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## ***The treatment continuity conundrum:***

*Navigating systemic therapy for patients with HER2+ early breast cancer at high risk of recurrence*





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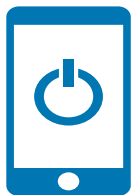
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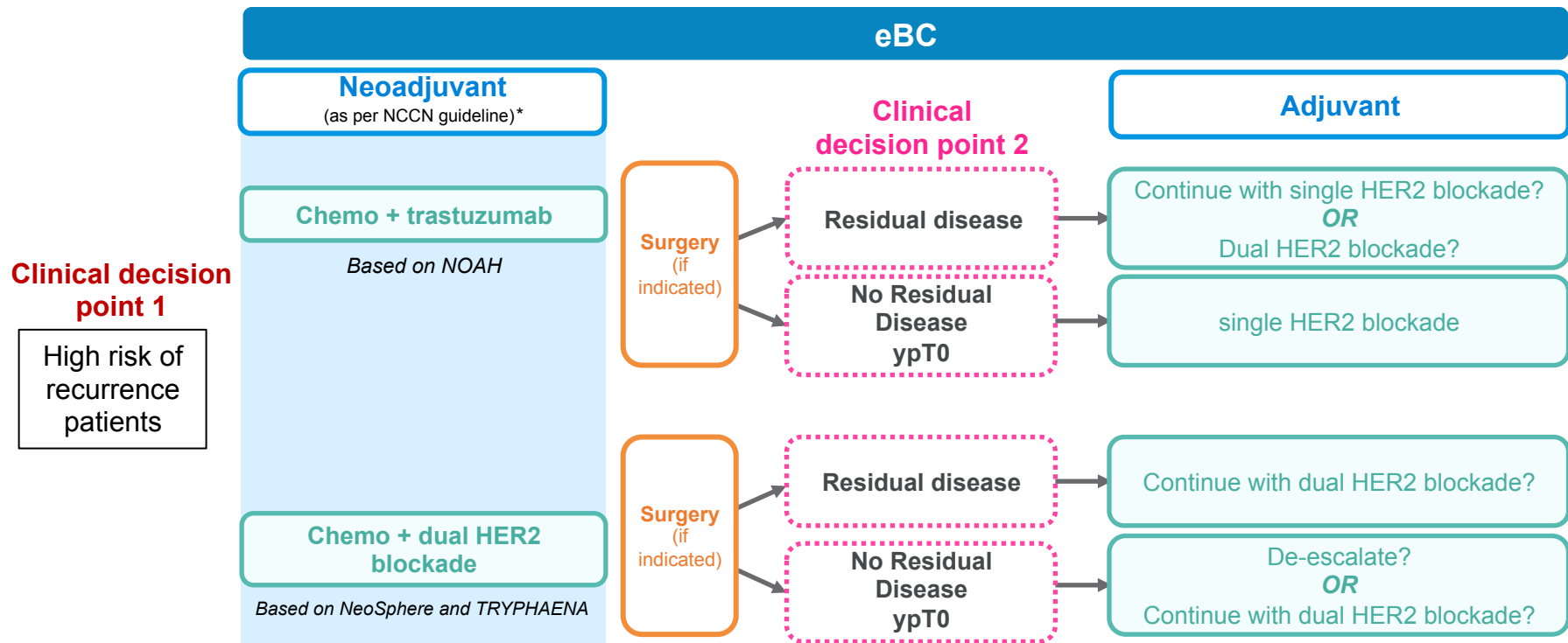
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# Systemic treatment algorithm and clinical decision point for patients with HER2+/HR– early breast cancer at high risk of recurrence





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## Polling question 1

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# Navigating systemic therapy for patients with HER2+ eBC at high risk of recurrence

*What can we learn from clinical practice and trial data?*



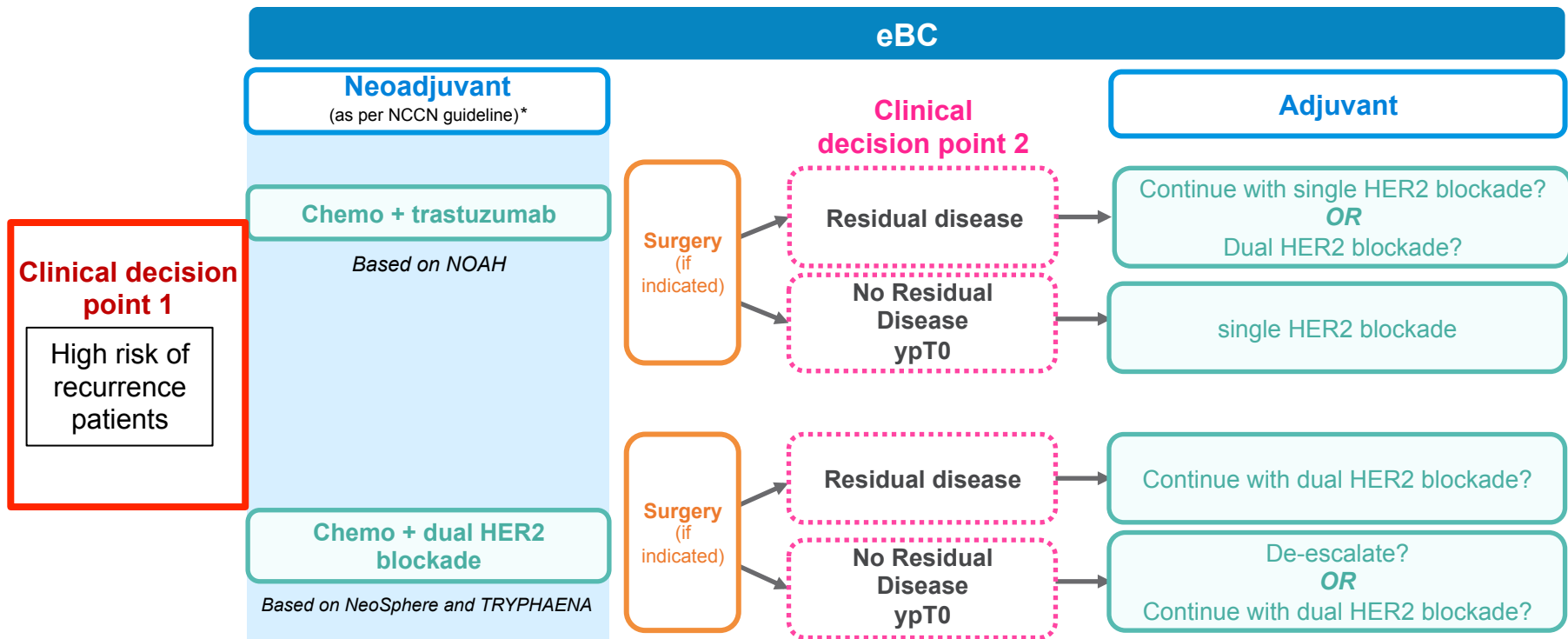
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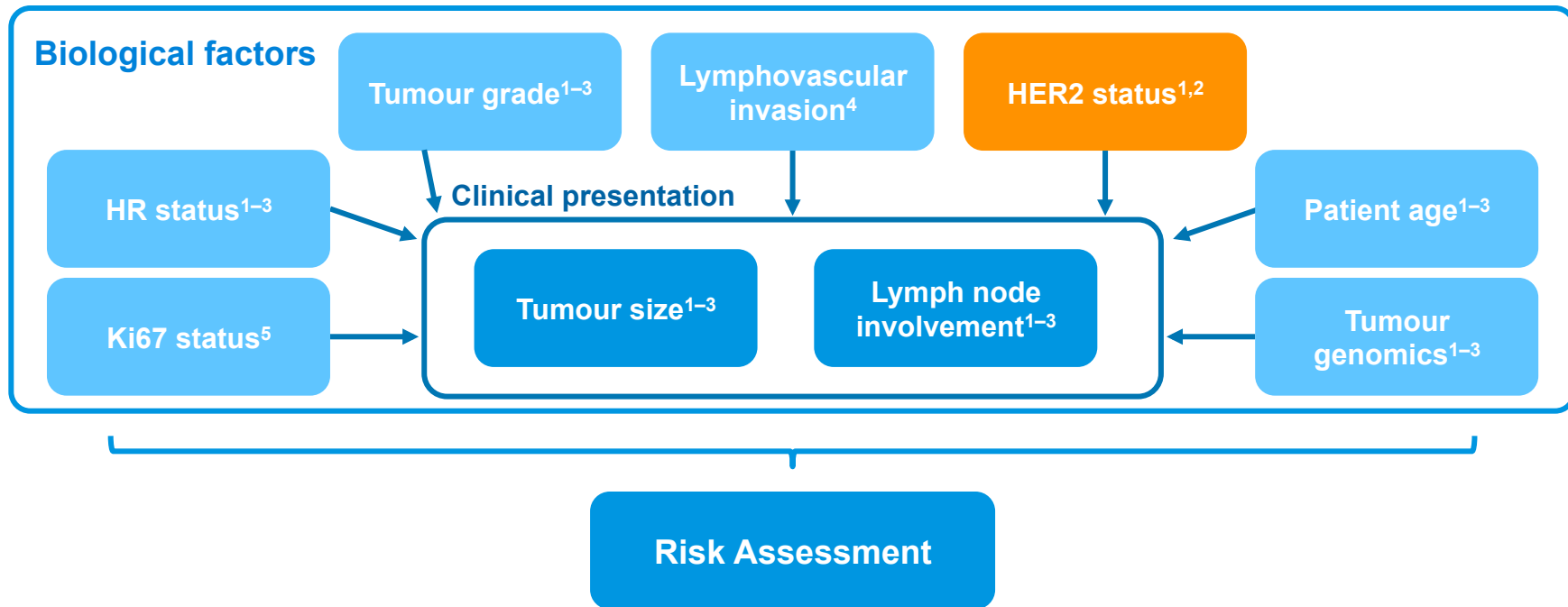
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# Various risk factors including tumour biology determine the prognosis of patients with HER2+ eBC who are treated with trastuzumab



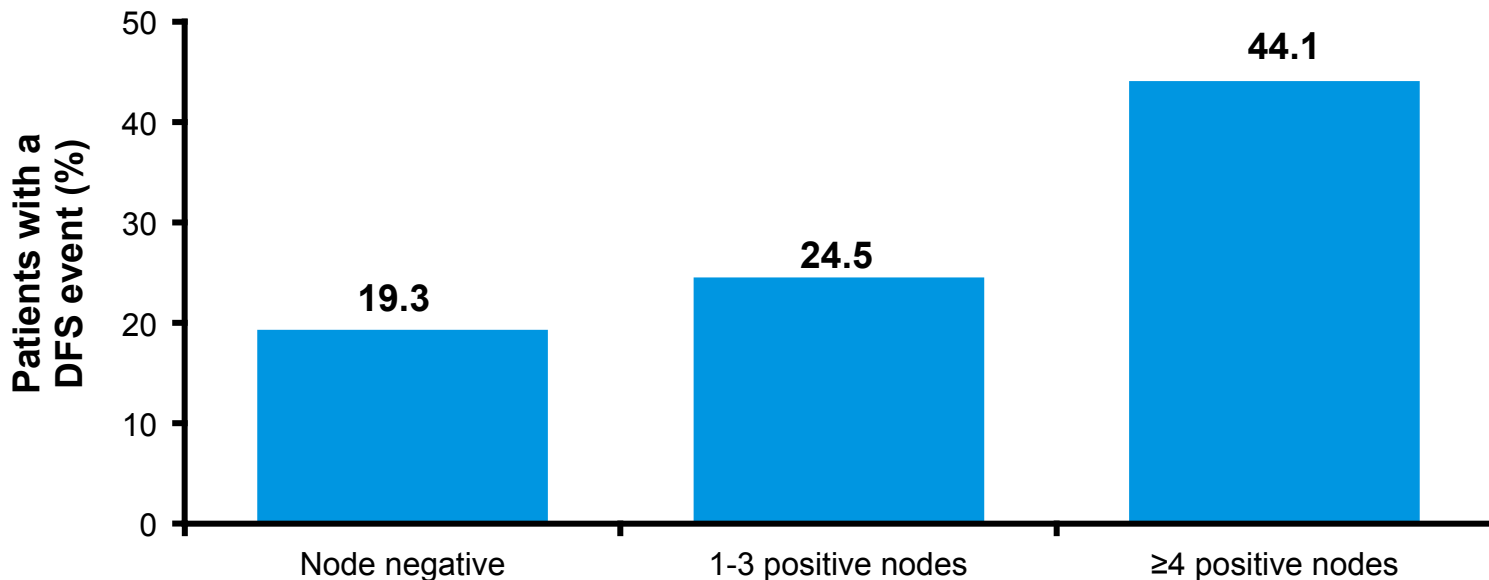
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## Lymph node involvement



**HERA:** DFS event rate increases with increasing numbers of positive nodes

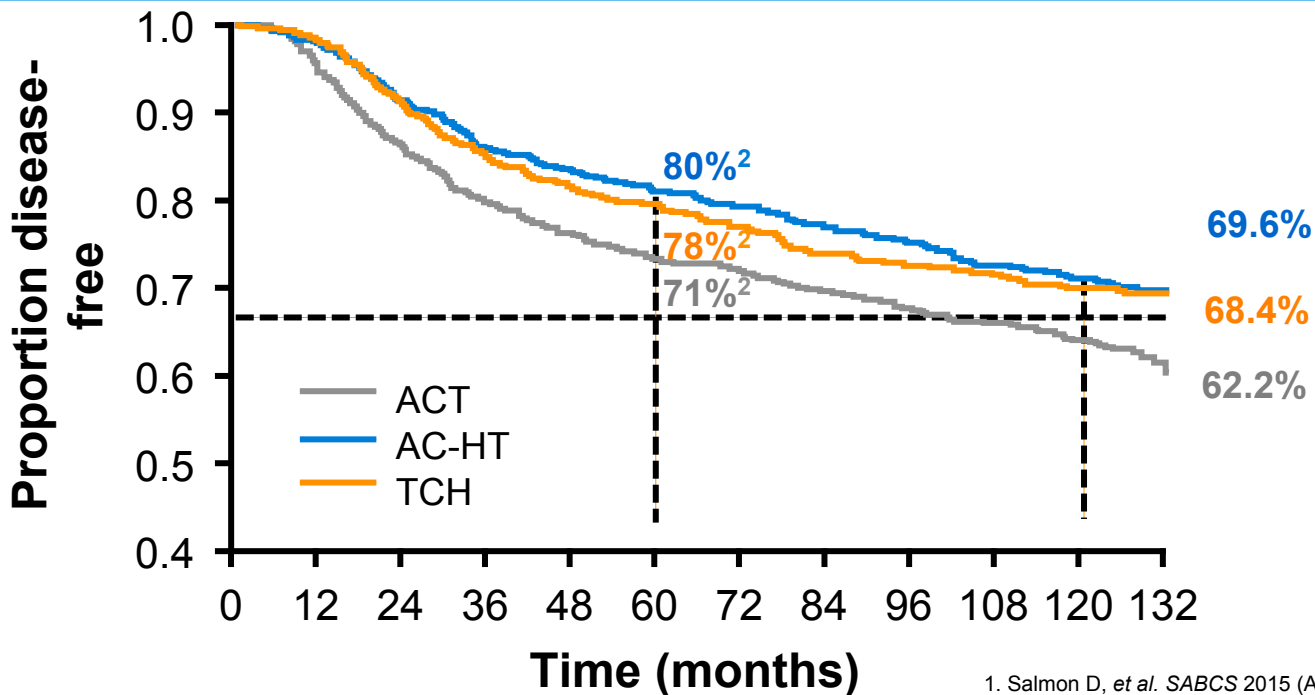
HERA 11-year FU: DFS events by nodal status with 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab



## Lymph node involvement

**BCIRG 006:** Regardless of chemotherapy partner, after 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab, ~30% of node-positive patients still relapse

**BCIRG 006: DFS in node-positive disease after 10 year follow-up<sup>1</sup>**



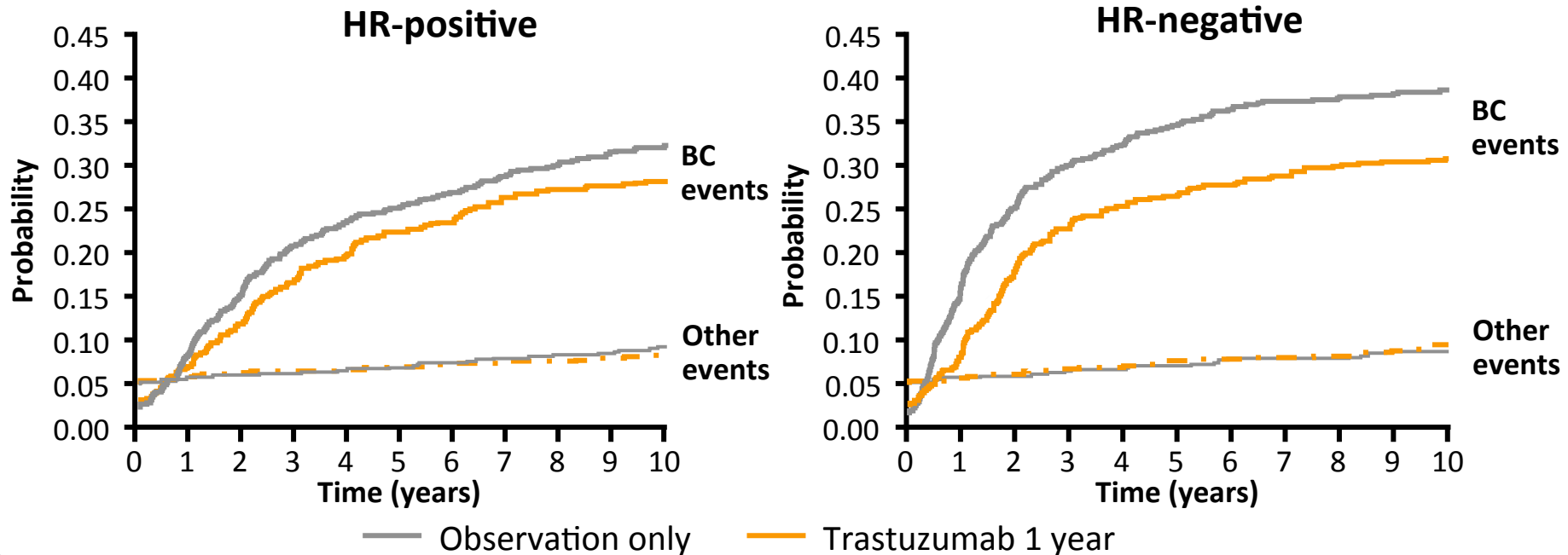
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## HR status



**HERA:** HR– status confers a higher risk of early relapse within a shorter timeframe

**HERA 11-year FU: Cumulative incidence of type DFS event with 1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab**



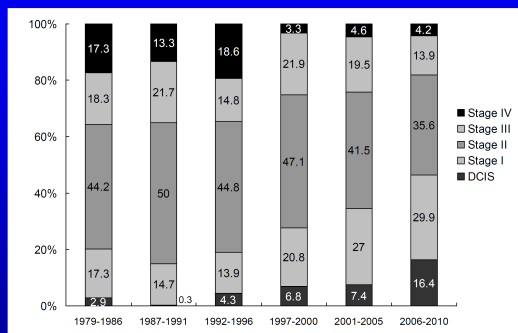




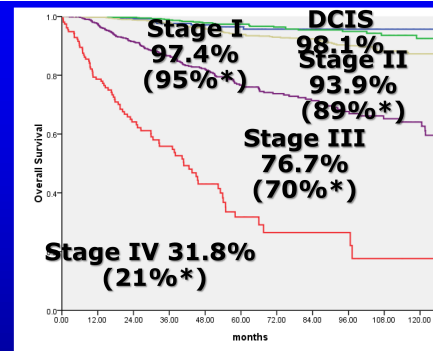
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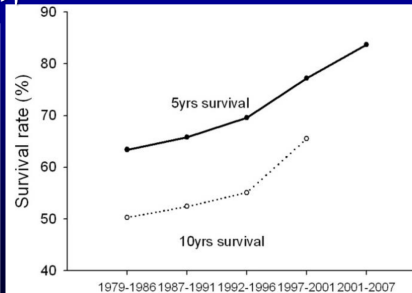
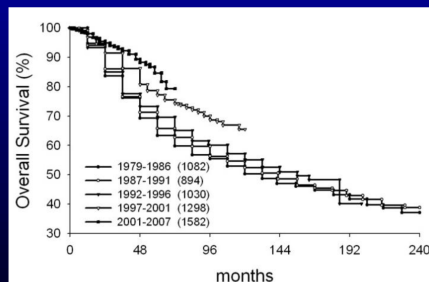
# Trend of age shift and decreasing mortality of breast cancer in Taiwanese women: a 30 years cohort observation TPE-VGH 1979–2010 (N=7233)



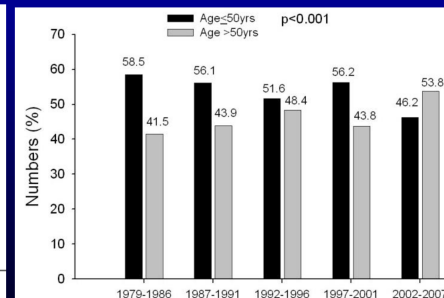
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1997-2010 (N=3822) \*癌登



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# Subtype Multiple Cox Regression for breast cancer overall survival

**TPE-VGH 2000–2016/08 (N=6922)**

	Co-efficient	S.E.	p	HR	95% C.I. for HR	
<b>Age ≤ 35yrs</b>	ref	-	-	-	-	-
<b>36 - 50yrs</b>	-.332	.209	.113	.718	.476	1.081
<b>51 - 65yrs</b>	-.131	.207	.527	.877	.585	1.316
<b>&gt; 65yrs</b>	.424	.209	.043	1.528	1.014	2.301
<b>LN +/-</b>	.603	.095	<0.0001	1.828	1.517	2.202
<b>ER +/-</b>	-.487	.123	<0.0001	.615	.483	.782
<b>PR +/-</b>	-.247	.118	.037	.781	.619	.985
<b>HER2 +/-</b>	-.357	.101	<0.0001	.700	.574	.853
<b>T size &lt; 2cm</b>	ref	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2 - 5cm</b>	.487	.088	<0.0001	1.627	1.368	1.934
<b>&gt; 5cm</b>	1.027	.146	<0.0001	2.792	2.097	3.717
<b>LV Inva +/-</b>	.423	.097	<0.0001	1.527	1.262	1.847

# Can multiple biomarkers predict treatment outcomes for patients with HER2+ expression?

TPE-VGH breast cancer database 2010–2016/08 (N=1417)

HER2 (+)		Overall Survival		Disease-Free Survival	
		5y-Survival	p	5y-Survival	p
Age N=1417	≤ 35yrs	80.0		65.2	
	36-50	89.0		82.0	
	51-65	89.3		78.8	
	> 65yrs	84.4	0.005	73.5	0.012
LN N=1334	(-)	95.8		90.6	
	(+)	79.5	<0.001	65.2	<0.001
Size N=1291	T1	94.1		87.1	
	T2	86.3		79.1	
	T3 、 T4	68.8	<0.001	44.7	<0.001
Grade N=1285	1	100.0		93.0	
	2	89.0		79.2	
	3	86.6	0.043	77.9	0.080
LVI. N=1249	(-)	91.8		83.8	
	(+)	77.7	<0.001	65.9	<0.001
ER+ & PR+		91.7		81.9	
ER+ or PR+		87.1		78.8	
ER- & PR- N=1416		86.4	0.046	76.8	0.244
ER N=1416	(-)	86.5		76.9	
	(+)	89.9	0.034	80.7	0.112
PR N=1416	(-)	86.6		77.3	
	(+)	91.6	0.027	81.8	0.115

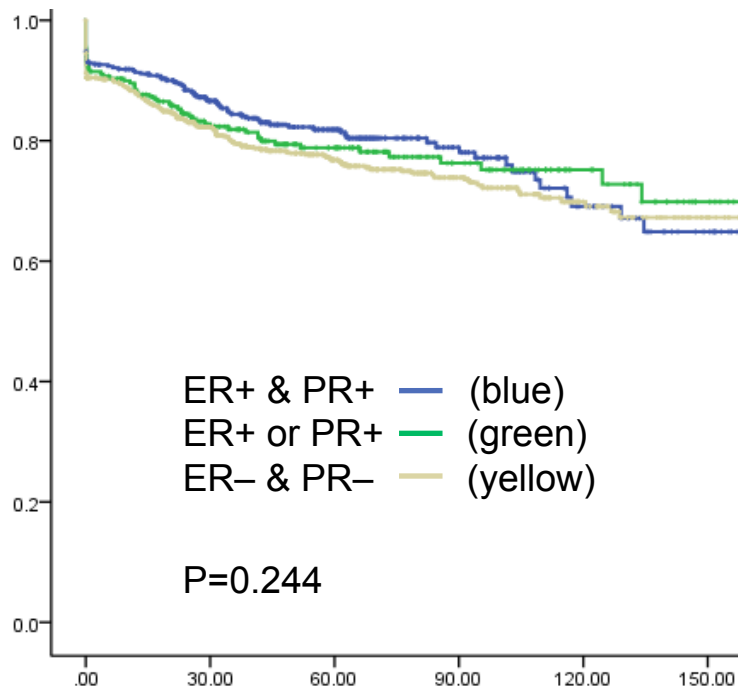
## HR status



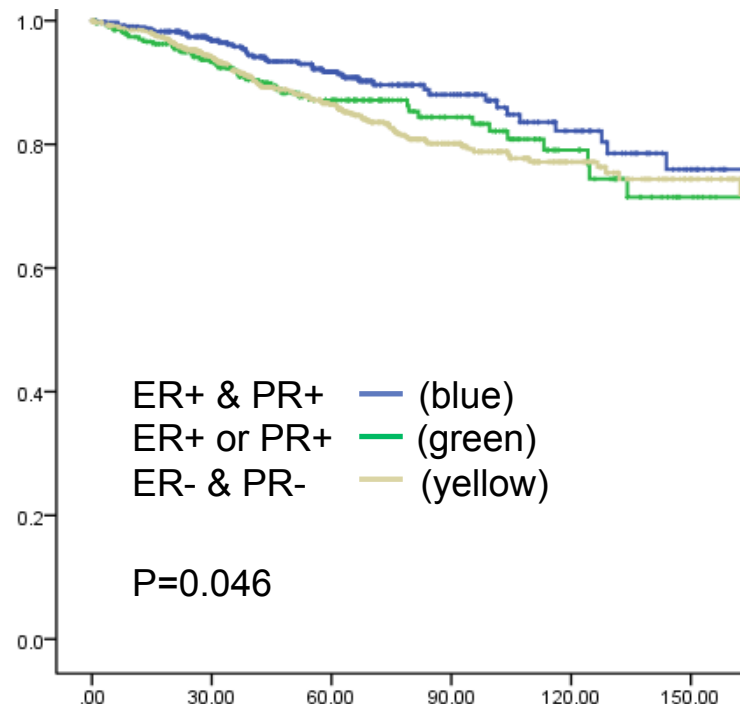
# DFS and OS for HER2+/Neu3+ breast cancer patients according to HR status

TPE-VGH data 2000–2016/08

### DFS



### OS





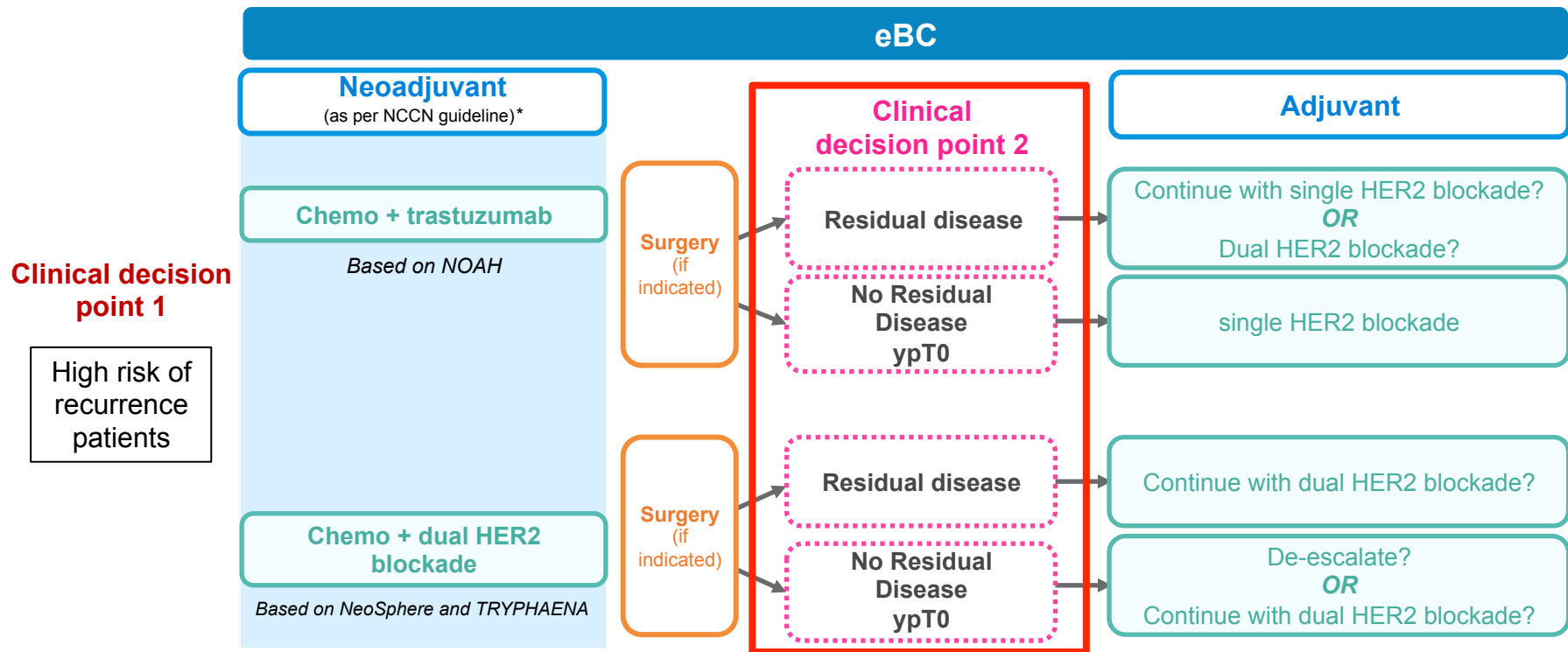
# Multiple cox regression for HER2+ Breast cancer overall survival

**TPE-VGH 2000–2016/08 (N=1326)**

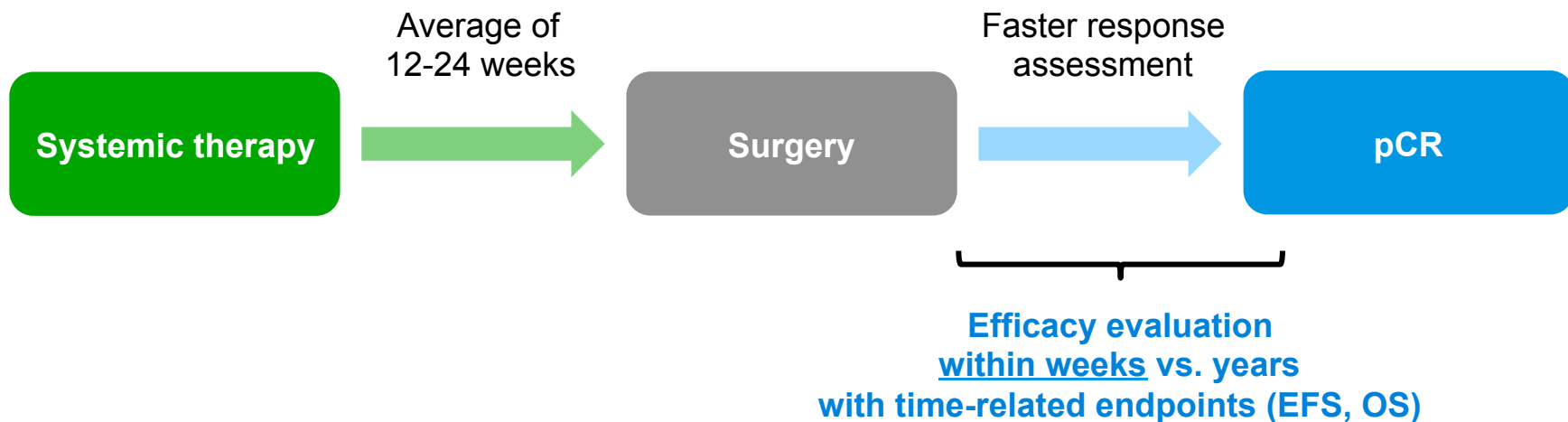
	Coefficient	S.E.	p	HR	95% C.I. for HR	
<b>LN +/-</b>	1.717	.619	.005	5.570	1.657	18.724
<b>Target therapy +/-</b>	-1.264	.555	.023	.283	.095	.839

Put in covariance: Age, Surgery, Tumor Type, ER, PR, Ki67, Invasion Necrosis

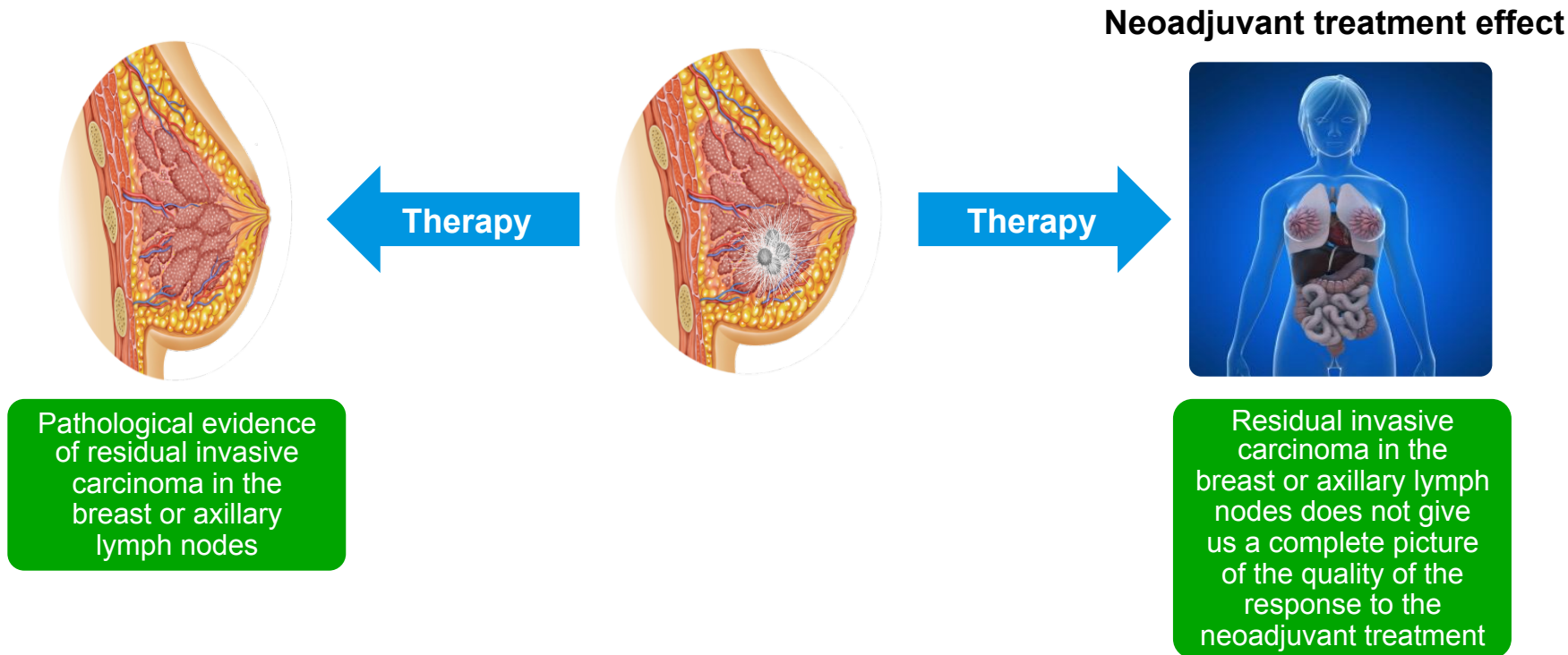
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# pCR allows early assessment of tumor response

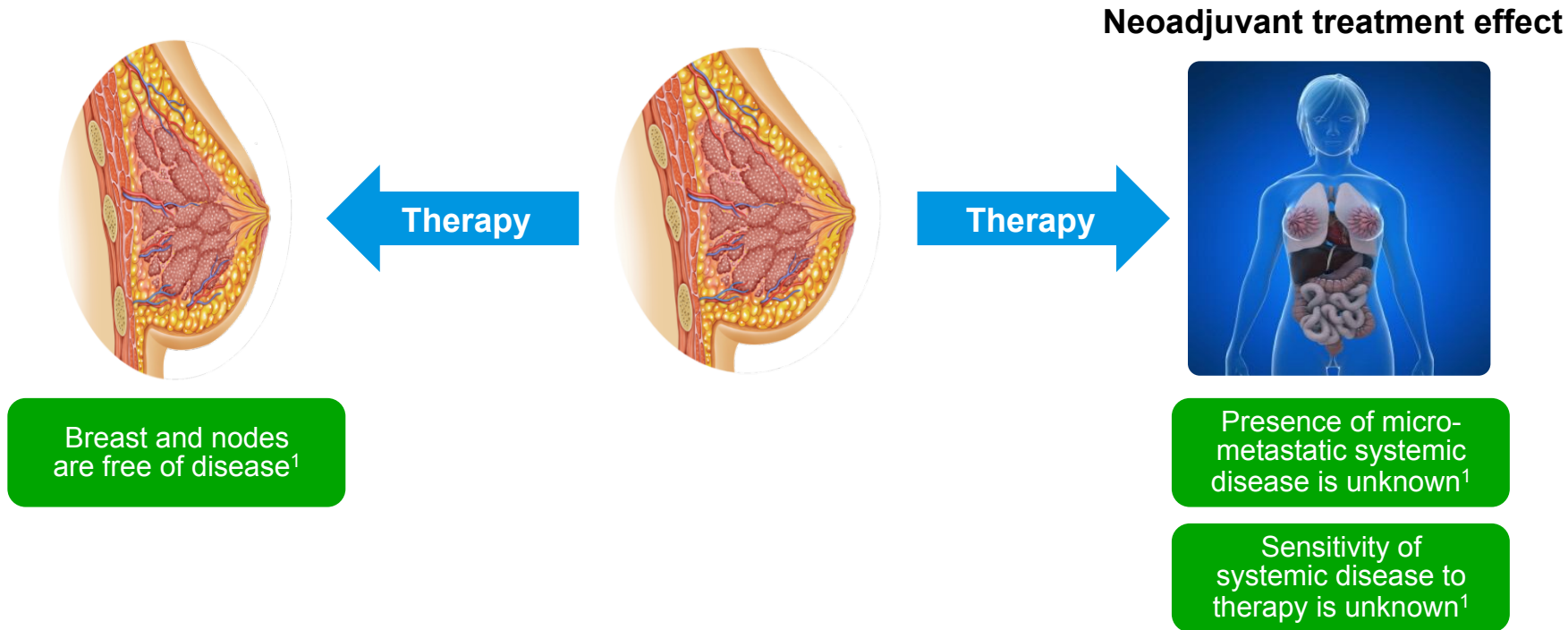


# What does a “no pCR” tell us?





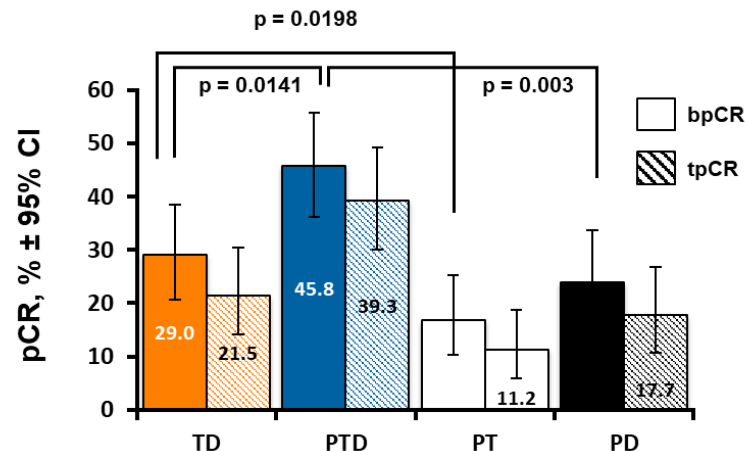
# What does a pCR tell us?





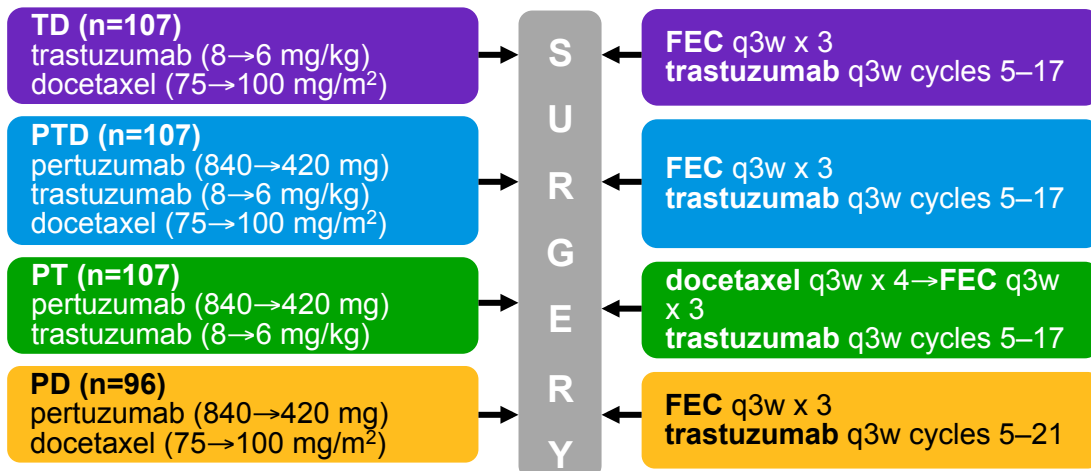
# NeoSphere

## Phase II Neoadjuvant HER2+ study



Patients with operable or locally advanced/ inflammatory HER2+ BC

Chemo-naïve & primary tumors >2 cm (N=417)



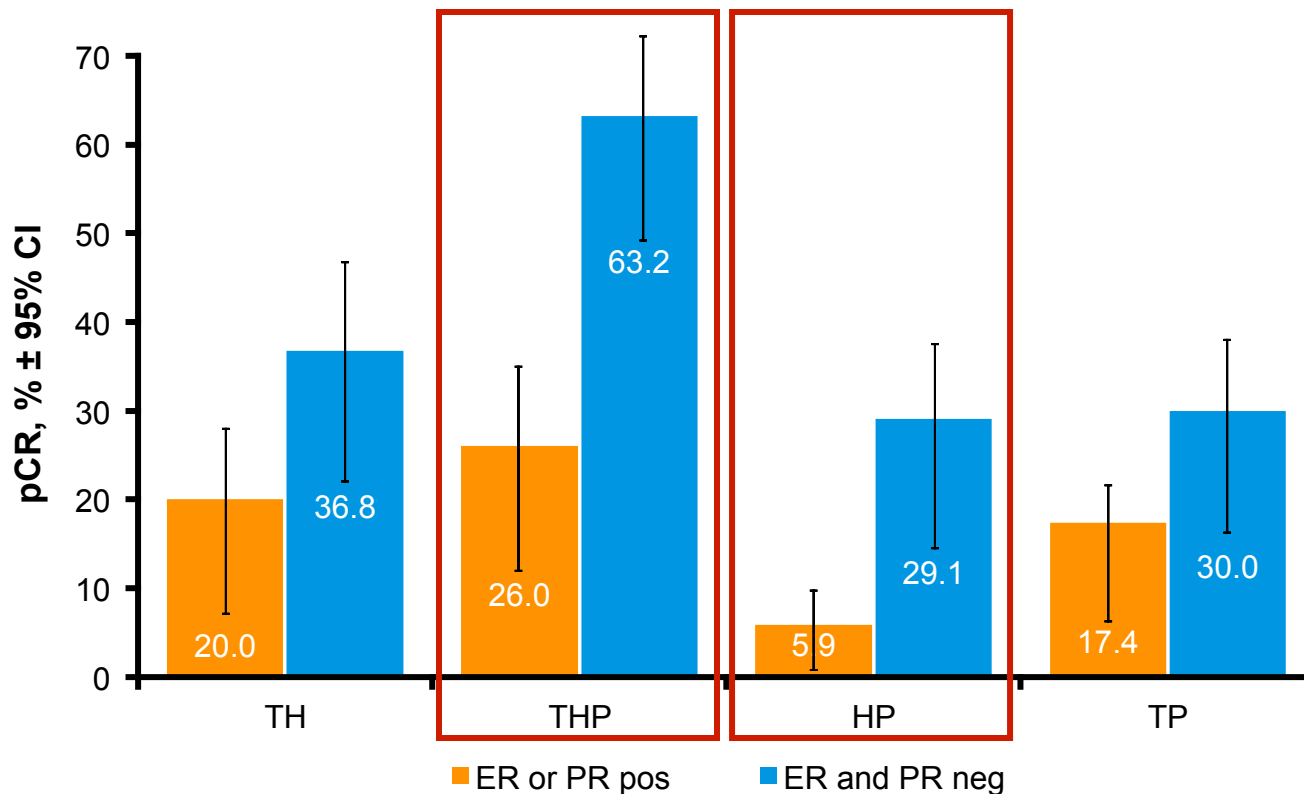
Study dosing: q3w x 4

**Primary endpoint:**  
comparison of bpCR rates  
TD vs PTD  
TD vs PT  
PTD vs PD

**Secondary endpoints:**  
PFS  
DFS  
Safety

**Exploratory analyses:**  
PFS by hormone  
receptor status  
PFS-tpCR association

# NeoSphere: pCR and hormone receptors status

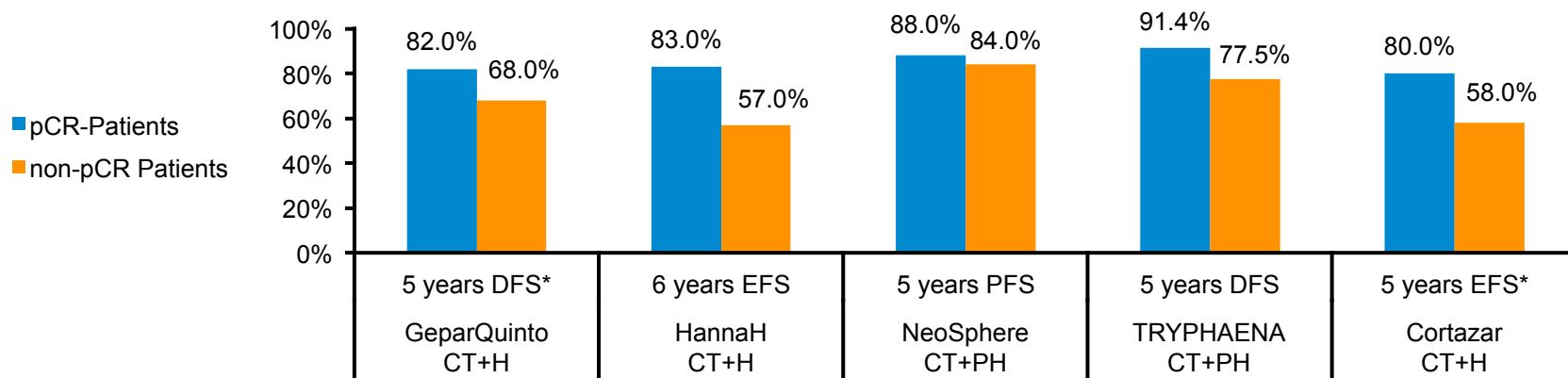


# Disease and event free survival according to pCR status

## pCR is a prognostic information for the individual patient

**10-15% of the patients achieving a pCR relapse within 5 years**

	GeparQuinto 5 years DFS	HannaH 6 years EFS	NeoSphere 5 years PFS	TRYPHAENA 5 years DFS	Cortazar 5 years EFS*
DFS/EFS after pCR	ca. 82 %	83%	88%	91,4%	ca. 80%
DFS/EFS after non-pCR	ca. 68 %	57%	84%	77,5%	ca. 58%

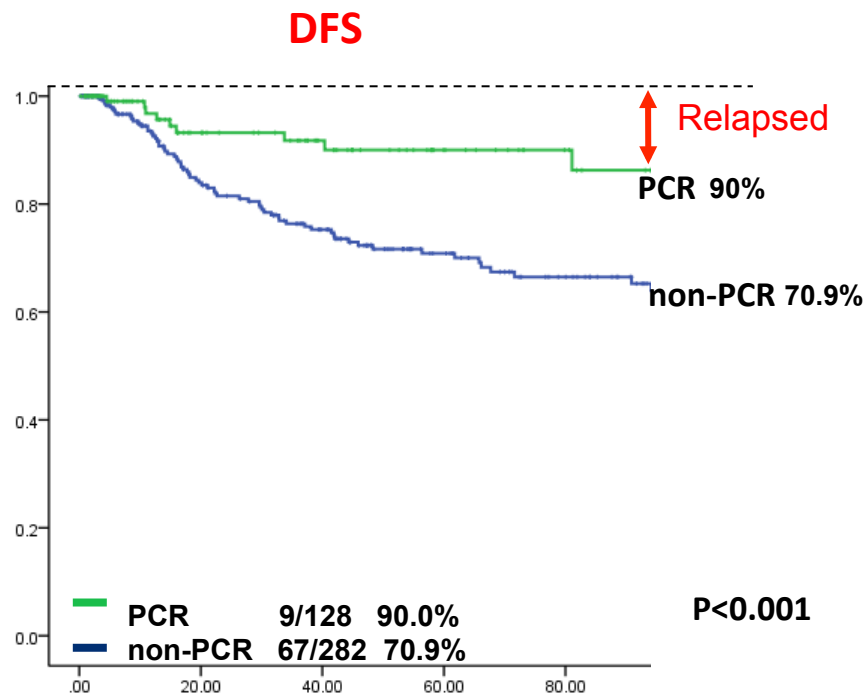


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\* From Kaplan-Meier-Curve.

# DFS rate for eBC patients that achieved pCR following neoadjuvant therapy

## TPE-VGH database 2007–2018/02 (N=410)



# CAUTION!

pCR predicts better outcome, but not absolute event free status.

A surrogate, but not the final endpoint.

Question: Current treatment is good enough for Her2+ EBC ? What's the recurrence rate who receive current standard chemo and one year herceptin treatment ?



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## Polling question 2

Based on your knowledge, what is the **10-year relapse rate** of HER2+ eBC patients following one year of Herceptin therapy?

1.  $\leq 10\%$
2. 11% – 20%
3. 21% – 30%
4. 31% – 40%
5.  $>40\%$



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## Polling question 3

What is the basis for your answer to the previous question (Q2) based on?

1. Country Registry data
2. Hospital data
3. Publication data
4. Personal experience and observation





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## Polling question 4

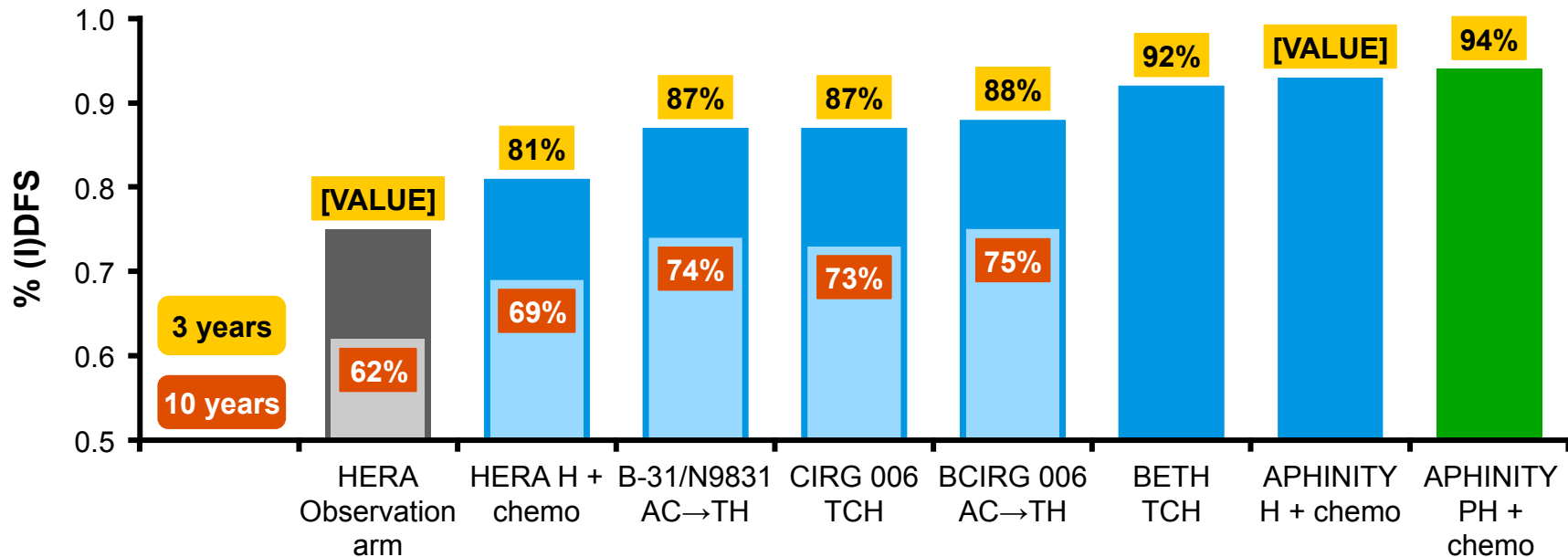
How many years of clinical experience do you have in managing early breast cancer (eBC)?

1.  $\approx 5$  years
2.  $\approx 10$  years
3.  $\approx 5$  years
4.  $\approx 20$  years
5.  $> 20$  years



## Short versus long term recurrence

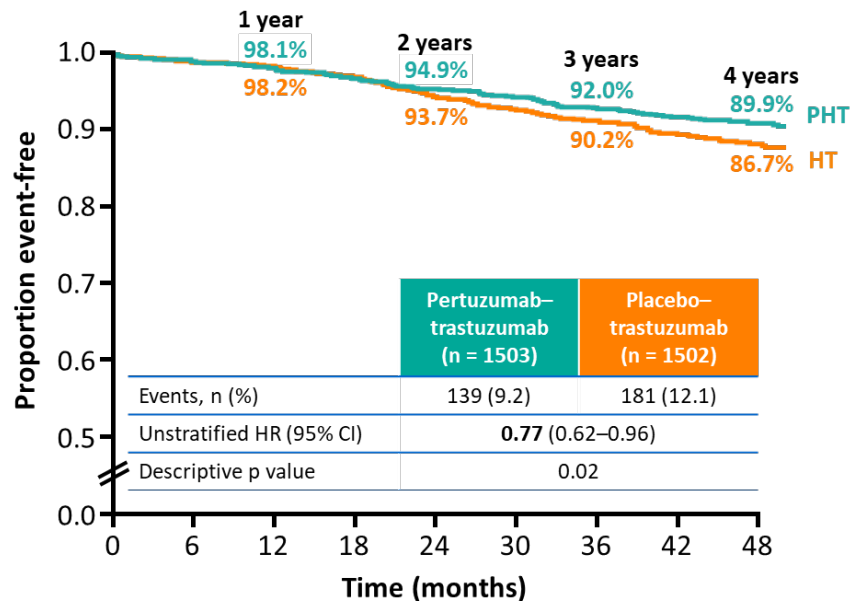
### 3 years versus 10 years iDFS in HER2+ eBC patients who received Herceptin and Chemo in adjuvant setting



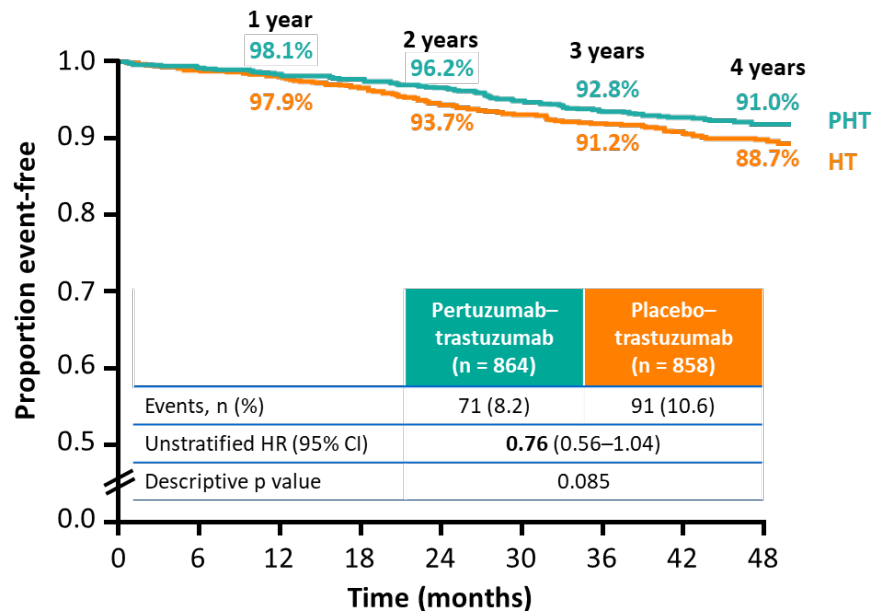
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 Von Minckwitz, 2017, *N Engl J Med* DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1703643.

# APHINITY: the positive outcome of the study was driven by results in patients with disease at high risk of recurrence

## Lymph node-positive subgroup (n=3005)






## PFS by HR status



Hazard ratios were estimated by Cox regression. Pertuzumab is only approved in the adjuvant setting in Russia, the USA, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Peru, Brazil, Nicaragua and Guatemala; it is not currently approved in Spain or the European Union.



# The benefit observed with APHINITY is within a range observed in the past for a change to SoC involving a treatment improvement

	INTRODUCTION of a new treatment modality	IMPROVEMENT of a treatment modality
 <b>Chemotherapy</b>	<b>CMF vs. no chemo</b> Relative risk* <sup>1</sup> 0.70	<b>Anth + taxane vs. anth</b> 0.84
 <b>Endocrine therapy</b>	<b>Tam 5 years vs. no tam</b> Relative risk* <sup>2</sup> 0.50	<b>AI 5 years vs. tam 5 years</b> 0.80
 <b>Anti-HER2 therapy</b>	<b>Trastuzumab vs. observation</b> Relative risk* <sup>3</sup> 0.52 9.9 – 12% improvement in recurrence rate for new modalities <sup>1,3,4</sup>	<b>APHINITY</b> <b>0.81</b> 0.5 – 3.6% improvement in recurrence rate for improving a modality <sup>1,5</sup>

\* Analysis conducted at different time points;

AI, aromatase inhibitor; anth, anthracycline; tam, tamoxifen.

1. Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG). *Lancet* 2012; 2. EBCTCG. *Lancet* 2005; 3. Perez EA, *et al. J Clin Oncol* 2011; 4. EBCTCG. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2001; 5. EBCTCG. *Lancet* 2015.



## **Patient-reported function and symptoms in APHINITY: A randomized comparison of chemotherapy (C) + trastuzumab (H) + placebo (Pla) versus C + H + pertuzumab (P) as adjuvant therapy in patients with HER2+ early breast cancer (eBC)**

**Baselga J, et al. ASCO 2018 Abstract 521**

### **Overview**

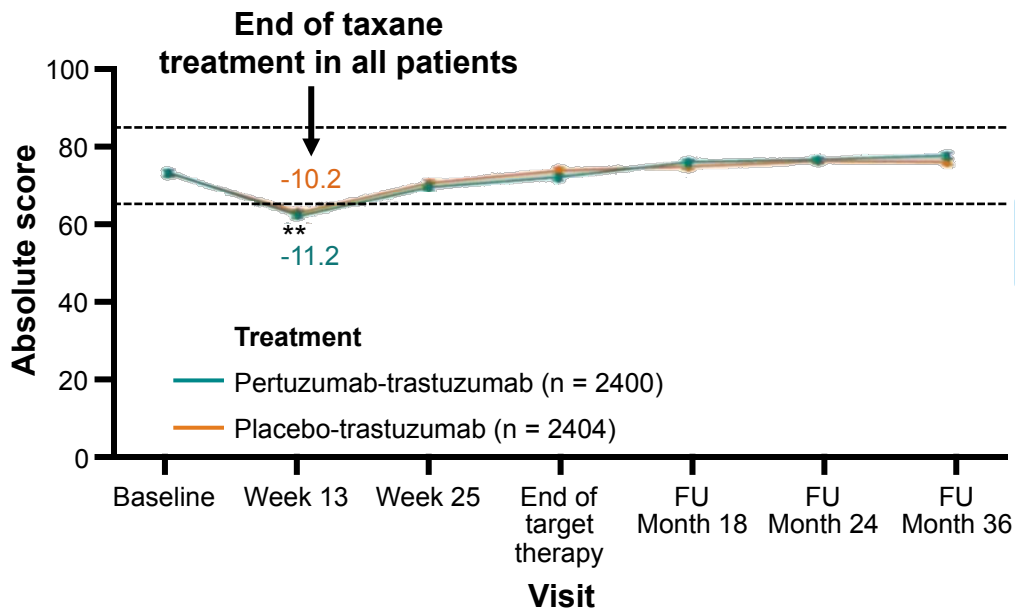
- APHINITY demonstrated an almost 25% reduction in the risk of recurrence or death for patients at high risk of recurrence<sup>a</sup>
- Patient-reported outcomes was a secondary endpoint of APHINITY, assessed by EORTC QLQ-C30 and QLQ-BR23 questionnaires

### **Results**

- Questionnaire completion rates were >87%
- Regardless of the HRQoL measures used, results were broadly similar in both arms

# Both treatment arms experienced a clinically meaningful decline in HRQoL at the end of taxane therapy (week 13) only

Mean EORTC QLQ-C30 global health status scores by treatment regimen in the ITT population<sup>1</sup>



How would you rate your overall health during the past week?

How would you rate your overall quality of life during the past week?

# International guidelines recommend the APHINITY regimen in patients with tumours at high risk of recurrence

**Recommendations in the adjuvant setting:  
Dual blockade with pertuzumab-trastuzumab for HER2+ patients at high risk of relapse**



**St. Gallen Expert Consensus<sup>1</sup>**  
High risk due to lymph node involvement or HR-negativity



**NCCN Breast Cancer Guidelines<sup>2</sup>**  
If node-positive (HR-positive and HR-negative disease)



**ASCO Guidelines<sup>3</sup>**  
High-risk, such as node-positive disease



**AGO Guidelines<sup>4</sup>**  
Node-positive or HR-negative disease

# Taiwan consensus for neoadjuvant therapy

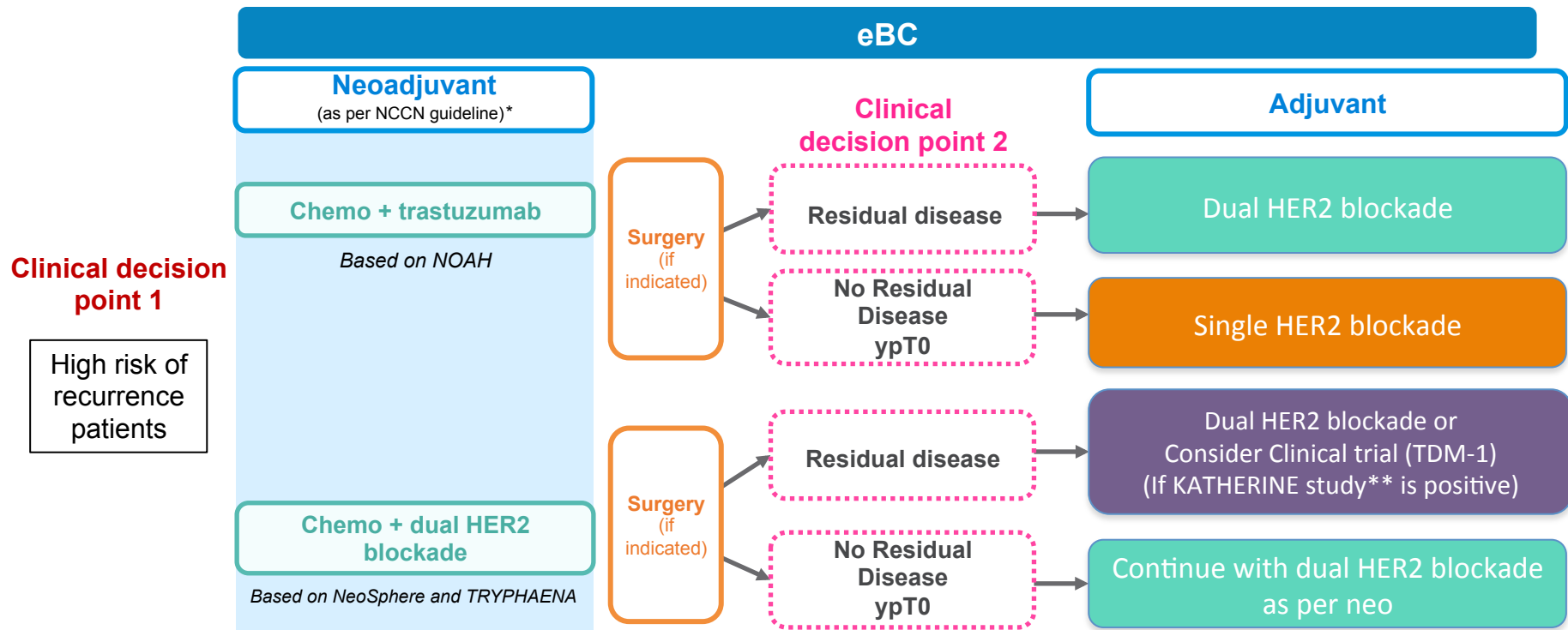
## Recommendation of neoadjuvant systemic treatment regimens

- The regimens recommended in adjuvant setting can be considered in the neoadjuvant setting.
- Similar to that in adjuvant setting, the determination of regimens should be balanced in anti-tumor activity and toxicity to avoid under or over treatment.
- To **avoid over-treatment** for HER2+ disease, patients who fit the main characteristics (not eligibility) of adjuvant trial of weekly paclitaxel/trastuzumab<sup>1</sup> or docetaxel/cyclophosphamide/trastuzumab<sup>2</sup> (tumor  $\leq 2$  cm, LN–, HR+) may prefer surgery first followed by standard adjuvant treatment.
- To **avoid under-treatment** for HER2+ disease, **patients should considered completion of standard adjuvant regimens even the patients achieved pathological complete response.**
- **For advanced disease, with lymph node involvement, neoadjuvant dual blockade plus chemotherapy is the preferred regimen.**
- Generally, the sample size of neoadjuvant trials is small, so most of them could not provide sufficient statistical power to demonstrate the survival difference. This weakness resulted in several controversial issues. For controversial issues, we need to evaluate the evidence from both of adjuvant and neoadjuvant setting.





# Potential future treatment algorithm for high risk of recurrence HER2+/HR– eBC patients



# Conclusion

- Neoadjuvant therapy is a good choice for eBC, especially for HER2+ breast cancer
  - Makes clinical decision points clearer
  - Be cautious of under- or over-treatment
- pCR predicts better outcome, but does not mean an absolute event free status
  - A surrogate, but not the final endpoint
  - Regardless of anti-HER2 therapy response in the neoadjuvant setting, it is important to continue treatment following surgery
- Following the positive APHINITY study, patients at high risk of recurrence should receive 18 cycles of pertuzumab–trastuzumab entirely in the adjuvant setting or split across the neoadjuvant and adjuvant settings

## Summary of experience from TPE-VGH:

- LN+, larger tumor size, ER/PR– and LVI are poor prognostic factors for HER+ BC survival
- ER– and T3 & 4 are poor prognostic factors for HER2+/N– BC (data not shown)
- HR–/HER2+ & HR+/HER2+ are different entities
- LN metastasis and the absence of targeted therapy are two independent prognostic factors for HER2+ BC survival.



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*THANK YOU*



# Panel discussion and Q&A session

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## Polling question 5

For patients at high-risk of relapse, who achieve pathological complete response (pCR) following **dual anti-HER2** in the neoadjuvant setting, would you continue with the same treatment regimen?

1. Yes
2. No, I will de-escalate
3. I do not give neoadjuvant treatment

# Q&A

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## Polling question 6

### Patient Case

- 35-year-old female, previously well
- Right breast 4cm clinical, grade 2, ER- and PR-negative, HER2-positive, right axilla lymph node positive on core biopsy
- Treated with AC-THP
- Patient had complete clinical response
- Went for wide local excision and pathology showed pCR without residual invasive disease in breast and axilla

### What would you do?

1. Complete adjuvant pertuzumab/trastuzumab for total 1 year
2. Continue adjuvant trastuzumab (H) only for total 1 year
3. No further systemic treatment



# Thank you for your participation

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