



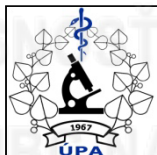
Zmeny hodnotenia (a reportovania) stavu HER2 v tkanive metastatického karcinómu prsníka

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Účelom prednášky nie je reklama liekov. Jej účelom je výlučne zdieľanie výsledkov klinických štúdií, výmena skúseností z klinickej praxe a podpora odbornej medicínskej diskusie.

Prezentácia je podporená spoločnosťou AstraZeneca.

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„Motto“ prezentácie

- **The integration of cancer biomarkers into oncology has revolutionized cancer treatment, yielding remarkable advancements in cancer therapeutics and the prognosis of cancer patients.**
- **The development of personalized medicine represents a turning point and a new paradigm in cancer management, as biomarkers enable oncologists to tailor treatments based on the unique molecular profile of each patient's tumor.**

Molekulová klasifikácia a HER2 biomarker: prognostický a prediktívny význam

special article

Annals of Oncology 22: 1736–1747, 2011
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Published online 27 June 2011

Strategies for subtypes—dealing with the diversity of breast cancer: highlights of the St Gallen International Expert Consensus on the Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer 2011

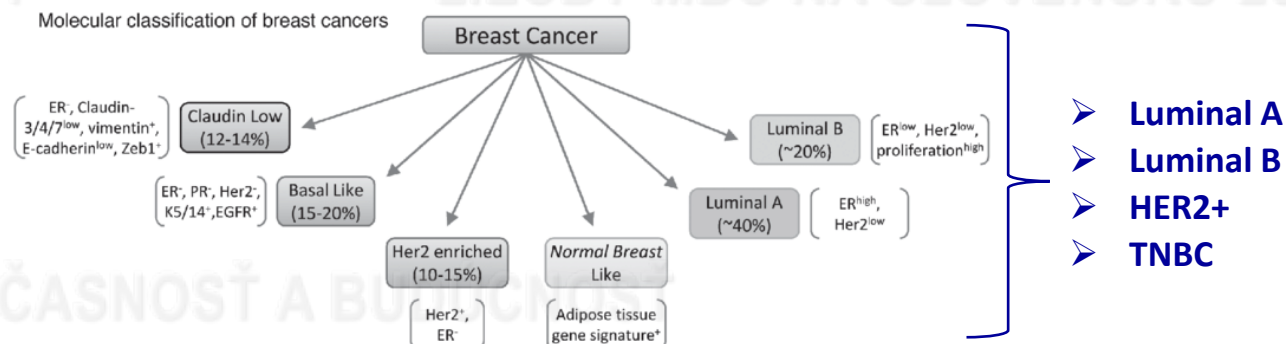
A. Goldhirsch^{1*}, W. C. Wood², A. S. Coates³, R. D. Gelber⁴, B. Thürlimann⁵, H.-J. Senn⁶ & Panel members⁷

Intrinsic Subtype (1)	Clinico-pathologic definition
Luminal A	‘Luminal A’ ER and/or PgR positive(76) <u>HER2 negative (77)</u> Ki-67 low (<14%)
Luminal B**	‘Luminal B (HER2 negative)’ ER and/or PgR positive <u>HER2 negative</u> Ki-67 high
	‘Luminal B (HER2 positive)’ ER and/or PgR positive Any Ki-67 <u>HER2 over-expressed or amplified</u>
Erb-B2 overexpression	‘HER2 positive (non luminal)’ <u>HER2 over-expressed or amplified</u> ER and PgR absent
‘Basal-like’	‘Triple negative (ductal)’ ER and PgR absent <u>HER2 negative</u>

Goldhirsch A et al., Annals of Oncology 22: 1736–1747, 2011

WHO klasifikácia nádorov prsnej žľazy (5. vyd.)

Pre prax zjednodušená molekulová klasifikácia = expresia ER, PR, HER2



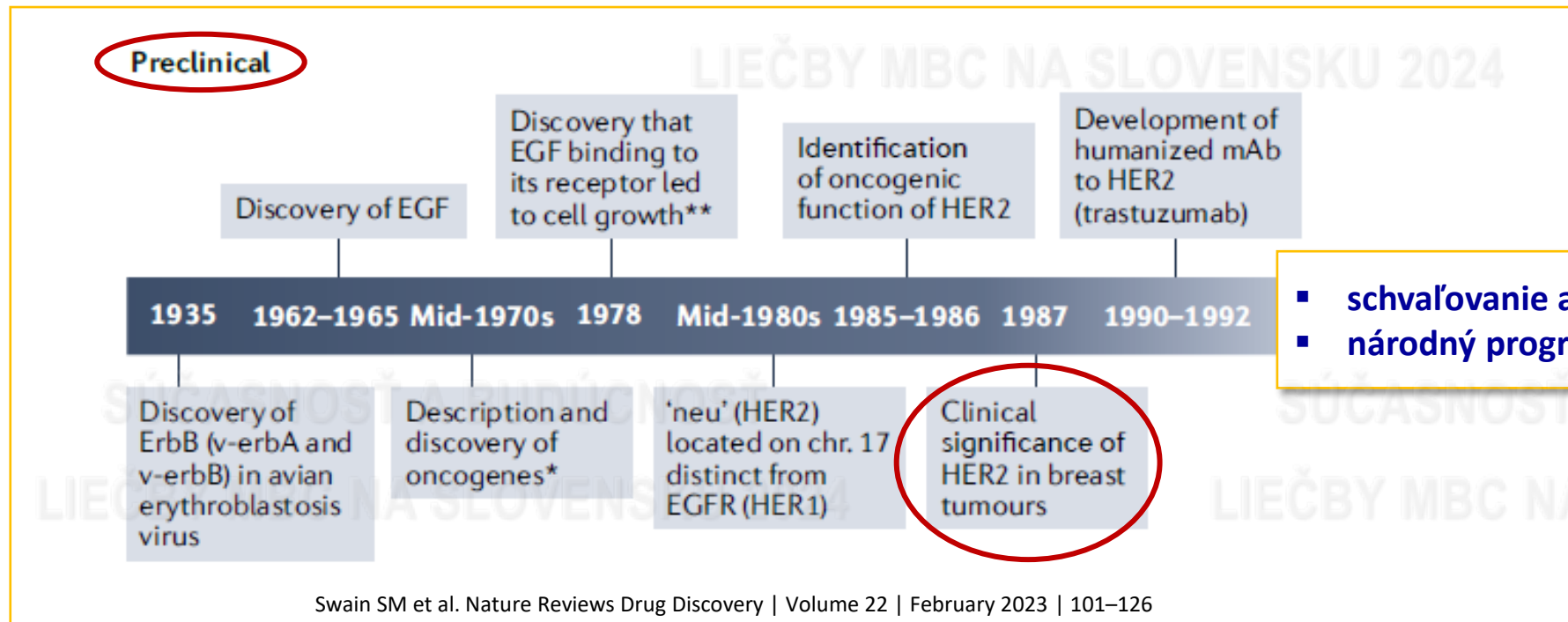
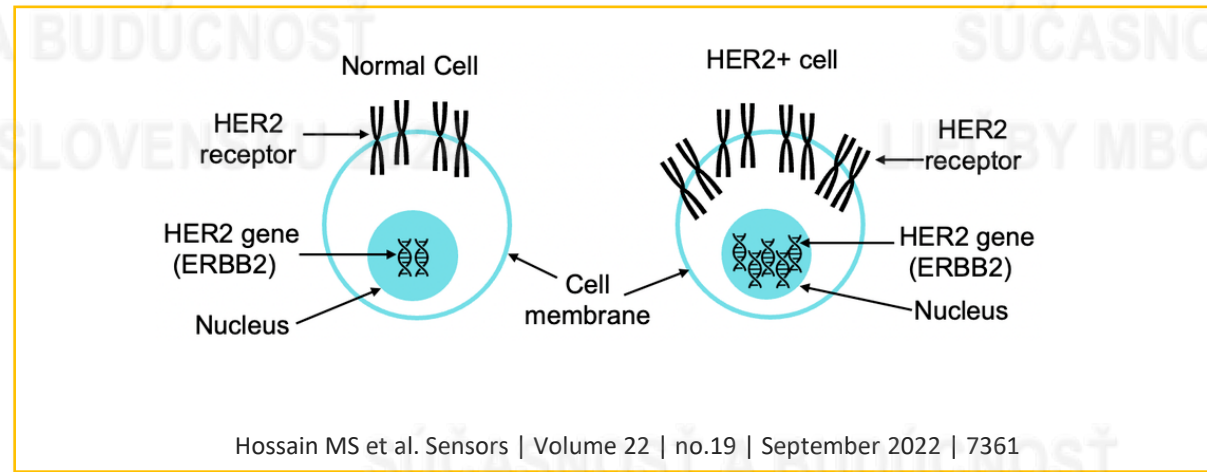
Korelácia s klinicko-patologickými črtami

Molecular Subtypes:	Basal	HER2-E	Luminal B	Luminal A
% of breast cancers:	15-20%	10-20%	20-30%	40-60%
Receptor expression:		HER2+		ER+
Histologic grade:	High grade			Low grade
Recurrence risk:	High risk in short term			Low risk but over longer term
Therapies used:	Chemotherapy	HER2 Rx		Hormone Rx

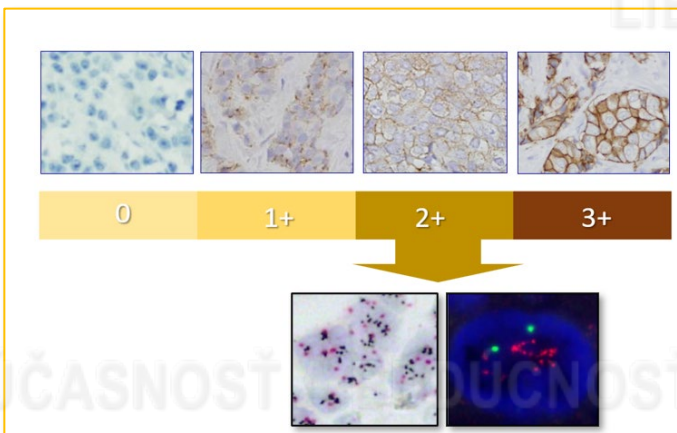
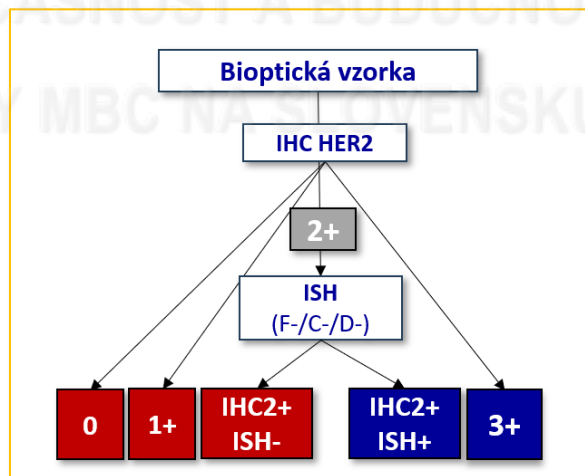
Pre voľbu liečby:

- ER-pozit., HER2-negat.
- ER-pozit., HER2-pozit.
- ER-negat., HER2-pozit.
- ER-negat., HER2-negat.

Terapeutické využitie prediktívnej hodnoty nadmernej expresie/amplifikácie HER2



Štandardizované testovanie / hodnotenie „stavu HER2“ v SR od 2002-2003 doteraz





CAVE (!):

- MEMBRÁNOVÁ pozitivita
 - úplná al.
 - neúplná
- VALIDOVANÉ ESEJE (IHC/ISH)
 - IQA
 - EQA
- STUPEŇ (sila) POZITIVITY
- 10% všetkých TCs = „cut-off“

IHC dôkaz HER2 proteínu na membráne nádorových buniek	membránová pozitivita neprítomná			
	membránová pozitivita prítomná			
	nekompletná	kompletná		
	intenzita slabá v > 10% NB	intenzita slabá/stredná v > 10% NB	intenzita silná v > 10% NB	
ISH dôkaz amplifikácie HER2 génu	0	1+	2+	3+
HER2 status	HER2 negatívne		ISH-	ISH+
	HER2 negatívne		HER2 pozitívne	

„HER2-pozitívne“ vs „HER2-negatívne“ prípady podľa ASCO/CAP smerníc (Wolf AC et al. 2018 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1200/JOP.18.00206>;))

Testovanie biomarkeru HER2 v SR podľa ESMO stav 2022-2023

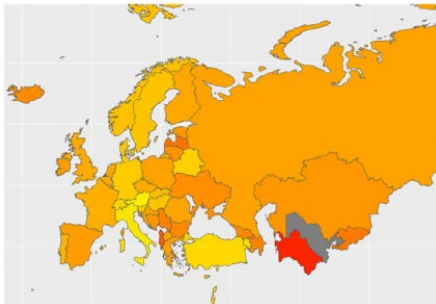



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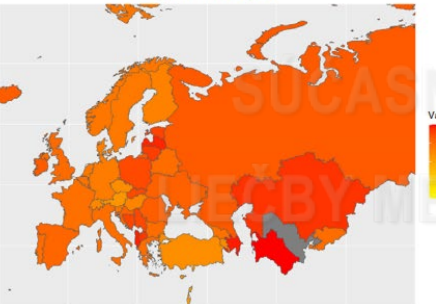
ESMO study on the availability and accessibility of biomolecular technologies in oncology in Europe

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Single-gene techniques




Multigene techniques



Value: 5 (Never), 4 (Research), 3 (Occasionally), 2 (Usually), 1 (Always)

Country*	IHC	FISH Lung_breast_Gastric	FISH Other	PCR	MSI Colon_Gastric	MSI Other	NGS Small	NGS Large	FNA Target	FNA Large	Genomic Assay	TMB	WES	WGS	Liquid Biopsies
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Original Research
Access and quality of biomarker testing for precision oncology in Europe
 Nicola Normanno ^{a,*}, Kathi Apostolidis ^b, Audrey Wolf ^c

	IHC	FISH Lung breast Gastric
Slovakia		

HER2 „low“ / „ultra-low: prediktívny faktor novej cielenej antiHER2-ADC-liečby

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Review
The Exciting New Field of HER2-Low Breast Cancer Treatment
 Daniel Eiger¹, Elisa Agostinetti^{1,2}, Rita Saúde-Conde^{1,3} and Evandro de Azambuja^{1,*}

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How I treat HER2-low advanced breast cancer
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EDITORIALS

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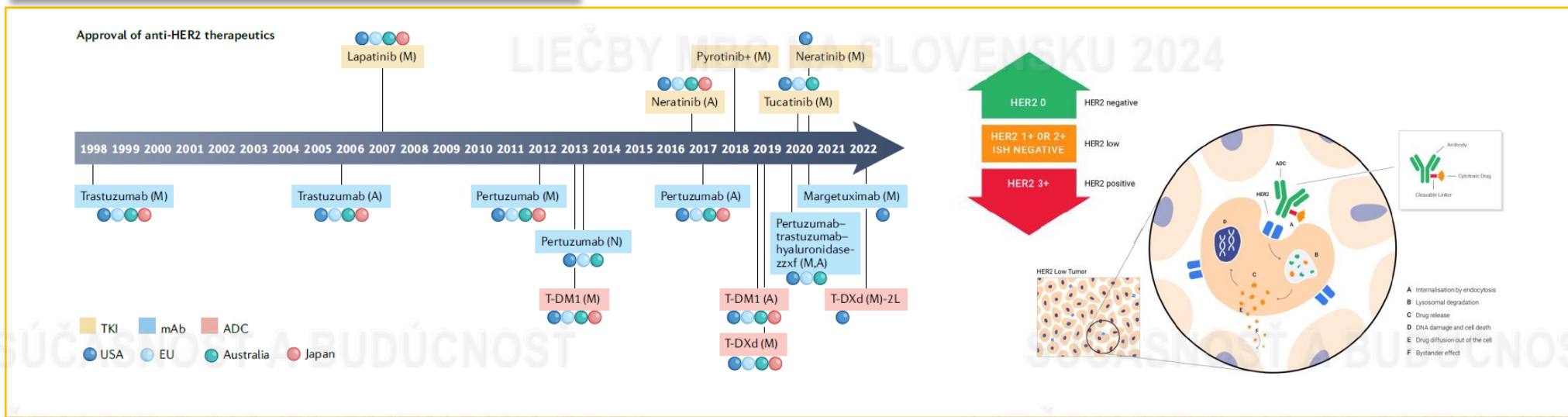
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Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Previously Treated HER2-Low Advanced Breast Cancer

S. Modi, W. Barlow, T. Yamashita, J. Sohn, M. Vidal, F. Tokunaga, J. Tsurutani, N.T. Ueno, A. Prat, Y.S. Chang

- Rôzne klinické štúdie,
- s rôznymi indikačnými kritériami liečby v štúdiách = „HER2-low“ / „ultra-low“



Swain SM et al. Nature Reviews Drug Discovery | Volume 22 | February 2023 | 101–126, Popovic M et al. **2023**, 24, 8206. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms24098206>
 Modi S et al. 2022, N Engl J Med 2022;387:9-20, Hurvitz SA N Engl J Med 387;1 nejm.org July 7, 2022, Schlam I et al., 2023 The Breast 116-123
 Eiger D, et al. Cancers **2021**, 13, 1015. Walko CM a West HJ. *JAMA Oncol.* 2019;5(11):1648

Nárast údajov o tzv. „low“ a aj „ultra-low“ pozitivite HER2

HER2-Low Breast Cancer: Pathological and Clinical Landscape

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Tarantino P et al., JCO 2022

DOI <https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.19.02488>

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HER2 Low, Ultra-low, and Novel Complementary Biomarkers: Expanding the Spectrum of HER2 Positivity in Breast Cancer

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Venetis K, et al. 2022 | Volume 9 | Article 834651

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HER2-low expression in patients with advanced or metastatic solid tumors

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annonc.2023.08.005>

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Review

Current Biological, Pathological and Clinical Landscape of HER2-Low Breast Cancer

Huina Zhang^{1,*} and Yan Peng^{2,*}

Zhang H, Peng Y. Cancers 2023, 15, 126.

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ARTICLE

HER2-low breast cancers: incidence, HER2 staining patterns, clinicopathologic features, MammaPrint and Blueprint genomic profiles

Huina Zhang^{1,2,3,4}, Hani Katerji^{1,5}, Bradley M. Turner⁶, William Audeh⁷ and David G. Hicks^{1,8}

Zhang H et al, Modern Pathology (2022) 35:1075–1082;

Comprehensive characterization of HER2-low breast cancers: implications in prognosis and treatment

Yuyang Li^{a,b}, Julia Y. Tsang^c, Fiona Tam^d, Thomson Loong^e and Gary M. Tse^{e,*}

Li Y et al., eBioMedicine 2023;91: 104571.

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Review

Low and Ultra-Low HER2 in Human Breast Cancer: An Effort to Define New Neoplastic Subtypes

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Franchina M et al., Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2023, 24, 12795.

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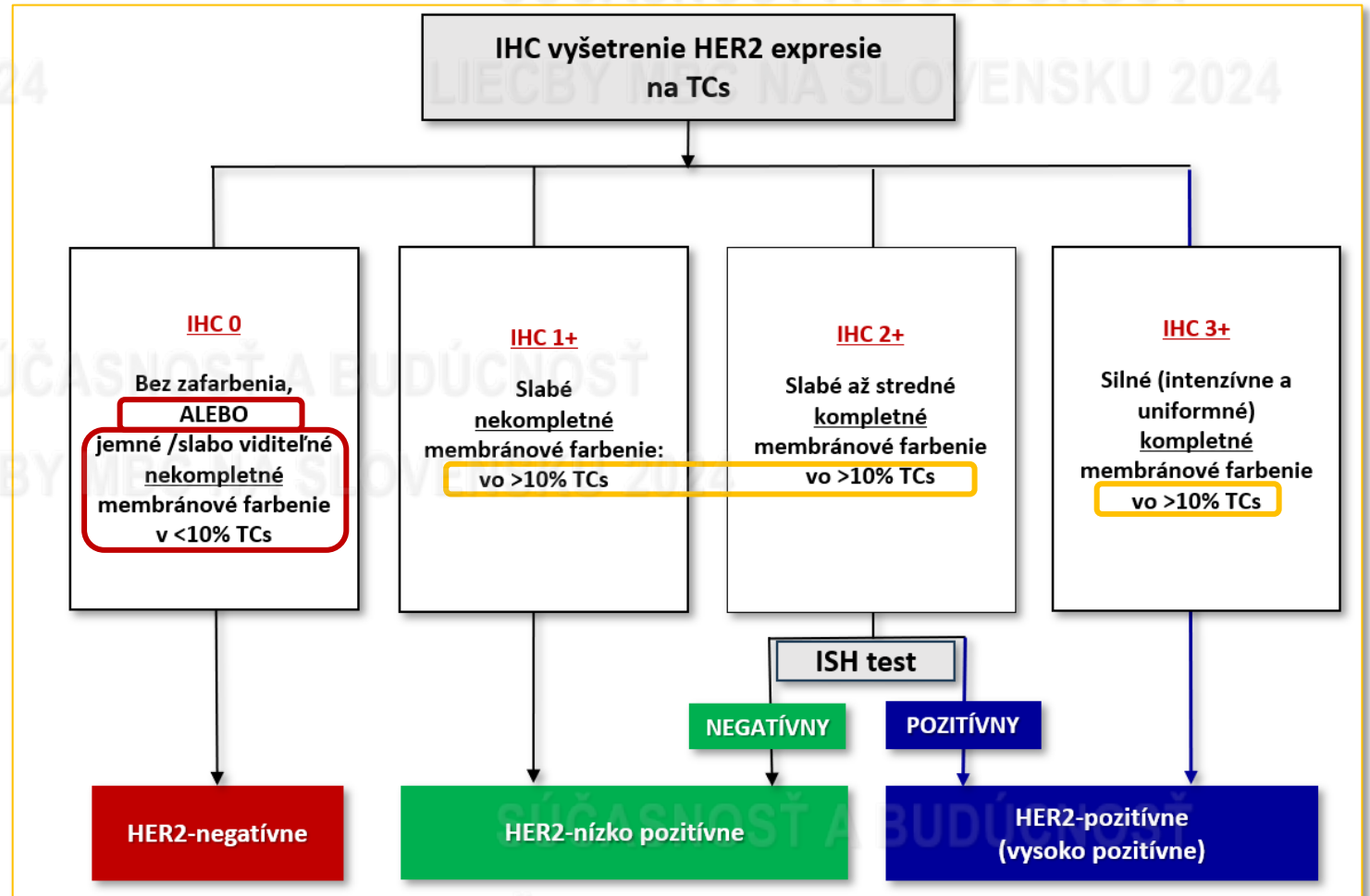
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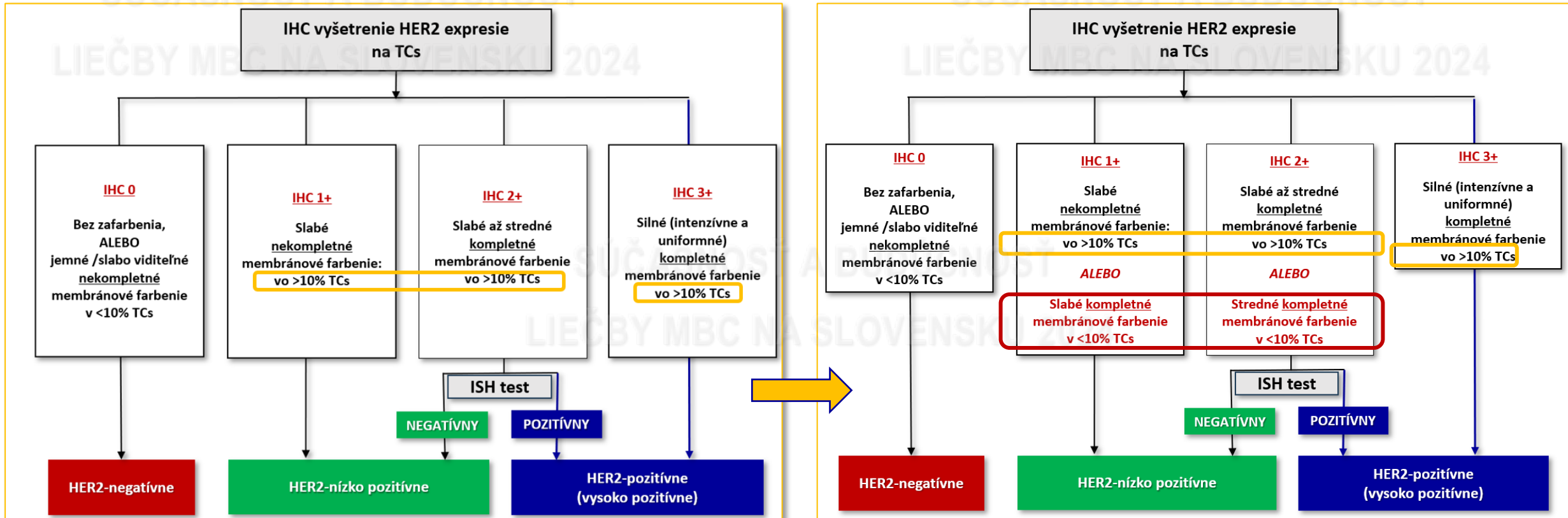
Breast Cancer: Targets and Therapy 2023;15 605–616

Testovanie „low“ a „ultra-low“ stavu HER2 v klin. štúdiách I.

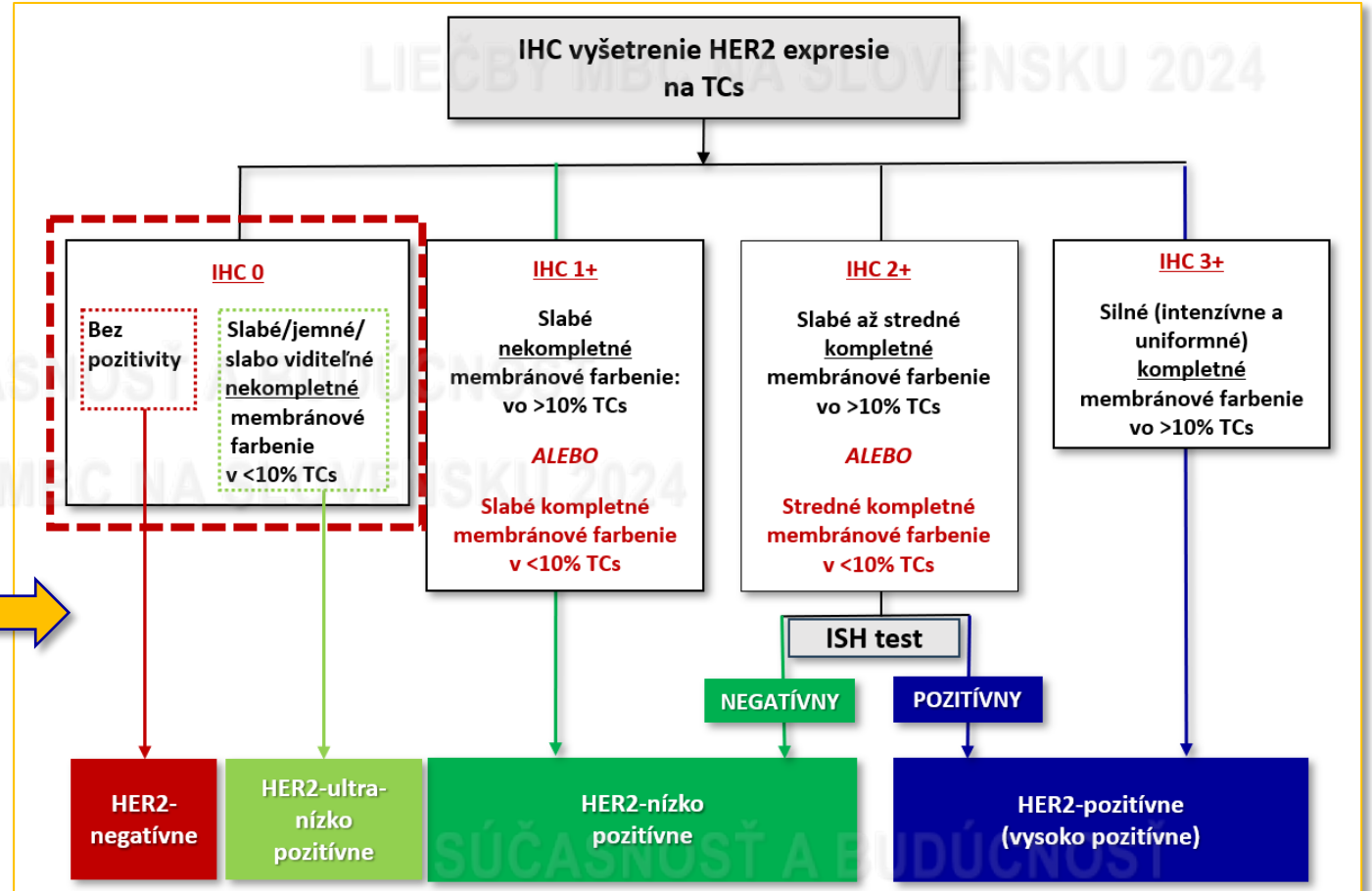
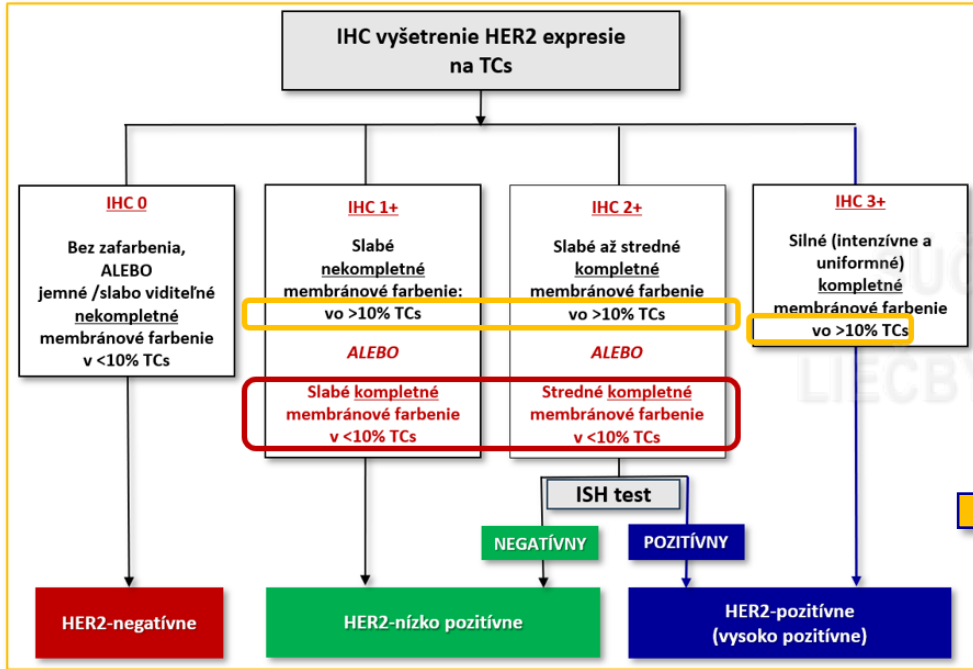
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HER2 status		HER2 negatívne		HER2 pozitívne



Testovanie „low“ a „ultra-low“ stavu HER2 v klin. štúdiách II.



Testovanie „low“ a „ultra-low“ stavu HER2 v klin. štúdiách III.

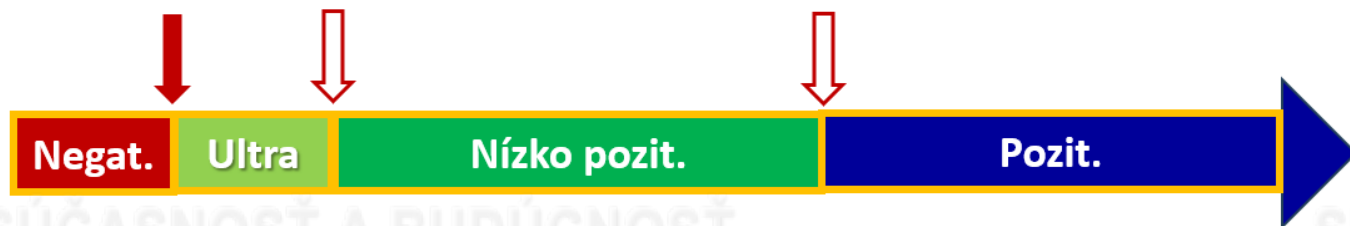
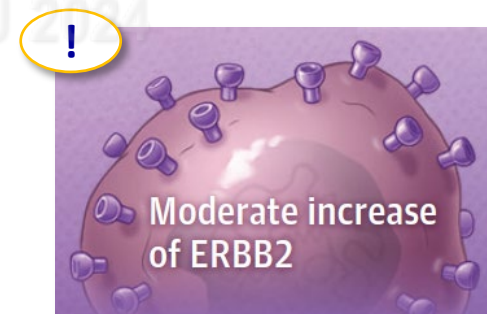
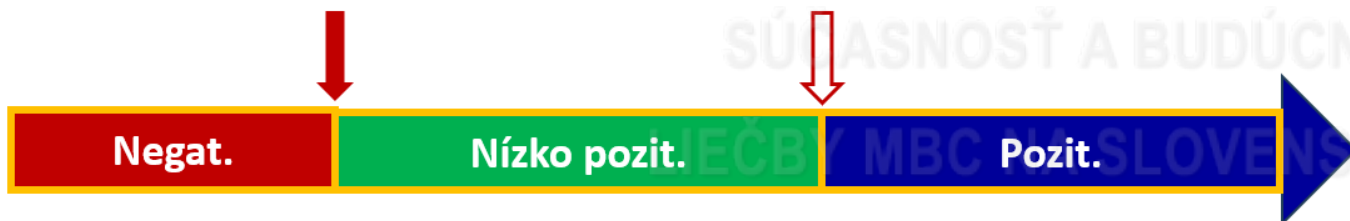


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Tarantino P et al., JCO 2022 DOI <https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.19.02488>, <https://www.aiforia.com/resource-library/how-can-ai-assist-in-detecting-her2-low-breast-cancer>

Rakha EA et al. J Clin Pathol 2023;76:217–227, Wolf AC et al. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1200/JOP.18.00206>

SÚHRN: Posuny „cut-off“ HER2 pozitivity v klin. štúdiách IV.



Aj iné metódy než „klasická kombinácia“ IHC + ISH ?

Možnosti NGS a tekutých biopsií na dg. a monitoring „low“ a „ultra-low“ stavu HER2 (?)

Original Reports | Precision Medicine Check for updates

©Clinical Implication of *HER2* Aberration in Patients With Metastatic Cancer Using Next-Generation Sequencing: A Pan-Tumor Analysis

Jun J et al., 2023 JCO Precis Oncol 7:e2200537

- ... **a great majority of patients** with *HER2* amplification and/or *HER2* fusion had ***HER2 + tumor* by IHC.**

3061 Poster Session

Liquid biopsy identification of *ERBB2* amplified and *HER2* expressing metastatic breast cancer: Comparison and combination of cell and cell-free platforms.

Giuseppe Di Caro, Ernest Lam, David Bourdon, Tatjana Singer, Kandra Horne, Megan Slade, Rick Wenstrup, Lee S. Schwartzberg; Epic Sciences, San Diego, CA; Epic Sciences, La Jolla, CA; Renown Health, Reno, NV

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Monitoring changing patterns in *HER2* addiction by liquid biopsy in advanced breast cancer patients

Giordani et al. *J Exp Clin Cancer Res* (2024) 43:182

1. **CTCs**
2. **alterations in plasma ctDNA.**

ELSEVIER Pathology Volume 56, Issue 3, April 2024, Pages 325-333

ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY

Comparison of an amplicon-based large panel next generation sequencing (NGS) assay with conventional testing methods for *MET* and *HER2* amplification in lung and breast cancers

Tay TKY et al., 2024
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pathol.2023.10.011>

- In summary, the NGS assay has good concordance with conventional testing methods but **may be less sensitive in detecting low level** gene amplification.

Ale ide aj o požiadavky bioinformatiky...

editorials

Ferrying Oncologists Across the Chasm of Interpreting Biomarker Testing Reports: Systematic Support Needed to Improve Care and Decrease Disparities

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JCO Clin Practice DOI <https://doi.org/10.1200/OP.23.00010>

of molecular diagnostics companies. For example, just as ASCO/AMP/CAP has developed joint guidelines for interpretation and reporting of sequence variants, it would be helpful for these professional societies to produce consensus guidelines on the content and language of the reports to maximize interpretability by clinicians.

would translate these results into management decisions. To be able to serve the volume-based needs of the oncology community, molecular consult services would ideally perform asynchronous reviews to generate reports on an ongoing basis. Moreover, it would be beneficial to have their expertise available in real time, on demand. Such support would entail

ascribed mechanism of action, a robust AI-supported strategy could potentially be developed to provide a clearly articulated and prioritized set of clinical suggestions for direct application by the recipient clinician(s). Such a synthesis of human-

Ale ide aj o podporu AI

RESEARCH

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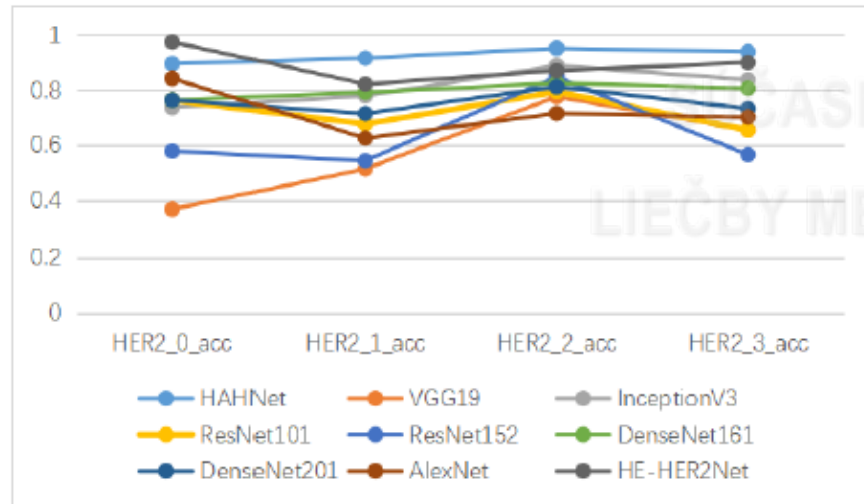


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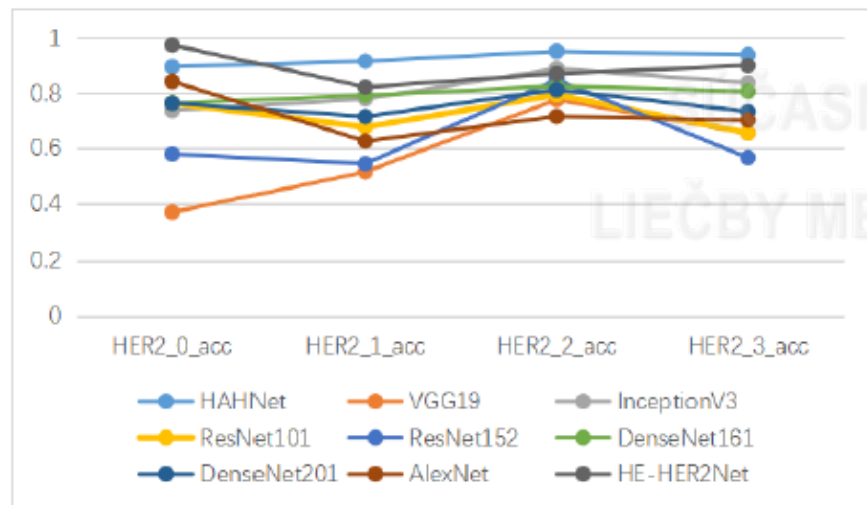


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Data Descriptor

Dataset of Hematoxylin-eosin and Ki67 histopathological image pairs complemented by algorithms providing Ki67 index

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Výzva na predkladanie žiadostí o poskytnutie prostriedkov mechanizmu na podporu obnovy a odolnosti

Základné údaje

Vykonávateľ: Ministerstvo zdravotníctva Slovenskej republiky

Názov výzvy: „Digitalizovaná patológia podporovaná umelou inteligenciou“

Kód výzvy: 11I03-21-V19

MammaTyper® Breast Cancer Subtyping Assay

Pathologist: _____ Sample ID: **1_B24-01018**

Department: _____ Plate ID: _____

Date of measurement: _____ MammaTyper® Lot: _____

Date of report: **23/04/24** Instrument: **cobas480 (Roche®)**

Validity of Run				
Warning:				
Assay mix	channel	Assay	NC	PC
1	FAM	ERBB2		
	HEX	ESR1		
2	FAM	MKI67		
	HEX	B2M		
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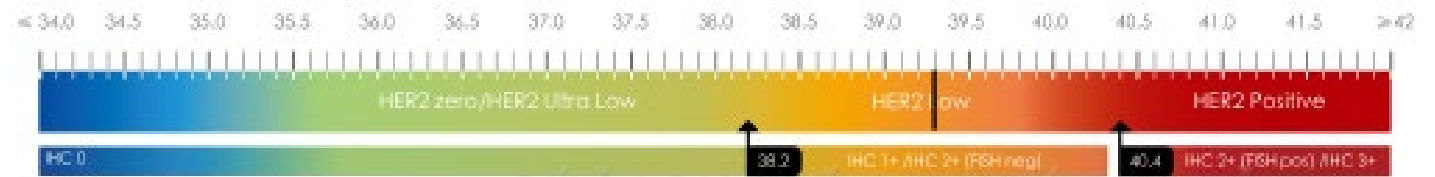
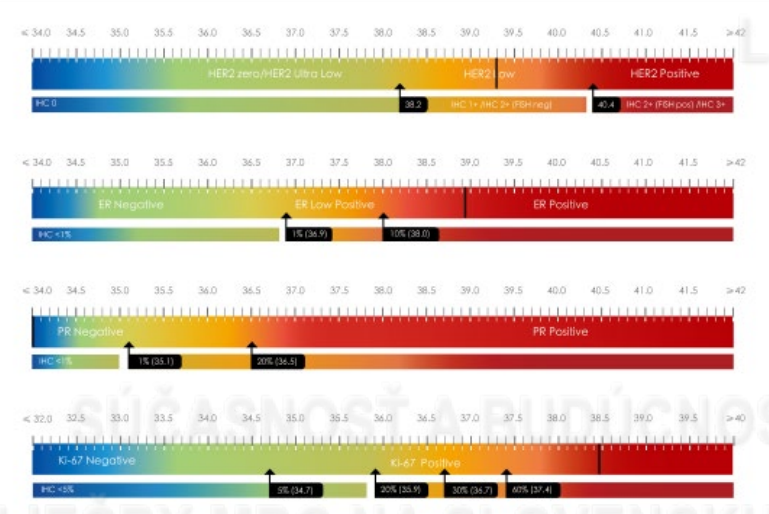
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Subtype According to St Gallen (2013) and ASCO (2020)

Luminal B-like (HER2 negative)

HR+ , HER2 Low

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- RNA extrakcia z FFPE, qRT-PCR,
- kvantifikácia expresie HER2, ER, PR a Ki-67 mRNA,
- MammaTyper® Report Generator Software

Ako ďalej v klinickej „reálnej“ praxi: Návod pre patológov podľa ASCO/CAP (2023)

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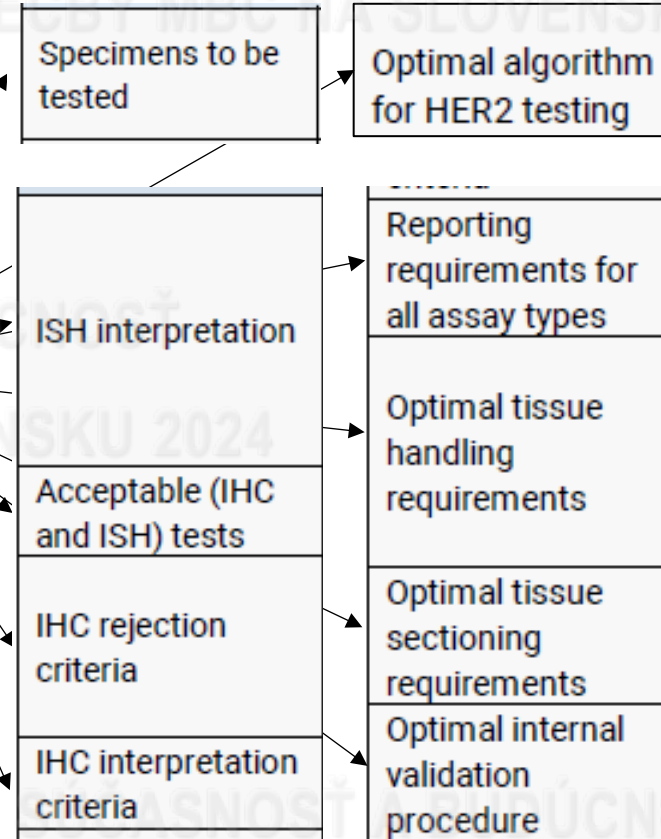
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ASCO Guidelines



Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Testing in Breast Cancer: ASCO-CAP Guideline Update				
Topic	Recommendation	Type	Evidence Quality	Strength
<i>The recommendations in previous (2013 and 2018) ASCO-CAP HER2 testing guideline updates are affirmed.</i>				
Specimens to be tested	All newly diagnosed patients with breast cancer must have a HER2 test performed. Patients who then develop metastatic disease must have a HER2 test performed in a metastatic site, if tissue sample is available.	-	-	-
Optimal algorithm for HER2 testing	IHC 2+ (equivocal) is invasive breast cancer with weak to moderate complete membrane staining observed in >10% of tumor cells.	EB	H	S
	On the basis of some criteria (including a tumor grade 3), if the initial HER2 test result in a core needle biopsy specimen of a primary breast cancer is negative, a new HER2 test may be ordered on the excision specimen.	EB	H	S
	If a case has a HER2/CEP17 ratio is ≥ 2.0 but the average HER2 signals/cell is < 4.0 , a definitive diagnosis will be rendered based on additional workup. If not already assessed by the institution/laboratory performing the ISH test, IHC testing for HER2 should be performed using sections from the same tissue sample used for ISH and the slides from both ISH and IHC be reviewed together to guide the selection of areas to score by ISH (local practice considerations will dictate the best procedure to accomplish this concomitant assessment): a. If the IHC result is 3+, diagnosis is HER2 positive. b. If the IHC result is 2+, recount ISH by having an additional observer, blinded to previous ISH results, count at least 20 cells that includes the area of invasive cancer with IHC 2+ staining: - If reviewing the count by the additional observer changes the result into another ISH category, the result should be adjudicated per internal procedures to define the final category. - If the count remains an average of < 4.0 HER2 signals/cell and HER2/CEP17 ratio ≥ 2.0 , the diagnosis is HER2 negative with a comment.* c. If the IHC result is 0 or 1+, diagnosis is HER2 negative with a comment.*	EB	I	S
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Topic



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REVIEW AND PERSPECTIVES

Standardized pathology report for HER2 testing in compliance with 2023 ASCO/CAP updates and 2023 ESMO consensus statements on HER2-low breast cancer

Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for optimizing HER2-low status assessment

Pre-analytical Phase

- Biopsy / surgical excision**
 - Temperature controlled transferring
 - Cold ischemic time <1h
- Tissue fixation**
 - Neutral buffered formalin (6-96 h)
- Tissue processing**
 - Regular laboratory inspections and proficiency testing
- Paraffin embedding/microtomy**
 - 5µm-thick sections
 - Freshly cut FFPE blocks

Analytical Phase

- Actual HER2 testing process**
- Antibody assay:
 - PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5)
 - HercepTest pharmDx, Dako
- Platform:
 - Ventana Medical Systems
 - Dako Omnis
- Tissue controls:
 - positive
 - negative
 - high and low expression
- Repeat test if results are equivocal

Post-analytical Phase

- Score 0 vs 1+ accuracy
- Reflex ISH for score 2+
- Heterogeneous expression and unusual staining patterns
- Rigorous SOPs, describing the diagnostic workflow from the specimen excision to HER2 report
- Pathologists' training and update
- Archives and clinical report

Optimized report for HER2 test in HER2-low breast cancer

Cold ischemia time < 1h
fixation 6-72 h
Overfixation may lead to false-negative results

SPECIMEN
Date of collection
DIAGNOSIS

Avoid reporting in DCIS
Beware edge artifacts

HER2 0 challenge:

- distinction between score 0 and score 1+ is now clinically relevant
- interpretation challenges
- heterogeneity
- interobserver reproducibility
- training

HER2 testing by immunohistochemistry:
Assay
IHC Staining platform

Discrepancies in the interpretation of IHC HER2 test results may occur due to different assays and platforms, without proper harmonization

Describe the intensity and pattern of staining:

- weak/moderate/intense membrane staining
- complete/incomplete

Use of internal and external controls is mandatory for each slide run; There are no normal internal controls.

Indicate:

- percentage (%) of cells with described pattern and score

RESULT: Positive/Equivocal/Negative (Score #)

Interpretation:
Score 0, 1+: negative
Score 2+: equivocal (requires ISH)
Score 3+: positive

Follow 2023 ASCO/CAP updates and 2023 ESMO consensus statements

Reflex in situ hybridization test:
Test type

Number of observers
Number of invasive tumor cells counted

Indicate:

- aneusomy,
- signal heterogeneity
- percentage of cells with amplified HER2 signals

Identification of invasive carcinoma:

- A pathologist should identify on H&E slide the area of invasive carcinoma to be evaluated
- ISH analysis must be performed on the invasive carcinoma
- DCIS may show gene amplification which should be disregarded

Interpretation issues can be complicated by spatial and temporal heterogeneity, which is an independent risk factor for decreased DFS, creating difficulties in treatment selection

Average Number of HER2 Signals per Cell: ##
Average Number of CEP17 Signals per Cell: ##
RESULT: HER2 / CEP17 Ratio: ### (Group #) - Positive/Negative (dual-probe)
OR
Average HER2 copy number - Positive/Negative (single-probe)

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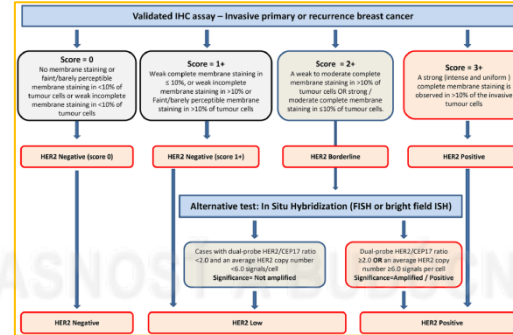
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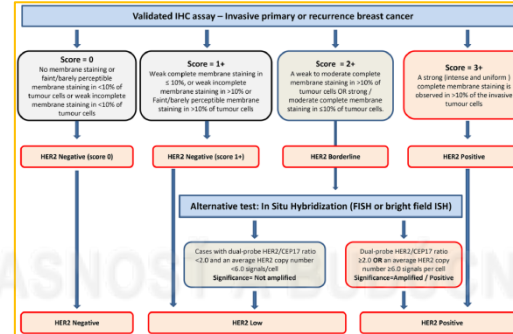
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- However, pathologists are now tasked with specifically identifying the intricate subtleties of HER2 expression dynamics across a wider continuum, an aspect that was previously deemed clinically irrelevant.

Ivanova M et al., <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00428-023-03656-w>

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Ako ďalej v našej klinickej „reálnej“ praxi:

Novinky v testovaní stavu HER2 v biopsiách pacientov s karcinómom prsnej žľazy

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Prehľadový článok, ktorý sumarizuje požiadavky na testovanie stavu HER2 v bioptických vzorkách pacientov s karcinómom prsnej žľazy, keďže identifikácia HER2 pozitívneho stavu je tradičným prediktívnym biomarkerom anti-HER2 liečby. HER2 negatívneho stavu sa venovala menšia pozornosť, ale v súvislosti s novými terapeutickými modalitami publikovanými v klinických štúdiách vyžaduje precízne zhodnotenie každého HER2 stavu. Preto sa v článku venuje pozornosť detailom analýzy stavu HER2 kombináciou imunohistochemickej a *in situ* hybridizačnej metódy, ako aj zhodnotenia analýzy v zmysle skóre 0-3+ vrátane tzv. nízkej a ultranízkej expresie HER2 proteínu. Súčasne sa v kontexte recentných smerníc odporúča zachovať doterajší spôsob hodnotenia stavu HER2 s detailnou deskripciou expresie HER2 proteínu, resp. výsledku analýzy amplifikácie HER2 génu. Doterajšia úroveň poznatkov nepodporuje implementáciu nových kategórií nízkej a ultranízkej expresie HER2 do bioptického záveru patológa, aj keď v klinickej onkológii predstavujú požiadavku na indikáciu nových liečebných modalít.

Kľúčové slová: karcinóm prsnej žľazy, HER2 status pozitívny a negatívny, nízka a ultranízka expresia HER2 proteínu

New approaches in the testing of HER2 status in the biopsies of breast carcinoma patients

The identification of HER2 positivity represents a traditional predictive biomarker for anti-HER2 therapy. In this review article we summarize new requirements on HER2 testing of biopsy specimen of breast cancer patients. Although previously less attention has been paid to HER2 negativity, the new therapeutical modalities published in some clinical studies highlight the importance of a precise HER2 evaluation of all breast cancers. In this article the attention has been paid to the detailed description of the HER2 analyses using a combination of the immunohistochemical and *in situ* hybridization methods, as well as to the precise evaluation and reporting of the HER score from 0 to 3+, incl. descriptions of the so-called HER low and HER2-ultra-low cancers. However, in agreement with recent guidelines the pathologists should continue to use the traditional evaluation of individual HER2 categories with inclusion of a detailed data on the HER2 protein expression and on the HER2 gene status resp. Contemporary level of knowledge does not support to implement the HER2-low and HER2-ultra-low categories as separate biological categories into the final biopsy report, although in clinical oncology their identification is required for the new therapeutical modalities.

Key words: breast cancer, HER2: positivity and negativity, low and ultra-low HER2 expression

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Výsledok IHC analýzy HER2 expresie – 5 možností:

A/ Pozitívny stav – nadmerná expresia HER2 proteínu (3+) :
(silná, kompletná membránová expresia v > 10 % TCs)

B/ Nejednoznačný stav expresie HER2 proteínu (2+) :
(stredná/slabá kompletná membránová expresia v > 10 % TCs)
ISH vyšetrenie: bez amplifikácie vs amplifikácia HER2 génu

C/ Negatívny stav – bez nadmernej expresie HER2 proteínu (1+) :
(slabá a nekompletná /neúplná membránová expresia v > 10 % TCs)

D/ Negatívny stav – bez nadmernej expresie HER2 proteínu (0)


D.1. úplná absencia membránovej expresie v TCs

D.2. slabá a nekompletná membránová expresia v < 10% TCs

Pozn.: hodnotenie expresie výlučne v nádorových bunkách invazívnej komponenty (TCs)

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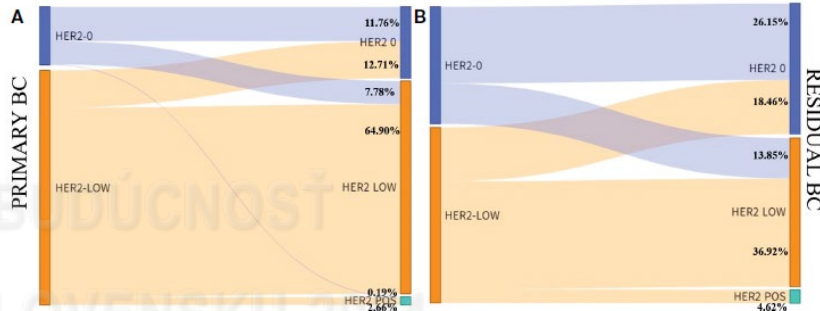
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- **reference set of cases with expert consensus**
- **HER2 scores** will be invaluable **for peer training**
- Pathologists **applying clear, explicit guidelines**, specifically **focused on breast cancers with HER2 IHC expression levels at the lower end of the spectrum**, can achieve **satisfactory levels of scoring accuracy and consistency.**

Evolution and clinical significance of HER2-low status after neoadjuvant therapy for breast cancer

Shang J et al. et al. Front. Oncol. 2023
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HER2 Status	PRIMARY BC (%)	RESIDUAL BC (%)
HER2-0	11.76%	26.15%
HER2 LOW	64.90%	36.92%
HER2 POS	2.68%	4.62%

Review
Current Biological, Pathological and Clinical Landscape of HER2-Low Breast Cancer

Zhang H a Peng Y, Cancers 2023, 15, 126.

➤ Shang et al. + Zhang a Peng:

- **HER2-low** breast cancer is **highly unstable during disease evolution and progression...**

- **Re-detection of HER2** in breast cancer **after neoadjuvant therapy** may lead to **new treatment opportunities ...** for a **proportion of patients** because of **enrichment of HER2-low carcinomas in the advanced setting.**

Návrh gradualistického postupu zhodnotenia stavu HER2

Hodnotiť:

- len invazívnu komponentu
- len lineárnu pozitivitu
- v prípade „0“ vždy pri 40x

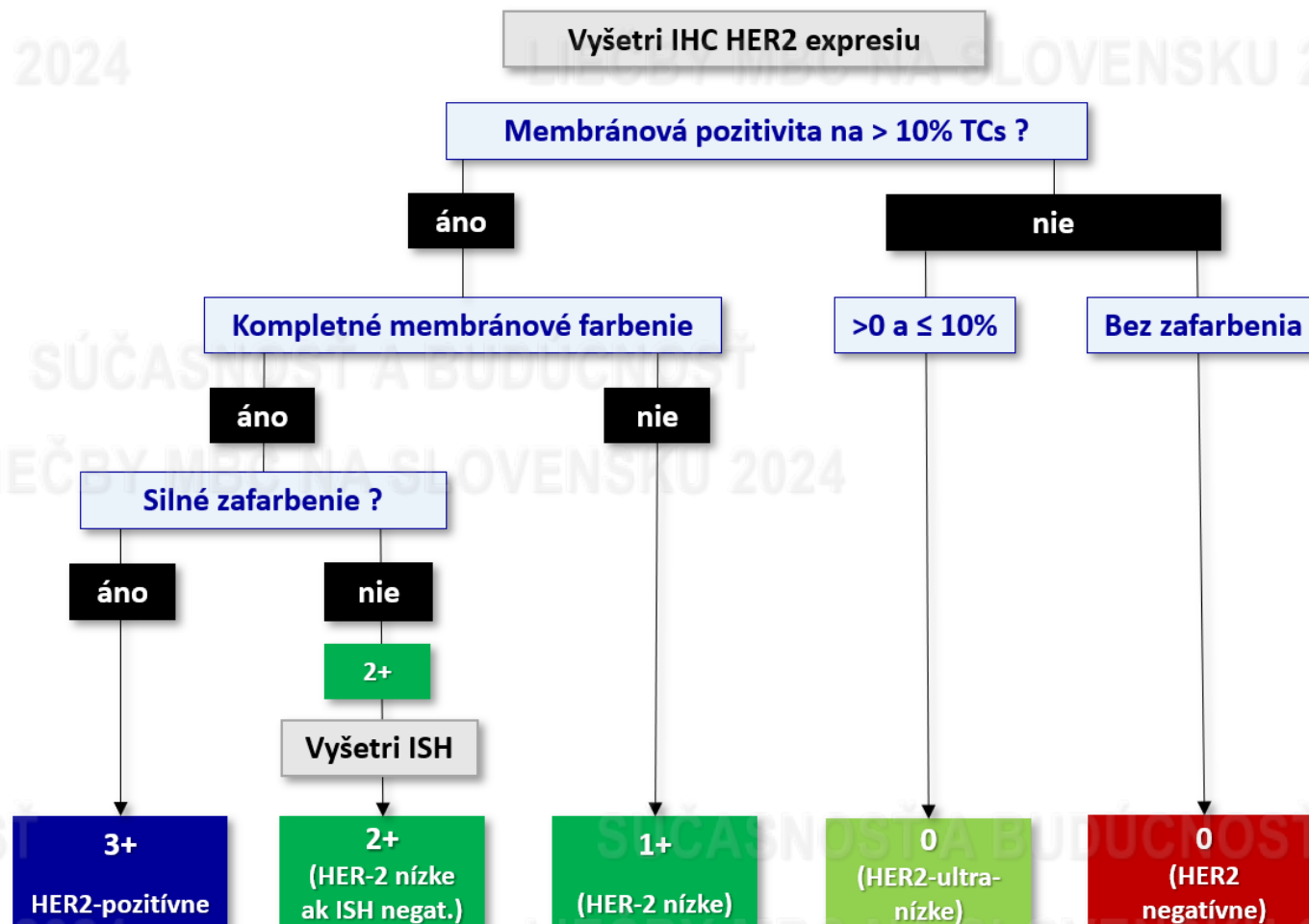
Nehodnotiť :

- cytoplazmatickú pozitivitu
- jadrovú pozitivitu
- granulárne luminálne farbenie
- farbenie úsekov s „crush“ alebo i. artefaktom

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Concluding Remarks

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<https://dailynews.ascopubs.org/do/her2-low-unique-breast-cancer-subtype>