# EARLY BREAST CANCER, HER2-POSITIVE CLINICAL CASE DISCUSSION 

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## DISCLOSURES

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## Case summary

- 32 years old, premenopausal, healthy female
- Left breast cancer cT2N1M0
- HER2 positive, ER/PR negative
- No relevant family history

ER, oestrogen receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; PR, progesterone receptor; cTNM, clinical tumour, node, metastasis

## HER2 and BRCA1/2 mutations

Table 1 HER2 and ER status in primary BRCA screens

|  | BRCA1 | BRCA2 | Negative | Total | Proportion <br> BRCA1/2 $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| ER- HER2 + | 3 | 1 | 40 | 44 | 9.0 |
| ER+ HER2 + | 1 | 4 | 107 | 112 | 4.5 |
| Total HER2 + | $4 / 156(2.6 ~ \%)$ | $5 / 156(3.2 \%)$ | 147 | 156 | 5.8 |
| ER- HER2-* | 115 | 34 | 266 | 415 | 35.9 |
| ER+ HER2- | 25 | 48 | 419 | 492 | 14.8 |
| Total HER2- | 140 | 82 | 685 | 907 | 24.5 |
| Total All | 144 | 87 | 832 | 1063 | 22.1 |

Table 2 HER2 status in BRCA1/2 mutation carriers

|  | BRCA1 | Percentage | BRCA2 | Percentage | $\chi^{2} p$ value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ER- HER2+ | 3 | 1.6 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.62 |
| ER+ HER2+ | 1 | 0.5 | 11 | 6.2 | 0.002 |
| ER- HER2- | 129 | 66.1 | 49 | 27.7 | $<0.0001$ |
| ER+ HER2- | 62 | 31.8 | 116 | 65.5 | $<0.0001$ |
| Total | 195 |  | 177 |  |  |
| Any ER HER2+ | 4 | 2.1 | 12 | 6.8 | 0.04 |

## The Penn II Risk Model

| Part A. Select the side of the family being evaluated: © Maternal Paternal |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part B. Please provide the following information: |  |
| 1. Presence of Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish ancestry in the family? | $\bigcirc$ no yes |
| 2. Number of women in the family diagnosed with both breast and ovarian cancer? | ] $\square$ (0-100) |
| 3. Number of women in the family diagnosed with ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer (in the absence of breast cancer)? | (0-100) |
| 4. Number of breast cancer cases in the family diagnosed in women under the age of 50 ? | (1) $\square$ (0-100) |
| 5. What is the age of the youngest breast cancer diagnosis in the family? | (18-130) |
| 6. Presence of mother-daughter breast cancer diagnoses in the family? | (1) no yes |
| 7. How many women with bilateral breast cancer in the family? <br> (Note: Count women with cancer in both breasts, not two primaries in one breast.) | $\square$ (0-100) |
| 8. Number of men diagnosed with breast cancer in the family? | (0-100) |
| 9. Presence of pancreatic cancer in the family? | - no yes |
| 10. Number of men diagnosed with prostate cancer in the family? | (0-100) |
| Part c. Closest relative with breast or ovarian Cancer: $\square$ |  |

Genetic counselling and testing for germline BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations should be offered to breast cancer patients from high-risk groups, i.e. those with:

- strong family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer,
- diagnosis of breast cancer before the age of 50,
- diagnosis of TNBC before the age of 60,
- personal history of ovarian cancer or second breast cancer or male sex

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## Fertility preservation



CI, confidence interval; NGF, non-growing follicles

## Fertility preservation

## Effective method for emergency fertility preservation: random-start controlled ovarian stimulation

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## Fertility preservation



Lambertini, JCO 2018
CI , confidence interval; DFS, disease-free survival; GnRHa, gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist; OR, odds ratio; OS, overall survival; RCT, randomised clinical trials

## clinical practice guidelines

## Primary breast cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up ${ }^{\dagger}$

In younger premenopausal patients, possible fertility issues should be discussed and guidance about fertility-preservation techniques should be provided, before the initiation of treatment

## clinical practice guidelines

## Cancer, pregnancy and fertility: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up ${ }^{\dagger}$

Fertility preservation methods in cancer patients:
(i) Young women desiring future fertility should be counselled on available fertility preserving options before starting anti-cancer treatment. Counselling should be implemented soon after diagnosis to allow prompt referral to fertility specialists.
(ii) The use of GnRH analogues concomitantly with chemotherapy should not be regarded as a reliable means of preserving fertility.
(iii) Embryo or oocyte cryopreservation is the main method to preserve female fertility.
(iv) Ovarian stimulation should be carried out before commencing chemotherapy.
(v) The use of gonadotropins and letrozole or tamoxifen for ovarian stimulation is suggested for cancer patients. Consideration of such an approach in patients with ER-positive breast cancer should be made during a discussion with the patient and requires intensive interdisciplinary discussion including oncologists, radiotherapists and reproductive medicine specialists.
(vi) Chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced sterility can be prevented also by freezing ovarian tissue before treatment.

Peccatori, Ann Oncol 2013

ER, oestrogen receptor;GnRHa, gonadotropin-releasing hormone

## Neoadjuvant systemic therapy: Trastuzumab plus pertuzumab

## NeoSphere



Gianni, Lancet Oncol 2012

FDA, US food and drug investigartion; FEC, 5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide;
pCR, pathological complete response; HP, trastuzumab/pertuzumab; TH, docetaxel/trastuzumab; THP, docetaxel/trastuzumab/pertuzumab; TP, docetaxel/pertuzumab

## Neoadjuvant systemic therapy: Trastuzumab plus pertuzumab pCR rate



# Neoadjuvant systemic therapy pCR in HER2-positive + breast cancer 



Loibl, Curr Opin Obstet Gynecol 2015

## Neoadjuvant systemic therapy trastuzumab + pertuzumab



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In the neoadjuvant setting, dual anti-HER2 blockade associated with chemotherapy (trastuzumab/lapatinib, trastuzumab/pertuzumab) has led to improvements in the pCR rate when compared with chemotherapy associated with one anti-HER2 agent

For the trastuzumab/pertuzumab combination, after reviewing potential risks and benefits (including the financial impact), in selected higher-risk cases it can be considered an acceptable option as primary systemic therapy

LoE, GoR [II, B]

## Situation cN1/cN0 (40\% turn over rate)

FNR with dual tracer or >2SLN detected acceptable

| FNR | Sentina cN1/ycN0 | Alliance cN1/ycN0 | SN FNAC cN1/ycNo | Spain cN1/ycNO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In all | 14.2\% | 12.6\% | 8.4\% | 8.3\% |
| Dual tracer | 8,6\% | 9,1\% | 5,2\% |  |
| >2 SLN removed | 7,3\% | 10,8\% | 4,9\% |  |
| $\longrightarrow$ SNB is a good option for cN1/cN0 patients |  |  |  |  |

Gnant, ESMO 2017

## Avoiding ALND in cN+/ycNO patients



Axillary recurrence


Distant metastases

In patients with cytologically positive proven axillary nodes who convert to negative ... false-negative rates of SLN post systemic therapy range from $8 \%$ to $14.2 \%$. False-negative rates can be improved by marking the biopsied positive nodes to verify their removal, as well as using dual tracer and removing $\geq 3$ SLNs

- In patients with baseline axillary involvement converting to negative, SLNB may be carried out in selected cases, and, if negative, further axillary surgery may be avoided
- Identification of any tumour deposits in post-PST SLNB prompts ALND

> LoE, GoR [II, B]

ALND, axillary lymph node dissection; GoR, grade of recommendation; LoE, level of evidence; PST, primary systemic therapy; SLN, sentinel lymph node; SLNB, sentinel lymph node biopsy

## Escalation of systemic adjuvant therapy

## ALTTO



## APHINITY



Piccart-Gebhart, JCO 2015; von Minckwitz, NEJM 2017

## Escalation of systemic adjuvant therapy



| N \% | Neratinib (n=14080) |  | Placebo (n=1408) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All grades | G3-4 | All grades | G3-4 |
| Diarrhea | $1343(95.4)$ | 562 | 499 | 23 |
|  |  | $(39,9)$ | $(35,4)$ | $(1,6)$ |
|  | Dose reduction: $26 \%$ |  |  |  |
|  | Tx termination: $17 \%$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

iDFS at 5 years


ADL, activities of daily living; Cl , confidence interval; HR, hormone receptor; iDFS, invasive diseasefree survival

In the adjuvant setting, however, addition of pertuzumab resulted in a very small (about 0.9\%) improvement in invasive DFS, which albeit statistically significant has a small clinical impact that must be balanced against its very high cost. Therefore, it should not be used routinely, although it may be an option in very high-risk patients.

LoE, GoR [I, C] ESMO-MCBS: C

Extended anti-HER2 therapy with neratinib should not be used routinely but may be considered in highly selected high-risk patients, due to its important toxicity

LoE, GoR [I, C] ESMO-MCBS: B

DFS, disease-free survival; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MCBS, Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; GoR, grade of recommendation; LoE, level of evidence


