# Putting drugs at work against brain metastases in HER2 positive BC: Results of the Landscape trial

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#### Rational of upfront medical treatment for BM

Final analysis of the Landscape study

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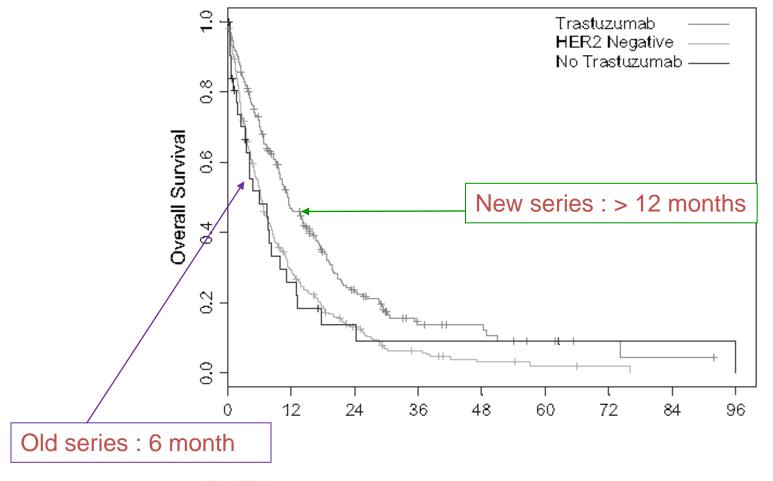


# Brain metastases are an important issue in the management of HER2+ metastatic breast cancer patients

- Incidence up to 30 to 40 %
- Strong contribution to morbidity and mortality
- Few therapeutic options beside whole brain radiation therapy (WBR) when multiple localizations



### Better prognosis of patient with HER2+ve MBC and brain metastasis





# Whole Brain radiotherapy: few prospective study

| Study                         | Pt population/ Treatment  | N   | ORR %<br>(at 2-3 mo) | TTP (mo) | Median OS  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Suh et al,<br>ASTRO 2008      | MBC<br>WBRT               | 183 | 27%                  |          | 7.5 months |
| (ENRICH Trial, control arm)   | HER2+ MBC<br>WBRT         | 68  | 37%                  | > 6 mo   | HR=0,66    |
| Cassier et al.<br>Cancer 2008 | MBC<br>WBRT+Chemo         | 25  | 76%                  | 5.2 mo   | 6.5 months |
| Lin et al<br>ASCO 2010        | HER2+ MBC<br>WBRT+Lapa    | 35  | 70%<br>(57% 2-D)     |          |            |
| Chargari et al IJROBP 2010    | HER2+ MBC<br>WBRT+ Trastu | 31  | 74%                  |          | 18 months  |



# Whole Brain radiotherapy: Neurocognitive toxicity

| Modality | Mean Probability of<br>NCF decline @ 4 months |
|----------|---|
| SRS      | 23%   |
| SRS+WBRT | 49%   |

Chang, Lancet Oncol 2009; 10: 1037-44



# Brain metastasis from breast cancer: Upfront systemic therapy

| Ref                              | Treatment                 | Theoretical BBB permeability | N                     | ORR |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Rosner et al.<br>Cancer 1986     | Endoxan +<br>5-FU +/- MTX | No<br>Limited                | 87                    | 53% |
| Boogerd et al.<br>Cancer 1992    | CMF<br>CAF                | Limited<br>Limited           | 22                    | 59% |
| Franciosi et al.<br>Cancer 1999  | CDDP +<br>VP16            | Limited<br>No                | 56                    | 38% |
| Trudeau et al.<br>Ann Oncol 2006 | Temozolomide              | Yes                          | <b>18</b> (5 with BM) | 0 % |
| Rivera<br>Cancer 2006            | Temozolomide + lapatinib  | Yes<br>Limited               | 24                    | 18% |



#### Lapatinib (L) and capecitabine (C)

- Have been approved for trastuzumab resistant HER2+ MBC
  - Objective response rate: 23% (95% CI: 16-29)
  - Median time to progression: 6.2 months
- Have shown notable activity in patients with progressive BM after WBR
  - CNS volumetric response rate: 20% (95% CI: 3-33.7)
  - Median time to progression: 3.65 months (95% CI: 2.4-4.4)

Cameron et al. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2008; 112: 533-43 Lin et al. Clin Cancer Res 2009; 15: 1452-59



## Brain metastasis from breast cancer: Upfront systemic therapy

Brain metastases are an important issue in the management of HER2+ MBC

Upfront systemic treatment of patients with BM allows:

- => Concomitant treatment of extra CNS disease
- => Delay WBR and associated toxicities



Designed in 2007 after the publication at ASCO of L+C activity in patients with progressive BM after WBR

#### **Objective:**

 To assess the clinical benefit of L+C combination for BM in HER2+ MBC patients not previously treated with WBR



- Key Inclusion Criteria
  - HER2+ MBC
  - Newly diagnosed brain metastases, at least 1 cm in diameter (T1 gado. MRI)
  - Not candidate for brain surgery
  - Any previous treatment except WBR, lapatinib or capecitabine
  - ECOG PS status 0-2
- Treatment: L: 1,250 mg/d, PO, continuous

C: 2,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d, PO, d1–14 q3weeks

- Clinical assessment (including NSS) every 3 weeks
- Cerebral and systemic imaging every 6 weeks



#### Primary endpoint

Centrally assessed CNS objective response (CNS-OR) defined as a ≥50% volumetric reduction of CNS lesions¹

in the absence of: increasing steroid use

progressive neurologic symptoms

progressive extra-CNS disease

#### Secondary endpoints

- Time to progression (CNS and extra-CNS)
- Safety
- Time to WBR
- Prognostic and predictive value of circulating tumor cells (CTC) at baseline and day 21 (CellSearch® system)



#### **Statistical Considerations**

- Simon's optimal two-stage design
- Rate of interest: 20%
- Alpha: 5%, Power: 85%
  - First stage: 17 patients, if two responses:
  - Second stage: + 24 patients
  - 41 evaluable patients
- N = 45 (10% non-evaluable)



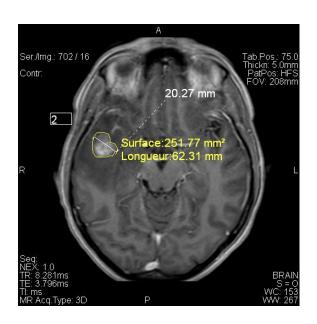
#### **Efficacy assessment**

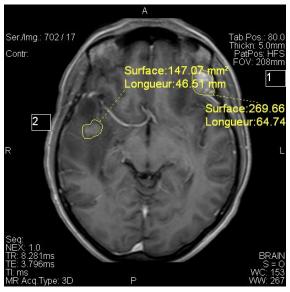
#### **Centrally and blinded volumetric assessment of CNS lesions**

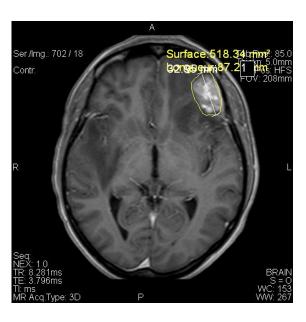
Whole brain, T1 Gado.; axial view, 5mm thickness

All target lesions contoured across all slices,

Tumor volume =  $\sum$ (outlined surfaces \* slice thickness)









#### **Study Status**

- 45 patients included from April 2009 to August 2010
   One patient died after 3 days (metabolic complication)
- 44 patients evaluable for efficacy
- Time of analysis: February 24, 2012
- Median follow-up: 21.2 months (range: 2.2-27.6)

  One patient still on treatment



#### Patient Characteristics (n=45)

| Median age, years (range)                    | 56 (35-79) |
|--|------------|
| < 60 years, n (%)                            | 26 (57.8)  |
| ECOG PS, n (%)*                              |            |
| 0  | 17 (38.6)  |
| 1  | 25 (56.8)  |
| 2  | 2 (4.5)    |
| Hormone receptor status, n (%)*              |            |
| ER + and/or PR+                              | 22 (50)    |
| ER- and PR-                                  | 22 (50)    |
| Breast cancer GPA index <sup>1</sup> , n(%)* |            |
| 1  | 0          |
| 2  | 0          |
| 3  | 22 (50)    |
| 4  | 22 (50)    |



#### Patient Characteristics (n=45)

| Median disease free interval, mo. (range)                     | 34.2 (0-205) |
|---|--------------|
| Median time from metastatic relapse to inclusion, mo. (range) | 9.7 (0-114)  |
| Disease extension, CNS  |              |
| Median number of CNS lesions (range)                          | 3 (1->25)    |
| 1 CNS lesion, n (%)   | 6 (13.3)     |
| Patients with NSS at inclusion, n (%)                         | 25 (55.6)    |
| Disease extension, extra-CNS, n (%)                           |              |
| No extra-CNS  | 7 (15.6)     |
| Liver   | 22 (48.9)    |
| Lung  | 16 (35.6)    |
| 3 or more   | 14 (31.1)    |
| Previous trastuzumab treatment, n (%)                         |              |
| No trastuzumab  | 3 (6.7)      |
| Adjuvant only   | 11 (25)      |
| Metastatic +/- adjuvant                                       | 31 (68.9)    |



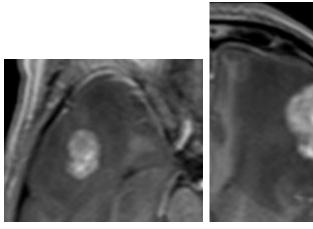
# Primary Endpoint: CNS volumetric response

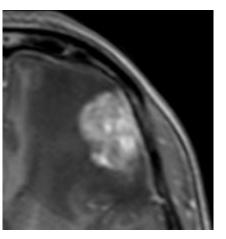
| CNS Volumetric change  | n = 44    | %                       |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| CNS objective response | 29        | 66% (95% CI: 50.1-79.5) |
| ≥ 80% Reduction        | 9         | 20%                     |
| 50- <80% Reduction     | <b>20</b> | 46%                     |
| 20- <50% Reduction     | 6         | 14%                     |
| > 0- <20% Reduction    | 2         | 5%                      |
| Progression*           | 7         | 16%                     |

<sup>\*2</sup> patients had extra-CNS disease progression

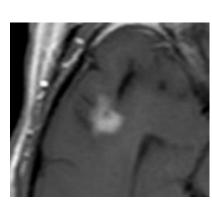


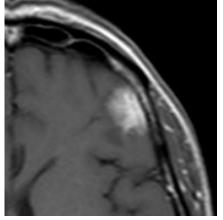
53-year-old patient, left breast cancer w synchronous metastases: Oct. 2008 Bone and pulmonary mets: trastuzumab + paclitaxel Progression and multiple brain mets: October 2009











October 23, 2009

**January 27, 2010** 

Volumetric reduction: 70%

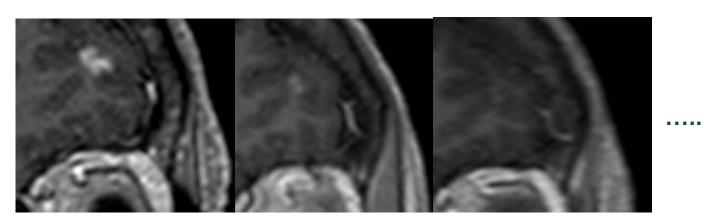
CNS progression: June 14, 2010 WBR: July 8, 2010

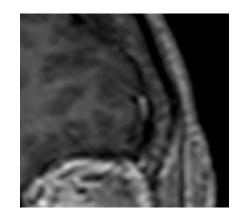


43-year-old patient, left breast cancer pT1pN1: June 2006

Bone, liver, pulmonary mets: March 2009, trastu. + paclitaxel

Symptomatic multiple brain mets (25): June 2009





July 6, 2009

**August 20, 2009** 

Oct. 1, 2009

July 23, 2010

Volumetric reduction: 98%

Progressed after 15 months (1 dose reduction)



#### Secondary end-point

CNS-OR by RECIST (42 pts): 2CR and 22PR => ORR 57.2%

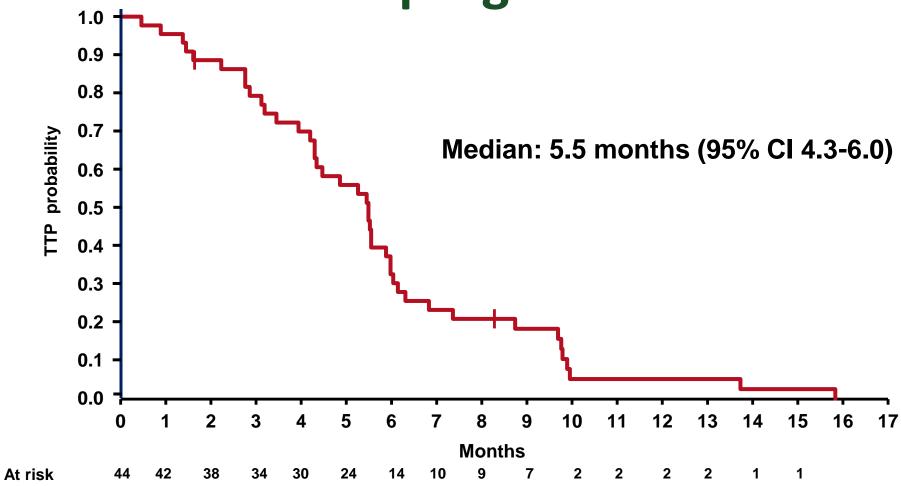
15 Stable disease (35.7%)

Neurological symptom (24 pts): 14 improvement (58.3%)

Extra-CNS res. (34 pts): 1CR and 14 PR => 44.1% (95% CI: 26-61)



#### Time to progression





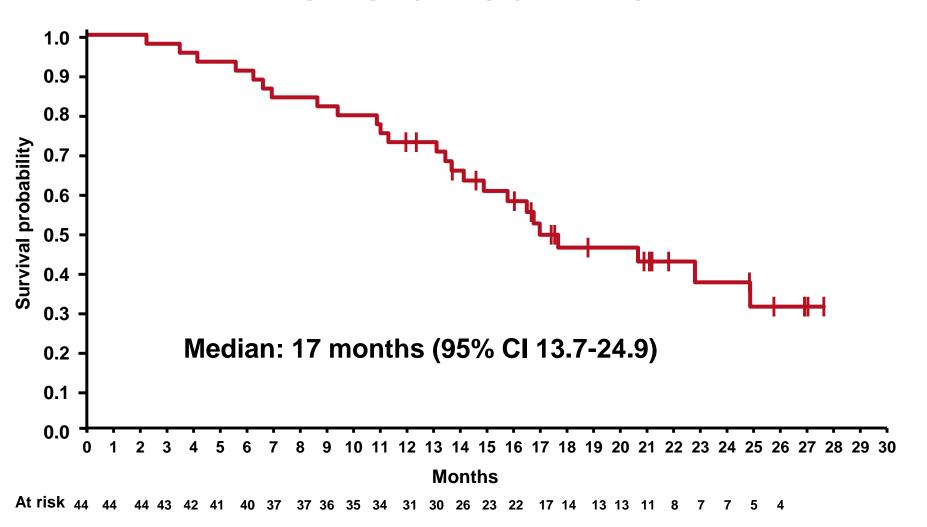
| Site of first progression   | n = 41 | (%)    |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| CNS                         | 32     | (78)   |
| Extra CNS                   | 2      | (4.9)  |
| Concomitant CNS & extra CNS | 5      | (12.1) |

#### Time to WBR

- Data were available for 43 patients
- At time of analysis, 32 (74.4%) had received WBR
- Median time to WBR is 7.8 mo. (95% CI: 5.4-9.1)



#### **Overall Survival**





#### **Adverse Events**

| Incidence, n (%)                    | n = 45       |           |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| Grade                               | Any          | 3/4       |  |
| Patients with at least one SAE      | 14 (31.1)    |           |  |
| Most Common Adverse Events          |              |           |  |
| Diarrhea                            | 38 (84.4)    | 9 (20)    |  |
| Hand foot syndrome                  | 34 (75.5)    | 9 (20)    |  |
| Fatigue                             | 22 (48.9)    | 6 (13.3)  |  |
| Rash                                | 11 (24.4)    | 2 (4.4)   |  |
| Nausea                              | 23 (51.1)    | 1 (2.2)   |  |
| Bilirubin increase                  | 21 (46.6)    | 1 (2.2)   |  |
| Vomiting                            | 16 (35.5)    | 1 (2.2)   |  |
| Stomatitis                          | 13 (28.9)    | 1 (2.2)   |  |
| Dose reduction due to AE            | Lapatinib    | 17 (37.8) |  |
| Dose reduction due to Ac            | Capecitabine | 26 (57.8) |  |
| Treatment discontinuation due to AE | 3 (6.7)      |           |  |



#### Selected subgroup analysis

#### **CNS** volumetric response

| CNS-OR, n (%)                      | n=43 (%)     |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| ALL                                | 29/43 (67.4) |
| GPA index = 3                      | 14 / 21 (68) |
| GPA index = 4                      | 14 / 22 (64) |
| 1 CNS lesions                      | 7 / 12 (58)  |
| ≥ 2 CNS lesions                    | 22 / 30 (73) |
| Patients with NSS at inclusion     | 16 / 24 (67) |
| Patients without NSS at inclusion  | 13 / 19 (68) |
| Previous metastatic trastuzumab    | 20 / 30 (67) |
| No previous metastatic trastuzumab | 9 / 14 (64)  |

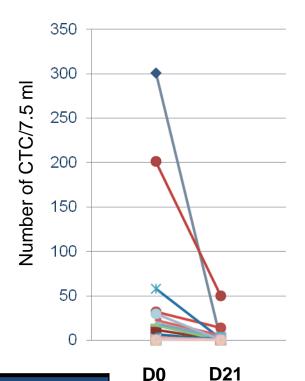


#### **CTC** analysis

#### CTC/7.5ml at baseline and changes under treatment

| Date of sampling | ≥1 (%)     | ≥ 5 (%) |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| Baseline (n=41)  | 20 (48.8)* | 9 (22)  |
| Day 21 (n=38)    | 7 (18.4)*  | 3 (7.9) |

<sup>\*</sup>p=0.006

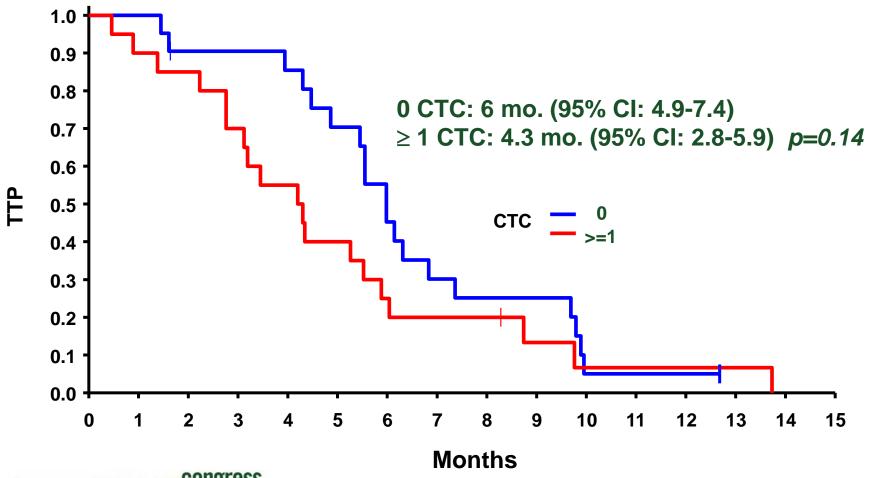


#### Correlation with CNS-OR, (n=40)

| Date of sampling | CTC Status      | CNS-OR (%)    | р    |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| Deceling (n=41)  | 0 at baseline   | 17 / 21 ( 81) | NC   |
| Baseline (n=41)  | ≥ 1 at baseline | 11 / 20 (55)  | NS   |
| Day 21 (n=38)    | 0 at day 21     | 25 / 31 (81)  | 0.03 |
| Day 21 (11-30)   | ≥ 1 at day 21   | 2 / 7 (29)    | 0.03 |

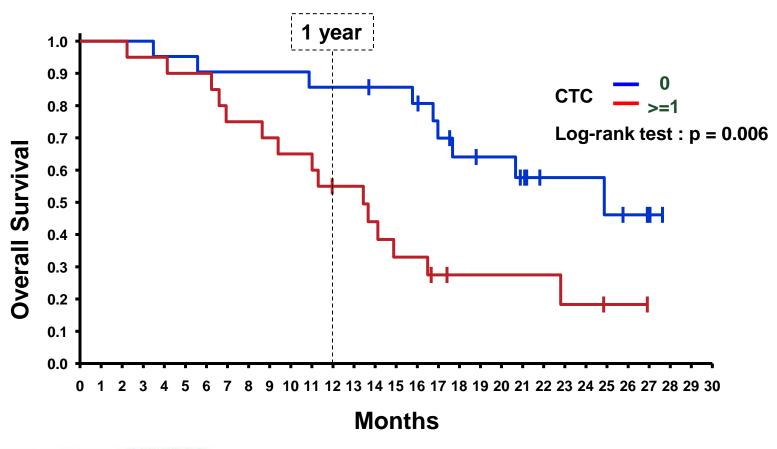


#### TTP according to Baseline CTC count (0 vs. ≥ 1)





#### OS according to Baseline CTC count (0 vs. ≥ 1)





#### **Conclusions**

#### L+C for newly diagnosed BM in HER2+ MBC:

We shown that lapatinib+capecitabin efficacy compare favorably with published results of whole brain radiotherapy in term of RR and OS

This strategy could help delaying whole brain radiotherapy associated neurological toxicity.

This combination warrants further evaluation



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