We claim:

1. A method for the treatment of breast cancer, comprising

(i) subjecting a patient with HER2-positive, operable, locally advanced or inflammatory breast cancer to neoadjuvant treatment with a combination of T-DM1 and pertuzumab, in the absence of chemotherapy,

(ii) removing said breast cancer by definitive surgery; and

(iii) subjecting said patient to adjuvant treatment with a combination of T-DM1 and Pertuzumab, in the absence of chemotherapy.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said patient is subjected to adjuvant treatment with a combination of T-DM1 and pertuzumab, in the absence of chemotherapy that comprises a taxane.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said patient is subjected to adjuvant treatment with a combination of T-DM1 and pertuzumab, in the absence of concurrent chemotherapy.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the adjuvant treatment comprises chemotherapy prior to and/or following treatment with T-DM1 and pertuzumab.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the chemotherapy prior to and/or following treatment with T-DM1 and pertuzumab does not comprise a taxane.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the chemotherapy that is administered comprises anthracycline-based chemotherapy.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the chemotherapy that is administered further comprises trastuzumab.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the anthacycline-based therapy comprises one or more of FAC (5-fluoroacil, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide), FEC (5-fluorouracil, epirubicin and cyclophosphamide) or AC (doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide).

9. The method of any of claims 1-8, wherein said breast cancer is >2 cm in diameter.

10. The method of any of claims 1-8, wherein definitive surgery is performed at least 14 days following the completion of neoadjuvant therapy.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein definitive surgery is performed no later than 9 weeks following the completion of neoadjuvant therapy.

12. The method of any of claims 1-8, wherein the neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment protocols each comprise infusion of T-DM1 at a dose of 3.6 mg/kg every 3 weeks and infusion of pertuzumab at a loading dose of 840mg and at a dose of 420mg every 3 weeks thereafter.

13. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein T-DM1 and pertuzumab are administered concurrently.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein T-DM1 and pertuzumab are co-administered.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein T-DM1 and pertuzumab are administered consecutively in either order.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the administration follows the schedule set forth in Table 5.

17. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein said treatment increases one or more of complete response (CR), EFS (event-free survival), DFS (disease-free survival), IDFS (invasive disease-free survival), and OS (overall survival).

18. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein said treatment increases time to disease progression.

19. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein neoadjuvant treatment consists essentially of administration of T-DM1 and pertuzumab.

20. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein neoadjuvant treatment consists of administration of T-DM1 and pertuzumab.

21. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein adjuvant treatment consists essentially of administration of T-DM1 and pertuzumab.

22. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein adjuvant treatment consists of administration of T-DM1 and pertuzumab.