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## What's New in Esophagogastric Cancers?

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# OUTLINE

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- ✓ **Introduction**
- ✓ **Advances in the Treatment of Esophageal Cancer**
  - ◆ Localized Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (ESCC)
- ✓ **Advances in the Treatment of Gastric cancer (GC) and Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer (GEJC)**
  - ◆ Perioperative Chemo in GC and GEJC - HER2+
  - ◆ Metastatic disease in GC and GEJC
- ✓ **Poster session**
- ✓ **Take-home messages**

# INTRODUCTION

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## ASCO-GI 2025

No Significant Changes in the Standard of Care for  
Esophagogastric Tumors



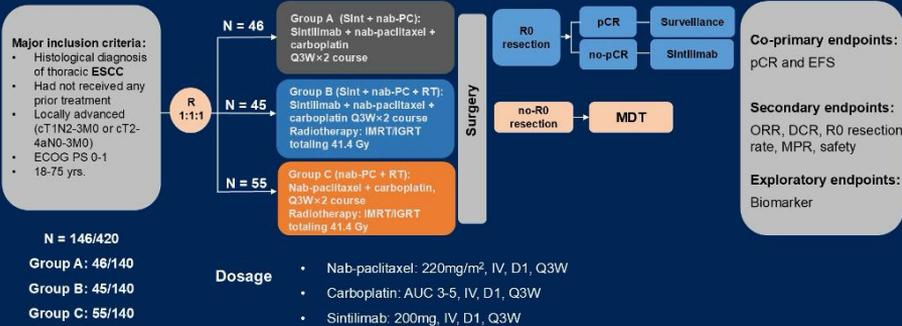
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with a significant  
impact on clinical  
practice.

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# TREATMENT OF ESOPHAGEAL SCC (SCIENCE STUDY)

## Study design

A randomized multicenter phase III clinical trial (NCT05244798)



## Results-Baseline characteristics

| Characteristic n (%) | Group A: Sint+nab-PC (n = 46) | Group C: nab-PC+RT (n = 55) | Group B: Sint+nab-PC+RT (n = 45) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Age</b>           |                               |                             |                                  |
| Mean (SD)            | 62.3 (5.3)                    | 64.6 (6.3)                  | 62.8 (7.5)                       |
| Median (Min, Max)    | 58.8 (55.3, 75.5)             | 66.0 (45.7, 75.0)           | 64.1 (48.4, 74.8)                |
| <b>Age</b>           |                               |                             |                                  |
| <65 yrs              | 32 (69.6)                     | 22 (40.0)                   | 24 (53.3)                        |
| >=65 yrs             | 14 (30.4)                     | 33 (60.0)                   | 21 (46.7)                        |
| <b>Gender</b>        |                               |                             |                                  |
| Male                 | 40 (87.0)                     | 49 (89.1)                   | 42 (93.3)                        |
| Female               | 6 (13.0)                      | 6 (10.9)                    | 3 (6.7)                          |
| <b>ECOG PS</b>       |                               |                             |                                  |
| 0                    | 41 (89.1)                     | 52 (94.5)                   | 42 (93.3)                        |
| 1                    | 5 (10.9)                      | 3 (5.5)                     | 3 (6.7)                          |
| <b>Smoking</b>       |                               |                             |                                  |
| No                   | 17 (37.0)                     | 23 (41.8)                   | 12 (26.7)                        |
| Yes                  | 29 (63.0)                     | 32 (58.2)                   | 33 (73.3)                        |
| <b>T stage</b>       |                               |                             |                                  |
| T1                   | 2 (4.3%)                      | 0 (0.0)                     | 0 (0.0)                          |
| T2                   | 3 (6.5)                       | 0 (0.0)                     | 1 (2.2)                          |
| <b>T3</b>            | <b>40 (87.0)</b>              | <b>52 (94.5)</b>            | <b>44 (97.8)</b>                 |
| T4                   | 1 (2.2)                       | 3 (5.5)                     | 0 (0.0)                          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>N stage</b>        |                               |                             |                                  |
| N0                    | 5 (10.9)                      | 0 (0.0)                     | 1 (2.2)                          |
| <b>N1</b>             | <b>11 (23.9)</b>              | <b>8 (14.5)</b>             | <b>6 (13.3)</b>                  |
| <b>N2</b>             | <b>28 (60.9)</b>              | <b>34 (61.8)</b>            | <b>24 (53.3)</b>                 |
| <b>N3</b>             | <b>2 (4.3)</b>                | <b>13 (23.6)</b>            | <b>14 (31.1)</b>                 |
| <b>Clinical stage</b> |                               |                             |                                  |
| II                    | 5 (10.9)                      | 0 (0.0)                     | 2 (4.4)                          |
| <b>III</b>            | <b>38 (82.6)</b>              | <b>39 (70.9)</b>            | <b>29 (64.4)</b>                 |
| IVA                   | 3 (6.5)                       | 16 (29.1)                   | 14 (31.1)                        |
| <b>Tumor location</b> |                               |                             |                                  |
| Upper                 | 9 (19.6)                      | 10 (18.2)                   | 4 (8.9)                          |
| <b>Lower</b>          | <b>15 (32.6)</b>              | <b>17 (30.9)</b>            | <b>16 (35.6)</b>                 |
| Middle                | 22 (47.8)                     | 28 (50.9)                   | 25 (55.6)                        |

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Data cut-off: september 2024

Patient Enrollment: November 2022 to June 2024

# TREATMENT OF ESOPHAGEAL SCC (SCIENCE STUDY)

## Results-Primary endpoints pCR

|                                     | Group A:<br>Sint + nab-PC (n = 46) | Group C:<br>nab-PC + RT (n = 55) | Group B:<br>Sint + nab-PC + RT (n = 45) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| pCR% (95% CI)                       | 13 (4.9, 26.3)                     | 47.3 (33.7, 61.2)                | 60 (44.3, 74.3)                         |
| Difference (95% CI),<br>vs. Group A |                                    | 34.2 (16.4, 49.1)                | 47 (27.8, 62.2)                         |
| OR (95% CI),<br>vs. Group A         |                                    | 6 (2.3, 17.8)                    | 10 (3.7, 30.8)                          |
| P value (vs. Group A)               |                                    | 0.0005                           | <0.0001                                 |

pCR rate: nab-PC + RT vs. Sint + nab-PC : 47.3% vs. 13%. (OR= 6, 95%CI, 2.3-17.8),  $P=0.0005$

pCR rate: Sint + nab-PC + RT vs. Sint + nab-PC : 60% vs. 13%. (OR=10, 95% CI, 3.7-30.8),  $P<0.0001$

## Results- Tumor regression grade

| Tumor regression<br>grade n (%) | Group A:<br>Sint + nab-PC (n = 46) | Group C:<br>nab-PC + RT (n = 55) | Group B:<br>Sint + nab-PC + RT (n = 45) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 0                               | 6 (13.0)                           | 26 (47.3)                        | 27 (60.0)                               |
| 1                               | 6 (13.0)                           | 14 (25.5)                        | 11 (24.4)                               |
| 2                               | 24 (52.2)                          | 12 (21.8)                        | 7 (15.6)                                |
| 3                               | 10 (21.7)                          | 3 (5.5)                          | 0 (0.0)                                 |

TRG: In 45 patients, all patients in Group B demonstrated a treatment response to the Sint + nab-PC + RT regimen

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## Results-Surgical complications

|                                 | Group A: Sint + nab-PC<br>(n = 46) | Group C: nab-PC + RT<br>(n = 55) | Group B: Sint + nab-PC + RT (n = 45) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Any events, n(%)                |                                    |                                  |                                      |
| No                              | 13 (28.3)                          | 28 (50.9)                        | 24 (53.3)                            |
| Yes                             | 33 (71.7)                          | 27 (49.1)                        | 21 (46.7)                            |
| Anastomotic leak, n (%)         |                                    |                                  |                                      |
| No                              | 46 (100.0)                         | 52 (94.5)                        | 44 (97.8)                            |
| Yes                             | 0 (0.0)                            | 3 (5.5)                          | 1 (2.2)                              |
| Postoperative hemorrhage, n (%) |                                    |                                  |                                      |
| No                              | 41 (89.1)                          | 54 (98.2)                        | 45 (100.0)                           |
| Yes                             | 5 (10.9)                           | 1 (1.8)                          | 0 (0.0)                              |
| Pulmonary infection, n(%)       |                                    |                                  |                                      |
| No                              | 15 (32.6%)                         | 29 (52.7)                        | 25 (55.6)                            |
| Yes                             | 31 (67.4)                          | 26 (47.3)                        | 20 (44.4)                            |

## Results-TEAEs (≥5%)

| Adverse Events (%)                   | Group A: Sint + nab-PC<br>(n = 46) | Group C: nab-PC + RT<br>(n = 55) | Group B: Sint + nab-PC + RT (n = 45) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| White blood cell count decreased     | 4 (8.7)                            | 31 (56.4)                        | 34 (75.6)                            |
| Neutrophil count decreased           | 2 (4.3)                            | 15 (27.3)                        | 25 (55.6)                            |
| Hypoalbuminemia                      | 9 (19.6)                           | 28 (50.9)                        | 6 (13.3)                             |
| Lymphocyte count decreased           | 1 (2.2)                            | 23 (41.8)                        | 11 (24.4)                            |
| Platelet count decreased             | 2 (4.3)                            | 19 (34.5)                        | 16 (35.6)                            |
| Anemia                               | 1 (2.2)                            | 17 (30.9)                        | 10 (22.2)                            |
| Alanine aminotransferase increased   | 0                                  | 0                                | 4 (8.9)                              |
| Aspartate aminotransferase increased | 0                                  | 0                                | 3 (6.7)                              |
| Esophageal anastomotic leak          | 0                                  | 3 (5.5%)                         | 0                                    |

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## Results-TEAEs of Grade $\geq 3$

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Lymphopenia        | 0                                  | 17 (30.9)                        | 5 (11.1)                                |
| Leukopenia         | 2 (4.3)                            | 16 (29.1)                        | 11 (24.4)                               |
| Neutropenia        | 1 (2.2)                            | 9 (16.4)                         | 4 (8.9)                                 |
| Thrombocytopenia   | 1 (2.2)                            | 1 (1.8)                          | 2 (4.4)                                 |
| Anemia             | 0                                  | 1 (1.8)                          | 0                                       |
| Hyperglycemia      | 0                                  | 1 (1.8)                          | 0                                       |
| Hypernatremia      | 0                                  | 1 (1.8)                          | 0                                       |

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## Results from RCTs in ESCC examining neoadjuvant IO

|   | N   | 1° end-point(s) | Treatment  | pCR                              | Survival     |
|---|-----|-----------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
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| <b>ESCORT-NEO<sup>a</sup></b><br>Natl Ca Center,<br>Beijing<br>China only | 391 | pCR<br>EFS      | A: <b>Camrel</b> + cis + nab-pac<br>B: <b>Camrel</b> + cis + pac<br>C: cis + pac                           | 28%<br>15%<br>5% } <b>Δ 23%</b>  | Not reported |

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| <b>Henan Ca Hospital</b> <sup>b</sup><br>China only<br>NCT04280822         | 252 | EFS             | A: <b>Toripal</b> + cis + pac<br>B: cis + pac  | 19%<br>5% } <b>Δ 14%</b>         | Did <b>not</b> meet prespecified threshold |

<sup>a</sup> Qin J et al Nat Med 2024; <sup>b</sup> Zheng Y et al Cancer Comm 2024

# SCIENCE STUDY

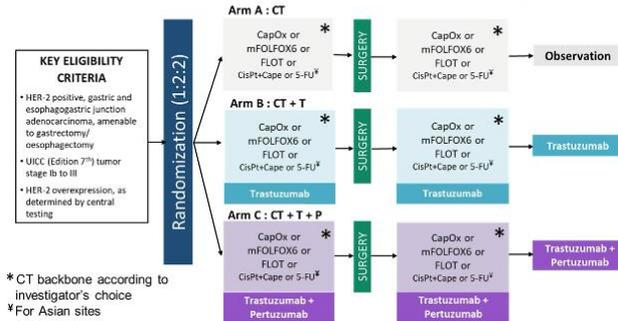
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- ✓ Promising pCR rate without increased surgical risks and toxicity.
- ✗ In western countries: Chemo + RT → surgery → Nivolumab (if non-pCR) (SOC).
- ✗ In some parts of the world: Chemo → surgery (SOC).
- ✗ No chemotherapy-only arm included.
- ✗ **EFS (co-primary endpoint) not reported.**
- ✗ pCR has limitations as a marker of efficacy comparing Chemo vs. Chemo + RT.
- 😬 Awaiting EFS and OS data.

# Advances in the Treatment of (GC) and (GEJC) – Localized disease.

## Methods

- Randomized, open-label phase II, NCT 02205047
- Started in 2015, with Cisplatin/Fluoropyrimidine as chemotherapy backbone.
- After the publication of FLOT-4<sup>1</sup> in 2019, the chemotherapy backbone was changed to FLOT in European sites



## Objective & endpoints

**Objective:** To increase the major pathological response rate (< 10% vital tumor cells) to neoadjuvant treatment by integrating either trastuzumab or both trastuzumab and pertuzumab into perioperative chemotherapy for HER-2 positive, resectable gastric cancer.

**Primary endpoint :** Major pathological response rate (mpRR): less than 10% viable tumor cells<sup>1</sup> after neoadjuvant therapy as determined by central review

➤ first reported at ASCO 2023 and WGCIC 2023

**Secondary endpoints :**

- RU resection
- Pathological complete response
- Toxicity
- Locoregional failure
- Distant failure
- Recurrence-free survival (RFS)
- Progression-free survival (PFS) according to RECIST v1.1
- Overall survival (OS)

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➤ now reported after a median follow-up of 4.5 years

**PFS:** time from randomisation to disease progression or death.

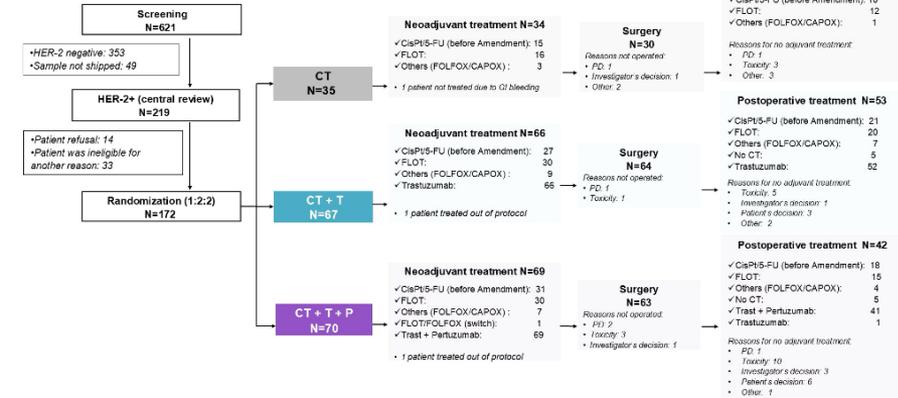
- ✓ Patients with a R2 resection or distant metastases discovered at surgery will be considered failures at the time of surgery.
- ✓ For patients who are operated and disease-free, the first event is a recurrence after surgery.

PFS and OS are analyzed in the per-protocol population

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## Patient Disposition



35.26% of patients were HER2 positive.

## Patient Characteristics & Treatment Exposure

|                             | Treatment arm (Per protocol population) |               |                   |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|
|                             | CT (N=33)                               | CT + T (N=64) | CT + T + P (N=64) |
| Age (years), Median (Range) | 63 (32-79)                              | 63 (36-84)    | 64 (42-78)        |
| Sex, N (%)                  |   |               |                   |
| Male                        | 31 (93.9)                               | 43 (67.2)     | 57 (89.1)         |
| Female                      | 2 (6.1)                                 | 21 (32.8)     | 7 (10.9)          |
| Tumor localization, N (%)   |   |               |                   |
| Stomach                     | 12 (36.4)                               | 26 (40.6)     | 23 (35.9)         |
| Esophagogastric junction    | 21 (63.6)                               | 38 (59.4)     | 41 (64.1)         |
| Histological subtype, N (%) |   |               |                   |
| Intestinal                  | 25 (75.8)                               | 45 (70.3)     | 46 (71.9)         |
| Non-intestinal              | 8 (24.2)                                | 19 (29.7)     | 18 (28.1)         |
| Region, N (%)               |   |               |                   |
| Asia                        | 4 (12.1)                                | 7 (10.9)      | 5 (7.8)           |
| Europe                      | 29 (87.9)                               | 57 (89.1)     | 59 (92.2)         |
| HER-2 status, N (%)         |   |               |                   |
| IHC2+/FISH+                 | 4 (12.1)                                | 16 (25.0)     | 16 (25.0)         |
| HER-2 IHC 3+                | 29 (87.9)                               | 48 (75.0)     | 48 (75.0)         |

| Neoadjuvant treatment              | Safety population |               |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                    | CT (N=19)         | CT + T (N=39) | CT + T + P (N=38) |
| Number of cycles – Antibody, N (%) |                   |               |                   |
| ≥ 3*                               |                   | 36 (92.3)     | 34 (89.5)         |
| Number of cycles – CAPOX, N (%)    | N=1               | N=2           | N=1               |
| 1 (100.0)                          | 2 (100.0)         | 1 (100.0)     |                   |
| Number of cycles – FLOT, N (%)     | N=16              | N=30          | N=31              |
| 4                                  | 15 (93.8)         | 28 (93.3)     | 25 (80.6)         |
| Number of cycles – FOLFOX, N (%)   | N=2               | N=7           | N=6               |
| 1 (50.0)                           | 6 (85.7)          | 6 (100.0)     |                   |

| FLOT Relative Dose intensity** | CT (N=16) | CT + T (N=30) | CT + T + P (N=31) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| (%) Median                     |           |               |                   |
| Oxaliplatin                    | 99.0      | 93.9          | 87.9              |
| Docetaxel                      | 98.1      | 94.0          | 85.5              |
| Folinic acid                   | 99.1      | 94.6          | 93.2              |
| S-FU                           | 99.5      | 94.1          | 82.0              |
| Trastuzumab                    |           | 98.7          | 100.0             |
| Pertuzumab                     |           |               | 100.0             |

\* 2 patients in CT+T received 4 cycles of antibody  
 \*\*calculated based on the number of cycles actually started by the patient

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## Related grade 3 & 4 adverse events with frequency ≥5%

| System Organ Class + Preferred term                         | CT<br>(N=34)     |                  | CT+T<br>(N=66)   |                  | CT+T+P<br>(N=69) |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | Grade 3<br>N (%) | Grade 4<br>N (%) | Grade 3<br>N (%) | Grade 4<br>N (%) | Grade 3<br>N (%) | Grade 4<br>N (%) |
| <b>PATIENTS' WORST GRADE</b>                                | <b>15 (44.1)</b> | <b>4 (11.8)</b>  | <b>29 (43.9)</b> | <b>15 (22.7)</b> | <b>45 (65.2)</b> | <b>9 (13.0)</b>  |
| <b>GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS</b>                           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Diarrhea</b>   | <b>2 (5.9)</b>   |                  | <b>2 (3)</b>     |                  | <b>18 (26.1)</b> |                  |
| Mucositis Oral  | 1 (2.9)          |                  | 1 (1.5)          |                  | 7 (10.1)         |                  |
| Nausea  | 5 (14.7)         |                  | 3 (4.5)          |                  | 7 (10.1)         |                  |
| Other AE  | 4 (11.8)         |                  | 2 (3)            |                  | 1 (1.4)          |                  |
| <b>GENERAL DISORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION SITE CONDITIONS</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Fatigue   | 1 (2.9)          |                  | 5 (7.6)          |                  | 2 (2.9)          |                  |
| Other AE  |                  |                  | 4 (6.1)          |                  | 2 (2.9)          |                  |
| <b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>                                       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Neutrophil Count Decreased</b>                           | <b>11 (32.4)</b> | <b>1 (2.9)</b>   | <b>14 (21.2)</b> | <b>7 (10.6)</b>  | <b>15 (21.7)</b> | <b>4 (5.8)</b>   |
| Weight Loss   | 2 (5.9)          |                  |                  |                  | 3 (4.3)          |                  |
| <b>METABOLISM AND NUTRITION DISORDERS</b>                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Hypokalemia   | 1 (2.9)          |                  | 2 (3)            |                  | 5 (7.2)          |                  |
| <b>RESPIRATORY, THORACIC AND MEDIASTINAL DISORDERS</b>      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Pleural Effusion  | 2 (5.9)          |                  | 2 (3)            |                  | 3 (4.3)          | 1 (1.4)          |

## Results Primary Endpoint mpRR\*

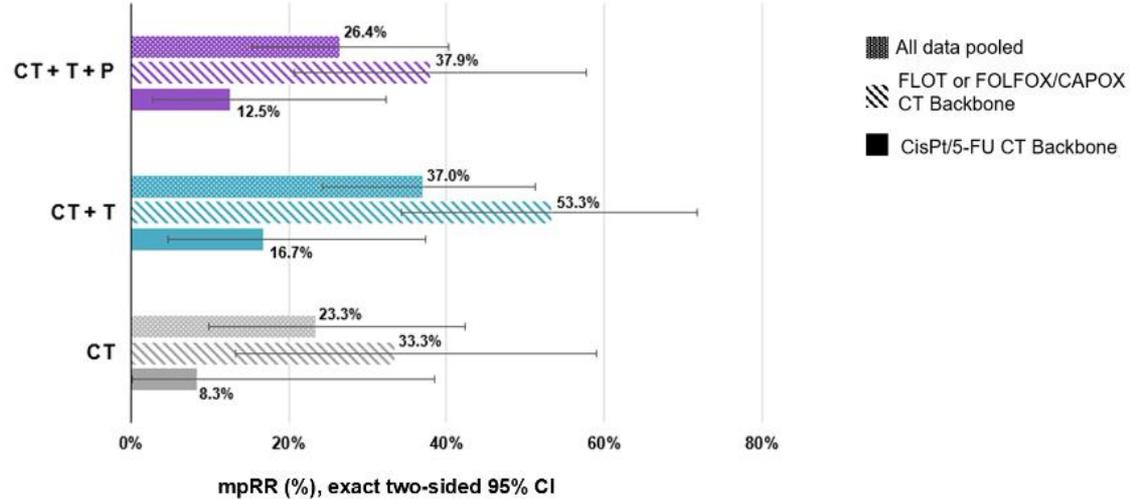
\*mpRR: major pathological Response Rate

|   | Per protocol population – Treatment arm |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | CT<br>(N=33)                            | CT + T<br>(N=64)                        | CT + T + P<br>(N=64)                       |
| Major pathological response, N (%)  | N=30                                    | N=54                                    | N=53                                       |
| Yes   | <b>7 (23.3)</b>                         | <b>20 (37.0)</b>                        | <b>14 (26.4)</b>                           |
| Final Becker tumor regression grade, N (%)  | N=26                                    | N=53                                    | N=48                                       |
| 0   | 1 (3.8)                                 | 8 (15.1)                                | 3 (6.3)                                    |
| 1   | 6 (23.1)                                | 12 (22.6)                               | 11 (22.9)                                  |
| 2   | 9 (34.6)                                | 8 (15.1)                                | 14 (29.2)                                  |
| 3   | 10 (38.5)                               | 25 (47.2)                               | 20 (41.7)                                  |
| Surgery performed, N (%)  |   |   |  |
| Yes   | 28 (84.8)                               | 63 (98.4)                               | 59 (92.2)                                  |
| Difference in mpRR between each experimental arm and CT arm [asymptotic two-sided 80% CI] |   | <b>CT + T<br/>13.7% [ 0.7%, 26.7% ]</b> | <b>CT + T + P<br/>3.1% [-9.5%, 15.7% ]</b> |

Patients not operated were considered as failures for mpRR (per protocol population):  
C: 4/33; C+T: 1/64; C+T+P: 5/64

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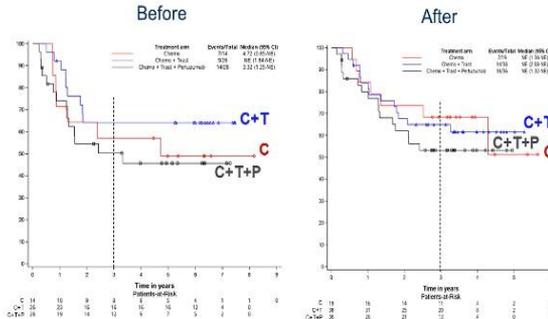


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## 3 years PFS - Results Before & After Amendment

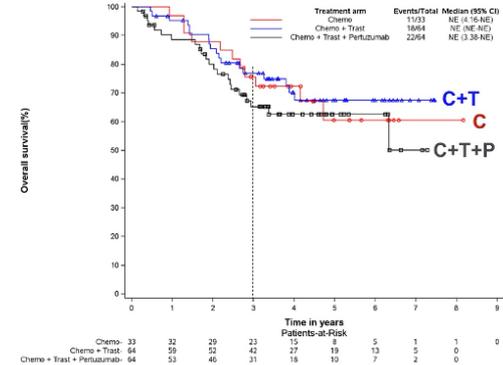
## OS – Results in the Overall Population

| Arm (N)                 | PFS (%) at 3 Years (95% CI) | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Before amendment</b> |                             |                       |
| CT (N=14)               | 57.1 (28.4, 78.0)           | 1.0                   |
| CT+T (N=26)             | 64.2 (42.5, 79.5)           | 0.64 (0.24, 1.72)     |
| CT+T+P (N=28)           | 50.4 (30.1, 67.6)           | 1.18 (0.48, 2.93)     |
| <b>After amendment</b>  |                             |                       |
| CT (N=19)               | 68.4 (42.8, 84.4)           | 1.00                  |
| CT+T (N=38)             | 65.0 (47.5, 78.0)           | 1.04 (0.42, 2.57)     |
| CT+T+P (N=36)           | 53.3 (35.4, 68.3)           | 1.45 (0.60, 3.53)     |



| Arm (N)       | Observed Events | Median (95% CI) (Years) | % at 3 Year(s) (95% CI) | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| CT (N=33)     | 11              | Not reached             | 75.6 (57.1, 87.0)       | 1.00                  |
| CT+T (N=64)   | 18              | Not reached             | 76.9 (64.1, 85.6)       | 0.89 (0.42, 1.88)     |
| CT+T+P (N=64) | 22              | Not reached             | 65.2 (51.3, 76.1)       | 1.29 (0.62, 2.66)     |

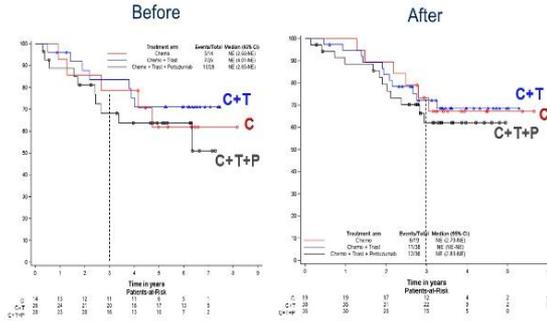
| Cause of death                                 | CT (N=1) | CT+T (N=18) | CT+T+P (N=22) | Total (N=51) |
|--|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Progression of disease (PD)                    | 8 (72.7) | 13 (72.2)   | 17 (77.3)     | 38 (74.5)    |
| Toxicity                                       | 0 (0.0)  | 2 (11.1)    | 2 (9.1)       | 4 (7.8)      |
| Cardiovascular disease (not due to tox. or PD) | 1 (9.1)  | 0 (0.0)     | 0 (0.0)       | 1 (2.0)      |
| Other  | 1 (9.1)  | 3 (16.7)    | 2 (9.1)       | 6 (11.8)     |
| Missing  | 1 (9.1)  | 0 (0.0)     | 1 (4.5)       | 2 (3.9)      |



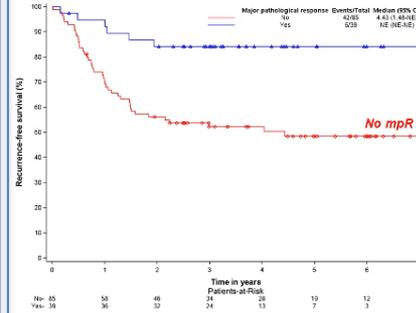
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## 3 years OS Results – Before & After Amendment

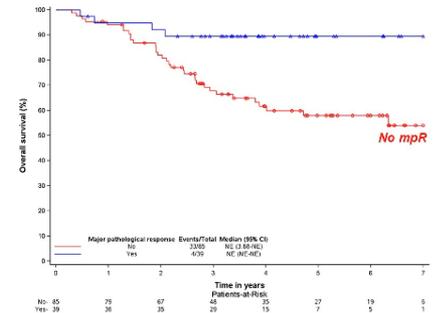
| Arm (N)                 | OS (%) at 3 Years (95% CI) | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Before amendment</b> |                            |                       |
| CT (N=14)               | 78.6 (47.3, 92.5)          | 1.00                  |
| CT+T (N=26)             | 83.6 (62.0, 93.5)          | 0.77 (0.25, 2.44)     |
| CT+T+P (N=28)           | 88.3 (46.3, 92.8)          | 1.28 (0.44, 3.75)     |
| <b>After amendment</b>  |                            |                       |
| CT (N=19)               | 73.3 (47.2, 87.9)          | 1.00                  |
| CT+T (N=38)             | 72.2 (54.3, 84.0)          | 0.99 (0.37, 2.69)     |
| CT+T+P (N=36)           | 82.2 (42.6, 76.8)          | 1.30 (0.49, 3.48)     |



## RFS Results by mpR



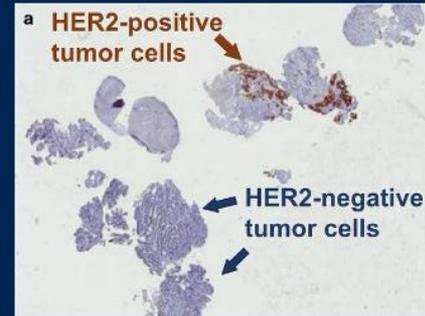
## OS Results by mpR



# Advances in the Treatment of (GC) and (GEJC) – Localized disease.

## Still worth studying HER2 targets in resectable GEA

| Source of Resistance                       | Potential Approaches  |
|--|---|
| <b>HER2 inter/intratumor heterogeneity</b> | <b>Further enrich HER2 population</b><br><b>Therapies with “bystander” effect (eg, ADC)</b> |
| <b>Lack of HER2 internalization</b>        | <b>Novel HER2 agents (eg, ZW25, HLX22)</b>  |
| <b>Immunosuppression</b>                   | <b>HER2/immune engagers, other immune modulators <sup>a</sup></b>                           |
| <b>Many others ...</b>                     | <b>... in crowded space</b>   |



Ruschoff et al, 2012, Mod Pathol

<sup>a</sup> Shitara et al. ASCO GI 2025, Rapid Oral, ASPEN-06 study of CD47 checkpoint inhibitor

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# STUDY INNOVATION

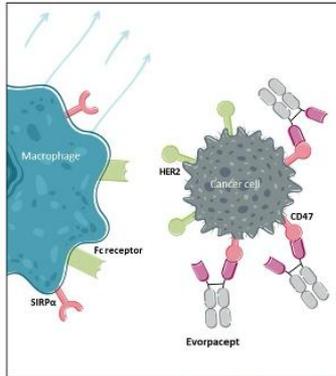
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- ✗ The INNOVATION study did not meet its primary endpoint.
- ✗ CT + T + P was associated with higher toxicity and no advantage.
- ✗ PFS and OS showed numerical improvement with the addition of T to CT doublet, but not after the amendment when patients received FLOT.
- ✗ Survival results are immature. Median OS has not been reached, and the majority of patients remain censored for OS.
- ✗ pCR in gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma is not good surrogate for survival.
- ✓ **Based on its very high mpRR, the addition of T to CT may be considered, especially when tumor downsizing is needed to achieve a curative resection.**

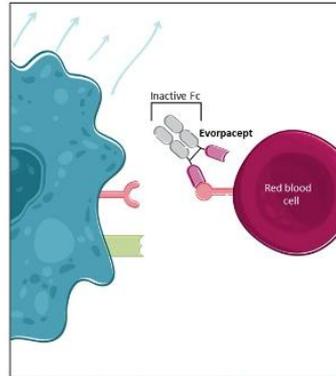
# Advances in the Treatment in HER2+ disease.

ASPEN-06: Final analysis of the randomized phase 2 part of the ASPEN-06 study: A phase 2/3 study of Evorpaccept (ALX148), a CD47 myeloid checkpoint inhibitor, in patients with HER2-overexpressing gastric/gastroesophageal cancer (GC)

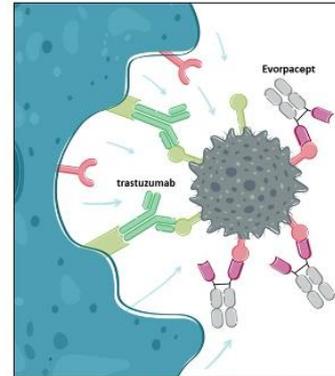
Evorpaccept, with an inactive Fc, binds and blocks CD47-SIRP $\alpha$  interaction



Inactive Fc spares normal cells, minimizing toxicity...



...maximizing the antibody dependent cellular phagocytosis of targeted antibodies

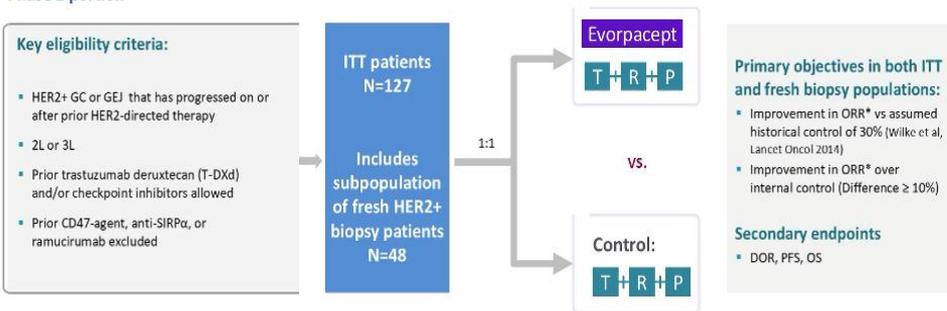


Evorpaccept increases antibody dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP) in combination with trastuzumab without Fc-driven toxicity.

Evorpaccept is a differentiated CD47 blocker that works in combination to spare healthy cells and deliver cancer cells for macrophage destruction

# Advances in the Treatment in HER2+ disease.

## Phase 2 portion



**All patients enrolled received a prior HER2-targeted therapy (eg, trastuzumab) and were enrolled with either a HER2+ fresh or archival biopsy**

## Study population:

|                           | Evo + T + R + P | T + R + P  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|
|                           | N=63            | N=64       |
| Median age, years (range) | 64 (34-81)      | 63 (31-86) |
| Sex, n%                   |                 |            |
| Male                      | 55 (87.3%)      | 48 (75.0%) |
| Female                    | 8 (12.7%)       | 16 (25.0%) |
| Race, n%                  |                 |            |
| Asian                     | 31 (49.2%)      | 31 (48.4%) |
| White                     | 19 (30.2%)      | 19 (29.7%) |
| Other                     | 1 (1.6%)        | 0 (0%)     |
| Unknown                   | 12 (19.0%)      | 13 (20.3%) |
| ECOG PS, n%               |                 |            |
| 0                         | 30 (47.6%)      | 27 (42.2%) |
| 1                         | 33 (52.4%)      | 37 (57.8%) |
| Cancer Type, n%           |                 |            |
| Gastric                   | 48 (76.2%)      | 44 (68.8%) |
| GEJ                       | 15 (23.8%)      | 20 (31.3%) |
| Treatment Line, n%        |                 |            |
| 2nd line                  | 49 (77.8%)      | 44 (68.8%) |
| 3rd line                  | 14 (22.2%)      | 20 (31.3%) |
| HER2 status, n%           |                 |            |
| IHC 3+                    | 52 (82.5%)      | 53 (82.8%) |
| IHC2+/ISH+                | 11 (17.5%)      | 11 (17.2%) |
| Fresh, n%                 | 22 (34.9%)      | 26 (40.6%) |
| ctDNA HER2+               | Yes 43 (68.3%)  | 43 (67.2%) |
| Prior T-DXd, n%           | Yes 8 (12.7%)   | 10 (15.6%) |
| Prior anti-PD1, n%        | Yes 11 (17.5%)  | 16 (25.0%) |
| Asia Region, n%           | Yes 31 (49.2%)  | 30 (46.9%) |

- Patients with a fresh HER2+ biopsy underwent a biopsy at a median of 1.1 months before dosing (vs. 14.1 months for patients with an archival biopsy)
- As an exploratory endpoint, ctDNA extracted from plasma samples collected on Cycle 1 Day 1 prior to dosing was assessed for HER2 amplification utilizing Guardant360 comprehensive genome profiling (Guardant Health®)\*

\*HER2 plasma gene amplification reportable range ≥2.18 copies

Dosing: Evorpacept 30 mg/kg IV Q2W, trastuzumab 6 mg/kg > 4 mg/kg Q2W, ramucirumab 8 mg/kg Q2W, paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1, 8, 15 of 28-day cycle

GC- gastric cancer, GEJ- gastroesophageal junction, TRP- trastuzumab, ramucirumab, paclitaxel

Minimization factors: Primary tumor place (i.e., Gastric vs GEJ); Time of biopsy (i.e., fresh vs archival); Region (Asia vs other); Treatment line (i.e., 2nd vs 3rd line); HER2 status (3+ vs 2+/ISH+); Prior T-DXd

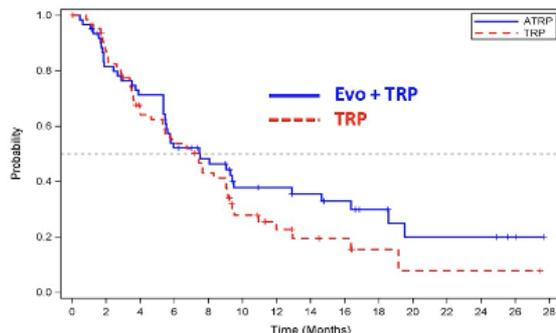
\*Based on investigator assessment

4 Data Cutoff as of 02 Dec 2024

# Advances in the Treatment in HER2+ disease.

|  | <b>Evo</b><br>+T+R+P                       | T+R+P                                      |
|--|--|--|
| N evaluable                                    | 63   | 64   |
| <b>Confirmed ORR, n (%)</b><br><b>[95% CI]</b> | <b>26 (41.3%)</b><br><b>[29.0%; 54.4%]</b> | <b>17 (26.6%)</b><br><b>[16.3%; 39.1%]</b> |
| CR (Complete Response)                         | 1 (1.6%)                                   | 1 (1.6%)                                   |
| PR (Partial Response)                          | 25 (39.7%)                                 | 16 (25.0%)                                 |
| SD (Stable Disease)                            | 21 (33.3%)                                 | 35 (54.7%)                                 |
| PD (Progressive Disease)                       | 9 (14.3%)                                  | 7 (10.9%)                                  |
| NE (Not Evaluable)                             | 2 (3.2%)                                   | 1 (1.6%)                                   |
| No Post baseline assessment                    | 5 (7.9%)                                   | 4 (6.3%)                                   |
| <b>Median DOR (months)</b><br><b>[95% CI]</b>  | <b>15.7</b><br><b>[7.7; NR]</b>            | <b>9.1</b><br><b>[5.3; NR]</b>             |
| Number of events                               | 12 (46.2%)                                 | 9 (52.9%)                                  |

ITT population.



Number at risk  
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 TRP 64 61 54 47 38 36 31 30 24 23 13 11 8 6 6 5 5 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

|   |  |                      |
|---|--|----------------------|
| <b>Number of patients<br/>with events</b> | <b>Number of patients<br/>censored</b> | <b>mPFS [95% CI]</b> |
| 40 (63.5%)                                | 23 (36.5%)                             | 7.5 [5.5-12.9]       |
| 47 (73.4%)                                | 17 (26.6%)                             | 7.4 [4.6-9.0]        |

**PFS Hazard Ratio: 0.77 [0.49; 1.20]**

# Advances in the Treatment in HER2+ disease.

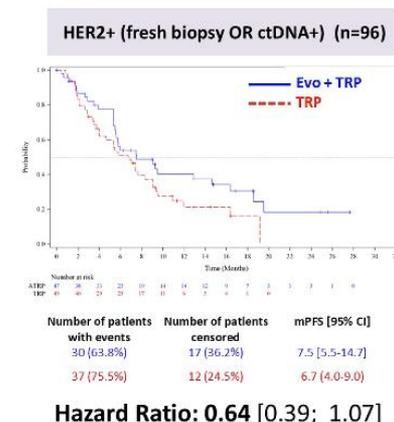
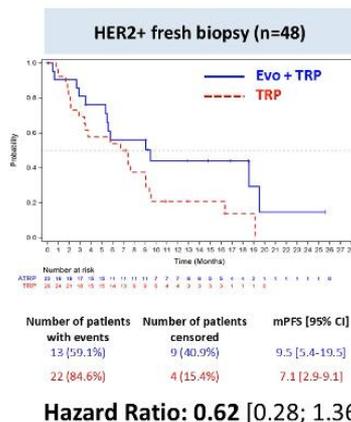
## HER2+ confirmed with Fresh Biopsy

|                                  | Evo<br>+T+R+P                | T+R+P                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| N evaluable                      | 22                           | 26                         |
| Confirmed ORR, n (%)<br>[95% CI] | 13 (59.1%)<br>[36.4%; 79.3%] | 6 (23.1%)<br>[9.0%; 43.6%] |
| CR (Complete Response)           | 0                            | 0                          |
| PR (Partial Response)            | 13 (59.1%)                   | 6 (23.1%)                  |
| SD (Stable Disease)              | 6 (27.3%)                    | 13 (50.0%)                 |
| PD (Progressive Disease)         | 0                            | 5 (19.2%)                  |
| NE (Not Evaluable)               | 0                            | 1 (3.8%)                   |
| No Post baseline assessment      | 3 (13.6%)                    | 1 (3.8%)                   |
| Median DOR (months)<br>[95% CI]  | 15.7<br>[4.0; NR]            | 14.5<br>[7.4; NR]          |
| Number of events                 | 6 (46.2%)                    | 3 (50.0%)                  |

## HER2+ confirmed with Fresh Biopsy OR ctDNA+

|                                  | Evo<br>+T+R+P                | T+R+P                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| N evaluable                      | 47                           | 49                           |
| Confirmed ORR, n (%)<br>[95% CI] | 23 (48.9%)<br>[34.1%; 63.9%] | 12 (24.5%)<br>[13.3%; 38.9%] |
| CR (Complete Response)           | 1 (2.1%)                     | 1 (2.0%)                     |
| PR (Partial Response)            | 22 (46.8%)                   | 11 (22.4%)                   |
| SD (Stable Disease)              | 15 (31.9%)                   | 27 (55.1%)                   |
| PD (Progressive Disease)         | 4 (8.5%)                     | 6 (12.2%)                    |
| NE (Not Evaluable)               | 2 (4.3%)                     | 1 (2.0%)                     |
| No Post baseline assessment      | 3 (6.4%)                     | 3 (6.1%)                     |
| Median DOR (months)<br>[95% CI]  | 15.7<br>[7.7; NR]            | 9.1<br>[3.5; NR]             |
| Number of events                 | 11 (47.8%)                   | 7 (58.3%)                    |

## Progression-free survival (PFS) based on investigator assessment



# Advances in the Treatment in HER2+ disease.

Summary of treatment-emergent adverse events grades 3-5  
(with frequency >5% on either arm)

| Grade                            | Evo + T + R + P<br>N=63 |           |          | T + R + P<br>N=63 |          |          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|                                  | 3                       | 4         | 5        | 3                 | 4        | 5        |
| Neutrophil count decreased       | 12 (19.0%)              | 7 (11.1%) | -        | 12 (19.0%)        | 4 (6.3%) | -        |
| Anemia                           | 14 (22.2%)              | -         | -        | 11 (17.5%)        | -        | -        |
| Neutropenia                      | 11 (17.5%)              | 4 (6.3%)  | -        | 7 (11.1%)         | 2 (3.2%) | -        |
| White blood cell count decreased | 7 (11.1%)               | -         | -        | 6 (9.5%)          | -        | -        |
| Hypertension                     | 6 (9.5%)                | -         | -        | 4 (6.3%)          | -        | -        |
| Sepsis                           | 2 (3.2%)                | -         | 2 (3.2%) | 2 (3.2%)          | -        | 1 (1.6%) |
| Asthenia                         | 2 (3.2%)                | -         | -        | 4 (6.3%)          | -        | -        |
| Febrile neutropenia              | 1 (1.6%)                | -         | -        | 3 (4.8%)          | 2 (3.2%) | -        |

- The incidence of adverse events due to any cause was comparable by arm
- There were 11 Grade 5 treatment emergent adverse events, 2 of which were deemed to be treatment related: esophageal perforation (ETRP) and pneumopathy (TRP)

All G5 TEAEs: ETRP (N=4): Sepsis N=2, Esophageal perforation N=1, Respiratory failure N=1; TRP (N=7): Sepsis N=1, Pneumonia/pneumopathy/respiratory infection N=1 each, Sudden death N=1, death from unknown cause N=1, esophageal hemorrhage N=1

**Evorpacept's safety profile was consistent with its prior experience in over 700 patients treated to date**

# ASPEN-06 STUDY (final analysis of the phase 2)

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- ✓ **Positive study:** In the ITT population, **E + TRP** demonstrated an **ORR of 41.3%** and a **DOR of 15.7 months**, compared to the **TRP control** with an **ORR of 26.6%** and a **DOR of 9.1 months**.
- ✓ **Patients with confirmed HER2 expression**, either through fresh biopsy or ctDNA, **showed the greatest benefit** in ORR, DOR, and PFS, indicating that **HER2+ expression** is a key biomarker and validating evorpaccept's MOA.
- ✓ Evorpaccept has a **favorable safety profile**.
- ✗ HER2 status determination is not mandatory before patient inclusion in the study.

# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

## Methods: Study Design



- **Research Objects:** Gastric cancer with peritoneal metastasis
- **Primary Endpoint:** Overall survival in mITT population
- **Secondary Endpoints:** Conversion surgery rate, pathological response, adverse events, etc.

## Methods: Study Design

### Key Eligibility Criteria

1. Histologically confirmed gastric cancer
2. Peritoneal metastasis confirmed by laparoscopy
3. Age between 18 and 75 years
4. ECOG-PS of 0 or 1
5. Expected survival of at least 3 months
6. Adequate organ function

### Key Exclusion Criteria

1. Confirmed evidence of distant metastasis other than peritoneal metastasis (ovarian metastasis is permitted)
2. Gastric outflow tract obstruction or intestinal obstruction
3. Any prior anti-cancer therapy
4. Synchronous or metachronous (within 5 years) malignancies
5. Clinically severe heart disease, pulmonary disease, mental disease, etc.
6. Severe uncontrolled infections or other concomitant disease
7. Anaphylaxis to paclitaxel or any research drug ingredient

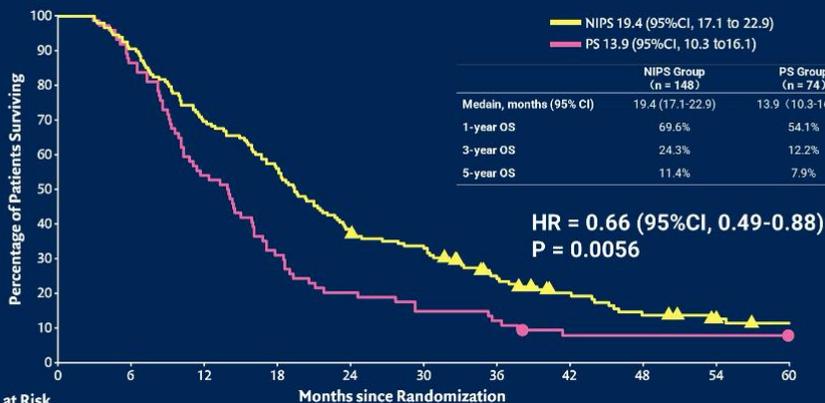
# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

## Results: Baseline Characteristics

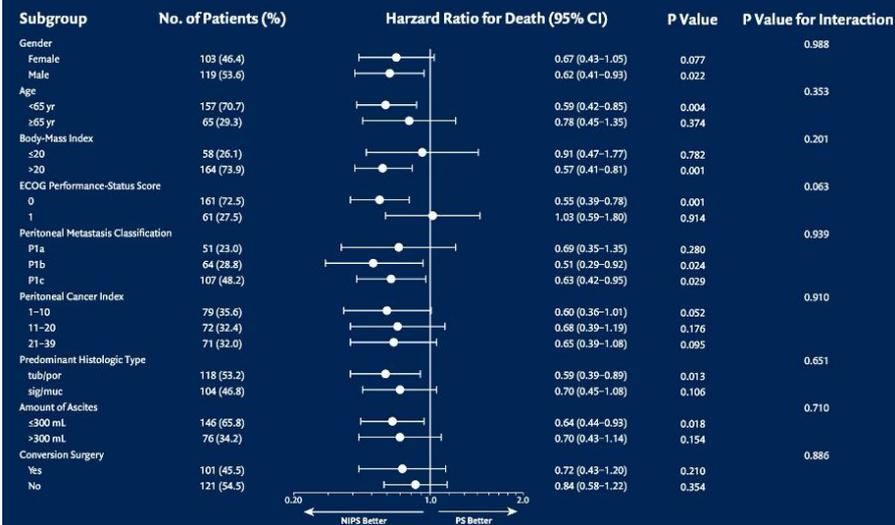
| Characteristic                               | NIPS<br>(N = 148) | PS<br>(N = 74) | Characteristic  | NIPS<br>(N = 148) | PS<br>(N = 74)   |
|--|-------------------|----------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Median age (range) – yr                      | 60 (24-70)        | 56 (23-74)     | PM Japanese Classification – no. (%)                      |                   |                  |
| Sex – no. (%)                                |                   |                | P1a   | 32 (21.6)         | 19 (25.7)        |
| Female                                       | 68 (45.9)         | 36 (48.6)      | P1b   | 45 (30.4)         | 19 (25.7)        |
| Male   | 80 (54.1)         | 38 (51.4)      | P1c   | 71 (48.0)         | 36 (48.6)        |
| Body Weight – kg                             | 59.3±10.6         | 62.4±11.0      | Peritoneal Cancer Index – no. (%)                         |                   |                  |
| Body-Mass Index                              |                   |                | 1 to 10   | 48 (32.4)         | 31 (41.9)        |
| Mean Value – kg/m <sup>2</sup>               | 21.7±3.1          | 23.0±3.2       | 11 to 20  | 54 (36.5)         | 18 (24.3)        |
| Distribution – no. (%)                       |                   |                | 21 to 39  | 46 (31.1)         | 25 (33.8)        |
| > 20   | 102 (68.9)        | 62 (83.8)      | Median Value (IQR)  | 15.0 (9.0-23.0)   | 14.0 (8.0-22.8)  |
| ≤ 20   | 46 (31.1)         | 12 (16.2)      | Peritoneal Cytology – no. (%)                             |                   |                  |
| ECOG-PS – no. (%)                            |                   |                | Positive  | 73 (49.3)         | 38 (51.4)        |
| 0  | 108 (73.0)        | 53 (71.6)      | Negative  | 75 (50.7)         | 36 (48.6)        |
| 1  | 40 (27.0)         | 21 (28.4)      | Amount of Ascites<br>Evaluated by Laparoscopy – mL        |                   |                  |
| Predominant Histologic Type – no. (%)        |                   |                | ≤ 300   | 98 (66.2)         | 48 (64.9)        |
| Tubular/Poorly Differentiated Adenocarcinoma | 84 (56.8)         | 34 (45.9)      | > 300   | 50 (33.8)         | 26 (35.1)        |
| Signet Ring Cell Carcinoma                   | 58 (39.2)         | 37 (50.0)      | Median Follow-up Time (IQR)<br>since diagnosis of PM – mo | 56.9 (40.3-68.1)  | 64.3 (59.9-70.2) |
| Mucinous Adenocarcinoma                      | 6 (4.1)           | 3 (4.1)        |   |                   |                  |

# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

## Results: Overall Survival (Primary Endpoint)



| No. at Risk | 0   | 6   | 12  | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| NIPS        | 148 | 134 | 103 | 83 | 56 | 49 | 32 | 22 | 15 | 11 | 8  |
| PS          | 74  | 64  | 40  | 23 | 15 | 11 | 9  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 4  |



# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

## Results: Conversion Surgery

Conversion Surgery Rate: 50.7% vs. 35.1%,  $P = 0.028$

Conversion Surgery in NIPS Group



| No. at Risk        | 0  | 6  | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Conversion Success | 75 | 75 | 71 | 63 | 47 | 42 | 27 | 18 | 13 | 10 | 8  |
| Conversion Failure | 73 | 59 | 32 | 20 | 9  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 0  |

Conversion Surgery in PS Group



| No. at Risk        | 0  | 6  | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Conversion Success | 26 | 25 | 21 | 14 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 4  |
| Conversion Failure | 48 | 39 | 19 | 9  | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

## Results: Surgery Outcome

Appropriate patient selection for conversion surgery (especially achieving R0 resection)  
Leads to significantly improved survival outcomes

Surgery Outcome in NIPS Group



| No. at Risk  | 0  | 6  | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| R0 Resection | 63 | 63 | 59 | 44 | 40 | 27 | 18 | 13 | 10 | 8  |    |
| R2 Resection | 12 | 12 | 8  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| No Resection | 73 | 59 | 32 | 20 | 9  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 0  |

Surgery Outcome in PS Group



| No. at Risk  | 0  | 6  | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| R0 Resection | 22 | 22 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 4  |
| R2 Resection | 4  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| No Resection | 48 | 39 | 19 | 9  | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

## Results: Adverse Events

| Adverse Events<br>Grade 3-4: 38.4% vs 42.5%<br>P = 0.562 | NIPS Group (N=148) |                 |                 | PS Group (N=74)   |                 |                |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  | Grade 1-2 (87.0%)  | Grade 3 (37.0%) | Grade 4 (12.3%) | Grade 1-2 (83.6%) | Grade 3 (39.7%) | Grade 4 (9.6%) |
| Leukopenia   | 77 (49.4)          | 28 (17.9)       | 6 (3.8)         | 40 (51.9)         | 17 (22.1)       | 2 (2.6)        |
| Neutropenia  | 63 (40.4)          | 25 (16.0)       | 6 (3.9)         | 33 (42.9)         | 14 (18.2)       | 4 (5.2)        |
| Anemia   | 63 (42.6)          | 16 (10.3)       | 2 (1.3)         | 30 (39.0)         | 10 (12.9)       | 2 (2.6)        |
| Thrombocytopenia   | 26 (16.7)          | 7 (4.5)         | 1 (0.6)         | 12 (15.6)         | 5 (6.5)         | 1 (1.3)        |
| ALT Increased  | 40 (25.6)          | 6 (3.8)         | 0 (0.0)         | 20 (25.9)         | 4 (5.2)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| AST Increased  | 43 (27.5)          | 5 (3.2)         | 0 (0.0)         | 19 (24.7)         | 3 (3.9)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Creatinine Increased                                     | 10 (6.4)           | 1 (0.6)         | 0 (0.0)         | 6 (7.8)           | 1 (1.3)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Fatigue  | 81 (51.9)          | 12 (7.7)        | 0 (0.0)         | 43 (55.8)         | 7 (9.1)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Nausea   | 49 (31.4)          | 3 (1.9)         | 0 (0.0)         | 28 (36.3)         | 3 (3.9)         | 1 (1.3)        |
| Vomiting   | 26 (16.7)          | 2 (1.3)         | 0 (0.0)         | 16 (20.8)         | 1 (1.3)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Diarrhea   | 29 (18.6)          | 7 (4.5)         | 0 (0.0)         | 15 (19.5)         | 5 (6.5)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Anorexia   | 79 (50.6)          | 8 (5.1)         | 0 (0.0)         | 41 (53.2)         | 6 (7.8)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Peripheral Neuropathy                                    | 37 (23.7)          | 3 (1.9)         | 0 (0.0)         | 19 (24.6)         | 2 (2.6)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Mucositis oral   | 30 (19.2)          | 4 (2.6)         | 1 (0.6)         | 17 (22.1)         | 3 (3.9)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Alopecia   | 99 (63.4)          | 12 (7.7)        | 0 (0.0)         | 51 (66.2)         | 6 (9.1)         | 0 (0.0)        |
| Fever  | 37 (23.7)          | 2 (1.3)         | 0 (0.0)         | 20 (25.9)         | 1 (1.3)         | 0 (0.0)        |

# DRAGON-01 trial (results of the phase 3)

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- ✗ The study was conducted exclusively in Asian Population.
- ✗ Systemic Chemo of both groups.
- ✓ Significant impact of drug administration route for GCPM patients.
- ✓ Practice-Changing Results. 🤔
- ✓ Remarkable survival outcomes with conversion surgery.

# Albumin-bound docetaxel HB1801 (Multicenter, randomized, phase 2)

## Study Design

This is a multicenter, open-label, phase II randomized clinical trial conducted at 30 centers in China.

### Key eligibility criteria

- Aged 18-75 years
- Histologically confirmed gastric or gastroesophageal junction (G/GEJ) adenocarcinoma
- Progressed on at least first line of combined chemotherapy of platinum and fluorouracil
- ECOG PS of 0-1
- A life expectancy of more than 3 months

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HB1801 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, Q3W  
n=65

Taxotere® 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, Q3W  
premedicated with  
dexamethasone  
n=63

### Treatment until

- Disease progression
- Intolerable toxicities
- Withdrawal of consent
- Initiation of a new anti-tumor treatment
- Other reasons leading to treatment discontinuation

### Primary endpoint

- PFS

### Secondary endpoints

- OS
- ORR and DCR
- DOR
- Safety profile

### Stratified factors

- Previous treatment with immunotherapy (yes or no)
- ECOG PS (0 or 1)

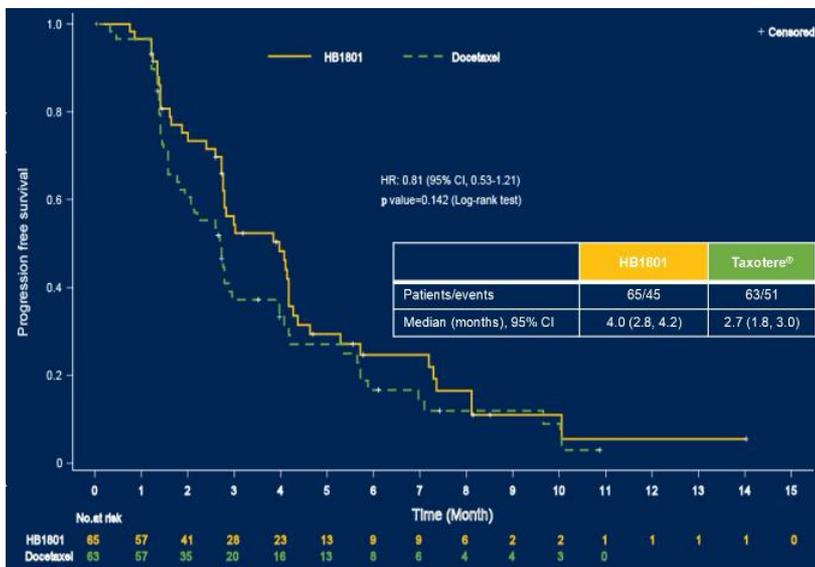
Statistical Consideration: A total of 75 PFS events provided 85% power to detect difference in PFS, which corresponded to 3 months in the docetaxel group and 6 months in the HB1801 group, HR=0.5, with one-sided alpha of 0.025

## Baseline characteristics (ITT)

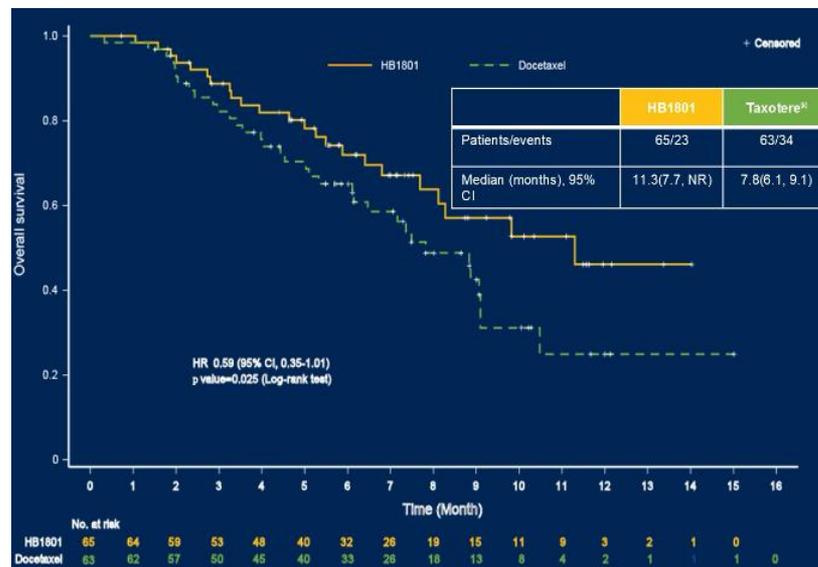
|  | HB1801<br>(n=65) | Taxotere®<br>(n=63) |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Median age, range (years)                    | 58.0 (27, 75)    | 59.0 (30, 74)       |
| Sex, n (%)                                   |                  |                     |
| Male   | 50 (76.9)        | 42 (66.7)           |
| Female                                       | 15 (23.1)        | 21 (33.3)           |
| BMI, mean±SD (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )            | 20.5±3.0         | 21.2±3.0            |
| ECOG PS, n (%)                               |                  |                     |
| 0  | 11 (16.9)        | 11 (17.5)           |
| 1  | 54 (83.1)        | 52 (82.5)           |
| No. of metastatic organs, n (%)              |                  |                     |
| 0  | 4 (6.2)          | 1 (1.6)             |
| 1  | 22 (33.8)        | 25 (39.7)           |
| ≥2   | 39 (60.0)        | 37 (58.7)           |
| Peritoneal metastasis, n (%)                 |                  |                     |
| Yes  | 22 (33.8)        | 18 (28.6)           |
| No   | 43 (66.2)        | 45 (71.4)           |
| No. of previous lines of therapy, n (%)      |                  |                     |
| 1  | 53 (81.5)        | 54 (85.7)           |
| 2  | 10 (15.4)        | 8 (12.7)            |
| Others                                       | 2 (3.1)          | 1 (1.6)             |
| Previous treatment with immunotherapy, n (%) | 38 (58.5)        | 38 (60.3)           |

# Albumin-bound docetaxel HB1801 (Multicenter, randomized, phase 2)

PFS (ITT population.)



OS (ITT population.)





# Albumin-bound docetaxel HB1801 (Multicenter, randomized, phase 2)

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- ✗ This is a negative study that fails to achieve its primary endpoint.
- ✗ The study was conducted exclusively in Asian Population.
- ✓ Despite being a phase II study, it is a randomized, multicenter study.
- ✓ HB-1801 had a manageable safety profile.
- 📄 A phase III study (NCT06296706) is now ongoing to compare HB1801 vs docetaxel in locally advanced or metastatic G/GEJ adenocarcinoma with previous first-line treatment failure.

# POSTER SESSION



## Molecular profiling of a gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma (GEA) multicohort using next-generation sequencing (NGS)

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The **mutational landscape of GEA** is rapidly evolving with the identification of **promising molecular targets**<sup>1</sup>.

Targeted therapies addressing **HER2 amplifications**, **FGFR2 overexpression**<sup>2</sup> and **claudin-18.2 overexpression**<sup>3</sup> have demonstrated significant improved outcomes in phase 2 and 3 clinical studies.

However, the use of **NGS is not standardized in gastric cancer** and **histological subtypes are insufficient to capture the molecular heterogeneity**<sup>4</sup> in these patients (pts).

To describe the **clinicopathological features** and their association with **molecular findings** obtained through immunohistochemistry (IHC) and tissue-based NGS in a GEA cohort.

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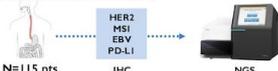
1. To evaluate the ability of NGS to **guide clinical and therapeutic decisions** in patients with metastatic GEA.

2. To analyze **oncological outcomes** and their prognostic stratification according to the molecular alterations identified via IHC and tissue-based NGS.

Retrospective and descriptive study on GEA from 2019 to 2024 (n=115).

IHC was used to evaluate **HER2 expression**, **microsatellite instability (MSI)**, **Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)** and **PD-L1** status.

In-house and commercial **NGS platforms** were used to detect molecular alterations from tumor samples.



Cox regression model was used to analyze **overall survival (OS)** based on the **clinicopathological and molecular subgroups**.

### RESULTS



Figure 1. Distribution of the most frequent and clinically significant PV detected in tissue samples from pts with metastatic GEA.

- We analyzed **115 pts** diagnosed with metastatic GEA.
- NGS techniques identified **253 pathogenic variants (PV)** and **310 copy number alterations (CNA)** in **107** and **71 pts**, respectively. Figure 1 presents the 15 most frequently observed alterations, highlighting those with potential clinical and therapeutic significance.

### PV and CNA detected through NGS

PV with potential clinical therapeutic implications in 20 pts (17.4%): **PIK3CA** (5.2%), **BRCA1/2** (3.5%), **ATM** (2.6%), **FANCA** (1.7%), **PTEN** (2.6%), **CHEK2** (0.9%) and **POLD1** (0.9%).

Along with molecularly actionable **CNA** in 33 pts (28.7%): **ERBB2** (10.4%), **EGRF** (8.7%), **MET** (5.2%) and **FGFR2** (4.3%) genes, among others.

|                            | N(115, %)  |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Age                        | 54 [48-83] |
| Median years (range)       | 49 (6-60)  |
| Sex                        |            |
| Male                       | 37 (32.2)  |
| Female                     | 78 (67.8)  |
| Tumor site                 |            |
| Gastroesophageal junction  | 6 (5.2)    |
| Esophagus                  | 51 (44.3)  |
| Collar or antral coliculus | 46 (40.0)  |
| Intestinal or subilar      | 12 (10.5)  |
| Others                     | 74 (66.5)  |
| Adenoid                    | 41 (33.1)  |
| Localized                  | 33 (28.7)  |
| Peritoneum                 | 34 (29.6)  |
| Liver                      | 30 (26.1)  |
| Lung                       | 2 (1.7)    |
| PFB                        | 2 (1.8)    |
| EBV (+)                    | 3 (2.6)    |
| PD-L1 (CPS) ≥1             | 33 (28.7)  |

### Clinicopathological features and molecular distribution

- Early (<50y) vs late-onset (≥50y) → ↑ rate of PV in **CDH1** (10.42% vs 4.48%; p=0.22) and **PIK3CA** (8.33% vs 2.99%; p=0.20) genes.
- Diffuse vs intestinal → ↑ frequency of PV in **ARID1A** (17.6% vs 2.2%; p=0.01) and **CDH1** (11.8% vs 0%; p=0.02) genes.
- Peritoneal vs liver disease → ↑ prevalence of PV in **CDH1** (12% vs 0%; p=0.04) and **RHOA** (10% vs 0%; p=0.06) genes.

Table 1. Clinicopathological characteristics of the 115 pts with metastatic GEA included in our study.

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### Oncological outcomes

We observed a **significantly worse OS** in pts with **diffuse vs intestinal tumors** (Figure 2; A) (15.7m vs 19.1m; HR = 1.61 [1.01-2.55]; p=0.04) and a trend toward shorter survival in pts with **CDKN2A mutations** (11.97m vs 17.83m; HR=1.33 [0.67-2.67]; p=0.41); (Figure 2; B).

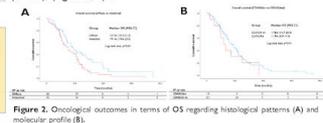


Figure 2. Oncological outcomes in terms of OS regarding histological patterns (A) and molecular profile (B).

Although not significantly, CNA in **ERBB2** were associated with a better prognosis (22.2m vs 16.2m; HR=0.47 [0.19-1.18]; p=0.09).



Discrepancy in HER2 status: IHC (2+IHS+ / 3+) (n=20) → ERBB2 CNA gain (n=10) → ERBB2 CNA gain (n=12) → IHC (2+IHS+ / 3+) (n=10)

### CONCLUSIONS

- Our results support the utility of **NGS platforms** in detecting novel molecular targets with prognostic and clinical impact, beyond **ERBB2**.
- Additionally, we observed **poorer prognosis in diffuse subtype tumors**, which exhibited a higher frequency of mutations in **ARID1A** and **CDH1** genes.



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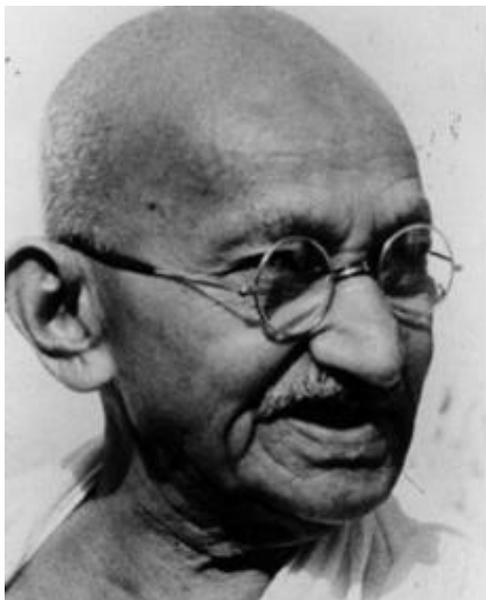
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# TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

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- ✓ No Significant Changes in the Standard of Care for Esophagogastric Tumors.
- ✓ Promising pCR rate without increased surgical risks or toxicity in ESCC with chemo + RT and sintilimab.
- ✓ Although the INNOVATION study did not meet its primary endpoint, the addition of trastuzumab to perioperative chemotherapy improved the mpRR.
- ✓ ASPEN-06: Positive study: In the ITT population, E + TRP demonstrated an ORR of 41.3% and a DOR of 15.7 months, compared to the TRP control with an ORR of 26.6% and a DOR of 9.1 months.
- ✓ DRAGON-01: Remarkable survival outcomes with conversion surgery, although the study was conducted exclusively in an Asian population.
- ✓ Support for the use of NGS platforms to identify new molecular targets with prognostic and clinical impact beyond ERBB2.



The future depends on what we do  
in the present.

— *Mahatma Gandhi* —



ANY QUESTIONS?