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## Abstracts

The introduction of targeted therapies revolutionised the breast cancer market, widening clinical options and bringing improved survival rates and lower side effects for patients. Now the sector is set for further positive change and expansion as next generation products for HER2-positive disease come to market, and CDK4/6 and P13K inhibitors hold the prospect of new treatments for hormone receptor-positive and HER2-negative breast cancer patients – an area of huge unmet clinical need. Which are the companies and products that will change the commercial and clinical landscape over the next 5 years?

Among the main drivers of change in the breast cancer market.

Roche's Kadcyła and Perjeta set to transform the treatment of HER2-positive breast cancer

Roche's Kadcyła (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) and Perjeta (pertuzumab) are both viewed as significant steps forward in the treatment of breast cancer. When added to Herceptin (trastuzumab), Perjeta is the first drug to improve survival in the first-line setting since the availability of Herceptin in 1998. Kadcyła is the first antibody-drug conjugate for the treatment of breast cancer and improves overall survival by almost six months in the second-line setting. To Roche's commercial benefit, both drugs are set to expand their indications and will likely dominate the market in both the early stages and first lines of treatment for metastatic disease.

No room for biosimilar Herceptin?

Although the availability of biosimilar versions of Herceptin will likely expand in the near future, their prospects are not bright. Kadcyla and Perjeta look set to overtake Herceptin in the early stages and first-line treatment of metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer, thereby limiting the role of biosimilar trastuzumab. Furthermore, Roche's subcutaneous Herceptin offers more convenient administration than intravenous biosimilar versions. Clinical scepticism and defensive pricing will further limit the prospects for biosimilars in established markets.

New approaches will transform the treatment of hormone receptor-positive and HER2-negative breast cancer

While Novartis' Afinitor (everolimus) improves progression-free survival in patients with hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer, it is highly toxic. Interest is now focussed on promising late-stage pipeline candidates. Pfizer's palbociclib and Novartis' LEE011 are locked in a race to become the first-to-market CDK4/6 inhibitor. Both drugs are expected to improve survival when combined with an aromatase inhibitor in the first-line treatment of this patient segment and at a lower cost in terms of toxicity. The treatment of hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer will be transformed by the availability of these and PI3K inhibitors such as Pfizer's buparlisib (BKM120).

### **Unique insider clinical opinion**

This new KOL Insight report Breast Cancer –new targeted therapies transform treatment provides everyone interested in this dynamic cancer sector with a complete understanding of the targeted products which are shaping the current landscape and the research which will change future treatment paradigms.

Every aspect of the report is informed by insights gained from thorough 60-minute interviews with 12 experienced key opinion leaders (KOLs) from across major markets to provide expert views on the current treatment landscape and how it will change in the future. KOLs are selected based on their clinical experience, authored scientific publications, involvement in clinical trials and with the Pharma industry, their participation in treatment guideline development, and their record of presenting at high-profile international conferences. They bring incisive, expert “real world” insights to this fast changing sector.

**This report tackles the pressing issues and questions in the breast cancer treatment market:**

Which drug is the treatment of choice for each patient segment, line of therapy and unique patient characteristic, and what product attributes contribute to the preference, e.g. first-line treatment of HER2-positive, hormone receptor-positive and HER2-negative, or triple negative disease, and patients with brain metastases?

How is the product perceived by the medical community in terms of efficacy, tolerability, ease of administration, and other product attributes, and how does it compare with other treatment options?

Which recently completed or ongoing clinical trials have the greatest potential to impact prescribing trends and how will the results impact practice in the future, e.g. BOLERO-2, ALTTO, NeoALTTO, MARIANNE, APHINITY, KATHERINE, RESILIENCE, PALOMA-2, etc.?

What will a product need to show in order to become the treatment of choice in a specific patient segment and line of therapy and is it likely the product will meet these requirements?

How will the use of each product change in the future in terms of patient segments, line of therapy and preference, e.g. Roche's Herceptin, Perjeta, and Kadclya, GlaxoSmithKline's Tykerb, and Novartis' Afinitor?

What will the pipeline products need to show in terms of efficacy and tolerability endpoints to effectively compete with current therapies, and what is the likelihood the pipeline products will achieve those endpoints?

Which pipeline products are the most promising and how will they impact current players in the market e.g. Pfizer's CDK4/6 inhibitor palbociclib (PD 0332991), Novartis' PI3K inhibitor buparlisib (BKM120) and AstraZeneca's PARP inhibitor olaparib (AZD 2281)?

**This report will allow you to:**

Understand and evaluate the important drivers in targeted breast cancer

treatments

Fully evaluate how the competitive landscape may change

Understand clinical opinions of current and futures products and how they will change treatment algorithms

Survey and appraise the late-stage product pipeline

### **KOL Insight Benefits**

Understand and assess future breast cancer market developments

Analyse current and future treatment algorithms

Understand the strengths and weaknesses of currently available targeted therapies for breast cancer

Assess how prescribing trends will change with launch of new products

Identify promising late-stage pipeline products

Track KOL opinion continuously over the next 12 months

### **Selected Quotes from the Report**

“There's more and more evidence showing that using combination HER2 blockade is the right thing to do. So, at the moment, I think it [Herceptin] will remain the backbone of the combination approach. If the patient relapsed on T-DM1 then you might go on to Herceptin plus pertuzamab or Herceptin plus pertuzamab plus another drug.” EU Key Opinion Leader

“There are issues that have not yet been well-defined for biosimilars. My decision to use a biosimilar will depend on the basis of approval. I need more transparency to be confident. Has it been used in the metastatic setting? Can it be used in the adjuvant setting? Will there be testing for cardiotoxicity? The answers to these questions should be clear. I don't think there will be much use

of biosimilar Herceptin because the criteria used by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) are very [different], so this drug [biosimilar Herceptin] is basically less tested. We don't trust the development.” EU Key Opinion Leader

“T-DM1 [Kadcyla] is a tremendous step forward. It's as big an advance as Herceptin was when that was first developed. It's clearly very effective and it's also very well tolerated, so it's a win-win really for the patients. I've been amazed at both the responses and the low side-effect profile of treatment. So, I can see it probably sweeping the board in time.” EU Key Opinion Leader

“Right now I am most excited and encouraged with the CDK 4/6 inhibitor palbociclib. It is an oral therapy; it is well tolerated; and it shows improvements in efficacy that are double to triple of what we have seen with hormonal therapy alone. So far, I am very excited about it and I think it is going to move quickly.” US Key Opinion Leader

“PARP inhibitors could have a huge impact for a small subpopulation of patients that have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation. Within those populations there is a good chance that they will indeed show better time to progression and survival.” EU Key Opinion Leader

## **KOL Panel**

KOLs from North America:

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Professor Gunter von Minckwitz is Managing Director of the German Breast Group (GBG) Research Institute.

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## About

The goal of this FirstWord Therapy Trends report is to present a comprehensive qualitative review of targeted therapies in the breast cancer market with an emphasis on current and future treatment pathways. In order to achieve this goal, FirstWord analysts conduct detailed secondary research into current and late-stage pipeline therapies. This research focusses on the development of commercial and clinical profiles for each product, the identification of key clinical data, the isolation of key ongoing clinical trials, and the classification of the current treatment algorithm based on patient segment, line of therapy and patient characteristics.

Following this research, FirstWord conducts 60-minute telephone interviews with 12 key opinion leaders (KOLs) from across the major markets to provide expert views on the current treatment landscape and how it will change in the future. In order to ensure the quality of the interviews, the KOLs are carefully selected based on their clinical experience, authored scientific publications, involvement in clinical trials and with the Pharma industry, their participation in treatment guideline development, and their record of presenting at high-profile international conferences. Moderators with detailed knowledge of the market dynamics and a track record of obtaining valuable insights from the KOLs conduct the interviews with the following objectives:

- Which drug is the treatment of choice for each patient segment, line of therapy and unique patient characteristics, and what product attributes contribute to the preference e.g. first-line treatment of HER2-positive, hormone receptor-positive and HER2-negative, or triple negative disease, and patients with brain metastases?
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- How will the treatment landscape evolve in the future for each patient segment and line of therapy?

The insights obtained from both the primary and secondary research are organised by patient segment and begin with a concise overview, followed by more detailed insights focussed on each current and pipeline product. At the end of each patient segment, the current and future treatment algorithm for that segment are summarised, allowing rapid identification of key players and expected future developments.

## **KOLs from North America**

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2003 and has served as AACR co-chair of the annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium since 2009. He is Deputy Editor of Clinical Cancer Research and member of the Editorial Board of Cancer Cell and six other peer-reviewed journals. He serves on the advisory boards of several academic cancer center-based Breast Cancer Programs and NCI-designated Cancer Centers. In 2013, he was voted by the AACR membership as President Elect of the American Association for Cancer Research.

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