

Overcoming Resistance in ER-Positive Disease

Targeting intrinsic subtypes of metastatic breast cancer:
The spectrum of sensitivity to endocrine therapy

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Case Presentation

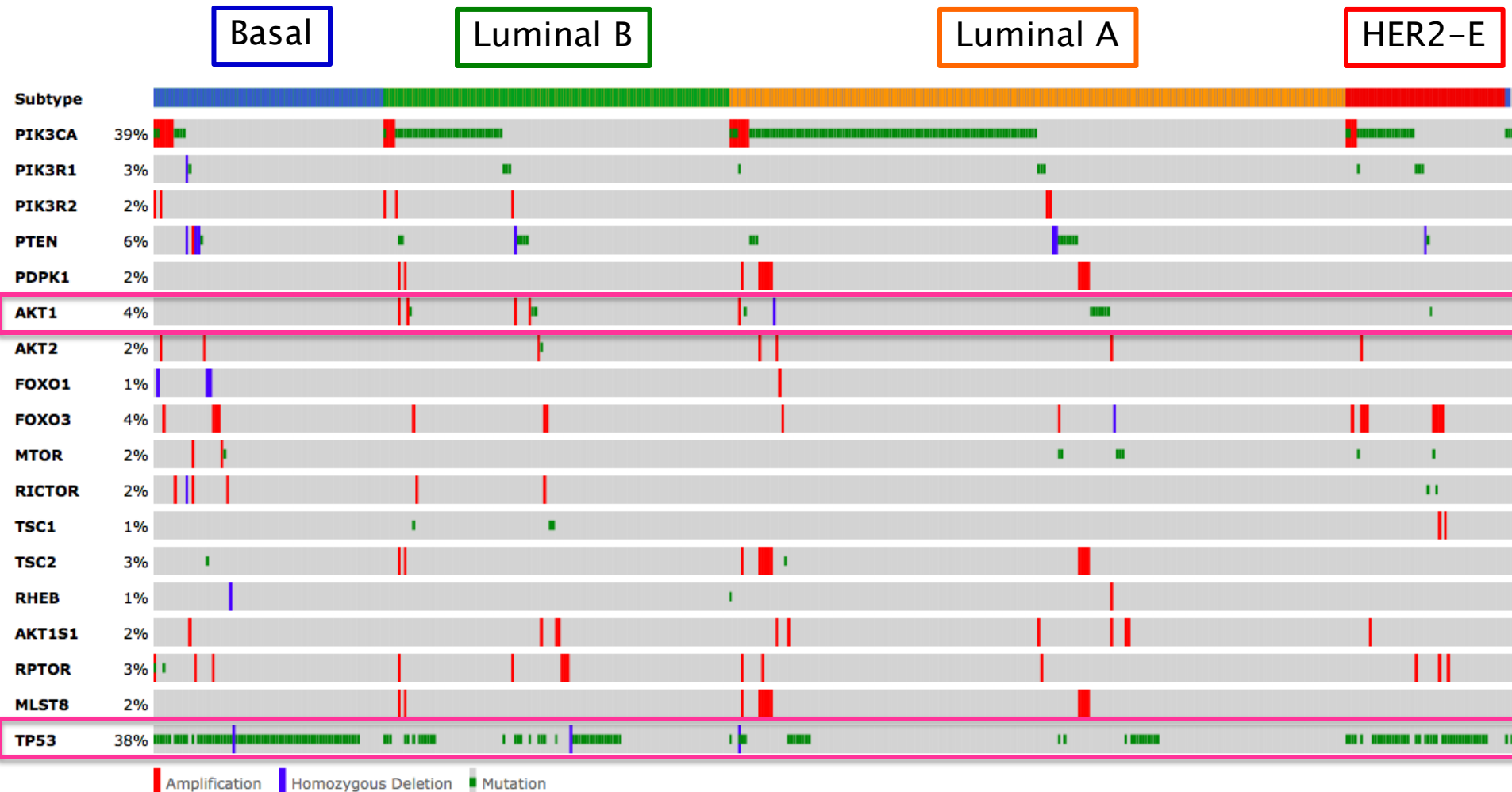
- 54F initially perimenopausal L 5.2cm, grade 2, ductal, 1 / 14 LNs, ER 90%, PR 10%, HER2-negative
- Treated with MRM, ALND, adjuvant FEC-D, locoregional RT, tamoxifen and NCIC CTG MA.32 (metformin vs placebo)
- 2y after diagnosis presents with R pelvic bone pain, bone scan shows widespread lytic metastases, CT mediastinal lymphadenopathy and liver metastases

Case Presentation

- Amenorrhea for 2+ years. ECOG PS 1. Started on letrozole and denusomab after palliative radiation to R ischium (20Gy/5F)
- Disease progression after 2 months with bilateral pleural effusions and increased size of liver metastases
- Liver biopsy = metastatic breast carcinoma
 - ER90%, PR10%, HER2–negative (FISH)
 - Targeted DNA sequencing (MiSeq – 48 genes)
 - *AKT1* (E17K) mutation
 - *TP53* (R306X) mutation

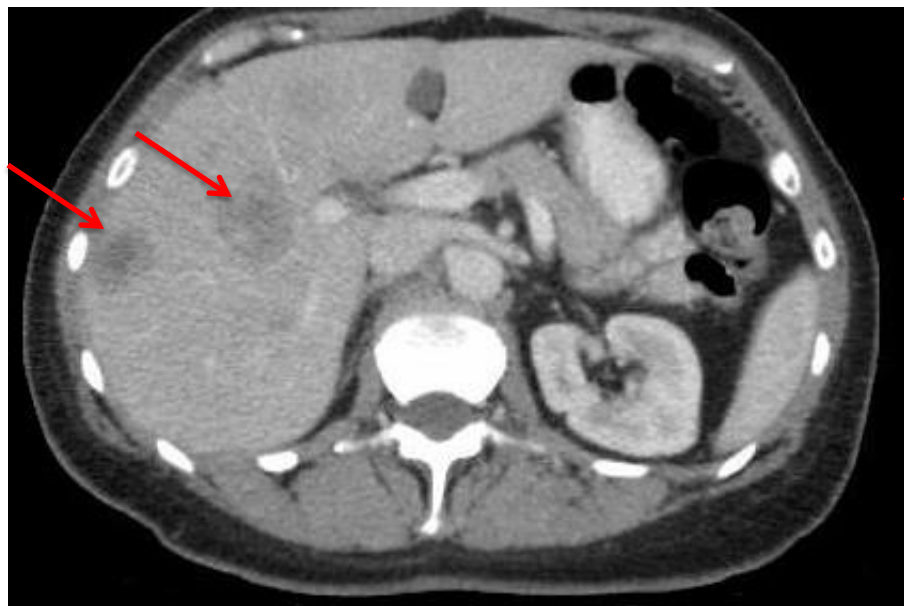
Hansen AR et al ESMO 2014 (Poster 1612P)

PI3K Pathway & TP53 Alterations – TCGA

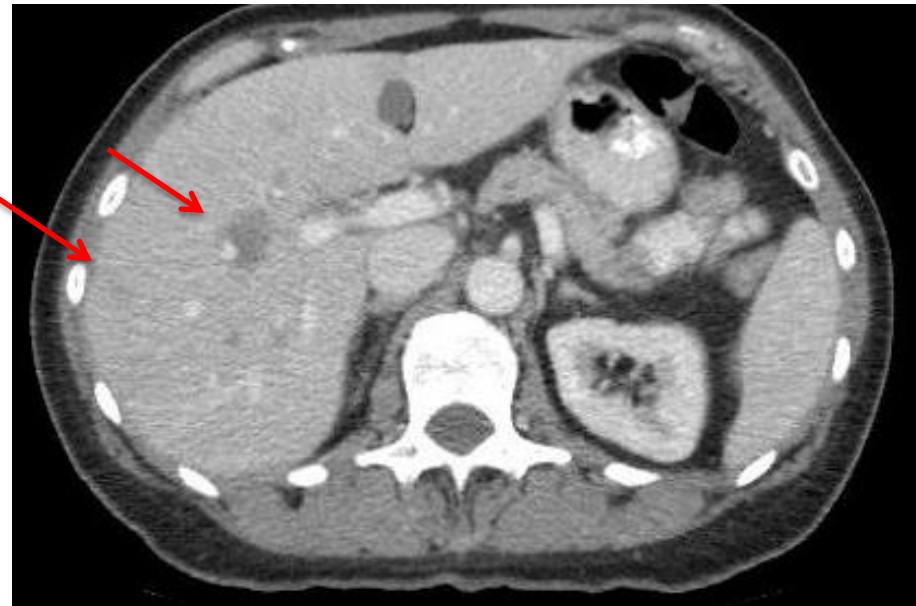


Case Presentation

- **Exemestane and Everolimus**
 - Reduction of liver metastases and pleural effusion
 - Improvement in disease-related symptoms
 - Grade 1 macular papular rash, grade 1 diarrhea, and grade 1 fatigue
 - Minor reduction in target lesions



April 2013



June 2013

BOLERO-2 Trial Design

BOLERO-2

N = 724

- Postmenopausal women
- Advanced Breast Cancer
- NSAI-refractory disease
 - Recurrence during/within 12 mo of adjuvant treatment or
 - Progression during/within 1 mo of treatment for advanced disease

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2:1

Everolimus 10 mg PO daily
+
Exemestane 25 mg PO daily

n = 485

Placebo 10 mg PO daily
+
Exemestane 25 mg PO daily

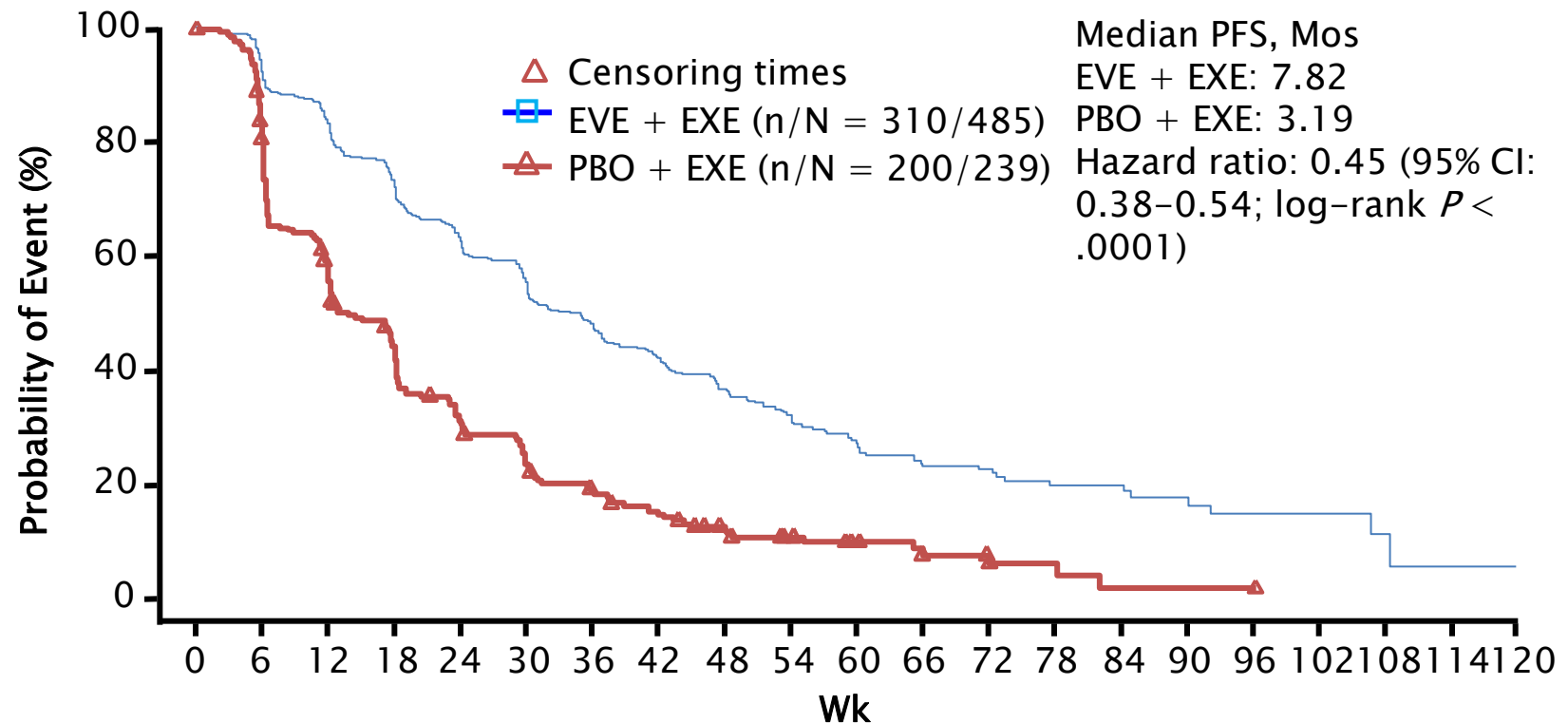
n = 239

- **Primary Endpoint:**
PFS by local assessment

• Key Baseline Characteristics

Median age, years	62
Race, %	
Caucasian	75
Asian	20
Visceral involvement, %	56
Bone metastases, %	77

BOLERO-2 Trial: Progression Free Survival at 18 months F/U



Patients at Risk, n

EVE + EXE	485	436	366	304	257	221	185	158	124	91	66	50	35	24	22	13	10	8	2	1	0
PBO + EXE	239	190	132	96	67	50	39	30	21	15	10	8	5	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

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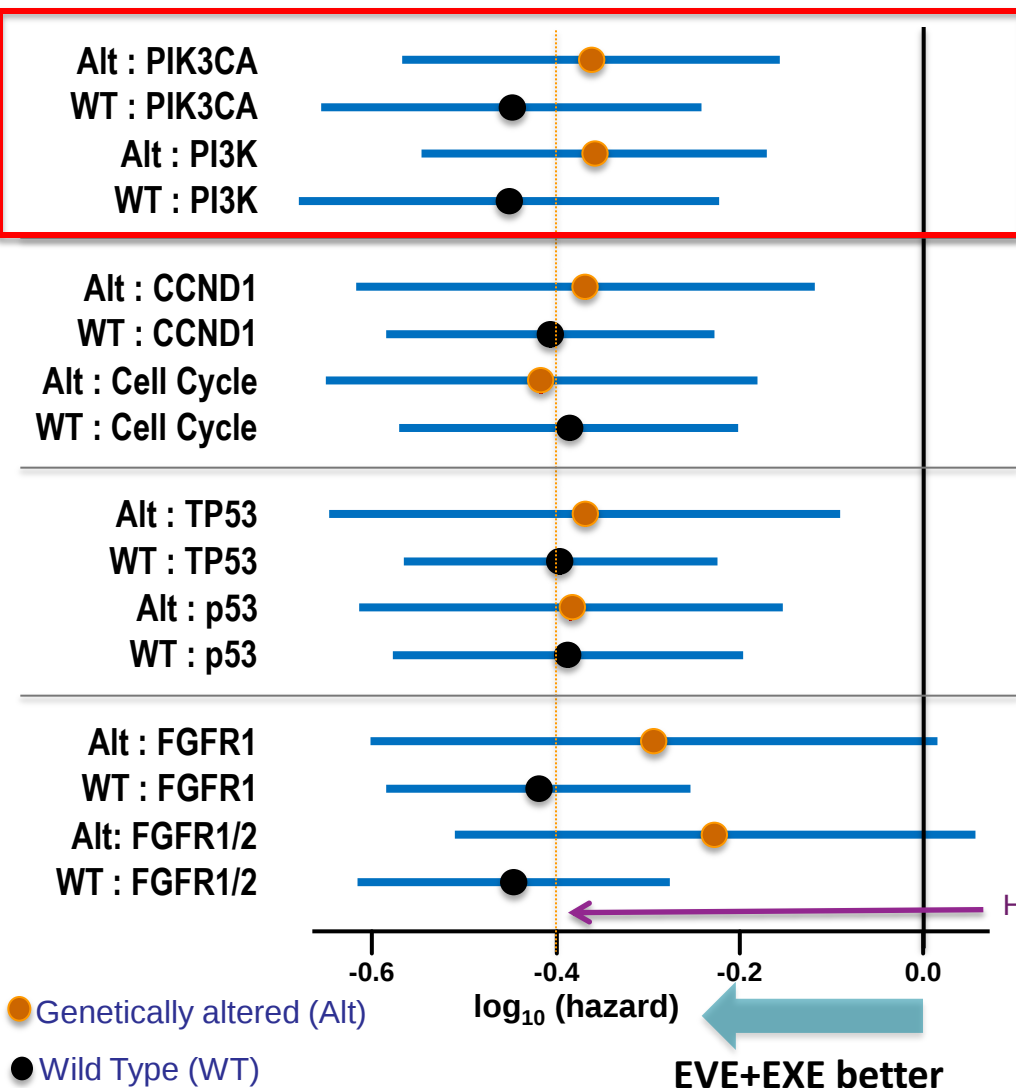
BOLERO-2 Trial:

Adverse Events at 18 months F/U

Adverse Event, %	Everolimus + Exemestane (n = 482)			Placebo + Exemestane (n = 238)		
	Grade			Grade		
	All	3	4	All	3	4
Total	100	44	9	91	23	5
Stomatitis	59	8	0	12	< 1	0
Rash	39	1	0	7	0	0
Fatigue	37	4	< 1	27	1	0
Diarrhea	34	2	< 1	19	< 1	0
Nausea	31	< 1	< 1	29	1	0
Appetite decreased	31	1	0	13	1	0
Noninfectious pneumonitis	16	3	0	0	0	0
Hyperglycemia	14	5	< 1	2	< 1	0

Impact on Treatment by Genetic Status

The Most Frequently Altered Single Genes and Pathways



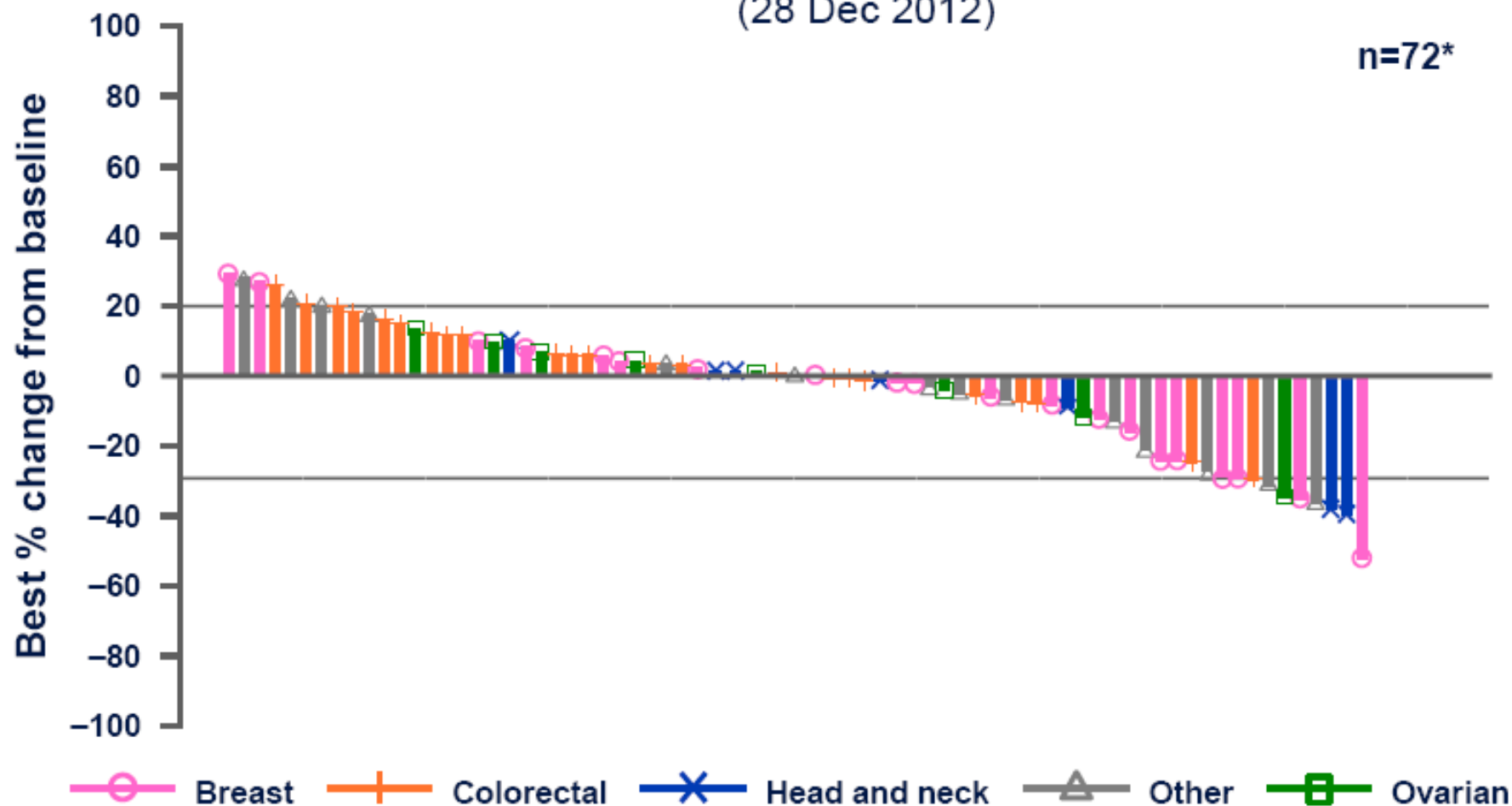
Positive treatment effect in favor of everolimus across the various genetic marker subgroups

Pathway composition

- **PI3K:** PIK3CA, PTEN, AKT (**PIK3CA** Alt: 47.6%, total alteration: 55.5%)
- **Cell Cycle:** CCND1, CDK4, CDK6, CDKN2A, CDKN2B, (**CCND1** Alt: 31.3%, total alteration: 35.7%)
- **p53:** TP53, MDM2, MDM4 (**TP53** Alt: 23.3%, total alteration: 36.1%)
- **FGFR1/2:** FGFR1, FGFR2 (**FGFR1** Alt: 18.1%, total alteration: 21.1%)

Preliminary clinical activity of BYL719 (by cancer type)

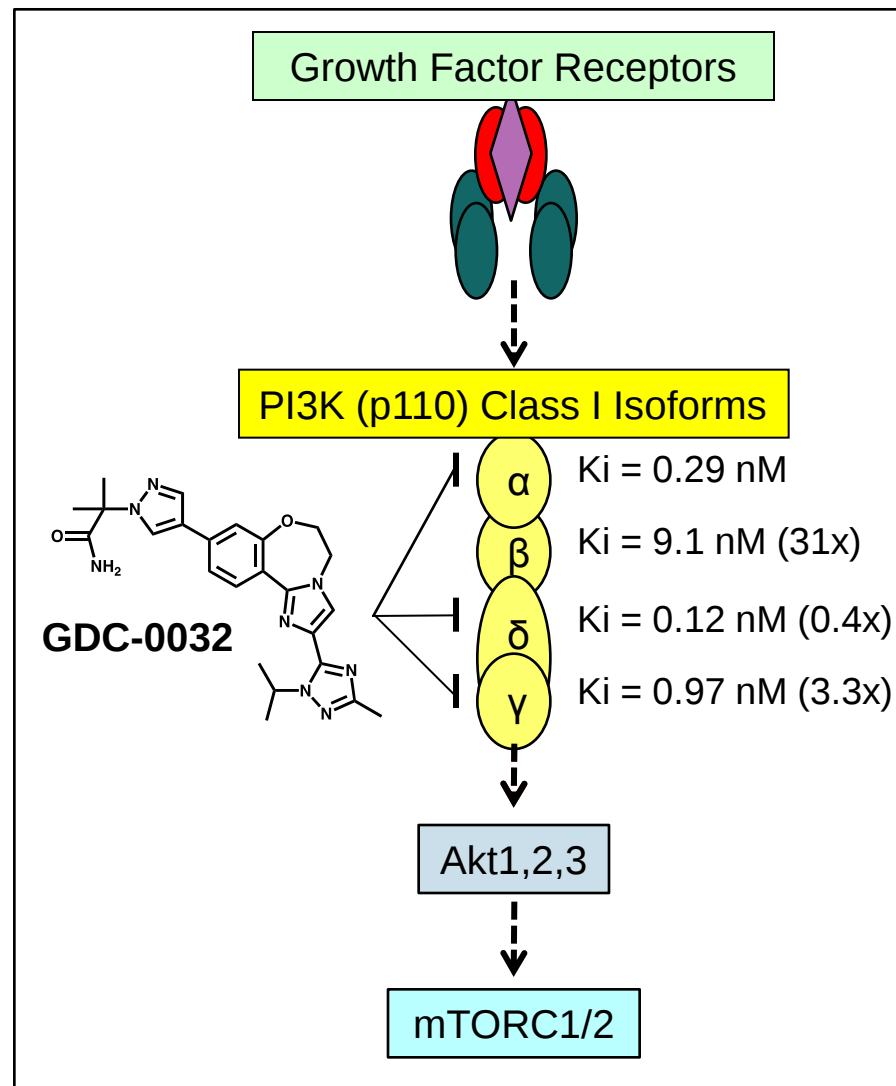
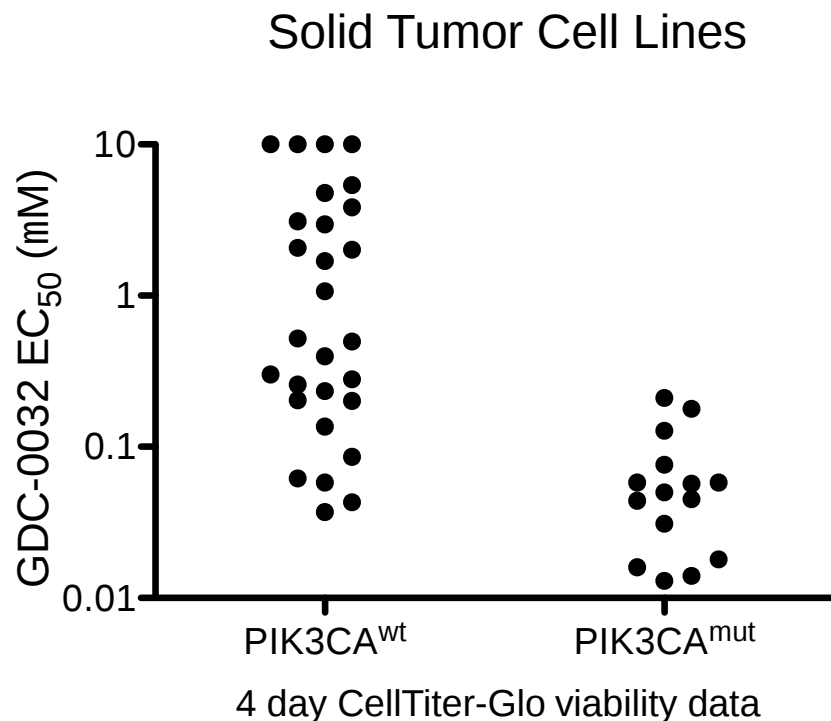
Best percentage change from baseline in sum of longest diameters
(28 Dec 2012)



*Patients with missing best percentage from baseline and unknown best overall response are not included.

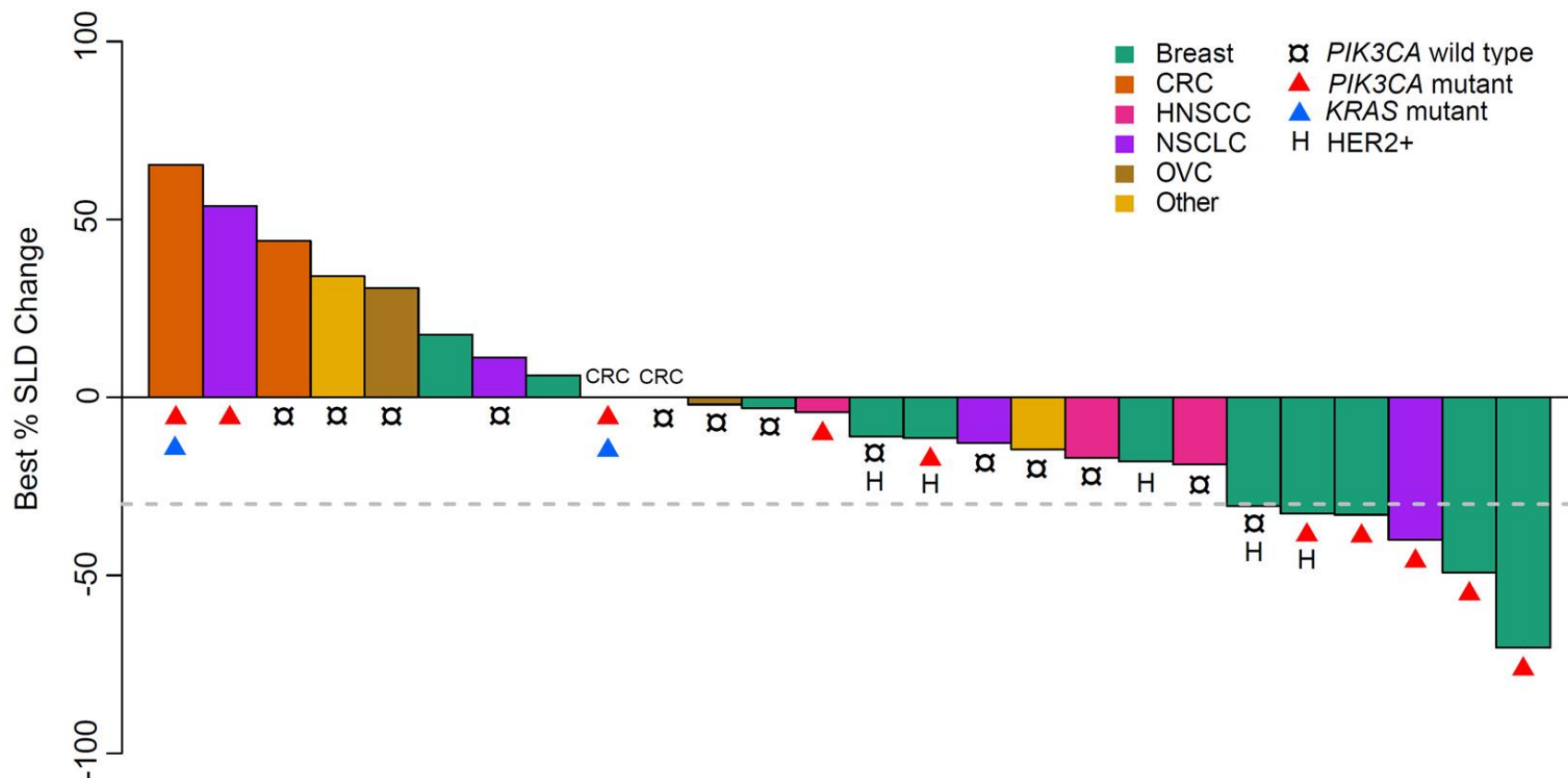
GDC-0032 is a PI3K inhibitor that spares the p110 beta isoform

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Preliminary efficacy in GDC-0032 Phase I study

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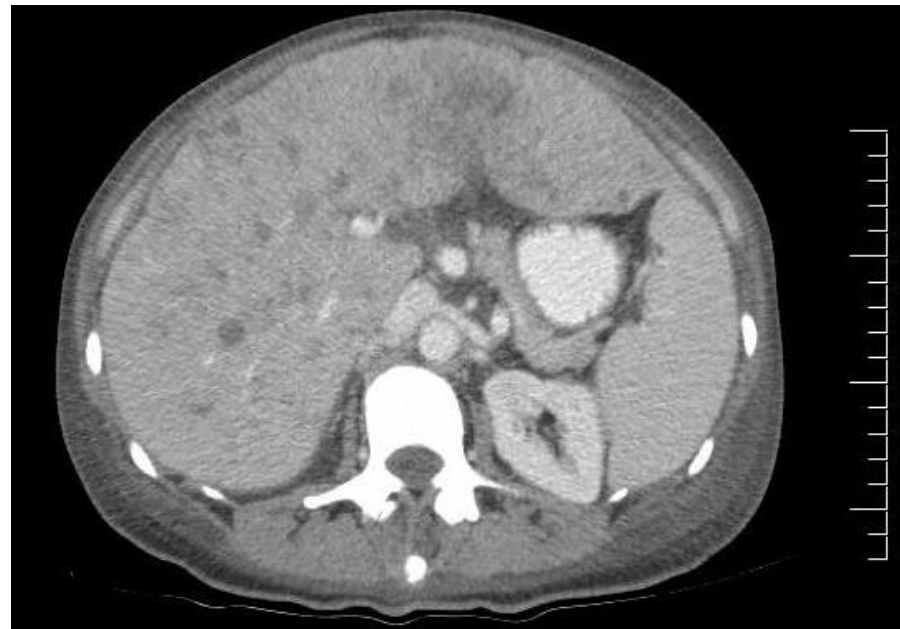
- Promising preliminary clinical activity in *PIK3CA* mutant cancers, especially breast cancer.
- *PIK3CA* mutant solid tumors: 5 cPR (at 3-12 mg QD) and 4 SD out of 12 pts
- *PIK3CA* mutant breast cancer: 4 cPR (RECIST -30 to -70%) and 2 SD out of 6 pts

Case Presentation

- Progressed after 8 months on Everolimus and Exemestane with extensive liver disease
- Brief response to capecitabine for four months
- Rapid progression with fulminant liver failure and death



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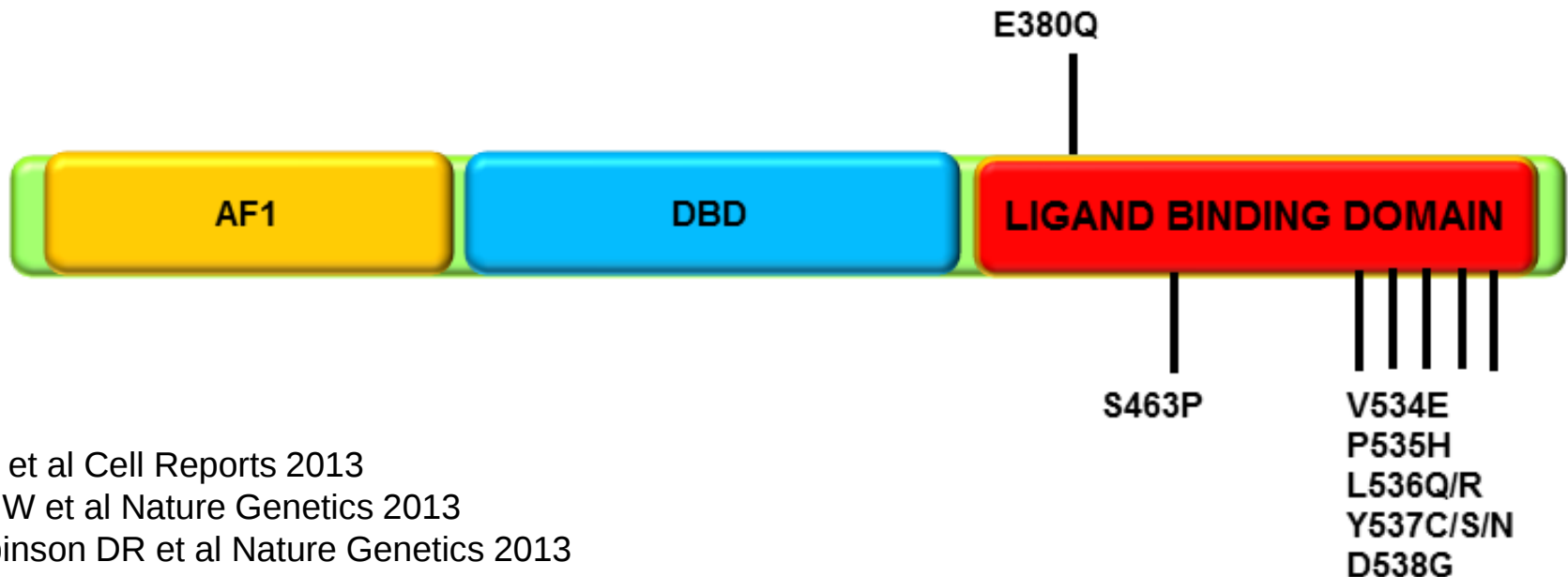
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Other Potential “Druggable” Targets for Endocrine Resistance

- *ESR1* mutation
- Cyclin/CDK/Rb
- FGF–FGFR signalling
- *ERBB2* mutation

ESR1 Mutations

- Identified in metastatic ER+ breast cancers after anti-estrogen treatment
- Rare in primary tumors
- Produce ligand-independent activation of ER
- May be suppressed by higher doses fulvestrant than can be achieved in the clinic

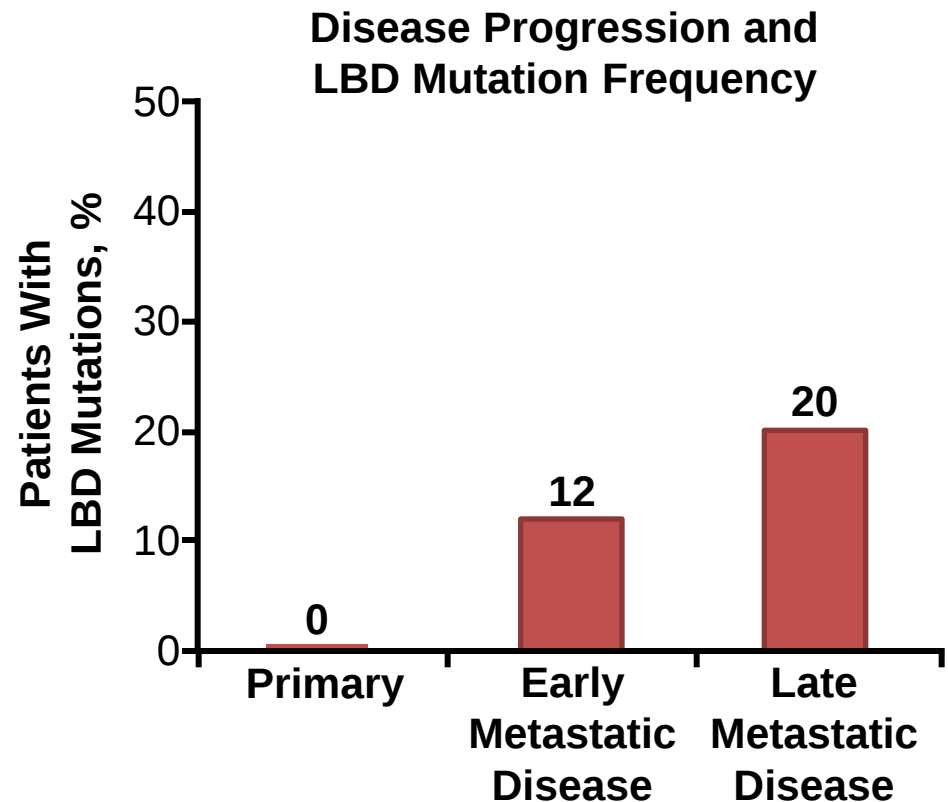
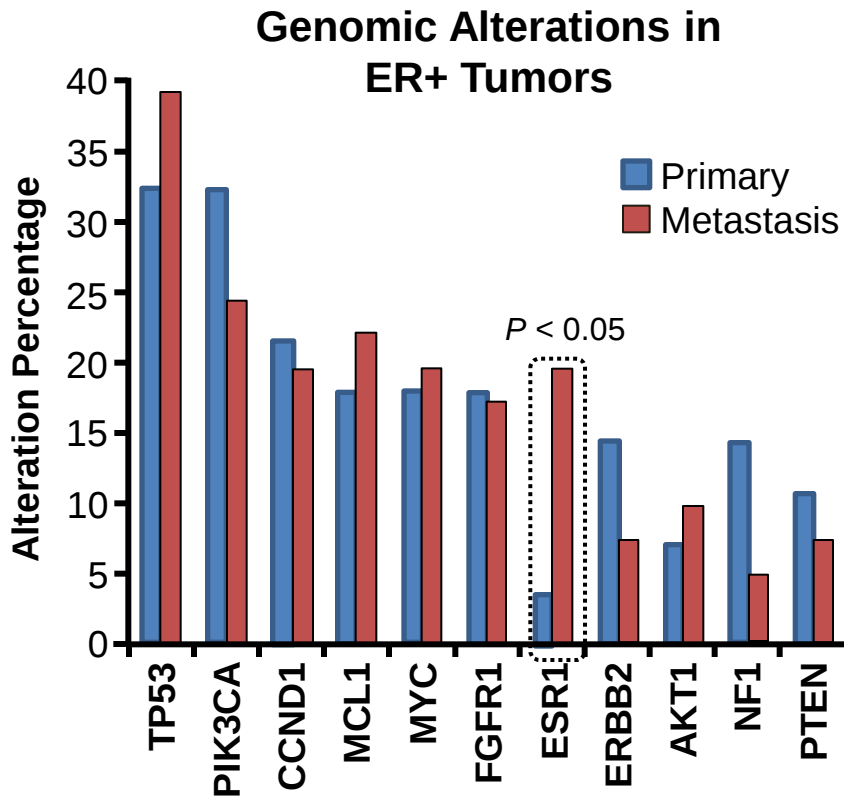


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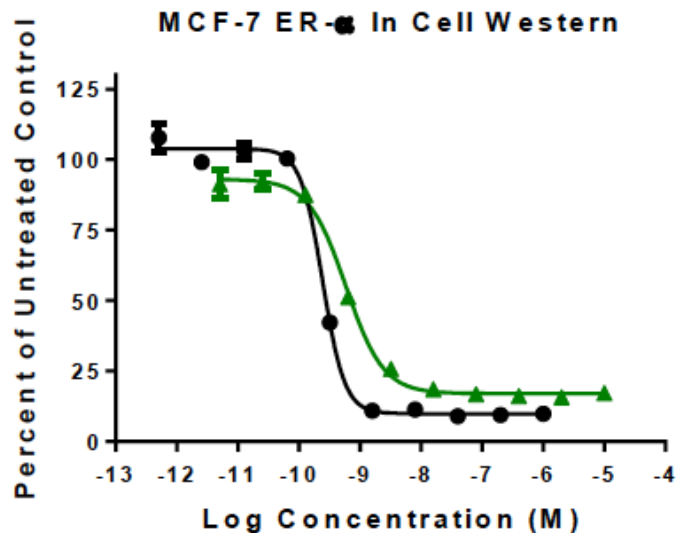
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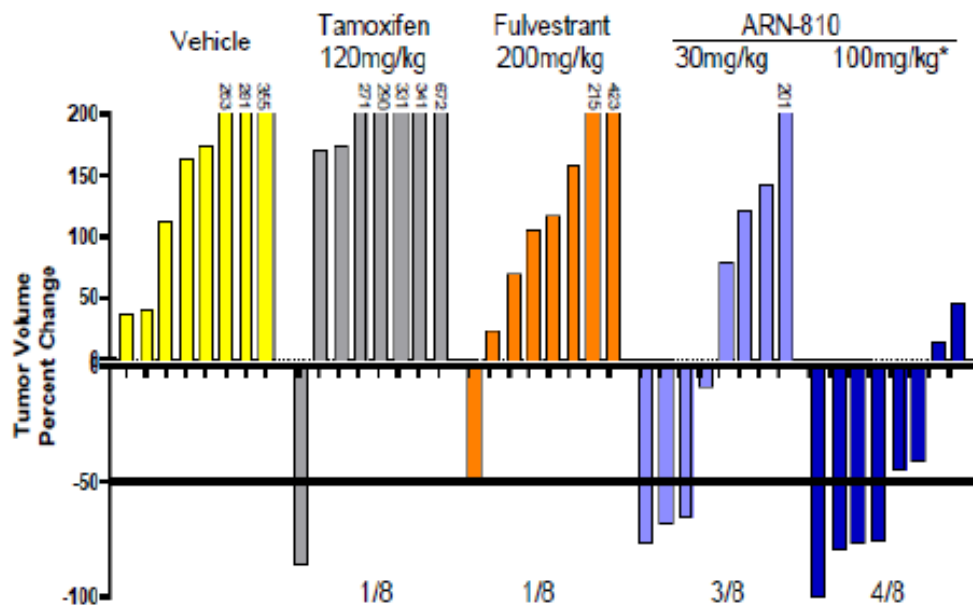
ESR1 mutations are enriched in metastatic ER+ breast cancer



ARN-810: Orally Bioavailable Selective Estrogen Receptor Down-Regulator (SERD)

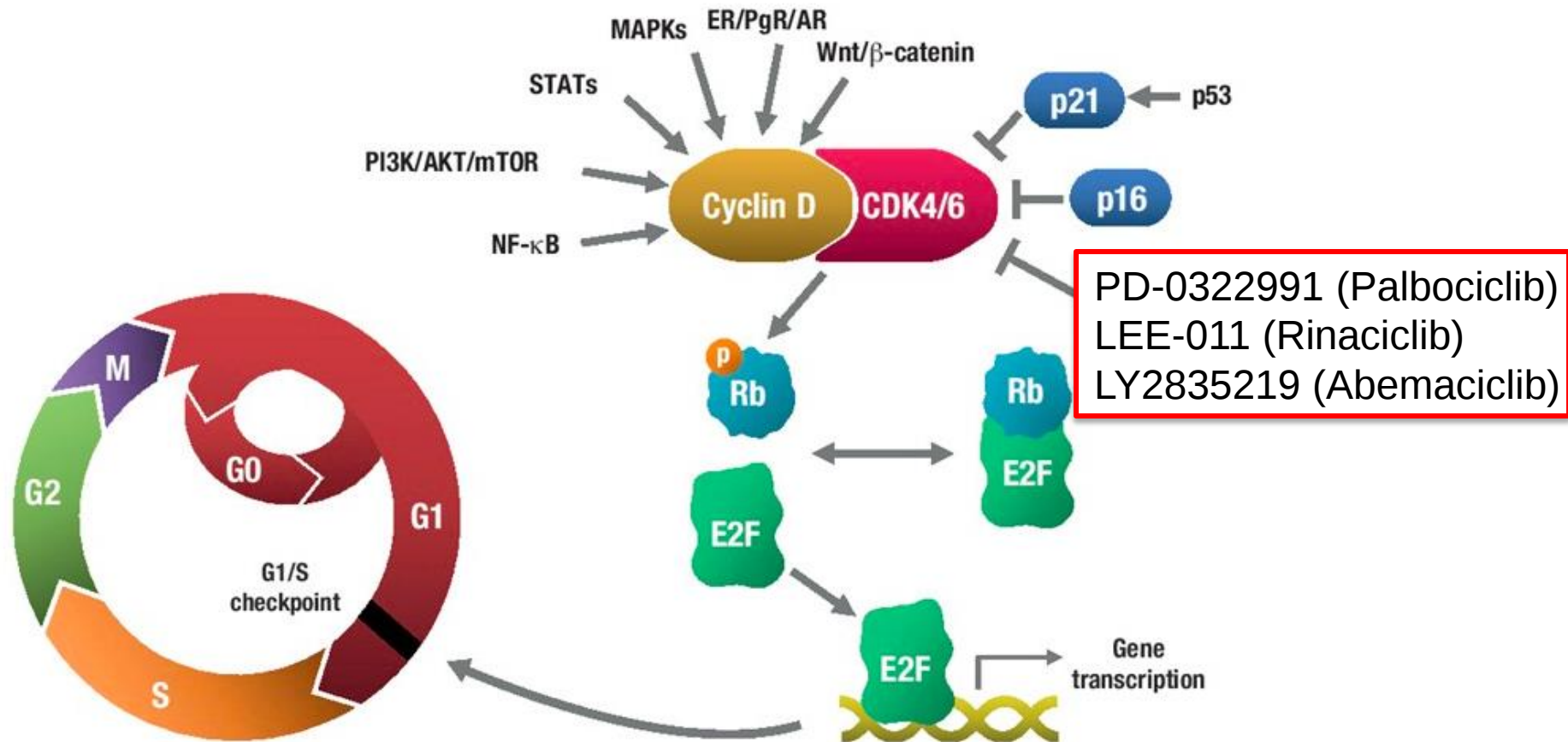


ARN-810: $IC_{50} = 0.6 \text{ nM}$

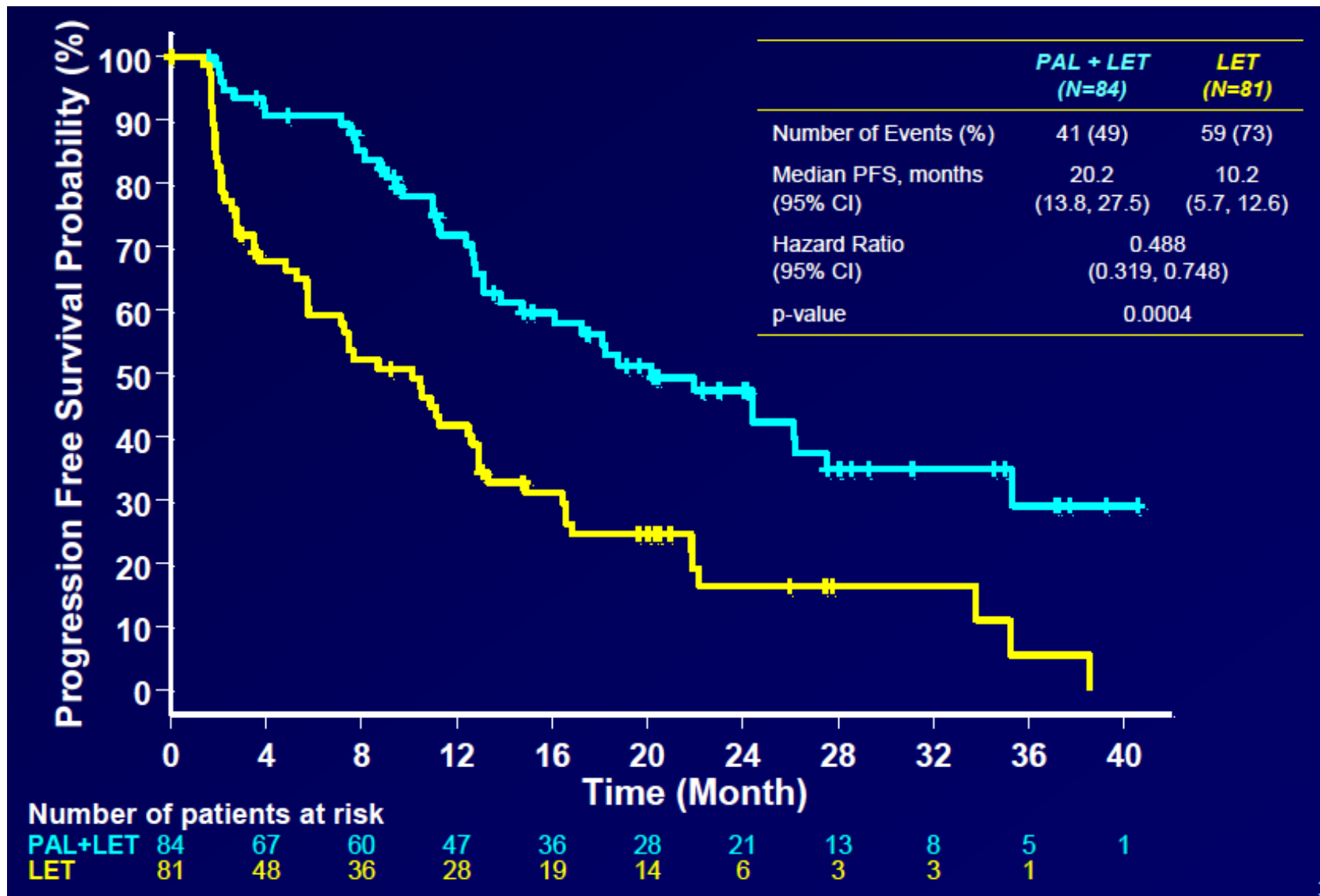


ARN-810 exhibits anti-tumor activity in a tamoxifen-resistant MCF-7 model

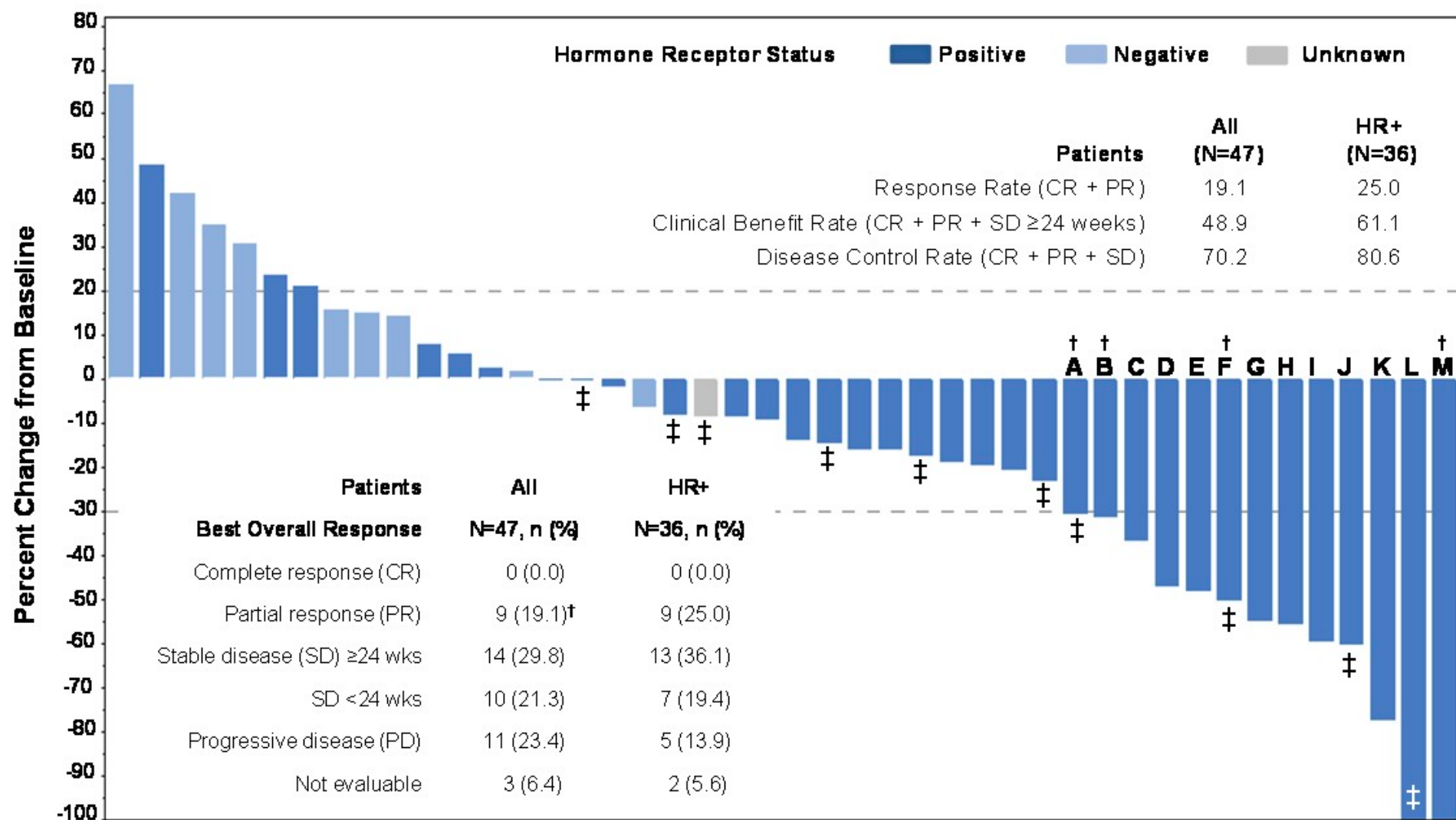
Cyclin/CDK/Rb: Key Pathway in Cell Cycle Progression



PALOMA-1: Progression Free Survival



LY2835219 (Abemaciclib): Waterfall Plot Phase I Trial (Breast Cancer Patients)



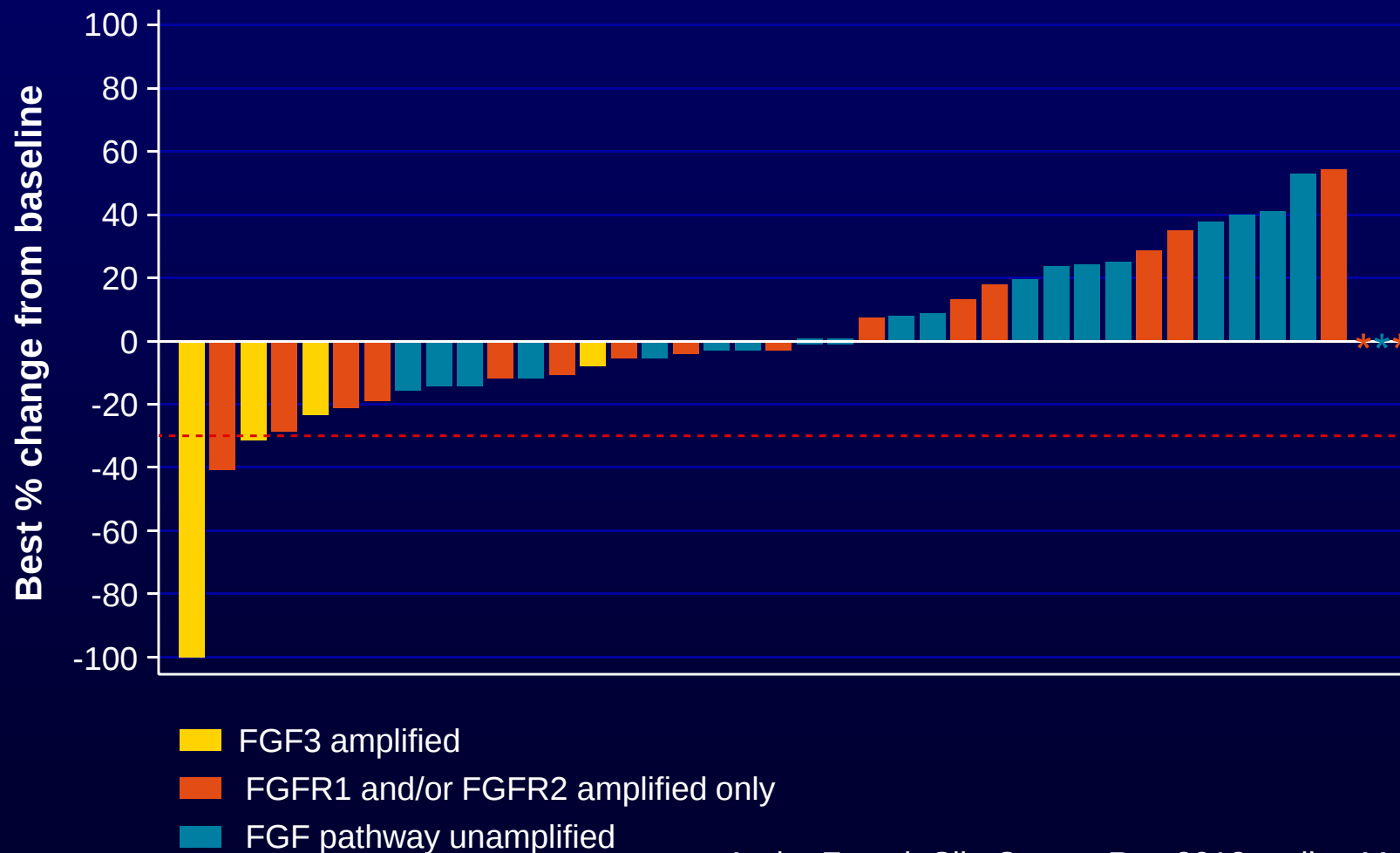
† 4 additional patients with unconfirmed PR were classified as stable disease and are not included in calculation of response rate

‡ Patient progressing on endocrine therapy before study entry and continued on that specific therapy

Fibroblast Growth Factor (FGF) Pathway Alterations in ER+ Breast Cancer: TCGA

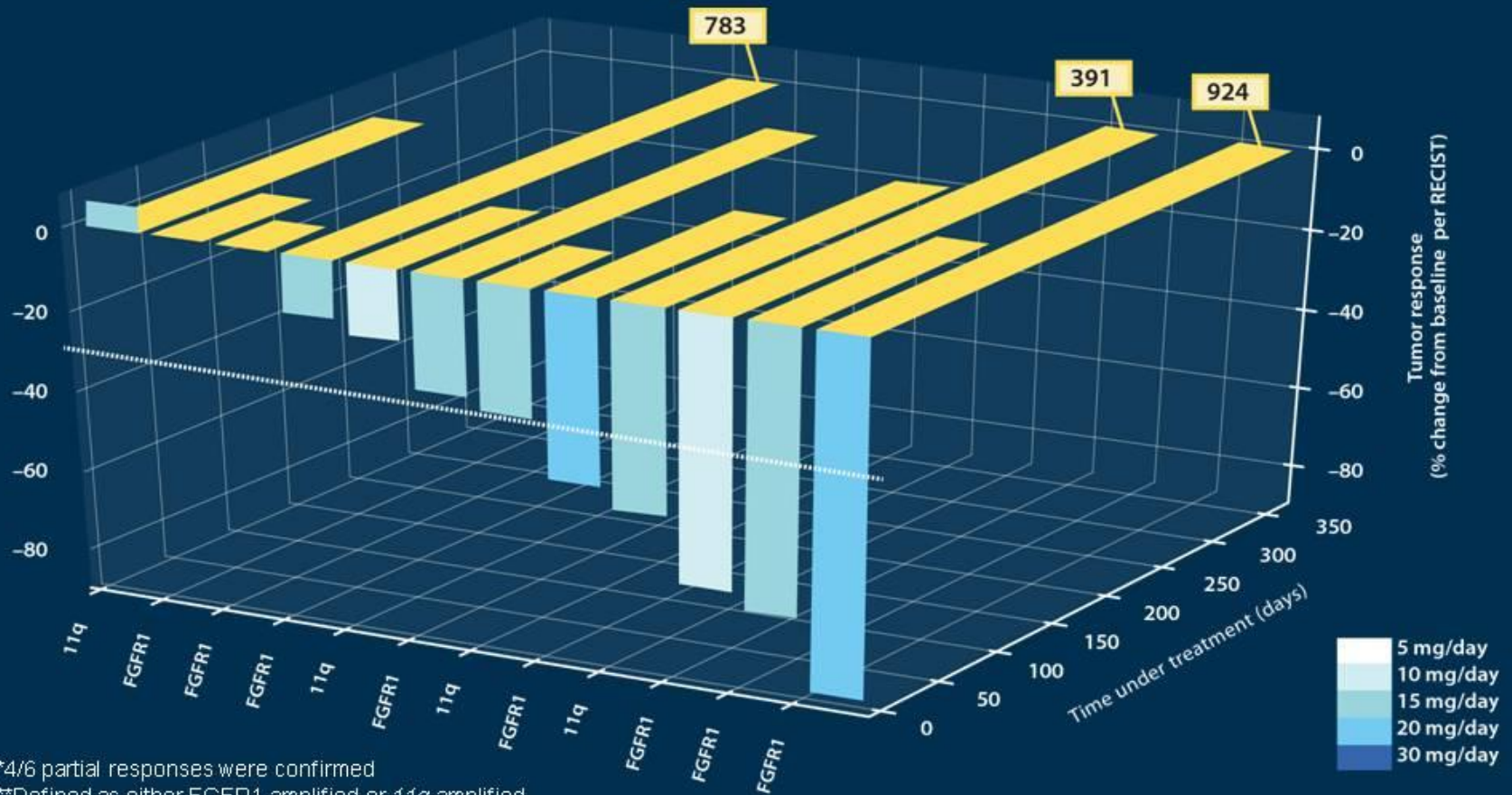
Alteration	Luminal A	Luminal B	Targeted Drugs
FGF pathway			
FGFR1 amplification	10%	16%	Dovitinib Lucitanib BGJ398 AZD4547 JNJ-42756493
FGFR2 amplification	4%	8%	
FGF3 amplification	12%	28%	

Dovitinib Activity in HR+ Patients With Known Measurable Disease and FGF Status



Lucitanib has 50% PR rate* in FGF-amplified breast cancer patients

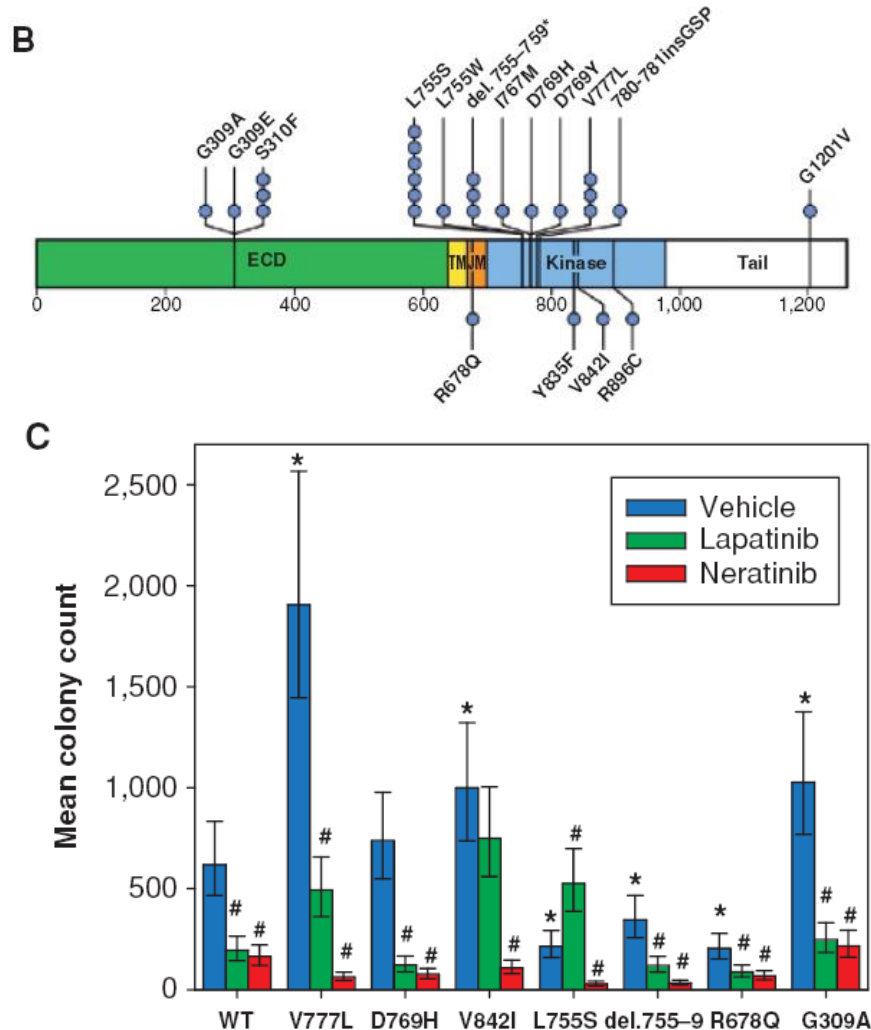
Best response for target lesions in patients receiving continuous dosing with FGF+ breast cancer



*4/6 partial responses were confirmed

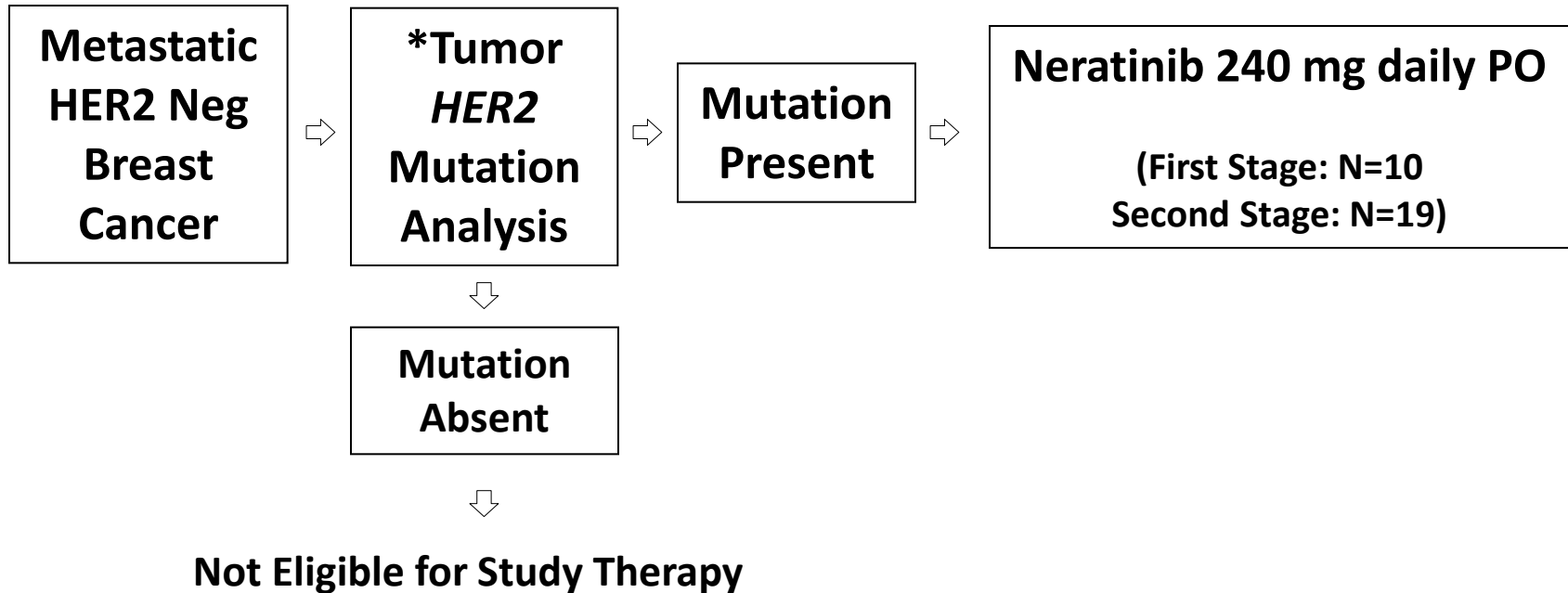
**Defined as either FGFR1 amplified or 11q amplified

ERBB2 Mutation as an Oncogenic Driver in HER2 non amplified ER+ Breast Cancers



- ERBB2 mutation 1.6% of non-HER2 amplified breast cancers
- More common in lobular
 - Co-mutation with *CDH1* (E-cadherin) (6/27)
- May be enriched in metastatic breast
- Cell lines resistant to reversible HER2 TKI, sensitive to irreversible HER2 TKI

Washington University Phase II Trial



***Centrally tested at WU@GPS**

Primary Objective: Clinical Benefit Rate (CR+PR+SD $\geq$ 6mos)

Summary

- **Everolimus/Exemestane is an option for AI-resistant disease**
 - Patient selection & monitoring is important
- **Targeting PI3K, ESR1, CDK4/6, FGFR, and ERBB2 are being actively investigated to overcome endocrine resistance**
- **New drug development will be increasingly focussed on subpopulations of ER+ breast cancer**