



Management of HER 2 low Metastatic Breast Cancer – When to introduce Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

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Case Presentation

- 37 yo premenopausal female with no significant past medical history is diagnosed (June 2017) with R IDC ER+/PR+/HER 2 2+ (FISH positive) T2N0M0 s/p NAC with FEC x 3 and TPH x 3 + Goserelin acetate (Nov 2017 – March 2018).
- Underwent bilateral mastectomies and SLNB (R) and immediate implant-based reconstruction with placement of bilateral tissue expanders.
- Final pathology showed ypT1cN0Mn/a R sided residual IDC 1.3 cm with –ve SLNB (ER+/PR+/HER 2 2+ FISH +).
- HP + AI + Goserelin acetate (May 2018-July 2018).
- April 2022: She noticed an enlarged soft tissue mass on her upper chest; biopsy proven to be ER+/PR+/HER 2 –ve MBC.
- BRCA negative.

PATHOLOGY Sept 2017:

RIGHT BREAST AT 10 O'CLOCK:

INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA,
moderately differentiated, Nottingham
Grade 2,

(3+2+1=6), 1.0 cm in greatest linear
microscopic dimension.

Estrogen receptor (SP1)

POSITIVE (> 50%)

Progesterone receptor (1E2)

POSITIVE (> 50%)

HER-2/neu (4B5)

HER2 amplification Positive

HER2/CEP17 ratio =4.34

Average HER2 copy number =8.08

Average CEP17 copy number =1.86

PATHOLOGY April 2018:

RIGHT BREAST MASTECTOMY (SHORT
STITCH SUPERIOR, LONG LATERAL):

Residual INVASIVE DUCTAL
CARCINOMA, 1.3 cm in largest
dimension.

AJCC (7th Edition) Classification: ypT1c
N0 (sn) Mn/a

pT1c Tumor >10 mm but ≤20 mm
in greatest dimension

ER Positive

PR Positive

HER2 2+

HER2 FISH is positive (Ratio: 4.34)

PATHOLOGY April 2022:

SUB-CLAVIAN MASS BIOPSY:

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

E-CADHERIN POSITIVE

ER (SP1) POSITIVE (>50%)

PR (1E2) NEGATIVE (<1%)

HER2 (4B5) EQUIVOCAL (2+)

**RESULT: HER2 NOT AMPLIFIED (NEGATIVE)
by FISH studies**

**Group 5 (HER2/CEP17 ratio <2.0 and HER2
signals/cell <4.0).**

**HER2/chromosome enumeration probe 17
(CEP17) ratio = 1.2**

**Average number of HER2 signals per cell =
2.2**

Number of scored nuclei = 50

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- Started on Palbociclib + AI June 2022. XRT June 2022 – Aug 2022
- October 2023: Progression on CT chest, ESR1 mutation on Guardant360. Switched to Elacestrant 345 mg daily
- February 2024: Worsening metastases to BL lungs, liver, bones. MRI brain with supra and infratentorial CNS mets.
- Started on Gemcitabine/Paclitaxel q3 weeks (received 2 cycles only due to recurrent hospitalizations for CAP/pneumonitis).
- CT C/A/P April 2024 with worsening progression
→ **Trastuzumab Deruxtecan started**



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- Mixed response on surveillance imaging in July 2024. MRIs obtained in Oct 2024 to further characterize bone lesions showed clear progression (9 cycles later).

Q → Would you have started HER 2 targeted therapy earlier?

- She developed binocular diplopia, R full facial paralysis, partial CN III palsy (L eye), CN VI palsy on the R eye, R CN VII palsy (Nov 2024).
- MRI brain:
 - 1.Interval progression of metastatic disease with increased size and number of previously seen enhancing metastatic supratentorial and posterior fossa lesions. No evidence of significant vasogenic edema or mass effect.
 - 2.New lesions in the right dorsal pons causing partial effacement of the fourth ventricle.
 - 3.Extensive new intra-axial and leptomeningeal deposits in the bilateral cerebellum.

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- She completed C4/4 HD MTX and proceeded afterwards with proton craniospinal irradiation.
- Repeat MRI brain after HD MTX showed an increase in the volume of the numerous supra and infratentorial metastases.
- She also has a new PIK3A mutation on new liquid Guardant 360 testing making her a candidate for Alpelisib after completion of RT.

Q → *Thoughts on next step in management plan?*

Thank you

