

BRACELET-1 (PrE0113) – Inducing an inflammatory phenotype in metastatic HR+/HER2- breast cancer with the oncolytic reovirus pelareorep in combination with paclitaxel and avelumab

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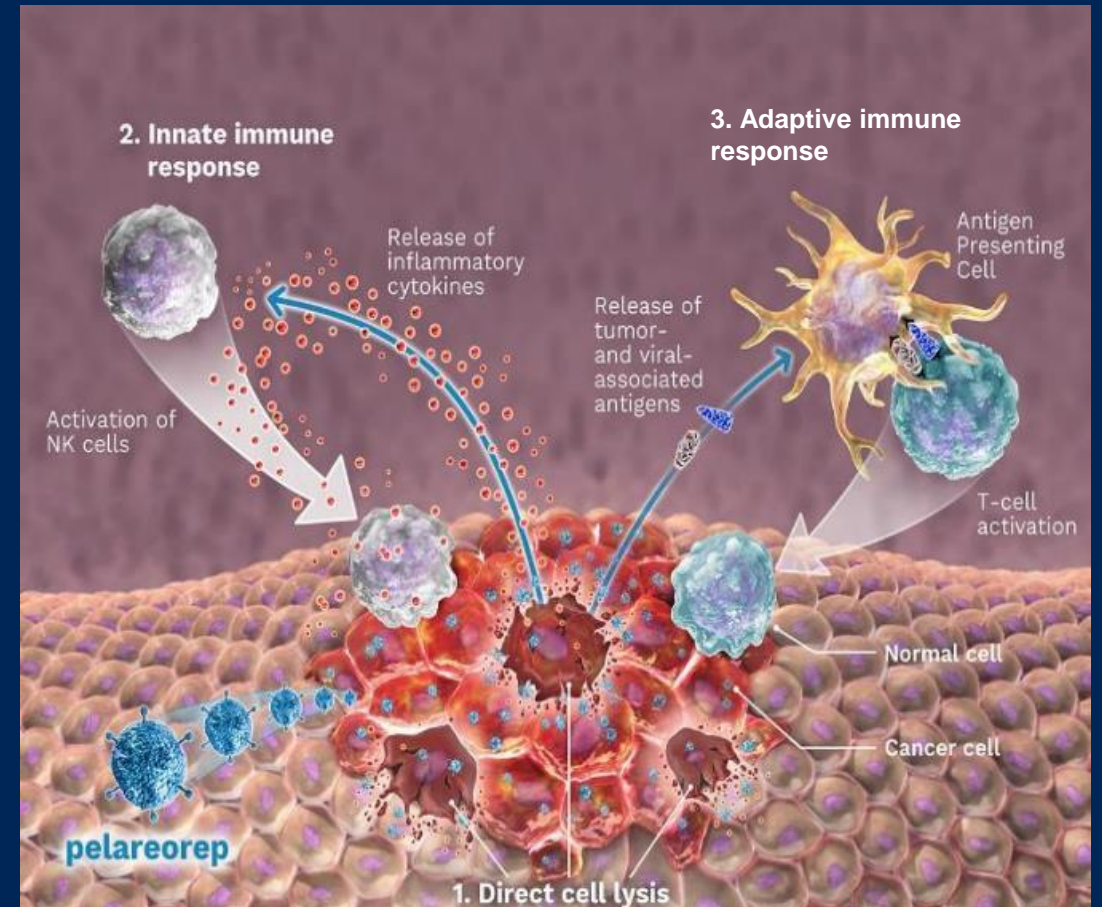
HR+/HER2- Breast Cancer

- Most common phenotype in the early and metastatic setting
- Hormone therapy is the mainstay of treatment
 - CDKi, mTOR, PI3K inhibitors extend hormone benefit
- Chemotherapy initiated at time of hormone resistance
 - No clear optimal sequence
- Indolent course with low tumor mutational burden (TMB)
 - Immune therapy with checkpoint inhibitors has had little role

Background Oncolytic Reovirus

- Pelareorep is a type 3 reovirus
- Invades and lyses tumor cells¹ and promotes inflammatory tumor microenvironment (TME)
 - Innate immune response: natural killer cell activation²
 - Adaptive immune responses: presentation of tumor and viral antigens^{2,3}

Image <https://www.oncolyticsbiotech.com/technology>



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- **Could addition of anti-PD-L1 therapy improve the response rate to PTX + PEL therapy?**

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Hypotheses and Aims

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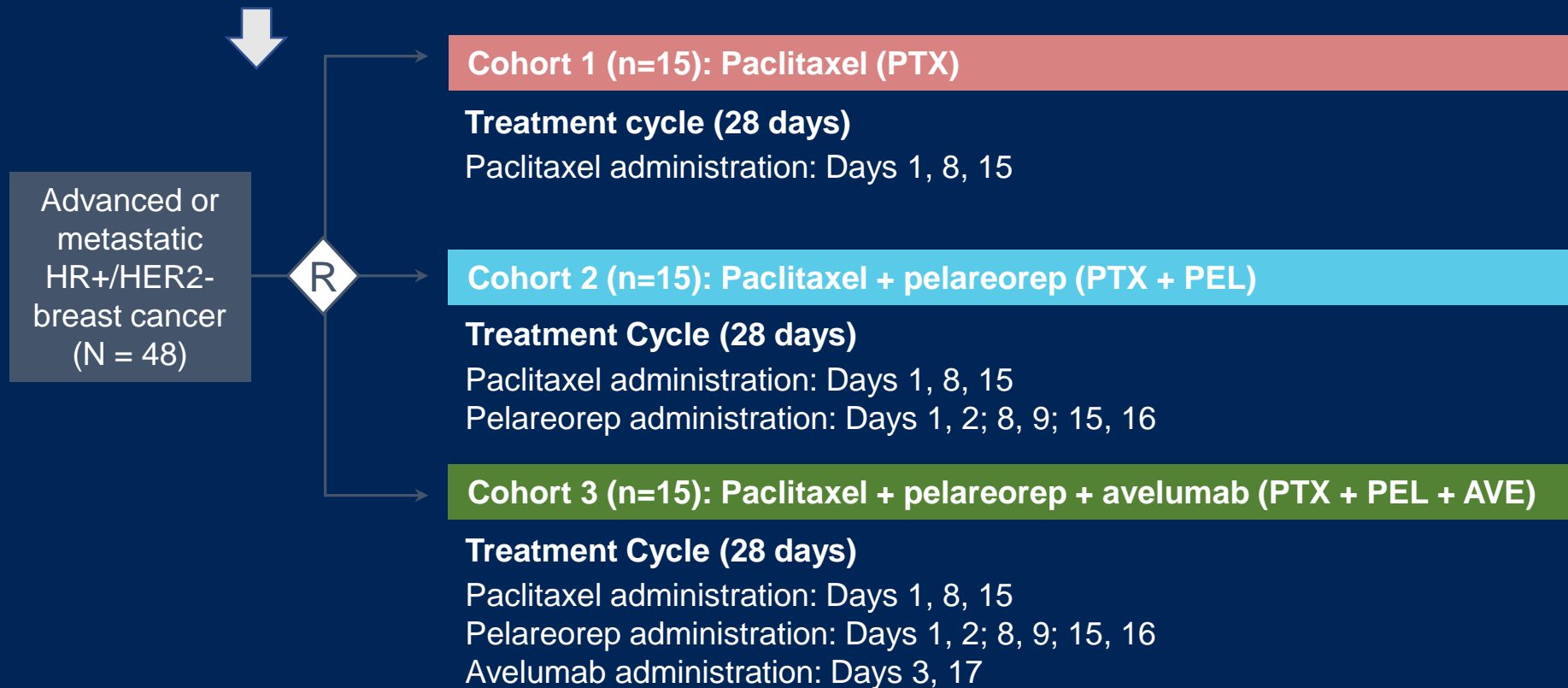
- PEL will induce an inflammatory TME, enhancing the efficacy of PTX in patients with HR+/HER2- MBC
- The addition of anti-PD-L1 antibody avelumab (AVE) to PEL and PTX will be synergistic and improve efficacy

Aims

- To assess safety and estimate efficacy
 - PTX + PEL
 - PTX + PEL + AVE
- To explore changes in peripheral T cell clones in each cohort

BRACELET-1 Study Evaluates Pelareorep-based Combination Therapies in HR+/HER2- Breast Cancer

3 patient safety run-in for Cohort 3 then treatment groups randomized 1:1:1



Primary Endpoint

- ORR at week 16

Secondary Endpoints

- ORR at end of study
- OS, PFS
- Safety and tolerability
- Biomarker assessments including
 - PD-L1 expression
 - T cell clonality

ORR = Objective response rate
 PFS = Progression-free survival
 OS = overall survival

Statistical Methods

- N=48, 3 patients for safety run-in of the triplet then 15 patients per cohort
- Sample size was based on practical considerations to allow for assessment of safety, tolerability, and preliminary biological and clinical activity
- Power calculation was not performed, and formal tests of statistical significance were not planned
- With 15 patients per arm, the 80% confidence interval for the difference in ORR between treatment arms will have half-width of about 28%. The expected differences between PTX vs PTX + PEL (about 25% difference) and PTX vs PTX + PEL + AVE (about 50% difference).

Key Eligibility

- Estrogen receptor (ER) and/or progesterone receptor (PR) positive as defined by $\geq 1\%$ tumor cell nuclei immunoreactive
- HER2 negative (ASCO-CAP) - Equivocal disease allowed
- Progressed on at least 1 hormone-based therapy with a CDK4/6 inhibitor
- No prior chemotherapy for metastatic disease
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Measurable disease by RECIST V1.1
- Adequate organ and hematologic function

Disposition

- 48 patients were enrolled between June 2020 and June 2022
 - Three patients from PTX withdrew consent prior to starting therapy
- Two patients- early discontinuation (1 week):
 - PTX + PEL
 - PTX + PEL + AVE
 - Considered non-responders and censored for PFS
- Nine patients (9/33, 27%) discontinued PEL and six patients (6/17, 35%) discontinued AVE due to toxicity

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No. of patients	15	16	17	48
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Race				
White	12 (80%)	12 (75%)	13 (76%)	37 (77%)
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Asian	2 (13%)	1 (6%)	0	3 (6%)
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Hispanic	1 (7%)	3 (19%)	1 (6%)	5 (10%)
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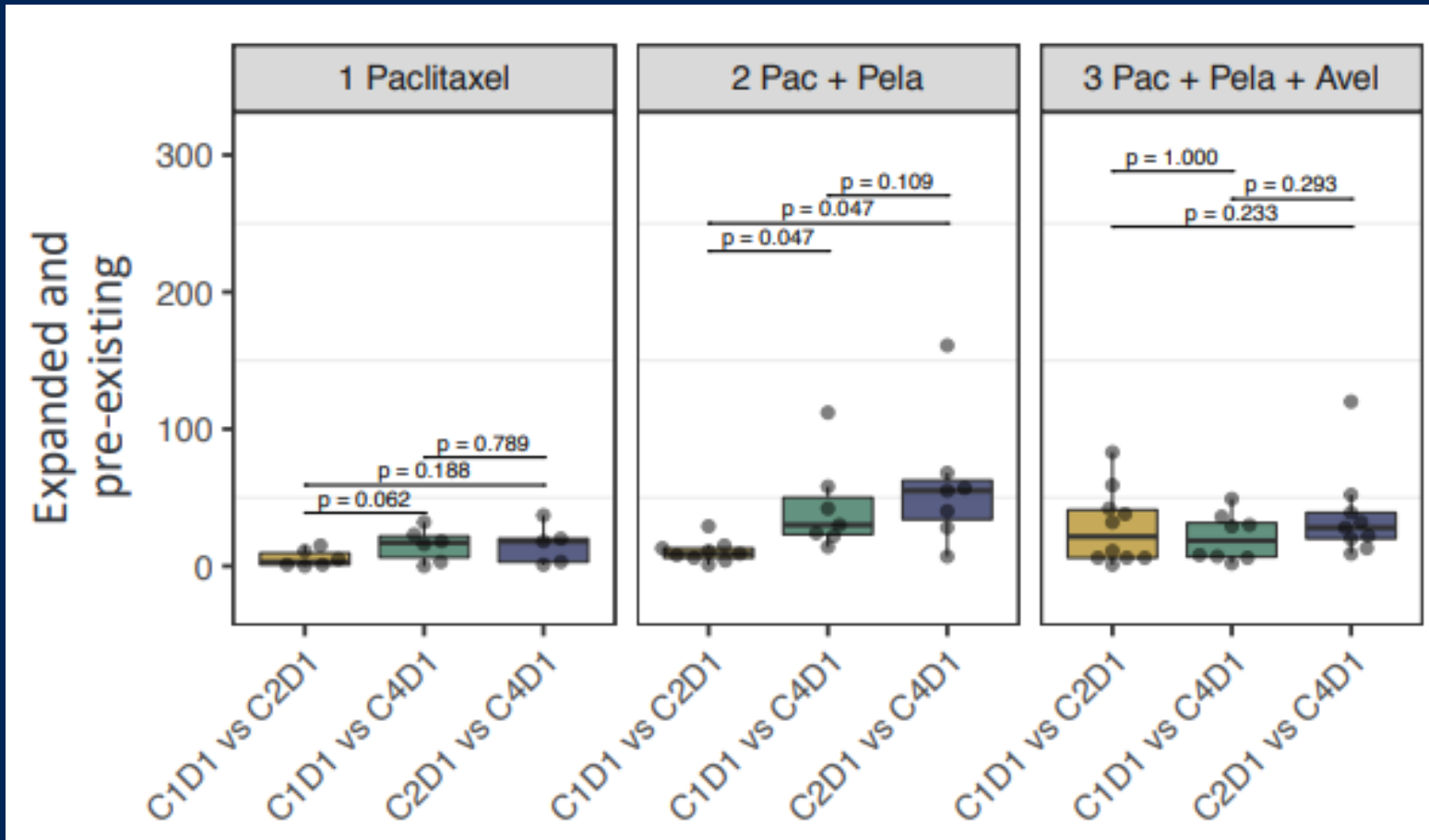
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Adverse Event of Special Interest: Viral-Like Symptoms More Common with Pelareorep

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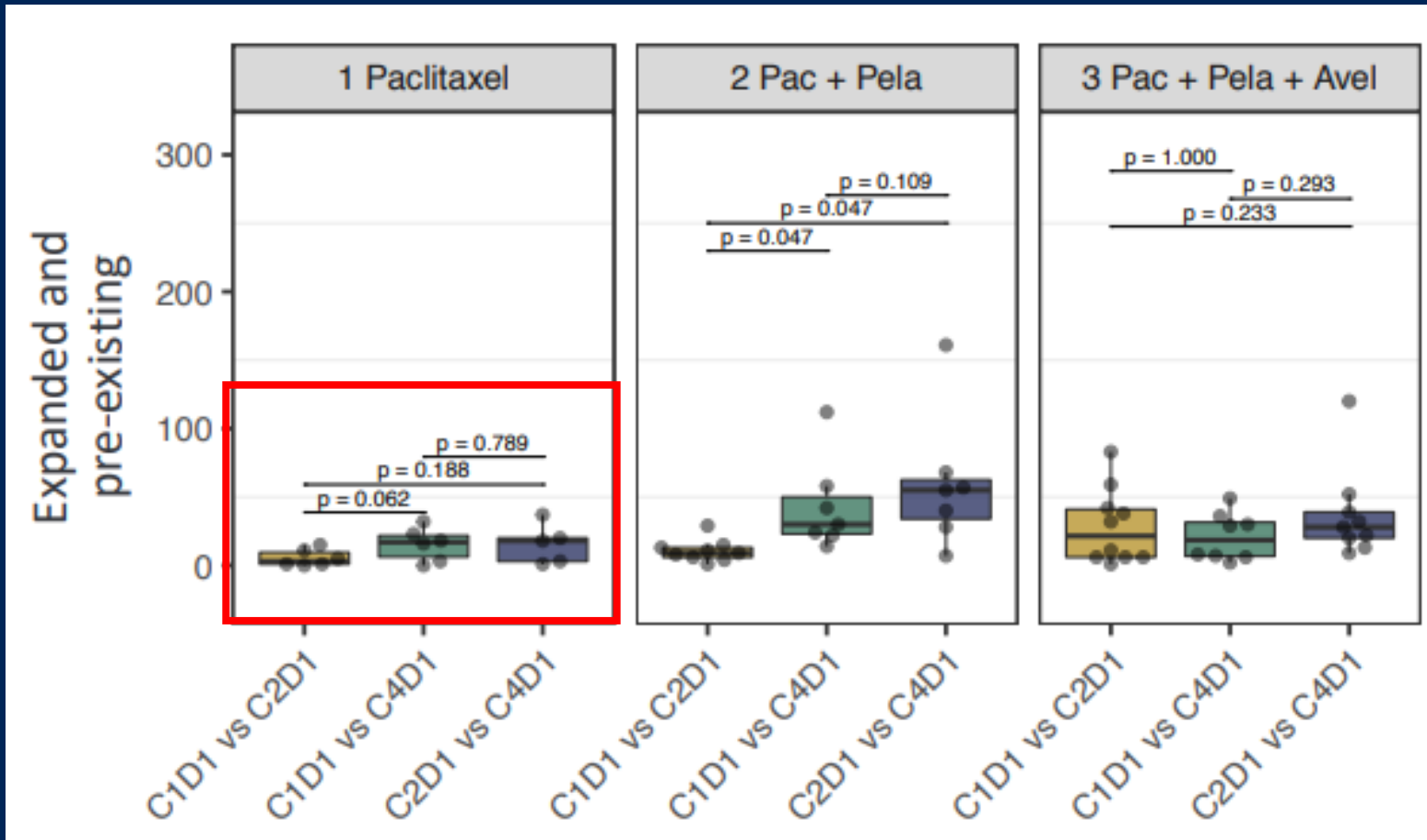
- Over one-third of patients who received PEL had fever, chills and/or influenza-like symptoms
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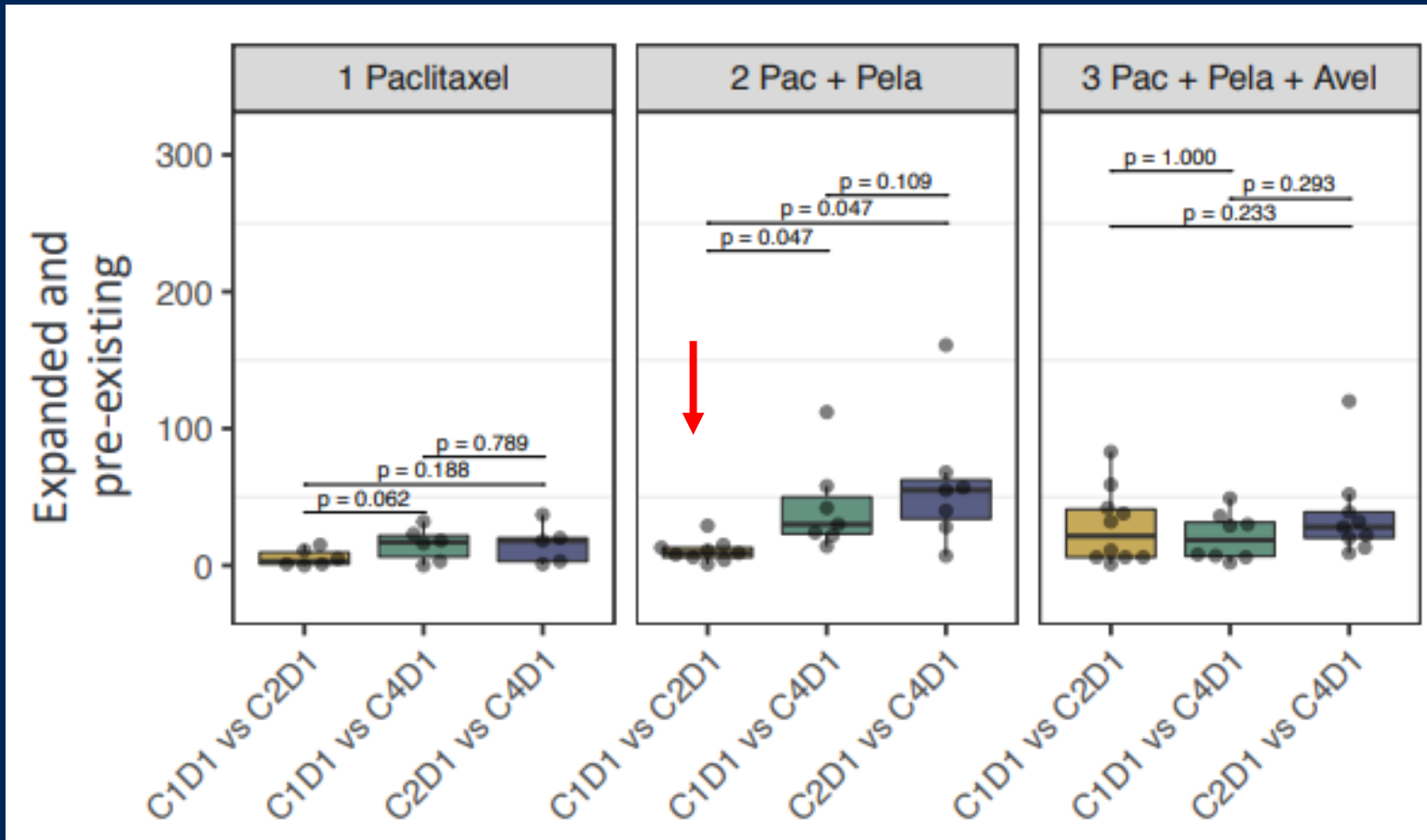
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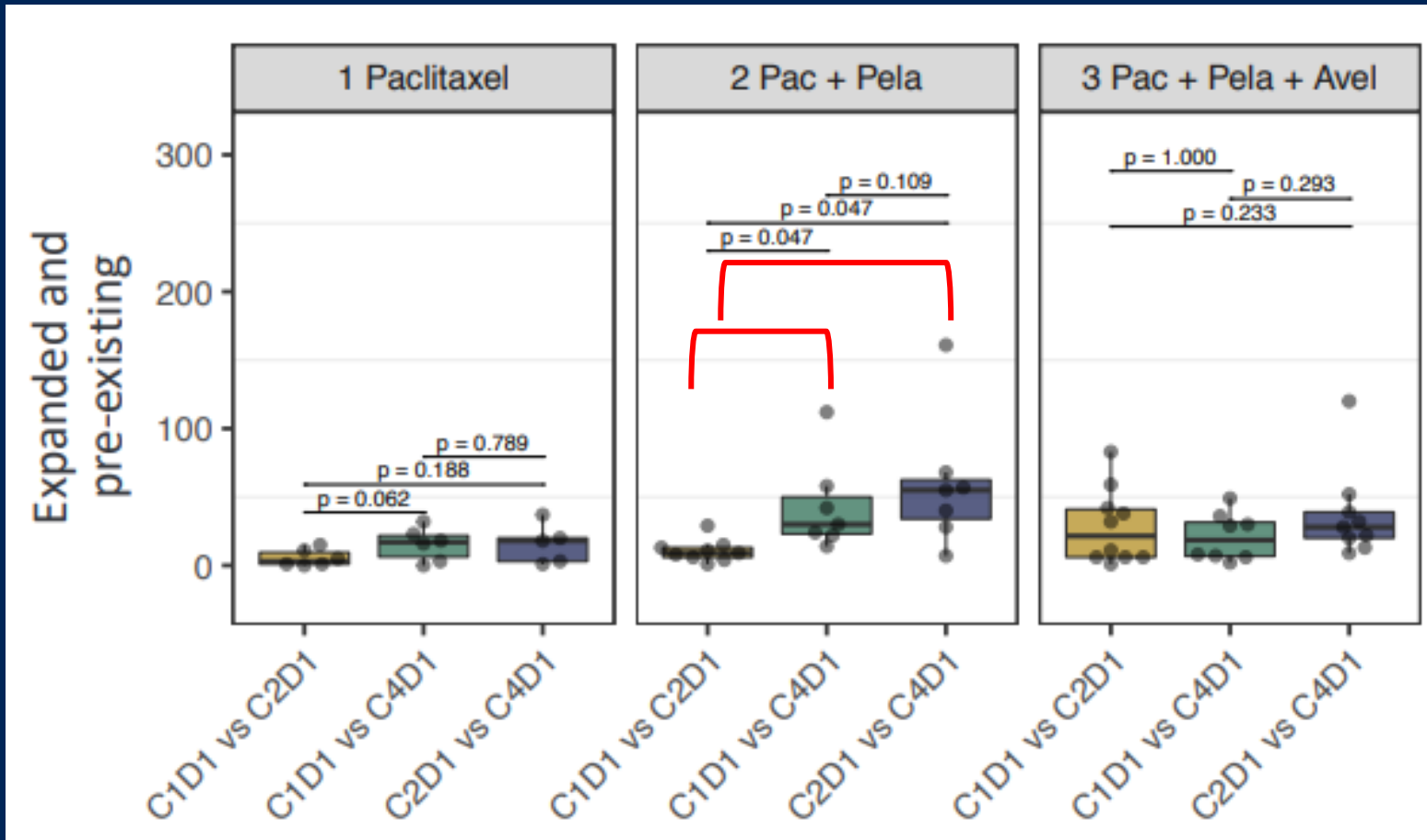
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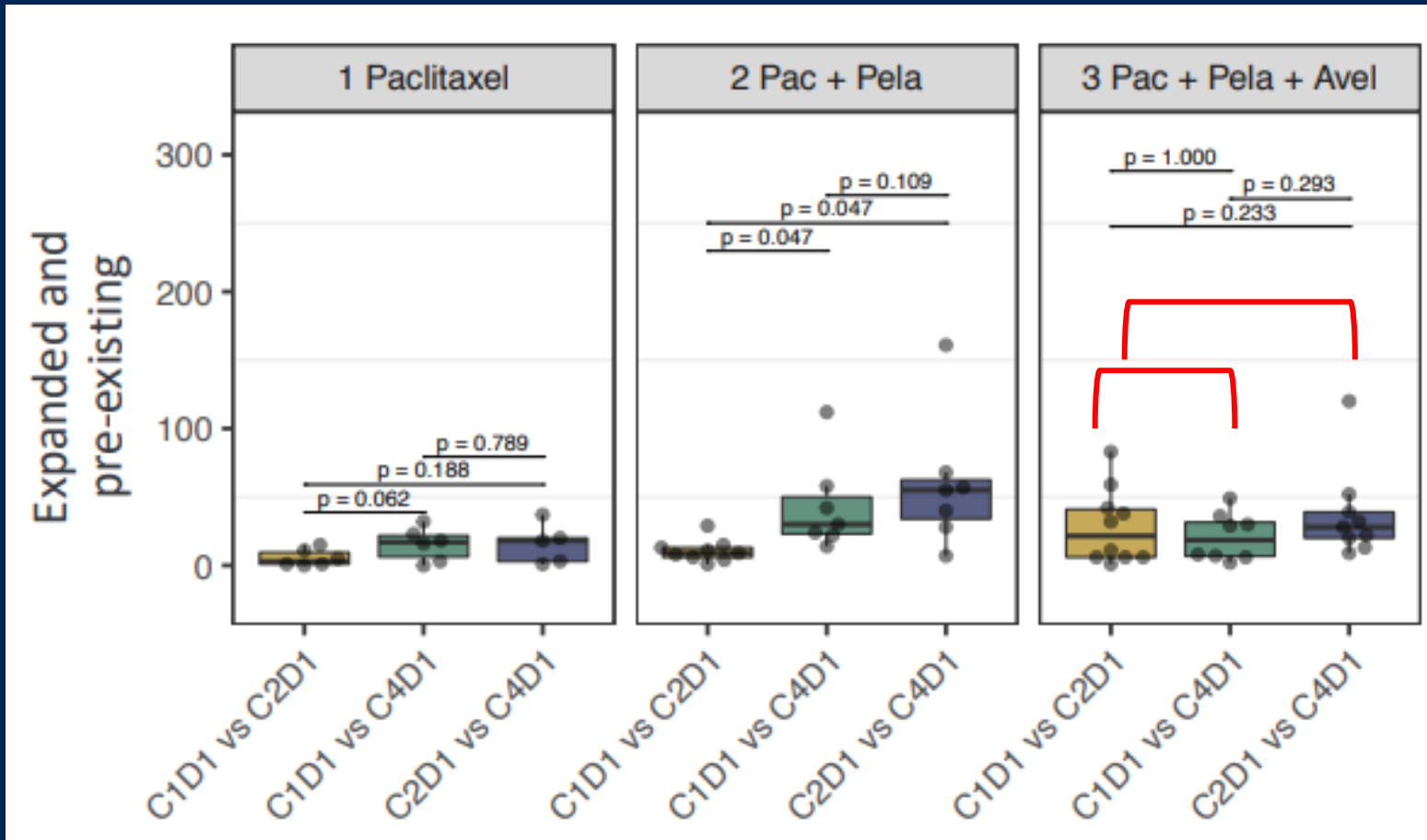
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Conclusions

- The addition of PEL to PTX is worthy of further study
 - 32% 16 week ORR
 - 86% 6-month PFS
 - Addition of AVE increased toxicity, no obvious increase in efficacy
- Flu-like viral reactions are common with PEL
 - 27% of patients receiving PEL discontinued due to toxicity
 - Attentive and proactive supportive care necessary
- PEL alters T-cell subsets
 - AVE blunts PEL-induced increase in T-cell subsets
 - Further biomarker analyses are underway
- Overall survival data continue to mature

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