Neratinib after trastuzumab-based adjuvant therapy in early-stage HER2+ breast cancer: 5-year analysis of the phase III ExteNET trial

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Background

- Adjuvant trastuzumab added to standard chemotherapy significantly improves overall survival in women with early HER2+ breast cancer¹⁻³
- Despite the use of trastuzumab-based therapy, 15 to 24% of patients have breast cancer recurrences after a median of 8 to 11 years^{1,3}
- New adjuvant therapeutic options are therefore needed in this population

¹Perez et al. J Clin Oncol 2014 ²Slamon et al. NEJM 2011 ³Cameron et al. Lancet 2017

ExteNET: study design

- HER2+ breast cancer
 - IHC 3+ or ISH amplified (locally determined)
 - Prior adjuvant trastuzumab + chemotherapy
 - Lymph node +/-, or residual invasive disease after neoadjuvant therapy
- **Stratified by:** nodal status, hormone receptor status, concurrent *vs* sequential trastuzumab



Primary endpoint: invasive disease-free survival (iDFS)

Secondary endpoints: DFS-DCIS, time to distant recurrence, distant DFS, CNS recurrences, OS, safety

Other analyses: biomarkers, health outcome assessments (FACT-B, EQ-5D)

Endocrine adjuvant therapy given to patients with HR-positive tumors according to local practice

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ExteNET: study analysis

Part A (Primary analysis)

- 2-year analysis for all efficacy endpoints in ITT, except overall survival
- 2-year iDFS rate 93.9% for neratinib vs 91.6% for placebo (HR 0.67, P=0.0091)¹
- Performed in July 2014

Part B

- Descriptive 5-year analysis for all efficacy endpoints, except overall survival
- Analysis population: intention-to-treat
- Performed in March 2017

Part C

• Overall survival to be analyzed after 248 deaths; sponsor blinded until that time

ExteNET: results

- Between July 2009 and October 2011, 2840 women were randomly assigned to study treatment (neratinib, n=1420; placebo, n=1420)
 - At the cut-off date, 2117 patients (76.0%) had re-consented to the collection of further data (neratinib, n=1028; placebo, n=1089)

5-year analysis: baseline characteristics

	Intent-to-treat population		Re-consented population	
	Neratinib (n=1420)	Placebo (n=1420)	Neratinib (n=1028)	Placebo (n=1089)
Median age, years (range)	52 (25–83)	52 (23–82)	52 (25–83)	53 (24–81)
Nodal status, n (%) ^a Negative 1–3 positive nodes 4+ positive nodes	335 (24) 664 (47) 421 (30)	336 (24) 664 (47) 420 (30)	216 (21) 506 (49) 306 (30)	261 (24) 510 (47) 318 (29)
Hormone receptor status, n (%) ^a Positive Negative	816 (57) 604 (43)	815 (57) 605 (43)	603 (59) 425 (41)	615 (57) 474 (44)
Prior trastuzumab regimen, n (%)ª Concurrent Sequential	884 (62) 536 (38)	886 (62) 534 (38)	621 (60) 407 (40)	671 (62) 418 (38)
Median (IQR) time from trastuzumab, months	4.4 (1.6–10.4)	4.6 (1.5–10.8)	4.5 (1.7–10.4)	4.3 (1.5–10.7)

5-year analysis: iDFS events by site

Event site	Neratinib (n=1420)	Placebo (n=1420)
Any iDFS event, n (%)	116 (8.2)	163 (11.5)
Distant recurrence	91 (6.4)	111 (7.8)
Local/regional invasive recurrence	12 (0.8)	35 (2.5)
Invasive ipsilateral breast cancer recurrence	5 (0.4)	7 (0.5)
Invasive contralateral breast cancer	4 (0.3)	11 (0.8)
Death without prior recurrence	4 (0.3)	5 (0.4)

Intention-to-treat population. Cut-off date: March 1, 2017

5-year analysis: iDFS



Intention-to-treat population. Cut-off date: March 1, 2017

5-year analysis: by endpoint

	Estimated event-free rate, ^a %			
Endpoint	Neratinib (n=1420)	Placebo (n=1420)	Hazard ratio ^b (95% CI)	P value ^b (2-sided)
Invasive disease-free survival	90.2	87.7	0.73 (0.57–0.92)	0.008
Disease-free survival with DCIS	89.7	86.8	0.71 (0.56–0.89)	0.004
Distant disease-free survival	91.6	89.9	0.78 (0.60–1.01)	0.065
Time to distant recurrence	91.8	90.3	0.79 (0.60–1.03)	0.078
CNS recurrences	1.30	1.82	-	0.333 ^c

Intention-to-treat population. Cut-off date: March 1, 2017

Cl, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; DCIS, ductal carcinoma in situ

^aEvent-free rates for all endpoints, except CNS recurrences which is reported as cumulative incidence

^bStratified by randomization factors

^cGray's method

5-year subgroup analysis: iDFS



Intention-to-treat population

*Most (>93%) of patients with HR-positive tumors received concurrent endocrine therapy

5-year subgroup analysis: iDFS (cont'd)

Subgroup	No. of patients	Hazard ratio (95% CI) Ne	No. of events ratinib vs. Placebo	HR (95% CI)
Race				
Asian	385	⊢ i	14 vs. 26	0.55 (0.28-1.04)
White	2300	⊢	99 vs. 130	0.77 (0.59–1.00)
Black or other	155		3 vs. 7	0.61 (0.13-2.21)
T-stage at diagnosis				
T1	899		20 vs. 25	0.88 (0.48–1.57)
T2	1140		45 vs. 69	0.63 (0.43–0.92)
T3 and above	261		15 vs. 18	0.69 (0.34–1.37)
Unknown	540		36 vs. 51	0.83 (0.54–1.27)
Histology grade				
Well/Moderately differentiate	d 1018		41 vs. 48	0.78 (0.51–1.18)
Poor/Undifferentiated	1368		56 vs. 86	0.69 (0.49–0.97)
Unknown	454		19 vs. 29	0.81 (0.45–1.44)
Surgery type				
Lumpectomy only	979	├ ── ─ ─	26 vs. 46	0.63 (0.39–1.02)
Mastectomy	1859	┝──╋──┤	90 vs. 117	0.76 (0.58–1.00)
Prior radiotherapy				
Yes	2280		96 vs. 137	0.73 (0.56–0.94)
No	560		20 vs. 26	0.78 (0.43–1.39)
Prior neo-adjuvant therapy				
Yes	721		48 vs. 69	0.78 (0.54–1.13)
No	2119	₽	68 vs. 94	0.73 (0.53–0.99)
Completion of prior trastuzumab				
≤1 year	2297		99 vs. 145	0.70 (0.54–0.90)
>1 year	543		17 vs. 18	1.00 (0.51–1.94)
		Neratinib better Placebo better		

Intention-to-treat population

iDFS by hormone receptor status



ExteNET: long-term safety and HRQoL

- Serious adverse events reported after treatment discontinuation showed no evidence of:
 - Long-term toxicity, specifically increased symptomatic cardiac toxicity or second primary malignancies, with neratinib versus placebo
 - Late-term consequences from neratinib-associated diarrhea
- ExteNET HRQoL data will be presented as a separate poster¹
 - Transient HRQoL impairment with neratinib during the first month of treatment was observed, possibly due to treatment-related diarrhea, followed by a steady recovery towards baseline

ExteNET: conclusions

- The 5-year analysis of the ExteNET trial confirms sustained benefit with extended adjuvant neratinib:
 - 2.5% absolute benefit in intent-to-treat population (HR=0.73; P=0.008)
 - 4.4% absolute benefit in HR-positive cohort (HR=0.60; *P*=0.002)
- No evidence of long-term toxicity (i.e. no increased symptomatic cardiac toxicity or second primary malignancies) with neratinib versus placebo or late-term consequences from neratinib-associated diarrhea
- Overall survival data expected to mature in 2019

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