



# Evidence-Based practice in HR+/HER2- Advanced/Metastatic Breast Cancer

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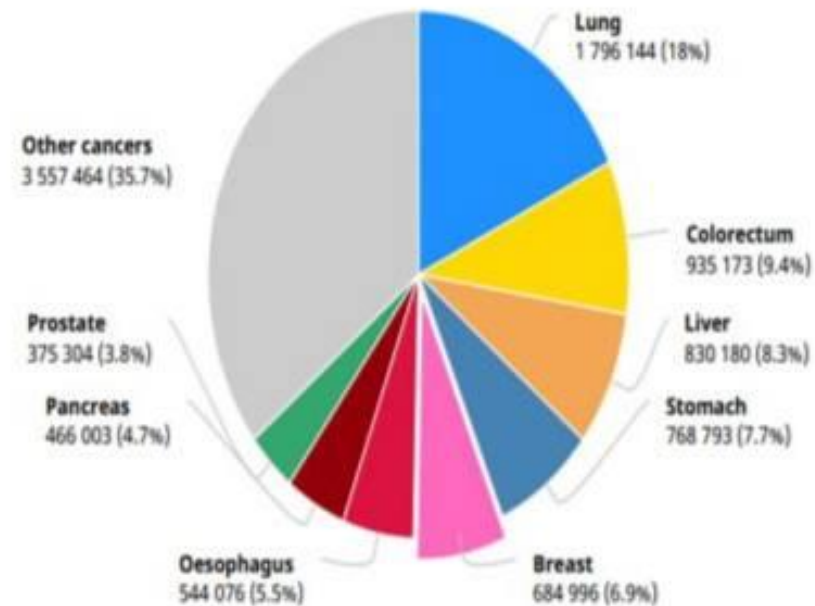
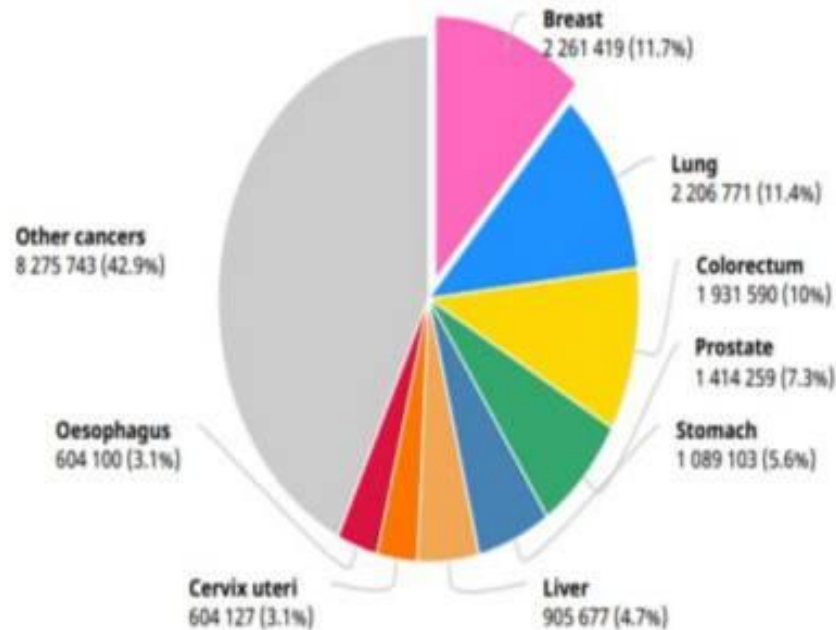
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Source: Globocan 2020



Number of new cases in 2020, both sexes, all ages

Number of deaths in 2020, both sexes, all ages



a clinically heterogenous group of tumors with different prognoses and responses to treatment



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## Clinicopathological Characteristics and Breast Cancer-Specific Survival of Patients With Single Hormone Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer

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Nearly 65- 70% are estrogen receptor-positive (ER<sup>+</sup>)  
([Andreas D. Hartkopf et al., 2020](#))  
(Fabi A, et al. 2022)

**ER+ breast cancer, while considered  
a more treatable and better prognosis subtype of breast  
cancer, is associated with a consistent annual relapse rate  
that persists beyond ten years after diagnosis.  
([Jonathan T. Lei et al., 2019](#)).**

## HR+/HER2- Advanced/Metastatic Breast Cancer



The ABC Global Charter, is to double the survival among patients with advanced breast cancer by 2025.

**“This is starting to happen especially in HR+ subtype of advanced breast cancer.”**

Dr. Cardoso said.  
(ABC Sixth International Consensus)



# Historical Timeline of Therapies for HR<sup>+</sup> Advanced Breast Cancer





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## SYSTEMIC TREATMENT OF RECURRENT (UNRESECTABLE LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE: ER- AND/OR PR-POSITIVE

F. Cardoso et al.

Visceral crisis<sup>III</sup>

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No visceral crisis  
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No prior  
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### Section I. ABC definitions

Guideline statement	LoE/GoR	Consensus
<b>Visceral crisis</b> is defined as severe organ dysfunction, as assessed by signs and symptoms, laboratory studies and rapid progression of disease. Visceral crisis is not the mere presence of visceral metastases but implies important organ compromise leading to a clinical indication for the most rapidly efficacious therapy. Examples: <b>Liver visceral crisis</b> : rapidly increasing bilirubin >1.5× ULN in the absence of Gilbert's syndrome or biliary tract obstruction. <b>Lung visceral crisis</b> : rapidly increasing dyspnoea at rest, not alleviated by drainage of pleural effusion.	Expert opinion/n/a	97%

Progression  
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Progression  
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breast cancer  
symptoms,  
presence of  
indication for



**SYSTEMIC THERAPY REGIMENS FOR RECURRENT UNRESECTABLE (LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE\***

HR-Positive and HER2-Negative with Visceral Crisis or Endocrine Refractory		
Setting	Subtype/Biomarker	Regimen
<b>First Line</b>	No germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation <sup>b</sup>	Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">see BINV-Q (5)</a>
	Germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation <sup>b</sup>	PARPi (olaparib, talazoparib) <sup>c</sup> (Category 1, preferred)
<b>Second Line</b>	HER2 IHC 1+ or 2+/ISH negative <sup>d</sup>	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki <sup>e</sup> (Category 1, preferred)
	Not a candidate for fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan- nxki	Sacituzumab govitecan <sup>f</sup> (Category 1, preferred)
		Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">see BINV-Q (5)</a>
<b>Third Line and beyond</b>	Any	Systemic chemotherapy <a href="#">see BINV-Q (5)</a>
	Biomarker positive (ie, MSI-H, NTRK, RET, TMB-H)	Targeted agents <a href="#">see BINV-Q (6)</a>



<sup>b</sup> Assess for germline *BRCA1/2* mutations in all patients with recurrent or metastatic breast cancer to identify candidates for PARP inhibitor therapy.

<sup>c</sup> PARPi can be considered for a later line for those with *BRCA1/2* mutation, however available evidence suggests it is more effective if used earlier.

<sup>d</sup> See Principles of HER2 Testing (BINV-A).

<sup>e</sup> Maybe considered in a later line for HER2 IHC 1+ or 2+/ISH negative, if not used in second-line.

<sup>f</sup> Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy may be used for adult patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative metastatic/locally advanced unresectable breast cancer after prior treatment including endocrine therapy, a CDK4/6 inhibitor, and at least two lines of chemotherapy, one of which was a taxane, and at least one of which was in the metastatic setting. It may be considered for later line if not used as second line therapy.





Systemic Chemotherapy for HR-Positive or -Negative and HER2-Negative <sup>a,s,t,u</sup>		
Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthracyclines                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Doxorubicin</li> <li>▶ Liposomal doxorubicin</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Taxanes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Paclitaxel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclophosphamide</li> <li>• Docetaxel</li> <li>• Albumin-bound paclitaxel</li> <li>• Epirubicin</li> <li>• Ixabepilone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC (doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide)</li> <li>• EC (epirubicin/cyclophosphamide)</li> <li>• CMF (cyclophosphamide/methotrexate/fluorouracil)</li> <li>• Docetaxel/capecitabine</li> </ul>

## Conclusions

METEORA-II trial showed VEX significantly improved TTF compared with P.  
VEX metronomic oral treatment should be considered as a first-line CT regimen for pts with ER+/HER2- MBC that require CT.

**216M0 - A randomized phase II trial of metronomic oral vinorelbine plus cyclophosphamide and capecitabine (VEX) vs weekly paclitaxel (P) as first- or second-line treatment in patients (pts) with ER+/HER2-metastatic breast cancer (MBC): The METEORA-II trial (IBCSG 54-16)**

### Date

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### Session

Mini Oral session: Breast cancer, metastatic

### Tonics

### Presenters

Elisabetta Munzone

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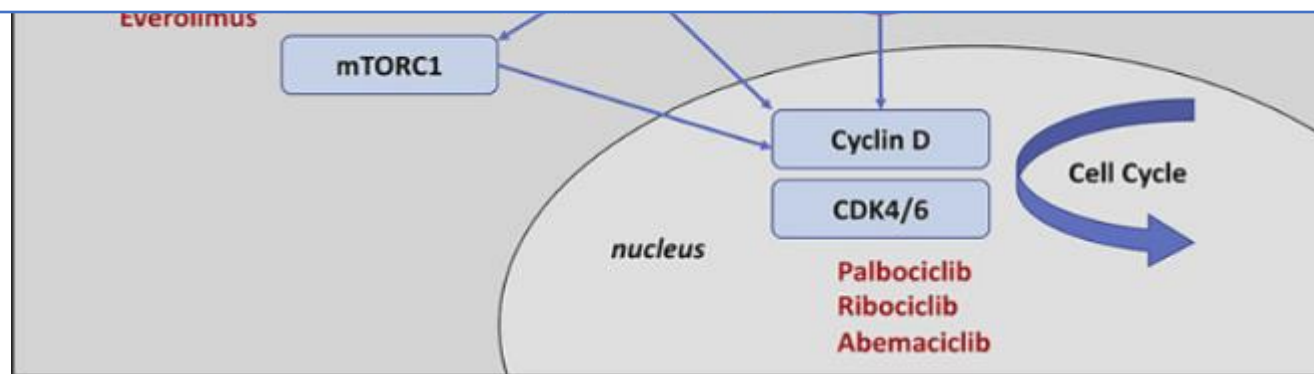
**(LoE/GoR: I/A) (93%)**

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## 50% of HR+MBCs don't benefit from ET due to Hormone resistance in breast cancer



A major challenge in treating ER-positive breast cancer is to overcome endocrine resistance.



Miranda F, Prazeres H, Mendes F, Martins D, Schmitt F. Resistance to endocrine therapy in HR + and/or HER2 + breast cancer: the most promising predictive biomarkers. Mol Biol Rep. 2022 Jan;49(1):717-733. doi: 10.1007/s11033-021-06863-3. Epub 2021 Nov 5. PMID: 34739691.



**PRIMARY ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE** is defined as:

Relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant ET, or  
PD within first 6 months of 1<sup>st</sup> line ET for ABC, while on ET

**SECONDARY (ACQUIRED) ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE** is defined as:

Relapse while on adjuvant ET but after the first 2 years, or  
Relapse within 12 months of completing adjuvant ET, or  
PD  $\geq$  6 months after initiating ET for ABC, while on ET

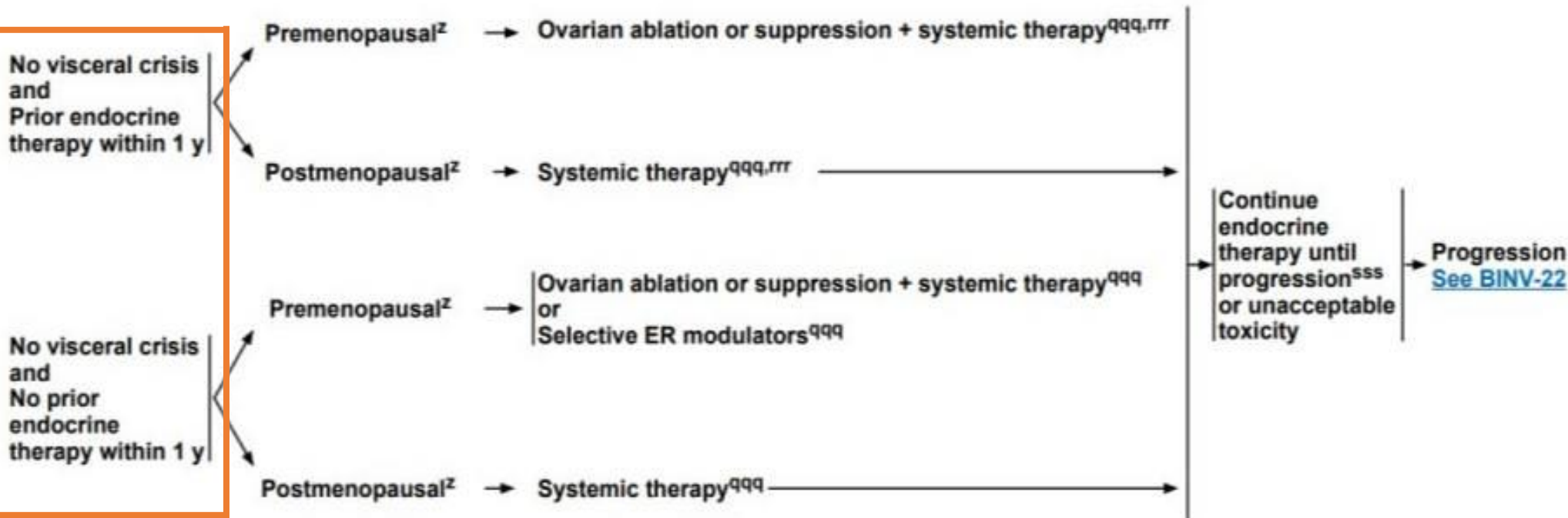
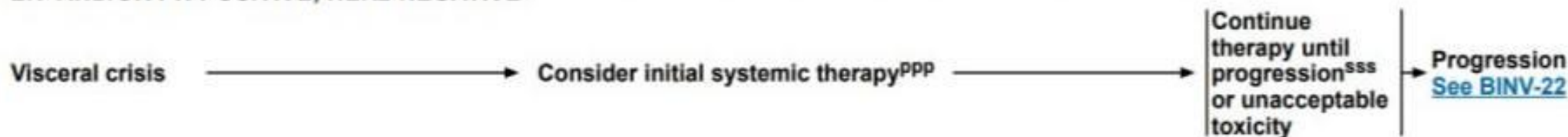
(LoE: Expert opinion/NA) (67%)

Note: resistance is a continuum and these definitions help mainly clinical trials and not necessarily clinical practice



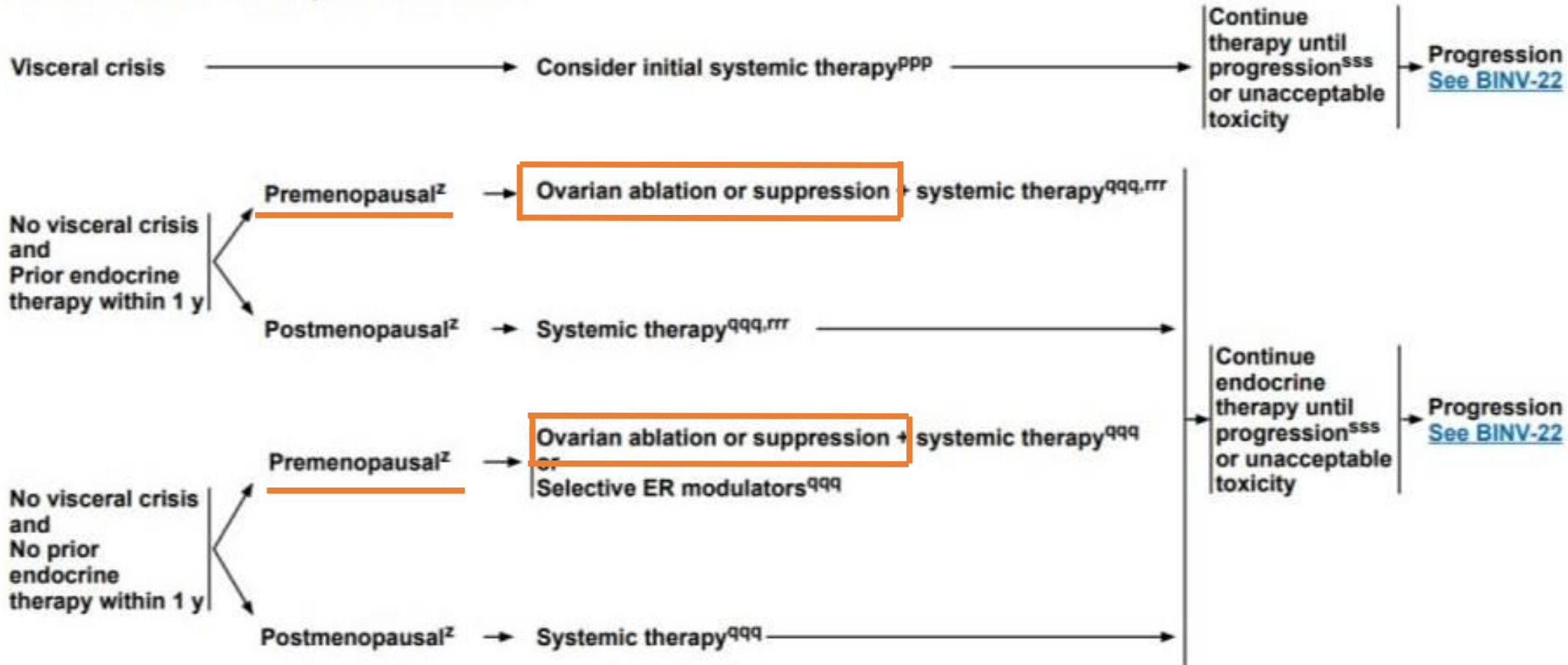


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## ER POSITIVE / HER-2 NEGATIVE MBC

Many trials in ER+ ABC have **not** included pre-menopausal women. Despite this, we recommend that young women with ER+ ABC should have **adequate** ovarian suppression or ablation (OFS/OFA) and then be treated in the same way as post-menopausal women with endocrine agents with or without targeted therapies.

(LoE/GoR: Expert Opinion/A) (95%)

Future trials exploring new endocrine-based strategies should be designed to allow for enrollment of both pre- and post-menopausal women, and men.

(LoE/GoR: Expert Opinion/A) (92%)





### DEFINITION OF MENOPAUSE

- Menopause is the permanent cessation of menses and includes a profound and permanent decrease in ovarian estrogen synthesis.
- Determination of menopausal status may be required to guide selection of endocrine therapy for breast cancer.
- Menopause is usually a clinical diagnosis made after  $\geq 12$  months of amenorrhea. Natural menopause is experienced between ages 42–58 years.
- Breast cancer treatments may affect ovarian function and menses.
  - ▶ In those who are pre-menopausal at the beginning of chemotherapy and who develop chemotherapy-induced amenorrhea, ovarian function may still be intact despite amenorrhea or may resume over time. The likelihood of ovarian function resuming after chemotherapy is higher among those aged  $< 40$  years.
  - ▶ Tamoxifen may cause amenorrhea without inducing menopause in pre-menopausal individuals.
  - ▶ Ovarian function suppression induces amenorrhea and reduces ovarian estrogen synthesis without causing permanent menopause.
- Twelve months of amenorrhea alone is insufficient to diagnose menopause with chemotherapy-induced amenorrhea or with tamoxifen  $\pm$  ovarian suppression. Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and estradiol levels are used to support the diagnosis of menopause; however, clear criteria to guide interpretation of FSH and estradiol in this population is lacking.
  - ▶ Tamoxifen may alter FSH levels, limiting its utility in determination of menopausal status.
  - ▶ FSH and estradiol should be repeated serially to ensure menopausal status in breast cancer patients with chemotherapy-induced amenorrhea.
- Evidence-based criteria for the diagnosis of menopause in patients with breast cancer are lacking. Clinical trials in breast cancer have utilized a variety of definitions of menopause. Reasonable criteria for determining menopause in patients with breast cancer include any of the following:
  - ▶ Prior bilateral oophorectomy
  - ▶ Age  $\geq 60$  years
  - ▶ Age  $< 60$  years and estradiol and FSH assessment
  - ▶ Age  $< 60$  years and estradiol assessment
  - ▶ Age  $< 60$  years and FSH assessment
  - ▶ Menopausal status

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Age  $< 60$  with amenorrhea for  $\geq 12$  months in the absence of prior chemotherapy, receipt of tamoxifen, toremifene, or **ovarian suppression** and estradiol and FSH in the post-menopausal range

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.  
Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.





## ADEQUATE OVARIAN FUNCTION SUPPRESSION (OFS) IN THE CONTEXT OF ABC

Adequate OFS for ABC premenopausal patients can be obtained through bilateral ovariectomy, continuous use of LHRH agonists or ovarian function ablation through pelvic radiotherapy (this latter is not always effective and therefore is the least preferred option). (LoE/GoR: I/A) (85%)

If a **LHRH agonist** is used in this age group, it should usually be given on a **q4w** basis to optimize OFS. (LoE/GoR: II/B) (85%)

Efficacy of OFS must be initially confirmed analytically through serial evaluations of serum estradiol, even in the presence of amenorrhea, especially if an AI is administered. (LoE/GoR: Expert Opinion/B)

As all endocrine interventions for premenopausal patients with endocrine-responsive ABC require indefinite OFS, choosing one method over the other requires balance of patient's wish for potentially preserving fertility, compliance with frequent injections over a long period of time, **risk of inadequate estrogen level suppression** and cost.

# HR+/HER2- MBC: First-line Treatment



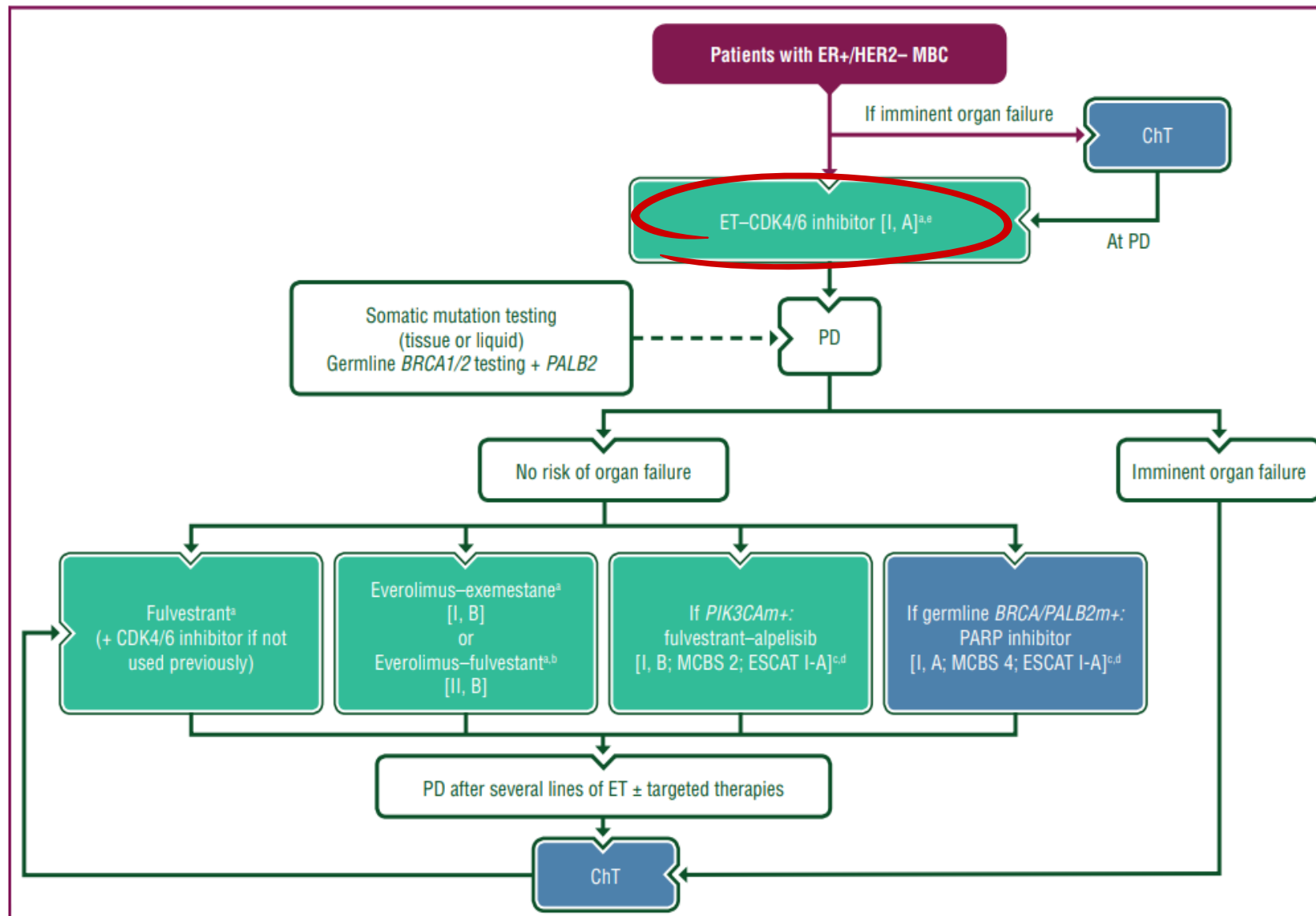
*\*No head-to-head trials comparing CDK4/6 inhibitors\**

Phase III Trial	PALOMA-2 <sup>1,2</sup>	MONALEESA-2 <sup>3,4</sup>	MONARCH-3 <sup>5,6</sup>	MONALEESA-3 <sup>7-9</sup>	MONALEESA-7 <sup>*10-12</sup>
CDK4/6i	Palbociclib	Ribociclib	Abemaciclib	Ribociclib	Ribociclib
Endocrine partner	Letrozole	Letrozole	Letrozole or anastrozole	Fulvestrant	Tamoxifen, letrozole, or anastrozole
Patients, N	666	668	493	365	672
Patient population	Postmenopausal	Postmenopausal	Postmenopausal	Postmenopausal	Pre/perimenopausal
mOS, mo	–	–	–	NR vs 40.0	NR vs 40.9
▪ Hazard ratio	–	–	–	0.724; <i>P</i> = .00455	0.712; <i>P</i> = .00973
mPFS, mo	27.6 vs 14.5	25.3 vs 16.0	28.18 vs 14.76	33.6 vs 19.2	23.8 vs 13.0
▪ Hazard ratio	0.563	0.568	0.54	0.55 <sup>‡</sup>	0.55
ORR, %	55.3 vs 44.4	52.7 vs 37.1	59 vs 44	40.9 vs 28.7 <sup>†</sup>	41 vs 30

\*First-line ET; up to 1 previous CT line permitted in advanced setting (14% had received CT). <sup>†</sup>Includes first and second line. <sup>‡</sup>Descriptive analysis.

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**Figure 2. Treatment of ER-positive/HER2-negative MBC.**

Purple: general categories or stratification; turquoise: combination of treatments or other systemic treatments; white: other aspects of management; blue: systemic anticancer therapy.

AI, aromatase inhibitor; CDK4/6, cyclin-dependent kinase 4 and 6; ChT, chemotherapy; EMA, European Medicines Agency; ER, estrogen receptor; ESCAT, ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of Molecular Targets; ESR1, estrogen receptor 1; ET, endocrine therapy; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; m, mutation; MBC, metastatic breast cancer; MCBS, ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; OFS, ovarian function suppression; PALB2, partner and localiser of BRCA2; PARP, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase; PD, progressive disease; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha.

<sup>a</sup> OFS if the patient is premenopausal.

# HR+/HER2- MBC: First-line Treatment



- Preferred regimens
  - CDK4/6i + NSAI\* (anastrozole or letrozole)
  - CDK4/6i + fulvestrant\*
- FDA-approved CDK4/6i
  - Palbociclib
  - Ribociclib
  - Abemaciclib

*\*No head-to-head trials comparing CDK4/6 inhibitors\**

- Factors influencing selection of CDK4/6i
  - Long-term survival data
  - Menopause status
  - Toxicity profile
  - Organ function
  - Drug interactions



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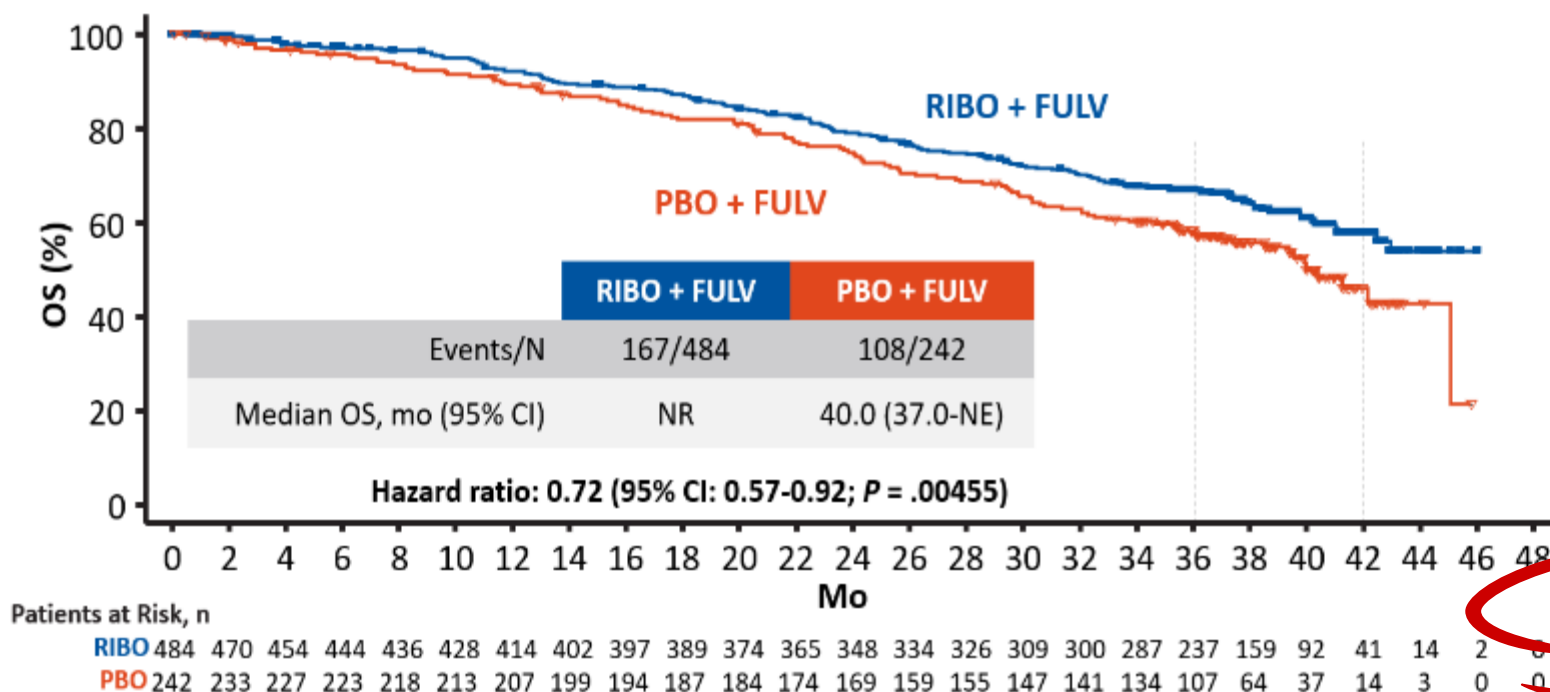
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# MONALEESA-3: Ribociclib + FULV as First- or Second-line Tx for HR+/HER2- ABC and Postmenopausal



- Reduction in relative risk of death with ribociclib: 28%



## Original Analyses (Median follow-up: 39.4 mo)

KM Est, %	RIBO + FULV	PBO + FULV
36 mo	67.0	58.2
42 mo	57.8	45.9

## Updated Analyses (Median follow-up: 56.3 mo)

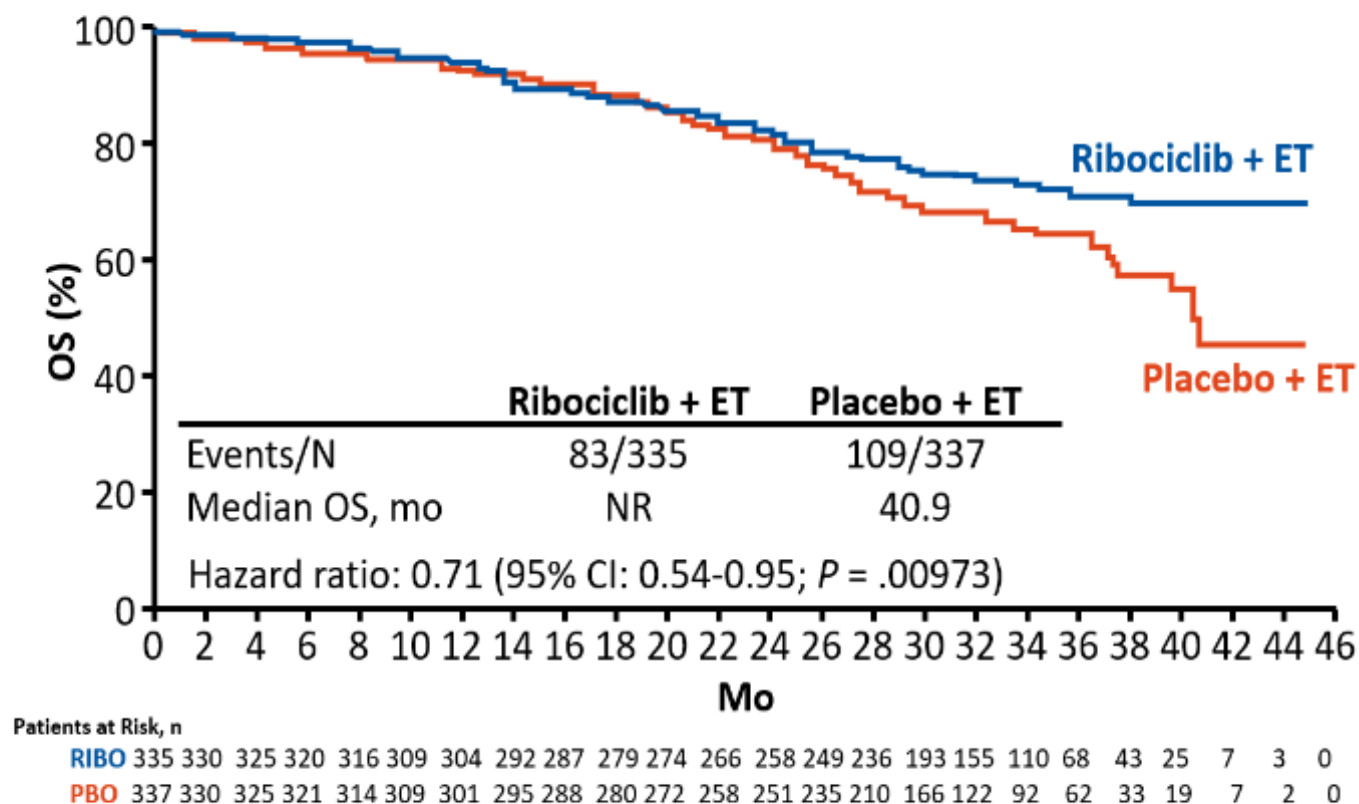
KM Est, %	RIBO + FULV	PBO + FULV
48 mo	54.0	45.0
60 mo	46.0	31.0

Median OS 53.7 mo vs 41.5 mo with ribociclib vs placebo (hazard ratio: 0.73; 95% CI 0.59-0.90)

# MONALEESA-7: Ribociclib + ET as First-line Tx of HR+/HER2- ABC and Pre/Perimenopausal



- 29% relative reduction in risk of death with ribociclib



## Original Analyses (Median follow-up: 34.6 mo)

KM Est, %	RIBO + ET	PBO + ET
36 mo	71.9	64.9
42 mo	70.2	46.0

## Updated Analyses (Median follow-up: 53.5 mo)

KM Est, %	RIBO + ET	PBO + ET
48 mo	60.0	50.0
54 mo	53.0	44.0

Median OS 58.7 mo vs 48.0 mo with ribociclib vs placebo (hazard ratio: 0.76; 95% CI 0.61-0.96)





# Updated Overall Survival of Ribociclib plus Endocrine Therapy versus Endocrine Therapy Alone in Pre- and Perimenopausal Patients with HR+/HER2- Advanced Breast Cancer in MONALEESA-7: A Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial

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## Updated Overall Survival of Ribociclib plus Endocrine Therapy versus Endocrine Therapy Alone in Pre- and Perimenopausal Patients with HR+/HER2- Advanced Breast Cancer in MONALEESA-7: A Phase III

### Conclusions:

**Ribociclib plus ET continued to show significantly longer **OS** than ET alone in pre-/perimenopausal patients, including patients aged less than 40 years, with HR=/**HER2** ABC with 53.5 months of median follow-up (ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT02278120).**

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RECURRENT UNRESECTABLE (LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE<sup>a</sup>**

<b>HER2-Negative and Postmenopausal or Premenopausal Receiving Ovarian Ablation or Suppression</b>		<b>HER2-Positive and Postmenopausal<sup>1,k</sup> or Premenopausal Receiving Ovarian Ablation or Suppression</b>
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<sup>a</sup> Baseline assessment of bone density recommended for patients receiving an aromatase inhibitor who are at risk of osteoporosis (eg, age >65, family history, chronic steroids).

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<sup>c</sup> A single study (S0226) in patients with HR-positive breast cancer and no prior chemotherapy, biological therapy, or endocrine therapy for metastatic disease demonstrated that the addition of fulvestrant to anastrozole resulted in prolongation of time to progression and overall survival. Subset analysis suggested that patients without prior adjuvant tamoxifen and more than 10 years since diagnosis experienced the greatest benefit. Two studies with similar design (FACT and SOFEA) demonstrated no advantage in time to progression with the addition of fulvestrant to anastrozole.

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<sup>f</sup> [See Additional Targeted Therapies and Associated Biomarker Testing for Recurrent or Stage IV \(M1\) Disease \(BINV-R\)](#).

<sup>g</sup> A combination of exemestane with everolimus can be considered for patients who meet the eligibility criteria for BOLERO-2 (progressed within 12 mo or on non-steroidal aromatase inhibitor).

<sup>h</sup> Indicated after progression on prior endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting.

<sup>i</sup> An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for trastuzumab.

<sup>j</sup> Trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk injection for subcutaneous use may be substituted for trastuzumab. It has different dosage and administration instructions compared to intravenous trastuzumab. Do not substitute trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxkl.

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**SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR ER- AND/OR PR-POSITIVE  
RECURRENT UNRESECTABLE (LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE\***

**HER2-Negative and Postmenopausal  
or Premenopausal Receiving Ovarian Ablation or Suppression**

**Preferred Regimens**

**First-Line Therapy**

- Aromatase inhibitor + CDK4/6 inhibitor<sup>b</sup>
  - ▶ Aromatase inhibitor + ribociclib (category 1)<sup>c</sup>
  - ▶ Aromatase inhibitor + abemaciclib
  - ▶ Aromatase inhibitor + palbociclib
- Fulvestrant<sup>d</sup> + CDK4/6 inhibitor<sup>b</sup>
  - ▶ Fulvestrant + ribociclib (category 1)<sup>e</sup>
  - ▶ Fulvestrant + abemaciclib (category 1)<sup>e</sup>
  - ▶ Fulvestrant + palbociclib

**Second- and Subsequent-Line Therapy**

- Fulvestrant + CDK4/6 inhibitor (abemaciclib, palbociclib, or ribociclib) if CDK4/6 inhibitor not previously used (category 1)<sup>f,g</sup>
- For *PIK3CA*-mutated tumors, see additional targeted therapy options, [see BINV-Q \(6\)](#)<sup>h</sup>
- Everolimus + endocrine therapy (exemestane, fulvestrant, tamoxifen)<sup>i,j</sup>

**Other Recommended Regimens**

**First- and Subsequent-Line Therapy**

- Selective ER down-regulator
  - ▶ Fulvestrant<sup>k</sup>
- Selective ER down-regulator (fulvestrant, category 1) + non-steroidal aromatase inhibitor (anastrozole, letrozole) (category 1)<sup>k</sup>
- Non-steroidal aromatase inhibitor
  - ▶ Anastrozole
  - ▶ Letrozole
- Selective ER modulator
  - ▶ Tamoxifen
- Steroidal aromatase inactivator
  - ▶ Exemestane

**Useful in Certain Circumstances**

**Subsequent-Line Therapy**

- Megestrol acetate
- Estradiol
- Abemaciclib<sup>l</sup>
- Additional targeted therapy options, [see BINV-Q \(6\)](#)

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**BINV-P**



# Key AEs With CDK4/6 Inhibitors: Monitoring and Prevention



Diarrhea	Hepatobiliary Toxicity	QT Prolongation	Neutropenia	VTE	ILD/ Pneumonitis
Abemaciclib	Abemaciclib		Abemaciclib	Abemaciclib	Abemaciclib
Palbociclib			Palbociclib		Palbociclib
Ribociclib	Ribociclib	Ribociclib	Ribociclib		Ribociclib
<p>Antidiarrheal therapy</p> <p>Increase oral hydration</p> <p>Notify healthcare provider</p>	<p>LFTs before starting tx, Q2W x 2 mo, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Abemaciclib</i>, as indicated</li> <li>▪ <i>Ribociclib</i>, at start of cycle x 4 cycles</li> </ul>	<p>ECG before cycle 1, Day 14 of cycle 1, start of cycle 2, then as indicated</p> <p>Electrolytes at start of cycle x 6 cycles, then as indicated</p>	<p>CBC before starting treatment, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Abemaciclib</i>, Q2W x 2 mo, QM x 2 mo, then as indicated</li> <li>▪ <i>Palbociclib</i>, Days 1 and 15 of cycles 1-2, then as indicated</li> <li>▪ <i>Ribociclib</i>, Q2W x 2 cycles, start of next 4 cycles, then as indicated</li> </ul>	<p>Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis or pulmonary embolism</p>	<p>Monitor for pulmonary symptoms indicative of ILD or pneumonitis (eg, hypoxia, cough, dyspnea)</p>

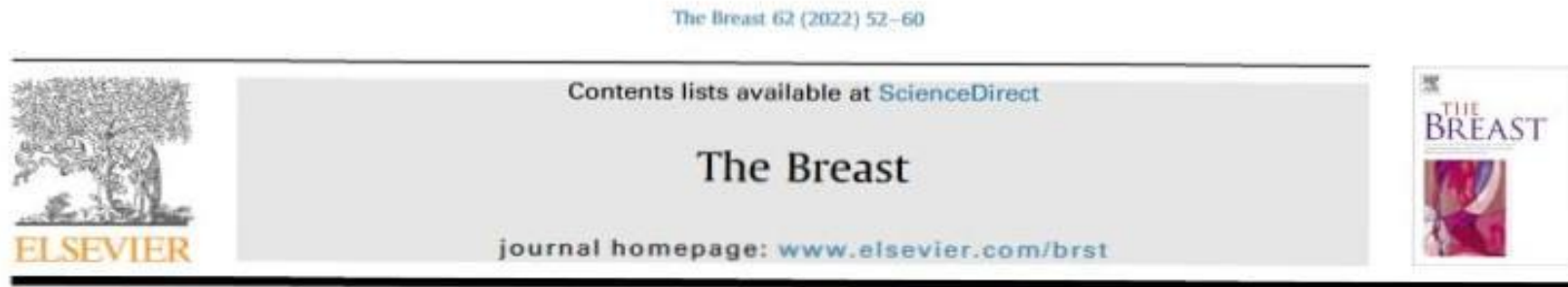
Abemaciclib PI. Palbociclib PI. Ribociclib PI.

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# ET + CDK4/6i or Chemo for Metastatic Premenopausal Women?

## *Phase II Young-PEARL Trial (KCSG-BR 15-10, NCT02592746)*



Exploratory analysis of biomarkers associated with clinical outcomes from the study of palbociclib plus endocrine therapy in premenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer

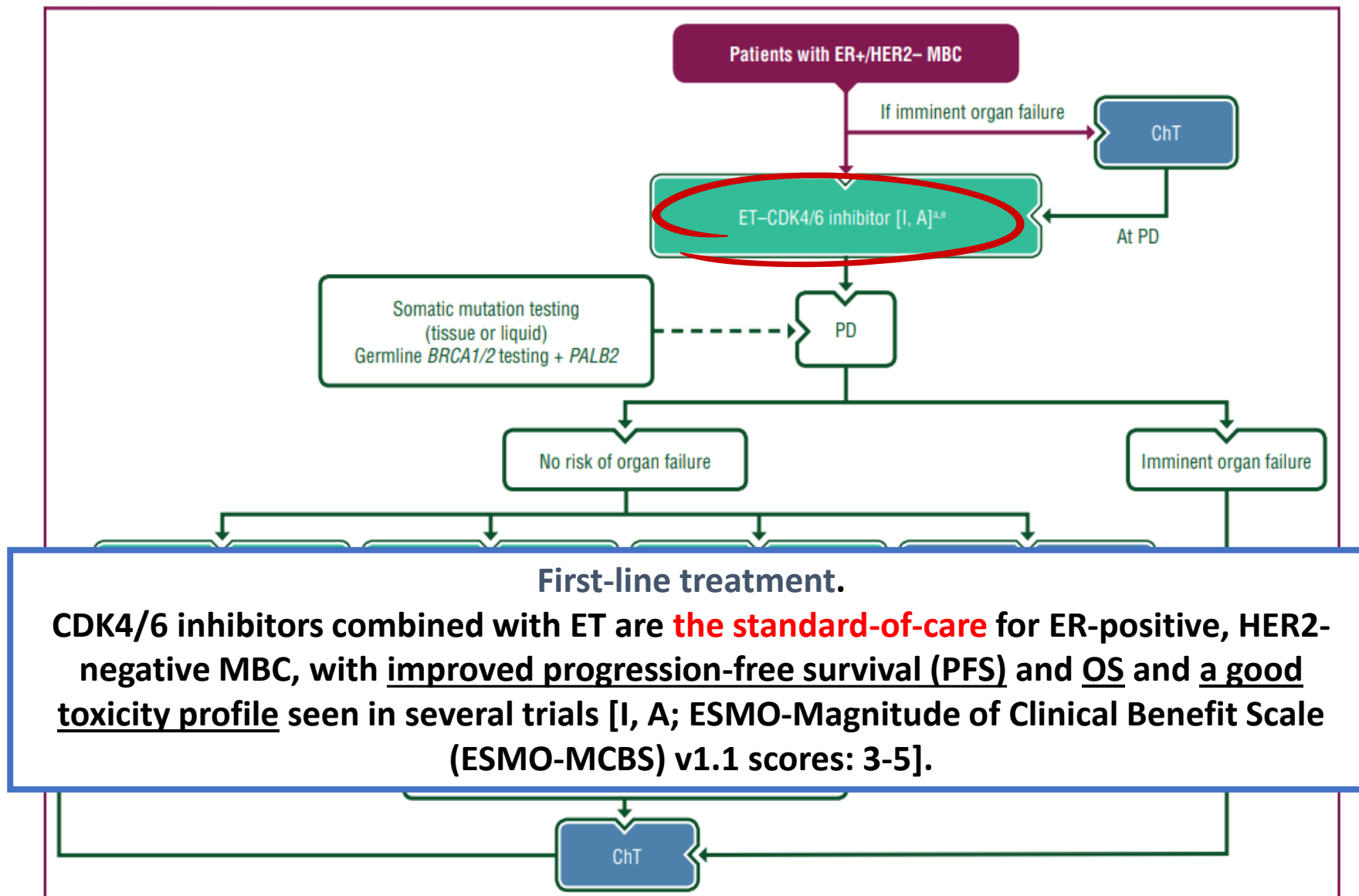


**Conclusion:**  
palbociclib plus ET, luminal type showed better prognosis.

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*50% in each arm  
treated in first-line  
metastatic setting*



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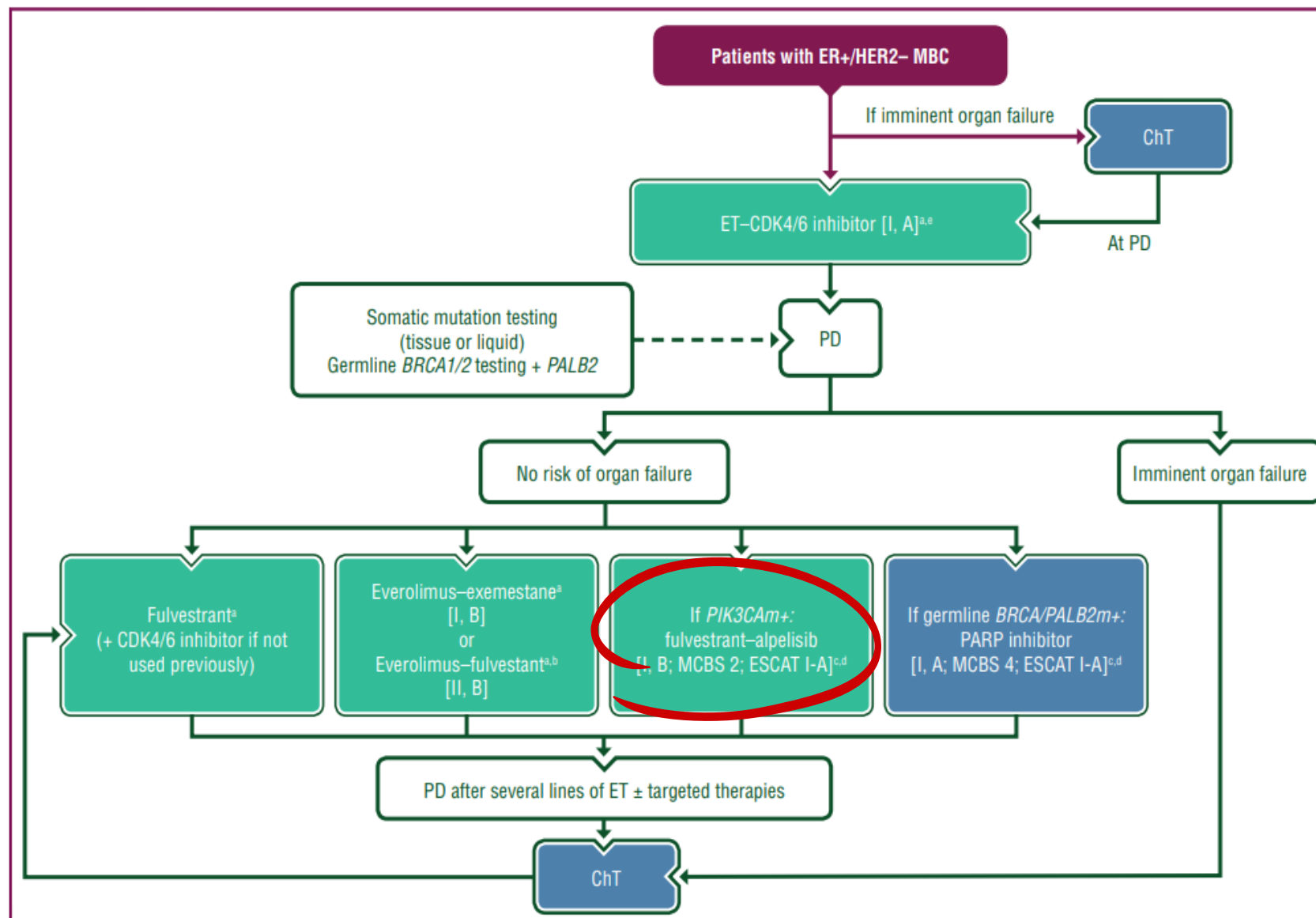
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# HR+/HER2- MBC: Beyond First-line Treatment



- **Most** patients with HR+/HER2- MBC will develop resistance to first-line CDK4/6i + ET
- **Endocrine resistance (ESMO guidelines)**
  - **Primary:** PD within first 6 mo of first-line ET for MBC, while on ET
  - **Secondary:** PD 6 mo after starting ET for MBC, while on ET
- Additional targeted therapies and associated biomarker testing
  - ✓ Alpelisib for *PIK3CA*m
  - ✓ PARP inhibitors (olaparib or talazoparib) for g*BRCA1/2*m
  - ✓ Everolimus (no biomarker testing required)



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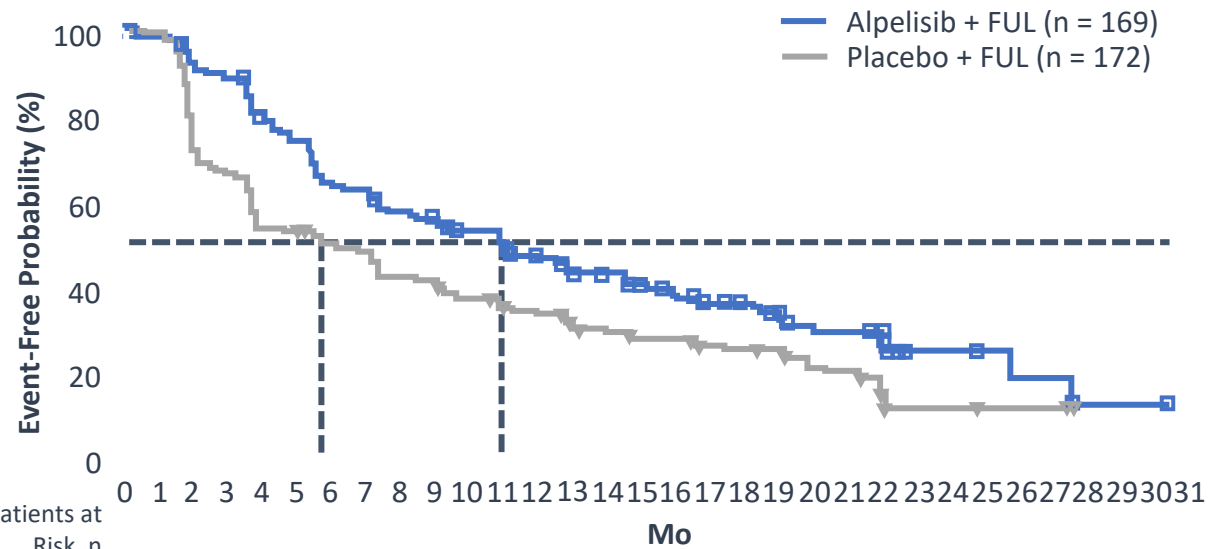


# SOLAR-1: PFS and OS Results in *PIK3CA*-mut After prior AI

Only 6% of patients with prior CDK4/6i exposure

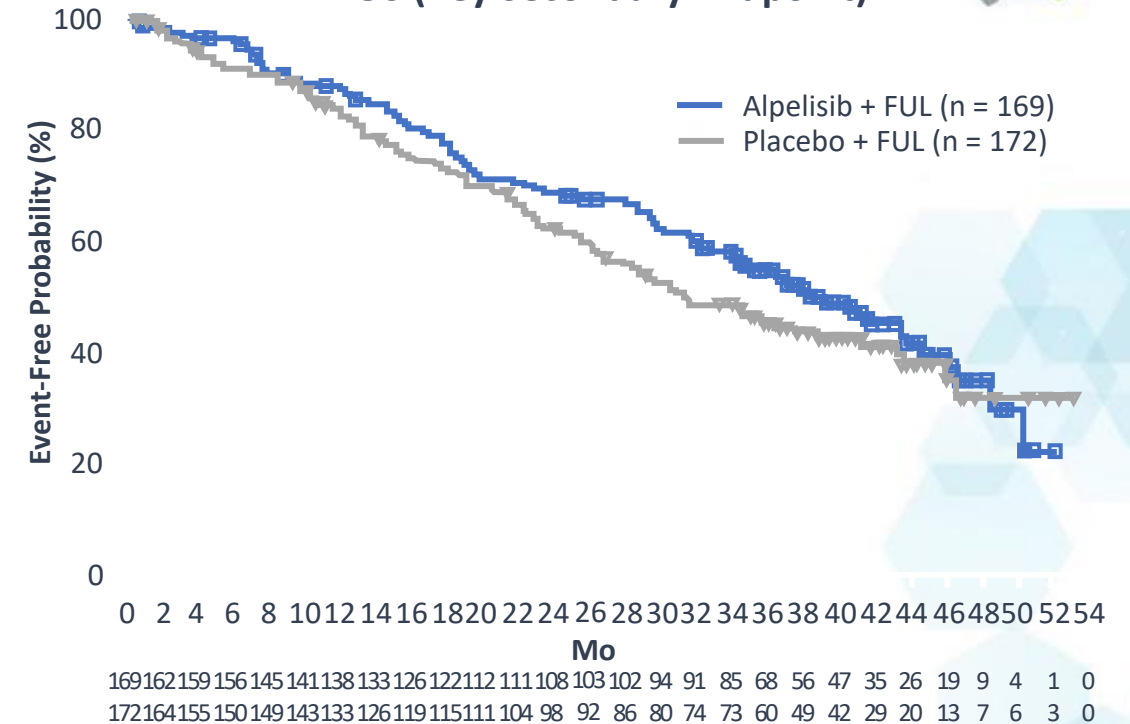


PFS (Primary Endpoint)



Median PFS 11.0 vs 5.7 months  
HR 0.65 (0.50–0.85)  
 $P = .00065$

OS (Key Secondary Endpoint)



Median OS 39.3 vs 31.4 months  
HR 0.86 (0.64–1.15)  
 $P = .15$

**Table 1.** BYLieve patient cohorts and treatment assignments

Cohort	Immediate prior therapy	Study treatment
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## NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2023 Breast Cancer

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### ADDITIONAL TARGETED THERAPIES AND ASSOCIATED BIOMARKER TESTING FOR RECURRENT UNRESECTABLE (LOCAL OR REGIONAL) OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE

#### Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies

Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
HR-positive/ HER2-negative <sup>v</sup>	<i>PIK3CA</i> activating mutation	PCR (blood or tissue block if blood negative)	Alpelisib + fulvestrant <sup>w</sup>	Category 1	Preferred second- or subsequent-line therapy
Any	<i>NTRK</i> fusion	FISH, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Larotrectinib <sup>y</sup> Entrectinib <sup>x</sup>	Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances
Any	MSI-H/dMMR	IHC, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Pembrolizumab <sup>y,z</sup> Dostarlimab-gxly <sup>aa</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	TMB-H (≥10 mut/mb)	NGS	Pembrolizumab <sup>y,z</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	<i>RET</i> -fusion	NGS	Selpercatinib <sup>bb</sup>	Category 2A	

# Alpelisib Monitoring Requirements



All Patients <sup>1</sup>			
Verify pregnancy status in women of reproductive potential prior to initiating alpelisib	Consider an antihistamine when initiating alpelisib <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prophylactic antihistamines administered prior to rash onset on SOLAR-1 decreased incidence and severity of rash</li> </ul>	Assess FPG and A1C before initiating treatment with alpelisib <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimize blood glucose before initiating alpelisib</li> <li>Consider prophylactic metformin</li> </ul>	Plan for glucose monitoring after treatment initiation <p><b>Monitor fasting glucose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least weekly during the first 2 wks</li> <li>Then at least every 4 wks and as clinically indicated</li> </ul> <p><b>Monitor A1C:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 3 mo and as clinically indicated</li> </ul>

## Hyperglycemia Monitoring Schedule<sup>[1,2]</sup>

Additional monitoring as clinically indicated



## Prediabetic/Diabetic Patients\*<sup>1</sup>

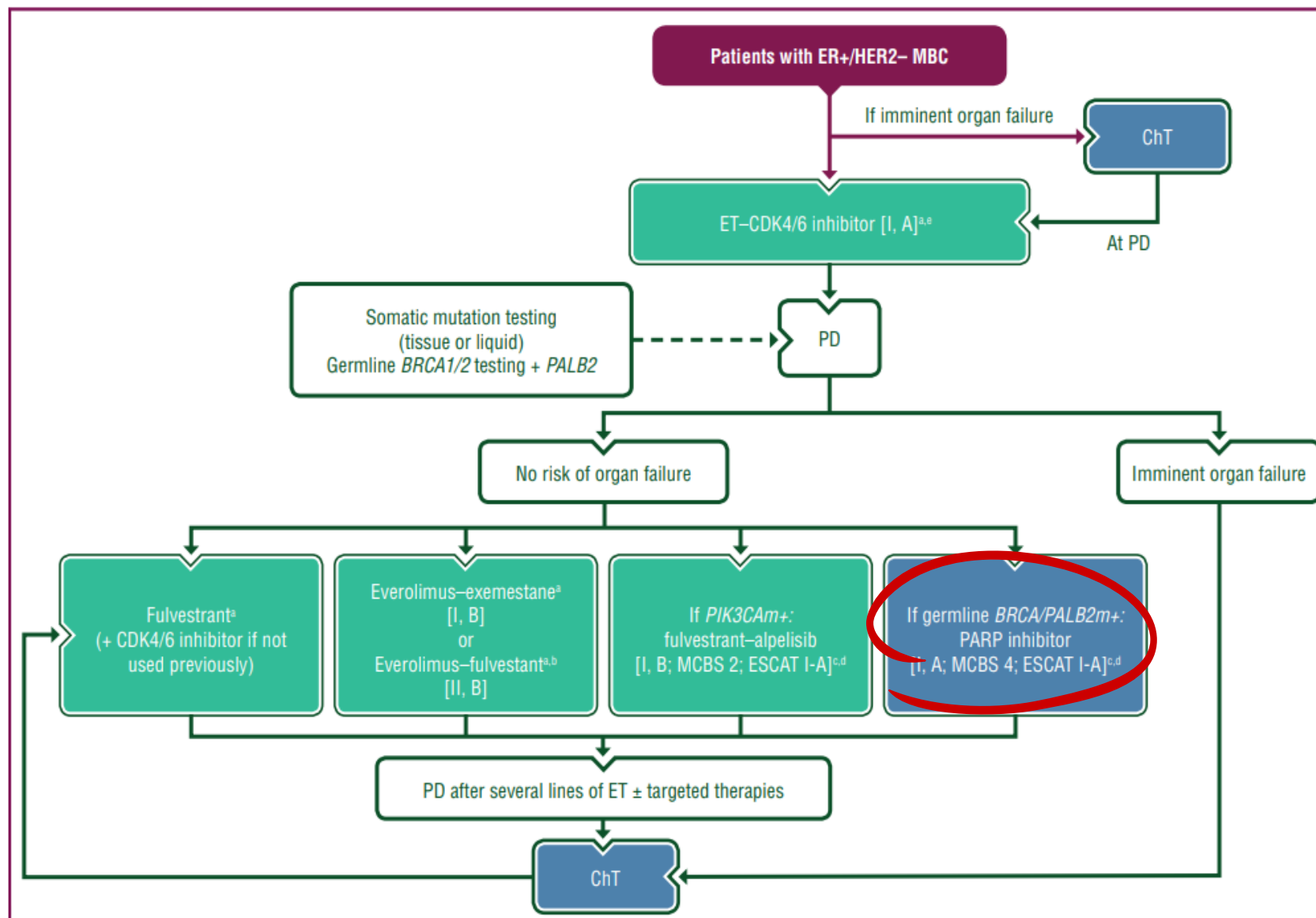
Closely monitor glucose, may require intensified antihyperglycemic treatment

Counsel patients on lifestyle changes related to exercise and dietary intake, as appropriate

\*SOLAR-1 excluded patients with type 1 diabetes or uncontrolled type 2 diabetes. At baseline in alpelisib arm, 56% of patients were prediabetic (FPG 5.6 to <7.0 mmol/L and A1C 5.7% to <6.5%) and 4% were diabetic (FPG ≥7.0 mmol/L or A1C ≥6.5%).<sup>2,3</sup>

1. Alpelisib PI. 2. Rugo. Ann Oncol. 2020;31:1001. 3. André. NEJM. 2019;380:1929.

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# PARP Inhibitor Phase III Trials in *BRCA1/2*-Positive, HER2- MBC



Trial	N	Prior Therapy	Stratification	Intervention	Median PFS, Mo Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
OlympiAD <sup>1</sup>	302	Anthracycline and taxane; ≤2 prior lines of CT* for MBC; If HR+, not suitable for ET or PD on ≥1 ET	HR status; prior CT for MBC; prior platinum tx	<b>Olaparib</b> <sup>†</sup> 300 mg PO BID (n = 205) vs <b>CT</b> <sup>‡</sup> (n = 97)	<b>7.0 vs 4.2</b> 0.58 (0.43-0.80) P <.001
EMBRACA <sup>2</sup>	431	Anthracycline and/or taxane; ≤3 previous lines of CT <sup>§</sup> for ABC	HR status, prior CT; history of CNS mets	<b>Talazoparib</b> 1 mg PO QD (n = 287) vs <b>CT</b> <sup>#</sup> (n = 144)	<b>8.6 vs 5.6</b> 0.54 (0.41-0.71) P <.001

\*If platinum-based tx, patient could not have experienced PD on tx in advanced setting or ≥12 mo since (neo)adjuvant tx. <sup>†</sup>Tablet. <sup>‡</sup>Physician's choice of: capecitabine 2500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO Days 1-14; vinorelbine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Days 1/8; or eribulin 1.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Days 1/8 (21-day cycles). <sup>§</sup> Previous platinum-based therapy for EBC permitted if DFI ≥6 mo.

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# Practical Management Strategies: PARPi Adverse Events

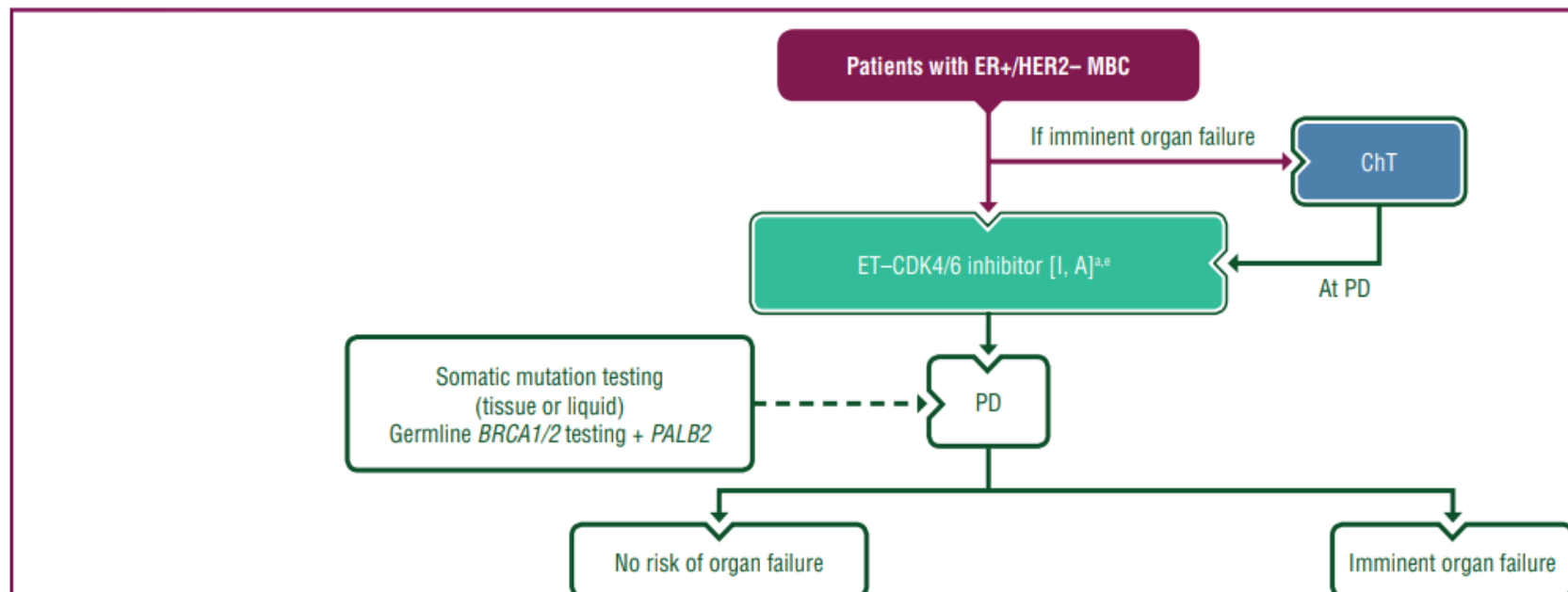


	Olaparib	Talazoparib
<b>Anemia*</b>	Hb <8 g/dL and/or requiring transfusion for symptomatic relief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitor closely</li> <li>▪ Recurrent: Dose reduce to avoid multiple transfusions</li> </ul>	Hb <8 g/dL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold until Hb ≥9 g/dL</li> <li>▪ Resume at a reduced dose</li> </ul>
<b>Neutropenia</b>	ANC <500 lasting ≥5-7 days or associated with fever: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold until recovery of infection and granulocytes</li> <li>▪ Resume at a reduced dose</li> </ul>	ANC <1000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold until ANC ≥1500</li> <li>▪ Resume at a reduced dose</li> </ul>
<b>Thrombocytopenia</b>	Persistent or significant bleeding despite dose reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discontinue olaparib</li> </ul>	PLT <50,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold until PLT ≥75,000</li> <li>▪ Resume at reduced dose</li> </ul>
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderate emetogenicity; 5-HT3 receptor antagonists (eg, ondansetron) recommended as prophylaxis</li> <li>▪ Persistent nausea requiring daily antiemetics and/or resulting in &gt;5% weight loss: Consider dose reduction</li> </ul>	
<b>Secondary MDS/AML (rare)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incidence: olaparib 1.5%; talazoparib &lt;1%</li> <li>▪ If prolonged hematologic toxicity occurs (&gt;grade 1 for &gt;4 weeks), further evaluation is warranted<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	
<b>Pneumonitis<sup>‡</sup> (rare)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interrupt treatment and evaluate promptly for new or worsening respiratory symptoms (eg, cough, dyspnea, fever, wheezing), or radiographic abnormalities</li> <li>▪ Permanently discontinue olaparib if pneumonitis confirmed</li> </ul>	

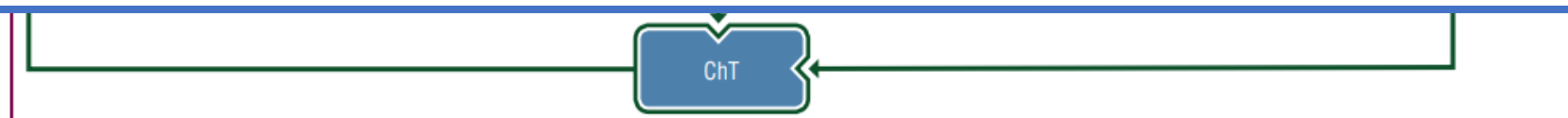
\*Most frequently AE reported with PARPi; <sup>†</sup>Including bone marrow and cytogenetic evaluation; <sup>‡</sup>Olaparib only

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In the phase III BOLERO-2 trial,  
Everolimuse /exemestane significantly improved median PFS  
versus placebo exemestane (7.8 versus 3.2 months, HR 0.45) in  
patients who had progressed on a nonsteroidal AI, but there was  
**no significant OS or quality-of-life (QoL) benefit.**



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# HR+/HER2- MBC: Beyond Third-line Treatment



- For patients with endocrine-sensitive tumours, continuation of ET with agents not previously received in the metastatic setting may represent an option [III, B].
- Patients with tumours that are endocrine resistant **should be considered for ChT** [V, B].
- Sequential **single-agent ChT** is generally preferred over combination strategies. In patients where a rapid response is needed due to imminent organ failure, combination ChT is preferred [II, A].
- Available drugs for single-agent ChT include anthracyclines, taxanes, capecitabine, eribulin, vinorelbine, platinum and other agents. Rechallenge with anthracyclines or taxanes is feasible in patients with a DFI 12 months. If available, the use of liposomal anthracyclines or protein-bound paclitaxel may be considered for the rechallenge [II, B].
- The combination of a **taxane or capecitabine with bevacizumab**, if available, is an option for the first line of ChT [I, C; ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 2].
- If capecitabine is used, patients **should undergo germline variant testing for the lack of enzyme, DPD, before starting treatment**. ChT should generally be continued until PD or intolerable toxicity (except for anthracyclines where the cumulative limit needs to be taken into account) [II, B].
- The optimal sequence of therapy in MBC **has not been established**. Available options should be discussed with the patient [I, A].



# EMERALD: Elacestrant vs SoC in HR+/HER2- MBC



- 477 men and postmenopausal women with ER+/HER2- MBC who progressed after 1-2 lines of ET(1 line with a CDK4/6 inhibitor); ≤1 line of chemo for advanced disease
- Randomized to elacestrant 400 mg PO daily vs SoC
  - SoC: investigator's choice of fulvestrant, anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane
- Coprimary endpoints: PFS in all patients, PFS in patients with *mESR1* (BICR)
- Prespecified subgroups generally showed a consistent trend toward improved PFS with elacestrant vs SoC

	All Patients		Patients With <i>mESR1</i>	
	Elacestrant (n = 239)	SoC (n = 238)	Elacestrant (n = 115)	SoC (n = 113)
Median PFS, mo	2.79	1.91	3.78	1.87
▪ HR (95% CI)	0.697 (0.552-0.880)		0.546 (0.387-0.768)	
▪ P value	.0018		.0005	
	Elacestrant (n = 239)	FULV (n = 165)	Elacestrant (n = 115)	FULV (n = 83)
Median PFS, mo	2.79	1.94	3.78	1.87
▪ HR (95% CI)	0.684 (0.521-0.897)		0.504 (0.341-0.741)	
▪ P value	.0049		.0005	

- Although data are not yet mature, trend toward improved OS observed with elacestrant vs SoC among all patients and patients with *mESR1*

# FDA Approves Elacestrant for ER-Positive, HER2-Negative, *ESR1*-Mutated Advanced or Metastatic Breast Cancer

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A statistically significant difference in progression-free survival was observed in the intention-to-treat (ITT) population and in the subgroup of patients with *ESR1* mutations.

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Patients were randomly assigned 1:1 to receive elacestrant at 345 mg orally once daily (n = 239) or investigator's choice of endocrine therapy (n = 239), which included fulvestrant (n = 166) or an aromatase inhibitor (n = 73). Random assignment was stratified by *ESR1* mutation status (detected vs not detected), prior treatment, and performance status. The primary endpoint was progression-free survival. The major adverse events were musculoskeletal pain, nausea, increased cholesterol, increased aspartate aminotransferase, increased triglycerides, fatigue, decreased hemoglobin, vomiting, increased alanine transaminase, decreased sodium, increased creatinine, decreased appetite, diarrhea, headache, constipation, abdominal pain, hot flush, and dyspepsia.

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An exploratory analysis of progression-free survival in the 250 (52%) patients without *ESR1* mutations showed a hazard ratio of 0.86 (95% CI = 0.63–1.19), indicating that the improvement in the ITT population was primarily attributed to the results seen in the *ESR1* mutated population.

The most common adverse events ( $\geq 10\%$ ), including laboratory abnormalities, were musculoskeletal pain, nausea, increased cholesterol, increased aspartate aminotransferase, increased triglycerides, fatigue, decreased hemoglobin, vomiting, increased alanine transaminase, decreased sodium, increased creatinine, decreased appetite, diarrhea, headache, constipation, abdominal pain, hot flush, and dyspepsia.

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This review used the Assessment Aid, a voluntary submission from the applicant to facilitate the FDA's assessment. This application was granted Priority Review and Fast Track designation.





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#### Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies

Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
HR-positive/ HER2-negative <sup>v</sup>	<i>PIK3CA</i> activating mutation	PCR (blood or tissue block if blood negative)	Alpelisib + fulvestrant <sup>w</sup>	Category 1	Preferred second- or subsequent-line therapy
Any	<i>NTRK</i> fusion	FISH, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Larotrectinib <sup>x</sup> Entrectinib <sup>x</sup>	Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances
Any	MSI-H/dMMR	IHC, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Pembrolizumab <sup>y,z</sup> Dostarlimab-gxly <sup>aa</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	TMB-H (≥10 mut/mb)	NGS	Pembrolizumab <sup>y,z</sup>	Category 2A	
Any	<i>RET</i> -fusion	NGS	Selpercatinib <sup>bb</sup>	Category 2A	



# Key Points to Consider:

- Pembrolizumab (MSI-H/dMMR) (TMB-H)
- Larotrectinib/entrectinib (*NTRK* fusions)
- Antibody–drug conjugates:
  - **Trastuzumab deruxtecan** might be FDA approved for HER2-low metastatic breast cancer in patients with no more than 2 lines of chemotherapy
  - **Sacituzumab govitecan** demonstrated statistically significant efficacy compared to standard chemotherapy in endocrine refractory MBC who have received 2-4 lines of chemotherapy



# Take home message



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**“We now have a median overall survival of 5 years. For the first time, we can speak about hope for these patients, not just wishful thinking,” said Dr. Cardoso.**

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New recommendations for treating advanced breast cancer, coming from a panel of experts at the Advanced Breast Cancer (ABC) Sixth International Consensus Conference (ABC6), were recently published.<sup>1</sup> The report highlights advances that have resulted in robust improvements in overall survival for this malignancy,

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