

# **Biosimilars in Oncology and Hematology: A Brave New World of Cancer Treatment**

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## **How Do We Incorporate Biosimilars into Breast Cancer Care?**

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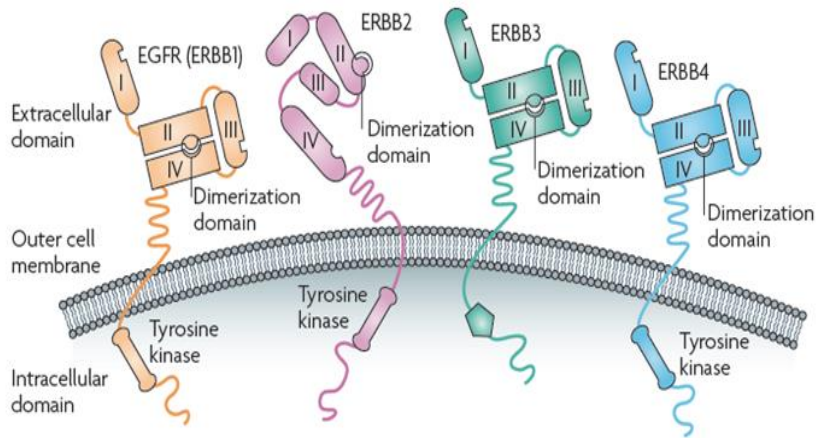
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# Outline

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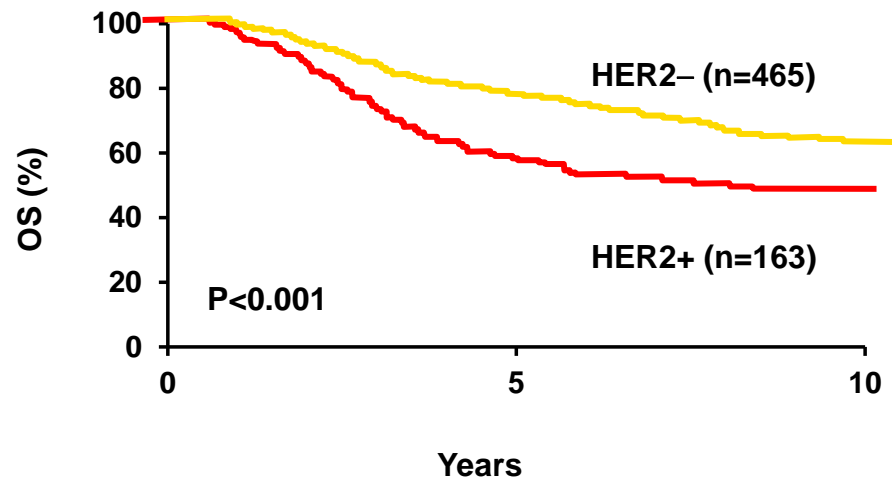
- Introduction (HER2, Trastuzumab)
- Biosimilars currently in development for the treatment of breast cancer
- Extrapolation between different indications

# EGF Receptor Family



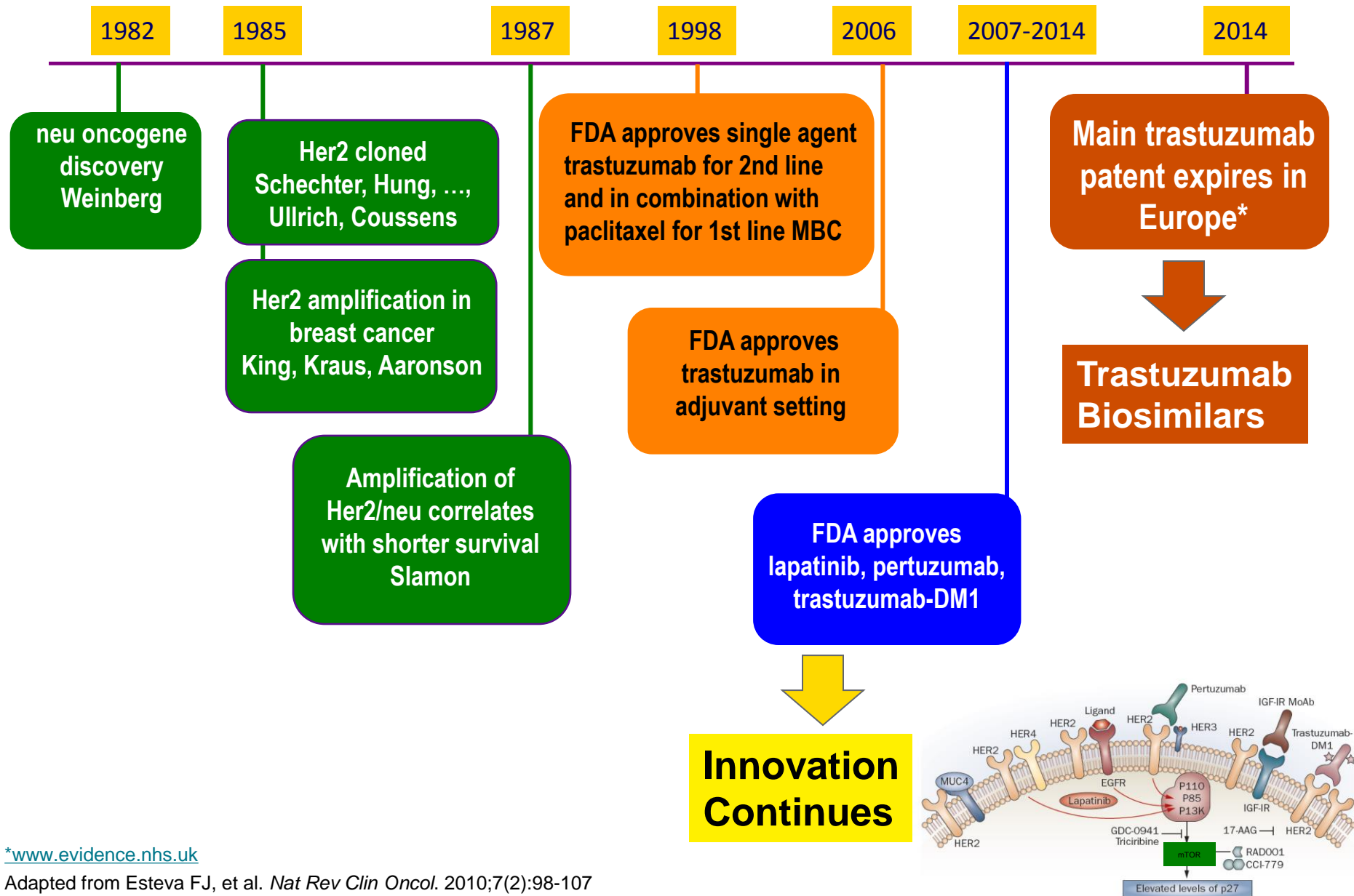
Baselga & Swain. Nat Rev Cancer 2009;9:463-75

## Worse Survival of Patients With HER2+ Primary Breast Cancer



Adapted from Pritchard et al. N Engl J Med 2006;354:2103

# Milestones of HER2 Targeted Therapy in Breast Cancer



\*[www.evidence.nhs.uk](http://www.evidence.nhs.uk)

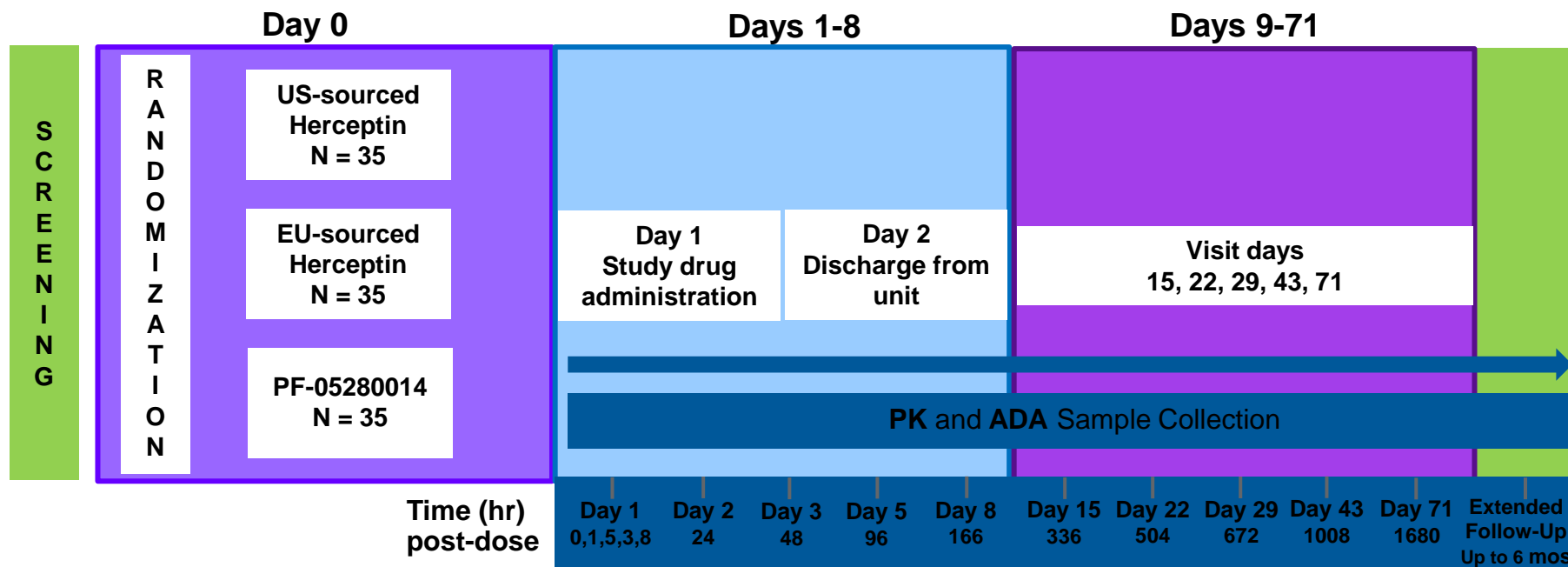
# Trastuzumab biosimilars in late phase clinical development for breast cancer

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Company name	Product name	Stage of development
Pfizer, USA	PF-05280014	Phase III trial ongoing
Celltrion, South Korea	CT-P6	Marketed in South Korea for metastatic breast cancer, following approval in Jan 2014 (Herzuma). Phase III in early-stage breast cancer ongoing
Amgen, USA	ABP-980	Phase III trial ongoing
Biocad, Russia	BCD-022	Phase III trial ongoing

# A Phase I Pharmacokinetics Trial Comparing PF-05280014 and Herceptin® in Healthy Volunteers

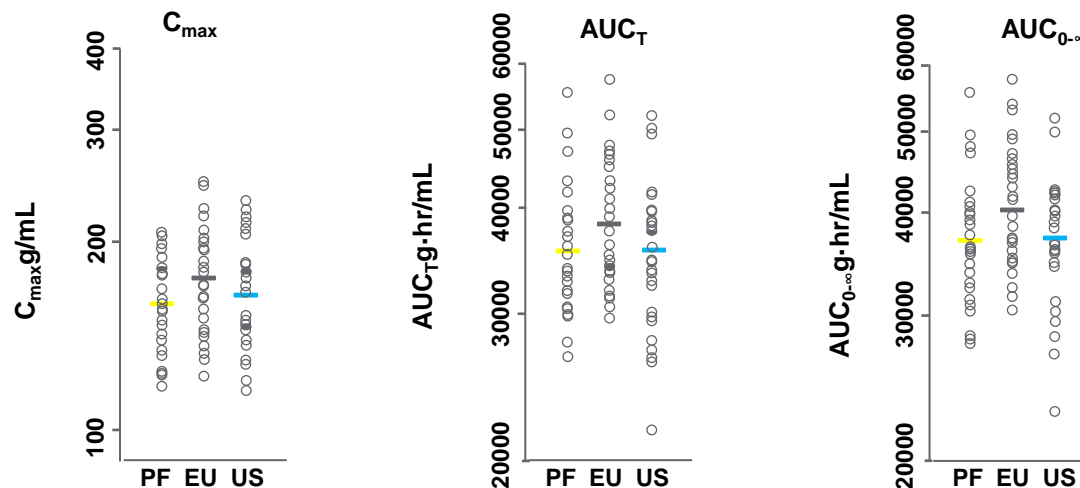
- In this double-blind, randomized, 3-arm trial, 105 healthy male volunteers aged 18-55 were randomized to receive a single 6 mg/kg dose of **PF-05280014**, **Herceptin-US**, or **Herceptin-EU**



- Primary endpoints
  - Maximum serum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) of the administered mAb
  - Area under the serum concentration-time curve (AUC) from time 0 to the last time point with measurable concentration of the administered mAb ( $AUC_T$ )

# PF-05280014 Phase I: Pharmacokinetics

Individual and Mean Estimates of  $C_{\max}$ ,  $AUC_T$ , and  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  of PF-05280014, Herceptin®-EU, and Herceptin®-US



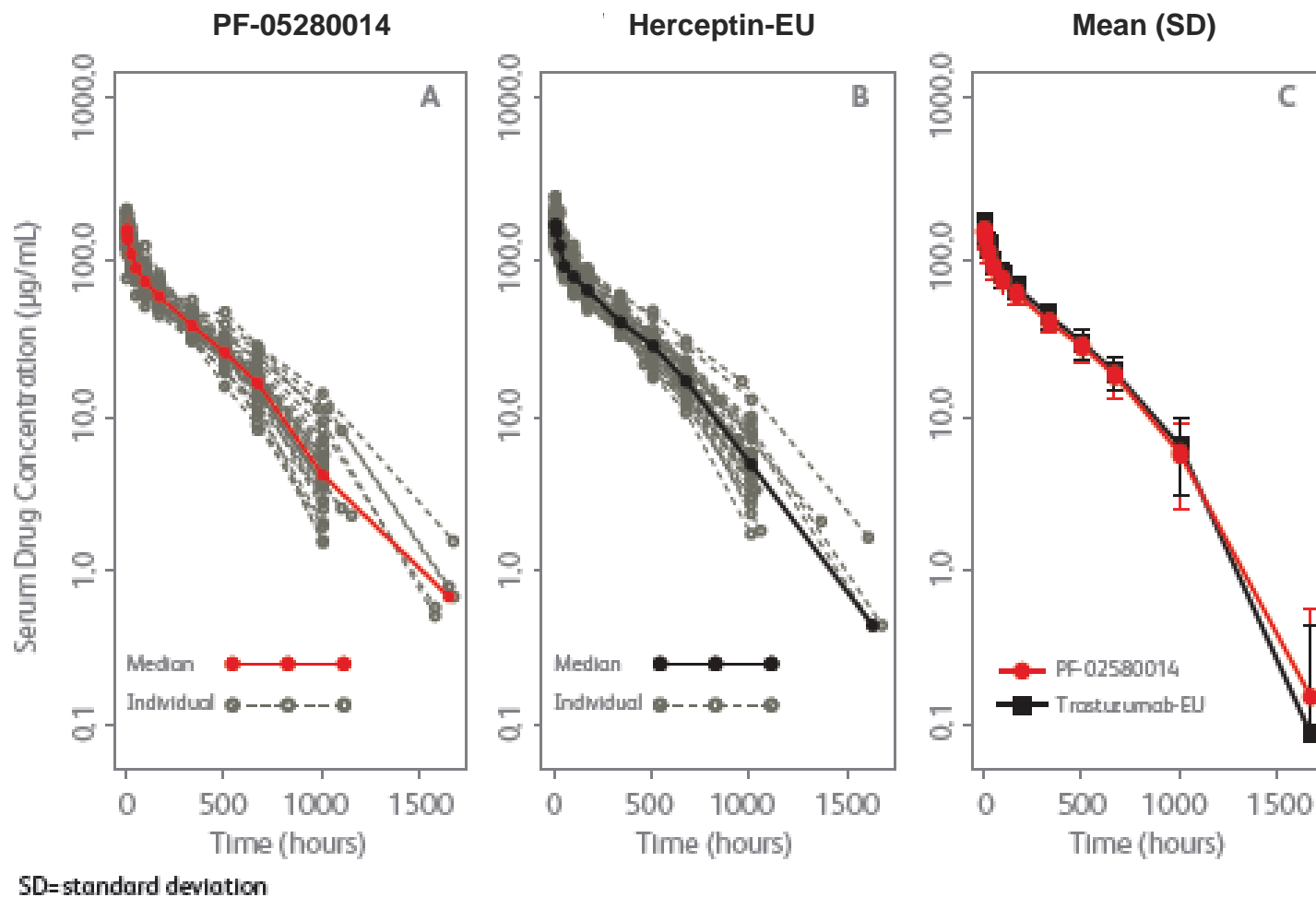
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ , area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 extrapolated to infinite time;  $AUC_T$ , area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 to last measurable administered monoclonal antibody;  $C_{\max}$ , maximum serum concentration; EU, trastuzumab EU; PF, PF-05280014; US, trastuzumab-US

## Statistical Comparison of PK Exposure Parameters Between Test and Reference Products

Test	Reference	Parameter*	Geometric Mean		Ratio, %†	90% CI, %
			Test	Reference		
PF-05280014	Trastuzumab-US	$C_{\max}$	157	161	97.41	90.71-104.62
		$AUC_T$	35210	35230	99.94	93.08-107.31
		$AUC_{0-\infty}$	36650	36710	99.83	93.06-107.09
PF-05280014	Trastuzumab-EU	$C_{\max}$	157	171	91.49	85.32-98.09
		$AUC_T$	35210	38000	92.66	86.44-99.34
		$AUC_{0-\infty}$	36650	39770	92.15	86.03-98.69
Trastuzumab-EU	Trastuzumab-US	$C_{\max}$	171	161	106.48	99.20-114.30
		$AUC_T$	38000	35230	107.85	100.50-115.75
		$AUC_{0-\infty}$	39770	36710	108.34	101.05-116.16

\* $C_{\max}$ ,  $AUC_T$  and  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  were in units of g/mL, g-hr/mL, respectively. †Test/reference ratio of adjusted geometric means.

# PF-05280014 Phase I: Pharmacokinetics





# PF-05280014 Phase I Safety

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Regardless of Causality Occurring in ≥5% of Total Subjects (Modified ITT Population)

	PF-05280014 n = 35	Herceptin®-EU n = 35	Herceptin®-US n = 35
Subjects with any AE n (%)	28 (80.0)	29 (82.9)	29 (82.9)
Eye disorders, n (%)			
Conjunctival hyperemia	4 (11.4)	1 (2.9)	2 (5.7)
Gastrointestinal disorders, n (%)			
Diarrhea	3 (8.6)	2 (5.7)	1 (2.9)
Nausea	5 (14.3)	5 (14.3)	3 (8.6)
General disorders and administration site conditions, n (%)			
Pyrexia	10 (28.6)	3 (8.6)	2 (5.7)
Chills	9 (25.7)	7 (20.0)	5 (14.3)
Fatigue	3 (8.6)	3 (8.6)	3 (8.6)
Infections and infestations, n (%)			
Nasopharyngitis	3 (8.6)	3 (8.6)	2 (5.7)
Pharyngitis	1 (2.9)	4 (11.4)	2 (5.7)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications, n (%)			
Infusion-related	13 (37.1)	10 (28.6)	7 (20.0)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders, n (%)			
Myalgia	2 (5.7)	2 (5.7)	2 (5.7)
Nervous system disorders, n (%)			
Headache	10 (28.6)	12 (34.3)	8 (22.9)
Dizziness	1 (2.9)	4 (11.4)	2 (5.7)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders, n (%)			
Cough	1 (2.9)	4 (11.4)	1 (2.9)

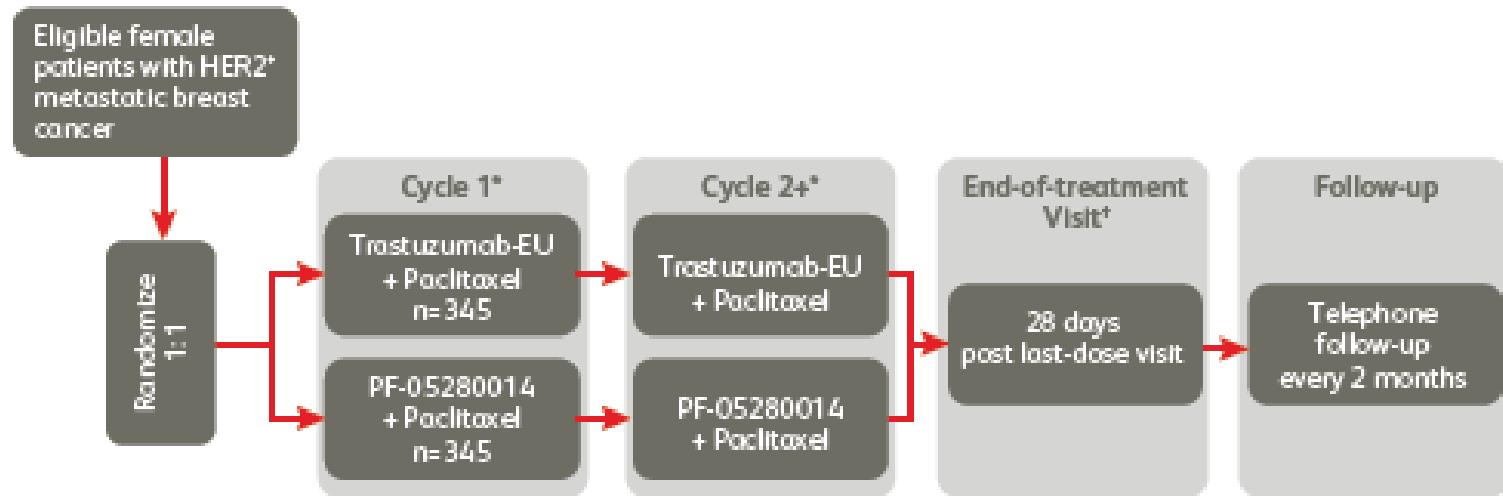
# PF-05280014 Phase I trial

## Summary of Results

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- Similarity in terms of pharmacokinetic properties for PF-05280014 compared to both Herceptin<sup>®</sup> sourced from the US and Herceptin<sup>®</sup> sourced from the EU, and of trastuzumab-US compared to trastuzumab-EU for a single intravenous administration of the drugs.
- Equivalent pharmacokinetic properties
  - Maximum observed serum concentration ( $C_{\max}$ )
  - Area under the curve (AUC) from day 1 to day 71
- The three study drugs showed similar immunogenicity and safety profiles.

# A Study of PF-05280014 [Trastuzumab-Pfizer] or Herceptin®-EU plus Paclitaxel in HER2 Positive First Line Metastatic Breast Cancer Treatment (REFLECTIONS B327-02)



*Cycle Day	1	8	15	22
Trastuzumab or PF-05280014	X	X	X	X
Paclitaxel	X	X	X	

690 patients (345/arm)

## Dosage:

PF-05280014 or trastuzumab-EU: 4 mg/kg loading dose Cycle 1; 2 mg/kg weekly maintenance, After Week 33 or confirmed response, regimen may be changed to 6 mg/kg every 3 weeks.

Paclitaxel: 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, with provision for dose reduction, for a minimum of 6 cycles.

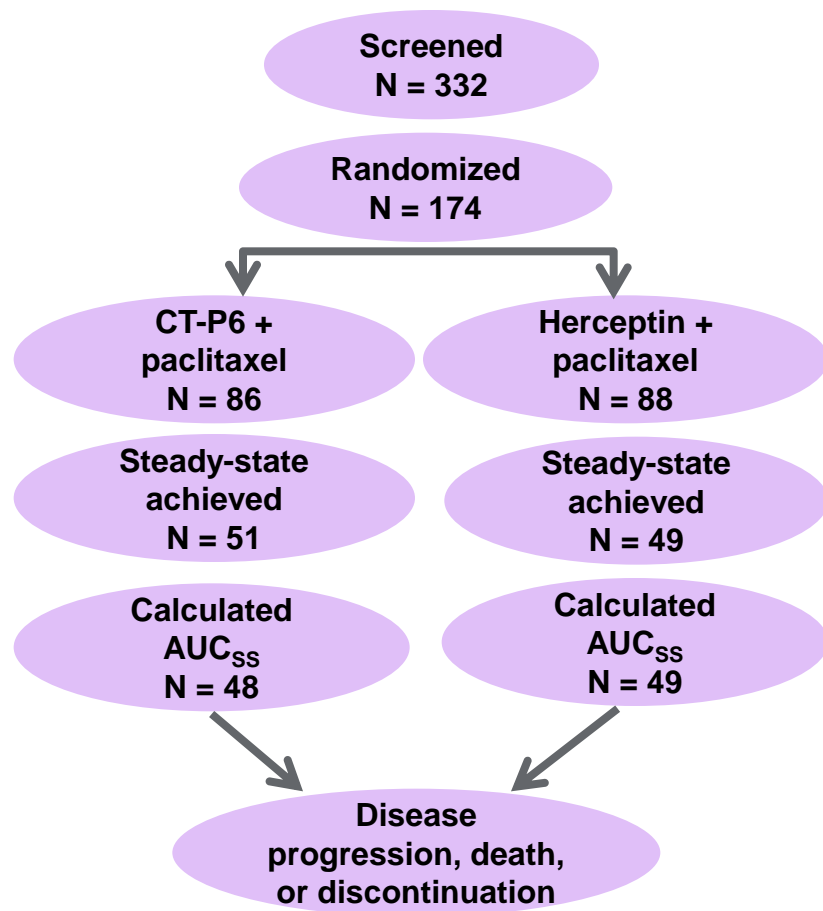
\* See Cycle Day table below study algorithm.

† Study treatment to continue until disease progression or Investigator's decision to end treatment.

HER2+=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2–positive

# Phase I/IIb Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing PK and Safety of Herceptin® and its Biosimilar CT-P6 in Metastatic Breast Cancer

- **MBC, HER2 FISH+ with measurable disease, no prior trastuzumab and CT for MBC, > than 12 months from adjuvant/ neoadjuvant trastuzumab and CT**



## Primary Endpoint:

- Area under the curve at steady state ( $AUC_{ss}$ )

## Secondary Endpoint:

- Trough concentration at steady state ( $C_{trough\ ss}$ )

## Tertiary Endpoints:

- Average concentration ( $C_{av,ss}$ )
- Minimum concentration ( $C_{min}$ )
- Maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ )
- Peak to trough fluctuation ratio (PTF)
- Clearance at steady state ( $CL_{ss}$ )
- Terminal elimination rate constant ( $\lambda_z$ )
- Mean residence time at steady state ( $MRT_{ss}$ )
- Terminal half life ( $t_{1/2}$ )
- Apparent volume of distribution at steady state ( $V_{z,ss}$ )

**Safety Objectives:** Cardiotoxicity, Infusion reaction /hypersensitivity

# Phase I/IIb Trial Comparing Herceptin® and its Biosimilar CT-P6 in MBC: Results

- **Multicenter trial: Korea, Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Serbia**

Parameter	Treatment	N	Geometric mean	% CV	Ratio (%)	90% CI	P value
AUC <sub>SS</sub> (µgh/mL)	<b>CT-P6</b>	48	32,000	43.5	104.57	93.64, 116.78	.5029
	<b>Herceptin®</b>	49	30,600	30.9			
C <sub>trough SS</sub> (µg/mL)	<b>CT-P6</b>	51	19.5	37.0	101.35	87.94, 116.82	.8754
	<b>Herceptin®</b>	49	19.2	39.6			

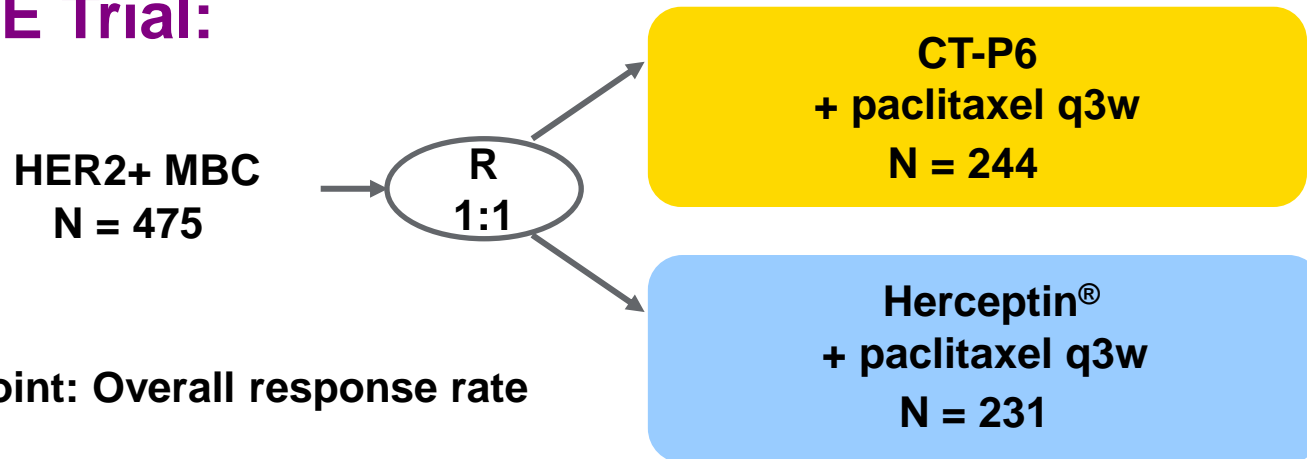
## Conclusions of the study:

- **CT-P6 demonstrated equivalent PK profile to Herceptin**
- **CT-P6 well tolerated with a comparable safety profile to Herceptin**
- **(infusion-related reaction, cardiotoxicity, and infection)**

# Double-Blind, Randomized, Parallel Group, Phase III Study to Demonstrate Equivalence in Efficacy and Safety of CT-P6/Paclitaxel vs Herceptin®/Paclitaxel in MBC

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## COMPARE Trial:



**Primary Endpoint: Overall response rate (ORR)**

### Inclusion Criteria:

- MBC with measurable lesions
- HER2 + IHC or FISH centrally confirmed
- No prior trastuzumab and/or chemo Tx in metastatic setting
- >12 months since prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant trastuzumab and/or chemo
- ECOG 0 or 1

### Exclusion Criteria:

- Prior chemo for MBC
- CNS metastases
- Baseline LVEF ≤50% or history of CHF

<b>Patient Characteristics</b>	<b>CT-P6 + Paclitaxel (n = 244)</b>	<b>Trastuzumab + Paclitaxel (n = 231)</b>
<b>Age (years)</b>		
Median (range)	54 (31-75)	53 (25-78)
≥65 years	34 (13.9)	22 (9.5)
<65 years	210 (86.1)	209 (90.5)
<b>Ethnicity, no (%)</b>		
Caucasian	158 (64.8)	141 (61.0)
Asian	86 (35.2)	90 (39.0)
<b>Prior neoadjuvant or adjuvant therapy, n (%)</b>	130 (53.3)	121 (52.4)
Trastuzumab	8 (3.3)	8 (3.5)
Taxane	33 (13.5)	31 (13.4)
Anthracycline	111 (45.5)	106 (45.9)
<b>Baseline ECOG PS score, n (%)</b>		
Score 0	128 (52.5)	116 (50.2)
Score 1	115 (47.1)	115 (49.8)
<b>Disease status</b>		
Initial metastatic	90 (36.9)	84 (36.4)
Recurrence	154 (63.1)	147 (63.6)
<b>Disease-free interval, months (range)</b>	23.8 (0.9-148.2)	20 (0.5-384.9)

# Safety

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	CT-P6 + Paclitaxel		Herceptin <sup>®</sup> + Paclitaxel		<i>P</i> value	
	All	≥G3	All	≥G3	All	≥G3
Total serious adverse events	33	28	28	24	.6477	.7048
All adverse events	224	110	214	107	.7336	.7865
Hematologic events						
Anemia	187	10	180	4	.7388	.1274
Neutropenia	142	81	140	82	.5931	.5975

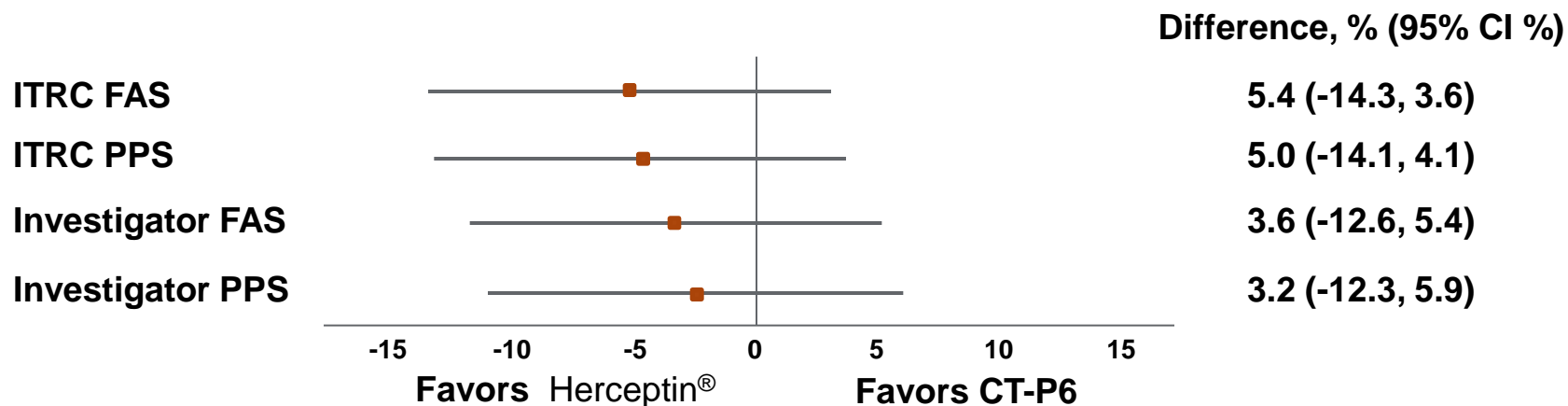


# Nonhematologic Adverse Events

	CT-P6 + Paclitaxel		Trastuzumab + Paclitaxel		P Value	
	All	≥G3	All	≥G3	All	≥G3
Cardiotoxicity	15	6	14	3	.9684	.3539
Hypersensitivity	118	11	127	11	.1492	.8954
Peripheral neuropathy						
Sensorimotor	4	3	5	1	.6748	.3423
Sensory	48	7	50	4	.5954	.4101
Unspecified	63	14	56	13	.6917	.9587
Nausea / Vomiting	48	2	44	2	.8633	.9561
Fatigue and/or Asthenia	73	5	63	3	.5238	.5252
Diarrhea	34	1	41	1	.2545	.9690
Stomatitis	14	0	16	0	.5945	NE
Alopecia	122	0	127	3	.2775	.0741
Myalgia	47	1	52	2	.3836	.5307
Pain in extremity	22	2	29	6	.2132	.1323
Arthralgia	21	0	30	0	.1232	NE
Infections	57	10	46	8	0.3622	.7171

# Compare: Overall Response Rate

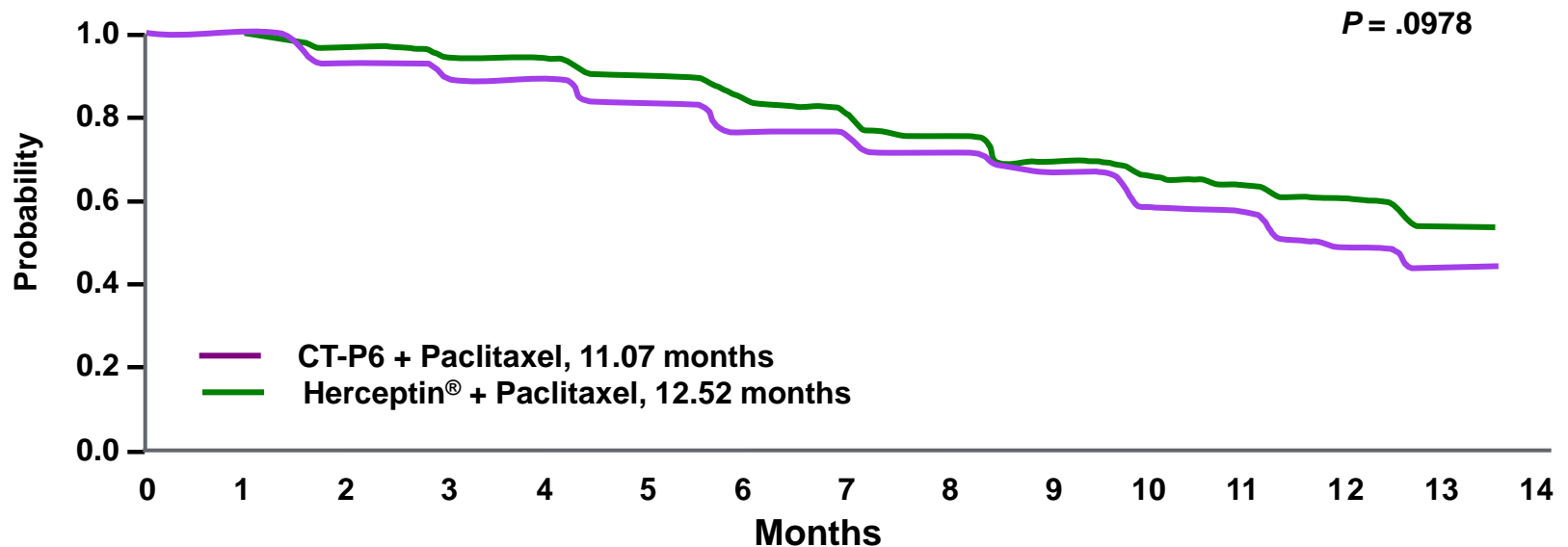
	ITRC		Investigator	
	CT-P6 + Paclitaxel (n = 244)	Herceptin® + Paclitaxel (n = 231)	CT-P6 + Paclitaxel (n = 244)	Herceptin® + Paclitaxel (n = 231)
Complete response	9 (3.7%)	4 (1.7%)	12 (4.9%)	6 (2.6%)
Partial response	129 (52.9%)	139 (60.2%)	146 (59.8%)	152 (65.8%)
Stable disease	49 (20.1%)	38 (16.5%)	61 (25.0%)	56 (24.2%)
Overall response rate	138 (56.6%)	143 (61.9%)	158 (64.8%)	158 (68.4%)
Difference, % [95% CI]	5.4 [-14.3, 3.6]		3.6 [-12.6, 5.4]	



FAS, Full analysis set; PPS, per protocol patient set  
 Difference in proportion of complete response or partial response. Confidence interval estimated using the exact method.

# Compare: Time to Progression

Time to progression in the responder group by independent review committee (full analysis set, 1 year data)



- **Safety**

- CT-P6 was well tolerated with a safety profile comparable to Herceptin
- No immunogenicity data available

# CT-P6 in Metastatic Breast Cancer

## Summary of Results

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CT-P6 (trastuzumab biosimilar) is similar to Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in terms of pharmacokinetic properties, safety and efficacy

# What is the most “Sensitive and Homogenous Population” in Breast Cancer?

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- Biosimilar monoclonal antibodies should be studied in the population of patients in whom, *if there is a difference between the biosimilar and the reference product*, that difference will most easily be detected.
- This population will vary for each antibody and each disease in which the antibody is used
  - **With biosimilar trastuzumab, the most sensitive population is early-stage breast cancer in the neoadjuvant setting**

# The neoadjuvant setting is the most sensitive population to study similarity of Herceptin® and Trastuzumab biosimilar

Topic	Metastatic Population	Neoadjuvant population
PK	✗ Affected by patient's health status & tumor burden	✓ Homogeneous population can be selected ✗ Variability is also observed
PD	✗ Clinically validated PD marker not available	
Clinical efficacy/safety	✗ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difficult to select homogeneous group</li><li>• Need to control and stratify for multiple factors (e.g., prior use of chemotherapy, performance status)</li><li>• Population with heterogeneous characteristics affecting final clinical outcome</li></ul>	✓ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Populations less likely to be confounded by baseline characteristics and external factors</li><li>• Sub-group of patients with higher responses could be identified (eg, hormone-receptor negative patients)</li></ul>
Immunogenicity	✗ Immune system affected by performance status and concomitant chemotherapies received	✓ Immune system impaired during chemotherapy cycles, but likely to recover to normal status thereafter

# Phase III Trials of Neoadjuvant Trastuzumab Biosimilars in Early-Stage Breast Cancer

	<b>SB-3 (Samsung Bioepis)</b>	<b>ABP-980 (Amgen)</b>	<b>CT-P6 (Celltrion)</b>
<b>Trial identifier</b>	NCT02149524	NCT01901146	NCT02162667
<b>Trial design</b>	Randomized double-blind	Randomized double-blind	Randomized double-blind
<b>Comparator</b>	Herceptin®	Herceptin®	Herceptin®
<b>Disease</b>	EBC	EBC	EBC
<b>Chemo</b>	?	Epirubicin, Cyclophosphamide, Paclitaxel	docetaxel followed by FEC (5-fluorouracil, epirubicin and cyclophosphamide)
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	pCR (breast)	pCR (breast)	pCR (breast/LN)
<b>No of pts</b>	498	556	532
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing	Ongoing	Planning to start in 2014

# Is Extrapolation across Indications Possible using Trastuzumab Biosimilars?

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**Trastuzumab is used in different ways across tumor types and disease settings**

- In combination with different chemotherapies, Pertuzumab, hormonal therapies, and as single agent (maintenance)
- Neoadjuvant and adjuvant Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in breast cancer
- Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in metastatic breast cancer
- Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in metastatic gastric cancer



# Challenges to Incorporate Trastuzumab Biosimilars into Breast Cancer Care

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- Residual uncertainties and differences
- Lack of reliable disease and product specific PD markers and complex non-linear pharmacokinetics
- Conflicting and inconsistent historical clinical data with the reference product (e.g., variable ORR or pCR rates with Herceptin)
- Extrapolation issues
  - Regulatory and prescribers' hesitation
  - Difficulties in extrapolation of safety and long-term immunogenicity
- Operational execution of global clinical studies

# Conclusions

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- Biosimilar  $\neq$  Identical
- Phase III randomized trials of trastuzumab biosimilars are ongoing (global studies)
- Incorporation of trastuzumab biosimilars into breast cancer care will require equivalence trials in the metastatic and early-stage settings
- The neoadjuvant setting provides the most sensitive and homogeneous population
- How trastuzumab biosimilars are tested in clinical trials will determine how they are used in the clinic



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