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Breast Cancer Immunotherapy: Early Data Across Agents

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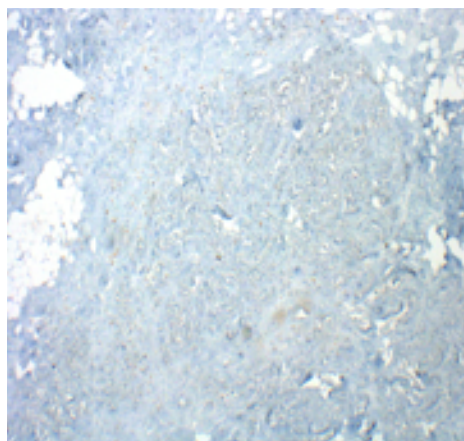
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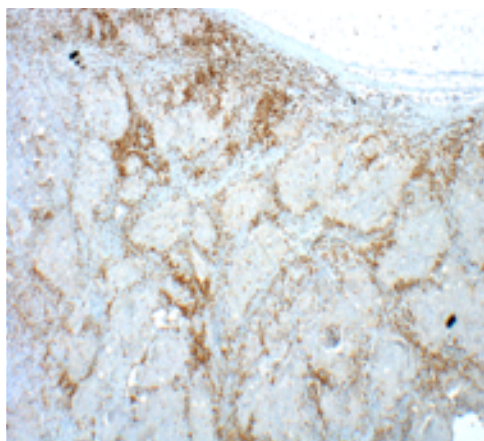
The Immune System and Breast Cancer

Cold



ER+ BC

Hot



HER-2+ BC

TNBC

- Poor prognostic factors (ER^{neg}, PR^{neg}, high grade, LN⁺) are associated with higher T cell infiltrates at diagnosis
- Higher numbers of CD8⁺ TILs and a higher CD8⁺ T cell/FoxP3⁺ Treg ratio predict better clinical outcomes (cPR, DFS, OS), except for ER⁺ BC
- TNBC and HER-2⁺ breast cancers are high value targets for cancer immunotherapy
 - No approved targeted therapies for TNBC
 - Potentially synergistic targeted therapies in HER-2⁺ BC
- ER⁺ breast cancers present the challenge of transforming tumors from cold to hot

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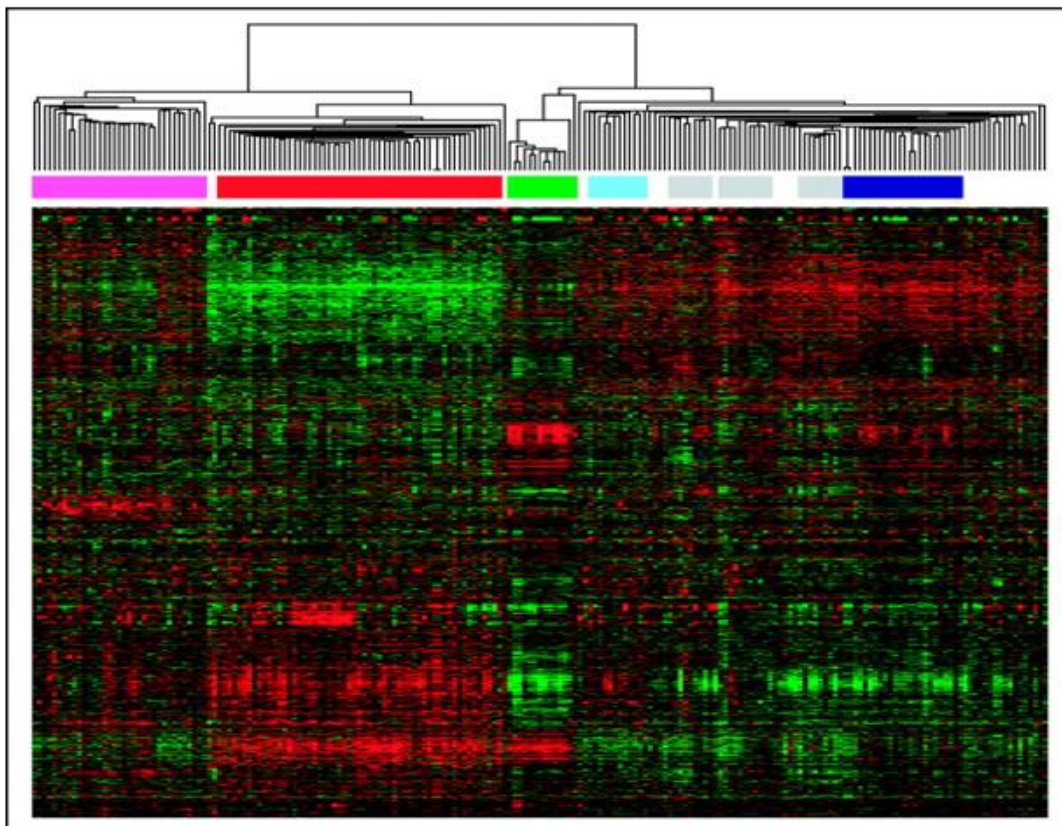
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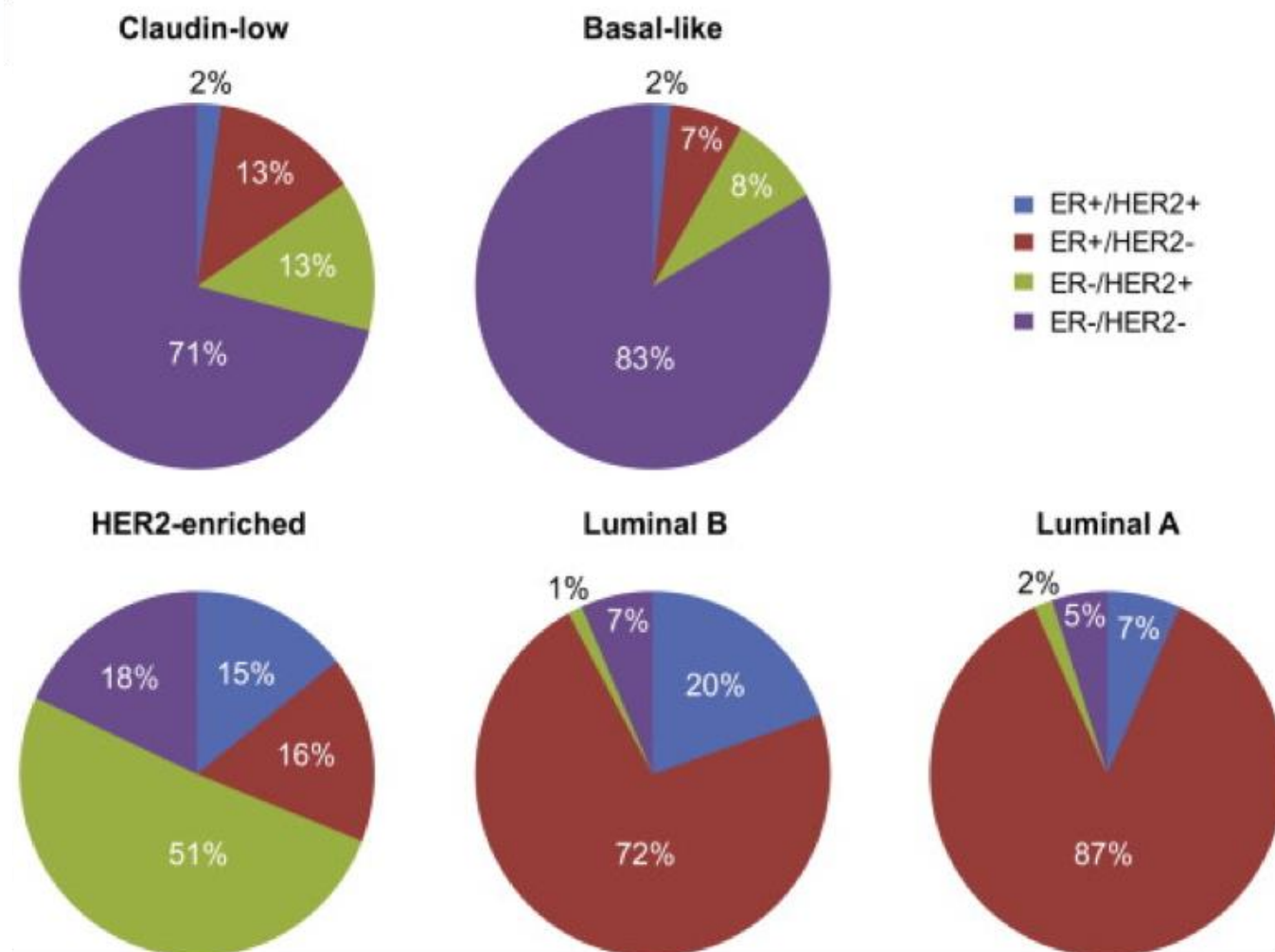
Clinical versus Intrinsic Breast Cancer Subtypes

Intrinsic Breast Cancer Subtypes



HER-2 Basal-like Luminal B Luminal A

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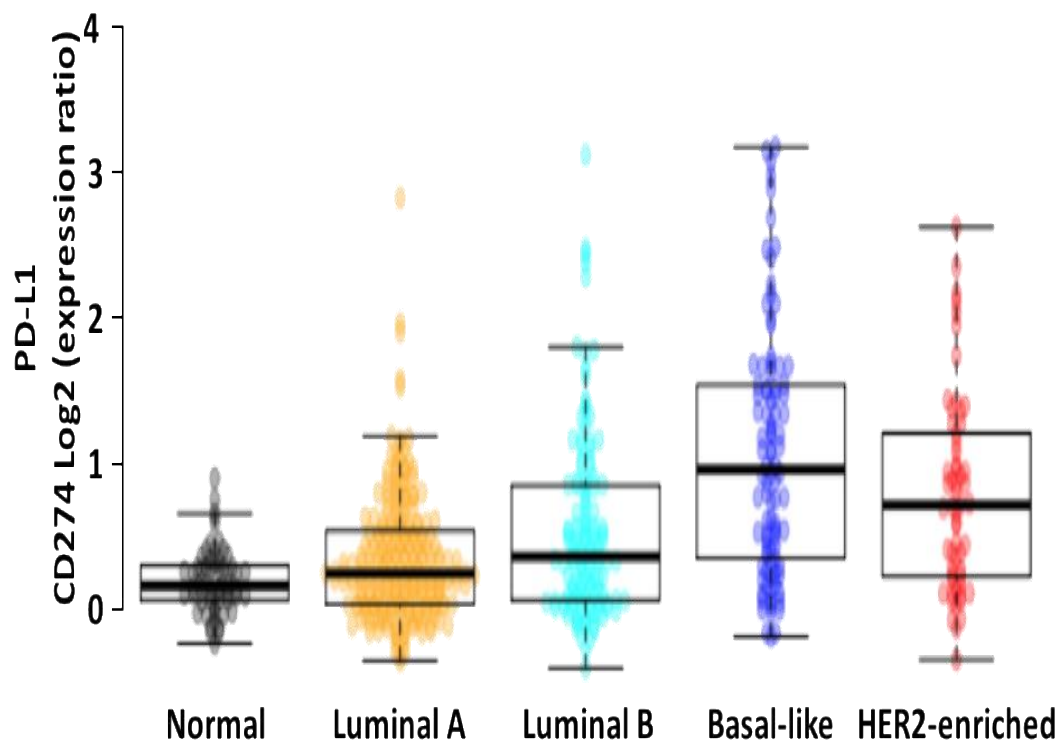
Immunologic Features of Breast Cancer Subtypes

Breast Cancer Subtype	Clinical Phenotype	Immunologic Phenotype
Luminal A	90% ER+ 89% PR+ 14% HER-2+	Lymphocyte predominant 2.9% Median stromal TILs 10%
Luminal B	98% ER+ 82% PR+ 24% HER-2+	Median intratumoral TILs 1.5% TILs at Dx not predictive
HER-2-enriched	38% ER+ 20% PR+ 72% HER-2+	Lymphocyte predominant 11.1% Median stromal TILs 15% Median intratumoral TILs 3% TILs at Dx predictive of response
Basal-like (includes 70-80% TNBC)	8% ER+ 7% PR+ 7% HER-2+	Lymphocyte predominant 10.6% Median stromal TILs 20% Median intratumoral TILs 5% TILs at Dx predictive of response

Targeting the PD-1 Pathway in Breast Cancer

TNBC and HER-2⁺ BC are high value targets for cancer immunotherapy:

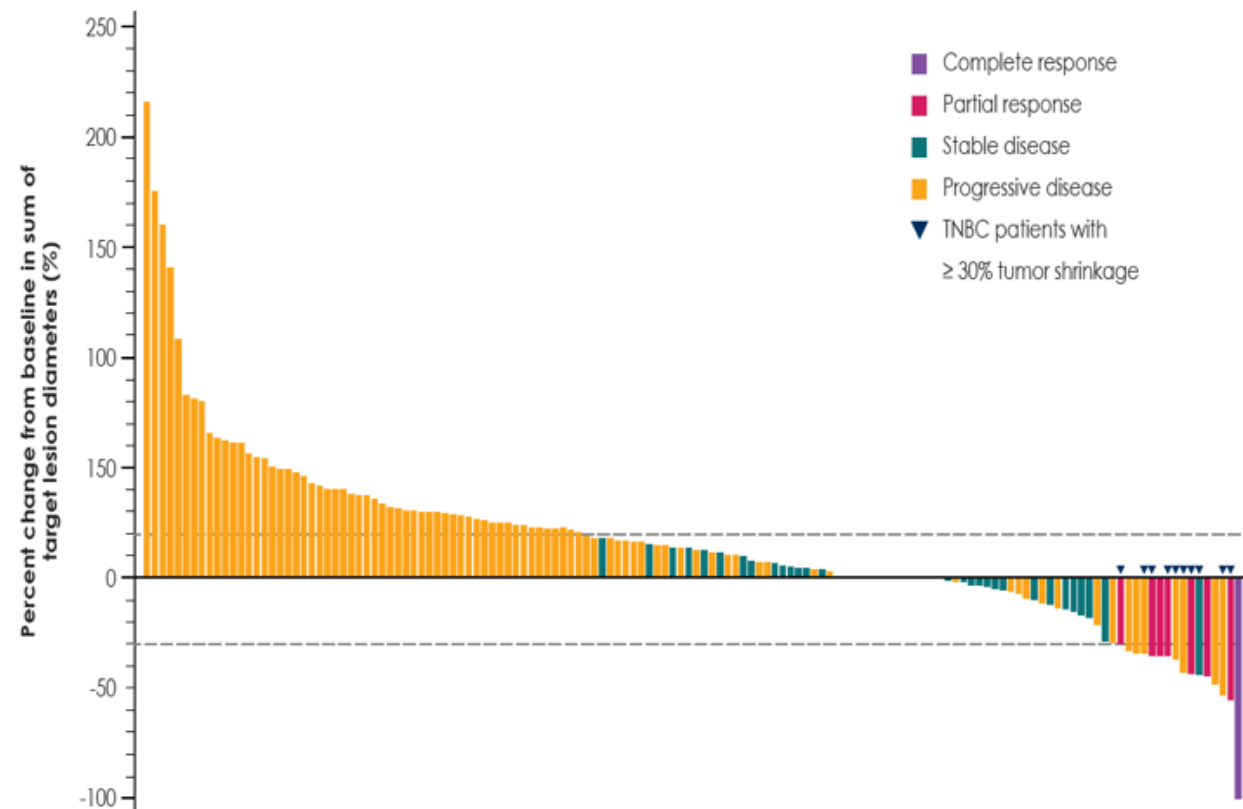
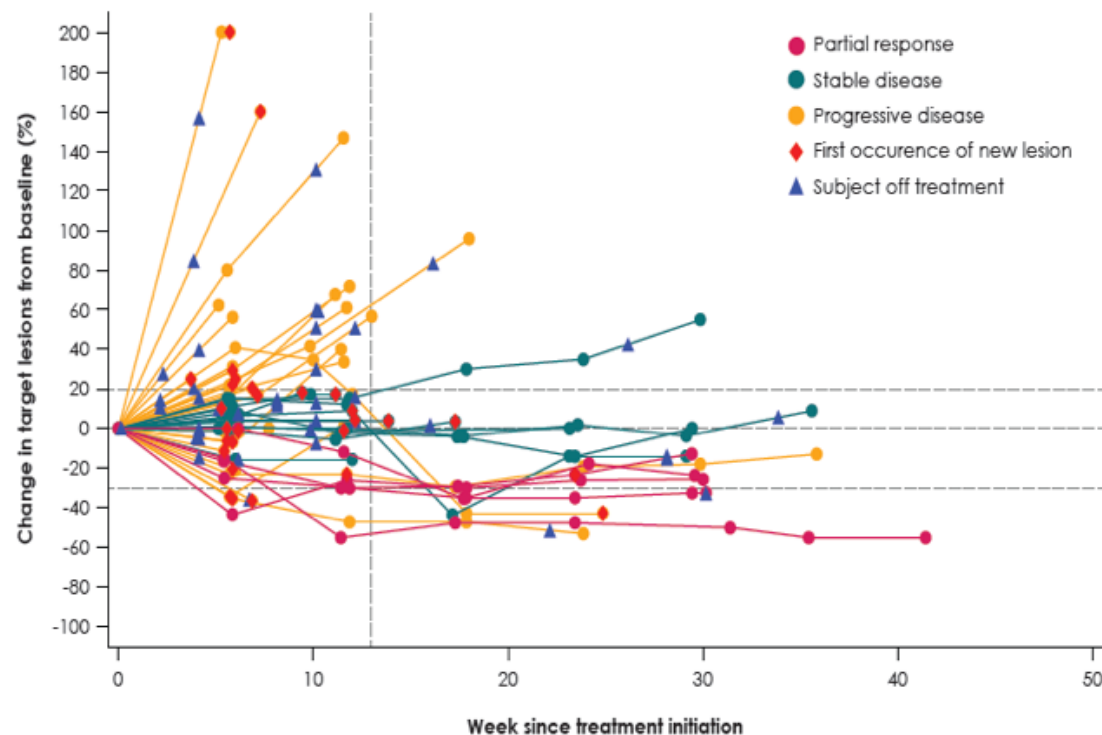
- Higher rates of mutational complexity
- Presence of PD-1⁺ and PD-L1⁺ TIL
- Several potentially synergistic targeted therapies
 - Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab
 - TDM1, Sacituzumab
 - Bevacizumab (ex US)



Microarray, TCGA Data

ER+ breast cancers present the challenge of transforming tumors from cold to hot

Avelumab Activity in Breast Cancer Patients

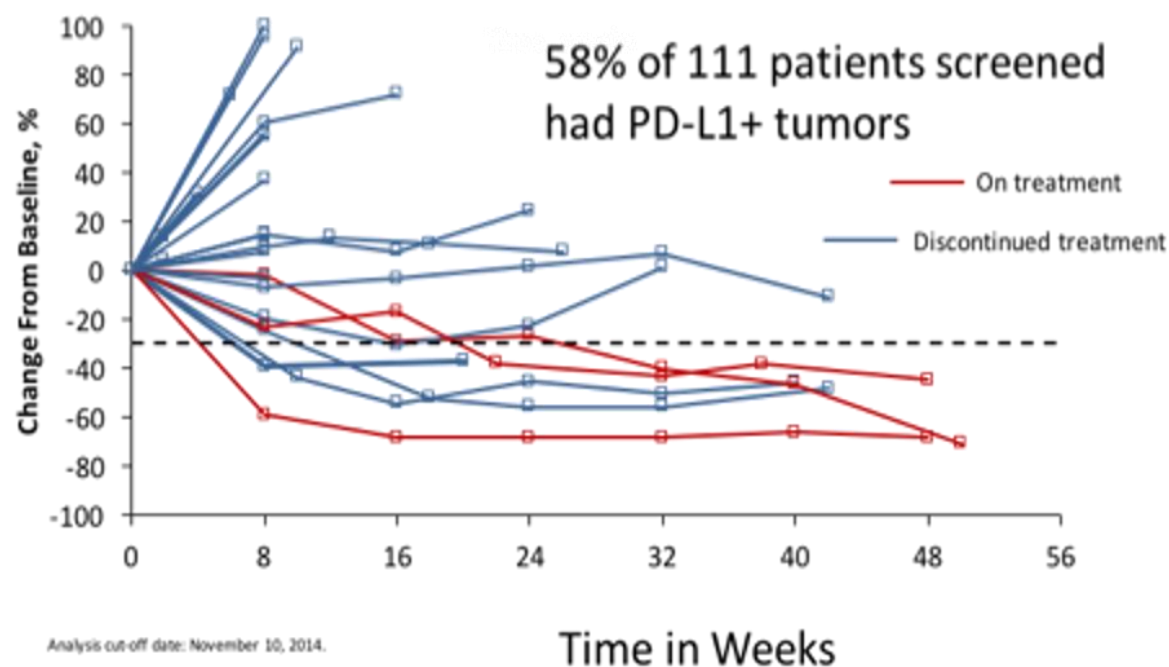


- 168 PD-L1 unselected patients/all BC subtypes
- ORR in breast cancer = 4.8%
- 1 CR, 7 PRs, 39 patients with SD; DCR = 28%

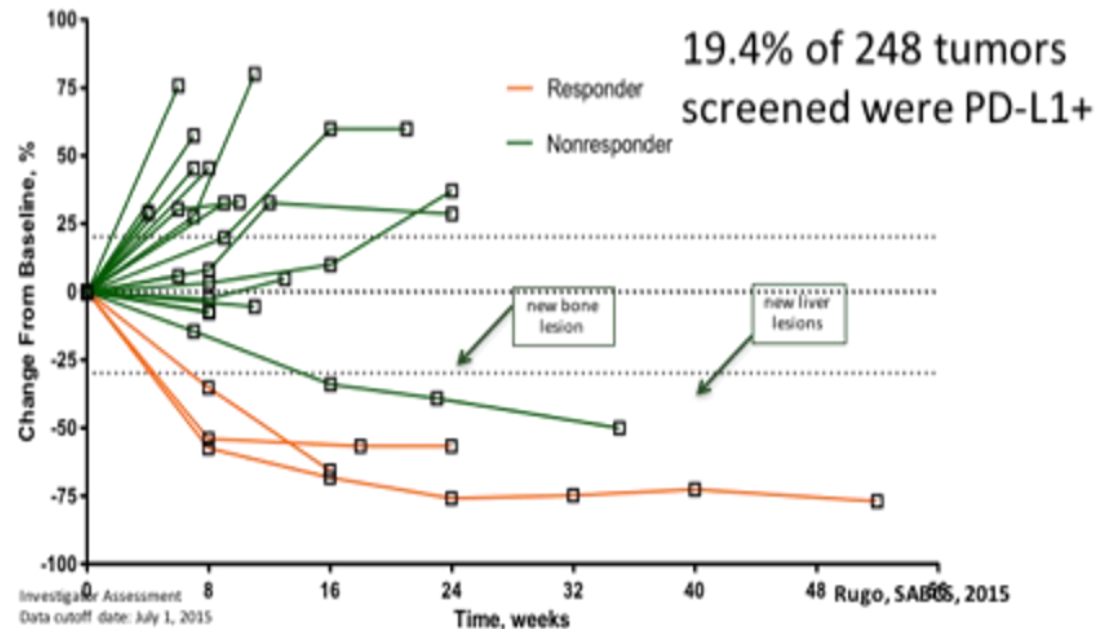
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Pembrolizumab Activity in PD-L1+ TNBC and ER+ BC

- ORR: 18.5%; PFS rate at 24 weeks: 23.3% (n= 27)
- 1 CR, 4 PRs, 7 SD, 3 of 5 responses ongoing



- ORR: 12%; PFS rate at 24 weeks: 20% (n=20)
- No CRs, 3 PRs, evidence of pseudoprogression



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Atezolizumab Monotherapy in Metastatic TNBC: Patient Population

Baseline Characteristics	Patients (N = 115)
Median age (range)	53 y (29 to 82)
ECOG PS, 0 1 2	46% 52% 2%
Visceral metastatic sites ^a	65%
Bone metastatic sites ^b	30%
PD-L1 status on IC ^c	
IC0/1 (< 5%)	33%
IC2/3 (≥ 5%)	63%
Median prior systemic therapies (range) ^d	7 (0 to 21)
Anthracycline taxane	85% 94%
Platinum bevacizumab	58% 21%
Current line of therapy, ^e 1L 2L 3L+	17% 24% 58%

- Prior to receiving atezolizumab, most patients were heavily pretreated

Safety-Evaluable Patients
Received ≥ 1 dose of atezolizumab
(N = 115)

Efficacy-Evaluable Patients
Had ≥ 12 weeks of follow-up
(n = 113)

Objective Response–Evaluable Patients
(n = 112)

Patients without RECIST measurable disease at baseline were excluded

- At data cutoff, median treatment duration was 2.1 mo (range, 0.0-36.6)
- Median of 4 cycles (range, 1-45)

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1L, first line; 2L, second line; 3L, third line. ^a Includes lung, liver, adrenal and pelvis metastatic sites. ^b Includes bone and other sites.

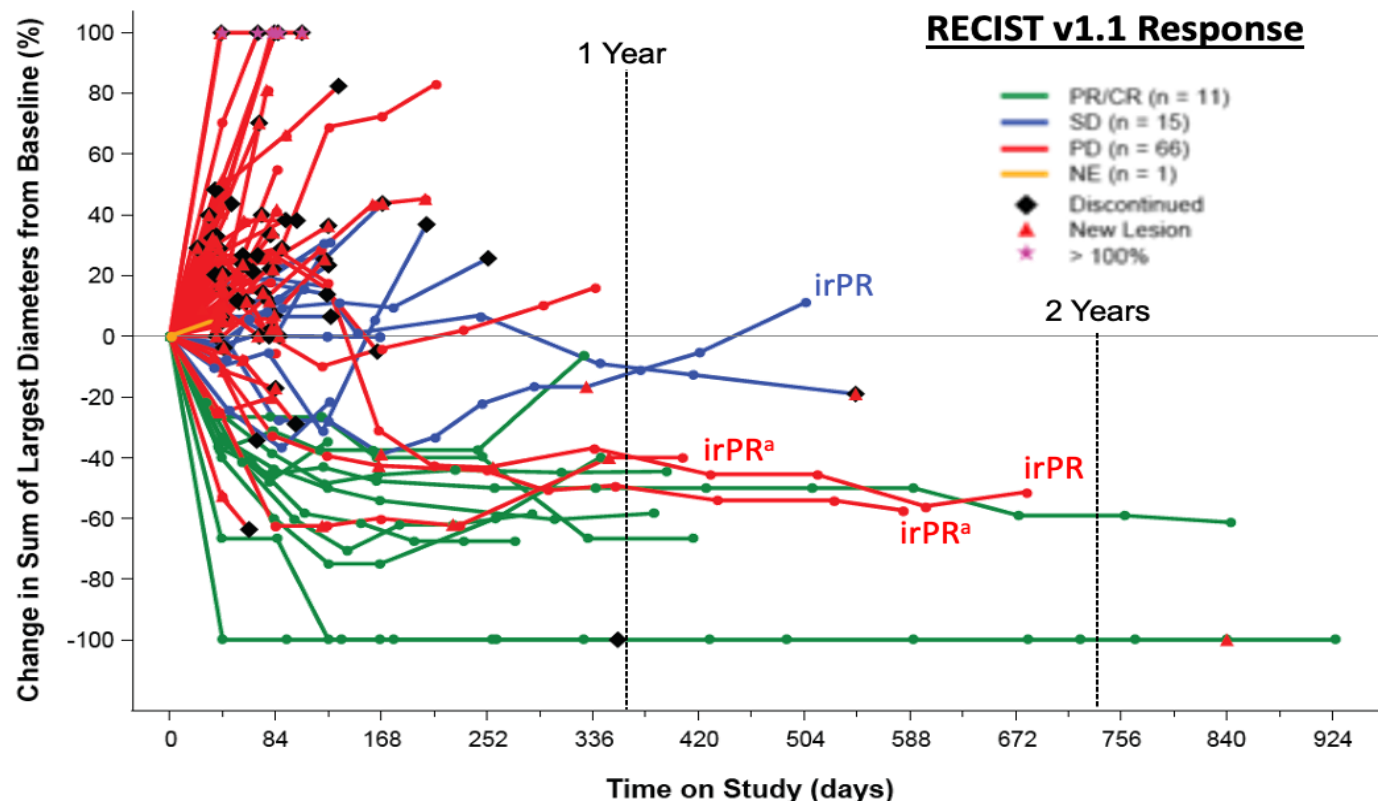
^c Four patients (4%) had unknown IC status. ^d Refers to all treatment settings. ^e Refers to treatment in metastatic setting only.

Data cutoff: March 31, 2016

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Phase Ia Atezolizumab in TNBC**

Classical and Atypical Responses in TNBC Patients Treated with Atezolizumab

All Response-Evaluable Patients



- Clinical benefit was observed in some patients with RECIST v1.1 SD or PD status

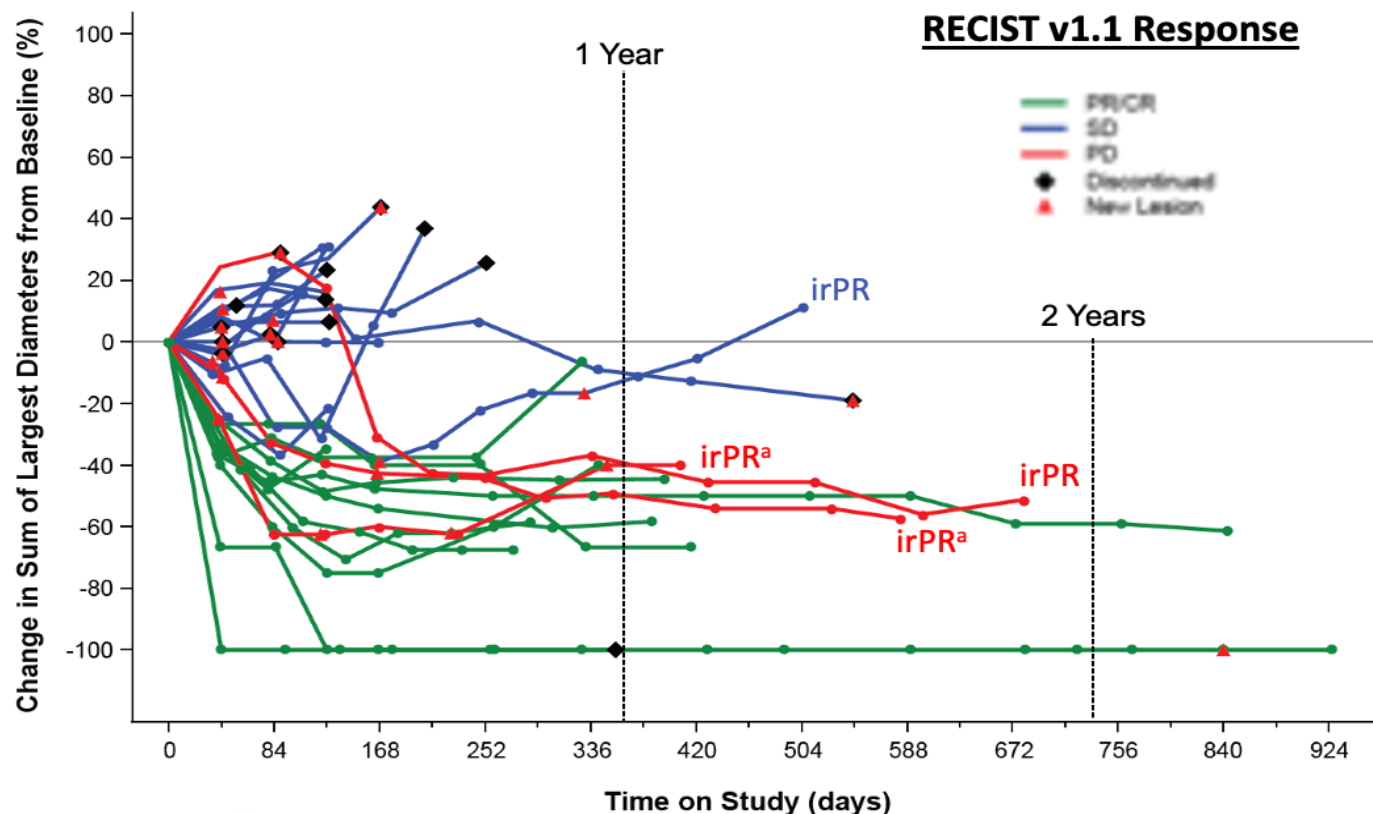
Overall TNBC cohort

Criteria	Median DOR (range)	Median PFS (95% CI)
RECIST v1.1	21.1 mo (2.8 to 26.5+)	1.4 mo (1.3, 1.6)
irRC	21.1 mo (2.8 to 33.9+)	1.9 mo (1.4, 2.6)

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Patients With RECIST v1.1 Response or Stable Disease or irRC Response



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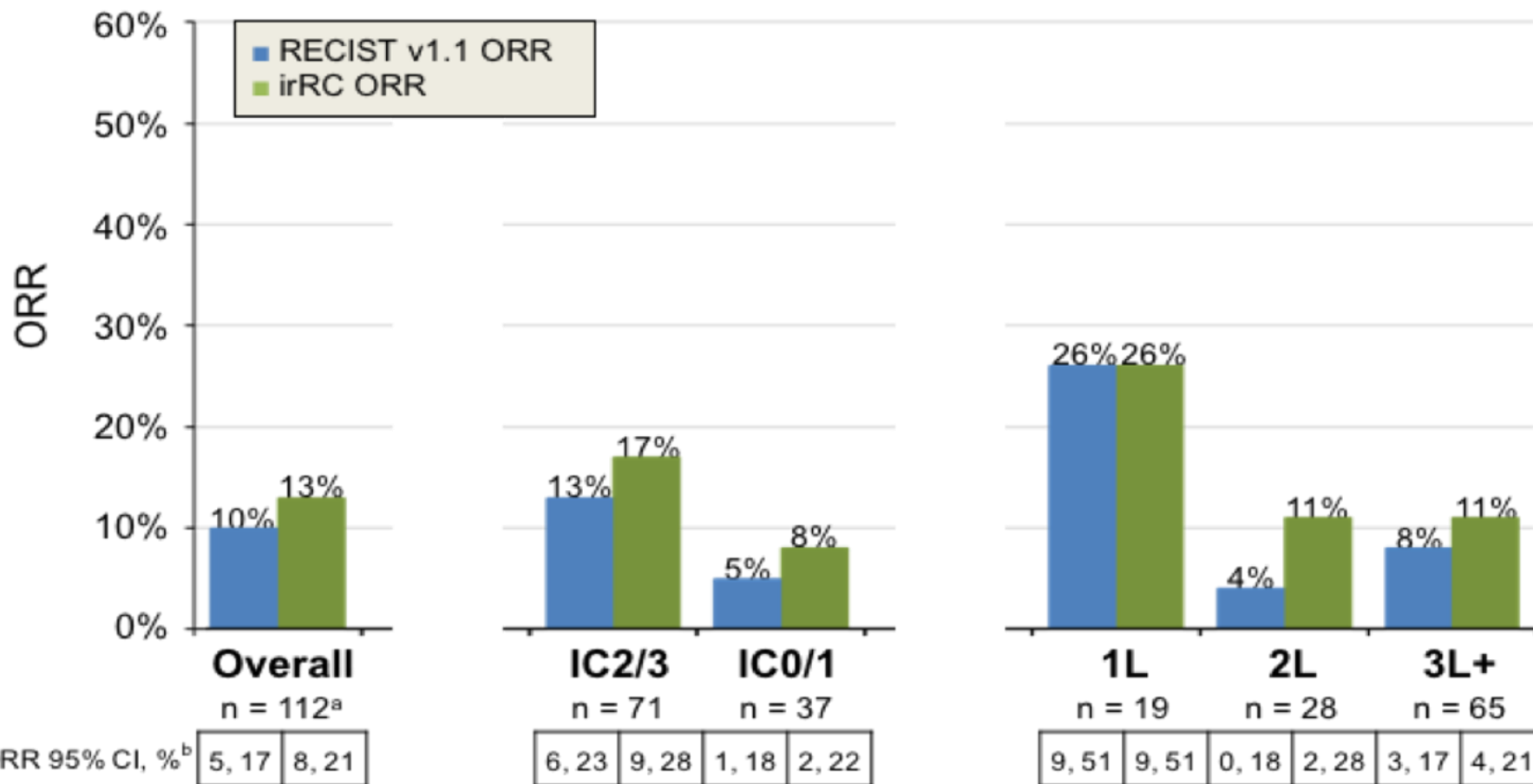
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irPR, PR per irRC; SLD, sum of target lesion longest diameter. ^a Re-treatment period not plotted.

Confirmed, investigator-assessed RECIST responses are included for patients with post-baseline tumor measurements.

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TNBC Response Rates to Atezolizumab by Subgroup



- Numerically higher ORRs were observed in IC2/3 and 1L subgroups
- irRC criteria captured non-classical responses to atezolizumab

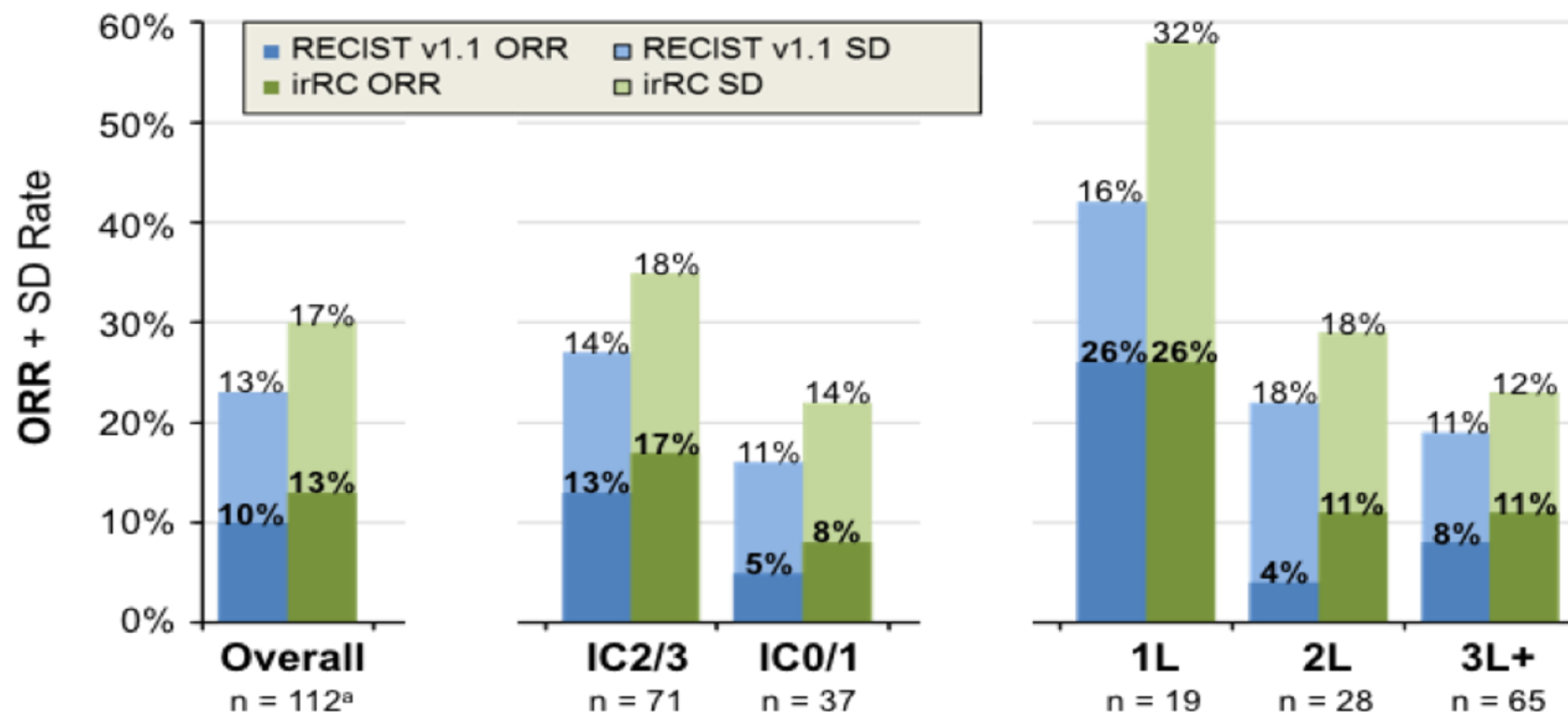
* Objective response—evaluable patients. Four patients had unknown PD-L1 status. Confirmed, investigator-assessed responses are plotted. Patients with missing or unevaluable responses are included (16 per RECIST v1.1 and 23 per irRC). ^b ORR 95% CI was estimated using Clopper-Pearson method. Data cutoff: March 31, 2016.

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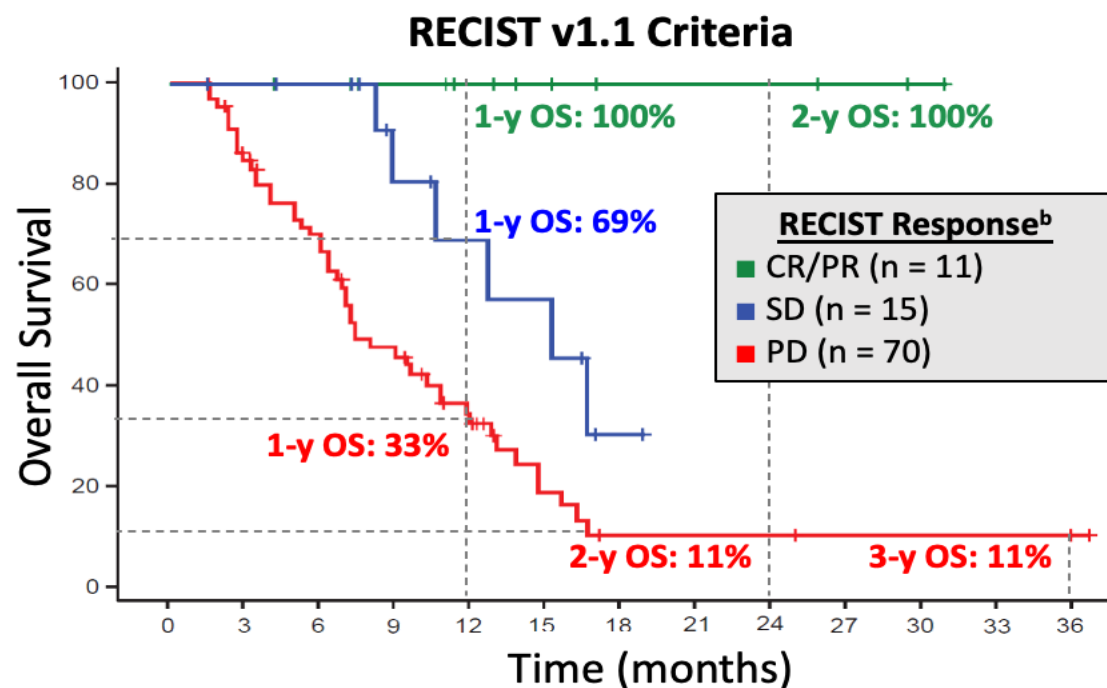
- Numerically higher ORRs were observed in IC2/3 and 1L subgroups
- irRC criteria captured non-classical responses to atezolizumab
- Best response of SD were also observed
 - DCR^b per RECIST v1.1 was 23% in all patients
 - 27% in IC2/3 patients
 - 16% in IC0/1 patients

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DCR, disease control rate. ^a Objective response—evaluable patients. Four patients had unknown PD-L1 status. ^b Defined as CR + PR + SD ≥ 3 months. Confirmed investigator-assessed responses are plotted. Patients with missing or unevaluable responses are included (16 per RECIST v1.1 and 23 per irRC). Data cutoff: March 31, 2016.

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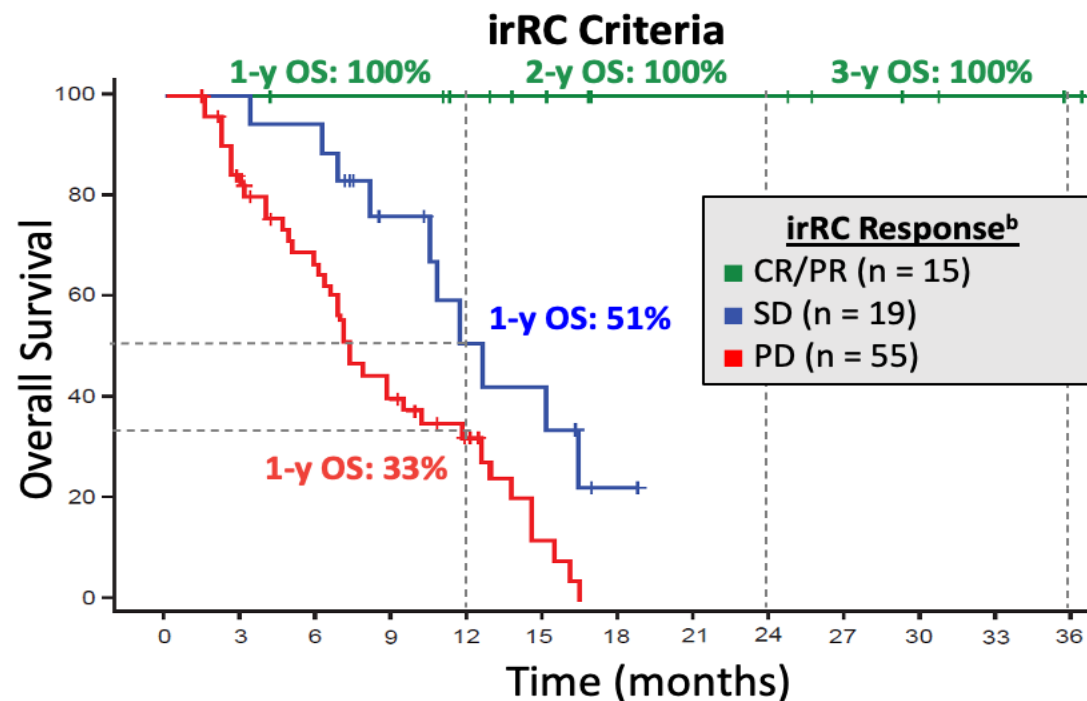
Overall Survival by Response Status

- Median OS was 9.3 mo (95% CI: 7.0, 12.6) in all patients^a
 - Landmark OS rates (95% CI) were: 41% (31, 51) at 1 year, and 22% (12, 32) at both 2 and 3 years



No. At Risk:

Time (months)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
CR/PR	11	11	10	10	8	6	3	3	3	2	1		
SD	15	15	14	8	6	5	1						
PD	70	53	41	27	16	7	3	3	3	2	2	2	1



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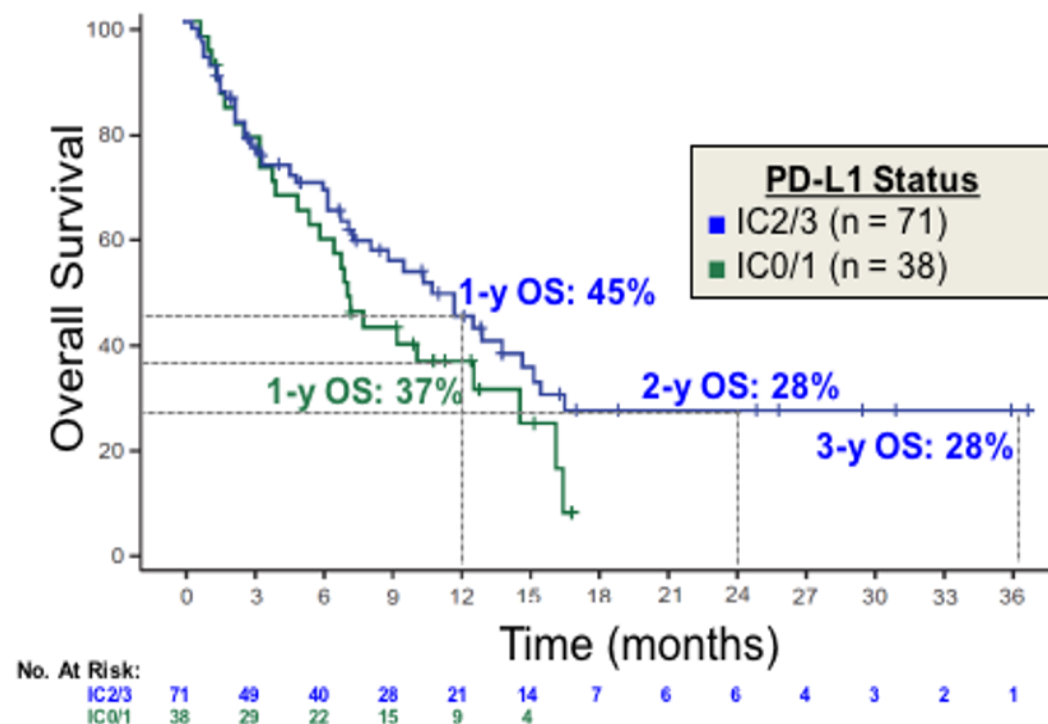
Time (months)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
CR/PR	15	15	14	14	12	10	6	6	6	4	3	2	1
SD	19	18	17	10	6	5	1						
PD	55	40	30	28	11	3							

- Pseudo-progression was observed in patients with RECIST PD and long-term OS

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^aMedian survival follow-up (range) was 15.2 mo (0.4+ to 36.7) in all patients, 17.0 mo (0.43+ to 36.7) in IC2/3 patients and 12.8 mo (0.8+ to 16.9) in IC0/1 patients. ^bPatients included in the Kaplan-Meier plots were alive for ≥ 6 weeks. Data cutoff: March 31, 2016.

Overall Survival with Atezolizumab by PD-L1 Status



	All Pts (n = 113)	PD-L1 Status ^a	
		IC2/3 (n = 71)	IC0/1 (n = 38)
mOS (95% CI)	9.3 mo (7.0, 12.6)	10.7 mo (7.2, 14.7)	7.1 mo (5.1, 12.6)

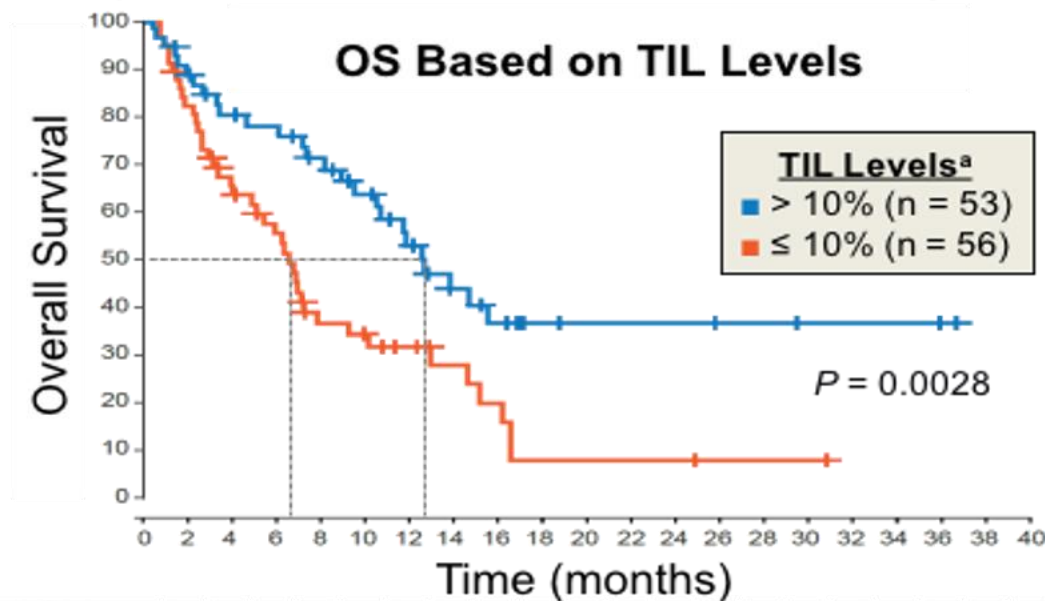
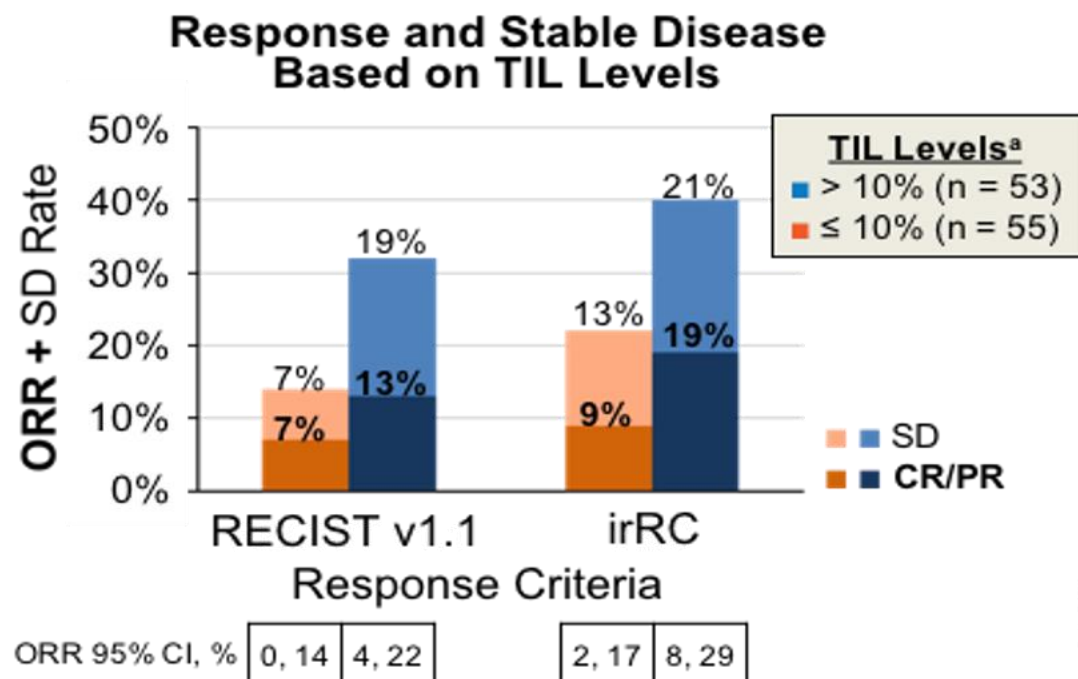
- Longer OS was observed in patients with higher PD-L1 IC status

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Association of Response and Survival with TILs

- Median TIL infiltration (% tumor area) in tumors from enrolled patients defined the cutoff used for analysis



No. At Risk:

Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
> 10%	53	45	37	35	30	25	19	13	10	5	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1		
≤ 10%	56	45	33	27	16	14	11	7	5	2	2	2	2	1	1	1					

- Higher ORR and longer OS were seen with higher baseline TIL infiltration
- Similar results were observed with CD8 infiltration

	≤ 10% TILs (n = 53)	> 10% TILs (n = 56)
mOS (95% CI)	6.6 mo (4.9, 10.2)	12.6 mo (10.5, NA)

KEYNOTE-086: Phase 2 Study of Pembrolizumab in Metastatic TNBC

Cohort A:

**Previously Treated
PD-L1 Unselected**

**386 patients
screened**

170 patients enrolled/treated

- 105 PD-L1 positive (61.8%)
- 64 PD-L1 negative (37.6%)
- 1 PD-L1 unknown (0.6%)

**PD-L1 is an imperfect biomarker.
Context is important.**

	Previously Treated Any PD-L1 Expression Cohort A			<i>First Line PD-L1 Selected</i>
	All (n=170)	PD-L1+ (n=105)	PD-L1- (n=64)	<i>PD-L1+ (n=52)</i>
ORR, %	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	23.1%
DCR, %	7.6%	9.5%	4.6%	
CR, n	1	1	0	
PR, n	7	4	3	
SD, n	35	22	112	

PD-1/PD-L1 Blockade in Breast Cancer

Antibody	Target	Subtype	Patients	ORR
Avelumab	PD-L1	All	168	4.8%
		PD-L1+ All	12	33.3%
		TNBC	58	8.6%
		PD-L1+ TNBC	9	44.4%
Pembrolizumab	PD-1	PD-L1+ TNBC	20	18.5%
		PD-L1+ ER+HER-2-	21	12%
Atezolizumab	PD-L1	TNBC	112	10%
		PD-L1+ TNBC	71	13%

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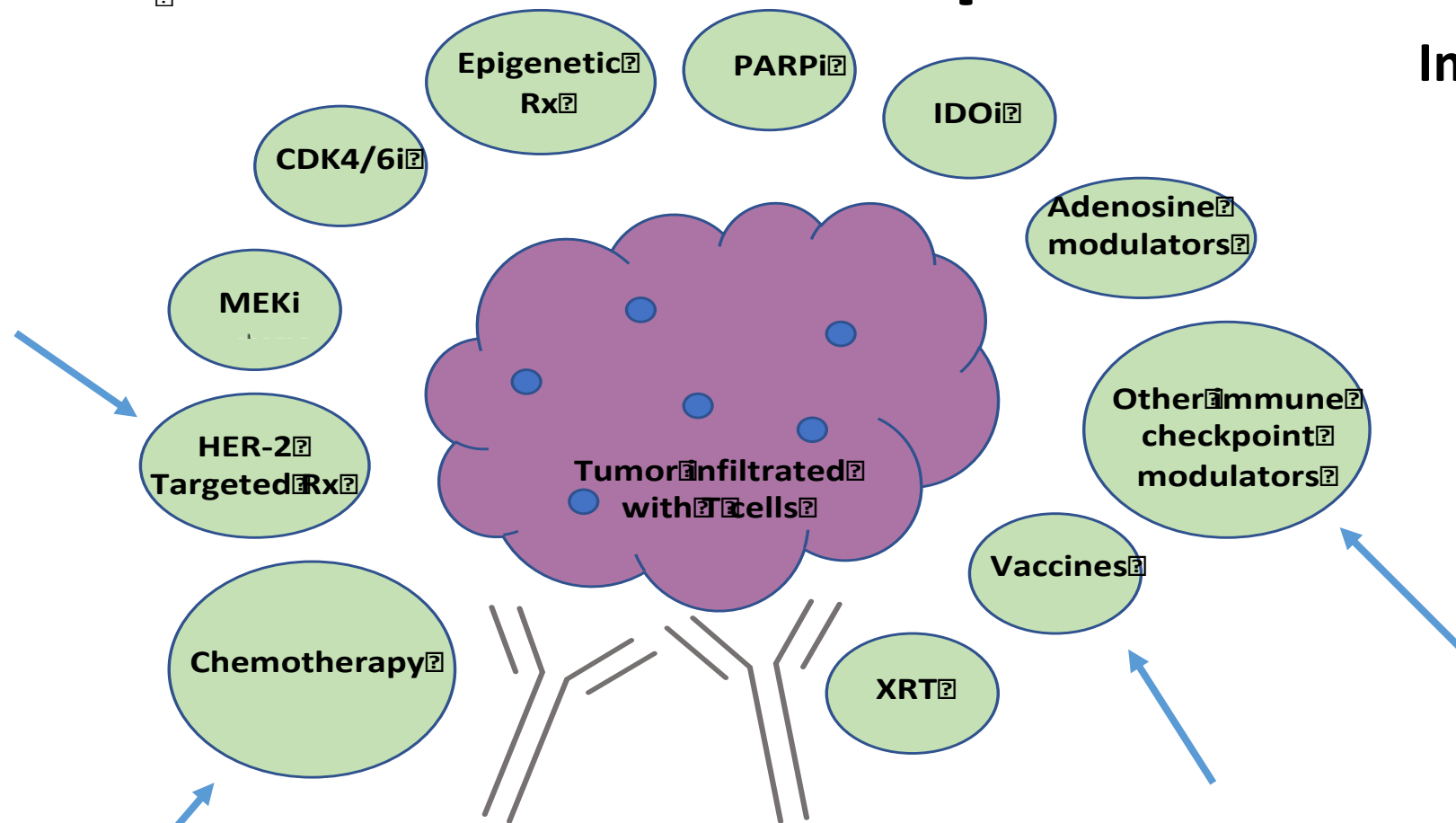
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The Major Challenges of Breast Cancer Immunotherapy Today

- Subtype framework—well established but the lines are blurred
 - Clinical subtypes
 - Intrinsic subtypes
 - Immune profiles
- Shared antigens vs. neoantigens and the T cell repertoire
- Many standard therapies with significant efficacy
- Effects of drugs on the tumor *and* the immune system
- Matching patients to the most relevant combinations
- **Converting nonresponders to responders**

Selected Promising Combination Immunotherapies for Breast Cancer



Important Variables:

Drug

Dose

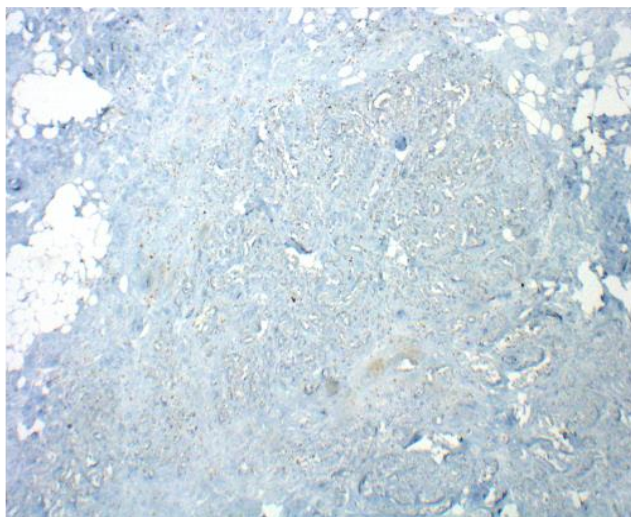
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Individualization to tumor mutated vs. shared Ags immunoregulation

One Framework for Personalizing Breast Cancer Immunotherapy

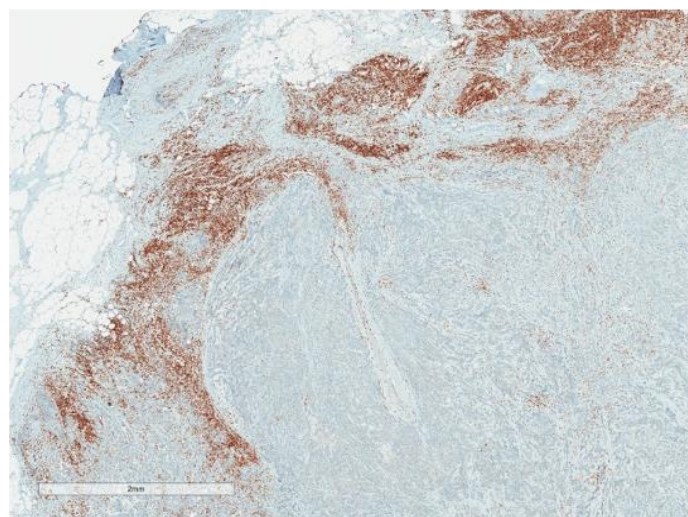
Patterns of T Cell Infiltration

Non-inflamed



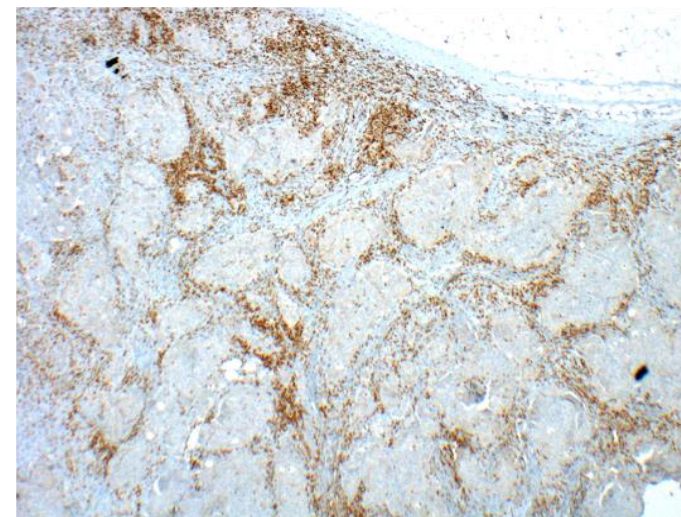
Chemotherapy, XRT
HER-2-directed antibodies
Vaccines, STING agonists

Immune-Excluded



Bevacizumab
Chemokine Modulators

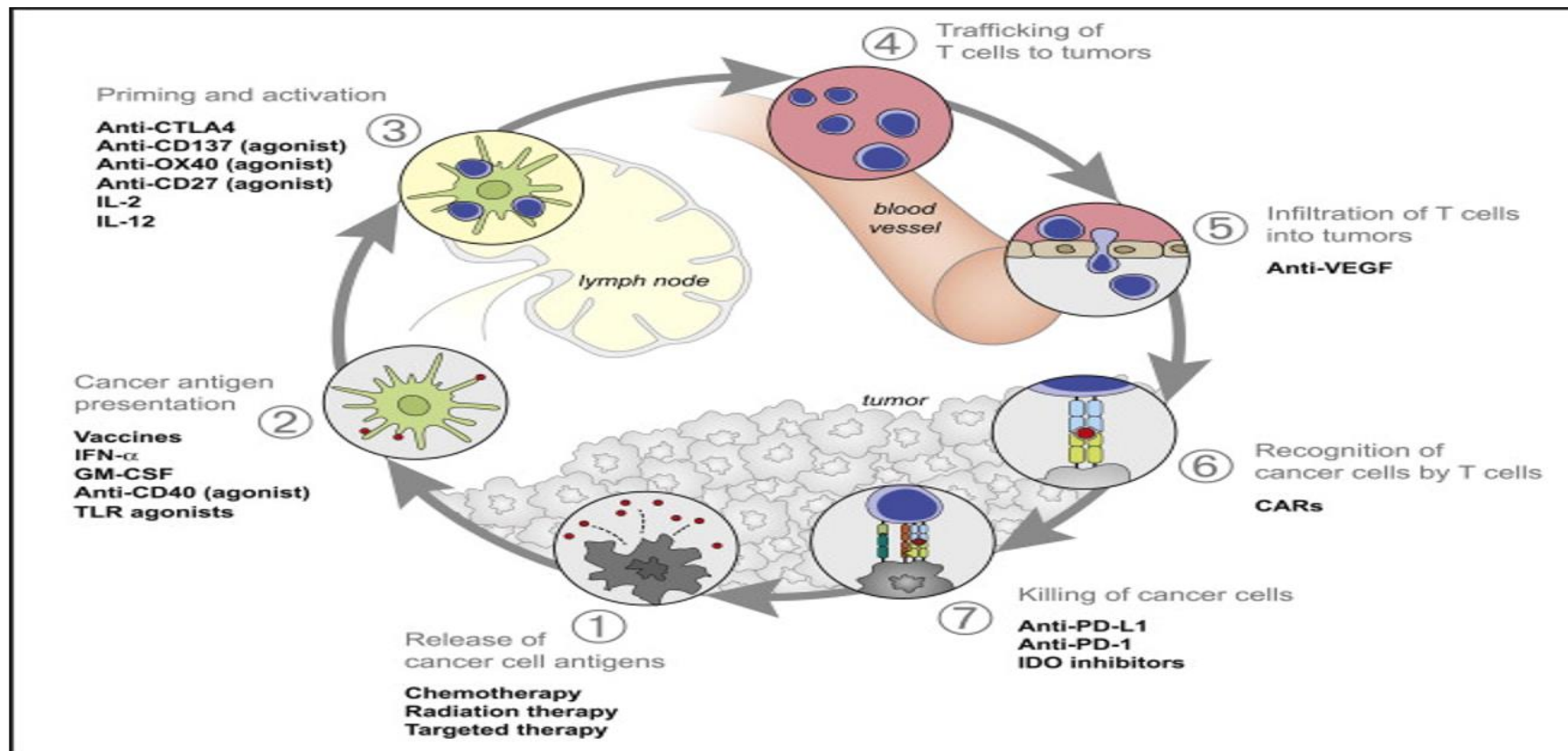
Inflamed



Anti-PD-1/PD-L1
IDO inhibition
A2AR inhibition

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Mechanism-Driven Cancer Immunotherapy Combinations



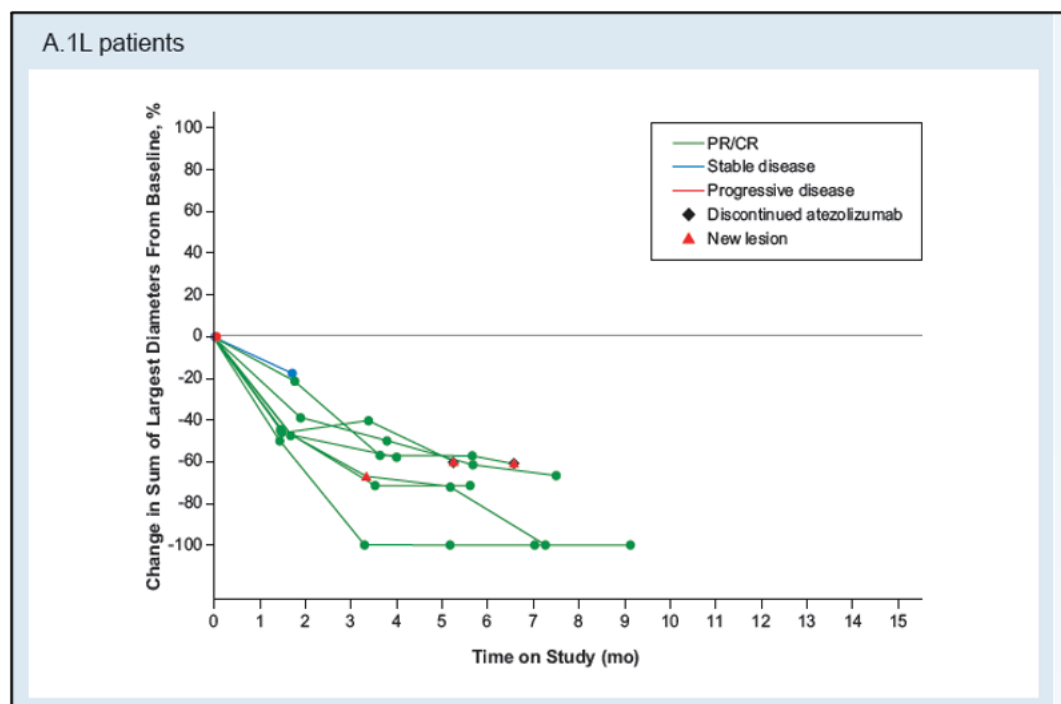
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Atezolizumab and Nab-Paclitaxel Have Activity in mTNBC

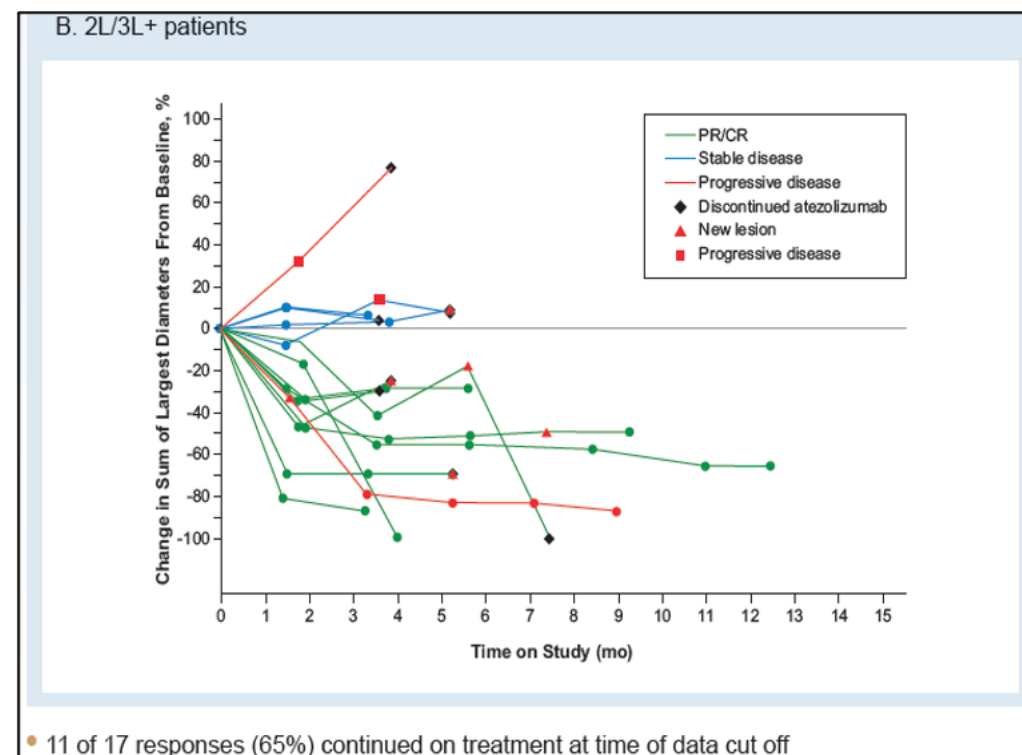
Change in Tumor Burden Over Time with Line of Therapy

- PD-L1 unselected patients
- Atezolizumab 840 mg every 2W; Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m² weekly
- Confirmed ORR = 41.7%; 3 pseudoprogressors

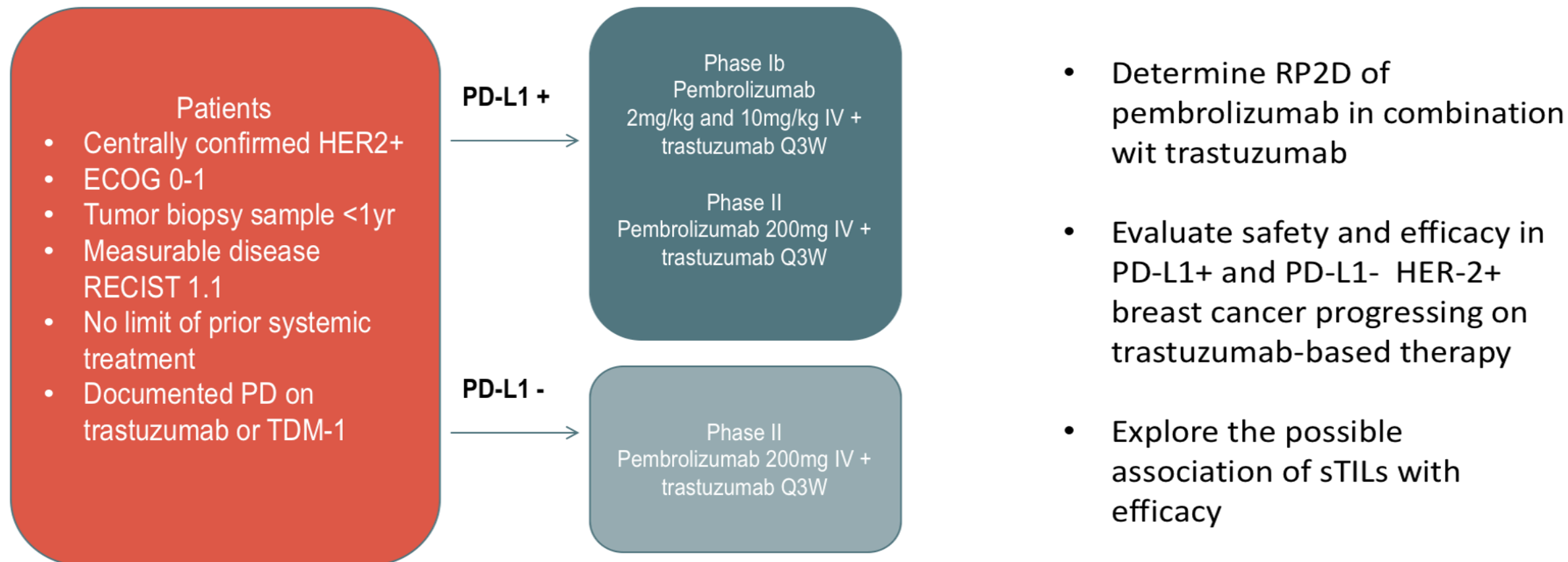
n = 9 (ORR ~ 67%)



n = 15 (ORR ~ 25-28%)



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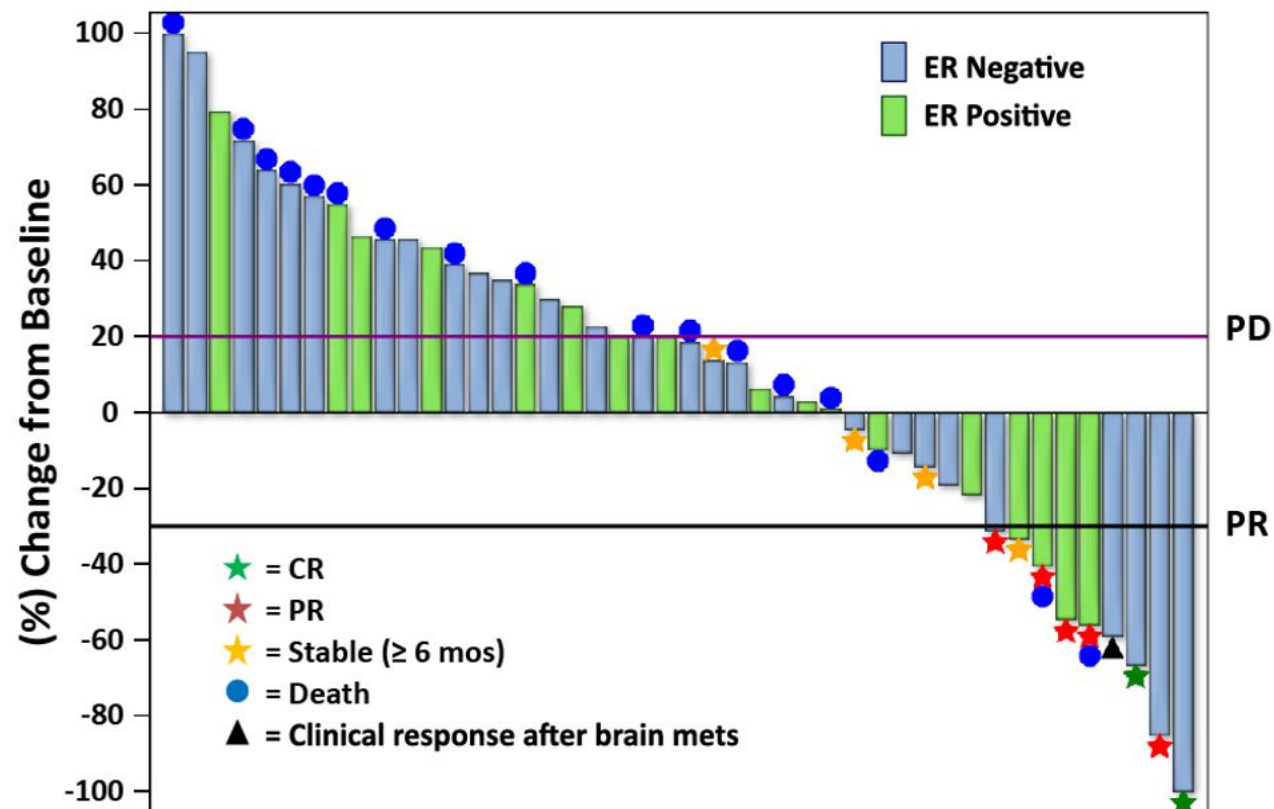


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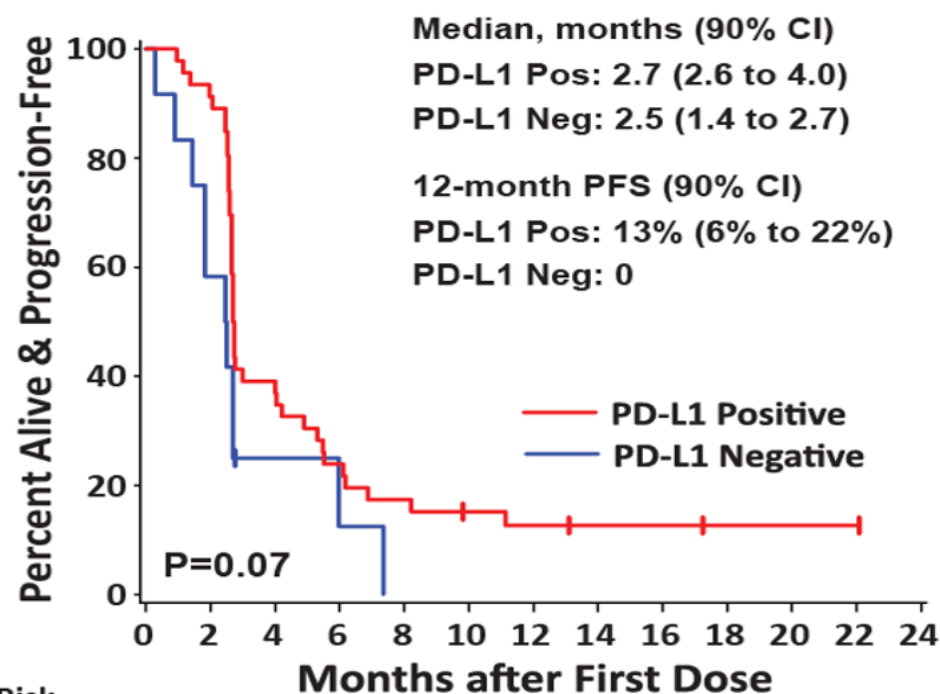
Response Rates by RECISTv1.1

	PD-L1+ (n = 46)	PD-L1- (n = 12)
ORR	15.2% (7/46)	0
DCR	24% (11/46)	0
CR	2	-
PR	5	-
SD	7	2

PD-L1+ Cohort (n = 44)

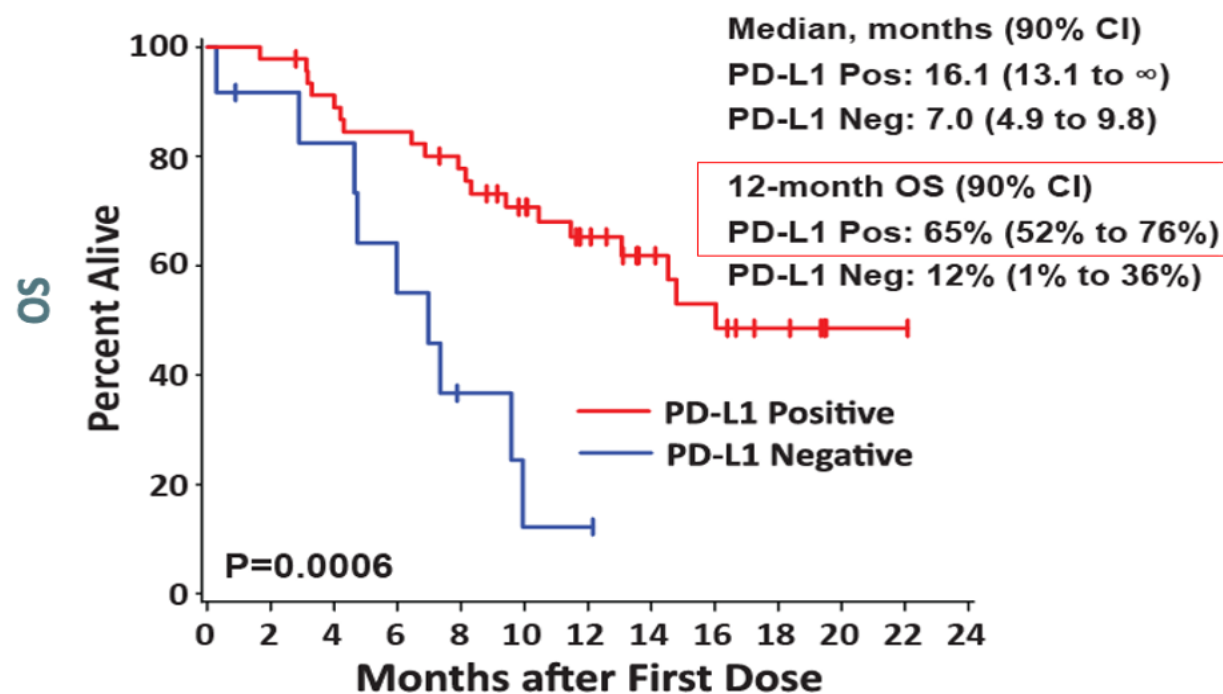


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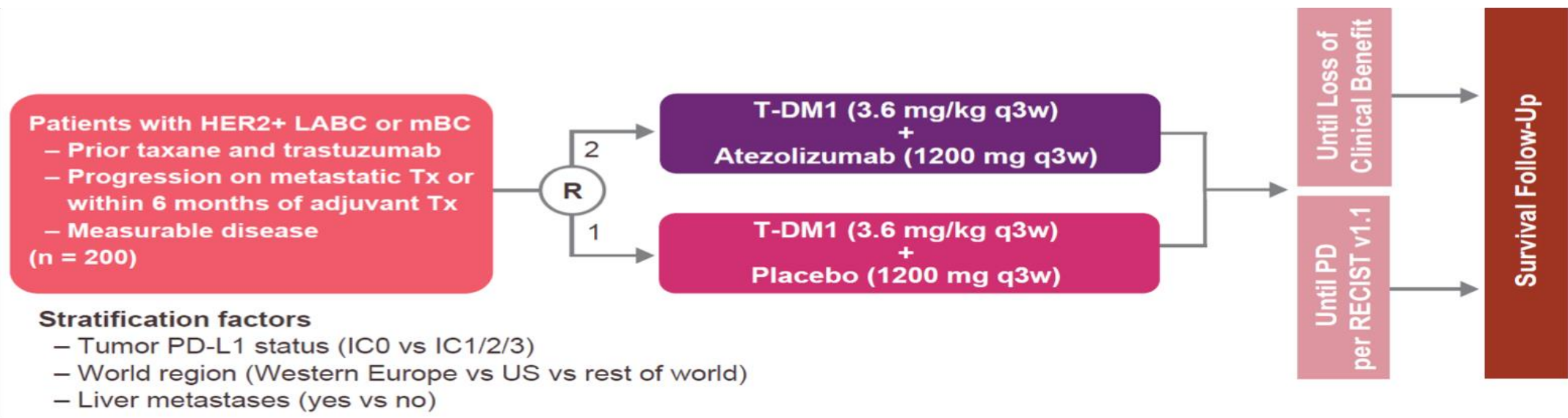
Number at Risk

PD-L1 Positive	46	18	8	5	4	3	2
PD-L1 Negative	12	2	0	0	0	0	0



46	41	34	21	12	4	3
12	9	3	1	0	0	0

KATE2: A randomized Phase II study of atezolizumab + trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1) vs placebo + T-DM1 in previously treated HER2+ advanced breast cancer



Primary endpoint

- Investigator-assessed PFS per RECIST v1.1 (ITT)

Secondary endpoints

- OS, ORR, DOR (ITT)

Exploratory endpoints

- PFS in the PD-L1+ (PD-L1 IC ≥ 1%) subgroup
- Efficacy in subgroups defined by immune-related (tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes and CD8 IHC expression) and HER2-related biomarkers

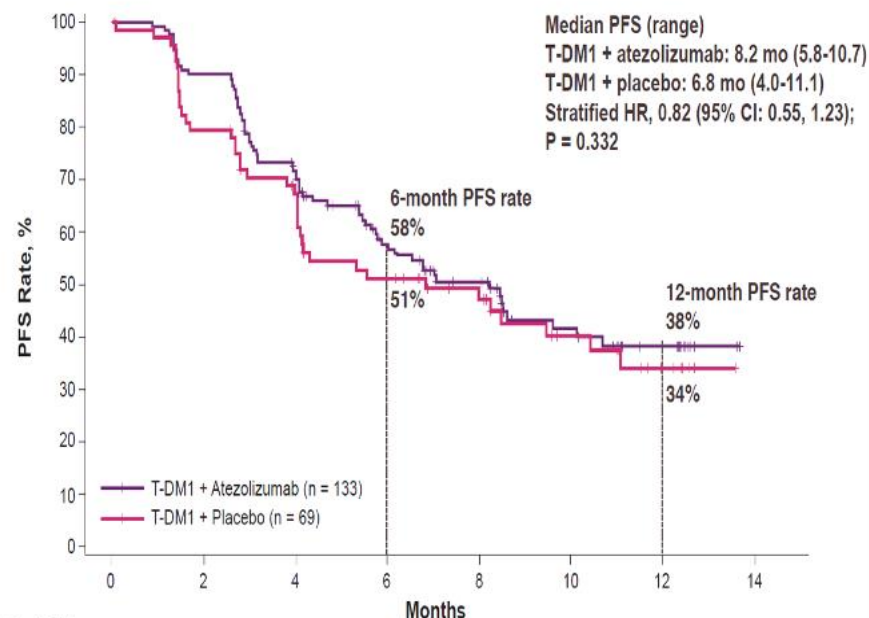
Safety endpoints

- AEs, SAEs, AEs leading to death, study discontinuation, or dose reduction and interruption

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KATE2: PFS in ITT and PD-L1 IC+ Populations

Primary Endpoint PFS in ITT Patients

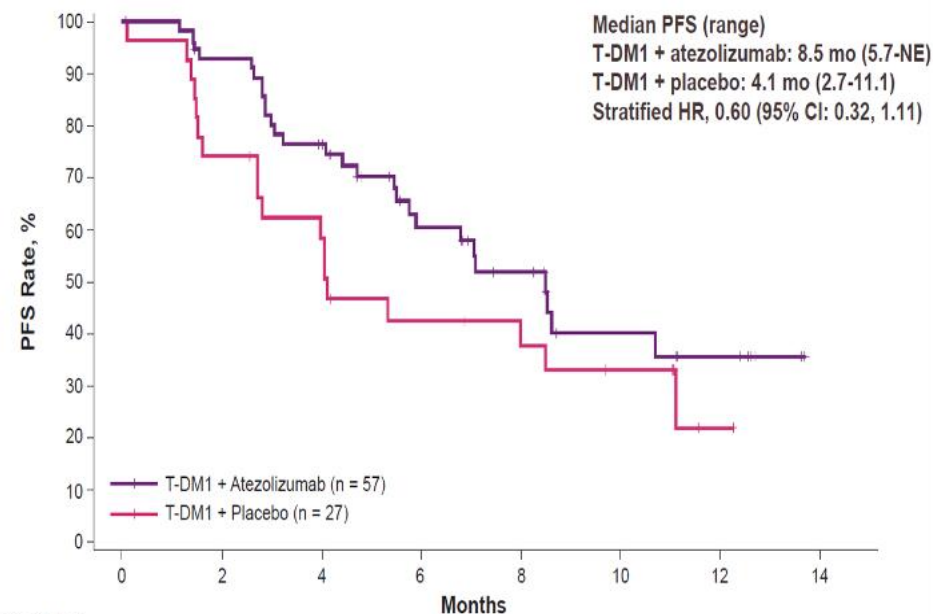


No. of Patients at Risk														
T-DM1 + Atezolizumab	133	131	118	100	90	74	59	46	42	26	25	21	15	3
T-DM1 + Placebo	69	66	54	46	42	33	31	25	23	18	15	14	7	1

Data cutoff: 11 December 2017. Patients with PFS events: T-DM1 + atezolizumab, 68 (51%); T-DM1 + placebo, 39 (57%).

- The study did not demonstrate a meaningful PFS benefit from the addition of atezolizumab to T-DM1 in the ITT population

Primary Endpoint PFS in PD-L1+ Patients



No. of Patients at Risk														
T-DM1 + Atezolizumab	57	56	51	44	40	31	24	19	16	9	9	8	6	2
T-DM1 + Placebo	27	26	20	16	15	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	1	

NE, not estimable.

- PFS in the PD-L1+ subgroup numerically favored atezolizumab + T-DM1 vs atezolizumab + placebo (HR, 0.60 [95% CI: 0.32, 1.11])
- The magnitude of the benefit is uncertain given the limited number of patients and the corresponding wide confidence interval of the hazard ratio

KATE 3 study

HER2+ and PD-L1+
LABC or MBC* (N = 350)

- prior trastuzumab-
(+/-pertuzumab)
and taxane based
therapy
- Progression on
metastatic
treatment or within
6 months of
adjuvant treatment

Randomized
(1:1)

Atezolizumab
1200mg q3w
+
T-DM1
3.6mg/kg q3w

Placebo
+
T-DM1
3.6mg/kg q3w

Disease
progression
per RECIST v1.1

OR

withdrawal of
consent, death or
intolerable
toxicity,
whichever occurs
first

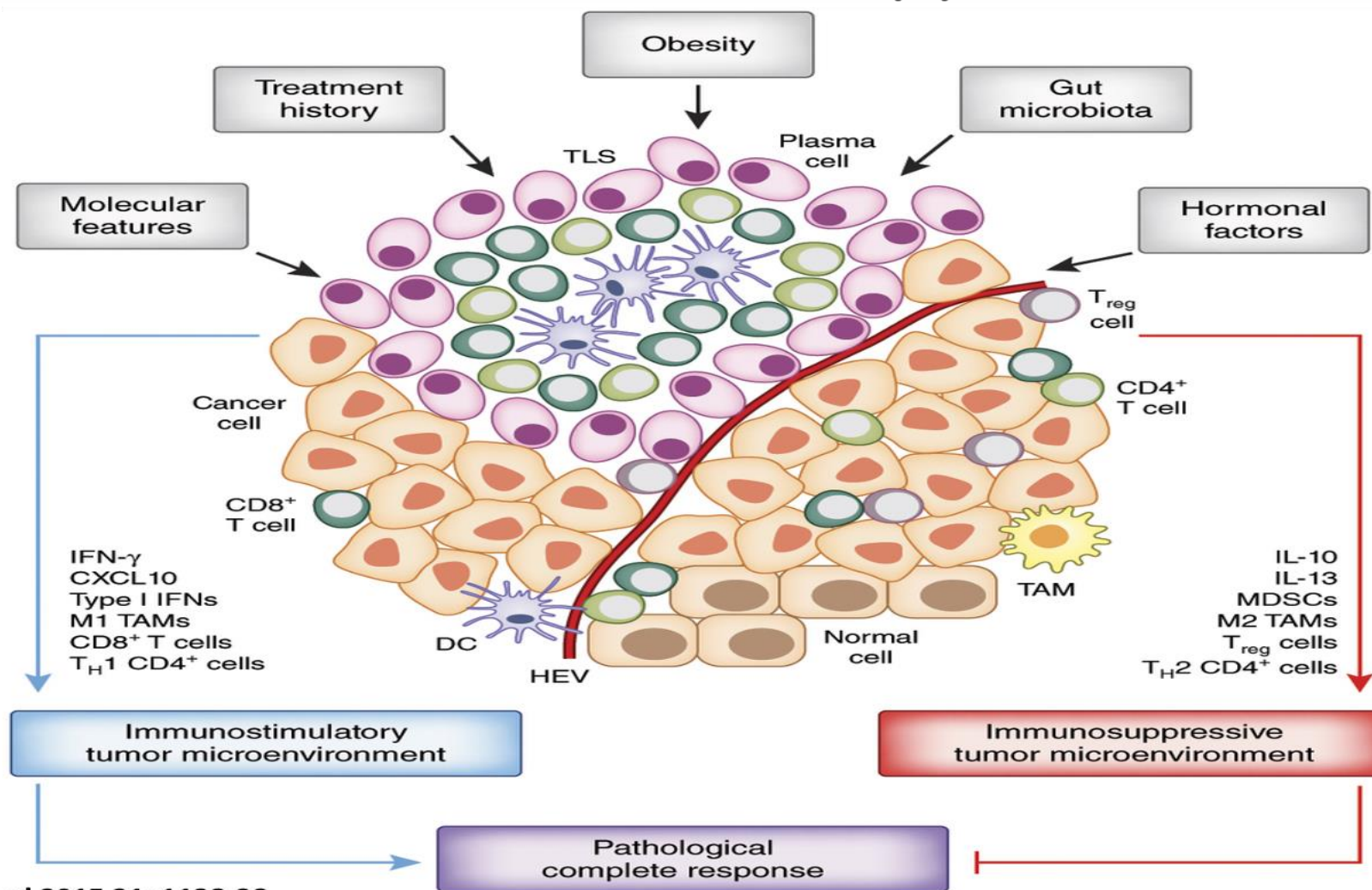
Survival follow-up+

- **Co-Primary Endpoint:** PFS by investigator assessment using RECIST v1.1 and OS
- **Secondary Endpoint:** ORR, DOR, PFS by independent central review, PFS and OS in patients with baseline brain metastases, CNS PFS, QoL

*HER2 and PD-L1 positivity determined by central laboratory. *Patients will be followed for survival status and new anti-cancer therapy every 3 months until death, loss to follow-up, withdrawal of consent, or study termination.

LABC, locally advanced breast cancer; MBC, metastatic breast cancer; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; ORR, objective response rate; DOR, duration of response; CNS, central nervous system; QoL, quality of life

Host Factors May Influence the Response to Breast Cancer Immunotherapy



Conclusions

- Breast cancer can be immunogenic, most breast tumors are not
- Multiple layers of regulation within the TME shut down tumor immunity
- Standard cancer therapies can augment the activity of immunotherapies
- The future is in combination immunotherapies which should have synergistic clinical activity but may come at a toxicity cost
- We need to do smart trials elucidating immunologic mechanisms of response and resistance in patients