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# CLINICAL TOPIC NEWSLETTER

## ELACESTRANT IN ER+/HER2- MBC WITH *ESR1*-MUT TUMOURS: OVERVIEW OF THE EMERALD SUBGROUP ANALYSIS

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# TREATMENT LANDSCAPE IN ER+/HER2- MBC

# CURRENT FACTORS AFFECTING TREATMENT CHOICES FOR PATIENTS WITH ER+/HER2- MBC

## Disease characteristics

ER+/HER2- mBC is a complex, heterogeneous disease<sup>1</sup>

As disease progresses, most tumors develop endocrine resistance<sup>2</sup>



## Patient characteristics

**Key factors:**  
performance status, imminent organ failure, menopausal status, prior lines of therapy<sup>1</sup>



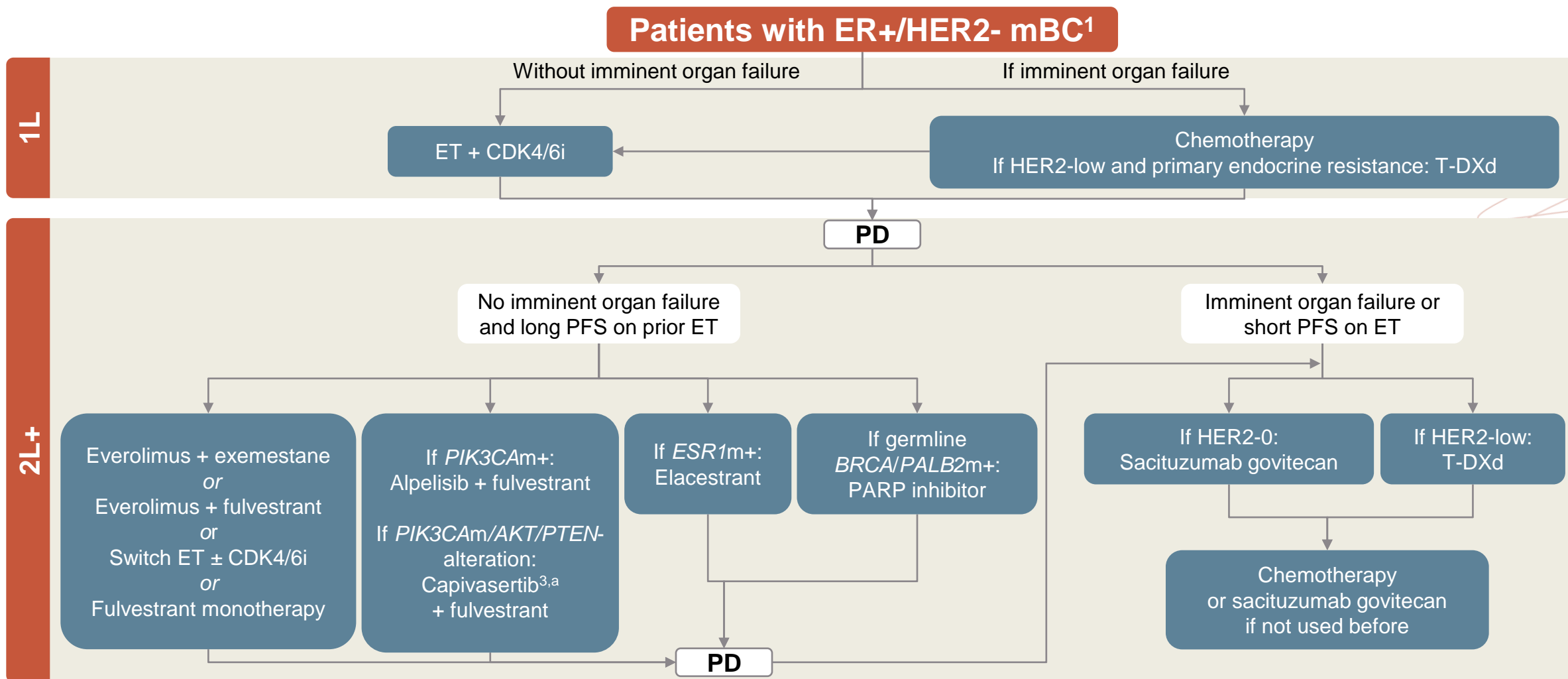
## Genomic landscape

Molecular mechanisms underlying endocrine sensitivity and resistance are multifold<sup>1-3</sup>

Key biomarkers:  
*PIK3CA*, *ESR1*,  
*BRCA/PALB2*<sup>1-3</sup>



# TREATMENT CHOICES FOR PATIENTS WITH ER+/HER2- MBC ARE DRIVEN BY ENDOCRINE SENSITIVITY STATUS AND BIOMARKERS<sup>1,2</sup>

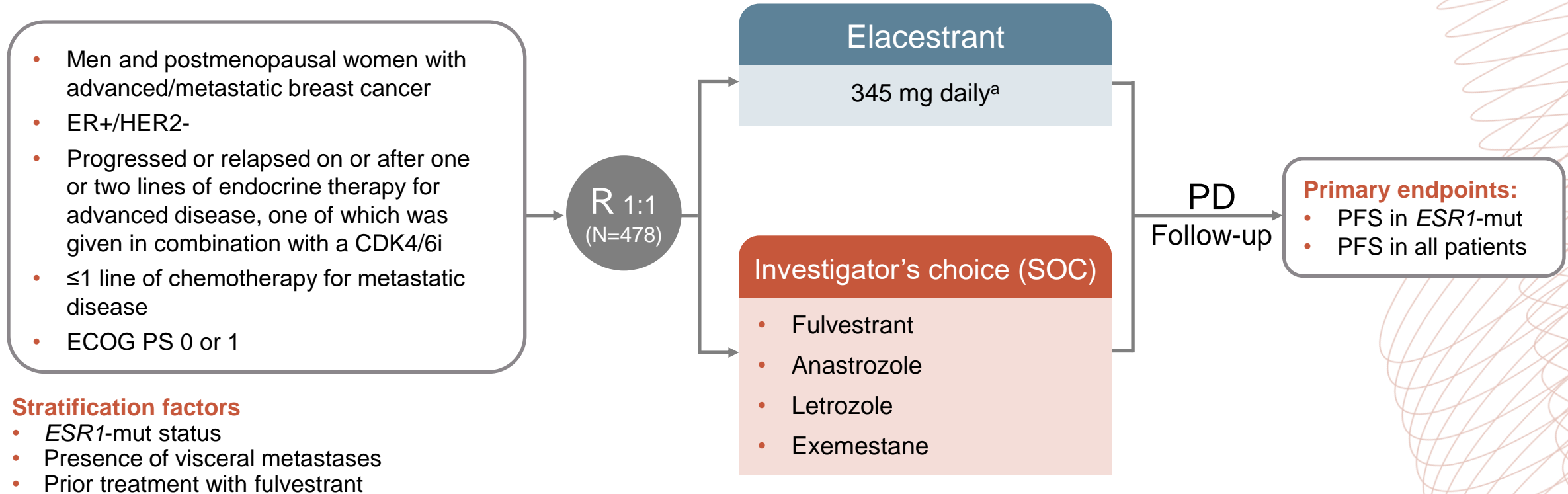


<sup>a</sup> Capivasertib may be used following recurrence or progression on or after an ET-based regimen. mBC, Metastatic breast cancer; BRCA, BRCA1/2; CDK4/6i, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitor; ER, estrogen receptor; ESR1, estrogen receptor 1; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; m, mutation; PALB2, partner and localizer of BRCA2; PARP, poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase; PD, progressive disease; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan  
Adapted from: 1. Gennari A, et al. Ann Oncol. 2021;32(12):1475-95. ESMO Metastatic Breast Cancer Living Guidelines. V1.1 May 2023; 2. Bardia, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2024; Online ahead of print; 3. Truqqap (capivasertib) SmPC 2024

# EMERALD TRIAL OVERVIEW

# EMERALD: PHASE 3 TRIAL OF ELACESTRANT VS SOC ENDOCRINE THERAPY

100% of patients HAD received prior CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy



<sup>a</sup> 345 mg of elacestrant is equivalent to 400 mg of elacestrant dihydrochloride.

mBC, Metastatic breast cancer; CDK4/6i, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitor; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status;

ER, estrogen receptor; *ESR1*, estrogen receptor 1 mutation; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; R, randomization; SOC, standard of care.

Bidard FC, et al. J Clin Oncol 2022;40:3246-56

# EMERALD TRIAL BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1,2</sup>

	Elacestrant		SOC	
	All (N=239)	ESR1-mut (N=115)	All (N=239)	ESR1-mut (N=113)
<b>Median age, years (range)</b>	63 (24-89)	64 (28-89)	63 (32-83)	63 (32-83)
<b>Female, n (%)</b>	233 (97.5)	115 (100)	238 (99.6)	113 (100)
<b>ECOG PS, n (%)</b>				
0	143 (59.8)	67 (58.3)	135 (56.5)	62 (54.9)
1	96 (40.2)	48 (41.7)	103 (43.1)	51 (45.1)
<b>Visceral metastasis<sup>a</sup>, n (%)</b>	163 (68.2)	81 (70.4)	170 (71.1)	84 (74.3)
<b>Prior CDK4/6 inhibitor, n (%)</b>	239 (100)	115 (100)	239 (100)	113 (100)
<b>No. of prior lines of endocrine therapy in the advanced or metastatic setting, n (%)</b>				
1	129 (54.0)	73 (63.5)	142 (59.4)	69 (61.1)
2	110 (46.0)	42 (36.5)	97 (40.6)	44 (38.9)
<b>Prior therapies for advanced or metastatic disease, n (%)</b>				
Fulvestrant	70 (29.3)	27 (23.5)	75 (31.4)	28 (24.8)
Aromatase inhibitor	193 (80.8)	101 (87.8)	194 (81.2)	96 (85.0)
Tamoxifen	19 (7.9)	9 (7.8)	15 (6.3)	9 (8.0)
<b>No. of prior lines of chemotherapy in the advanced or metastatic setting, n (%)</b>				
0	191 (79.9)	89 (77.4)	180 (75.3)	81 (71.7)
1	26 (20.1)	26 (22.6)	59 (24.7)	32 (28.3)

<sup>a</sup> Includes lung, liver, brain, pleural, and peritoneal involvement

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ER, estrogen receptor; ESR1, estrogen receptor 1 mutation; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mBC, metastatic breast cancer;

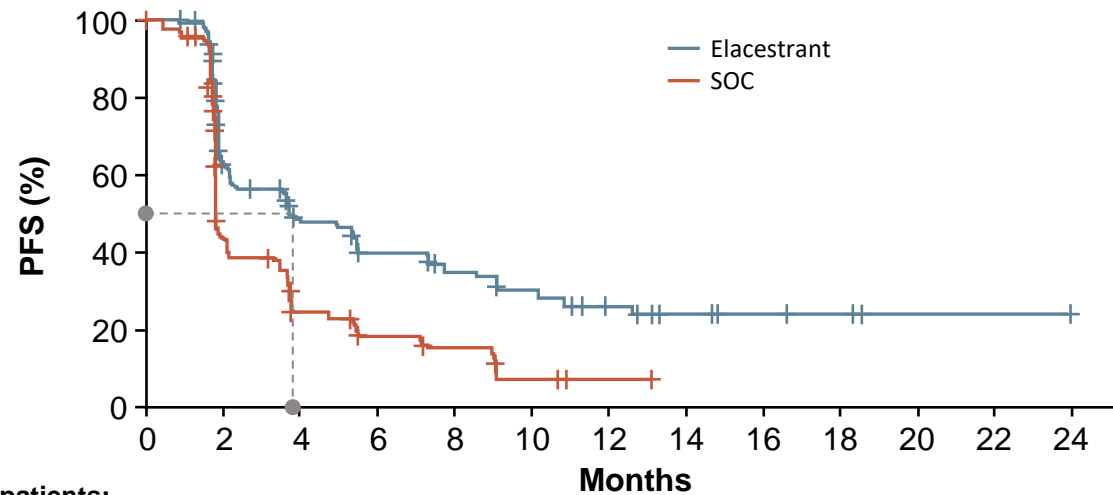
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1. Orserdu (elacestrant) SmPC 2023; 2023; 2. Bardia A, et al. SABCS 2022. Abstract GS3-01



# EMERALD: ELACESTRANT PROVIDES A 45% REDUCTION IN RISK OF PROGRESSION OR DEATH VS SOC IN PATIENTS WITH *ESR1*-MUT

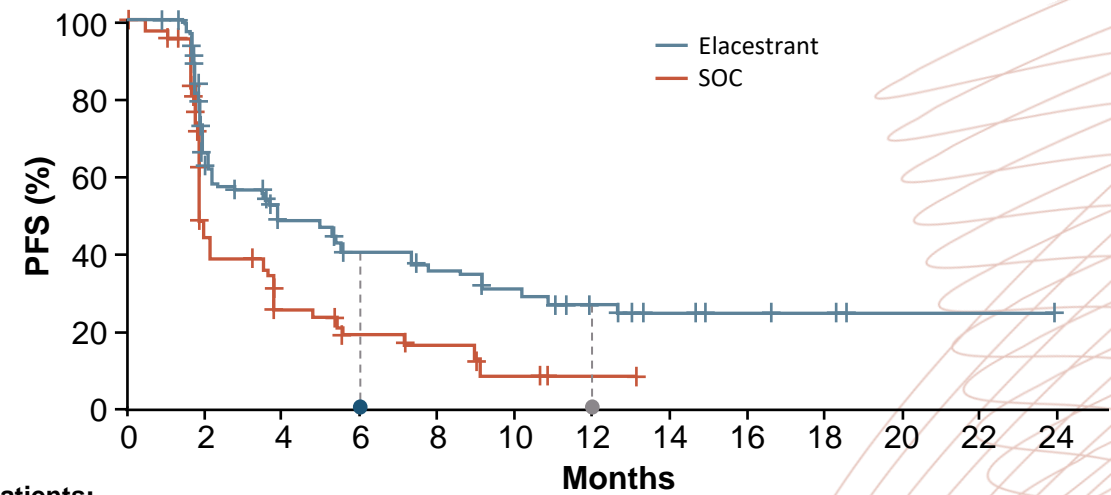
## PFS in patients with *ESR1*-mut: Elacestrant vs SOC



No. of patients:

Elacestrant 115 105 54 46 35 33 26 26 21 20 16 14 11 9 7 5 5 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 0  
 SOC 113 99 39 34 19 18 12 12 9 9 4 1 1 1 0

	Elacestrant (n=115)	SOC (n=113)
<b>mPFS, months</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>HR</b> [95% CI]	<b>0.55</b> [0.39-0.77]	
<b>p-value</b>	0.0005	



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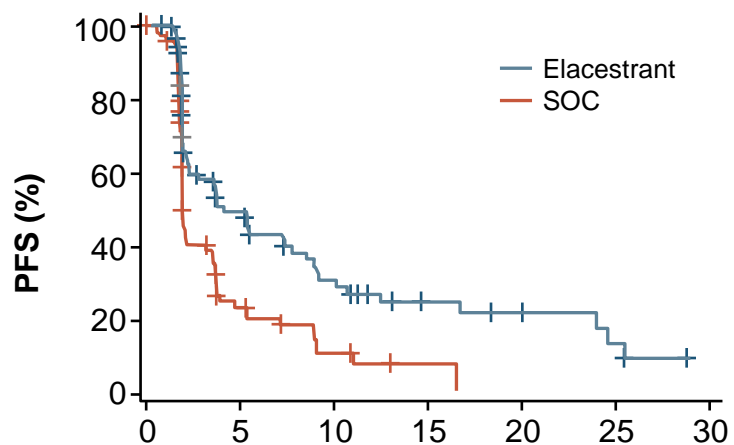
	Elacestrant (n=115)	SOC (n=113)
<b>6-mo PFS, % [95% CI]</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>12-mo PFS, % [95% CI]</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>
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Exploratory analysis; patients without *ESR1*-mut: n=250, 52% of the ITT population  
 CI, confidence interval; *ESR1*, estrogen receptor 1; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention to treat; mo, months; mut, mutation;  
 (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; SOC, standard of care

# EMERALD TRIAL SUBGROUP ANALYSIS

# EMERALD: DURATION OF PRIOR ET + CDK4/6 INHIBITOR THERAPY IS POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH mPFS IN PATIENTS WITH *ESR1*-MUT

≥6 months of prior ET + CDK4/6<sup>a</sup>

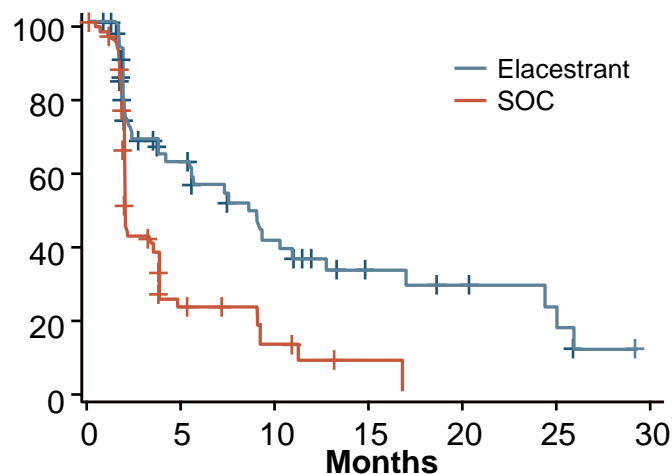


No. of patients:

<b>Elacestrant</b>	103	50	33	25	20	16	11	9	8	7	6	5	5	1	1	0
<b>SOC</b>	102	34	16	11	9	5	2	1	1	0						

	<b>Elacestrant</b> (n=103)	<b>SOC</b> (n=102)
<b>mPFS, mo</b> [95% CI]	<b>4.14</b> [2.20-7.79]	<b>1.87</b> [1.87-3.29]
<b>12-mo PFS, %</b> [95% CI]	<b>26.02</b> [15.12-36.92]	<b>6.45</b> [0.00-13.65]
<b>HR</b> [95% CI]	<b>0.517</b> [0.361-0.738]	

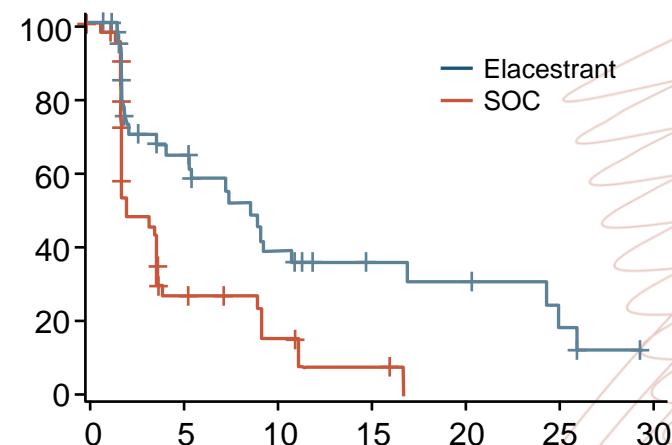
≥12 months of prior ET + CDK4/6<sup>a</sup>



<b>Elacestrant</b>	78	42	31	24	20	16	11	9	8	7	6	5	5	1	1	0
<b>SOC</b>	81	26	12	10	9	5	2	1	1	0						

	<b>Elacestrant</b> (n=78)	<b>SOC</b> (n=81)
<b>mPFS, mo</b> [95% CI]	<b>8.61</b> [4.14-10.84]	<b>1.91</b> [1.87-3.68]
<b>12-mo PFS, %</b> [95% CI]	<b>35.81</b> [21.84-49.78]	<b>8.39</b> [0.00-17.66]
<b>HR</b> [95% CI]	<b>0.410</b> [0.262-0.634]	

≥18 months of prior ET + CDK4/6<sup>a</sup>



<b>Elacestrant</b>	55	30	23	18	16	12	8	8	7	6	6	5	5	1	1	0
<b>SOC</b>	56	21	9	8	7	4	1	1	1	0						

	<b>Elacestrant</b> (n=55)	<b>SOC</b> (n=56)
<b>mPFS, mo</b> [95% CI]	<b>8.61</b> [5.45-16.89]	<b>2.10</b> [1.87-3.75]
<b>12-mo PFS, %</b> [95% CI]	<b>35.79</b> [19.54-52.05]	<b>7.73</b> [0.00-20.20]
<b>HR</b> [95% CI]	<b>0.466</b> [0.270-0.791]	

<sup>a</sup> Post-hoc analysis results are observational in nature. There was no prespecified statistical procedure controlling for type 1 error

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# IN TUMOURS WITH RETAINED ENDOCRINE-SENSITIVITY (LONGER EXPOSURE TO PRIOR ET + CDK4/6i), *ESR1* MUTATIONS ARE A MAIN DRIVER OF DISEASE

<i>Patients with ≥12 months of prior ET + CDK4/6i</i>	% (n)	Elacestrant mPFS, months	SOC mPFS, months	HR [95% CI]
<b>All <i>ESR1</i>-mut patients</b>	<b>100</b> (159)	<b>8.61</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>0.41</b> [0.262–0.634]
<i>PIK3CA</i> -mut <sup>a</sup>	<b>39</b> (62)	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.42</b> [0.18–0.94]
Bone metastases <sup>b</sup>	<b>86</b> (136)	<b>9.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.38</b> [0.23–0.62]
Liver and/or lung metastases <sup>c</sup>	<b>71</b> (113)	<b>7.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.35</b> [0.21–0.59]
<i>TP53</i> -mut	<b>38</b> (61)	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.30</b> [0.13–0.64]
HER2-low expression <sup>d</sup>	<b>48</b> (77)	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.30</b> [0.14–0.60]

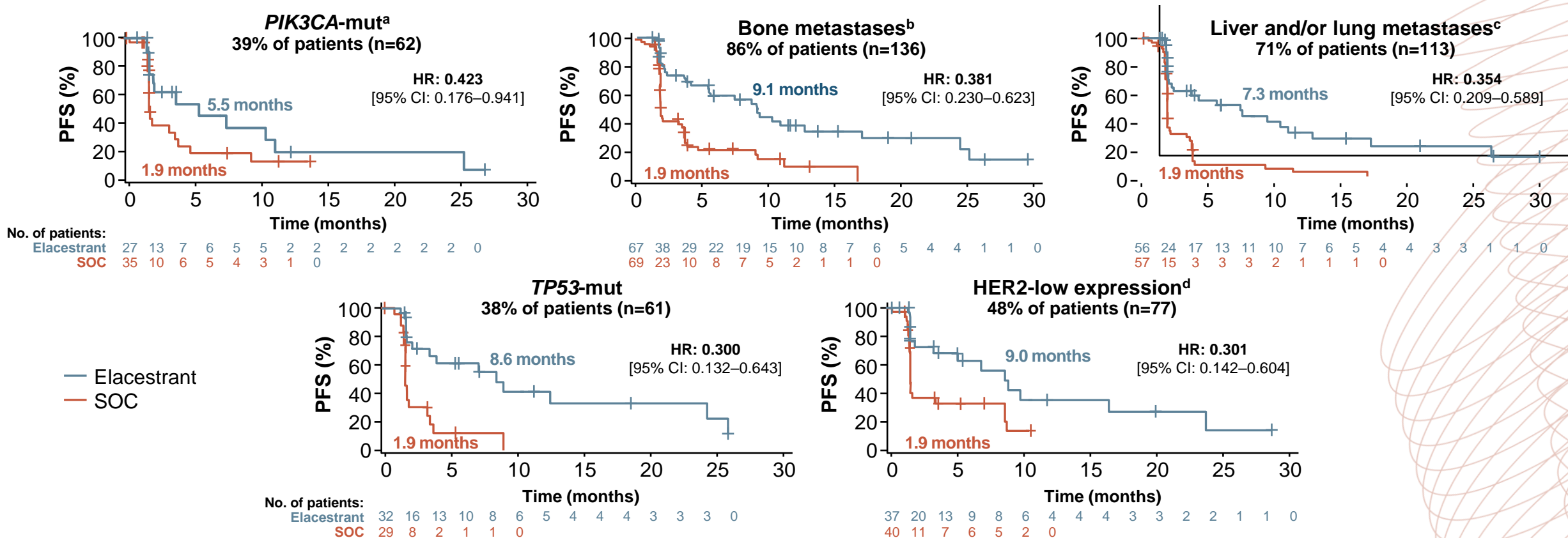
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<3 metastatic sites <sup>a</sup>	<b>52</b> (82)	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.41</b> [0.23-0.75]
≥3 metastatic sites <sup>a</sup>	<b>33</b> (53)	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.31</b> [0.12-0.79]

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<sup>a</sup> The number of metastatic sites was available for 135 of 159 patients with *ESR1*-mutated tumours and prior ET+CDK4/6i ≥12 months

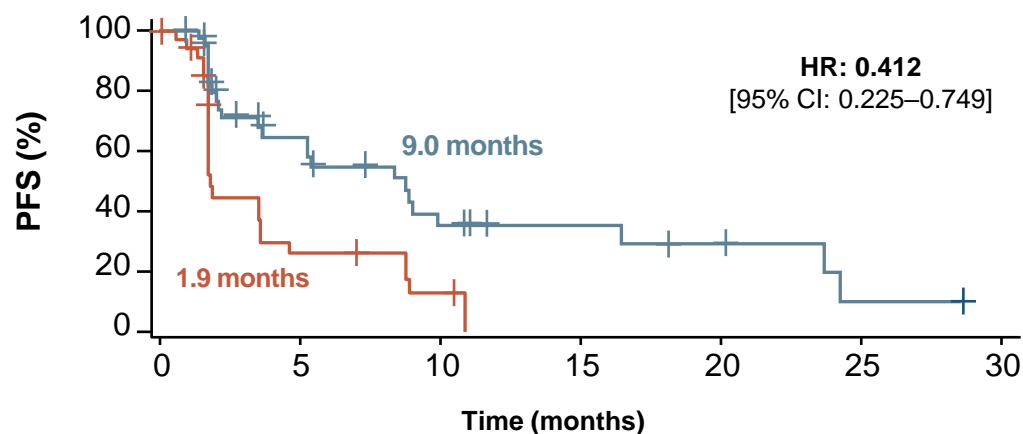
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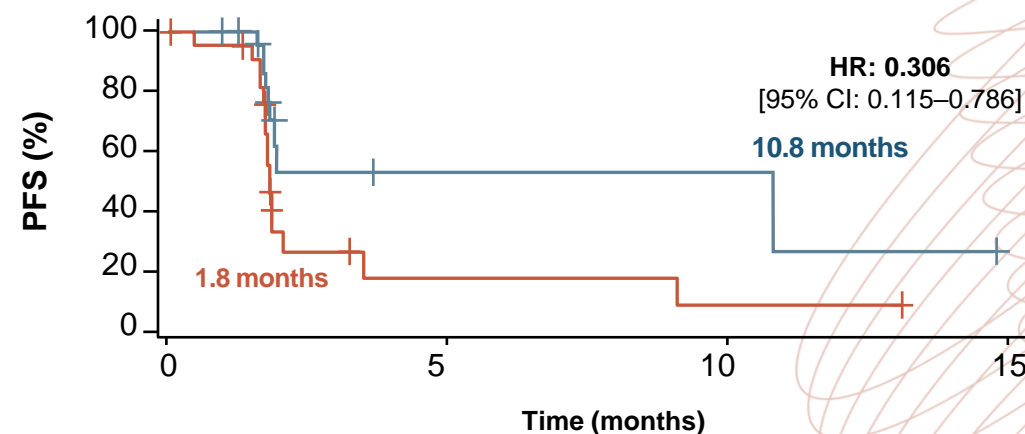
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**<3 metastatic sites<sup>a</sup>**  
52% of patients (n=82)



**$\geq 3$  metastatic sites<sup>a</sup>**  
33% of patients (n=53)



— Elacestrant  
— SOC

No. of patients:	Elacestrant	42	29	20	16	14	10	6	6	6	5	4	3	3	1	1	0
	SOC	40	12	8	7	6	3	0									

	28	6	4	2	2	2	1	1	0
	25	5	2	2	2	1	1	0	

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<b>All <i>ESR1</i>-mut patients</b>	<b>100</b> (159)	<b>8.61</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>0.41</b> [0.262-0.634]
<i>ESR1</i> D538G-mut	<b>61</b> (97)	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.38</b> [0.21-0.67]
<i>ESR1</i> Y537S/N-mut	<b>58</b> (92)	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.25</b> [0.13-0.47]

**90% of patients had one or more *ESR1* mutations detected in the three hot spots presented (D538G, Y537S, and/or Y537N)**

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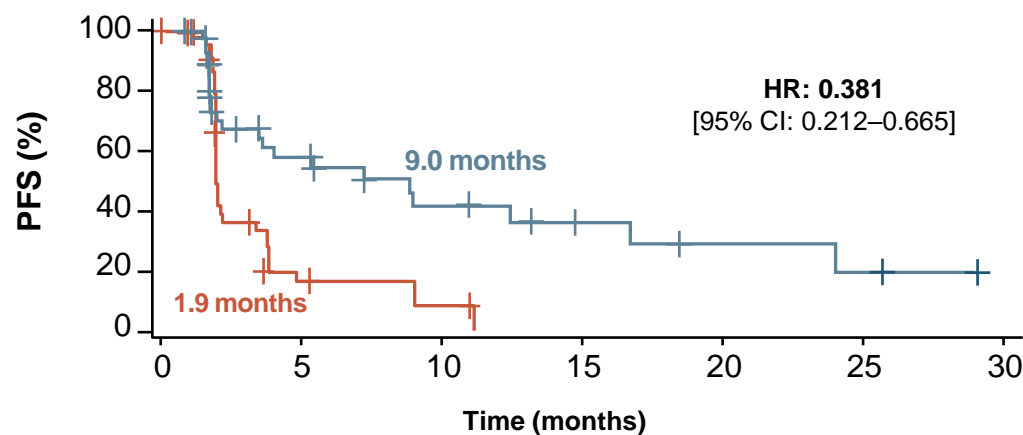
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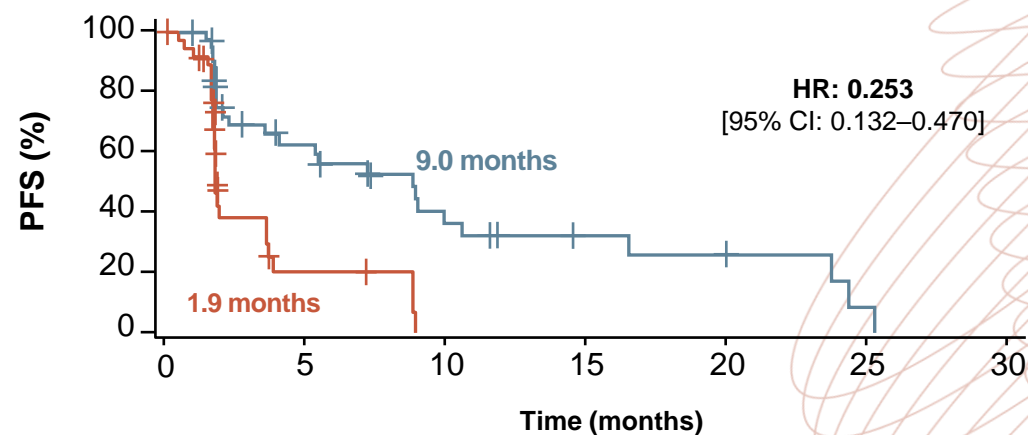
PFS in patients with  $\geq 12$  months of prior ET + CDK4/6i and *ESR1*-mut

***ESR1*-mut D538G variant**  
61% of patients (n=97)



No. of patients:	Elacestrant	48	27	19	14	11	9	8	6	5	4	3	3	3	1	1	0
SOC	49	16	6	4	4	2	0										

***ESR1*-mut Y537S/N variants**  
58% of patients (n=92)



Elacestrant	49	27	20	16	13	10	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	0			
SOC	43	9	4	4	3	0											

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# EMERALD: IN THE OVERALL POPULATION, THE MAJORITY OF ADVERSE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED WERE GRADE 1 OR 2<sup>1</sup>

Most common adverse events ≥10% in either arm in the overall population<sup>1</sup>

Adverse events <sup>1,a</sup>	Elacestrant (n=237)		SOC (n=230)	
	All grades (%)	Grade ≥ 3 (%)	All grades (%)	Grade ≥ 3 (%)
Nausea	35	2.5	19	0.9
Vomiting <sup>b</sup>	19	0.8	9	0
Diarrhoea	13	0	10	1
Constipation	12	0	6	0
Abdominal pain <sup>b</sup>	11	1	10	0.9
Dyspepsia	10	0	2.6	0
Fatigue <sup>b</sup>	26	2	27	1
Decreased appetite	15	0.8	10	0.4
Headache	12	2	12	0
Hot flush	11	0	8	0

Nausea summary <sup>1</sup>	Elacestrant (n=237)	SOC (n=230)
Grade 3 nausea, %	2.5	0.9
Dose-reduction rate due to nausea, %	1.3	NA
Discontinuation rate due to nausea, %	1.3	0
Antiemetic use*, %	8.0	10.3 (AI) 3.7 (fulvestrant)

Nausea was generally reported early, with a median time to first onset of 14 days.<sup>2</sup>

\* Patients may have been on antiemetics prior to enrollment.<sup>1</sup>

- No grade 4 treatment-related AEs were reported<sup>1</sup>
- Treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation were 3.4% and 0.9% in the elacestrant and SOC arms, respectively<sup>1</sup>
- No hematologic safety signal was observed, and none of the patients in either treatment arm had sinus bradycardia<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Adverse events were graded using NCI CTCAE version 5.0; <sup>b</sup> Includes other related terms

AI, aromatase inhibitor; AE, adverse event; ER, estrogen receptor; FUL, fulvestrant; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; NCI CTCAE, National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; SOC, standard of care (fulvestrant or aromatase inhibitor)

1. Bardia A et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2024; Online ahead of print; 2. Stemline. ORSERDU (elacestrant) Summary of Product Characteristics. 2024

# ***ESR1* MUTATION: WHY, WHAT, WHEN AND HOW TO TEST**

# BREAST CANCER IS A DYNAMIC DISEASE WHERE MUTATIONS MAY EMERGE OVER THE COURSE OF 1L MBC TREATMENT

- ESR1 mutations:

## ... are acquired

Breast cancer is a dynamic disease: new mutations develop over the course of treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



## ... are subclonal

Molecular profile can vary between and within tumour sites, with a heterogeneous distribution in tissue<sup>2,3</sup>

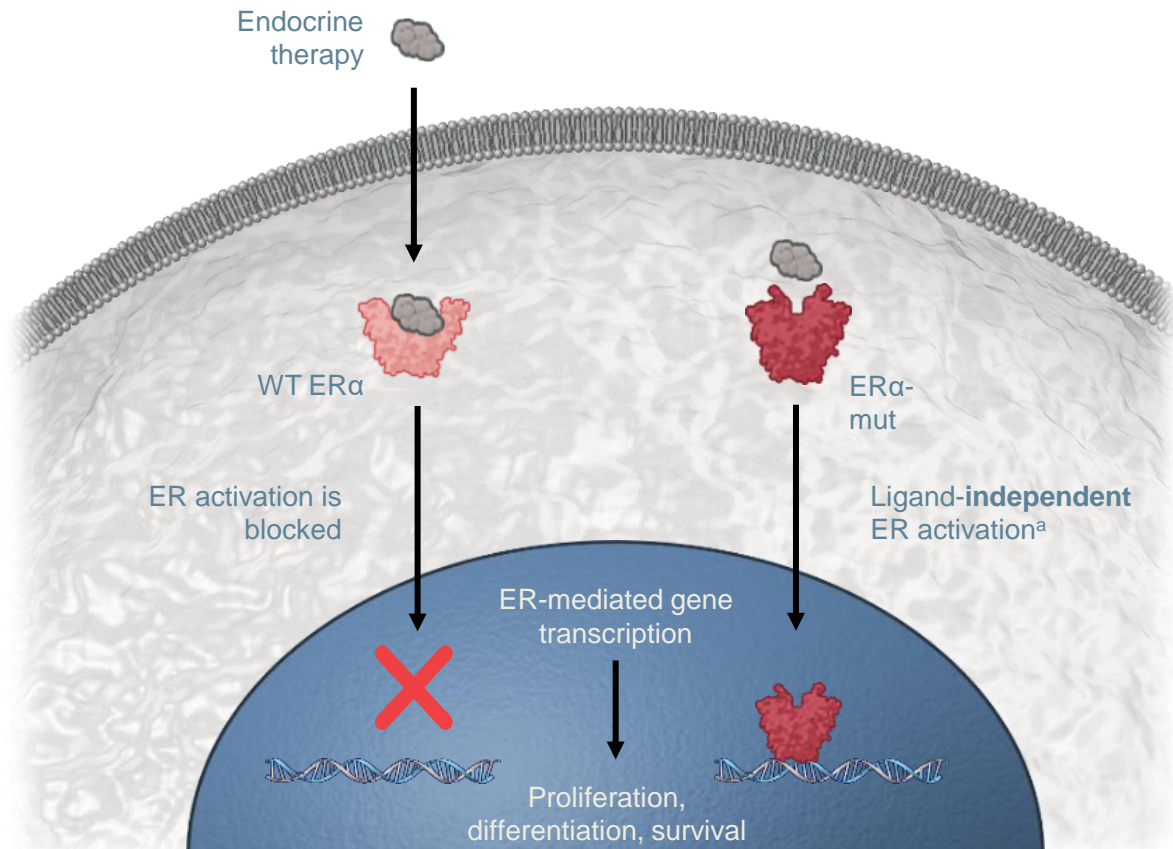


## ... drive treatment decisions

Biomarker profile influences choice of therapy in 2L+<sup>1</sup>



# ESR1 MUTATIONS ARE KEY DRIVERS OF RESISTANCE TO ESTABLISHED ENDOCRINE THERAPIES



- ETs exert their anti-tumour activity by binding to the ligand-binding pocket of the ER and inhibiting the activation of downstream targets<sup>1,2</sup>
- By altering the ligand-binding domain, *ESR1* mutations can also cause endocrine resistance to ETs<sup>1,2</sup>

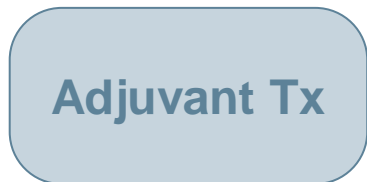
<sup>a</sup>Without the need for estrogen binding

AI, aromatase inhibitor; ER, estrogen receptor; ET, endocrine therapy; LBD, ligand-binding domain; mut, mutant; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NR, nuclear receptor C-terminal domain; SERD, selective estrogen receptor degrader; SERM, selective estrogen receptor modulator; WT, wild-type

Figure adapted from: 1. Bardia A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;379:1946–53; 2. Brett JO. Breast Cancer Res. 2021;23:85.

# LONGER EXPOSURE TO ET IN MBC INCREASES THE CHANCE OF DEVELOPING *ESR1*-MUT DURING TREATMENT, EMERGING IN UP TO 40% OF PATIENTS<sup>1-10</sup>

Early breast cancer<sup>1-3,5,7</sup>

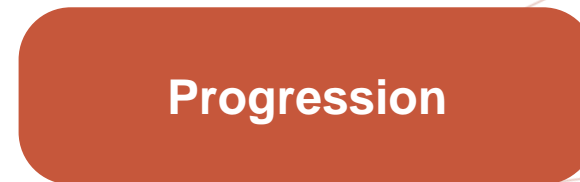
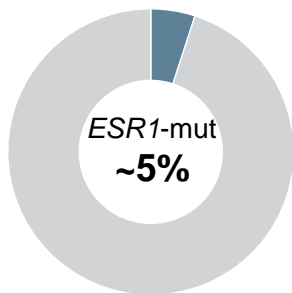


Advanced / metastatic breast cancer<sup>2-9</sup>



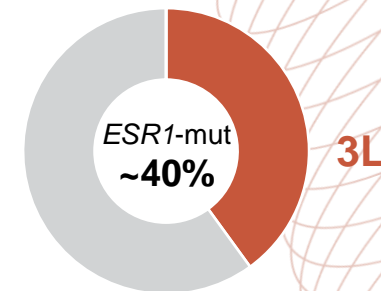
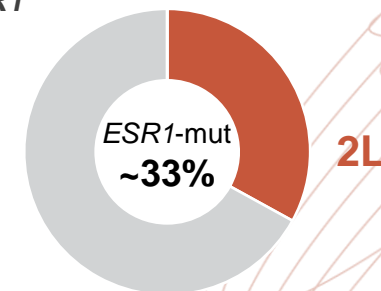
Tissue biopsy to confirm breast cancer and testing for intrinsic mutations

- *PIK3CA/AKT/PTEN*
- *BRCA1/2, PALB2*



Liquid biopsy  
Testing for acquired mutations

- *ESR1*



As *ESR1* mutations occur almost exclusively after ET in the mBC setting,<sup>5</sup> testing for *ESR1*-mut should occur at each progression if not detected previously<sup>10-12</sup>

1L, first line; 2L, second line; 3L, third line; *ESR1*, estrogen receptor 1; ET, endocrine therapy; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; mut, mutation;

*PIK3CA*, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha.

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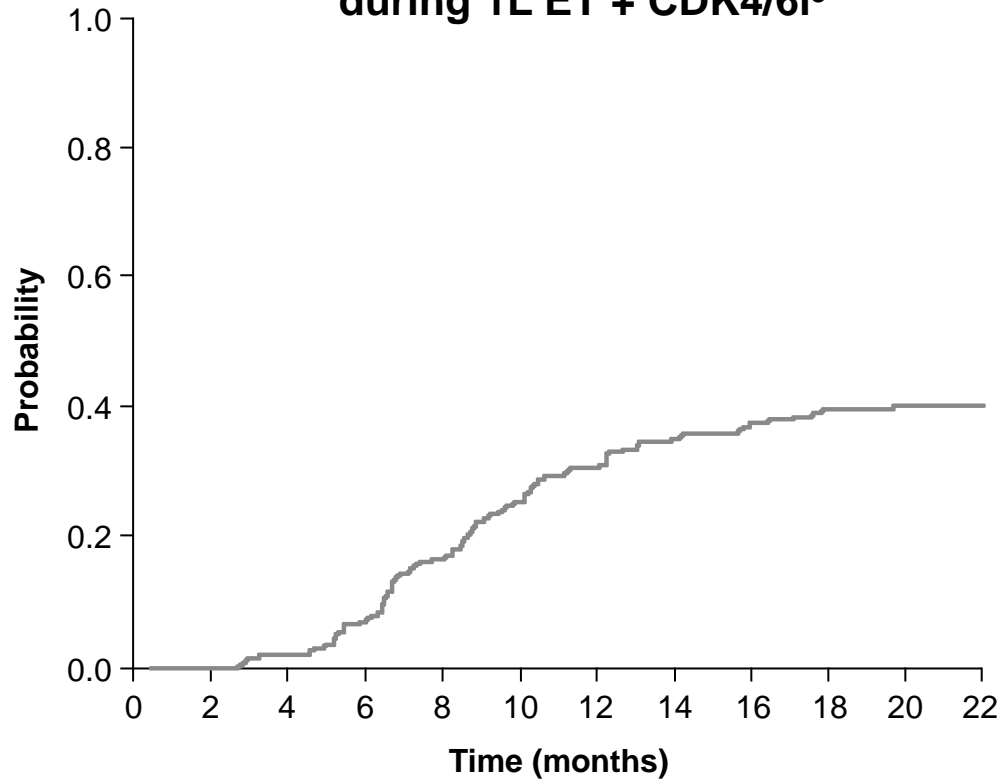
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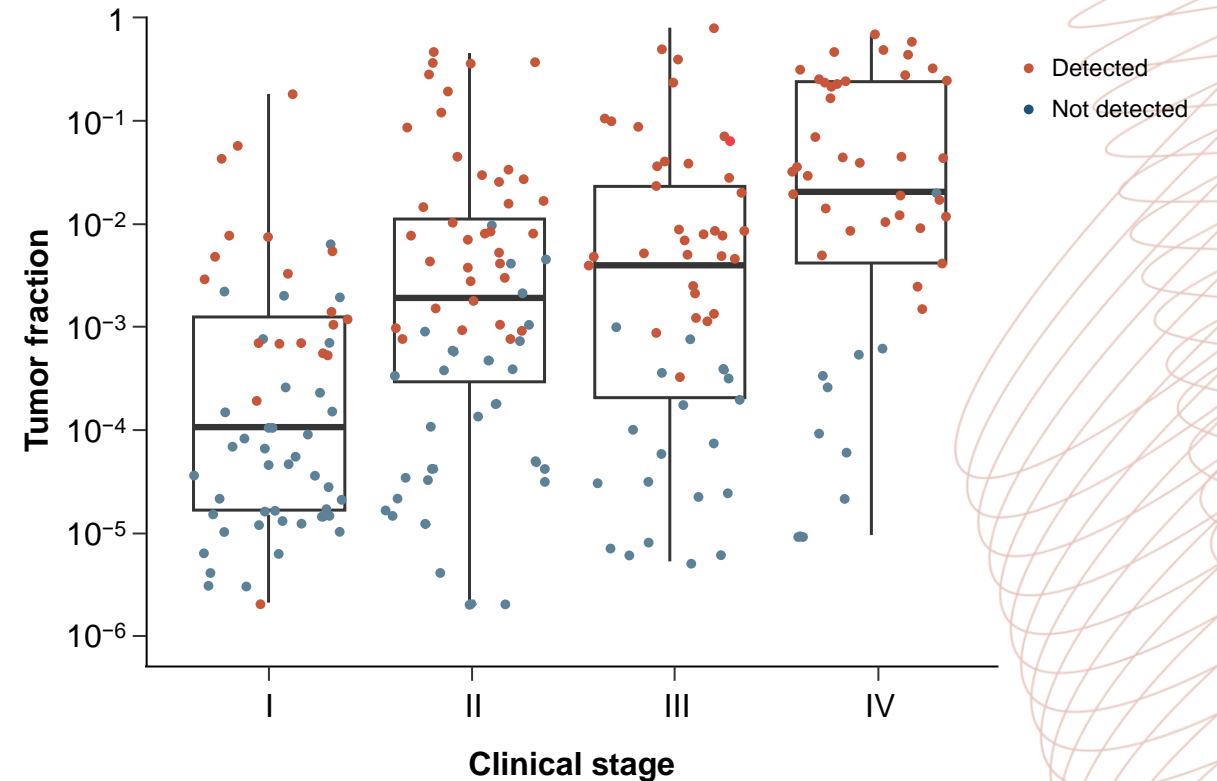
# ESR1-MUT CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN ctDNA AT PROGRESSION<sup>1</sup>

## ctDNA TUMOUR ALLELE FRACTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH CANCER AGGRESSIVENESS<sup>2</sup>

**ESR1-mut cumulative incidence during 1L ET + CDK4/6i<sup>3</sup>**



**ctDNA tumour fraction by cancer clinical stage<sup>2</sup>**

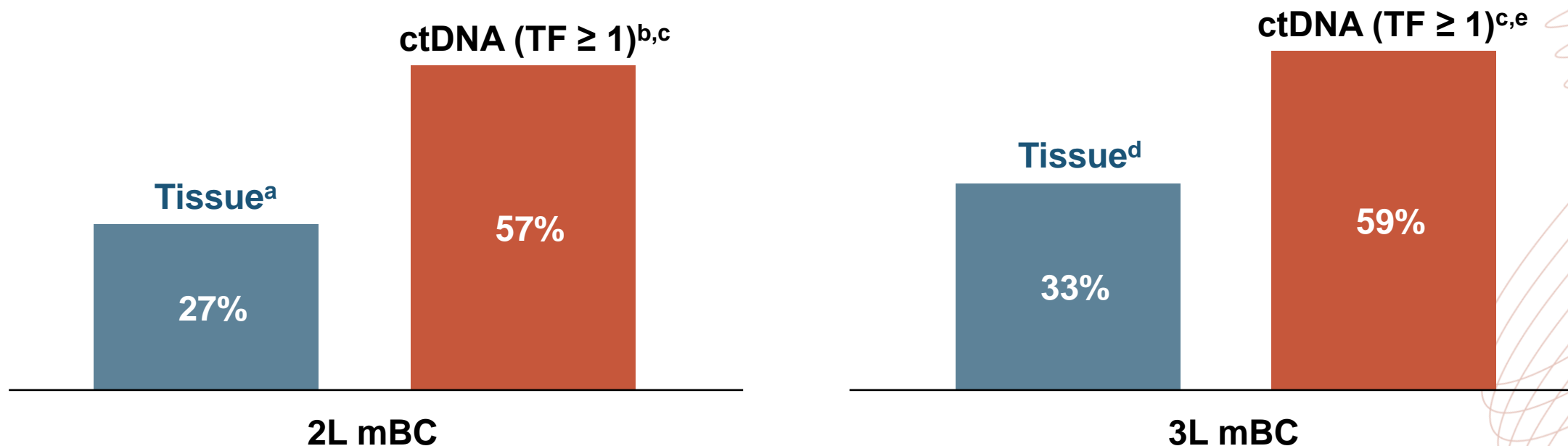


CDK4/6i, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitor; ctDNA, circular tumor DNA; ESR1, estrogen receptor 1; ET, endocrine therapy; L, line; mut, mutation.

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# NOT ALL *ESR1* MUTATIONS WILL BE DETECTED IN A TISSUE BIOPSY. BLOOD-BASED ctDNA IS A PREFERRED TESTING FOR *ESR1*-MUT DUE TO GREATER SENSITIVITY<sup>1,2</sup>

## *ESR1*-mut prevalence rate by line in tissue and liquid biopsy<sup>3</sup>



If *ESR1* mutations are not found when testing on tissue biopsy, ctDNA in liquid biopsy is recommended.<sup>2</sup>

Total sample size: <sup>a</sup> n=269; <sup>b</sup> n=104; <sup>c</sup> ctDNA (TF ≥ 1%) showed a markedly higher prevalence of any of the genomic alterations assessed. ctDNA (TF < 1%) for 2L mBC was 16.1%, and for 3L mBC was 17.2%; ctDNA (regardless of TF) for 2L mBC was 37.6%, and for 3L mBC was 38.7%; <sup>d</sup> n=216; <sup>e</sup> n=61

2L, second line; 3L, third line; ctDNA, circular tumor DNA; *ESR1*, estrogen receptor 1; mBC, metastatic breast cancer; mut, mutation; TF, tumor fraction

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# ESMO, NCCN AND ASCO RECOMMEND TESTING FOR *ESR1* MUTATIONS AT EACH PROGRESSION, PREFERABLY IN ctDNA, IF NOT DETECTED PREVIOUSLY<sup>1-5</sup>

## ESMO<sup>1</sup>

### Blood ctDNA or Tissue<sup>1</sup>

- NGS plasma or tissue biopsy

## NCCN<sup>3,4</sup>

### Blood ctDNA or Tissue<sup>3,4</sup>

- NCCN recommends evaluating *ESR1* mutation status using NGS or PCR blood or tissue biopsy<sup>3</sup>
- **NCCN does not recommend testing with primary archived tissue given the acquired nature of *ESR1* mutations during mBC treatment<sup>4</sup>**









## ASCO<sup>5</sup>

### Blood ctDNA (preferred) or Tissue<sup>5</sup>

- Testing with a certified assay should be performed at each progression, on blood or tissue
- Blood-based ctDNA is preferred owing to greater sensitivity
- *ESR1* mutations develop in response to selection pressure during treatment and are **typically undetectable in the primary tumor**
- Patients whose tumour or ctDNA tests remain *ESR1* wild-type may warrant retesting at subsequent progression(s) to determine if an *ESR1* mutation has arisen

# CONCLUSION

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

-  Treatment choices for patients with ER+/HER2- mBC are driven by endocrine sensitivity status and biomarkers<sup>1,2</sup>
-  Elacestrant is indicated for patients with *ESR1*-mut tumours based on its efficacy and safety profiles<sup>3,4</sup>
-  Longer duration of prior ET + CDK4/6i is a surrogate for endocrine sensitivity to elacestrant in *ESR1*-mut tumors<sup>2,3,5</sup>
-  In tumours retaining endocrine-sensitivity and coexisting *PIK3CA* and *ESR1* mutations, elacestrant monotherapy can be a good option before PI3K/AKT inhibitors, as data suggest the ER pathway may drive disease progression<sup>2</sup>
-  *ESR1*-mut emerge over time in up to 40% of patients after initial endocrine therapy in mBC<sup>6-10</sup>
-  Testing for *ESR1*-mut should occur at each progression on ET if not detected previously, due to increasing chances of finding it<sup>11-14</sup>
-  *ESR1*-mut are subclonal; therefore, not always detected with tissue biopsy. Blood-based ctDNA is considered the preferred testing methodology for *ESR1*-mut<sup>14,15</sup>
-  Archival tissue from primary tumour should NOT be used to identify *ESR1*-mut, as *ESR1*-mut develop mainly during 1L metastatic treatment<sup>16</sup>

AKT, protein kinase B; mBC, Metastatic breast cancer; CDK4/6, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; ER, estrogen receptor; *ESR1*, estrogen receptor 1; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mut, mutation; *PIK3CA*, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha; SOC, standard of care

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