

# Innovazione e nuove prospettive di cura nel Carcinoma della Mammella



# Use of Chemotherapy plus a Monoclonal Antibody against HER2 for Metastatic Breast Cancer That Overexpresses HER2

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## Abstract

**BACKGROUND** The HER2 gene, which encodes the growth factor receptor HER2, is amplified and HER2 is overexpressed in 25 to 30 percent of breast cancers, increasing the aggressiveness of the tumor.

**METHODS** We evaluated the efficacy and safety of trastuzumab, a recombinant monoclonal antibody against HER2, in women with metastatic breast cancer that overexpressed HER2. We randomly assigned 234 patients to receive standard chemotherapy alone and 235 patients to receive standard

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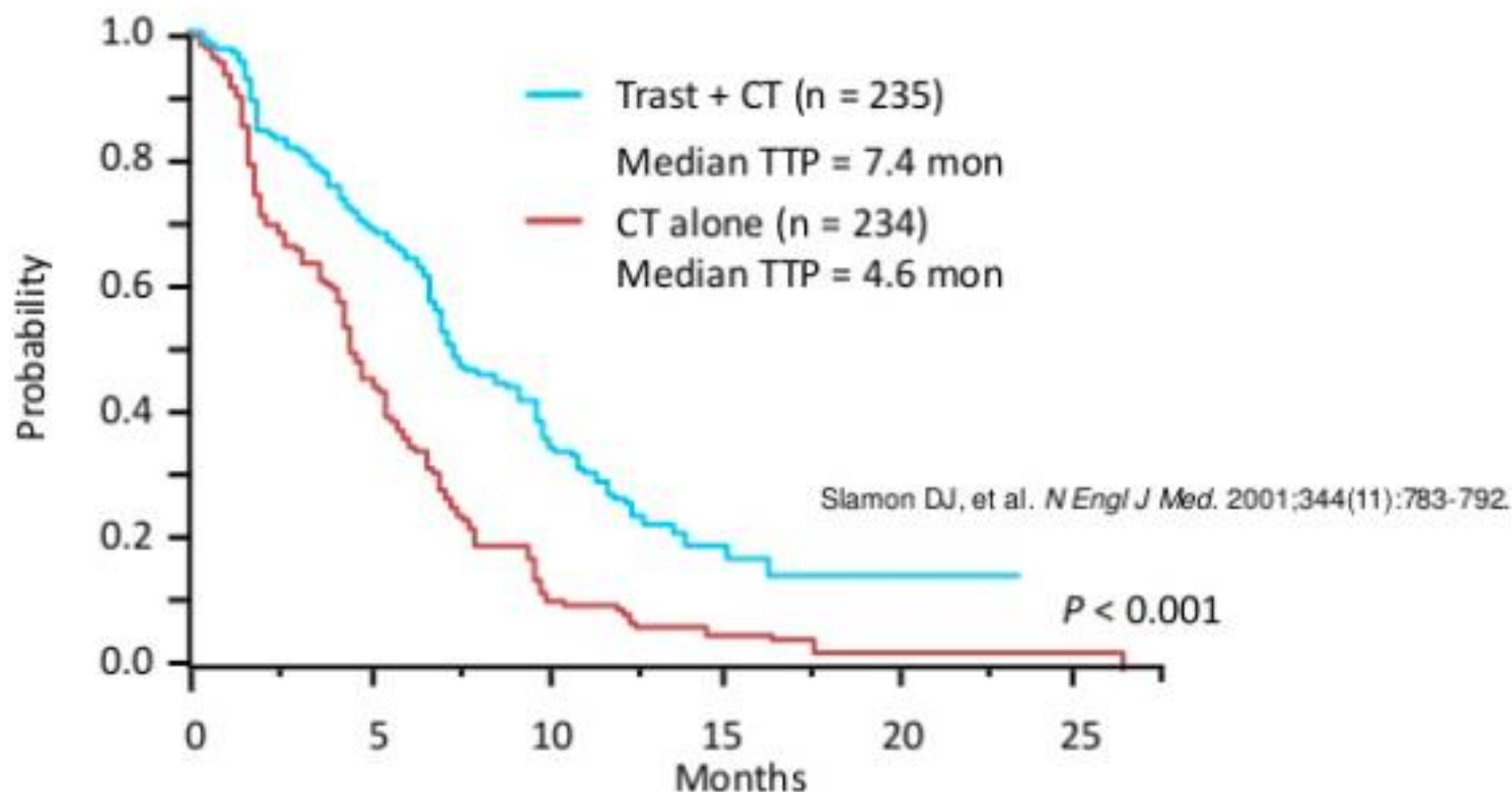
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# Chemotherapy +/- Trastuzumab: Proportion of Patients with Cancer Under Control



***When trastuzumab was first approved based on the results above, few thought it would have such a profound effect on the course of HER2+ breast cancer***

## Herceptin Combination Pivotal Trial: Efficacy Summary

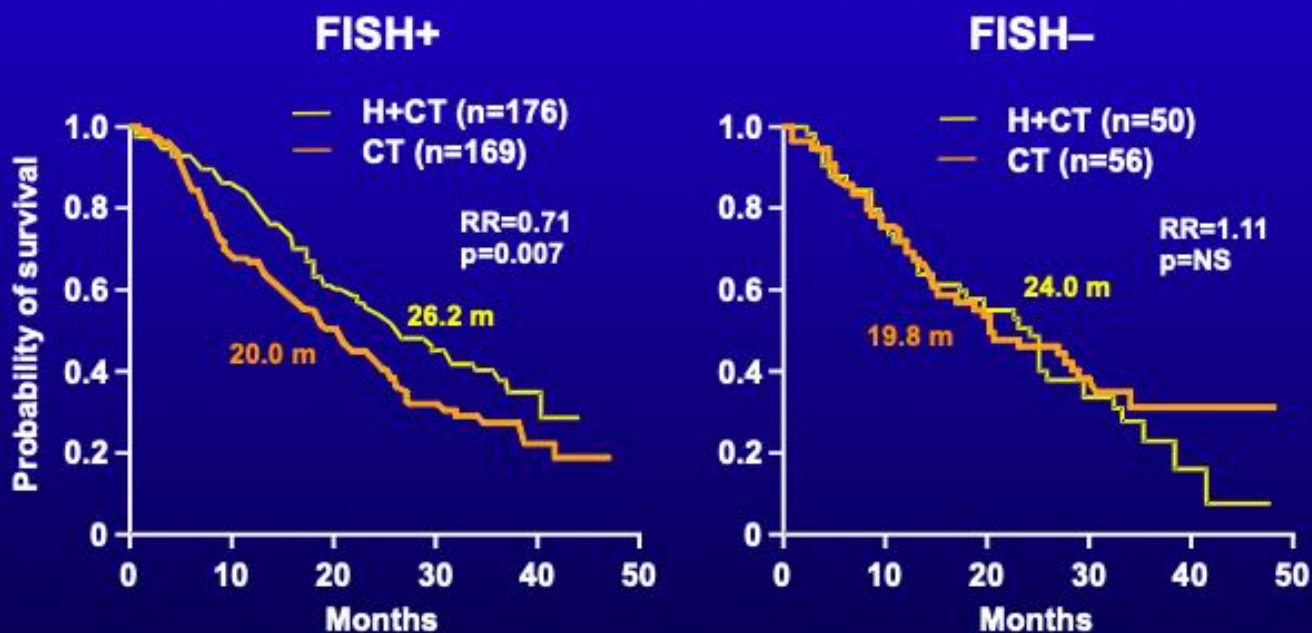
Parameter	Subgroup				Overall	
	H+AC (n=143)	AC (n=138)	H+T (n=92)	T (n=96)	H+CT (n=235)	CT (n=234)
<b>ORR (%)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b>&lt;0.02</b>		<b>&lt;0.001</b>		<b>&lt;0.001</b>	
<b>Median DR (m)</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b>0.005</b>		<b>&lt;0.01</b>		<b>&lt;0.001</b>	
<b>Median TTP (m)</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>		<b>&lt;0.001</b>		<b>&lt;0.001</b>	
<b>Median survival (m) *</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>20.3</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b>0.16</b>		<b>0.17</b>		<b>0.046</b>	

DR=duration of response; H=Herceptin; ORR=overall response rate; T=Taxol; TTP=time to progression; m=months; Herceptin Package Insert 2002.

Slamon D, et al. N Engl J Med 2001;344:783.

\* Study was not powered to show a survival difference in subgroups.

## Herceptin Combination Pivotal Trial: Overall Survival



**Survival advantage was demonstrated for first-line H + CT despite 66% of CT group receiving H in second or later lines of therapy**

CT=chemotherapy; NS=not significant; RR=response rate

Update of Mass R, et al. Proc Am Soc Clin Oncol 2001;20;22a:abstract 85.

Original Article

# Paclitaxel plus Bevacizumab versus Paclitaxel Alone for Metastatic Breast Cancer

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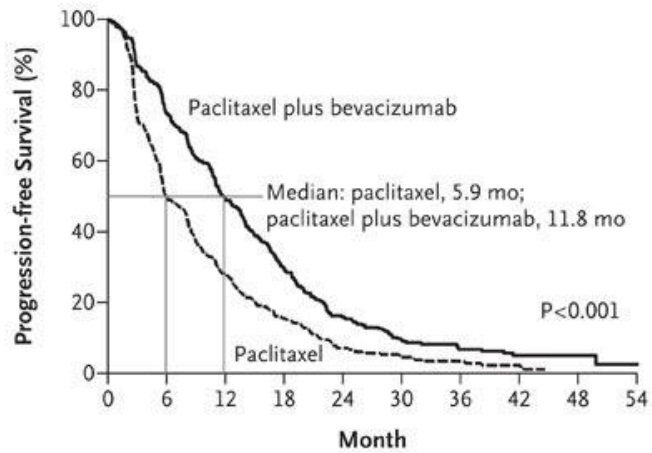
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# Survival Analyses

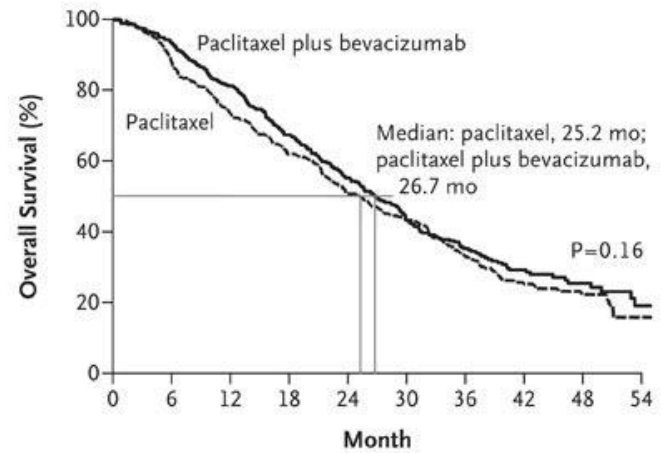
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Paclitaxel plus bevacizumab	347	323	167	100	53	25	14	7	2	1
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**No. at Risk**

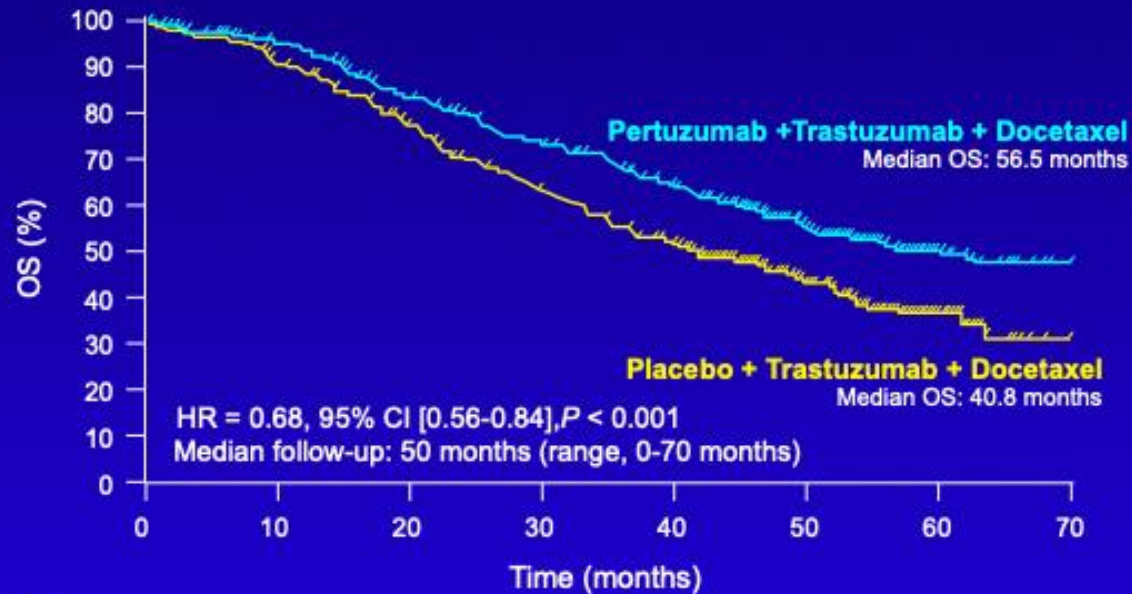
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Paclitaxel	326	284	236	199	162	138	88	47	23	5

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# CLEOPATRA: OS



n at risk	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
Pertuzumab	402	371	318	268	226	104	28	1
Placebo	406	350	289	230	179	91	23	0

$\Delta = 15.7$  months

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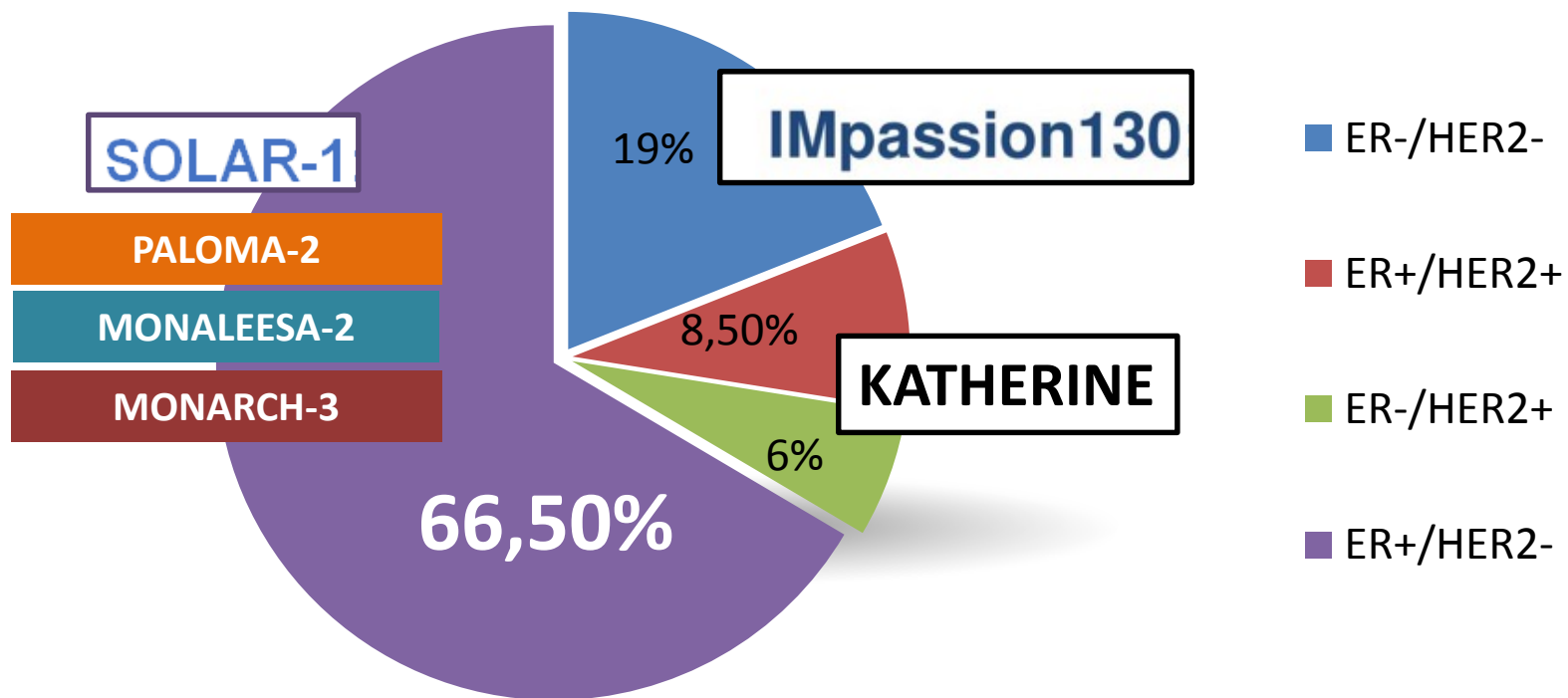
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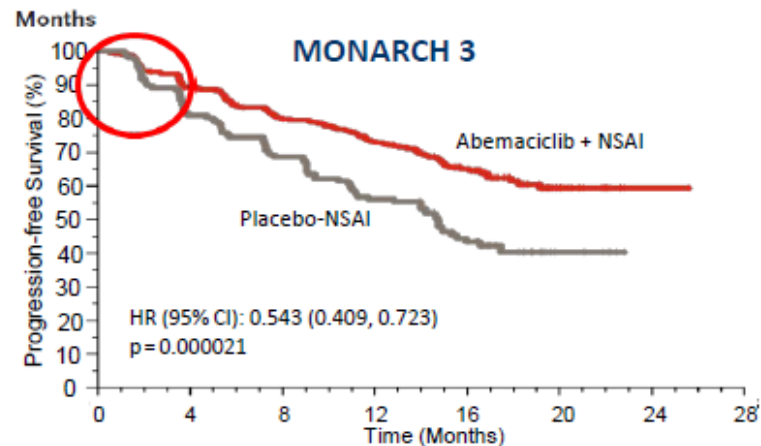
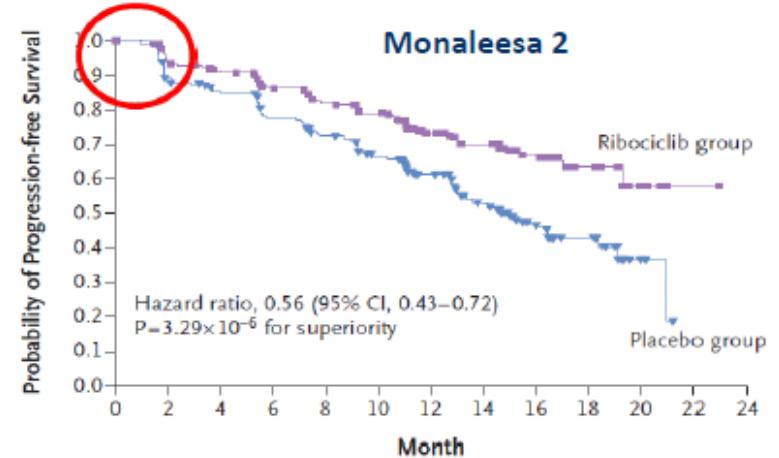
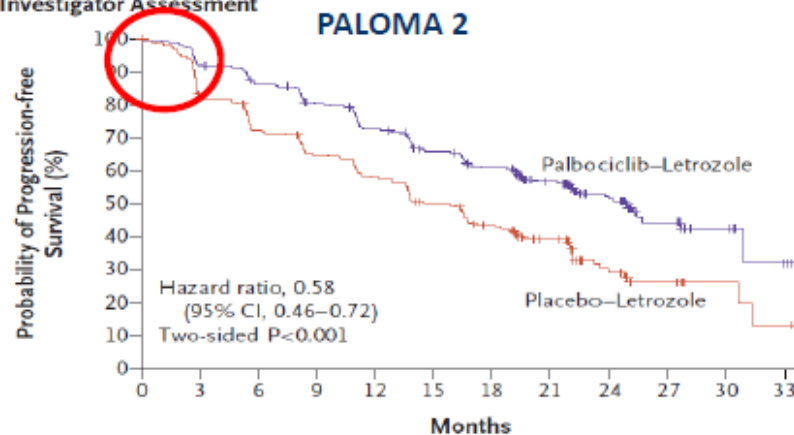


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# PALOMA 2, Monaleesa 2 & MONARCH 3- PFS

A Investigator Assessment



**HR+/HER2-ve ABC:  
Activity of 1<sup>st</sup> Line Endocrine Therapy with Targeted Agents**

<b>option</b>	<b>ORR %</b>	<b>CBR %</b>
Palbociclib + letrozole	<b>42 %</b>	85 %
Ribociclib + letrozole	<b>41 %</b>	80 %
Abemaciclib + NSAI	<b>48 %</b>	78 %

**Als + CDK4/6i induce a rapid tumor shrinkage comparable to that achievable with chemotherapy**

# Registrative trials CDK 4/6 inhibitors

## Main toxicities

	<u>Palbociclib</u> *	<u>Ribociclib</u> **	<u>Abemaciclib</u> ***
% G3-G4 neutropenia	66	59	21
% Diarrhea	1(G3)	1(G3)	36(G2=27/G3=9)
% G3-G4 AST and/or ALT elevation	3	9	7
% G1-G4 creatinine elevation	NR	NR	19 (G3/G4=2/0)
% QTcF interval increase (>60 msec)	<1	3	NR
% Thromboembolic events	1	3	5

\*Finn RS et al New Engl J Med 2016; \*\*Hortobagyi G et al, New Engl J Med 2016; \*\*\*Goetz MP et al, J Clin Oncol 2017

# Alpelisib (ALP) + Fulvestrant (FUL) for Advanced Breast Cancer (ABC): Phase 3 SOLAR-1 Trial Results

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# The importance of the PI3K Pathway in HR+ Breast Cancer

- The PI3K pathway is frequently altered in HR+ breast cancer and has been implicated in resistance to endocrine therapies<sup>1,2</sup>
- Approximately 40% of HR+ breast cancers harbor a *PIK3CA* mutation, leading to hyperactivation of the PI3K pathway<sup>3-5</sup>
- PI3K signaling has been shown to promote estrogen-independent growth of ER+ breast cancer cells,<sup>6,7</sup> and this growth is inhibited by the addition of PI3K inhibitors to antiestrogens<sup>8</sup>

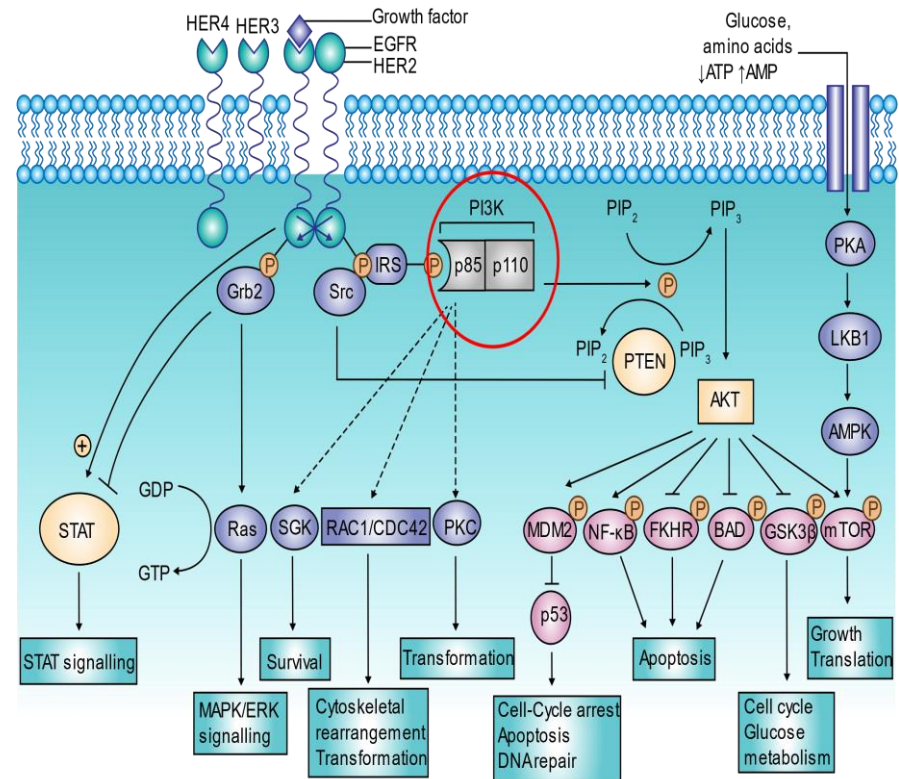


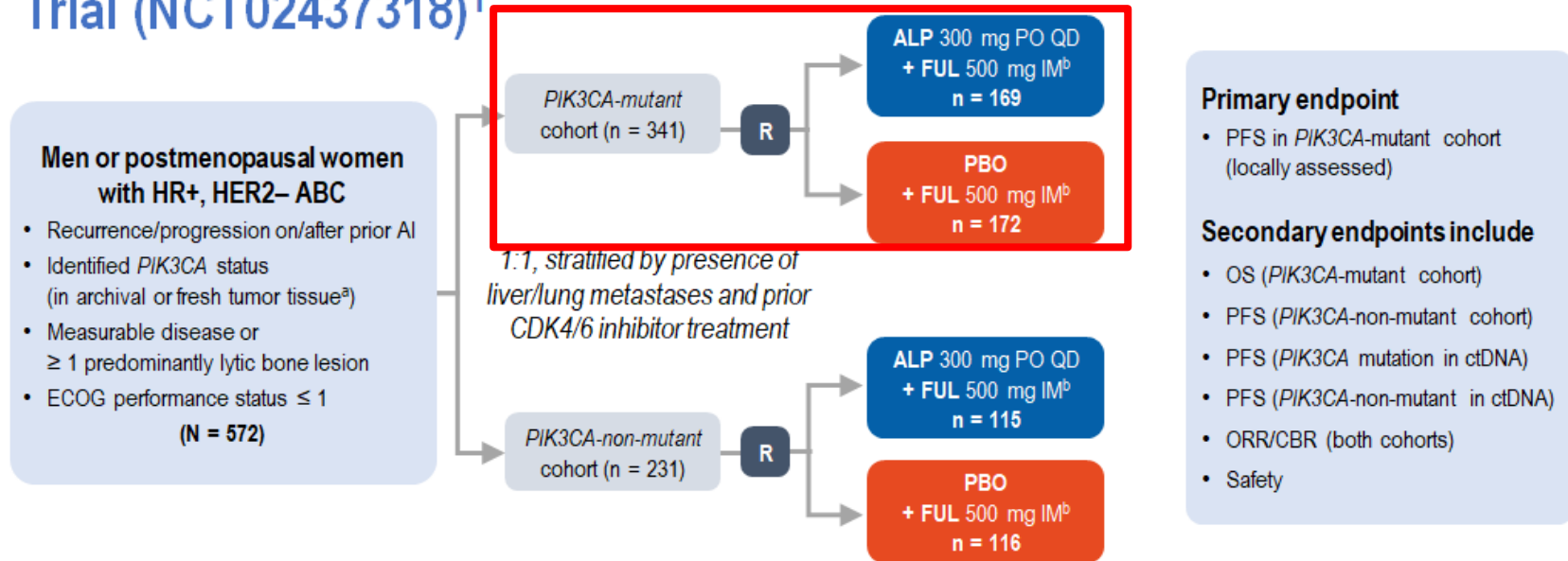
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ER+, estrogen receptor-positive; HR+, hormone receptor-positive; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase.

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# SOLAR-1: A Phase 3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial (NCT02437318)<sup>1</sup>



- The primary endpoint included all randomized patients in the *PIK3CA*-mutant cohort; PFS was analyzed in the *PIK3CA*-non-mutant cohort as a proof of concept
- Safety was analyzed for all patients who received ≥ 1 dose of study treatment, in both cohorts

ABC, advanced breast cancer; AI, aromatase inhibitor; ALP, alpelisib; CBR, clinical benefit rate; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FUL, fulvestrant; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor-2-negative; IM, intramuscular; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PBO, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, oral; QD, once daily; R, randomization.

<sup>a</sup> More than 90% of patients had mutational status identified from archival tissue.

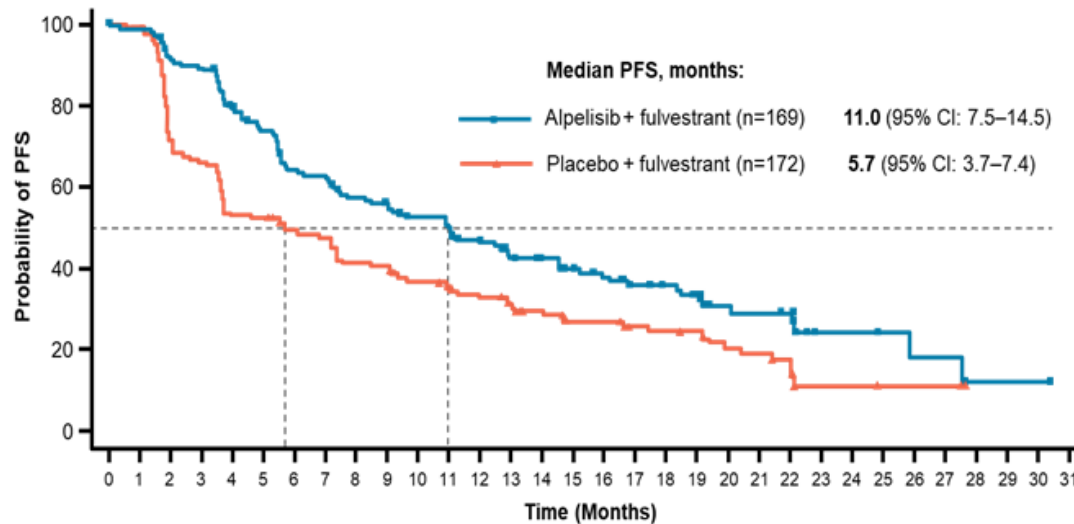
<sup>b</sup> Fulvestrant given on Day 1 and Day 15 of the first 28-day cycle, then Day 1 of subsequent 28-day cycles.

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# Primary Endpoint: Locally Assessed PFS in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort<sup>1,a</sup>



Data cut-off: Jun 12, 2018	ALP + FUL (n = 169)	PBO + FUL (n = 172)
Number of PFS events, n (%)	103 (60.9)	129 (75.0)
Progression	99 (58.6)	120 (69.8)
Death	4 (2.4)	9 (5.2)
Censored	66 (39.1)	43 (25.0)
Median PFS (95% CI)	11.0 (7.5-14.5)	5.7 (3.7-7.4)
HR (95% CI)	0.65 (0.50-0.85)	
One-sided P value	0.00065	

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

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

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

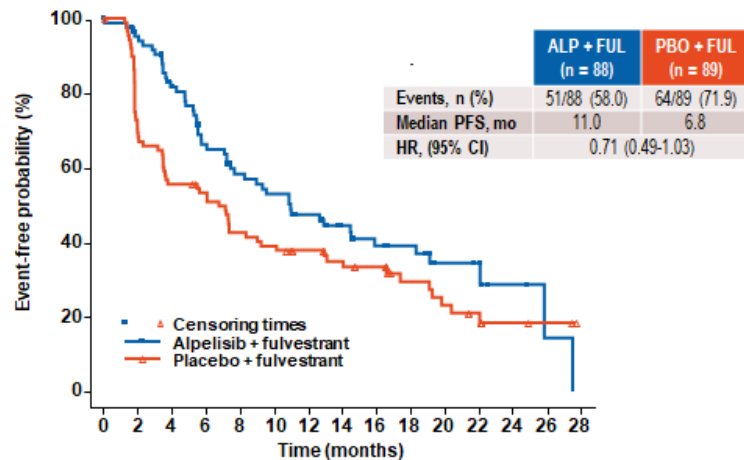
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## PFS by Line of Therapy in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort<sup>a</sup>

### First-line (n = 177)

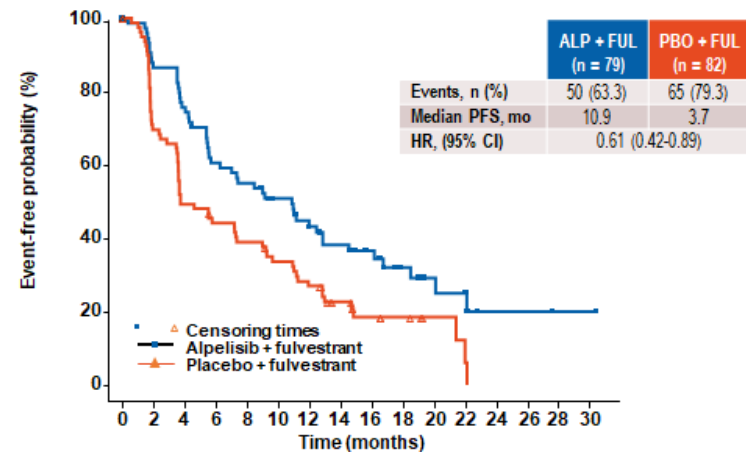
Defined as patients whose disease progressed  $\leq 1$  year after (neo)adjuvant ET (endocrine resistant) **or** whose disease progressed  $> 1$  year after (neo)adjuvant ET (endocrine sensitive) (later excluded after protocol amendment)



	Endocrine sensitive patients		Endocrine resistant patients	
	ALP + FUL (n = 20)	PBO + FUL (n = 19)	ALP + FUL (n = 68)	PBO + FUL (n = 70)
Events, n (%)	11 (55.0)	9 (47.4)	40 (58.8)	55 (78.6)
Median PFS, mo	22.1	19.1	9.0	4.7
HR, (95% CI)	0.87 (0.35-2.17)		0.69 (0.46-1.05)	

### Second-line (n = 161)

Defined as patients whose disease progressed  $> 1$  year after (neo)adjuvant ET and while on or after 1 line of ET for ABC **or** patients with newly diagnosed ABC whose disease progressed while on or after 1 line of ET



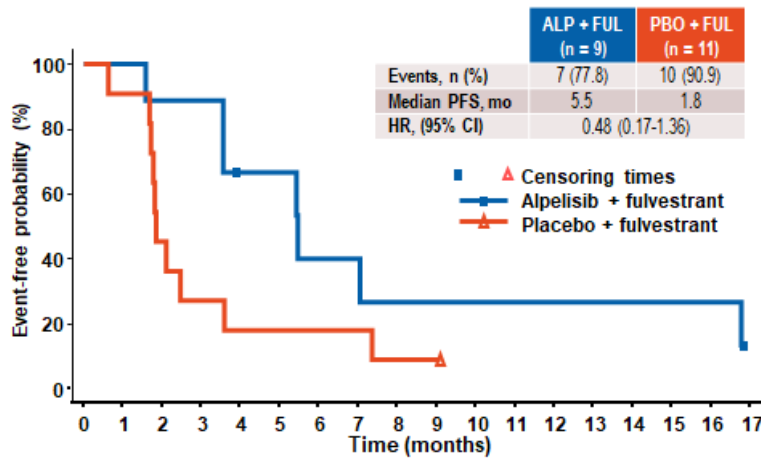
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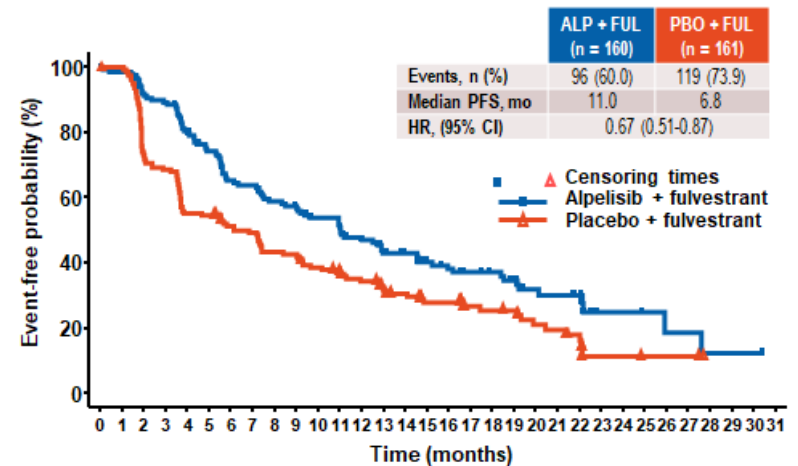
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## PFS by Prior CDK4/6 Inhibitor Treatment in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort<sup>a</sup>

### With Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



### Without Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



- Previous treatment with any CDK4/6 inhibitor was a stratification factor, however the number of patients enrolled who had received prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy was small
- Treatment benefit with alpelisib was observed regardless of prior use with a CDK4/6 inhibitor

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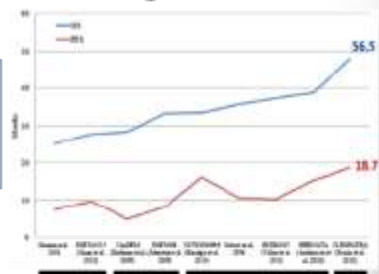
# Conclusions

- SOLAR-1 met its primary endpoint; a statistically significant and clinically meaningful **prolongation of median PFS was observed with the addition of alpelisib to fulvestrant in patients with *PIK3CA*-mutant disease**
- The majority of patients in the study were endocrine resistant; subgroup analyses demonstrated the benefit of alpelisib, **regardless of line of therapy or prior CDK4/6 inhibitor treatment**
- OS data at the first interim analysis in patients with a *PIK3CA* mutation were immature (52% of planned events); the median OS was not reached in the alpelisib arm
- Hyperglycemia, an on-target AE, can be easily identified (most commonly within the first 2 weeks of treatment) and managed with oral anti-diabetic agents
- PFS was significantly prolonged in patients with plasma ctDNA-determined mutational status, demonstrating the clinical utility of the ctDNA test in selecting patients with a *PIK3CA* mutation and confirming the robustness of the primary endpoint results

# Targeting HER2+ Breast Cancer : major clinical advances

Phase II  
Randomized trial  
of T-DM1

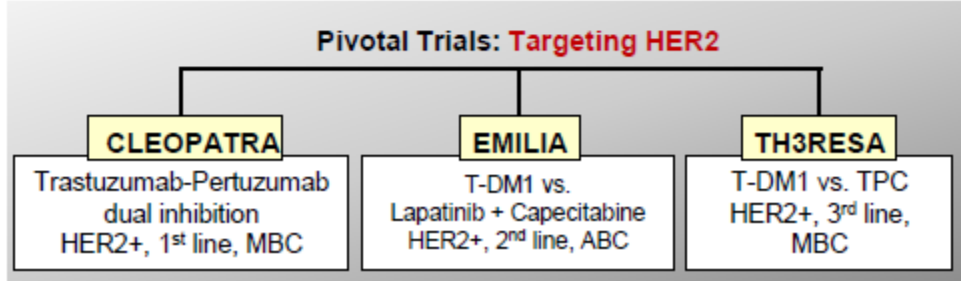
Phase III  
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**What's the next?**



**On-going clinical trials**

Several ADCs    pan-HER inhibitors    HER3 targeting

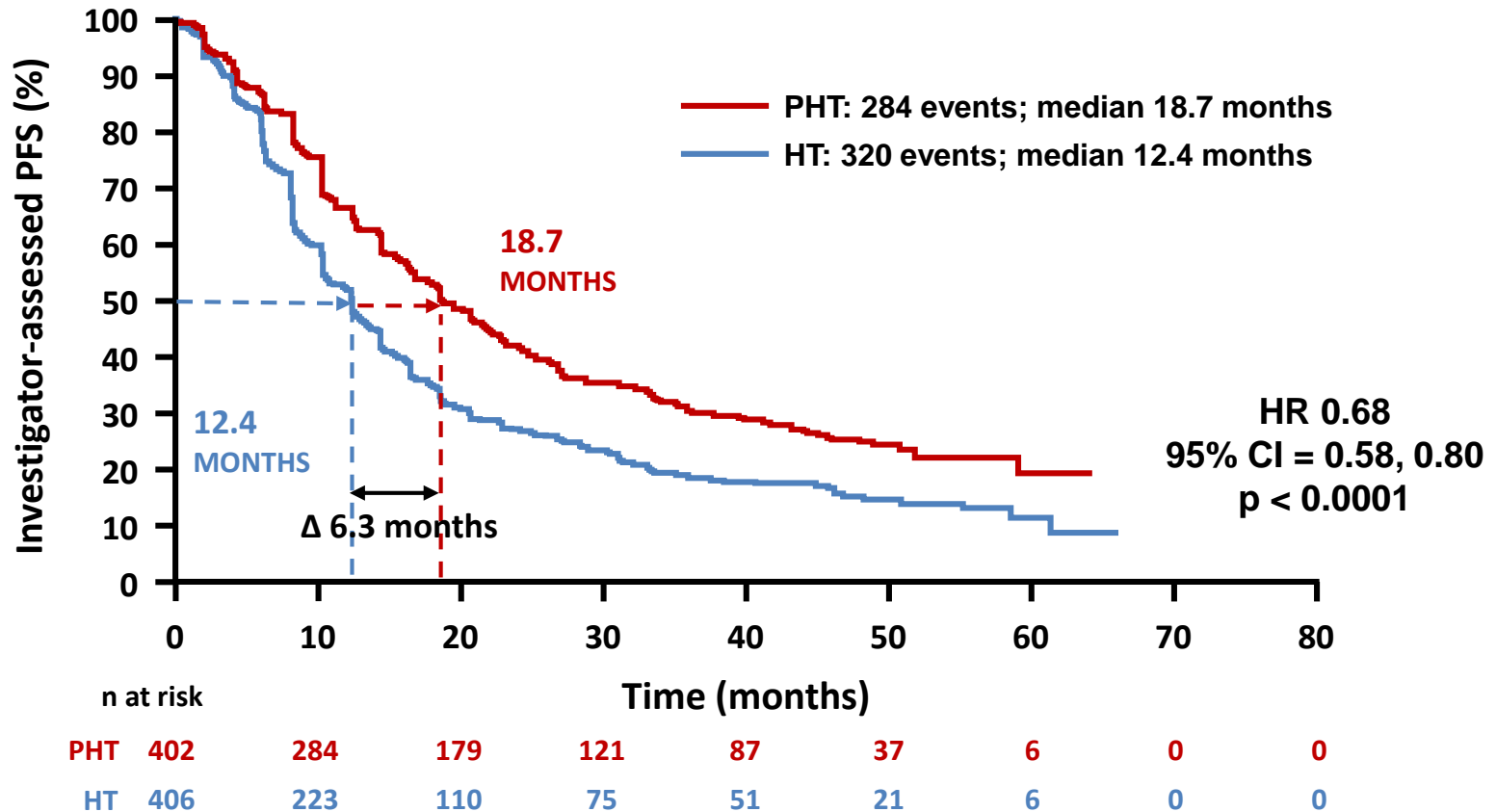
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Pertuzumab, Trastuzumab, and Docetaxel in HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer

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# CLEOPATRA:

**P + H + T increased median PFS\* by 6.3 months vs. H + T alone<sup>1</sup>**



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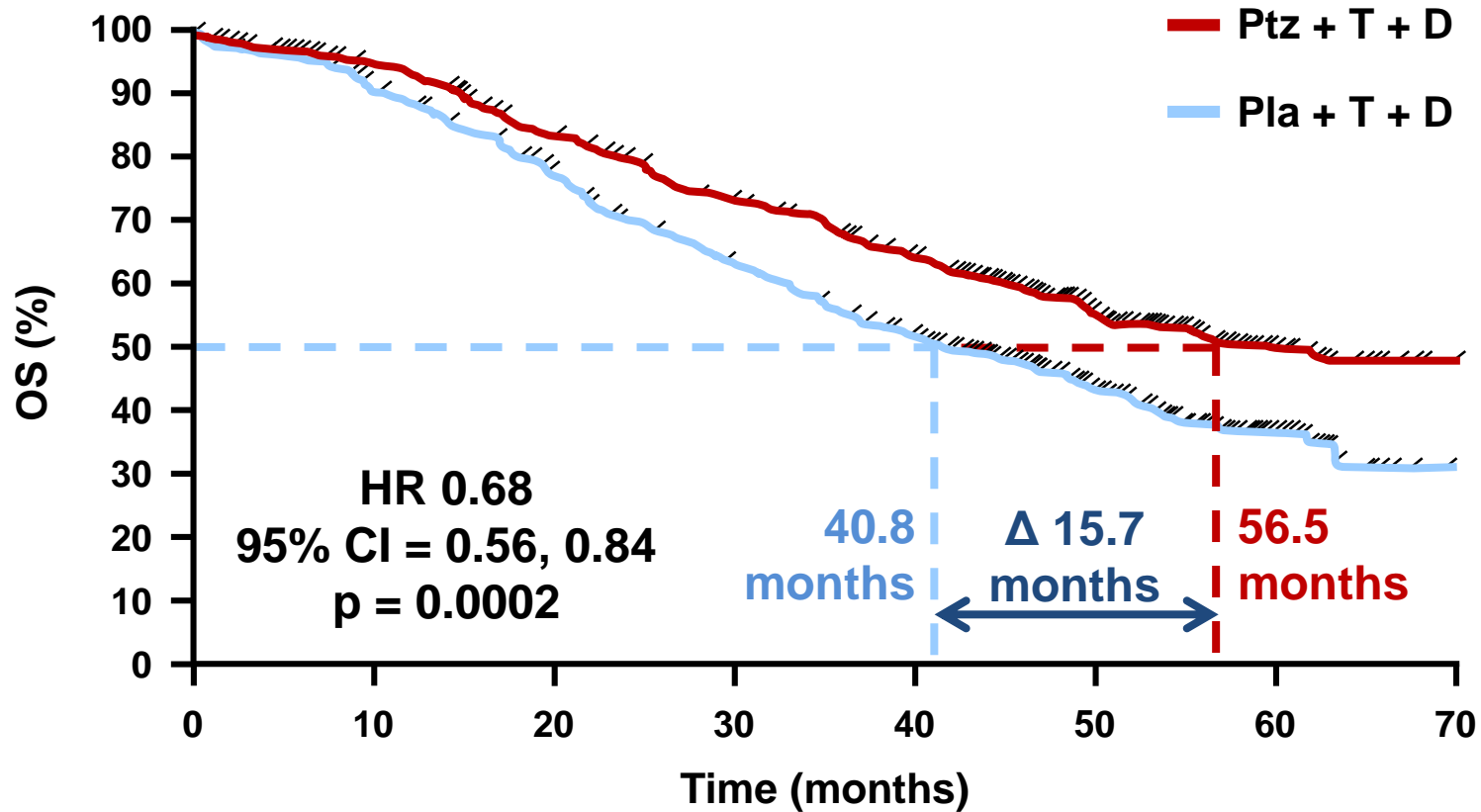
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H, trastuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; IRF, independent review facility; P, pertuzumab; PFS, progression-free survival; T, docetaxel.

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# Final OS Analysis

Median follow-up 50 months (range 0–70 months)



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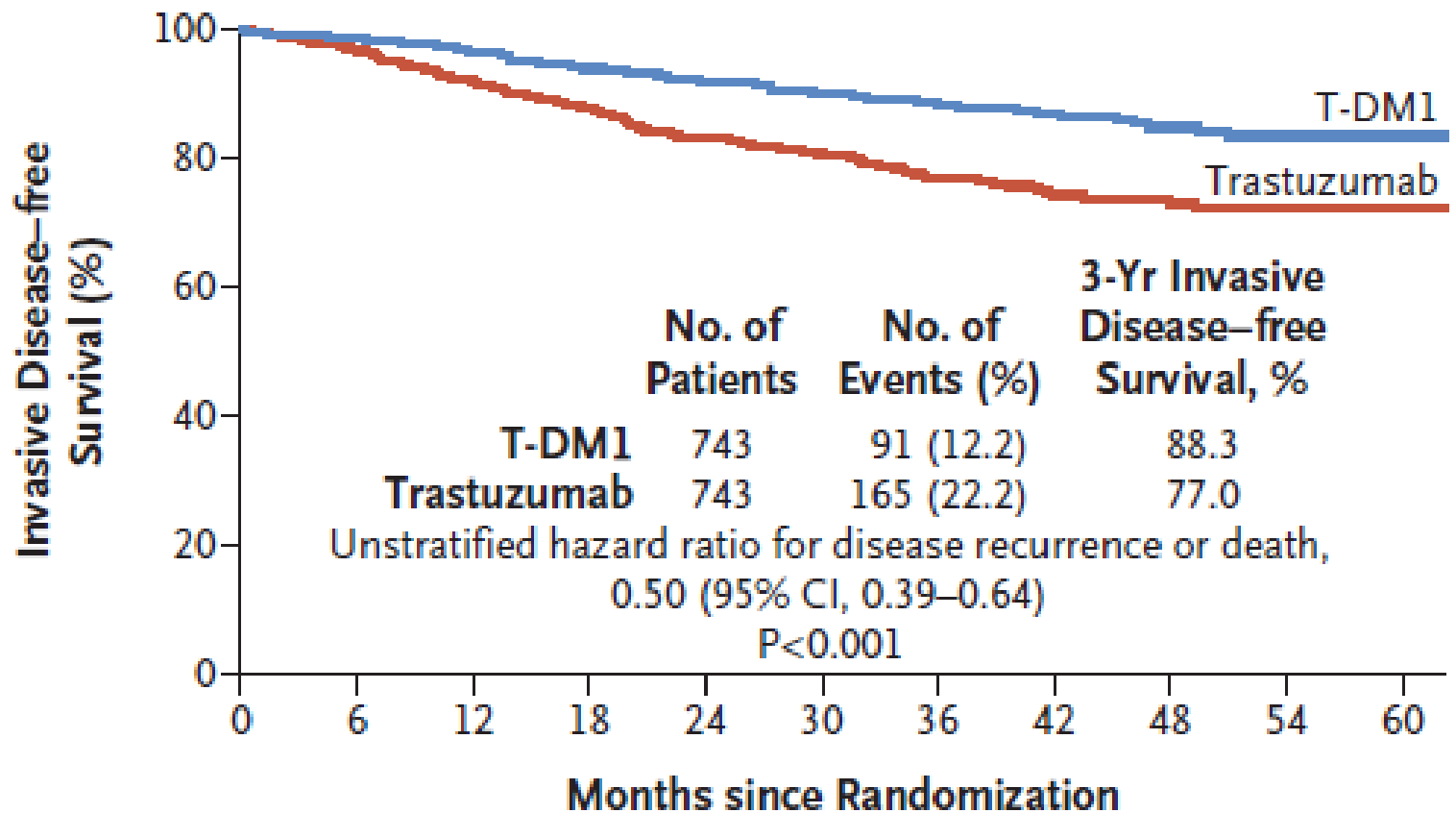
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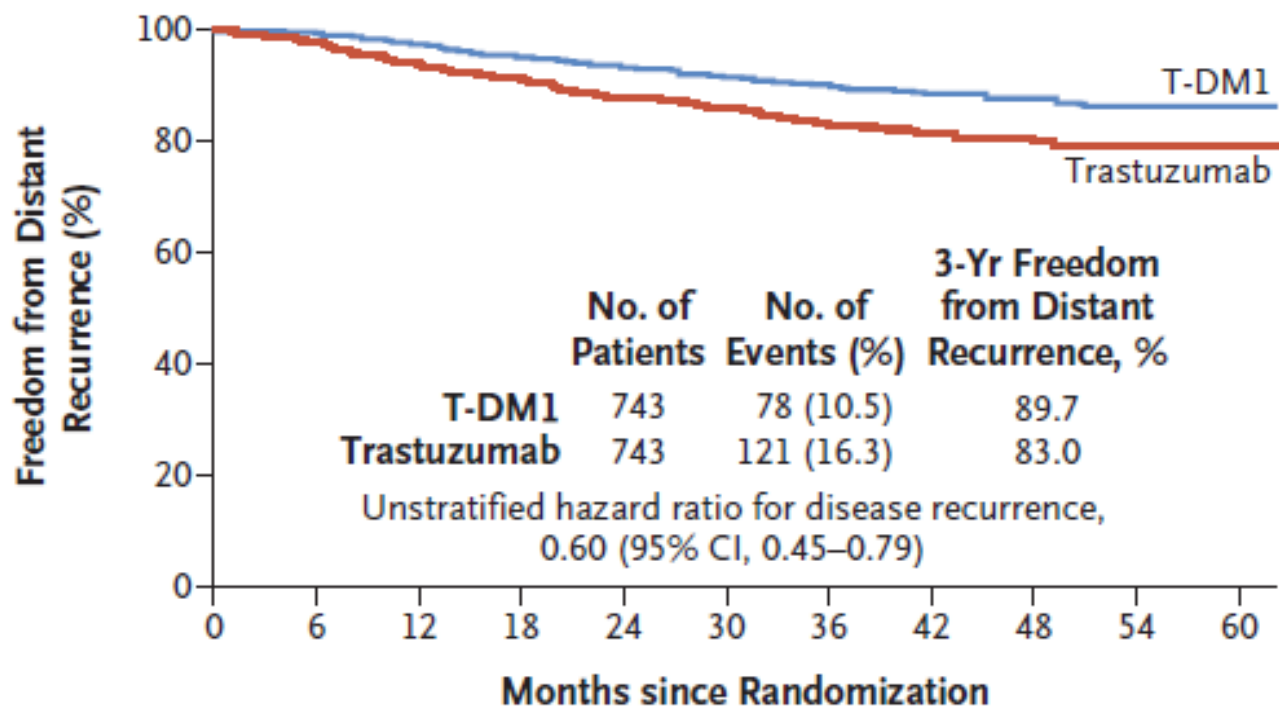
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**No. at Risk**

T-DM1	743	707	681	658	633	561	409	255	142	44	4
Trastuzumab	743	676	635	594	555	501	342	220	119	38	4

**B****No. at Risk**

T-DM1	743	707	682	661	636	564	412	254	143	45	4
Trastuzumab	743	679	643	609	577	520	359	233	126	41	4

**CONCLUSIONS**

Among patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer who had residual invasive disease after completion of neoadjuvant therapy, the risk of recurrence of invasive breast cancer or death was 50% lower with adjuvant T-DM1 than with trastuzumab alone. (Funded by F. Hoffmann–La Roche/Genentech; KATHERINE ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01772472.)

# IMpassion130: Efficacy in immune biomarker subgroups from the global, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase III study of atezolizumab + *nab*-paclitaxel in patients with treatment-naïve, locally advanced or metastatic triple-negative breast cancer

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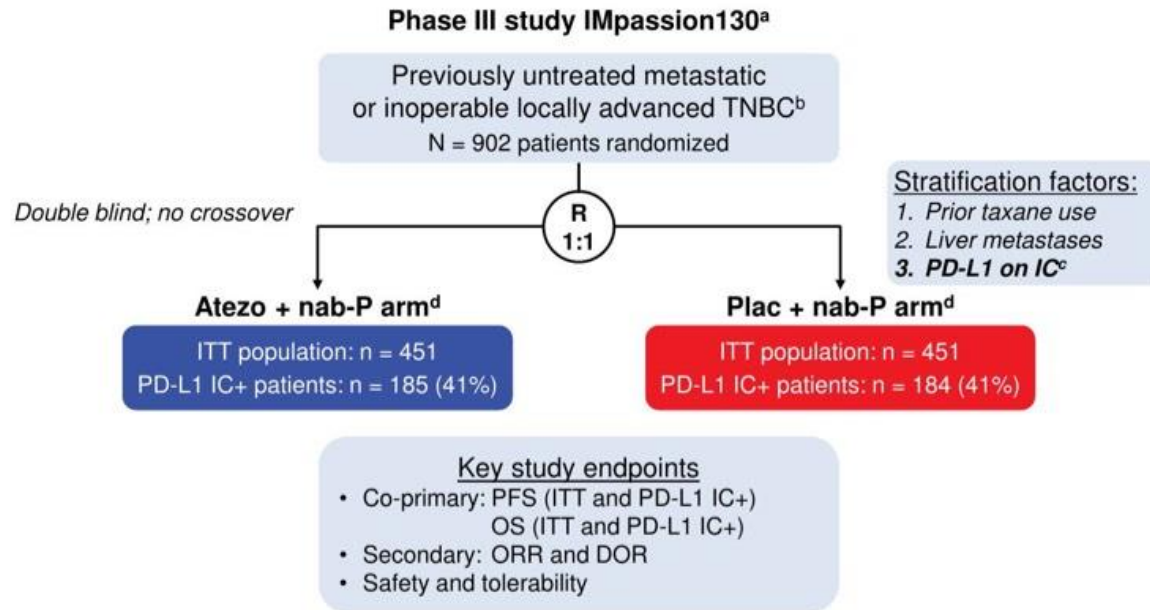
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# IMpassion130 study design: Prespecified analyses in the ITT and PD-L1 IC+ population



<sup>a</sup> NCT02425891. <sup>b</sup> Locally evaluated per ASCO-CAP guidelines. Prior chemotherapy in the curative setting, including taxanes, allowed if treatment-free interval  $\geq$  12 mo. <sup>c</sup> Centrally evaluated per VENTANA SP142 IHC assay (double blinded for PD-L1 status, PD-L1+: PD-L1 on  $\geq$  1% of IC). <sup>d</sup> Atezolizumab or placebo 840 mg IV on days 1 and 15 + nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8 and 15 of 28-day cycle until RECIST v1.1 PD. 1. Schmid *N Engl J Med* 2018.

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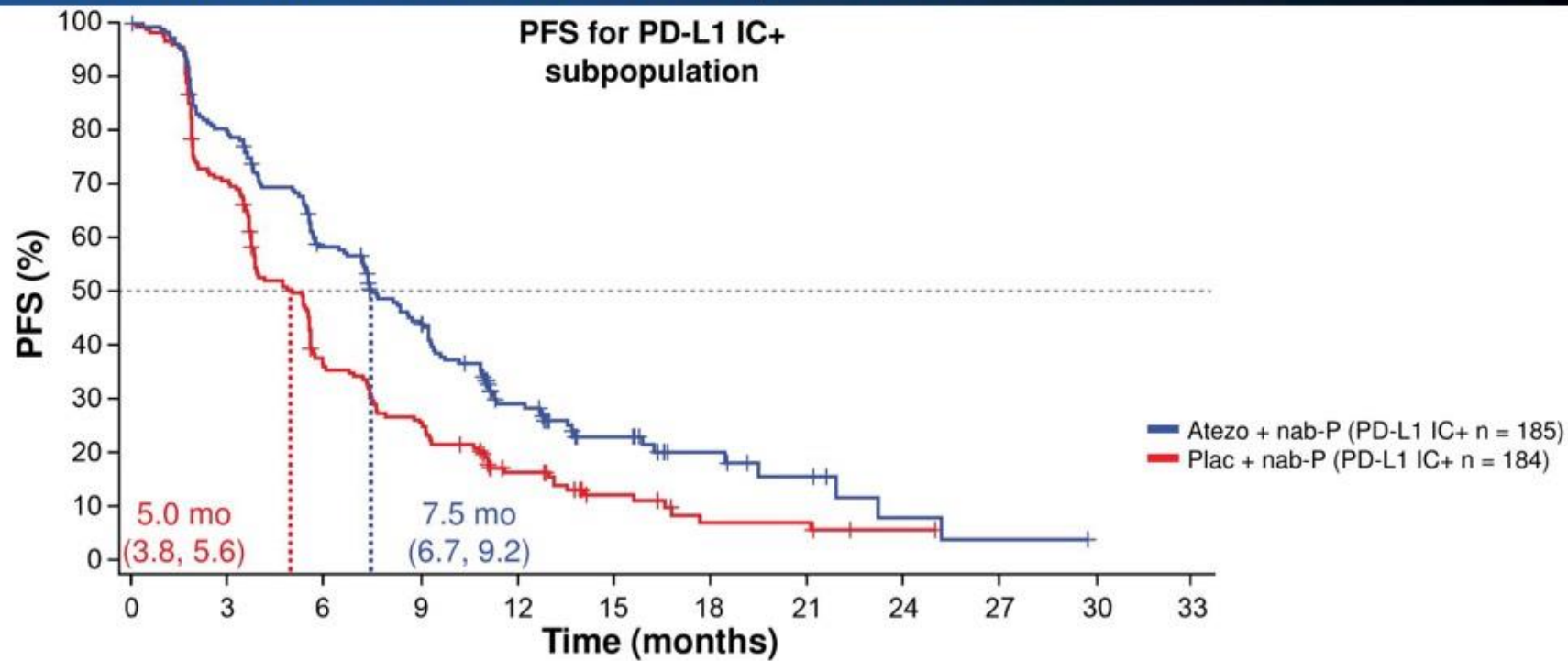
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Atezolizumab and Nab-Paclitaxel in Advanced Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

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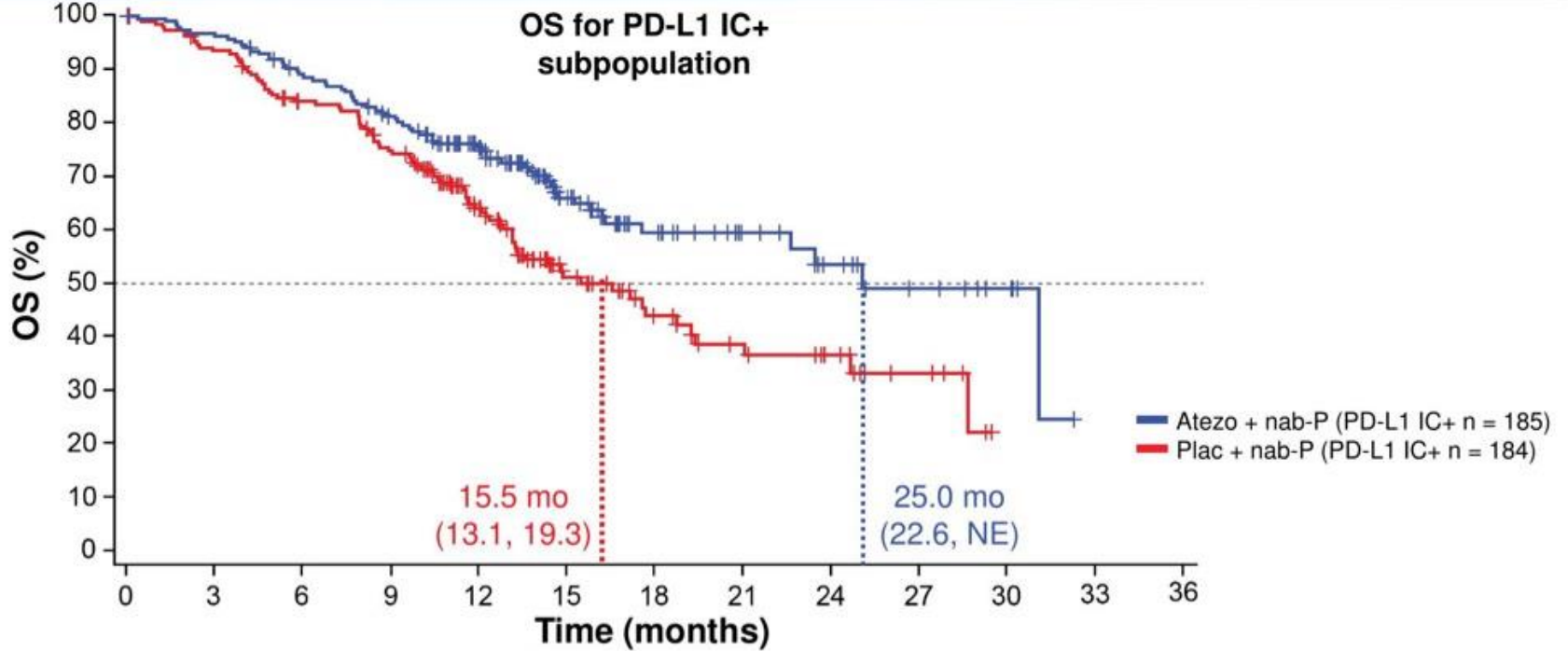
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- A trend toward association between PD-L1 IC positivity and poor prognosis was observed but was not statistically significant
- PD-L1 IC positivity was predictive of PFS and OS benefit with atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel

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# Overall Survival with Ribociclib plus Endocrine Therapy in Breast Cancer

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## ABSTRACT

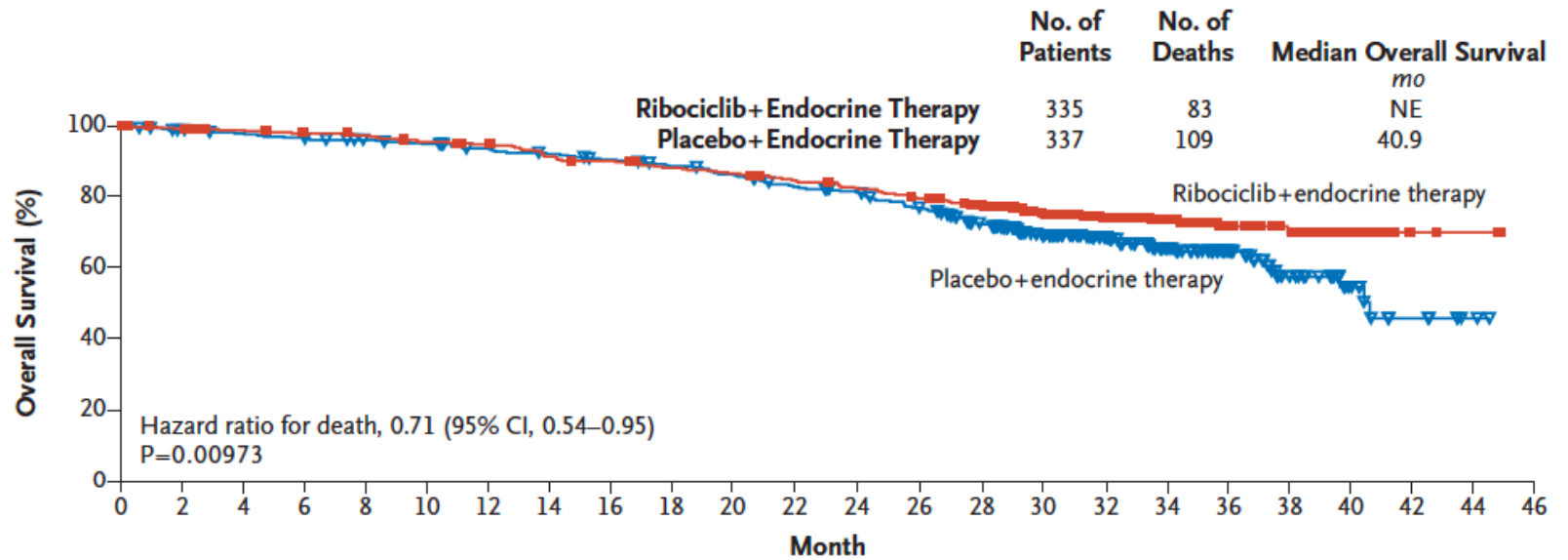
### BACKGROUND

An earlier analysis of this phase 3 trial showed that the addition of a cyclin-dependent kinase 4 and 6 (CDK4/6) inhibitor to endocrine therapy provided a greater benefit with regard to progression-free survival than endocrine therapy alone in premenopausal or perimenopausal patients with advanced hormone-receptor–positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)–negative breast cancer. Here

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**A All Patients**



**No. at Risk**

Ribociclib	335	330	325	320	316	309	304	292	287	279	274	266	258	249	236	193	155	110	68	43	25	7	3	0
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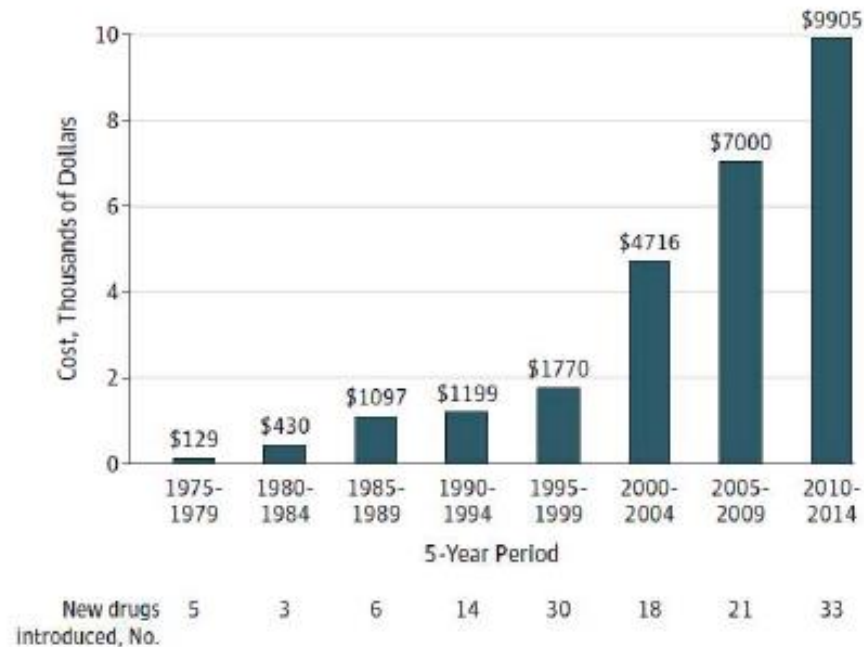
**These drugs  
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Figure. Cancer Drugs Hit Market at Ever-Higher Prices



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## Reporting and Grading Financial Toxicity

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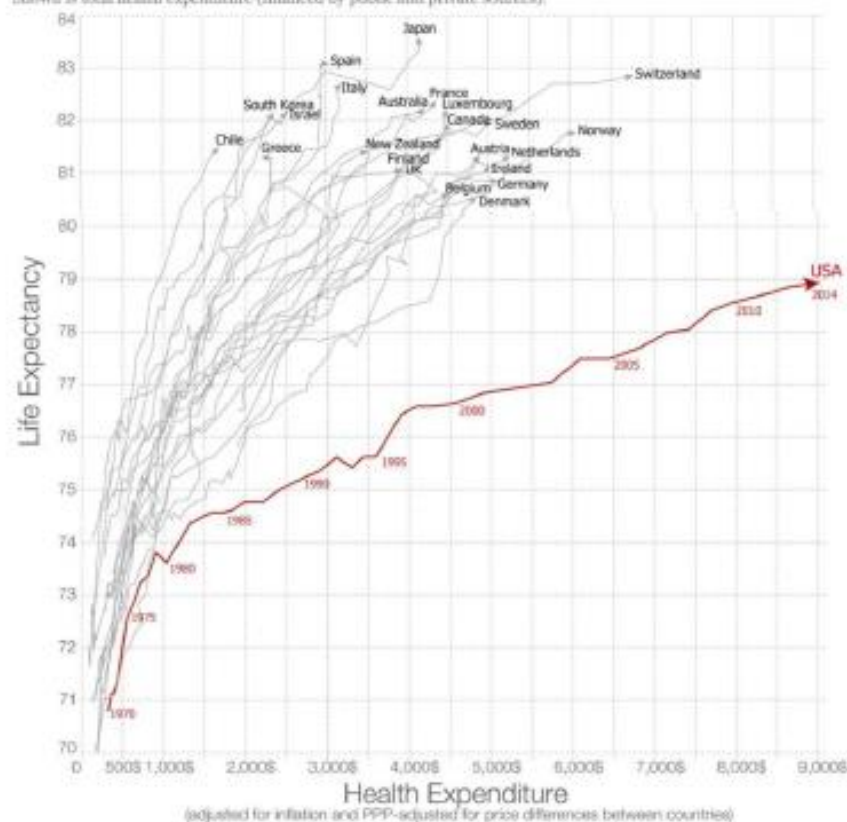
Her questions are difficult and thought provoking: “Will I have to sell my home? Should I declare bankruptcy? Do I need to stop spending money on food and utilities to be able to pay for medical care? Will I have to go to hospice when I am unable to pay any more? Does hospice charge very much?” These questions make me uncomfortable and aware of the fact that I am not really prepared to manage this adverse effect of cancer treatment.

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Life expectancy vs. health expenditure over time (1970-2014) 

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