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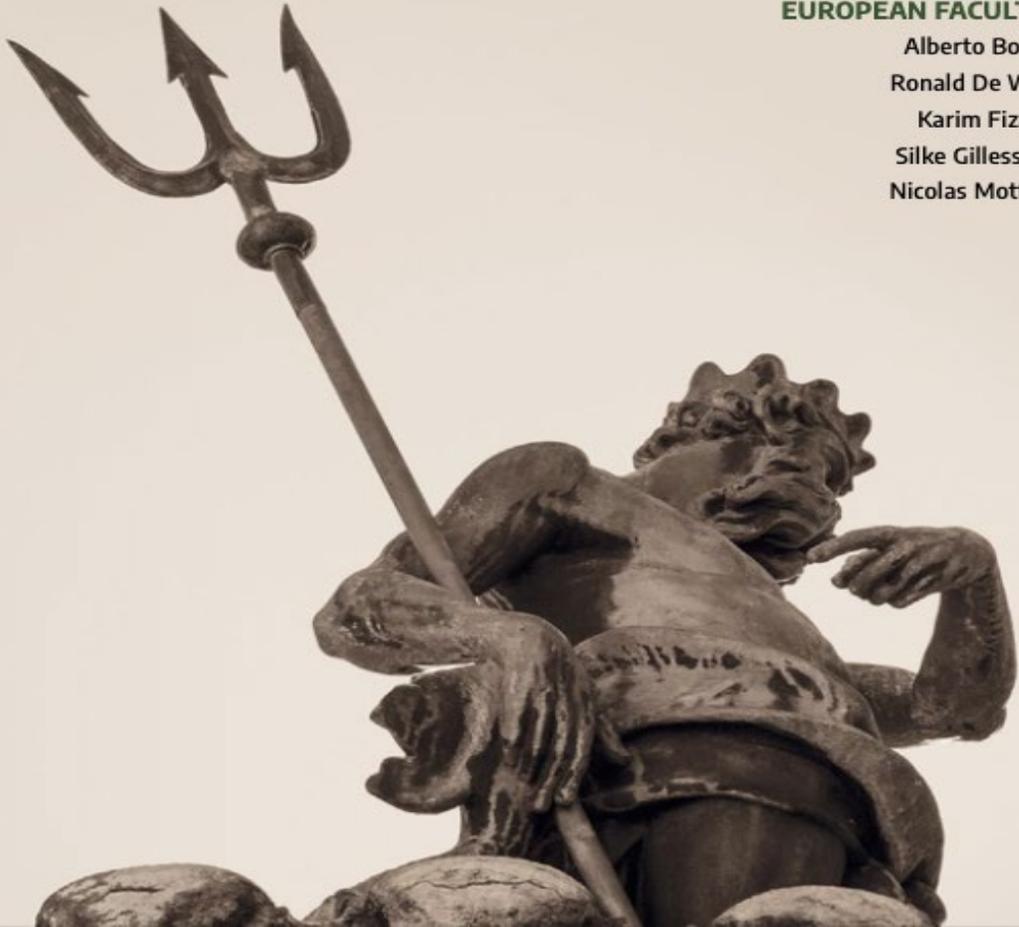
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# Metastatic Castration-Resistant landscape

Clinical case and  
evidence from literature

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## Il sottoscritto Marco Messina in qualità di relatore

ai sensi dell'art. 76 sul Conflitto di Interessi, pag. 34 dell'Accordo Stato-Regione del 2 Febbraio 2017

### **dichiara**

che negli ultimi due anni ha avuto i seguenti rapporti anche di finanziamento con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario:

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Company/Organization</b>
Consulting	Sanofi, Elmaresearch, Iquvia
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- CT and Bone scan: bone PD

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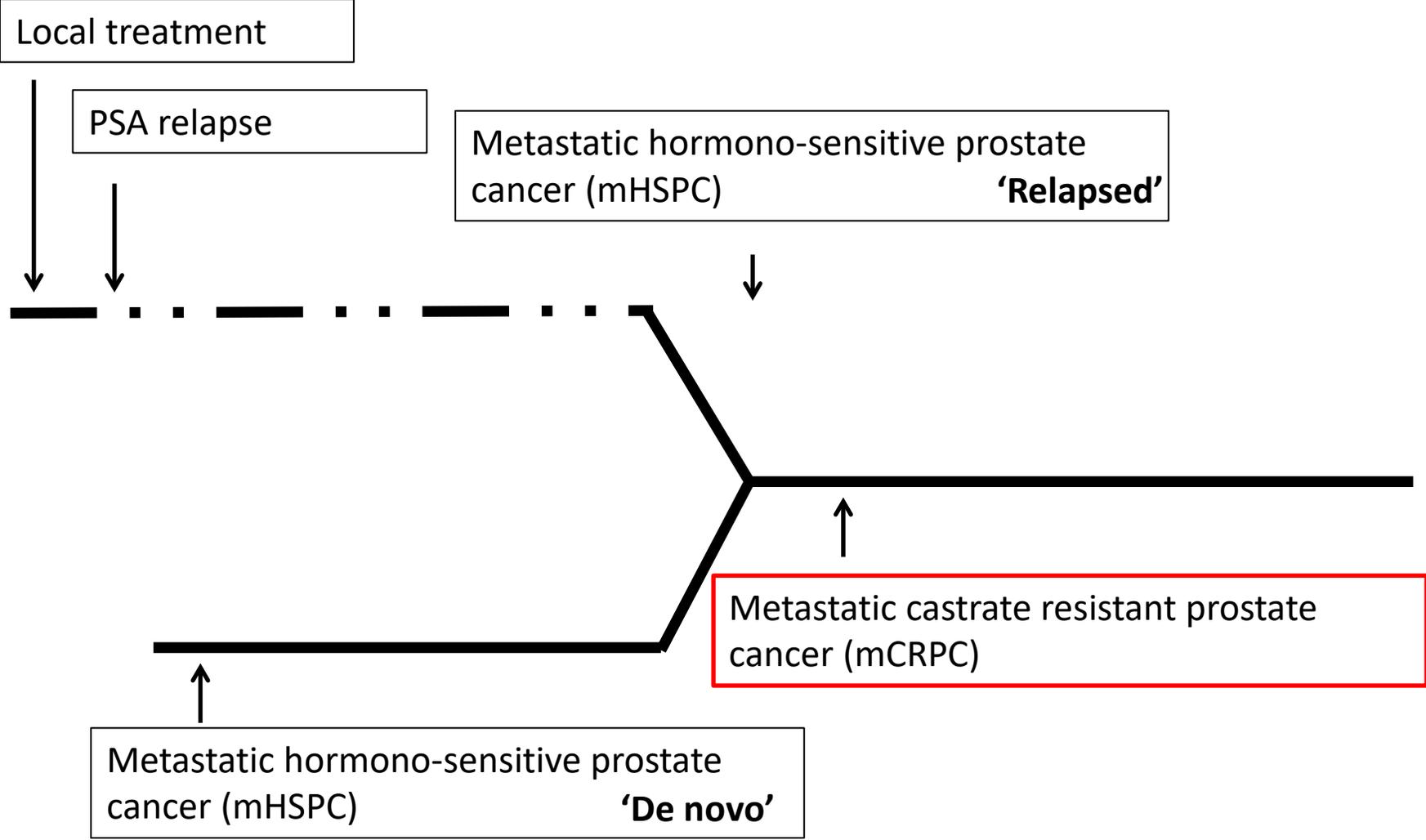
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BSC for 3 months

# Natural History of Prostate Cancer



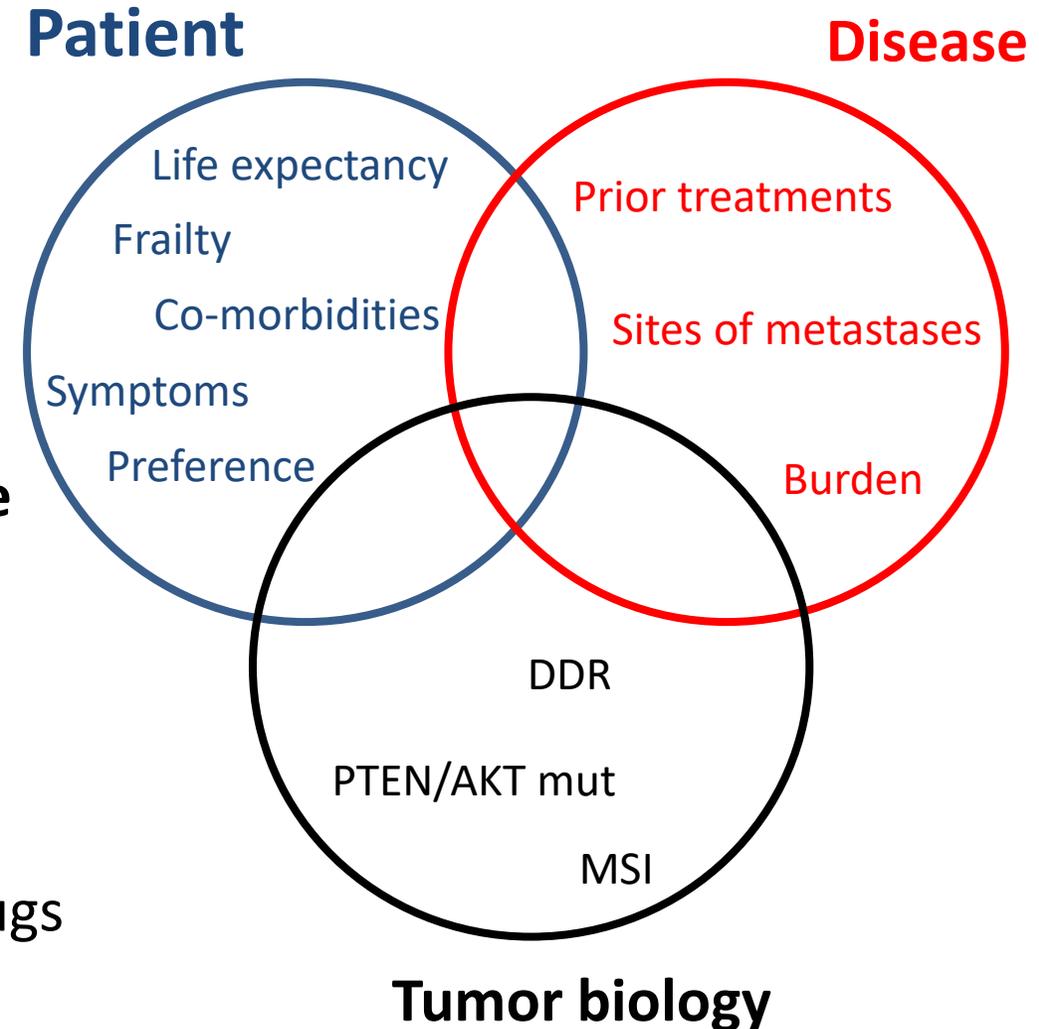
## Survival prolonging therapies for mCRPC

- Abiraterone
- Cabazitaxel
- Docetaxel
- Enzalutamide
- Radium-223
- Sipuleucel-T (*USA only*)
- PARP inhibitors
- <sup>177</sup>Lu PSMA

Modified from K. Fizazi

# Challenges for decision making in the mCRPC setting

- Most of the mCRPC trials **did NOT have a SOC arm** with a current, real word 'standard' therapy
- Most patients included in these trials **did NOT receive ADT based combination treatment** in the castration sensitive setting
- There is **no clear indication for sequencing** active drugs



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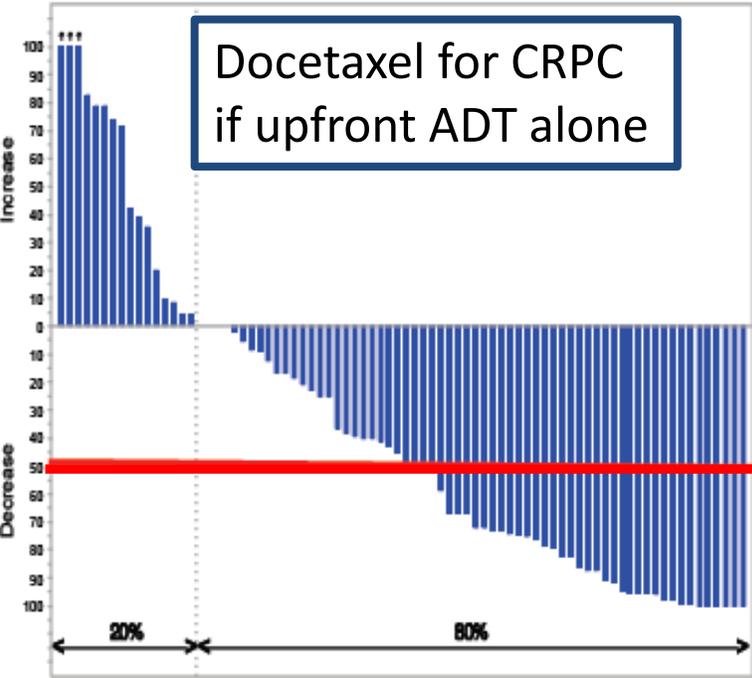
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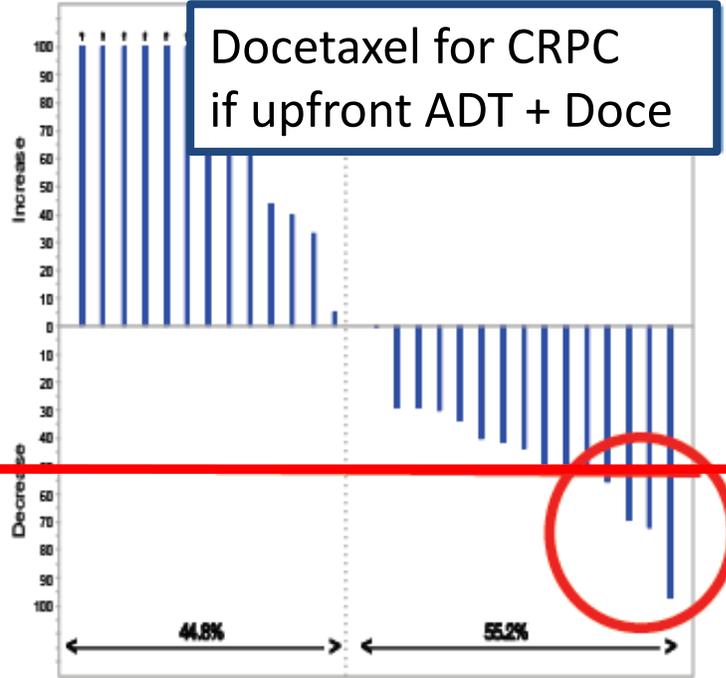
# PSA response according to treatment for mCRPC patients previously treated with ADT+Doce in the mHSPC setting

## Data from the GETUG-15 trial

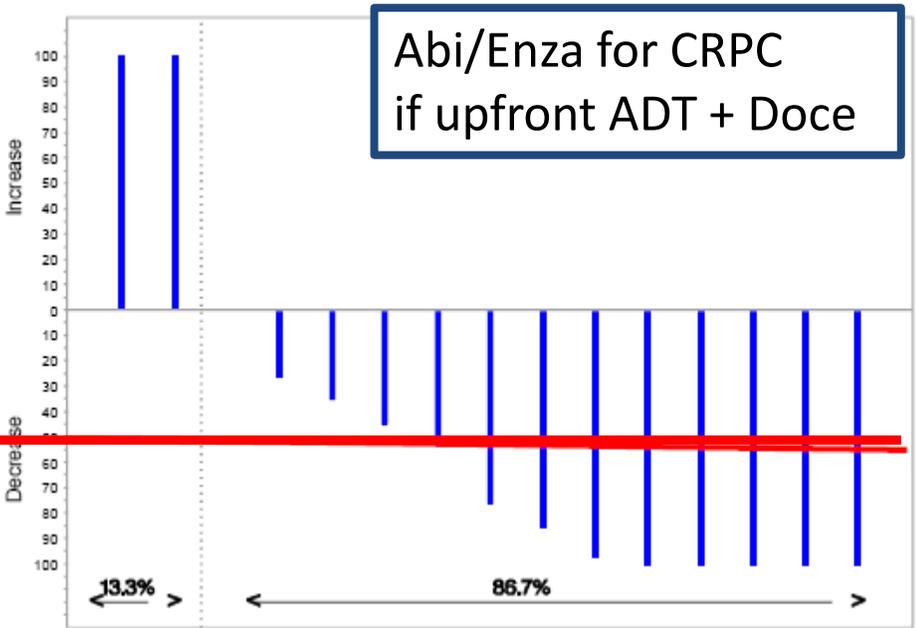
Best PSA variation % during treatment (n.80)



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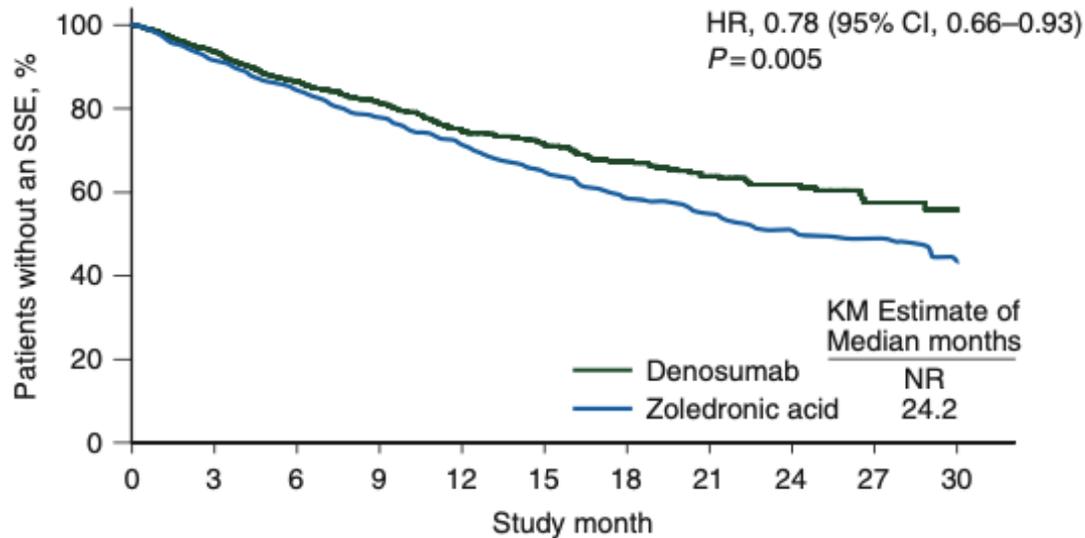


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# Bone protecting agents in mCRPC

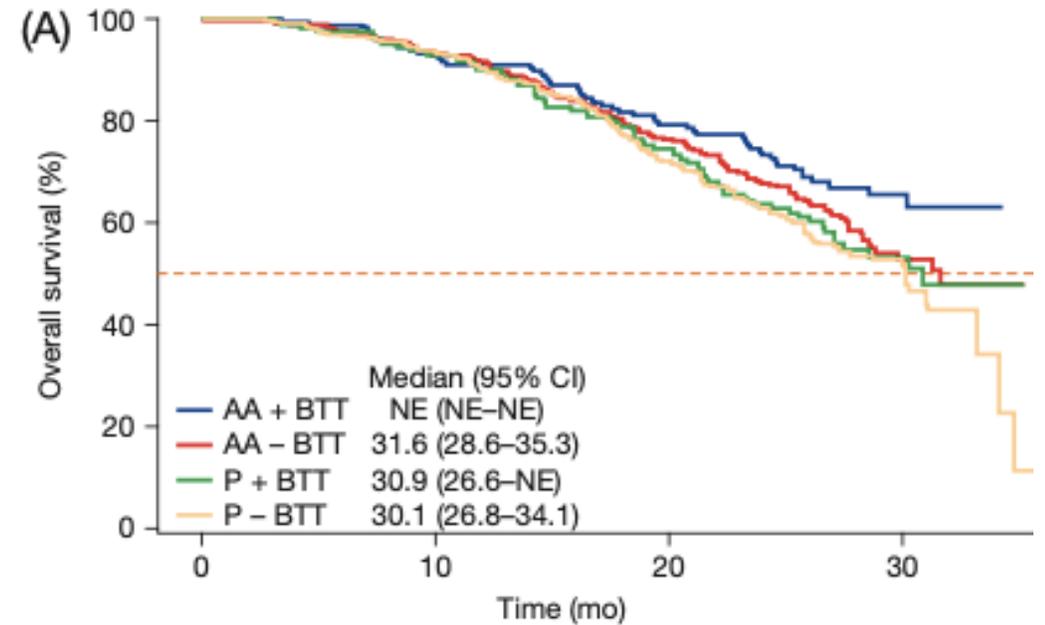
Denosumab prevents symptomatic skeletal events



Patients at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Zoledronic acid	951	785	613	471	350	249	162	113	80	60	31	
Denosumab	950	806	638	521	412	305	205	146	94	54	23	

Abiraterone and Bone Targeting Agents in COU-AA-302: post hoc analysis

Overall survival

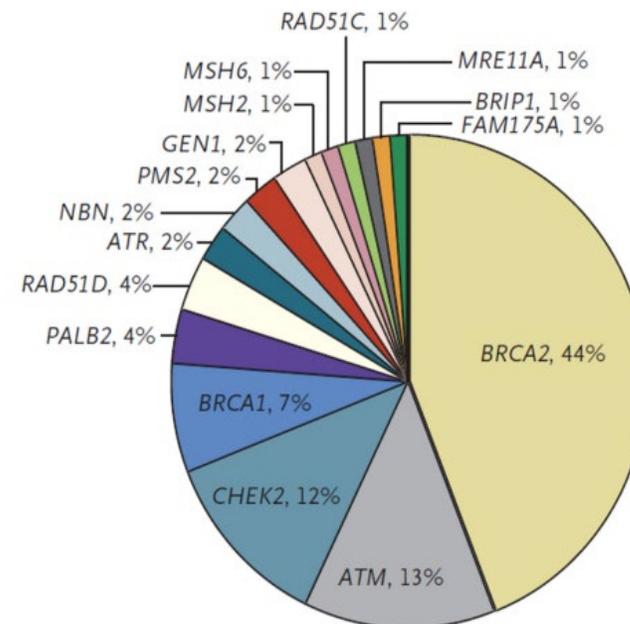
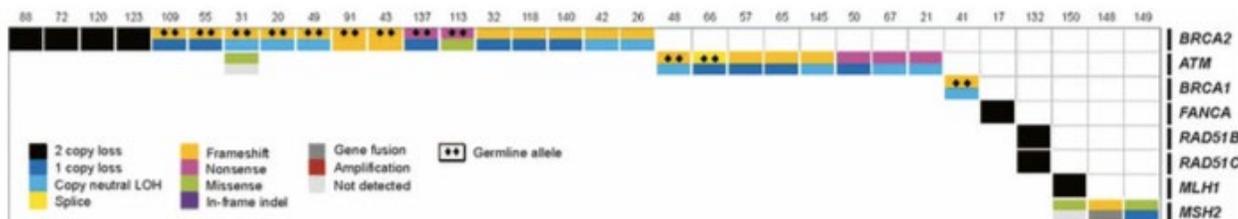


At risk		0	10	20	30
AA + BTT	184	163	134	30	
AA - BTT	362	331	267	38	
P + BTT	169	151	117	24	
P - BTT	373	333	255	43	

# DNA repair and prostate cancer

## Germline DNA repair mutations:

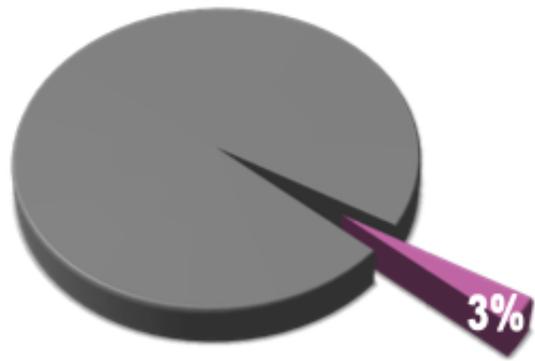
- 12% in men with M1 prostate cancer
- 5% in men with localized prostate cancer
- 3% general population



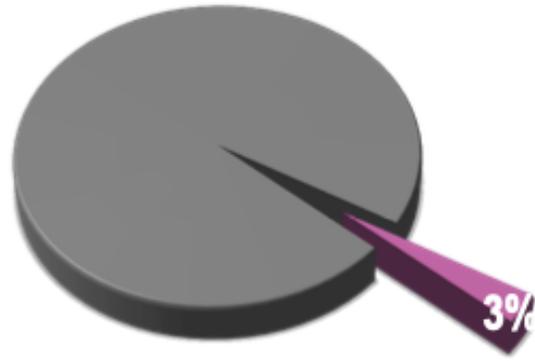
## Somatic DNA repair mutations:

- 10% in men with mCRPC

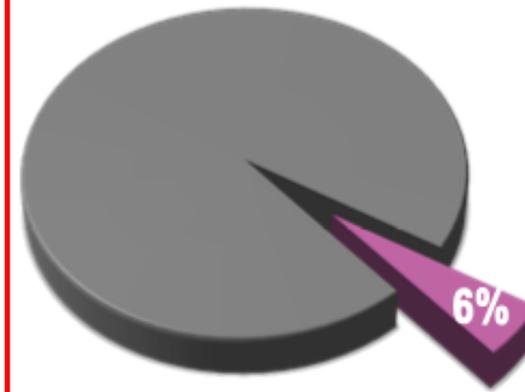
# Prevalence of pathogenic germline variants in PC



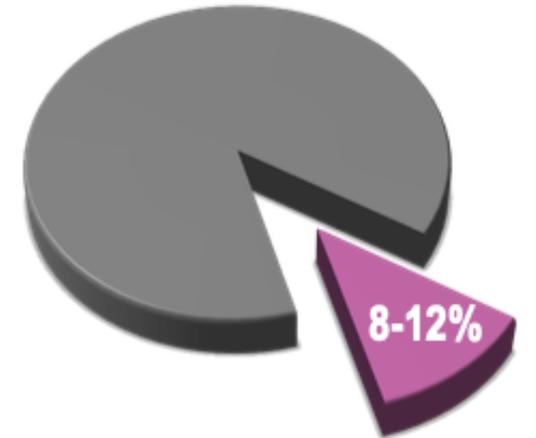
**General Population**



**Low-Risk  
Localized PC**



**High-Risk  
Localized PC**



**Metastatic PC**

# Genetic testing is standard of care in PC

Guidelines	Genomic testing recommendations	Germline testing for PC
NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology	✗	✗
ESMO 2020 Guidelines	✗	✗
AUA/ASTRO/SUO 2022 Guidelines	✗	✗
EAU2022 Guidelines	✗	✗
AIOM 2021 Guidelines	✗	✗

ESMO recommendations according to ESCAT

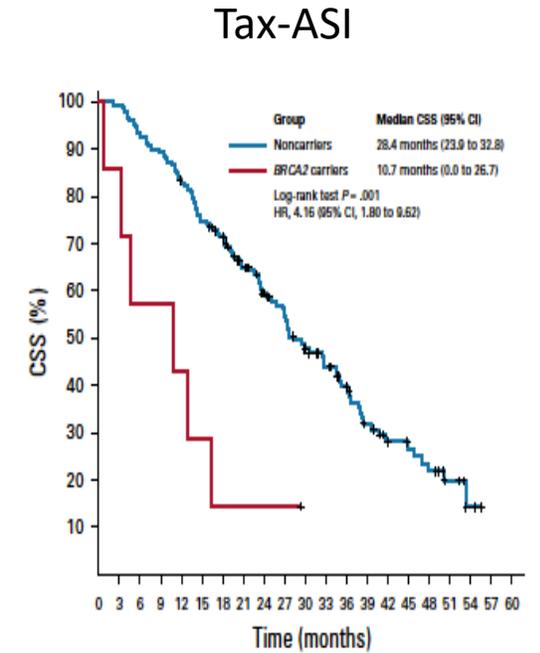
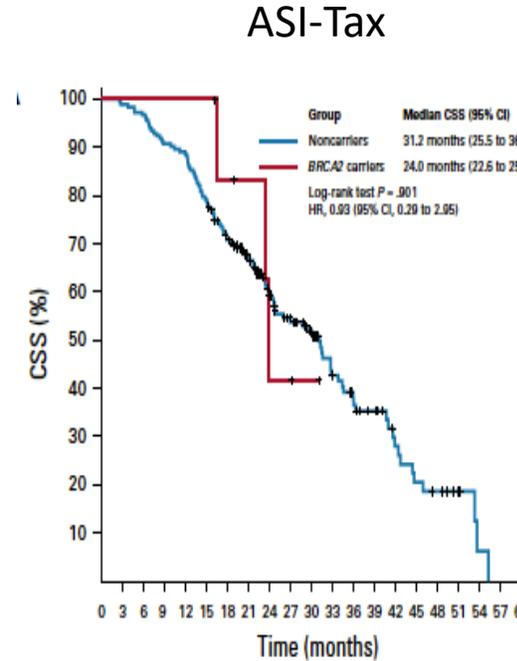
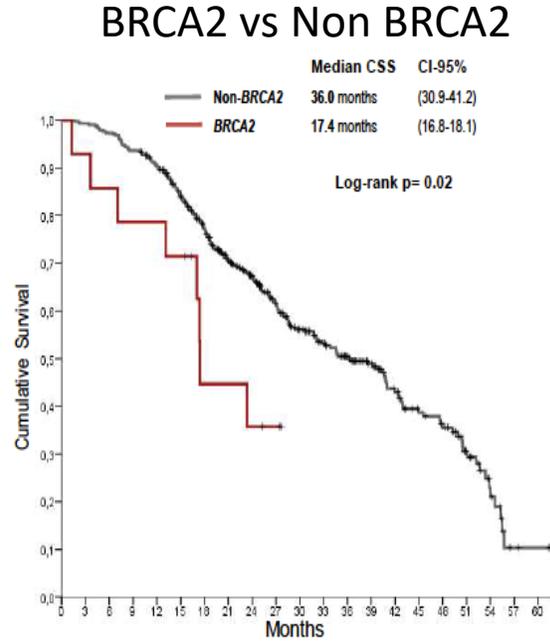
Gene	Alteration	Prevalence	ESCAT
<i>BRCA1/2</i>	Somatic mutations/deletions	9%	IA
	MSI-H	1%	IC
<i>PTEN</i>	Deletions/mutations	40%	IIA <sup>a</sup>
<i>ATM</i>	Mutations/deletions	5%	IIA
<i>PALB2</i>	Mutations	1%	IIB
<i>PIK3CA</i>	Hotspot mutations	3%	IIIA
<i>AKT1<sup>E17K</sup></i>	Mutations	1%	IIIA

# HRR alterations: beyond predictive value

Cause Specific Survival in mCRPC

Impact of treatment sequencing in BRCA2 carriers

Prognostic information



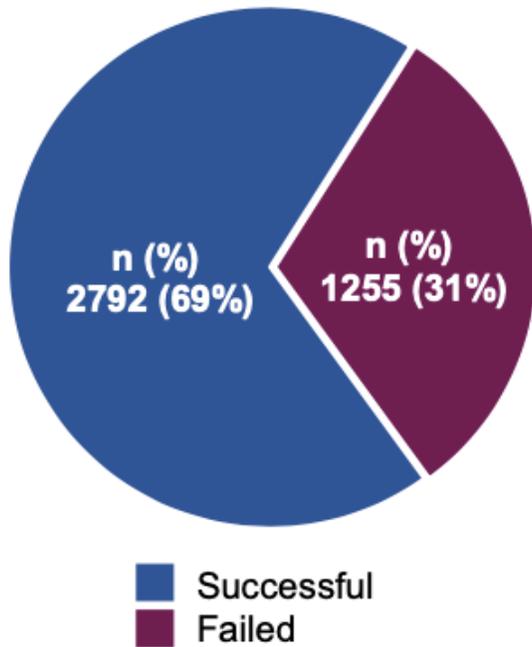
Cancer prevention



# Tissue is the issue

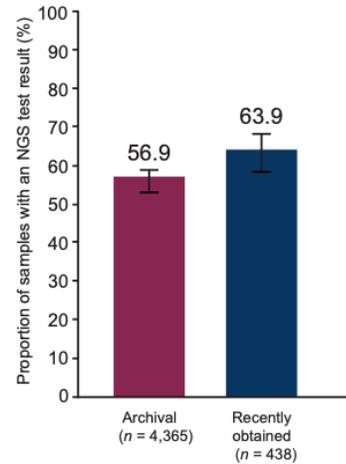
## PROfound

N 4047 samples

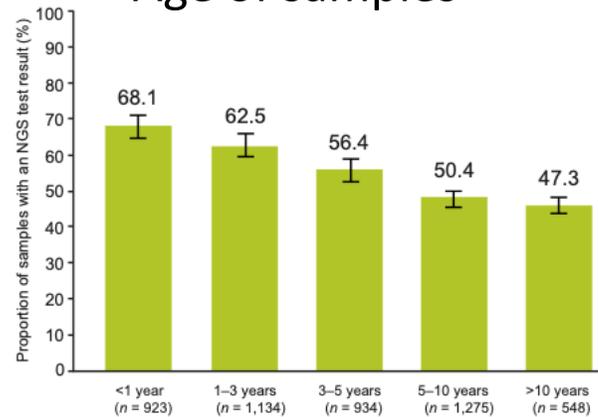


NGS Testing: 30-40% failure with PC samples

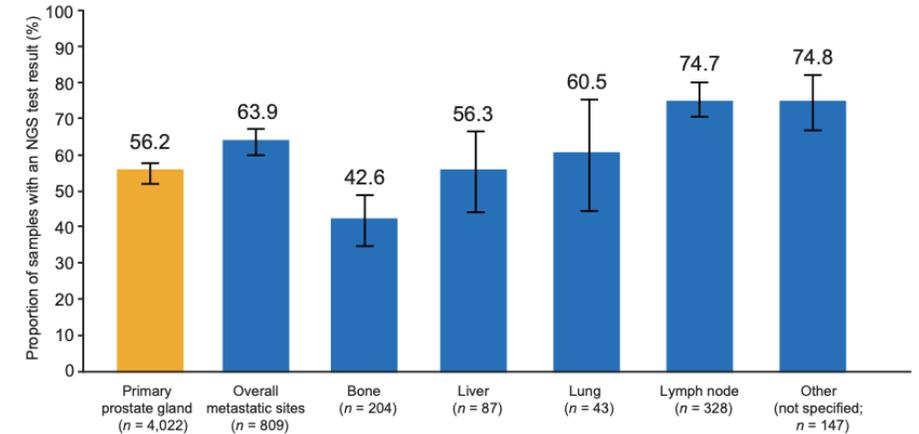
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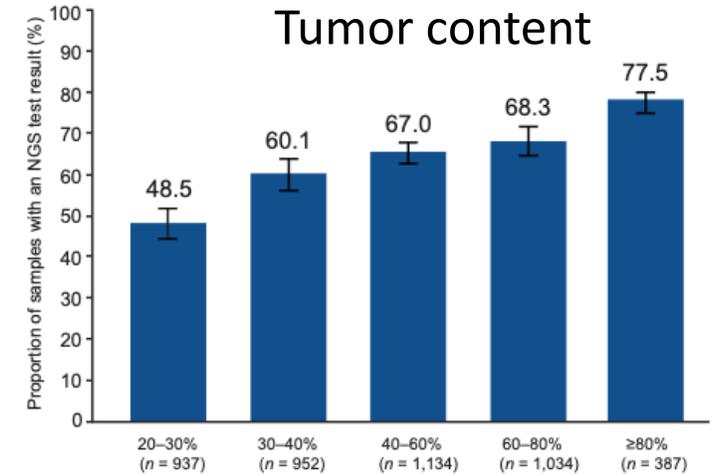
## Age of samples



## Collection site



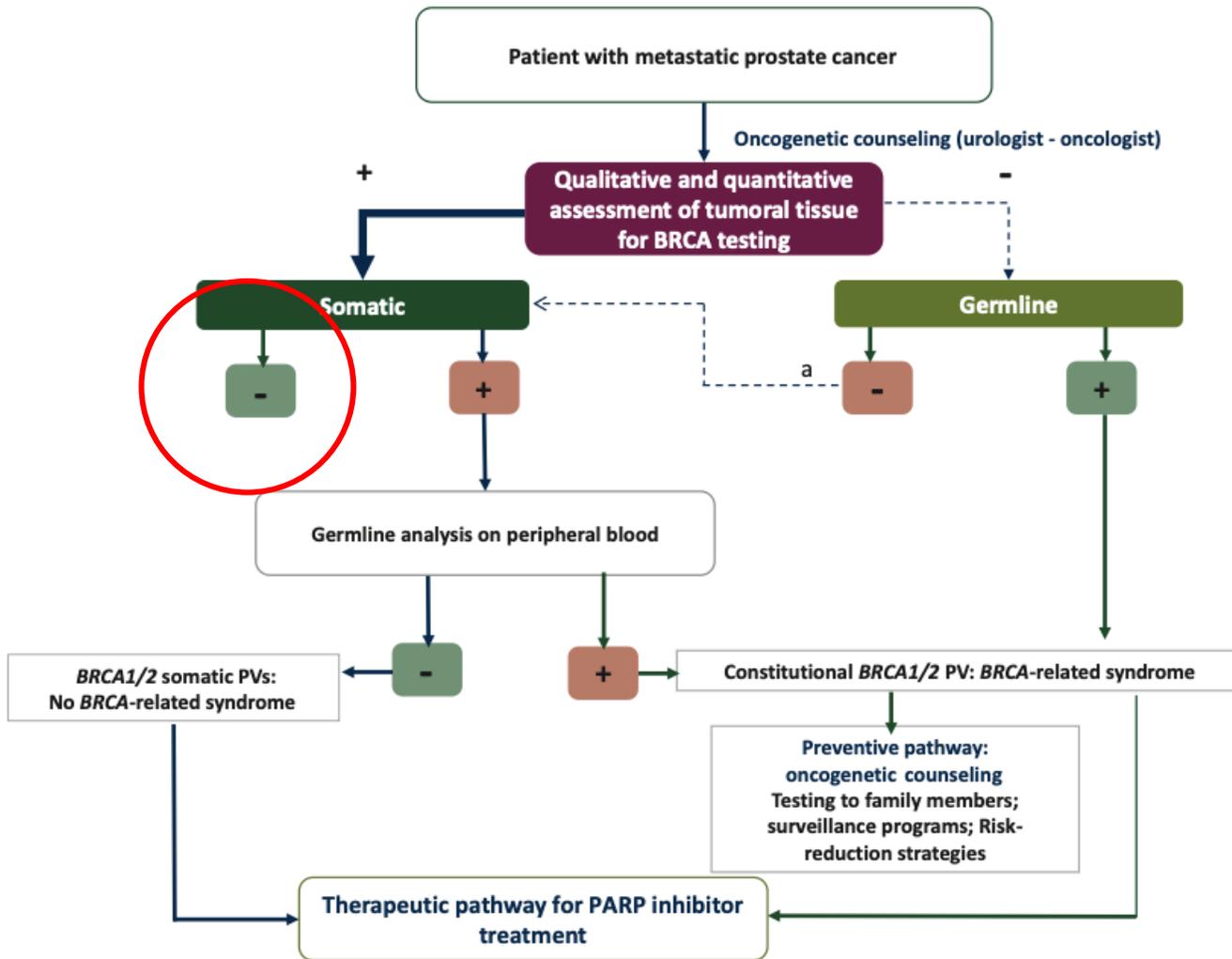
## Tumor content



Sample selection and optimisation of tissue collection in critical

# Somatic vs Germline testing

BRCA1/2 analysis workflow in mPC



Comprehensive assessment of germline pathogenic variant detection in tumor-only sequencing

21.333 cancer patients

**Intervention:** Tumor and 'Clinical' germline testing

**Results:**

Tumor-only sequencing failed to detect **10.5%** of pathogenic germline variants (7.5% HRD)

Tumor only sequencing detection rate:

- 100% nonsense and missense SNV and indels
- **55% deletion/duplication**

**CONSIDER CLINICAL GENETIC TESTING**

*High Risk patients with negative tumor only sequencing results*

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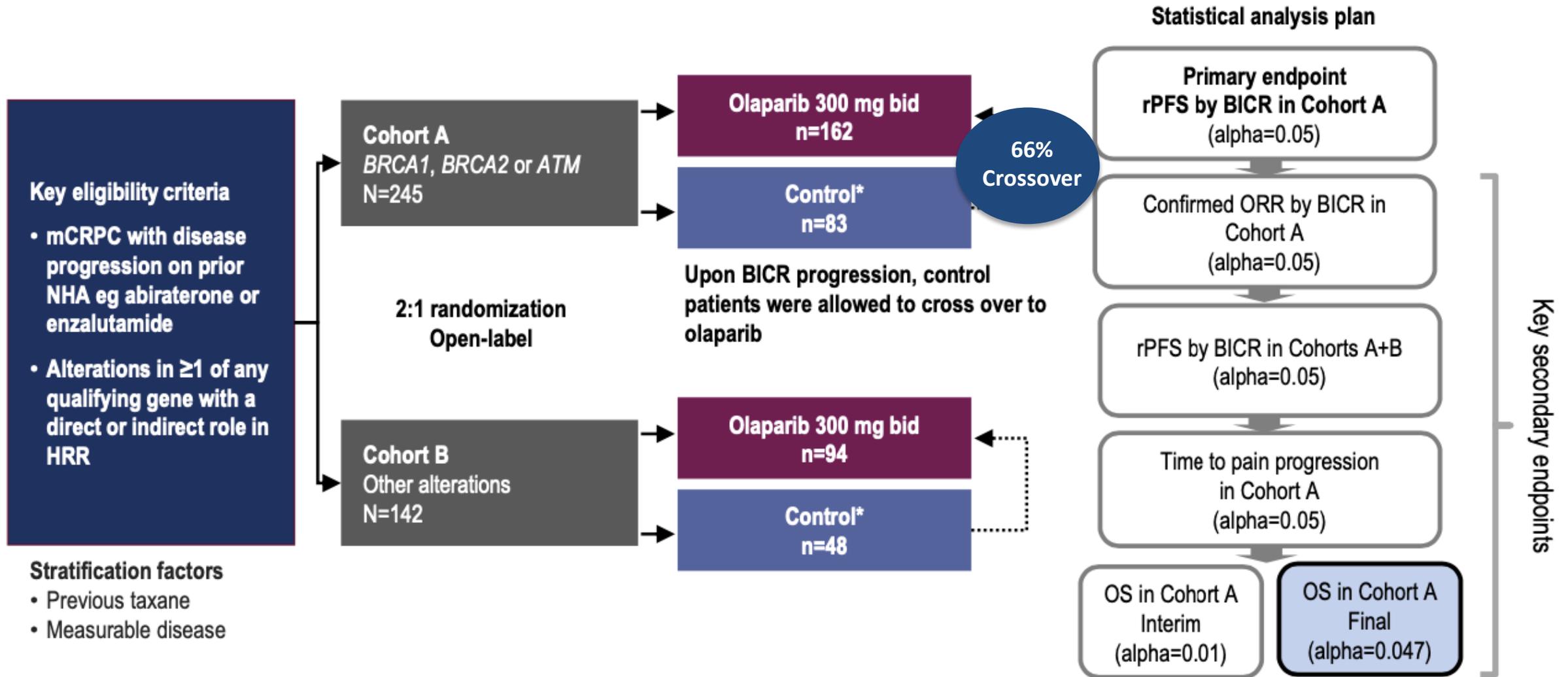
BSC for 3 months

# PARP inhibitors in pretreated molecularly selected mCRPC: Phase II trials

Study Drugs	Study	Population	Primary Endpoint	Efficacy data
<b>Olaparib</b>	TOPARP-B	DDR	Composite OR	54 %
<b>Rucaparib</b>	TRITON-2	BRCA1-2	ORR	43.5%
<b>Niraparib</b>	GALAHAD	DDR	ORR	41%
<b>Talazoparib</b>	TALAPRO-1	DDR	ORR	26.7



# PROfound phase III: Trial design



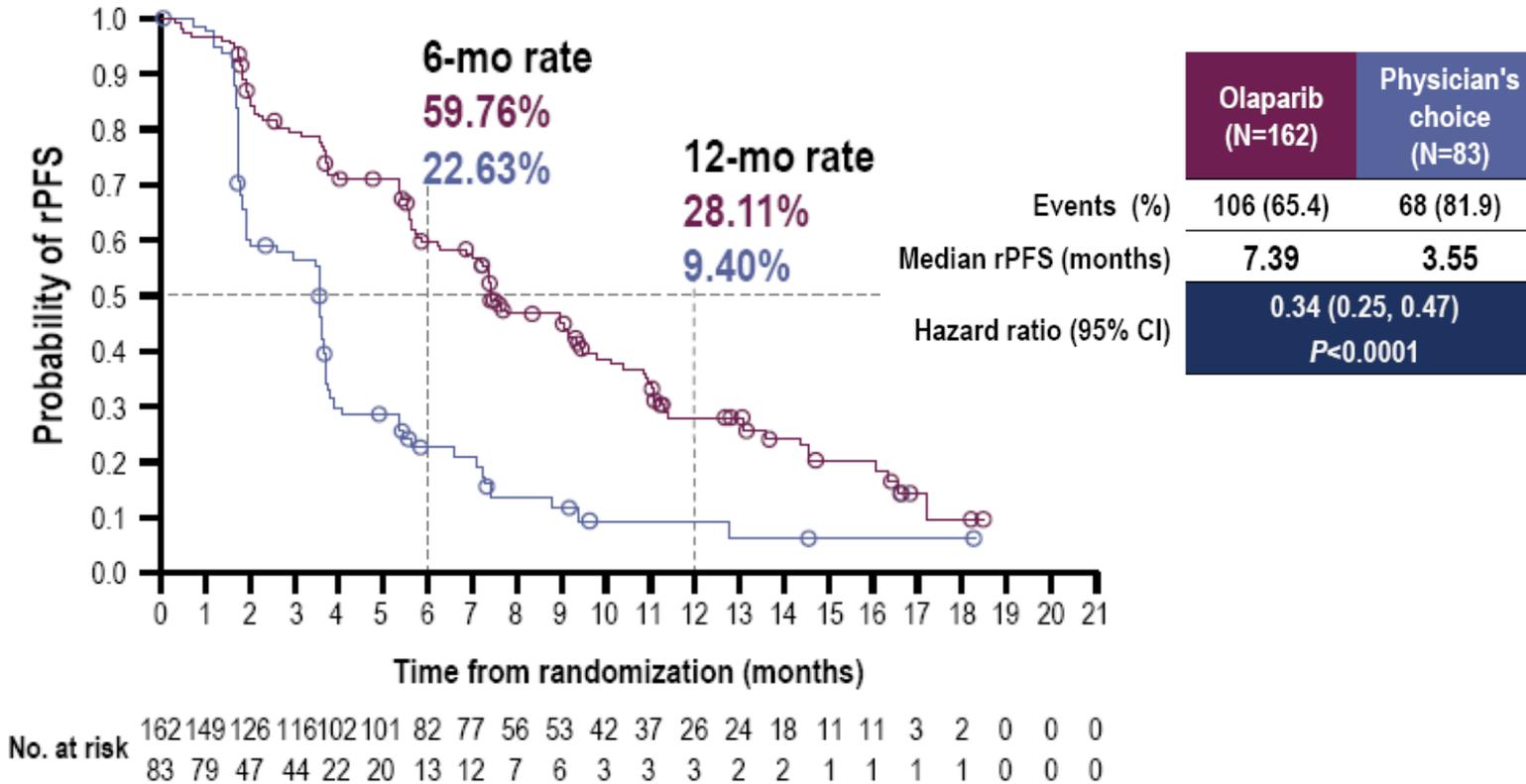
Patients randomized between April 2017 and November 2018; DCO for final OS: 20 March 2020

\*Control either enzalutamide (160 mg qd) or abiraterone (1000 mg qd + prednisone [5 mg bid]).

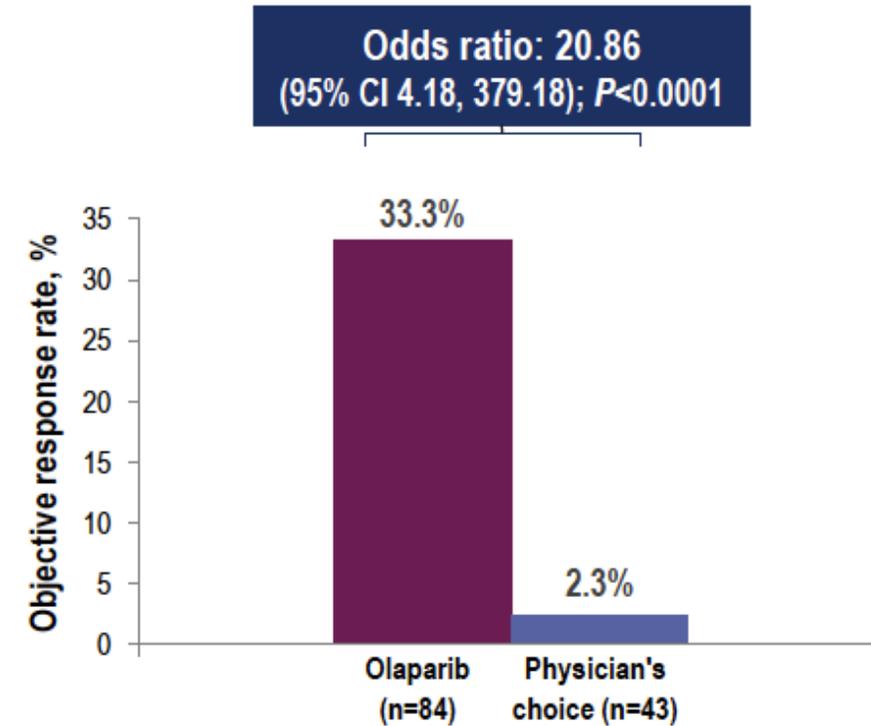
BICR, blinded independent central review; bid, twice daily; DCO, data cut-off; ORR, objective response rate; qd, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumours.

# PROfound phase III: primary end point

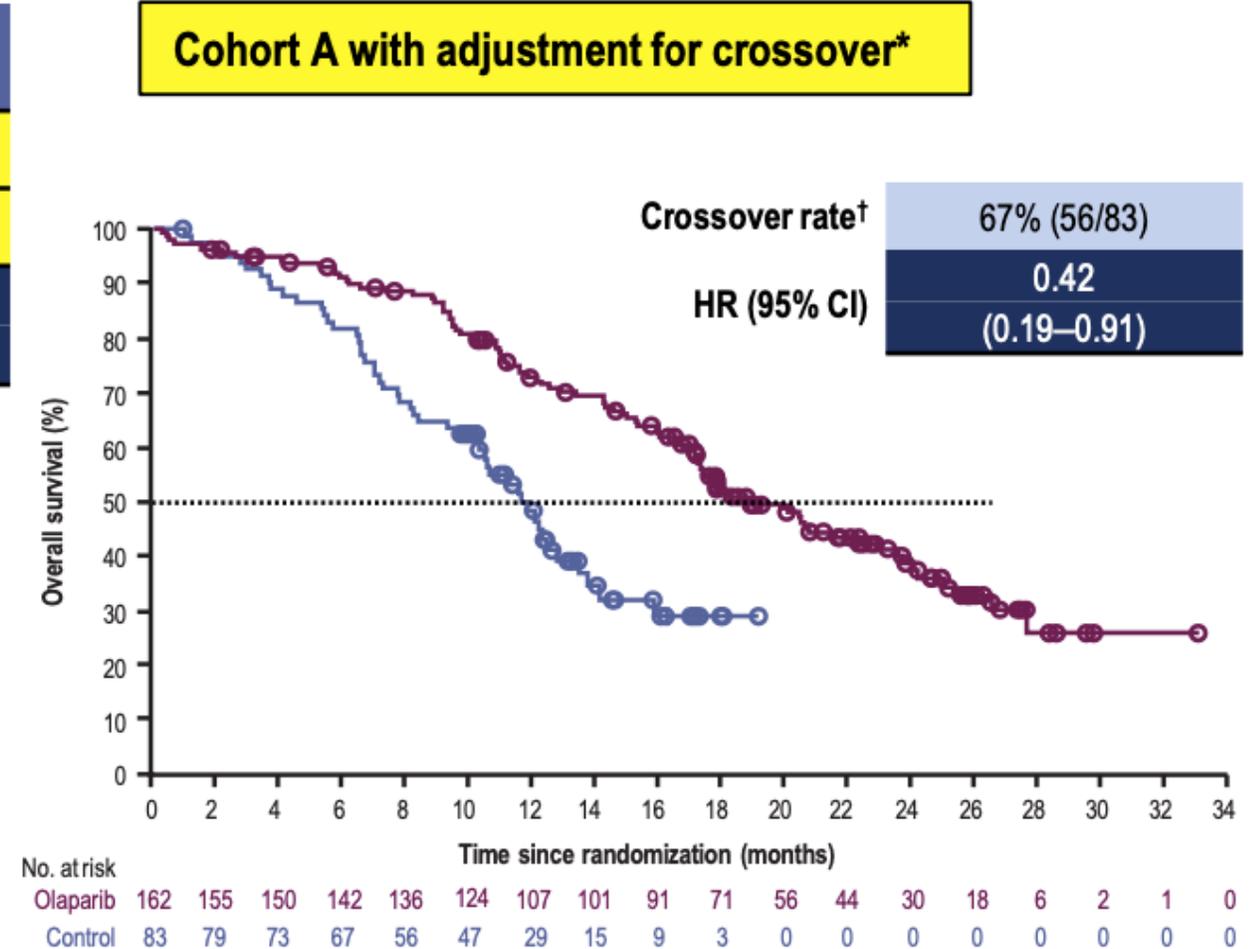
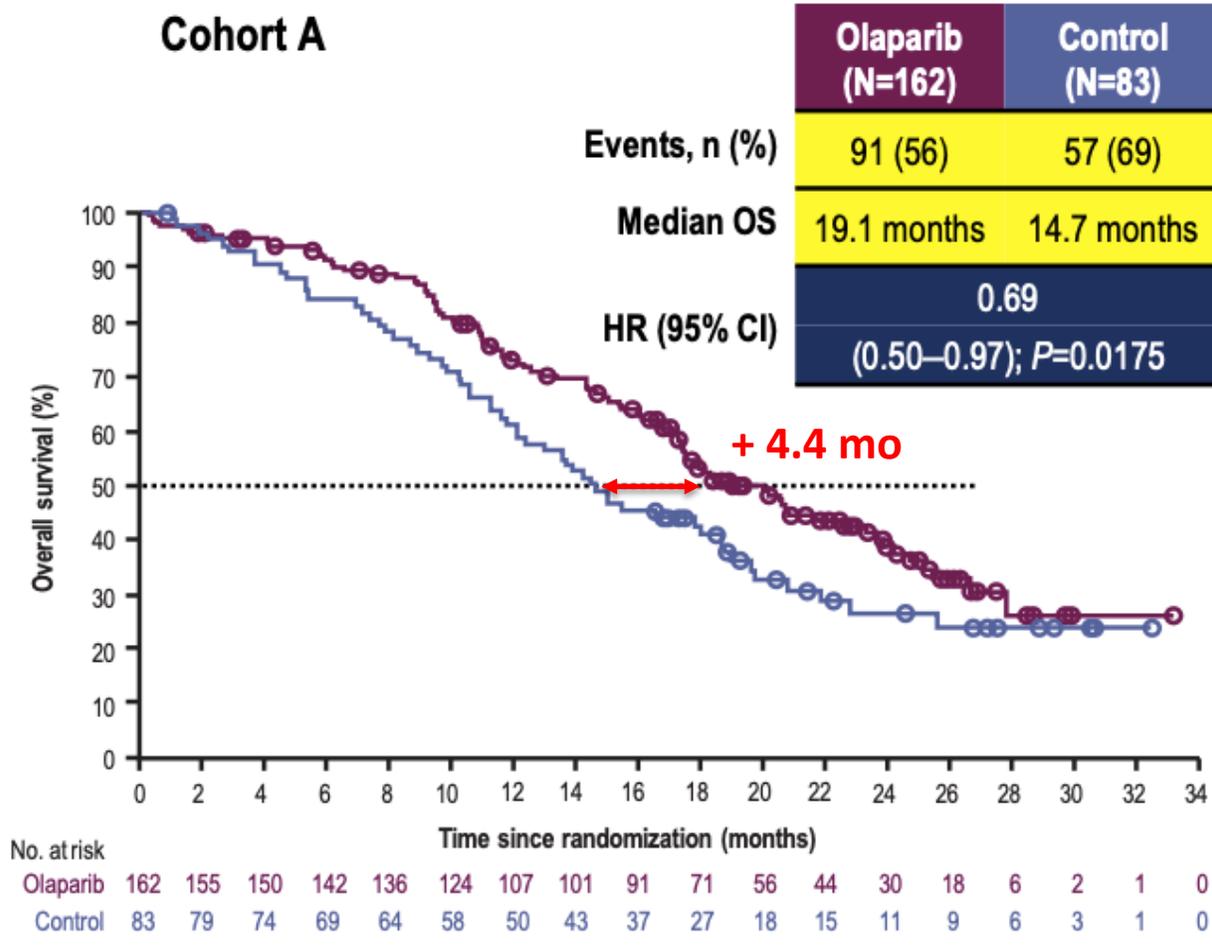
rPFS in COHORT A



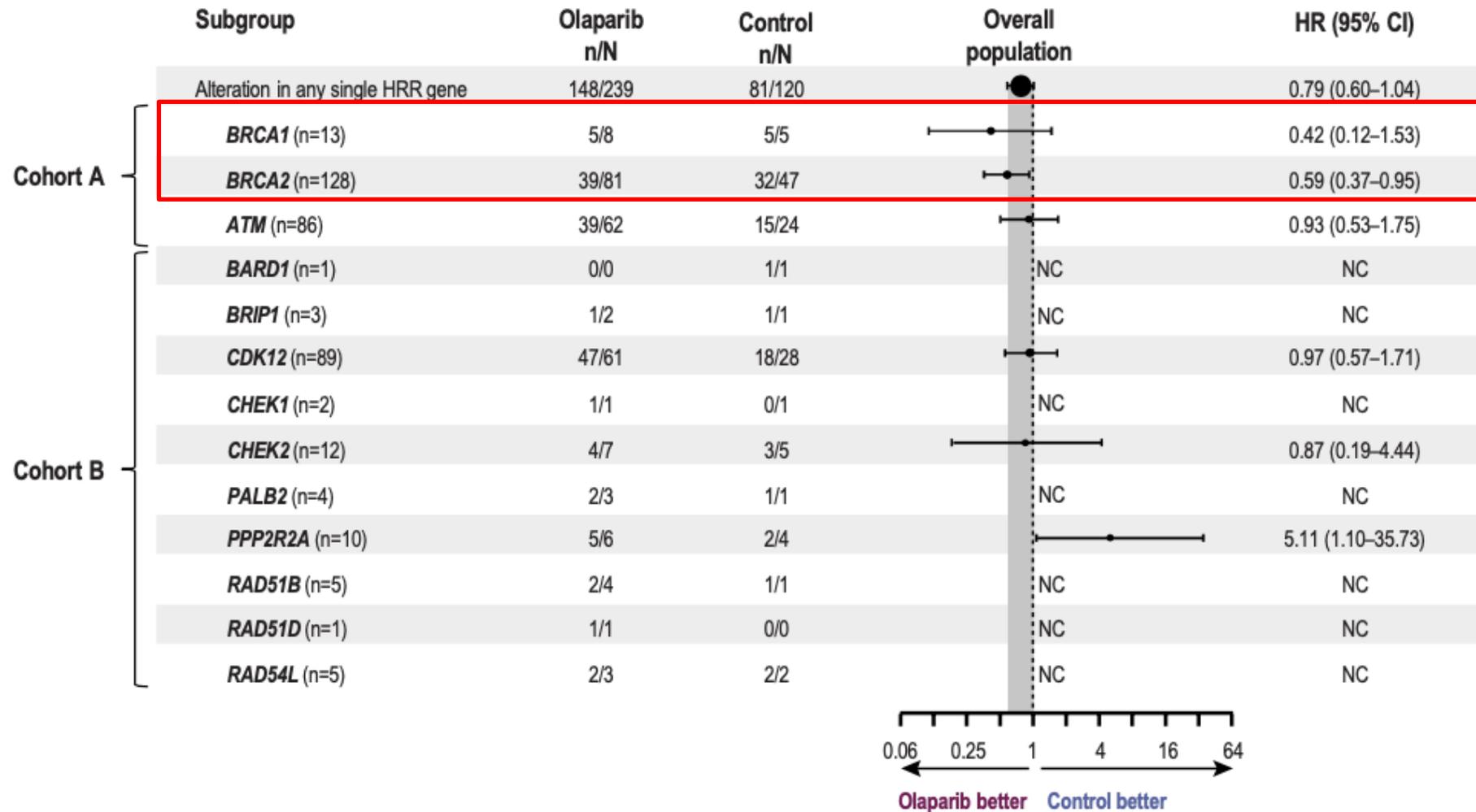
Objective response rate



# PROfound phase III: Overall Survival



# PROfound phase III: Exploratory gene-level analysis of final OS



Patients with tumours harbouring a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* alteration appeared to derive the greatest OS benefit from olaparib

Data are reported only for patients with an alteration in a single gene. HR and CI values were not calculated for subgroups in which fewer than five survival events occurred; none of the enrolled patients harboured alterations in *FANCL* or *RAD51C*. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the number of events.

# BRCA1 Versus BRCA2 and PARP Inhibitor Sensitivity in Prostate Cancer: More Different Than Alike?

Outcome	TOPARP-A <sup>14</sup>		TOPARP-B <sup>15</sup>		PROfound <sup>1</sup>		TRITON2 <sup>2</sup>		TALAPRO-1 <sup>18</sup>		Pooled Data	
	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRCA1	BRCA2
	n/N	n/N	n/N	n/N (95% CI)	n/N (95% CI)	n/N (95% CI)	n/N (95% CI)	n/N (95% CI)	n/N	n/N (95% CI)	n/N (%) (95% CI)	n/N (%) (95% CI)
PSA <sub>50</sub>	0/1	7/7	1/2	22/28	NR	NR	2/13	61/102	2/5	26/41	5/21 (23.8) (4.4 to 43.2)	116/178 (65.2) (58.2 to 72.2)
ORR	NE	5/5	0/1	11/20	0/5	24/43	3/9	24/53	2/4	15/37	5/19 (26.3) (5.1 to 47.5)	79/158 (50.0) (42.2 to 57.8)
rPFS, months	NE	NR	NE	8.2 (5.5 to 13.0)	2.1 (1.4 to 5.5)	10.8 (9.2 to 13.1)	8.7 (1.8 to 10.7)	9.7 (8.3 to 14.0)	NR	8.8 (5.6 to 19.2)	4.1 (1.0 to 16.8)	10.1 (8.9 to 11.6)
No. of patients evaluable for rPFS				30	8	81	13	102		41	21	254

NOTE. n/N denotes the number of patients who achieved a given end point out of the total number of evaluable patients for that end point. Abbreviations: NE, not evaluable; NR, not reported; ORR, objective response rate; PSA<sub>50</sub>, confirmed 50% or greater PSA response rate; rPFS, radiographic progression-free survival.

# Should we move PARP inhibitors in I line for **Biomerker +** mCRPC?

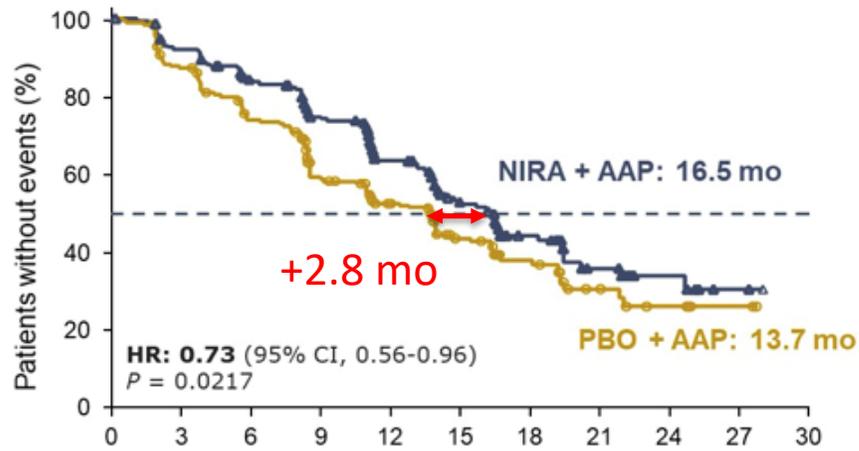
## Magnitude phase III: Niraparib + AAP vs Placebo + AAP

All HRR biomarker +

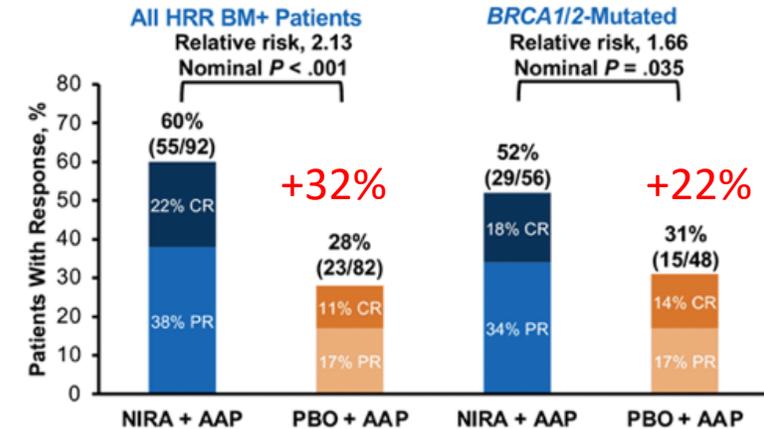
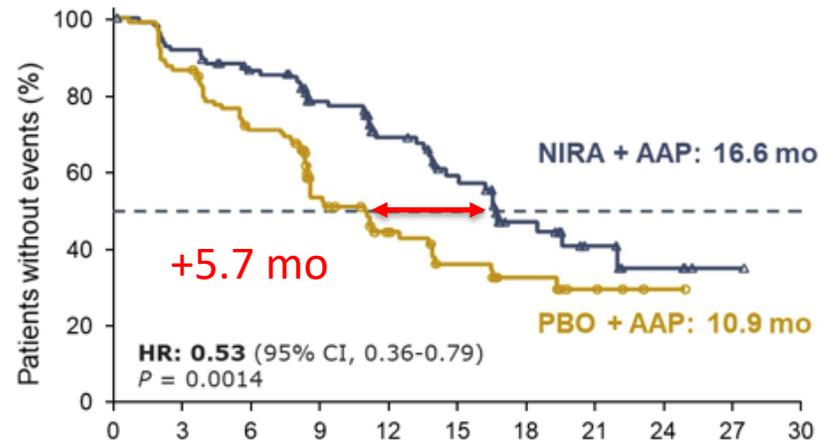
BRCA1/2 Mutated

Overall Response Rate

rPFS assessed by central review



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No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
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PBO + AAP	112	97	77	43	28	20	11	5	2	0	0

Overall survival awaited

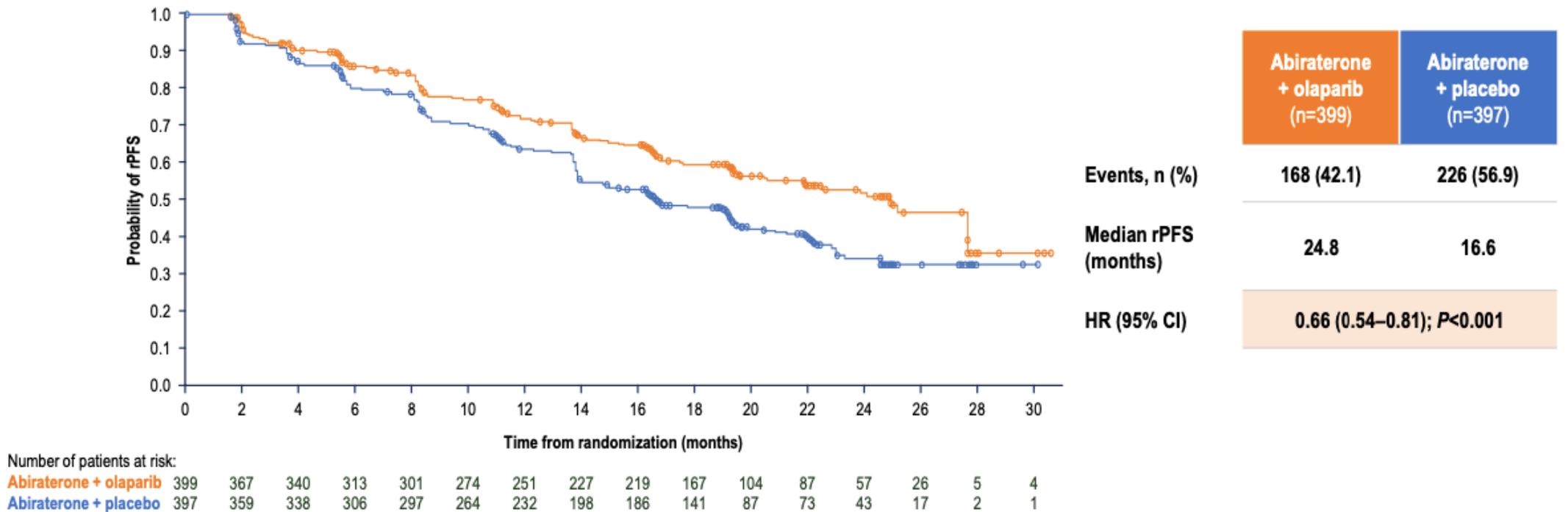
Is PARP monotherapy enough?

- Two distinct cohorts: with or without HRR genes alterations
- Prior ARTA, Docetaxel for mHSPC allowed

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## PROpel phase III: Olaparib + AAP vs Placebo + AAP

### Radiographic Progression free survival

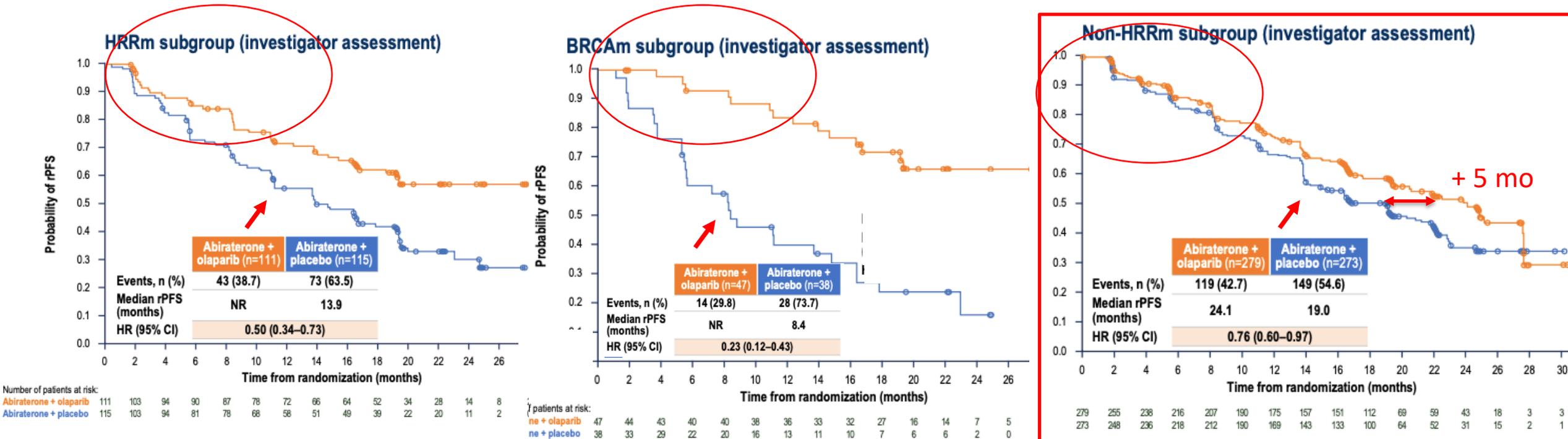


- Unselected population (HRR testing prospectively evaluated, tissue + ctDNA)
- Prior Docetaxel for mHSPC allowed (ARTA not allowed)

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### Radiographic Progression free survival



# PARP inhibitors and NHA in 1 line for **non HRRm** mCRPC subgroup... .....ready for primetime??

Slightly 'incremental' activity with PARP combination

Methodological considerations

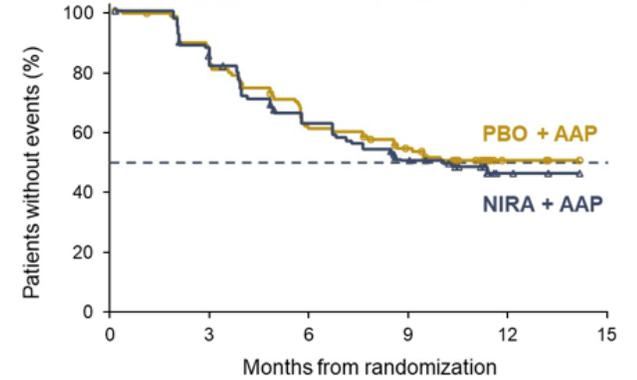
External consistency

Overall response rate in the PROpel trial

- HRR is not a stratification factor
- Subgroup analysis
- Potential 'false negative results' in the Non HRRm subgroup
- OS data immature

MAGNITUDE

Composite Progression Endpoint (radiographic or PSA progression)



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15
NIRA + AAP	117	92	68	51	4	0
PBO + AAP	116	91	68	56	8	0

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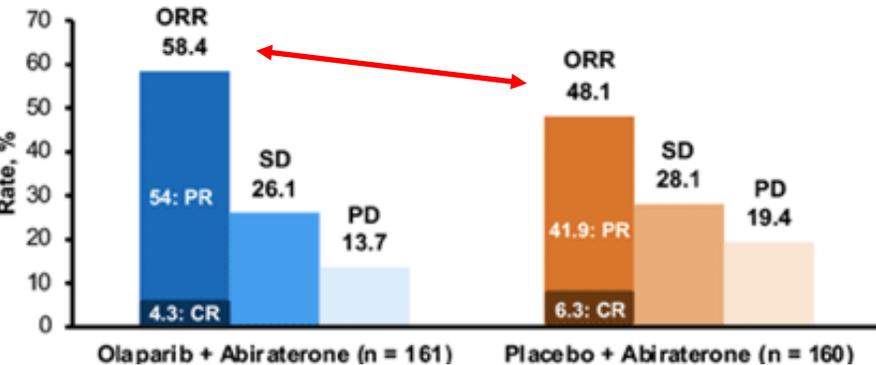
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DNA-Repair WT/Monoallelic (n = 60)

Response	No. (%)		P	Interaction P
	Abiraterone	Abiraterone + Veliparib		
PSA	(n = 26)	(n = 34)		
PSA response	12 (46.2)	22 (64.7)	.15	.97
95% CI, %	27.0 to 65.3	48.6 to 80.8		
Measurable disease	(n = 19)	(n = 25)		
RECIST response	7 (36.8)	10 (40.0)	.83	.64
95% CI, %	15.2 to 58.5	20.8 to 59.2		

Hussain, J clin Onc 2018

.....more evidence needed



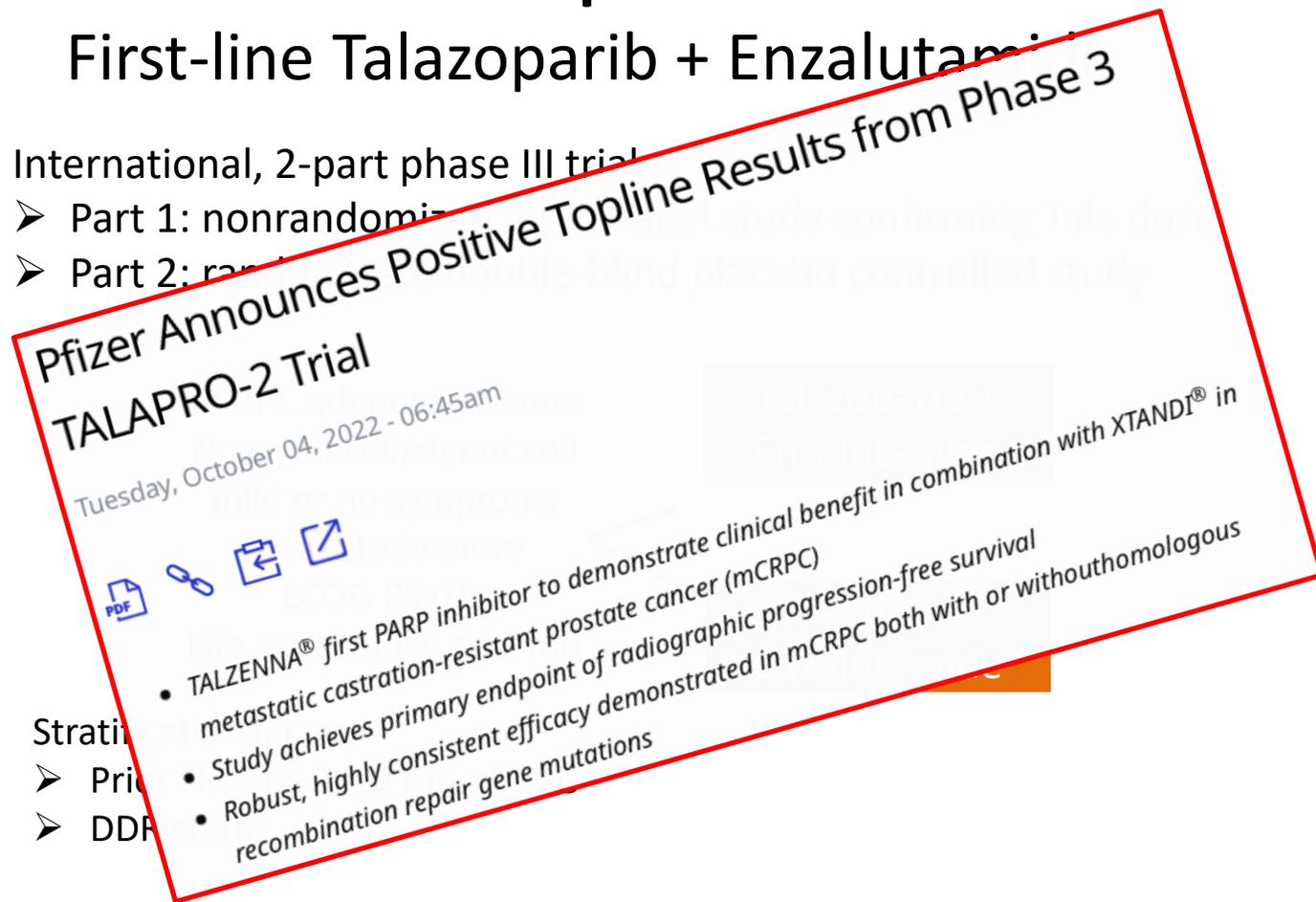
# PARP inhibitors + NHA in first-line mCRPC: ongoing phase III trials

## Talapro-2

### First-line Talazoparib + Enzalutamide

International, 2-part phase III trial

- Part 1: nonrandomized
- Part 2: randomized



Stratification

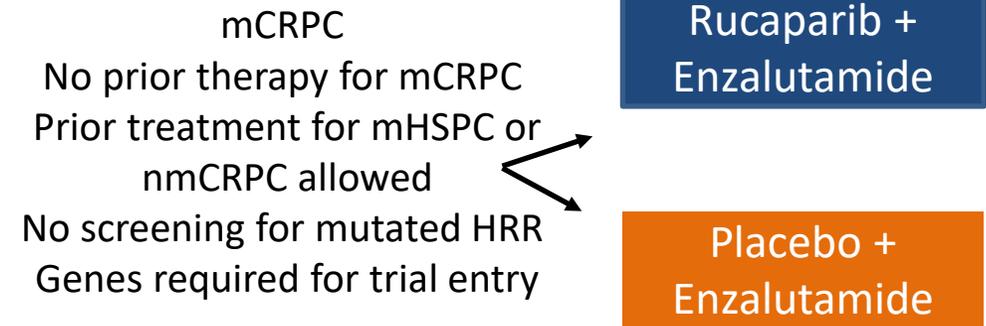
- Prior therapy
- DDR status

**Primary end points:** rPFS in DDR unselected and DDR mutant

## CASPAR

### First-line Rucaparib + Enzalutamide

Randomized, open-label phase III



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**Cabazitaxel x 6 cycles**

BSC for 3 months

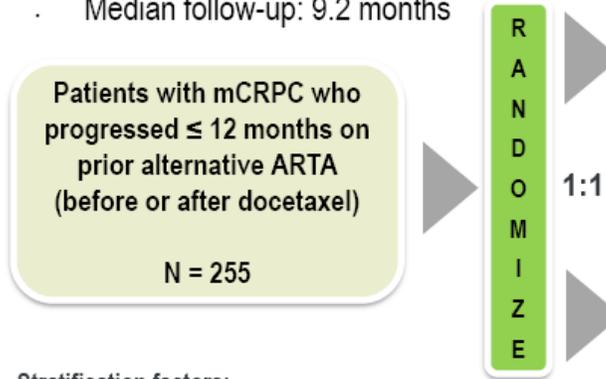
Later Lines

# Sequencing of AR pathway Inhibitors

	<sup>1</sup> CARD Trial Abi/Enza after Enza/Abi	<sup>2</sup> PLATO trial Abi after Enza	<sup>3</sup> Canadian Abi after Enza	<sup>3</sup> Canadian Enza After Abi	<sup>4</sup> NCT02116582 Enza after Abi
<b>Patient selection</b>	PD ≤ 12 mo on NHA	pts without PSA rise on ≥ 21 wks of Enza	PD on 1L Enza for mCRPC	PD on 1L Abi for mCRPC	≥ 24 wks of prior Abi
<b>PSA decline ≥ 50%</b>	13.5%	2%	4%	36%	19%
<b>Time to PSA prog. (months)</b>	1.7 (PFS)	2.8	1.7	3.5	5.7
<b>rPFS (months)</b>	3.7 Enza after Abi 4.8 Abi after Enza 3.4	5.6 (rPFS or Clin PFS)	NR	NR	8.1

# CARD Trial: Cabazitaxel vs NHA after prior NHA

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label study
- Enrollment: Nov 2015 – Nov 2018
- Median follow-up: 9.2 months



**Cabazitaxel (25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W)  
+ prednisone + G-CSF  
n = 129**

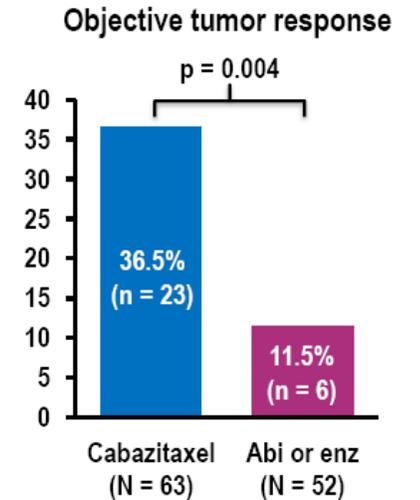
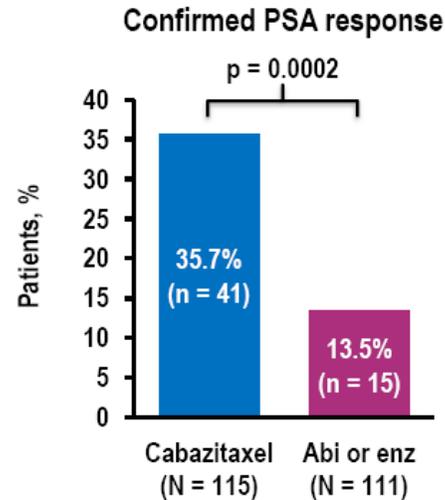
**Abiraterone (1000 mg QD)  
+ prednisone  
OR  
Enzalutamide (160 mg QD)  
n = 126**

**Endpoints**

**Primary:** rPFS

**Key secondary:** OS, PFS, PSA response, tumor response

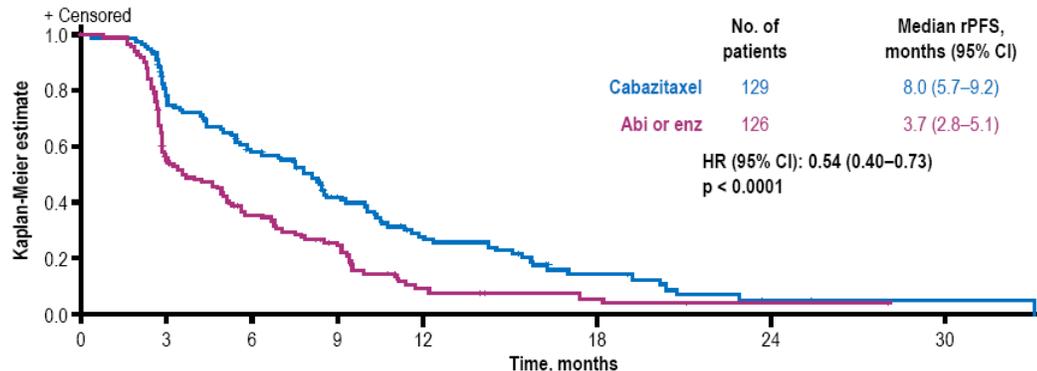
**Other secondary:** Pain response, time to symptomatic skeletal event, safety, HRQoL, biomarkers



**Stratification factors:**

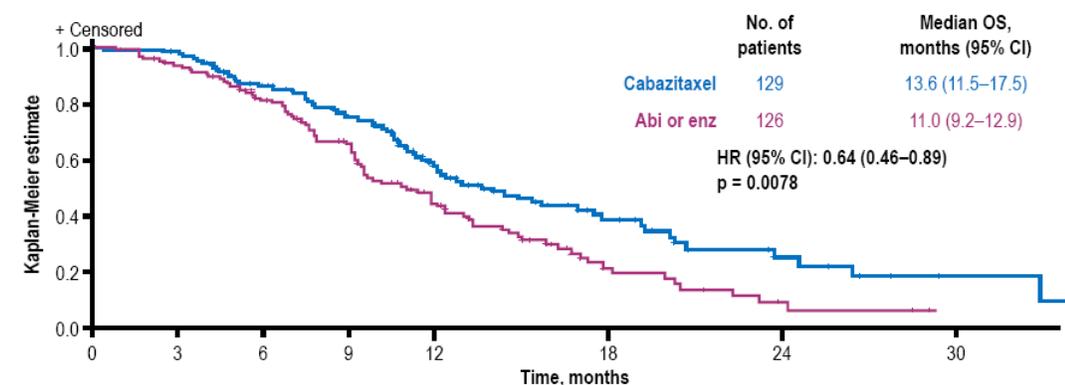
- ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2)
- Time to progression on prior alternative ARTA (0–6 vs > 6–12 months)
- Timing of ARTA (before vs after docetaxel)

## Radiographic progression free survival



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	18	24	30
Cabazitaxel	129	91	64	41	23	9	2	1
Abi or enz	126	61	36	22	7	3	1	0

## Overall survival

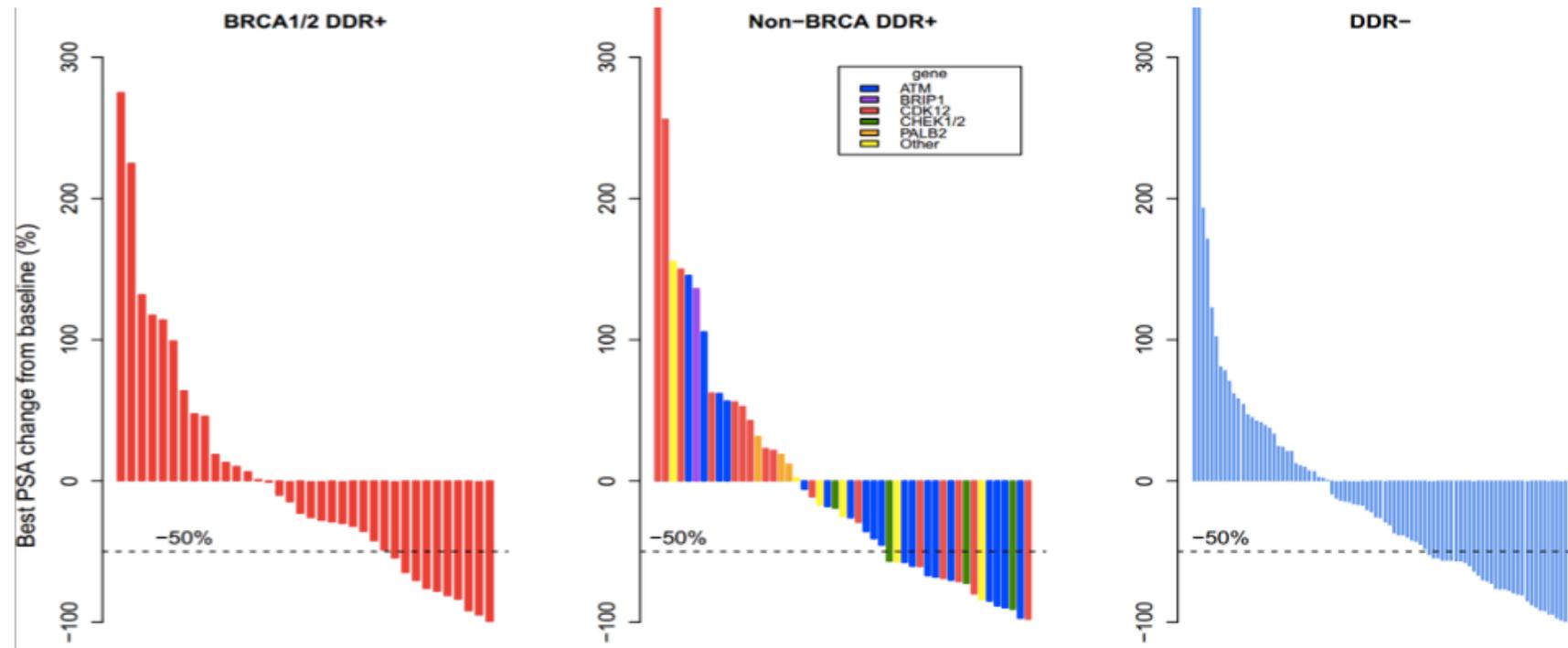


No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	18	24	30
Cabazitaxel	129	122	96	77	51	21	8	2
Abi or enz	126	116	88	64	39	11	3	0

# Cabazitaxel in DDR+ and DDR- mCRPC

PSA decline on cabazitaxel **DDR+** vs **DDR-** 32% vs 36%,  $p = 0.64$

**BRCA1/2** vs non-BRCA vs **DDR-** 27% vs 35% vs 36%,  $p=0.62$ .



# Radium-223 radioligand therapy

## <sup>1</sup>ALSYMPCA Eligibility Criteria

- Symptomatic mCRPC
- $\geq 2$  bone metastases
- No known visceral mets
- *Post docetaxel, unfit for docetaxel or refused docetaxel*

N = 901

R

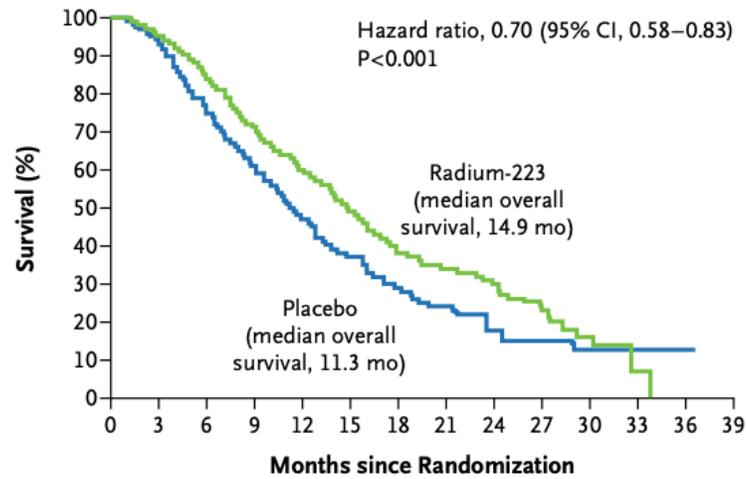
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Best SOC +  
Radium-223  
50 kBq/kg Q4W  
up to 6 cycles

Placebo

Primary end point: OS

## Overall Survival

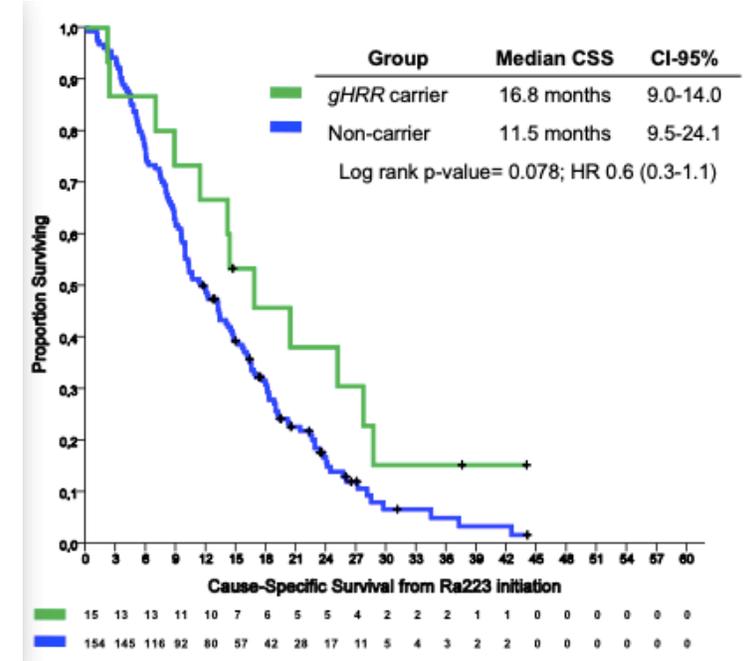


No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Radium-223	614	578	504	369	274	178	105	60	41	18	7	1	0	0
Placebo	307	288	228	157	103	67	39	24	14	7	4	2	1	0

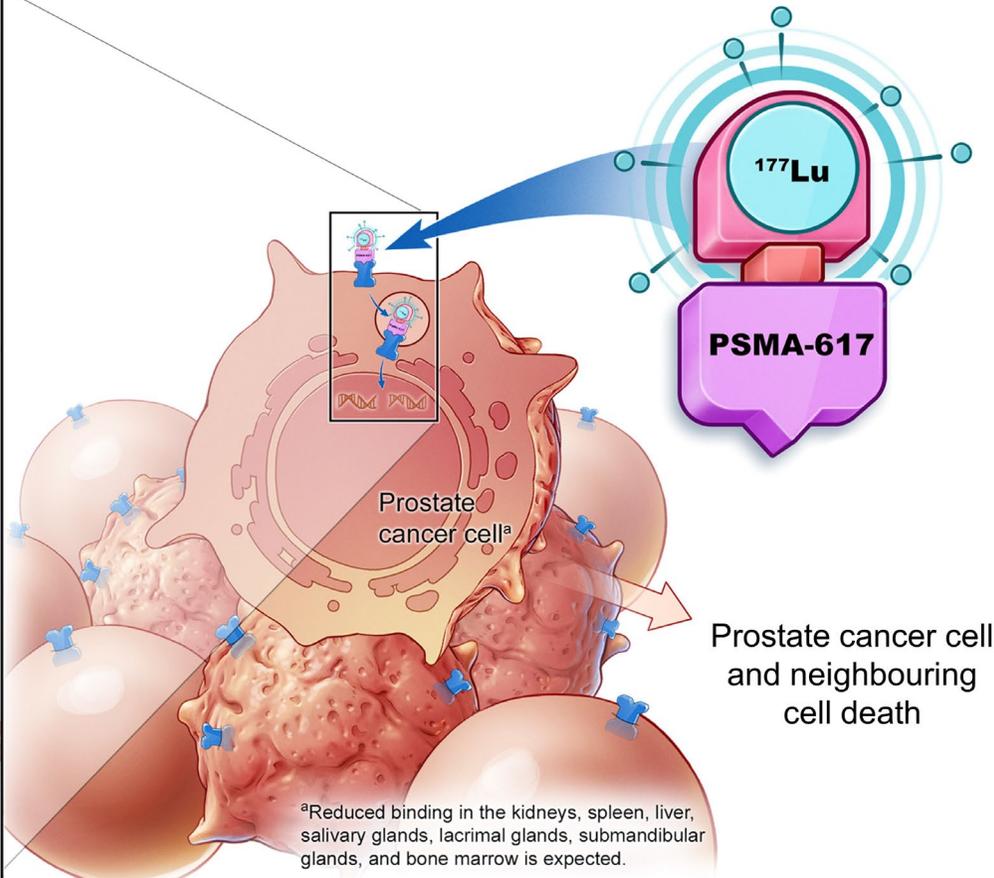
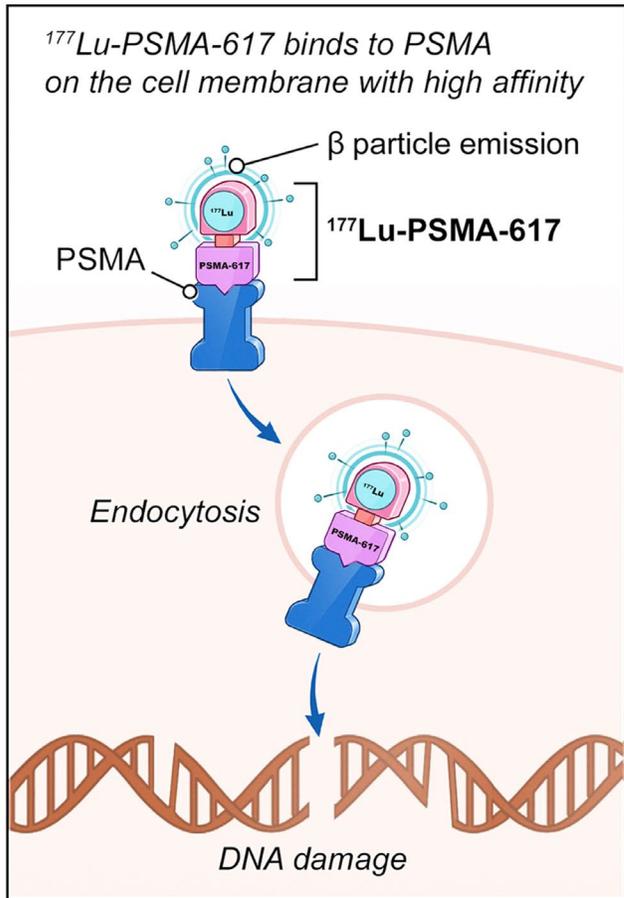
## <sup>2</sup>PRORADIUM phase II trial

### Cause spec. Survival by HRR status



Greater benefit  
in HRRm patients

# $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617 radioligand therapy: VISION phase III trial



- VISION Eligibility Criteria**
- mCRPC
    - Prior treatments:
      - $\geq 1$  NAAD
      - 1 or 2 taxane
    - PS of 0-2
    - PSMA PET/CT+

N = 831      2:1

**R**

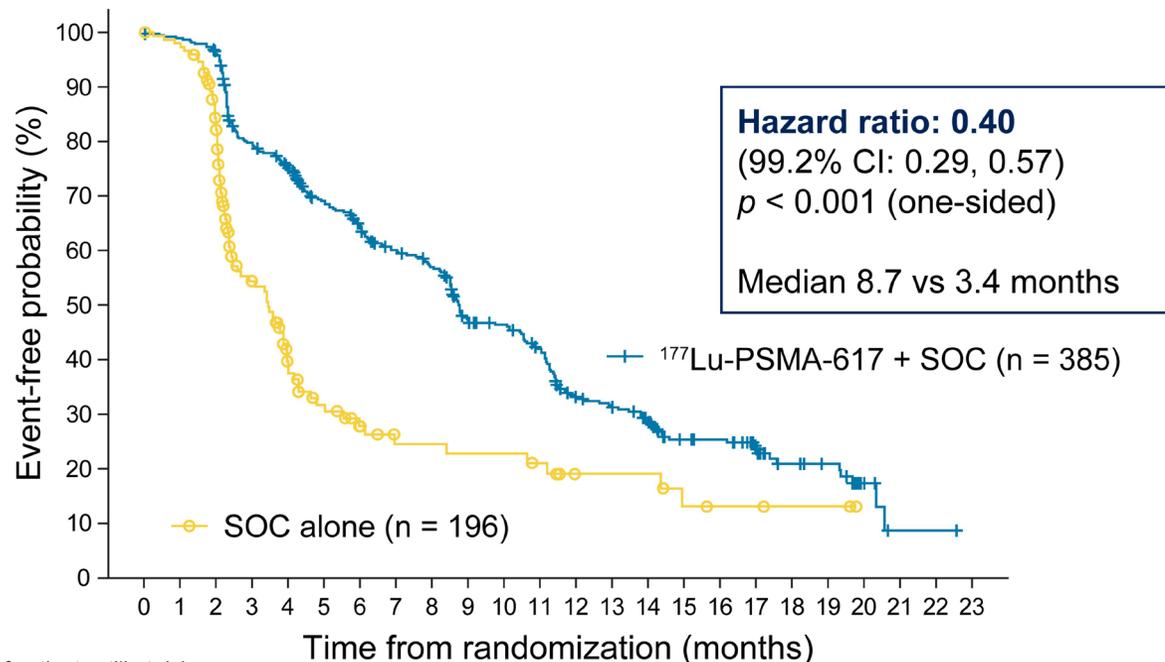
**Best SOC**  
 $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617  
 (7.4 GBq Q6W x  
 4-6 cycles)

**Best standard  
 of care**

• **Primary endpoint: rPFS, OS**

# VISION phase III trial: coprimary end points

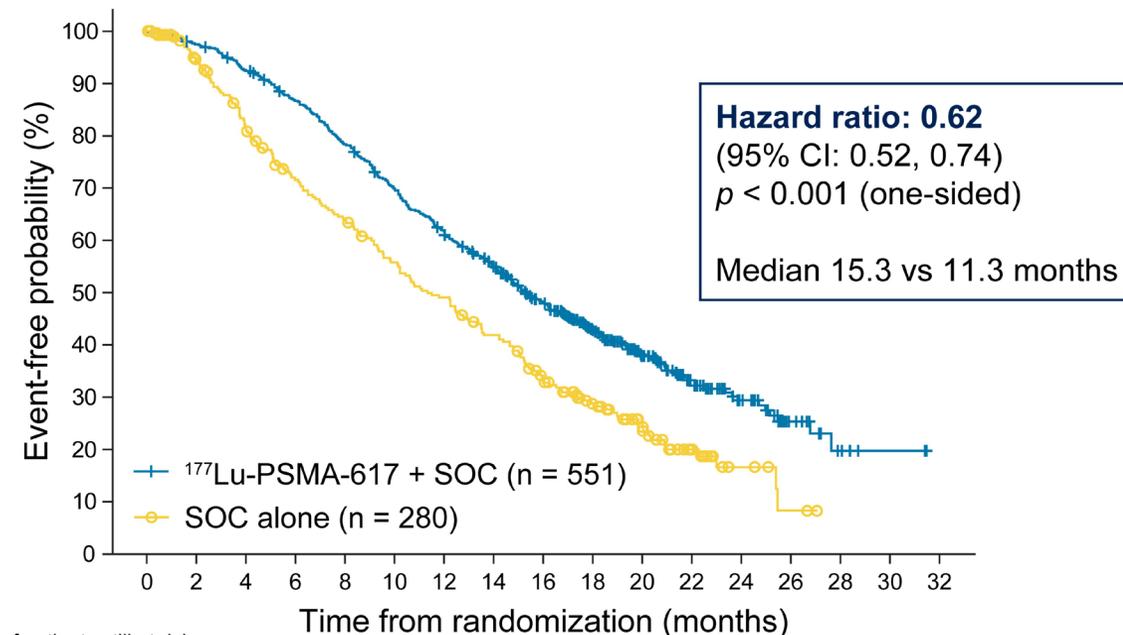
## Radiographic progression free survival



Number of patients still at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b><sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 + SOC</b>	385	373	362	292	272	235	215	194	182	146	137	121	88	83	71	51	49	37	21	18	6	1	1	0
<b>SOC alone</b>	196	146	119	58	36	26	19	14	14	13	13	11	7	7	7	4	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0

## Overall survival



Number of patients still at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
<b><sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 + SOC</b>	551	535	506	470	425	377	332	289	236	166	112	63	36	15	5	2	0
<b>SOC alone</b>	280	238	203	173	155	133	117	98	73	51	33	16	6	2	0	0	0

# TheraP phase II trial: $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617 vs Cabazitaxel

## TheraP Eligibility Criteria

- mCRPC
  - Prior treatments
    - Progression on Docetaxel
  - PS of 0-2
  - PSMA PET+ and FDG PET+  
*(no discordant results)*

N = 200

1:1

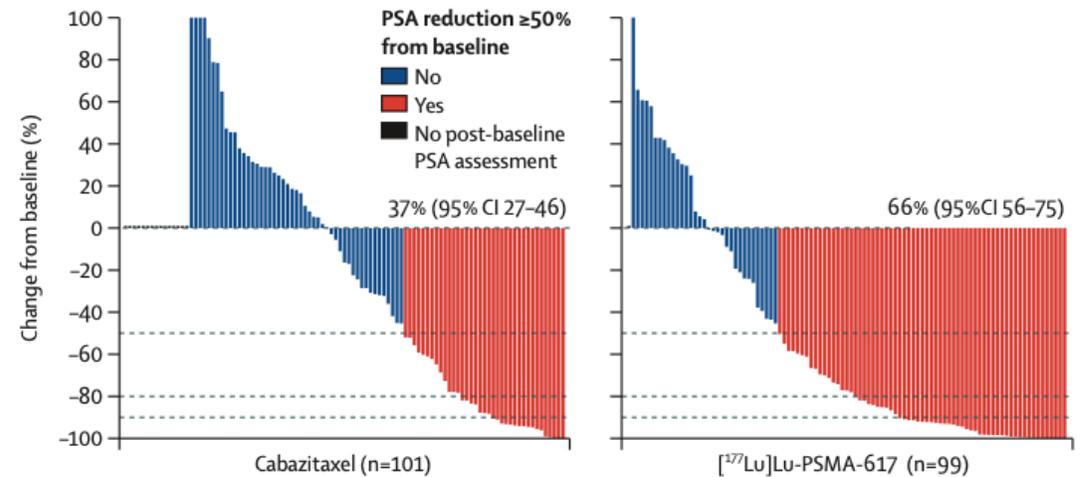
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Best SOC  
 $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617  
8.5 GBq Q6W  
up to 6 cycles

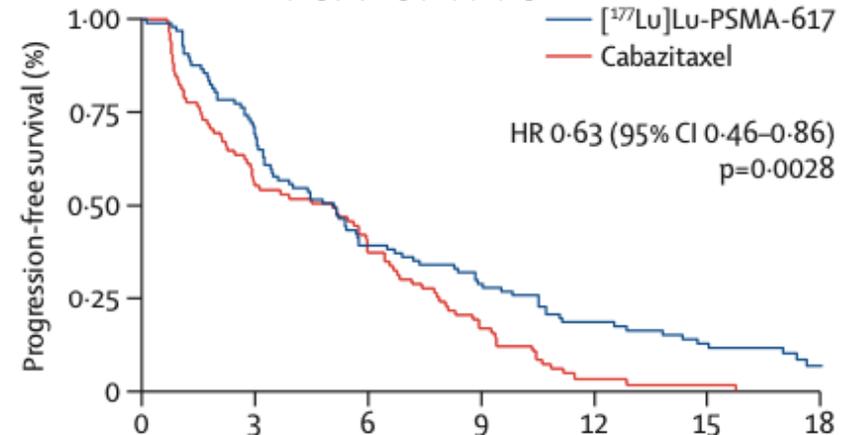
Cabazitaxel  
20 mg/mq  
up to 10 cycles

Primary end point: PSA>50% Response rate

## PSA >50% Response rate



## PSA or rPFS



Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Cabazitaxel	101	46	31	14	2	1	0
$^{177}\text{Lu}$ ]Lu-PSMA-617	99	67	38	28	17	11	4

# <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 radioligand therapy: patient selection

Activity in randomised trials

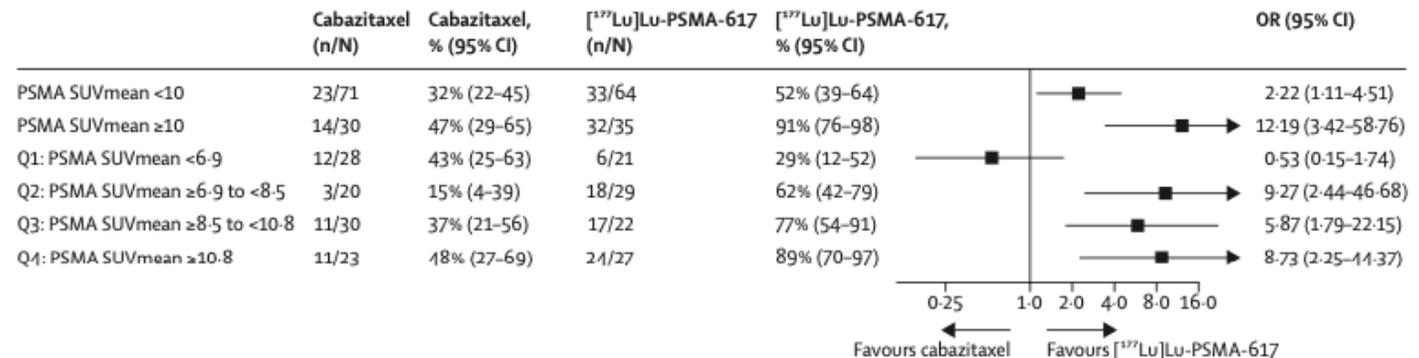
	<sup>1</sup> TheraP	<sup>2</sup> VISION	Δ
<b>CONTROL ARM</b>	Cabazitaxel	SOC	
<b>Patient selection</b>	PSMA PET + FDG PET	PSMA PET	
<b>PSA ≥ 50% response</b>	66%	46%	20%
<b>ORR (RECIST)</b>	49%	51%	2%

The narrower the selection  
the higher the response

Feasibility of double PET  
selection is an issue

<sup>3</sup>PSA response according to PSMA-PET SUV

Minor benefit in patients with  
PSMA SUVmean < 10



$^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617 vs a chenebide in androgen receptor pathway inhibitor in taxane naive patients with mCRPC: the PSMAfore phase III trial

[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov): NCT04689828

$^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617 in combination with standard of care vs SOC alone in mHSPC: a phase III trial

[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov): NCT04720157

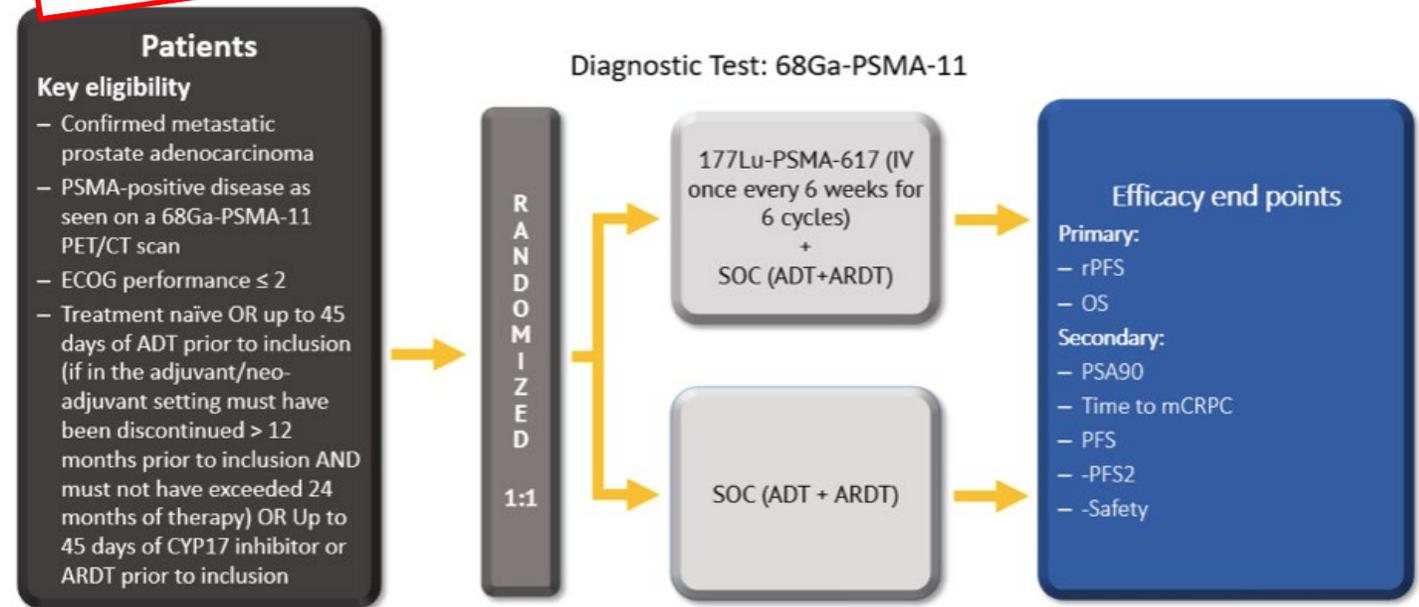
**Novartis Pluvicto™ shows statistically significant and clinically meaningful radiographic progression-free survival benefit in patients with PSMA-positive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer**

Dec 05, 2022

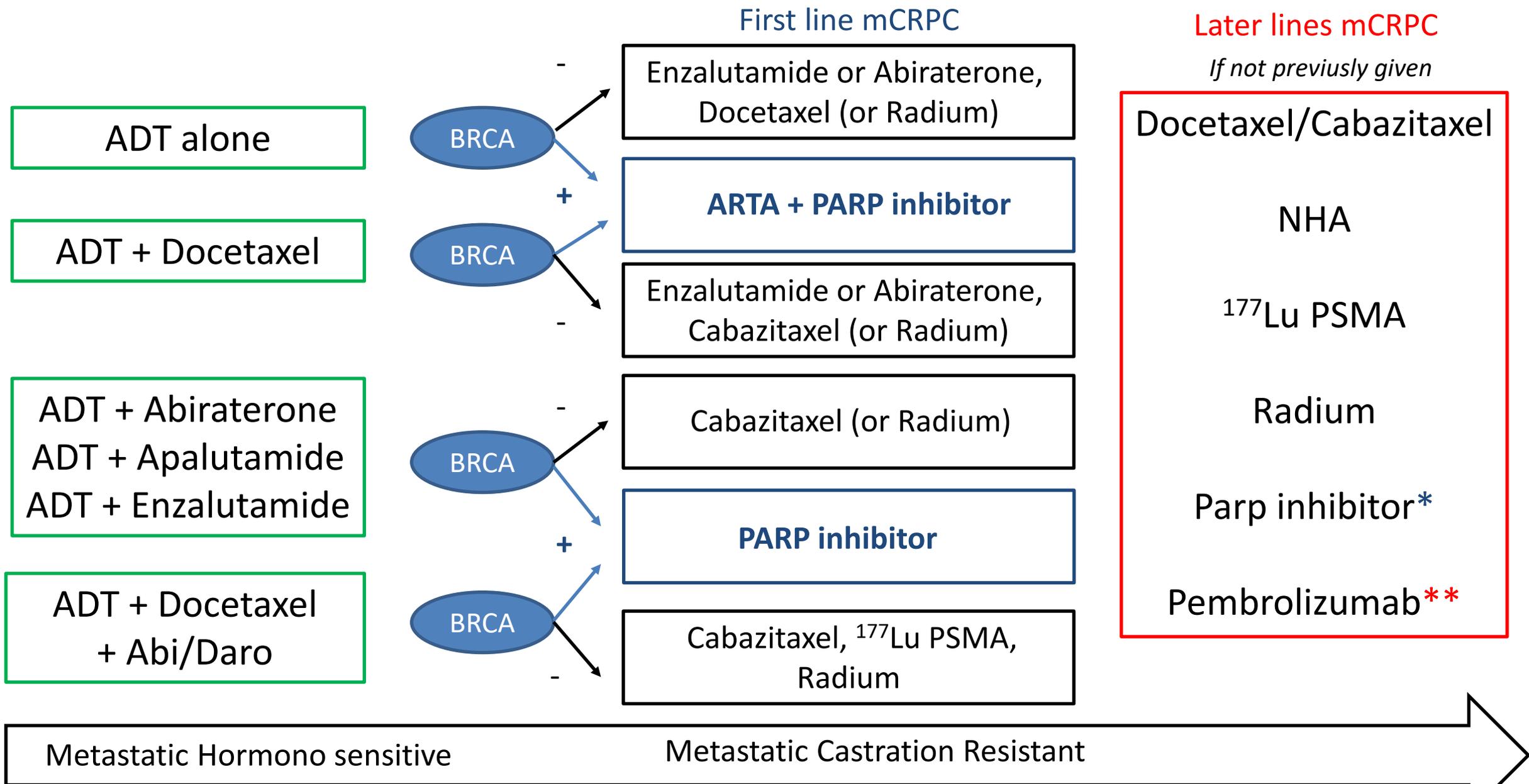
Ad hoc announcement pursuant to Art. 53 LR

- Phase III PSMAfore trial with Pluvicto™ met the primary endpoint of radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS) in PSMA-positive mCRPC who have been treated with androgen-receptor pathway inhibitor (ARPI) therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Pluvicto becomes the first PSMA-targeted radioligand therapy to demonstrate clinical benefit in mCRPC patients before receiving taxane-based chemotherapy<sup>1</sup>, addressing a significant unmet need<sup>2</sup>
- Findings to be presented at an upcoming medical meeting and submitted to regulatory authorities for approval in 2023
- Novartis is advancing a broad portfolio of radioligand therapies to treat cancer and is investing in manufacturing capacity to meet the growing global demand for treatment

• mCRPC with disease progression  
• ARPI  
• Treatment  
• SOC (FACT-P, EQ-5D-5L, BPI-SF)



# Treatment options in the evolving scenario of mCRPC



\* if BRCA Mut

\*\* if MSI-H

# Final remarks for mCRPC

Several life prolonging agents, sequence is unclear

Lack of data after combo treatment for mHSPC

BRCA testing **as soon as possible**  New data in **1L mCRPC for BRCA Mutant**

Don't forget bone protecting agents

Later lines:

- ARTA cross resistance well defined
- Cabazitaxel, Radium-223, <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA, PARP Inhibitors, Pembro are options

Enroll your patients in clinical trials whenever possible