

# THE BREAST 'Il Punto di Vista dell'Esperto'

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## My Thoughts on 2 December 2019

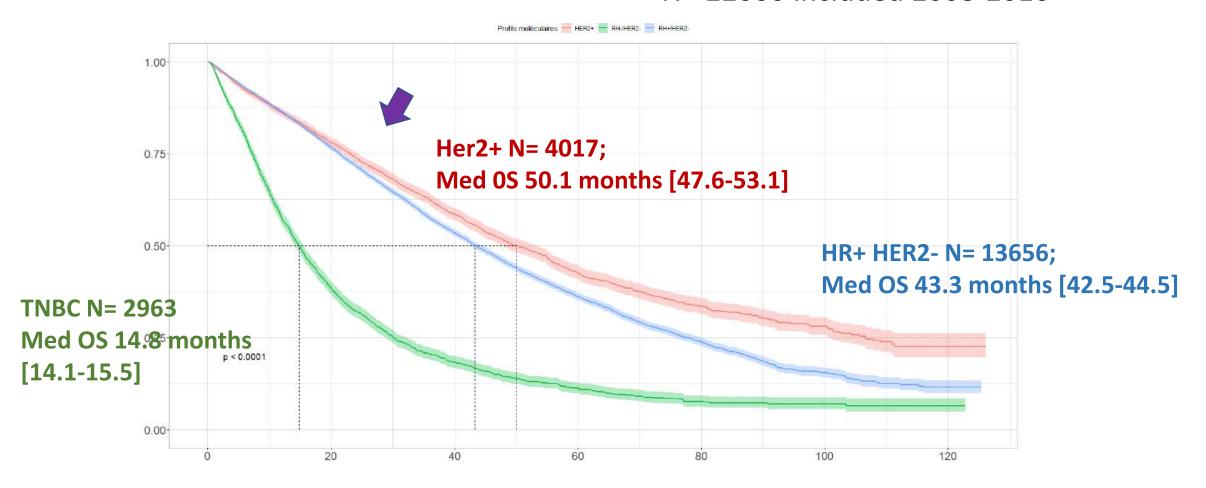
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## Metastatic TNBC: still a very poor outcome



French National multicenter ESME COHORT N= 22000 included 2008-2016



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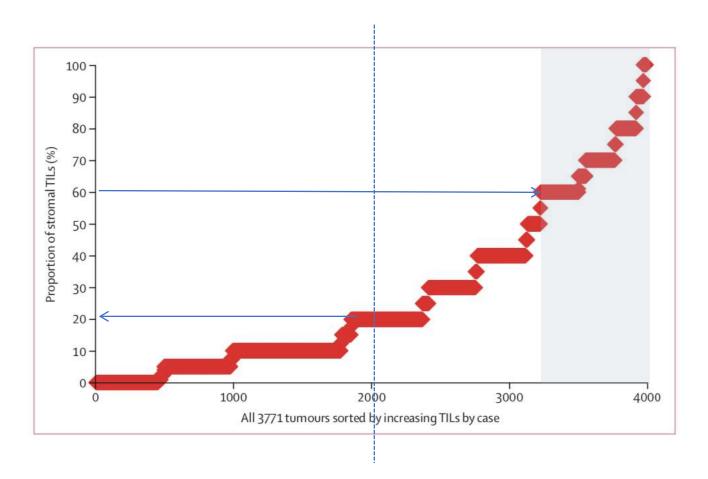
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## Definition of TILs

### Mononuclear immune cells that infiltrate tumor tissue

TILs as a continous measurement (Denkert C et al, Lancet Oncology 2018)

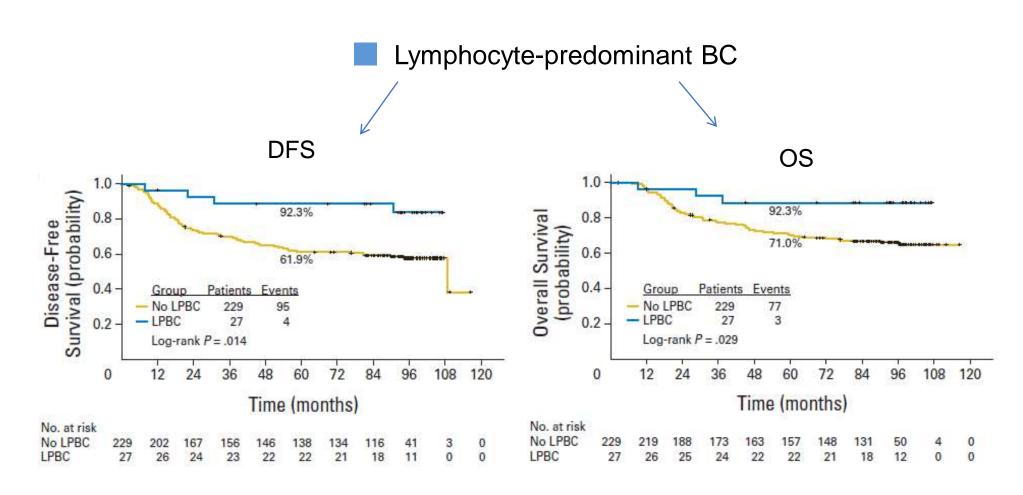


### Proportion of inflammed/immunogenic breast cancers



Luminal B >> Luminal A

# "Lymphocyte-predominant" ER-negative/ HER2-negative breast cancers have a significantly better outcome

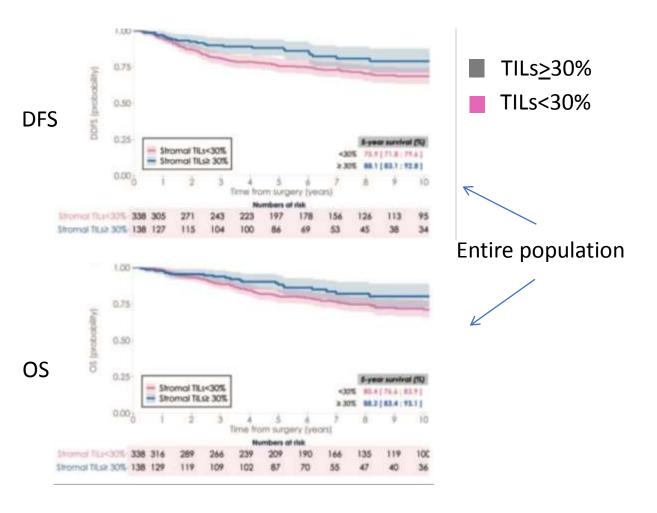


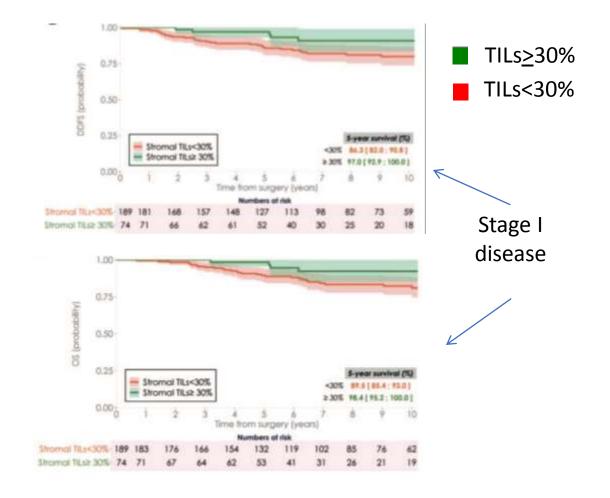
Prognostic value of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in patients with early-stage triple-negative breast cancers (TNBC) who did not receive adjuvant chemotherapy

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Annals of Oncology 0: 1–9, 2019

518 patients collected from four centers 83% of patients were node-negative All underwent surgery+ 69% received RT



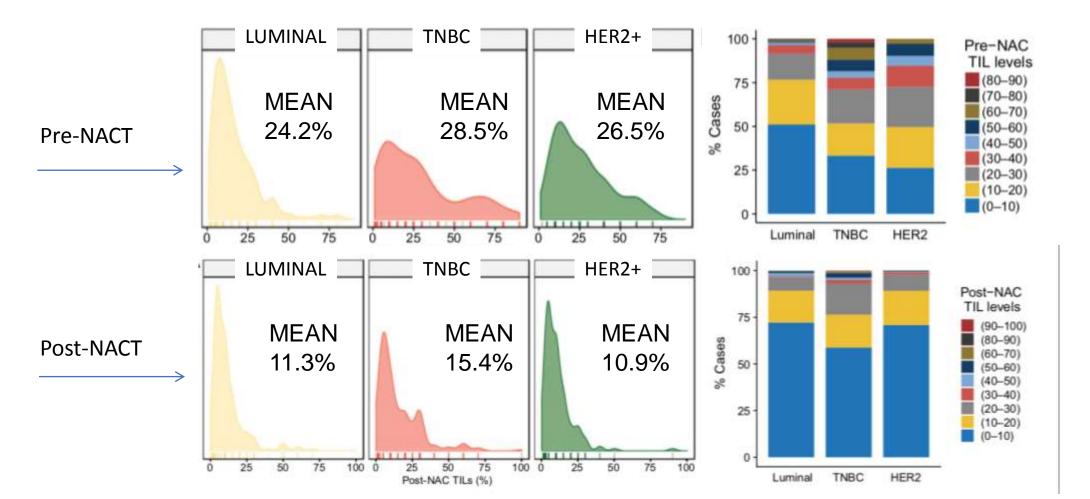


#### Interaction between Molecular Subtypes and Stromal Immune Infiltration before and after Treatment in Breast Cancer Patients Treated with Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

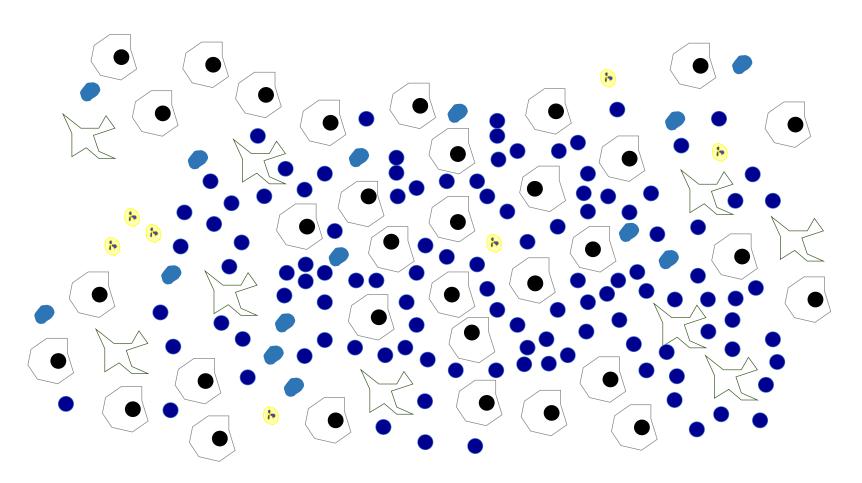
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### TILs levels across subtypes

718 patients luminal (n= 223), TNBC (n= 320), HER2+ (n= 175)



## **Beyond TILs?**



TIL



Dendritic Cell

- Macrophage
- Polymorphous neutrophilic granulocyte

#### IMpassion130, a phase 3 trial with a PD-L1 inhibitor

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

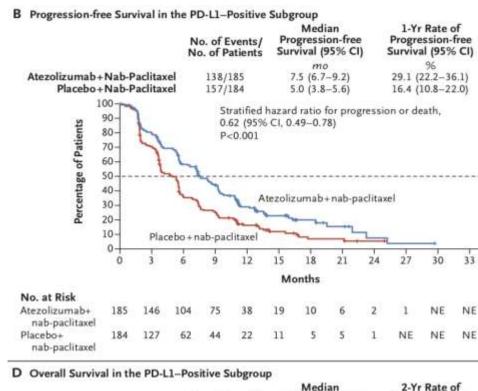
#### Atezolizumab and Nab-Paclitaxel in Advanced Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

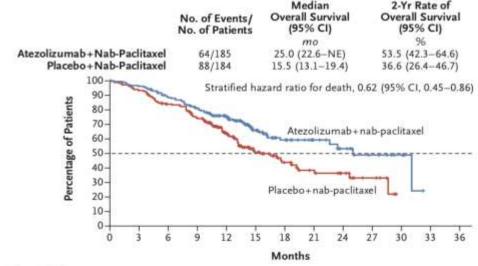
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N ENGL J MED 379;22 NEJM.ORG NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Atezolizumab plus nab-paclitaxel prolonged PFS among patients with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer in both the intention-to-treat population and the PD-L1-positive subgroup







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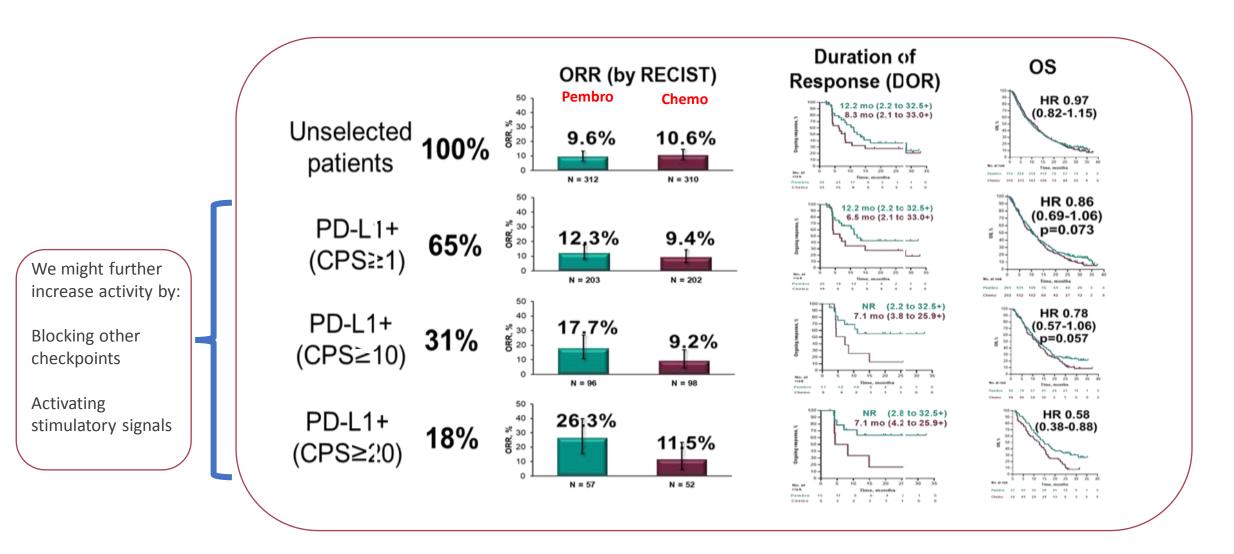
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No. at Risk Atezolizumab+

nab-paclitaxel Placebo+

nab-paclitaxel

#### Why do we need to consider combination IO therapy?



### Immunological differences between primary and metastatic breast cancer

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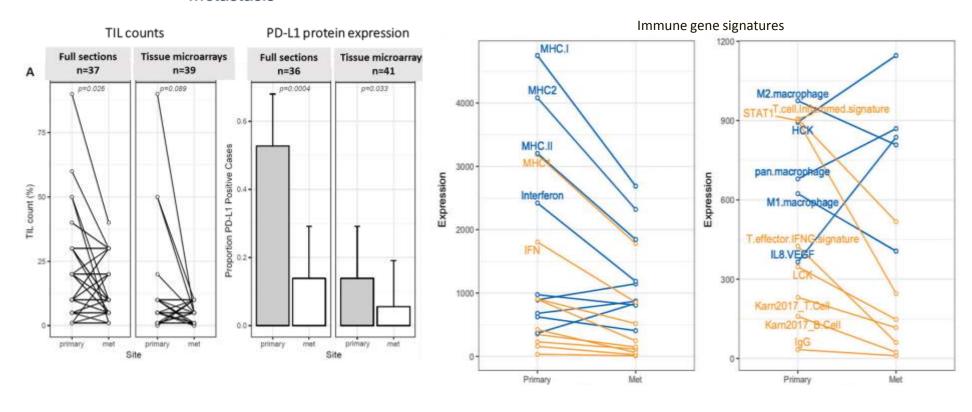
- Nanostring Immune Profiling

- Repelled differences

- Gene level differences

Cohort 2: TMAs of N=42 cases of paired primary and metastasis

- TIL count, PD-L1 IHC



## Differentially expressed Immune Oncology targets between primary and metastatic breast cancers

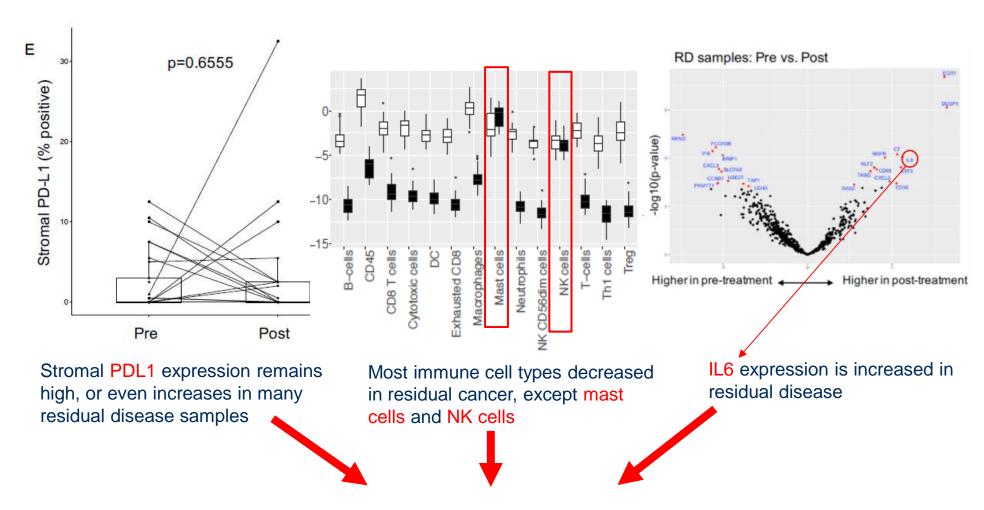
Gene Names	Median in Primary	Median in Metastasis	Fold-change of median	FDR adjusted p- value
IO targets decreased	l in metastatic le	esions		l
CD276 (B7H3)	D276 (B7H3) 2640		0.67	0.047
JAK1	1596	1325	0.83	0.019
CD27	146	30	0.202	0.003
SLAMF7	132	39	0.294	0.007
CTLA4	130	17	0.133	0.003
TIGIT	100	26	0.258	0.003
KLRC1	78	41	0.53	0.003
CD274 (PD-L1)	67	38	0.564	0.033
TNFRSF4 (OX40)	66	29	0.435	0.053
ICOS	48	21	0.439	0.005
TNFRSF9 (CD137)	37	11	0.311	0.003
CCR4	30	12	0.396	0.008
PDCD1 (PD1)	24	11	0.44	0.004
IO targets preserved	l in metastatic le	esions	•	•
STAT3	8612	6837	0.793	0.399
CXCR4	3384	1552	0.458	0.321
CXCL12	1378	851	0.617	0.377
JAK2	933	697	0.746	0.803
TLR1	502	459	0.914	0.961
NT5E (CD73)	373	367	0.985	0.786
TLR2	273	234	0.858	0.774
TNFRSF18 (GITR)	189	115	0.615	0.928
CSF1	185	169	0.914	0.991
HAVCR2 (TIM3)	161	137	0.854	0.904
IL8	154	128	0.825	0.539
IDO1	134	43	0.323	0.226
CCR2	88	42	0.479	0.336
TLR7	76	63	0.825	0.326
LAG3	73	56	0.774	0.165
TLR8	39	30	0.779	0.75

IO targets significantly decreased in metastatic breast cancer

IO targets preserved in metastatic lesions and represent promising combination partners for immune checkpoint therapy.

B. Szekely et al. Ann Onc 29:2232-39, 2018

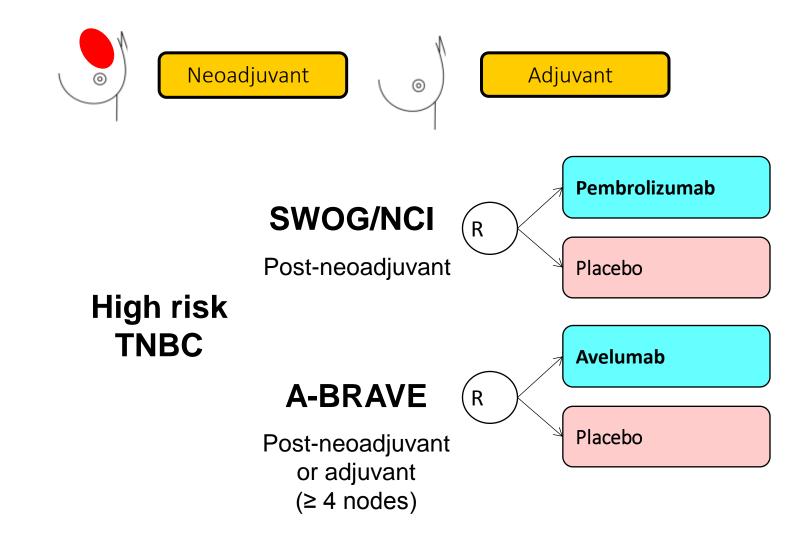
## PDL1 and immune gene expression <u>before and after</u> neoadjuvant chemotherapy in patients with residual disease



Testable therapeutic hypotheses

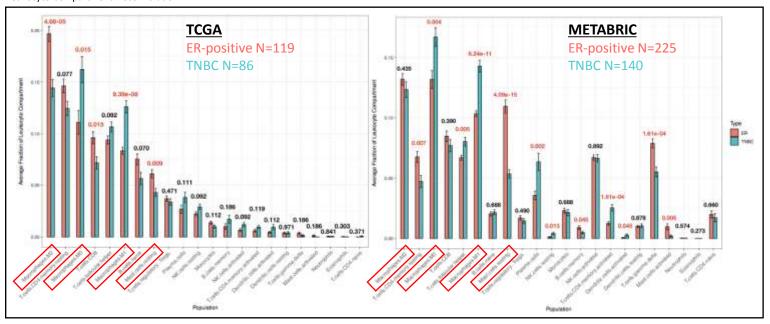


### Phase III Trials ongoing in TNBC early setting

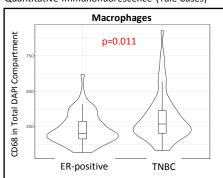


## Differences in immune cell populations in immune-rich TNBC and immune-rich ER + cancers

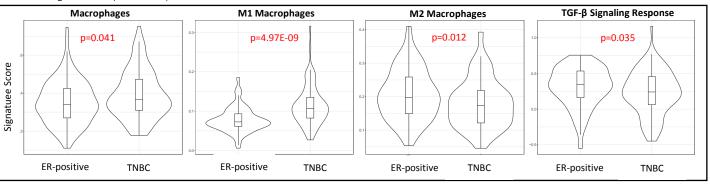
Leukocyte Compartment Deconvolution



Quantitative Immunofluorescence (Yale Cases)



Immune Metagene Scores (TCGA Cases)



Fractions of M2 macrophages, resting mast cells, and a TGF-β signature are higher in immune-rich <u>ER-positive</u> cancers. Fractions of overall macrophages, M0 macrophages and M1 macrophages are higher in immune-rich <u>TNBC</u>.

## Immuno-oncology drug targets overexpressed in immune-rich ER-positive cancer relative to immune-rich TNBC

	TCGA ER+ Mean Log2 Expression	TCGA TNBC Mean Log2 Expression	TCGA Log2 FC Expression	TCGA p-adj.	METABRIC ER+ Mean Log2 Expression	METABRIC TNBC Mean Log2 Expression	METABRIC Log2 FC Expression	METABRIC p-adj.
IL6ST	10.7	9.1	2.00	6.64E-17	9.53	8.33	1.20	9.38E-33
CX3CR1	7.7	6.7	1.13	2.22E-08	7.70	6.88	0.83	9.67E-11
TGFB3	10.5	9.3	1.12	3.48E-17	8.86	7.86	1.00	9.12E-28
RORC	9.3	7.8	0.92	2.46E-07	6.52	6.16	0.36	6.27E-09
CSF3R	8.9	8.2	0.87	4.68E-08	7.64	7.42	0.22	2.81E-02
ADORA2A	8.4	8.0	0.69	1.64E-04	7.11	6.85	0.26	6.98E-03
GARP/LRRC32	10.0	9.3	0.61	1.69E-05	8.29	7.87	0.43	2.23E-06
CXCL12	11.6	11.0	0.53	1.03E-03	9.77	9.24	0.54	2.36E-05
CLEC14A	8.9	8.3	0.50	4.21E-04	7.70	7.22	0.47	1.15E-11
TLR3	7.5	7.1	0.45	5.36E-03	6.03	5.89	0.14	1.74E-04
TGFBR2	11.5	11.1	0.37	1.03E-02	9.57	9.22	0.35	3.52E-04

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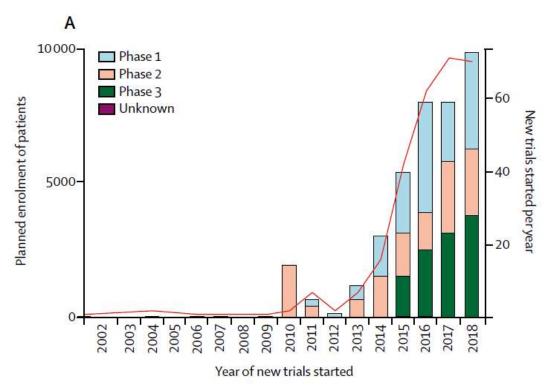
## Immunotherapy and targeted therapy combinations in metastatic breast cancer

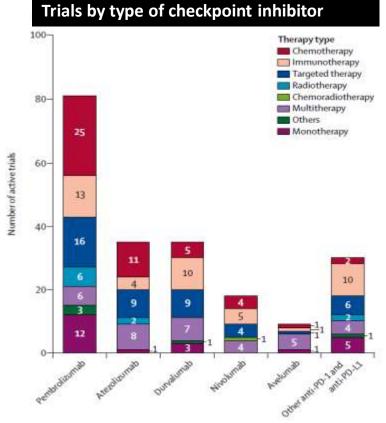


Francisco J Esteva, Vanessa M Hubbard-Lucey, Jun Tang, Lajos Pusztai

Lancet Oncol 2019; 20: e175-86

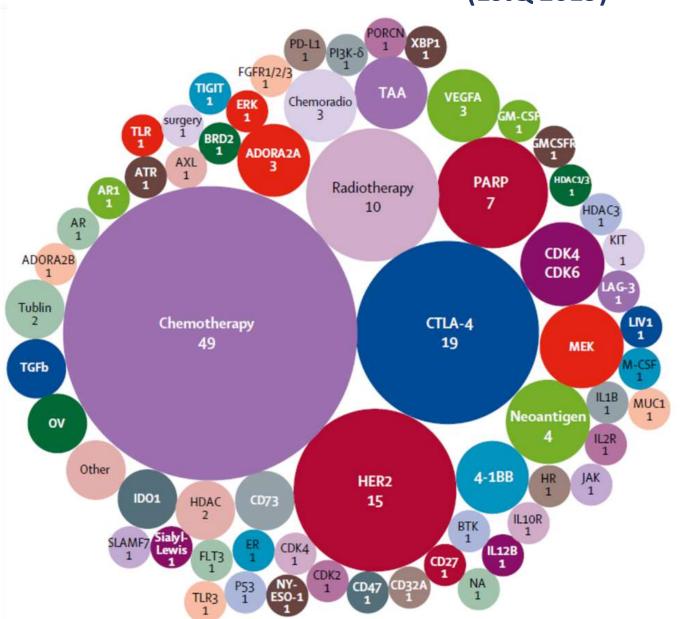
#### 285 IO trials aim to accrue 38,424 breast cancer patients







## Immuno-oncology combination trial landscape of <u>breast cancer</u> (1stQ 2019)



75% of these trials are Phase I and II.

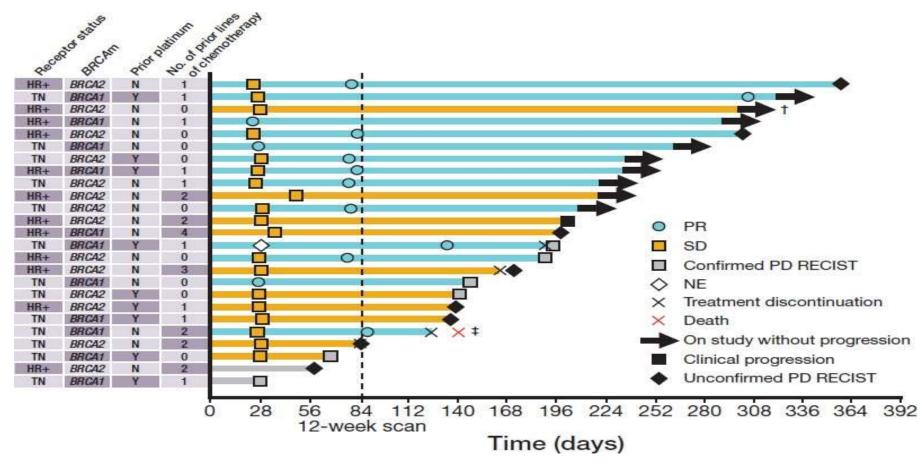
Very few reported final results.

Many will likely not proceed further.

How to design the next generation of combination trials?

## Combining PARP inhibition and IO?

Mediola trial: Olaparib + durvalumab (ph I)



### ADCs: E.g. Sacituzumab Govitecan (IMMU-132)

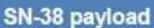
#### Humanized anti-Trop-2 antibody

· Targets Trop-2, an epithelial antigen expressed on many solid cancers, including mTNBC

- SN-38 more potent than parent compound, irinotecan
- · ADC delivers up to 136-fold more SN-38 than irinotecan in vivo

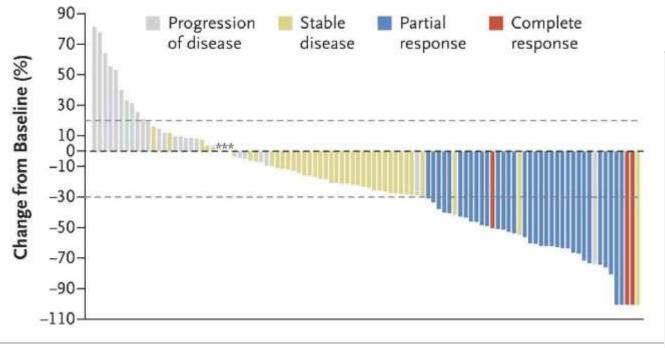
#### Linker for SN-38

- Hydrolysable linker for payload release
- High drug-to-antibody ratio (7.5.1)

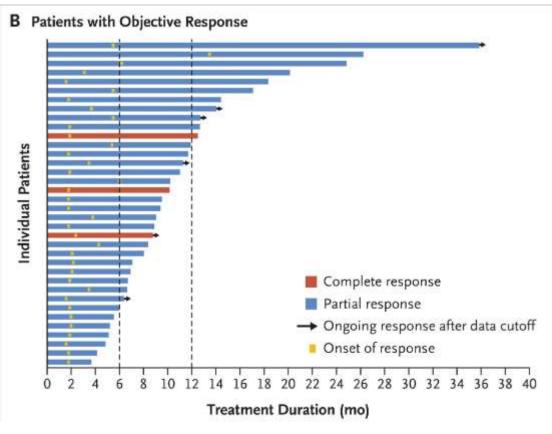


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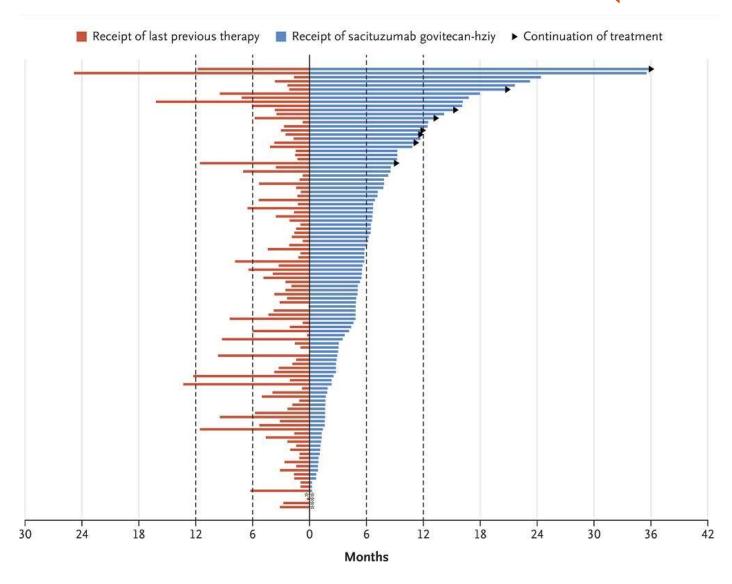
A Change in Tumor Size



Single Arm Phase II study N= 108 TNBC



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### Sacituzumab Govitecan: ASCENT Phase III Trial(NCT02574455)

#### Patients (n=328)

- mTNBC
- Refractory or relapsed to ≥2 prior SOC chemotherapies for advanced disease
- OR >1 therapy for patients who progressed within 12 months of completion of (neo)adjuvant therapy
- Prior taxane in the advanced setting required
- ECOG 0-1

R 1:1

#### Stratification factors

- Number of prior therapies
- Geographic region
- Presence/absence of known brain metastases

Sacituzumab govitecan

IV 10 mg/kg

Days 1 and 8, q3w

Scanned every 8 weeks

#### Treatment of physician's choice

Capecitabine

Eribulin

Vinorelbine

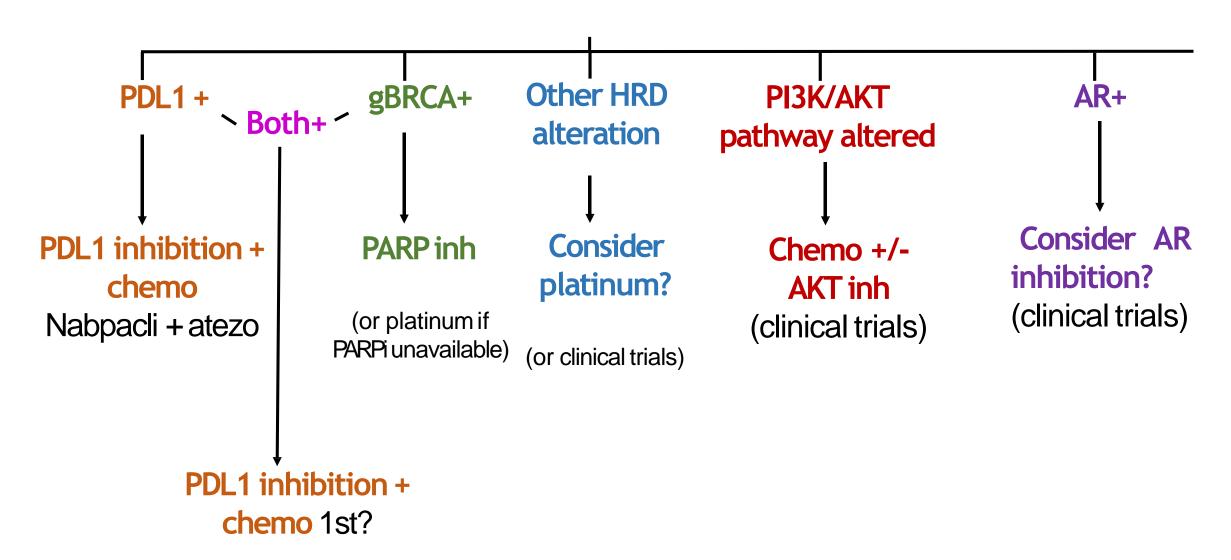
Gemcitabine

**Endpoints** 

**Primary:** PFS (BICR)

Secondary: OS

### **Decision tree?**



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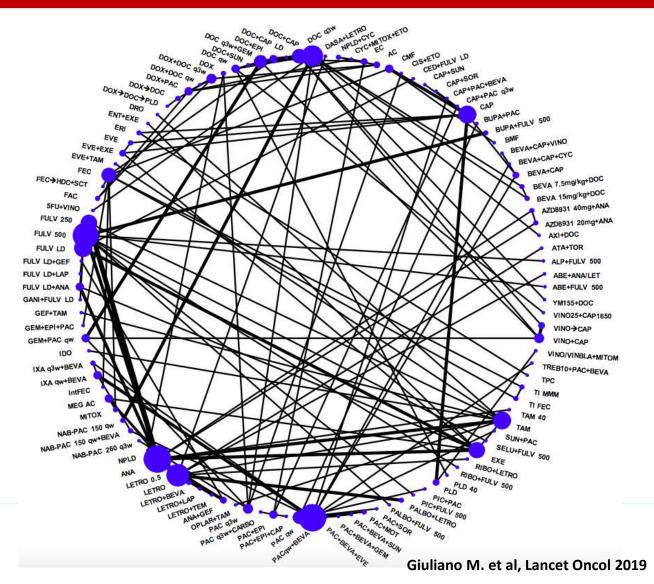
Endocrine treatment versus chemotherapy in postmenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative, metastatic breast cancer: a systematic review and network meta-analysis

Network meta-analysis eligibility criteria and source strategy/results:

- Phase II/III randomized clinical trials
- 1st and 2nd line MBC
- Trials 2689 record screened
- 140 trials included
- >50,000 pts

#### **Results:**

No chemotherapy ± targeted therapy was superior to ET+CDK4/6i as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> line treatment for HR+/HER2- MBC



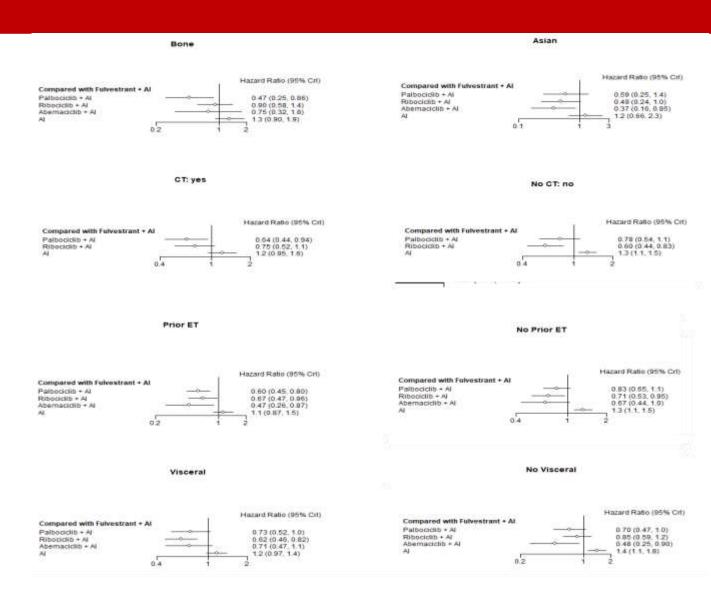
Should all patients with HR-positive HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer receive CDK 4/6 inhibitor as first-line based therapy? A network meta-analysis of data from the PALOMA 2, MONALEESA 2, MONALEESA 7, MONARCH 3, FALCON, SWOG and FACT trials

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- Phase III randomized clinical trials
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- 7 trials included
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### 76 y/o F with ER+/PR+/HER2- MBC with PD on AI/CDK4/6 therapy

#### Summary of Somatic Alterations & Associated Treatment Options

KEY Approved in indication Approved in other Indication X Lack of response

Alteration	% cfDNA or Amplification	Associated FDA-approved therapies	Clinical trial availability		
ESR1 D538G	2.3%	Fulvestrant Anastrozole, Exemestane, Letrozole	Yes		
ESR1 L536P	0.6%	Fulvestrant Anastrozole, Exemestane, Letrozole	Yes		
<i>ESR1</i> L536R	0.2%	Fulvestrant Anastrozole, Exemestane, Letrozole	Yes		
ESR1 E380Q	0.1%	Fulvestrant Anastrozole, Exemestane, Letrozole	Yes		
PIK3CA E542K	6.0%	Alpelisib Copanlisib	Yes		
CCND1 Amplification	Medium (++)	Abemaciclib, Palbociclib, Ribociclib	Yes		

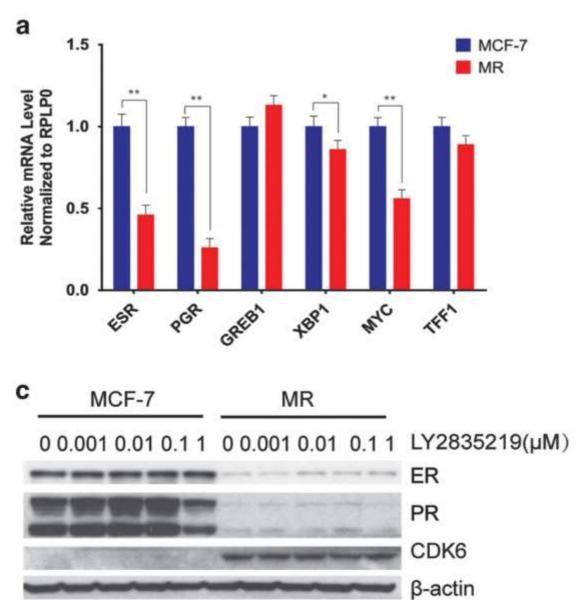


### CDK4/6 inhibitor resistance promotes diminished ER expression and activity

**Table 1.** ER/PR levels by IHC staining from ratients treated with CDK4/6 inhibitors

Patient number	Drug	Duration (months)	Pretreatm	Pretreatment		Post-treatment	
			ER	PR	ER	PR	
1	LEE011	13	99	90	85	< 1	
2	LEE011	4	25	0	0	0	
3	LY2835219	11	90	0	0	0	
4	LEE011	9	98	0	2	0	
5	LEE011	5	99	0	95	0	
6	LEE011	8	'++'	'0'	60	0	
7	LY2835219	6	external +	-	70	20	

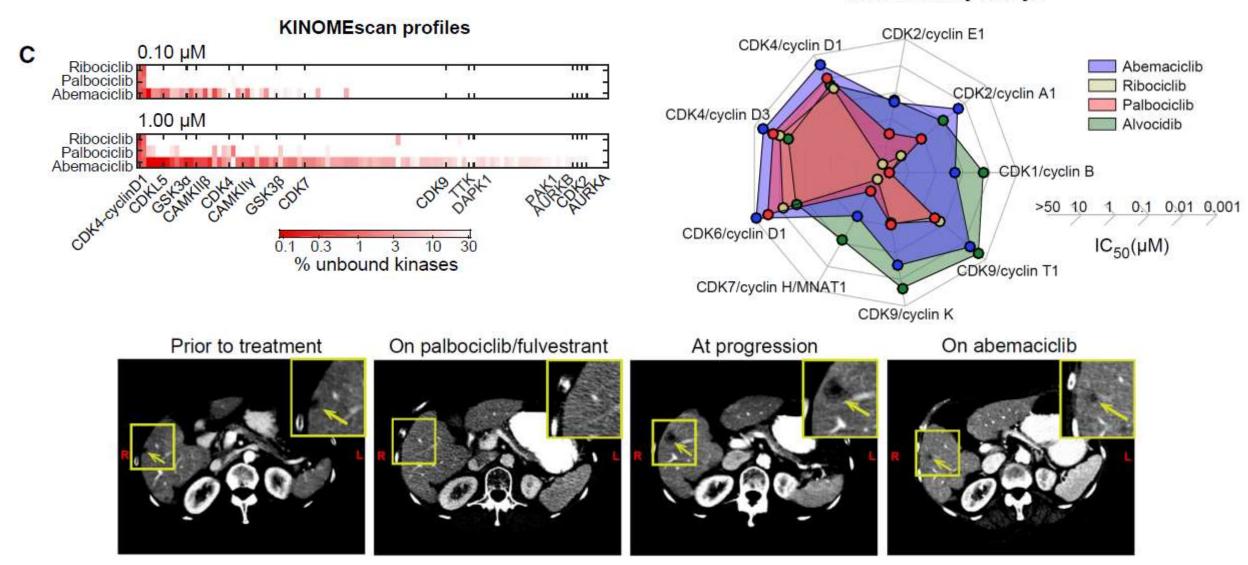
Abbreviations: CLIA, ChemiLuminescent Immuno Assey, ER, estrogen receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; PR, progesterone receptor. Immunohistochemical analysis of ER and PR in tumor biopsies from patients treated either with LEE011 or LY2835219 for metastatic breast cancer. Reported is the % staining using standard CLIA assays for ER and PR levels.



Differential Effects of CDK4/6 Inhibitors on the Activity of CDK/Cyclin Complexes

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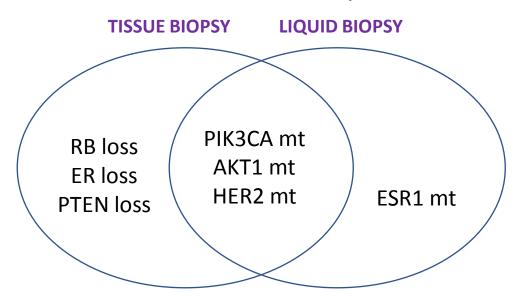
Kinase activity assays



Hatner et al. Cell Chem Biol, 2019

### Tissue vs. Liquid Biopsy....

- Tissue biopsies and liquid biopsies are complementary tests for interrogation of biomarkers of response and resistance in MBC
- SOLAR-1 demonstrated prolongation of PFS with alpelisib/fulvestrant vs placebo/fulvestrant in both tissue-based and ctDNA-based analyses, demonstrating clinical utility of **both tests** in selecting patients with a **PIK3CA** mutation
- Compared to PIK3CA mutations, ESR1 mutations are more often subclonal and/or polyclonal events more suitable for ctDNA-detection
- Rb loss, ER loss and PTEN loss are mediators of resistance to CDK4/6 and/or PI3K-alpha inhibition and can be accurately determined only by protein level assays such as IHC analysis of tissue biopsies
- HER2 mutations and AKT1 mutations can be detected by both tissue and liquid biopsies



### **Thoughts and Words**

**★** TIL and the "right" PDL1 are very strond prognostic & predictive factors



**★** There are immunological differences between primary versus metastatic lesions

**★** Immune microenvironment before and after neoadjuvant chemotherapy +/- IO therapy is different

**★**No doubt to exclude CDK4/6i in I-line. After failure we accept the challenges!

★ Tomorrow's job will be to find the target: Tissue or LB?

# Post ESMO: to Barcelona to Real World

## Thanks