

Efficacy, safety and biomarker analysis of ICARUS-BREAST01: a phase 2 Study of Patritumab Deruxtecan (HER3-DXd) in patients with HR+/HER2- advanced breast cancer

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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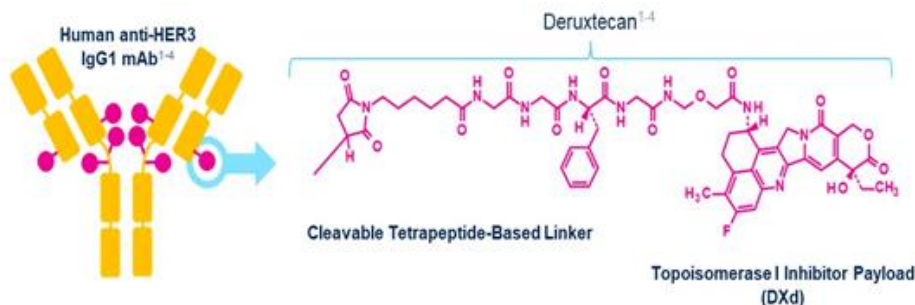
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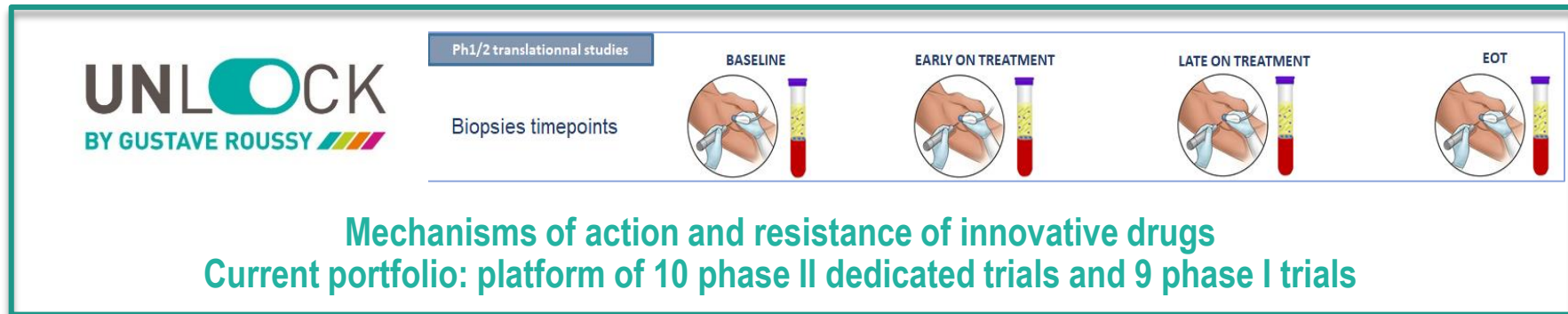
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Background

- Despite the improved clinical outcomes achieved with endocrine therapy + CDK4/6 inh in HR+/HER2- advanced breast cancer, effective therapeutic options are limited after disease progression¹⁻³
- **High expression of Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor-3 (HER3)** is associated with **poor prognosis** and plays a key role in **resistance to PI3K/AKT/mTOR inh, HER2-targeting therapies and endocrine therapy**⁴⁻¹²
- **HER3-DXd** is an antibody-drug conjugate composed of an anti-HER3 monoclonal antibody conjugated to a topoisomerase-I inh by a cleavable peptide linker¹³⁻¹⁶
- Prior phase I and II studies showed **promising activity of HER3-DXd** across breast cancer subtypes and across a range of HER3 membrane expression¹⁷⁻²⁰



Background



**Mechanisms of actions and resistance to
Dato-DXd and HER3-DXd**

Dato-DXd



HER3-DXd

ICARUS BREAST01: Study Design

Multi-center, single-arm, phase 2 study (NCT04965766)

KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA*:

- unresectable locally advanced/metastatic BC
- HR+/HER2-neg^a
- progression on CDK4/6inh + ET
- progression on 1 prior chemotherapy for ABC
- prior PI3K/AKT/mTORinh allowed
- no prior T-DXd

HER3-DXd 5.6 mg/kg every 3 weeks
until PD or unacceptable toxicity

Primary Endpoint:

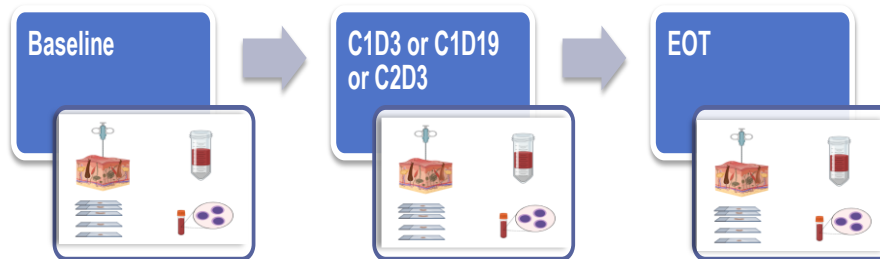
- Investigator-assessed confirmed ORR

Secondary Endpoints:

- DOR, PFS, CBR, OS
- Safety and tolerability

Mandatory:

- tumor biopsy (1 frozen + 3 FFPE)
- blood (whole blood + serum)



Exploratory Endpoints:

- Predictors of response/resistance
- Dynamics of HER3 expression before and after treatment
- CTCs levels during treatment

*HER3-expression prescreening (75% of membrane positivity at 10x) was removed by amendment on April 21st 2022^b

Statistical considerations and methods

Investigator-initiated, multi-center trial in 11 French sites

Primary endpoint: confirmed ORR according to the investigator

Evaluation RECIST (V1.1) every 6 weeks (± 7 days) for the first 12 months and then every 12 weeks (± 7 days)

Confirmation of response had to be demonstrated with an assessment 4 weeks or later from the initial response

Sample size: *99 patients required to provide 85% power to test $H_0: ORR \leq 12\%$ at a one-sided 5% significance level, assuming $ORR = 23\%$ under the alternative*

Data cut-off: Apr 16th, 2024; median follow-up: 15.3 months [95%CI 13.0;17.2]

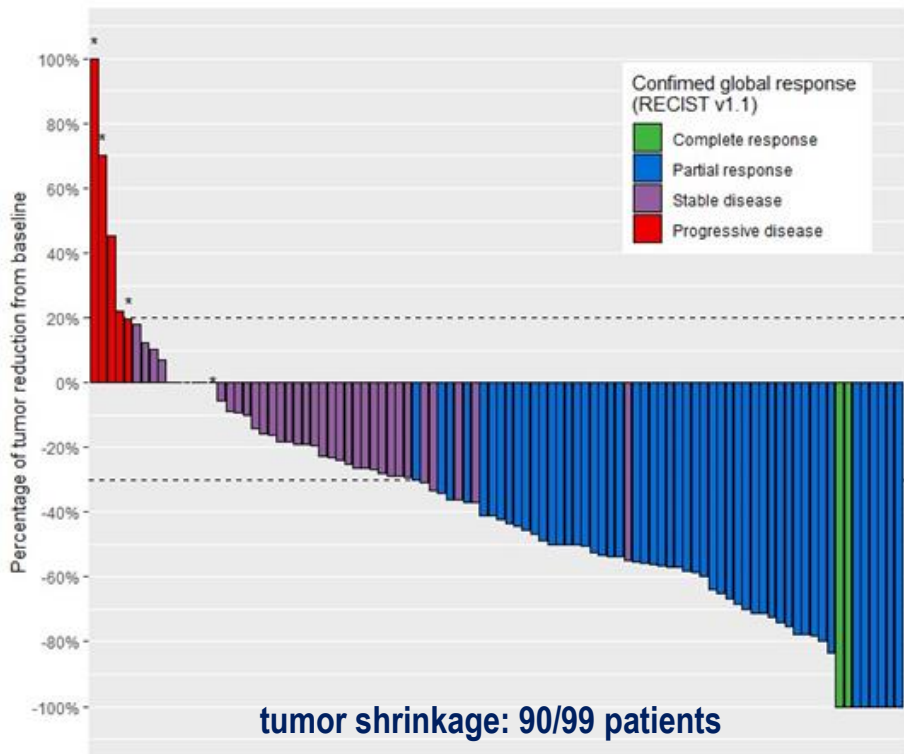
Demographics and baseline characteristics

PATIENTS N=99	
Age Median [range], years	57.0 (48.0;66.0)
Sex, n (%) Female	99 (100.0)
HR status, n (%)^a ER+ PR+	94 (94.9) 42 (42.4)
HER2 expression, n (%)^b IHC 0* IHC 1+ IHC 2+ IHC 3+ Unknown	39 (39.4) 22 (22.2) 7 (7.1) 1 (1.0) 30 (30.3) ^c
HER3 expression^b Membrane H-score, median (IQR)	180 (144;215)
Overall membrane positivity at 10x, n (%) <25% 25-74% ≥75% Unknown	16 (16.2) 7 (7.1) 49 (49.4) 27 (27.3)
Median number of systemic therapies for ABC, n [range]	2 [1;4]
Prior treatment with CDK4/6inh, n (%) Median duration, months [range]	98 (99.0) ^d 13.7 [6.5;19.7] ^e
Prior PI3K/AKT/mTOR inh for ABC, n (%)	35 (35.4)
Prior chemotherapy for ABC, n (%)^f	99 (100.0)

Patient Disposition and treatment exposure

PATIENTS N=99	
HER3-DXd treatment status, n (%)	
Ongoing	19 (19.2)
Discontinued	80 (80.8)
Primary reason for discontinuation, n (%)	
Disease progression	64 (64.6)
Adverse events	8 (8.1) ^a
Other	7 (7.1)
Number of HER3-DXd cycles, median [IQR]	11.0 [6.0;18.0]
Median treatment duration, days [IQR]	251.0 [144.5;402.0]
At least one dose modification, n (%)	
No	67 (67.7)
Yes	32 (32.3)

Confirmed Objective Response Rate



N=99		
	n	% [95%CI] ^a
Confirmed ORR^b	53	53.5 [43.2; 63.6]
CR	2	2.0 [0.2;7.1]
PR	51	51.5 [41.3; 61.7]
SD	37	37.4 [27.8; 47.7]
PD	7	7.1 [2.9; 14.0]
NE ^c	2	2.0 [0.2;7.1]
CBR^d	62	62.6 [52.3;72.1]

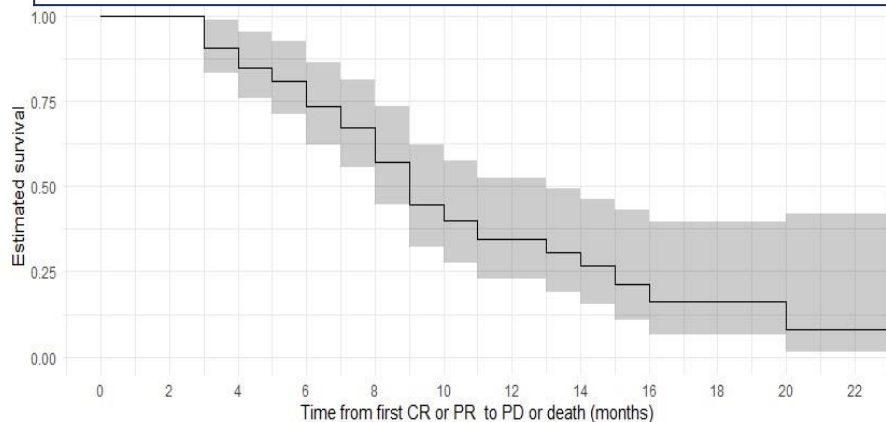
No significant association between HER2 expression and ORR (*p*-value 0.8)^e

a. Clopper-Pearson (Exact) method was used for confidence interval; b. Confirmation of response must be demonstrated with a new tumor assessment 4 weeks or later from the initial response; c. 2 patients were not evaluable for ORR: one patient had only one tumor assessment with PR and then treatment discontinued due to clinical progression, a second patient had not evaluable as global response of target lesions. d. CBR is defined as the presence of at least a confirmed PR or CR, or a stable disease (SD) >6 months; e. logistic regression model was performed to estimate association between HER2 expression and ORR

Duration of Response and Progression-free Survival

DOR

Median, months [95% CI] **8.7 [8.1; 12.5]**

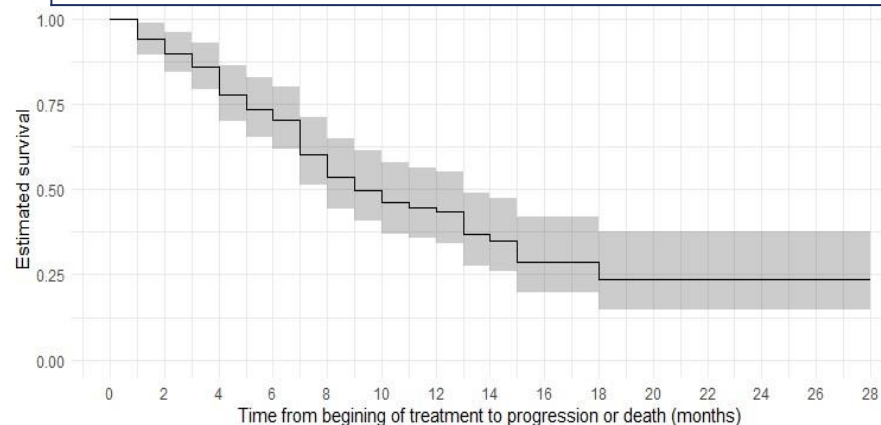


Overall

At risk	53	44	36	23	15	9	5	3	2	1	1
Censored	0	1	3	9	10	14	16	16	17	17	17
Events	0	8	14	21	28	30	32	34	34	35	35

PFS

Median, months [95% CI] **9.4 [8.1; 13.4]**



Overall

At risk	99	88	74	64	44	35	26	17	12	9	5	3	2	2	0
Censored	0	1	3	6	11	14	21	25	27	28	32	34	35	35	37
Events	0	10	22	29	44	50	52	57	60	62	62	62	62	62	62

Median follow-up: 15.3 months [95%CI 13.0;17.2]

No significant association between HER2 expression and PFS (p -value 0.6)^a

Overall safety data

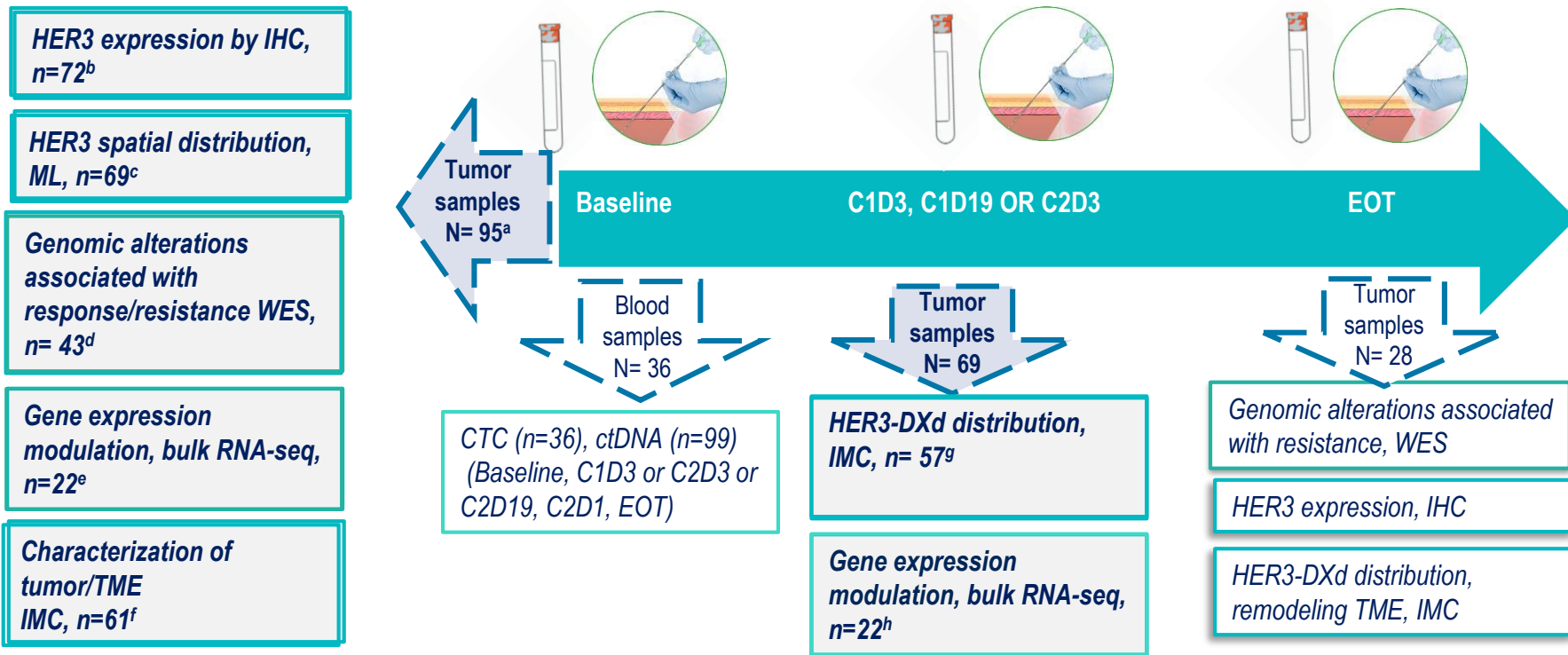
Overall safety profile, n (%)

• Patients with any grade TEAEs	97 (98.0)
Grade ≥3 TEAEs	54 (54.5)
• Patients with any grade TRAEs	97 (98.0)
Grade ≥3 TRAEs	50 (50.1)
• TEAEs leading to HER3-DXd discontinuation	11 (11.1)
• TEAEs leading to HER3-DXd interruption	26 (26.3)
• TEAEs leading to HER3-DXd dose reduction	20 (20.2)
• TEAEs leading to death	1 (1.0) ^a
• Adjudicated treatment-related ILD	7 (7.1) ^b
Grade 1	7

TRAEs occurring in ≥ 10% of patients

	Any grade, n (%)	Grade ≥ 3, n (%)
Fatigue	82 (82.8)	10 (10.1)
Nausea	74 (74.7)	14 (14.1)
Diarrhea	52 (52.5)	10 (10.1)
Alopecia	40 (40.4)	0
Constipation	21 (21.2)	0
Vomiting	18 (18.2)	3 (3.0)
Anorexia	16 (16.2)	1 (1.0)
Neutrophil count decrease	14 (14.1)	12 (12.1)
Abdominal pain	11 (11.1)	0
Stomatitis	10 (10.1)	0
Anemia	10 (10.1)	0

Exploratory biomarker analysis

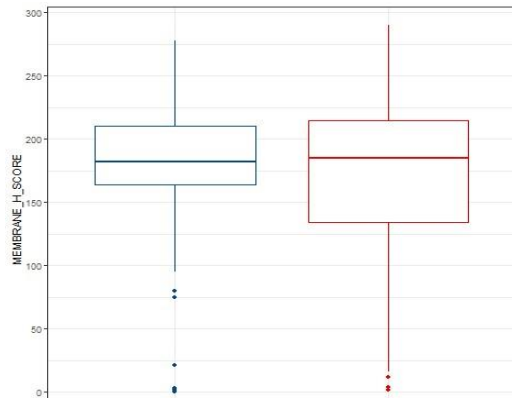


a. 4 biopsies not performed/collected; b. 23 samples < 10%; c. 25 excluded after pathologist's review; d. 15 fresh biopsies not collected/provided by centers, 28 < 200 ng DNA or < 10% tumor cell; 13 failed quality control; e. 15 fresh biopsies not provided by centers, 28 < 200 ng RNA or < 30% tumor cell, 5 failed quality control, 29 did not have the matched on-T sample; f. 15 fresh biopsies were not provided centers, 28 < 200 ng RNA or < 30% tumor cell, 5 failed the quality control, 29 did not have matched on-T sample; g. 12 samples inadequate staining; h. 22 fresh biopsies not provided by centers, 39 < 200 ng RNA or < 30% tumor cell, 1 sample failed the quality control, 15 did not have matched BL sample; IHC: Immunohistochemistry, RNAseq: RNA Sequencing, IMC: Imaging Mass Cytometry, WES: Whole Exome Sequencing; ML: machine learning; HER3 IHC: clone SP438

HER3 expression and outcome

IHC analysis on tumor samples at baseline

HER3 membrane H-score



Non-responders (SD, PD)

Median, [IQR]; n=34

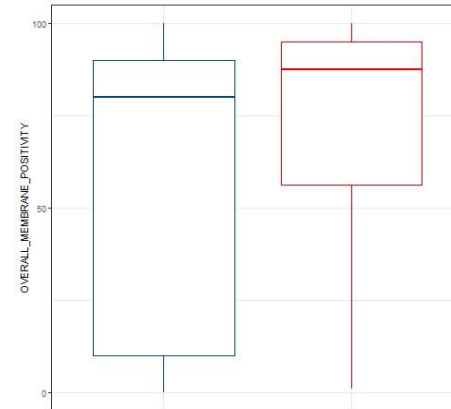
180.0 [165.0; 210.0]

Responders (CR, PR)

Median, [IQR]. n=38

185.0 [134.0; 215.0]

HER3 membrane positivity 10x



Non-responders (SD, PD)

Median, [IQR]; n=34

80.0 [16.2; 90.0]

Responders (CR, PR)

Median, [IQR]; n=38

87.5 [56.2; 95.0]

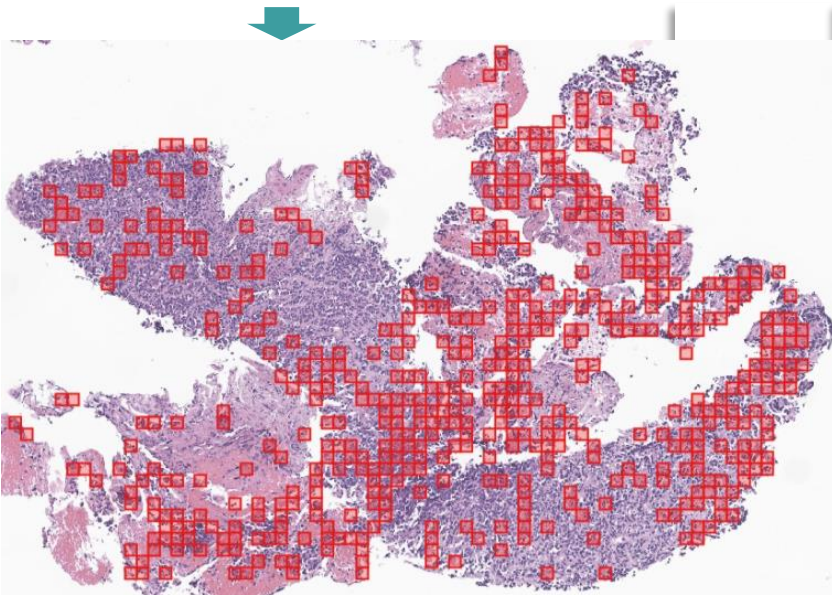
No significant difference in HER3-membrane expression between responders and non-responders

*(p-value 0.8 and 0.4, respectively with HER3 H-score and 10x membrane positivity) **

HER3 spatial distribution relative to neighboring cells and outcome

AI-digital pathology analysis on tumor samples at baseline

1. HER3 (DAB) stained slides overlapped with H&E slide



Tumors containing a higher proportion of clusters 0 had a higher likelihood of responding to the treatment

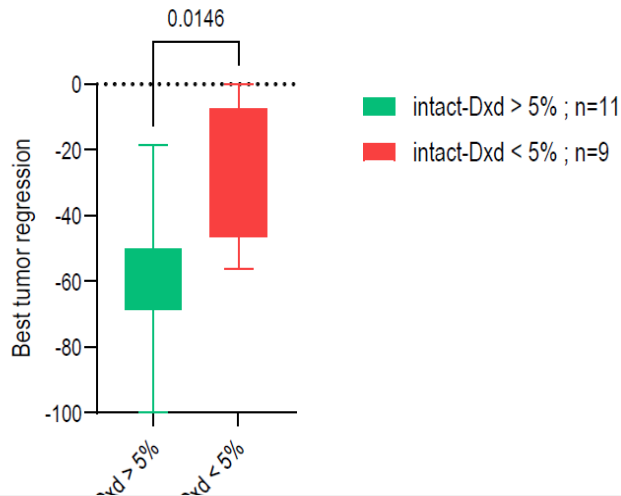
(OR:1.53, p-value: 0.04)*

Cluster 0: areas containing a moderate number of HER3-positive cells, surrounded by connective tissue, with few immune cells and no necrotic areas

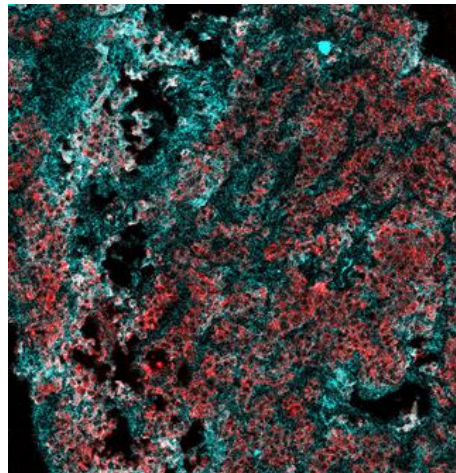
HER3-DXd distribution and treatment response

Imaging Mass Cytometry on tumor samples on-treatment

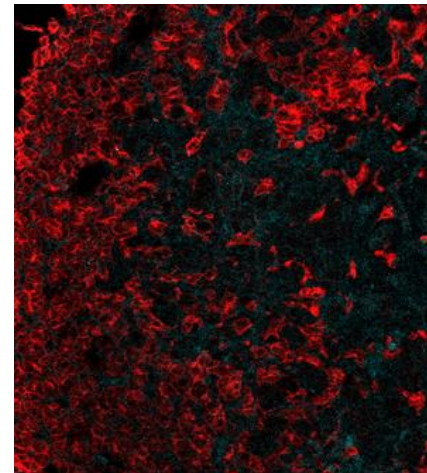
Tumor shrinkage/HER3-DXd-positive cells



HER3-DXd staining > 5% of tumor cells at C1D3; Tumor shrinkage: -52.5%



HER3-DXd staining < 5% of tumor cells at C1D3; Tumor shrinkage: -26.0%



Greater tumor shrinkage in patients with HER3-DXd-positive cells > 5% (n=11) compared to HER3-DXd-positive cells < 5% (n=9) at Cycle 1 Day 3 (t-test, *p*-value 0.0146)

Results to be interpreted with cautions due to the small sample size

Genomic alterations and treatment response

WES on 43 tumor samples at baseline: 73 genes of interest (selected before the study initiation)



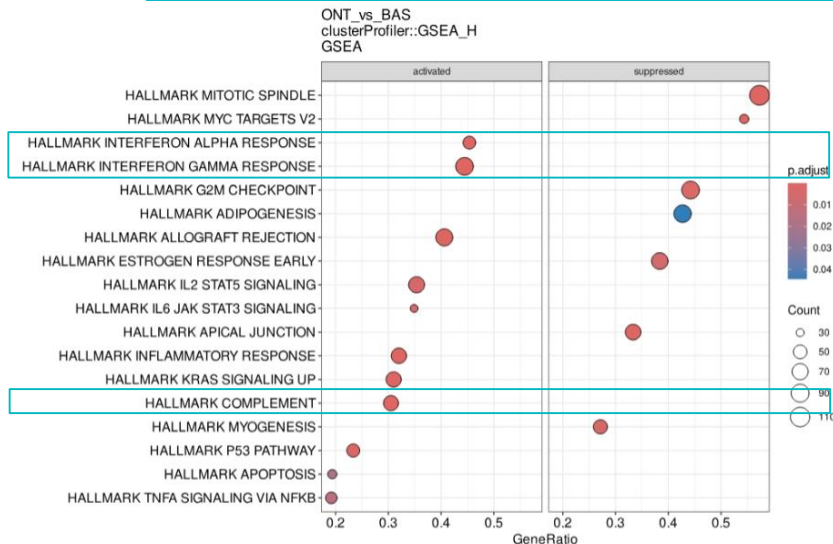
Gene alterations	Responders (CR, PR) n= 26 (%)	Non-responders (PD, SD) n=17 (%)
TP53	14 (53.8)	5 (29.4)
PIK3CA	10 (38.5)	3 (17.6)
ESR1	6 (23.1)	9 (52.9)
ERBB3	3 (11.5)	1 (5.9)

43 frozen tumor biopsies at baseline were analyzed for WES. Forty-three blood samples were used as germline control. Overall, at baseline, 15 fresh biopsies were either not collected or not provided by the participating centers, 28 were excluded due to < 200 ng DNA or < 10% tumor cell and 13 failed the quality control. Point muts. and indels were identified with Mutect2 following best practices while CNAs were called with FACETS.

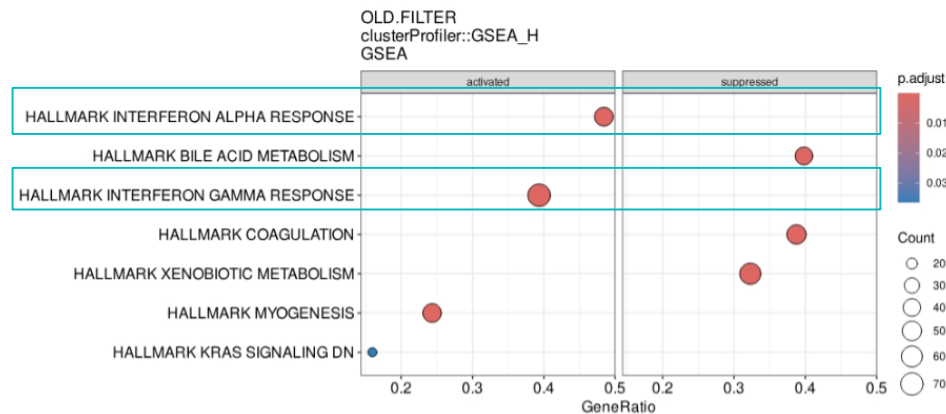
Gene expression modulation by HER3-DXd

- 22 pairs of baseline/on-treatment biopsies from all analyzable samples
- Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) using the Gene Sets “Hallmarks”*

Regardless of treatment response (n=22)



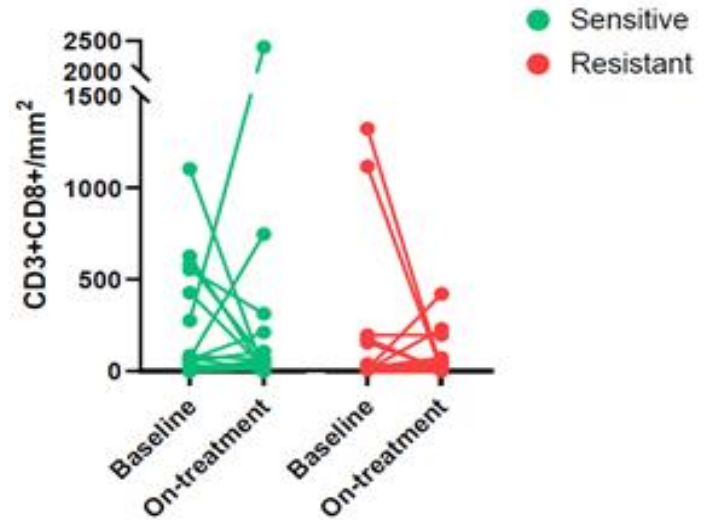
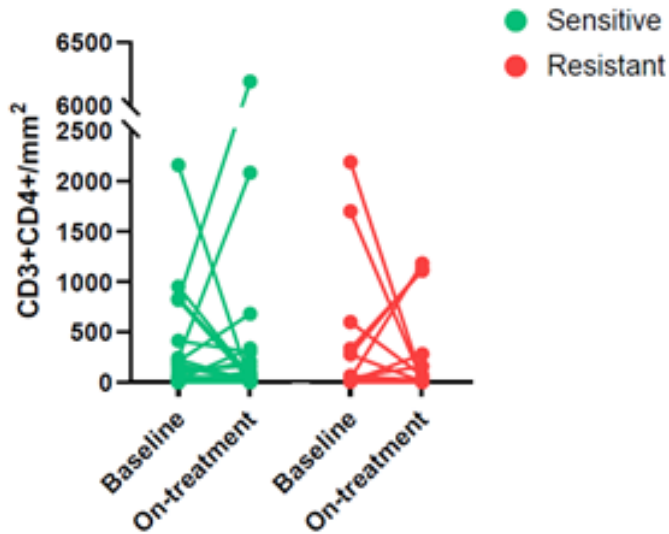
Responders (n=14)



Up-regulation of pathways involved in immune response, interferon alpha and gamma and complement signaling, enriched in the whole cohort and in responders (*adj p-value* ≤ 0.05)

Immune-modulation of TME

Imaging Mass Cytometry on tumor samples at baseline and on-treatment



IMC analysis on paired tumor samples at baseline and on-treatment showed a notable T-cell expansion and activation (increase of CD4+, CD8+, CD8+GzmB+ and CD8+CD107a+) at C1D3 in two patients who responded to the treatment

Conclusion and perspectives

- HER3-DXd showed clinically meaningful activity and manageable safety profile in patients with HR+/HER2- ABC progressing after 2 or more lines of therapy, including CDK4/6inh:
ORR 53.5% [95%CI, 43.2; 63.6]; mDoR 8.7 [8.1; 12.5]; mPFS 9.4 mos [95%CI 8.1; 13.4]
- Activity of HER3-DXd was observed **across a range of tumor HER3 and HER2 membrane expression by IHC**
- Although with the limitations of the small sample size, exploratory biomarker analysis suggest that:
 - distribution of HER3-DXd in the tumor may play a role in determining a better treatment response
 - up-regulation of genes involved in immune response, particularly interferon alpha and gamma were significantly enriched in the entire cohort and among responders
- **Efficacy and safety profile of HER3-DXd make this ADC an optimal candidate for further larger trials in patients with HR+/HER2- ABC after failure of CDK4/6 inhibitors**

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