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***Hormonal and Targeted Therapy in the Management  
of ER+ Metastatic Breast Cancer***

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# Outline

- Overview
- Hormonal Therapy
- M-THOR inhibitors
- CDK4/6 inhibitors
- PI3K/AKT inhibitors
- Conclusions

# 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+ breast cancer, recommended by national and international guidelines
- Hormone therapy plus minus targeted therapy is as effective as (or more effective than) chemotherapy for patients with HR+ MBC
- Sequential endocrine therapy may add years of high quality life to patients with ER+ MBC
- Several developments in the past 5 years offer promising treatment options and better care for patients with HR+ MBC,

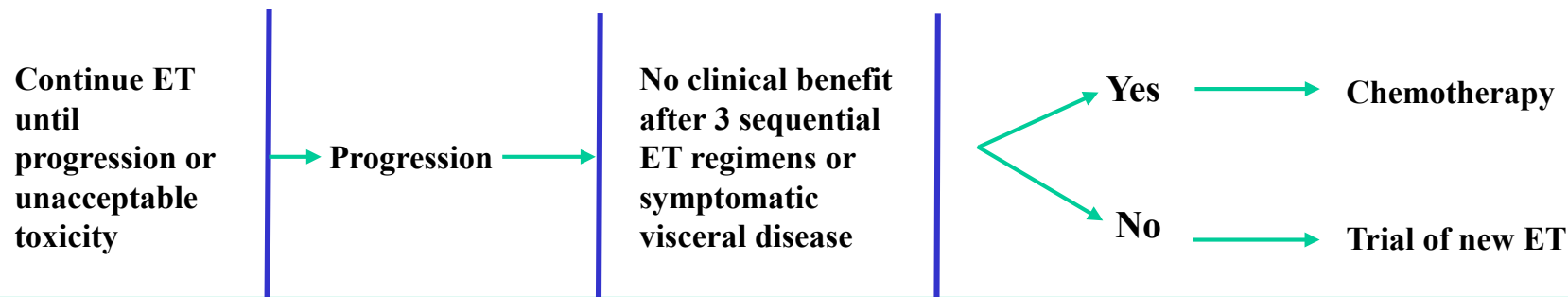
# Systemic Treatment for Patients with HR+, HER2- MBC

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines<sup>®</sup>) recommend 3 lines of consecutive ET for patients with HR+ MBC without visceral symptoms.

– FDA-approved ETs or combination therapies include tamoxifen, goserelin plus tamoxifen, anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane, exemestane + everolimus, ribociclib + letrozole or fulvestrant, palbociclib + letrozole or fulvestrant, abemociclib +/- fulvestrant or letrozole

Evidence suggests that patients derive diminishing benefits with each additional line of therapy.

## Treatment algorithm for recurrent or stage IV BC



Are there preferred combinations or single agents and sequence of endocrine therapies?

ET = endocrine therapy; HR = hormone receptor; HER = human epidermal growth receptor; ABC = advanced breast cancer.

The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Breast Cancer V3. 2017. December 15, 2017

# Definitions of Endocrine Resistance in ER+ MBC



**PRIMARY ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE** Relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant ET, or PD within first 6 months of 1<sup>st</sup> line ET for MBC, while on ET

**SECONDARY (ACQUIRED) ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE** Relapse while on adjuvant ET but after the first 2 years, or relapse within 12 months of completing adjuvant ET, or PD  $\geq$  6 months after initiating ET for MBC, while on ET

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

# Improving upon AIs as standard of care as 1<sup>st</sup>-line endocrine therapy for HR+ MBC

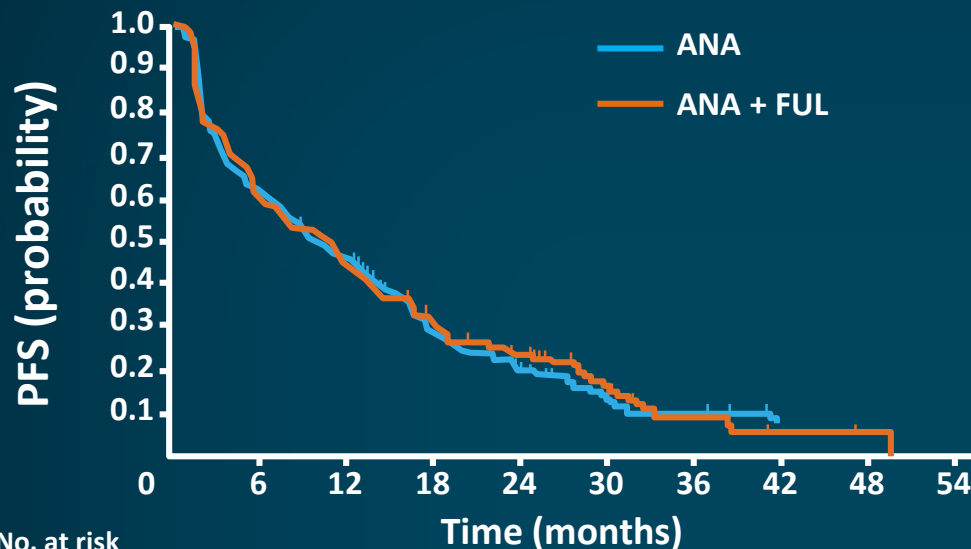
## Recent 1<sup>st</sup> Line Studies:

- Combination Endocrine Rx (Fulvestrant + AI) (FACT; SWOG-0226)
- Anastrozole versus Fulvestrant (FALCON)
- Addition of growth factor tyrosine kinase inhibitors (M-THOR and PI3K inhibitors, TAMRAD, BOLERO-2, BELLE 2-3, SANDIPER)
- Addition of CDK 4/6 inhibitors (PALOMA-2 and 3; MONALEESA-2, 3, and 7 and Monarch-2 and 3 )



# First-Line Anastrozole ± Fulvestrant ER+

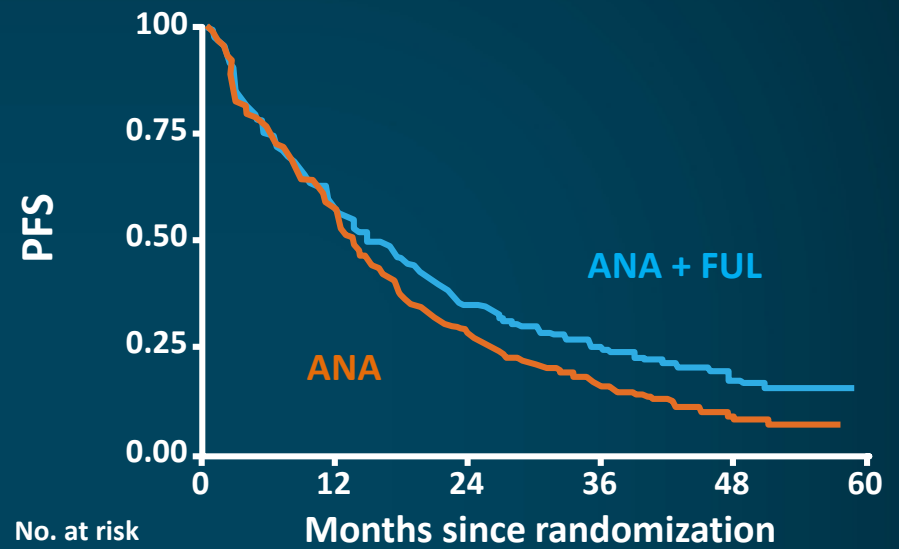
FACT<sup>1</sup>: TTP



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.

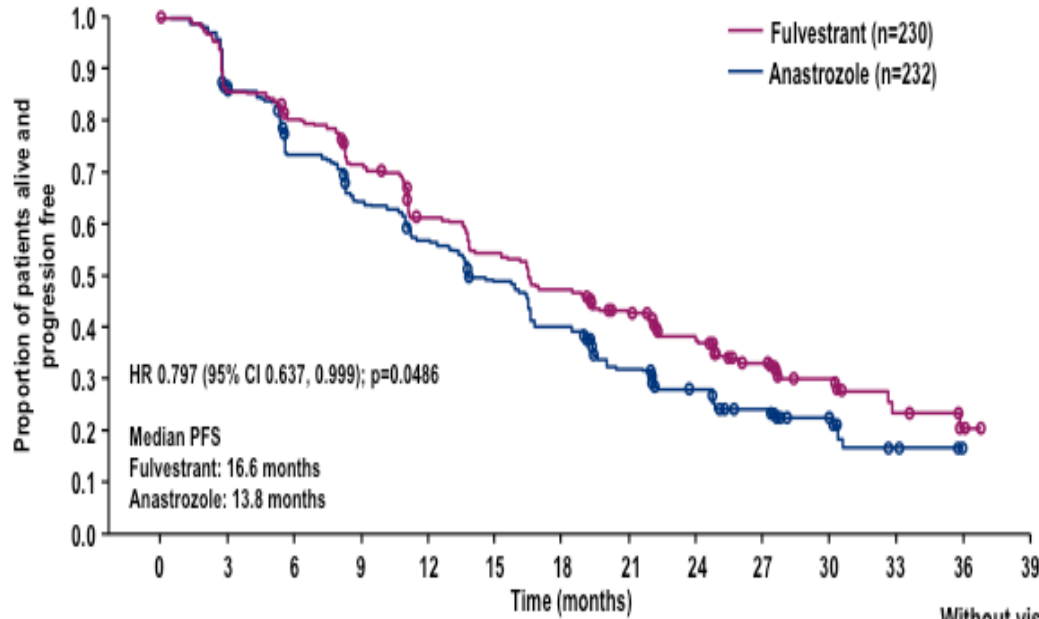
# FALCON: (**F**ulvestrant and **A**nastrozo**L**e **C**Ompared in Hormonal Therapy-**N**aïve Advanced BC)



- 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 Trial: Anastrozole vs Fulvestrant

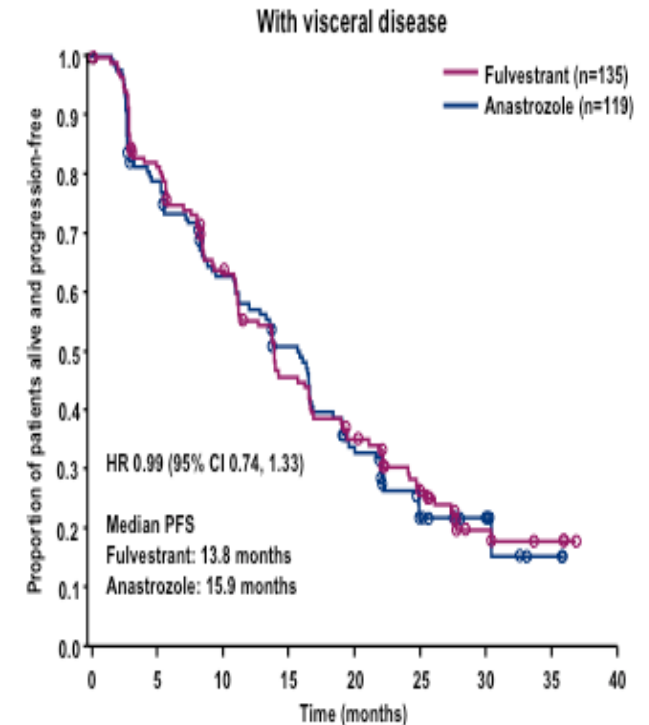
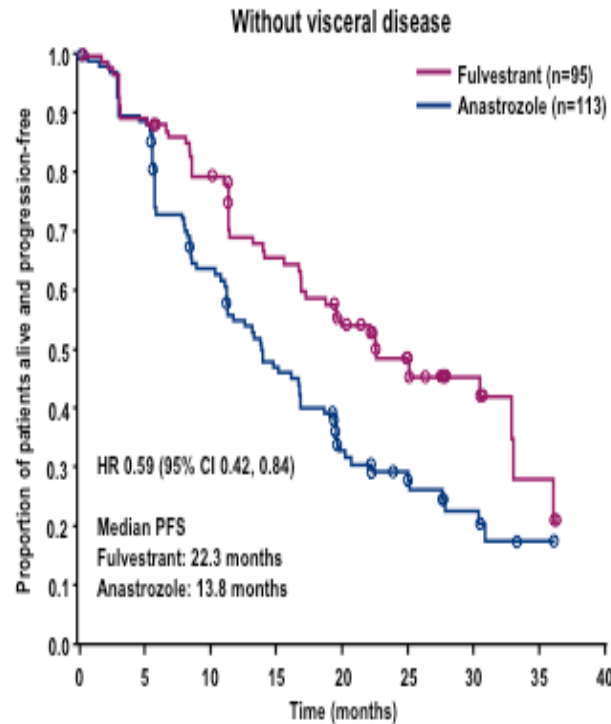


## Forest plot for subset analysis

- No difference among predefined subsets EXCEPT visceral disease
  - HR = 0.992 (visceral disease) vs 0.592 (non-visceral disease)

No difference in OS to date

Post-hoc interaction test  $P < .01$ ;  
a circle represents a censored observation





# 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)

# Randomized Trials of mTOR Inhibitors and Endocrine Therapy for Patients with ER+ MBC

Study	Agents	No. of patients	% RR/CBR	PFS in mos	HR (95% CI)	P
TAMRAD	Tamoxifen	57	13/42.1	4.5		
	Tamoxifen + everolimus	54	14/61.1	8.6	0.54 (0.35-0.81)	0.002
HORIZON	Letrozole	556	27/-	9.0		
	Letrozole + Temsirolimus	556	29/-	8.9	0.90 (0.76-1.07)	0.25
BOLERO-2	Exemestane	239	1.7/26.4	3.2		
	Exemestane + Everolimus	485	12.6/51.3	7.8	0.45 (0.38-0.54)	<0.0001



# Randomized, Open-Label, Phase II Study

- BOLERO-6 randomized 309 patients to receive EVE + EXE (n = 104), EVE alone (n = 103), or CAP (n = 102)

## Eligibility Criteria

- Postmenopausal women with ER+ HER2-metastatic or recurrent BC, or locally advanced BC not amenable to curative surgery or radiotherapy
- Recurrence or progression on ANA or LET
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1 or bone lesions (lytic or mixed), and ECOG PS 0-2
- N = 309

Randomization (1:1:1)\*

EVE 10 mg PO QD  
+ EXE 25 mg PO QD  
(n = 104)

EVE 10 mg PO QD  
(n = 103)

CAP 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO BID  
(2 weeks on, 1 week off)  
(n = 102)

## Primary Objective

- Estimate HR of investigator-assessed PFS for EVE + EXE vs EVE alone<sup>†</sup>

## Key Secondary Objective

- Estimate HR of PFS for EVE + EXE vs CAP<sup>†</sup>

## Other Secondary Endpoints

- OS,<sup>†</sup> ORR, CBR, and safety

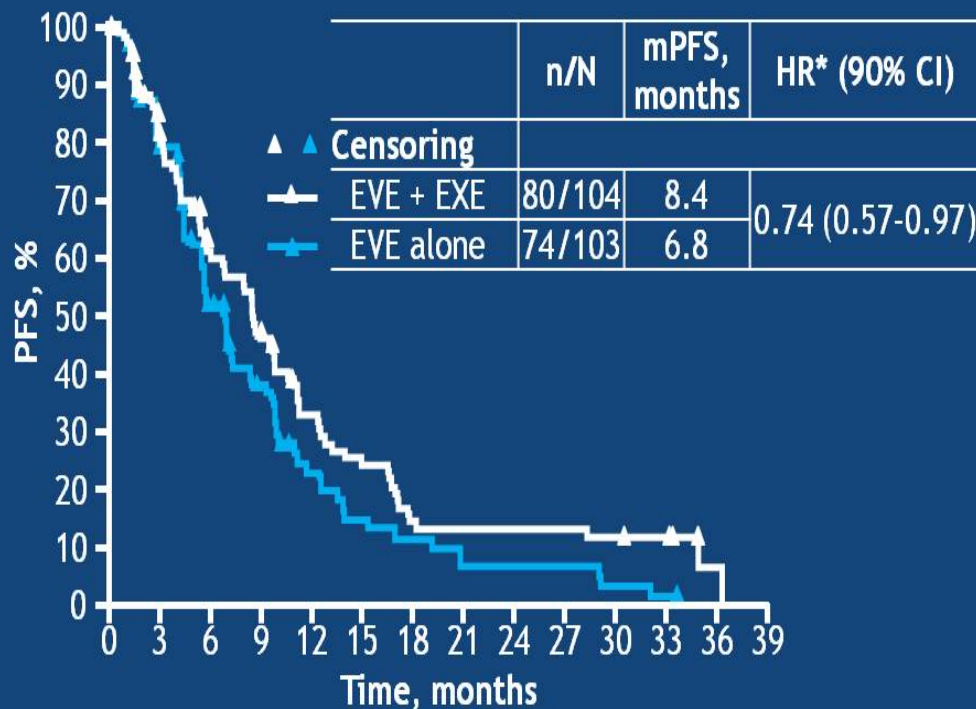
- BOLERO-6 was not powered to perform statistical comparisons between arms

\*Stratified by presence or absence of visceral disease (lung, liver, heart, ovary, spleen, kidney, adrenal gland, malignant pleural or pericardial effusion, or malignant ascites); <sup>†</sup>Stratified multivariate Cox regression models were adjusted on treatment and the following prognostic and baseline covariates where imbalances between arms were observed: bone-only lesions (yes vs no); prior chemotherapy (yes vs no); ECOG PS (0 vs 1-2); organs involved (2 vs 1, and  $\geq 3$  vs 1); race (Caucasian vs non-Caucasian); age (<65 vs  $\geq 65$  years). ANA, anastrozole; BID, twice daily; CBR, clinical benefit rate; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LET, letrozole; NSAI, nonsteroidal aromatase inhibitor; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PO, oral administration; QD, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors.

# Primary Objective

## Estimated HR of PFS for EVE + EXE vs EVE alone

*EVE + EXE offers a PFS benefit vs EVE alone*



- Estimated HR of PFS for EVE + EXE vs EVE alone was 0.74 (90% CI 0.57-0.97)
- Censored for initiating new antineoplastic therapies:
  - EVE + EXE arm, 9%
  - EVE alone arm, 18%
- A stratified multivariate Cox regression model accounting for baseline imbalances and known prognostic factors gave a consistent HR (0.73; 90% CI 0.56-0.97) for EVE + EXE vs EVE alone

Patients still at risk

EVE + EXE	104	73	52	39	26	19	11	10	10	10	9	5	1	0
EVE alone	103	66	40	26	14	9	7	4	4	4	2	1	0	0

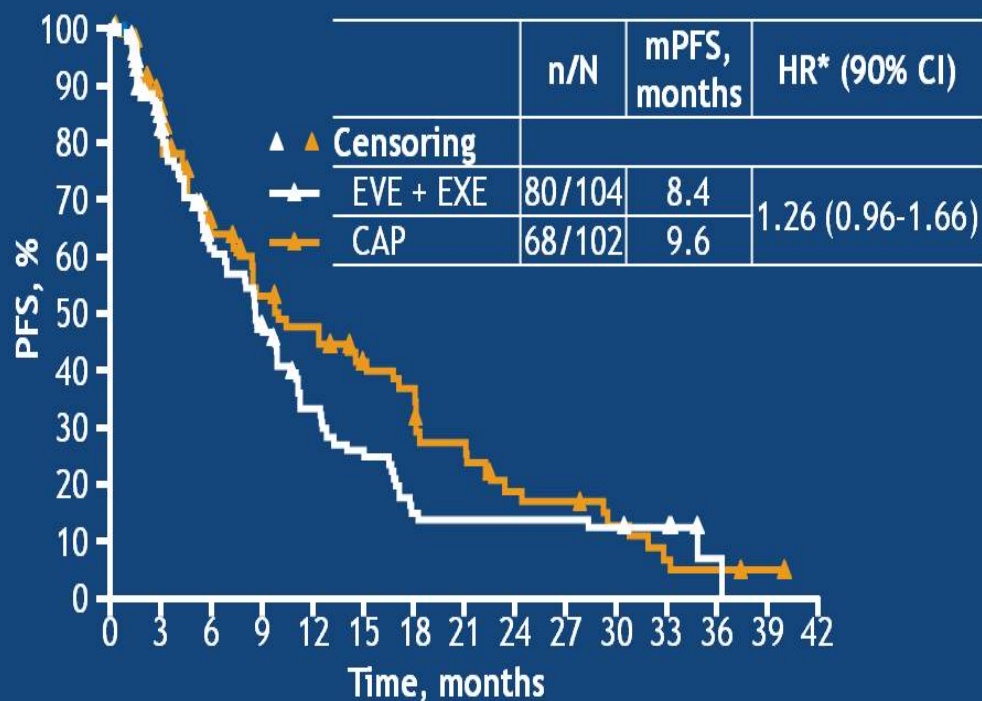
\*EVE + EXE vs EVE alone (obtained from a stratified Cox model).  
mPFS, median progression-free survival.



# Key Secondary Objective

## Estimated HR of PFS for EVE + EXE vs CAP

*CAP may have been favored by baseline imbalances and potential informative censoring*



- Estimated HR of PFS for EVE + EXE vs CAP was 1.26 (90% CI 0.96-1.66)
- Censored for initiating new antineoplastic therapies:
  - EVE + EXE arm, 9%
  - CAP arm, 20%
- A stratified multivariate Cox regression model accounting for baseline imbalances and known prognostic factors gave a HR of 1.15 (90% CI 0.86-1.52) for EVE + EXE vs CAP

Patients still at risk

EVE + EXE	104	73	52	39	26	19	11	10	10	10	9	5	1	0	0
CAP	102	68	48	38	33	26	19	14	10	9	6	3	2	1	0

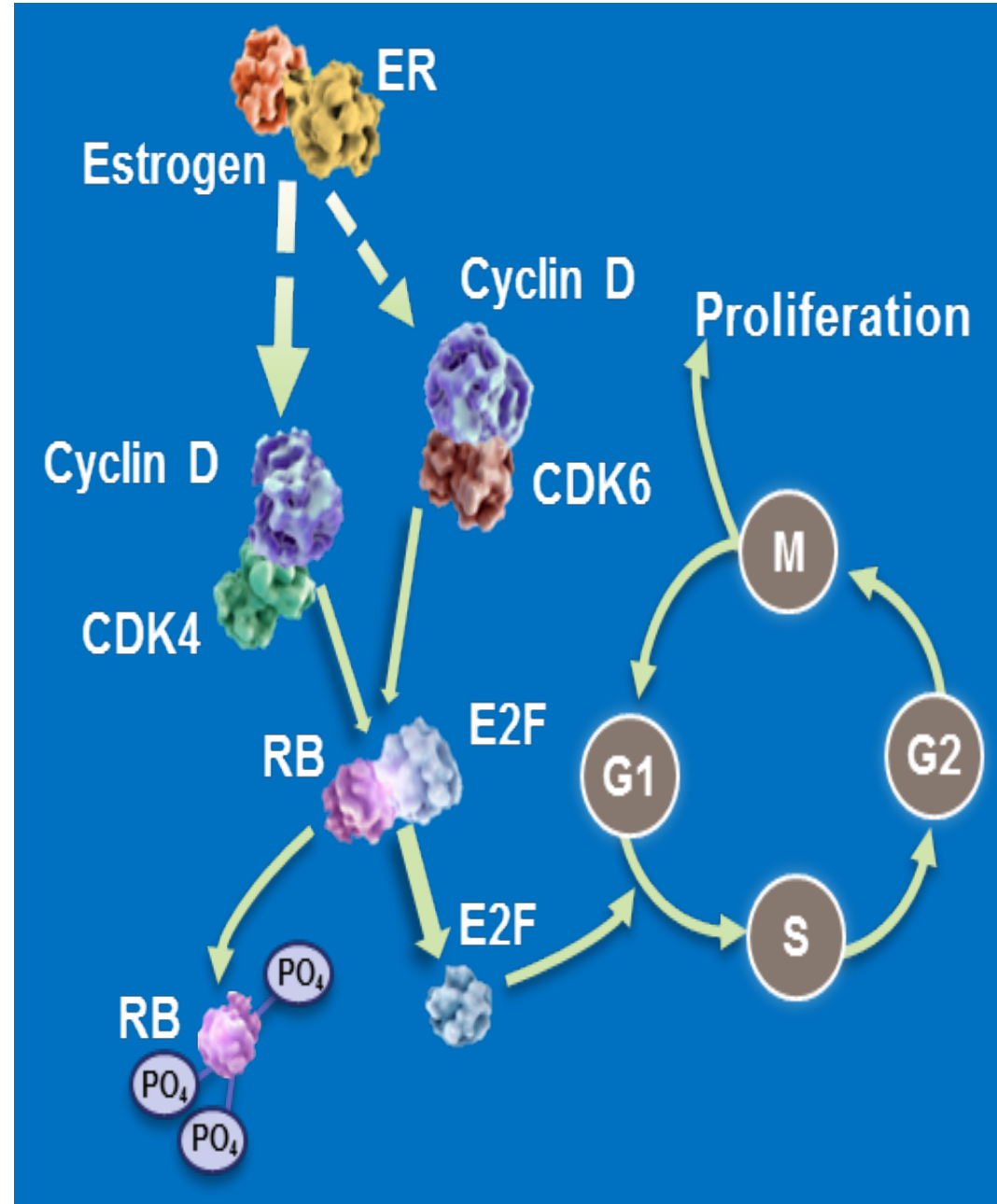
\*EVE + EXE vs CAP (obtained from a stratified Cox model).

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- **Alterations of the cell cycle machinery (CDK inhibitors)**

# CDK4/6 in HR+ Breast Cancer

- HR+ breast cancer growth is dependent on cyclin D1, a direct transcriptional target of ER
- Cyclin D1–CDK4/6 complexes initiate Rb hyperphosphorylation
- Rb hyperphosphorylation results in its inactivation, which allows the cell to progress from G1 to S-phase<sup>1</sup>
- Short-term inhibition of CDK4 & 6 leads to G1 arrest (that rebounds on withdrawal)<sup>2</sup>



# Status of CDK4/6 Inhibitors in Development

	Palbociclib (Ibrance <sup>®</sup> , Pfizer)	Ribociclib (Kisqali <sup>®</sup> , Novartis)	Abemaciclib (Verzenio <sup>™</sup> , Eli Lilly)
Potency (IC <sub>50</sub> )	CDK4: 9–11 nM CDK6: 15 nM	CDK4: 10 nM CDK6: 39 nM	CDK4: 2 nM CDK6: 10 nM
Dose/schedule	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
Completed Phase III trials	1st line: PALOMA-2 2nd line: PALOMA-3	1st line: MONALEESA-2-3 MONALEESA-7 2nd line: MONALEESA-3	1st line: MONARCH-3 1st or 2nd line: MONARCH-2
FDA approval status	2015: 1st line (with letrozole) 2016: 2nd line (with fulvestrant)	2017: 1st line (with letrozole) 2018: 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> (with fulvestrant)	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.

# Randomized Trials in First-Line HR+ MBC

Study	No. of patients	ORR	CBR	mPFS in mos (95% CI)	HR	P
PALOMA-1						
- Letrozole	81	33 (39)	58	10.2 (5.7-12.6)	0.488	0.0004
- Letrozole + palbociclib	84	43 (56)	81	20.2 (13.8-27.5)	(0.319-0.748)	
PALOMA-2						
- Letrozole + placebo	222	35 (44)	71	14.5 (12.9-17.1)	0.58	<0.0001
- Letrozole + palbociclib	444	42 (55)	84	24.8 (22.1-NR)	(0.46-0.72)	
MONALEESA-2						
- Letrozole + placebo	334	28 (37)	72	14.7 (13.0-16.5)	0.556	0.00000329
- Letrozole + ribociclib	334	41 (53)	80	NR (19.3-NR)	(0.429-0.720)	
MONALEESA-3						
- Fulvestrant + placebo	238	N/A	N/A	18.3 (N/A)	0.577	N/A
- Fulvestrant + ribociclib	129	N/A	N/A	NR (N/A)	(0.415-0.802)	
MONALEESA-7						
- Tamoxifen/NSAI + GnRH + placebo	337	30 (36)	67	13.0 (11.0-16.4)	0.553	0.000000098
- Tamoxifen/NSAI + GnRH + ribociclib	335	41 (51)	80	23.8 (19.2-NR)	(0.441-0.694)	
MONARCH-3						
- NSAI + placebo	165	35 (44)	72	14.7	0.543	0.000021
- NSAI + abemaciclib	328	48 (59)	78	NR	(0.409-0.723)	

Finn RS, et al. *Lancet Oncol*, 16(1):25 - 35, 2015; Finn RS, et al. *NEJM* 375(20):1925-36, 2016; Hortobagyi GN, et al. *NEJM* 375(18):1738-48, 2016; Goetz MP, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 35(32):3638-3646, 2017; Tripathy D, et al. *SABCS 2017 GS2-05*

# Randomized Trials with cdk4/6-Inhibitors in Pre-Treated Metastatic, HR+ Breast Cancer

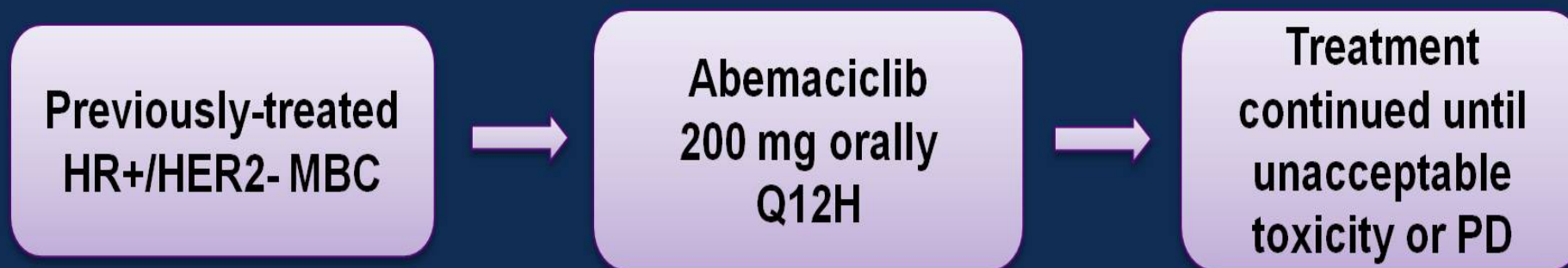
Study	No. of patients	ORR	CBR	mPFS in mos (95% CI)	HR	P
Second-Line Metastatic Breast Cancer						
PALOMA-3						
- Fulvestrant + placebo	174	6.3	19.0	3.8 (3.5-5.5)	0.422 (0.318-0.560)	<0.000001
- Fulvestrant + Palbociclib	347	10.4	34.0	9.2 (7.5-NR)		
MONARCH-2						
- Fulvestrant + placebo	223	16.1	56.1	9.3	0.553 (0.449-0.681)	<0.0000001
- Fulvestrant + Abemaciclib	446	35.2	72.2	16.4		
MONALEESA-3						
- Fulvestrant + placebo	109	N/A	N/A	9.1	0.57 0.42-0.74	N/A
- Fulvestrant + Ribociclib	236	N/A	N/A	14.6		
Third-Line Metastatic Breast Cancer and Beyond						
MONARCH-1	132	19.7	42.4	6.0 (4.2-7.5)	N/A	N/A

Turner NC., et al. NEJM 373(3):209-19, 2015; Sledge GW Jr. Et al. J Clin Oncol 35(25):2875-2884, 2017; Dickler MN, et al. Clin Cancer Res 23(17):5218-5224, 2017; Slamon DJ, ASCO 2018

**Special Clinical Situation**  
**CDK 4/6 Single Agent Therapy in ER+**  
**HER-2 normal Refractory Metastatic**  
**Breast Cancer, brain metastasis and**  
**Elderly**



# MONARCH 1: Phase 2 Study Design



## Primary objective

To evaluate abemaciclib with respect to confirmed objective response rate based on investigator assessment (per RECIST v1.1)

## Secondary objectives

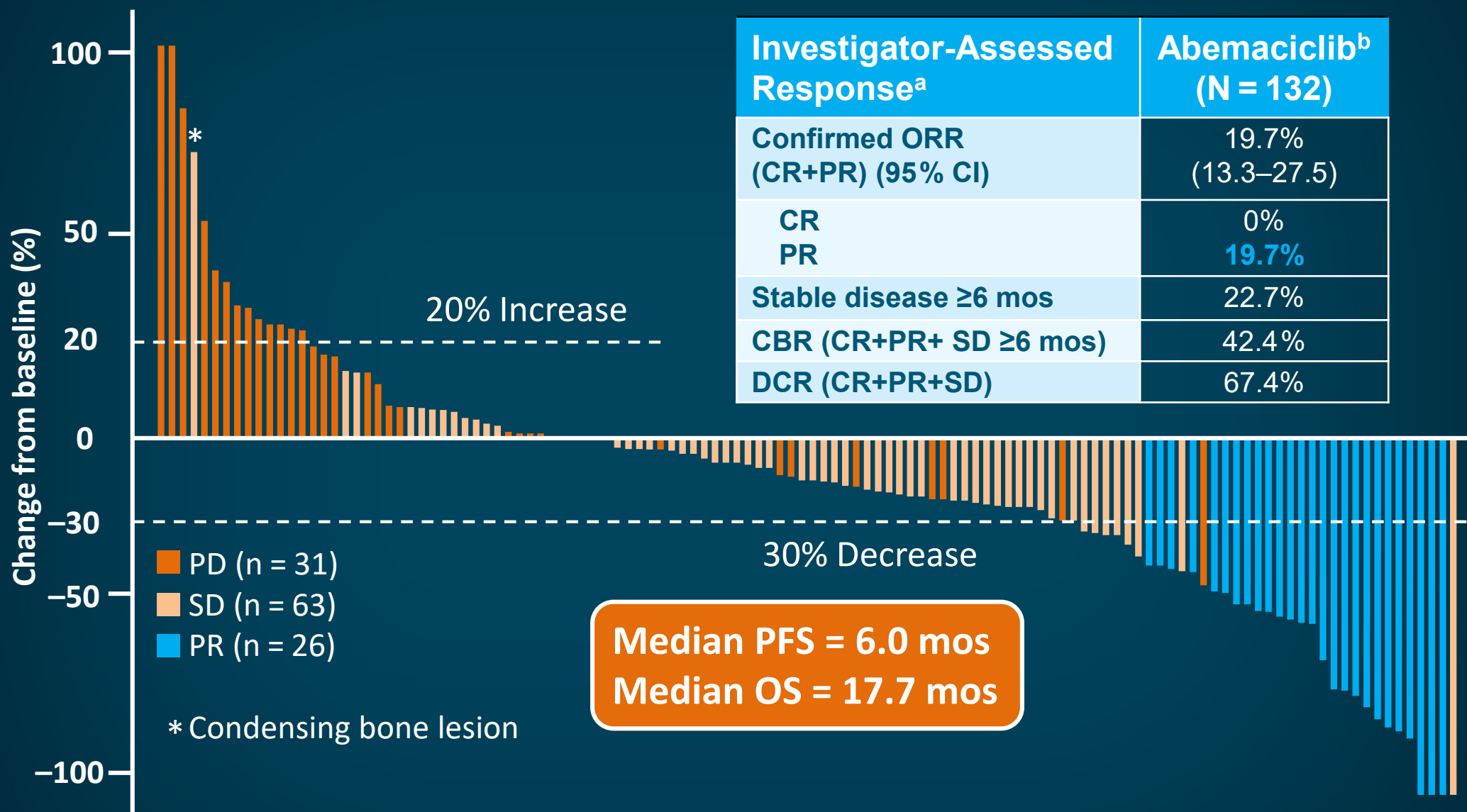
Duration of response, progression-free survival, overall survival, clinical benefit rate, safety

## Statistical design

A sample size of 128 patients provides 82% power, assuming a true response rate of 25%, to exclude an ORR of  $\leq 15\%$  on the lower bound of the 95% CI at 12 months follow-up



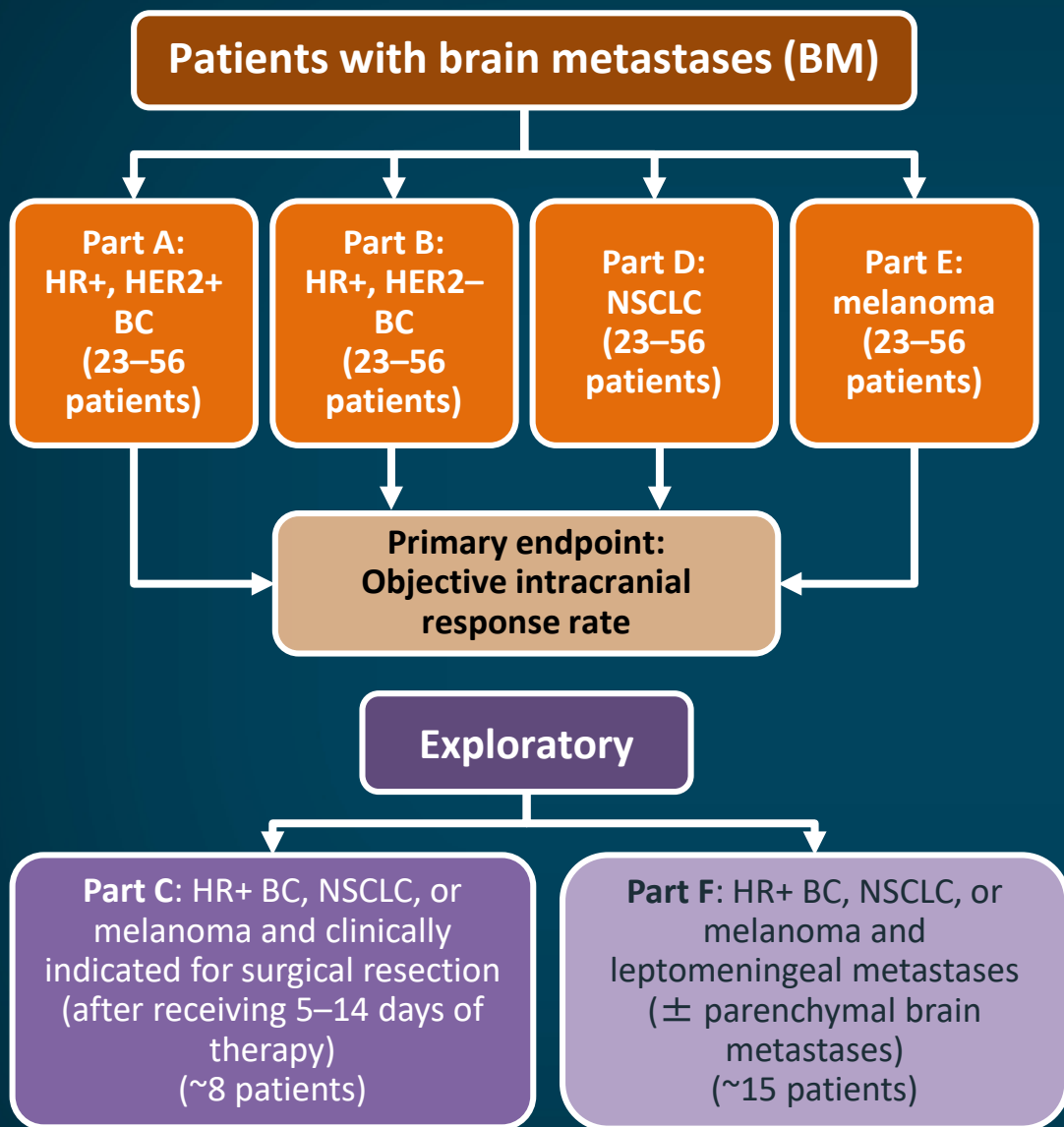
# MONARCH 1: Late-Line Abemaciclib ER+ MBC



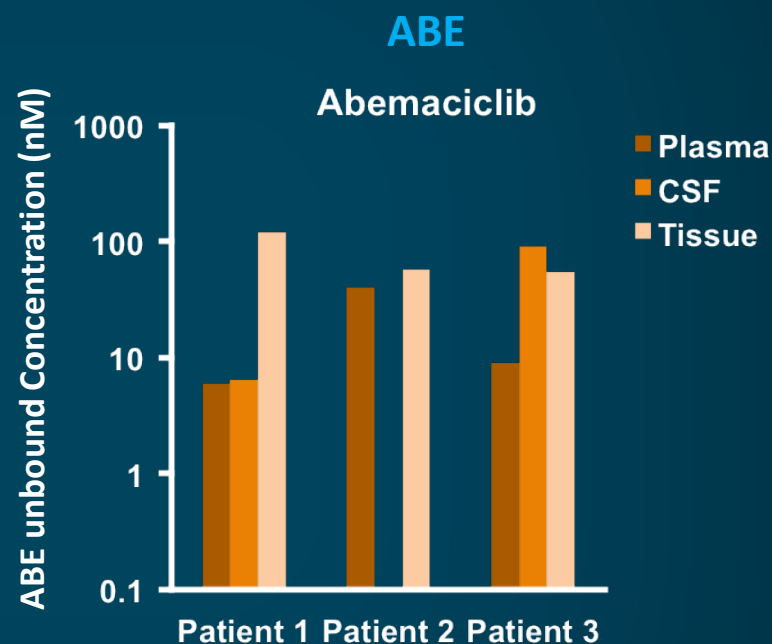
<sup>a</sup>Assessments based on independent review were comparable. <sup>b</sup>200 mg monotherapy dose.

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



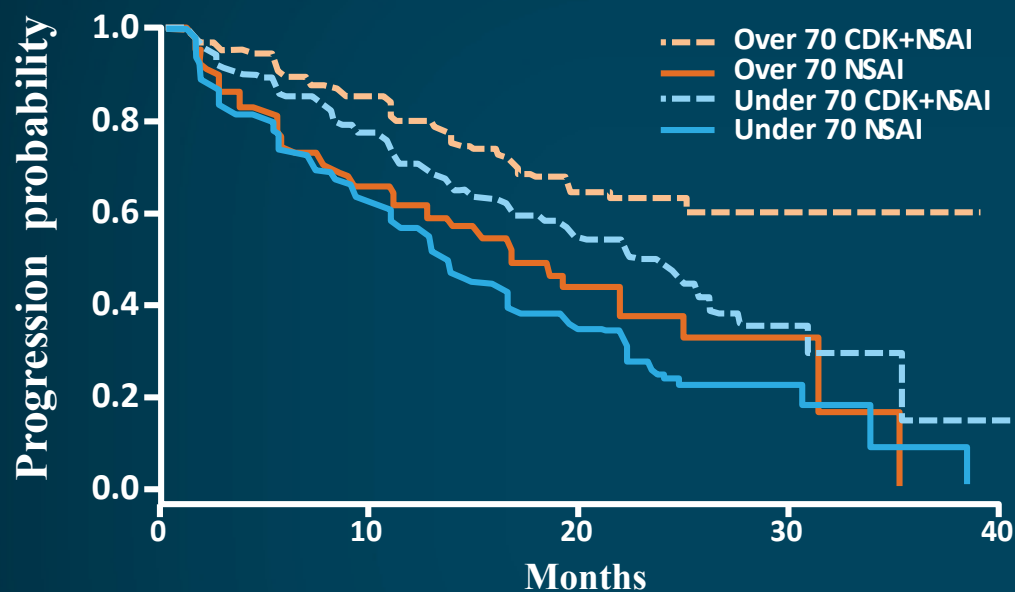
8.7% ORR; 17% CBR  
Heavily-pretreated BM  
metastatic BC

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.

# US FDA Pooled Analysis of Outcomes of Older Women with HR+ MBC Treated with CDK4/6 Inhibitor as Initial Endocrine-Based Therapy

## Efficacy of CDK4/6 Inhibitors in patients aged >70



	Median PFS (95% CI)
Age ≥70 CDK4/6 (n = 280)	NR (25.1 mos–NR)
Age <70 CDK4/6 (n = 826)	23.75 mos (21.9–25.4)
Age ≥70 AI only	16.8 months (13.7–21.9)
Age <70 AI only	13.8 months (12.9–14.7)

HR = 0.54 (95% CI, 0.47–0.62)

- Older patients with BC benefit from treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitors as initial endocrine-based therapy for HR+, HER2-negative MBC.
- Severity of AEs and rates of dose modifications and interruptions were higher in women aged ≥65, ≥70.
- Rates of selected adverse events similar across pooled trials

No treatment difference across age subgroups. Similar results with alternate age cut offs (aged >65, >75, etc.)

# 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 (0.319 to 0.748)
PALOMA-2	Letrozole with or without palbociclib	III	666	14.5	24.8	0.58 (0.46 to 0.72)
MONALEESA-2	Letrozole with or without ribociclib	III	668	14.7	25.	0.56 (0.43 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 (0.36 to 0.59)
MONARCH-2	Fulvestrant with or without abemaciclib	III	669	9.3	16.4	0.553 (0.49 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>

# **SAFETY PROFILE**

# 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.

# Clinical Summary of CDKi in HR+ MBC

- Consistent clinical benefit and significant PFS improvements regardless of:
  - Age, menopausal state, prior endocrine therapy exposure, and endocrine therapy partner,
- Schedule of administration is convenient
- Treatment is associated with predictable, tolerable and manageable safety profile
  - Unique toxicities
    - Abemaciclib: diarrhea occurs early, dose related
    - Ribociclib: QTc prolongation; ECG q2 x 3
    - Neutropenia with low incidence of febrile neutropenia

# Clinical Questions of CDKi in HR+ MBC

- When to best to integrate, first line, second line and later
- Can we select patients for CDK inhibition based in molecular or clinical characteristics
- Are these results in significant PFS would translate into significant improvement in overall survival
- What should we do upon disease progression, switch hormonal agent and continue CDK inhibition or switch to hormonal therapy or chemotherapy alone?



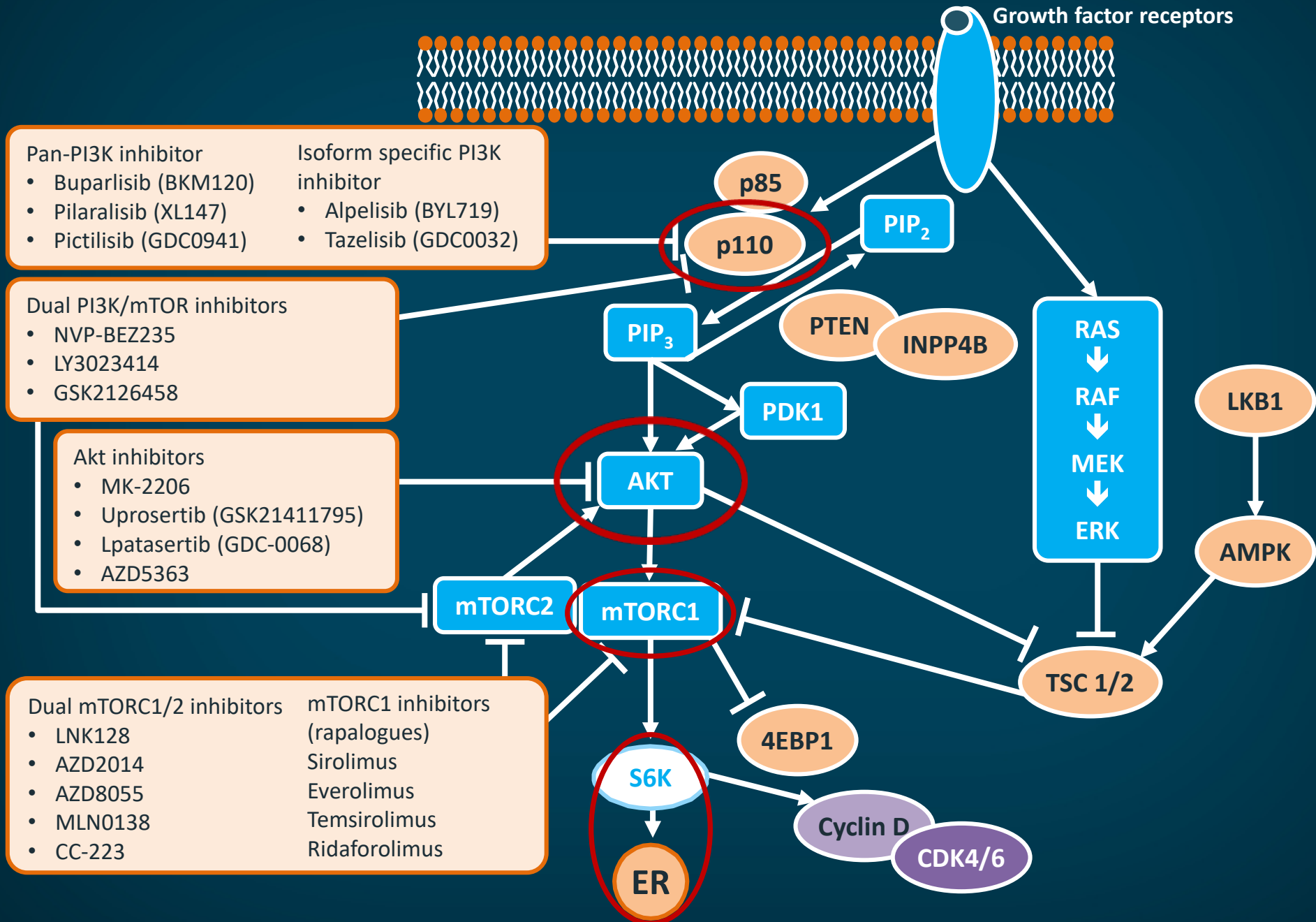
# Progression on CDK4/6 Inhibitors

- 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

# APPROACHES TO OVERCOMING RESISTANCE TO ENDOCRINE THERAPY

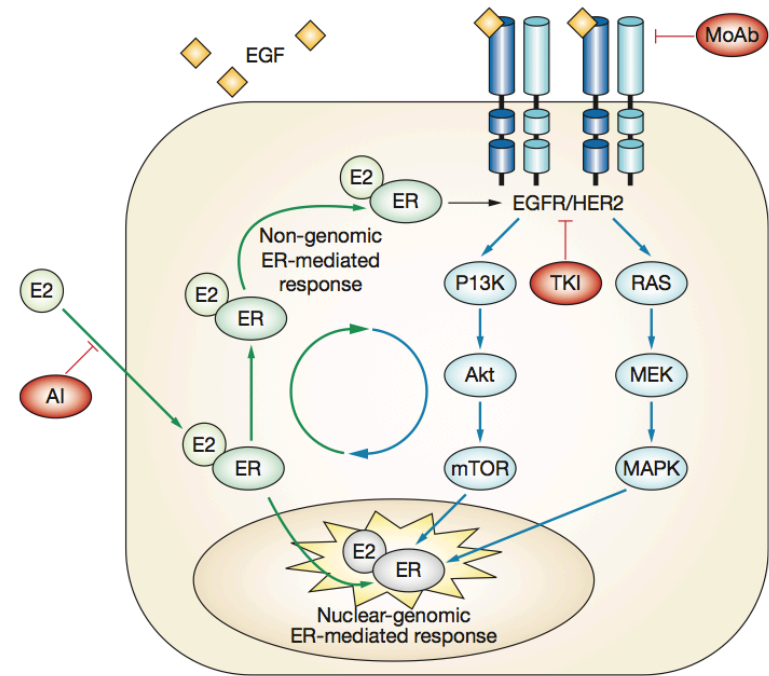
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# PI3 Kinase/mTOR Signaling

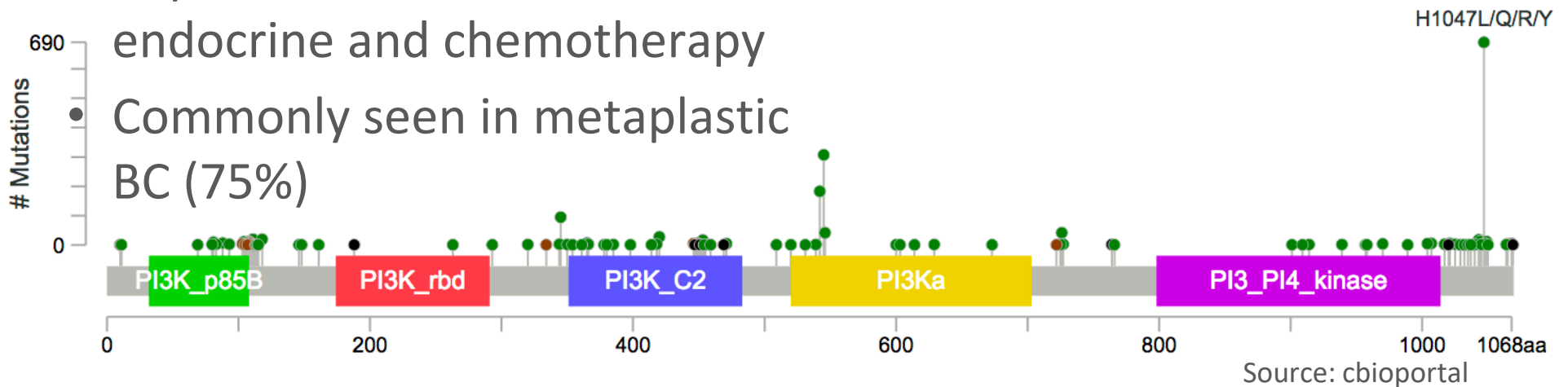


# PIK3CA

- PI3K/mTOR/Akt pathway involved in tumor growth and survival
- PIK3CA most common oncogenic mutation in BC
- Mutations in 30-35% of HR positive BC



- Implicated in resistance to endocrine and chemotherapy
- Commonly seen in metastatic BC (75%)



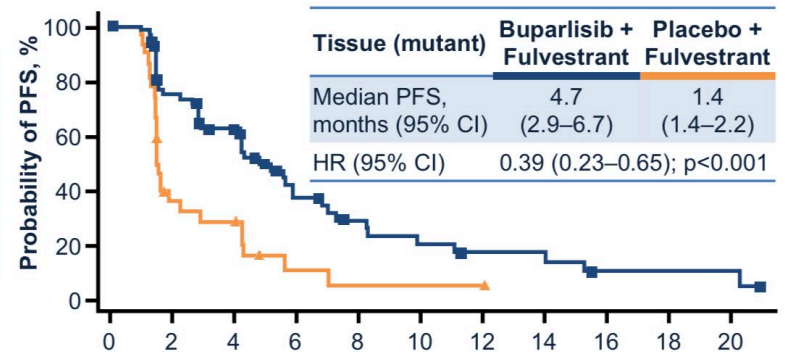
# PIK3CA

## Buparlisib plus Fulvestrant vs. Fulvestrant

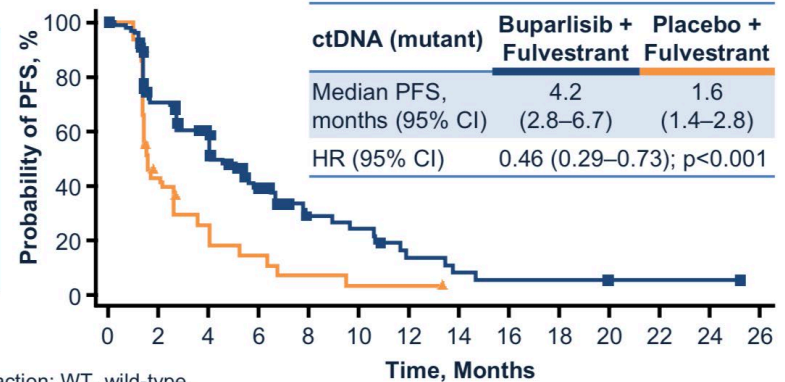
### BELLE-3

- Phase-3 for ER +ve MBC
- Progressed on endocrine therapy or mTOR inhibitor (2:1)
- PFS improvement in PIK3CA mut
- LFT alteration, hyperglycemia, HTN with Buparlisib

Primary tumor tissue (PCR)  
N=321  
*PIK3CA* mutant:  
34%



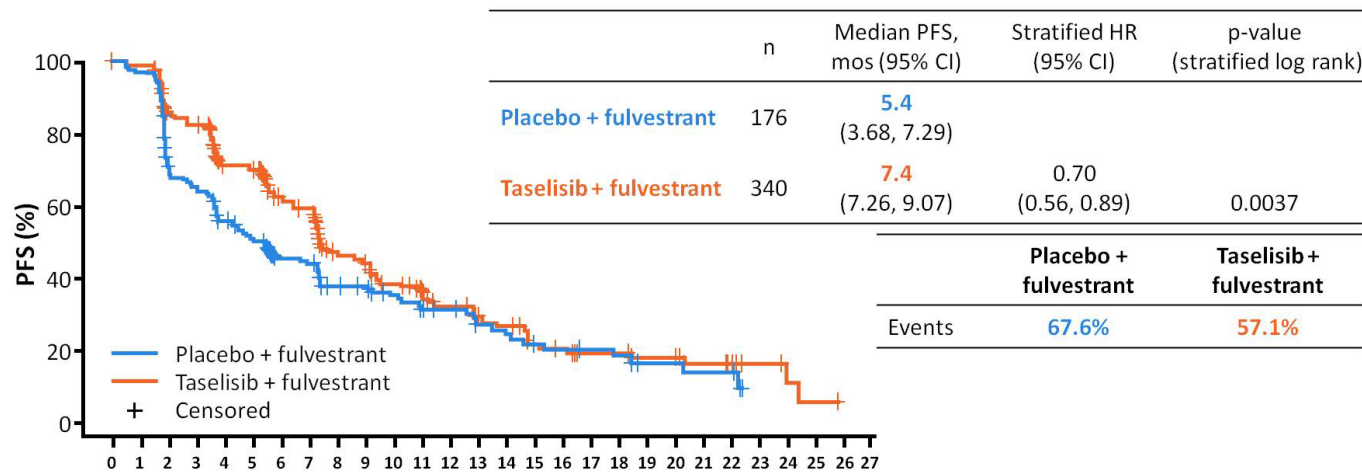
ctDNA samples at study entry (BEAMing)  
N=348  
*PIK3CA* mutant:  
39%



PCR, polymerase chain reaction; WT, wild-type.

# PIK3CA

## Taselisib plus Fulvestrant vs. Fulvestrant



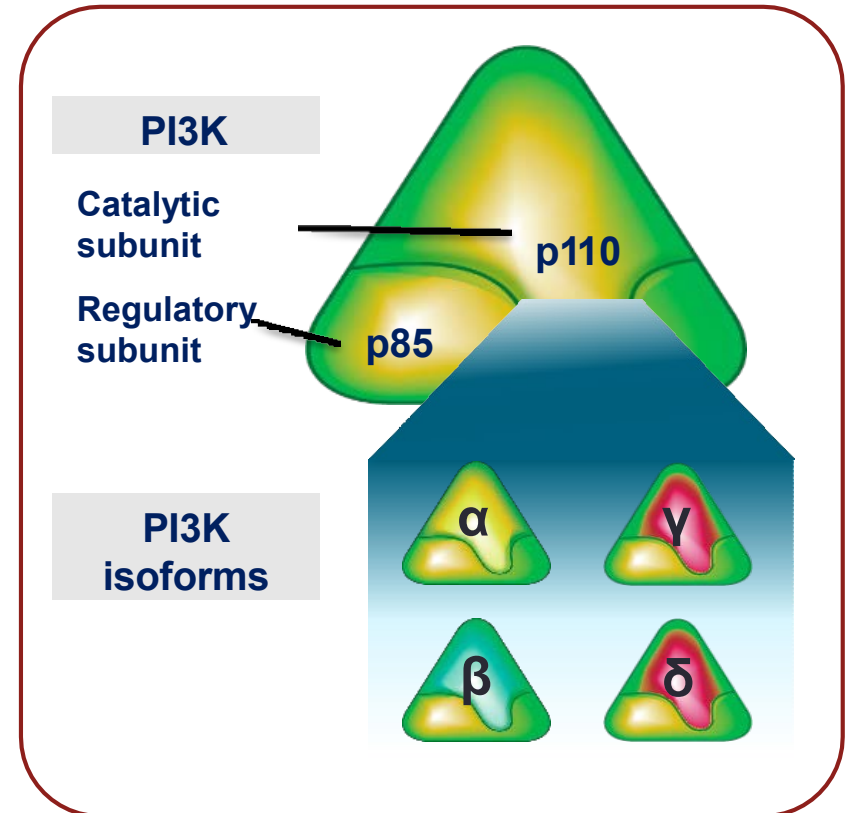
### SANDPIPER

- ER +ve MBC
- Post menopausal
- *PIK3CA* mutation positive
- Recurrence on AI
- No Prior everolimus

- Expected AE – GI Toxicity and hyperglycemia
- Issues with tolerability, frequent interruptions

# PIK3CA mutations and alpelisib

- PI3K enzyme has four isoforms ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$ )<sup>1</sup>
- Previously investigated PI3K inhibitors targeted multiple isoforms and their associated toxicities precluded further development and prompted the need for selective PI3K inhibitors<sup>2-4</sup>
- Alpelisib (BYL719) is an inhibitor of the PI3K  $\alpha$ -isoform<sup>1</sup>
  - Alpelisib inhibits the  $\alpha$ -isoform of PI3K 50 times more potently than other PI3K isoforms ( $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$ )<sup>5</sup>
- Alpelisib has demonstrated antitumor activity in preclinical models harboring *PIK3CA* alterations<sup>1</sup>



PI3K, phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha.

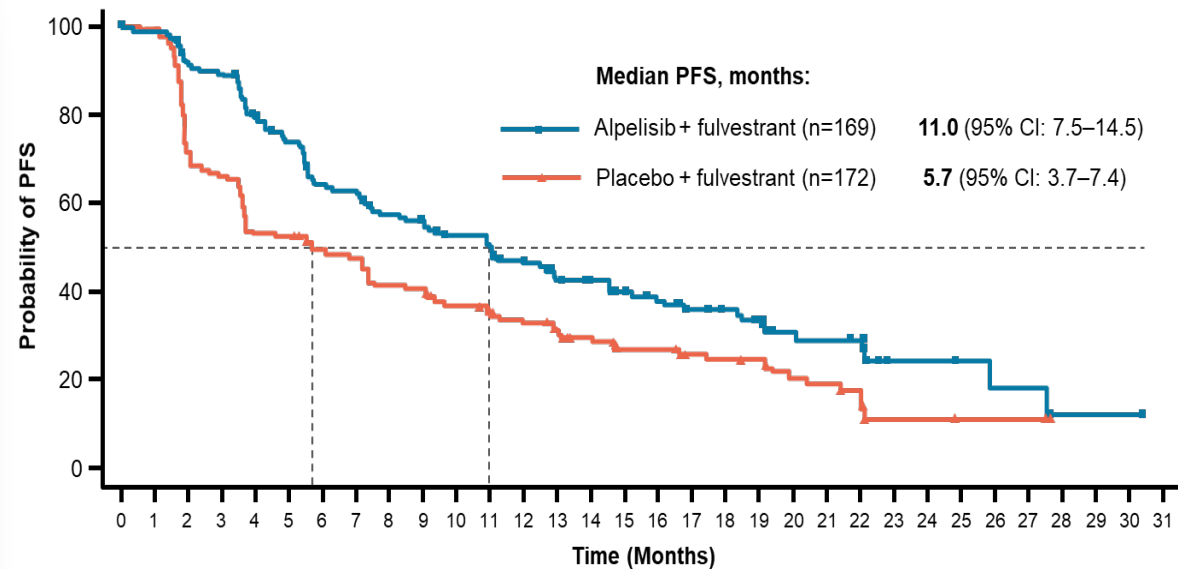
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# PIK3CA

## Alpelisib plus Fulvestrant vs. Fulvestrant

### SOLAR

- ER +ve MBC, Recurrence on prior AI
- Alpha specific isoform inhibitor
- *PIK3CA* mutation +ve
- G3 hyperglycemia 33%, 10% rash
- No difference in non-mutants
- Activity in both exon 9 and exon 20 mutations
- ORR 36%





# **GENOMICS TO PERFORM PRECISE MEDICINE IN PATIENT WITH ER+ MBC**

# ESR1

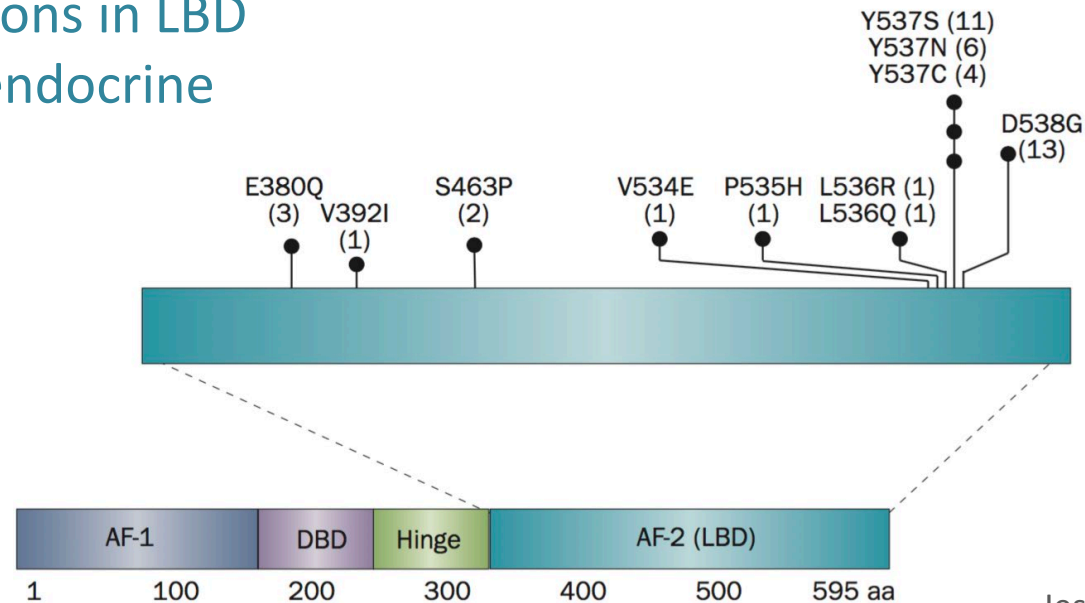
## Activating *ESR1* mutations in hormone-resistant metastatic breast cancer

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## *ESR1* ligand-binding domain mutations in hormone-resistant breast cancer

Weiyi Toy<sup>1</sup>, Yang Shen<sup>2</sup>, Helen Won<sup>1</sup>, Bradley Green<sup>3</sup>, Rita A Sakr<sup>4</sup>, Marie Will<sup>5</sup>, Zhiqiang Li<sup>1</sup>, Kinisha Gala<sup>1</sup>, Sean Fanning<sup>3</sup>, Tari A King<sup>4</sup>, Clifford Hudis<sup>5,6</sup>, David Chen<sup>7</sup>, Tetiana Taran<sup>7</sup>, Gabriel Hortobagyi<sup>8</sup>, Geoffrey Greene<sup>3</sup>, Michael Berger<sup>1,9</sup>, José Baselga<sup>1,5</sup> & Sarat Chandralapaty<sup>1,5,6</sup>

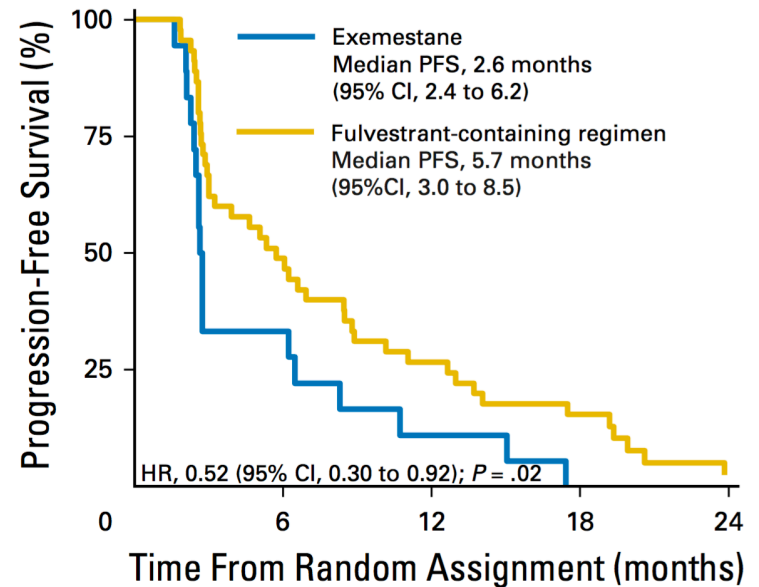
## Acquired *ESR1* mutations in LBD mediates secondary endocrine resistance



# ESR1

- Uncommon in primary tumors
- Currently, the most effective therapy for *ESR1* mutations is unknown
- Fulvestrant might have activity on select *ESR1* variants
- Novel SERDs are being developed

Study	Frequency
FERGI	40%
SOFEA	40%
BOLERO-2	30%
Clatot	31%
PALOMA-3	25%



No. at risk (events)	0	6	12	18	24				
Exemestane	18	(12)	6	(4)	2	(2)	0	(0)	0
Fulvestrant-containing	45	(23)	22	(10)	12	(5)	6	(5)	1

# Translational Studies in Search of Biomarkers

- TAMRAD:
  - Patients with high p4EBP1, low 4EBP1, low liver kinase B1, low pAkt, and low PI3K were most likely to have improved TTP with everolimus.
  - Everolimus efficacy was positively associated with late effectors of mTORC1 activation, AKT-independent mTORC1 activation and negatively associated with PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway.
- BOLERO-2:
  - Quantitative differences in everolimus benefit were observed between patient subgroups defined by the exon-specific mutations in PIK3CA (exon 20 v 9) or by different degrees of chromosomal instability in the tumor tissues.

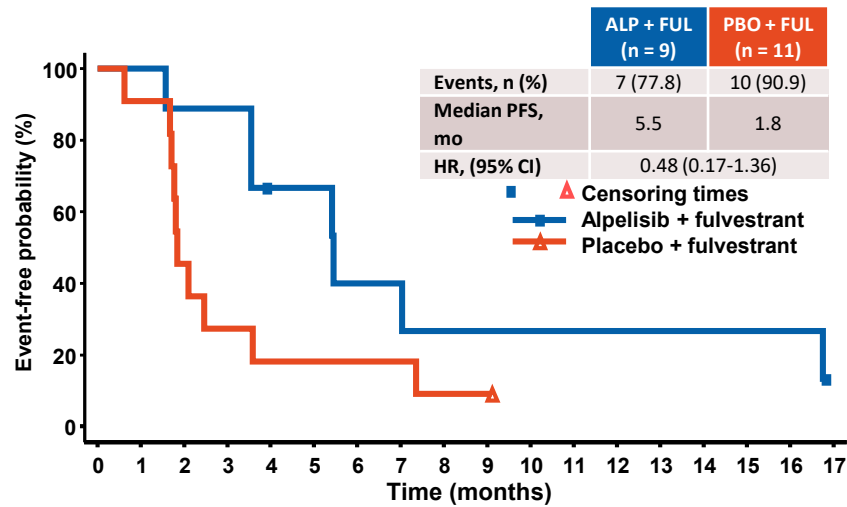
# Efficacy of cdk 4/6-inhibitors Plus Endocrine Therapy by Baseline Tumor Markers

- The Benefit of ribociclib plus letrozole is not altered by
  - Total Rb, Ki67 and p16 expression (IHC);
  - mRNA expression of *CCND1*, *CDKN2A*, and *ESR1*;
  - Presence of *PIK3CA* mutations or tp53 alterations (ctDNA sequencing)
- Quantitative reductions in treatment benefit were observed with
  - RTK gene, *CDH1*, *FGFR1/ZNF703* (8p11.23) alterations (circulating tumor DNA)
  - Sample numbers were limited; these observations need validation

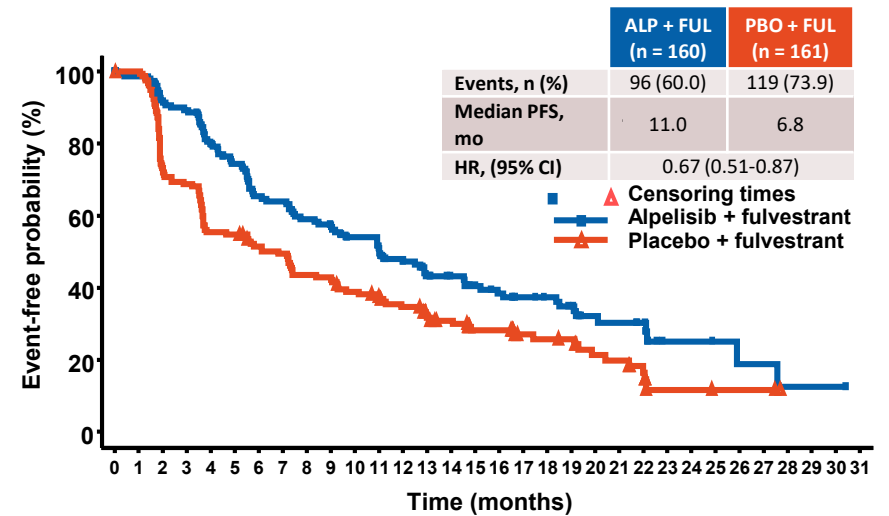
# PIK3CA

## Alpelisib plus Fulvestrant vs. Fulvestrant

### With Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



### Without Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy

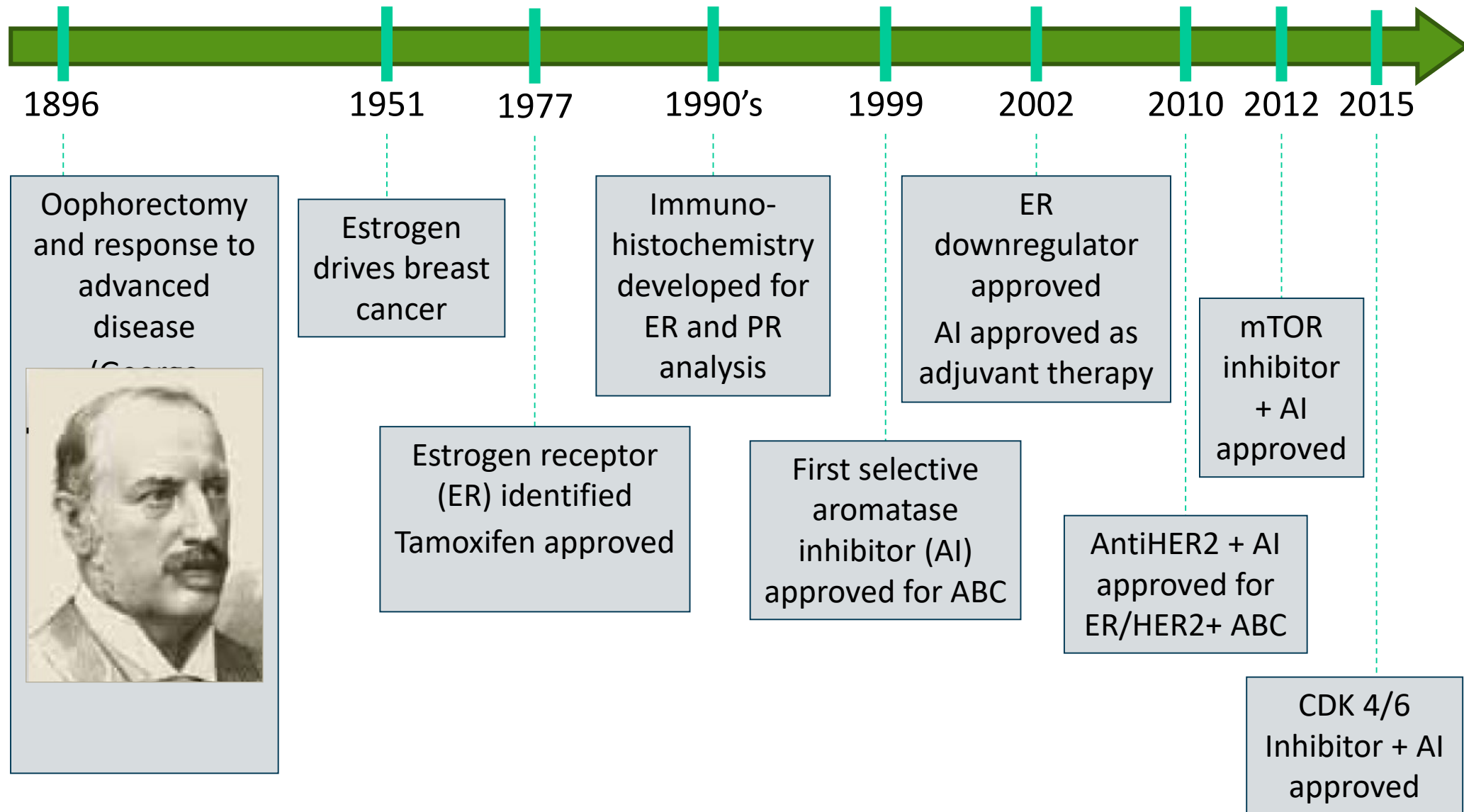


Overall Survival Not Mature

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

- Endocrine therapy is the cornerstone of the treatment of HR+ MBC.
- Combined AI and SERD treatment might be more effective than an AI alone for ET-naïve patients with ER+ MBC no candidate to CDK 4/6 inhibitors
- M-THOR and PI3K inhibitors plus HT provide superior clinical benefit and PFS than HT alone in hormone-resistant ER+ MBC – clinical benefit when used in combination with endocrine therapy.
  - Challenges: Toxicities and patient selection
- CDK inhibitors plus HT is the standard of care in first or second line setting. All agents with nearly identical activity but have different side effect profiles. Optimal use” remains unclear and survival data is still evolving
- Resistance to endocrine therapy is a challenge. Mutations of the PI3K pathway are frequent in breast cancer. Aberrations in PI3K – Common mechanism of endocrine resistance.

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