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# Mechanisms of endocrine therapy resistance and treatment options in hormone receptor positive breast cancer

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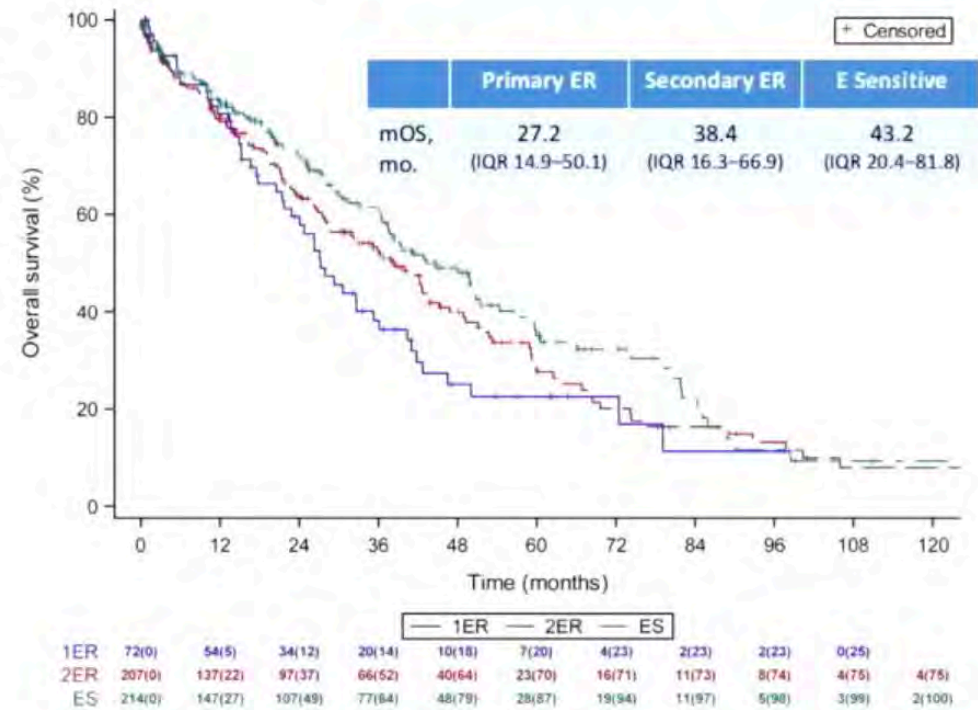
# Learning Objectives

- Overview of the mechanisms of endocrine resistance in breast cancer
- Development of CDK 4/6 inhibitors in breast cancer and its clinical benefit in early and metastatic disease
- Understand the mechanisms of acquired resistance to endocrine therapy plus CDK4/6 inhibitors and potential treatment combinations to overcome resistant luminal tumors
- Treatment selection in clinical practice after disease progression on a CDK4/6 inhibitor and future areas of research

# Individual patient-level analysis from the Mammella Intergruppo (MIG) and Grupo Italiano Mammella (GIM) Studies (1992-2012)

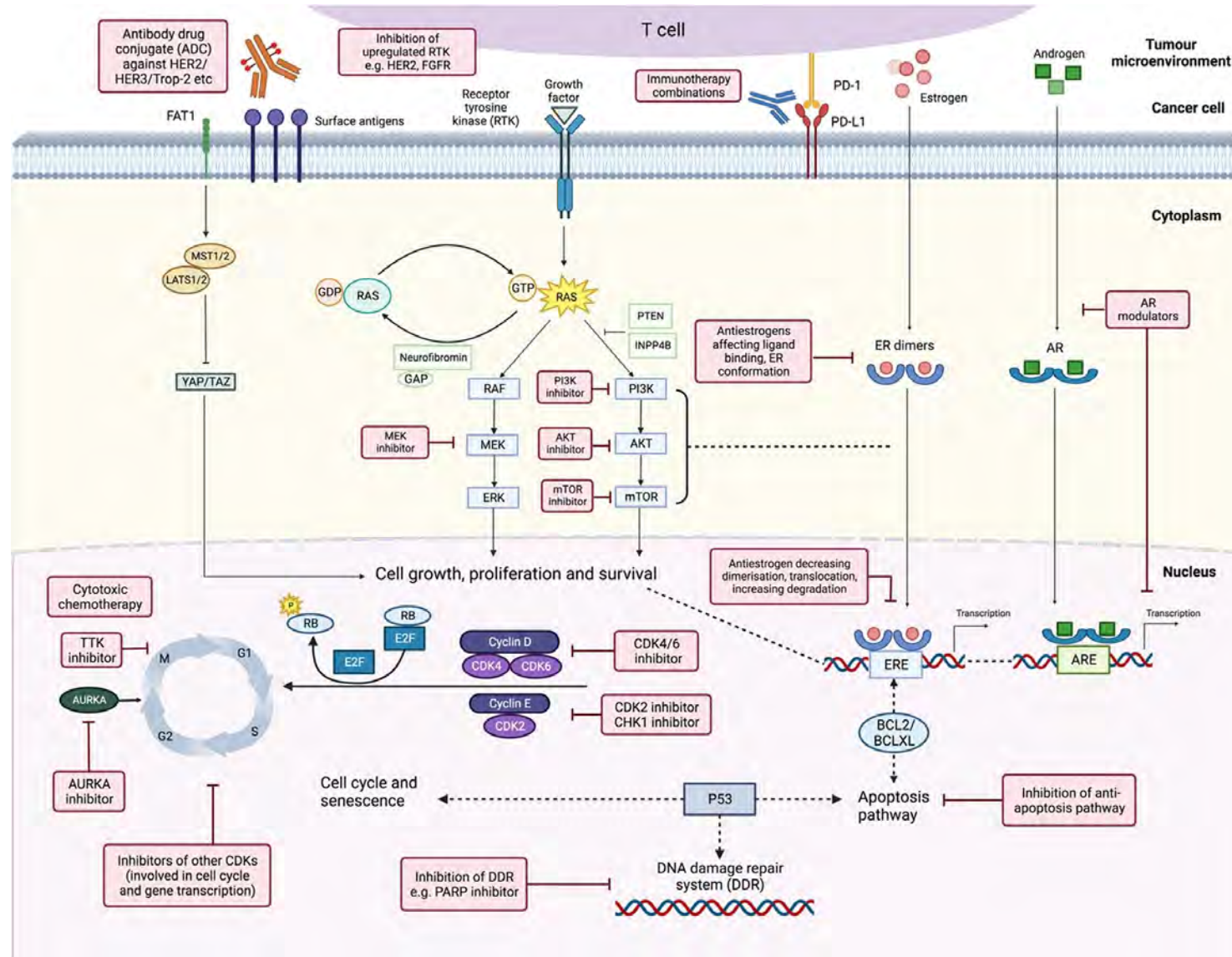
- Using ESO/ESMO definitions, evaluated outcome in 6612 pts with HR+/HER2-ESBC enrolled in 4 ph III randomized trials evaluating chemo, ET and duration of ET
  - Median age 60, median FU 9 years; 9.7% with DR, primarily in bone
- 493 had DR as first DFS event
  - 14.6% primary endocrine resistant, 42% secondary endocrine resistant, 43.4% endocrine sensitive
  - Primary ER: more often young, and with higher incidence of visceral mets (particularly liver)

OS based on Endocrine Sensitivity



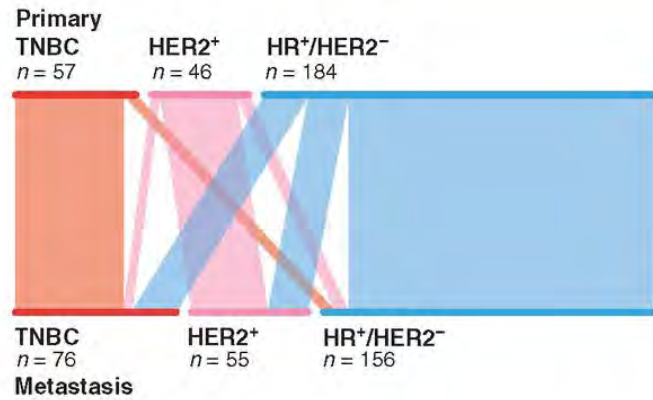
Lambertini et al, Lancet 2023;59: 101931

# Oncogenic signaling pathways in HR + /HER2- ABC with potential therapeutic strategies post CDK4/6 inhibitors



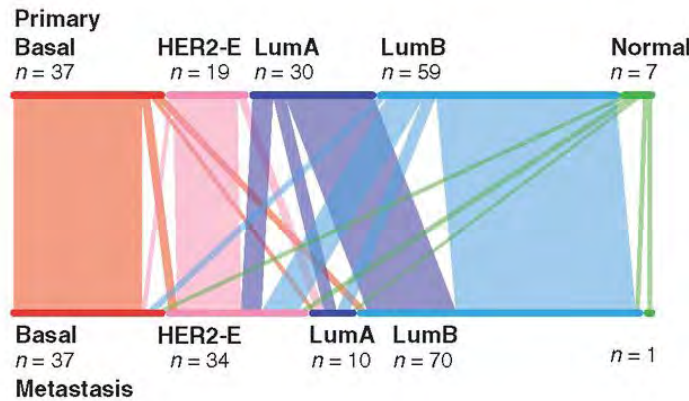
# AURORA RNA-seq of paired primary tumors and metastatic samples

## A Subtype switching, on IHC subtypes



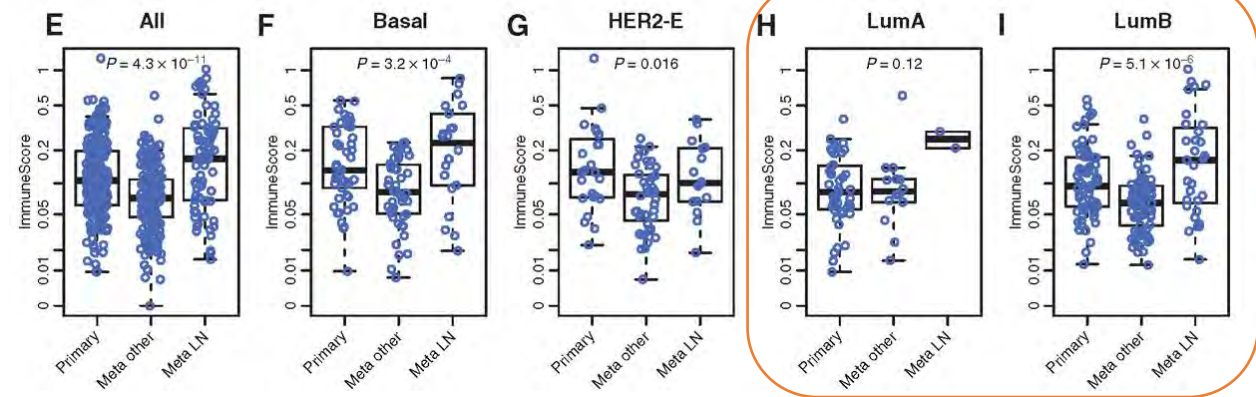
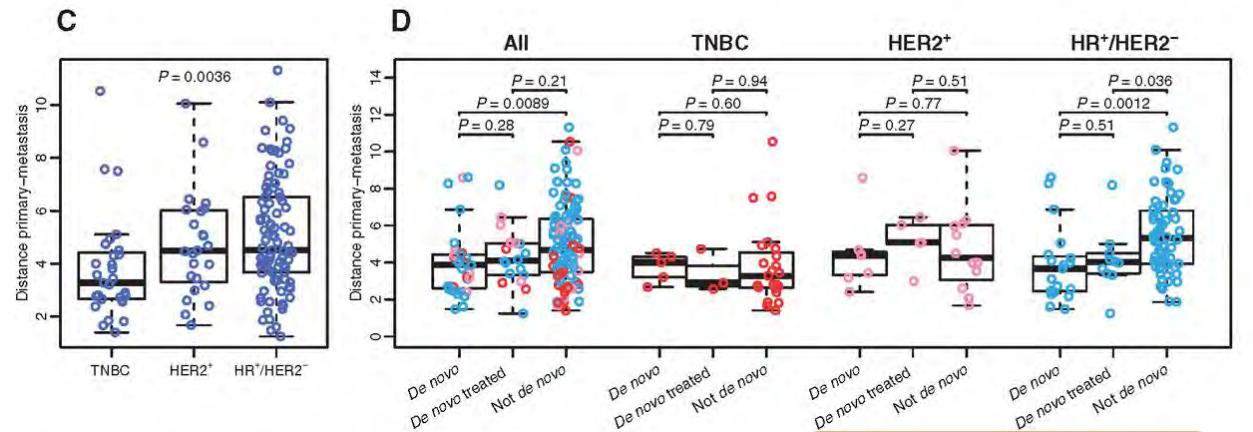
Luminal A primaries switched in metastatic samples (90% of cases)

## B Subtype switching, on PAM50



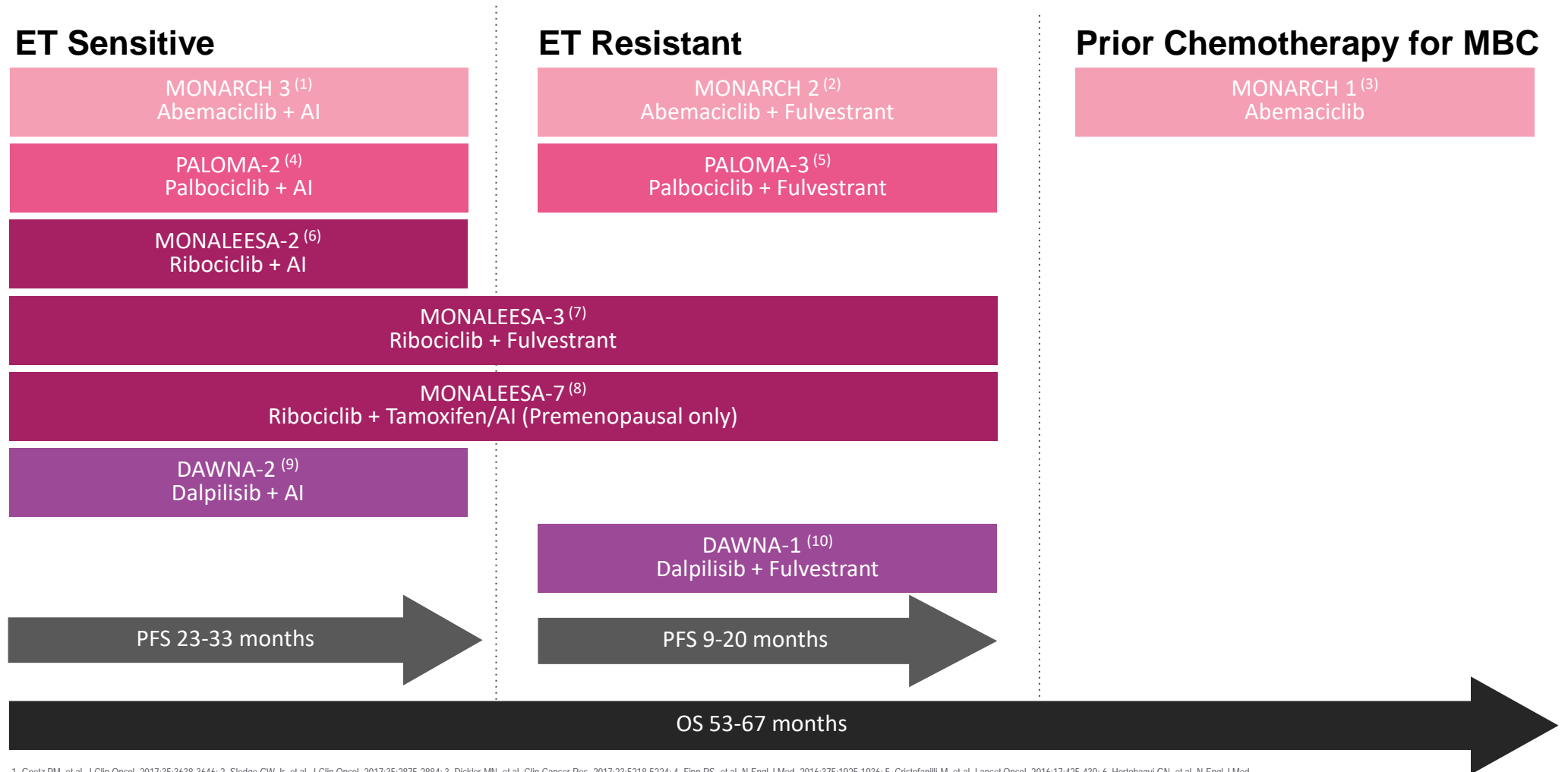
Intrinsic subtype switching 55 (36%) cases

Distribution of the distances between primaries and metastases in term of expression of the PAM50 genes, in function of the clinical subtype



Difference in immune signal between primary and metastasis across PAM50 subtypes

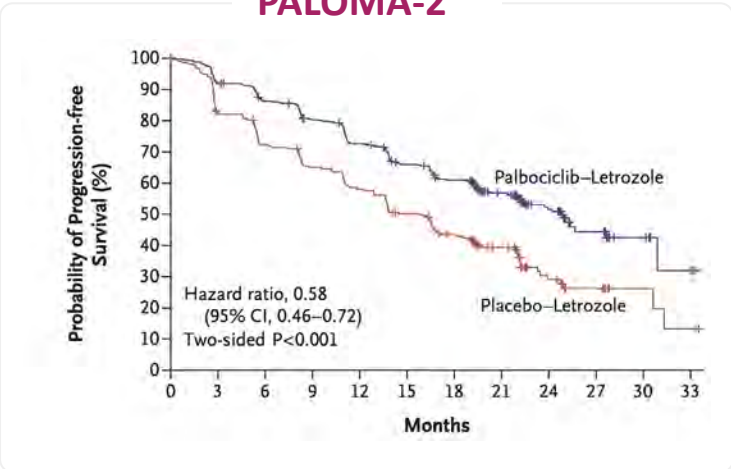
# Overview of Clinical Trials with CDK 4/6 Inhibitors in Advanced Breast Cancer



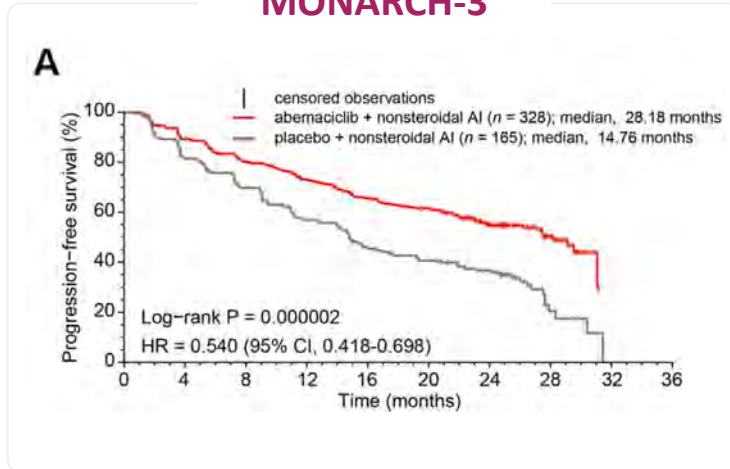
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# Consistent PFS Results in First-line CDK 4/6 Inhibitors Trials

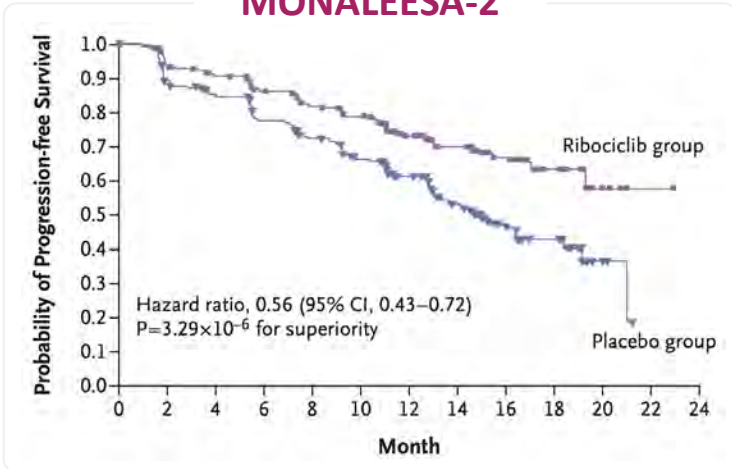
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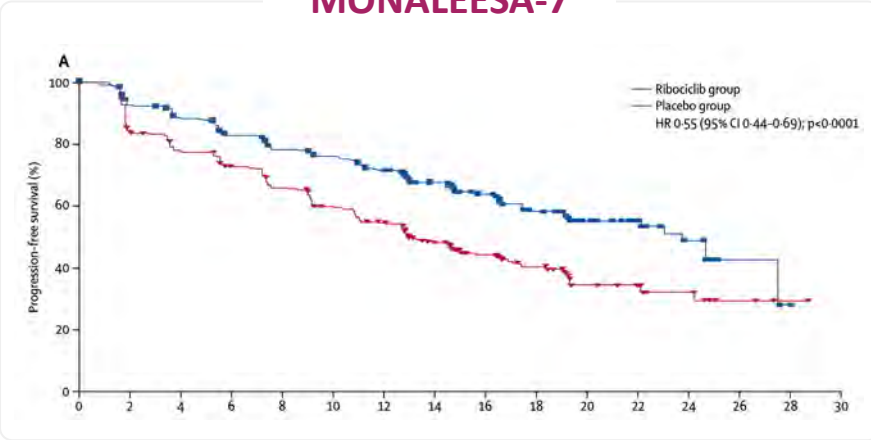
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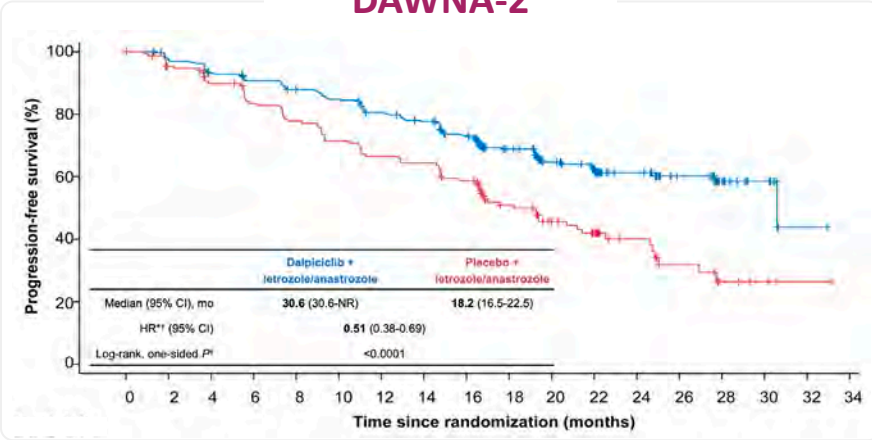
**MONALEESA-2**



**MONALEESA-7**



**DAWNA-2**



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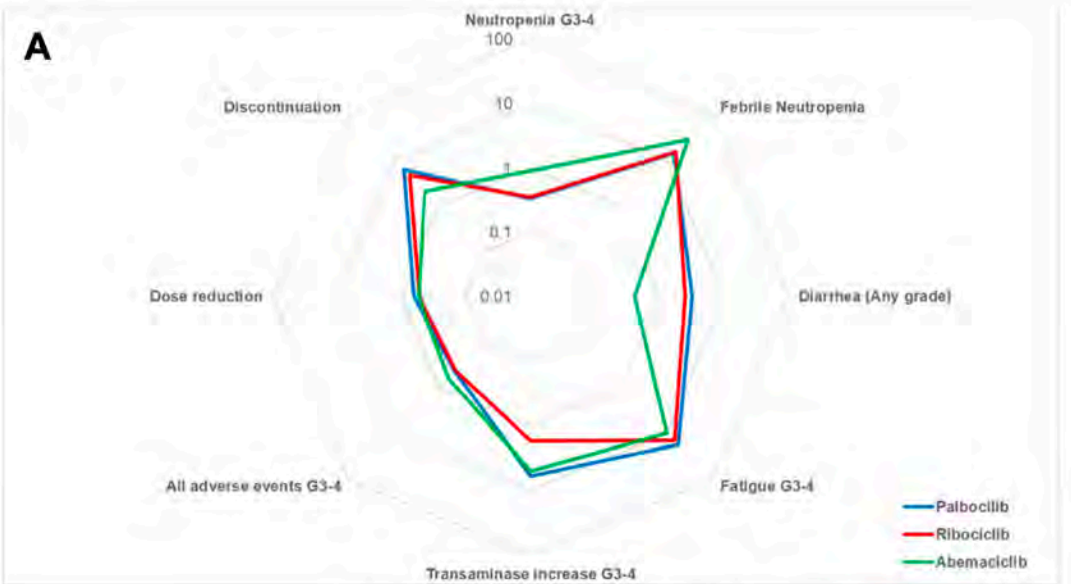


# Differences in Pharmacokinetics and Toxicity Between CDK 4/6 Inhibitors

	Palbociclib	Ribociclib	Abemaciclib
<b>IC<sub>50</sub> (nM)</b>			
Cyclin D1-CDK4	11	10	2
Cyclin D1/2/3-CDK6	16	39	10
Cyclin B-CDK1	>10 000	113 000	1627
Cyclin A/E-CDK2	>10 000	76 000	504
Cyclin T-CDK9	NR	NR	57
Mean terminal half-life (h)	26	36	17-38
Standard dosing	125 mg daily (3 weeks on, 1 week off)	600 mg daily (3 weeks on, 1 week off)	150 mg twice daily in combination with antioestrogen; 200 mg twice daily as monotherapy

Trial Details	PALOMA-2	MONALEESA-2	MONALEESA-3	MONALEESA-7	MONARCH-3
CDK 4/6 Inhibitor	Palbociclib	Ribociclib	Ribociclib	Ribociclib	Abemaciclib
Endocrine therapy	Letrozole	Letrozole	Fulvestrant	Gosrelin plus tamoxifen or NSAI	NSAI
% ≥1 dose reduction due to AE (combination arm)	36%	50.6%	n/a	31%	46.5%
% treatment discontinuation (combination arm)	9.7%	7.5%	n/a	4%	16.5%

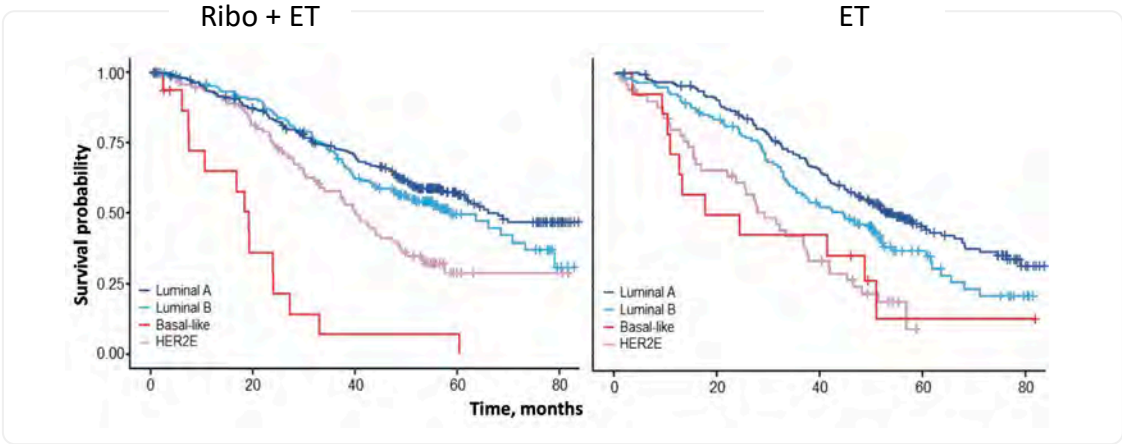
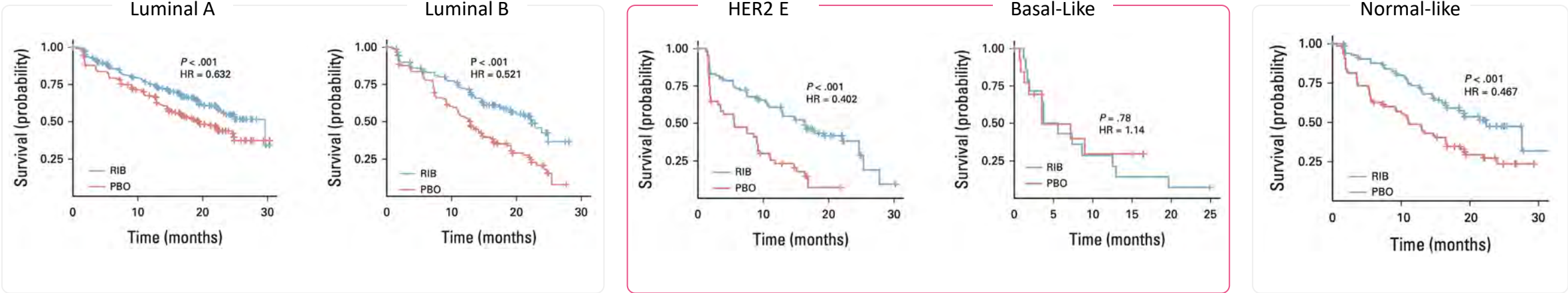
Likelihood of being helped or harmed (LHH) for PFS



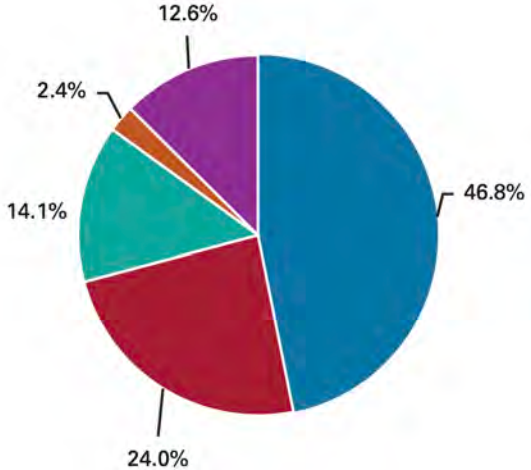
	Palbociclib [95% CI]	Ribociclib [95% CI]	Abemaciclib [95% CI]
<b>Neutropenia (G3-4)</b>	0.33 [0.24-0.43]	0.35 [0.26-0.46]	0.90 [0.57-1.38]
<b>Febrile neutropenia</b>	14.27 [6.66-55.65]	15.52 [7.89-48.74]	28.53 [9.74-∞]
<b>Diarrhea (Any grade)</b>	3.22 [1.42-13.91]	2.52 [1.04-30.46]	0.42 [0.27-0.60]
<b>Fatigue (G3-4)</b>	17.56 [6.19-∞]	14.41 [6.86-48.74]	9.92 [4.74-27.73]
<b>Transaminase increase (G3-4)</b>	6.01 [2.84-18.55]	1.75 [0.94-3.93]	5.07 [1.91-∞]
<b>All adverse events (G3-4)</b>	0.45 [0.31-0.61]	0.43 [0.31-0.58]	0.62 [0.41-0.89]
<b>Dose reduction</b>	0.65 [0.43-0.94]	0.54 [0.32-0.97]	0.56 [0.39-0.75]
<b>Discontinuation</b>	6.17 [2.48-92.76]	4.69 [1.81-∞]	2.09 [1.25-3.60]

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# PAM50 Intrinsic Subtype and PFS Across the MONALEESA 2, 3 and 7 Trials



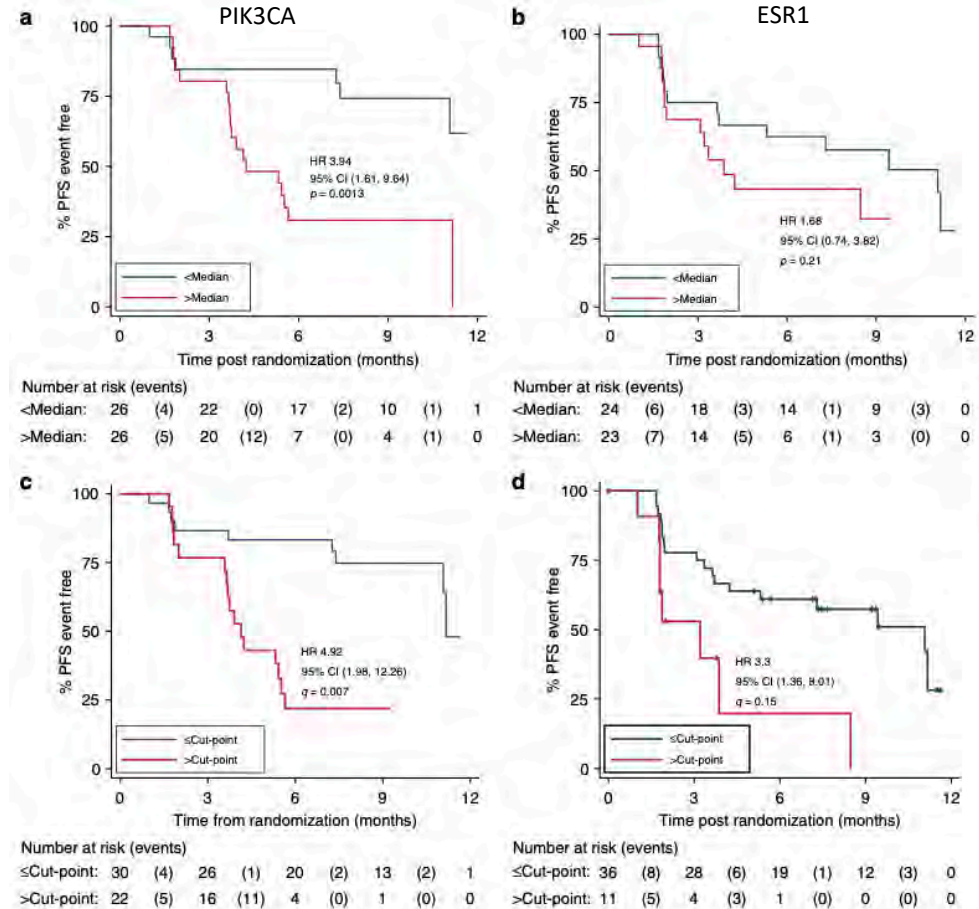
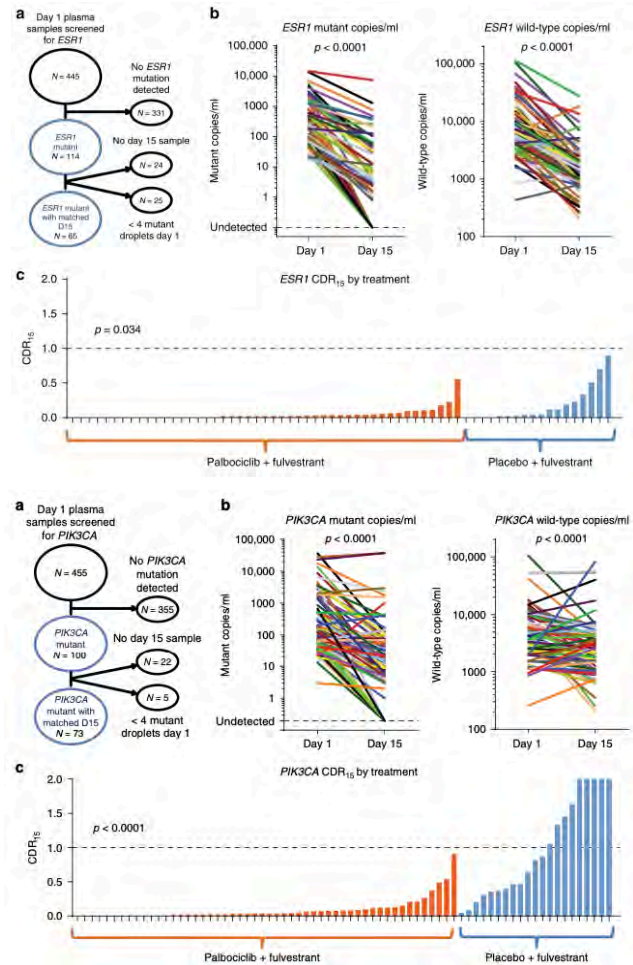
- Luminal A
- Luminal B
- Normal-like
- Basal-like
- HER2E



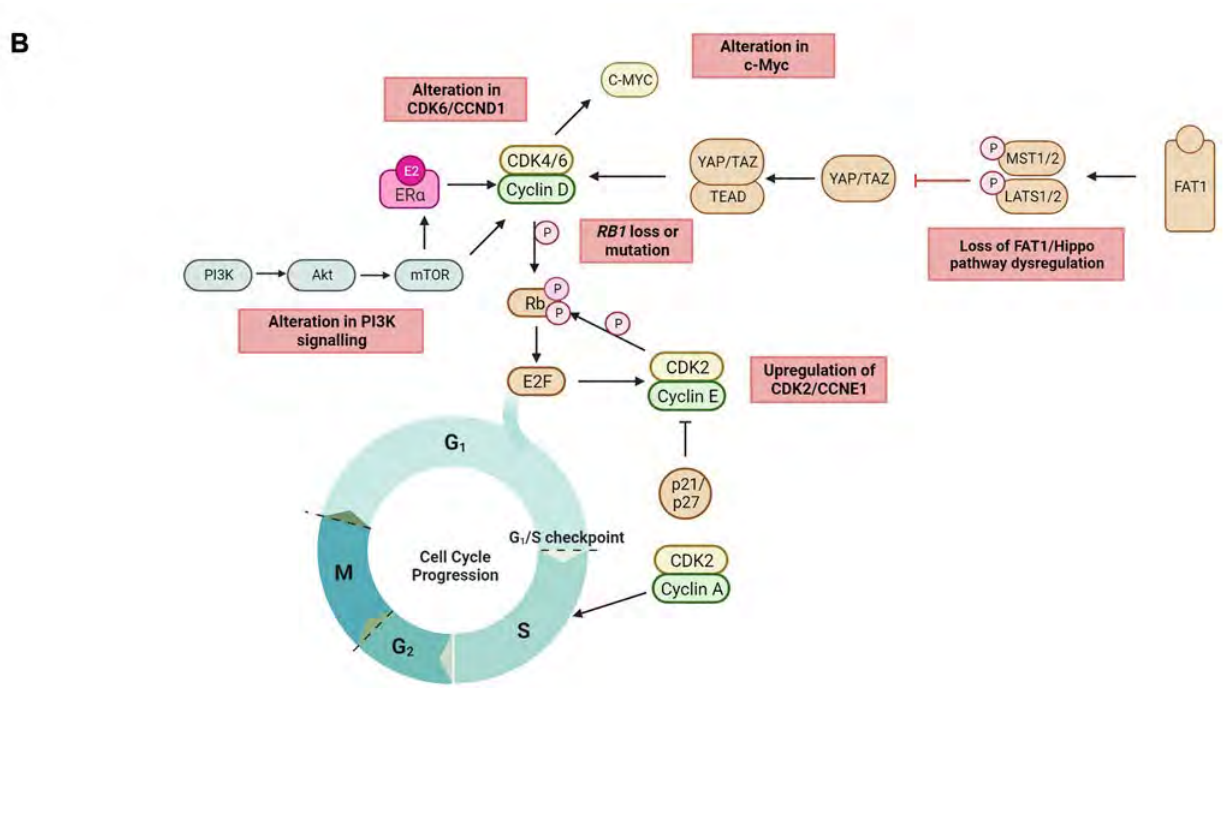
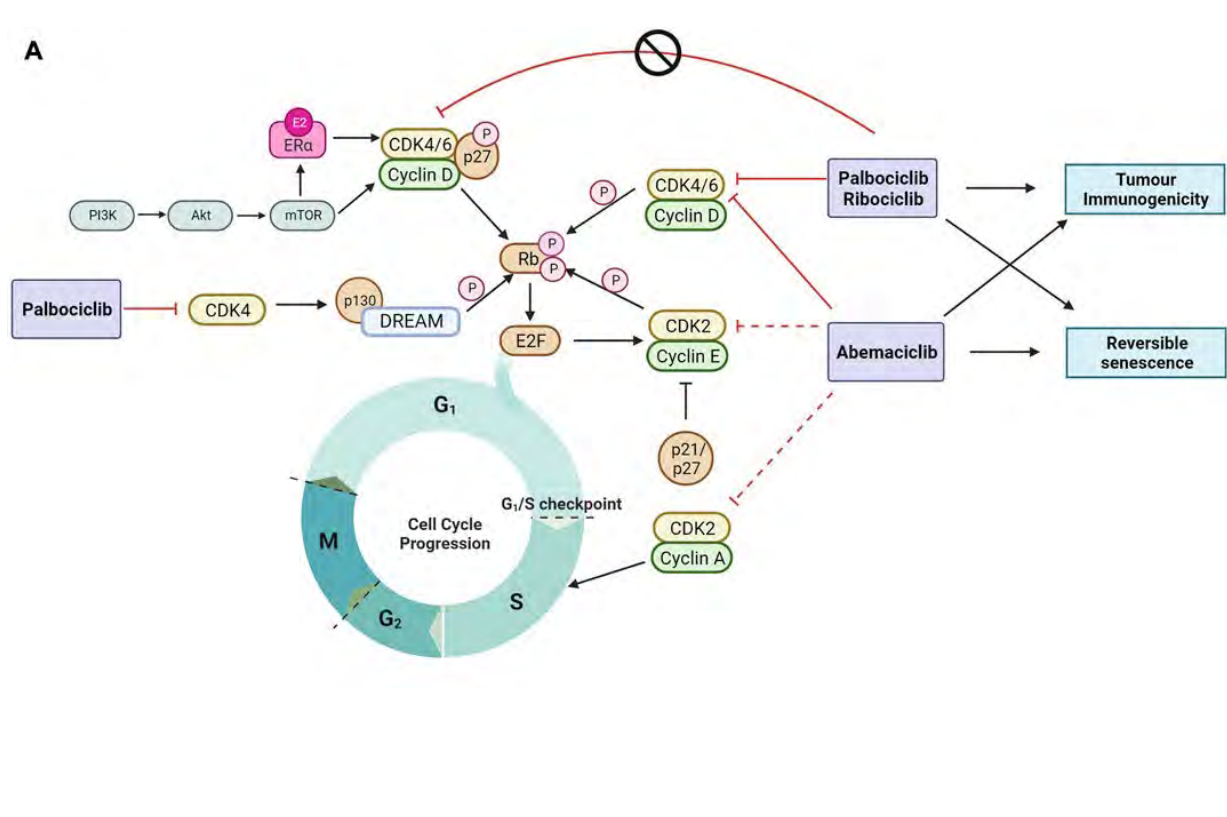
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# Early drop in ctDNA levels correlates with prognostic in patients treated with CDK4/6i + ET

Early PIK3CA ctDNA dynamics predict progression-free survival (PFS) on palbociclib and fulvestrant more strongly than ESR1 dynamics



# Mechanisms of ET and CDK 4/6 inhibitor acquired resistance



# MAINTAIN: continuing CDK 4/6 inhibitors post progression

## Key Entry Criteria

- Men or Women age  $\geq$  18 yrs
- ER and/or PR  $\geq$  1%, HER2- MBC
- Progression on ET + any CDK 4/6 inhibitor
- $\leq$  1 line of chemotherapy for MBC
- Measurable or non-measurable
- PS 0 or 1
- Postmenopausal
  - GnRH agonist allowed if premenopausal
- Stable brain metastases allowed

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N=120

### Arm 1

Ribociclib + Switch Endocrine Therapy\*

### Arm 2

Placebo + Switch Endocrine Therapy\*

## Primary Endpoint

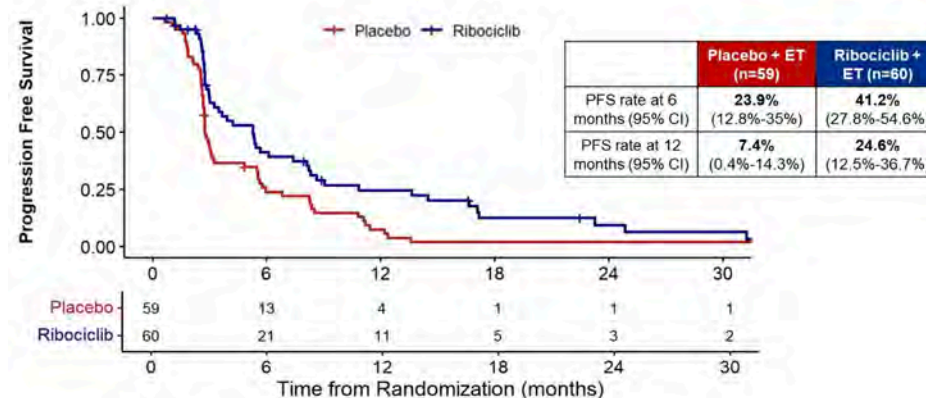
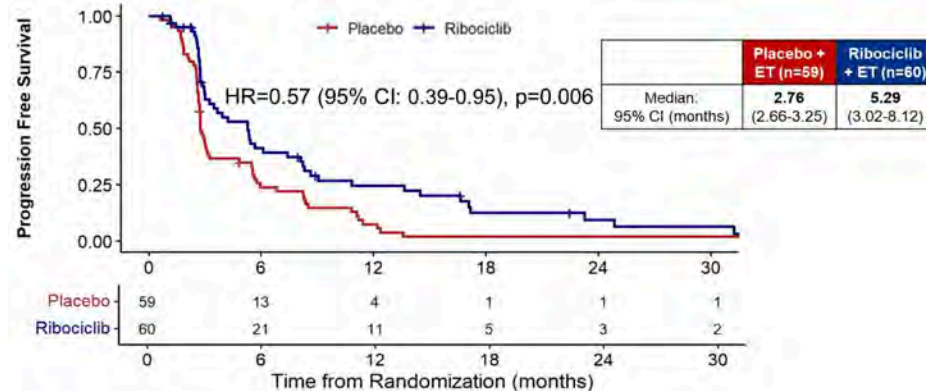
- Progression free survival
  - Locally assessed per RECIST 1.1

## Secondary Endpoints

- Overall response rate
- Clinical benefit rate
- Safety
- Tumor and blood markers, including circulating tumor DNA

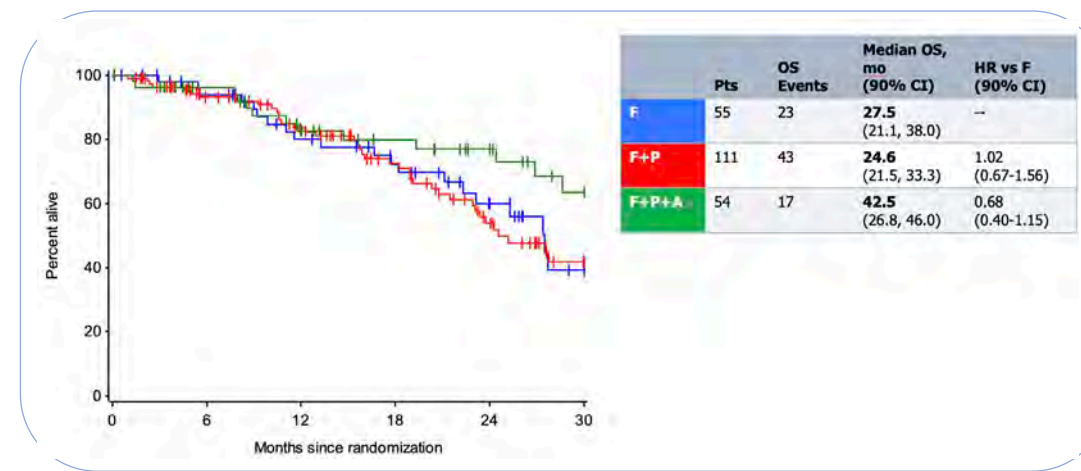
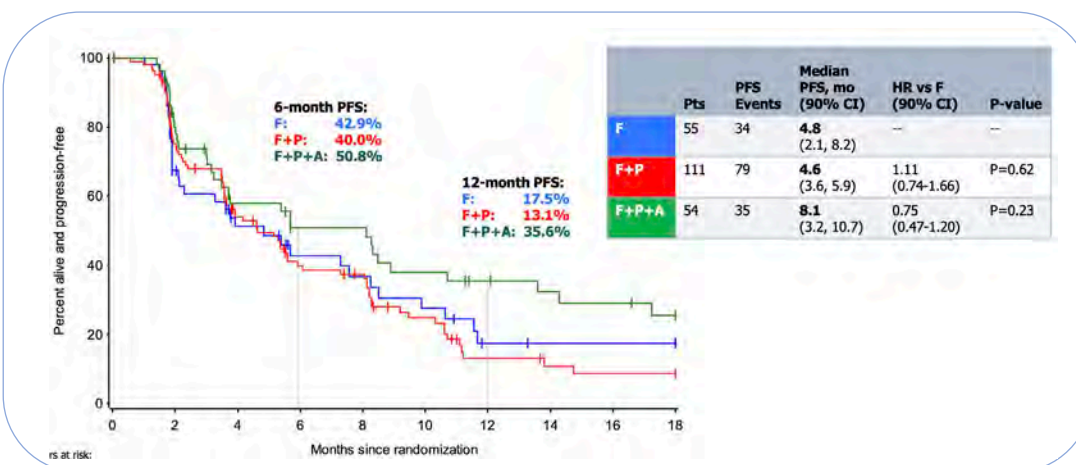
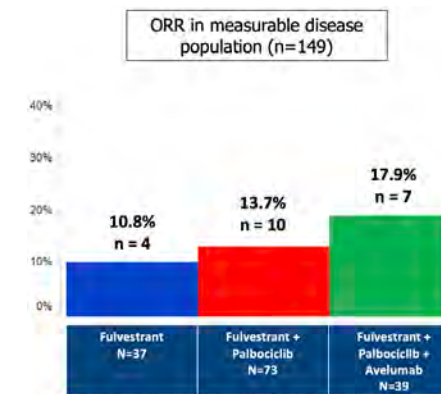
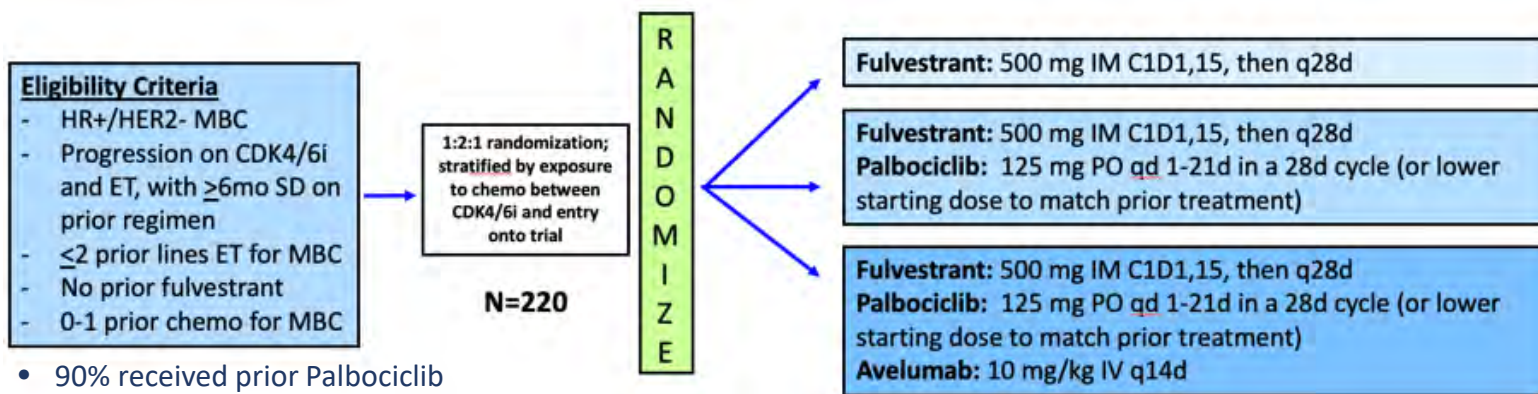
\* Fulvestrant as endocrine therapy in pts with progression on a prior aromatase inhibitor for MBC and no prior fulvestrant; Protocol amended to allow exemestane as endocrine therapy if progression on prior fulvestrant (September 2018); Ribociclib 600 mg administered 3 weeks on/1 week off

- Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor: 87% Palbociclib
- Prior duration of CDK 4/6 inhibitor: 15.5 vs 17months
- 60% visceral metastasis



# PACE: Palbociclib After CDK 4/6i and Endocrine Therapy

Luminal BC patients progressing to CDK 4/6i benefit from immunotherapy?



# MONALESSA 2, 3, -7: Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance to Ribociclib Plus Endocrine Therapy

Frequency of Gene Alterations at BL and EOT for (A) RIB and (B) PBO Arms

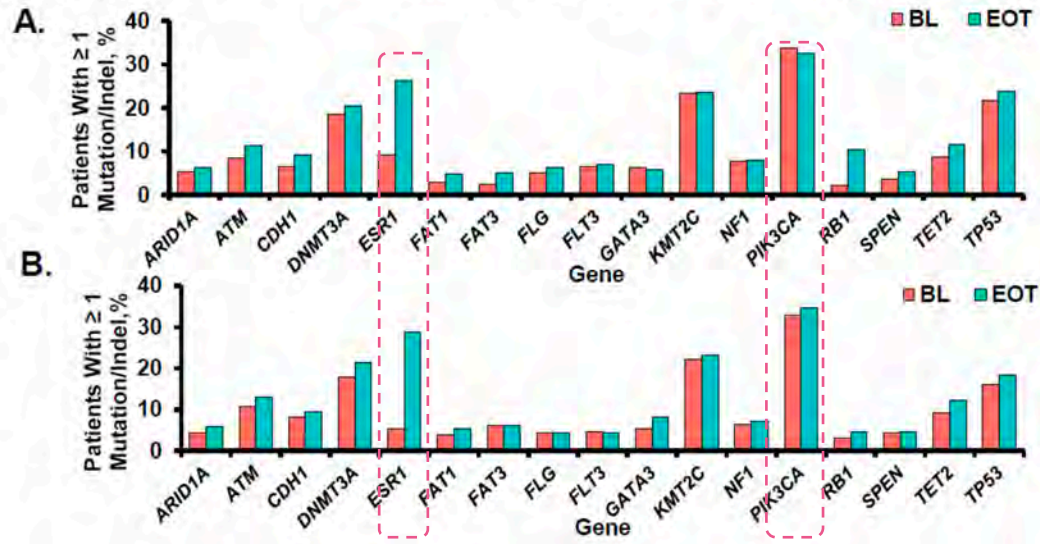
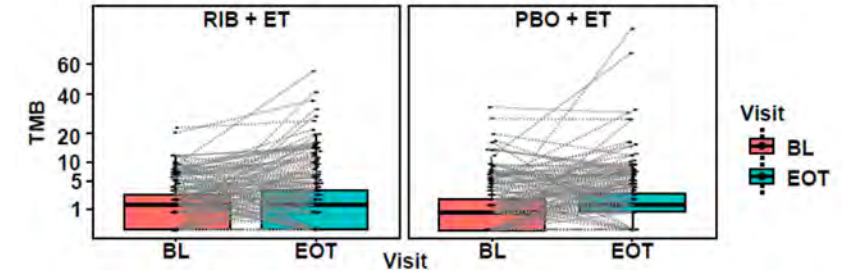


Figure 6. TMB at BL and EOT in RIB and PBO Arms



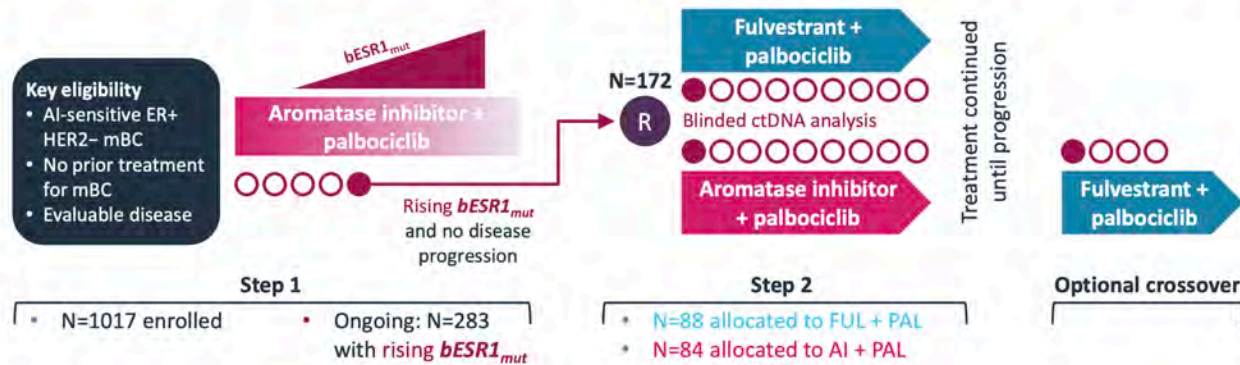
- An increase in TMB from BL to EOT was observed in both arms ( $P < .0001$ )
- In the RIB arm, the percentage of patients with high TMB ( $> 10$  mutations/Mb) increased from BL (1.1%) to EOT (5.7%) (McNemar  $P = .0001$ )

- In the RIB arm, the frequency of alterations in RB1 (10.4% vs 2.0%), ATM (11.3% vs 8.4%), FAT1 (4.8% vs 3.0%), FAT3 (5.0% vs 2.5%), and TET2 (11.6% vs 8.6%) was higher at EOT vs BL (FDR-adj  $P < .10$ )
- GATA3 was higher at EOT vs BL in the ET alone arm but not with the combination of RIB + ET
- In both arms, the frequency of alterations in ESR1 was also higher at EOT vs BL for RIB (26.3% vs 9.1%) and PBO (28.9% vs 5.4%) (FDR-adj  $P < .0001$ )

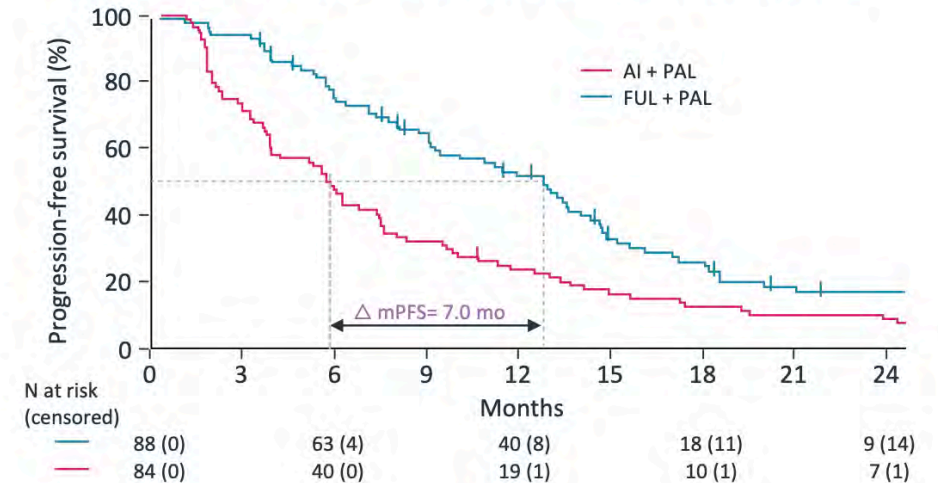
# PADA-1: characterization of ESR1 mutations with aromatase inhibitor or fulvestrant + palbociclib therapy

## PADA-1: Updated PFS results

**PADA-1 strategy:** Target rising *bESR1<sub>mut</sub>* when they become detectable during first-line AI + palbociclib treatment



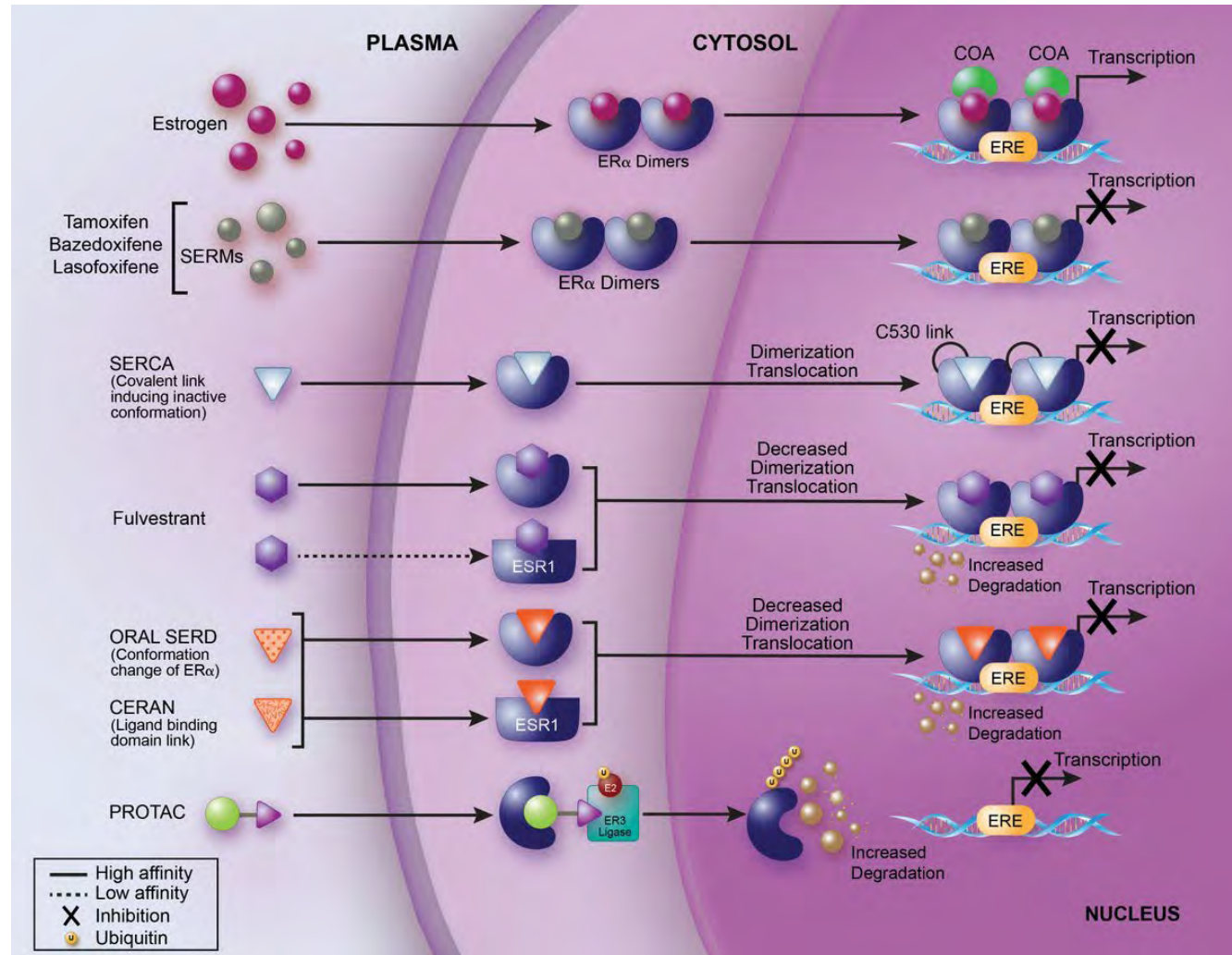
**Updated PFS results (primary endpoint)**  
Data cutoff June 2022: Median F/U 28.2 mo; N=152 PFS events



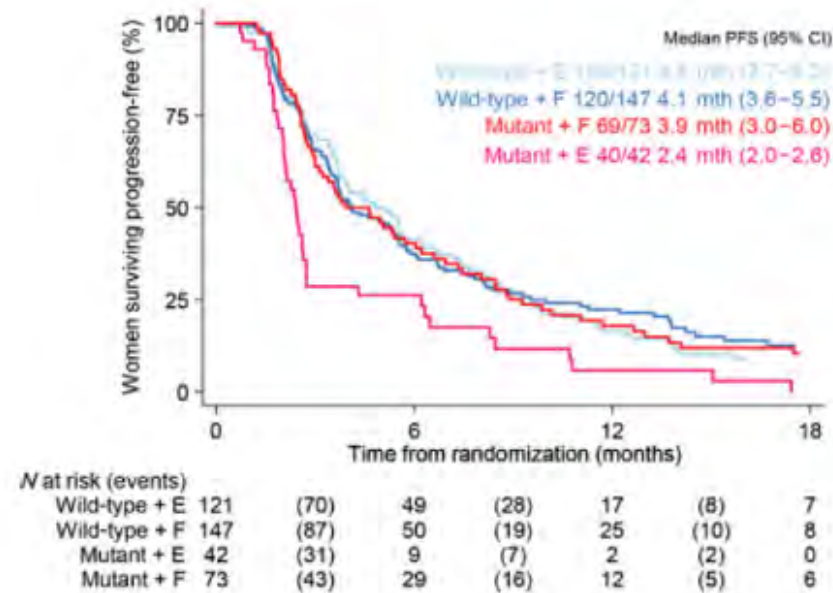
	ASCO 2023 analysis		2021 analysis <sup>1</sup>	
	FUL + PAL	AI + PAL	FUL + PAL	AI + PAL
mPFS, mo (95% CI)	12.8 (9.3–14.7)	5.8 (3.9–7.5)	11.9	5.7
HR (95% CI)	0.54 (0.38–0.75)		0.61	
<b>Optional crossover (n=49)</b>				
<b>mPFS (95% CI)</b>	3.5 (2.4–5.4)			



# New frontiers for ER inhibition and drug development

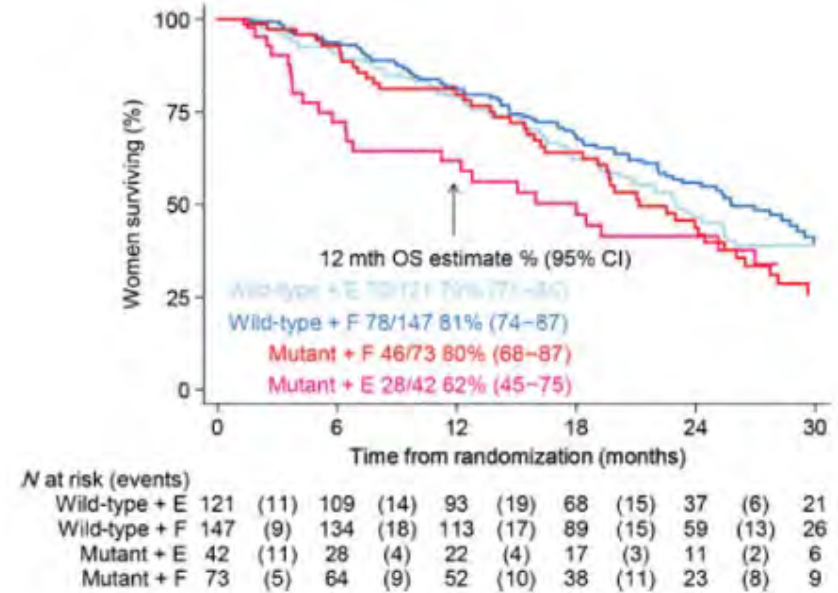


# ESR1 Mutations and OS on Fulvestrant vs Exemestane in Advanced HR+ Breast Cancer: A Combined Analysis of the Phase III SoFEA and EFECT



**Figure 2.**

PFS in the combined analysis of SoFEA and EFECT by *ESR1* mutation status and treatment. Patients with *ESR1* mutation detected: HR, 0.59; 95% CI, 0.39-0.89;  $P = 0.01$ . Patients without *ESR1* mutation detected: HR, 1.05, 95% CI, 0.81-1.37;  $P = 0.69$ . Interaction test  $P = 0.02$ . E, exemestane; F, fulvestrant; mth, month; mutant, *ESR1* mutation detected; wild-type, *ESR1* mutation not detected.



**Figure 3.**

OS in the combined analysis of SoFEA and EFECT by *ESR1* mutation status and treatment. Patients with *ESR1* mutation detected: restricted mean survival analysis  $P = 0.04$ . Patients without *ESR1* mutation detected: restricted mean survival analysis  $P = 0.69$ . E, exemestane; F, fulvestrant; mth, month; mutant, *ESR1* mutation detected; wild-type, *ESR1* not detected.

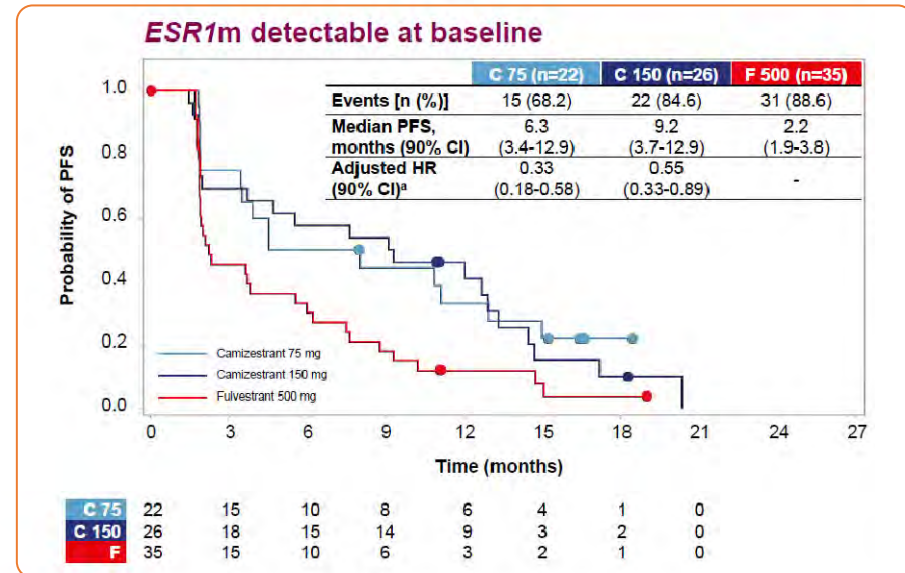
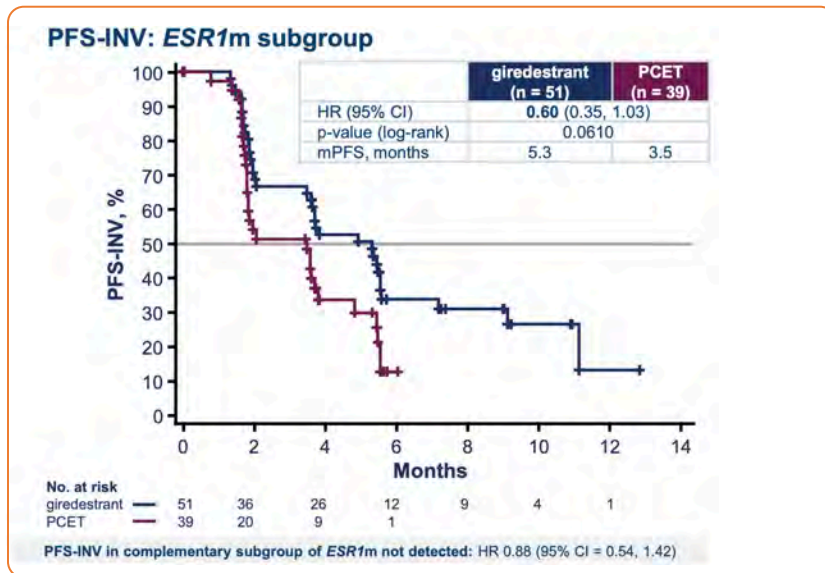
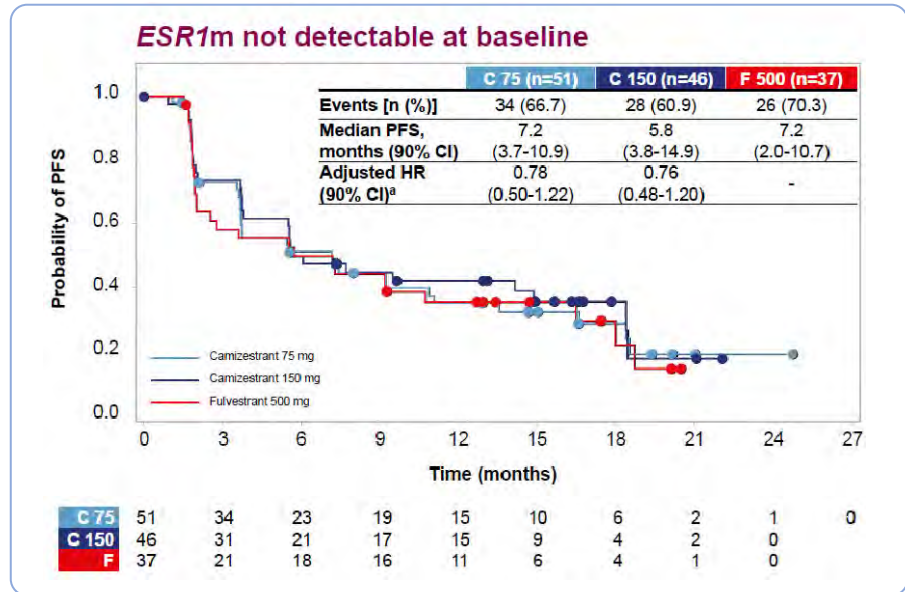
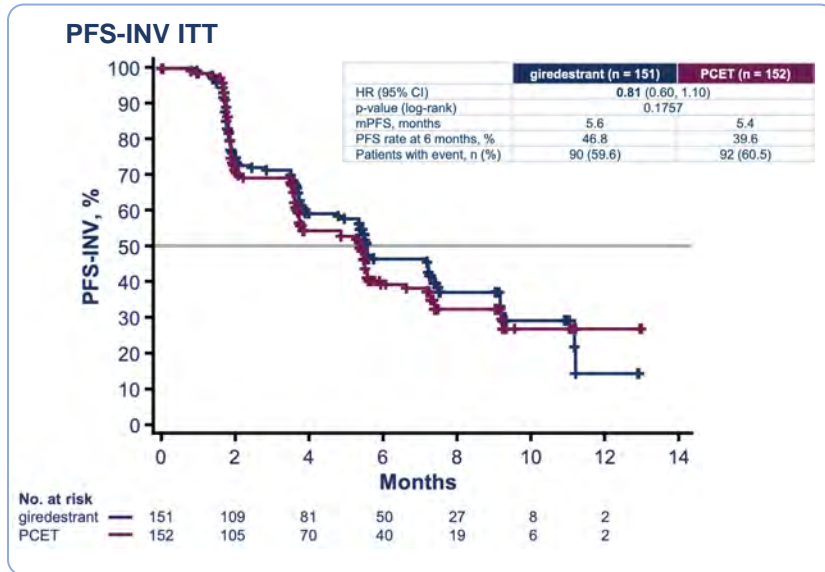
# Oral SERD trial landscape in pretreated HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer

	EMERALD <sup>1</sup>	SERENA-2 <sup>2</sup>	EMBER-3 <sup>3</sup>	AMEERA-3 <sup>4-6</sup>	aceLERA <sup>6-9</sup>
<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Elacestrant</b>	<b>Camizestrant</b>	<b>Imlunestrant +/- abemaciclib</b>	<b>Amcenenstrant</b>	<b>Giredestrant</b>
<b>Control Arm</b>	fulvestrant / Als	fulvestrant	fulvestrant / exemestane	fulvestrant / Als / tamoxifen	fulvestrant / Als
<b>Phase (n)</b>	Phase 3 (478)	Phase 2 (240)	Phase 3 (800)	Phase 2 (367)	Phase 2 (303)
<b>Patients</b>	Men or postmenopausal women	Postmenopausal women	Men or postmenopausal women	Men or women (any menopausal status)	Men or women (any menopausal status)
<b>Prior CDK4/6i</b>	<b>Required (100%)</b>	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted (79.7%)	Permitted (42%)
<b>Allowed Prior Fulvestrant</b>	<b>YES</b>	NO	NO	YES	YES
<b>Allowed Prior Chemotherapy in mBC</b>	<b>YES</b>	YES	NO	YES	YES
<b>Data readout</b>	<b>Positive (Registrational)</b>	Positive (Non-Registrational)	Ongoing	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Negative</b>

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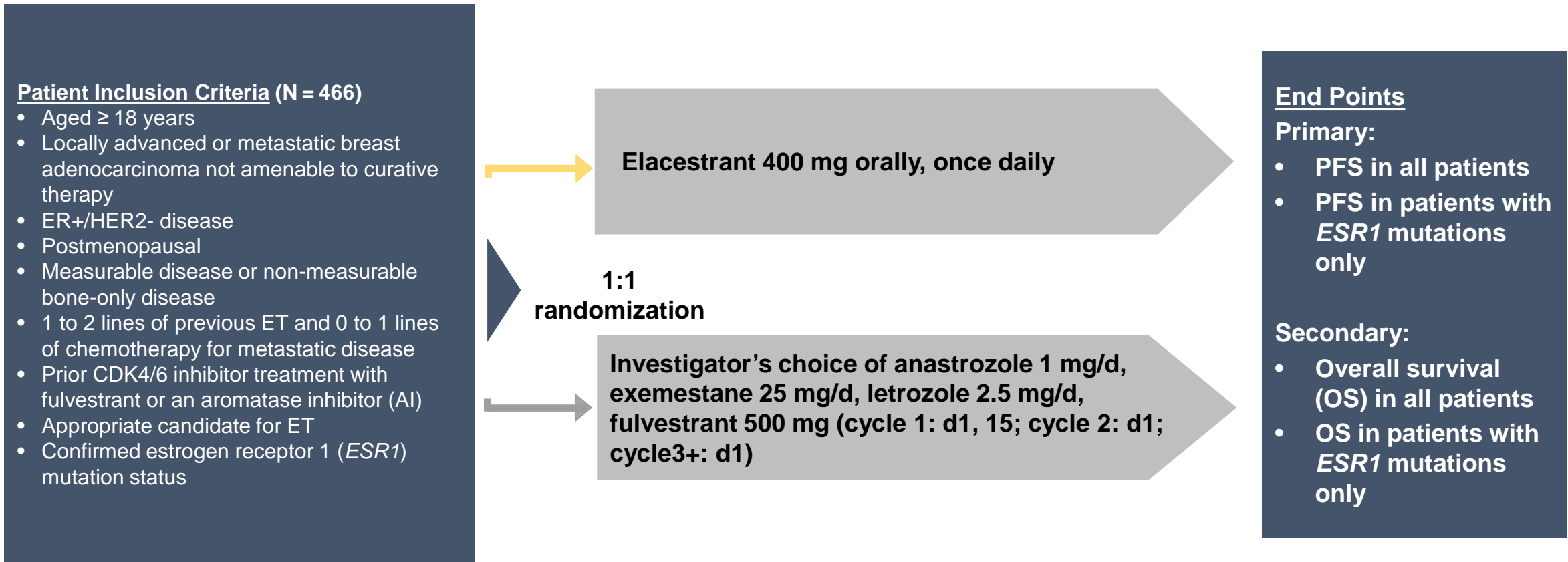
# Study design: aceIRA BC (NCT04576455)

# SERENA-2 study overview



# EMERALD Phase 3 Study Design

International, multicenter, randomized, open-label, active-controlled, event-driven, phase III study

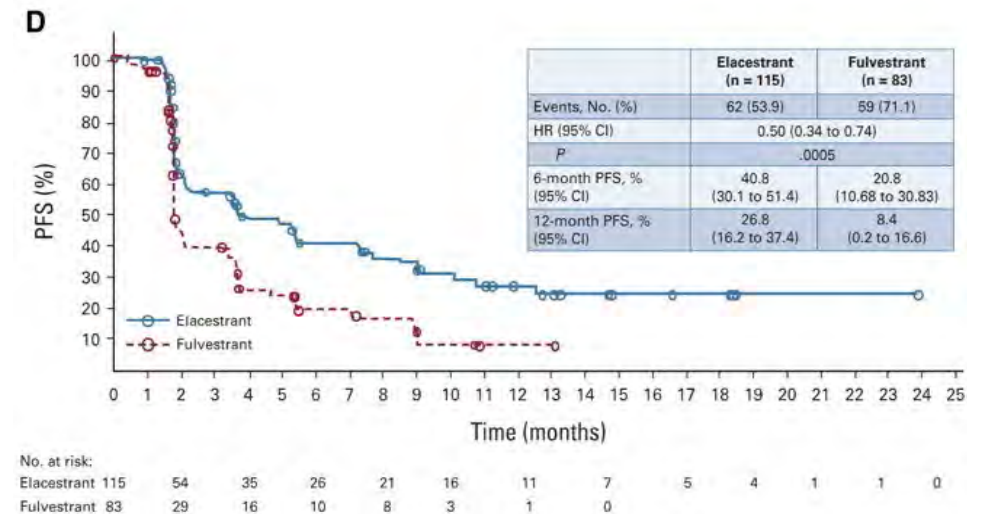
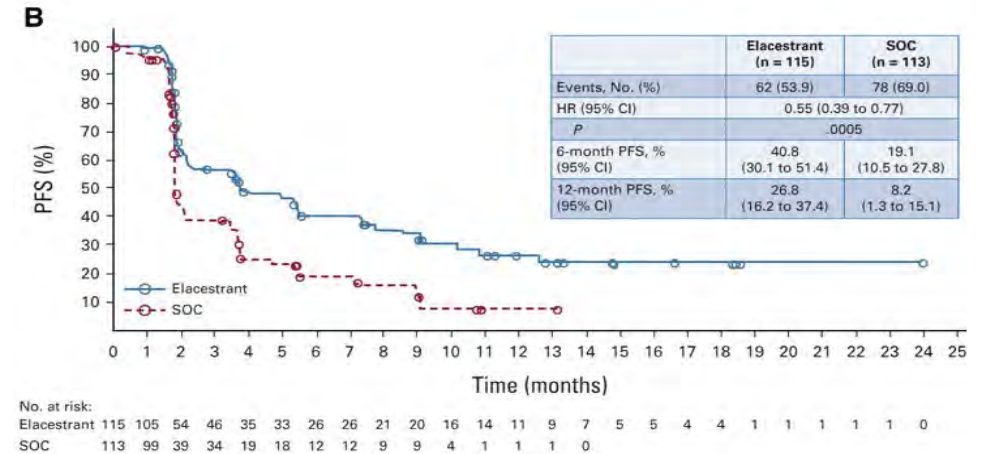
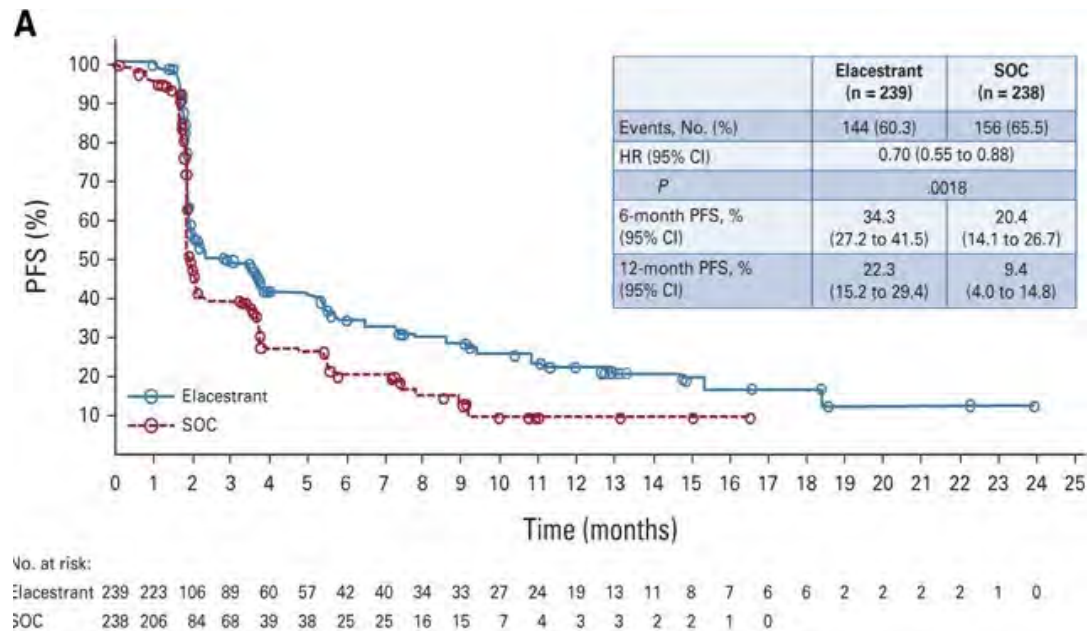


**Stratification factors:** *ESR1* mutation status, presence of visceral metastases, previous fulvestrant treatment

# EMERALD: Primary endpoint PFS in all pts and ESR1 mut only

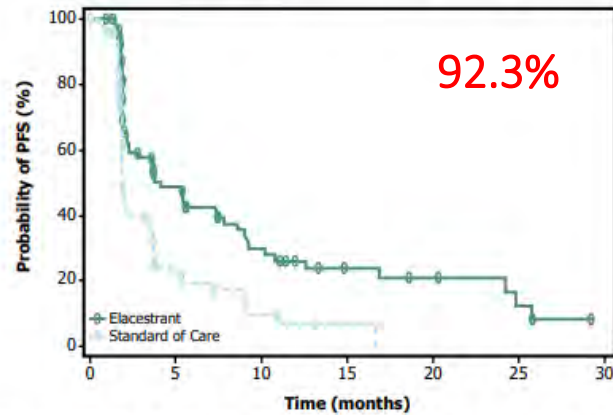
## Patients with ESR1mut

All pts (ITT)



# EMERALD: PFS by duration prior CDK4/6i (ESR1mut)

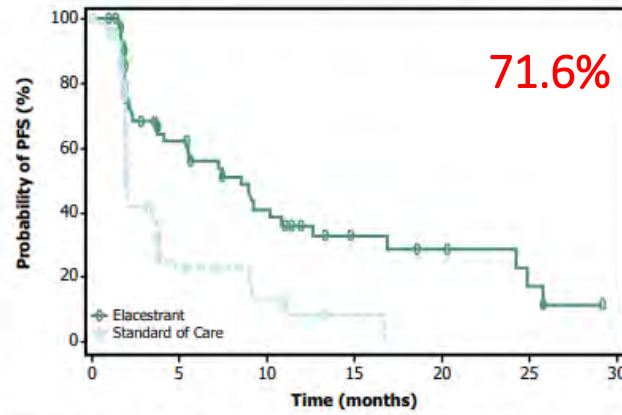
**At least 6 mo CDK4/6i**



Elacestrant 103 50 33 25 20 16 11 9 8 7 6 5 5 1 1 0  
SOC 102 34 16 11 9 5 2 1 1 0

	Elacestrant	SOC Hormonal Therapy
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	<b>4.14</b> (2.20 - 7.79)	<b>1.87</b> (1.87 - 3.29)
PFS rate at 12 months, % (95% CI)	26.02 (15.12 - 36.92)	6.45 (0.00 - 13.65)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<b>0.517</b> (0.361 - 0.738)	

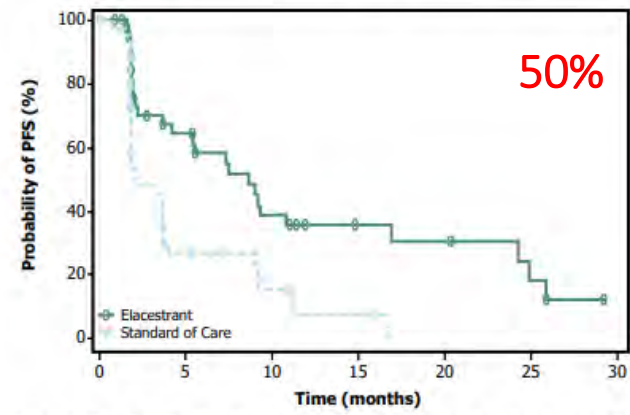
**At least 12 mo CDK4/6i**



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SOC 81 26 12 10 9 5 2 1 1 0

	Elacestrant	SOC Hormonal Therapy
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	<b>8.61</b> (4.14 - 10.84)	<b>1.91</b> (1.87 - 3.68)
PFS rate at 12 months, % (95% CI)	35.81 (21.84 - 49.78)	8.39 (0.00 - 17.66)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<b>0.410</b> (0.262 - 0.634)	

**At least 18 mo CDK4/6i**

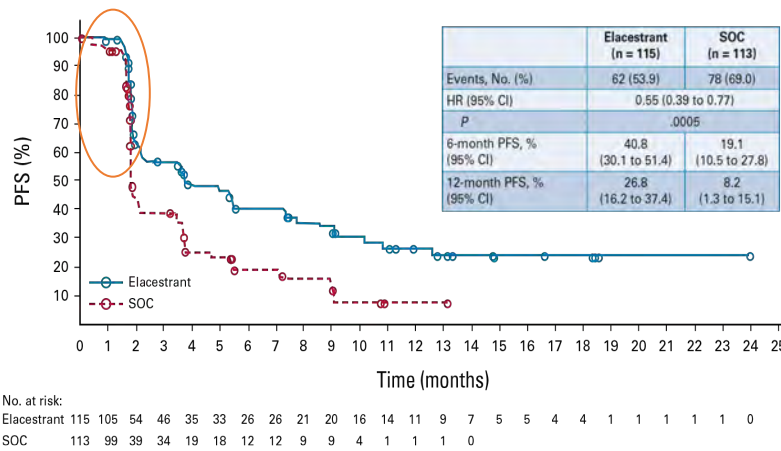


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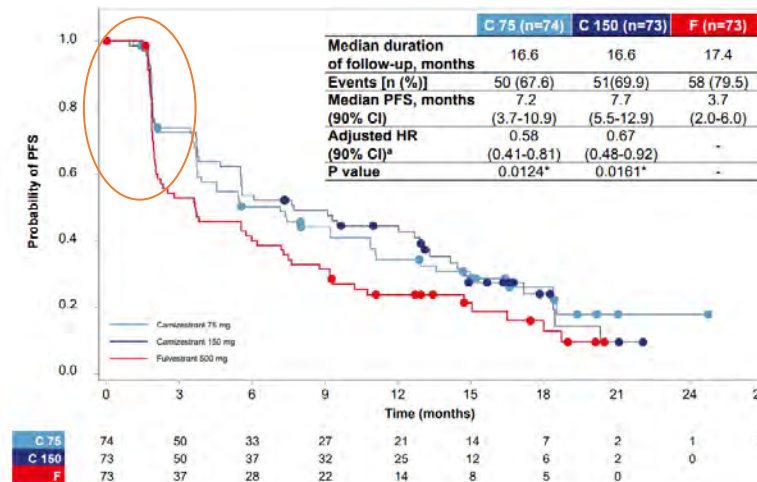
	Elacestrant	SOC Hormonal Therapy
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	<b>8.61</b> (5.45 - 16.89)	<b>2.10</b> (1.87 - 3.75)
PFS rate at 12 months, % (95% CI)	35.79 (19.54 - 52.05)	7.73 (0.00 - 20.20)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<b>0.466</b> (0.270 - 0.791)	

# ET resistance and impact on sequential use of ET +/- combinations or new agents

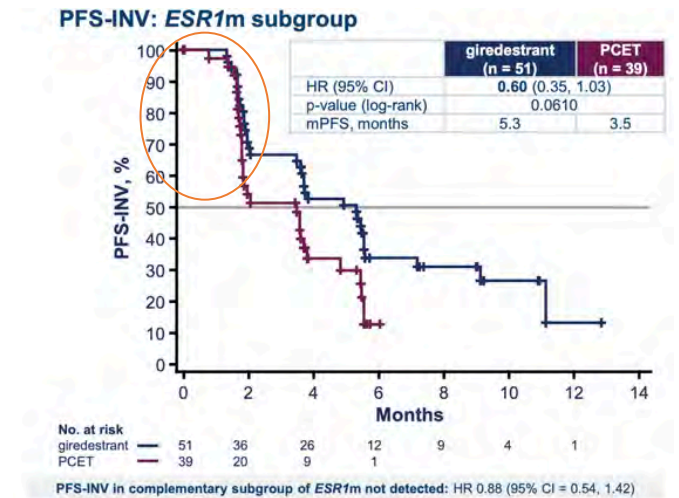
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Non-candidates to ET

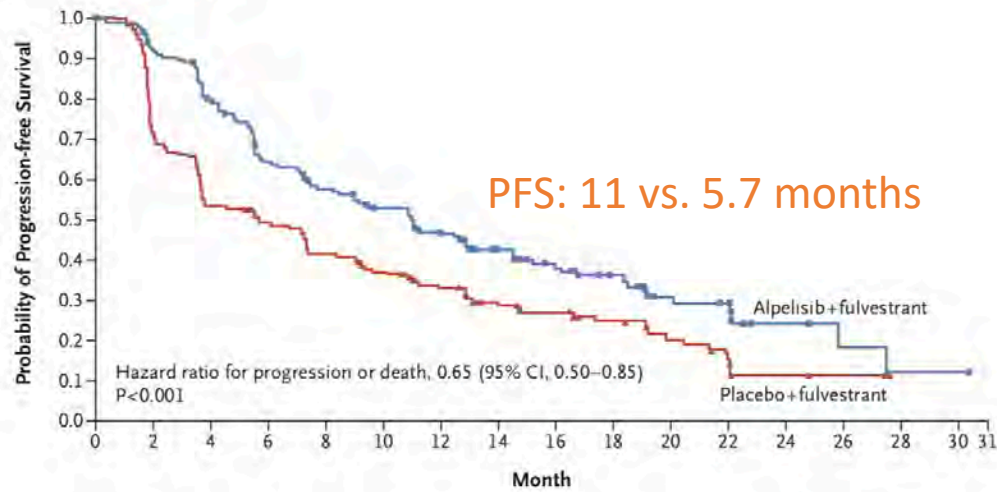


- How do we select from our available treatments?
- Fulvestrant
- Rechallenge CDK4/6 inhibitors (+ ET)
- Fulvestrant + Capiwasertib
- Exemestane (Fulvestrant) + Everolimus
- Fulvestrant + Alpelisib (in PIK3CAmut)
- Elacestrant (in ESR1mut)
- Olaparib – Talazoparib in gBRCA1/2mut ADCs



# SOLAR-1: Alpelisib in *PIK3CA*-Mutated HR+/HER2- MBC

A Cohort with *PIK3CA*-Mutated Cancer

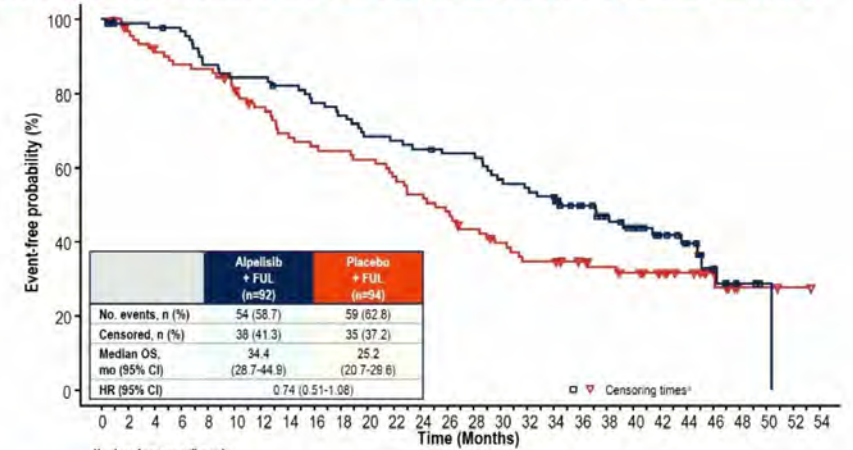


No. at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	31
Alpelisib+fulvestrant	169	145	123	97	85	75	62	50	39	30	17	14	5	3	1	1	0
Placebo+fulvestrant	172	120	89	80	67	58	48	37	29	20	14	9	3	2	0	0	0

**ORR: 35.7% vs. 16.3%**

*PIK3CA* mutation by means of polymerase-chain-reaction analysis of mutation hot spots in the C2, helical, and kinase domains of PI3K (corresponding to exons 7, 9, and 20, respectively) with the use of a tumor-tissue sample

SOLAR-1: OS in Patients With *PIK3CA* Mutation in Plasma ctDNA



Number of patients still at risk

Time (Months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54
Alpelisib + FUL	92	89	88	86	78	75	75	72	68	65	60	59	57	55	55	49	47	45	37	30	25	20	15	9	3	1	0	0
Placebo + FUL	94	87	82	78	77	71	65	59	56	55	53	49	45	41	36	32	28	28	25	22	20	16	13	8	3	3	2	0

Exploratory analysis; includes patients with a *PIK3CA* mutation in plasma ctDNA, regardless of assignment to *PIK3CA* mutant or *PIK3CA* non-mutant cohort per tissue

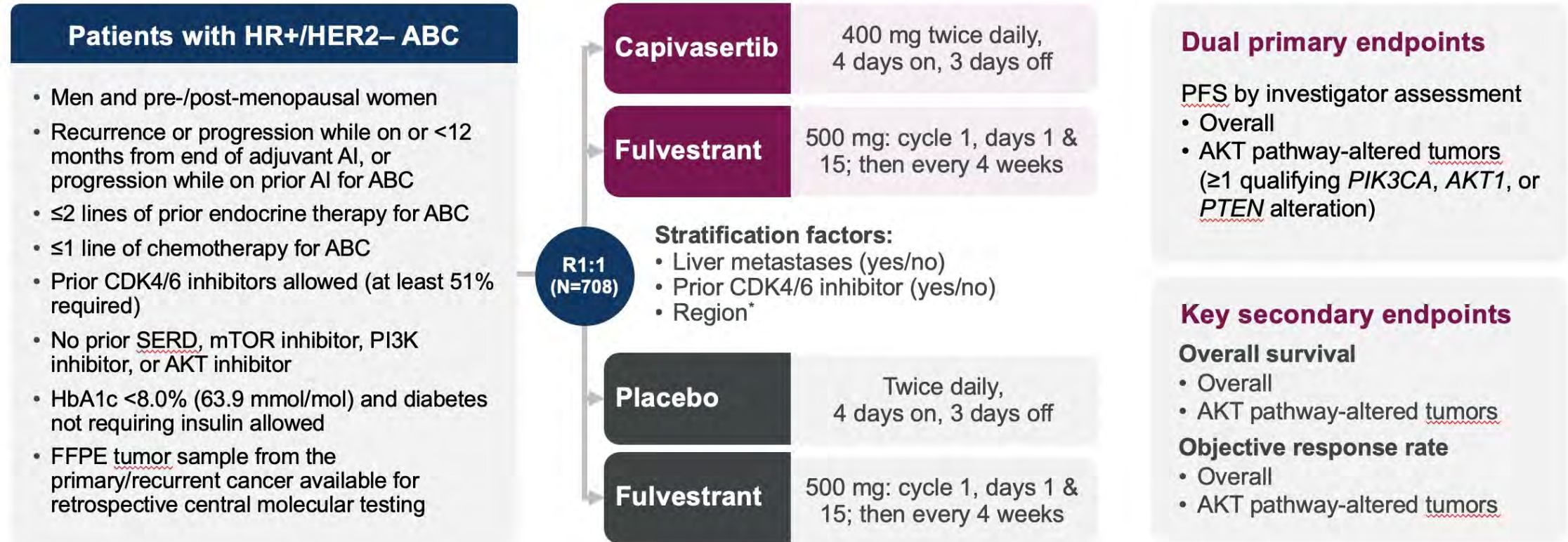
ctDNA, circulating tumour DNA

\*Date of censoring is defined as the last contact date for OS.



# CAPitello-291: Study overview

Phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (NCT04305496)

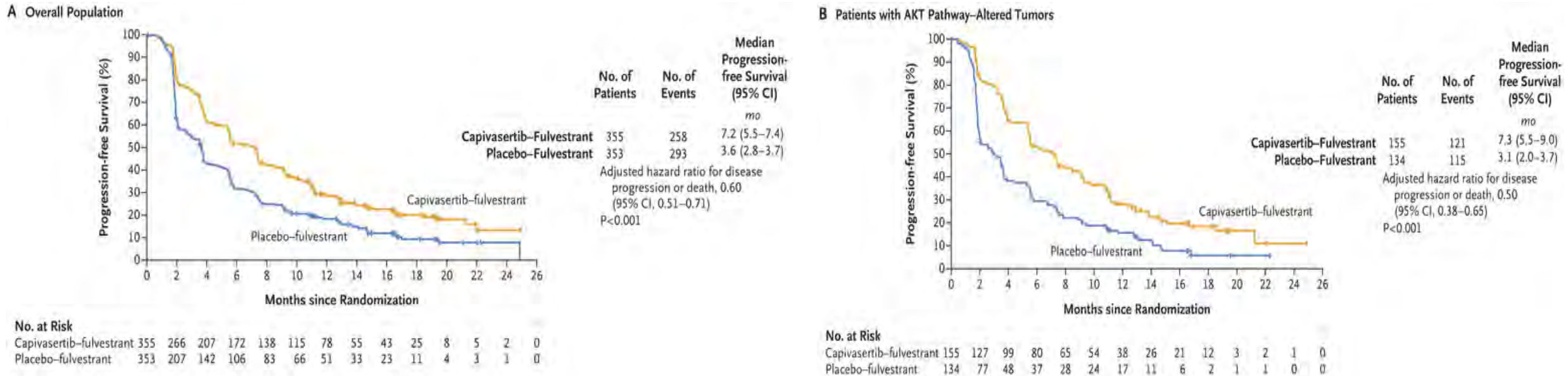


HER2- was defined as IHC 0 or 1+, or IHC 2+/ISH-. \*Region 1: United States, Canada, Western Europe, Australia, and Israel, Region 2: Latin America, Eastern Europe and Russia vs Region 3: Asia.

ABC, advanced (locally advanced [inoperable] or metastatic) breast cancer.

Pre- or peri-menopausal women also received a luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone agonist for the duration of the study treatment

# CAPItello-291: Primary endpoint PFS in ITT and AKT pathway alterations

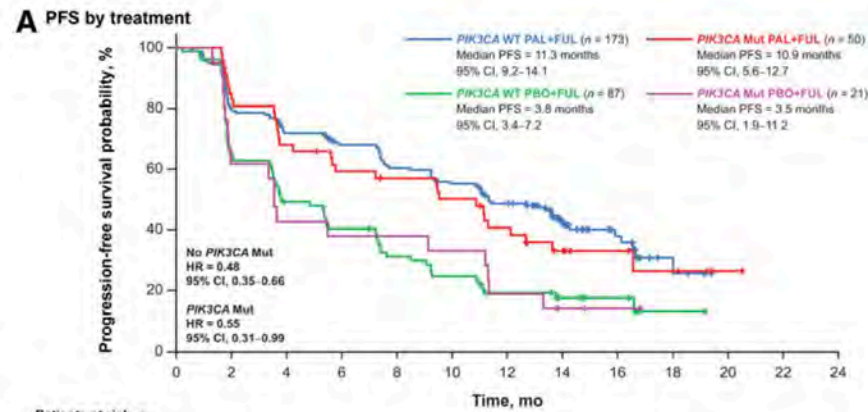


- **Visceral metastasis: 66% vs 73%**
- **Endocrine resistance: primary 38% vs 41% secondary 61% vs 59%**
- **Prior ET for ABC:  $\geq 1$  90% vs 85%**
- **Previous CDK 4/6i for ABC: 72% vs 67%**

- **Any AKT pathway alterations 43.7% vs 38%**
  - **PIK3CA only 31% vs 26.1%**
  - **PIK3CA and AKT1 0.6% vs 0.6%**
  - **PIK3CA and PTEN 1.1% vs 1.5%**
  - **AKT1 only 5.1% vs 4.2%**
  - **PTEN only 5.9% vs 4.5%**

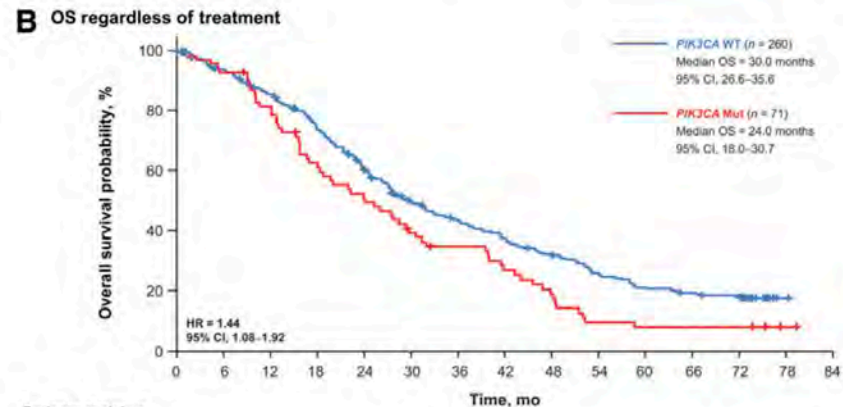
# Exploratory analysis of CDK 4/6 inhibitor efficacy by PIK3CA mutation status

## PALOMA 3



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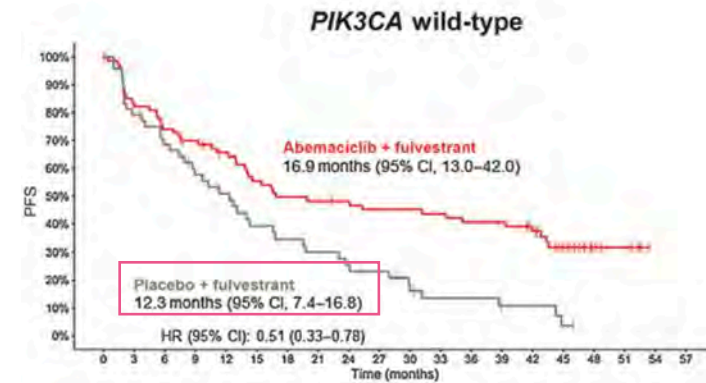
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
<i>PIK3CA</i> Mut PAL+FUL	50	40	32	27	25	22	17	11	7	4	1	0	0
<i>PIK3CA</i> Mut PBO+FUL	21	13	9	8	8	7	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
<i>PIK3CA</i> WT PAL+FUL	173	131	116	107	95	86	73	33	18	6	0	0	0
<i>PIK3CA</i> WT PBO+FUL	87	53	39	32	24	19	13	8	6	1	0	0	0



Patients at risk, n

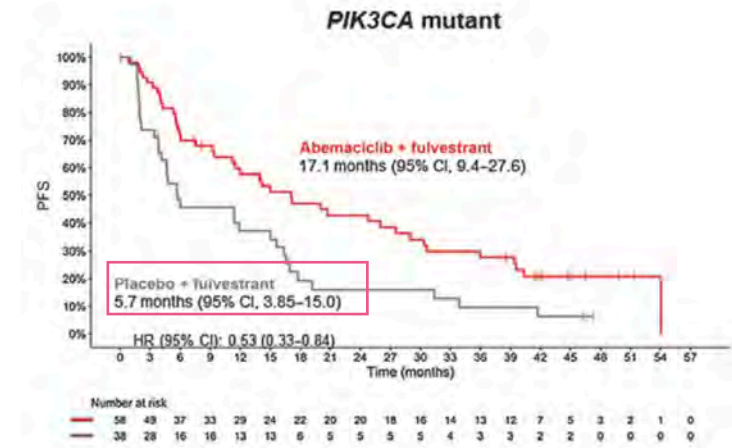
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84
<i>PIK3CA</i> Mut	71	66	56	42	35	26	22	17	13	6	5	5	5	1	0
<i>PIK3CA</i> WT	260	238	215	184	149	116	100	86	73	58	47	42	39	1	0

## MONARCH 2



Number at risk

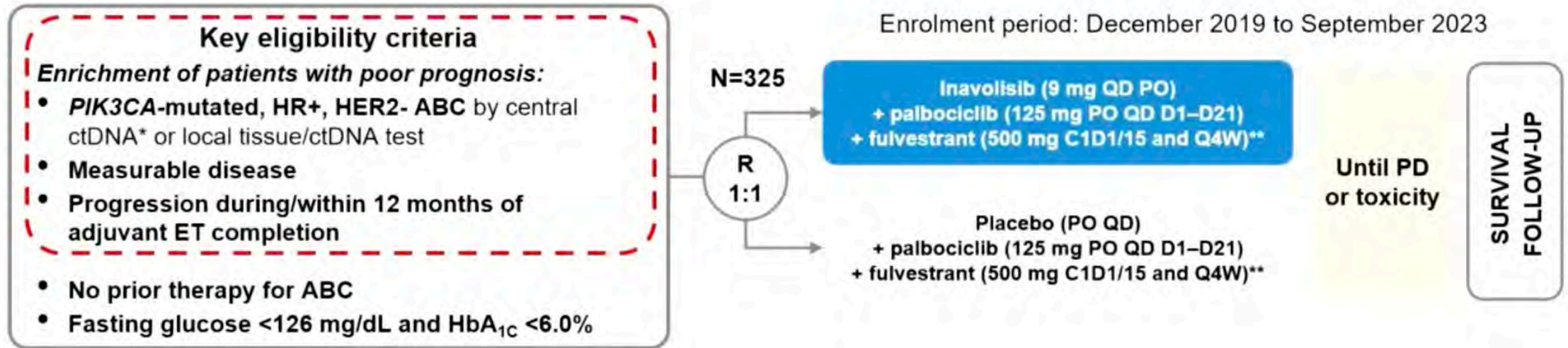
Time (months)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
Abemaciclib + fulvestrant	75	60	54	50	45	38	34	33	32	30	29	27	27	22	14	6	4	0	0	0
Placebo + fulvestrant	48	38	32	26	22	17	15	13	11	10	7	5	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0



Number at risk

Time (months)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
Abemaciclib + fulvestrant	58	49	37	33	29	24	22	20	20	18	16	14	13	12	7	5	3	2	1	0
Placebo + fulvestrant	38	28	16	16	13	13	9	5	5	5	4	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

# INAVO120: Study Design



## Stratification factors:

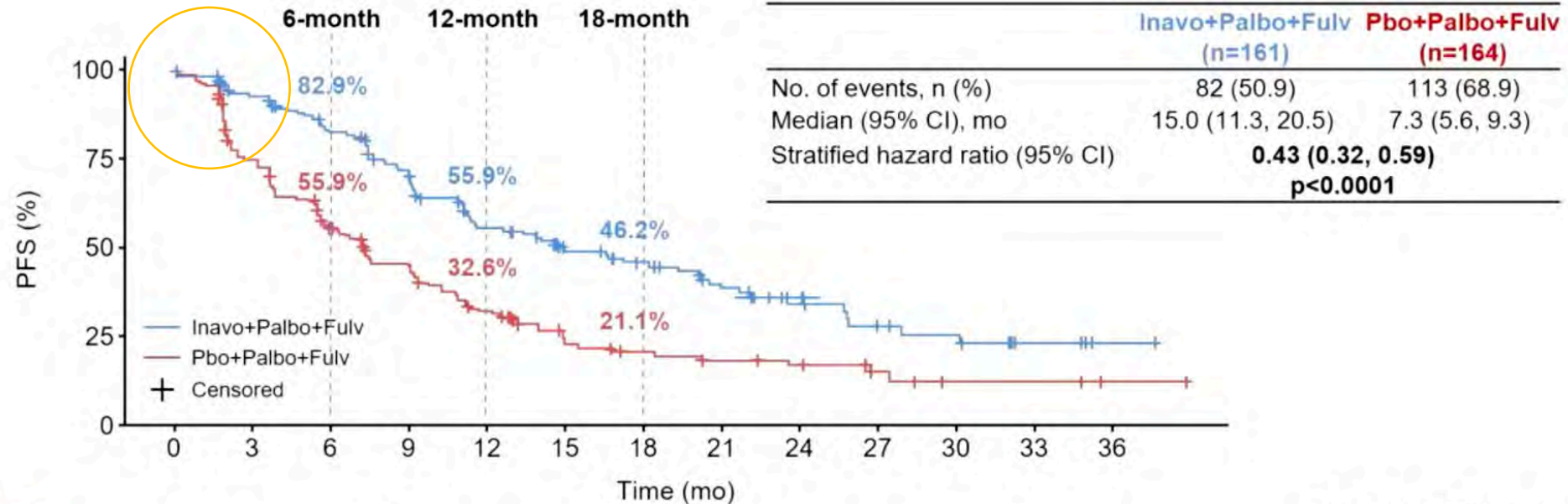
- Visceral Disease (Yes vs. No)
- Endocrine Resistance (Primary vs. Secondary)<sup>†</sup>
- Region (North America/Western Europe; Asia; Other)

## Endpoints

- Primary: PFS by Investigator
- Secondary: OS<sup>‡</sup>, ORR, BOR, CBR, DOR, PROs

\* Central testing for *PIK3CA* mutations was done on ctDNA using FoundationOne®Liquid (Foundation Medicine). In China, the central ctDNA test was the PredicineCARE NGS assay (Huidu). <sup>†</sup> Defined per 4th European School of Oncology (ESO)–European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) International Consensus Guidelines for Advanced Breast Cancer. <sup>‡</sup> Primary: relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant ET; Secondary: relapse while on adjuvant ET after at least 2 years or relapse within 12 months of completing adjuvant ET. <sup>§</sup> OS testing only if PFS is positive; interim OS analysis at primary PFS analysis; \*\* Pre-menopausal women received ovarian suppression. ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; R, randomized. 1. Cardoso F, *et al. Ann Oncol* 2018;**29**:1634–1657.

# INAVO120: Primary endpoint PFS (investigator-assessed)



Patients at risk:  
 Inavo+Palbo+Fulv  
 Pbo+Palbo+Fulv

	161	134	111	92	66	48	41	31	22	13	11	5	1
	164	113	77	59	40	23	19	16	12	6	3	3	1

Median follow-up:  
**21.3 months**

CCOD: 29th September 2023

CI, confidence interval; Fulv, fulvestrant; Inavo, inavolisib; mo, months; Palbo, palbociclib; Pbo, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival.

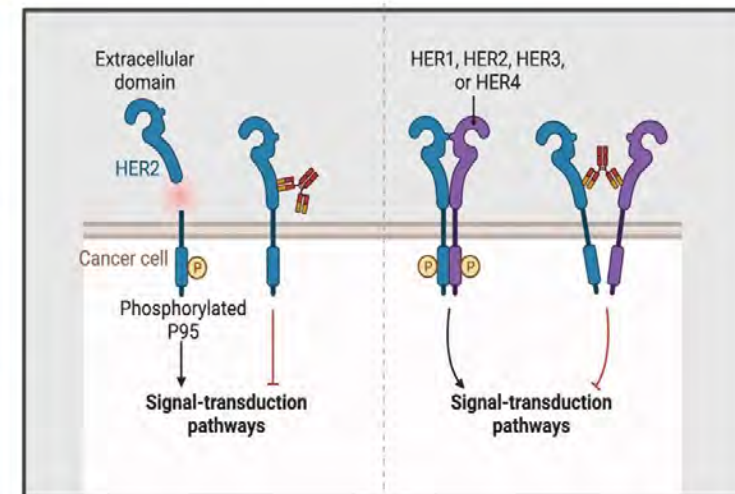
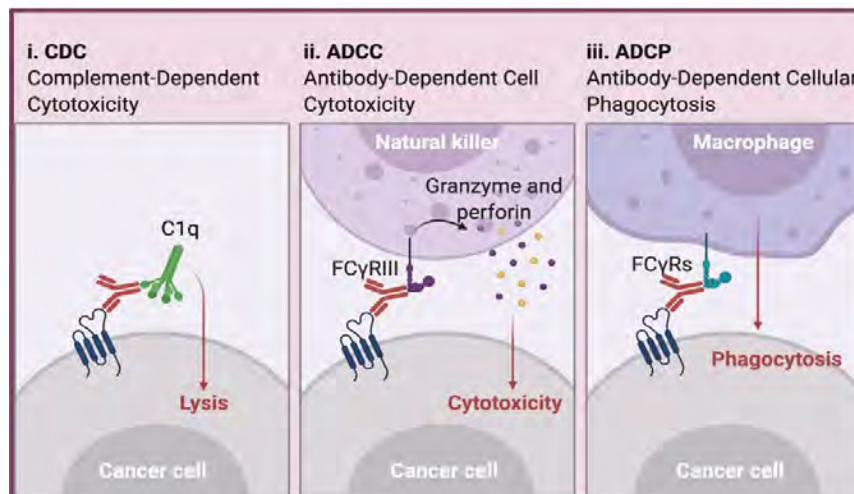
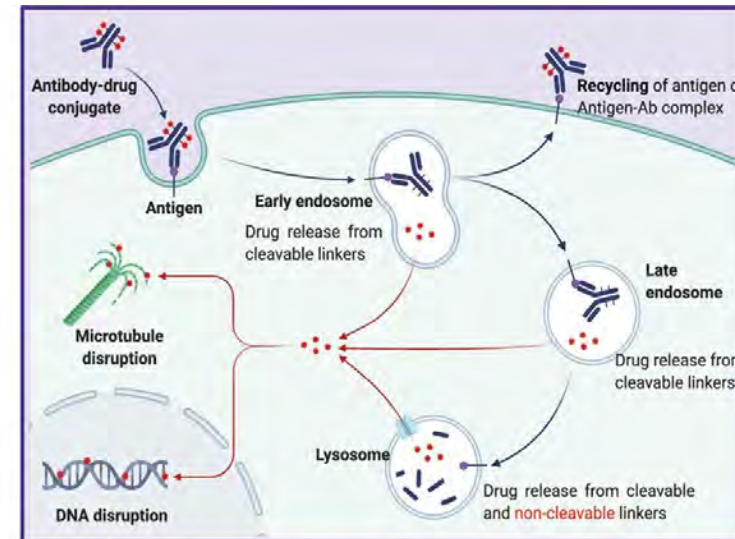
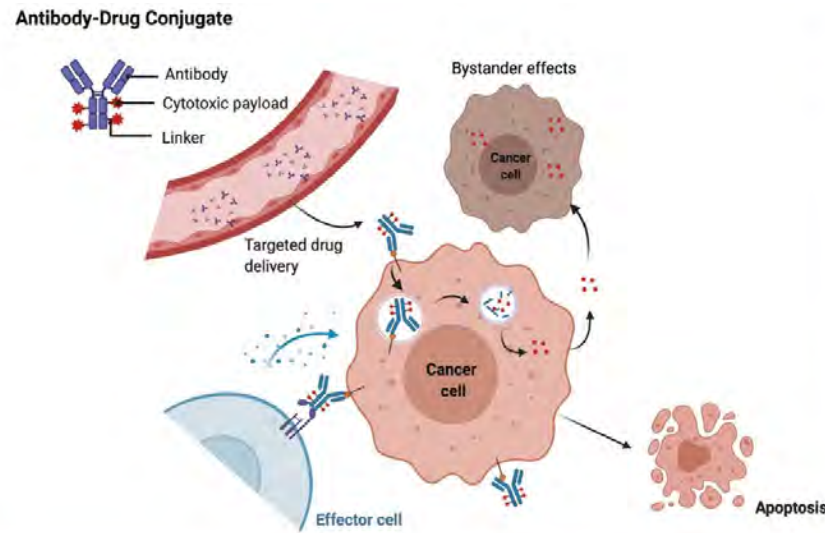
## Endocrine resistance:

- 34% primary
- 66% secondary

## High risk features:

- 48% premenopausal
- 80% visceral mets, 50% liver mets

# Antibody-Drug Conjugates mechanism of action

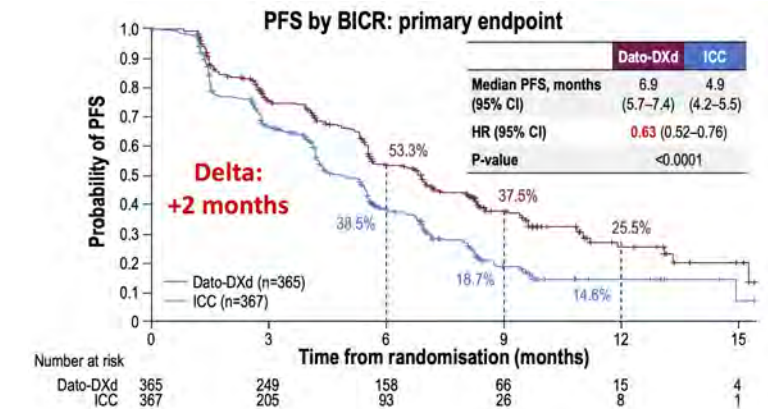
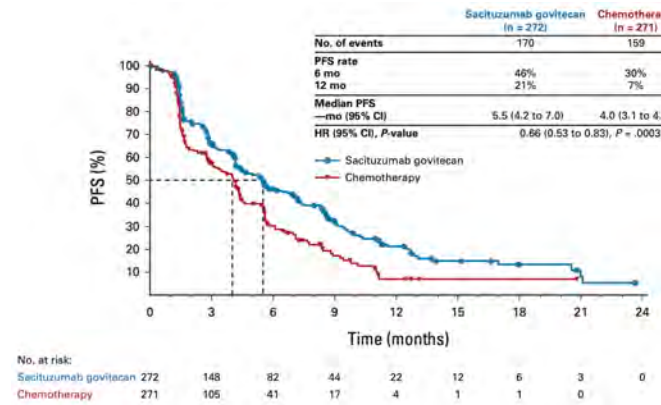
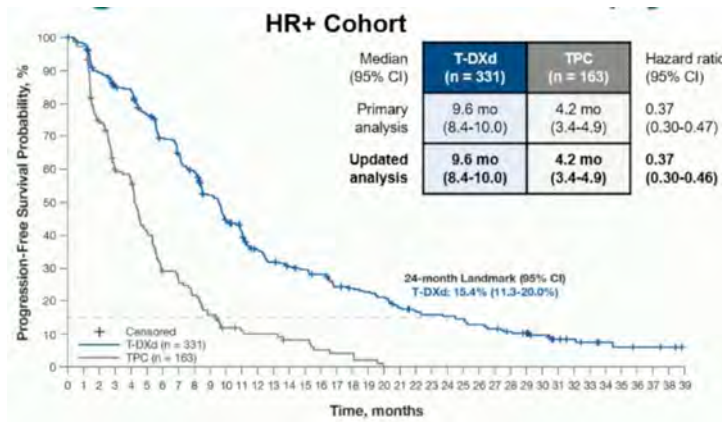


# Antibody-drug conjugates for the treatment of luminal MBC progressing to prior chemotherapy

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Trastuzumab-DXd

TROPiCS-02  
Sacituzumab Govitecan

TROPION-Breast01  
Datopotamab-DXd

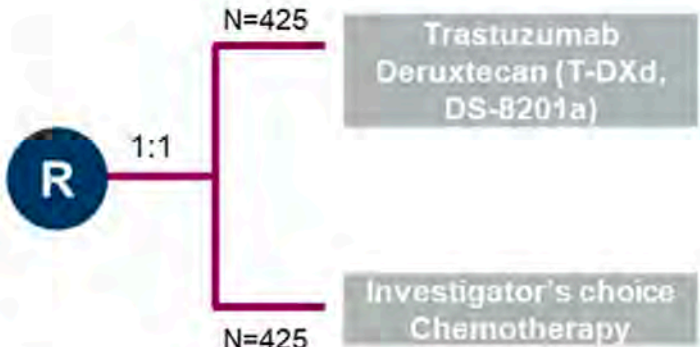


Anti HER2

Anti Trop2

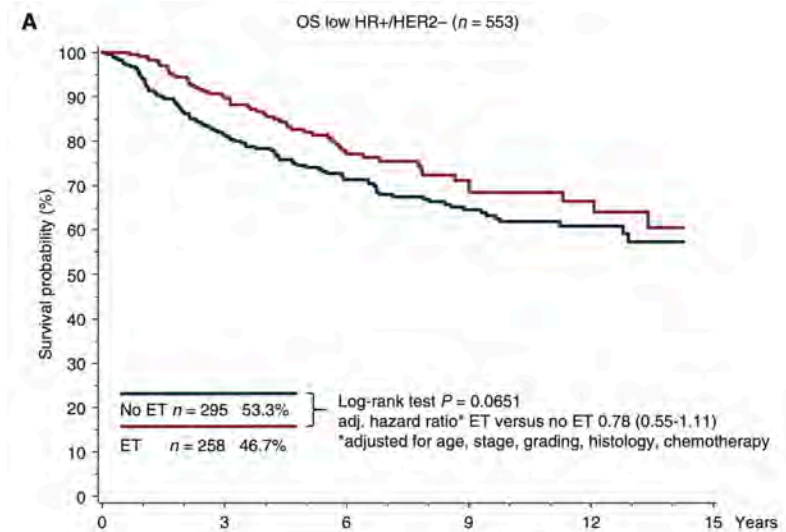
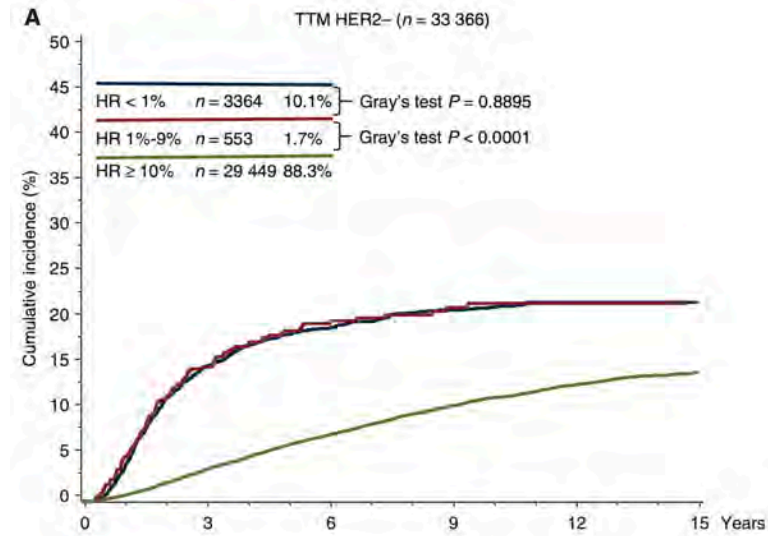
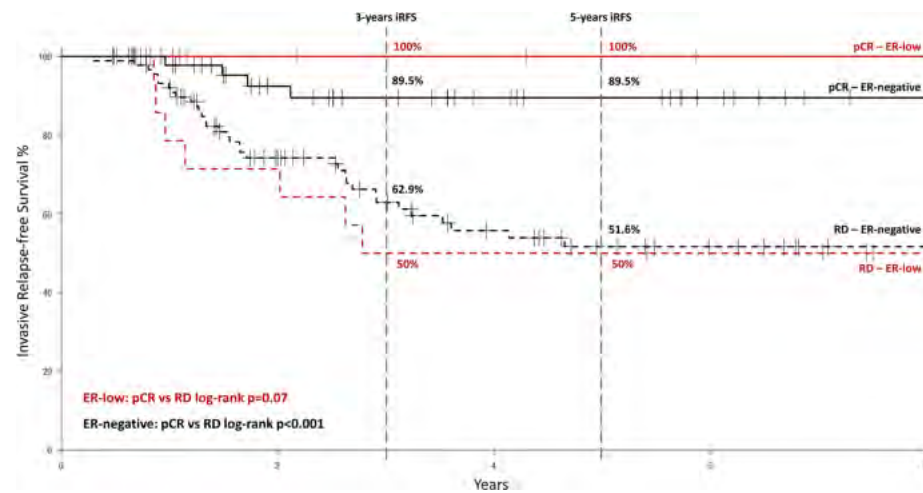


# DESTINY-Breast06: Trastuzumab deruxtecan HR+, HER2 low metastatic breast cancer whose progressed on endocrine

POPULATION	TREATMENT	ENDPOINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced/metastatic HR+ breast cancer</li> <li>HER2 IHC &gt;0 &lt;1+ or 1+ or 2+ (determined based on central IHC assessment of archival tissue collected at time of diagnosis of first metastatic disease or later)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior lines of therapy in MBC:</b> Progression after 2 prior ET+/- targeted therapy, or within 6 months of 1<sup>st</sup> line ET+CDK4/6i</p> <p><b>Stratification factors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor</li> <li>HER2 IHC 2+ v. 1+ v. &gt;0 &lt;1+</li> <li>Prior taxane in non-metastatic setting</li> </ul>	 <p style="text-align: center;">N=425</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N=425</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemotherapy options: capecitabine, paclitaxel, nab-paclitaxel</li> <li>Treatment continues until progressive disease or toxicity</li> <li>HER2 IHC &gt;0 &lt;1+ defined by tumor membrane expression characterized as faint or barely perceptible and incomplete membrane staining that is seen in 10% or fewer tumor cells (HER2 &gt;0 &lt;1+ population N=150)</li> <li>Futility analysis in HER2 IHC &gt;0 &lt;1+ cohort will be done</li> </ul>	<p><b>Primary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFS (BICR) in HER2-low population</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Secondary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OS in HER2-low population</li> <li>PFS in ITT population</li> <li>OS in ITT population</li> </ul> <p><b>Secondary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFS (investigator assessed) in HER2-low</li> <li>ORR and DOR of HER2-low and ITT populations</li> <li>Safety and tolerability</li> <li>Symptoms, functioning and HRQoL</li> </ul> <p><b>Exploratory:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protein expression</li> <li>ctDNA</li> <li>Patient Reported Outcomes</li> </ul>

# Outcome of early breast cancer patients with low hormone receptor positivity

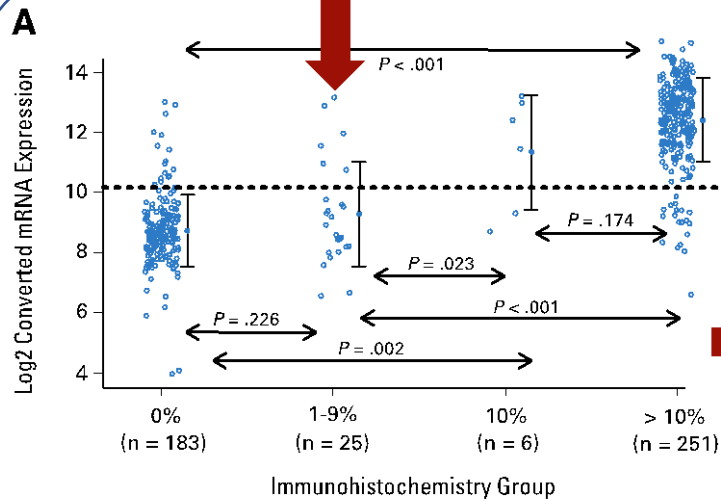
Invasive relapse-free survival according to ER-status and response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy



# ER Low Positive (1% to 10%)

# Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor Testing in Breast Cancer: ASCO/CAP Guideline Update

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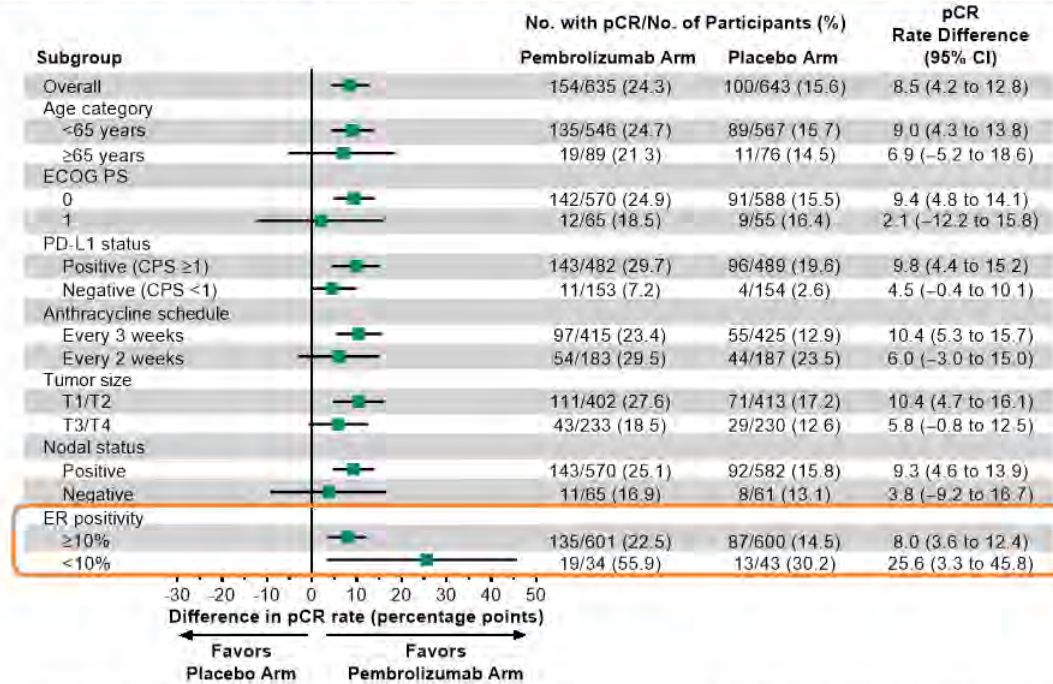


**Table 2.** Molecular Class of Borderline ER-Positive Patients

IHC		Molecular Subtypes by PAM50				
IHC Level (%)	No. of Patients	Luminal A	Luminal B	HER2 Amplified	Basal	Normal
0	183	2	1	51	111	18
1-9	25	0	2	8	12	3
10	6	2	1	1	1	1
> 10	251	120	61	38	16	16

Abbreviations: ER, estrogen receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; PAM50, multigene test used to assign molecular class to individual breast cancers.<sup>16</sup>

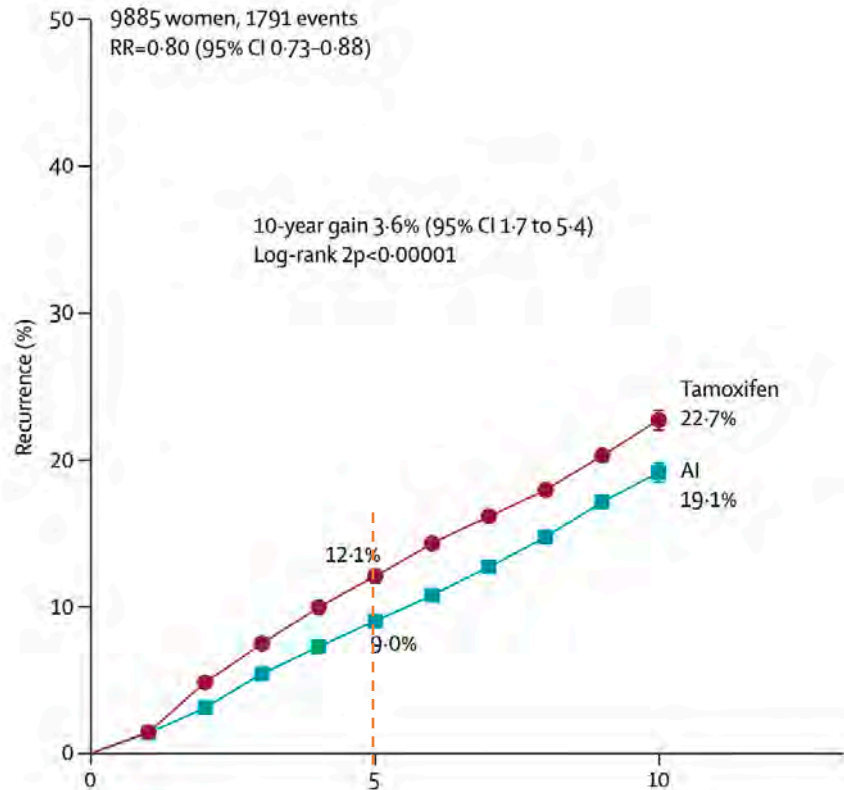
## Pathological Complete Response (ypT0/Tis ypN0) in Subgroups



For the overall population, analysis is based on Miettinen and Nurminen method stratified by the analysis randomization stratification factors. For other subgroups, analysis is based on unstratified Miettinen and Nurminen method. Data cutoff date: May 25, 2023.

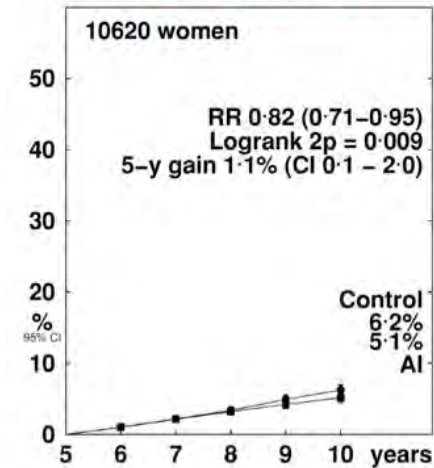
# Impact of adjuvant aromatase inhibitors and duration of treatment

## Carryover effect

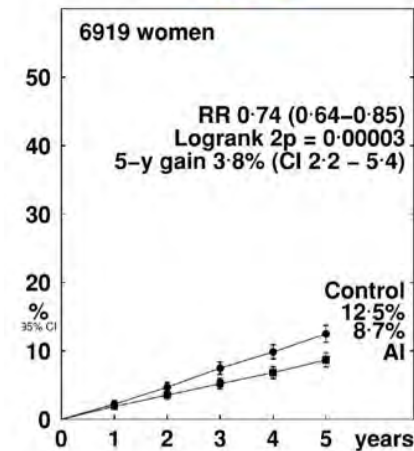


## Extended Aromatase Inhibitor

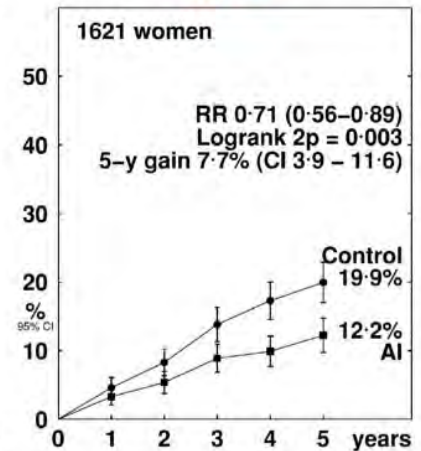
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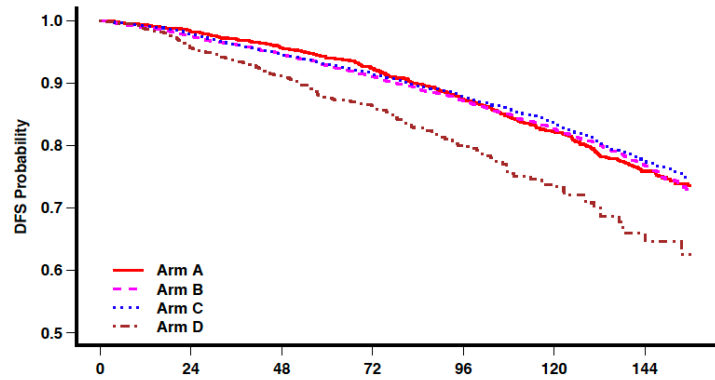
### N 1-3



### N 4+

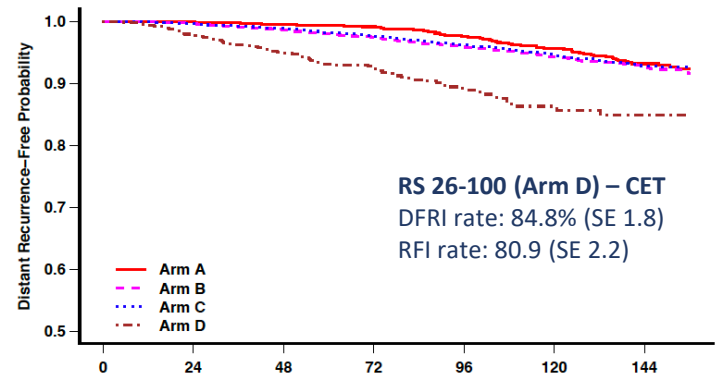


# Trial Assigning Individualized Options for Treatment (TAILORx): An Update Including 12-Year Event Rates



Number at risk

Months	0	24	48	72	96	120	144
Arm A	1619	1526	1421	1251	1072	861	419
Arm B	3399	3198	2967	2601	2256	1826	977
Arm C	3312	3108	2867	2533	2212	1815	953
Arm D	1389	1177	992	495	292	138	51



Number at risk

Months	0	24	48	72	96	120	144
Arm A	1619	1533	1445	1304	1124	917	454
Arm B	3399	3242	3046	2703	2362	1944	1076
Arm C	3312	3145	2951	2630	2315	1909	1018
Arm D	1389	1194	1021	509	305	143	55

End-point	Event Rate	Arm B RS 11-25 ET (n=3399)	Arm C RS 11-25 CET (n=3312)
IDFS	5 years	92.8% (0.5)	93.1% (0.5)
	12 years	76.8% (0.9)	77.4% (0.9)
DRFI	5 years	98.0% (0.3)	98.2% (0.2)
	12 years	92.6% (0.5)	92.8% (0.5)
RFI	5 years	96.9% (0.3)	97.0% (0.3)
	12 years	89.6% (0.6)	90.5% (0.6)
OS	5 years	98.0% (0.2)	98.1% (0.2)
	12 years	89.8% (0.6)	89.8% (0.6)

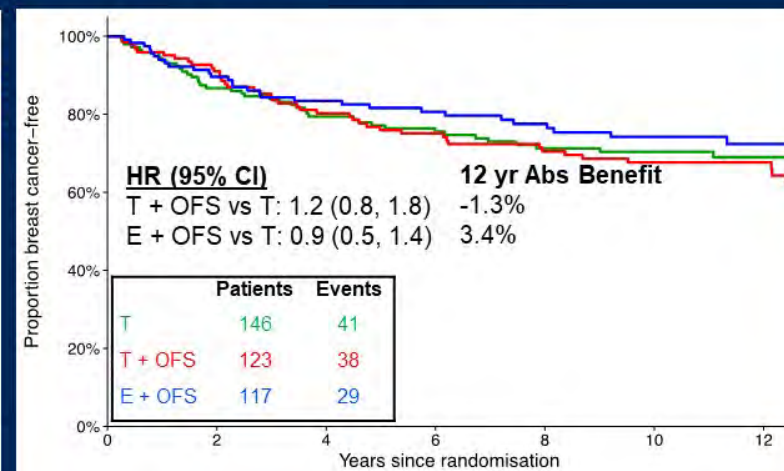
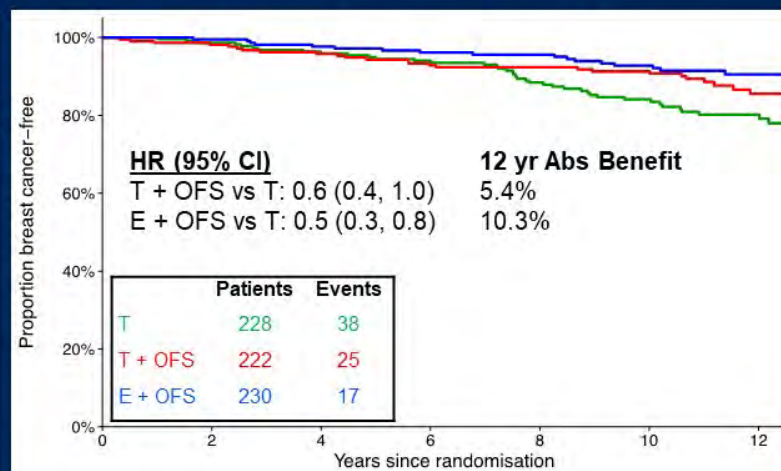
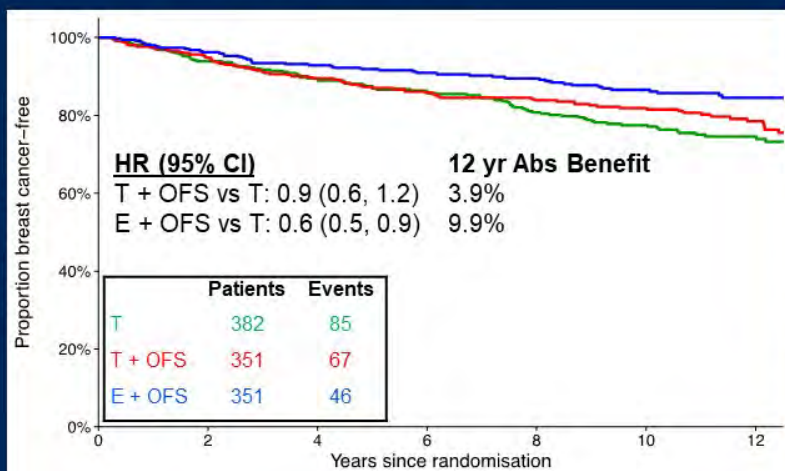
# PAM50 ROR Predictive results– overall cohort

[Endpoint = BCFI]

Unselected (N=1084)

ROR low/int (N=680, 64%)

ROR high (N=386, 36%)



T	382	348	318	290	253	212	115
T+OFS	351	323	295	277	258	230	119
E+OFS	351	319	296	272	252	214	115

T	228	218	206	193	169	141	76
T+OFS	222	209	198	190	180	162	73
E+OFS	230	213	200	187	176	148	79

T	146	123	106	93	81	70	38
T+OFS	123	111	94	84	75	66	44
E+OFS	117	102	92	81	72	62	34

Chemo n=543 (50.1%)

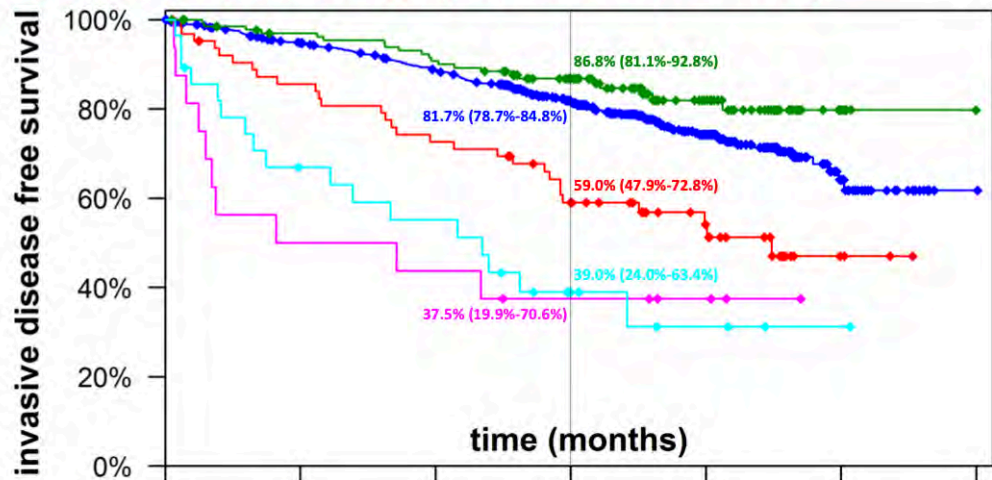
Chemo n=212 (31.1%)

Chemo n=315 (81.6%)

$p_{int}$  (E + OFS) = 0.1; (T + OFS) = 0.2

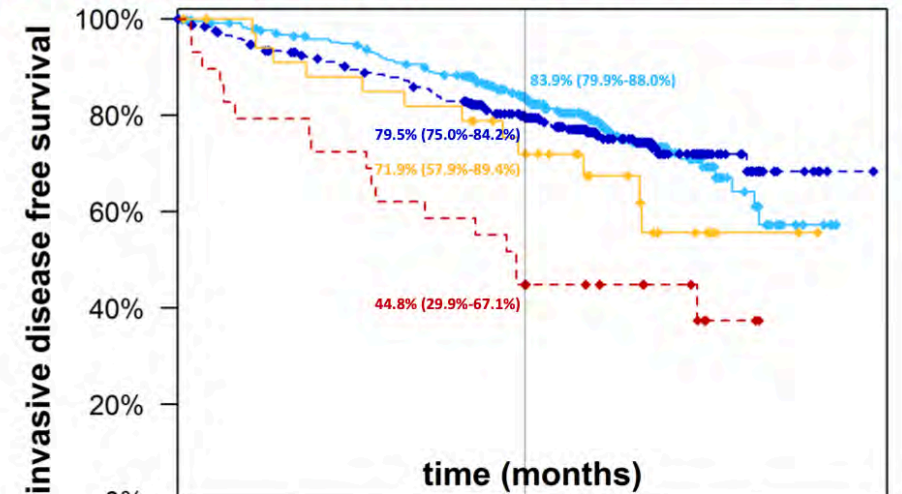
# PENELOPE-B: prognosis according to BC subtype and effect of palbociclib

Figure 2: iDFS by AIMS subtype (treatment arms combined)



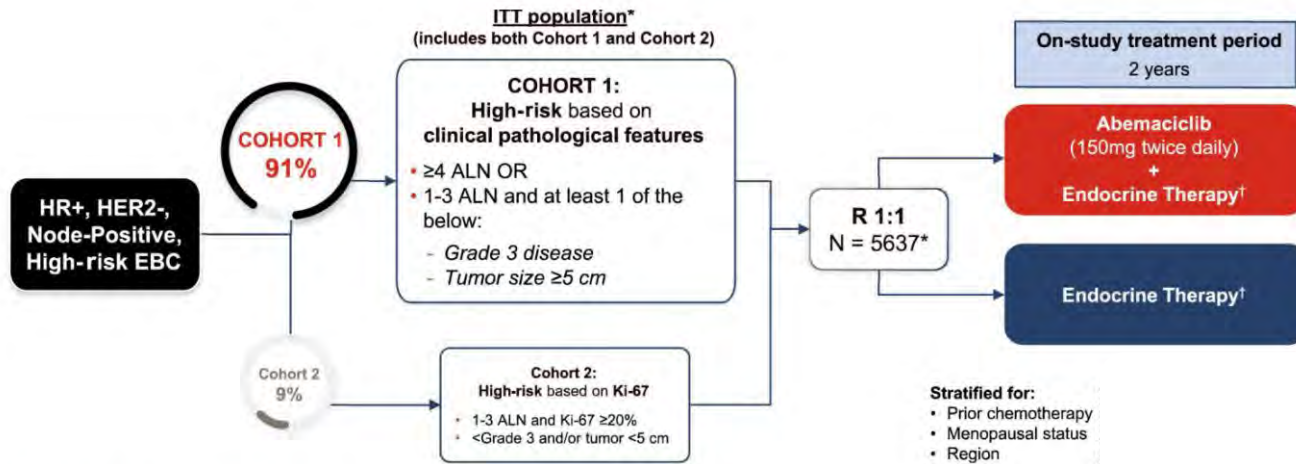
— LumA	663	604	555	405	176	32	1
— LumB	64	53	45	33	19	3	0
— NormL	135	125	117	93	45	6	0
— BasalL	16	8	7	5	3	0	0
— HER2E	28	17	14	6	3	1	0

Figure 3: iDFS by AIMS subtype and treatment in the AIMS-luminal cohort



— palbociclib, LumA	340	316	292	217	94	19	0
- - - placebo, LumA	323	288	263	188	82	13	1
— palbociclib, LumB	35	30	27	21	10	2	0
- - - placebo, LumB	29	23	18	12	9	1	0

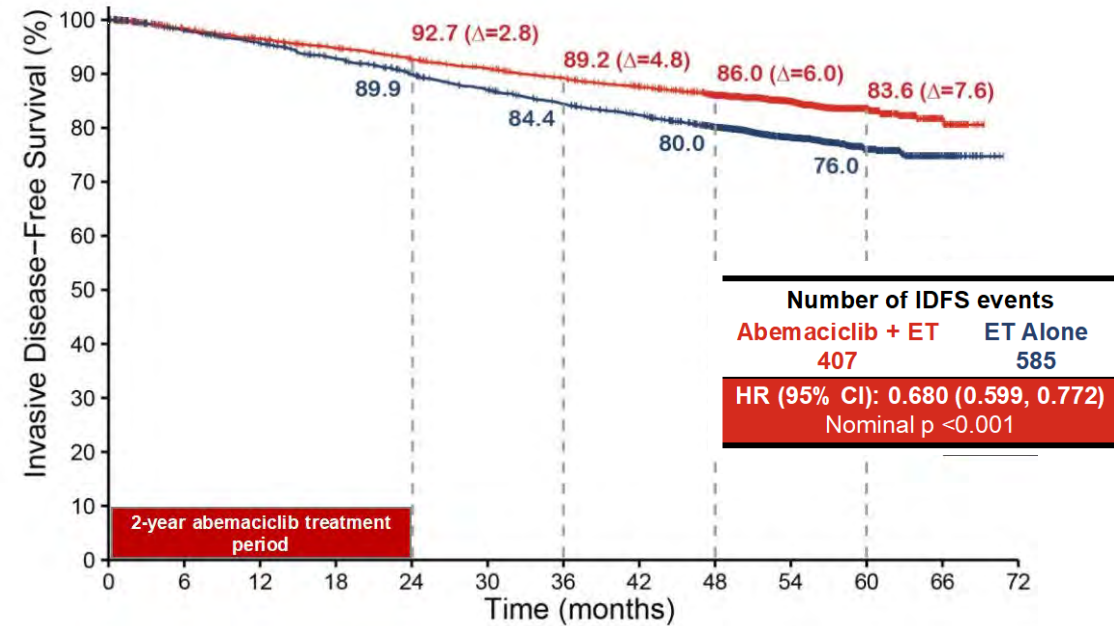
# monarchE Study Design and Primary Endpoint Results



\*Recruitment from July 2017 to August 2019.

<sup>†</sup>Endocrine therapy of physician's choice [e.g., aromatase inhibitors, tamoxifen, GnRH agonist].

IDFS benefits persists beyond completion of abemaciclib



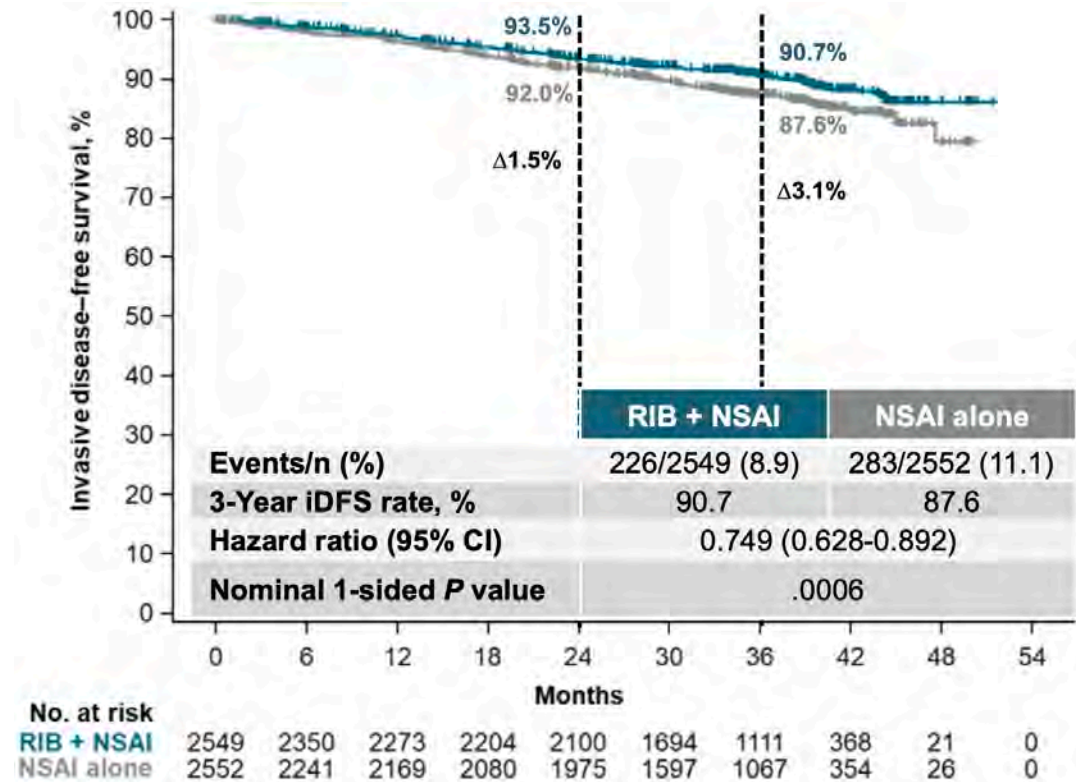
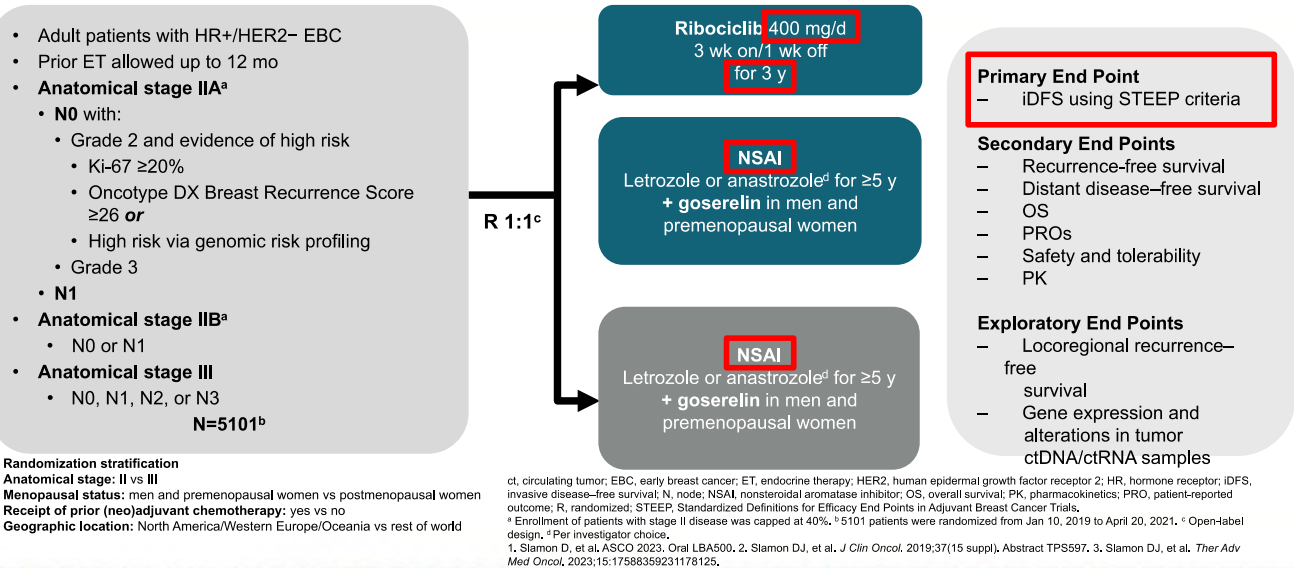
32% reduction in the risk of developing an IDFS event.

The KM curves continue to separate and the absolute difference in IDFS rates between arms was 7.6% at 5 years



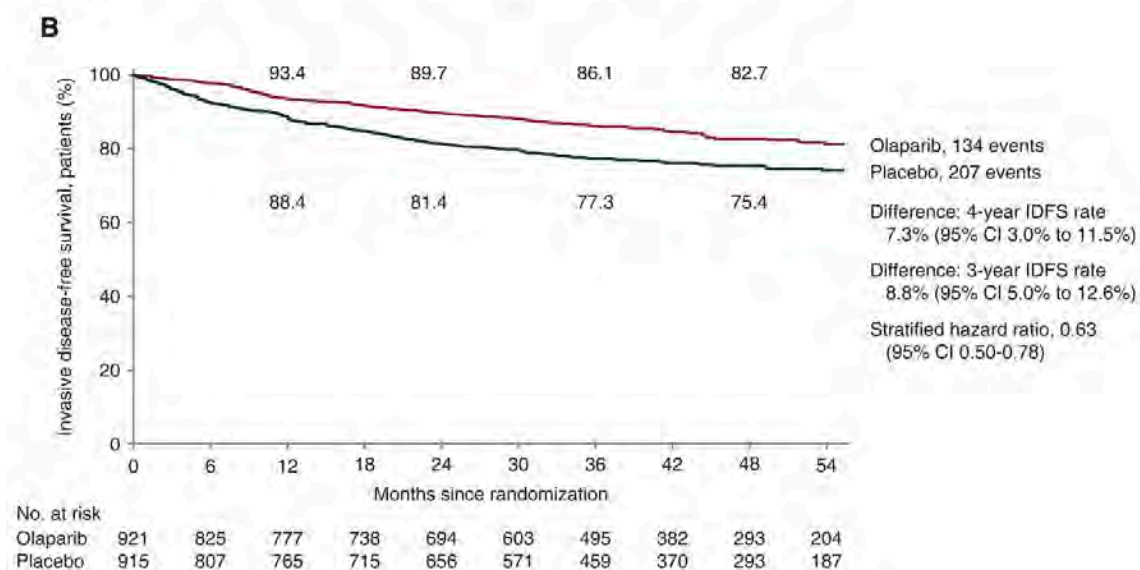
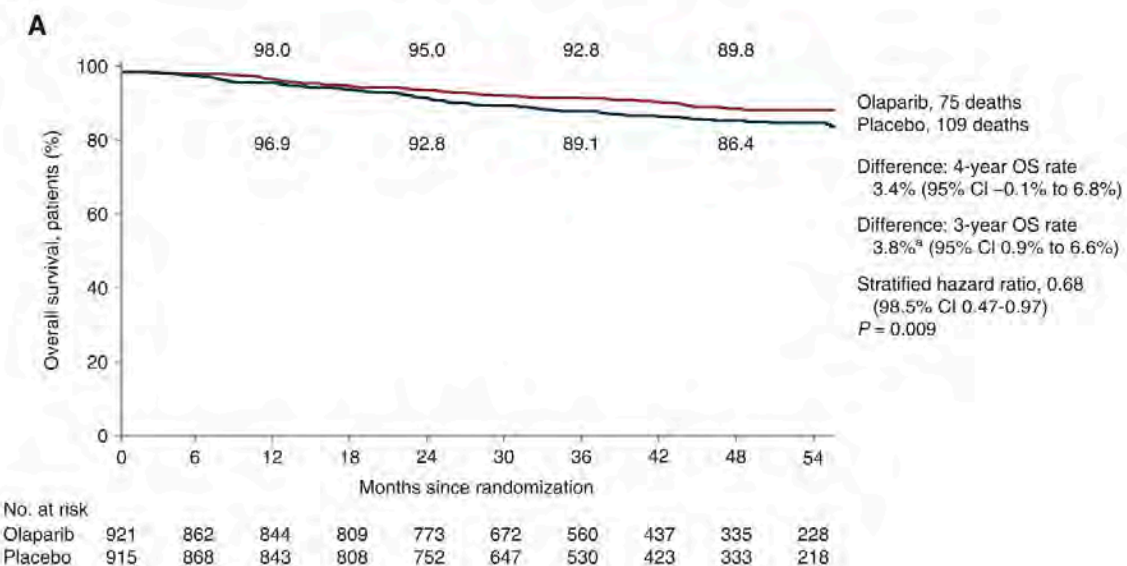
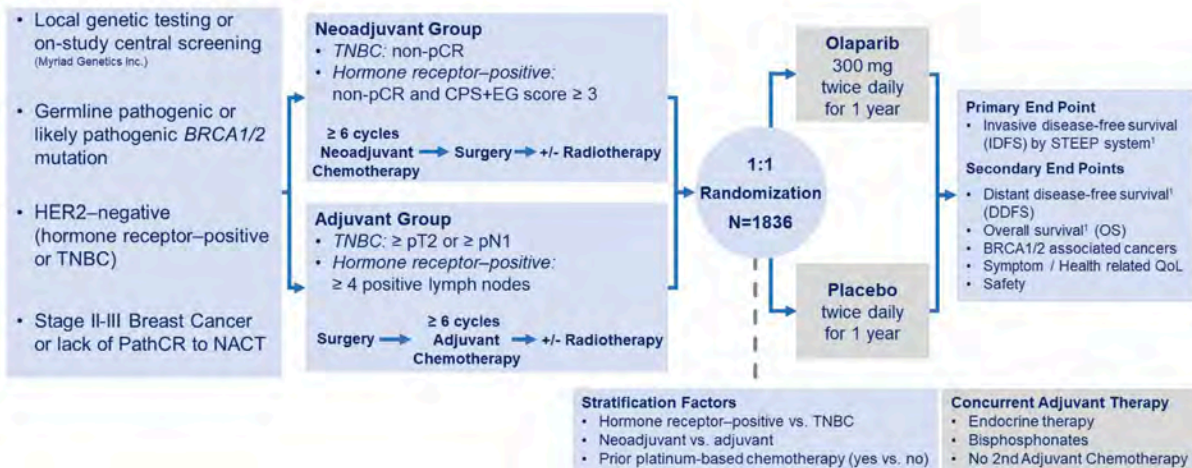
# NATALEE Study Design and Primary Endpoint Results

## NATALEE Study Design<sup>1-3</sup>

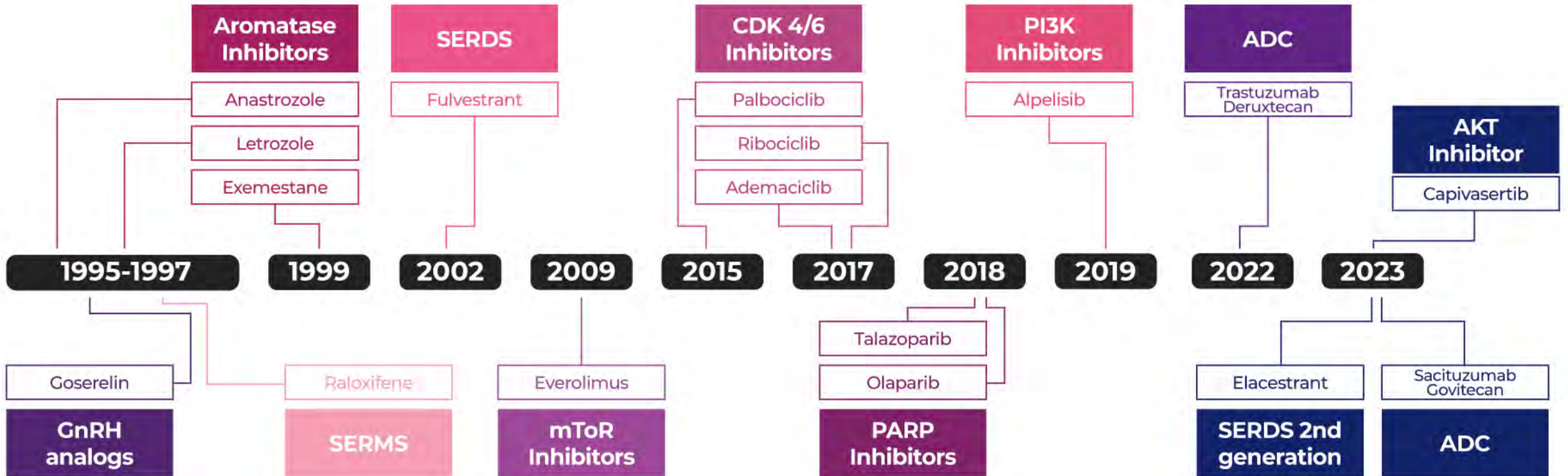


# OlympiA: Olaparib for BRCA 1/2 mutated early BC patients

## OlympiA: Trial schema



# Timeline of Targeted Therapies Approval for HR+ HER2- Metastatic Breast Cancer



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# **CDK4/6i: side effects and impact on QoL**

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WILEY Breast Cancer Knowledge Hub

# Learning objectives

1. Understand the common side effects associated with CDK4/6 inhibitors, including hematologic and non-hematologic adverse events
2. Evaluate the available evidence regarding the impact of CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy on quality of life
3. Recognize the strategies to prevent and manage CDK4/6 inhibitor-related side effects
4. Recognize the unique considerations for managing CDK4/6 inhibitor-related side effects in elderly patients

# DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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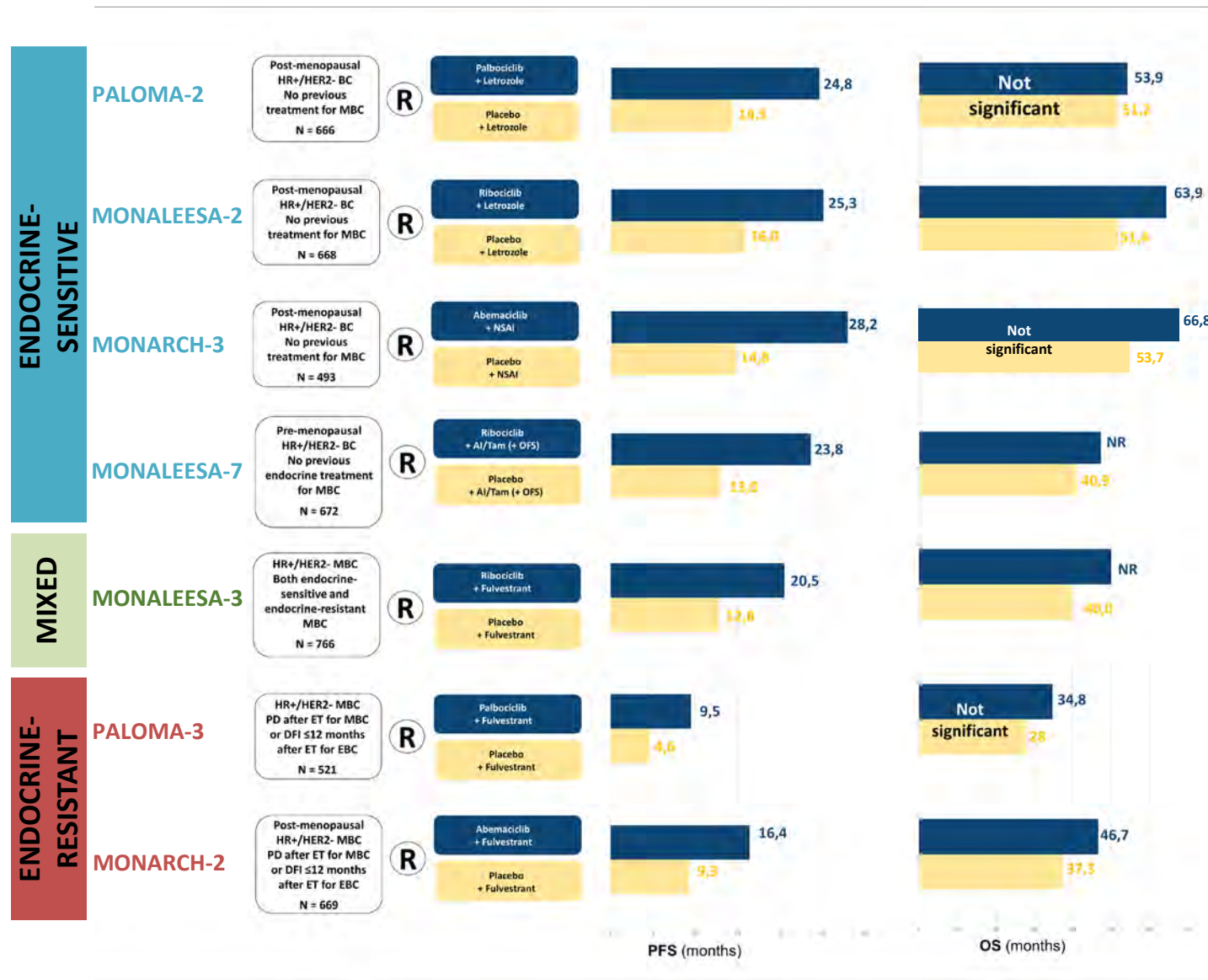
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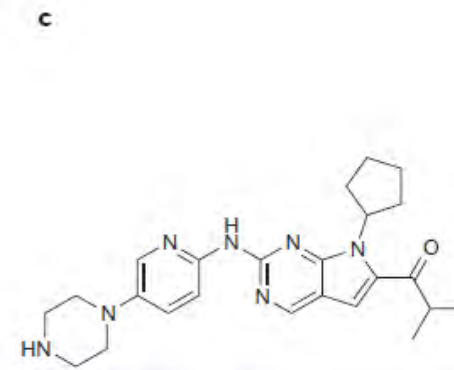
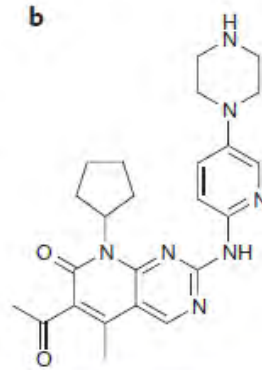
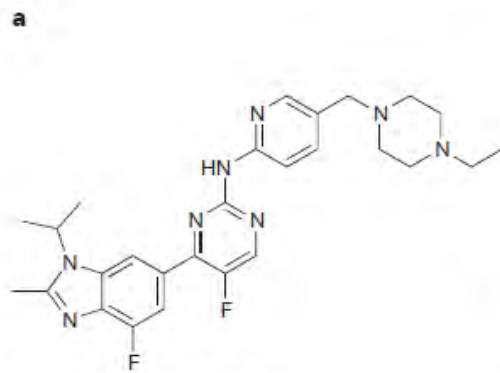
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# CDK 4/6i-based tx for HR+ /HER2- MBC: crystallized first-line





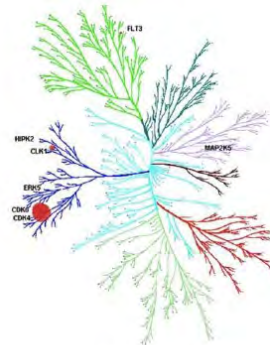
# Chemical structure of selective CDK 4/6i



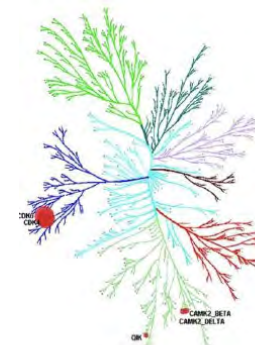
	Abemaciclib (LY-2835219)	Palbociclib (PD-0332991)	Ribociclib (LEE011)
IC <sub>50</sub>	CDK1: >1 μM	CDK1: >10 μM	CDK1: >100 μM
	CDK2: >500 nM	CDK2: >10 μM	CDK2: >50 μM
	CDK4: 2 nM	CDK4: 9–11 nM	CDK4: 10 nM
	CDK5: ND	CDK5: >10 μM	CDK5: ND
	CDK6: 5 nM	CDK6: 15 nM	CDK6: 39 nM
	CDK7: 300 nM	CDK7: ND	CDK7: ND
	CDK9: 57 nM	CDK9: ND	CDK9: ND



Abemaciclib



Palbociclib



Ribociclib

Selectivity

- 1×
- 10×
- 100×

# Hematological AEs

	Palbociclib <sup>^</sup>			Ribociclib <sup>°</sup>			Abemaciclib <sup>*</sup>		
	All	G3	G4	All	G3	G4	All	G3	G4
Neutropenia	80	56	10	74	50	9.6	41	19.6	1.5
Leukopenia	39	24	1	33	20	1.2	20.8	7.3	0.3
Anemia	24	5	<1	19	0.9	0.3	28.4	5.8	0
Thrombocytopenia	16	1	<1	9.0	0.6	0	-	-	-

**Febrile neutropenia:** palbociclib 1.8%; ribociclib 1.5%.

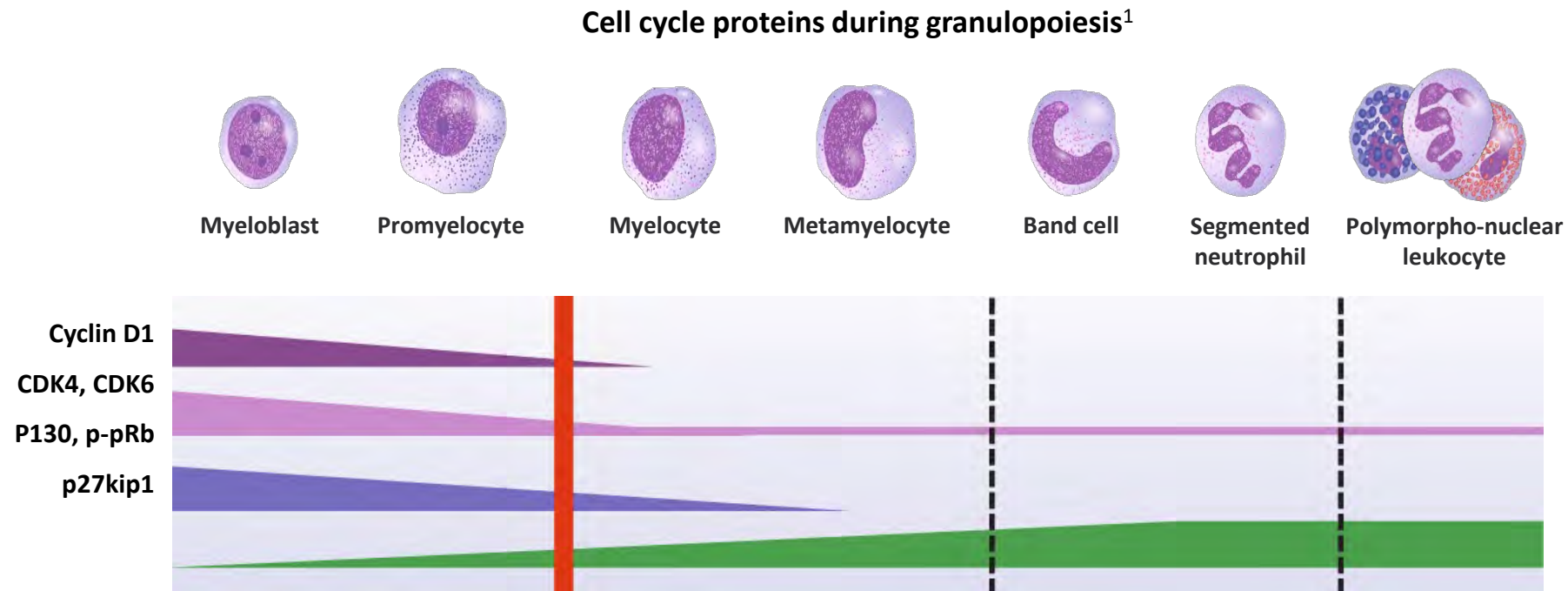
<sup>^</sup> AEs ≥10% of study population

<sup>°</sup> AEs ≥5% of study population

<sup>\*</sup> AEs ≥15% of study population

# Biological drivers of CDK 4/6i-related neutropenia

CDK4/6 inhibitors arrest the cell cycle at G1 preventing cyclin D–CDK4/6 activity  
However, **neutrophils depend on cyclin D–CDK4/6 activity to enter the cell cycle and proliferate**  
The effect on neutrophil proliferation is **reversible** with CDK4/6 inhibitors



p130, Rb-like protein 2; p-pRb, phosphorylated retinoblastoma protein; p27kip1, CDK inhibitor

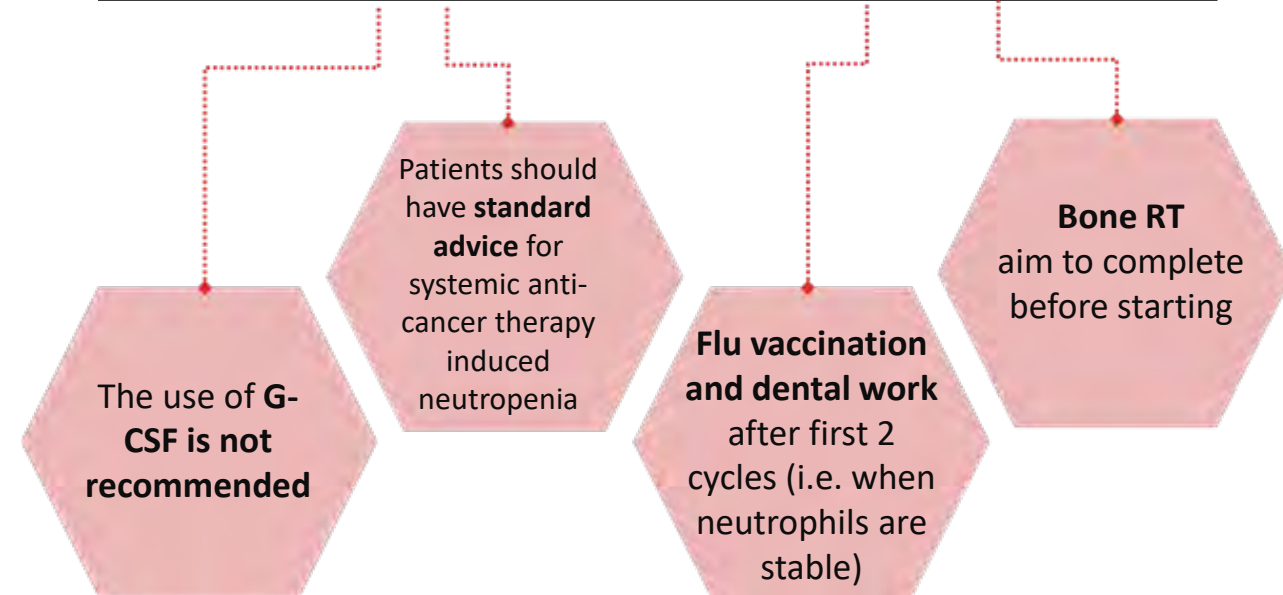
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3. Roberts PJ, et al. J Natl Cancer Inst. 2012;104:476–487;  
Graphic adapted from: Klausen P, et al. J Leukoc Biol. 2004;75:569–578.

# Management of neutropenia in clinical practice

## MONITORING & DOSE ADJUSTMENT

- **No dose adjustment is required for G1-2 neutropenia**
- Consider **dose reduction in cases of recurrent uncomplicated G3** neutropenia in subsequent cycles
- Consider **dose reduction in cases of prolonged (>1 wk) recovery from G3** neutropenia
- In case of **febrile neutropenia**, hold until recovery to G2, then restart at the next lower dose

## PRACTICAL TIPS



# NON-hematological AEs

Adverse Event	Palbociclib <sup>^</sup>			Ribociclib <sup>°</sup>			Abemaciclib <sup>*</sup>		
	All	G3	G4	All	G3	G4	All	G3	G4
Nausea	35	<1	0	52	2.4	0	38.5	0.9	–
Infections <sup>§</sup>				50	3.6	0.6	39	4	0.9
Fatigue	37	2	0	37	2.1	0.3	40	1.8	–
Diarrhea	26	1	0	35	1.2	0	81	9.5	0
Alopecia	33	0	0	33	–	–	26.6	–	–
Vomiting	16	<1	0	29	3.6	0	28.4	5.8	0
Constipation	19	<1	0	25	1.2	0	15.9	0.6	0
Headache	21	<1	0	22	0.3	0	15.6	0.6	–
↓ Appetite	15	1	0	19	1.5	0	24.5	1.2	0
Rash	18	1	0	17	0.6	0			
ALT increased				16	7.5	1.8	15.6	5.8	0.3
AST increased				15	4.8	0.9			

<sup>§</sup>Paloma 2: upper respiratory tract infection 13.3% G1-2

Urinary tract infection 11.9% G1-2, 1.1% G3

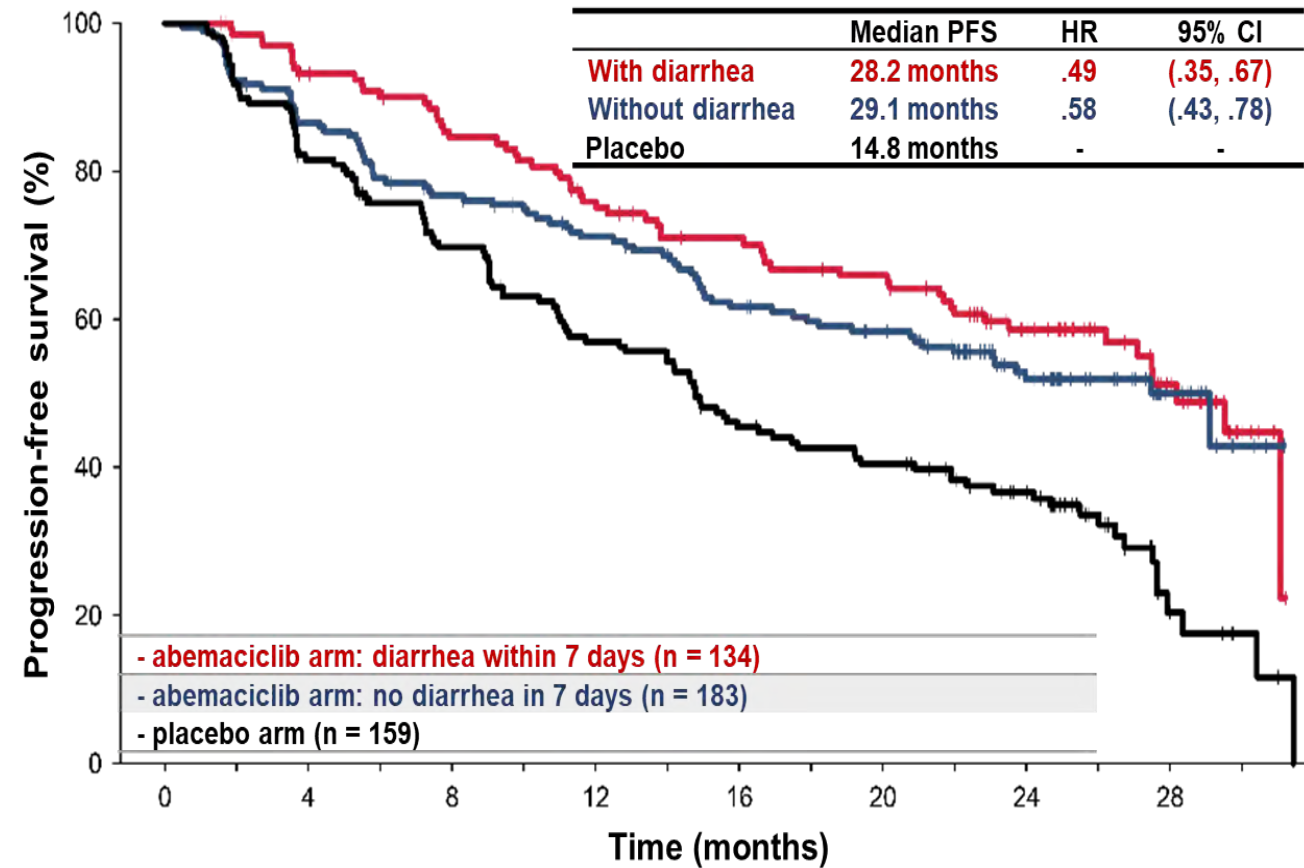
<sup>^</sup>AEs ≥10% of study population; <sup>°</sup>AEs ≥5% of study population; <sup>\*</sup>AEs ≥15% of study population

# Abemaciclib-related diarrhea - ABC

## Characteristics of diarrhea within MONARCH 2 and MONARCH 3 trials

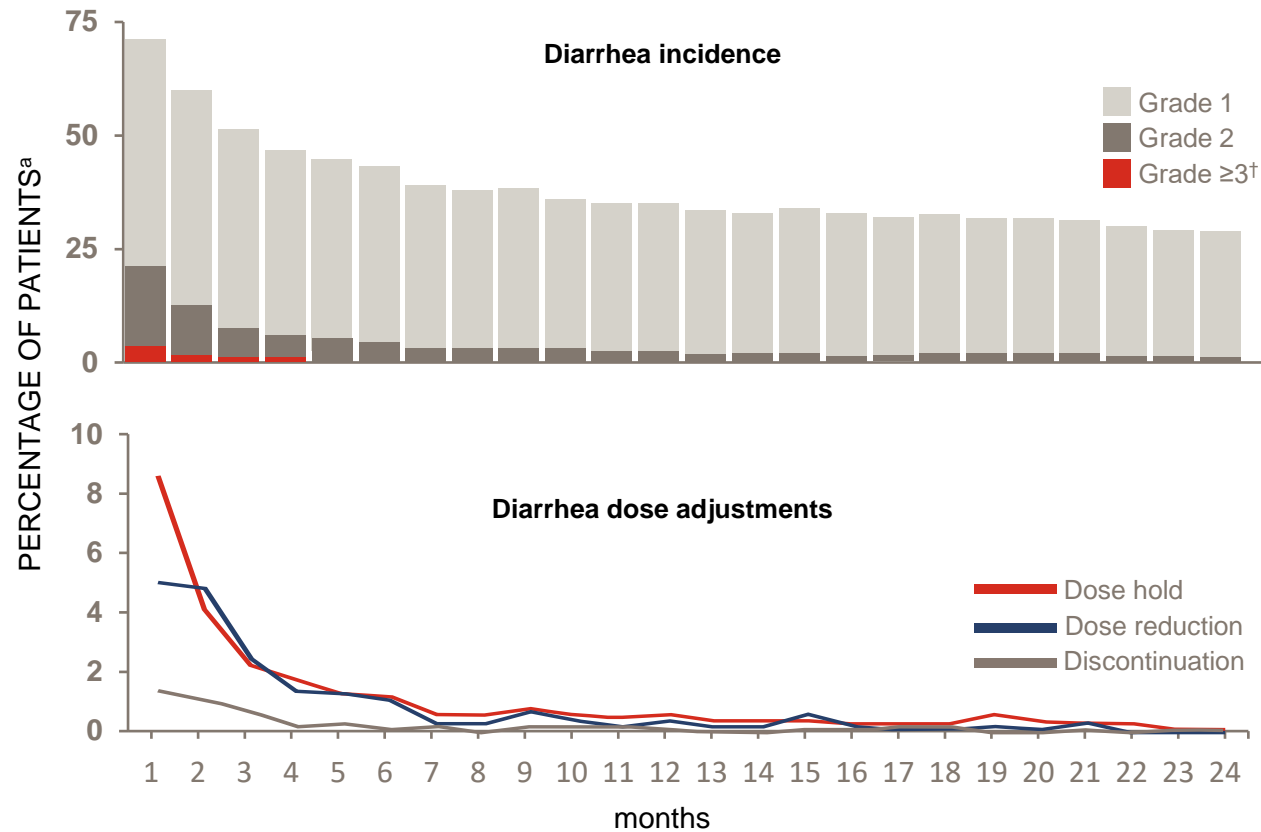
	MONARCH 2 (N=441)	MONARCH 3 (N=327)
<b>Median Time of Onset</b>	6 days	8 days
<b>Duration</b>		
Grade 2 (days)	9 days	10.5 days
Grade 3 (days)	6 days	8 days
<b>Dose Reduction Due to Diarrhea</b>		
Median Time to 1st Dose Reduction	29 days	37.5 days
Dose Reductions Due to Diarrhea	83 (18.8%)	42 (15.8%)
<b>Discontinuations Due to Diarrhea</b>	13 (2.9%)	6 (1.8%)
<b>Hospitalizations Due to Diarrhea</b>	4 (1%)	4 (1.2%)

## MONARCH 3: Landmark analysis of PFS with/without diarrhea (any grade) within 7 days



# Abemaciclib-related diarrhea - EBC

## MONARCH-E



<sup>a</sup>In the by month analyses, number of patients at risk each month is used as the denominator to calculate % of events. <sup>†</sup>There were no Grade 4 events and 1 Grade 5 event. AFU1: Additional Follow-Up 1.

### DIARRHEA ONSET, SEVERITY AND DURATION

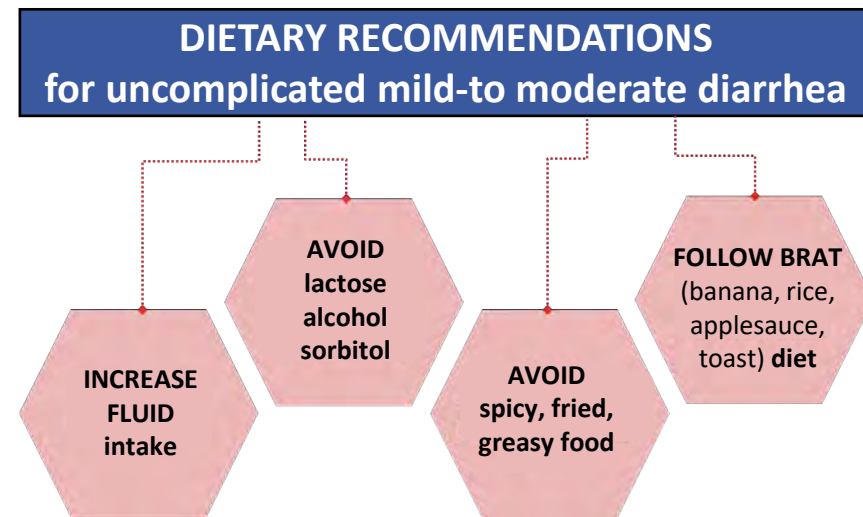
- Median time to onset of diarrhea was 8 days and incidence decreased over time
- Diarrhea was mostly low grade (Grade 1/2: 76%)
- Grade 2/3 events were highest in the first few months, mostly lasting ≤7 days and did not recur

### DISCONTINUATION OF ABEMACICLIB DUE TO DIARRHEA

- Discontinuation rate due to diarrhea was low (5.3%) – most were due to low grade events
- Most discontinuations occurred within the first 3 months (74% of those without a prior dose reduction)
- ~30% of patients had Grade 1 diarrhea in second year of treatment, but ≤0.6% patients had dose adjustments

# Management of diarrhea

NCI-CTCAE Grade or Profile	Dose Modification
<b>At the first sign of loose stools, start treatment with antidiarrheal agents, such as loperamide</b>	
<b>Grade 1</b> <i>Increase of &lt;4 stools/day over baseline (BL); mild increase in ostomy output compared to BL</i>	<b>No dose modification</b> is required
<b>Grade 2</b> <i>Increase of 4-6 stools/day over BL; moderate increase in ostomy output compared to BL</i>	If toxicity does not resolve within 24 hours to Grade $\leq 1$ , <b>suspend</b> dose until resolution; <b>dose reduction is not required</b>
<b>Grade 2 that persists or recurs after resuming the same dose despite maximal supportive measures</b>	<b>Suspend</b> dose until toxicity resolves to Grade $\leq 1$ ; <b>resume at next lower dose</b>
<b>Grade 3 or 4 or requires hospitalization</b> <i>G3: Increase of <math>\geq 7</math> stools/day over BL; incontinence; hospitalization indicated; severe increase in ostomy output compared to BL; limiting self-care activities of daily living</i> <i>G4: Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated</i>	<b>Suspend</b> dose until toxicity resolves to Grade $\leq 1$ ; <b>resume at next lower dose</b>





# Abemaciclib-related effect of creatinine

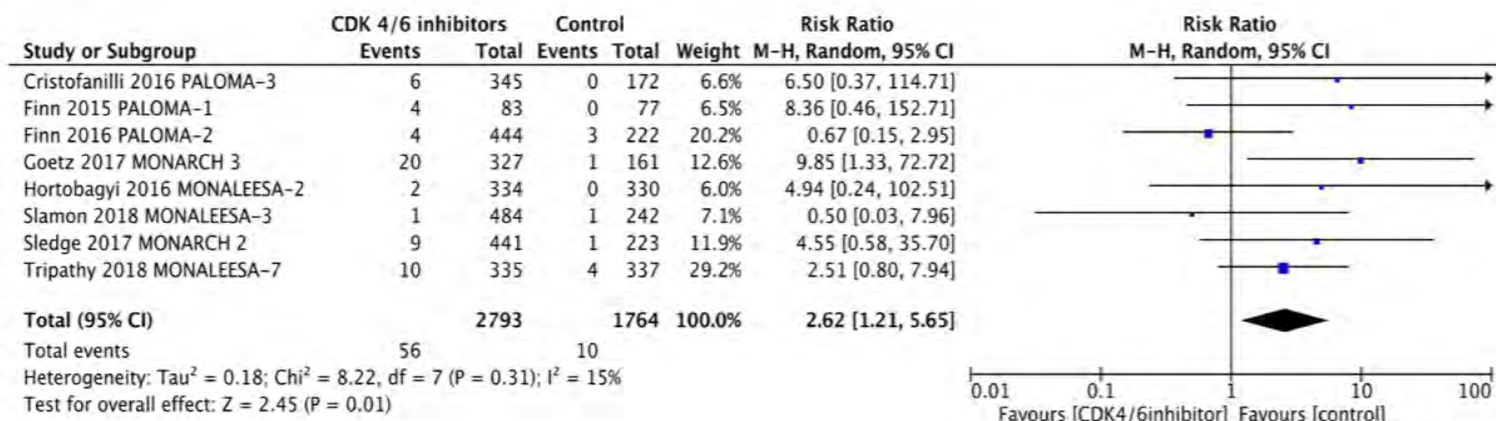
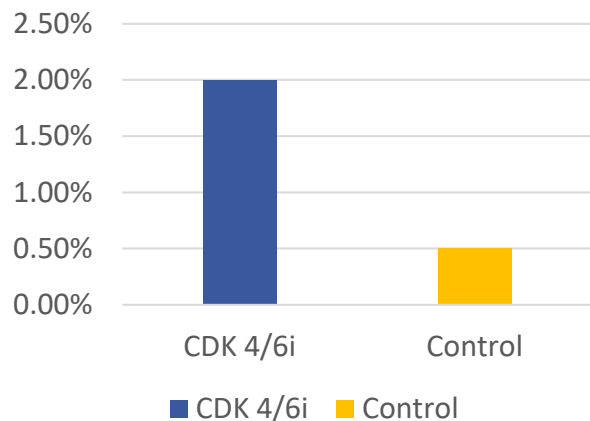
- The increase in SCr due to abemaciclib results from **inhibition of a molecular pump** that transports creatinine from the blood to the urine
- One consequence of this inhibition is the **potential for drug-drug interactions** with compounds that use this pathway for elimination (eg, metformin)
- The increase in SCr occurs **within the first 28-day cycle of abemaciclib**, remains elevated but stable throughout the treatment period and is **reversible** upon treatment discontinuation<sup>1-3</sup>
- **Renal function (GFR) is not impacted**, as other measures of GFR that do not rely on SCr (such as cystatin C-calculated GFR) are not affected by abemaciclib treatment<sup>1,2,4</sup>

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# VTE events

RCT trials (n=4557) = PALOMA 1-2-3, MONARCH 2-3, MONALEESA 2-3-7

- VTE events: **56 (2%)** in the CDK 4/6+HT vs **10 (0.5%)** in HT alone.
- Pooled RR **2.62** (95% CI 1.21-5.659)



Subgroup	Number of studies (number of patients)	VTE events/number of patients (CDKI arm)	VTE events/number of patients (control arm)	Pooled RR (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup> (%), P value
Palbociclib containing regimen	3 (1343)	14/872	3/471	2.33 (0.36, 15.19)	48%, 0.38
Abemaciclib containing regimen	2 (1152)	29/768	2/384	6.77 (1.61, 28.43)	0%, 0.009*
Ribociclib containing regimen	3 (2062)	13/1153	5/909	2.19 (0.80, 5.97)	0%, 0.13
First line treatment	5 (2650)	40/1523	8/1127	2.75 (0.98, 7.75)	34%, 0.06
Second line treatment	2 (1181)	15/786	1/395	5.14 (0.96, 27.38)	0%, 0.06
Fulvestrant ET	3 (1907)	16/1270	2/637	2.73 (0.63, 11.91)	5%, 0.18
Non-fulvestrant ET	5 (2650)	40/1523	8/1127	2.75 (0.98, 7.75)	34%, 0.06

# VTE events: focus on abemaciclib

	MONARCH 2		MONARCH 3		MONARCH E*	
	Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant (N=441)	Placebo + Fulvestrant (N=223)	Abemaciclib + NSAI (N=327)	Placebo + NSAI (N=161)	Abemaciclib + HT (N=2791)	HT (N=2800)
<b>VTE (all grade)</b>	21 (4.8%)	2 (0.9%)	20 (6.1%)	1 (0.6%)	71 (2.5%)	17 (0.6%)
<b>PE</b>	11 (2.5%)	0	11 (3.4%) <sup>a</sup>	1 (0.6%)	28 (1.0%)	4 (0.1%)
<b>DVT</b>	10 (2.3%)	2 (0.9%)	9 (2.8%)	0		
<b>Grade ≥3</b>	9 (2.0%)	1 (0.4%)	10 (3.1%)	1 (0.6%)		
<b>Death</b>	0	0	3 (0.9%) <sup>b</sup>	0	0	0
<b>SAE</b>	8 (1.8%)	1 (0.4%)	9 (2.8%)	1 (0.6%)	34 (1.2%)	8 (0.3%)
<b>Treatment discontinuation</b>	2 (0.5%)	0	4 (1.2%) <sup>c</sup>	0	14 (0.5%)	-
<b>Dose reduction</b>	2 (0.5%)	0	0	1 (0.6%)	-	-

\* **VTE with abema+tam vs tam: 34 (4.3) vs 6 (0.7); VTE with abema+AI vs AI: 34 (1.8) vs 11 (0.6)**  
 Approximately 50% (33 of 71) of the VTE events occurred **within the first 180 days**; trend for higher incidence of PE and G3/4 VTE with increasing BMI

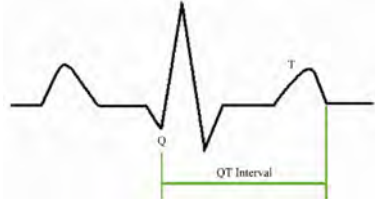
Abbreviations: DVT = deep vein thrombosis; N = number in study population; NFI = no further information; NSAI = nonsteroidal aromatase inhibitor; PE = pulmonary embolism; SAE = serious adverse event; VTE = venous thromboembolic event.

a 3 patients experienced both PE and DVT

b PE and DVT; thromboembolism NFI; respiratory failure

c includes 3 patients who died

# QTc prolongation



- Uncomplicated prolongation of the **QT interval** has been associated with **palbociclib** and **ribociclib** treatment in a dose-dependent manner, while based on evaluation of the QTc interval in pts and healthy volunteer study, **abemaciclib** did not cause large mean increase (i.e. 20 ms) in the QTc interval

## Focus on RIBOCICLIB

	MONALEESA 2 (600mg)	MONALEESA 3 (600 mg)	MONALEESA 7 (600 mg)	NATALEE (400 mg)
	Ribociclib + letrozole	Ribociclib + Fulv	Ribociclib + HT	Ribociclib + NSAID
QTcF prolongation any grade	4.5%	6.2%	12.5%	5.2
QTcF prolongation grade $\geq 3$ / $>480$ msec	3.3%	5.6%	1.8	1.0
QTcF prolongation grade $\geq 3$ / $>500$ msec	--	1.7%	0	0.1

- Any concomitant medication administered to the patient for side-effect management should be carefully reviewed to avoid the co-administration of medications known to increase the risk of QTcF prolongation

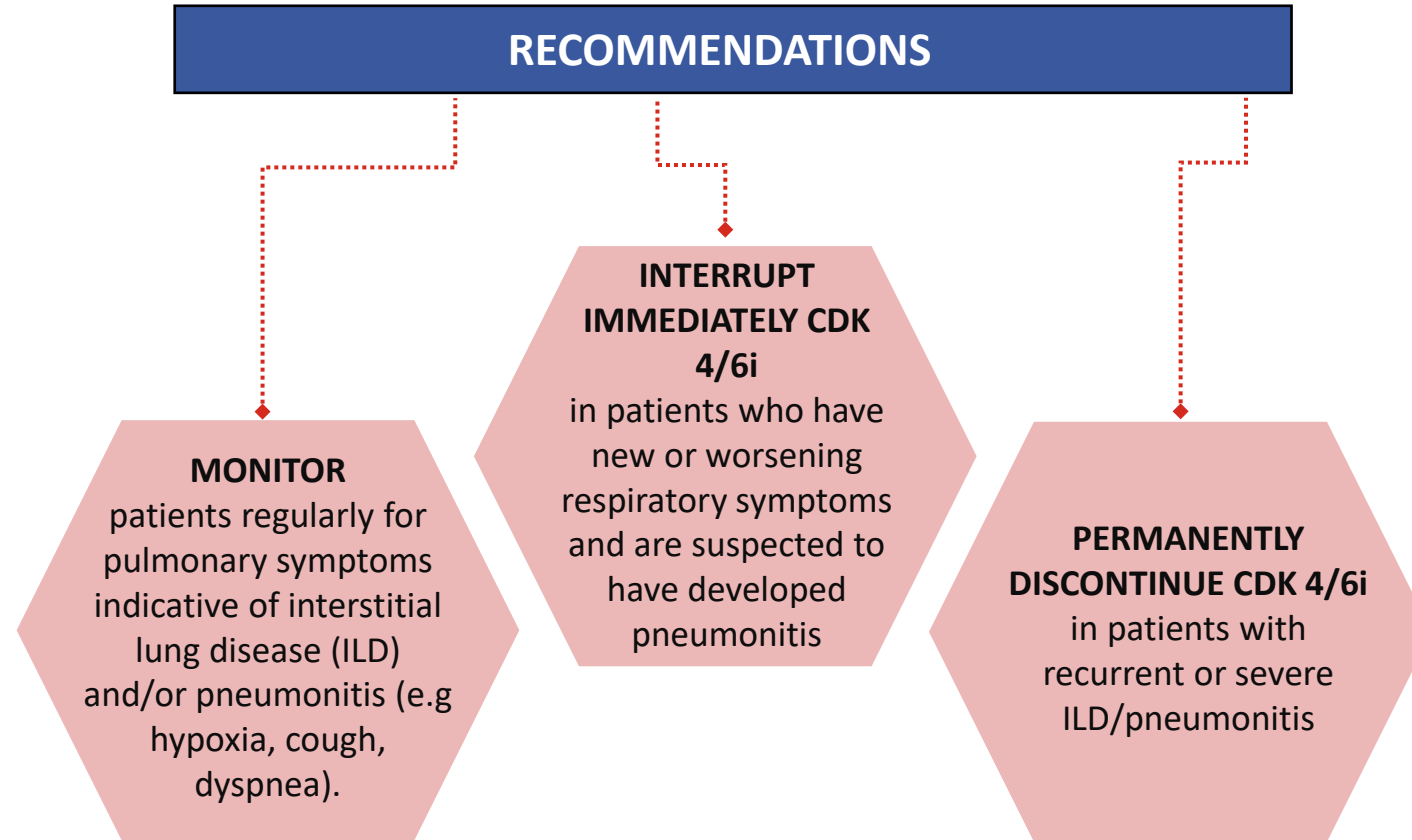
# ILD: scale of the problem

- FDA safety announcement**

[9-13-2019] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning that [...]palbociclib, [...] ribociclib, and [...] abemaciclib used to treat some patients with advanced breast cancers may cause **rare but severe inflammation of the lungs**. We have approved new warnings about this risk to the prescribing information and Patient Package Insert for the entire class of these cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 (CDK 4/6) inhibitor medicines. The overall benefit of CDK 4/6 inhibitors is still greater than the risks when used as prescribed.

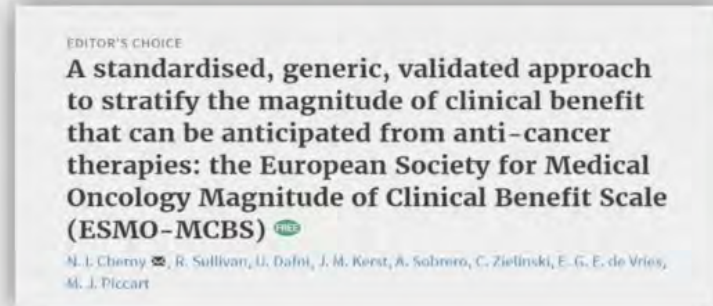
	PALBOCICLIB	RIBOCICLIB	ABEMACICLIB
	PALOMA 1-2-3	MONALEESA 2-3-7	MONARCH 1-2-3
<b>Registration trials for ABC</b>	Any grade: 1% G3-G4: 0.1% G5: no cases	Any grade: 1.1% G3-G4: 0.3% G5: 1 case	Any grade: 3.3% G3-G4: 0.6% G5: 0.4%
<b>Post-marketing (ABC)</b>	Additional cases with fatalities reported	Additional cases with fatalities reported	Additional cases with fatalities reported

# ILD: management



# CDK 4/6i-related quality of life (QoL) – ESMO-MCBS

ESMO-MCBS v1.0 (June 2015)



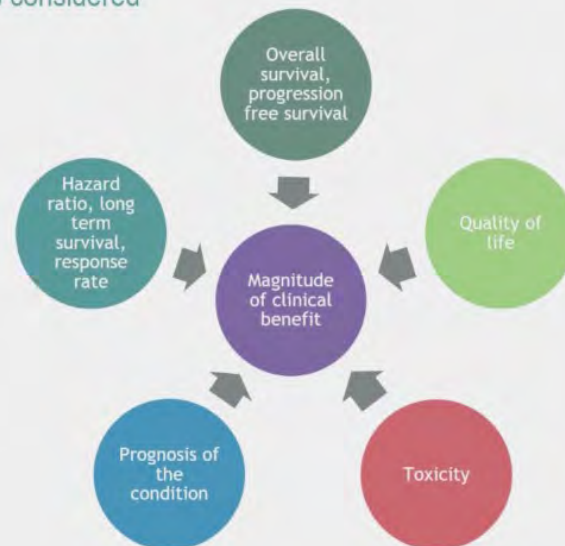
Field tested and validated in 78 studies  
Google Scholar citations 580: 9/2020

ESMO-MCBS v1.1 (Sept 2017)



Field tested and validated in 128 studies  
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ESMO-MCBS factors considered



Relevance and coherence: clear statement of underlying premises

- 1 Cure takes precedence over deferral of death
- 2 Direct endpoints such as survival and QoL take precedence over surrogates such as PFS or RR
- 3 DFS in curative disease is a more valid surrogate than PFS in non-curative disease
- 4 Interpretation of the evidence for benefit derived from surrogate outcomes (such as PFS or RR) may be influenced by secondary outcome data
- 5 Tail of curve data may sometimes indicate important gain for a minority of responders
- 6 Data from RCTs are more credible than from single arm studies

# CDK 4/6i-related quality of life (QoL) - ABC

Drug	Trial	CDK4/6i > control*		CDK4/6i = control		CDK4/6i < control**
PALBOCICLIB	PALOMA 2	Pain scores GHS TTD		GHS/QoL		-
	PALOMA 3					Hair loss
RIBOCICLIB	MONALEESA 2	TTD (pain, emotional, funct.)	Pain scores	EORTC QLQ-C30 GHS/QoL	EORTC QLQ-C30 GHS/QoL	-
	MONALEESA 3		TTD (HR-QoL and EORTC QLQ-C30 - functioning)		EORTC QLQ-C30 GHS/QoL	-
	MONALEESA 7		TTD (HR-QoL and EORTC QLQ-C30 – pain, fatigue, emotional, social funct.)		Work productivity	-
ABEMACICLIB	MONARCH 3	Financial difficulties		GHS		Symptoms (diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, appetite loss)
	MONARCH 2	Pain scores (TTD) Role functioning				

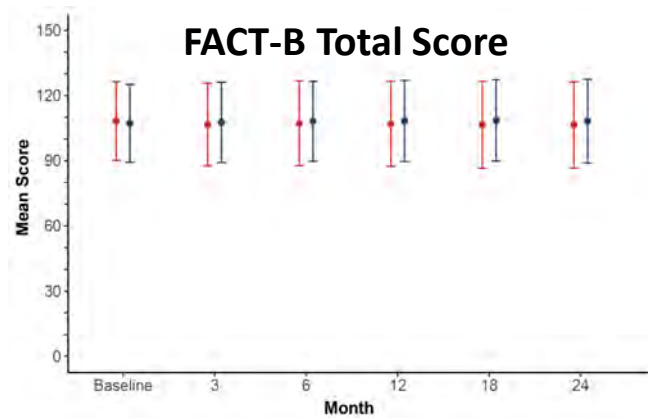
In the **ADVANCED SETTING**, overall, adding CDK 4/6i did not worsen patients' HR-QoL

- Positive trend towards pain improvement
- Gastrointestinal scores favored the control arm in abemaciclib-containing trials

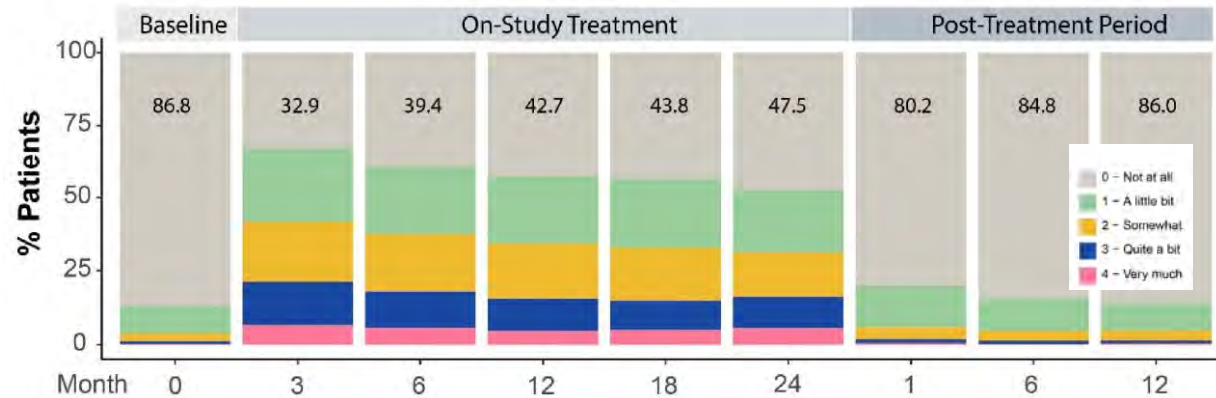


# CDK 4/6i-related quality of life (QoL) - EBC

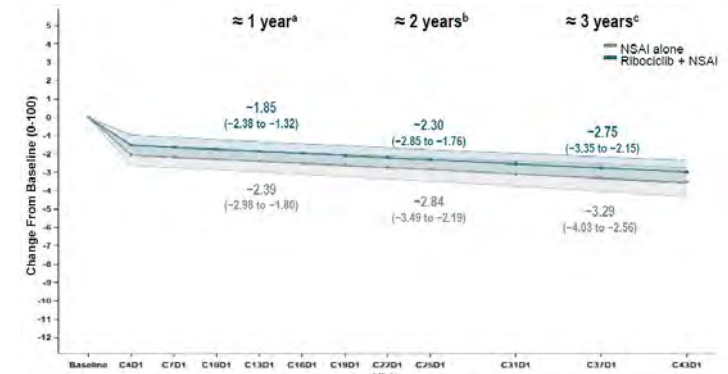
## MONARCH-E



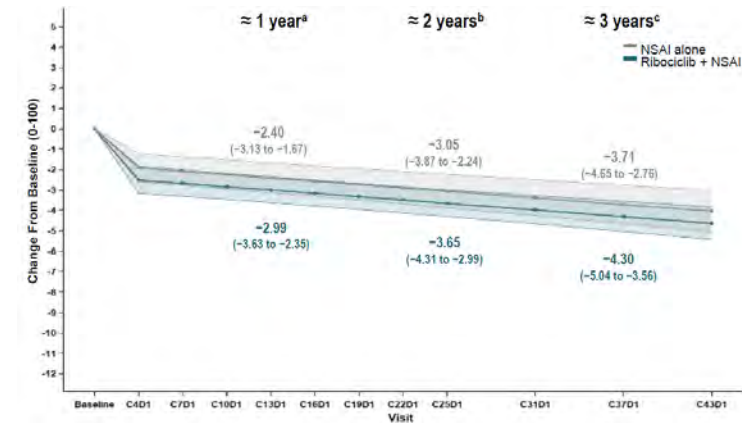
## FACT-ES C5 "I have diarrhea"



## NATALEE EORTC-QLQ C30 Physical functioning



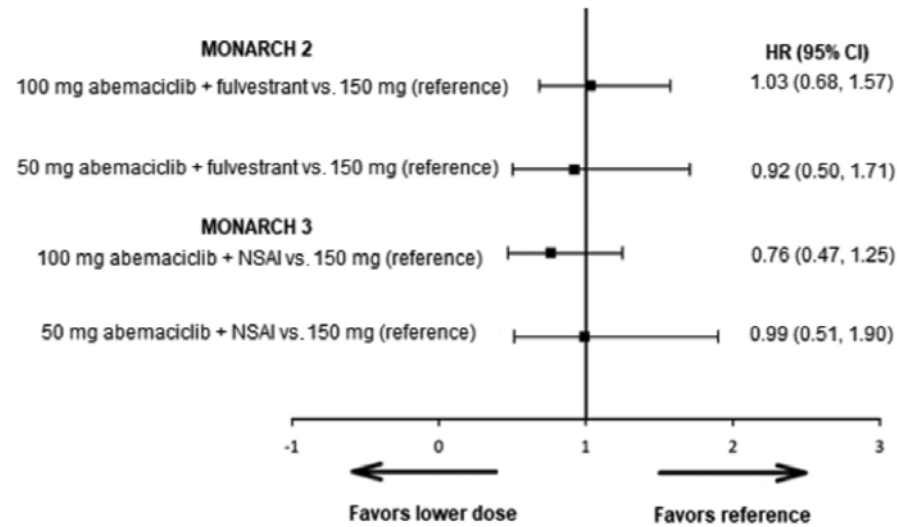
## EORTC-QLQ C30 Global Health Status



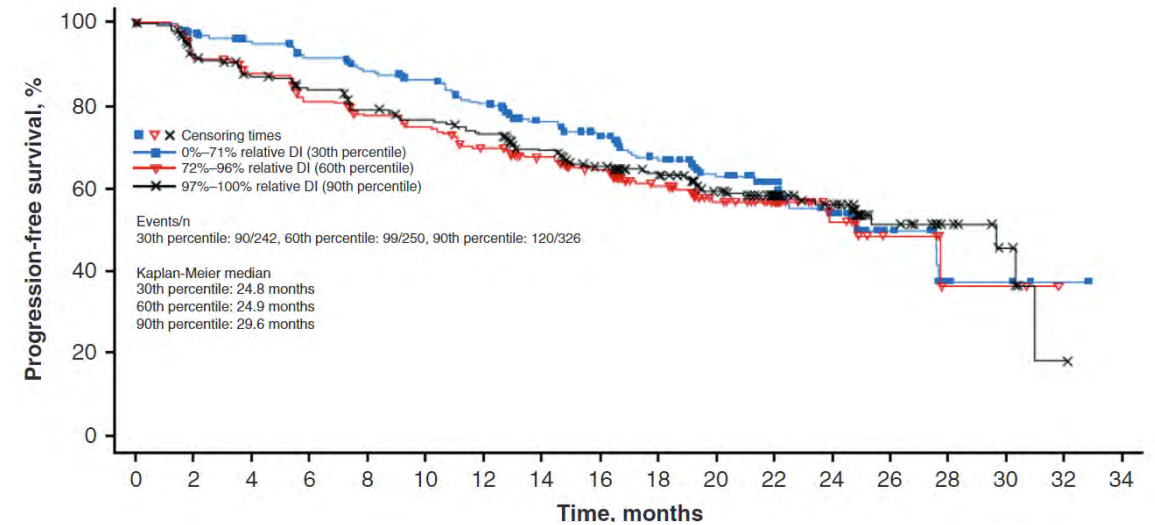
- In the **EARLY SETTING**, the HR-QoL was maintained with CDK 4/6i added to adjuvant ET
  - The only exception was represented by diarrhea with abemaciclib within the Monarch-E trial (FACT-B C5), however, no significant differences were observed in patients being bothered by treatment side effects (FACT-B GP5)

# Impact of dose reduction: ABC

## MONARCH-2 and MONARCH-3



## MONALEESA-2, MONALEESA-3 and MONALEESA-7\*

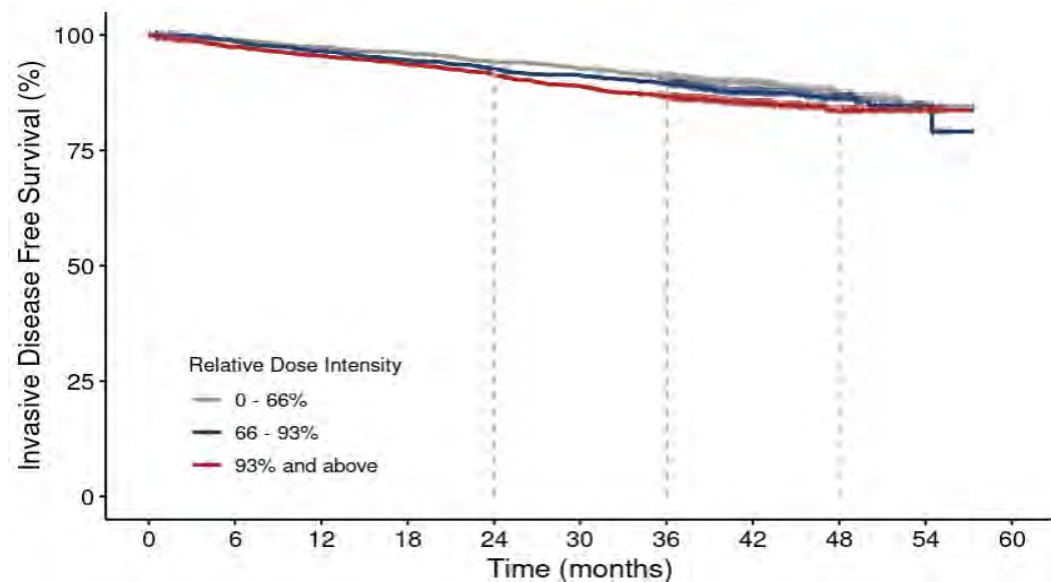


**\*Also NO detrimental effect on OS of dose reduction and RDI**

**NO detrimental effect of dose reduction/RDI on CDK 4/6 magnitude of benefit**

# Impact of dose reduction: EBC

## MONARCH-E

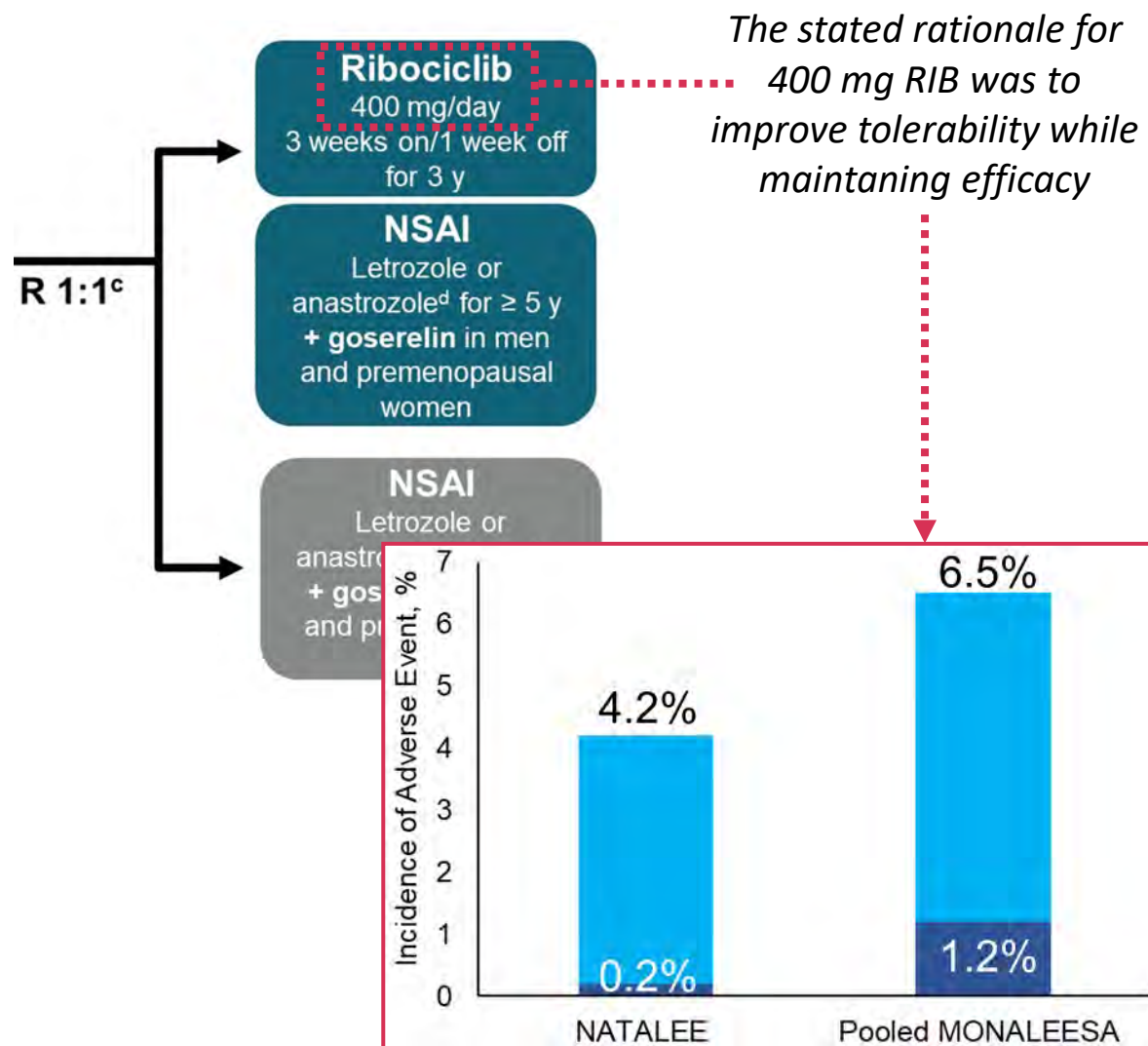


### Number at risk

—	928	879	856	835	809	789	731	388	158	24	0
—	928	894	868	841	817	801	769	428	181	21	0
—	927	843	820	798	777	751	710	411	182	34	0

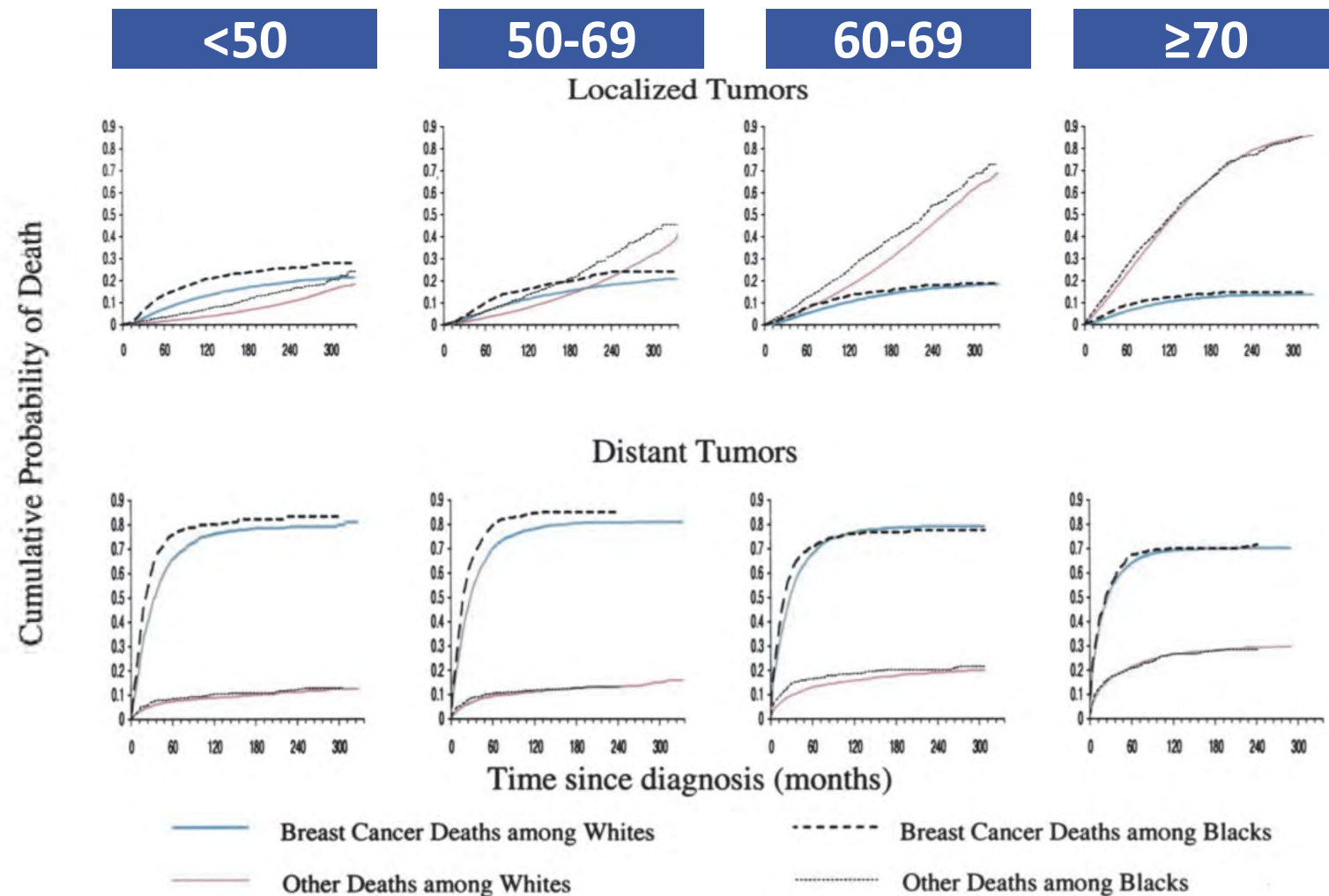
**4-year IDFS rates were generally consistent across 3 equal-sized subgroups based on RDI (87.1% vs 86.4% vs 83.7% from the lowest RDI group to the highest)**

## NATALEE



# Breast cancer: impact of AGE according to disease setting

430,210 patients from the SEER database



## EARLY BC: death from BC

- predominant cause of death for pts <50 yy.
- predominant cause of death for at least 13-17 yy after diagnosis in pts 50-59 yy
- at older ages, the probability of competing causes of death becomes increasingly important.

## METASTATIC BC:

- death from BC is the overwhelming cause of death regardless of age at diagnosis, with most deaths occurring within the first 5 years from diagnosis.

# ELDERLY patients - ABC

	Palbociclib PALOMA trials	Ribociclib MONALEESA trials	Abemaciclib MONARCH trials	
<b>TREATMENT NAIVE</b>	PFS	PALOMA-2: 65+ years: HR 0.57 (95% CI 0.39–0.84)	MONALEESA-2: +AI, 65+ years: HR 0.658 (95% CI 0.466–0.928) MONALEESA-3: +fulvestrant, over 65 years: HR 0.597 (95% CI 0.436–0.818)*	MONARCH-3: 65+ years: HR 0.57 (95% CI 0.36–0.90)
	Toxicity	65+ years: any grade neutropenia 81%; febrile neutropenia 1%	65+ years: nausea, alopecia, diarrhea and vomiting in >10% of patients; >10% increase in fatigue and grade 1–2 anemia	Age-specific data not available
<b>PRE TREATED</b>	PFS	PALOMA-3: 65+ years: HR 0.35 (95% CI 0.19–0.62)	MONALEESA-3: * +fulvestrant, 65+ years: HR 0.597 (95% CI 0.436– 0.818)*	MONARCH-2: 65+ years: 0.620 (95% CI 0.447– 0.860)
	Toxicity	70+ years: grade 3–4 neutropenia 13.9%	Age-specific data not available	Age-specific data not available

\*The MONALEESA-3 study included treatment-naïve and pretreated patients.  
AI, aromatase inhibitor; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

- CDK 4/6 inh. + ET appears to be **equally effective** in older pts as in younger pts.
- Older pts seem to experience **similar to slightly increased toxicity** than younger pts.
- QOL DATA ARE LACKING: some older patients (typically subject to a shorter life expectancy, competing comorbidities, polypharmacy) may value **QoL as important or even more important than survival**.

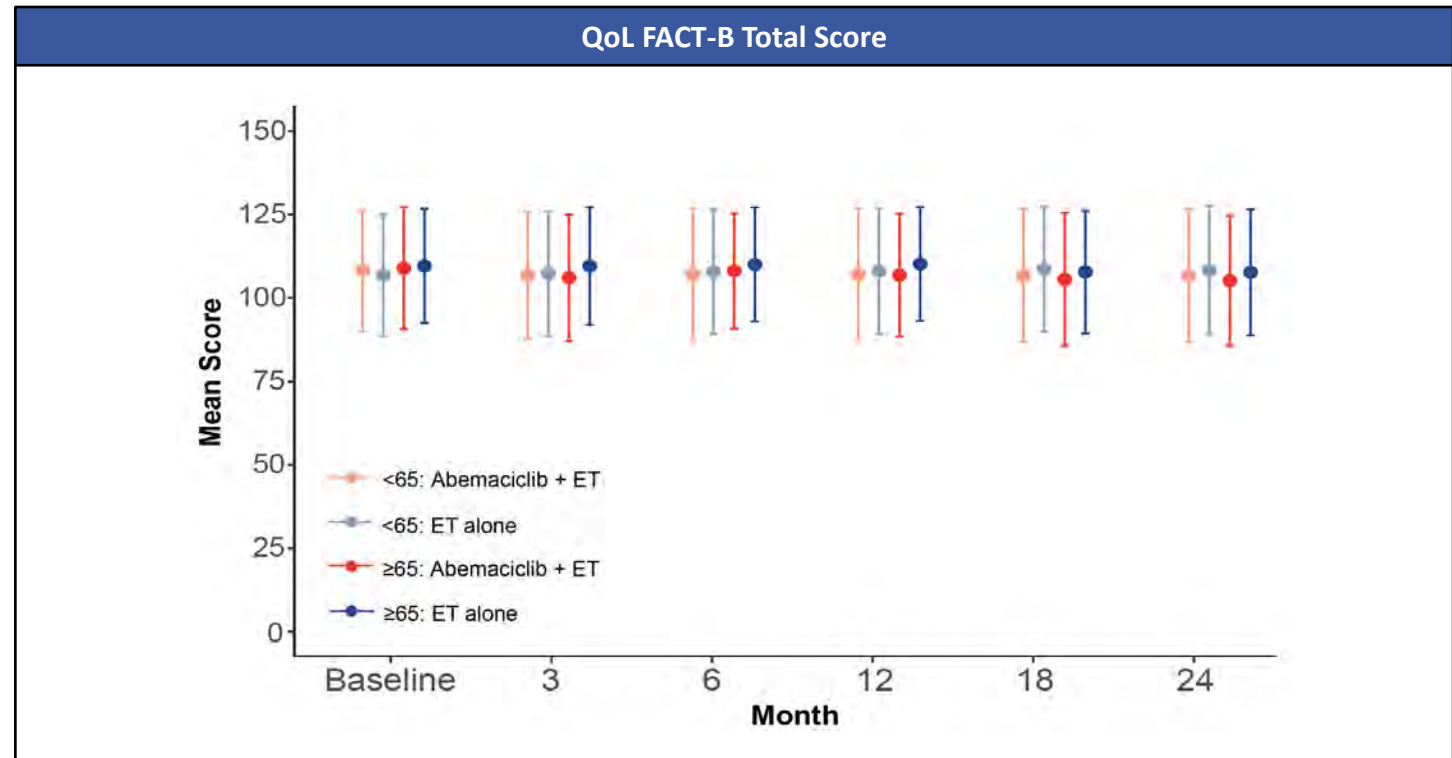
# ELDERLY patients- EBC

## MONARCH-E

- Older Patients had more comorbidities, higher baseline ECOG PS Scores, and received less prior (neo) adjuvant CT
- Older Patients derived **similar abemaciclib benefit** to ITT Population (*also within Cohort 1*)
- **Adverse Event rates** were similar between age groups
- **Dose Adjustments** were more common in older patients
- **QoL** was similar between arms and across age subgroups

		Abemaciclib + ET		
AE, %	Grade	Overall n=2791	<65 n=2361	≥65* n=430
Any AE	Any	98	98	99
	G≥3	50	49	54
Clinically relevant AEs				
Diarrhea	G1	45	46	37
	G2	31	31	30
	G3	8	7	12
Fatigue	G1	23	23	21
	G2	15	14	20
	G3	3	2	6
Neutropenia	G1/2	26	27	22
	G≥3	20	20	19
ALT increase	G1/2	10	10	7
	G≥3	3	3	3
VTE	Any	3	2	3
	G≥3	1	1	1
ILD	Any	3	3	3
	G≥3	<1	<1	<1

	IDFS			DRFS		
	ITT	<65	≥65	ITT	<65	≥65
Events/N						
Abemaciclib + ET	336/2808	270/2371	66/437	281/2808	230/2371	51/437
ET alone	499/2829	414/2416	85/413	421/2829	353/2416	68/413
HR (95% CI)	0.664 (0.578, 0.762)	0.646 (0.554, 0.753)	0.767 (0.556, 1.059)	0.659 (0.567, 0.767)	0.647 (0.548, 0.764)	0.748 (0.520, 1.077)
Interaction p-val.	NA	0.35		NA	0.49	



# Conclusions

- Safety profile of CDK4/6i is now well characterized
- Data support dose reduction as an effective measure to manage treatment related AEs
- Despite dose reduction, treatment efficacy remains uncompromised
- QoL is preserved, despite the higher incidence of AEs as compared to endocrine monotherapy
- Patient education and proactive management are essential components of successful CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy.