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Correlative biomarker analysis of intrinsic subtypes and efficacy across the MONALEESA Phase III studies

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Background

- The Phase III MONALEESA-2, -3, and -7 trials assessed the combination of RIB and ET in patients with HR+/HER2- ABC and showed a significant benefit in PFS with RIB over PBO¹⁻³
- The prognostic and predictive value of the 4 main intrinsic subtypes of breast cancer (ie, luminal A, luminal B, HER2 enriched, and basal like) in HR+/HER2- ABC treated with ET and RIB is currently unknown
- Pooling samples across the MONALEESA trials (n = 1160) increases the sample size and statistical power for analysis of intrinsic subtype in patients treated with a CDK4/6 inhibitor
- In this retrospective, exploratory analysis, we evaluated the association of intrinsic subtypes with PFS and ORR to assess whether a prognostic and/or predictive relationship exists in tumor samples from the MONALEESA trials

ABC, advanced breast cancer; CDK4/6, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; HR, hormone receptor; ORR, overall response rate; PBO, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; RIB, ribociclib.

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Patients and methods

- Gene expression profiling of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor samples was performed using a customized NanoString nCounter GX 800-gene panel (primary and metastatic samples)
- From the MONALEESA trials, 1303 tumor samples underwent gene expression and PAM50-based subtype profiling; 1160 samples passed quality control measures and were evaluated in this analysis

| Study | RIB + ET, n | PBO + ET, n |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MONALEESA-2 | 180 | 178 |
| MONALEESA-3 | 329 | 160 |
| MONALEESA-7 | 163 | 150 |

- The prognostic relationship of PAM50-based subtypes with PFS and risk of tumor progression by subtype and treatment were evaluated using univariate and multivariable Cox proportional hazard models
- Multivariable models were adjusted for known clinical prognostic factors, including age, prior CT, prior ET, ECOG performance status, presence of visceral disease (liver/lung metastases), presence of bone-only metastases, histological grade, number of metastatic sites, and presence of de novo metastatic disease

CT, chemotherapy; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ET, endocrine therapy; PBO, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; RIB, ribociclib.

Selected patient characteristics

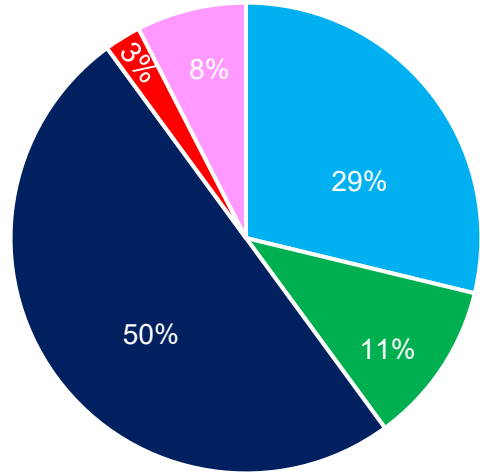
| | Category | ITT Population | | Biomarker Population | |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | PBO (n = 913) | RIB (n = 1153) | PBO (n = 488) | RIB (n = 672) |
| | | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) |
| Histological grade | Well differentiated | 91 (10.0) | 103 (8.9) | 52 (10.7) | 58 (8.6) |
| | Moderately differentiated | 396 (43.4) | 533 (46.2) | 213 (43.6) | 323 (48.1) |
| | Undifferentiated/poorly differentiated | 233 (25.5) | 270 (23.4) | 131 (26.8) | 166 (24.7) |
| | Missing/unknown | 193 (21.1) | 247 (21.4) | 92 (18.9) | 125 (18.6) |
| ECOG performance status | 0 | 615 (67.4) | 760 (65.9) | 332 (68.0) | 445 (66.2) |
| | 1+ | 294 (32.2) | 389 (33.7) | 155 (31.8) | 225 (33.5) |
| | Missing | 4 (0.4) | 4 (0.3) | 1 (0.2) | 2 (0.3) |
| De novo metastatic disease | Yes | 289 (31.7) | 347 (30.1) | 156 (32.0) | 212 (31.5) |
| | No | 623 (68.2) | 806 (69.9) | 332 (68.0) | 460 (68.5) |
| | Missing | 1 (0.1) | NA | NA | NA |
| Visceral metastases (liver/lung) | Yes | 482 (52.8) | 597 (51.8) | 259 (53.1) | 364 (54.2) |
| | No | 430 (47.1) | 556 (48.2) | 229 (46.9) | 308 (45.8) |
| | Missing | 1 (0.1) | NA | NA | NA |

- Clinical-pathological characteristics of patients in the biomarker population were well balanced compared with the ITT population

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ET, endocrine therapy; HER2E, HER2 enriched; ITT, intention to treat; NA, not applicable; PBO, placebo; RIB, ribociclib.

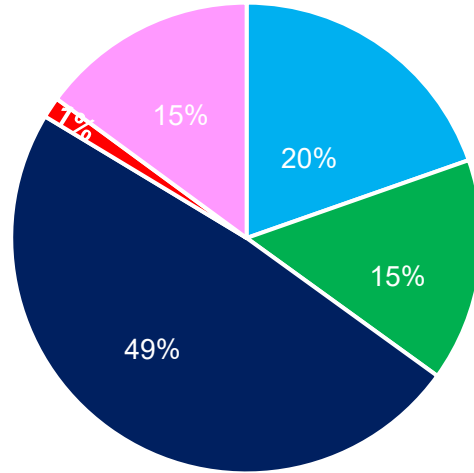
Intrinsic subtype distribution across the MONALEESA trials

MONALEESA-2



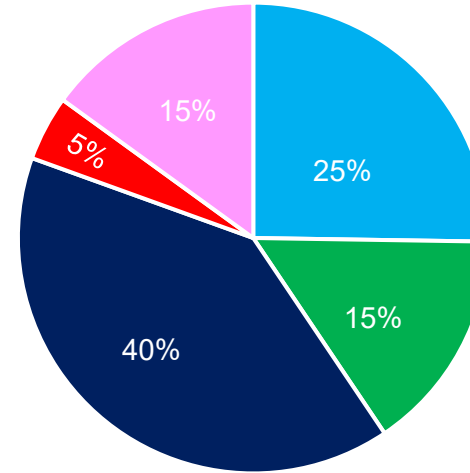
n = 358

MONALEESA-3



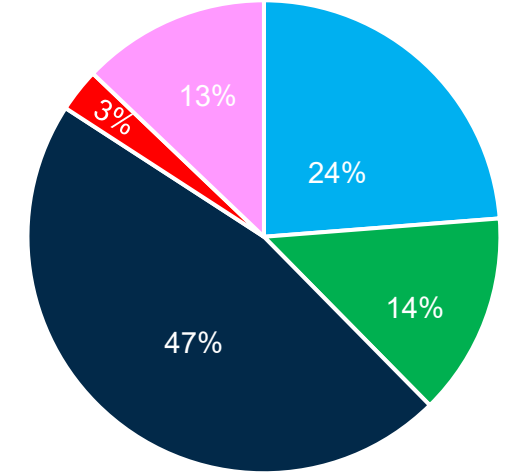
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MONALEESA-7



n = 313

Pooled



n = 1160

■ Luminal A

■ Luminal B

■ HER2E

■ Basal like

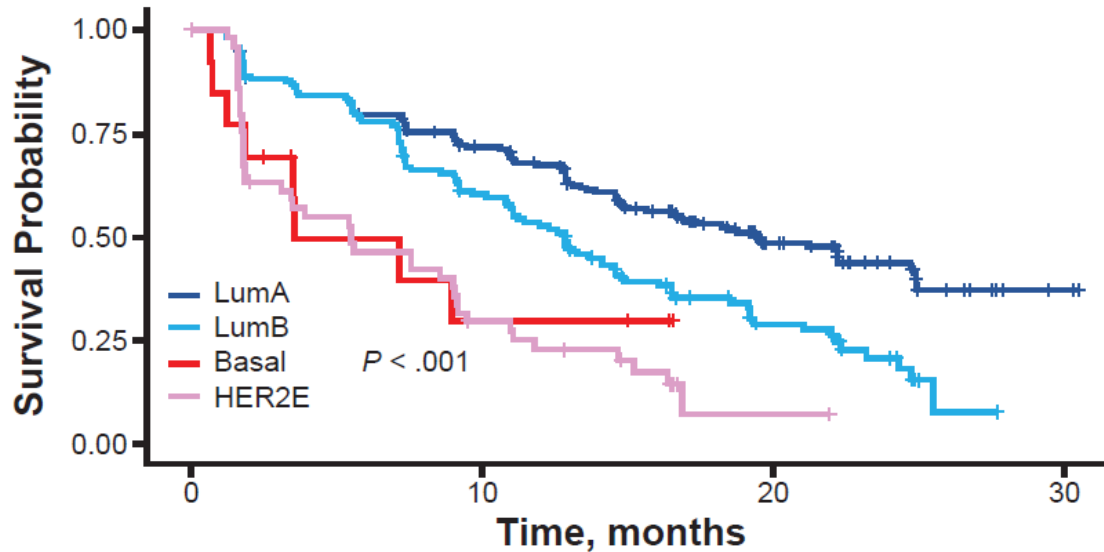
■ Normal like

- The distribution of subtypes within each trial showed statistically significant differences, but when comparing the studies, the distribution of each subtype was similar, with luminal A being the most prevalent subtype and basal like being the least

Prognosis based on intrinsic subtype

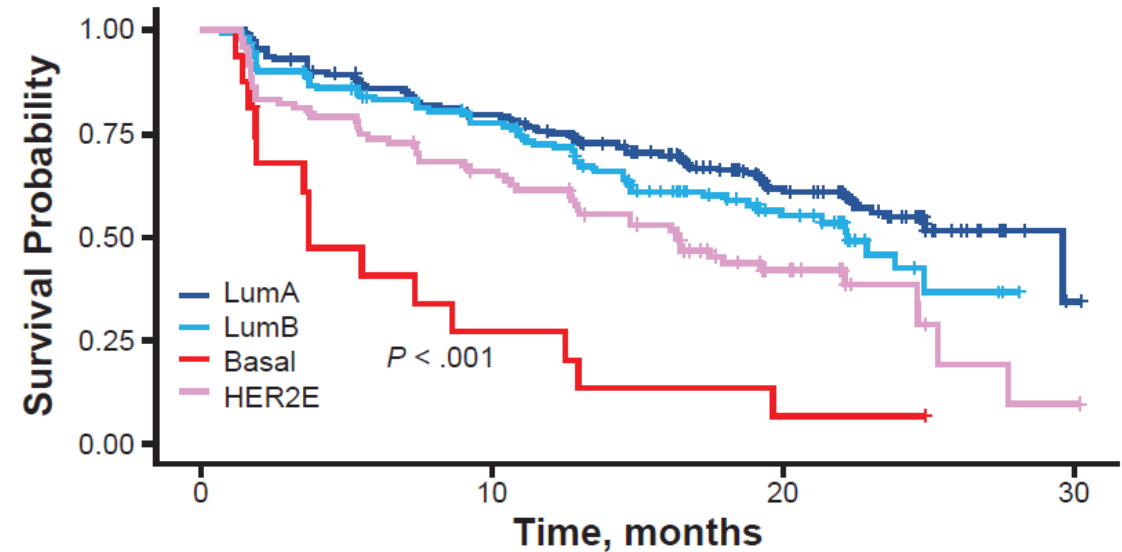
PBO

| | n | Events, n | Median PFS | 95% CI |
|-------|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|
| LumA | 222 | 110 | 19.48 | 15.61-24.80 |
| LumB | 124 | 89 | 12.85 | 10.84-14.82 |
| Basal | 14 | 8 | 3.58 | 1.87-NA |
| HER2E | 52 | 41 | 5.52 | 3.12-9.17 |



RIB

| | n | Events, n | Median PFS | 95% CI |
|-------|-----|-----------|------------|------------|
| LumA | 320 | 114 | 29.60 | 23.03-NA |
| LumB | 154 | 66 | 22.21 | 18.79-NA |
| Basal | 16 | 14 | 3.71 | 1.91-13.0 |
| HER2E | 95 | 56 | 16.39 | 12.71-24.6 |



- Basal-like subtype had the worst prognosis in both treatment arms
- Intrinsic subtype was significantly associated with PFS in both the PBO ($P < .0001$) and RIB ($P < .0001$) arms

HER2E, HER2 enriched; LumA, luminal A; LumB, luminal B; Basal, basal like; NA, not applicable; PBO, placebo; PFS, progression-free survival; RIB, ribociclib.

Subtype remains prognostic after adjusting for clinical factors

| Variable | RIB Arm | | PBO Arm | | All Patients | |
|--------------------|--|---------|--|---------|--|---------|
| | Adjusted PFS Hazard Ratio ^a | P Value | Adjusted PFS Hazard Ratio ^a | P Value | Adjusted PFS Hazard Ratio ^a | P Value |
| Luminal A | 1.00 | — | 1.00 | — | 1.00 | — |
| Luminal B | 1.17 | 0.35 | 1.68 | .00055 | 1.41 | .0015 |
| HER2E | 1.76 | .00082 | 3.47 | < .0001 | 2.30 | < .0001 |
| Basal like | 5.1 | < .0001 | 3.05 | .0040 | 3.97 | < .0001 |
| Normal like | 0.98 | .93 | 1.69 | .0028 | 1.31 | .039 |
| RIB vs PBO | — | — | — | — | 0.50 | < .0001 |

- Compared with luminal A, luminal B, HER2E, basal like, and normal like subtypes showed higher risk of tumor progression in all patients
- Compared with luminal A, HER2E and basal like subtypes showed higher risk of tumor progression in the RIB arm
- Intrinsic subtype was independently associated with PFS ($P < .0001$), after adjusting for ECOG PS, presence of de novo disease, presence of visceral disease, extent of histological grade differentiation, prior ET, and treatment arm

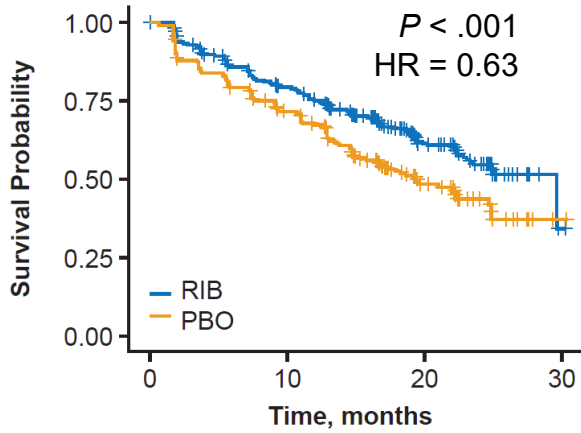
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^a Obtained from multivariable Cox model including age, prior chemotherapy, ECOG performance status, presence of visceral disease (liver/lung metastases), presence of bone-only metastases, histological grade, number of metastatic sites, prior ET, and presence of de novo metastatic disease as covariates.

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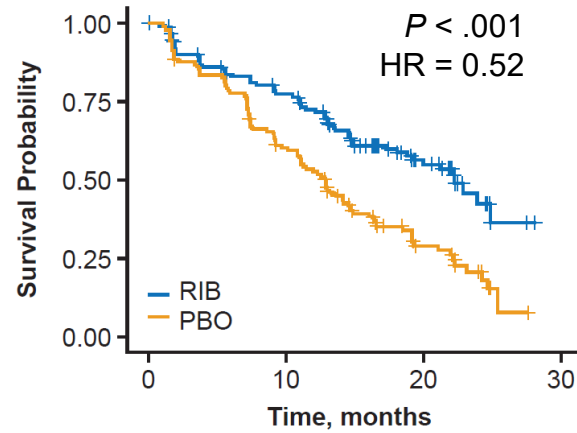
PFS analysis by subtype

Luminal A



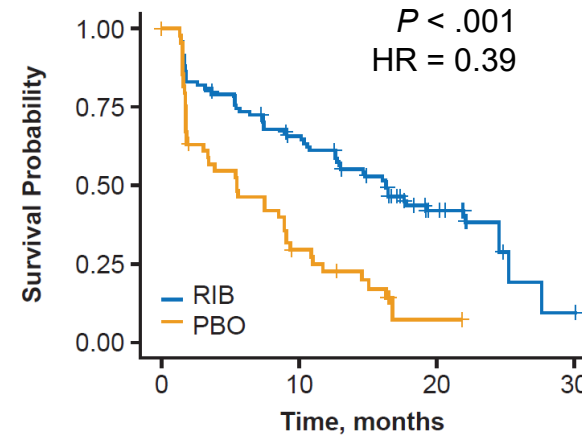
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|-------------|-----|-----|----|---|
| PBO | 222 | 148 | 55 | 3 |
| RIB | 320 | 227 | 93 | 1 |

Luminal B



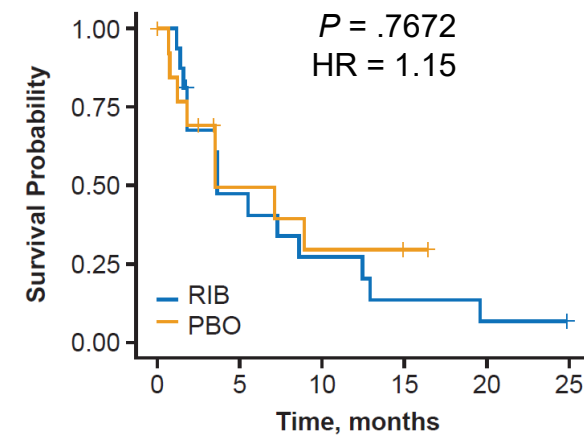
| No. at risk | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|---|
| PBO | 124 | 71 | 20 | 0 |
| RIB | 154 | 109 | 38 | 0 |

HER2E



| No. at risk | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|
| PBO | 52 | 13 | 1 | 0 |
| RIB | 95 | 57 | 20 | 1 |

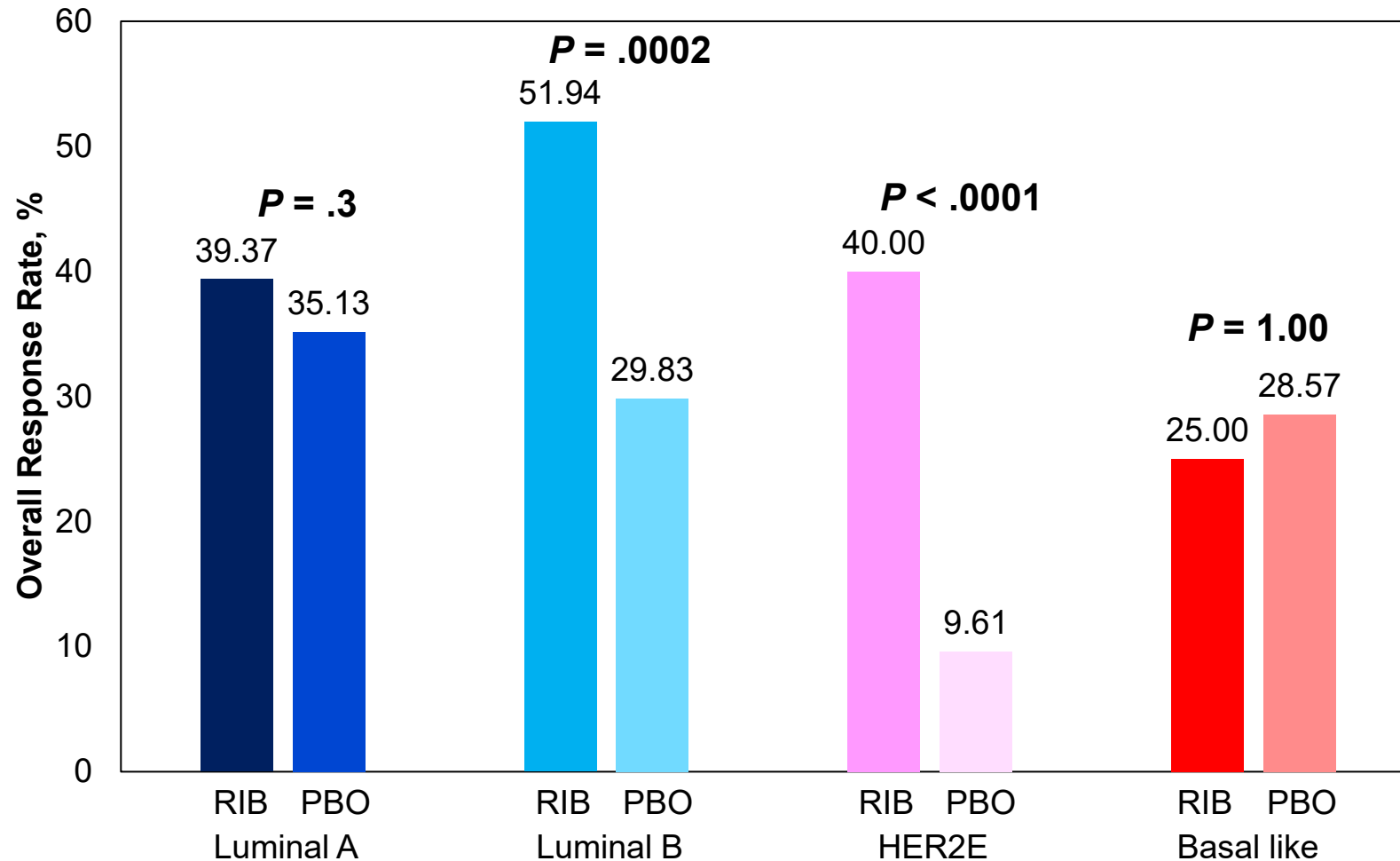
Basal like



| No. at risk | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| PBO | 14 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| RIB | 16 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

- A PFS benefit of RIB vs PBO was observed in all subtypes except for basal like
- The interaction test between subtype and treatment arm was statistically significant ($P = .045$)

Overall response rates by molecular subtype



- The HER2E and LumB subtypes demonstrated a significant increase in ORR with RIB treatment, while the other subtypes did not

HER2E, HER2 enriched; ORR, overall response rate; PBO, placebo; RIB, ribociclib.

Conclusions

- This is the largest analysis evaluating the correlation of intrinsic subtype with efficacy outcomes in patients treated with CDK4/6 inhibitors
- These results confirm the independent prognostic value of the intrinsic subtypes in patients treated with ET alone
- The prognostic value of intrinsic subtype is maintained in the context of ET in combination with RIB
- Patients with HER2E, luminal A, and luminal B subtypes all exhibited a consistent PFS benefit with RIB treatment, while patients with basal-like subtype did not
- The HER2E subtype exhibited the greatest relative reduction in risk of progression or death with RIB plus ET
- Further validation studies will be required to firmly establish the clinical utility of intrinsic subtype as a biomarker in HR+/HER2- ABC

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