



# TARGETING HER2-DRIVEN DISEASE BEYOND THE FIRST LINE:

*Antibody-Drug Conjugate Therapy in*  
**GASTROINTESTINAL CANCERS**

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- Identify HER2 methods of biomarker testing and apply them to clinical practice in patients with GI malignancies
- Discuss the unique pharmacodynamics of HER2-directed antibody-drug conjugates and their anti-tumor effects in gastrointestinal cancers
- Apply evidence from HER2-targeted, antibody-drug conjugate clinical trials to personalize treatment of patients with advanced GI malignancies beyond the first-line

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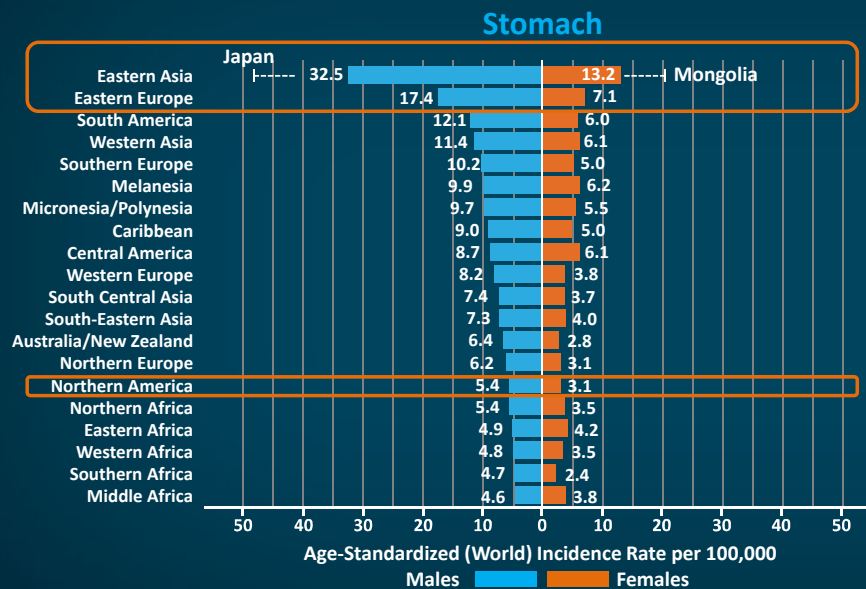
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ADC = antibody-drug conjugates; GI = gastrointestinal; HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

## Identifying HER2-Driven Gastrointestinal Cancers: Applying Pathology

### Gastric Cancer—Global Incidence: 2021



- 5th leading cause of cancer
- 4th leading cause of cancer-related death
- Uncommon in the United States and Europe
- Esophageal, 6th leading cause of cancer death

## 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 J Clin.* 2021;71:7-33. Arnold M, et al. *Gastroenterology.* 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)

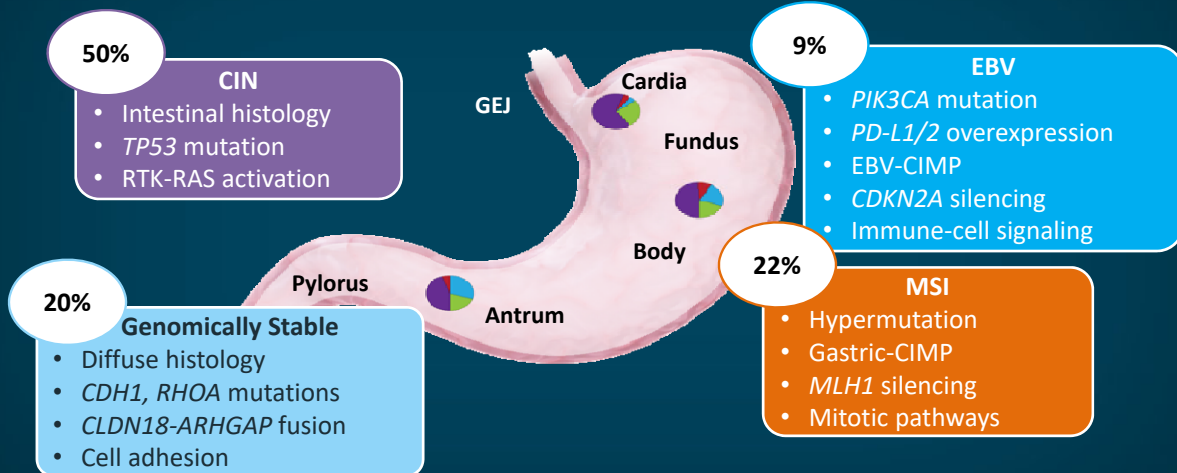
- HER2+ disease
  - Fluoropyrimidine<sup>†</sup> + oxaliplatin + trastuzumab\*
  - Fluoropyrimidine + cisplatin + trastuzumab (category 1)
- HER2- disease
  - Fluoropyrimidine + oxaliplatin + nivolumab
  - Fluoropyrimidine + oxaliplatin
  - Fluoropyrimidine + cisplatin

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

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

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.

## Comprehensive Molecular Characterization of Gastric Cancer: TCGA



CIMP = CpG island methylator phenotype; CIN = chromosomal instability; EBV = Epstein-Barr virus; MSI = microsatellite instability; PD-L1/2 = programmed cell death ligand 1/2; RTK = receptor tyrosine kinase; TCGA = The Cancer Genome Atlas.

Adapted from Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network. *Nature*. 2014;513:202-209.

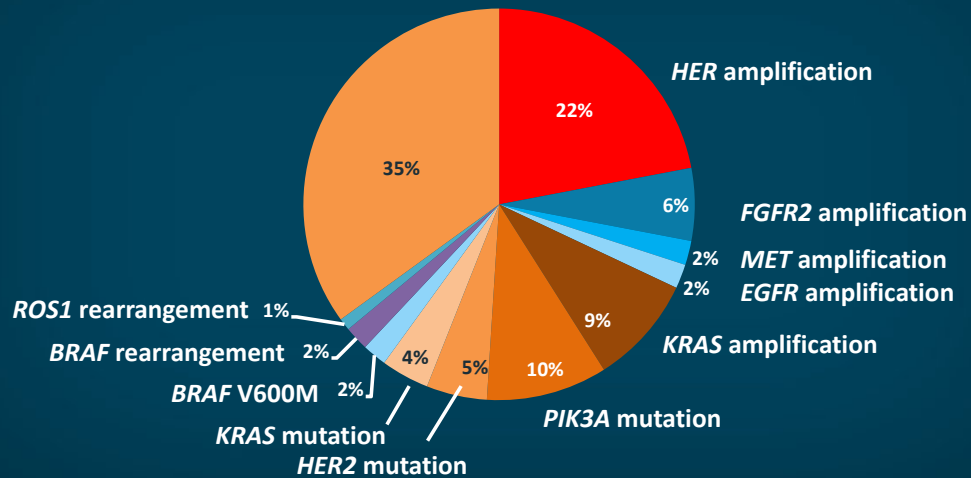
## Role of HER2 in Gastric Cancer

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

EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor.

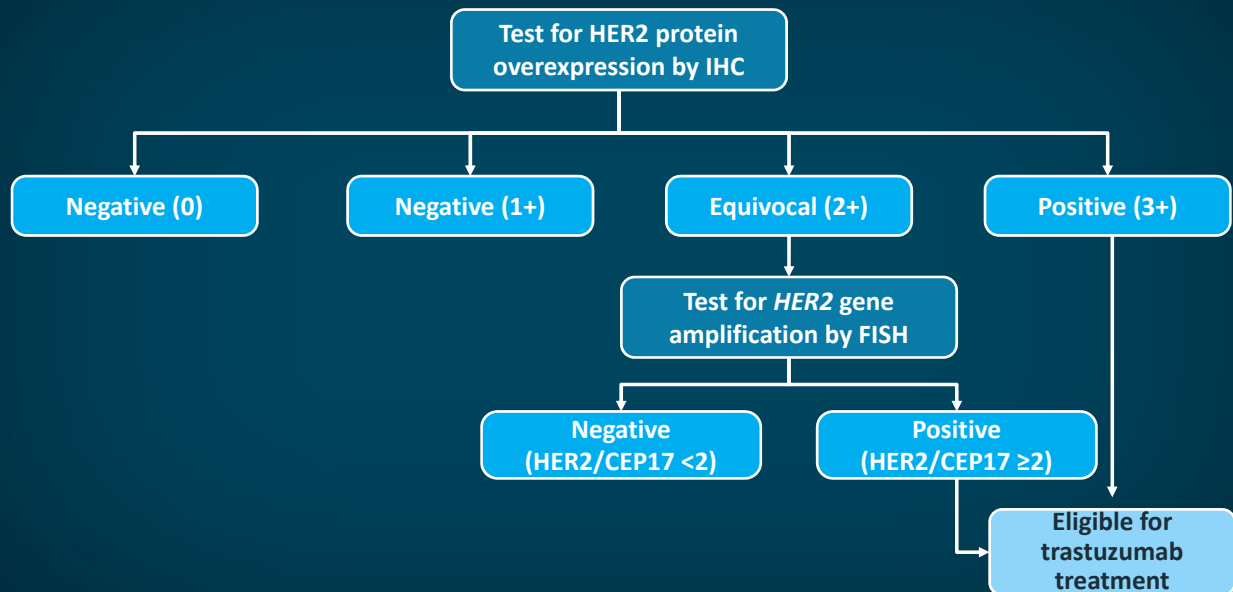
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## Prevalence of *HER2* Amplification in Gastric Cancer



Lee J, Ou SH. *Discov Med.* 2013;15:333-341.

## HER2 Testing in Gastric Cancer Algorithm



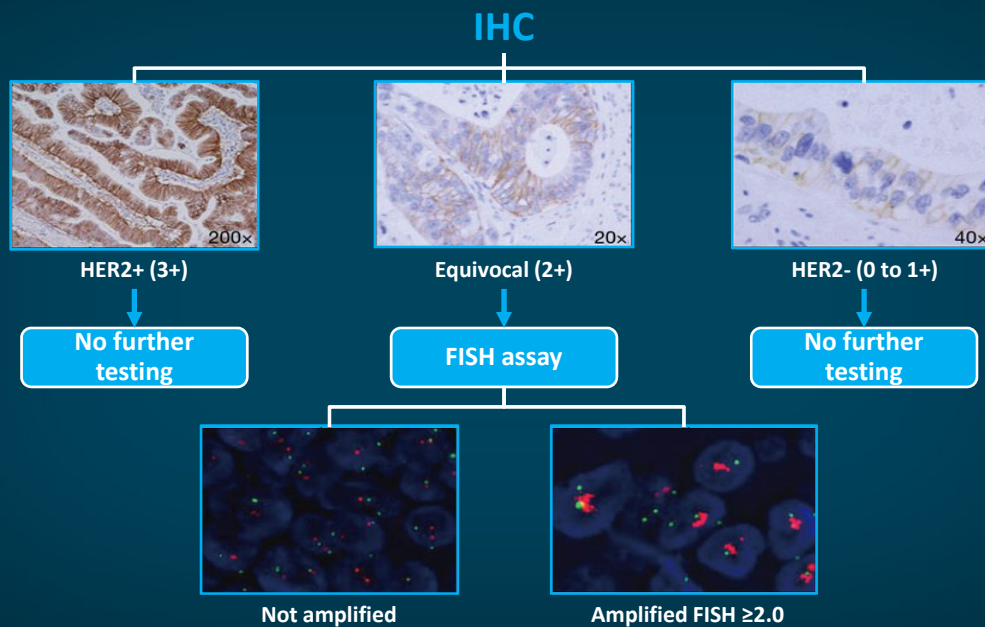
CEP17 = chromosome 17; FISH = fluorescent in situ hybridization; IHC = immunohistochemistry.  
 Abrahao-Machado LF, Scapulatempo-Neto C. *World J Gastroenterol.* 2016;22:4619-4625.

## HER2 Testing in Gastric vs Breast Cancer

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

Rüschhoff J, et al. *Virchows Arch.* 2010;457:299-307.

## HER2 Expression vs Amplification



Kelly CM, Janjigian YY. *J Gastrointest Oncol.* 2016;7:750-762.

## 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

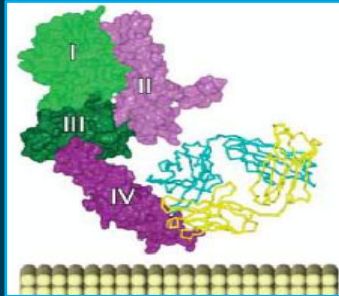
CRC = colorectal cancer; WT = wild type.

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



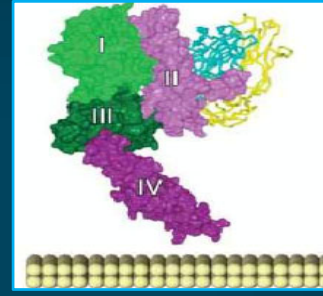
## Binding Sites for HER2-Targeted Therapies

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 angiogenesis<sup>4</sup>

Pertuzumab<sup>1</sup>



- 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>

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## First-Line HER2-Directed Clinical Trials

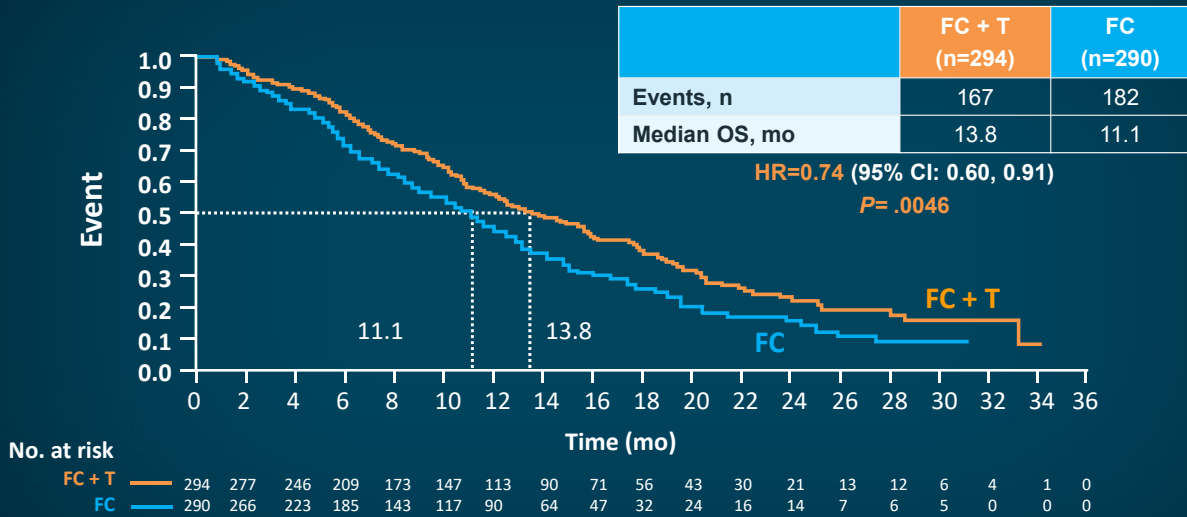
| Clinical Trial   | Regimen  | Stratification  |
|--|--|---|
| ToGA <sup>1</sup><br>HER2+<br>(n=594)                                | 5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin + trastuzumab               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced vs metastatic</li> <li>• GC vs GEJ cancer</li> <li>• Measurable vs nonmeasurable</li> <li>• ECOG PS 0-1 vs 2</li> <li>• Capecitabine vs 5-FU</li> </ul>   |
|  | 5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin                             |   |
| TRIO-013/LOGiC <sup>2</sup><br>HER2+<br>(FISH+ or IHC 3+)<br>(n=545) | Capecitabine + oxaliplatin + lapatinib*                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographic region of the world</li> <li>• Prior neoadjuvant and/or adjuvant chemotherapy</li> </ul>  |
|  | Capecitabine + oxaliplatin                                   |   |
| JACOB <sup>3</sup><br>HER2+<br>(ISH+ and IHC 2+ or 3+)<br>(n=780)    | Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab + pertuzumab* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographic region (Japan vs North America/Western Europe/Australia vs Asia [excluding Japan] vs South America/Eastern Europe)</li> <li>• Prior gastrectomy</li> <li>• HER2+ (IHC 3+ vs IHC 2+ and ISH+)</li> </ul> |
|  | Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab               |   |

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

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

1. Bang YJ, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;376:687-697. 2. Hecht JR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2016;34:443-451. 3. Tabernero J, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2018;19:1372-1384.

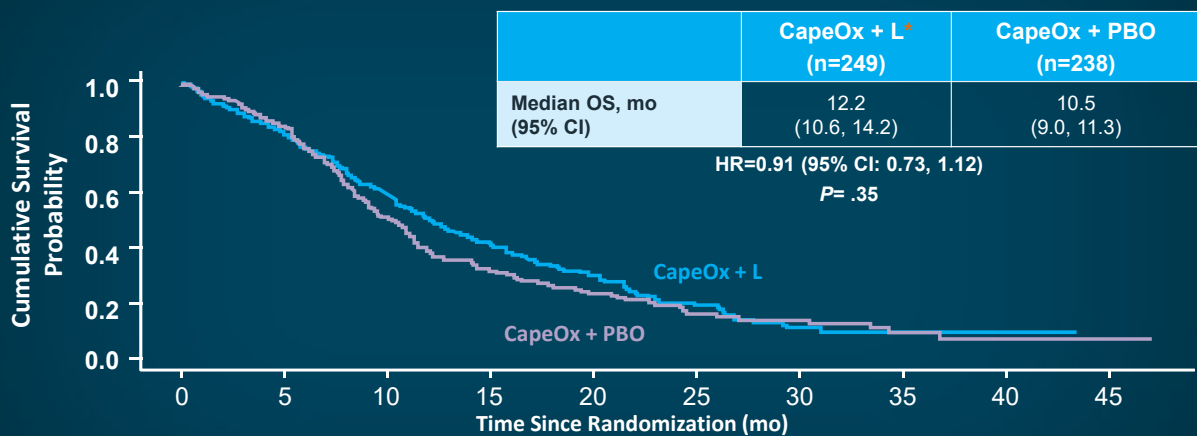
## ToGA Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival



FC = 5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin; HR = hazard ratio; T = trastuzumab.  
Bang YJ, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;376:687-697.

## TRIO-013/LOGiC Trial

### Primary Endpoint: OS in Primary Efficacy Population



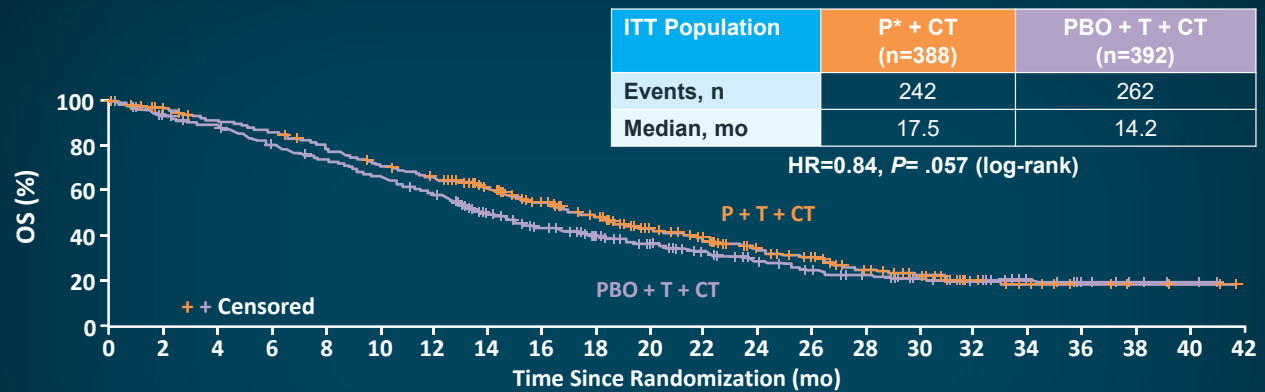
Subjects at risk

| Time (mo)    | 0   | 5   | 10  | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CapeOx + L   | 249 | 199 | 133 | 83 | 47 | 24 | 9  | 3  | 3  | 2  |
| CapeOx + PBO | 238 | 189 | 106 | 53 | 34 | 17 | 11 | 7  | 2  | 2  |

CapeOx + L = oxaliplatin/capecitabine + lapatinib; CapeOx + PBO = oxaliplatin/capecitabine + placebo; PBO = placebo.  
Hecht JR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2016;34:443-451.

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## JACOB: Primary Endpoint—OS



| Secondary Endpoints | P + T + CT<br>(n=388) | PBO + T + CT<br>(n=392) | HR<br>(P)        |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Median PFS, mo      | 8.5                   | 7.0                     | 0.73 (0.62-0.85) |
| ORR                 | 56.7%                 | 48.3%                   | —                |

CT = chemotherapy; ITT = intention-to-treat; NR = not reported; ORR = objective/overall response rate; P = pertuzumab; T=trastuzumab  
 Taberero J, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2018;19:1372-1384.

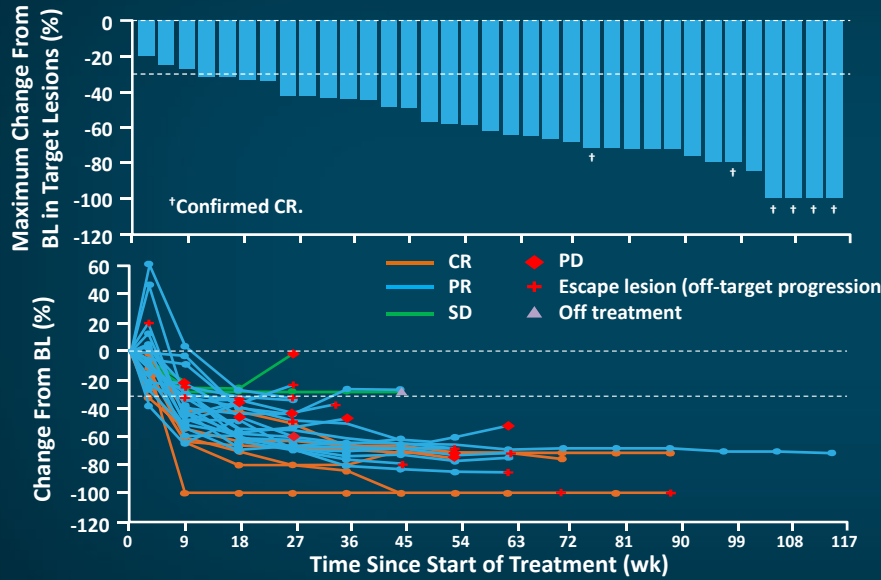
## First-Line HER2-Directed Clinical Trials: OS

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

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# First-Line Capecitabine/Oxaliplatin/Pembrolizumab/Trastuzumab



| Best Response (n=37) |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| ORR [95% CI]         | 32 (91) [78, 97] |
| CR                   | 6 (17)           |
| PR                   | 26 (74)          |
| SD                   | 3 (9)            |
| PD                   | 0                |
| DCR                  | 100%             |

BL = baseline; CR = complete response; DCR = disease control rate; PD = progressive disease; PR = partial response; SD = stable disease.  
 Janjigian YY, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2020;21:821-831.

## KEYNOTE-811 Global Cohort: Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Study

### APPROVAL FOR FIRST-LINE PEMBROLIZUMAB

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Unresectable or metastatic G/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- No prior systemic therapy in advanced setting
- HER2+ tumor by central review (IHC 3+ or IHC 2+ ISH+)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

#### Stratification Factors

- Geographic region (Australia/Europe/Israel/North America vs Asia vs rest of world)
- PD-L1 CPS (≥1 vs <1)
- Chemotherapy choice (FP vs CAPOX)

### HER2+

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W + Trastuzumab and FP or CAPOX\* for up to 35 cycles

Placebo IV Q3W + Trastuzumab and FP or CAPOX\* for up to 35 cycles

R 1:1  
N ≈ 692

#### Endpoints

- **Dual primary:** OS and PFS per RECIST v1.1 by BICR
- **Key secondary:** ORR and DOR per RECIST v1.1 by BICR and safety

\*Trastuzumab: 6 mg/kg IV Q3W following an 8-mg/kg loading dose. FP: 5-FU 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d IV on days 1-5 Q3W + cisplatin 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Q3W. CAPOX: capecitabine 1,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> BID on days 1-14 Q3W + oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Q3W.

BICR = blinded independent central review; BID = twice daily; CPS = combined positive score (number of PD-L1-staining cells [tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages] divided by the total number of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100); DOR = duration of response; IV = intravenous; Q3W = every 3 weeks; RECIST = Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours.

KEYNOTE-811. (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03615326>). Chung HC, et al. *Future Oncol.* 2021;17:491-501.

## Confirmed Response at IA1, Efficacy Population

| ORR and DCR, %<br>(95% CI) | Pembrolizumab<br>(n=133)       | Placebo<br>(n=131)   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| ORR                        | 74.4<br>(66.2, 81.6)           | 51.9<br>(43.0, 60.7) |
| ORR difference*            | 22.7 (11.2, 33.7)<br>P= .00006 |                      |
| DCR                        | 96.2<br>(91.4, 98.8)           | 89.3<br>(82.7, 94.0) |

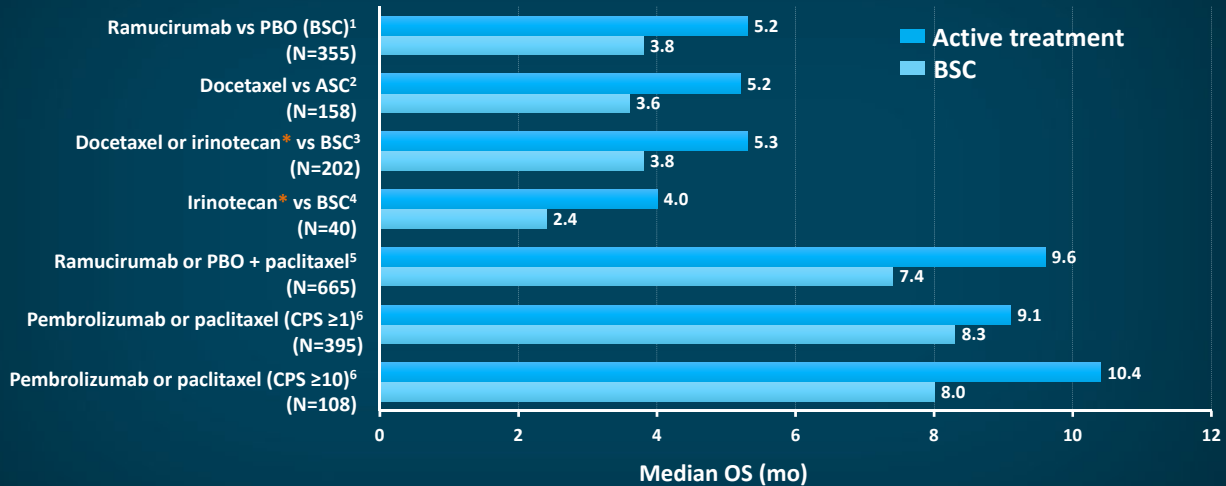
| Best Response,<br>n (%) | Pembrolizumab<br>(n=133) | Placebo<br>(n=131) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| CR                      | 15 (11)                  | 4 (3)              |
| PR                      | 84 (63)                  | 64 (49)          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

| DOR†                  | Pembrolizumab<br>(n=99) | Placebo<br>(n=68)      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Median (range),<br>mo | 10.6<br>(1.1+ to 16.5+) | 9.5<br>(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/clinical-oncology-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

## What Are Treatment Options After First-Line Progression for Patients With HER2+ Gastric Cancer?



\*Irinotecan is not FDA approved in GC.

ASC = active symptom control; BSC = best supportive care.

1. Fuchs CS, et al. *Lancet*. 2014;383:31-39. 2. Ford H, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2013;31(suppl 4):LBA4. 3. Kang JH, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2012;30:1513-1518. 4. Thuss-Patience PC, et al. *Eur J Cancer*. 2011;47:2306-2314. 5. Wilke H, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2014;15:1224-1235. 6. Fuchs C, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38(15 suppl):4503.

## 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/m<sup>2</sup>, 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.

Makiyama A, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:1919-1927.

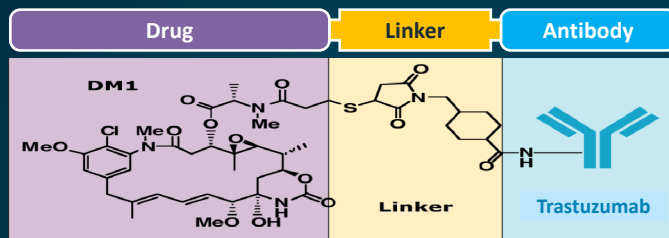
## Current Treatment Options for Second-Line Therapy in Patients With HER2+ Disease

- 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

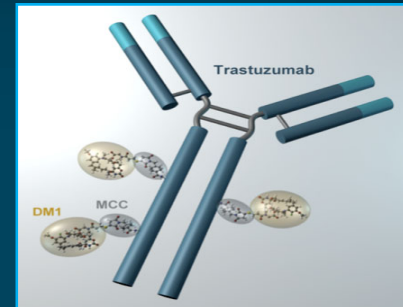
## Leveraging Antibody-Drug Conjugates in HER2-Positive Gastrointestinal Malignancies



## Trastuzumab Emtansine (T-DM1) Structure



T-DM1 is a novel ADC



Target expression: HER2

mAb: trastuzumab

Cytotoxic agent: DM1

Highly potent cytotoxic agent

Linker: MCC

Systemically stable

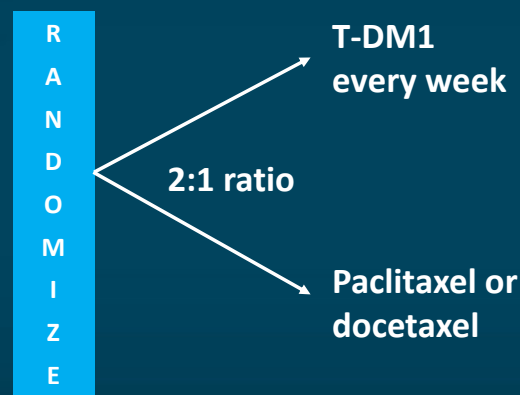
T-DM1

Average drug has an antibody ratio  $\cong 3.5:1$

mAb = monoclonal antibody; MCC = [N-maleimidomethyl]cyclohexane-1-carboxylate; T-DM1 = trastuzumab emtansine.  
Mahato R, et al. *Adv Drug Deliv Rev.* 2011;63:659-670. Krop IE, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2010;28:2698-2704.

## GATSBY: Phase 3 Study of T-DM1 vs Taxane in Patients With HER2+ GC

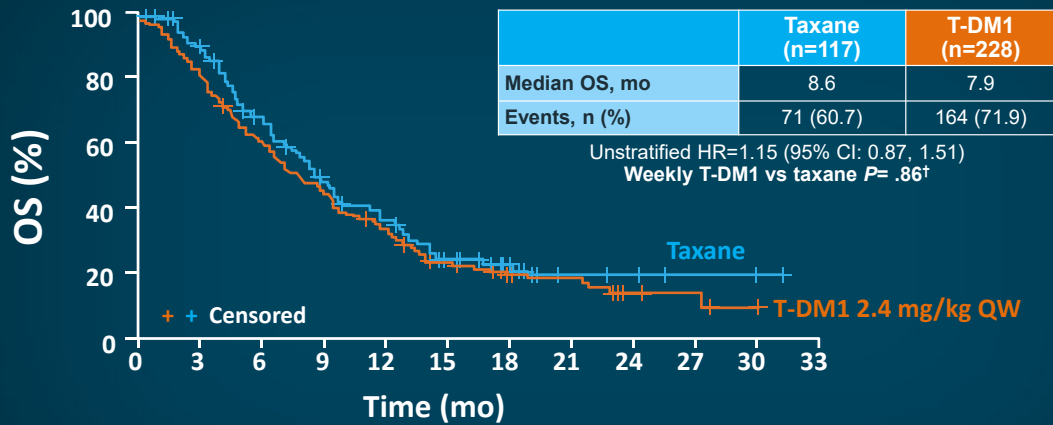
345 patients with HER2+ disease following first-line therapy



Primary endpoint: OS

Shah MA, et al. *Gastric Cancer.* 2019;18:803-816. Kang Y-K, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2016;34(4 suppl):5.

## GATSBY: Overall Survival



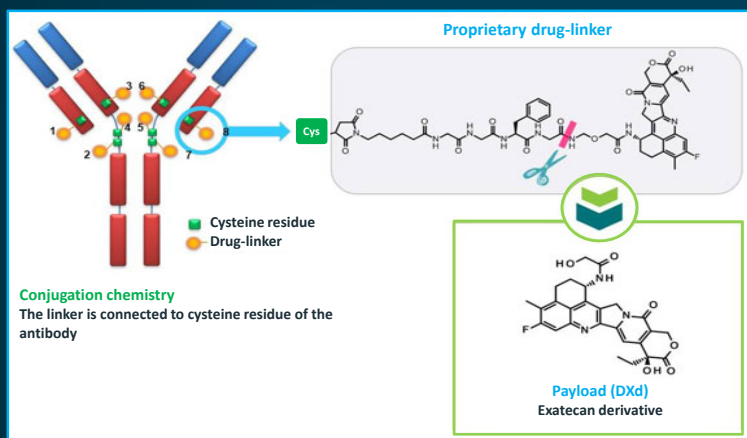
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|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>T-DM1</b>  | 228 | 181 | 134 | 92 | 57 | 30 | 21 | 12 | 4  | 3  | 1  | 0  |
| <b>Taxane</b> | 117 | 96  | 68  | 43 | 26 | 16 | 8  | 6  | 5  | 3  | 2  | 0  |

†1-sided P value with correction for interim treatment selection, due to adaptive seamless design.

QW = every week.

Thuss-Patience PC, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017;18:640-653. Kang Y-K, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2016;34(4 suppl):5.

## Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd; DS-8201a): Structure and Mechanism of Action



Payload with a different mechanism of action

High potency of payload

Payload with short systemic half-life

Bystander effect

Stable linker-payload

Tumor-selective cleavable linker

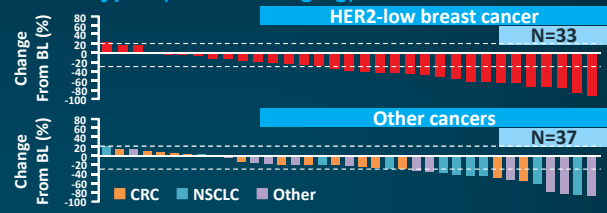
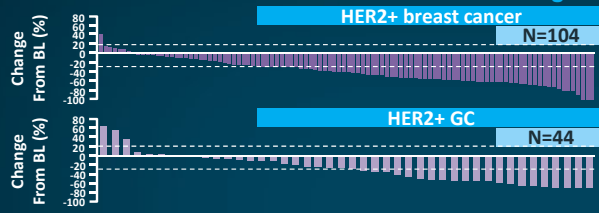
High drug-to-antibody ratio

**DS-8201a was designed with goal of improving critical attributes of an ADC**

Iwata H. ASCO 2020. Abstract 2501. US Oncology Research is supported by McKesson Specialty Health. © 2018 McKesson Specialty Health. All rights reserved.

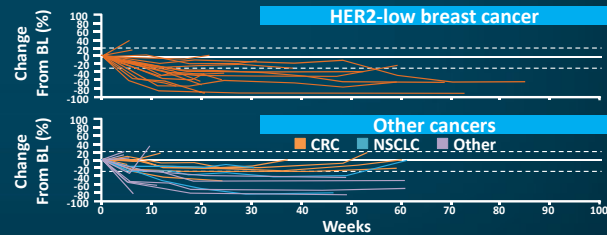
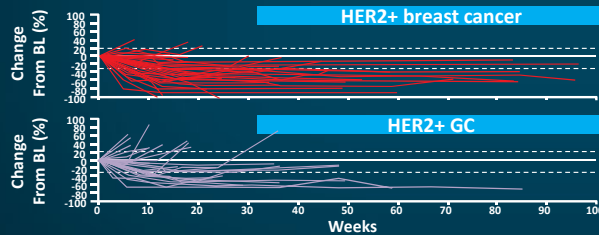
# Antitumor Activity of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

Consistent tumor shrinkage across tumor types (5.4 or 6.4 mg/kg)



- Overall, 86.3% of subjects experienced tumor shrinkage
- Confirmed ORR in overall population is 49.3%

Tumor shrinkage over time by tumor type (5.4 or 6.4 mg/kg)



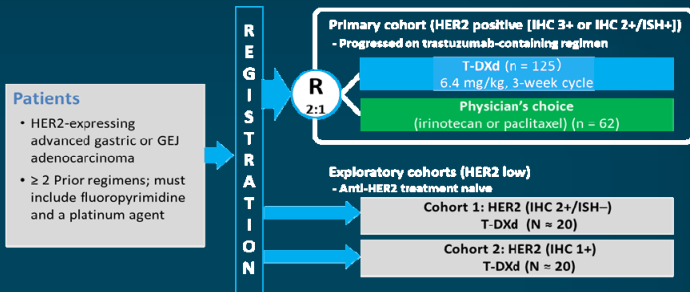
- Overall, 86.3% of subjects experienced tumor shrinkage
- 91.5% of these subjects experienced shrinkage at time of first imaging assessment at 6 weeks

NSCLC = non-small cell lung cancer. Iwata H. ASCO 2020. Abstract 2501. US Oncology Research is supported by McKesson Specialty Health. © 2018 McKesson Specialty Health. All rights reserved.

# DESTINY-Gastric01

## An Open-Label, Multicenter, Randomized Phase 2 Study

- T-DXd is an ADC consisting of an anti-HER2 antibody, cleavable tetrapeptide-based linker, and cytotoxic topoisomerase I inhibitor payload
- Previously, T-DXd 5.4 or 6.4 mg/kg in a phase 1 study demonstrated an ORR of 43.2% and median PFS of 5.6 months in 44 patients with HER2+ G/GEJ cancer previously treated with trastuzumab (NCT02564900)
- Shown is the schema for the primary cohort of DESTINY-Gastric01 (NCT03329690)



- Primary endpoint**
- ORR by ICR
- Secondary endpoints**
- OS, DOR, PFS, confirmed ORR, safety<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>OS was key secondary endpoint to be statistically evaluated hierarchically if primary endpoint statistically significant (familywise type I error controlled at 0.05 for ORR and OS).

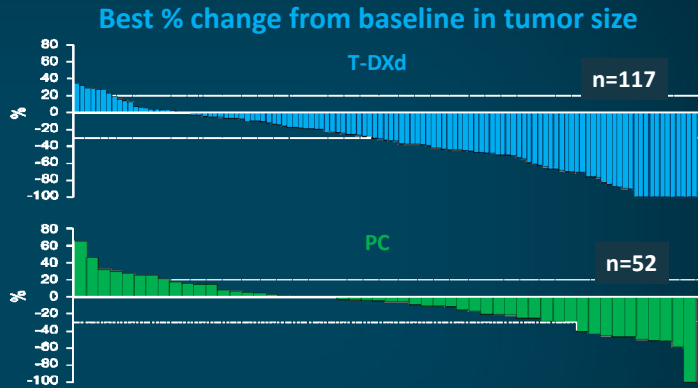
- 187 patients were randomized (T-DXd=125; PC=62)
- 77% of patients had HER2 IHC 3+
- Median number of prior systemic therapies was 2 (range, 2-9)
- 86% previously received taxanes, 72% ramucirumab, and 33% anti-PD1/-PD-L1
- At data cut-off (November 8, 2019), 22% and 5% of patients in the T-DXd and PC arms remained on treatment

ICR = independent central review.

Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;381:2419-2430. DESTINY-Gastric01. (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03329690>).

## DESTINY-Gastric01: Primary Endpoint—ORR

|                                | T-DXd (n=119)                          | PC (n=56)                      |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| ORR by ICR (CR + PR)           | 51% (n=61)<br>95% CI: 42, 61<br>P<.001 | 14% (n=8)<br>95% CI: 6, 26     |
| Confirmed ORR by ICR (CR + PR) | 43% (n=51)<br>95% CI: 34, 52           | 12% (n=7)<br>95% CI: 5, 24     |
| CR                             | 8% (n=10)                              | 0                              |
| PR                             | 34% (n=41)                             | 12% (n=7)                      |
| SD                             | 43% (n=51)                             | 50% (n=28)                     |
| PD                             | 12% (n=14)                             | 30% (n=17)                     |
| Not evaluable                  | 3% (n=3)                               | 7% (n=4)                       |
| Confirmed DCR (CR + PR + SD)   | 86% (n=102)<br>95% CI: 78, 91          | 62% (n=35)<br>95% CI: 49, 75   |
| Median confirmed DOR           | 11.3 months<br>95% CI: 5.6, NE         | 3.9 months<br>95% CI: 3.0, 4.9 |



Includes data for the response-evaluable set: all randomized patients who received ≥1 dose of study drug and had measurable tumors based on ICR at baseline.

Line at 20% indicates progressive disease; line at -30% indicates PR. Includes patients who had both baseline and postbaseline target lesion assessments by ICR in both treatment arms.

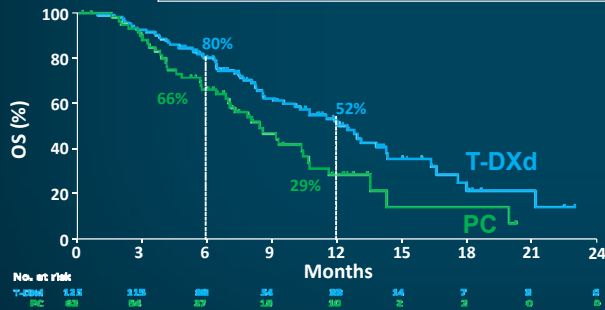
NE = not estimable; PC = physician's choice (of chemotherapy).  
Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;381:2419-2430.

## DESTINY-Gastric01: OS and PFS

Overall Survival

|       | Events/n | Median OS                          |
|-------|----------|------------------------------------|
| T-DXd | 62/125   | 12.5 months<br>(95% CI: 9.6, 14.3) |
| PC    | 39/62    | 8.4 months<br>(95% CI: 6.9, 10.7)  |

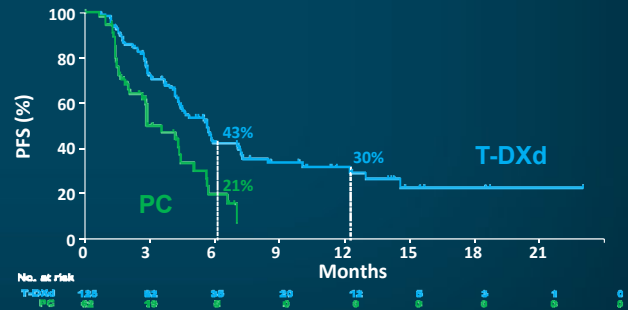
HR=0.59 (95% CI: 0.39, 0.88); P=.01  
prespecified O'Brien-Fleming boundary, P=.0202



Progression-Free Survival

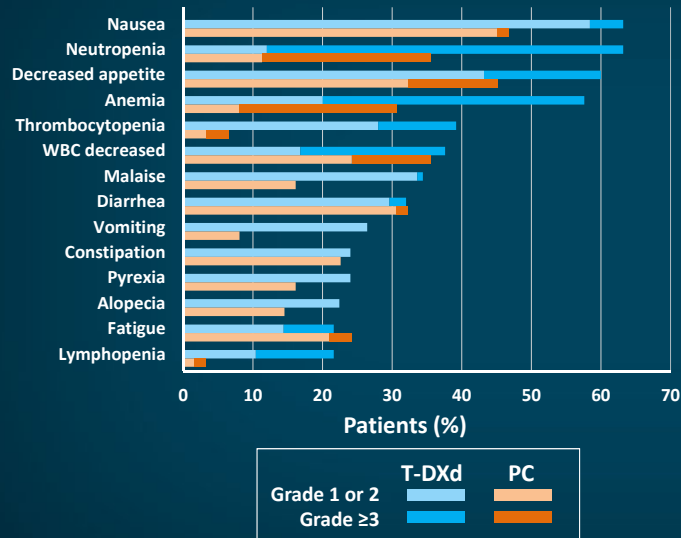
|       | Events/n | Median PFS                       |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|
| T-DXd | 73/125   | 5.6 months<br>(95% CI: 4.3, 6.9) |
| PC    | 36/62    | 3.5 months<br>(95% CI: 2.0, 4.3) |

HR=0.47 (95% CI: 0.31, 0.71)



Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;381:2419-2430.

## DESTINY-Gastric01: Safety Summary



| Treatment-Emergent AEs Associated With: | T-DXd (n=125) | PC (n=62) |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Drug discontinuation                    | 15%           | 6%        |
| Dose reduction                          | 32%           | 34%       |
| Dose interruption                       | 62%           | 37%       |

- 1 drug-related death due to pneumonia with T-DXd and none with PC
- 12 patients (10%) had T-DXd-related ILD/pneumonitis as determined by an independent adjudication committee
  - Median time to first onset, 84.5 days (range, 36-638 days)
  - Most were grade 1 or 2 (3 grade 1, 6 grade 2, 2 grade 3, 1 grade 4, and no grade 5)

AE = adverse event; ILD = interstitial lung disease; WBC = white blood count.  
Shitara K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;381:2419-2430.

## DESTINY-Gastric01: HER2-Low Exploratory Cohorts

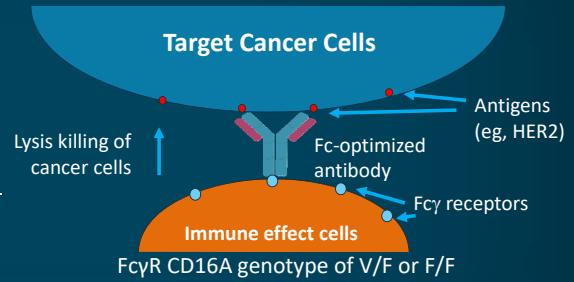
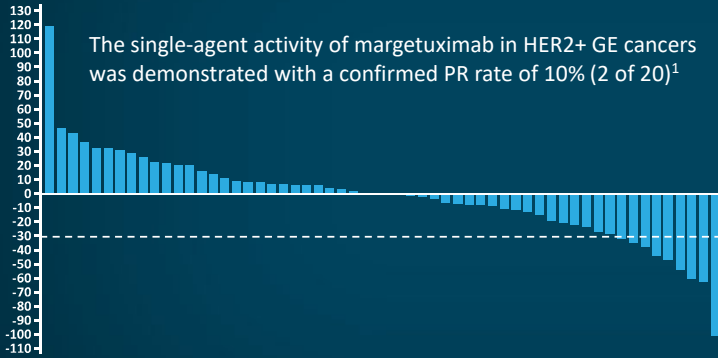
- Centrally confirmed HER2-low via IHC 2+/ISH- (n=20) or IHC 1+ (n=24)
- Progressed on  $\geq 2$  prior lines of therapy; excluded if prior HER2 therapy
- Safety profile similar to HER2+ primary cohort

|                           | 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)           | <b>89.5</b>    | <b>71.4</b>     |
| 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, %       | <b>40</b>      | <b>25.7</b>     |

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

# Margetuximab

- Margetuximab had enhanced antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity compared with trastuzumab<sup>1</sup>



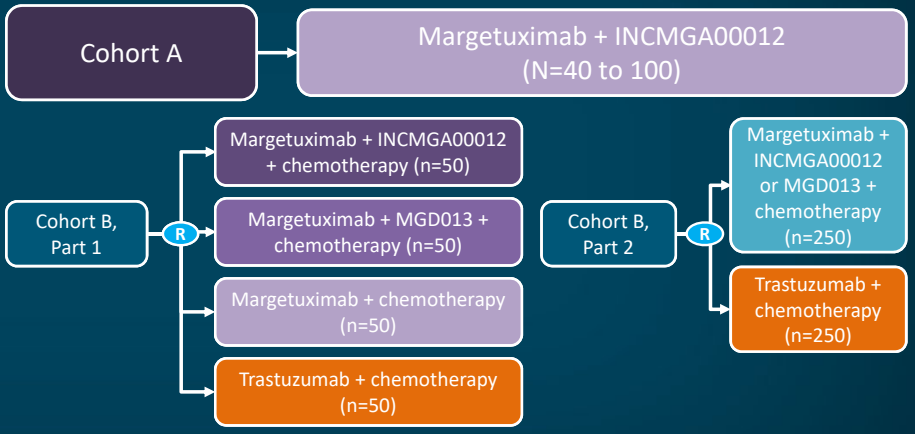
**Phase 2/3 MAHOGANY: Combination margetuximab\*, INCMGA00012\*, MGD013\*, and chemotherapy in HER2+ G/GEJ cancer<sup>2</sup>**

\* Margetuximab, INCMGA00012, MGD013 are not FDA-approved for the treatment of G/GEJ cancers. INCMGA as an anti PD-1 antibody ; MGD013 is a bispecific antibody targeting LAG3 and PD-1; 1. Bang YJ, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2017;28:855-861. 2. MAHOGANY. (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04082364>).

## MAHOGANY Phase 2/3 Trial in HER2+ G/GEJ Cancer

**Inclusion Criteria**

- Previously untreated advanced disease
  - Cohort A: HER2+ (by IHC 3+) and PD-L1+ (CPS ≥1%)
  - Cohort B: HER2+ (by IHC 3+ or IHC 2+/FISH+)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

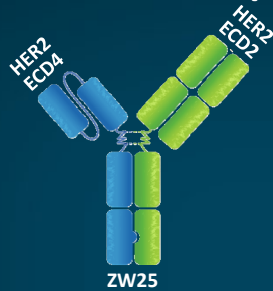


- Primary outcomes: AE incidence (Cohort A), ORR (Cohorts A and B), OS (Cohort B)

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# Zanidatamab\* (ZW25), a HER2-Targeted Bispecific mAb

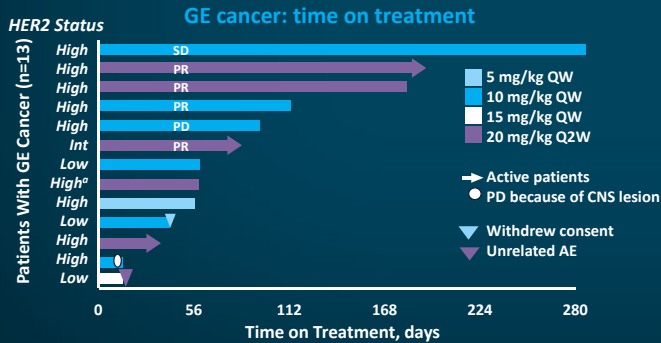


## Biparatopic binding targets 2 distinct HER2 epitopes

- Same domains as trastuzumab (ECD4) and pertuzumab (ECD2)

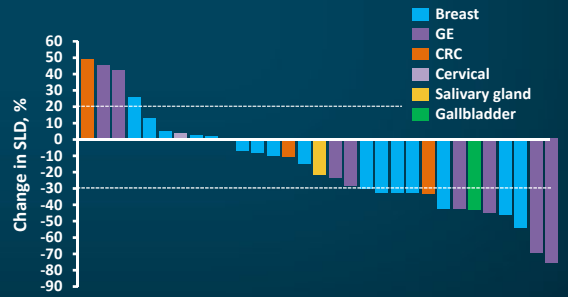
## Unique mechanisms of action designed to expand activity

- Extended chain formation and dense HER2 receptor clustering
- Enhanced HER2 internalization and downregulation
- Increased tumor cell binding density and potent effector-mediated cytotoxicity
- Enhanced blockade of ligand-dependent and ligand-independent tumor growth



## Change in target lesions across cancer types

Decrease in target lesions in majority of patients with measurable disease



\*Zanidatamab is not FDA-approved for G/GEJ cancer; CNS = central nervous system; GE = gastroesophageal; Q2W = every 2 weeks; SLD = sum of longest diameters. ASCO Post. 2018 (<https://ascopost.com/News/59508>). Accessed 8/20/21. Meric-Bernstam F, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36(15 suppl):2500. Weisser N, et al. AACR; Abstract 1005;2021.

## HER2+ mCRC

NOTE: There are currently no FDA-approved therapies for HER2+ mCRC, although they are listed in NCCN recommendations



## HER2+ mCRC: Very Consistent Data

- HERACLES trial<sup>1</sup>: trastuzumab + lapatinib
- MyPathway trial<sup>2</sup>: pertuzumab + trastuzumab
- TRIUMPH trial<sup>3</sup>: pertuzumab + trastuzumab
- HERACLES-B trial<sup>4</sup>: T-DM1
- DESTINY trial<sup>5</sup>: T-DXd (also anti-HER2 pretreated)

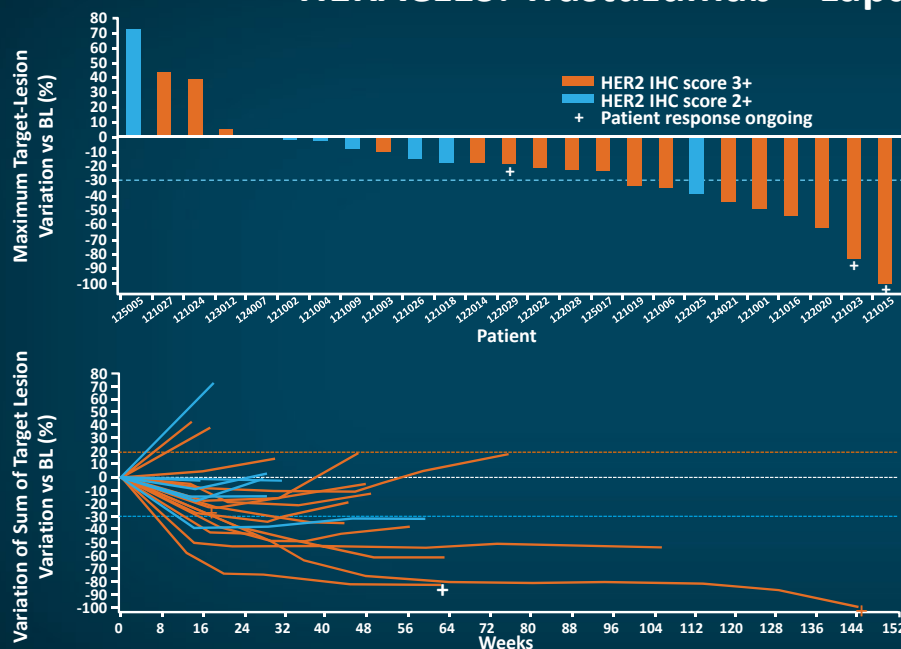
→ Only 2%-5% have *HER2* amplification<sup>2</sup>

→ How and when should we test?

→ What is the best treatment?

1. Sartore-Bianchi A, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:738-746. 2. Meric-Bernstam F, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2019;20:518-530. 3. Okamoto W, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2021;39(suppl 15):3555. 4. Sartore-Bianchi A, et al. *ESMO Open.* 2020;5:e000911. 5. Siena S, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2021;22:779-789.

## HERACLES: Trastuzumab + Lapatinib

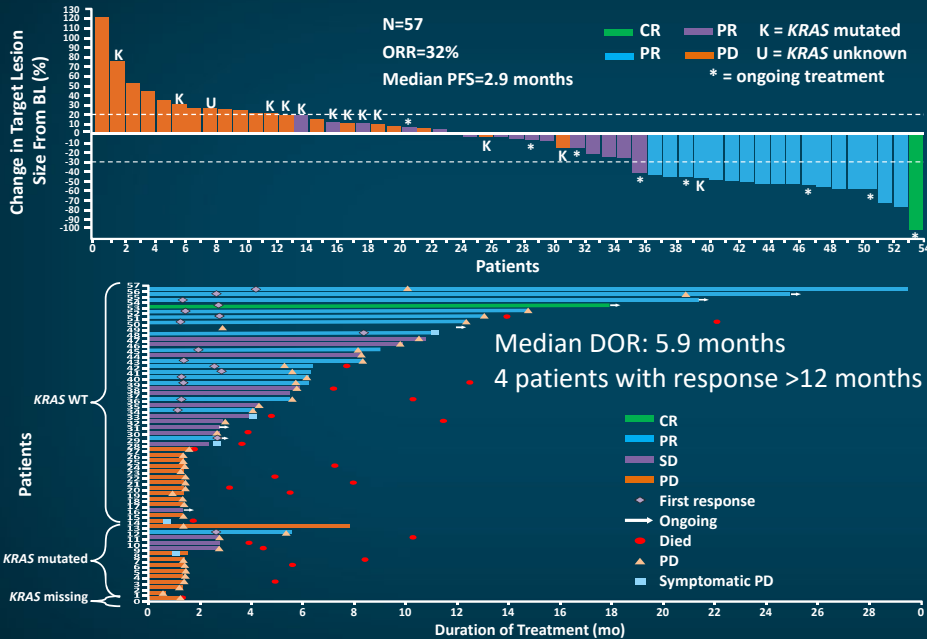


Patient selection (n=27):

- IHC: 3+ HER2 score in >50% of cells
- IHC: 2+ and a HER2:CEP17 ratio >2 in >50% of cells by FISH
- Responses in 30% of patients

Sartore-Bianchi A, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:738-746.

## MyPathway: Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab



CISH = chromogenic in situ hybridization. Meric-Bernstam F, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2019;20:518-530.

Patient selection (n=57):

- FISH or CISH + (*HER2/CEP17* >2 or *HER2* copy number >6)
- NGS: *HER2* amplification based on copy number gain
- IHC 3+
- 32% response rate

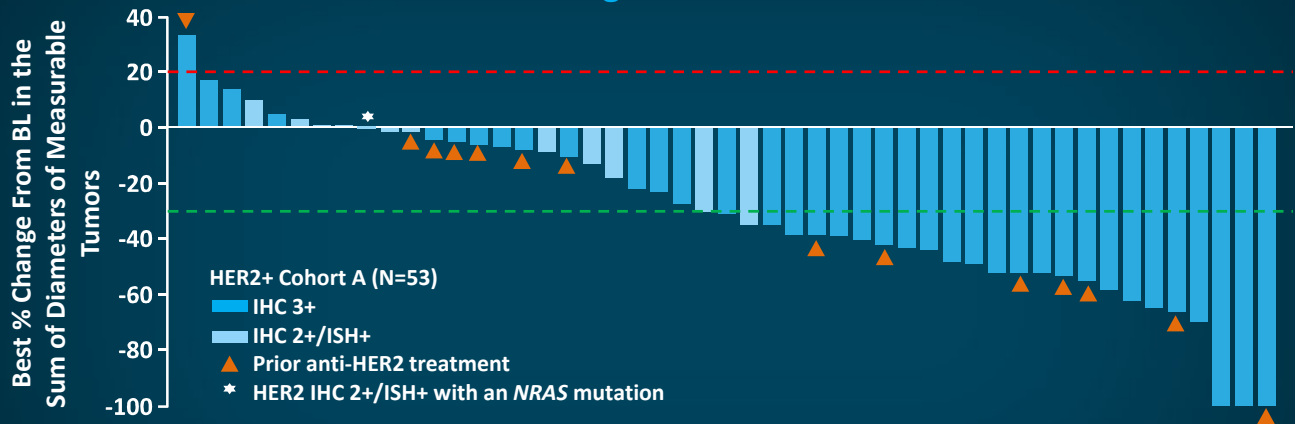
## SWOG S1613 (NCT03365882)

- HER2+ CRC
- Phase 2 trial
  - Trastuzumab + pertuzumab vs irinotecan + cetuximab
- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: response, OS

Raghav KPS, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36(15 suppl):TPS3620. S1613. (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03365882>).

## DESTINY-CRC01: Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

### Best change in tumor size



- Phase 2
- 78 patients with HER2+ mCRC who progressed on  $\geq 2$  regimens
- Enrolled by HER2+ level of expression
- 45% response rate

mCRC = metastatic CRC.

Siena S, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2021;22:779-789.

## 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 later-line 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 primaries<sup>1</sup>

Javle et al Lancet Oncology 22: 1290; 2021

## Thank you!



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

### **TOOLKIT**

| Resources  | Web Address   |
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