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Title: Plasma HER2ECD a promising test for patient prognosis and prediction of response in HER2 positive breast cancer: Results of a randomized study - SAKK 22/99

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The study by Castori et al is one of the few approaching the problem of HER2ECD clinical value in patients treated within a controlled clinical trial SAKK22/99 trial utilizing trastuzumab as drug therapy. Even though the series is limited, most part of the patients enrolled in such trial entered the present retrospective study. The results seem coherent, the manuscript is easily readly and English Language adequate. Statistical analyses are correctly conducted.

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