



A step forward in treatment landscape for HR+, HER2- breast cancer patients



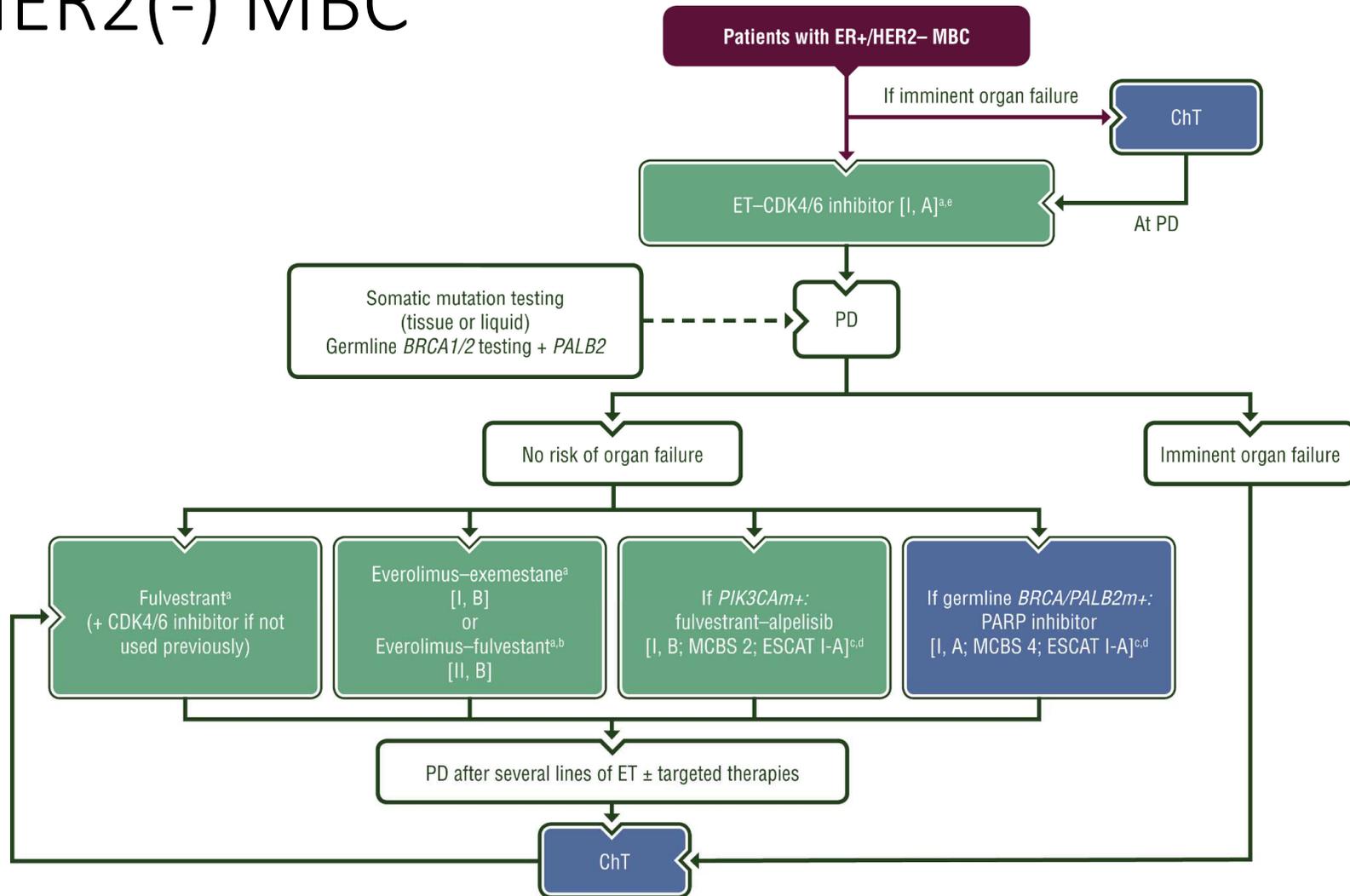
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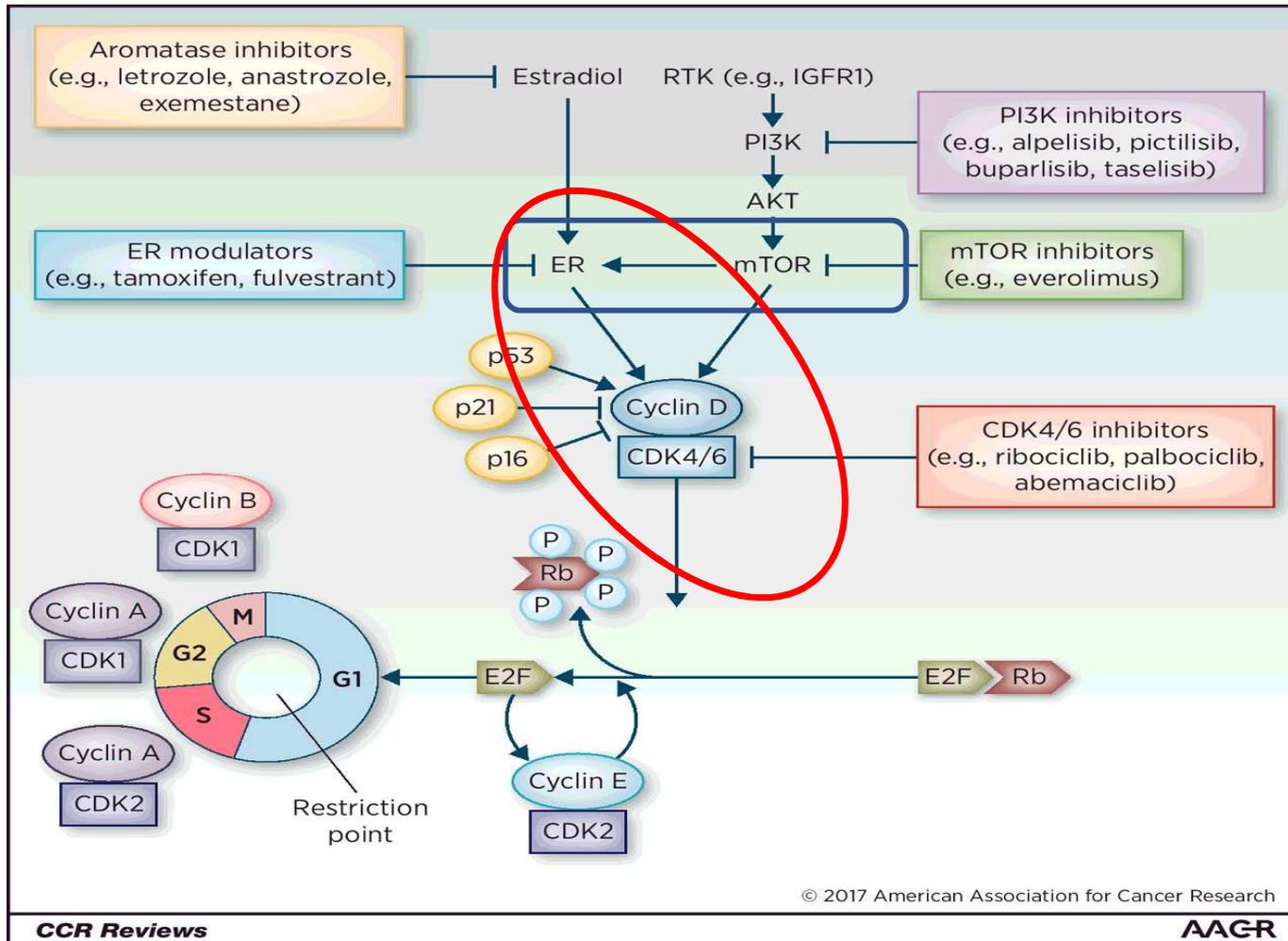
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ER(+)/HER2(-) MBC

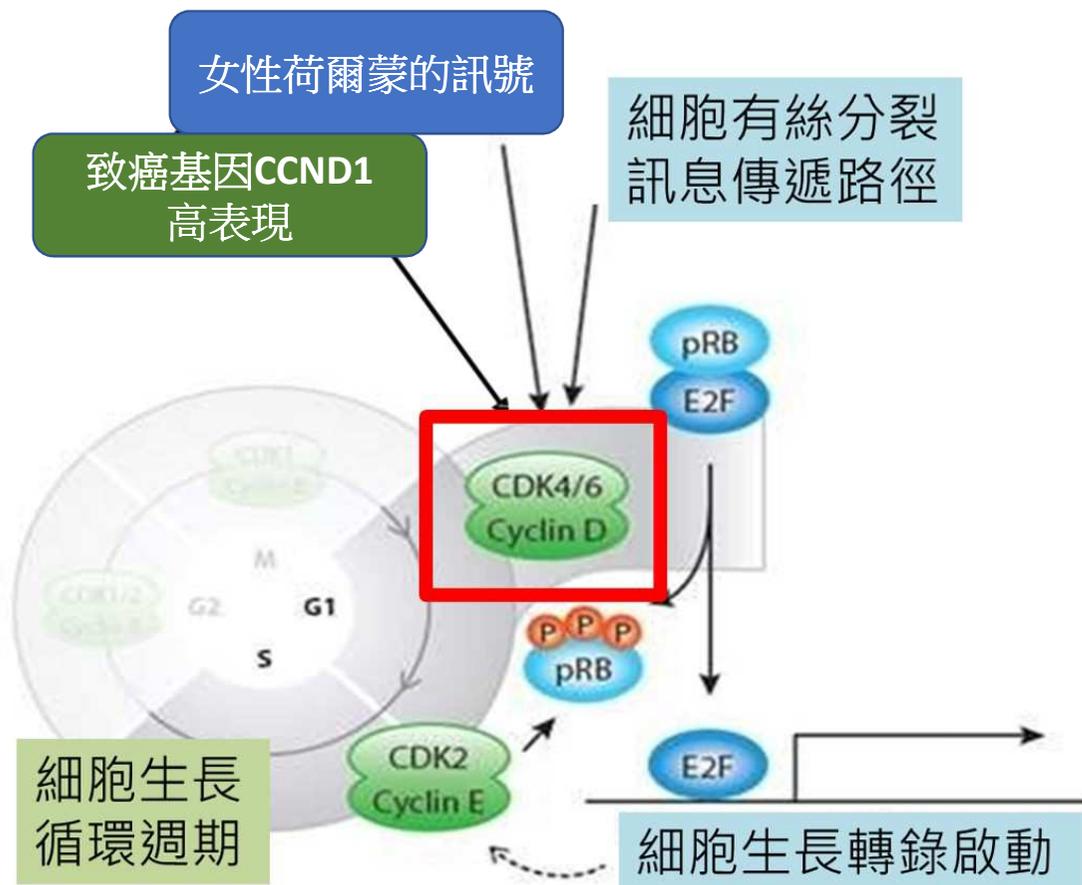


ER signaling, cell cycle and mTOR: actionable targets

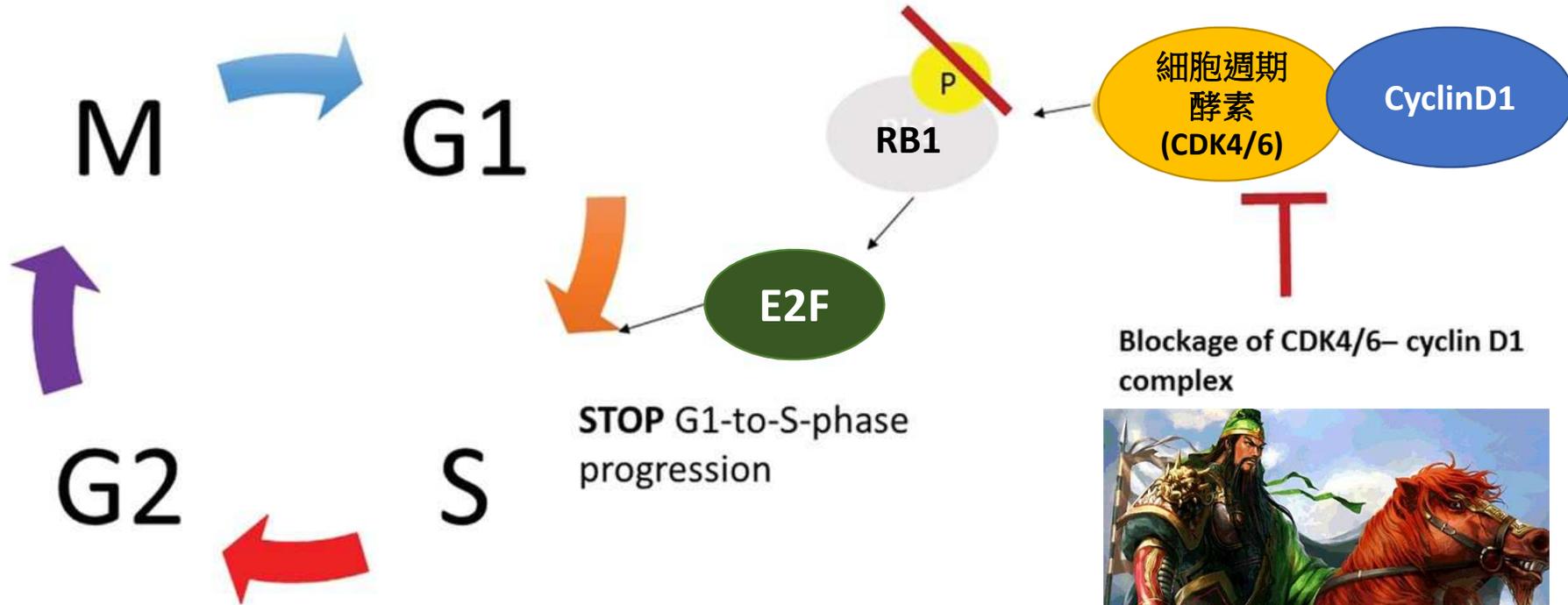


Debu Tripathy et al. Clin Cancer Res 2017;23:3251-3262

賀爾蒙刺激細胞周期運轉(加速分裂)



CDK4/6 抑制劑 (細胞週期激素4/6 抑制劑)



Preusser M, et al. ESMO Open 2019;3:e000368.



愛乳適 vs 擊癌利 vs 捷癌寧



Table 1. Key characteristics of CDK inhibitors

Drug	Palbociclib (Pfizer) (PD0332991, Ibrance)	Ribociclib (Novartis) (LEE011)	Abemaciclib (Eli Lilly) (LY2835219)
IC ₅₀ (<i>in vitro</i> kinase assay, recombinant proteins)	CDK4 (D1): 11 nmol/L CDK4 (D3): 9 nmol/L CDK6 (D2): 15 nmol/L CDK1: >10 μmol/L CDK2: >10 μmol/L (66, 67)	CDK4: 10 nmol/L CDK6: 39 nmol/L CDK1: >100 μmol/L CDK2: >50 μmol/L (1, 89)	CDK4 (D1): 0.6–2 nmol/L CDK6 (D1): 2.4–5 nmol/L CDK 9: 57 nmol/L CDK1: >1 μmol/L CDK2: >500 nmol/L (1, 88)
PK	T _{max} 4.2–5.5 hr t _{1/2} 25.9–26.7 hr (69, 70)	T _{max} 4 hr t _{1/2} 24–36 hr (90, 91)	T _{max} 4–6 h t _{1/2} 17–38 h (crosses blood:brain barrier; refs. 92, 93)
PD	Reduced RB phosphorylation in paired tumor biopsies, along with reduced fluorothymidine-PET uptake (75)	Reduced RB phosphorylation and Ki67 expression in paired tumor biopsies (90)	Reduced RB phosphorylation and topoisomerase IIα expression in paired tumor and skin biopsies (92)
Dosing	125 mg daily (3 weeks, 1-week drug holiday) or 200 mg daily (2 weeks, 1-week drug holiday; refs. 69, 70)	600 mg daily (3 weeks, 1-week drug holiday; ref. 90)	200 mg twice daily (continuous dosing; ref. 92)
Major dose-limiting toxicities	Neutropenia, thrombocytopenia	Neutropenia, thrombocytopenia	Fatigue
Other reported adverse events	Anemia, nausea, anorexia, fatigue, diarrhea (69, 70)	Mucositis Prolonged EKG QTc interval Elevated creatinine Nausea (90)	Diarrhea Neutropenia (92)

Differential selectivity on CDKs

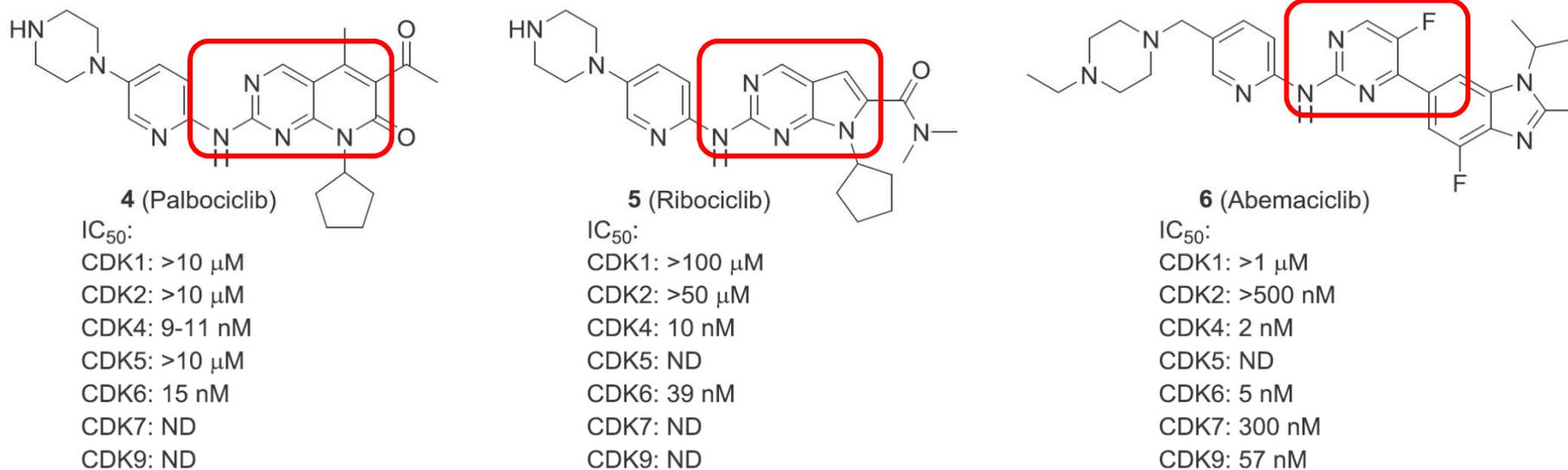
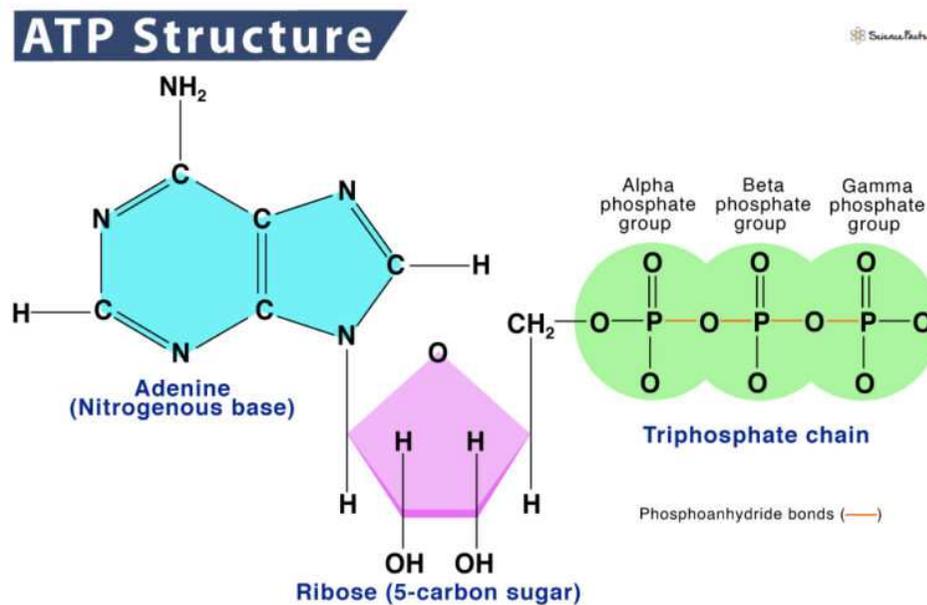
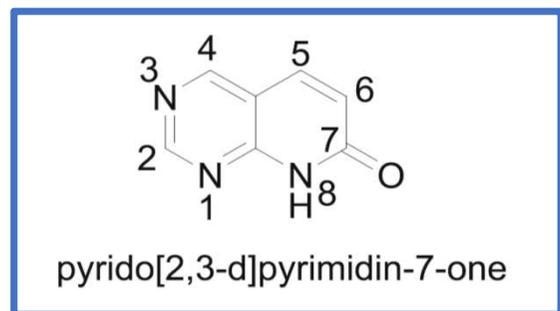
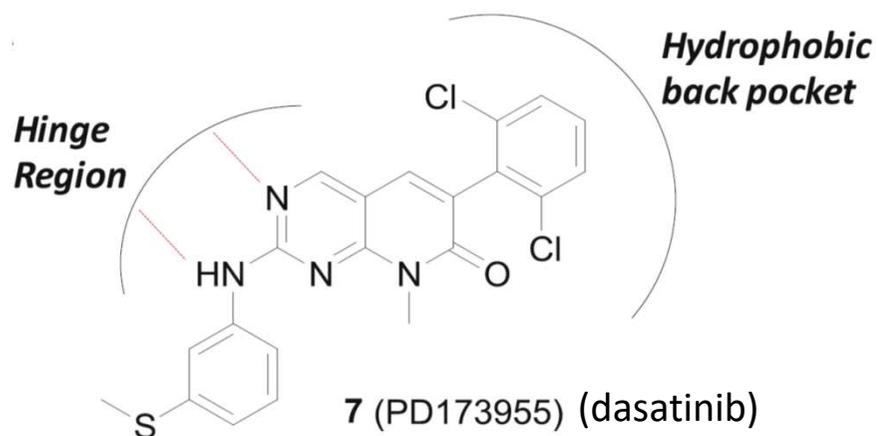


Fig. 1. Examples of chemical structure and CDKs inhibitory activity of first (A), second (B) and third (C) generation compounds.

ATP-competing kinase inhibitor scaffold

Example of a ATP-binding pocket of Abl kinase



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Example of a ATP-competing CDK4/CDK6 inhibitor and structure activity relationship

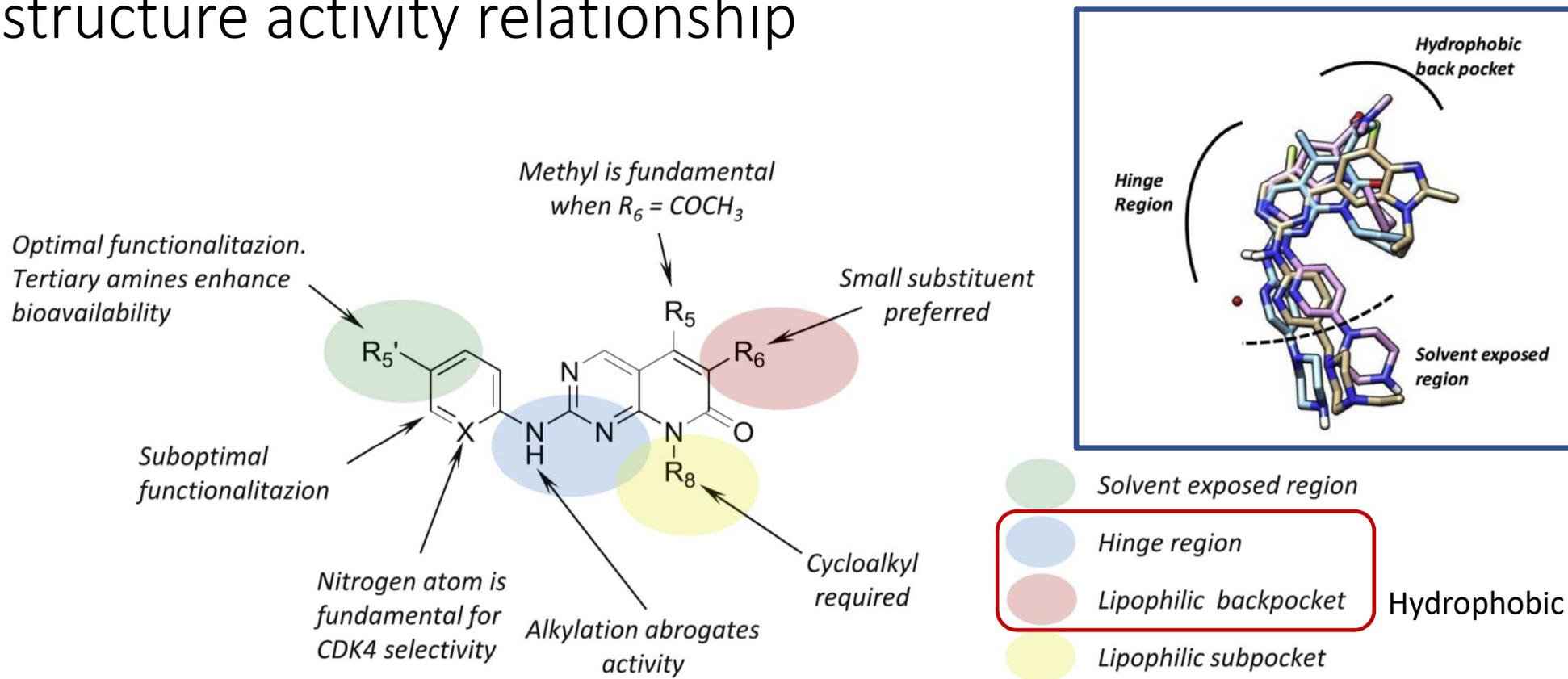
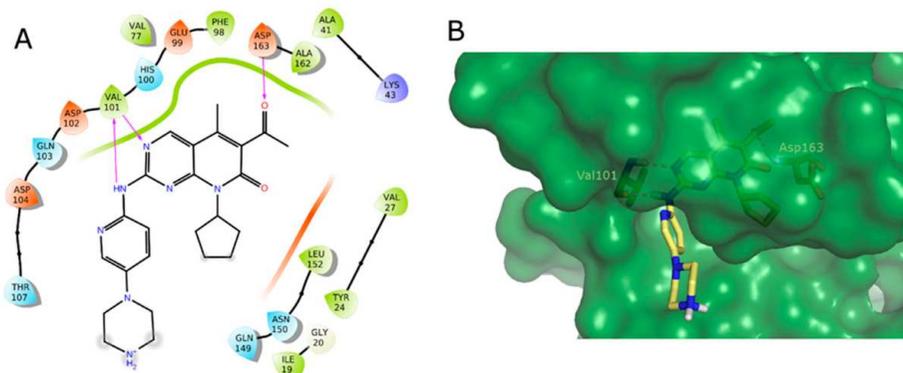


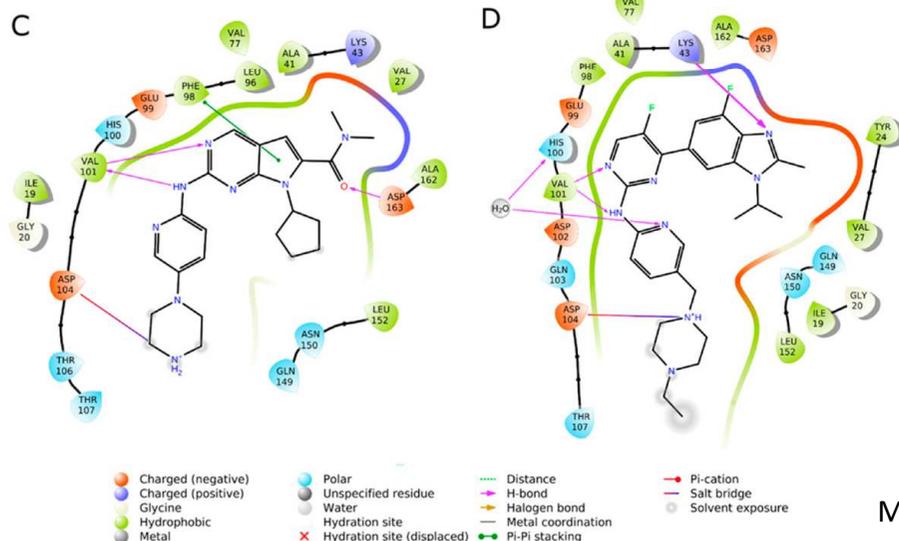
Fig. 4. SAR for Palbociclib in context with the main features of ATP binding site.

Effectively inhibiting CDK4/CDK6 by competing the ATP-binding pocket

Palbociclib



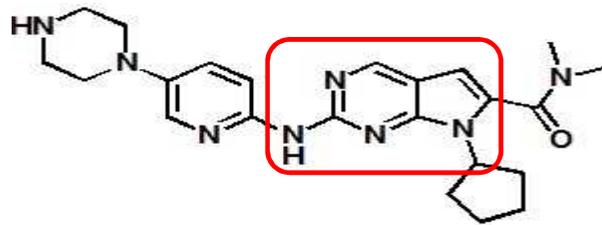
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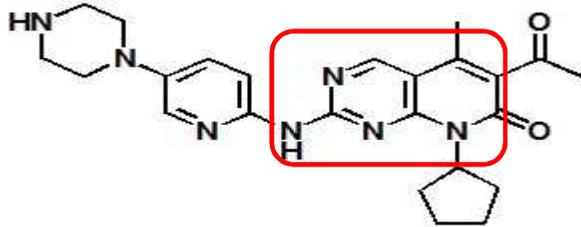
Abemaciclib

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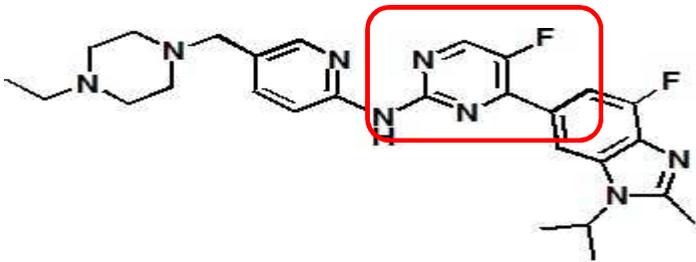
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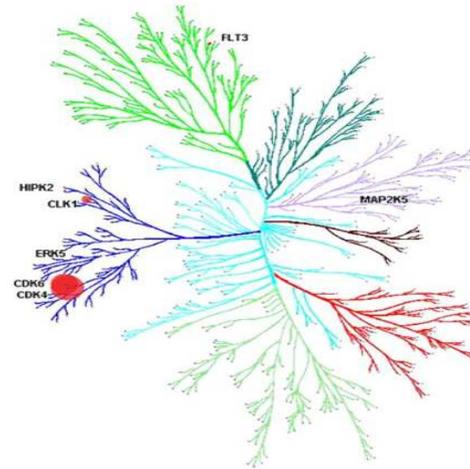
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Novartis



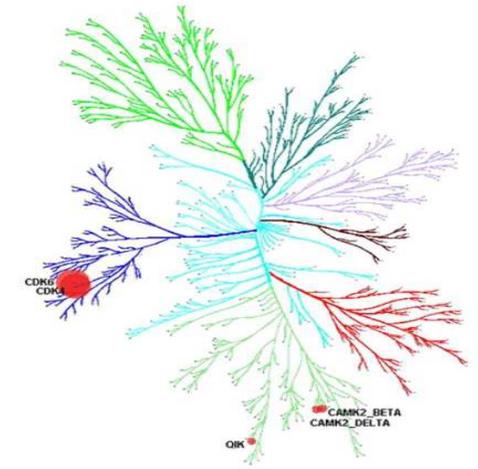
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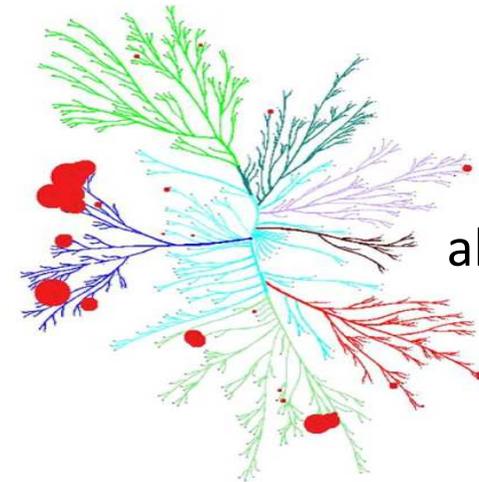
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Palbociclib



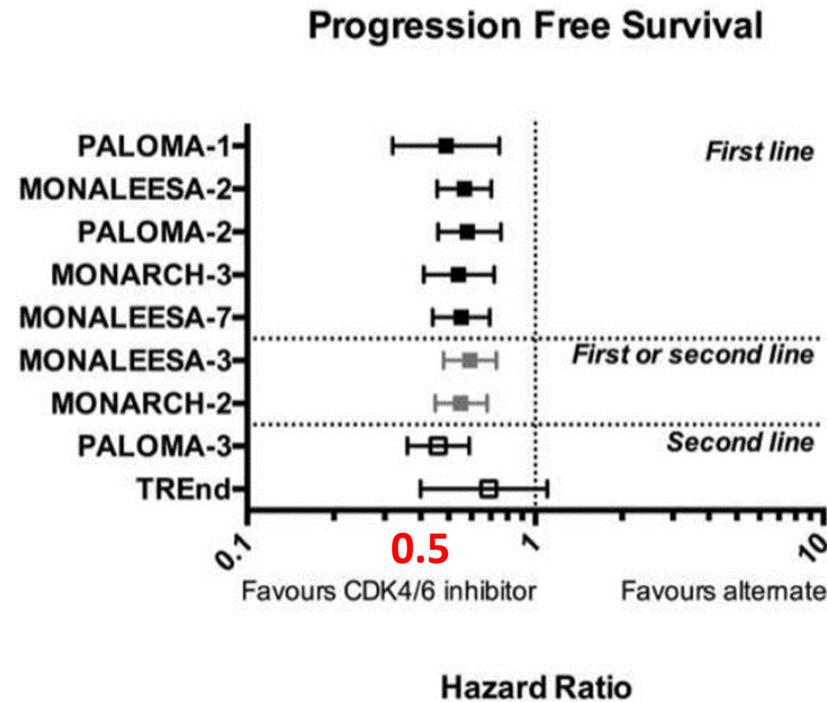
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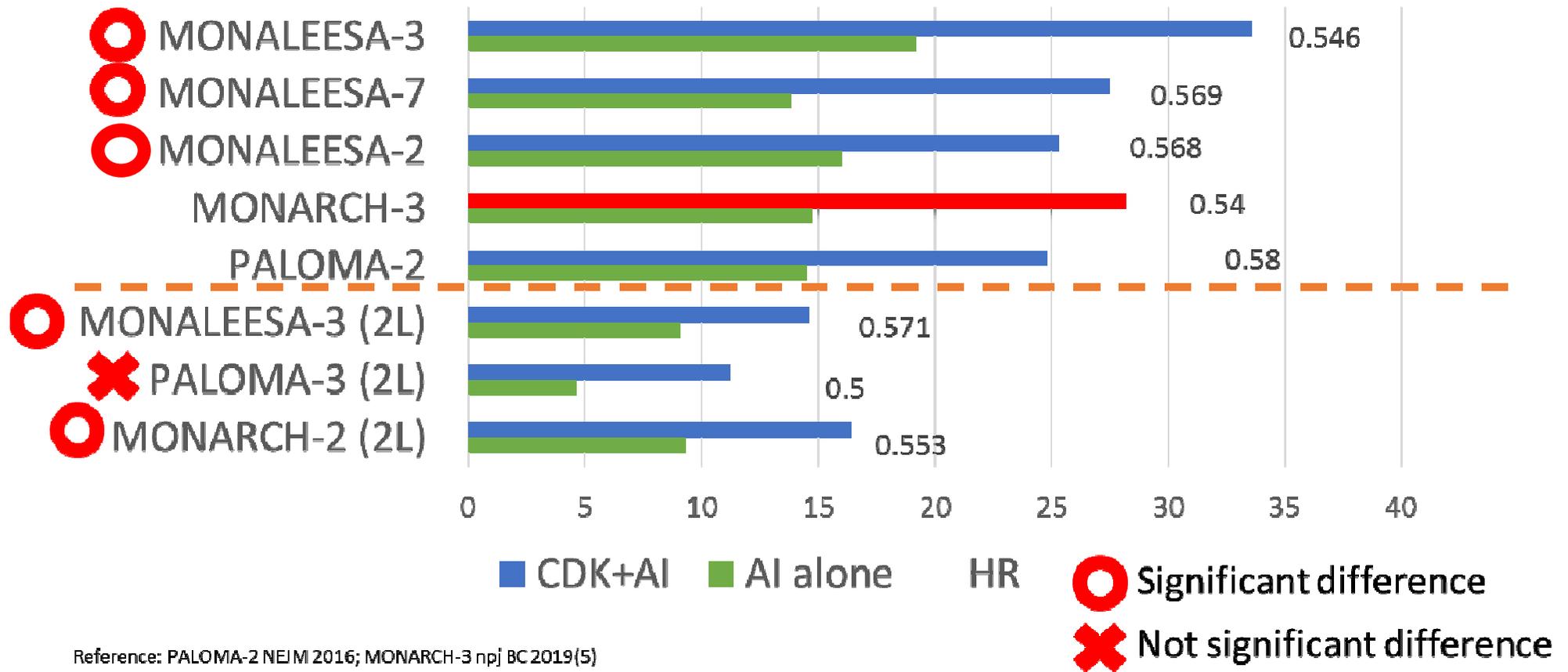
abemaciclib

Chen Ping et al. MTC 2016

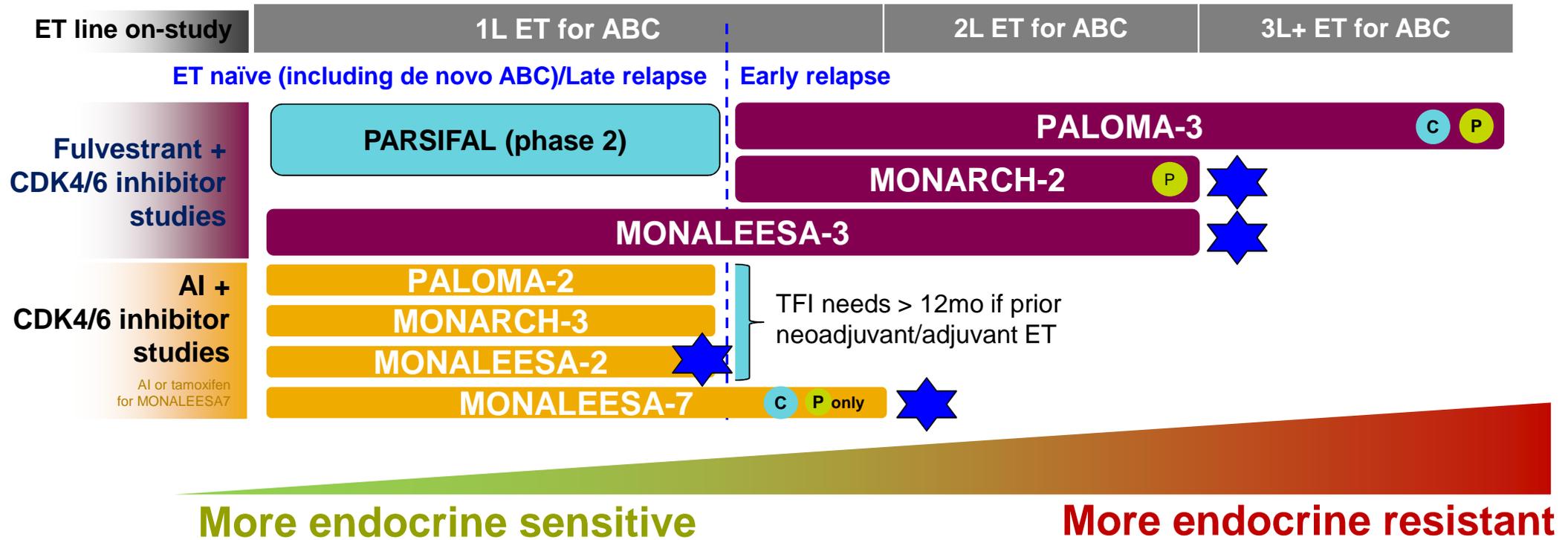
Similar hazard ratios of PFS of CDK 4/6 inhibitors-endocrine combination in ER+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer 1L/2L treatments



OS data are different in statistics



Current landscape of endocrine therapy and CDK4/6 inhibitors in the HR+/HER2- ABC



P Pre/ perimenopausal patients **C** included patients who had received up to 1 line of prior chemotherapy for advanced disease

ABC=advanced breast cancer; CDK4 & 6=cyclin dependent kinase 4 & 6; ET=endocrine therapy; HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR=hormone receptor; PFS=progression-free survival; US=united states

1. ABC5 2. Lobbezoo et al., *Breast Cancer Res Treat.* 2013;141(3):507-514;

OS significance

Defining high risk groups for ER(+)/HER2(-) early breast cancer

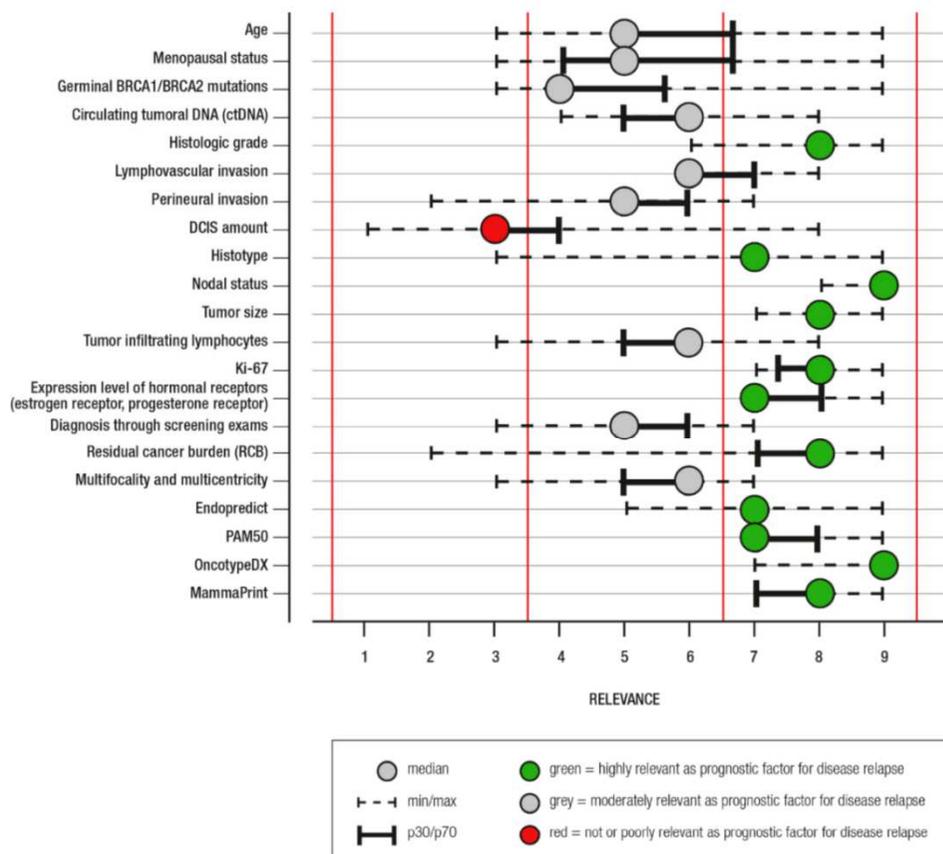


Table 2. Synoptic table of risk factors for disease relapse.

Factor	High Risk	Low Risk
Grade	3	1
Histotype	n/a	Pure tubular, pure mucinous, pure cribriform
Tumor size	T3/4	T1
Nodal status	N2/N3	N0
Ki-67	>30%	<20%
Expression level of hormonal receptors (ER, PgR)	ER <10% and/or PgR <20%	n/a
Residual cancer burden	RCB-III	RCB-0
Genomic signature (Oncotype DX, MammaPrint®, EndoPredict®, PAM50)	High-risk class	Low-risk class

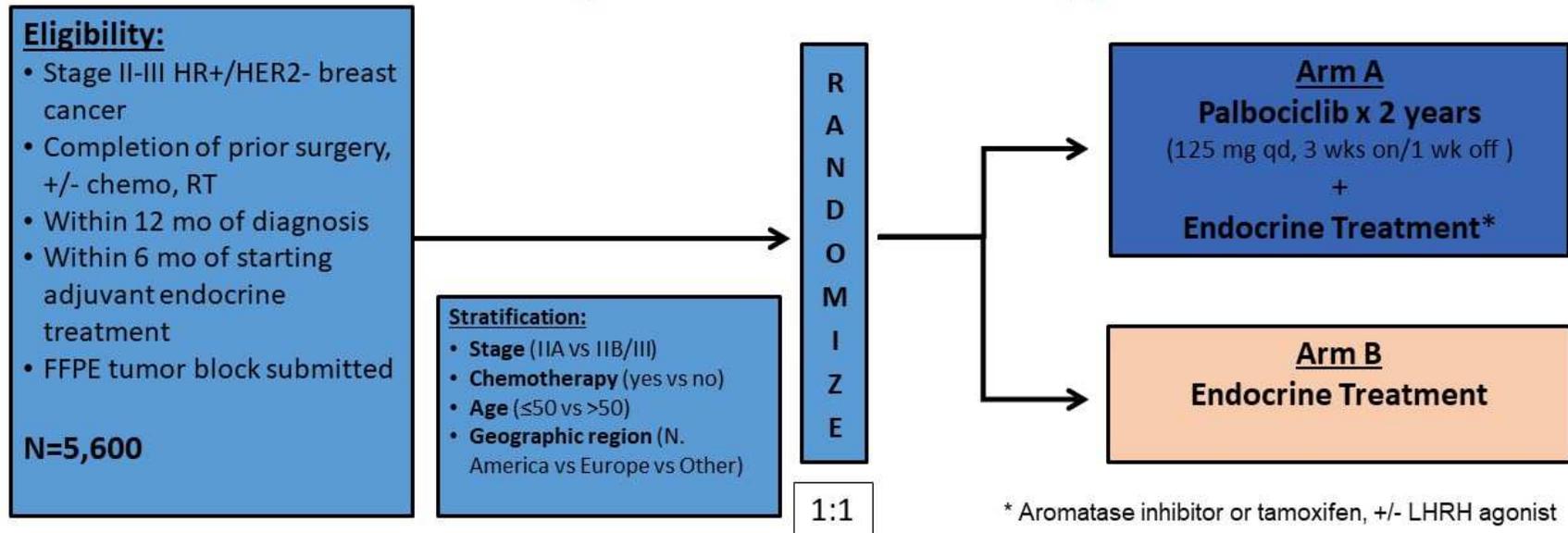
n/a: not available, RCB: residual cancer burden.

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Can Palbociclib add more benefit to adjuvant ET?

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PALLAS: Phase III open-label study of palbociclib and adjuvant endocrine therapy

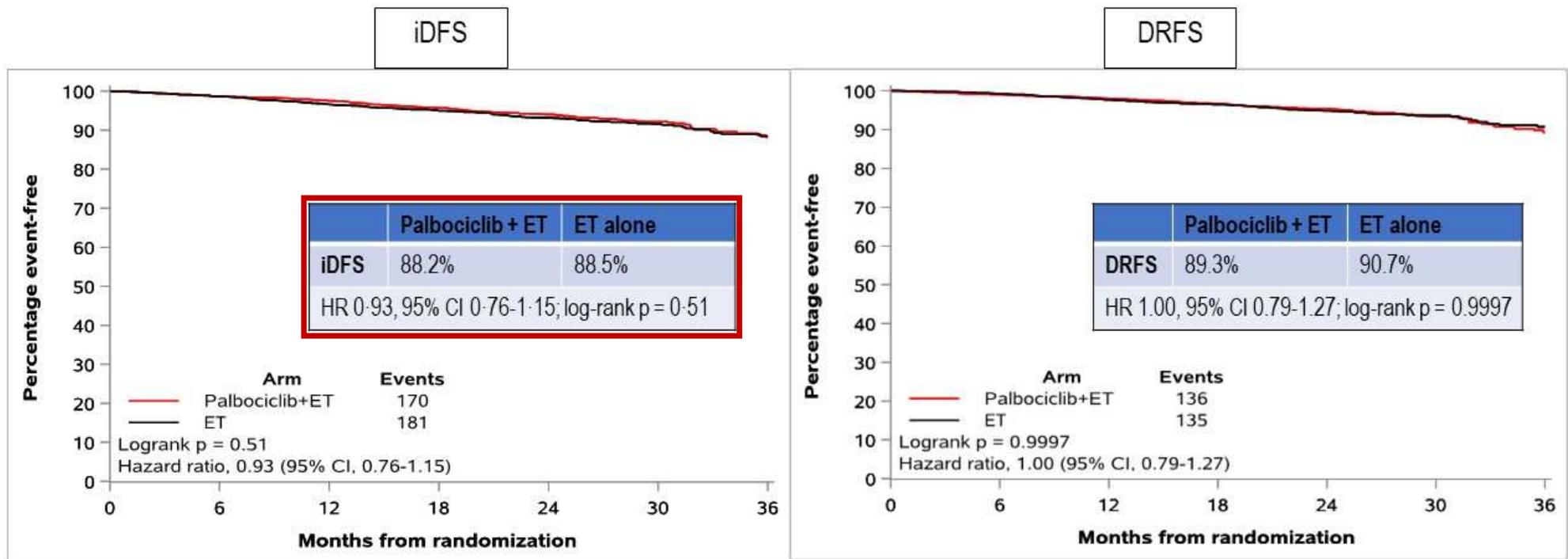


Primary Endpoint: invasive Disease-Free Survival (iDFS)

Adjuvant palbociclib is not beneficiary



PALLAS: Primary Endpoint iDFS



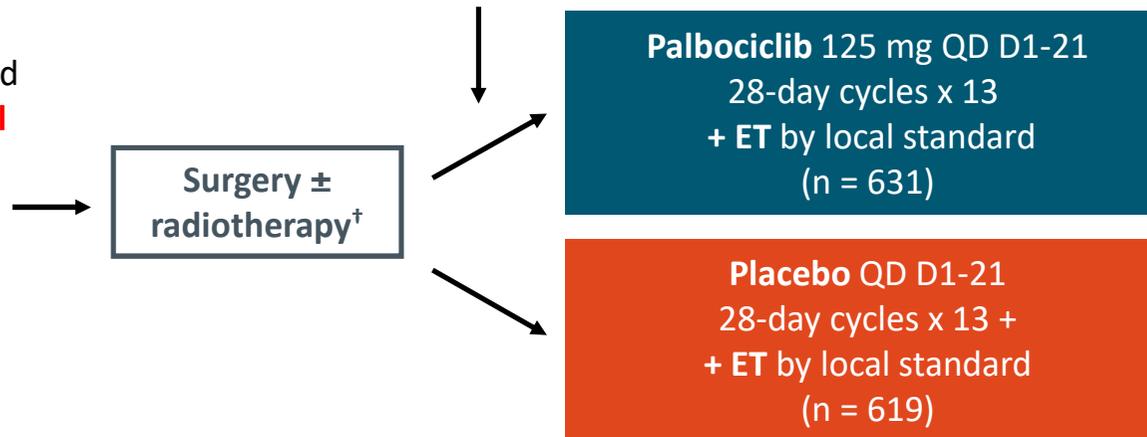
At a median follow-up of 23.7 months, no significant difference in either 3-year iDFS or DRFS was observed

PENELOPE-B: Palbociclib + ET in HR+/HER2- BC at High Risk of Relapse **After Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy**

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase III trial

Stratified by age (≤ 50 vs > 50 yrs), nodal status (ypN0-1 vs ypN2-3), Ki-67 ($> 15\%$ vs $\leq 15\%$), region (Asia vs non-Asia), and CPS-EG score (≤ 3 vs 2 and ypN+)

Adult patients with confirmed HR+/HER2- BC **with residual disease after ≥ 16 wks of neoadjuvant CT***;
CPS-EG score ≥ 3 or
2 with ypN+
(N = 1250)



*Includes 6 wks of taxanes.
†Time between locoregional therapy and randomization: < 16 wks from final surgery or < 10 wks from RT completion.

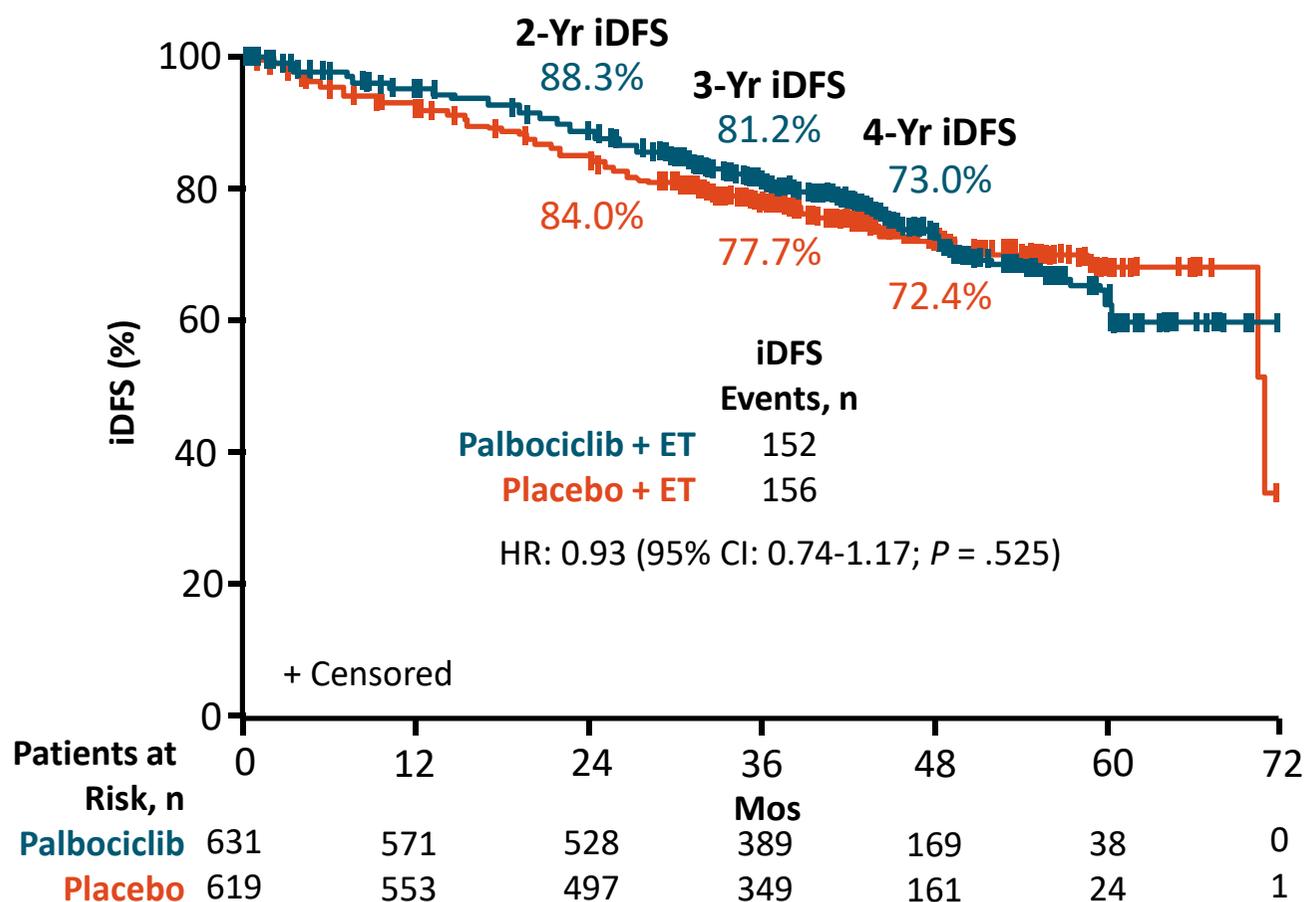
- Primary endpoint: iDFS
- Secondary endpoints include: iDFS excluding second primary invasive non-breast cancers, distant DFS, locoregional RFS, OS, safety, compliance, QoL

PENELOPE-B: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Palbociclib (n = 631)	Placebo (n = 619)
Median age, yrs (range)	49 (22-76)	48 (19-79)
▪ ≤ 50 yrs, %	55.9	56.2
Histological lymph node status at surgery, %		
▪ ypN0-1	49.1	50.1
▪ ypN2-3	50.9	49.9
Ki-67 >15% by central pathology, %	25.5	25.5
CPS-EG score, %		
▪ 2 and ypN+	40.1	41.2
▪ ≥ 3	59.9	58.8

Characteristic	Palbociclib (n = 631)	Placebo (n = 619)
Tumor stage at surgery, %		
▪ ypT0-1	37.7	33.7
▪ ypT2-3	58.3	62.9
▪ ypT4	4.0	3.4
Lobular histology, %	9.2	8.5
G3 grading, %	46.7	48.1
Ovarian ablation, %	17.1	18.3
Tamoxifen, %	49.8	49.8

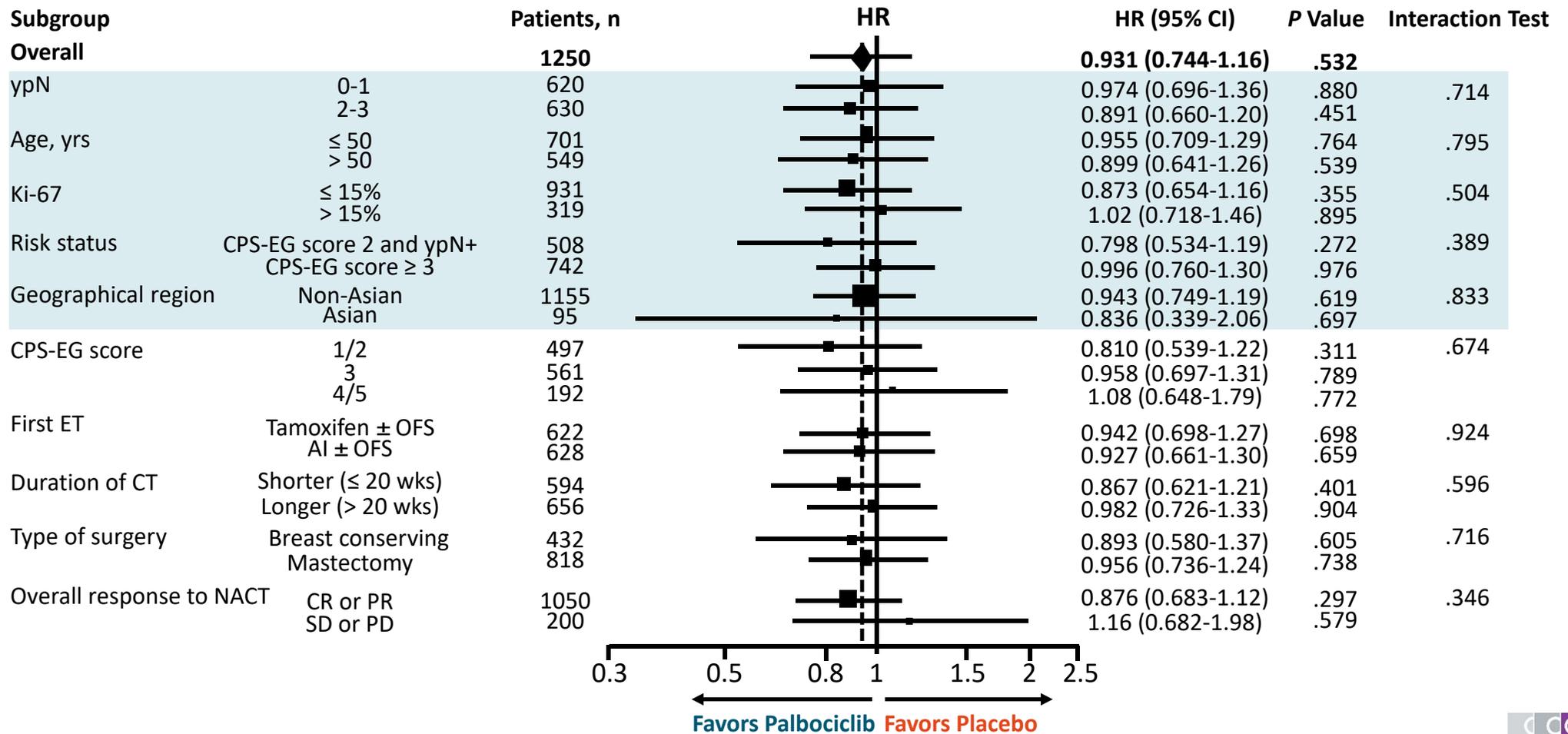
PENELOPE-B: iDFS (Primary Endpoint)



- Median f/u: 42.8 mos
- Types of iDFS events
 - 74% distant recurrences
 - 116 with palbociclib, 111 with placebo
 - 16% invasive locoregional recurrences
 - 21 with palbociclib, 27 with placebo



PENELOPE-B: iDFS by Subgroup

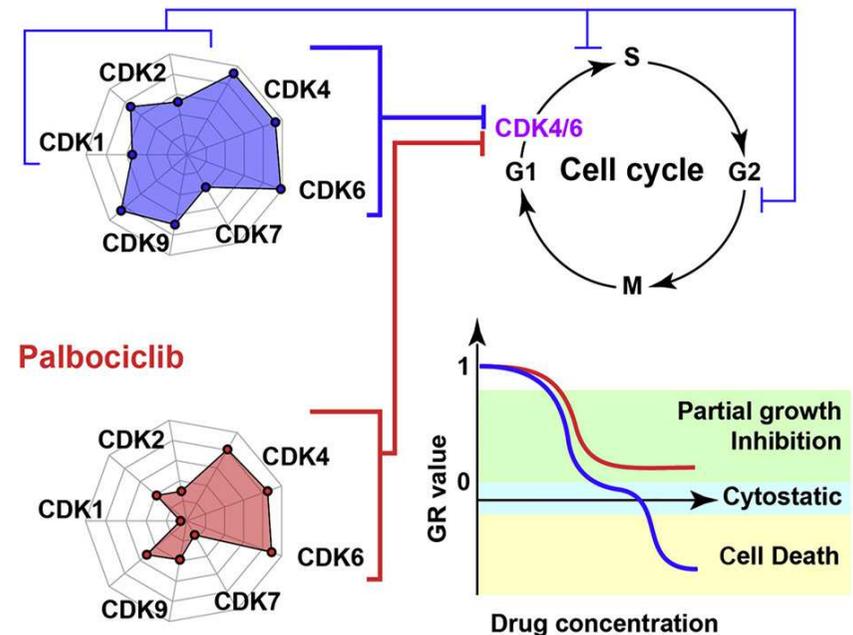


Off-“CDK4/6 effects” of abemaciclib

- Three approved CDK4/6 inhibitors have significantly different target spectra
- Secondary targets of abemaciclib include CDK1-cyclin B and CDK2-cyclin A/E complexes
- Only abemaciclib induces G2 cell-cycle arrest and a pan-CDK transcriptional signature
- **Palbociclib-resistant and -adapted cells** respond to abemaciclib but not ribociclib

Comparison of Clinical Grade CDK4/6 Inhibitors

Abemaciclib



Responsiveness to CDK4/6i + ET in ET-sensitive & non-visceral crisis (1st-Line MBC)

Best overall response

Abemaciclib + ET (48.2%) vs ET (34.5%)

Table 2. Best Overall Response

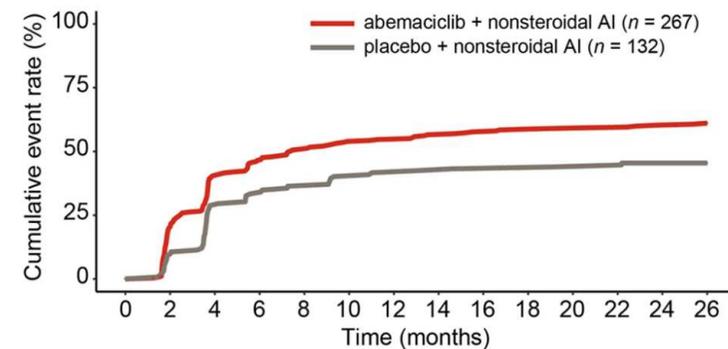
Best Overall Response*	Abemaciclib Plus Nonsteroidal AI		Placebo Plus Nonsteroidal AI	
	No. (%)	95% CI†	No. (%)	95% CI†
All patients	328 (100.0)		165 (100.0)	
Complete response	5 (1.5)	0.2 to 2.9	0 (0.0)	NA
Partial response	153 (46.6)	41.2 to 52.0	57 (34.5)	27.3 to 41.8
Stable disease	133 (40.5)	35.2 to 45.9	86 (52.1)	44.5 to 59.7
≥ 6 months	98 (29.9)	24.9 to 34.8	61 (37.0)	29.6 to 44.3
Progressive disease	14 (4.3)	2.1 to 6.5	12 (7.3)	3.3 to 11.2
Not evaluable	23 (7.0)	4.2 to 9.8	10 (6.1)	2.4 to 9.7
Objective response rate‡	158 (48.2)	42.8 to 53.6	57 (34.5)	27.3 to 41.8
Clinical benefit rate§	256 (78.0)	73.6 to 82.5	118 (71.5)	64.6 to 78.4

J Clin Oncol 2017; 35:3638-3646

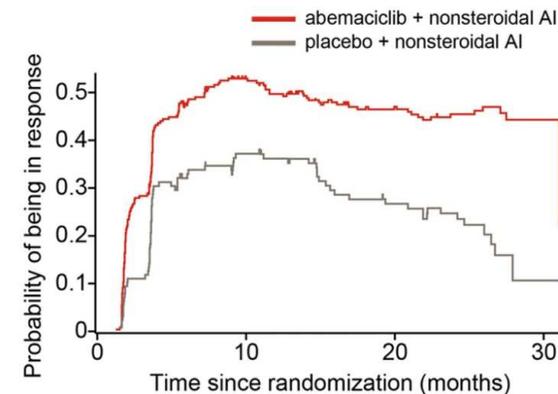
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Time to response (4-6 months)

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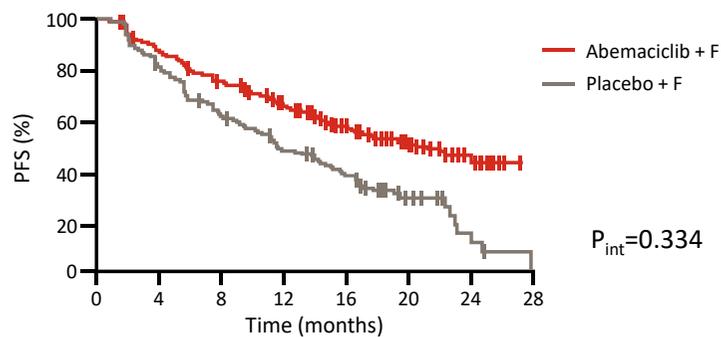


MONARCH 2/3 Subgroup Analysis by Liver Metastases

MONARCH 2

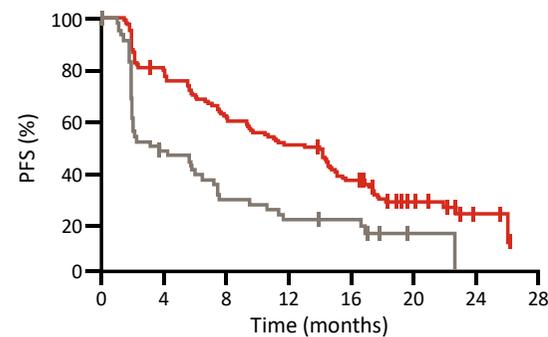
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(MBC 2L)

Liver Metastases – No



	Abemaciclib + F		Placebo + F		HR/ Change in ORR
	n	Estimate	n	Estimate	
PFS (ITT)	331	20.0 m	164	11.6 m	HR 0.555
ORR (MD)	207	47.8%	105	24.8%	+23.1%

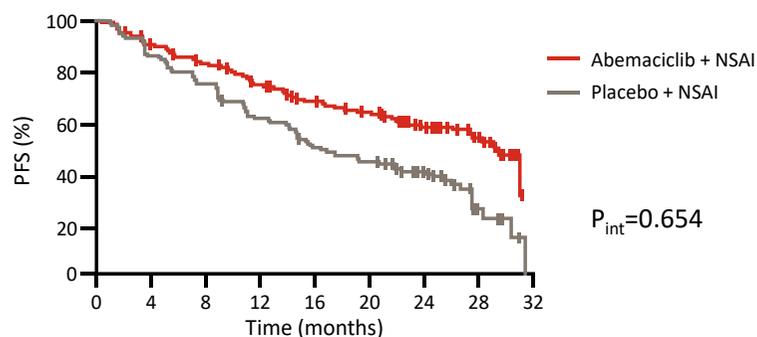
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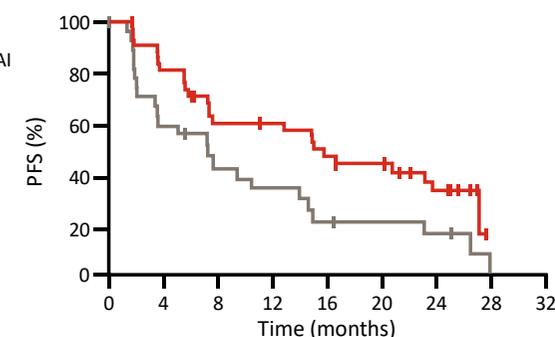
	Abemaciclib + F		Placebo + F		HR/ Change in ORR
	n	Estimate	n	Estimate	
PFS (ITT)	115	11.6 m	59	3.1 m	HR 0.447
ORR (MD)	111	48.7%	59	15.3%	+33.4%

MONARCH 3

Abema + NSAI
(MBC 1L)



	Abemaciclib + NSAI		Placebo + NSAI		HR/ Change in ORR
	n	Estimate	n	Estimate	
PFS (ITT)	281	29.5 m	134	16.5 m	HR 0.551
ORR (MD)	220	61.8%	102	52.9%	+8.9%

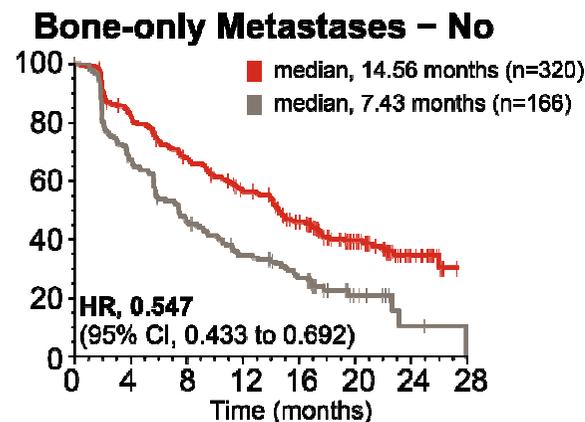
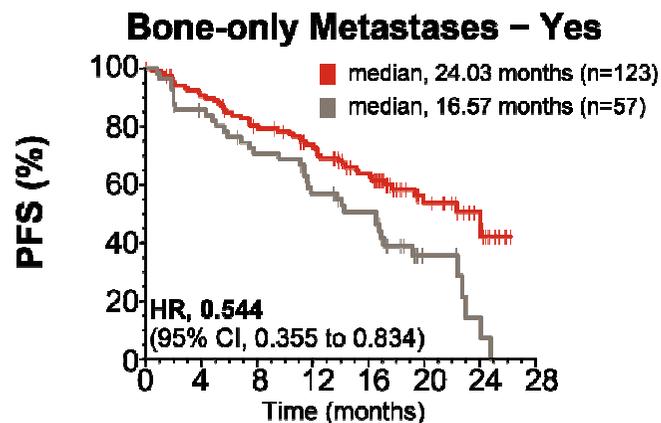


	Abemaciclib + NSAI		Placebo + NSAI		HR/ Change in ORR
	n	Estimate	n	Estimate	
PFS (ITT)	47	15.0 m	31	7.2 m	HR 0.477
ORR (MD)	47	57.5%	30	20.0%	+37.5%

MONARCH 2/3 Subgroup Analysis by Bone only

MONARCH 2

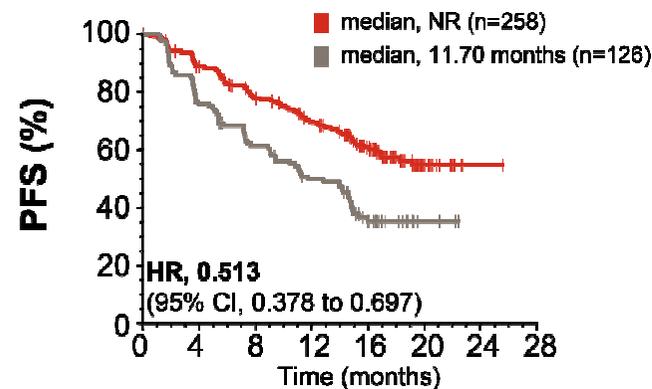
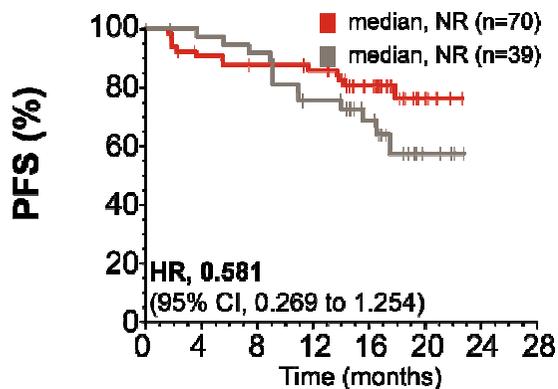
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■ abemaciclib arm
■ placebo arm

MONARCH 3

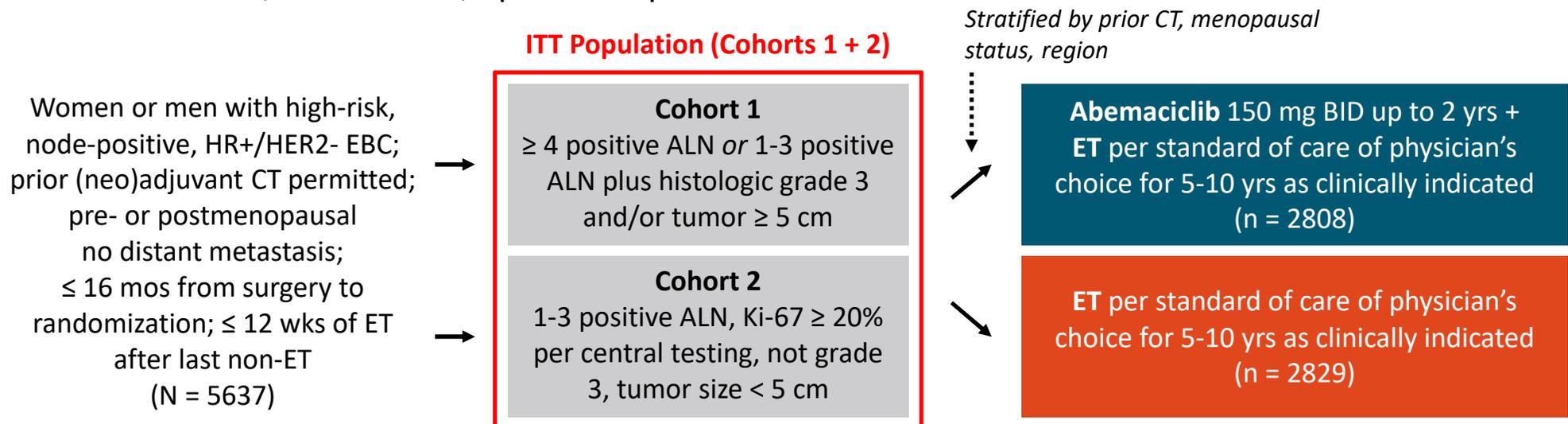
Abema + NSAI
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■ abemaciclib arm
■ placebo arm

monarchE: Adjuvant Abemaciclib + ET in High-Risk, Node-Positive, HR+/HER2- EBC

- International, randomized, open-label phase III trial



- Primary endpoint: iDFS
 - Planned for after ~ 390 iDFS events (~ 85% power, assumed iDFS HR of 0.73, cumulative 2-sided $\alpha = 0.05$)
 - Current primary outcome efficacy analysis occurred after 395 iDFS events in ITT population
- Key secondary endpoints: iDFS in Ki-67 high ($\geq 20\%$) population, distant RFS, OS, safety, PRO, PK

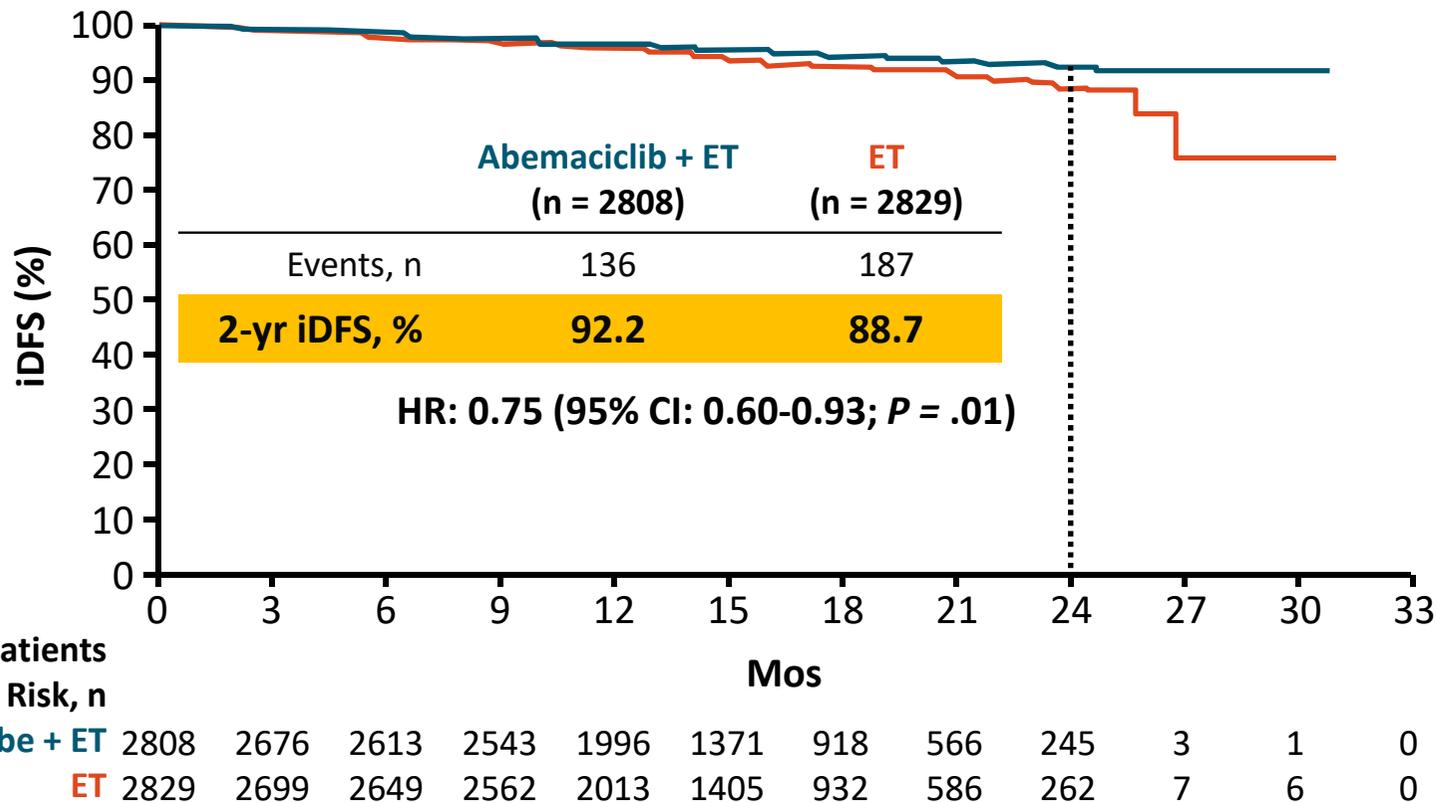
monarchE: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Abemaciclib + ET (n = 2808)	ET Alone (n = 2829)
Median age, yrs (range)	51 (23-89)	51 (22-86)
▪ < 65	84.4	85.4
▪ ≥ 65	15.6	14.6
North America and Europe/Asia/other, %	52.4/20.4/27.2	52.3/20.6/27.1
Pre/postmenopausal, %	43.5/56.5	43.5/56.5
Prior CT, %		
▪ Neoadjuvant	37.0	37.0
▪ Adjuvant	58.5	58.2
▪ None	4.5	4.7
Prior neoadjuvant/ adjuvant RT, %	2.5/93.3	2.9/92.9
Positive axillary LN, %		
▪ 0	0.2	0.2
▪ 1-3	39.9	40.4
▪ ≥ 4	59.8	59.3
ER/PgR positive, %	99.1/86.2	99.2/86.7

Characteristic, %	Abemaciclib + ET (n = 2808)	ET Alone (n = 2829)
Pathologic tumor size		
▪ < 2 cm	27.8	27.0
▪ 2-5 cm	48.8	50.2
▪ ≥ 5 cm	21.7	21.6
Histologic grade at diagnosis		
▪ 1	7.4	7.6
▪ 2	48.9	49.3
▪ 3	38.8	37.7
▪ Not assessed	4.5	4.9
Ki-67 index < 20/≥ 20	33.9/44.9	34.4/43.6
TNM stage (derived)		
▪ IA	0.1	0
▪ IIA	11.5	12.5
▪ IIB	13.9	13.7
▪ IIIA	36.6	36.2
▪ IIIB	3.7	3.2
▪ IIIC	33.8	34.0



monarchE: iDFS (Primary Endpoint)

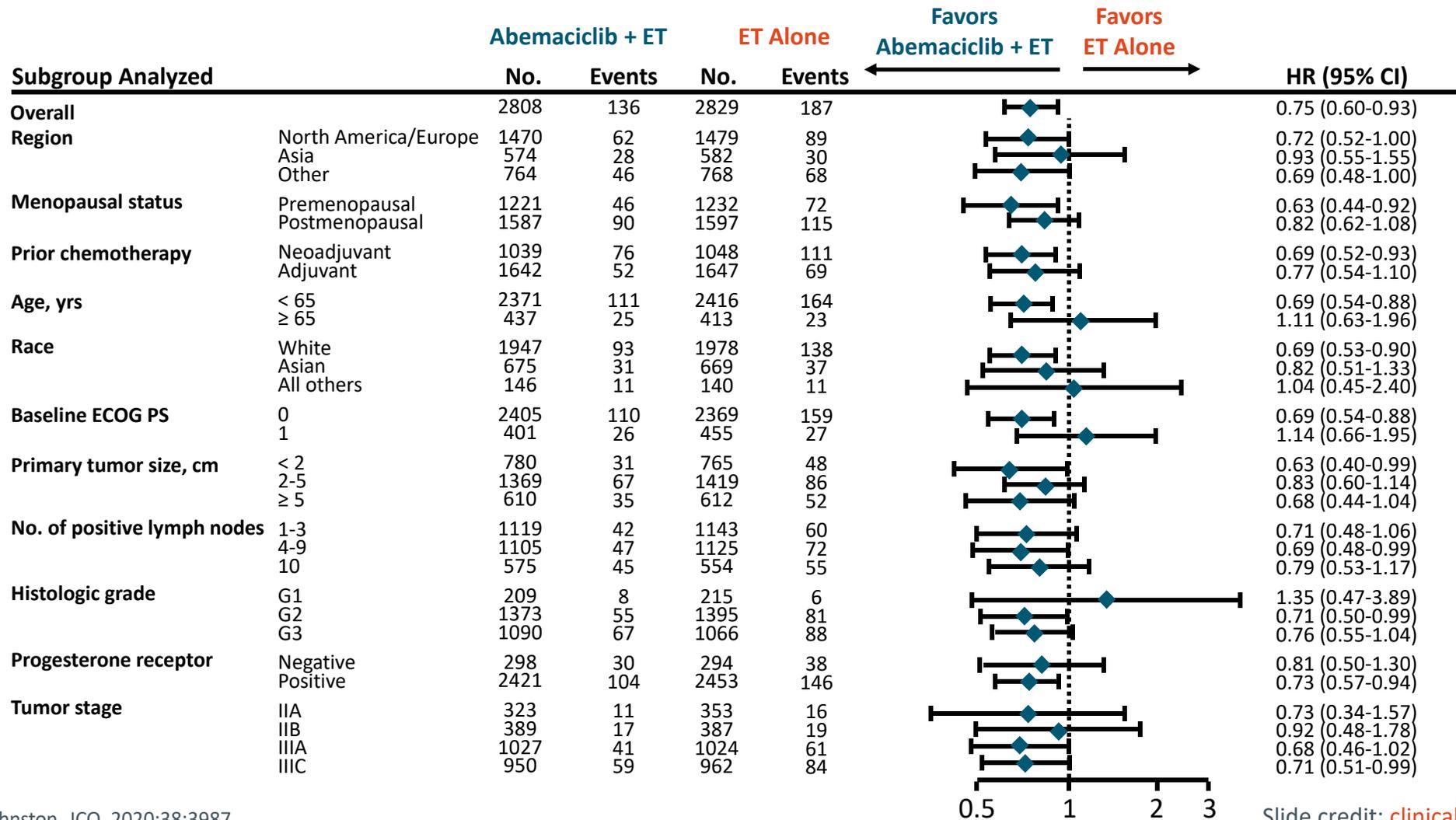


- Patients with **Ki-67 high tumors** also experienced significant iDFS improvement with abemaciclib + ET vs ET alone

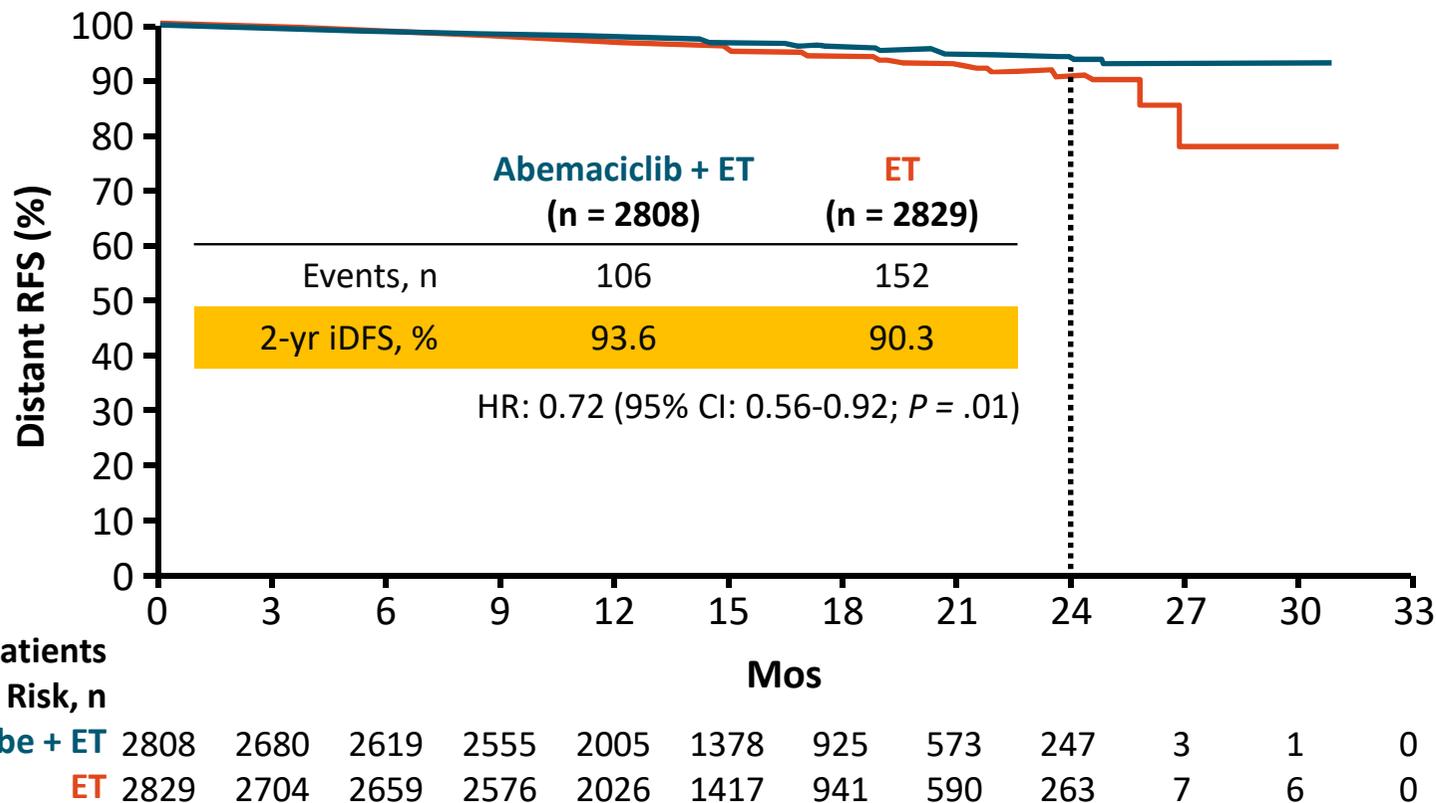
– HR: 0.70 (95% CI: 0.52-0.92; P = .01)

Median f/u: 19.1 mos in both arms. Curves should not be interpreted beyond 24 mos due to limited f/u.

monarchE: iDFS by Subgroup



monarchE: Distant RFS



- Most iDFS events were distant recurrences (87 with abemaciclib + ET vs 138 with ET alone)
- Common sites of distant recurrence were bone, liver, and lung
- Distant RFS benefit consistent across subgroups

monarchE: Treatment-Emergent AEs

Treatment-Emergent AE, n (%)	Abemaciclib + ET (n = 2791)			ET (n = 2800)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any AE	2731 (97.9)	1200 (43.0)	70 (2.5)	2410 (86.1)	335 (12.0)	19 (0.7)
▪ Diarrhea	2294 (82.2)	212 (7.6)	0	199 (7.1)	3 (0.1)	0
▪ Neutropenia	1246 (44.6)	501 (18.0)	18 (0.6)	141 (5.0)	16 (0.6)	3 (0.1)
▪ Fatigue	1073 (38.4)	78 (2.8)	0	433 (15.5)	4 (0.1)	0
▪ Leukopenia	1027 (36.8)	301 (10.8)	4 (0.1)	171 (6.1)	10 (0.4)	0
▪ Abdominal pain	948 (34.0)	37 (1.3)	0	227 (8.1)	9 (0.3)	0
▪ Nausea	779 (27.9)	13 (0.5)	0	223 (8.0)	1 (0)	0
▪ Anemia	638 (22.9)	47 (1.7)	1 (0)	90 (3.2)	9 (0.3)	1 (0)
▪ Arthralgia	571 (20.5)	6 (0.2)	0	876 (31.3)	18 (0.6)	0
▪ Hot flush	393 (14.1)	3 (0.1)	0	587 (21.0)	8 (0.3)	0
▪ Lymphopenia	372 (13.3)	140 (5.0)	2 (0.1)	94 (3.4)	13 (0.5)	0
▪ Thrombocytopenia	341 (12.2)	25 (0.9)	6 (0.2)	40 (1.4)	1 (0)	2 (0.1)
▪ Vomiting	455 (16.3)	13 (0.5)	0	117 (4.2)	2 (0.1)	0
▪ Headache	482 (17.3)	6 (0.2)	0	359 (12.8)	3 (0.1)	0
▪ Decreased appetite	312 (11.2)	15 (0.5)	0	54 (1.9)	1 (0)	0



monarchE: Treatment-Emergent AEs of Special Interest

Treatment-Emergent AE, n (%)	Abemaciclib + ET (n = 2791)			ET (n = 2800)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
AST increase	257 (9.2)	43 (1.5)	3 (0.1)	106 (3.8)	13 (0.5)	0
ALT increase	265 (9.5)	59 (2.1)	5 (0.2)	119 (4.3)	16 (0.6)	0
Alopecia	254 (9.1)	0	0	53 (1.9)	0	0
Venous thromboembolic event	63 (2.3)	27 (1.0)	6 (0.2)	14 (0.5)	4 (0.1)	0
Interstitial lung disease	75 (2.7)	9 (0.3)	0	33 (1.2)	1 (0)	0

- 14 patients (0.5%) died in each arm while on study treatment or within 30 days of discontinuation
 - 11 patients in abemaciclib arm died due to AEs, 2 of which (diarrhea and pneumonitis) were considered related to study treatment by investigator
 - 7 patients in control arm died due to AEs

Description of Analysis Timepoints (2021 ASCO update)

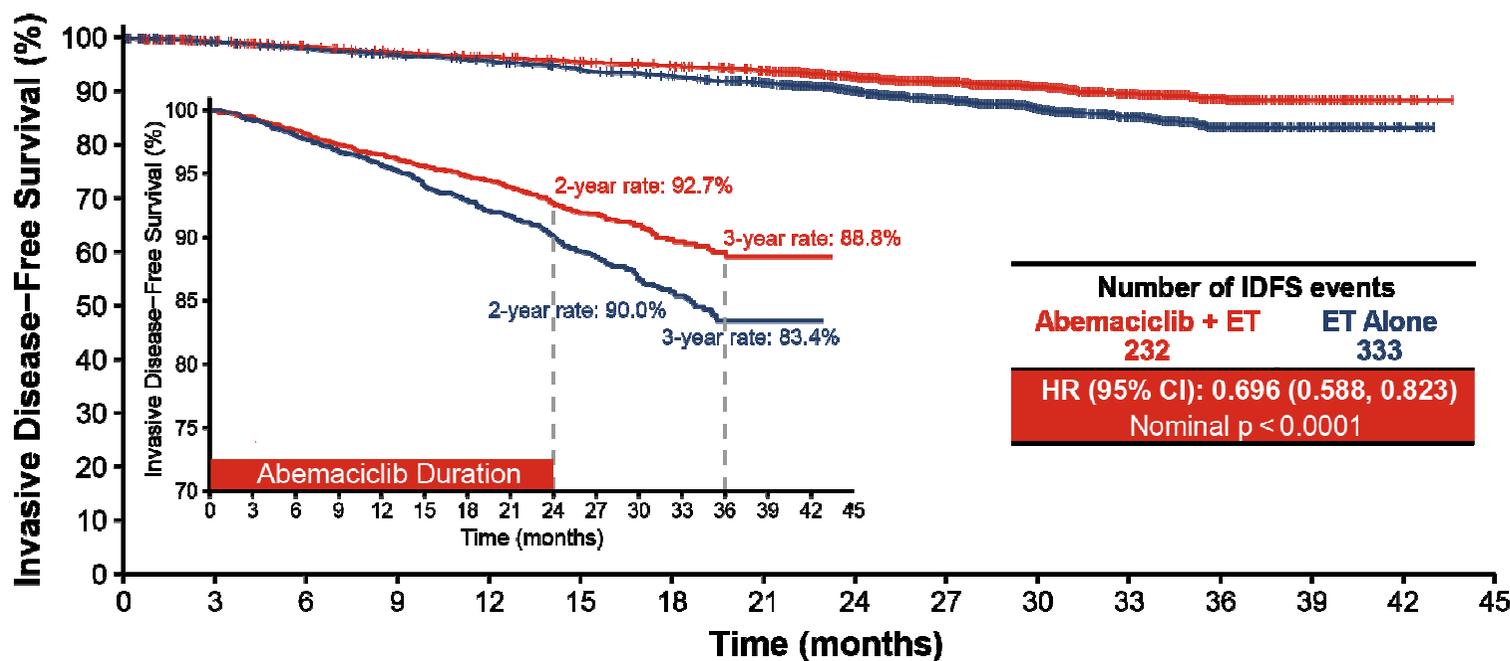
Analysis Timepoints	Interim Analysis ^{a,1-2}	Primary Outcome ³	Additional Follow-up 1 (AFU1)
Date	16 March 2020	08 July 2020	01 April 2021
Median Follow-up (months)	15.5	19.1	27.1
IDFS Events	323	395	565
Off Study Treatment	26.4%	41.0%	89.6%
Completed 2-year Treatment Period	12.5%	25.5%	72.2%

^astatistically significant improvement in IDFS in ITT population declared at this timepoint

¹Johnston SRD, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(34):3987-3998; ²Johnston SD et al ESMO 2020; ³Rastogi P et al SABCS 2020

- Methods, statistical considerations previously disclosed
- Key AFU1 analyses: IDFS and DRFS in both ITT and prespecified Ki-67 populations; piecewise HR estimates within each year for IDFS and DRFS in the ITT population (exploratory)
- The study will continue to final OS analysis

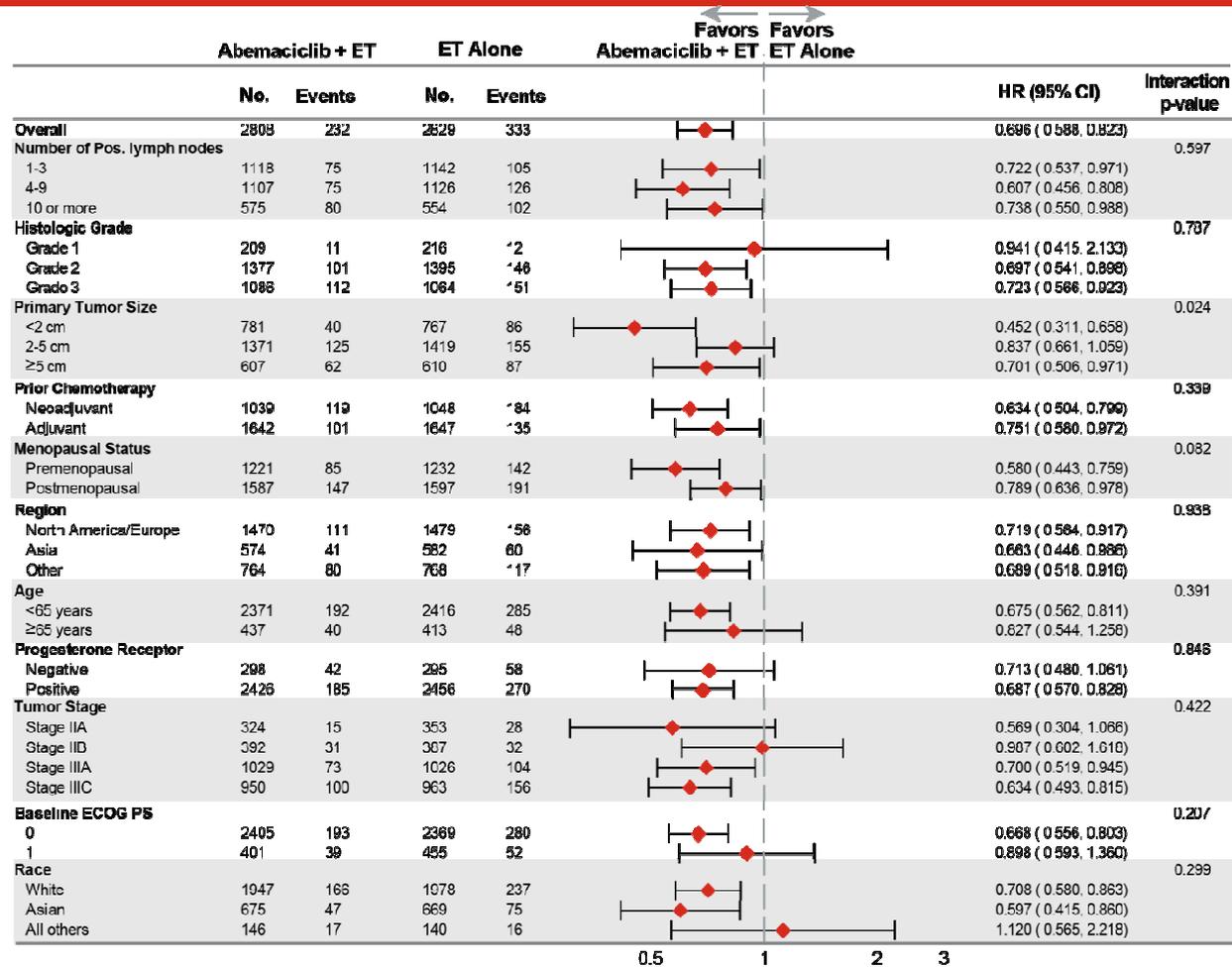
IDFS Benefit Maintained with Additional Follow-up in ITT population



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
Abemaciclib + ET	2808	2680	2621	2579	2547	2508	2477	2430	1970	1287	919	522	275	67	8	0
ET Alone	2829	2700	2652	2608	2572	2513	2472	2400	1930	1261	906	528	281	64	10	0

**30.4% reduction in the risk of developing an IDFS event.
The absolute difference in IDFS rates between arms was 5.4% at 3 years.**

Consistent IDFS Treatment Benefit Observed in Prespecified Subgroups



Abemaciclib Treatment Effect Over Time

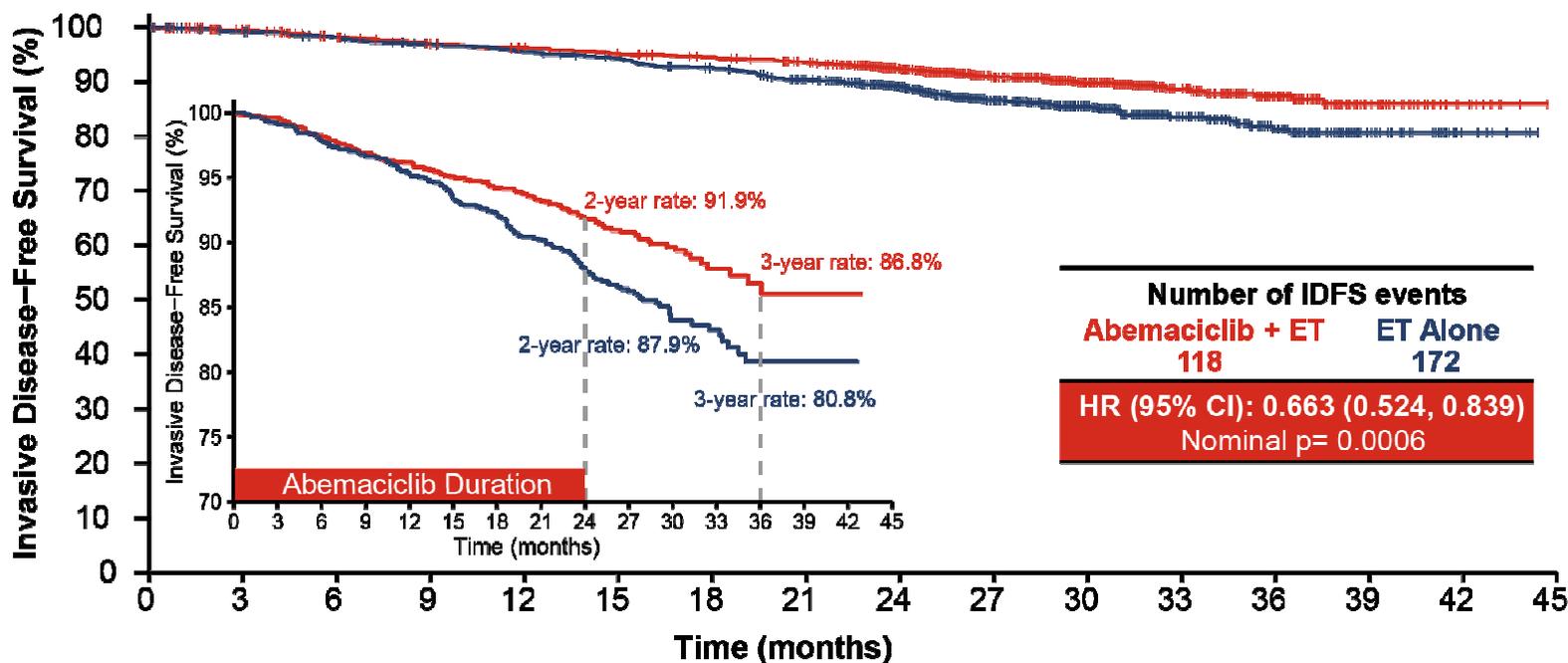
Analysis landmark	IDFS			DRFS		
	Abemaciclib + ET	ET alone	Piecewise HR* (95% CI**)	Abemaciclib + ET	ET alone	Piecewise HR* (95% CI**)
Year 0-1	93	116	0.795 (0.589, 1.033)	67	91	0.732 (0.520, 0.987)
Year 1-2	98	146	0.681 (0.523, 0.869)	85	129	0.675 (0.507, 0.875)
Year 2+	41	71	0.596 (0.397, 0.855)	39	58	0.692 (0.448, 1.032)

* Piecewise hazard ratio was estimated using piecewise exponential model to assess the yearly treatment effect size

** 95% credible intervals were calculated by equal tails in the posterior samples of Bayesian exponential models

Increasing magnitude of IDFS and DRFS effect size from the first year to the second year, with maintained treatment benefit beyond the 2-year study treatment period.

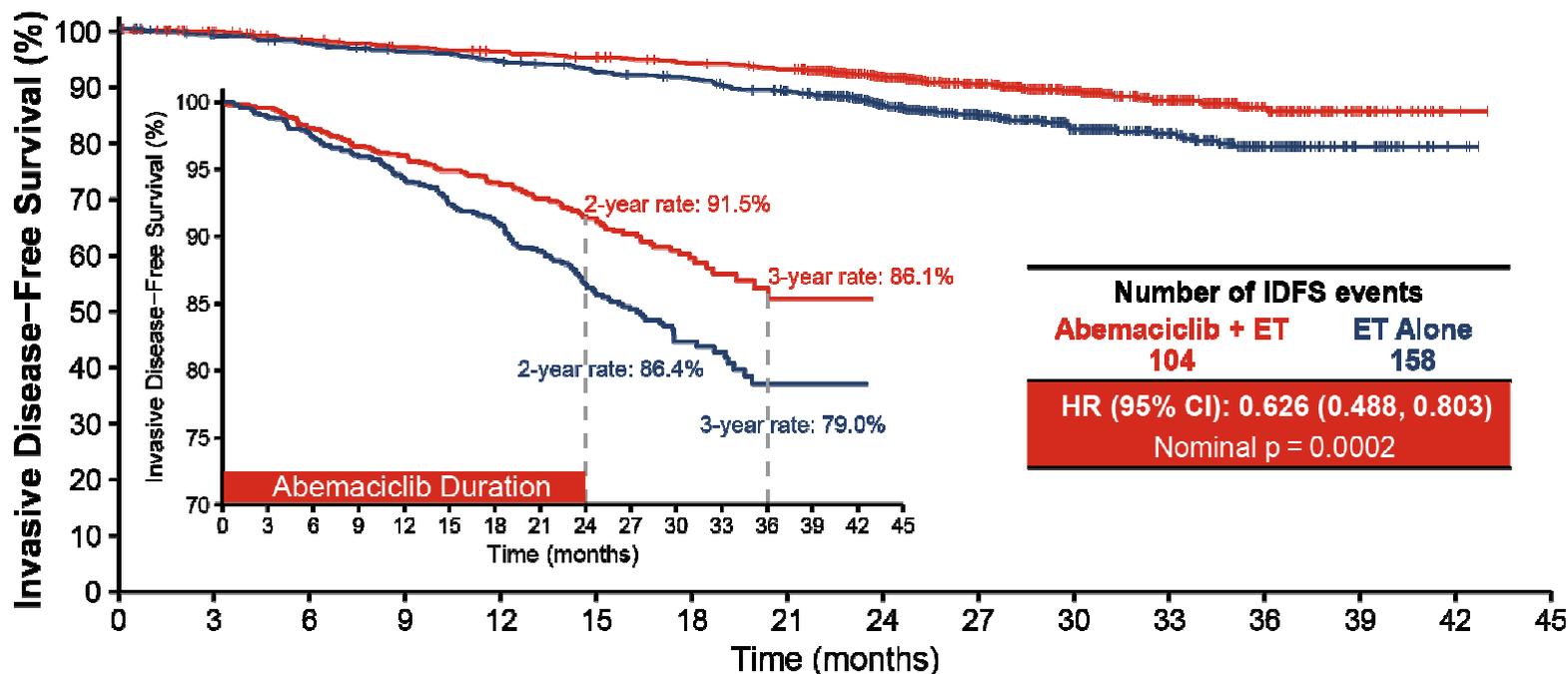
IDFS in ITT Ki-67 High ($\geq 20\%$) Population



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
Abemaciclib + ET	1262	1221	1189	1167	1155	1139	1123	1094	870	546	377	203	109	25	2	0
ET Alone	1236	1197	1177	1158	1142	1114	1096	1041	827	520	367	198	107	25	3	0

**33.7% reduction in the risk of developing an IDFS event.
The absolute difference in IDFS rates between arms was 6.0% at 3 years.**

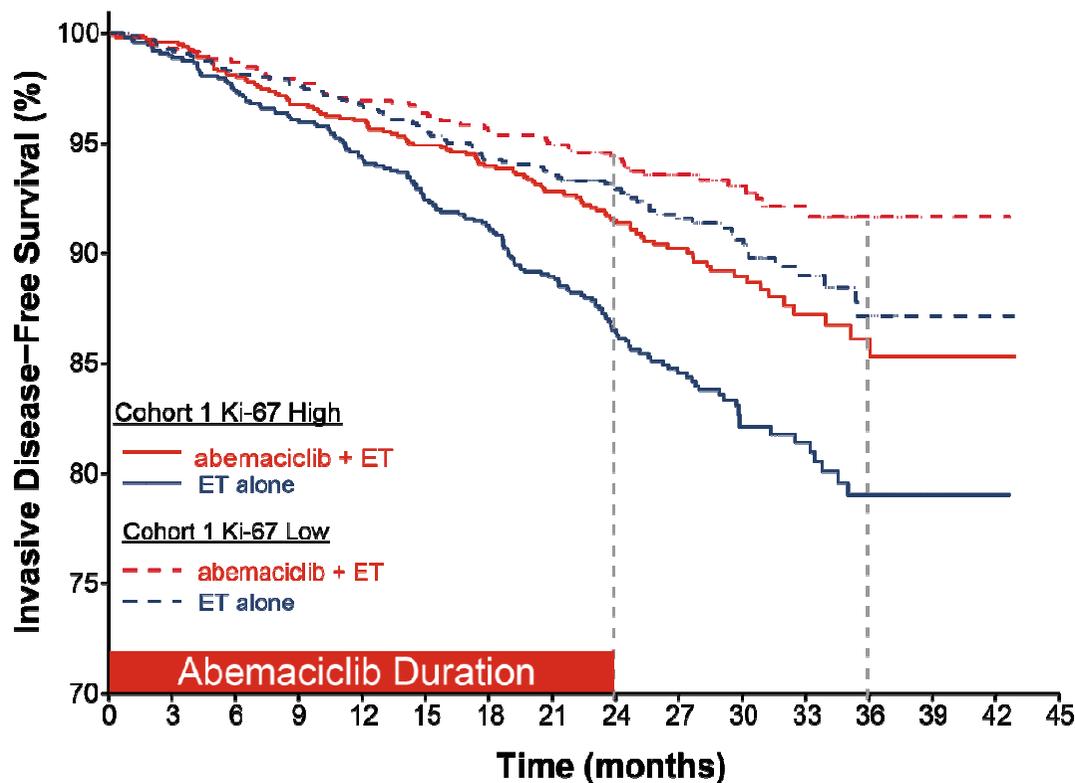
IDFS in Cohort 1 Ki-67 High ($\geq 20\%$) Population



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
Abemaciclib + ET	1017	989	963	946	936	922	908	894	733	484	348	203	109	25	2	0
ET Alone	986	955	938	922	906	883	868	835	687	457	333	197	107	25	3	0

**37.4% reduction in the risk of developing an IDFS event.
The absolute difference in IDFS rates between arms was 7.1% at 3 years.**

Ki-67 as a prognostic marker in Cohort 1



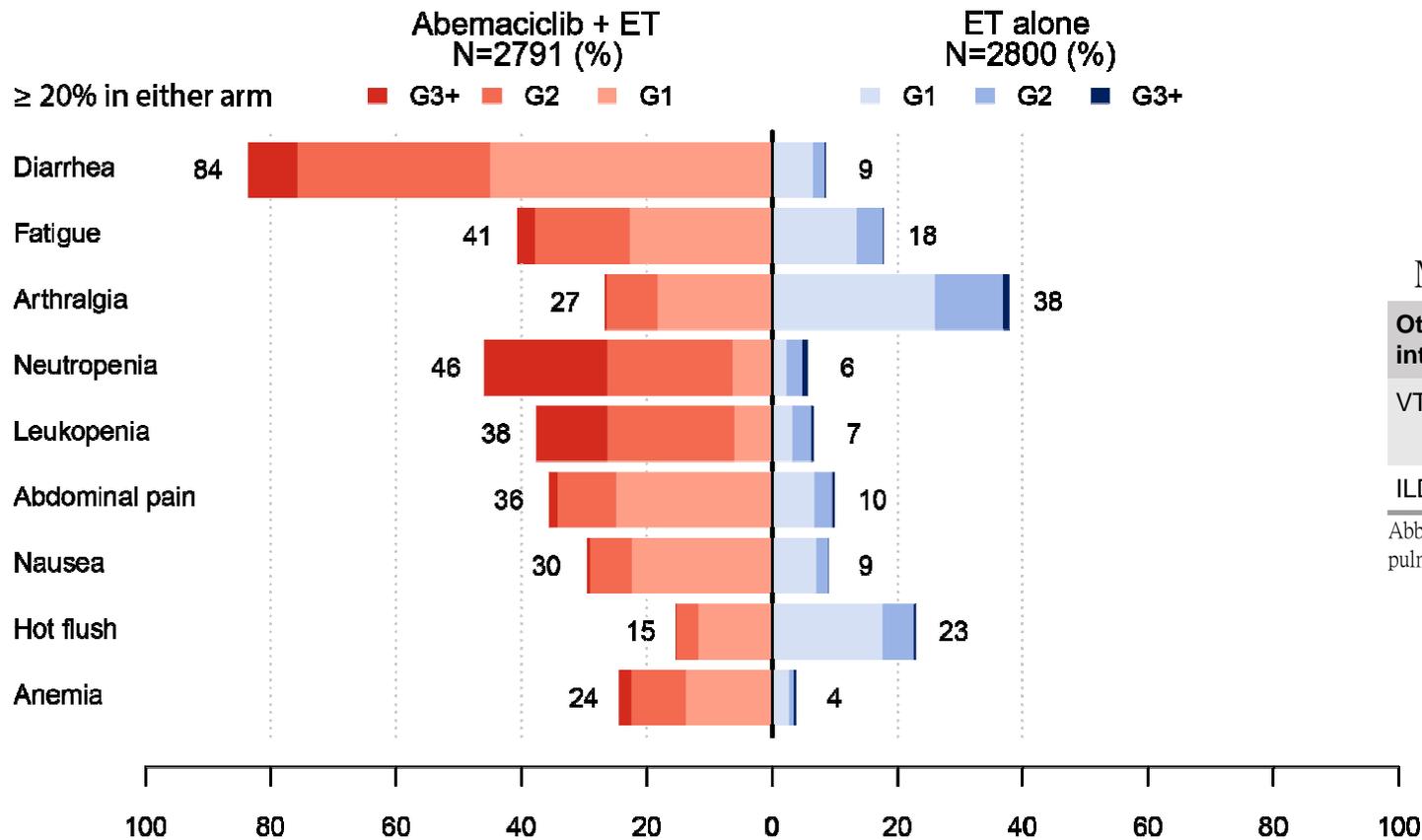
	Abemaciclib+ ET	ET alone	HR (95% CI)
Cohort 1 Ki-67 High, N = 2003			
Patients, N	1017	986	0.626
Events, n	104	158	(0.488, 0.803)
3-Year Rates	86.1%	79.0%	
Cohort 1 Ki-67 Low, N = 1914			
Patients, N	946	968	0.704
Events, n	62	86	(0.508, 0.979)
3-Year Rates	91.7%	87.2%	

Ki-67 is prognostic

Ki-67 is not predictive of abemaciclib benefit

As expected, high Ki-67 index was prognostic of worse outcome. However, abemaciclib benefit was consistent regardless of Ki-67 index.

Mature Safety Findings Consistent with Previous Analyses



Median duration of abemaciclib: 23.7

Other events of interest, any grade	Abemaciclib + ET N = 2791, %	ET Alone N = 2800, %
VTE	2.5	0.6
PE	1.0	0.1
ILD	3.2	1.3

Abbreviations: VTE = venous thromboembolic event; PE = pulmonary embolism; ILD = Interstitial lung disease

All patients who received at least one dose of study treatment were included in the safety population

What you should know about Abemaciclib

- Abemaciclib is indicated for:
 - High risk HR(+) EBC; adjuvant 2 years Abemaciclib + ET
 - All lines of MBC treatment
- Bone only MBC 1L: cost-effectiveness based on Taiwan NHI system
- Rapid onset of efficacy, manageable diarrhea by prevention, less myelosuppressive.

Thank you !

