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# Targeting HER2-Driven Disease Beyond the First Line: Antibody-Drug Conjugate Therapy in Gastrointestinal Cancers

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- Discuss the unique pharmacodynamics of HER2-directed antibody-drug conjugates and their anti-tumor effects in gastrointestinal cancers
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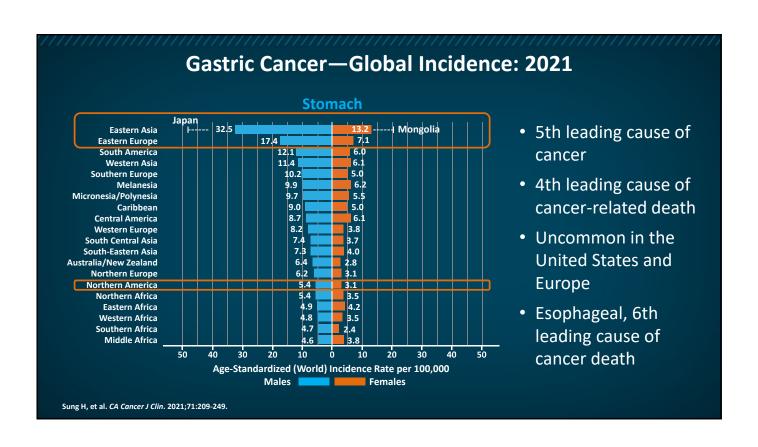
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ADC = antibody-drug conjugates; GI = gastrointestinal; HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

# Identifying HER2-Driven Gastrointestinal Cancers: Applying Pathology



# Gastric Carcinoma US Incidence in 2021 • 26,560 cases • Decline in distal GC incidence • Increase in esophageal, GEJ, cardia adenocarcinoma • OS improvement, 1975-1977, 1984-1986, 1999-2006 − 15% → 20% → 32% GC = gastric cancer; GEJ = gastroesophageal junction; OS = overall survival. Siegel RL, et al. CA Cancer / Clin. 2021;71:7-33. Arnold M., et al. Gostroenterology: 2020;159(1):335-349-e15.

# Moving Toward Evidence-Based Management of Advanced G/GEJ Cancer: NCCN Recommendations

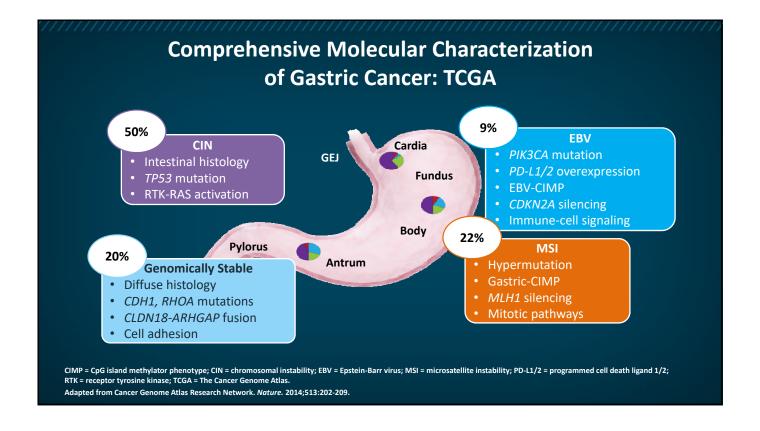
NCCN Guidelines for first-line therapy recommend (preferred regimens)

- HER2+ disease
  - Fluoropyrimidine<sup>†</sup> + oxaliplatin + trastuzumab<sup>\*</sup>
  - Fluoropyrimidine + cisplatin + trastuzumab (category 1)
- HER2- disease
  - Fluoropyrimidine + oxaliplatin + nivolumab
  - Fluoropyrimidine + oxaliplatin
  - Fluoropyrimidine + cisplatin

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines). Gastric cancer. Version 4.2021 (https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/guidelines-detail?category=1&id=1434). Accessed 8/19/21.

<sup>†</sup> Fluorouracil or capecitabine G = gastric.

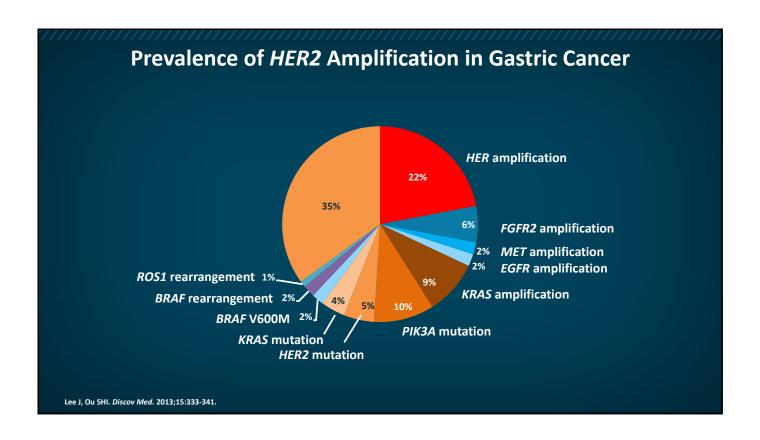
<sup>\*</sup>NCCN guidelines support an FDA-approved biosimilar as an appropriate substitute for trastuzumab.

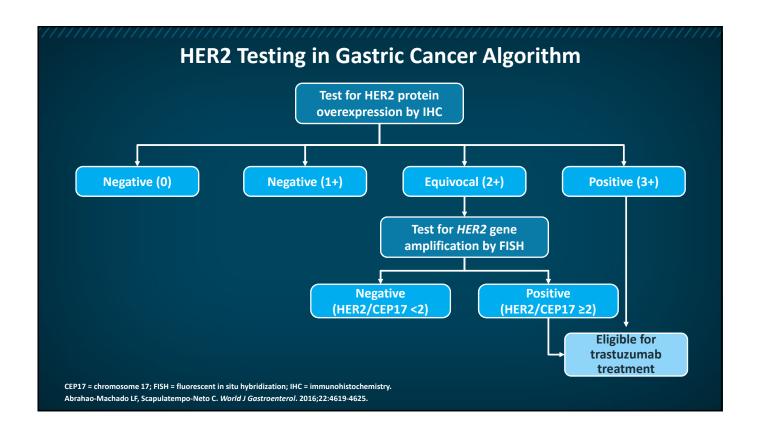


# **Role of HER2 in Gastric Cancer**

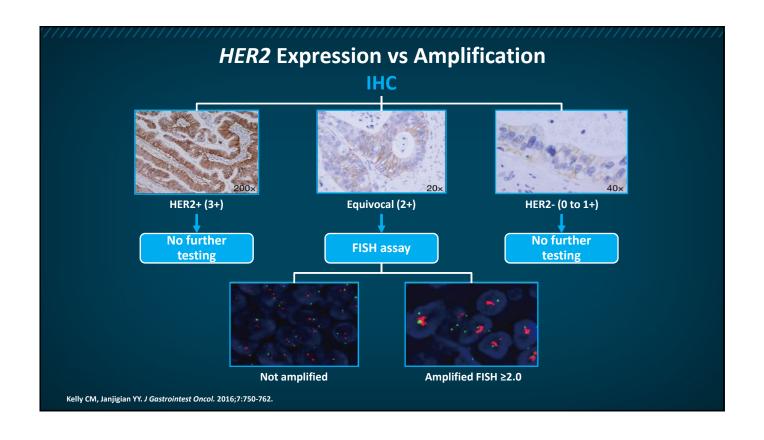
- EGFR receptors are associated with tumor cell proliferation, apoptosis, adhesion, migration, and differentiation<sup>1</sup>
- HER2 amplified or overexpressed in an average of ≈20% of G/GEJ adenocarcinomas¹
- Prognostic significance of HER2 positivity remains controversial<sup>2</sup>

EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor.
1. Bang YJ, et al. Lancet. 2010;376:687-697. 2. Namikawa T, et al. Mol Clin Oncol. 2013;1:249-252.





Analysis	Parameter	GC	Breast Cancer
IHC scoring	Extent	Biopsy specimens ≥5 cells	≥10%
	(Area cut-off)	Resection specimens ≥10%	Resection specimens ≥10%
	Circularity	Mostly absent (often only lateral in IHC 2+/3+)	Required in IHC 2+/3+
FISH	Cell number	20 cohesive tumor cells showing highest gene count	20 cohesive tumor cells showing highest gene coun
	Amplification	Ratio ≥2.0	Ratio ≥2.0
Patient selection	IHC vs FISH	IHC more predictive than FISH	IHC and FISH equally predictive



# **Intratumor HER2 Heterogeneity**

## Testing for HER2 on single section may miss HER2+ clone

- ≈20% of HER2+ esophageal/GEJ adenocarcinomas have intertumor HER2 heterogeneity
- Patients with HER2+ GC respond differently according to concomitant genomic aberrations beyond ERBB2
- High ERBB2 amplification by NGS or cfDNA can be a positive predictor for patient selection
- Tumor genomic alterations change significantly during targeted agent therapy

cfDNA = cell-free DNA; NGS = next-generation sequencing.

Kim ST, et al. Ann Oncol. 2018;29:1037-1048. Courtesy of Axel Grothey.

# **Role of HER2 in Solid GI Tumors**

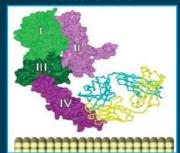
- GC: HER2 positivity varies by histology<sup>1</sup>
  - Diffuse or intestinal histologic subtypes
    - Diffuse cancers: 6%-7% HER2+; ≥16% for intestinal cancers
- CRC: HER2 positivity in 2%-7% of patients<sup>2</sup>
  - More common in left-sided primaries
    - HER2 amplification predicts resistance to EGFR-targeted therapy
  - HER2 therapy benefit limited to RAS WT cancers
- Biliary cancer<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Genomic profiling indicates HER2 amplification is seen
  - More common in gallbladder primaries
  - Potentially targetable by HER2-targeted agents

CRC = colorectal cancer; WT = wild type.

1. Gravalos C, Jimeno A. Ann Oncol. 2008;19:1523-1529. 2. De Cuyper A, et al. Clin Color Can. 2020;19:65-72. 3. Dika IE, Ilson DH. Expert Rev Anticancer Ther. 2018;18:1085-1092; 4. Javle et al Lancet Oncology 22: 1290; 2021

# **Binding Sites for HER2-Targeted Therapies**

## Trastuzumab<sup>1</sup>



- Activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity<sup>1</sup>
- Enhances HER2 internalization<sup>2</sup>
- Inhibits shedding and, therefore, formation of p95<sup>3</sup>
- Inhibits angiogenesis4

Pertuzumab1

- Activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity<sup>5</sup>
- Prevents HER2/HER3 receptor dimerization<sup>1</sup>
- Potent inhibitor of HER-mediated signaling pathways<sup>5</sup>

1. Reprinted from Hubbard SR. Cancer Cell. 2005;7:287-288 (with permission from Elsevier). 2. zum Büschenfelde CM, et al. Cancer Res. 2002;62:2244-2247. 3. Molina MA, et al. Cancer Res. 2001;61:4744-4749. 4. Petit AM, et al. Am J Pathol. 1997;151:1523-1530. 5. Scheuer W, et al. Cancer Res. 2009;69:9330-9336.

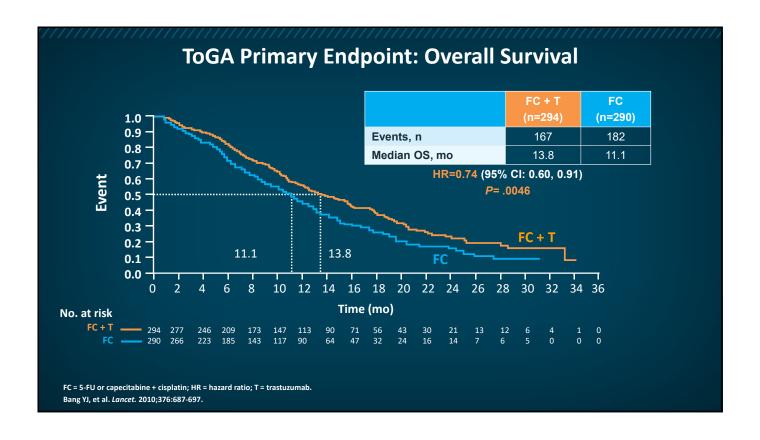
# **First-Line HER2-Directed Clinical Trials**

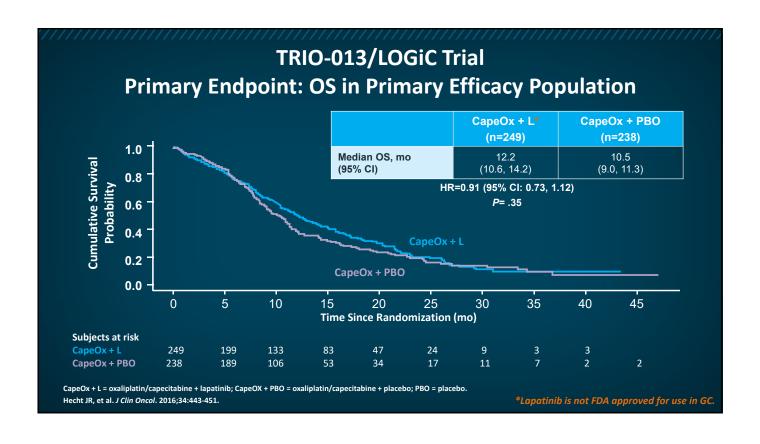
Clinical Trial	Regimen	Stratification
ToGA <sup>1</sup> HER2+ (n=594)	5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin + trastuzumab  5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin	<ul> <li>Advanced vs metastatic</li> <li>GC vs GEJ cancer</li> <li>Measurable vs nonmeasurable</li> <li>ECOG PS 0-1 vs 2</li> <li>Capecitabine vs 5-FU</li> </ul>
TRIO-013/LOGiC <sup>2</sup> HER2+ (FISH+ or IHC 3+) (n=545)	Capecitabine + oxaliplatin + lapatinib* Capecitabine + oxaliplatin	Geographic region of the world     Prior neoadjuvant and/or adjuvant chemotherapy
JACOB <sup>3</sup> HER2+ (ISH+ and IHC 2+ or 3+) (n=780)	Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab + pertuzumab*  Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab	Geographic region (Japan vs North America/Western Europe/Australia vs Asia [excluding Japan] vs South America/Eastern Europe)     Prior gastrectomy     HER2+ (IHC 3+ vs IHC 2+ and ISH+)

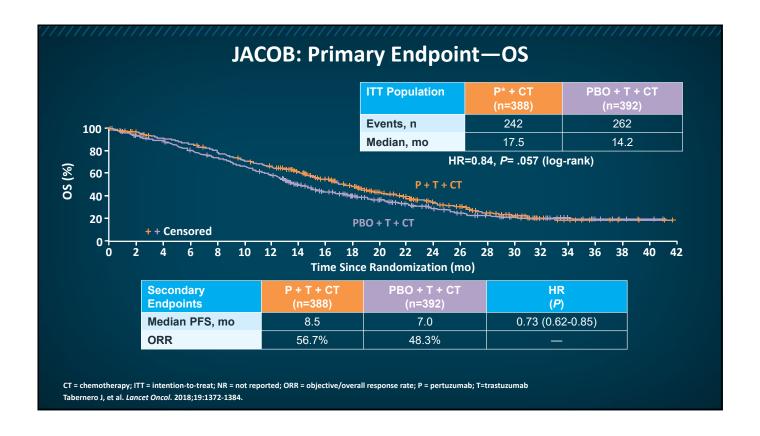
\*Lapatinib and pertuzumab are not FDA approved for use in GC.

ECOG = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ISH = in situ hybridization; PS = performance status.

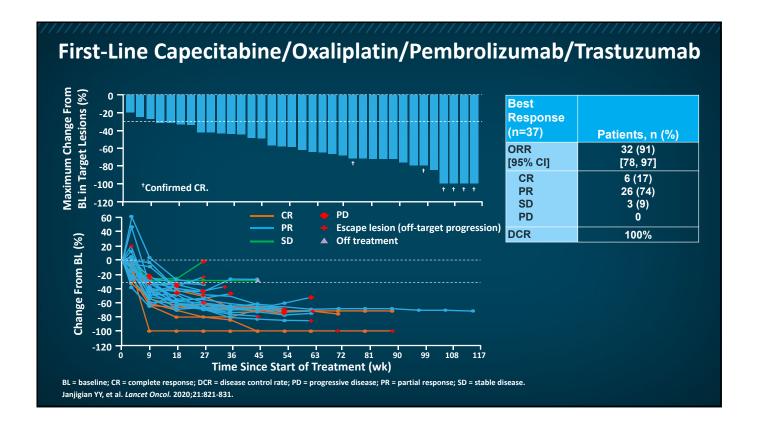
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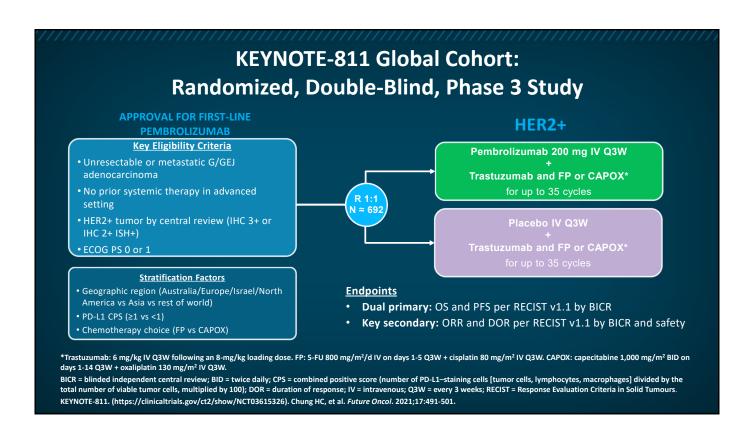






Clinical Trial	Regimen	Median OS, mo	HR (95% CI)	P
Го <b>GA</b> ¹	5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin + trastuzumab	13.8	0.74 (0.60, 0.91)	.0046
	5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin	11.1		
TRIO-013/ LOGiC <sup>2</sup>	Capecitabine + oxaliplain + lapatinib*	12.2	0.91 (0.73, 1.12)	.3492
	Capecitabine + oxaliplain	10.5		
JACOB <sup>3</sup>	Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab + pertuzumab	17.5	0.84 (0.71, 1.00)	.057
	Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab	14.2		





# Confirmed Response at IA1, Efficacy Population

ORR and DCR, % (95% CI)	Pembrolizumab (n=133)	Placebo (n=131)
ORR	74.4 (66.2, 81.6)	51.9 (43.0, 60.7)
ORR difference*	22.7 (11.: <i>P</i> = .00	
DCR	96.2 (91.4, 98.8)	89.3 (82.7, 94.0)

Best Response, n (%)	Pembrolizumab (n=133)	Placebo (n=131)
CR	15 (11)	4 (3)
PR	84 (63)	64 (49)
SD	29 (22)	49 (37)
PD	5 (4)	7 (5)
Not evaluable	0	2 (2)
Not assessed	0	5 (4)

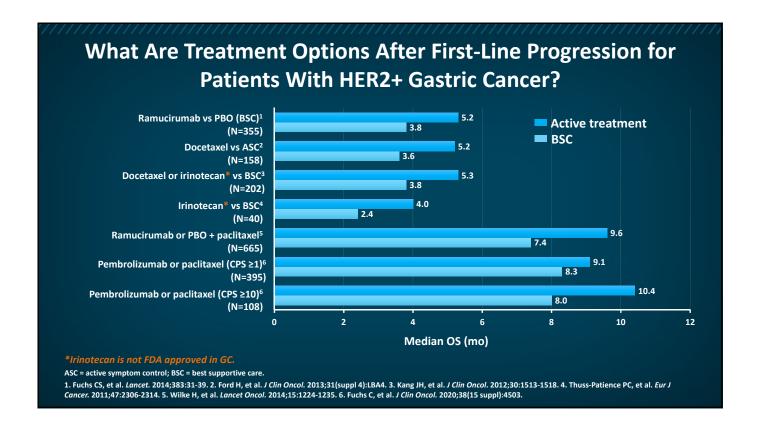
DOR <sup>†</sup>	Pembrolizumab (n=99)	Placebo (n=68)
Median (range), mo	10.6 (1.1+ to 16.5+)	9.5 (1.4+ to 15.4+)
≥6-mo duration, %	70.3	61.4
≥9-mo duration, %	58.4	51.1

\*Calculated using the Miettinen and Nurminen method stratified by the randomization stratification factors. †Calculated in participants with best response of CR or PR; medians and ≥6-mo and ≥9-mo durations estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method. The treatment regimen in both arms included trastuzumab and chemotherapy. Data cutoff date: June 17, 2020.

Janjigian YY, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021;39(15 suppl):4013. Janjigian YY, et al. CCO Oncology Presentation. (https://www.clinicaloptions.com/oncology/conference-coverage/2021/clinicaloncology-2021/gastrointestinal-cancers/capsule-summary-slidesets/4013). Accessed 8/24/21.

Pembrolizumab is now FDA-approved for this indication

**Evolution of HER2-Targeted Therapy for HER2+ GI Cancers After Progression on Trastuzumab** 



# T-ACT: Paclitaxel ± Trastuzumab

- Phase 2 (N=91)
- Patients with HER2+ advanced G/GEJ cancer progressing during first-line chemotherapy with trastuzumab + 5-FU + platinum were randomized to receive either paclitaxel (80 mg/m², day 1, 8, 15, Q4W) or paclitaxel + trastuzumab (PT) (initial trastuzumab 8 mg/kg followed by 6 mg/kg, Q3W)
- Median PFS (primary endpoint) = 3.2 and 3.7 months in the paclitaxel and PT arms, respectively; HR=0.91 (95% CI: 0.67, 1.22), P= .33
- Secondary endpoints (OS, ORR, DCR) also not significantly different between arms
- Safety was comparable between arms
- 69% (11/16) lost their HER2+ status

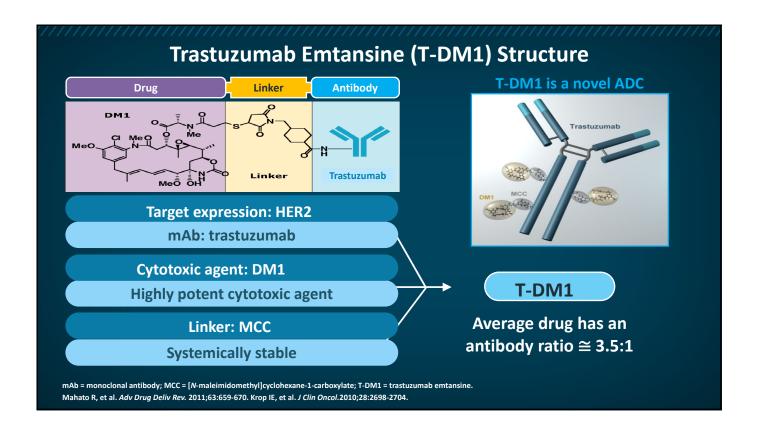
Q4W = every 4 weeks.

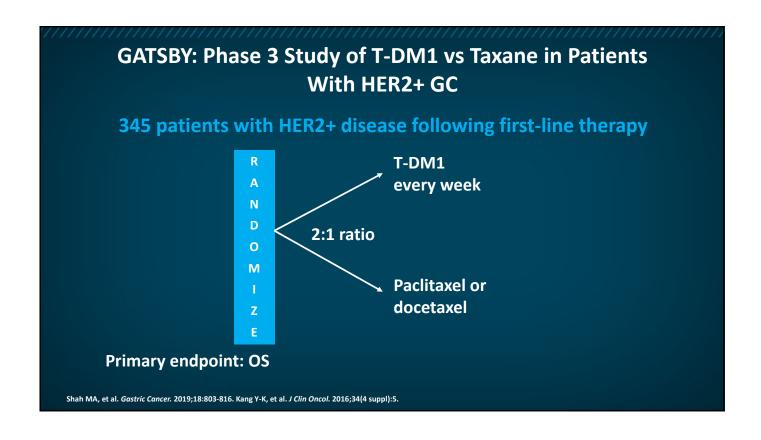
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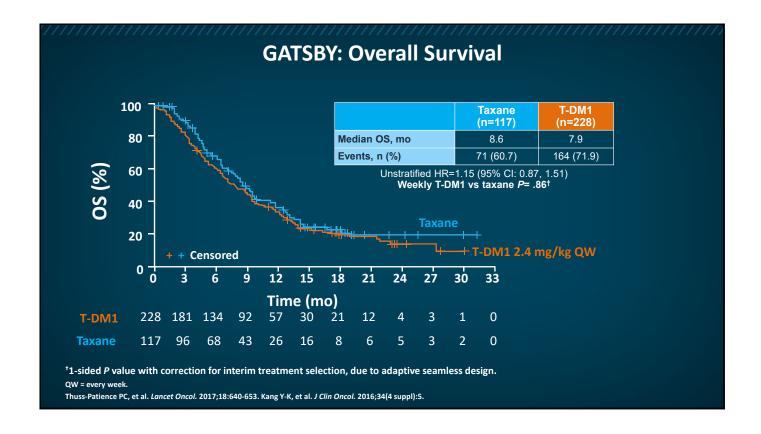
# Current Treatment Options for Second-Line Therapy in Patients With HER2+ Disease

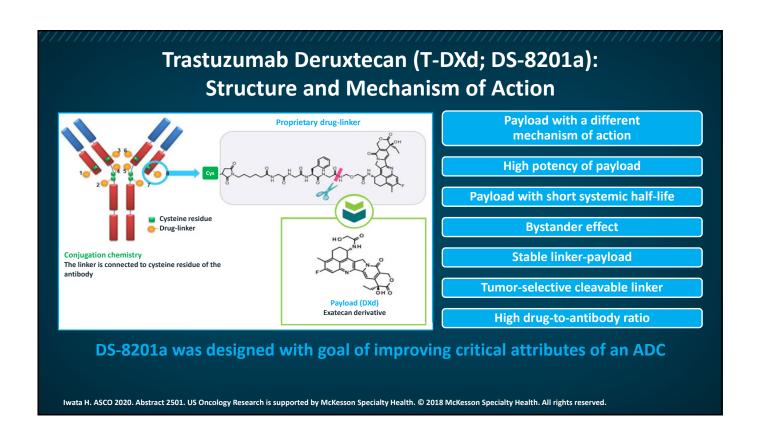
- Continuing trastuzumab past first-line progression has not shown significant improvement in outcomes
- Treatment options inline with HER2- disease options
- Treatment choices based on patient/provider decision
  - Toxicity profile of regimen
  - Patient PS
  - Patient goals
  - Patient comorbidities
- More options are clearly needed

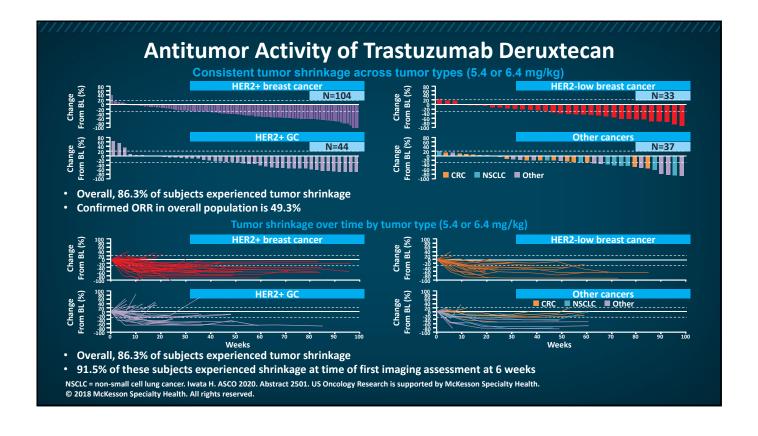
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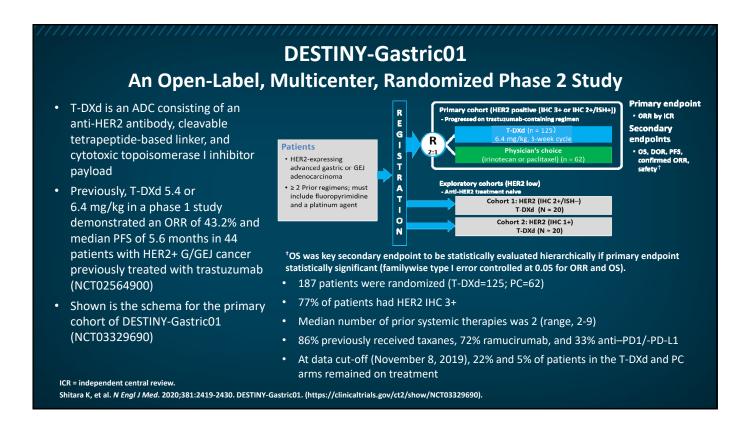


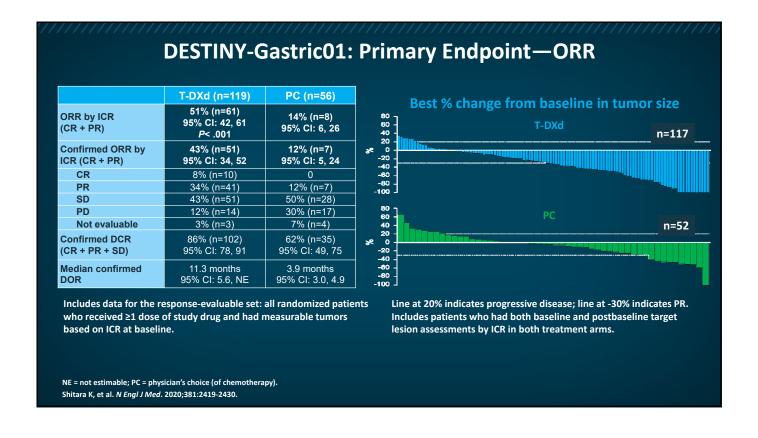


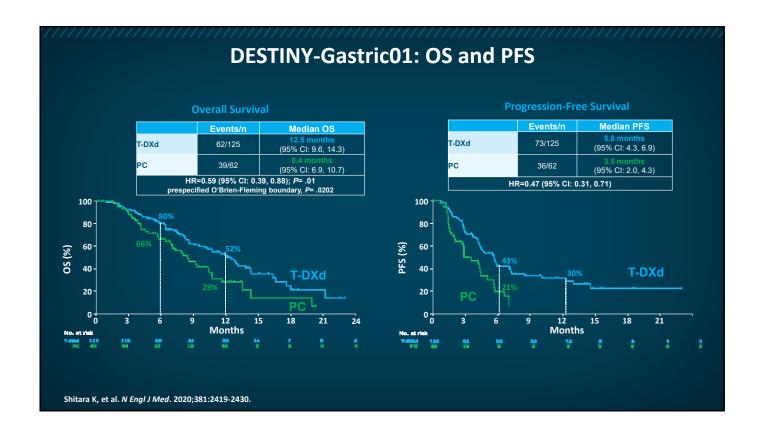


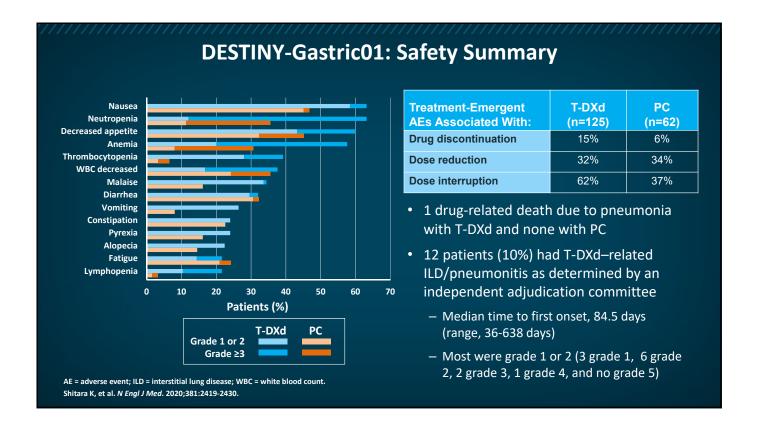










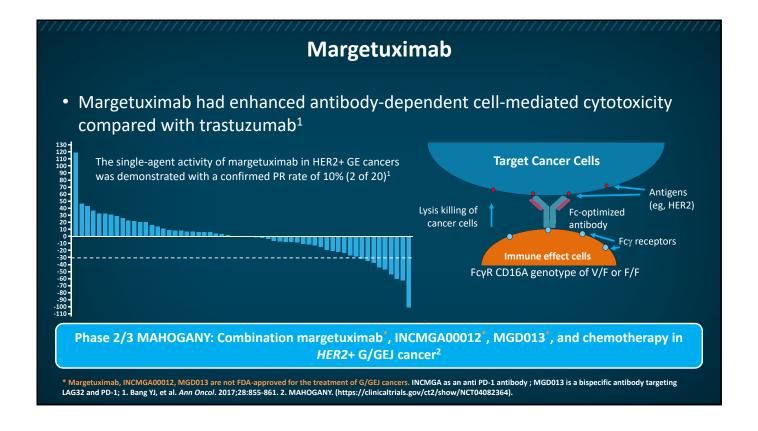


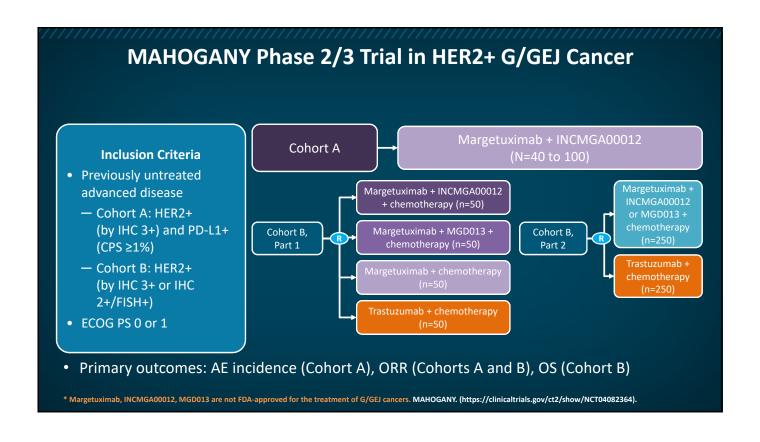
# DESTINY-Gastric01: HER2-Low Exploratory Cohorts

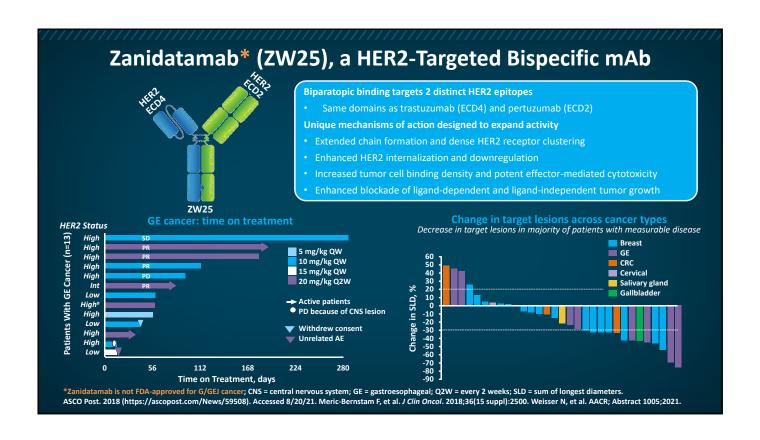
- Centrally confirmed HER2-low via IHC 2+/ISH- (n=20) or IHC 1+ (n=24)
- Progressed on ≥2 prior lines of therapy; excluded if prior HER2 therapy
- Safety profile similar to HER2+ primary cohort

	IHC 2+/ISH-	IHC 1+
PR	5/19	2/21
SD	12/19	
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	26.3 (5, 19)	9.5 (2, 21)
DCR, % (95% CI)	89.5	71.4
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	4.4 (2.7, 7.1)	2.8 (1.5, 4.3)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	7.8 (4.7, NE)	8.5 (4.3, 10.9)
12-month OS rate, %	40	25.7

Yamaguchi K, et al. Ann Oncol. 2020;31(suppl 4):S899-S900.





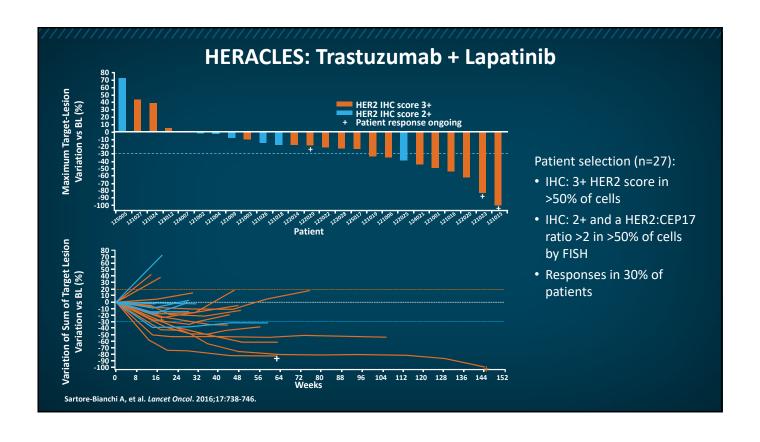


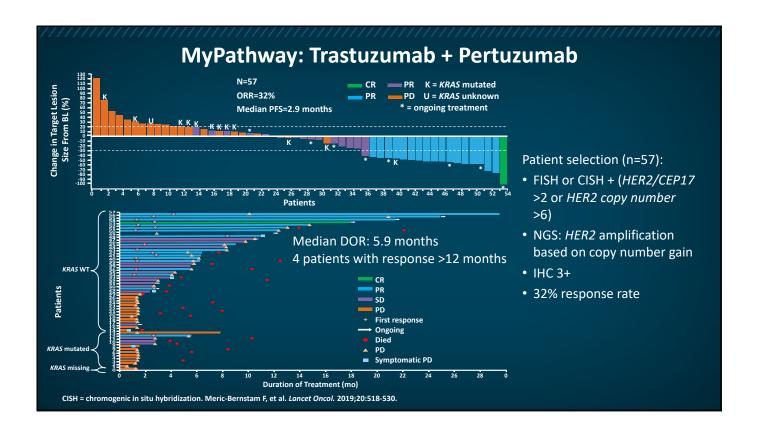


# **HER2+ mCRC: Very Consistent Data**

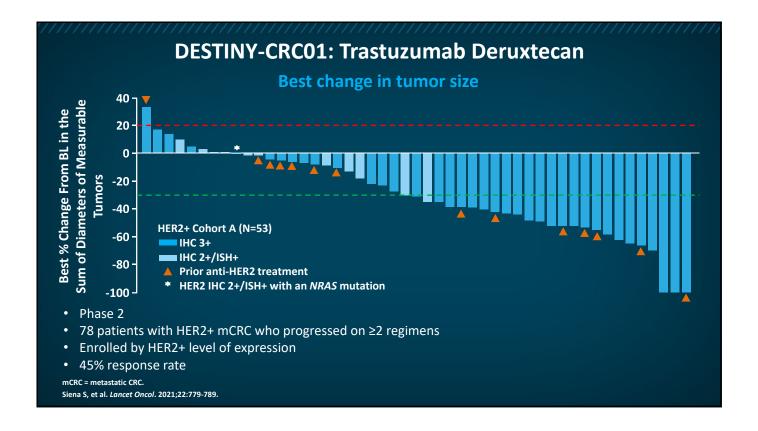
- HERACLES trial1: trastuzumab + lapatinib
- MyPathway trial<sup>2</sup>: pertuzumab + trastuzumab
- TRIUMPH trial<sup>3</sup>: pertuzumab + trastuzumab
- HERACLES-B trial4: T-DM1
- DESTINY trial<sup>5</sup>: T-DXd (also anti-HER2 pretreated)
- → Only 2%-5% have HER2 amplification<sup>2</sup>
- → How and when should we test?
- → What is the best treatment?

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# **Case Study**

72-year-old woman with dysphagia, belching, and early satiety

Past Medical History: asthma, hypertension, elevated cholesterol, 14 pack year smoking

- EGD: obstructing circumferential mass in the GEJ, Barrett's, biopsy adenocarcinoma
- CT and PET: upper paratracheal, paraesophageal, GH nodes, primary, small liver metastases
- Tumor tissue tests positive for HER2, IHC 3+, PD-L1 CPS 1%
- Genomic profiling: MSS, p53 mutation, mutations in ARID1A and B, ERBB3 cyclin D, ALK, CSF1R, PREX2, PIK3R1 deletion, amplification of HER2 (8.4) and RARA, loss TGFBR2
- Therapy initiated on study with infusional 5-FU, oxaliplatin, trastuzumab, and pembrolizumab
- Infusional 5-FU is dose reduced for mucositis
- Reflux and dysphagia improve
- Serial CT shows a response in the liver and other disease sites

CT = computed tomography; EGD = esophagogastroduodenoscopy; GH = growth hormone; MSS = microsatellite stable; PET = positron emission tomography.

# **Case Study (continued)**

- 5-FU dose reduction due to conjunctivitis; oxaliplatin stopped at 4 months due to neuropathy
- Infusional 5-FU, trastuzumab, and pembrolizumab continued
- CTs show ongoing response at 8 months; no visible liver lesion
- Changed to trastuzumab and pembrolizumab but developed nephritis
- Continued trastuzumab maintenance therapy, EGD shows residual GEJ mass

### 17 Months

- Nausea, fevers, and seizure
- MRI of the brain indicates a right temporo-occipital and left cerebellar metastasis
- Resection of the larger lesion, SRS to smaller lesion
- Repeat genomic profiling of the brain lesion: HER2 now 15-fold amplified
- Resumes trastuzumab maintenance

SRS = stereotactic radiosurgery.

# Years 3 and 4

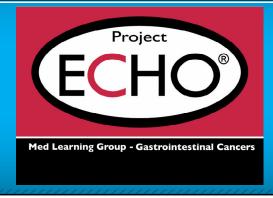
- For progressive dysphagia: capecitabine and radiotherapy at year 3 with improvement
- At 4 years with further local progression, she starts T-DXd
- Local tumor continues to progress on endoscopy; feeding tube placed and laterline therapy considered
- Currently on supportive care

# Conclusions

- HER2 is targetable in GI cancers
- High rate of positivity in GC
  - Trastuzumab approved with first-line chemotherapy, now + pembrolizumab
  - Second- or later-line: T-DXd is now approved
- HER2 amplification in CRC from NGS
  - Left-sided, RAS WT cancers
  - Promise for T-DXd and trastuzumab combination therapies
- Biliary cancer
  - HER2 amplification in gallbladder primaries1

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# Thank you!



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