

In occasione della GIORNATA NAZIONALE del tumore mammario metastatico

### 2024 CARCINOMA MAMMARIO METASTATICO: QUALI NOVITÀ?

Conoscere le novità per assicurare il trattamento migliore a ogni paziente

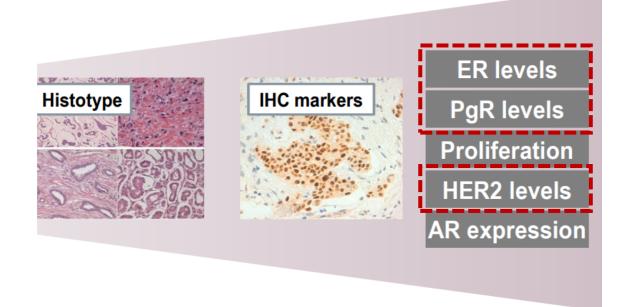
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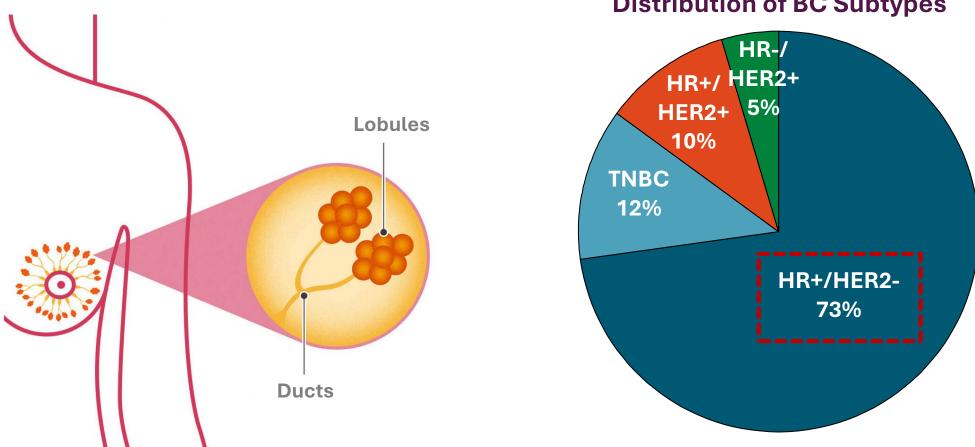
II carcinoma metastatico HR+HER2negativo: dagli inibitori di cdk4/6 agli inibitori di pi3k

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## **Breast Cancer is an heterogenous disease**

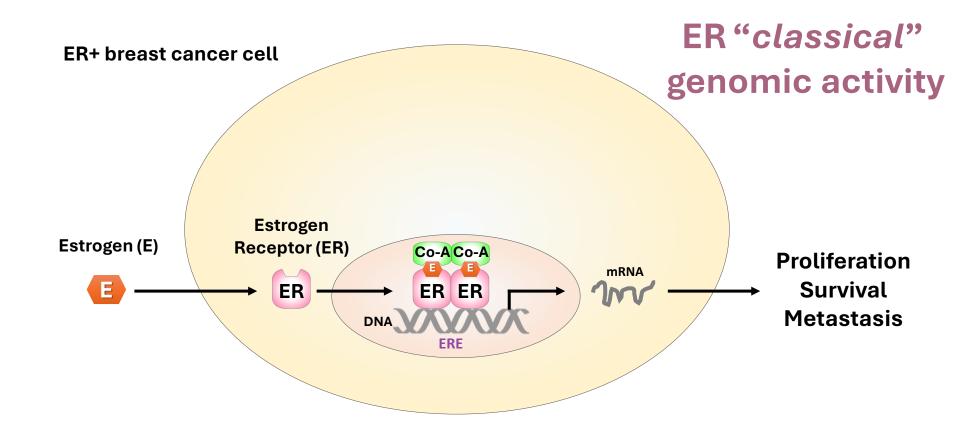


## Luminal breast cancer is the most represented breast cancer subtype



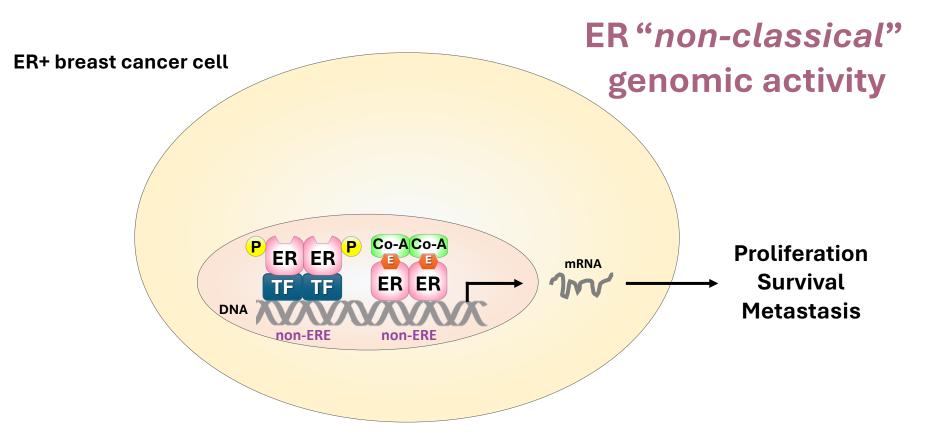
**Distribution of BC Subtypes** 

#### The Estrogen Receptor signaling pathways in breast cancer



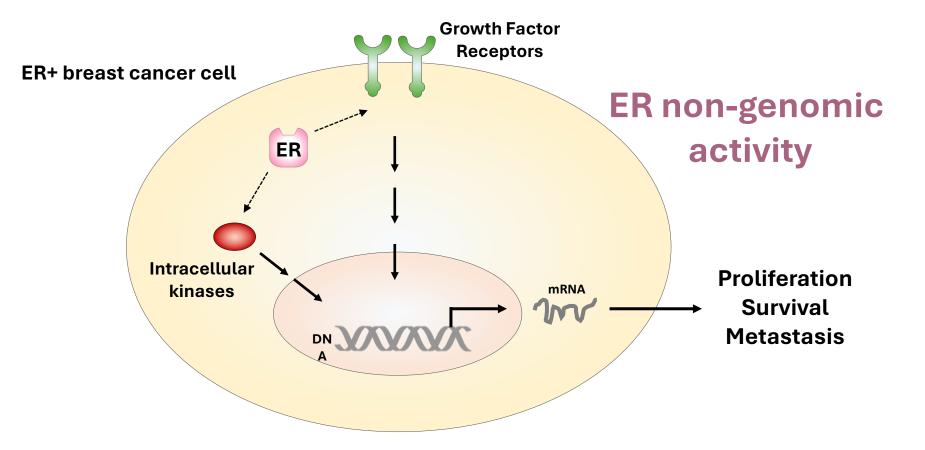
CoA, co-activator; ERE, Estrogen Responsive Elements; mRNA, messenger RNA

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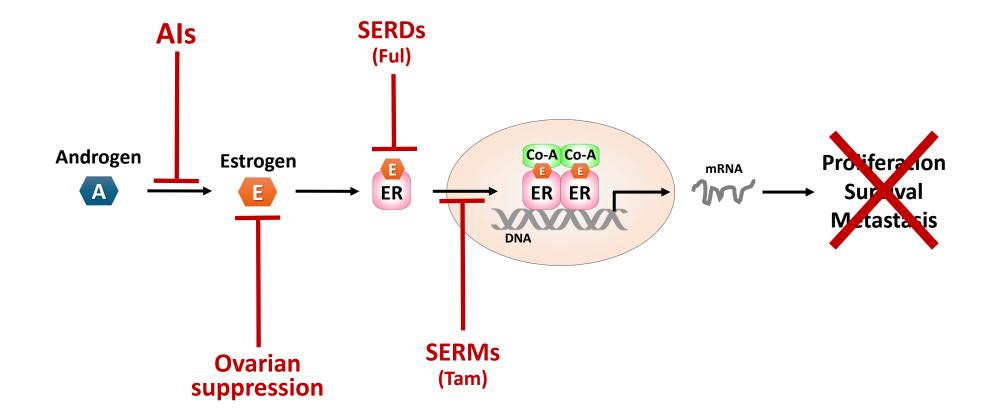


CoA, Co-Activator; TF, transcription factor

#### The Estrogen Receptor signaling pathways in breast cancer



# Endocrine therapy is the backbone of treatment in early and advanced hormone receptor-positive breast cancers

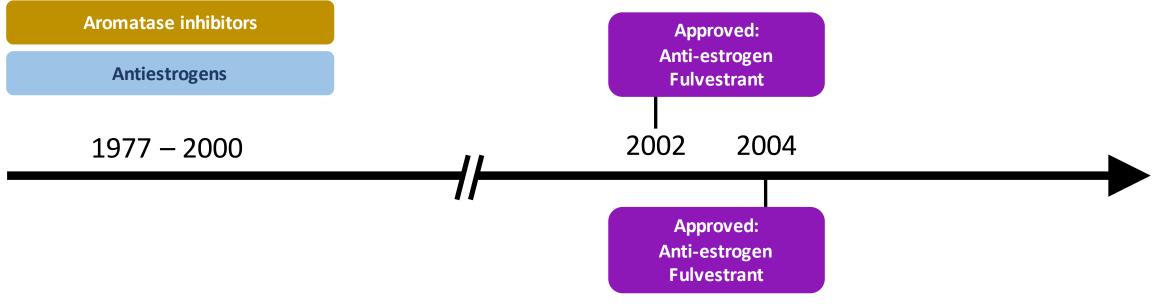


Als, aromatase inhibitors; SERDs, selective estrogen down-regulators; SERMs, selective estrogen modulators

#### **Drugs approved for the management of HR+/HER2– MBC**

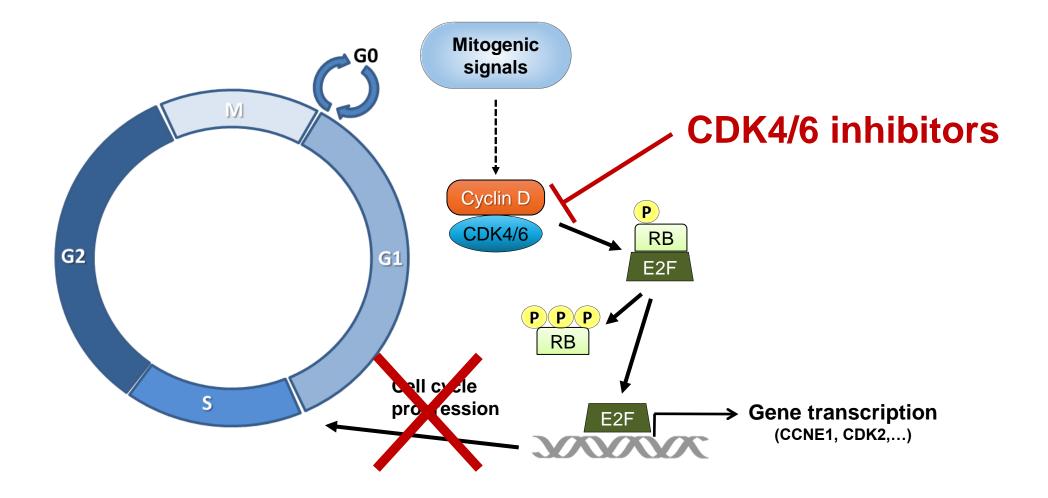
#### FDA

#### Activity stalled for over two decades...

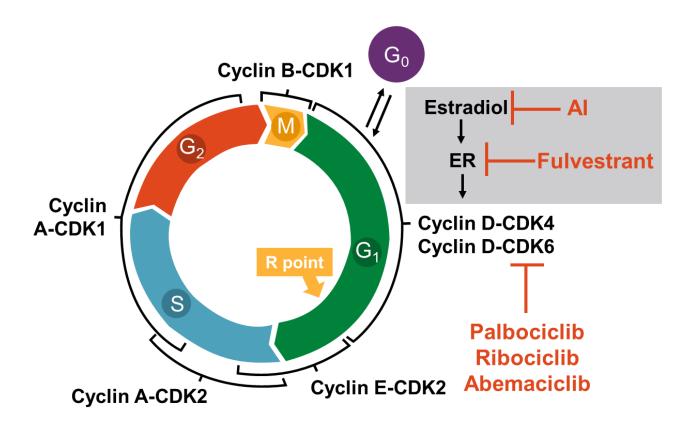


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## **CDK4/6** inhibitors



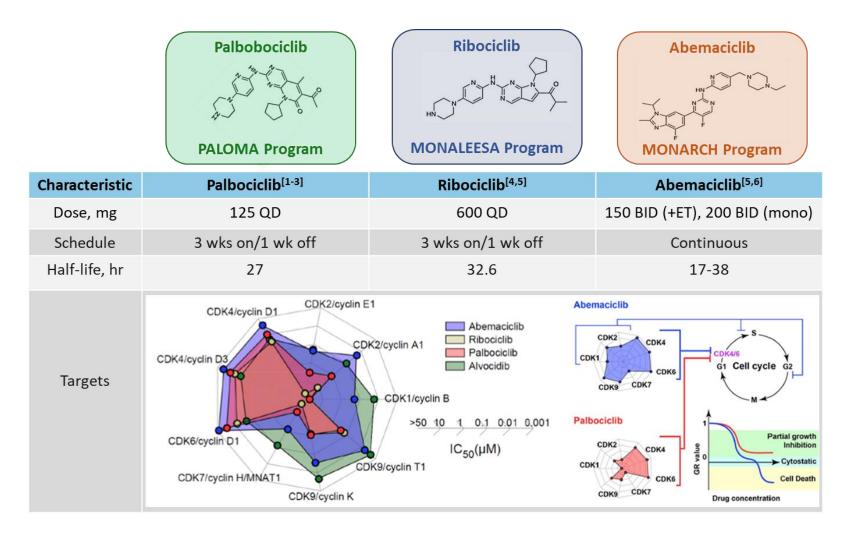
## **Targeting CDK4/6 in HR+/HER2- BC: Rationale**



- 1. Mitogenic pathways, including estrogen signaling, stimulate cyclin D production
- 2. Binding of cyclin D activates CDK4/6, an important player in driving cell cycle progression in ER+ BC
- 3. Selectively inhibiting CDK4/6 causes cell cycle arrest in G1 phase, resulting in reduced cell viability and tumor shrinking

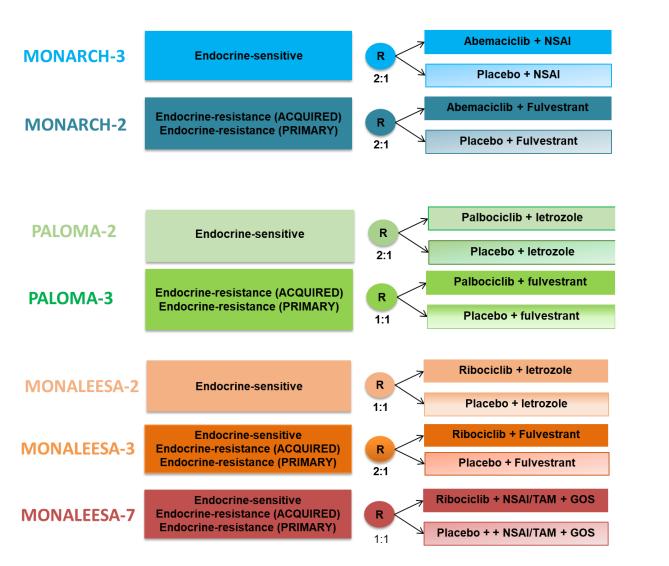
Because cyclin D–CDK4/6 activation occurs downstream of estrogen signaling, ET + CDK4/6 inhibitor combination therapy has synergistic antitumor activity against HR+ BC

#### **CDK4/6 Inhibitors: Comparison of Key Characteristics**



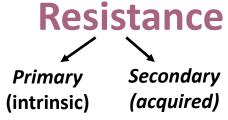
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## The transformative effect of CDK4/6i

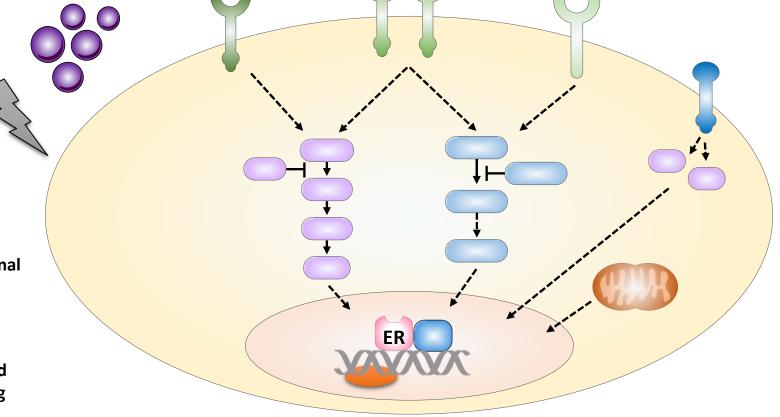


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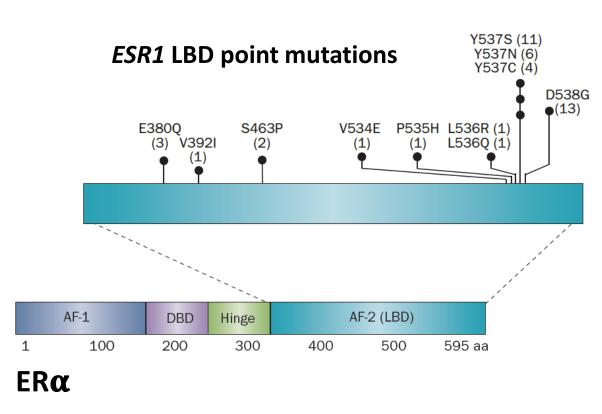
#### **Mechanisms of endocrine resistance**

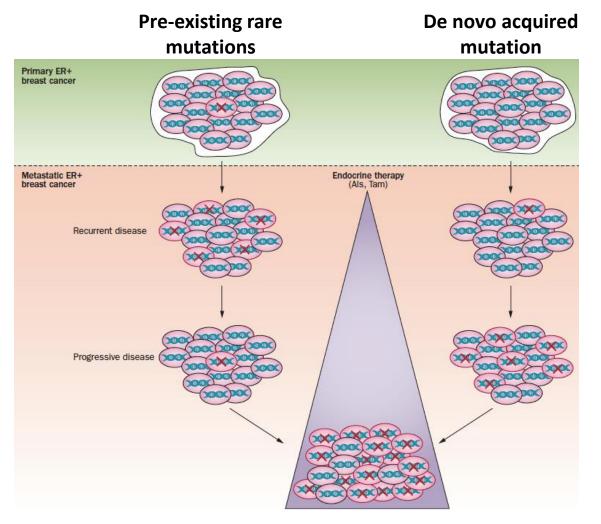


- ER itself: levels, mutations, post-transcriptional or translational regulation
- Crosstalk between the ER and GFR/cellular kinase pathways
- ER co-regulators and ER/co-regulators related cistromes and transcriptional reprogramming
- Stress related pathway and tumor microenvironment



# ESR1 mutations: a mechanism for acquired endocrine resistance in breast cancer

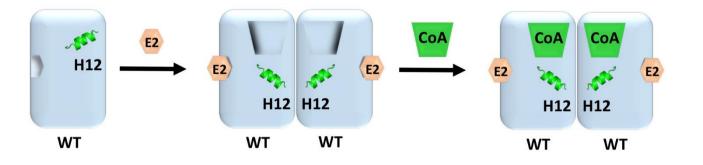




#### Jeselsohn et al., Nature Review Clin Onc 2015

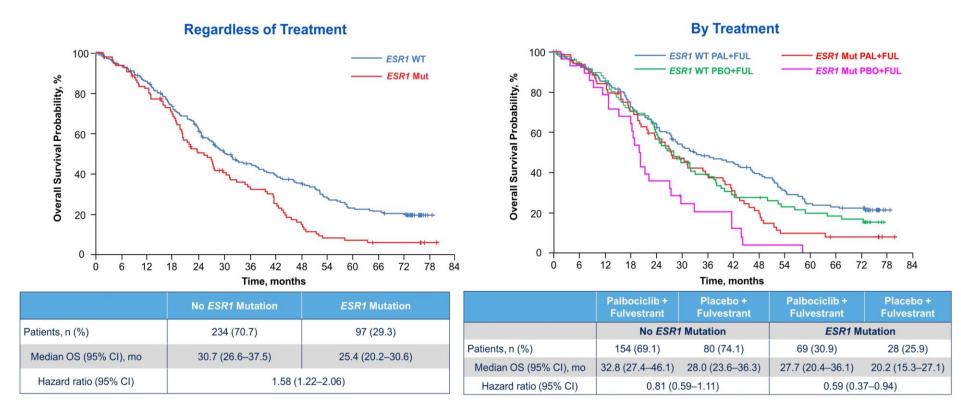
# ESR1 mutations: direct consequences of the conformational changes in the ER LBD



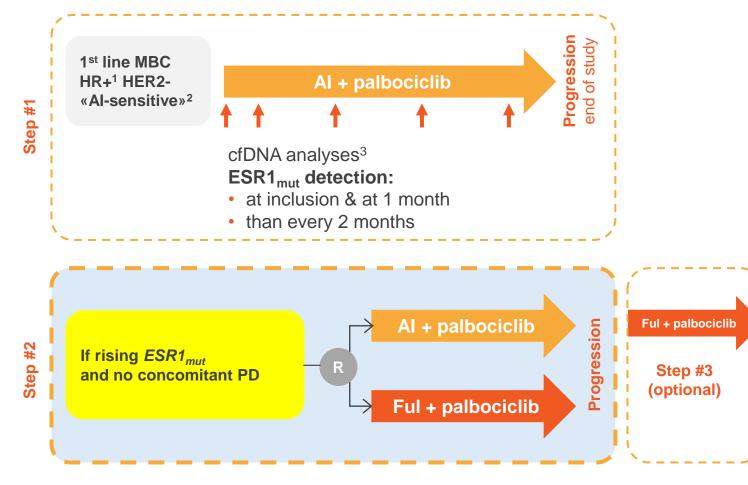


# **ESR1** Mutations in Advanced Luminal BC: Prognostic and Predictive Biomarker?

• *ESR1* mutations do not hold predictive value as biomarkers for CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



## PADA-1: Palbociclib & ctDNA for ESR1mut detection



Co-primary endpoints: PFS (RECIST) from randomization (step#2) & safety (all steps)

<sup>1</sup> ER and/or PS ≥10%

<sup>2</sup> "Al-sensitive»: no prior AI or DFI >12 months from adjuvant AI completion

 $^{\rm 3}\,$  Centralized ddPCR assay cfcDNA from 4 mL of plasma (Jeannot, Oncogene 2020)

Al: Aromatase inhibitor; PD: Progression disease

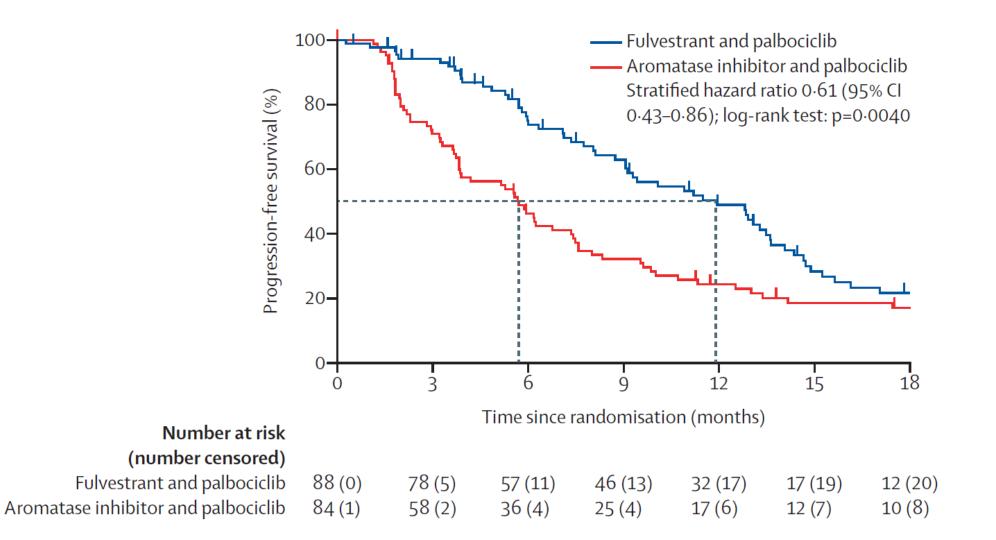
Phase 3From 04/2017 to 01/20191,017 patients included in step #1

#### PADA-1 is still ongoing

- As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Median FU = 21.2 months (0–34.5)
- N = 452 pts still in step #1
- N = 565 pts went out of step #1
  - N = 135 randomizations (24%) in step #2 Rising ESR1<sub>mut</sub> detected before progression: Target N = 200
  - N = 354 progressions
     Both ESR1<sub>wild-type</sub> & ESR1<sub>mut</sub> concomitant to RECIST progression
  - N = 76 pts out of study Patient/investigator decision

## **PADA-1: Progression-Free Survival**

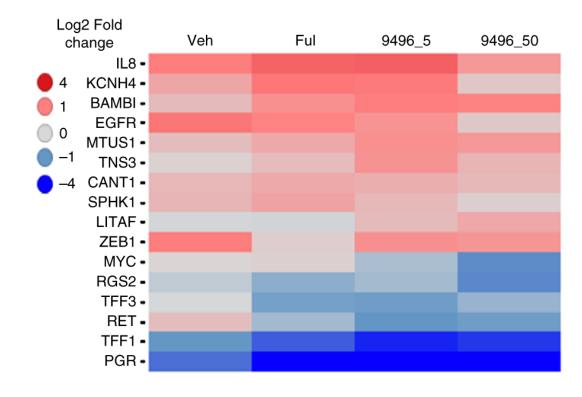
• Early therapeutic targeting of *ESR1* mutation in blood results in significant clinical benefit



Oral SERD (AZD9496) is comparable to fulvestrant in reducing ER level and activity in endocrine-resistant tumours in vivo

#### TamR VEH TAM FUL 0.5 5 50 ER \_\_\_\_ 250 . 200 ER H-Score # 150 : 100 50 0 Ful Tam Veh 0.5 5 50 9496

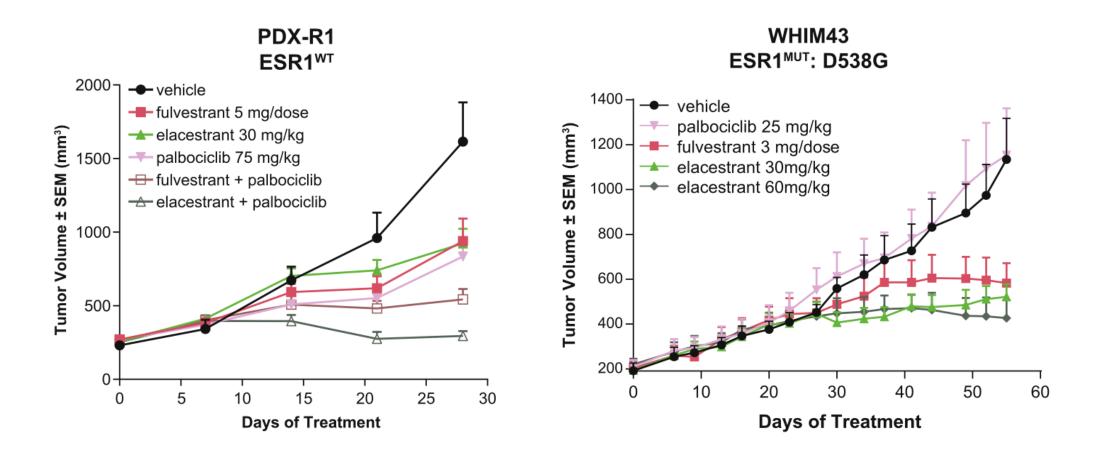
#### **ER protein levels**



#### **ER trascriptonal activity**

Nardone A, et al. BJC 2018

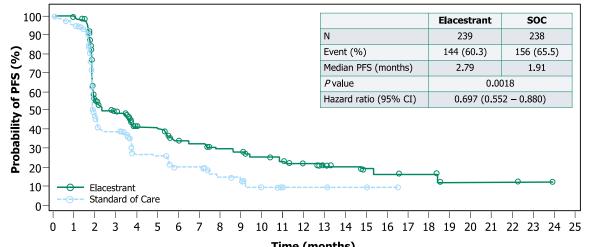
#### Elacestrant is effective in delaying tumor growth of ESR1 WT and ESR1 mutant breast cancer PDXs



Patel H.K. et al., BCR 2019

#### **EMERALD: Progression Free Survival**





Elacestrant is associated with a 30% reduction in risk of progression or death in all patients with ER+/HER2- mBC

Time (months) Elacestrant 239 223 106 89 60 57 42 40 34 33 27 24 19 13 11 2 2 1 0 7 SOC 238 206 84 68 39 38 25 25 16 15 7 4 3 3 2

100 Elacestrant SOC 90· Ν 115 113 Event (%) Probability of PFS (%) 62 (53.9) 78 (69.0) 80-Median PFS (months) 3.78 1.87 70-P value 0.0005 60-Hazard ratio (95% CI) 0.546 (0.387 - 0.768) 50-40<sup>.</sup> 30 20 10-Elacestrant Standard of Care 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 8 9 Time (months)

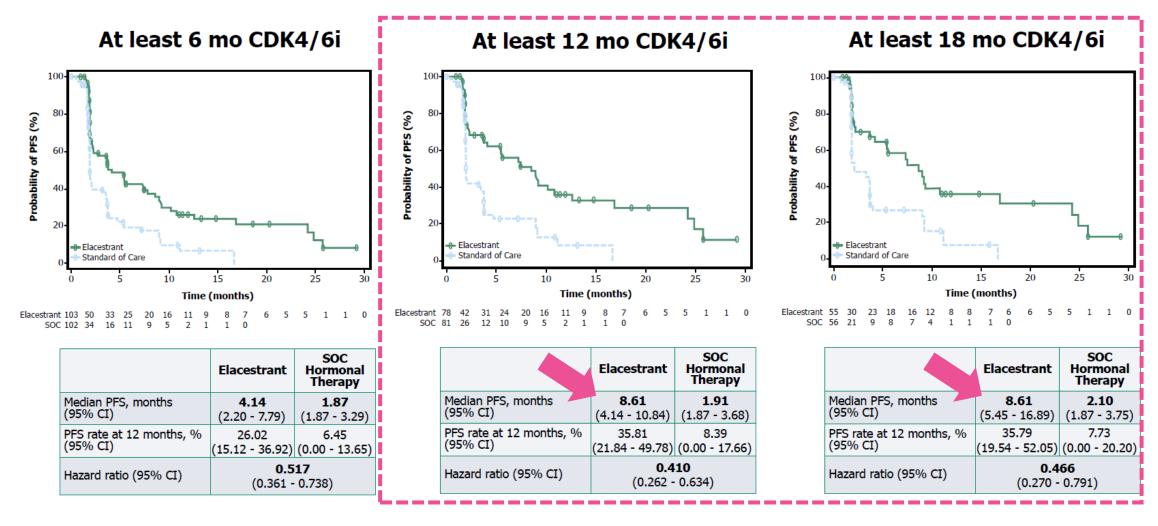
Elacestrant is associated with a 45% reduction in risk of progression or death in patients harboring mESR1

Patients with *mESR1* 

Bardia A, et al., SABCS 2021

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#### Patients with ESR1-mut Tumors: PFS by Duration of CDK4/6i



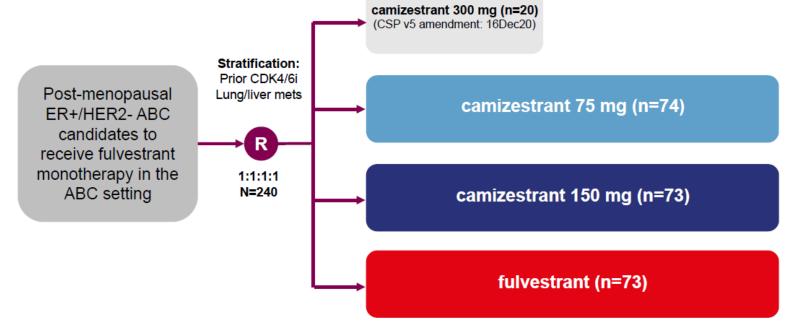
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# SERENA-2: A randomized, multi-dose phase 2 trial of Camizestrant vs fulvestrant in post-menopausal women with advanced ER+/HER2- breast cancer

#### Key inclusion/exclusion criteria:

- Recurrence or progression on at least one line of ET
- No prior fulvestrant or oral SERD in ABC
- No more than one line of ET in ABC setting
- No more than one line CT in ABC setting
- Measurable and non-measurable disease

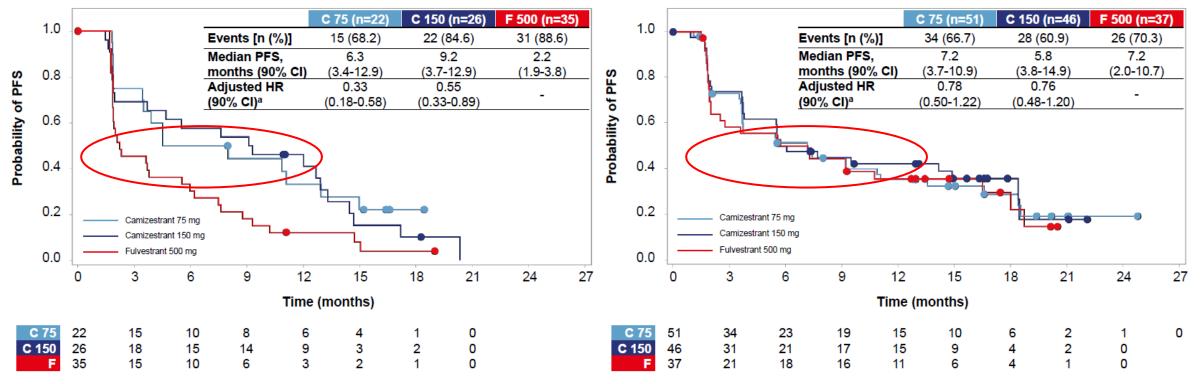
Olivera M, et al. SABCS 2022



- **Primary endpoint:** PFS (investigator assessment\*)
- · Secondary endpoints: CBR24, ORR, OS, safety
- Translational endpoints: serial ctDNA analysis including *ESR1*m, serial CTCs analysis

#### **PFS** in patients by detectable *ESR1m*

#### ESR1m detectable at baseline



#### *ESR1*m not detectable at baseline

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## **Oral SERD Trial Landscape in Pretreated mBC**

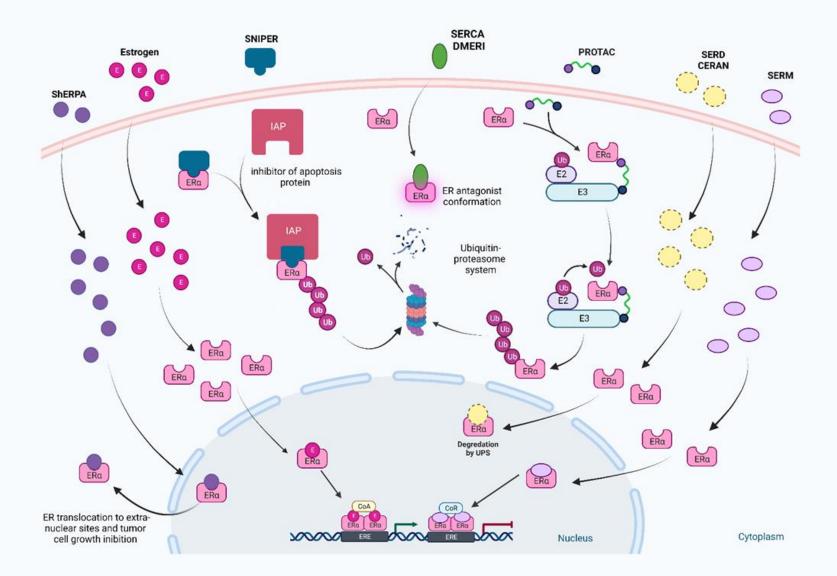
	EMERALD <sup>1</sup>	SERENA-2 <sup>2</sup>	EMBER-3 <sup>3</sup>	AMEERA-3 <sup>4-6</sup>	acelERA <sup>6-9</sup>
Treatment	Elacestrant	Camizestrant	Imlunestrant +/- abemaciclib	Amcenestrant	Giredestrant
Control Arm	fulvestrant / AIs	fulvestrant	fulvestrant / exemestane	fulvestrant / AIs / tamoxifen	fulvestrant / AIs
Phase (n)	Phase 3 (478)	Phase 2 (240)	Phase 3 (800)	Phase 2 (367)	Phase 2 (303)
Patients	Men or postmenopausal women	Postmenopausal women	Men or postmenopausal women	Men or women (any menopausal status)	Men or women (any menopausal status)
Prior CDK4/6i	Required (100%)	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted (79.7%)	Permitted (42%)
Allowed Prior Fulvestrant	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Allowed Prior Chemotherapy in mBC	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Data readout	Positive (Registrational)	Positive (Non-Registrational)	Ongoing	Negative	Negative

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# Ongoing trials with next generation SERDs in combination with other therapies

	Giredestrant (Roche)	Camizestrant (AstraZeneca)		Imlunestrant (Eli Lilly)
1L	<b>persevERA Breast Cancer</b> <i>1L</i> - Ph3 giredestrant + palbo vs. letrozole + palbo	<b>SERENA-4</b> <i>1L</i> - Ph3 camizestrant + palbo vs. anastrozole + palbo	SERENA-6 1L stable switch - Ph3 camizestrant + CDK4/6i vs. AI + CDK4/6i in ESR1m	<b>EMBER</b> 2L+ - Ph1 LY3484356 ± abemaciclib/alpelisib/ everolimus/ Herceptin19
2L	MORPHEUS	SERENA-1 1-2L+ Ph1 camizestrant ± palbo/ eveverolimus/abema/ capivasertib		
3L	<i>2-3L</i> - Ph1b/2 Giredest. ± targeted therapies			

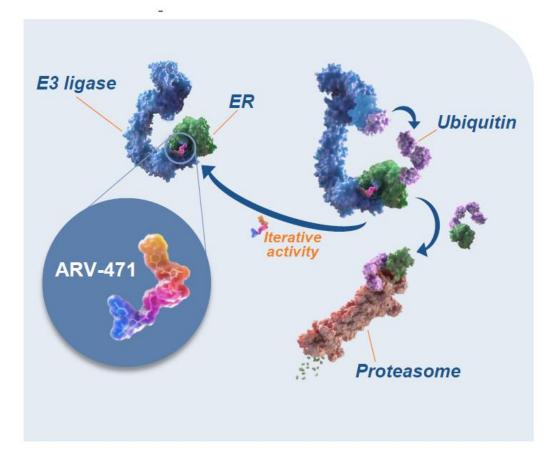
## **Novel Endocrine Therapies**



Pagliuca M, et al. CROH 2022

## ARV-471, a PROTAC® ER degrader in advanced ER+/HER2- breast cancer: phase 2 expansion (VERITAC) of a phase 1/2 study

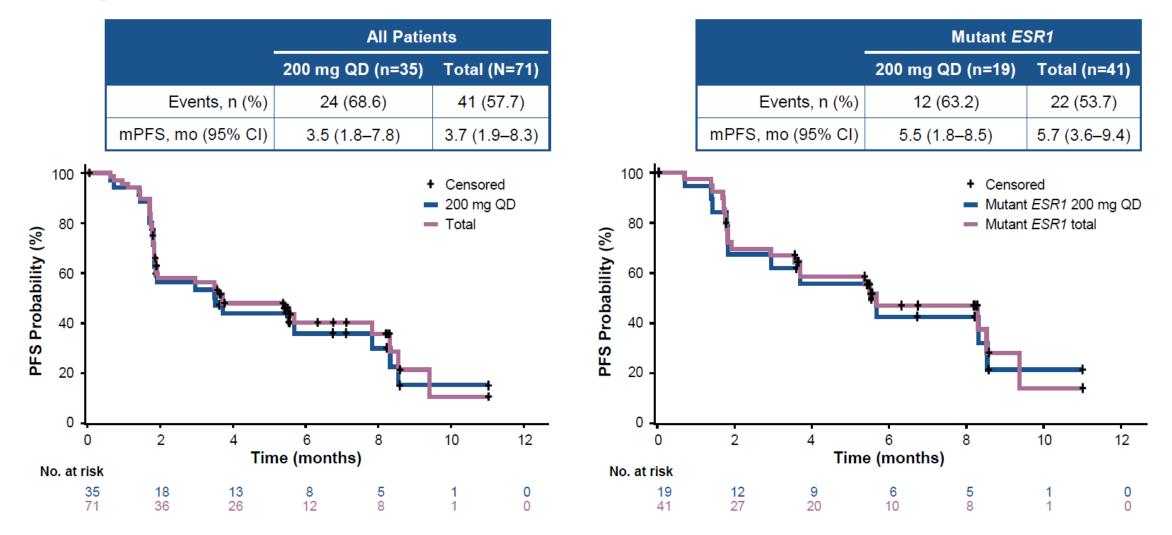
- ARV-471 is a selective, orally administered PROTAC<sup>®</sup> protein degrader that targets wild-type and mutant ER<sup>1</sup>
- ARV-471 directly binds an E3 ubiquitin ligase and ER to trigger ubiquitination of ER and its subsequent proteasomal degradation
  - In contrast, SERDs indirectly recruit the ubiquitinproteasome system, secondary to conformational changes and/or immobilization of ER<sup>2</sup>
- Limitations of the SERD fulvestrant include its intramuscular route of administration<sup>3</sup> and only 40%–50% ER protein degradation at its optimal dose<sup>4,5</sup>
- ARV-471 treatment yielded substantially greater ER degradation and tumor growth inhibition than fulvestrant in breast cancer xenograft models<sup>1</sup>



### Primary Endpoint: Clinical Benefit Rate<sup>a</sup> (VERITAC)

	200 mg QD (n=35)	500 mg QD (n=36)	Total (N=71)
CBR, % (95% CI)	37.1 (21.5–55.1)	38.9 (23.1–56.5)	38.0 (26.8–50.3)
Patients with mutant ESR1	(n=19)	(n=22)	(n=41)
CBR, % (95% CI)	47.4 (24.4–71.1)	54.5 (32.2–75.6)	51.2 (35.1–67.1)

#### **Progression-Free Survival**<sup>a</sup> (VERITAC)

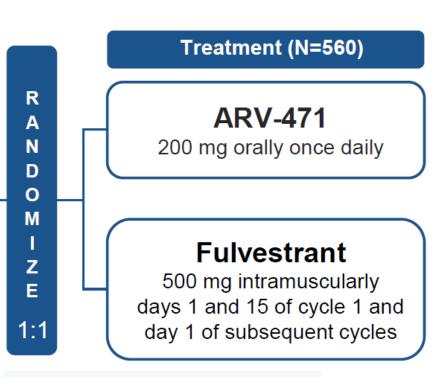


Hurvitz S, et al. SABCS 2022

### Phase 3 VERITAC-2 Trial

#### Key eligibility criteria

- Women or men aged ≥18 years
- Confirmed ER+/HER2- advanced breast cancer
- 1 line of CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy in combination with endocrine therapy
- ≤1 additional endocrine therapy
- Most recent endocrine treatment given for ≥6 months prior to disease progression
- No prior fulvestrant
- No prior chemotherapy for locally advanced/metastatic disease
- Radiological progression during or after the last line of therapy



#### **Stratification factors**

- ESR1 mutant (yes vs no)
- Visceral disease (yes vs no)

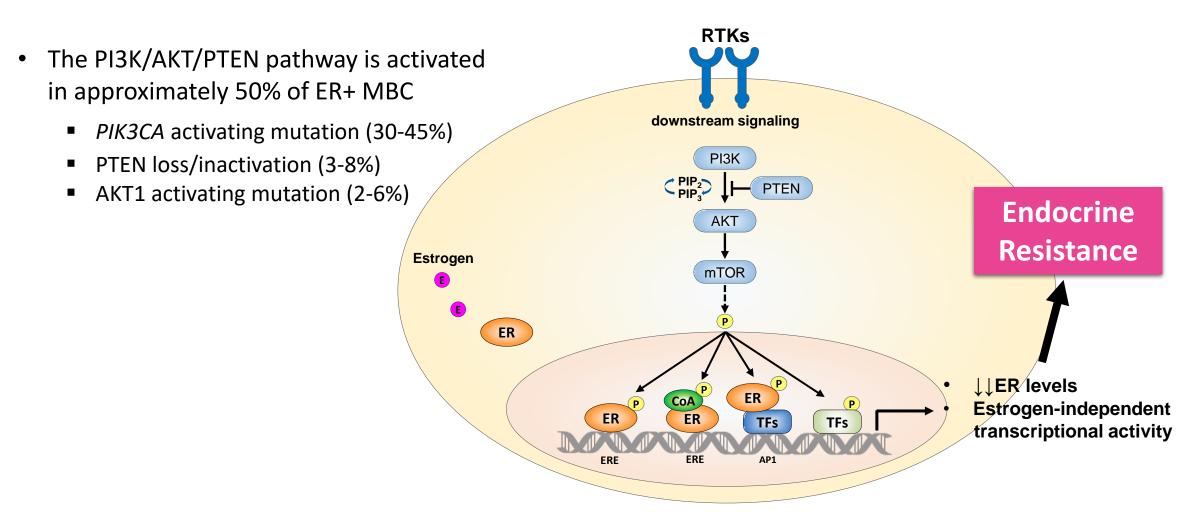
#### **Primary endpoint**

- PFS by BICR in
  - ITT population
  - ESR1 mutant population

## Secondary endpoints include:

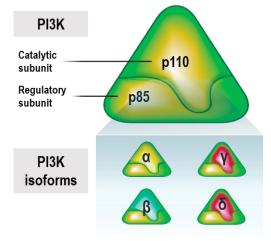
- OS, ORR, DOR, and CBR<sup>a</sup>
- AEs
- QoL measurements

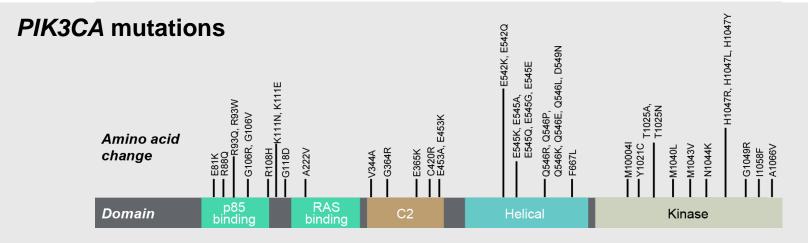
# PI3K/Akt/mTOR pathway activation as a mechanism of endocrine resistance



## **PIK3CA** genetic alterations lead to **PI3K** pathway activation

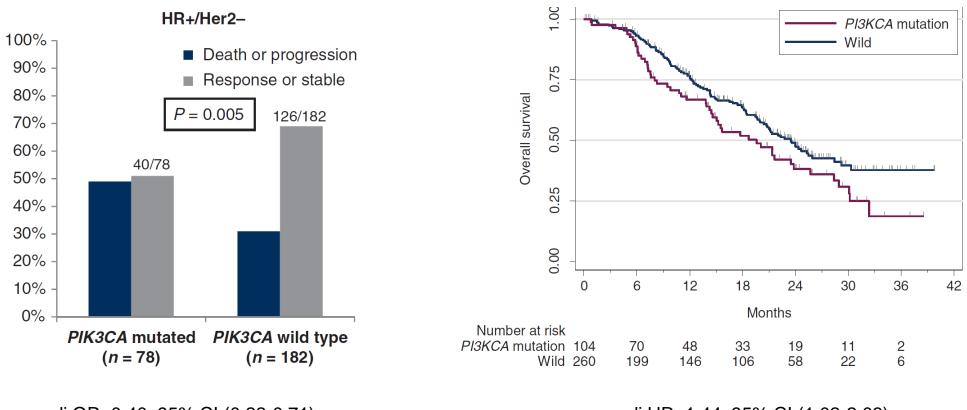
- PI3K includes catalytic and regulatory subunits<sup>1,2</sup>
- There are 4 isoforms of the PI3K catalytic subunit;
- PIK3CA encodes the α-isoform<sup>1</sup>
- The alpha isoform is the dominant PI3K in breast cancer<sup>3</sup>





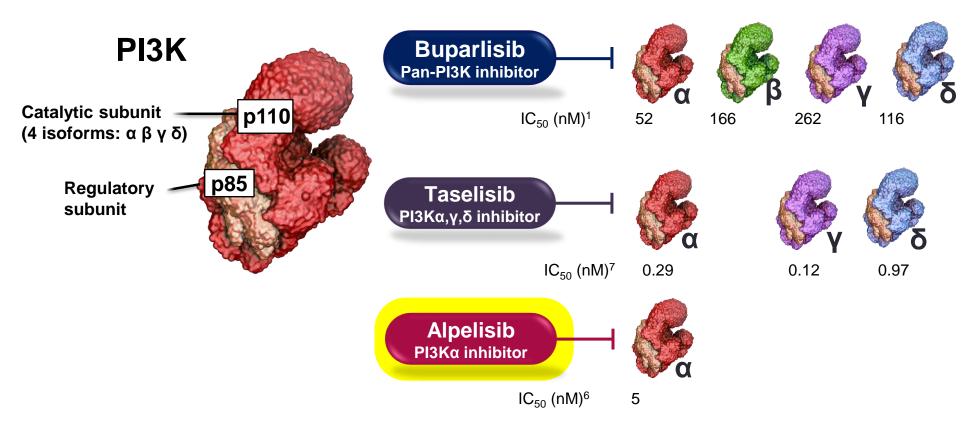
1. Engelman JA. Nat Rev Cancer 2009; 2. Janku F. Cancer Treat Rev 2017; 3. Kaklamani VG, Oncologist 2019

## Response Rate and Overall Survival in HR+/Her2-MBC according to *PIK3CA* mutational status



adj OR: 0.40; 95% CI (0.22-0.71) P = 0.002 adj HR: 1.44; 95% CI (1.02-2.03) P = 0.04

## **PI3K Inhibitors**

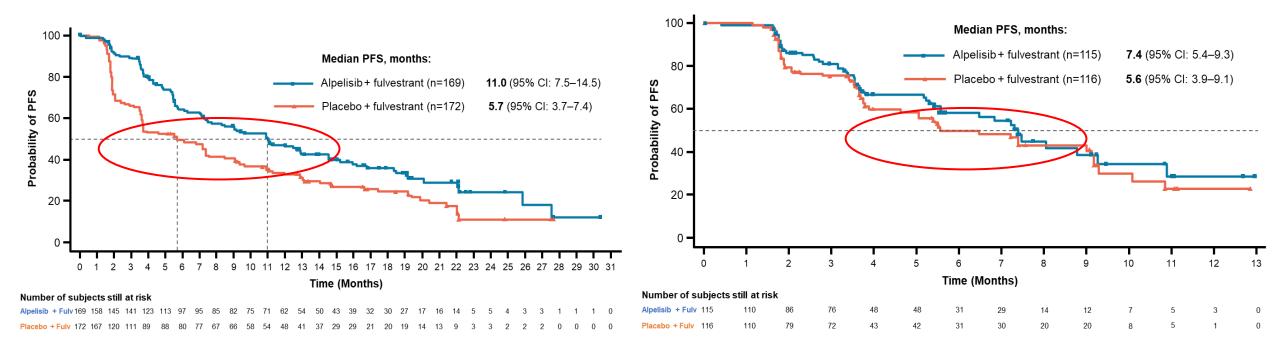


Targeting all class I isoforms may ensure broad activity in tumors with a range of molecular drivers<sup>2–5</sup> Isoform-specific inhibitors may reduce off-target toxicity<sup>5,6</sup>

#### **SOLAR-1: Alpelisib + fulvestrant for HR+/HER2- ABC**

#### **PIK3CA-mutant cohort**





- Proof of concept criteria: estimated hazard ratio ≤0.60 and posterior probability ≥90% that the hazard ratio was <1
- Patients with PIK3CA-non-mutant disease were followed up for safety alongside the PIK3CA-mutant cohort

André F, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019

# **BYLieve: Primary Endpoint and PFS Results**

Endpoint	Prior CDKi + AI (Cohort A) (n=121)	Prior CDKi + FUL (Cohort B) (n=115)
Patients who were alive without disease progression at 6 mo	<b>50.4%</b> (n=61; 95% CI, 41.2-59.6)	<b>46.1%</b> (n=53; 95% CI, 36.8%-55.6%)
Median PFS	7.3 months	5.7 months
Overall response rate (ORR: CR + PR)	<b>17.4%</b> (n= 21, 95% CI (11.1-25.3)	<b>18%</b> (n=18, 95% CI (9.25-23.6)
Clinical benefit rate (CBR: CR + PR + SD+NCR/NPD ≥24 wk)	<b>45.5%</b> (n= 55, 95% CI (36.4-54.8)	<b>32.2%</b> (n= 37, 95% CI (23.8-41.5)

Al, aromatase inhibitor; CDKi, cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor; Cl, confidence interval; PFS, progression-free survival; *PIK3CA*, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha.

• In SOLAR-1, 44.4% of patients in the *PIK3CA*-mutant cohort with prior CDKi treated with alpelisib plus fulvestrant were alive without disease progression at 6 months

### EPIK-B5: A Phase III, Randomized Study of Alpelisib + Fulvestrant in Patients With HR+/HER2, PIK3CA+ ABC Progressing On/After an AI With a CDK4/6 inhibitor

#### Patient population (N=234)

- Adult postmenopausal women and men with HR+, HER2– ABC with *PIK3CA* mutation who progressed or relapsed on or after CDK4/6i and AI
- ≥1 measurable lesion per RECIST v1.1
- ≤1 line of prior CT treatment (except neoadjuvant or adjuvant CT)
- Adequate tumor tissue available for assessment of *PIK3CA* mutation status by central laboratory

<u>Arm 1 (n=117)</u> Alpelisib (300 mg PO QD) + fulvestrant (500 mg IM on D1 and D15 of cycle 1, and then D1 of each subsequent 28-day cycle)

#### <u>Arm 2</u> (n=117)

Alpelisib matching placebo + fulvestrant (500 mg IM on D1 and D15 of cycle 1, and then D1 of each subsequent 28-day cycle)

Cross-over from the placebo arm to the alpelisib arm is permitted at time of PD as assessed per RECIST v1.1 by BIRC

#### **Stratification Factors**

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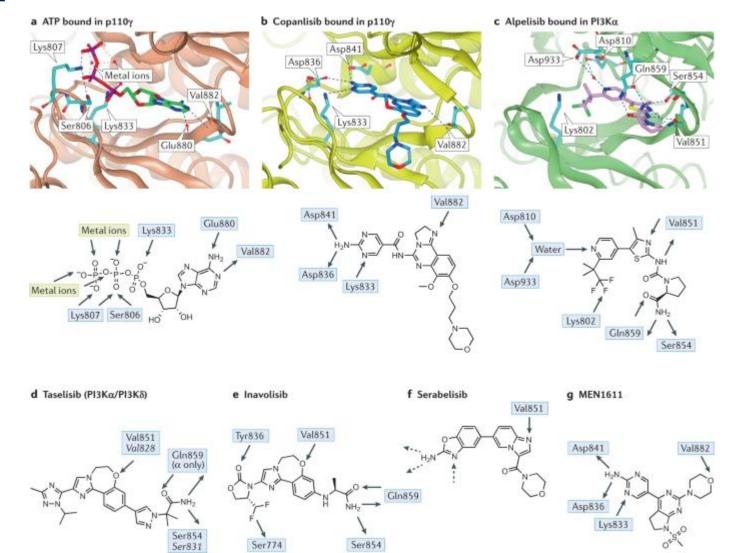
- Presence of lung and/or liver metastases (yes versus no)
- Setting at last prior CDK4/6i therapy (adjuvant versus metastatic)

#### Endpoints

#### Primary:

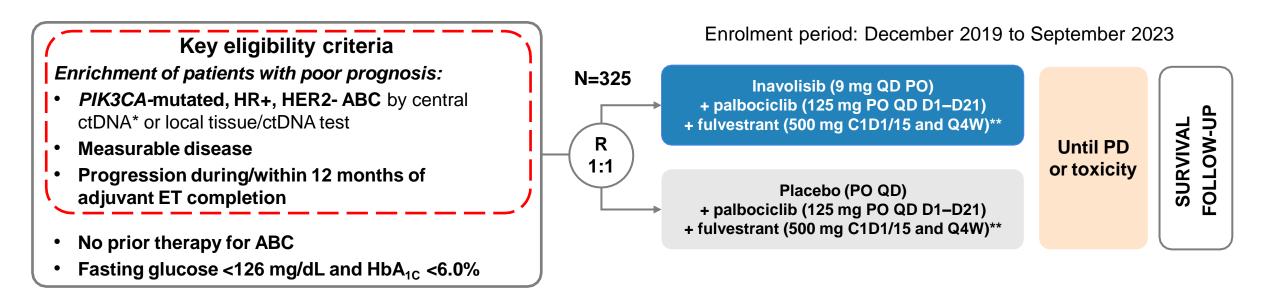
- PFS based on BIRC assessment Secondary:
- OS
- ORR, CBR, DOR, TTR based on BIRC assessment
- PFS based on BIRC assessment, by *PIK3CA* mut status in ctDNA
- Safety and tolerability
- TTD of ECOG-PS
- Change from baseline and TTD in QoL and symptom scale scores in EORTC QLQ-C30
- PFS2

# Key features of the interaction between PI3Ks and pan- and PI3Kα-selective inhibitors



#### Bart Vanhaesebroeck et al. Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 2021

# **INAVO120 study design**



#### **Stratification factors:**

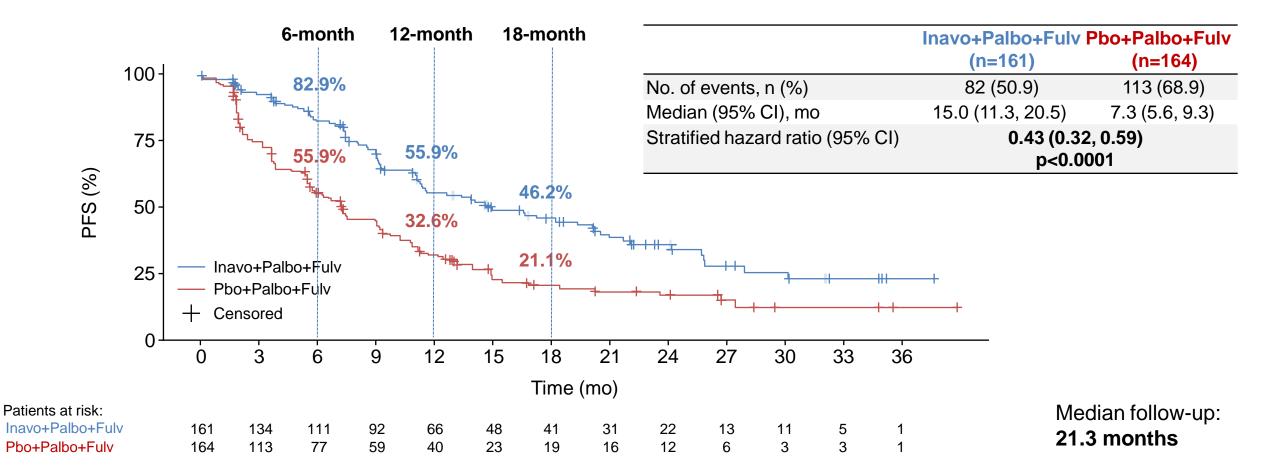
- Visceral Disease (Yes vs. No)
- Endocrine Resistance (Primary vs. Secondary)<sup>†</sup>
- Region (North America/Western Europe; Asia; Other)

#### Endpoints

- Primary: PFS by Investigator
- Secondary: OS<sup>‡</sup>, ORR, BOR, CBR, DOR, PROs

\* Central testing for *PIK3CA* mutations was done on ctDNA using FoundationOne<sup>®</sup>Liquid (Foundation Medicine). In China, the central ctDNA test was the PredicineCARE NGS assay (Huidu). <sup>†</sup> Defined per 4th European School of Oncology (ESO)–European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) International Consensus Guidelines for Advanced Breast Cancer.<sup>1</sup> Primary: relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant ET; Secondary: relapse while on adjuvant ET after at least 2 years or relapse within 12 months of completing adjuvant ET. <sup>‡</sup> OS testing only if PFS is positive; interim OS analysis at primary PFS analysis; \*\* Pre-menopausal women received ovarian suppression. ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; R, randomized. 1. Cardoso F, *et al. Ann Oncol* 2018;**29**:1634–1657.

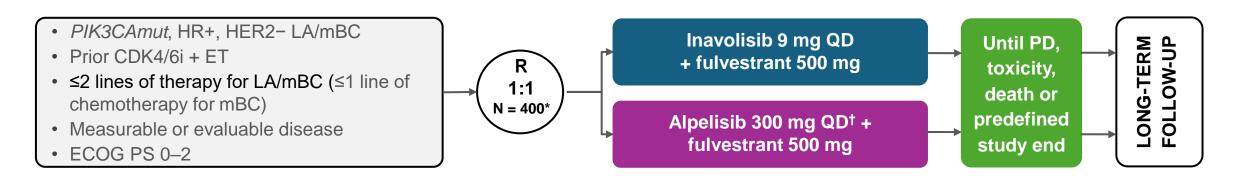
### Primary endpoint: PFS (investigator-assessed)



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CI, confidence interval; Fulv, fulvestrant; Inavo, inavolisib; mo, months; Palbo, palbociclib; Pbo, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival.

# **INAVO121:** Phase III study of inavolisib + Ful vs. alpelisib + Ful in patients with PIK3CAmut, HR+/HER2- LA/mBC post-CDK4/6i + ET



#### **Stratification factors:**

- Visceral disease: yes vs. no
- Prior CDK4/6i therapy: adjuvant vs. metastatic setting

#### Primary endpoint:

• PFS (BICR-assessed)

#### Secondary endpoints:

- OS
- ORR, BoR, CBR, DoR (all BICR-assessed)
- Safety and tolerability
- TTCD in pain, physical functioning, role functioning, HRQoL
- PK

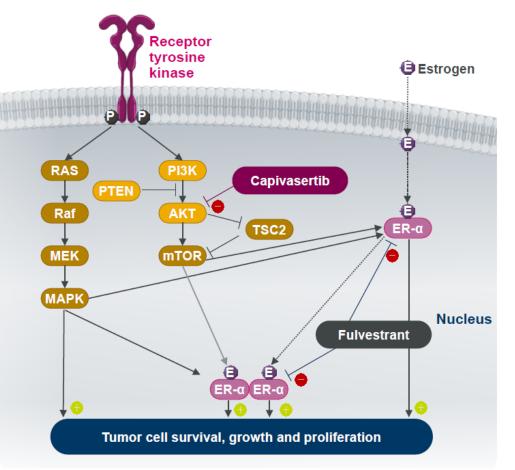
- Exploratory endpoints:
- PFS2
- Biomarkers
- PK

### Capivasertib and fulvestrant for pts with Al-resistant HR+/HER2- ABC: Phase III CAPItello-291 trial

#### Background and overview of capivasertib

- AKT pathway activation occurs in many HR+/HER2– ABC through alterations in *PIK3CA, AKT1 and PTEN*, but may also occur in cancers without those genetic alterations.1,2 AKT signalling is also implicated in the development of resistance to endocrine therapy2
- Capivasertib is a potent, selective inhibitor of all three AKT isoforms (AKT1/2/3)
- In the Phase II, placebo-controlled FAKTION trial3:
  - The addition of capivasertib to fulvestrant significantly improved PFS and OS in postmenopausal women with Airesistant HR+/HER2– ABC in the overall population, with a more pronounced benefit in pathway altered tumours
  - No patients had received prior CDK4/6 inhibitors

1. Millis et al. JAMA Oncol 2016;2:15651573; 2. Toss et al. Oncotarget. 2018;9:3160631619; 3. Howell et al. Lancet Oncol 2022;23:851–64. ABC, advanced breast cancer.



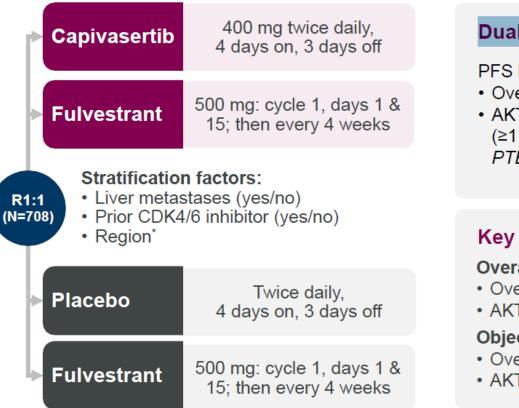
Turner NC et al., SABCS 2022

# **CAPItello291: Study overview**

### Phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (NCT04305496)

#### Patients with HR+/HER2– ABC

- Men and pre-/post-menopausal women
- Recurrence while on or <12 months from</li> end of adjuvant AI, or progression while on prior AI for ABC
- ≤2 lines of prior endocrine therapy for ABC
- ≤1 line of chemotherapy for ABC
- Prior CDK4/6 inhibitors allowed (at least 51%) required)
- No prior SERD, mTOR inhibitor, PI3K inhibitor, or AKT inhibitor
- HbA1c <8.0% (63.9 mmol/mol) and diabetes</li> not requiring insulin allowed
- FFPE tumor sample from the primary/recurrent cancer available for retrospective central molecular testing



#### **Dual** primary endpoints

PFS by investigator assessment

- Overall
- AKT pathway-altered tumors (≥1 qualifying *PIK3CA*, *AKT1*, or PTEN alteration)

#### Key secondary endpoints

#### Overall survival

- Overall
- AKT pathway-altered tumors

#### **Objective response rate**

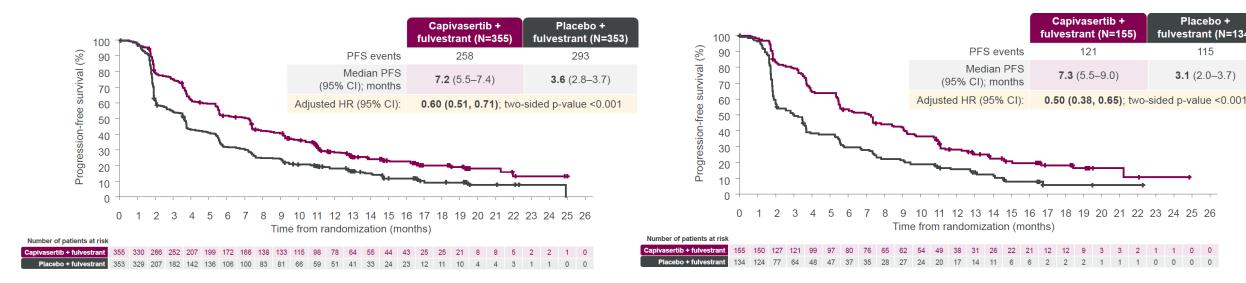
- Overall
- AKT pathway-altered tumors

## **CAPITELLO-291: Dual primary endpoint**

### **PFS** in the overall population

### **PFS** in the AKT pathway altered\* population

\*≥1 PIK3CA, AKT, or PTEN alteration



Alteration; n (%) Any AKT pathway alteration		Capivasertib + fulvestrant (N=355)	Placebo + fulvestrant (N=353) 134 (38.0)
		155 (43.7)	
PIK3CA	Any PIK3CA only PIK3CA and AKT1 PIK3CA and PTEN	116 (32.7) 110 (31.0) 2 (0.6) 4 (1.1)	103 (29.2) 92 (26.1) 2 (0.6) 9 (2.5)
AKT1 only		18 (5.1)	15 (4.2)
PTEN only		21 (5.9)	16 (4.5)

Placebo +

fulvestrant (N=134)

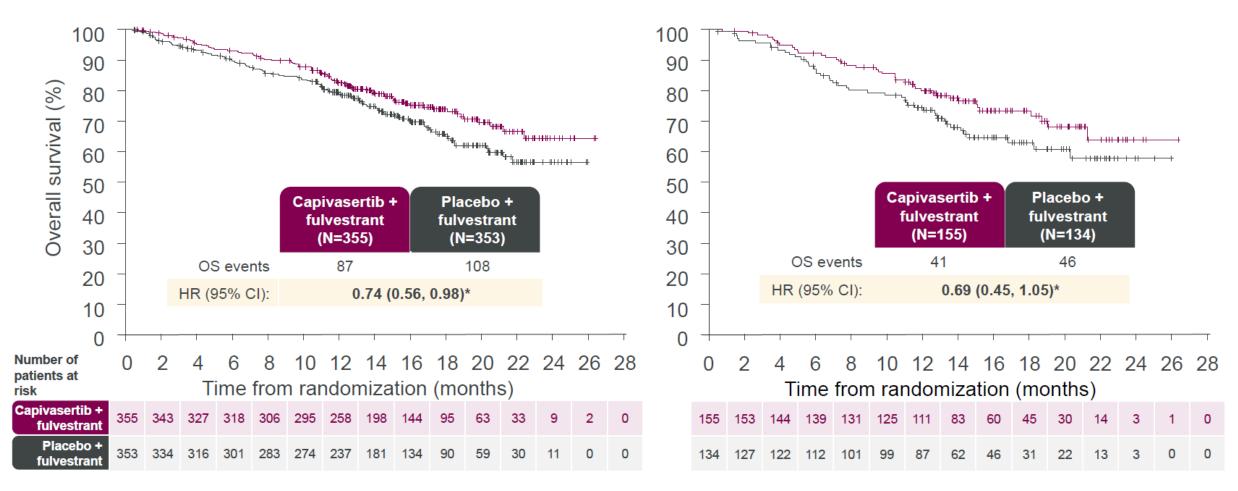
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**3.1** (2.0–3.7)

### **Overall survival at 28% maturity overall**

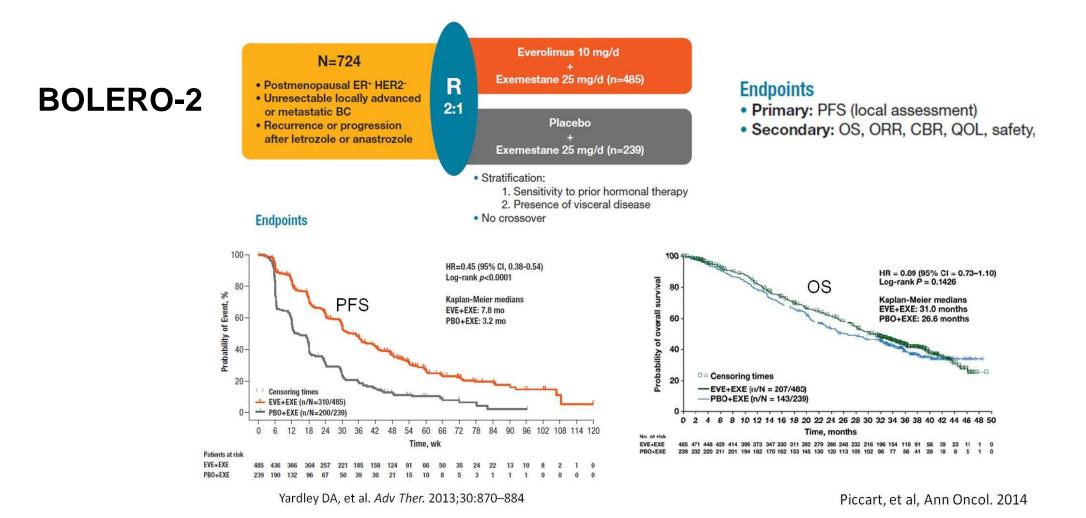
#### **Overall population**

#### **AKT** pathway-altered population



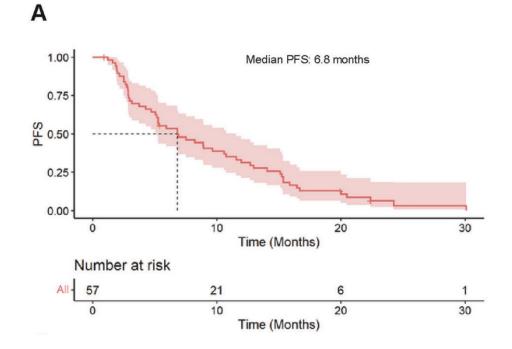
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## **mTOR** inhibition for AI resistant HER2- MBC

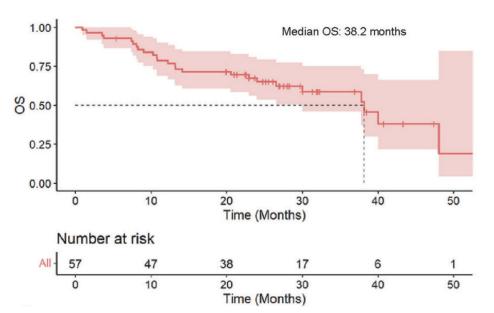


### ARTICLE OPEN Fulvestrant and everolimus efficacy after CDK4/6 inhibitor: a prospective study with circulating tumor DNA analysis

Antoine Vasseur<sup>1,2</sup>, Luc Cabel <sup>1</sup>, Caroline Hego<sup>2</sup>, Wissam Takka<sup>2</sup>, Olfa Trabelsi Grati<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin Renouf<sup>4</sup>, Florence Lerebours<sup>1</sup>, Delphine Loirat<sup>1</sup>, Etienne Brain <sup>1</sup>, Paul Cottu<sup>1</sup>, Marie-Paule Sablin<sup>1</sup>, Jean-Yves Pierga<sup>1,5</sup>, Céline Callens <sup>3</sup>, Shufang Renault <sup>2,7<sup>M</sup></sup> and François-Clément Bidard <sup>1,2,6,7<sup>M</sup></sup>

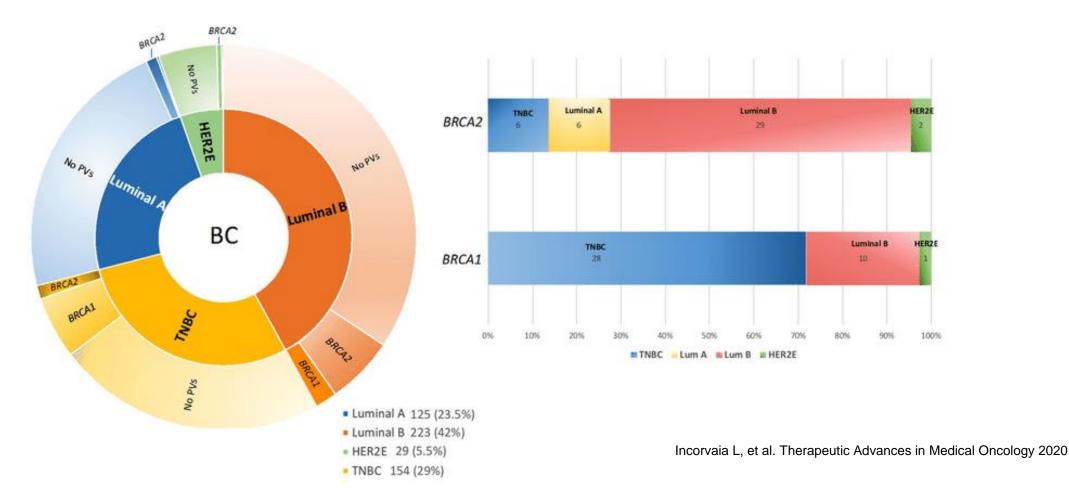




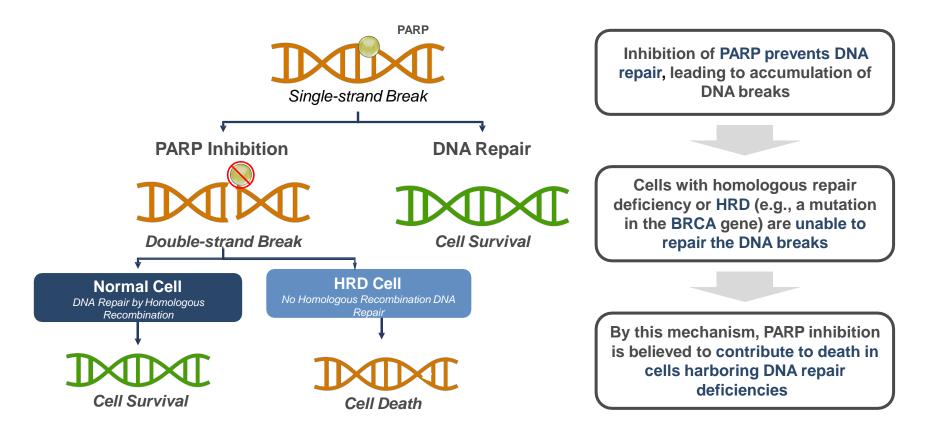


### **BRCA1/2** mutations in patients with Breast Cancer

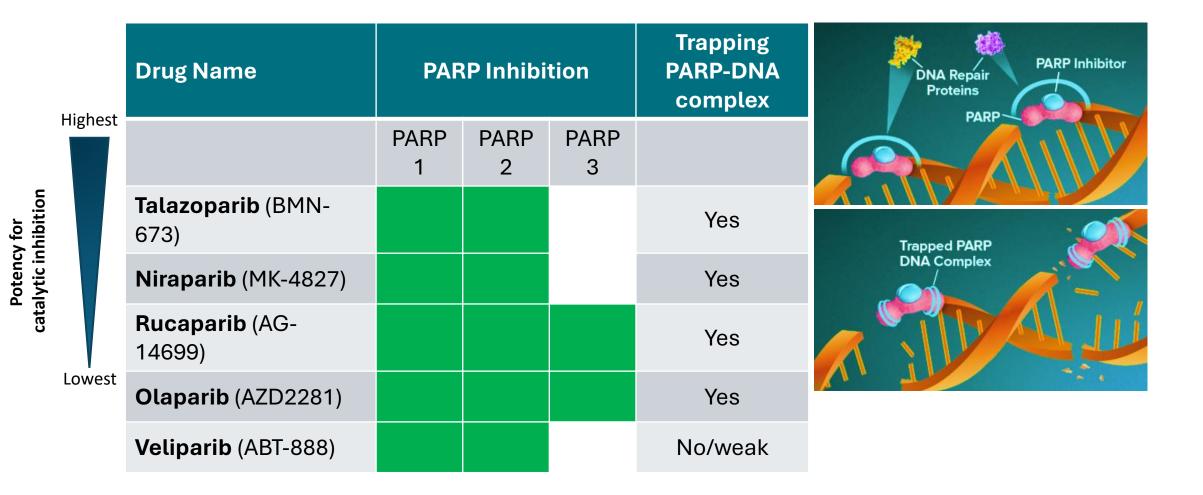
 Though most breast cancer cases are sporadic, 5–10% of cases are hereditary and mostly related to BRCA1/2 gene mutations



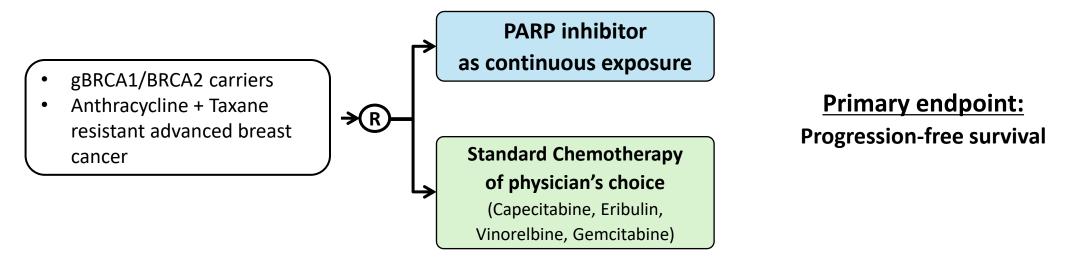
# **Mechanism of PARP Inhibition**



### **PARP** inhibitors in development for Breast Cancer



### Single agent PARPi: FDA Registration studies for BRCA1/2 mutated Advanced Breast Cancer Patients



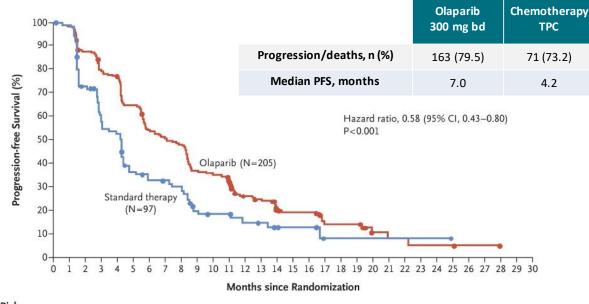
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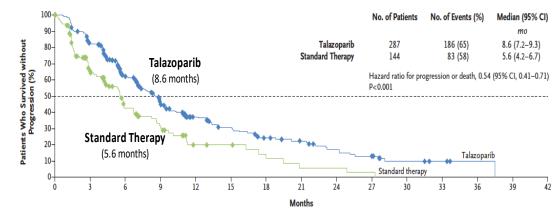
PARP inhibitor	Study	NCT number	Status	
Olaparib	OLYMPIAD	NCT02000622	completed	Approved by FDA and EMA
Talazoparib	EMBRACA	NCT 01945775	completed	Approved by FDA and EMA
Niraparib	BRAVO	NCT01905592	halted	

# **Progression-Free Survival**

### OlympiAD

### **EMBRACA**





#### 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)
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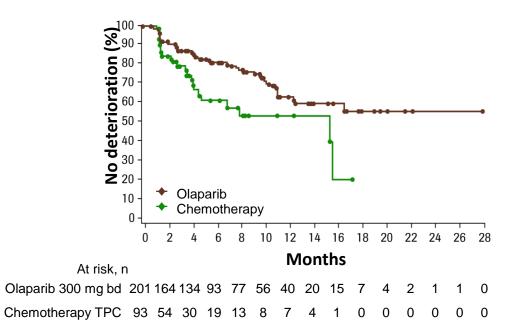
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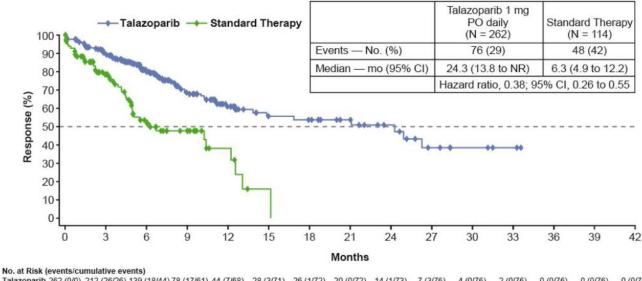
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# **Time to deterioration of global HRQoL**

### OlympiAD

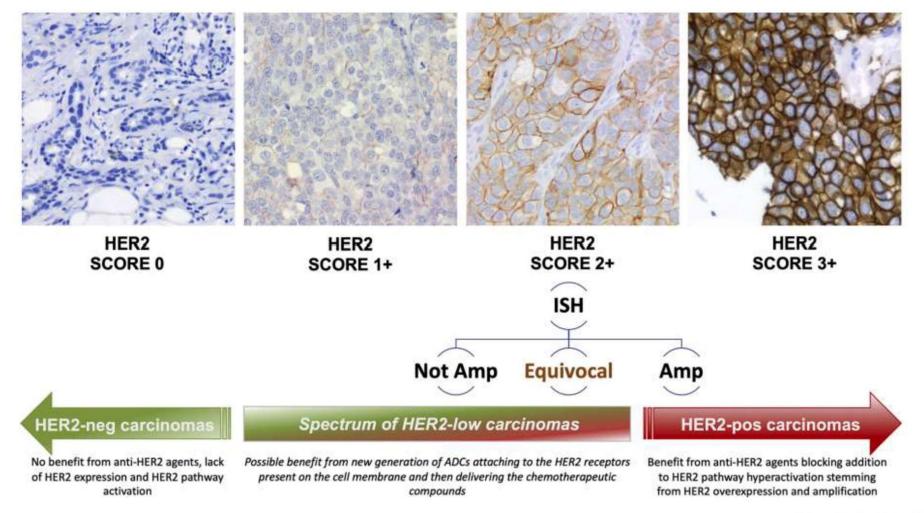
### **EMBRACA**



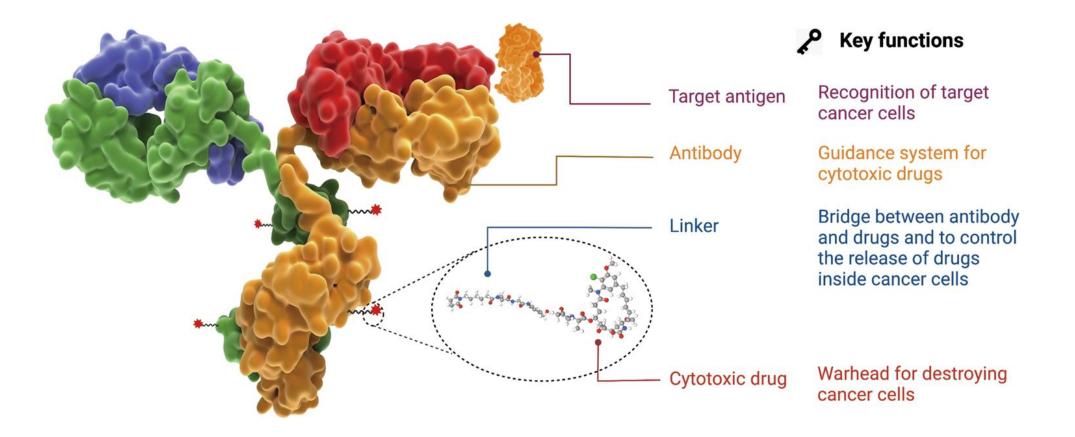


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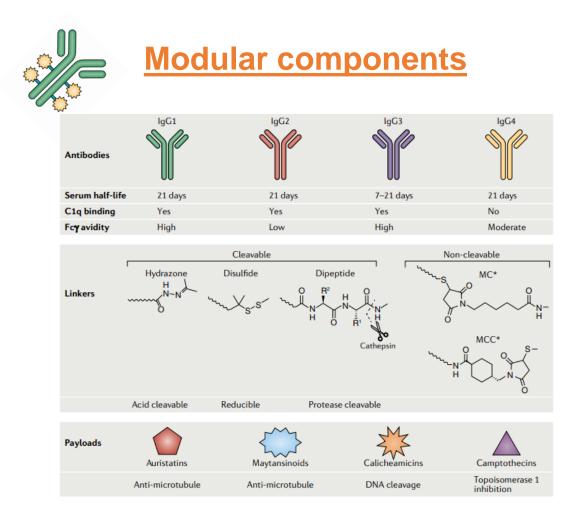


# Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADC)

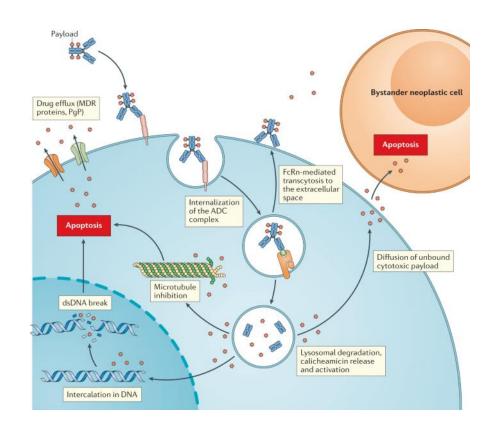


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# Antibody drug conjugates

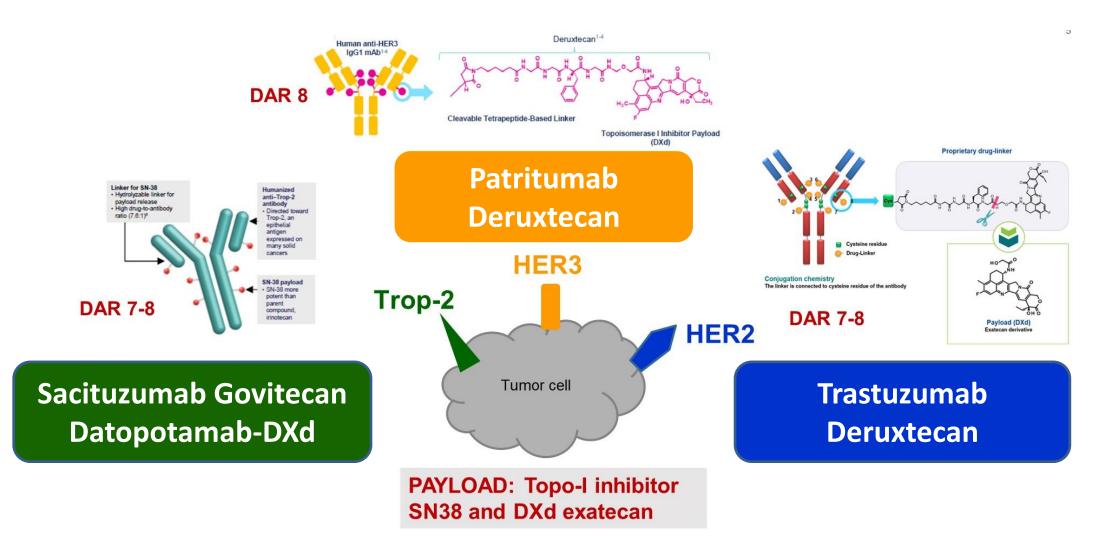


### **Mechanism of action**

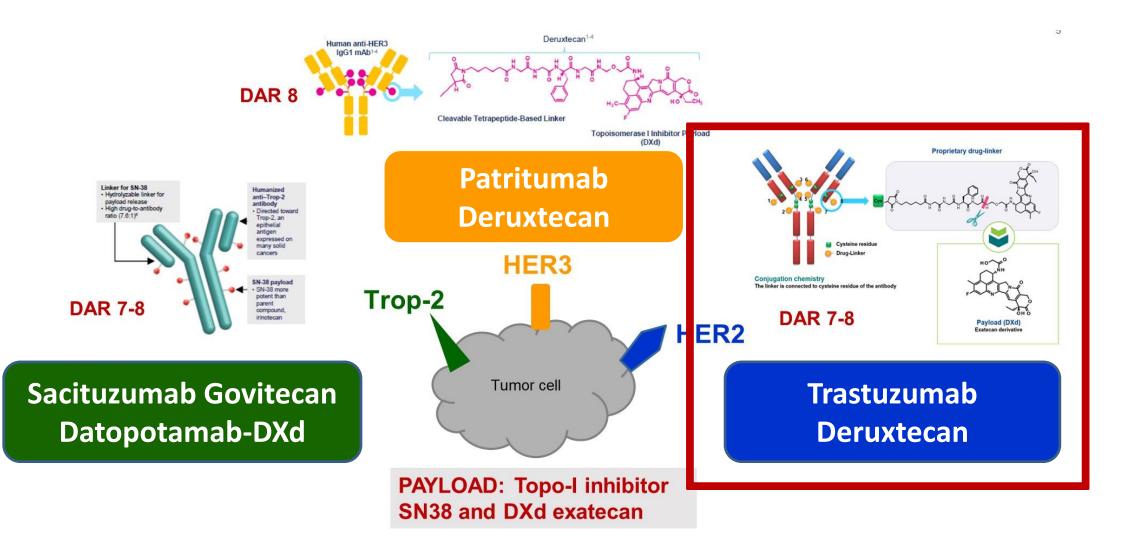


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### **New generations of ADCs in Breast Cancer**

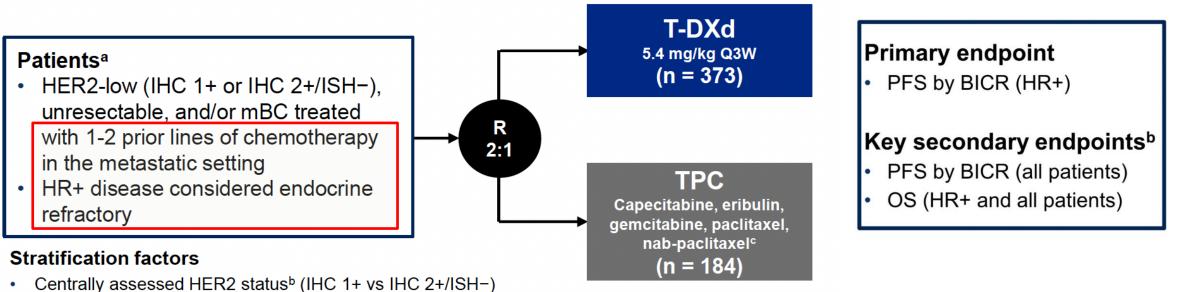


### **New generations of ADCs in Breast Cancer**



# **DESTINY-Brest04: Study Design**

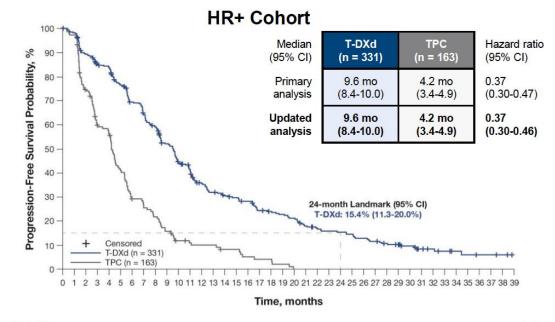
### An open-label, multicenter study (NCT03734029)<sup>1-3</sup>



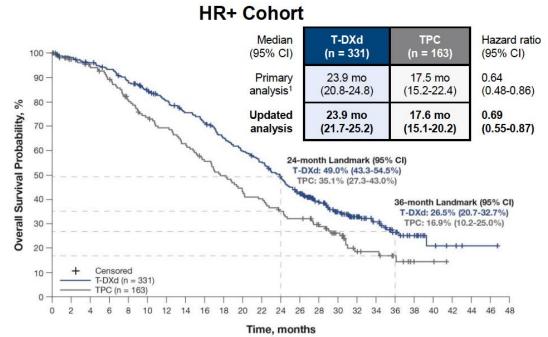
- 1 vs 2 prior lines of chemotherapy
- HR+ (with vs without prior treatment with CDK4/6i) vs HR-

At the updated data cutoff (March 1, 2023), median follow-up was 32.0 months (95% CI, 31.0-32.8 months)

### **DESTINY-Brest04: PFS and OS in HR+/HER2-low**









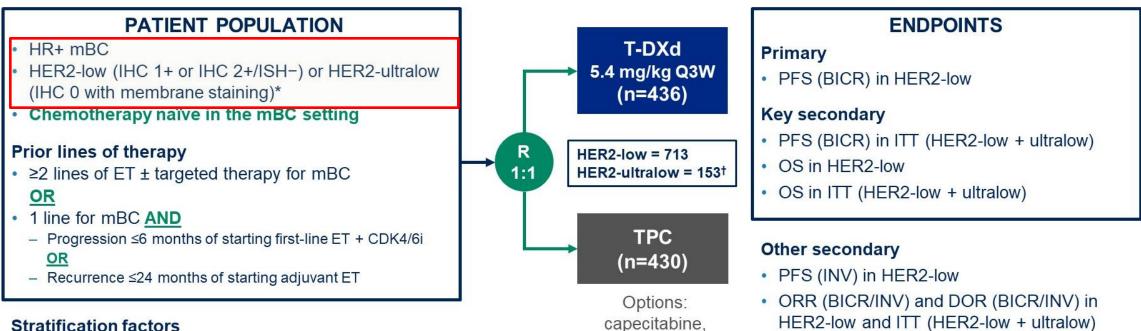
#### Patients still at risk:

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## T-DXd vs physician's choice of chemotherapy in pts with HR+/HER2-low or HER2-ultralow MBC with prior endocrine therapy: primary results from DESTINY-Breast06

#### DESTINY-Breast06: a Phase 3, randomized, multicenter, open-label study (NCT04494425)



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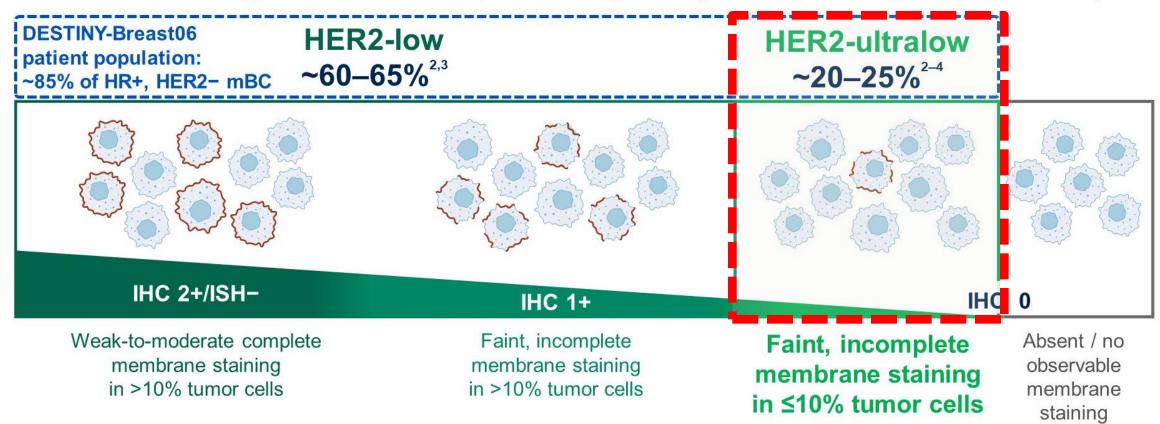
#### Stratification factors

- Prior CDK4/6i use (yes vs no)
- HER2 expression (IHC 1+ vs IHC 2+/ISH- vs IHC 0 with membrane staining)
- Prior taxane in the non-metastatic setting (yes vs no)

- HER2-low and ITT (HER2-low + ultralow)
- Safety and tolerability
- Patient-reported outcomes<sup>‡</sup>

### Targeting 'low' and 'ultralow' HER2-expressing tumors in mBC

HER2 IHC categories within HR+, HER2-negative (HER2-) mBC (per ASCO/CAP1)



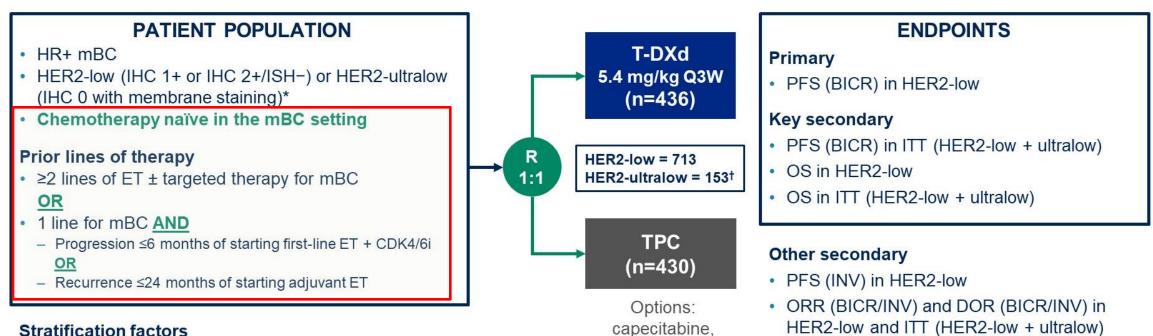
ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology / College of American Pathologists; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR+, hormone receptor–positive; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan

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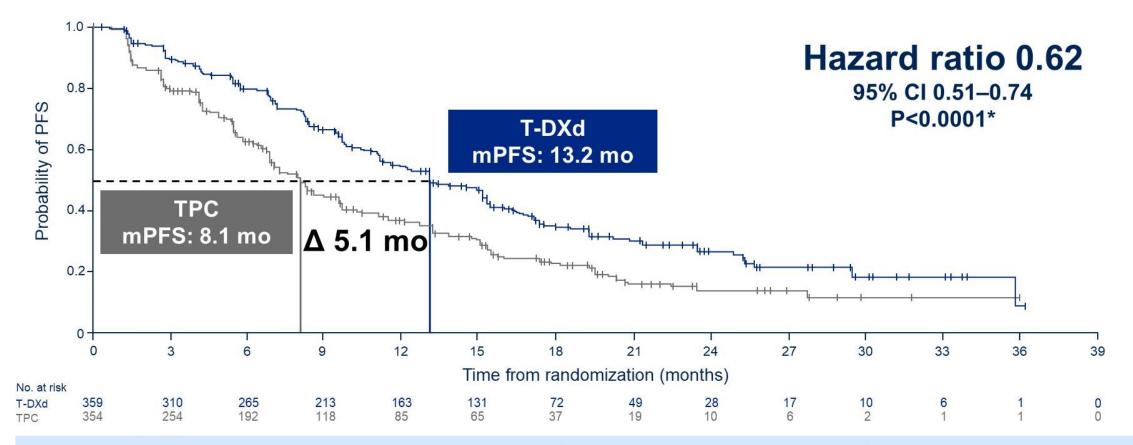
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Curigliano G, et al. ASCO 2024

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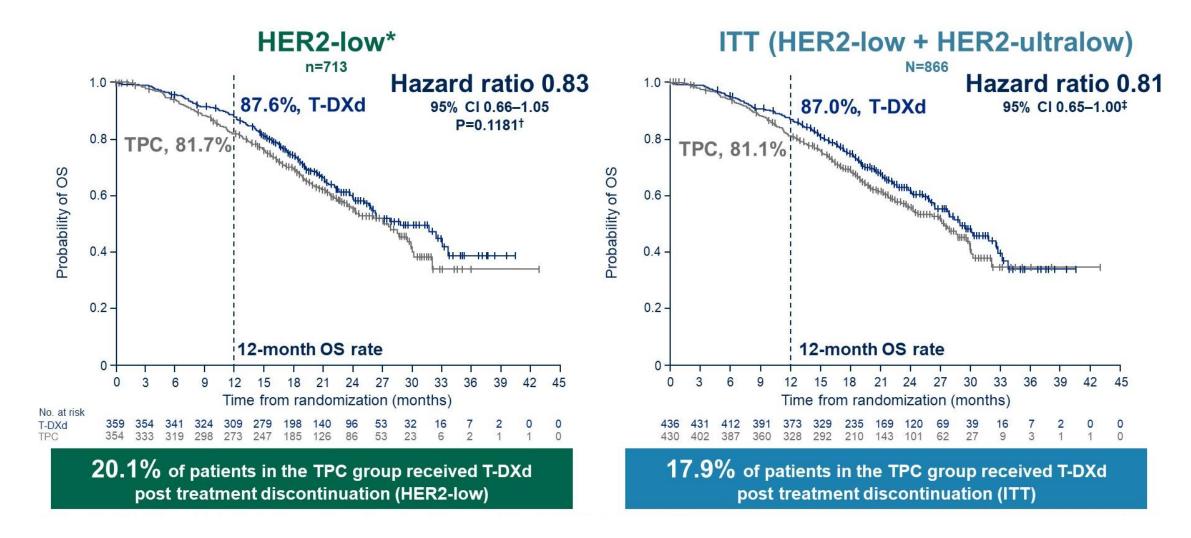
### **PFS (BICR) in HER2-low: primary endpoint**



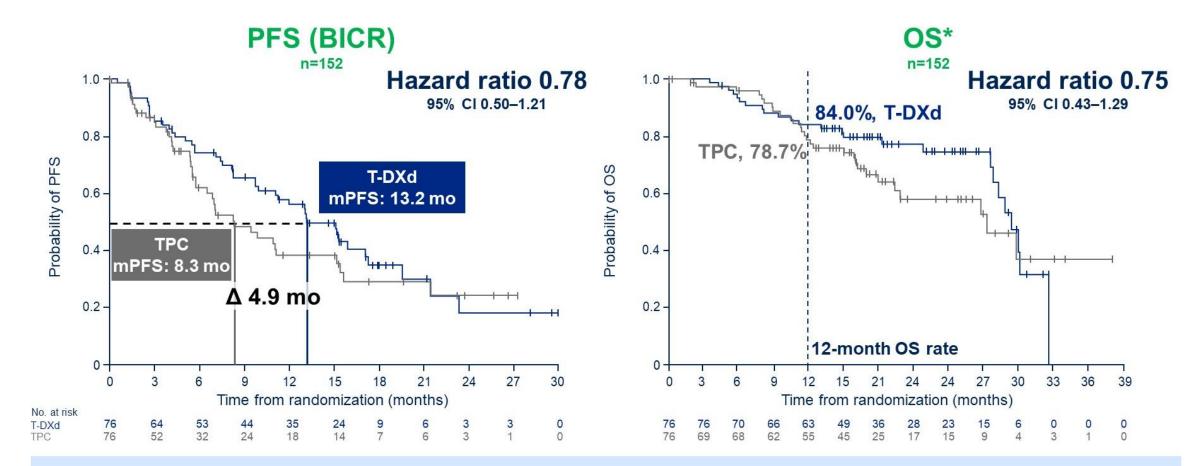
T-DXd demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS compared with standard-of-care chemotherapy in HER2-low

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### OS in HER2-low and ITT: key secondary endpoints (~40% maturity)



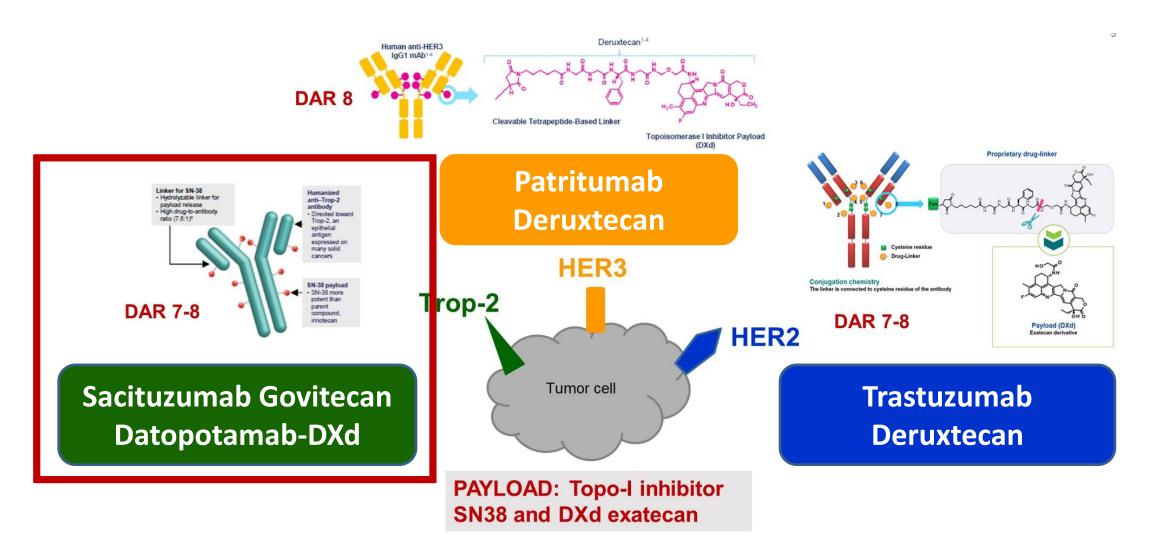
### PFS and OS in HER2-ultralow: prespecified exploratory analyses



PFS improvement with T-DXd vs TPC in HER2-ultralow was consistent with results in HER2-low

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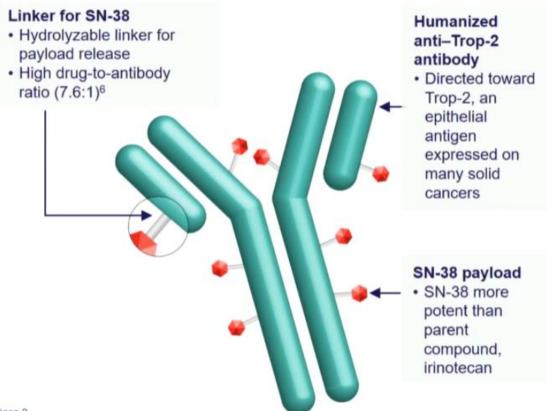
### **New generations of ADCs in Breast Cancer**



# Sacituzumab Govitecan is a first-in-class anti-Trop-2 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>

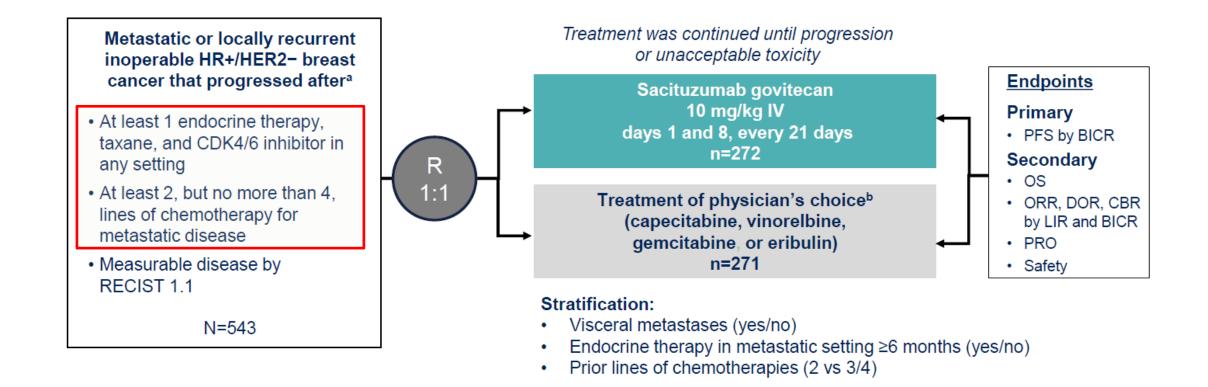




ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer; Trop-2, trophoblast cell surface antigen 2.

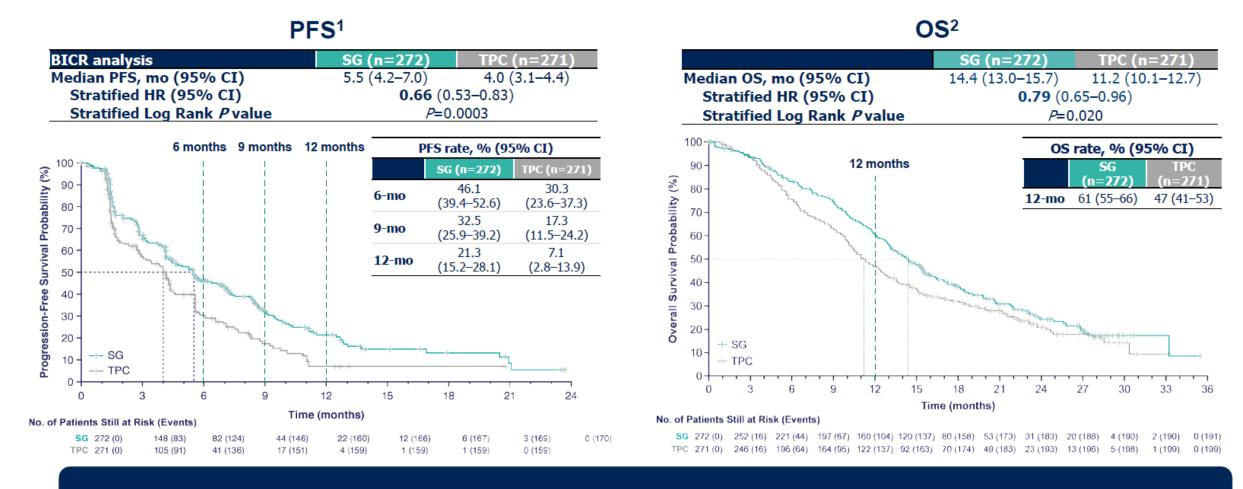
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# **TROPICS-02:** Phase 3 study of SG in HR+/HER2- locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic breast cancer



<sup>a</sup>Disease histology based on the ASCO/CAP criteria. <sup>b</sup>Single-agent standard-of-care treatment of physician's choice was specified prior to randomization by the investigator. ASCO/CAP, American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists; BICR, blinded independent central review; CBR, clinical benefit rate; CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; DOR, duration of response; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative; HR+, hormonal receptor-positive; IV, intravenously; LIR, local investigator review; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival, PRO, patient-reported outcomes; R, randomized; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

### **TROPICS-02: PFS & OS in the ITT Population**



SG demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in PFS and OS vs TPC

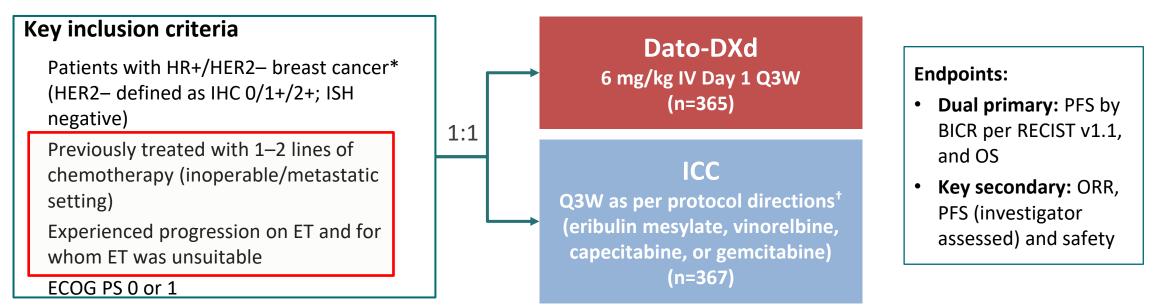
Median follow-up was 10.2 months.

BICR, blinded independent central review; ITT, intent-to-treat; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; SG, sacituzumab govitecan; TPC, treatment of physician's choice.

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# **TROPION-Breast01: Study Design**

Randomised, phase 3, open-label, global study (NCT05104866)

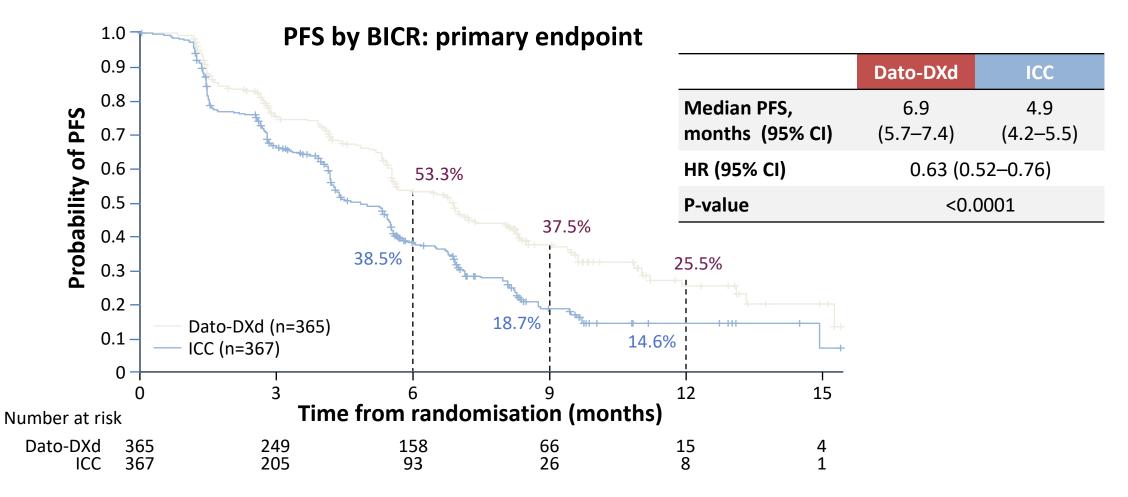


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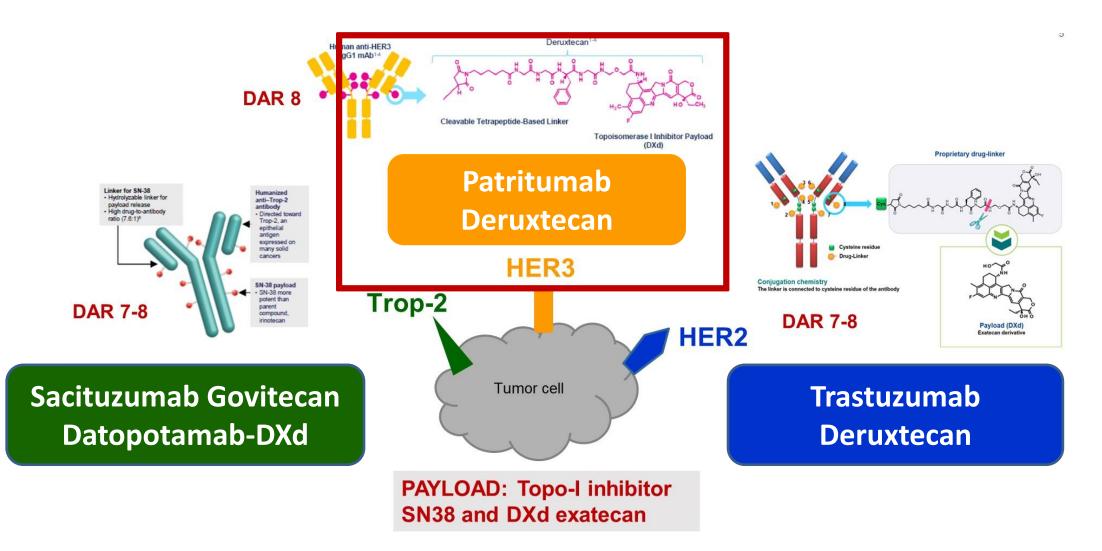
- Lines of chemotherapy in unresectable/metastatic setting (1 vs 2)
- Geographic location (US/Canada/Europe vs ROW)
- Previous CDK4/6 inhibitor (yes vs no)

- Treatment continued until investigator-assessed PD (RECIST v1.1), unacceptable tolerability, or other discontinuation criteria
- At this data cut-off, the criteria for performing the primary PFS analysis were met (~419 events)

### **TROPION-Breast01: Progression-Free Survival**

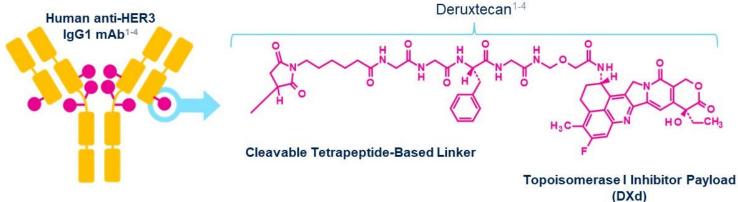


### **New generations of ADCs in Breast Cancer**



## Patritumab Deruxtecan (HER3-DXd)

- HER3-DXd is an ADC with 3 components<sup>1-6</sup>:
  - A fully human anti-HER3 IgG1 mAb (patritumab), covalently linked to
  - · A topoisomerase I inhibitor payload, an exatecan derivative, via
  - · A tetrapeptide-based cleavable linker



#### ANTICORPI FARMACO CONIUGATI NEL TRATTAMI DEL CARCINOMA MAMMARIO TRIPLO NEGATIVO AVANZATO: ESPERIENZE A CONFRONTO

#### 7 Key Attributes of HER3-DXd

 Payload mechanism of action:

 topoisomerase I inhibitor a,1-4

 High potency of payload a,1-4

 High drug to antibody ratio ≈ 8 a,1,2

 Payload with short systemic half-life a,b,2,3

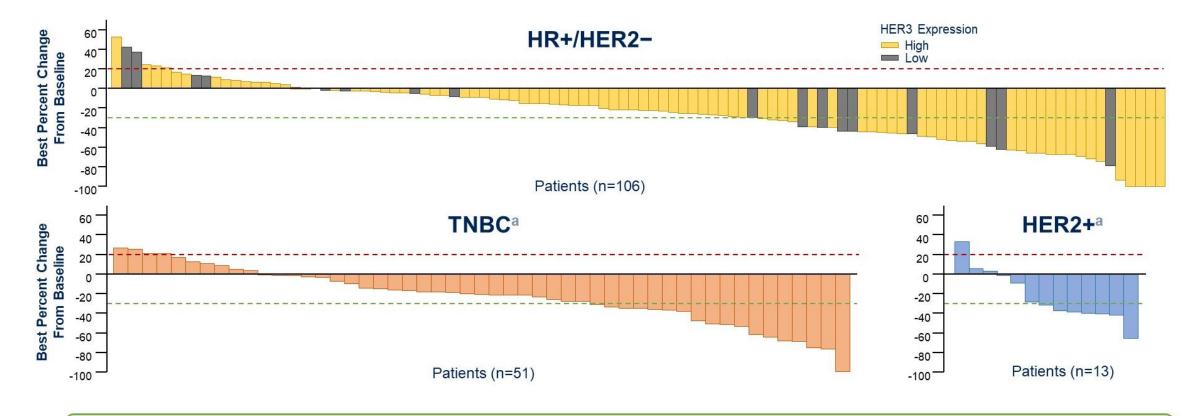
 Stable linker-payload a,2-4

 Tumor-selective cleavable linker a,1-5

 Bystander antitumor effect a,2,6

## **Change in tumor size from baseline**

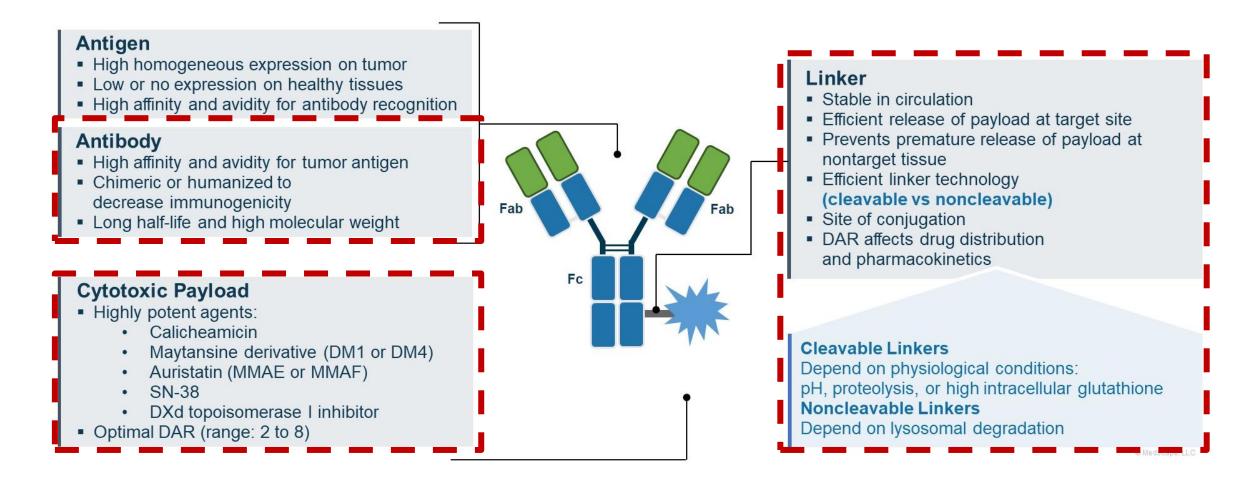
ANTICORPI FARMACO CONIUGATI NEL TRATTAME DEL CARCINOMA MAMMARIO TRIPLO NEGATIVO AVANZATO: ESPERIENZE A CONFRONTO



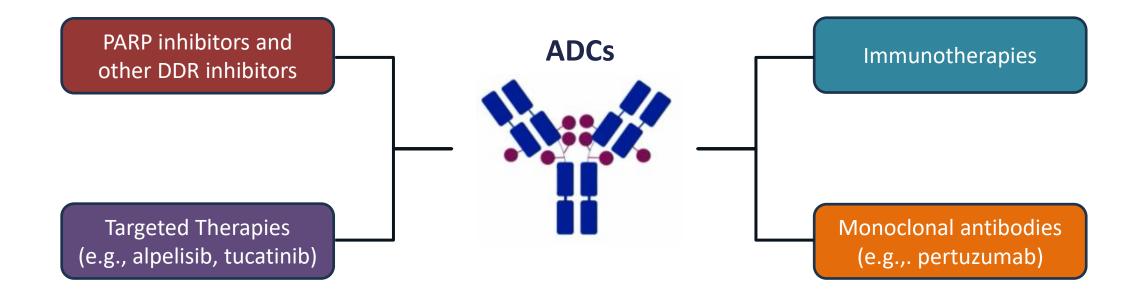
HER3-DXd induced a clinically meaningful decrease in tumor size by BICR in most patients across BC subtypes.<sup>b</sup>

Krop IA, et al. ASCO 2022

## What's next for ADCs



### **ADC combinations to prevent/overcome resistance**



- Can lead to additive or synergistic antitumor effect
- Can help overcome primary or acquired drug resistance

## **ADC + other targeted therapy combinations**

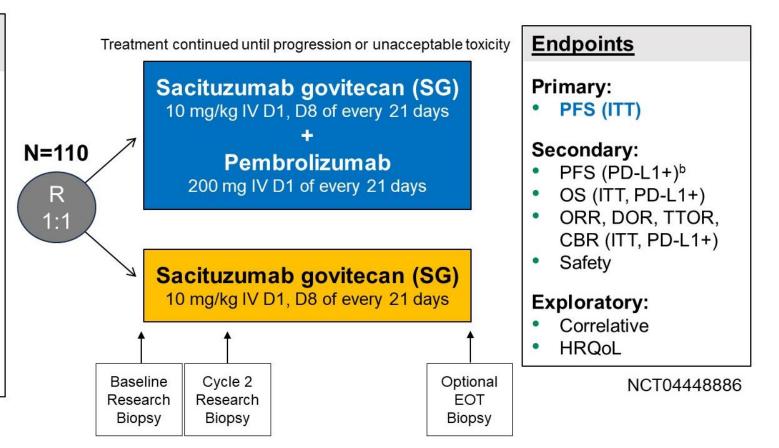
### **Ongoing trials**

ADC	ADC Target	Trial ID (name)	Phase	Combination therapy	Patient population	
Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)	HER2	NCT04556773 (DESTINY Breast- 08)	lb/ll	Capivasertib (Akt inhibitor)	1-2L metastatic HER2-low MBC	
				Anastrozole (NSAI)	1-2L metastatic HER2-low MBC	
				Fulvestrant (SERD)	1-2L metastatic HER2-low MBC	
		NCT04553770 (TALENT)	Ш	Anastrozole (NSAI)	HR+/HER2-low (neoadjuvant setting)	
		NCT04704661 (DASH)	Ι	AZD6738 (ATR inhibitor)	Advanced solid tumors with HER2 expression	
Sacituzumab govitecan (SG)	Trop-2	NCT05143229 (ASSET)	I	Alpelisib (a specific Pi3K inhibitor)	≥2L HER2- MBC	
		NCT05006794	1	GS9716 (Mcl-1 antagonist)	Advanced solid tumors including TNBC	
Patritumab deruxtecan	HER3	NCT05569811 (VALENTINE)	11	Endocrine therapy	High risk HR+/HER2- BC Neoadjuva	
Enfortumab vedotin (EV)	Nectin 4	NCT04963153	I	Erdafitinib (FGFR inhibitor)	Metastatic urothelial cancer with FGFR2/3 genetic alterations	

# SACI-IO HR+: A randomized phase II trial of sacituzumab govitecan with or without pembrolizumab in patients with metastatic HR+/ HER2- breast cancer

### Metastatic or locally advanced unresectable breast cancer

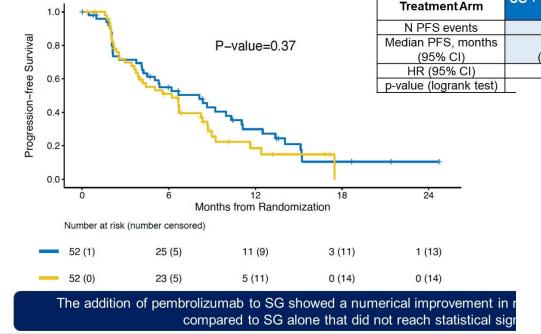
- HR-positive (ER ≥ 1% or PR ≥ 1%), HER2-negative (IHC 0, 1+, or 2+/ ISH-)
- No restriction on PD-L1 status<sup>a</sup>
- ≥1 endocrine therapy for mBC <u>or</u> progression on or within 12 months of adjuvant endocrine therapy
- 0-1 prior chemotherapy for mBC
- No prior topoisomerase I-inhibitor ADC, irinotecan, or PD-1/-L1 inhibitor
- No known active brain metastases or leptomeningeal disease



Garrido-Castro AC, et al, ASCO 2024

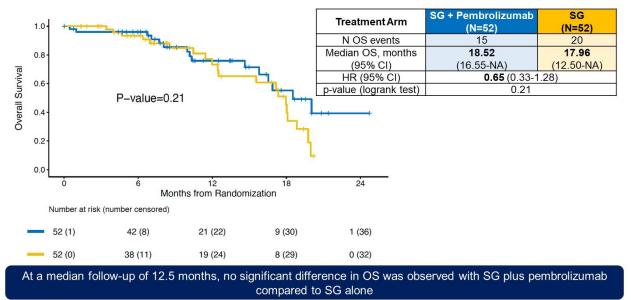
### **SACI-IO HR+: Survival Outcomes**

### **Progression-Free Survival**

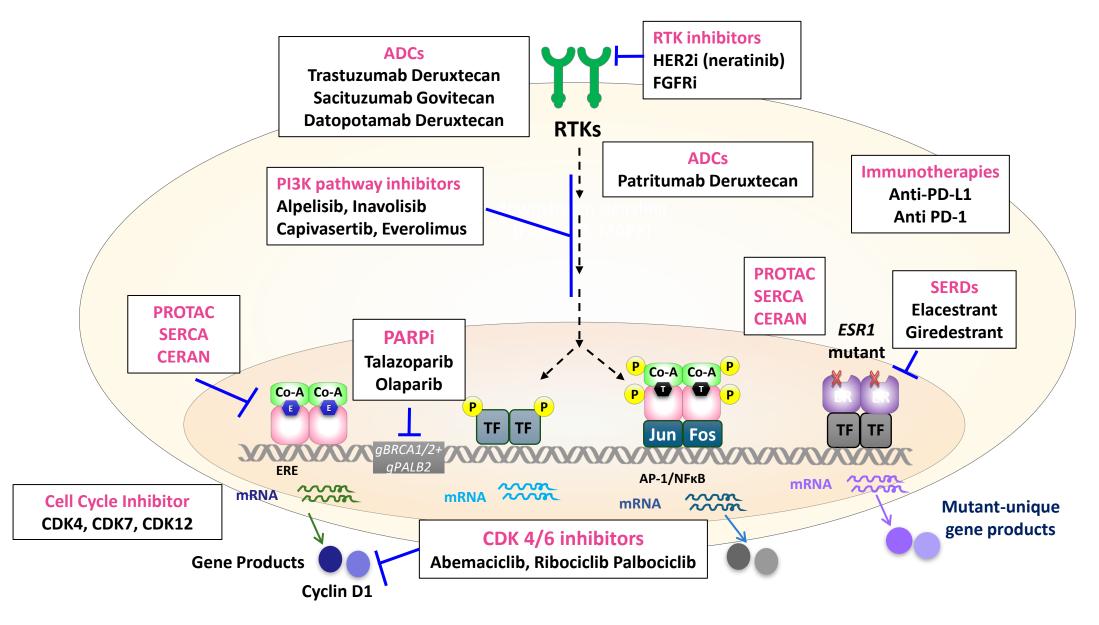


<b>Treatment Arm</b>	SG + Pembrolizumab	SG	
	(N=52)	(N=52)	
N PFS events	38	38	
Median PFS, months	8.12	6.22	
(95% CI)	(4.51-11.12)	(3.85-8.68)	
HR (95% CI)	<b>0.81</b> (0.51-1.28)		
p-value (logrank test)		1	

### **Overall Survival**



### The evolving therapeutic landscape for ER+/HER2- BC



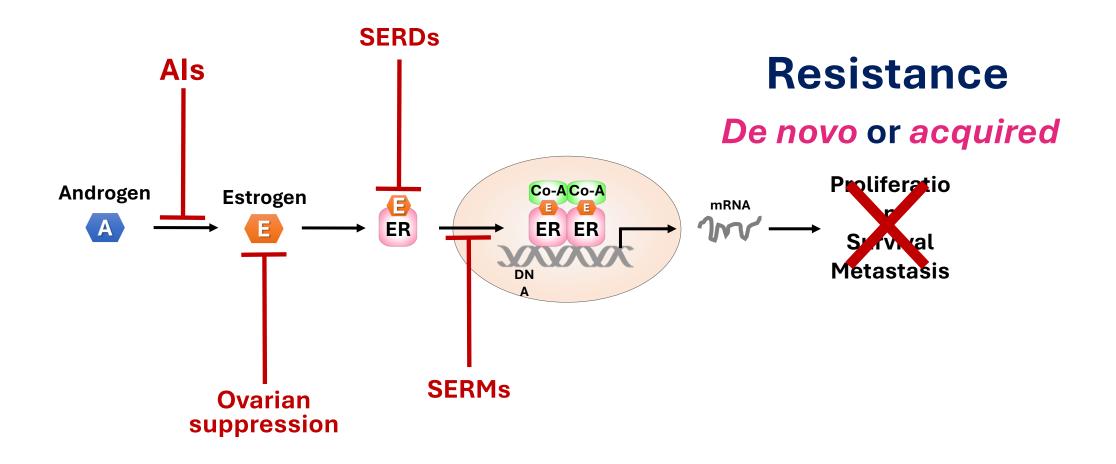
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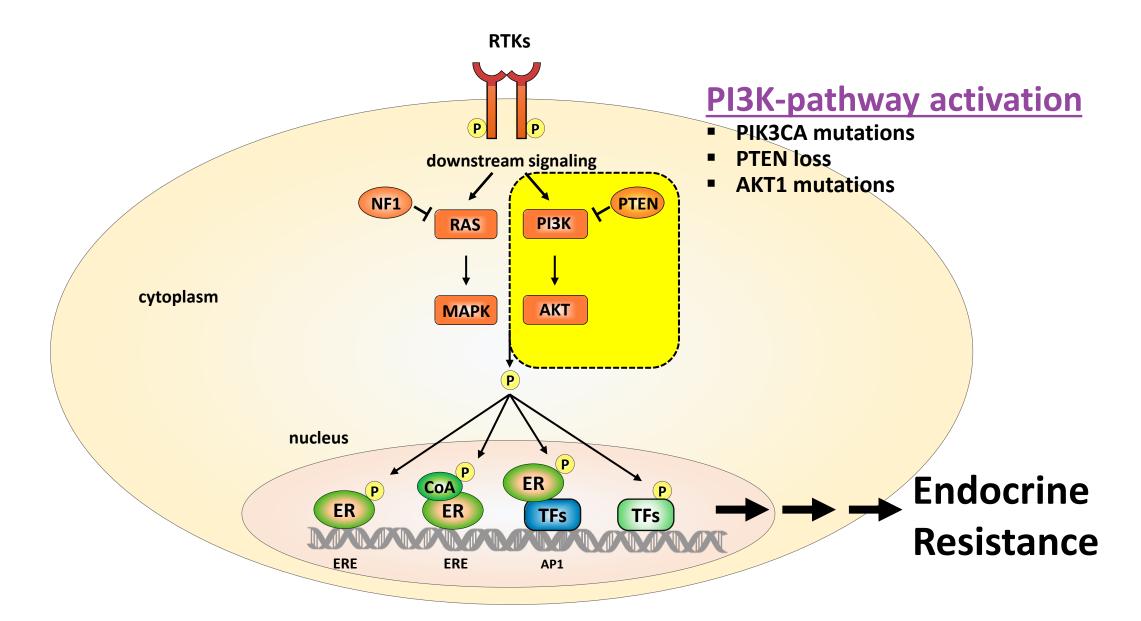


## **Endocrine Therapies: Mechanisms of Action**



Als, aromatase inhibitors; SERDs, selective estrogen down-regulators; SERMs, selective estrogen modulators

### Intracellular signaling cascade

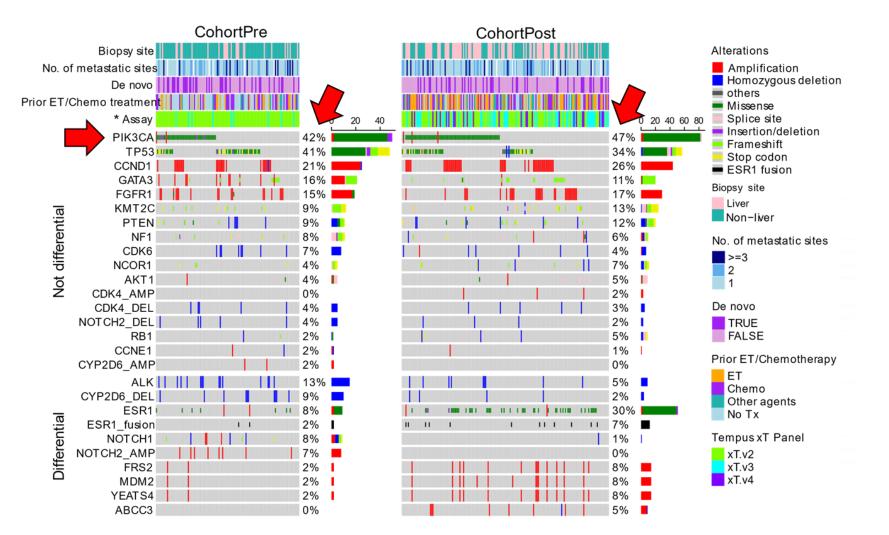


### **OncoPrint of Genomic Alterations pre- and post-CDK4/6 inhibitors**

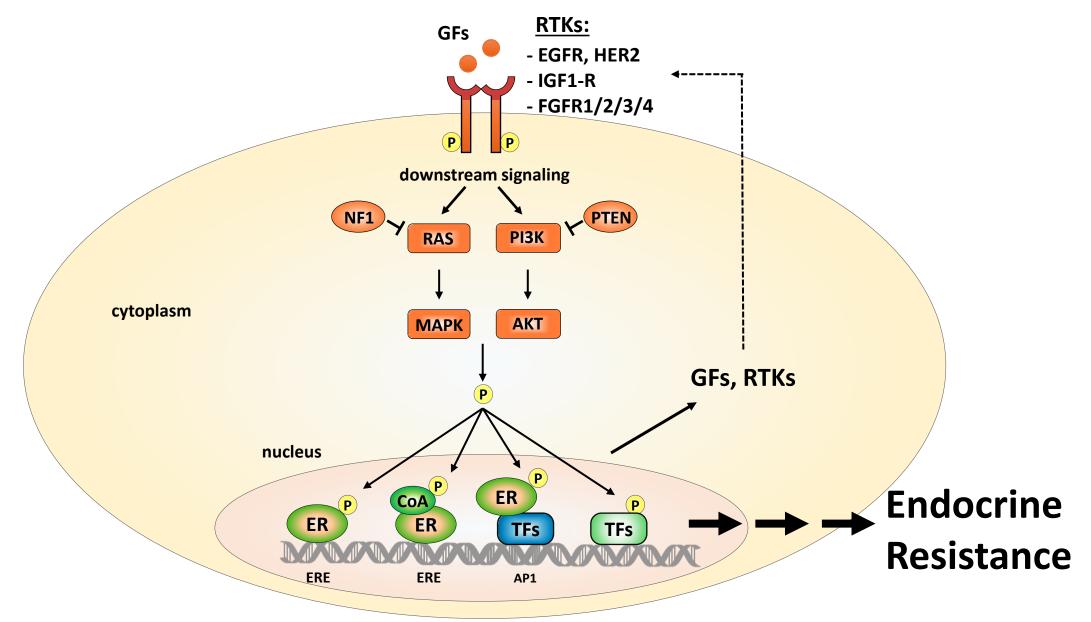
- Overall, there were 10 significant (FDR < 0.2) genomic alteration frequency differences between CohortPre vs. CohortPost (Fig 4):
  - ALK; 13% vs 5%
  - NOTCH2 AMP;7% vs 0%
  - CYP2D6 DEL; 9% vs 2%
  - ESR1; 8% vs 30%
  - ESR1 Fusion; 2% vs 7%
  - NOTCH1; 8% vs 1%
  - FRS2; 2% vs 8%
  - MDM2; 2% vs 8%
  - YEATS4; 2% vs 8%
  - ABCC3; 0% vs 5%

Genes: ALK, Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase; NOTCH, Notch Receptor; CYP2D6, Cytochrome P450 2D6; ESR1, Estrogen Receptor 1; FRS2, Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor Substrate 2; MDM2, Mouse Double Minute 2; YEATS4,YEATS domain containing 4; ABCC3, ATPbinding cassette, subfamily C member 3.

\*variable for de novo status yields 1 less patient vs stage IV variable as outlined in patient characteristics



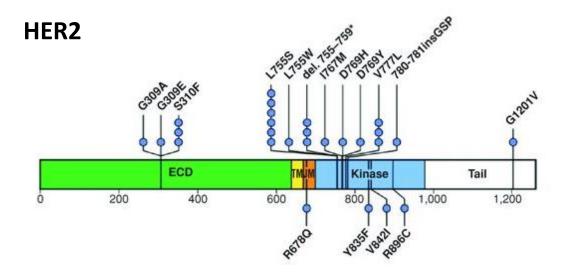
### **ER Signaling and GFR Crosstalk**



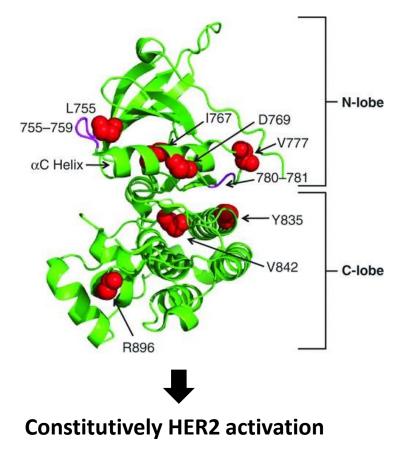
### **HER2** mutations

#### MSKCC, Nat Med 2017

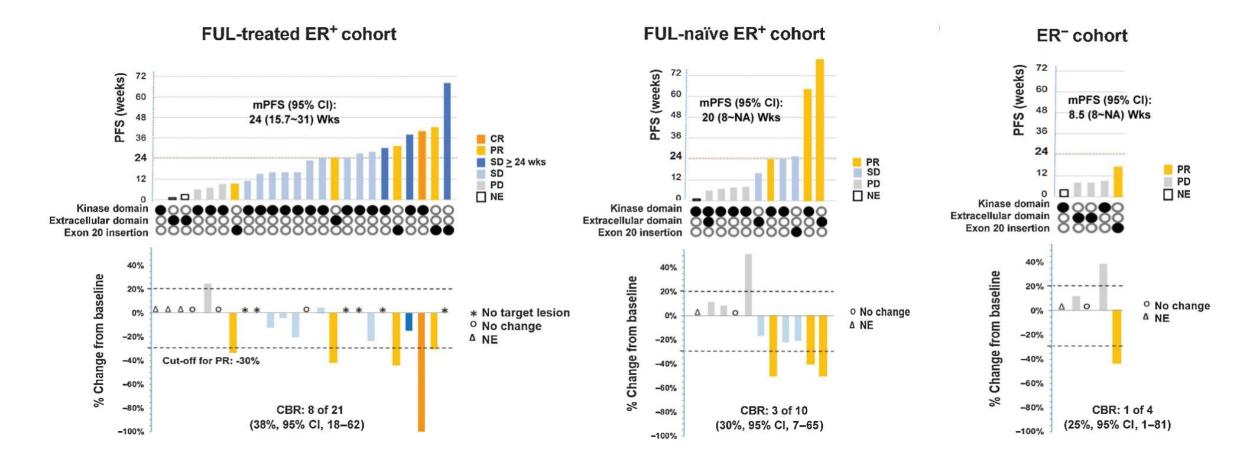
Metastatic BC	ERBB2 non-Amplified (n=640)
putative driver	24 (4%)
putative passenger	7 (1%)
Primary BC	ERBB2 non-Amplified (n=382)
putative driver	9 (2%)
putative passenger	0 (0%)



## Protein structure visualization of the HER2 somatic mutations



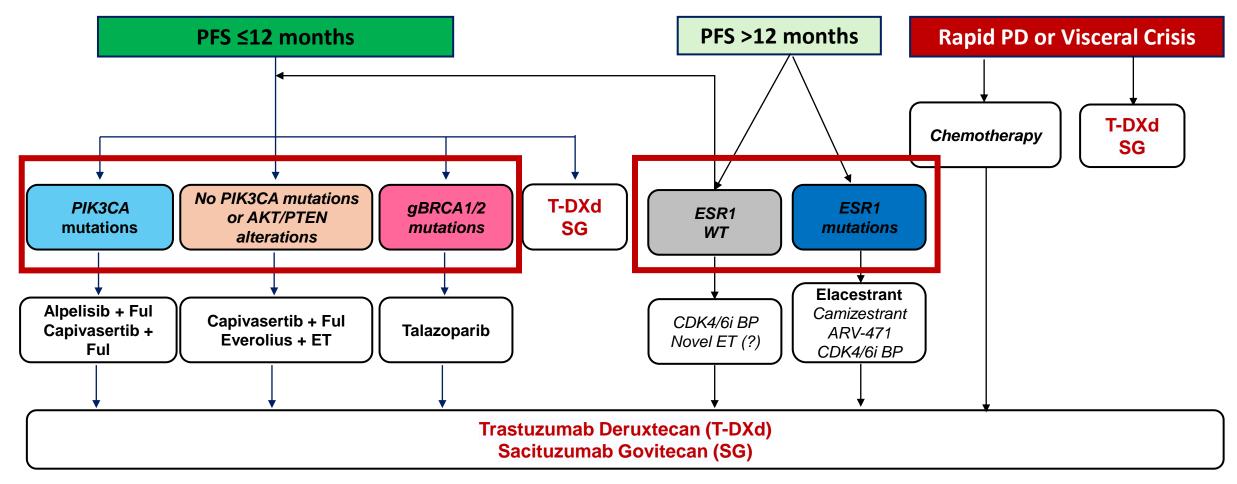
## The Phase II MutHER Study of Neratinib ± Fulvestrant in HER2-Mutated, Non-amplified Metastatic Breast Cancer



## HR+/HER2- Proposed Algorithm

### First-line endocrine therapy + CDK4/6 inhibitor

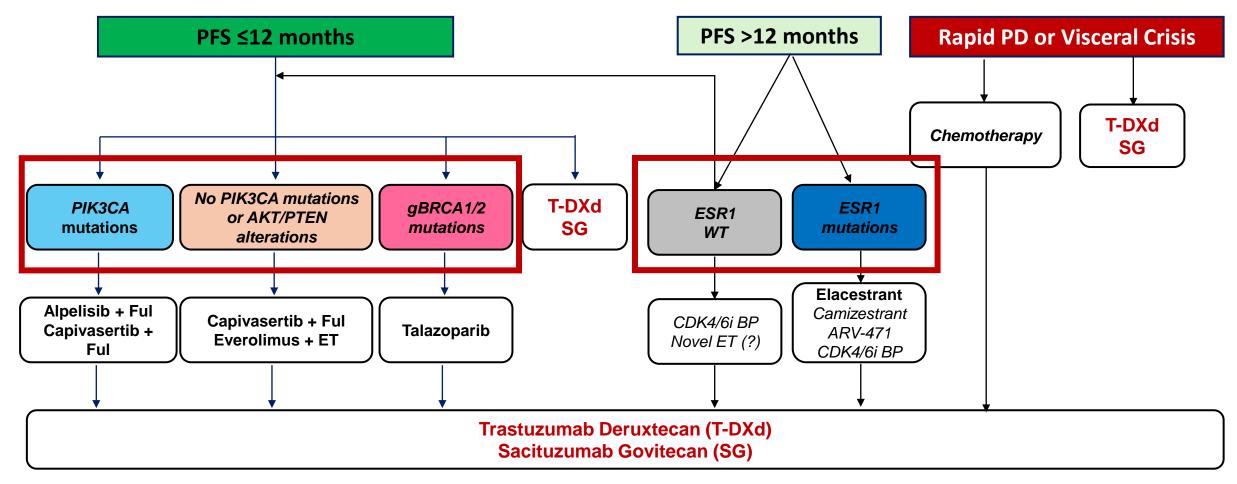
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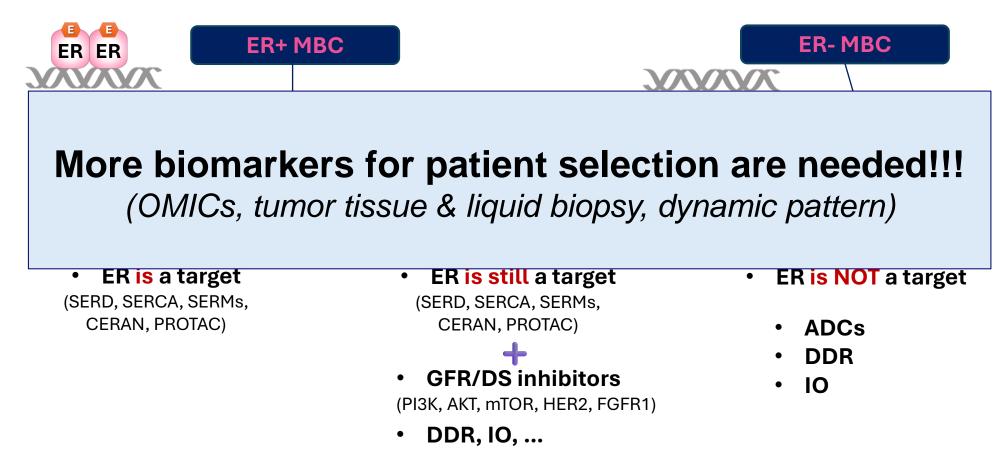
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## Navigating the post-CDK4/6i treatment landscape How?

### Different scenarios of Endocrine Resistance



## **BrighTNess: Addition of carboplatin ± veliparib to standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy in TNBC**

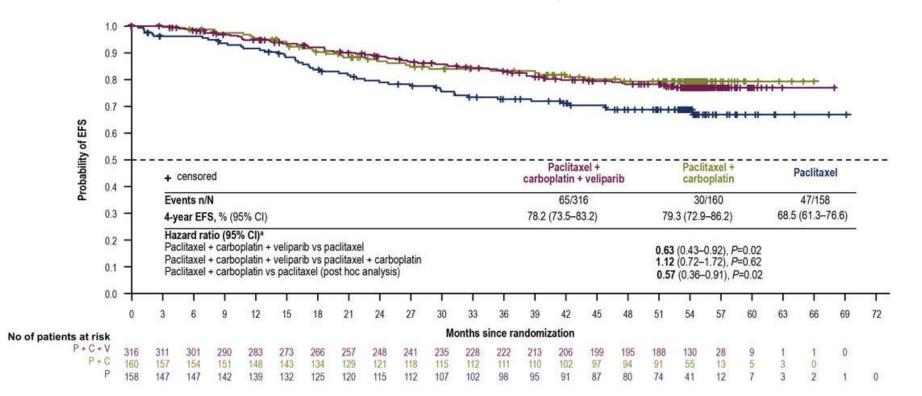
Paclitaxel ( $80 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 12$ ) 31% R Α S Ν U D Stage II/III Paclitaxel ( $80 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 12$ ) + R 0 **58%** TNBC Carboplatin (AUC 6, every 3 weeks, x 4) M G N=634 Ε Ζ R Ε Y Paclitaxel ( $80 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 12$ ) + D **53% Carboplatin** (AUC 6, every 3 weeks, x 4) + Veliparib (50 mg BID)

• 93 patients (15%) gBRCA+; no difference due to BRCA status

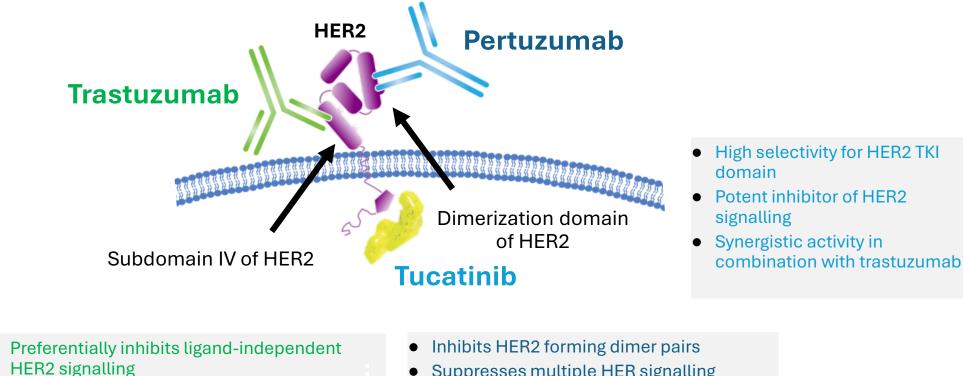
pCR Rate

## BrighTNess: The addition of carboplatin to standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy improves EFS in TNBC

Median follow-up of 4.5 years



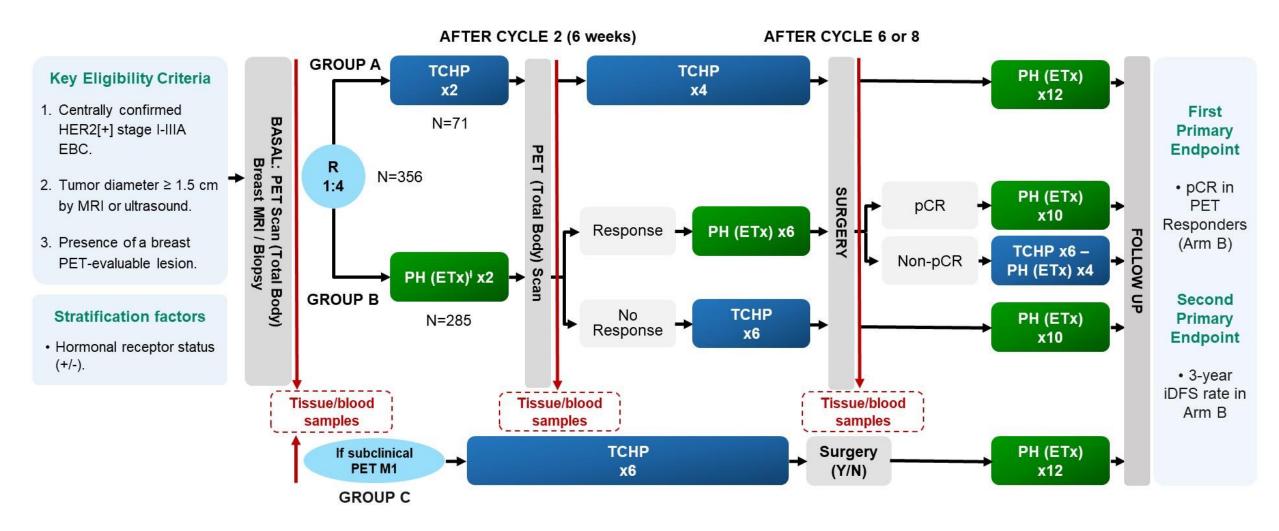
### Adding Tucatinib to Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab enhance HER2 blockade and antitumor activity



- Prevents shedding of HER2 ECD
- Flags cells for destruction by the immune system

- Suppresses multiple HER signalling pathways, leading to a more comprehensive blockade of HER signalling
- Flags cells for destruction by the immune system

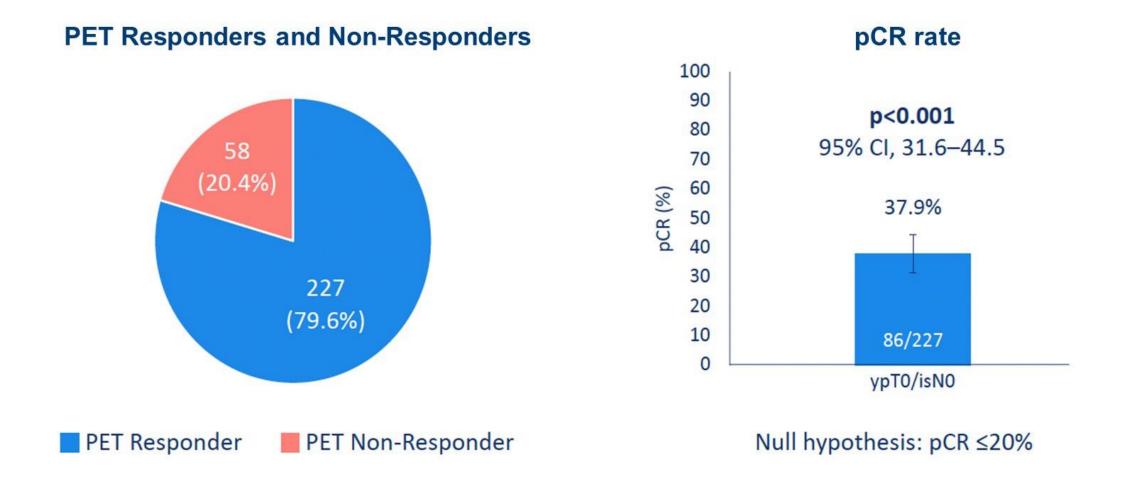
### PHERGain: Chemotherapy de-escalation in HER2+ EBC



51-52% premenopausal - Node positive 45-49% - HR-negative 33-38%

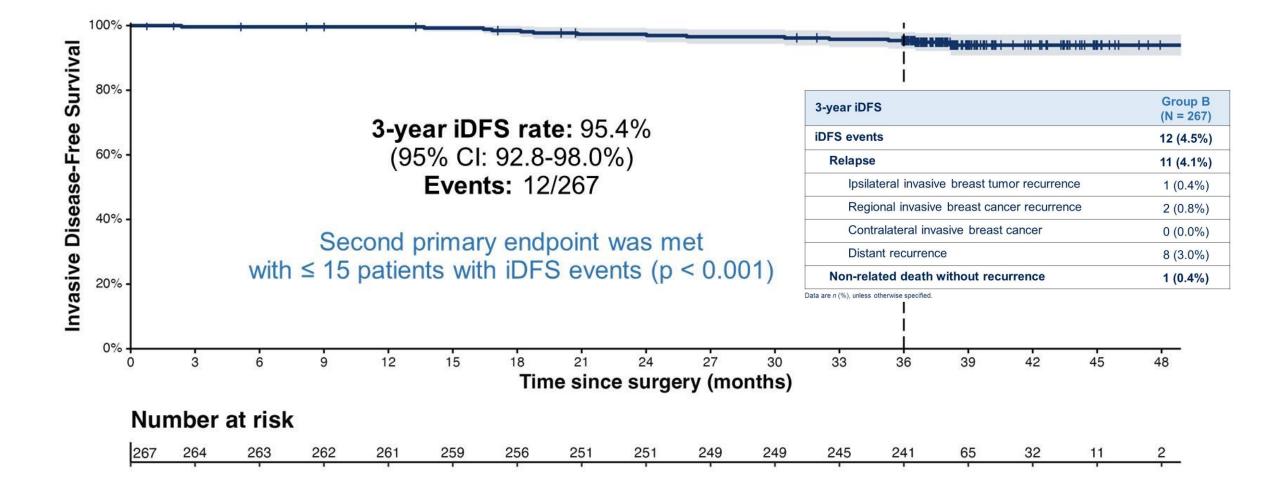
Cortes J et al, ASCO 2023

### Primary endpoint: pCR in PET responders in group B

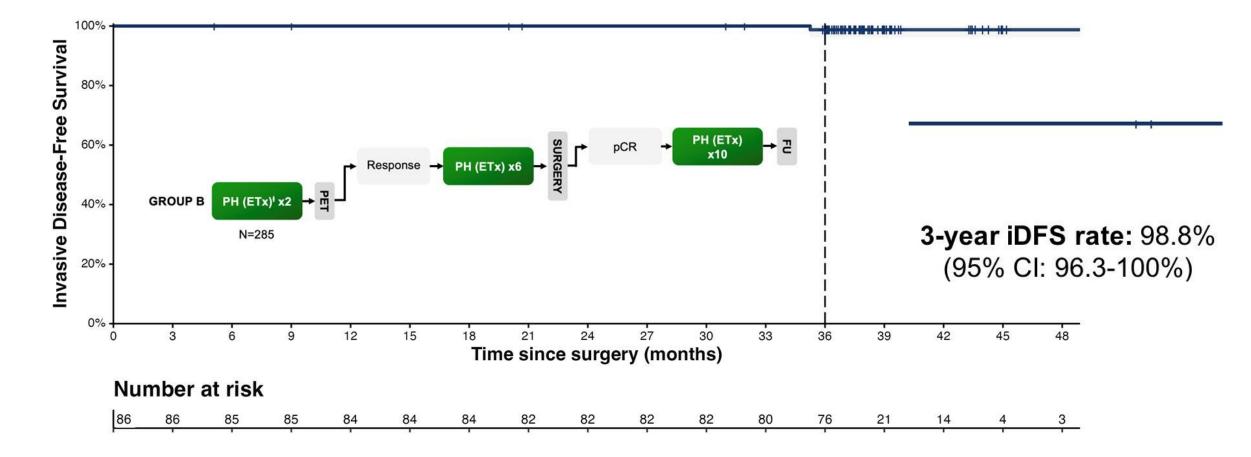


Perez-Garcia JM et al, Lancet Oncol 2021;22(6):858-871

### Secondary endpoint: 3-year IDFS rate in group B (ITT population)



### Subgroup analysis: 3-year IDFS rate without CT in PET responders with pCR (N=86)



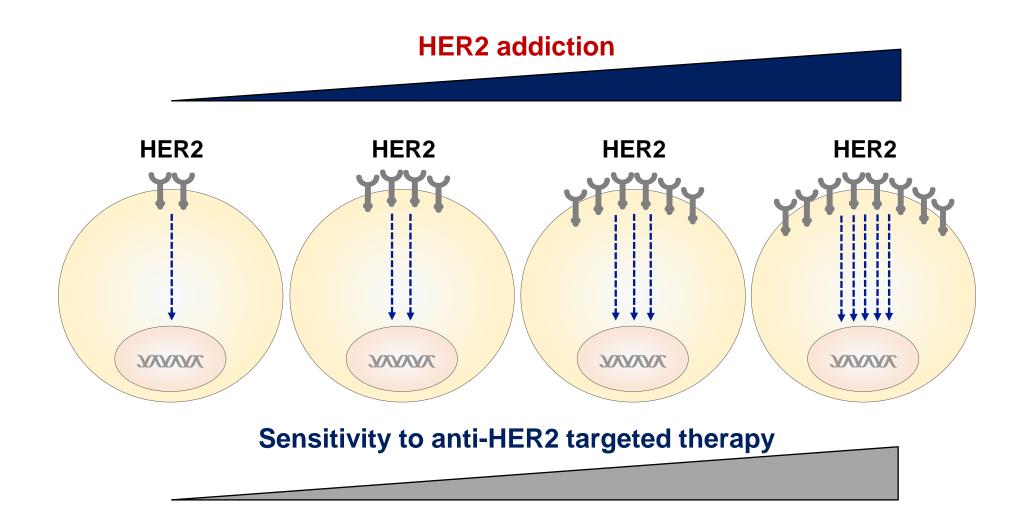
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### **Neoadjuvant Trials Testing chemo-free Dual HER2-Targeted Therapy**

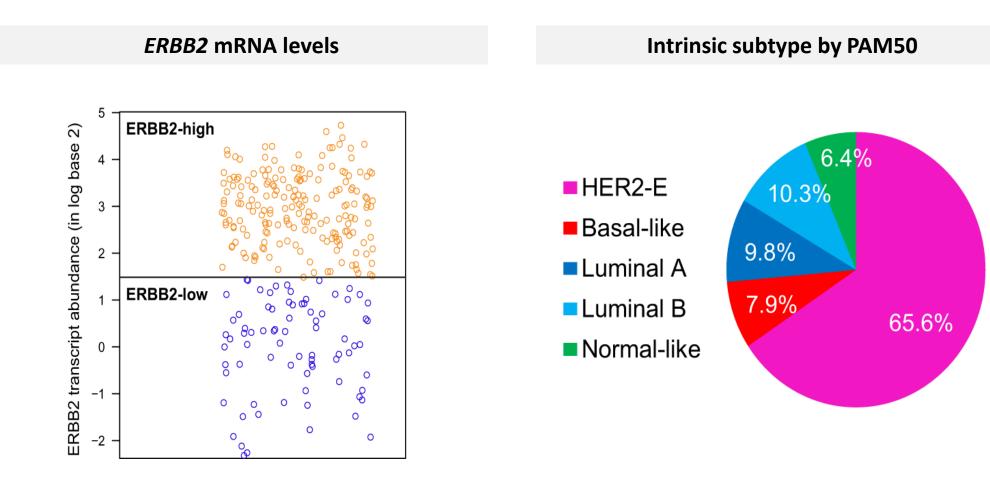
Study	Phase	PTS	HER2-Targeted therapy	Additional therapy	Duration (weeks)	pCR
TBCRC 006	II	64	T+L	ET (if HR+)	12	27%
TBCRC 023	II	33	T+L	ET (if HR+)	12	9%
		61	T+L	ET (if HR+)	24	25%
PAMELA	Ш	150	T+L	ET (if HR+)	18	31%
PERELISA	II	44	T+P	ET	15	20.5%
NA-PHER2	П	35	T+P	Fulvestrant + Palbociclib	24	27%

ET, Endocrine therapy; L, lapatinib; P, pertuzumab; pCR, pathological complete response; T, trastuzumab

### **Optimizing anti-HER2 therapy according to HER2-addiction**



### HER2+ BCs display different levels of *ERBB2* mRNA and NOT all of them are HER2-enriched



### The HER2-E/ERBB2-high group showed a higher pCR rate

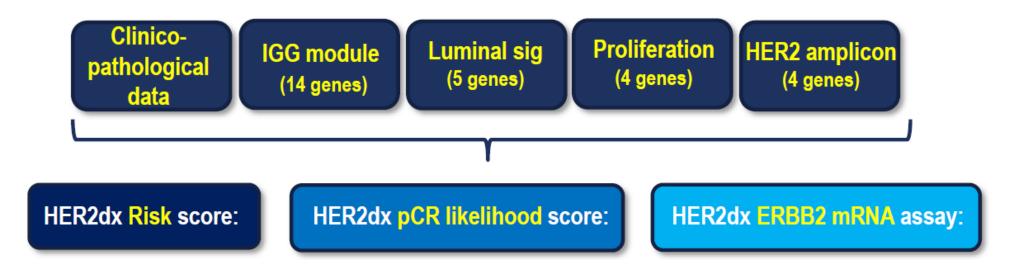
Variable	No.	pCR, %	Univariate		Multivariable	
			OR (95% CI)	<b>P*</b>	OR (95% CI)	<b>P*</b>
Trial						
TBCRC 006	29	24.1	1.00	—	1.00	_
TBCRC 023	85	20.0	0.78 (0.29 to 2.14)	.263	0.61 (0.19 to 2.03)	.385
PAMELA	151	30.5	1.37 (0.55 to 3.45)	.157	0.78 (0.24 to 2.51)	.973
PAM50+ERBB2						
Others	146	11.6	1.00	_	1.00	_
HER2-E/ERBB2-high	119	44.5	6.09 (3.27 to 11.35)	<.001	6.05 (3.10 to 11.80)	<.001

Odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence interval (CIs) were calculated for each variable. The statistical significance level was set to a two-sided α of 0.05. HER2-E = HER2-enriched.

Prat A et al, JNCI 2020

## The 27-gene HER2dx test

• Multiparameter score composed of a refined list of 27-genes + clinical data (T and N):



### HER2DX provides 3 types of information:

- ✓ **Risk of relapse score** (high vs. low)  $\rightarrow$  prognostic
- ✓ **pCR likelihood score** (high vs. medium vs. low) → predictive
- ✓ ERBB2 mRNA score (high vs. medium vs. low)  $\rightarrow$  diagnostic

# HER2CLIMB-05: phase III trial incorporating tucatinib/placebo with CLEOPATRA regimen in 1L advanced HER2+ BC

