

# Endocrine Therapy for Metastatic Breast Cancer



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ABLE CASES OF CARCINOMA OF THE MAMMA. [JULY 11, 1896.

ON THE TREATMENT OF INOPERABLE  
CASES OF CARCINOMA OF THE MAMMA:  
SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW METHOD  
OF TREATMENT, WITH ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.<sup>1</sup>

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Sir George Beatson  
1848 - 1933

I HAVE no doubt it has fallen to the lot of nearly every medical man to have been consulted from time to time by patients suffering from carcinoma so widely spread or so situated that it has been quite apparent that nothing in the way of operative measures could be recommended. Such



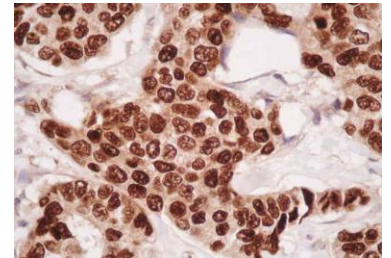
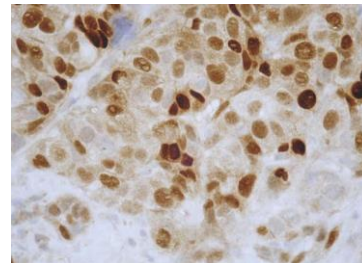
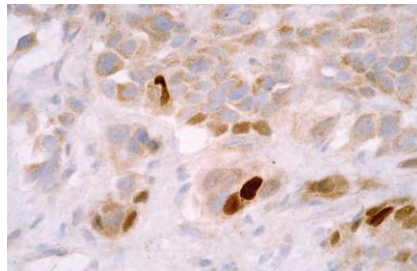
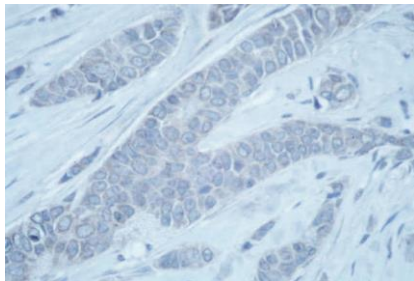
# Oestrogen Receptor (ER)

## Jensen and Jacobsen (1962)

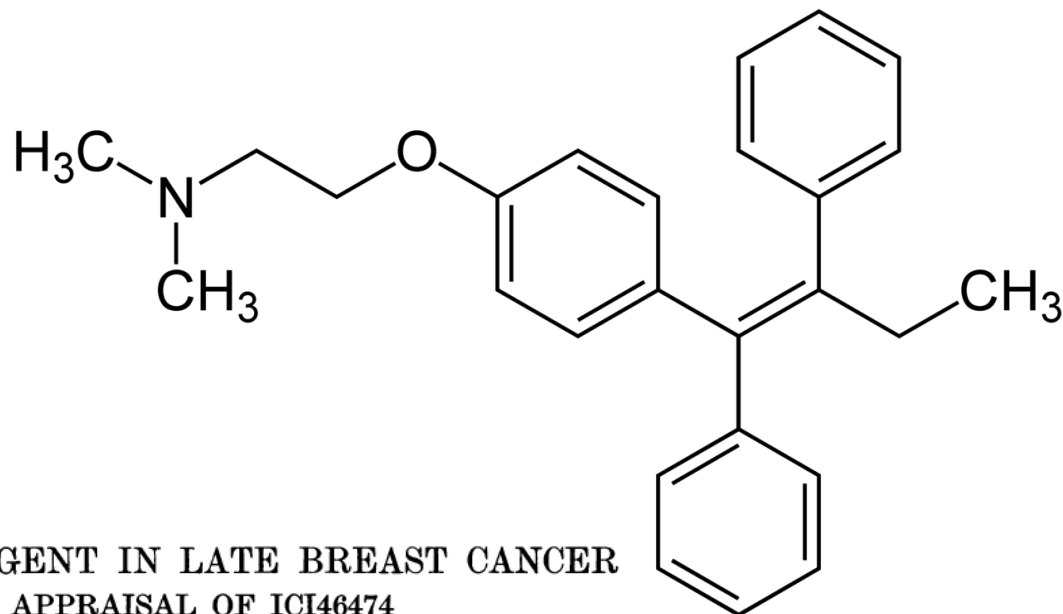
$^3\text{H}$ -estrogen bound by target tissues in rats  
- uterus, vagina, pituitary

Could the binding of estrogen by breast cancer determine endocrine response?

Would the absence of estrogen binding (ER-negative) indicate poor likelihood of response?



# Tamoxifen



## A NEW ANTI-OESTROGENIC AGENT IN LATE BREAST CANCER AN EARLY CLINICAL APPRAISAL OF ICI46474

M. P. COLE, C. T. A. JONES AND I. D. H. TODD

*From the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester M20 9BX*

Received for publication April 7, 1971

**SUMMARY.**—An introductory clinical trial of the anti-oestrogenic agent ICI46474 in late or recurrent carcinoma of the breast is described.

Forty-six patients have been treated, of whom 10 have shown a good response. This is of the same order as that seen with oestrogens and androgens.

The particular advantage of this drug is the low incidence of troublesome side effects.

Br J Cancer. 1971 June; 25(2): 270–275

# Tamoxifen Efficacy

- In ER+ve metastatic breast cancer:
- 86 clinical studies involving 5353 patients
- 30% response rate; 20% stable disease
- Median Response Durations 15 - 24 months

Litherland S and Jackson IM Cancer Treat Rev 1988;15:183–94.

# When Should Endocrine Therapy Be Used in Metastatic Breast Cancer?

- **ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines for Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer**
- **Co –Chairs Partridge A and Smith IE**
- **Recommendation 1**

Endocrine therapy, rather than chemotherapy, should be offered as the standard first-line treatment for advanced/metastatic breast cancer patients with ER+ve disease, except for immediately life threatening disease

  - The main benefit is less toxicity and better quality of life for the patient associated with endocrine therapy compared with chemotherapy (potential benefit: high).
  - The quality of the evidence is intermediate, and is based on the NCCC systematic review
  - The strength of this recommendation is strong and is supported by the evidence and expert consensus

# What Is the Optimal Endocrine Therapy for Metastatic Breast Cancer?

- **SERMs**
  - Tamoxifen
  - Toremifene
- **SERDs**
  - Fulvestrant
- **Aromatase inhibitors**
  - Anastrozole
  - Letrozole
  - Exemestane
- **Progestins**
  - Megestrol acetate
  - Medroxyprogesterone acetate
- **Estrogens**
  - Estradiol
  - DES (diethylstilbestrol)
- **Androgens**
  - Fluoxymerone
- **LHRH analogs**
  - Goserelin
  - Leuprolide
  - Buserelin

SERM = selective endocrine receptor modulator; SERD = selective estrogen receptor down-regulator;

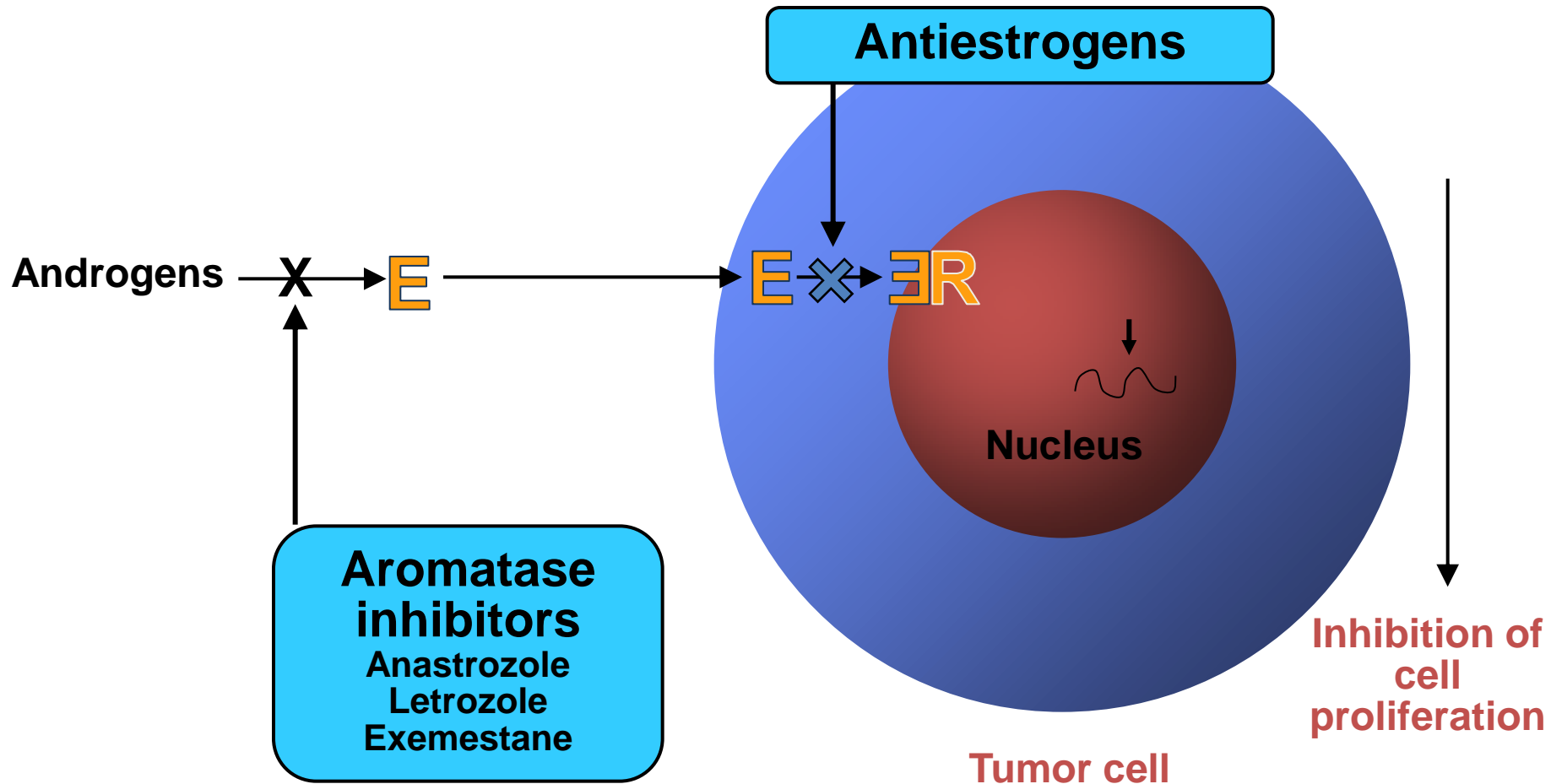
# First-Line Comparative Tamoxifen Trials in Advanced Breast Cancer 1981-96 (2004)

		n=17
Tamoxifen v	Progestagens	6
	Estrogens	1
	Androgens	1
	Anti-Estrogens	2
	AG	3
	Formestane	1
	Fadrozole	2
	Fulvestrant	1

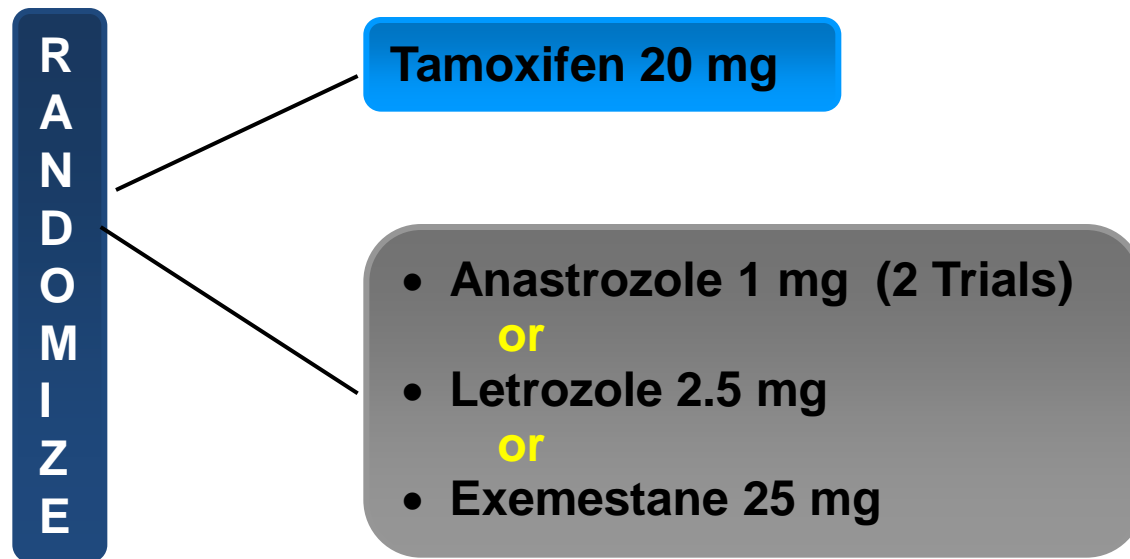
Tamoxifen always better or at least as good



# Inhibiting the Effects of Estrogen



# First Line Trials of AI v Tamoxifen in Metastatic Breast Cancer



- 4 Trials 3320 patients
- 2 (letrozole and exemestane ) better for Overall Response
- 3 better for Time To Progression
- None better for Overall Survival

# What Is the Optimal Endocrine Therapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer After an Adjuvant AI?

- These endocrine trials in metastatic breast cancer were done BEFORE the era of adjuvant AIs (ATAC; BIG 1-98; TEAM)
- What is the best endocrine therapy for a patient with mbc who has relapsed during or after an adjuvant AI?
- Options: Exemestane  
Tamoxifen  
Fulvestrant  
Progestogens  
Estrogens

# How Good Is Exemestane After a Non-Steroidal AI?

Data from Trials v Fulvestrant 591 pts

• EFFECT <sup>1</sup>	Response	Clinical Benefit
Exemestane (342 pts)	6.7%	31.5%
• SOFEA <sup>2</sup>		
Exemestane (249 pts)	2.8%	39.8%

<sup>1</sup>Chia S, et al. JCO 2008

<sup>2</sup>Johnston et al, LBA2 - EBCC Vienna 2012

# How About Tamoxifen after AI Failure?

Not a lot of data

Anastrozole v. Tamoxifen<sup>1</sup>:

Retrospective crossover data for tamoxifen

TAMRAD<sup>2</sup>:

Tamoxifen + Everolimus v Tamoxifen alone in patients with previous AI exposure

<sup>1</sup>Thurlimann, et al. Eur J Cancer 2003

<sup>2</sup>Bachelot T, et al. SABCS 2010. Abstract S1-6



# Anastrozole v Tamoxifen Trials in MBC

## Tamoxifen Cross-Over after Anastrozole

- 2 trials. 511 patients randomised to anastrozole
- Questionnaire data were available for 119 patients crossed-over to tamoxifen after anastrozole
- 58 (49%) gained clinical benefit
- 12 (10%) had an objective response

# TAMRAD: Tam v Tam + Everolimus

## Primary Endpoint: Clinical Benefit Rate

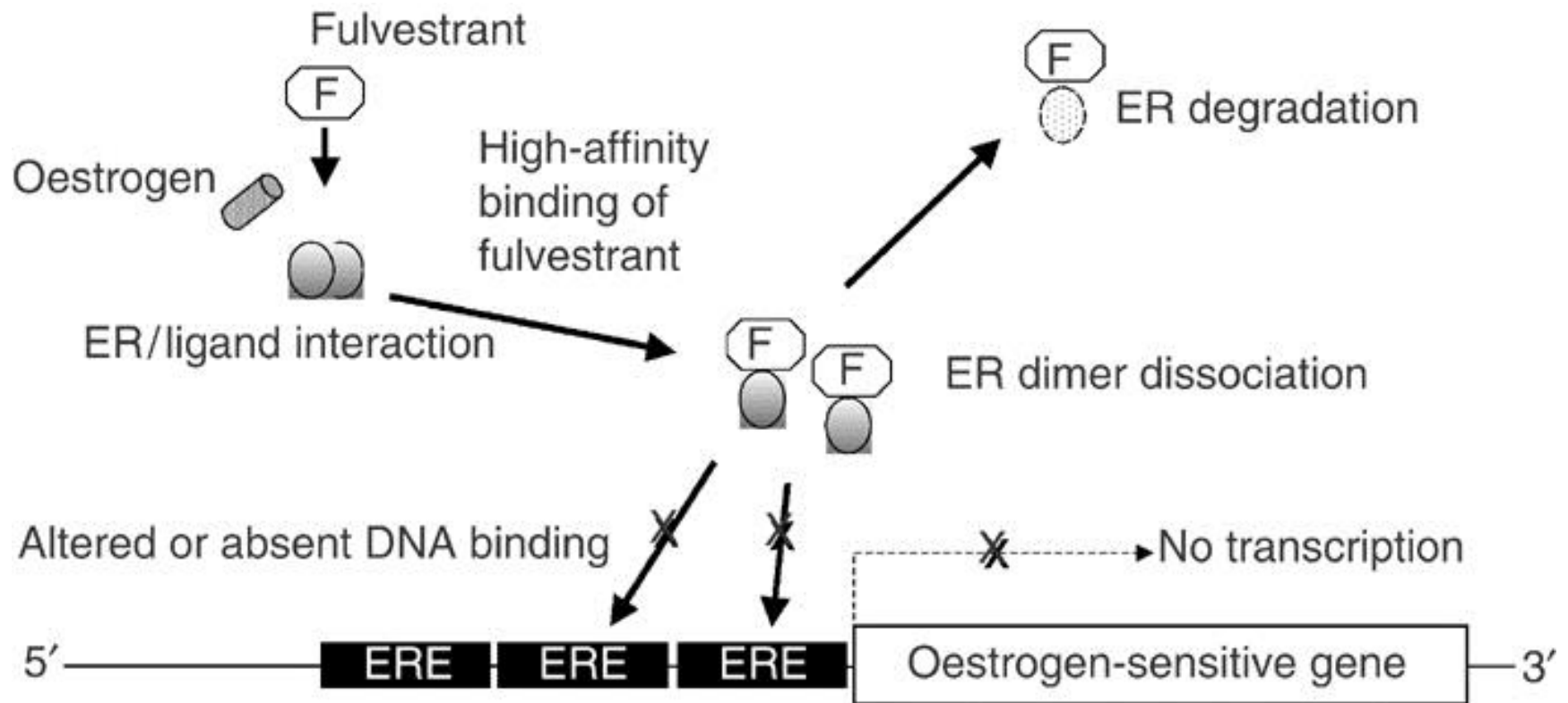
***P = 0.045 (exploratory analysis)***

Tamoxifen

Tam+ Ev



# Fulvestrant: Mechanism of Action.



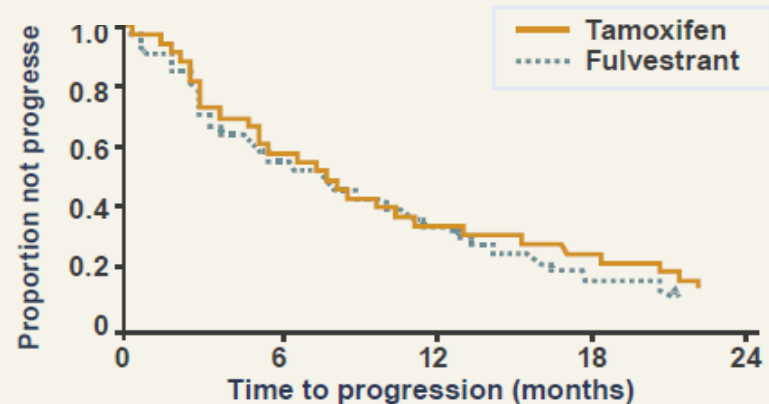
Osborne et al British Journal of Cancer (2004) 90, S2–S6

# Fulvestrant versus Tamoxifen in Postmenopausal Patients with Advanced Breast Cancer

- Objective tumor response to treatment in patients with ER-and/or PR-positive tumors

	Fulvestrant (n=247)	Tamoxifen (n=212)	p-value
Complete response	8.90%	5.70%	NR
Partial response	24.3%	25.5%	NR
Stable disease $\geq$ 24 wk	23.9%	31.6%	NR
Objective response rate	33.2%	31.1%	0.64
Clinical benefit rate*	57.1%	62.7%	0.22
Time to progression	8.2 mo	8.3 mo	0.39

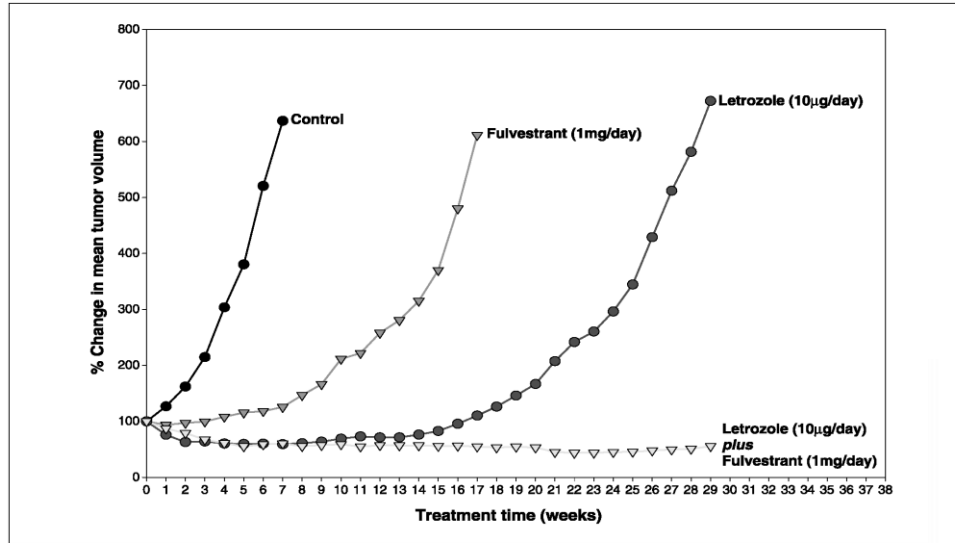
NR = not reported



Kaplan-Meier plot for time to progression (patients with estrogen receptor-positive and/or progesterone receptor-positive tumors)

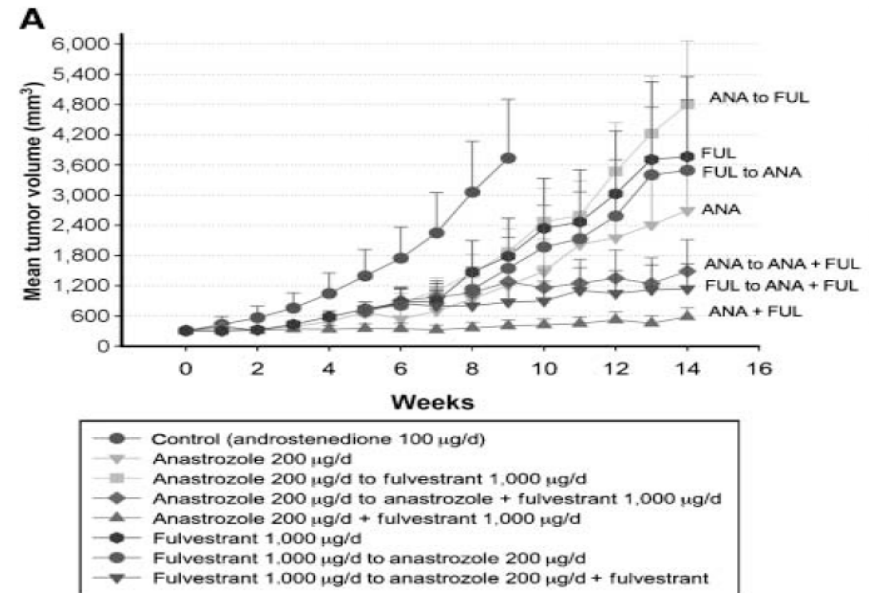
# Does Fulvestrant Enhance the Efficacy of AIs?

## Experimental Rationale Using Xenografts



**Figure 1.** The effect of letrozole (10 µg/d) and fulvestrant (1 mg/d) alone or in the combination on the growth of MCF-7Ca breast tumor xenografts in female ovariectomized athymic nude mice. When tumors reached ~ 300 mm<sup>3</sup>, animals were divided into four groups and injected s.c. daily with vehicle (control; *n* = 7), fulvestrant (1 mg/d; *n* = 7), letrozole (10 µg/d; *n* = 18), or letrozole (10 µg/d) plus fulvestrant (1 mg/d; *n* = 5). Tumor volumes were measured weekly and expressed as the percent change in mean tumor volume relative to the initial size at week 0.

*Brodie A et al, Cancer Res 65:5439-44, 2005*



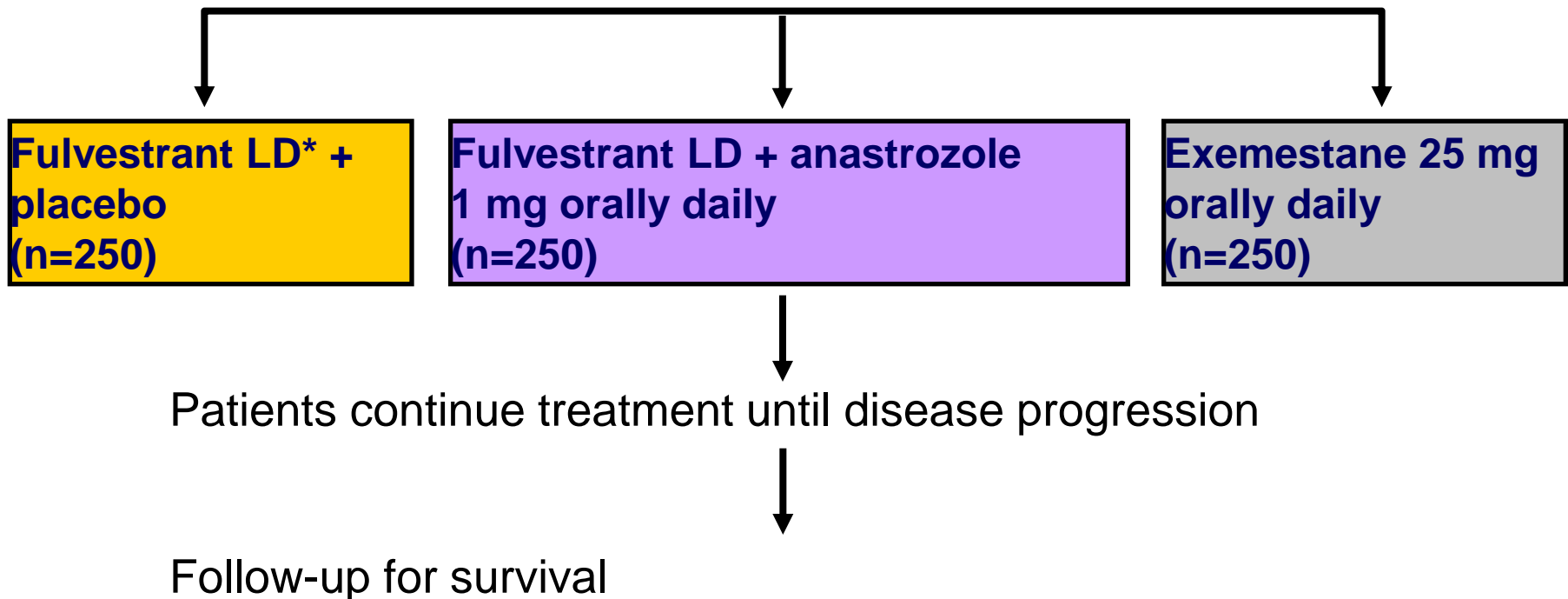
*Macedo et al, Cancer Res 68, 3516-22, 2008*



# SOFEA- Study design

**ER &/or PgR +ve postmenopausal patients with locally advanced (LABC) / metastatic breast cancer (MBC) following progression on NSAIs as adjuvant treatment for at least 12 months**

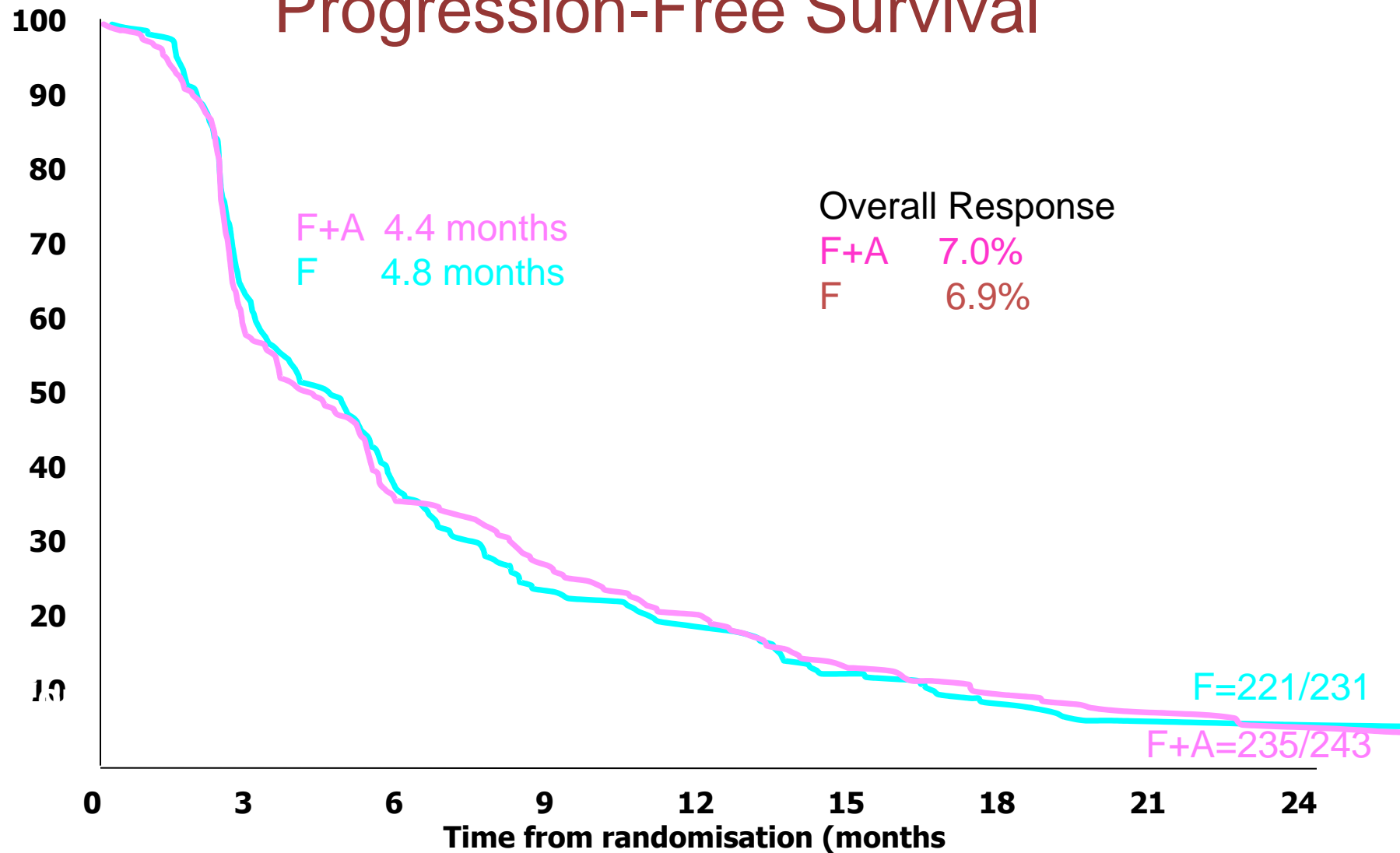
Or as 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy for LABC or MBC for at least 6 months  
2<sup>nd</sup>-line non-steroidal AI failures



\*500 mg Day 1,  
250 mg Days 14 & 28, and monthly

*Johnston et al LBA2- EBCC March 2012*

# SOFEA: Fulvestrant(F) +Anastrozole versus F Progression-Free Survival



# Fulvestrant Trials

Study	Arms	n	Median TTP (mo)	Median OS (mo)
FACT (1 <sup>st</sup> line) <sup>1</sup>	FULV LD + Ana	258		37.8
	Ana	256		38.2
SWOG S0226 (1 <sup>st</sup> line) <sup>2</sup>	FULV LD + Ana	355	15 (P<.007)*	47.7 (P=.049)*
	Ana	352	13.5	41.3
FIRST (1 <sup>st</sup> line) <sup>3</sup>	FULV HD	102	23.4 (P=.01)	-
	Ana	103	13.1	-
EFFECT (3 <sup>rd</sup> line or more) <sup>4</sup>	FULV LD	351		nr
	Exe	342		nr
SOFEA (acquired AI resistance) <sup>5</sup>	FULV LD + Ana	243		-
	FULV LD	231		-
	Exe	249		-
CONFIRM (2nd line) <sup>6</sup>	Fulv HD 500mg	362	6.5 (P=.006)	25.2
	Fulv AD 250mg	374	5.5	22.8

\*benefits restricted to tamoxifen-naïve patients (n=414, 60%, unplanned subgroup analysis)

HD (high dose) = 500mg i.m. at day 0 + 500mg i.m. at days 14 and 28, thereafter 500mg i.m. monthly until PD

AD (approved dose) = 250mg i.m. monthly

LD (loading dose regimen) = 500mg i.m. at day 0, 250mg at days 14, 28, and 250mg monthly thereafter

1. Bergh J, et al. JCO 2012

2. Mehta RS, et al. SABCS 2011. Abstract S1-1

3. Robertson JF, et al. JCO 2009

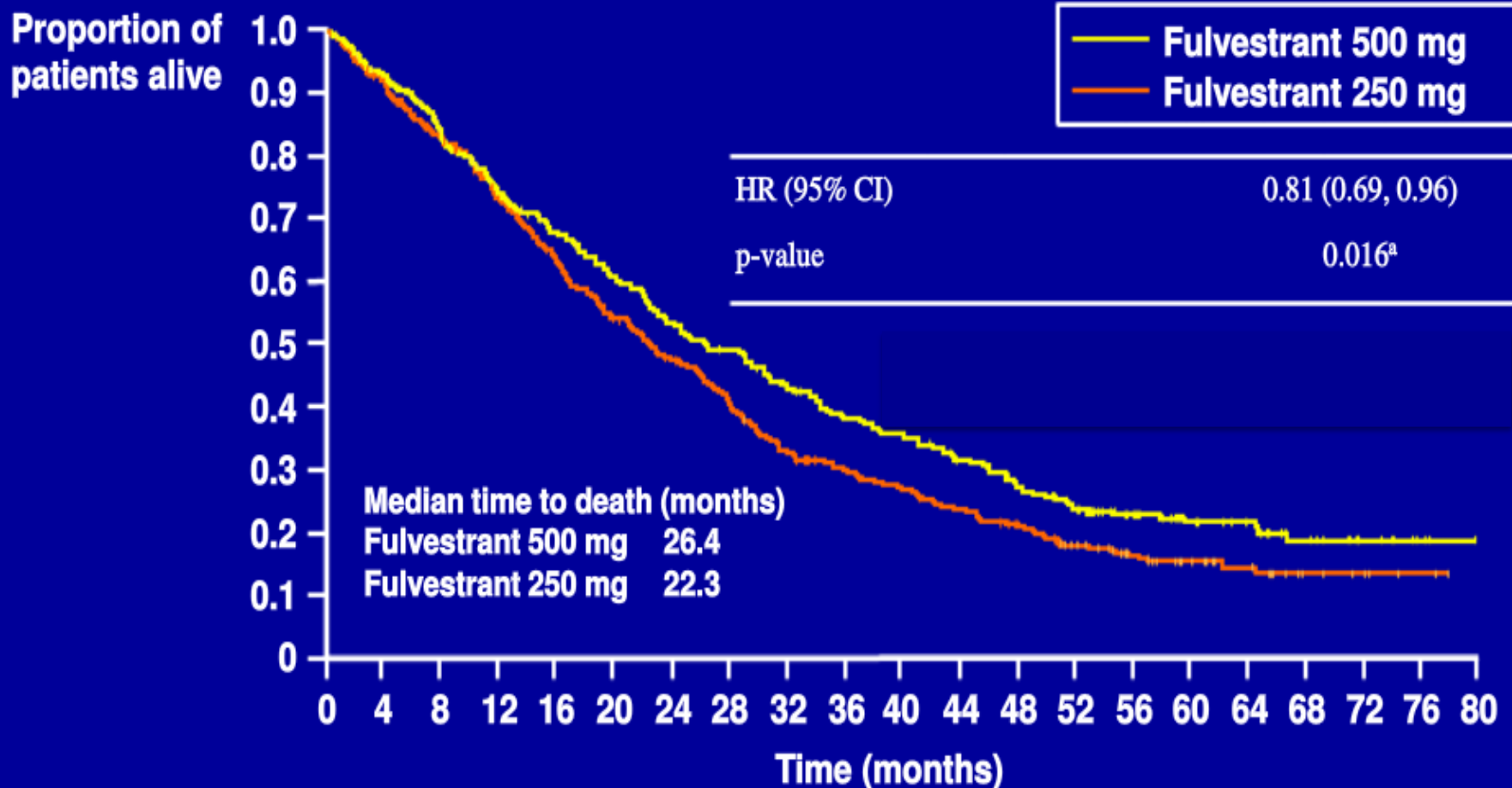
4. Chia S, et al. JCO 2008

5. Johnston S, et al. EBCC-8 2012

6. Di Leo A, et al. JCO 2010

# CONFIRM Overall survival

(final analysis at 75% maturity – full analysis set)



Patients at risk:

500 mg	362	333	288	254	227	202	178	163	141	123	114	98	81	64	47	30	26	15	8	1	0
250 mg	374	338	299	261	223	191	164	137	112	96	87	74	64	48	37	22	14	8	3	2	0

# Fulvestrant: Conclusions

- Equivalent to tamoxifen as first-line treatment (study 0025)
- Equivalent to anastrozole first line (FIRST), maybe better (FACT;SO226)
- Equivalent to exemestane post NSAI (EFECT;SOFEA)
- Superior PFS comparing 500mg vs 250mg as second-line therapy (CONFIRM)



# Estradiol after Aromatase Inhibitors

## Phase 2 High v Low Dose

Estrogen deprivation therapy with AIs has been hypothesized to sensitize ER+ve breast cancer tumor cells to low-dose estradiol

### Clinical benefit rate:

30mg 28% (9/32 pts)

6mg 29% (10/34 pts)

### Adverse event rate ( $\geq$ grade 3):

30mg 34% (11/32 pts)

6mg 18% (4/34 pts)  $P=.03$

*The efficacy of the lower dose should be further examined in phase III clinical trials*

# Case Study 59yr old

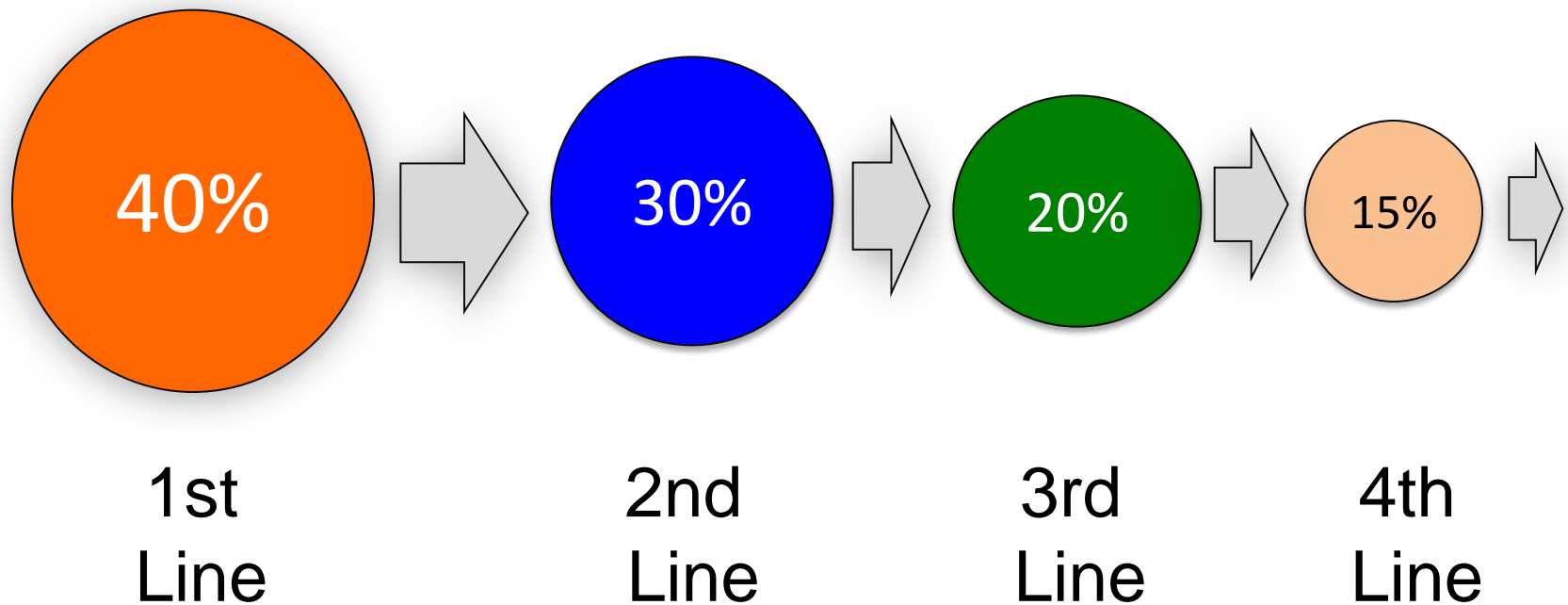
- **Mar 2011** 5cm L breast carcinoma. Core biopsy - Grade II invasive ductal carcinoma. ER8/8, PgR 8/8, HER-2 negative, axillary node cytology C5. CT scan and bone scan metastatic bone disease including collapse T5.
- Letrozole and zoledronate radiotherapy to T4.  
Stable Disease
- **Feb 2013** Progressive bone disease on MRI scan CA15-3 up.  
Exemestane and Everolimus Clinical improvement CA 15-3 down  
.
- **May 2014** Progression bone disease, pain and CA15-3 up
- **Next Treatment?**

# Case Study 59yr old (cont)

- **June 2014** Tamoxifen
- **July 2014** CA 15-3 rapidly up then down
- **Sept 2014** Symptom-free. CA15-3 continues to fall
- **Moral** – don't forget tamoxifen!

# Sequential Endocrine Treatment

The optimal sequence has not been defined



# NCCN Guidelines (2012): Endocrine Therapy for MBC

Both premenopausal and postmenopausal women with metastatic breast cancer who have responded to endocrine therapy will benefit from additional endocrine therapy at the time of disease progression

**Postmenopausal** The optimal sequence has yet to be determined

Second-line in postmenopausal women: one option is **fulvestrant** = **anastrozole** after disease progression on tamoxifen<sup>[1]</sup>

Second- or third-line following a NSAI: **fulvestrant** = **exemestane** in terms of TTP and response<sup>[2]</sup>

Optimal dosing of fulvestrant remains unclear, with the suggestion of increased benefit with 500-mg intramuscularly monthly dosing<sup>[3]</sup>

**Premenopausal** Previous anti-estrogen therapy within the previous year: ovarian suppression with LHRH agonist



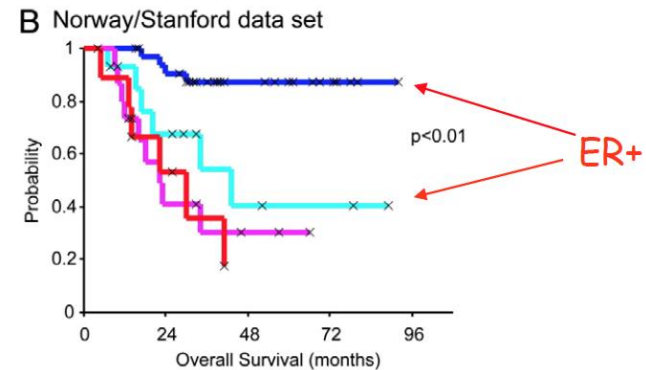
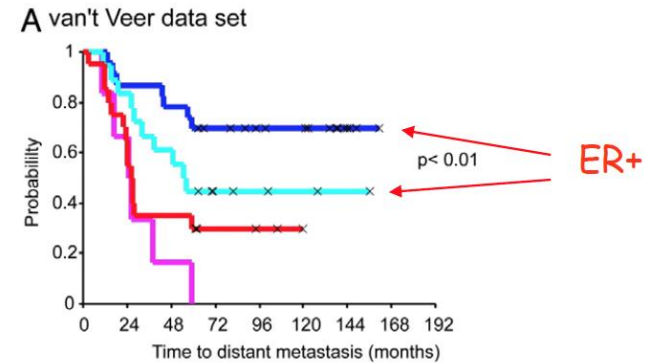
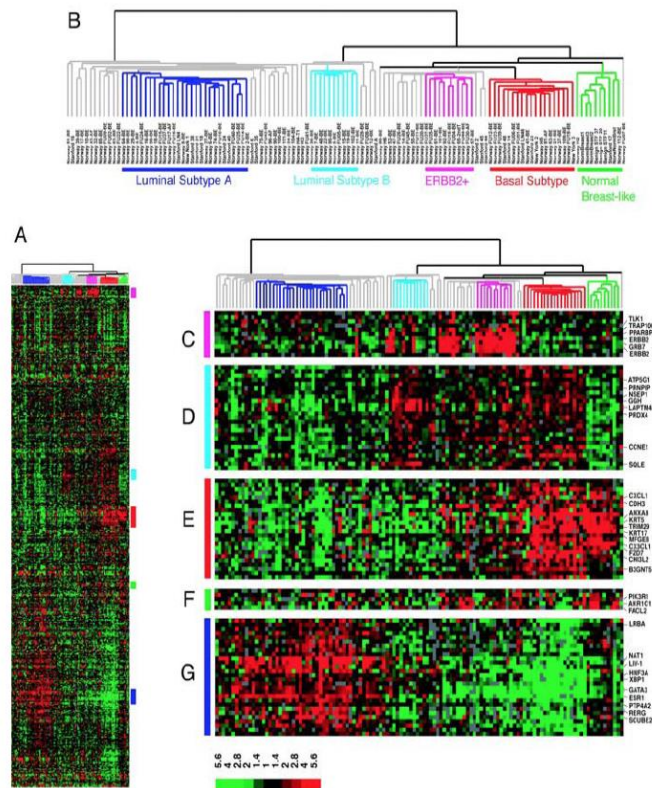
# Endocrine Therapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer: My Suggested Guidelines

- No Previous AI
  - Use an AI (or tamoxifen if side effects)
- Previous AI
  - Tamoxifen and Fulvestrant of some benefit
  - Exemestane – some clinical benefit but OR rare -  
Optimal order not known
  - Progestogens and Estrogens may be of benefit
- Premenopausal (After tamoxifen)
  - AI with ovarian suppression

Why Do ER+ve Breast Cancers Not Always  
Respond to Endocrine Therapy?

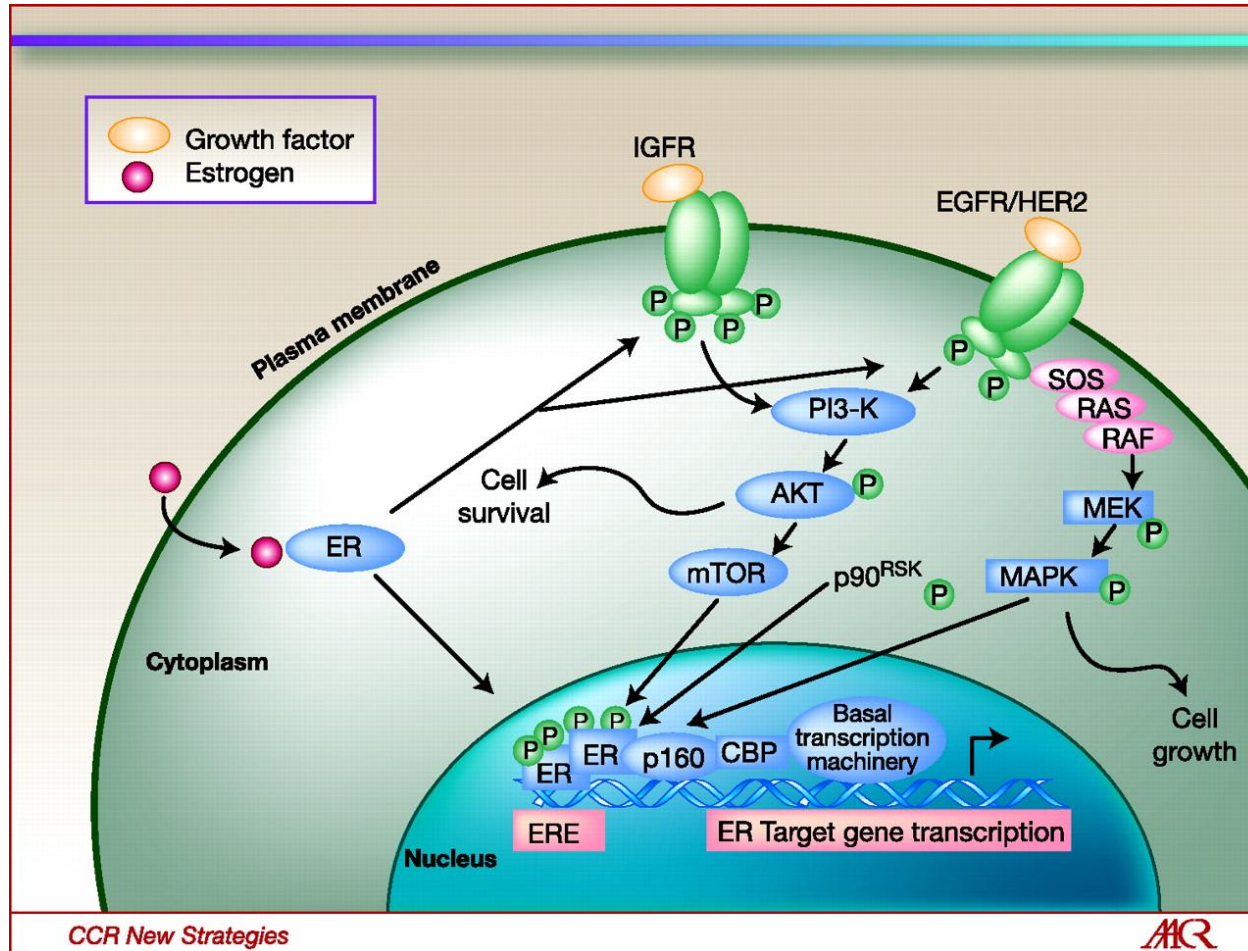
What Is the Basis for De Novo and  
Acquired Resistance?

# ER-positive Cancers Are Heterogeneous at Diagnosis and at Recurrence

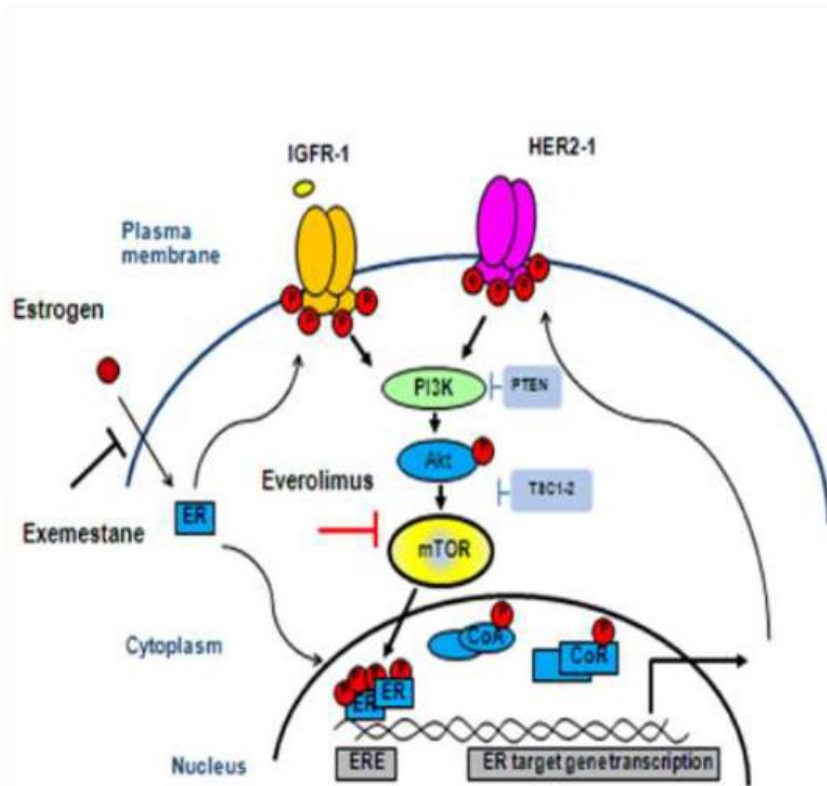


# Can We Improve on Endocrine Therapy?

## Cross-Talk Signalling



# Crosstalk between ER and mTOR Signalling

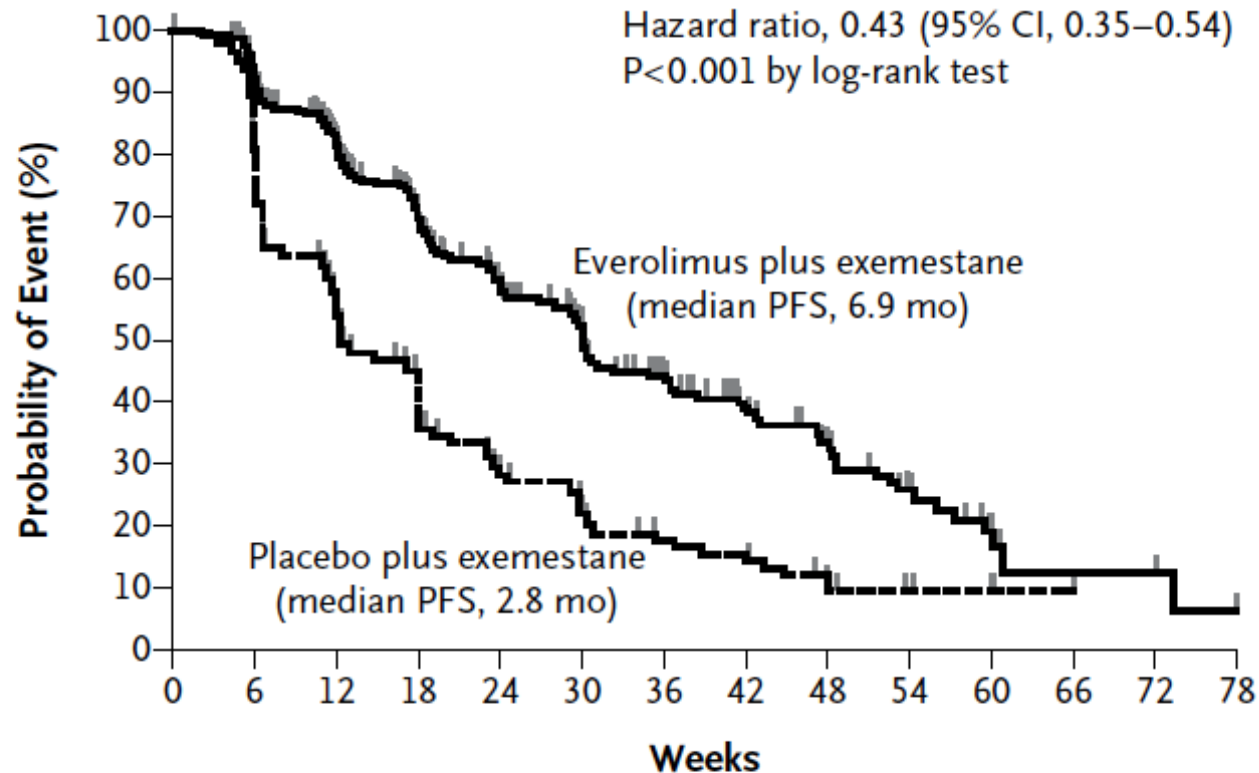


Adapted from DiCosimo & Baselga. *Nature Clin Prac Oncol*. 2009

- mTORC1 activates ER in a ligand-independent fashion
- Hyperactivation of the PI3K/mTOR pathway is observed in endocrine resistant breast cancer cells
- mTOR is a rational target to enhance the efficacy of hormonal therapy
- Everolimus is one of a group of mTOR inhibitors

Yamnik, RL. *J Biol Chem* 2009; 284(10):6361-636  
Crowder, RJ. *Cancer Res* 2009;69:3955-62  
Miller, TW. *J Clin Invest* 2010; 120(7):2406-2413

# BOLERO-2: A Phase 3 Trial (724 patients\*) of Exemestane $\pm$ Everolimus Primary Endpoint, PFS



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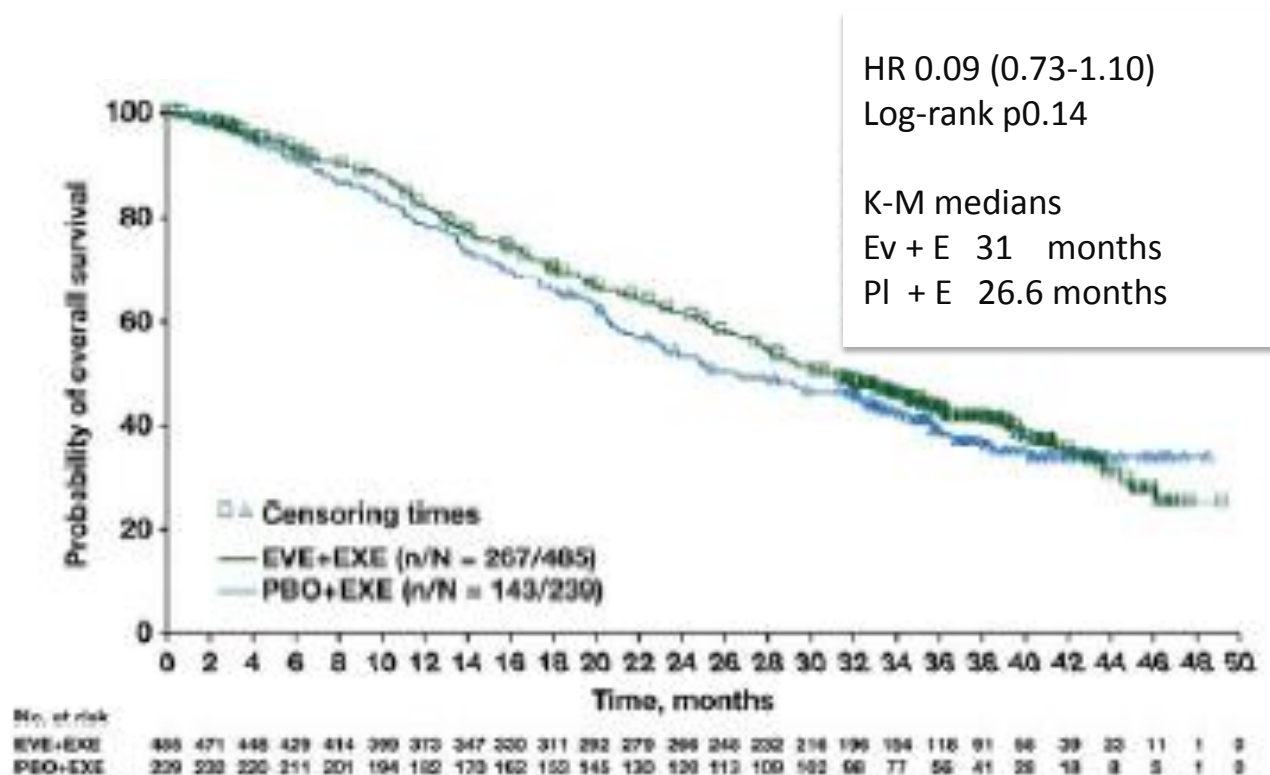
Everolimus	485	398	294	212	144	108	75	51	34	18	8	3	3	0
Placebo	239	177	109	70	36	26	16	14	9	4	3	1	0	0

\* Refractory to anastrozole or letrozole

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

# BOLERO-2: Exemestane+/-Everolimus

## Update: Overall Survival





# HORIZON: Letrozole ± Temsirolimus

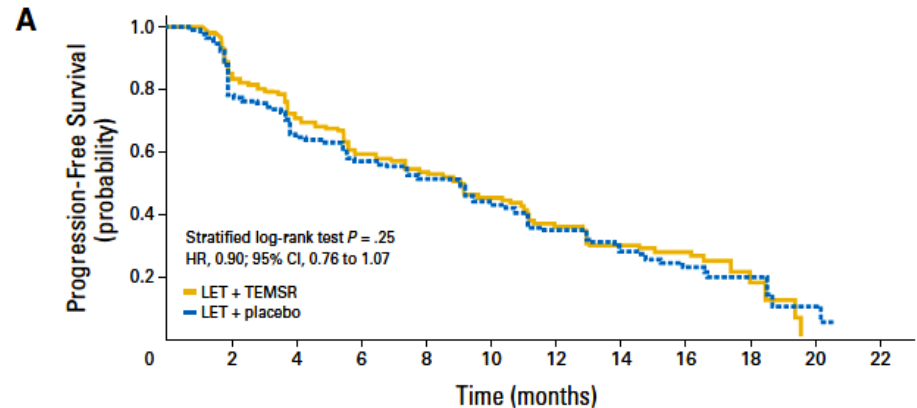
Phase 3 Placebo  
controlled study  
N =1.112

Postmenopausal  
women with ER<sup>+</sup>  
advanced breast  
cancer

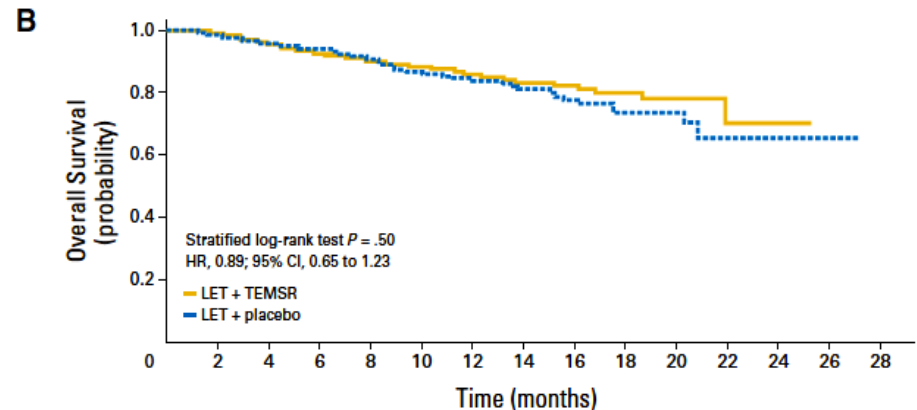
AI naïve

Letrozole 2.5mg/day +  
Temsirolimus 30 mg/d  
5 days q2 weeks

Letrozole 2.5 mg/day +  
Placebo



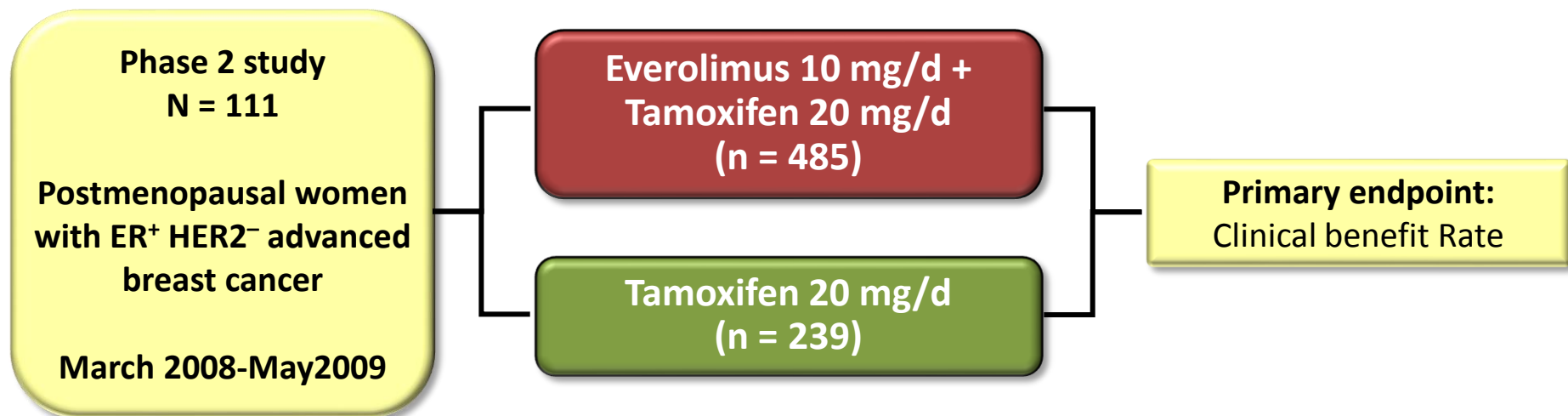
No. at risk/events	553	387/79	278/63	193/43	149/19	102/21	61/19	40/10	22/2	5/4	0/3	0/0
LET + TEMSR	553	365/110	276/58	211/35	154/18	110/21	65/21	37/9	18/6	6/2	2/0	0/0
LET + placebo												



No. at risk/events	556	527/7	472/17	417/15	341/10	265/7	194/7	132/5	88/1	46/2	24/1	9/1	1/0	0/0	0/0
LET + TEMSR	556	524/10	463/15	410/7	335/12	271/15	202/5	137/7	91/5	48/3	23/0	9/2	3/0	1/0	0/0
LET + placebo															



# TAMRAD: Phase II trial in Metastatic Postmenopausal women with ABC with previous exposure to AIs



## Stratification: Primary or Secondary Resistance

**Primary:** Relapse during adjuvant AI; progression within 6 months of starting AI treatment in metastatic setting

**Secondary:** Late relapse ( $\geq 6$  months) or prior response and subsequent progression to metastatic AI treatment

# TAMRAD: Tam v Tam + Everolimus

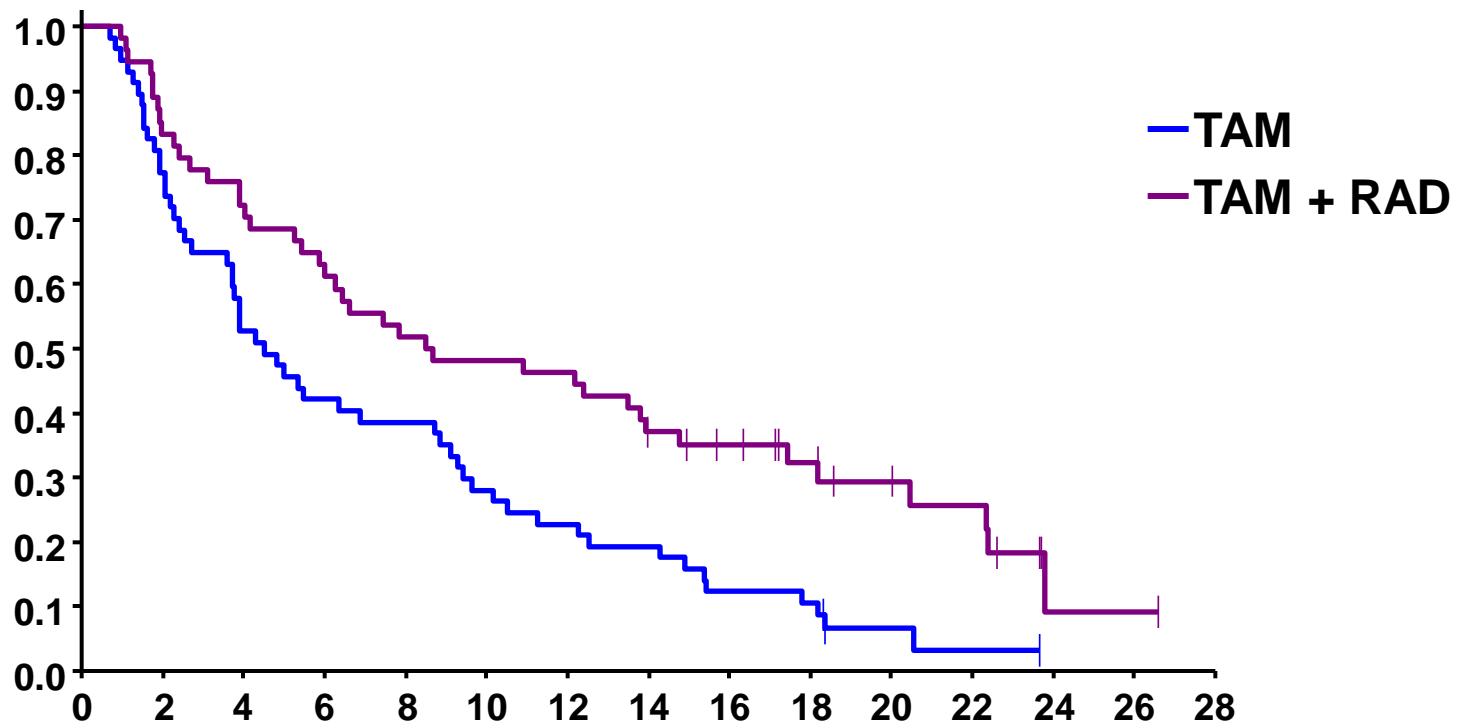
## Phase 2 (Prior AI): Time to Progression

TAM: 4.5 mo.

TAM + RAD: 8.6 mo.

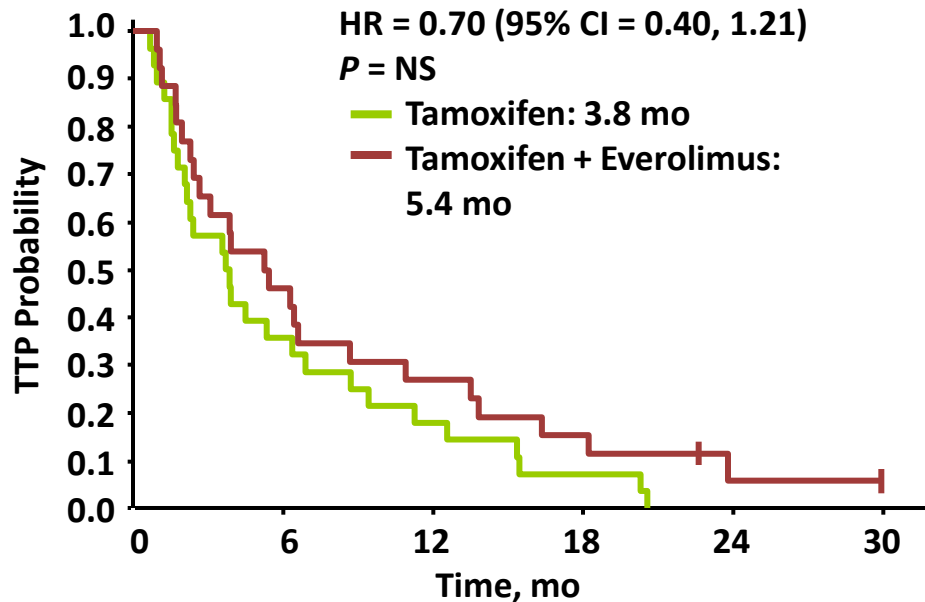
Hazard Ratio (HR) = 0.53; 95% CI (0.35-0.81)

Exploratory log-rank:  $P = 0.0026$



# TAMRAD: TTP as a Function of Intrinsic Hormone Resistance

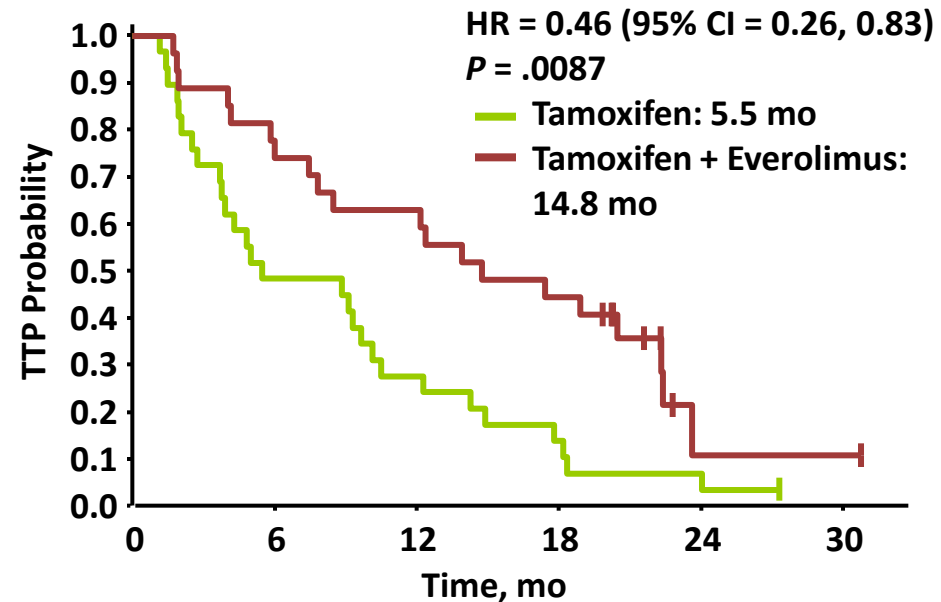
## Primary hormone resistance



### Primary Resistance

Relapse during adjuvant AI; progression within 6 months of starting AI treatment in the metastatic setting

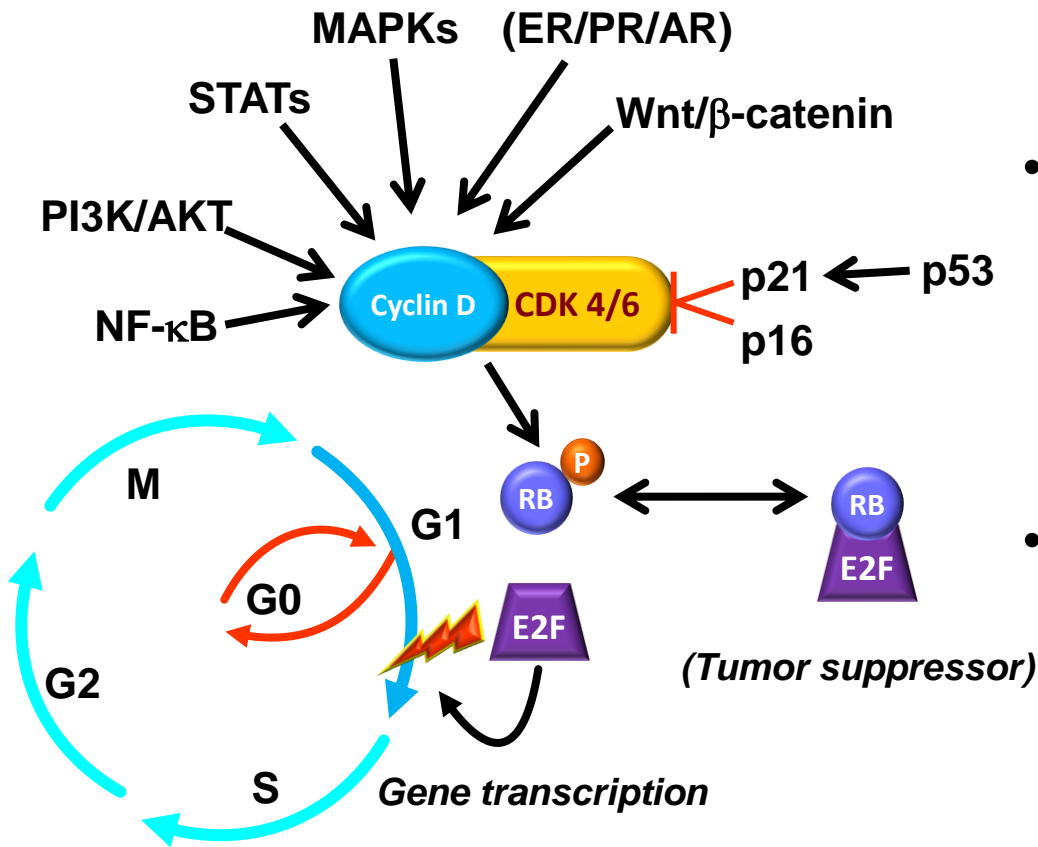
## Secondary hormone resistance



### Secondary Resistance

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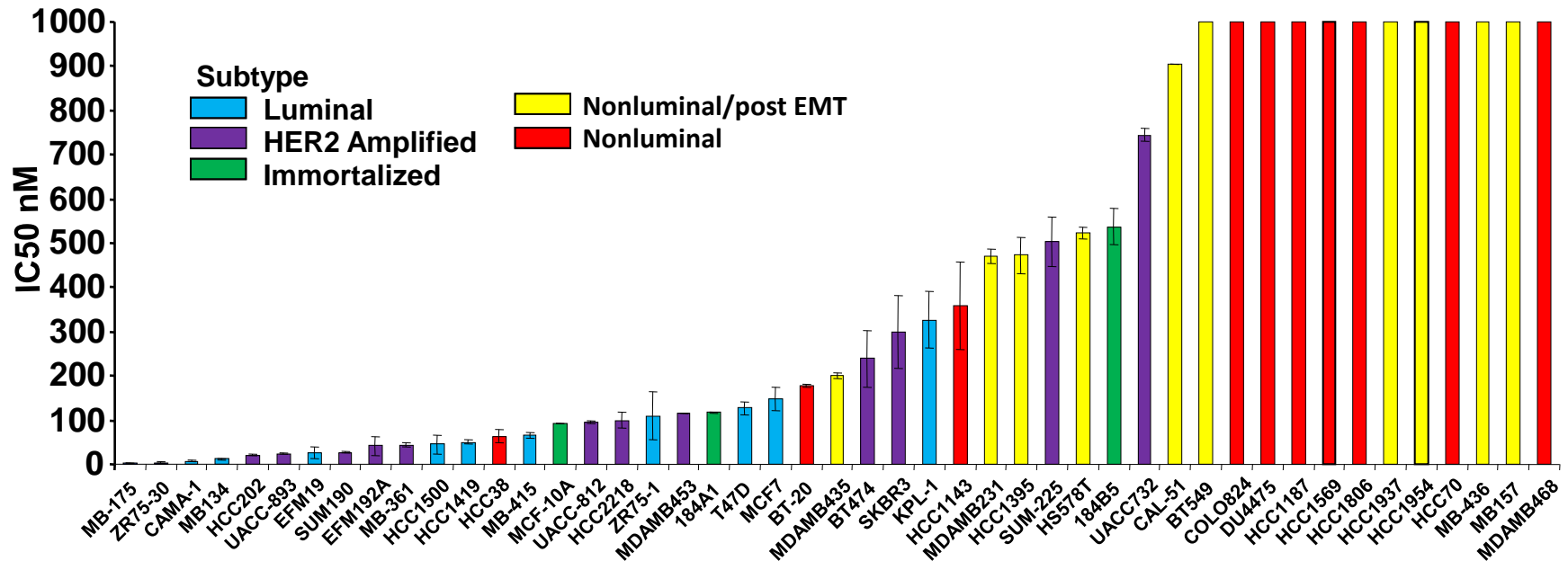
# Targeting the Cell Cycle: Cyclin D1/CDK 4-6



- In AI resistance models ER drives a CDK 4/E2F dependent transcriptional program
- CDK 4-6 inhibition reduces cell proliferation in both ER-dependent and ER-independent, AI resistance breast cancer models
- PD 0332991 (**palbociclib**), a selective inhibitor of CDK-4/6, prevents DNA synthesis by blocking cell cycle progression

# Palbociclib: CDK 4/6 Inhibitor

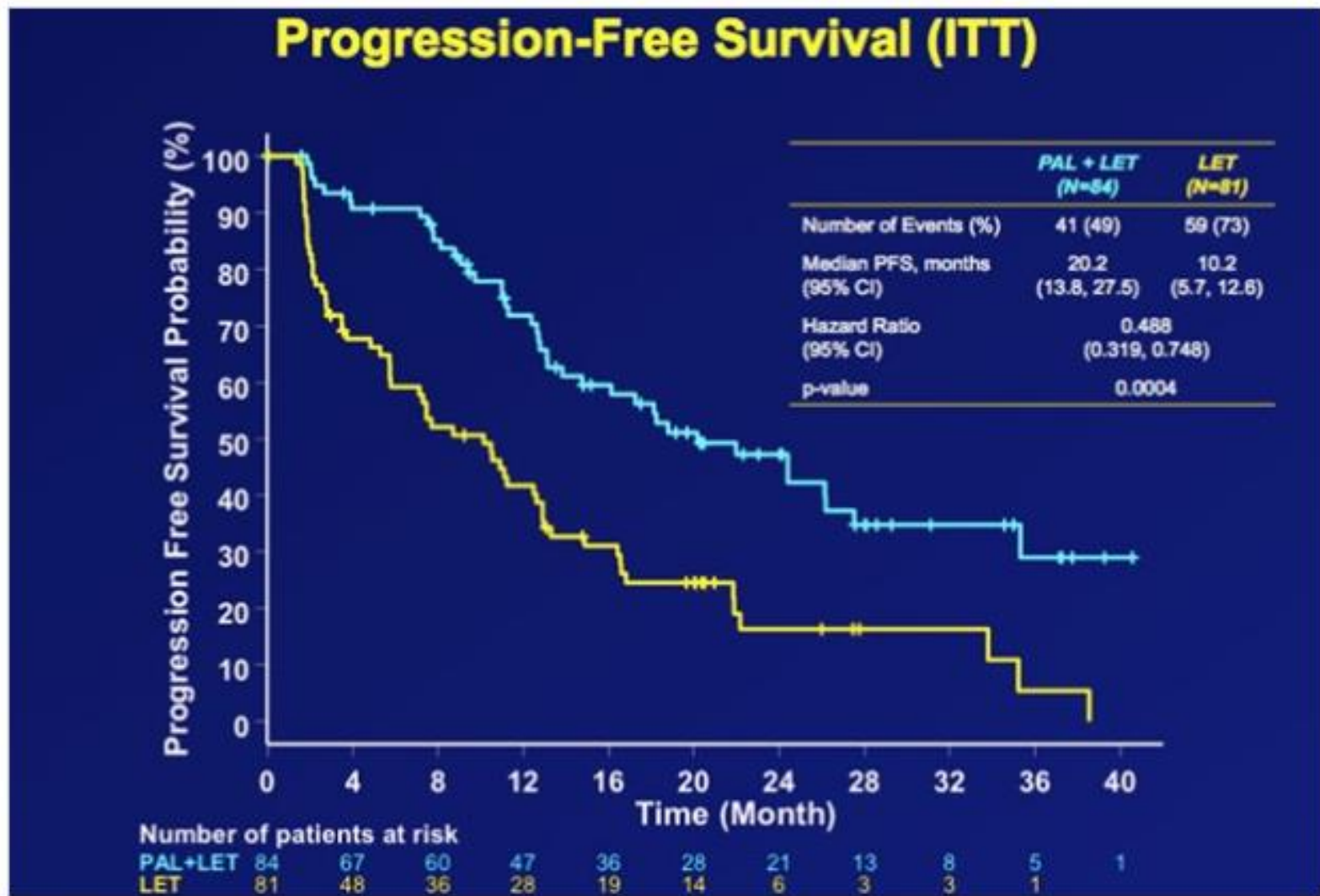
Preferential activity on ER<sup>+</sup> luminal breast cancer cell lines  
with or without HER2 amplification



- Resistance to Palbociclib in many of the nonluminal breast cancer cell lines may be explained by the absence of pRb.
- Lack of pRb in basal-like breast cancer tissue can result in the characteristic epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition changes

# PD 0332991 (Palbociclib): CDK 4/6 Inhibitor

## First Line Phase 2 Trial: Palbociclib + Letrozole v Letrozole



# PD 0332991 (Palbociclib): CDK 4/6 Inhibitor

## Phase 2 Trial: Palbociclib + Letrozole v Letrozole

- Response rate 27%\* v 23%
- Clinical Benefit 59%\* v 44%
- Commonest side effects\*  
neutropenia, leukopenia, fatigue

\* Combination arm

# Palbociclib(P) : Next Steps

- PALOMA 2 Phase 3 P + Letrozole v letrozole
- PALOMA 3 Phase 3 P + Fulvestrant v Fulvestrant
- PALLET Phase 2 Neoadjuvant P + letrozole  
Which patients are most likely to benefit?



# PALLET Trial Design: Ph2 Study of Palbociclib with Letrozole in the Neoadjuvant Treatment of ER+ BC

Ph2  
Study  
Design

Ph2 Study (ICR-CTSU & NSABP): To Support Patient Selection for Ph 3

## Patients Characteristics

- Postmenopausal women with localized ER+HER2- invasive early breast cancer suitable for neoadjuvant therapy with letrozole

Letrozole  
(given for 14 weeks)

Letrozole  
(given 2 wks)

Palbociclib  
(given 2 wks)

Letrozole +  
Palbociclib  
(given 2 wks)

Letrozole +  
Palbociclib  
(given 12  
weeks)

Surgery

- To perform gene expression profile analysis by a commercially available assay such as PAM 50, Oncotype Dx etc. and identify with tumor subsets (such as luminal B, or RS  $\geq 18$ ) that benefit from palbociclib treatment

- N=301 Open label, Multicenter (UK & USA), Active controlled, Ph2
- Primary Endpoints: Decrease in Ki67 at wk 14; Clinical response at 3 mo
- Secondary Endpoints: Ki67 at 2 weeks, pCR after 14 weeks
- Stratification Factors: by country

- PIs - Johnston, Dowsett, Osborne, Wolmark)

# Conclusions:

## Endocrine Therapy for ER+ve Metastatic Breast Cancer

- When it works endocrine therapy is still the best treatment in terms of duration of benefit and low toxicity
- First line treatment except for immediately life-threatening visceral disease
- Also best for postmenopausal women if no previous treatment

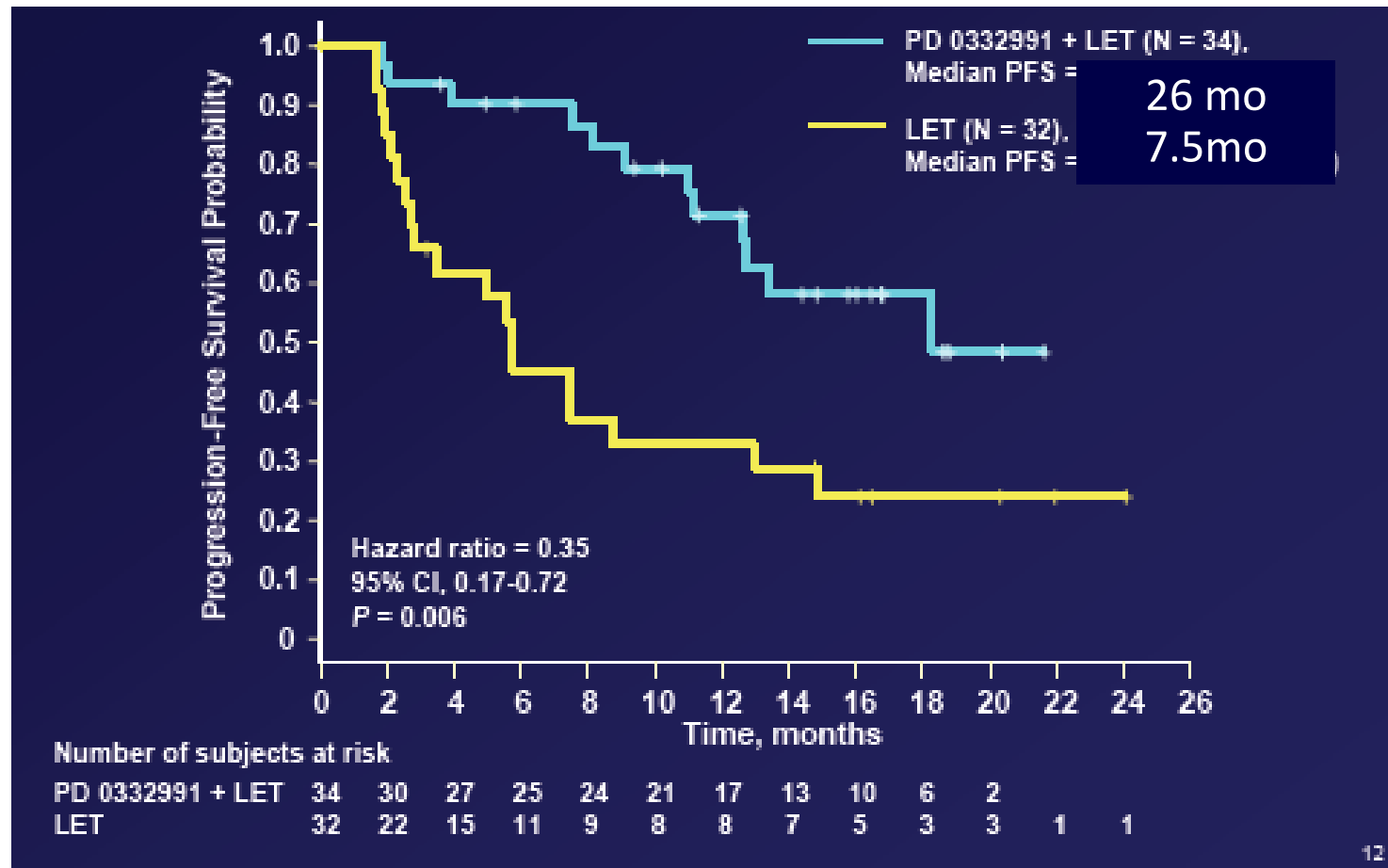
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## Endocrine Therapy for ER+ve Metastatic Breast Cancer

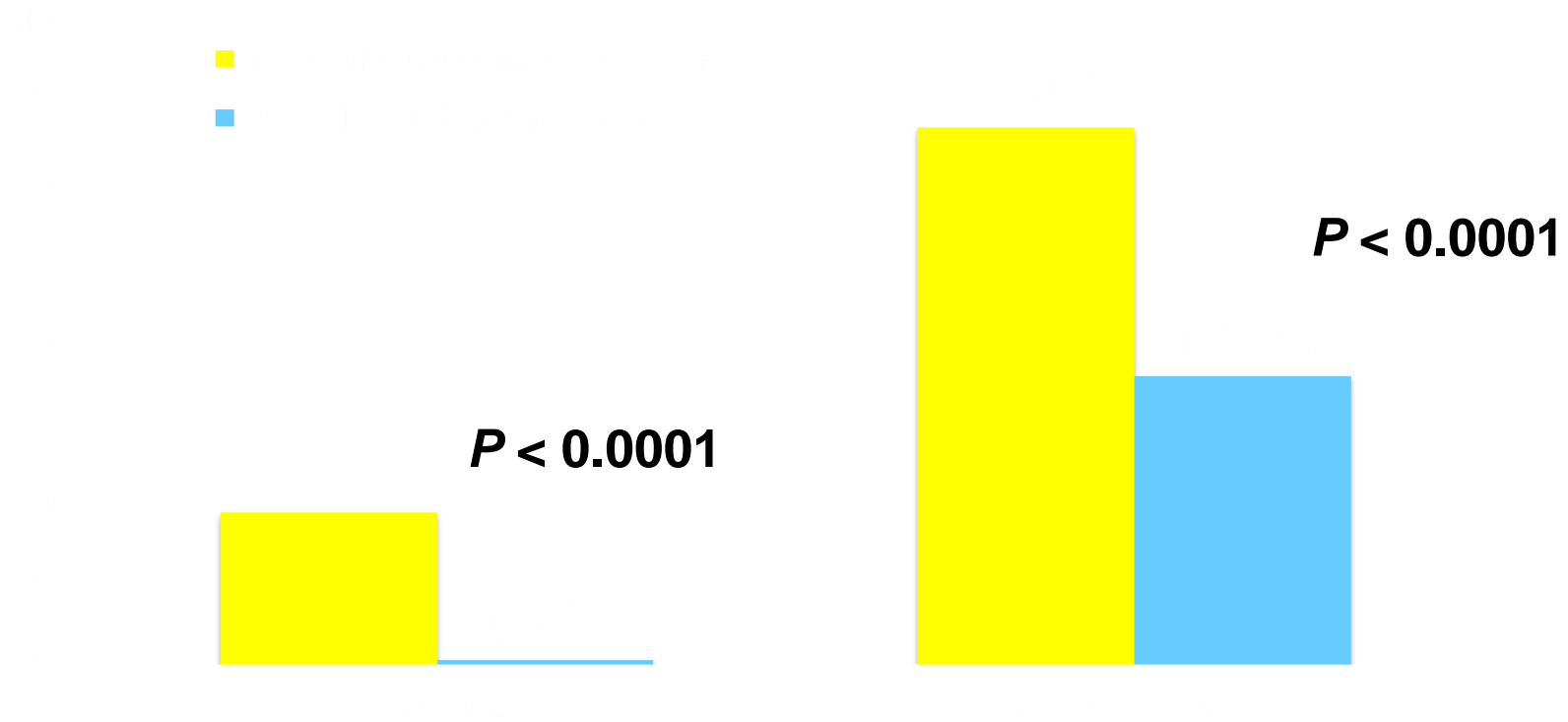
- After AIs, no single best second line, but don't forget tamoxifen
- If previous responses, keep trying sequential therapies
- Edge of a new era in which targeted therapies will help overcome resistant disease

# PD 0332991 (Palbociclib): CDK 4/6 Inhibitor

## P + Let v Let. Progression-Free Survival



# BOLERO-2: Overall Response Rate and Clinical Benefit Rate by Local Assessment



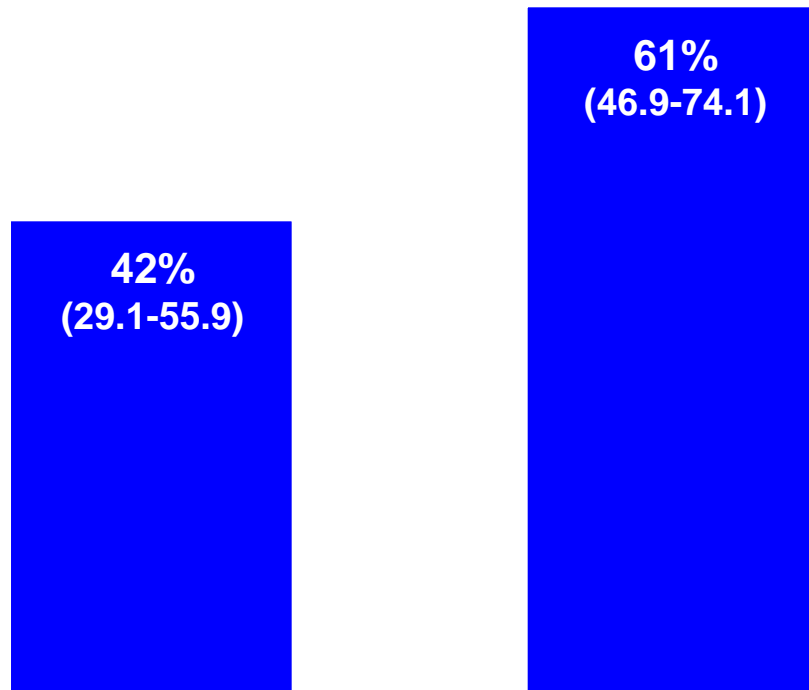
## Central assessment:

- Response rate: 7.0% vs 0.4%
- Clinical benefit rate: 30.9% vs 15.1%

# TAMRAD: Tam v Tam + Everolimus

## Primary Endpoint: Clinical Benefit Rate

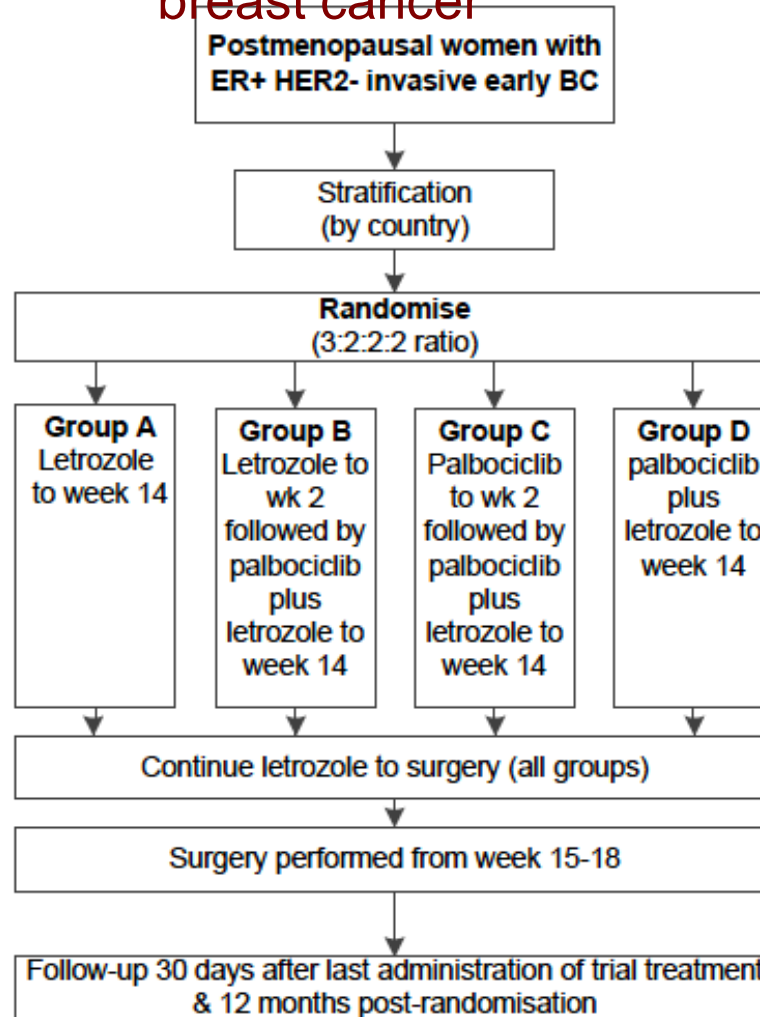
***P = 0.045 (exploratory analysis)***



# PALLET

A phase II randomised study evaluating the biological and clinical effects of the combination of palbociclib with letrozole as neoadjuvant therapy in post-menopausal women with ER+ primary breast cancer

RECRUITMENT  
TARGET  
306 patients (global),  
100-200 patients (UK)



# ASCO 2013

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- **2013 ASCO Annual Meeting** abstr 519
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# AACR 2014

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- **Presentation Time:** Sunday, Apr 06, 2014, 10:15 AM -10:35 AM
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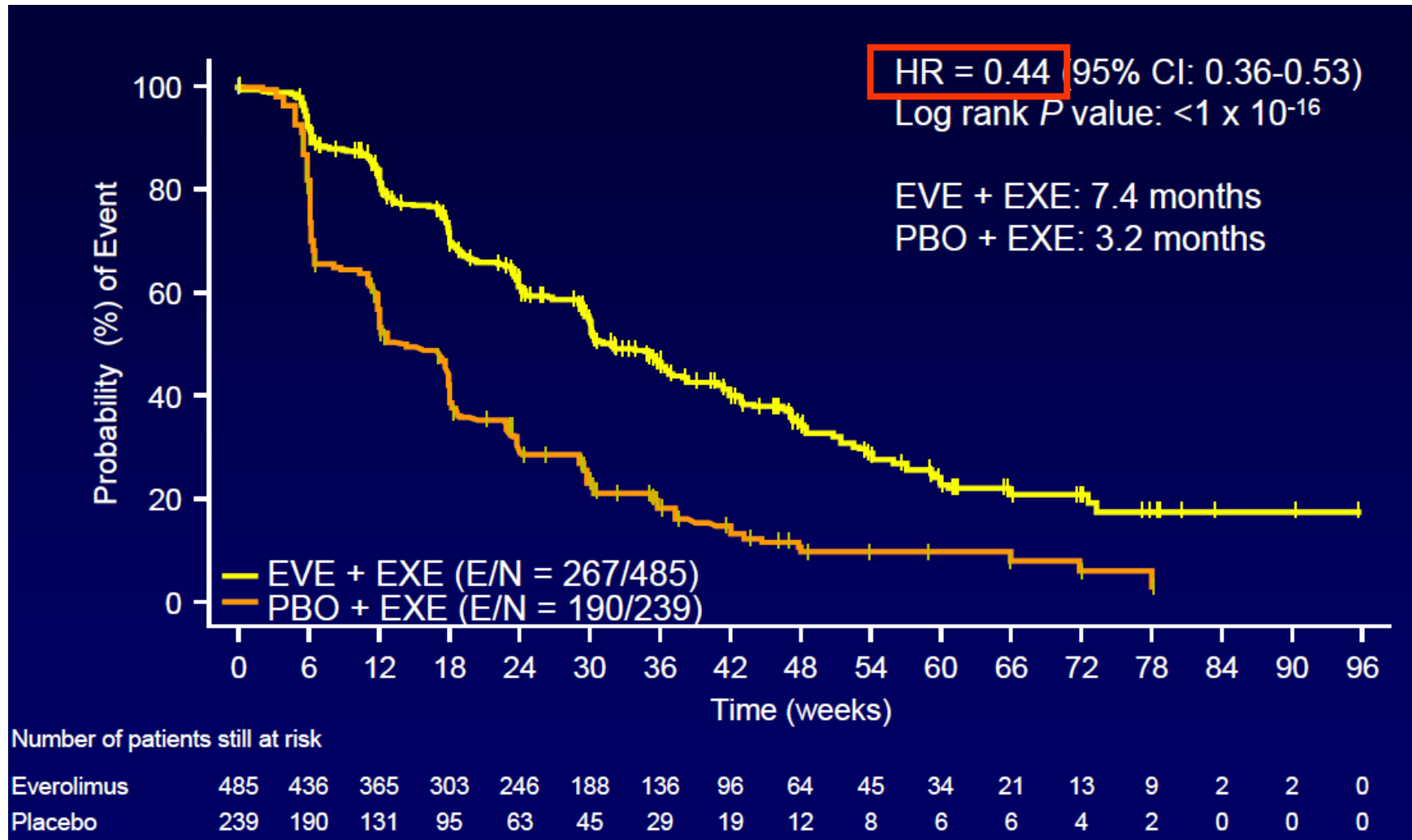
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# BOLERO-2: Exemestane+/-Everolimus

Phase 3 Trial 724 post menopausal patients recurrence after letrozole or anastrozole



Baselga et al N Engl J Med 2012;366:520-9.

# **Final analysis of overall survival for the Phase III CONFIRM trial: fulvestrant 500 mg versus 250 mg**

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Yuri Rukzenkov, Miguel Martin, on behalf of the CONFIRM investigators

Fulvestrant (Faslodex) is an oestrogen receptor antagonist without known agonistic properties that downregulates cellular levels of ER in a dose-dependent manner.

# Trial design and main eligibility criteria

- Post-menopausal
- Advanced disease
- ER+

N=736

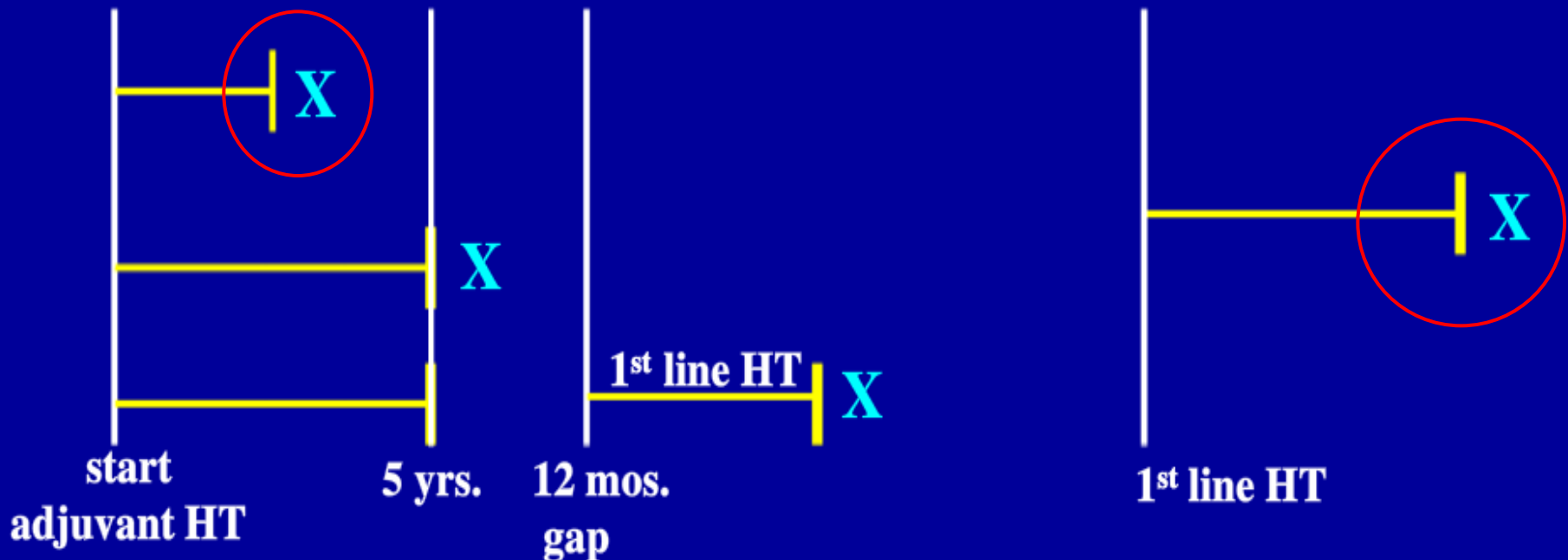
Fulvestrant 250 mg (1 injection i.m.) + placebo (1 injection i.m.) days 0, 14 (2 placebo injections), 28, and every 28 days thereafter

Fulvestrant 500 mg (2 injections 250 mg i.m.) days 0, 14, 28, and every 28 days thereafter

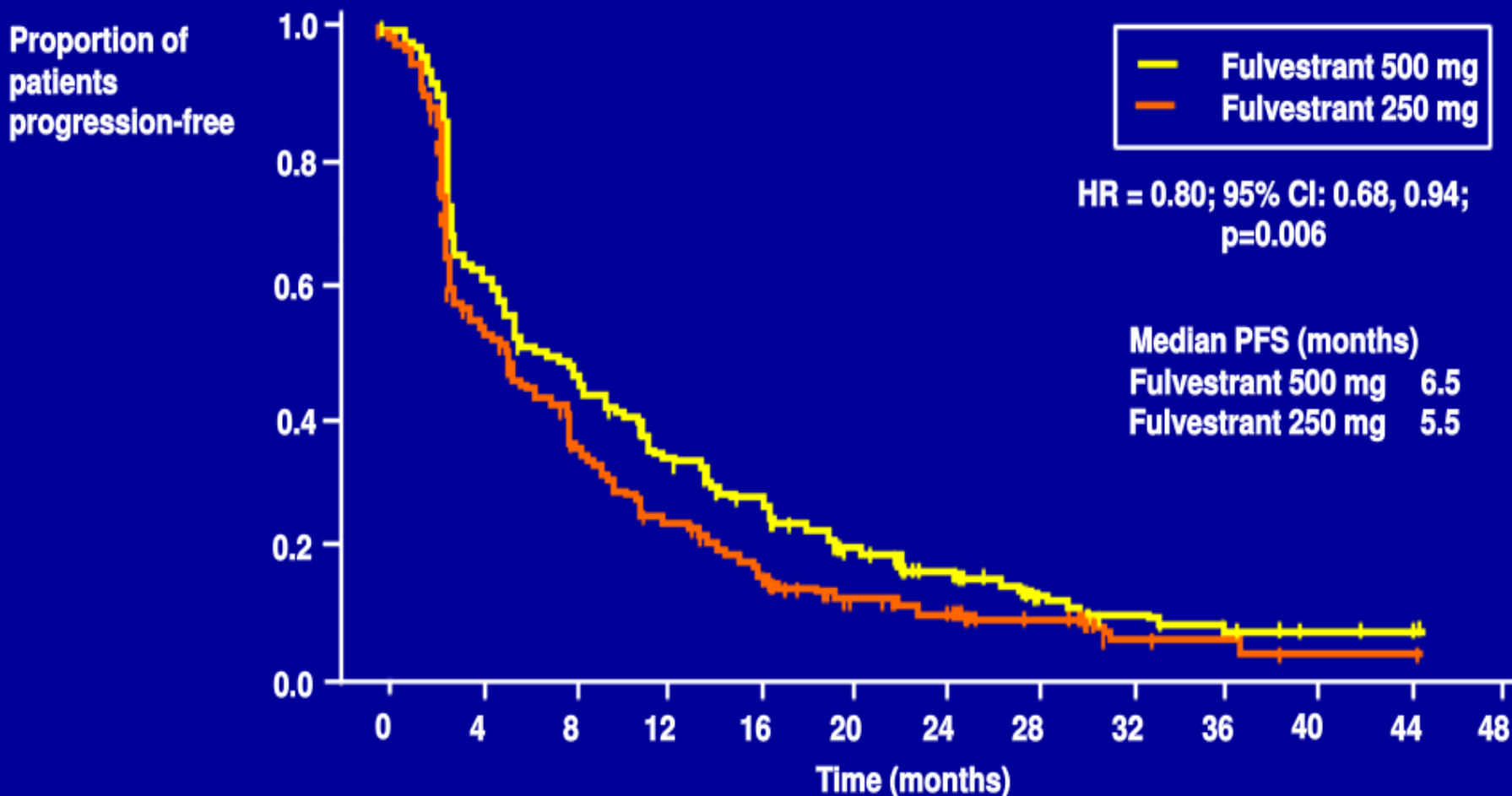
## Allowed prior hormonotherapy (HT)

Relapsing pts.

“de novo” advanced pts.



# Primary endpoint: progression-free survival



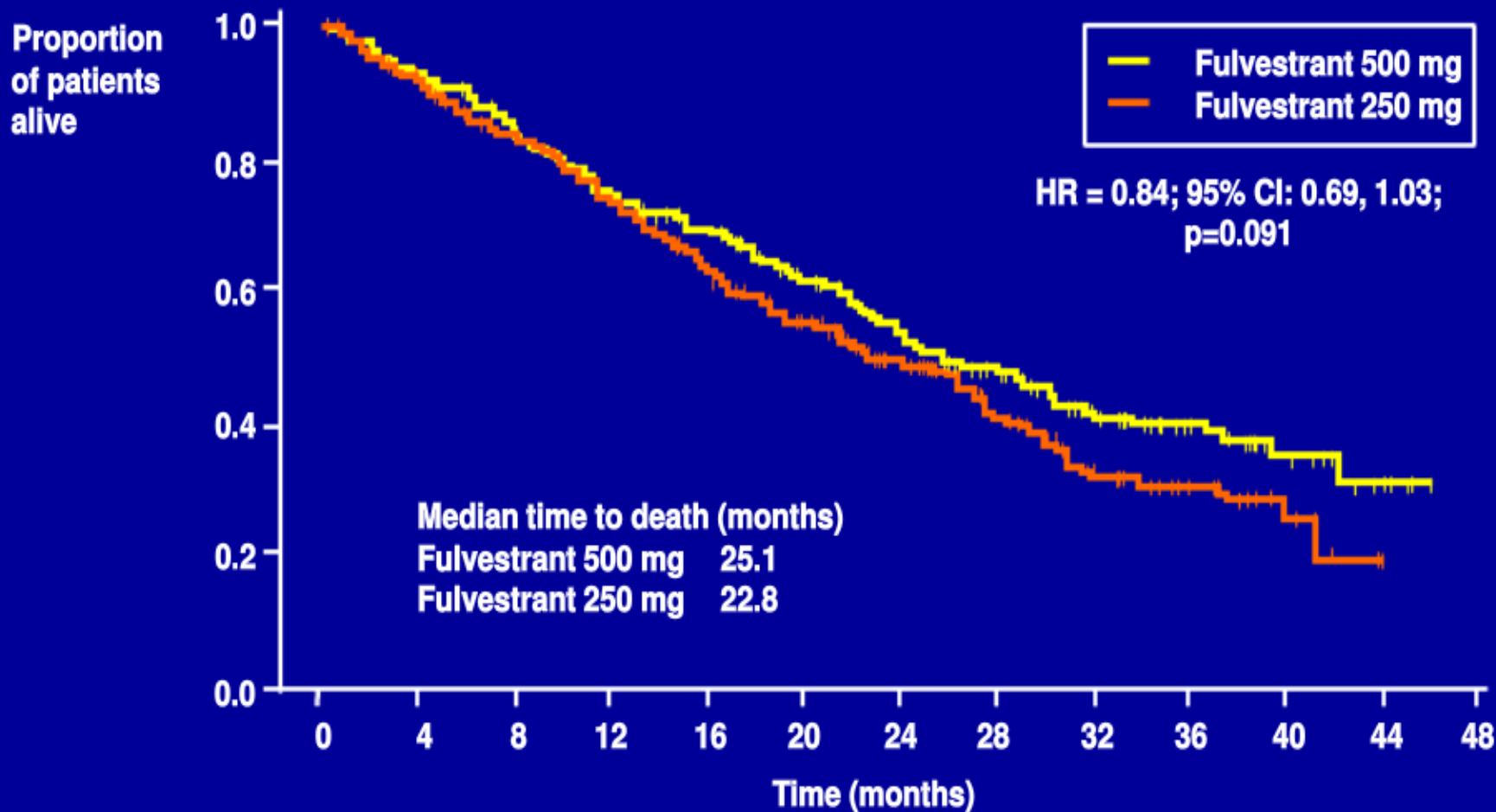
## Patients at risk:

500 mg	362	216	163	113	90	54	37	19	12	7	3	2	0
250 mg	374	199	144	85	60	35	25	12	4	3	1	1	0

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

Di Leo A et al. J Clin Oncol 2010; 28: 4594-4600

# Secondary endpoint: overall survival (first analysis at 50% maturity – full analysis set)



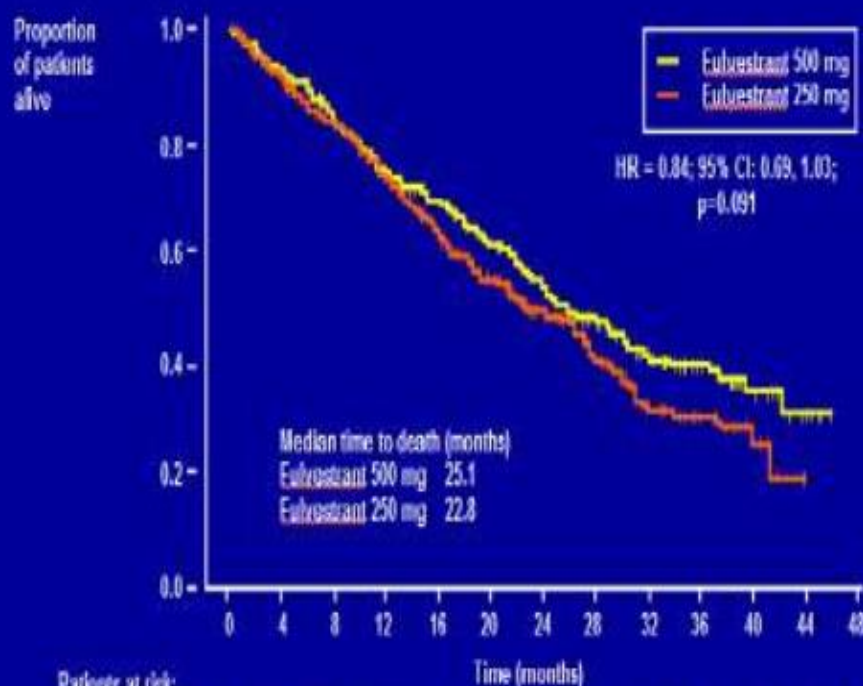
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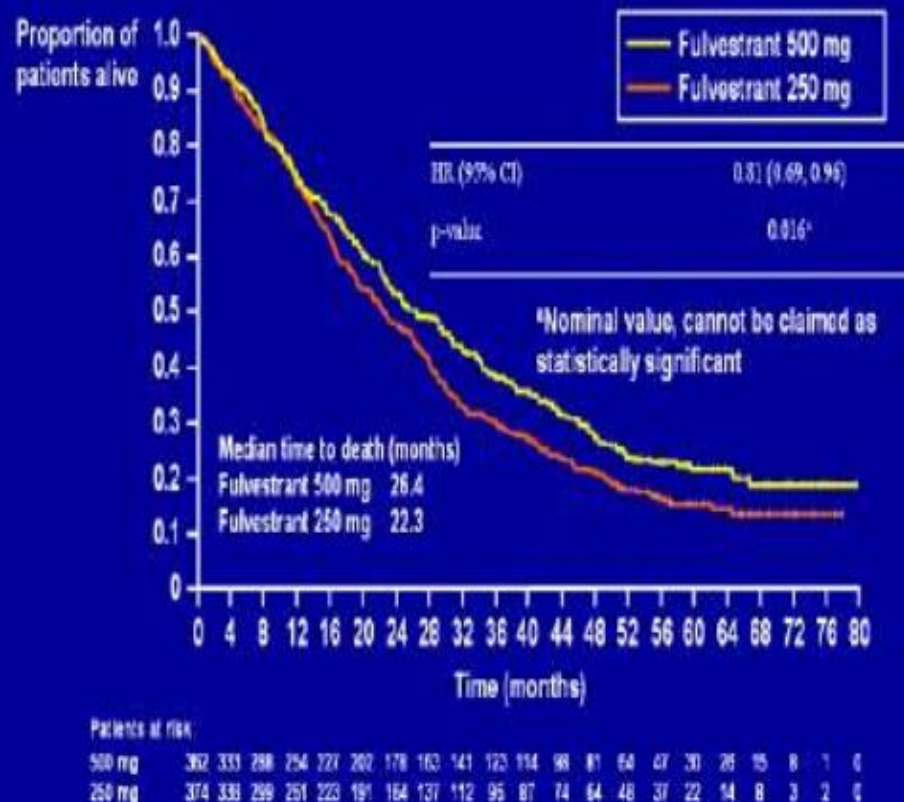


# Overall survival: first (50% events) and final (75% events) analyses

## 50% events



## 75% events



# First subsequent therapies

	Fulvestrant 500 N=362	Fulvestrant 250 N=374
% pts. with available information	63 (N=230)	64 (N=239)
Type of 1 <sup>st</sup> subsequent therapy		
- % chemotherapy / anti-HER-2	59 / -	59 / 0.4
- % endocrine therapy other than fulvestrant*	35	31
% objective response / clinical benefit	8 / 33	8 / 41

\* 8 out of 374 patients (2.1%) shifted from fulvestrant 250 mg to fulvestrant 500 mg.

# SAEs with outcome of death during the whole treatment period

Preferred term	Number (%) of patients	
	Fulvestrant 500 mg N=361	Fulvestrant 250 mg N=374
Acute myocardial infarction	0	2 (0.5)
Acute renal failure	0	1 (0.3)
Aspiration	0	1 (0.3)
Cardiopulmonary failure	1 (0.3)	0
Suicide	0	1 (0.3)
Death (death cause unknown)	1 (0.3)	0
Dyspnea	2 (0.6)	0
Hypertension	0	1 (0.3)
Intestinal adenocarcinoma	1 (0.3)	0
Meningitis	0	1 (0.3)

All events occurring after first dose are summarized  
Patient numbers are not mutually exclusive

# Conclusions

- **Final OS analysis at 75% maturity shows that fulvestrant 500 mg is associated with 4.1-month increase in median OS and a 19% reduction in the risk of death compared with fulvestrant 250 mg**
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