

STUDY DESIGN OF THE NON-INTERVENTIONAL STUDY TRACE IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

TUCATINIB IN PATIENTS WITH LOCALLY ADVANCED OR METASTATIC HER2-POSITIVE BREAST CANCER WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST TWO PRIOR ANTI-HER2 TREATMENT REGIMENS

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INTRODUCTION

HER2-positive advanced breast cancer (ABC) is associated with an aggressive tumor behavior, poor response rates to chemotherapy, high relapse rates, and high incidences of brain metastases (BMs). Tucatinib, a highly selective HER2 tyrosine kinase inhibitor, in combination with trastuzumab and capecitabine has demonstrated a significant overall and progression-free survival (OS, PFS) benefit compared to placebo + trastuzumab + capecitabine in patients pretreated with trastuzumab, pertuzumab and trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1) in the pivotal HER2CLIMB trial^{1,2}. For patients with BMs, intracranial response rates were higher with the tucatinib combination compared to the placebo combination³⁻⁵. Moreover, the risk of developing new BMs or death was reduced by 45.1% in all patients in the tucatinib-combination group vs. the placebo-combination group.⁶ Since February 2021, the tucatinib combination is approved by the EMA for patients with HER2-positive ABC who have received at least two prior anti-HER2 treatment regimens. TRACE will gather valuable real-world data of treatment with tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine in early (1st and 2nd) and later (3rd and 4th) palliative treatment in Germany and Austria. The non-interventional study will address important knowledge gaps such as effectiveness and therapy management of tucatinib in comorbid patients of higher age, in first and second line, after pretreatment with anti-HER2 targeted therapies not included in the pivotal trial (Table 1).

METHODS

The prospective observational study TRACE (NCT05253911) will enroll 300 patients with HER2-positive ABC scheduled to receive tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine according to summary of product characteristics (SmPC). 150 patients each (with up to 30 Austrian patients per cohort) will be enrolled in the 1st/2nd line cohort and the 3rd/4th line cohort (Figure 1).

Patients will be enrolled by 60 German (start of recruitment in May 2022) and 10 Austrian sites (start of recruitment in October 2023).

Key in- and exclusion criteria are listed in Figure 2.

Primary endpoint of TRACE is time to deterioration and change from baseline in all scores of the EQ-5D-5L, EORTC QLQ-C30, and QLQ-BR23 questionnaires.

Secondary endpoints include effectiveness and safety, physician decision making, patient and disease characteristics, details on tucatinib treatment (e.g., type and reason for modifications, temporary treatment interruptions for local intracranial treatment), and therapy management (e.g., usage of anti-diarrheals), as well as treatment sequences (e.g., prior and subsequent antineoplastic therapies).

Additionally, health economic parameters will be exploratively evaluated.

Furthermore, a decentral biobank will be established for future translational research.

Patient reported outcomes (PRO) on health-related quality of life (HRQoL) will be assessed by the validated questionnaires EQ-5D-5L, EORTC QLQ-C30, and QLQ-BR23. HRQoL will be assessed at baseline before start of treatment, every 2 months during tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine treatment, and every 3 months thereafter for a maximum of 24 months. Treatment reality of enrolled patients will be intensively documented during tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine treatment and will be followed up regarding subsequent therapies, disease progression, and survival. Documentation of all patients will end at the latest 24 months after finalization of enrollment (i.e., last patient in, LPI) (Figure 3).

An international steering committee will accompany TRACE.

Descriptive statistics will be used to analyze data.

Key inclusion criteria

- Aged 18 years or older.
- Diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer, including patients with brain metastases.
- Prior therapy with at least two prior anti-HER2 treatment regimens.
- Decision for treatment with tucatinib in combination with trastuzumab and capecitabine according to current SmPC either in 1st / 2nd palliative treatment line (cohort 1) or 3rd / 4th palliative treatment line (cohort 2).
- Progression after or intolerance to last systemic anti-HER2-based therapy.
- Indication for treatment with tucatinib as assessed by the treating physician.
- Signed written informed consent.

Key exclusion criteria

- Contraindications according to current SmPC of tucatinib.
- Administration of study treatment in 5th or higher palliative therapy line.
- Onset of tucatinib treatment later than 22 days after start of therapy line.

Figure 2: Key in- and exclusion criteria
For a complete list of criteria please see <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05253911>.

CONCLUSION

The non-interventional study TRACE will provide important real-world insights into tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine treatment of patients with HER2-positive ABC with focus on QoL. Besides, effectiveness and safety will be assessed in real-world settings and preplanned subgroup analyses will help fill important knowledge gaps between the pivotal clinical trial and routine clinical practice.

Figure 1

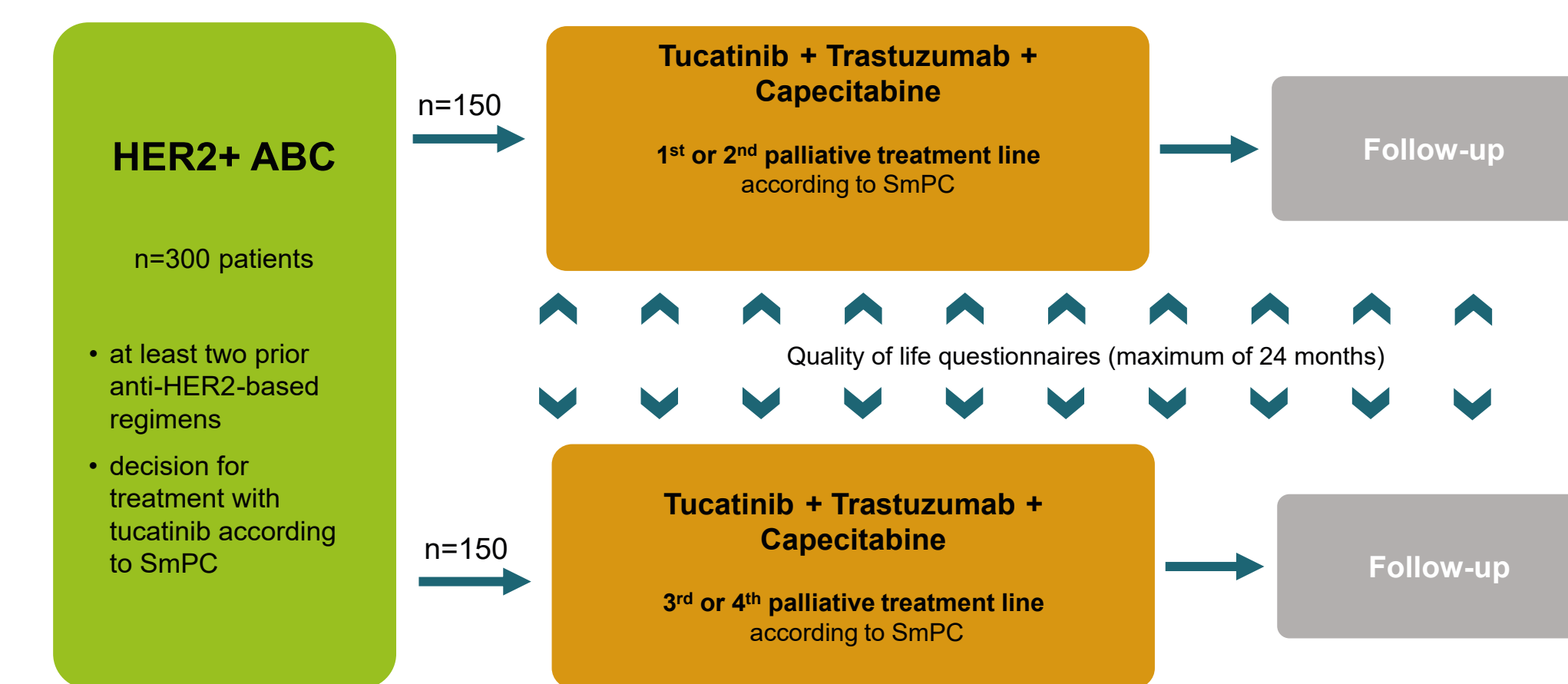


Figure 1: Study design
Treatment will be intensively documented during administration of any study treatment until end of treatment. Subsequently, patients will be followed up until end of study for a maximum of 24 months after enrollment of the last patient (= last patient in). For each patient, patient-reported outcomes (PRO) on health-related quality of life will be gathered for a maximum of 24 months.

Table 1

	HER2CLIMB	TRACE
Patients with higher age	x	✓
Median age 55 years		
Patients with ECOG ≥ 2	x	✓
Quality of life EQ-5D-5L, EORTC QLQ-C30 und QLQ-BR23	x	✓
Tucatinib in 1 st and 2 nd line	x	✓
Effectiveness of tucatinib after adjuvant neratinib	x	✓
Effectiveness of tucatinib after T-DXd	x	✓

Table 1: TRACE will complement valuable data not assessed in HER2CLIMB.

Figure 3

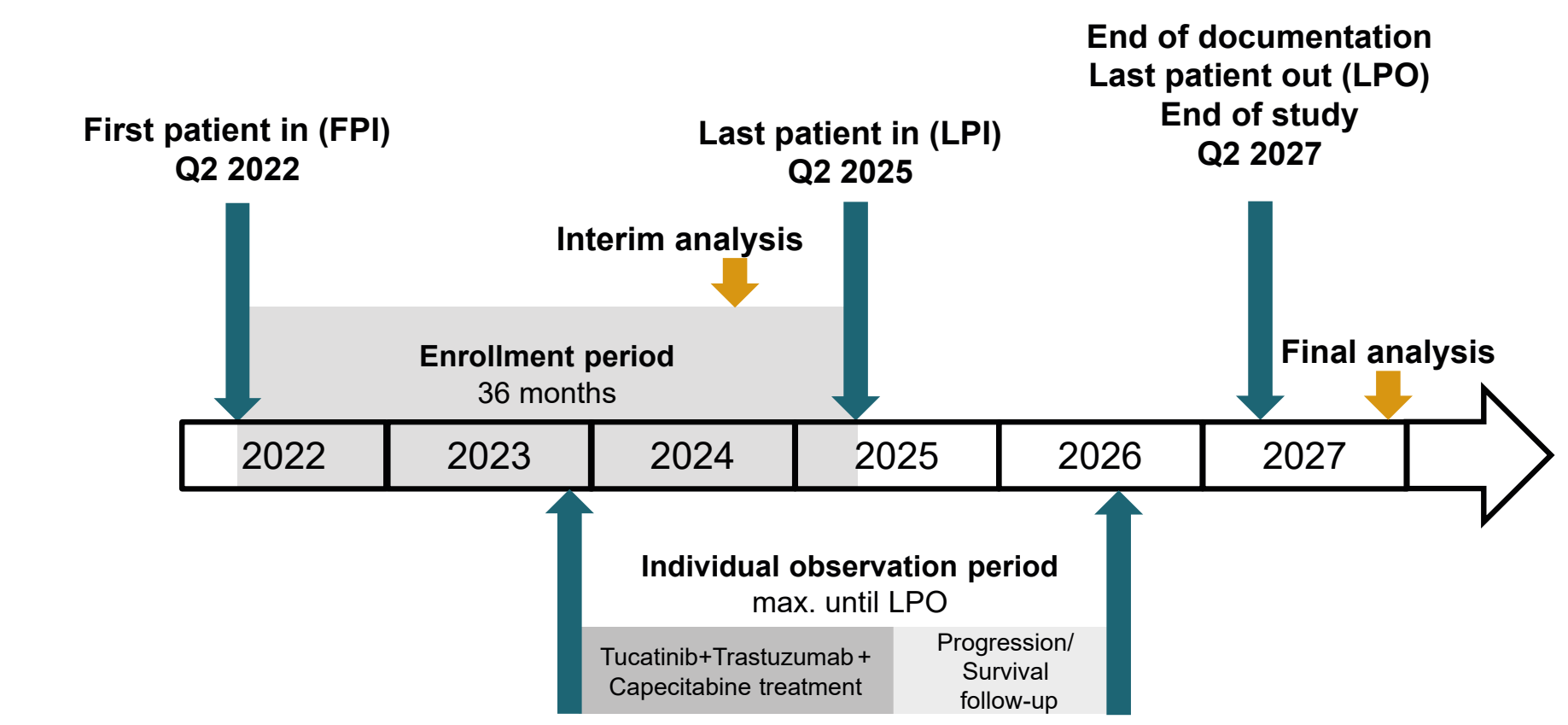


Figure 3: Expected time schedule
Enrollment started in May 2022 and will last for 36 months. The individual observation period involves an intense treatment observation period from first administration of any study treatment (i.e., tucatinib + trastuzumab + capecitabine) until final discontinuation of study treatment. After final discontinuation of study treatment, patients will be followed up for progression (in case study treatment was terminated for another reason than progression), subsequent antineoplastic treatment, overall survival and HRQoL. The documentation and follow-up period for all patients ends no later than 24 months after inclusion of the last patient (i.e., LPI). An interim analysis will be performed 12 months after inclusion of 50% of patients. QoL: Quality of life, LPI: Last patient in.

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