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# Prognostic and Predictive Markers in Breast Cancer

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### Disclosure

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### Outline

HER2

Ki67

Multigene assays

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### HER2

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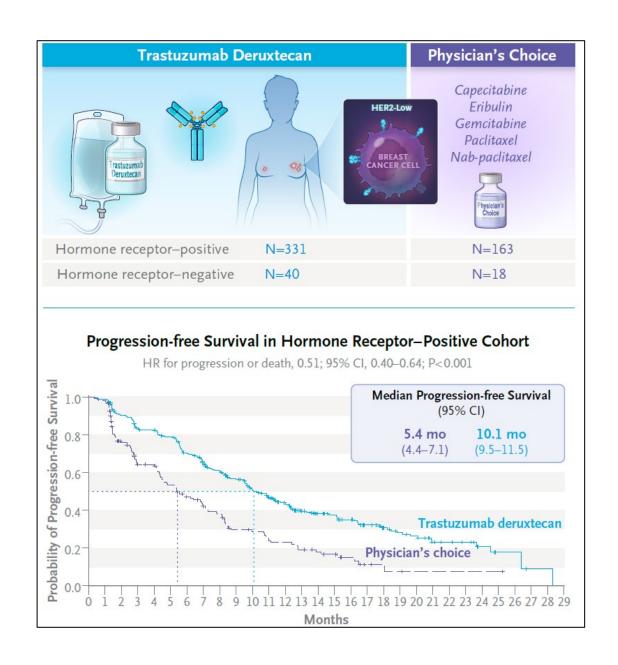
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# Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Previously Treated HER2-Low Advanced Breast Cancer

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# Trastuzumab deruxtecan targeting low level of HER2

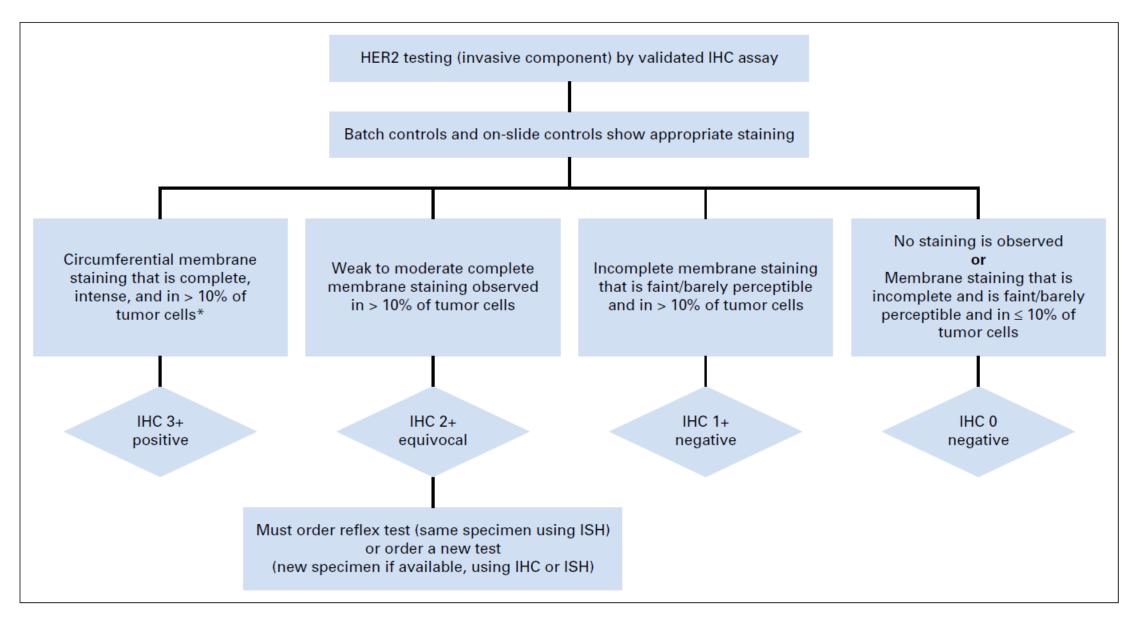
- Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-Dxd), an antibody drug conjugate c(ADC) onsisting of a humanized anti-HER2 monoclonal antibody linked to a topoisomerase I inhibitor
- DESTINY-Breast04: T-DXd doubled progressionfree survival in patients with *HER2-low* metastatic breast cancer



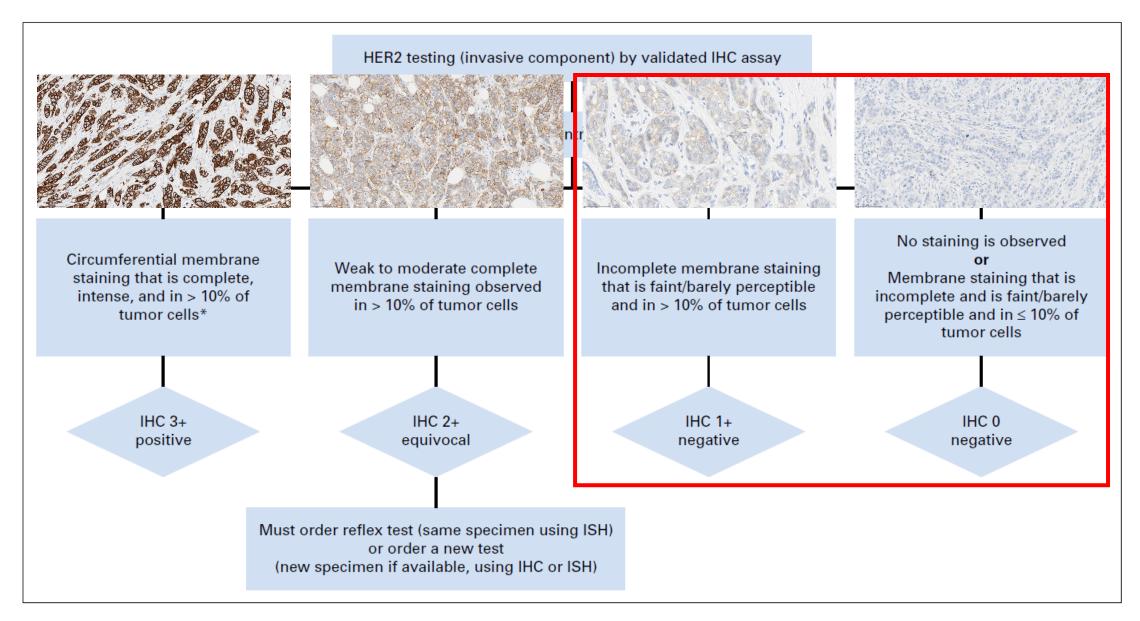
### HER2-low

HER2 1+ by IHC

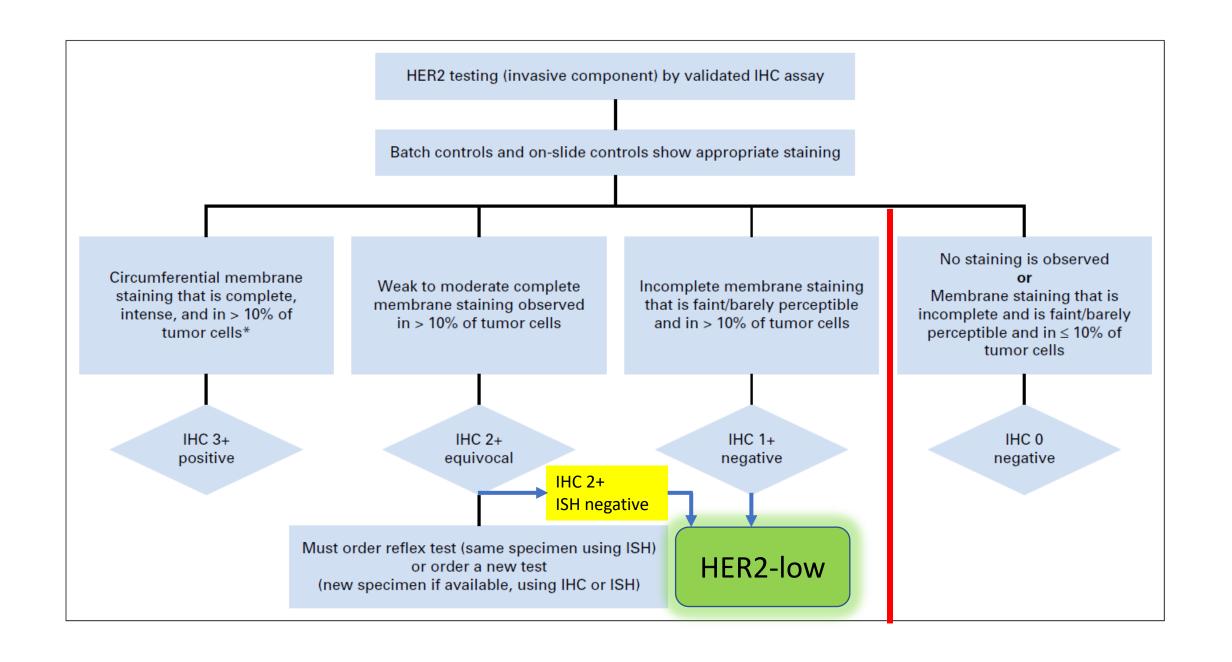
HER2 2+ by IHC, not amplified by ISH



Wolff AC et al. J Clin Oncol. 2018; 36: 2105-2122



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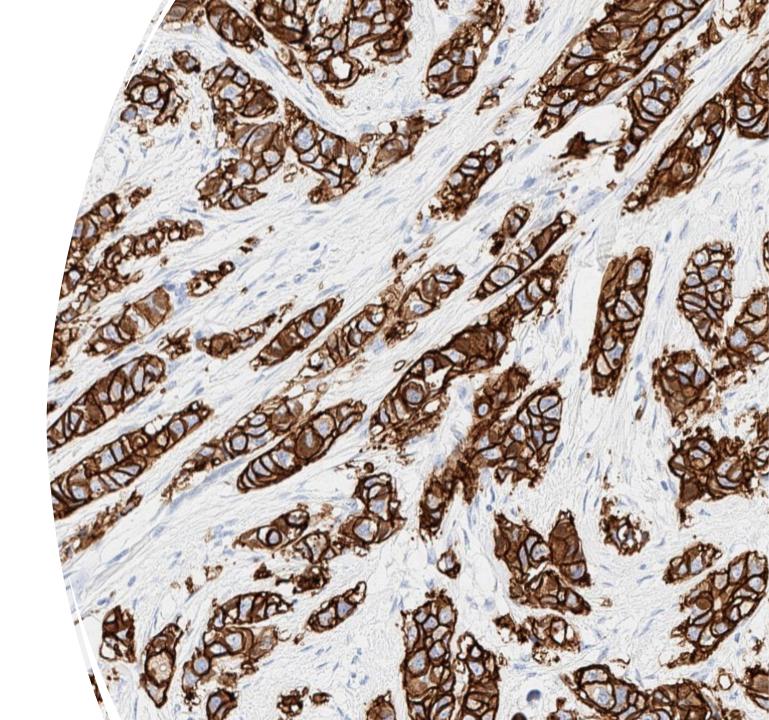
# CAP Template for Reporting HER2 IHC in Breast Cancer (March 2023)

- Negative (score 0)
- Negative (score 1+)#
- Equivocal (score 2+)#
- Positive (score 3+)

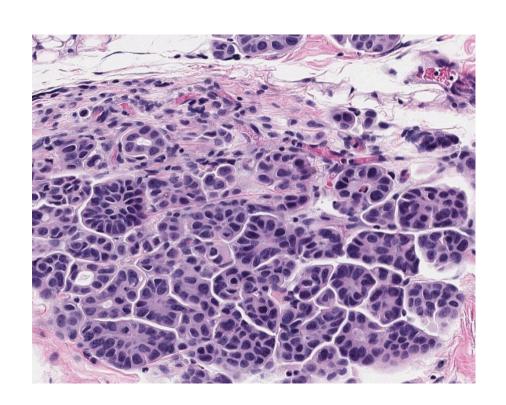
# Breast cancers with HER2 IHC score 1+ or HER2 IHC score 2+ and a negative ISH result are eligible for clinically appropriate HER2-targeted therapy and may be reported as "HER2 Low".

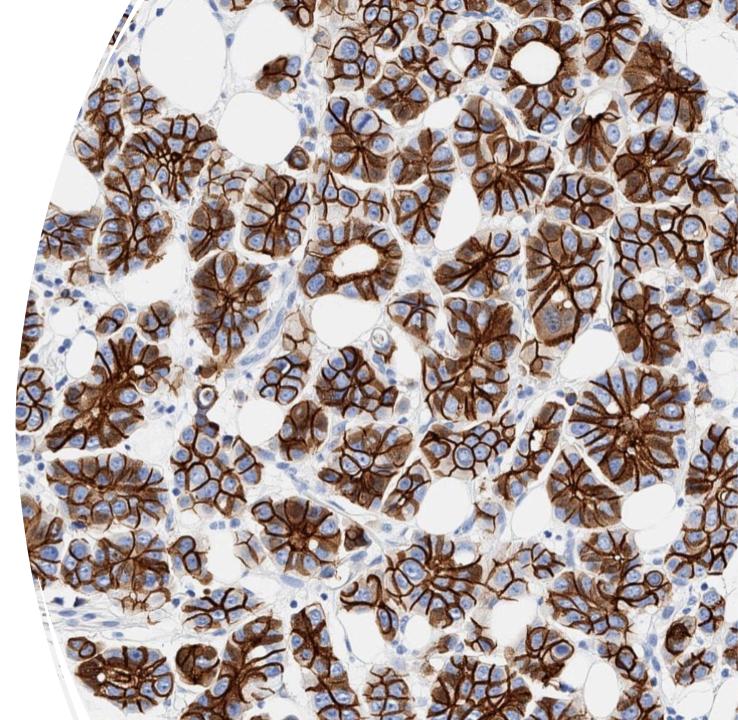
### HER2 IHC 3+

- Membrane staining
  - Pattern: complete
  - Intensity: strong
  - Percentage: >10% of tumor cells



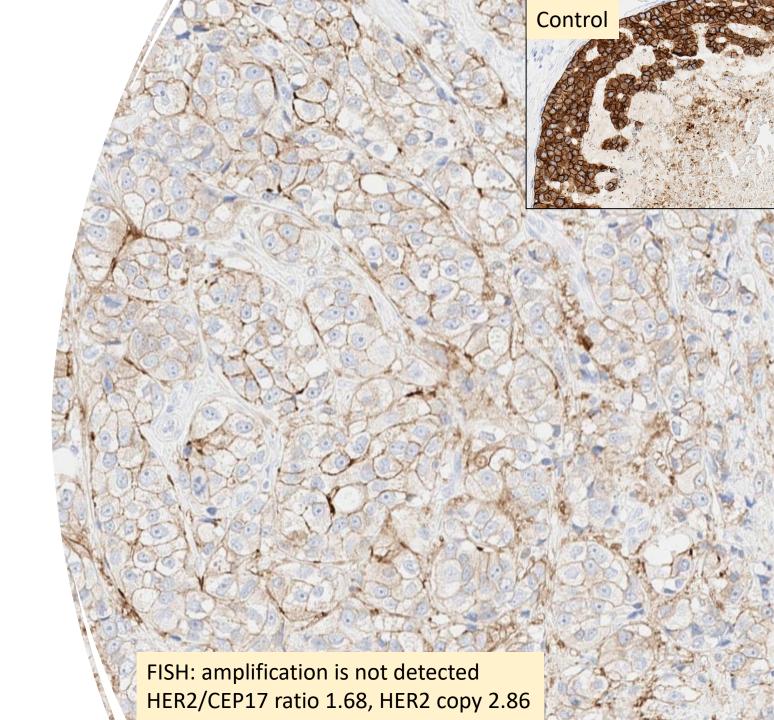
Basolateral staining in micropapillary carcinoma





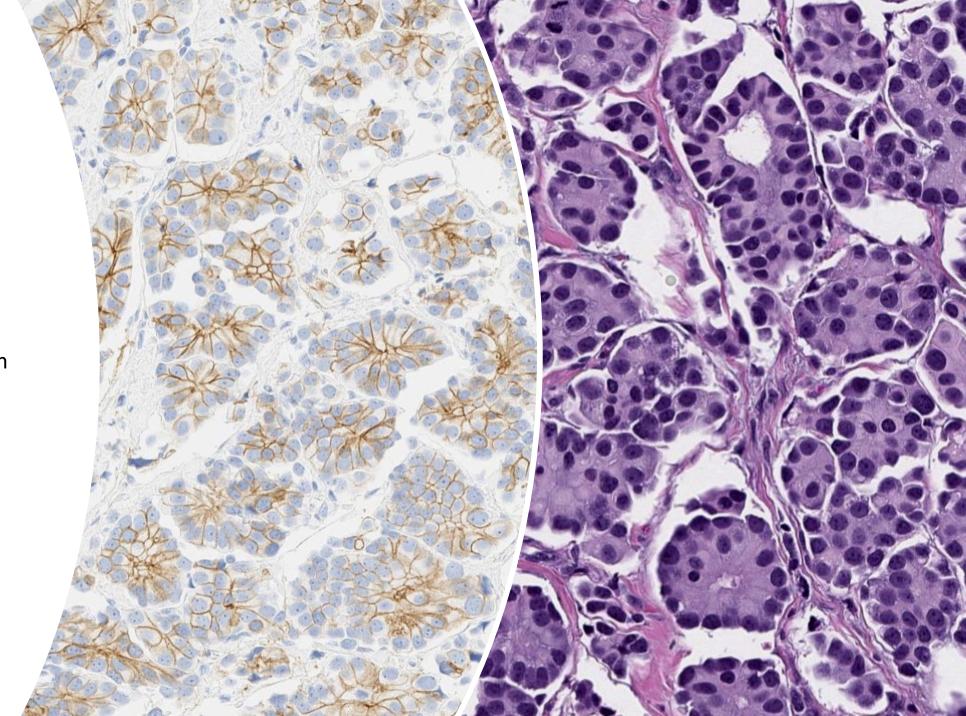
### HER2 IHC 2+

- Membrane staining
  - Pattern: complete
  - Intensity: weak-moderate
  - Percentage: >10% of tumor cells



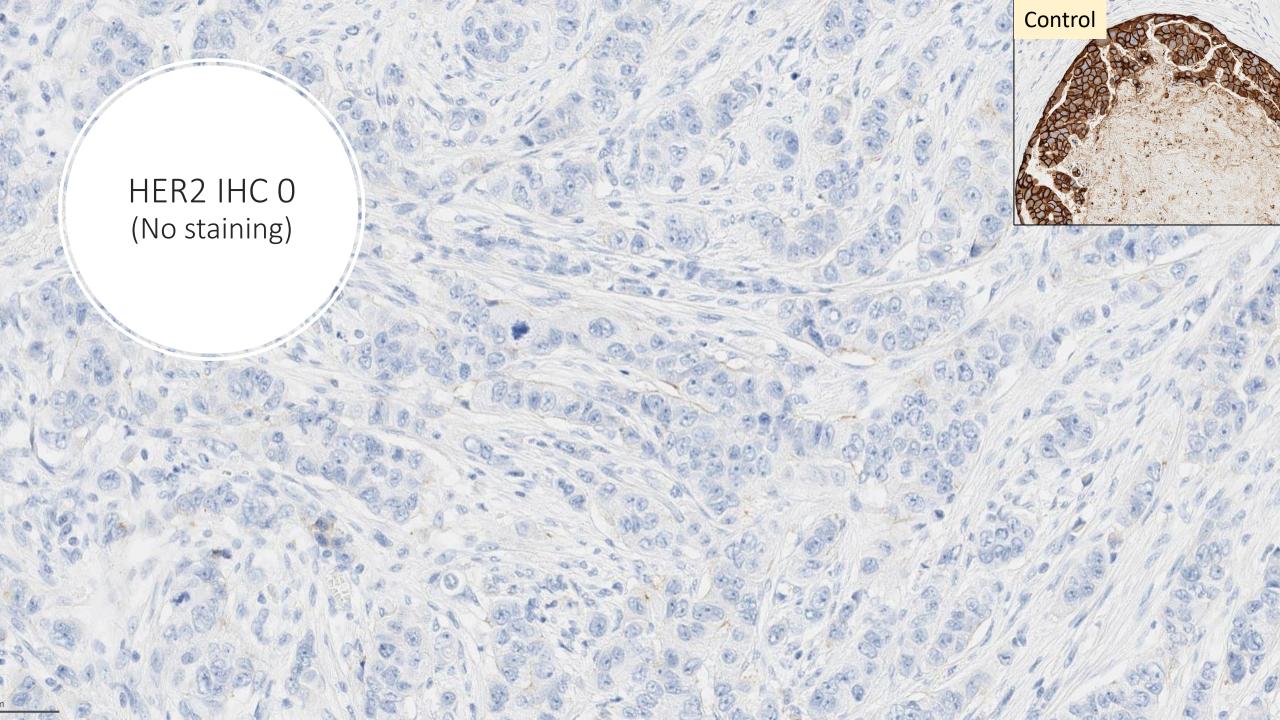
# Micropapillary carcinoma

- Basolateral staining
- Moderate intensity
  - IHC equivocal (2+)
- HER2 FISH: amplification is DETECTED
- HER2/ CEP 17 ratio: 2.5
- HER2 copy number: 5.1

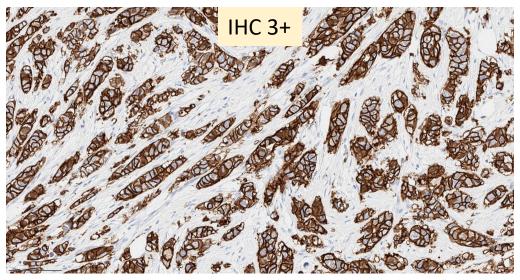


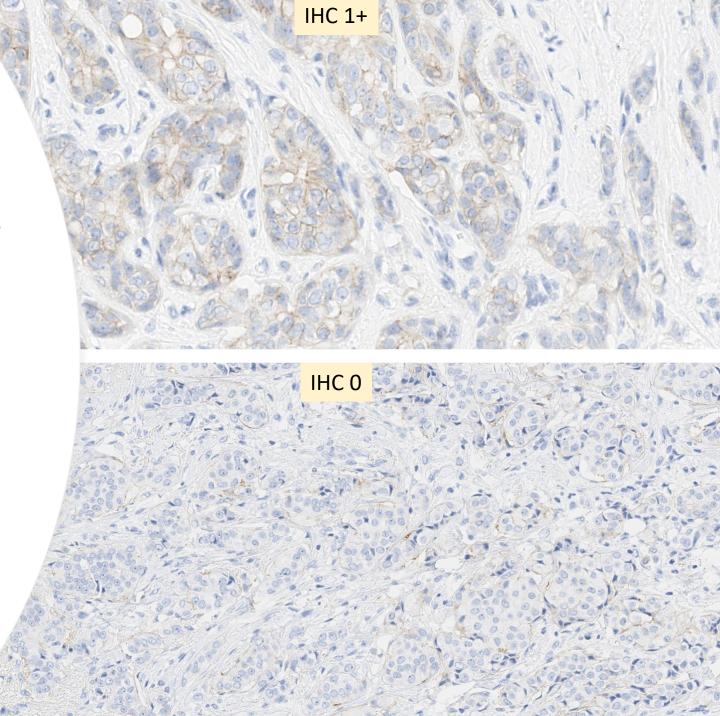


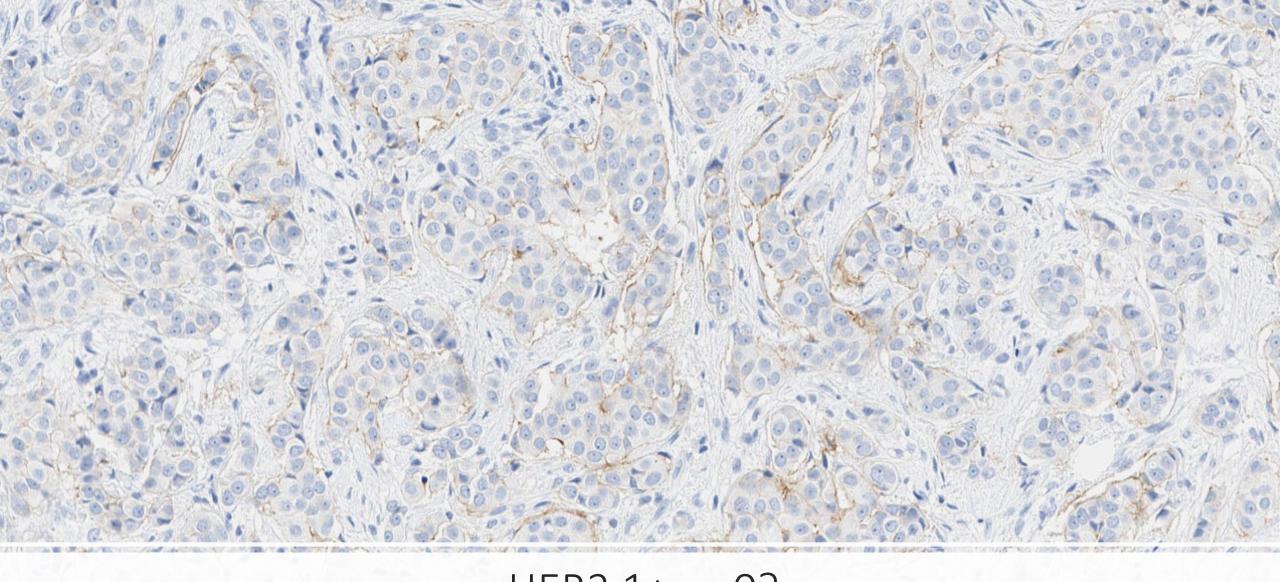




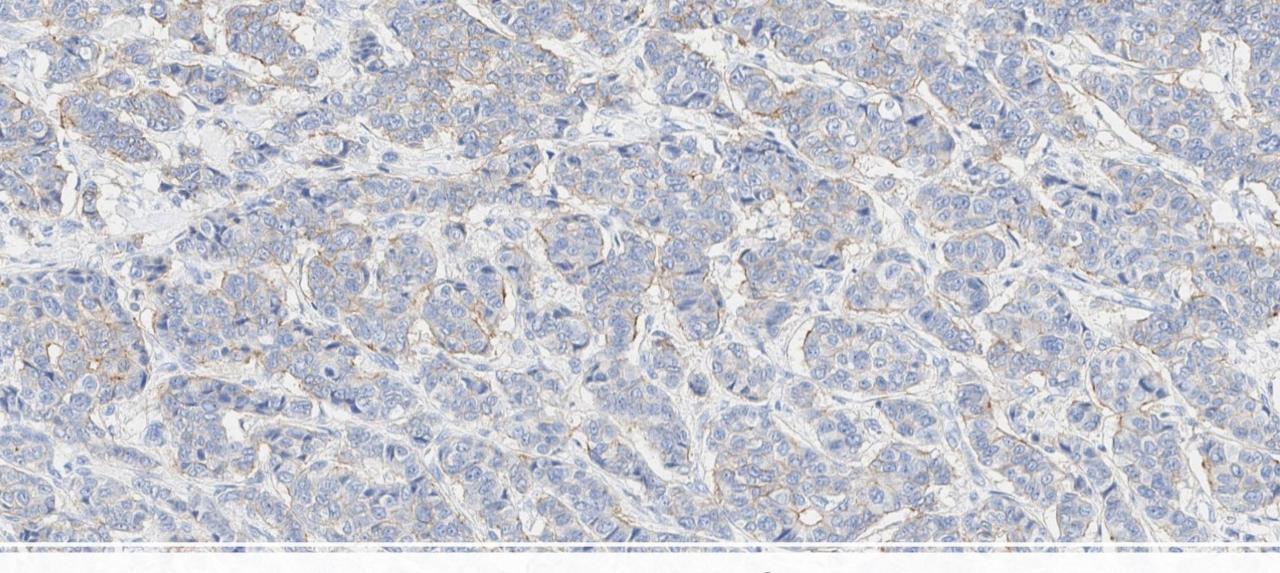
HER2 low assessment by IHC: challenges in the interpretation



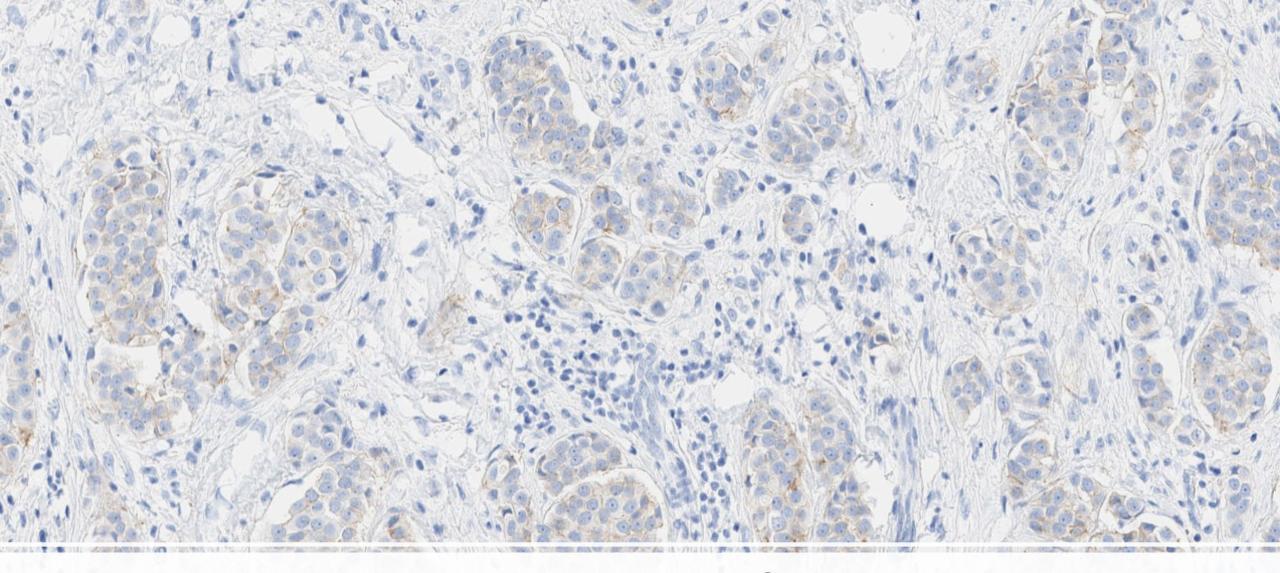




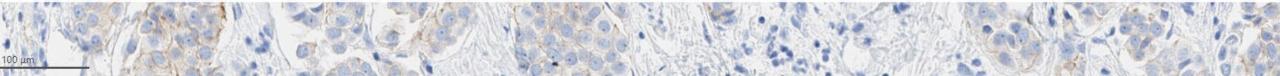
HER2 1+ or 0?



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#### DESTINY-Breast06

Study of trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-Dxd) vs investigator's choice chemotherapy in HER2-low, hormone receptor positive, metastatic breast cancer



#### Eligible patients

HER2-low:

HER2-ultra low:

IHC2+/ISH- and IHC 1+

HER2 IHC >0 <1+ expression

#### ASCO/CAP guideline: pre-analytical standardization Optimal tissue handling requirements



Time from tissue acquisition to fixation should be as short as possible. Cold ischemia time <1 hour



Samples are fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin for 6-72 hours



Cytology specimens must be fixed in formalin

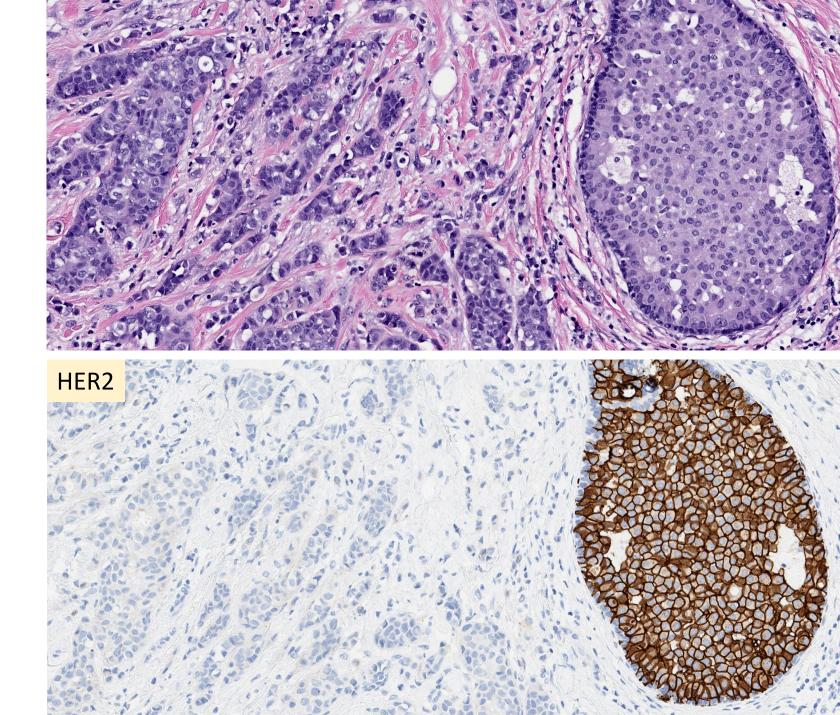


Samples should be sliced at 5- to 10-mm intervals and placed in sufficient volume of neutral buffered formalin

Review the corresponding

#### H&E stain

- Discordant HER2
   expression between
   invasive and in situ
   carcinoma
- HER2 expression in the in situ component should be excluded from the interpretation



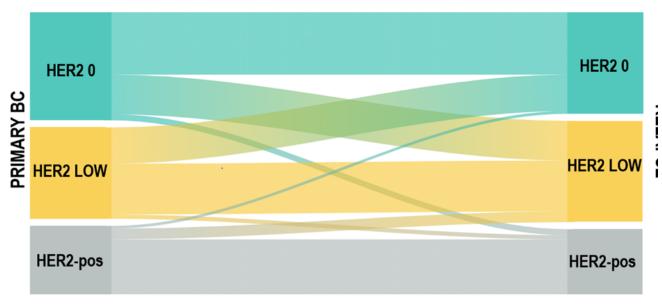
### ASCO/CAP guideline: specimens to be tested

HER2 testing is recommended for primary, recurrent and metastatic tumors

Patients who develop metastatic disease must have a HER2 test performed in a metastatic site, if tissue sample is available

# HER2 evolution from primary breast cancer to recurrence

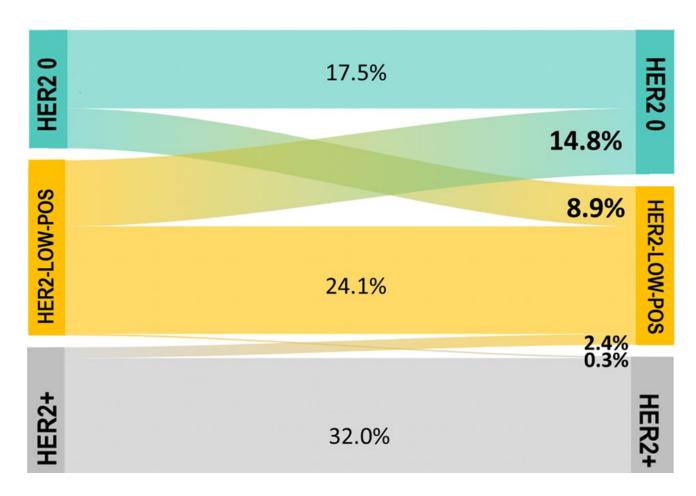
- Patients with matched primary and recurrent breast cancer samples (n=547)
- HER2 was evaluated according to ASCO/CAP recommendations
- The overall rate of HER2 discordance was 38.0% (n = 208), mostly driven by cases switching to or from HER2-low expression
  - Conversion from HER2-0 to HER2-low: 15.2%
  - Conversion from HER2-low to HER2-0: 14.1%



		HER2 recurrence/metastasis N,%			Total
		0	Low	Positive	Iotai
HER2 primary BC N,%	0	132 (24.1)	83 (15.2)	13 (2.4)	228 (41.7)
	Low	77 (14.1)	101 (18.5)	9 (1.6)	187 (34.2)
	Positive	6 (1.1)	20 (3.7)	106 (19.4)	132 (24.1)
Total		215 (39.3)	204 (37.3)	128 (23.4)	547 (100)

# HER2 expression: from pre-treatment biopsy to residual tumor post neoadjuvant treatment

- In patients with residual disease after neoadjuvant chemotherapy, the overall rate of HER2 discordance was 26.4%, mostly represented by cases switching between HER2 0 and HER2-low
- Among patients with HER2-0 on baseline biopsy, 33.8% (n = 26) experienced a conversion to HER2-low
- Among patients with HER2-low-positive breast cancer, 37.7% (n = 43) showed a conversion to HER2 0



Miglietta F. et al. NPJ Breast Cancer. 2022; 8:66

### Companion diagnostic assay for HER2-low

HER2 status was assessed by a central laboratory in DESTINY-Breast04

#### Companion diagnostic assay

• FDA approved companion diagnostic assay: PATHWAY anti-HER2 (4B5) assay

#### Tumor samples

- Archived or recent tumor sample
- Primary tumor or metastatic sites
- Exclusion: Cytology and decalcified bone metastases

# HercepTest and PATHWAY 4B5 — inter-assay concordance

- Complete concordance: 69.7%
- Discordant scores were mainly associated with the PATHWAY 4B5
   IHC 0 and IHC 1 +
- Higher HER2 scoring using the HercepTest

		PATHWAY 4B5					
		0	1+	2+	3+	Total	
HercepTest (mAb)	0	35	0	0	0	35	
	1+	17	8	0	0	25	
	2+	4	12	13	1	30	
	3+	0	0	2	27	29	
	Total	56	20	15	28	119	

Ki67

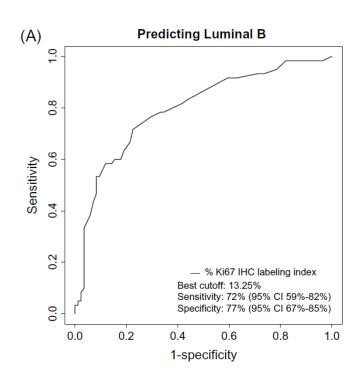
#### Ki67 as a prognostic marker

Clinical utility is limited

Lack of reproducibility (especially between different laboratories)

Lack of standardized cut-off

# Immunohistochemistry surrogate to distinguish between luminal A and luminal B breast caner subtypes



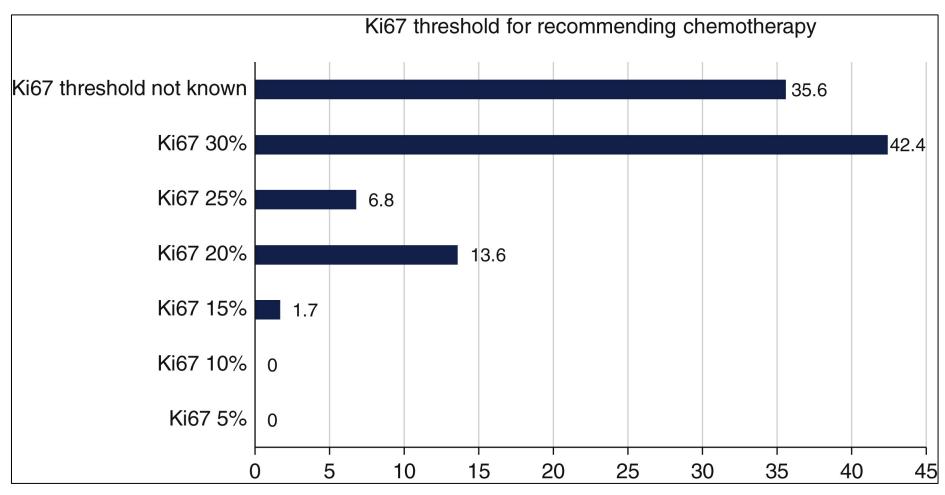
- ROC analysis of 144 luminal A and luminal B tumors as defined by PAM50
- The best Ki67 index cut point to distinguish
   luminal B from luminal A tumors was 13.25%
  - Sensitivity 72% (95% CI = 59% to 82%)
  - Specificity 77% (95% CI = 67% to 85%)

#### Immunohistochemistry surrogate to distinguish between luminal A and luminal B breast cancer subtypes

	St Gallen Consensus 2011	St Gallen Consensus 2013
Luminal A-like	ER and/or PR-positive, HER2-negative Ki-67 low (<14%)	ER and PR-positive, HER2-negative  Ki-67 low (<20%)  Recurrence risk low based on multigene testing
Luminal B-like (HER2-negative)	ER and/or PR-positive, HER2-negative Ki-67 high	ER-positive, HER2-negative And at least one of the following:  Ki-67 high  PR-negative or low  Recurrence risk high based on multigene testing
Luminal B-like (HER2-positive)	ER and/or PR-positive, HER2-potitive Any Ki67	ER-positive, HER2-positive Any Ki-67 Any PR
HER2-like	HER2-positive, ER/PR-negative	HER2-positive, ER/PR-negative
Basal-like	ER/PR-negative, HER2-negative	ER/PR-negative, HER2-negative

Goldhirsch A. et al *Ann Oncol*. 2011; 22:1736-1747. Goldhirsch A et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2013; 24:2206-2223

#### St Gallen International Consensus 2021



Burstein HJ et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2021; 32:1216-1235

# International Ki67 in Breast Cancer Working Group (IKWG)



JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst (2021) 113(7): djaa201

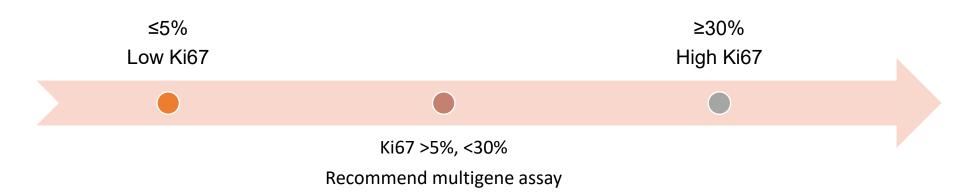
doi: 10.1093/jnci/djaa201 First published online December 28, 2020 Commentary

#### Assessment of Ki67 in Breast Cancer: Updated Recommendations From the International Ki67 in Breast Cancer Working Group

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## IKWG updated recommendations

- Pre-analytical standardization
  - Tissue collection, fixation and processing follow the ASCO/CAP guidelines for ER, PR, HER2
- Establish standardized scoring method
- Clinical utility: In T1-2, N0-1 ER-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer, Ki67 5% or less, or 30% or more, can be used to estimate prognosis



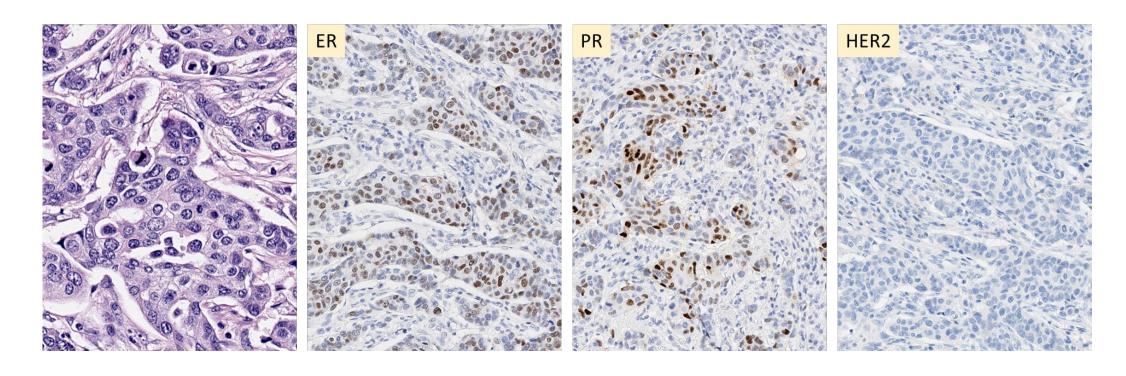
Nielsen TO et al. *J Natl Cancer Inst*. 2021; 113:808-819

# Risk stratification by Ki67 IKWG and 21-gene RS: low concordance

Ki67 IHC	IKWG	Oncotype Dx RS ≤25	Oncotype Dx RS >25
MIB	Ki67 ≤5% (n=8)	5	3
	Ki67 ≥30% (n=10)	6	4
30-9	Ki67 ≤5% (n=4)	3	1
	Ki67 ≥30% (n=16)	12	4

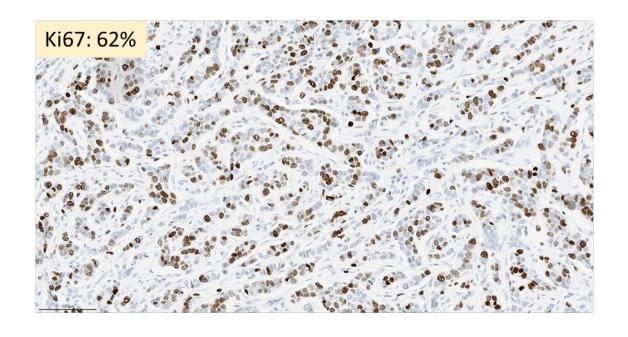
Krystel-Whittemore M et al. USCAP 2022 Annual Meeting

# Case example

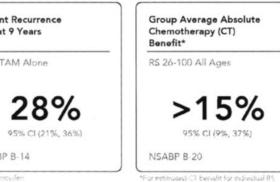


38 yo woman, invasive ductal carcinoma, NOS type, grade III, pT1c NO ER 60%, PR 40%, HER2 0

#### Ki67 vs RS: concordance





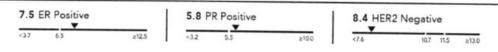


results, see page 2.

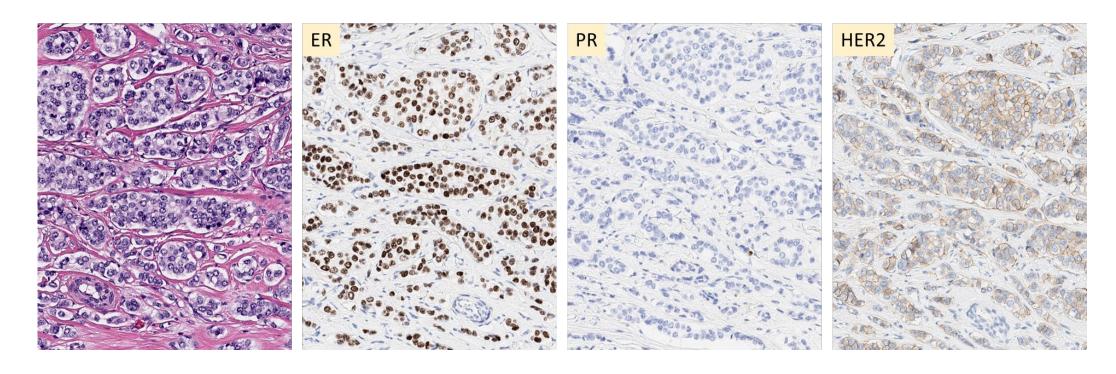
Exploratory Subgroup Analysis for TAILORx and NSABP B-20: Absolute CT Benefit for Distant Recurrence by Age and RS Result

Age	RS 0-10	RS 11-15	RS 16-20	RS 21-25	RS 26-100
>50 years			No CT Benefit (<1%)		>15% CT Benefit
≤50 years	No CT Be	nefit (<1%)	~1.6% CT Benefit	~6.5% CT Benefit	>15% CT Benefit

Quantitative Single-Gene Scores

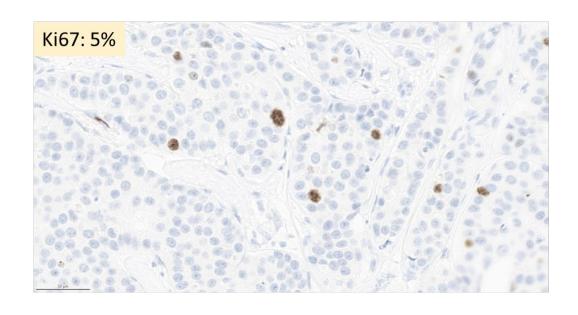


# Case example



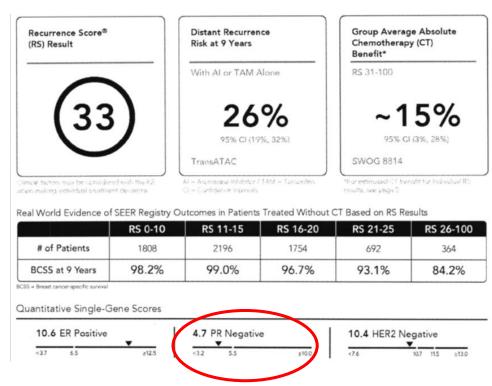
54 yo woman, invasive ductal carcinoma, NOS type, grade II, pT2 N1mi ER 50%, PR 0, HER2 IHC 2+, FISH not amplified

### Ki67 vs RS: discordant

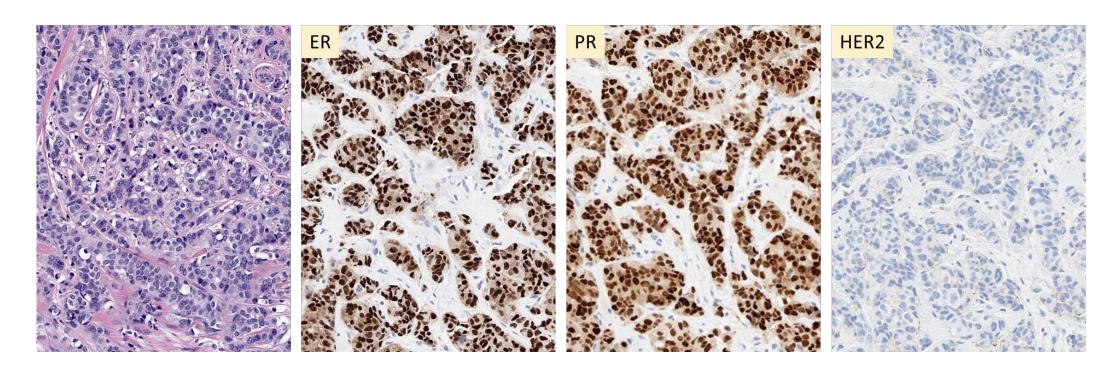


Low Ki67: 5%

High risk recurrence score, RS=33

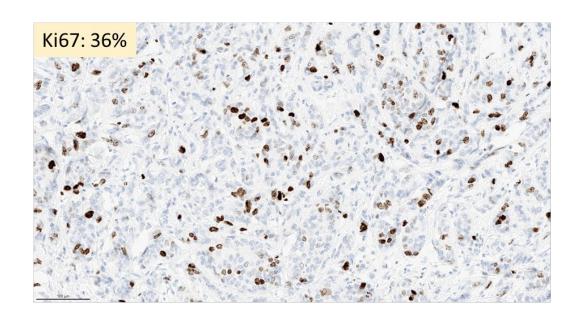


# Case example



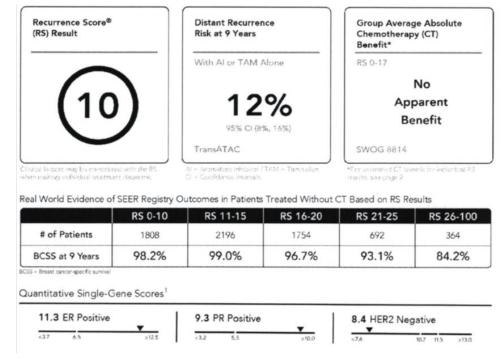
69 yo woman, invasive ductal carcinoma, NOS type, grade II, pT2N1mi ER 99%, PR 99%, HER2 0

### Ki67 vs RS: discordant



High Ki67: 36%

Low risk recurrence score RS=10



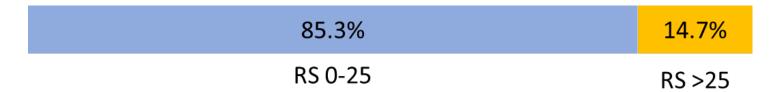
# Correlation of the Ki67 IKWG risk categories with the Oncotype Dx recurrence score in early breast cancer

A retrospective review of 525 HR-positive, HER2-negative, N0-1 early breast cancer

• Ki67

29%	49.5%	21.5%
Ki67 ≤5%	Ki67 6-29%	Ki67 ≥30%

• 21-gene recurrence score



### Correlation between Ki67 and RS

	RS>25
Ki67 low (0-5%)	6.6%
Ki67 intermediate (6-29%)	11%
Ki67 high (≥30%)	34.5%

Patel R et al *Cancer* 2022; 128:3602-3609

## IKWG Ki67 vs 21-gene recurrence score

IKWG Ki67 does not significantly correlate with 21-gene recurrence score in retrospective studies

Outcome data?

# Ki67 companion diagnostic assay for CDK4/6 inhibitor

### MonarchE trial

#### Figure S1. Study diagram

# HR-positive, HER2-negative high risk early breast cancer

#### High risk defined as

- o ≥4 ALNª OR
- 1-3 ALN<sup>b</sup> and at least 1 of the following:
  - Tumor size ≥5cm
  - Histologic grade 3
  - Ki-67 ≥20% (centrally tested)

# Randomized 1:1

Abemaciclib (150mg twice daily for up to 2 years)
 + Standard of Care Enodocrine Therapy
 (5 to 10 years as clinically indicated)

Standard of Care Endocrine Therapy (5 to 10 years as clinically indicated)

#### Additional criteria:

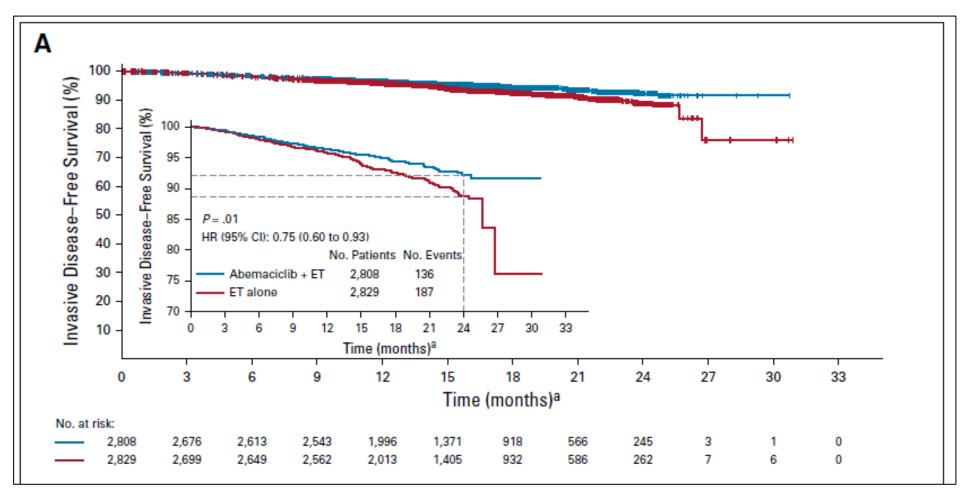
- Women or men
- Pre-/ postmenopausal
- With or without prior adjuvant/neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- No distant metastases

#### Stratification criteria:

- Menopausal Status
- Prior chemotherapy
- Region

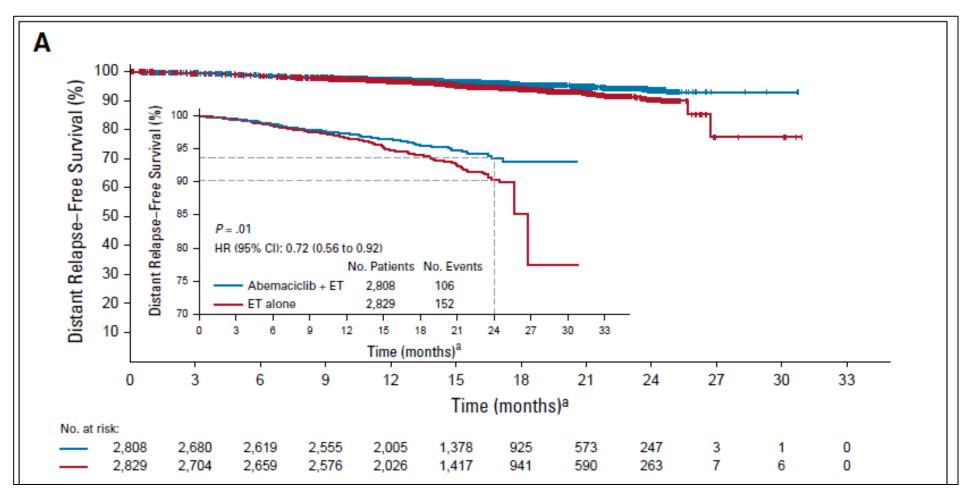
Endocrine Therapy of investigator's discretion

Abemaciclib plus ET demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in IDFS versus ET alone (P = .01; HR, 0.75; 95% CI, 0.60 to 0.93)



Johnston SRD et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020; 38:3987-3998

The addition of abemaciclib to ET also resulted in an improvement in DRFS compared with ET alone (nominal P = .01; HR, 0.72; 95% CI, 0.56 to 0.92)



Johnston SRD et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020; 38:3987-3998

# FDA approves abemaciclib with endocrine therapy for early breast cancer

On October 12,2021, the Food and Drug Administration approved abemaciclib (Verzenio,Eli Lilly and Company)with endocrine therapy (tamoxifen or an aromatase inhibitor) for adjuvant treatment of adult patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, node-positive, early breast cancer at high risk of recurrence and a Ki-67 score ≥20%, as determined by an FDA approved test. This is the first CDK 4/6 inhibitor approved for adjuvant treatment of breast cancer.

FDA also approved the Ki-67 IHC MIB-1 pharmDx (Dako Omnis) assay, submitted by Agilent, Inc., as a companion diagnostic for selecting patients for this indication.

# Updated efficacy and Ki-67 analysis from the monarchE study

Ki-67 index was prognostic, but abemaciclib benefit was observed regardless of Ki-67 index

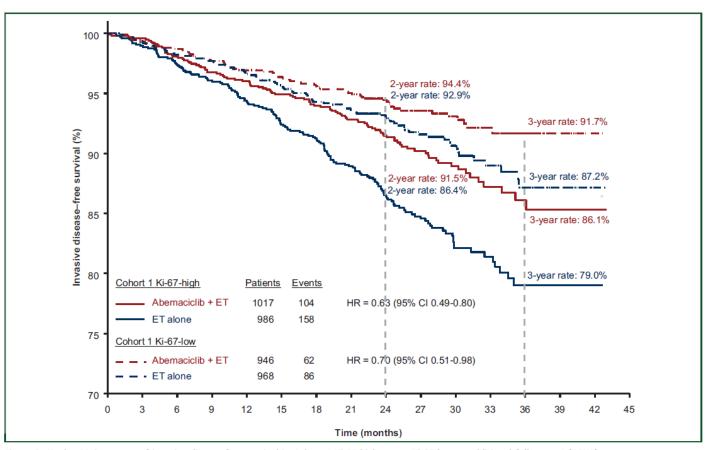


Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier curves of invasive disease-free survival in Cohort 1 Ki-67 high versus Ki-67 low at additional follow-up 1 (AFU1). CI, confidence interval; ET, endocrine therapy; HR, hazard ratio.

Harbeck N et al *Ann Oncol*. 2021; 32:1571-1581

# FDA expands early breast cancer indication for abemaciclib with endocrine therapy

On March 3, 2023 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved abemaciclib (Verzenio, Eli Lilly and Company) with endocrine therapy (tamoxifen or an aromatase inhibitor) for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, node-positive, early breast cancer at high risk of recurrence.

Patients defined as high risk included those having either ≥4 pALN (pathologic axillary lymph nodes) or 1-3 pALN and either tumor grade 3 or a tumor size ≥50 mm.

Abemaciclib was previously approved for the above high-risk population with the additional requirement of having a Ki-67 score ≥20%. Today's approval removes the Ki-67 testing requirement.

Multigene assays

# Multigene assays for early breast cancer

21-gene recurrence score assay (Oncotype Dx™)

70-gene signature (MammaPrint™)

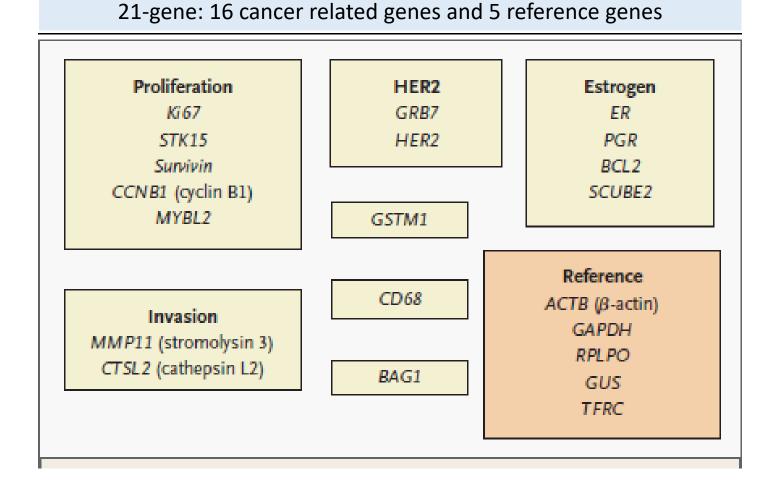
12-gene risk score (EndoPredict™)

PAM50 (Prosigna™)

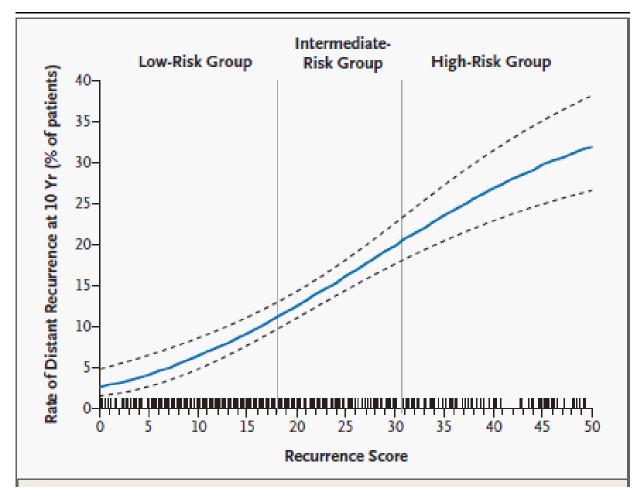
Breast Cancer Index (BCI)

# 21-gene recurrence score assay (RT-PCR assay)

- RS<sub>U</sub> =
  - $+ 0.47 \times GRB7$  group score
  - $-0.34 \times ER$  group score
  - + 1.04 × proliferation group score
  - + 0.10 × invasion group score
  - + 0.05 × *CD68*
  - $-0.08 \times GSTM1$
  - $-0.07 \times BAG1$ .



# Rate of distant recurrence as a continuous function of the recurrence score



 The recurrence scores range from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating a higher risk of distant recurrence

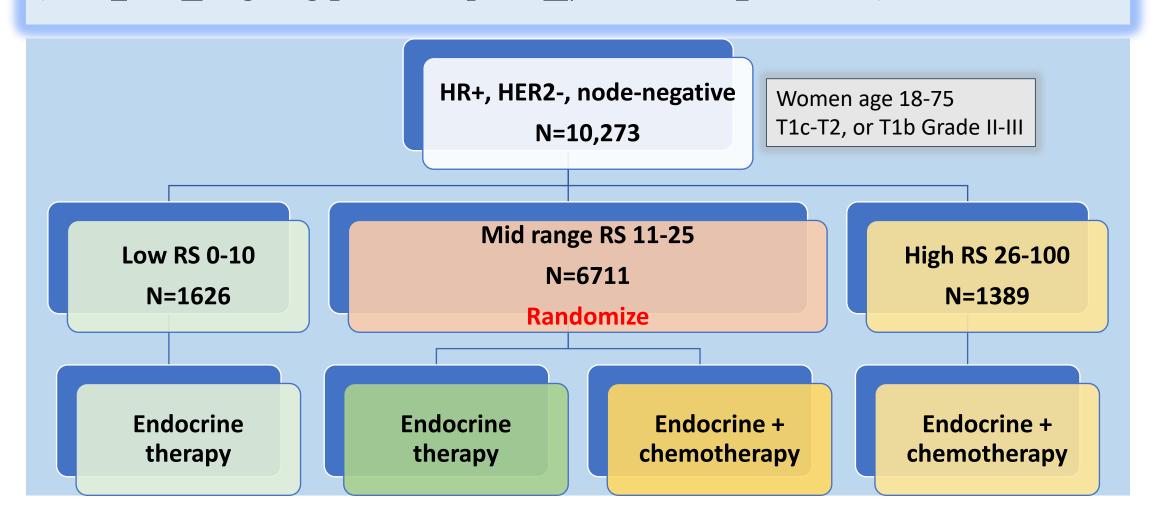
Paik S et al. N Engl J Med. 2004; 351:2817-2826

# Prospective validation studies in patients with early-stage HR-positive HER2-negative breast cancer

Node-negative	Node-positive (1-3 positive nodes)		
TAILORx trial	RxPONDER trial		
10,273 patients	5083 patients		
Recurrence score 0-25	Recurrence score 0-25		

## TAILORx trial design

(The Trial Assigning Individualized Options for Treatment)



Sparano JA. Clin Breast Cancer. 2006; 7:347-350

### TAILORx RS 0-10 (n=1626)

 Very low rates of recurrence at 5 years with endocrine therapy alone

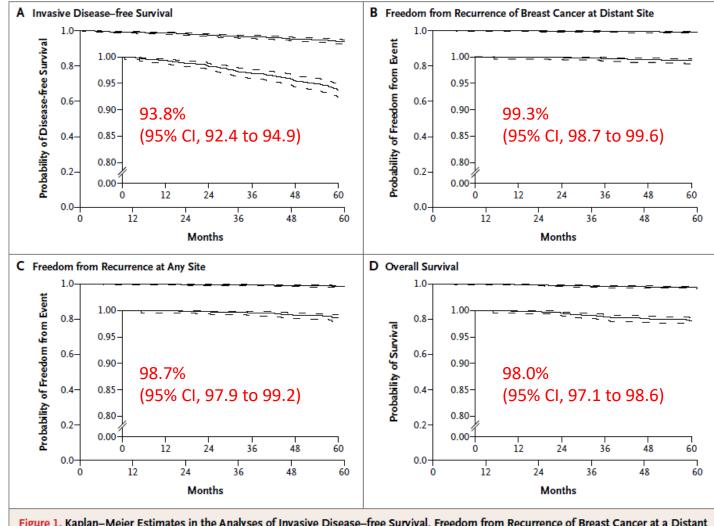
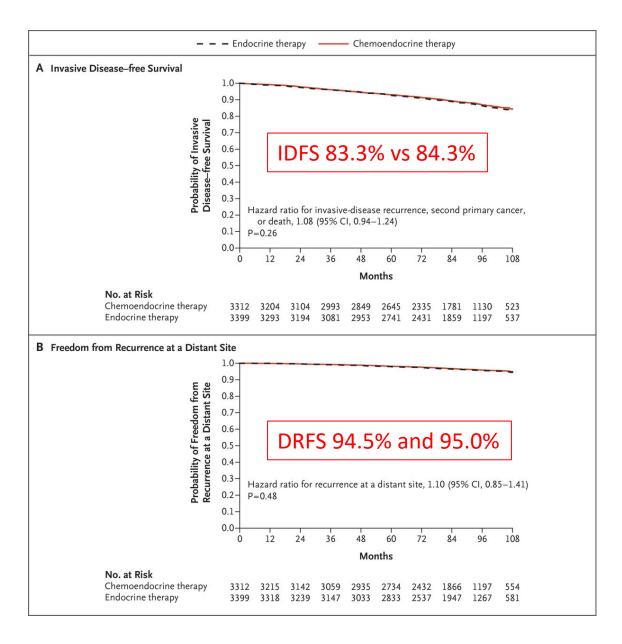


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier Estimates in the Analyses of Invasive Disease-free Survival, Freedom from Recurrence of Breast Cancer at a Distant Site, Freedom from Recurrence at Any Site, and Overall Survival.

A total of 1626 patients with a recurrence score of 0 to 10 (on a scale from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating a greater risk of recurrence) were included in the analyses. In the time-to-event analysis of invasive disease-free survival, Panel A shows the probability of freedom

#### TAILORx RS 11-25 (N=6711)

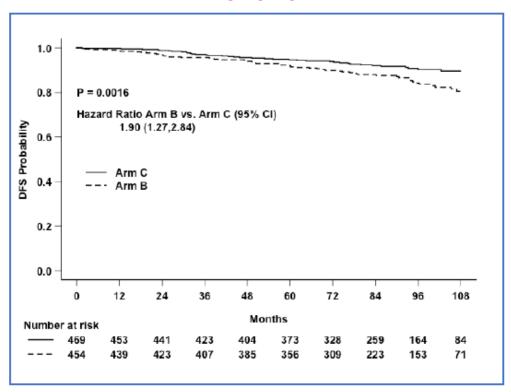
- Endocrine therapy was not inferior to chemoendocrine therapy
- Adjuvant chemotherapy was not beneficial in these patients



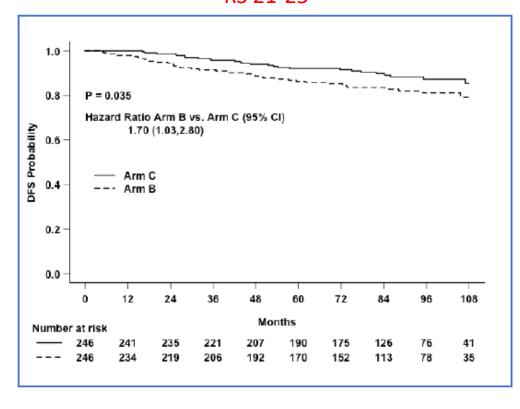
Sparano JA et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2018; 379:111-121

# Some benefit of chemotherapy in young women (≤50 years) and RS 16-25





RS 21-25



Sparano JA et al. N Engl J Med. 2018; 379:111-121

# RxPONDER study design

(A Clinical Trial <u>RX</u> for <u>Positive Node</u>, <u>Endocrine Responsive Breast Cancer)</u>

HR+/HER2- BC

1-3 positive nodes

RS 0-25

N = 5083

Endocrine therapy (ET) only

N=2536

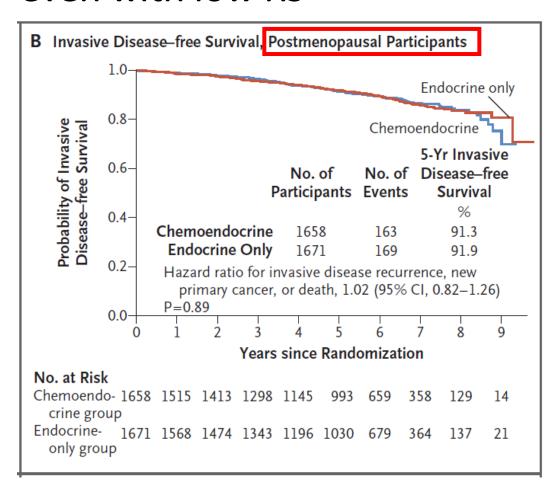
Chemotherapy

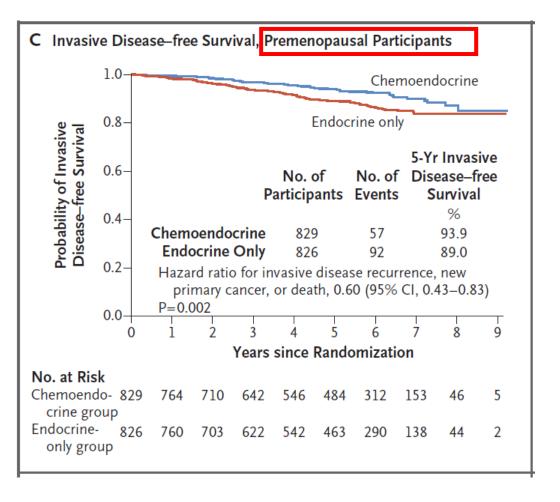
followed by ET

N = 2547

#### *Postmenopausal* women: No chemotherapy benefit

# <u>Premenopausal</u> women: Significant benefit from chemotherapy even with low RS

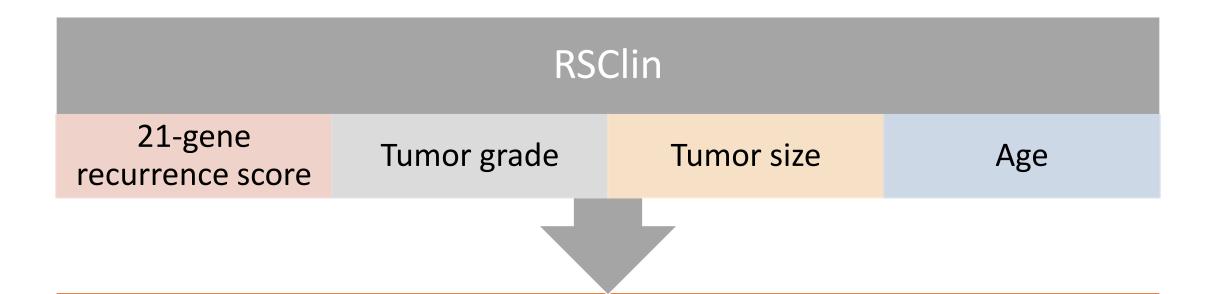




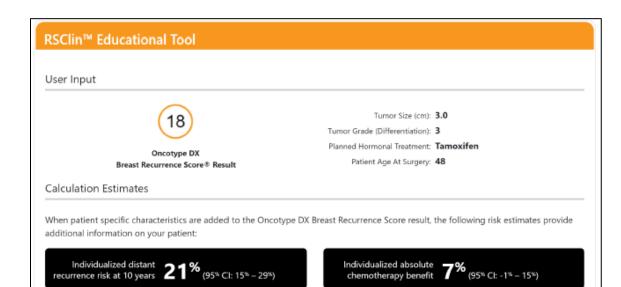
# Chemotherapy benefit by age, nodal status, and RS in patients with early-stage ER-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer

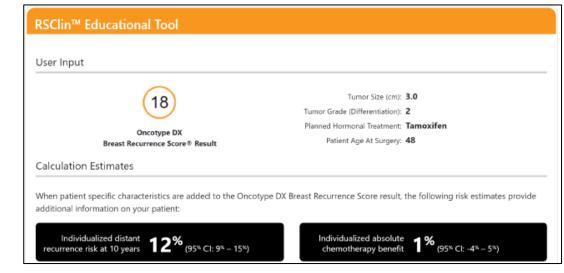
Age	Nodal status	RS 0-10	RS 11-15	RS 16-20	RS 21-25	RS ≥26
>50 years	Node-negative or 1-3 positive nodes	No chemotherapy benefit (<1%)			>15% benefit	
≤50 years	Node-negative	No chemotherapy benefit (<1%)		~1.6% benefit	~6.5% benefit	>15% benefit
	Node-positive			RS does not app	oly	

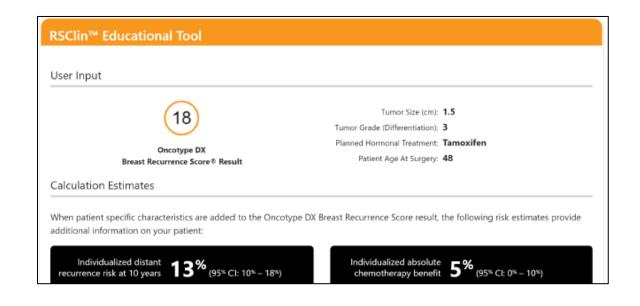
### RSClin for HR+/HER2-, node-negative breast cancer

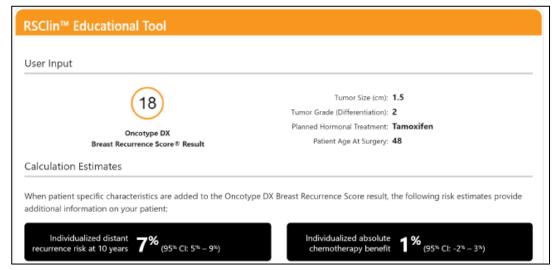


RSClin provides more prognostic information than RS or clinical-pathological factors alone





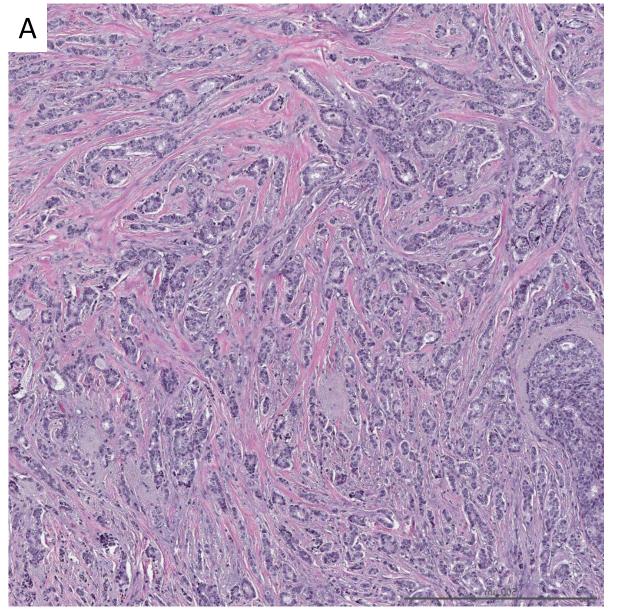


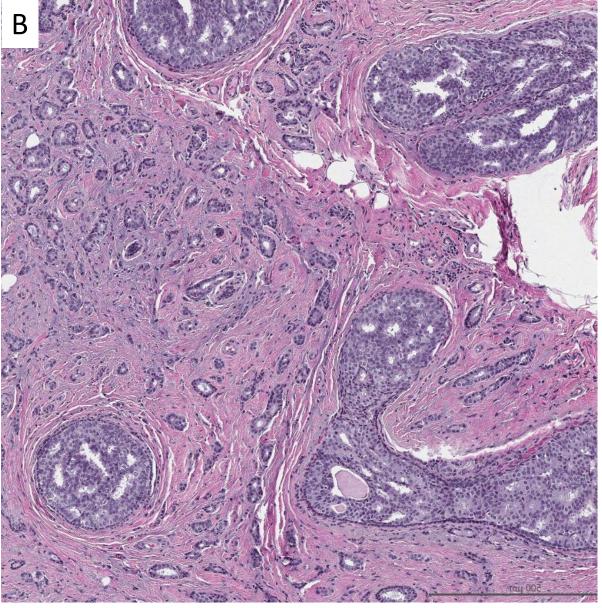


### Guidelines for selecting sample for multigene assays

#### Tumor content:

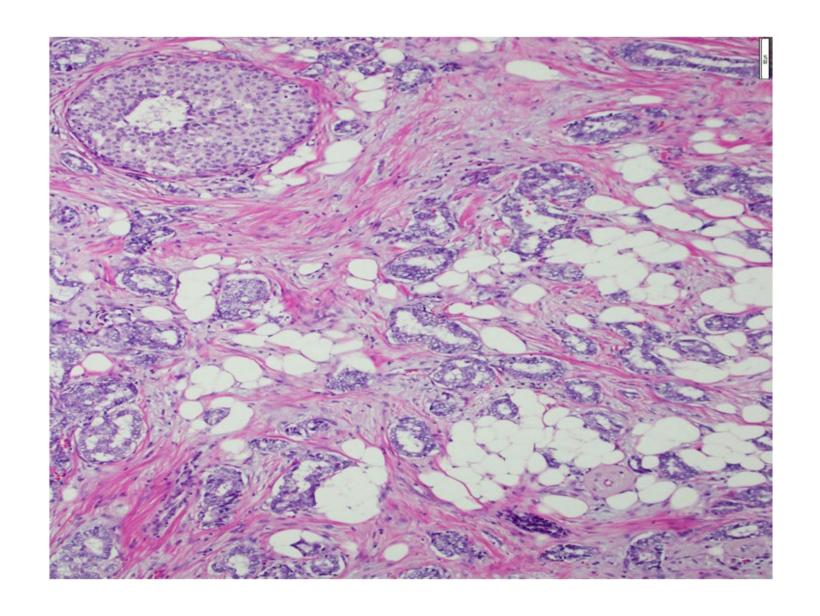
- Choose the block with the greatest amount of invasive carcinoma and the least amount of non-invasive mammary epithelium (in situ carcinoma, hyperplastic epithelium, normal epithelium)
- If there is intratumoral heterogeneity, choose the block with the highest grade
- Avoid biopsy cavity





# Case example

- 55-year-old woman
- Invasive ductal carcinoma, grade II, 6 mm
- ER 90%, PR 80%, HER2negative (0)



#### RESULTS



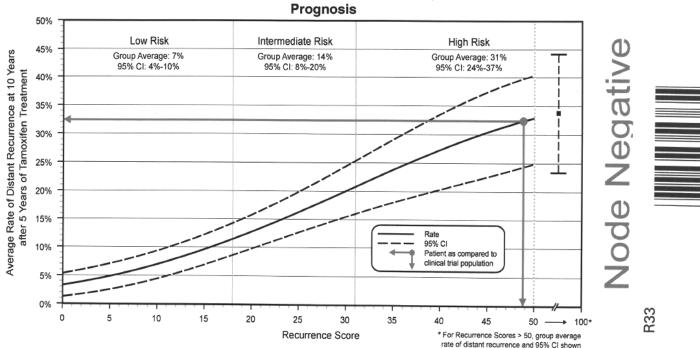
Test Results should be interpreted using the Clinical Experience information contained in this report which is derived from clinical studies involving patient populations with specific clinical features as noted in each section of the Clinical Experience. It is unknown whether the findings summarized in the Clinical Experience are applicable to patients with features different from those described.

#### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: PROGNOSIS FOR NODE NEGATIVE, ER-POSITIVE PATIENTS

The Clinical Validation study included female patients with Stage I or II, Node Negative, ER-Positive breast cancer treated with 5 years of tamoxifen. Those patients who had a Recurrence Score of 49 had an Average Rate of Distant Recurrence of 32% (95% CI: 24%-40%)

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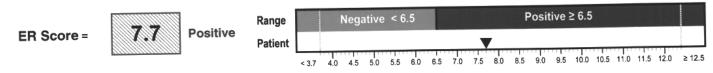




### QUANTITATIVE SINGLE GENE REPORT

The Onco*type* DX assay uses RT-PCR to determine the RNA expression of the genes below. These results may differ from ER, PR, or HER2 results reported using other methods or reported by other laboratories.<sup>1</sup>

The ER, PR, and HER2 Scores are also included in the calculation of the Recurrence Score.



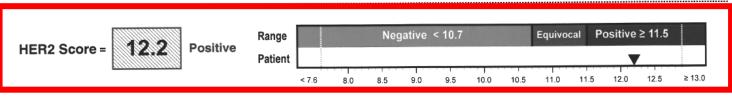
The ER Score positive/negative cut-off of 6.5 units was validated from a study of 761 samples using the 1D5 antibody (immunohistochemistry) and 607 samples using the SP1 antibody (immunohistochemistry). The standard deviation for the ER Score is less than 0.5 units.<sup>2</sup>

#### Clinical Experience:

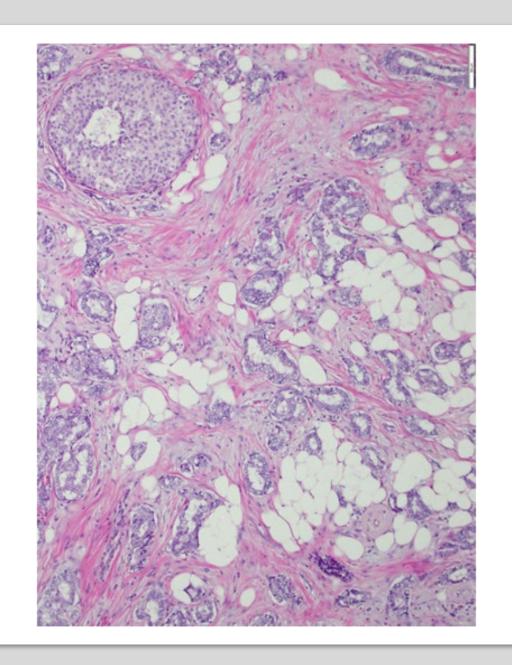
For ER positive breast cancer, the magnitude of tamoxifen benefit increases as the ER Score increases from 6.5 to ≥12.5.³

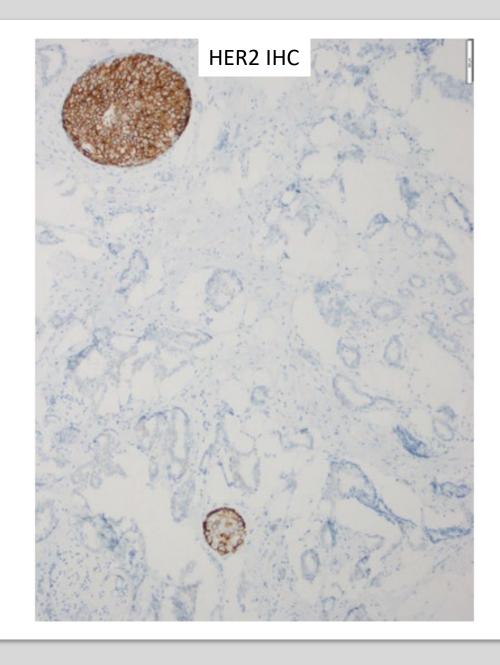
Please note: The Average Rate of Distant Recurrence reported on Page 1 based on the Recurrence Score was determined in patients who received 5 years of tamoxifen treatment and takes into account the magnitude of tamoxifen benefit indicated by the ER Score.

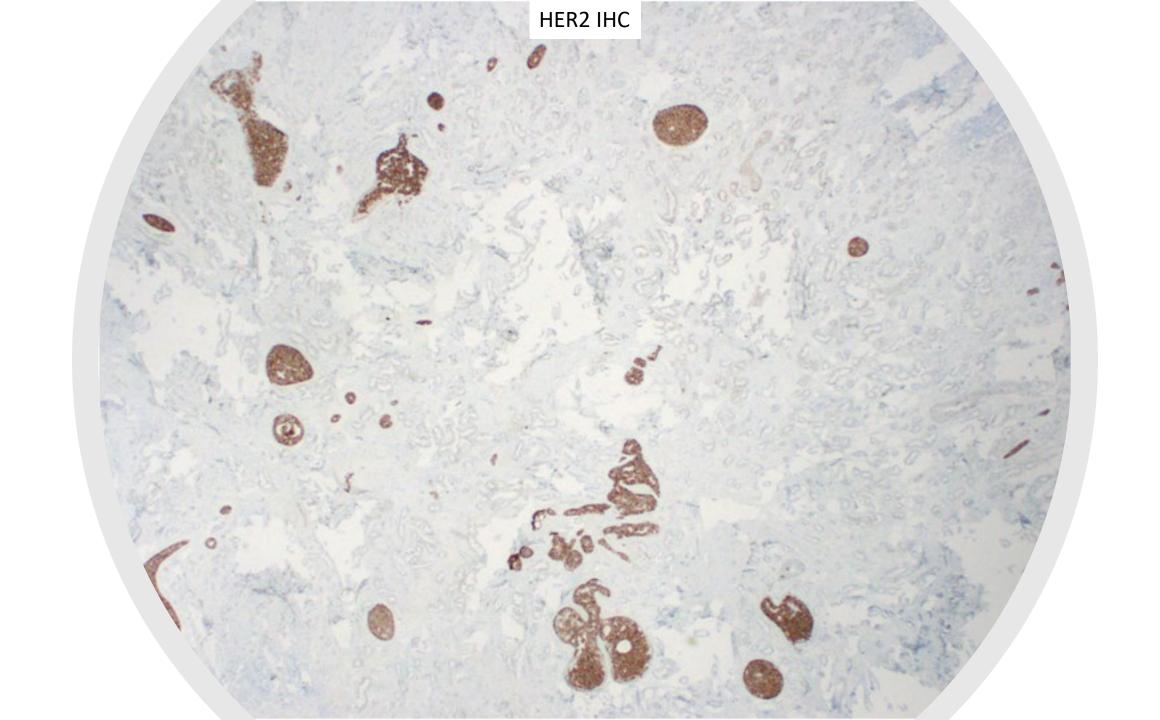
The PR Score positive/negative cut-off of 5.5 units was validated from a study of 761 samples using the PR636 antibody (immunohistochemistry) and another study of 607 samples using the PR636 antibody (immunohistochemistry). The standard deviation for the PR Score is less than 0.5 units.<sup>2</sup>

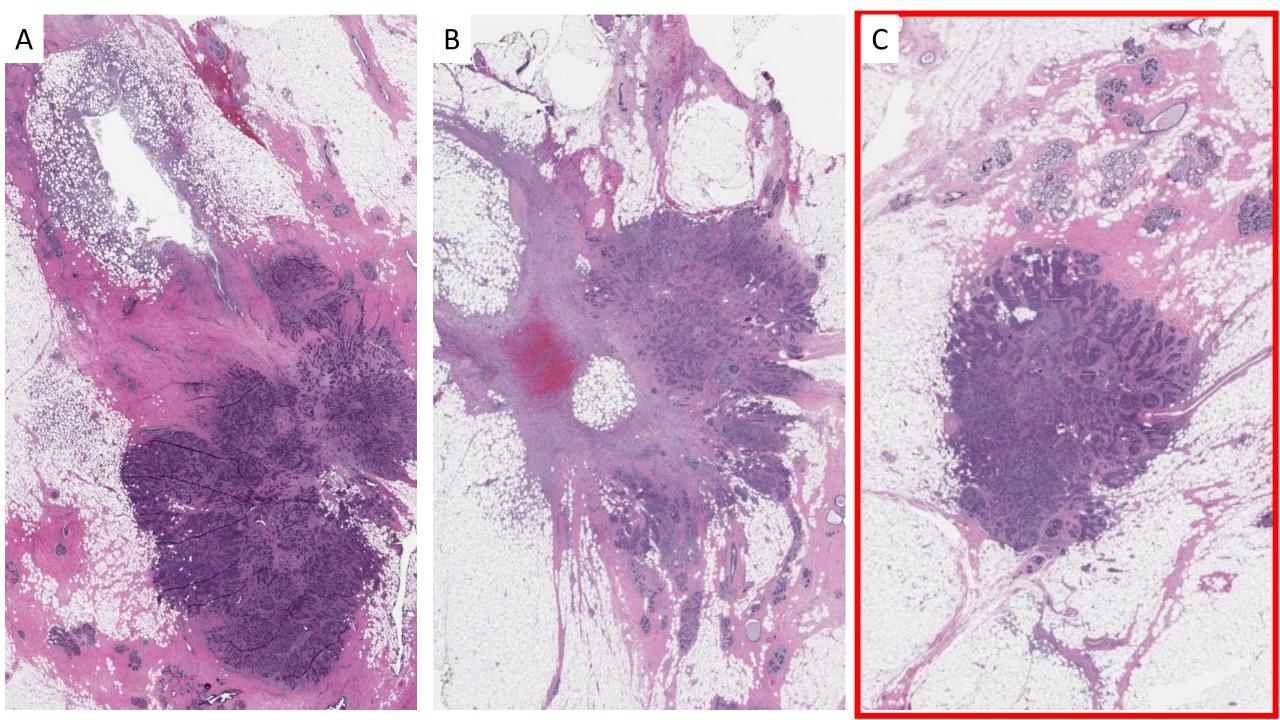


The HER2 positive cut-off of  $\geq$  11.5 units, equivocal range from 10.7 to 11.4 units, and negative cut-off of < 10.7 units were validated from concordance studies of 755 samples using the HercepTest<sup>TM</sup> assay (immunohistochemistry) and another study of 568 samples using the PathVysion<sup>®</sup> assay (FISH). The standard deviation for the HER2 score is less than 0.5 units.<sup>4</sup>









### Biopsy Cavities in Breast Cancer Specimens: Their Impact on Quantitative RT-PCR Gene Expression Profiles and Recurrence Risk Assessment

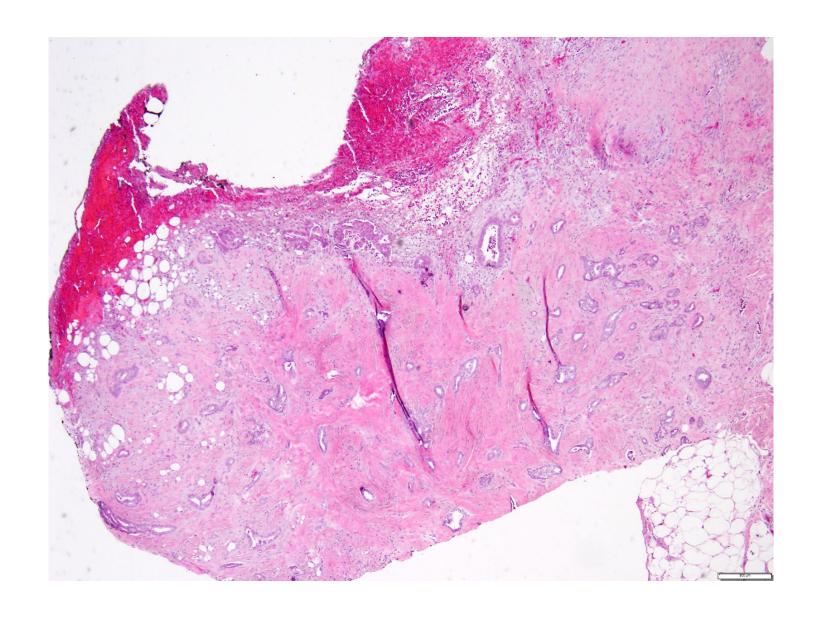
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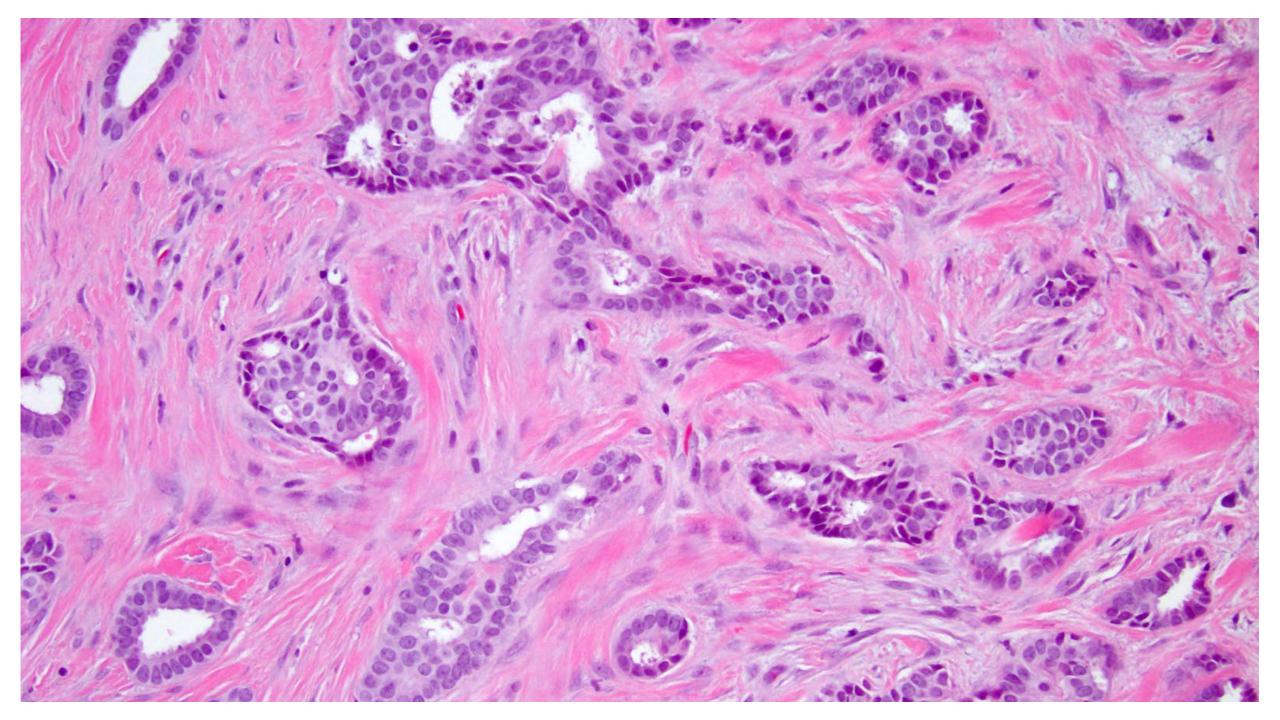
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- 48 invasive breast carcinomas (15 well, 18 moderate, and 15 poorly diff)
- 21-gene RT-PCR assay
  - Whole sections (WS, contains BxC)
  - Enriched tumor (ET, BxC excluded by manual microdissection)
- Statistically significant differences 6 of the 16 cancer-related genes:
  - BAG1, CD68, ER, GSTM1, STK15, and STMY3
- Expression of CD68 was higher and ER was lower in WS containing BxC
- The inclusion of BxC in breast cancer specimens can impact RS

## Case example

69- year-old woman,
invasive ductal carcinoma,
grade I, 3.5 mm, ER 95%,
PR 50%, HER2-negative (0)





#### BREAST CANCER ASSAY DESCRIPTION

Oncotype DX Breast Cancer Assay uses RT-PCR to determine the expression of a panel of 21 genes in tumor tissue. The Recurrence Score® is calculated from the gene expression results. The Recurrence Score range is from 0-100.

#### RESULTS

Breast Cancer Recurrence Score



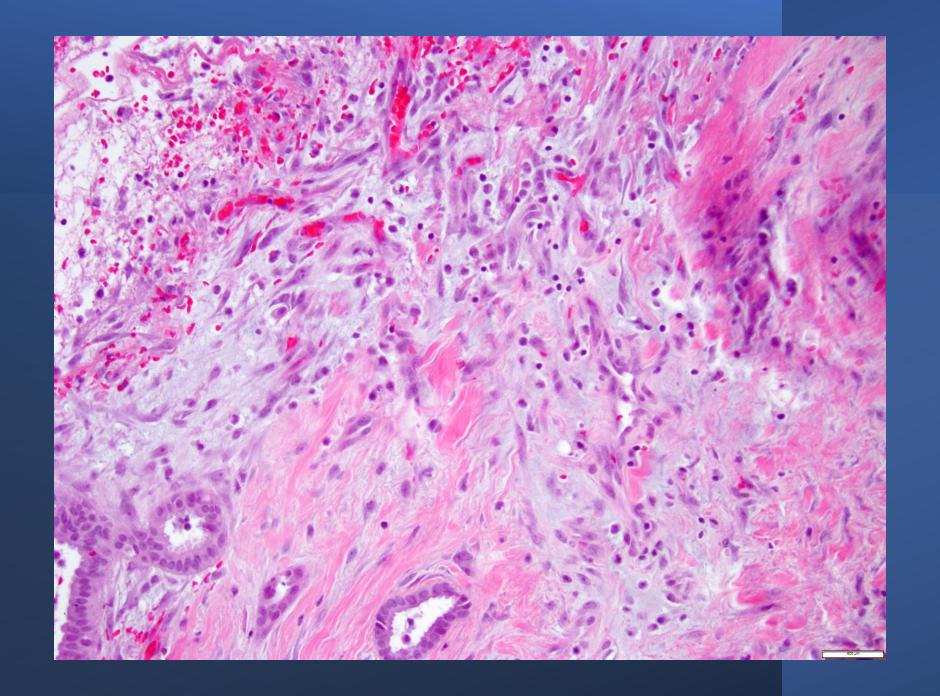
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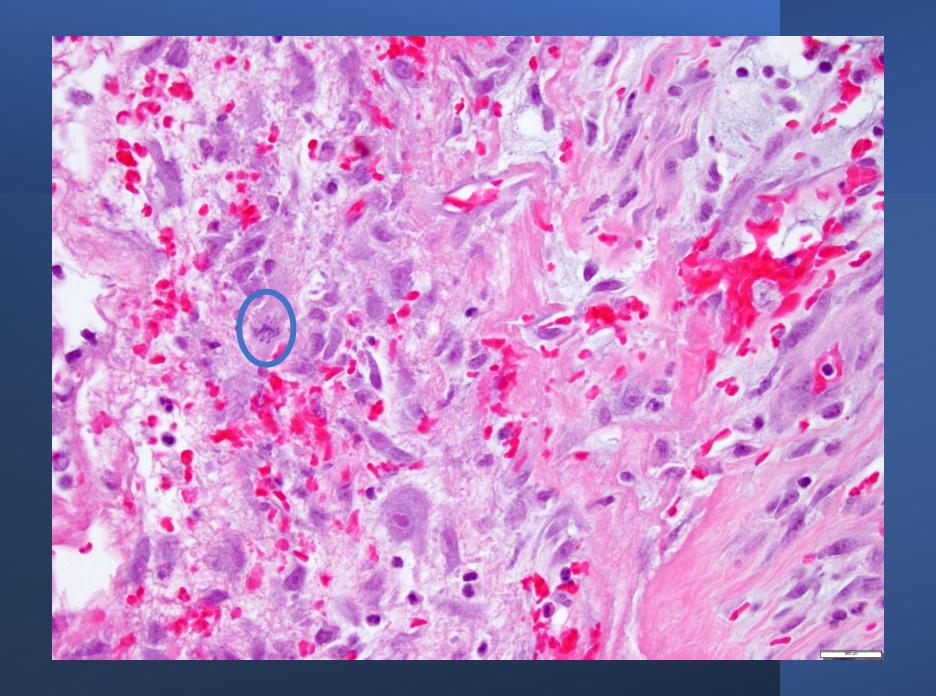
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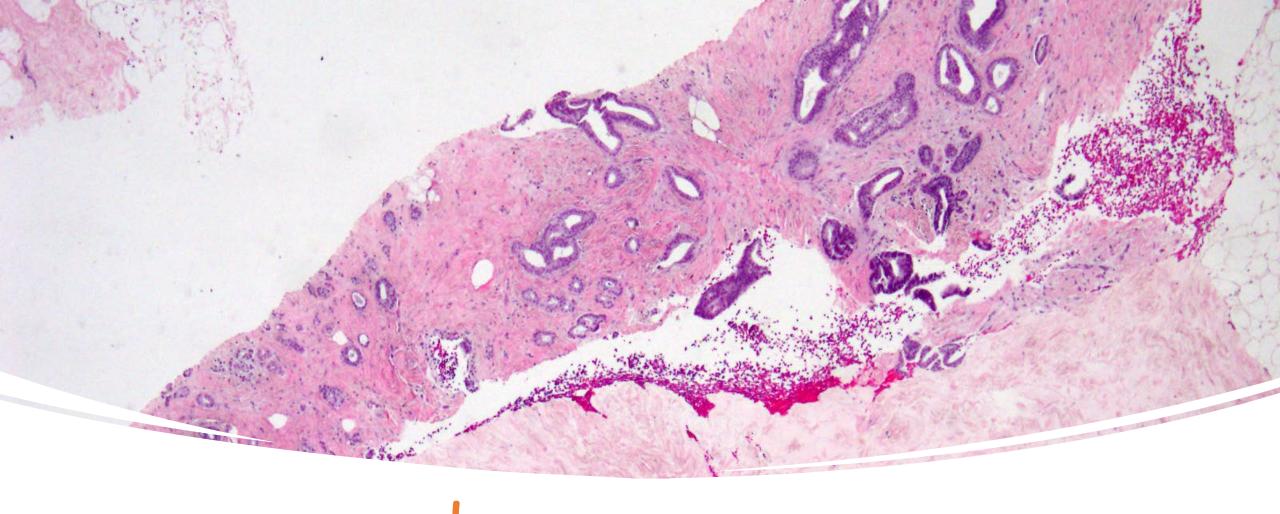
The Clinical Validation study included female patients with Stage I or II, Node Negative, ER-Positive breast cancer treated with 5 years of tamoxifen. Those patients who had a Recurrence Score of 34 had an Average Rate of Distant Recurrence of 23% (95% CI: 18%-28%)

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Recurrence Score vs Distant Recurrence in Node Negative, ER-Positive Breast Cancer Prognosis Low Risk Informediate Risk High Risk Negative Treatment Treatment Group Average: 7% Group Average: 14% Cmup Average: 31% 95% CT 4%-10% 95% CI: 8%-20% 95% Ct 24%-37% Recur 6 Node after 5 95% CI Patient as compared to concernal population 20 25 \* For Recurrence Scores > 50 croup severage Breast Cancer Recurrence Score tals of distant renumeros and 95% (it shown







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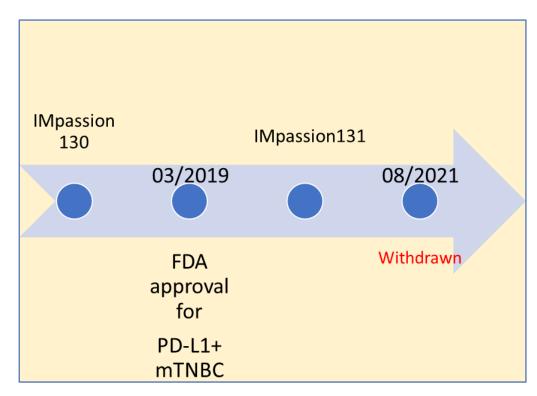
- Recurrence score = 8
- RT and Arimidex. No chemotherapy
- NED (Follow-up 140 months)

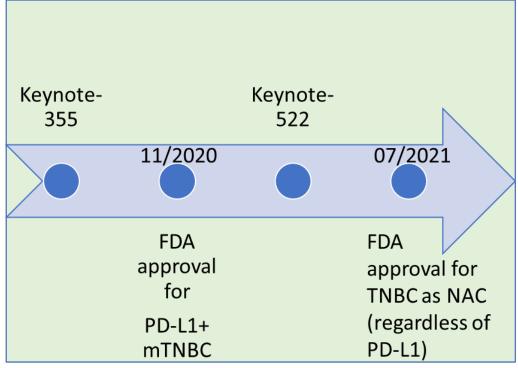
PD-L1

## FDA approved immune checkpoint inhibitors for breast cancer (TNBC)

Atezolizumab (anti-PD-L1)

Pembrolizumab (anti-PD1)



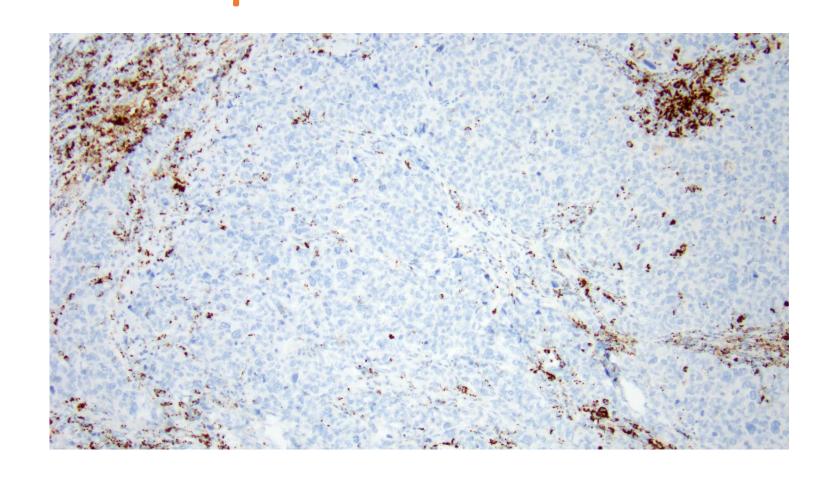


### FDA approved companion diagnostic assays for PD-L1 in breast cancer

	SP142	22C3 pharmDx
Immunotherapy	Atezolizumab	Pembrolizumab
Platform	Ventana BenchMark	DAKO
Scoring methods	Immune cells (IC)	Combined positive score (CPS)
Positivity definition	IC≥1%	CPS≥10
Clinical Trial	IMpassion 130	KEYNOTE-355
Breast cancer subtype	Locally advanced or metastatic TNBC*	Locally advanced or metastatic TNBC
Chemotherapy	Nab-paclitaxel	Taxane or gemcitabine-carboplatin

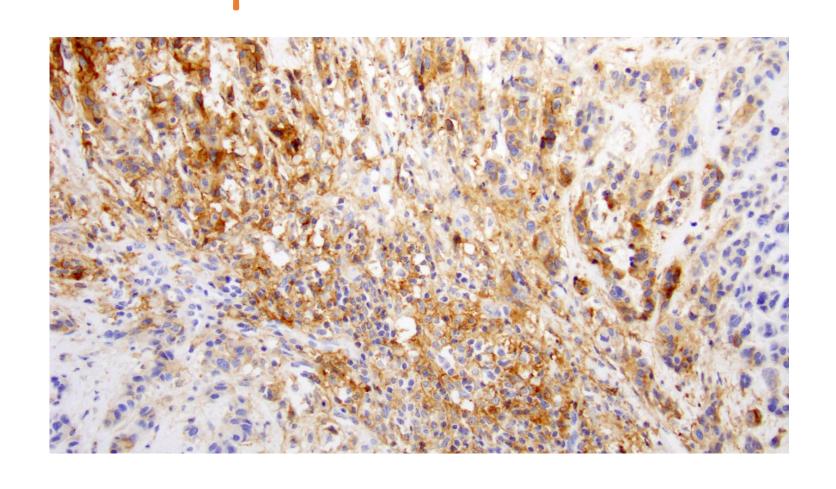
### PD-L1 SP142

• PD-L1 expression in tumor infiltrating immune cells (IC) covering ≥1% of tumor area (IC ≥1%)

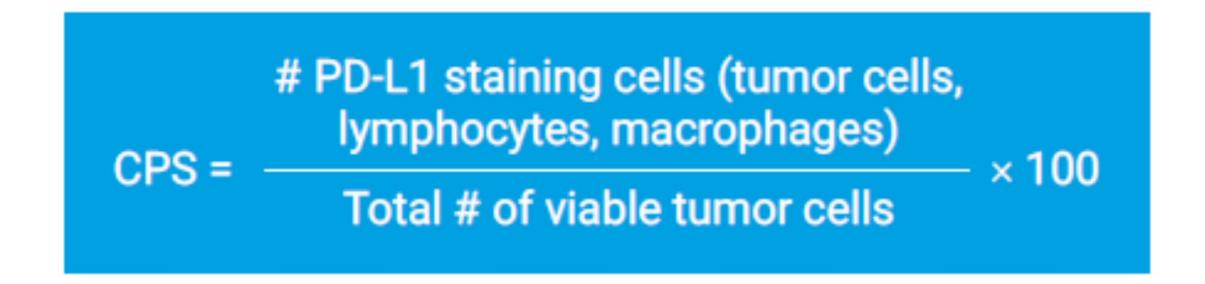


### PD-L1 22C3

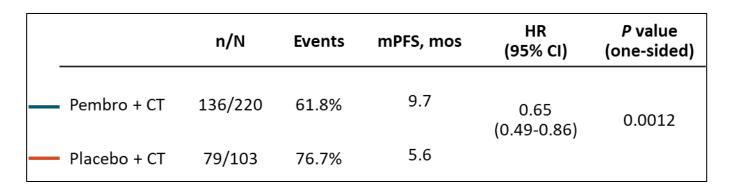
• Combined positive score (CPS)≥10

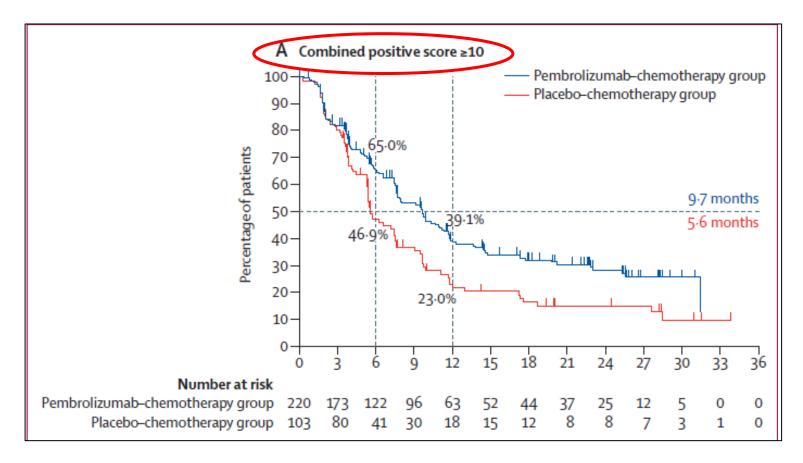


### PD-L1 22C3: combined positive score (CPS)



## Keynote-355



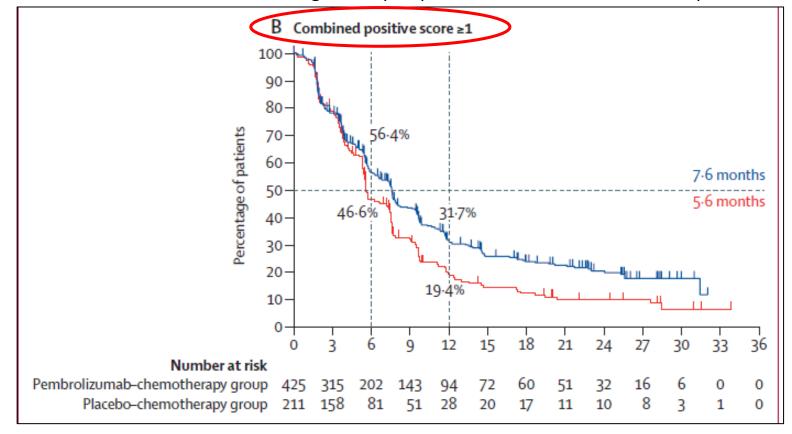


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## Keynote-355

	n/N	Events	mPFS, mos	HR (95% CI)	P value (one-sided)
— Pembro + CT	288/425	67.8%	7.6	0.74 (0.61-0.90)	0.0014*
— Placebo + CT	162/211	76.8%	5.6	(0.01-0.90)	

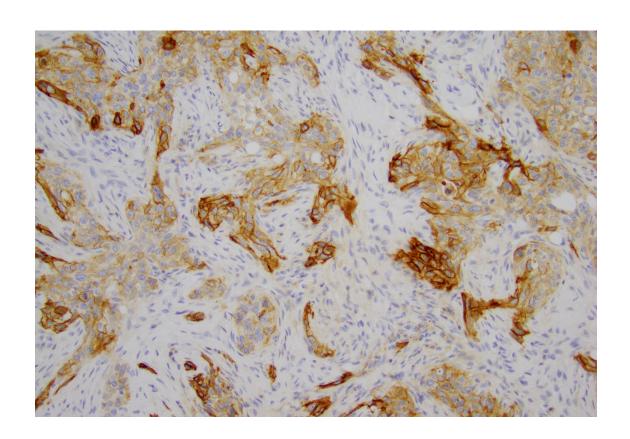
\*No significant difference in PFS in CPS ≥1 according to the prespecified statistical criterion of alpha=0.00111

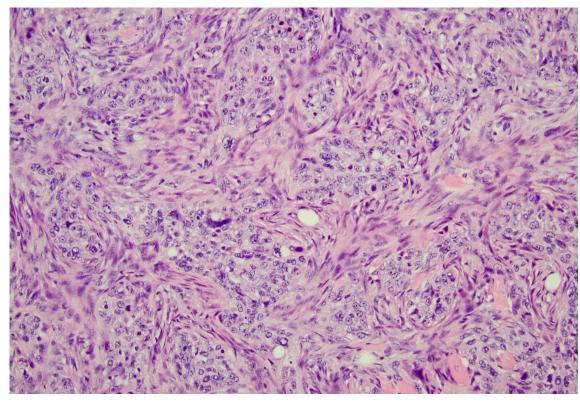


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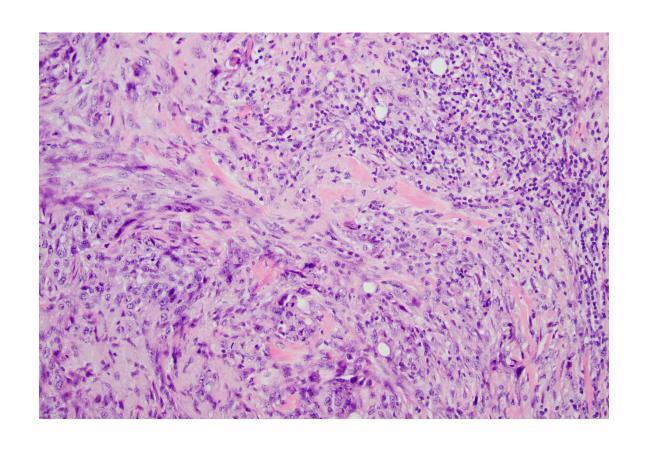
• Tumor cells: partial or complete <u>membrane staining</u> at any intensity

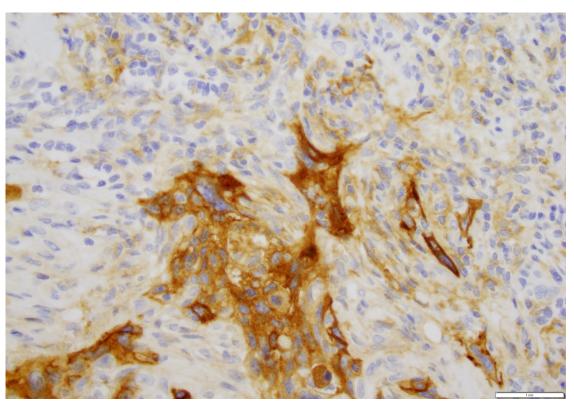




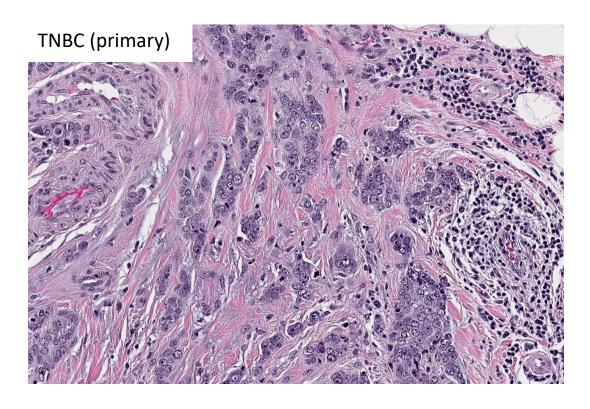
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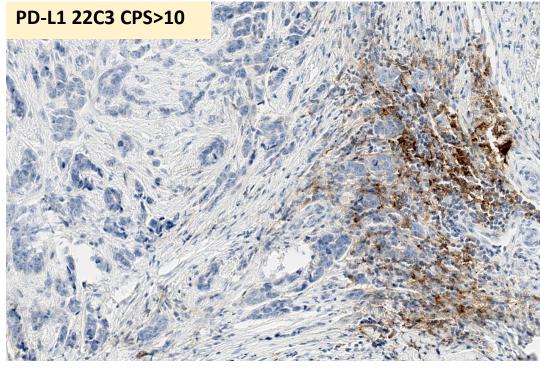
- Immune cells (*lymphocytes and macrophages*):
  - membrane and/or cytoplasmic staining

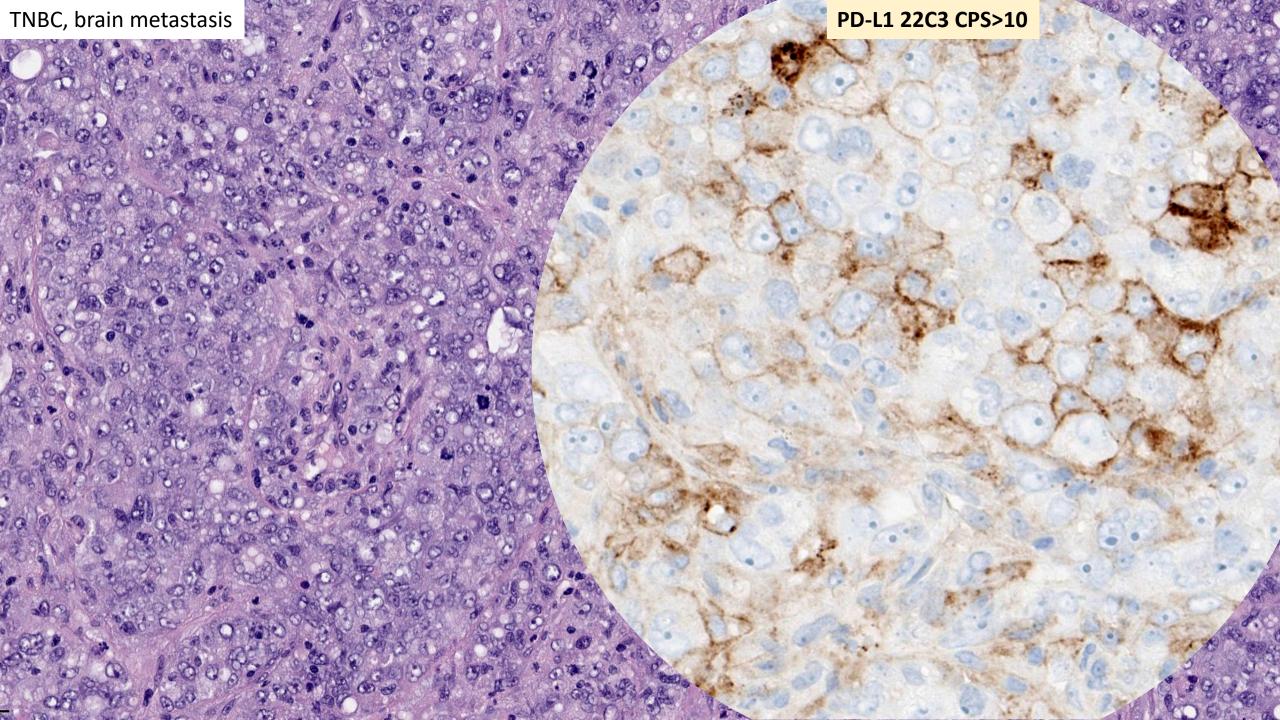


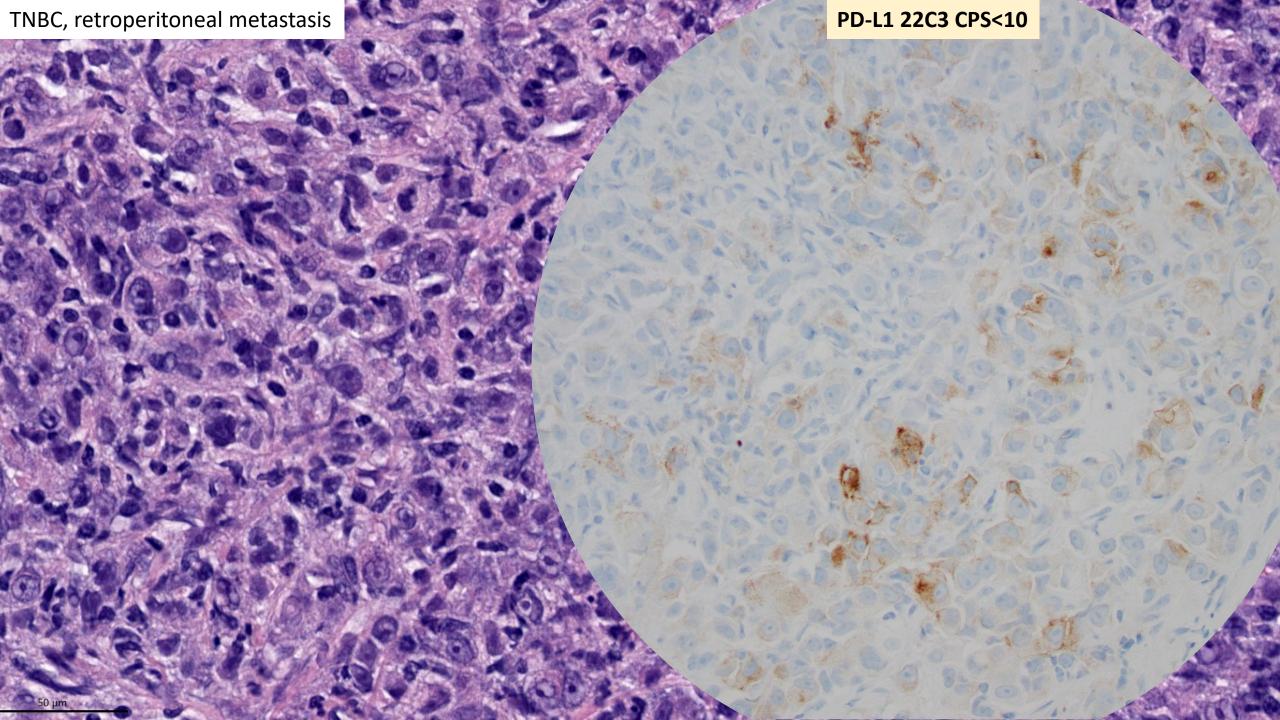


## Examples









### Technical considerations

	SP142	22C3 pharmDx
Pre-analytic conditions	Fixation in 10% neutral buffered formalin for 6-72 hours	Fixation in 10% neutral buffered formalin for 12-72 hours
Cut slide stability	<ul> <li>Within 2 months of sectioning stored at room temperature</li> <li>Within 4 months (5±3°C)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Within 4 months of sectioning stored at room temperature</li> <li>Within 7.5 months at 2–8 °C</li> </ul>
Specimen adequacy	At least 50 viable tumor cells with associated stroma	A minimum of 100 viable tumor cells
Tissue samples	<ul><li>Core biopsy or resection</li><li>Primary site or metastasis</li></ul>	<ul><li>Core biopsy or resection</li><li>Primary site or metastasis</li></ul>

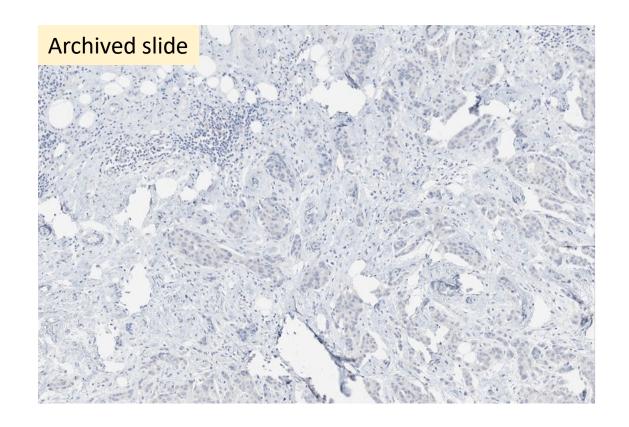
# Specimens <u>unacceptable</u> for PD-L1 testing due to lack of validation studies

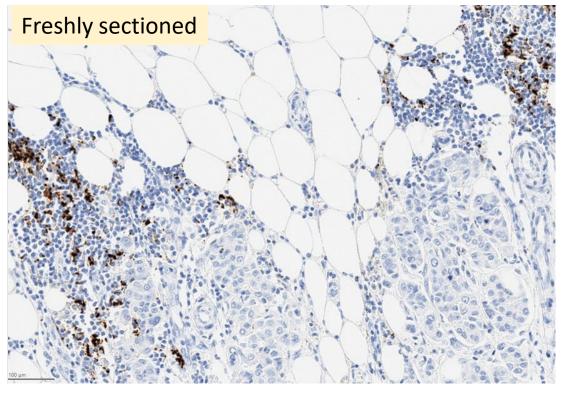
Cytology samples

Decalcified bone

## Cut slide stability

 The intensity of the staining decreased when slides were stored at room temperature past the recommended storage time



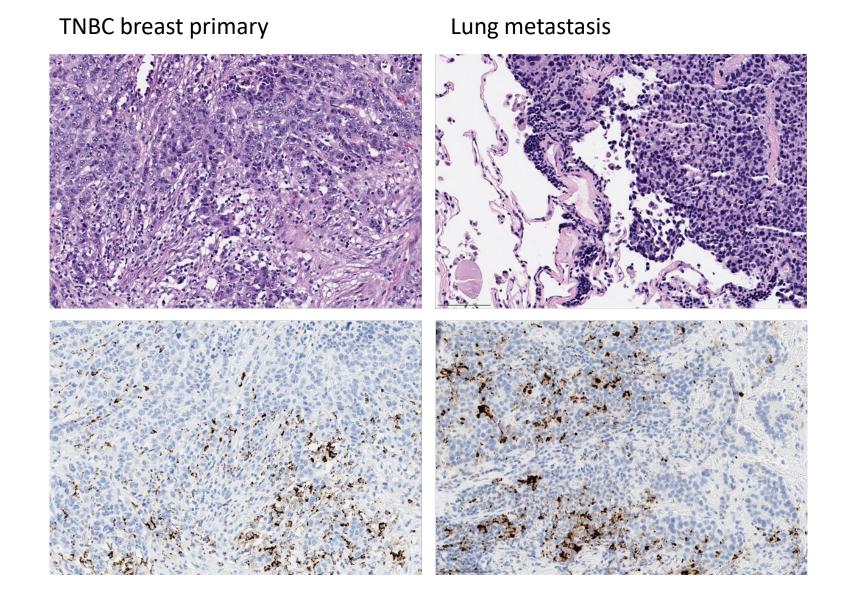


## PD-L1 status by sample site

- PD-L1 SP142 IC+: 40.8% of patients in IMpassion 130 study
- Sample site: primary tumors 62.6%; metastases 37.4%
- The PD-L1 IC+ prevalence was higher in primary tumor samples (44.0%) than in metastasis (35.6%; P = .01)
- Liver metastasis has the lowest prevalence of PD-L1 IC+
- In matched primary and metastatic samples collected at different time points
  - PD-L1 IC+ status was concordant in 54.1% of cases

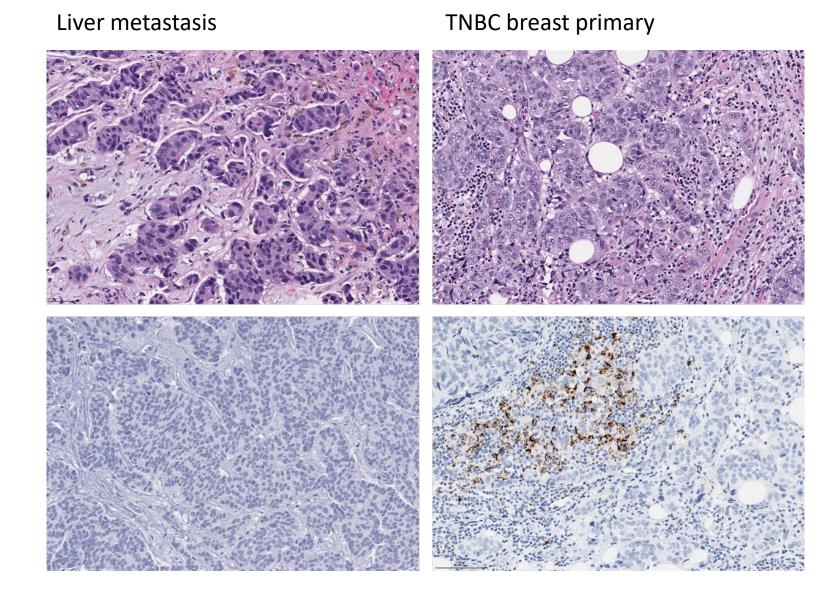
### Primary vs metastasis

PD-L1 concordant



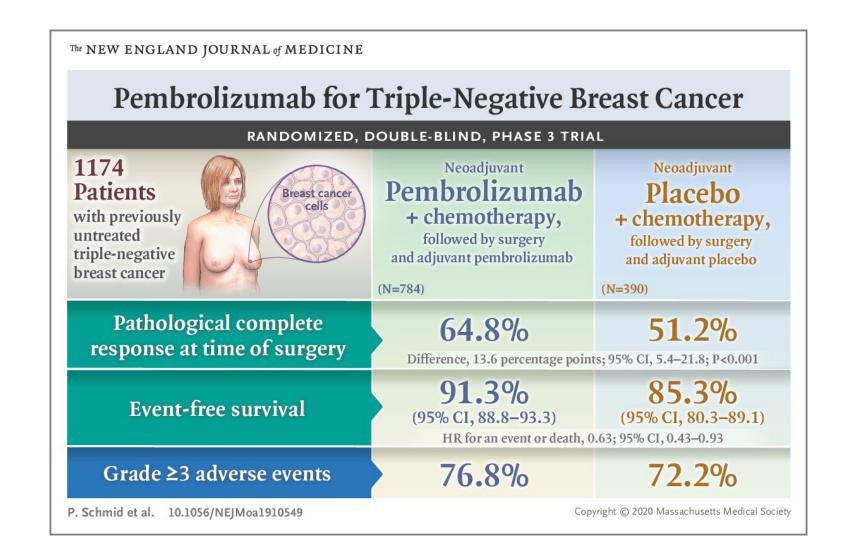
### Primary vs metastasis:

PD-L1 discordant



Pembrolizumab as *neoadjuvant* treatment for early-stage triple negative breast cancer

In both PD-L1 positive and PD-L1 negative TNBC



Summary

### Summary

### HER2

- HER2 antibody-drug conjugate targeting HER2-low breast cancer
- The spectrum of HER2 IHC: HER2 negative (0), HER2-low, HER2-overexpression

### **Ki67**

- International Ki67 in breast cancer updated recommendations: ≤ 5% vs ≥30%
- Ki67 as companion diagnostic for CDK4/6 inhibitors: the FDA removed Ki67 testing requirement

### Multigene assays

• 21-gene assay: Early stage NO-N1 HR+/HER2- breast cancer

### PD-L1

• Companion diagnostic for Pembrolizumab for locally advance or metastatic TNBC: CPS ≥10



Thank you