



## Current scenario of first-line treatment of ER+ ABC with CDK4/6 inhibitors

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- Heterogeneity → resistance → evolution
- The ER pathway → where we are
- Targeting mechanisms of resistance → where we are going
- Clinical trials of CDK4/6 inhibitors in first-line treatment of ABC
- Challenges and unanswered questions
- Take-home messages

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another thirty years it would then have entirely disappeared. The first great drop in its rate took place in the decade 1840-50, about the time that serious attention began to be given to sanitary reforms and especially to land drainage. It then remained scarcely reduced for about seventeen years; but from 1867 to 1894 it has been steadily on the decline. It is in this period that most of the great sanitary works have been carried out in this country. Can we doubt that it is to them that we owe so substantial a diminution of the disease? And need we despair of carrying it on to its fitting close? Let it be remembered that this improvement has taken place in spite of the increasing aggregation of the population in towns and without any special measures of repression

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

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# Advanced breast cancer -> Heterogeneity, resistance and evolution

## AN ANALYSIS OF NINETY-NINE CASES OF INOPERABLE CARCINOMA OF THE BREAST TREATED BY OOPHORECTOMY

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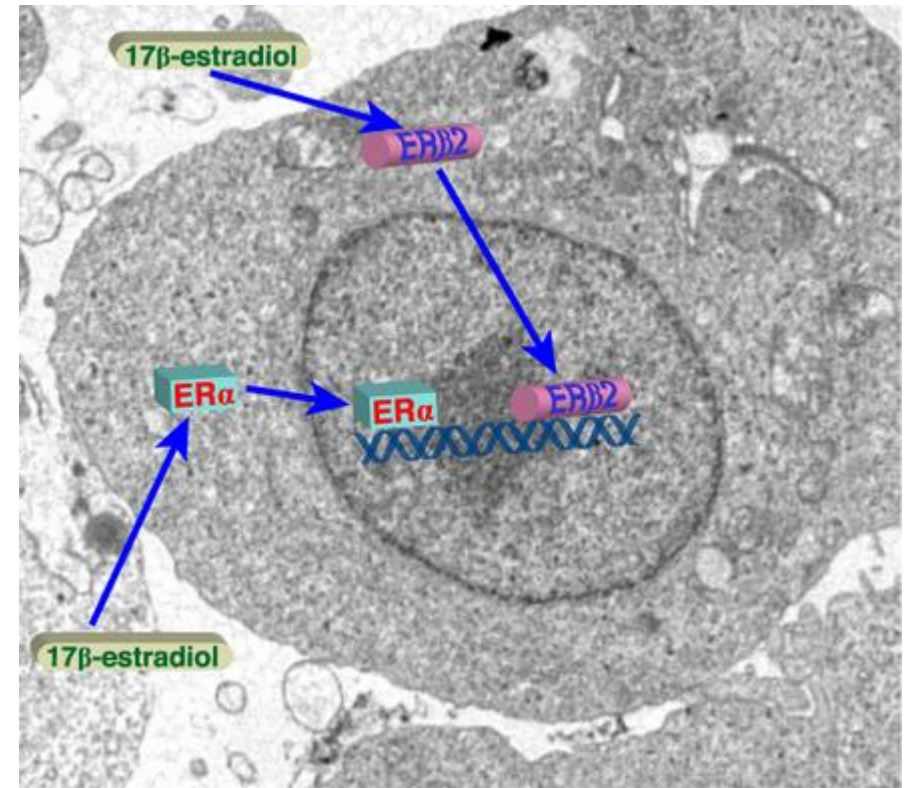
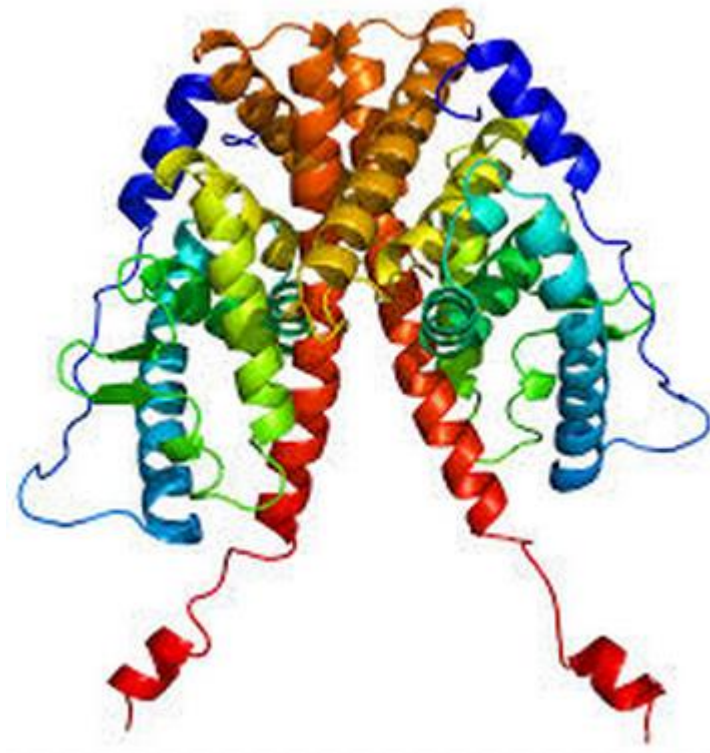
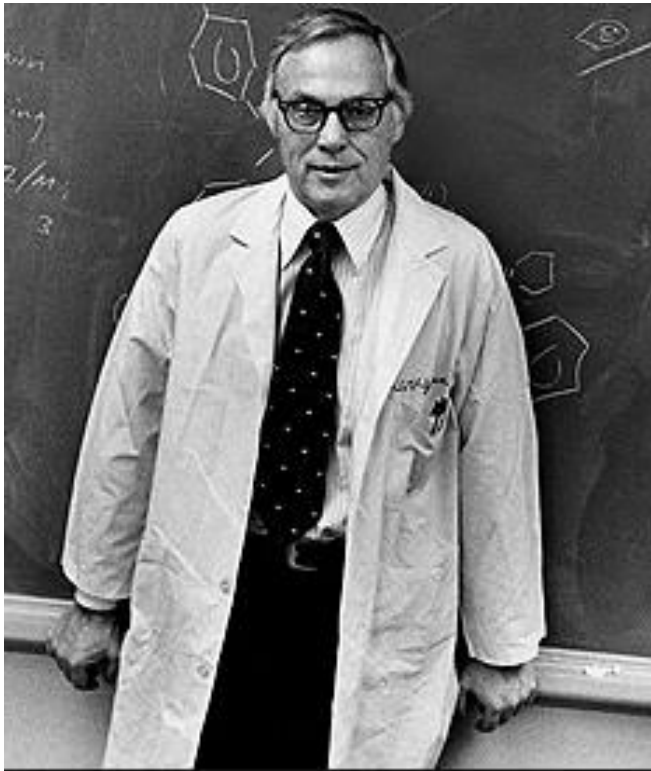
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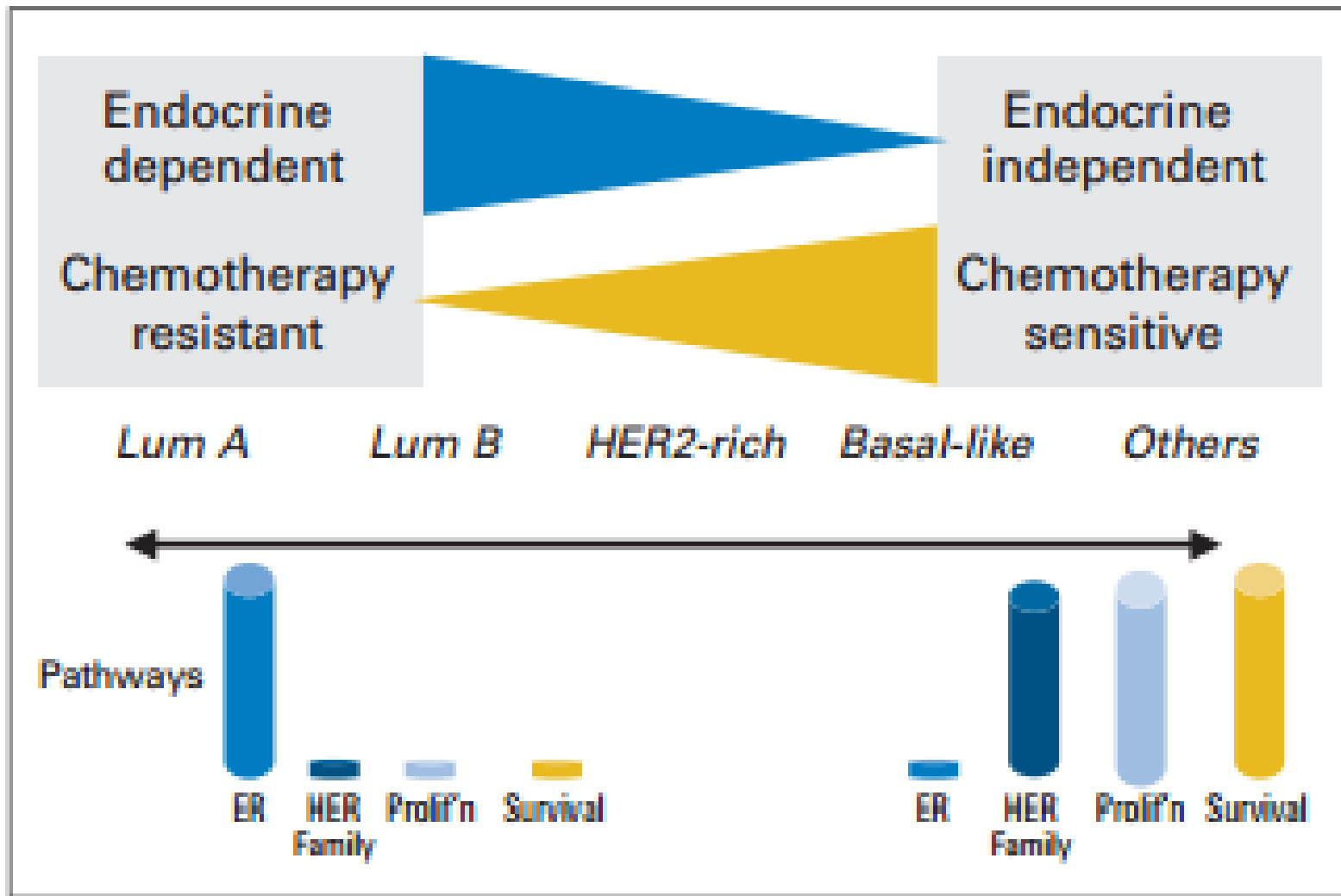
In six months most of nodules disappeared	17 months	Local recurrence. Growths in viscera. Died July, 1898.
Rapid disappearance of recurrence. Marked gain in strength and weight	14 months	Relapse of growth. Cancer of liver. Died October, 1901.
Ulcer healed, and there was no distinct lump in the left breast three months after operation. Ten months after operation had gained 2 st 7 lb	29 months	Recurrence of ulceration 18 months after operation. Died December, 1900.
Relief of pain	12 months	Died 1896; secondary growths in liver.
Very slight	5 months	Died October, 1897; growths in lung and liver.
None	5 weeks	Died September, 1899.
December 2nd, 1903: two or three small glands in left axilla; very small hard gland in left supra-clavicular region, no pain, and no recurrence in scar. September 28th, 1904: small nodule in the scar; considerable increase in size in the gland in left supra-clavicular region	40 months, still alive	—

# Estrogen Receptors in Human Breast Cancer

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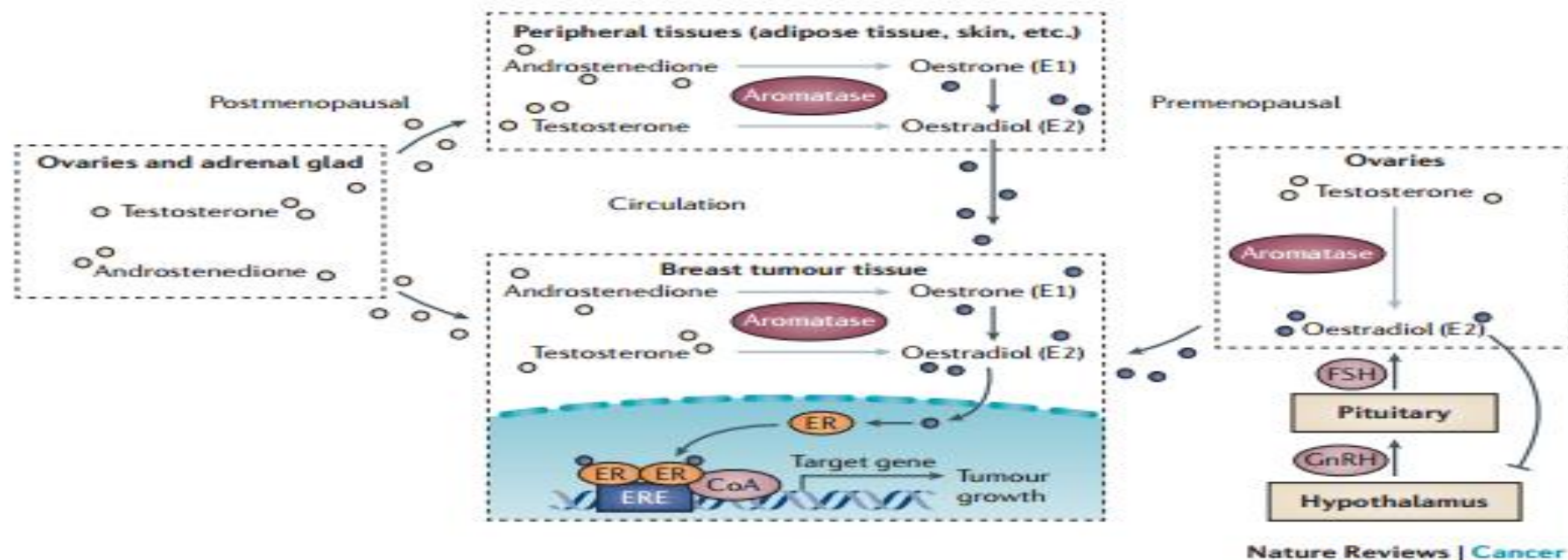




# Endocrine therapy mechanism of action

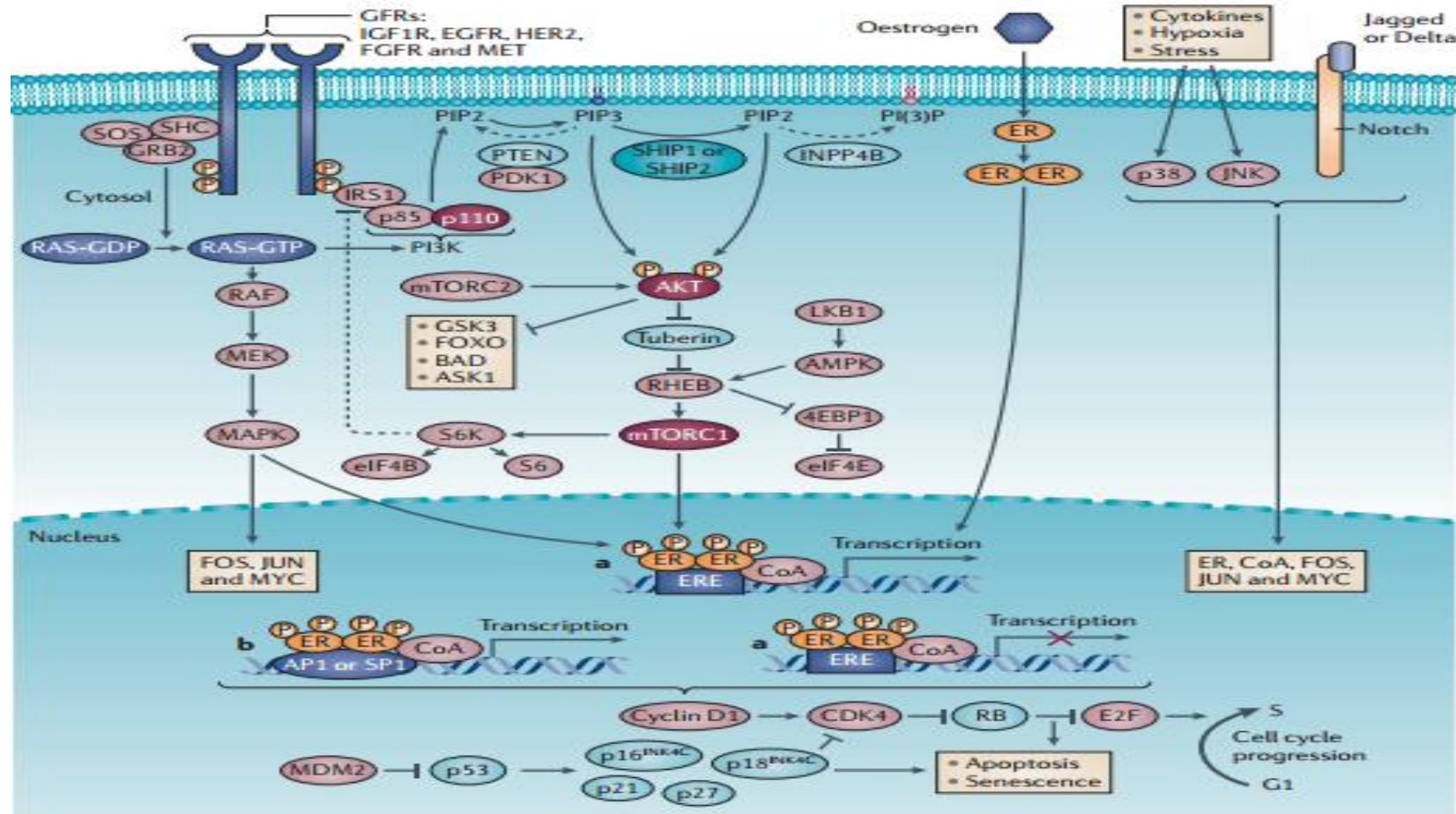
Targeting the estrogen receptor (ER) pathway

- Estrogen deprivation → Aromatase inhibitors (anastrozole, letrozole and exemestane)
- Selective ER modulation/downregulation (SERMs/SERDs) → tamoxifen and fulvestrant



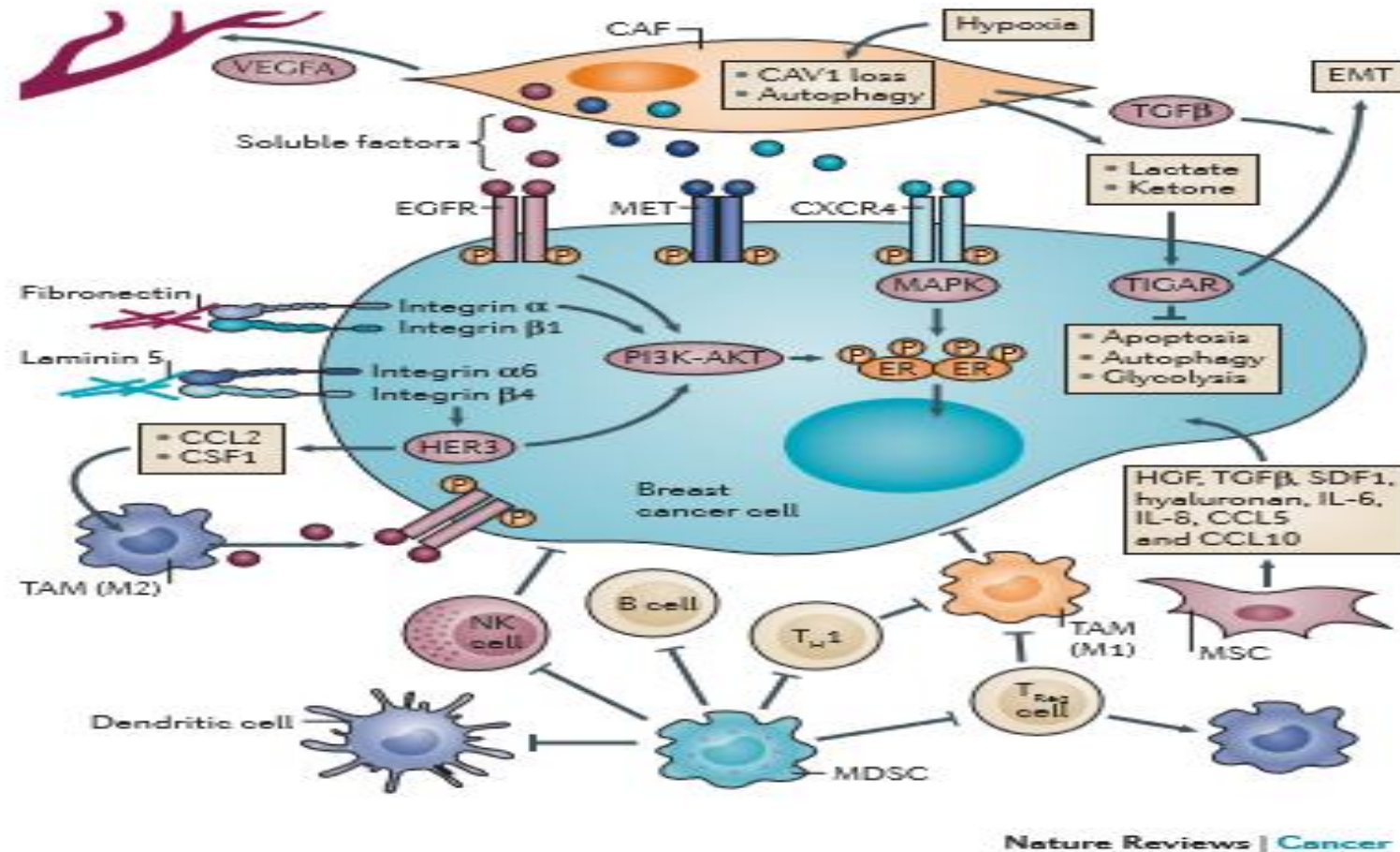


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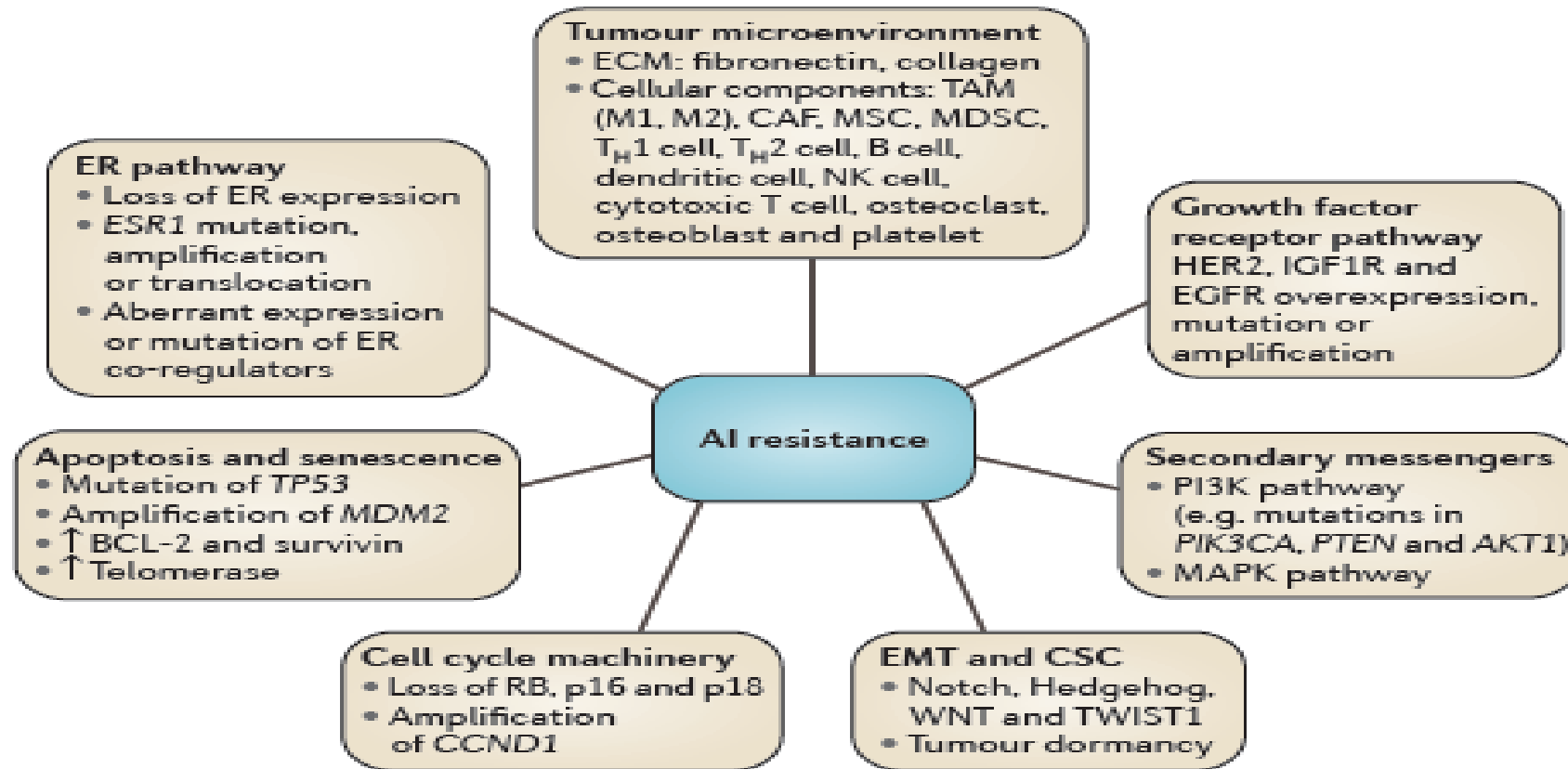


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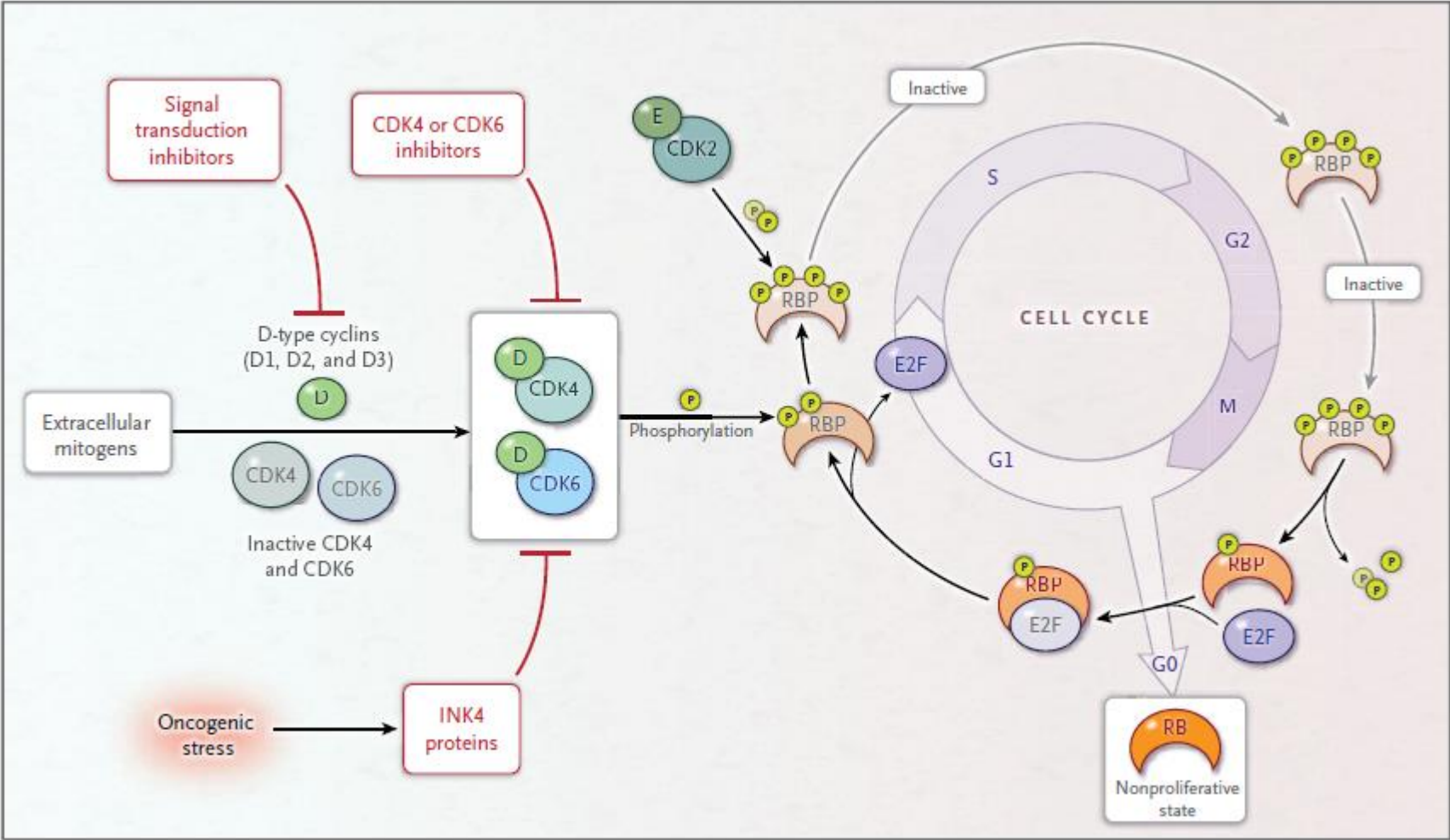
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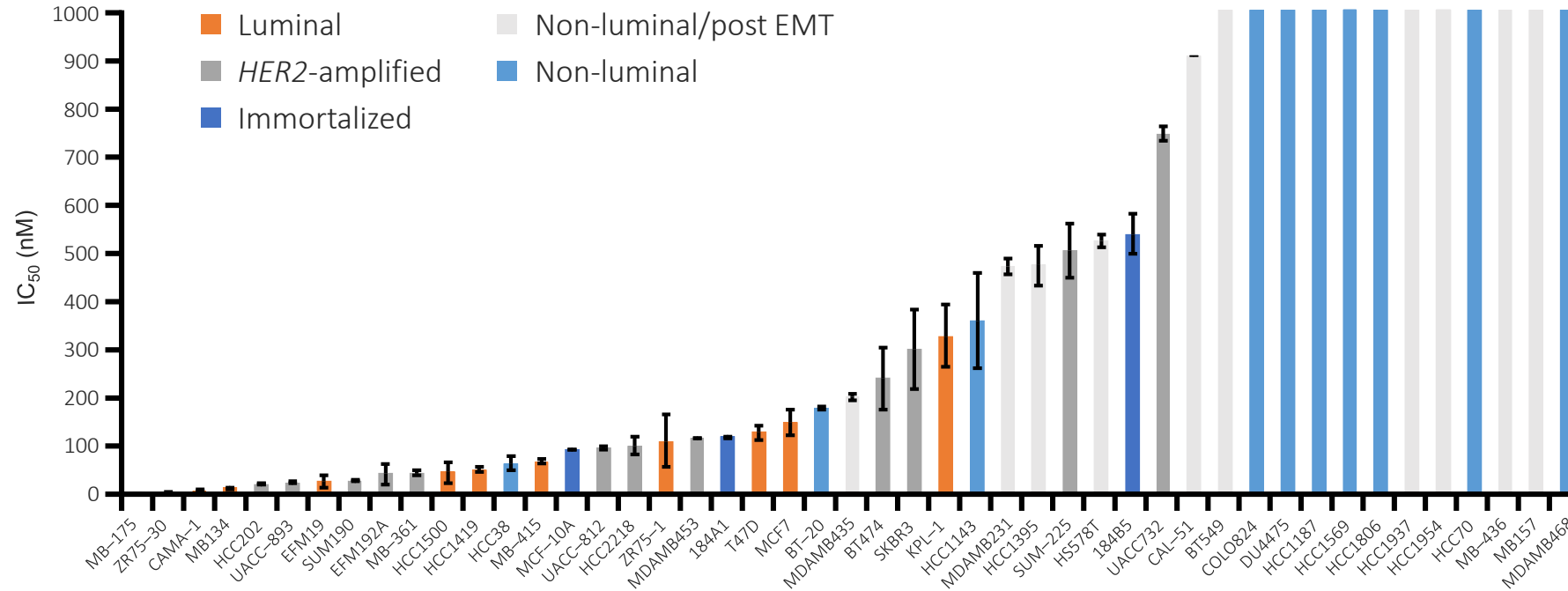
# Hallmarks of endocrine therapy resistance



# The cyclinD/CDK/pRB pathway

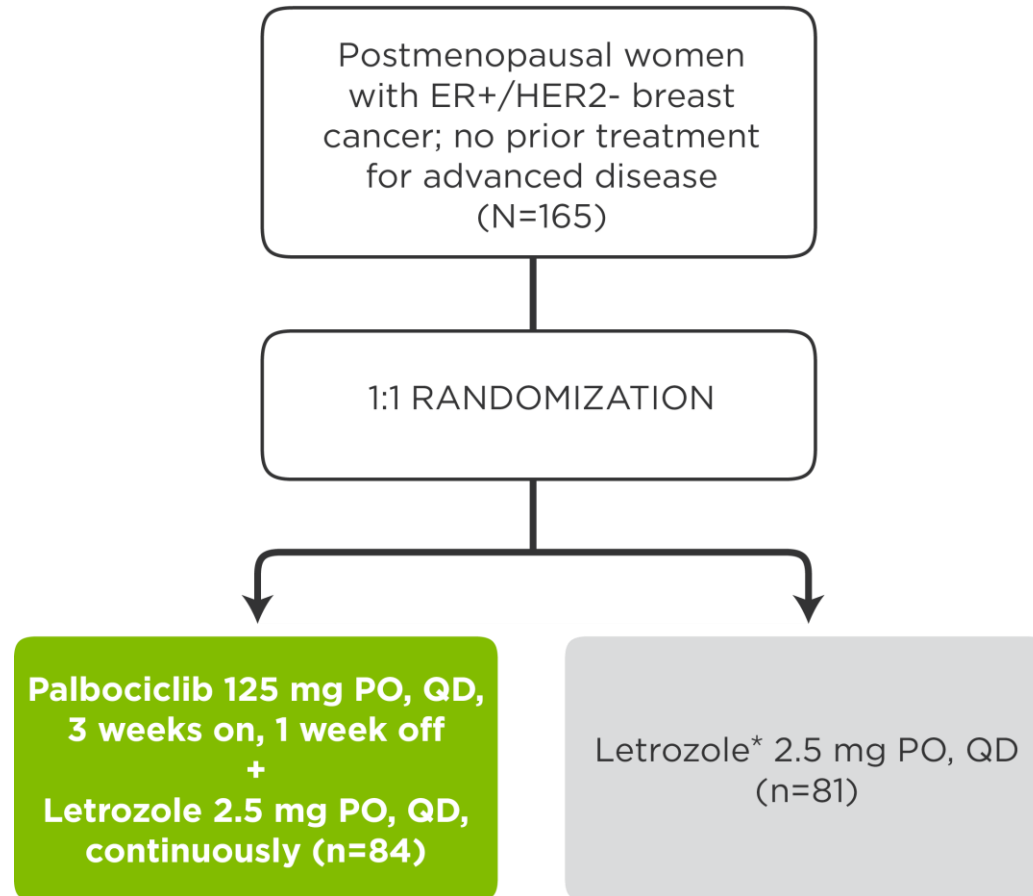


# Palbociclib Preferentially Inhibits Proliferation of Luminal ER+ Human Breast Cancer Cell Lines In Vitro



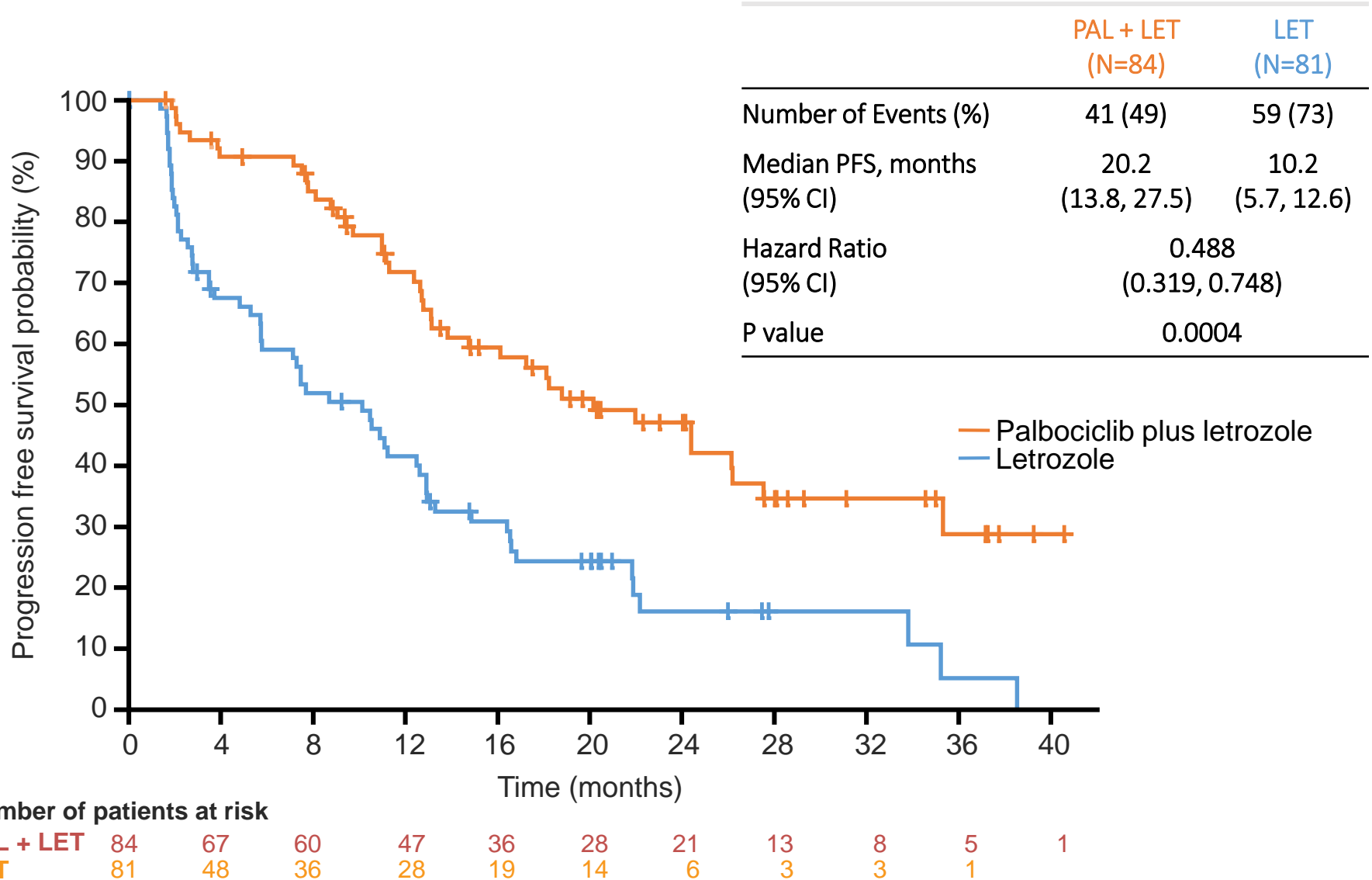
- Luminal, ER+ or *HER2*-amplified breast cancer cell lines most sensitive to CDK4/6 inhibition of proliferation (non-luminal resistant)
- Synergistic growth inhibitory activity between palbociclib and tamoxifen (ER+) or trastuzumab (HER2+)
- Palbociclib activity seen in acquired tamoxifen resistance

# PALOMA 1/TRIO 18: Phase II Study Design in Patients with ER+, HER2– Locally Recurrent or Metastatic Breast Cancer

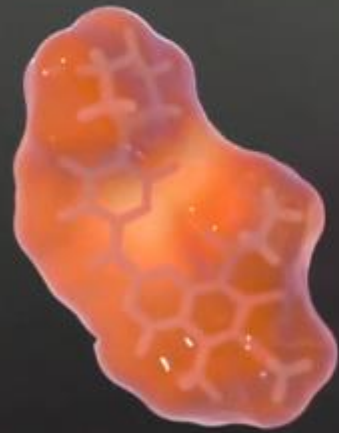


- Randomized phase II open-label trial at 50 centers in 12 countries ([NCT00721409](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT00721409))
- Key eligibility criteria: inoperable locally recurrent disease, postmenopausal status, no prior therapy for advanced breast cancer, no prior CDK inhibitors, no letrozole within 12 months, no prior/current brain metastases, measurable disease (RECIST 1.0) or bone-only disease, ECOG PS  $\leq 1$ , adequate bone marrow and renal function

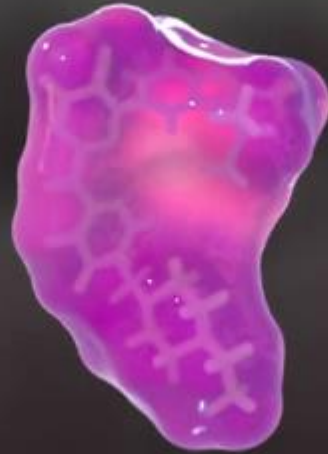
# PALOMA 1/TRIO 18: Progression-Free Survival (ITTP)



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Palbociclib



Abemaciclib



Ribociclib



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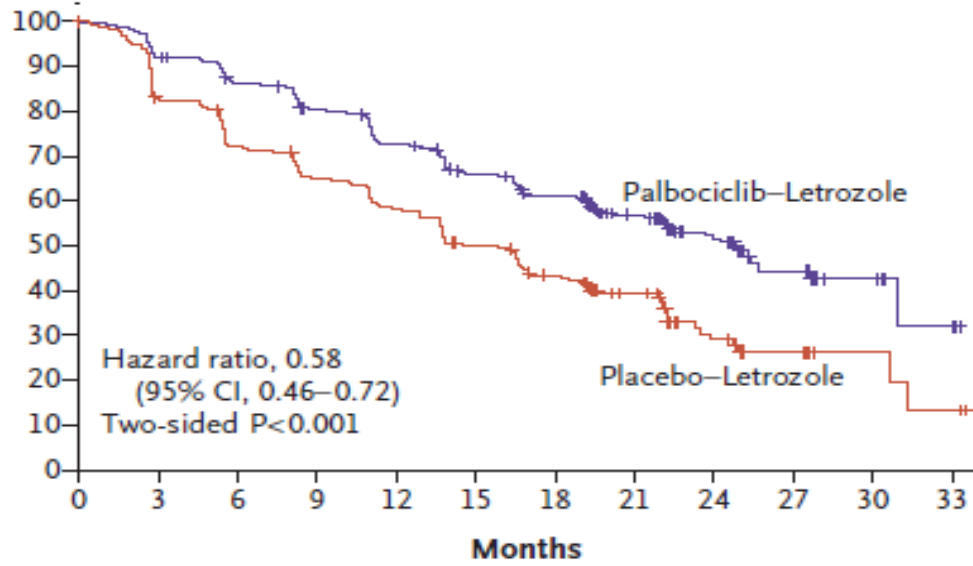
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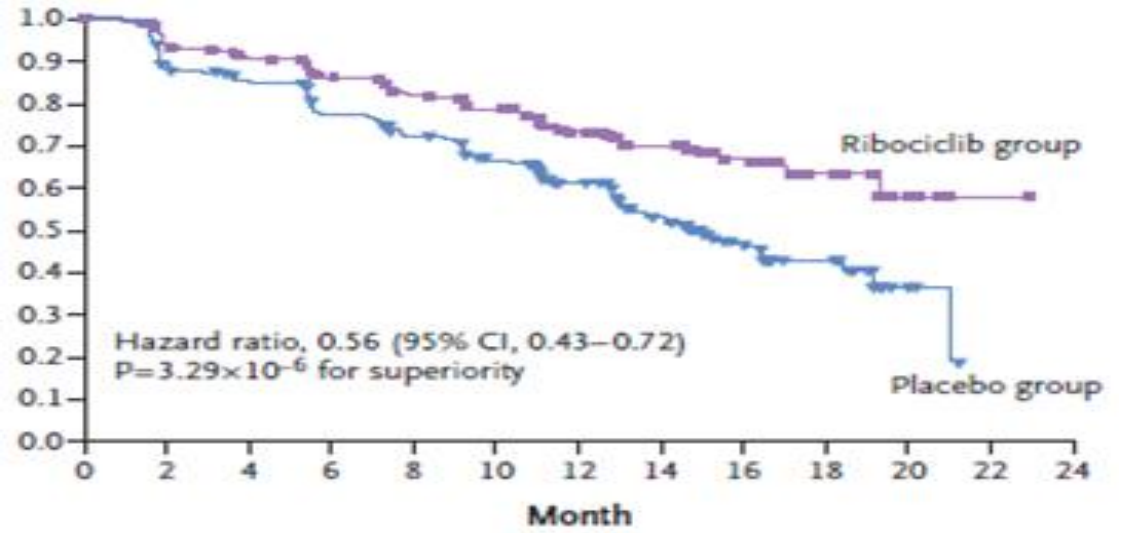
## First-line ribociclib or placebo combined with goserelin and tamoxifen or a non-steroidal aromatase inhibitor in premenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer: Results from the randomized Phase III MONALEESA-7 trial

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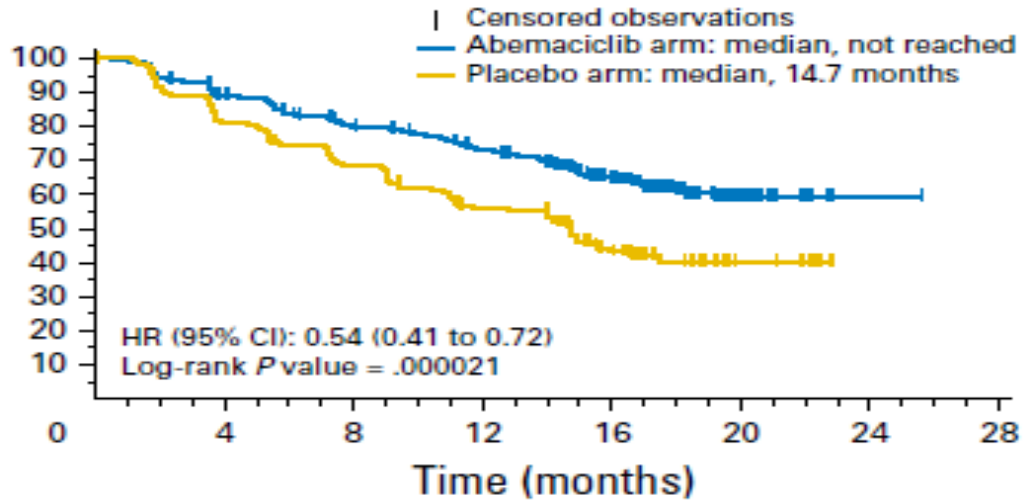
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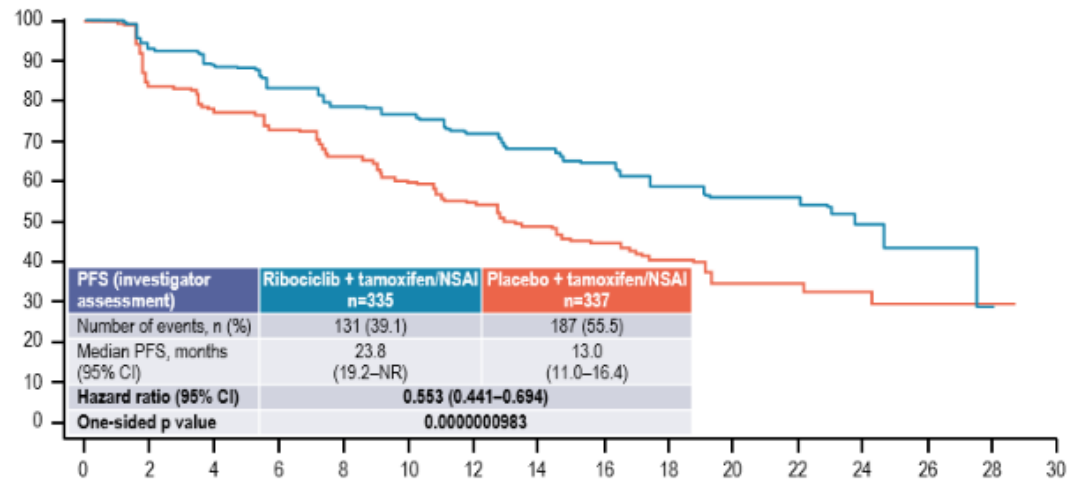
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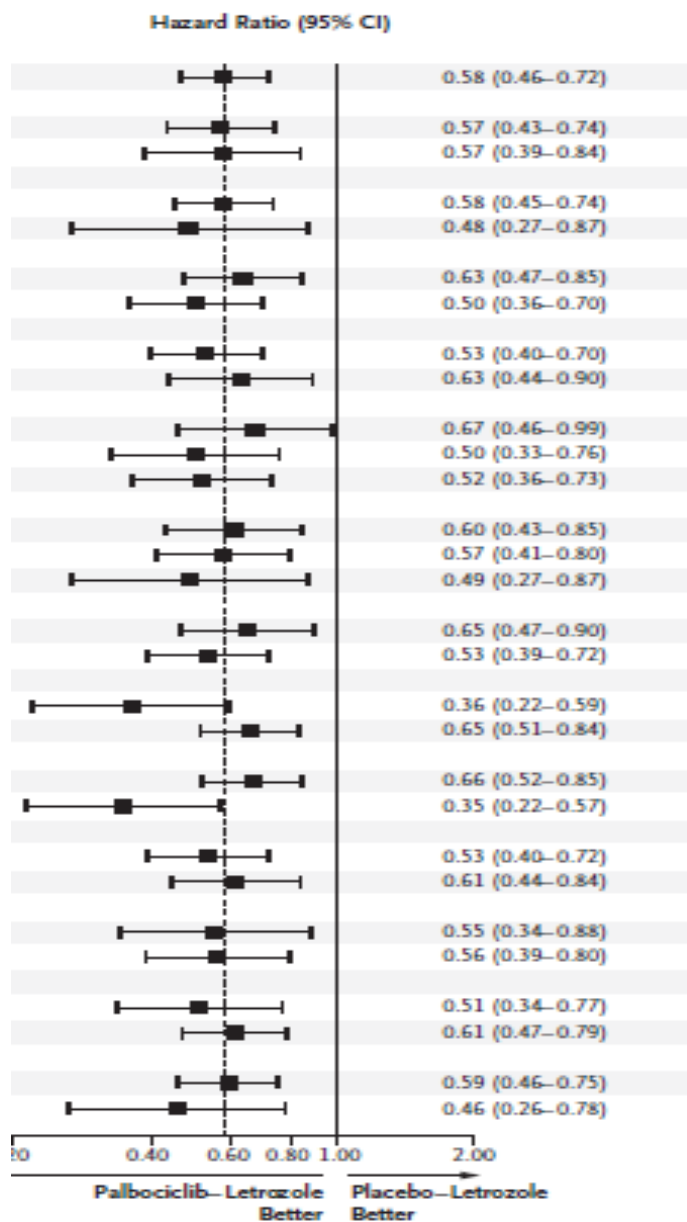
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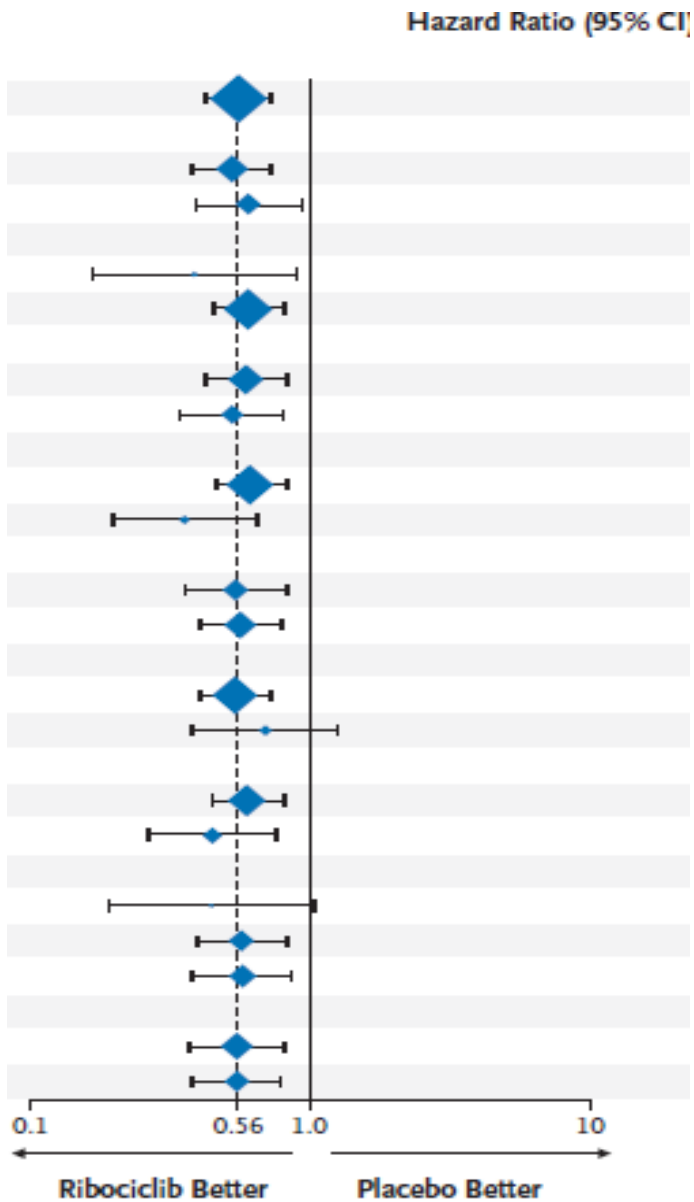
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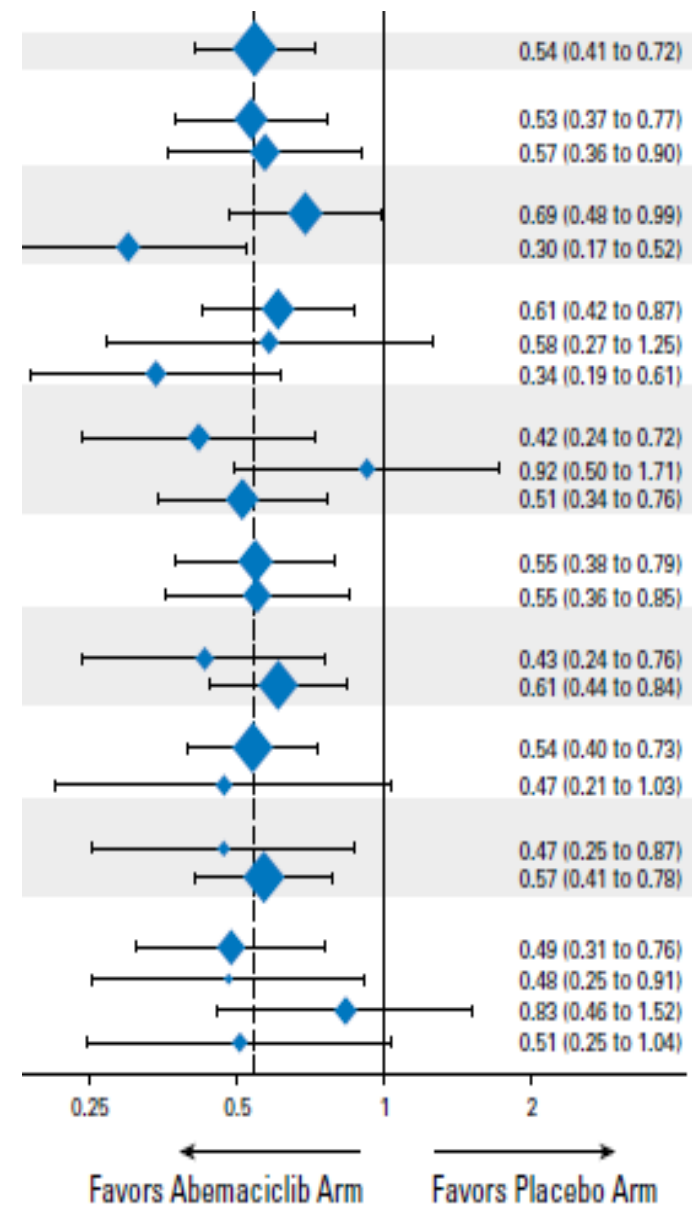
### PALOMA-2



### MONALEESA-2



### MONARCH-3



# Consistent Clinical Benefit Seen Across First-Line CDK4/6 Studies

	PALOMA-2	MONALEESA-2	MONARCH-3
Design	Phase 3 Placebo control	Phase 3 Placebo control	Phase 3 Placebo control
Endocrine partner	Letrozole	Letrozole	Letrozole or anastrozole
Patients on study, N	n=666	n=668	N=493
Efficacy (CDK4/6 vs control arm)			
<b>Primary endpoint: PFS</b>			
HR	0.58	0.56	0.54
Median PFS, mo	24.8 vs 14.5	NR vs 14.7	NR vs 14.7
<b>Secondary endpoints, %</b>			
ORR (ITT)	42 vs 35,	40 vs 27	48 vs 34
CBR (ITT)	85 vs 70	79 vs 72	79 vs 69

# Consistent Clinical Benefit Seen Across First-Line CDK4/6 Studies

- Increase in PFS (HR 0.54-0.58)
- Consistent PFS benefits across all subgroups
- Increase in ORR (↑7-14%) and CBR (↑7-15%)
- Manageable toxicities profile

# Challenges and unanswered questions

- Lack of predictive biomarkers
- Patient selection
- Optimal sequencing strategies are unclear
- Mechanisms of resistance to CDK4/6 inhibitors
- Are we likely to see OS benefit with CDK4/6 targeted agents?
- Financial toxicity

# Lack of predictive biomarkers

Benefit across all subgroups:

- Age
- Menopausal status
- Bone-only vs Visceral metastasis
- Relapse vs *de novo*
- Exposure to previous treatment
  
- Genomics
- Transcriptomics
- Proteomics

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# Factors to consider when selecting endocrine therapy for patients with HR+ advanced breast cancer

- Patient
  - Age, menopausal status, PS, comorbidities, adherence
- Tumor
  - Histological subtype, HR expression, HER2 amplification, intrinsic subtype
- Disease
  - Previous ET, DFI on adjuvant ET, response to previous line, tumor burden, visceral metastasis
- Agent
  - Mechanism of action, toxicities, cost, availability
- Other issues
  - Availability of clinical research, financial hardship, existing guidelines

## Câncer de Mama Avançado, ER+, HER2-, pós-menopausa

### Perfil A

#### Doença Lenta

- Progressão Lenta
- Mínimas metástases ósseas / Baixo risco para metástases de tecidos moles (ex. pele/ nódulos linfáticos)
- Assintomáticas



### Perfil B

#### Alta carga Tumoral Óssea

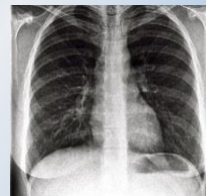
- Progressão de doença lenta a moderada
- Poucos sintomas



### Perfil C

#### Baixa Carga visceral

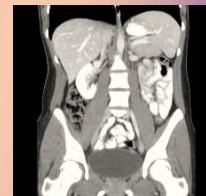
- Progressão de doença lenta a moderada
- Possíveis Metástases ósseas
- Baixo volume de metástases viscerais (ou tecidos moles)
- Metástases de baixo risco de complicação
- Ausência de ou sintomas moderados



### Perfil D

#### Carga visceral moderada

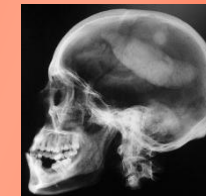
- Progressão Moderada
- Metástases Viscerais
- Grande volume de doença
- Crise médica iminente
- Sintomas requerendo tratamento



### Perfil E

#### Crise Médica

- Progressão rápida
- Doença agressiva
- Metástases em locais de alto risco e requerendo intervenção médica
- Altamente sintomáticas e requerendo intervenções
- Ameaça de morte



### Dados Clínicos

(Drivers do tratamento: Presença de Metástase(s) ex. óssea, visceral, cerebral), Sintomas (ex. dor, impacto em órgãos funcionais, etc), Características Tumourais (ex. Tamanho, nrs, dispersão, etc). Taxa de Progressão / Taxa de Recorrência)

Paciente (inclui performance status, idade, escolhas, motivação, co-morbidades, condição financeira, etc)

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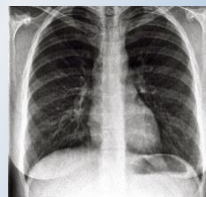
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### Perfil C

#### Baixa Carga visceral

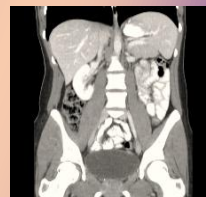
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### Perfil D

#### Carga visceral moderada

- Progressão Moderada
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# Optimal sequencing strategies are unclear

- Upfront CDK4/6 inhibition
- Upfront ET → Second-line CDK4/6 inhibition
- Role of mTOR inhibitors
- Role of PI3K inhibitors
- Timing of chemotherapy

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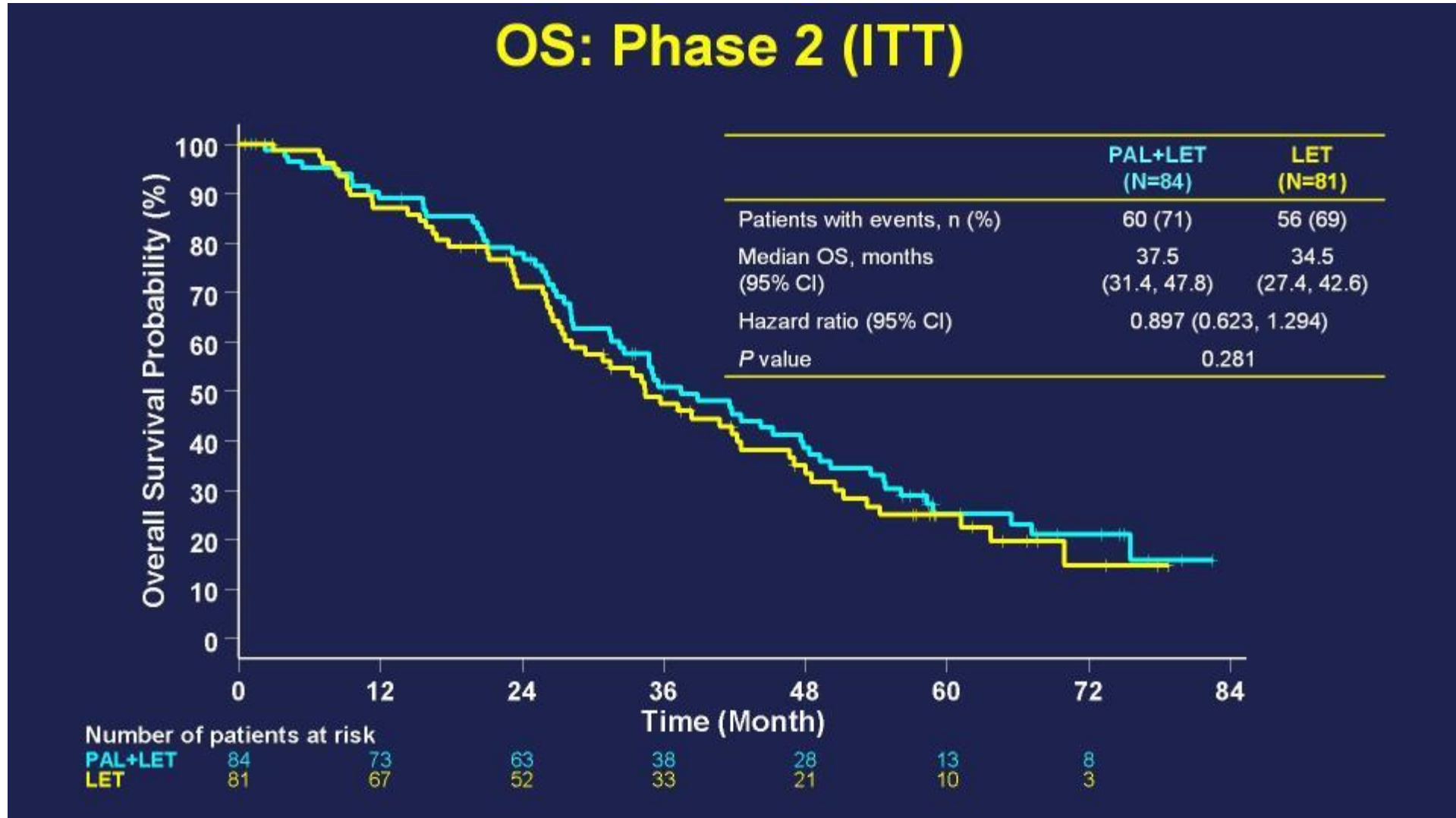
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# PALOMA 1 TRIAL





Research Paper

# Rapid Breast Cancer Disease Progression Following Cyclin Dependent Kinase 4 and 6 Inhibitor Discontinuation

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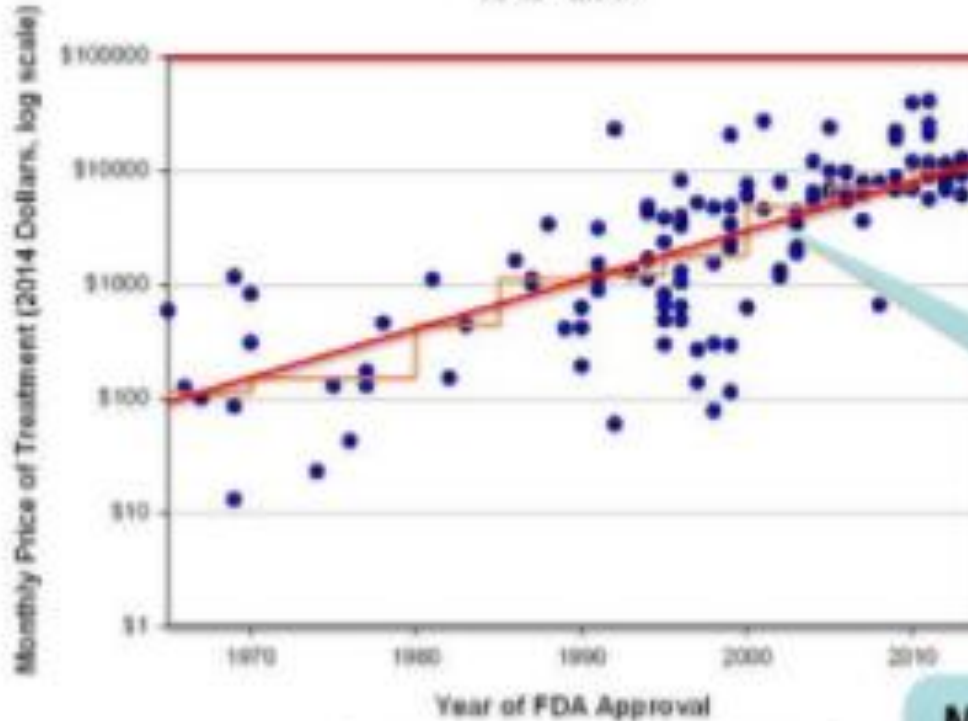
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# When will new cancer drug costs fall?

Monthly and Median Costs of Cancer Drugs at the Time of FDA Approval  
1965 - 2014



All the advances in the understanding of cancer biology and new technology have failed to reduce the rising price of commercial drug development

Costs are rising exponentially

Median costs of a new cancer drug \$ 100,000 USD per patient per month in 2035

Source: Peter S. Bach, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

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# Emerging Innovative Therapeutic Approaches Leveraging Cyclin-Dependent Kinase Inhibitors to Treat Advanced Breast Cancer

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- CDK 4/6 inhibitors in combination with ET consistently improves PFS and should be **considered a first line treatment option** in patients with HR+ advanced BC
- The optimal sequencing of ET +/- CDKi therapy remains to be determined
- The toxicity profile of CDK 4/6 inhibitors is manageable
- The choice of therapy (ET vs ET/CDKi) will be driven by many factors including: tumor and disease characteristics, patient choice, compliance with monitoring, as well as access to therapy



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