#### **BREAST CANCER PATHWAYS**

Current Clinical and Future
Developmental Paradigms Involving
Molecular Pathways in Breast Cancer.
Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor
Pathways and Agents

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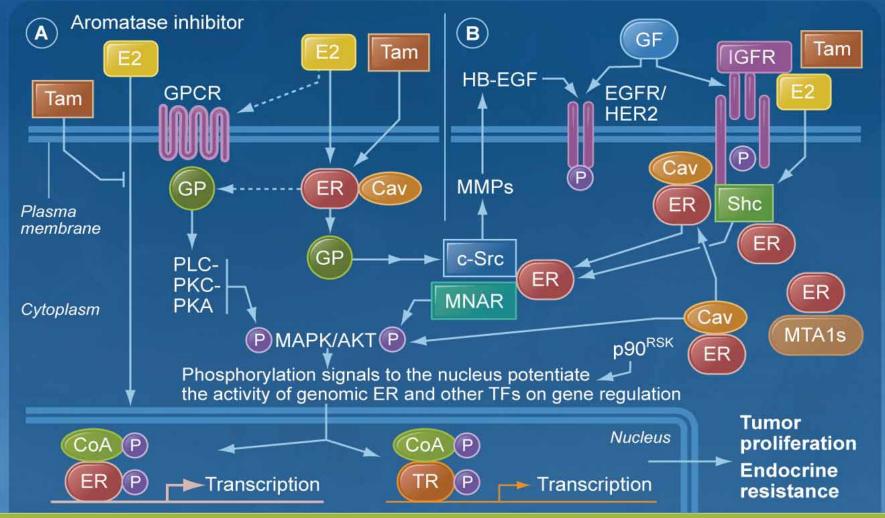
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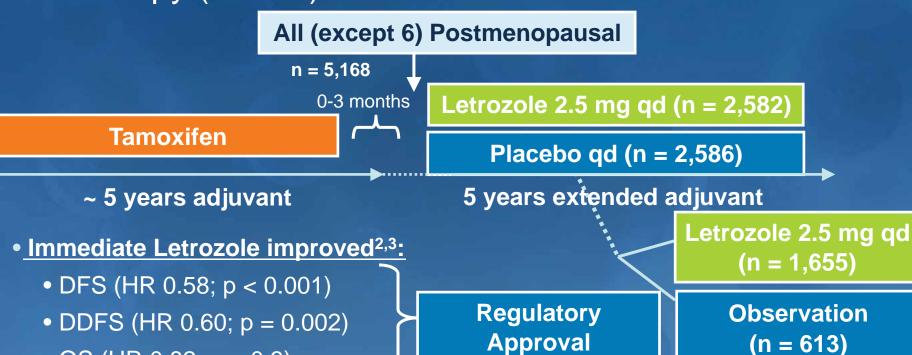
#### Road Map to Talk

- Estrogen Receptor Pathways in Breast Cancer
  - Genomic and Non-genomic pathways
- Evolving Strategies in ER-Positive Early Breast Cancer
  - Optimal: duration, agent, combination, schedule
- Novel Endocrine + Targeted Therapy Combinations
  - Her2
  - IGF1R
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  - Src/Abl
  - WT1 Antigen Specific Cancer Vaccine
  - Her1,3,4

# Integration of Genomic and Non-genomic/Rapid ER Signaling and Its Crosstalk with Growth Factor Receptor and Cell Kinase Pathways in Endocrine Resistance: A Working Model



## Optimal Duration: 10 Years vs 5 Years Endocrine Therapy (MA.17)



- Delayed (post-unblinding) letrozole improved<sup>7</sup>:
  - DFS (HR 0.31; p < 0.0001)

• OS (HR 0.82; p = 0.3)

- DDFS (HR 0.28; p = 0.002)
- OS (HR 0.58; p significant)

Regulatory Approval Extended

## MA.17: Premenopausal Status at Primary Diagnosis

#### Premenopausal n = 889

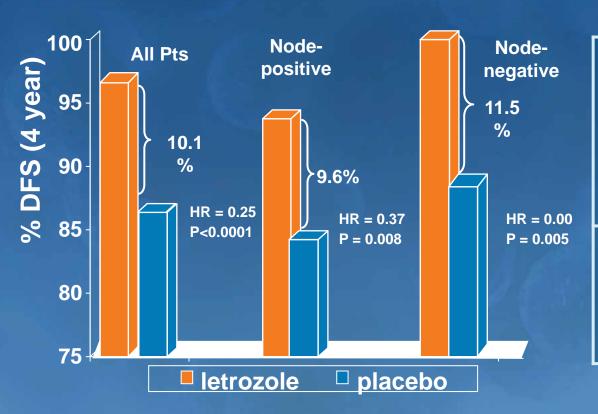
- a) <50 years of age with menses but underwent subsequent bilateral oophorectomy when tamoxifen started **or**
- b) <50 years of age with menses when tamoxifen started but became amenorrheic during adjuvant chemotherapy or on tamoxifen

Menopausal Status at Primary Diagnosis

#### Post-menopausal n = 4,277

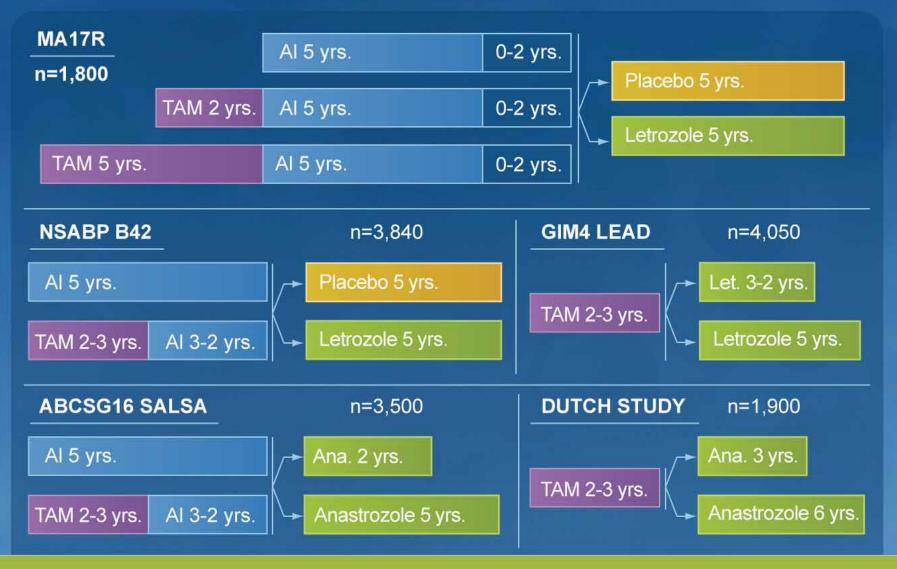
- a) ≥50 years of age without menses at diagnosis or
- b) <50 years of age without menses and considered postmenopausal at diagnosis **or**
- c) considered post-menopausal by virtue of menopausal LH/FSH

## Extended Endocrine Therapy in Premenopausal Breast Cancer

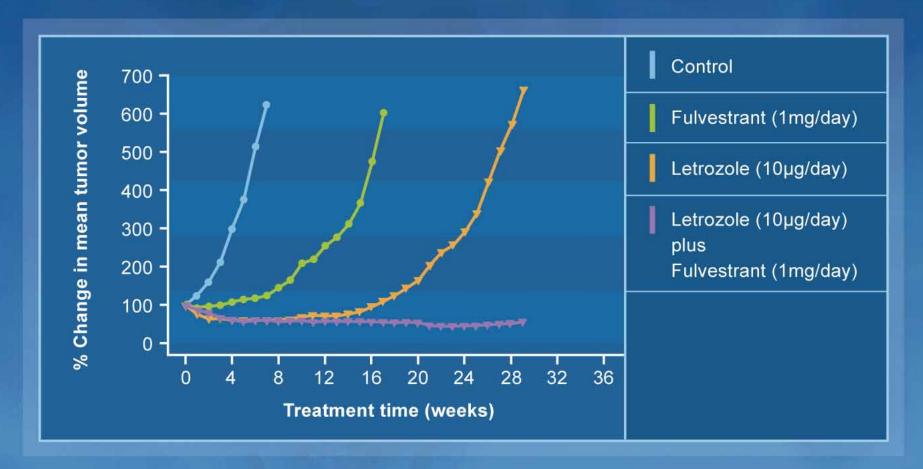


- 1. Premenopausal patients with ER-positive breast cancer benefit significantly from extended AI therapy after they become menopausal
- 2. The benefit was similar in women who delayed endocrine therapy up to 6 years after tamoxifen

#### Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy (AI) > 5 Years



# Letrozole vs Letrozole + Fulvestrant "Total E2 Block" a) On the Growth of MCF-7Ca Aromatase Xenograft b) In Ongoing Clinical Trials



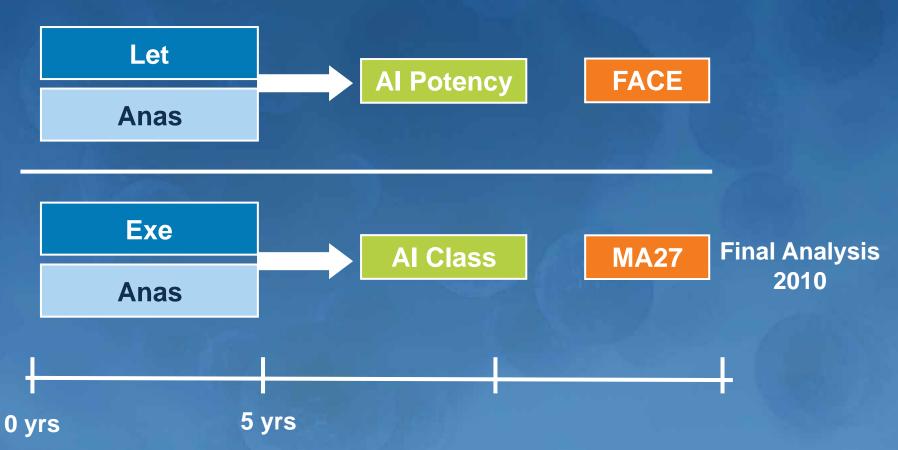
#### Total Estrogen Blockade (continued)

	Fulvestrant + Anastrozole n=258	Anastrozole n=256
Number progressed (%)	200 (77.5%)	200 (78.1%)
Median TTP (months)	10.8	10.2
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.99 (0.81, 1.20)	
p-value	0.91	

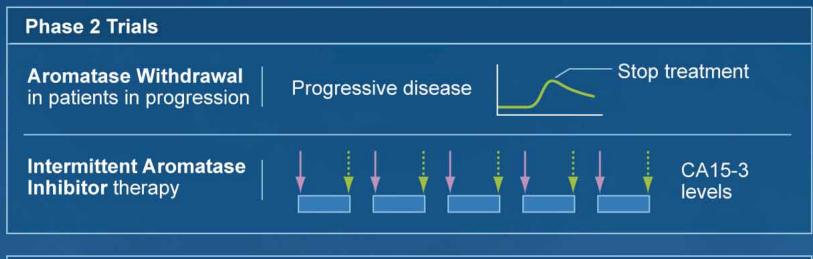
TTP per-protocol analysis (unadjusted model)			
	Fulvestrant + Anastrozole	Anastrozole	
	n=175	n=175	
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	1.05 (0.83, 1.32)		
p-value	0.70		

#### Current Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy Optimal Aromatase Inhibitor

Postmenopausal Women



#### Ongoing Intermittent Aromatase Inhibitor Trials

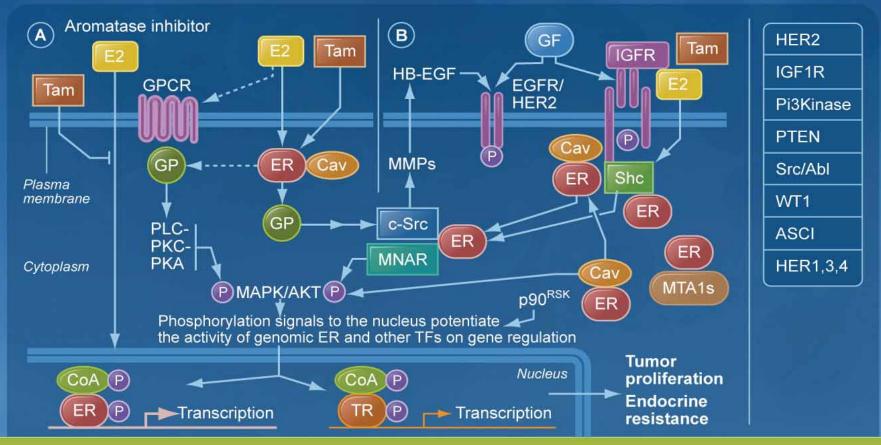




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# Genomic and Non-genomic (Rapid) ER Signaling Crosstalk with Growth Factors and Growth Factor Receptors and Cell Kinase Pathways – Endocrine Resistance



## Anti-Estrogen + Anti-HER2 Therapy in HER2-Positive Breast Cancer

**TaNDEM** 

HER2-positive
Hormone receptorpositive MBC (n = 208)

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Anastrozole 1 mg daily + trastuzumab 4 mg/kg loading dose → 2 mg/kg qw until disease progression

Anastrozole 1 mg daily until disease progression

Crossover to receive trastuzumab was actively offered to all patients who progressed on anastrozole alone

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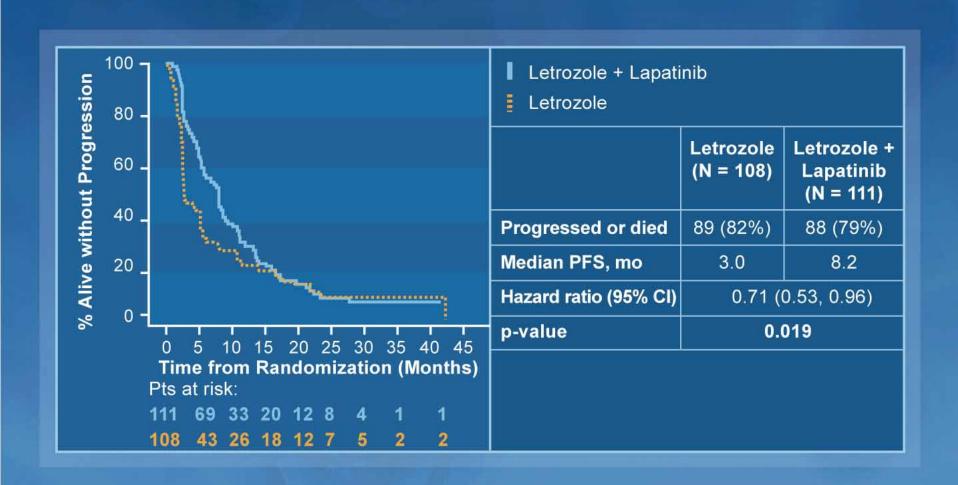
<u>HER2 all comers</u> Hormone receptorpositive MBC (n = 1286)

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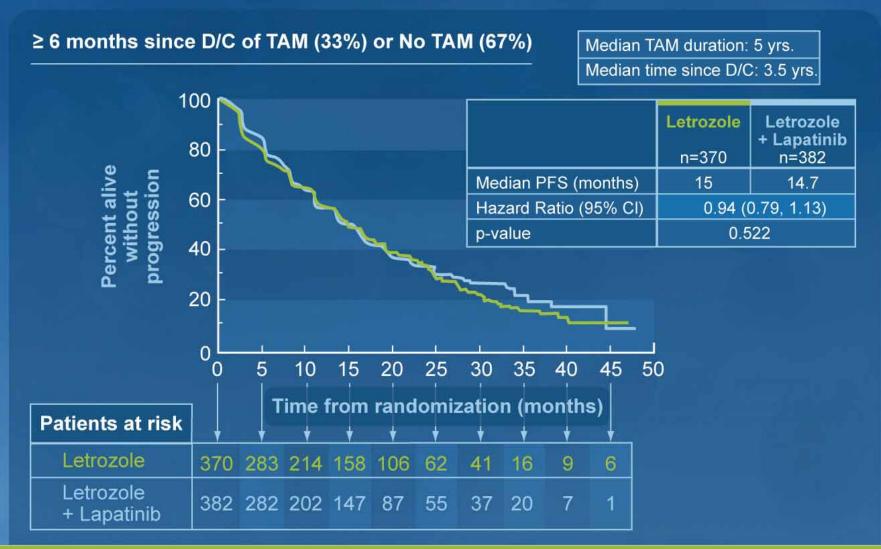
Letrozole 2.5 mg daily + Lapatinib 1,500 mg PO daily until disease progression

Letrozole 2.5 mg daily + placebo until disease progression Crossover was NOT allowed

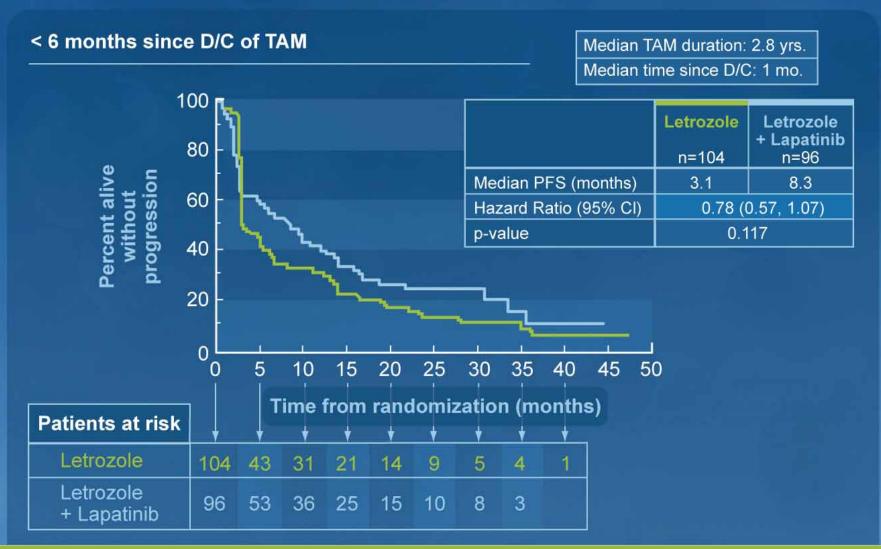
## Letrozole +/- Lapatinib: Progression-Free Survival (PFS) in Patients with HER2-Positive Disease (N=219)



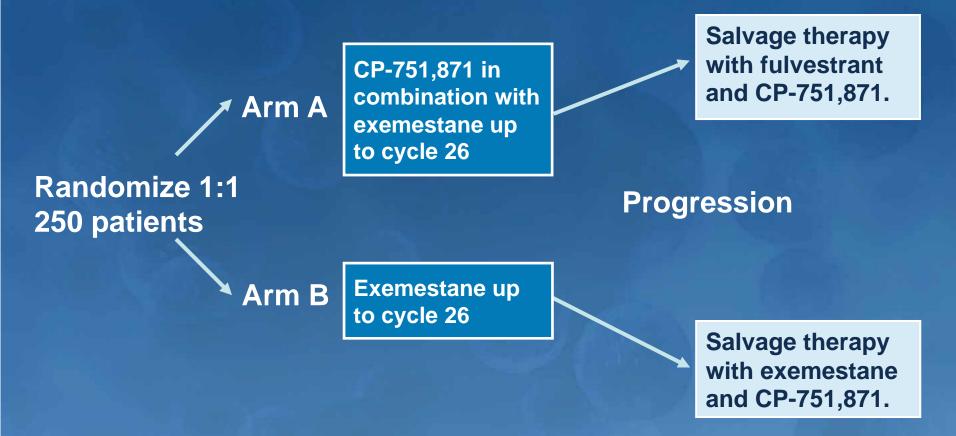
## Letrozole +/- Lapatinib: PFS in Patients with HER2-Negative Disease (N=952)



## Letrozole +/- Lapatinib: PFS in Patients with HER2-Negative Disease (N=952) (continued)



#### Anti-Estrogen + Anti-IGF1R



Patients in Arm A experiencing exemestane toxicity will continue CP-751,871 until disease progression before switching to salvage therapy and vice versa.

## CONCLUSIONS: Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor Pathways and Agents

- Optimal endocrine therapy in early stage pre- and postmenopausal ER-positive breast cancer continues to be defined:
  - Duration
  - Combination
  - Aromatase inhibitor
  - Optimal schedule
- Anti-estrogen agents + targeted therapies being investigated in metastatic disease
- Identifying tumor and host signatures will enable personalized approach to endocrine therapies