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**Chemotherapy and Hormonal Therapy in the  
Metastatic Setting, ER+/HER-2- and TNBC**

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- Astra Zeneca and Merck: Consulting/Honorarium.

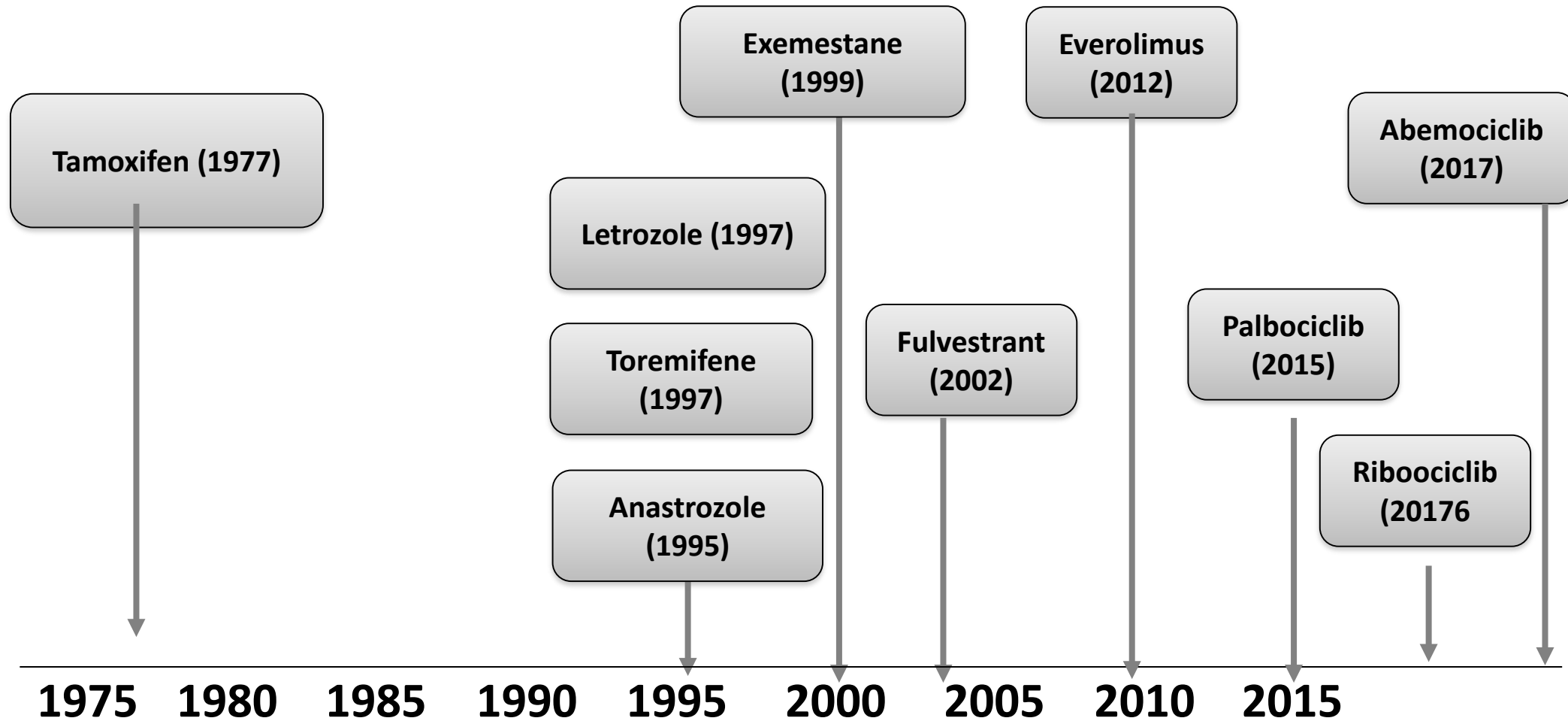
# Outline

- Advanced stage: ER+
  - M-THOR inhibitors
  - CDK4/6 inhibitors
  
- Advanced stage: TNBC
  - Target therapy
  - PARP inhibitors
  - Immunotherapy

# Current Treatment of Advanced Hormone Receptor Positive (HR+) HER2- Breast Cancer

- Nearly 75% of patients have invasive breast cancers are hormone receptor positive (HR+)
- Endocrine therapy is the standard of care for patients with HR<sup>+</sup> breast cancer, recommended by national and international guidelines
- Several developments in the past years offer promising treatment options and better care for patients with HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> early and advanced breast cancer

# Timeline of Approval of Agents for HR+ MBC



# **Trials of Hormone Therapy in First-Line Advanced Breast Cancer**

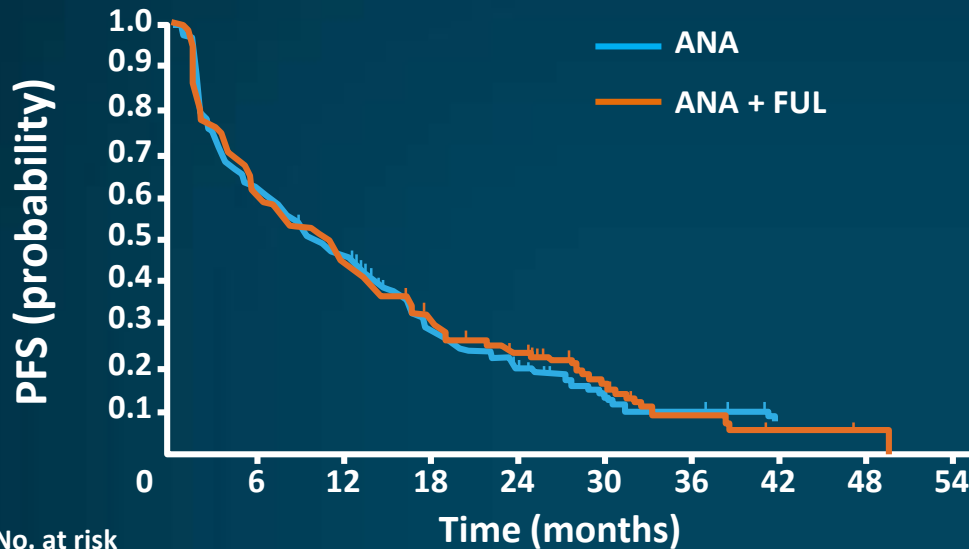
# New approaches: 1<sup>st</sup>-line endocrine therapy for HR+ MBC:

## Recent 1<sup>st</sup> Line Studies:

- Combination Endocrine Rx (Fulvestrant 250 + AI) (FACT; SWOG-0226)
- Fulvestrant 500 (FALCON)
- Addition of growth factor tyrosine kinase inhibitors (Bolero-II)
- Addition of CDK 4/6 inhibitors (PALOMA-1; PALOMA-2; MONALEESA-2), MONARCH-2

# First-Line Anastrozole ± Fulvestrant ER+

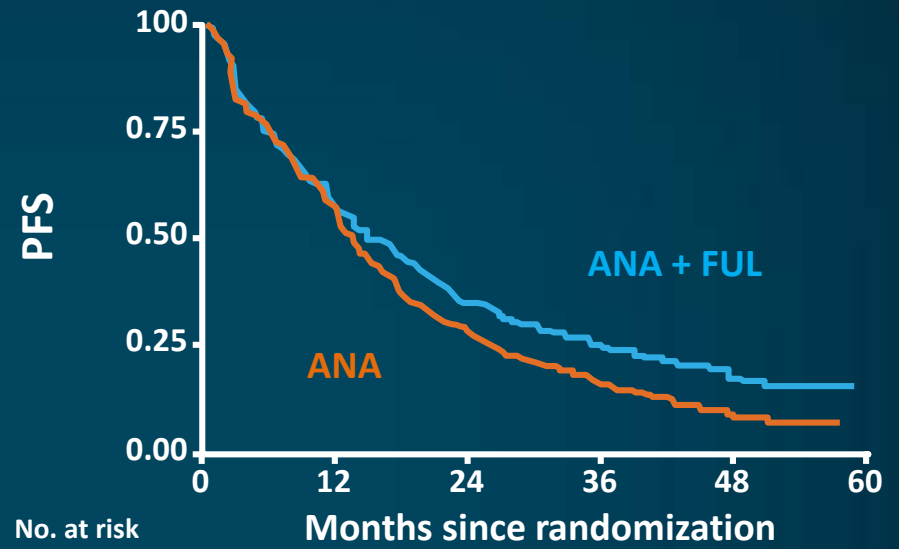
FACT<sup>1</sup>: TTP



No. at risk	Time (months)									
ANA	256	148	108	57	31	16	10	5	4	1
ANA + FUL	258	149	107	55	40	20	6	2	1	0

MBC

SWOG 0226<sup>2</sup>: PFS



No. at risk	Months since randomization					
ANAf	349	199	114	53	21	8
ANA + FUL	345	193	92	39	11	3

	ANA + FUL (n = 258)	ANA (n = 256)
Patients with progression, no. (%)	200 (77.5)	200 (78.1)
Median TTP in months	10.8	10.2

Primary TTP analysis (log-rank test)  
HR = 0.99 (95% CI, 0.81–1.20), P=0.91

	Events	Median PFS (95% CI)
Combination	268	15.0 (13.2–18.4)
ANA	297	13.5 (12.1–15.1)

HR = 0.80 (95% CI, 0.68–0.94)  
P=0.007 by stratified log-rank test

ER = estrogen receptor; MBC = metastatic breast cancer; ANA = anastrozole; FUL = fulvestrant; TTP = time to progression; SWOG = Southwest Oncology Group; PFS = progression-free survival; HR = hazard ratio (in reporting risk); CI = confidence interval.



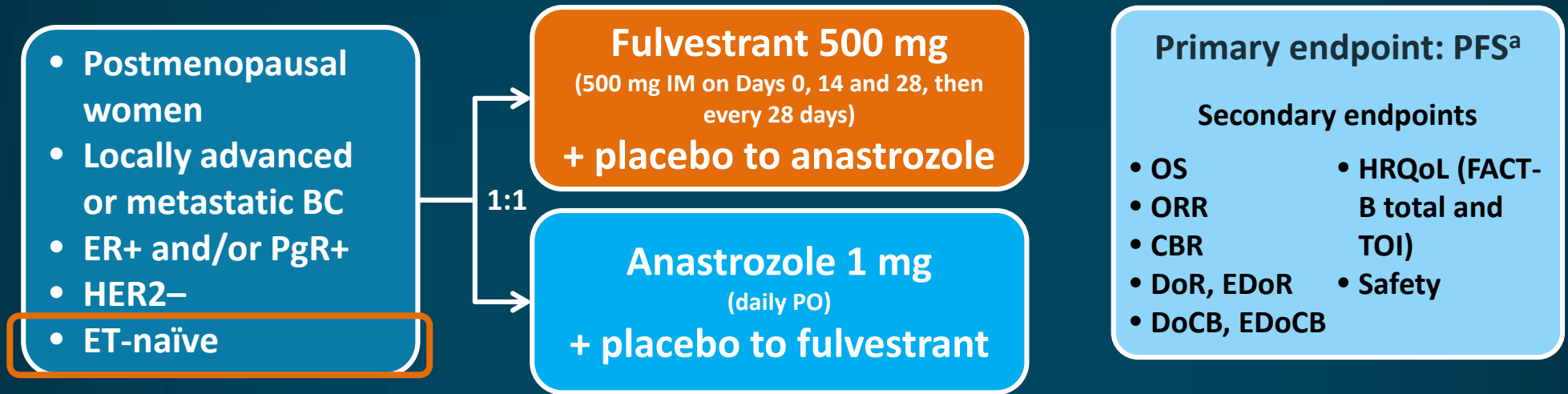
# Comparison of First-Line AI ± Fulvestrant Trials

	FACT <sup>1</sup>	SWOG 0226 <sup>2</sup>
Patients (no.)	514	707
<i>De novo</i> metastatic disease	13%	39%
Prior adjuvant chemotherapy	45%	33%
Prior adjuvant ET (TAM)	68%	40%
Prior adjuvant AI	1.5%	Originally excluded
Median TTP/PFS range	10–11 mos	13–15 mos
PFS benefit	No	Yes
Median OS benefit	No (37.8 vs 38.2 mos)	Yes (41.3 vs 47.7 mos)

Fulvestrant 500 mg IM on Day 0 followed by 250 mg IM Day 14 and 28 then 250 mg every 28 days

TAM = tamoxifen; AI = aromatase inhibitor; OS = overall survival; IM = intramuscular; mos = months.

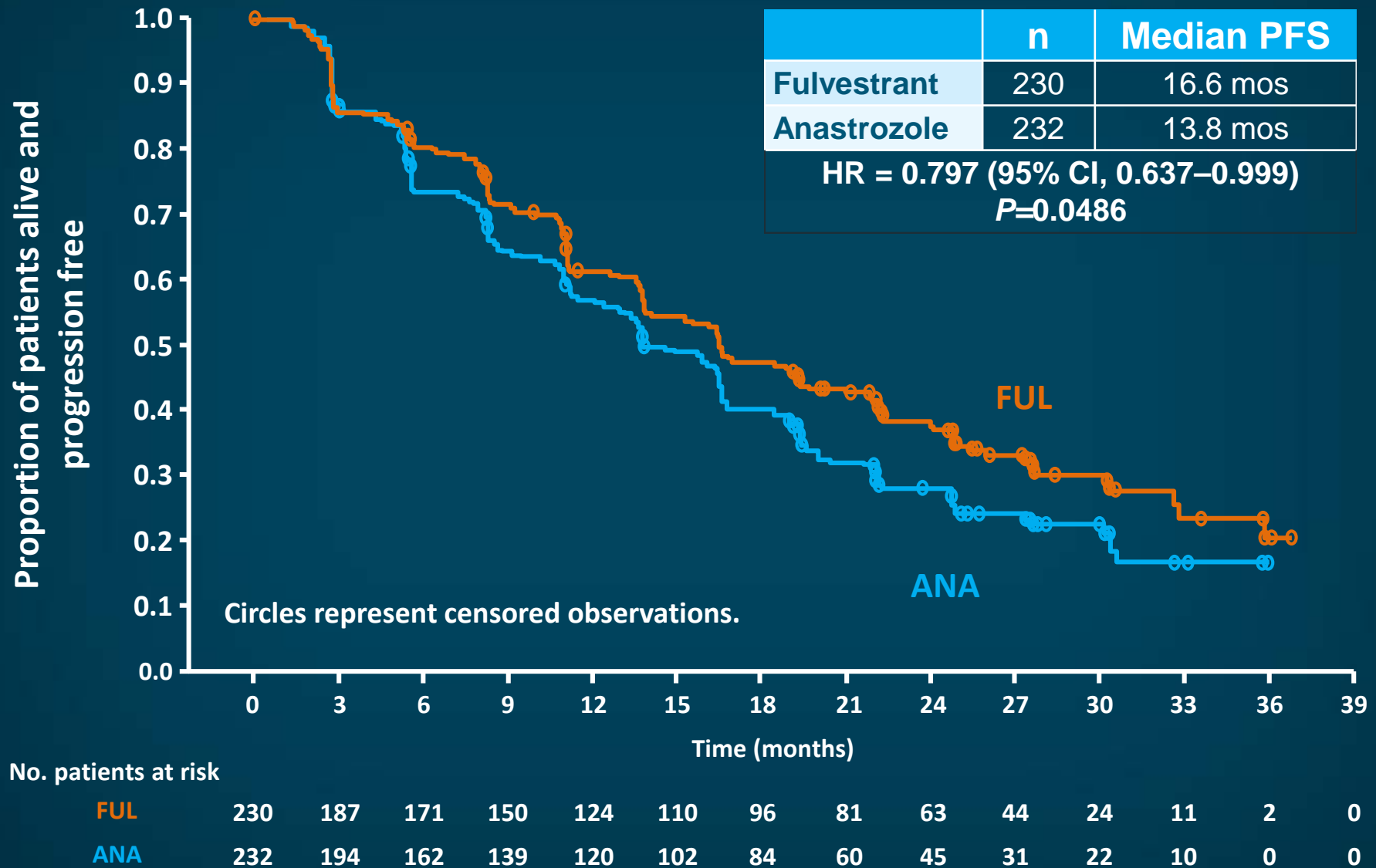
# FALCON: (**F**ulvestrant and **A**nastrozo**L**e **C**Ompared in Hormonal Therapy-**N**aïve Advanced BC)



- Randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, international, multicenter study
- Randomization of 450 patients was planned to achieve 306 progression events; if true PFS HR was 0.69 this would provide 90% power for statistical significance at the 5% two-sided level (log-rank test).

BC = breast cancer; PgR = progesterone receptor; HER = human epidermal growth receptor; PO = by mouth; ORR = objective (or overall) response rate; CBR = clinical benefit rate; DoR = duration of response; EDoR = expected DoR; DoCB = duration of clinical benefit; EDoCB = expected DoCB; HRQoL = health-related quality of life; FACT-B = Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy for BC; TOI = Trial Outcome Index.

# FALCON: Primary Endpoint, PFS



# Major Challenge in Endocrine Resistance

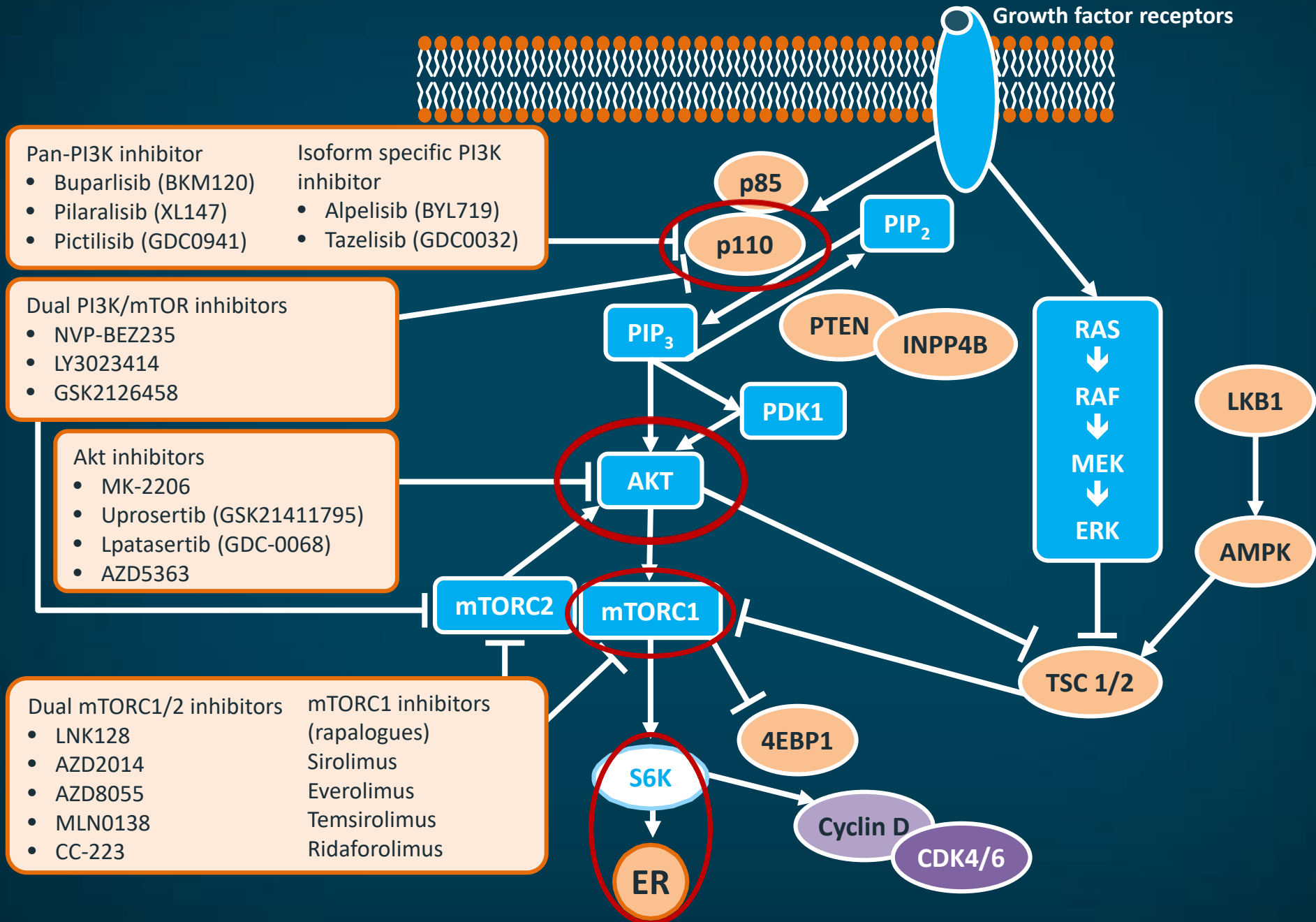
- Approximately 30-50% of patients with HR<sup>+</sup> advanced breast cancer do not respond to initial endocrine therapy.
- The majority (if not all) of patients with HR<sup>+</sup> advanced breast cancer will ultimately progress despite endocrine therapy.

# APPROACHES TO OVERCOMING RESISTANCE TO ENDOCRINE THERAPY

Alterations of downstream signaling pathways such as PI3K, (mTOR and PI3K inhibitors)

Alterations of the cell cycle machinery (CDK inhibitors)

# PI3 Kinase/mTOR Signaling



# Randomized Phase III Placebo-Controlled Trial of Letrozole Plus Oral Temsirolimus As First-Line Endocrine Therapy in Postmenopausal Women With LABC/MBC

Phase 3 study;  
N=1112  
PMW with  
advanced HR+  
HER2- BC  
Previously un  
treated with non-  
and or steroidal AI  
therapy in  
adjuvant or  
metastatic setting

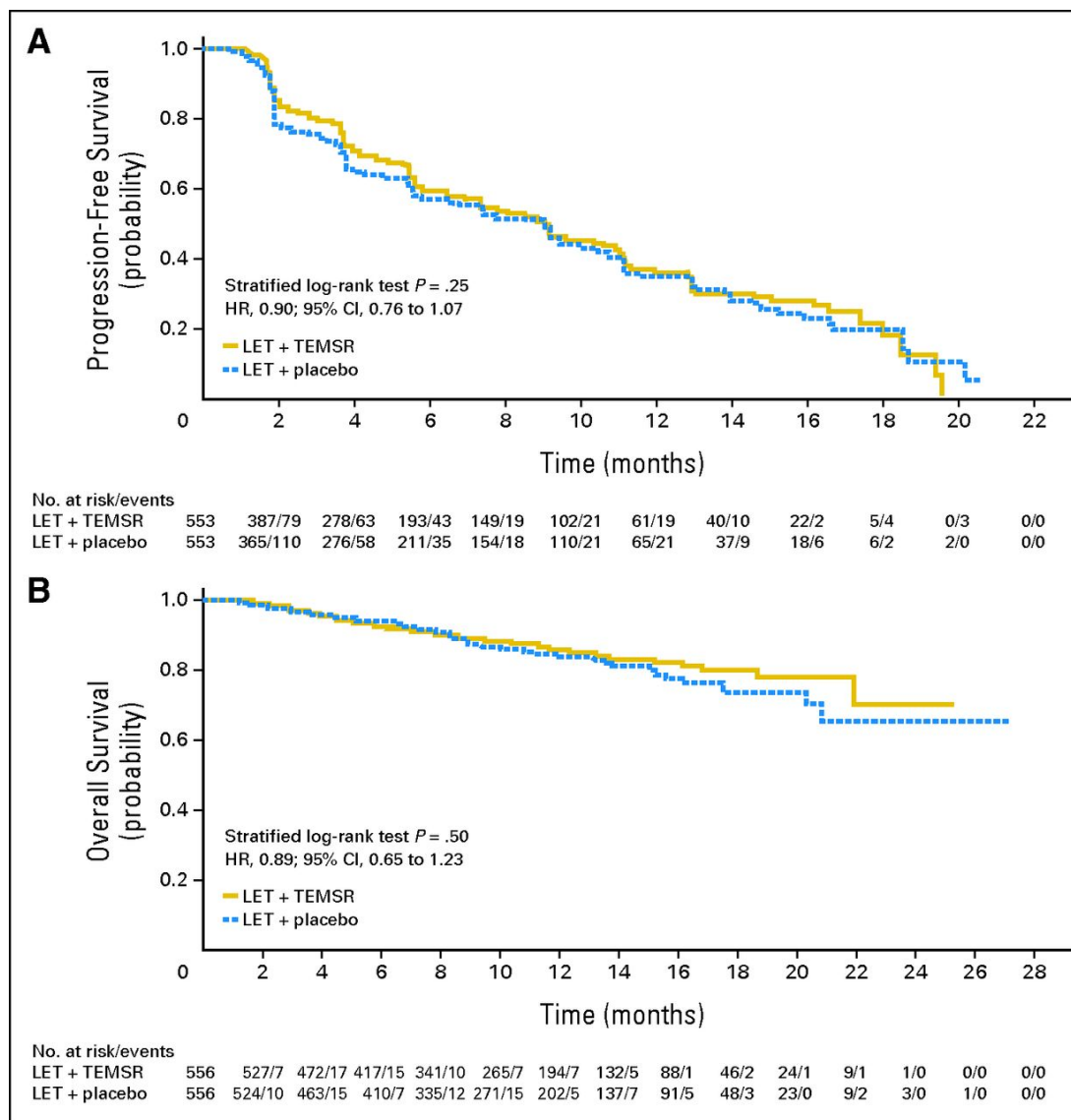
**Letrozole 2.5 mg/day +  
Temsirolimus 30 mg/day x  
5 every 2 weeks**

**Letrozole 2.5 mg/d +  
Placebo**

Primary  
CBR at 6  
months  
Secondary  
Safety, TTP,  
OS, ORR

	<b>Let+Tem</b> n =	<b>Let</b> n =	<b>P-value</b>
RR (6 mo)	27%	27%	
TTP (mo)	8.9	9	0.25
Grade 3-4 toxicity	37%	24%	

# Kaplan-Meier estimates of (A) progression-free survival and (B) overall survival.

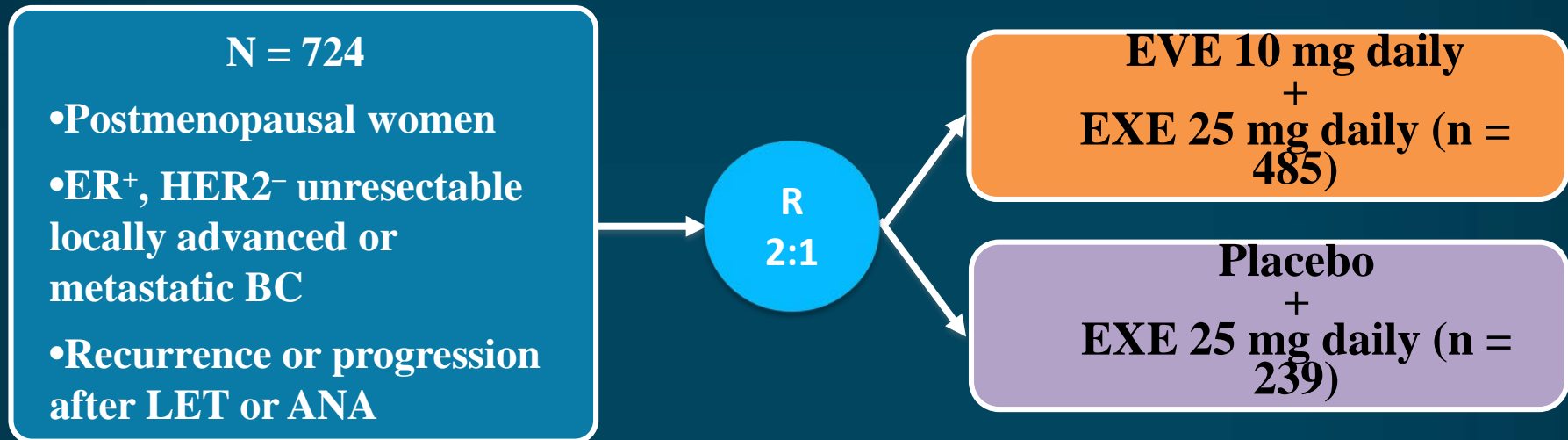


Wolff A C et al. JCO 2013;31:195-202



# Everolimus in Postmenopausal HR+ ABC

## BOLERO-2: Study Design



### Endpoints

- Primary: PFS (local assessment)
- Secondary: OS, ORR, CBR, QoL, safety, PK
- Exploratory: Biomarkers

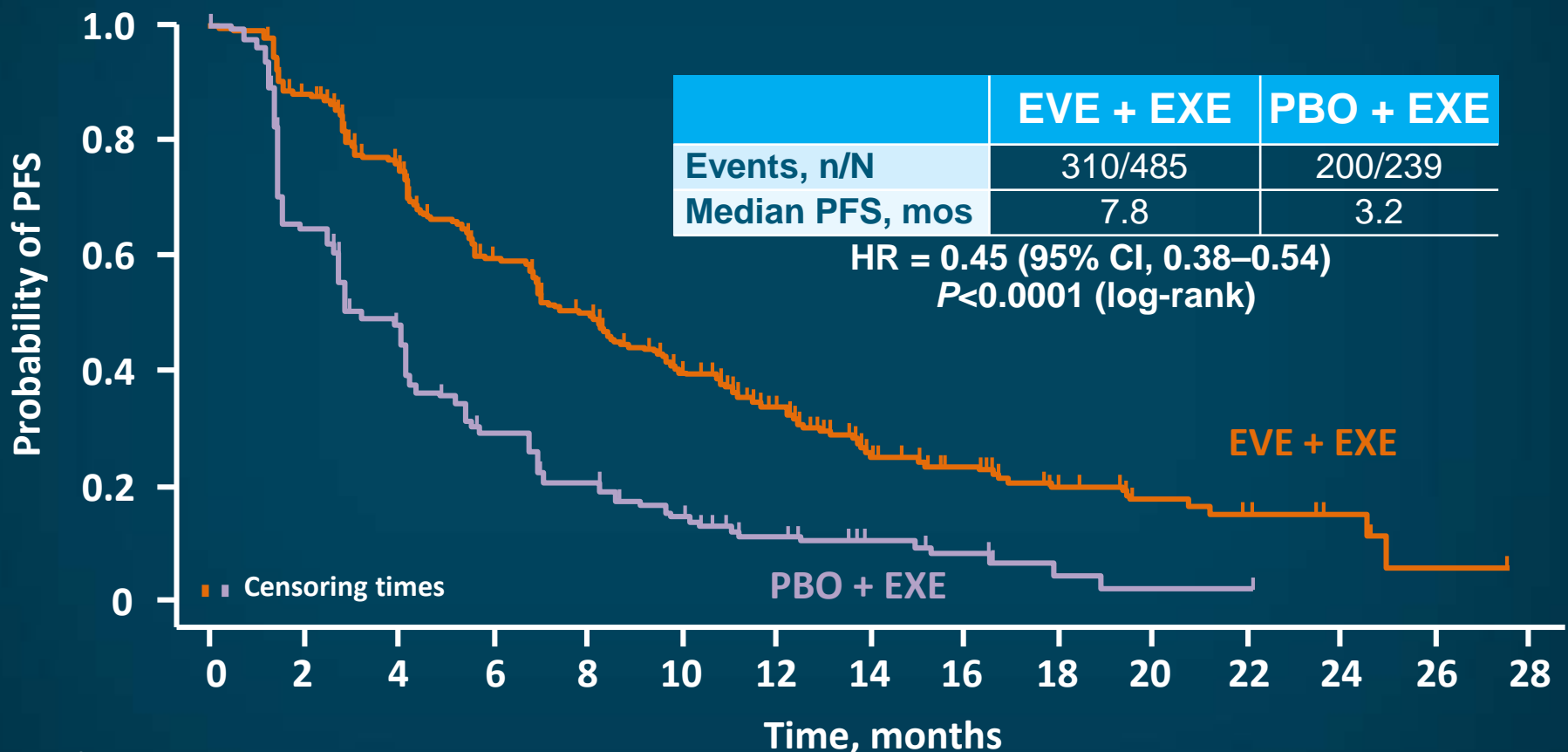
### Stratification:

- Sensitivity to prior hormone therapy
- Presence of visceral metastases

EVE = everolimus; EXE = exemestane; PK = pharmacokinetics.

# BOLERO-2 (18-mos): Final PFS Analysis

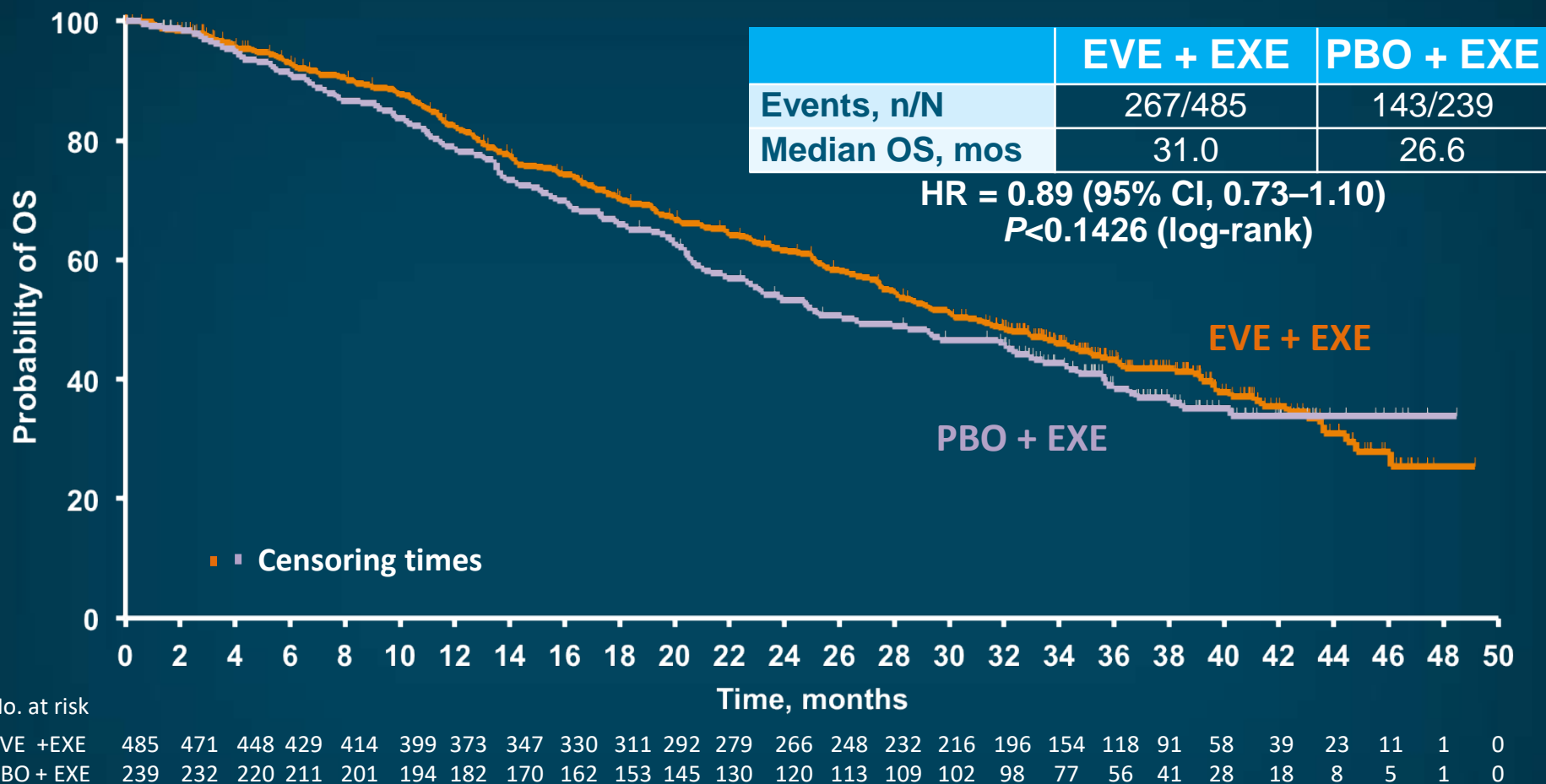
Met primary endpoint (local assessment)  
(4.6-month prolongation of PFS)



No. at risk

EVE + EXE	485	394	318	236	194	147	99	57	42	23	13	10	4	1	0
PBO + EXE	239	146	103	61	42	27	17	9	6	2	1	1	0	0	0

# BOLERO-2 (39 mos): Final OS Analysis



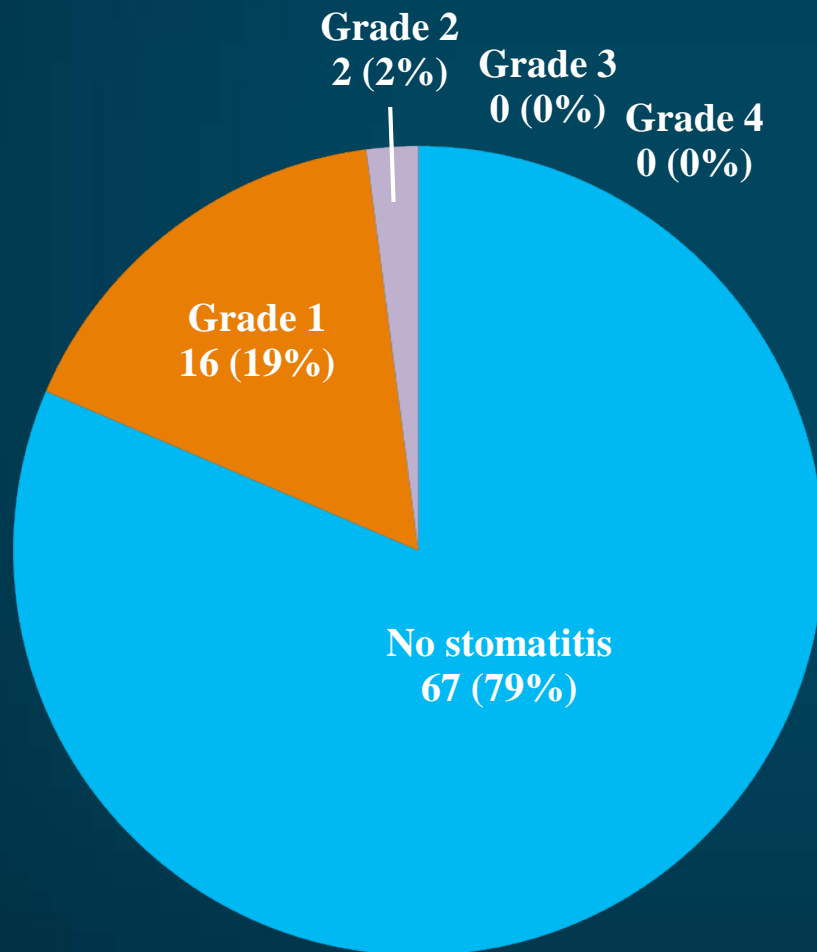
- At 39-month median follow-up, 410 deaths had occurred (data cutoff date: 3 October 2013).
  - 267 deaths (55%) in the EVE + EXE arm vs 143 deaths (60%) in the PBO + EXE arm

One-sided P value was obtained from log-rank test stratified by sensitivity to prior hormonal therapy and presence of visceral metastasis from IXRS®.

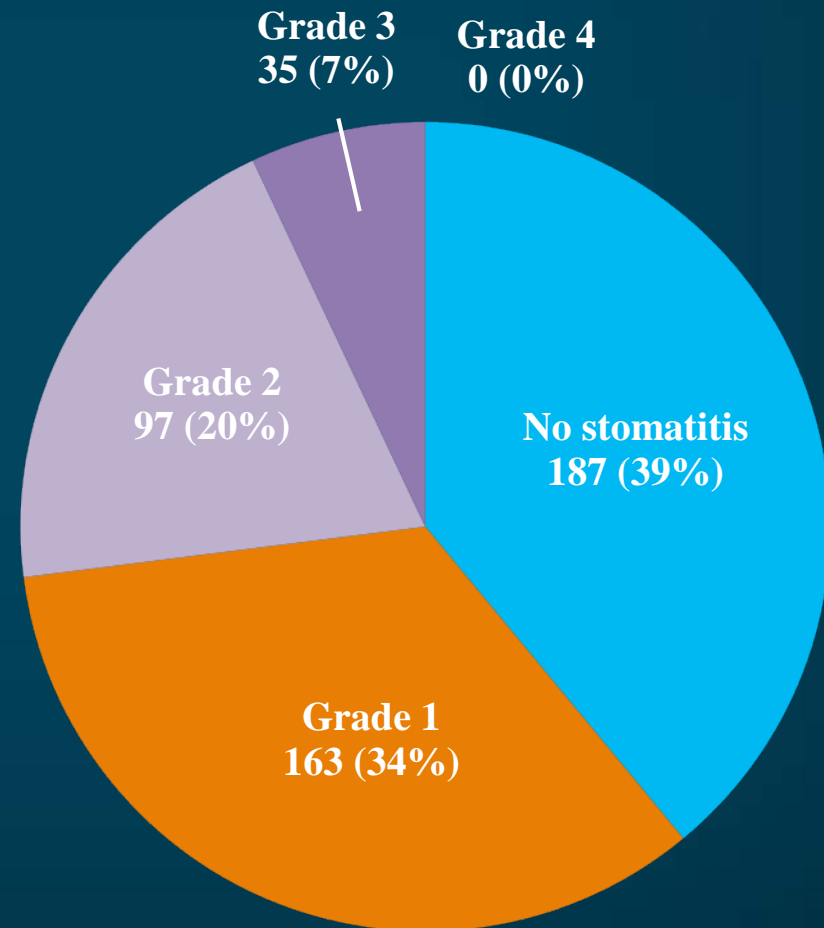
# SWISH Study

## Prevention of Everolimus-Related Stomatitis

**SWISH (week 8)**  
Total patients = 85



**BOLERO-2 (week 8)**  
Total patients = 482

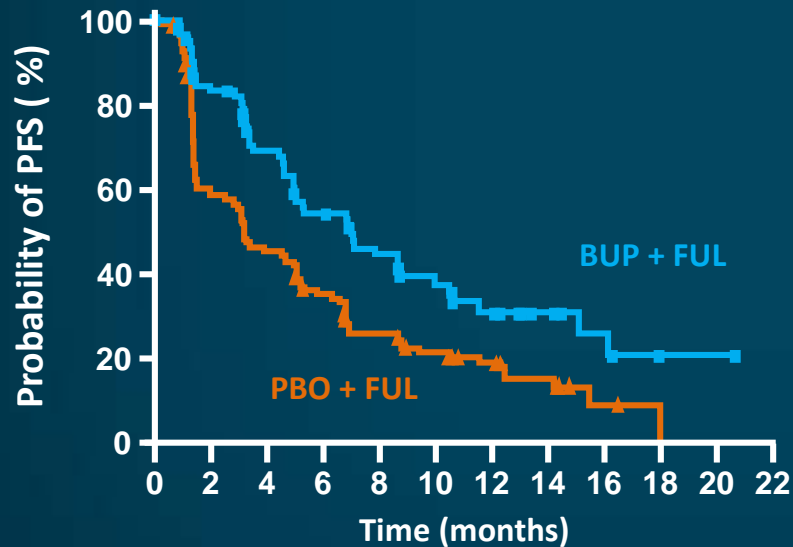


# BELLE-2 Trial

## Buparlisib—PI3K Inhibitor for PIK3CA Mutant MBC

	BUP + FUL	PBO + FUL
Median PFS, mos	7.0	3.2

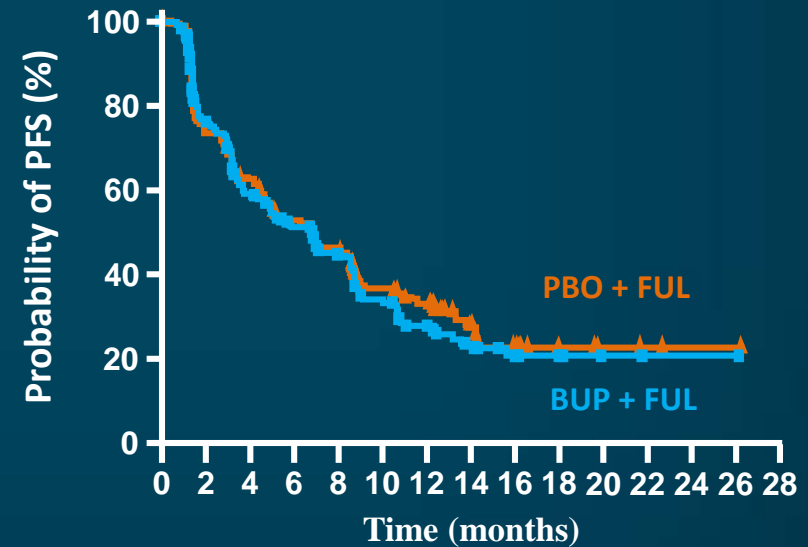
Stratified HR = 0.58 (95% CI 0.41–0.82)  
One-sided nominal  $P < 0.001$



ctDNA mutant PIK3CA

	BUP + FUL	PBO + FUL
Median PFS, mos	6.8	6.8

Stratified HR = 1.02 (95% CI 0.82–1.34)  
One-sided nominal  $P = 0.557$

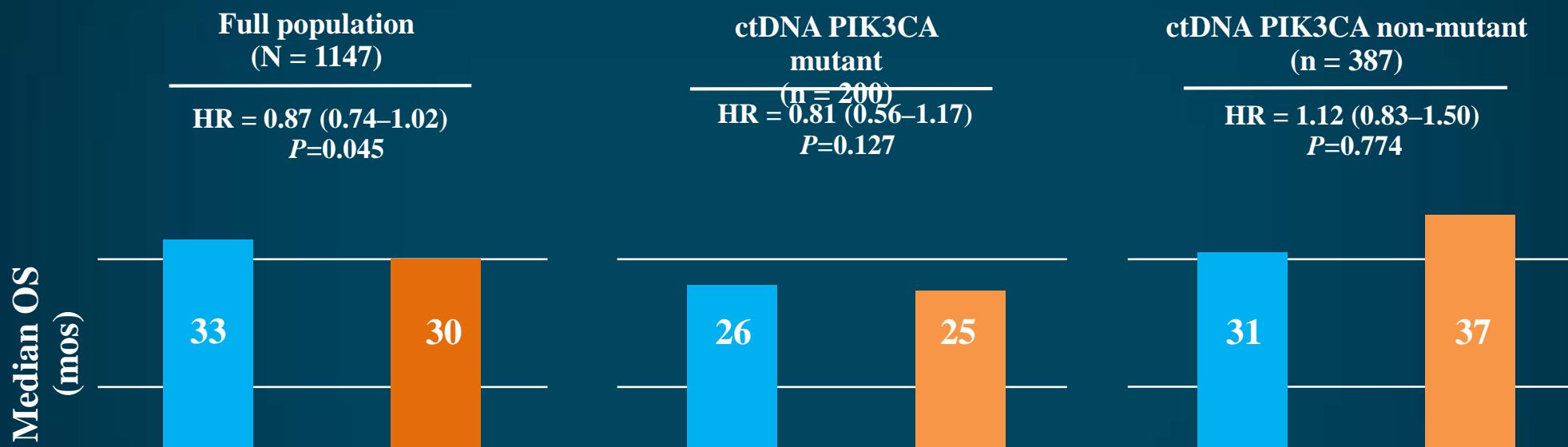


ctDNA non-mutant PIK3CA

BUP = buparlisib.

# BELLE-2 Study: Overall Survival

■ Buparlisib + fulvestrant ■ Placebo + fulvestrant

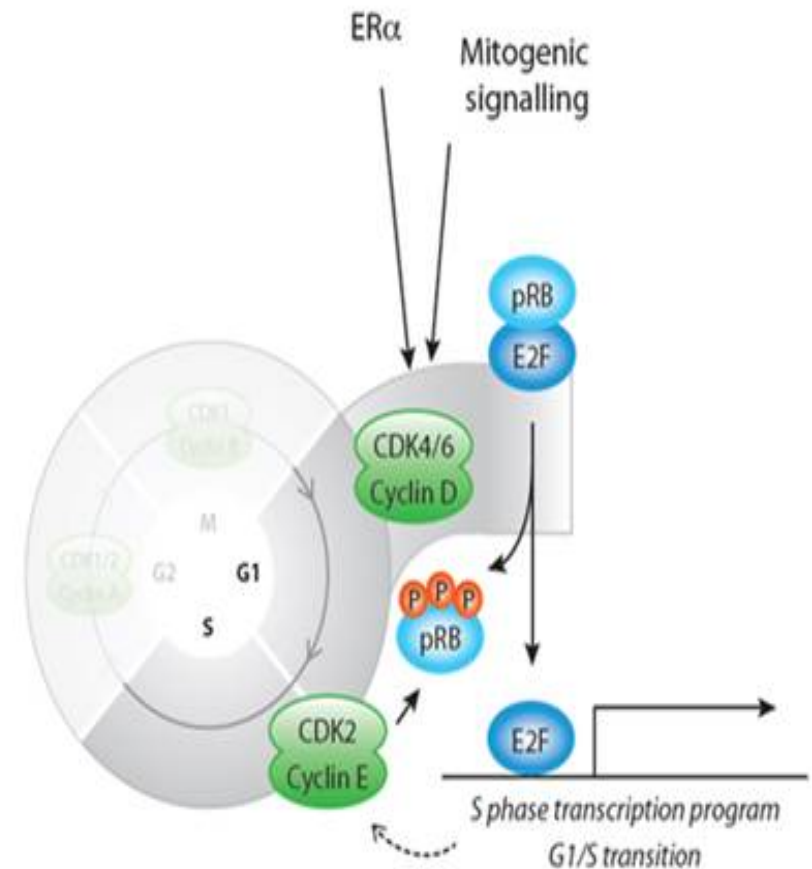


Is overall survival a sensitive endpoint in ER+ HER2– advanced breast cancer trials?

ctDNA= circulating tumor DNA

# CDK4/6 in Breast Cancer

- Resistance to endocrine therapy presents a major clinical challenge.
- The growth of HR+ breast cancer is dependent on Cyclin D1, a direct transcriptional target of ER.
- Cyclin D1 activates CDK 4/6 resulting in G1–S phase transition and entry into the cell cycle.<sup>1</sup>
- Cell line models of endocrine resistance remain dependent on Cyclin D1 and CDK4/6.<sup>2,3</sup>



# Status of CDK4/6 Inhibitors in Development

	<b>Palbociclib (Ibrance<sup>®</sup>, Pfizer)</b>	<b>Ribociclib (Kisqali<sup>®</sup>, Novartis)</b>	<b>Abemaciclib (Verzenio<sup>™</sup>, Eli Lilly)</b>
<b>Potency (IC<sub>50</sub>)</b>	CDK4: 9–11 nM CDK6: 15 nM	CDK4: 10 nM CDK6: 39 nM	CDK4: 2 nM CDK6: 10 nM
<b>Dose/schedule</b>	125 mg daily, 3 weeks on/1 off	600 mg daily 3 weeks on/1 off	Combination: 150 mg BID Monotherapy: 200 mg BID Continuous
<b>Completed Phase III trials</b>	1st line: <b>PALOMA-2</b> 2nd line: <b>PALOMA-3</b>	1st line: <b>MONALEESA-2</b> <b>MONALEESA-7</b> 2nd line: <b>MONALEESA-3</b>	1st line: <b>MONARCH-3</b> 1st or 2nd line: <b>MONARCH-2</b>
<b>FDA approval status</b>	2015: 1st line (with letrozole) 2016: 2nd line (with fulvestrant)	2017: 1st line (with letrozole)	2017: 2nd line (with fulvestrant) Single agent post-ET and chemo

BID = twice a day; Chemo = chemotherapy.

Palbociclib (Ibrance<sup>®</sup>) prescribing information (PI), 2017. Ribociclib (Kisqali<sup>®</sup>) PI, 2017. Abemaciclib (Verzenio<sup>™</sup>) PI, 2017.



# CDKi Phase III Trials: First-Line Post-menopausal

	Palbociclib <sup>1</sup>	Ribociclib <sup>2,3</sup>	Abemaciclib <sup>4</sup>
	PALOMA-2	MONALEESA-2	MONARCH-3
Partner	Letrozole	Letrozole	Letrozole or anastrozole
Eligibility	No prior met ET	No prior met ET No adj AI <12 mos	No prior adv ET No adj AI <12 mos
Population	N = 666	N = 668	N = 493
De novo stage IV, %	31.1	34	39.8
Relapse ≤12 mos, %	22.1	1.2	0
Bone only, %	23.2	25	22.1
Response rate (%)			
ORR (%)	55.3 vs 34.7	47 vs 34	59 vs 44
CBR	84.9 vs 70.3	83 vs 77	79 vs 69

CBR = clinical benefit rate (CR + PR + SD ≥24 wks)

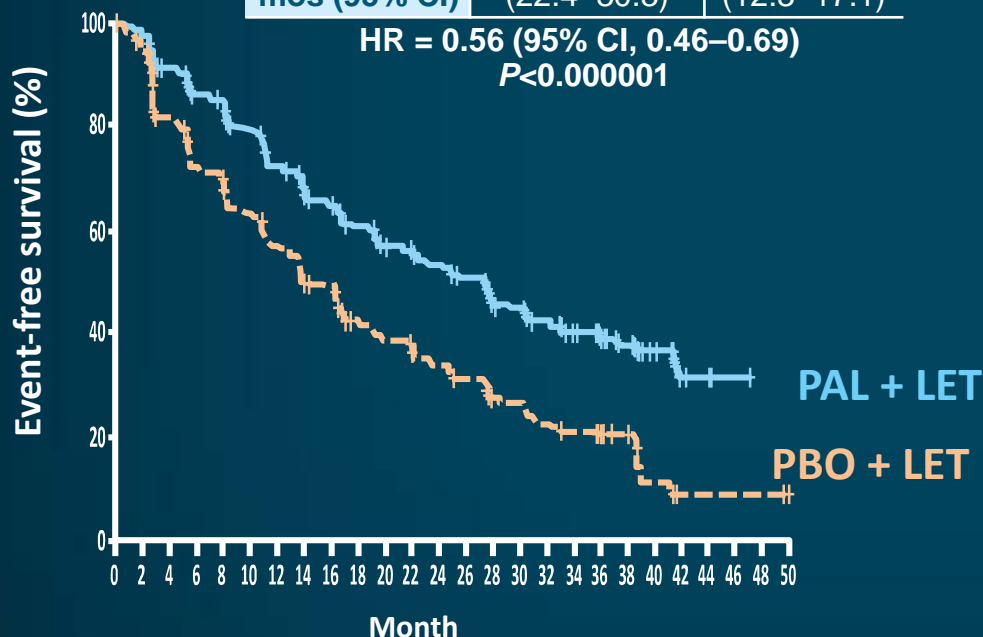
# PALOMA-2 and MONALEESA-2: PFS

## Investigator Assessment

### PALOMA-2<sup>1</sup>

	PAL + LET	PBO + LET
Median PFS, mos (95% CI)	27.6 (22.4–30.3)	14.5 (12.3–17.1)

HR = 0.56 (95% CI, 0.46–0.69)  
P < 0.000001



No. at risk

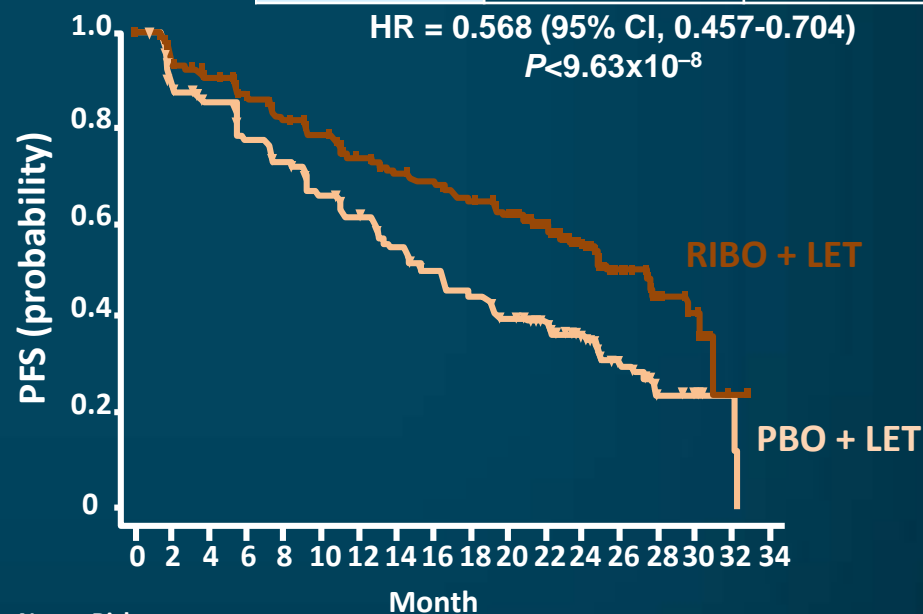
PAL+LET 444 424 391 359 353 325 294 268 260 239 224 216 204 192 168 164 150 126 83 64 24 5 4 2 0 0

PBO+LET 222 204 169 147 143 128 114 100 96 80 73 70 61 55 46 45 38 34 26 19 5 2 2 2 2 0

### MONALEESA-2<sup>2</sup>

	RIBO + LET	PBO + LET
Median PFS, mos (95% CI)	25.3 (23.0–30.3)	16.0 (13.4–18.2)

HR = 0.568 (95% CI, 0.457–0.704)  
P < 9.63x10<sup>-8</sup>



No. at Risk

RIBO + LET 334 294 277 257 240 227 207 196 188 176 164 132 97 46 17 11 1 0

PBO + LET 334 279 265 239 219 196 179 156 138 124 110 93 63 34 10 7 2 0

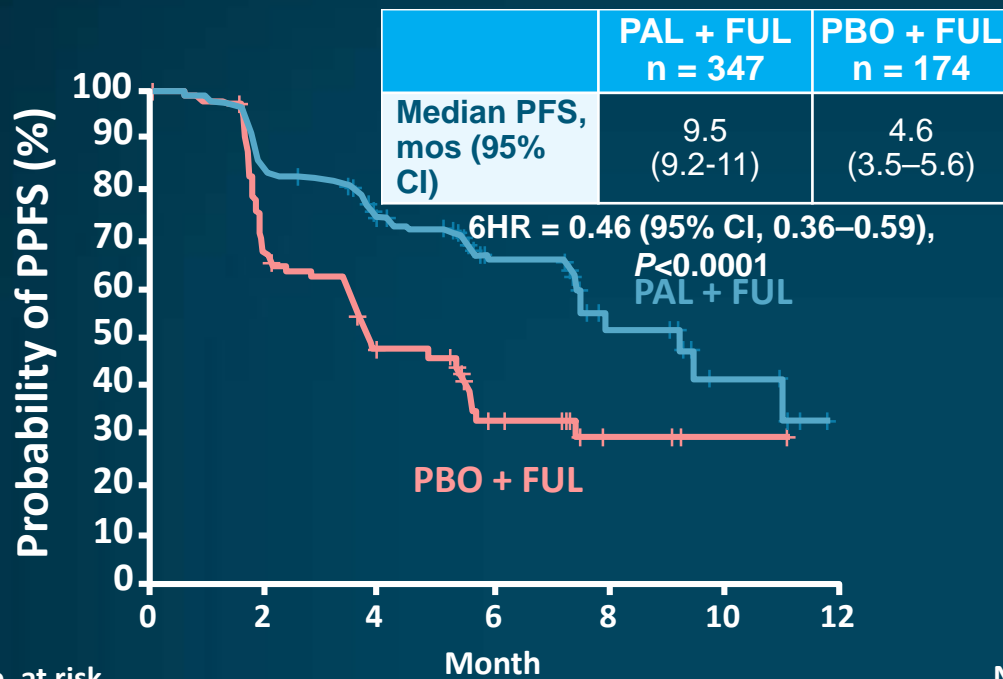
PAL = palbociclib; LET = letrozole; PBO = placebo; RIBO = ribociclib; NR = not reached.

\*These studies address different patient populations, thus yield different results.

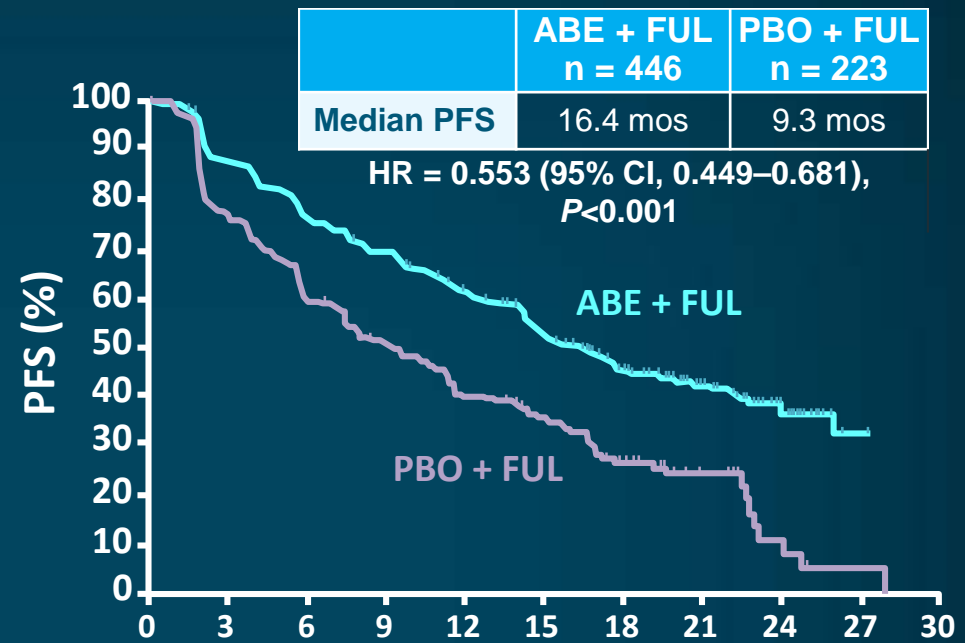
# CDK Inhibitors Phase III Trials: 2nd Line

	Palbociclib <sup>1</sup>	Ribociclib <sup>2</sup>	Abemaciclib <sup>3,4</sup>
	PALOMA-3	MONALEESA-3	MONARCH-2
Partner	Fulvestrant	Fulvestrant	Fulvestrant
Eligibility	Relapse within 1 yr PD on 1st-line ET	Relapse within 1 yr PD on 1st-line ET	Relapse within 1 yr ET PD on 1st-line ET
Population (%)	N = 521, 2:1	Ongoing	N = 669; 2:1
Adjuvant	5%		60%
Premenopausal	21%		16%
Any met chemo	33%		Not allowed
Bone only	22%		28%
ORR (%)	19% vs 9%		48% vs 21%

# Palbociclib and Abemaciclib: PFS 2<sup>nd</sup>-Line



No. at risk	Month						
PAL + FUL	347	279	132	59	16	6	0
PBO + FUL	174	109	42	16	6	1	0



No. at risk	Month										
ABE + FUL	446	367	314	281	234	171	101	65	32	2	0
PBO + FUL	223	165	123	103	80	61	32	13	4	1	0

## PALOMA-3<sup>1</sup>

9.5 mos vs 4.6 mos, **HR = 0.46** (P < 0.0001)

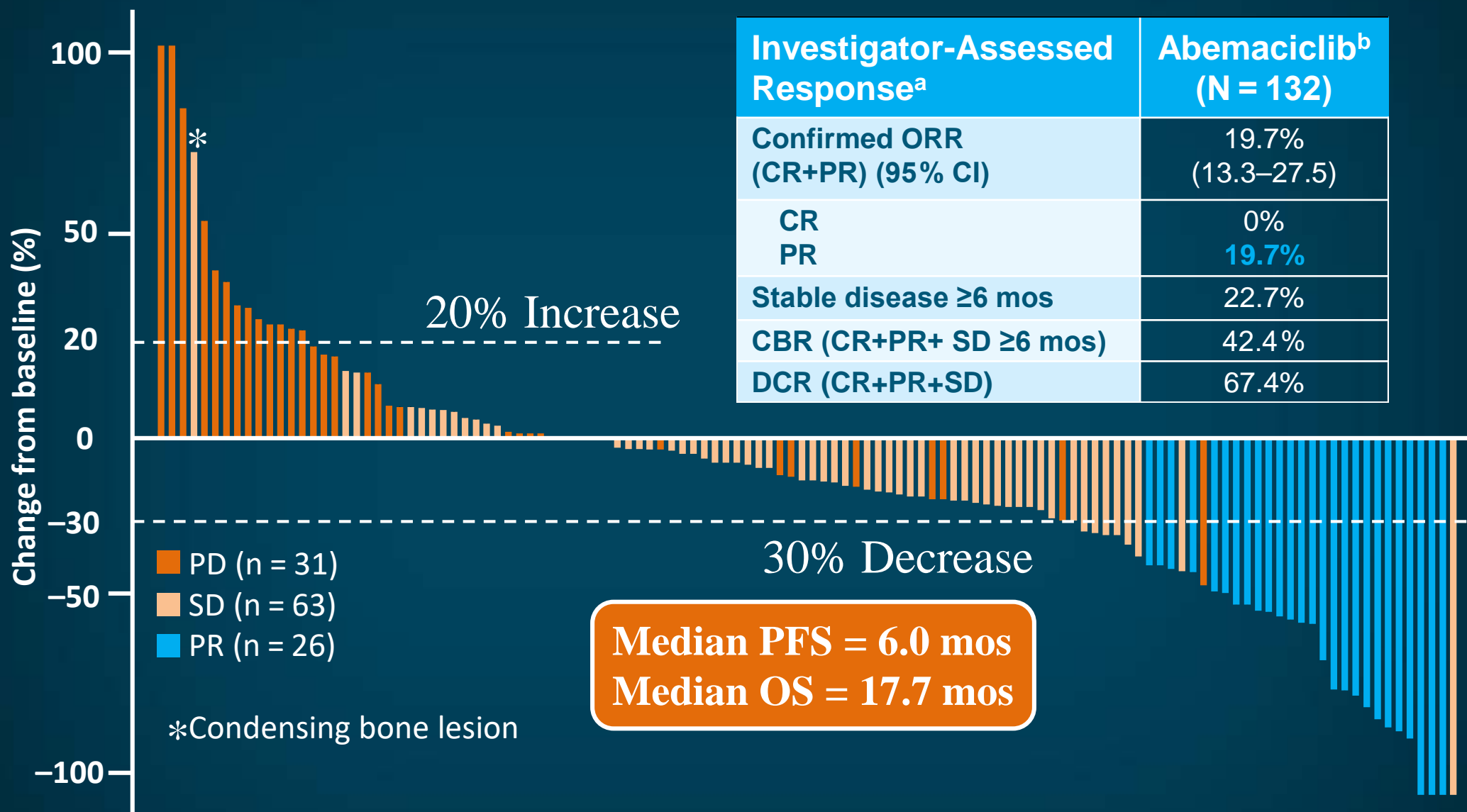
## MONARCH-2<sup>2,3</sup>

16.4 mos vs 9.3 mos, **HR = 0.55** (P < 0.001)

108 premenopausal patients had the same benefit as in PALOMA 3 but with added goserelin.<sup>4</sup>

1. Cristofanilli M et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:425-439. 2. Sledge GW Jr et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2017;35:2875-2884. 3. Sledge GW Jr et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2017;35(suppl): abstract 1000. 4. Loibl S et al. *Oncologist.* 2017;22:1028-1038.

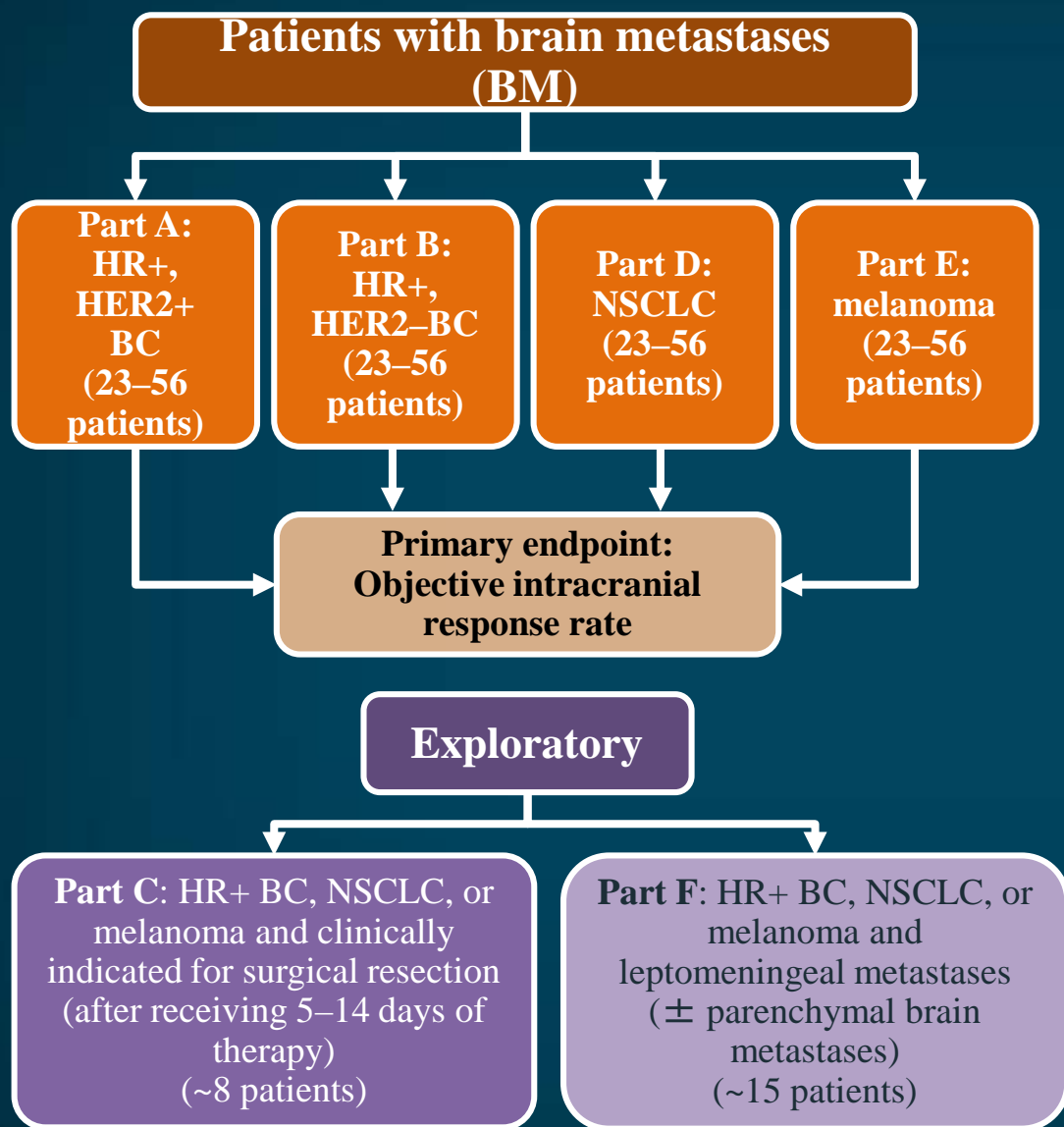
# MONARCH 1: Late-Line Abemaciclib ER+ MBC



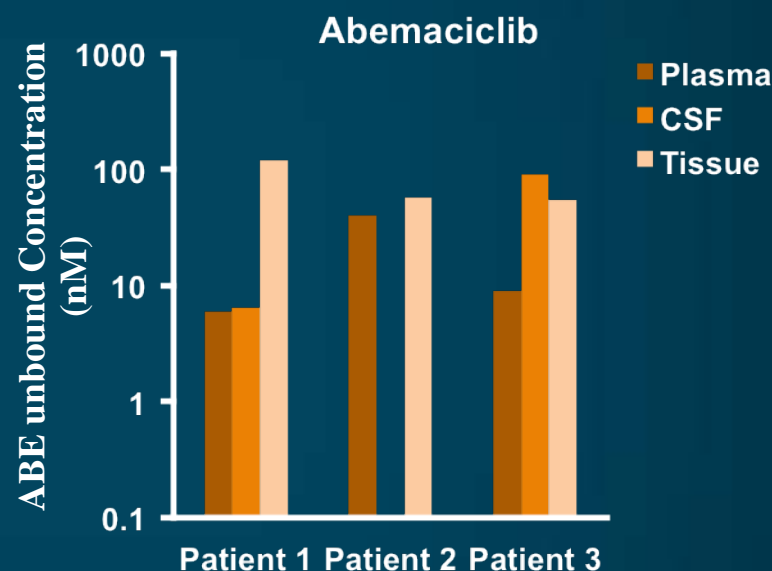
<sup>a</sup>Assessments based on independent review were comparable. <sup>b</sup>200 mg monotherapy dose.

CR = complete response; PR = partial response; DCR = disease control rate; SD = stable disease.

# Abemaciclib for Brain Metastases\*



Plasma, CSF, and resected tumor tissue unbound concentrations of ABE

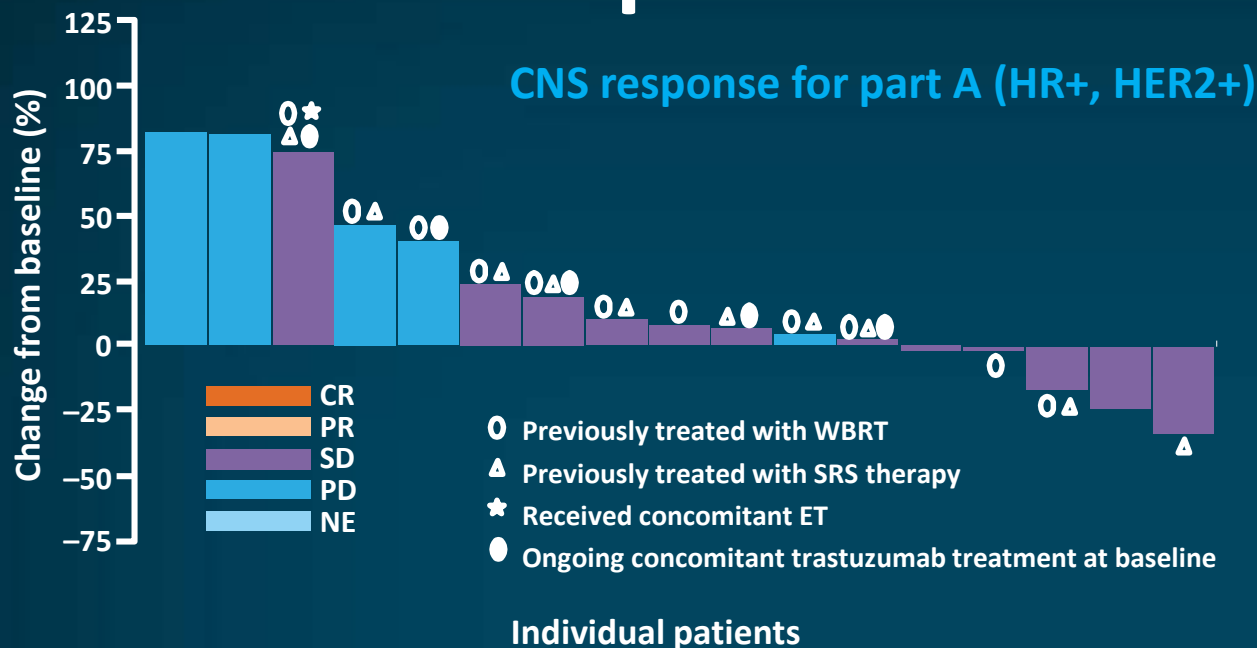


8.7% ORR; 17% CBR  
Heavily-pretreated BM  
metastatic BC

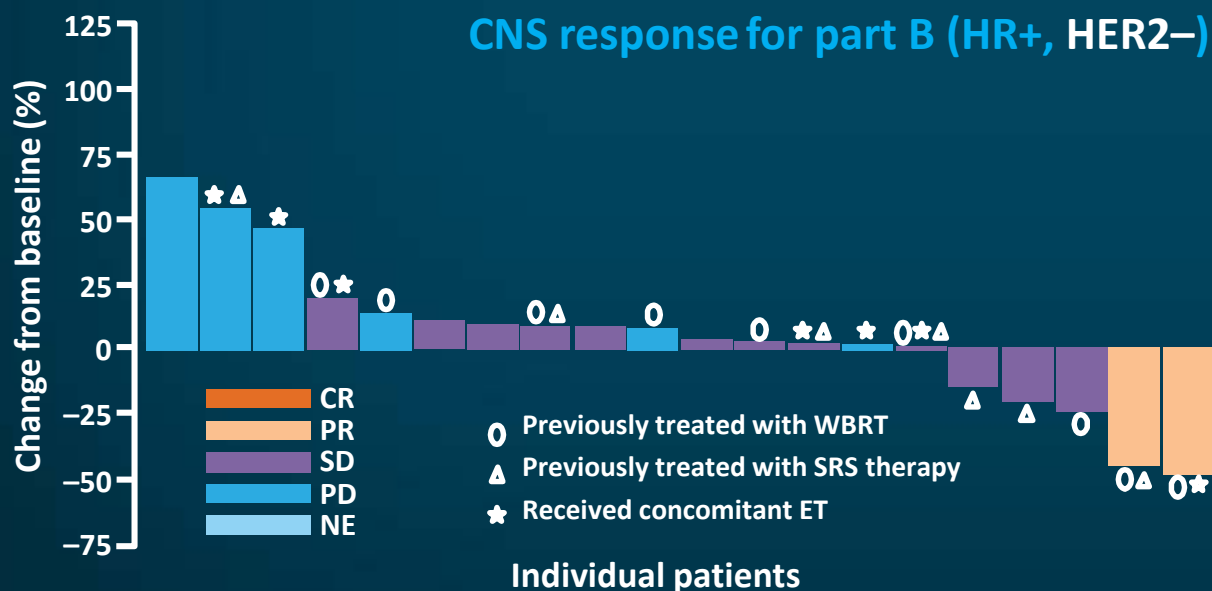
NSCLC = non-small-cell lung cancer; CSF = cerebrospinal fluid. \* Abemaciclib is not FDA-approved for this indication.

NCI02308020. Sahebjam S et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2016;34(suppl): abstract 526. Tolaney SM et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2017;35(suppl): abstract 1019.

# CNS Responses with Abemaciclib



Responders	N = 23
OIRR, n (%) (95% CI)	0 (0.0) (NA)
CR, n (%)	0 (0.0)
PR, n (%)	0 (0.0)
SD, n (%)	12 (52.2)
SD ≥6 mos, n (%)	1 (4.3)
PD, n (%)	11 (47.8)
CBR, n (%) (95% CI)	1 (4.3) (0.0–12.7)



Responders	N = 23
OIRR, n (%) (95% CI)	2 (8.7) (0.0–20.2)
CR, n (%)	0 (0.0)
PR, n (%)	2 (8.7)
SD, n (%)	13 (56.5)
SD ≥6 mos, n (%)	2 (8.7)
PD, n (%)	8 (34.8)
CBR, n (%) (95% CI)	4 (17.4) (1.9–32.9)

# Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line CDK4/6i Trials

**Table 1.** Select Randomized Clinical Studies of Endocrine Therapy Plus CDK4/6-Directed Therapy in Estrogen Receptor–Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer

Study	Regimen	Phase	No.	PFS, Endocrine Alone (months)	PFS, + CDK 4/6 Inhibitor (months)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
First line						
PALOMA-1	Letrozole with or without palbociclib	II	165	10.2	20.2	0.488 (0.119 to 0.748)
PALOMA-2	Letrozole with or without palbociclib	III	666	14.5	24.8	0.58 (0.16 to 0.72)
MONALEESA-2	Letrozole with or without ribociclib	III	668	14.7	25.	0.56 (0.13 to 0.72)
MONARCH-3	NSAI with or without abemaciclib	III	493		NCT 3 21*	
Second line						
PALOMA-3	Fulvestrant with or without palbociclib	III	521	4.6	9.5	0.46 (0.16 to 0.59)
MONARCH-2	Fulvestrant with or without abemaciclib	III	669	9.3	16.4	0.553 (0.149 to 0.681)
MONALEESA-3	Fulvestrant with or without ribociclib	III	725		NCT02422615	

Abbreviations: CDK4/6, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6; PFS, progression-free survival; NSAI, nonsteroidal aromatase inhibitor.

\*Interim analysis reportedly met primary end point of improved PFS in the combination arm.<sup>8</sup>



# Side effects of CDK4/6 inhibitors

**Table 2.** Dosing and Toxicity for Cyclin-Dependent Kinase 4/6 Inhibitors

Common Adverse Event*	Palbociclib (125 mg per day [3 weeks on, 1 week off])		Ribociclib (600 mg per day [3 weeks on, 1 week off])		Abemaciclib (200 mg twice per day [continuous])	
	All Grades	Grade 3 and 4	All Grades	Grade 3 and 4	All Grades	Grade 3 and 4
Neutropenia	74-81	54-67	74	59	46	27
Thrombocytopenia	16-22	2-3	NR	NR	16	3
Fatigue	37-40	2-4	37	2	40	3
Diarrhea	21-26	1-4	35	1	86	13
Nausea	25-35	0-2	52	2	45	3
QTc prolongation	NR	NR	3	NR	NR	NR

NOTE. Data are given as percent.

Abbreviation: NR, not reported; QTc, corrected QT interval.

\*Common adverse events in phase III trials in the metastatic setting.

# Progression on CDK4/6 Inhibitors

- Per NCCN 2017 guidelines: If disease progression on CDK4/6 inhibitor + letrozole, there are no data to support an additional line of therapy with another CDK4/6 inhibitor regimen.
- Resistance mechanisms for CDK4/6
  - Rb mutation
  - Collateral pathways, eg, PI3K
  - Switch to cyclin E
  - Resistance to the endocrine therapy, eg, ESR1 or HER2 mutation
- Clinical trial approaches to overcoming resistance
  - CDKi-free period then rechallenge
  - Add additional agents (PI3K, mTOR inhibitors)
  - Switch endocrine therapies

ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Breast Cancer V3. 2017. December 15, 2017.  
Turner NC, et al. *Lancet*. 2017;389:2403–2414.

# Summary: CDK4/6 Inhibitors in ER+ MBC

- The 3 CDK4/6 inhibitors seem to be consistent and comparable in prolonging PFS in combination with endocrine therapy in the metastatic setting with acceptable toxicity.
- We have no overall survival data yet in phase III trials.
- Selection of agent, sequence, and number of drugs should be patient-specific; most patients are receiving CDK4/6i + AI in US.
- Given activity in advanced setting, now moving to adjuvant setting
- Resistance is universal
  - Next generation of trials is looking at switching ET or CDKI with addition of other drugs to inhibit resistance pathways.

# Take home points in HT in ER+ HER-2- MBC

- Endocrine therapy is the cornerstone of the first-line therapy of HR+ HER-2- MBC. The median time to progression is 12 to 24 months
- Fulvestrant is superior than anastrozole in first line therapy and an option in first-line therapy
- CDK inhibitors -based therapy with AI or fulvestrant is a new option in first line therapy of patients with ER+ MBC including those progressing on adjuvant hormonal therapy
- The best sequence is unknown. However, consider tumour biology, clinical features including prior adjuvant therapy and patient factors including PS and organ function when selecting most appropriate therapy

**Target Therapy in ER-, PR-, and HER-2  
normal (TNBC)  
Metastatic Breast Cancer**

# TNBC

Frequency: 10-20% of patients with breast cancer

Definition: It is clinically defined as ER-negative (<1%), PR-negative (<1%) and HER2- non-overexpressing (IHC 0-1 or IHC 2+ FISH-)

Heterogeneous disease with generally virulent natural history

Rapid rise in risk of recurrence following diagnosis

Increase risk of brain mets

Rapid progression from distant recurrence to death

Currently, there are no molecular targets for this subtype of breast cancer

# TNBC

- Existing Therapies
  - Chemotherapy including platinum salts
- Future Directions:
  - PARP inhibitors
  - Immunotherapies
  - Androgen receptor inhibitors

# TNBCC is not one disease

**Basal-like 1: cell cycle, DNA repair and proliferation genes**

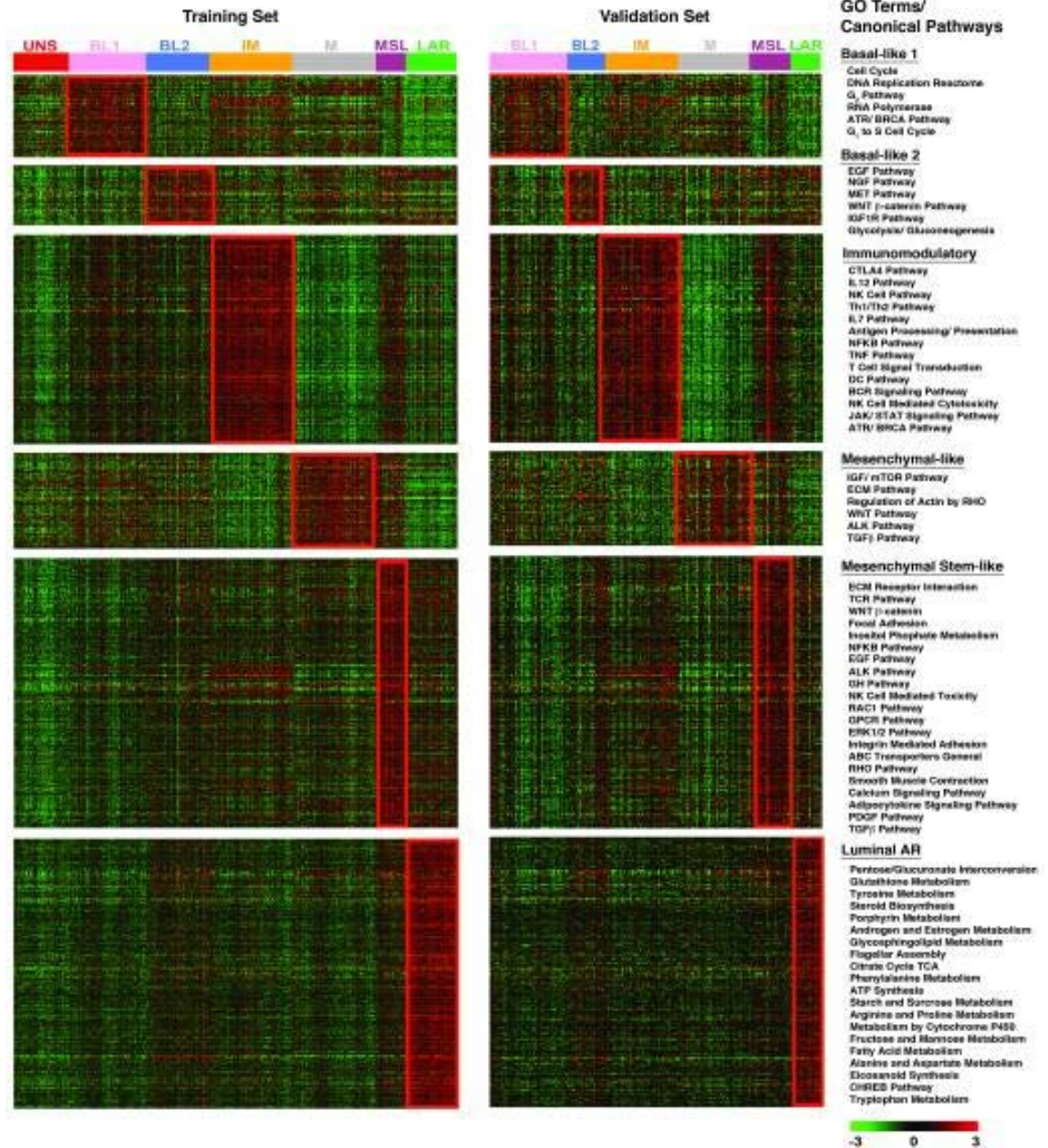
**Basal-like 2: Growth factor signaling (EGFR, MET, Wnt, IGF1R)**

**IM: immune cell processes (medullary breast cancer)**

**M: Cell motility and differentiation, EMT processes**

**MSL: similar to M but growth factor signaling, low levels of proliferation genes (metaplastic cancers)**

**LAR: Androgen receptor and downstream genes, luminal features**





# Current Treatment Options for Metastatic TNBC

- Sequential single-agent chemotherapy is the preferred approach for most pts with metastatic TNBC
  - Combination chemotherapy can be used for pts requiring more rapid response but does not improve OS

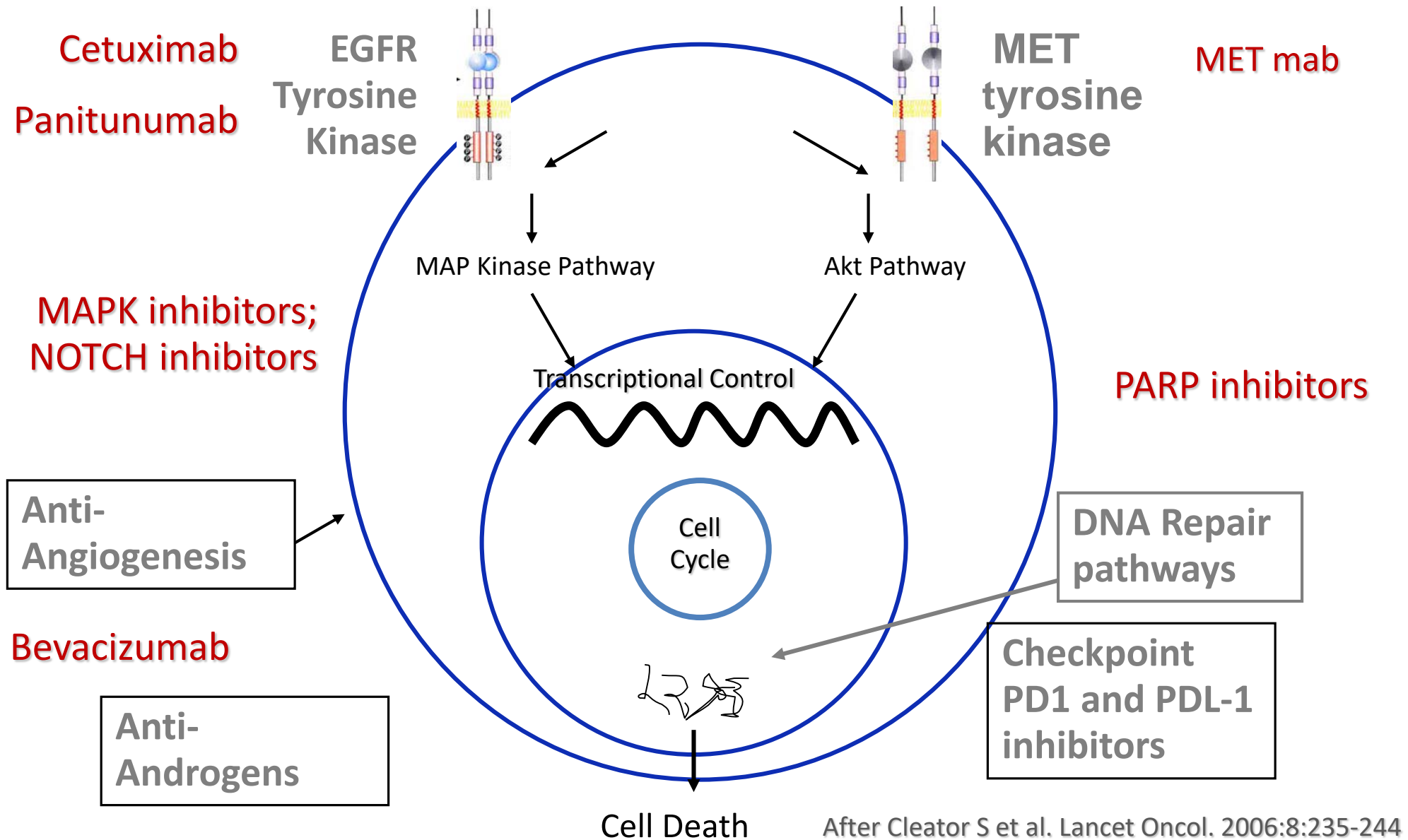
Taxanes	Anthracyclines	Antimetabolites	Other Microtubule Inhibitors	Platinum Agents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Paclitaxel</li><li>■ Nab-paclitaxel</li><li>■ Docetaxel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Doxorubicin</li><li>■ Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin</li><li>■ Epirubicin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Capecitabine</li><li>■ Gemcitabine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Vinorelbine</li><li>■ Eribulin</li><li>■ Ixabepilone</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Carboplatin</li><li>■ Cisplatin</li></ul>

- Pts should generally remain on a regimen until best response, disease progression, or significant toxicity

# Low Response Rates in Pretreated mTNBC

Drug	Phase	N	Population	ORR, %	PFS, months	OS, months	Source
1st-line treatment							
Carboplatin	III	188	1st line	31	3.1	12.4	Tutt A, SABCS 2014
Docetaxel	III	188	1st line	36	4.5	12.3	Tutt A, SABCS 2014
Cisplatin/ Carboplatin	II	86	1st line (80.2%)	26	2.9	11.0	Isakoff SJ, J Clin Oncol, 2015
≥1st-line treatment							
Ixabepilone	II (pooled analysis)	60	Resist to AC-T or just to T	6-17	1.6-2.7	--	Perez EA, Breast Cancer Res Treat 2010
Capecitabine	III (pooled analysis)	208	Prior A, T or resist to A, T	15	1.7	--	Perez EA, Breast Cancer Res Treat 2010
Eribulin	III (pooled analysis)	199	≥1 prior chemo	11	2.8	12.4	Pivot X, Ann Oncol 2016

# Triple-Negative Breast Cancers: Some Potential Therapeutic Targets



# PARP inhibitors

# OlympiAD study design

- HER2-negative metastatic BC
  - ER+ and/or PR+ or TNBC
- Deleterious or suspected deleterious gBRCAm
- Prior anthracycline and taxane
- ≤2 prior chemotherapy lines in metastatic setting
- HR+ disease progressed on ≥1 endocrine therapy, or not suitable
- If prior platinum use
  - No evidence of progression during treatment in the advanced setting
  - ≥12 months since (neo)adjuvant treatment

Olaparib  
300 mg tablets bd

2:1 randomization

Chemotherapy  
treatment of physician's  
choice (TPC)

- Capecitabine
- Eribulin
- Vinorelbine

Treat until progression

Primary endpoint:

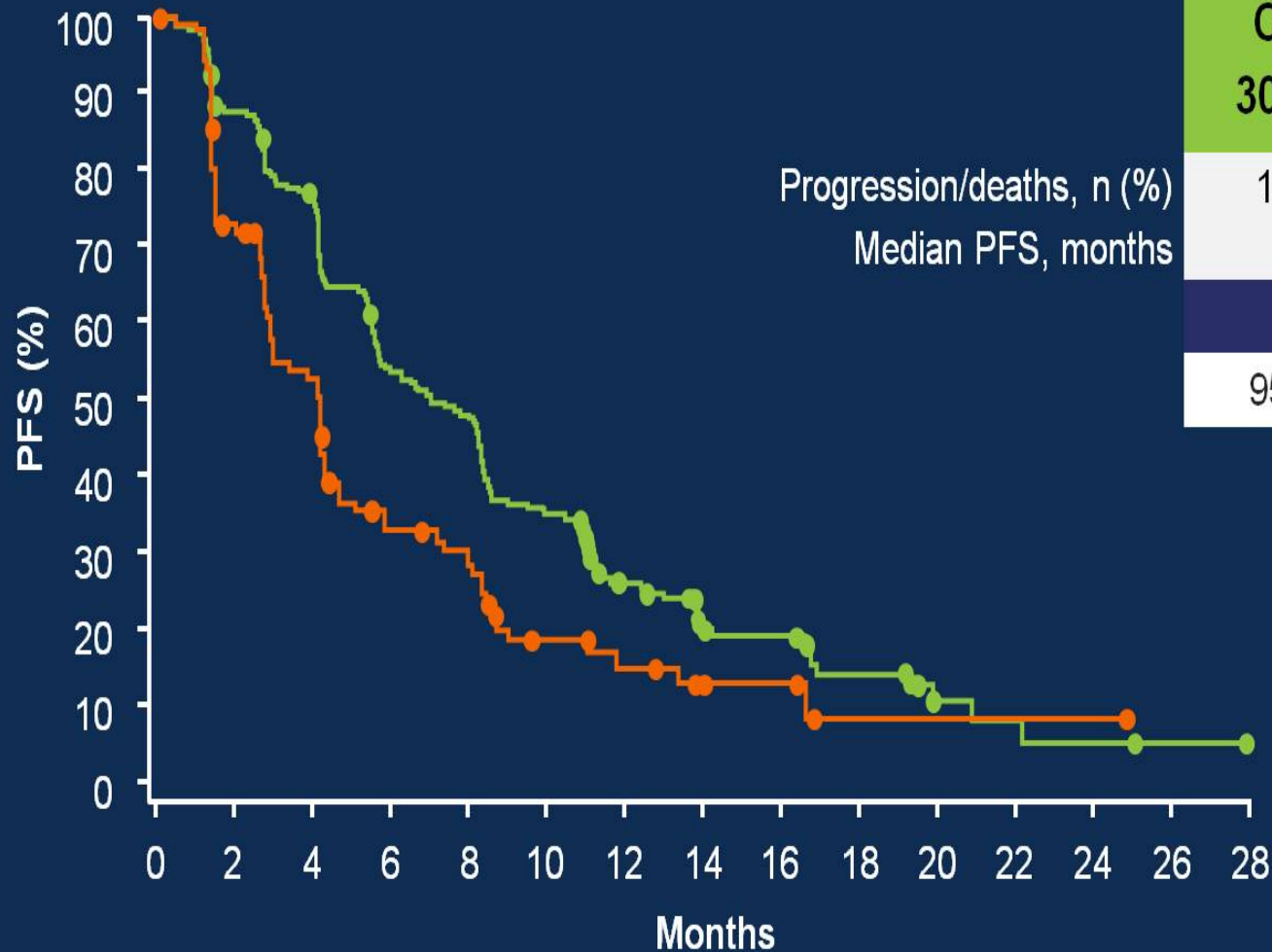
- Progression-free survival (RECIST 1.1, BICR)

Secondary endpoints:

- Time to second progression or death
- Overall survival
- Objective response rate
  
- Safety and tolerability
- Global HRQoL (EORTC-QLQ-C30)

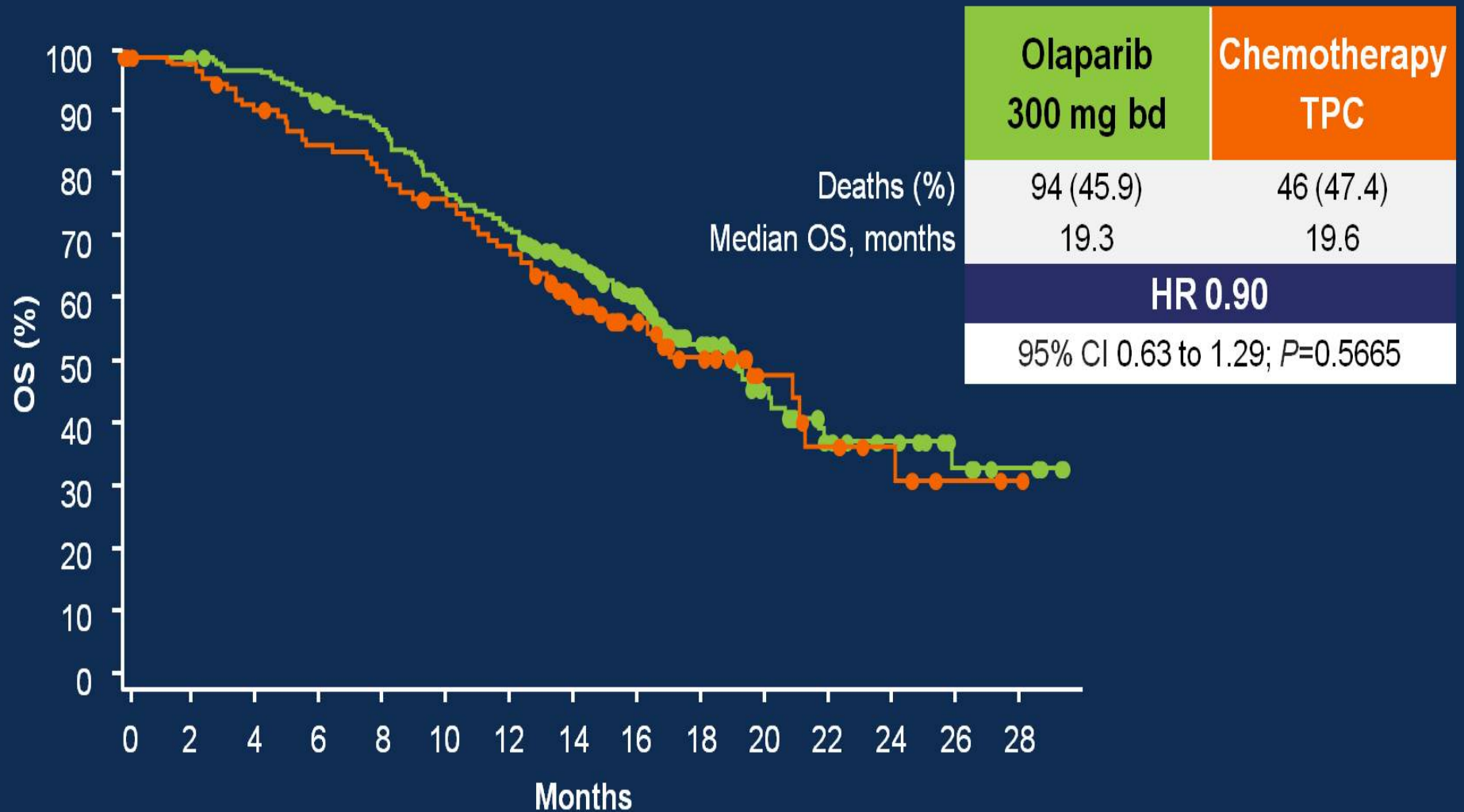
BICR, blinded independent central review; ER, estrogen receptor; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; PR, progesterone receptor; RECIST, response evaluation criteria in solid tumors; TNBC, triple negative breast cancer

# Primary endpoint: progression-free survival by BICR



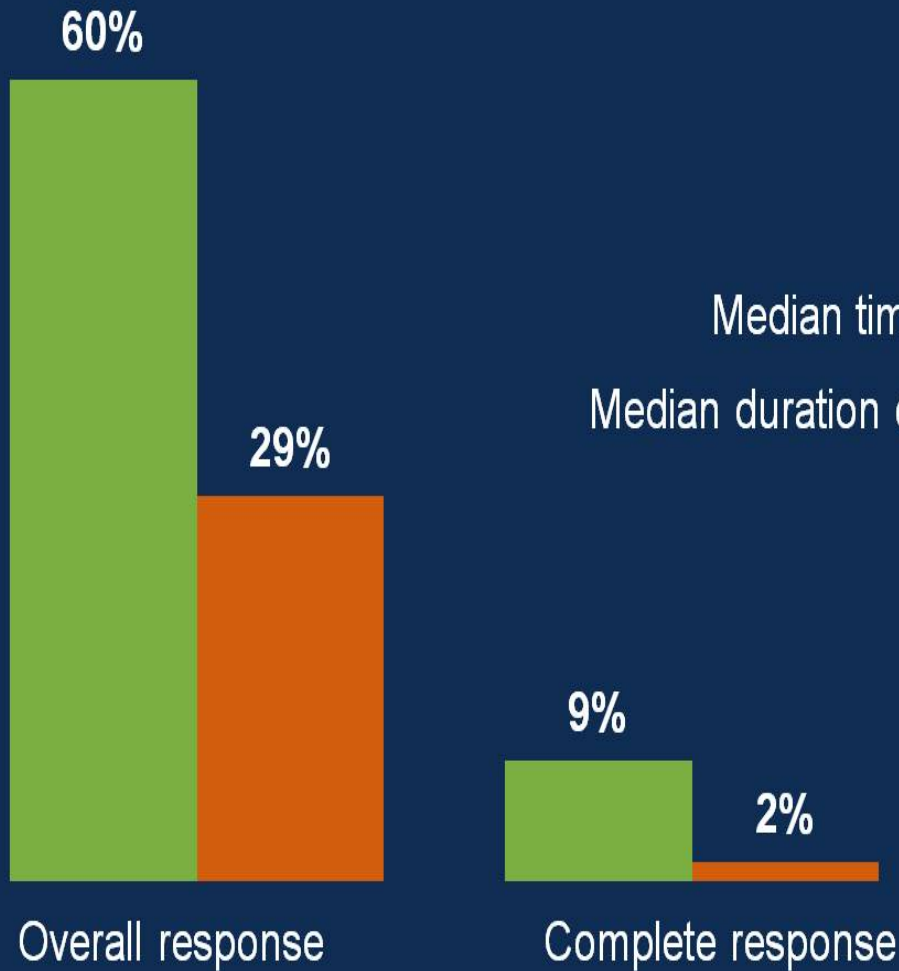
At risk, n	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	Group
Olaparib 300 mg bd	205	177	154	107	94	69	40	23	21	11	4	3	2	1	0	Olaparib 300 mg bd
Chemotherapy TPC	97	63	44	25	21	11	8	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	Chemotherapy TPC

# Overall survival (interim analysis; 46% data maturity)



At risk, n	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28		
	205	205	199	189	178	159	146	109	78	46	30	18	14	8	4	0	Olaparib 300 mg bd
	97	92	85	78	74	69	62	50	34	24	13	9	7	4	2	0	Chemotherapy TPC

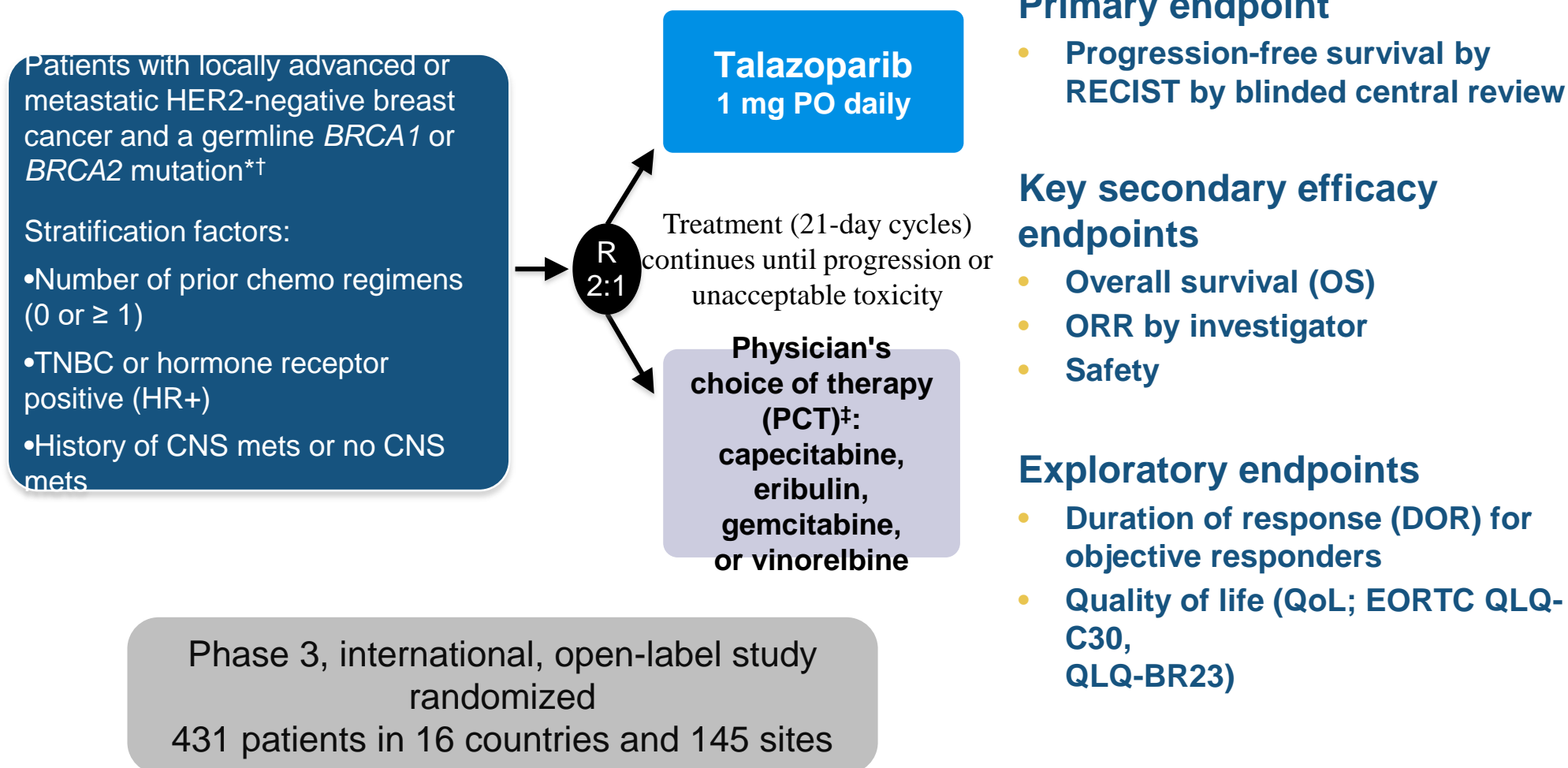
# Objective response by BICR



	Olaparib 300 mg bd	Chemotherapy TPC
n	167	66
Median time to response, days	47	45
Median duration of response, months	6.2 (4.6–7.2)	7.1 (2.8–12.2)



# Study Design: EMBRACA

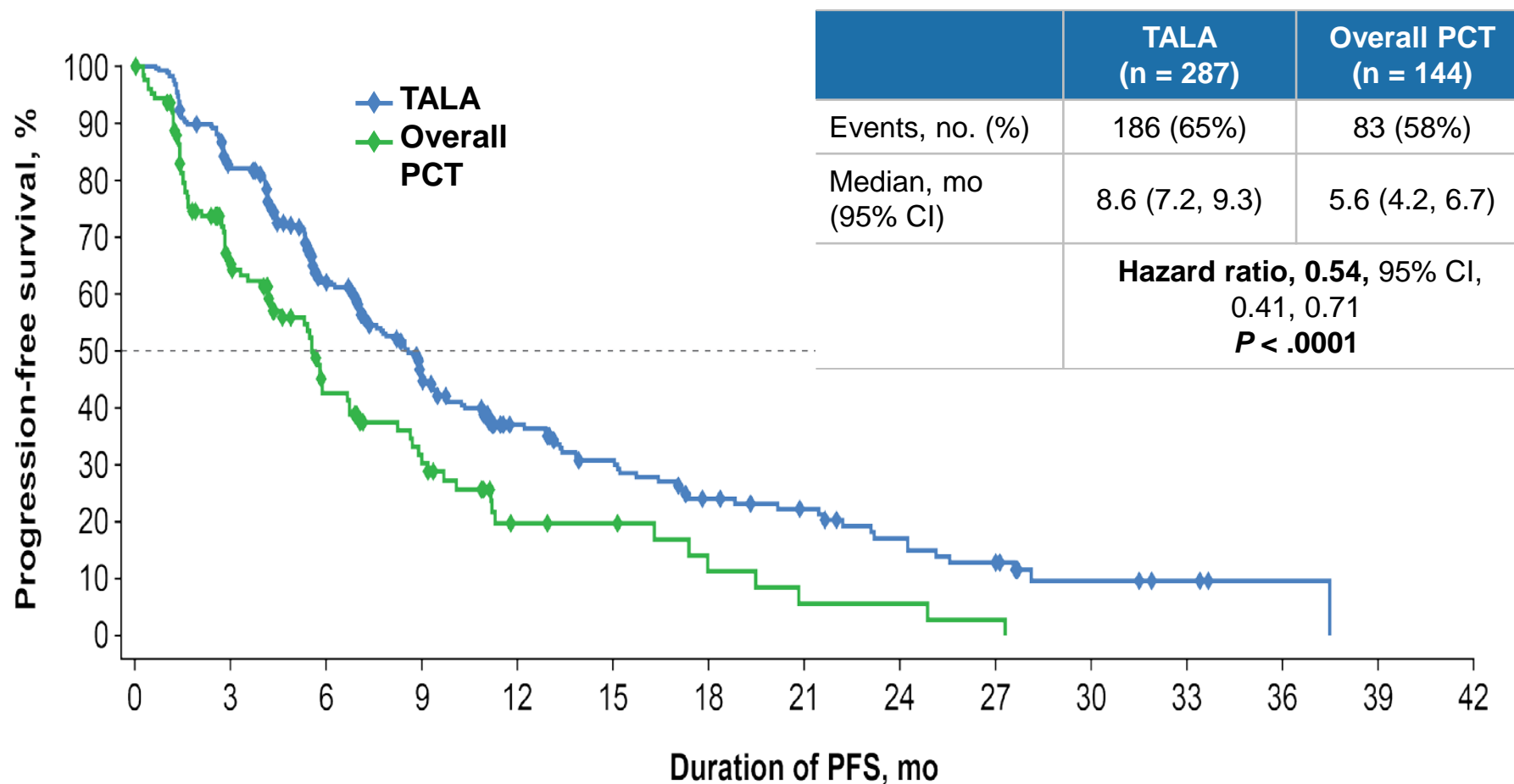


Abbreviations: CNS, central nervous system; EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mets, metastases; PO, orally (per os); QLQ-BR23, Quality of Life Questionnaire breast cancer module; QLQ-C30, Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30; R, randomized; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors version 1.1; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

\*Additional inclusion criteria included: no more than 3 prior cytotoxic chemotherapy regimens for locally advanced or metastatic disease; prior treatment with a taxane and/or anthracycline unless medically contraindicated. †HER2-positive disease is excluded. ‡Physician's choice of therapy must be determined prior to randomization.

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# Primary Endpoint: PFS by Blinded Central Review



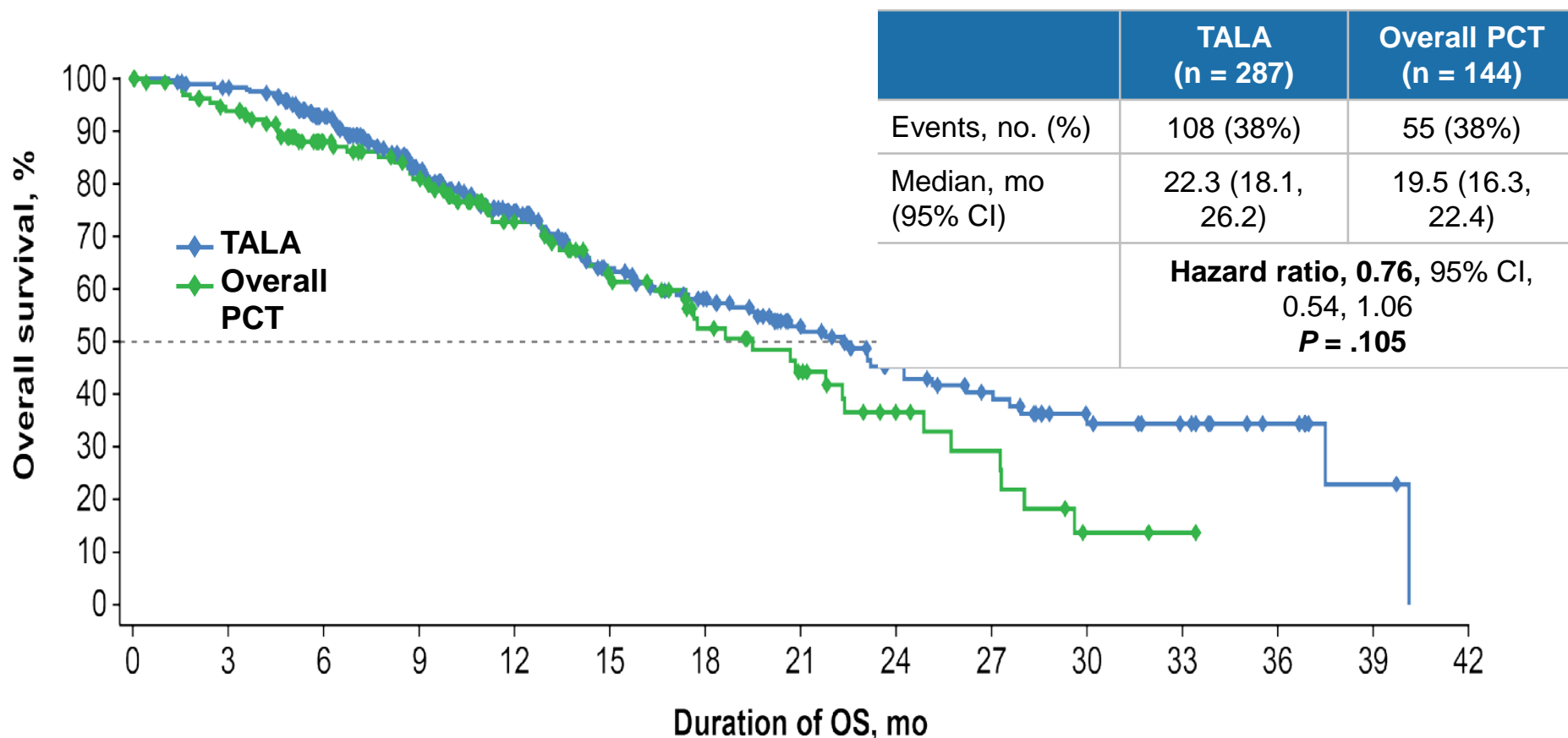
No. at risk (events/cumulative events)

TALA	287 (0/0)	229 (50/50)	148 (53/103)	91 (34/137)	55 (17/154)	42 (9/163)	29 (9/172)	23 (2/174)	16 (5/179)	12 (4/183)	5 (2/185)	3 (0/185)	1 (0/185)	0 (1/186)	0 (0/186)
PCT	144 (0/0)	68 (41/41)	34 (20/61)	22 (8/69)	9 (7/76)	8 (0/76)	4 (3/79)	2 (2/81)	2 (0/81)	1 (1/82)	0 (1/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)

1-Year PFS 37% vs 20%  
11.2 months

Median follow-up time:

# Interim OS Analysis: Secondary Endpoint



No. at risk (events/cumulative events)

TALA	287 (0/0)	278 (5/5)	236 (15/20)	179 (24/44)	132 (16/60)	91 (17/77)	74 (8/85)	52 (6/91)	38 (7/98)	30 (4/102)	18 (4/106)	14 (0/106)	8 (0/106)	2 (1/107)	0 (1/108)
PCT	144 (0/0)	119 (8/8)	92 (7/15)	78 (7/22)	55 (7/29)	41 (7/36)	28 (6/42)	20 (4/46)	11 (3/49)	8 (2/51)	2 (4/55)	1 (0/55)	0 (0/55)	0 (0/55)	0 (0/55)

Survival Probability at:	TALA (n = 287)	Overall PCT (n = 144)
Month 24, % (95% CI)	45% (36.7-53.5)	37% (24.1-49.1)
Month 36, % (95% CI)	34% (25.3-43.7)	0%

# Secondary/Exploratory Endpoints

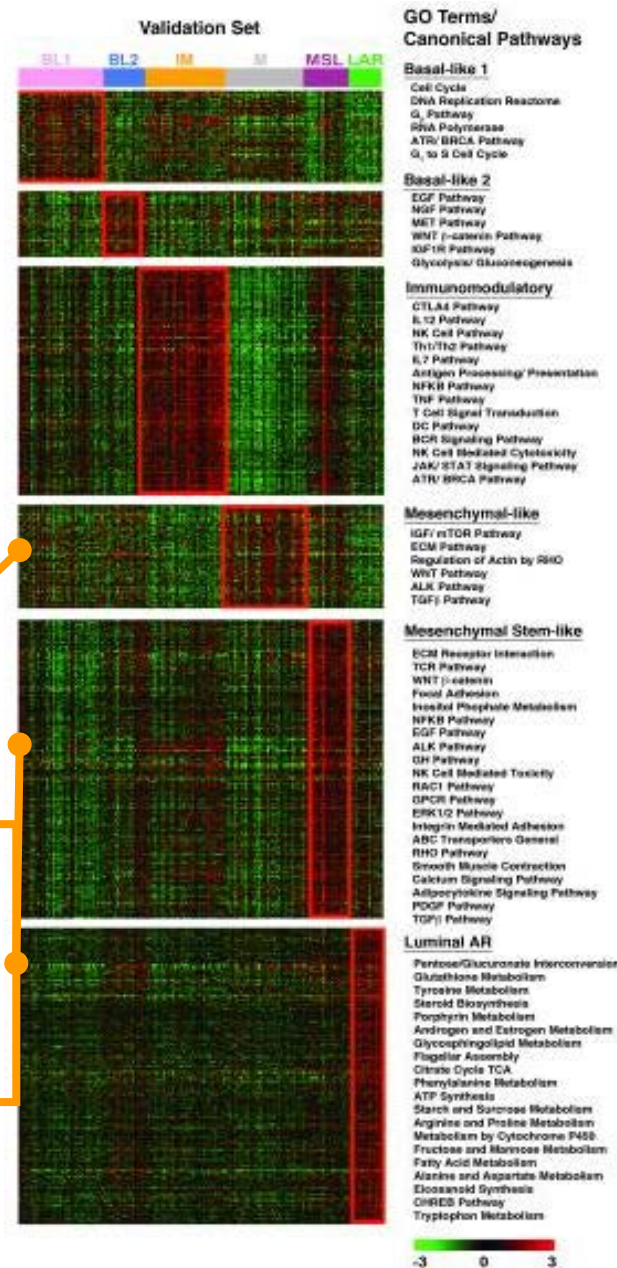
	TALA	Overall PCT
<b>Best overall response [measurable disease]*</b>	<b>n = 219</b>	<b>n = 114</b>
Complete response, no. (%)	12 (5.5%)	0
Partial response, no. (%)	125 (57.1%)	31 (27.2%)
Stable disease, no. (%)	46 (21.0%)	36 (31.6%)
Non-evaluable, no. (%)	4 (1.8%)	19 (16.7%)
<b>Objective response by investigator [measurable disease]*</b>	<b>n = 219</b>	<b>n = 114</b>
ORR, % (95% CI)	62.6 (55.8-69.0)	27.2 (19.3-36.3)
<b>Odds ratio (95% CI); 2-sided P value**</b>	<b>4.99 (2.9-8.8); P &lt; .0001</b>	
<b>Clinical benefit rate at 24 weeks [ITT]</b>	<b>n = 287</b>	<b>n = 144</b>
CBR24, % (95% CI)	68.6 (62.9-74.0)	36.1 (28.3-44.5)
<b>Odds ratio (95% CI); 2-sided P value**</b>	<b>4.28 (2.70-6.83); P &lt; .0001</b>	
<b>DOR by investigator [subgroup with objective response]</b>	<b>n = 137</b>	<b>n = 31</b>
Median (IQR), mo	5.4 (2.8-11.2)	3.1 (2.4-6.7)

Abbreviation: IQR, interquartile range.

\*Per RECIST version 1.1, confirmation of complete response or partial response was not required. \*\*CMH=Cochran-

Mantel-Haenszel.

# Mesenchymal, Mesenchymal Stem Cell-like



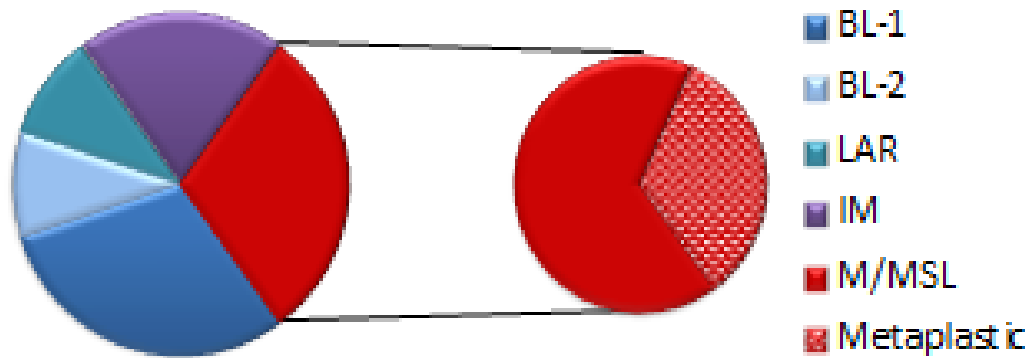
- 20-30% of TNBCs
- cell motility
- EMT
- Angiogenesis
- p53 mutant
- PIK3CA mutations
- MSL- low expression of proliferation genes

M: Cell motility and differentiation, EMT processes

MSL: similar to M but growth factor signaling, low levels of proliferation genes (metaplastic cancers)

# Metaplastic Breast Cancer

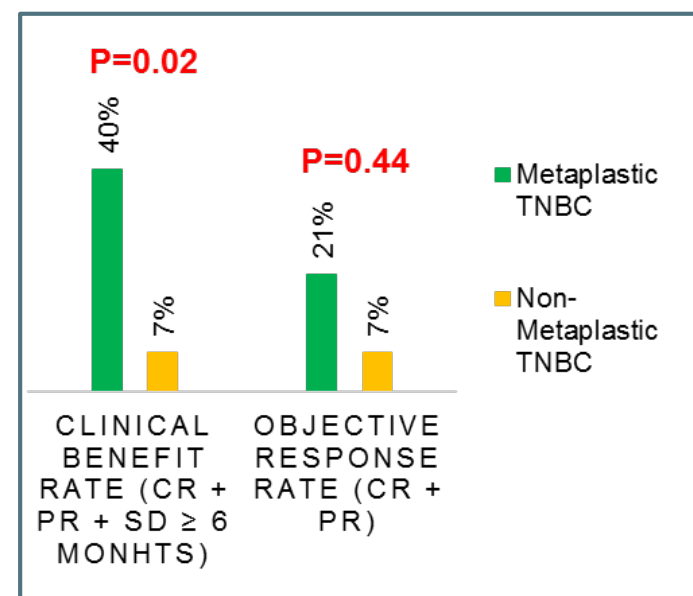
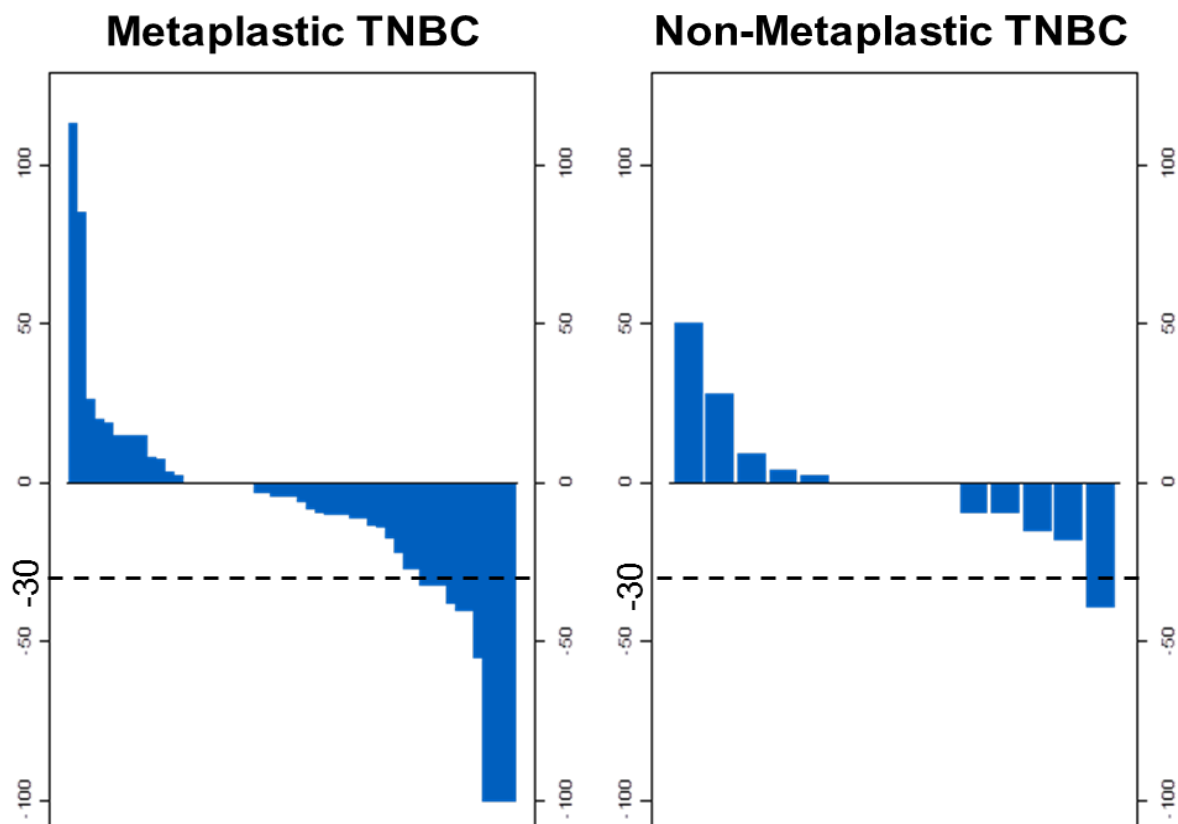
- Metaplastic breast cancers make up ~30% of TNBCs classified as mesenchymal
- Identified by light microscopy
  - Epithelial and non-epithelial components (mesenchymal)
- High incidence of PI3K pathway activating aberrations
- VEGF/HIF1- $\alpha$  production



Prat, *Breast Cancer Res*; 2010

Lehmann, *The Journal of Pathology*; 2014

# Better Response to M-Thor inhibitor and Bevacizumab in Metaplastic TNBC



# LAR: Androgen Receptor+ TNBC



- 10-20% of TNBCs
- heavily enriched in hormonally regulated pathways
- strong correlation with apocrine signatures
- high expression of luminal cytokeratins
- PIK3CA mutations
- improved RFS

LAR: Androgen receptor and downstream genes, luminal features



# **Androgen Receptor inhibitors**

# AR Signaling and Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

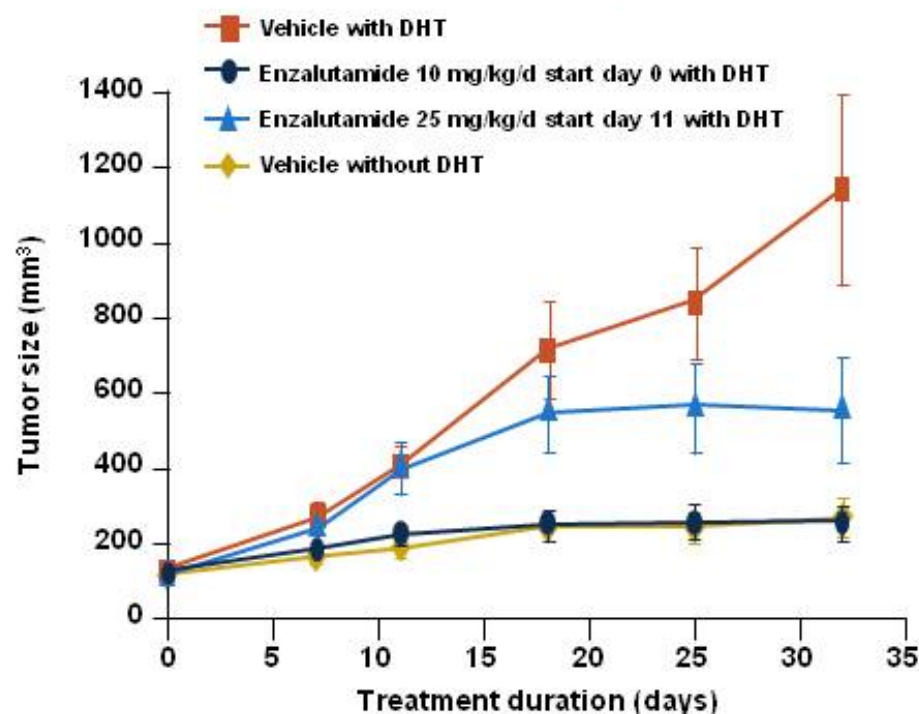
## Advanced TNBC

- AR expression and signaling are present in TNBC<sup>1-3</sup>
- Phase 2 trial of bicalutamide in 26 patients with metastatic AR+ (IHC  $\geq$  10%) TNBC (TBCRC011):
  - Clinical benefit rate at 24 weeks 19% (95% CI: 7, 39)<sup>4</sup>
  - Median PFS 12 weeks (95% CI: 11, 23)<sup>4</sup>

**Hypothesis: Enzalutamide will have activity in advanced AR+ (by IHC) TNBC**

1. Farmer P et al. *Oncogene*. 2005;24:4660-4671; 2. Doane AS et al. *Oncogene*. 2006;25:3994-4008; 3. Lehmann BD et al. *J Clin Invest*. 2011;121:2750-2767; 4. Gucaip A et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2013;19:5505-5512.

## Preclinical Activity of Enzalutamide in an AR+ TNBC Cell Line (MDA-MB-453)



CI = confidence interval; DHT = dihydrotestosterone; IHC = immunohistochemistry; TNBC = triple-negative breast cancer.

# Study Schema (MDV3100-11)

## Eligibility

- "AR positive" advanced TNBC\*
- ECOG-PS  $\leq$  1
- Any number of prior therapies permissible
- Evaluable bone-only disease allowed
- No CNS metastases
- Sufficient tissue to enable biomarker discovery

## Endpoints

### Primary

- CBR16

### Other Key Endpoints

- CBR24
- Response rate
- PFS
- OS
- Safety
- AR biomarker discovery

## Treatment

Enzalutamide 160 mg/day orally

### Stage 1

$\geq$  3 of 26 Evaluable  
have CBR16  
"Go" to Stage 2



### Stage 2

$\geq$  9 of 62 Evaluable  
have CBR16  
Rejection of  $H_0$

## Statistical considerations

- 85% power to detect true CBR16 = 8% tested against 1-sided alternative (CBR16  $\geq$  20%); alpha = 5%

\*A separate consent allowed tissue submission for central AR IHC testing at anytime. "AR positive" was defined as IHC staining in  $>0\%$  of tumor nuclei. Physicians and patients were blinded to actual % AR staining. CBR = clinical benefit rate; CBR16 = 16-week CBR; CBR24 = 24-week CBR; ECOG-PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group

4 Performance Status;  $H_0$  = null hypothesis; IHC = immunohistochemistry; ITT = intent-to-treat. [www.clinicaltrials.gov/NCT01889238](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/NCT01889238).

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# Clinical Benefit in Evaluable and ITT Populations

	Evaluable Patients (n = 75)	ITT Patients (n = 118)
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>		
CBR16, % (95% CI) n	<b>35%</b> (24, 46) n = 26	<b>25%</b> (17, 33) n = 29
<b>Secondary Endpoints</b>		
CBR24, % (95% CI) n	<b>29%</b> (20, 41) n = 22	<b>20%</b> (14, 29) n = 24
CR or PR, % n	<b>8%</b> n = 6	<b>6%</b> n = 7

Evaluable = AR IHC  $\geq$  10% and  $\geq$  1 post-baseline tumor assessment;  
 ITT = AR IHC  $>$  0% by central assessment and received  $\geq$  1 dose of enzalutamide.

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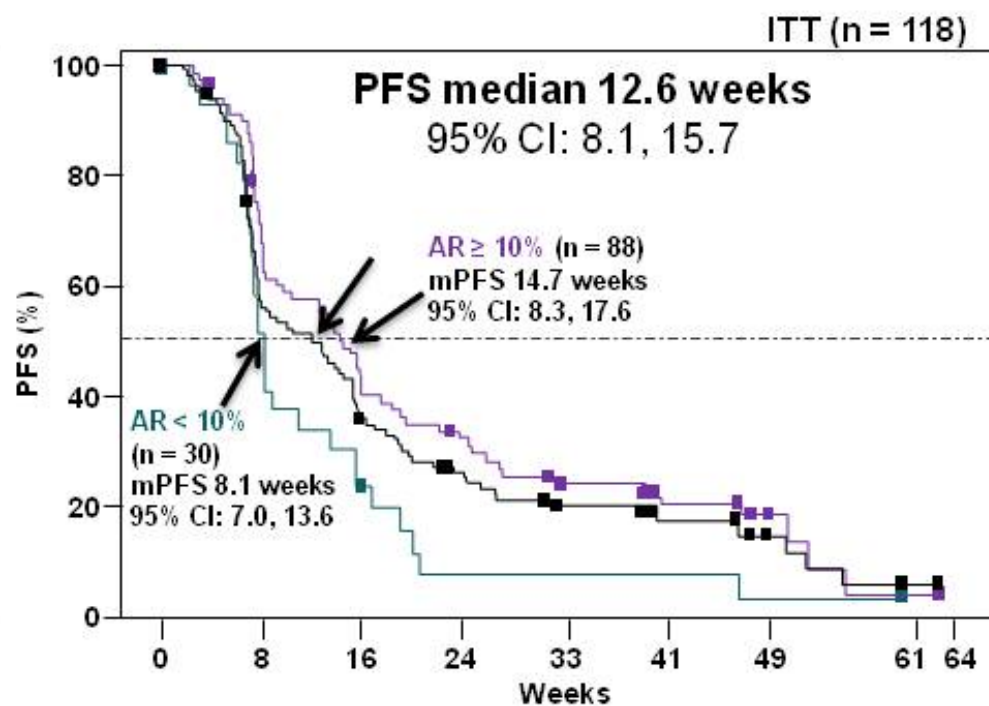
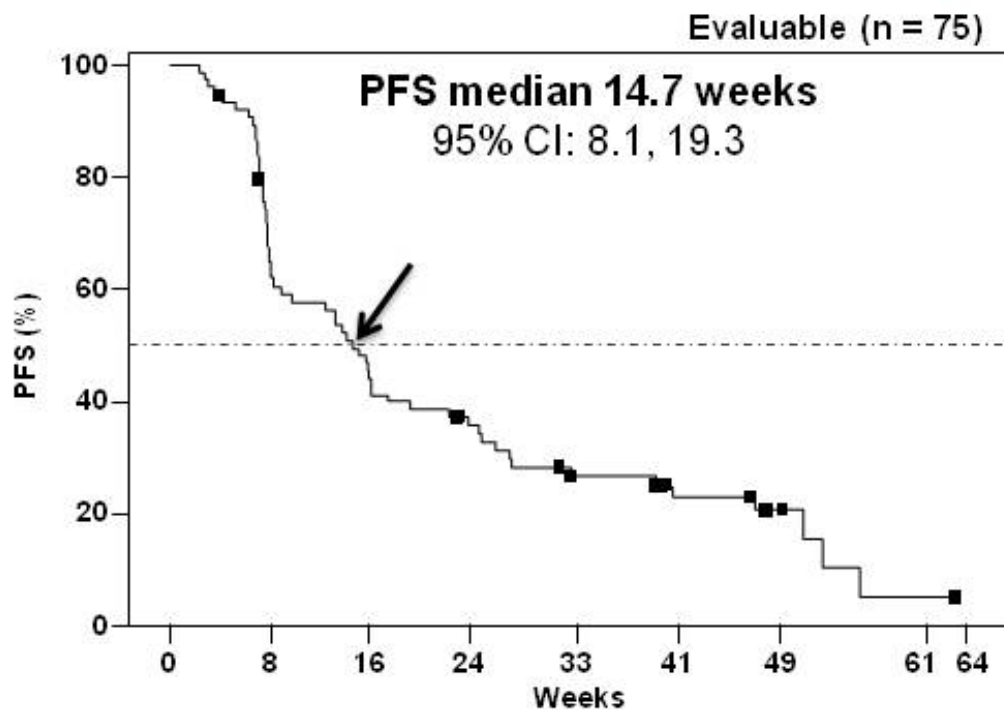
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# PFS in Evaluable and ITT Populations



Patients at risk 75 49 33 25 16 11 5 1 0

Evaluable = AR IHC  $\geq 10\%$  and  $\geq 1$  post-baseline tumor assessment;  
ITT = AR IHC  $> 0\%$  by central assessment and received  $\geq 1$  dose of enzalutamide.

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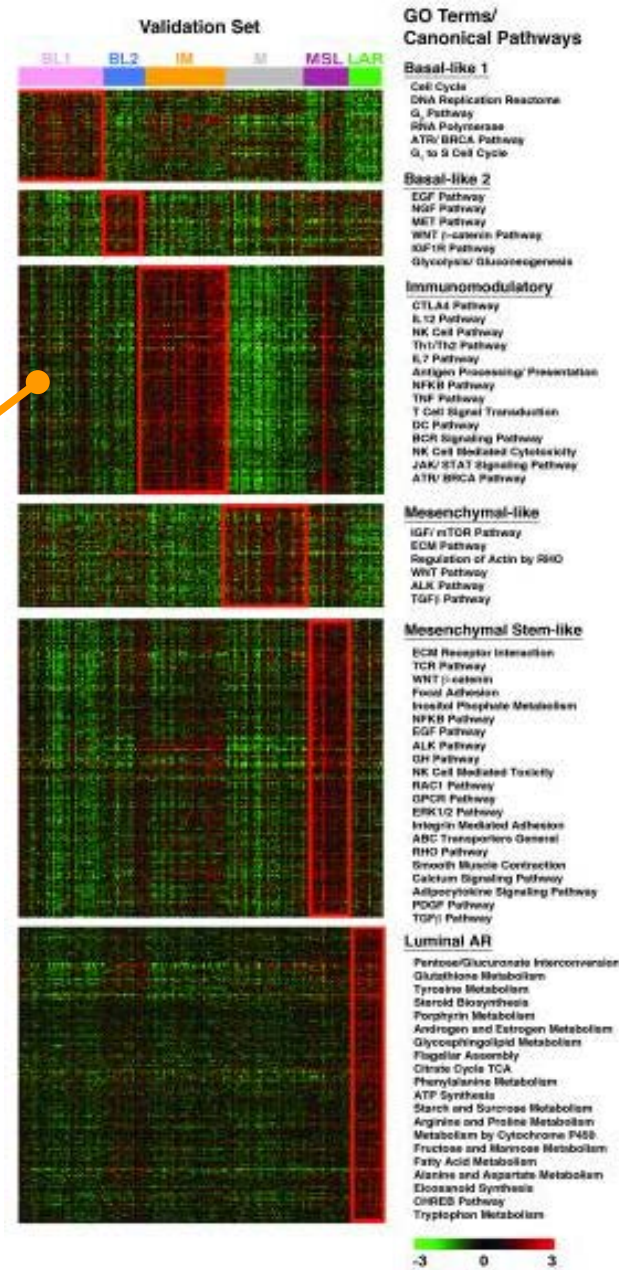
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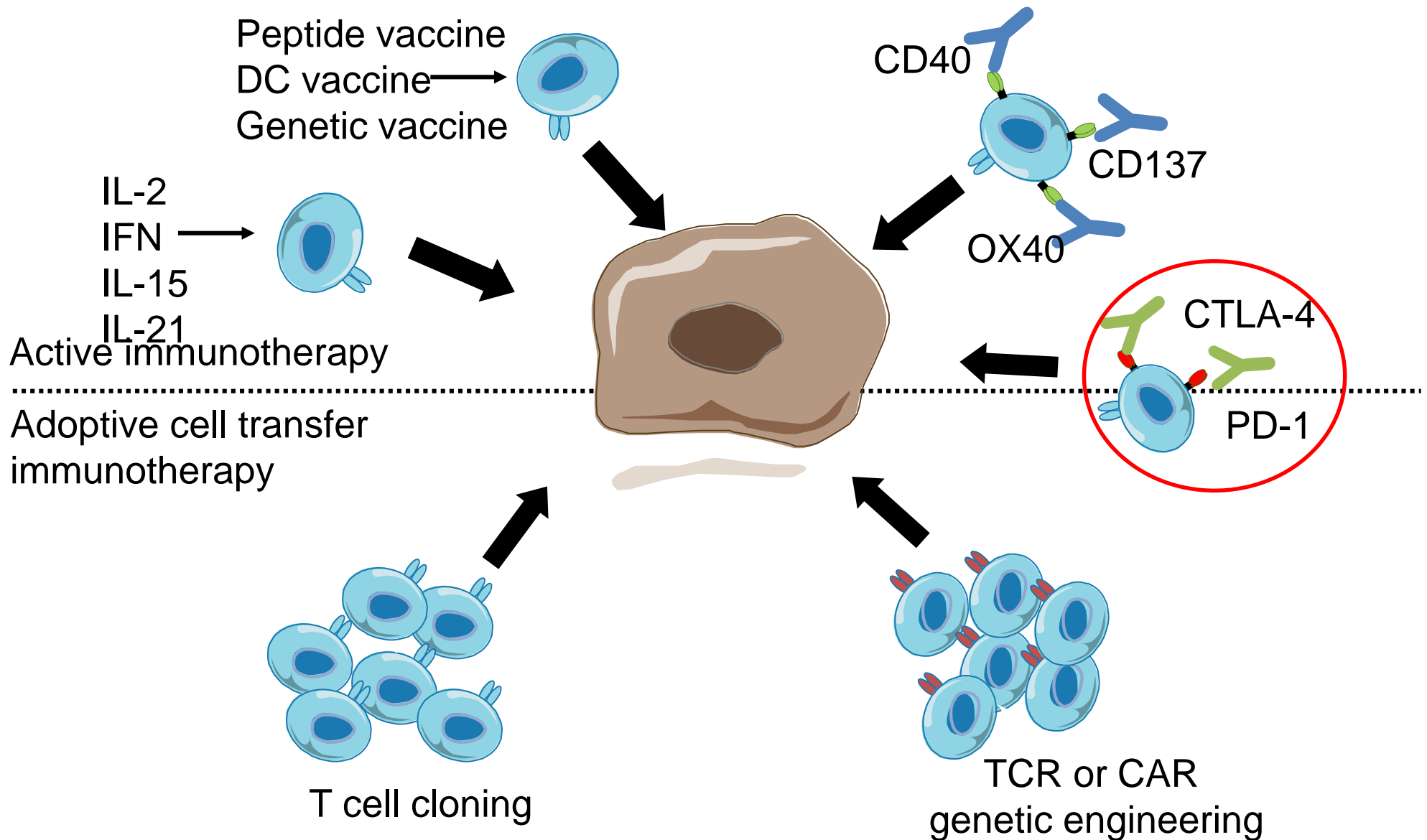
# Immunomodulatory TNBC

IM: immune cell processes (medullary breast cancer)



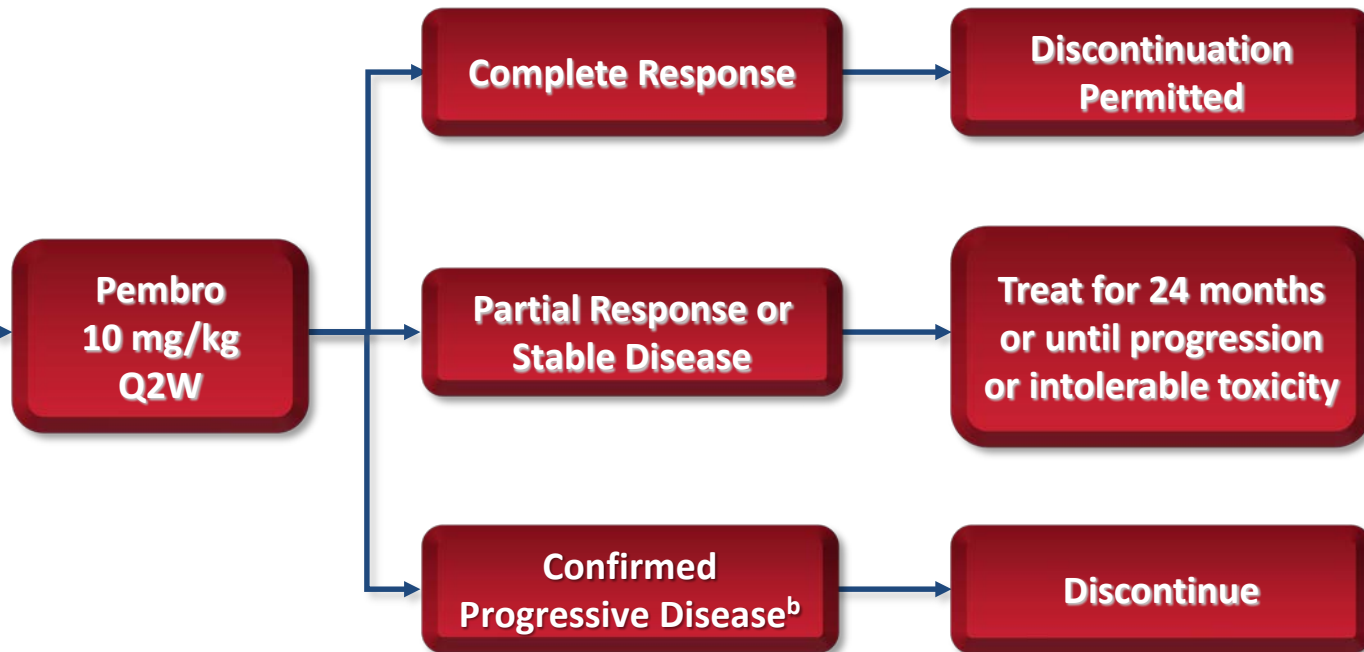
- 10-15% of TNBCs
- enriched in immune cell processes
- Medullary subtype
- -p53 mutant

# General Approaches for Cancer Immunotherapy



# KEYNOTE-012: Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Cohort

- Recurrent or metastatic ER<sup>-</sup>/PR<sup>-</sup>/HER2<sup>-</sup> breast cancer
- ECOG PS 0-1
- PD-L1<sup>+</sup> tumor<sup>a</sup>
- No systemic steroid therapy
- No autoimmune disease (active or history of)
- No active brain metastases



- **PD-L1 positivity:** 58% of all patients screened had PD-L1-positive tumors
- **Treatment:** 10 mg/kg IV Q2W
- **Response assessment:** Performed every 8 weeks per RECIST v1.1



**Table 3.** Best Overall Response Based on Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors v1.1 as Assessed by Central Review

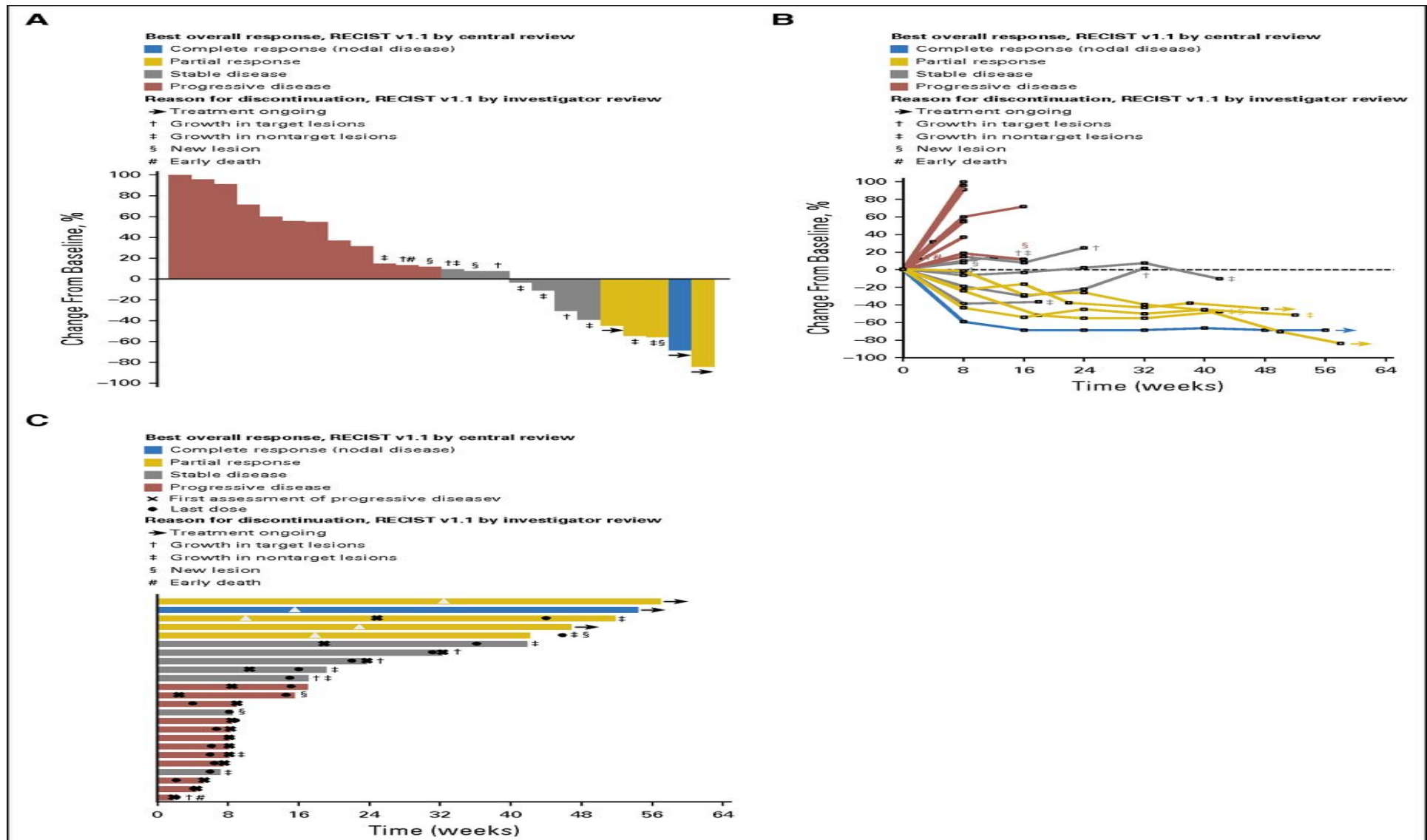
Response Type	Patients Evaluable for Response, N = 27*
Overall response rate, % (95% CI)	18.5 (6.3 to 38.1)
Best overall response, No. (%)	
Complete response†	1 (3.7)
Partial response†	4 (14.8)
Stable disease	7 (25.9)
Progressive disease	13 (48.1)
No assessment‡	2 (7.4)

\*Includes patients with measurable disease at baseline, based on Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors v1.1 as assessed by central review, who received at least one pembrolizumab dose. Five patients were excluded because they did not have centrally confirmed measurable disease at baseline.

†Confirmed responses only.

‡Signifies patients who discontinued therapy before the first postbaseline scan because of progressive disease or a treatment-related adverse event.

# Antitumor activity of pembrolizumab based on RECIST v1.1 assessed by central review.



Rita Nanda et al. JCO 2016;34:2460-2467

# Study Design – KEYNOTE-086 Cohort A

## Patients

- Age  $\geq 18$  y
- Centrally confirmed TNBC<sup>a</sup>
- $\geq 1$  prior systemic treatment for mTNBC with documented PD
- ECOG PS 0-1
- LDH  $< 2.5 \times$  ULN
- Tumor biopsy sample for PD-L1 evaluation
- No radiographic evidence of CNS metastases
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1 by central review

N = 170

**Pembrolizumab  
200 mg IV Q3W**

for 2 years or until PD,  
intolerable toxicity,  
patient withdrawal, or  
investigator decision

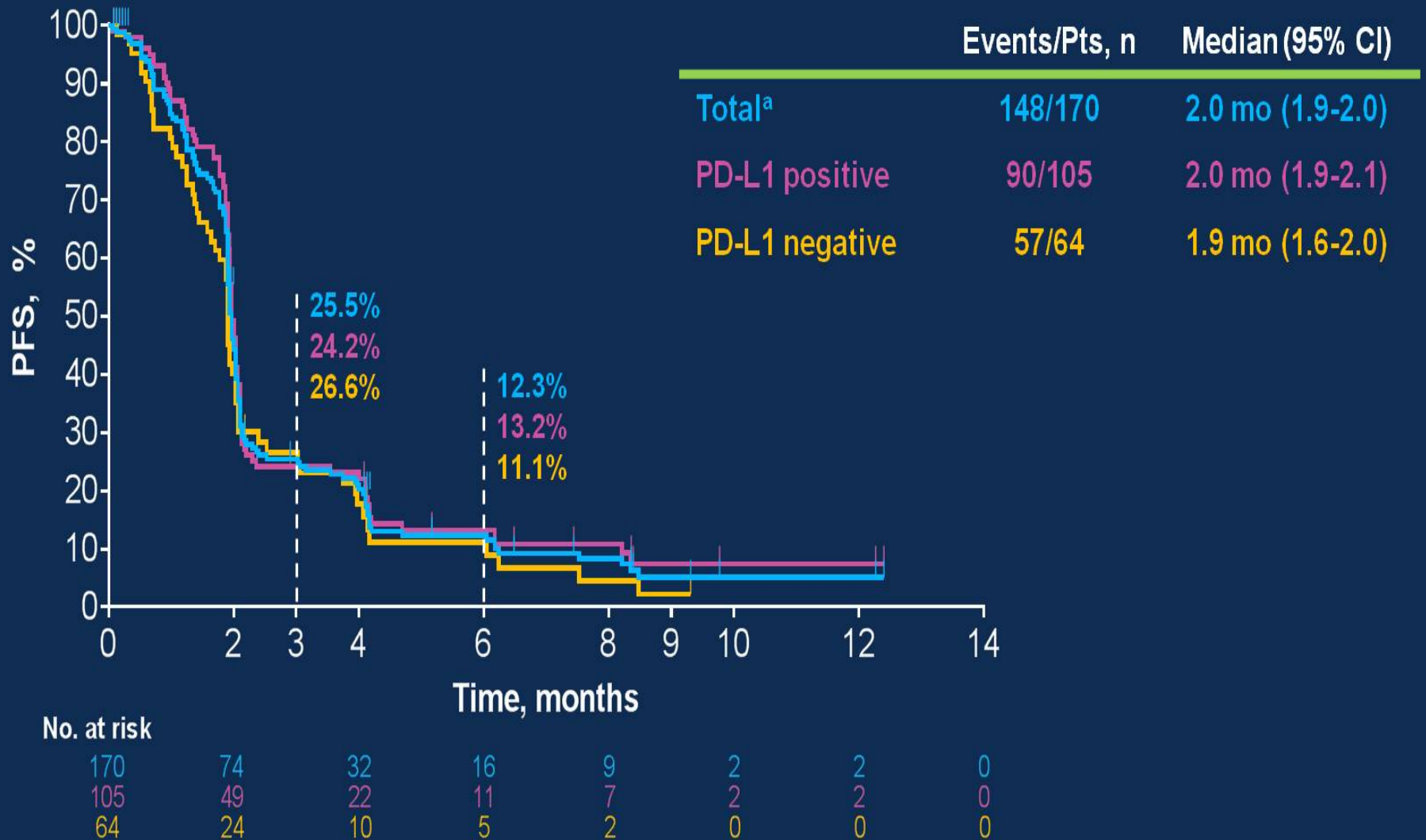
**Protocol-specified  
follow-up**

- **Primary end points: ORR<sup>b</sup> and safety**
- **Secondary end points<sup>b</sup>: DOR, DCR,<sup>c</sup> PFS, OS**

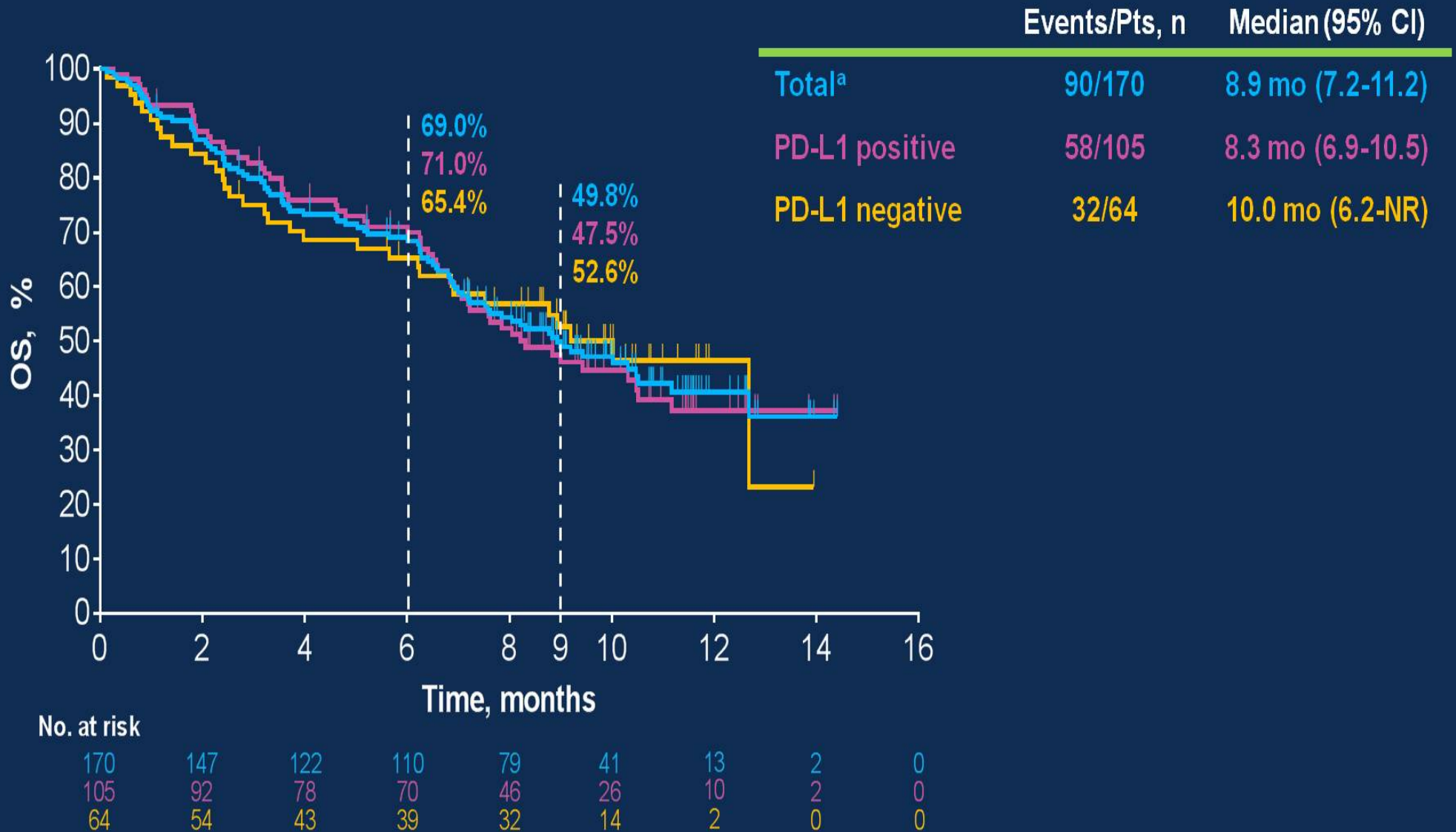
# Best Overall Response (RECIST v1.1, Central Review)

	Total Population <sup>a</sup> N = 170	PD-L1 Positive n = 105	PD-L1 Negative n = 64
ORR, n (%) [95% CI]	8 (4.7) [2.3-9.2]	5 (4.8) [1.8-10.9]	3 (4.7) [1.1-13.4]
DCR, <sup>b</sup> n (%) [95% CI]	13 (7.6) [4.4-12.7]	10 (9.5) [5.1-16.8]	3 (4.7) [1.1-13.4]
Best Overall Response, n (%)			
Complete response	1 (0.6)	1 (1.0)	0
Partial response	7 (4.1)	4 (3.8)	3 (4.7)
Stable disease	35 (20.6)	22 (21.0)	12 (18.8)
Progressive disease	103 (60.6)	66 (62.9)	37 (57.8)
Not evaluable <sup>c</sup>	5 (2.9)	2 (1.9)	3 (4.7)
Not able to be assessed <sup>d</sup>	19 (11.2)	10 (9.5)	9 (14.1)

# Kaplan-Meier Estimate of PFS (RECIST v1.1, Central Review)

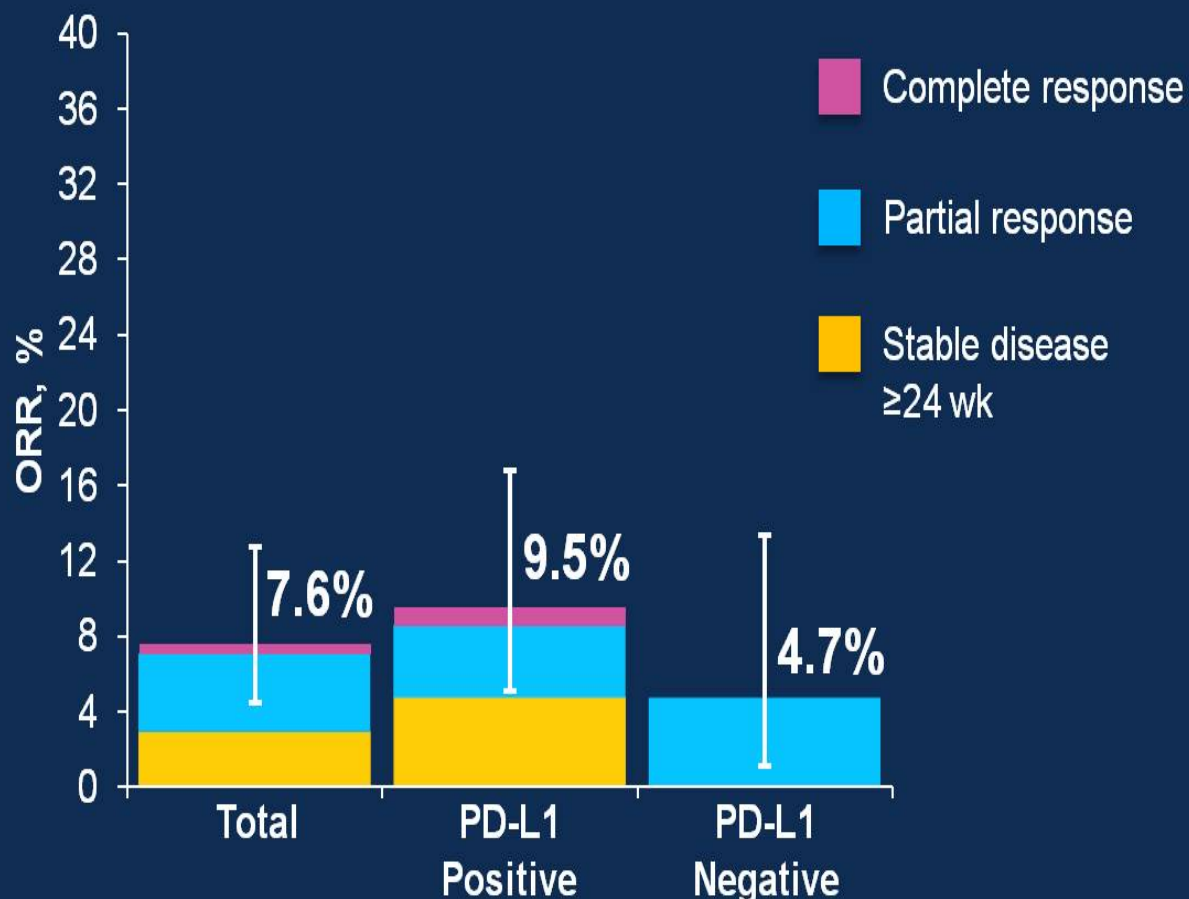


# Kaplan-Meier Estimate of OS

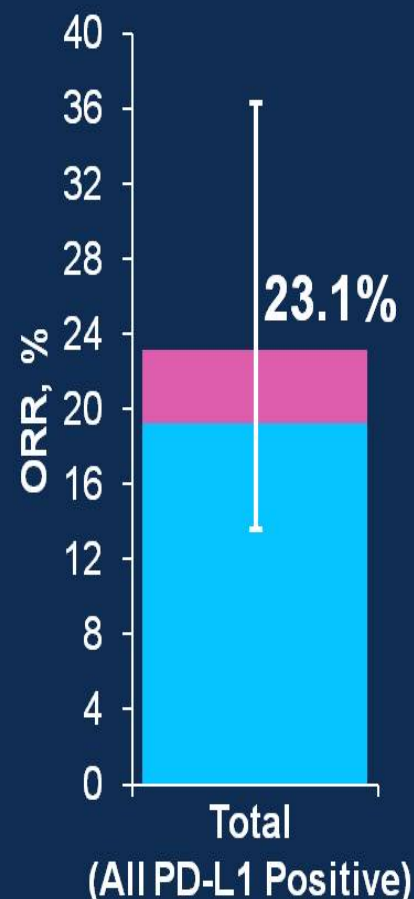


# Pembrolizumab Antitumor Activity in Previously Treated and Previously Untreated mTNBC

**Cohort A (N = 170):  
Previously Treated,  
Regardless of PD-L1 Expression**



**Cohort B (N = 52)<sup>1</sup>:  
Previously Untreated,  
PD-L1 Positive**



# Exposure and AE Summary

	N = 170
Exposure, median (range)	
Time on therapy	56.5 d (1-378)
No. of doses	3 (1-19)
Treatment related, n (%)	
Any Grade	102 (60.0)
Grade 3-4	21 (12.4)
Led to death	0
Led to discontinuation	7 (4.1)
Immune mediated <sup>a</sup>	
Any Grade	32 (18.8)
Grade 3-4	2 (1.2)
Led to death	0
Led to discontinuation	2 (1.2)

# Most Common AEs

	Any Grade N = 170	Grade 3-4 N = 170
Treatment related, incidence ≥5%, n (%)		
Fatigue	35 (20.6)	1 (0.6)
Nausea	18 (10.6)	1 (0.6)
Decreased appetite	13 (7.6)	0
Hypothyroidism	13 (7.6)	0
Diarrhea	12 (7.1)	3 (1.8)
Asthenia	11 (6.5)	0
Arthralgia	10 (5.9)	0
Pruritus	10 (5.9)	0
Immune mediated, <sup>a</sup> incidence ≥3 patients, n (%)		
Hypothyroidism	19 (11.2)	0
Hyperthyroidism	8 (4.7)	0
Pneumonitis	6 (3.5)	1 (0.6)



# Conclusions

- TNBC is a very heterogeneous disease
- Chemotherapy including platinum salts is modestly effective in metastatic BRCA normal TNBC. TTP and overall survival are short
- New agents including PARP, AKT, PDL-1, PD-1 and androgen receptor inhibitors are promising.
- Molecular driven trial are needed to rapidly evaluate novel therapeutics in metastatic TNBC



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