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CARCINOMA MAMMARIO:

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"Saper leggere" uno studio clinico per migliorare la pratica clinica

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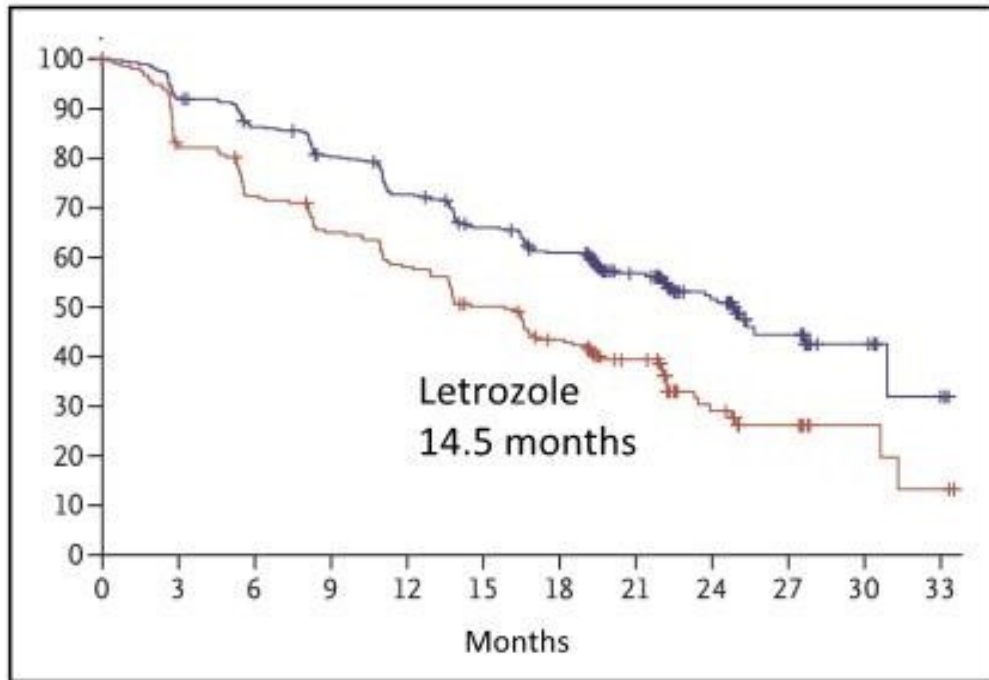
Quale impatto nella pratica clinica

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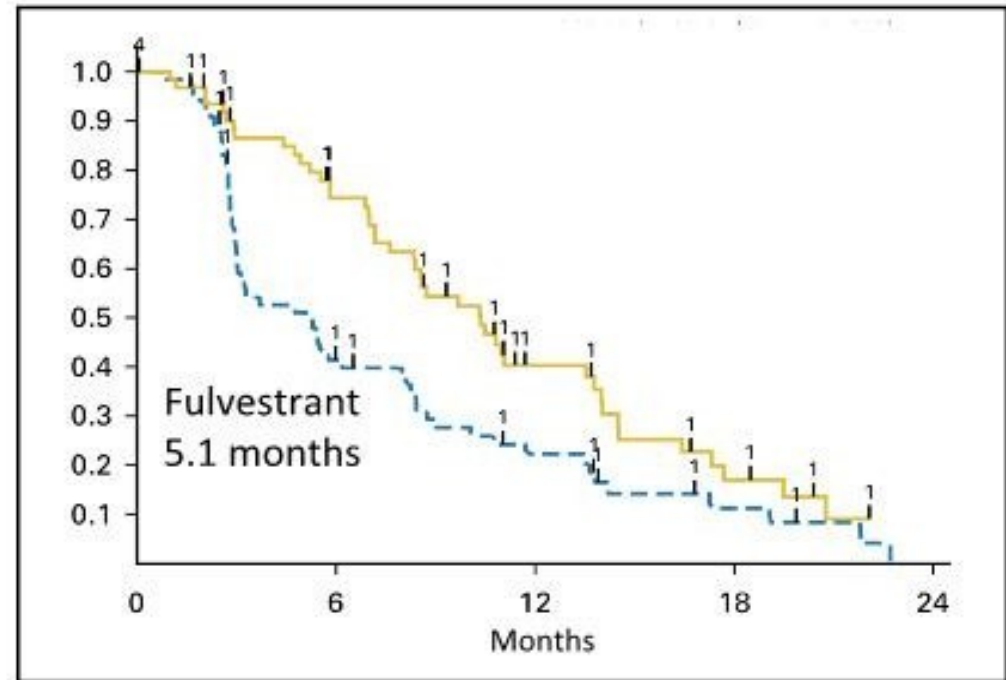
Endocrine therapy resistance is almost inevitable

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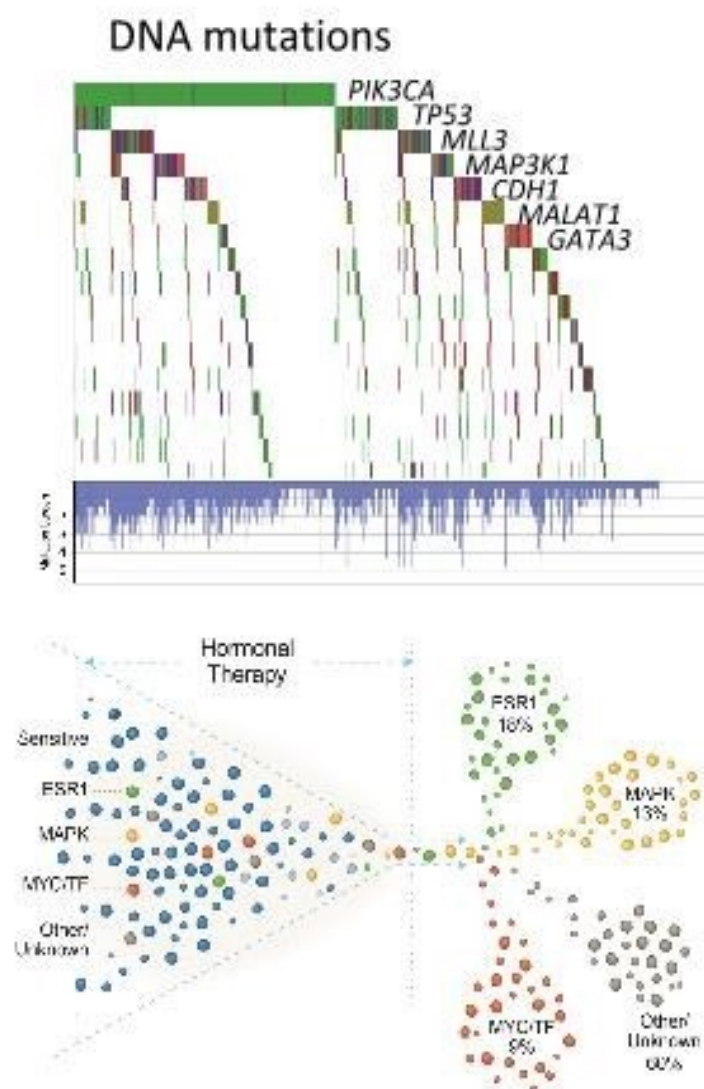
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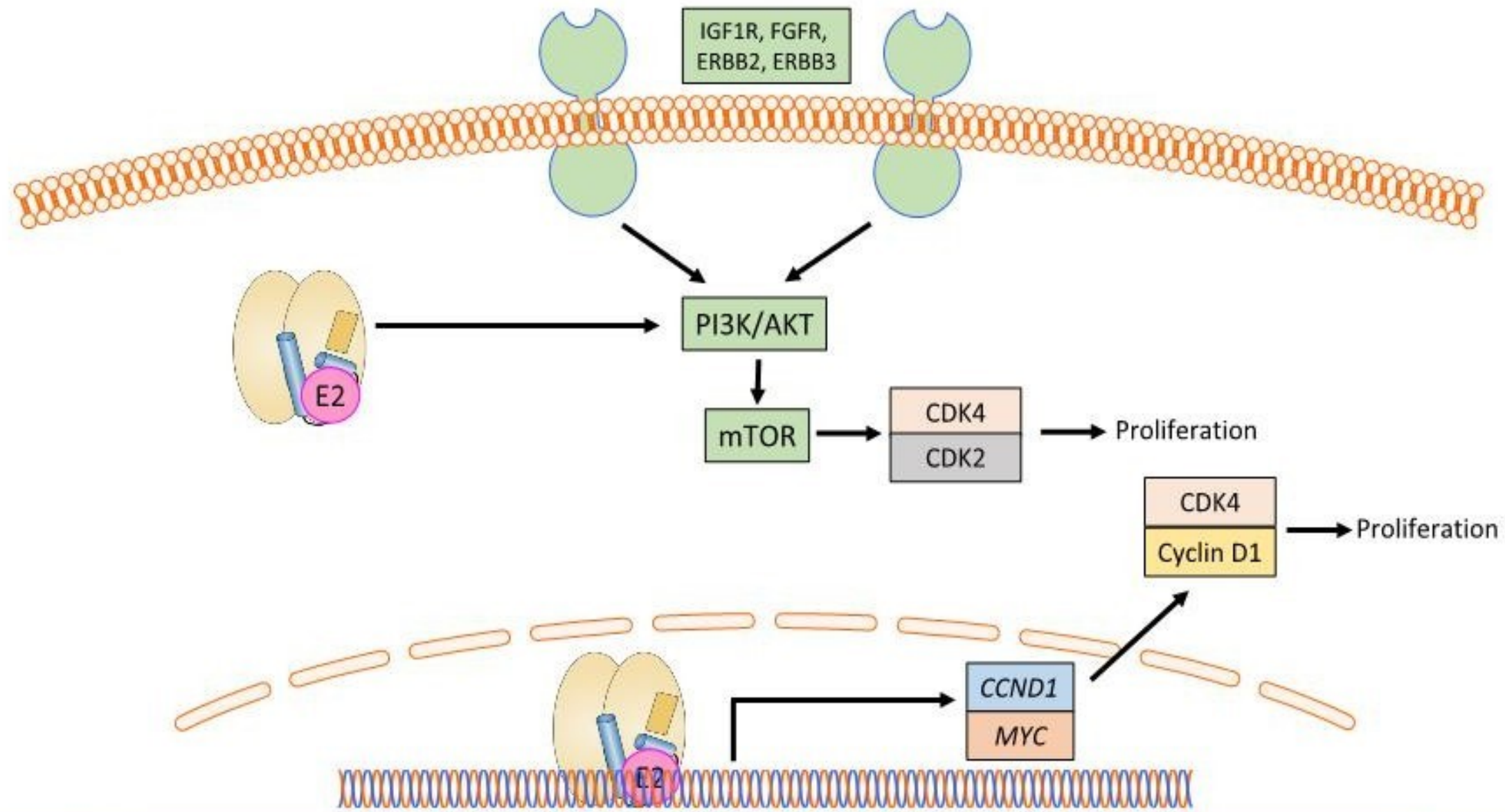


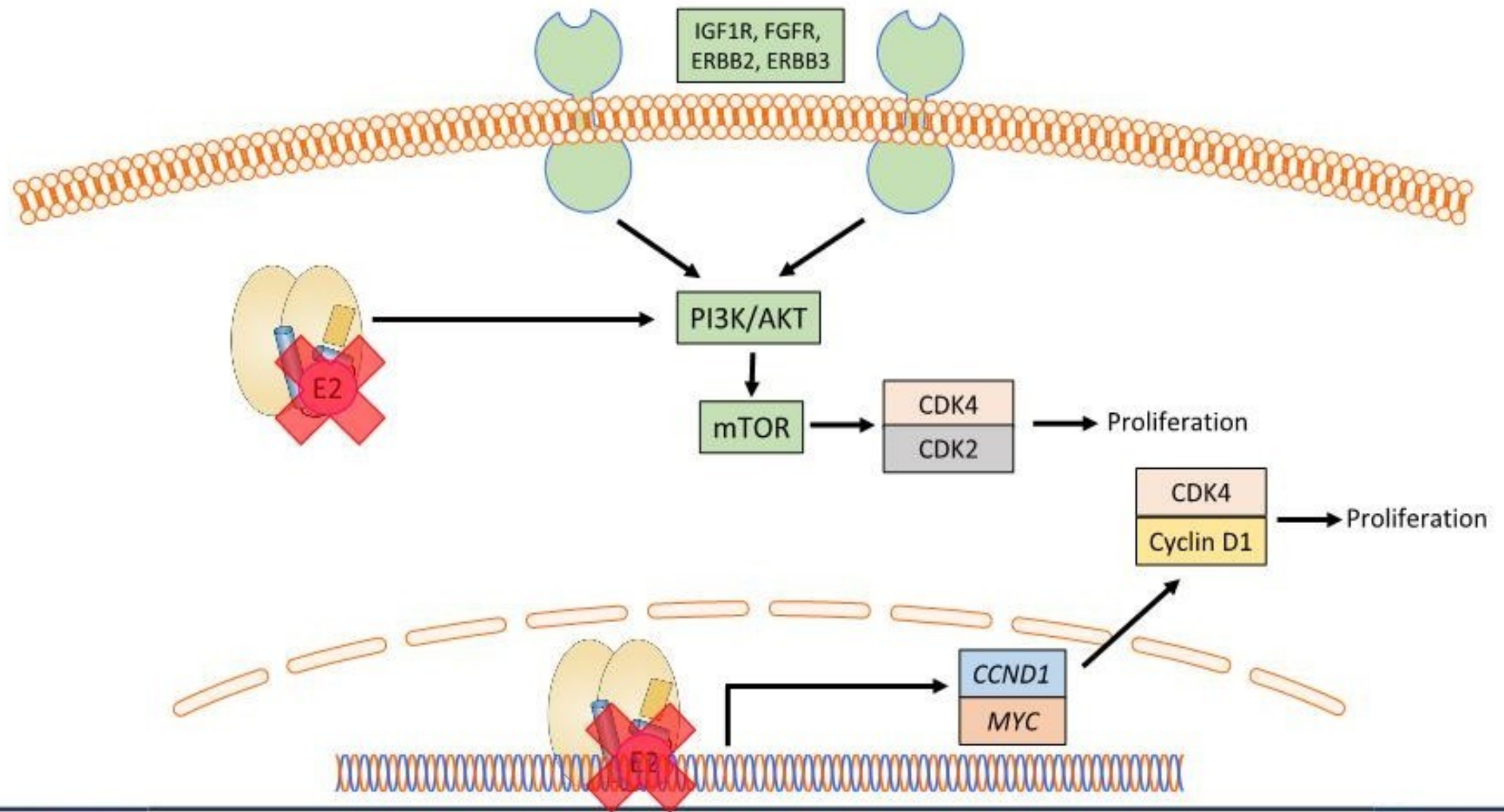
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Hormone receptor positive
breast cancer is a
heterogeneous disease

Primary and resistant/metastatic
tumors are different entities

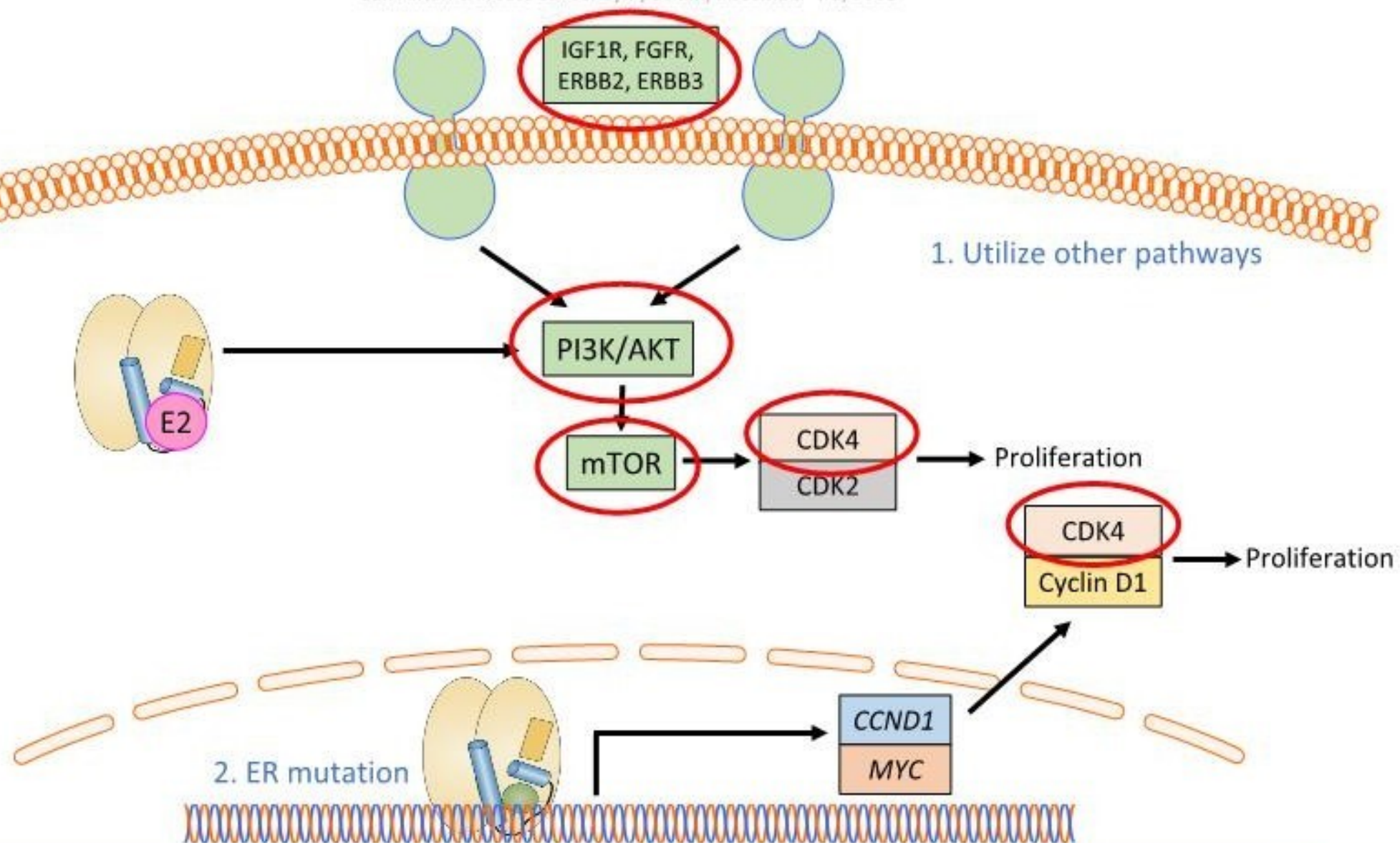


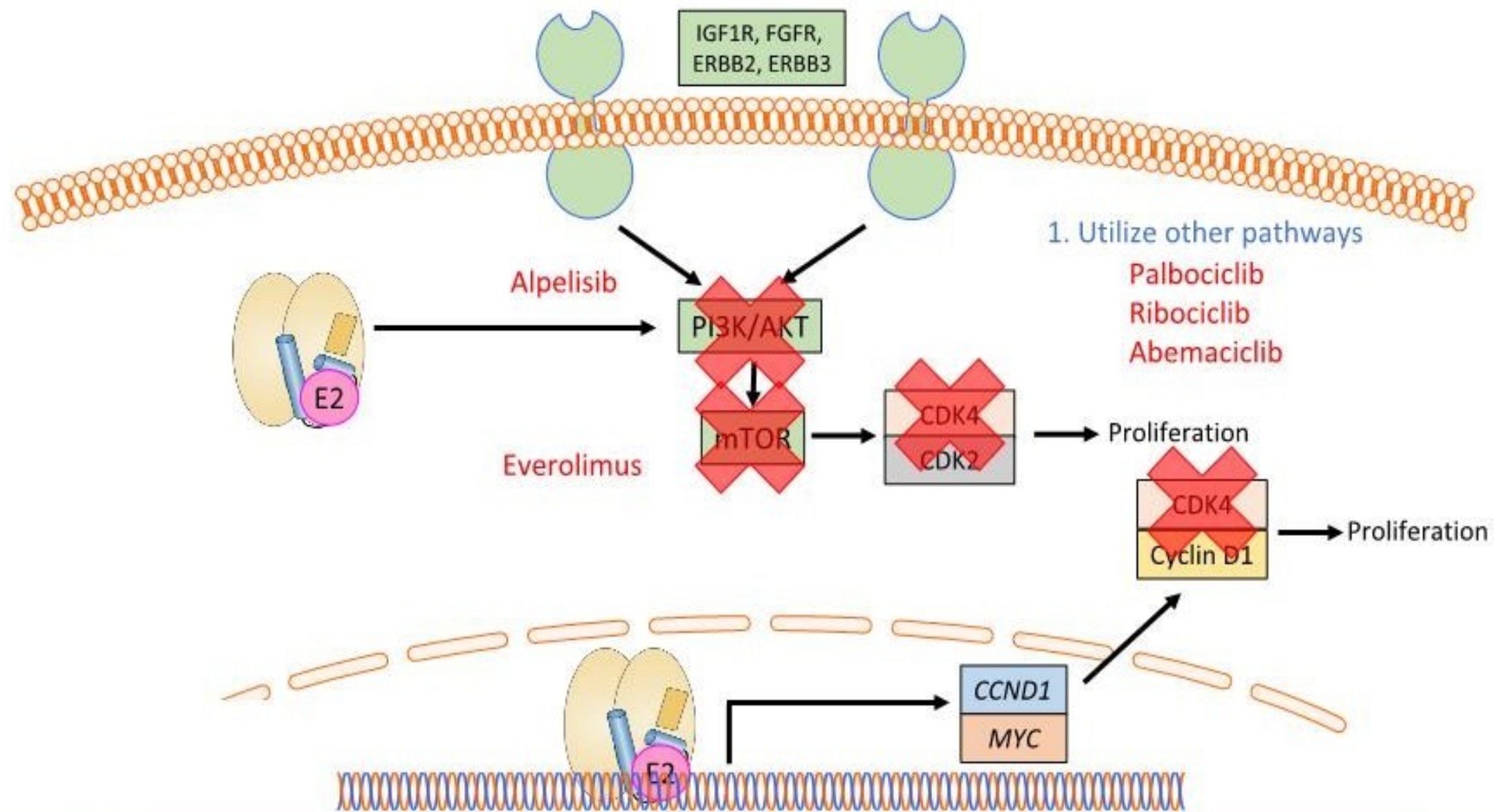




3. ER loss

1. Utilize other pathways





The Importance of the PI3K Pathway in HR+ Breast Cancer

- The PI3K pathway is frequently altered in HR+ breast cancer and has been implicated in resistance to endocrine therapies^{1,2}
- Approximately 40% of HR+ breast cancers harbor a *PIK3CA* mutation, leading to hyperactivation of the PI3K pathway³⁻⁵
- PI3K signaling has been shown to promote estrogen-independent growth of ER+ breast cancer cells,^{6,7} and this growth is inhibited by the addition of PI3K inhibitors to antiestrogens⁸

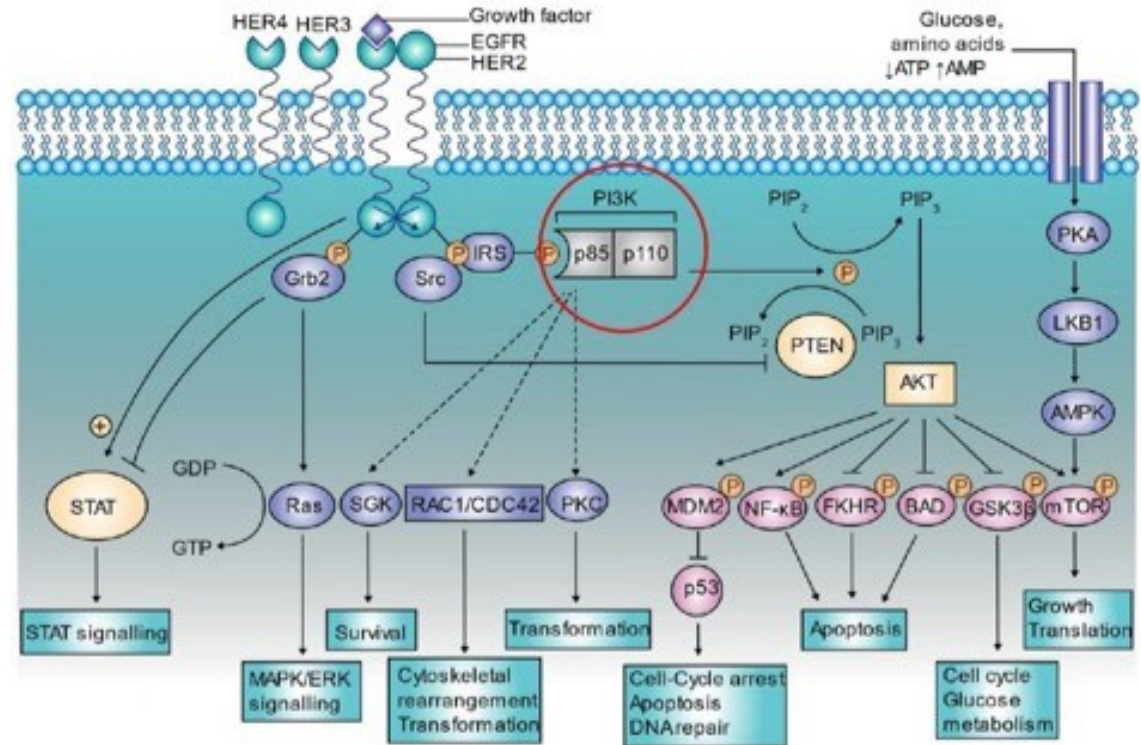


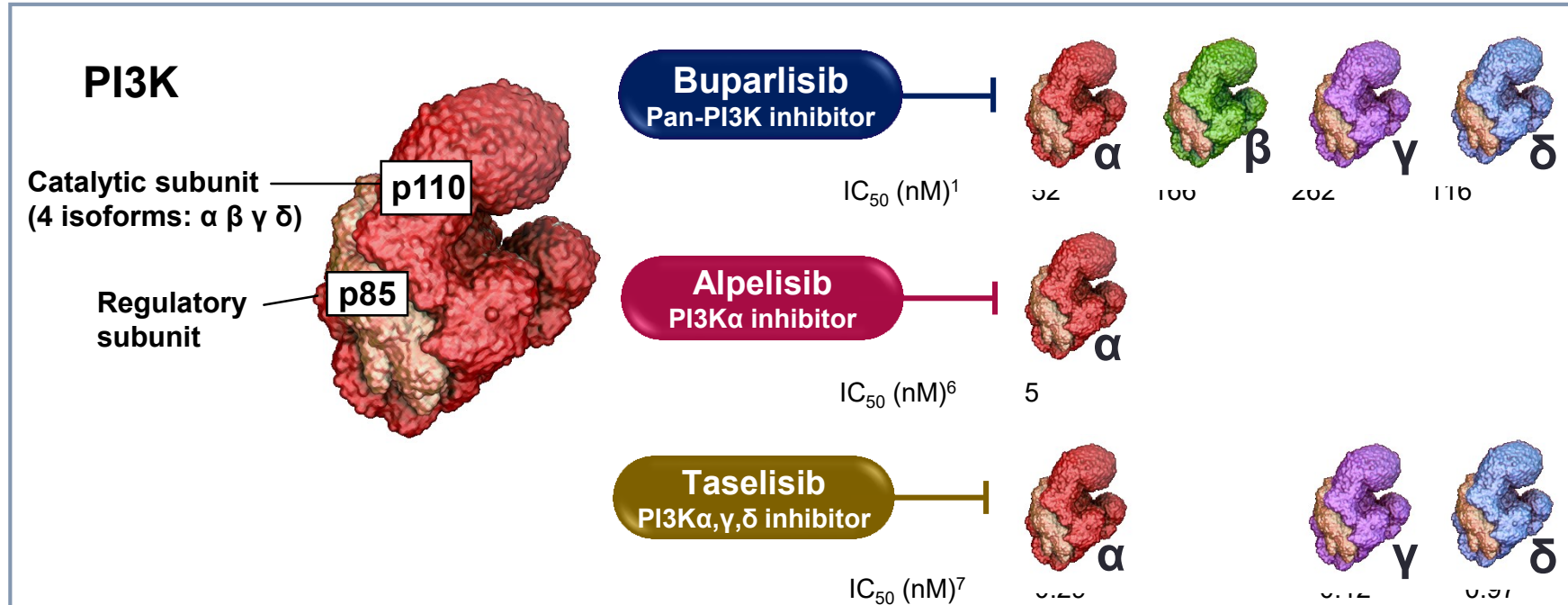
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ER+, estrogen receptor-positive; HR+, hormone receptor-positive; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase.

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PI3K Inhibitors in Late Stage Clinical Development



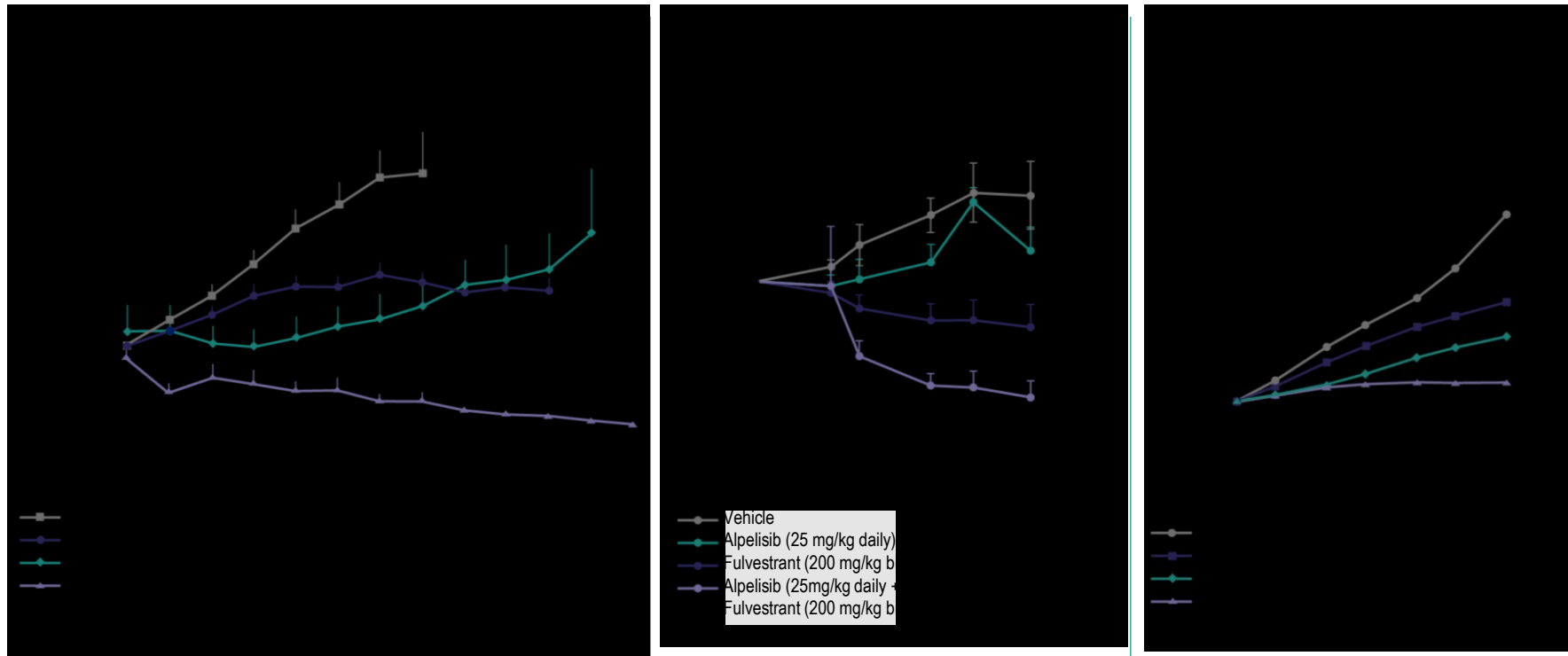
- Targeting all class I isoforms may ensure broad activity in tumors with a range of molecular drivers^{2–5}
- Isoform-specific inhibitors may reduce off-target toxicity^{5,6}

IC₅₀, half maximal inhibitory concentration

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PI3K Inhibitors Demonstrate *in vivo* Anti-tumor Activity in Combination with Fulvestrant

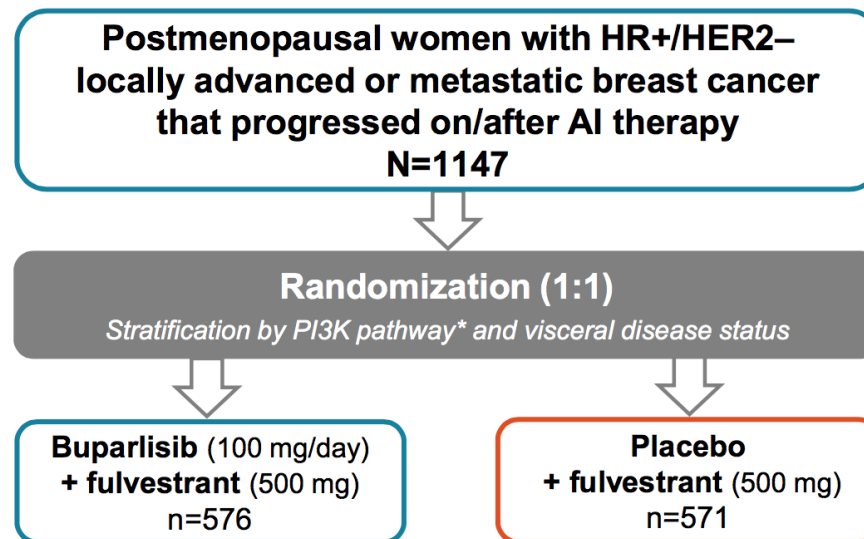


Combination with fulvestrant shows greater anti-tumor activity than either agent alone in MCF7 breast cancer xenograft models¹⁻³

Clinical development of Buparlisib

BELLE-2 Trial

BELLE-2 Study Design and Endpoints



Primary Endpoints

- PFS in the full population
- PFS in the main population (PI3K activated and non-activated, excluding status unknown*)
- PFS in the PI3K activated group* (PIK3CA mutation and/or PTEN loss)

Key Secondary Endpoint

- Overall survival

Other Secondary Endpoints

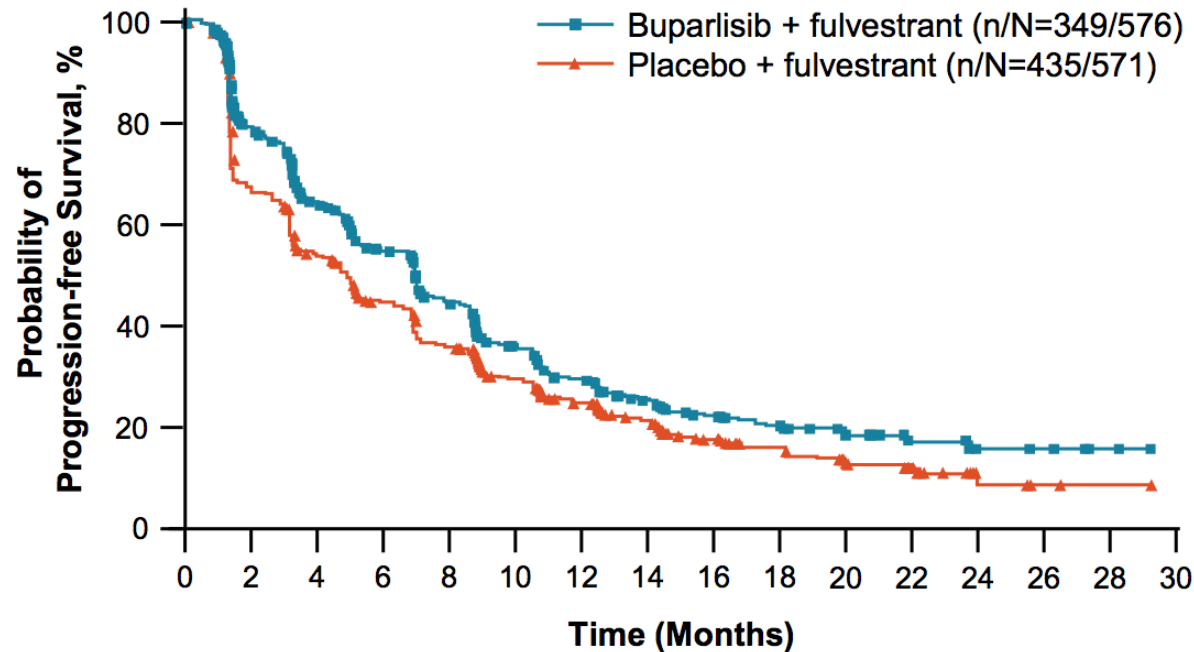
- Overall response rate
- Clinical benefit rate
- Safety, pharmacokinetics, quality of life

Exploratory Endpoint

- PFS by ctDNA PIK3CA mutation status[†]

BELLE-2 Trial

Overall Results



Full Population (N=1147)	Buparlisib + Fulvestrant n=576	Placebo + Fulvestrant n=571
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	6.9 (6.8–7.8)	5.0 (4.0–5.2)
HR (95% CI)	0.78 (0.67–0.89)	
One-sided <i>P</i> value	<0.001	

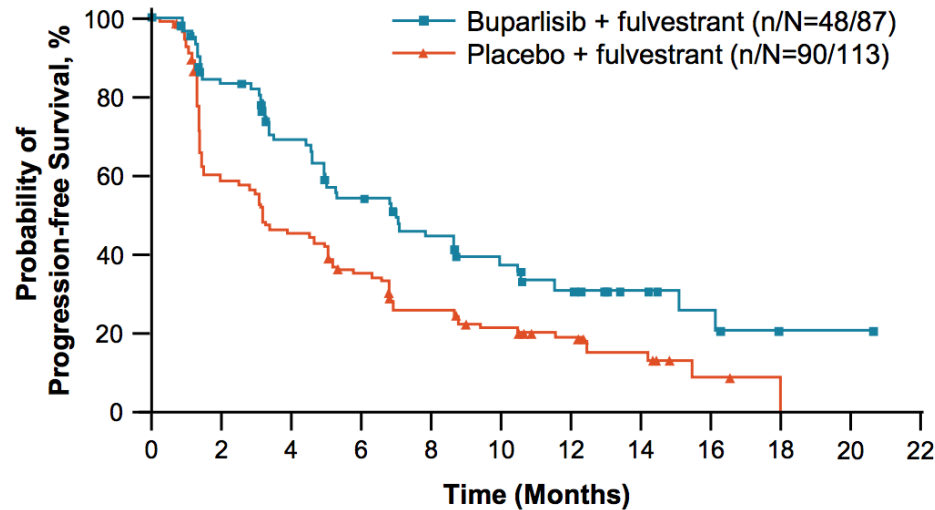
- A similar PFS improvement was observed in the main population (HR 0.80 [95% CI: 0.68–0.94]; one-sided *P* value 0.003)
- Follow-up for OS analysis is ongoing, with a pre-specified target of 588 deaths in the full population
 - At the time of primary PFS analysis, OS data were immature (281 deaths in the full population), with a trend in favor of the buparlisib arm

BELLE-2 Trial

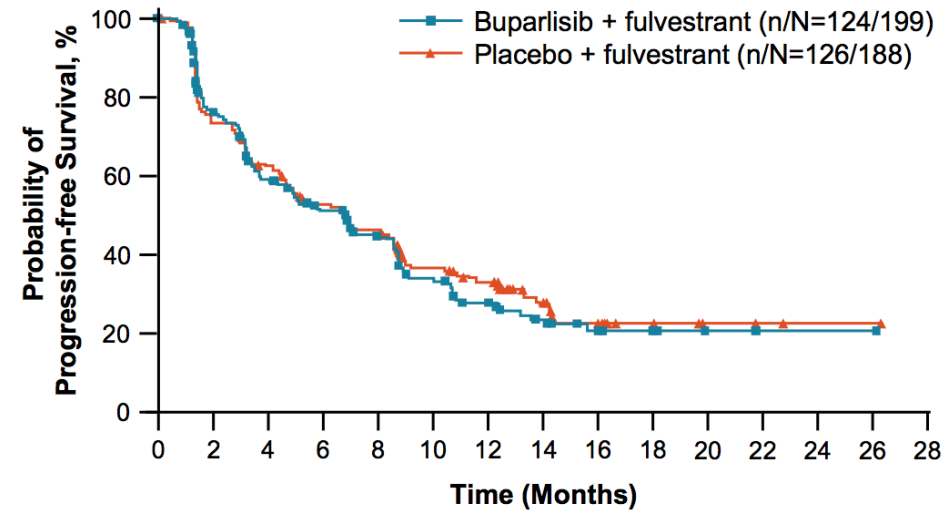
PFS according to PIK3CA status on ctDNA

ctDNA: circulating tumor DNA

ctDNA <i>PIK3CA</i> Mutant n=200	Buparlisib + Fulvestrant n=87	Placebo + Fulvestrant n=113
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	7.0 (5.0–10.0)	3.2 (2.0–5.1)
HR (95% CI)	0.56 (0.39–0.80)	
One-sided nominal <i>P</i> value	<0.001	



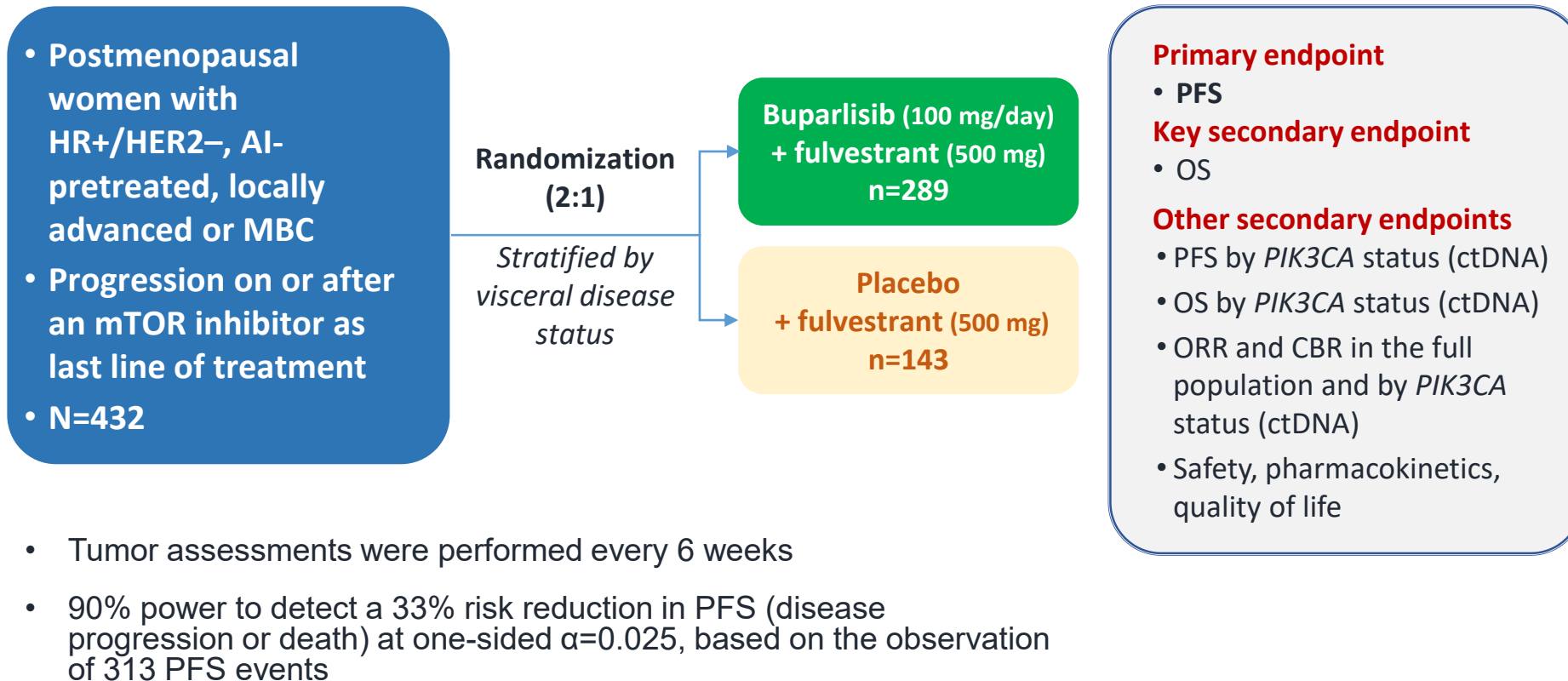
ctDNA <i>PIK3CA</i> Non-mutant n=387	Buparlisib + Fulvestrant n=199	Placebo + Fulvestrant n=188
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	6.8 (4.7–8.5)	6.8 (4.7–8.6)
HR (95% CI)	1.05 (0.82–1.34)	
One-sided nominal <i>P</i> value	0.642	



First evidence of potential utility for liquid biopsy in metastatic breast cancer!

Clinical development of Buparlisib

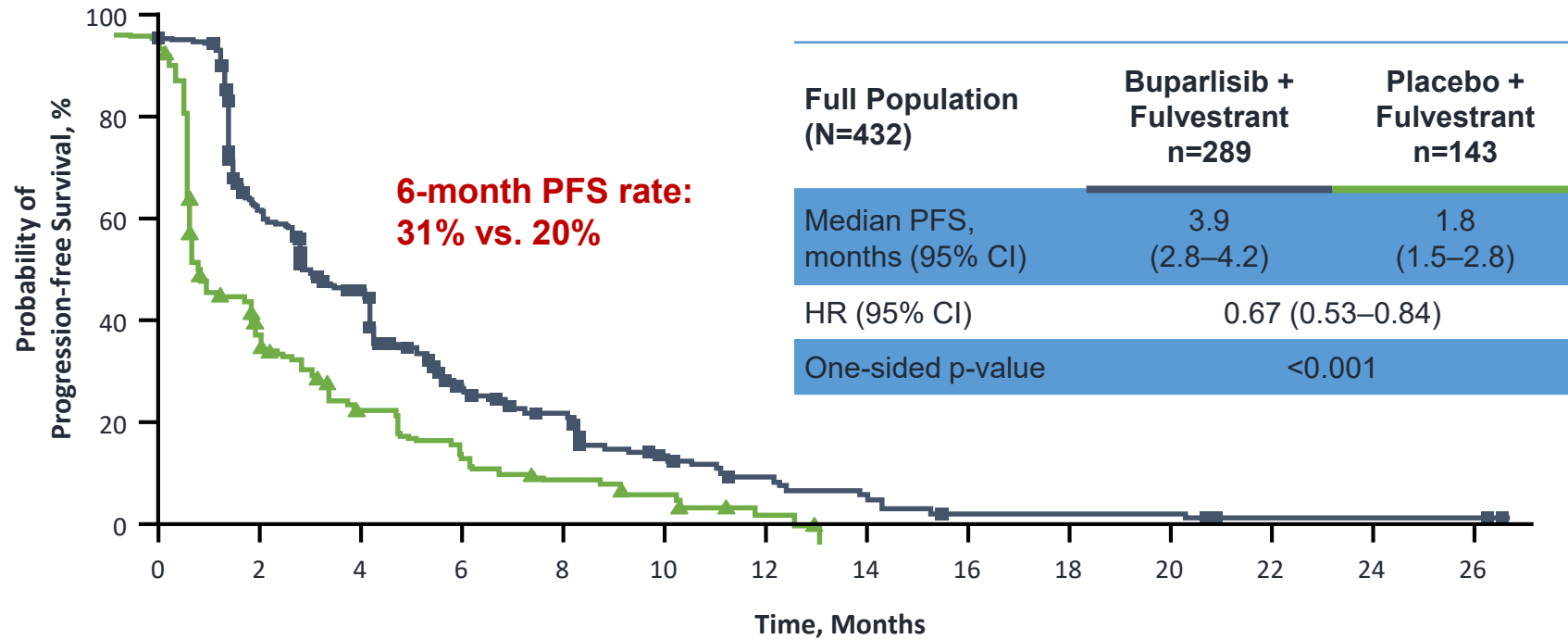
BELLE-3 Trial



AI, aromatase inhibitor; CBR, clinical benefit rate; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative; HR+, hormone receptor-positive; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors. BELLE-3: ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01633060.

BELLE-3 Trial

Overall Results



PFS results by independent central review were consistent with local assessment:

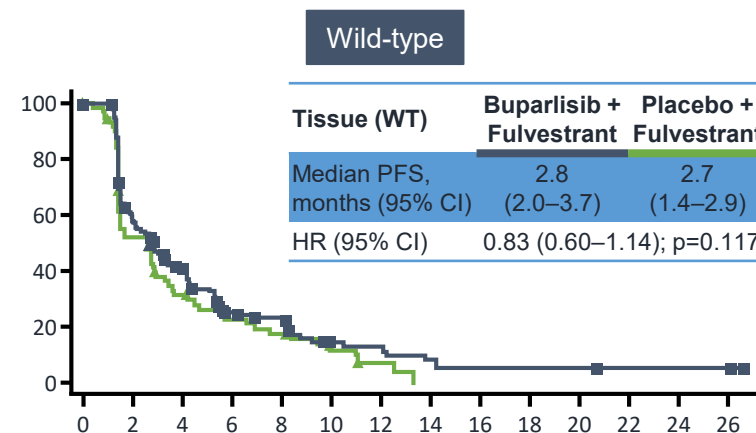
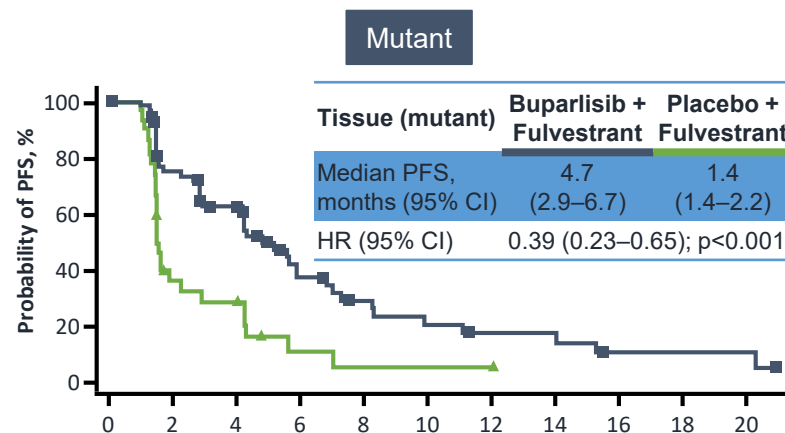
HR 0.57 (95% CI: 0.44–0.74; one-sided p<0.001)

BELLE-3 Trial

PFS according to PIK3CA status

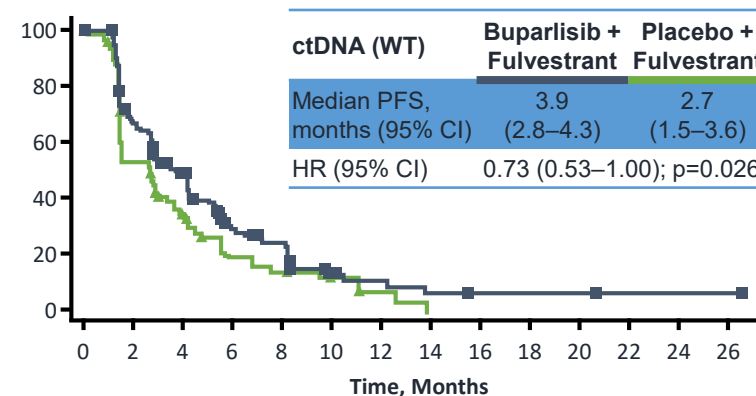
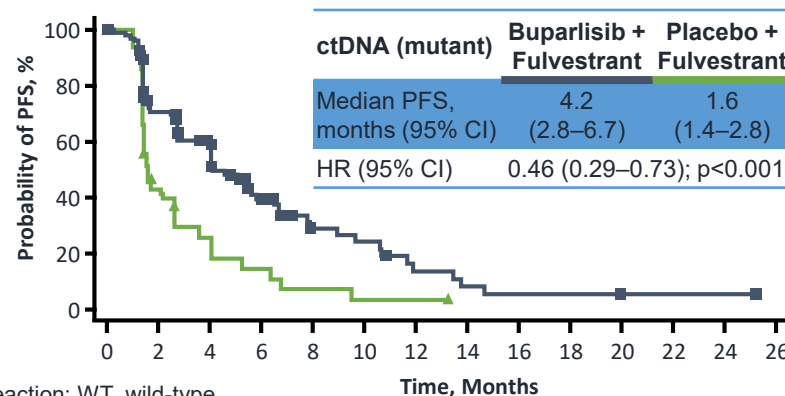
Primary tumor
tissue (PCR) N=321

PIK3CA mutant:
34%



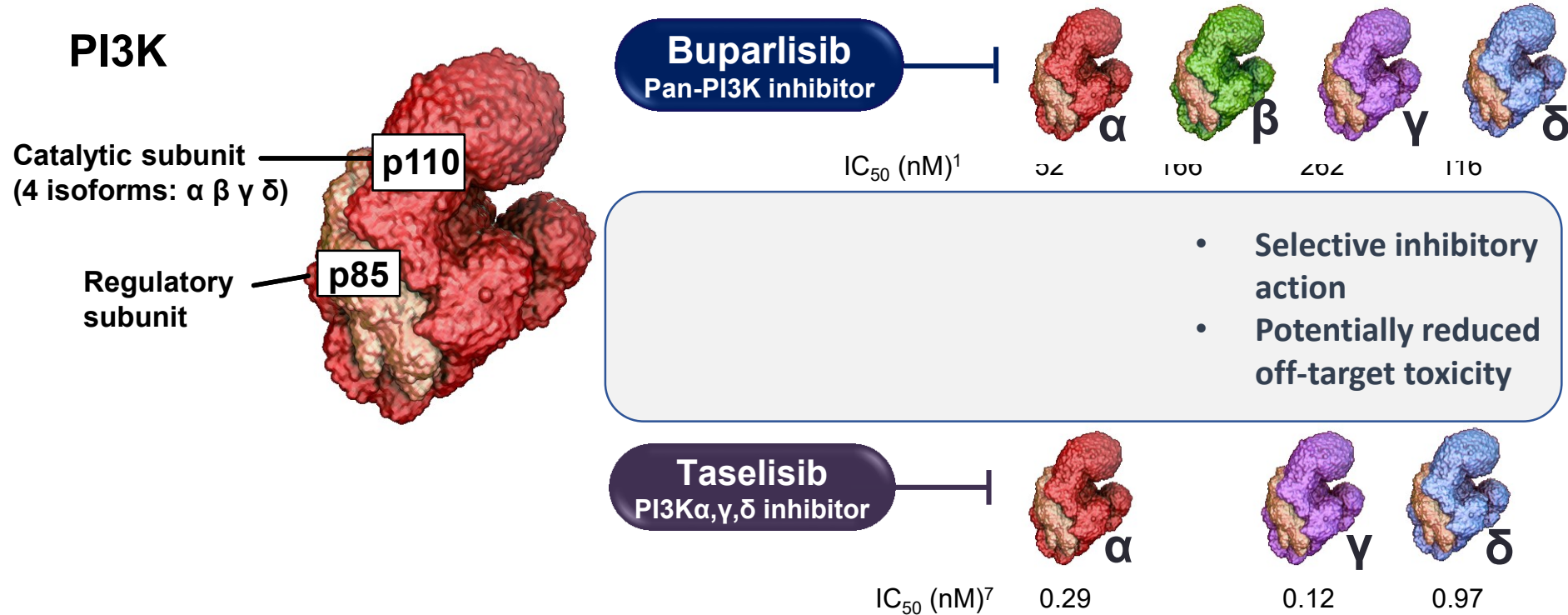
ctDNA samples at
study entry
(BEAMing) N=348

PIK3CA mutant:
39%



PCR, polymerase chain reaction; WT, wild-type.
p-values are one-sided.

Pi3K inhibitors



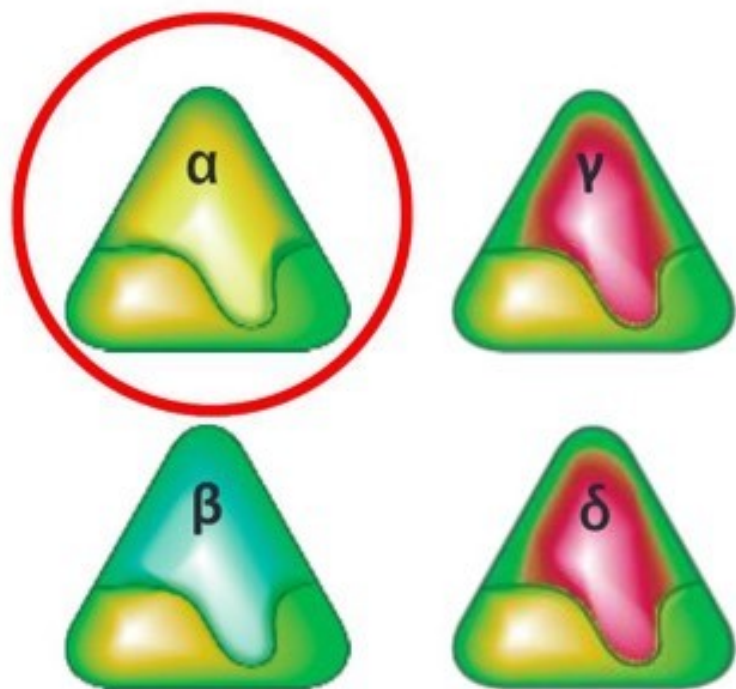
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Selective Inhibition of PI3K-alpha Is a Promising Strategy in *PIK3CA*-Mutated Cancers

PI3K isoforms¹



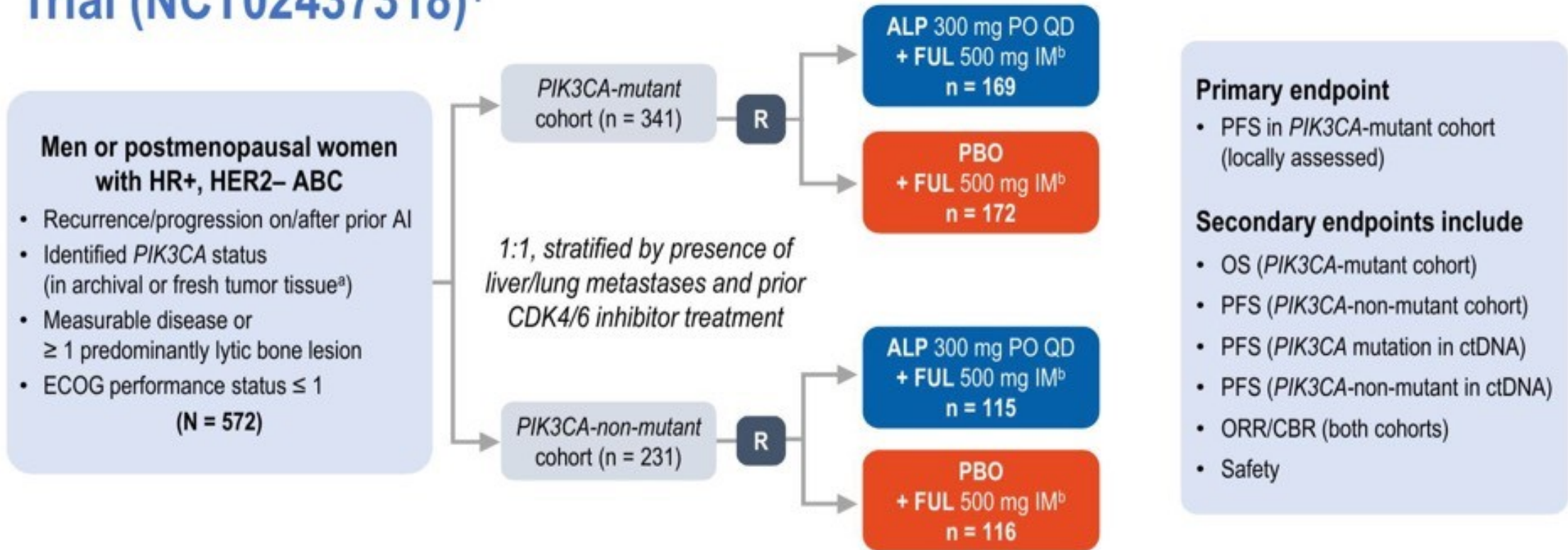
- While pan-PI3K and β -sparing inhibitors target multiple isoforms, alpelisib (BYL719) specifically targets the α -isoform²
- Alpelisib has demonstrated antitumor activity in preclinical models harboring *PIK3CA* alterations²
- In a phase 1b trial, alpelisib + fulvestrant provided a 9.1-mo median PFS in heavily pretreated patients with ER+ ABC and positive *PIK3CA* mutation status³

ABC, advanced breast cancer; ER+, estrogen receptor-positive; PFS, progression-free survival; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase.

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SOLAR-1: A Phase 3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial (NCT02437318)¹



- The primary endpoint included all randomized patients in the *PIK3CA*-mutant cohort; PFS was analyzed in the *PIK3CA*-non-mutant cohort as a proof of concept
- Safety was analyzed for all patients who received ≥ 1 dose of study treatment, in both cohorts

ABC, advanced breast cancer; AI, aromatase inhibitor; ALP, alpelisib; CBR, clinical benefit rate; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FUL, fulvestrant; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor-2-negative; IM, intramuscular; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PBO, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, oral; QD, once daily; R, randomization.

^a More than 90% of patients had mutational status identified from archival tissue.

^b Fulvestrant given on Day 1 and Day 15 of the first 28-day cycle, then Day 1 of subsequent 28-day cycles.

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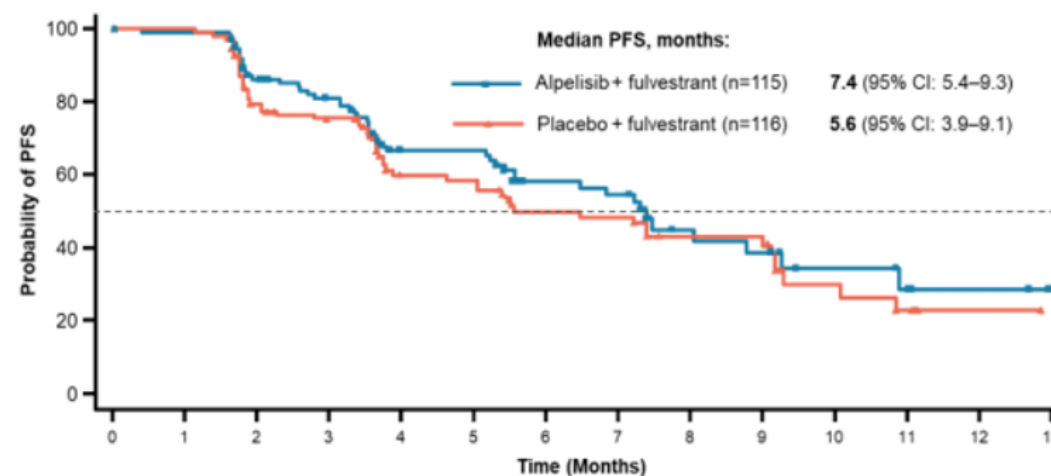
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Proof of Concept: PFS in the *PIK3CA*-non-mutant cohort

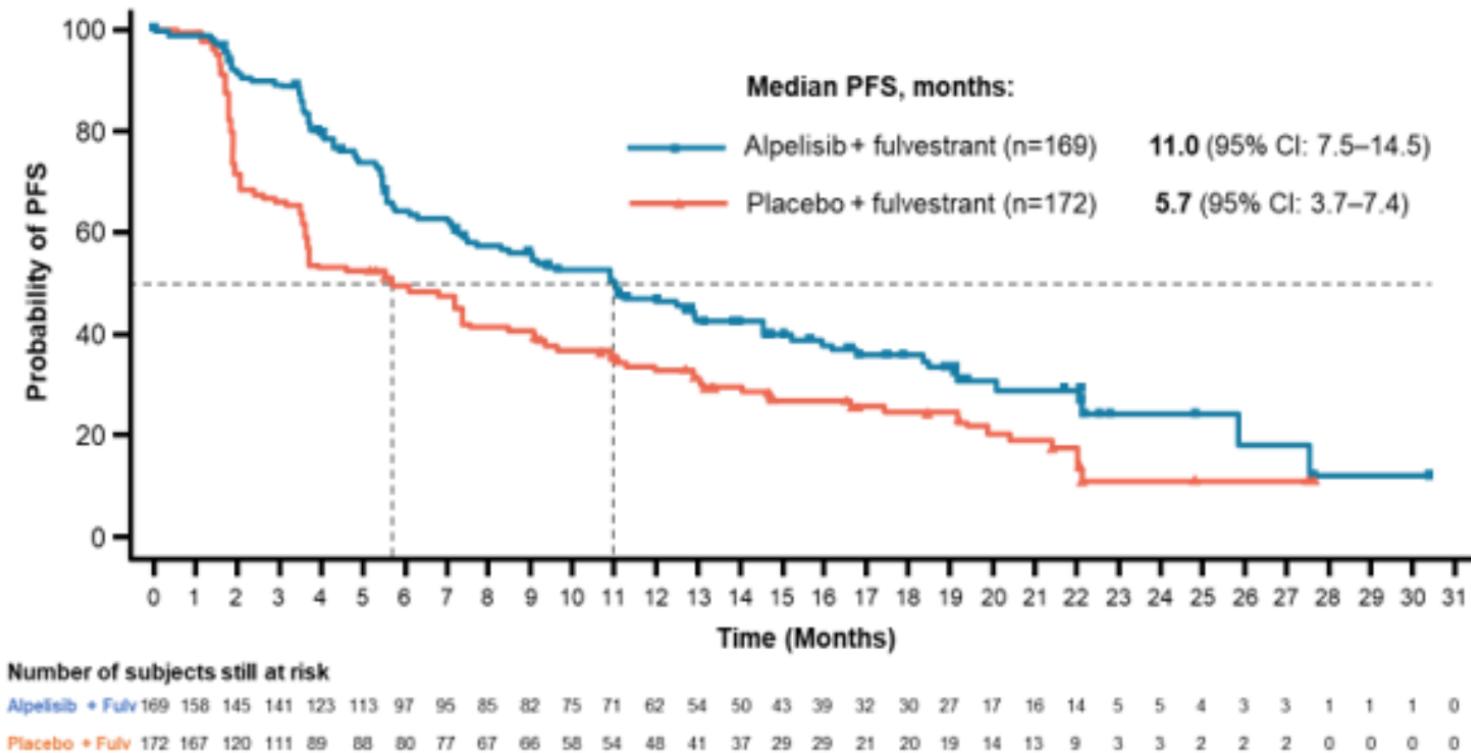
*Proof of concept criteria were not met in the *PIK3CA*-non-mutant cohort*



Data cut-off: Dec 23, 2016	Alpelisib + fulvestrant (N=115)	Placebo + fulvestrant (N=116)
Number of PFS events, n (%)	49 (42.6)	57 (49.1)
Progression	47 (40.9)	57 (49.1)
Death	2 (1.7)	0
Censored	66 (57.4)	59 (50.9)
Median PFS (95% CI)	7.4 (5.4–9.3)	5.6 (3.9–9.1)
HR (95% CI)	0.85 (0.58–1.25)	
Posterior probability HR<1, %	79.4	

- Proof of concept criteria: estimated hazard ratio ≤ 0.60 and posterior probability $\geq 90\%$ that the hazard ratio was < 1
- Patients with *PIK3CA*-non-mutant disease were followed up for safety alongside the *PIK3CA*-mutant cohort

Primary endpoint: Locally assessed PFS in the *PIK3CA*-mutant cohort



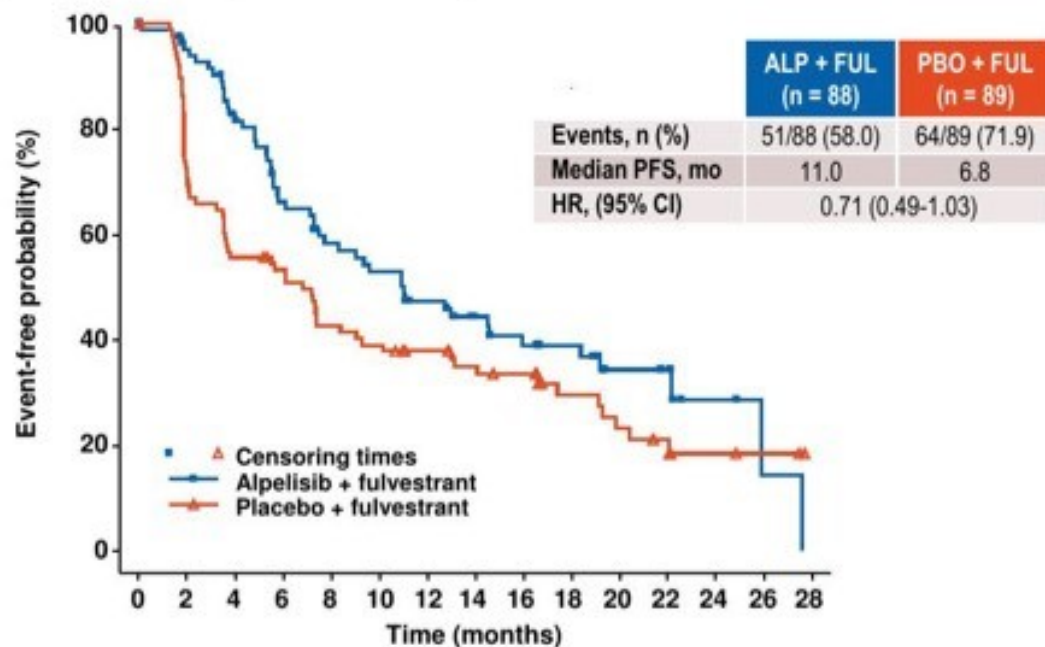
Data cut-off: Jun 12, 2018	Alpelisib + fulvestrant (N=169)	Placebo + fulvestrant (N=172)
Number of PFS events, n (%)	103 (60.9)	129 (75.0)
Progression	99 (58.6)	120 (69.8)
Death	4 (2.4)	9 (5.2)
Censored	66 (39.1)	43 (25.0)
Median PFS (95% CI)	11.0 (7.5–14.5)	5.7 (3.7–7.4)
HR (95% CI)	0.65 (0.50–0.85)	
p-value	0.00065	

- The primary endpoint crossed the prespecified Haybittle–Peto boundary (one-sided $p \leq 0.0199$)

PFS by Line of Therapy in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort^a

First-line (n = 177)

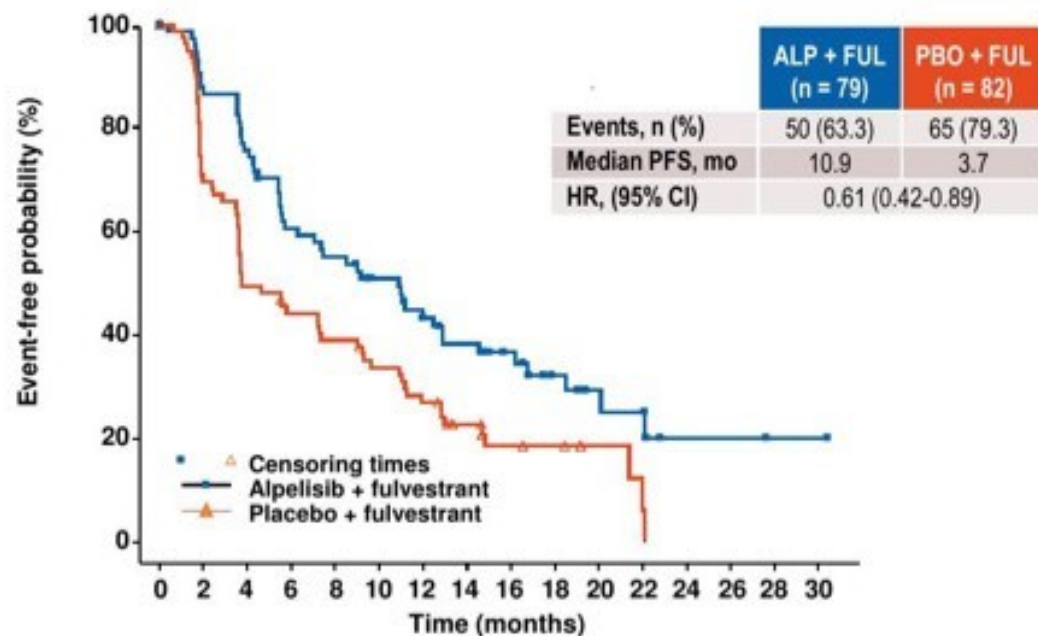
Defined as patients whose disease progressed ≤ 1 year after (neo)adjuvant ET (endocrine resistant) **or** whose disease progressed > 1 year after (neo)adjuvant ET (endocrine sensitive) (later excluded after protocol amendment)



	Endocrine sensitive patients		Endocrine resistant patients	
	ALP + FUL (n = 20)	PBO + FUL (n = 19)	ALP + FUL (n = 68)	PBO + FUL (n = 70)
Events, n (%)	11 (55.0)	9 (47.4)	40 (58.8)	55 (78.6)
Median PFS, mo	22.1	19.1	9.0	4.7
HR, (95% CI)	0.87 (0.35-2.17)		0.69 (0.46-1.05)	

Second-line (n = 161)

Defined as patients whose disease progressed > 1 year after (neo)adjuvant ET and while on or after 1 line of ET for ABC **or** patients with newly diagnosed ABC whose disease progressed while on or after 1 line of ET



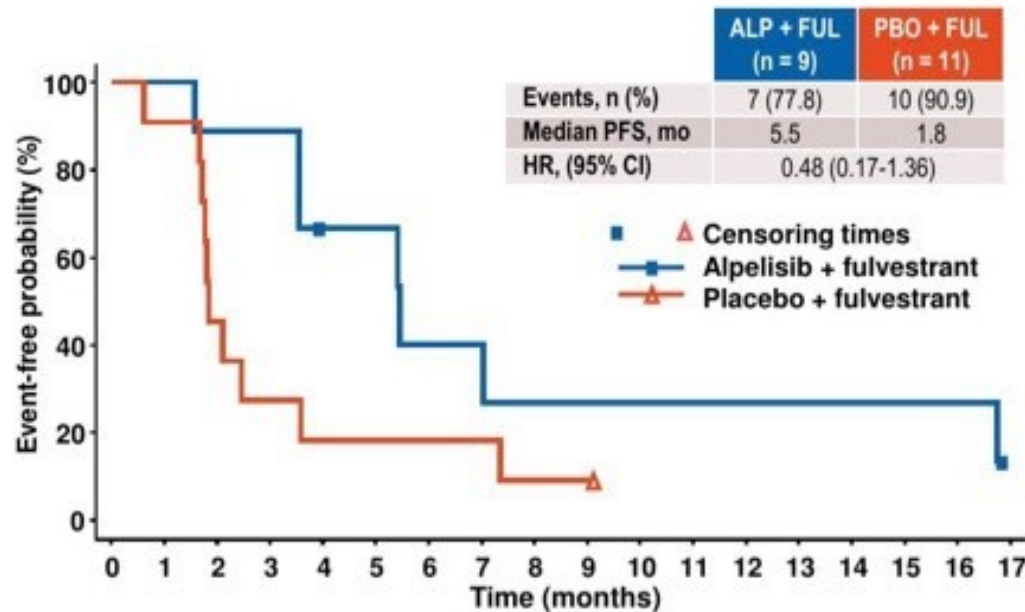
ABC, advanced breast cancer; CI, confidence interval; ET, endocrine therapy; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

^a Mutation status determined from tissue biopsy.

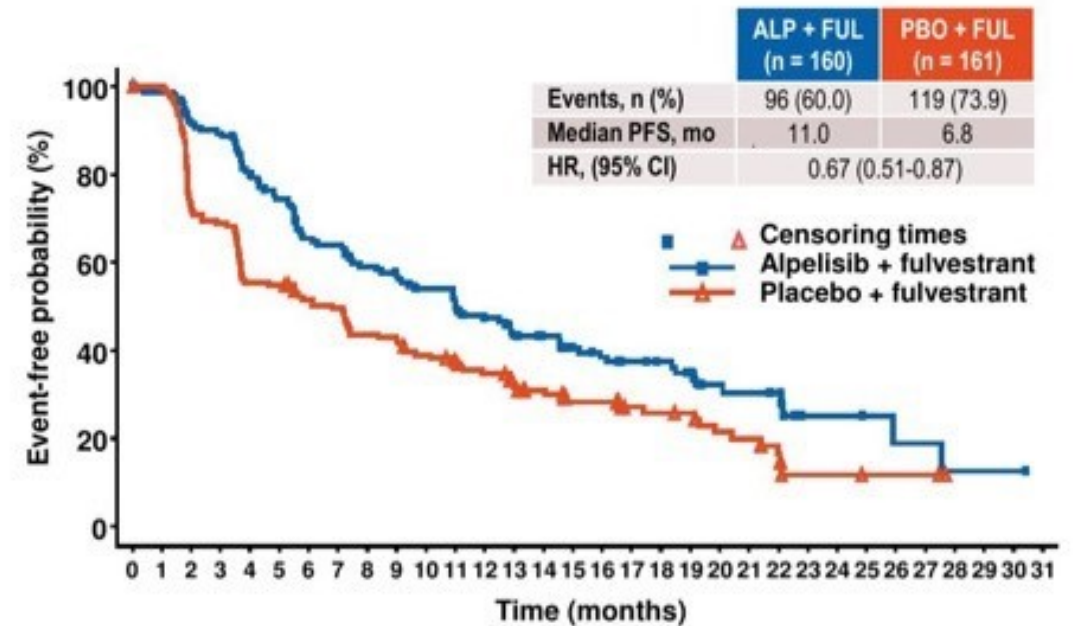
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PFS by Prior CDK4/6 Inhibitor Treatment in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort^a

With Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



Without Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



- Previous treatment with any CDK4/6 inhibitor was a stratification factor, however the number of patients enrolled who had received prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy was small
- Treatment benefit with alpelisib was observed regardless of prior use with a CDK4/6 inhibitor

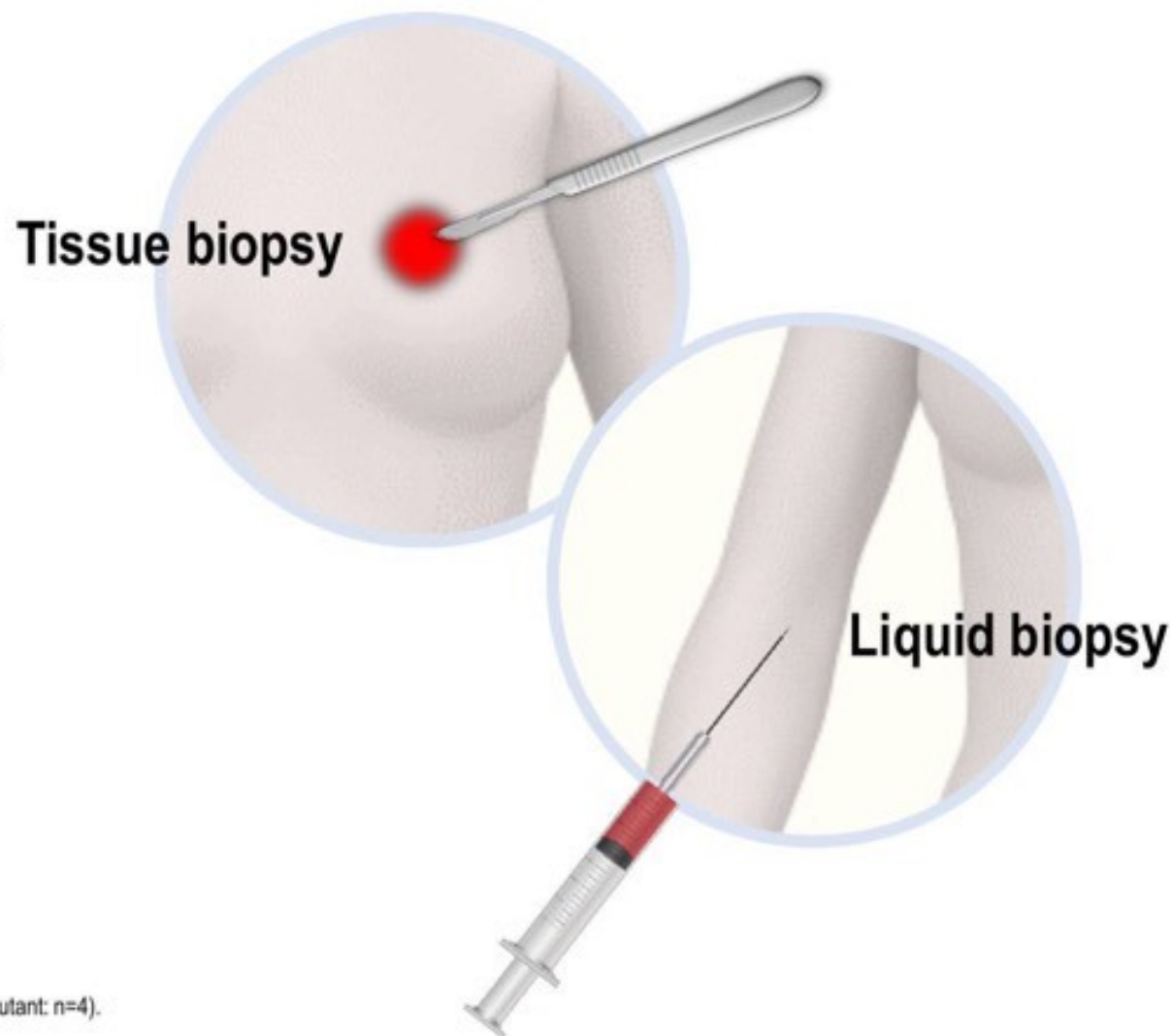
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PIK3CA-mutational Analysis in SOLAR-1

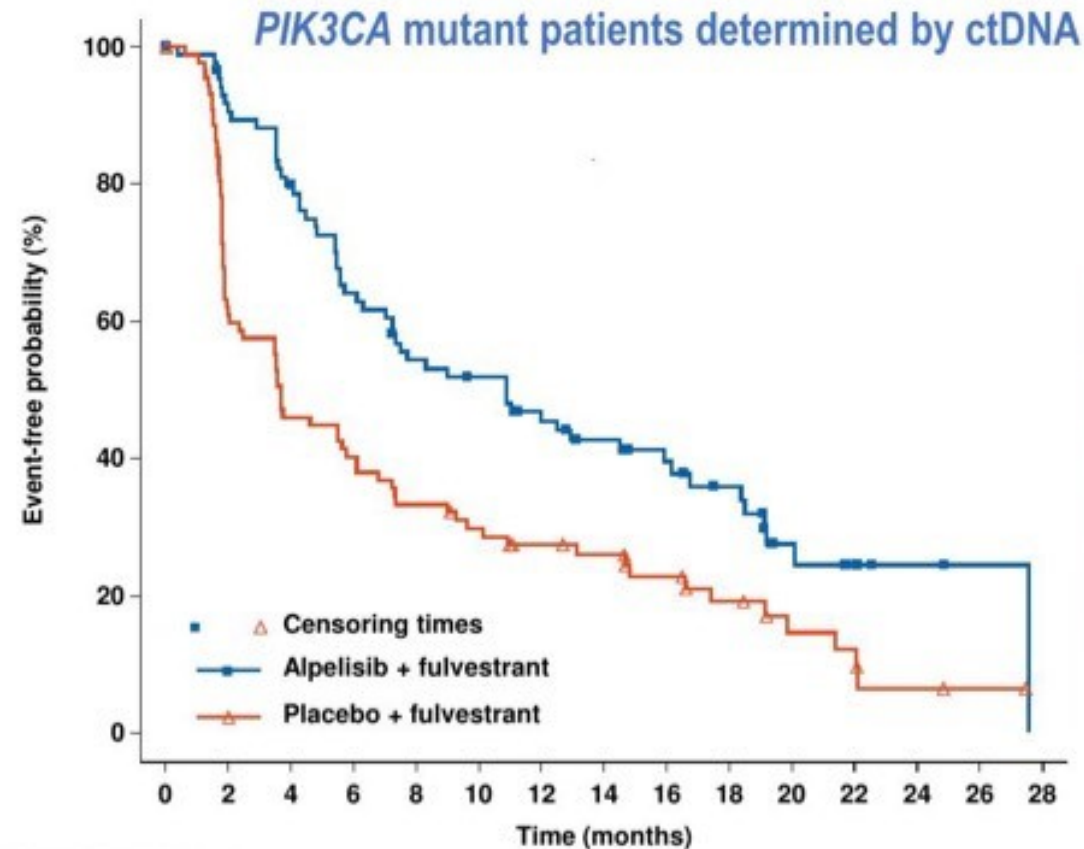
- For the primary analysis of SOLAR-1, mutation status was determined from a tumor tissue sample
- Plasma ctDNA samples were also collected at baseline and analyzed by PCR to retrospectively assess PFS by *PIK3CA* mutation status as a secondary endpoint^a
 - Mutation status defined by ctDNA was also used to assess PFS in the population (positive vs negative)



^a Not all patients had mutation status determined from blood samples (missing patients – mutant: n=19, non-mutant: n=4).
ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; PFS, progression-free survival.

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Locally Assessed PFS by Tissue or Plasma ctDNA-determined Mutation Status



Number of patients still at risk

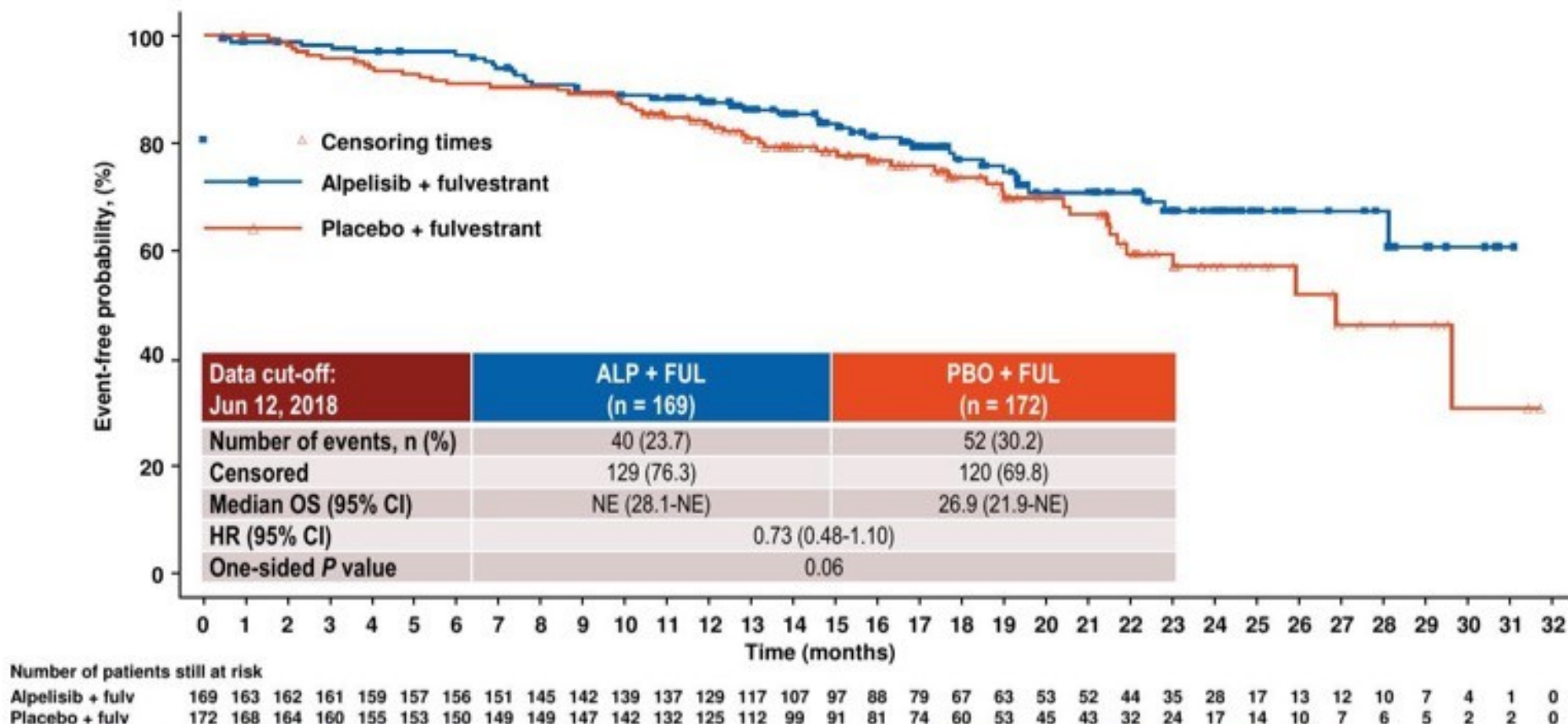
Alpelisib + ful	92	87	80	77	68	61	54	52	44	43	41	38	34	31	29	24	23	19	18	16	9	8	6	2	2	1	1	1	0
Placebo + ful	94	90	58	53	42	41	37	34	30	30	26	22	20	19	18	14	14	11	10	9	6	6	5	2	2	1	1	1	0

	ALP + FUL		PBO + FUL		HR
	Event n/N (%)	Median PFS	Event n/N (%)	Median PFS	
Patients with <i>PIK3CA</i> mutation: tissue	103/169 (60.9)	11.0	129/172 (75.0)	5.7	0.65
Patients with <i>PIK3CA</i> mutation: plasma	57/92 (62.0)	10.9	75/94 (79.8)	3.7	0.55
Patients <u>without</u> <i>PIK3CA</i> mutation: tissue	49/115 (42.6)	7.4	57/116 (49.1)	5.6	0.85
Patients <u>without</u> <i>PIK3CA</i> mutation: plasma	92/181 (50.8)	8.8	103/182 (56.6)	7.3	0.80

ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; QD, once daily.

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Key Secondary Endpoint: Overall Survival in the *PIK3CA*-mutant Cohort^a



OS data at this first interim analysis were immature; as of the cut-off date, 52% of the planned number of events for the final OS analysis were included

Median OS follow-up time from randomization date to event/censoring date was 15.9 months (range 0.4-31.7 months).

^a Mutation status determined from tissue biopsy.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival; QD: daily

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Adverse events in the total population

AEs ≥20% in either arm, %	Alpelisib + fulvestrant N=284			Placebo + fulvestrant N=287		
	All	Grade 3	Grade 4	All	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any adverse event	282 (99.3)	183 (64.4)	33 (11.6)	264 (92.0)	87 (30.3)	15 (5.2)
Hyperglycemia	181 (63.7)	93 (32.7)	11 (3.9)	28 (9.8)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Diarrhea	164 (57.7)	19 (6.7)	0	45 (15.7)	1 (0.3)	0
Nausea	127 (44.7)	7 (2.5)	0	64 (22.3)	1 (0.3)	0
Decreased appetite	101 (35.6)	2 (0.7)	0	30 (10.5)	1 (0.3)	0
Rash*	101 (35.6)	28 (9.9)	0	17 (5.9)	1 (0.3)	0
Vomiting	77 (27.1)	2 (0.7)	0	28 (9.8)	1 (0.3)	0
Decreased weight	76 (26.8)	11 (3.9)	0	6 (2.1)	0	0
Stomatitis	70 (24.6)	7 (2.5)	0	18 (6.3)	0	0
Fatigue	69 (24.3)	10 (3.5)	0	49 (17.1)	3 (1.0)	0
Asthenia	58 (20.4)	5 (1.8)	0	37 (12.9)	0	0

- Eighteen patients (6.3%) discontinued alpelisib due to hyperglycemia and 9 patients (3.2%) due to rash; no patients discontinued placebo due to either hyperglycemia or rash
- Maculopapular rash was observed in 14.1% of patients (all-grade) and 8.8% (grade 3) in the alpelisib arm, vs 1.7% and 0.3%, respectively, in the placebo arm
- The safety profile of the alpelisib group and the placebo group was similar in *PIK3CA*-mutant and *PIK3CA*-non-mutant cohorts

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*Single preferred term of "rash" does not include preferred term of "maculopapular rash".

Adverse Events by *PIK3CA* Mutational Status^a

AEs ≥ 20% in either arm, %	PIK3CA-mutant cohort						PIK3CA-non-mutant cohort					
	ALP + FUL (n = 169)			PBO + FUL (n = 171)			ALP + FUL (n = 115)			PBO + FUL (n = 116)		
	All	Grade 3	Grade 4	All	Grade 3	Grade 4	All	Grade 3	Grade 4	All	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any AE	168 (99.4)	116 (68.6)	20 (11.8)	152 (88.9)	46 (26.9)	11 (6.4)	114 (99.1)	67 (58.3)	13 (11.3)	112 (96.6)	41 (35.3)	4 (3.4)
Hyperglycemia	110 (65.1)	54 (32.0)	8 (4.7)	15 (8.8)	0	1 (0.6)	71 (61.7)	39 (33.9)	3 (2.6)	13 (11.2)	1 (0.9)	0
Diarrhea	92 (54.4)	13 (7.7)	0	19 (11.1)	1 (0.6)	0	72 (62.6)	6 (5.2)	0	26 (22.4)	0	0
Nausea	77 (45.6)	4 (2.4)	0	34 (19.9)	0	0	50 (43.5)	3 (2.6)	0	30 (25.9)	1 (0.9)	0
Rash	67 (39.6)	22 (13.0)	0	11 (6.4)	1 (0.6)	0	34 (29.6)	6 (5.2)	0	6 (5.2)	0	0
Decreased appetite	57 (33.7)	1 (0.6)	0	13 (7.6)	0	0	44 (38.3)	1 (0.9)	0	17 (14.7)	1 (0.9)	0
Stomatitis	45 (26.6)	5 (3.0)	0	11 (6.4)	0	0	25 (21.7)	2 (1.7)	0	7 (6.0)	0	0
Weight decreased	45 (26.6)	6 (3.6)	0	1 (0.6)	0	0	31 (27.0)	5 (4.3)	0	5 (4.3)	0	0
Vomiting	43 (25.4)	0	0	16 (9.4)	0	0	34 (29.6)	2 (1.7)	0	12 (10.3)	1 (0.9)	0
Fatigue	40 (23.7)	5 (3.0)	0	26 (15.2)	0	0	29 (25.2)	5 (4.3)	0	23 (19.8)	3 (2.6)	0
Alopecia	36 (21.3)	0	0	5 (2.9)	0	0	20 (17.4)	0	0	2 (1.7)	0	0

^a Mutation status determined from tissue biopsy.This presentation is the intellectual property of Dejan Juric. Contact Juric.Dejan@mgh.harvard.edu for permission to reprint and/or distribute.

PI3K Pathway Inhibitors in Clinical Development

Rapalogs	Dual PI3K/mTOR inhibitors	Pan-PI3K inhibitors
Everolimus Temsirolimus Deforolimus	BGT226 XL765 GDC-0980	Pictilisib (GDC-0941) Buparlisib (BKM120) XL147 PX-866 BAY 80-6946 CH5132799
mTOR kinase inhibitors	AKT inhibitors	P110α-specific PI3K inhibitors
MLN0128 AZD2014 OSI-027 CC-223	Perifosine MK2206 XL418 GDC-0068 (ipatasertib) GSK2141795 GSK2110183 AZD5363	Alpelisib (BYL719) MLN1117 Taselisib (GDC-0032, p110 β sparing, also targets p110 γ and δ)
		P110β-specific PI3K inhibitors
		AZD8186 SAR260301 GSK2636771

Recommendations from the ESO-ESMO ABC-2 Panel

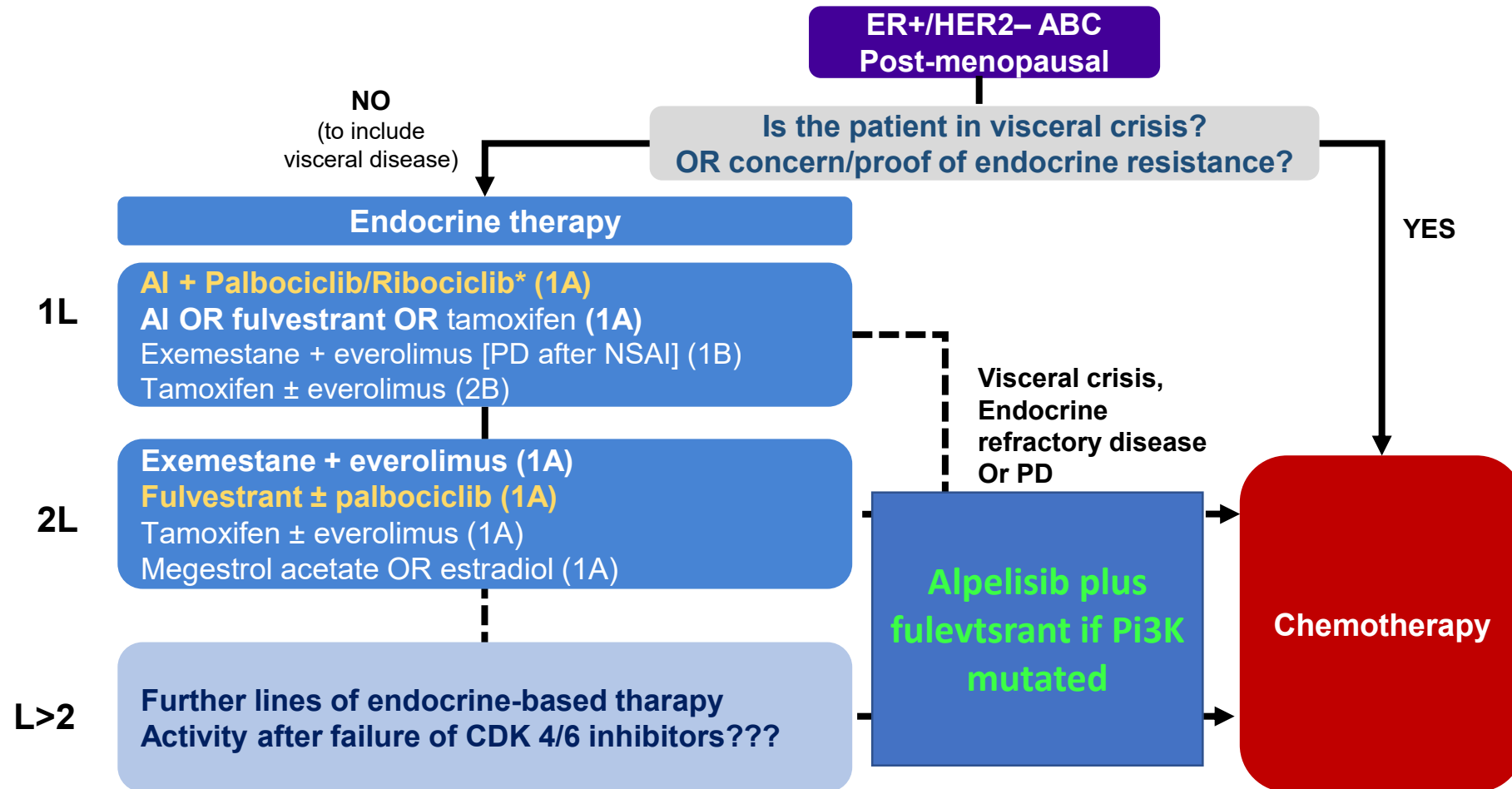
The main goal of treatment in metastatic breast cancer is to prevent disease progression while maintaining physical efficiency and quality of life during the course of the chronic disease.

- **“Endocrine therapy is the preferred option for hormone receptor positive disease, even in the presence of visceral disease, unless there is concern or proof of endocrine resistance, or there is disease needing a fast response”**

- **Level of evidence IA**

- **Votes: 100% yes, 29 voters (of 43 members)**

ESO-ESMO ABC3 international consensus guidelines



*Except for relapse <12 mths from finishing adjuvant AI
AI, aromatase inhibitor; NSAI, non-steroidal AI; PD, progressive disease