

Progression-Free Survival After Next Line of Treatment (PFS2) and Subsequent Therapies in the ASCENT-03 Study of Participants With Previously Untreated Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Treated With Sacituzumab Govitecan vs Chemotherapy

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Key Takeaway Points: ASCENT-03 PFS2 and Subsequent Therapies

In the ASCENT-03 study, PFS2 was longer in the SG group compared with the chemo group, indicating sustained long-term benefit beyond first progression

Despite the high rate of crossover from the chemo group to SG, time to first and second subsequent therapies suggest that participants receiving 1L SG experience longer initial disease control and delayed need for subsequent therapy

These results support SG as a new 1L standard of care for patients with mTNBC who are not candidates for PD-(L)1 inhibitors

1L, first-line; chemo, chemotherapy; mTNBC, metastatic triple-negative breast cancer; PD-(L)1, programmed death (ligand) 1; PFS2, progression-free survival 2; SG, sacituzumab govitecan.

Background

- SG demonstrated significant improvement in PFS vs chemo in participants with previously untreated mTNBC who are not candidates for a PD-(L)1 inhibitor in ASCENT-03¹

PFS by BICR

HR, 0.62; 95% CI, 0.50-0.77;
 $P < .0001$

- OS data were immature at the primary analysis; no detriment was observed for participants receiving SG¹

OS maturity rate, 37%
(as of Apr 2025)

- SG was provided on-study as crossover following PD on chemo and may have also been received commercially¹

147 of 179 pts with subseq tx (82%)
from the chemo group received SG
in any subseq line

- PFS2 can be used to measure long-term clinical benefit in the absence of mature OS data and is particularly valuable when OS is confounded by a crossover design²⁻⁴

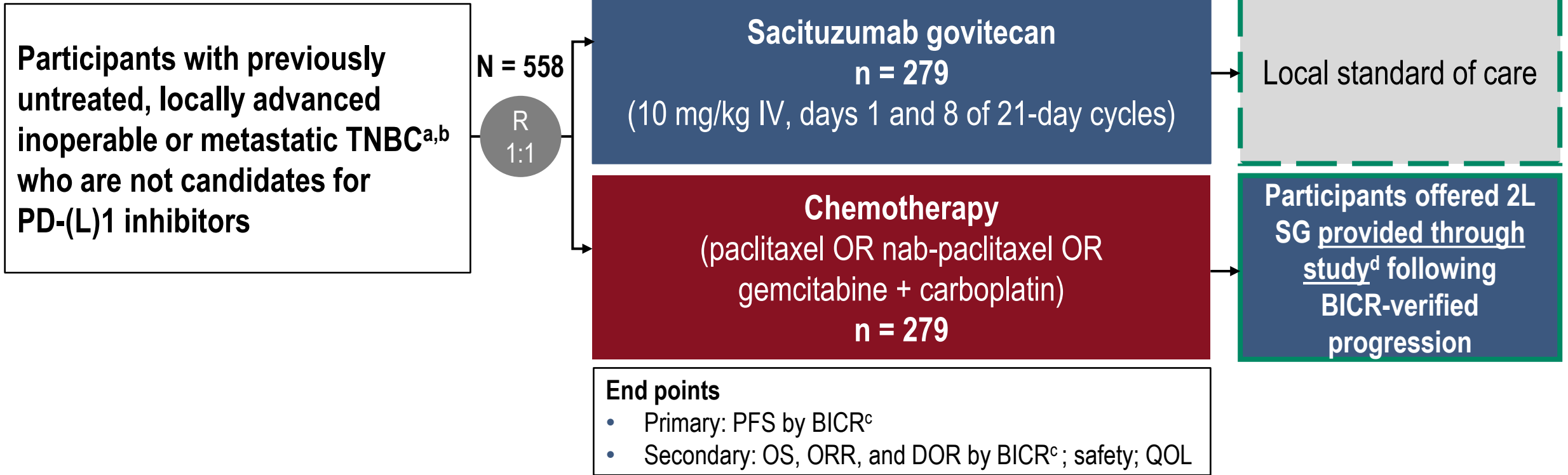
We report PFS2 and subsequent therapies from the ASCENT-03 study

BICR, blinded independent central review; chemo, chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; mTNBC, metastatic triple-negative breast cancer; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PD-(L)1, programmed death (ligand) 1; PFS, progression-free survival; PFS2, progression-free survival 2; pts, participants; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; subseq, subsequent; tx, treatment.

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ASCENT-03: Study Design

Treatment was continued until BICR-verified progression or unacceptable toxicity

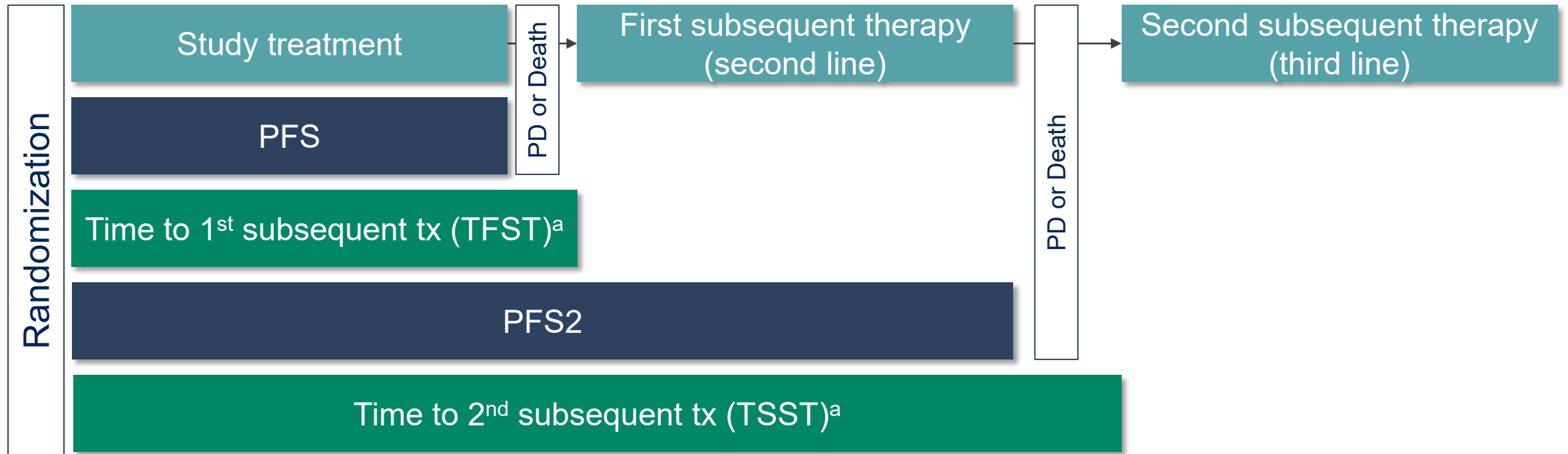


Exploratory end points included PFS2, TFST, and TSST

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT05382299. ^aTNBC status was centrally confirmed and determined according to standard American Society of Clinical Oncology-College of American Pathologists criteria. ^bUp to 35% de novo mTNBC. ^cPer Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1. ^dParticipants could have also received SG in any subsequent line commercially; other subsequent treatments per local practice were also permitted.

2L, second-line; **BICR**, blinded independent central review; **DOR**, duration of response; **IV**, intravenous; **mTNBC**, metastatic triple-negative breast cancer; **ORR**, objective response rate; **OS**, overall survival; **PD-(L)1**, programmed death (ligand) 1; **PFS**, progression-free survival; **PFS2**, progression-free survival 2; **QOL**, quality of life; **R**, randomized; **SG**, sacituzumab govitecan; **TFST**, time to first subsequent therapy; **TNBC**, triple-negative breast cancer; **TSST**, time to second subsequent therapy.

Methods



- ASCENT-03 *post hoc* analysis
 - The data cutoff date was April 2, 2025; at this time, the median follow-up was 13.2 months (range, <0.1-29.2)
 - Two-sided *P* value calculated using the stratified log-rank test and the hazard ratio with 95% CIs calculated using a Cox proportional hazards model adjusted for randomization stratification factors
 - PFS2 is defined as time from randomization to first documented progression on next-line therapy per investigator assessment, or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first

^aTime to first or second subsequent therapy is defined as time from randomization to the start of the first or second subsequent treatment or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first. PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PFS2, progression-free survival 2; TFST, time to first subsequent therapy; TSST, time to second subsequent therapy; tx, treatment.

Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

ITT Population	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)
Female sex, n (%)	278 (> 99)	277 (99)
Median age (range), years	56 (28-84)	54 (23-86)
≥ 65 years, n (%)	65 (23)	78 (28)
Race or ethnic group,^a n (%)		
White	178 (64)	178 (64)
Asian	66 (24)	65 (23)
Black	10 (4)	7 (3)
Other/not specified	25 (9)	29 (10)
Geographic region, n (%)		
United States/Canada/Western Europe	89 (32)	89 (32)
Rest of the world ^b	190 (68)	190 (68)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	183 (66)	187 (67)
1	96 (34)	92 (33)

ITT Population	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)
Curative treatment-free interval, n (%)		
De novo	87 (31)	88 (32)
Recurrent within 6-12 months	58 (21)	57 (20)
Recurrent > 12 months	134 (48)	134 (48)
PD-L1 status negative,^c n (%)	277 (99)	278 (> 99)
Metastatic sites, n (%)		
Lung	166 (59)	170 (61)
Liver	81 (29)	72 (26)
Brain	15 (5)	14 (5)
Chemo selected prior to randomization,^d n (%)		
Taxane	154 (55)	155 (56)
Gemcitabine/carboplatin	125 (45)	124 (44)

As previously reported, patient demographics were consistent between treatment groups

Data cutoff date: April 2, 2025. ^aAs reported by the participants; other/not specified includes American Indian or Alaska Native, other races, and not provided/collection not permitted. ^bRest of the world includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Taiwan, and Turkey. ^cPD-L1 status assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 assay (Dako, Agilent Technologies) at time of enrollment; tumors with a combined positive score ≥ 10 were considered PD-L1 positive and tumors with a combined positive score < 10 were considered PD-L1 negative. One patient in the SG group had PD-L1 combined positive score missing. ^dActual chemo received was consistent with what was selected prior to randomization; however, 3 participants were randomized but did not receive treatment.

Chemo, chemotherapy; **ECOG PS**, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; **ITT**, intent-to-treat; **PD-L1**, programmed death ligand 1; **SG**, sacituzumab govitecan.

Participant Disposition and Subsequent Treatments

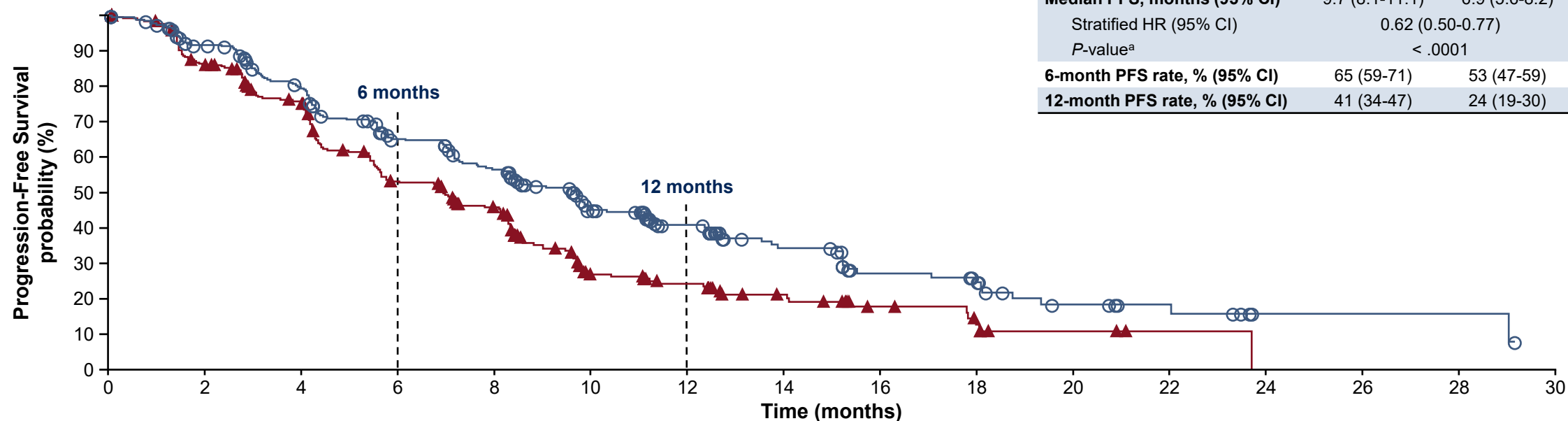
Participant Disposition, n (%)	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)	Subsequent Treatments Following Discontinuation, n (%)	SG (n = 204)	Chemo (n = 240)
Remaining on study treatment	75 (27)	39 (14)	Received second-line and later therapy	126 (62)	179 (75)
Discontinued treatment ^a	204 (73)	240 (86)	Received any subsequent ADC ^c	19 (15)	153 (85)
Progressive disease ^b	161 (79)	195 (81)	Received any subsequent SG ^c	2 (2)	147 (82)
			Received third-line therapy	31 (15)	55 (23)

Almost twice as many participants in the SG group (27%) remained on study treatment compared with the chemo group (14%) at the time of data cutoff

^aIn the SG group, treatment discontinuation was also due to participant decision (n = 16); adverse events and investigator choice (n = 10 each); and death (n = 7); in the chemo group, treatment discontinuation was due to adverse events (n = 22); participant decision (n = 16); investigator choice (n = 5); and death (n = 2). ^bPercentages are calculated based on the number of participants who discontinued treatment. ^cPercentages are calculated based on the number of participants who received second-line or later therapy. ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; chemo, chemotherapy; SG, sacituzumab govitecan.

Progression-Free Survival by BICR

	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	9.7 (8.1-11.1)	6.9 (5.6-8.2)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.62 (0.50-0.77)	
P-value ^a	< .0001	
6-month PFS rate, % (95% CI)	65 (59-71)	53 (47-59)
12-month PFS rate, % (95% CI)	41 (34-47)	24 (19-30)



No. of Patients Still at Risk (Events)

SG	279 (0)	238 (22)	199 (53)	153 (88)	128 (108)	84 (131)	60 (138)	38 (146)	23 (153)	20 (154)	10 (159)	7 (159)	2 (160)	2 (160)	2 (160)	0 (161)
Chemo	279 (0)	226 (37)	186 (65)	126 (118)	100 (135)	44 (172)	35 (176)	21 (180)	12 (183)	7 (186)	3 (187)	1 (187)	0 (188)			

SG demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS vs chemo by BICR analysis, with a 38% reduction in risk of disease progression or death¹

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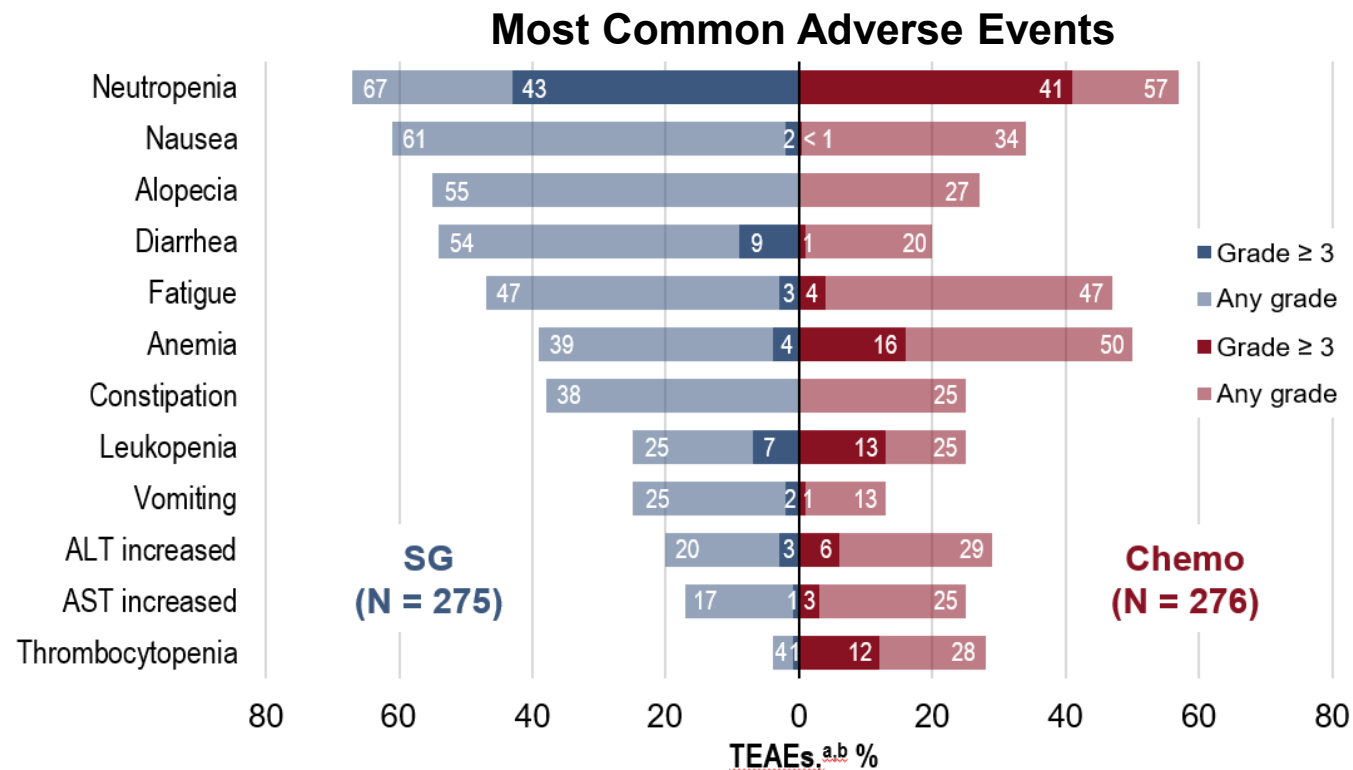
^aTwo-sided P-value from stratified log-rank test.

BICR, blinded independent central review; chemo, chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; SG, sacituzumab govitecan.

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Safety Summary

TEAEs, n (%)	SG (n = 275)	Chemo (n = 276)
Any TEAE	273 (99)	269 (97)
Grade ≥ 3 TEAEs	181 (66)	171 (62)
Treatment-related	167 (61)	147 (53)
Treatment-emergent SAE	71 (26)	67 (24)
Treatment-related	46 (17)	37 (13)
TEAEs leading to treatment discontinuation	10 (4)	33 (12)
TEAEs leading to dose interruption	181 (66)	171 (62)
TEAEs leading to dose reduction	101 (37)	124 (45)
TEAEs leading to death	7 (3)	1 (< 1)
Treatment-related	6 (2)	1 (< 1)



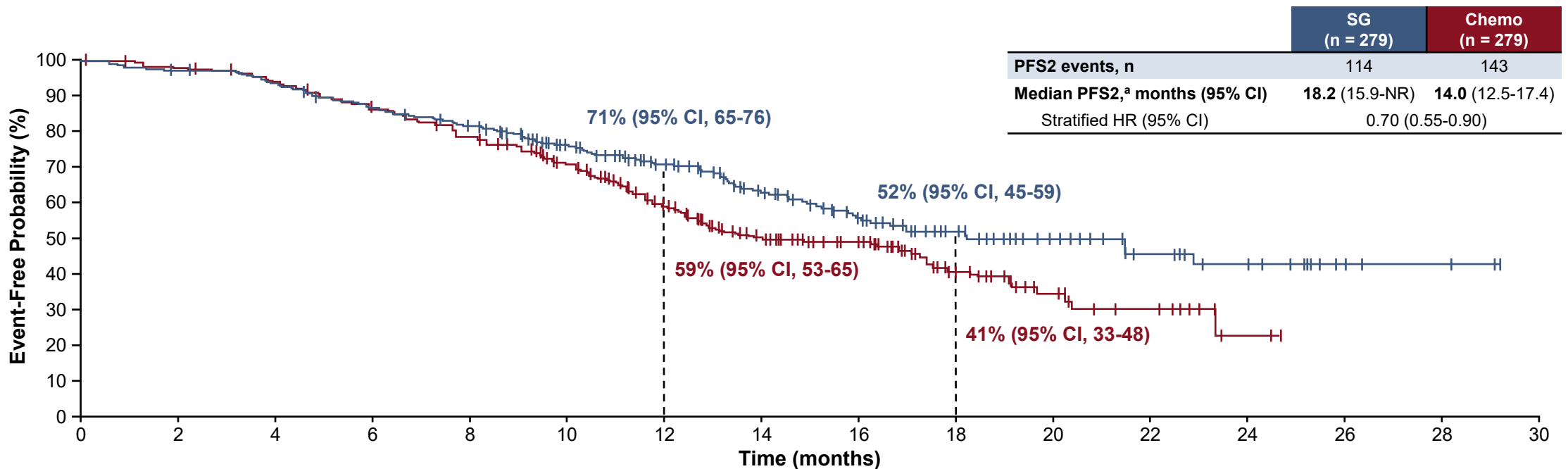
The AEs observed were consistent with the known safety profile of SG, with no new safety concerns¹

Data cutoff date: April 2, 2025. TEAEs were defined as any AEs that began or worsened on or after the first dose date of study drug up to 30 days after the last dose date of study drug or the initiation of subsequent anticancer therapy (including crossover treatment), whichever occurred first. ^aTEAEs were included if they occurred in ≥ 20% of patients in either group. ^bCombined preferred terms of Neutropenia includes neutrophil count decreased, Fatigue includes asthenia, Anemia includes hemoglobin decreased and red blood cell count decreased, Leukopenia includes white blood cell count decreased, and Thrombocytopenia includes platelet count decreased.

AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; chemo, chemotherapy; SAE, serious adverse event; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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PFS After Next Line of Treatment (PFS2)



No. of Patients Still at Risk (Events)

SG	279 (0)	270 (8)	259 (18)	238 (37)	221 (51)	189 (65)	156 (78)	107 (93)	79 (104)	54 (109)	33 (111)	20 (113)	13 (114)	4 (114)	3 (114)	0 (114)
Chemo	279 (0)	271 (6)	257 (18)	237 (36)	212 (59)	178 (79)	133 (106)	86 (126)	67 (127)	34 (136)	19 (140)	10 (142)	2 (143)	0 (143)		

PFS2 was longer in the SG group compared with the chemo group despite the high rate of crossover in the chemo group, with a 30% reduction in risk of a PFS2 event with SG

^aPFS2 is defined as time from randomization to first documented progression on next-line therapy per investigator assessment, or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first.
Chemo, chemotherapy; **HR**, hazard ratio; **NR**, not reached; **PFS2**, progression-free survival 2; **SG**, sacituzumab govitecan.

Subsequent Therapy

Subsequent Therapies in the Second Line

	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)
Any subsequent therapy, n	126	179
Any subsequent therapy in 2L,^a n (%)	126 (100)	179 (100)
Platinum agents	43 (34)	4 (2)
Taxanes	32 (25)	5 (3)
Anthracyclines	14 (11)	3 (2)
ADC	13 (10)	149 (83)
Trastuzumab deruxtecan	12 (10)	7 (4)
Sacituzumab govitecan	1 (1)	142 (79) ^b
PD-(L)1 inhibitors	5 (4)	2 (1)
PARPi	2 (2)	1 (1)
Other ^c	85 (67)	25 (14)
Median TFST, months (95% CI)	11.2 (10.0-13.0)	7.9 (7.2-9.0)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.61 (0.50-0.75)	

Subsequent Therapies in the Third Line

	SG (n = 279)	Chemo (n = 279)
Any subsequent therapy, n	126	179
Any subsequent therapy in 3L,^a n (%)	31 (25)	55 (31)
Taxanes	6 (5)	7 (4)
ADC	5 (4)	10 (6)
Trastuzumab deruxtecan	4 (3)	6 (3)
Sacituzumab govitecan	1 (1)	4 (2) ^d
Platinum agents	5 (4)	7 (4)
Anthracyclines	3 (2)	8 (4)
PD-(L)1 inhibitors	3 (2)	2 (1)
PARPi	2 (2)	2 (1)
Other ^e	16 (13)	36 (20)
Median TSST, months (95% CI)	17.3 (15.2-NR)	16.6 (13.6-18.5)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.82 (0.64-1.05)	

The majority of participants in the chemo group received 2L SG and most in the SG group received 2L chemo

^aPercentages are calculated based on the number of participants who received any subsequent therapy. ^bIncludes both commercial use of SG in 2L (n = 28) and crossover to SG on study (n = 114). ^cIncludes gemcitabine (n = 23); capecitabine (n = 18); cyclophosphamide and eribulin (n = 13 each); bevacizumab (n = 5); gemcitabine hypochloride, fluorouracil, and trastuzumab (n = 3 each); eribulin mesylate, pertuzumab, and zoledronic acid monohydrate (n = 2 each); and vinorelbine tartrate, dexmedetomidine, gimeracil-oteracil potassium-tegafur, nadunolimab, natural killer cells, Abbv 400, Azd 9574, Cln 619, investigational drug, other therapeutic products, and all other therapeutic products (n = 1 each) in the SG group and capecitabine (n = 16); cyclophosphamide, gemcitabine hypochloride, and vinorelbine tartrate (n = 2 each); gemcitabine, eribulin, eribulin mesylate, and larotrectinib (n = 1 each) in the chemo group. ^dOne patient in the chemo group received SG beyond 3L. ^eIncludes eribulin mesylate (n = 5); gemcitabine hypochloride (n = 4); eribulin (n = 3); bevacizumab (n = 2); and capecitabine and gemcitabine (n = 1 each) in the SG group and capecitabine (n = 10); cyclophosphamide (n = 6); eribulin (n = 5); gemcitabine and eribulin mesylate (n = 3 each); gemcitabine hypochloride and bevacizumab (n = 2 each); and bortezomib, gimeracil/oteracil potassium/tegafur, repotrectinib, and investigational drug (n = 1 each) in the chemo group. **2L**, second-line; **3L**, third-line; **ADC**, antibody-drug conjugate; **chemo**, chemotherapy; **HR**, hazard ratio; **NR**, not reached; **PARPi**, poly ADP-ribose polymerase inhibitor; **PD-(L)1**, programmed death (ligand) 1; **SG**, sacituzumab govitecan; **TFST**, time to first subsequent therapy; **TSST**, time to second subsequent therapy.

Conclusions

- PFS2 was longer in the SG group compared with the chemo group despite the high rate of crossover, indicating sustained long-term benefit beyond first progression

Median PFS2

18.2 vs 14.0 months
HR, 0.70 (95% CI, 0.55-0.90)

- The most frequent 2L+ subsequent therapy was chemo in the SG group and SG in the chemo group

Subsequent therapy in any line

Chemo group: SG (82%)
SG group: chemo (85%)

- Despite the high rate of crossover from the chemo group to SG, time to first and second subsequent therapies suggest that participants receiving 1L SG experience longer initial disease control and delayed need for subsequent therapy

Median TFST & TSST

TFST: 11.2 vs 7.9 months
TSST: 17.3 vs 16.6 months

These results from the ASCENT-03 study further support 1L SG use for patients with mTNBC who are not candidates for PD-(L)1 inhibitors

1L, first-line; 2L+, second-line and later; chemo, chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; mTNBC, metastatic triple-negative breast cancer; PD-(L)1, programmed death (ligand) 1; PFS2, progression-free survival 2; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TFST, time to first subsequent therapy; TSST, time to second subsequent therapy; tx, treatment.

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