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# Targeted Therapies in Breast Cancer: Optimal Use of m-TOR Inhibitors

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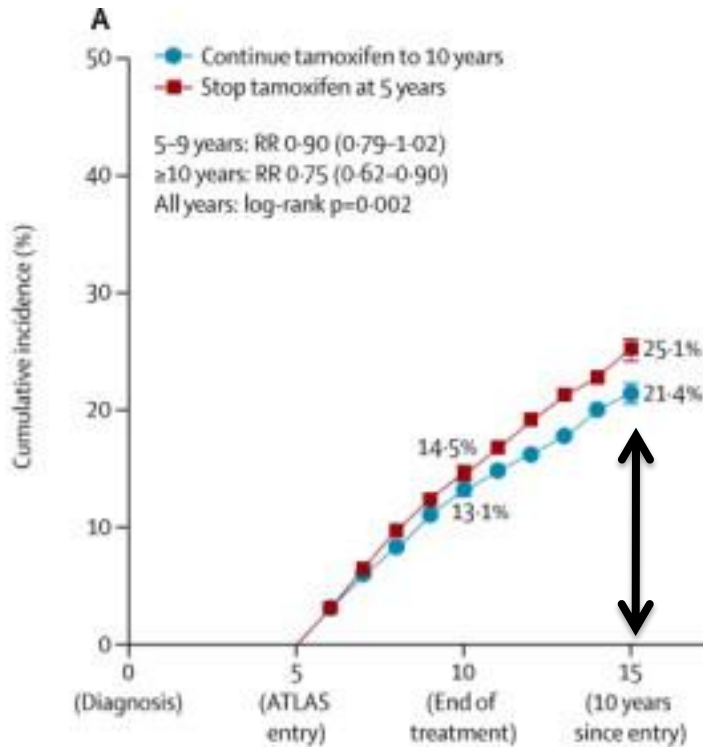


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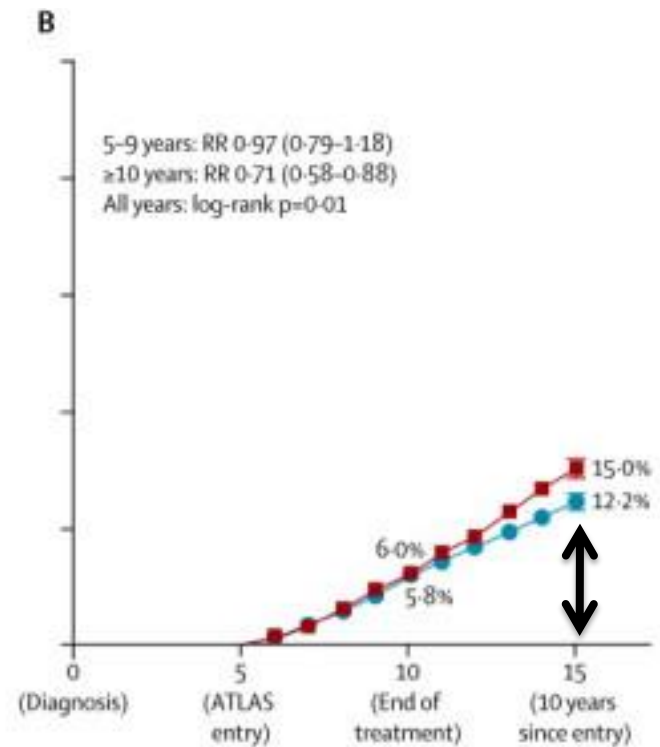
ER positive / HER-2 negative  
Breast Cancer

# ATLAS: 5 versus 10 years of Tamoxifen

## Recurrence



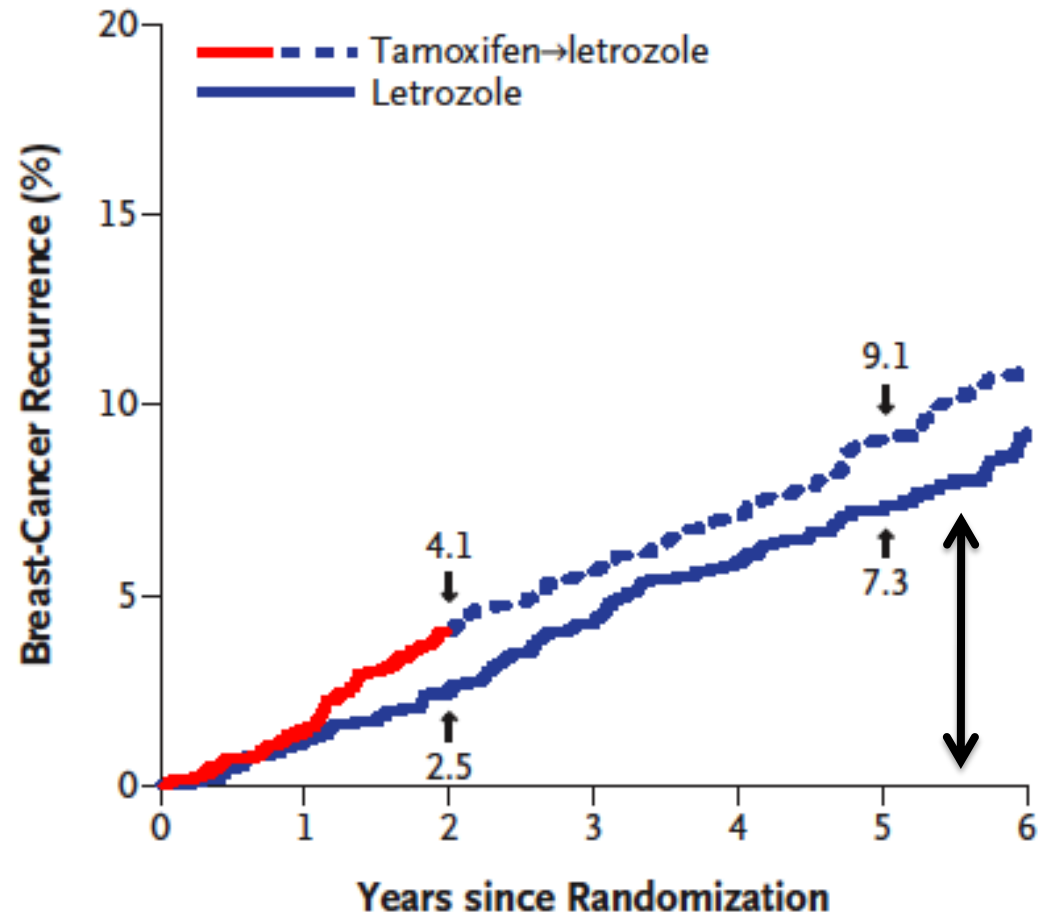
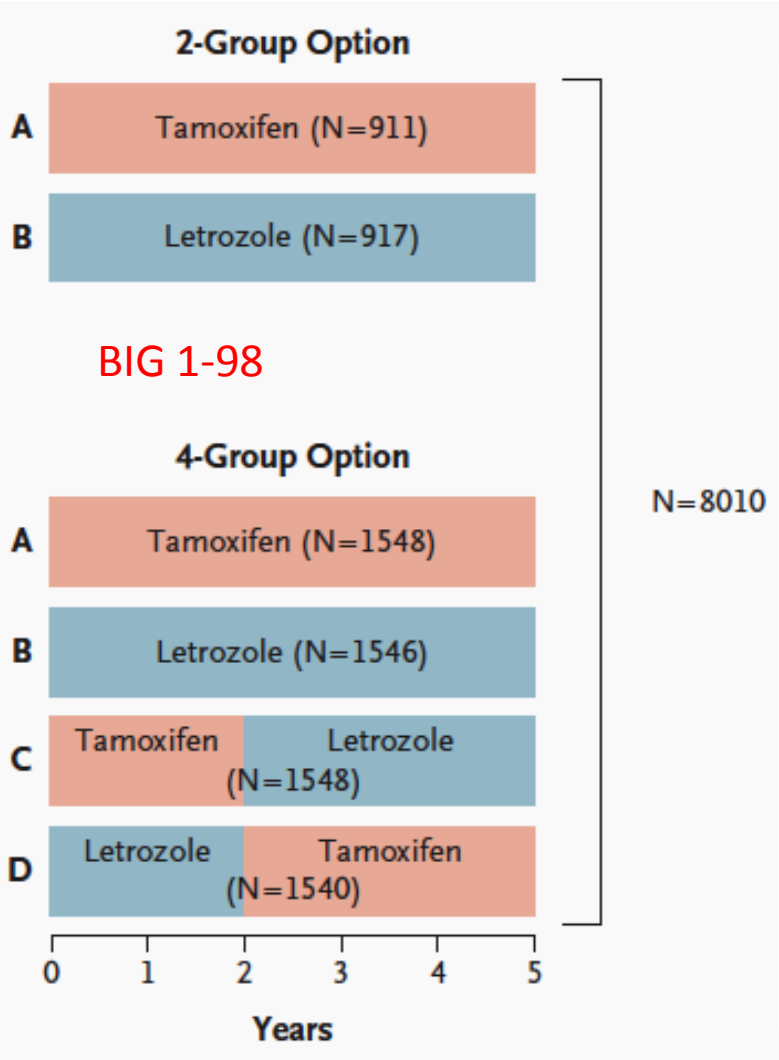
## BC Mortality



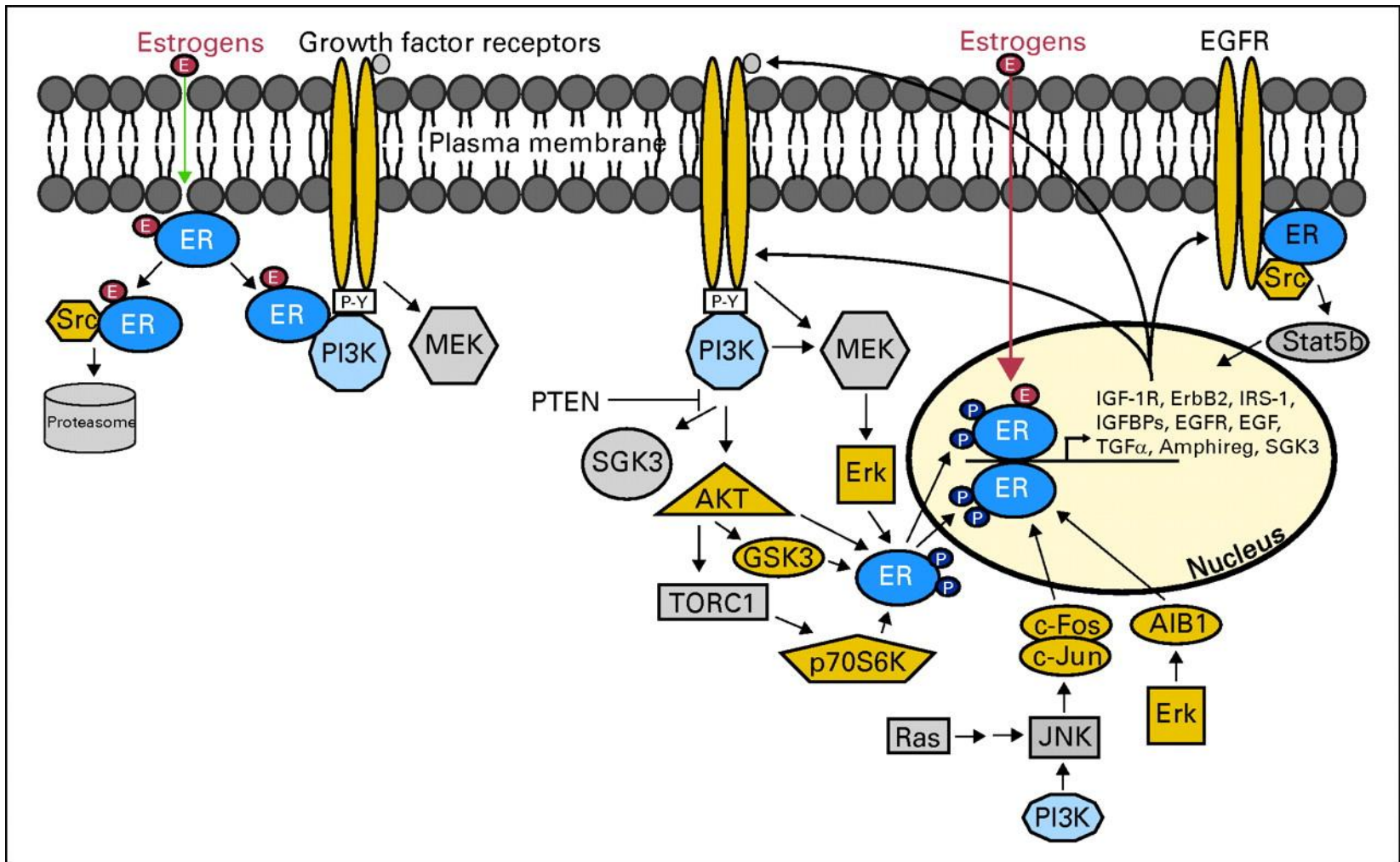
	5-9 years	10-14 years	≥15 years
Continue tamoxifen to 10 years	2.83%	1.96%	2.54%
	(428/15115)	(165/8439)	(24/945)
Stop tamoxifen at 5 years	3.16%	2.66%	3.03%
	(471/14889)	(214/8038)	(26/859)
Rate ratio, from (O-E)/V	0.90 (SE 0.06)	0.74 (SE 0.09)	0.85 (SE 0.26)
Log-rank O-E and variance V	-24.8/224.7	-29.1/94.7	-2.1/12.5

	5-9 years	10-14 years	≥15 years
Continue tamoxifen to 10 years	1.17%	1.38%	1.64%
	(SE 0.09)	(SE 0.12)	(SE 0.39)
Stop tamoxifen at 5 years	1.21%	2.01%	2.29%
	(SE 0.09)	(SE 0.15)	(SE 0.47)
Rate ratio, from (O-E)/V	0.97 (SE 0.10)	0.70 (SE 0.10)	0.79 (SE 0.27)
Log-rank O-E and variance V	-3.2/94.0	-27.2/77.5	-2.5/10.6

# Aromatase Inhibitors: Upfront or Sequential



# Reciprocal crosstalk between estrogen receptor (ER) $\alpha$ and growth factor receptor signaling pathways.



Miller T W et al. JCO 2011;29:4452-4461

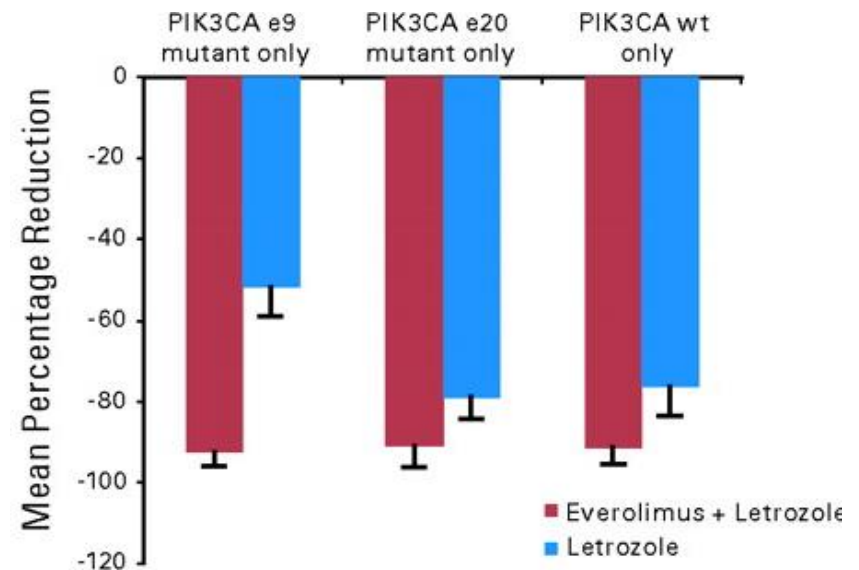
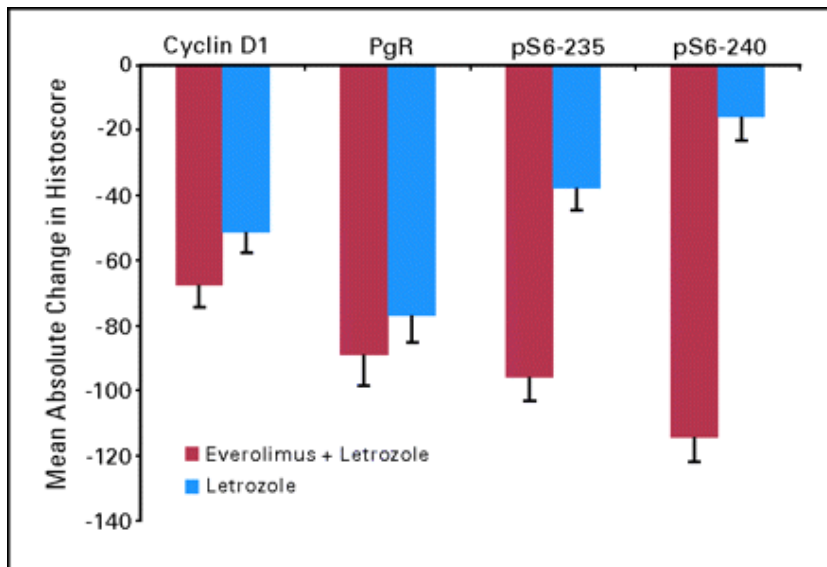
# Proof of Concept Phase I Trial: Everolimus add-on after Progression on Letrozole

	All patients (n = 18)	RAD001 5 mg/day (n = 6)	RAD001 10 mg/day (n = 12)
<i>Disease status on letrozole alone</i>			
Duration of letrozole alone median (range) (mo) <sup>a</sup>	15.0 (1.7–49.2)	12.4 (2.3–27.7)	26.0 (1.7–49.2)
<i>Best response on letrozole alone (n)</i>			
Stable disease	15	5	10
Progressive disease	1	0	1
Unknown	1	0	1
Not applicable	1	1	0
<i>Best response to combined treatment</i>			
Overall response (CR or PR) (%)	1 (5.6)	0	1 (8.3)
Complete response (%)	1 (5.6)	0	1 (8.3)
Duration (mo) <sup>b</sup>			22.3
Partial response (%)	0	0	0
Stable disease (%)	9 (50.0)	4 (66.7)	5 (41.7) <sup>c</sup>
Stable disease >6 mo (%)	6 (33.3)	2 (33.3)	4 (33.3)
Duration (mo) <sup>d</sup>		14, 21	8, 13, 17, 23
Progressive disease (%)	5 (27.8)	2 (33.3)	3 (25.0)
Unknown (%)	3 (16.7) <sup>e</sup>	0	3 (25.0)

# Randomized Neoadjuvant Phase II Trial: Letrozole + Everolimus/ Placebo

Response by evaluation type	Letrozole + Everolimus N = 138	Letrozole + Placebo N = 132	
Clinical Palpation	68%	59%	<b>p = 0.06*</b>
Ultrasound	58%	47%	<b>p = 0.04*</b>
Mammography	36%	39%	<b>p = 0.7</b>

\* Significant

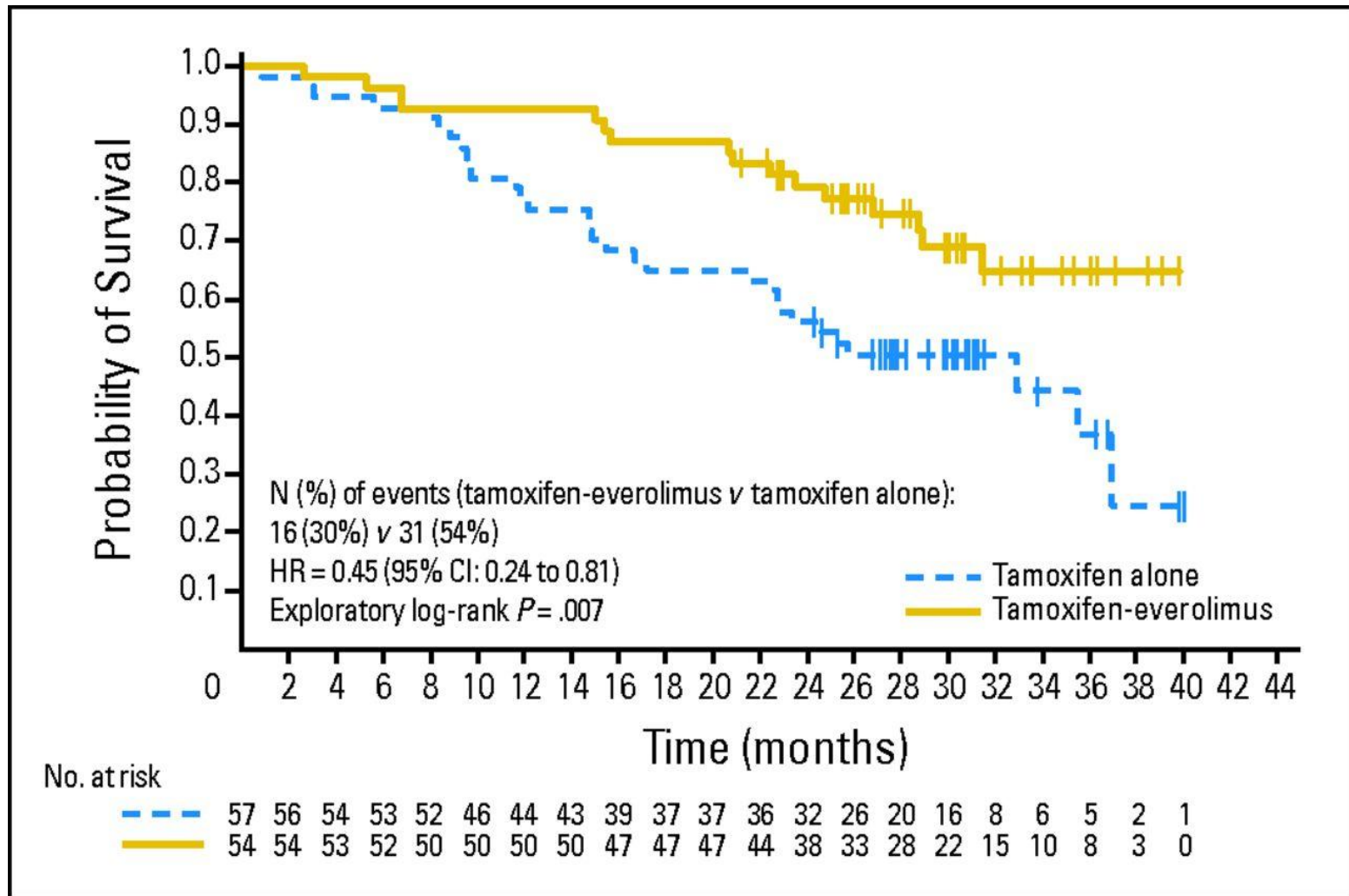


# Randomized Trials: AI-refractory/ resistant

Treatment	setting	Pre treatment	phase	n	Effect on primary endpoint
<b>Tamoxifen +/- everolimus</b> <i>(Bachelot, J Clin Oncol, 2012)</i>	metastatic	Resistant to AI	Phase II randomized	111	<b>Clinical benefit rate:</b> <b>61% (47-74) vs 42% (29-56)</b>
<b>Exemestane +/- everolimus (BOLERO II)</b> <i>(Baselga, NEJM, 2012)</i>	metastatic	Resistant to NSAI	Phase III registration	724	<b>Primary endpoint: PFS</b>  <b>HR: 0.43 (0.35-0.54)</b> <b>Median PFS: 6.9 vs 2.8</b> <b>p&lt;0.001</b>



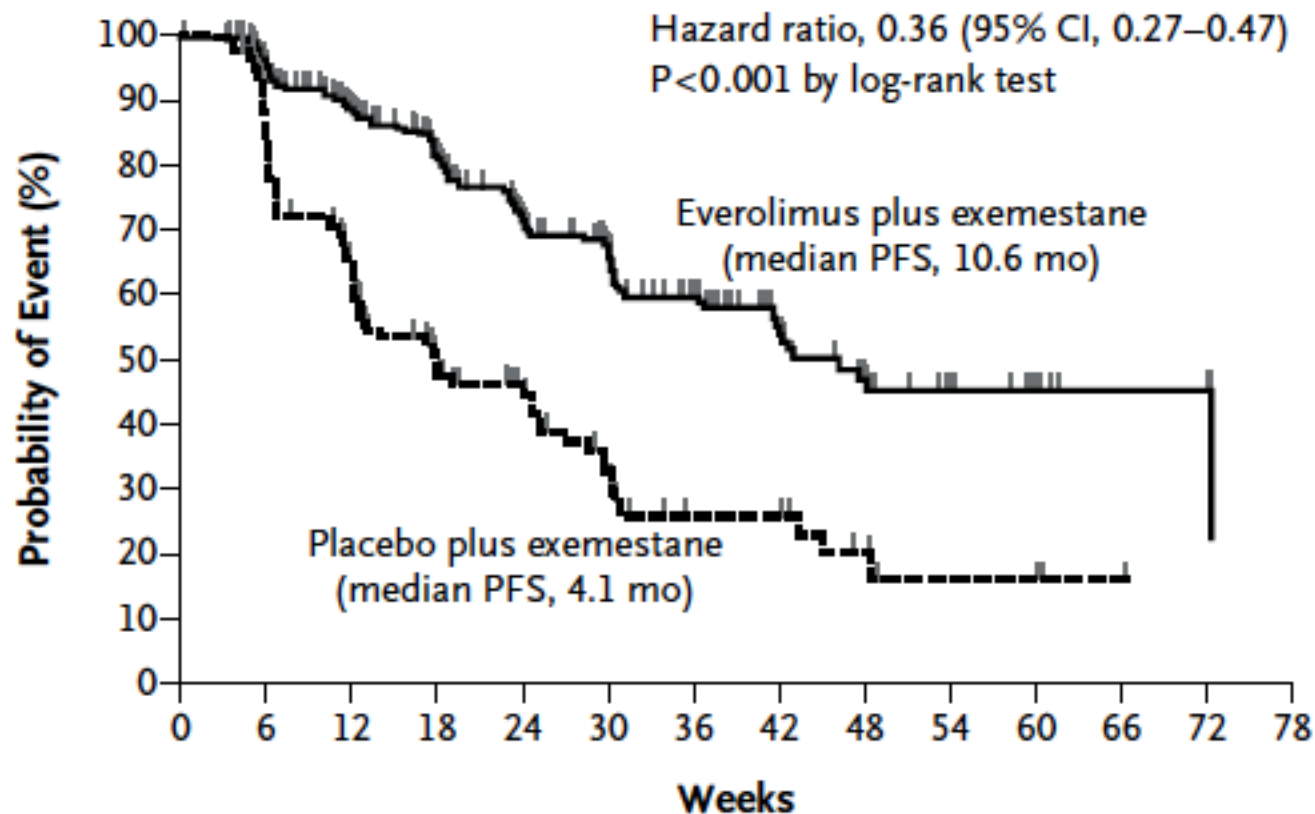
**Overall survival in the intention-to-treat population for the overall patient population.**



Bachelot T et al. JCO 2012;30:2718-2724

# BOLERO-2: Phase III Trial

## PFS by Central Assessment

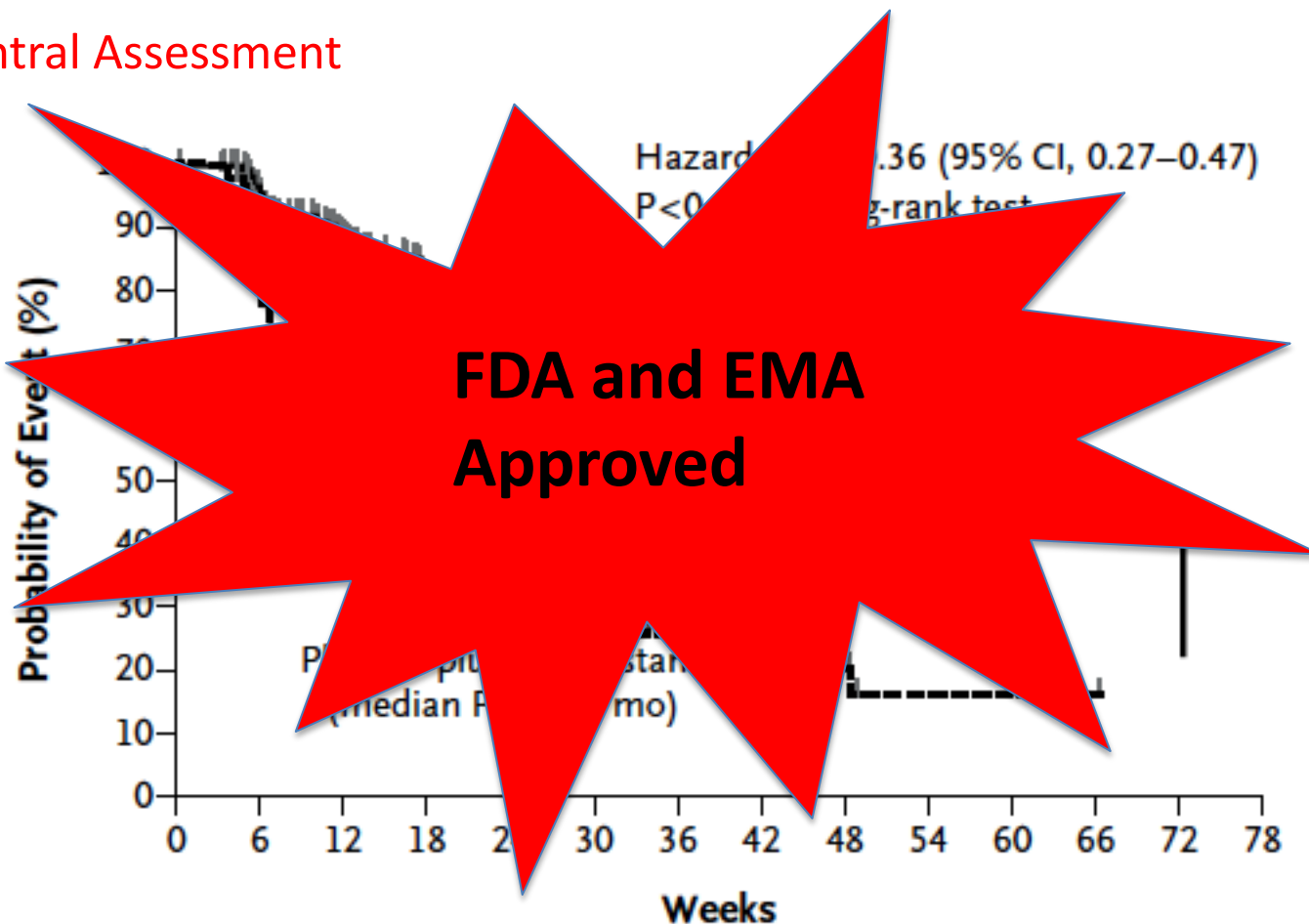


### No. at Risk

Everolimus	485	385	281	201	132	102	67	43	28	18	9	3	2	0
Placebo	239	168	94	55	33	20	11	11	6	3	3	1	0	0

# BOLERO-2: Phase III Trial

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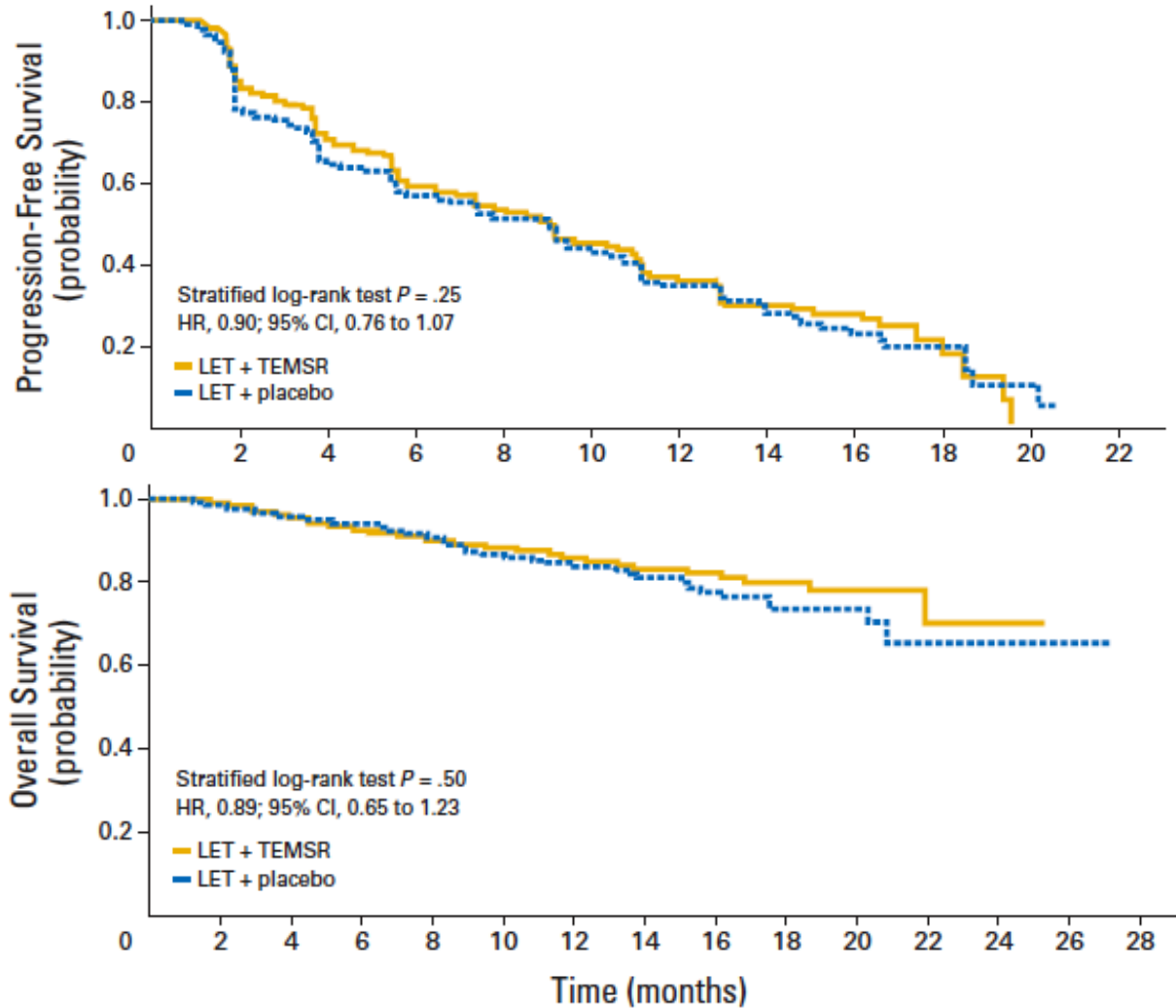
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# Unanswered Questions

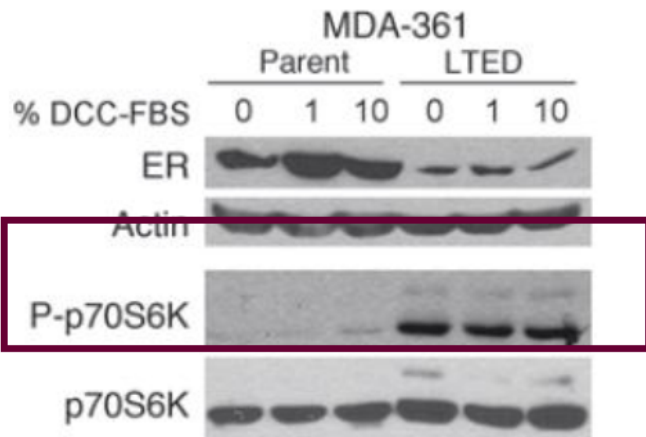
- First-line setting?
- More toxic than chemotherapy?
- Role of exemestane?
- PI3K-AKT-mTOR pathway beyond progression?
- Biomarkers? (last part of the presentation)

# Phase III Trial in the 1<sup>st</sup> Line Setting: Letrozole + Temsirolimus / Placebo



# mTOR activation can be acquired during disease progression and/or treatment exposure

Long term estrogen deprivation induces mTOR activation



*Miller; JCI, 2010*

Discrepancies primary versus metastases

		Metastasis negative	Metastasis positive
pAkt	Primary negative	0	6
	Primary positive	5	12
p4E-BP1	Primary negative	2	4
	Primary positive	4	13

*Akcakanat, Cancer, 2012*

Courtesy A. Awada

# Everolimus Toxicity in RCTs

	Tam	Tam + Eve
Fatigue	53%	72%
Stomatitis	7%	56%
Anorexia	18%	43%
Infection	19%	35%
Rash	7%	44%
Diarrhea	11%	21%
Pneumonitis	4%	17%
Lymphopenia	21%	48%
Neutropenia	19%	48%

**Tamrad**

	Exe + Pbo	Exe + Eve
Fatigue	26%	33%
Stomatitis	11%	56%
Anorexia	10%	29%
Infection	6%	14%
Rash	6%	36%
Diarrhea	16%	30%
Pneumonitis	0%	12%
Thrombocytopenia	<1%	12%
Hyperglycemia	2%	13%

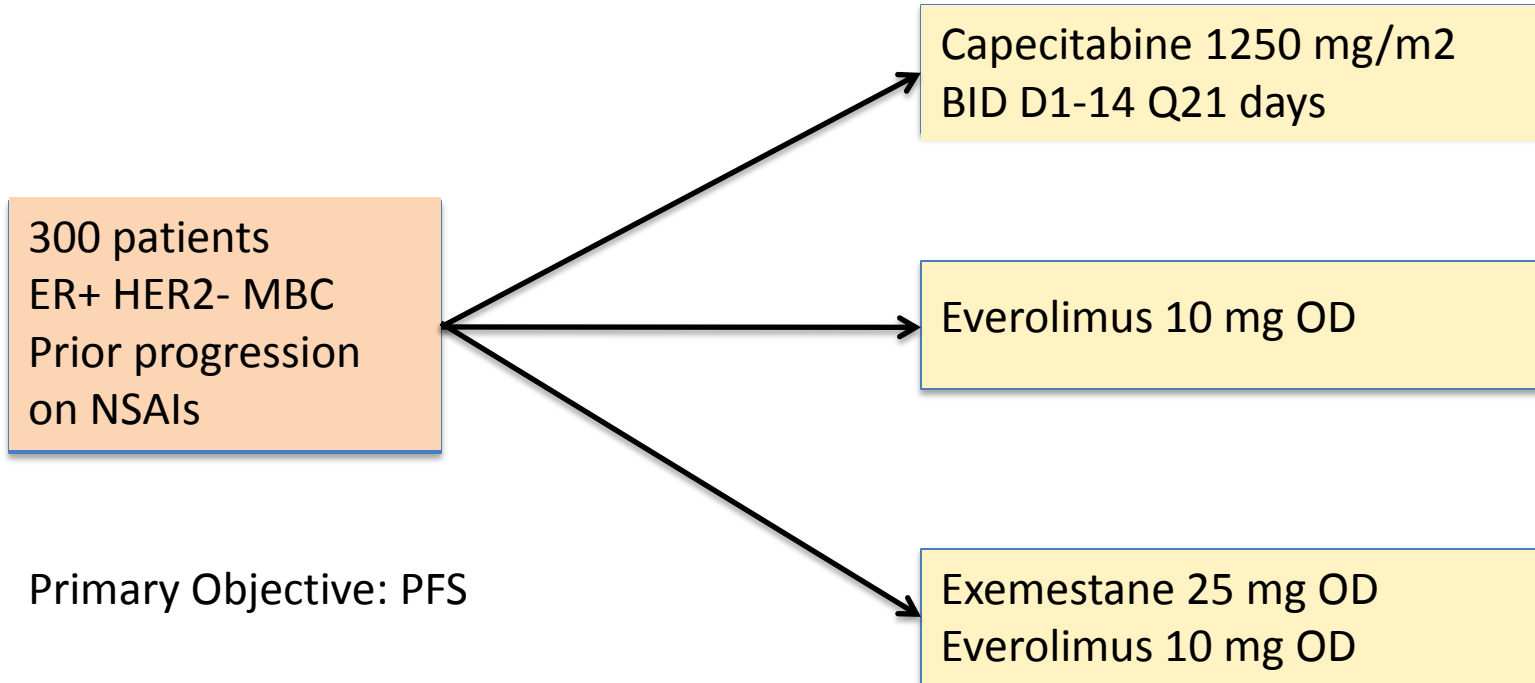
**BOLERO-2**

# BOLERO-2 Trial: Quality of Life Assessment

- European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire-Core 30 (EORTC QLQ-C30)
- HRQOL was assessed at baseline and every 6 weeks thereafter until disease progression and/or treatment discontinuation
- Baseline global health status scores were found to be similar between treatment groups
- Time to definitive deterioration: 8.3 months with EVE + EXE versus 5.8 months with PBO + EXE (hazard ratio, 0.74; P = .0084)



# BOLERO-6: FDA “Imposed” Trial

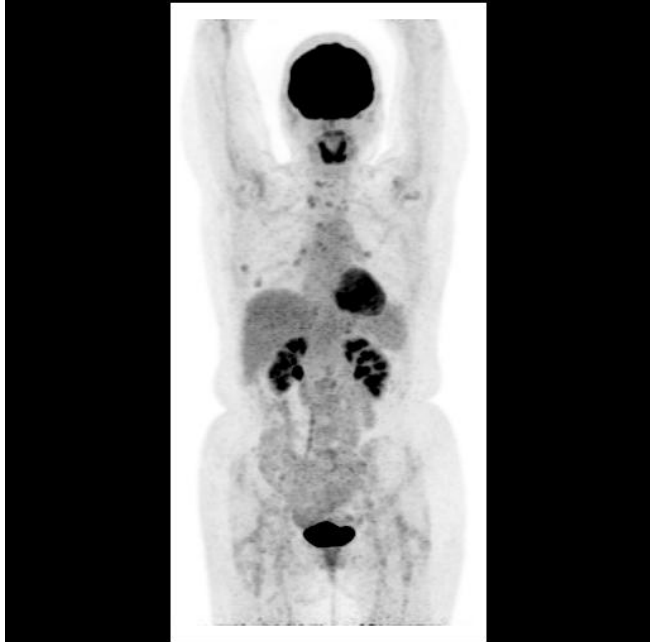


Primary Objective: PFS

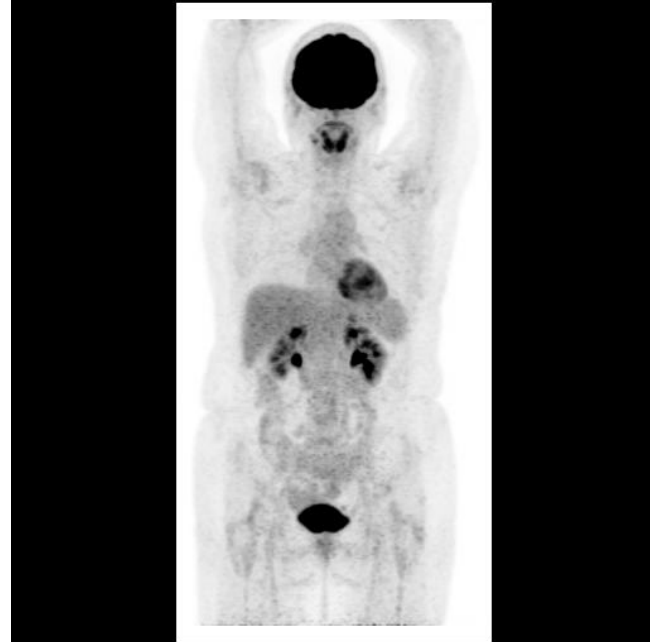
Secondary Objectives:

- OS
- ORR
- CBR
- **QoL**
- **Safety**
- **Change in ECOG**

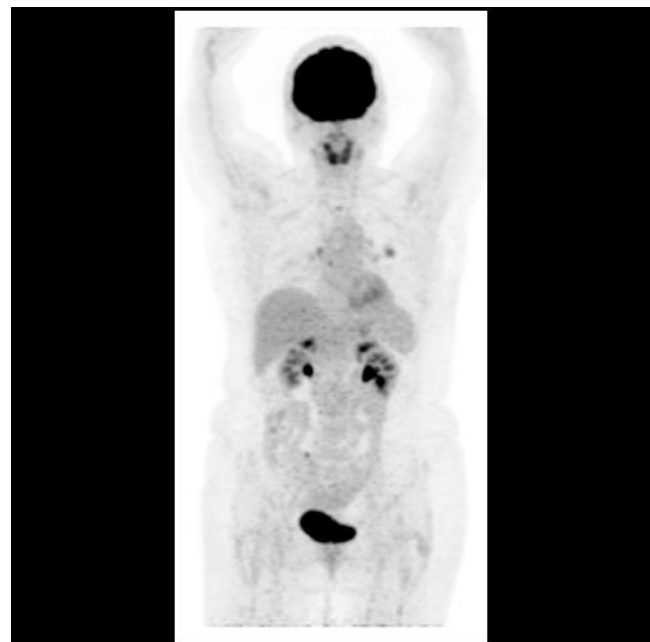
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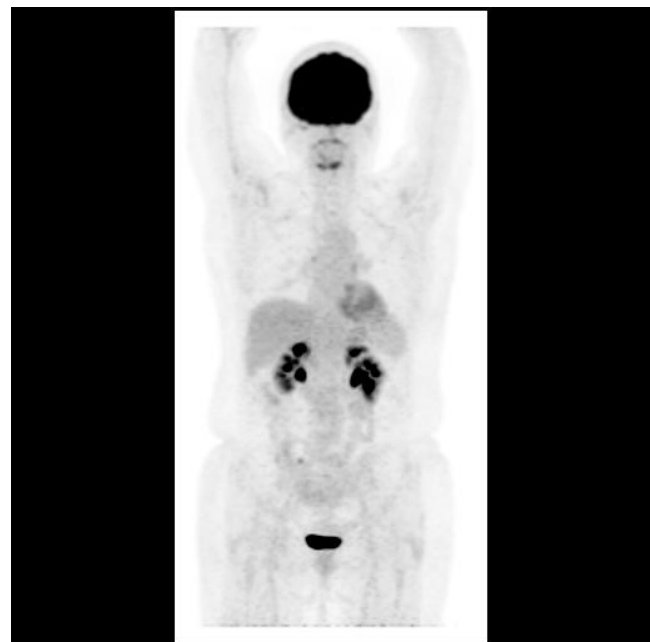
PD: start exemestane



CR on exemestane



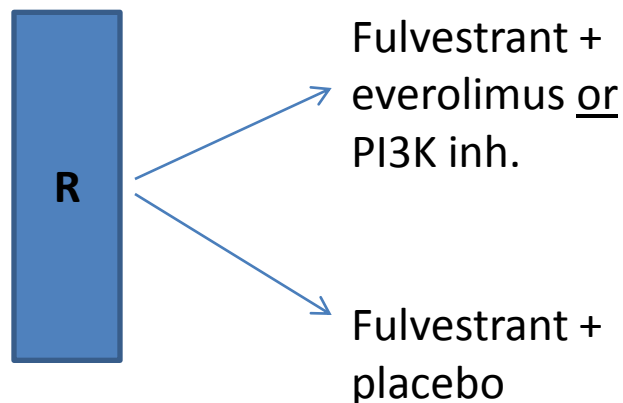
PD: add everolimus



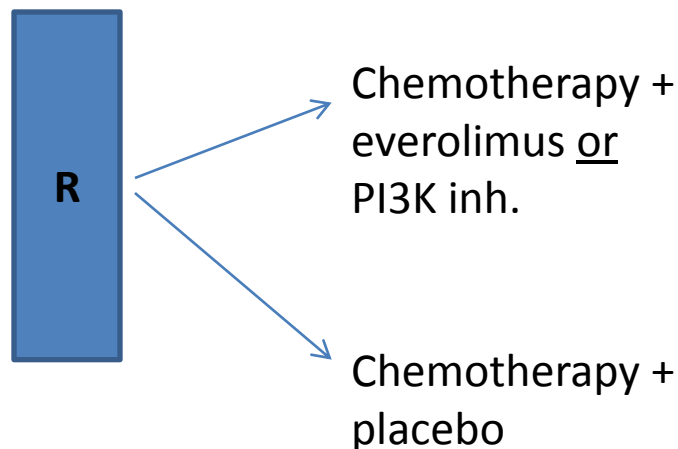
PR on exe + eve

# Exemestane + Everolimus Progressing Patients : Is There Any Rationale to Keep « the Pressure » on the PI3K/mTOR Pathways ?!

- Pts progression on Exemestane + Everolimus
- Pts candidates for endocrine agents



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- Pts progression on Exemestane + everolimus
  - Pts candidates for chemotherapy



# Future Strategies

## Other Combinations?

- mTOR inhibitors + IGF1-R inhibitors
- mTOR inhibitors + PI3K inhibitors
- mTOR inhibitors + CDK 4/6 inhibitors
- .....

## More Specific Inhibition?

- Pan-PI3K inh: BKM120,...
- PI3K-alpha inh: GDC-0032, BYL719,...

Name	Target
BKM120 (Buparlisib)	Pan-PI3K
XL-147	Pan-PI3K
GDC-0941	Pan-PI3K
BYL-719	p110- $\alpha$
GDC-0032	p110- $\alpha$
INK-1117	p110- $\alpha$

PI3K inh in Clinical Trials

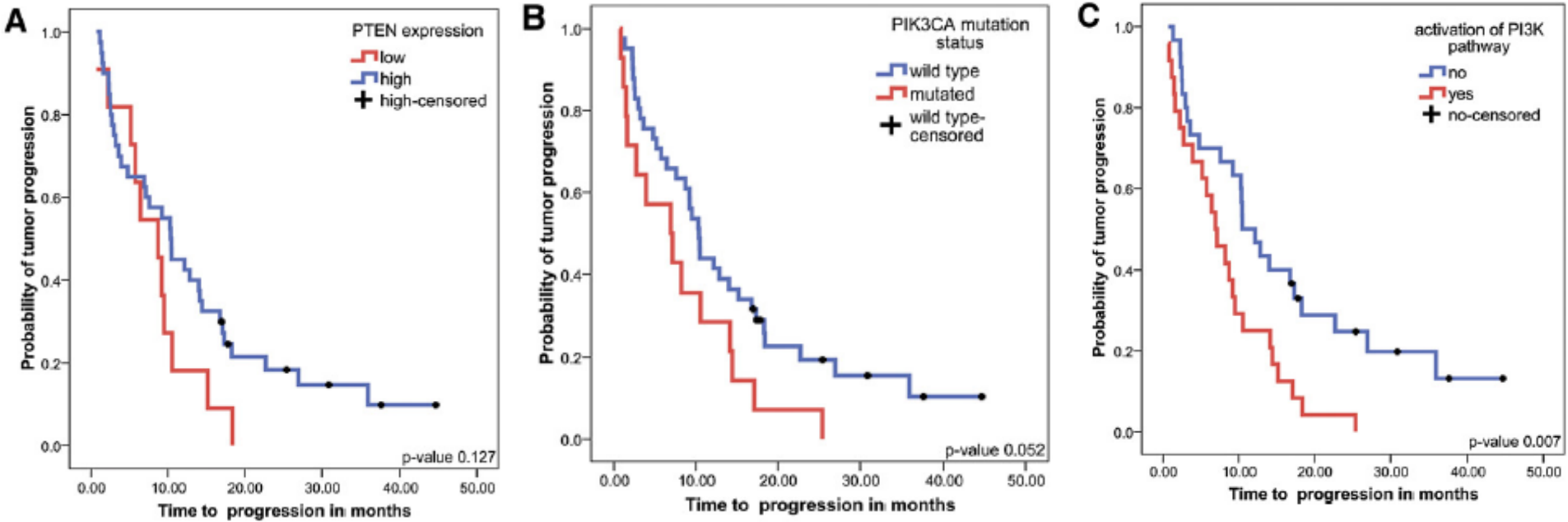
# Ongoing Adjuvant Trials of Everolimus in ER+ BC

Phase	Setting	Trial Population	Treatment Schema	Objective	Trial Identification
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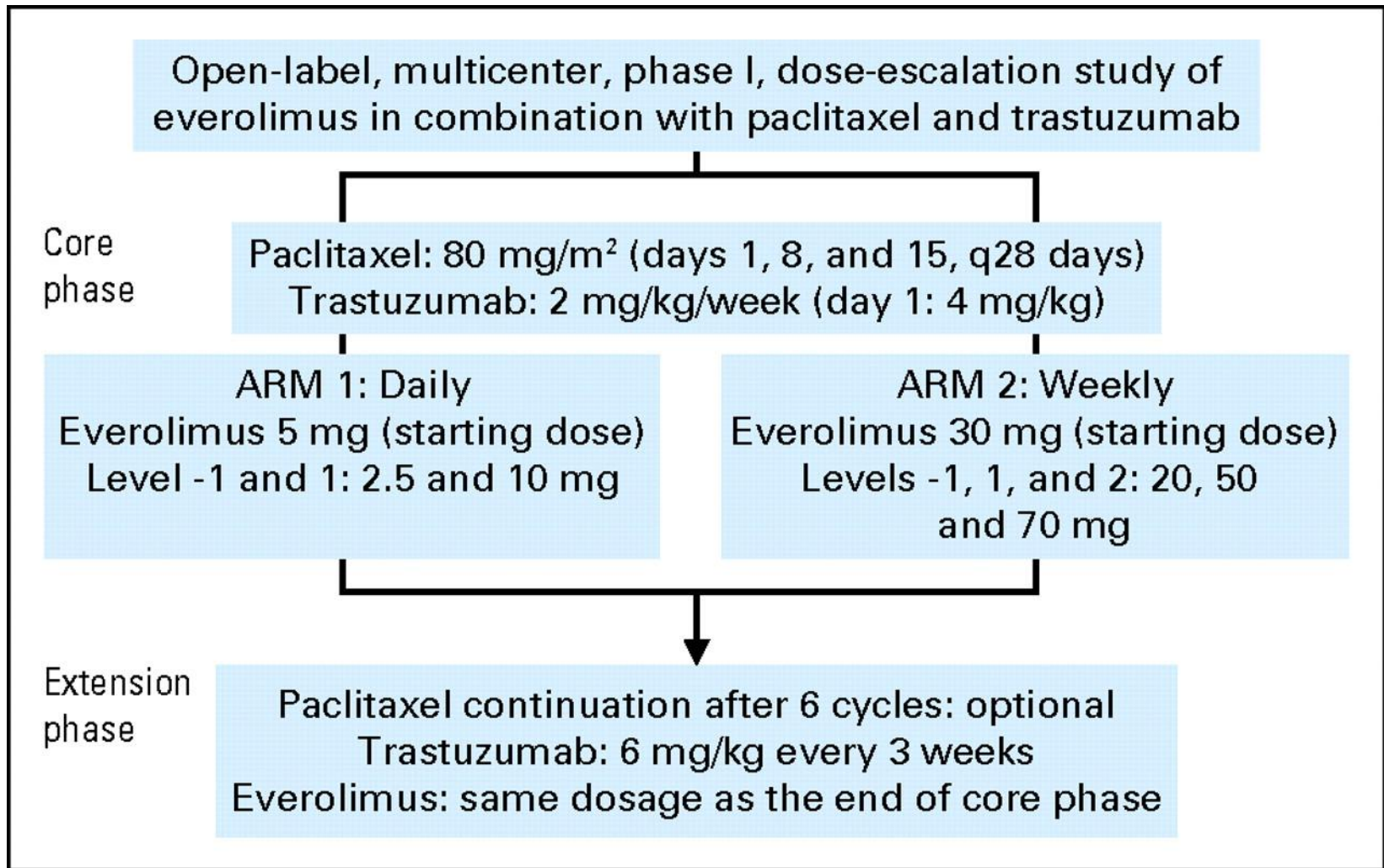
3	Adjuvant	At least 4+ LNs after surgery or at least 1+ LN if neoadjuvant chemotherapy	Everolimus 10 mg/day or placebo add-on to endocrine treatment after 3 years of start to complete 5 years	<u>Primary:</u> DFS	NCT01805271
3		High risk early breast cancer	Everolimus 10 mg/day or placebo for 1 year add-on to adjuvant endocrine treatment	<u>Primary:</u> DFS	NCT01674140

**HER-2 positive Breast Cancer**

# PI3K-AKT-mTOR and Trastuzumab Resistance



**Phase I trial: Study design. q28 days, every 28 days.**



Andre F et al. JCO 2010;28:5110-5115



# Everolimus + Trastuzumab-chemo Combo after Progression on Trastuzumab-chemo

**Table 1.** Baseline Patient Demographic and Clinical Characteristics

Characteristic	Everolimus Cohort							
	5 mg Daily (n = 6)		10 mg Daily (n = 17)		30 mg Each Week (n = 10)		All (N = 33)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Resistant to trastuzumab‡	6	100	17	100	9	90	32	97
Pretreated with taxanes	6	100	16	94	9	90	31	94
Resistant to taxanes‡	5	83	6	35	2	20	13	39

Best Response	5 mg Daily (n = 5)		10 mg Daily (n = 13)		30 mg Each Week (n = 9)		All (N = 27)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
CR	1	20	1	8	0	0	2	7
PR	4	80	3	23	3	33	10	37
SD	0	0	8	62	5	56	13	48
PD	0	0	1	8	1	11	2	7
Clinical benefit rate, CR + PR + (SD ≥ 24 weeks)	5	100	8	62	7	78	20	74

Andre F et al.  
J Clin Oncol 2010

# Ongoing Phase III Trials with Everolimus + Chemo + Trastuzumab

	Patient population	N	Design	Treatment Arms	Stratification factors	Endpoints	Results
BOLERO-1	HER2+ ABC. First-line.	719	Randomization 2:1	Everolimus or placebo 10 mg/d + Paclitaxel 80 mg/m <sup>2</sup> days 1-8-15 + Trastuzumab 2 mg/Kg weekly: 28-day cycle	- Prior adjuvant or neo-adjuvant trastuzumab - Visceral metastases	- Primary: PFS - Secondary: ORR, OS, safety, PK, biomarkers	Not yet reported.
BOLERO-3	HER2+ ABC. Prior taxane therapy and resistance to trastuzumab	569	Randomization 1:1	Everolimus or placebo 5 mg/d + Vinorelbine 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> days 1-8-15 + Trastuzumab 2 mg/Kg days 1-8-15: 21-day cycle	Prior lapatinib Number of prior chemotherapy regimens for advanced disease (1 versus 2-3)	Primary: PFS Secondary: OS, ORR, safety, PROs, lab measures	PFS: 7 months versus 5.78 months in favor of everolimus *

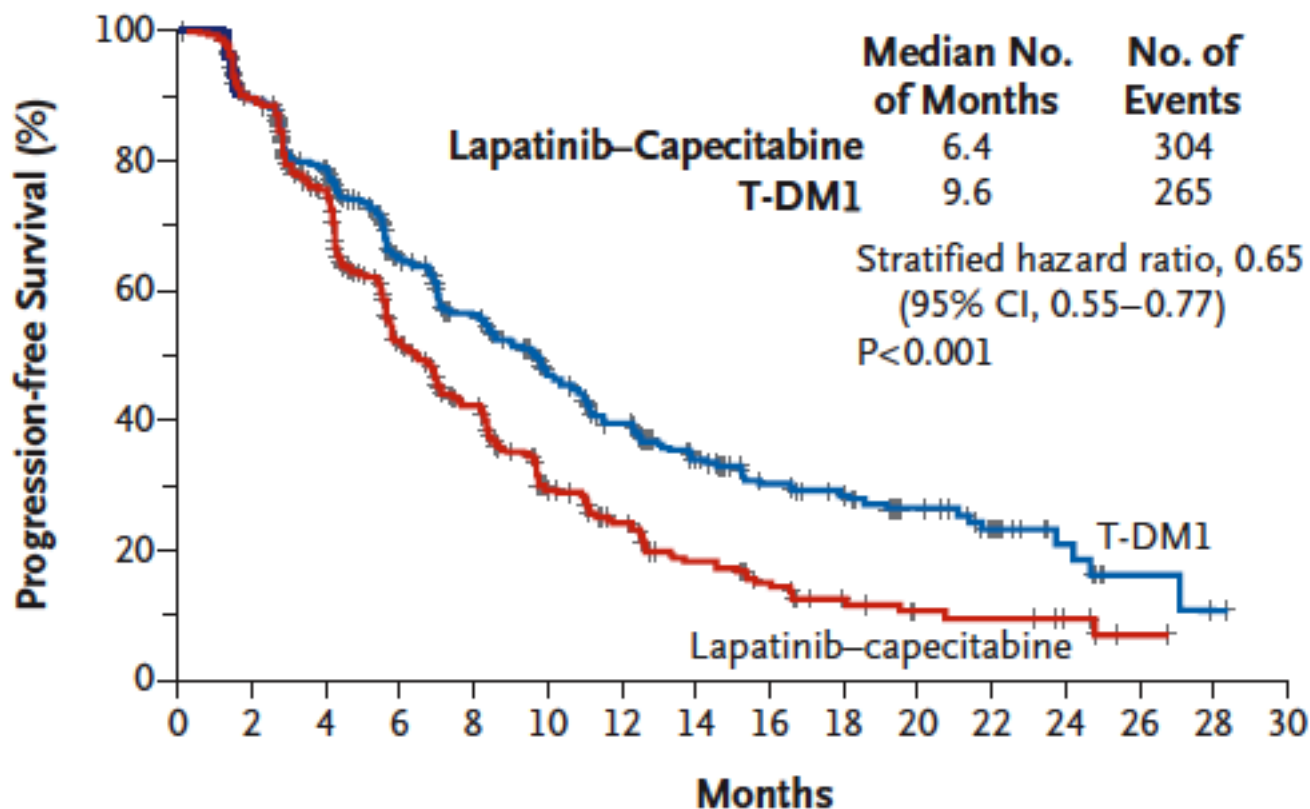
BOLERO-1: ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT00876395

BOLERO-3: J Clin Oncol 31, 2013 (suppl; abstr 505)

# Trials with Anti-HER2 Agents and mTOR Inhibitors

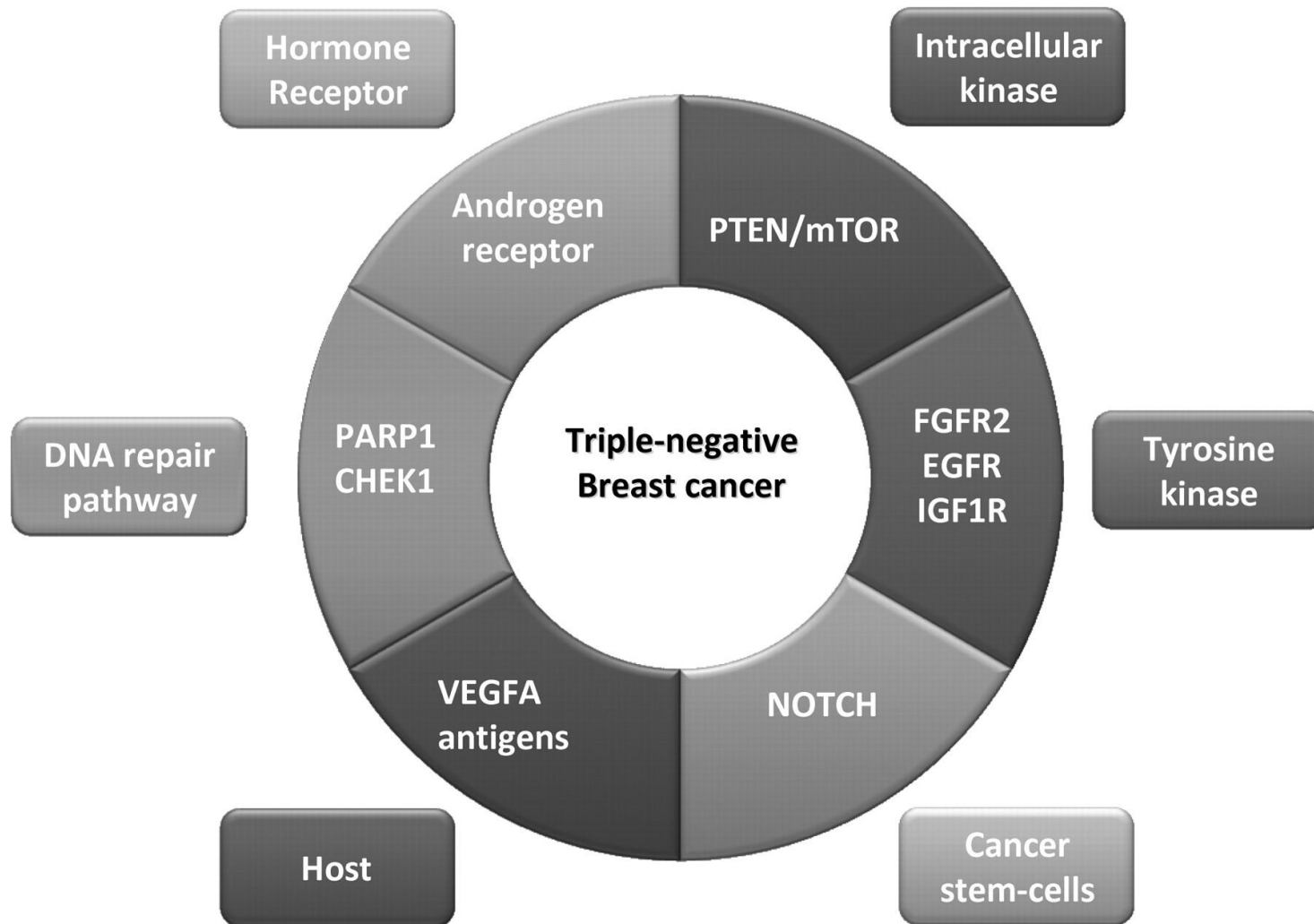
Phase	Setting	Trial population	mTOR inhibitor	Anti-HER-2 agent	Chemotherapy	Endocrine agent
1b/2	Metastatic	HER-2+, trastuzumab refractory	Temsirolimus	Neratinib	None	None
2	Metastatic	HER-2+, trastuzumab refractory	Ridaforolimus	Trastuzumab	None	None
2	Metastatic	HER-2+, CNS metastases allowed	Everolimus	Lapatinib	None	None
2	Metastatic	HER-2+ with brain metastases	Everolimus	Trastuzumab	Vinorelbine	None
1b/2	Metastatic	HER-2+ with brain metastases	Everolimus	Lapatinib	Capecitabine	None
2	Metastatic	ER+, HER-2 + or - after progression on lapatinib and letrozole	Everolimus	Lapatinib	None	Letrozole

# What role for mTOR inhibitors in HER-2+ BC in the era of T-DM1?



# Triple Negative Breast Cancer

## Candidate targets and pathways in triple-negative breast cancer.



Berrada N et al. Ann Oncol 2010;21:vii30-vii35

# TCGA Breast Cancer

Subtype	Basal-like
ER <sup>+</sup> /HER2 <sup>-</sup> (%)	10
HER2 <sup>+</sup> (%)	2
TNBCs (%)	80
TP53 pathway	TP53 mut (84%); gain of <i>MDM2</i> (14%)
PIK3CA/PTEN pathway	PIK3CA mut (7%); PTEN mut/loss (35%); INPP4B loss (30%)
RB1 pathway	RB1 mut/loss (20%); cyclin E1 amp (9%); high expression of <i>CDKN2A</i> ; low expression of <i>RB1</i> Basal signature; high proliferation
mRNA expression	
Copy number	Most aneuploid; high genomic instability; 1q, 10p gain; 8p, 5q loss; <i>MYC</i> focal gain (40%)
DNA mutations	TP53 (84%); PIK3CA (7%)
DNA methylation	Hypomethylated
Protein expression	High expression of DNA repair proteins, PTEN and INPP4B loss signature (pAKT)

“PI(3)K pathway activity, whether from gene, protein, or high PI(3)K/AKT pathway activities, was highest in basal-like cancers: loss of PTEN and INPP4B and/or amplification of PIK3CA”

# Clinical trials testing everolimus in TNBC

Trial	Treatment	Setting	Class	Phase	n	pCR	Other endpoints
MDACC (Gonzalez-Angulo, ASCO 2012)	Paclitaxel +/- Everolimus  Followed by FEC	neoadjuvant	TNBC	II R	50	30% vs 26%	Clinical response: T+R: 48% T: 30% P=0.075
Vanderbilt (PI: I. Mayer)	CISPLATIN + Paclitaxel +/- everolimus	Neoadjuvant	TNBC	II R	130	Ongoing (recruitment finished)	

**Trend for efficacy in combination with paclitaxel**  
**Combination with cisplatin: results available soon**



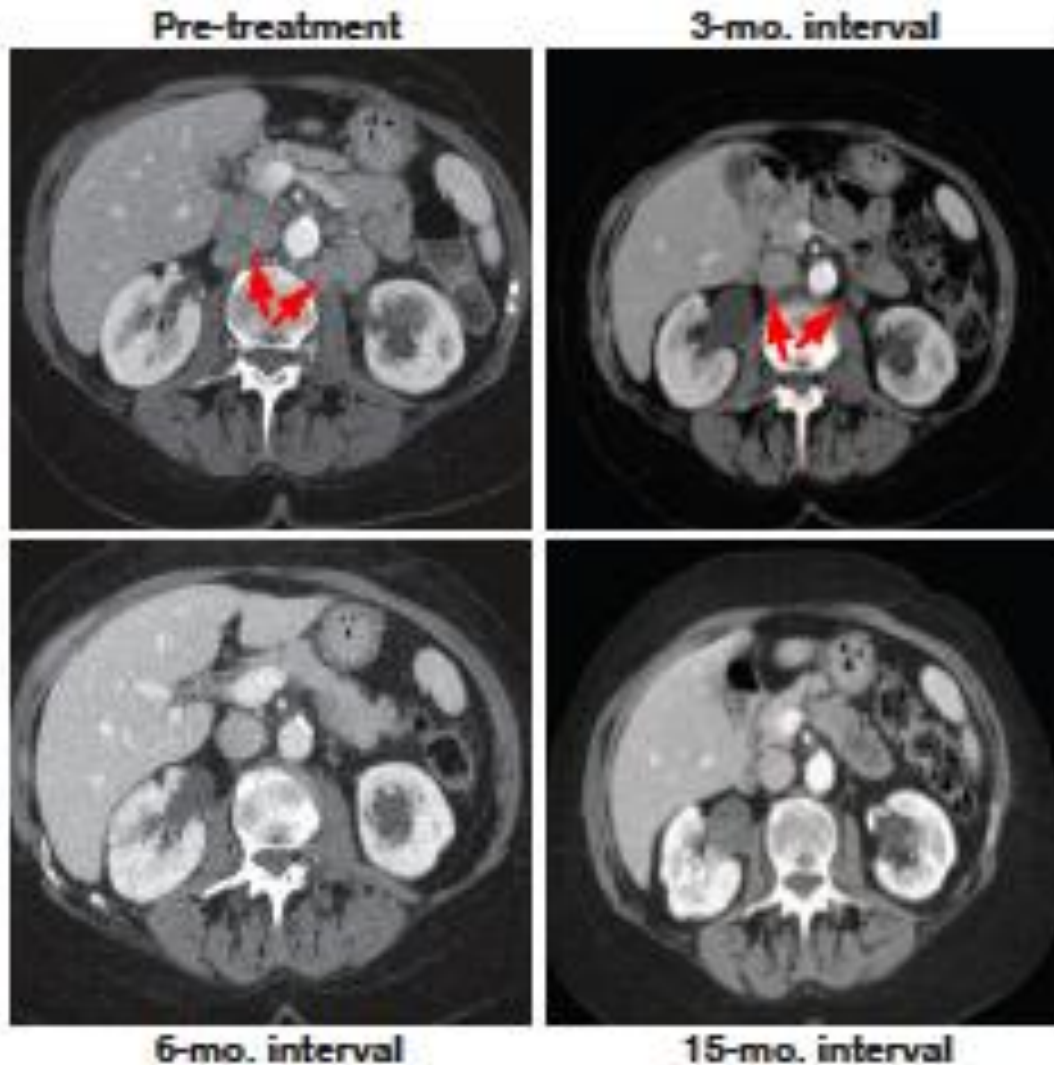
# A randomized phase II neoadjuvant study of cisplatin, paclitaxel with or without everolimus in patients with stage II/III TNBC

	Everolimus	Placebo
Evaluable Patients	82	38
pCR	35%	42%

Primary Objective: pCR

Biomarkers?

# Everolimus in Bladder Cancer: a failed PFS goal

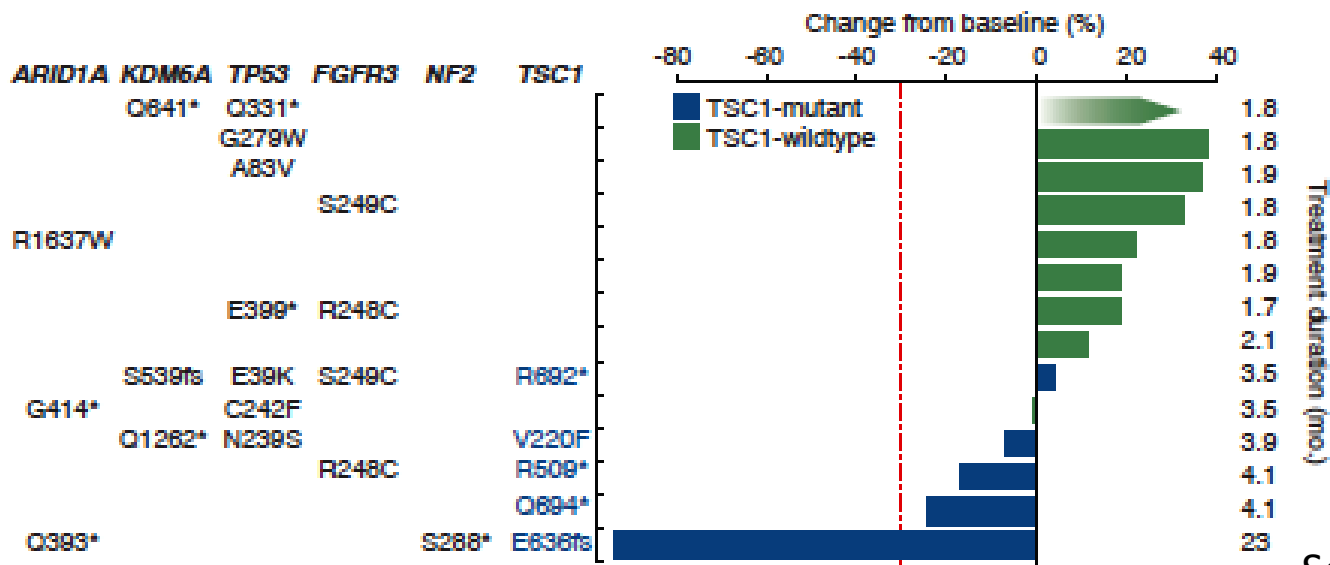
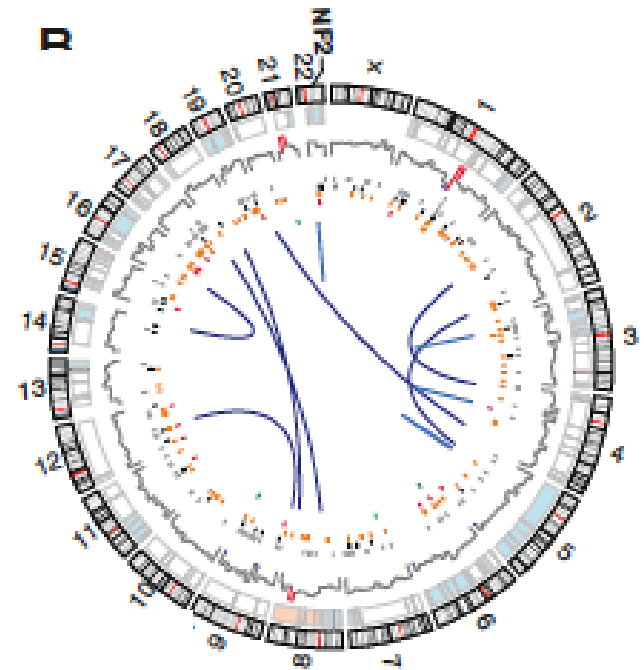


A bladder cancer patient achieving a durable (>2 years) and ongoing complete response to everolimus.

# Genome Sequencing and Everolimus Sensitivity

1- A 2-base-pair deletion in the TSC1 gene resulting in a frameshift truncation (c1907\_1908del, p.Glu836fs)

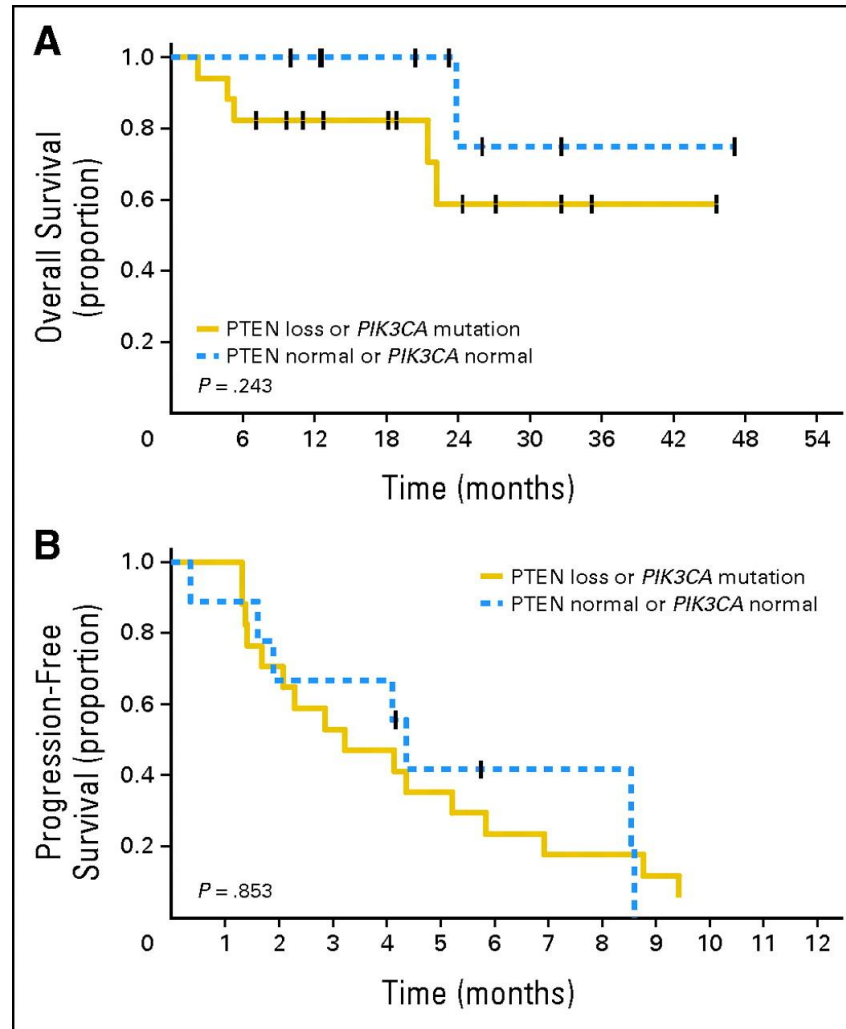
2- A nonsense mutation in the NF2 gene, creating a premature stop codon (c.836C>G, p.Ser288\*)



## Next-Generation Sequencing from BOLERO-2

- Exon sequence and gene copy number variations were analyzed for 182 cancer-related genes by NGS (>250x coverage)
- Archival tumor specimens (mostly primary tumors) from 227 patients (157 in everolimus arm)
- Patients with no or only 1 genetic alteration in PI3K or FGFR pathways, or CCND1, had a greater treatment effect from everolimus (HR = 0.27, 95% CI 0.18-0.41, adjusted by covariates, in 76% of the NGS population)
- **PI3K mutations not predictive!**

**Effect of the presence of phosphatase and tensin homolog (PTEN) loss or PIK3CA mutation (A) on overall survival and (B) progression-free survival.**

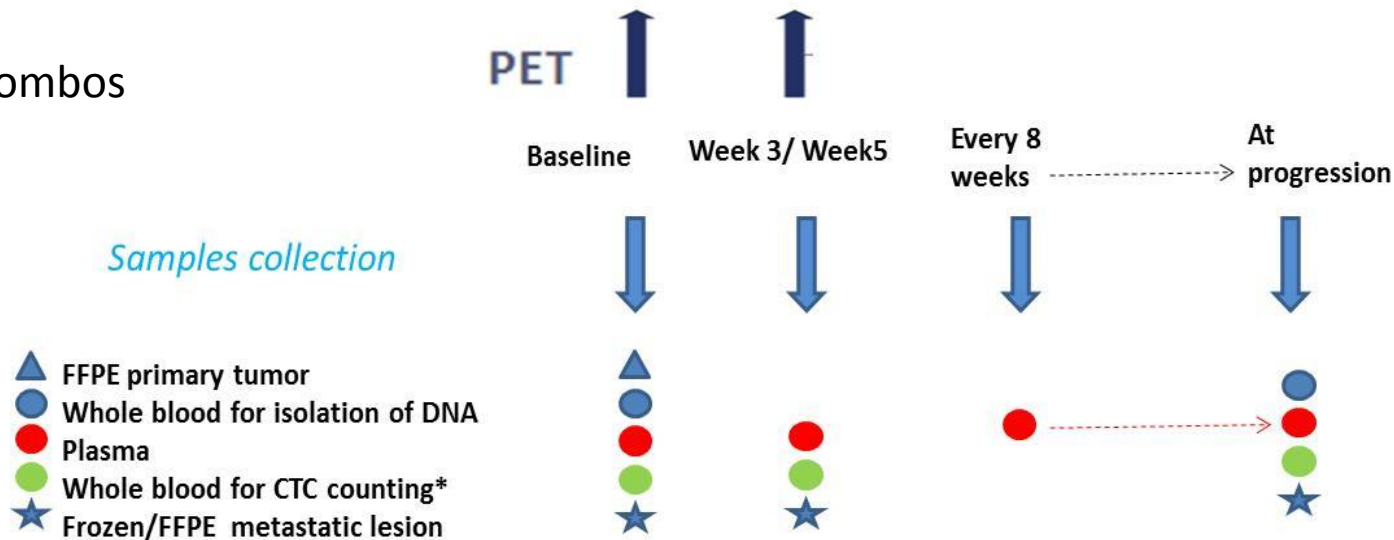


Morrow P K et al. JCO 2011;29:3126-3132

# Nuclear Imaging: PEARL trial



PI: A. Gombos



\* For Bordet only

- Biopsy of metastases is mandatory for patients with accessible lesions
- The second biopsy (at progression) will be taken from accessible non-metabolic responding sites
- Biopsy at FDG-PET/CT will be done only in patients with subcutaneous metastases



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**Aiming to Understand the Molecular Aberrations in Metastatic  
Breast Cancer  
The AURORA PROGRAM**

**30 European centers  
1300 patients  
400 genes  
ctDNA  
RNAseq**



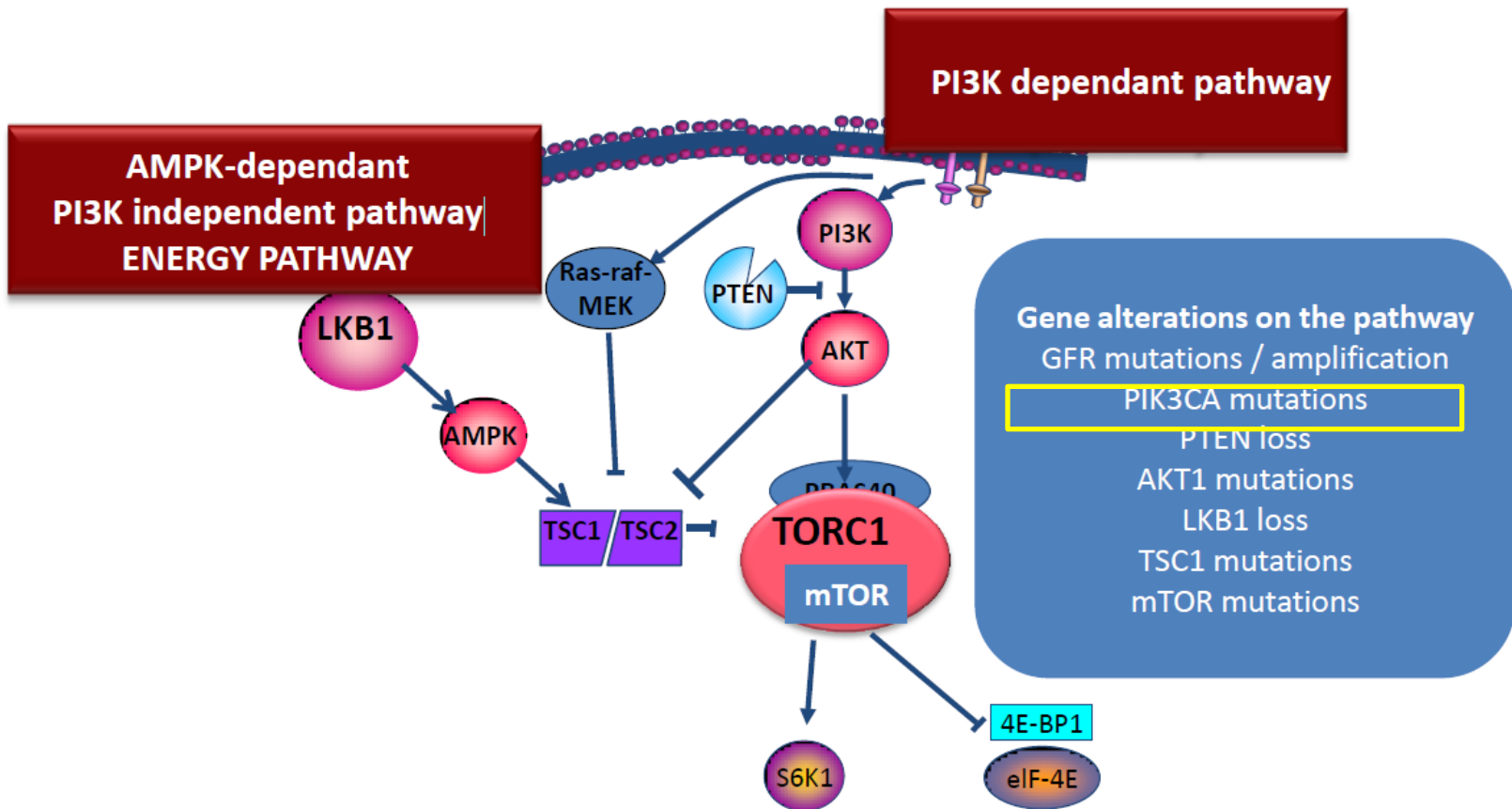
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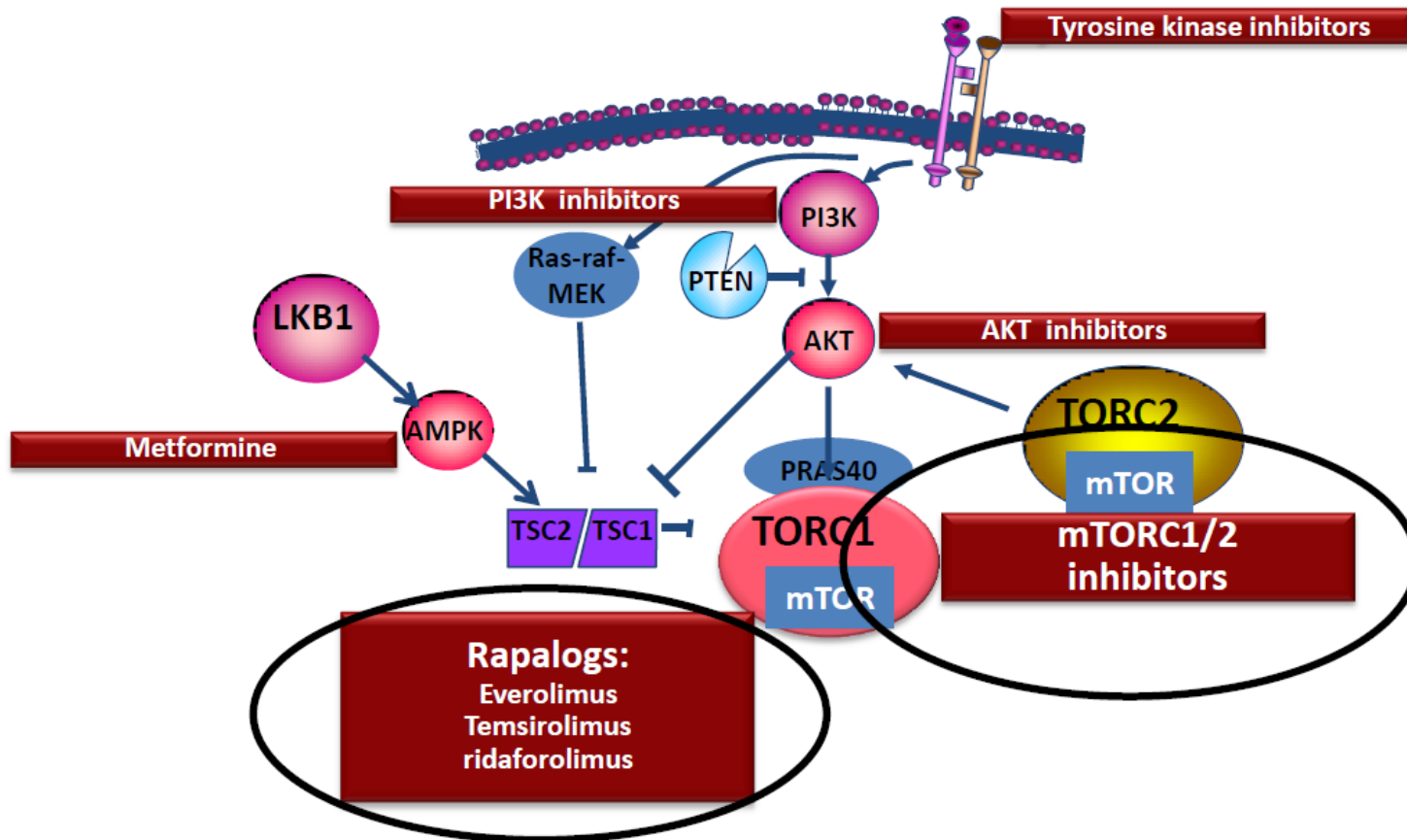
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Backup slides

# Mechanisms of TORC1 activation in cancer cells



# Drugs targeting mTOR pathway



# Rapalogs + Her2 inhibitors: Phase I/II Data

Study/Patient population	Treatments	N	Outcome
Disease progression on/after trastuzumab (Morrow, J Clin Oncol, 2012)	Everolimus, trastuzumab (without chemotherapy)	47	Clinical benefit:34% ORR: 15%
PD on/after trastuzumab (Andre, J Clin Oncol, 2010)	Everolimus, trastuzumab, paclitaxel	33	ORR: 44%
PD on/after trastuzumab (Jerusalem, BCRT, 2011)	Everolimus, trastuzumab, vinorelbine	50	ORR: 19%
Refractory to trastuzumab AND taxanes (Dalenc, ASCO, 2011)	Everolimus, trastuzumab, paclitaxel	55	Clinical benefit:40% ORR: 20%
PD after trastu (Gajria, ASCO, 2011)	Temsirolimus / neratinib	6	4 PR / 6

**mTOR inhibitors overcome resistance to trastuzumab in phase I/II trials  
Is it medically useful ?**