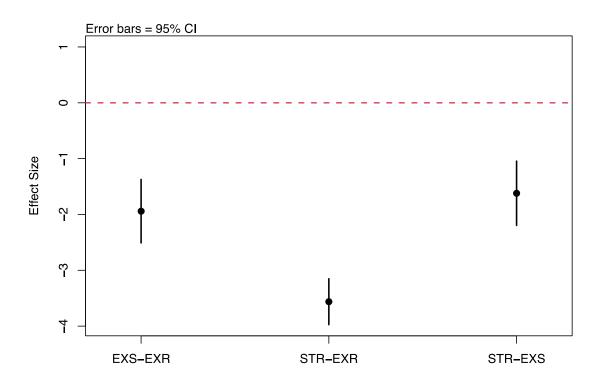


Supplementary Figure S1. Overview of patient selection and sequencing data.

A total of 243 patients with HER2-positive MBC were enrolled, from whom 29 who never progressed were identified as ExR with an OS > 60 months, 54 were identified as ExS with an OS > 60 months and 160 were identified as STR with an OS < 60 months at the database cut-off (December 2020 and follow-up updated in January 2024).



| | diff | lwr | upr | p adj |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| EXS-EXR | -1.941572 | -2.510722 | -1.372422 | 0 |
| STR-EXR | -3.562167 | -3.973662 | -3.150672 | 0 |
| STR-EXS | -1.620595 | -2.196177 | -1.045013 | 0 |

Figure S2. Tukey comparisons of centromeric CN means between ExR, ExS and STR. Post hoc ANOVA test (Tukey) performed using R (V4.2.0) and R packages rstatix, AICcmodavg, ggplot2, ggpubr, tidyverse, broom and multcompView.

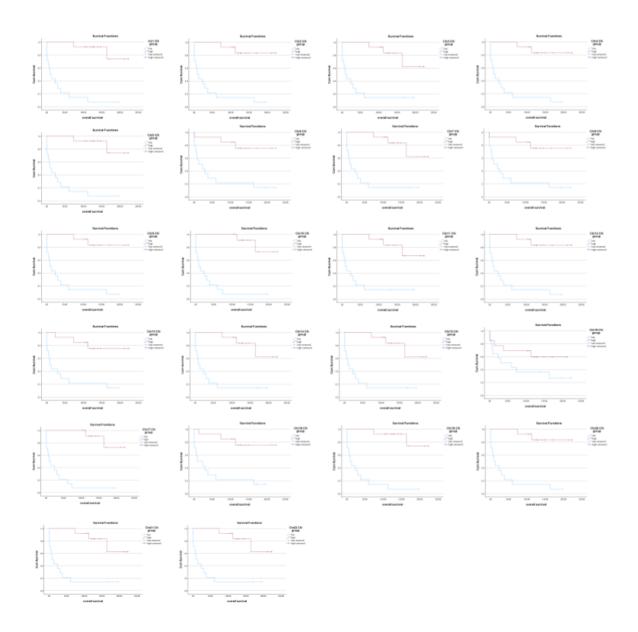


Figure S3. Kaplan Meier curves of overall survival in ExR, ExS, and STR patients divided by centromeric copy number. Patients were divided into a low or high CCN group based on the median CCN.

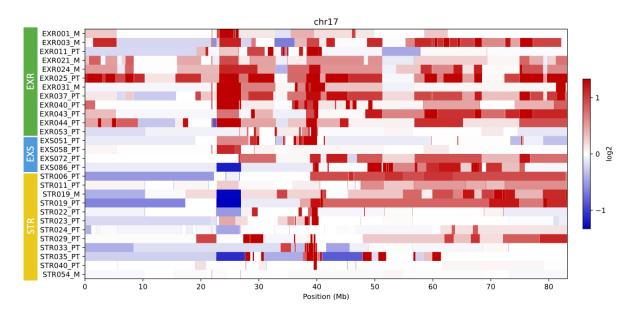
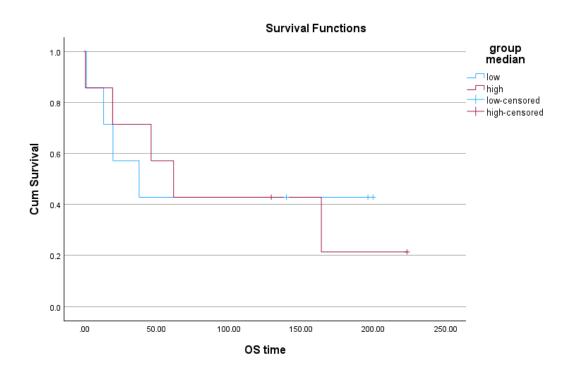


Figure S4. Copy number aberration profiles of chromosomes 17. Heatmap of the log2 normalized CNA profiles of the whole genome of the 12 EXR, 4 EXS and 11 STR samples. Red color indicates a gain of copy, blue indicates a loss of copy and white indicates a normal copy number (2 copies)



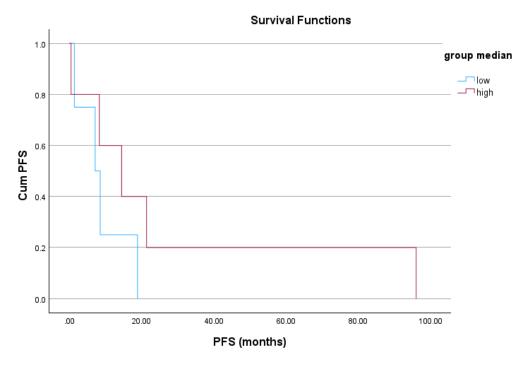


Figure S5. Kaplan Meier curves of overall survival and progression-free survival in ExR, ExS, and STR patients grouped by D4Z1 copy number.

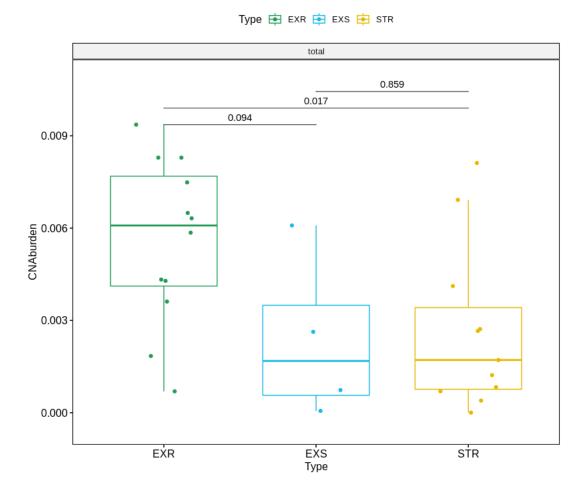


Figure S6. CNA burden of the coding regions. Fractions of the genome altered by CNA in terms of loss and gain (total) for the EXR, EXS and STR groups.

Table S1. Coordinates of the selected centromeric regions (hg38). Coordinates used to estimate the copy-number status of the centromeric regions.

| chromosome | start | end |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| chr1 | 122500000 | 124000000 |
| chr2 | 93000000 | 94000000 |
| chr3 | 91551000 | 93400000 |
| chr4 | 49650000 | 49700000 |
| chr5 | 47251000 | 48600000 |
| chr6 | 58451000 | 58600000 |
| chr7 | 59851000 | 60000000 |
| chr8 | 44100000 | 44500000 |
| chr9 | 44900000 | 45400000 |
| chr10 | 39700000 | 39900000 |
| chr11 | 53951000 | 54300000 |
| chr12 | 35400000 | 37200000 |
| chr13 | 17500000 | 18000000 |
| chr14 | 17651000 | 18200000 |
| chr15 | 18400000 | 19700000 |
| chr16 | 36110000 | 36210000 |
| chr17 | 25950000 | 26500000 |
| chr18 | 20610000 | 20800000 |
| chr19 | 26300000 | 26900000 |
| chr20 | 26551000 | 28000000 |
| chr21 | 12310000 | 12400000 |
| chr22 | 14500000 | 15000000 |

Table S2. PFS and OS statistics. Kaplan Meier survival analysis performed using R (V4.2.0) and R packages survival and survminer.

| | EXR | EXS | STR |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | (n=29) | (n=54) | (n=160) |
| Progression-Free Survival | | | |
| records | 29 | 54 | 159 |
| events | 0 | 54 | 156 |
| mean, months | NA | 46.5 | 15.1 |
| median, months | NA | 34.4 | 10.9 |
| 0.95 LCL, months | NA | 27.7 | 8.54 |
| 0.95 UCL, months | NA | 43.4 | 12.7 |
| Overall Survival | | | |
| records | 29 | 54 | 159 |
| events | 3 | 36 | 154 |
| mean, months | 157 | 139 | 23.8 |
| median, months | 148 | 113 | 21.1 |
| 0.95 LCL, months | NA | 91.5 | 19.3 |
| 0.95 UCL, months | NA | 152 | 26.4 |

Table S3. Clinical characteristics of the sequenced cases. Kaplan Meier survival analysis performed using R (V4.2.0) and R packages survival and survminer.

| | EXR | EXS | NR |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| | (n=12) | (n=4) | (n=11) |
| Death event | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Mean PFS, in months | NA | 62.8 | 5.89 |
| Mean OS, in months | 158 | 102 | 11.9 |
| de novo metastasis | | | |
| yes | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| no | 6 | 2 | 11 |
| Best treatment response | | | |
| complete response (CR) | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| partial response (PR) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| stable disease (SD) | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| other | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Drug category | | | |
| single agent trastuzumab | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| trastuzumab with taxane agent | 12 | 2 | 3 |
| other / unknown | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Trastuzumab pretreated | | | |
| yes | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| no | 11 | 2 | 5 |

Table S4. D4Z1 copy number as measured by dPCR and associated PFS and OS.

| ID | D4Z1_avg | os | PFS | wgs |
|--------|----------|--------|-------|-----|
| EXR004 | 665.88 | 199.69 | NA | N |
| EXR021 | 602.49 | 139.79 | NA | Υ |
| EXR024 | 1557.74 | 129.31 | NA | Υ |
| EXR043 | 4405.96 | 223.28 | NA | Υ |
| EXR051 | 2917.61 | 163.94 | 95.97 | Υ |
| EXR053 | 874.31 | 196.17 | NA | Υ |
| EXR085 | 66885.45 | 61.7 | 21.36 | N |
| NR005 | 899.56 | 13.31 | 7.13 | N |
| NR023 | 2711.97 | 0.72 | 0.46 | Υ |
| NR024 | 1170.8 | 1.38 | 1.38 | Υ |
| NR049 | 3459.9 | 19.55 | 8.28 | N |
| NR052 | 555.08 | 19.81 | 8.54 | N |
| NR053 | 2092.07 | 46.19 | 14.46 | N |
| NR054 | 523.73 | 37.88 | 18.86 | Υ |