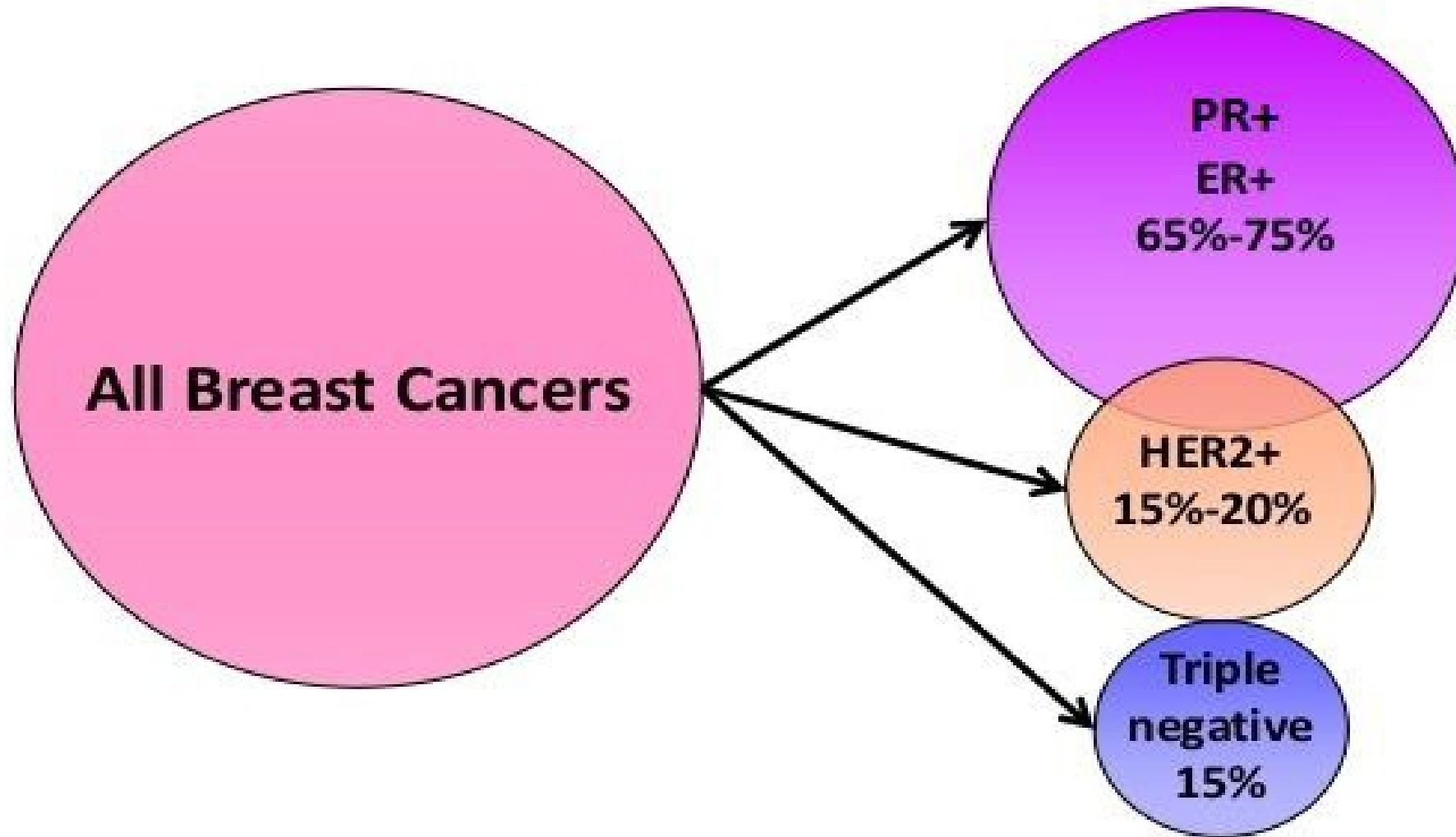
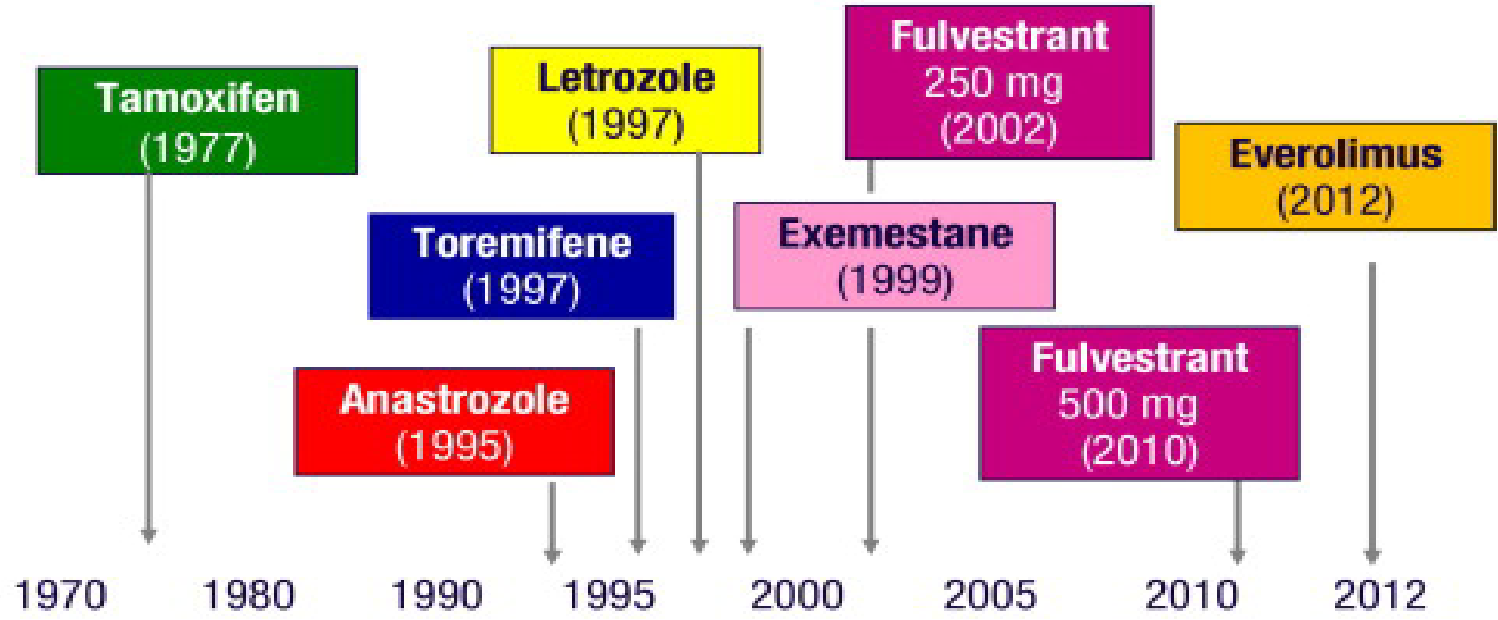


# Systemic therapy for Breast Cancer: where are we?

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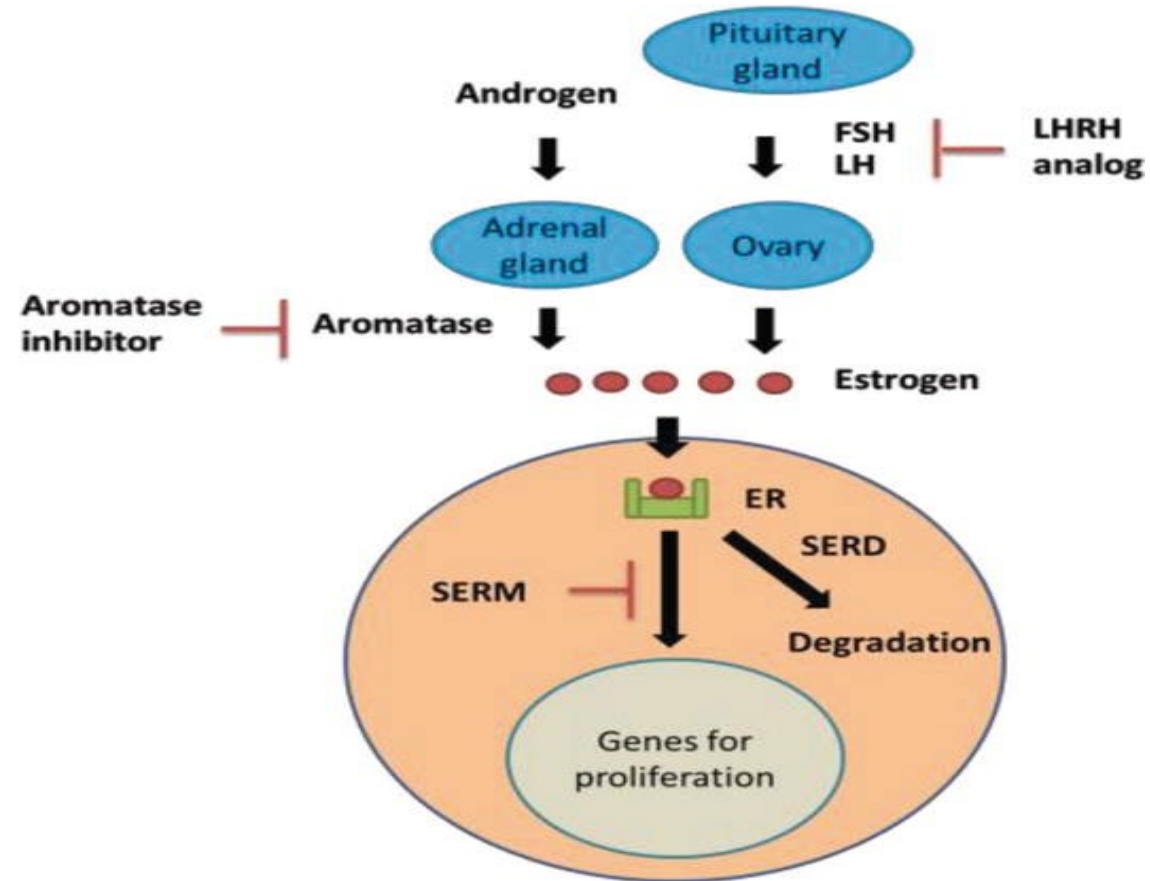
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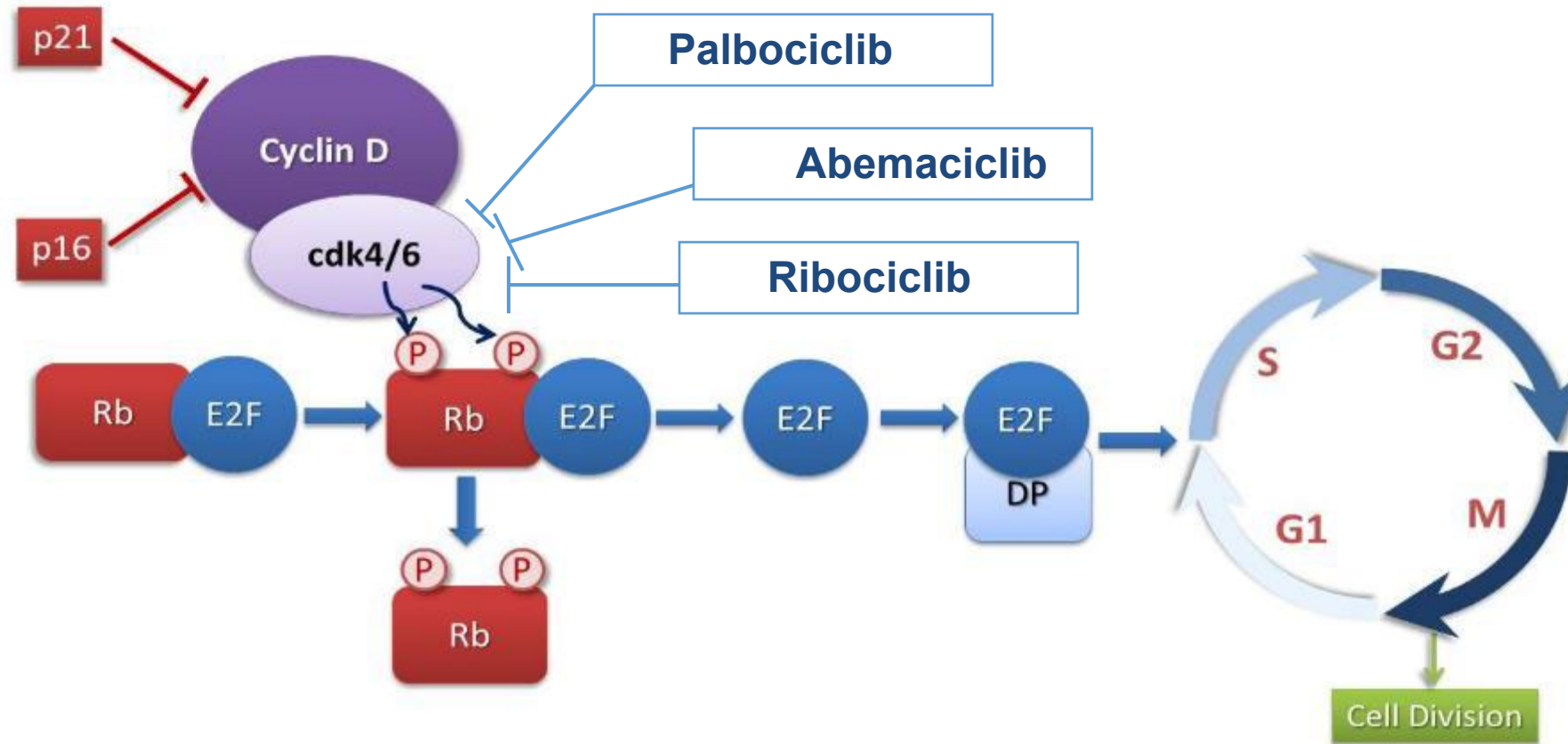


**Targeted  
Therapies**

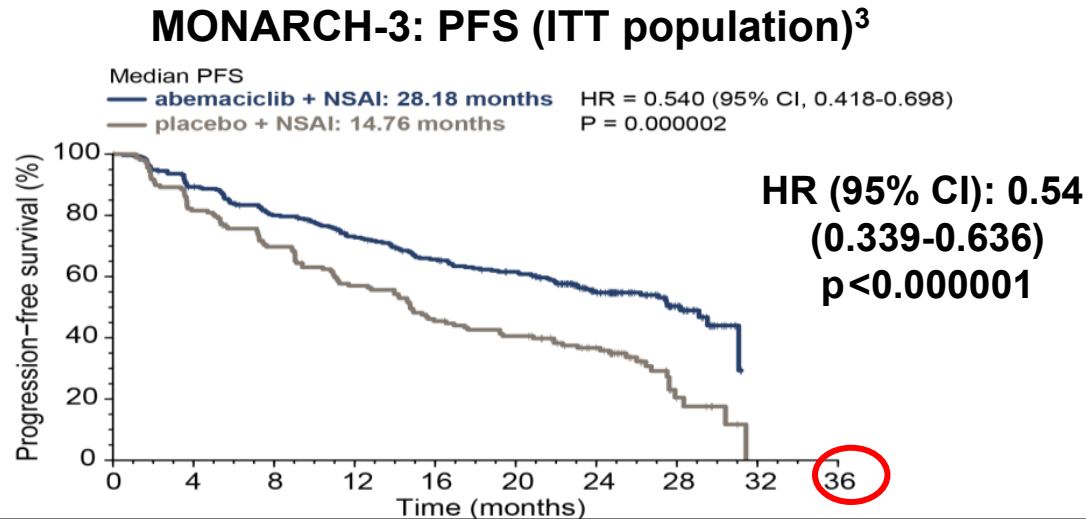
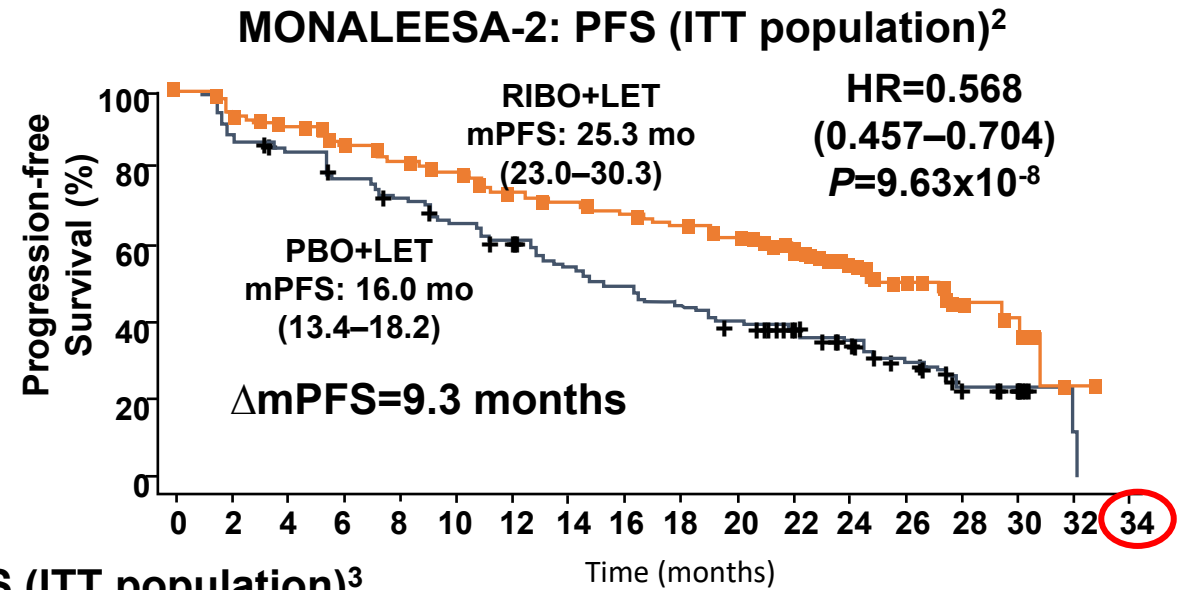
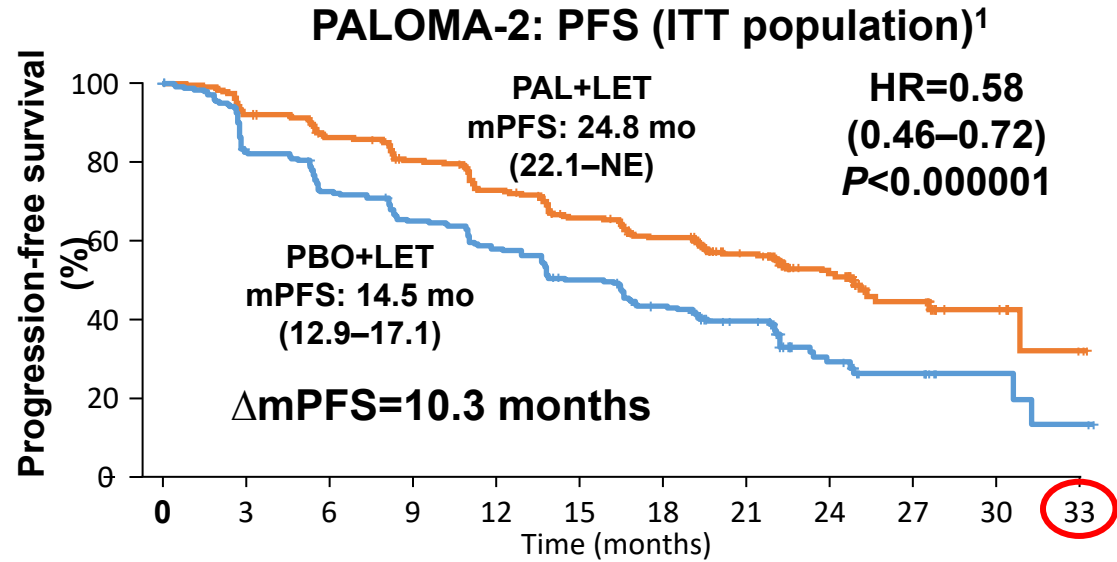
# Targeting the ER pathway



# CDK4/6 Regulates Cell Cycle Progression



# Phase III trials with CDK4/6 Inhibitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Line Endocrine Sensitive MBC



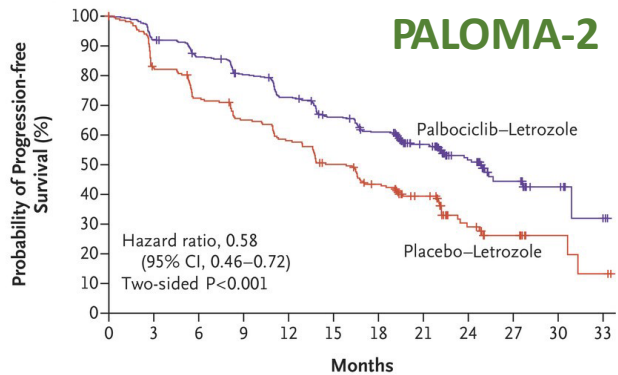
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# Palbociclib

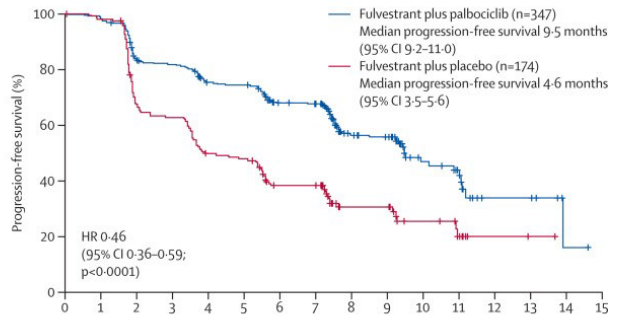
Investigator Assessment



No. at Risk

Palbociclib–Letrozole	444	395	360	328	295	263	238	154	69	29	10	2
Placebo–Letrozole	222	171	148	131	116	98	81	54	22	12	4	2

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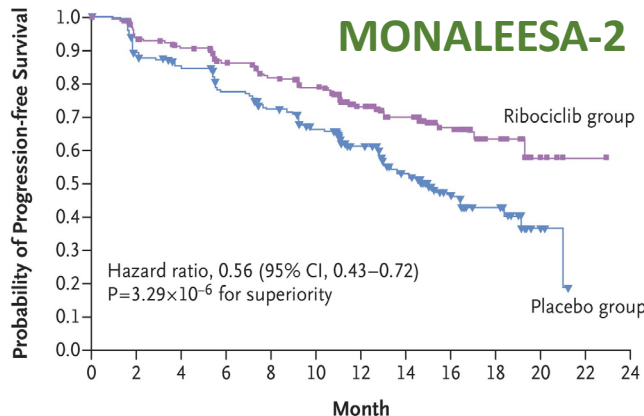


Number at risk

Fulvestrant plus palbociclib	347	333	281	273	247	244	202	197	91	85	32	23	7	7	1	0
Fulvestrant plus placebo	174	165	112	105	83	80	59	58	22	22	13	7	2	1	0	0

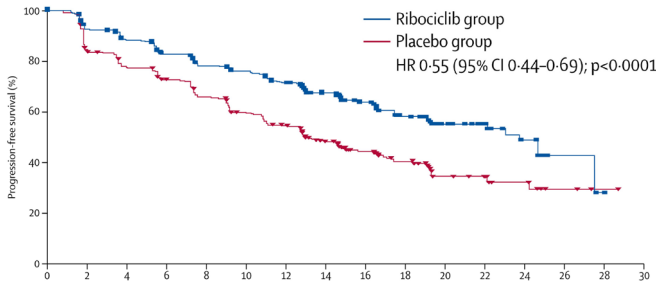
# Ribociclib

Probability of Progression-free Survival



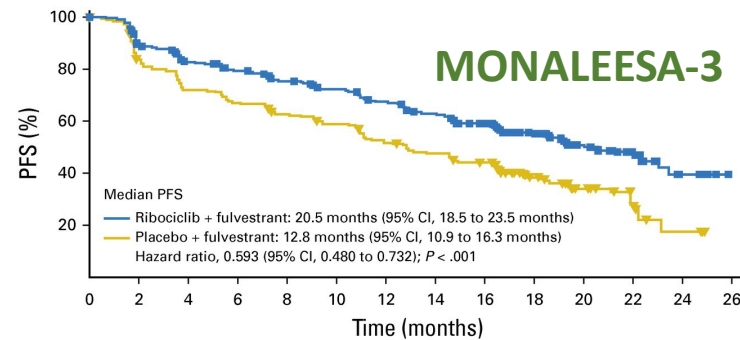
No. at Risk

Ribociclib	334	294	277	257	240	226	164	119	68	20	6	1	0
Placebo	334	279	264	237	217	192	143	88	44	23	5	0	0



Number at risk (number censored)

Ribociclib group	335 (0)	301 (9)	264 (12)	264 (15)	245 (20)	235 (23)	219 (25)	178 (55)	136 (88)	90 (124)	54 (156)	40 (170)	20 (187)	3 (202)	1 (203)	0 (204)
Placebo group	337 (0)	273 (12)	248 (15)	230 (19)	207 (21)	183 (25)	165 (27)	124 (50)	94 (72)	62 (97)	31 (121)	24 (128)	13 (138)	3 (147)	1 (149)	0 (150)

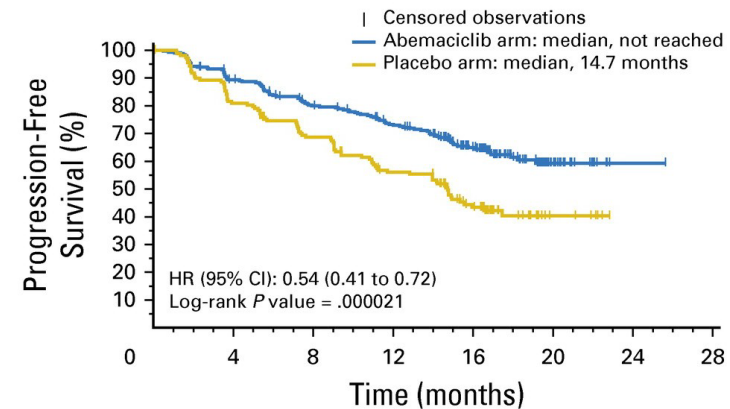


No. at risk:

Ribociclib + fulvestrant	484	403	365	347	324	305	282	259	235	155	78	52	13	0
Placebo + fulvestrant	242	195	168	156	144	134	116	106	95	53	27	14	4	0

# Abemaciclib

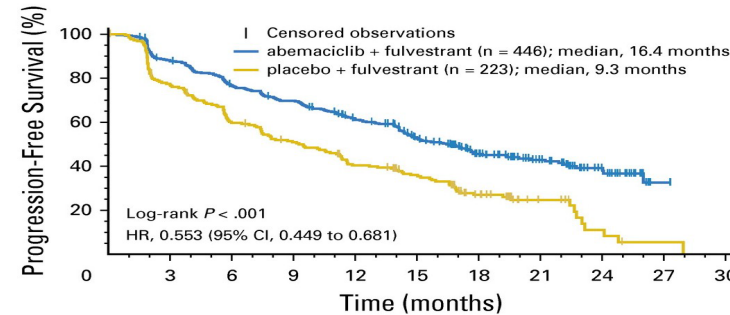
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No. at risk:

Abemaciclib arm	328	271	234	205	125	25	1	0
Placebo arm	165	127	105	82	45	7	0	0

# MONARCH 2



No. at risk

abemaciclib + fulvestrant	446	367	314	281	234	171	101	65	32	2	0
placebo + fulvestrant	223	165	123	103	80	61	32	13	4	1	0

1<sup>st</sup> Line

2<sup>nd</sup> Line

Line	Study Name	Endocrine Agent	CDK4/6i	PFS	HR
1 <sup>st</sup>	PALOMA-1 Lancet 2015	Letrozole	Palbociclib	10.2m → 20.2m	0.49
	PALOMA-2 NEJM 2016	Letrozole	Palbociclib	14.5m → 24.8 m	0.58
	MONALEESA-2 NEJM 2016	Letrozole	Ribociclib	14.5m → ~26m	0.56
	MONALEESA-7* SABCS 2017	Letrozole + OFS	Ribociclib	13.0m → 23.8m	0.55
	MONARCH 3 JCO 2017	NSAI	Abemaciclib	14.7m → NR	0.54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PALOMA-3 NEJM 2015	Fulvestrant	Palbociclib	3.8m → 9.2m	0.42
	MONALEESA-3 ASCO 2018	Fulvestrant	Ribociclib	12.8m → 20.5m	0.59
	MONARCH 2 JCO 2017	Fulvestrant	Abemaciclib	9.3m → 16.4m	0.55
	MONARCH 2* ASCO 2018	Fulvestrant + OFS	Abemaciclib	10.5m → NR	0.45

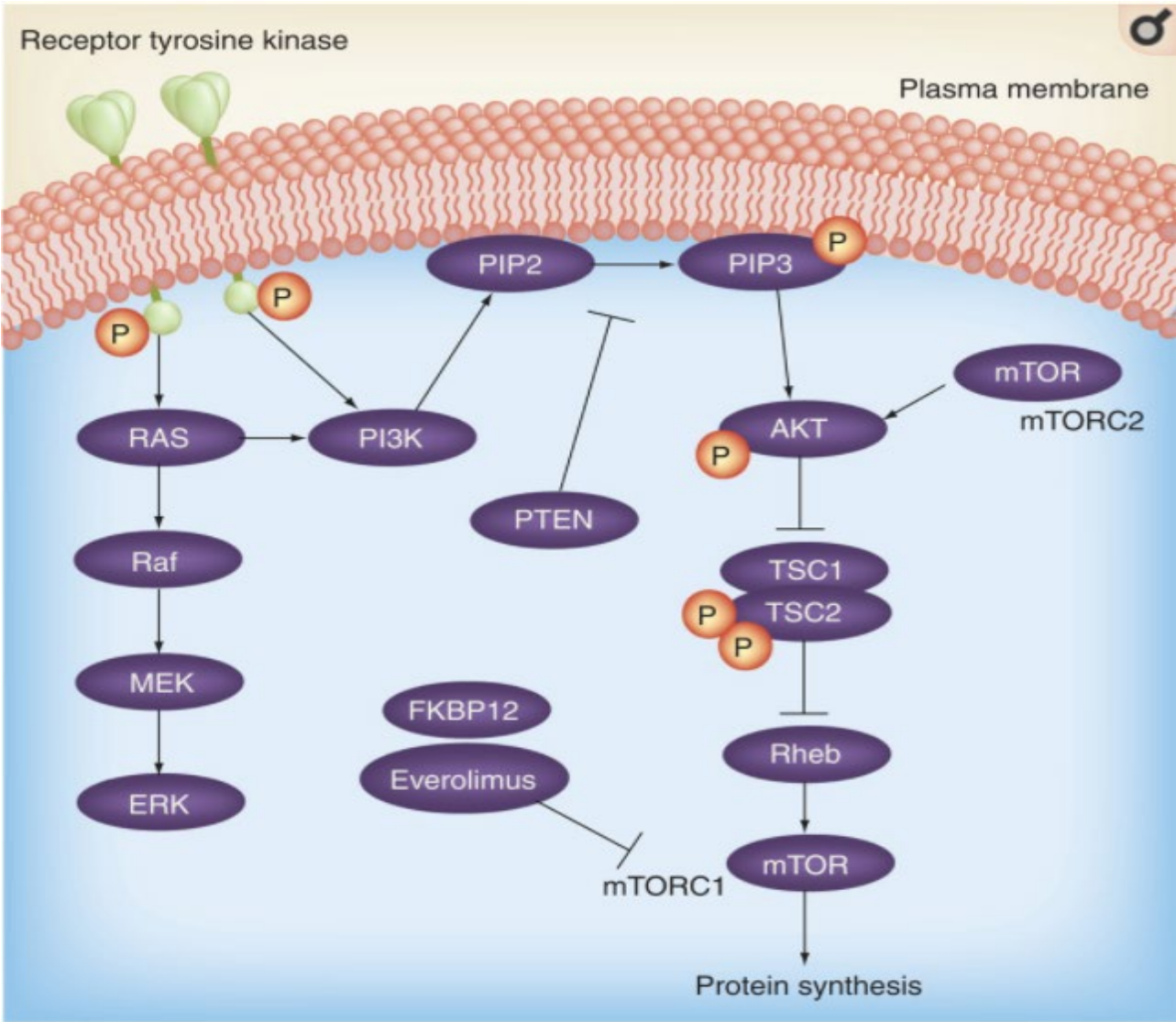
\*premenopausal women



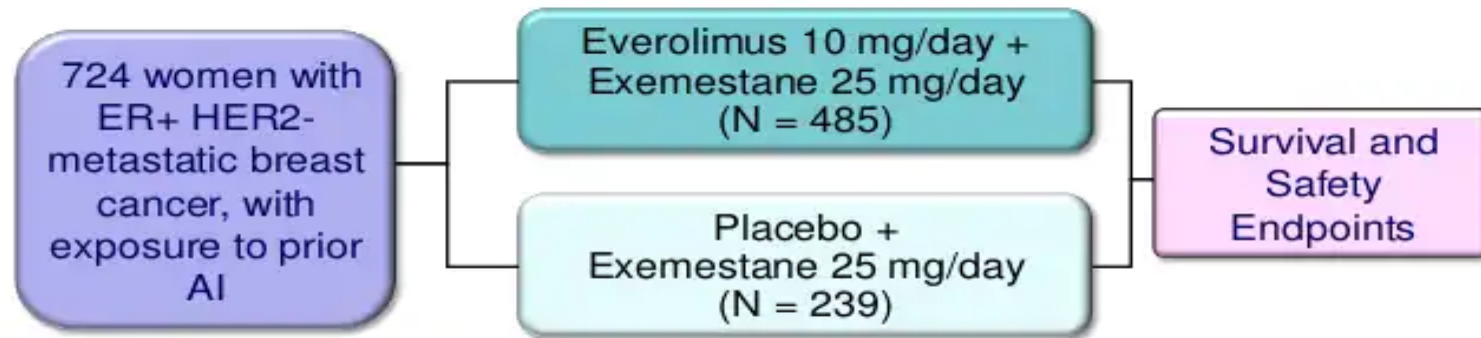
# Overall Survival Benefit with CDK4/6 Inhibitors for ER-Positive, HER2-Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer

- MONALEESA-7: Ribociclib + endocrine therapy
  - HR (95% CI): 0.763 (0.608-0.956); Months: 58.7 vs 48.0
- MONALEESA-3: Ribociclib + fulvestrant
  - HR (95% CI): 0.726 (0.588-0.897); Months: 53.7 vs 41.5
- MONALEESA-2: Ribociclib + Letrozole
  - HR (95% CI): 0.76 (0.63-0.93); Months: 63.9 vs 51.4
- MONARCH 2: Abemaciclib + fulvestrant
  - HR (95% CI): 0.757 (0.606-0.945); Months: 46.7 vs 37.3
- PALOMA-3: Palbociclib + fulvestrant
  - HR (95% CI): 0.81 (0.65-0.99); Months: 34.8 vs 28.0

# PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway



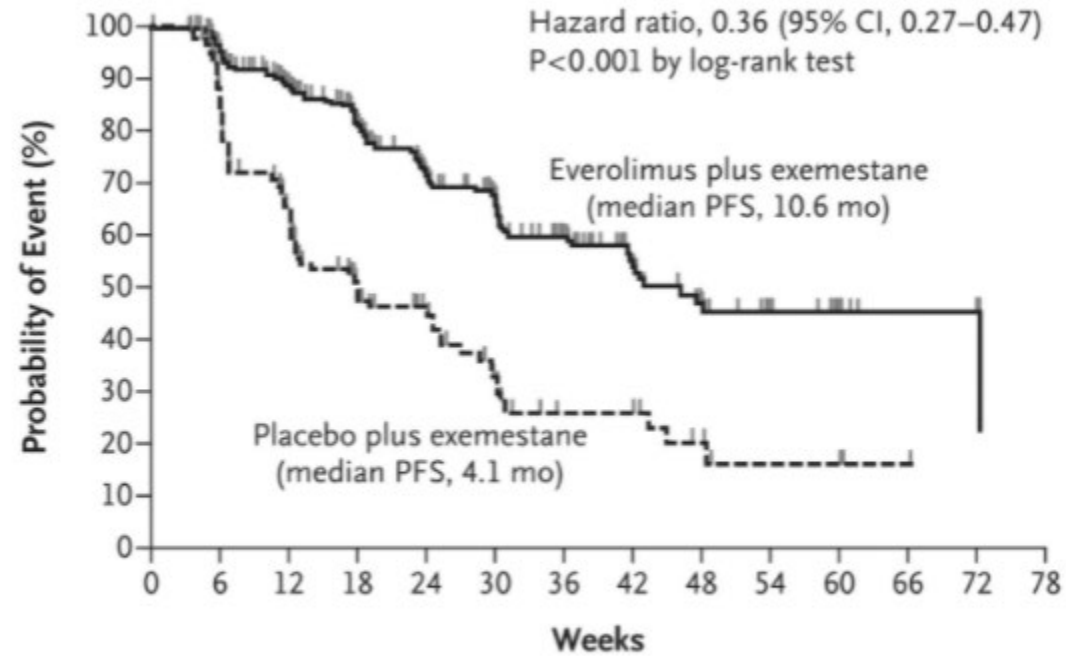
## BOLERO-2: A Trial of Everolimus in HR+ Breast Cancer



**Everolimus:** Mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) inhibitor

# BOLERO-2 primary endpoint PFS

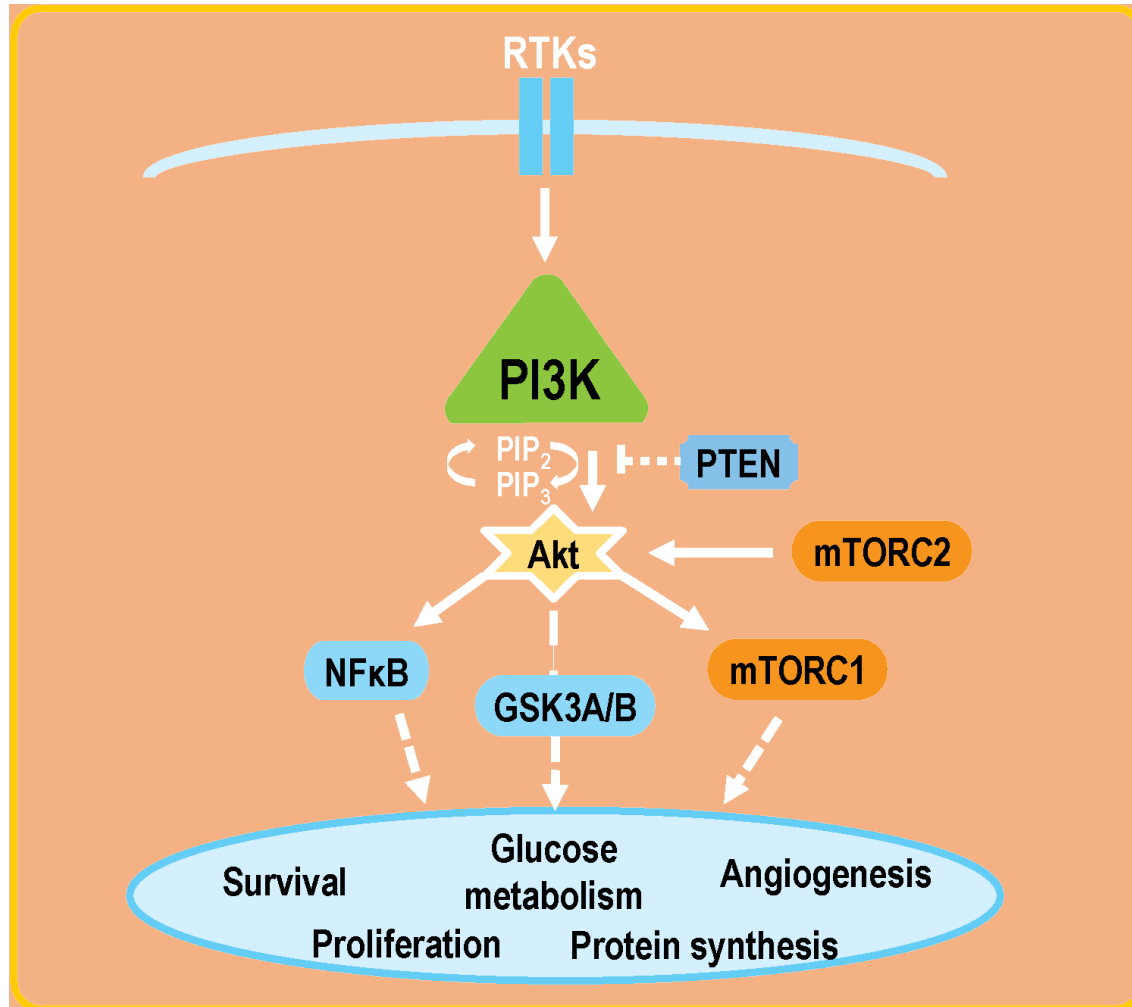
## B Central Assessment



### No. at Risk

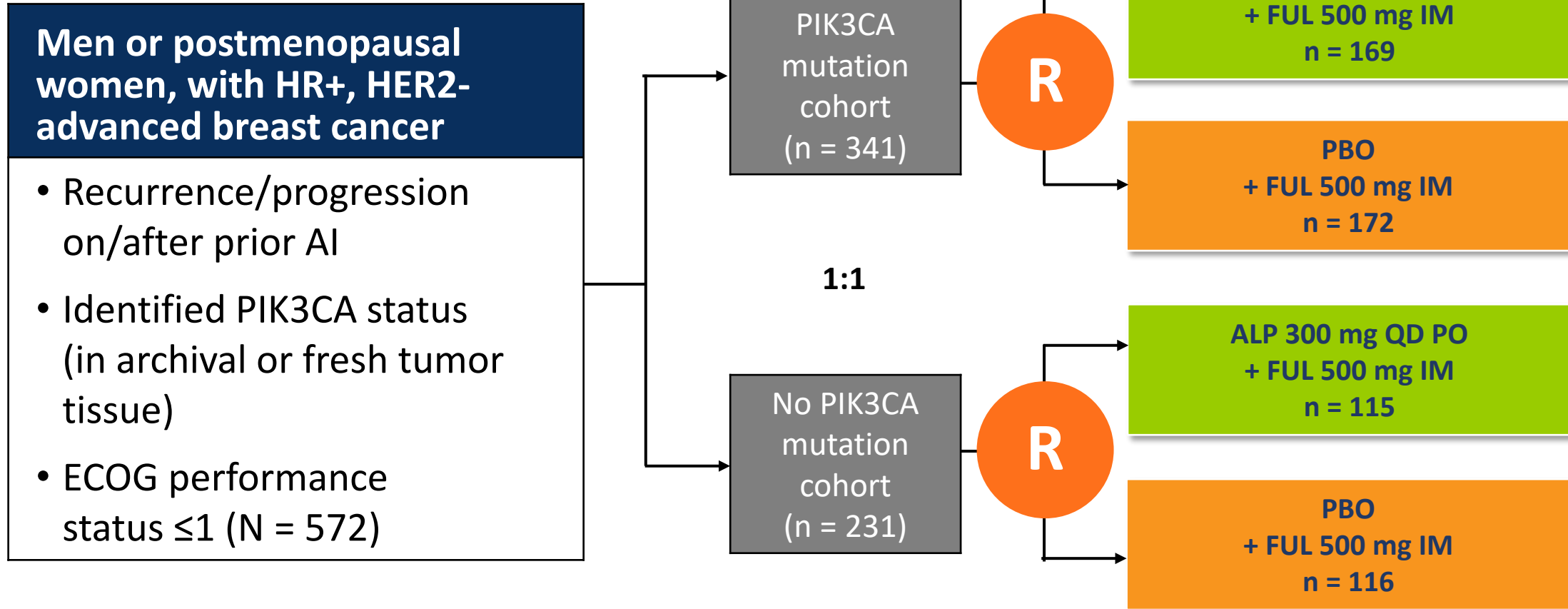
Everolimus	485	385	281	201	132	102	67	43	28	18	9	3	2	0
Placebo	239	168	94	55	33	20	11	11	6	3	3	1	0	0

# PI3K Inhibitors: Mechanism of Action



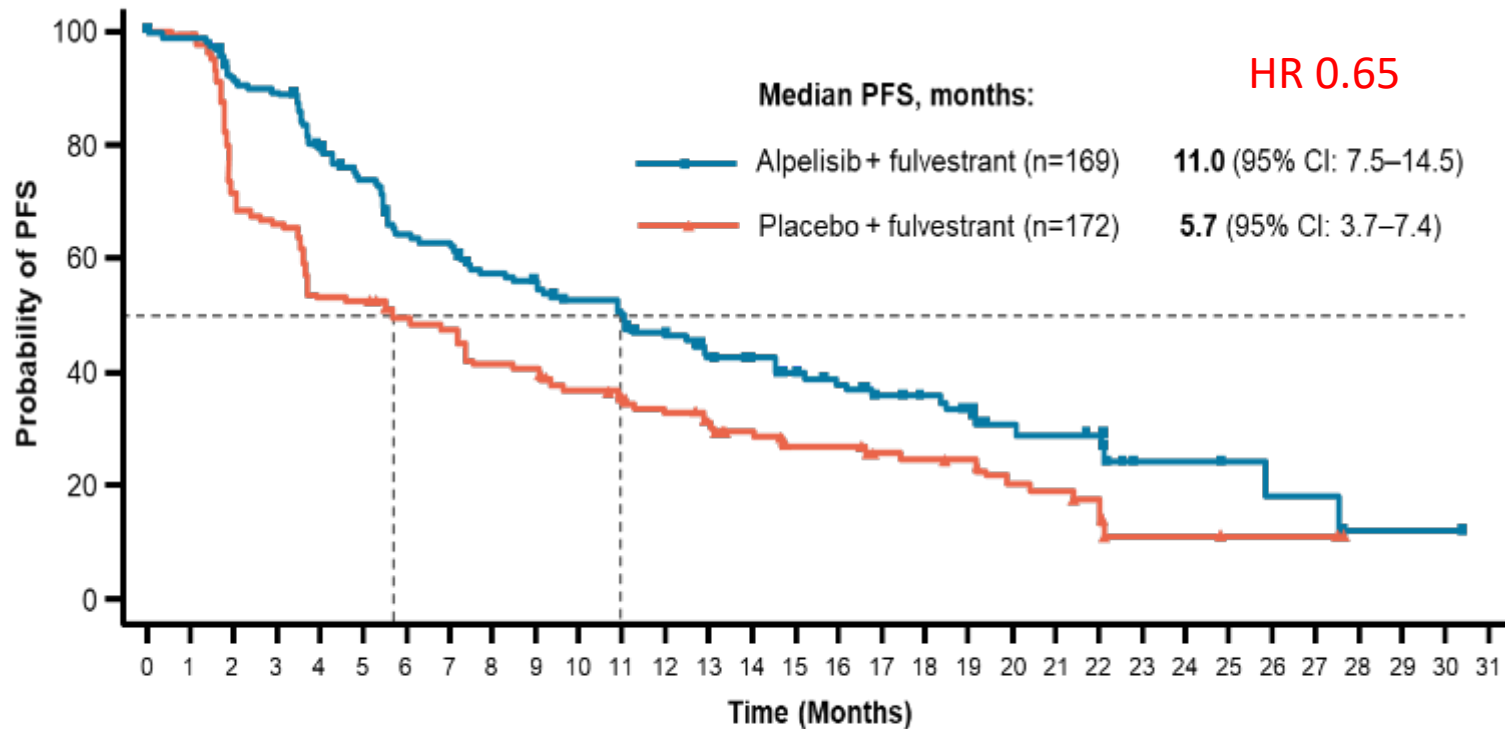
- PI3K is involved in the activation of Akt.
- Hyperactivation of the PI3K pathway is implicated in malignant transformation, cancer progression and endocrine therapy resistance.
- PIK3CA encodes the alpha isoform of the PI3K catalytic subunit.
- Around 40% of patients with HR+, HER- BC present with an activating PIK3CA tumor mutation.
- Alpelisib is a specific inhibitor of the PI3K alpha isoform.

# SOLAR-1 Phase III Study Design



Primary endpoint: PFS in PIK3CA mutation cohort

# SOLAR-1: Alpelisib Improved PFS in the *PIK3CA*-mutant cancers



**No benefit noted in the non mutant cohort**

**Number of subjects still at risk**

Time (Months)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Alpelisib + Fulv	169	158	145	141	123	113	97	95	85	82	75	71	62	54	50	43	39	32	30	27	17	16	14	5	5	4	3	3	1	1	1	0
Placebo + Fulv	172	167	120	111	89	88	80	77	67	66	58	54	48	41	37	29	29	21	20	19	14	13	9	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0

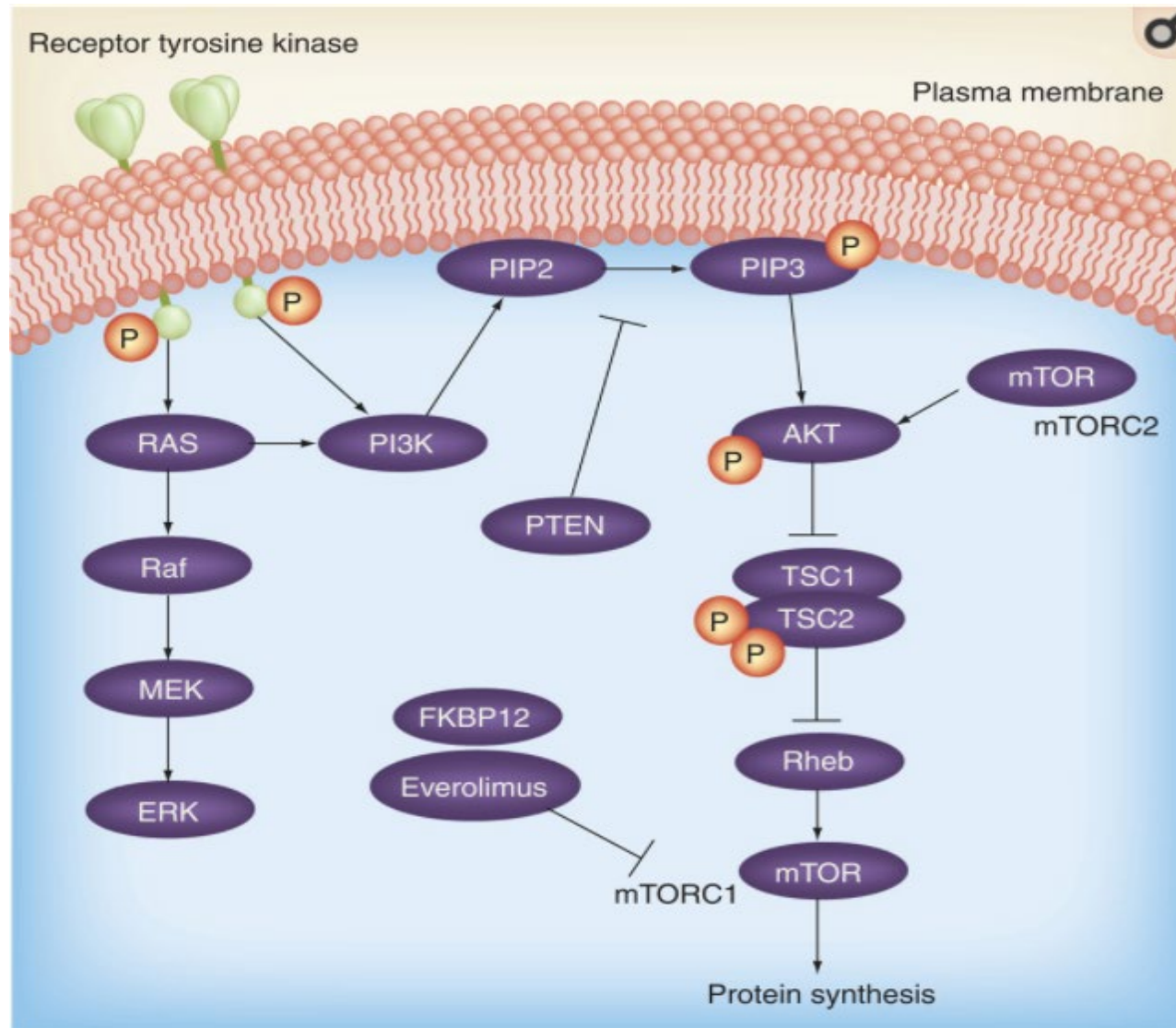
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

At final PFS analysis, superiority was declared if one-sided, stratified log-rank test *P* value was  $\leq 0.0199$  (Haybittle–Peto boundary).

<sup>a</sup> Mutation status determined from tissue biopsy.

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# PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway





# FAKTION: Capivasertib + Fulvestrant for AI-Resistant ER-Positive, HER2-Negative mBC

- Phase II study of capivasertib + fulvestrant vs placebo + fulvestrant (N = 140)
  - Relapse or progression on an AI
  - Capivasertib (AZD5363): selective, oral AKT inhibitor
- Capivasertib + fulvestrant improved PFS in endocrine-resistant mBC vs placebo + fulvestrant
  - Primary endpoint met
  - Trend toward improvement in OS
- Ongoing Phase III CAPitello291 Trial
- IPATunit150: ipatasertib +/- palbociclib and fulvestrant

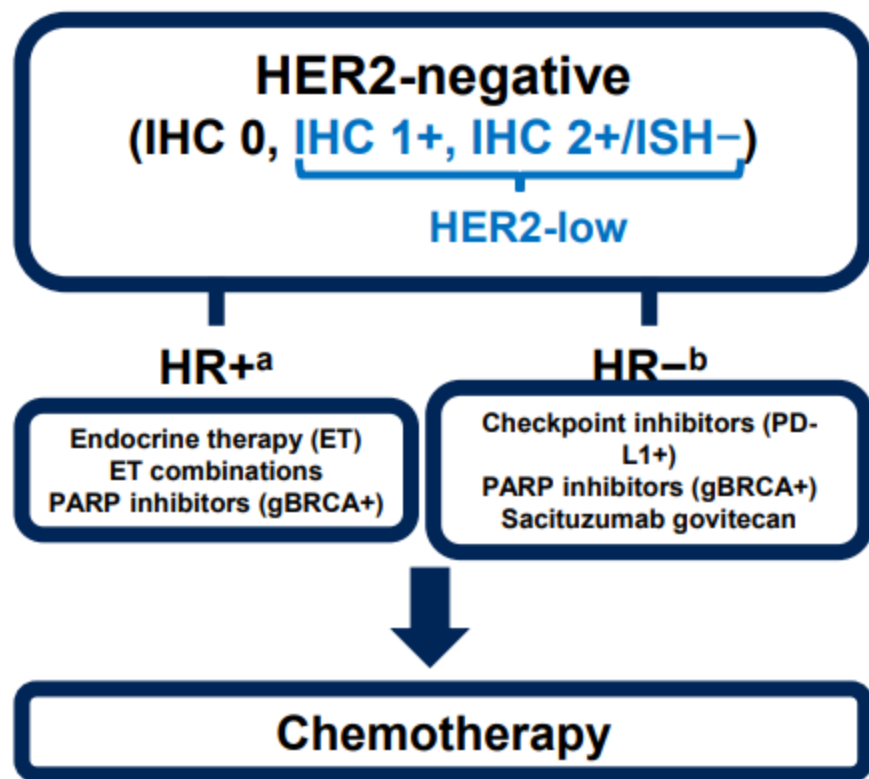
Outcome	CAP + FULV (n = 69)	PBO + FULV (n = 71)
Median PFS, mos	10.3	4.8
	HR: 0.57 P = .0035	
Median OS, mos	26.0	20.0
	HR: 0.59 P = .071	

- Similar benefit was observed in patients with PI3K/AKT/PTEN-activated and nonactivated tumors
- 39% of patients in the capivasertib + fulvestrant arm required dose reductions, primarily due to diarrhea and rash, and 12% discontinued due to toxicity

Her-2 low

# HER2-low mBC: Unmet Clinical Need

## Current Standard of Care



- **HER2-low mBC is defined by IHC scores of 1+ or 2+/ISH-**
  - This is a heterogenous population with a high prevalence of HR coexpression and without a distinct biology
- **HER2-low mBC is treated as HER2- mBC, with limited options for later lines of therapy<sup>1-4</sup>**
  - Current HER2-targeted therapies are not effective for patients with tumors that express lower levels of HER2
- **Therapeutic options for patients with HR+/HER2- mBC after CDK4/6i progression have limited efficacy**
  - Real-world studies suggest a PFS of <4 months after progressive disease with CDK4/6i<sup>5</sup>
- **Limited benefit exists for patients who progress after multiple lines of chemotherapy**
  - In a pooled analysis of patients with HER2- mBC, eribulin and capecitabine provide minimal benefit, with a mPFS of ~4 months and mOS of ~15 months<sup>6</sup>

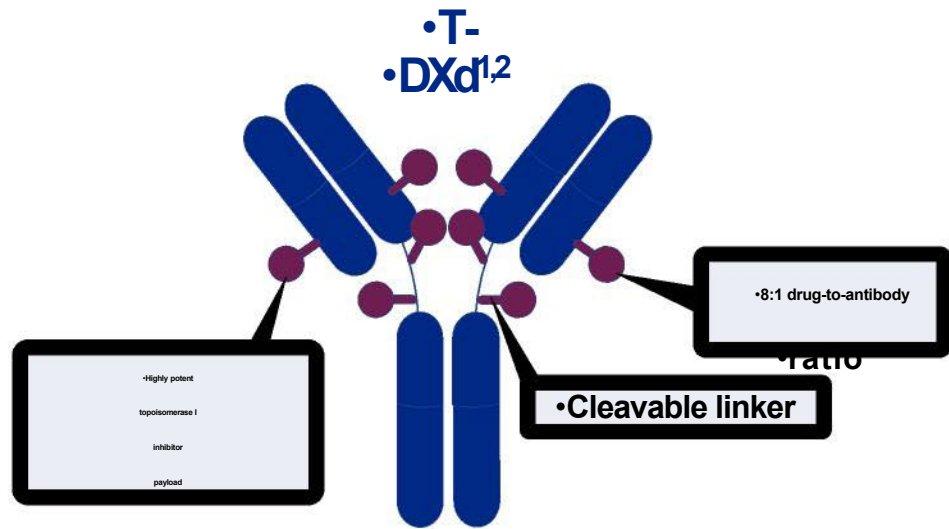
CDK4/6i, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitors; gBRCA+, germline breast cancer gene positive; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR, hormone receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; mOS, median overall survival; PARP, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; mPFS, median progression-free survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan.

<sup>a</sup>Immunoreactive for estrogen or progesterone receptor in ≥1% tumor cell nuclei. <sup>b</sup>Immunoreactive for estrogen or progesterone receptor in <1% tumor cell nuclei.

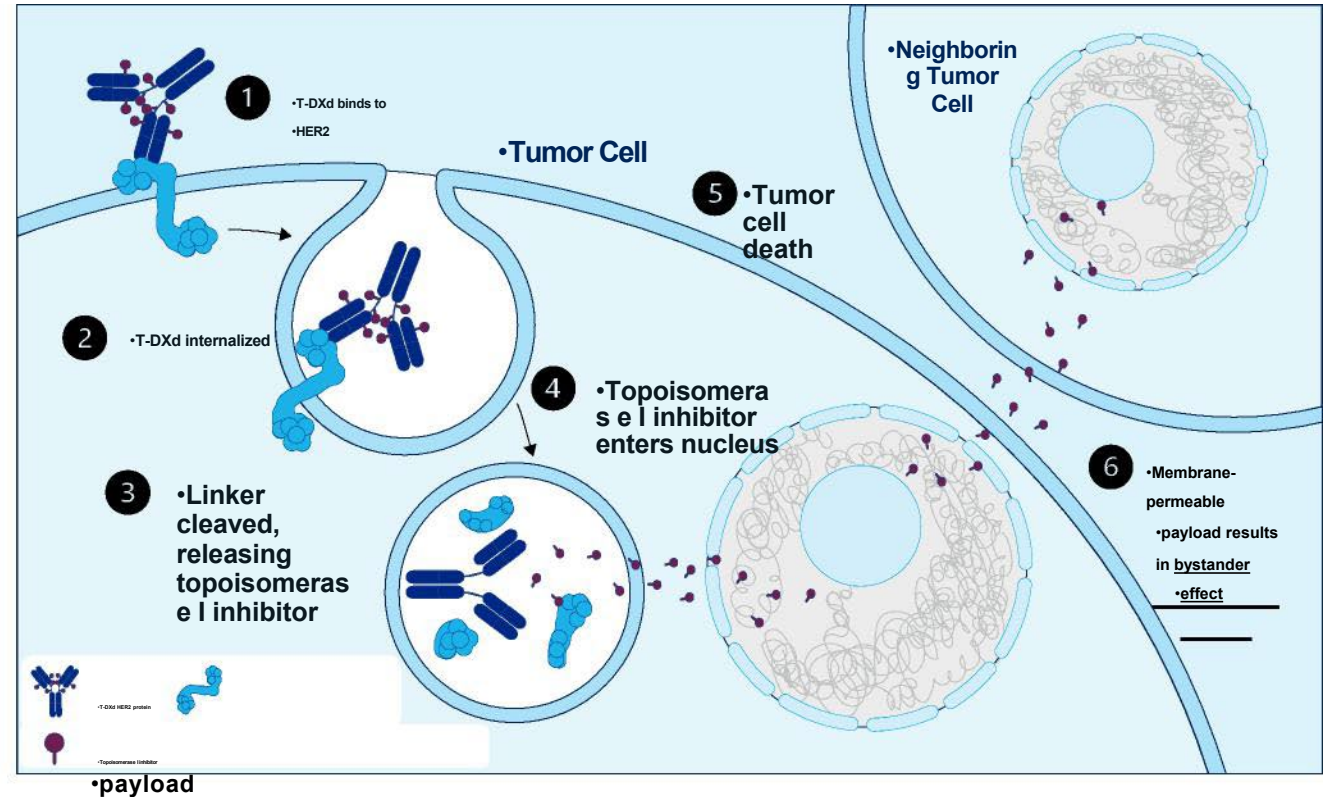
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# T-DXd MOA, Bystander Effect, and Rationale for Targeting HER2-low mBC



•Internalization of T-DXd leads to release of the DXd payload and subsequent cell death in the target tumor cell and neighboring tumor cells through the bystander effect<sup>1,2</sup>

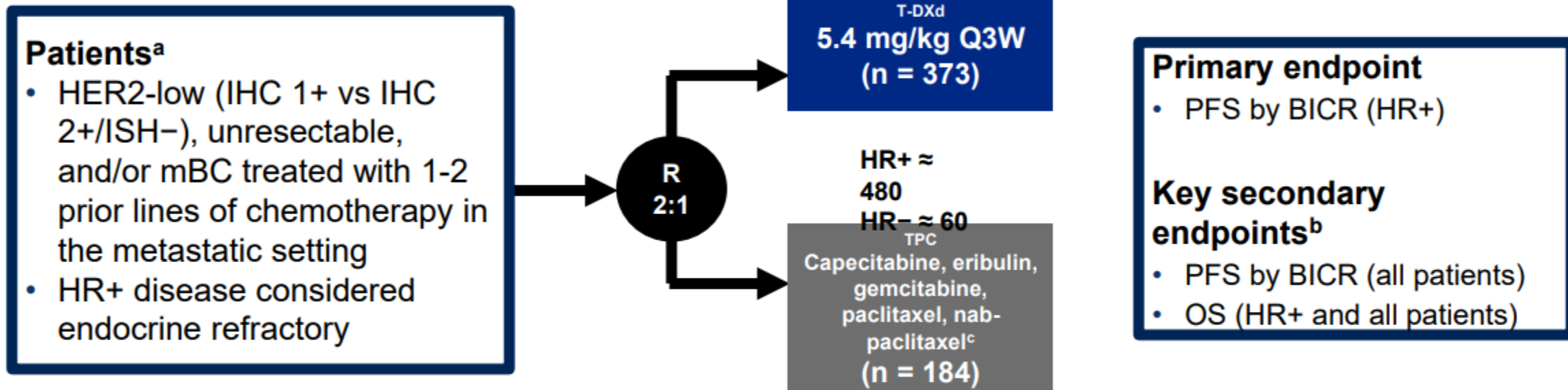


• Results from a phase 1b study have reported efficacy of T-DXd in heavily pretreated patients (N = 54) with HER2-low mBC, with a mPFS of 11.1 months and an ORR of 37.0%<sup>3</sup>

•HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MOA, mechanism of action; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; mPFS, median progression-free survival; ORR, objective response rate; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan. 1. Nakada T, et al. *Chem Pharm Bull.* 2019;67:173-185. 2. Ogitani Y, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2016;22:5097-5108. 3. Modi S, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2020;38:1887-1896.

# DESTINY-Breast04: First Randomized Phase 3 Study of T-DXd for HER2-low mBC

An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)



## Stratification factors

- Centrally assessed HER2 status<sup>d</sup> (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH-)
- 1 versus 2 prior lines of chemotherapy
- HR+ (with vs without prior treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitor) versus HR-

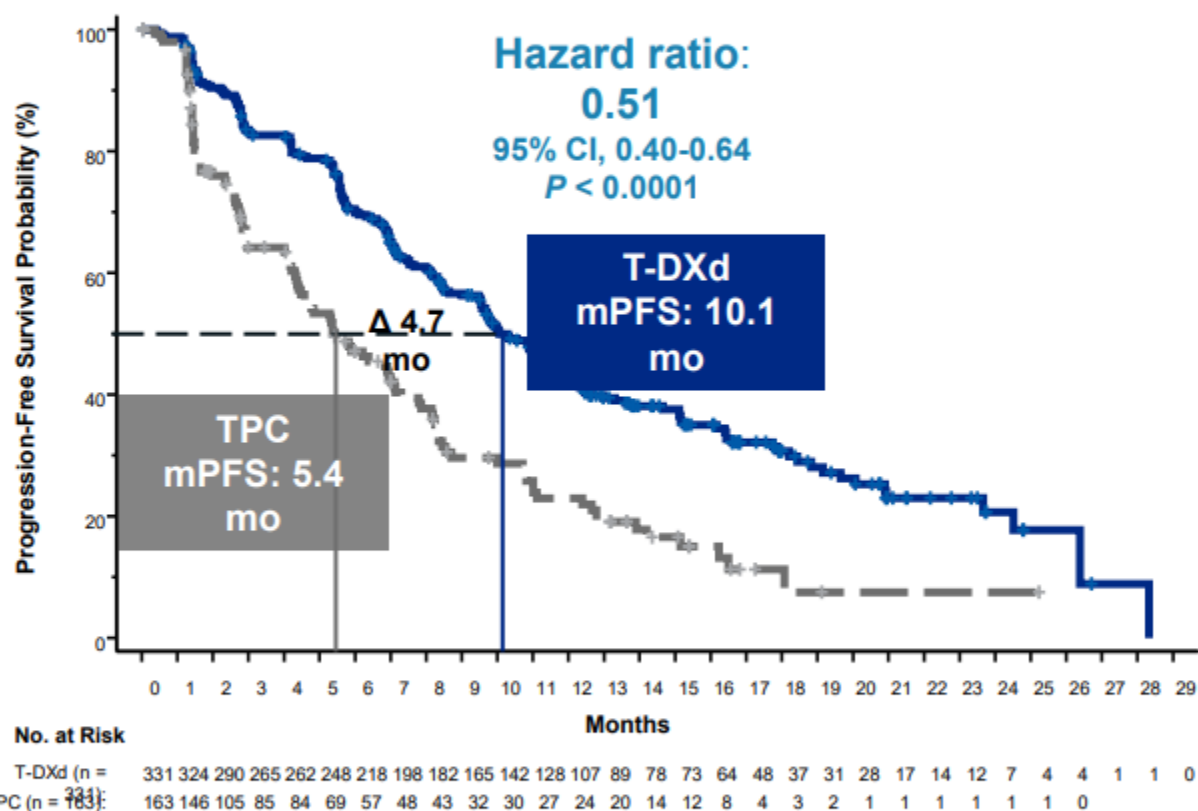
ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists; BICR, blinded independent central review; CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; DOR, duration of response; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR, hormone receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomization; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

<sup>a</sup>If patients had HR+ mBC, prior endocrine therapy was required. <sup>b</sup>Other secondary endpoints included ORR (BICR and investigator), DOR (BICR), PFS (investigator), and safety; efficacy in the HR- cohort was an exploratory endpoint. <sup>c</sup>TPC was administered accordingly to the label. <sup>d</sup>Performed on adequate archived or recent tumor biopsy per ASCO/CAP guidelines using the VENTANA HER2/neu (4B5) investigational use only [IUO] Assay system.

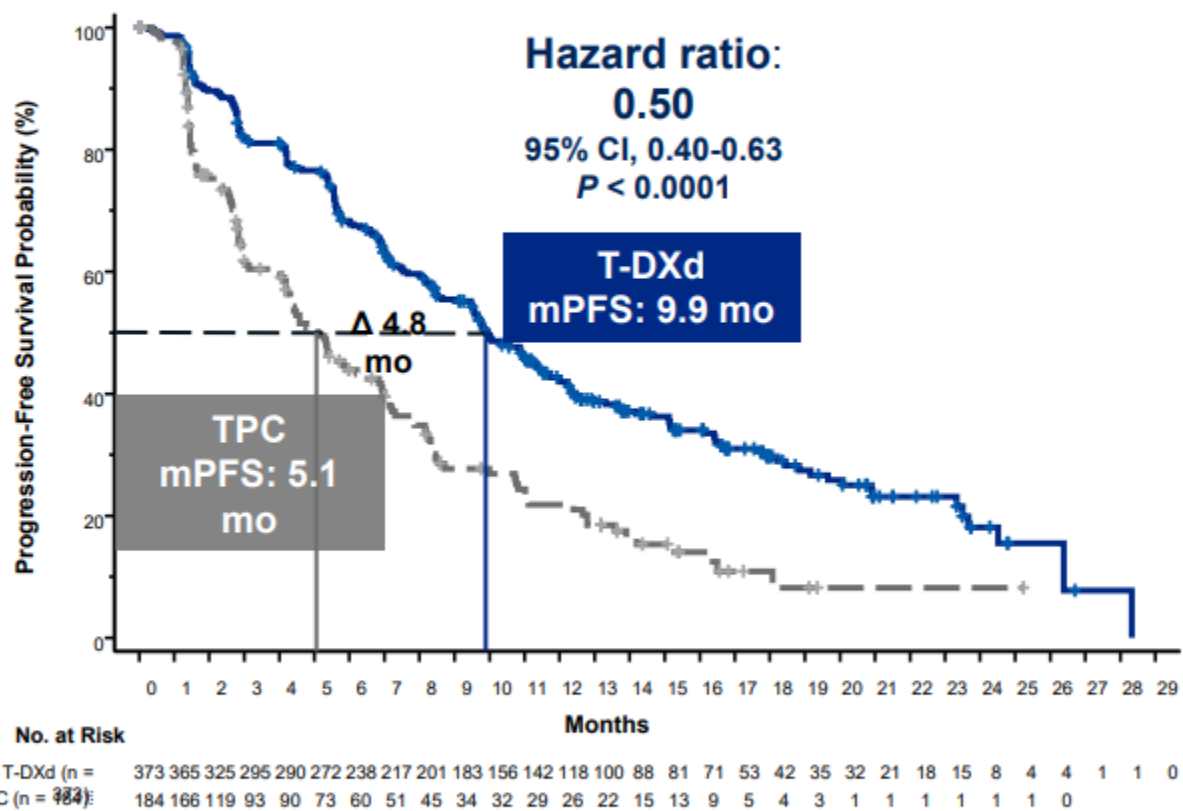


# PFS in HR+ and All Patients

## Hormone receptor–positive



## All patients

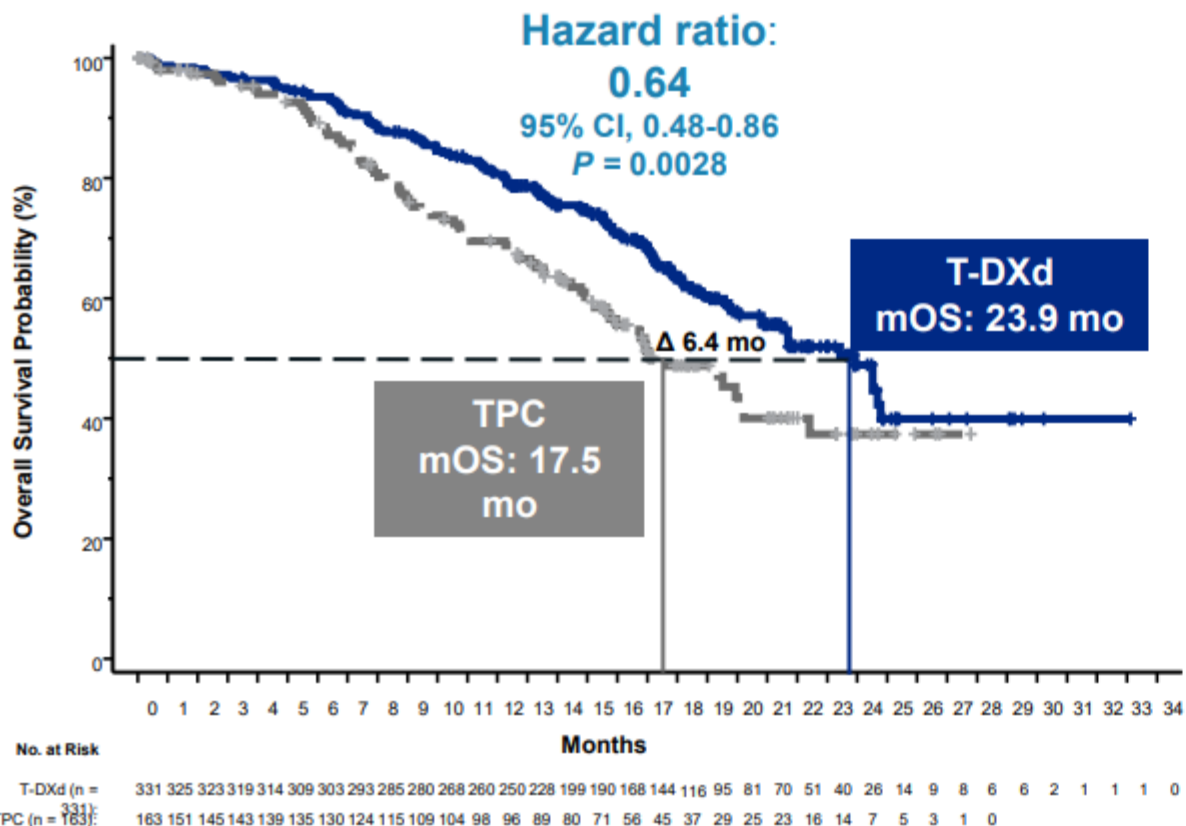


PFS by blinded independent central review.

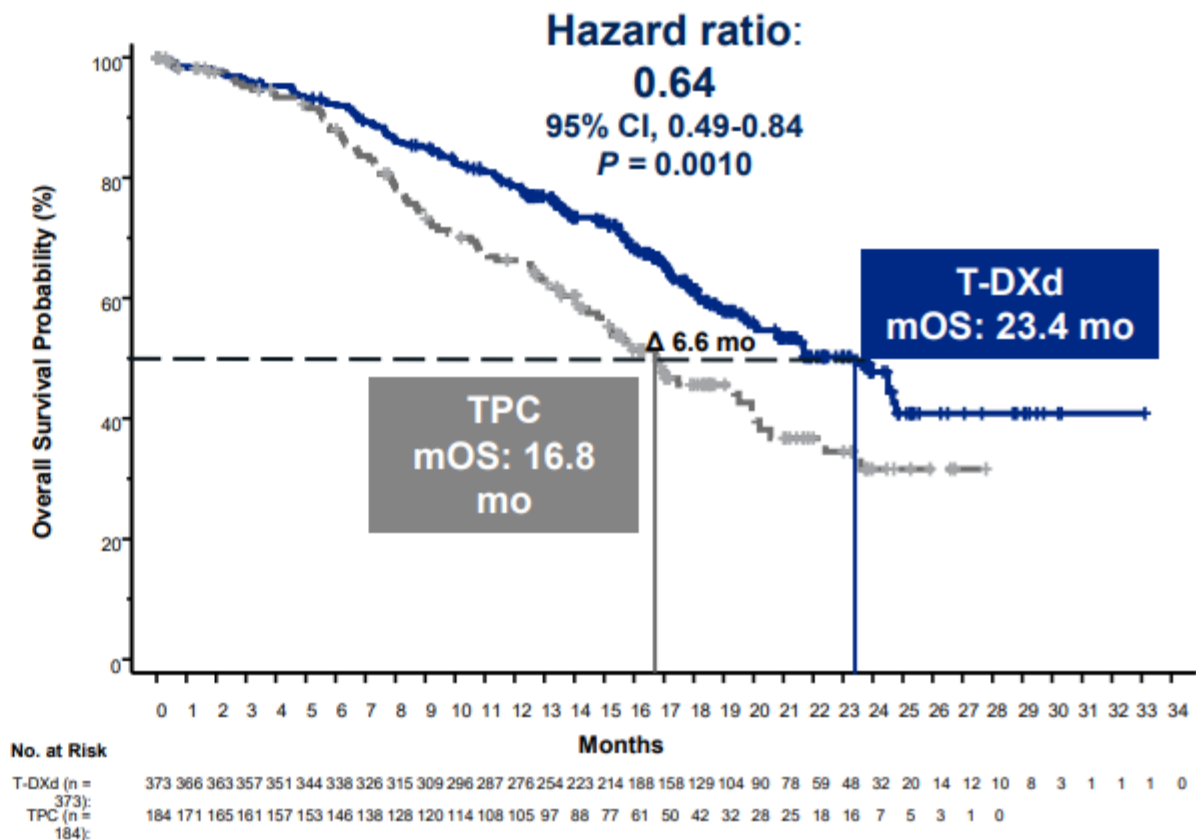
HR, hormone receptor; mPFS, median progression-free survival; PFS, progression-free survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

# OS in HR+ and All Patients

## Hormone receptor-positive



## All patients

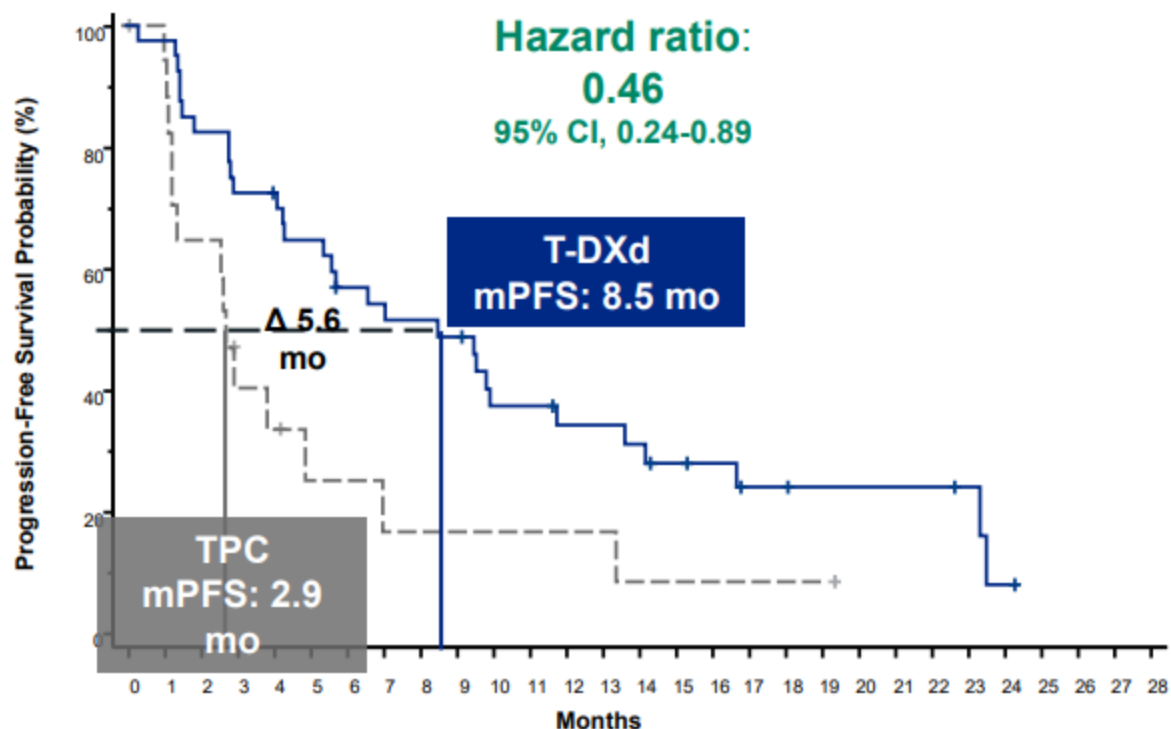


HR, hormone receptor; mOS, median overall survival; OS, overall survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

# PFS and OS in HR- (Exploratory Endpoints)

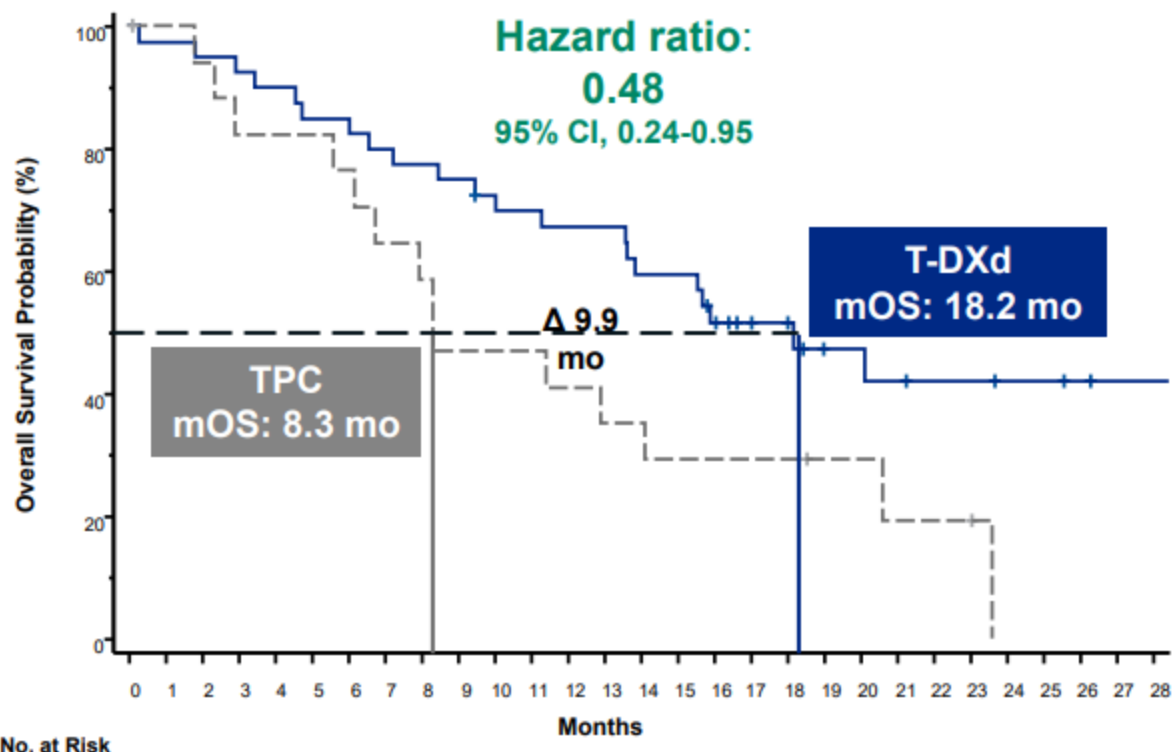
## PFS

Hazard ratio:  
**0.46**  
95% CI, 0.24-0.89



## OS

Hazard ratio:  
**0.48**  
95% CI, 0.24-0.95

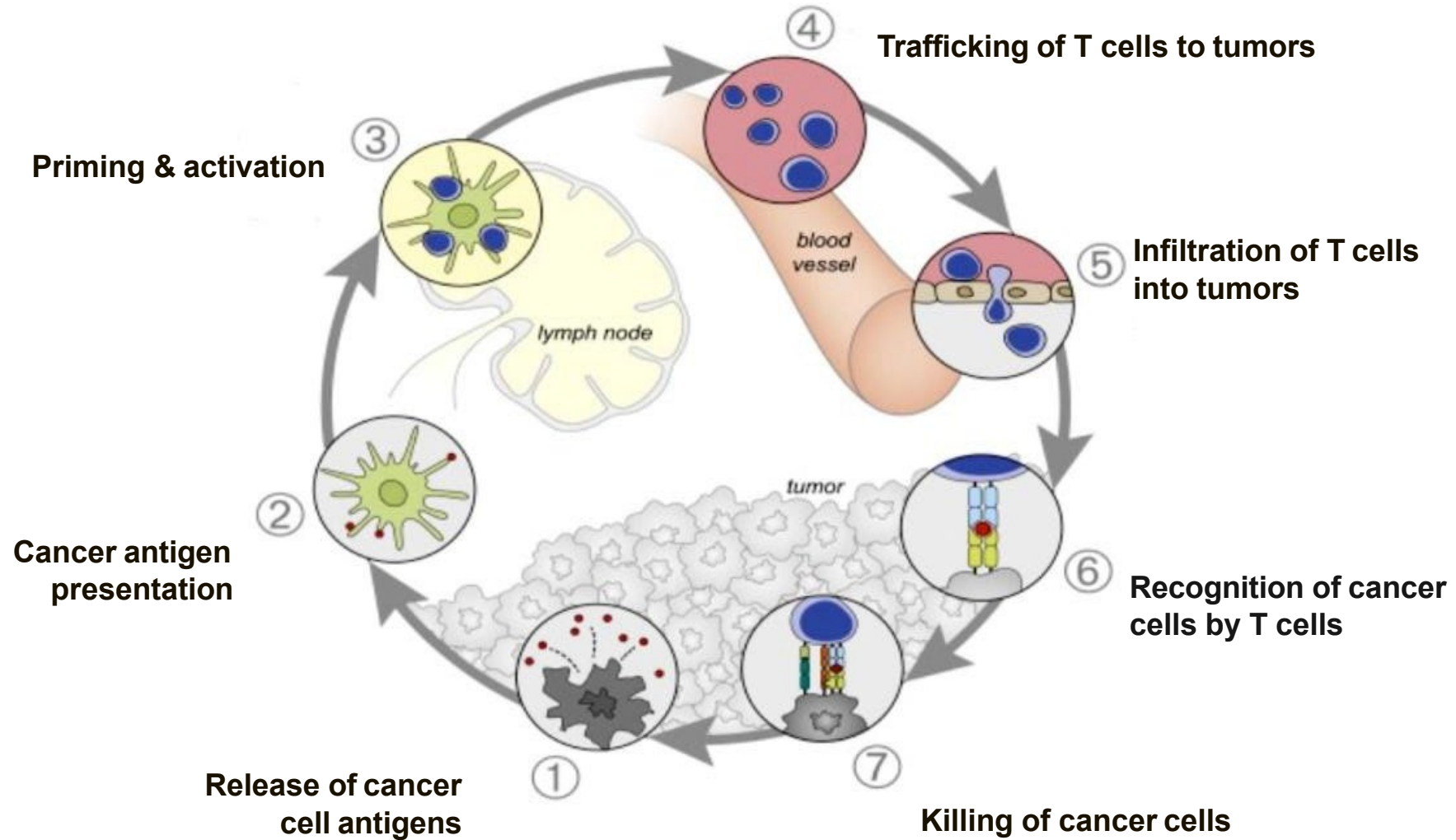


HR, hormone receptor; mOS, median overall survival; mPFS, median progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice. For efficacy in the hormone receptor-negative cohort, hormone receptor status is based on data from the electronic data capture corrected for misstratification.



# Triple Negative Breast Cancer

# Antitumor Immunity Is a Dynamic Process



# •KEYNOTE 522: New standard of care for high-risk TNBC

## •Primary Endpoints Results:

- pCR: 51% vs 65%

- EFS: 77% to 85%

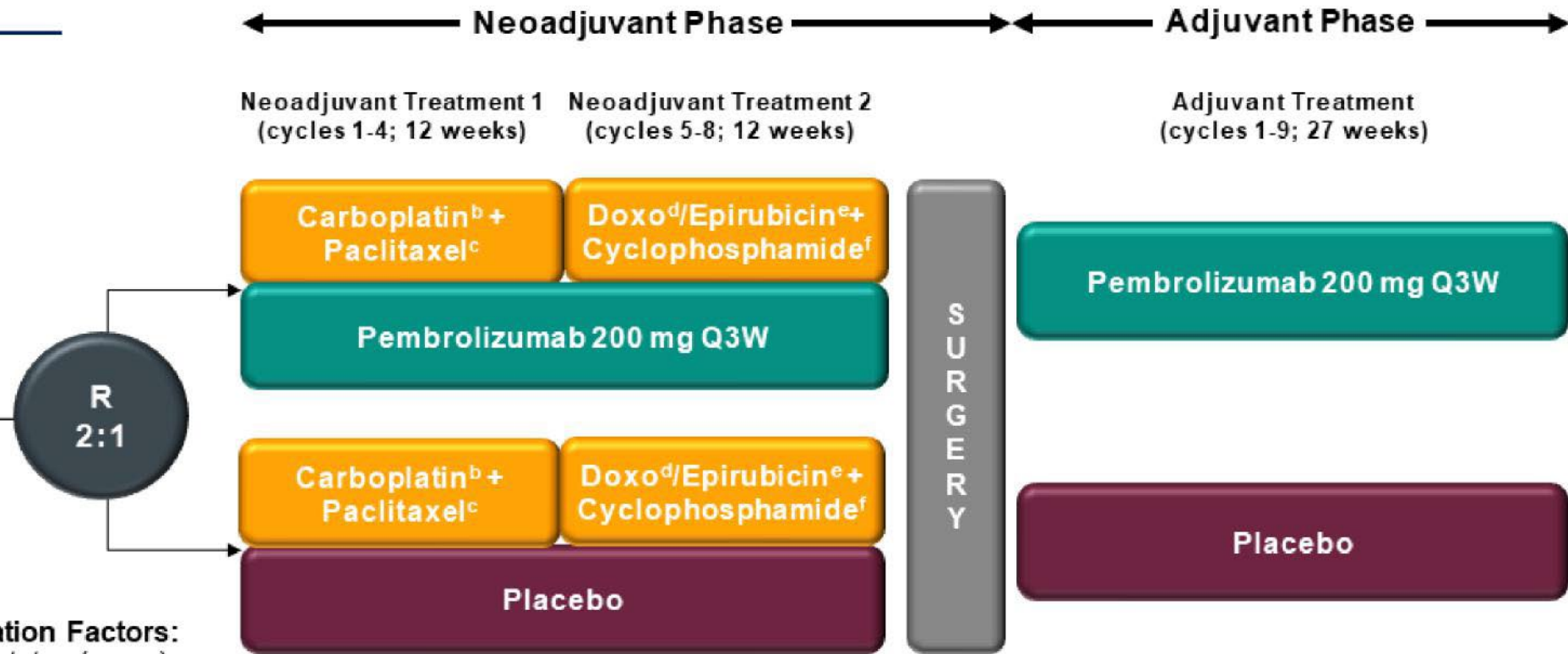
### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Newly diagnosed TNBC of either T1c N1-2 or T2-4 N0-2
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Tissue sample for PD-L1 assessment<sup>a</sup>

•N=1174

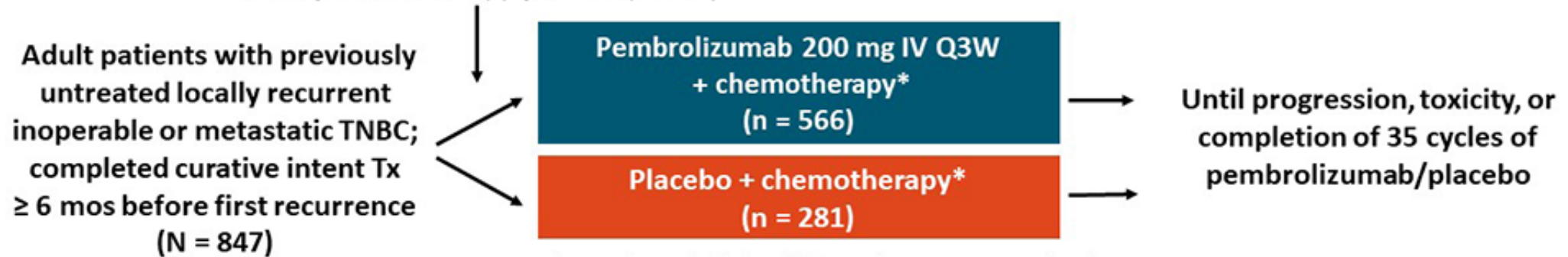
### Stratification Factors:

- Nodal status (+ vs -)
- Tumor size (T1/T2 vs T3/T4)
- Carboplatin schedule (QW vs Q3W)



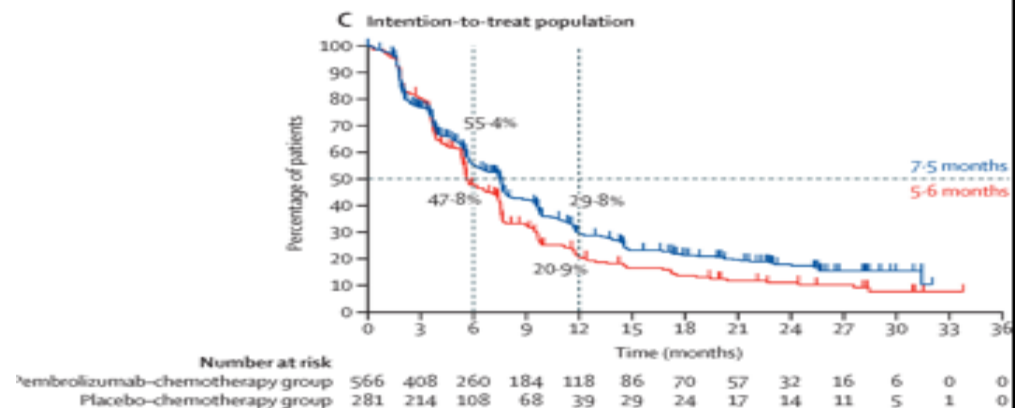
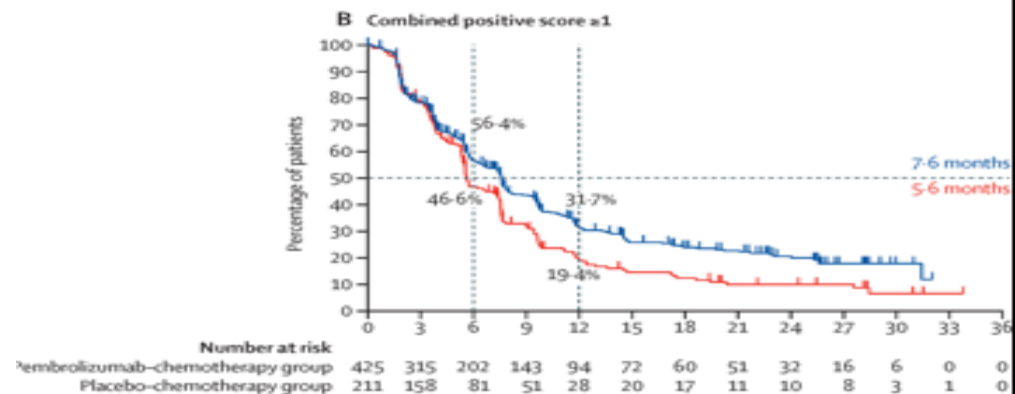
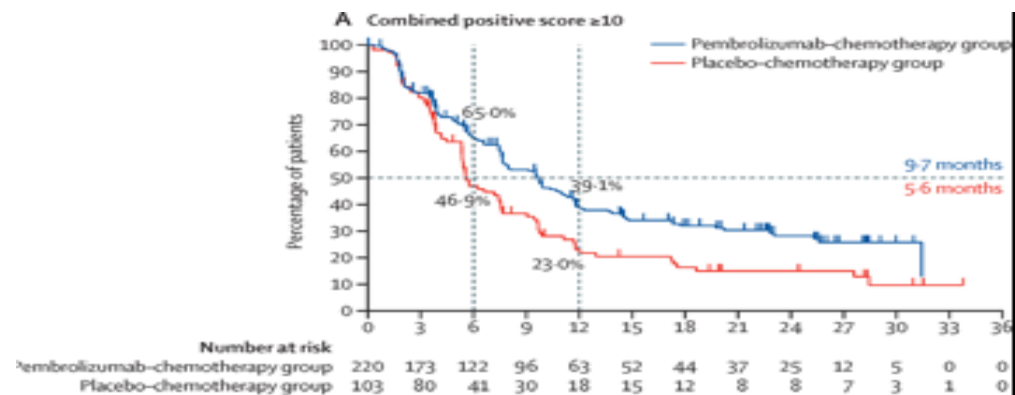
# KEYNOTE-355: Study Design

- Randomized, double-blind, multicenter phase III trial  
*Stratified by chemotherapy (taxane vs gem/carbo); PD-L1 tumor expression (CPS > 1 vs < 1); previous Tx with same class of chemotherapy for EBC (Y vs N)*



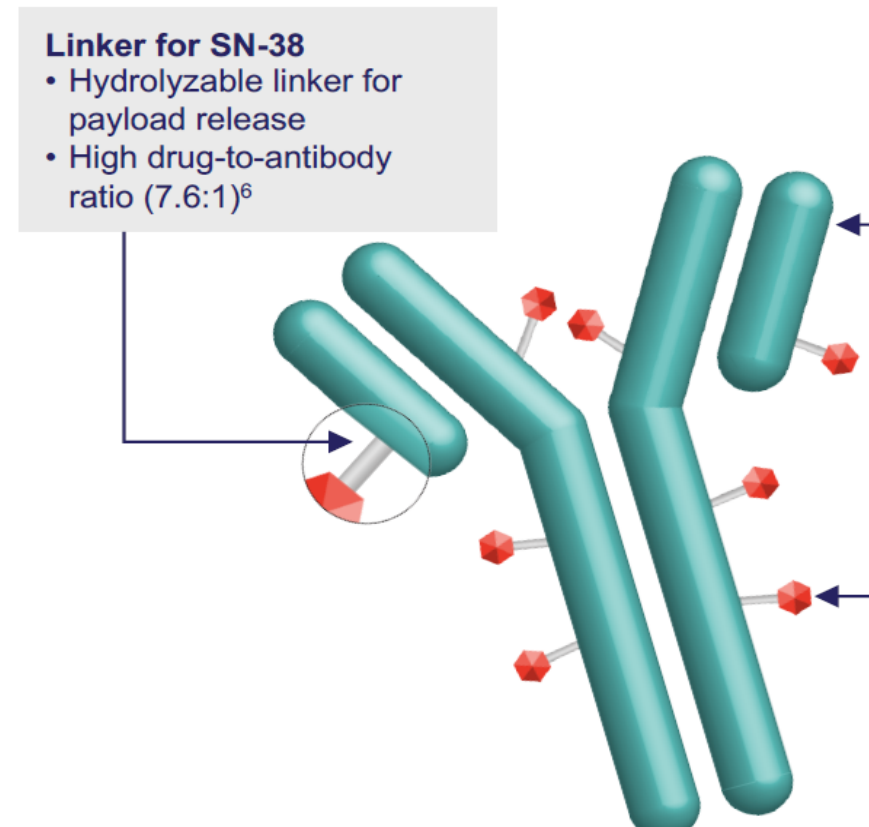
\*Investigator's choice of chemotherapy was permitted:

- Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days 1, 8, 15 of 28-day cycle
  - Paclitaxel 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days 1, 8, 15 of 28-day cycle
  - Gem 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + carbo AUC 2 on Days 1, 8 of 21-day cycle
- Primary endpoints: PFS and OS (PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 10$ , PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 1$ , and ITT)
  - Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR, DCR, safety



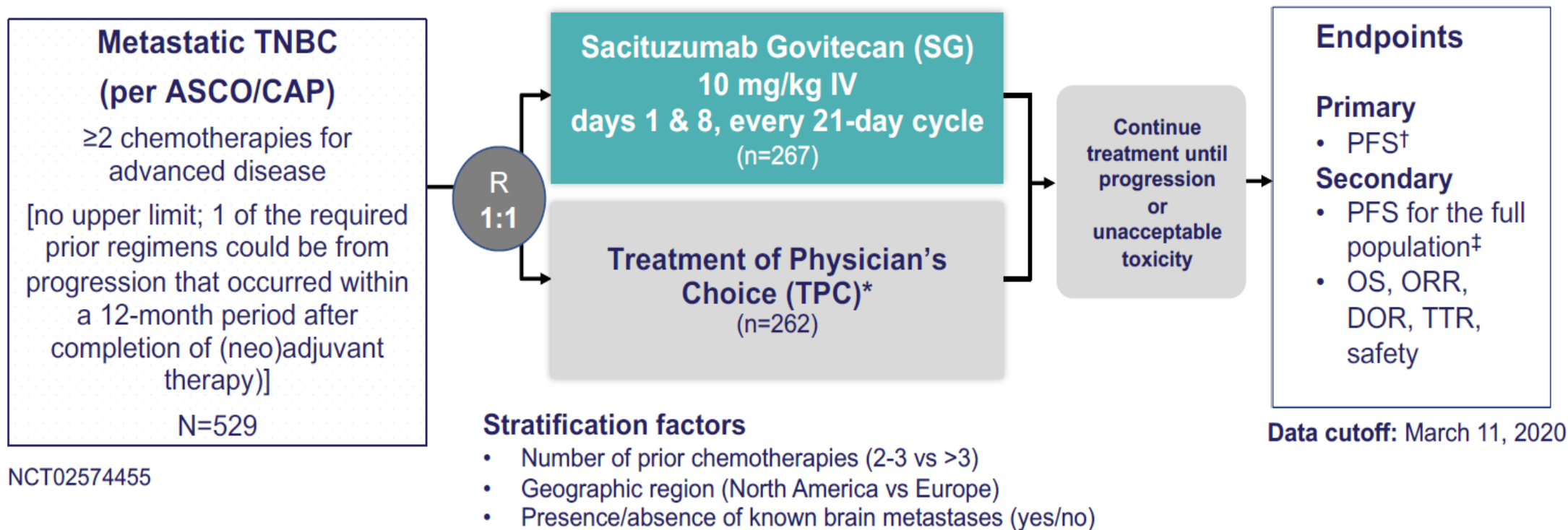
# Sacituzumab Govitecan (SG) Is a First-in-Class Trop-2–Directed ADC

- Trop-2 is expressed in all subtypes of breast cancer and linked to poor prognosis<sup>1,2</sup>
- SG is distinct from other ADCs<sup>3-6</sup>
  - Antibody highly specific for Trop-2
  - High drug-to-antibody ratio (7.6:1)
  - Internalization and enzymatic cleavage by tumor cell not required for the liberation of SN-38 from the antibody
  - Hydrolysis of the linker also releases the SN-38 cytotoxic extracellularly in the tumor microenvironment, providing a bystander effect
- Granted accelerated approval by the FDA for metastatic TNBC and fast-track designation in metastatic urothelial cancer<sup>7</sup>





# ASCENT: A Phase 3 Confirmatory Study of Sacituzumab Govitecan in Refractory/Relapsed mTNBC

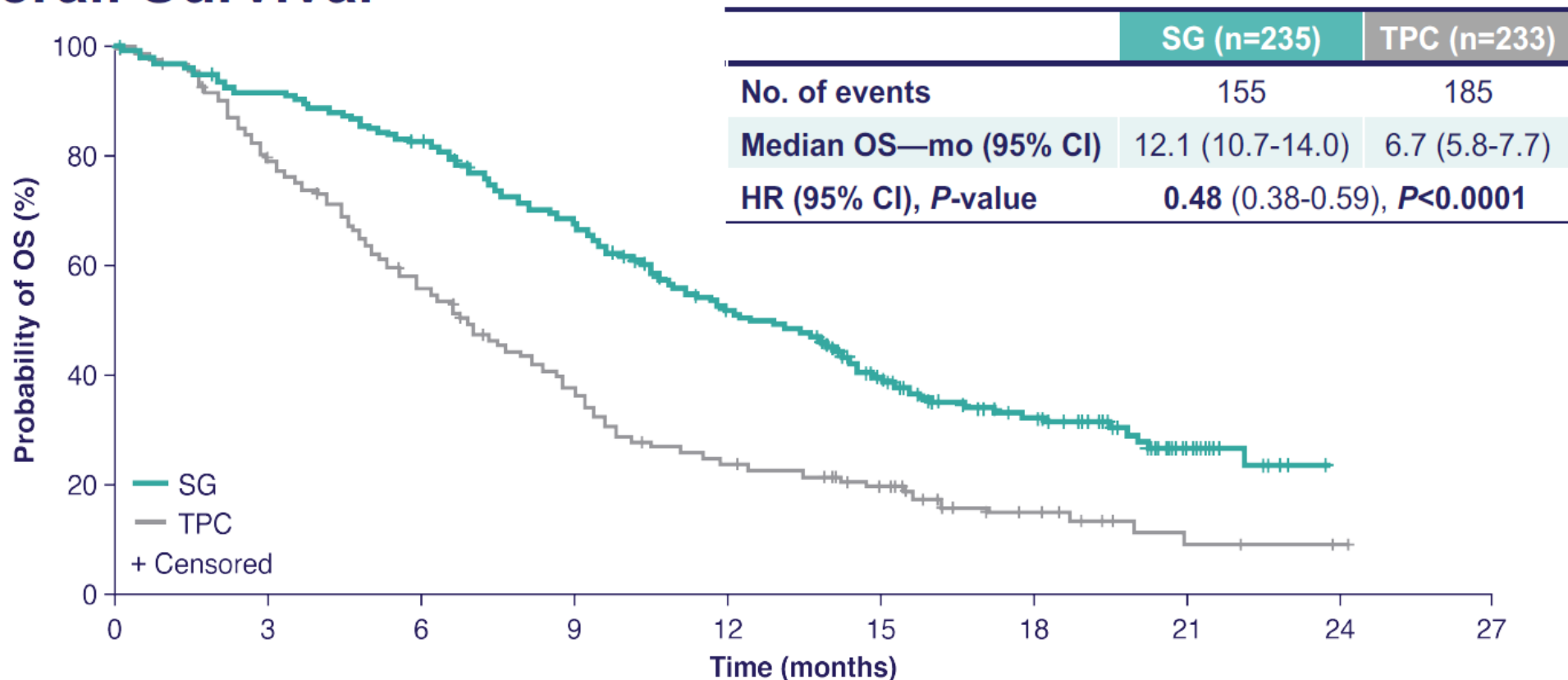


**ASCENT was halted early due to compelling evidence of efficacy per unanimous DSMC recommendation. Here, we report the primary results from ASCENT, including PFS and OS.**





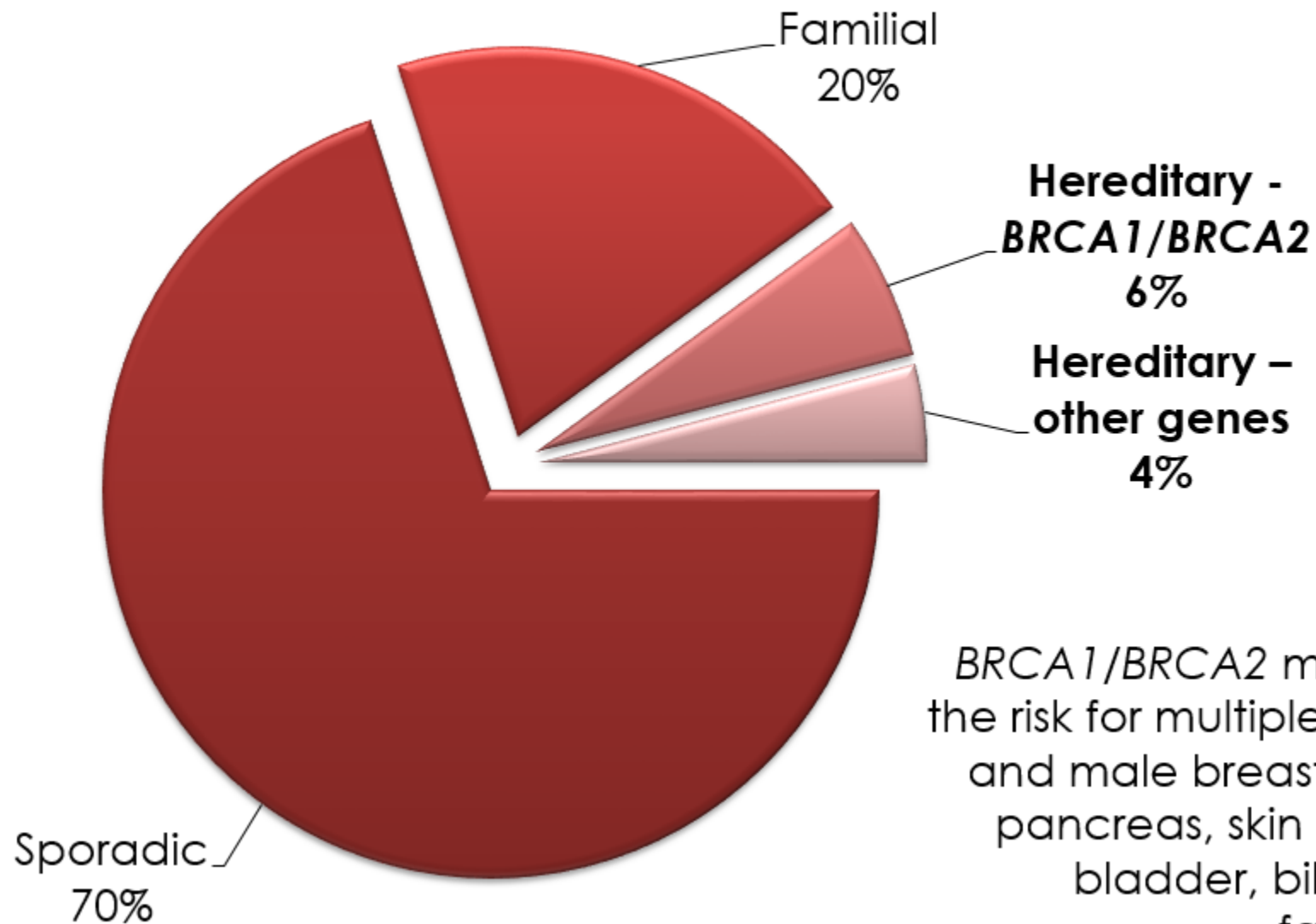
# Overall Survival



### Number of patients at risk

SG	235	228	220	214	206	197	190	174	161	153	135	118	107	101	90	70	52	43	37	30	21	13	8	1	0	0
TPC	233	214	200	173	156	134	117	99	87	74	56	50	45	41	37	30	20	14	11	7	4	3	3	2	1	0

# Breast cancer – why does it happen?

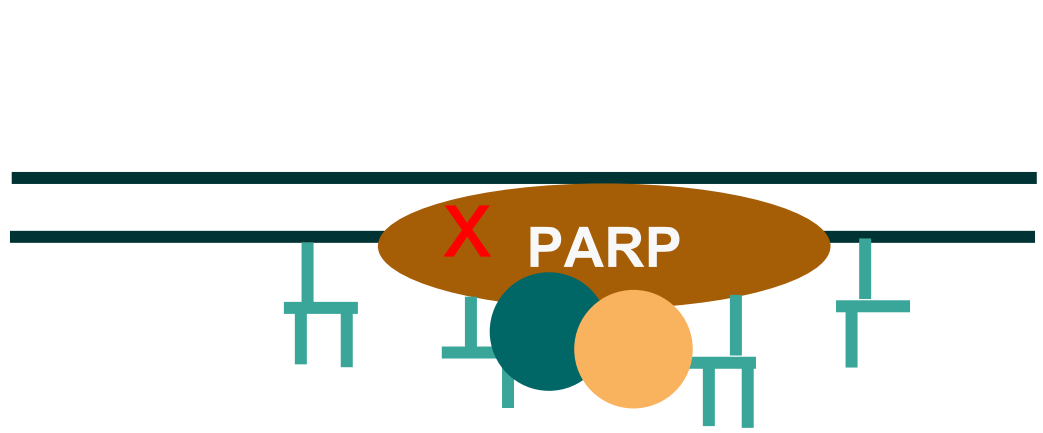


*BRCA1/BRCA2* mutations increase the risk for multiple cancers: female and male breast, ovary, prostate, pancreas, skin (melanoma), gall bladder, bile duct, stomach, fallopian tube, etc.

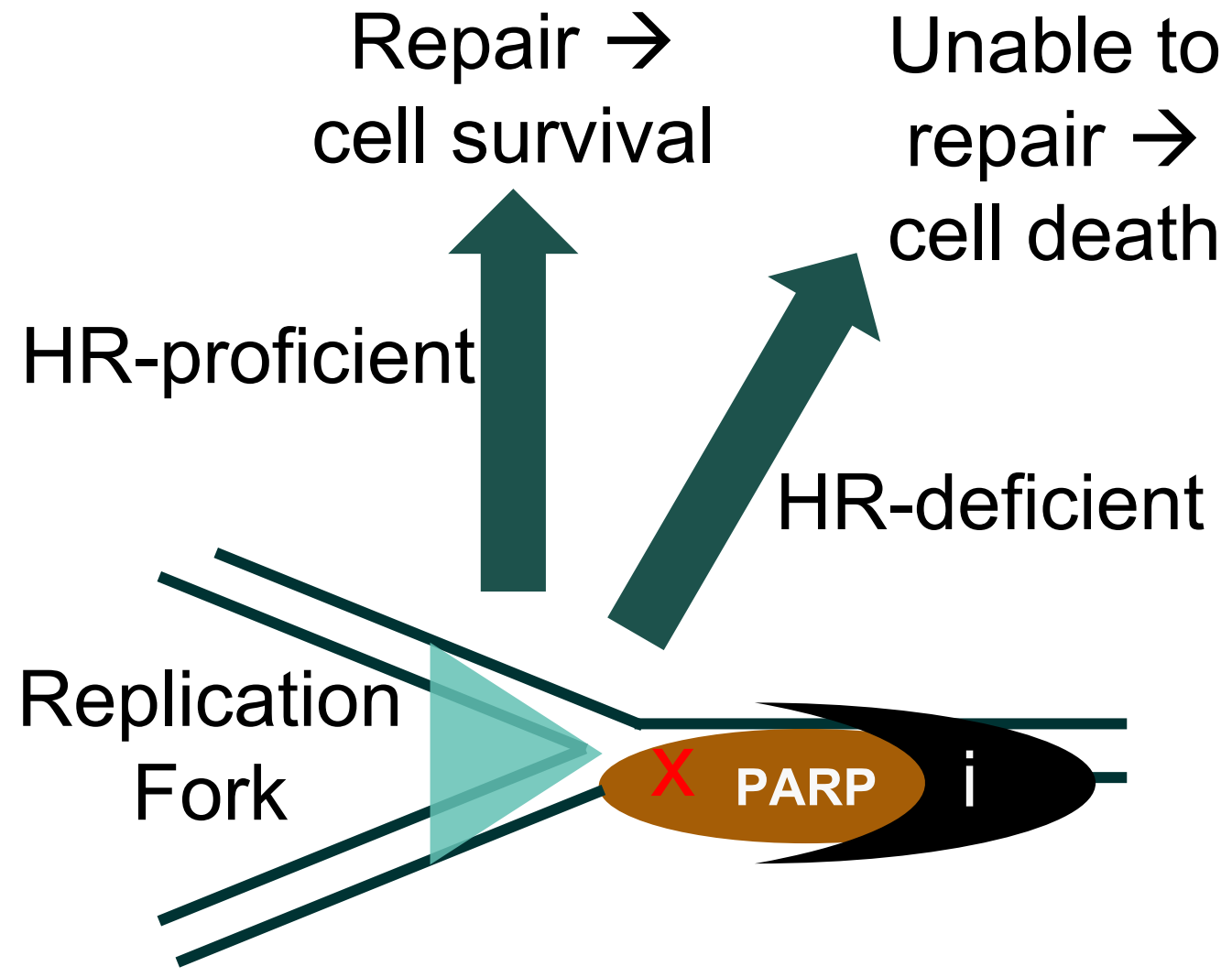
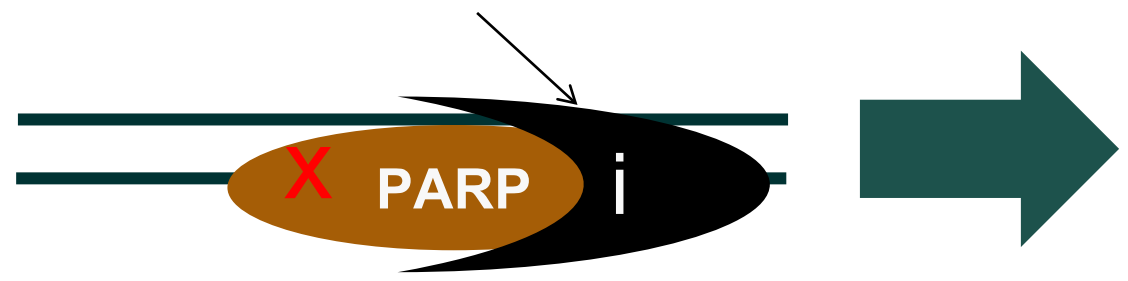
# PARP inhibitors

- Poly[ADP]ribose polymerase (PARP): key component of the base-excision DNA repair pathway
- Especially effective in patients with BRCA mutations
- Germline deleterious BRCA mutations
  - General population 1 in 500
  - 5% of breast cancers, 10% of ovarian, also prostate, pancreas, melanoma

# PARPi Mechanism



PARPi



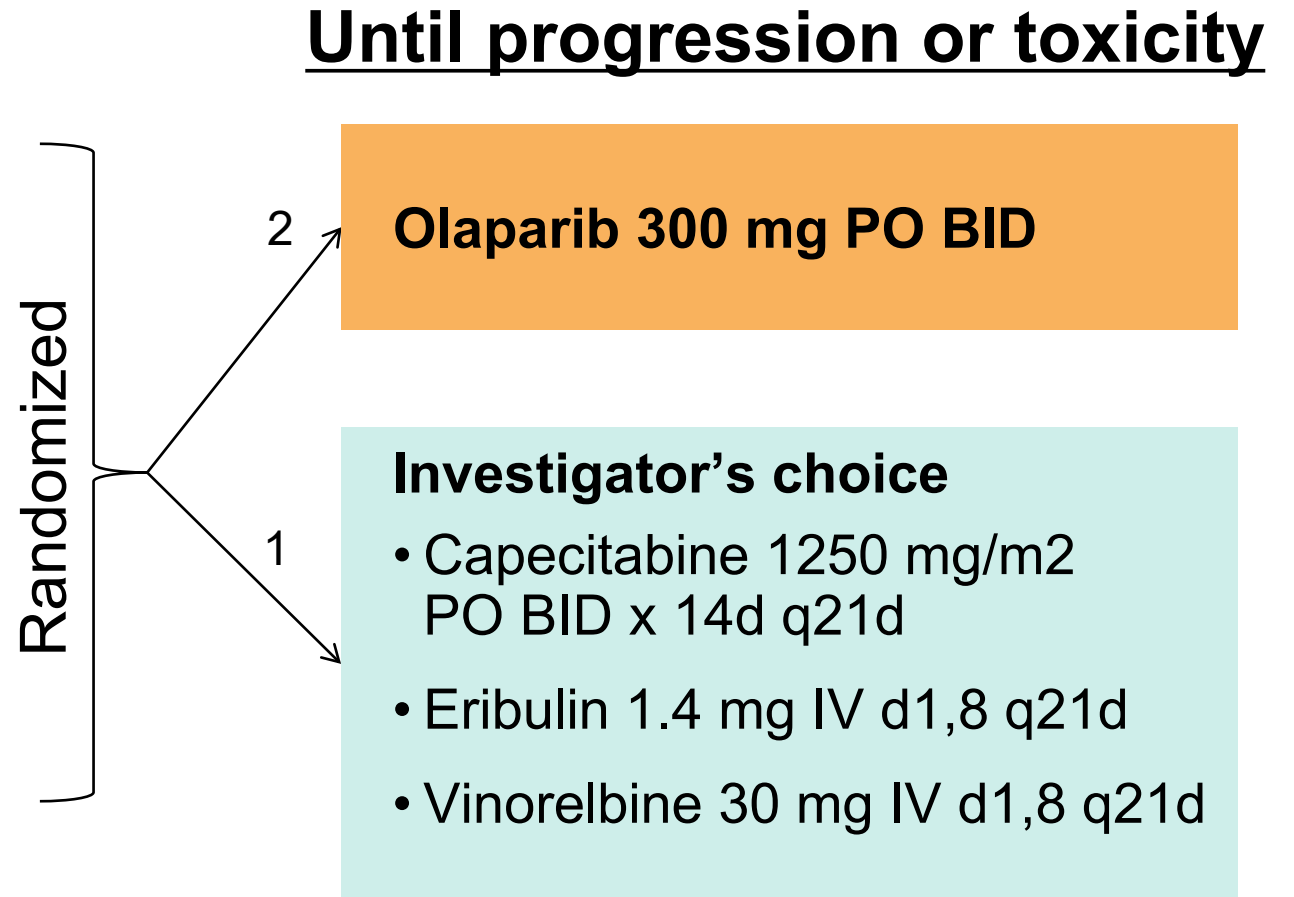
HR = Homologous recombination

# FDA Indications

	Olaparib (Lynparza®)	Rucaparib (Rubraca®)	Niraparib (Zejula®)	Talazoparib (Talzenna®)
Ovarian (monotherapy)	<i>gBRCAM</i> , 3th line	<i>BRCAM</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	4 <sup>th</sup> line	-
Ovarian (maint for platinum-sensitive recurrent)	Approved	Approved	Approved	-
Ovarian (maint after first line platinum)	<i>BRCAM</i> (+/- bev) or HRD (+ bev)	-	Approved	-
Breast (mono for <i>gBRCAM</i> , HER2-)	Metastatic, after chemo	-	-	Metastatic or advanced
Pancreas (maint after first line platinum for <i>gBRCAM</i> )	Approved	-	-	-
Prostate (metastatic castrate-resistant)	After enza or abi	After enza or abi AND docetaxel	-	-

# OlympiAD

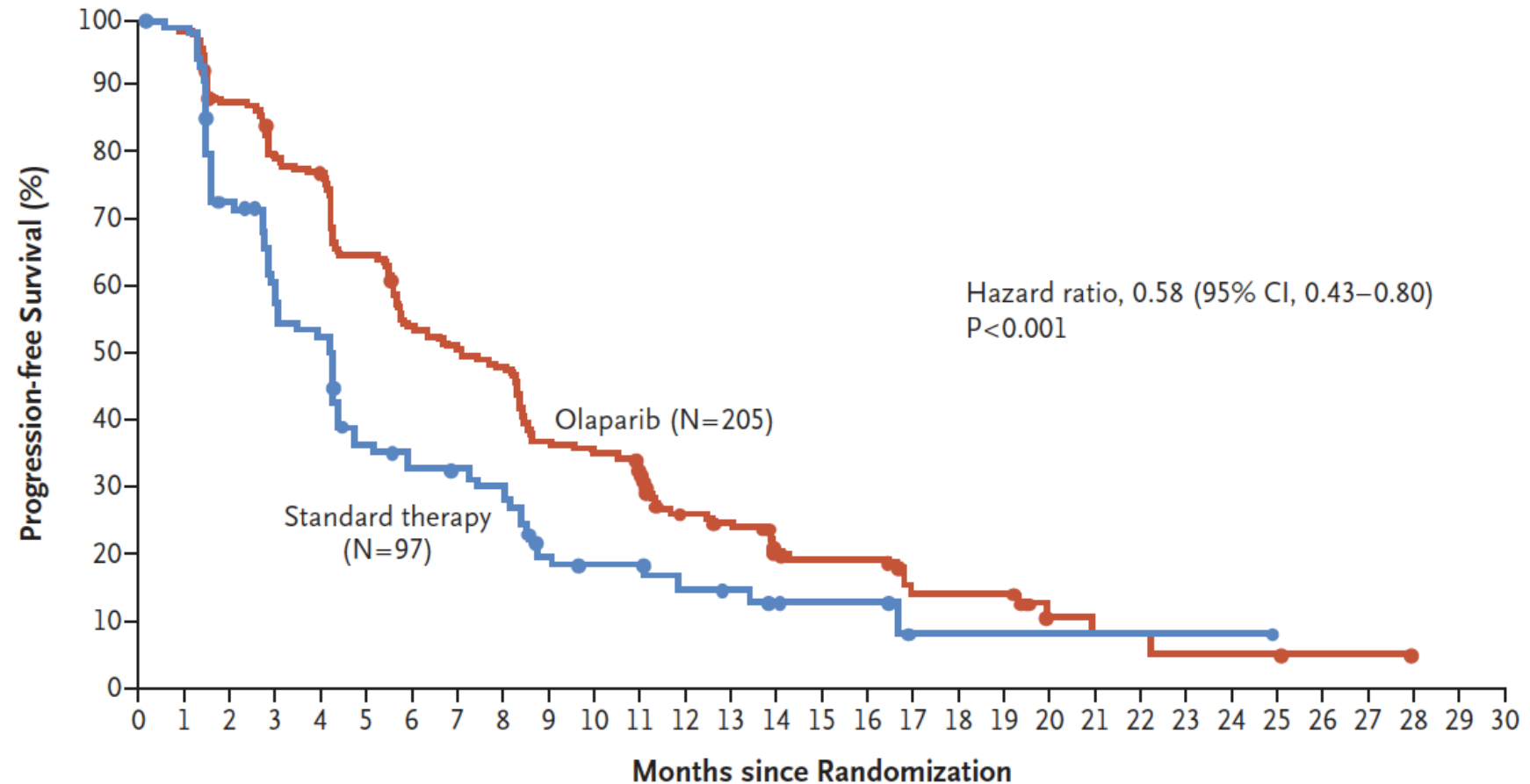
- Metastatic breast cancer
- HER2–
- Germline *BRCA* mutation
- Prior treatment with an anthracycline and a taxane in either adjuvant or metastatic setting
- If ER/PR+, must have progressed on at least one endocrine therapy
- ≤2 prior lines of chemotherapy



*No crossover between treatment arms*

# OlympiAD – Progression-Free Survival

A Progression-free Survival



**Median PFS 7.0 vs. 4.2 months**

**HR 0.58  
95% CI 0.43-0.80  
P<0.001**

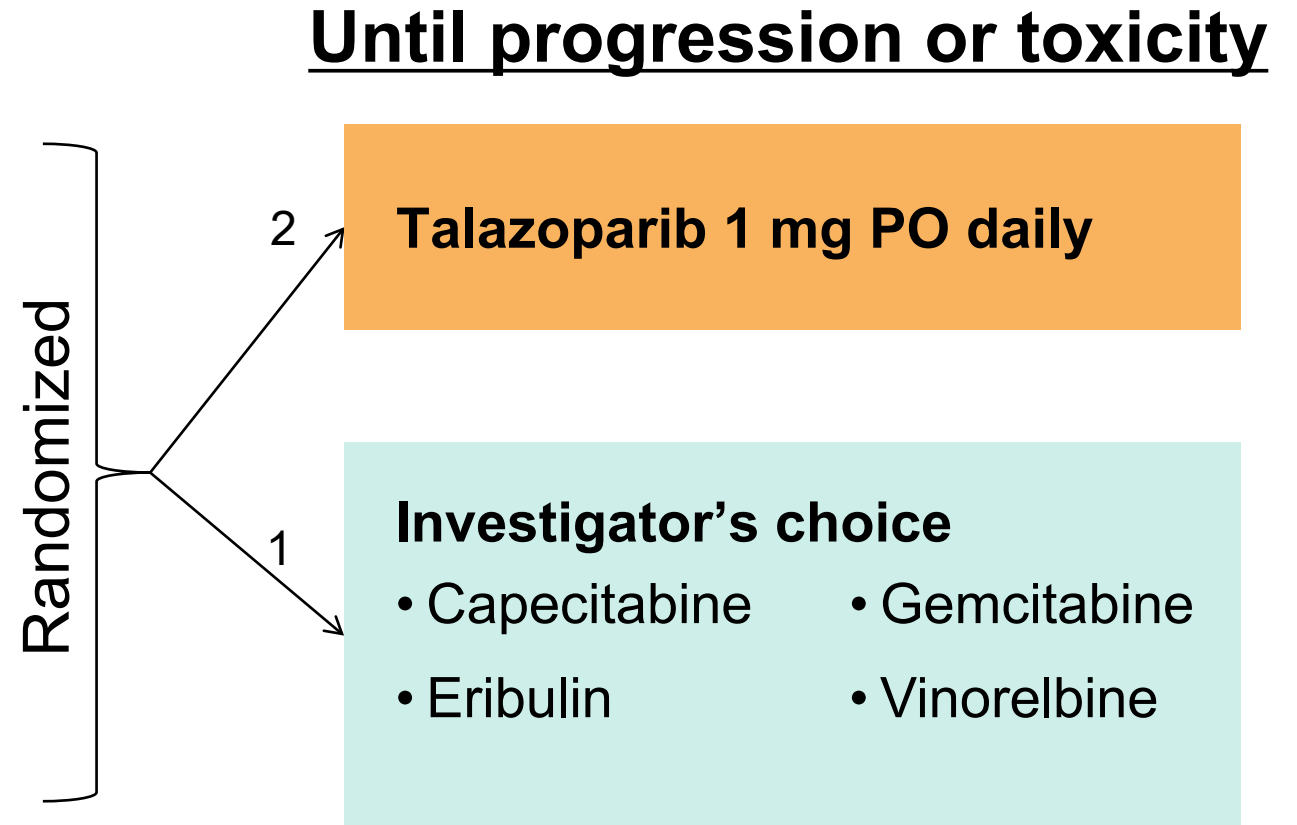
**No. at Risk**

Olaparib	205	201	177	159	154	129	107	100	94	73	69	61	40	36	23	21	21	11	11	11	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
Standard therapy	97	88	63	46	44	29	25	24	21	13	11	11	8	7	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Robson M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017; 377:523-533.

# EMBRACA

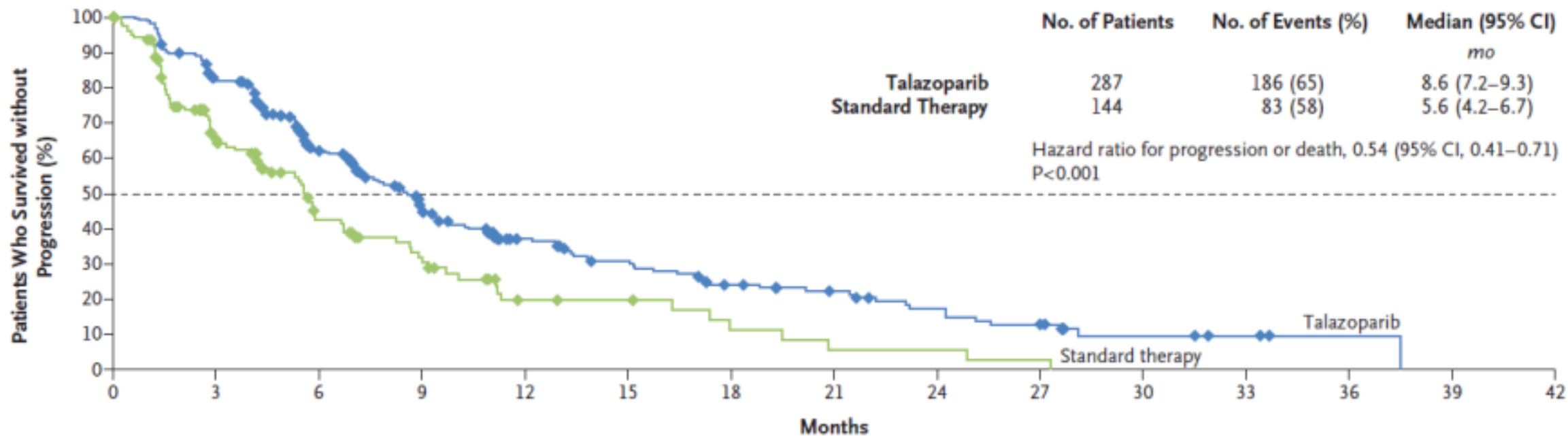
- Locally advanced (uncurable) or metastatic
- HER2 –
- Germline *BRCA* mutation
- Prior treatment with taxane OR anthracycline
- ≤3 prior lines of chemotherapy



*No crossover between treatment arms*



# EMBRACA – Progression Free Survival



## No. at Risk (events/cumulative events)

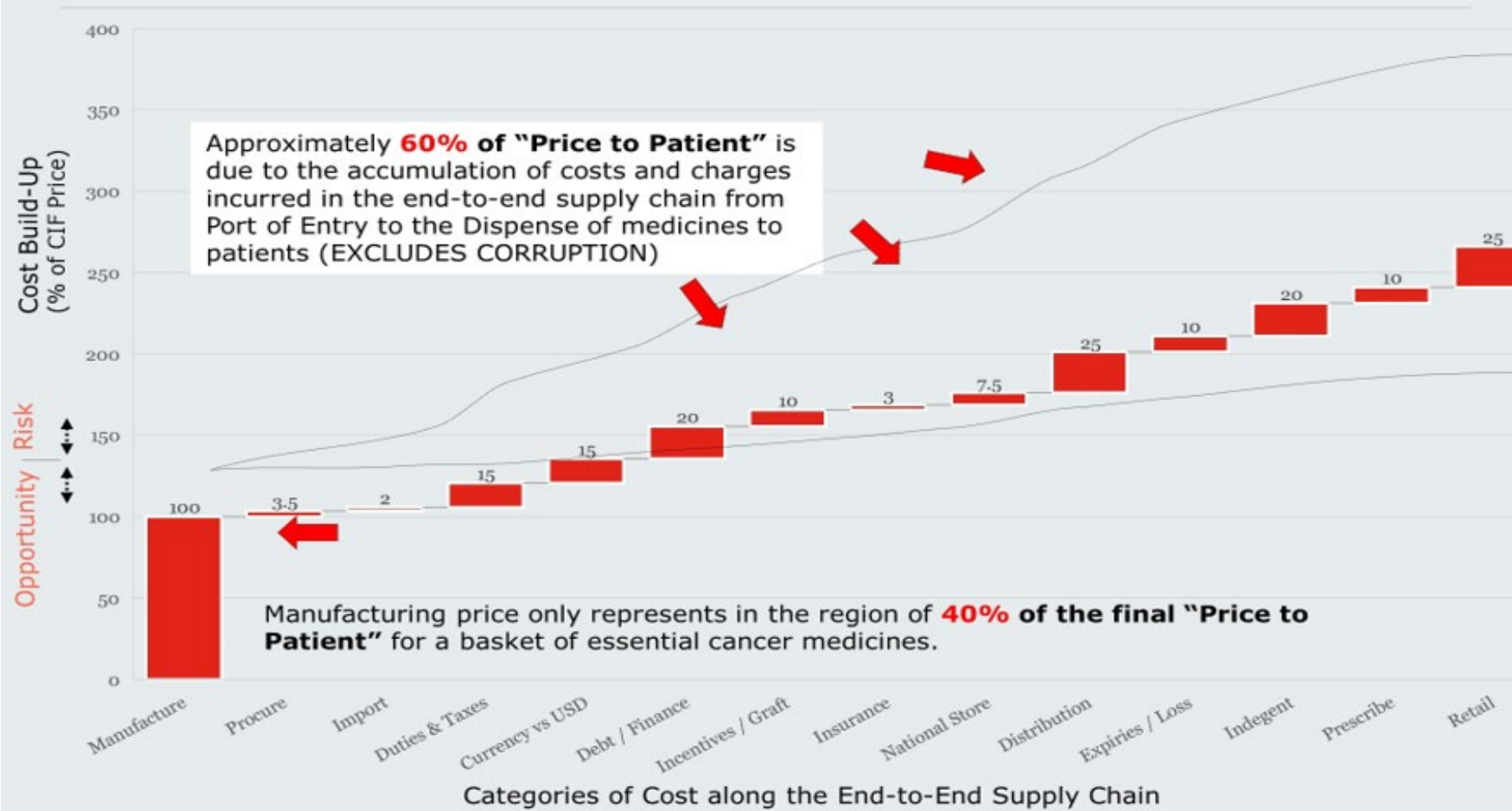
Talazoparib	287 (0/0)	229 (50/50)	148 (53/103)	91 (34/137)	55 (17/154)	42 (9/163)	29 (9/172)	23 (2/174)	16 (5/179)	12 (4/183)	5 (2/185)	3 (0/185)	1 (0/185)	0 (1/186)	0 (0/186)
Standard therapy	144 (0/0)	68 (41/41)	34 (20/61)	22 (8/69)	9 (7/76)	8 (0/76)	4 (3/79)	2 (2/81)	2 (0/81)	1 (1/82)	0 (1/83)	0 (0/83)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

**Median PFS 8.6 vs. 5.6 months**

**HR 0.54; 95% CI 0.41-0.71; P<0.001**

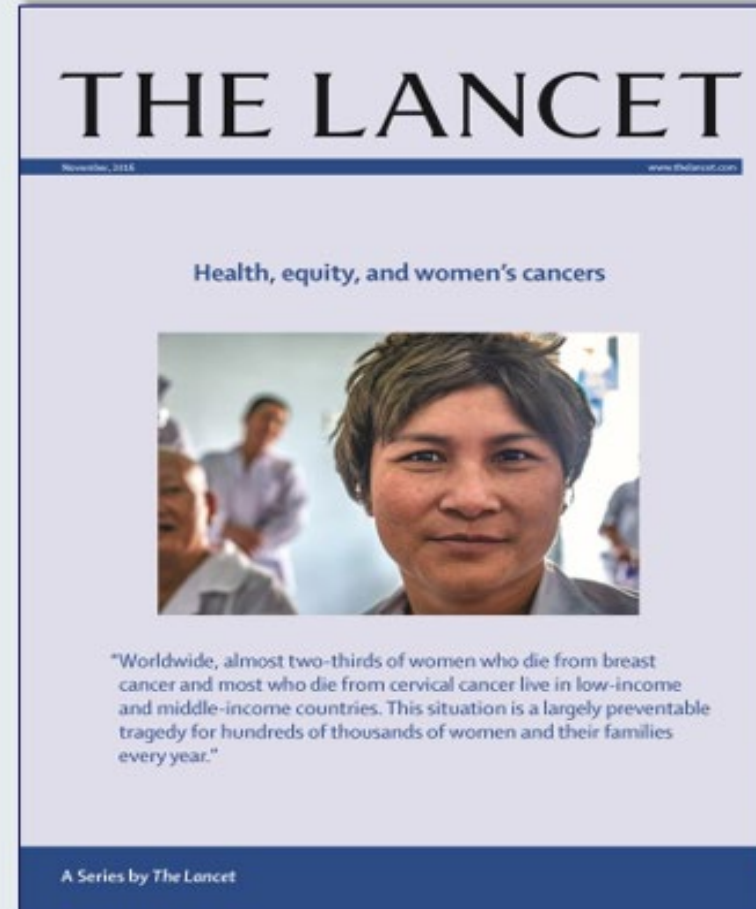
# Value and cost of incorporating New Targeted therapeutics in the Management of breast cancer!

# Pricing failure is rampant



# Vote No! Why? Women die of cancer because

- Poverty
- Ethnicity
- Society and Culture
- Politics



# Delays kill

## Outcomes

Mortality for each four week increase in delay



### Mortality increases as delay increases

Breast cancer surgery delay for 1000 women (baseline 12% mortality)

### Projected additional deaths due to delay:

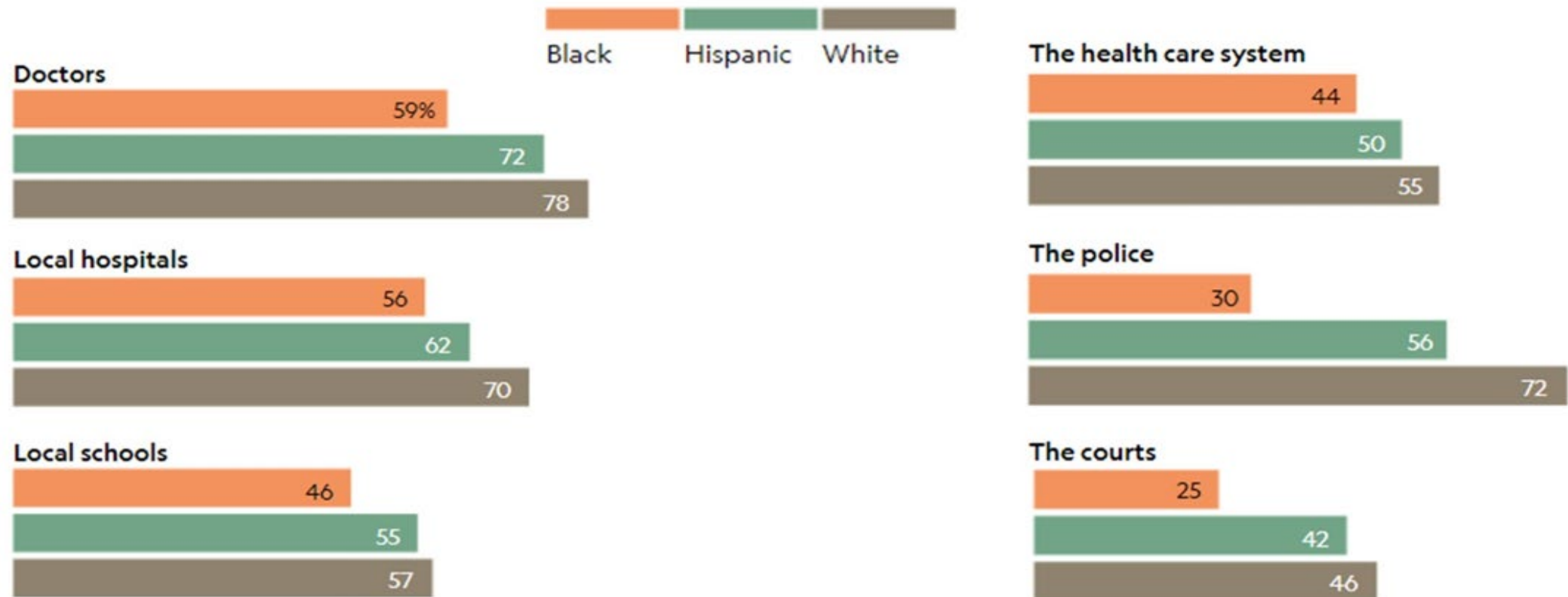
- 4 weeks +10
- 8 weeks +20
- 12 weeks +31

## Clinician Barriers to Ensuring Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Clinical Trials

- Limited physician communication with patients re: patient enrollment
- Physician bias
- Limited time and resources
- Lack of knowledge regarding trial availability
- Lack of workforce diversity



## Can you trust these institutions to do what is right for you or your community all or almost all of the time?



*The Undefeated and the Kaiser Family Foundation  
M. Fletcher, Nat'l Geographic 2020*

Thank you