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# mBC HR+/Her2

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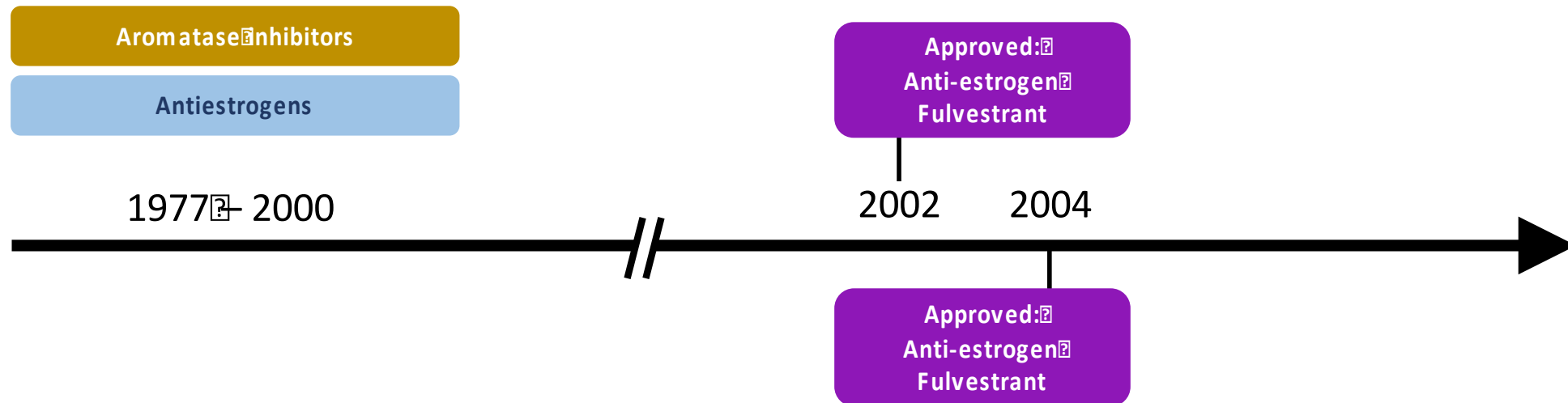
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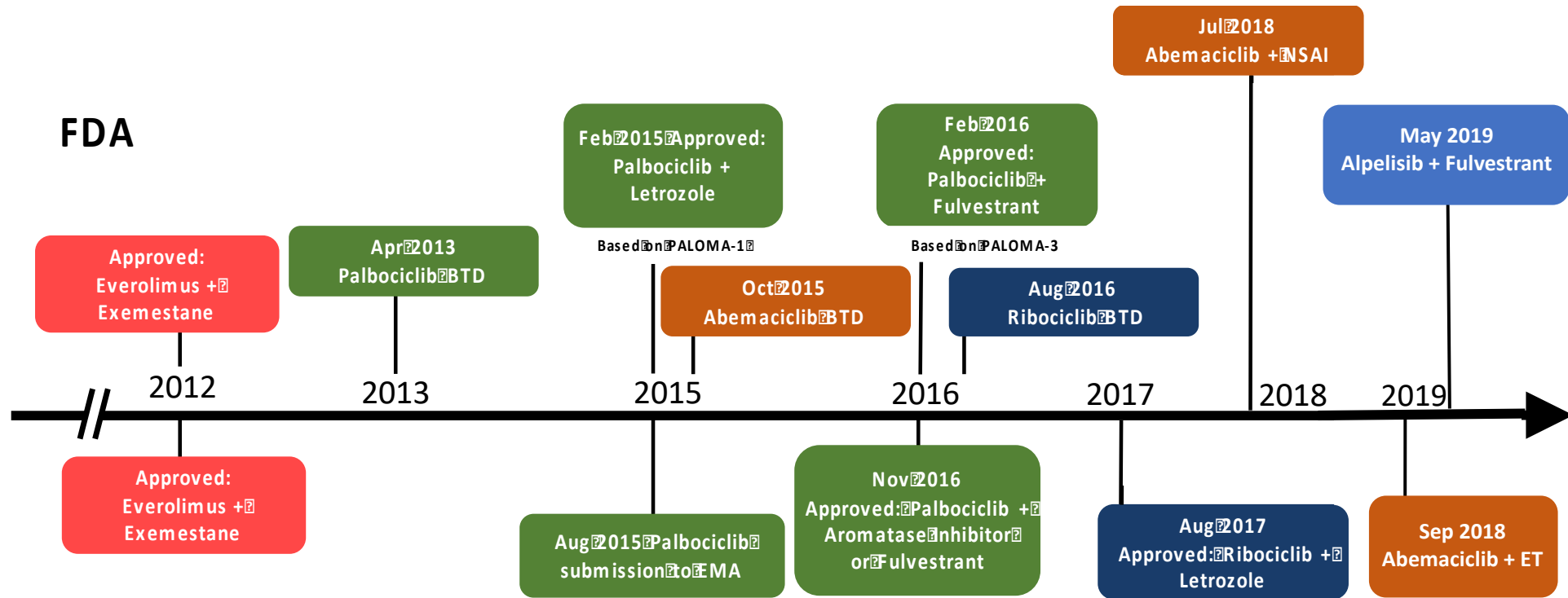
*Activity stalled for over two decades...*



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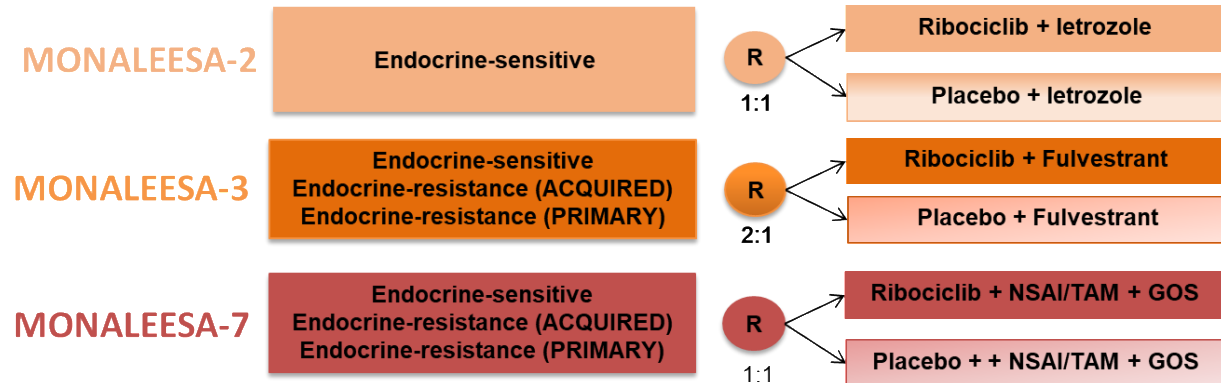
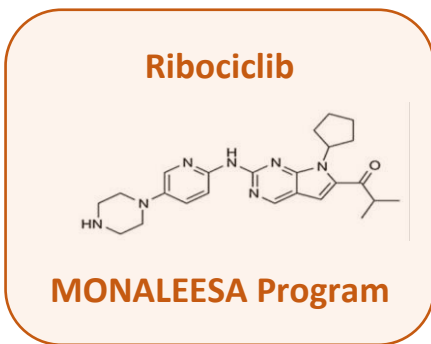
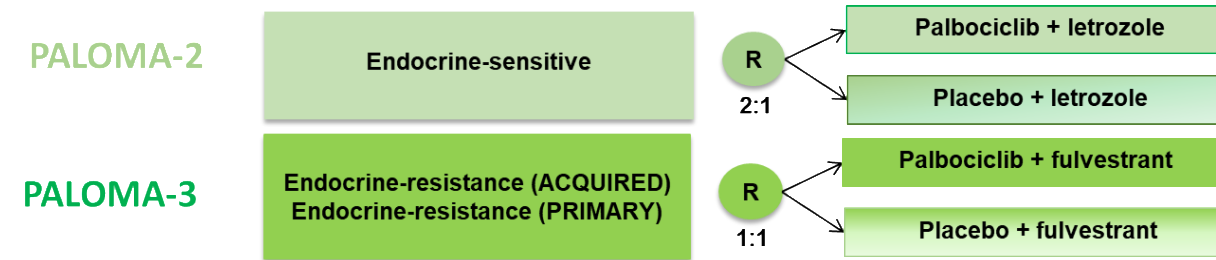
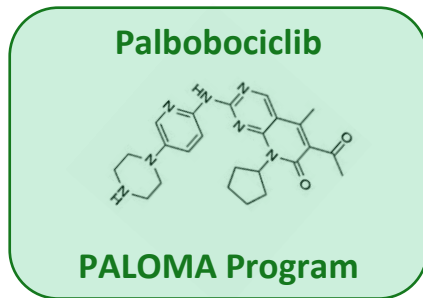
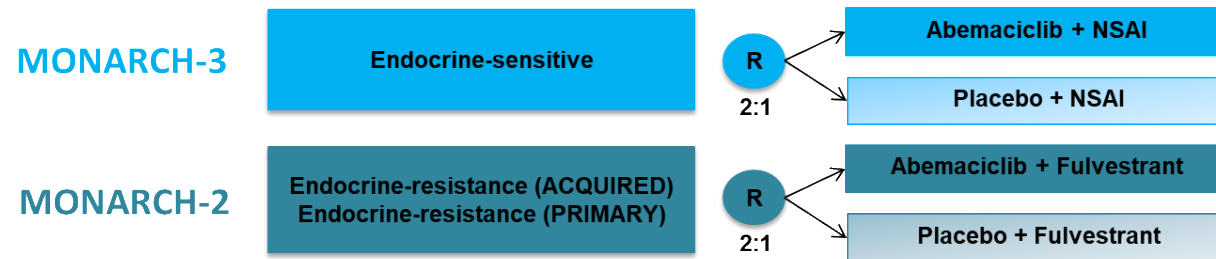
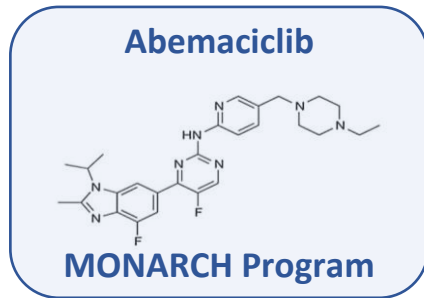


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BTM, breakthrough therapy designation.  
Investigational drugs not approved in Europe.

# Pivotal phase III trials with CDK4/6 inhibitors

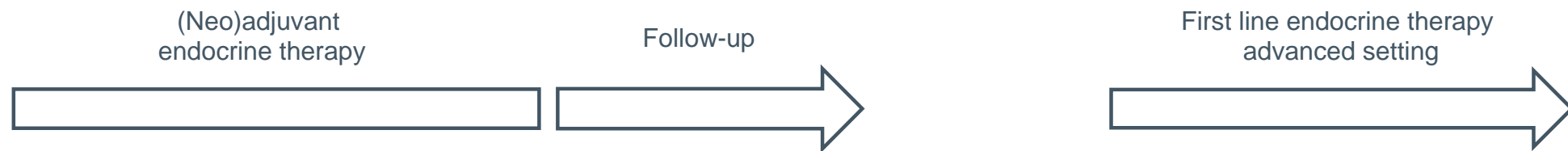


**Overall 4415 patients with HR+/HER2- MBC enrolled in pivotal trials**



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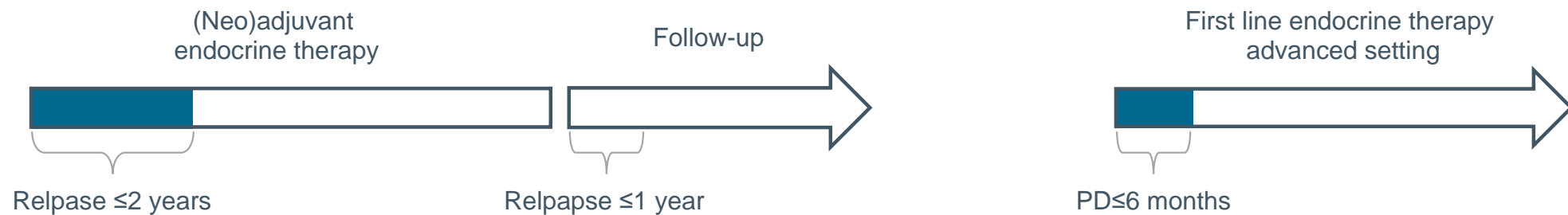
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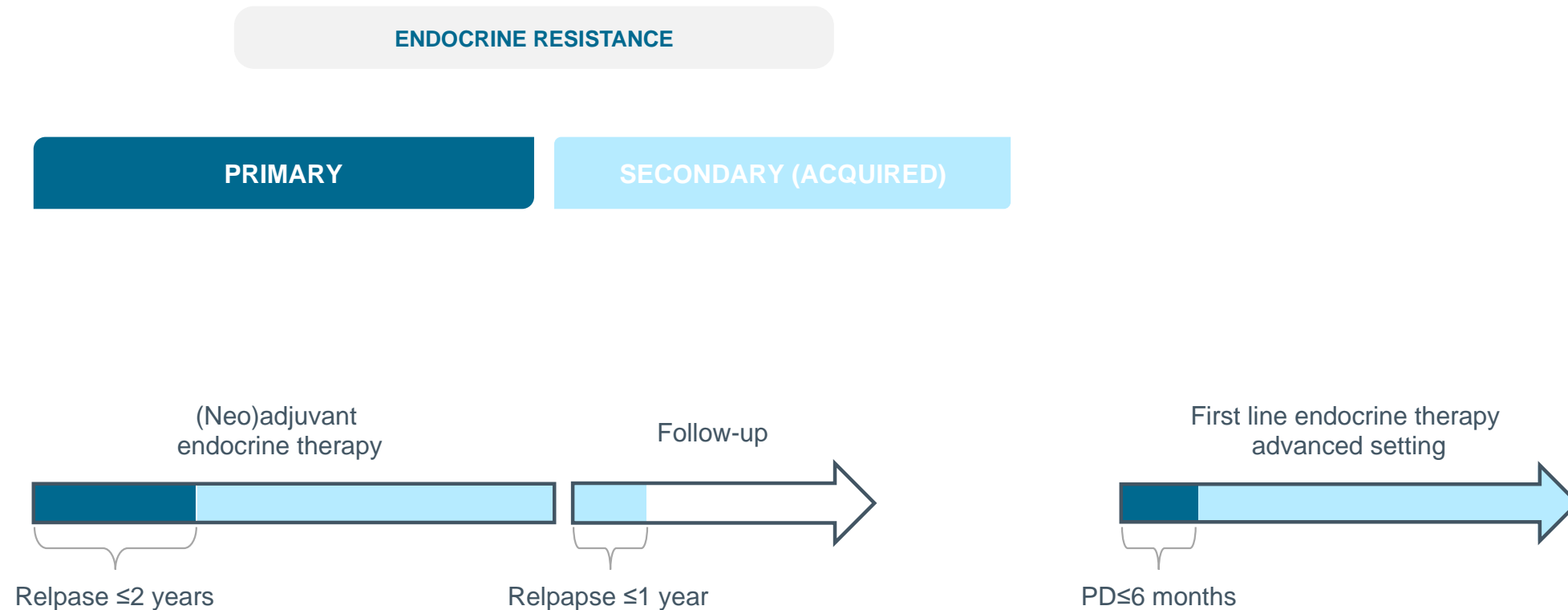
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ENDOCRINE RESISTANCE

PRIMARY

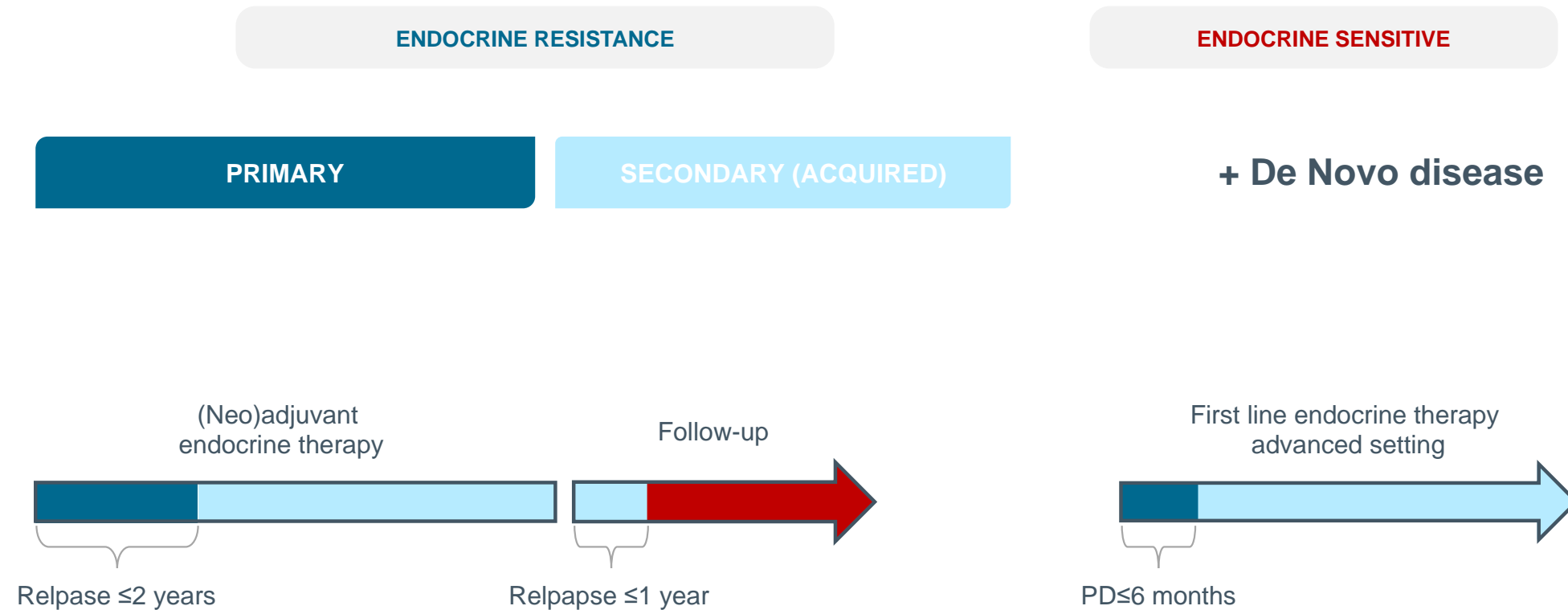


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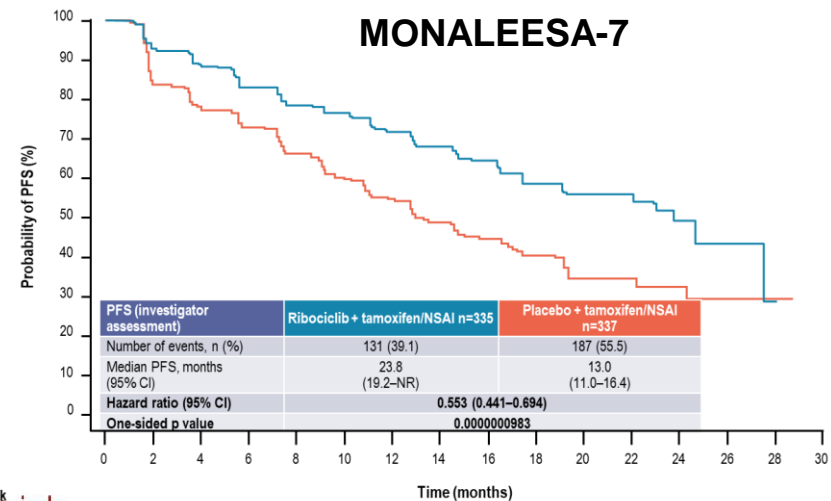
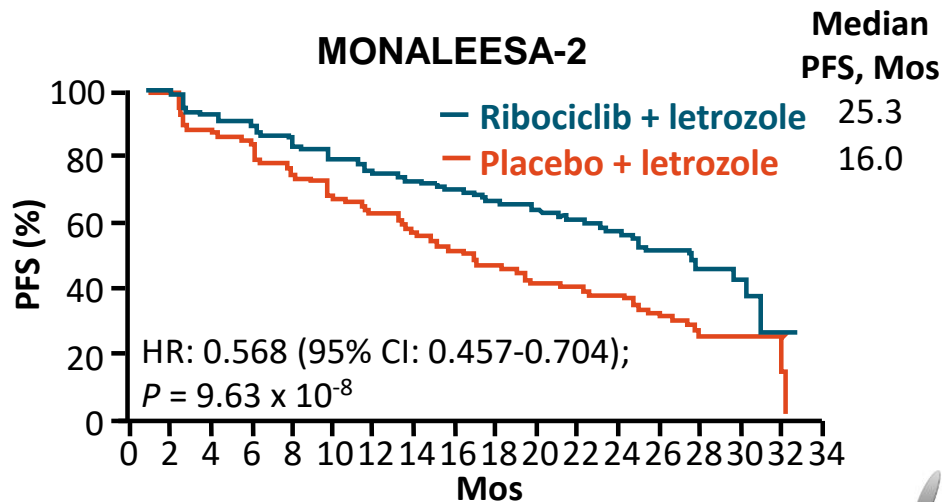
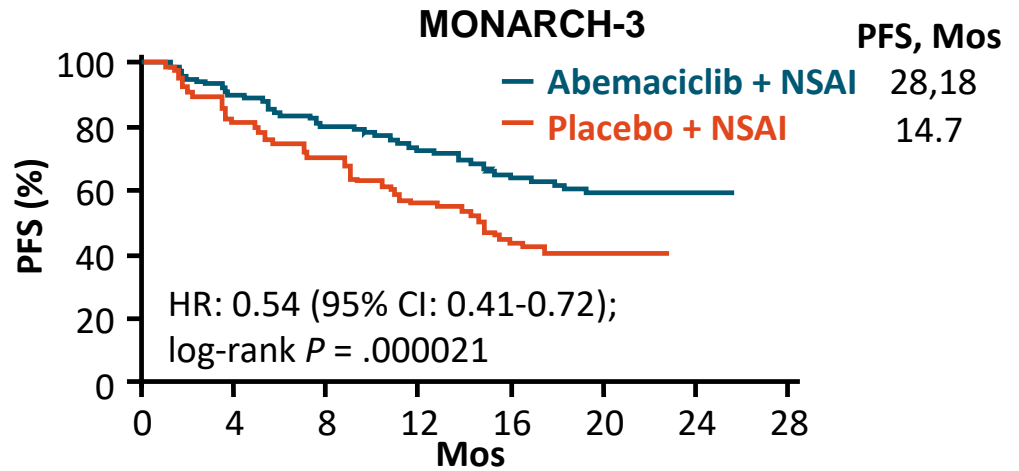
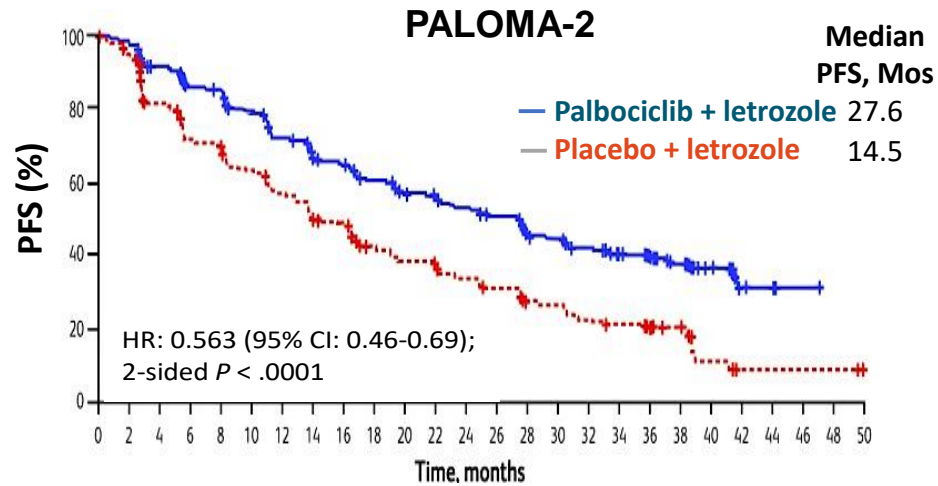
# Differences across CDK4/6 inhibitors trials

## Previous Treatment with Aromatase Inhibitors



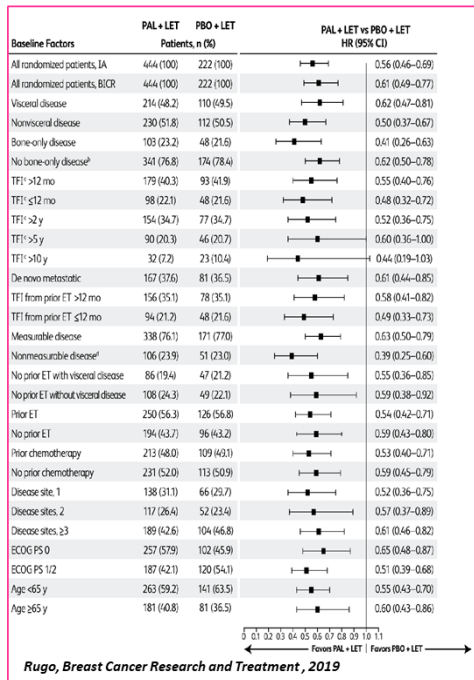
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# 1<sup>st</sup> line Trials: Updated PFS

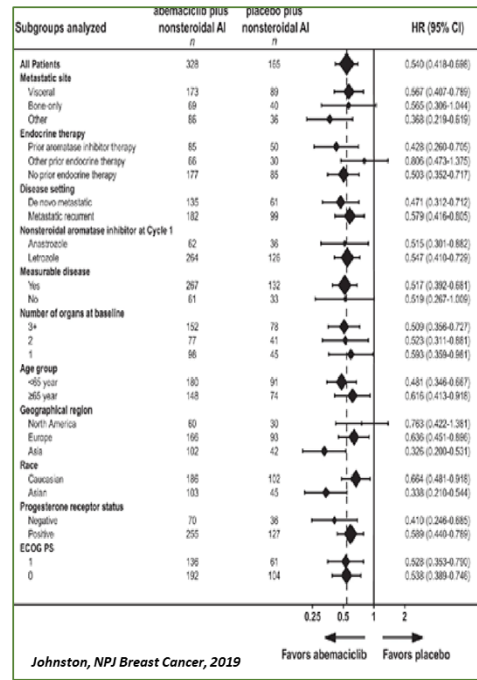


# PFS benefit in 1<sup>st</sup> line trials across patient subgroups

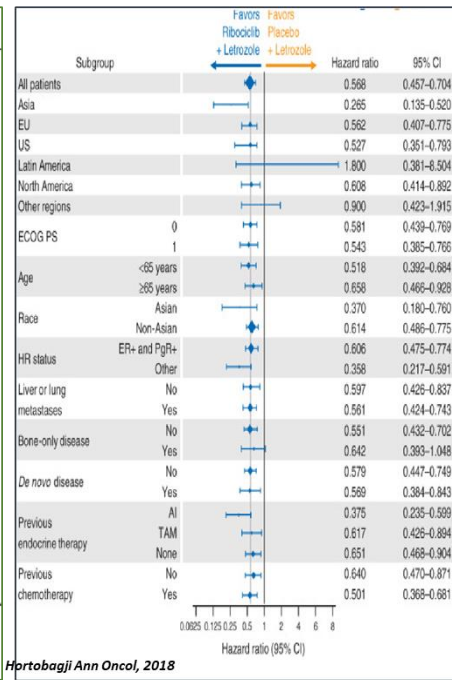
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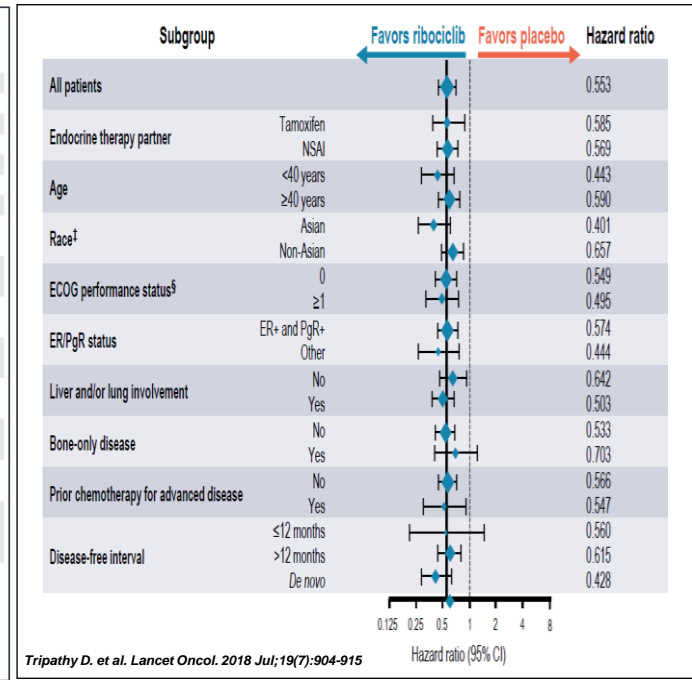
## MONARCH 3



## MONALEESA-2



## MONALEESA-7

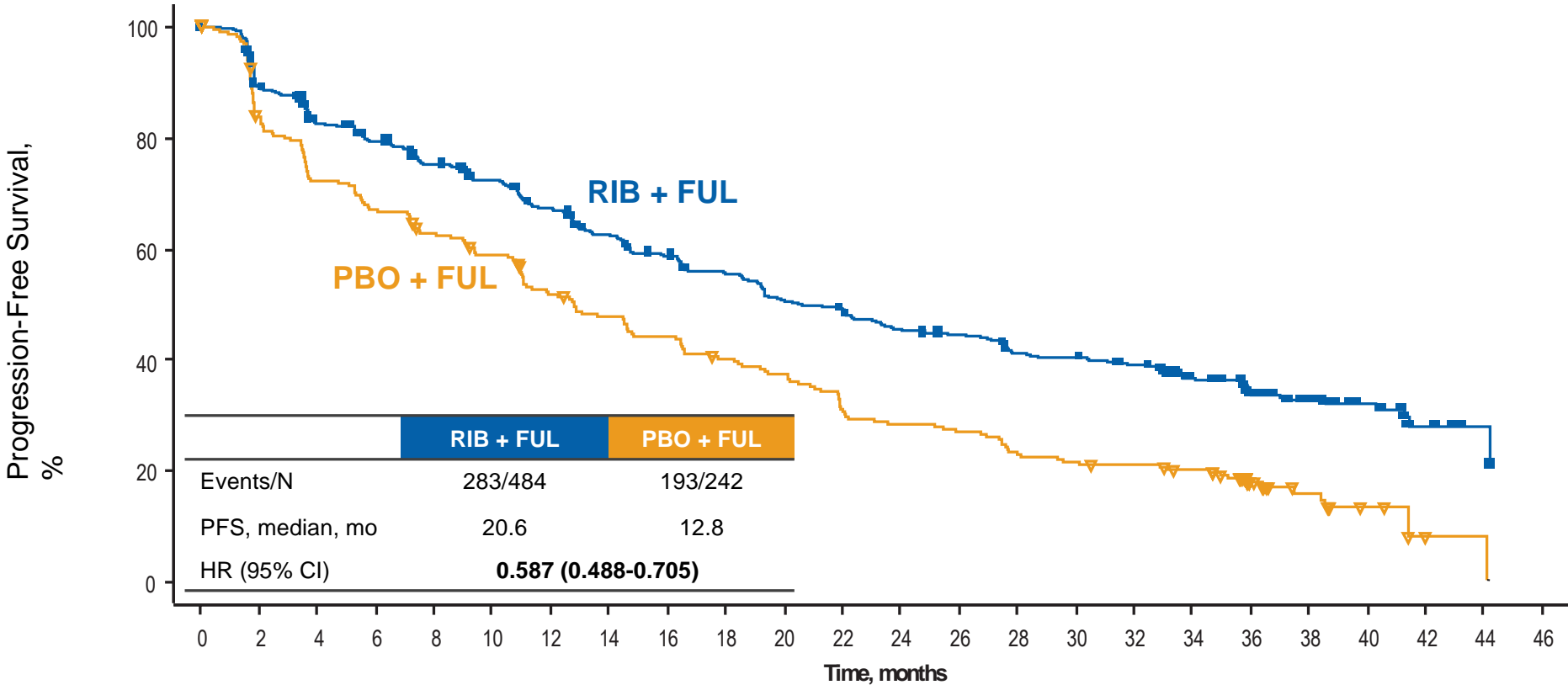


# Different populations across CDK4/6 inhibitors trials

Study	Line	Sensitivity	Primary ET resistance	Secondary ET resistance
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MONALEESA-3 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	□ 50%	□ 50% (% of pts with secondary resistance not provided)	
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PALOMA-3 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		□ 21%	□ 79%

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# Mixed population: MONALEESA-3 Trial Updated PFS

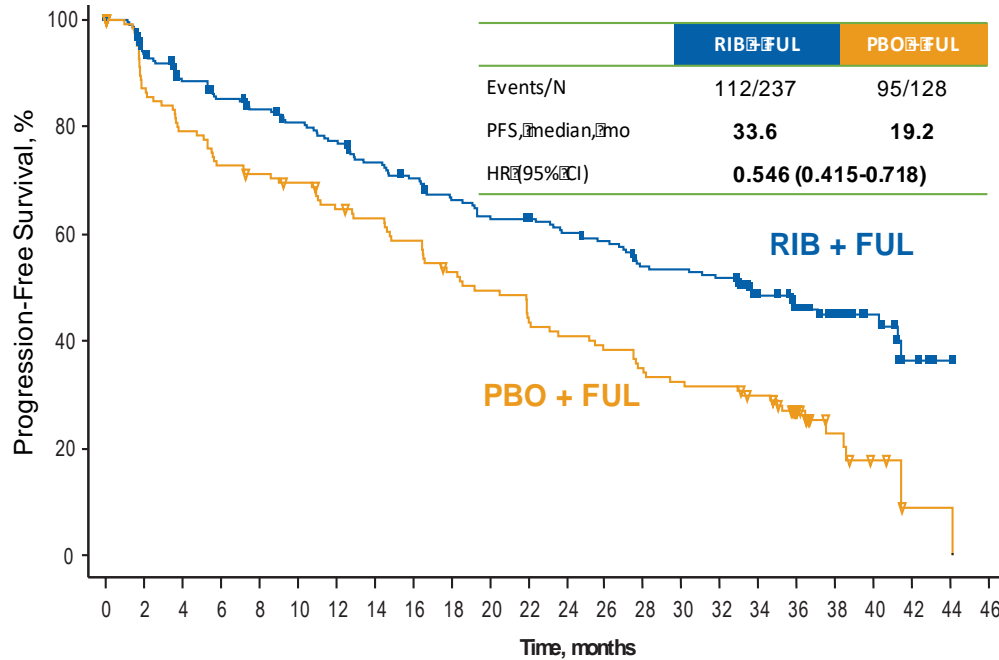


	No. of patients still at risk																							
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
<b>Ribociclib</b>	484	403	364	346	323	305	282	258	239	225	205	198	181	174	159	156	149	127	92	65	29	11	4	0
<b>Placebo</b>	242	195	168	156	144	134	116	106	98	88	82	68	62	59	51	47	45	41	21	13	6	2	1	0



# PFS benefit in MONALEESA-3 trial according to endocrine sensitivity

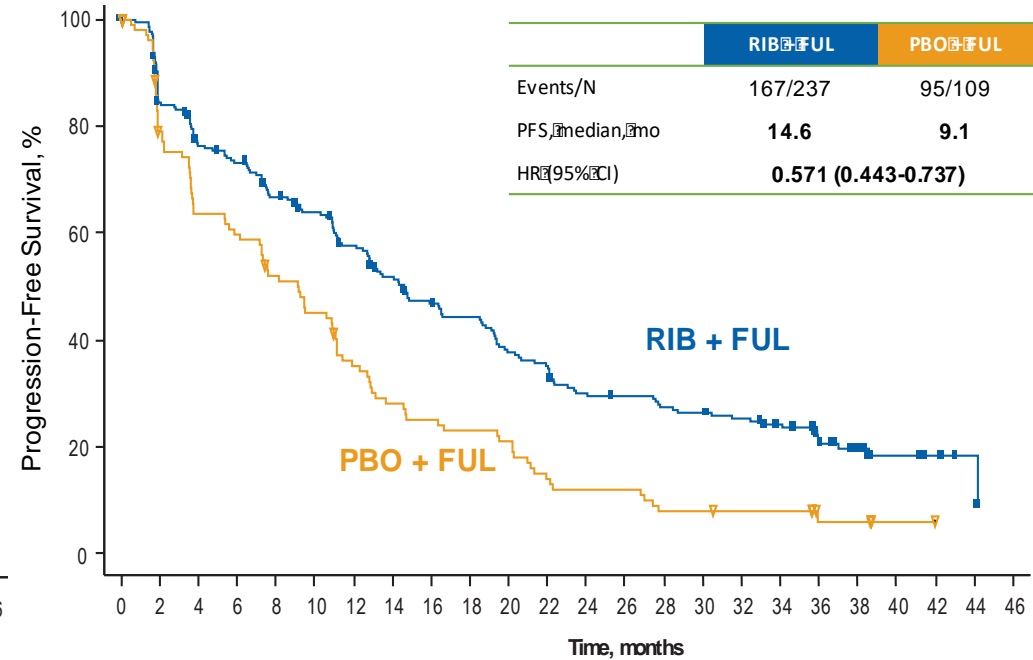
## Endocrine-sensitive



No. of patients still at risk

Ribociclib	237	204	187	178	171	164	157	147	140	132	125	123	117	113	102	101	98	84	63	44	20	7	2	0
Placebo	128	109	99	91	88	85	78	75	70	62	58	52	48	45	41	38	37	33	17	9	5	1	1	0

## Endocrine-resistant

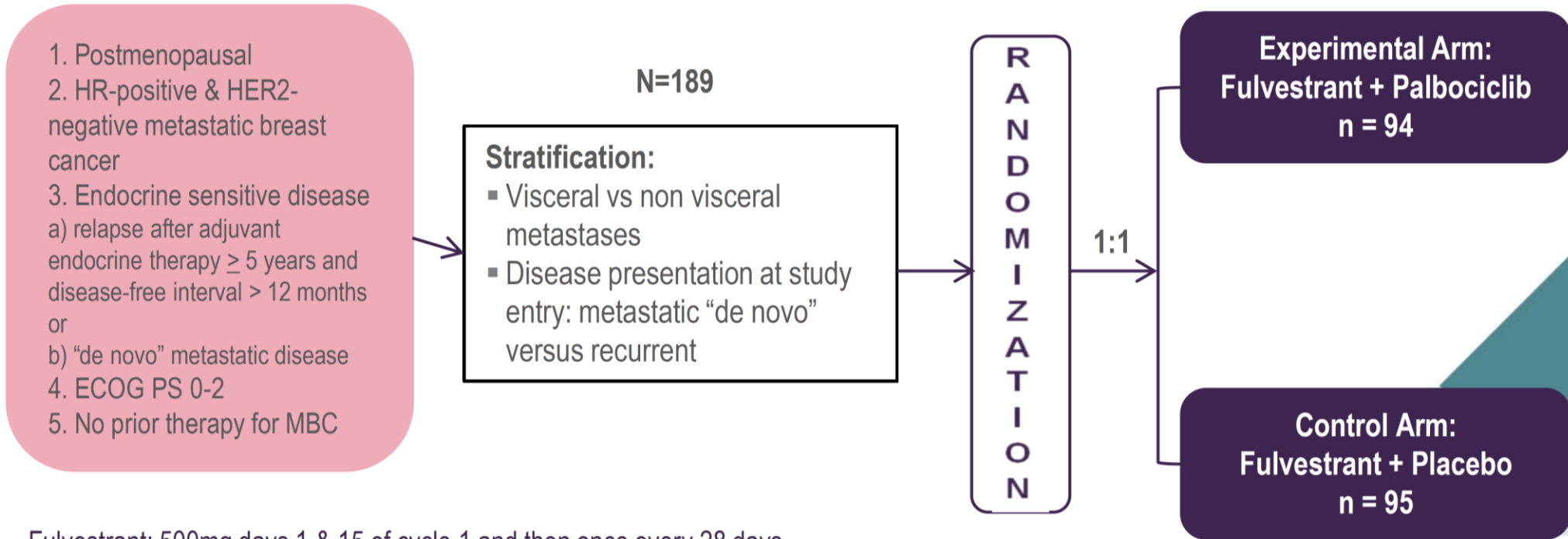


No. of patients still at risk

Ribociclib	237	189	168	160	144	134	119	105	93	87	74	69	58	56	52	50	47	41	27	19	9	4	2	0
Placebo	109	82	66	62	53	46	35	28	25	23	21	14	12	12	8	8	7	7	3	3	1	1	0	0

# FLIPPER Trial

Randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, multicenter, international phase II study



Fulvestrant: 500mg days 1 & 15 of cycle 1 and then once every 28 days

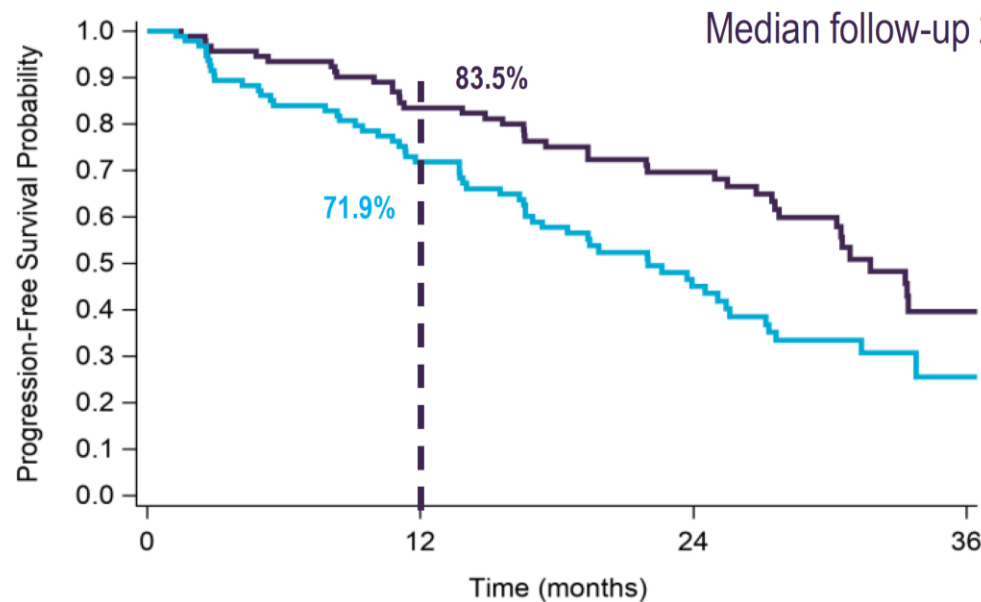
Palbociclib/Placebo: 125mg, 3 weeks on/1week off, q 28-days

Treatment until objective disease progression, symptomatic deterioration, unacceptable toxicity, death or withdrawal of consent

Abbreviations: HR=hormone receptor; HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; BC=breast cancer; ET=endocrine therapy. PD=progressive disease.



# FLIPPER Trial: primary endpoint



	0	12	24	36
<b>F+Palbo 94</b>		73	45	9
<b>F+Placebo 95</b>		64	30	4

	Fulvestrant + Palbociclib n=94	Fulvestrant + Placebo n=95
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PFS rate at 1 year in ITT population (primary objective)		
No. of events (%)	15 (16.0)	26 (27.4)
No. of censored patients (%)	79 (84.0)	69 (72.6)
K-M estimates (80% CI)	<b>83.5% (78.5-88.5)</b>	<b>71.9% (65.8 - 77.9)</b>

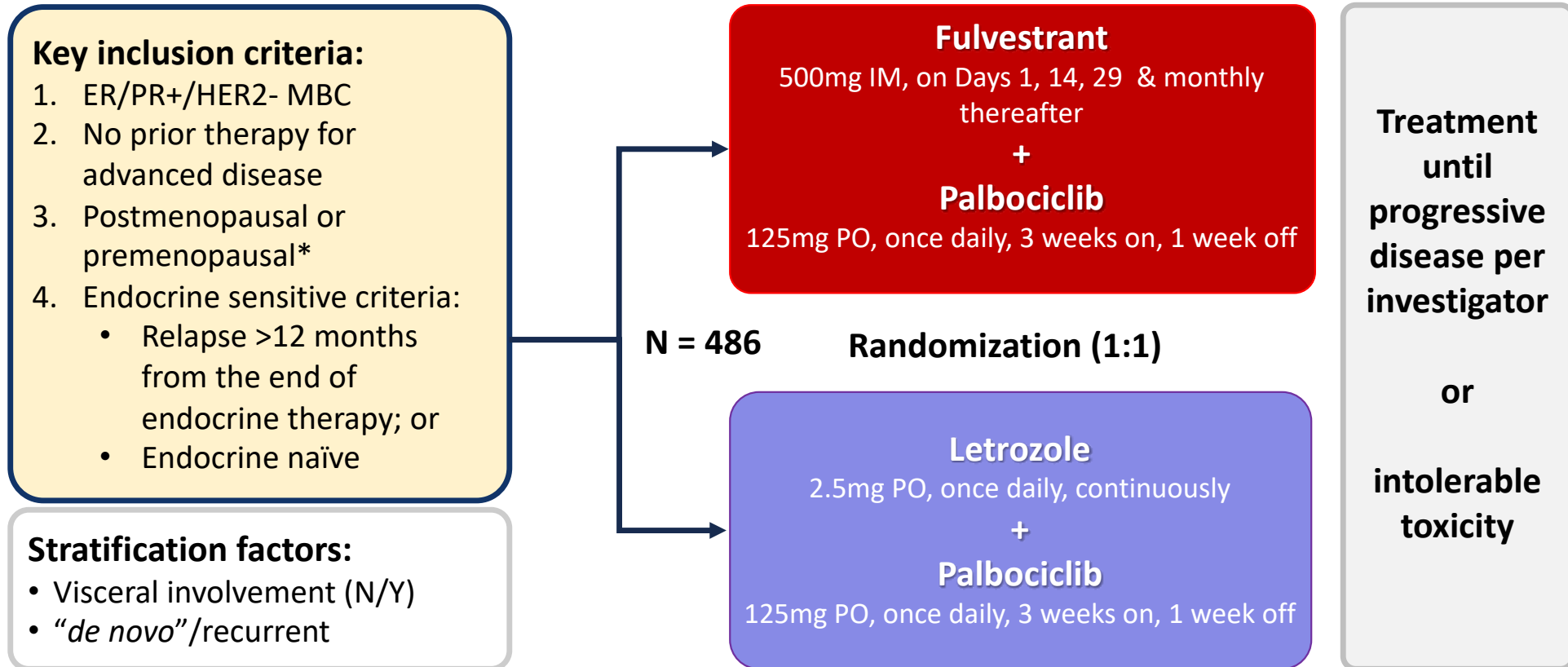
**HR (80% CI): 0.55 (0.36-0.83) p=0.064**

Statistical design; Hazard Ratio (HR): 0.6; Power: 80%; Two-sided alpha: 0.2

PFS in ITT population (secondary objective)		
No. of events (%)	40 (42.6)	56 (58.9)
No. of censored patients (%)	54 (57.4)	39 (41.1)
Median no. of months (80% CI)	<b>31.8 (30.3 - 33.4)</b>	<b>22 (18.5 - 25.1)</b>



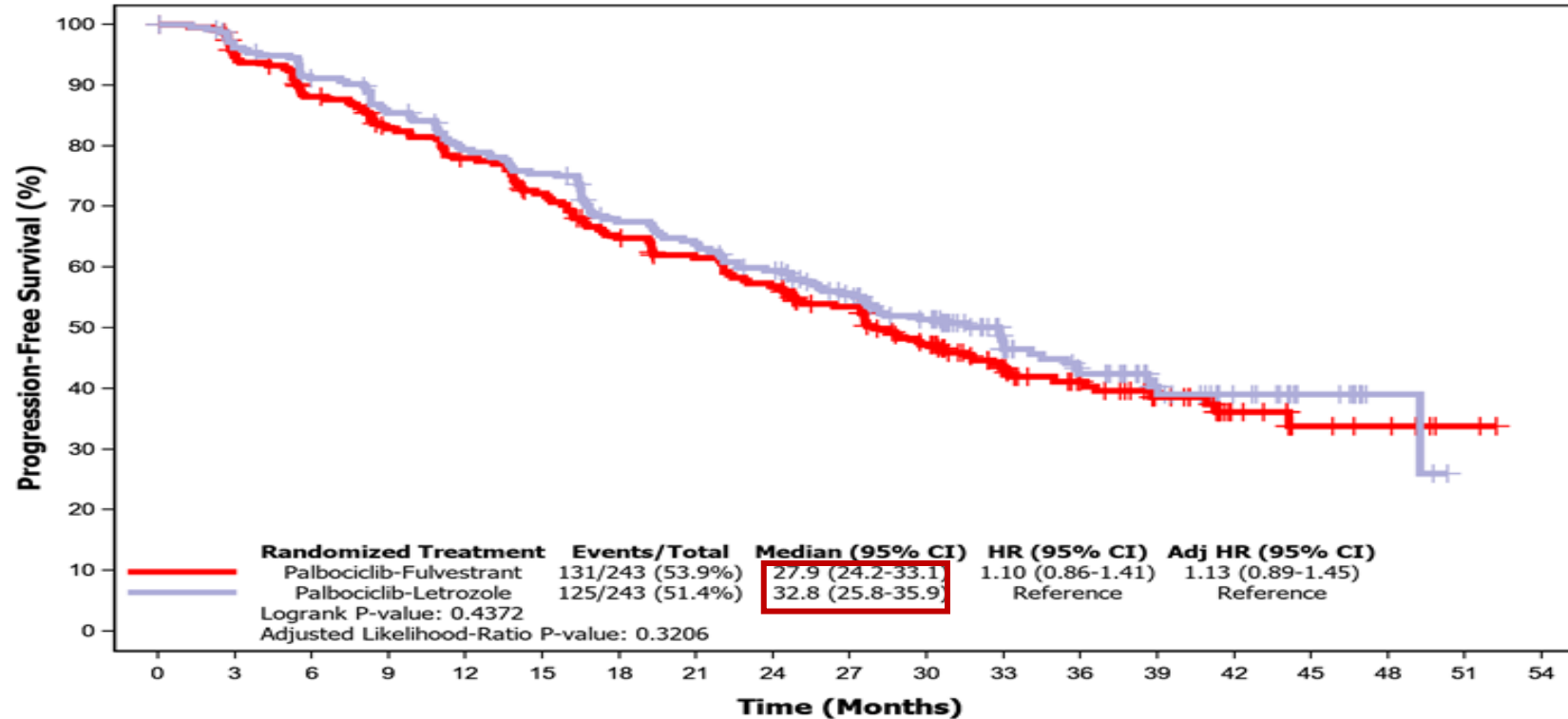
# Endocrine partner: PARSIFAL Trial



\*If pre-menopausal, an ovarian suppression method was required.

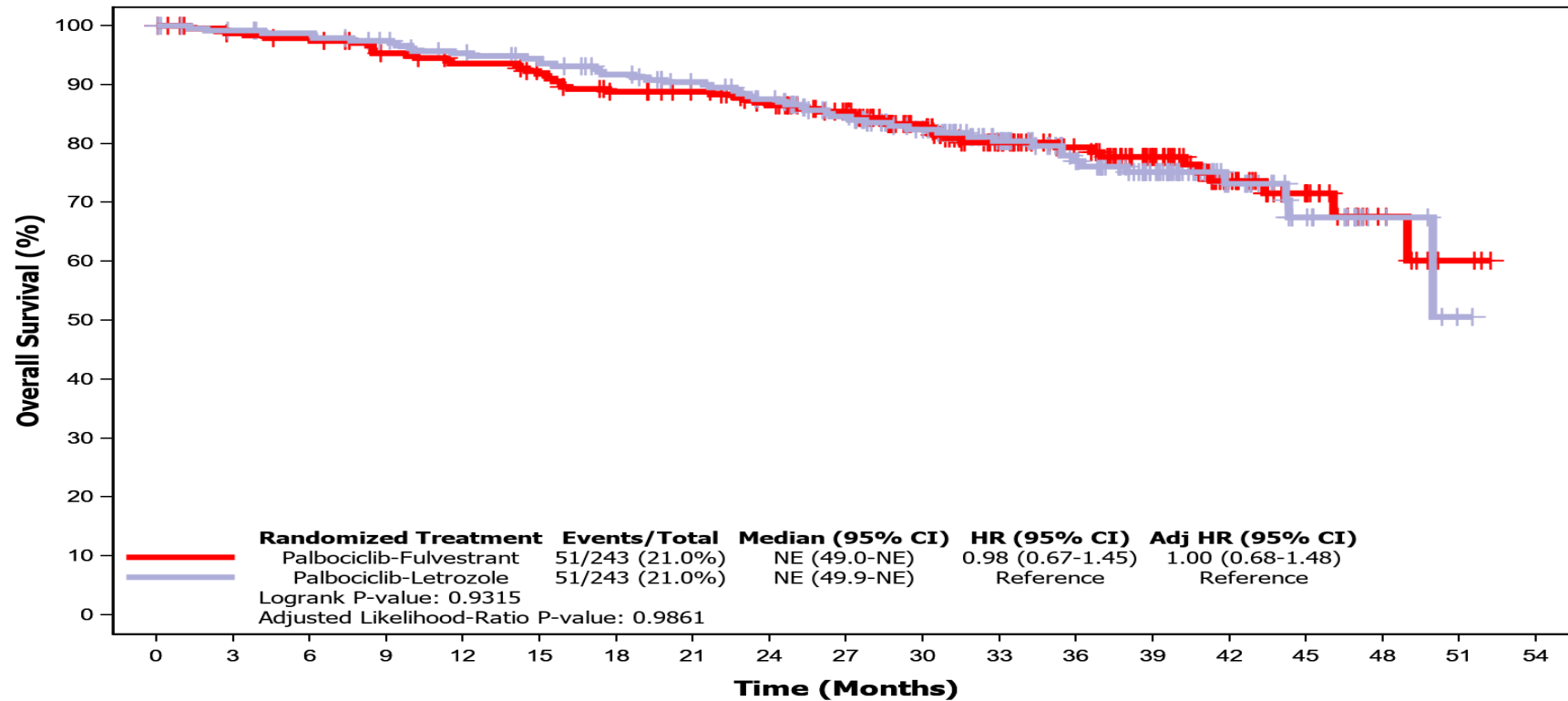
ER: Estrogen receptor; HER2: Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2; IM: Intramuscular; MBC: Metastatic breast cancer; PO: Oral administration; PR: Progesterone receptor.

# Primary objective: PFS in ITT population



Number at risk																				
Palbociclib-Fulvestrant		243	223	204	187	174	159	141	131	121	107	86	63	51	36	20	9	7	2	0
Palbociclib-Letrozole		243	227	212	198	182	173	151	143	131	113	92	63	51	32	23	13	3	0	

# OS in ITT population



Number at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
Palbociclib-Fulvestrant	243	235	232	222	216	209	198	193	182	167	141	114	96	71	44	24	10	3	0	
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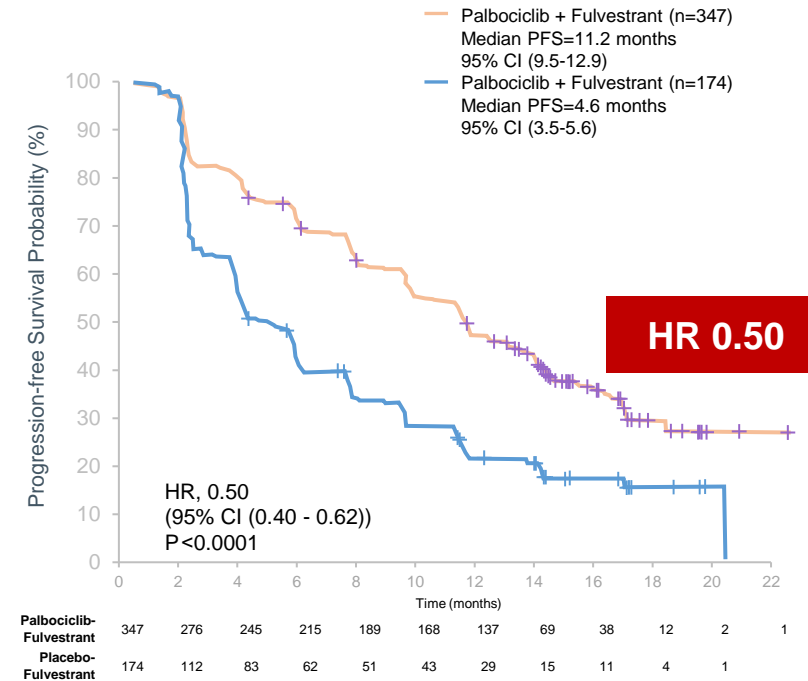
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# PFS benefit: Endocrine resistant

## MONARCH-2<sup>1</sup>



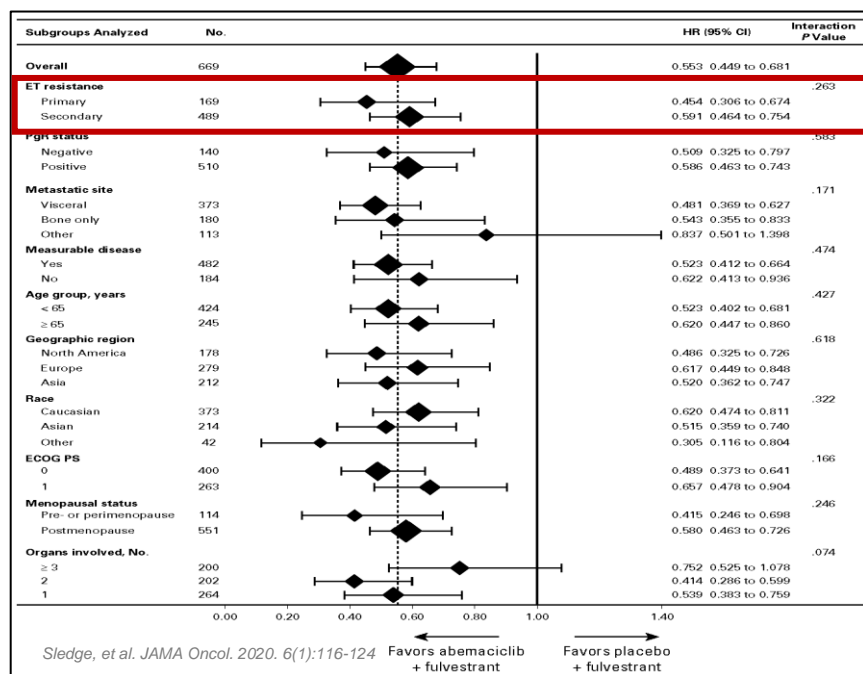
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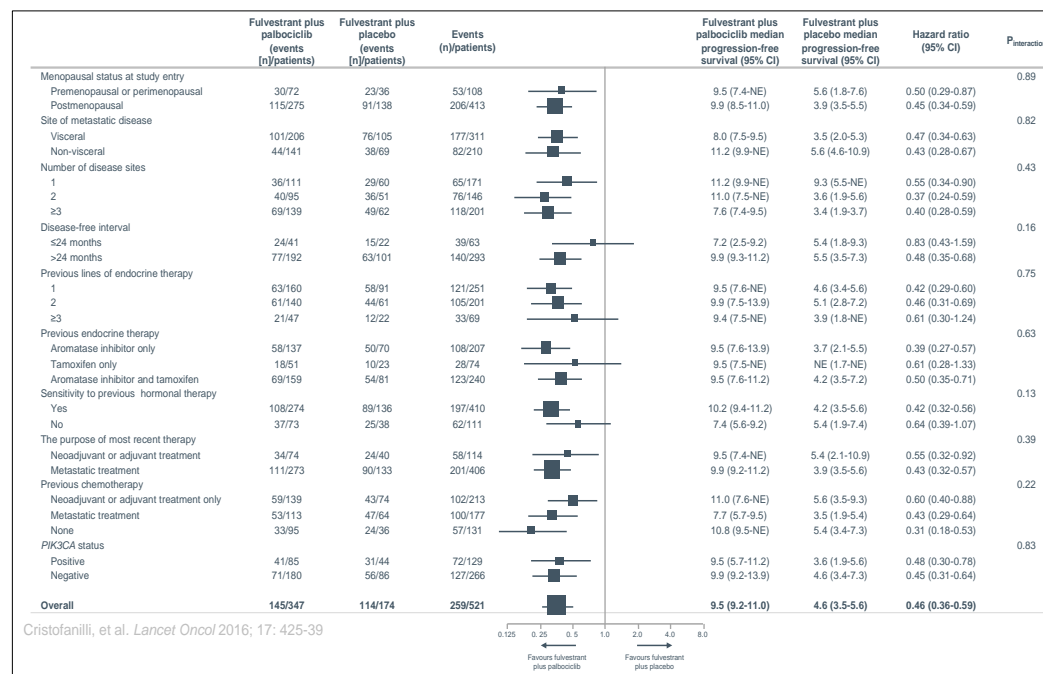
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# PFS benefit in endocrine resistant across patient subgroups

## MONARCH-2



## PALOMA-3



# FDA Pooled Analysis of CDK4/6 Inhibition in Patient Subgroups

## Methods:

- Pooled, raw patient-level data from 5 Phase 3, randomized, controlled registration trials of CDK inhibitors with either:
  - An AI in first-line settings
  - Fulvestrant in second-line settings
- Median investigator-assessed PFS examined using KM plots

## Overall Results of Median PFS

Subset	AI or fulvestrant	N	CDK4/6 inhibitor	Placebo (months)	Difference (months)	HR	95% CI
ITT population	Both	3002	20.5	11.8	8.7	0.59	0.53–0.65
ITT population	AI	1817	26.5	15.1	11.4	0.56	0.49–0.64
PR-negative disease	Both	490	16.5	7.4	9.1	0.50	0.40–0.64
Lobular cancer	Both	264	16.1	9.2	6.9	0.58	0.42–0.80
Bone-only metastases	Both	875	27.9	15.5	12.4	0.55	0.45–0.67
De novo metastatic disease*	AI	617	27.8	16.8	11.0	0.59	0.46–0.76
Disease-free interval >12 months	AI	929	25.7	14.2	11.5	0.55	0.46–0.67

\*De novo metastatic disease defined as stage IV disease at diagnosis.  
AI=aromatase inhibitor.

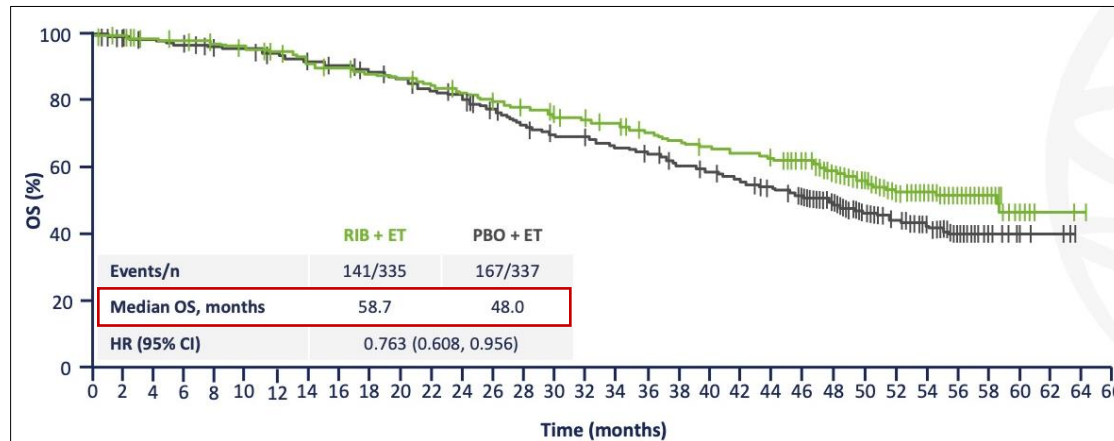
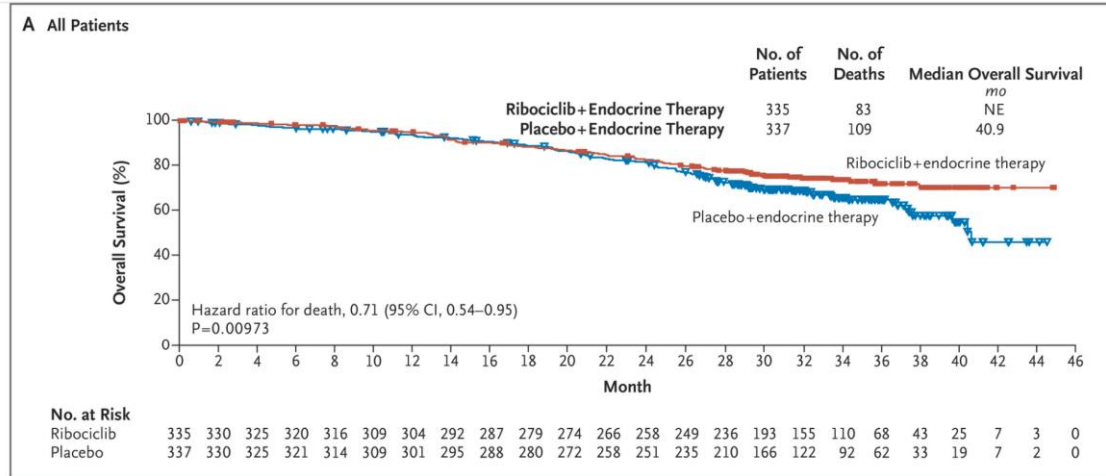


# CDK4/6 inhibitor trials with available OS data

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# OS benefit in 1<sup>st</sup> line MONALEESA-7 Trial

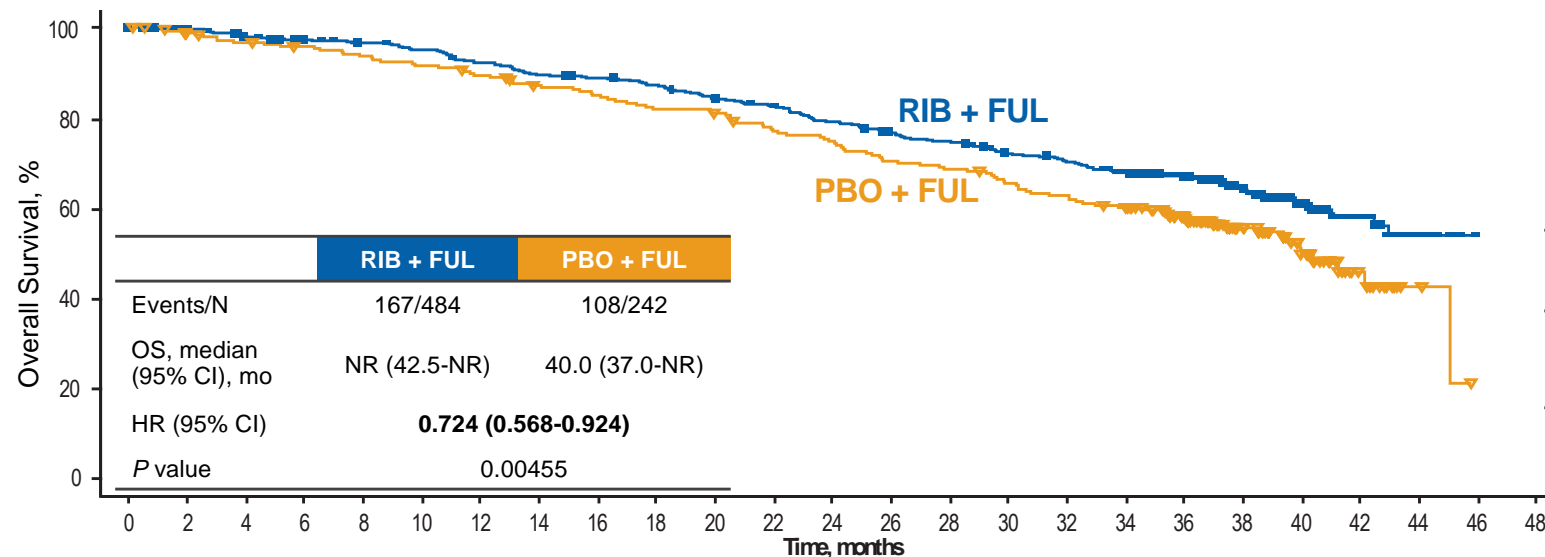


Subgroup	Patients no. (%)	Ribociclib no. of deaths/total no. (%)	Placebo no. of deaths/total no. (%)	Hazard Ratio for Death (95% CI)
All patients	672 (100)	83/335 (24.8)	109/337 (32.3)	0.71 (0.54–0.95)
Endocrine therapy				
Tamoxifen and goserelin	177 (26.3)	22/87 (25.3)	29/90 (32.2)	0.79 (0.45–1.38)
NSAI and goserelin	495 (73.7)	61/248 (24.6)	80/247 (32.4)	0.70 (0.50–0.98)
ECOG score				
0	500 (74.4)	55/245 (22.4)	74/255 (29.0)	0.72 (0.50–1.02)
≥1	166 (24.7)	27/87 (31.0)	35/79 (44.3)	0.67 (0.40–1.12)
Age				
<40 yr	186 (27.7)	30/98 (30.6)	34/88 (38.6)	0.79 (0.48–1.30)
≥40 yr	486 (72.3)	53/237 (22.4)	75/249 (30.1)	0.68 (0.48–0.98)
Race				
Asian	198 (29.5)	16/99 (16.2)	37/99 (37.4)	0.40 (0.22–0.72)
Non-Asian	413 (61.5)	57/200 (28.5)	65/213 (30.5)	0.91 (0.64–1.30)
Previous chemotherapy in patients with metastatic disease				
Yes	94 (14.0)	13/47 (27.7)	19/47 (40.4)	0.67 (0.33–1.35)
No	578 (86.0)	70/288 (24.3)	90/290 (31.0)	0.73 (0.54–1.00)
Adjuvant or neoadjuvant chemotherapy				
Yes	276 (41.1)	46/138 (33.3)	51/138 (37.0)	0.91 (0.60–1.36)
No	302 (45.0)	24/150 (16.0)	39/152 (25.7)	0.54 (0.32–0.91)
Adjuvant or neoadjuvant hormonal therapy				
Yes	268 (39.9)	40/127 (31.5)	52/141 (36.9)	0.91 (0.60–1.39)
No	404 (60.1)	43/208 (20.7)	57/196 (29.1)	0.68 (0.45–1.00)
Hormone-receptor status				
Estrogen-receptor–positive and progesterone-receptor–positive	572 (85.1)	67/286 (23.4)	86/286 (30.1)	0.74 (0.54–1.02)
Other	100 (14.9)	16/49 (32.7)	23/51 (45.1)	0.64 (0.33–1.22)
Geographic region				
Asia	180 (26.8)	16/92 (17.4)	34/88 (38.6)	0.43 (0.24–0.78)
Europe and Australia	275 (40.9)	39/136 (28.7)	42/139 (30.2)	0.97 (0.62–1.52)
Latin America	56 (8.3)	9/31 (29.0)	9/25 (36.0)	0.63 (0.23–1.70)
North America	97 (14.4)	12/47 (25.5)	16/50 (32.0)	0.86 (0.40–1.87)
Other	64 (9.5)	7/29 (24.1)	8/35 (22.9)	0.78 (0.27–2.25)
Lung or liver involvement				
Yes	342 (50.9)	50/173 (28.9)	62/169 (36.7)	0.73 (0.50–1.05)
No	330 (49.1)	33/162 (20.4)	47/168 (28.0)	0.70 (0.48–1.09)
Bone lesion only				
Yes	159 (23.7)	19/81 (23.5)	18/78 (23.1)	1.00 (0.53–1.93)
No	513 (76.3)	64/254 (25.2)	91/259 (35.1)	0.65 (0.47–0.90)
No. of sites of metastasis				
<3	436 (64.9)	50/219 (22.8)	60/217 (27.6)	0.85 (0.58–1.25)
≥3	236 (35.1)	33/116 (28.4)	49/120 (40.8)	0.58 (0.37–0.91)
Time from previous endocrine therapy completion				
None	404 (60.1)	43/208 (20.7)	57/196 (29.1)	0.68 (0.45–1.00)
Progression ≤12 mo after end of endocrine therapy	205 (30.5)	35/100 (35.0)	46/105 (43.8)	0.80 (0.51–1.27)
Progression >12 mo after end of endocrine therapy	60 (8.9)	5/25 (20.0)	6/35 (17.1)	1.53 (0.44–5.34)

0.12 0.25 0.50 1.00 2.00 4.00 8.00  
Ribociclib+Endocrine Therapy Better Placebo+Endocrine Therapy Better

# OS benefit in mixed population MONALEESA-3

The reduction in relative risk of death with RIB was 28%

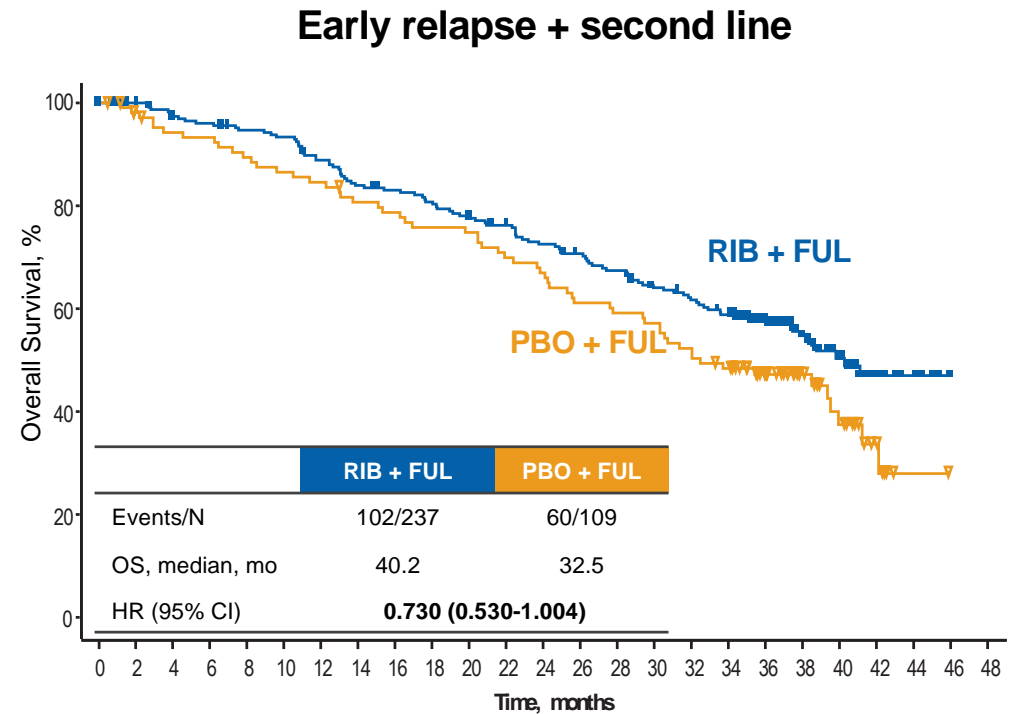
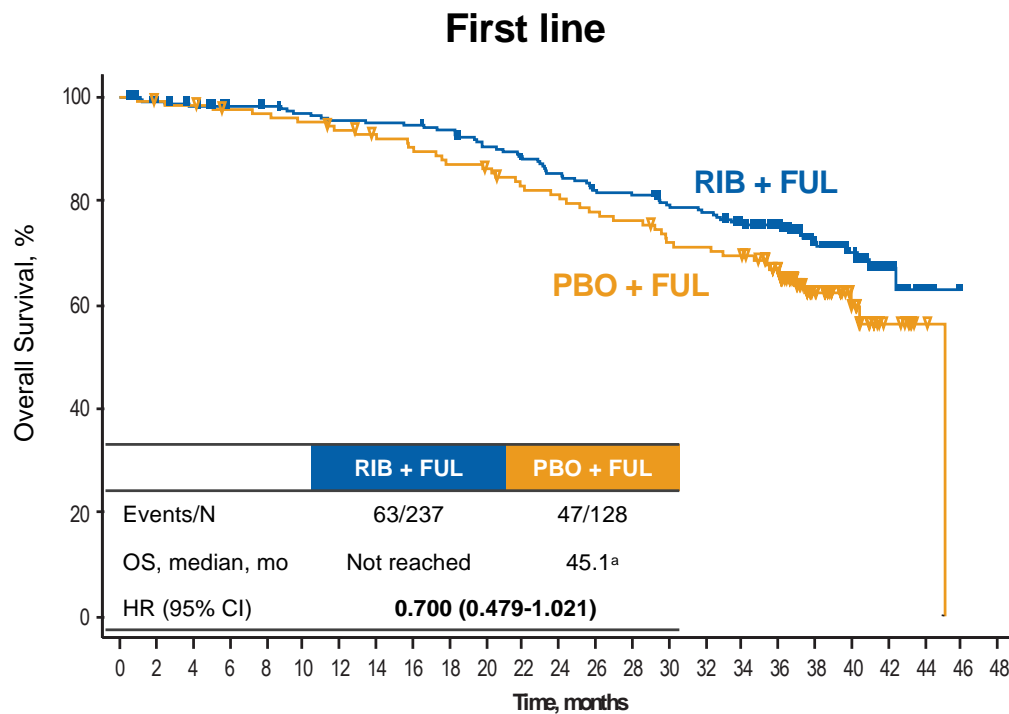


Landmark Analysis		
KM Estimate	RIB + FUL	PBO + FUL
36 months	67.0%	58.2%
42 months	57.8%	45.9%

	No. of patients still at risk																								
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
Ribociclib	484	470	454	444	436	428	414	402	397	389	374	365	348	334	326	309	300	287	237	159	92	41	14	2	0
Placebo	242	233	227	223	218	213	207	199	194	187	184	174	169	159	155	147	141	134	107	64	37	14	3	0	0

- The *P* value of 0.00455 crossed the prespecified boundary to claim superior efficacy ( $P < 0.01129$ )

# OS benefit in mixed population MONALEESA-3



No. of patients still at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
Ribociclib	237	229	222	217	214	210	207	206	205	202	194	190	182	174	173	166	163	157	138	92	54	22	6	1	0
Placebo	128	126	125	122	121	119	116	113	110	106	104	99	97	93	91	85	84	82	70	40	21	8	2	0	0

No. of patients still at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
Ribociclib	237	231	222	218	213	210	199	188	184	179	172	167	158	152	145	135	129	122	94	63	36	17	7	1	0
Placebo	109	103	98	97	93	90	88	83	81	78	77	72	69	63	61	59	54	49	35	23	15	6	1	0	0

# Flatiron EHR Database: Overall Survival for First-Line Palbociclib + Letrozole vs Letrozole for HR+/HER2- MBC in US

**Objective:** Retrospective analysis of EHRs conducted using de-identified patient data from the Flatiron Health Analytic database to determine whether real-world data could demonstrate improved PFS and/or OS with PAL+LET compared with letrozole alone as first-line treatment for HR+/HER2- MBC

## Inclusion

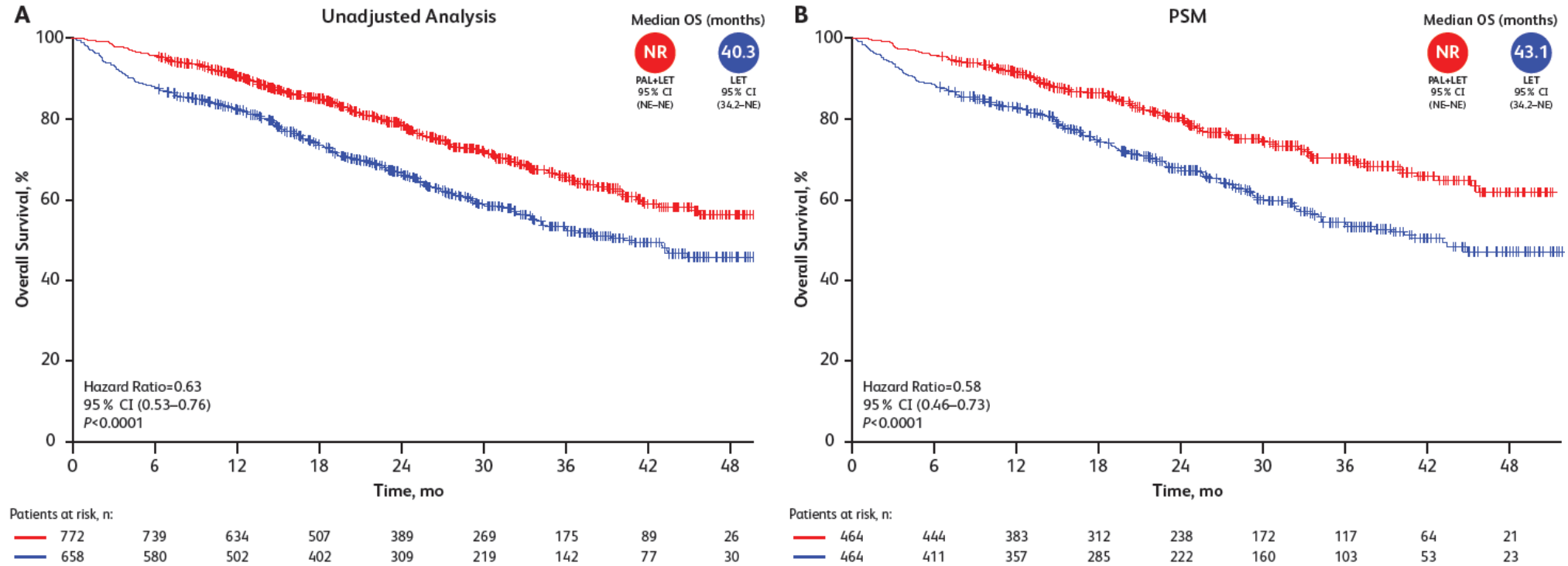
- Women  $\geq 18$  years old at MBC diagnosis
- Diagnosis of MBC at any point in patient history
- HR+/HER2- breast cancer
- Date of first prescription (index date) for palbociclib + letrozole or letrozole alone as first-line therapy for MBC between February 3, 2015, and February 28, 2019
- Potential follow-up of  $\geq 3$  months from index date to the study cutoff date of May 31, 2019

## Exclusion

- Evidence of prior treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitors, aromatase inhibitors, tamoxifen, raloxifene, toremifene, or fulvestrant in the metastatic setting
- First structured activity  $> 90$  days after MBC diagnostic date
- Treatment with a CDK4/6 inhibitor as part of a clinical trial

- Number of patients (N=1430):  
PAL+ LET (n=772); LET (n=658)

# FLATIRON Study: OS



LET=letrozole; NE=not estimable; NR=not reached; OS=overall survival; PAL=palbociclib; PFS=progression-free survival; PSM=propensity score matching.

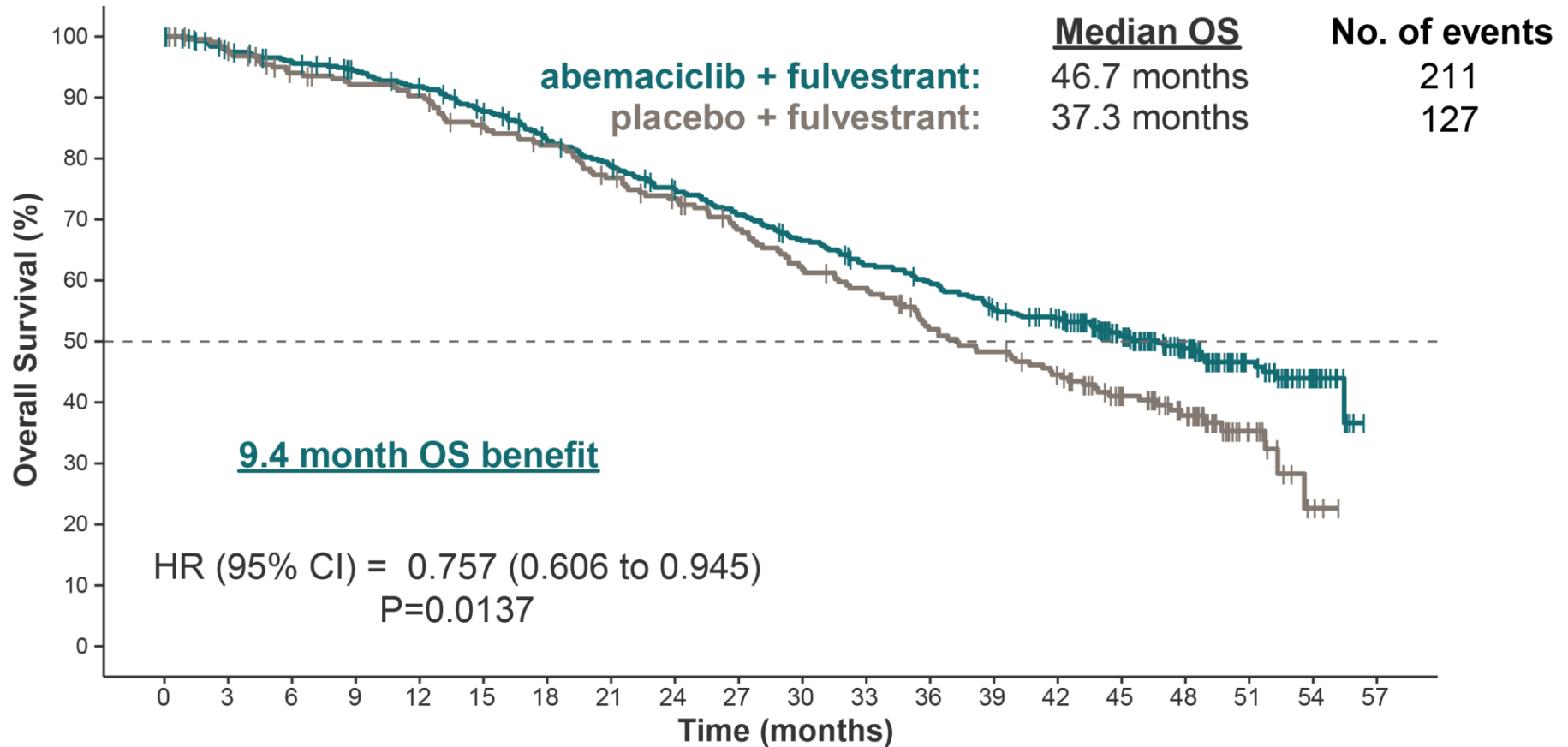
***A consistent OS benefit of palbociclib plus letrozole versus letrozole alone was observed generally across all studied subgroups***

# CDK4/6 inhibitor trials with available OS data

Study	Line	Sensitivity	Primary ET resistance	Secondary ET resistance
PALOMA-2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	□ 100%		
MONARCH-3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	□ 100%		
MONALEESA-2 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	□ 100%		
MONALEESA-7 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	□ 70%		□ 30%
MONALEESA-3 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	□ 50%	□ 50% (% of pts with secondary resistance not provided)	
MONARCH-2 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		□ 25%	□ 75%
PALOMA-3 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		□ 21%	□ 79%

<sup>1</sup>Finn, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2016. 375:1925-1936; <sup>2</sup>Goetz, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017. 35:3638-3646; <sup>3</sup>Hortobagyi, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2016. 375:1738-1748; <sup>4</sup>Tripathy, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2018; 19: 904–15; <sup>5</sup>Slamon, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018. 36:2465-2472; <sup>6</sup>Sledge, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017. 35:2875-2884; <sup>7</sup>Cristofanilli, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016. 17: 425–39.

# OS benefit in endocrine resistant MONARCH-2 Trial



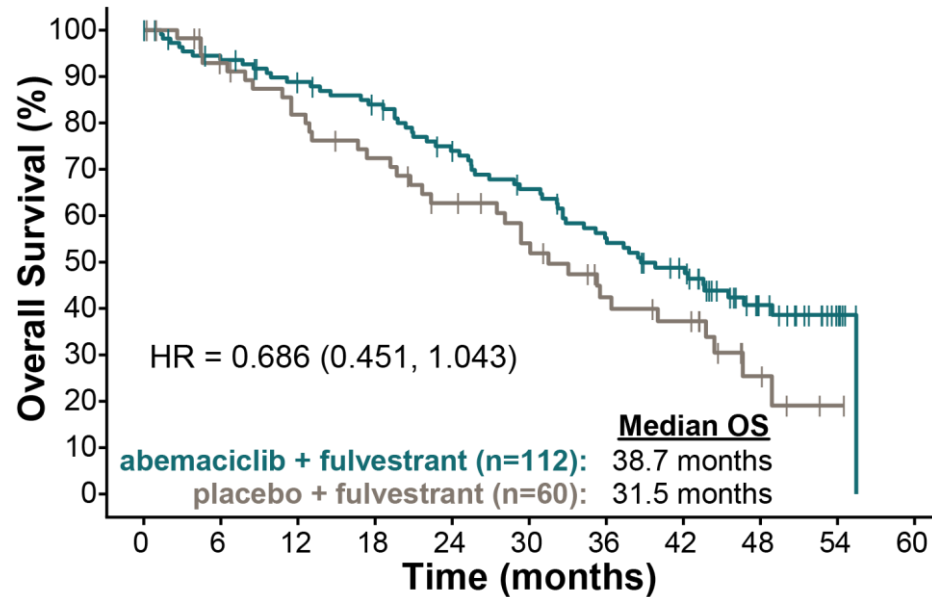
No. at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
abemaciclib + fulvestrant	446	422	410	397	384	364	339	321	302	284	265	246	234	214	202	157	101	58	23	0
placebo + fulvestrant	223	214	201	195	191	178	170	158	148	135	122	115	99	92	82	62	42	15	3	0

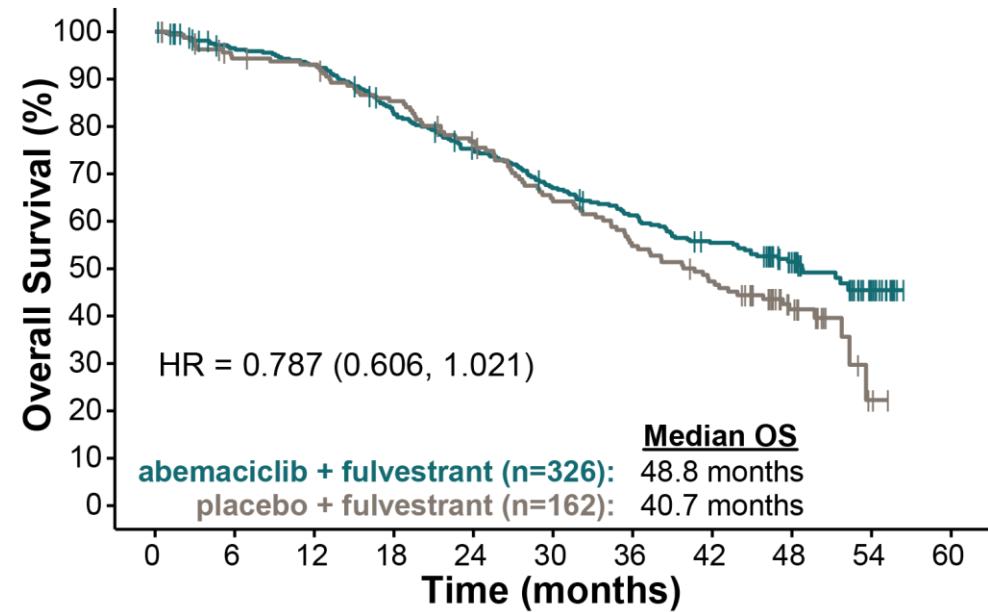


# MONARCH-2: OS benefit by endocrine resistance

## Primary resistance

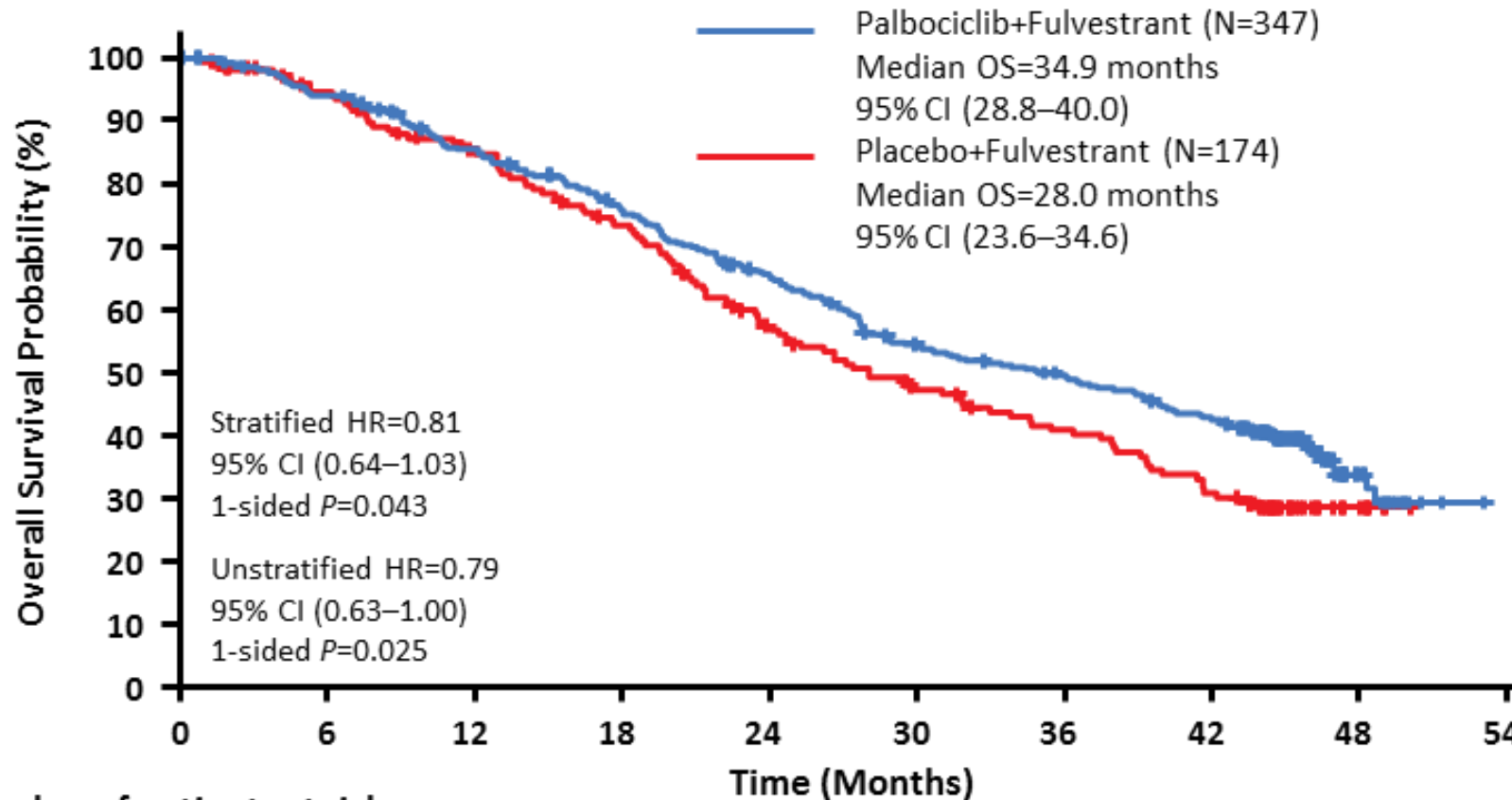


## Secondary resistance



<sup>a</sup>Interaction p-value: 0.588

# OS benefit in endocrine resistant PALOMA-3 Trial

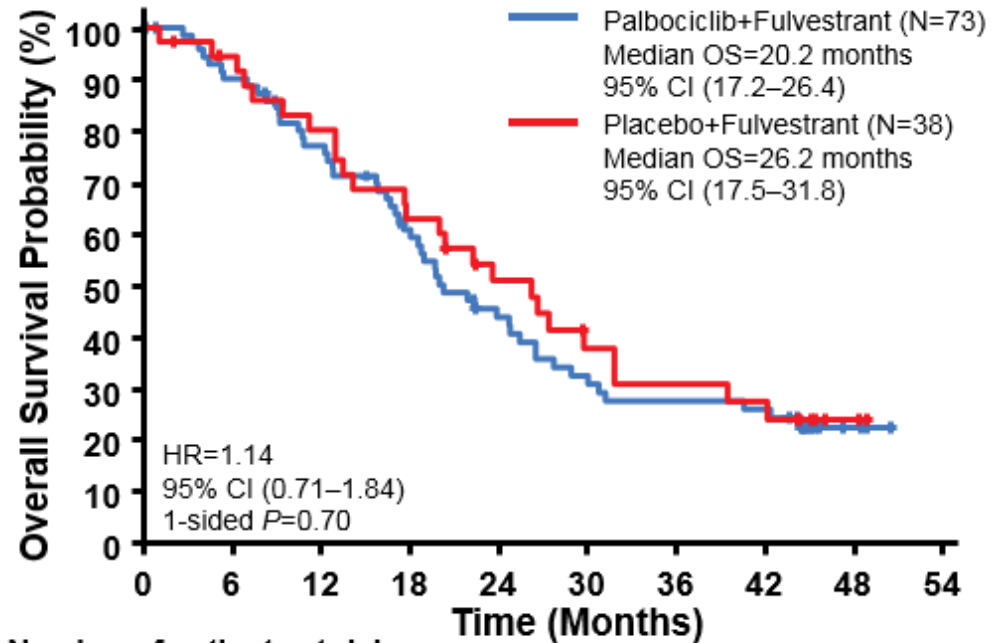


## Number of patients at risk

PAL+FUL	347	321	286	247	209	165	148	126	17
PBO+FUL	174	155	135	115	86	68	57	43	7

# PALOMA-3: OS by sensitivity to prior ET

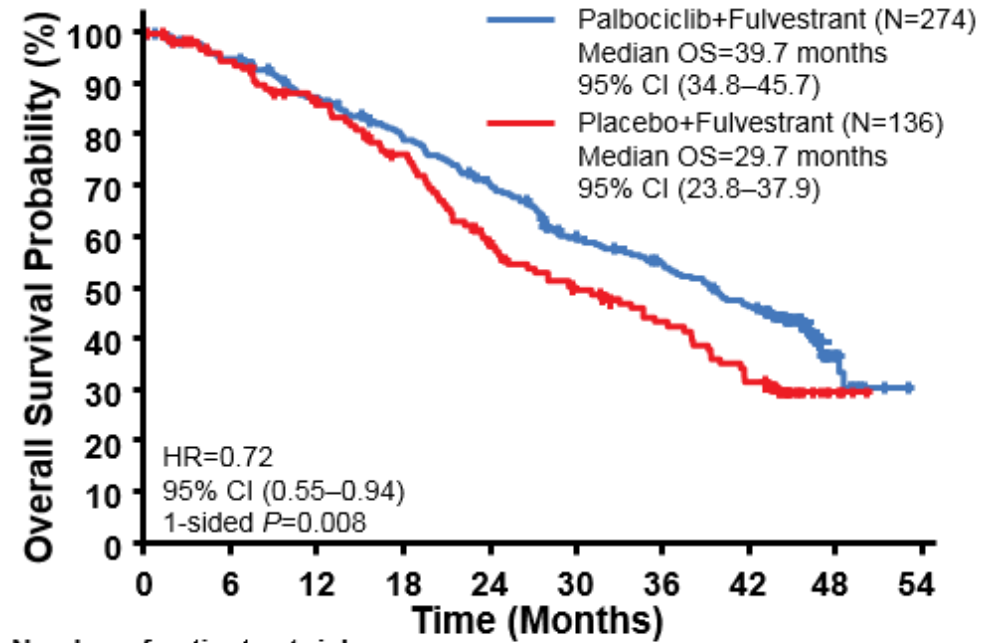
## No sensitivity to prior ET



Number of patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
PAL+FUL	73	64	53	39	27	19	17	16	3
PBO+FUL	38	33	28	22	16	11	9	8	2

## Sensitivity to prior ET



Number of patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
PAL+FUL	274	257	233	208	182	146	131	110	14
PBO+FUL	136	122	107	93	70	57	48	35	5

# Differences in study population

**Table 2: Comparison of eligibility criteria.**

Selected Criteria	PALOMA-3	MONARCH 2	MONALEESA-3
<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>			
Menopausal status <sup>a</sup>	Pre, peri, or post	Pre, peri, or post	Post
Receptor status	HR+/HER2-	HR+/HER2-	HR+/HER2-
ECOG PS	0,1	0,1	0,1
Measurable disease	Required <sup>b</sup> , or bone-only disease	Required, or bone-only disease	Required <sup>b</sup> , or $\geq 1$ predominantly lytic bone lesion
Progressed on or after endocrine therapy in the adjuvant or metastatic setting	Required	Required	Not required
Number of prior lines of endocrine therapy for MBC	Any <sup>c</sup>	$\leq 1$	$\leq 1$
<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>			
Visceral crisis	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
Central nervous system metastasis (uncontrolled/symptomatic)	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
Prior chemotherapy for MBC	>1 excluded	Excluded	Excluded

# Matched-adjusted indirect comparison: MAIC Study

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## Matching-adjusted indirect comparison of palbociclib versus ribociclib and abemaciclib in hormone receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative advanced breast cancer

### Objective



To determine the relative efficacy of palbociclib + fulvestrant (PAL+FUL) versus abemaciclib + fulvestrant (ABM+FUL) and ribociclib + fulvestrant (RIB+FUL) in patients with human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative advanced breast cancer (HR+/HER2- ABC) in terms of overall survival (OS) using matching-adjusted indirect comparison (MAIC).

### Conclusion

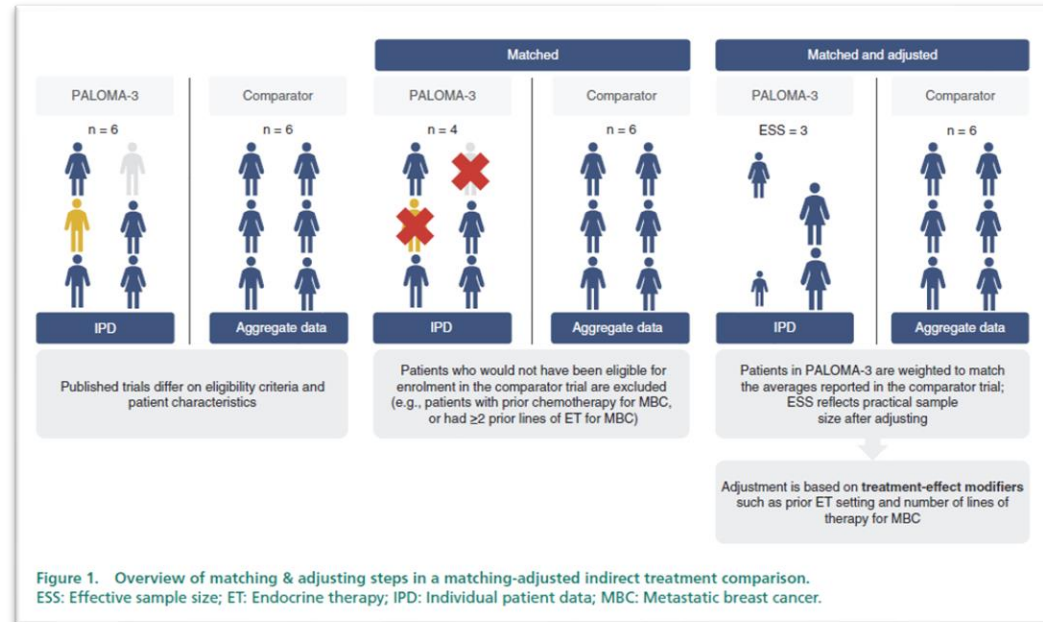


Overall survival was similar between PAL+FUL vs ABM+FUL and PAL+FUL vs RIB+FUL after adjusting for cross-trial differences. Differences in baseline characteristics between patient populations highlight the importance of conducting MAICs.

### Context



There are no head-to-head clinical trials comparing PAL+FUL with ABM+FUL and RIB+FUL for the treatment of HR+/HER2- ABC.



Traditional ITC methods based only on summary-level data may be biased due to such inherent differences in patient populations. Matching-adjusted indirect comparisons (MAICs) are used to indirectly compare a treatment effect across studies by leveraging individual patient data (IPD) from one study to reduce cross-trial differences. This is achieved through matching and adjusting of the IPD to the summary-level data of the comparator trial's population. When a common comparator is present, anchored MAICs can be used to further adjust for cross-trial differences. By anchoring through the control arm, differences in known and unknown prognostic factors across trials are accounted for when determining the relative treatment effect.

The present study uses anchored MAICs, which are designed to reduce cross-trial differences that would otherwise undermine the validity of traditional ITCs. By leveraging IPD from PALOMA-3 and summary-level data from MN 2 and ML-3, separate anchored MAICs were conducted to compare PAL+FUL to ABM+FUL and RIB+FUL in terms of OS in patients with HR+/HER2- ABC.

# Matched-adjusted indirect comparison: MAIC Study

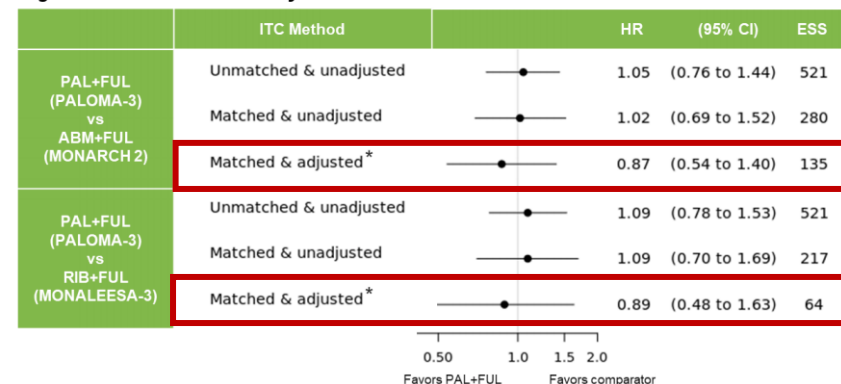
**Table 1: OS results in randomized controlled trials.**

Study	Median OS (months)	HR (95% CI)
PALOMA-3 <sup>1</sup>	PAL+FUL: 34.9	0.79 (0.63-1.00)
	PBO+FUL: 28.0	
MONARCH 2 <sup>2</sup>	ABM+FUL: 46.7	0.76 (0.61-0.95)
	PBO+FUL: 37.3	
MONALEESA-3 <sup>3</sup>	RIB+FUL: not reached PBO+FUL: 40.0	0.72 (0.57-0.92)

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**Figure 2: Executive summary of ITC results.**



## Limitations

- When the comparator trial included a broader population (eg, MONALEESA-3 did not require progression on or after ET in the adjuvant or metastatic setting), IPD from PALOMA-3 could not be matched.
- MAIC methodology assumes that all treatment-effect modifiers are balanced across trials; however, differences in characteristics accounted for in the analysis were limited by those reported in the comparator publications.
- There were considerable differences in baseline characteristics between PALOMA-3 and MONALEESA-3 study populations, which resulted in a lower ESS compared to the MAIC with MONARCH 2.

# Take-Home messages

- Consistent survival benefit (PFS) achieved by CDK 4/6i in patients with both endocrine-sensitive and endocrine-resistant tumors, in HR+/HER2-mBC
- First time that any targeted agent + ET has demonstrated significantly longer OS vs ET alone as initial endocrine-based therapy
- Heterogeneous OS results in endocrine-resistant disease across different trials may be due in part to different study population
- All patient with HR+/HER2- mBC should receive a CDK 4/6i as earlier as possible in the course of their disease