

In the Medical Spotlight:
**Antibody-Drug Conjugates in
Advanced HER2-Positive
Gastric/Gastroesophageal
Junction Cancer**

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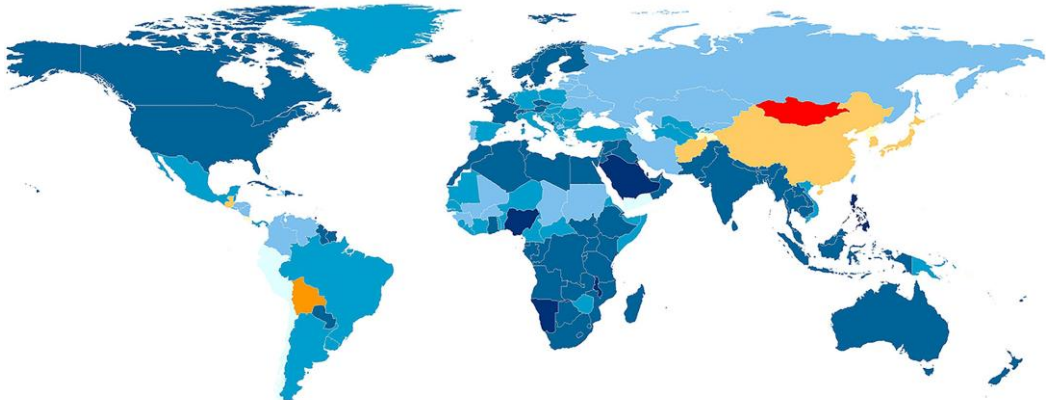
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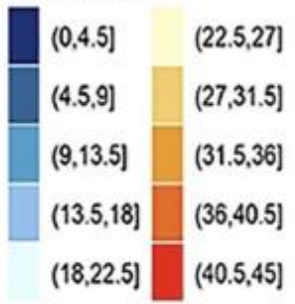


Gastric Cancer: Global Challenges

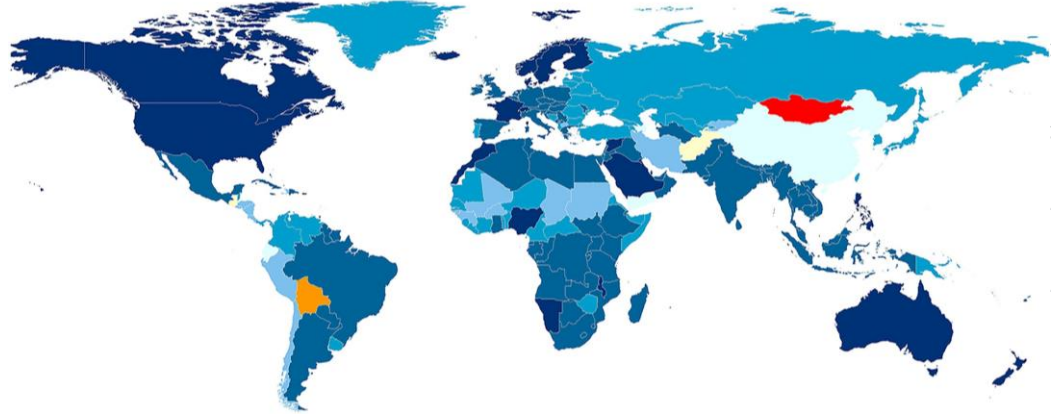
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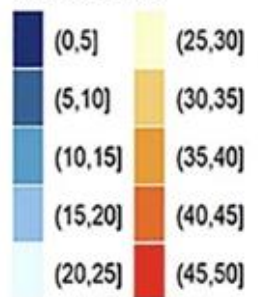
Age-standardised incidence rate (per 100000 population), both sex, 2019



Death Rate



Age-standardised death rate (per 100000 population), both sex, 2019



Song Y. et al. *Sci Rep.* 2022;12(1):11542.

Unmet Needs in G/GEJ Cancers

- Third most common cause of cancer deaths globally
- ~80% of patients present with metastatic or unresectable disease
- 5-year relative survival in US: 33%
 - Distant disease: 6%
 - Regional: 33%
 - Localized: 72%
- Goal of current initial treatment for AGC
 - Prolong survival
 - Reduce cancer-related symptoms
 - Improve QoL
- Biomarkers: HER2, MSS/MMR status, PD-L1 expression
 - When to test? How do they guide treatment?

A New World With Antibody-Drug Conjugates

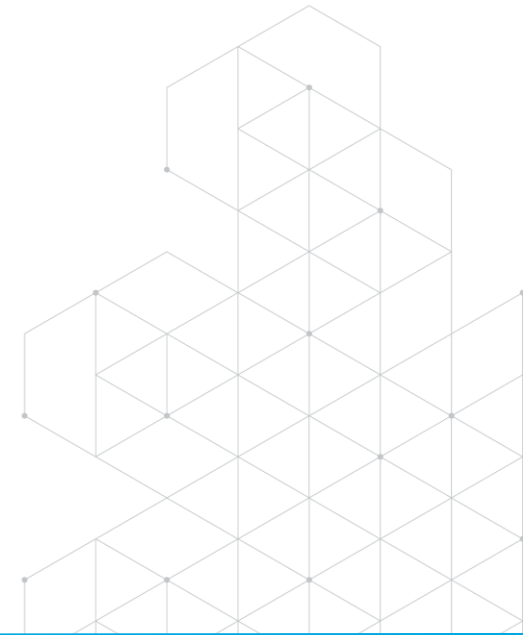


HER2 Heterogeneity: Clinical Implications

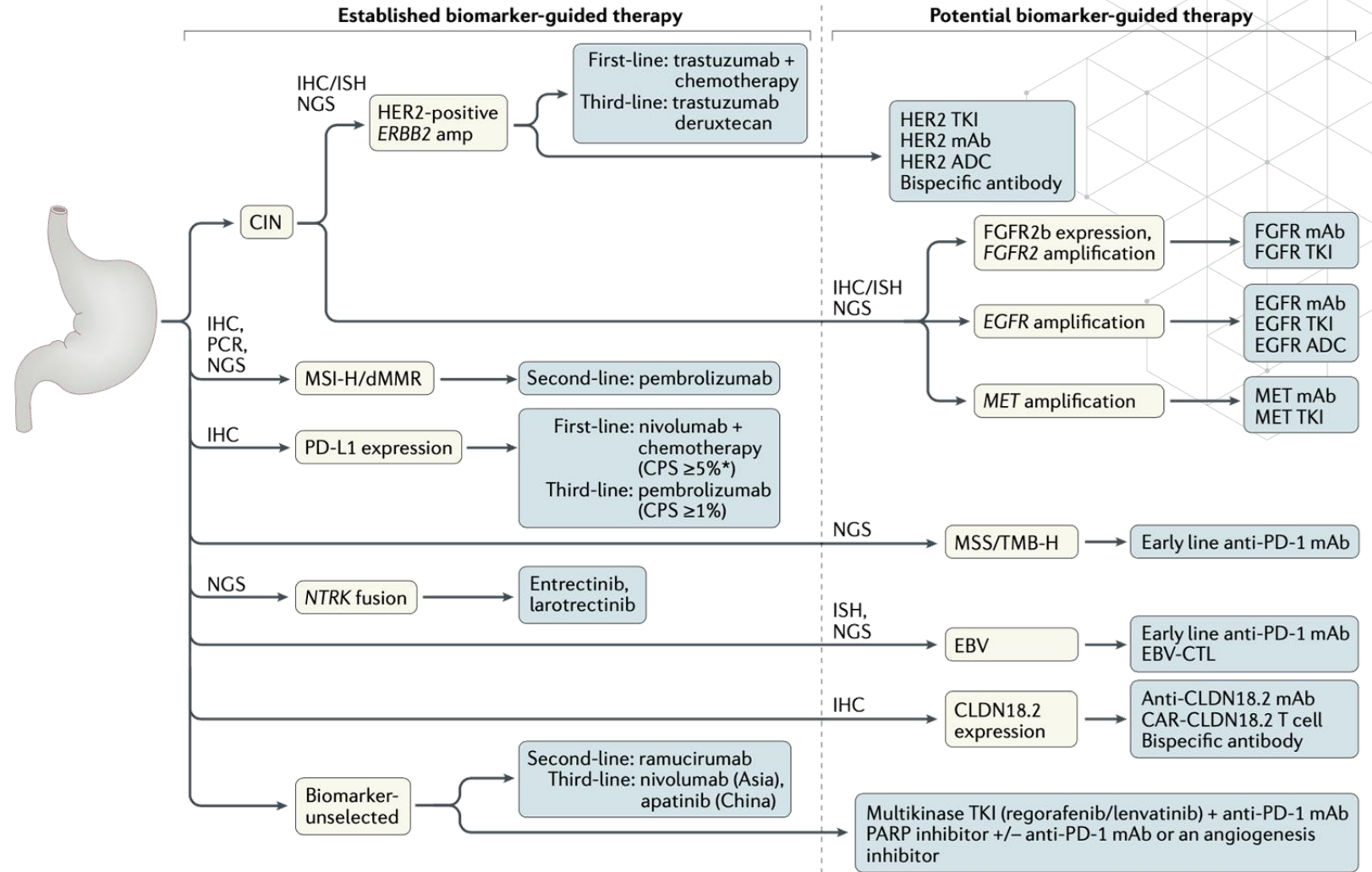
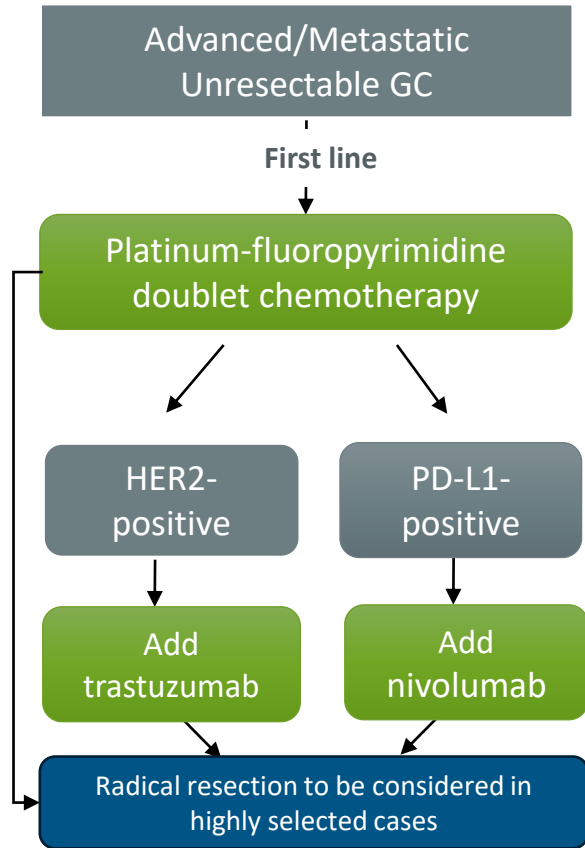
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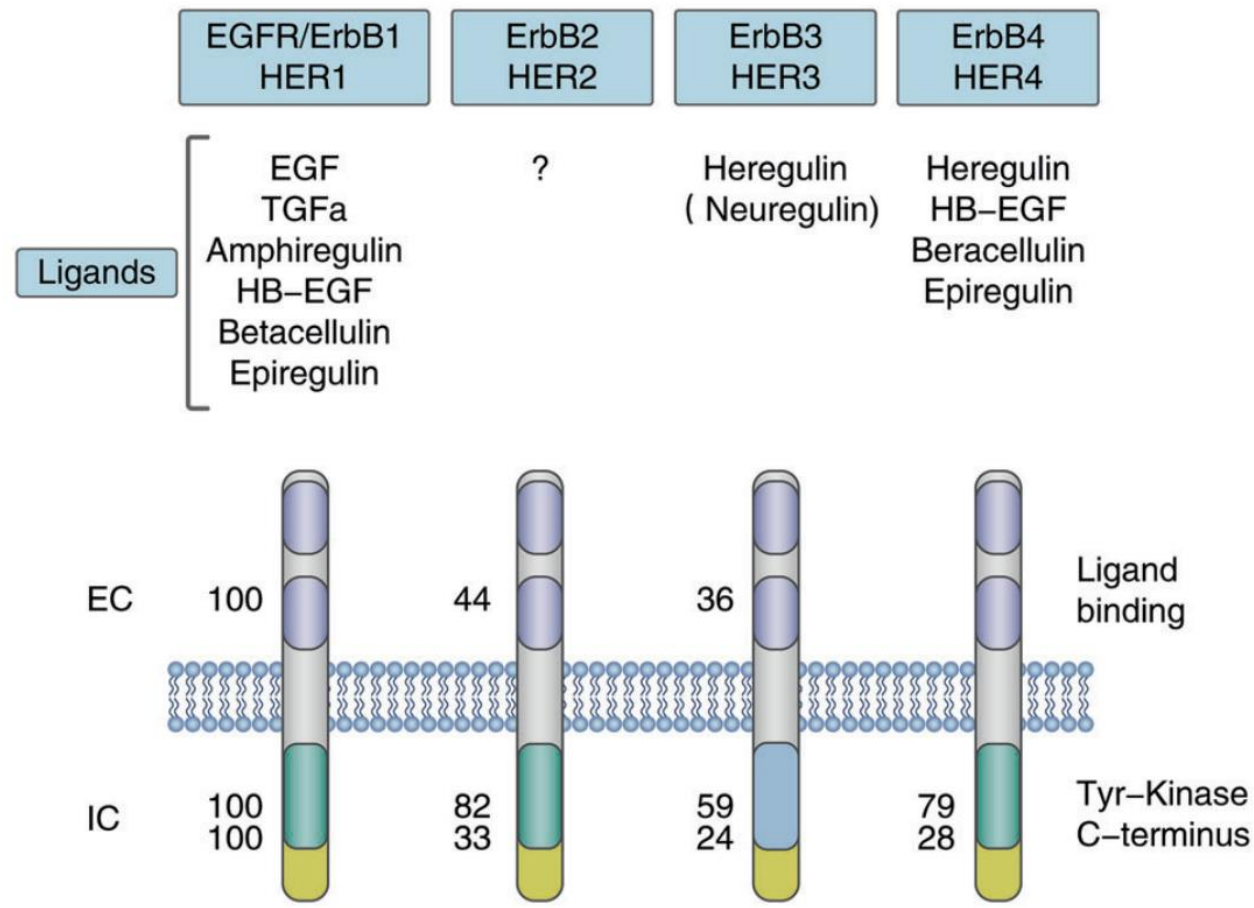


Gastric Cancer and Biomarkers

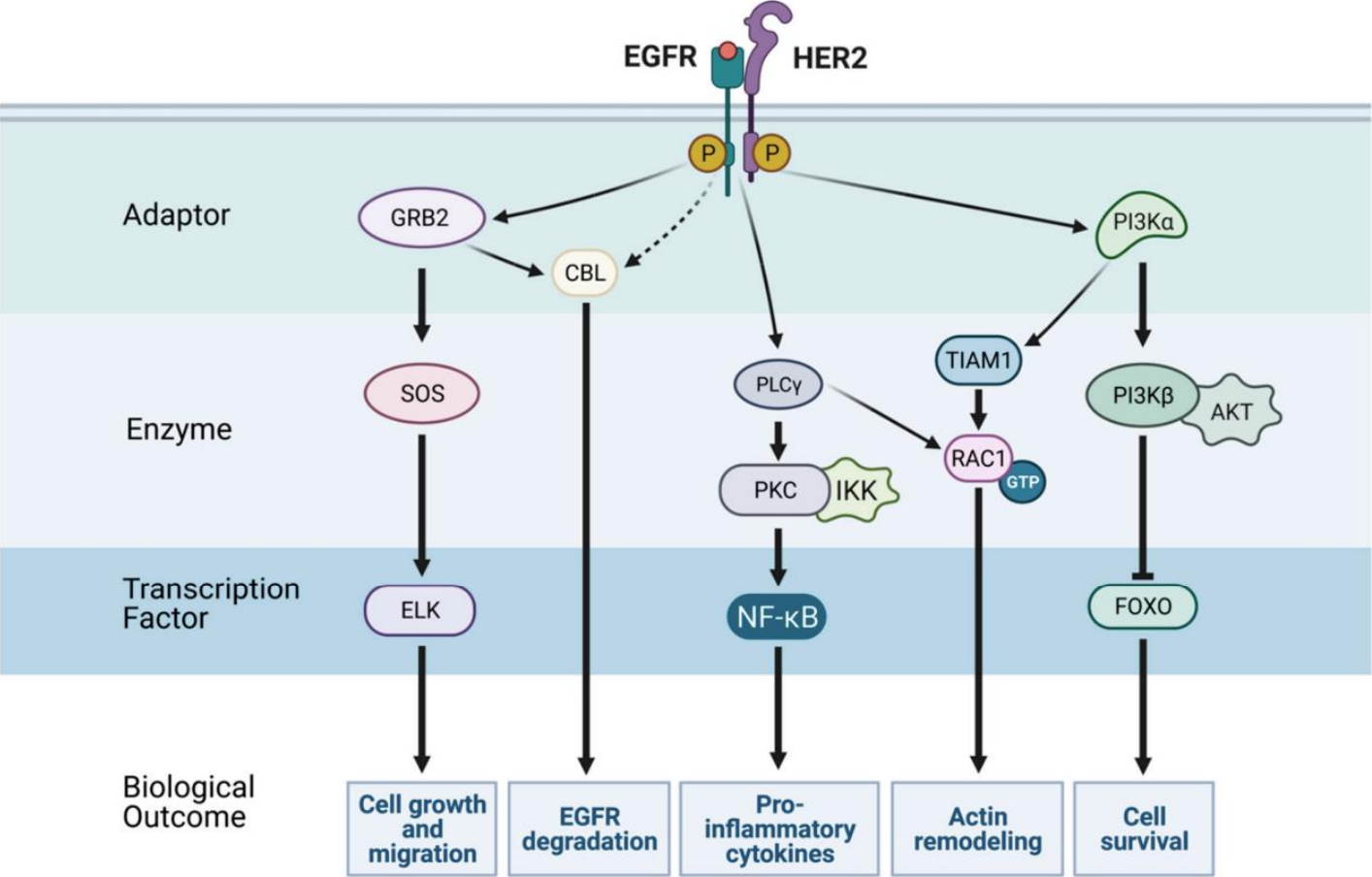


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EGFR Pathway and *HER2* Alterations

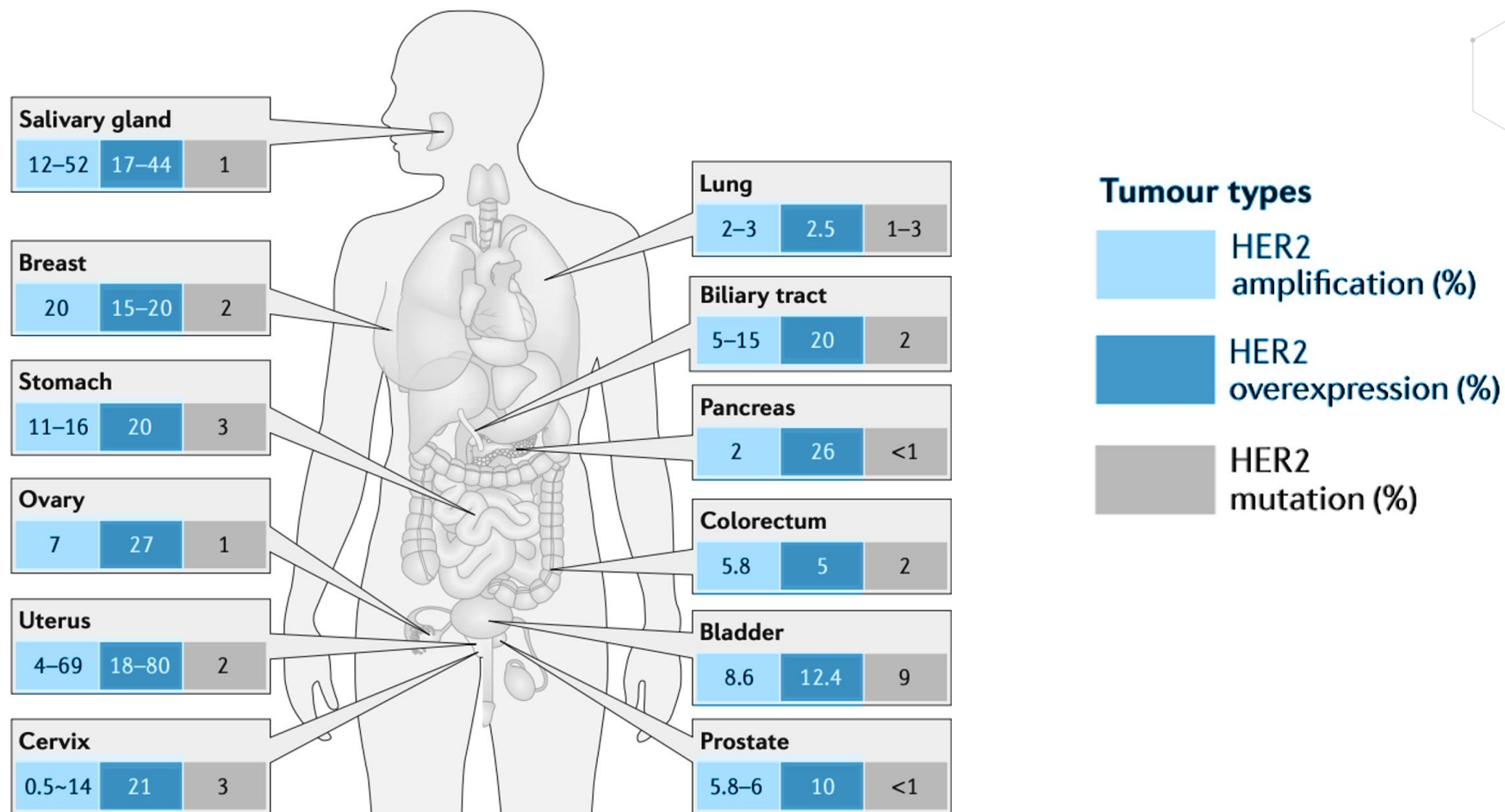


EGFR Pathway and *HER2* Alterations (cont)



Uribe ML, et al. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2021;13(11):2748.

EGFR Pathway and *HER2* Alterations



Oh DY, Bang YJ. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol.* 2020;17(1):33-48.

HER2 Testing

- Principal aspects for HER2 testing:
 - Choice of **scoring criteria** – different from breast
 - Choice of **sample** with regards to cancer - heterogeneity
 - Choice of HER2 **evaluation methods** – IHC and ISH first

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ASCO SPECIAL ARTICLE

HER2 Testing and Clinical Decision Making in Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma: Guideline From the College of American Pathologists, American Society for Clinical Pathology, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology

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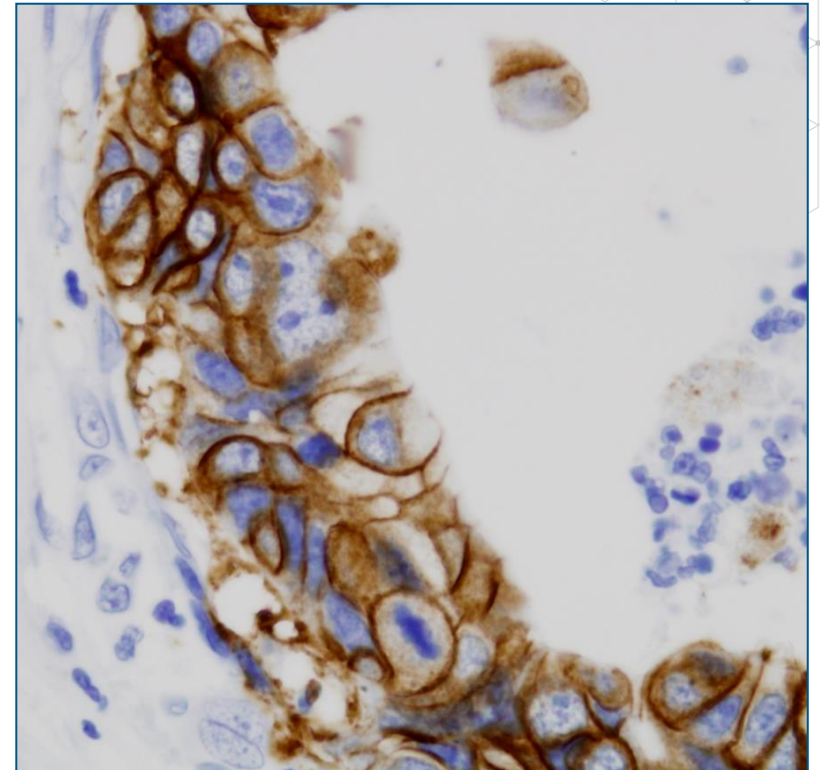
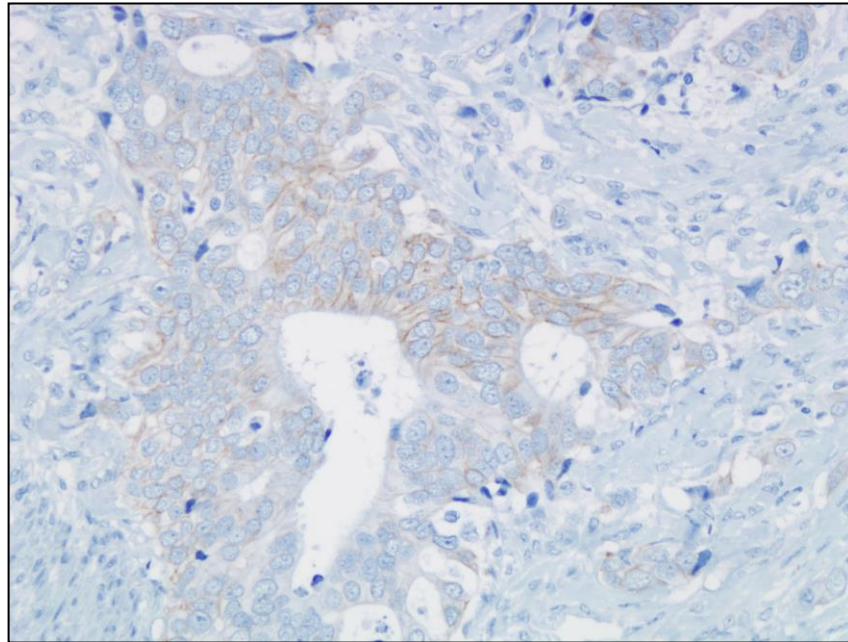
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Scoring Criteria

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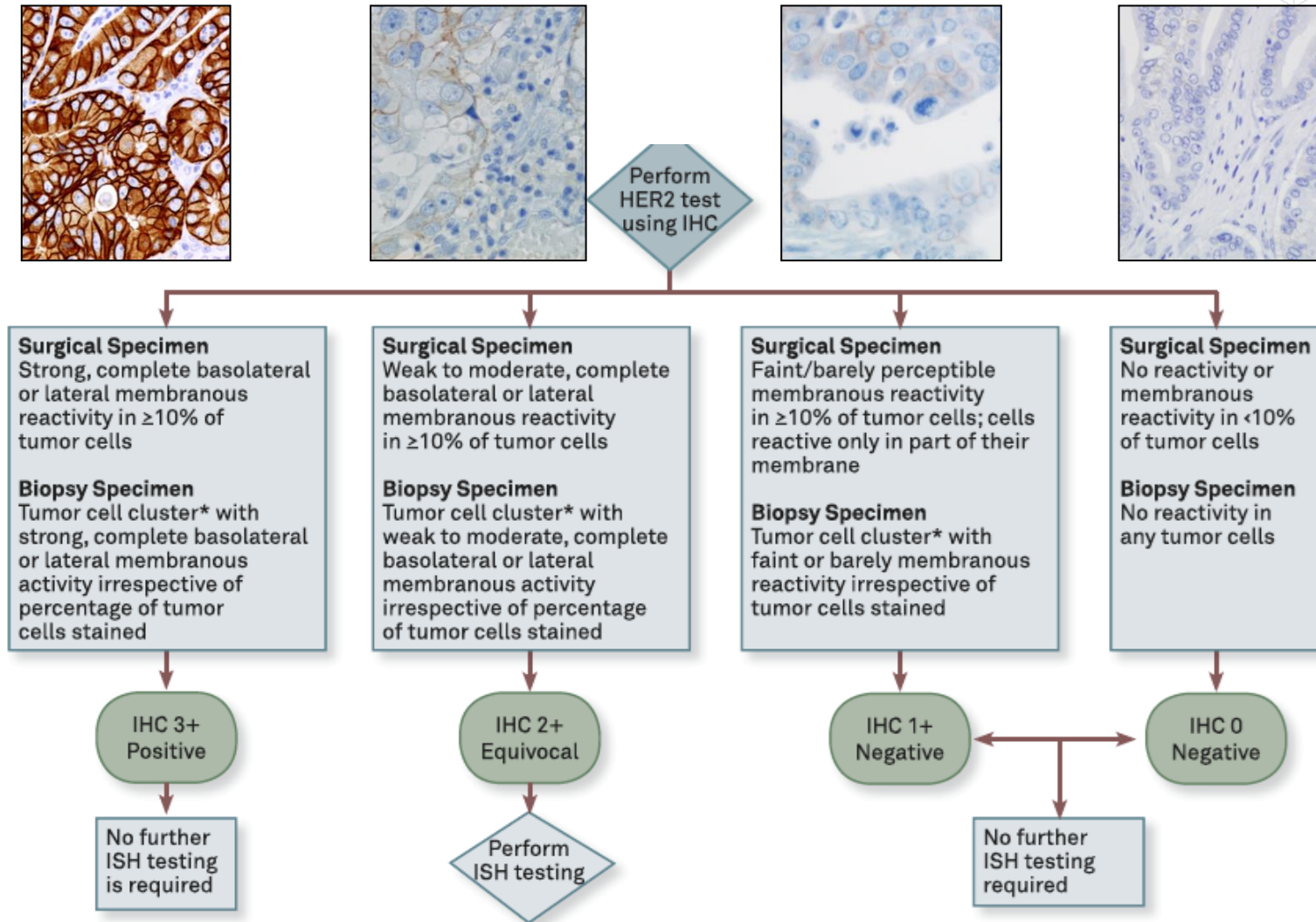
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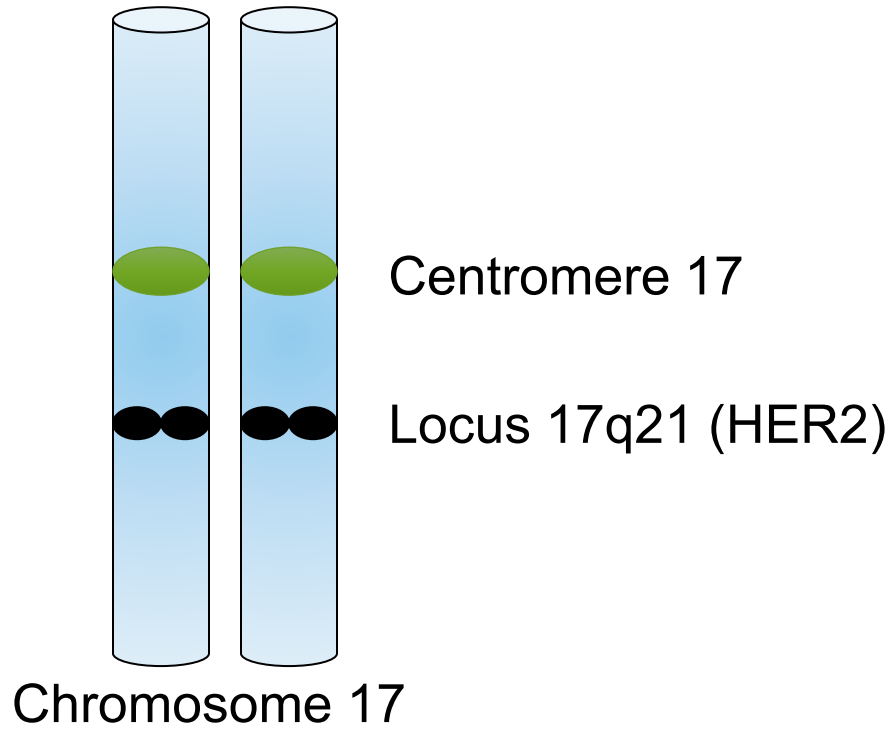
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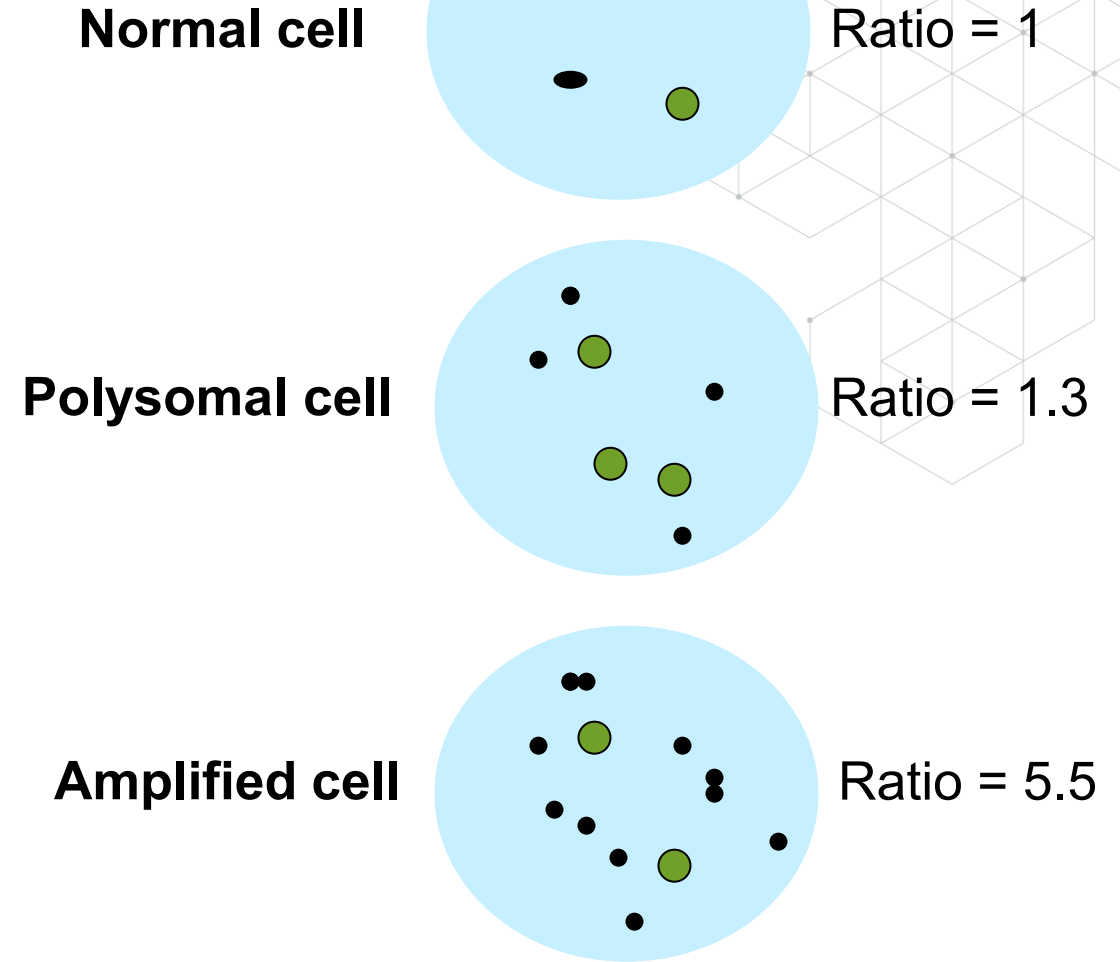


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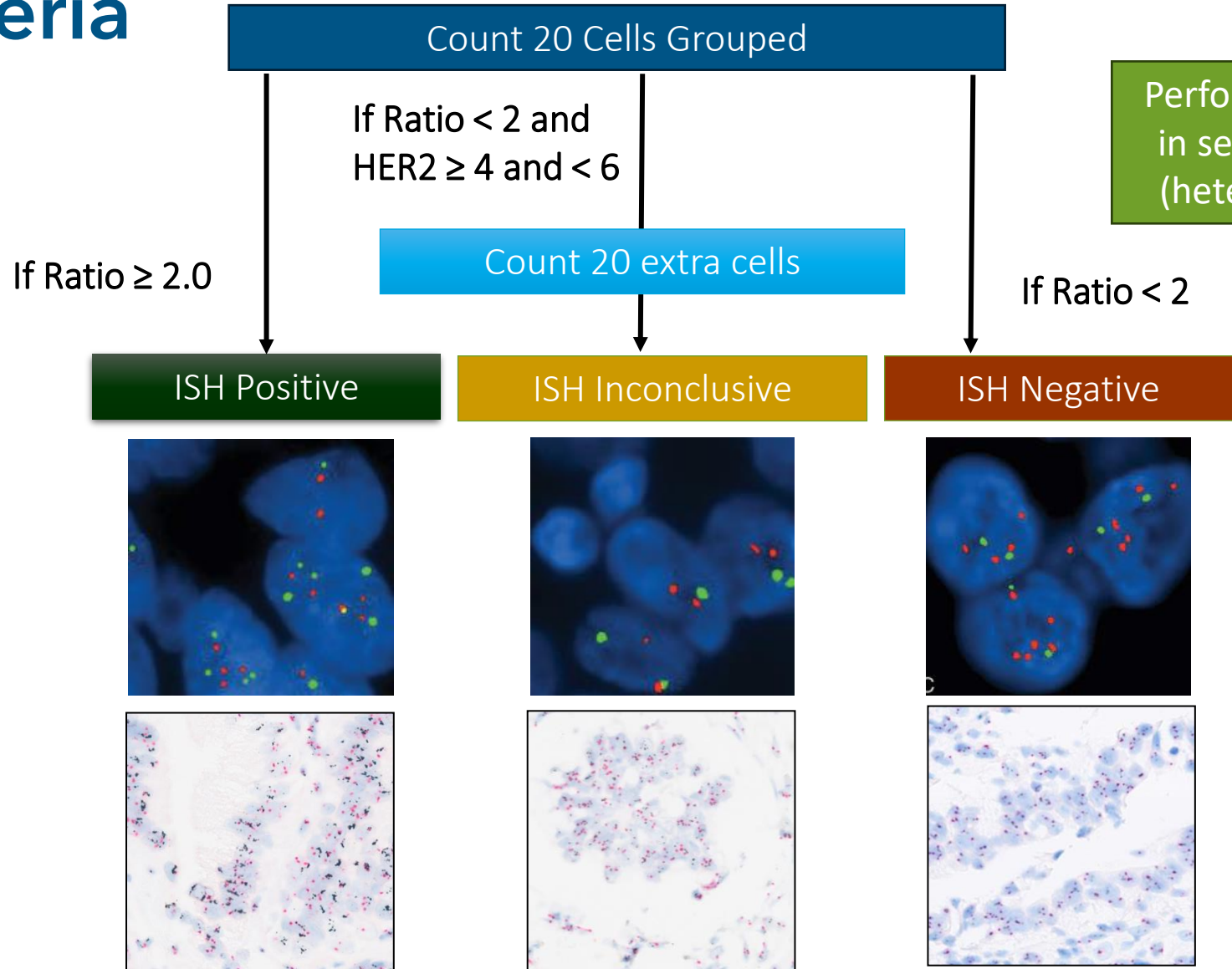
Scoring Criteria



Ratio:
mean number of HER2 copies/
mean number of copies centromere



Scoring Criteria

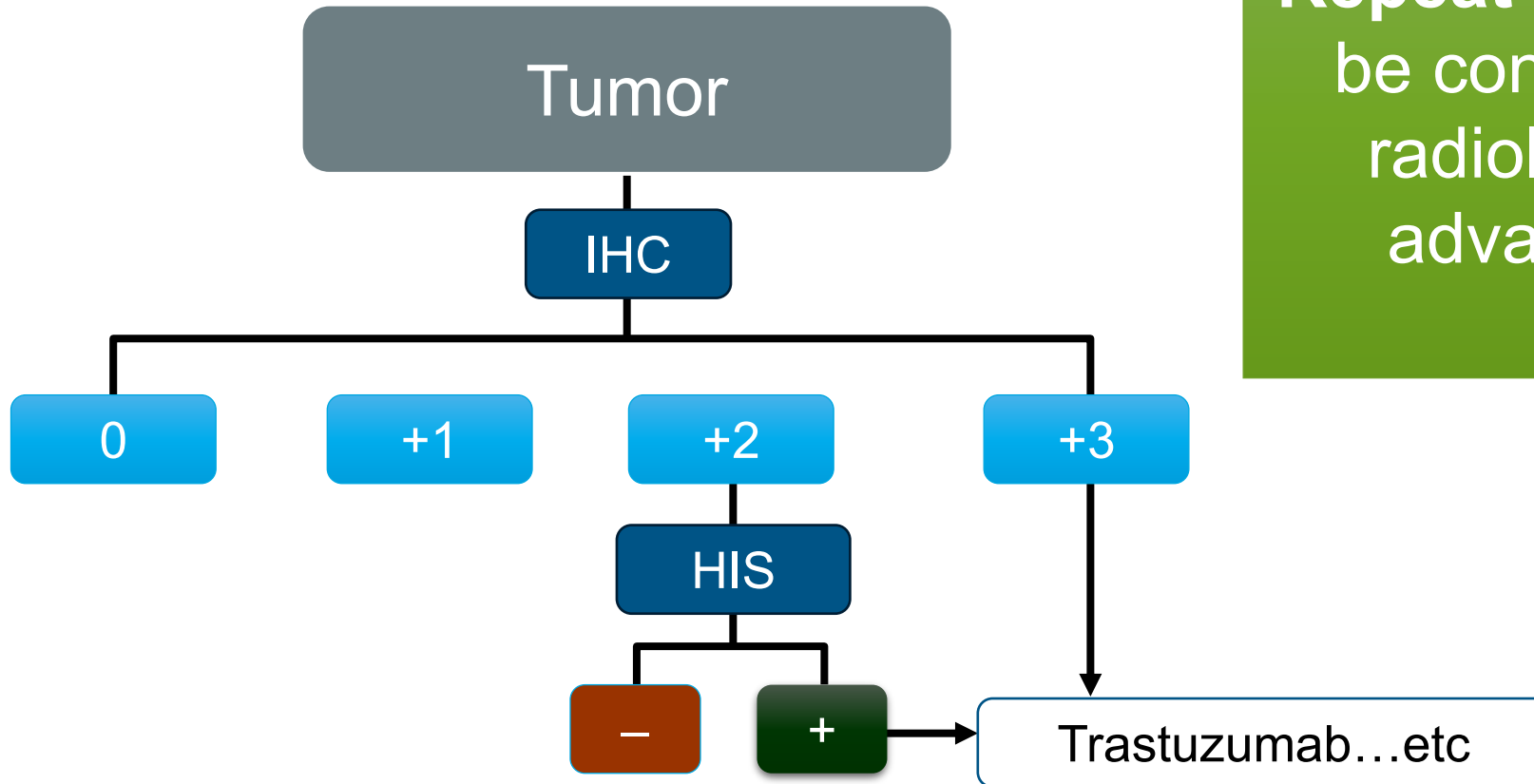


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Scoring Criteria

- If $HER2/CEP17 < 2$, but there are **more than 6 copies** of HER2 = Positive, **amplified** HIS
- If $HER2/CEP17 < 2$, but there are **fewer than 4 copies** of HER2 = Negative, **not amplified**
- If $HER2/CEP17 < 2$, and there are between **4 and 6 copies** of HER2 = **Inconclusive**; read 20 more cores, and if **inconclusive** again:
 - Select other areas
 - Use another test to analyze chromosome 17
 - Use genomics

Scoring Criteria



Repeat biomarker testing may be considered at clinical or radiologic progression of advanced or metastatic disease

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Samples

- HER2-positive GC/GEJC are more frequently of **intestinal type or mixed**
- In mixed-type carcinomas, samples with a prevalence of intestinal-type areas should be selected when performing HER2 evaluation
- **Gastroesophageal carcinomas** tend to be more often HER2-positive (33%) compared to GC (21%) according to the ToGA trial and its post hoc exploratory analysis

Samples

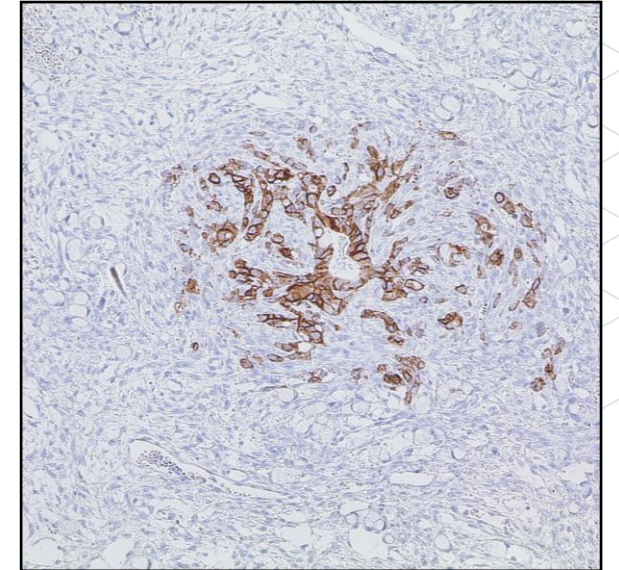
- **Primary or metastases are valid**
- **High concordance between primary and metastases**
 - Discordance rate: 1-14%
- Possible explanations for discrepancies:
 - Genetic drift or clonal selection of *HER2* mutations during neoplastic progression
 - Intratumor heterogeneity of *HER2*
 - Repeat *HER2* assessment in recurrent sites may be recommended in patients whose initial evaluation was *HER2*-negative
 - > 5.7% *HER2*-positive on biopsy of metastases (GASTHER 1 study)

Samples

- **Biopsy or surgical specimen are valid:**
 - Concordance rates ranging from 45.5-94%
 - A probable explanation for false negative *HER2* status on biopsy is **heterogeneity**, whereas
 - *HER2* positivity on biopsy and not on surgical resections may be due to **prolonged cold ischemia and/or over- or under-fixation in larger specimens**

Samples

- If it is biopsy:
 - **Minimum 4 tumor fragments**
 - **Ideal between 6 and 8 fragments**
- **Multi-block analysis has shown to increase sensitivity** and accuracy
 - False negative rates for one-block analysis compared to multi-block analysis are between 7-10%
- Cytology cell block may be valid if you do not have a biopsy or surgical specimen



HER2 Heterogeneity

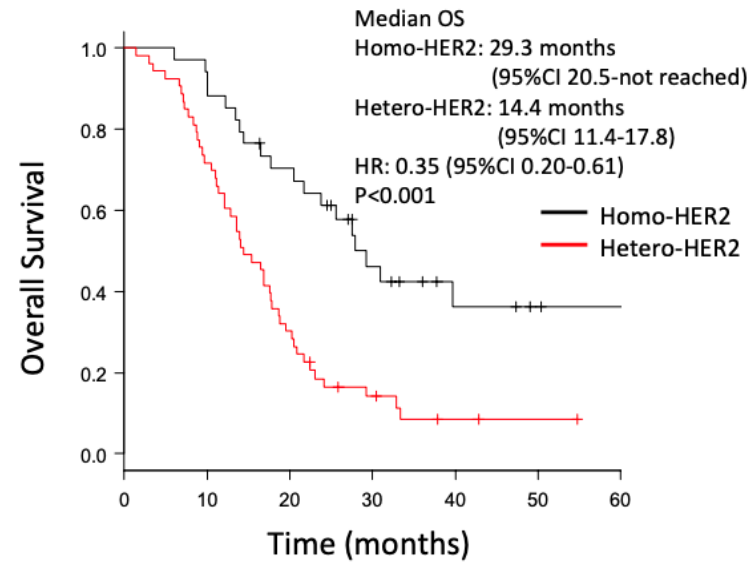
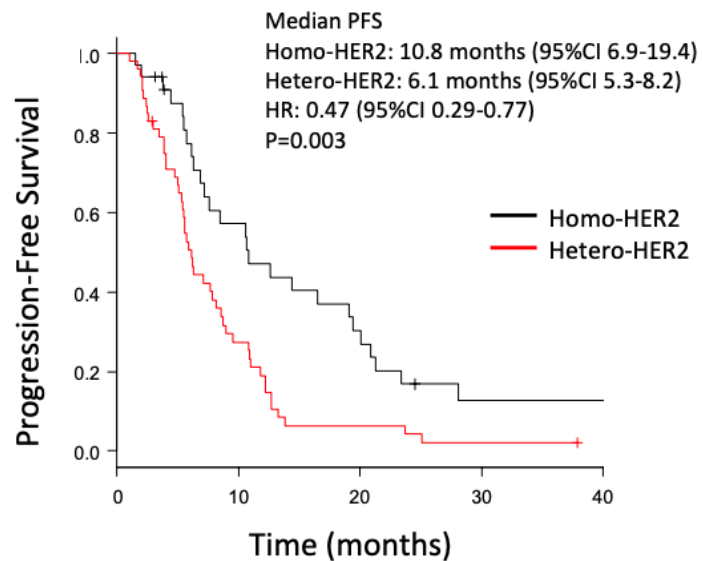
Heterogeneity in HER2 determination

- HER2 heterogeneity by IHC range from 39.0-75.4%
- Up to 34.3% between surgical specimens and biopsy specimens (“intratumoral heterogeneity”)
- Up to 11% between primary gastric cancers and metastatic tumors (“intertumoral heterogeneity”)

HER2 Heterogeneity

Clinical significance of HER2 heterogeneity

- Higher response rate and a deeper response vs heterogeneous *HER2*-positive gastric cancer

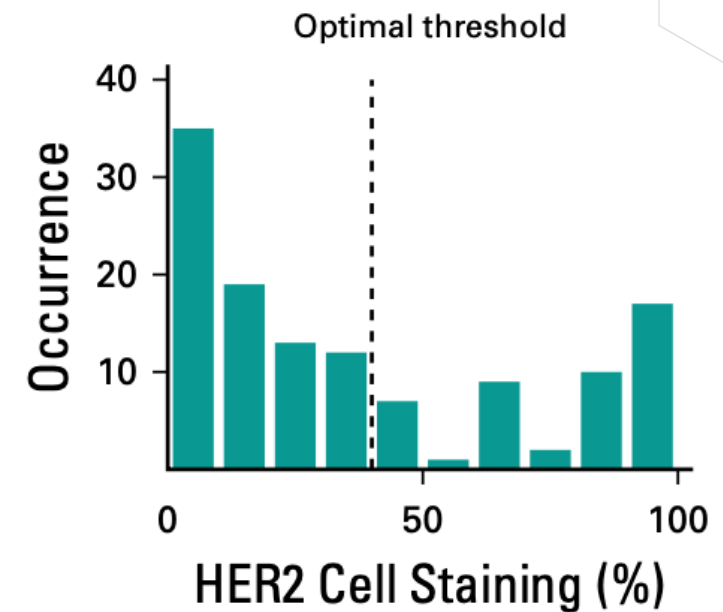
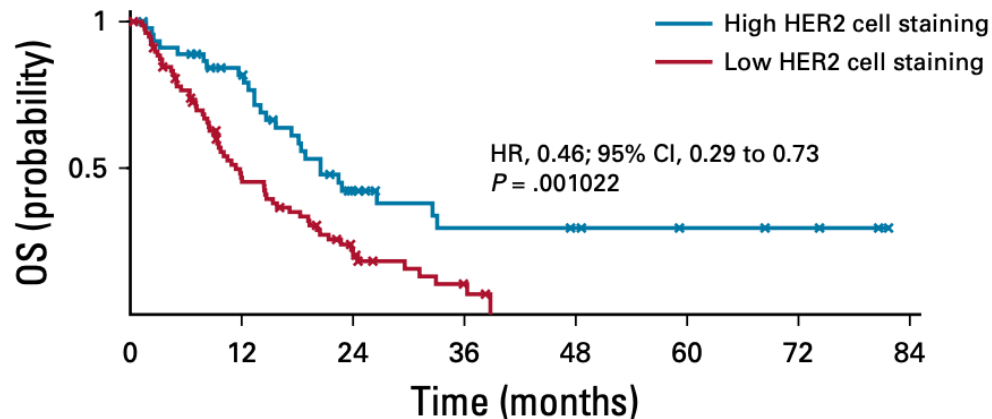


HER2 heterogeneity is a useful biomarker for predicting trastuzumab efficacy

Significantly longer PFS and OS in the homogeneous *HER2*-positive group

HER2 Heterogeneity

- A minimum of 40% HER2+ tumor cells and a HER2 amplification ratio of ≥ 3.0 were calculated as optimized thresholds for predicting benefit from trastuzumab



Report

Key Reporting Elements

HER2 by immunohistochemistry result

- Negative (score 0)
- Negative (score 1+)
- Equivocal (score 2+)
- Positive (score 3+)
- Indeterminate (explain): _____

HER2 (ERBB2) by ISH result

- Negative (not amplified)
- Positive (amplified)
- Indeterminate (explain): _____

Number of cells counted: _____

- Using dual-probe assay

HER2 (ERBB2) to CEP17 ratio: _____

Average number of HER2 (ERBB2) signals per cell: _____

Range of number of HER2 (ERBB2) signals per cell: _____

- Using single-probe assay

Average number of HER2 (ERBB2) signals per cell: _____

Range of number of HER2 (ERBB2) signals per cell: _____

HER2 (ERBB2) genomic test (specify findings, eg, gene amplification, nucleotide sequence of specific mutation[s])

- Negative
- Positive
- Indeterminate (explain): _____

Methods

HER2 protein expression by immunohistochemistry

- FDA cleared (specify test/vendor): _____
- Laboratory-developed test

Specify primary antibody

- 4B5
- HercepTest
- A0485
- SP3
- CB11
- Other (specify): _____

No guidelines for HER2 heterogeneity assessment

HER2 (ERBB2) gene amplification by ISH

- FDA cleared (specify test/vendor): _____
- Laboratory-developed test (specify FISH or ISH, probes, major instrument): _____

Number of observers: _____

HER2 (ERBB2) genomic test for amplification or mutation

Laboratory-developed test method: _____

The presence of heterogeneity (> 40% or ratio \geq 3.0) should be included in our report

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Methods

- Recommended methodology for HER2 assessment:
 - IHC
 - ISH
 - NGS
 - Liquid biopsy



Methods

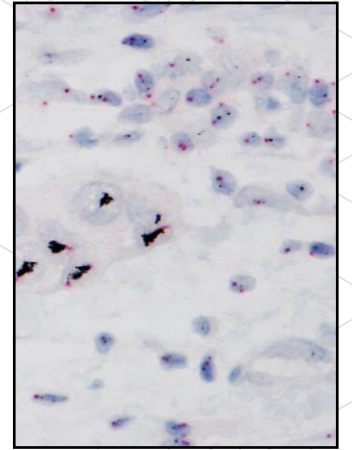
- **Problematic issues on the determination include:**
 - Pre-analytic variables with particular emphasis on **fixation**
- **Standardized tissue handling**
 - Time from biopsy/surgery to fixation (cold ischemia)
 - Type of fixation (10% neutral buffered formalin)
 - Time of fixation (minimum: 8h; maximum: 48h)
 - Freshly cut sections
- Quality assured laboratories with validated and standardized immunohistochemical testing kits

Method

- *HER2* testing in GC should be performed by **IHC as the first approach**
- High concordance rates between IHC protein overexpression and ISH amplification (87-98%)
- Concordance studies between FISH, CISH, and SISH showed high concordance rates (91-100%)
- **Bright field ISH techniques (CISH and SISH) may become the preferred assay** in the future
 - Enable parallel evaluation of the microscopic morphology

Methods: IHC and ISH

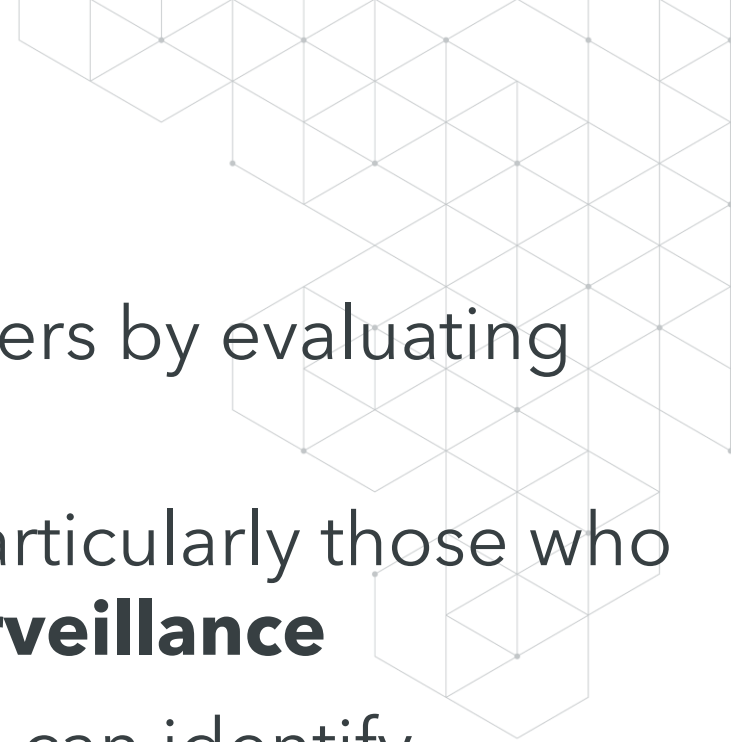
- Use **FDA-approved companion diagnostic** tests
- If using method not approved by the FDA, it must be **validated**
- Use appropriate **controls**
- Turnaround time should ideally not exceed 5 working days
- Centralized testing is recommended wherever possible
- All laboratories should be encouraged to participate in validated quality assurance programs



Methods: NGS

- **NCCN guidelines**

- The use of IHC/ISH should be considered first, followed by additional NGS testing as appropriate
- NGS offers the opportunity to **assess numerous mutations simultaneously**, along with other molecular abnormalities
- Consider NGS **when limited diagnostic tissue is available**
- Comprehensive genomic profiling via a **validated NGS assay** performed in a CLIA-approved laboratory may be used



Methods: Liquid Biopsy

- = identification of genomic alterations of solid cancers by evaluating circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in blood
- May be used in patients with **advanced disease**, particularly those who are unable to have a clinical biopsy, **for disease surveillance**
- The detection of mutations/alterations in DNA shed can identify targetable alterations or the **evolution** of clones with altered treatment response profiles
- Use of **validated NGS comprehensive genomic profiling** performed in a CLIA-approved laboratory



Key Takeaways

- We should test *HER2* in every metastatic/advanced unresectable gastric cancer
- We should follow the current guidelines to test *HER2*
- Inform about heterogeneity of the expression *HER2*
- Options of other methods
 - NGS in tumor samples
 - Liquid biopsy for surveillance

Unmet Needs in Second-Line HER2+ Gastric/Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer

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Anti-HER2 Therapy Is Global Standard for HER2-High AGC

ESMO Gastric Cancer Guidelines

Advanced/Metastatic Unresectable GC

First line

Platinum-fluoropyrimidine doublet chemotherapy

HER2-Positive

PD-L1-positive

Add trastuzumab

Add nivolumab

Radical resection to be considered in highly selected cases

Japanese Gastric Cancer Guidelines

First Line

HER2-Negative

- 5-FU + CDDP
- 5-FU/I-LV
- 5-FI/I-LV + PTX
- S-1
- S-1 + DTX

HER2-Positive

- 5-FU + CDDP + T-mAb
- FOLFOX + T-mAb

Second Line

HER2-Negative

- Weekly PTX
- Weekly nab-PTX
- DTX
- IRI
- RAM
- RAM + IRI
- Ram + nab-PTX

HER2-Positive

- Consider combo of T-mAb + chemo in the case o no prior T-mAb

NCCN Gastric Cancer Guidelines

Systemic Therapy for Unresectable Locally Advanced, Recurrent, or Metastatic Disease (where local therapy is not indicated)

First-Line Therapy

Oxaliplatin is preferred over cisplatin due to lower toxicity

HER2 overexpression-positive

- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and oxaliplatin and trastuzumab
- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and oxaliplatin and trastuzumab and pembrolizumab
- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and cisplatin and trastuzumab (category 1)
- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and cisplatin and trastuzumab and pembrolizumab

HER2 overexpression-negative

- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and nivolumab (PD-L1 CPS ≥5) (category 1)
- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and oxaliplatin
- Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil or capecitabine) and cisplatin

Anti-HER2 therapy is recommended by all international gastric cancer guidelines

Anti-HER2 Therapy Is a Global Standard of Care for HER2-High Advanced Gastric Cancer

The TOGA trial established the longstanding standard of care

Trial Schema

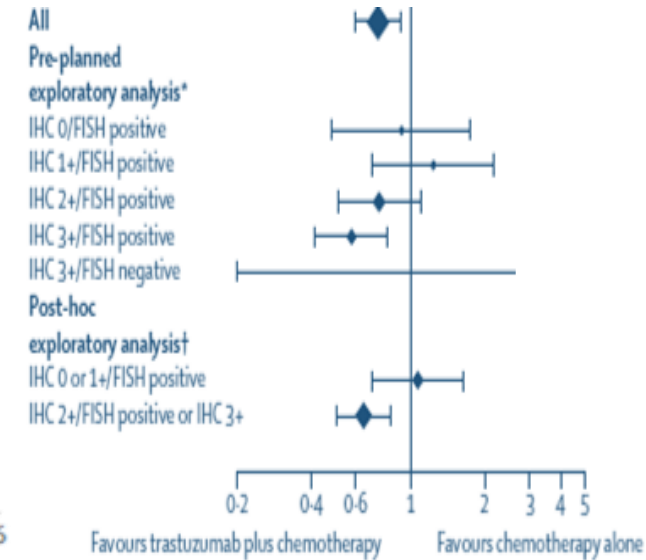
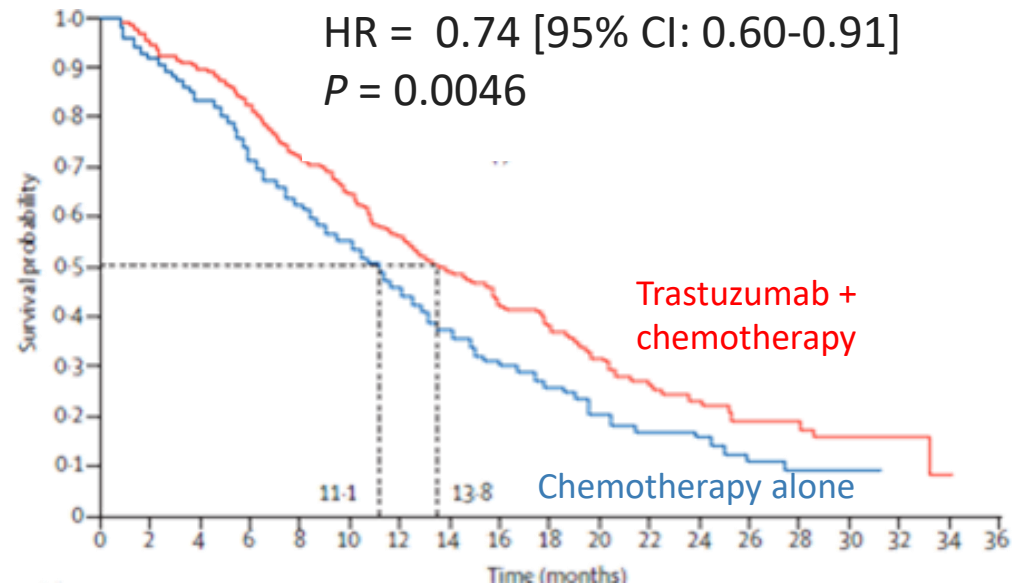
Treatment-naïve advanced HER2-positive* gastric cancer

Cisplatin-5FU/X
(n = 296)

Cisplatin-5FU/X
Trastuzumab
(n = 298)

Primary Endpoint OS

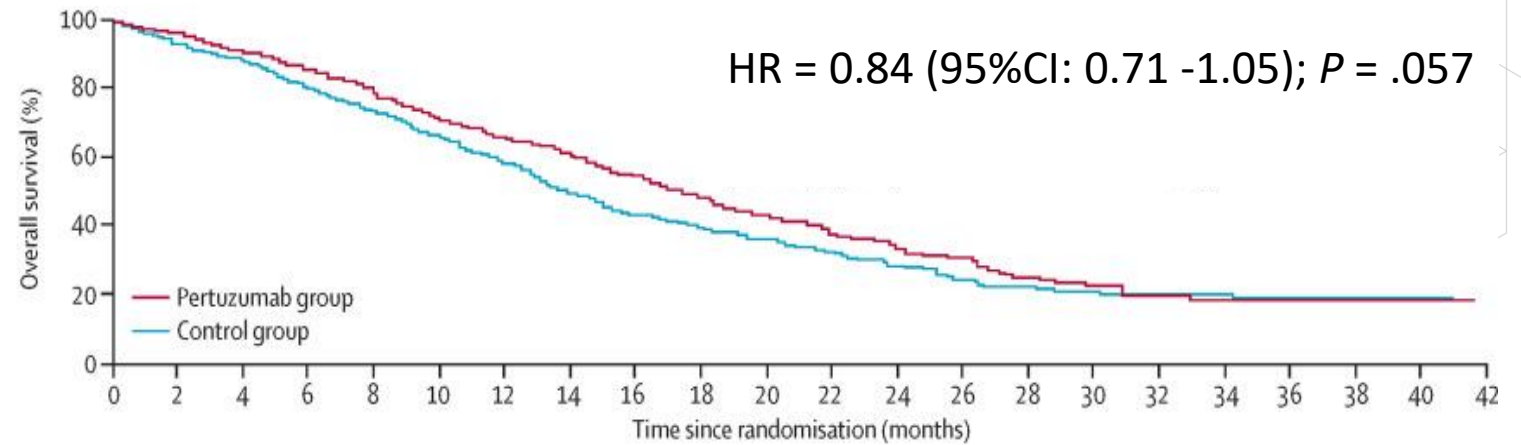
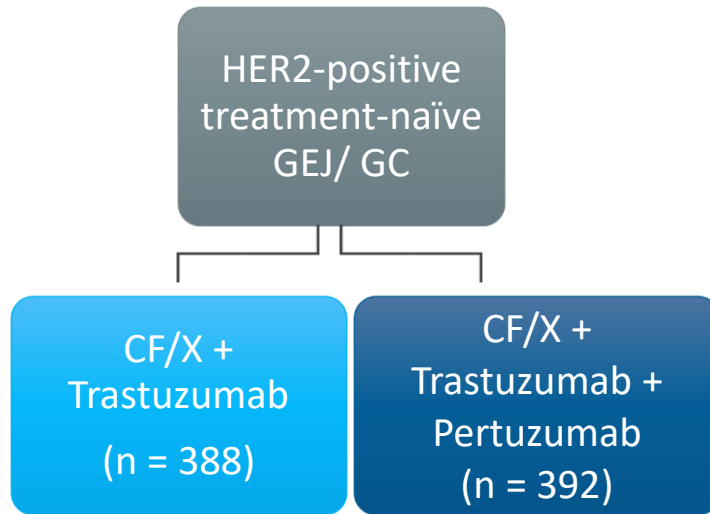
*IHC 3+ or FISH positive



- Addition of trastuzumab to CF/X: ↑ response rate, PFS, and OS
- Trastuzumab is most effective in IHC 3+ or IHC 2+ FISH-positive disease

JACOB: Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab in HER2-Positive AGC, First-Line Treatment, Initial Results

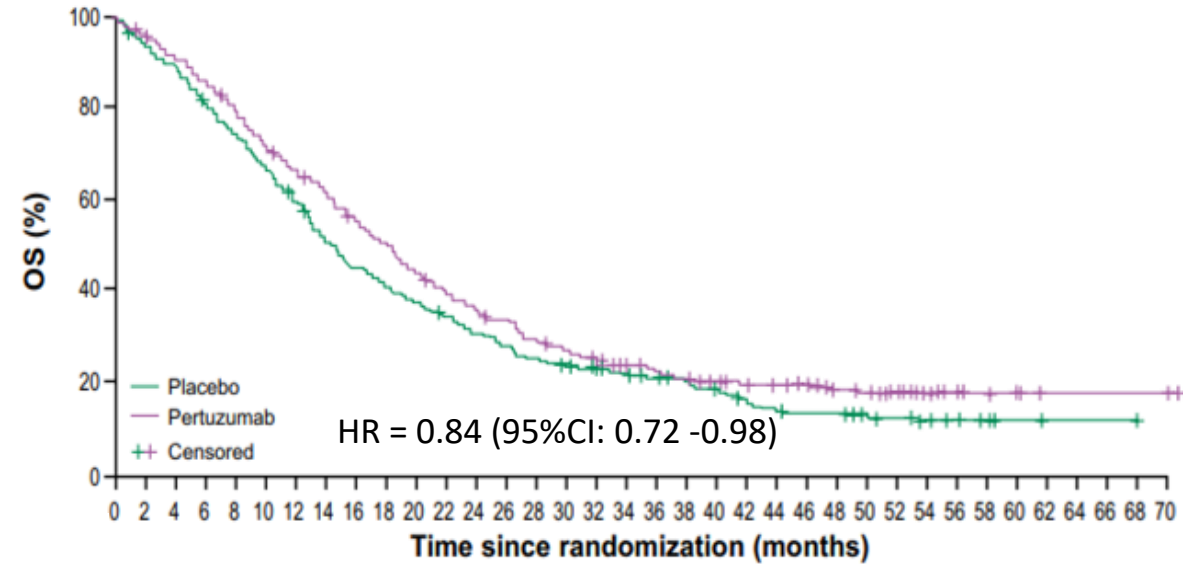
- JACOB: No significant improvement in OS for trastuzumab + pertuzumab vs trastuzumab alone



	CF/X + T	CF/X + T + P
ORR, %	56.7	48.3
DOR, mo	10.2	8.4
mPFS, mo	7.0	8.5
	HR = 0.73 (95%CI: 0.62 -0.86)	
mOS, mo	14.2	17.5

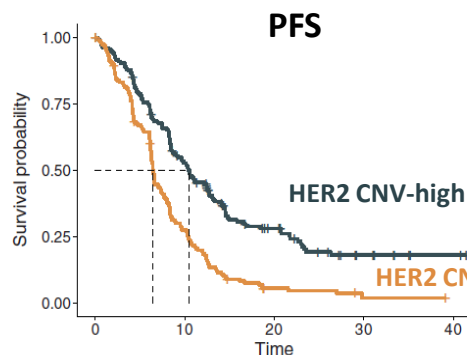
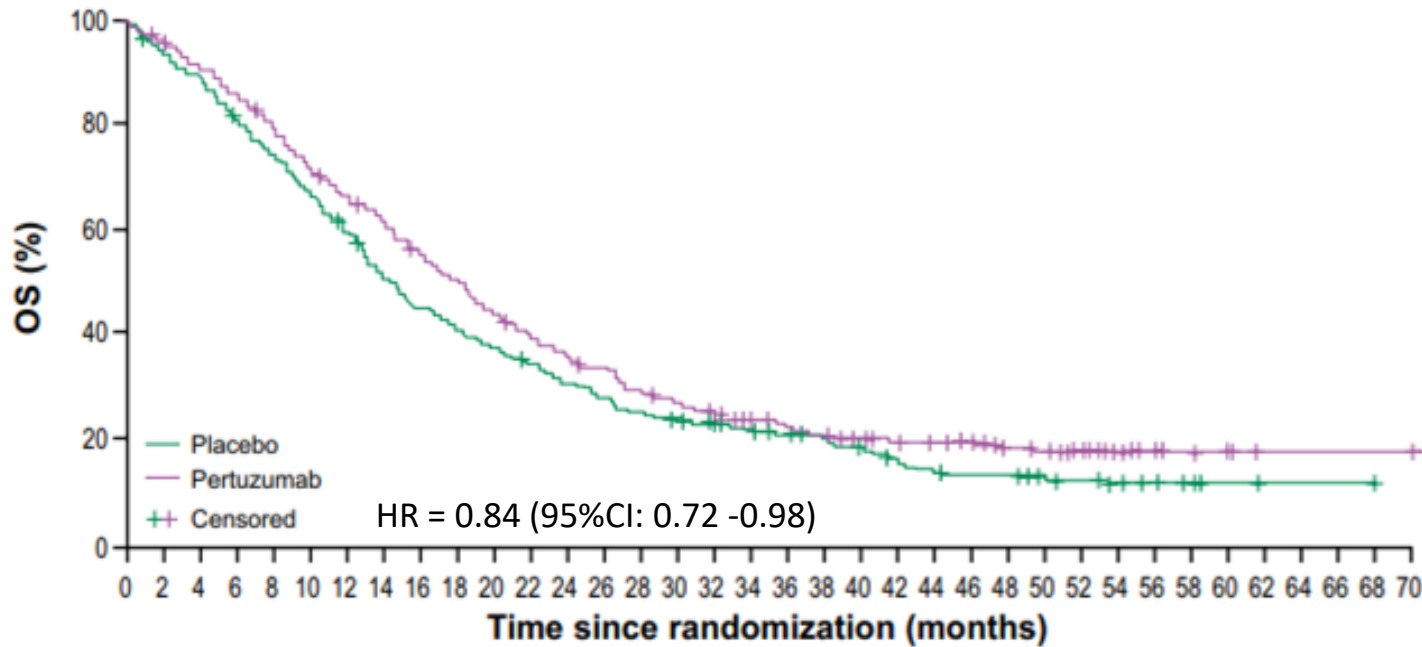
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JACOB: Long-Term Follow-Up

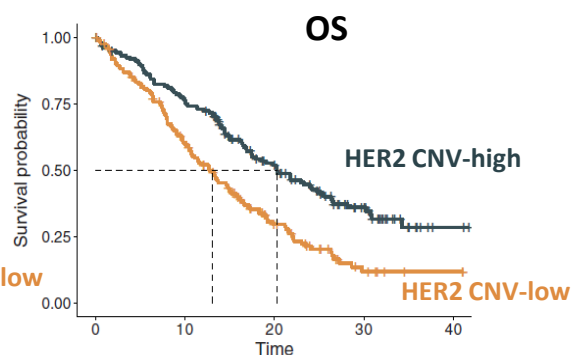


	Total N	Placebo (n = 392) Median n (months)	Pertuzumab (n = 388) Median n (months)	HR	95% Wald CI	Pertuzumab better	Placebo better		
All patients	780	392	14.2	388	18.1	0.84	(0.72-0.98)		
HER2 status									
IHC 2+ and ISH-positive	259	130	11.9	129	13.0	0.85	(0.65-1.11)		
IHC 3+	521	262	17.1	259	19.5	0.83	(0.68-1.01)		
HER2 IHC staining pattern (IHC 2+ or 3+)									
Focal (0-29%)	153	84	11.2	69	12.9	0.87	(0.62-1.24)		
Heterogenous (30-79%)	171	79	12.7	92	16.6	0.90	(0.64-1.25)		
Homogenous (80-100%)	456	229	17.5	227	19.9	0.81	(0.65-1.00)		
HER2 IHC staining pattern (IHC 3+)									
Focal (0-29%)	117	57	13.7	60	18.2	0.88	(0.59-1.31)		
Heterogenous (30-79%)	125	63	14.9	62	14.5	1.01	(0.69-1.48)		
Homogenous (80-100%)	279	142	21.5	137	26.1	0.74	(0.56-0.98)		
Gene copy number									
< 6	128	60	13.1	68	12.7	1.02	(0.70-1.49)		
≥ 6	476	242	13.8	234	18.6	0.77	(0.63-0.95)		
Gene copy number									
≤ median	303	148	11.4	155	12.7	0.86	(0.68-1.10)		
> median	301	154	18.0	147	22.5	0.74	(0.56-0.96)		
HER2 mRNA									
≤ median	361	173	11.8	188	13.9	0.89	(0.71-1.11)		
> median	359	181	17.5	178	23.9	0.75	(0.59-0.95)		
HER3 mRNA									
≤ median	363	178	14.6	185	18.6	0.88	(0.70-1.11)		
> median	354	176	13.1	178	16.6	0.76	(0.60-0.96)		
HER3 complete membrane stain Int H score									
≤ median	442	225	13.8	217	18.8	0.76	(0.62-0.94)		
> median	248	119	14.7	129	16.2	0.95	(0.72-1.25)		

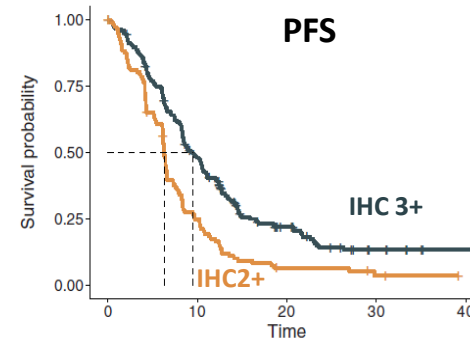
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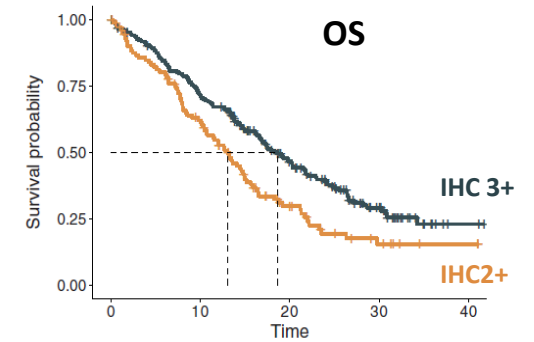
mPFS: 10.5 vs 6.4 mo
HR = 0.48; $P < 0.001$



mOS: 20.3 vs 13.0 mo
HR = 0.54; $P < 0.001$



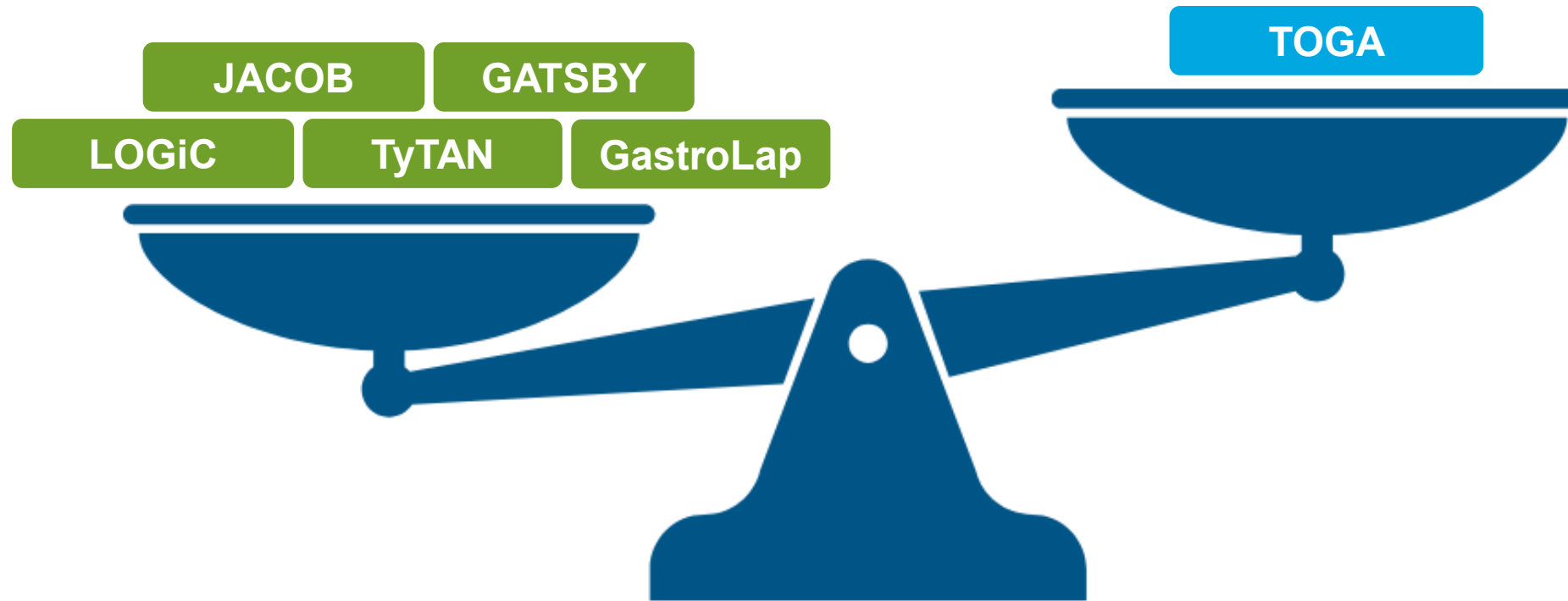
mPFS: 9.5 vs 6.3 mo
HR = 0.55; $P < 0.001$



mOS: 18.6 vs 13.0 mo
HR = 0.64; $P = 0.002$

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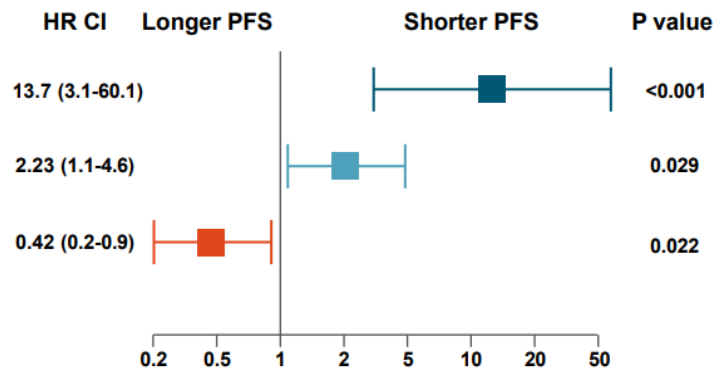
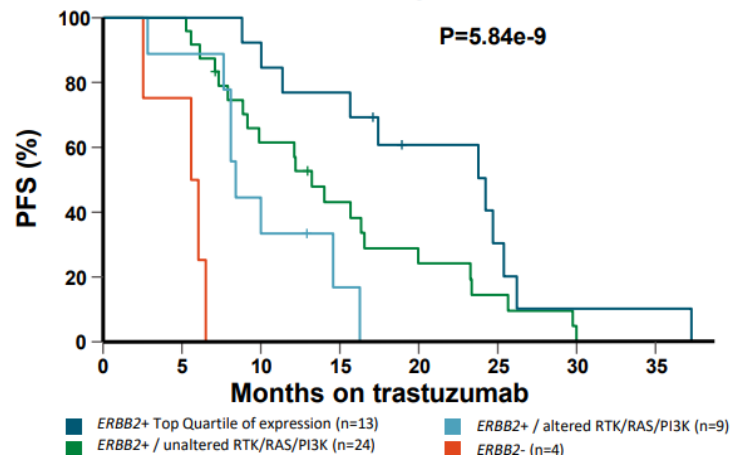
HER2+ AGC Treatment: Why Were So Many Trials Negative?



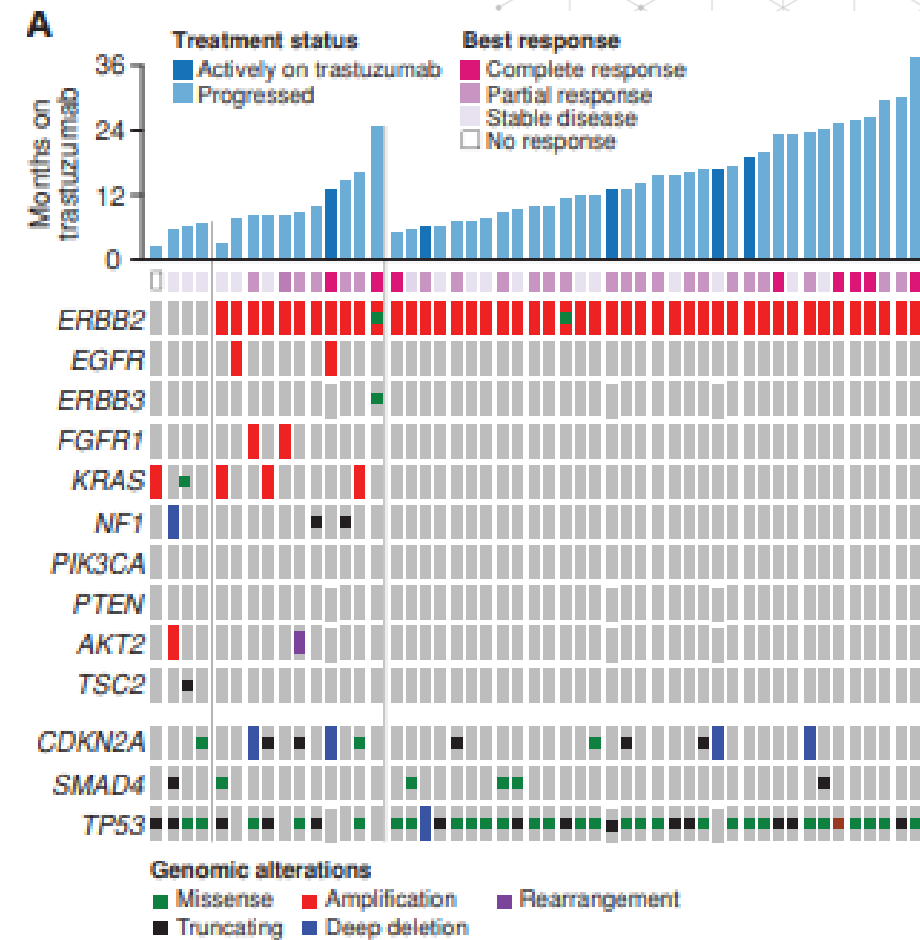
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Genomic Predictors of Resistance to Trastuzumab

- Retrospective analysis of MSKCC cohort
 - Predominantly stage IV gastroesophageal cancer (N = 295)
- 30% of HER2+ tumors lacked ERBB2 amplification or had co-mutations of the RTK/RAS/PI3K pathway
 - These patients had rapid progression on trastuzumab

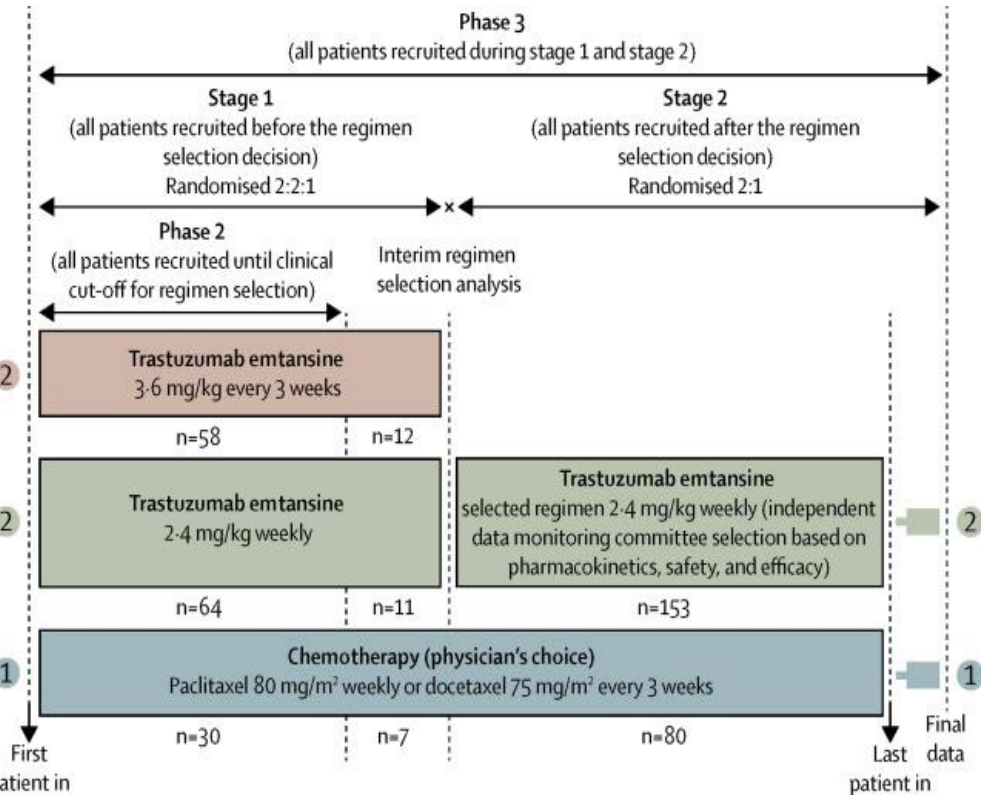


Genomic Biomarkers in Esophagogastric Adenocarcinoma



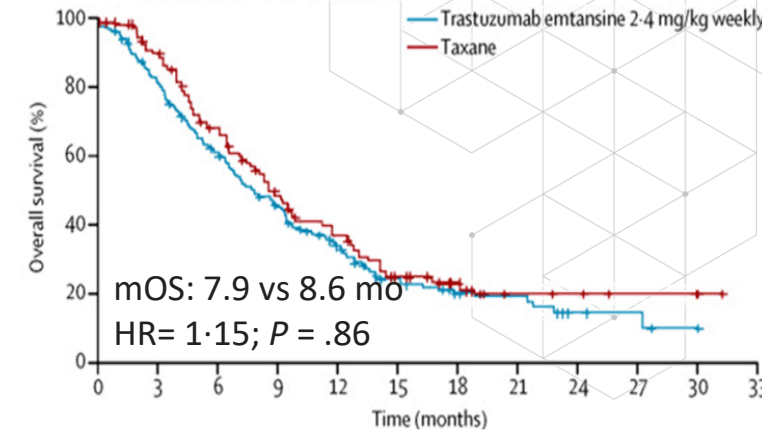
T-DM1 vs Taxane in HER2+ AGC: GATSBY

- GATSBY: **No significant improvement in OS** for trastuzumab emtansine vs taxane alone

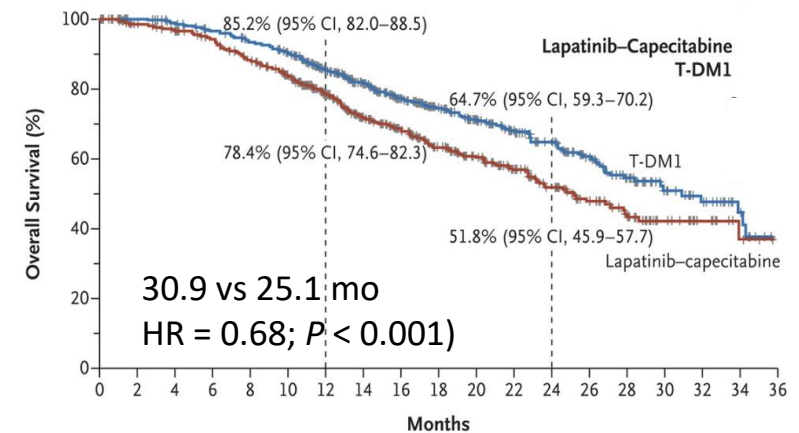


	Taxane	T-DM1
ORR, %	19.6	20.6
mDOR, mo	3.7	4.3
mPFS, mo	2.0	2.7
mOS, mo	8.6	7.9

GATSBY: AGC

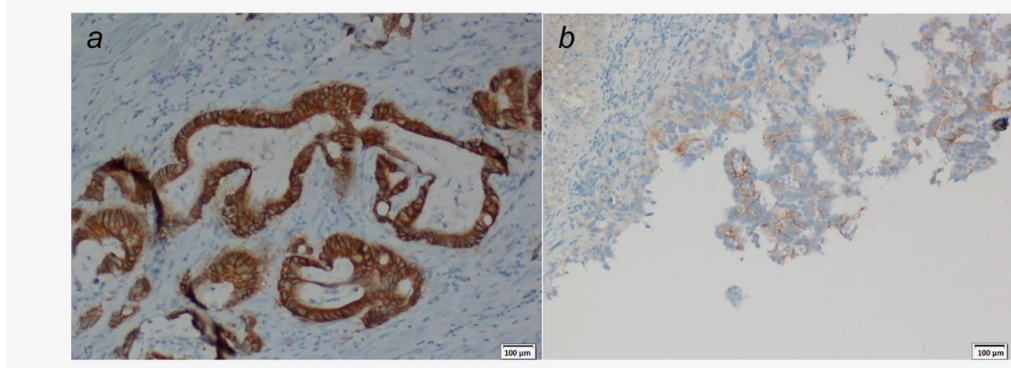


EMILIA: Breast Cancer



HER2+ AGC Treatment: Dynamic Changes in HER2 Affect Efficacy of 2L Treatment

T-ACT Trial

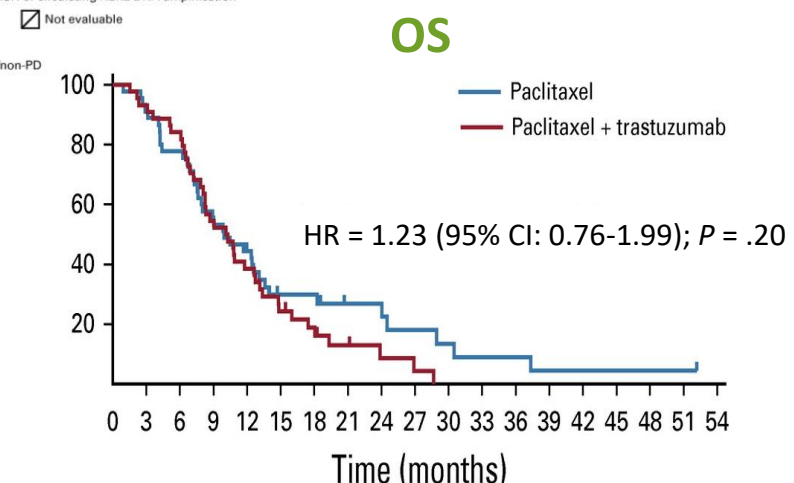
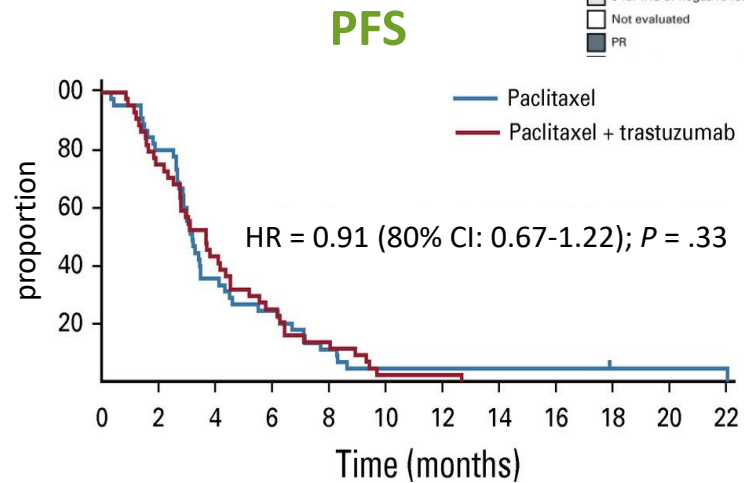


Pre and post trastuzumab biopsy

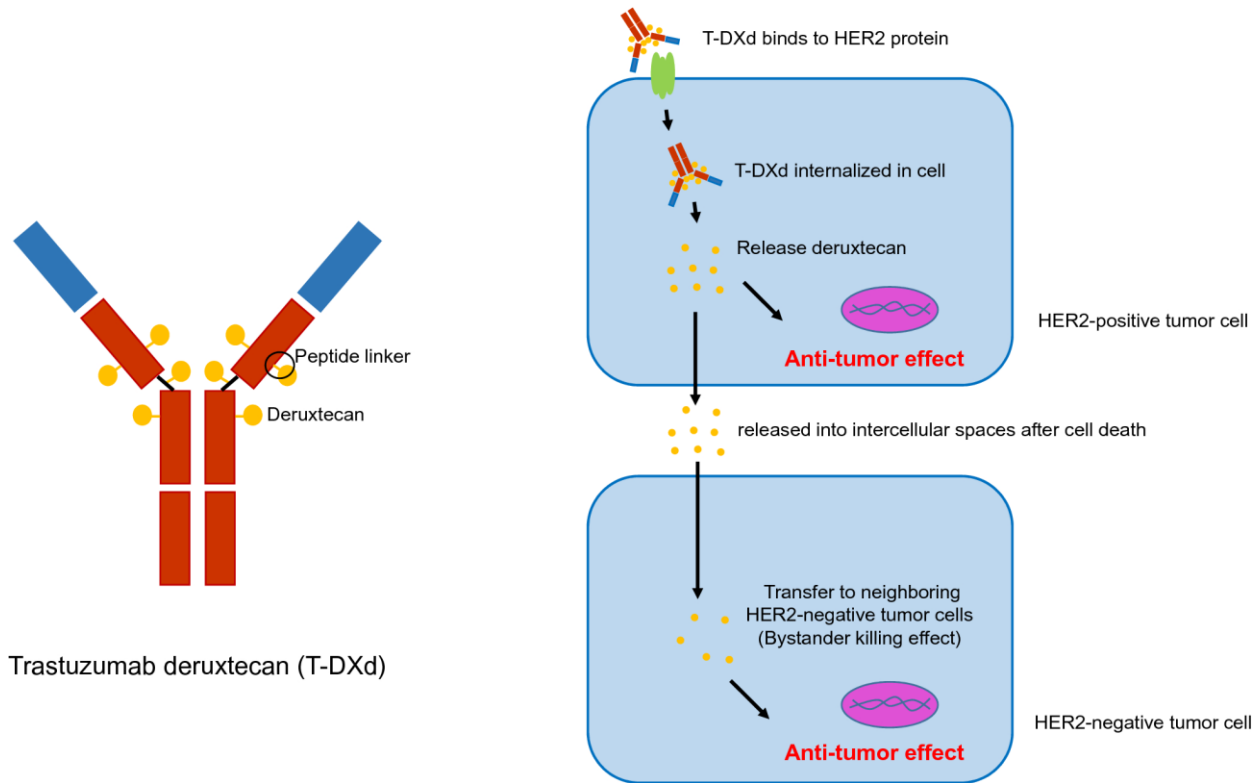
	Paclitaxel arm (n = 10)										Paclitaxel+trastuzumab arm (n = 8)							
IHC before first-line therapy	[3+ IHC]										[3+ IHC]							
FISH before first-line therapy	[Positive]										[Positive]							
Tumor response for first-line therapy	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
IHC after first-line therapy	[3+ IHC]										[3+ IHC]							
FISH after first-line therapy	[Positive]										[Positive]							
Circulating HER2 DNA amplification	[Positive]										[Positive]							
Tumor response					PR			PR			PR					PR		

- A significant proportion of patients do not express HER2 in the tumor after trastuzumab treatment
 - Demonstrated retrospectively and prospectively
- The addition of paclitaxel to trastuzumab in a biomarker unselected population is not helpful

3+ for IHC or positive for FISH or circulating HER2 DNA amplification
 2+ for IHC
 1+ for IHC
 0 for IHC or negative for FISH or circulating HER2 DNA amplification
 Not evaluated
 PR

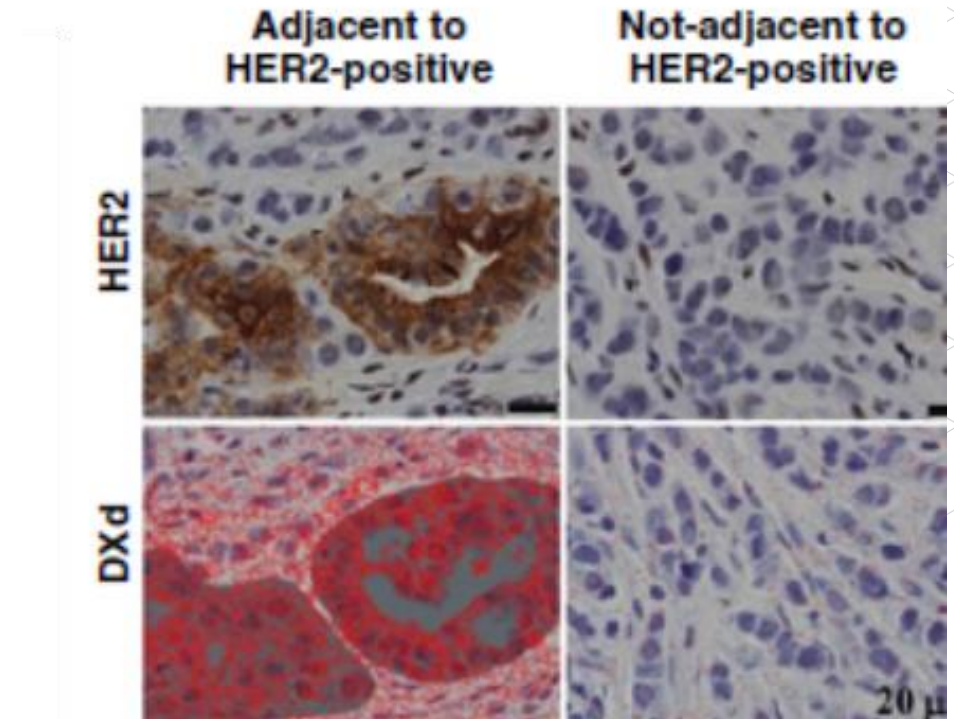


Trastuzumab Deruxtecan



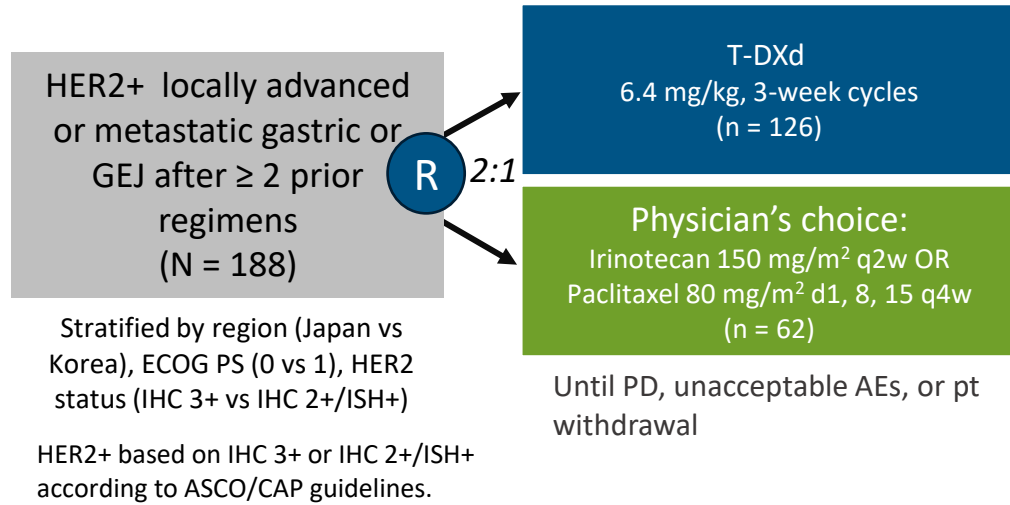
Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)

- High drug:antibody ratio ~8
- High potency payload with short systemic half-life
- Pronounced bystander killing effect



Suzuki M, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2021;27(14):3970–3979. Aoki M, et al. *Gastric Cancer.* 2021;24(3):567–576.

DESTINY-Gastric01

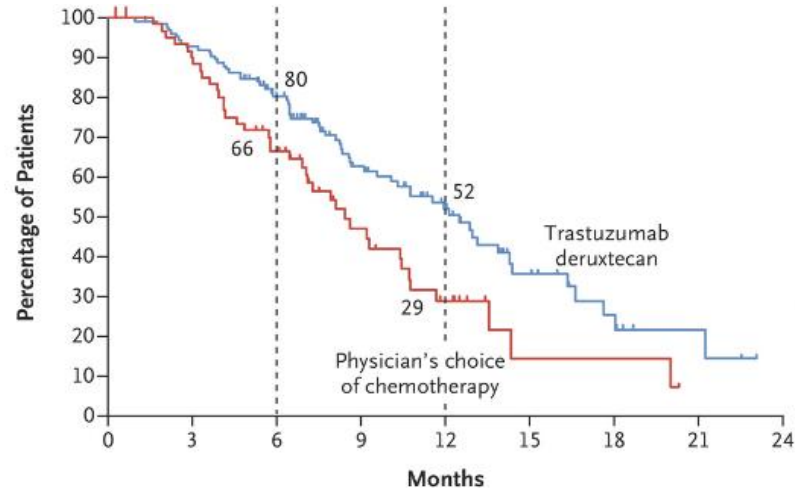


	T-DXd (n = 125)	PC (n = 62)
Median age, y (range)	65 (34-82)	66 (28-82)
Female, %	24	24
ECOG PS 0 / 1, %	50 / 50	48 / 52
Primary site, %		
▪ Stomach	86	89
▪ GEJ	14	11
Region, %		
▪ Japan	79	81
▪ Korea	21	19
HER2 expression IHC 3+/IHC 2+, ISH+, %	77 / 23	76 / 24
Intestinal/ diffuse / other histological subtype	71 / 22 / 6	61 / 29 / 10
Prior systemic therapies		
▪ 2 / 3	53 / 27	61 / 29
▪ ≥ 4	20	10
Prior treatment		
▪ Trastuzumab	100	100
▪ Taxane	84	89
▪ Ramucirumab	75	66
▪ Irinotecan or other topoisomerase inhibitor	6	8
▪ Immune checkpoint inhibitor	35	27

Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382(25):2419-2430.

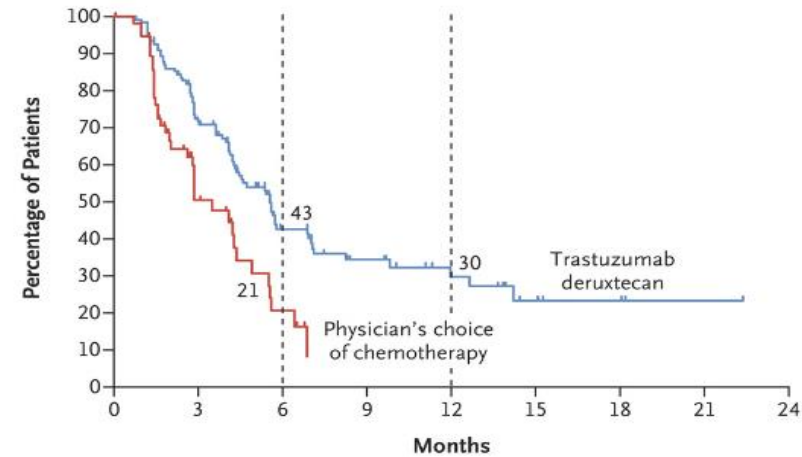
DESTINY-Gastric01

Overall Survival



mOS: 12.5 vs 8.4 mo
HR = 0.59; $P = 0.01$

Progression-Free Survival



mOS: 5.6 vs 3.5 mo
HR = 0.47

Response	T-DXd, (n = 119)	PC, (n = 56)
ORR, %	51	14

Jan 15, 2021

T-DXd FDA-approved for pts with locally advanced or metastatic HER2-positive gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma who have received a prior trastuzumab-based regimen.

DESTINY-Gastric02

Unresectable or metastatic gastric or GEJ cancer; HER2+* **on biopsy after progression** on first-line trastuzumab-containing regimen
 ECOG PS 0/1
 (N = 79)

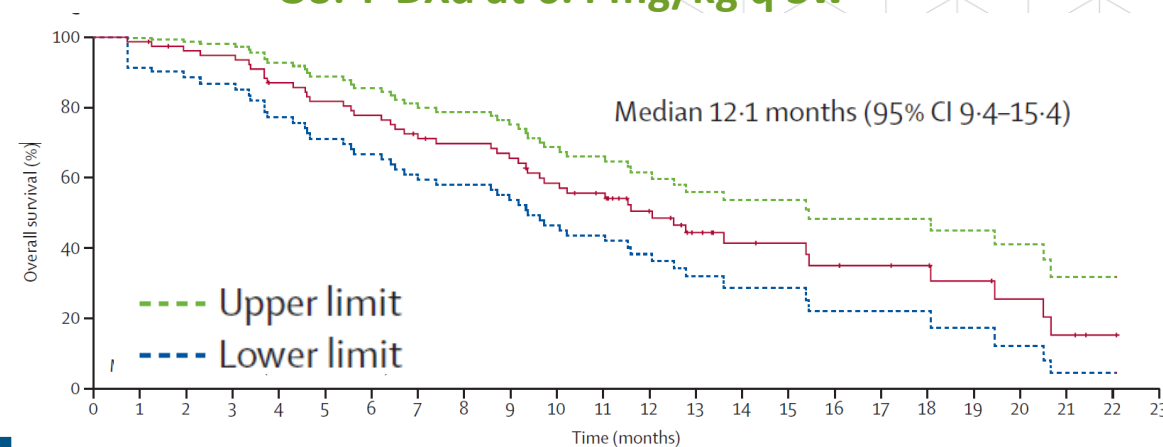
T-DXd
 6.4 mg/kg Q3W

*Defined as IHC 3+ or IHC 2+/ISH+

Primary EP: confirmed ORR by ICR

DG-02	Data Cutoff April 9, 2021 (N = 79)	Data Cutoff Nov 8, 2021 (N = 79)
ORR, %	38	42
CR, %	4	5
PR, %	34	37
SD, %	43	39
PD, %	16	16
Confirmed DCR, %	81	81
Median DOR, mo	8.1	8.1
Median TTR, mo	1.4	1.4

OS: T-DXd at 6.4 mg/kg q 3w



Dec. 19, 2022

Approved in the EU as a monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with advanced HER2-positive gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma who have received a prior trastuzumab-based regimen.

DESTINY-Gastric04: T-DXd vs ramucirumab + paclitaxel in HER2+ G/GEJ cancer after progression on a trastuzumab-containing regimen

Van Cutsem E, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2023:S1470-2045(23)00215-2.

Available at: <https://classic.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04704934>

Treatment-Related Adverse Events with T-DXd

DG-01: TRAEs, %	T-DXd, n = 125 Any Grade/Grade 3/4, %	PC, n = 62 Any Grade/Grade 3/4, %
Nausea	63 / 5	47 / 2
↓ neutrophil count	63 / 51	35 / 24
↓ appetite	60 / 17	45 / 13
Anemia	58 / 38	31 / 23
↓ platelet count	39 / 12	6 / 4
↓ white cell count	38 / 21	35 / 11
Malaise	34 / 1	32 / 2
Diarrhea	32 / 2	32 / 4
Vomiting	26 / 0	8 / 0
Constipation	24 / 0	23 / 0
Pyrexia	24 / 0	16 / 0
Alopecia	22 / 0	15 / 0
Fatigue	22 / 7	24 / 3
↓ lymphocyte count	22 / 11	3 / 2

DG-02: TRAEs, %	T-DXd (N = 79), %			
	Gr 1/2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5
Nausea	59	8	0	0
Fatigue	38	4	0	0
Vomiting	42	30	0	0
Diarrhea	35	1	0	0
↓ weight	28	4	0	0
Constipation	29	0	0	0
↓ appetite	28	5	0	0
Alopecia	24	0	0	0
Anemia	24	14	0	0
↓ platelet count	15	3	0	0
↓ neutrophil count	9	3	5	0

Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382(25):2419-2430; Van Cutsem E, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2023:S1470-2045(23)00215-2.

Interstitial Lung Disease in DESTINY-Gastric-02

DG-02, N = 79	Any TEAE, %	Drug-Related
Any	79	75
Grade ≥ 3	44	24
Serious TEAE	33	10
Discontinuation Associated with TEAE	15	10
Dose reduction associated with TEAE	17	14
Death associated with TEAE	11	2

- Drug-related ILD/pneumonitis
 - 8 patients (10%)
 - > Grade 1: 2 patients (3%)
 - > Grade 2: 4 (5%)
 - > Grade 5: 2 (2%)
- Median time to onset: 80.5 days
- Median duration: 36 days
- 2 fatal cases
 - 171 days
 - 353 days

Management of ILD

Suspected ADC-related ILD

Discontinue; start corticosteroids according to grade

History and physical exam

Laboratory tests

HRCT scan of the chest

Pulmonary consultation with pulmonary function testing

Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage ± transbronchial lung biopsy

Differential diagnosis: Exclude cancer progression, infective source, ILD related to other drugs, RT-induced pneumonitis, or other causes

Corticosteroid Management

Grade 1

Oral prednisolone, 0.5 mg/kg/d

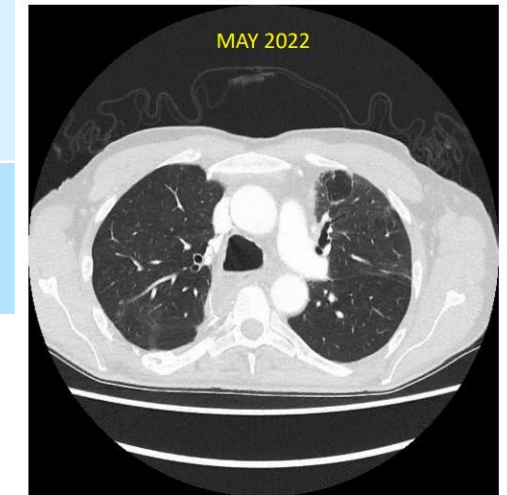
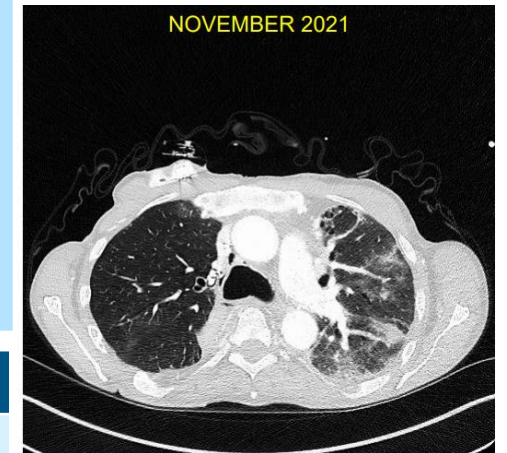
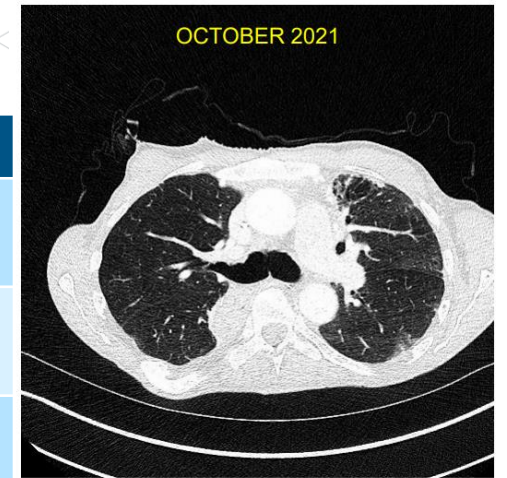
Grade 2

Oral prednisolone, 1 mg/kg/d, Increase to 2 mg/kg/d if no improvement

Grade 3 & grade 4

Hospitalization, IV methylprednisolone, 0.5-1 g/d followed by oral prednisolone after 3d

- Oxygen supplementation for hypoxia
- Supportive treatment for prolonged corticosteroid use
- If corticosteroid-refractory, consider infliximab, MMF, IVIG, or other immunosuppressant



	Severity	Treatment modification
ILD/Pneumonitis	Asymptomatic (grade 1)	Interrupt until resolved to grade 0, then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If resolved in ≤ 28 d of onset, maintain dose • If resolved > 28 d of onset, reduce dose 1 level • Consider corticosteroid treatment as soon as ILD/pneumonitis is suspected
	Symptomatic (≥ grade 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently discontinue • Promptly initiate corticosteroid treatment as soon as ILD/pneumonitis is expected

Trastuzumab Deruxtecan PI.

Management of Toxicities

Neutropenia



- Grade 3
 - Interrupt until resolved to grade 2 or less; maintain dose
- Grade 4
 - Interrupt until resolved to grade 2; reduce dose by one level

Febrile neutropenia



- ANC $< 1.0 \times 10^9/L$ and temperature $> 38.3^\circ C$ or a sustained temperature $\geq 38^\circ C$ for $> 1h$
 - Interrupt until resolves; reduce dose by one level

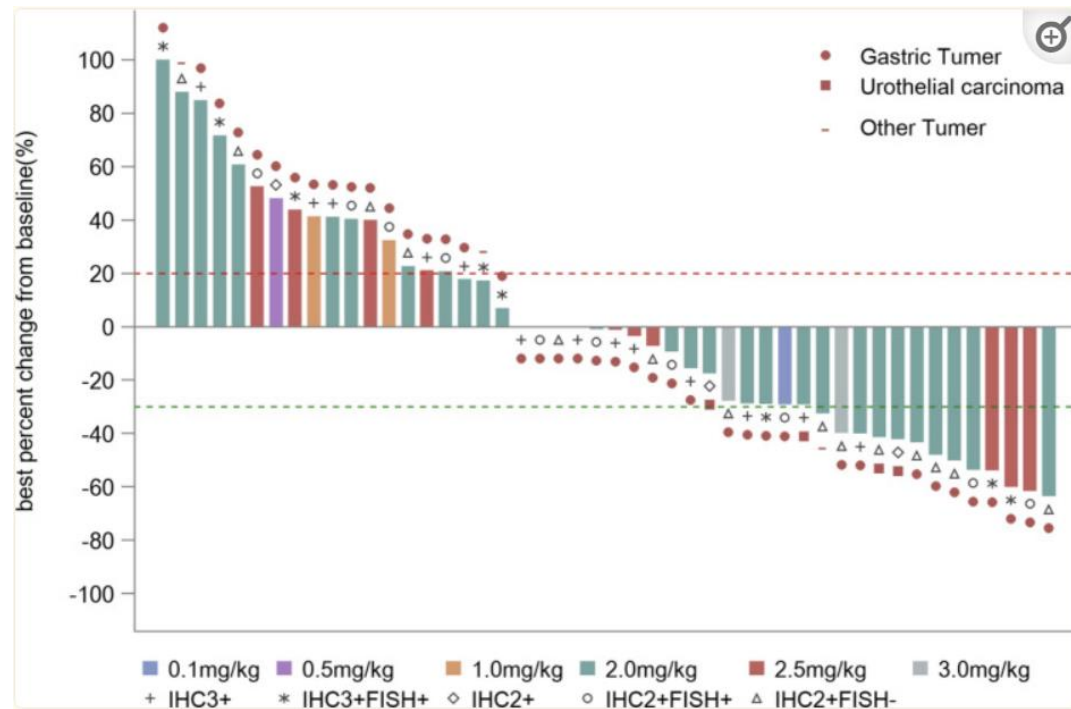
Left Ventricular Dysfunction



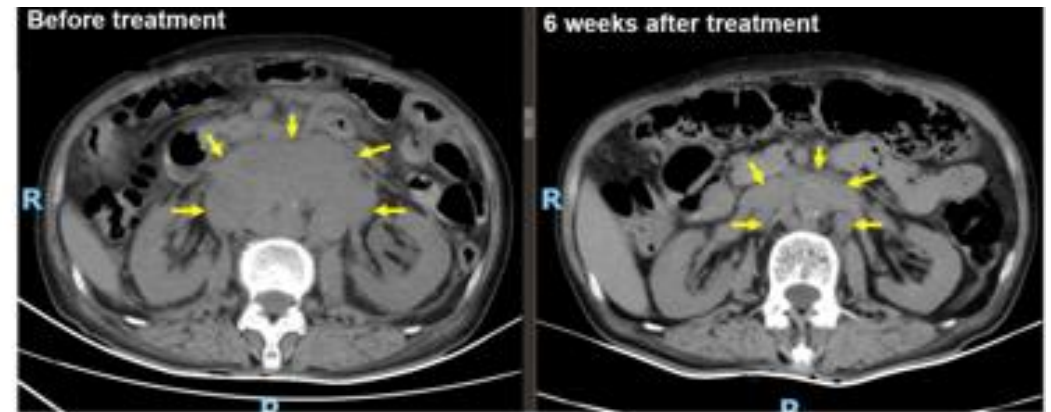
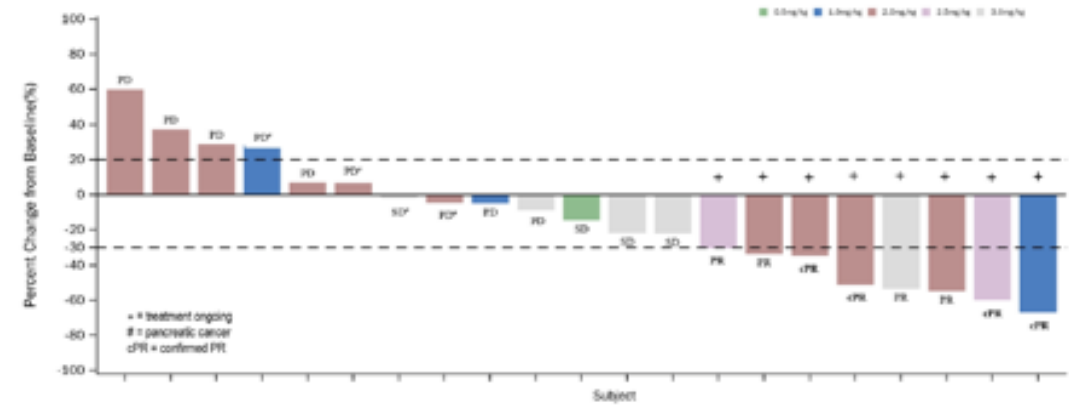
- **LVEF $> 45\%$ and absolute decrease from baseline is 10% to 20%**
 - **Continue treatment**
- LVEF 40%-45%
 - + ANC decrease $> 10\%$: continue treatment; repeat LVEF assessment within 3 wks
 - + ANC decrease 10%-20%: Interrupt treatment; repeat LVEF assessment within 3 wks; if LVEF has not recovered to within 10% from baseline: permanently discontinue
 - Symptomatic CHF
- **LVEF $< 40\%$ or ANC decrease from baseline $> 20\%$**
 - Interrupt treatment; repeat LVEF assessment within 3 wks; If LVEF of $< 40\%$ or ANC decrease from baseline of $> 20\%$ is confirmed: permanently discontinue
 - Symptomatic CHF
 - Permanently discontinue

Emerging ADCs

Disitamab Vedotin (RC48): HER2-Directed ACC



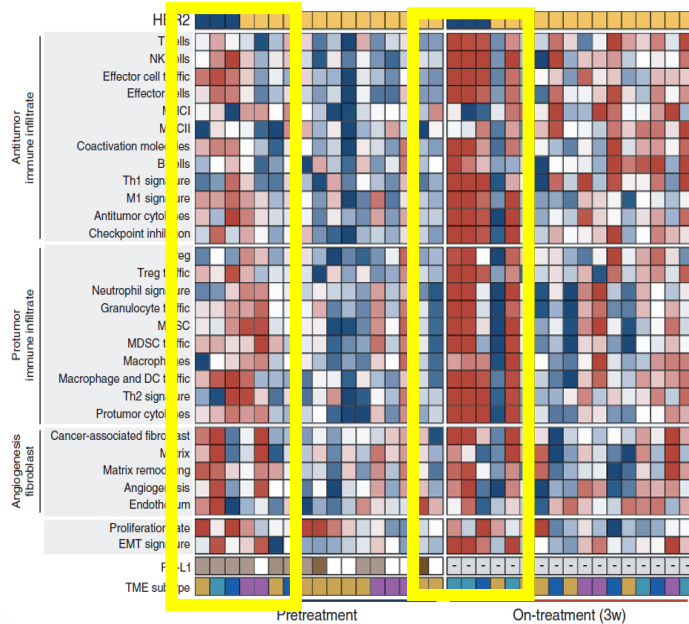
SYSA1801: Claudin 18.2-Directed ADC



Shi F, et al. *Drug Deliv.* 2022;29(1):1335-1344. Xu Y, et al. *Gastric Cancer.* 2021;24(4):913-925. Wang Y, et al. ASCO 2023. Abstract 3016.

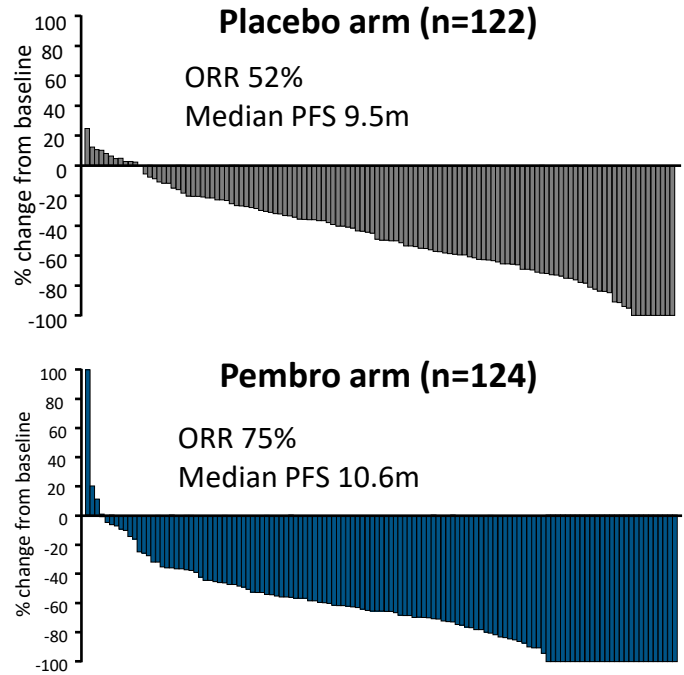
Will Changes in First Line Affect Second Line

KEYNOTE 811 Chemo+trastuzumab ± anti-PD-1



HER2 positive GEA is primed to respond to ICI
 ↑ immune infiltrates at baseline and further ↑ ↑ on response

Prevalence of immune activation in HER2 amplified GEA



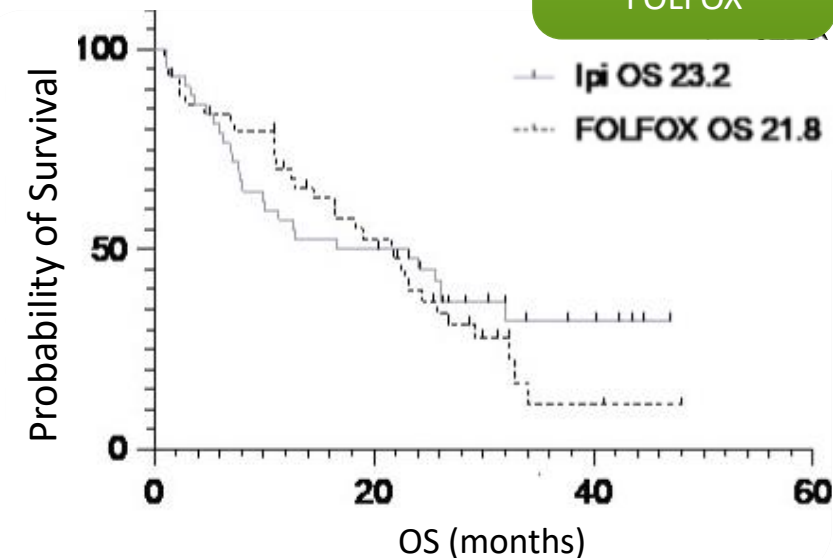
Press release: met PFS endpoint in PD-L1+ve only #ESMO2023

INTEGA Trastuzumab + chemo + nivolumab vs trastuzumab-ipilimumab

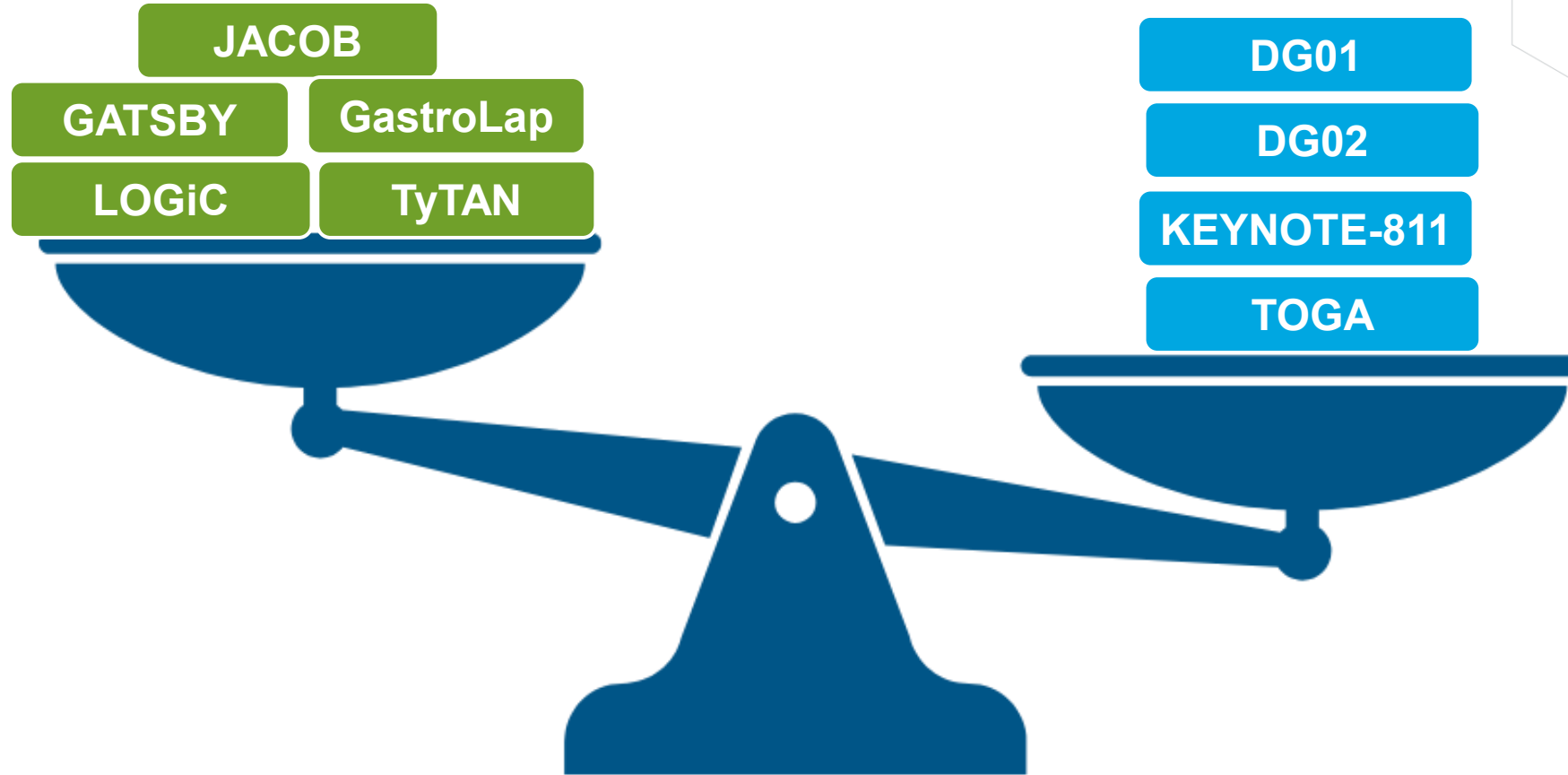
Previously untreated HER2+ locally advanced or mEGA



- Trastuzumab
Nivolumab
Ipilimumab
- Trastuzumab
Nivolumab
FOLFOX



HER2+ AGC Treatment: Balance Shift



Current Conundrums and Emerging Directions

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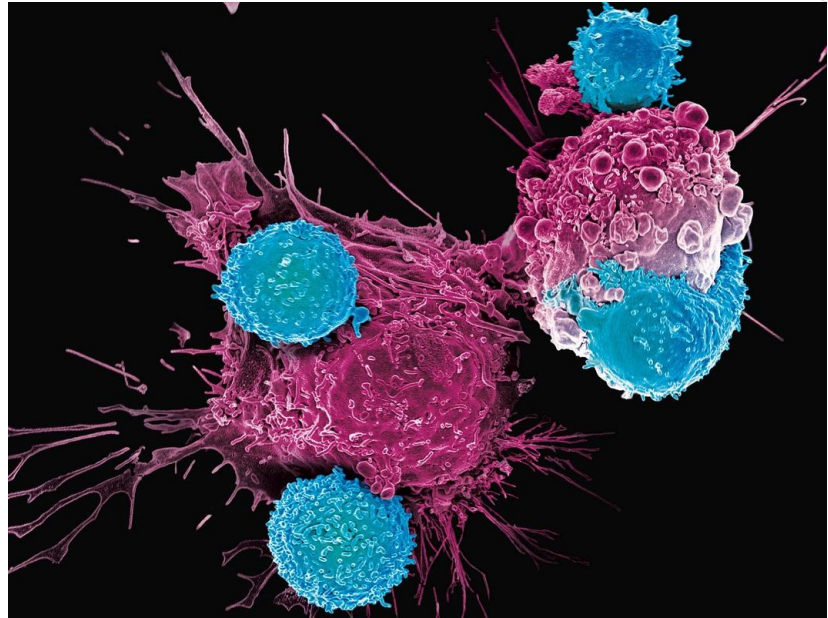
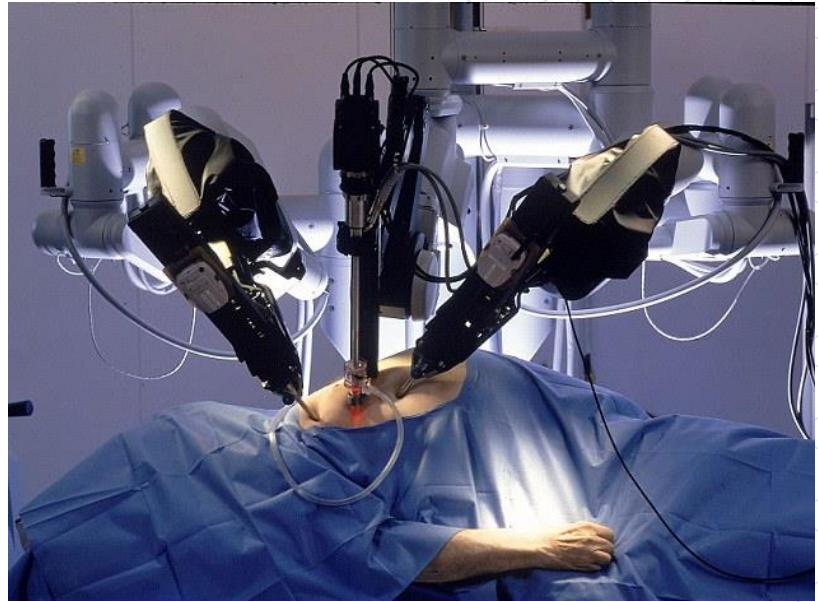
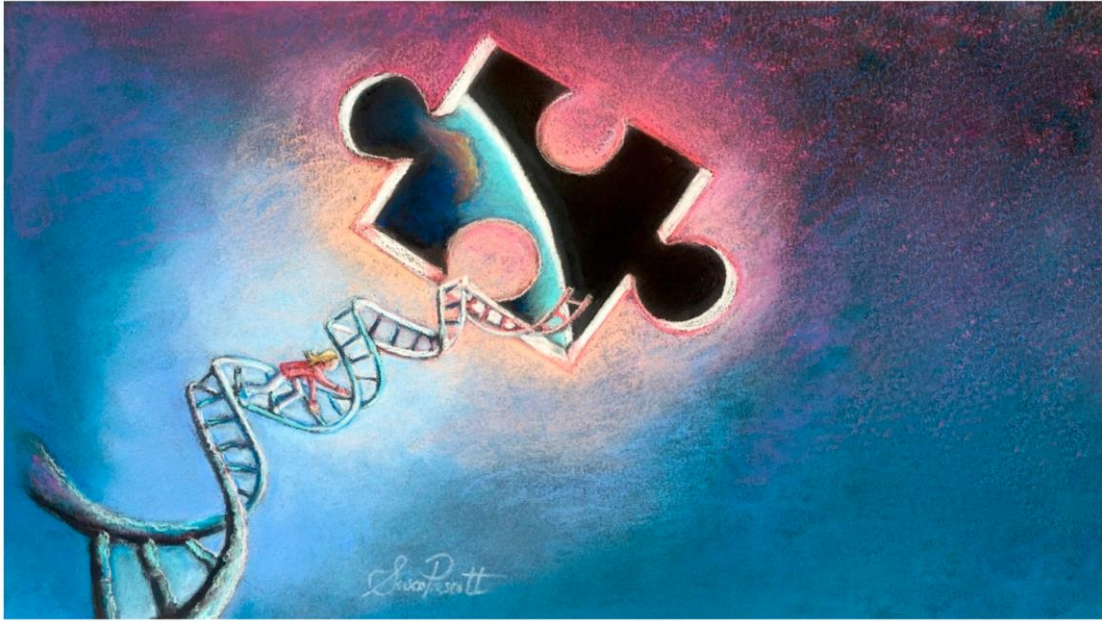
What a Difference a Decade Makes...

2010

- Cancer is clonal
- All cancer is the same
- Immune therapies will never work
- Gene testing for some
- Randomized phase 3 trials
- Microbiome is disgusting
- Cancer treatment is expensive
- We love our jobs

2020

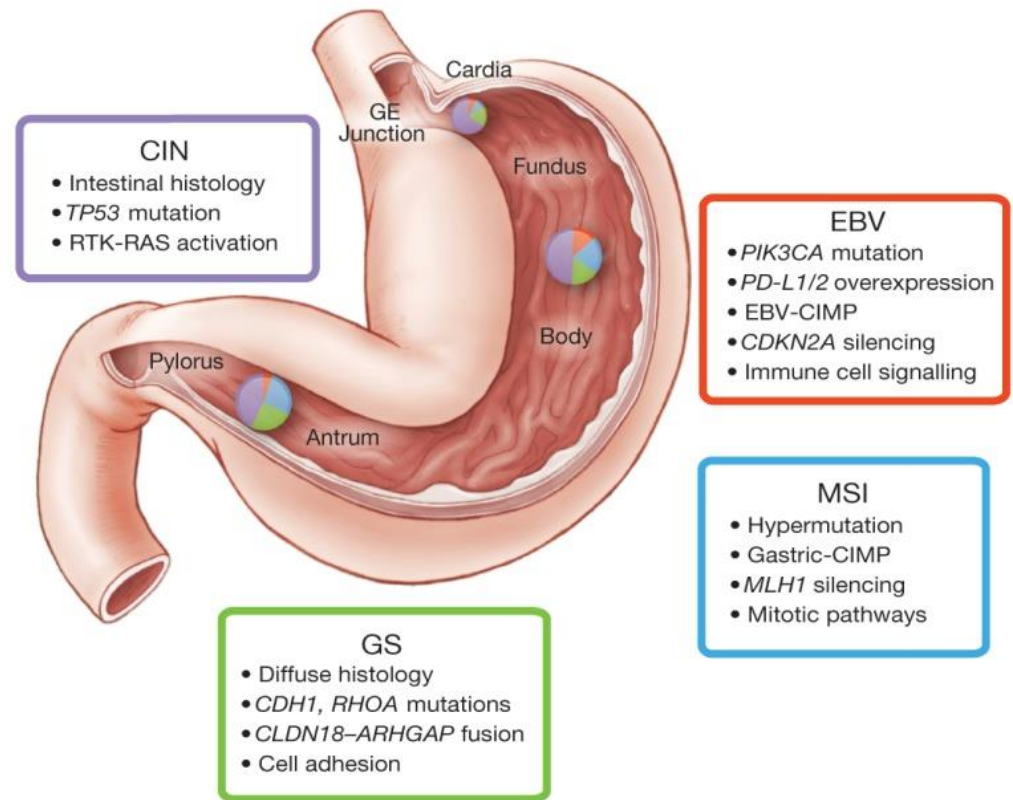
- Cancer is polyclonal
- All cancer is different
- Immune therapies are miraculous
- Broad testing for many
- Small single-arm trials
- Microbiome is beautiful
- Cancer treatment is more expensive
- Highest burnout and suicide in medicine



Unequal Access, Unequal Standards



Molecular Profiling Guides Treatment in Advanced GC



TCGA, Nature 2014

	Prevalence	Targeted therapies	
Approved	HER-2 amplification	~22% (6%-30%) ^{1,2}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trastuzumab [1st line] • T-DXd [2nd line]
	MSI-H/dMMR	8%-11% ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembrolizumab • Nivolumab • Dostarlimab
	PD-L1 positivity	~45%-60% ^{4,5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nivolumab
	TMB ≥ 10 mut/Mb	~16% ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembrolizumab
	NTRK fusion	<1% ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larotrectinib • Entrectinib
Promising	FGFR2b overexpression	~5% ⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bemarituzumab
	Claudin 18.2	14% ⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAR-T

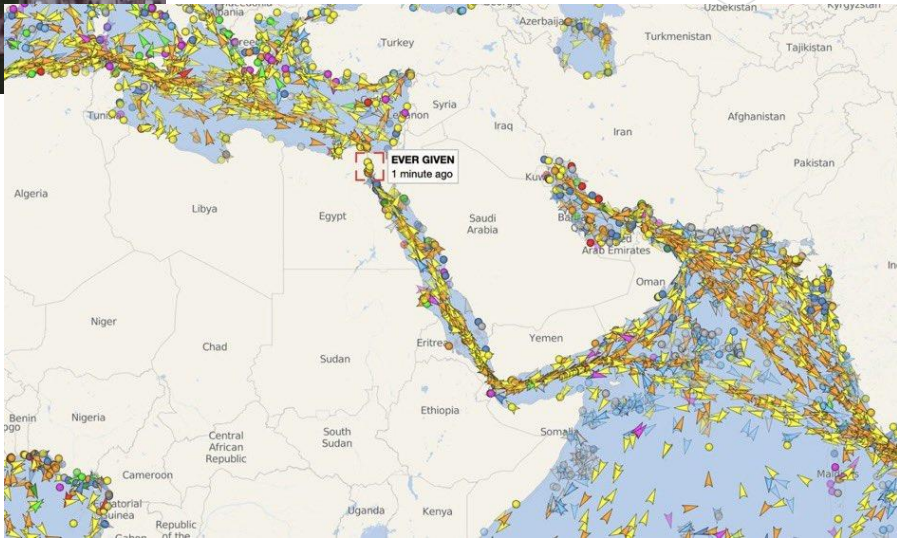
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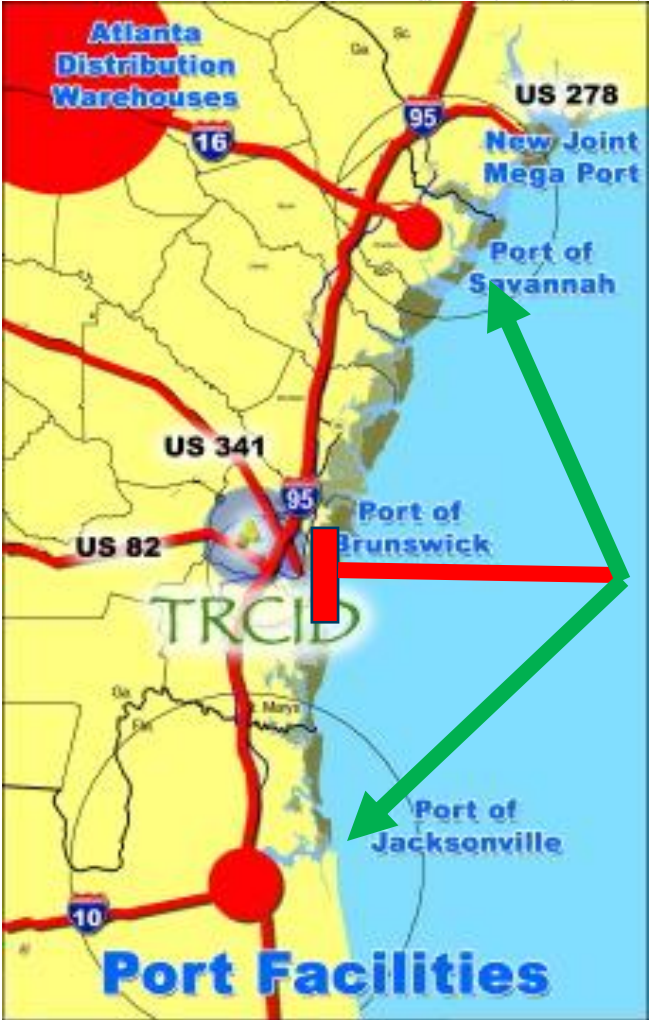
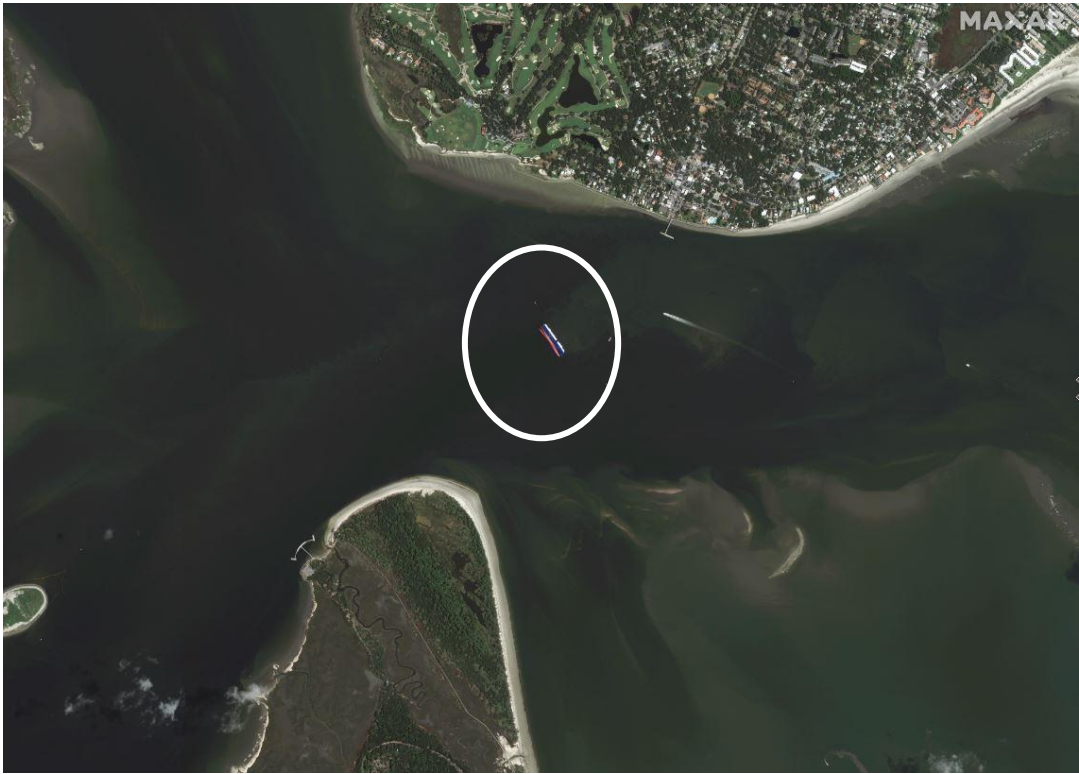
Why Is GI Cancer So Different?

- Metastatic disease \neq Local disease
- Are neo-adjuvant strategies Met or local biology?
- Esophageal \neq EGJ \neq Gastric
- Squamous \neq Adenocarcinoma

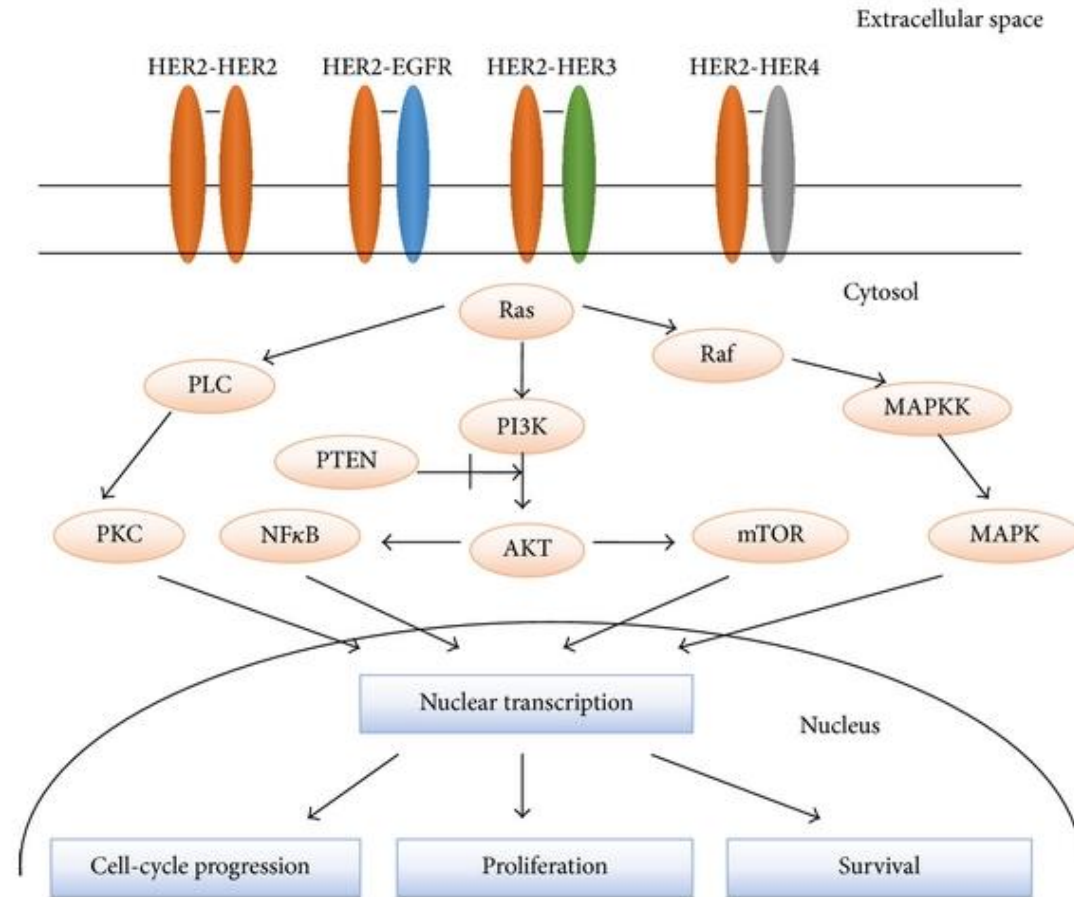
A Powerful Driver



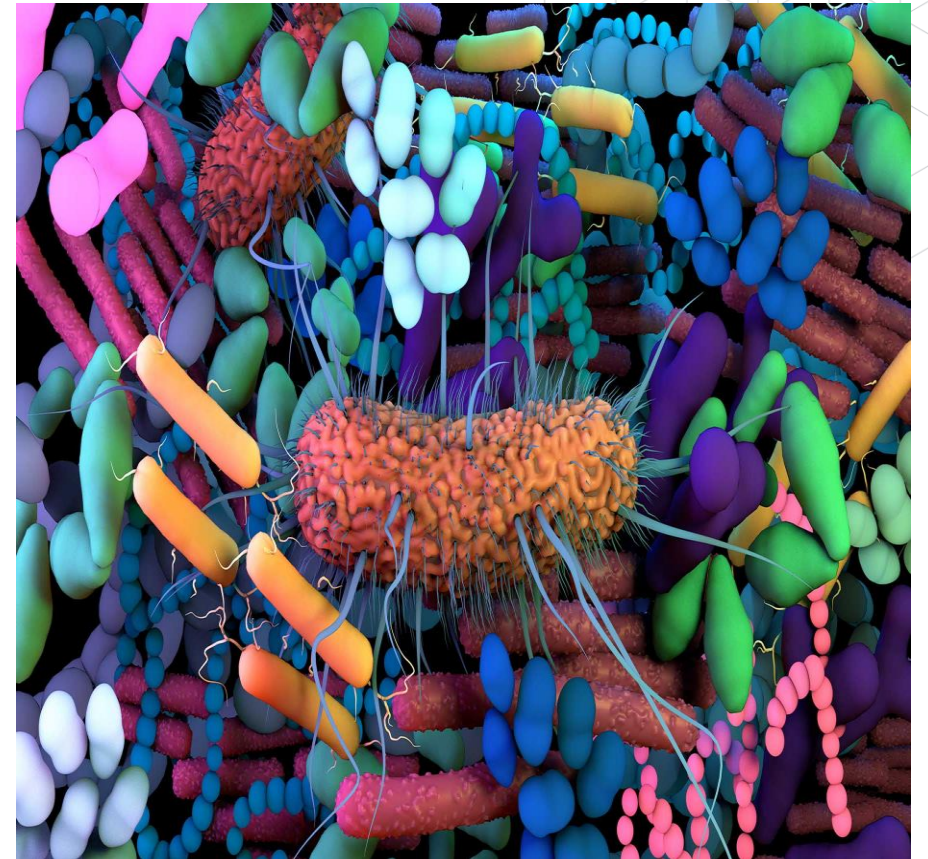
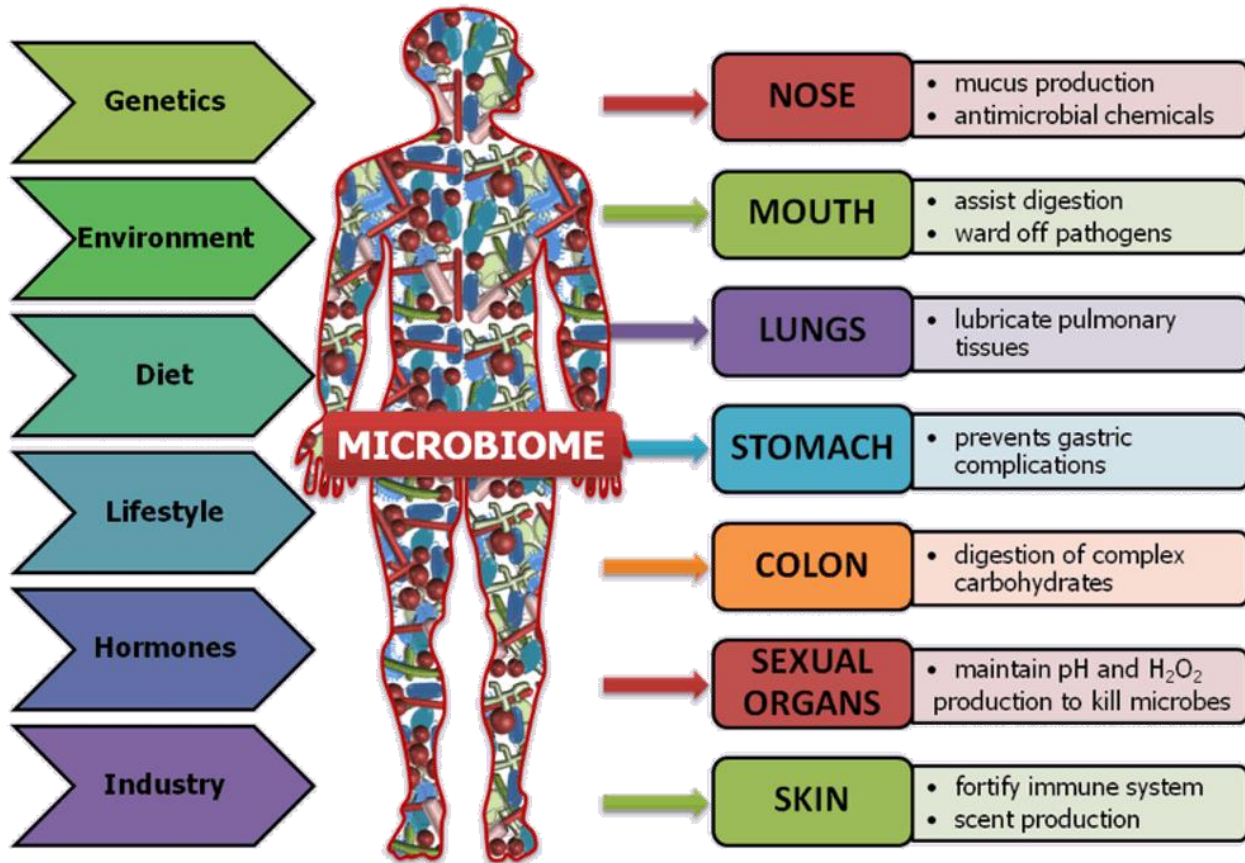
A GI Cancer Driver



Let's Look at This Again...



The Role of the Microbiome



Historic Limited Successes with Targeted Therapies in Gastric Cancer

Study phase	Target	Intervention	ORR	OS benefit?
TOGA ¹ / III	HER-2+	trastuzumab + chemo	47% (12% higher than chemo)	✓
DESTINY Gastric-01 / II	HER-2+	trastuzumab deruxtecan	51% (37% higher than physician choice)	✓
TRIO-013/LOGiC ² III	HER-2+	lapatinib + chemo	53% (14% higher than chemo)	✗
METGastric ³ II/III	MET+/HER-2-	onartuzumab + chemo	41% (5% less than chemo)	✗
RILOMET-1 ⁴ / III	MET+/HER-2-	rilotumumab + chemo	30% (9% less than chemo)	✗
SHINE ⁵ / II	FGFR2+	FGFR1-3 inhibitor	-	✗ (PFS)
FIGHT ⁶ / II	FGFR2b+	bemarituzumab + chemo	53% (13% higher than chemo)	✓
EXPAND ⁷ / III	Unselected (EGFR)	cetuximab + chemo	30% (1% higher than chemo)	✗
REAL3 ⁸ / III	Unselected	panitimumab + chemo	46% (4% higher than chemo)	✗

Potential Reasons:

Wrong drug?
Wrong target?
Resistance mechanisms?
Unselected patients?

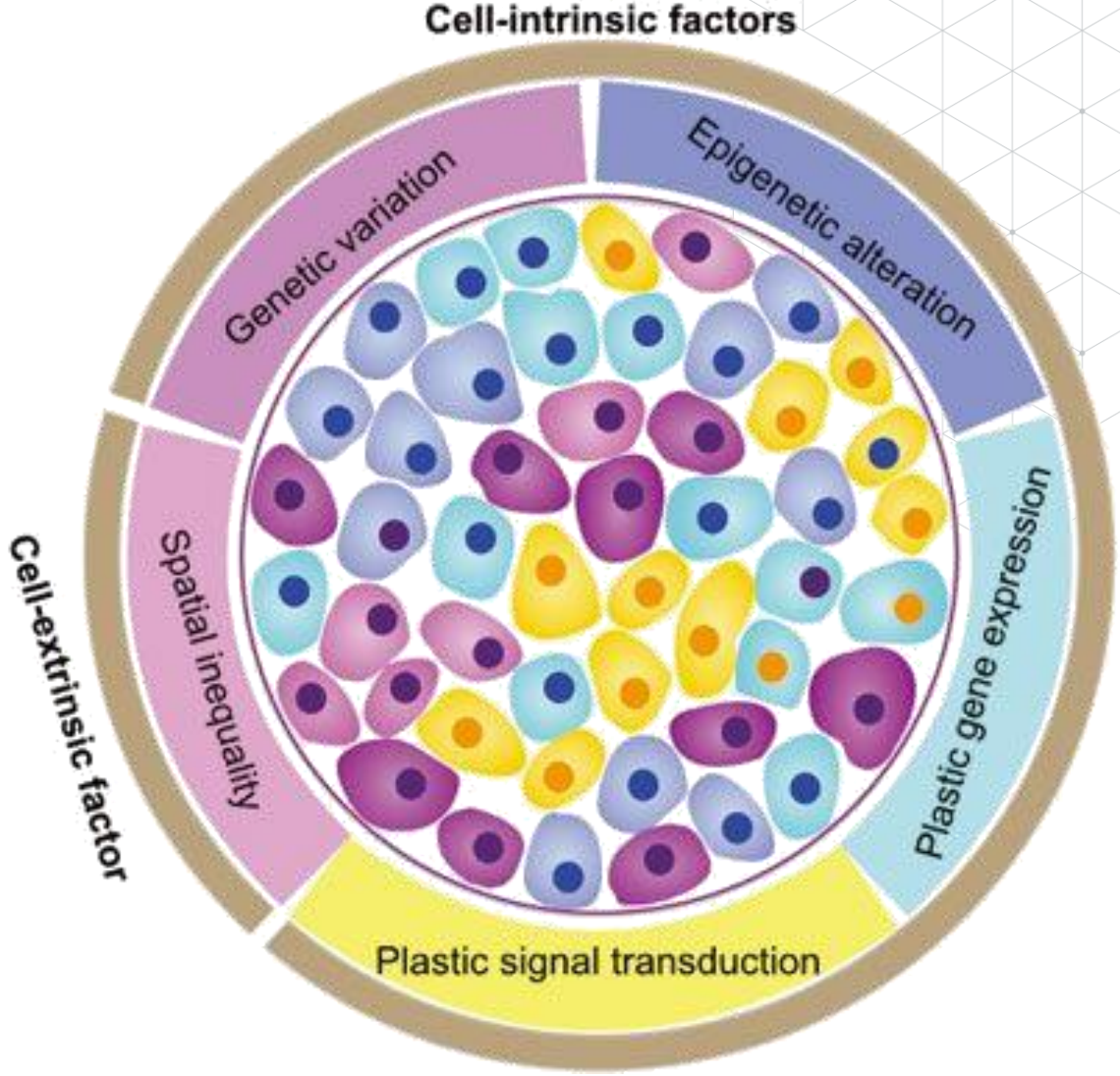
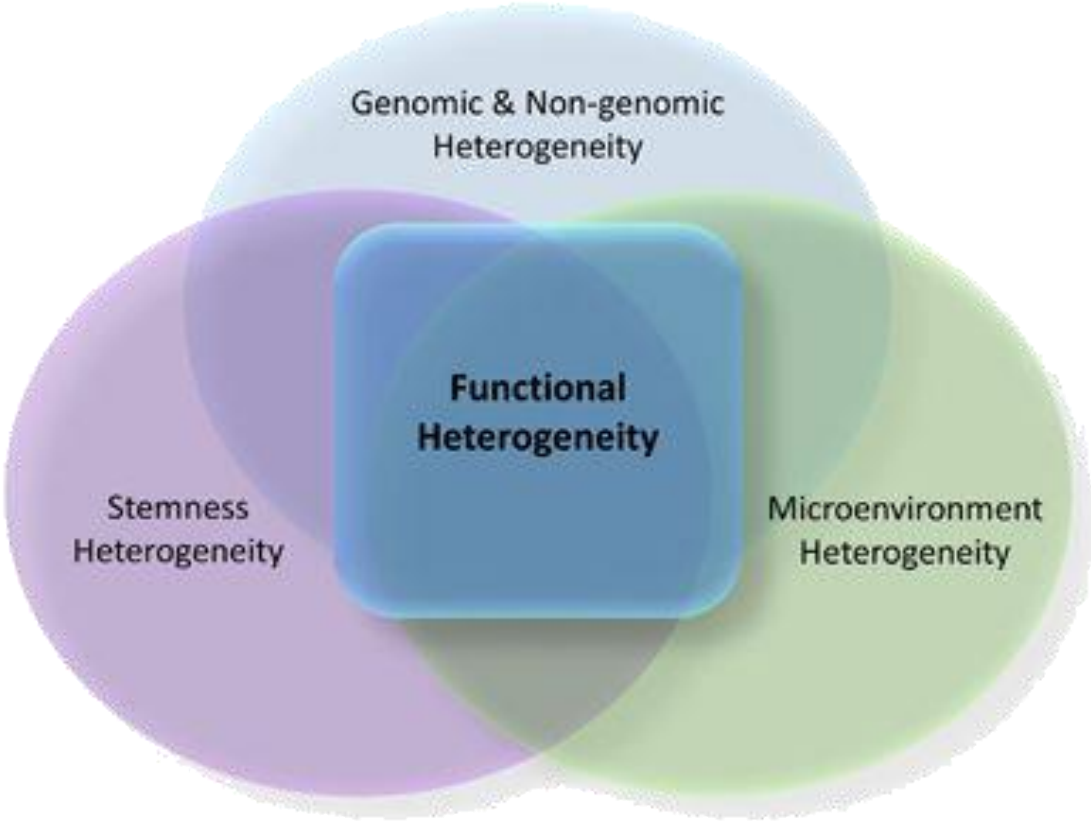
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Capturing Temporospacial Heterogeneity

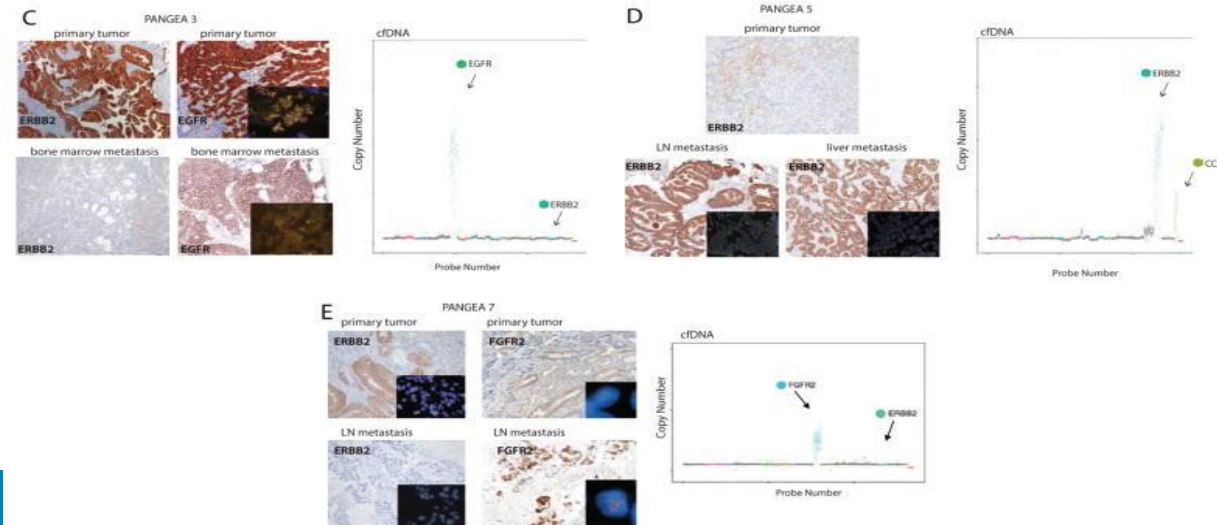
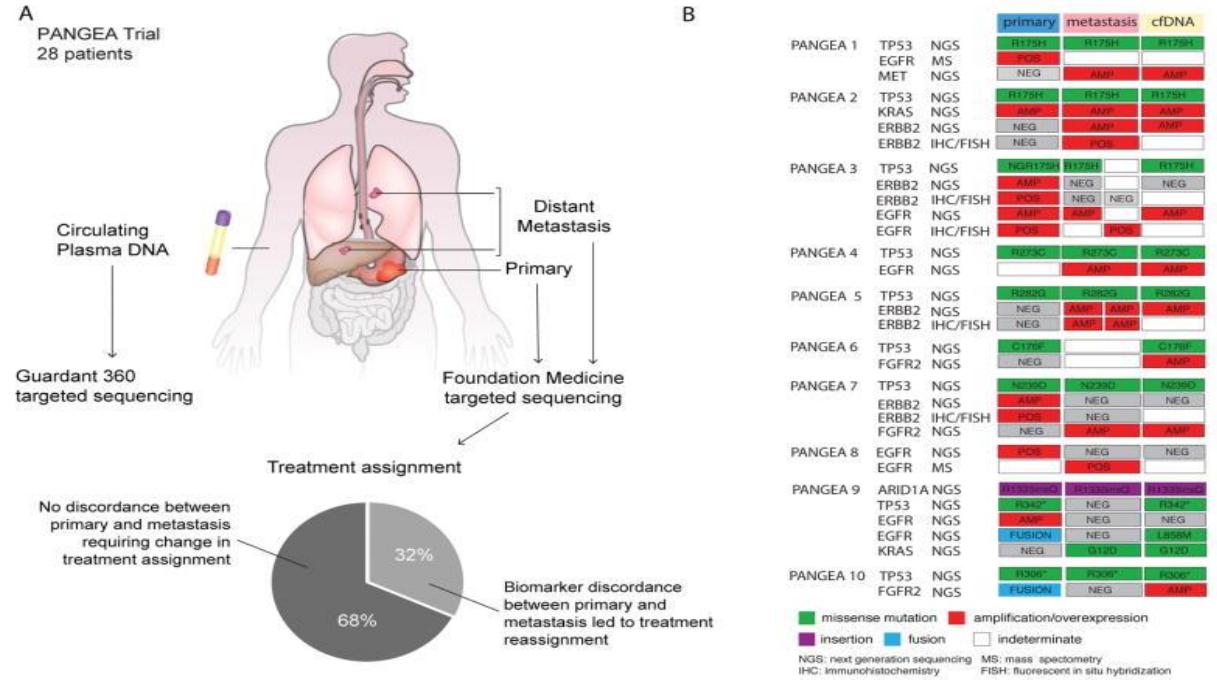


Heterogeneity



Genomic Heterogeneity as a Barrier to Precision Medicine in Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma

- Frequent baseline heterogeneity in targetable genomic alterations in GEA
- Current tissue sampling practices for biomarker testing do not effectively guide precision medicine in this disease
- Routine profiling of metastatic lesions and/or cfDNA should be systematically evaluated



ctDNA Has the Potential to Predict Treatment Efficacy

Trastuzumab deruxtecan

- Approved for HER2-amplified gastric cancer (IHC2+/FISH+ or IHC 3+) based on Destiny-Gastric01

Destiny-Gastric01 post hoc exploratory ctDNA analysis

Liquid biopsy	N	Response Rate, %
ERBB2 amplified	71	60.6
ERBB2 copy number >6	33	75.8
ERBB2 copy number < 6	76	40.8
ERBB2 non-amplified	38	34.2

Other studies with anti-HER2-directed therapy also demonstrate plasma ERBB2 amplification correlates with responses and survival

Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;382(25):2419-2430. Shitara K, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2021;32(9):1127-1136. Joubert N, et al. *Pharmaceuticals (Basel)*. 2020;13(9):245. Kim ST, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2018;29(4):1037-1048; Maron SB, et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2019;25(23):7098-7112. Wang H, et al. *Eur J Cancer*. 2018;88:92-100.

Bemarituzumab

- Improved OS 1st line when added to chemo in FGFR2b+ gastric cancer patients based on FIGHT

FIGHT subgroup analysis

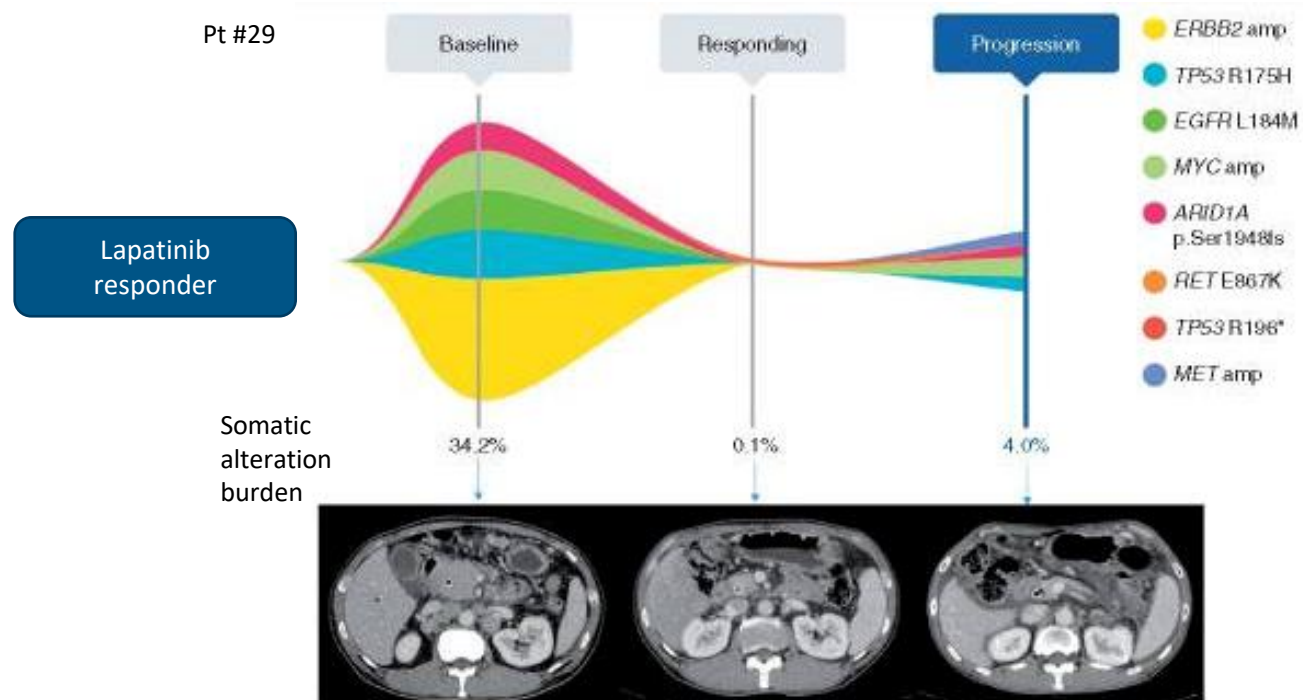
Profile	PFS HR (95% CI)	OS HR (95% CI)
Tumor IHC+/ctDNA-	0.63 (95% CI 0.4-0.99)	0.66 (95% CI 0.39-1.12)
Tumor IHC+/ctDNA+	0.15 (95% CI 0.02-1.18)	0.10 (95% CI 0.01-0.83)

Pts who lack plasma amplification still may benefit

- False negatives?
- Low shedding?
- Dilution?
- Poor sensitivity assay?

Catenacci DVT, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39(15 suppl):4010.

ctDNA May Identify Emerging Resistance Mechanisms



- Emerging MYC and new MET amplification
- Other resistance mutations reported in literature:
 - EGFR amplifications
 - PIK3CA/R1/C3
 - ERBB2/4 mutations
 - NF1 mutations

Potential application

- Guide subsequent targeted therapies on progression
- Facilitate novel therapeutic discovery
- Predict responses to subsequent therapies

Investigational/Emerging HER2-Targeting Options



Select Novel HER2-Directed Strategies

Strategy	Selected Agents
Monoclonal antibodies (with augmented ADCC)	Margetuximab
Bispecific antibodies	ZW25
Tyrosine kinase inhibitors	Tucatinib Neratinib (+ trastuzumab or cetuximab)
Immunotherapy combinations	Numerous

HER2 + IO

Why did this work in GEJ/Gastric and not Breast?

Select Novel Immunotherapy Combinations for HER2-Positive Gastric Cancer

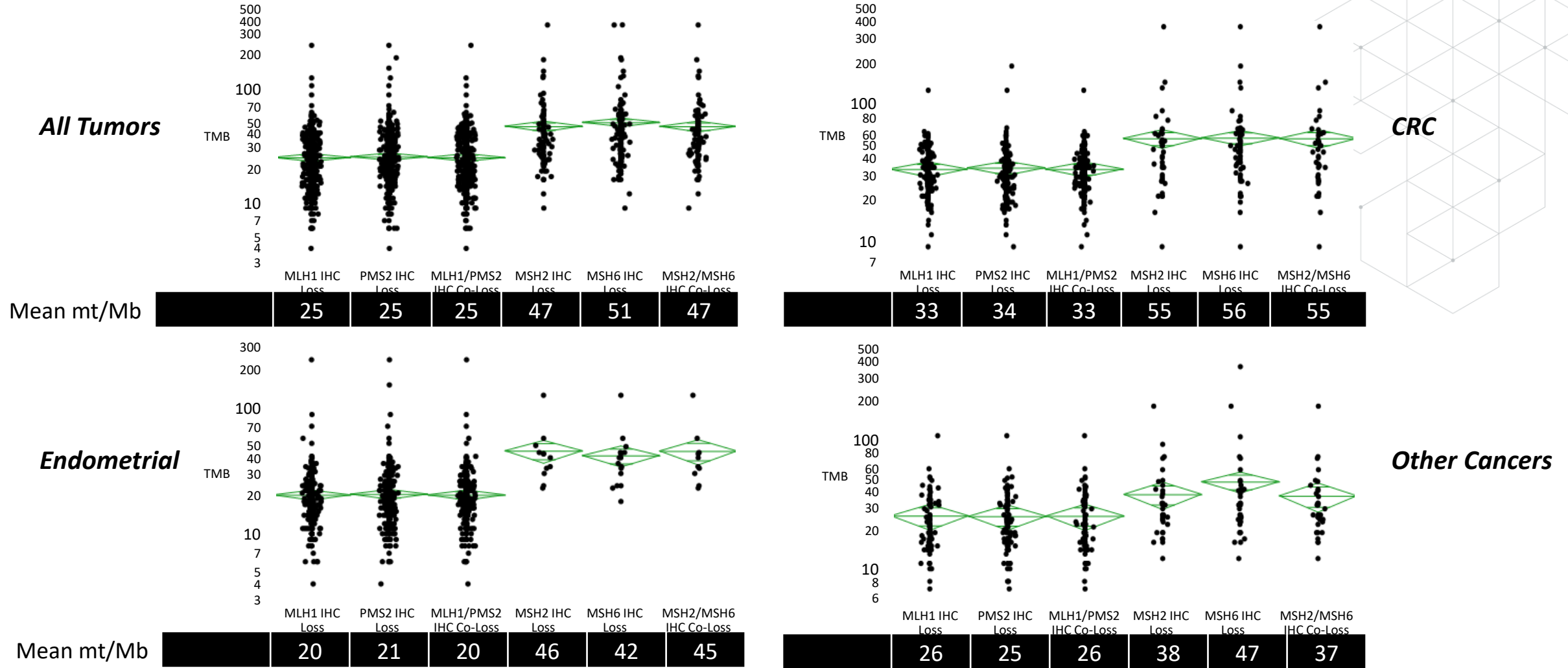
Study	Identifier	Regimen	Phase
MAHOGANY	NCT04082364	Margetuximab ± PD-1 inhibitor ± chemotherapy ± dual checkpoint inhibitor	II/III
INTEGA	NCT03409848	Ipilimumab or FOLFOX + nivolumab + trastuzumab	II
DESTINY-Gastric03	NCT04379596	Trastuzumab deruxtecan ± chemotherapy ± durvalumab	Ib/II
DESTINY-Gastric04	NCT04704934	Trastuzumab deruxtecan vs ramucirumab + paclitaxel	III
MOUNTAINEER-02	NCT04499924	Tucatinib + trastuzumab or placebo + ramucirumab + paclitaxel	II/III
	NCT04276493	Zanidatamab + chemotherapy ± tislelizumab	I/II

IO Biomarkers

- MSI-H
 - 57% RR (KN-059)
- PDL-1
 - Higher is better
- TMB
 - Higher is better



MSI-H Tumors Are Not Created Equal



The Theory Behind TMB

More
Mutations

More Neo-
Antigens

More Immune
Response

The Big Unknown

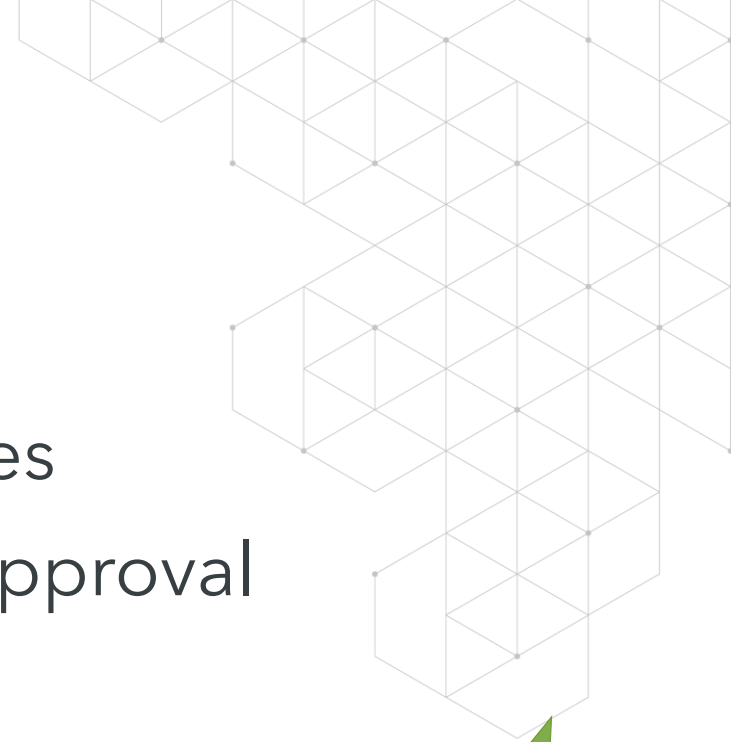


Precision Medicine

Prospective incorporation of molecular profiling will transform global cancer care

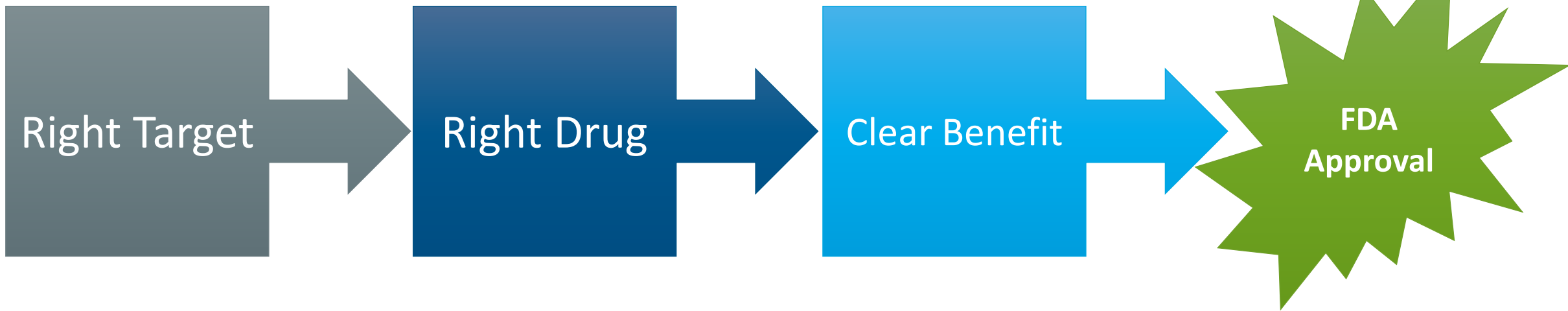
Maturation of Precision Medicine





The New Order of Clinical Research

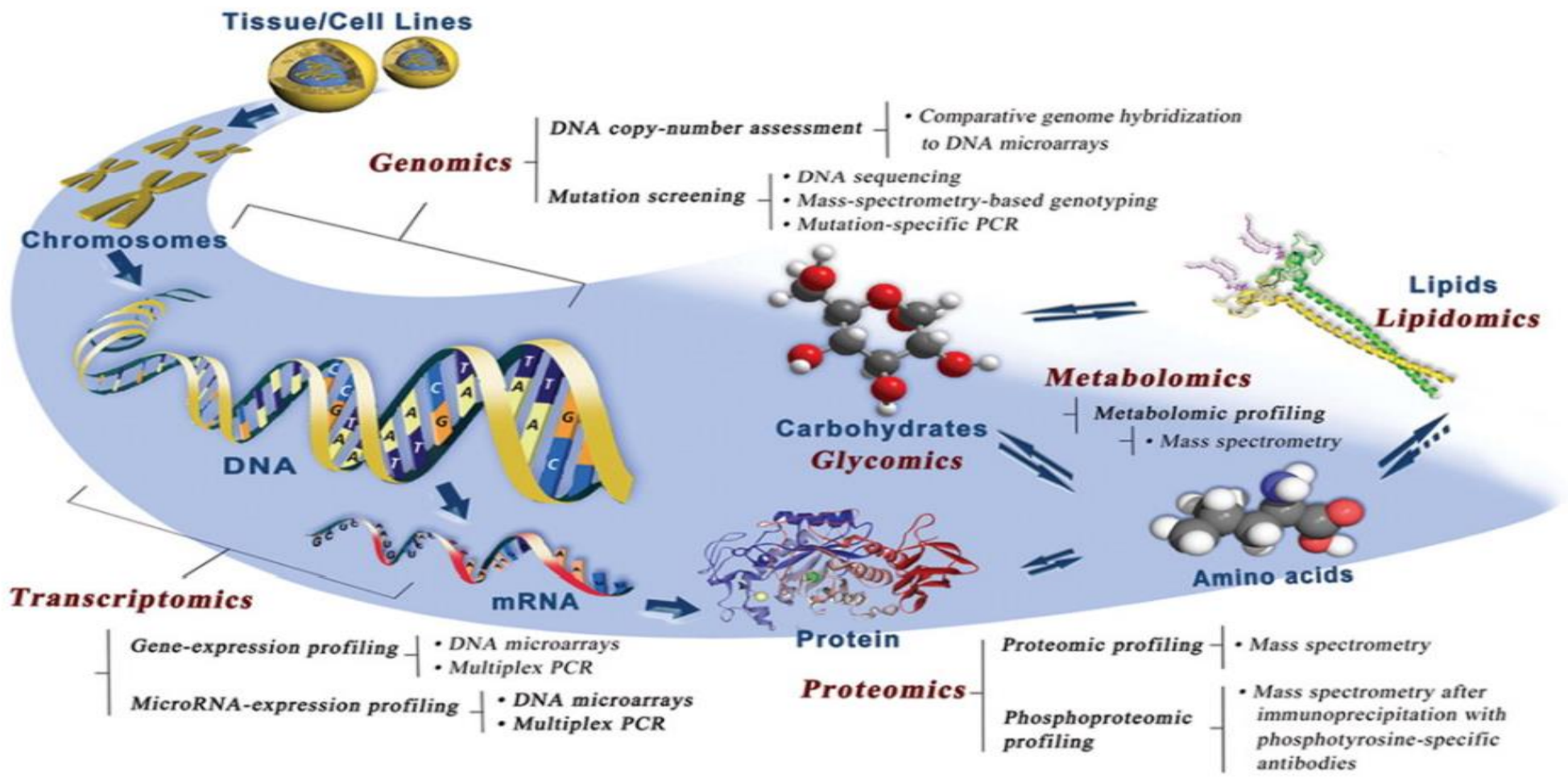
- Phase 3 trials are less necessary
- Drugs are approved for biomarkers, not cancer types
- Guidelines may be just as important as regulatory approval



Why DNA Mutations Only Tell Part of the Story



Multi-Omics

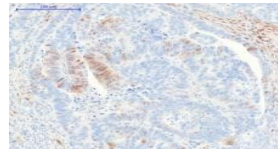


Standard of Biobanking: It Is All About the Tissue

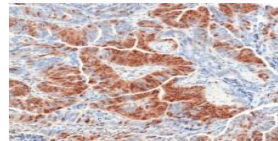
Tissue ischemia and protein phosphorylation



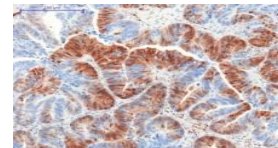
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20 min

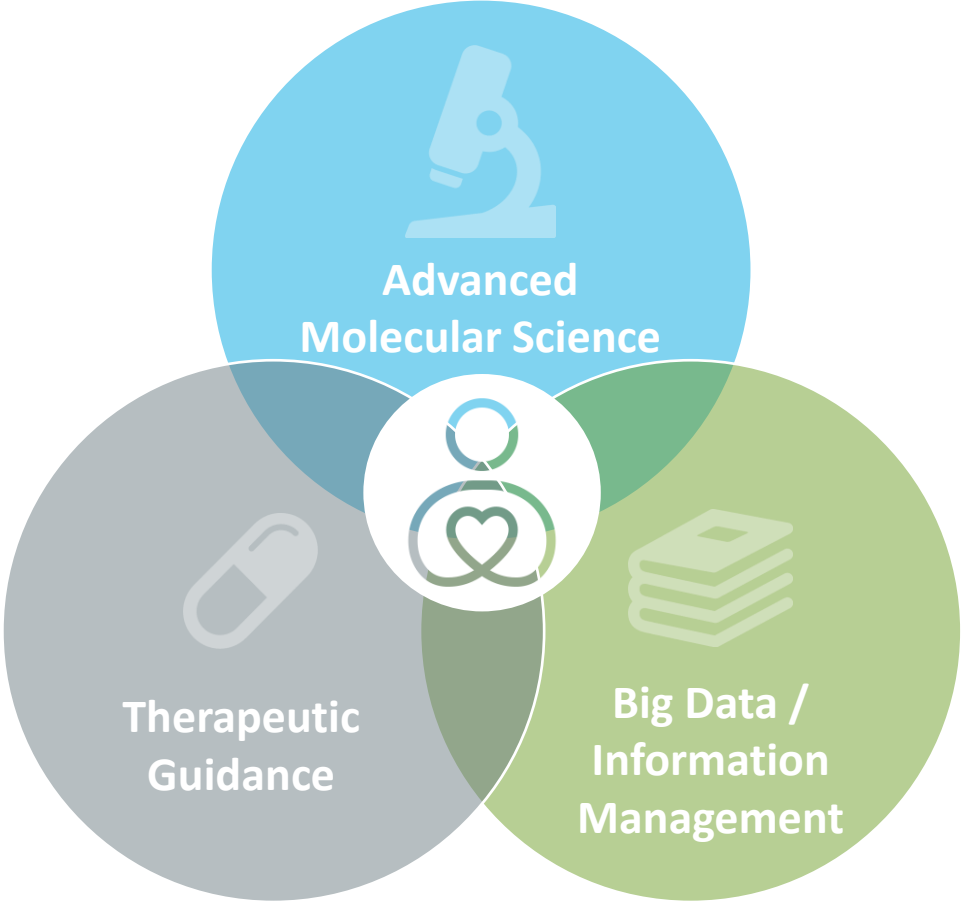


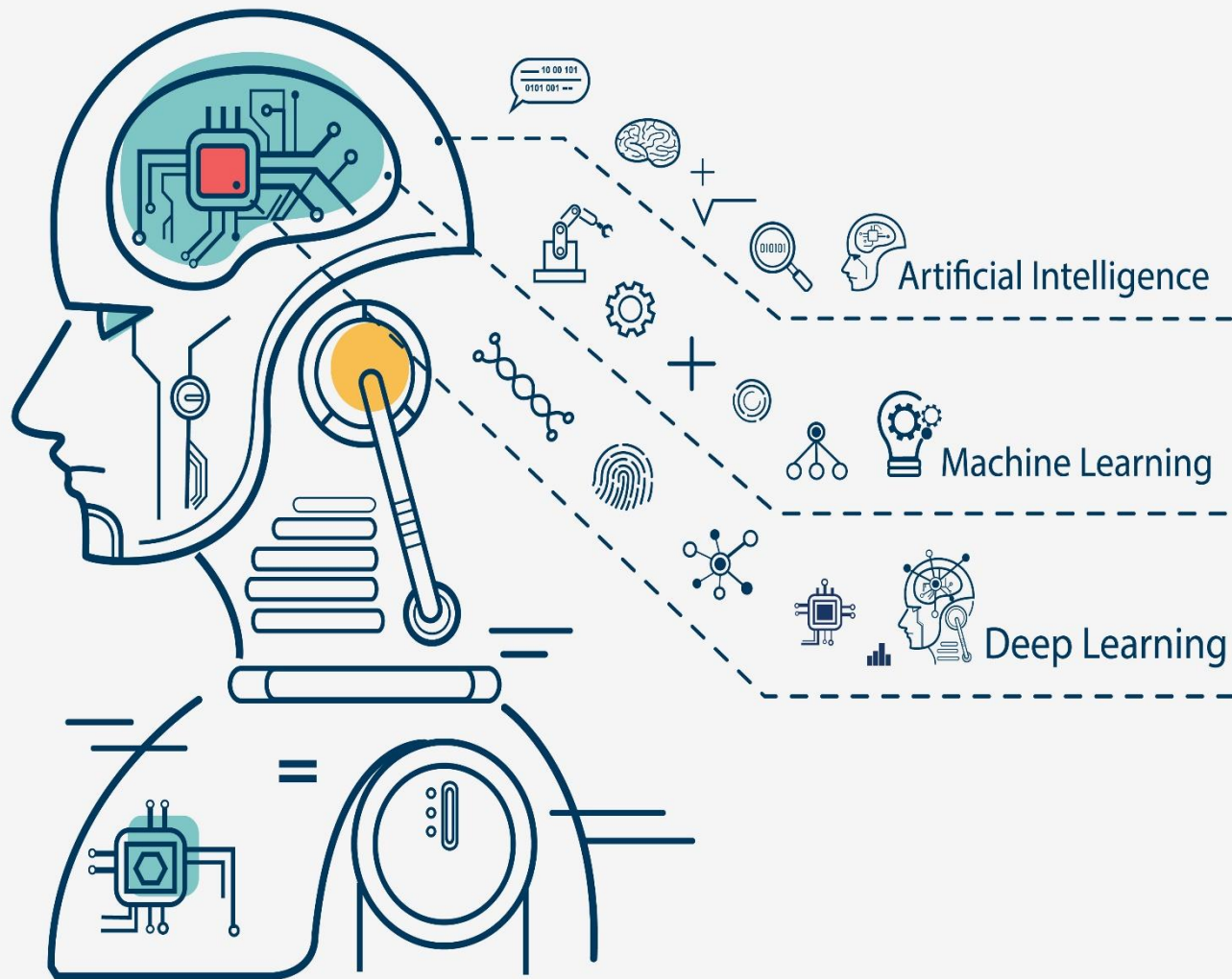
60 min



- ✓ Exact documented and very short tissue cold ischemia times of < 12 min (mean 7 min)
- ✓ Exact tissue localization and standardized fixation
- ✓ Complete biospecimen sets
- ✓ Highest tissue quality monitored by visual inspection, H&E staining, and microscopic assessment
- ✓ Native and rapid fluid preparations
- ✓ Complete specimen data
- ✓ Complete clinical data
- ✓ Patients' confidentiality assured following international standards

The Precision Medicine Era





ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Programs with the ability to learn and reason like humans

MACHINE LEARNING

Algorithms with the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed

DEEP LEARNING

Subset of machine learning in which artificial neural networks adapt and learn from vast amounts of data

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Clinical Validation of a Machine-learning-derived Signature Predictive of Outcomes from First-line Oxaliplatin-based Chemotherapy in Advanced Colorectal Cancer



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ABSTRACT

Purpose: FOLFOX, FOLFIRI, or FOLFOXIRI chemotherapy with bevacizumab is considered standard first-line treatment option for patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC). We developed and validated a molecular signature predictive of efficacy of oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy combined with bevacizumab in patients with mCRC.

Experimental Design: A machine-learning approach was applied and tested on clinical and next-generation sequencing data from a real-world evidence (RWE) dataset and samples from the prospective TRIBE2 study resulting in identification of a molecular signature, FOLFOX_{ai}. Algorithm training considered time-to-next treatment (TTNT). Validation studies used TTNT, progression-free survival, and overall survival (OS) as the primary endpoints.

Results: A 67-gene signature was cross-validated in a training cohort ($N = 105$) which demonstrated the ability of FOLFOX_{ai} to distinguish FOLFOX-treated patients with mCRC with increased

benefit from those with decreased benefit. The signature was predictive of TTNT and OS in an independent RWE dataset of 412 patients who had received FOLFOX/bevacizumab in first line and inversely predictive of survival in RWE data from 55 patients who had received first-line FOLFIRI. Blinded analysis of TRIBE2 samples confirmed that FOLFOX_{ai} was predictive of OS in both oxaliplatin-containing arms (FOLFOX HR, 0.629; $P = 0.04$ and FOLFIRI HR, 0.483; $P = 0.02$). FOLFOX_{ai} was also predictive of treatment benefit from oxaliplatin-containing regimens in advanced esophageal/gastro-esophageal junction cancers, as well as pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

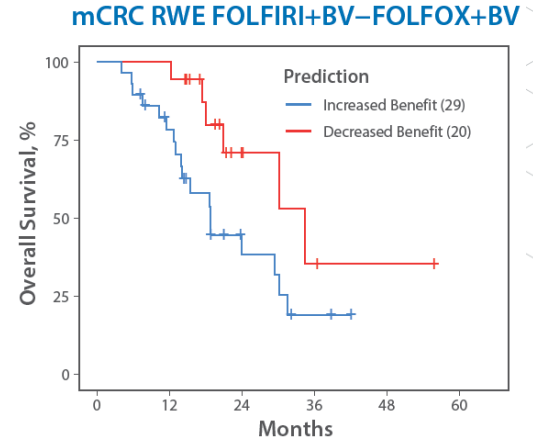
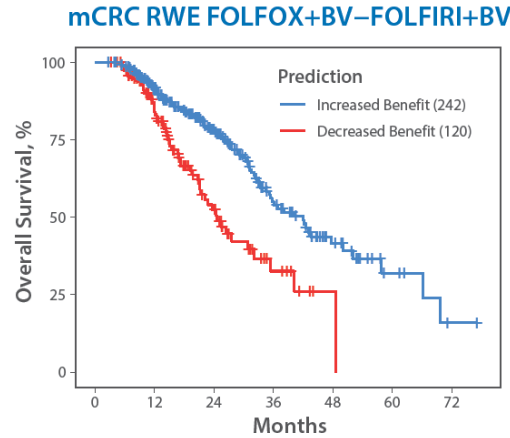
Conclusions: Application of FOLFOX_{ai} could lead to improvements of treatment outcomes for patients with mCRC and other cancers because patients predicted to have less benefit from oxaliplatin-containing regimens might benefit from alternative regimens.

Introduction

Over the last 2 decades, conventional chemotherapies (e.g., oxali-

First Clinically Validated AI-Driven Frontline Chemotherapy Predictor

- Median OS \uparrow = 17.5 months in patients treated in manner consistent with AI predictor vs patients treated counter to the prediction
- Demonstrated ~71% difference in median OS for patients in the FOLFOX 1st arm compared to the FOLFIRI 1st arm
- Demonstrated the impact of how FOLFOX and FOLFIRI are sequenced in patient treatment
- 2 independent data sets:
 - 412 manually curated cases with RWE
 - 149 cases analyzed retrospectively from the randomized, prospective phase 3 TRIBE2 study



	AI Results Indicate:	
	FOLFOX + BV 1 st → FOLFIRI + BV 2 nd (FOLFOX/BV RWE cohort)	FOLFIRI + BV 1 st → 2 nd FOLFOX + BV (FOLFIRI/BV RWE cohort)
OS When Patient Received: FOLFOX/BV 1 st → FOLFIRI + BV 2 nd	42.0 months	18.7 months
OS When Patient Received: FOLFIRI+BV 1 st → FOLFOX 2 nd	24.5 months	34.4 months

Our Message Worth Sharing

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- Overcoming *HER2* heterogeneity

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- Improving outcomes early upon progressive disease

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- A new standard of care on the horizon





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