



# *Terapia Medica: quali nuove molecole nel paziente con Carcinoma della Prostata Resistente alla Castrazione metastatico (m-CRPC)?*

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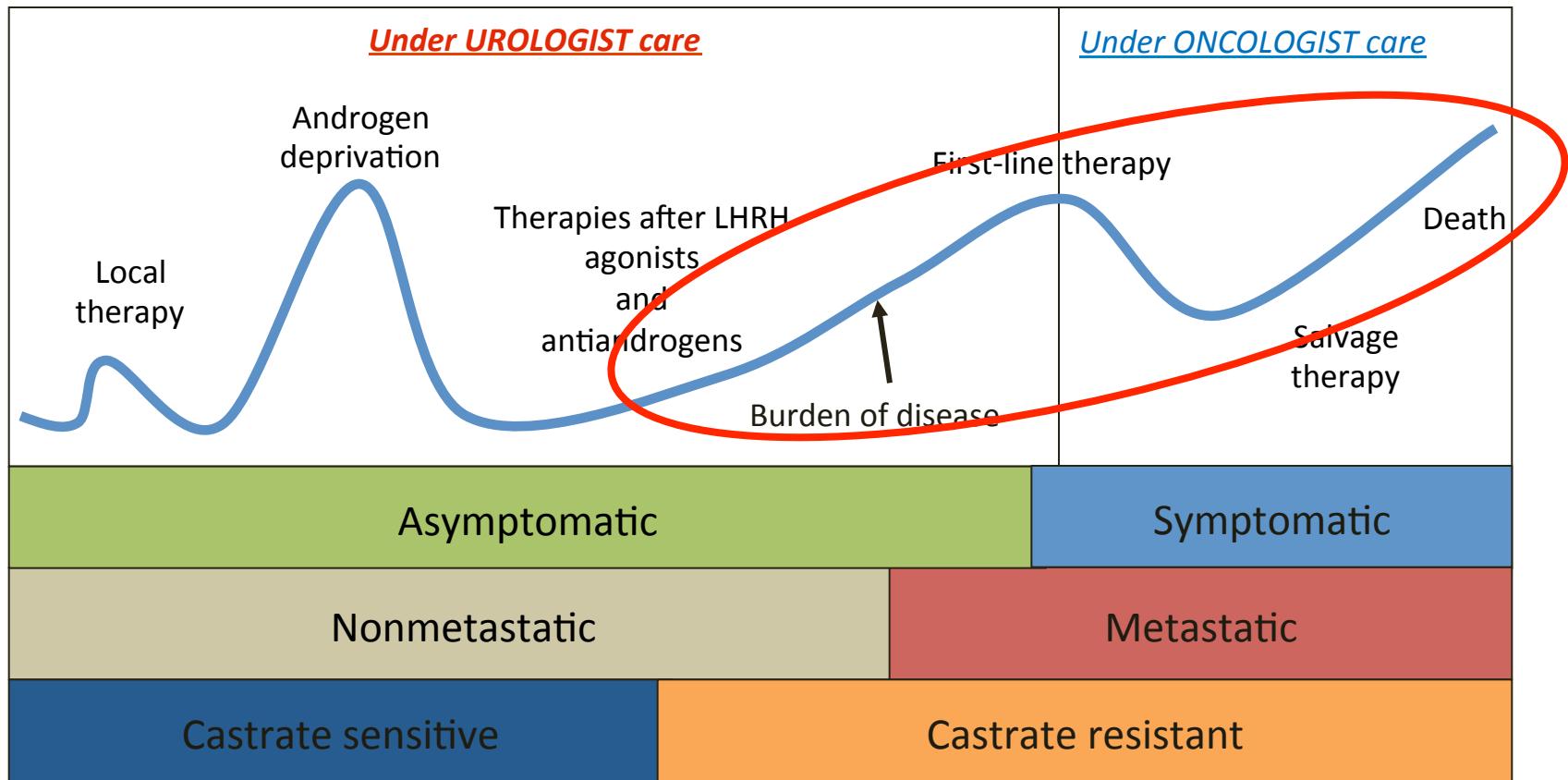
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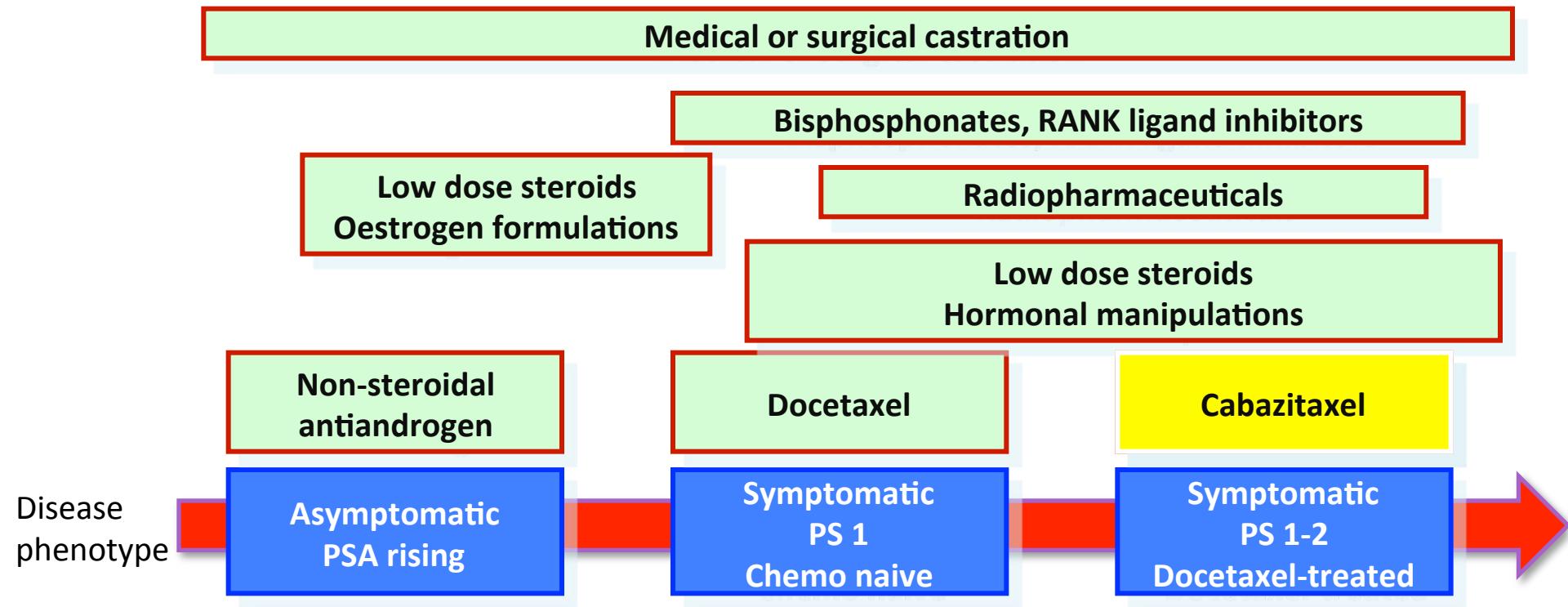
# Natural History of Prostate Cancer

Typical patient presentation as they move through different stages



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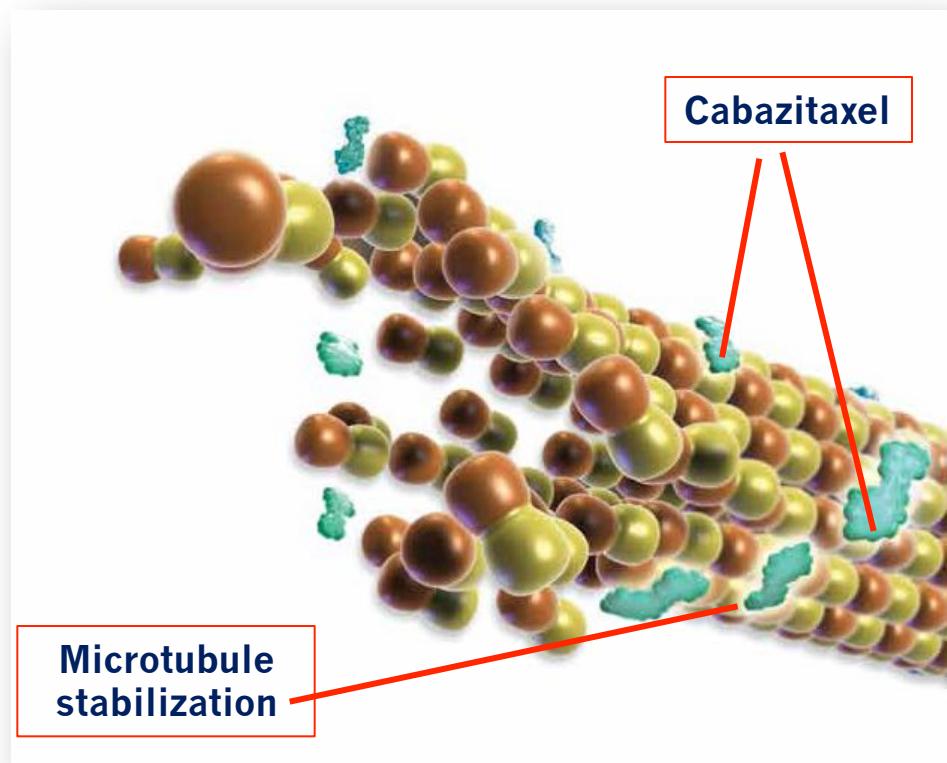
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# Cabazitaxel

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- Selected over 450 docetaxel analogues for its ability to overcome taxane resistance
- As potent as docetaxel against sensitive cell lines and tumor models
- Active in vitro and in vivo against tumor models resistant to currently available taxanes



# Cabazitaxel Preclinical Summary

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	Docetaxel	Cabazitaxel
Stabilization of microtubules	✓	✓
Activity in taxane-sensitive cell lines	✓	✓
Activity in taxane-sensitive <i>in vivo</i> tumor models	✓	✓
Orally bioavailable in murine models		✓
Active in chemotherapy-resistant or insensitive cell lines		✓
Active in chemotherapy-resistant or insensitive <i>in vivo</i> tumor models		✓
Crosses blood-brain-barrier <i>in vivo</i>		✓

# Phase III TROPIC trial

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**Cabazitaxel + prednisone (CBZP) versus mitoxantrone + prednisone (MP) in the treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) previously treated with a docetaxel-based regimen**

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Prednisone plus cabazitaxel or mitoxantrone for metastatic  
castration-resistant prostate cancer progressing after  
docetaxel treatment: a randomised open-label trial 

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# Phase III TROPIC trial

mCRPC patients who progressed during and after treatment with a docetaxel-based regimen (N=755)



## Stratification factors

ECOG PS (0, 1 vs. 2) • Measurable vs. non-measurable disease

cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> q 3 wk  
+ prednisone\* for 10 cycles  
(n=378)

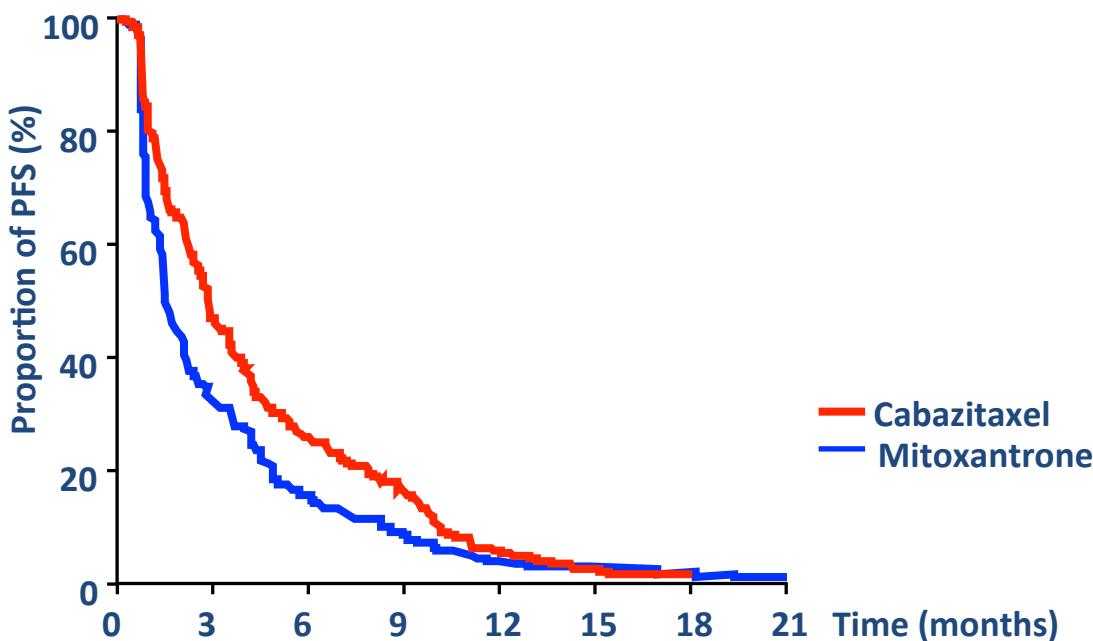
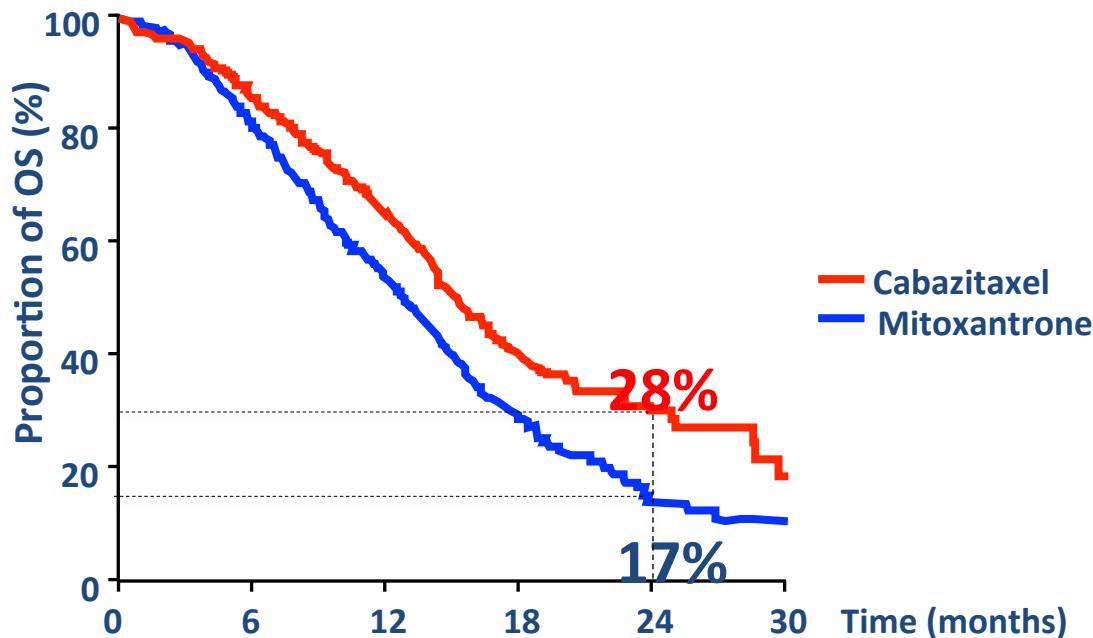
mitoxantrone 12 mg/m<sup>2</sup> q 3 wk  
+ prednisone\* for 10 cycles  
(n=377)

\*Oral prednisone/prednisolone: 10 mg daily

**Primary endpoint:** OS

**Secondary endpoints:** Progression-free survival (PFS), response rate, and safety

**Inclusion:** Patients with measurable disease must have progressed by RECIST; otherwise must have had new lesions or PSA progression



	MP	CBZP
Median OS (months)	12.7	15.1
Hazard ratio	0.70	
95% CI	0.59–0.83	
P value	<0.0001	

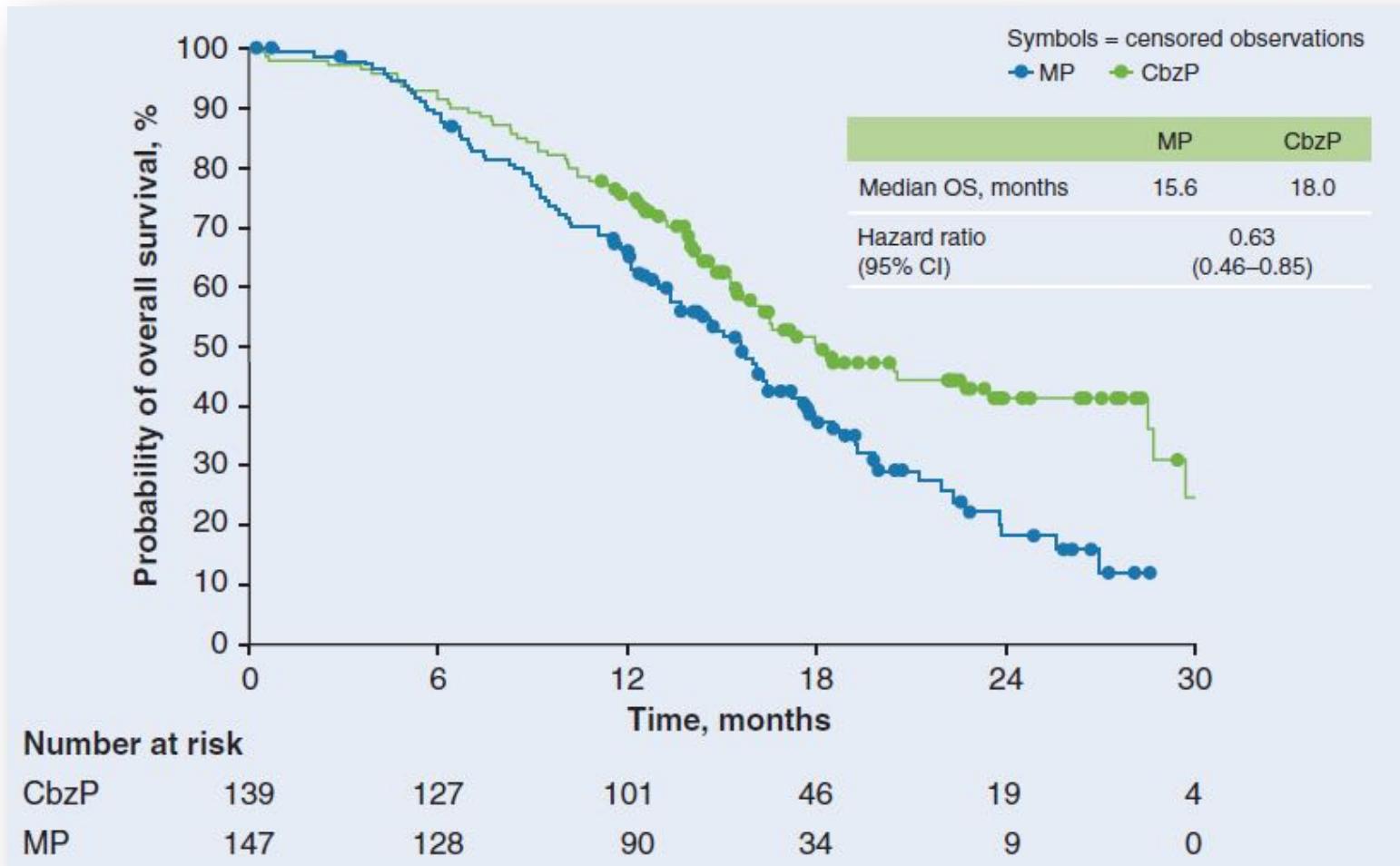
	MP	CBZP
Median PFS (months)	1.4	2.8
Hazard ratio	0.74	
95% CI	0.64–0.86	
P-value	<0.0001	

De Bono et al. *Lancet*, 2010, 376:1147-54

# Response rate & time to progression

	MP (n=377)	CBZP (n=378)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Tumor assessment				
Response rate* (%)	4.4	14.4	–	0.0005
Median TTP (months)	5.4	8.8	0.61 (0.49–0.76)	<0.0001
PSA assessment				
Response rate* (%)	17.8	39.2	–	0.0002
Median TTP (months)	3.1	6.4	0.75 (0.63–0.90)	0.001
Pain response rate				
(N patients)	(168)	(174)		
Response rate (%)	7.7	9.2	0.91 (0.69-1.19)	0.63

# OS in Patients Discontinuing Prior Docetaxel for Other Reason than Disease Progression



# Non hematological Adverse Events

	MP (n=371)		CBZP (n=371)	
	All grades (%)	Grade 3/4 (%)	All grades (%)	Grade 3/4 (%)
Any adverse event	88	39	96	57
Febrile neutropenia	1	1	8	8
Diarrhea	11	<1	47	6
Fatigue	27	3	37	5
Back pain	12	3	16	4
Nausea	23	<1	34	2
Vomiting	10	0	23	2
Hematuria	4	1	17	2
Abdominal pain	4	0	12	2

# Hematological Adverse Events

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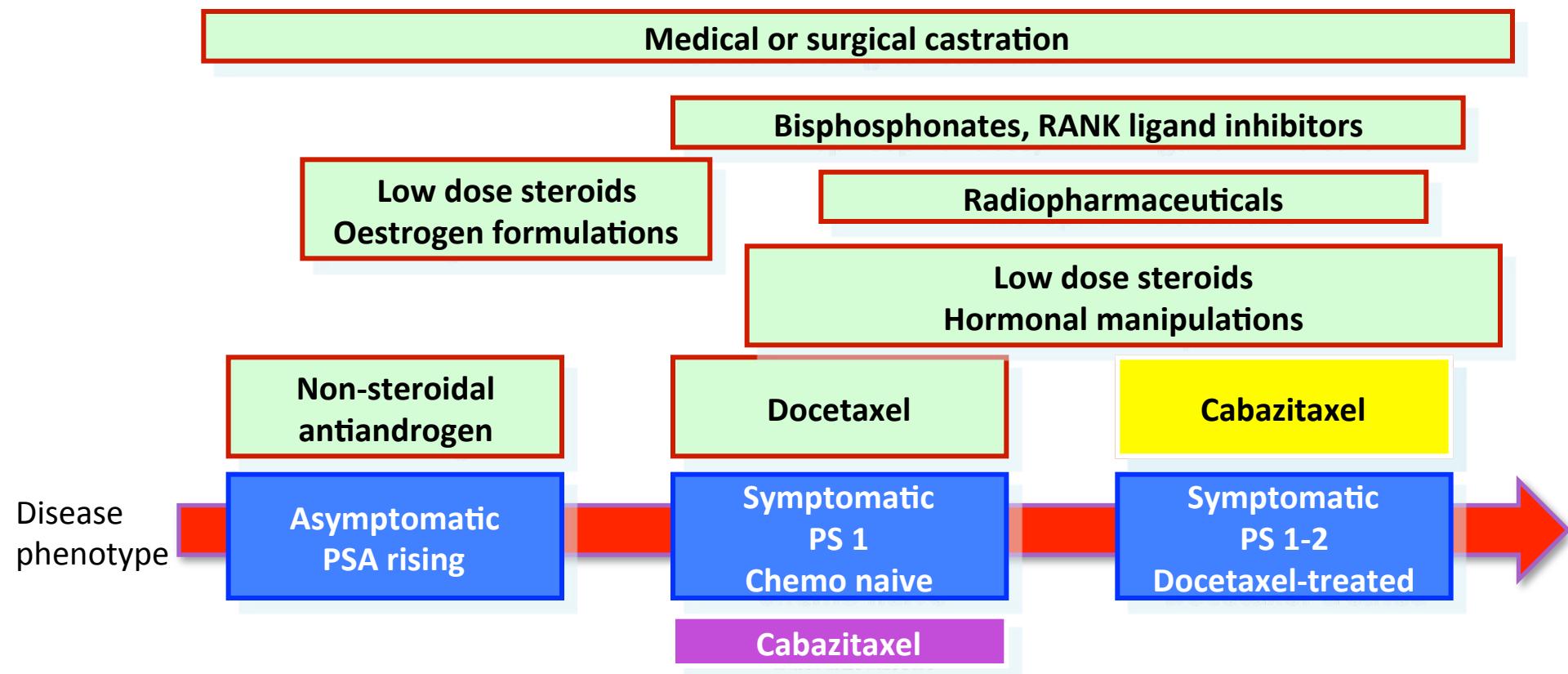
	MP (n=371)		CBZP (n=371)	
	All grades (%)	Grade ≥3 (%)	All grades (%)	Grade ≥3 (%)
Anemia	81	5	97	11
Leukopenia	92	42	96	68
Neutropenia*	88	58	94	82
Thrombocytopenia	43	2	47	4

# Cabazitaxel key issues

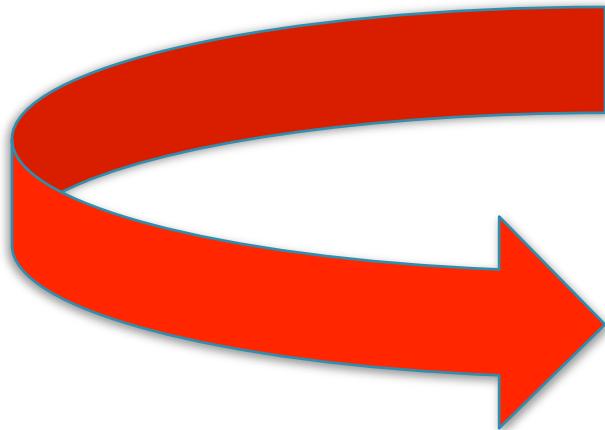
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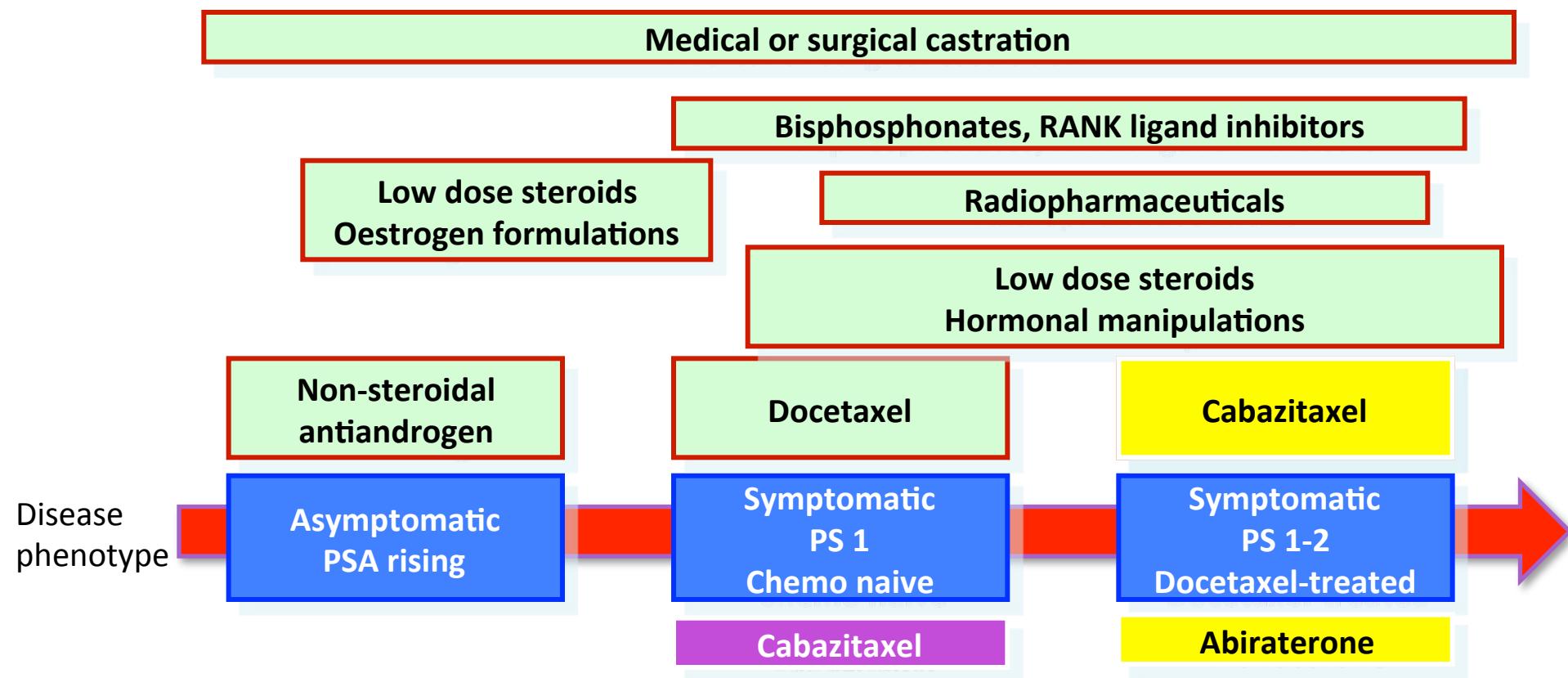
- Efficacy
  - The first approved drug in second line setting
  - Significantly prolongs CRPC pts survival
  - Contributes to change disease history
- Toxicity
  - To pay attention to critical toxicities
  - Proactive management of critical toxicities
- Strategy placing
  - Vs rechallenge option in DOC sensitive pts
  - Pivotal trial in first line (FIRSTANA) 

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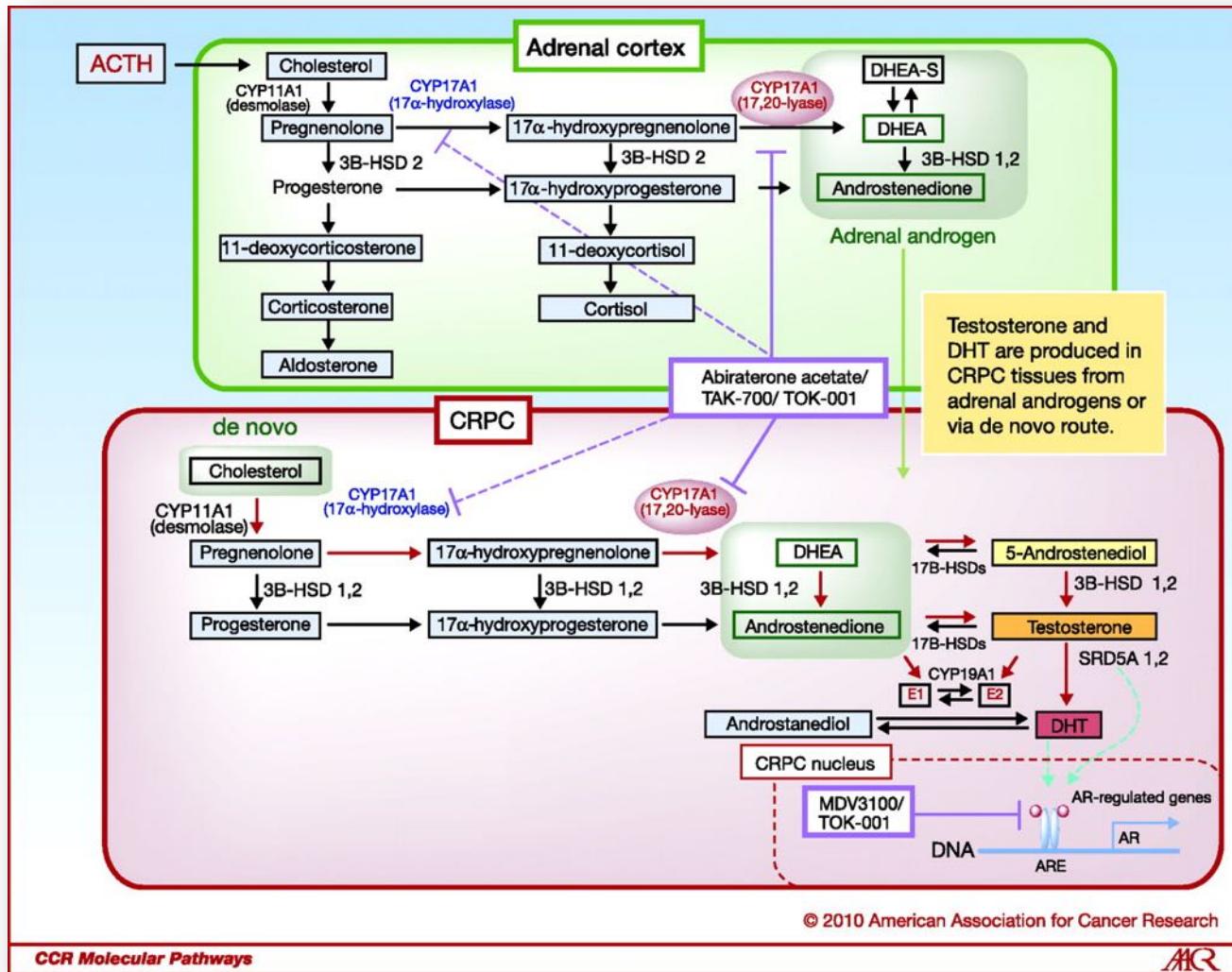


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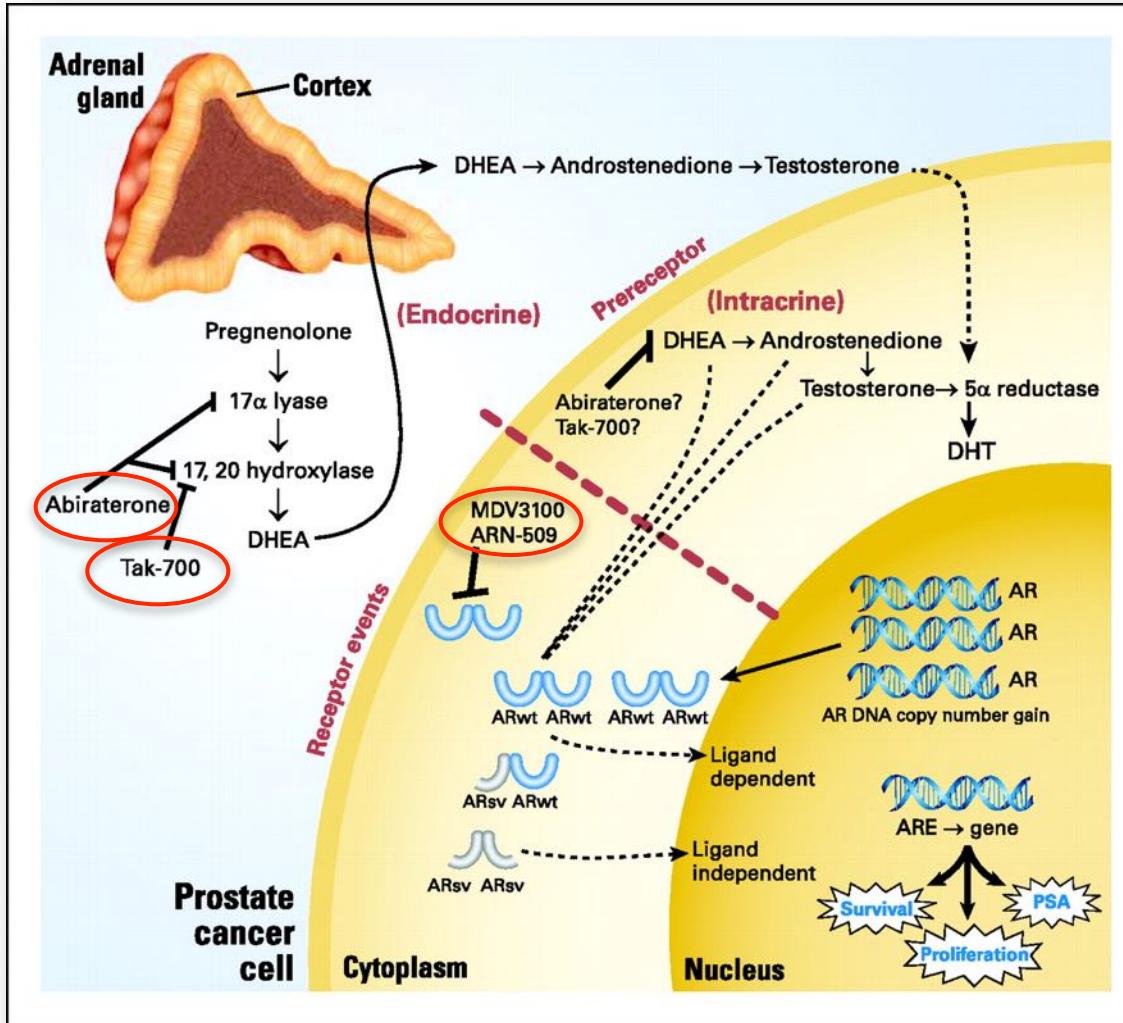




# Androgen synthesis pathways in adrenal and CRPC tissues



# Schematic of the various androgen-receptor (AR) signaling aberrancies that may drive progressive prostate cancer.



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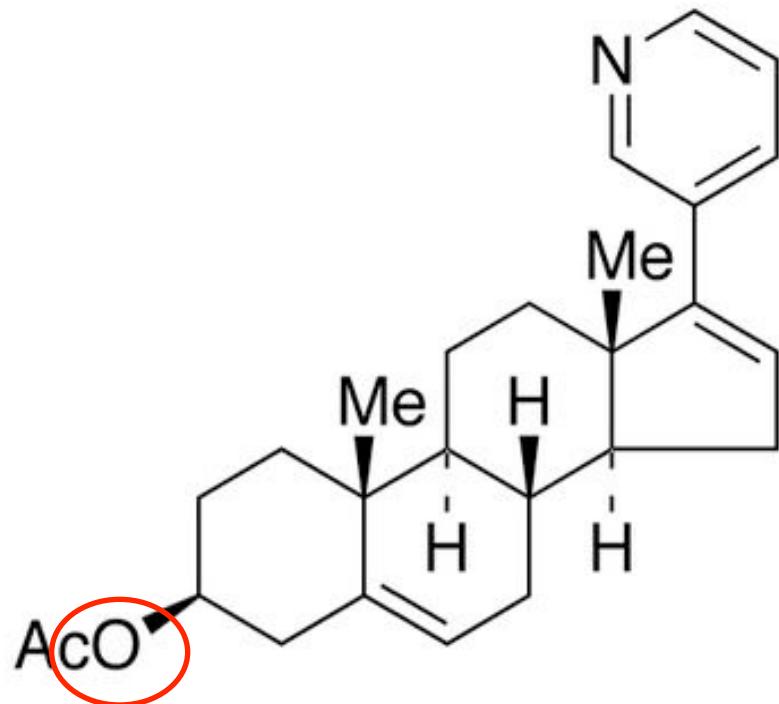
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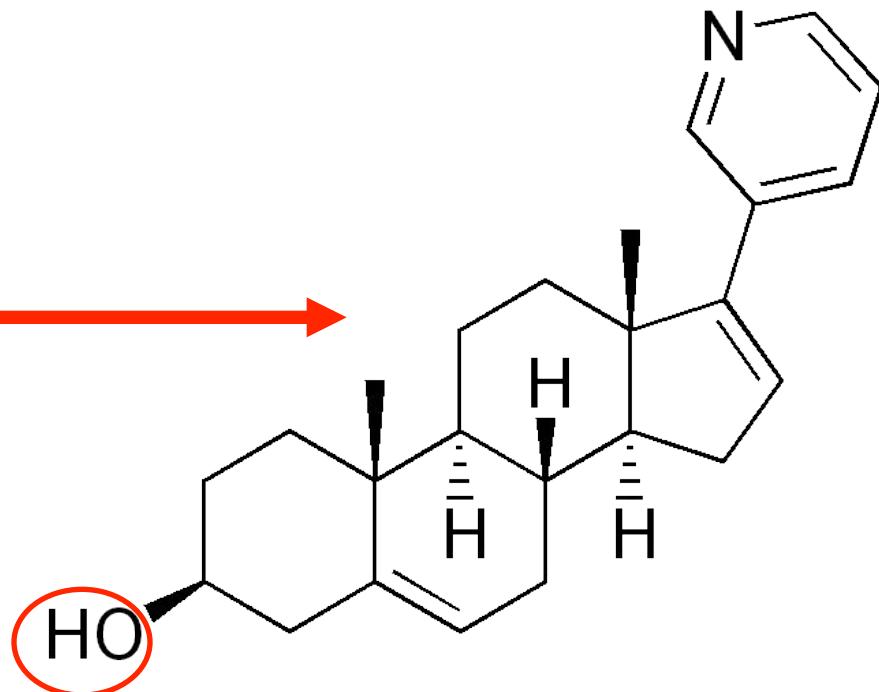
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# ABIRATERONE ACETATE

Pro-drug



Drug

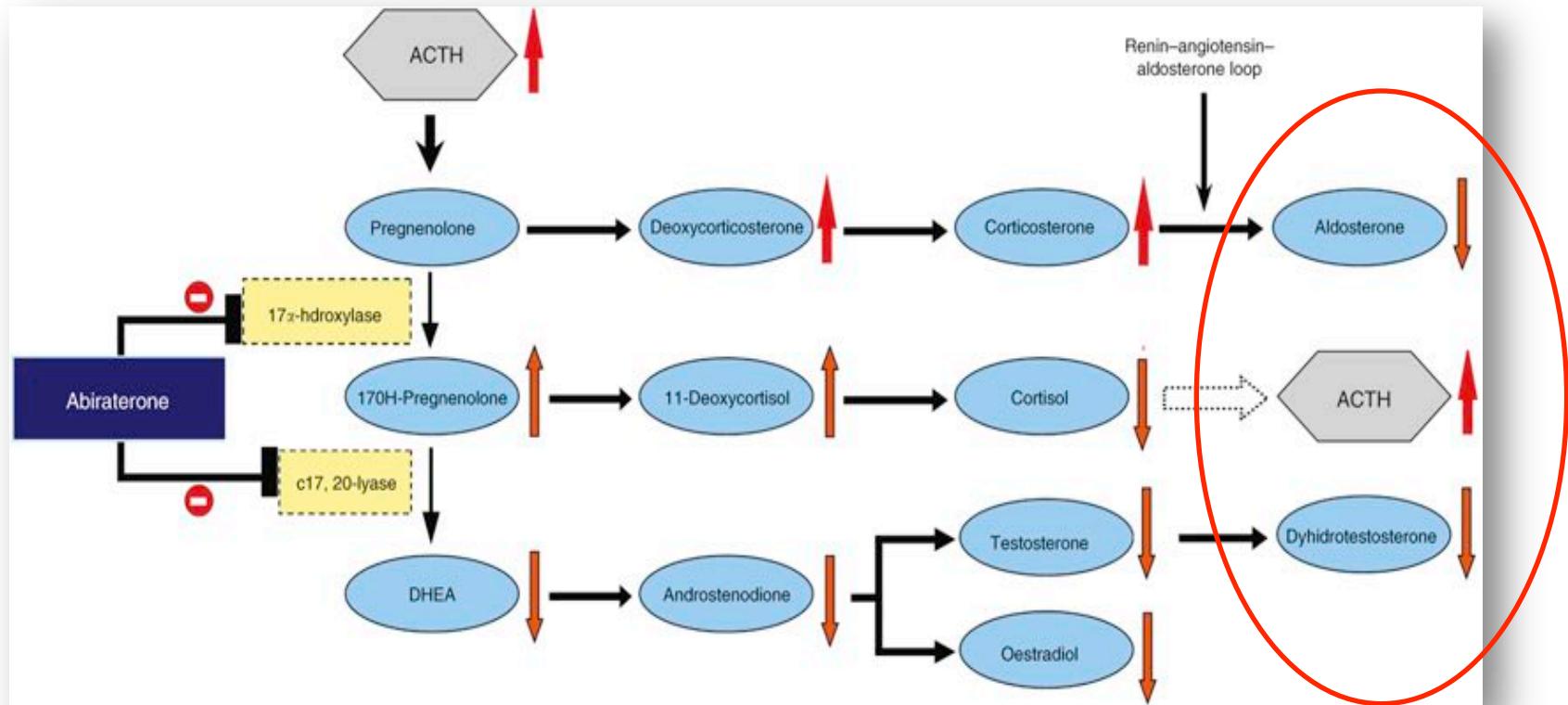


Abiraterone  
acetate

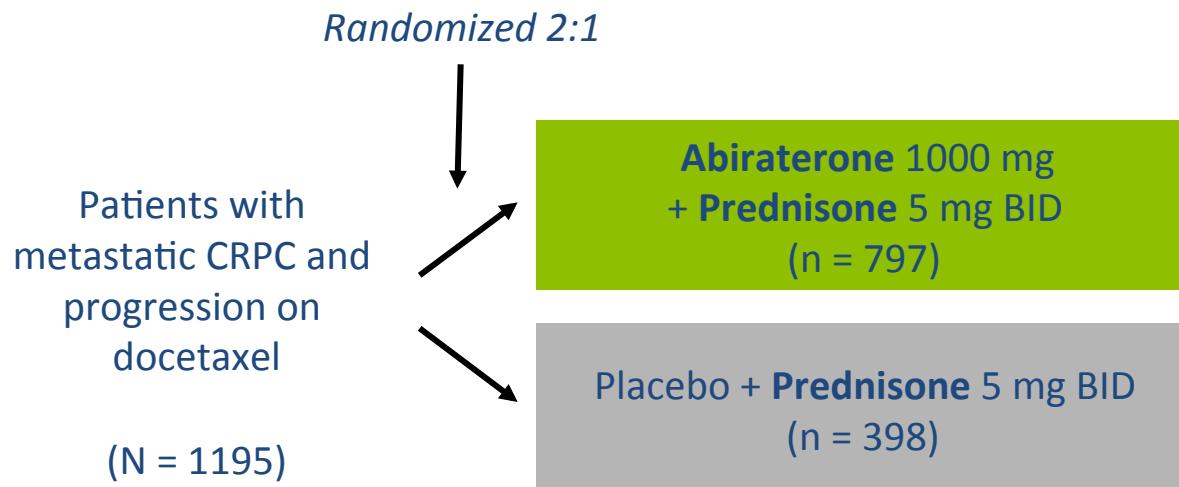
Abiraterone

Potent and selective inhibitor of CYP17

# Abiraterone effects on androgen biosynthesis



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- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: time to PSA progression, radiographic PFS, PSA response rate

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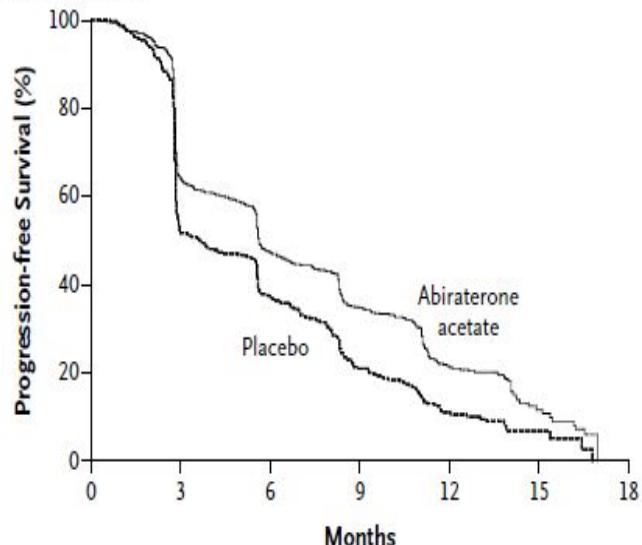
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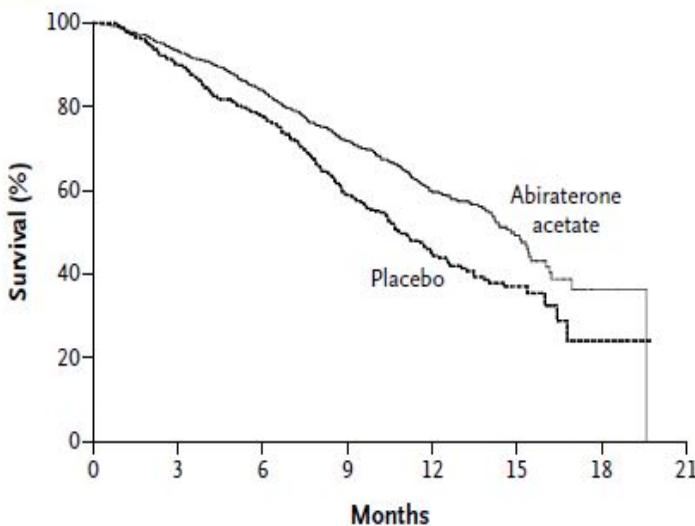
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### No. at Risk

Abiraterone acetate	797	490	352	202	76	14	0
Placebo	398	193	129	64	22	4	0

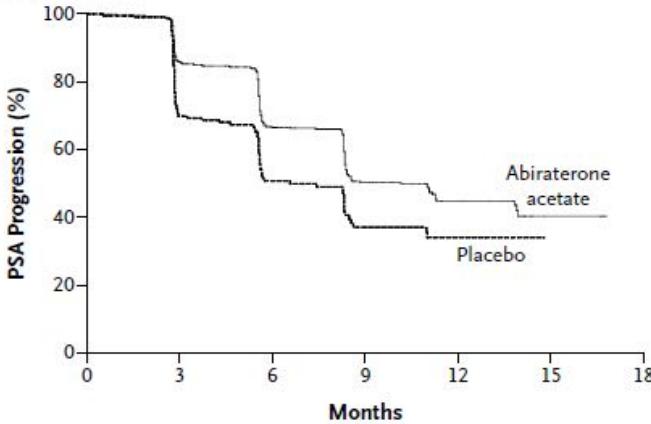
### A Overall Survival



### No. at Risk

Abiraterone acetate	797	736	657	520	282	68	2	0
Placebo	398	355	306	210	105	30	3	0

### B Time to PSA Progression



### No. at Risk

Abiraterone acetate	797	490	292	139	59	7	0
Placebo	398	145	58	28	12	0	0

# COU-AA-301: OS, Response

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	AA (n = 797)	Placebo (n = 398)	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Median OS, mos	14.8	10.9	0.646 (0.54-0.77)	< .0001
TTPP, mos	10.2	6.6	0.58 (0.46-0.73)	< .0001
rPFS, mos	5.6	3.6	0.67 (0.59-0.78)	< .0001
PSA response rate				
• Total, %	38.0	10.1		< .0001
• Confirmed, %	29.1	5.5		< .0001

*TTPP, time to PSA progression; rPFS, radiographic PFS.*

# COU-AA-301: Adverse Events

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Adverse Event, %	AA (n = 791)		Placebo (n = 394)	
	All Grades	Grades 3/4	All Grades	Grades 3/4
All treatment-emergent AEs	98.9	54.5	99.0	58.4
Serious AEs	37.5	32.1	41.4	35.3
AEs leading to discontinuation	18.7	10.5	22.8	13.5
Fluid retention	30.5	2.3	22.3	1.0
Hypokalemia	17.1	3.8	8.4	0.8
LFT abnormalities	10.4	3.5	8.1	3.0
Hypertension	9.7	1.3	7.9	0.3
Cardiac disorders	13.3	4.1	10.4	2.3

# Abiraterone key issues

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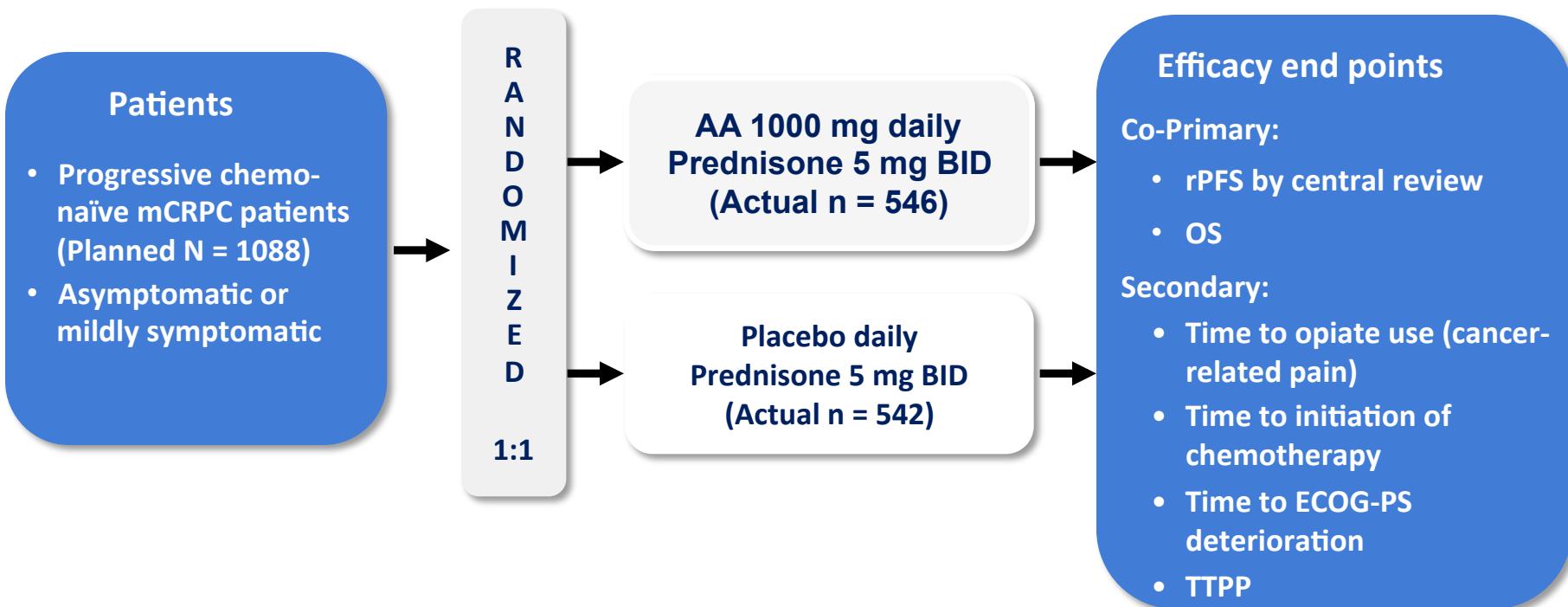
- Efficacy
  - First hormonal agent with proven efficacy in CRPC pts
  - Efficacy magnitude similar to CABA [HR 0.65 (vs placebo) vs 0.70 (vs DOC)]
- Toxicity
  - Low acute toxicity profile
  - Long term toxicities?
- Strategy placing
  - The most appropriate sequencing of abiraterone and cabazitaxel remains to be determined
  - ...first line (COU-AA-302) 

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Abiraterone in Metastatic Prostate Cancer without Previous Chemotherapy

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# COU-AA-302: Phase III Study of Abiraterone + Prednisone in mCRPC in patients without previous chemotherapy

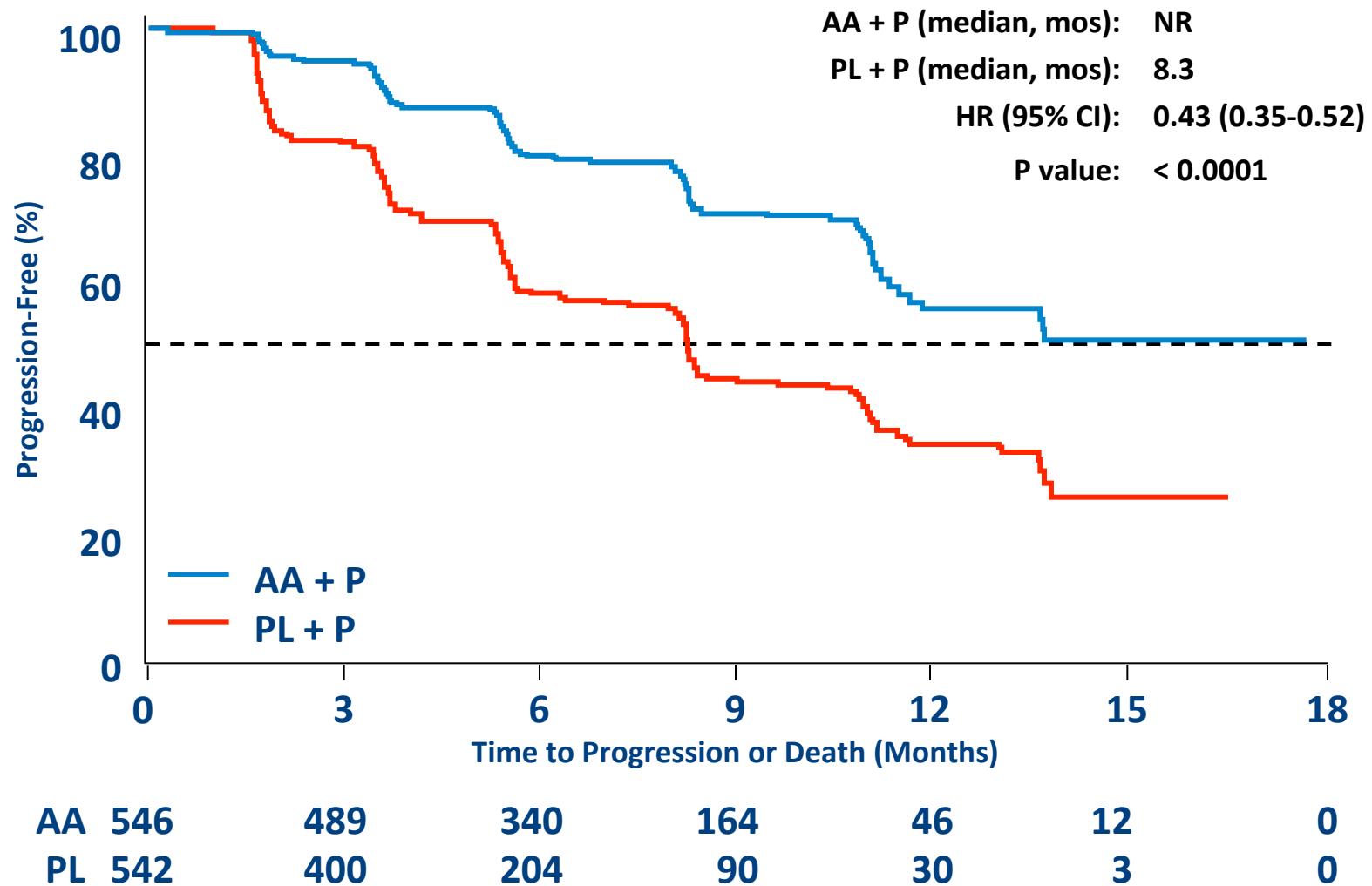


- Phase 3 multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted at 151 sites in 12 countries; USA, Europe, Australia, Canada
- Stratification by ECOG performance status 0 vs. 1

# COU-AA-302: patients' characteristics

	AA + P (n = 546)	Placebo + P (n = 542)
Median age, years (range)	71 (44-95)	70 (44-90)
Median time from initial diagnosis to first dose (years)	5.5	5.1
Median PSA (ng/mL)	42.0	37.7
Median testosterone (ng/dL)	4.0	4.0
Median alkaline phosphatase (IU/L)	93.0	90.0
Median hemoglobin (g/dL)	13.0	13.1
Median lactate dehydrogenase (IU/L)	187.0	184.0
Gleason score ( $\geq 8$ ) at initial diagnosis	54%	50%
Extent of disease		
Bone metastases	83%	80%
>10 bone lesions	48%	47%
Soft tissue or node	49%	50%
Pain (BPI Short Form)		
0-1	66%	64%
2-3	32%	33%

# COU-AA-302: PFS



AA 546

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PL 542

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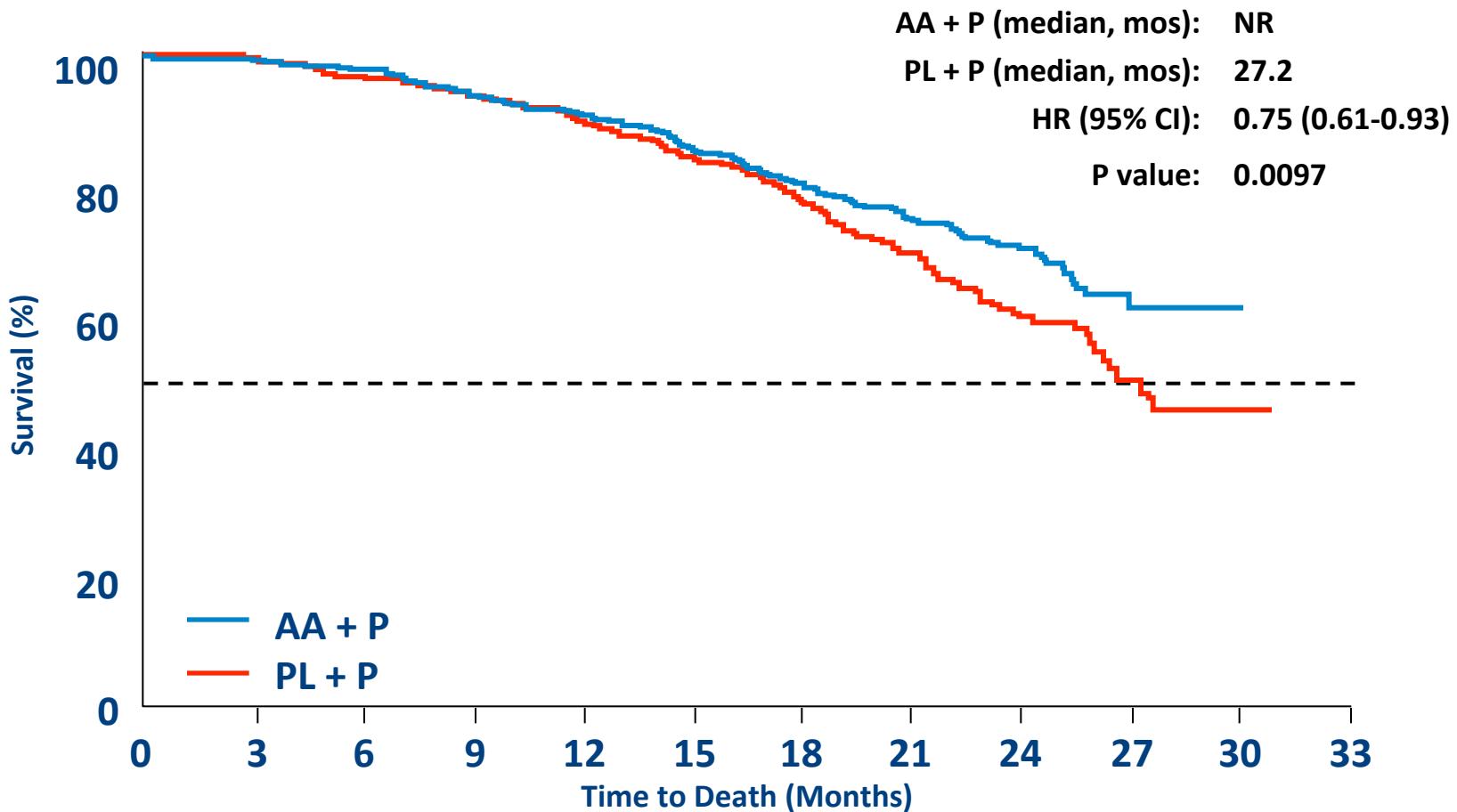
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# COU-AA-302: OS



AA546	538	524	503	482	452	412	258	120	27	0	0
PL542	534	509	493	465	437	387	237	106	25	2	0

# COU-AA-302: secondary end-points

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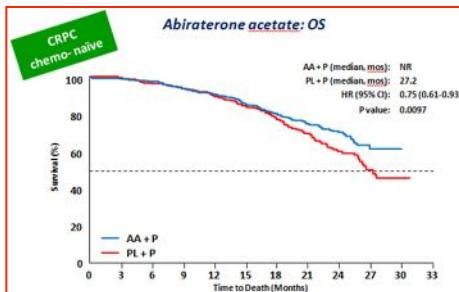
	AA + P	Placebo + P		
	Median (months)	Median (months)	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Time to opiate use (cancer related pain)	NR	23.7	0.69 (0.57, 0.83)	0.0001
Time to chemotherapy initiation	25.2	16.8	0.58 (0.49, 0.69)	<0.0001
Time to ECOG PS deterioration	12.3	10.9	0.82 (0.71, 0.94)	0.0053
Time to PSA progression	11.1	5.6	0.49 (0.42, 0.57)	<0.0001

Note: All secondary end points remain significant after adjusting for multiplicity testing

Patient Reported Outcomes favored AA +P vs. Placebo +P  
Full data to be reported

# COU-AA-302: Subsequent Therapy Was Common

	AA + P (n = 546) n (%)	Placebo + P (n = 542) n (%)
No. with selected subsequent therapy for mCRPC	242 (44.3)	327 (60.3)
Docetaxel	207 (37.9)	287 (53.0)
Cabazitaxel	45 (8.2)	52 (9.6)
Ketoconazole	39 (7.1)	63 (11.6)
Sipuleucel-T	27 (4.9)	24 (4.4)
Abiraterone acetate*	26 (4.8)	54 (10.0)

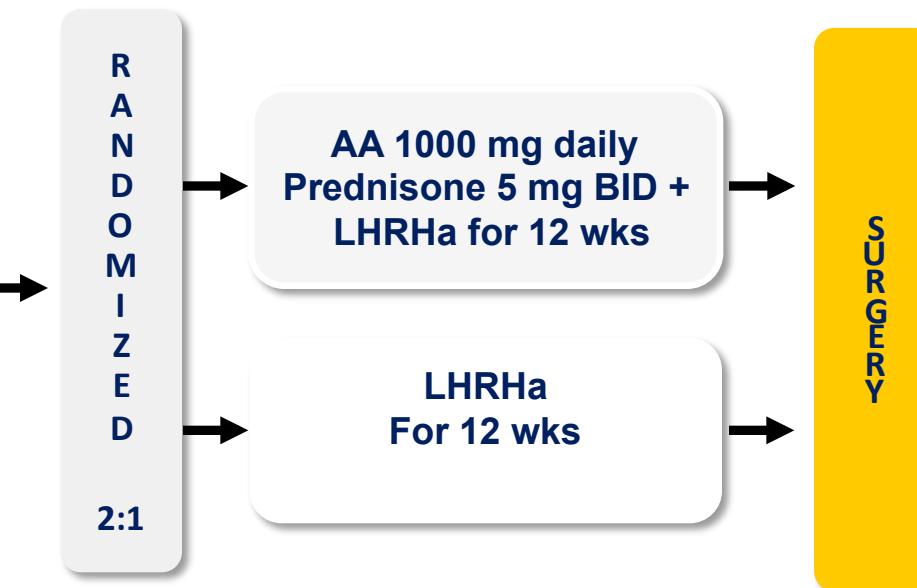


**Despite 16% of patients did not receive subsequent therapy compared to placebo, AA increase OS!**

\*Prior to unblinding (e.g. not per protocol)

# Cytoreduction and androgen signaling modulation by abiraterone acetate (AA) plus leuprolide acetate (LHRHa) versus LHRHa in localized high-risk prostate cancer (PCa): Preliminary results of a randomized preoperative study.

- Patients**
- high risk PCa (clinical stage  $\geq T1c$  and biopsy Gleason score  $\geq 8$ , or  $\geq T2b$ , Gleason  $\geq 7$  and PSA  $> 10\text{ng/ml}$ ).



## Results:

	AA+LHRHa	LHRHa
ypT2N0	60%	33%
Near pCR	24%	8%
N+	28%	50%
R1	8%	33%

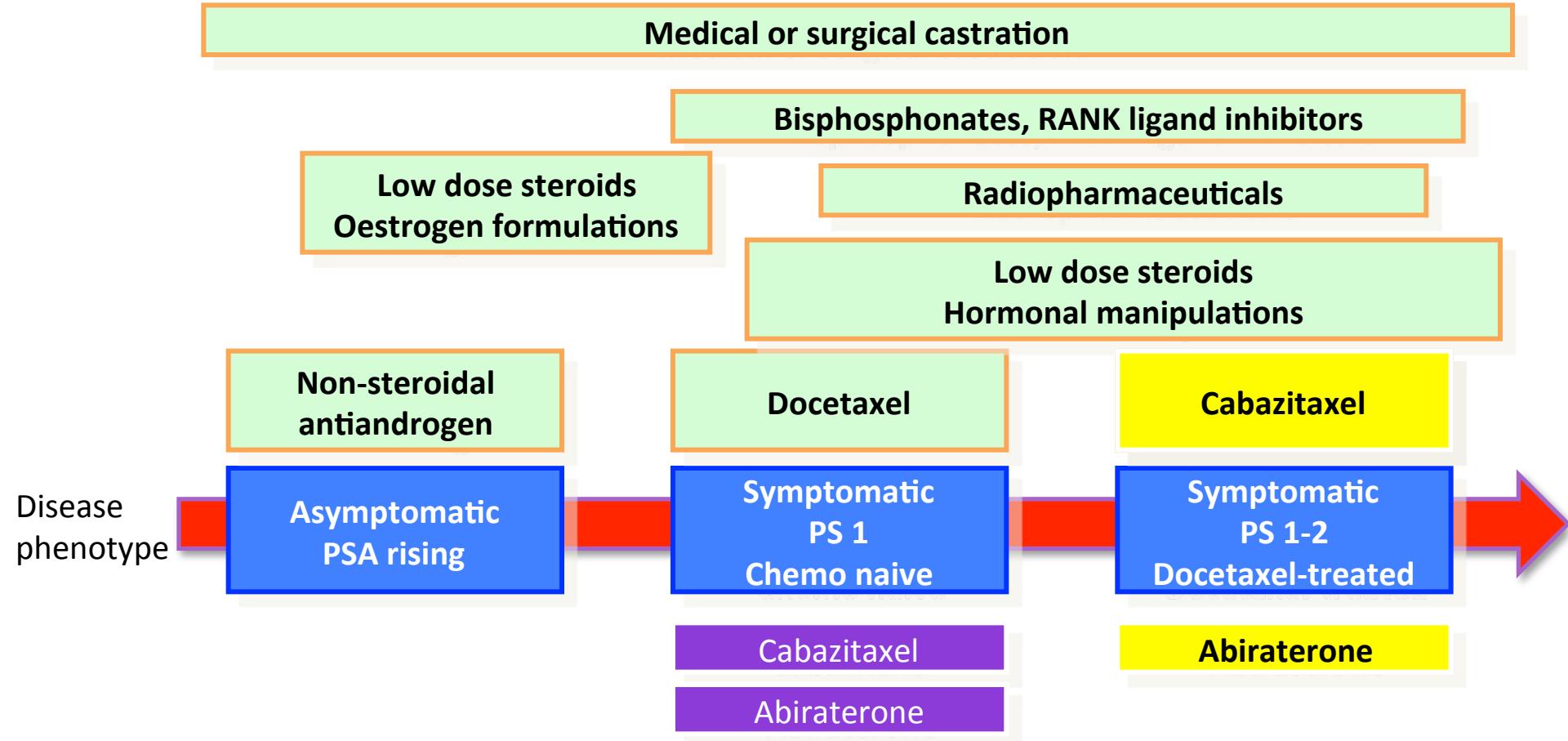
## Efficacy end points

### Co-Primary:

- difference in down staging ( $\leq \text{ypT}2$ )
- safety

### Secondary:

- difference in androgen biosynthesis, androgen signaling, proliferation apoptosis and candidate treatment resistance pathways.



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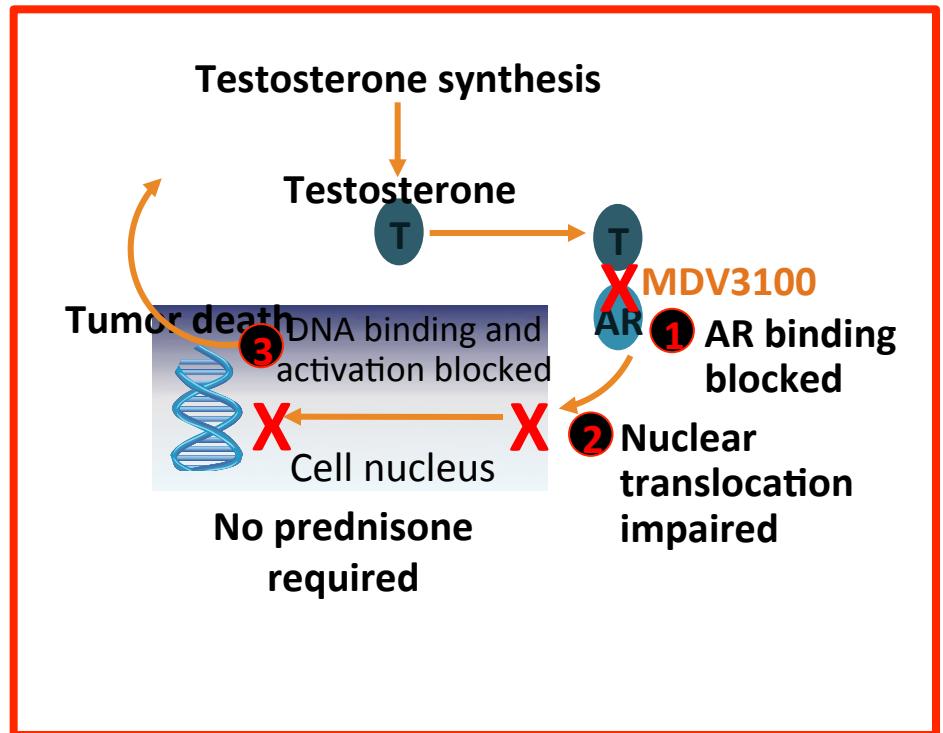
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# MDV3100: ENZALUTAMIDE

Antiandrogen with three effects on Androgen Receptor:

- AR inhibition
- AR degradation
- Inhibition of AR transport into prostate cancer cell nucleus



# **Phase 3 Trial (AFFIRM) of Enzalutamide (MDV3100), an Androgen Receptor Signaling Inhibitor: Primary, Secondary, and Quality-of-Life Endpoint Results.**

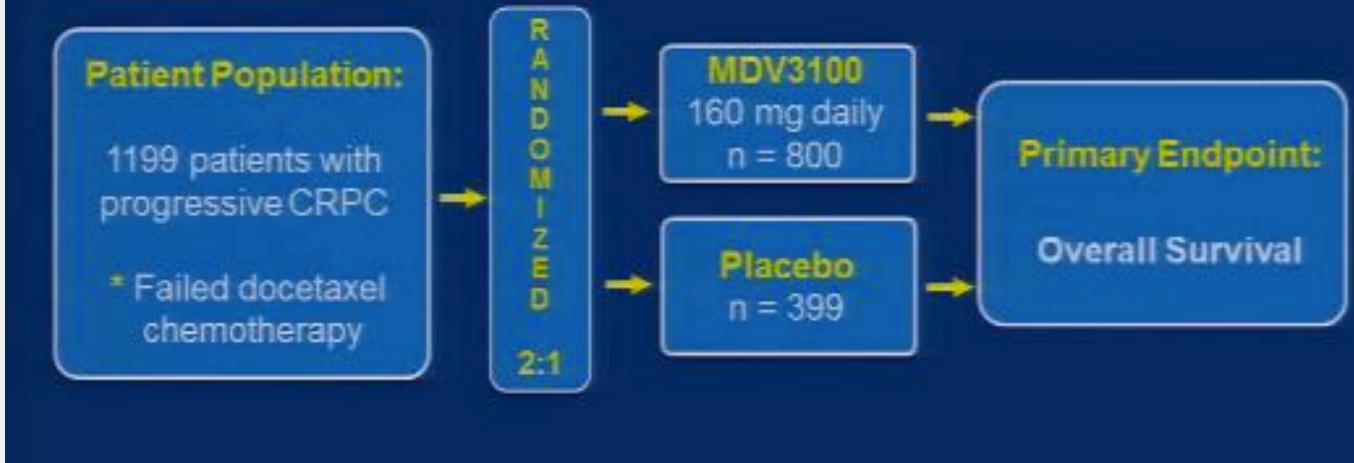
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# The AFFIRM Trial Design

## AFFIRM: A Phase 3 Trial of MDV3100 vs. Placebo in Post-Chemotherapy Treated Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (CRPC)

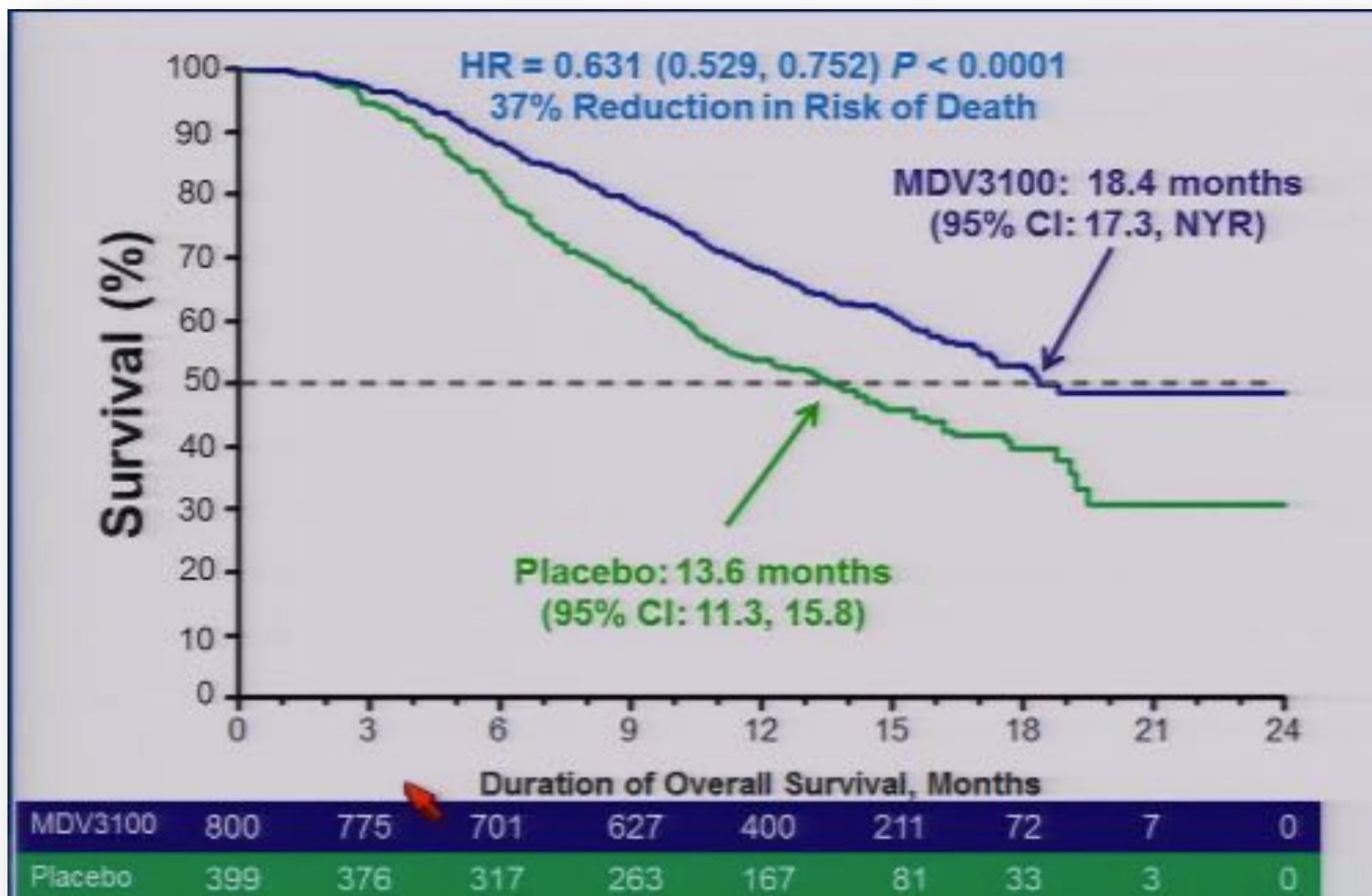


**Primary End-Point:** OS

**Stratification variables:** ECOG-PS, mean BPI (<4, ≥4)

**Statistical design:** power 90% to detect a 24% reduction in mortality (target HR= 0.76).

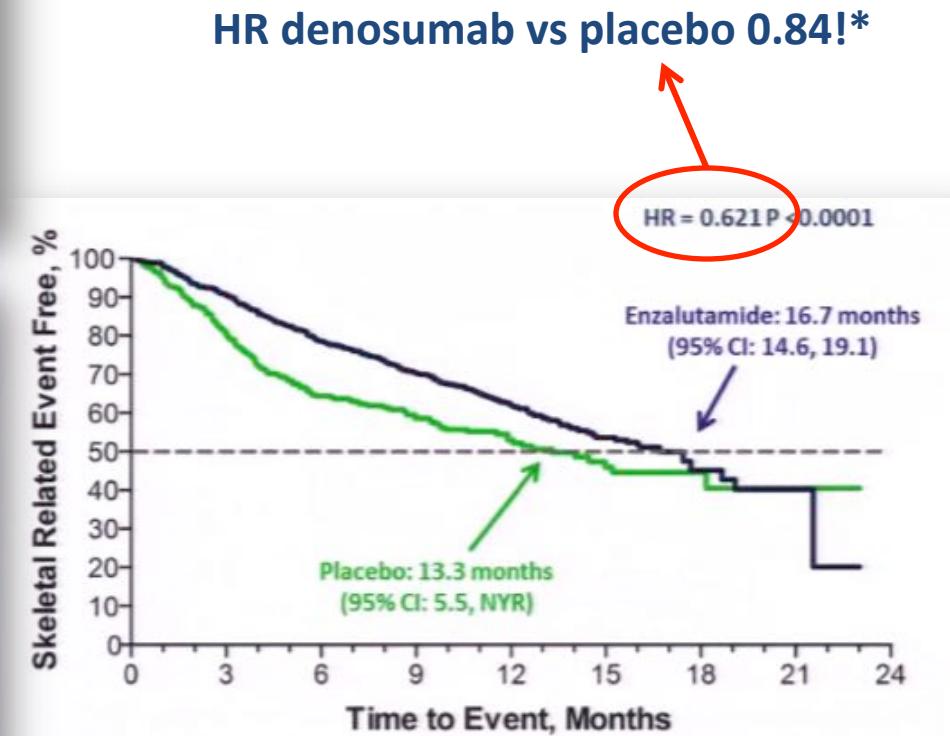
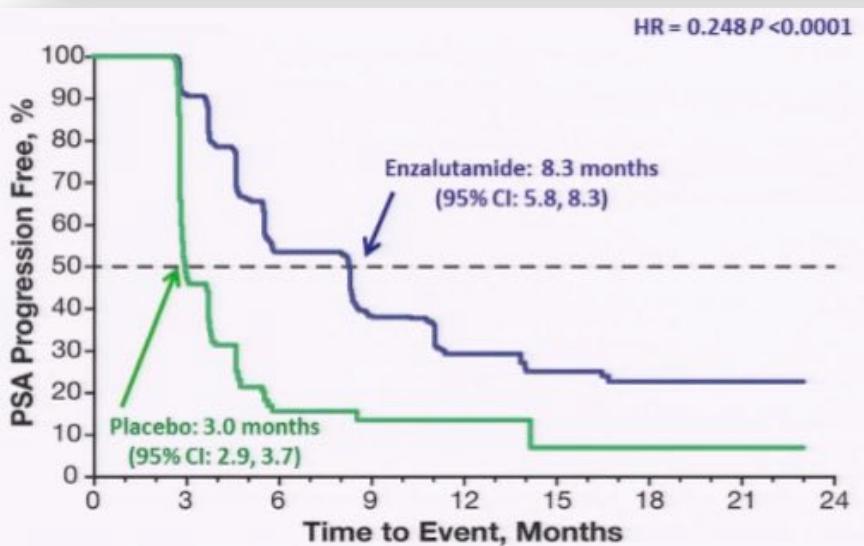
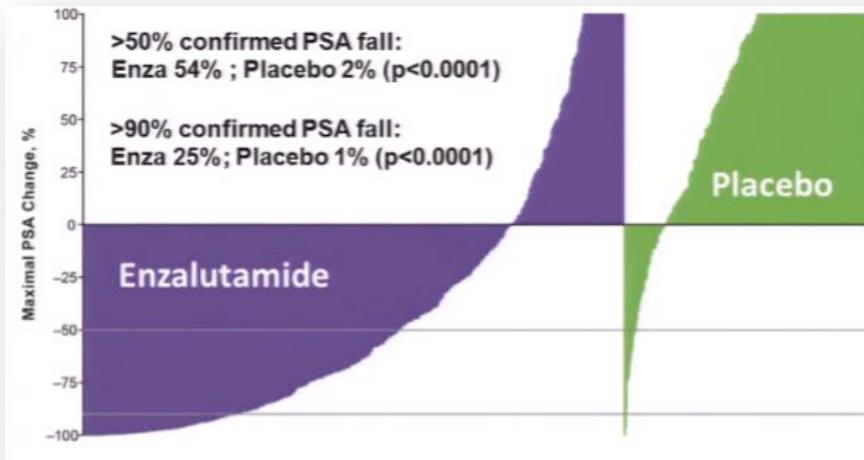
# MDV 3100 Prolonged Survival by a Median of 4.8 Months in the Phase III Study AFFIRM



# The AFFIRM Trial

## RESULTS:

PSA response rate, PSA-PFS and Time To First Skeletal Event

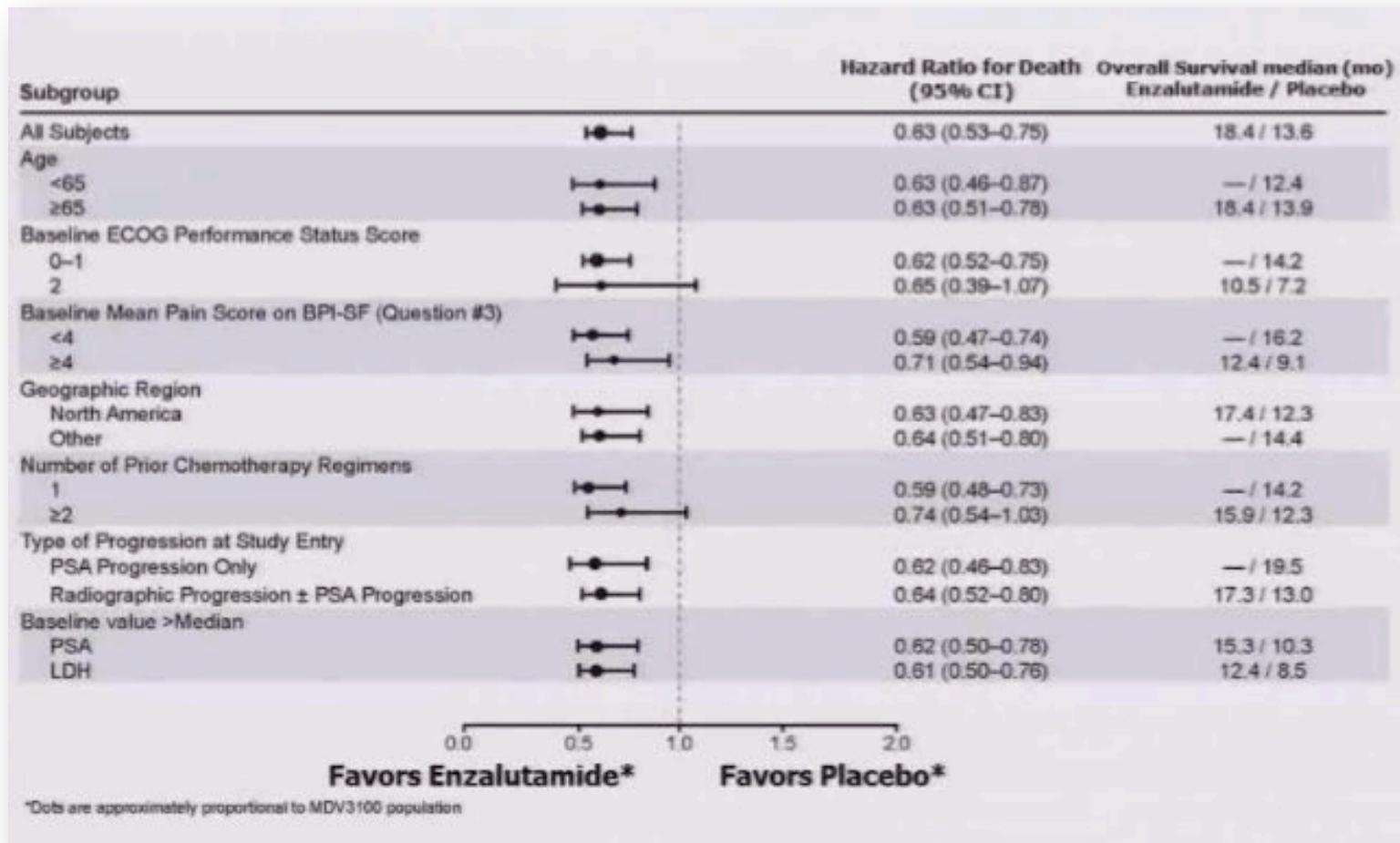


\*Smith MR et al. Lancet 2012

# The AFFIRM Trial

## RESULTS:

Survival benefit across all subgroups



# The AFFIRM Trial: Safety

	ENZALUTAMIDE	PLACEBO		
	Any Grade n° (%)	Grade ≥3 n° (%)	Any Grade n° (%)	Grade ≥3 n° (%)
≥ 1 Adverse event	785 (98)	362 (45)	390 (98)	212 (53)
FATIGUE	269 (34)	50 (6)	116 (29)	29 (7)
DIARRHEA	171 (21)	9 (1)	70 (18)	1 (<1)
HOT FLASH	162 (20)	0	41 (10)	0
MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN	109 (14)	8 (1)	40 (10)	1 (<1)
HEADACHE	93 (12)	6 (<1)	22 (6)	0
CARDIAC DISORDER	49 (6)	7 (1)	30 (8)	8 (2)
ABNORMALITY ON LIVER FUNCTION	8 (1)	3 (<1)	6 (2)	3 (<1)
SEIZURE	5 (<1)	5 (<1)	0	0

# The AFFIRM Trial: Safety

	All Grades		Grades $\geq 3^*$	
	Enzalutamide (n = 800)	Placebo (n = 399)	Enzalutamide (n = 800)	Placebo (n = 399)
AEs	98.1%	97.7%	45.3%	53.1%
Serious AEs	33.5%	38.6%	28.4%	33.6%
Discontinuations due to AEs	7.6%	9.8%	4.6%	7.0%
AEs leading to death	2.9%	3.5%	2.9%	3.5%

	All Grades		Grade $\geq 3$ Events	
	Enzalutamide (n = 800)	Placebo (n = 399)	Enzalutamide (n = 800)	Placebo (n = 399)
<b>Fatigue</b>	33.6%	29.1%	6.3%	7.3%
<b>Cardiac Disorders</b>	6.1%	7.5%	0.9%	2.0%
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%
<b>LFT Abnormalities*</b>	1.0%	1.5%	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Seizure</b>	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%

# Conclusions

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1. MDV 3100 significantly prolonged survival by nearly 5 months in men with late-stage prostate cancer
2. The secondary measures of response and time to progression were consistent with the survival benefit
3. The results confirm the androgen receptor and androgen receptor signaling as a therapeutic target
4. MDV 3100 was well-tolerated and the benefit/risk profile will likely position it as the front-line agent post-docetaxel therapy

**Trials of MDV 3100 in the earlier stages of prostate cancer are ongoing**

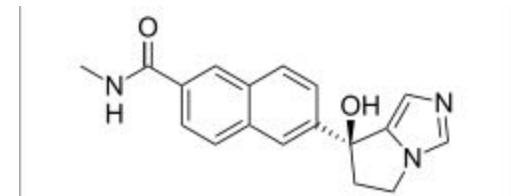
# TAK-700 (Orteronel)

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- Orteronel è un inibitore dell'enzima CYP17A1
- Studi di fase I/II
  - 52% bRR
  - Bassa incidenza di ipertensione ed ipocaliemia
  - fatigue (47%), emesi (30%), stipsi (21%) e anoressia(12%)

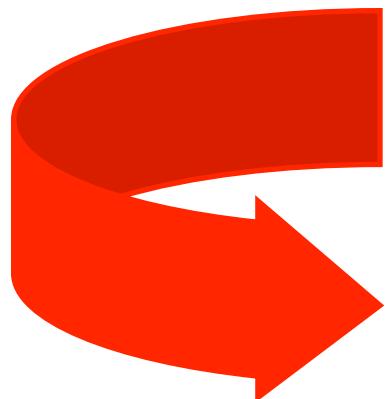
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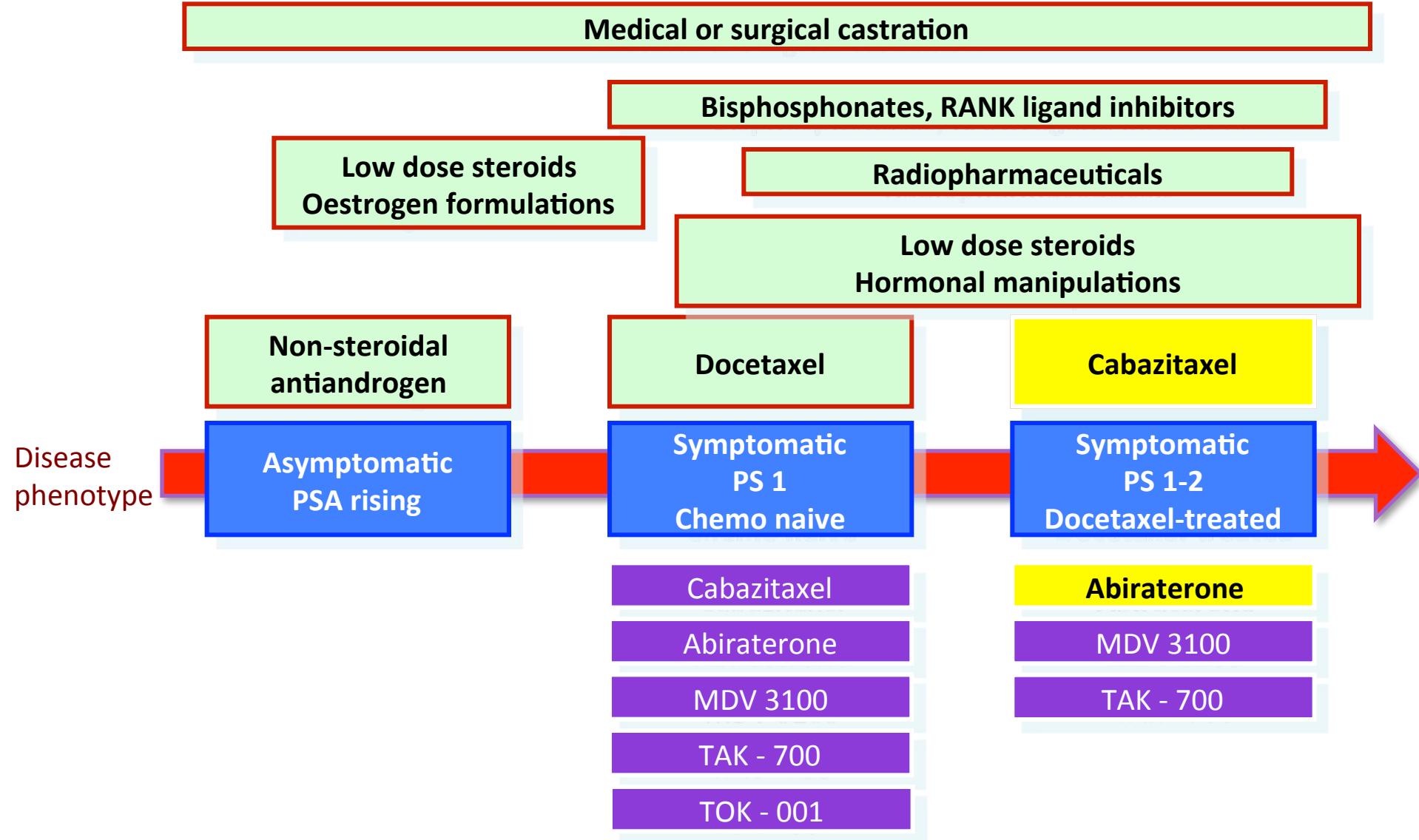
# TOK-001: molecola ideale

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## TRIPLOMECCANISMO D'AZIONE

- 1. Antagonizza il recettore androgenico (AR)**
- 2. Inibisce il CYP17**
- 3. Riduce i livelli di AR**



# VACCINI

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Trial	Population	Comparator	Experimental arm	Results
IMPACT	Asymptomatic metastatic chemonaïve CRPC	Placebo	Sipuleucel-T	Improved overall survival with vaccine
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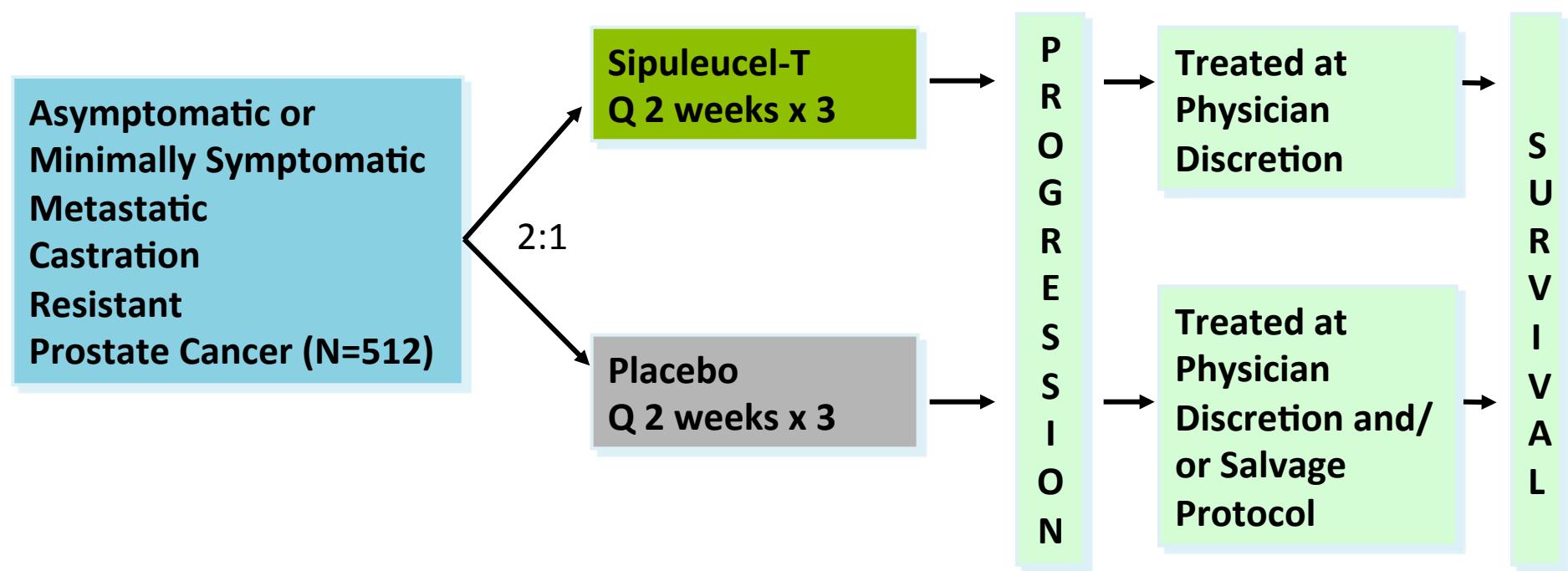
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## Sipuleucel-T Immunotherapy for Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

Philip W. Kantoff, M.D., Celestia S. Higano, M.D., Neal D. Shore, M.D., E. Roy Berger, M.D., Eric J. Small, M.D., David F. Penson, M.D., Charles H. Redfern, M.D., Anna C. Ferrari, M.D., Robert Dreicer, M.D., Robert B. Sims, M.D., Yi Xu, Ph.D., Mark W. Frohlich, M.D., and Paul F. Schellhammer, M.D.,  
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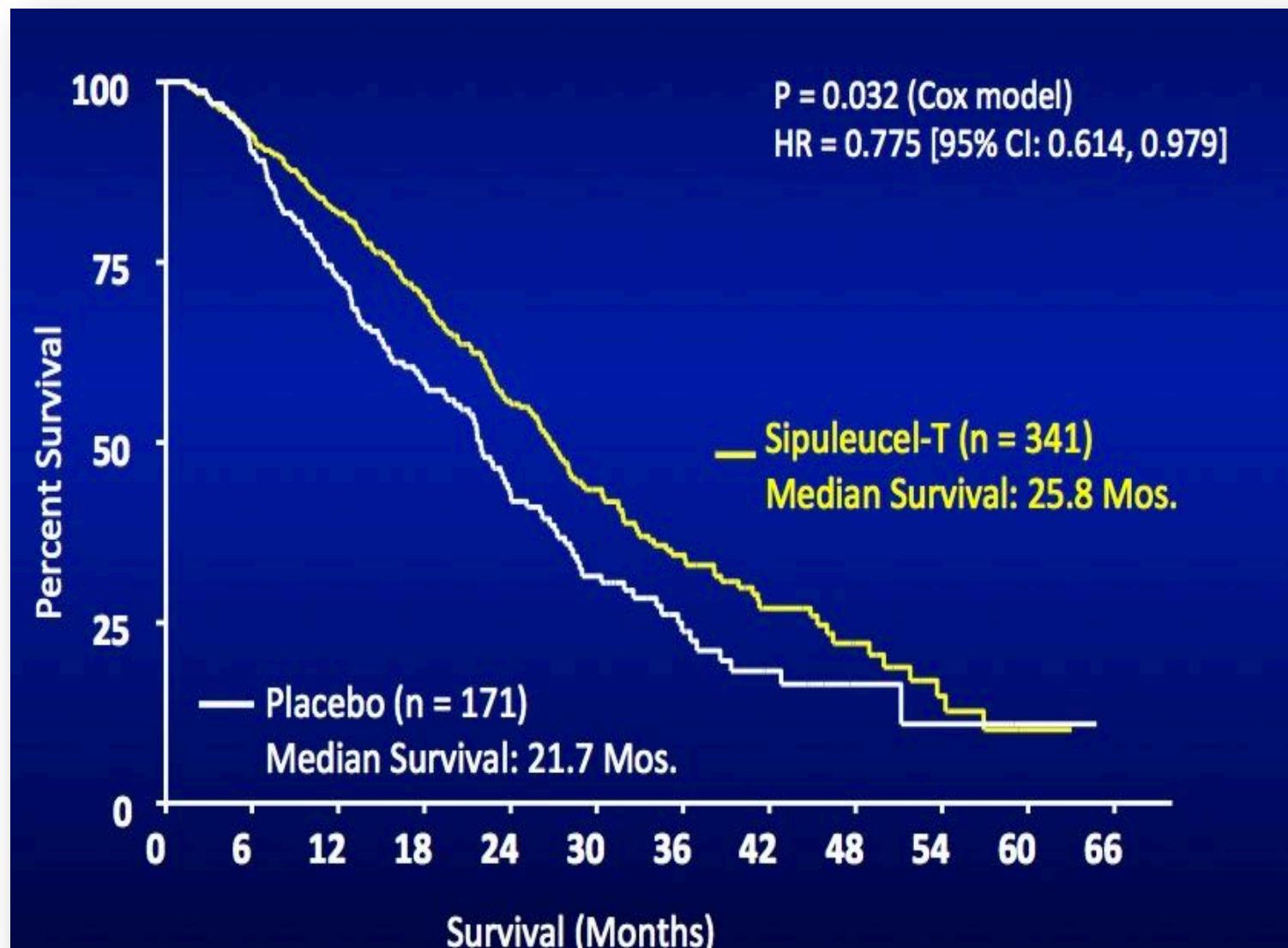
# Randomized Phase 3 IMPACT Trial (IMmunotherapy Prostate AdenoCarcinoma Treatment)



Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

Secondary Endpoint: Objective Disease Progression

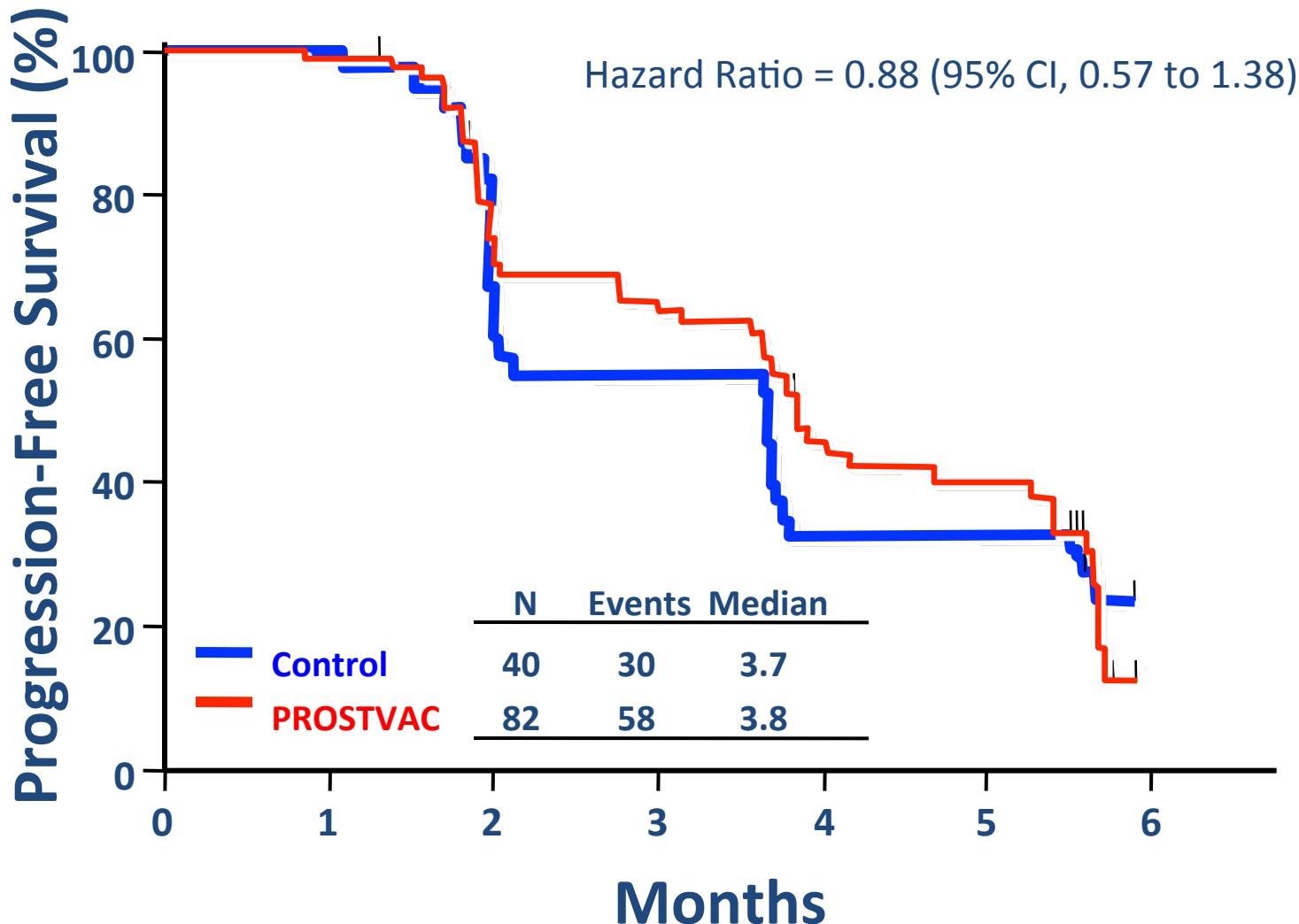
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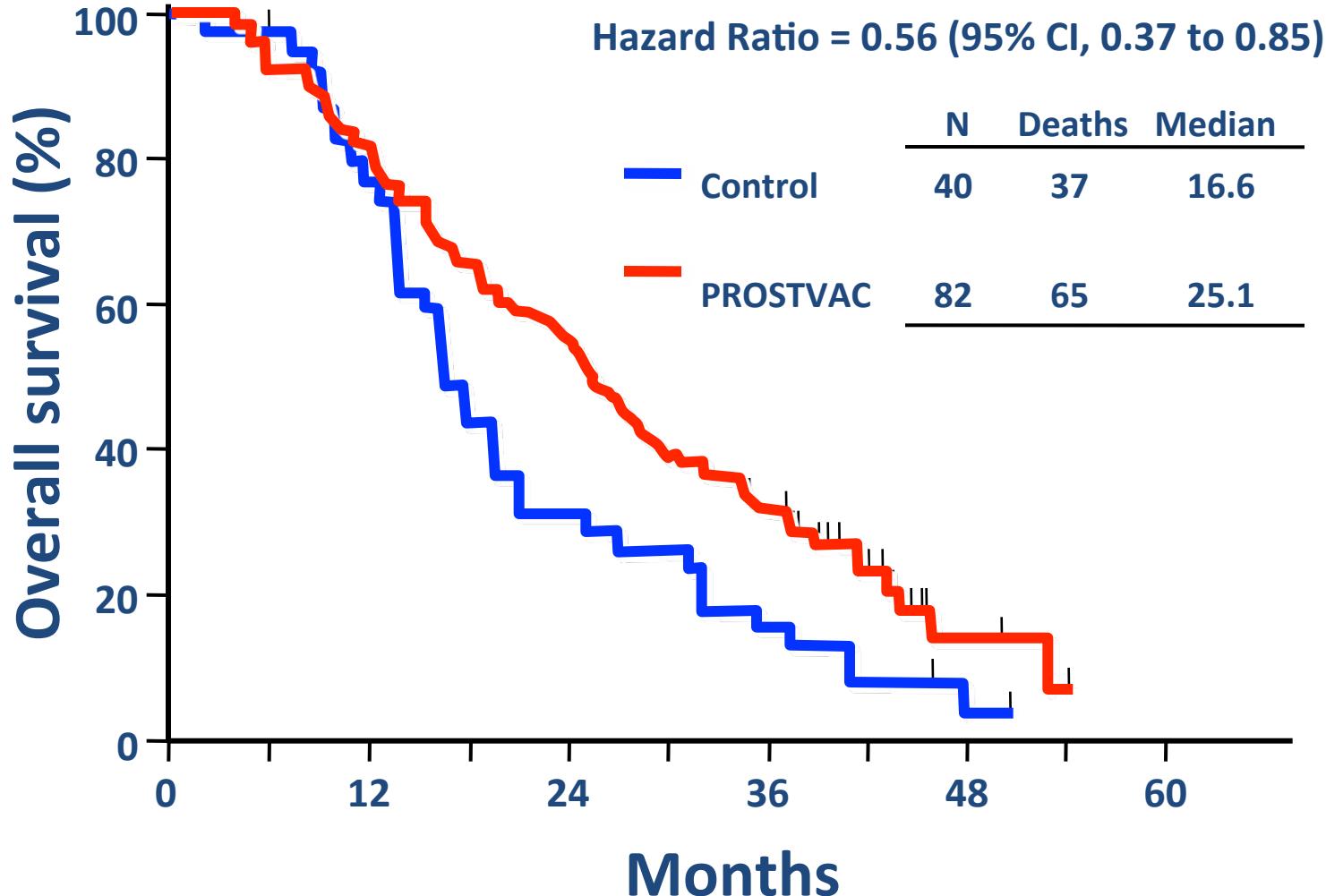
Overall Survival Analysis of a Phase II Randomized  
Controlled Trial of a Poxviral-Based PSA-Targeted  
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# Progression-free survival

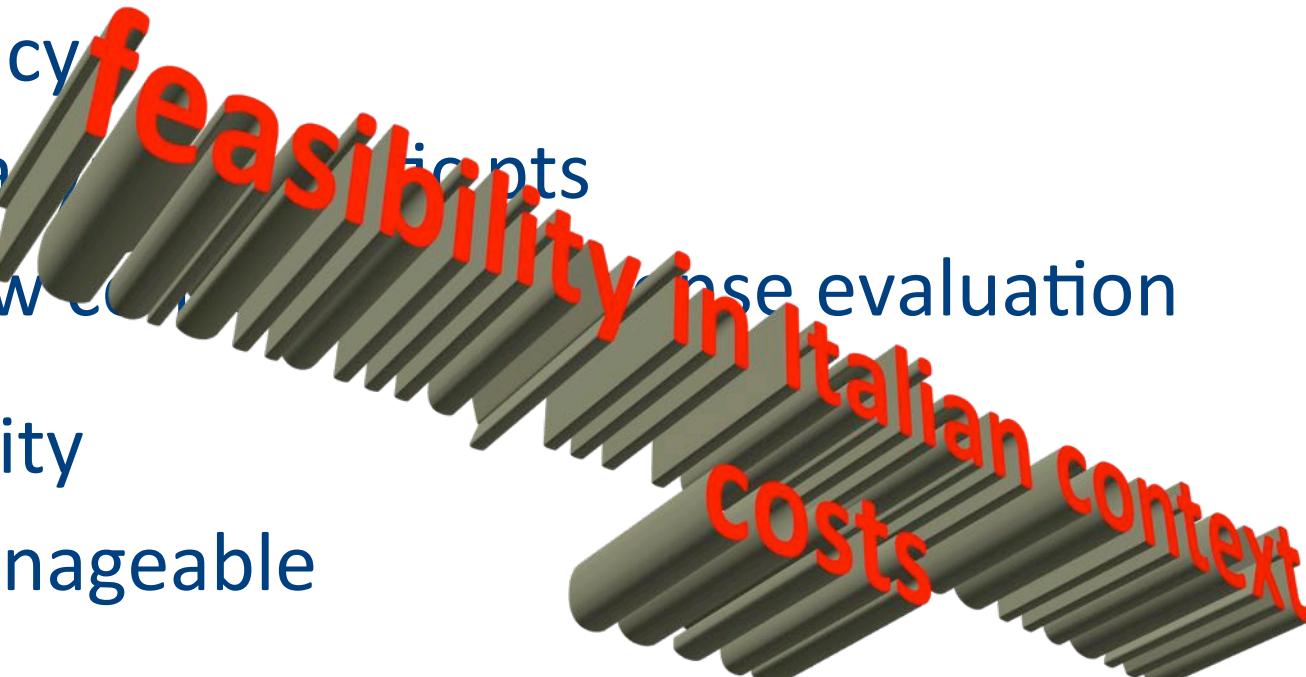


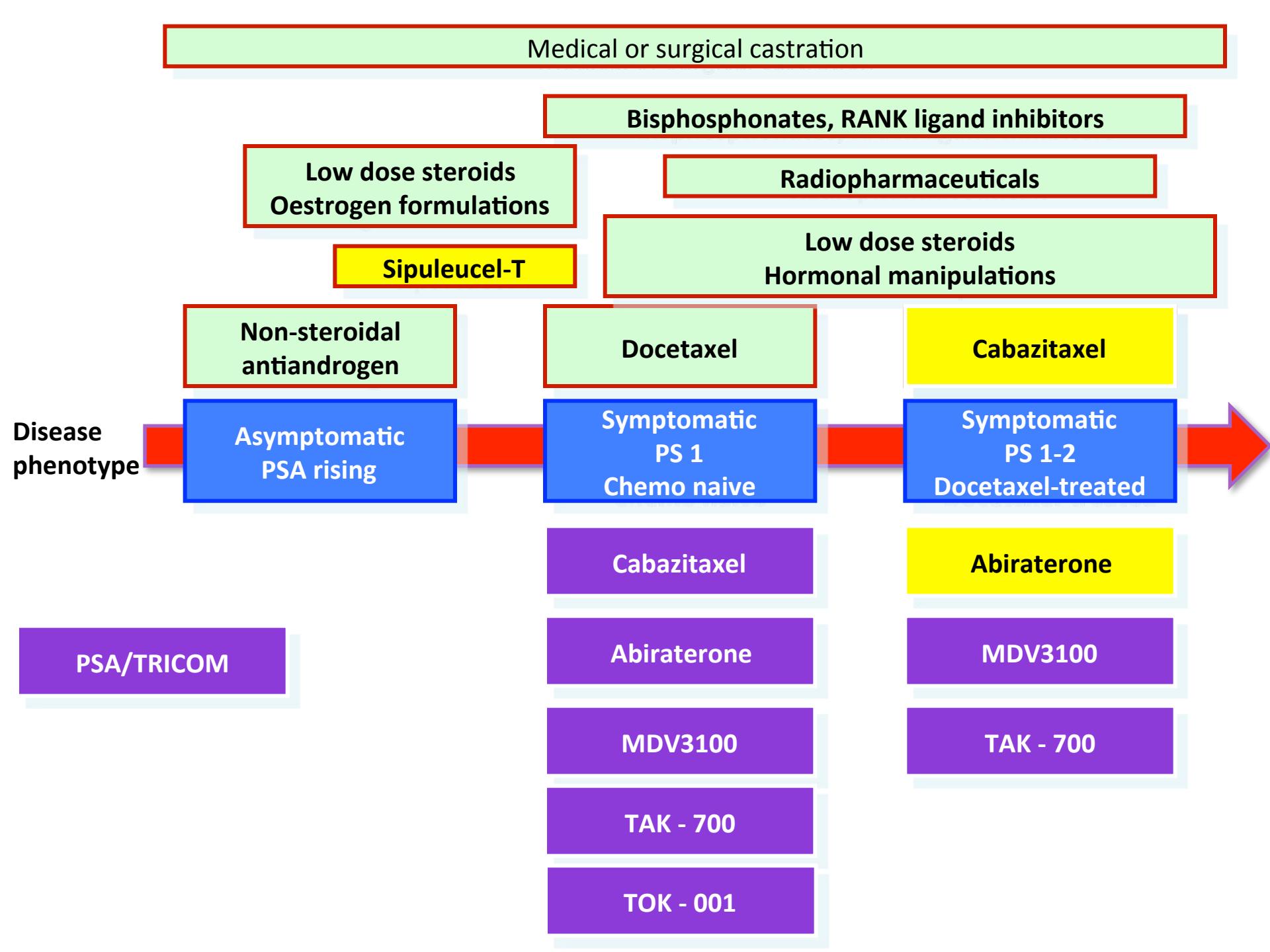
# Overall Survival



# Vaccines key issues

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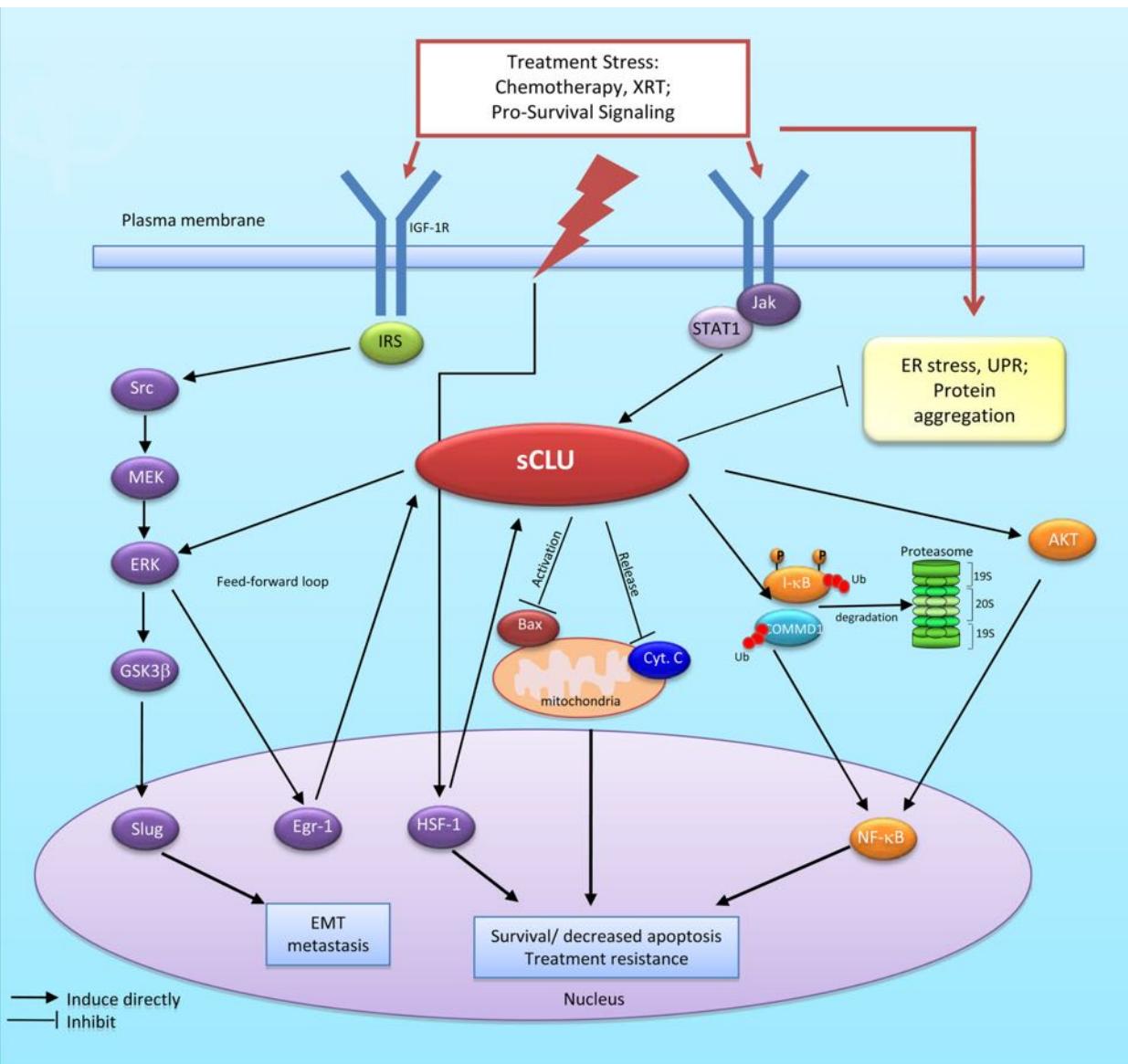
- Efficacy
    - In a different context
    - New concepts in disease evaluation
  - Toxicity
    - Manageable
  - Strategy placing
    - Hormone-sensitive disease?
    - CRPC chemo-naive?
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# New Agents

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# Custirsen



- CLU is a stress-activated cytoprotective chaperone
- It is upregulated by several cancer drugs and confers resistance when overexpressed
- OGX-011 targets CLU

# Custirsen: studio di fase III

## SYNERGY Study

First-Line Docetaxel +/- OGX-011 (Custirsen)

Metastatic CRPC  
North America, Europe  
(N=800)

1:1

Custirsen 640 mg IV weekly  
Docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> q 3 wk  
+ prednisone

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### Primary endpoint:

Overall survival

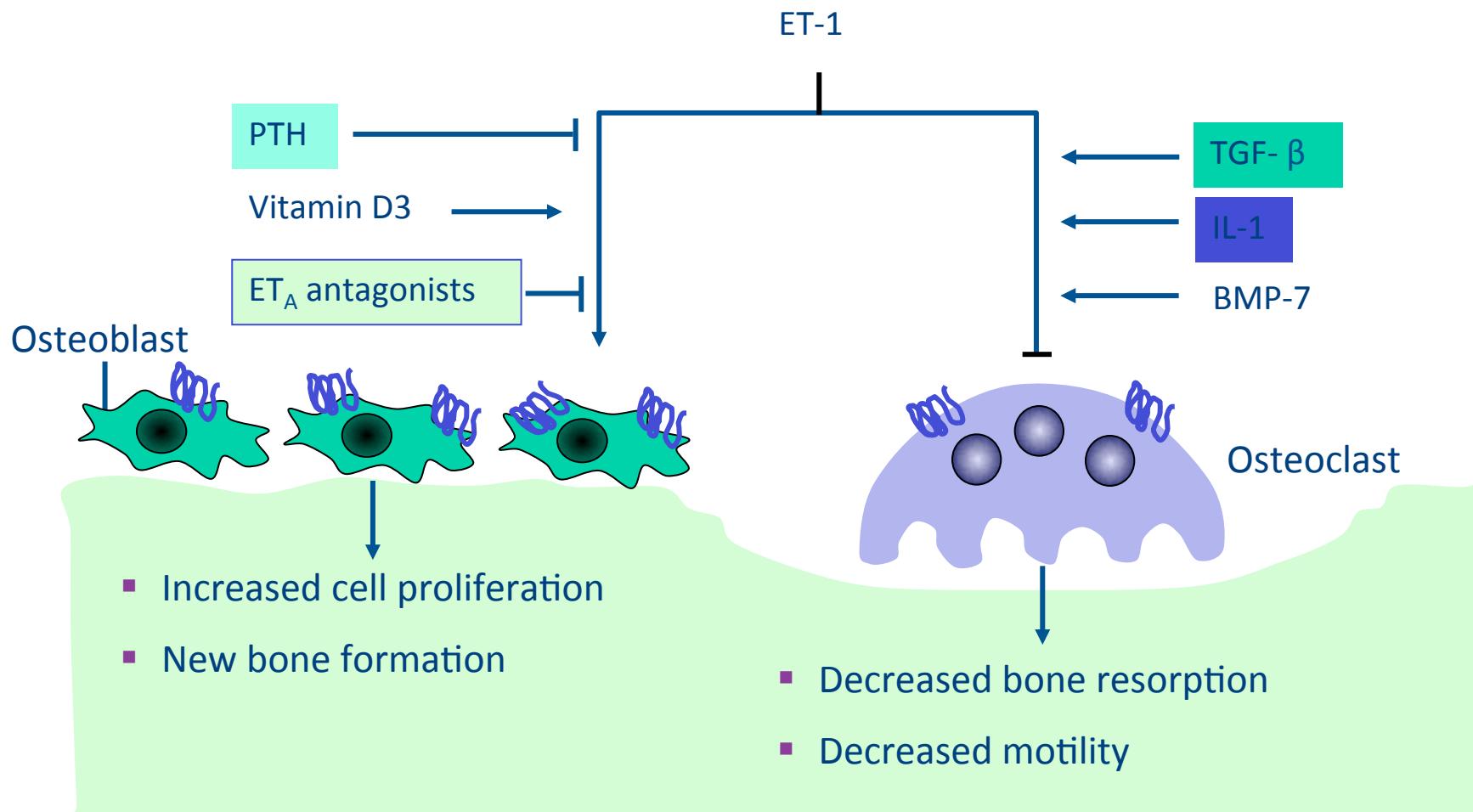
HR = 0.725, Power 90%, Alpha = 0.05, critical HR = 0.82

Primary data completion date: Dec, 2013

### Secondary endpoints:

PFS, PSA, patient reported outcomes, serum clusterin, safety

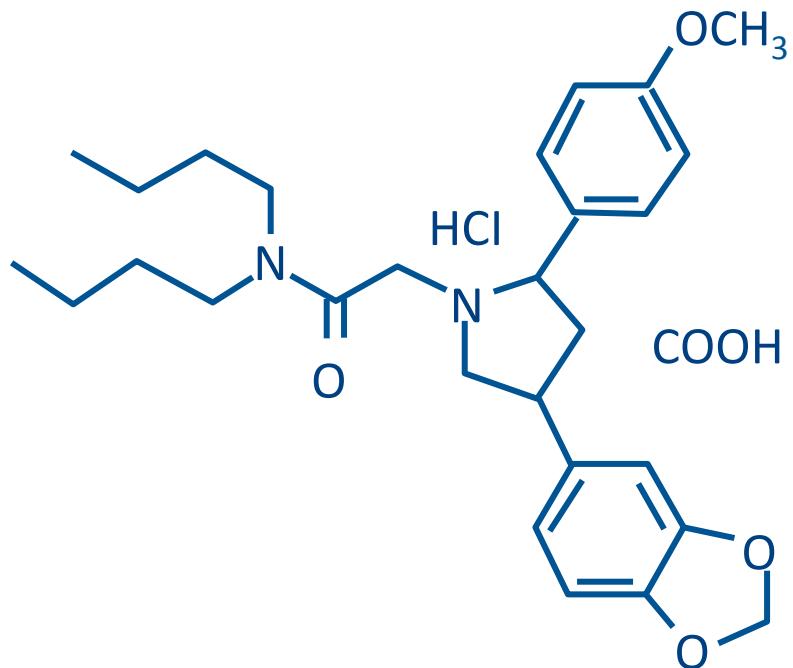
# Endothelin Axis in Bone



# Atrasentan

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- A potent, selective ET<sub>A</sub> receptor antagonist

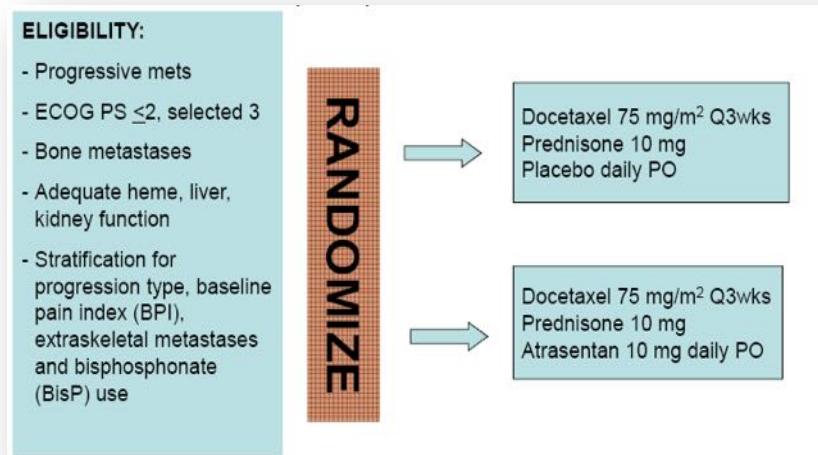


- ET<sub>A</sub> K<sub>i</sub> = 34 pM
- 1800-fold ET<sub>A</sub> > ET<sub>B</sub>
- Orally bioavailable
- Once-daily dosing,  
 $t_{1/2} \approx 24$  hrs

Opgenorth TJ, et al. J Pharmacol Exp Ther. 1996;276:473-481. Verhaar MC, et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2000;49:562-573.

# SWOG S0421: Phase III study of docetaxel and atrasentan versus docetaxel and placebo in CRPC

991 eligible patients



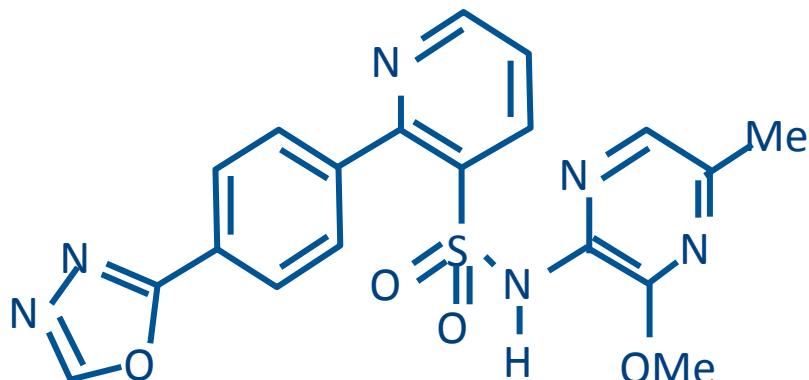
Endpoint	D+A	D+P	Comparison
OS – median	18 mo	17 mo	HR=1.01 (95% CI 0.87,1.18) p=0.88
PFS – median	10 mo	10 mo	HR=1.03 (95% CI 0.90,1.19) p=0.64
RECIST confirmed response* + unconfirmed	14% 27%	14% 21%	p=1.0 p=0.23
PSA response confirmed**	40%	41%	p=0.88
Treatment-related death (possible, probable)	n=3	n=7	
Grade 3+ toxicity	48.4%	51.6%	p=0.19

**CONCLUSION**  
No benefit  
for the addition of A to D  
in CRPC

# Zibotentan (ZD4054)

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- A potent, *specific* ET<sub>A</sub> receptor antagonist



- ET<sub>A</sub> pIC<sub>50</sub> = 8.27 nM
- No ET<sub>B</sub> activity
- Orally bioavailable
- Once-daily dosing  
plasma t<sub>1/2</sub> = 9.1 hrs

# ENTHUSE (Endothelin A Use) Zibotentan Phase III Trial Program

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**Study 15\*[1]**  
**Zibotentan vs  
placebo**

**Study 14[2]**  
**Zibotentan vs  
placebo**

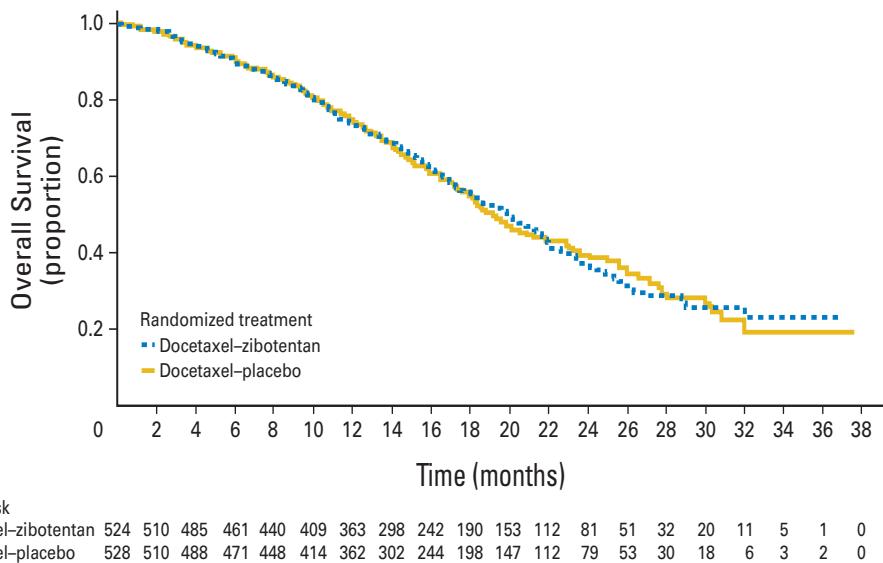
**Study 33[3]**  
**Zibotentan +  
docetaxel vs  
docetaxel alone**



\*Study 15 terminated early based on independent data monitoring committee efficacy review indicating trial unlikely to meet primary efficacy endpoints.

## Phase III, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study of Docetaxel in Combination With Zibotentan in Patients With Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

*Karim S. Fizazi, Celestia S. Higano, Joel B. Nelson, Martin Gleave, Kurt Miller, Thomas Morris, Faith E. Nathan, Stuart McIntosh, Kristine Pemberton, and Judd W. Moul*



Docetaxel plus zibotentan 10 mg/d did not result in a significant improvement in OS compared with docetaxel plus placebo in patients with metastatic CRPC.

# Multitargeted Tirosin Kinase Inhibitors

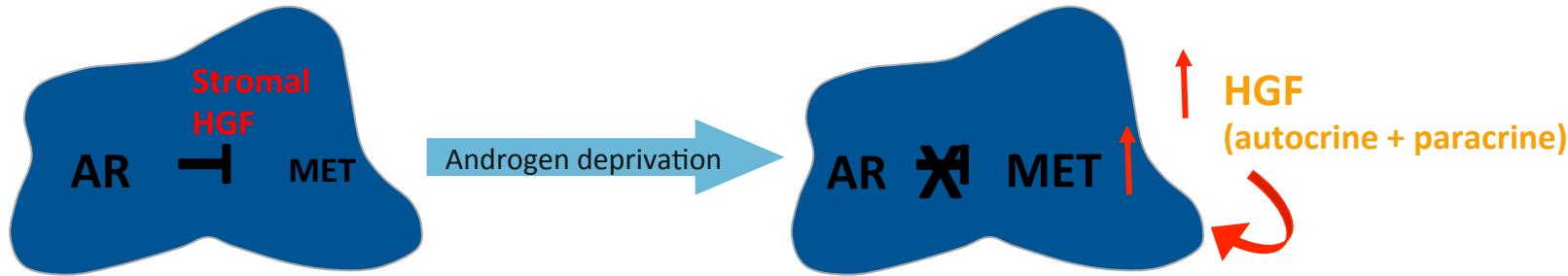
Sunitinib	VEGFR multikinase inhibitor	34	Phase II in CRPC Chemotherapy naïve ( $n = 17$ ) Previously treated ( $n = 17$ )	PSA response rate: 6% in both groups	Dror Michaelson et al. [70]
Sunitinib		36	Phase II Previously treated with docetaxel	PSA response rate: 12% Median PFS: 4.5 months (19.4 weeks)	Sonpavde et al. [76]
Sorafenib	VEGFR multikinase inhibitor	22	Phase II mCRPC (59% pts had received prior chemotherapy)	No PSA response 2 pts had regression in bone lesions	Dahut et al. [68]
Sorafenib		28	Phase II Chemotherapy naïve CRPC	PSA response rate: 4%	Chi et al. [66]
Sorafenib		55	Phase II Chemotherapy naïve CRPC	PSA response rate: 4%	Steinbild et al. [77]
Aflibercept + docetaxel/ prednisone	VEGF Trap	1200	Randomized, phase III (VENICE) vs placebo + docetaxel/prednisone Chemotherapy naïve CRPC	Primary endpoint: OS	NIH NCT00519285 [62]

# Antiangiogenic agents in randomized phase III trials against placebo

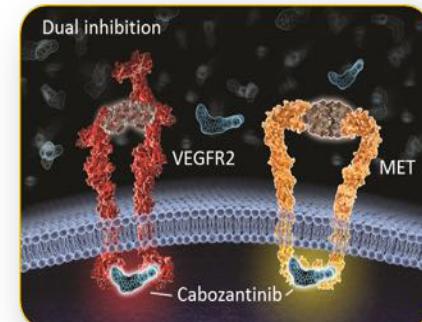
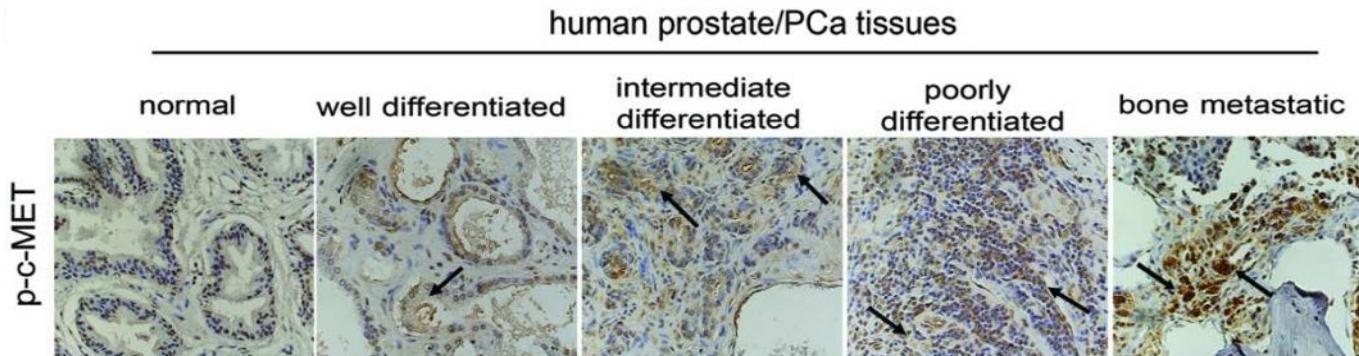
Study	N	Result
Docetaxel/Prednisone +/- Bevacizumab (CALGB)	<b>1050 pts</b>	 PFS improved but not OS (Kelly WK et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012; 30:1534-40.)
Prednisone +/- Sunitinib (post-Docetaxel)		 PFS improved but not OS (Michaelson MD et al., ASCO 2011, Abstr 4515)
Docetaxel/Prednisone +/- Lenolidamide (MAINSAIL)		 Stopped by Independent Monitoring Committee in Dec 2010 for futility
Docetaxel/Prednisone +/- Aflibercept (VENICE)		 Announced no improvement in OS on April 5, 2012
Tasquinimod vs. Placebo (no/minimal symptom mCRPC, pre-chemo)	1200	Ongoing accrual with 2:1 randomization; Primary endpoint – PFS
Cabozantinib vs. Placebo (COMET 1)(post-Docetaxel)	960	Primary endpoint - OS

# Role of MET in Prostate Cancer and Bone Metastases

Androgen deprivation activates MET signaling<sup>[1,2]</sup>



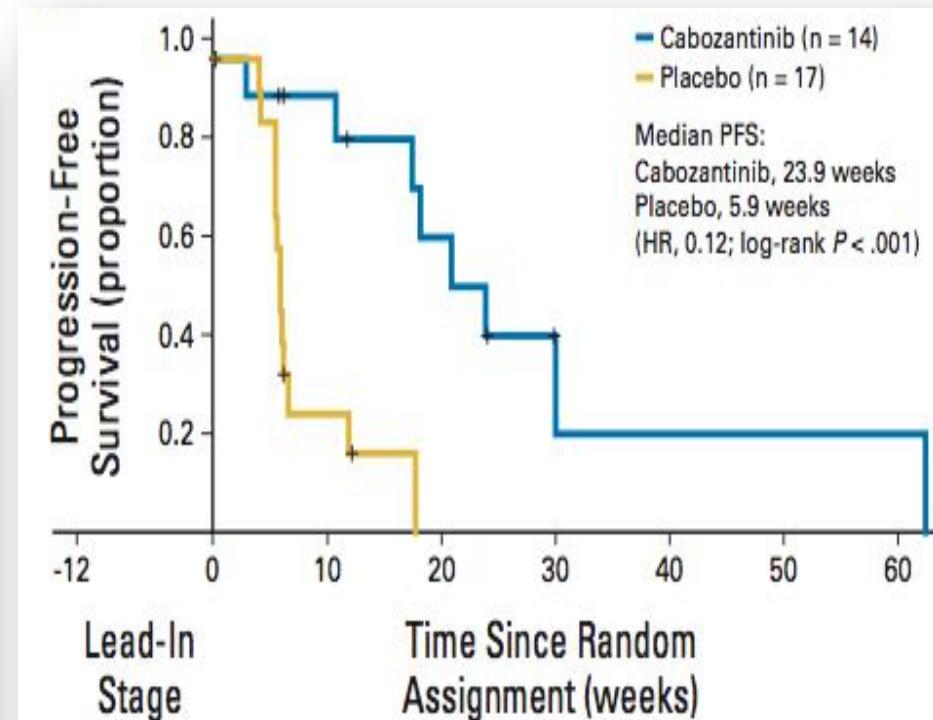
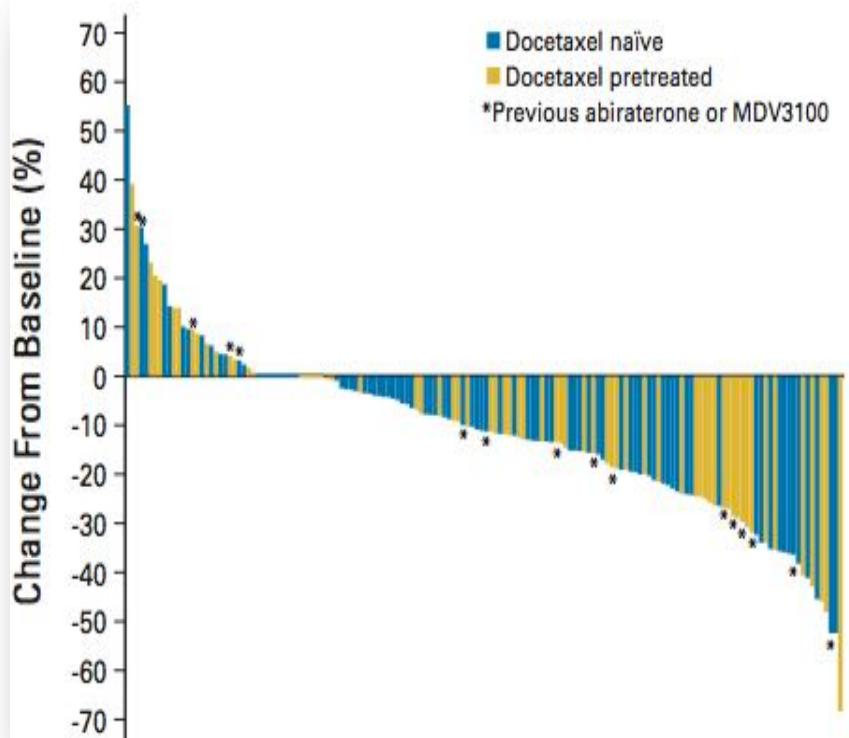
Activated MET is highly expressed in bone metastases<sup>[3]</sup>



1. Humphrey PA, et al. Am J Pathol. 1995;147:386-396. 2. Verras M, et al. Cancer Res. 2007;67:967-975. 3. Zhang S, et al. Mol Cancer. 2010;9:9.

## Cabozantinib in Patients With Advanced Prostate Cancer: Results of a Phase II Randomized Discontinuation Trial

David C. Smith, Matthew R. Smith, Christopher Sweeney, Aymen A. Elfiky, Christopher Logothetis, Paul G. Corn, Nicholas J. Vogelzang, Eric J. Small, Andrea L. Harzstark, Michael S. Gordon, Ulka N. Vaishampayan, Naomi B. Haas, Alexander I. Spira, Primo N. Lara Jr, Chia-Chi Lin, Sandy Srinivas, Avishay Sella, Patrick Schöffski, Christian Scheffold, Aaron L. Weitzman, and Maha Hussain



# COMET-2: CabOzantinib MET Inhibition CRPC Efficacy Trial–2 Study Design

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Patients with:

- Confirmed mCRPC with bone metastases
- Bone pain (BPI  $\geq 4$ )
- Previously treated with docetaxel and either abiraterone or MDV3100

(N = 246)



**Cabozantinib 60 mg QD +  
Mitoxantrone Placebo +  
Prednisone Placebo  
(n = 123)**

**Mitoxantrone +  
Prednisone +  
Cabozantinib Placebo  
(N = 123)**

Primary endpoint: durable pain response

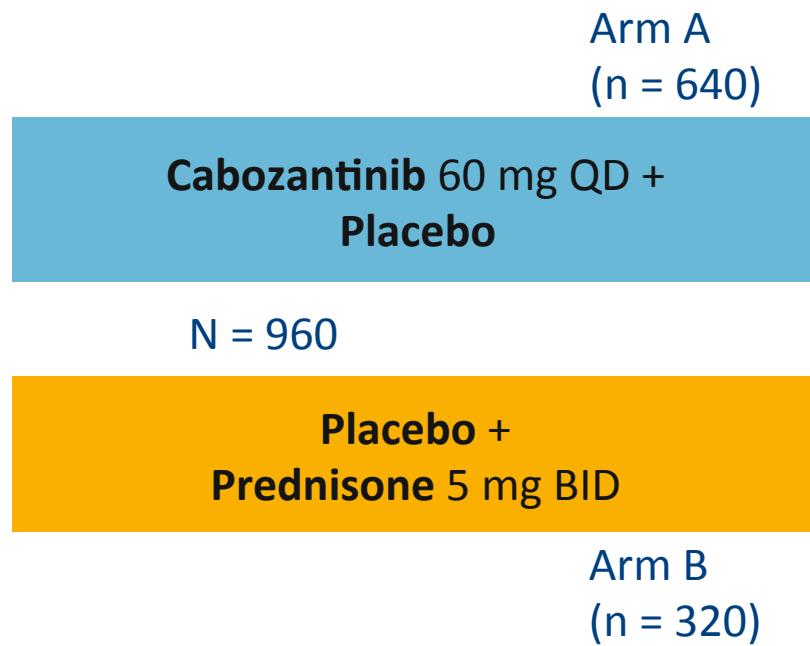
Secondary endpoint: bone scan response by IRF, OS

# COMET-1: CabOzantinib MET Inhibition CRPC Efficacy Trial–1 (Planned Design)

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Patients with:

- Confirmed mCRPC with bone metastases
- Previously treated with docetaxel
- Previously treated with either abiraterone or MDV3100
- No limit to prior treatments

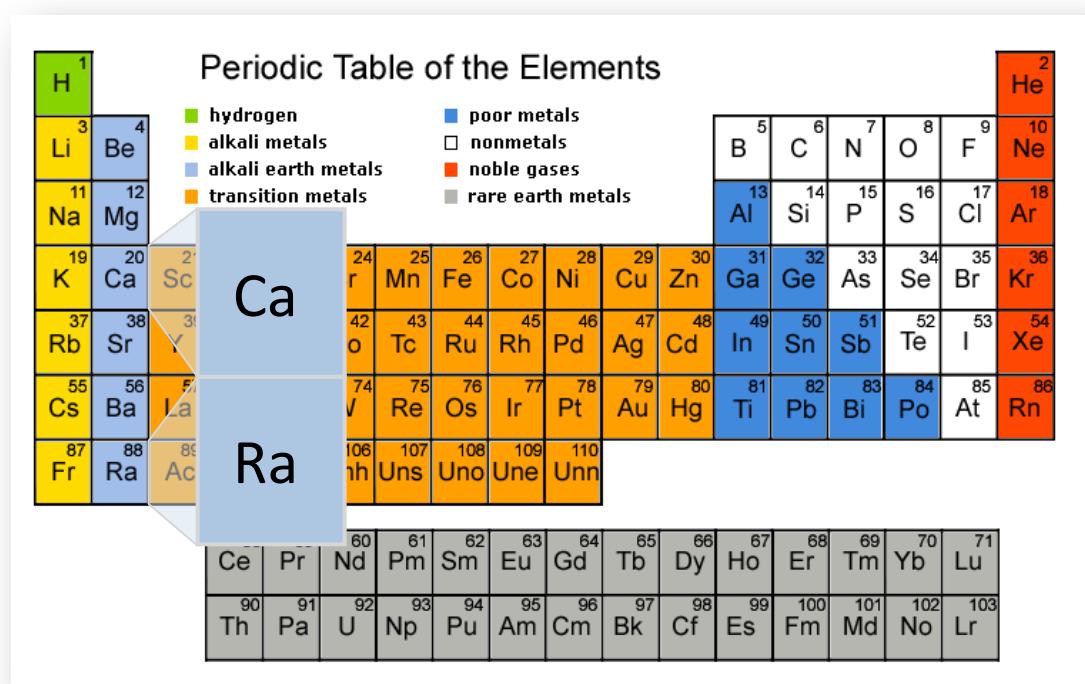


Primary endpoint: OS

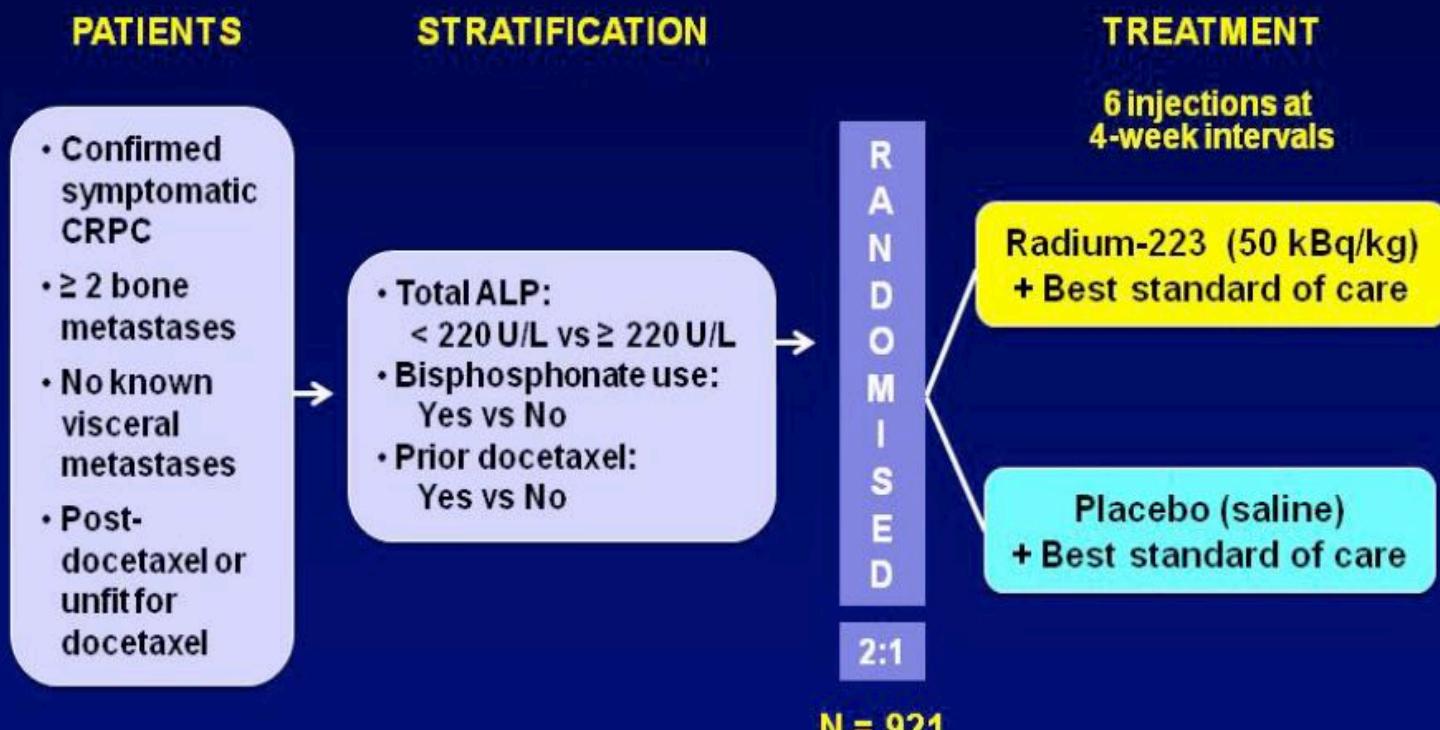
Secondary endpoint: bone scan response (IRF assessed)

# Radium-223 Targets Bone Metastases

- Radium-223 functions as a calcium mimic
- Targets sites of new bone growth within and around bone metastases
- Excreted by the small intestine



# ALSYMPCA (ALpharadin in SYMptomatic Prostate CAncer) Phase III Study Design



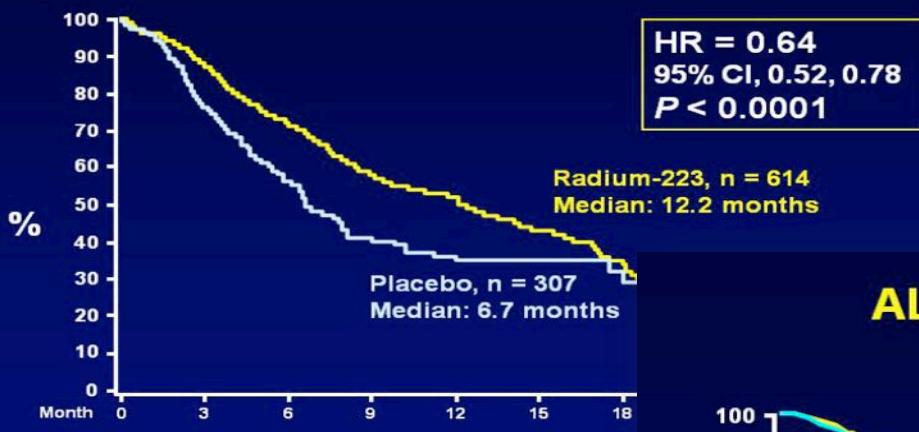
Planned follow-up is 3 years

Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT00699751

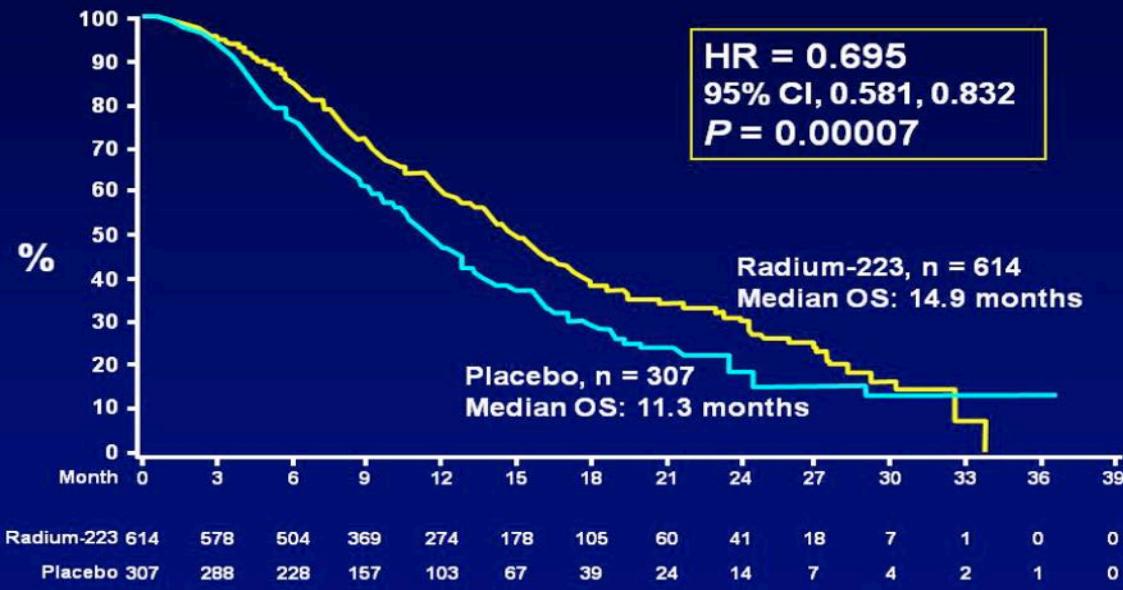
Parker C, et al. 2012 ASCO GU Cancers Symposium. Abstract 8.

# The 'ALSYMPCA' trial

## ALSYMPCA Updated Analysis Time To First SRE\*



## ALSYMPCA Updated Analysis Overall Survival



# *How should we sequence therapy?*

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## What is the optimal sequence?

- I am tired of the question....no data!
  - Reasonable to use less toxic therapies first
  - Reasonable to involve patients in the decision making and respect patient preferences
- I believe....patients should have exposure to as many active drugs as possible
  - So long as the patient tolerates the drug well and does not “rapidly” progress, keep it going
  - Do not let the patient deteriorate too far, that limits future options....follow patients closely

# How to choose a sequential therapy?

Patients with visceral mets:

MDV3100 OS=18.4



Cabazitaxel PFS=6.4



Abiraterone PFS=10.2

Increase of OS

This would be great but is not  
EBM!!!!

Patients with bone mets

Alpharadin OS=14.0

OS=8.3



Abiraterone  
PFS=10.2



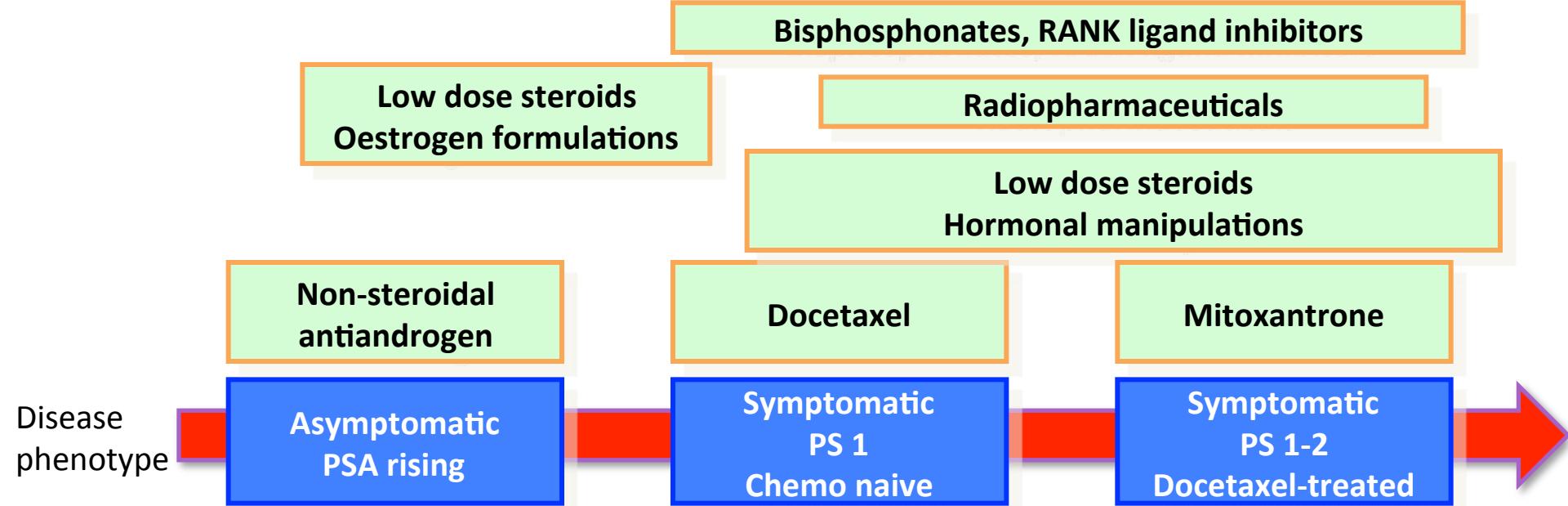
Cabazitaxel  
PFS=6.4

Increase of OS of 24 mos!!

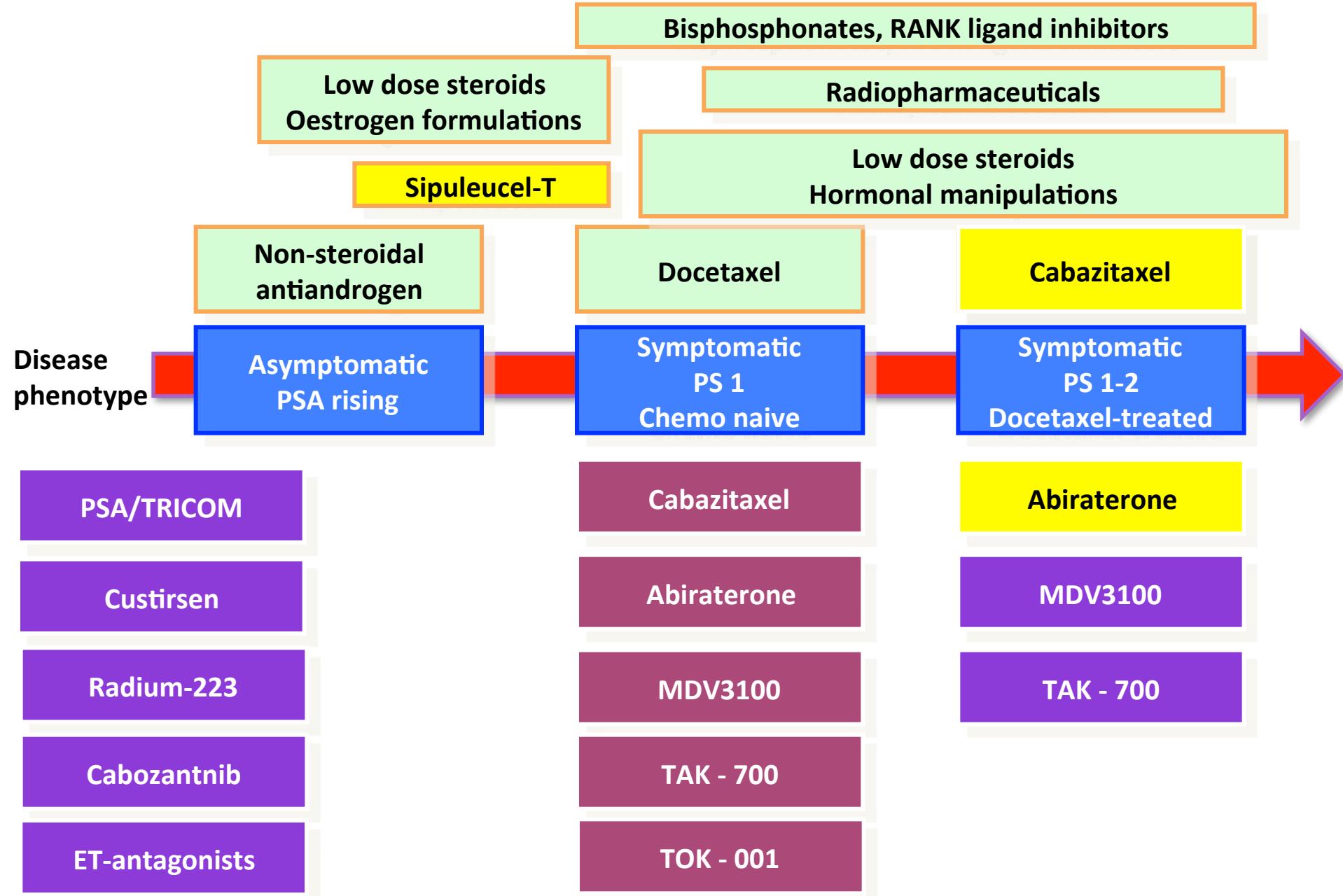
# Take home message

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## Medical or surgical castration



## Medical or surgical castration



- Management of CRPC is rapidly evolving
- Docetaxel is the standard in 1<sup>st</sup>-line mCRPC
- Progression after docetaxel is not an unmet need anymore:
  - Cabazitaxel shows a significant survival advantage vs mitoxantrone
  - Abiraterone also provides survival advantage vs placebo
  - The most appropriate sequencing of abiraterone and cabazitaxel remains to be determined

***The right drug, at the right time, for the right patient***

## Possible Confusion in Names of New Treatments for Prostate Cancer

**TO THE EDITOR:** Several new drugs have been approved for the treatment of metastatic prostate cancer, and they are now in widespread use. Recent additions to the prostate-cancer armamentarium are listed in Table 1. Though each agent has a specific generic name, the unin-

tended consequence of manufacturers' insatiable proclivity to include the letters X and Z in the marketed trade names will undoubtedly lead to confusion both by the physician prescribing and the pharmacy dispensing these agents.

Regulators and pharmaceutical manufacturers alike need to take heed of these areas of possible confusion. They should consider incorporation of the unique and distinguishing portions of the generic name in the creation and ultimate approval of the marketed trade name.

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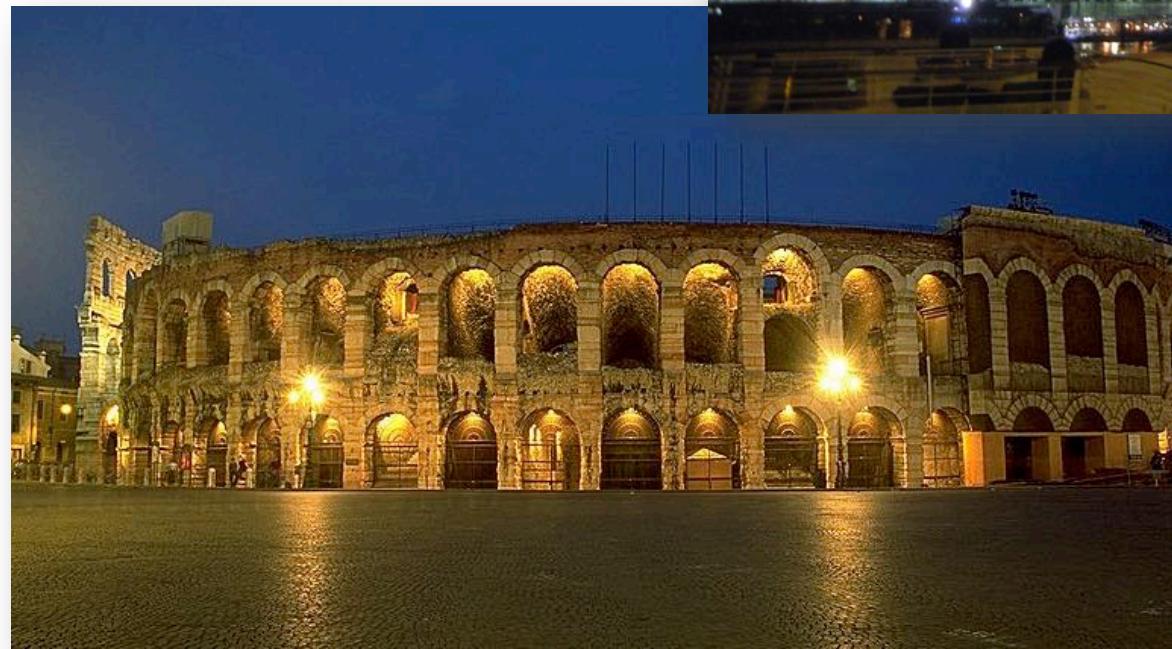
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**Table 1.** New Drugs for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer.

Generic Name	Trade Name	Intended Use
Zoledronic acid	Zometa	Reduction of skeletal-related events due to metastatic prostate cancer
Denosumab	Xgeva	Reduction of skeletal-related events due to metastatic prostate cancer
Abiraterone	Zytiga	Treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer
Enzalutamide	Xtandi	Treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer
Cabazitaxel	Jevtana	Treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer



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