

# How Do You Measure Success? Recent Progress in Breast Cancer

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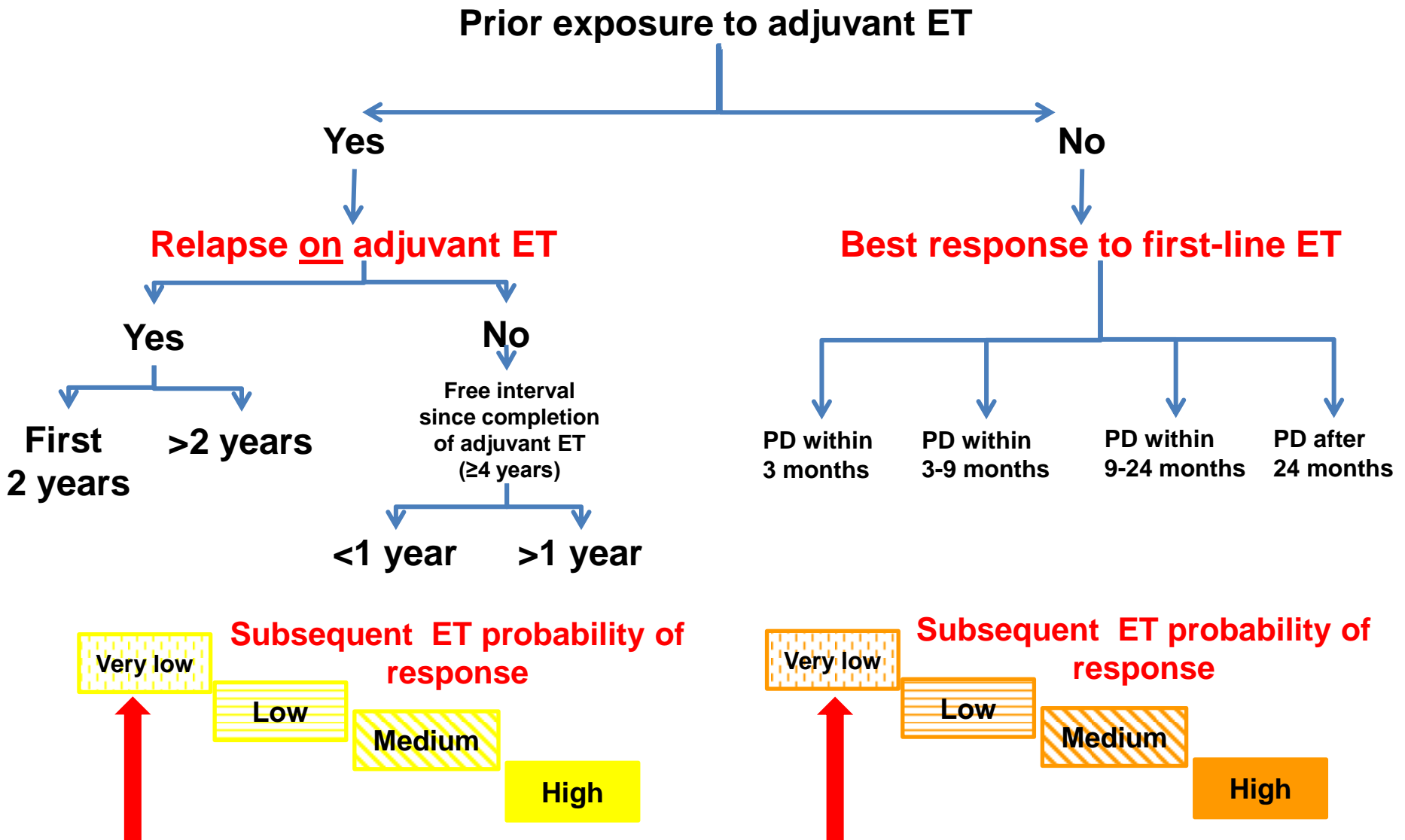
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**All our endocrine therapies fail...  
sooner or later, in view of the  
development of  
“ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE”**

**We have agreed on a  
definition of “endocrine  
resistance”!**

# ABC Consensus on the Definition of "Endocrine Resistance"



« ABC Lisbon » consensus definitions of primary endocrine resistance

ET, endocrine therapy

# Endocrine-Resistant Breast Cancer

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## ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE MECHANISMS



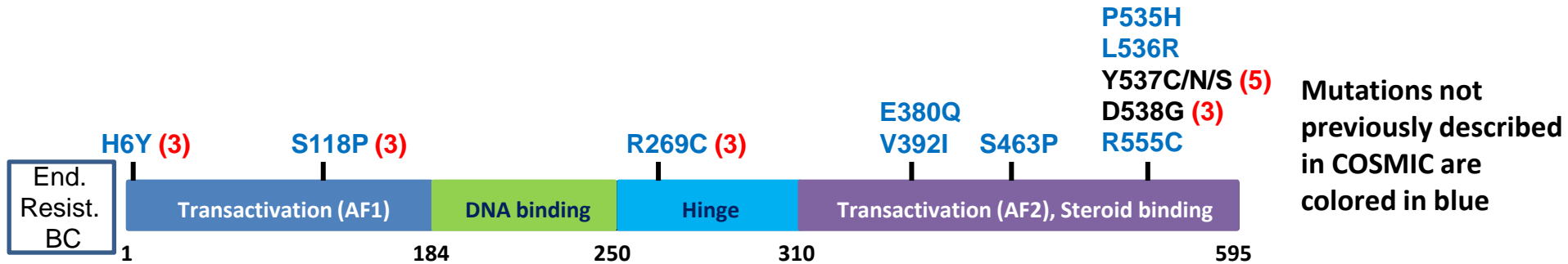
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# Mutations in Estrogen Receptor (ESR1) Are Enriched in Metastatic Samples Compared With Primary



- Mutations are enriched in metastatic samples compared with primary samples

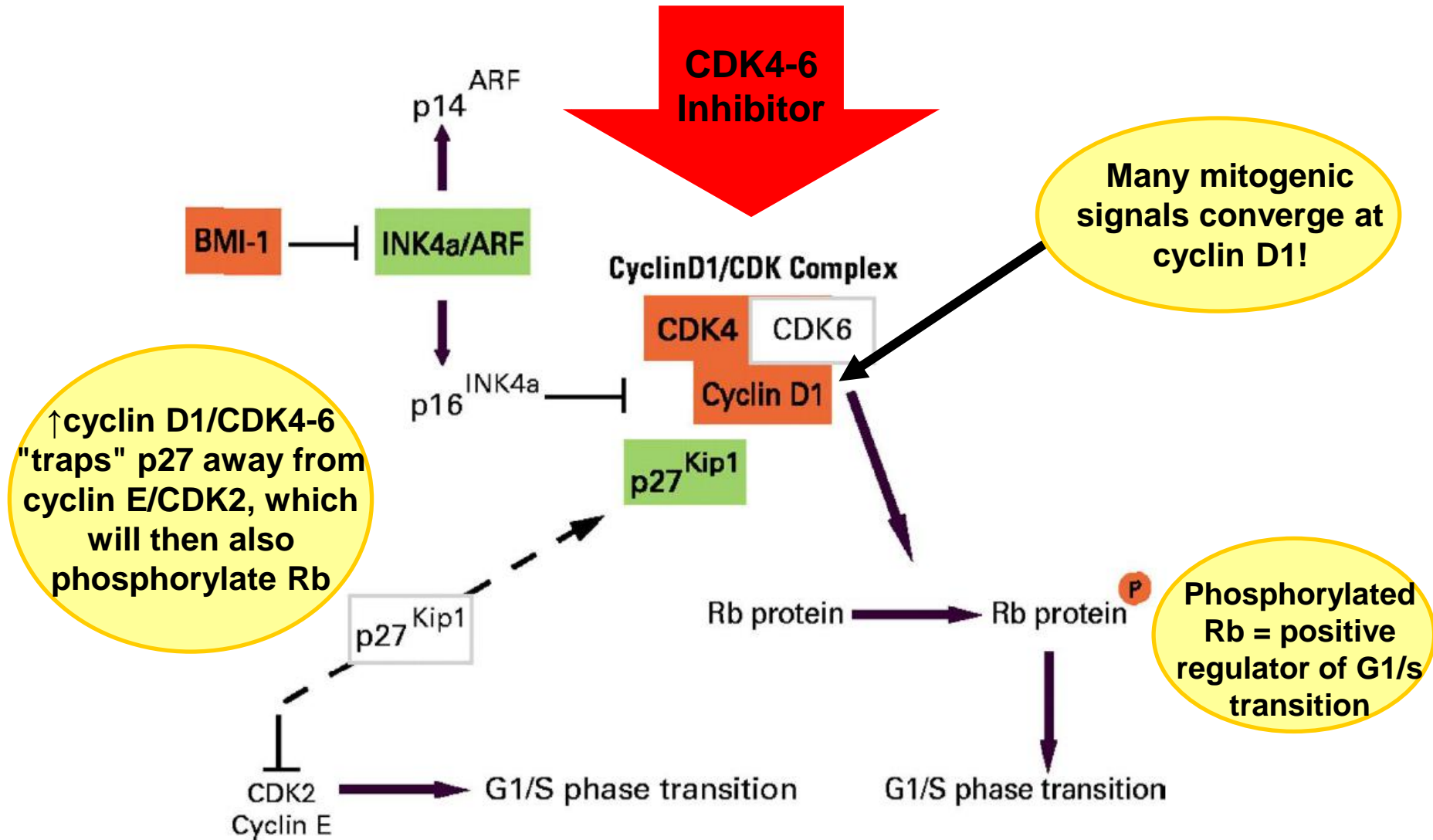
ER mutations	Gene	Met With Variant	Met Without Variant	% Mets	Primary With Variant	Primary Without Variant	% Primary
	ESR1	8	34	19.0	13	172	7.0

- Cluster of 11 mutations (between amino acids 535 and 538) in ligand-binding domain likely affect affinity and binding kinetics of estrogen
  - Example: Y537S mutant is constitutively active in the absence of ligand
- Most of these mutations will ultimately lead to increased ER signaling, through constitutive, ligand-independent transactivation

**Targeting the cell cycle  
progression downstream of  
the “activated” ER:**

**An efficient strategy for  
antagonizing constitutive  
ER $\alpha$  signaling ?**

# Role of CDK4 in Cell Cycle

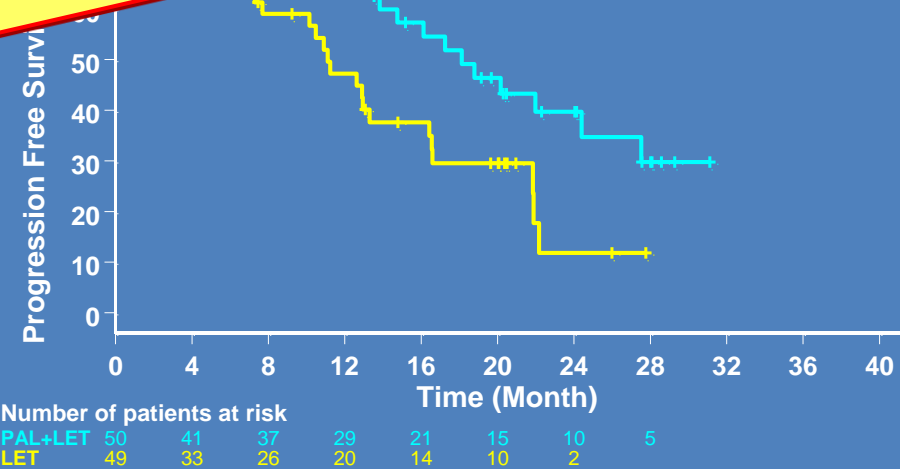


# PALOMA-1 : Progression-Free Survival (ITT)

## Part 1 and Part 2

Part 1	PAL + LET (N = 34)	LET (N = 32)	Part 2	PAL + LET (N = 50)	LET (N = 49)
Number of Events (%)	15 (44)	25 (78)	Number of Events (%)	26 (52)	34 (69)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	26.1 (11.2, NR)	5.7 (2.6, 10.5)	Median PFS, months (95% CI)	18.1 (13.1, 27.5)	11.1 (7.1, 16.4)
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.299 (0.156, 0.571)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.508 (0.303, 0.853)	
P value	.0006		P value	.0046	

**Encouraging results... but  
randomized phase II, not III**



Finn RS, et al. Proceedings of the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research; 2014 Apr 5-9; San Diego, CA. Philadelphia (PA): AACR; 2014. Abstract CT101.

This agent may not be currently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration or European Medicines Agency for this indication.



# Ongoing Phase III Studies Assessing CDK 4/6 Inhibition

**PALOMA-2**

**Palbociclib + Letrozole vs. Letrozole For 1st Line Treatment Of Postmenopausal Women (NCT01740427)**

**PALOMA-3**

**Palbociclib + Fulvestrant vs. Fulvestrant + Placebo After Endocrine Failure (NCT01942135)**

**PEARL**

**Palbociclib + Exemestane vs. Capecitabine in Resistance to NSAI (NCT02028507)**

**MONARCH2**

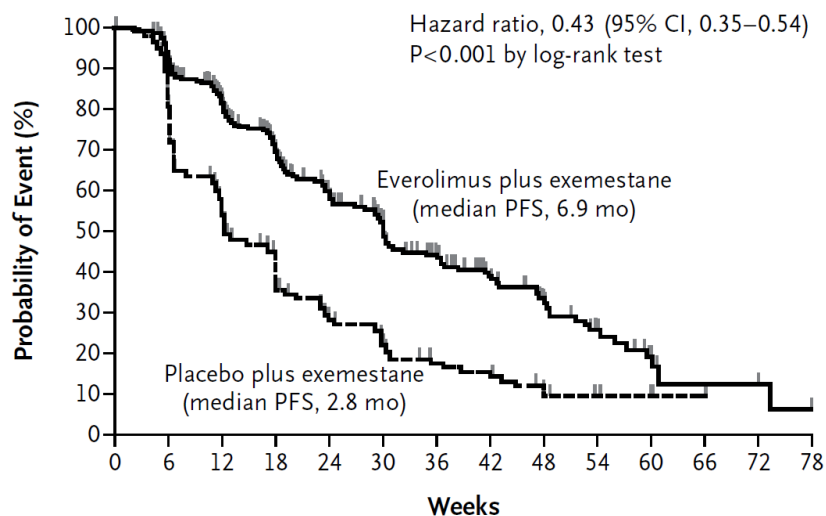
**Fulvestrant With or Without Abemaciclib (LY2835219) (NCT02107703)**

**MONALEESA2**

**LEE011 in Combination With Letrozole (NCT01958021)**

# BOLERO-2 Study: Results

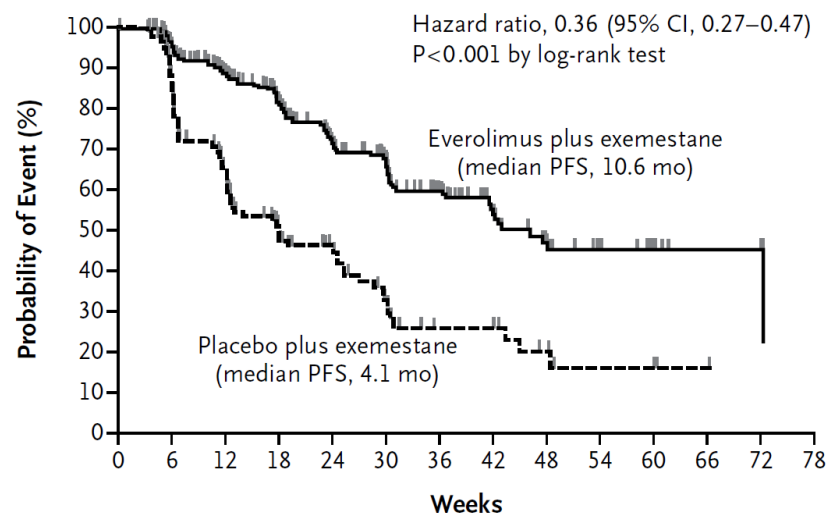
## Local Assessment



### No. at Risk

Everolimus	485	398	294	212	144	108	75	51	34	18	8	3	3	0
Placebo	239	177	109	70	36	26	16	14	9	4	3	1	0	0

## Central Assessment

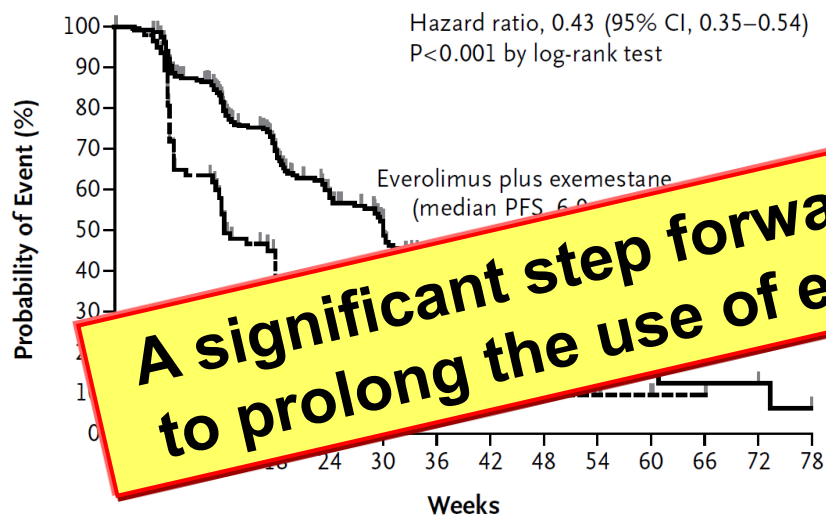


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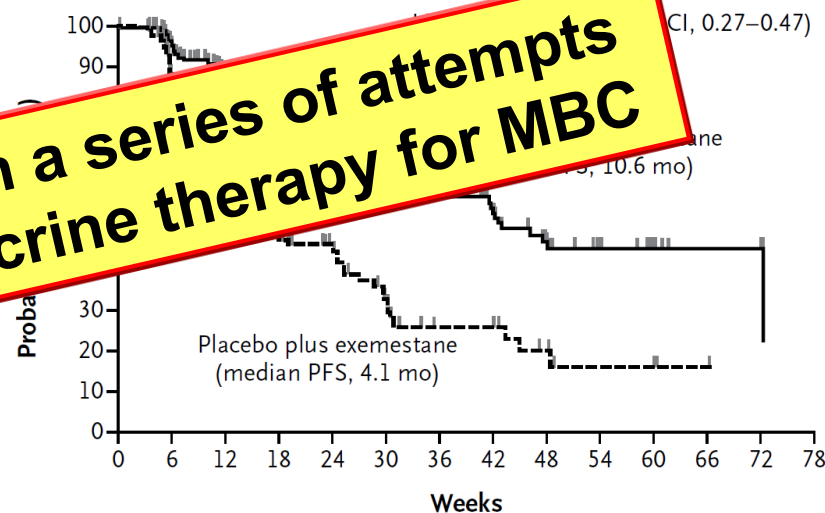
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# BOLERO-2: Most Common G3/4 AEs

	Everolimus + Exemestane (N = 482), %			Placebo + Exemestane (N = 238), %		
	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Stomatitis</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dyspnea</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>
<b>Anemia</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>
<b>Hyperglycemia</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AST</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pneumonitis</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

AE, Adverse Event; AST, Aspartate aminotransferase

Baselga J, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2012;366(6):520-529.

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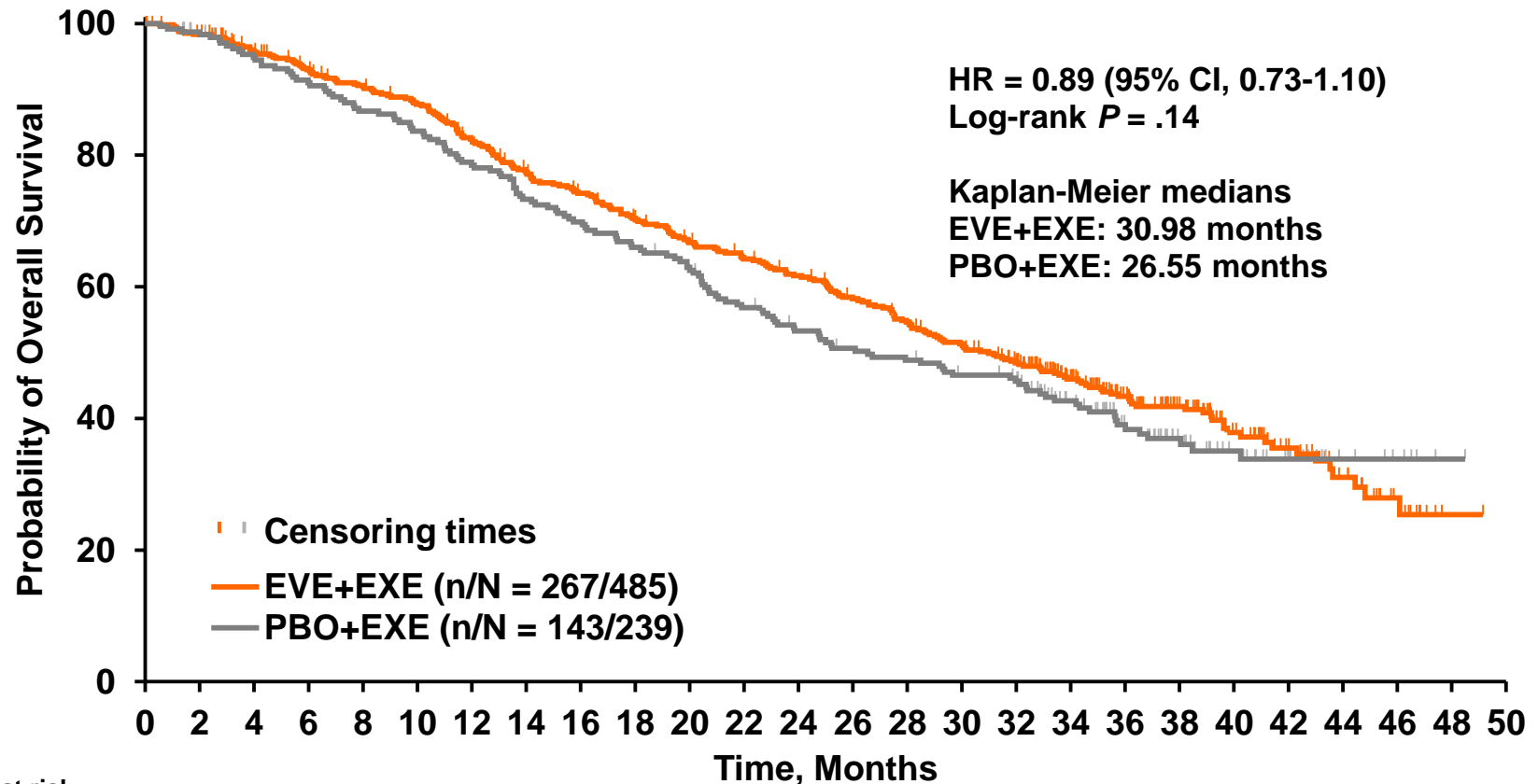
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Stomatitis	56	8	1	1	1	0
Fatigue	26	1	0	26	1	0
Dyspnea	9	1	0	9	1	<1
Hyperglycemia	10	5	1	4	<1	<1
Hyperkalemia	13	4	<1	2	<1	0
AST	13	3	<1	6	1	0
Pneumonitis	12	3	0	0	0	0

**Discontinuation of treatment due to side effects :  
19% vs 4%**

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



No. at risk

EVE+EXE	485	471	448	429	414	399	373	347	330	311	292	279	266	248	232	216	196	154	118	91	58	39	23	11	1	0
PBO+EXE	239	232	220	211	201	194	182	170	162	153	145	130	120	113	109	102	98	77	56	41	28	18	8	5	1	0

- At 39 months' median follow-up, 410 deaths had occurred (data cutoff date: 03 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 the log-rank test stratified by sensitivity to prior hormonal therapy and presence of visceral metastasis from IXRS®. CI, confidence interval; EVE, everolimus; EXE, exemestane; HR, hazard ratio; PBO, placebo.

Piccart M, et al. Presented at: 2014 European Breast Cancer Congress; 19-21 March 2014: Glasgow, Scotland. Abstract LBA1.

# Potential Explanations for the Lack of a Survival Benefit in BOLERO-2

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- 1. The trial was not powered to detect a realistic OS gain of 4 to 6 months**
- 2. A small imbalance in post-study salvage chemotherapy has been identified**
- 3. Release of a negative intracellular feedback loop between mTORC-1 and IGF-1 could lead to "paradoxal" AKT activation and a possible impaired response to salvage therapies**

# **Progress in Endocrine Therapy Strategies for Premenopausal Women**



# TEXT and SOFT Designs

Enrolled: Nov 03 – Apr 11

- Premenopausal
- ≤12 wks after surgery
- Planned OFS
- No planned chemo  
OR planned chemo

R  
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## TAMOXIFEN AND EXEMESTANE TRIAL (N = 2672) TEXT

→ Tamoxifen + OFS x 5y

→ Exemestane + OFS x 5y

- Premenopausal
- ≤12 wks after surgery
- No chemo

OR

- Remain premenopausal  
≤8 mos after chemo

R  
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## SUPPRESSION OF OVARIAN FUNCTION TRIAL (N = 3066) SOFT

→ Tamoxifen x 5y

→ Tamoxifen + OFS x 5y

→ Exemestane + OFS x 5y

Joint Analysis  
(N = 4690)

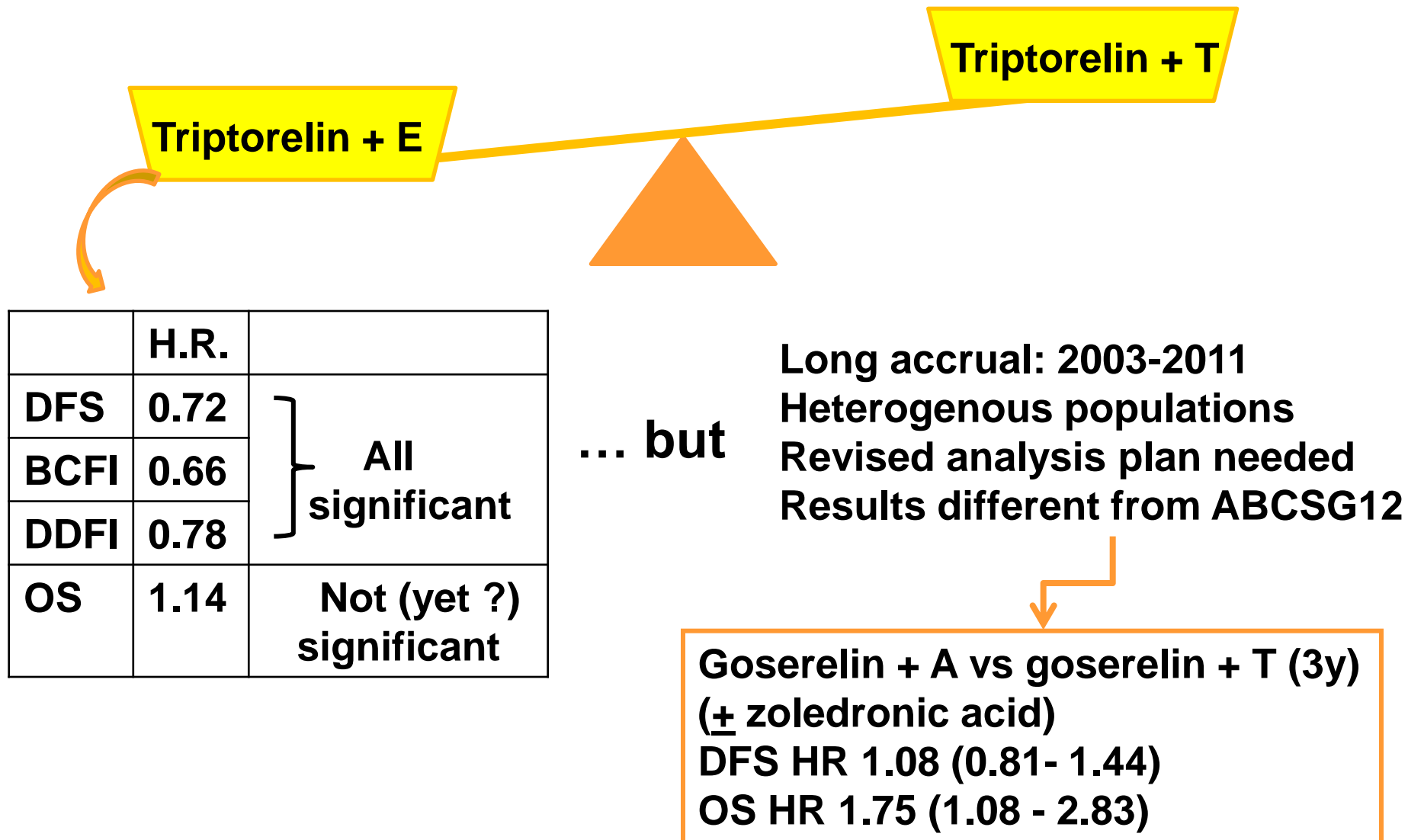
Tamoxifen + OFS x 5y  
Exemestane + OFS x 5y

Median follow-up 5.7 years

OFS, ovarian function suppression

# ASCO 2014 Breast Cancer Highlights

## First Results of TEXT/SOFT Combined



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## First Results of TEXT/SOFT Combined

**Absolute gain in 5y DFS of 3.8% to be balanced against grade 3 or 4 side effects**

**E > T**

<b>Musculoskeletal</b>	<b>11% &gt; 5%</b>
<b>Fractures</b>	<b>1.3% &gt; 0.8%</b>
<b>Cardiac ischemia</b>	<b>0.3% &gt; 0.1%</b>
<b>Dyspareunia</b>	<b>2.3% &gt; 1.4%</b>
<b>Discontinuation of therapy</b>	<b>16% &gt; 11%</b>

**T > E**

<b>Thromboembolic events</b>	<b>1.9% &gt; 0.8%</b>
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# Recent Progress in the Management of Breast Cancer

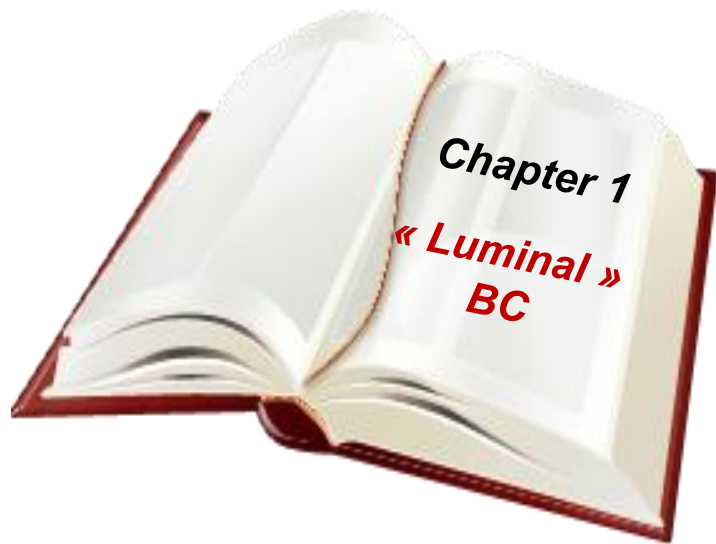
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**Progress ?**



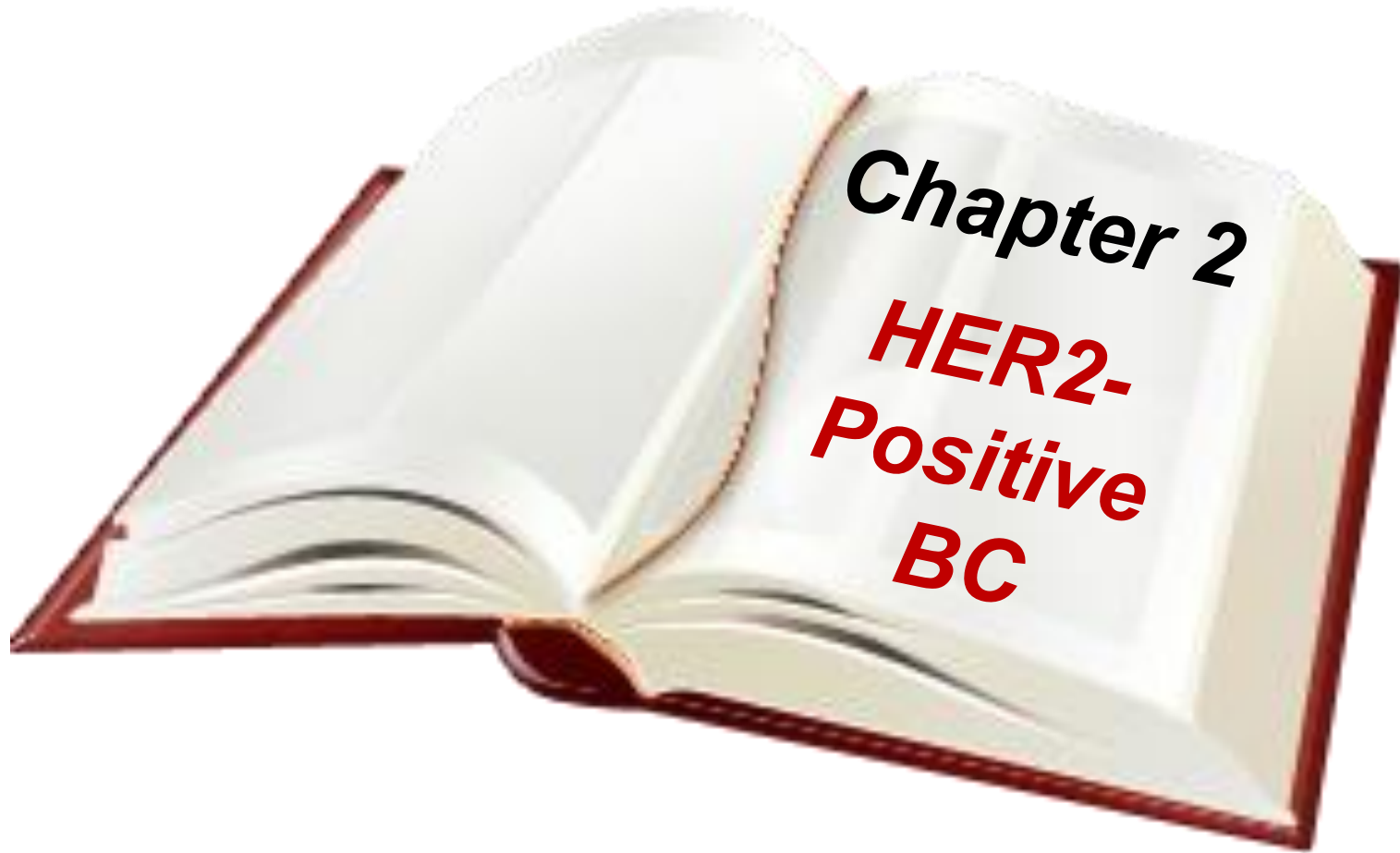
**Yes**

**... but patient's  
preference  
will be key given  
side effects and lack of  
OS benefit**



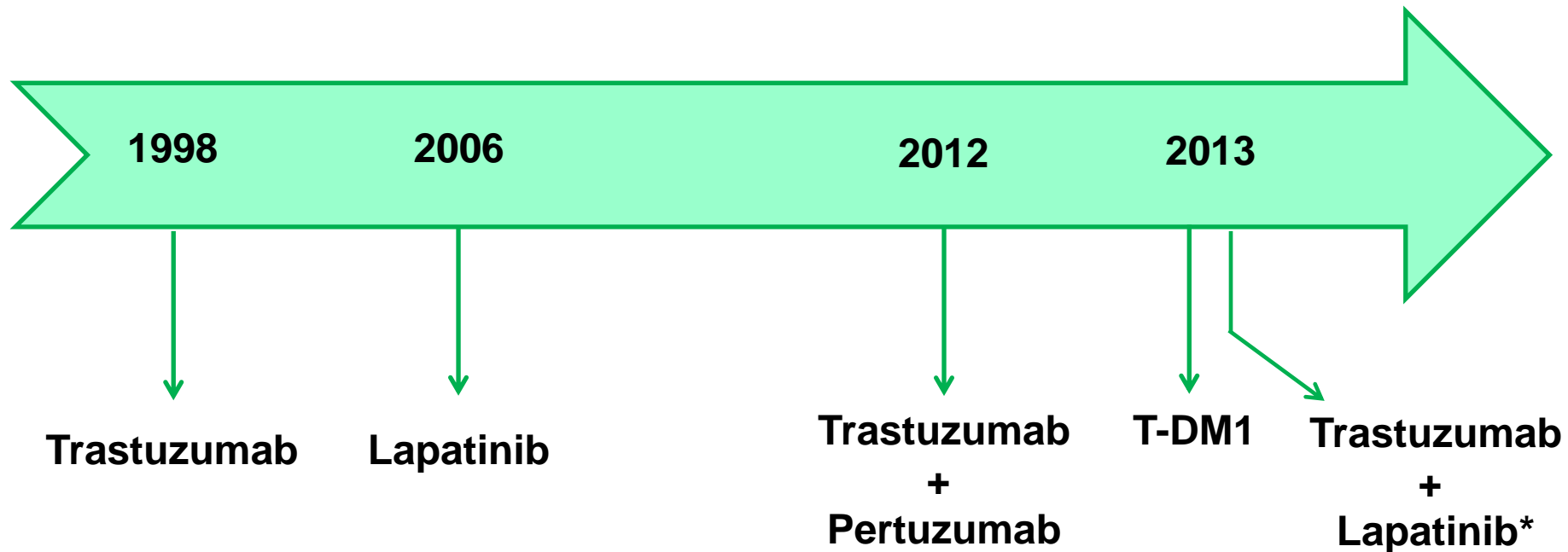
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# Approval of New Drugs for the Treatment of HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer

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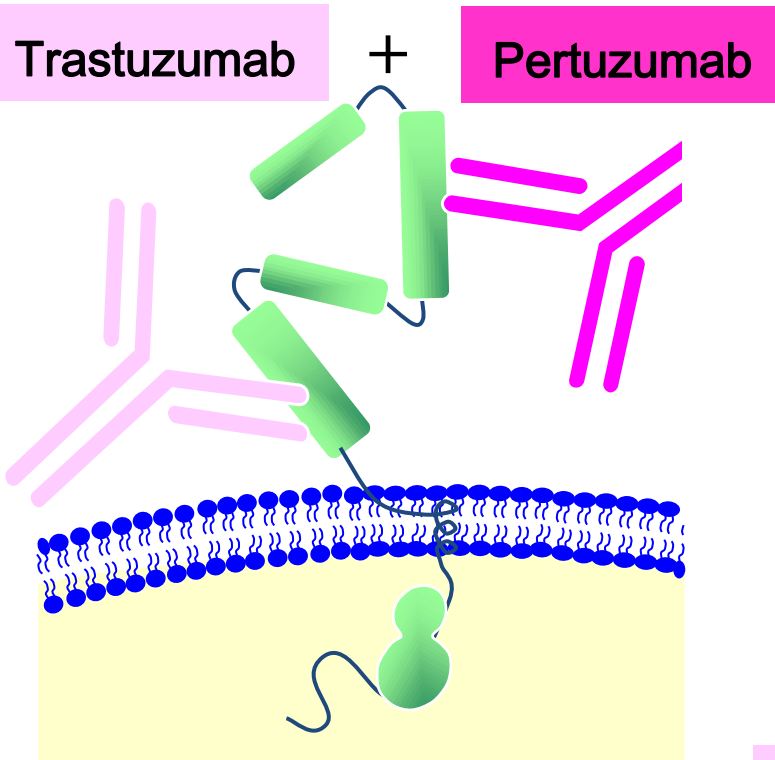
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# Weaknesses of Approved Anti-HER2 Drugs

Drugs	WEAKNESSES
Trastuzumab	does not block heregulin-induced HER2-HER3 and HER2-HER4
Pertuzumab	does not block ligand-independent HER2-HER3
Lapatinib	allows "recovery" through HER3
T-DM1	spares HER2- cells within the tumor

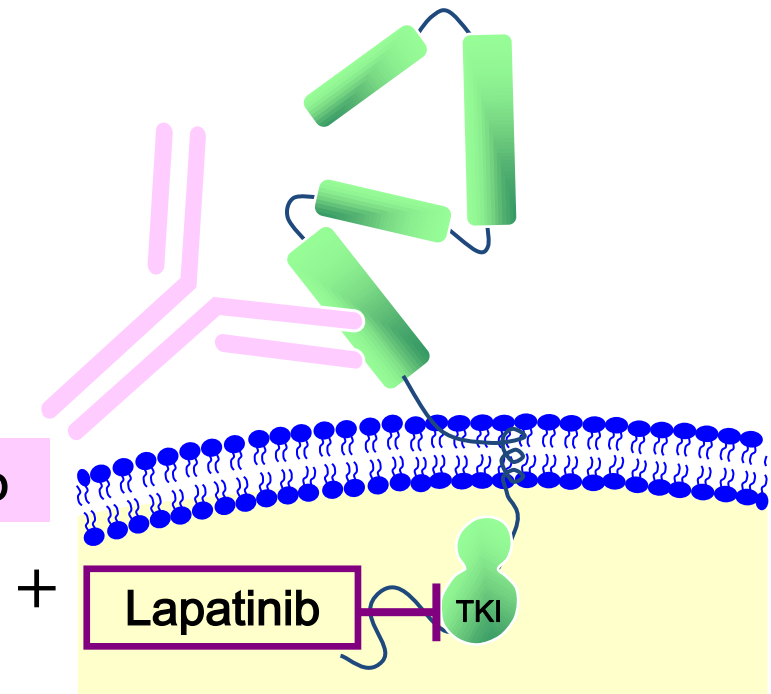
# Dual HER2 Blockade

## STRATEGY A



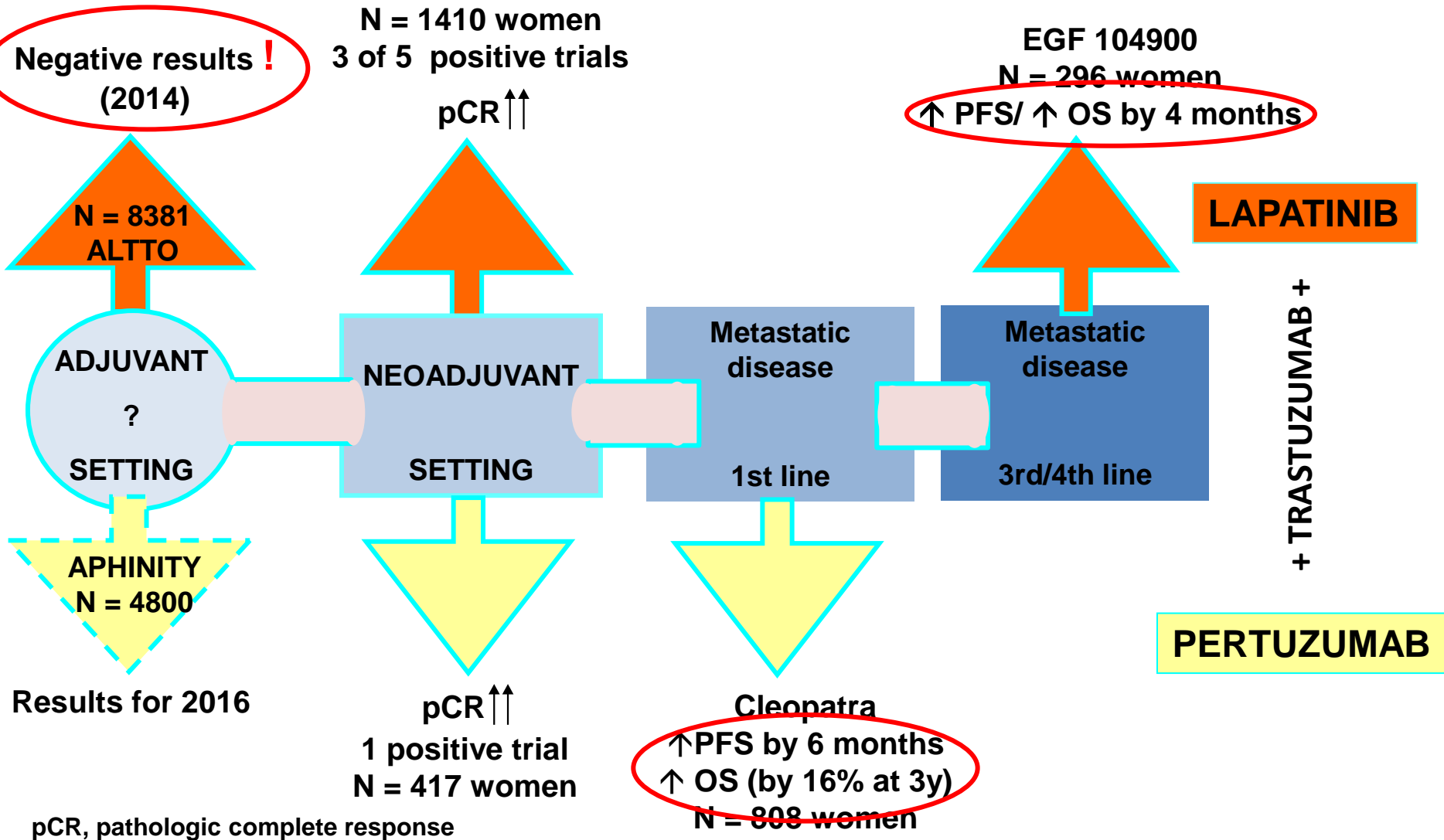
## STRATEGY B

Trastuzumab





# Dual HER2 Blockade: Results As of 2014



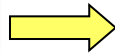
# ASCO 2014

Comparison	Assumptions	Result (HR, 97.5% CI, P-value)
<b>L + T vs. T</b>	Test superiority in intention-to-treat (ITT) population at alpha = <b>0.025</b>	0.84 (0.70, 1.02), p = <b>0.048</b>
<b>T→ L vs. T</b>	Test non-inferiority in per protocol population (PPP) at alpha = <b>0.025</b>	0.93 (0.76, 1.13), p = <b>0.044</b>

# Trastuzumab-DM1 in HER2+ MBC



**Trastuzumab-DM1**



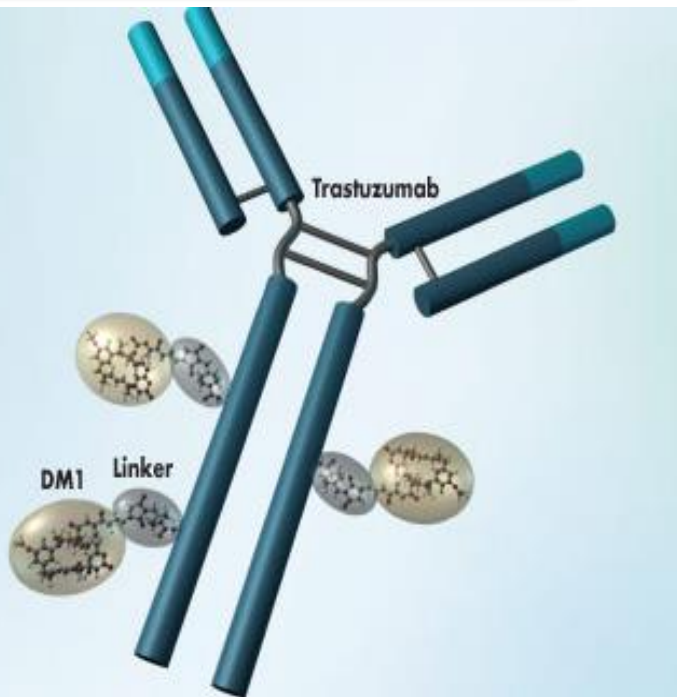
**Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC)**

**DM1**

**Maytansine (inhibitor of microtubule assembly)**



- Potency > vincristine or vinblastine
- Maximal exposure of HER2+ tumors
- Minimal exposure of normal tissues
- Antitumor properties of trastuzumab



# TDM1 Randomized Clinical Trials in Advanced HER2-Positive BC

Current "standard of care" therapies in advanced disease

Taxane +  
Trastuzumab

Capecitabine +  
Lapatinib

Other  
Chemotherapies  
+ Trastuzumab

TDM1 becoming the  
treatment of choice  
for all...!

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Superiority  
of TDM1 or  
TDM1 + P

Superiority  
of TDM1

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(MARIANNE study)

(EMILIA study)

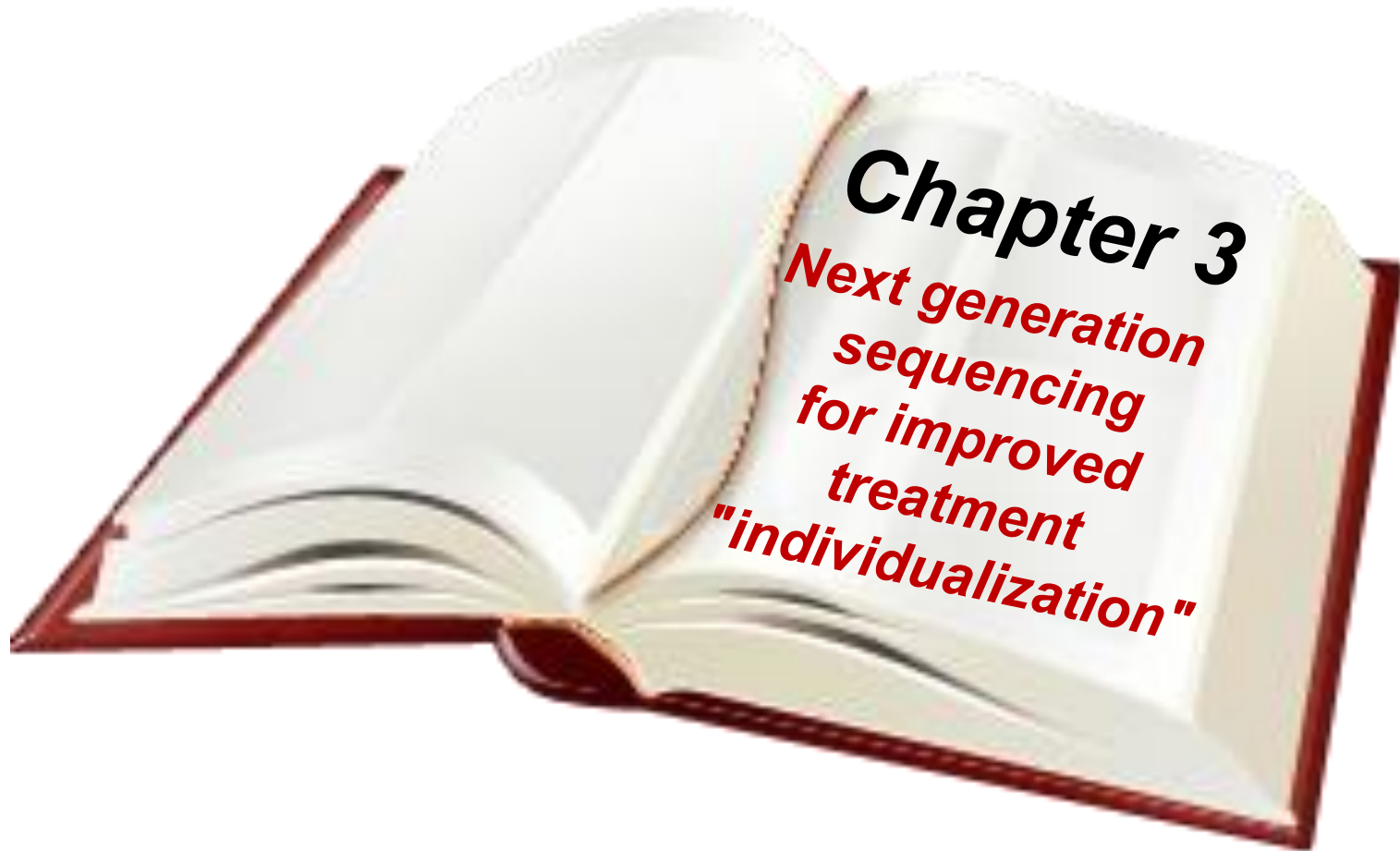
(TH3RESA study)

**With excellent quality of life!**

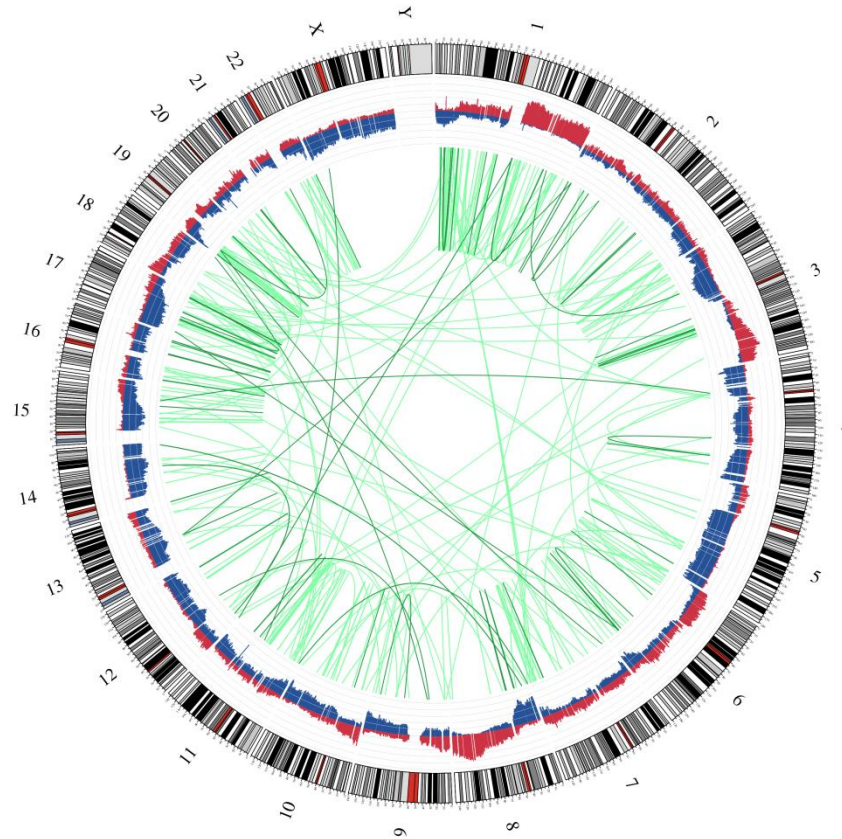
Side effects: ↑ live function tests, thrombocytopenia

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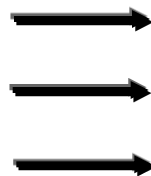
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# Directing “Personalized Therapy” on the Basis of “Genetic Tumor Markers”

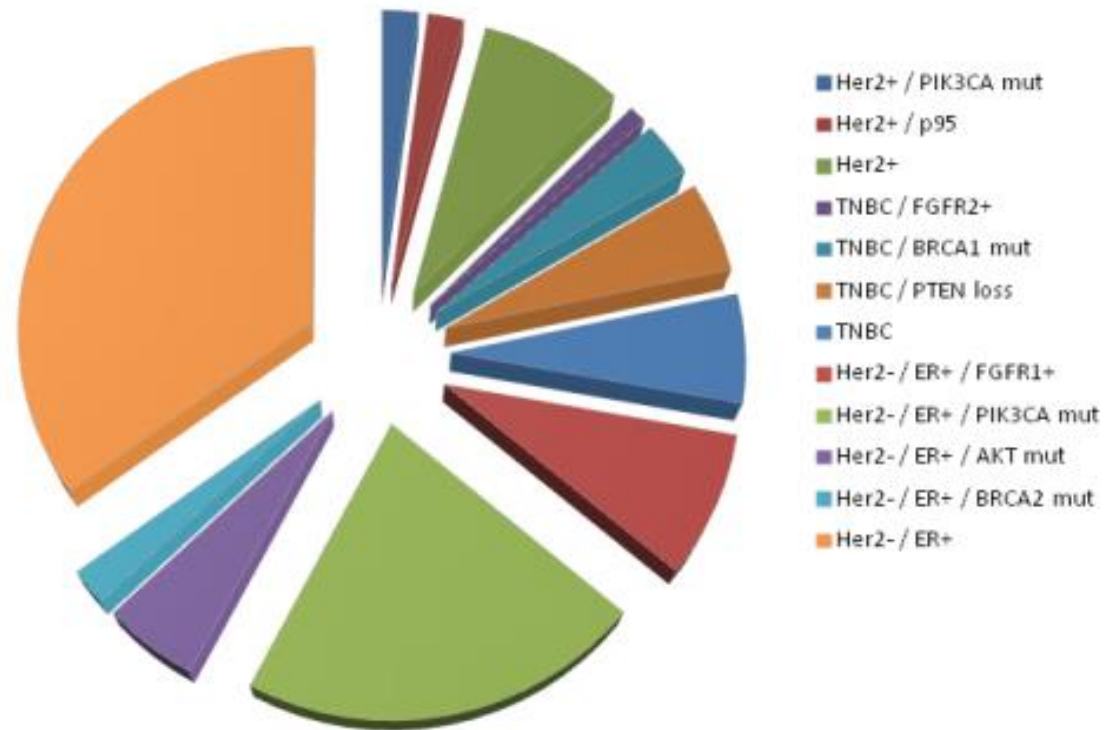
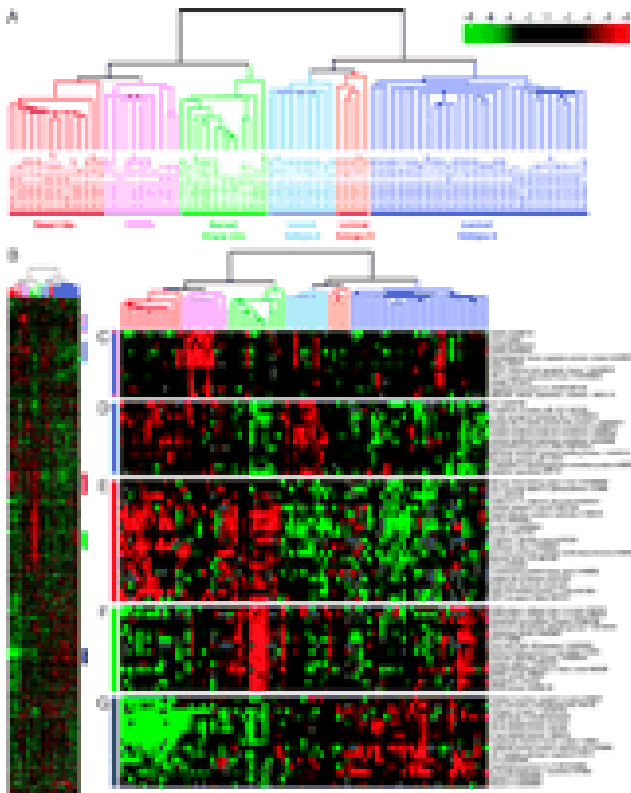


**Mutations**  
**Copy n°changes**  
**Rearrangements**



**NEXT GEN SEQUENCING**

# BC Is a Mixture of Several RARE, “ORPHAN” Molecular Entities



**Towards molecular segmentation!**  
More challenges in identifying a homogenous population

# 2014-2017

## BIG's Program for MBC

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***The "AURORA initiative for advanced BC"***

**Goals: build a longitudinal map of the clonal evolution of BC diseases that interrogates the primary tumor as well as the metastases and accelerates new target drug development across Europe**



Newly  
diagnosed  
or 1<sup>st</sup>-Line  
MBC  
Patients

N =  
1300

▶  
Screening  
Failure  
n = 300

‘Actionable’ Mutation(s)  
(n~300)

Downstream targeted  
clinical trials  
as first or second line

‘Nonactionable’  
Mutations (n~700)

Standard of Care

Clinical  
outliers  
(exceptional  
responders  
and rapid  
progressors)  
to be  
subjected to  
WES

Timeline



Metastatic  
Lesion

Biopsy – TGS (real time) and RNAseq (on batches)

Primary Tumor

Archival – TGS (real time) and RNAseq (on batches)

Blood

TGS (real time)

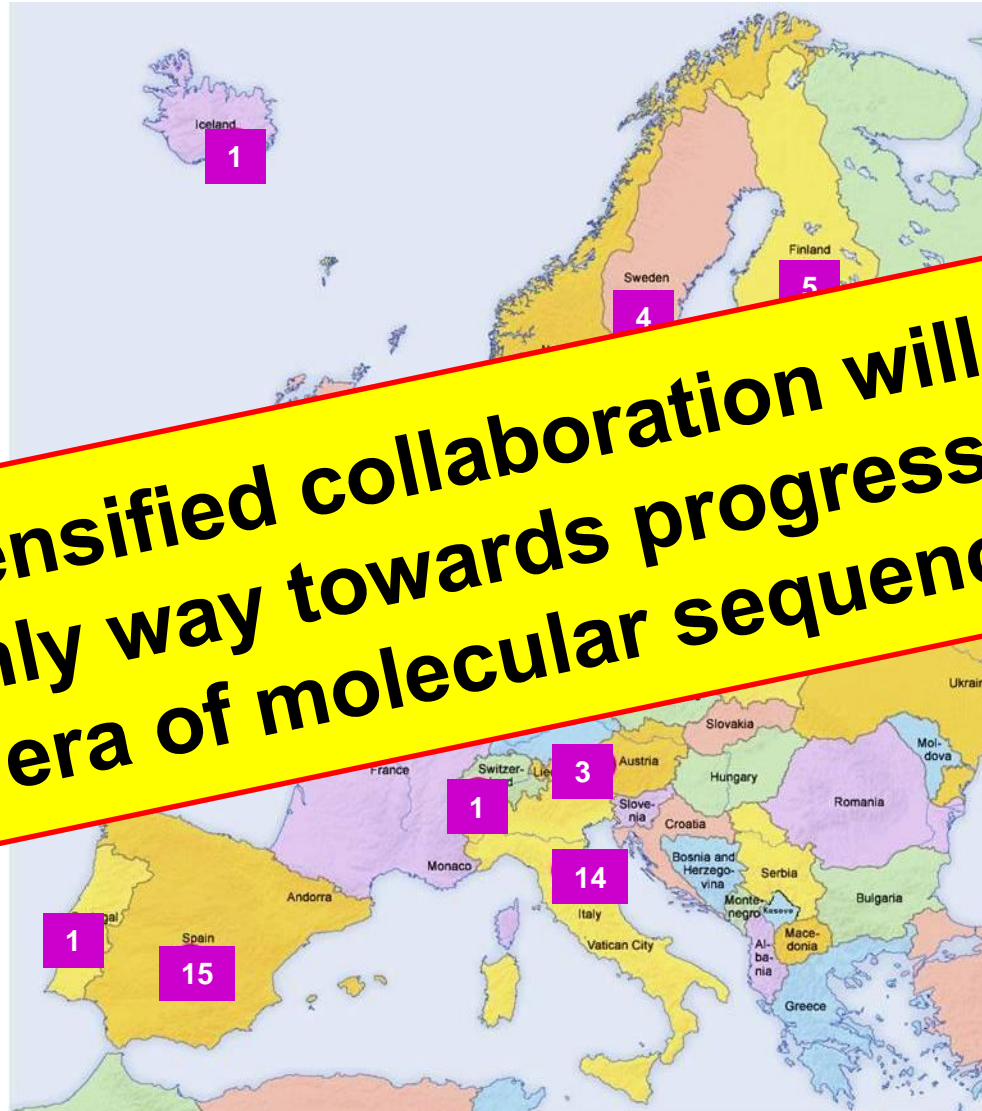
Plasma/Serum

Collection every 6 months – up to 10 years

Clinical  
Outcome  
Information

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# Participating Countries in AURORA (N= 15)

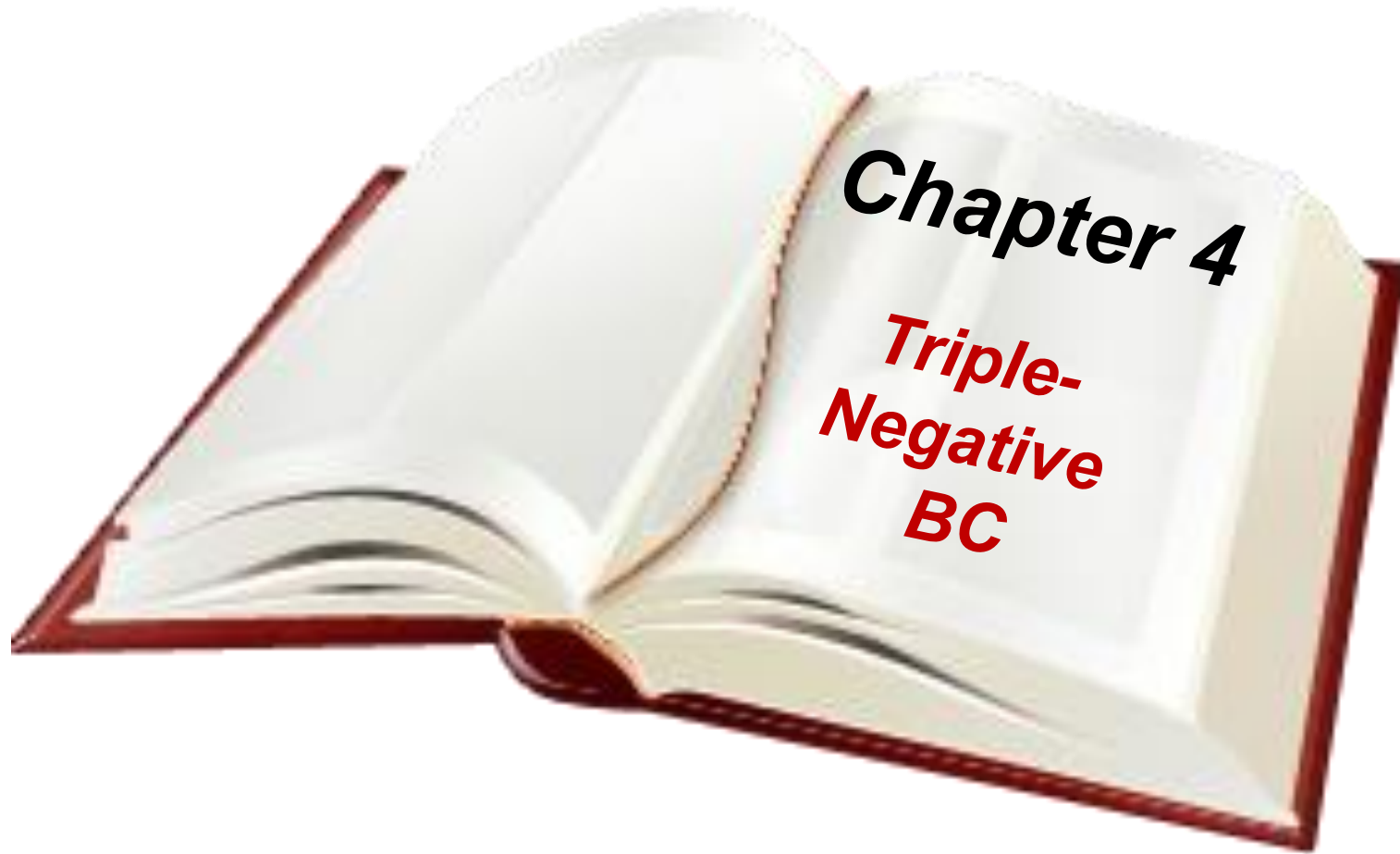


**Intensified collaboration will be the only way towards progress in the era of molecular sequencing !**

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countries

# Recent Progress in the Management of Breast Cancer

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## **Chapter 4**

**Triple-  
Negative  
BC**

# Olaparib Data in Breast Cancer

➤ **Tutt et al 2010**; Ph II monotherapy olaparib in patients with *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutations and with advanced breast cancer (doses; 100 mg BD or 400 mg BD); Median 3 prior lines of chemotherapy. **ORR for 400 mg BD 41% (11/27)**

➤ **Gelmon et al 2011**; Ph II monotherapy olaparib in patients with *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutations and with advanced breast cancer or ovarian cancer (dose 400 mg BD). Median 3 prior lines of chemotherapy overall – breast cancer patient more heavily pretreated. **No RECIST responses for breast cancer patients – 38.5% had SD**

➤ **Kauffman et al 2013**; Ph II monotherapy olaparib in patients (multiple tumors) with *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutations (dose 400 mg BD). 62 breast cancer patients with median number of 6 prior lines of chemo. **ORR for breast cancer patients = 12.9% (8/62); At 4 mo, disease control in 37% (23/62)**

“OlympiA” is currently open in the adjuvant setting:  
Olaparib for BRCAg TNBC

# Flow Chart - OlympiA Study Design

***BRCA* mutation carriers with  
high-risk TNBC**

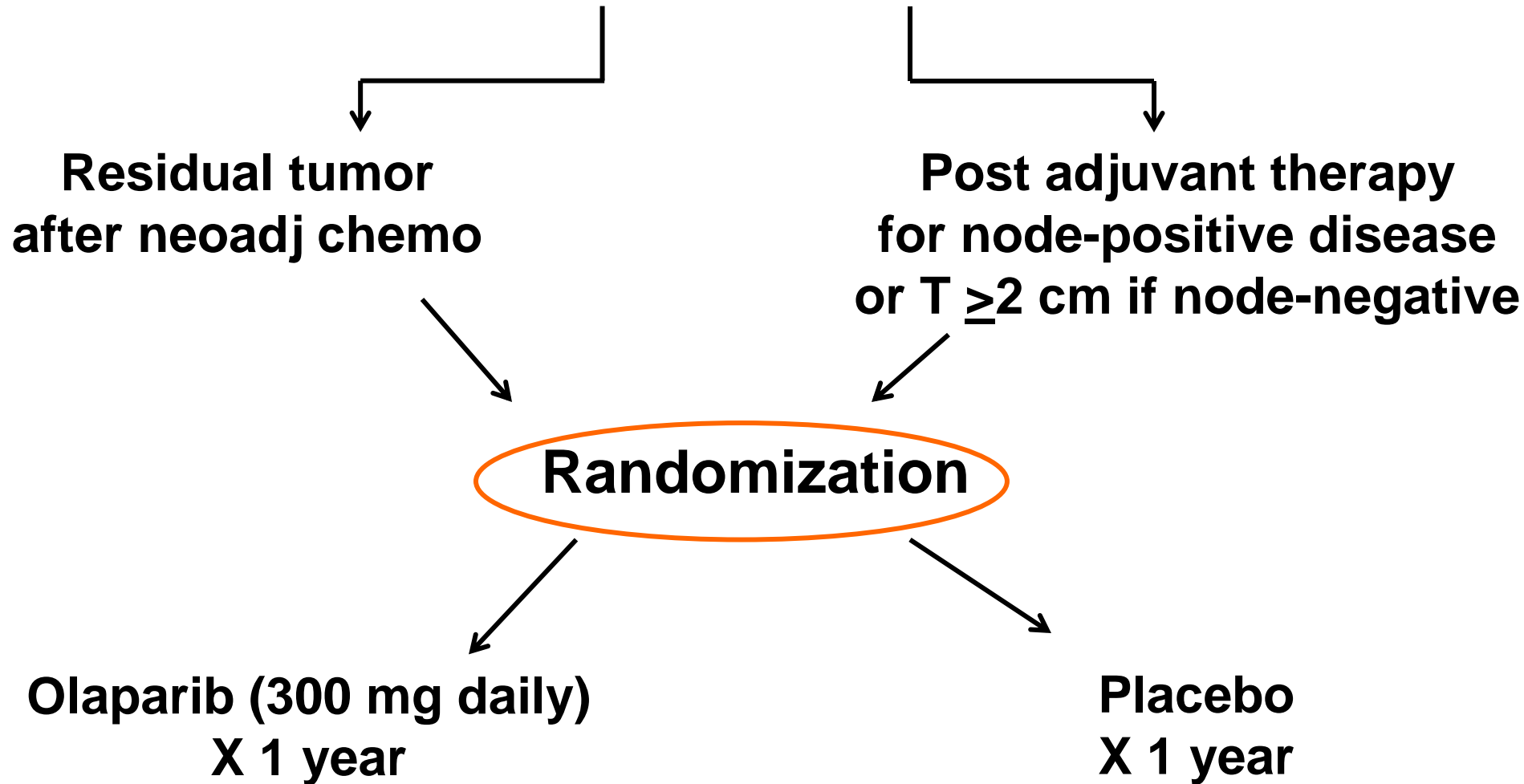
**Residual tumor  
after neoadj chemo**

**Post adjuvant therapy  
for node-positive disease  
or T  $\geq$  2 cm if node-negative**

**Randomization**

**Olaparib (300 mg daily)  
X 1 year**

**Placebo  
X 1 year**



**GRACIAS!**



# RAISING THE BAR IN BREAST CANCER CARE:

Answering Clinically Relevant Questions

