

# Rucaparib a new option in first line maintenance treatment: peculiarity of drug and indications

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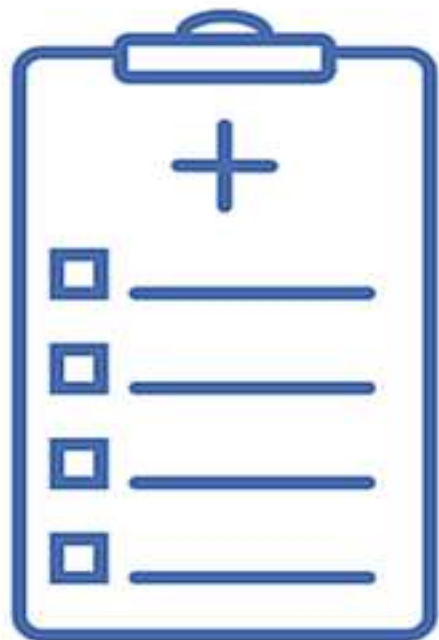
## Rucaparib as 1L maintenance therapy: 3 clinical cases

**BRCAm**

**BRCAwt / HRD+**

**HRD-**

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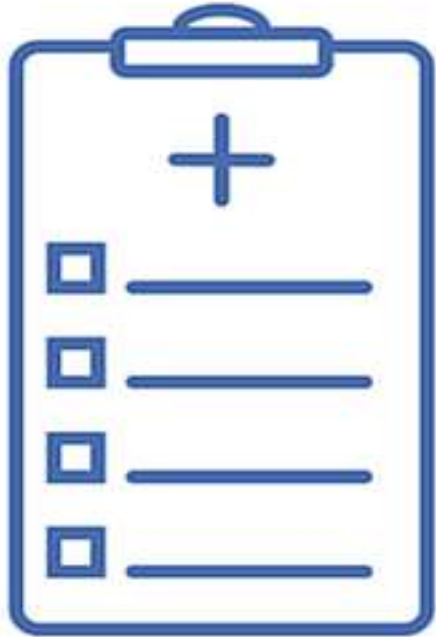
## Diagnosis

1L treatment

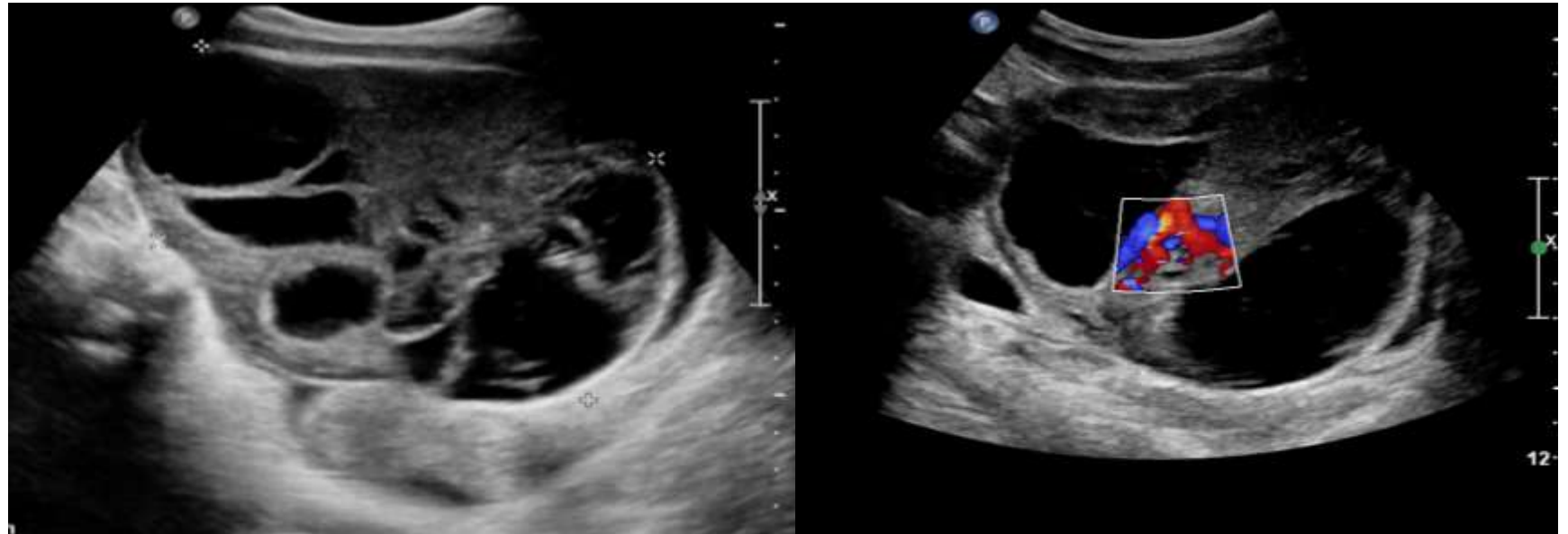
Maintenance

- **Age 67**
- Oncological family history: Maternal grandmother with ovarian cancer at 60 y, Mother gastric lymphoma at 72 y
- **Arterial hypertension** in therapy with Enalapril 5 mg 1 cp die and Amlodipine 10 mg 1 cp die; **Familial hypercholesterolemia** in therapy with Rosuvastatin 10 mgX2
- Access to the E.D. for worsening **constipation, dyspnea, cough and asthenia** and radiological CT finding of **pneumonia** → hospitalization. Urinary antigen + for *Str. Pneumoniae*
- CT T+A performed in the E.D also highlights an **adnexal mass with suspicion of peritoneal carcinomatosis**

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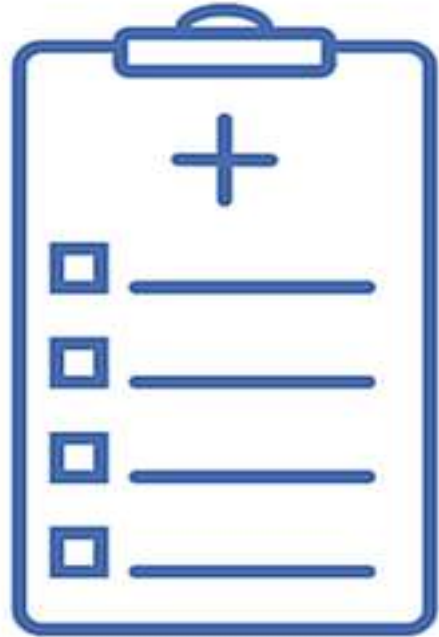


- II level TV-US: left adnexal **MULTI-SOL** mass, color score 3, low fluid level in the pelvis



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## Diagnosis

1L treatment

Maintenance

- **Ca125 870, HE4 162, CEA and Ca19.9 neg**
- During hospitalization antibiotic therapy is started, but **nephritic syndrome** begins with hematuria, edema and hypertension from glomerular nephritis associated with the ongoing infection → **Moderate CKD results**

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- **MDT:** diagnostic LPS, left adnexectomy, FS and surgical staging in case of neoplasia of adnexal origin and positive evaluation of cytoreducibility
- **PDS** with intraoperative evidence of pelvic-parietocolic-right diaphragmatic peritoneal carcinomatosis (small nodes of 5-10 mm) – **RT 0**
- ***Carcinoma of ovarian origin***
- ***Mixed serous-endometrioid histology, HG***
- ***IIC: PAX8 (+), CK 5/6 (+focal), p53 (< 1%, mut), WT1 +, p16 -, Napsin -, ER 70%, PgR 20%, non dMMR***
- ***FIGO IIIB***
- ***HRD +, sBRCA1m***

GENE	ESONE	TIPOLOGIA	EFFETTO	COVERAGE	VAF%	DETTAGLI ALTERAZIONE			CAT
<b>BRCA1</b>	10	INDEL	frameshift	2116	<b>47</b>	c.1016dup	p. (Val340Glyfs*6)	p. (V340Gfs*6)	<b>A</b>
<b>TP53</b>	4	INDEL	frameshift	3402	<b>63,2</b>	c.365dup	p. (Thr123Aspfs*26)	p. (T123Dfs*26)	<b>B</b>

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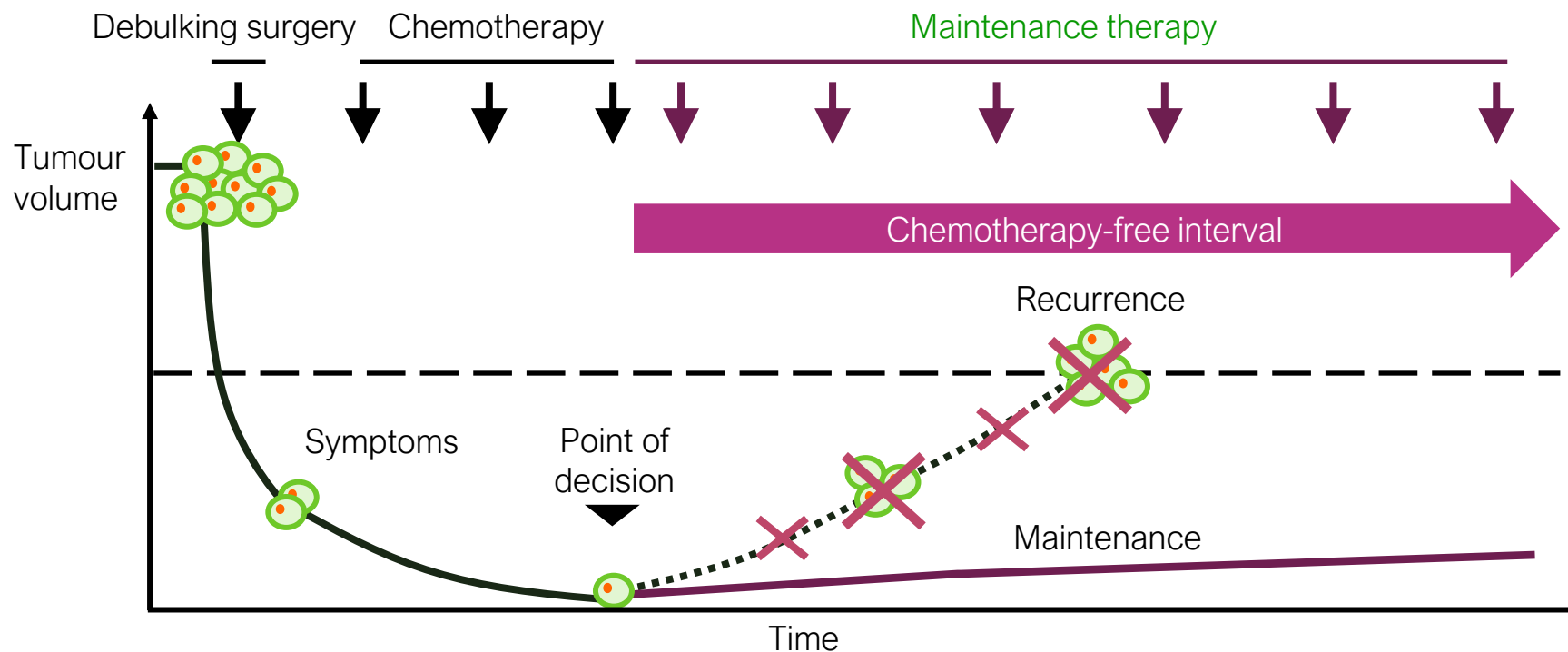


- **MDT:** CT with carboplatin-paclitaxel 1:21, 6 cycles and genetic oncological consultation
- **Ca125 95** before starting CT
- **Creatinine clearance 50 ml/min** (67 yr, 64 kg, serum creatine 1.1) = Moderate renal impairment
- Carboplatin dose reduction
- **Ca125 turns negative after the I cycle**
- **KELIM 1.4** favorable score
- CT scan at the end of CT: NED

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>70% of patients with advanced OC will recur within 3–5 years in the absence of 1L maintenance therapy



### Goals of maintenance therapy

- 1 Prolong benefit following surgery and chemotherapy
- 2 Improve survival (PFS and hopefully OS)
- 3 Manageable toxicity and no negative effects on QoL

† = Common indicator of fatality - CA-125 = cancer antigen 125; PFS = progression-free survival.

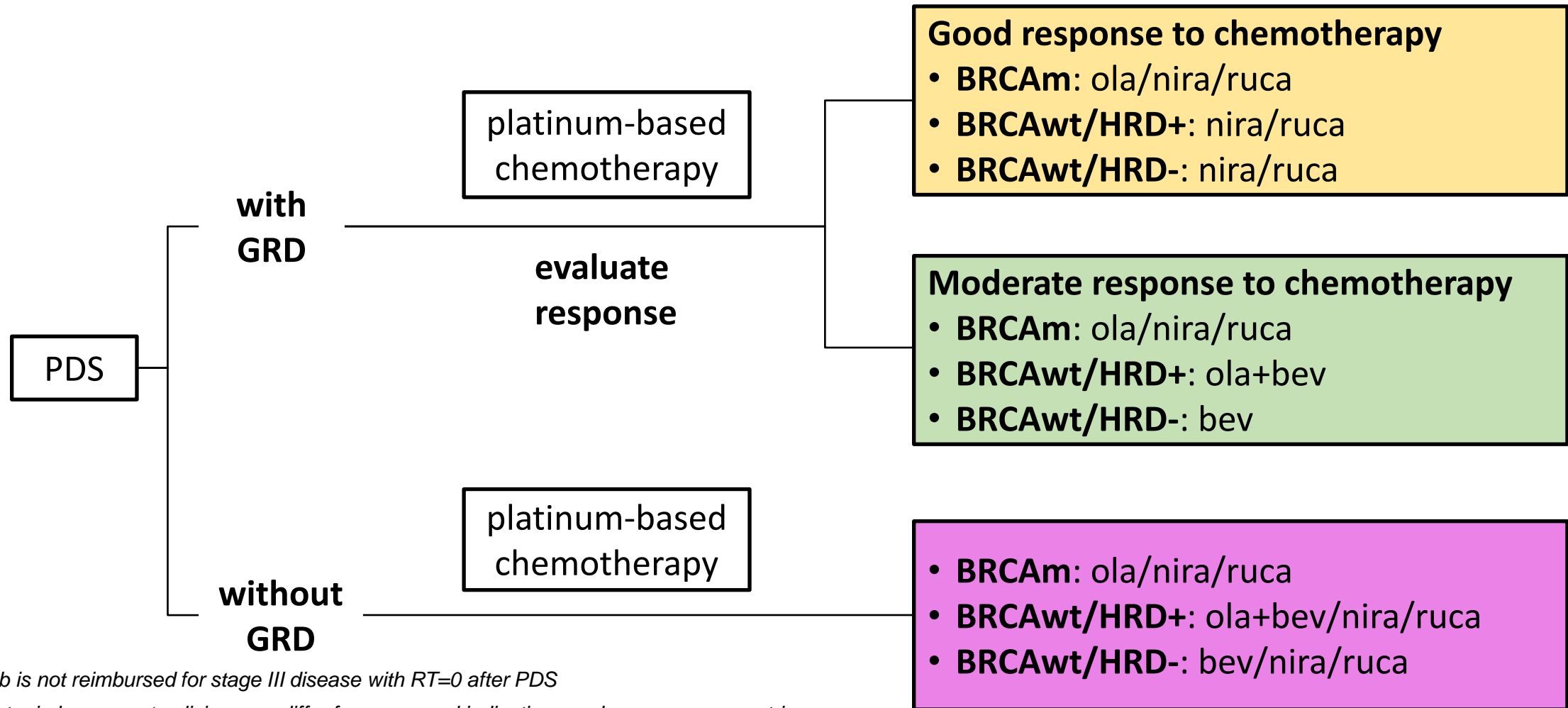
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# THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM

## SURGERY

## ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

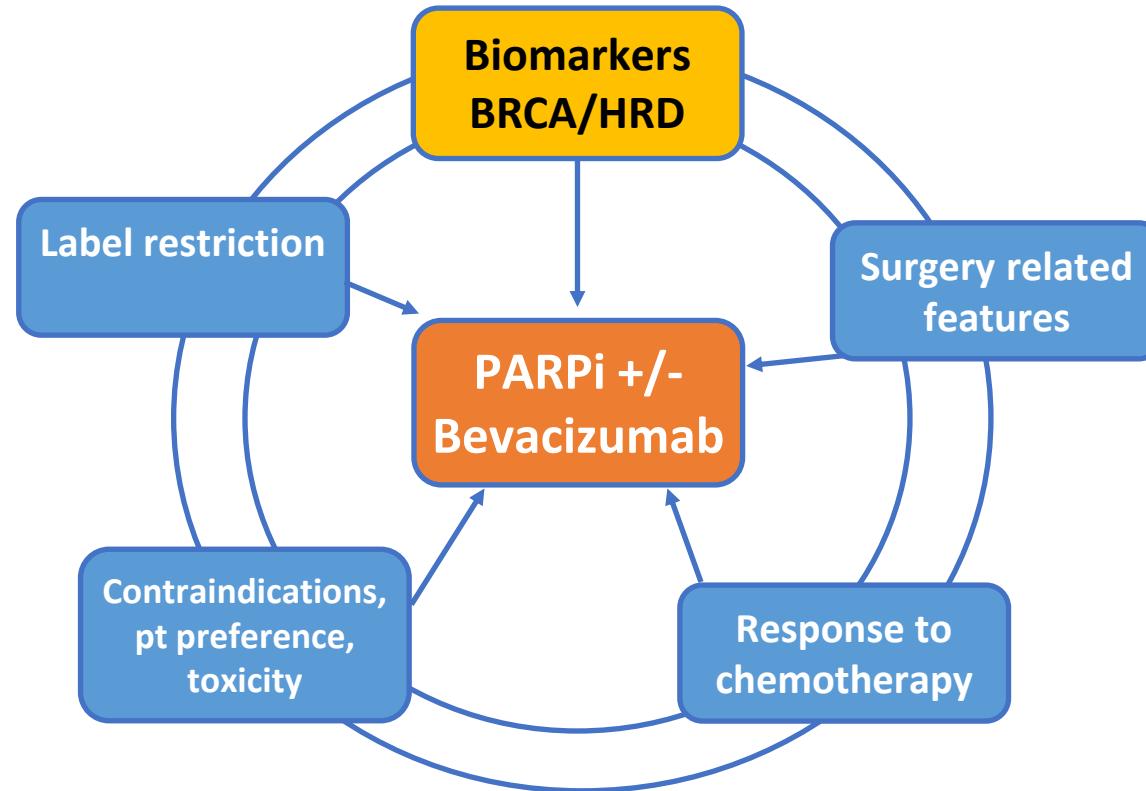
## MAINTENANCE THERAPY



*Niraparib is not reimbursed for stage III disease with RT=0 after PDS*

*Note that reimbursement policies may differ from approval indications and vary across countries*

## Factors to consider when selecting the most effective first-line maintenance



# Mutational status and PARPi benefit

		SOLO-1 <sup>1</sup>	PRIMA <sup>2</sup>	PAOLA-1 <sup>3</sup>	ATHENA-MONO <sup>4</sup>	PRIME <sup>5</sup>
PARPi		Olaparib	Niraparib	Olaparib	Rucaparib	Niraparib
Bevacizumab		No	No	Yes	No	No
Population		BRCAMut	All comers	All comers	All comers	All comers (Chinese)
HRD test		NA	MyChoice	MyChoice	Foundation-One	BGI
PFS	BRCAMut	0.33 (0.25–0.43)	0.40* (0.27–0.62)	0.31* (0.20–0.47)	0.31* (0.20–0.47)	0.40* (0.23-0.68)
	BRCAwt/HRD+	-	0.50* (0.31-0.83)	0.43* (0.28-0.66)	0.58* (0.33-1.01)	0.58* (0.36-0.93)
	BRCAwt/HRD-	-	0.68* (0.49-0.94)	1.0* (0.75-1.36)	0.65* (0.45-0.95)	0.41* (0.25-0.65)

\*exploratory

The aim of the table is not the cross-trial comparison

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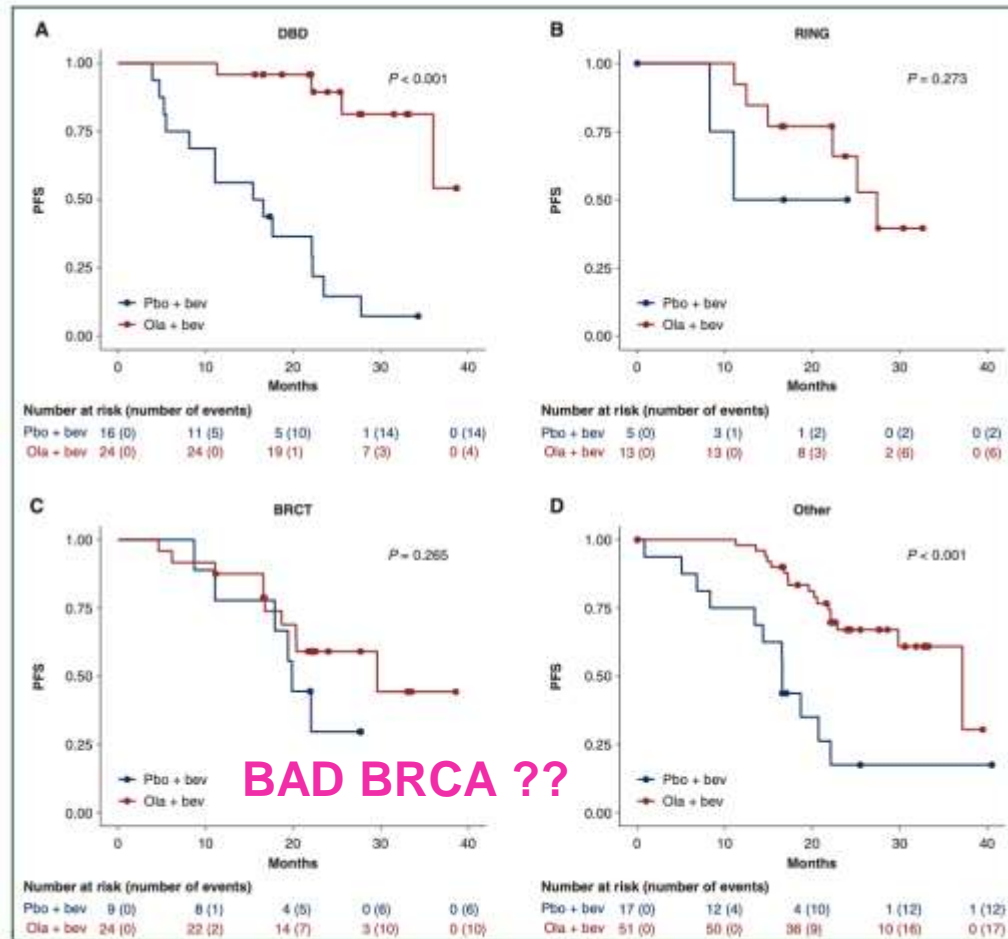


Figure 2. PFS according to the location of mutations in BRCA1. (A) DBD. (B) RING. (C) BRCT. (D) Other locations. Bev, bevacizumab; BRCT, C-terminal domain of BRCA2; DBD, DNA-binding domain; Ola, olaparib; Pbo, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; RING, Really Interesting New Gene.

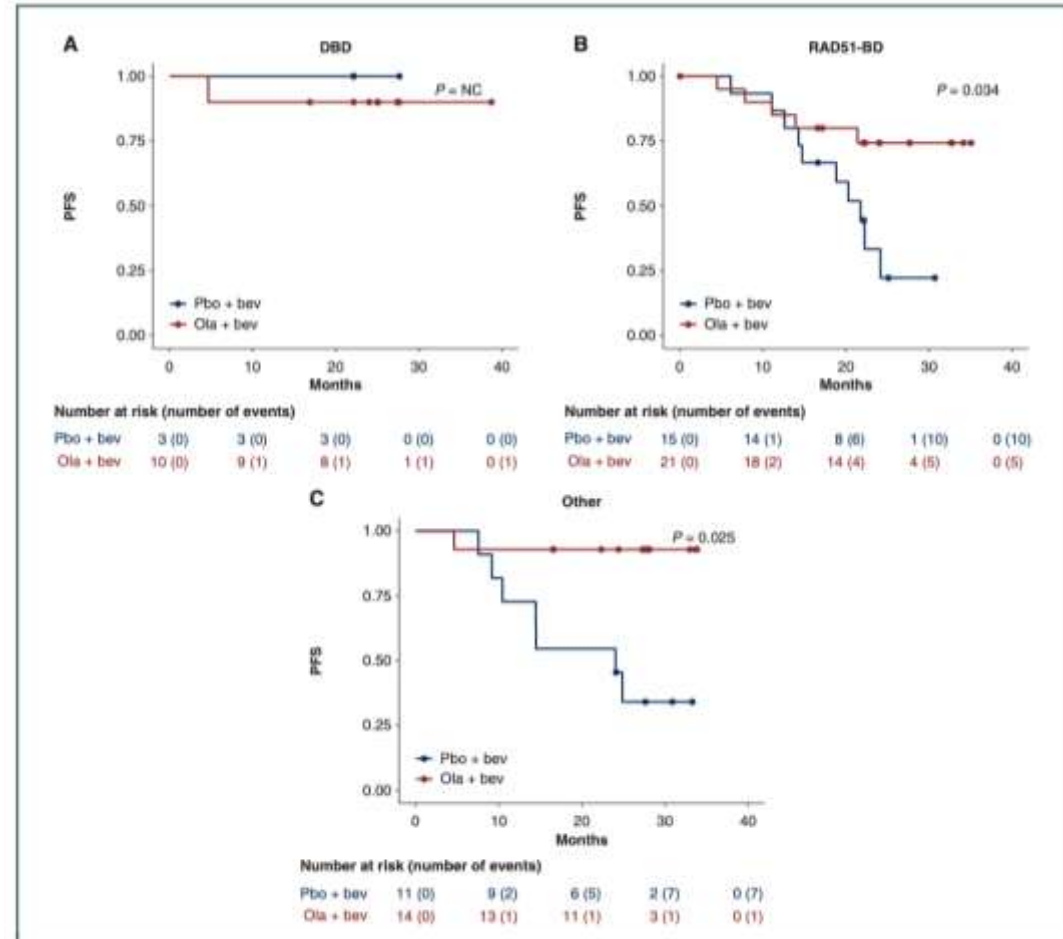
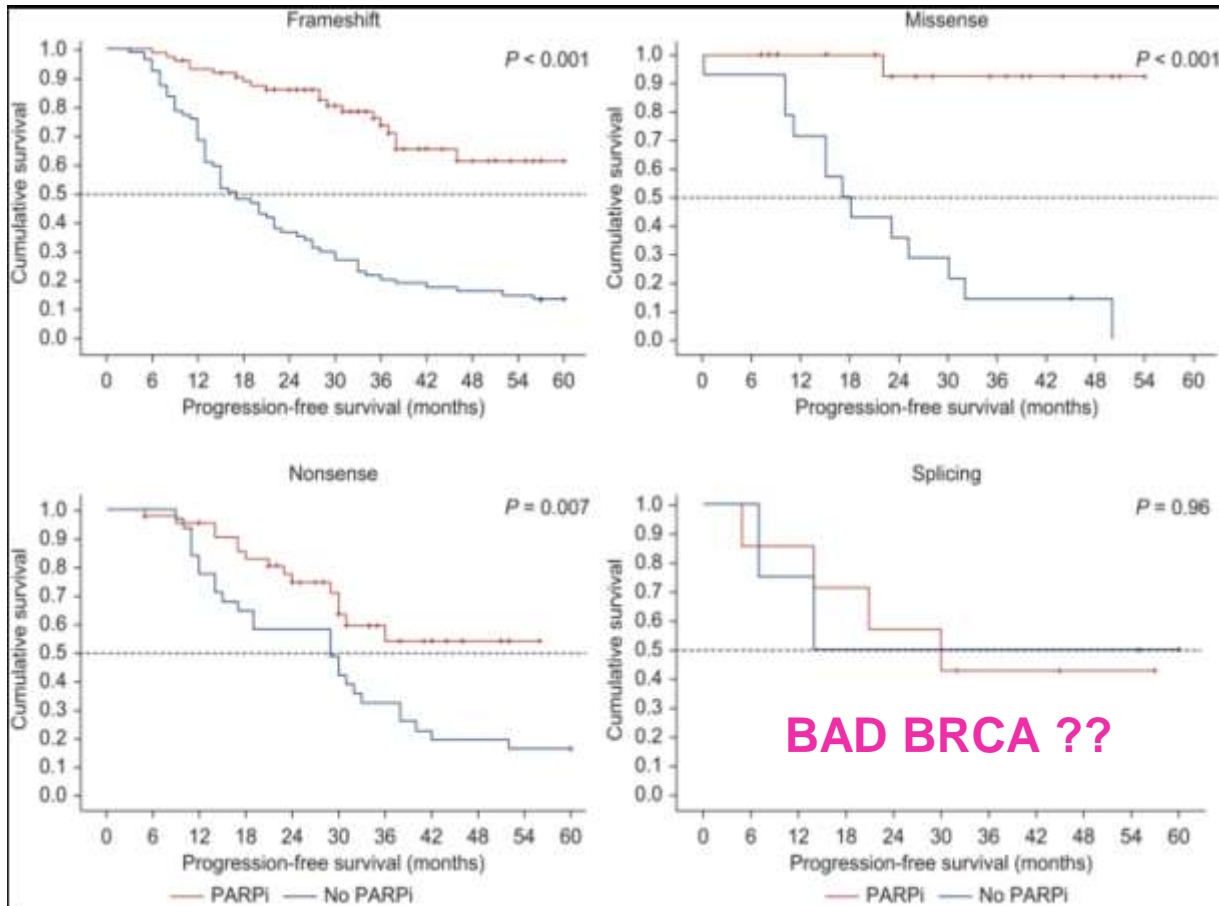


Figure 3. PFS according to the location of mutations in BRCA2. (A) DBD. (B) RAD51-BD. (C) Other locations. Bev, bevacizumab; DBD, DNA-binding domain; NC, not calculated; Ola, olaparib; Pbo, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; RAD51-BD, RAD51-binding domain.

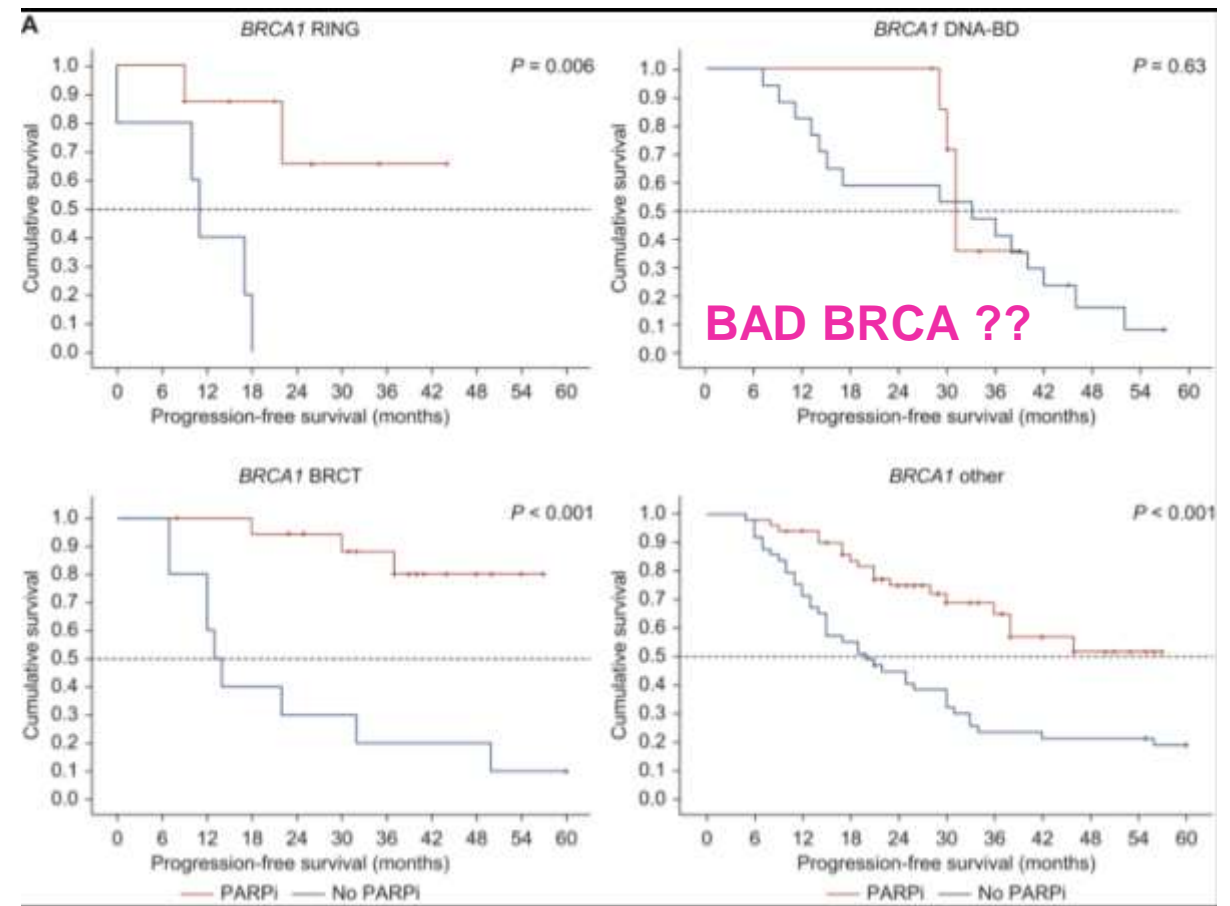
Labidi-Galy SI Association of location of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations with benefit from olaparib and bevacizumab maintenance in high-grade ovarian cancer: phase II PAOLA-1/ENGOT-ov25 trial subgroup exploratory analysis. *Ann Oncol.* 2023 Feb;34(2):152-162.



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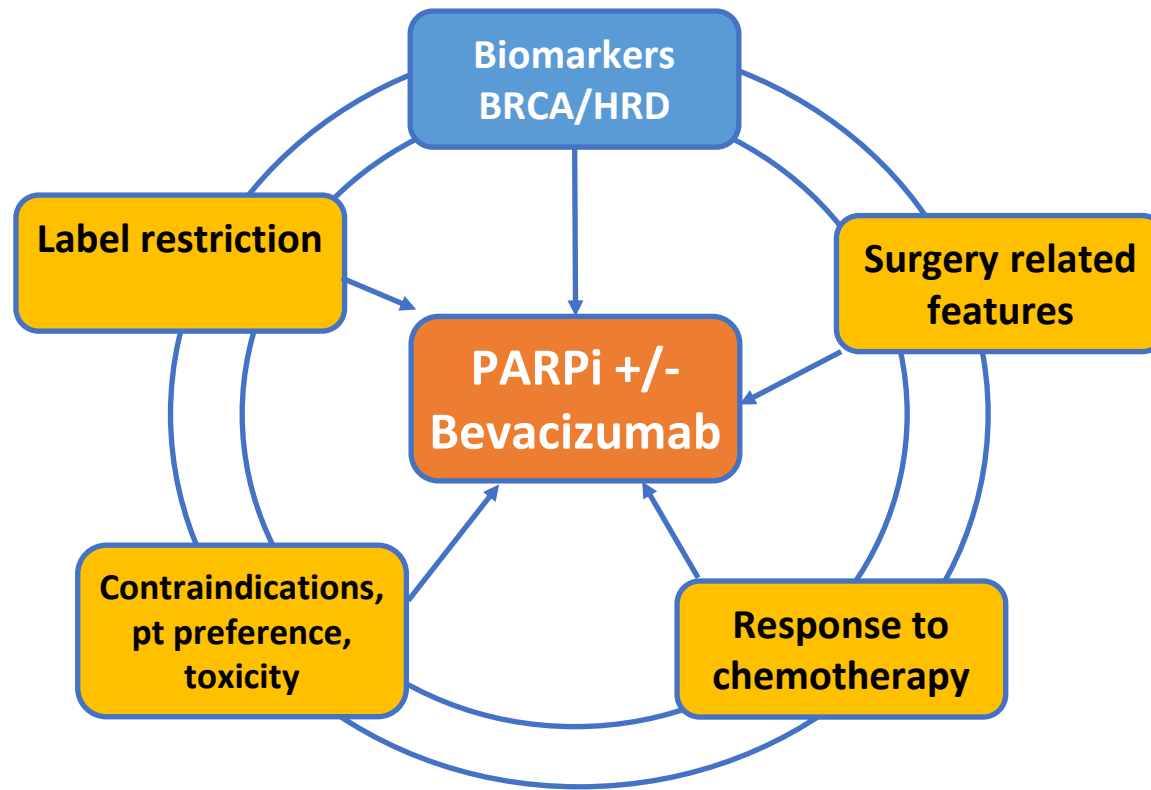


PFS in the overall population according to the type of mutation



Progression-free survival according to functional domain in the BRCA1-mutated population

It is recommended that this patient receive maintenance therapy with PARPi. **Which PARPi ? Should we add Beva ?**



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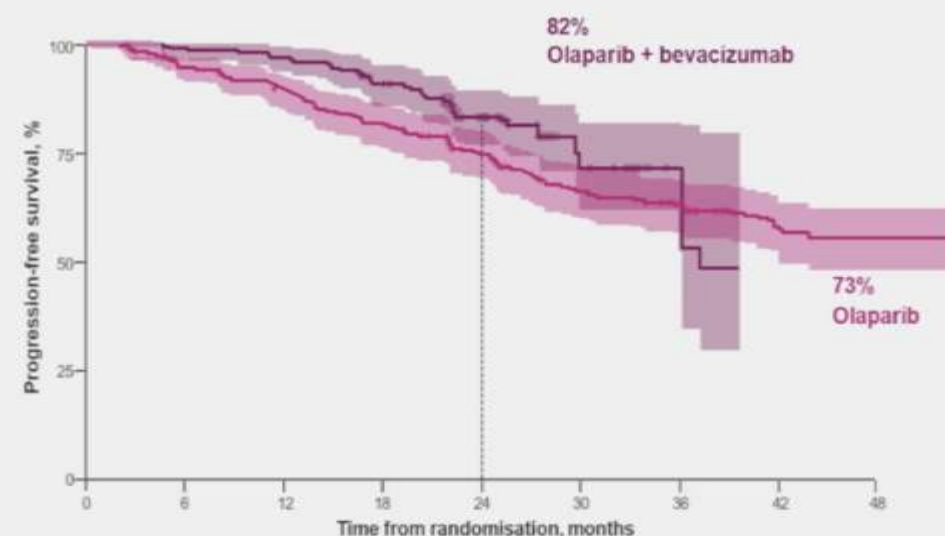
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Nicoletta Colombo, Isabelle Ray-Coquard, Shannon N. W...



## A population-adjusted indirect treatment comparison of PAOLA-1 and SOLO1 showed an additive benefit from bevacizumab



	PAOLA-1 tBRCAm	SOLO1
	Olaparib + bev <sup>a</sup> (n=151)	Olaparib (n=254)
PFS at 12 months, %	96	88
PFS at 24 months, %	82	73
HR 0.71 (95% CI, 0.45–1.09) <sup>b</sup>		

<sup>a</sup>In SOLO1, the median follow-up was 40.7 months in the olaparib arm and 41.7 months in the placebo arm. Shaded region represents 95% CI.  
<sup>b</sup>In PAOLA-1, median follow-up was 22.7 months in the olaparib + bevacizumab arm and 24.0 months in the placebo + bevacizumab arm. Shaded region represents 95% CI.  
<sup>c</sup>These results are based on weighted outcomes after matching tumour location status, ECOG status, FIGO stage, type of surgery (PDS vs IDS), residual disease status after surgery, response to first-line treatment and age to SOLO1.  
<sup>d</sup>CI: generated by bootstrapping.  
 bev, bevacizumab; CI, confidence interval; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FIGO, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; HR, hazard ratio; IDS, in  
 Vaginal

*Courtesy of Prof N. Colombo, from ESGO Meeting 2025 Rome*





## Attivazione web e pubblicazione schede di monitoraggio - Registro Olaparib (associazione con bevacizumab - cancro dell'ovaio)

Si informano gli utenti dei Registri Farmaci sottoposti a Monitoraggio che, a seguito della pubblicazione della Determina AIFA nella GU n.64 del 17.03.2022, a partire dal 18.03.2022 è possibile utilizzare, in regime di rimborsabilità SSN, il medicinale LYNPARZA per la seguente indicazione terapeutica:

- Trattamento di mantenimento di pazienti adulte con cancro epiteliale dell'ovaio di alto grado avanzato (stadi III e IV secondo FIGO), cancro della tuba di Falloppio o cancro peritoneale primitivo, in risposta (completa o parziale) dopo completamento della chemioterapia di prima linea a base di platino in associazione con bevacizumab e il cui tumore presenti un deficit di ricombinazione omologa (homologous recombination deficiency, HRD), definito dalla presenza di instabilità genomica ed in assenza di una mutazione BRCA1/2.

E	(se indicato C) Il tumore presenta un deficit di ricombinazione omologa (homologous recombination deficiency, HRD)?	Si	
		No	<b>blocca</b>
E	Se sì, la paziente presenta il gene BRCA:	wild-type	<b>combobox</b>
		mutazione somatica/germinale BRCA1	<b>Blocco all'associazione olaparib + bevacizumab per pazienti HRD+ e selezionato mutazione BRCA1 o BRCA2</b>
		mutazione somatica/germinale BRCA2	





# Which PARPi ? Should we add Beva ?

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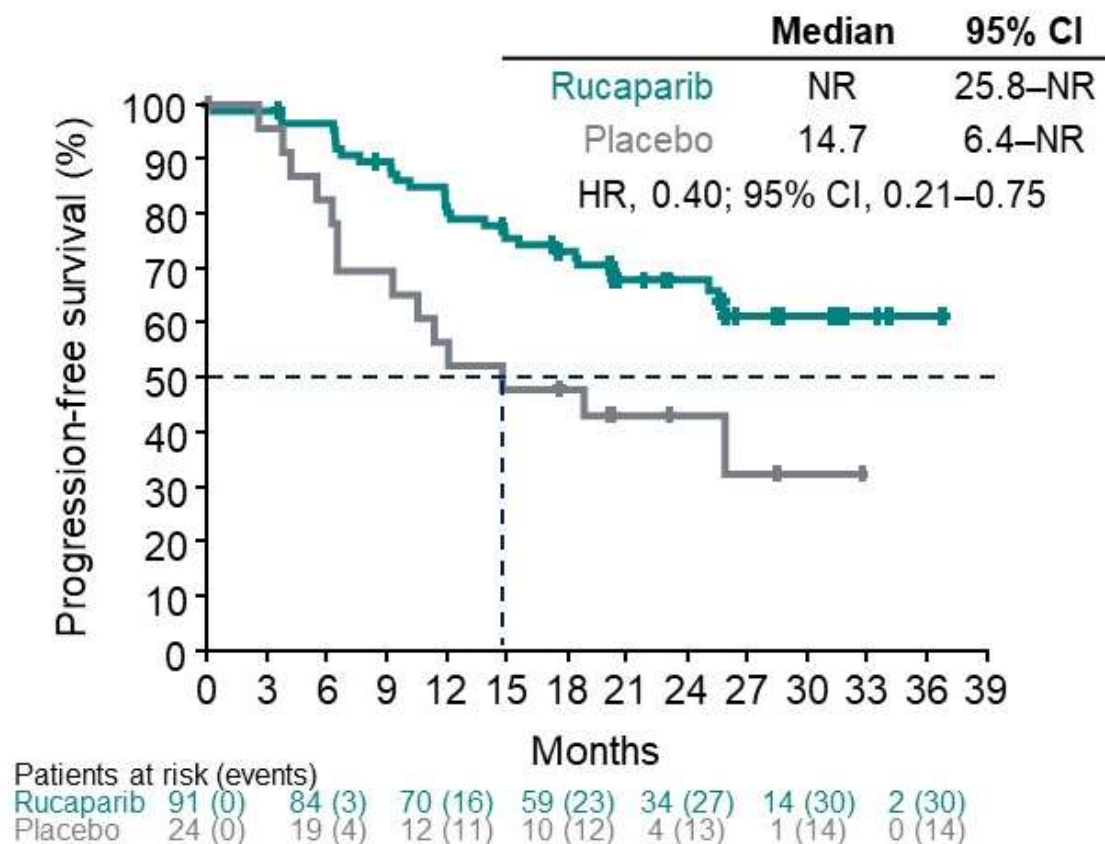
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Per i pazienti con compromissione renale moderata (clearance della creatinina da 31 a 50 mL/min) la dose raccomandata di olaparib è di 200 mg (due compresse da 100 mg) due volte al giorno (equivalente ad una dose giornaliera totale di 400 mg)\*

# ATHENA-MONO: Primary Endpoint – subgroup analysis

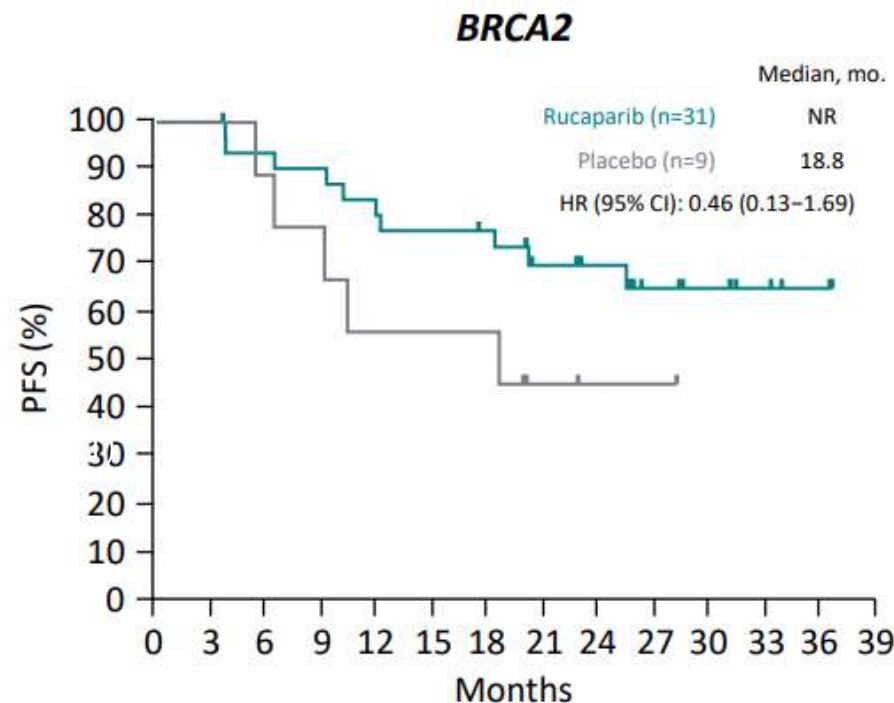
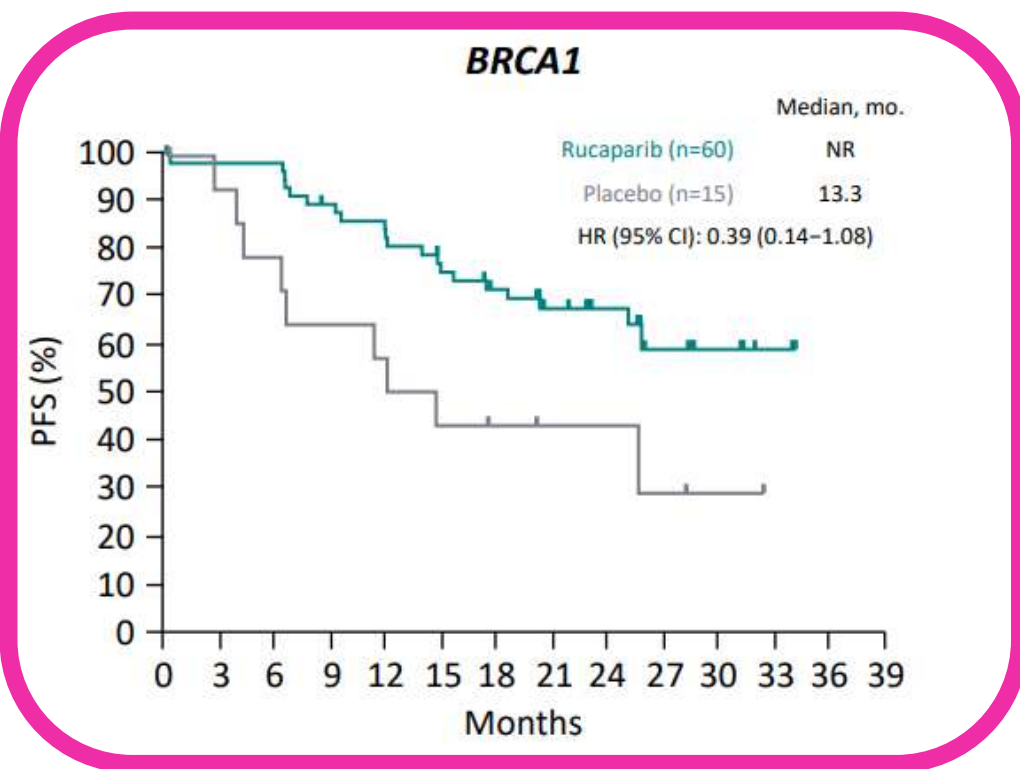
## BRCAm



Monk B., ASCO 2022

# ATHENA-MONO: Exploratory biomarkers analysis

## PFS in Patients With Deleterious *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* Mutations



Ana Oaknin

Patients With Newly Diagnosed Ovarian Cancer Treated With Maintenance Rucaparib: Exploratory Biomarker

Analysis From the Phase 3 ATHENA-MONO Study (GOG-3020/ENGOT-ov45; NCT03522246)

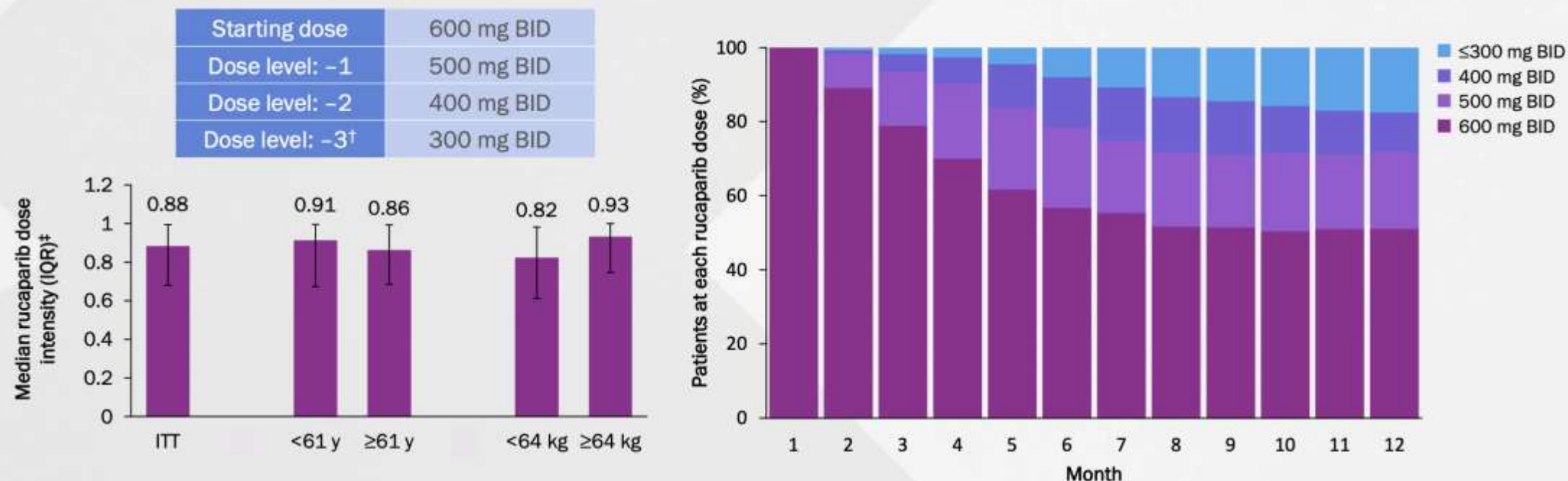
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- Starts Rucaparib **within 8 weeks** of the end of CT, **600 mgX2**,

# Rucaparib Dose Intensity in ATHENA–mono



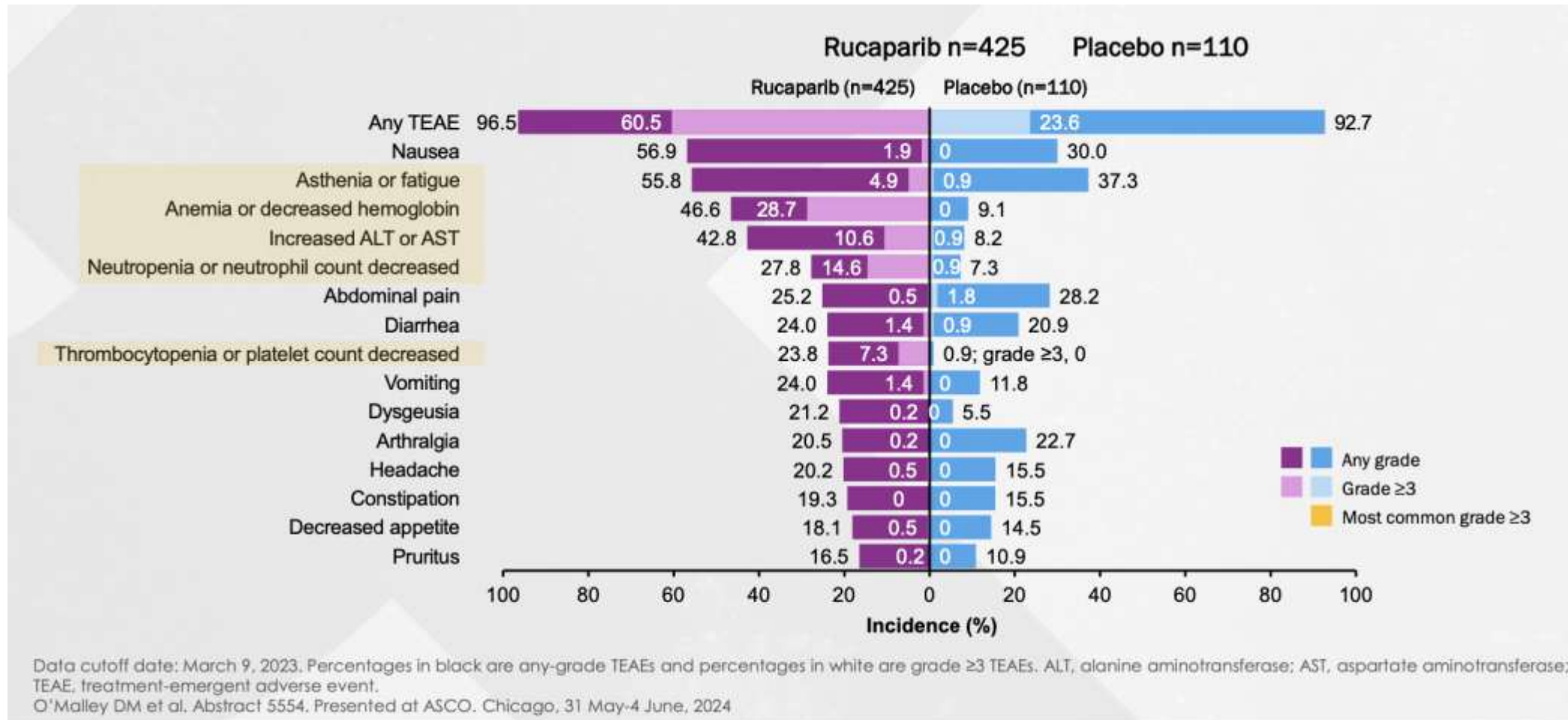
- More than 70% of patients continued to receive ≥500 mg BID rucaparib (>80% of starting dose) through month 12
- Median (IQR) dose intensity was 0.88 (0.680–0.995) in the rucaparib and 1.00 (0.970–1.000) in the placebo group

Data cut-off date: March 23, 2022

<sup>†</sup>Consultation with the sponsor's medical monitor was required before reducing to dose level -3. Dose reduction below 300 mg BID was possible upon consultation with the sponsor's medical monitor; <sup>‡</sup>Dose intensity was calculated as time normalized actual dose received divided by the starting dose of 600 mg BID

1. Monk BJ et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2022;40:3952–3964; 2. Monk BJ et al. Abstract: LBA5500. Presented at ASCO, June 3–7, 2022, Chicago

# Most Common TEAEs ( $\geq 15\%$ ) of Any Grade Reported with Rucaparib



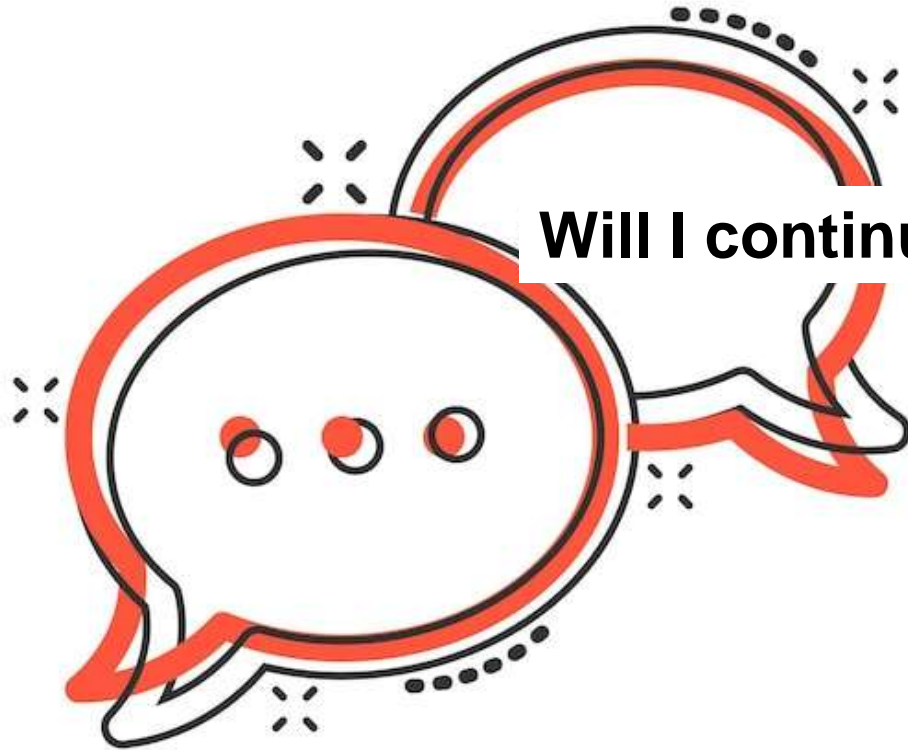
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**Table 1** Incidence of myeloid neoplasms post PARPi in patients with ovarian cancer enrolled in pivotal randomized clinical trials

First-line maintenance setting			
SOLO1 (OLA vs PBO; BRCAm)	PRIMA (NIRA vs PBO)	<b>ATHENA-MONO (RUCA vs PBO)</b>	PAOLA1 (OLA+BEVA vs PBO+BEVA)
Primary analysis: 1% vs 0% <sup>5</sup> 7-year FU: 1.5% vs 0.8% <sup>50</sup>	Primary analysis: 0.2% vs 0% <sup>6</sup> 3.5-year FU: 1.2% vs 1.2% <sup>51</sup>	Primary analysis: 0.5% vs 0% <sup>7</sup>	Primary analysis: 1.1% vs 0.4% <sup>8</sup> 5-year FU: 1.7% vs 2.2% <sup>52</sup>
Platinum-sensitive recurrent maintenance setting			
SOLO2 (OLA vs PBO; BRCAm)	NOVA (NIRA vs PBO)	ARIEL3 (RUCA vs PBO)	OReO (OLA rechallenge vs PBO)
Primary analysis: 2.1% vs 4% <sup>11</sup> 6-year FU: 8% vs 4% <sup>13</sup>	Primary analysis: 1.4% vs 1.1% <sup>10</sup> 5.5-year FU: 3.5% vs 1.7% <sup>12</sup>	Primary analysis: 1% vs 0% <sup>9</sup> 6-year FU: 3.8% vs 3.2% <sup>48</sup>	Awaited <sup>53</sup>
BEVA, bevacizumab; BRCAm, BRCA-mutated patients; FU, follow-up; NIRA, niraparib; OLA, olaparib; PARPi, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase inhibitor; PBO, placebo; RUCA, rucaparib.			

Caruso G, Gigli F, Parma G, et al. *Int J Gynecol Cancer* 2023;**33**:598–606.





**Will I continue therapy with rosuvastatin ?**

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## Drug-drug interactions

- Rosuvastatin could interfere with Rucaparib by **increasing the AUC of Rosuvastatin itself**  
→ increasing risk for myopathy/rhabdomyolysis in a patient already affected by CKD !
- After **internistic consultation: dose reduction of Rosuvastatin** to 5 mg/day
- **Close monitor CPK** during the periodic tests performed for Rucaparib
- **Counseling to the patient:** promptly report the onset of muscle pain, weakness or cramps



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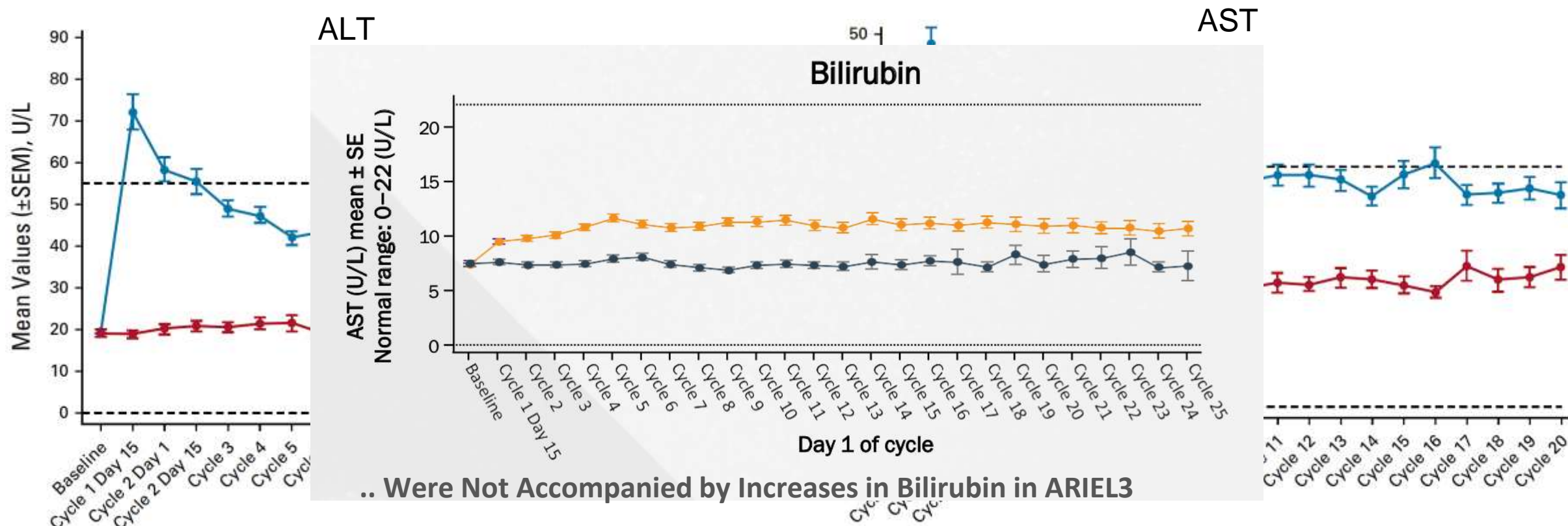


- What type of surveillance (timing) would you choose for this patient?
  - A) Weekly check-ups
  - B) Biweekly check-ups at least for the first 3 months
  - C) Monthly check-ups
- What type of surveillance (exams)?

Counseling, Clinical visit, blood exam:  
emocromo, creatinine, **AST, ALT, bilirubina**, CPK (for this pts)

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# Changes from baseline in ALT and AST with rucaparib



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Grazie ! 😊



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Travel/accomodation	AZ, GSK

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# Rucaparib as 1L maintenance therapy: 3 clinical cases

**BRCAm**

**BRCAct / HRD+**

**HRD-**



### Family Cancer History

- Maternal grandmother: breast cancer
- Father: lung cancer (smoker)

### Comorbidities

- Hypertension
- Severe obesity (BMI 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- DM type 2

### *Dec 2024*

- Diagnosis of HGSOc, FIGO stage IIICr, BRCAwt/HRD+
- No ascites or pleural effusion
- CA125 = 897 KU/L

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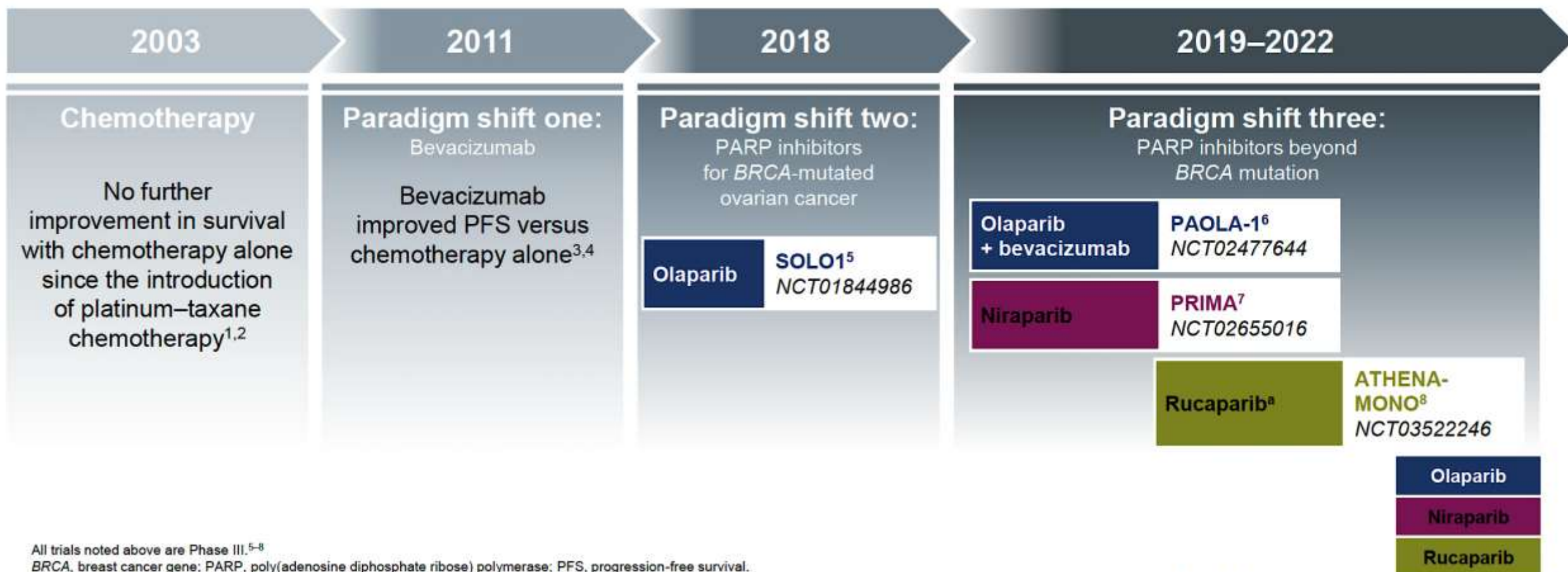


## *Jan 2025 – Mar 2025*

- MDT: Patient not deemed suitable for PDS (due to disease extent and frailty status)
- NACT (4 cycles): carboplatin + paclitaxel Q3W. AEs: neutropenia G3 – thrombocytopenia G1
- RECIST – **Partial response** (nearly complete)
- **KELIM score 1.29** (negative CA125 after NACT)
- Interval cytoreductive surgery (via robotics) – **RT = 0**
- **CRS 3**

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# Significant progress has been made in the first-line management of ovarian cancer



All trials noted above are Phase III.<sup>5–8</sup>

*BRCA*, breast cancer gene; PARP, poly(adenosine diphosphate ribose) polymerase; PFS, progression-free survival.

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E	Campo obbligatorio ai fini dell'eleggibilità	(rucaparib) Carcinoma ovarico
O	Campo obbligatorio	

**Indicazioni autorizzate**

Rubrica è indicato:

-come monoterapia per il trattamento di mantenimento di pazienti adulte con recidiva platino sensibile di carcinoma ovarico epiteliale ad alto grado, delle tube di Falloppio o peritoneale primario, in risposta (risposta completa o parziale) dopo chemioterapia a base di platino.

- come monoterapia per il trattamento di mantenimento di pazienti adulte con carcinoma ovarico epiteliale, delle tube di Falloppio o peritoneale primario, avanzato (stadio III e IV secondo FIGO) e ad alto grado, in risposta (risposta completa o parziale) dopo il completamento della chemioterapia di prima linea a base di platino

**Indicazione rimborsata SSN:**

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Indicazione			
E	Età	≥18 aa	solo F
2 - Scheda Eleggibilità e Dati Clinici (EDC)			
Caratteristiche della malattia			
E	Paziente con carcinoma ovarico epiteliale, delle tube di Falloppio o peritoneale primario, di alto grado, di nuova diagnosi, confermato istologicamente, in stadio avanzato (stadio FIGO III-IV)	Si	
		No	blocco
E	Tipo istologico	Adenocarcinoma sieroso	
		Adenocarcinoma endometrioide	
		Carcinoma a cellule chiare	
		Carcinoma epiteliale misto	
		Adenocarcinoma mucinoso	blocco
		Carcinoma a cellule transizionali	blocco
		Tumore di Brenner maligno	blocco
		Carcinoma indifferenziato	blocco
		Adenocarcinoma NOS	blocco

Including also:

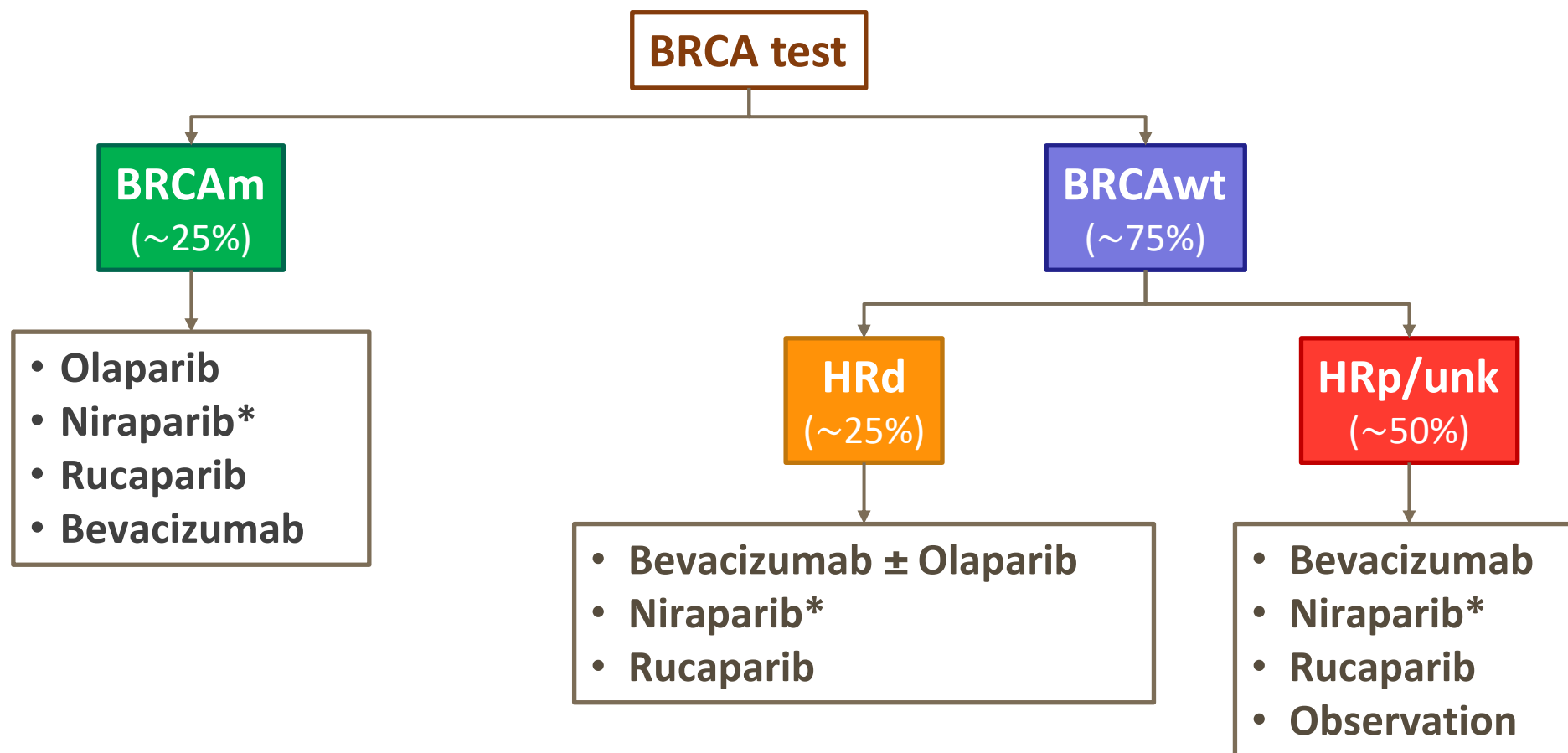
- Non-BRCaM, stage III, PDS, RT=0
- Clear cell
- Mixed histology

**MORE DRUGS  
MORE OPTIONS**



**MORE OPPORTUNITIES  
TO FIND THE RIGHT DRUG  
FOR THE RIGHT PATIENT**

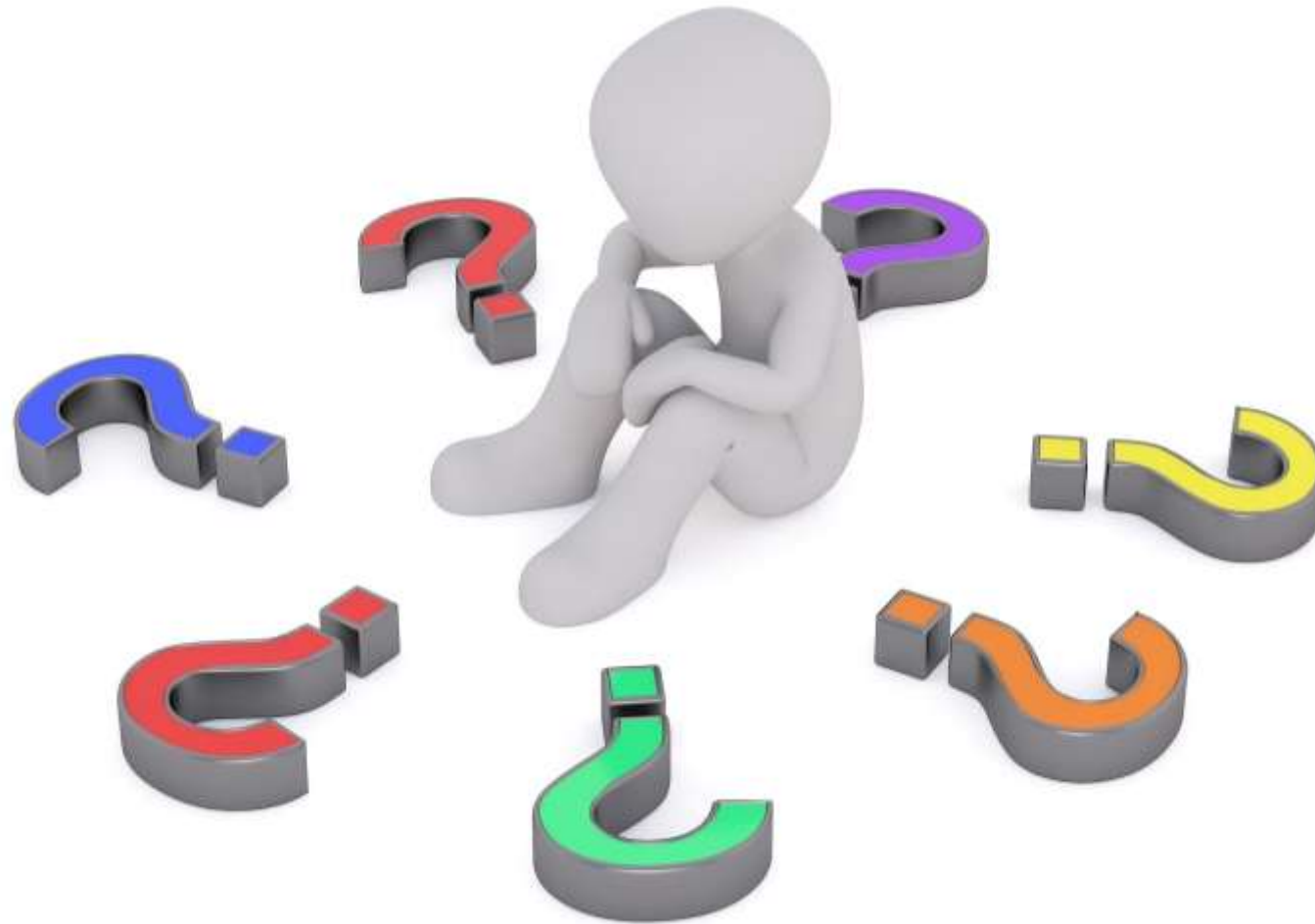
# FIRST-LINE MAINTENANCE THERAPY: STATE OF THE ART



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# FIRST-LINE MAINTENANCE THERAPY: WHICH ONE?



## Question n. 1

Which maintenance therapy option would you choose for this patient?

1. Bevacizumab alone
2. Bevacizumab + PARPi
3. PARPi alone
4. Observation

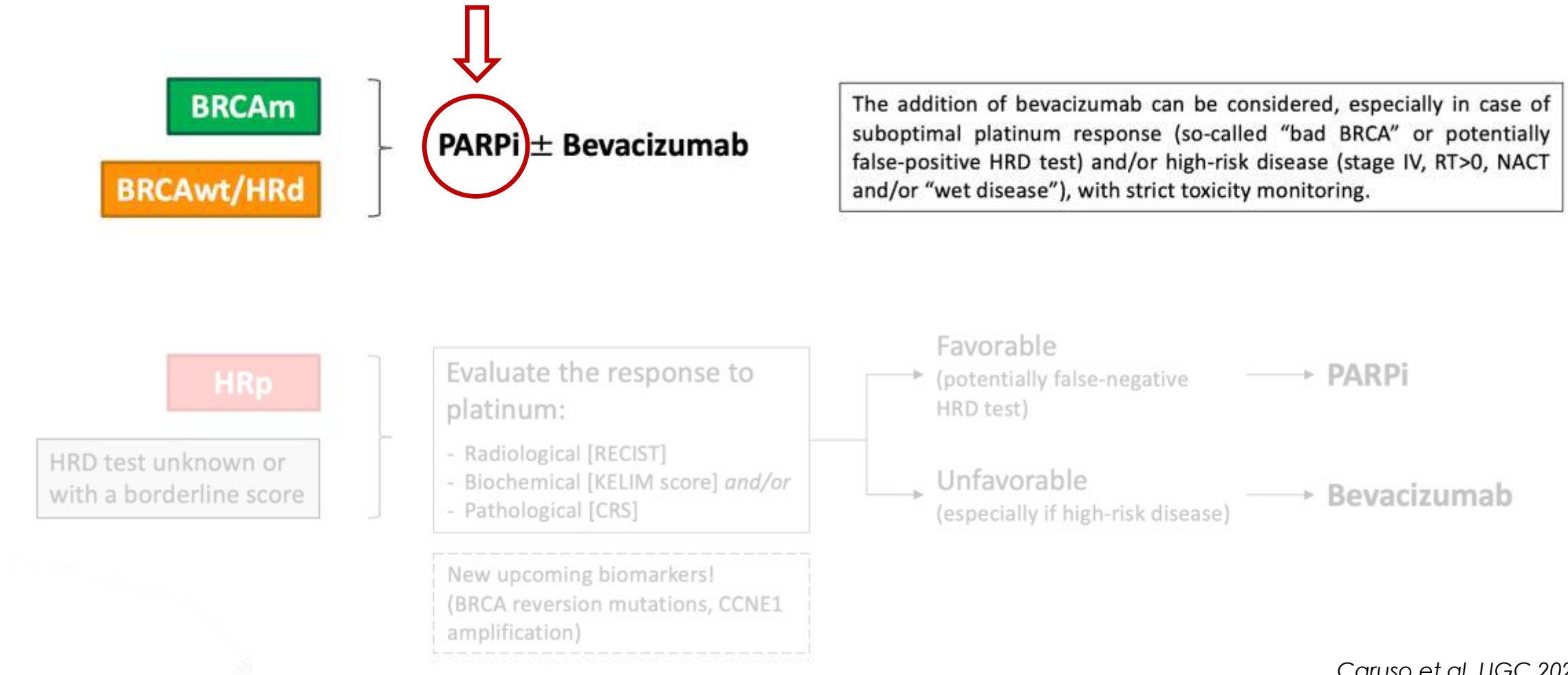
### RECAP

- 76 yr, hypertension, obesity
- HGSOC, BRCAwt/HRD+
- Stage IIIC (no ascites or pleural effusion)
- Favorable KELIM score
- RT=0 after robotic IDS
- CRS 3



# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

## Mutational status



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# Mutational status and PARPi benefit

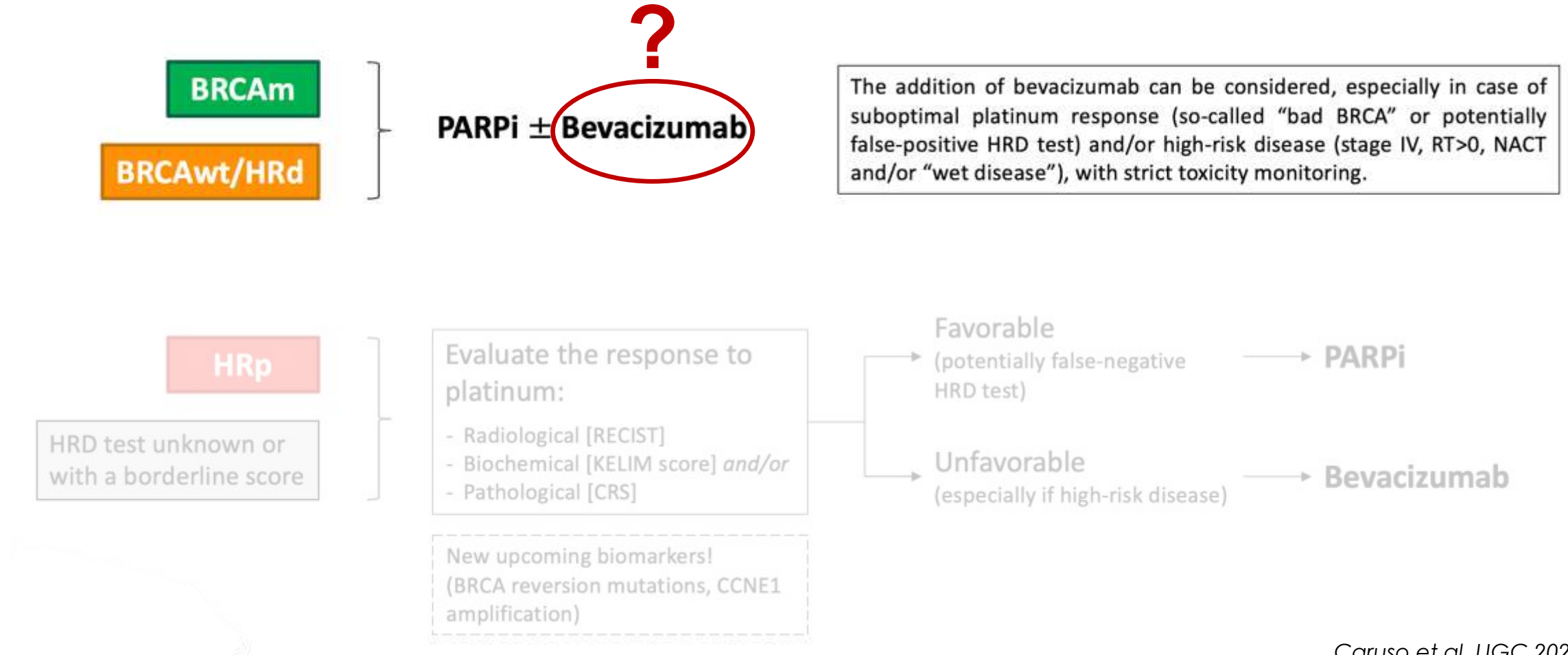
	SOLO-1 <sup>1</sup>	PRIMA <sup>2</sup>	PAOLA-1 <sup>3</sup>	ATHENA-MONO <sup>4</sup>	PRIME <sup>5</sup>
PARPi	Olaparib	Niraparib	Olaparib	Rucaparib	Niraparib
Bevacizumab	No	No	Yes	No	No
Population	BRCAmut	All comers	All comers	All comers	All comers (Chinese)
HRD test	NA	MyChoice	MyChoice	Foundation-One	BGI
+++ BRCAmut	0.33 (0.25–0.43)	0.40* (0.27–0.62)	0.31* (0.20–0.47)	0.31* (0.20–0.47)	0.40* (0.23-0.68)
++ BRCAwt/HRD+	-	0.50* (0.31-0.83)	0.43* (0.28-0.66)	0.58* (0.33-1.01)	0.58* (0.36-0.93)
+ BRCAwt/HRD-	-	0.68* (0.49-0.94)	1.0* (0.75-1.36)	0.65* (0.45-0.95)	0.41* (0.25-0.65)

\*exploratory

The aim of the table is not the cross-trial comparison

# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

## Mutational status



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# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

## *Addition of bevacizumab?*

The addition of bevacizumab can be considered, especially in case of suboptimal platinum response (so-called “bad BRCA” or potentially false-positive HRD test) and/or high-risk disease (stage IV, RT>0, NACT and/or “wet disease”), with strict toxicity monitoring.

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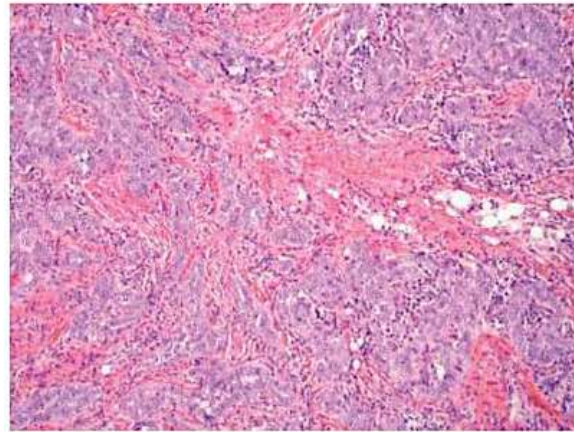
## *Response to platinum*

- **KELIM score** (if elevated CA125)
- **Residual tumor**
- **RECIST** (if measurable disease)
- **CRS (Böhm's score)** (if IDS)

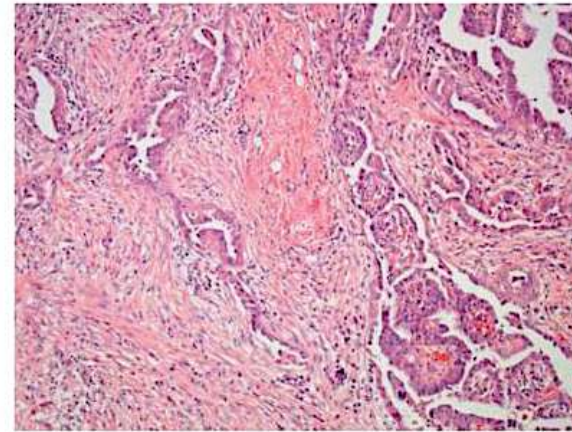


# CRS and platinum/PARPi benefit

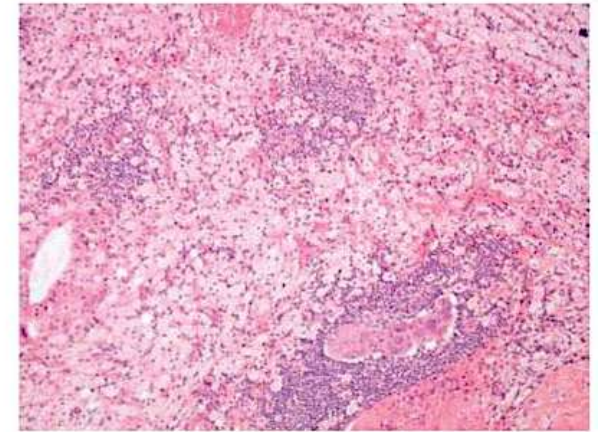
- Omental samples
- Highly reproducible ( $\kappa$ , 0.67)
- **CRS 3: 94.3% NPV for progression <6 months**



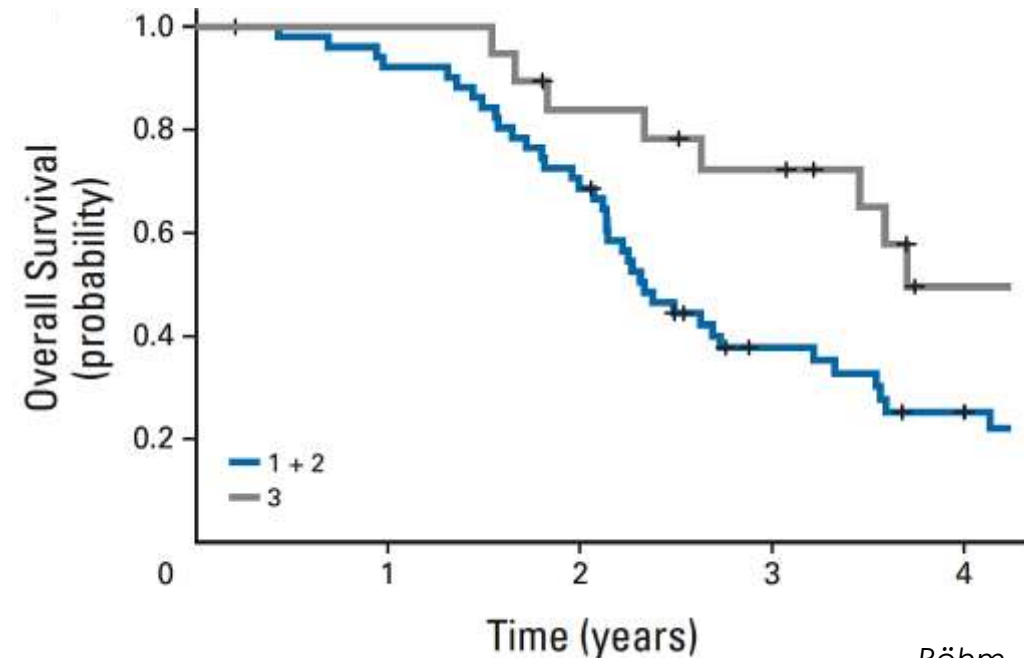
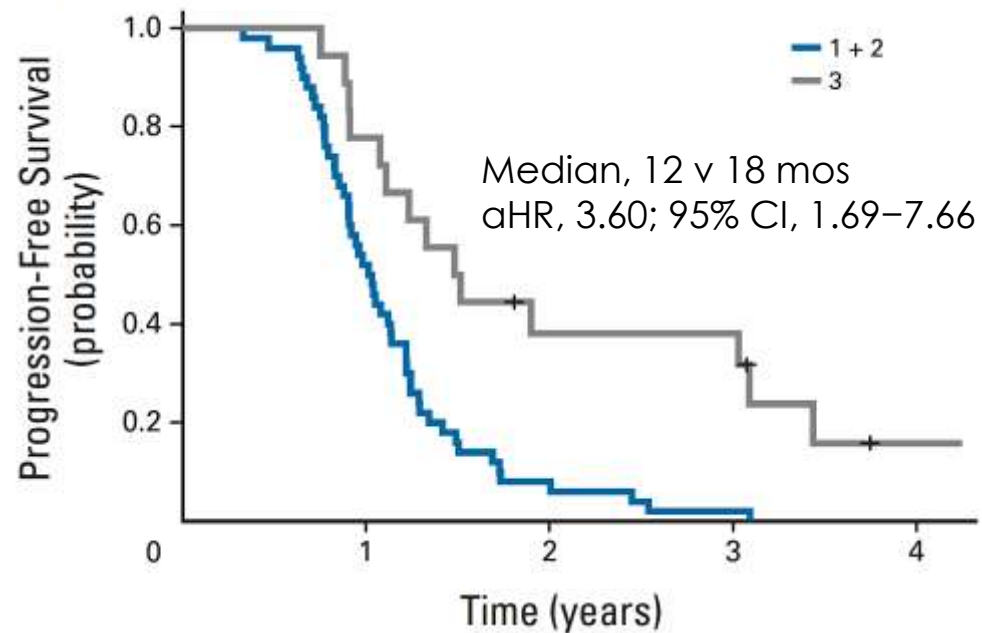
CRS1



CRS2



CRS3



# The use of bevacizumab in the modern era of targeted therapy for ovarian cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Shiru Liu <sup>a,1</sup>, Lawrence Kasherman <sup>a</sup>, Rouhi Fazelzad <sup>b</sup>, Lisa Wang <sup>c</sup>, Genevieve Bouchard-Fortier <sup>d</sup>, Stephanie Lheureux <sup>a</sup>, Monika K. Krzyzanowska <sup>e,\*</sup>

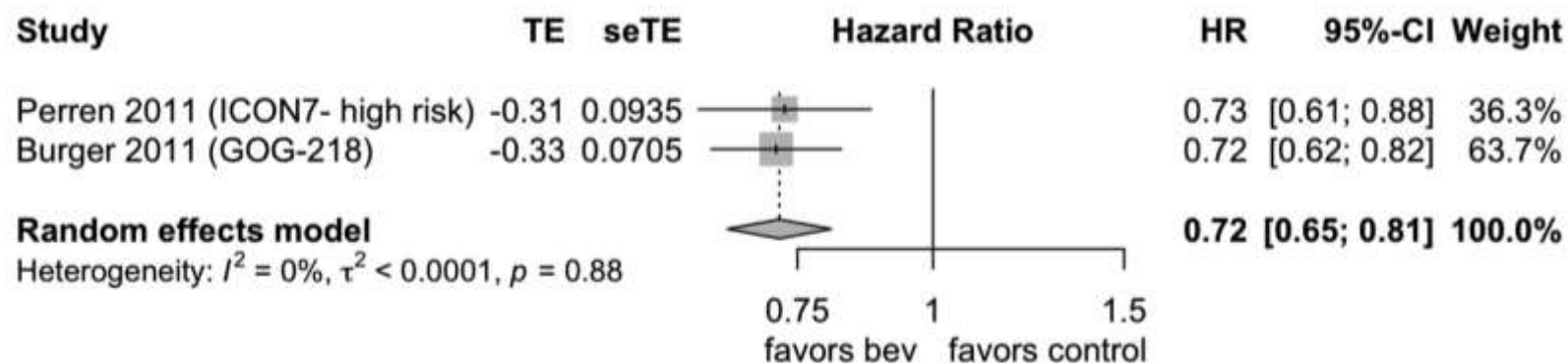


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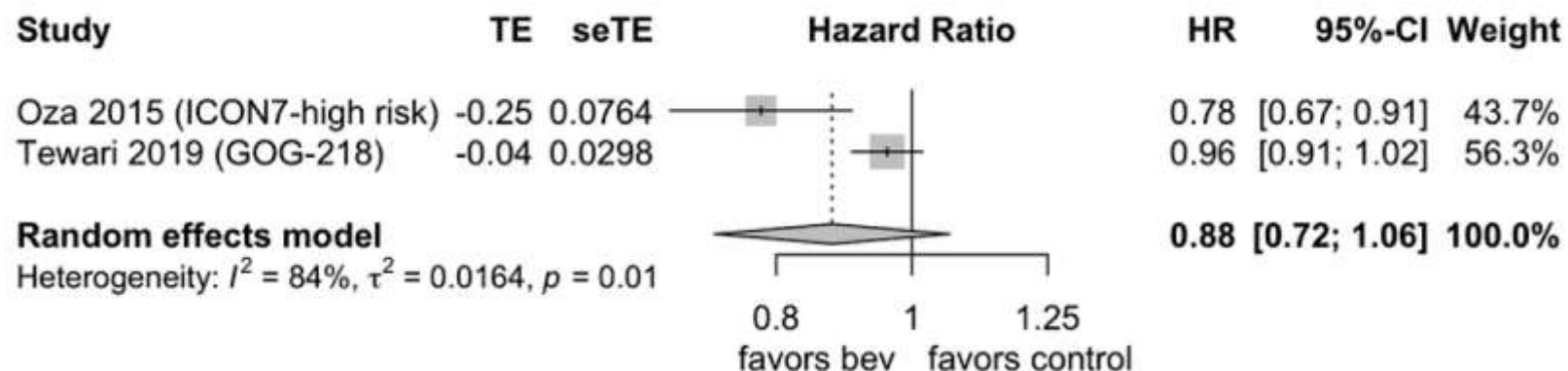
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## PFS

3,401 pts



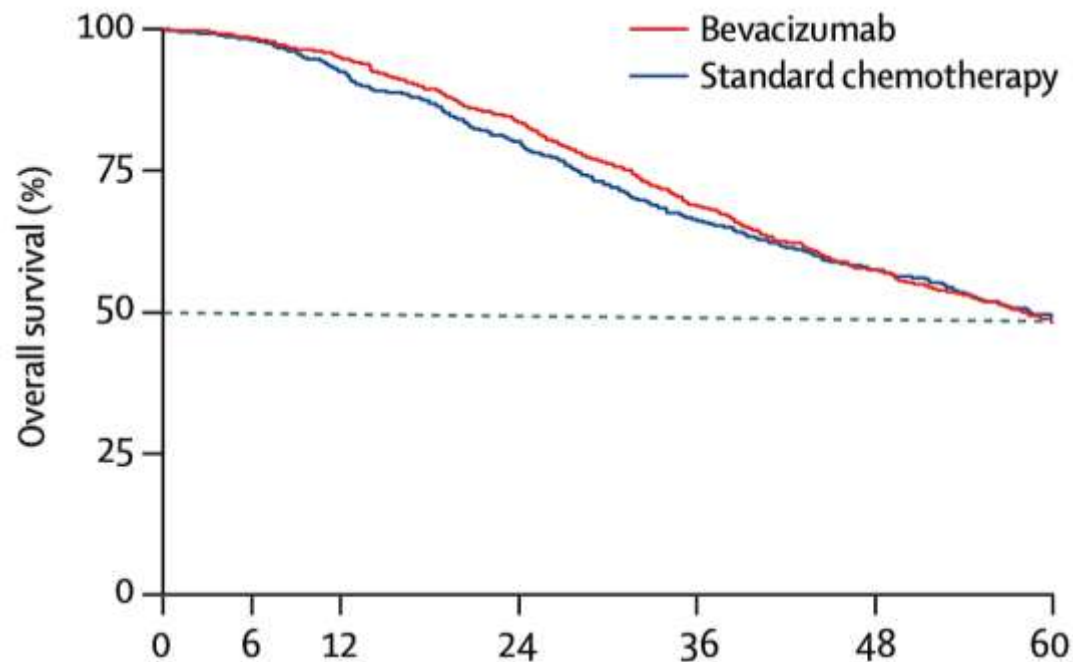
## OS



# Standard chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab for women with newly diagnosed ovarian cancer (ICON7): overall survival results of a phase 3 randomised trial

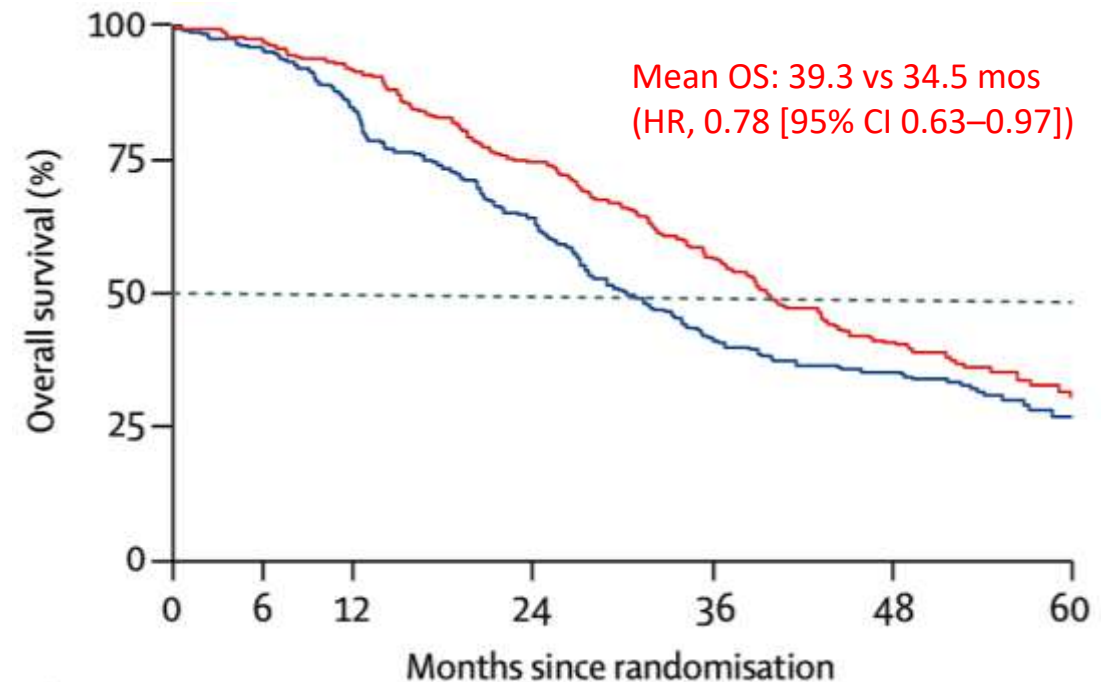
Oza et al., 2015

All patients 1528 pts



Exploratory analysis in high-risk patients

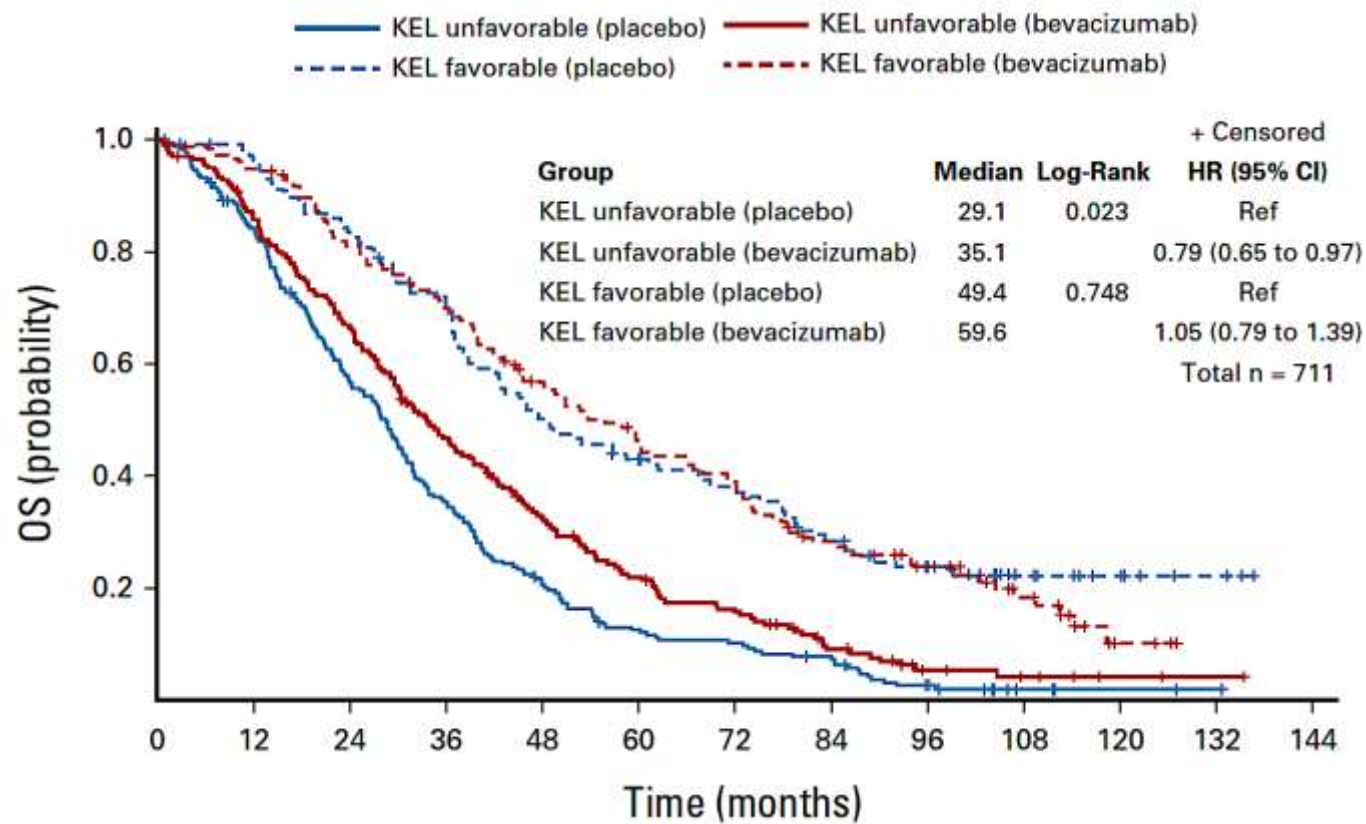
(stage IV, inoperable, or RT >1 cm)





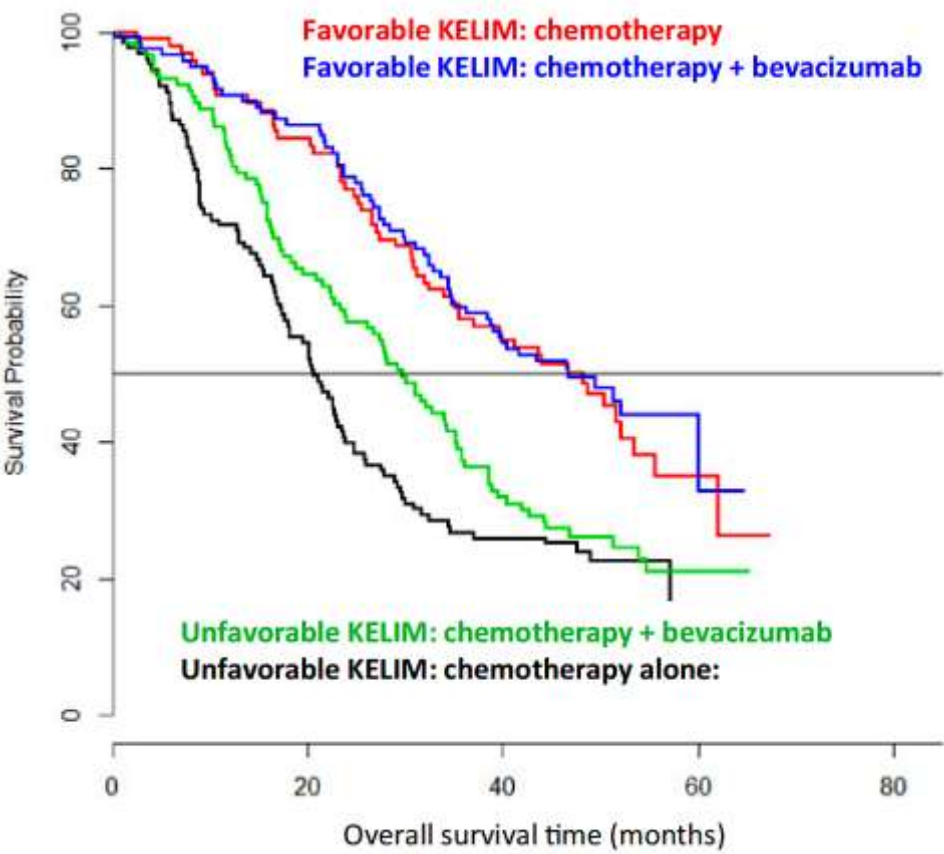
# KELIM score and Bevacizumab benefit

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You, JCO 2022

ICON-7

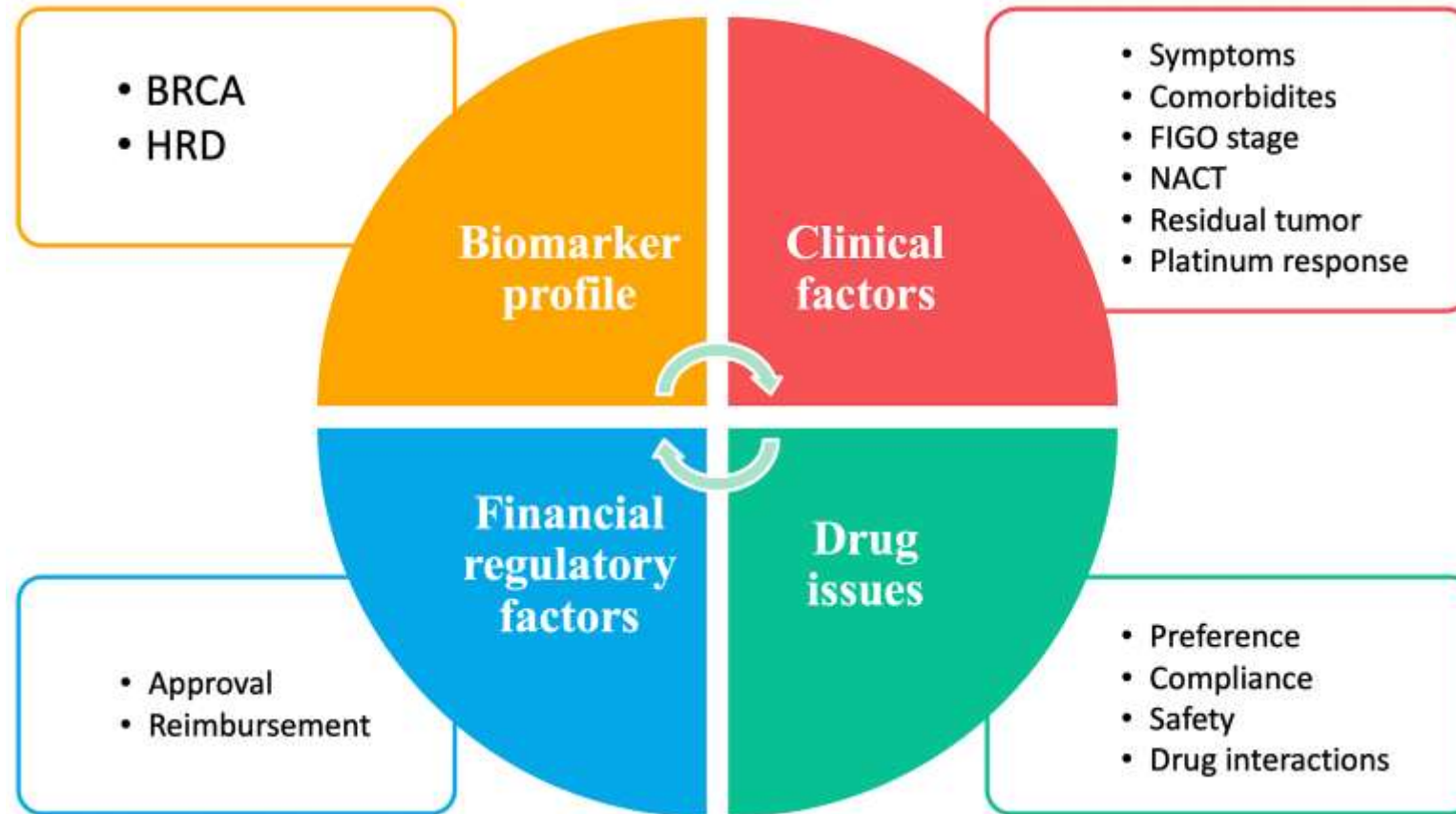


Colomban, JNCI 2020

Bevacizumab should be prioritized in high-risk patients with poorly chemosensitive disease

# How to choose the most effective first-line maintenance option

*Several other factors*



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# Safety profile across first-line maintenance trials: Summary

	SOLO1 <sup>1</sup>		PRIMA <sup>2</sup>		ATHENA-MONO <sup>3</sup>		PAOLA-1 <sup>4</sup>	
	Olaparib	Placebo	Niraparib	Placebo	Rucaparib	Placebo	Bevacizumab + olaparib	Bevacizumab + placebo
n	260	130	484	244	185	49	535	267
AE leading to								
Dose reduction	28.8%	3.1%	71.7%	10.2%	49.4%	8.2%	41%	7%
Dose interruption	52.7%	16.9%	80.8%	23.0%	60.7%	20.0%	54%	24%
Discontinuation	11.9%	3.1%	16.0%	3.7%	11.8%	5.5%	20%	6%
Grade ≥3 AEs	39.6%	20%	70.5%	18.9%	60.5%	22.7%	57%	51%

Rate of treatment discontinuations was higher in PAOLA-1 than in PRIMA, SOLO1, and ATHENA-MONO

Please note that head-to-head studies were not conducted between these products. These data are for information purposes only and no comparative claims of non-inferiority or superiority in terms of efficacy or safety are implied or intended. Please note: Rucaparib is not licensed for first-line maintenance treatment in patients with newly-diagnosed ovarian cancer. AE, adverse event 1. Di Silvestro P, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2022. doi: <https://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/JCO.22.01549> [Epub ahead of print]; 2. Gonzalez-Martin A, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019;381:2391–2402; 3. Monk JM, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2022. doi: <http://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/JCO.22.01003> [Epub ahead of print]; 4. Ray-Coquard IL, et al. Presented at European Society for Medical Oncology Congress; 27<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019; Barcelona, Spain; abstract LBA2, Gonzalez-Martin A, et al. ESMO 2024

# How to evaluate platinum response (after NACT-IDS)

Pathology (CRS)	KELIM	Surgical outcome
1 = Partial (CRS 2)	0 = KELIM < 1	0 = Residual tumor
3 = Near-complete/complete (CRS 3)	1 = KELIM ≥ 1	1 = No residual tumor

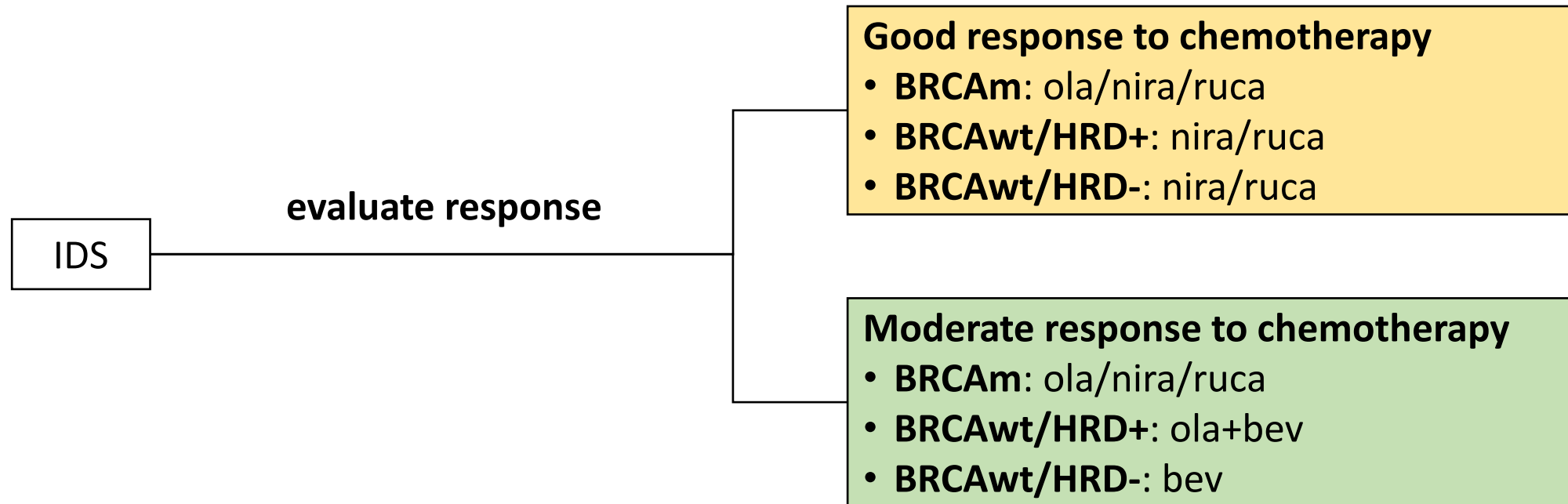
Interpretation of total scores	
Total score	Response definition
< 3	Moderate
≥ 3	Good

# THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM

**SURGERY**

**CHEMOTHERAPY**

**MAINTENANCE THERAPY**



## Question n. 2

Which PARPi would you choose for this patient?

1. Olaparib
2. Niraparib
3. Rucaparib

### RECAP

- 76 yr, hypertension, obesity
- BRCAwt/HRD+
- Stage IIIC with RT=0 after IDS
- Hematological toxicity (w/ thrombocytopenia) during CHT

# Incidence of main PARPi-related AEs

## Any-grade

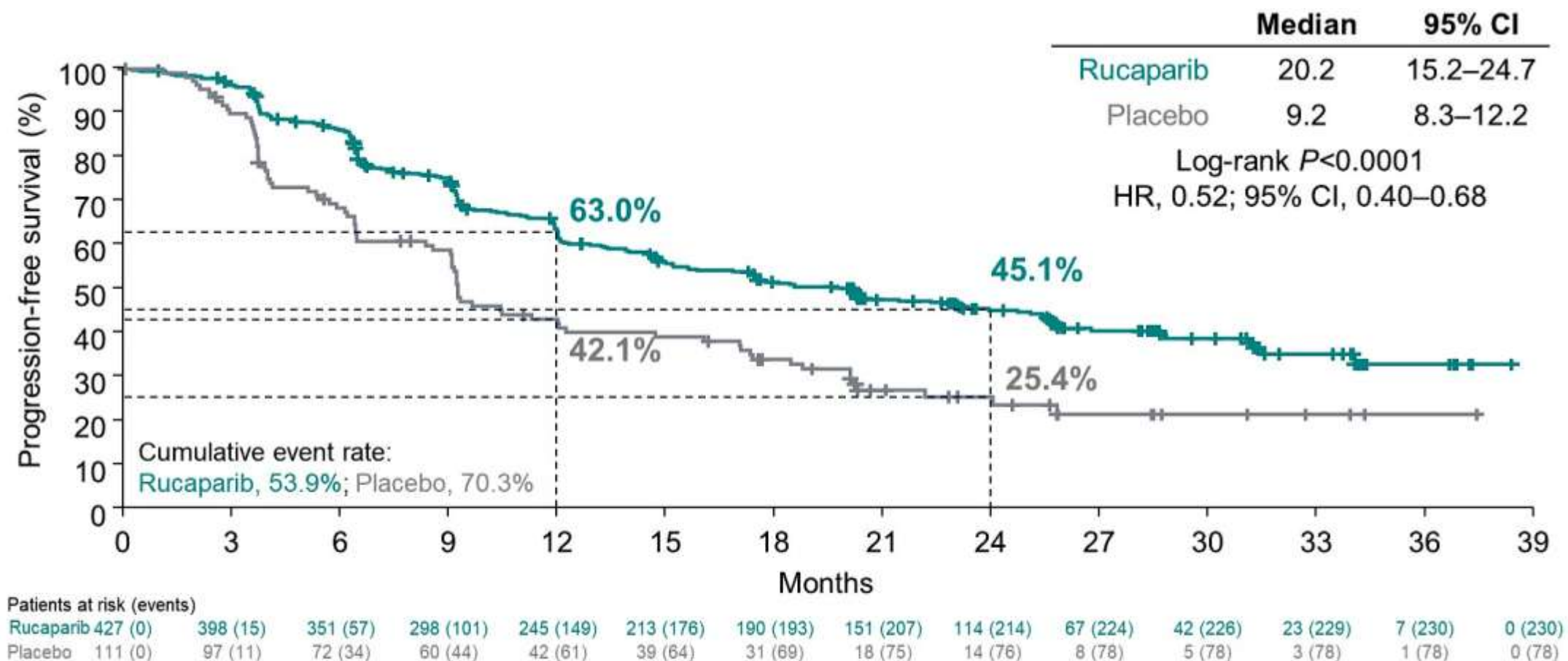
	SOLO1	PRIMA	PAOLA-1	ATHENA
Anemia	39%	63.4%	41%	46.6%
Neutropenia	23%	26.4%	18%	27.8%
Thrombocytopenia	11%	45.9%	8%	23.8%
Hypertension	-	16.9%	46%	-

## Grade 3-4

	SOLO1	PRIMA	PAOLA-1	ATHENA
Anemia	22%	31%	17%	28.7%
Neutropenia	9%	12.8%	6%	14.6%
Thrombocytopenia	1%	28.7%	2%	7.1%
Hypertension	-	6%	19%	-



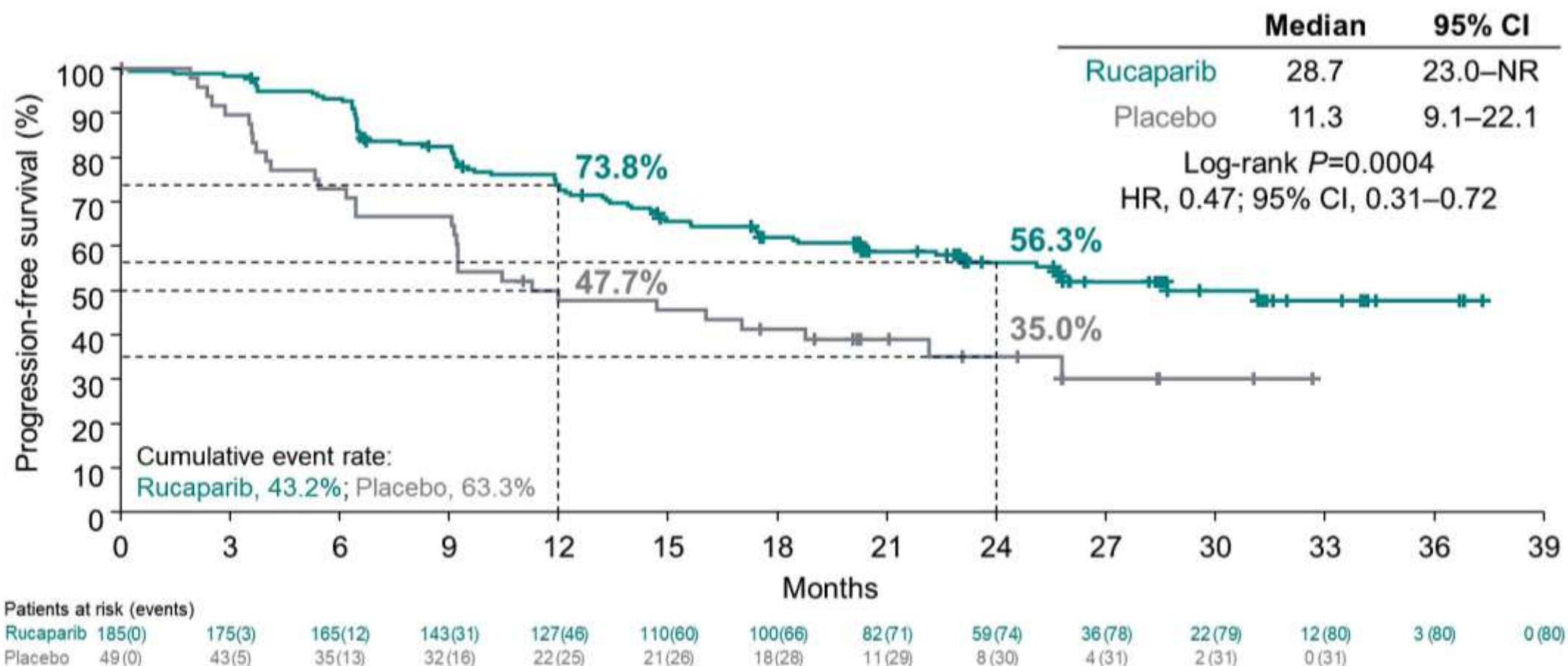
# ATHENA-MONO: Primary Endpoint – PFS in the ITT population



Data cutoff date: March 23, 2022.

HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent-to-treat; PFS, progression-free survival.

# ATHENA-MONO: Primary Endpoint – PFS in the HRD+ population



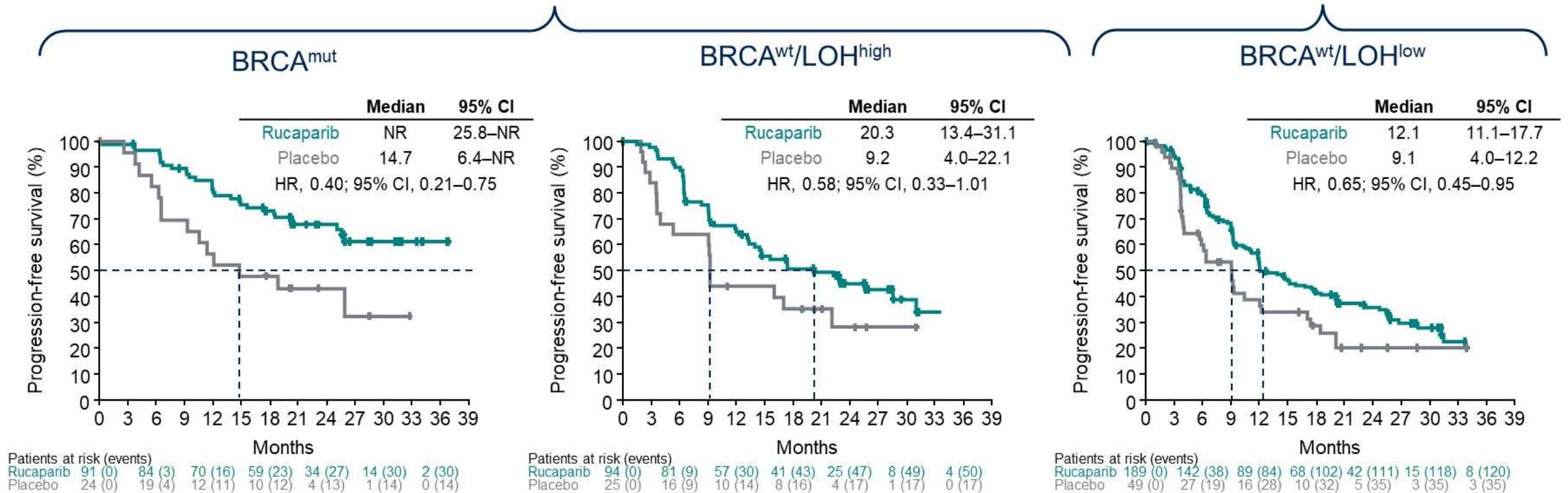
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# ATHENA-MONO: Primary Endpoint – subgroup analyses

HRD positive

HRD negative



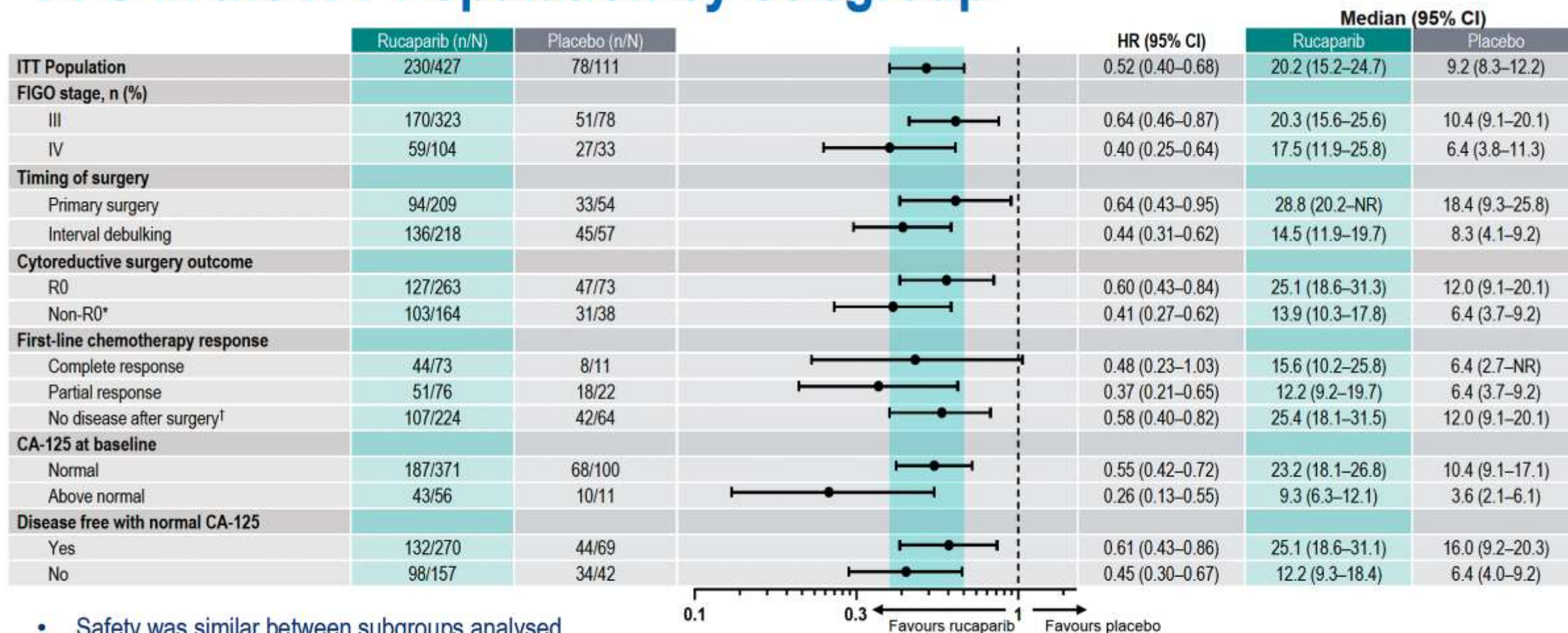
- Rucaparib demonstrated treatment benefit vs placebo regardless of BRCA mutation and HRD status

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BRCA, *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*; HR, hazard ratio; HRD, homologous recombination deficiency; LOH, loss of heterozygosity; mut, mutant; NR, not reached; PFS, progression-free survival; wt, wild type.



# PFS in the ITT Population by Subgroup



- Safety was similar between subgroups analysed

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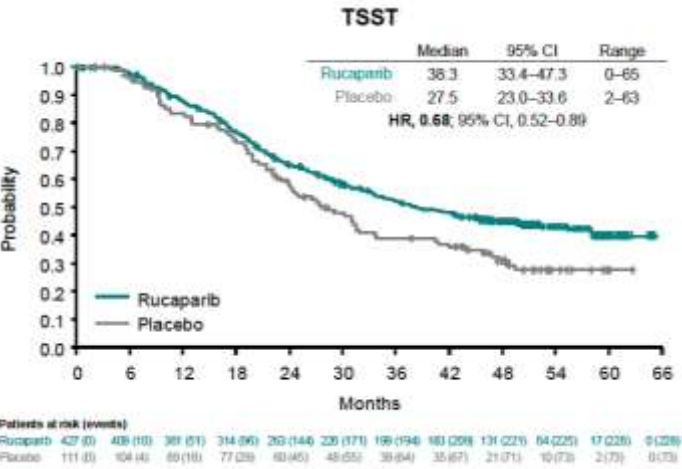
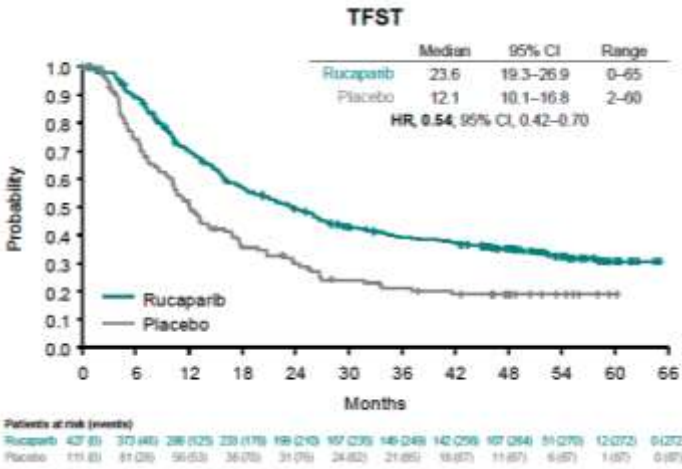
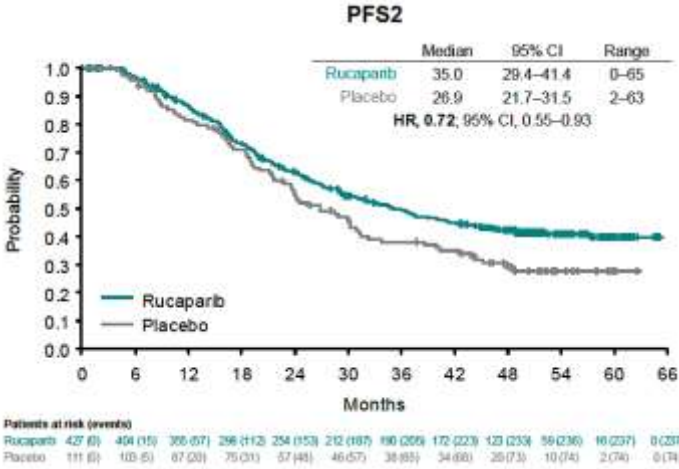
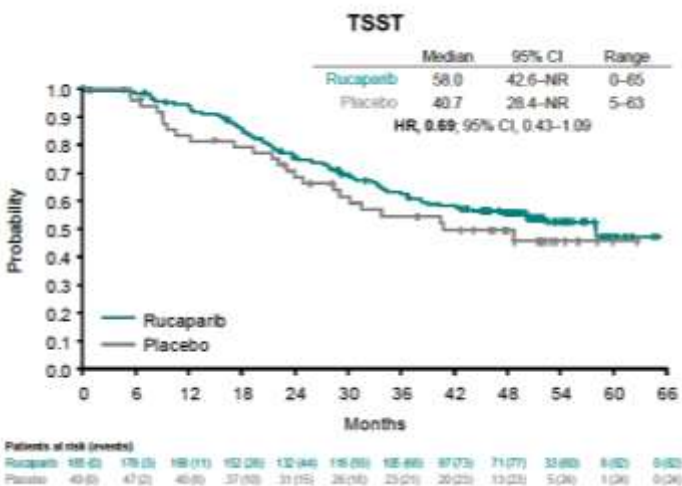
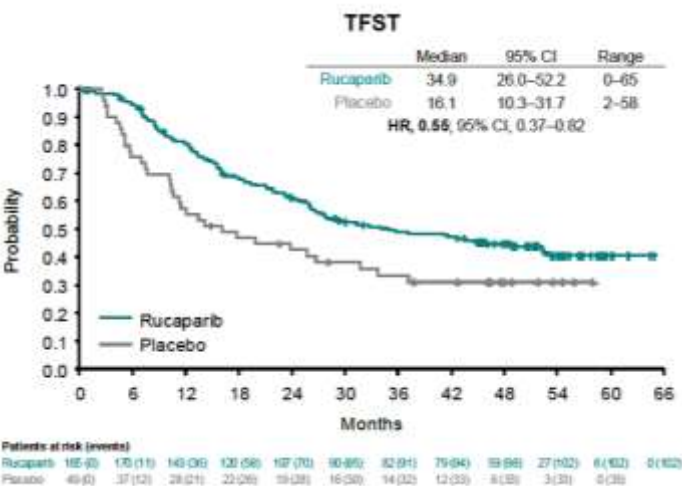
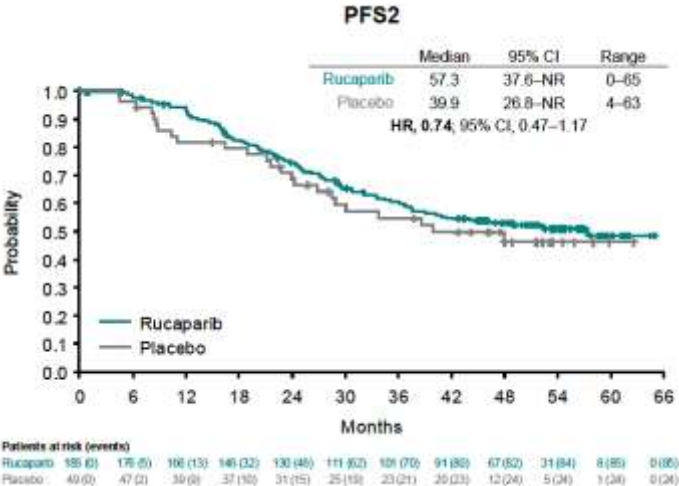
\*Includes microscopic residual (<1 cm) and macroscopic residual (≥1 cm) disease.

†Surgical outcome of R0 and no disease on the screening scan.

CA-125, cancer antigen 125; CI, confidence interval; FIGO, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent-to-treat; NR, not reached; PFS, progression-free survival.

# ATHENA-MONO Post-Progression Survival Data Update

## Kaplan-Meier Plots of PFS2, TFST, and TSST in the HRD and ITT Population





# Rucaparib as 1L maintenance therapy: 3 clinical cases

**BRCAm**

**BRCAwt / HRD+**

**HRD-**



### Family Cancer History

- None

### Comorbidities

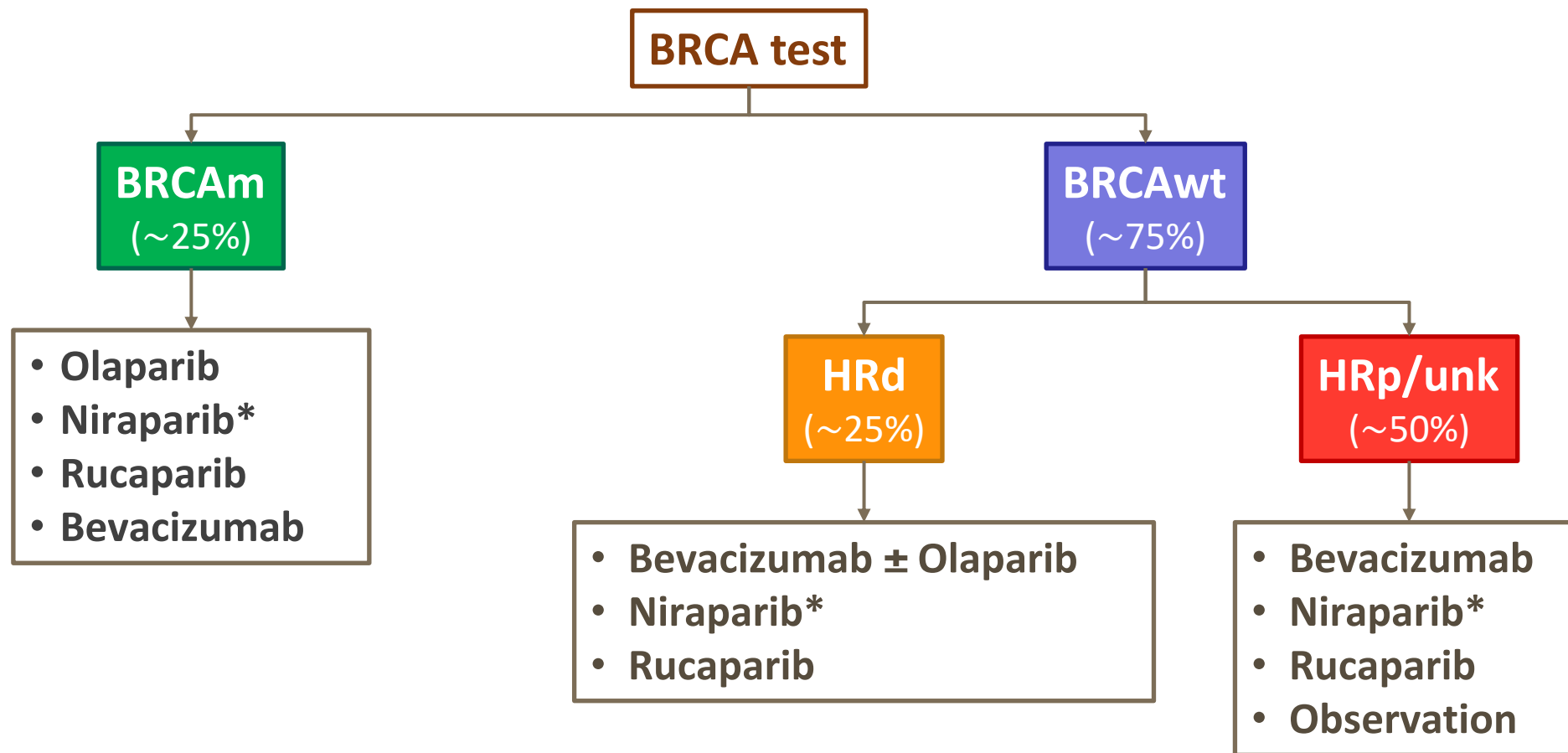
- Hypertension
- Recurrent epistaxis

### Jan 2025

- Diagnosis of HGSOC, FIGO stage IIIBr, BRCAwt/HRD-
- No ascites or pleural effusion
- CA125 = 688 KU/L
- Primary cytoreductive surgery (open) – **RT = 0**

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# FIRST-LINE MAINTENANCE THERAPY: STATE OF THE ART



\*Niraparib is not reimbursed for stage III disease with RT=0 after PDS

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## Question n. 1

Which maintenance therapy option would you choose for this patient?

1. Bevacizumab
2. Niraparib
3. Rucaparib
4. Observation

### RECAP

- 70 yr, hypertension, recurrent epistaxis
- HGSOC, BRCAwt/HRD-
- Stage IIIB (no ascites or pleural effusion)
- RT=0 after PDS

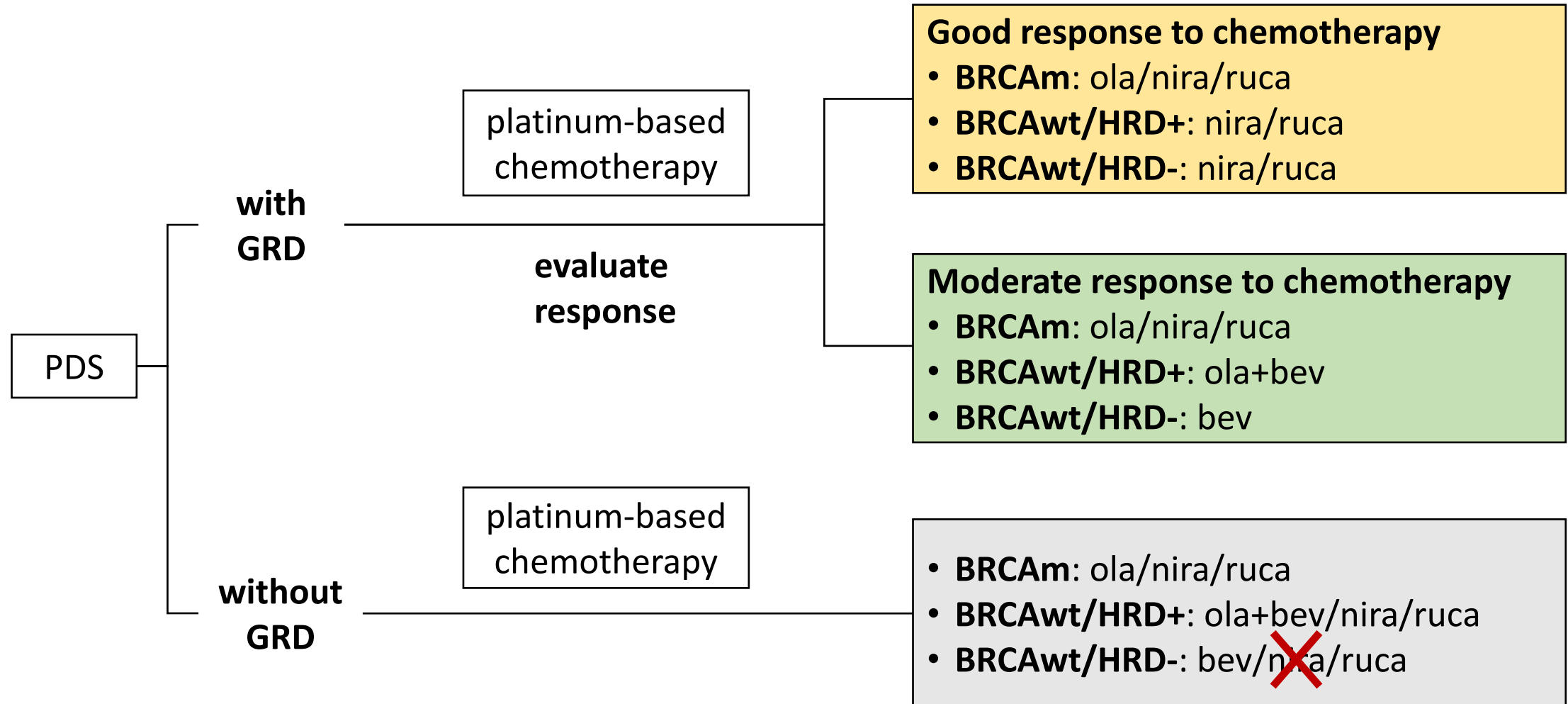
# THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM



## SURGERY

## ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

## MAINTENANCE THERAPY

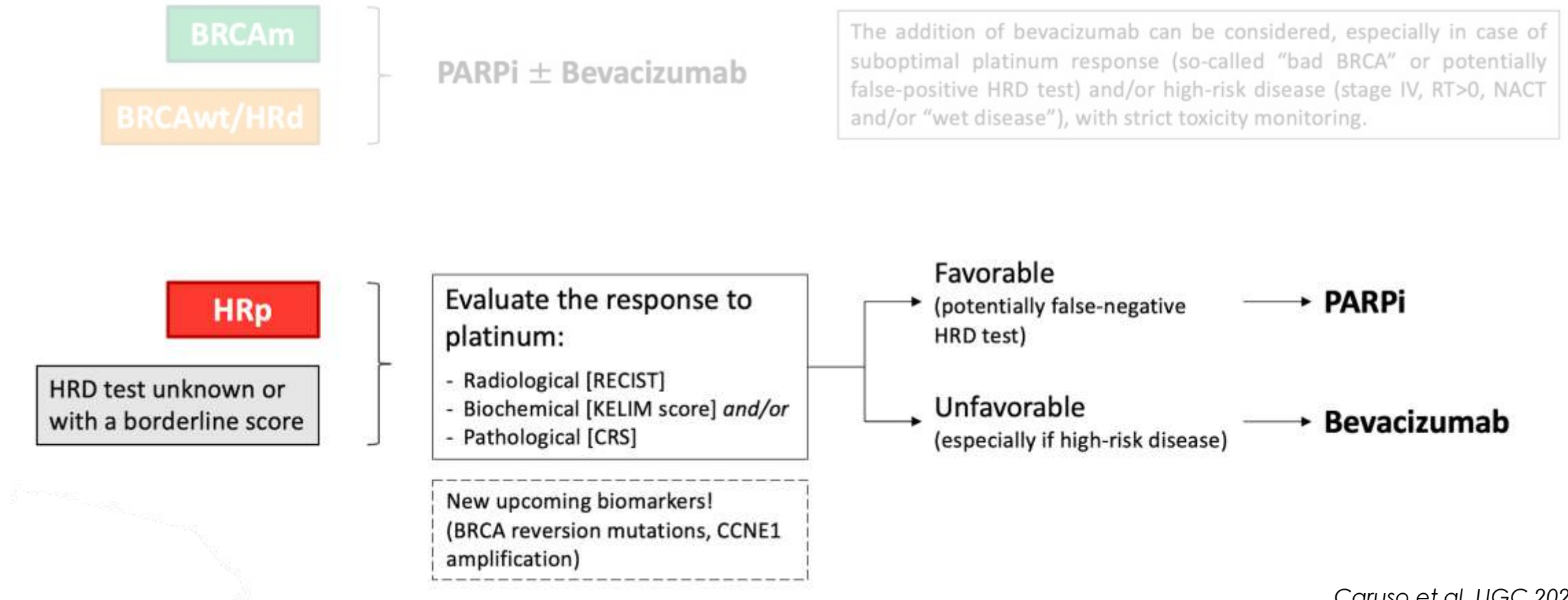


Note: Niraparib is not reimbursed for stage III disease with RT=0 after PDS.



# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

## Mutational status



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# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

PARPi or bevacizumab?

- **Platinum sensitivity?** Not evaluable after PDS with RT=0
- **Bevacizumab?** PFS benefit, but not OS in the low-risk subpopulation
- **PARPi benefit?** PFS benefit regardless of *BRCA*/HRD status, but not OS
- **PARPi:** The earlier, the better...

# Why should PARPi be preferred upfront?



1. Updated PFS data of pivotal trials showed long-term benefit for all-comers



2. HRD test are not perfect



3. For up to 40% of patients, first line may represent the only opportunity to receive a PARPi



4. New OS data warranted caution in using PARPi in 2nd line for unselected (*BRCAt*) patients

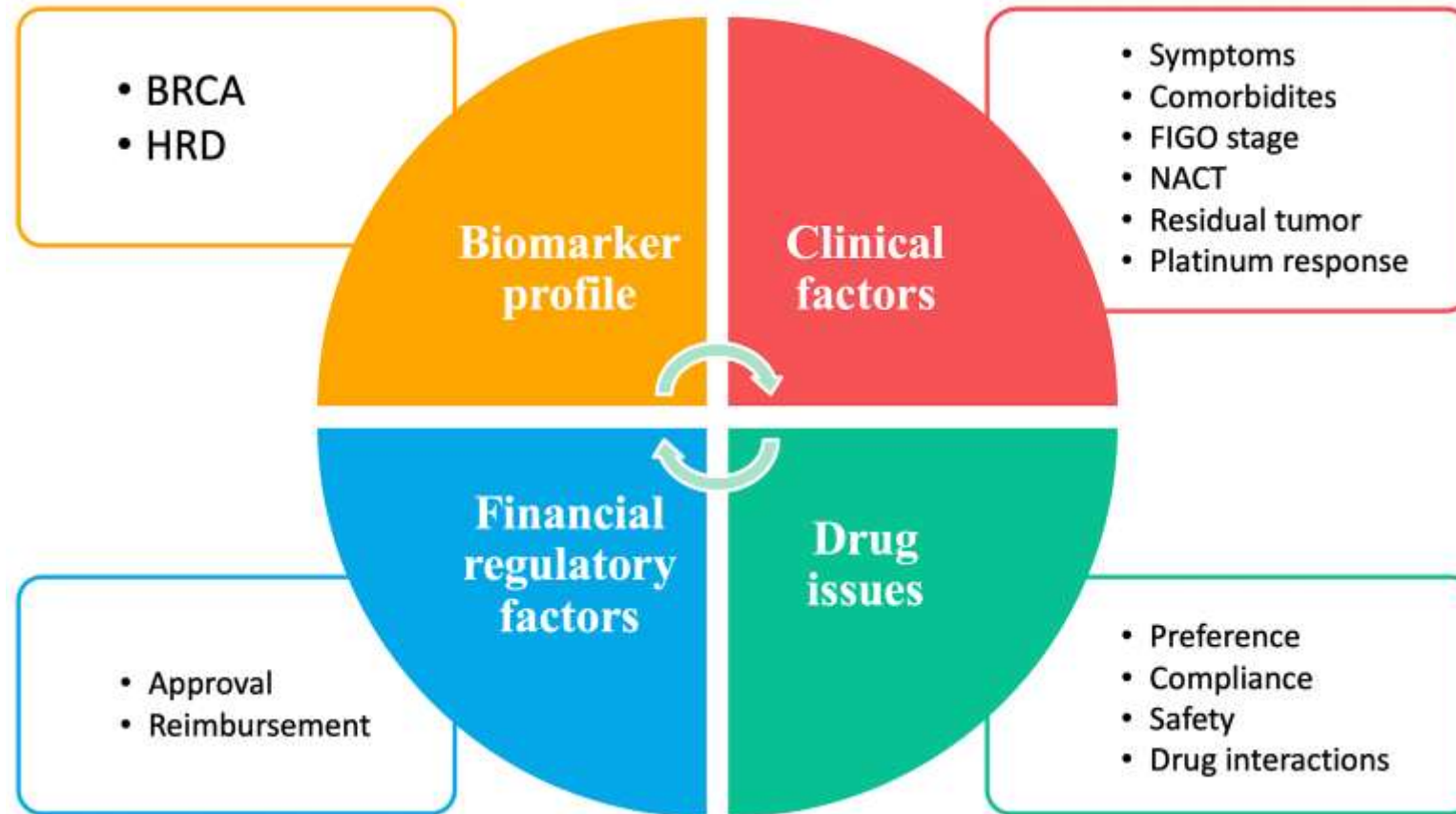


5. Reduced risk of developing secondary myeloid neoplasms



6. Advantages of oral administration route

# How to choose the best first-line maintenance option

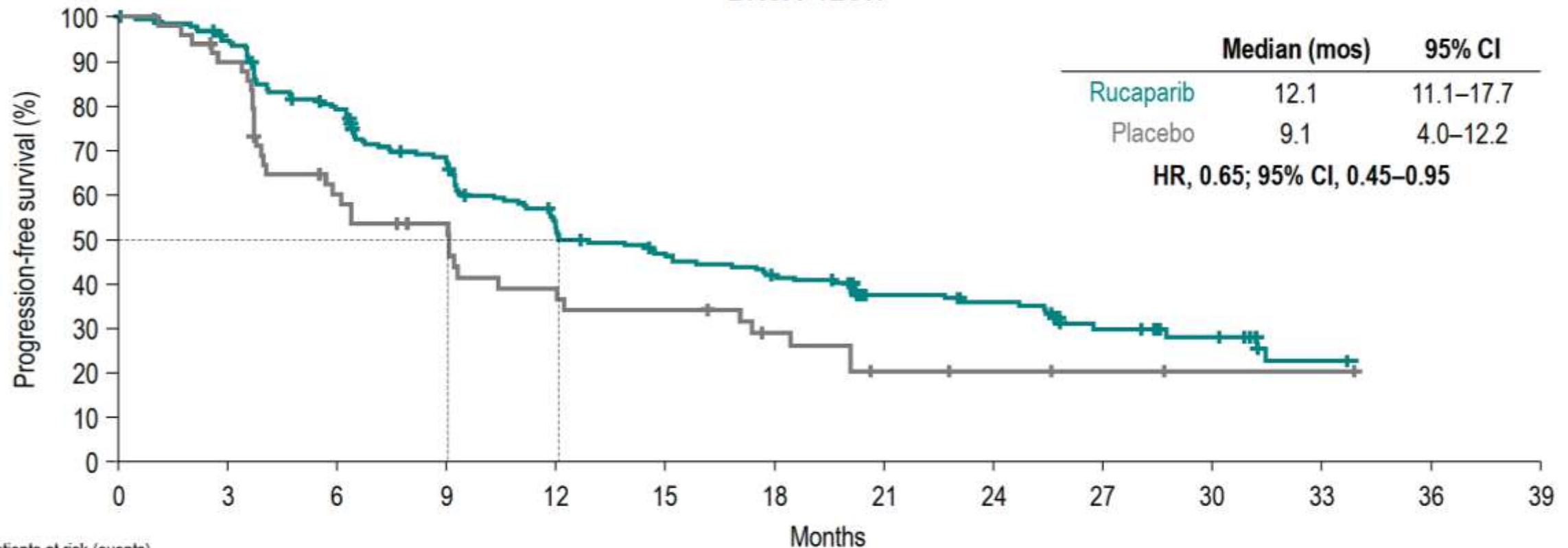


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# INVESTIGATOR-ASSESSED PFS<sup>1</sup>

## ATHENA-MONO HRD-negative population

BRCA<sup>wt</sup>/LOH<sup>low</sup>



Patients at risk (events)

Rucaparib	189 (0)	142 (38)	89 (84)	68 (102)	42 (111)	15 (118)	8 (120)
Placebo	49 (0)	27 (19)	16 (28)	10 (32)	5 (35)	3 (35)	3 (35)

Data cutoff: 23 March 2022.

HR, hazard ratio; HRD, homologous recombination deficiency; LOH, loss of heterozygosity; BRCA<sup>wt</sup>, wild-type BRCA; PFS, progression-free survival.

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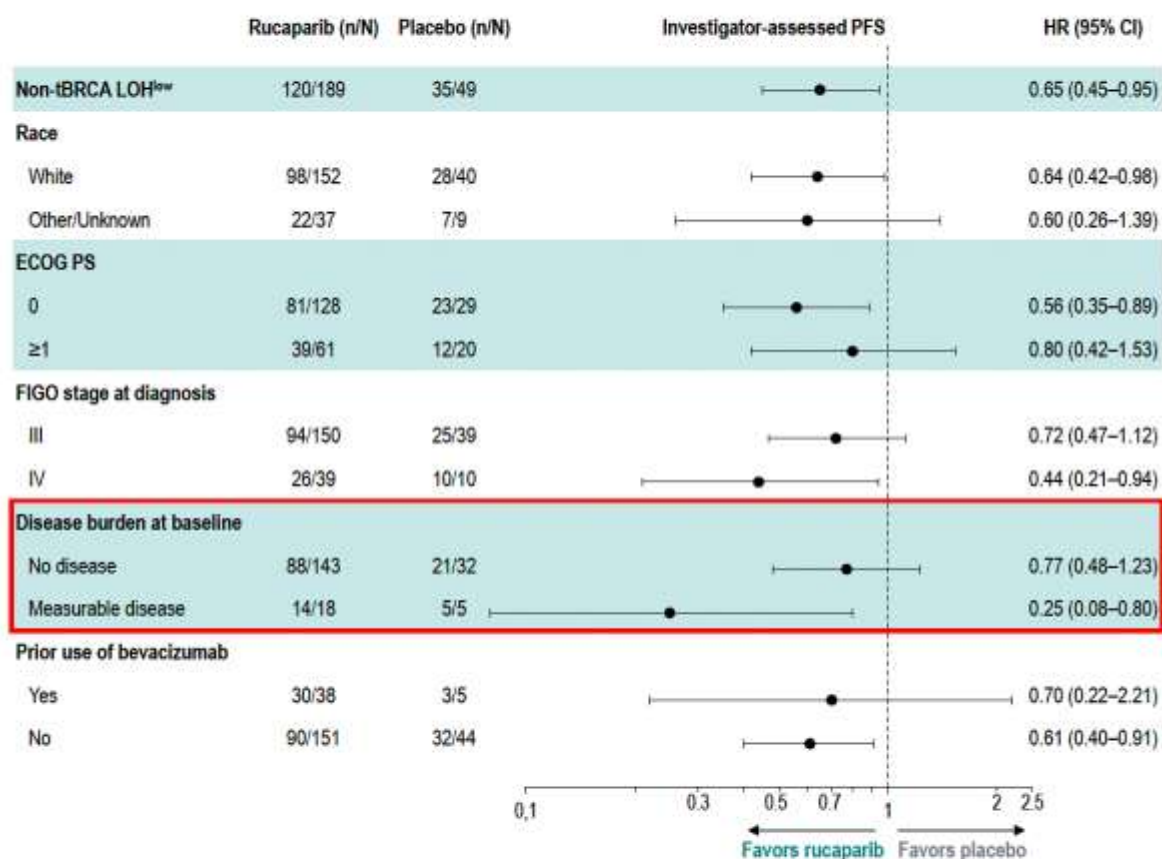
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# SUBGROUP ANALYSIS OF INVESTIGATOR-ASSESSED PFS

## ATHENA-MONO HRD-negative population



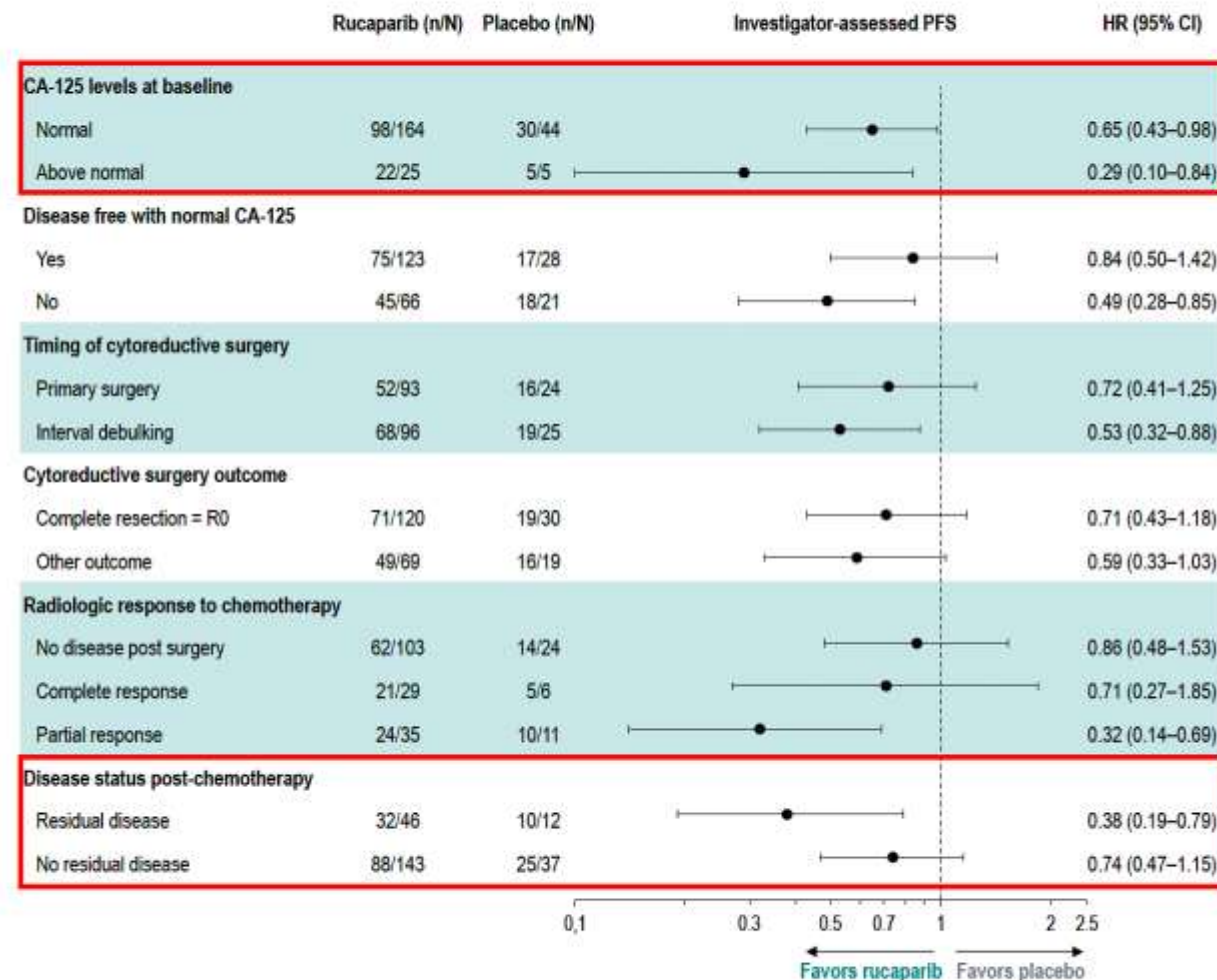
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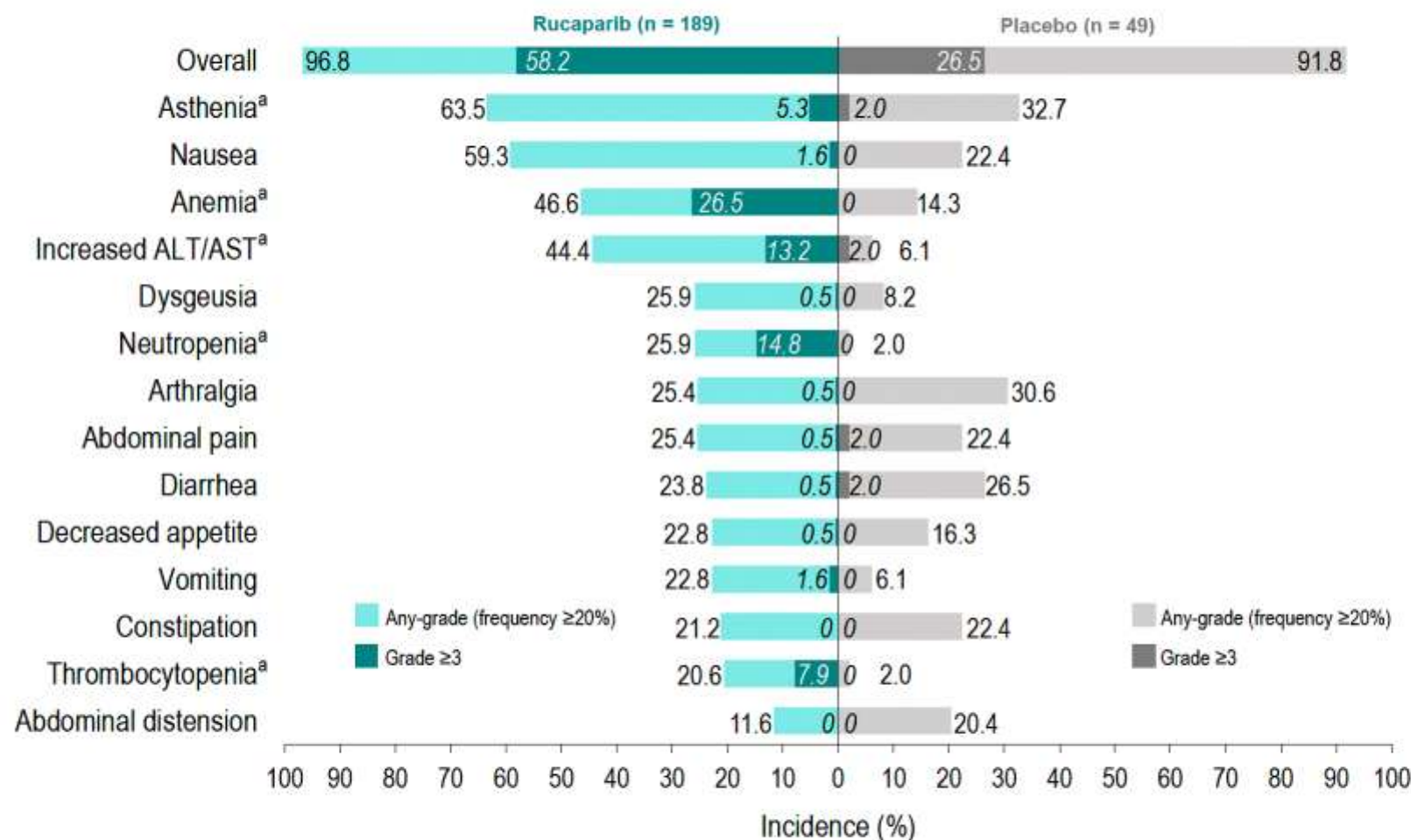
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# MOST COMMON TEAEs

## ATHENA-MONO HRD-negative population



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<sup>a</sup>Combined terms: asthenia or fatigue, anemia or hemoglobin decreased, ALT or AST, neutropenia or neutrophil count decreased, thrombocytopenia or platelet count decreased. ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse events.

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