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A Focus on Breast Cancer: Metastatic Breast Cancer

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- Consulting Fees: Novartis
- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

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- The winding road of immune checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic breast cancers
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FDA-Approved ICIs in Metastatic Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer Specific

- ~~**Atezolizumab*** + Nab-Paclitaxel in 1st line, metastatic TNBC~~
- **Pembrolizumab** + Chemotherapy (nab-paclitaxel, paclitaxel or gemcitabine/carboplatin) in 1st line, metastatic TNBC

Not Breast Cancer Specific

- **Pembrolizumab*** in TMB-High (≥ 10 mutations/megabase)
- **Pembrolizumab*** in MSI-High or dMMR tumors

Reconciling metastatic TNBC ICI data

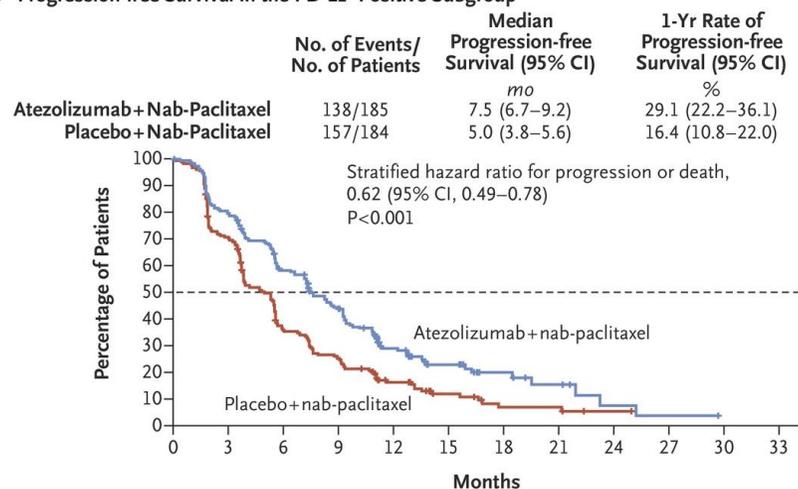
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Treatment	(Paclitaxel or nab-paclitaxel or gemcitabine+carboplatin) + pembrolizumab (2:1)	Nab-paclitaxel + atezolizumab (1:1)	Paclitaxel + atezolizumab (2:1)
Proportion <i>de novo</i> MBC	30%	37%	28-30%
Prior taxane	45%	51%	51-53%
PD-L1+ PFS	5.6mo vs. 9.7mo HR 0.65 P=0.0012	5mo vs. 7.5mo HR 0.62 P<0.0001	5.7mo vs. 6mo HR 0.82 p=0.20
PD-L1+ OS benefit?	In PD-L1+ yes	In PD-L1+ yes; ITT no	No

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IMPASSION130: PFS

- Nab-Paclitaxel: Positive study

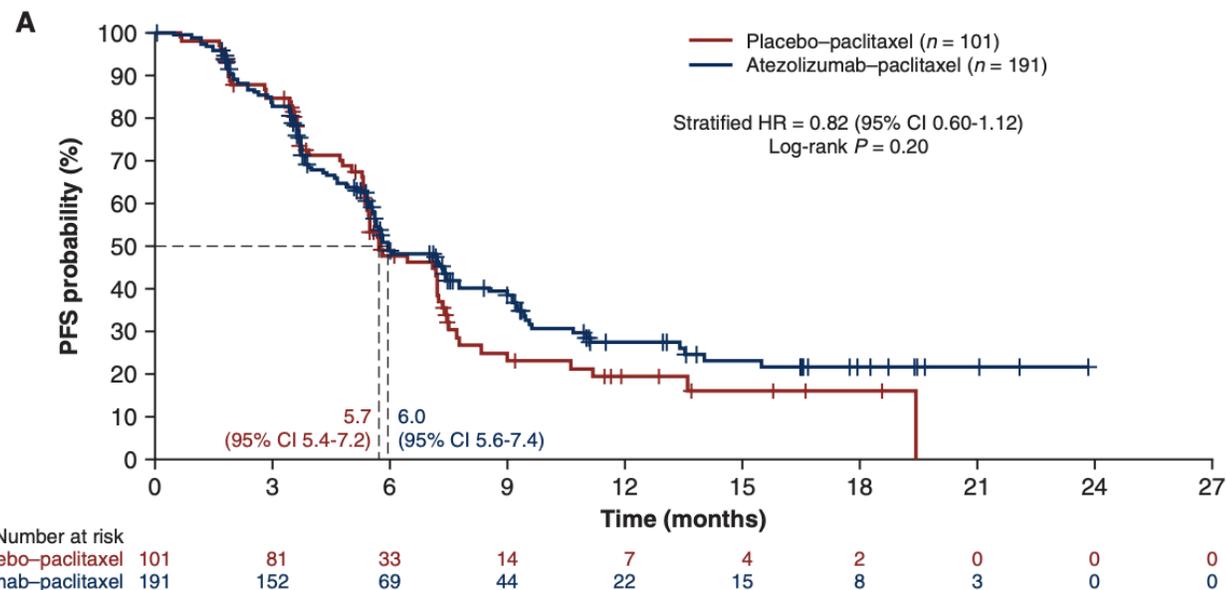
B Progression-free Survival in the PD-L1-Positive Subgroup



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Atezolizumab+ nab-paclitaxel	185	146	104	75	38	19	10	6	2	1	NE	NE
Placebo+ nab-paclitaxel	184	127	62	44	22	11	5	5	1	NE	NE	NE

IMPASSION131: PFS

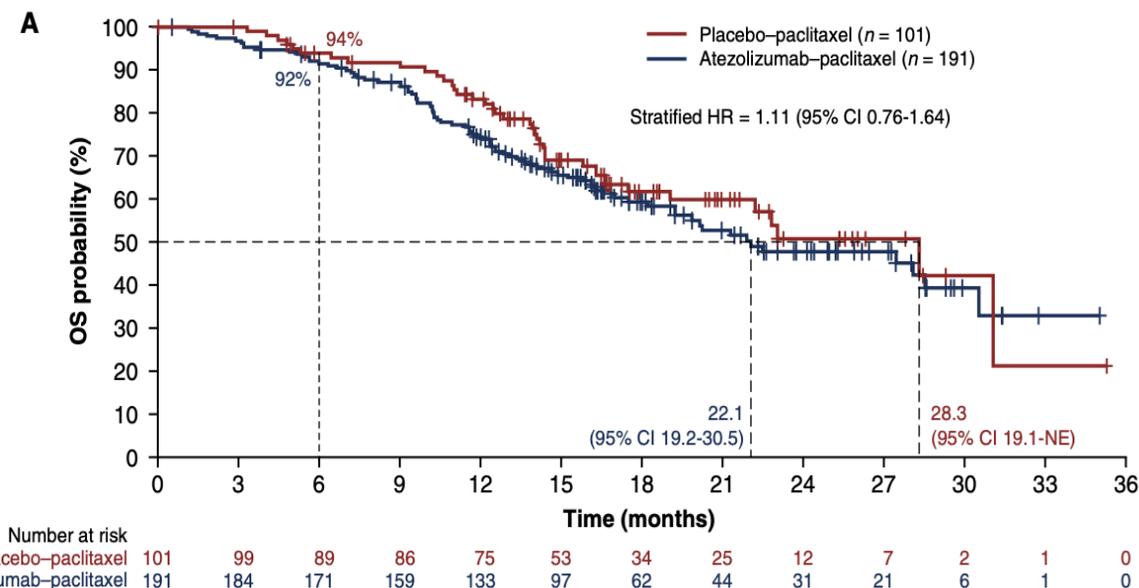
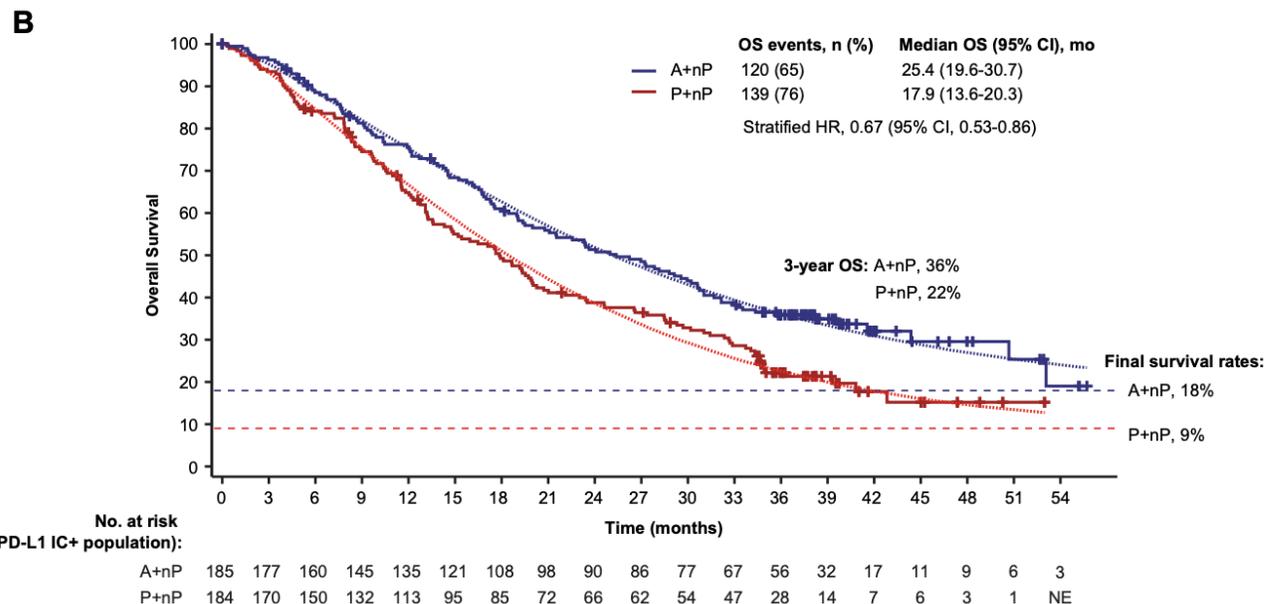
- Paclitaxel: Negative study



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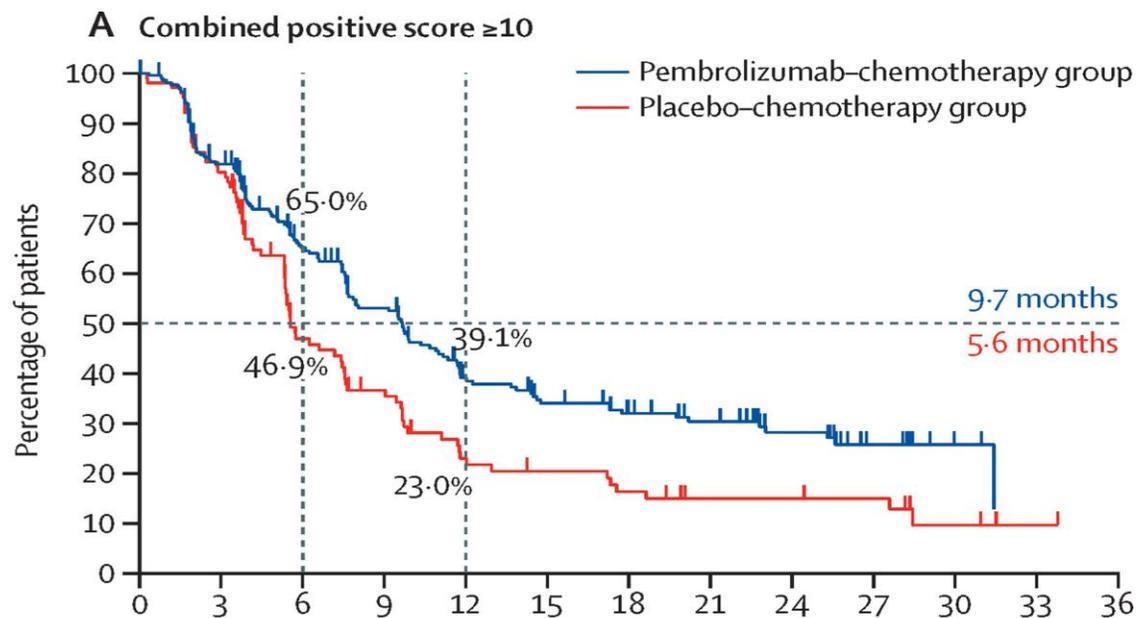
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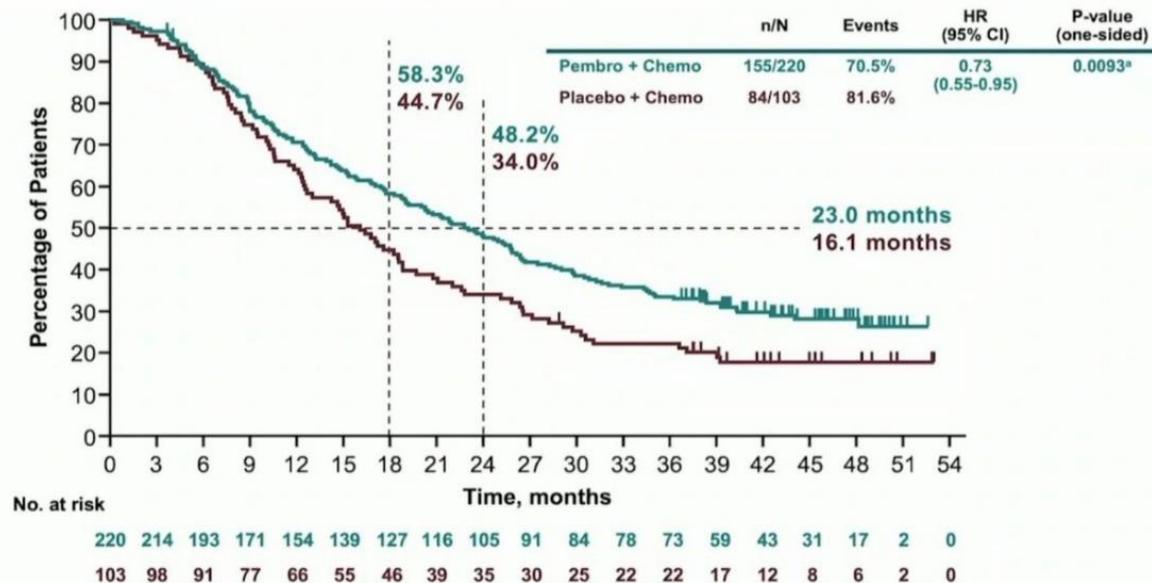


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- 1L, mTNBC, randomized 2:1 (n = 847)
- Chemotherapy = Nab-Paclitaxel, Paclitaxel or Gemcitabine/Carboplatin (AUC2)



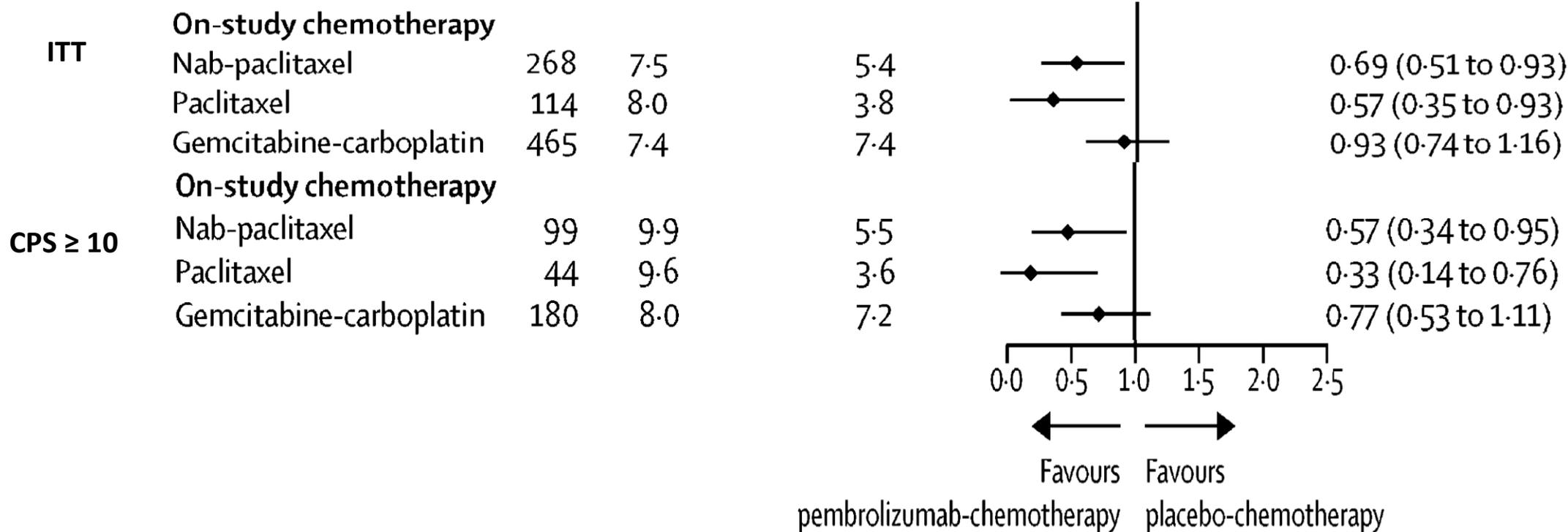
Overall Survival: PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10



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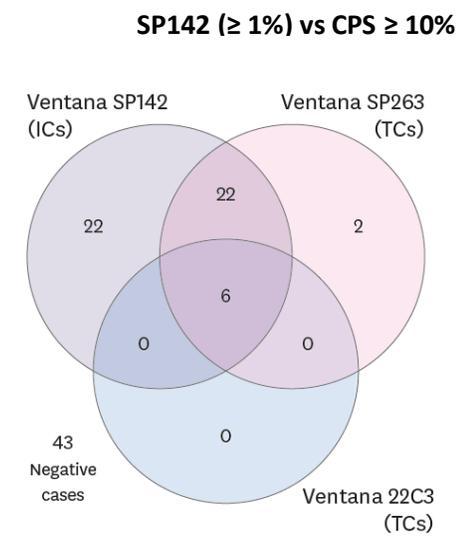
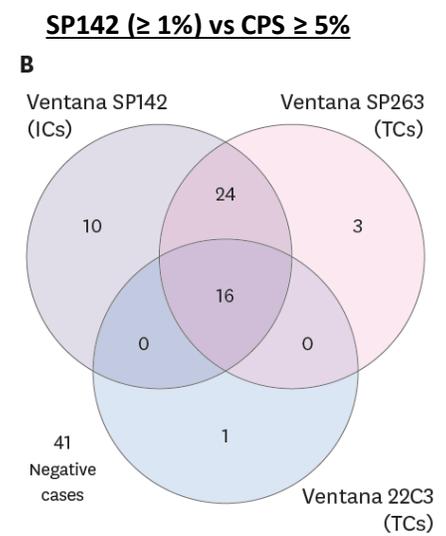
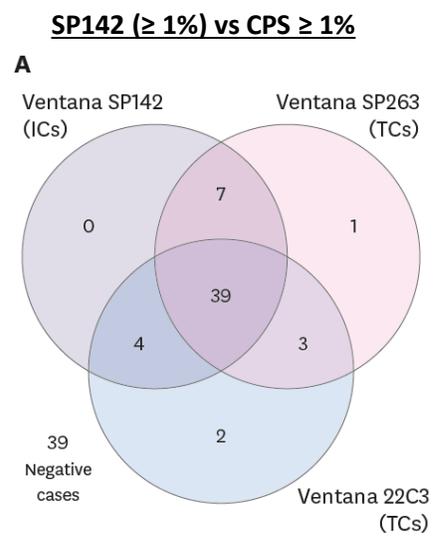
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PD-1/L1 Expression in Breast Cancer

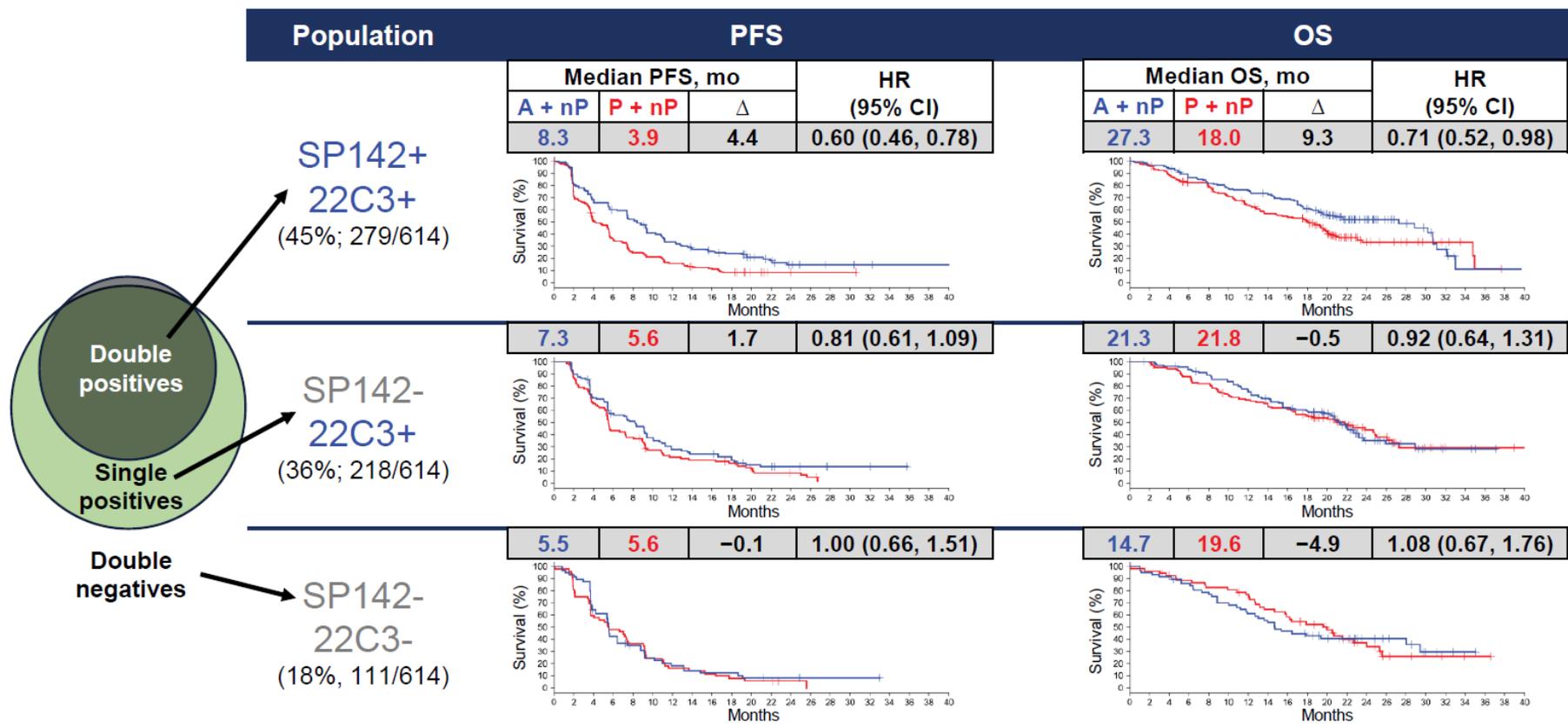
	Ventana PD-L1 (SP142)	Dako PD-L1 (22C3)
Approved for Companion Use	Atezolizumab in mTNBC	Pembrolizumab in mTNBC
PD-L1 Positive Definition	<p>≥ 1% on IC <i>Tumor area, any staining</i></p>	<p>≥ 10 Combined Positive Score (CPS) [% IC with any PD-L1 + % TC with membranous PD-L1] Total invasive TC <small>IC = immune cells TC = tumor cells</small></p>

95 Early Stage TNBC



Emens et al. JITC. 2021.
Lee et al. J Breast Can. 2020.
Huang et al. Human Path. 2021.
https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf16/p160002s009c.pdf
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PD-1/L1 Expression in Breast Cancer



Double positive: SP142 IC ≥ 1%, 22C3 CPS ≥ 1; single positive: SP142 IC < 1%, 22C3 CPS ≥ 1; double negative: SP142 IC < 1%, 22C3 CPS < 1.
HR adjusted for prior taxanes, presence of liver metastases, age and ECOG PS.

Rugo et al. Abstract 6571
IMpassion130 PD-L1 IHC
<https://bit.ly/300mOqz>

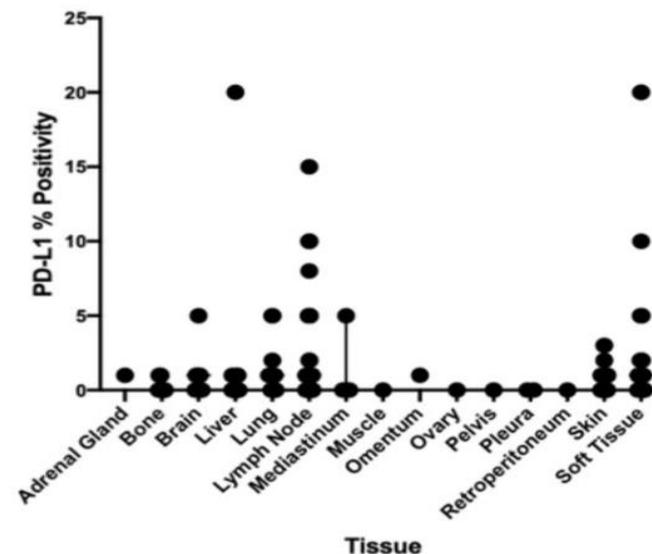
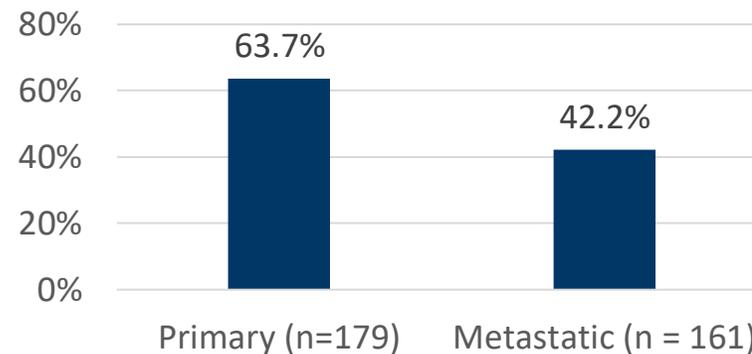
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- **The Specimen Site Matters for PD-L1+**

- Primary breast tumors > metastatic tumors
 - Metastatic tumors have fewer ICs, decrease immune activation markers

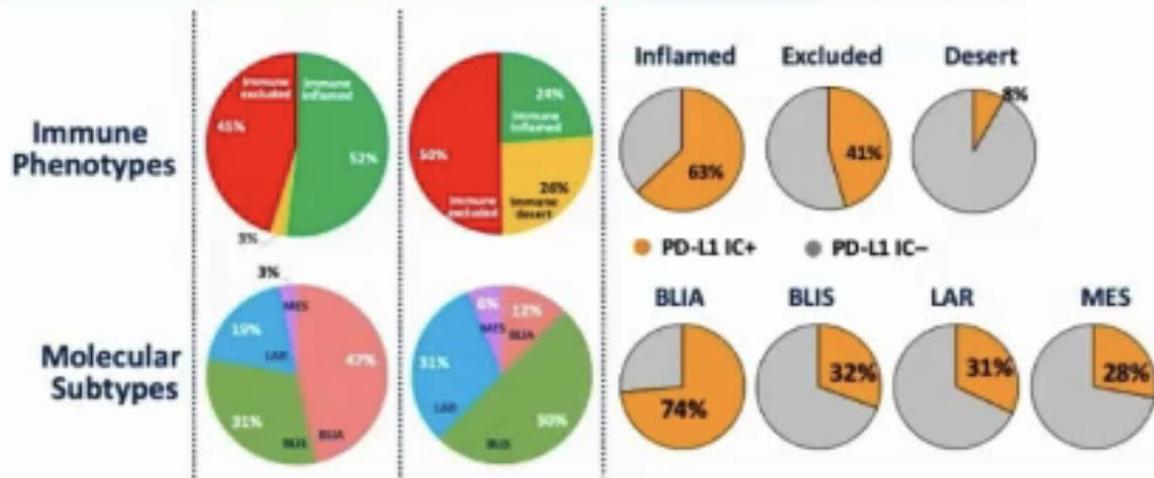
- Varying PD-L1+ among metastatic sites

- Highest in lung, soft tissue, lymph nodes
- Lowest in liver (“immunologic graveyard”)
- Limited use in bone [PD-L1 assays are NOT validated on decalcified bone] and FNA aspirates



Immune vs. Other Biomarkers

	Impassion 130		Keynote 355	
	PD-L1+	PD-L1-	PD-L1+	PD-L1-
PFS	0.62 (0.45-0.78)	0.94 (0.78-1.13)	0.65 (0.49-0.86)	0.94 (0.76-1.16)
OS	0.67 (0.53-0.86)	1.02 (0.84-1.24)	0.73 (0.55-0.95)	1.04 (0.85-1.26)



Adapted from Emens LA. ASCO 2021

Take Home Points

- PD-L1+ benefit across studies
- Distribution varies within subtypes
- PD-L1+ tumors present
 - Across immune phenotypes
 - Across molecular subtypes

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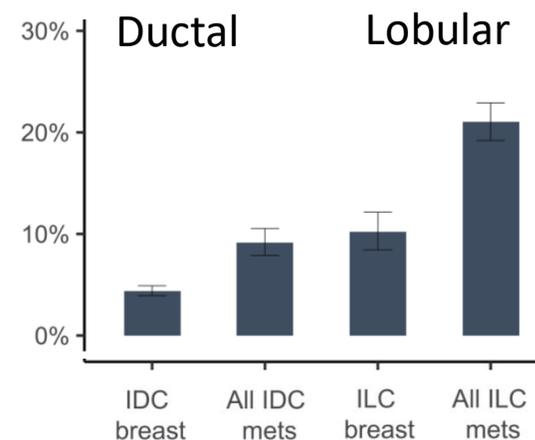
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High TMB: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

Foundation Medicine database
N=5739 samples

	ER+, HER2-	HER2+	Triple- negative	Lobular	Inflammatory	Metaplastic	Mucinous	Papillary
Median TMB (mut/Mb)	2.6	3.5	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	1.7	3.5
TMB ≥ 10	7%	9%	7%	15%	10%	5%	6%	0%
TMB ≥ 20	2%	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	3%	0%



Israel, SABCS 2020 | Sokol, SABCS 2020

High TMB: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

Clinical Trial Name

KEYNOTE-158

Patient Population

Previously treated, **solid tumors** that had a high number of mutations, defined as 10 mutations/megabase or more (~5% of all breast cancers)

Patients on Trial

233 patients in efficacy cohort (5/233 breast cancer)

When Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) was used in patients with high mutational burden vs low...

Was cancer better controlled (**improved response rate**)?

YES*
(29% vs 6%)

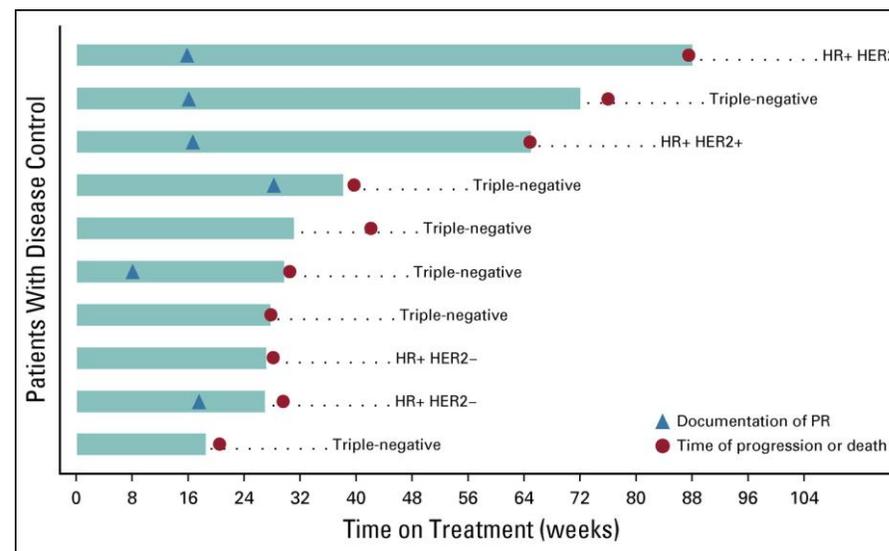
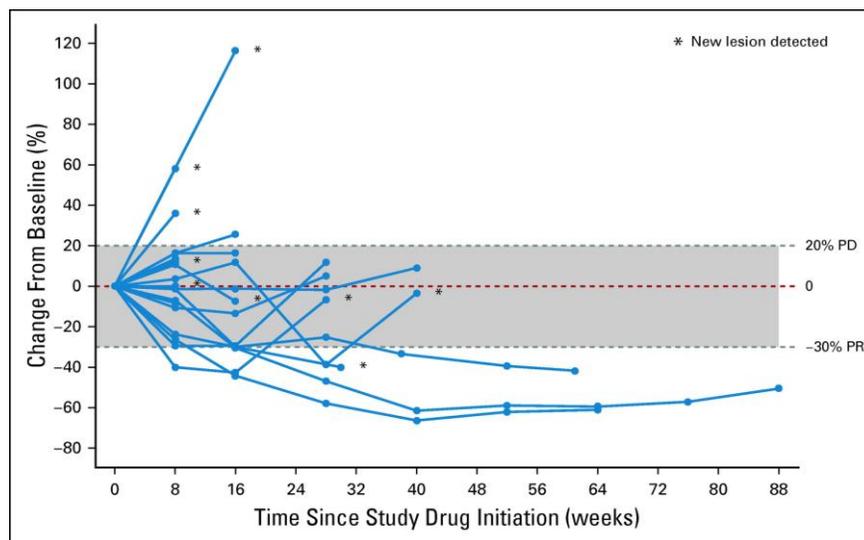
Did patients live longer (improved OS)?

NO
(11.7 vs 12.8 months)

High TMB: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

• TAPUR Study (Ph2 basket study)

- 28 patients with metastatic breast cancer [TNBC = 13 (46%), HR+/HER2- = 12 (43%)]
- **TMB: median 13 mut/Mb** (range 9 to 37 mut/Mb); PD-L1 status unknown
- **Disease Control Rate 37%, ORR 21%** with median PFS = 10.6 weeks



High TMB: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

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Eligibility:

- Metastatic HER2- breast cancer
- 0-3 lines of prior chemotherapy
- TMB ≥ 9 mut/Mb as assessed by a CLIA-approved cancer-gene panel
- Measurable disease by RECIST 1.1
- Mandatory research biopsy if tumor safely accessible
- No prior checkpoint inhibition

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Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
+
Ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W

1 cycle = 42 days (6 weeks)

Duration of therapy

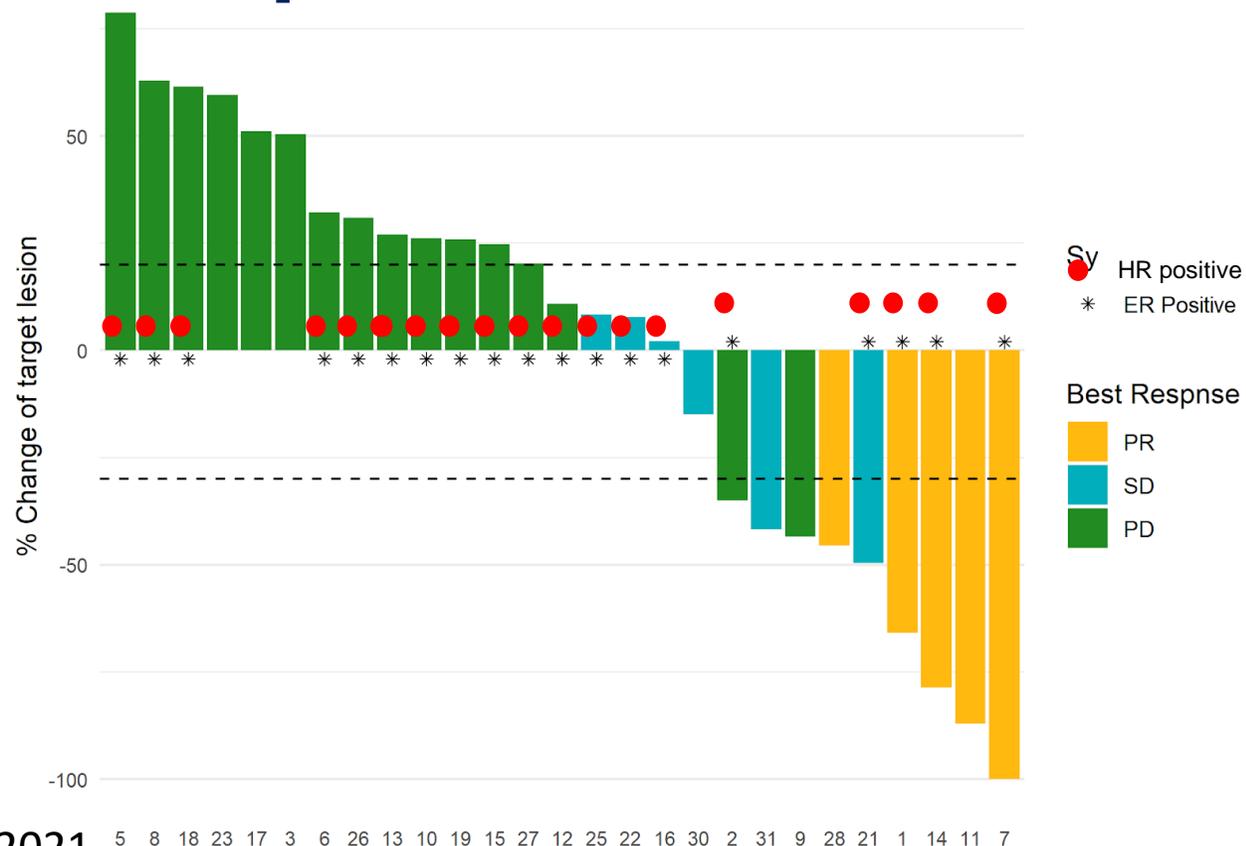
Treatment until progression, unacceptable toxicity or up to 24 months

Tumor assessment: Imaging will be performed at baseline and Q6W for 24 weeks, and then Q9W.

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NIMBUS: Objective Response Rate

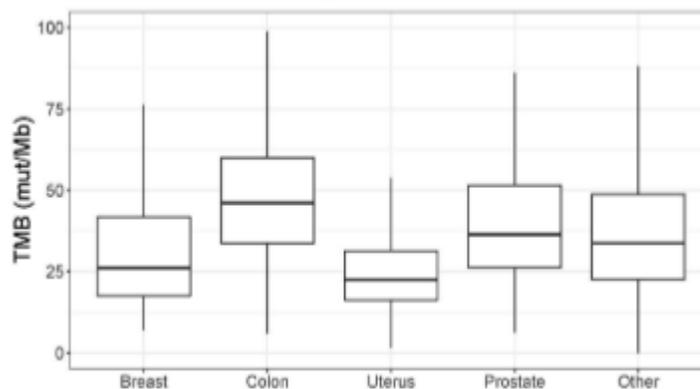
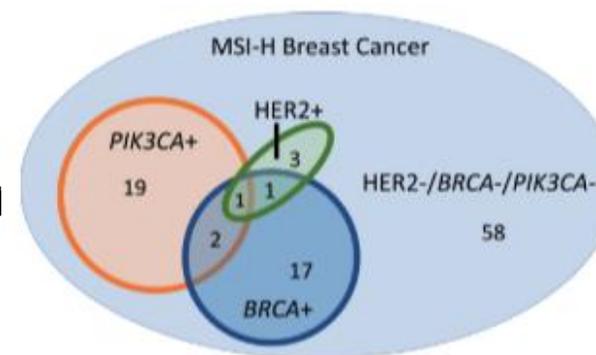
Confirmed ORR, n (%)	5 (16.7%)
CR, n (%)	0
PR, n (%)	5 (16.7%)
SD, n (%)	6 (20%)
PD, n (%)	16 (53.3%)
Not evaluable, n (%)	3 (10%)
CBR, n (%)	5 (16.7%)



MSI-H: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

Therapeutic Considerations in Microsatellite Instability High (MSI-H) Breast Cancers (BC) Identified by Comprehensive Genomic Profiling (CGP)

- FoundationMedicine: 29,160 breast cancer cases
 - MSI status determined at 95-114 loci
- **102 MSI-H (0.35%) – RARE**
 - Enriched among gBRCA1/2 mutation carriers
 - Tend to have high TMB



MSI-H: Is it really a biomarker for breast cancer?

Clinical Trial Name	KEYNOTE-158
Patient Population	<u>Previously treated</u> , solid tumors that histologically/cytologically confirmed MSI-H/dMMR
# Patients on Trial	233 patients in efficacy cohort (5/233 breast cancer)
FDA Approval Status	Accelerated Approval (2020)

When Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) was used in patients with MSI-H/dMMR...	
Response rate	34.3%
Progression-free survival	4.1 mo
Overall survival	23.1 mo

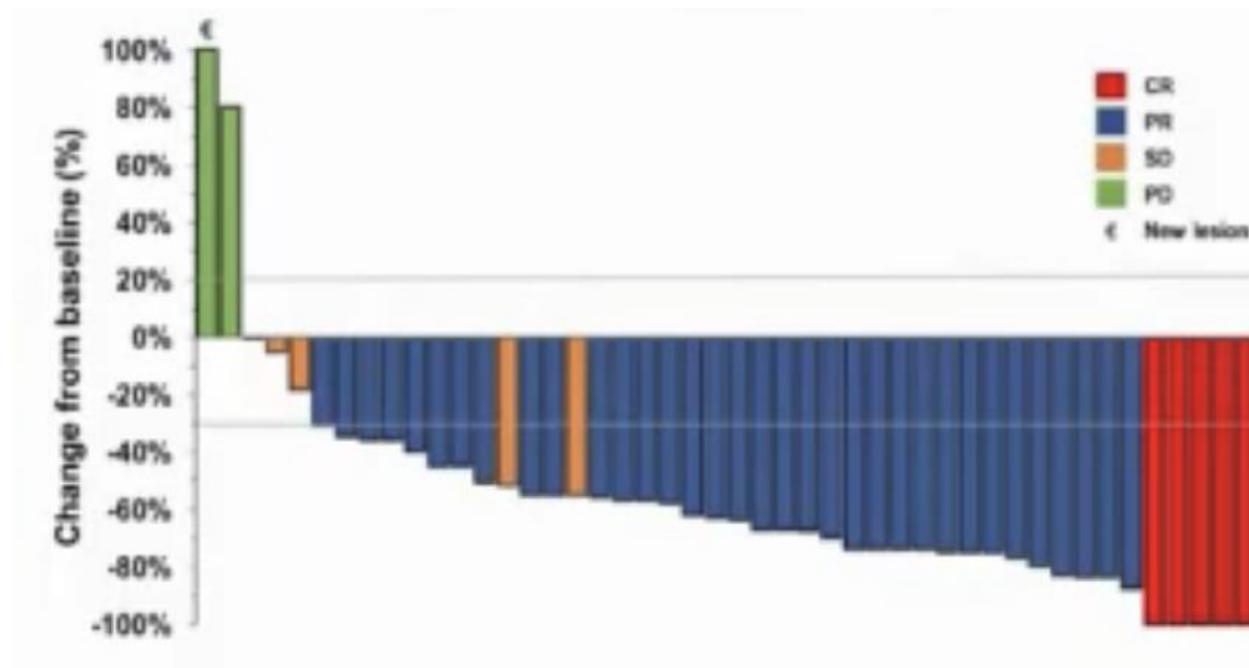
**statistically significant*
*** Few breast cancer patients included*

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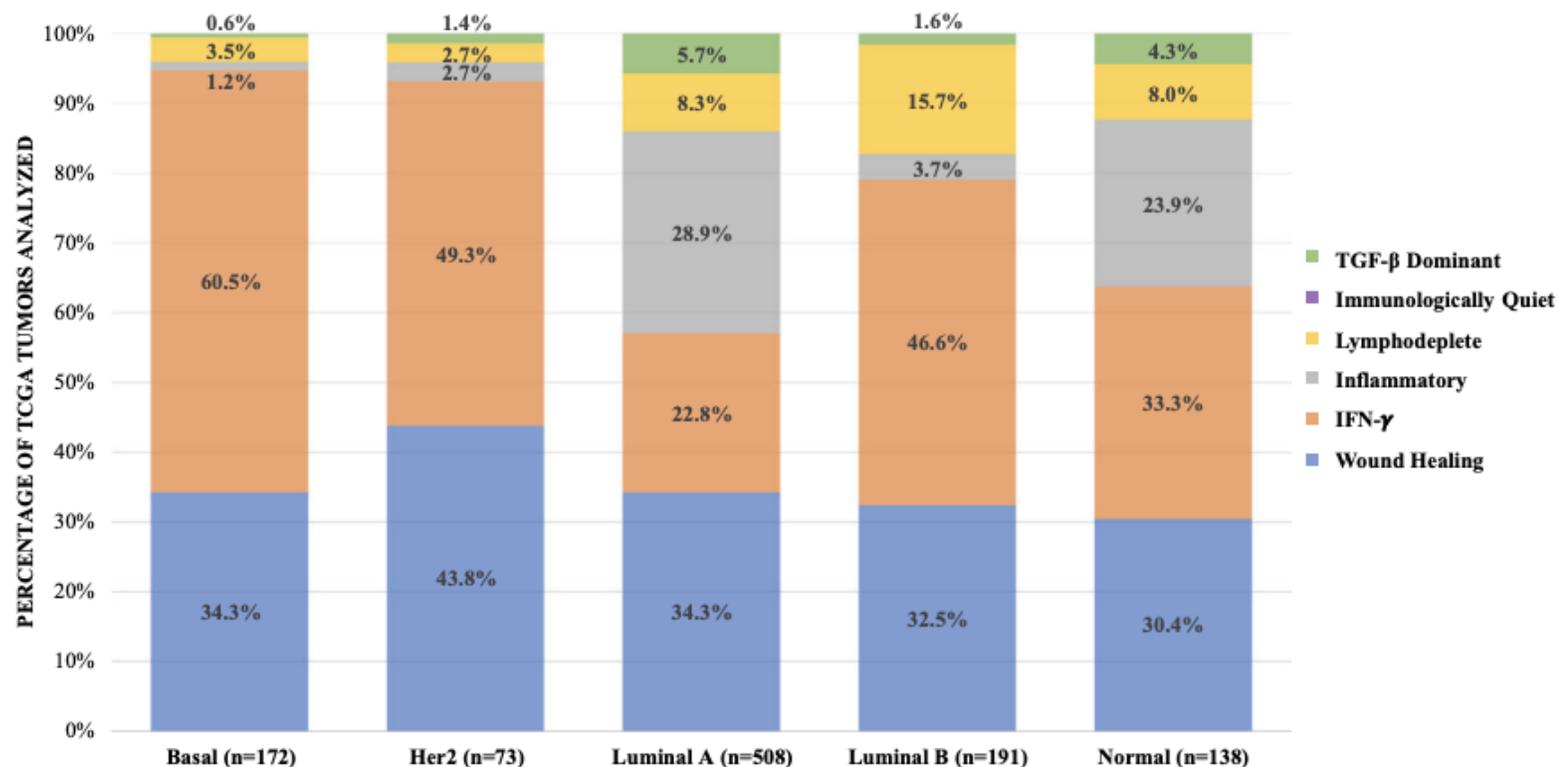
Will VEGF agents return? FEATURE-C-PLUS

- Famitinib (anti-VEGFR2) + camrelizumab (anti-PD1) + nab-paclitaxel
- Phase 2 trial (n=48)
- ORR: 81.3% (10.9% CR)
- PFS: 60.2% at 9 mo



What about non-TNBC MBC subsets? (HER2+ +/- ER+)

- Lower ICI response rates
 - Distinct TIME
- Combinations or sequencing therapy to activate a 'cold' TIME
 - CDK4/6i induction of IFN
 - Leveraging HER2 mAb ADCC
- Host factors?



Conclusions

- The winding road of immune checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic breast cancers
 - **Only breast-specific ICI approval for MBC is pembro for TNBC that is PD-L1 22C3 CPS \geq 10**
- Immune checkpoint inhibitor biomarkers beyond PDL1
 - **High TMB, MSI-h/dMMR: Pan-cancer approvals – rare but more than we think?**
- The future of immunotherapy for MBC
 - **Great interest in modulating the TIME – where will this go?**

Thank you!