



# **New Fields: Emerging Novel Targeted Treatments for ER-Positive Breast Cancer**

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# Treatment Guidelines for HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> Advanced Breast Cancer: Focusing on Endocrine Therapy

## ESMO Treatment Guidelines for HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> ABC<sup>1</sup>

• *In HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> disease, ET is the treatment of first choice independent of metastatic site, unless rapid response is needed. Limited visceral metastases are not a contraindication for ET*

## ABC2 Treatment Guidelines for HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> ABC<sup>2</sup>

• *ET is the preferred option for HR<sup>+</sup> disease, even in the presence of visceral disease, unless there is concern or proof of endocrine resistance or rapidly progressive disease needing a fast response*

## AGO Treatment Guidelines for HR<sup>+</sup>, HER2<sup>-</sup> ABC<sup>3</sup>

• *Endocrine therapy represents the first choice for HR<sup>+</sup> metastatic breast cancer except for acute, life-threatening disease*

ABC, advanced breast cancer; AGO, Association of Gynecological Oncology; AI, aromatase inhibitor; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; ET, endocrine therapy; HR hormone receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

1. Cardoso F, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2012;23(suppl 7):vii11-vii19. 2. Cardoso F, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2014;25(10):1871-1888.

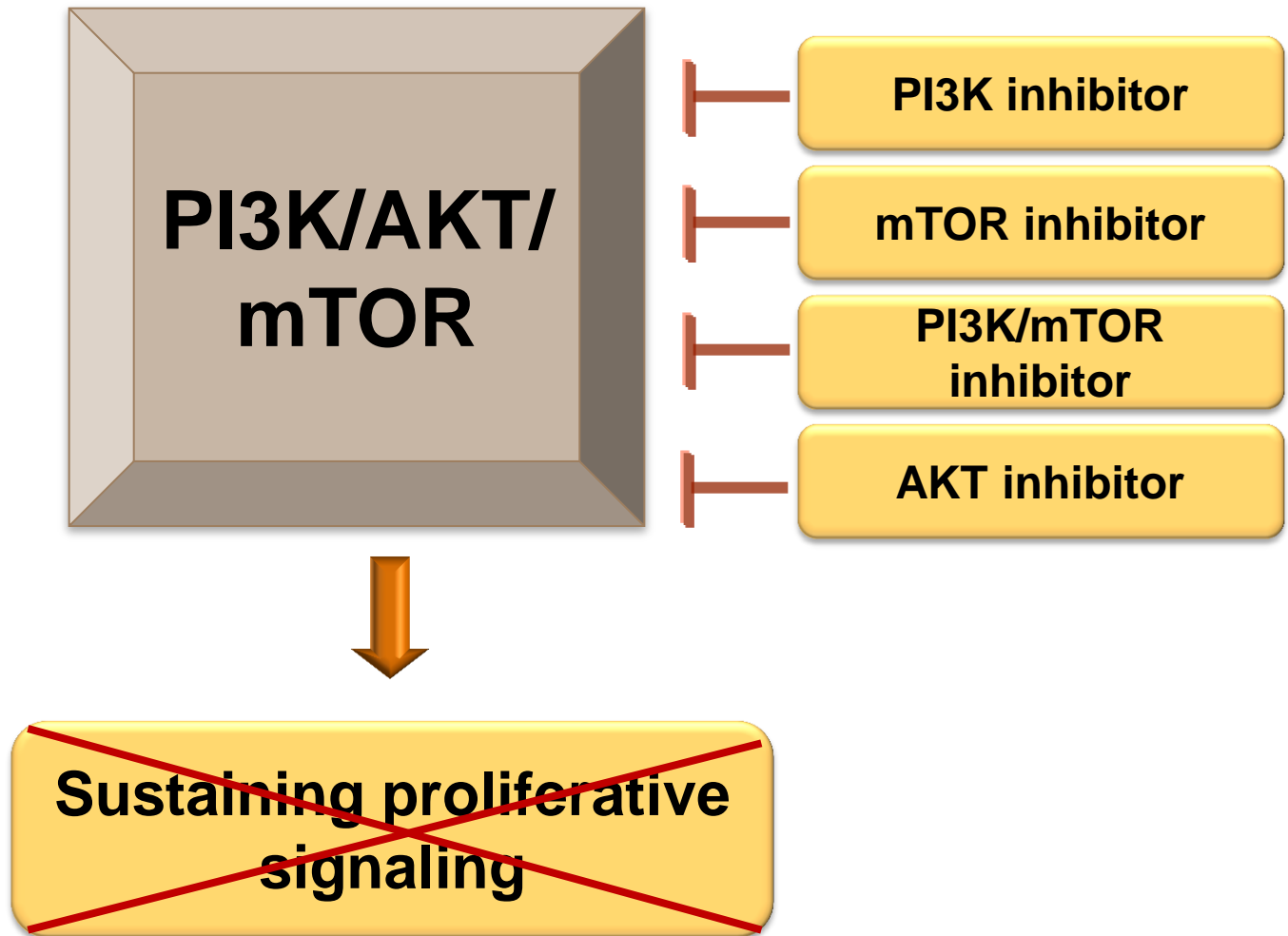
3. AGO Breast Committee. *Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Primary and Metastatic Breast Cancer. Recommendations 2014.* Available at <http://www.ago-online.de>.

# **Endocrine and Targeted Therapies**

## **The Present Future...**

**Why does hormonal  
resistance occur?**

# Novel Target Agents



mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase.

# Pivotal BOLERO-2 Study: Exemestane (EXE) ± Everolimus (EVE) in ABC Progressing After NSAI: Non Steroidal Aromatase Inhibitors, NSAIs

N = 724

PMW with HR+ HER2– ABC refractory to LET or ANA, defined as

- Recurrence during or within 12 months after end of adjuvant treatment, or
- Progression during or within 1 month after end of treatment for advanced disease

**Everolimus 10 mg/day  
+  
Exemestane 25 mg/day  
(n = 485)**

**Placebo (PBO) +  
Exemestane 25 mg/day  
(n = 239)**

**Primary endpoint:**  
PFS

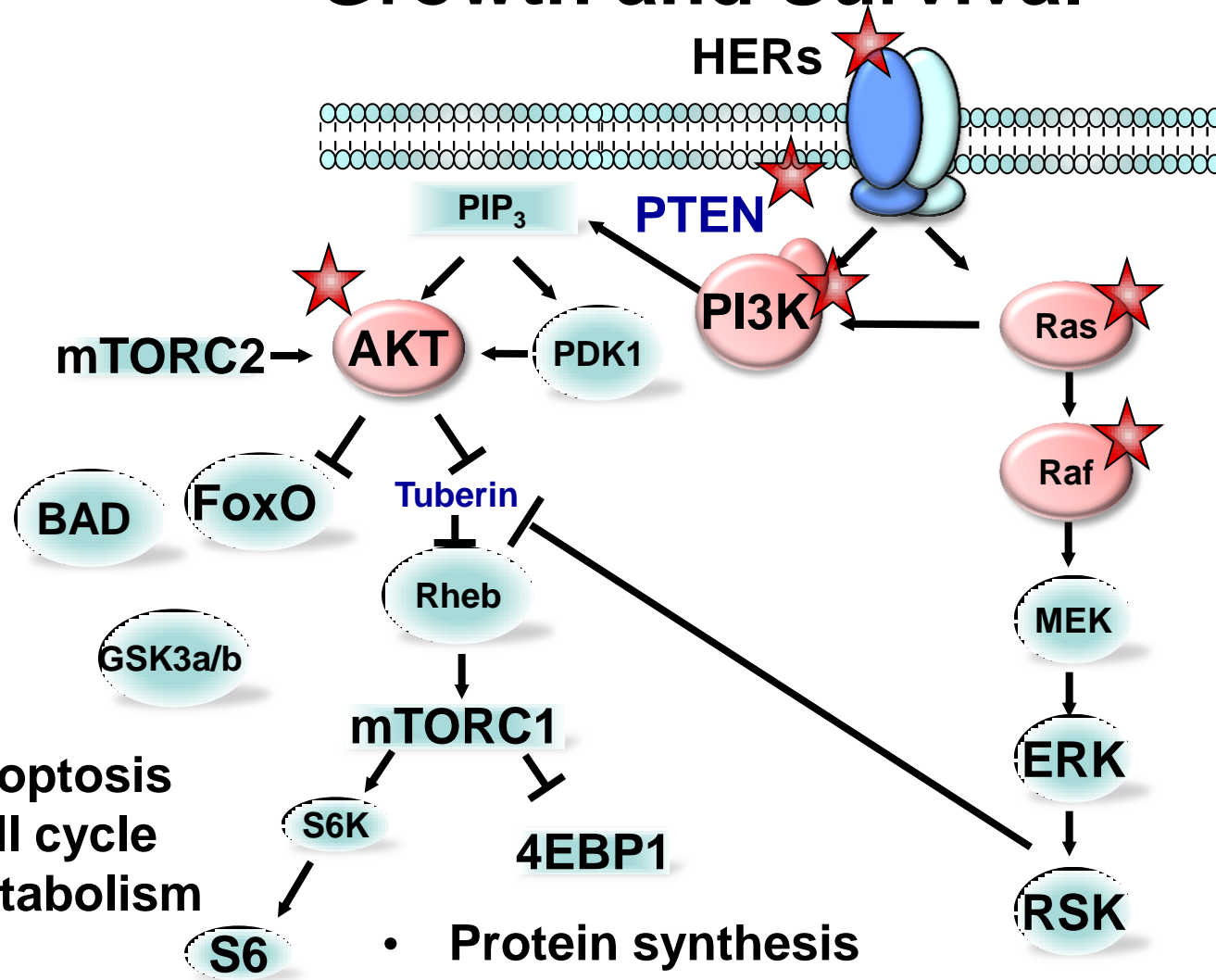
**Secondary endpoints:**  
OS, ORR, CBR, safety, QoL, bone markers

- Stratification
  1. Sensitivity to prior hormonal therapy
  2. Presence of visceral disease
- No cross-over

ANA, anastrozole; CBR, clinical benefit rate; LET, letrozole; NSAI, nonsteroidal aromatase inhibitor; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PMW, postmenopausal women; QoL, quality of life


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

# The PI3K Cascade Regulates Cell Growth and Survival



- Apoptosis
- Cell cycle
- Metabolism

- Protein synthesis
- Cell growth
- Cell proliferation

 Frequent molecular alterations that activate the PI3K pathway

# Clinical Activity of the First PI3K Inhibitors Monotherapy

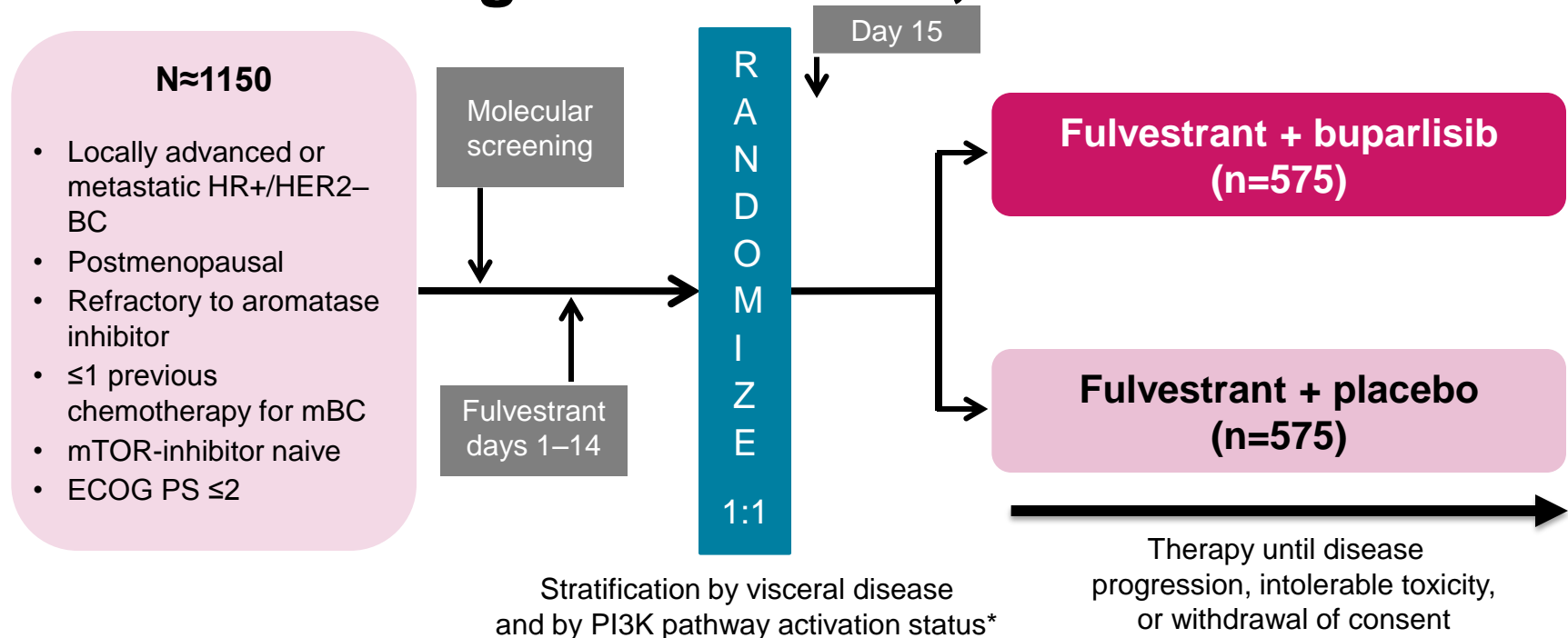
		BEZ235	BKM120	GDC0980 QD	GDC094 1	PF-4691502	SF-1126	XL- 147	XL- 765*	Σ
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	SD	4	1 a 3			1		1	1	8 - 10
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NSCLC	PR	1						1		2
	SD					1		3	1	5
Mesothelioma	PR			*						0*
	SD			3					1	4
	actividad	1‡								1
Cervical ADK	PR				1					1

† Response in skin lesions

\* 29% reduction

‡ <30% reduction (NOS)

# BELLE2: Hormone Receptor–Positive HER2-Negative Disease, mTORi Naïve



## Study objectives:

**Co-primary:** PFS (local assessment)<sup>‡</sup>

**Co-key secondary:** OS<sup>‡</sup>

**Secondary:** Efficacy (ORR,<sup>‡§</sup> CBR,<sup>‡§</sup> PFS,<sup>§</sup> OS<sup>§</sup>), safety<sup>||</sup>, PK<sup>¶</sup>, patient-reported outcomes<sup>‡</sup>, ECOG PS<sup>‡§</sup>

\*PI3K pathway activation is defined as mutation in the *PIK3CA* gene and/or loss of PTEN expression by immunohistochemistry;

<sup>‡</sup>Tested in the main (known status) and/or full (all patients) or PI3K activated populations.

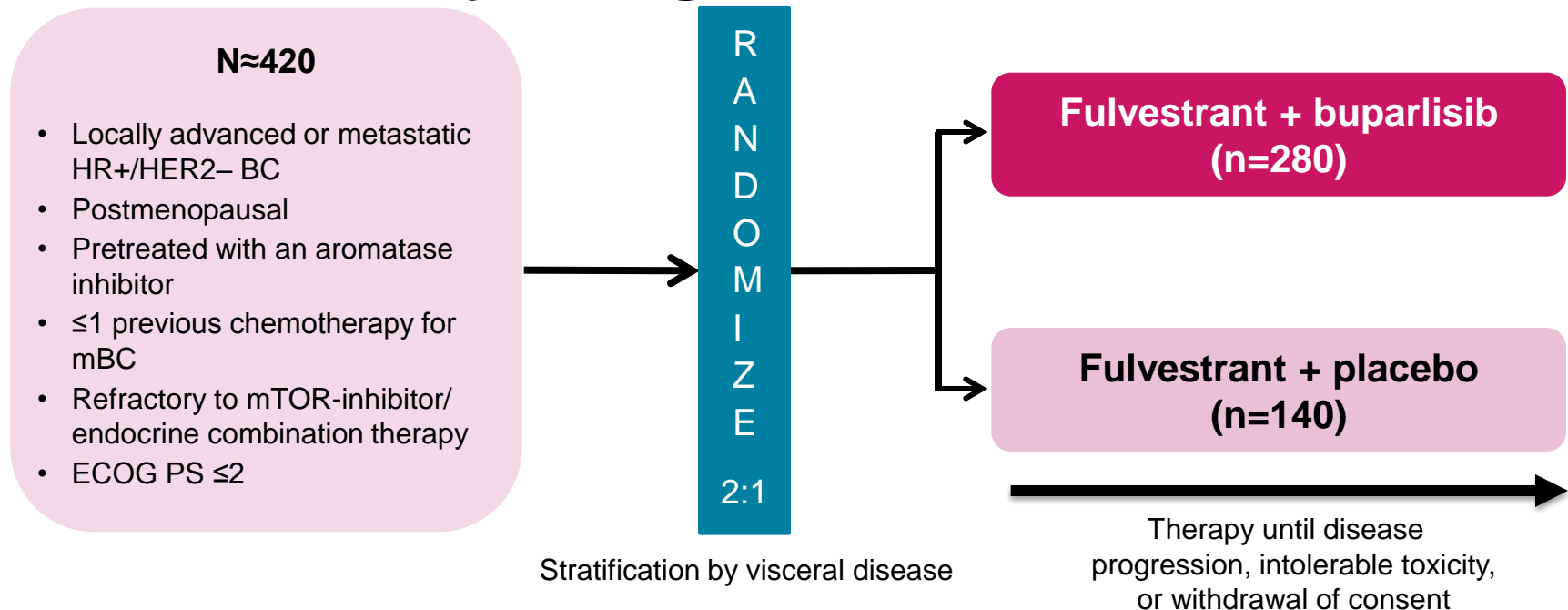
<sup>§</sup>Tested in the PI3K nonactivated and PI3K status unknown populations.

<sup>||</sup>Tested in the main and full populations only.

<sup>¶</sup>Tested in all patients only.



# BELLE-3: Hormone Receptor–Positive HER2-Negative Disease, mTORi Pretreated Study Design CBKM120F2303



## Study objectives:

**Co-primary:** PFS (local assessment)

**Co-key secondary:** OS

**Secondary:** Efficacy (ORR, CBR), safety, PK, patient-reported outcomes, time to ECOG PS deterioration

# Selective Targeting of PI3K Alpha (*PIK3CA*)

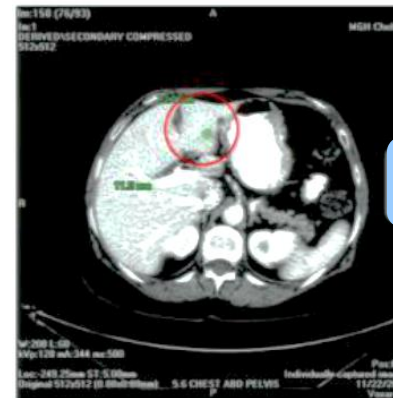
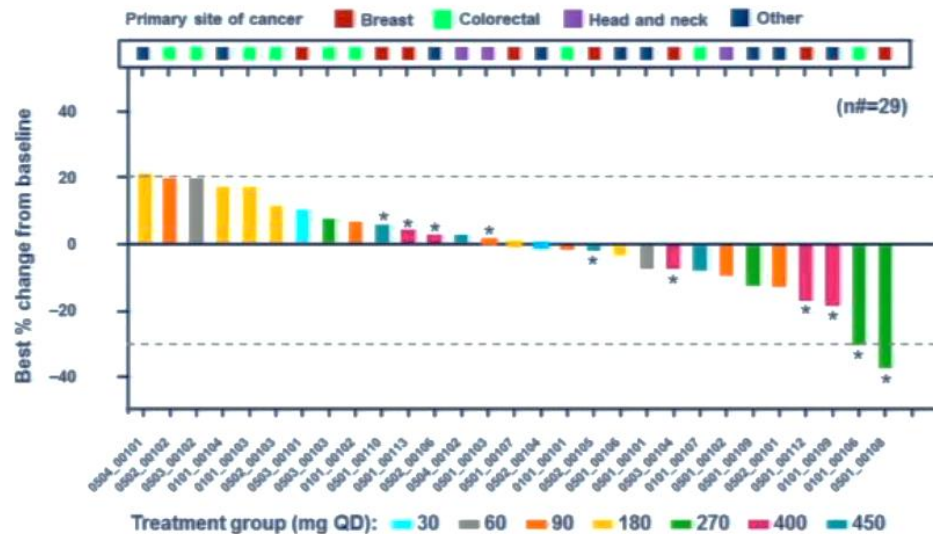
Two leading selective inhibitors

Inhibit alpha >> beta

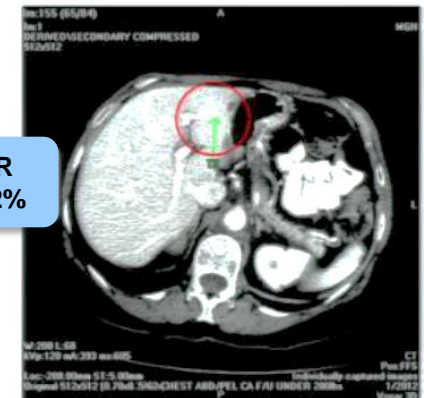
alpelisib  
taselisib

(alpha selective)  
(beta sparing)

Clinical responses with alpelisib (BYL719) in *PIK3CA* mutant cancer



Baseline



End cycle 8

PR  
-52%

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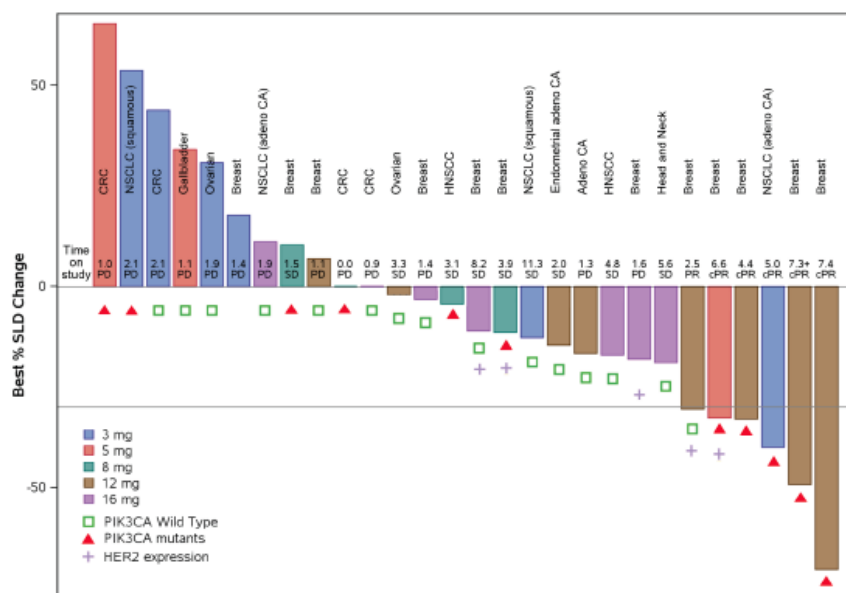
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Clinical responses with GDC0032 in *PIK3CA* mutant cancer

Dose escalation patients

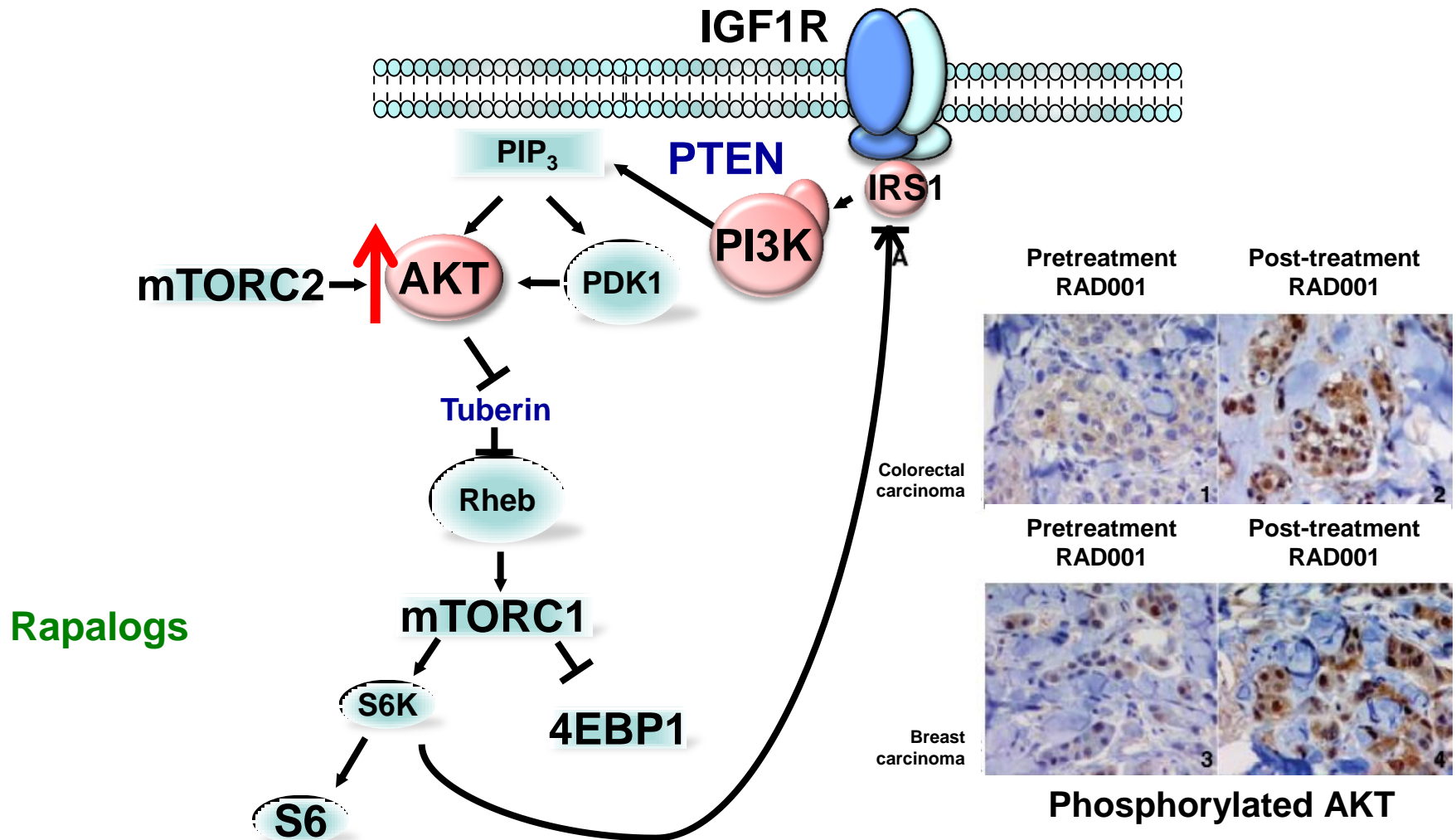


Baseline



End cycle 8

# Rapalogs Disturb a Negative Feedback Activating AKT



# Example of a Partial Response to Ridaforolimus + Dalotuzumab

## History

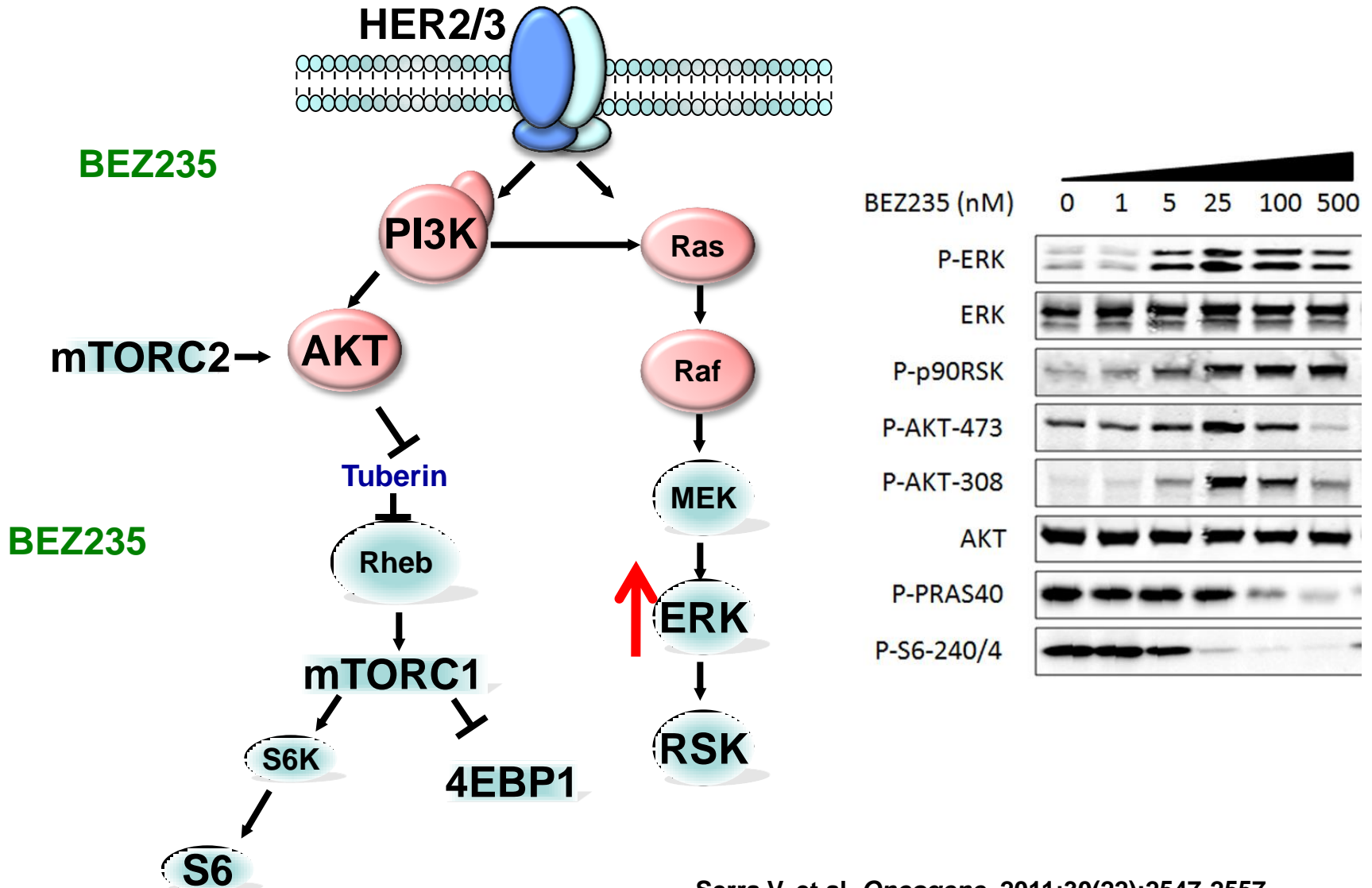
- 56 year-old female
  - Stage IV breast cancer
- ER+/PR+/HER2 neg, Ki67 20%
- Adjuvant chemotherapy  
4 prior chemotherapy regimens  
3 prior hormone therapies
- Patient remained on study treatment for 9 months before progression



↓ 2 cycles

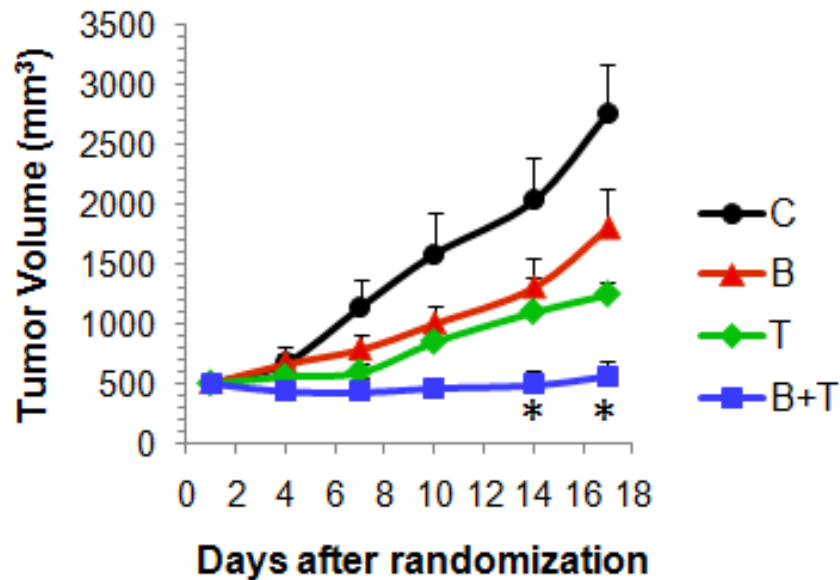


# PI3K/mTORC Inhibition in HER2 Overexpressing Cells Activates MAPK (and Is HER2 Dependant)

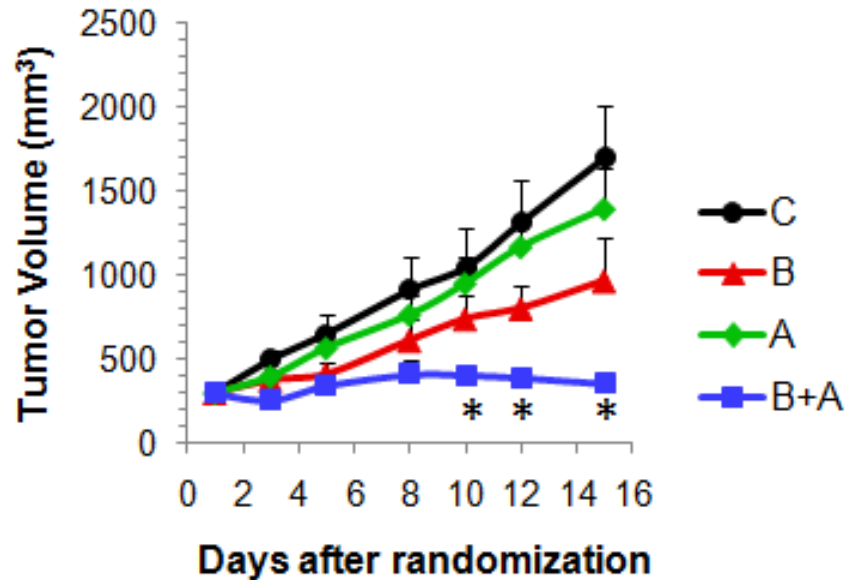


# Combination of PI3K/mTOR and HER2 Inhibition or MEK Inhibition Shows Enhanced Anticancer Activity

BEZ235 + trastuzumab



BEZ235 (PI3K/mTOR) +  
AZD6244 (MEK)

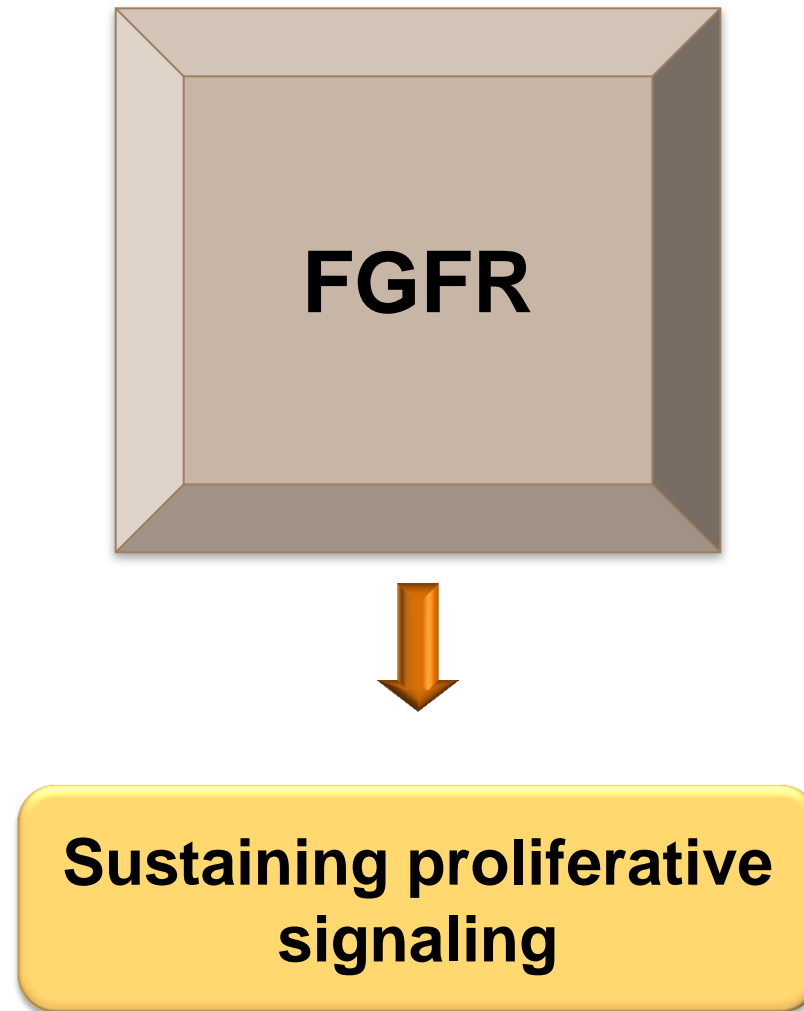


BT474-Tr xenografts

B- BEZ235 (20 mg/Kg QD); T- Trastuzumab (10mg/Kg, BIW)

B-BEZ235 (25 mg/Kg QD); A- AZD6244 (8mg/Kg QD)

# New Receptors...



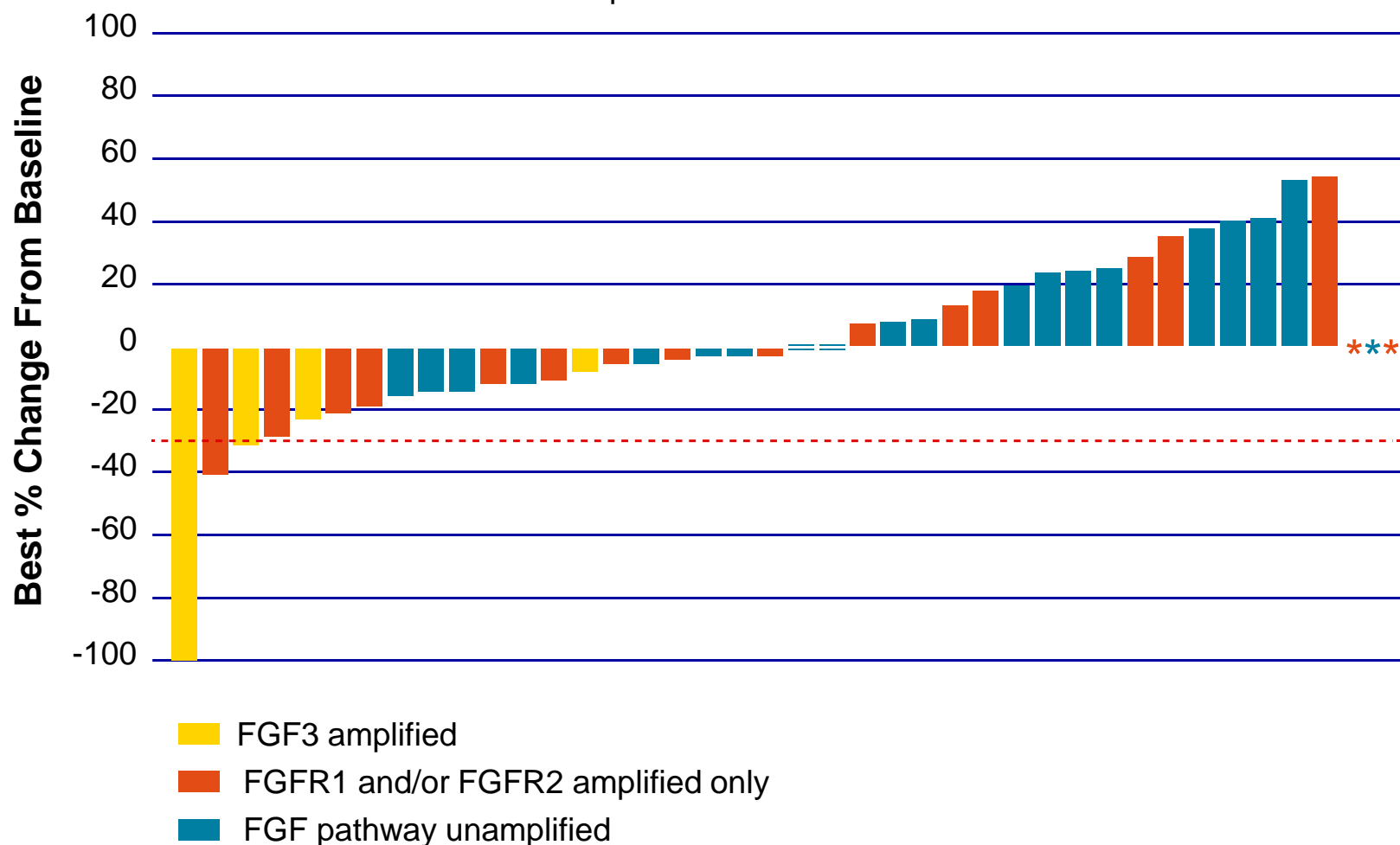
FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor

Turner N, et al. *Cancer Res.* 2010;70(5):2085-2094. Roidl A, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2009;15(6):2058-2066.

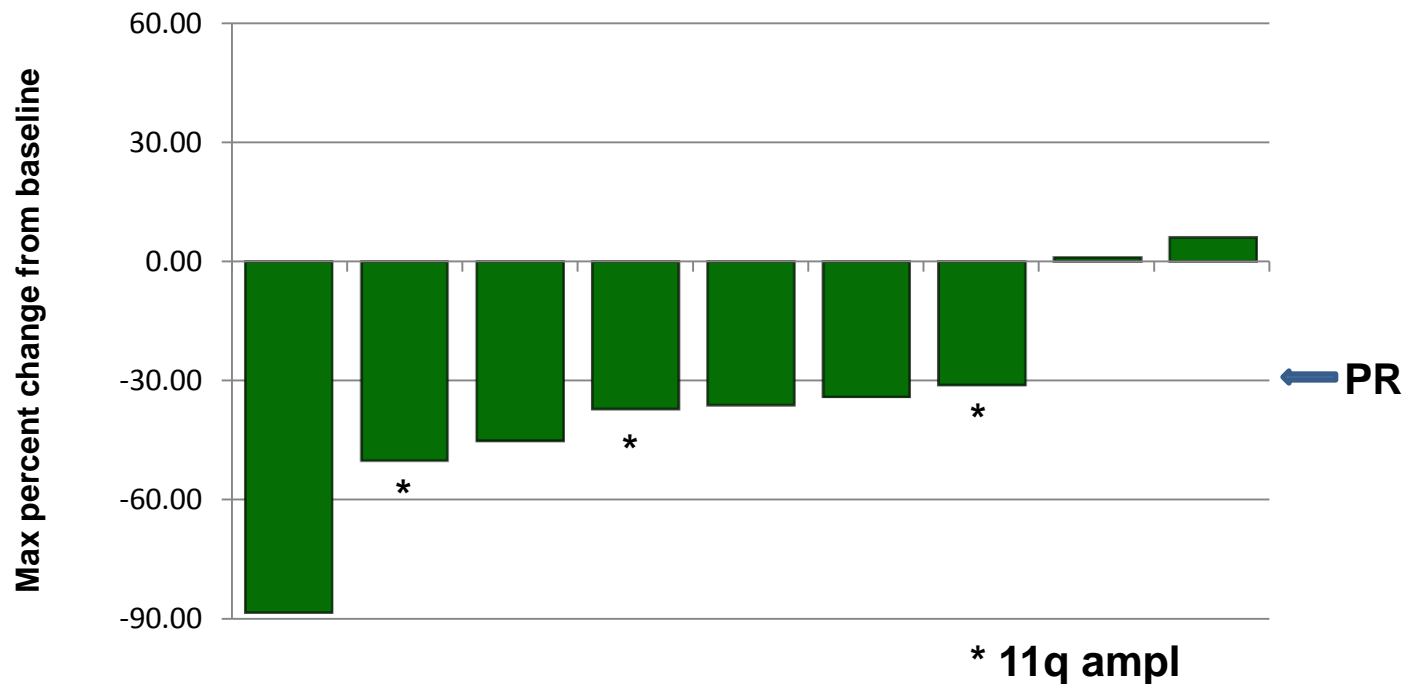


# Dovitinib (TKI258) in Breast Cancer

A multicenter, open-label phase II trial of dovitinib, an FGFR1 inhibitor, in FGFR1-amplified and -nonamplified metastatic breast cancer



# E3810: FGF+ Breast Cancer Patients With Measurable Disease



One patient with non-measurable target lesions and off study for PD not shown

# Patient 18032 (VHIO)

Baseline  
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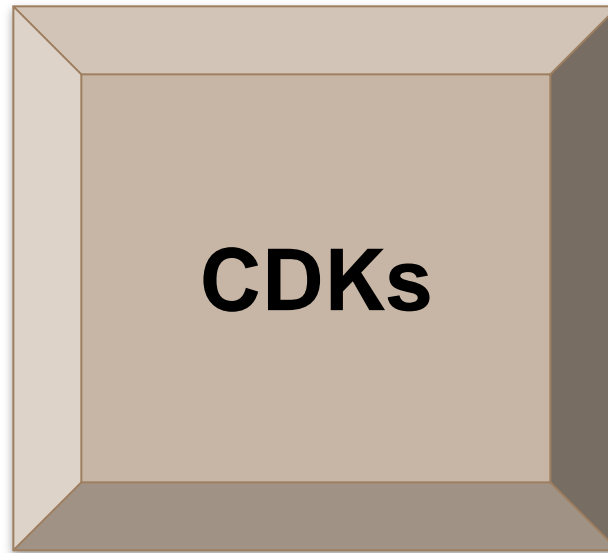


C3D1  
Nov. 18, 2011



- HR+/HER2-, *FGFR1* ampl (ratio 2.21) and CGH
- Bone, lung and pleura metastases
- 14 prior treatment lines, including 5 Phase 1 trials
- E-3810 at 20 mg/day

# Cell Cycle



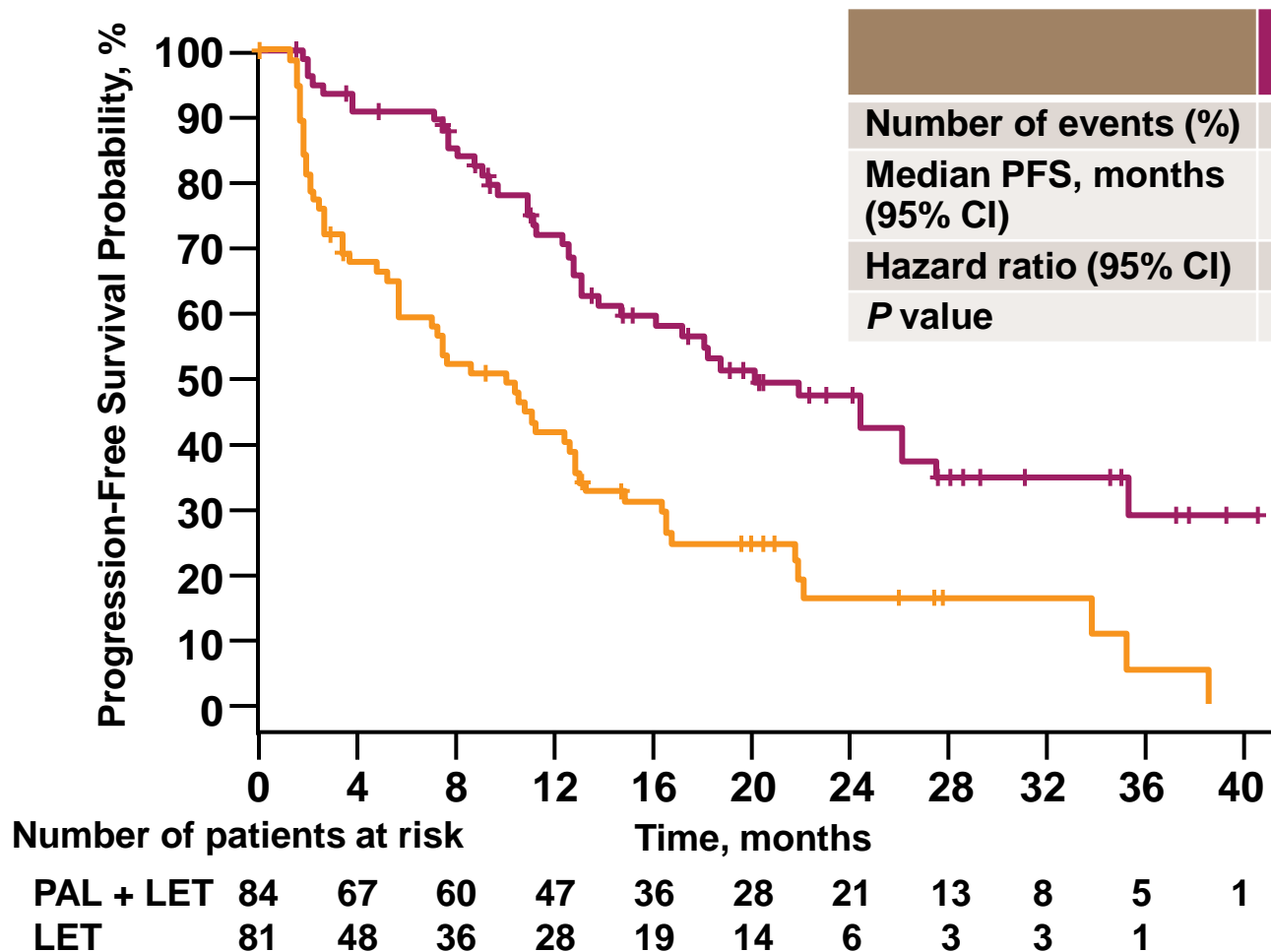
**Evading Growth  
Suppressors**

# Summary of Ongoing Clinical Trials of CDK4/6 Inhibitors in ER+ ABC

Agent	Phase	Regimen	Patients (planned enrollment, N)
Palbociclib (PD0332991)	Phase III (PALOMA-2) (NCT01740427)	Palbociclib+LET vs LET+PBO	ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> ABC, no prior systemic therapy for ABC (450)
	Phase III (PALOMA-3) (NCT01942135)	Palbociclib+FUL vs FUL+PBO	ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> MBC or LABC after progression on endocrine therapy (417)
	Phase I/II (TRIO-18/PALOMA-1) (NCT00721409)	PD0332991+LET vs LET	Untreated ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> ABC, no prior therapy for ABC (177)
Ribociclib (LEE011)	Phase III (MONALEESA-2) (NCT01958021)	Ribociclib+LET vs LET+PBO	ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> ABC, no prior systemic therapy for ABC (500)
	Phase I/II (NCT01857193)	Ribociclib+EVE+EXE	ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> MBC or LABC resistant to LET or ANA (185)
	Phase I/II (NCT01872260)	Ribociclib+alpelisib+LET	ER <sup>+</sup> MBC or LABC (130)
Abemaciclib (LY2835219)	Phase III (MONARCH-2) NCT02107703	Abemaciclib+FUL vs FUL	ER <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> MBC (no prior endocrine therapy OR progression on prior AI/antiestrogen) (550)

**Palbociclib is being evaluated as a  
breakthrough therapy by the FDA**

# PALOMA-1/TRIO-18: Progression-Free Survival

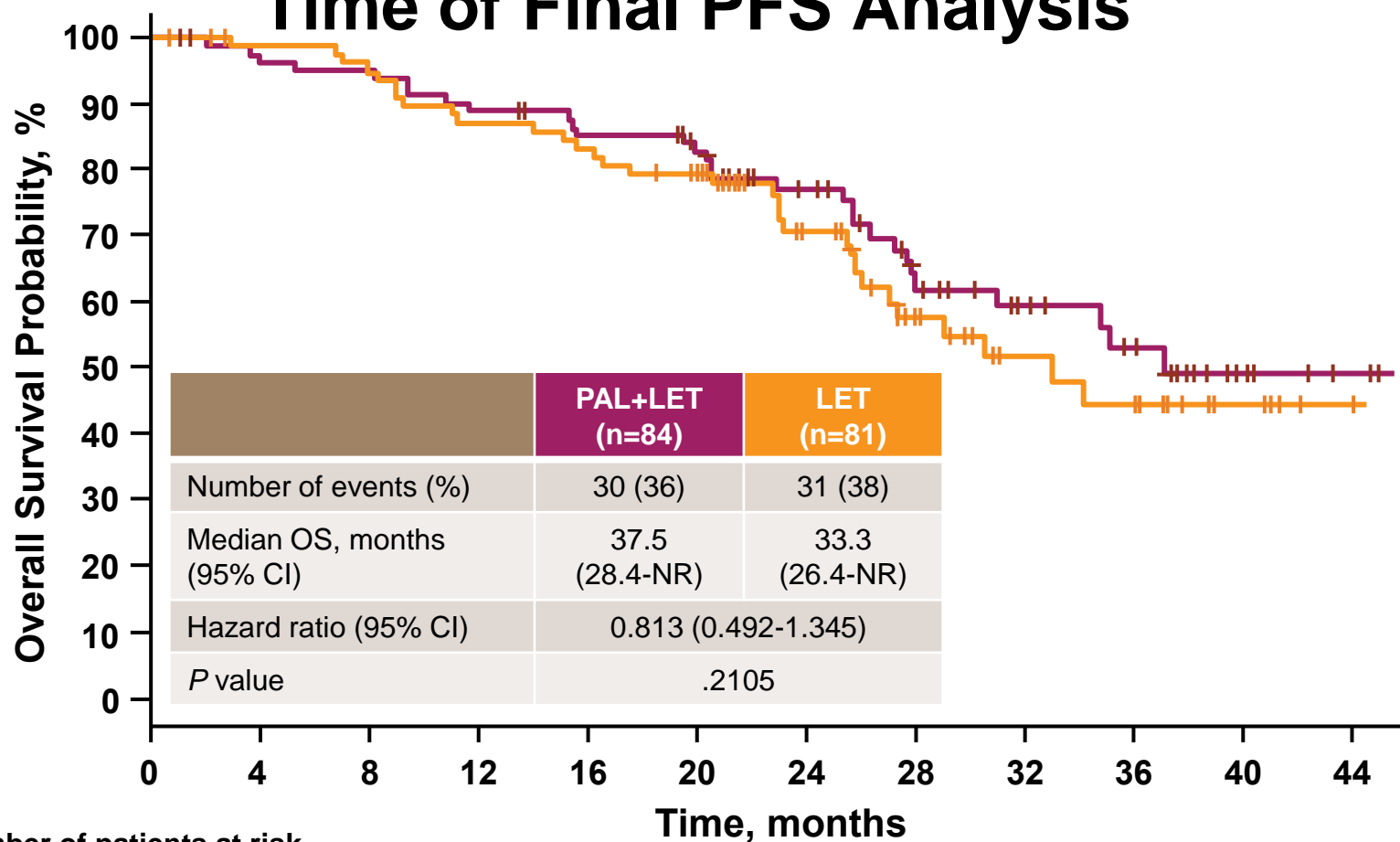


PAL, palbociclib

Finn RS, et al. Presented at: American Association of Cancer Research Annual Meeting 2014; April 5-9, 2014; San Diego. Abstract #CT101.

# PALOMA-1/TRIO-18: OS (Intent-to-Treat)

## Positive Trend in Favor of Palbociclib Arm at Time of Final PFS Analysis

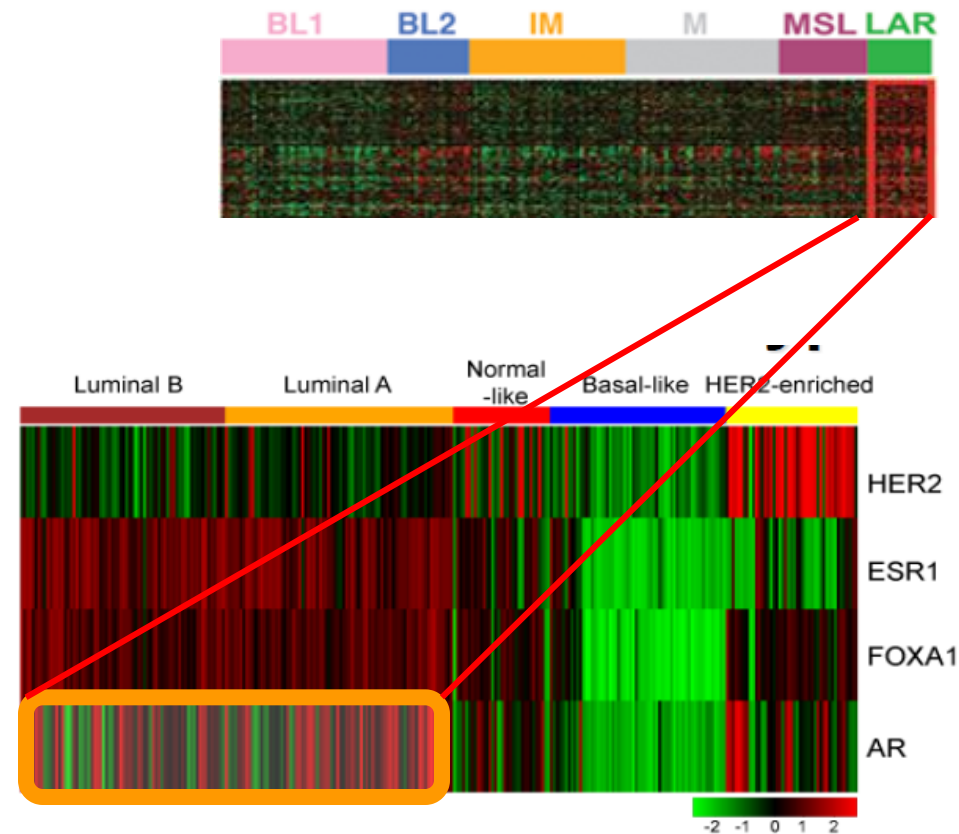


### Number of patients at risk

PAL+LET	84	80	78	73	68	65	47	35	22	17	7	2
LET	81	76	74	67	64	59	37	23	14	12	5	1

# Luminal Androgen Receptor Subtype

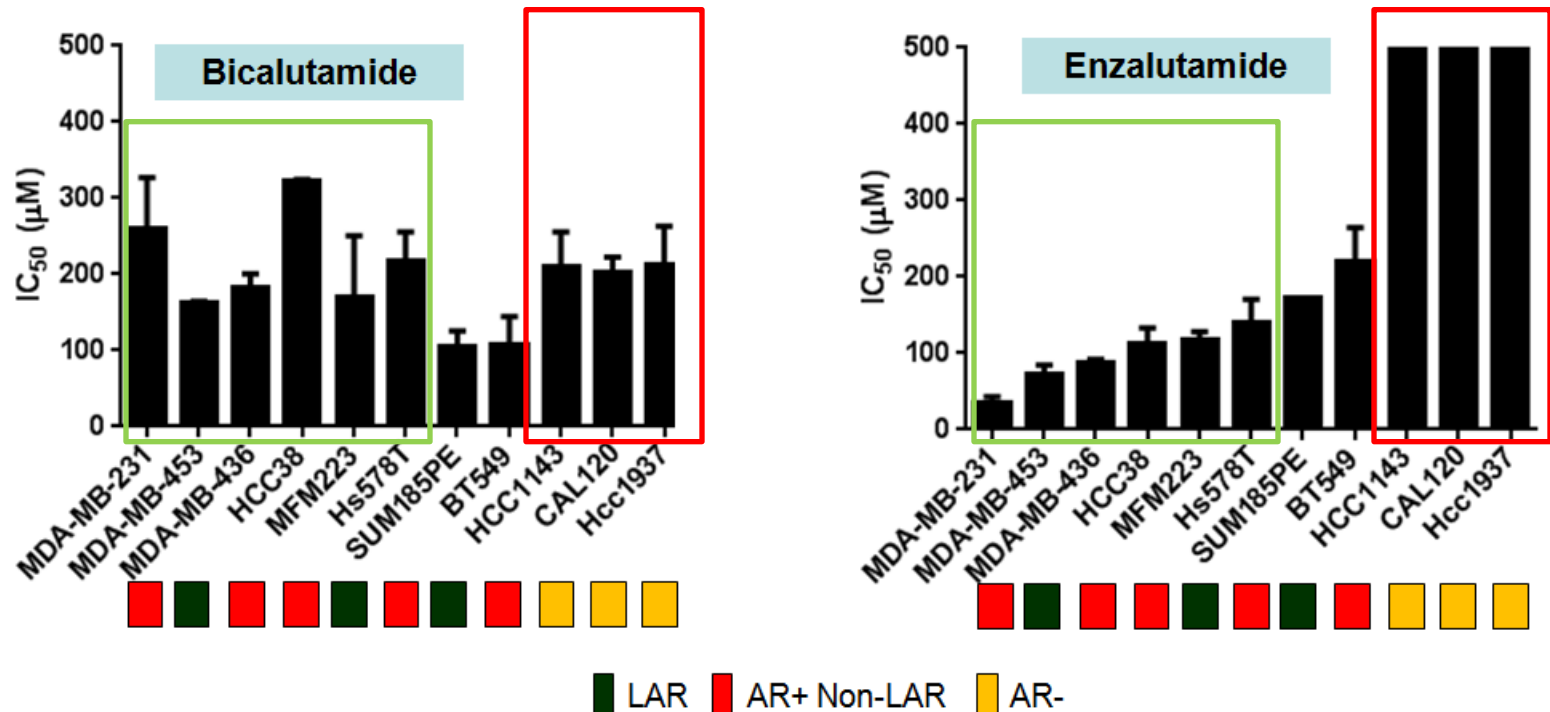
- Triple negative breast cancer is comprised of 6 molecularly distinct subtypes
  - 10% are “Luminal AR” (LAR)
  - LAR express higher levels of AR mRNA vs other TNBC subtypes
  - LAR breast cancers are heavily enriched in hormonally-regulated pathways
  - Luminal AR is more closely related to hormone receptor positive breast cancer (Luminal A and B) than to other subtypes



B, basal like; IM, immunomodulatory; ML, mesenchymal like; MS, mesenchymal stem like



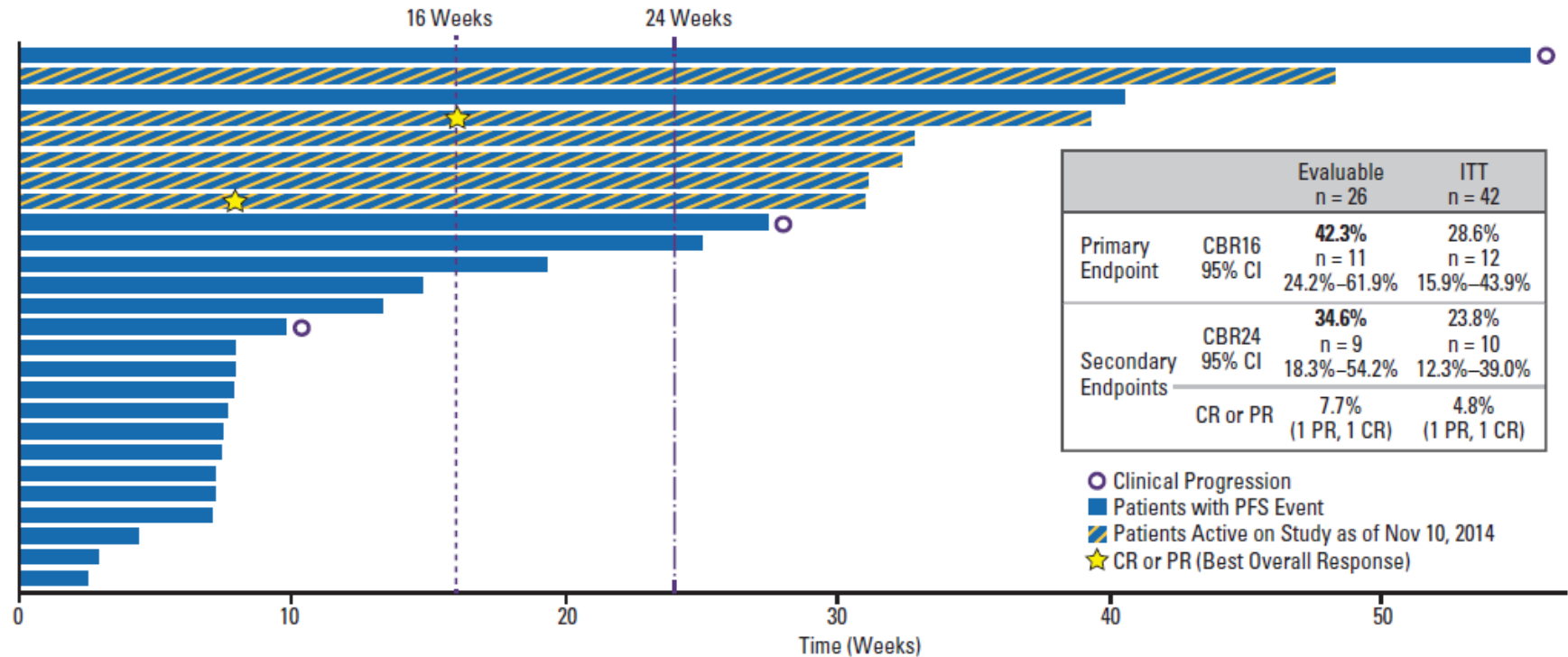
# Luminal Androgen Receptor Subtype Sensitivity to Bicalutamide and Enzalutamide



# Phase II Trial of Bicalutamide in Androgen Receptor Positive, Estrogen Receptor Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer

Pts with clinical benefit on bicalutamide	AR%	ER%	PgR%	HER2	Site of Testing	Site of Mets	Prior Therapy LABC/ MBC	DOR on Prior Therapy (weeks)	DOR on bicalutamide (weeks)
1	10-20	1	0	Neg	1 <sup>0</sup>	LN	0	NA	231+
#2	>80	3	0	Neg	Met	GI	0	NA	54
#3	>80	0	0	-/+	1 <sup>0</sup>	Breast LN	1	NR	25
#4	>90	0	0	Neg	1 <sup>0</sup>	LN Bone	1	158	35
#5	>50	0	0	Neg	1 <sup>0</sup>	LN Bone	1	15	43+

# Stage I Phase II Trial of Enzalutamide in Androgen Receptor Positive, Triple Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer



# Beyond Kinases: Other Targets in Clinical Development (1/2)

Target	Select agents	Stage of development in BC
Histone deacetylases	Vorinostat <sup>1</sup> MS-275 (entinostat) <sup>2</sup> PDX1011 (belinostat) <sup>3</sup> LBH789 (panobinostat) <sup>4</sup>	Phase II, metastatic/recurrent BC Phase II, HR+ BC Phase I, solid tumors Phase I, metastatic HER2+ BC
IAPs	GEM640 (AEG35156) <sup>5</sup> LCL161 <sup>6</sup> HGS1029 (AEG40826) <sup>7</sup>	Phase I/II, mBC Phase I, solid tumors Phase I, solid tumors
Microtubules	Sagopilone (ZK-EPO) <sup>8</sup>	Phase II, mBC
HSP90	AUY922 <sup>9</sup> Ganetespib (STA-9090) <sup>10</sup>	Phase II, solid tumors
PARP	AZD2281 <sup>11</sup> Rucaparib <sup>12, 13</sup>	Phase II, TNBC Phase II, locally advanced or mBC; TNBC

IAP, inhibitor of apoptosis

National Institutes of Health. Available at: [http:// clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov). Accessed: December 6, 2014: 1. NCT01153672; 2. NCT01349959; 3. NCT00413075; 4. NCT00788931. 5. NCT00558545; 6. NCT01098838; 7. NCT00708006; 8. NCT00313248; 9. NCT00526045; 10. NCT00687934; 11. NCT00707707; 12. NCT00664781; 13. NCT01074970.

# Beyond Kinases: Other Targets in Clinical Development (2/2)

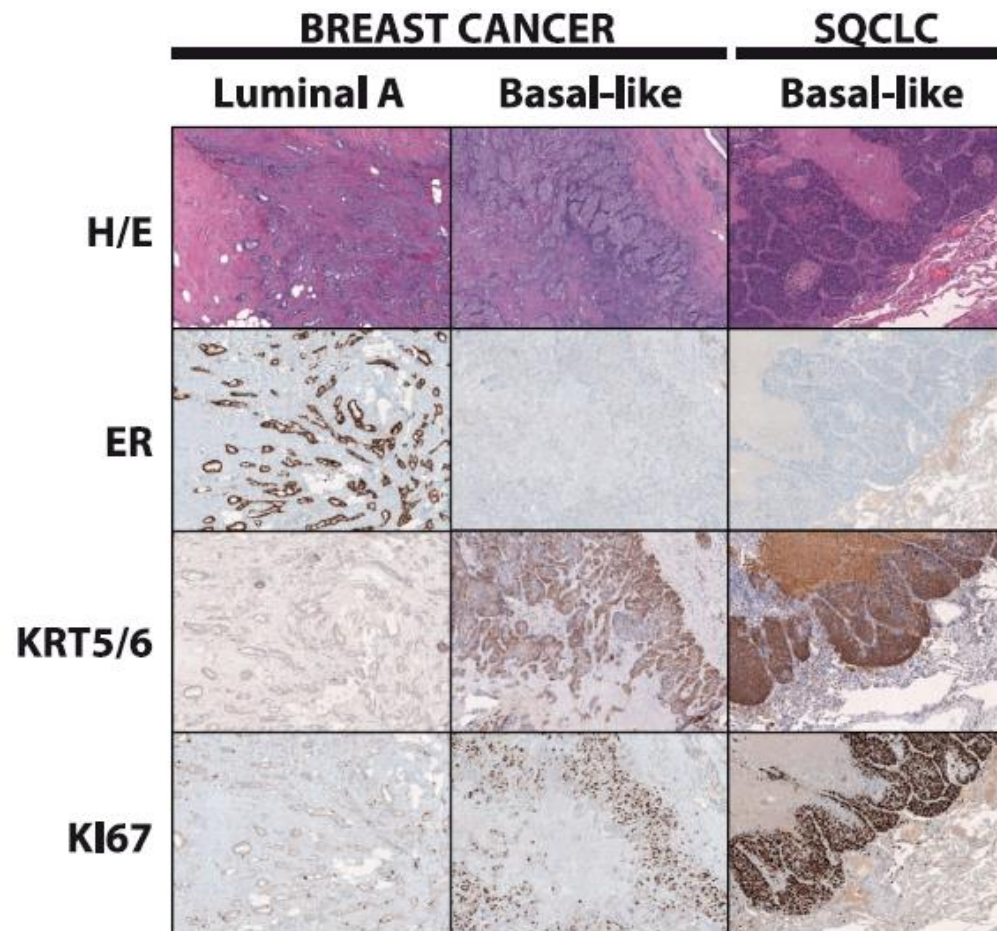
Target	Select Agents	Stage of Development in BC
VEGF	Bevacizumab <sup>1</sup> Aflibercept <sup>2</sup> Ramucirumab <sup>3</sup>	EMA-approved (with paclitaxel) in mBC Phase II, mBC Phase III, BC
IGF1R	Ganitumumab <sup>4</sup> ; OSI-906 <sup>5</sup> ; MEDI-573 <sup>6</sup> BMS-754807 <sup>7</sup> ; Cixutumumab <sup>8,9</sup> ; Dalotuzumab <sup>10</sup>	Phase II, HR+ ABC Phase II, HR+ ABC Phase II, HER2+ ABC
cMET	ARQ 197 <sup>11</sup>	Phase II, TNBC
AKT	MK 2206 <sup>12</sup>	Phase II, ABC with PIK3CA mutation and/or PTEN loss; Phase I HER2+ ABC
AP	LCL161 <sup>13</sup>	Phase II, TNBC
Porcupine enzyme	LGK974 <sup>14</sup>	Phase I, solid tumors dependent on WNT ligands

1. EMA 2010. From:<http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema>. Accessed December 2014. National Institutes of Health, Available at: [http:// clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov). Accessed: December 6, 2014; 2. NCT00369655; 3. NCT00703326; 4. NCT00626106; 5. NCT01205685; 6. NCT01446159; 7. NCT01225172; 8. NCT00728949; 9. NCT00684983; 10. NCT01234857; 11. NCT01542996; 12. NCT01277757; 13. NCT01617668; 14. NCT01351103.

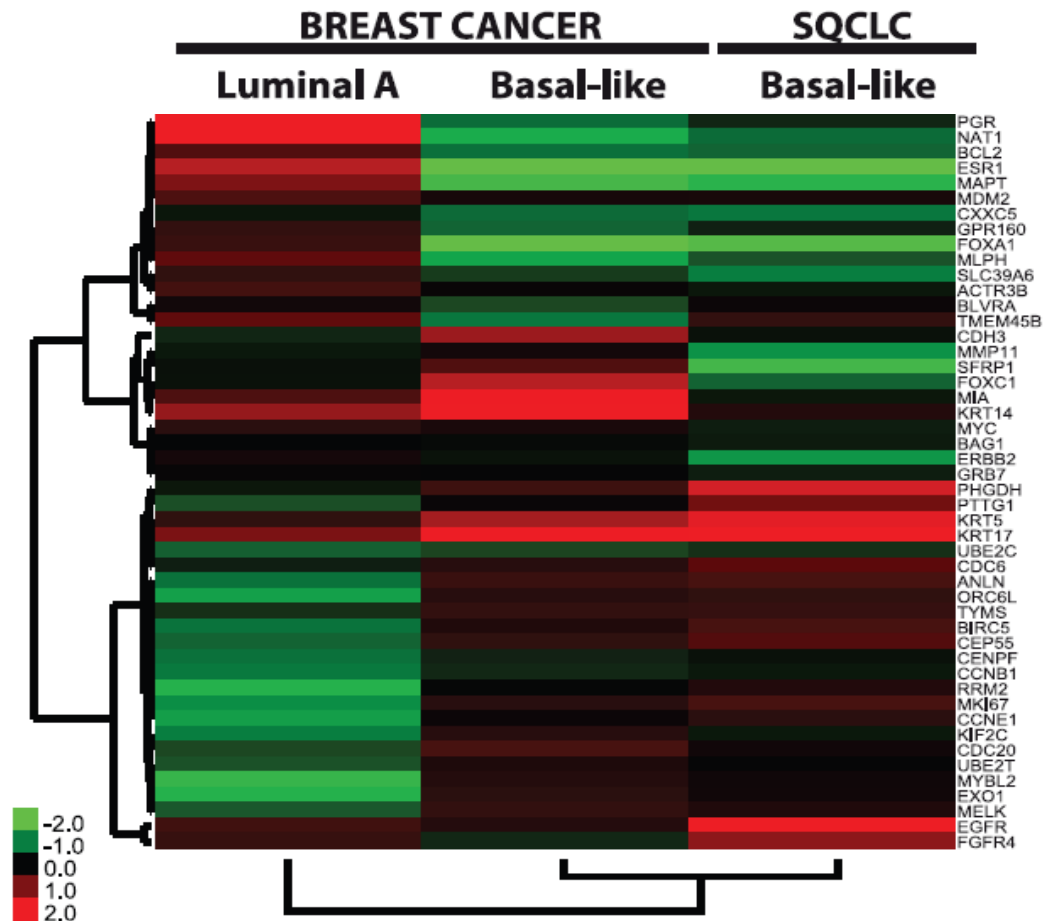
# **The Future...**

## **Reality or Fiction?**

# IHQ and Gene Expression of a Basal Like Breast Cancer, a SQCLC With a Basal Like Profile and a Luminal A Breast Cancer

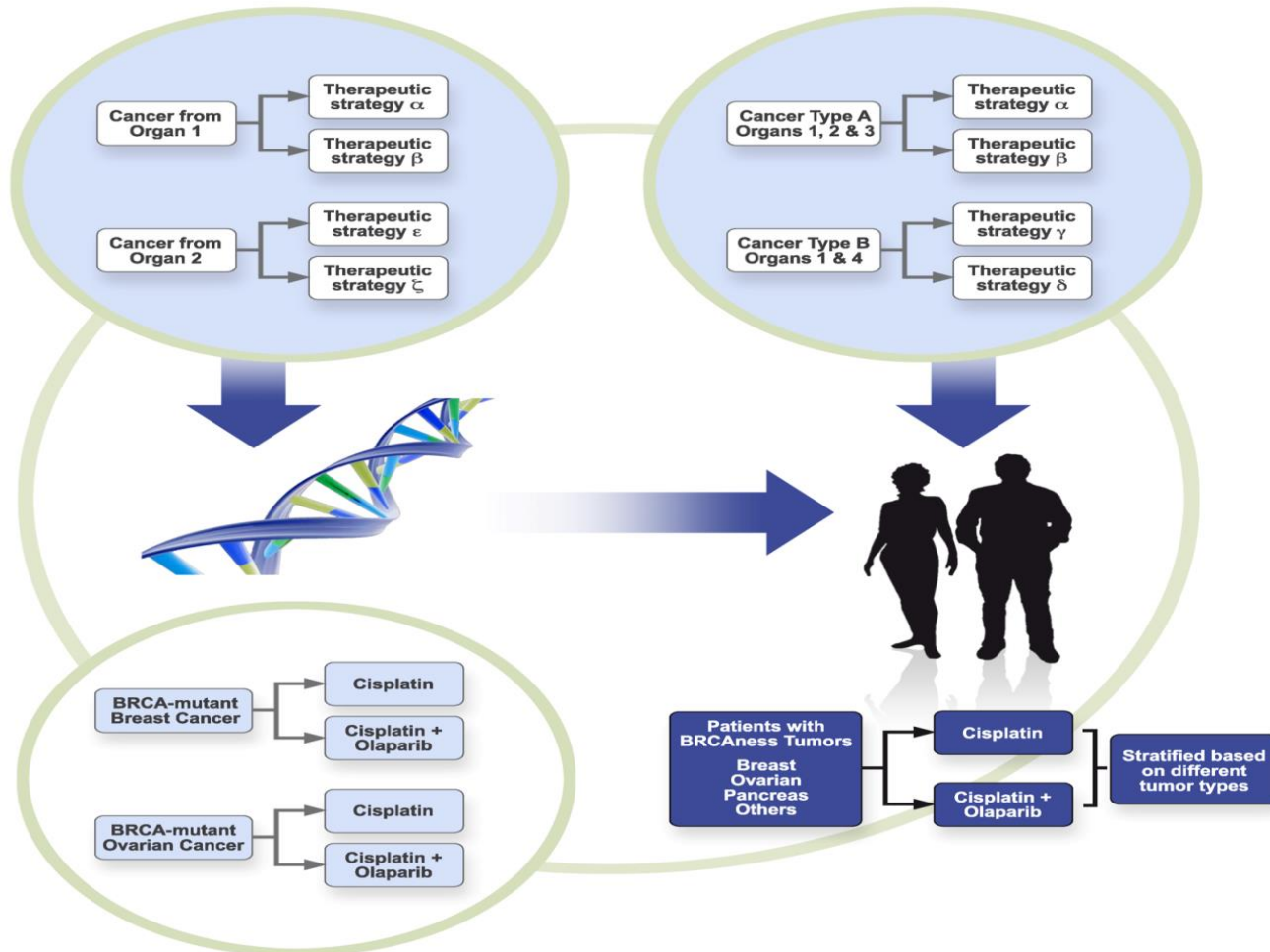


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# Conclusion



# Striking Success:

The Emergence of New  
Targeted Treatment Strategies  
for Advanced Breast Cancer

