

How Do You Measure Success? Recent Progress in Breast Cancer

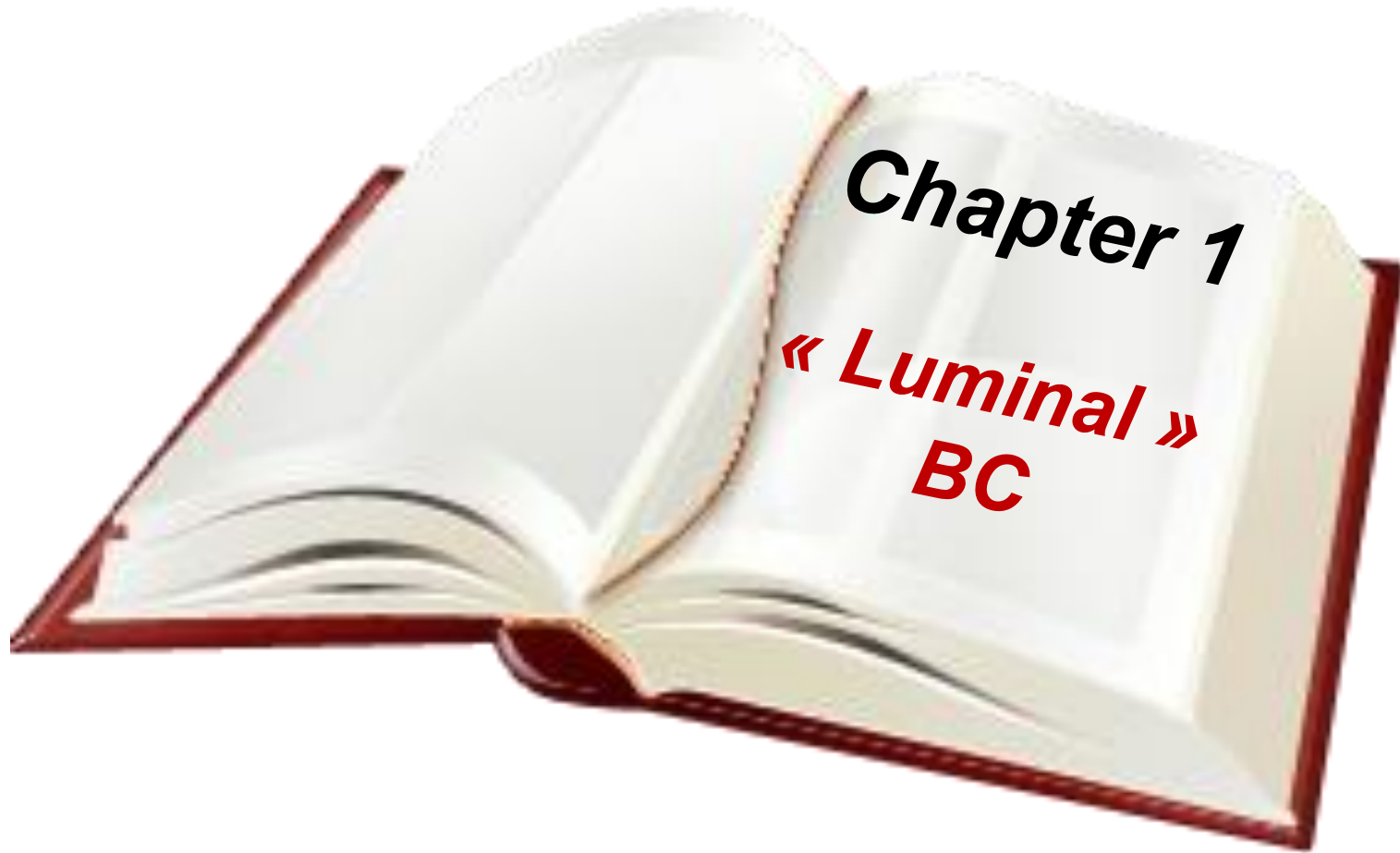
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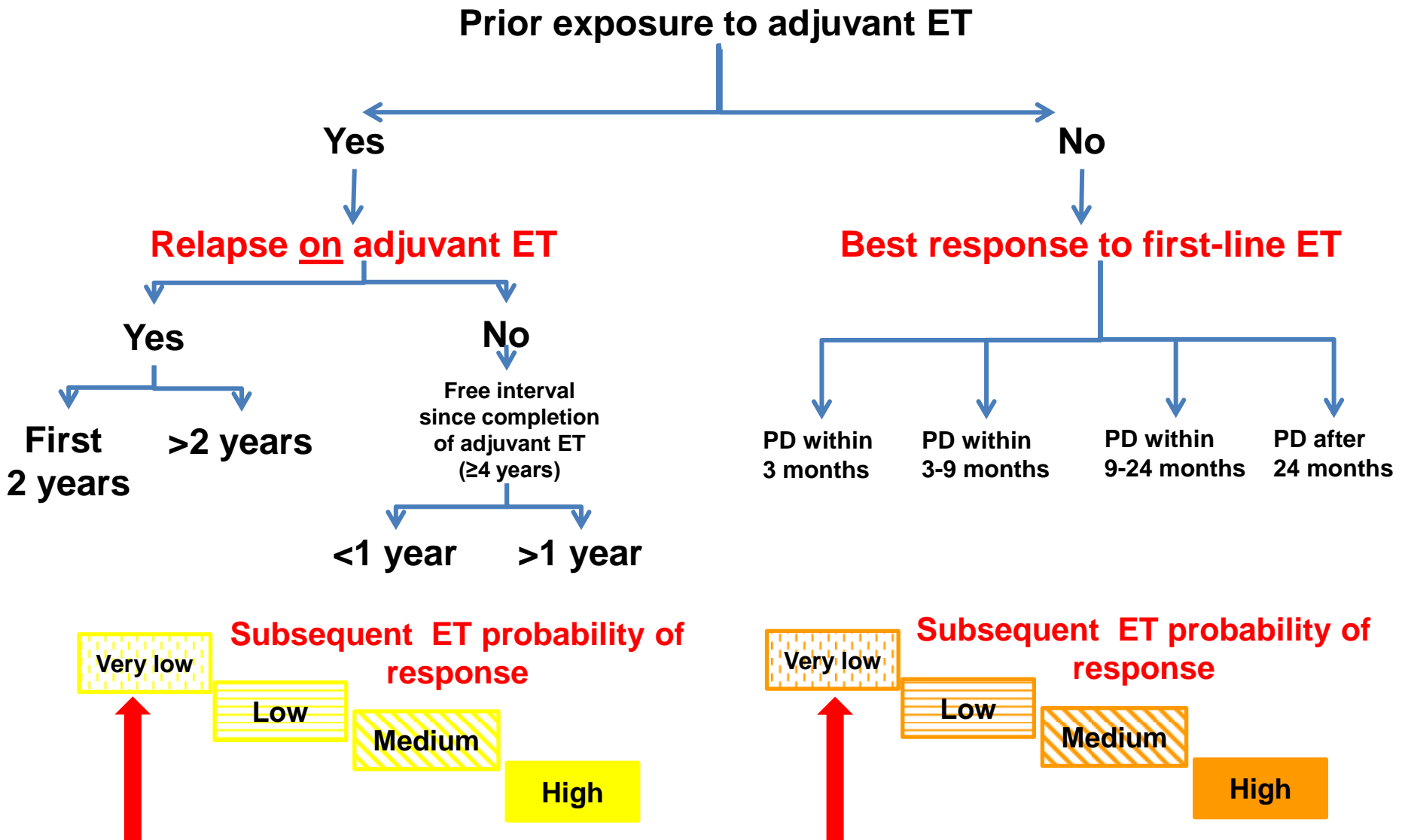
Recent Progress in the Management of Breast Cancer



**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

ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE MECHANISMS



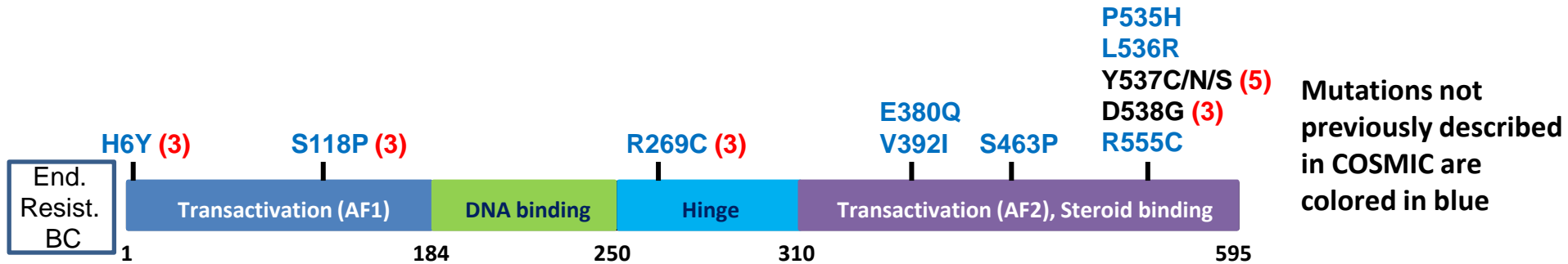
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1. Epigenetic silencing
of the *ESR1* gene

2. *ESR1* mutations

3. Upregulation of
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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

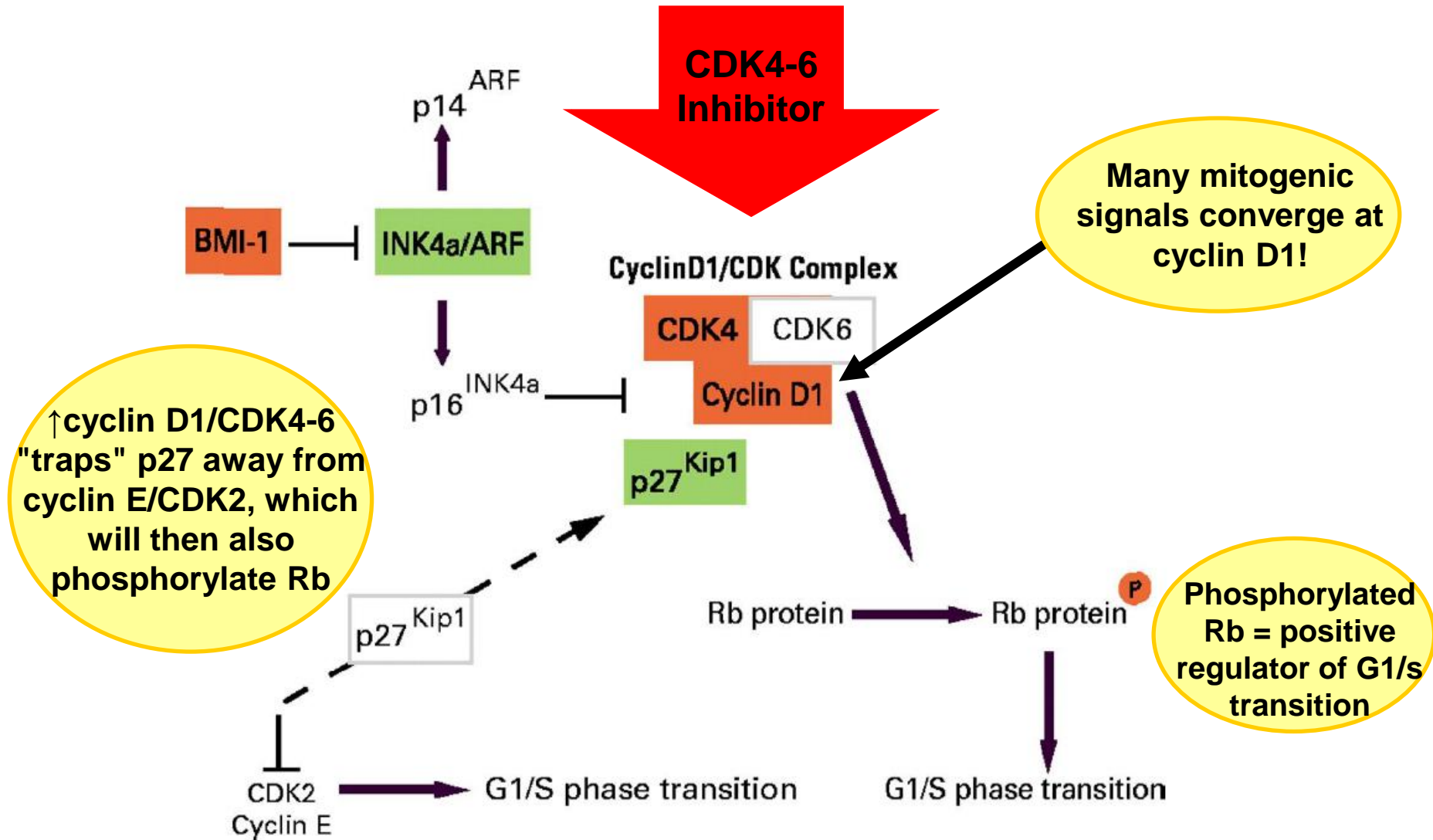
ER mutations	Gene	Met With Variant	Met Without Variant	% Mets	Primary With Variant	Primary Without Variant	% Primary
	ESR1	8	34	19.0	13	172	7.0

- 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 α signaling ?**

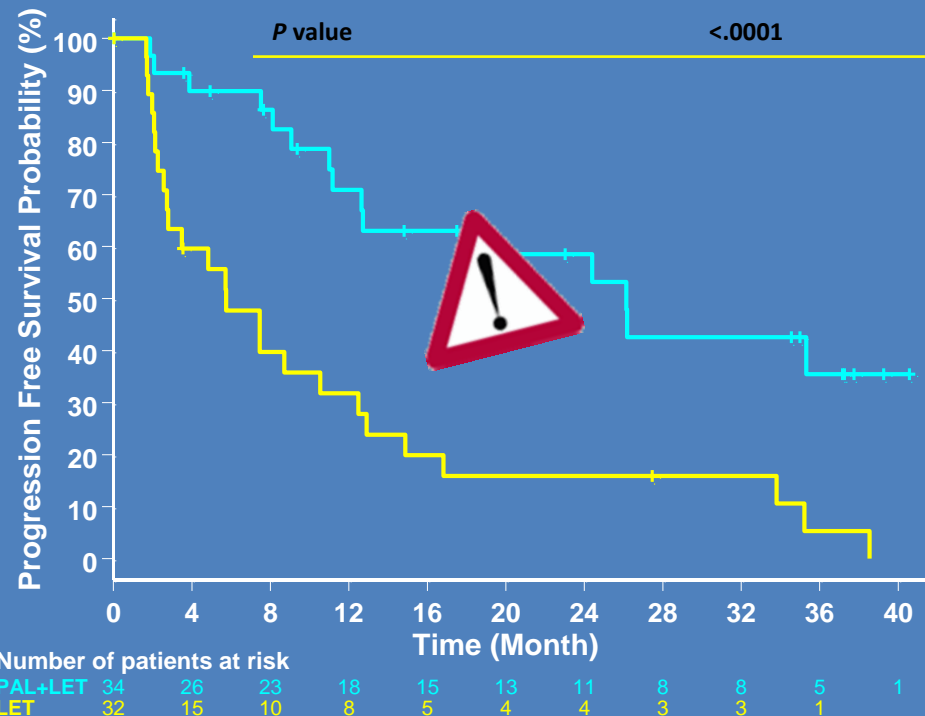
Role of CDK4 in Cell Cycle



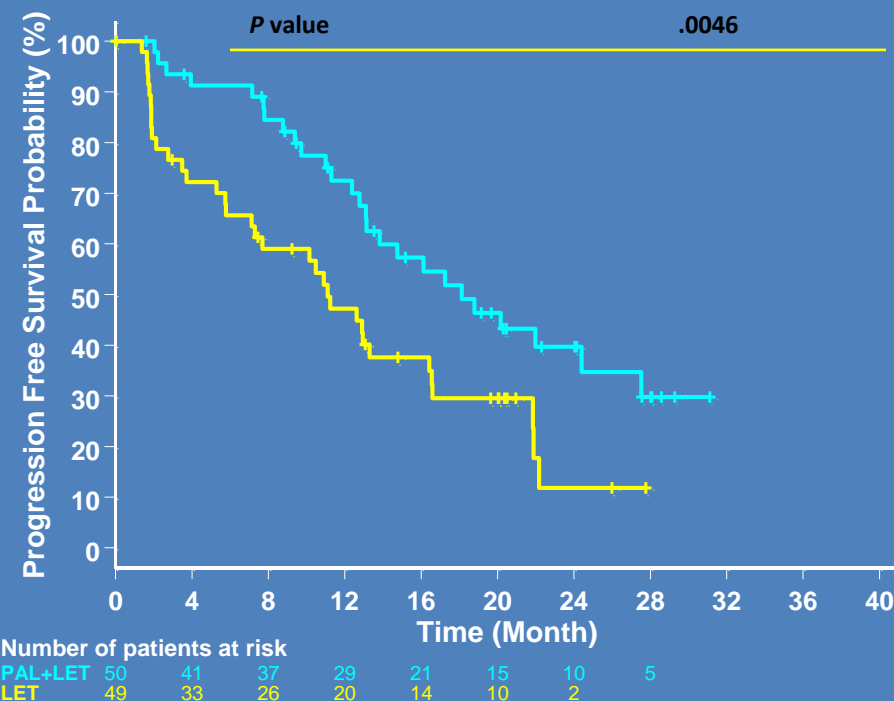
PALOMA-1 : Progression-Free Survival (ITT)

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Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.299 (0.156, 0.572)	
P value	<.0001	



Part 2	PAL + LET (N = 50)	LET (N = 49)
Number of Events (%)	26 (52)	34 (69)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	18.1 (13.1, 27.5)	11.1 (7.1, 16.4)
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.508 (0.303, 0.853)	
P value	.0046	



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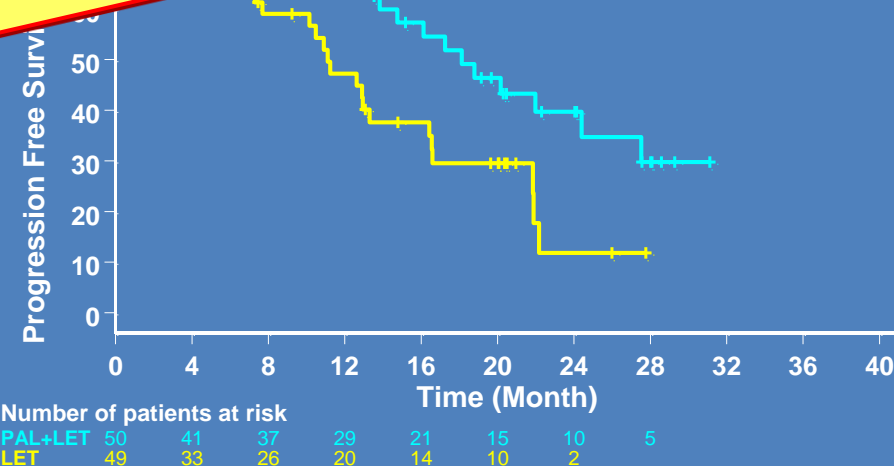
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**Encouraging results... but
randomized phase II, not III**



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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

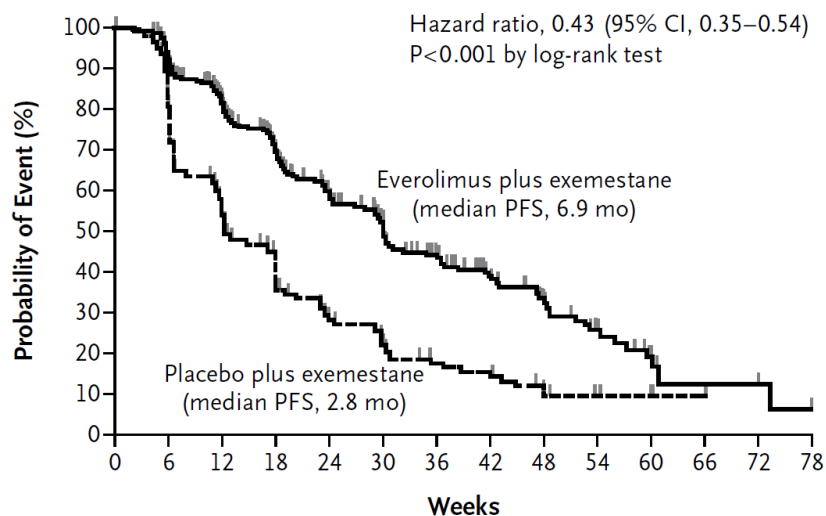
Fulvestrant With or Without Abemaciclib (LY2835219) (NCT02107703)

MONALEESA2

LEE011 in Combination With Letrozole (NCT01958021)

BOLERO-2 Study: Results

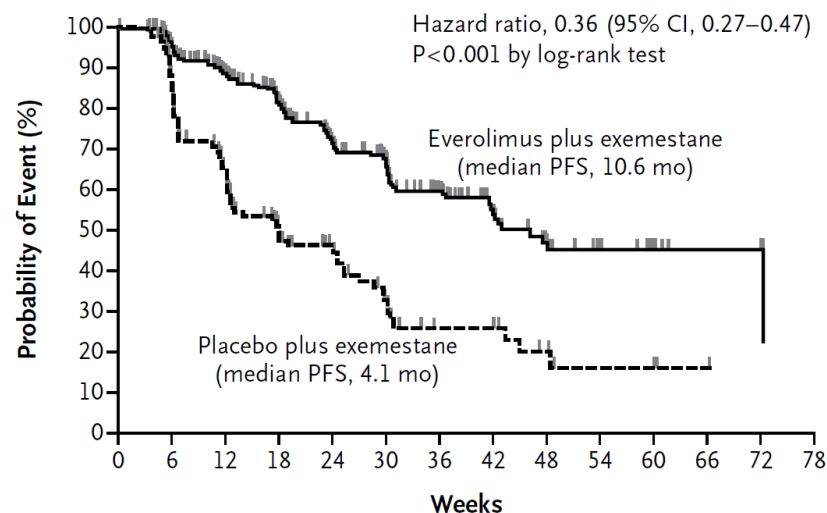
Local Assessment



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

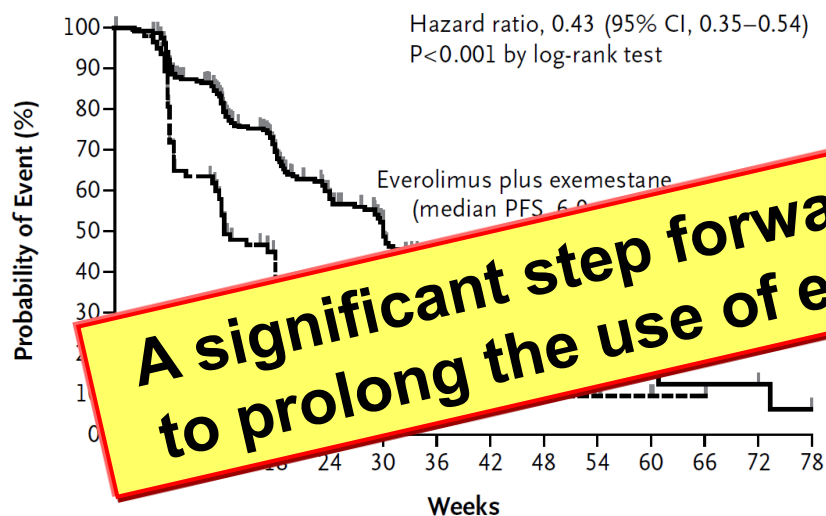


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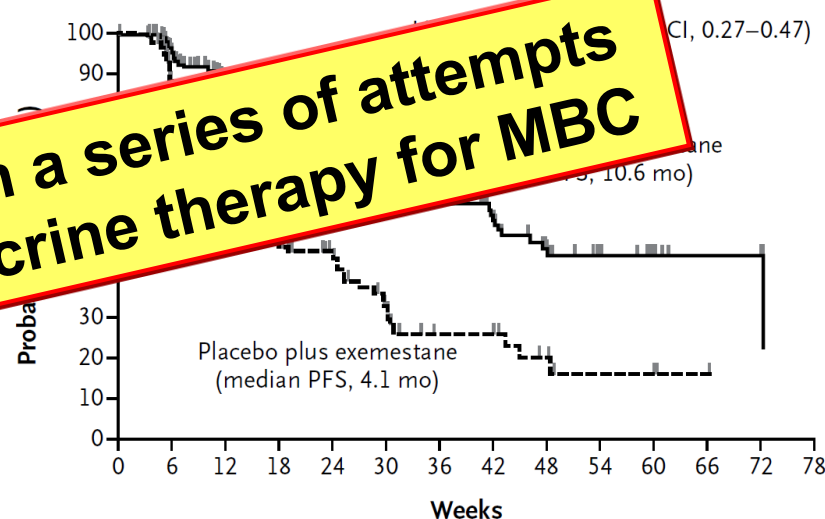
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A significant step forward in a series of attempts to prolong the use of endocrine therapy for MBC

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
Stomatitis	56	8	0	11	1	0
Fatigue	33	3	<1	26	1	0
Dyspnea	18	4	0	9	1	<1
Anemia	16	5	1	4	<1	<1
Hyperglycemia	13	4	<1	2	<1	0
AST	13	3	<1	6	1	0
Pneumonitis	12	3	0	0	0	0

AE, Adverse Event; AST, Aspartate aminotransferase

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

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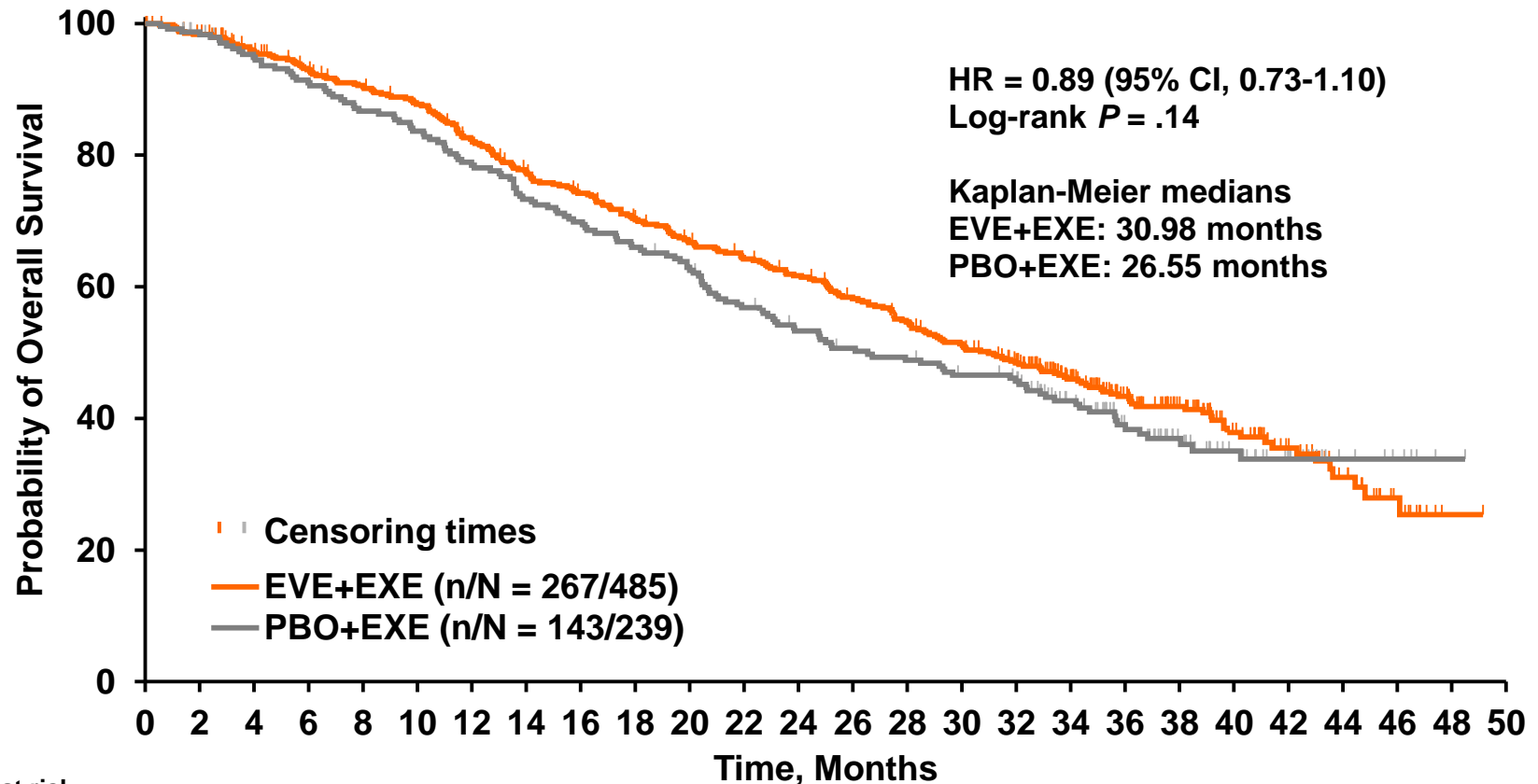
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**Discontinuation of treatment due to side effects :
19% vs 4%**

AE, Adverse Event; AST, Aspartate aminotransferase

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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

- 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

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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

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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)

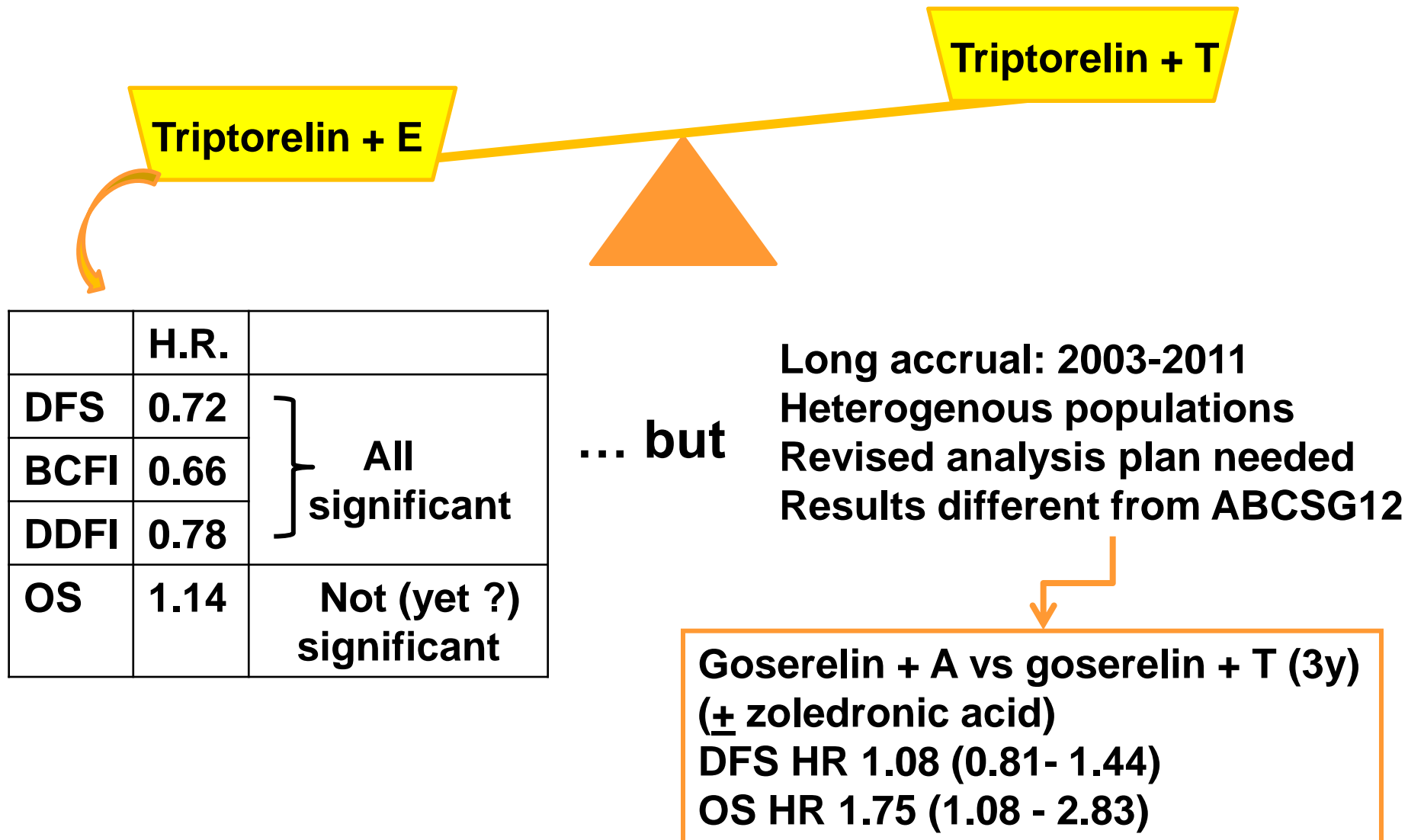
Tamoxifen + OFS x 5y
Exemestane + OFS x 5y

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

E > T

Musculoskeletal	11% > 5%
Fractures	1.3% > 0.8%
Cardiac ischemia	0.3% > 0.1%
Dyspareunia	2.3% > 1.4%
Discontinuation of therapy	16% > 11%

T > E

Thromboembolic events	1.9% > 0.8%
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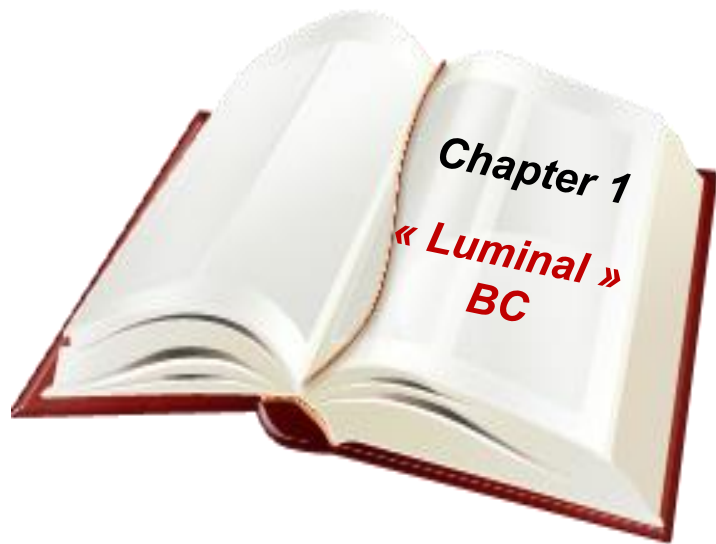
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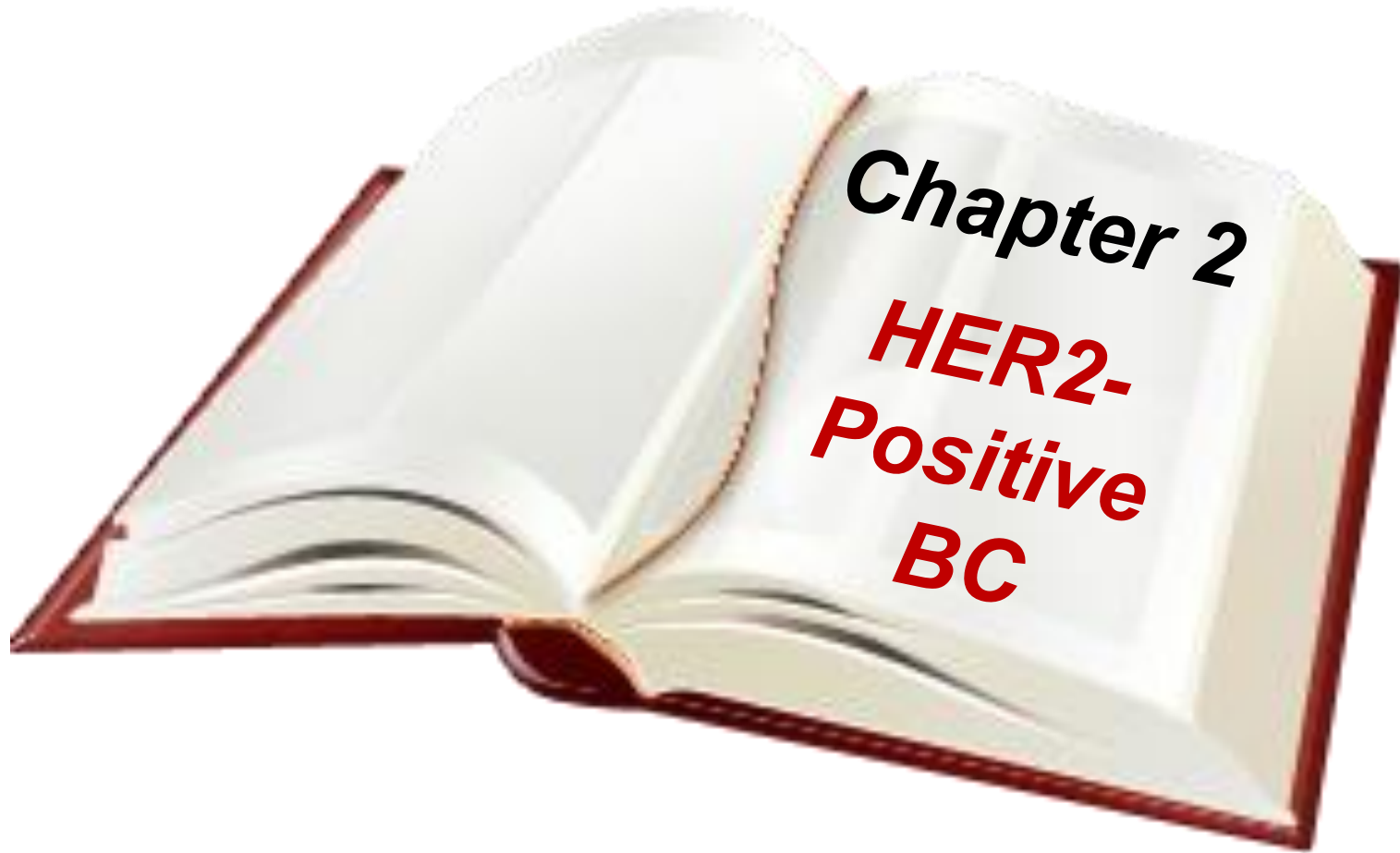


Yes

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



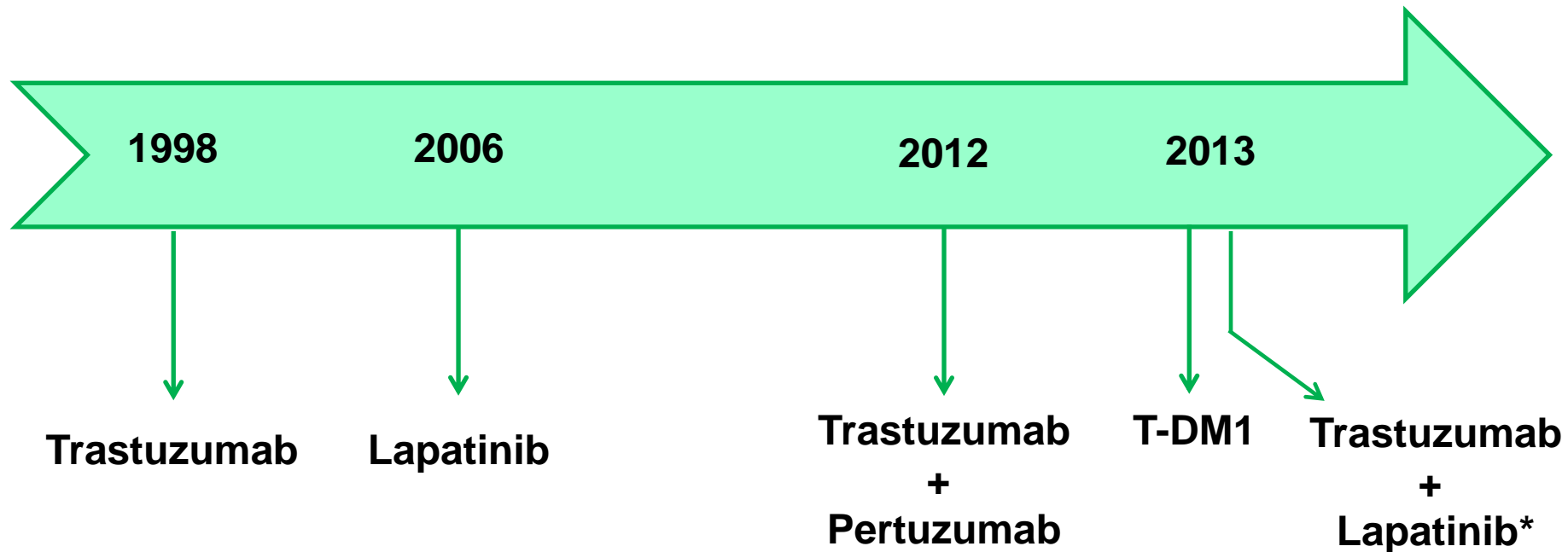
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Chapter 2

**HER2-
Positive
BC**

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



*EU only

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

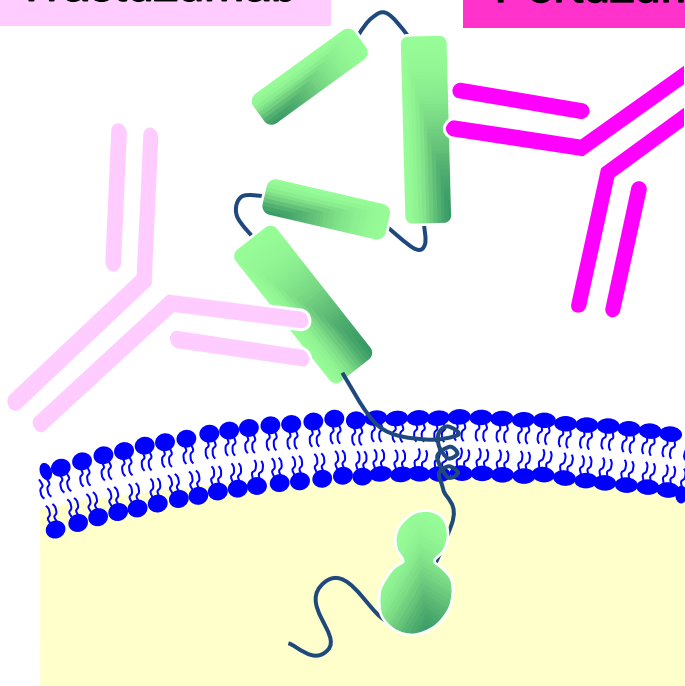
Dual HER2 Blockade

STRATEGY A

Trastuzumab

+

Pertuzumab



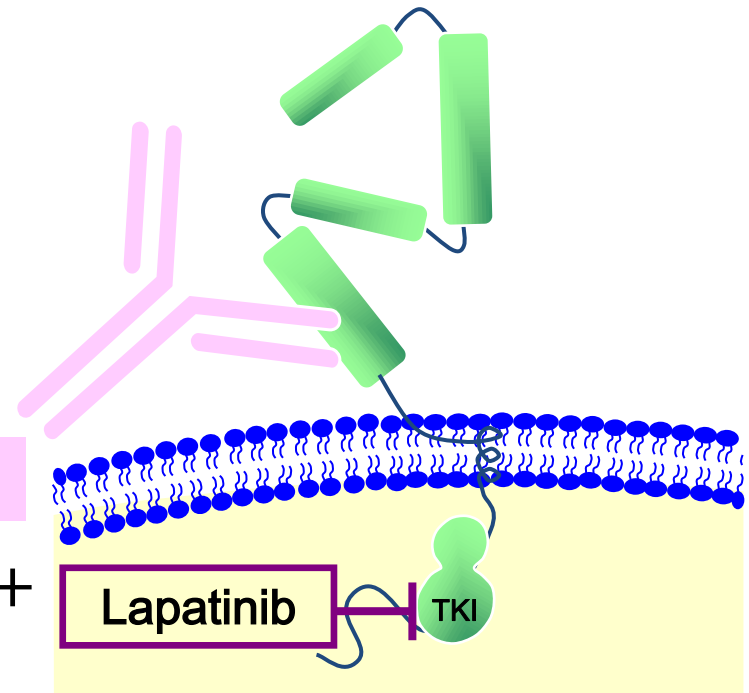
STRATEGY B

Trastuzumab

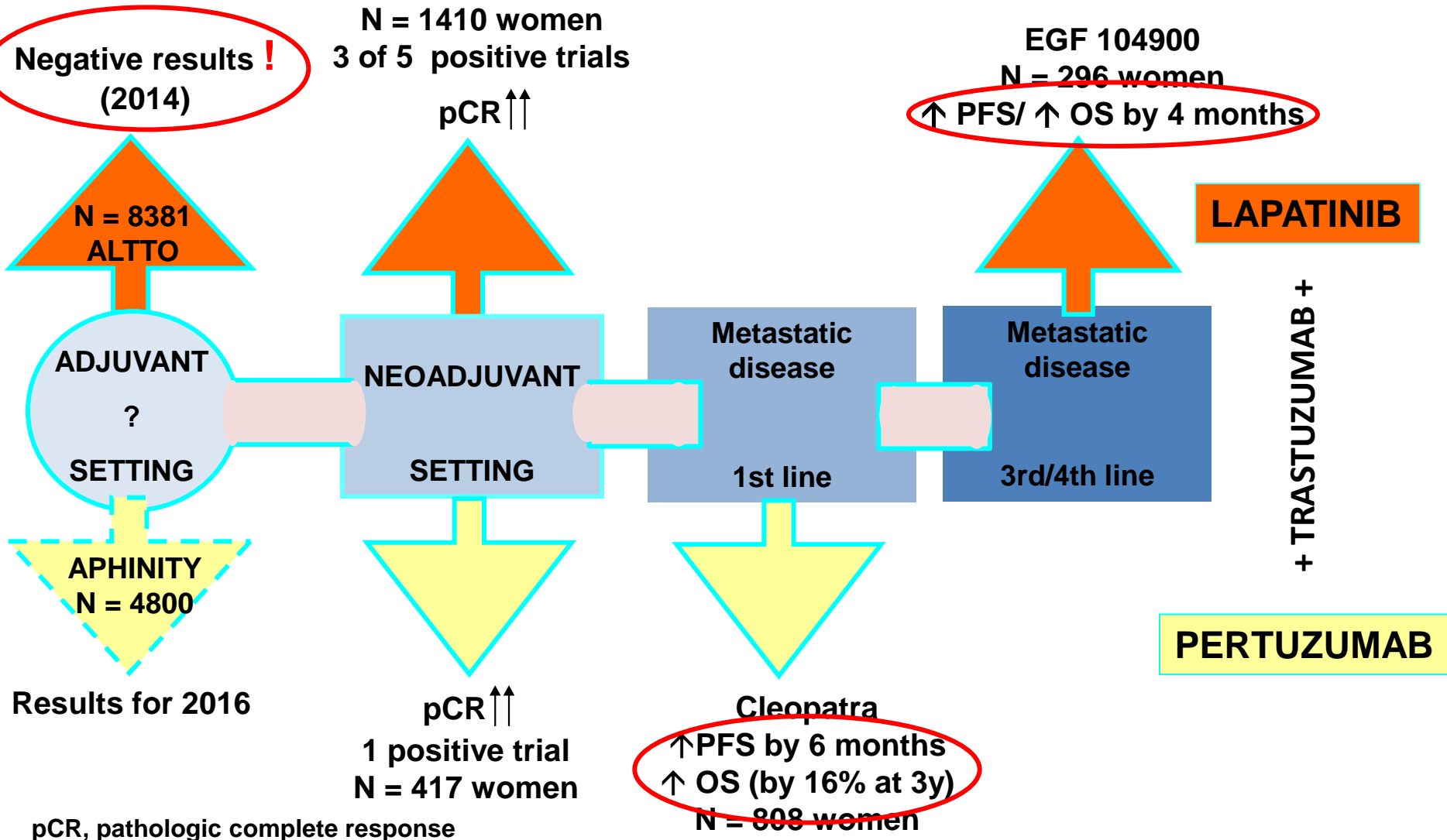
+

Lapatinib

TKI



Dual HER2 Blockade: Results As of 2014



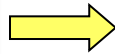
ASCO 2014

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

Trastuzumab-DM1 in HER2+ MBC



Trastuzumab-DM1



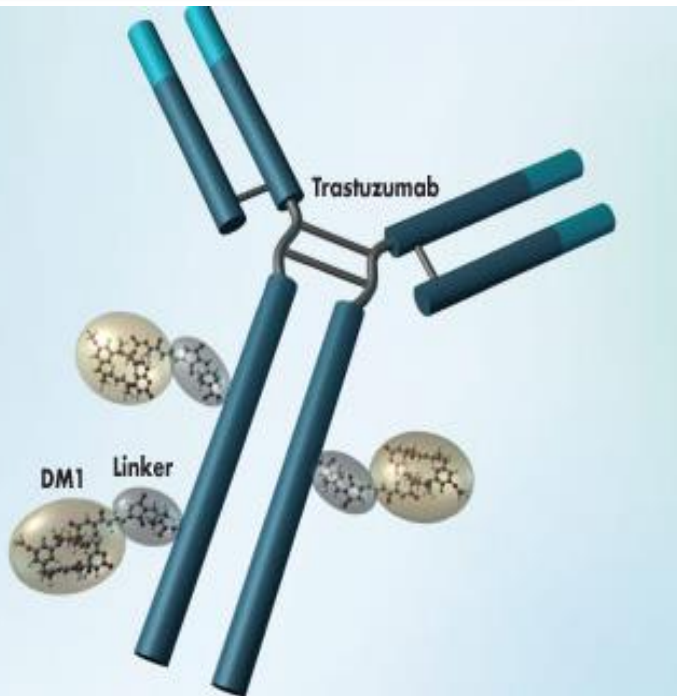
Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC)

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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of TDM1

(MARIANNE study)

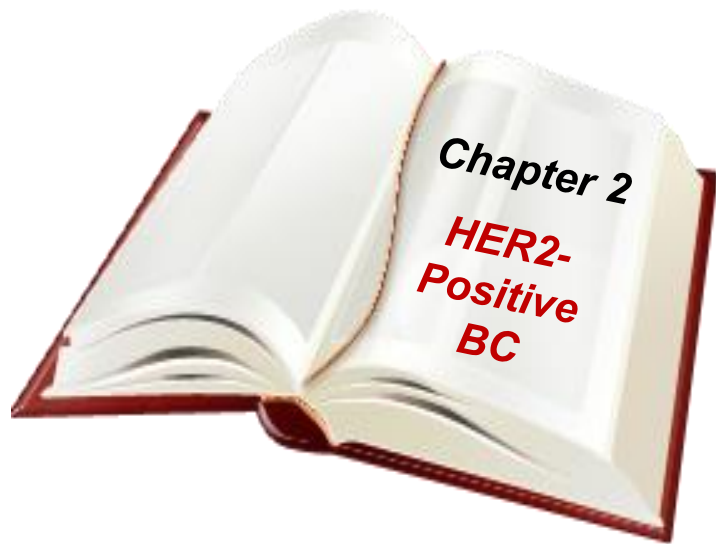
(EMILIA study)

(TH3RESA study)

With excellent quality of life!

Side effects: ↑ live function tests, thrombocytopenia

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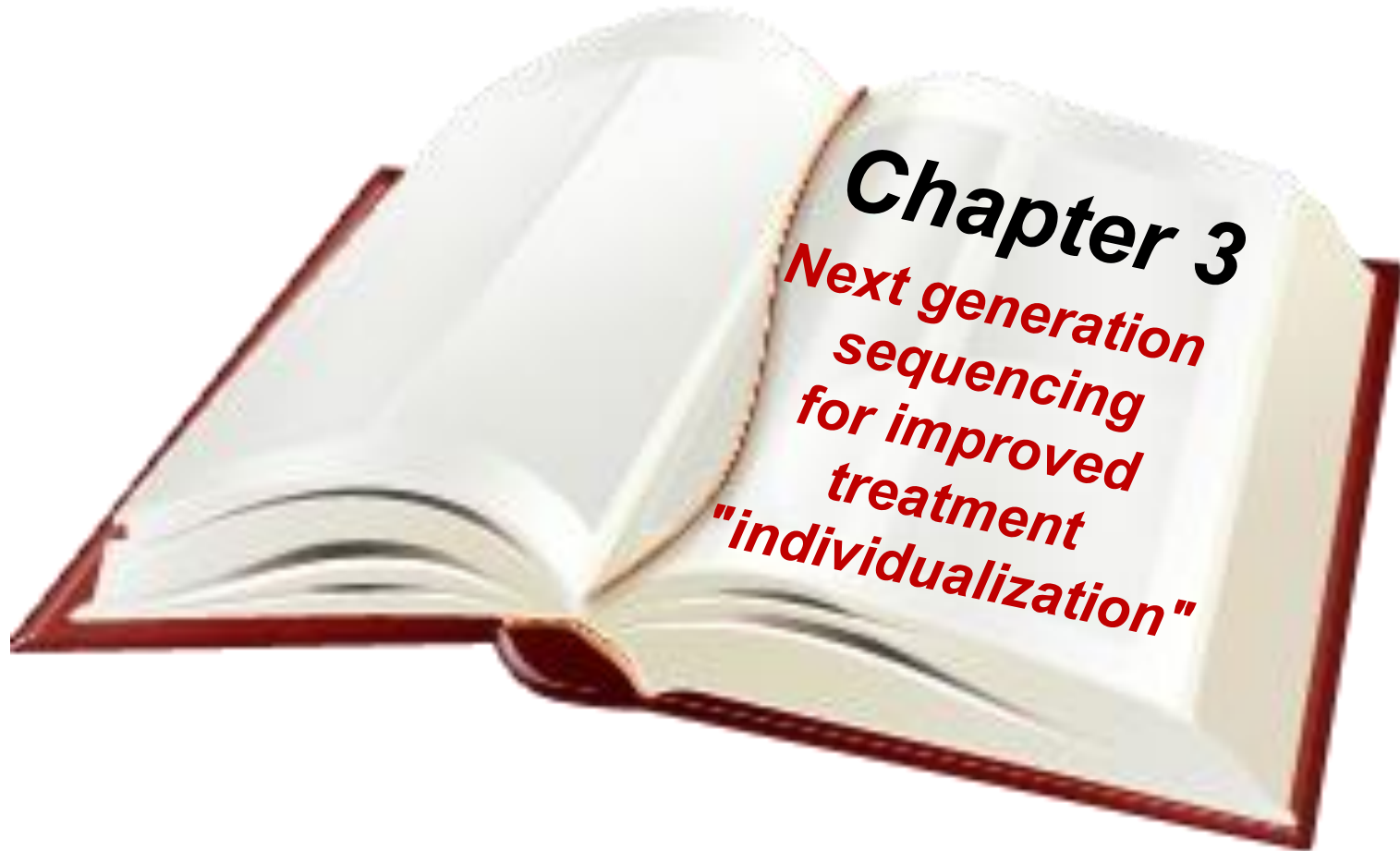
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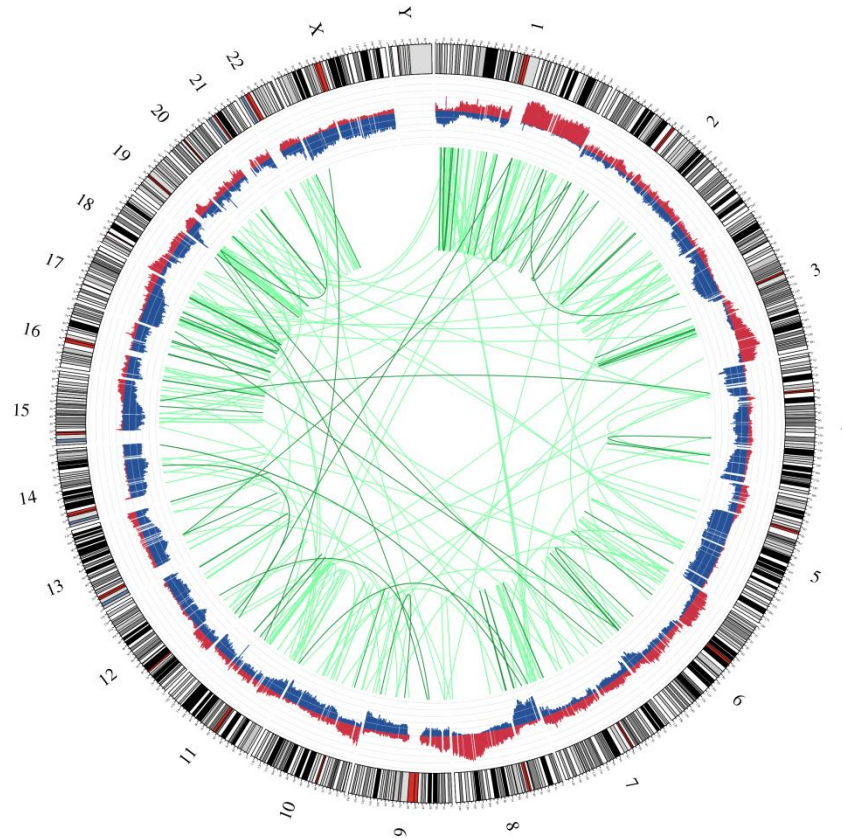
Yes

**... with OS benefits
and little
toxicity**

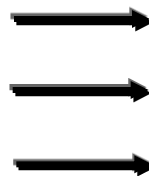
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Directing “Personalized Therapy” on the Basis of “Genetic Tumor Markers”

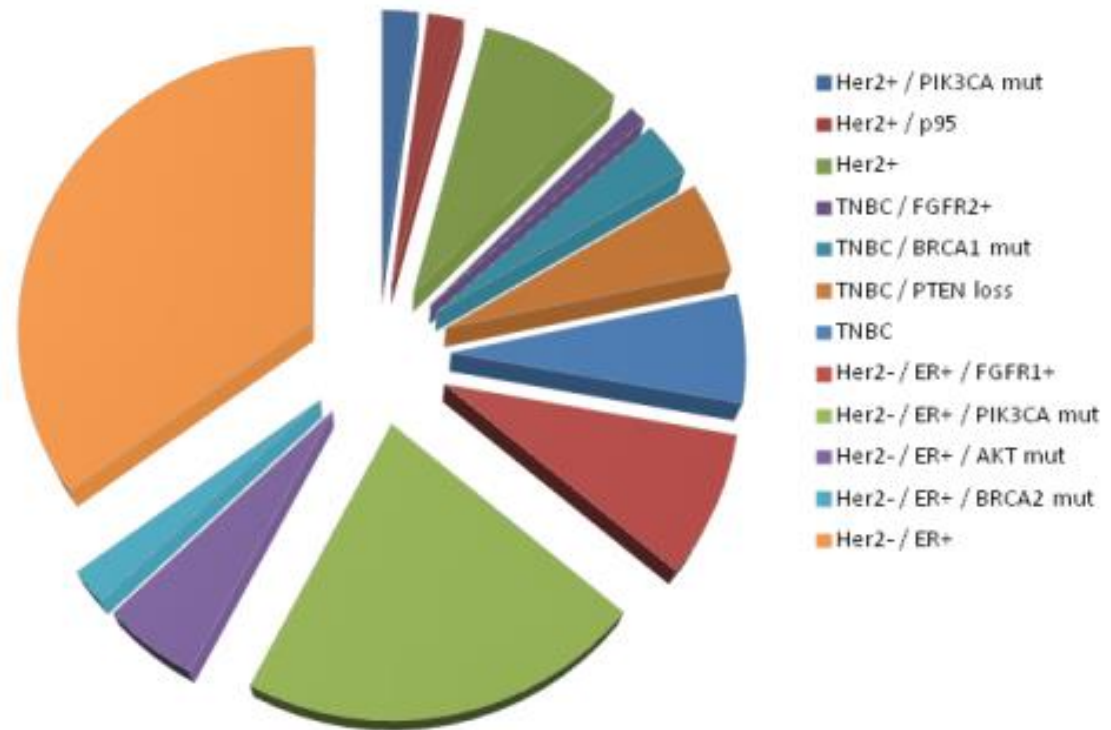
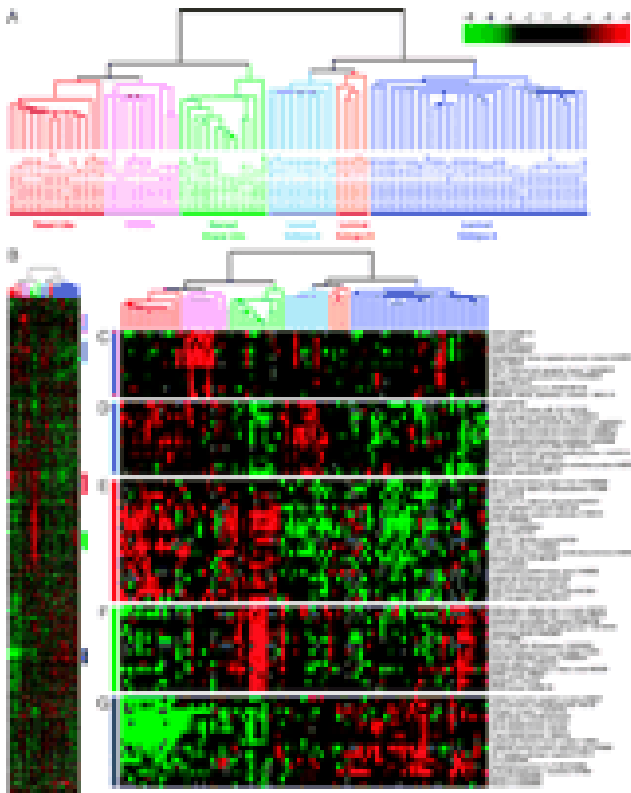


Mutations
Copy n°changes
Rearrangements



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



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 1st-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

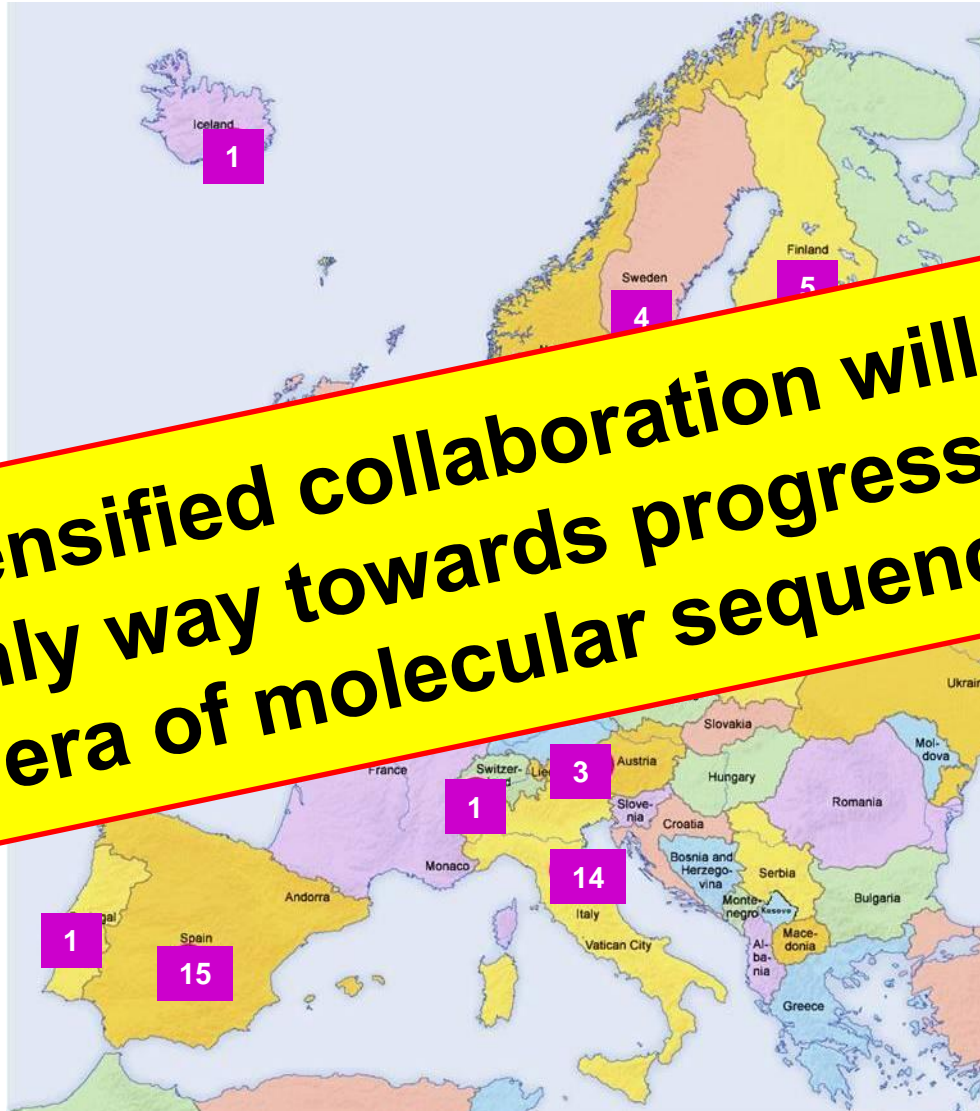
Collection every 6 months – up to 10 years

Clinical
Outcome
Information

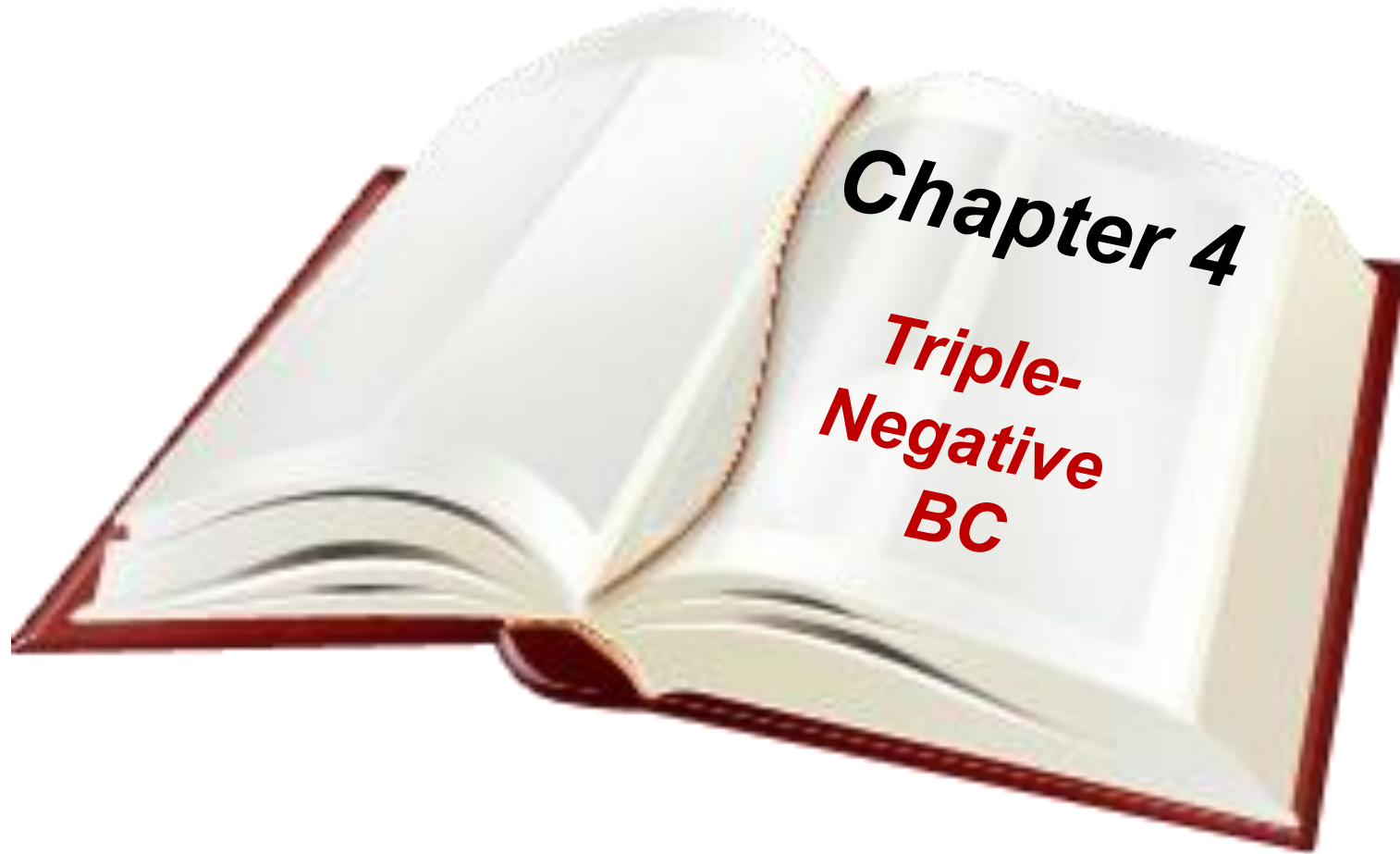
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Participating Countries in AURORA (N= 15)

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



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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**

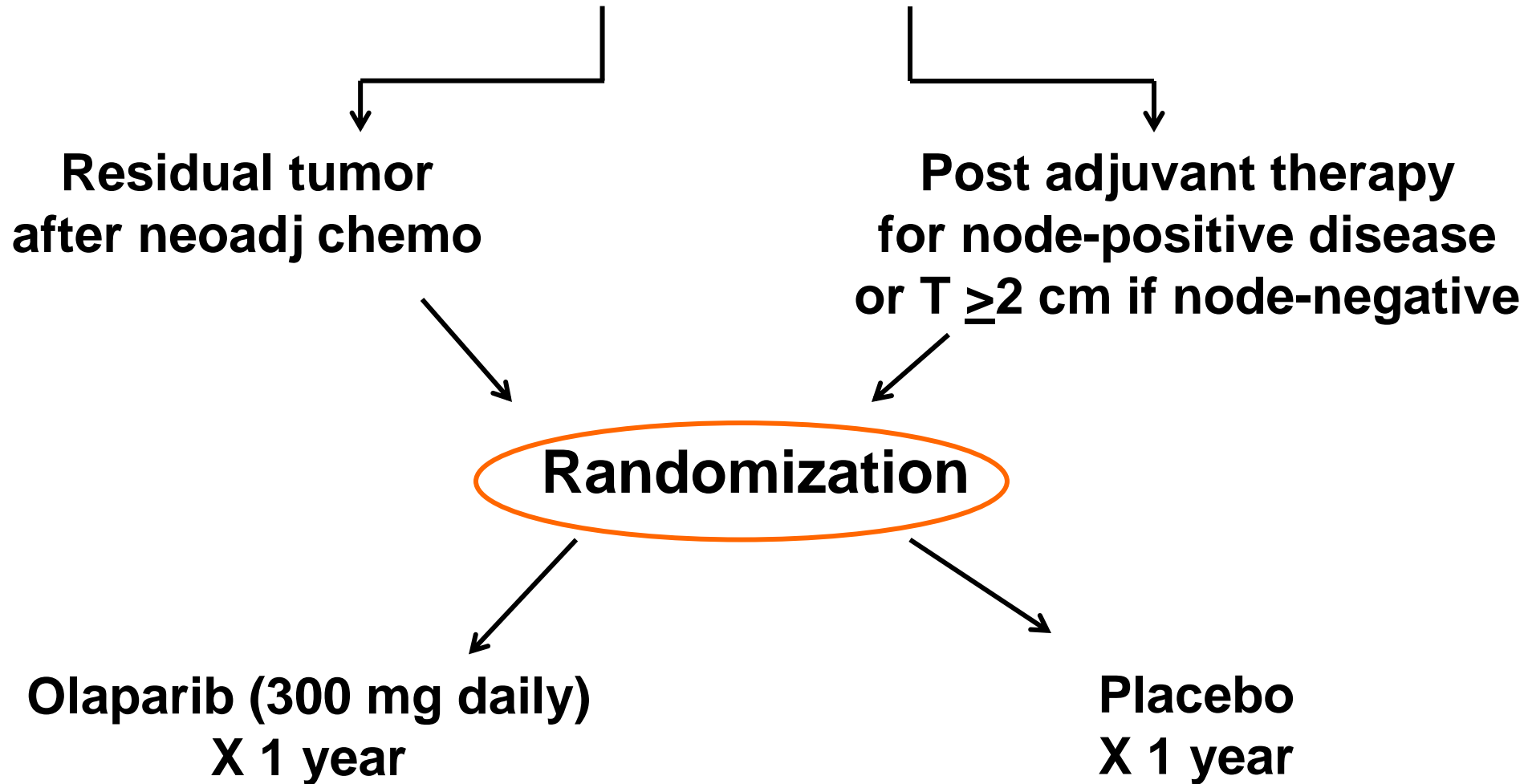
**Residual tumor
after neoadj chemo**

**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

