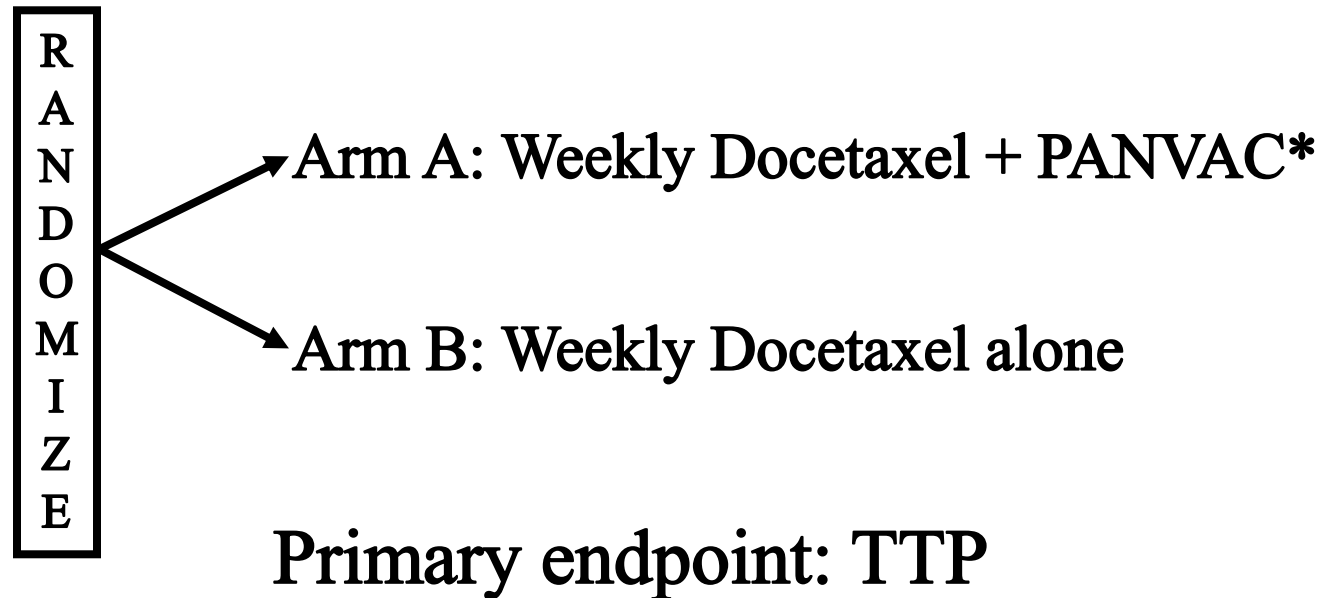
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Stein W, Gulley JL, et al. *Clin Ca Res*, 2011

Study Schema

Patient Population: Metastatic Breast Cancer (Docetaxel Naïve) n=48



*PANVAC given day 1, 15, 29, then every 4 weeks

Statistical Design

- Phase 2.5 design: employs one-tailed $\alpha = 0.10$, aiming for a $P = 0.10$ to indicate a strong trend toward benefit
- Used this design for small trial, goal to guide statistics for a larger phase 3 only
- Based on 80% power to detect a difference between docetaxel alone arm (assumed 4.2 month median PFS) and combination (assumed 8 month median PFS)

Baseline Characteristics

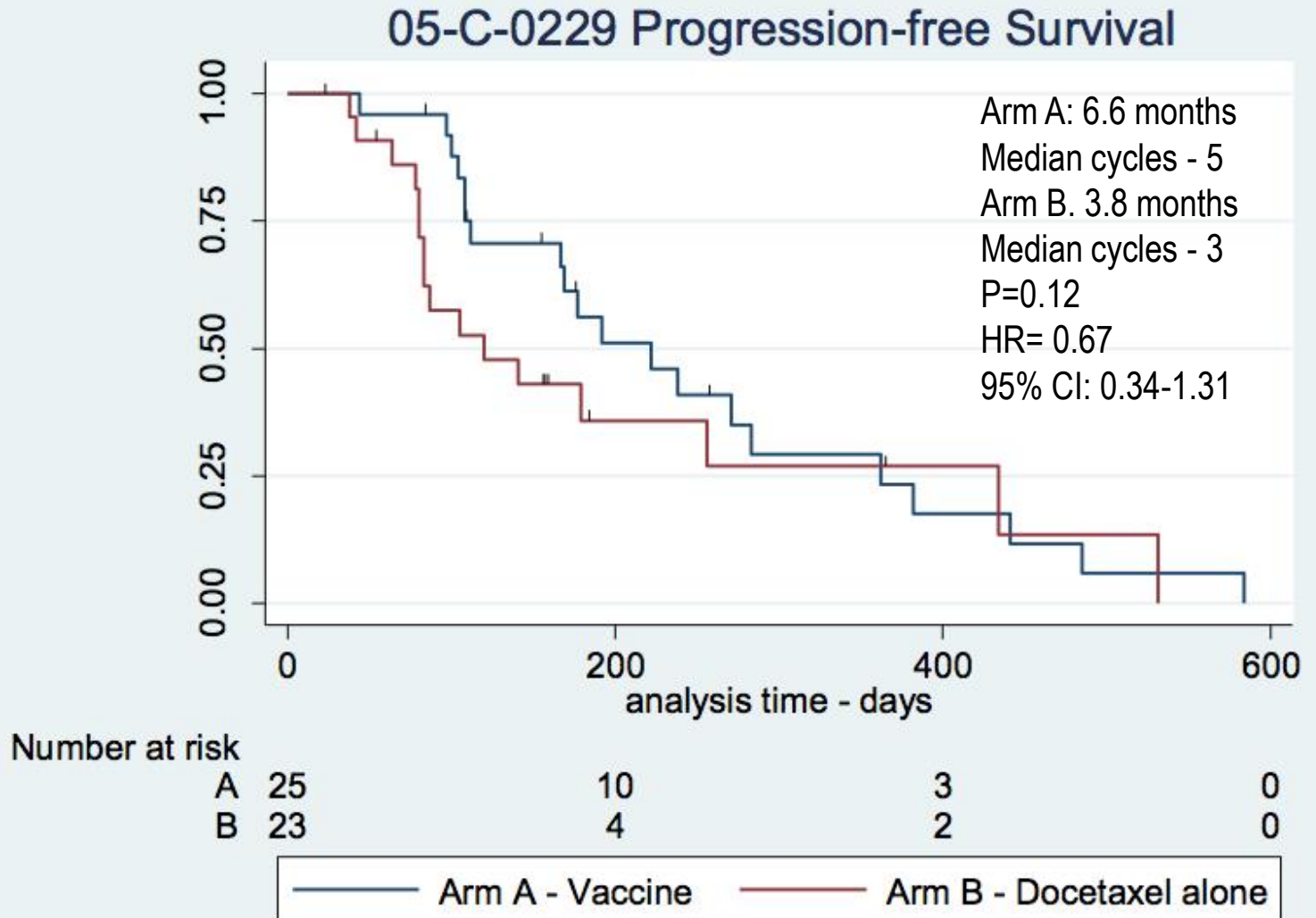
	Arm A (n=25)	Arm B (n=23)
Age		
On Study	55 (33-73)	51 (34-76)
At Diagnosis	48 (31-60)	43 (26-73)
Hormone negative	7	7
Her 2 +	3	4
Dx with Mets	2	3
Days since diagnosis	1910 (377-6839)	1834 (279-6,236)
Days from Dx to Metastasis	992 (0-6063)	1133 (0-4916)
# prior chemo	2 (1-7)	3 (0-8))
Days since prior chemotherapy	68 (19-1583)	45 (10-2760)

TNBC = Triple Negative Breast Cancer

HR neg = hormone receptor negative

Dx = diagnosis

Progression Free Survival



Adverse Events

- Adverse events occurring in this trial, with the exception of injection site reactions in the combination arm, were consistent with docetaxel alone treatment.
- No obvious difference between the groups was observed.
- Statistical analysis of the Arm A versus Arm B demonstrated a difference in the incidence of edema (36 v 13% grade 1 and 8 vs 0% grade 2, $P = 0.018$) and injection site reactions (8 v 0% grade 1 and 56 v 0% grade 2, $P = <0.0001$).

PANVAC: CEA-, MUC-1-TRICOM

Conclusion

First randomized trial of vaccine therapy for MBC

Important but preliminary results: Will survival be affected ?

Needs more patients selection ?

