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**Alterazioni del pathway  
PIK3CA/AKT/PTEN:  
significato biologico,  
incidenza e caratteristiche  
delle pazienti**

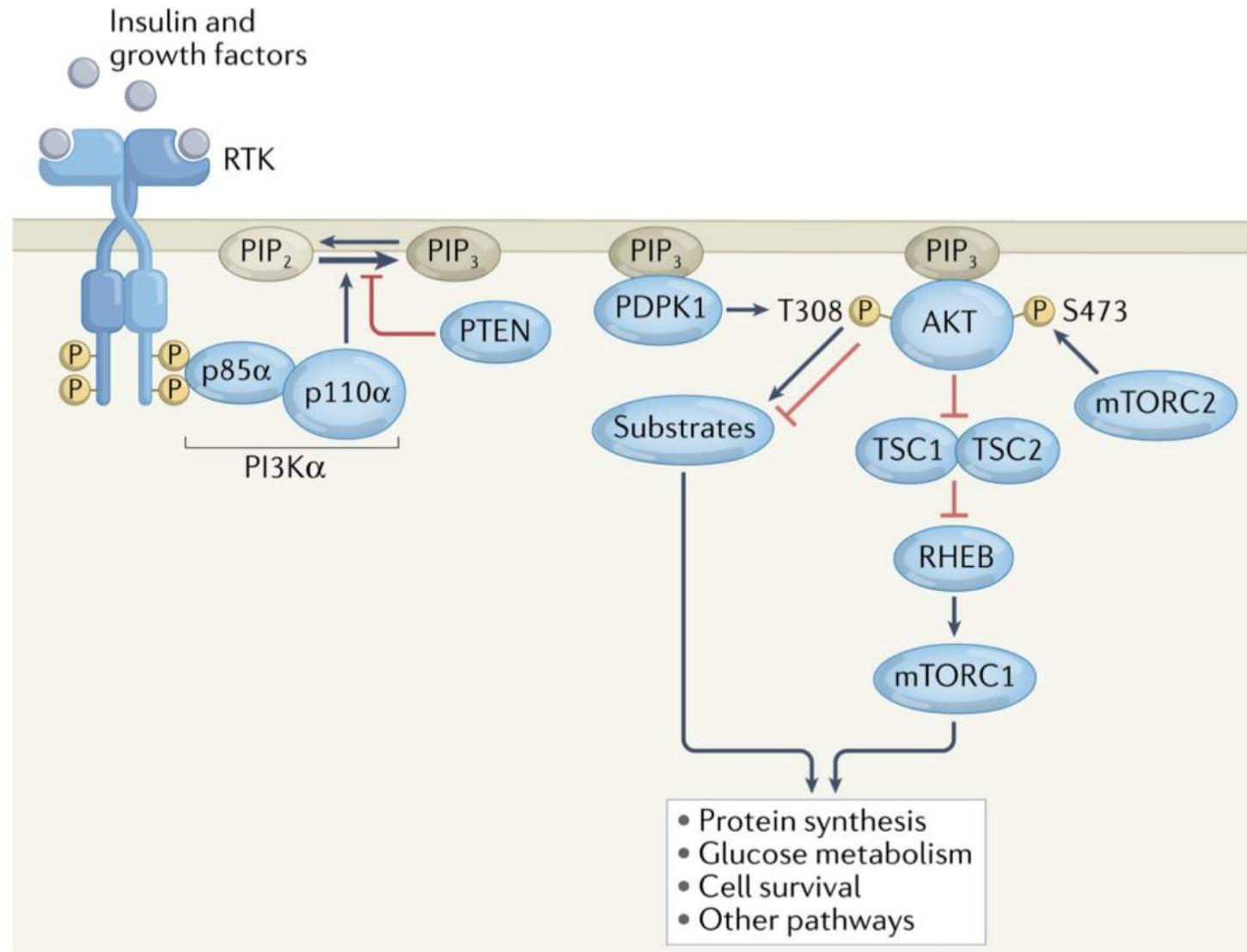
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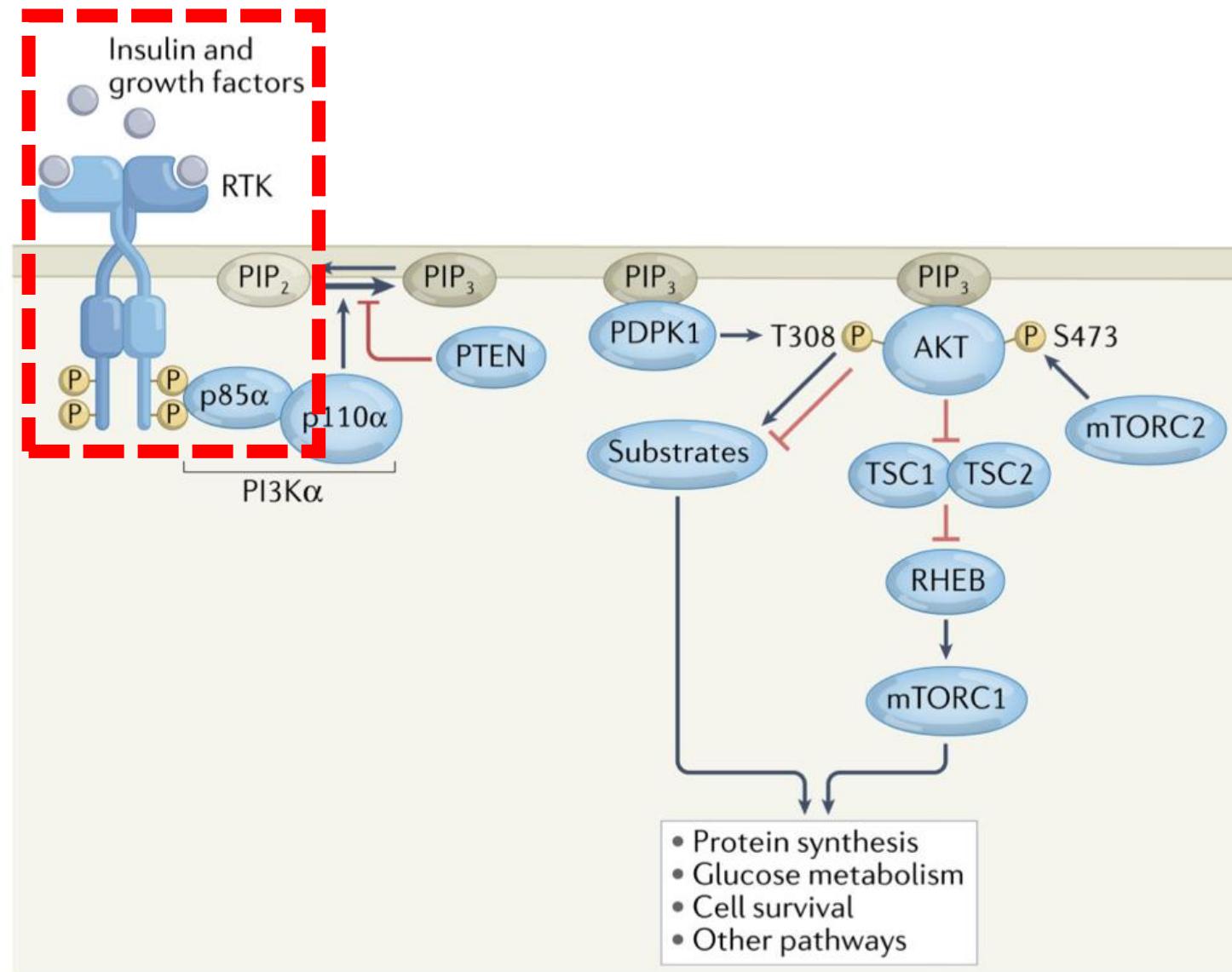
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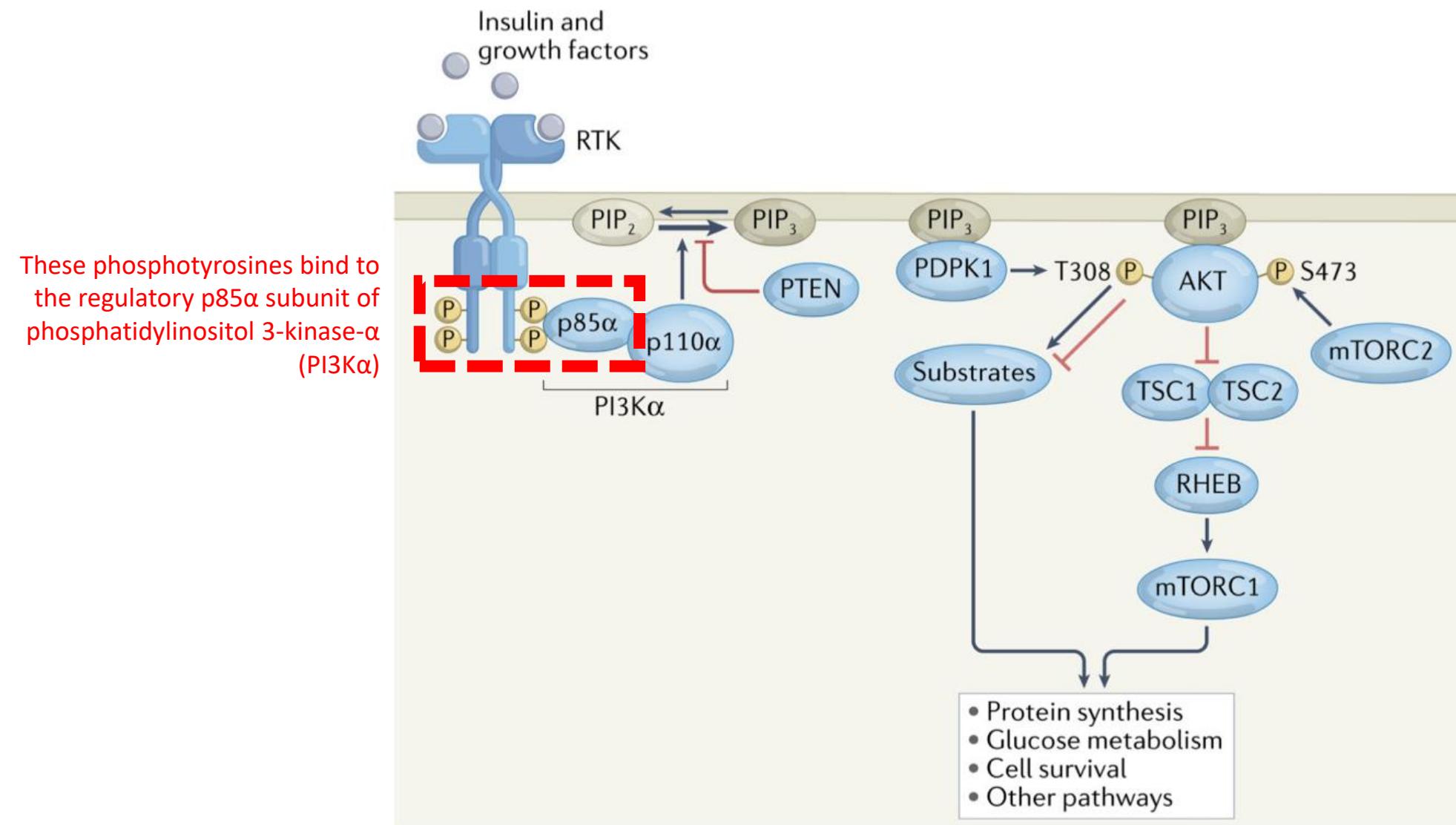


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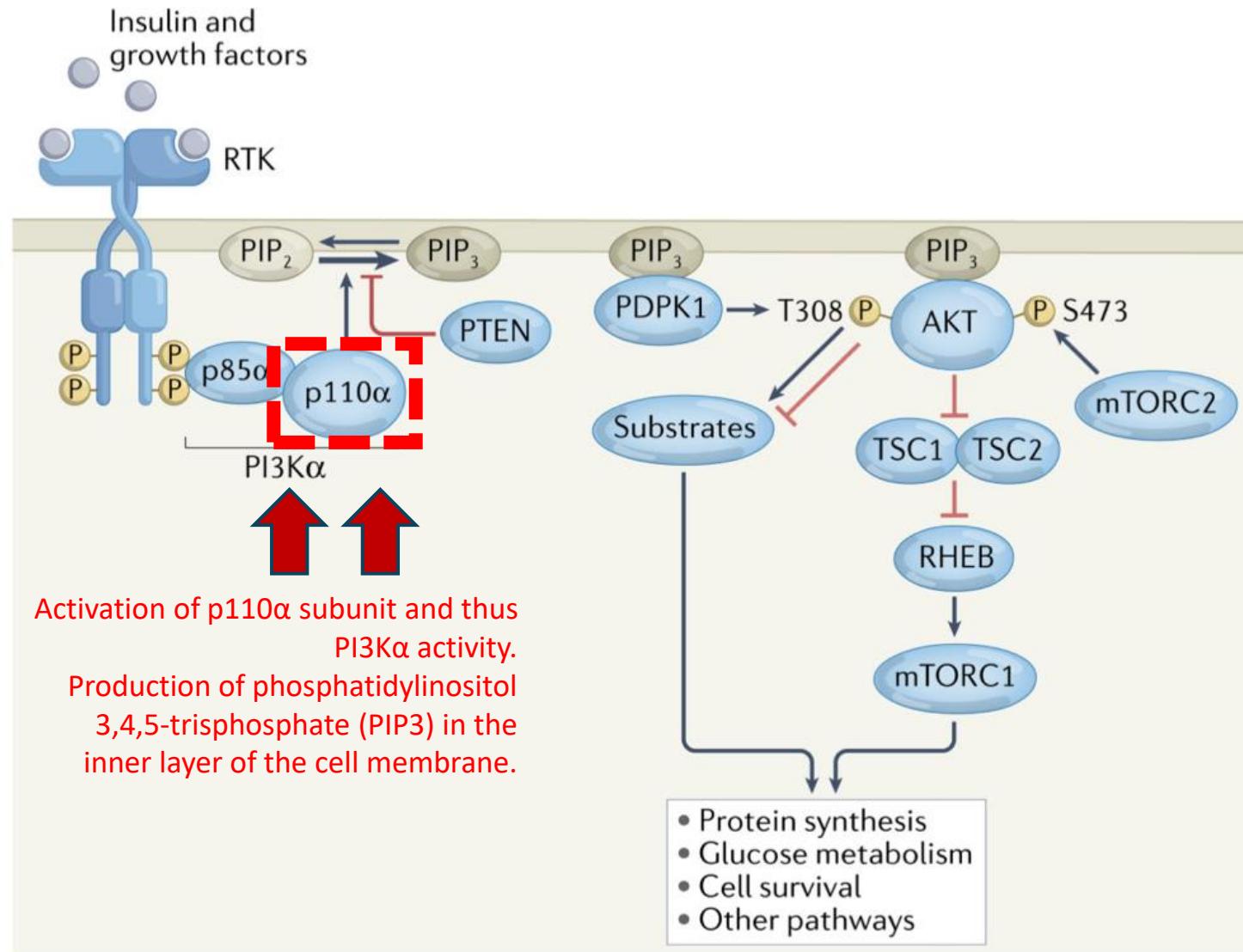
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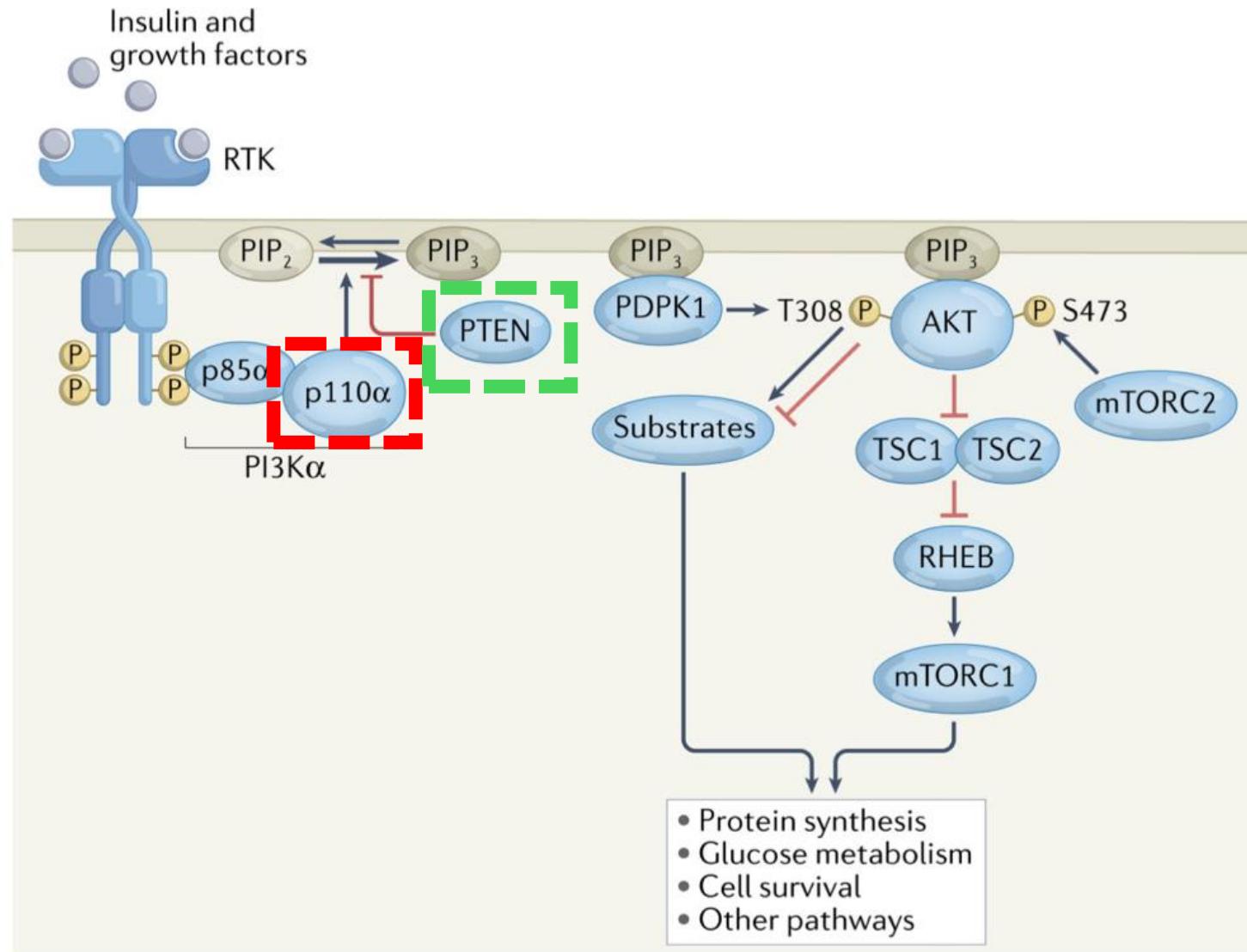
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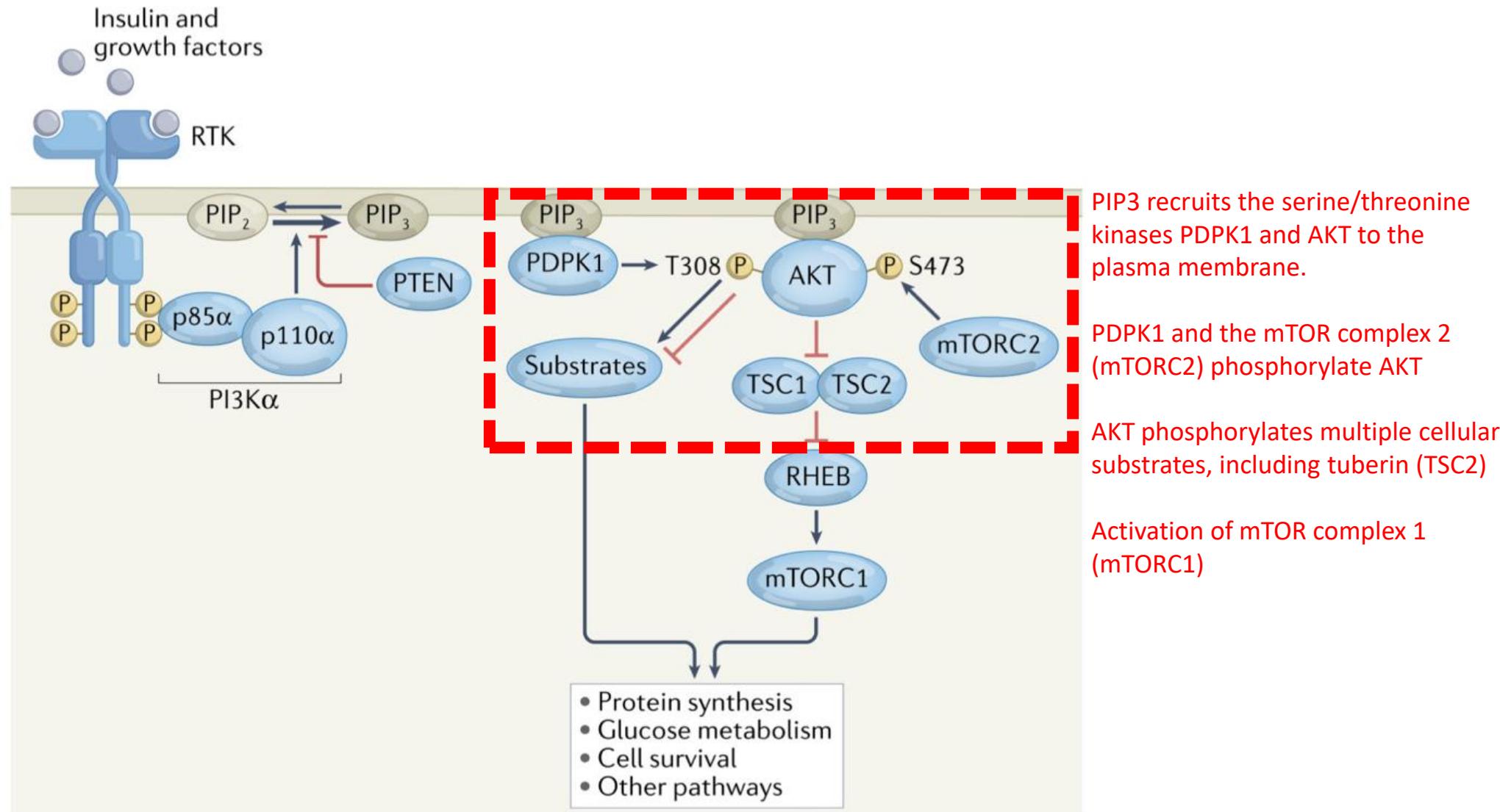
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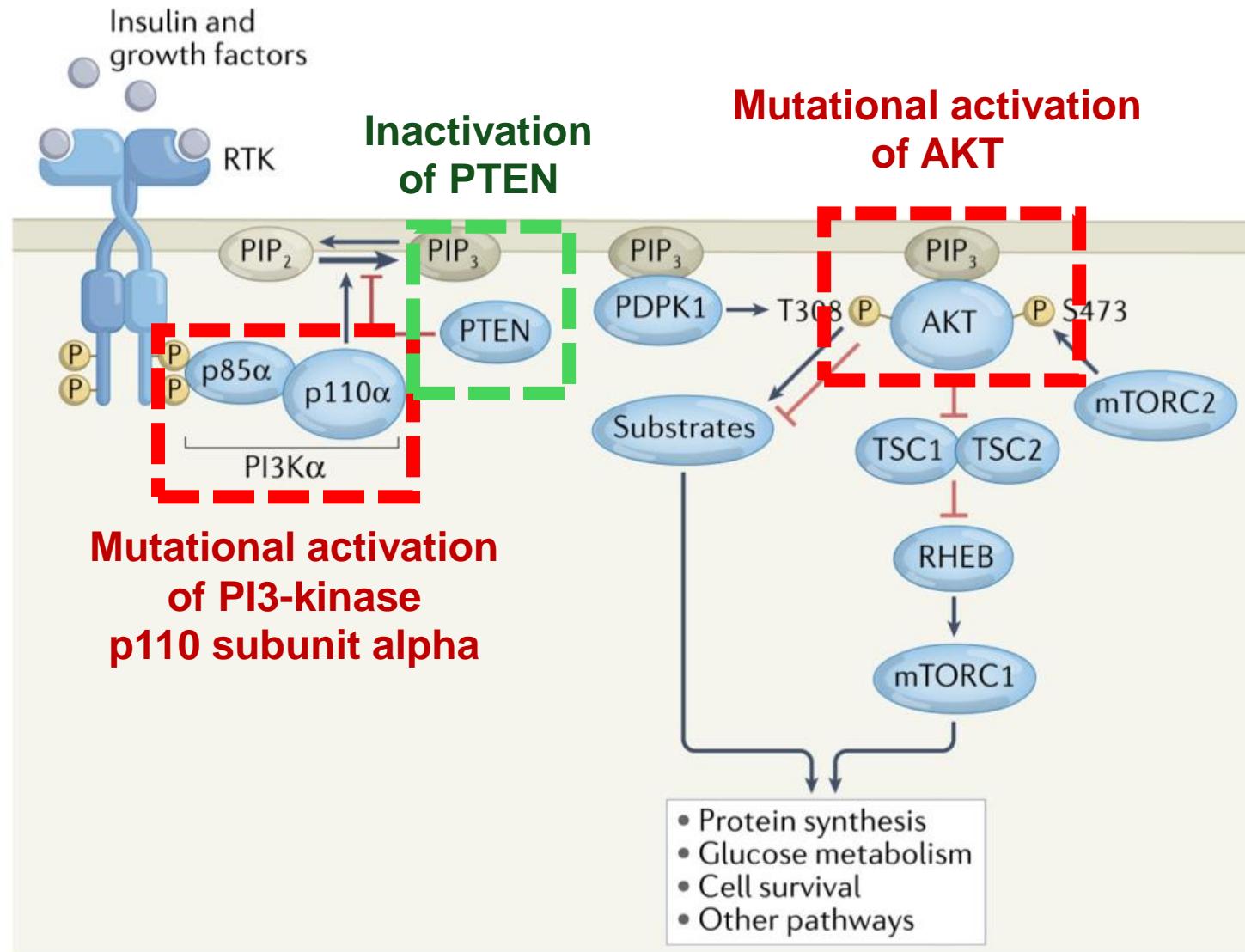
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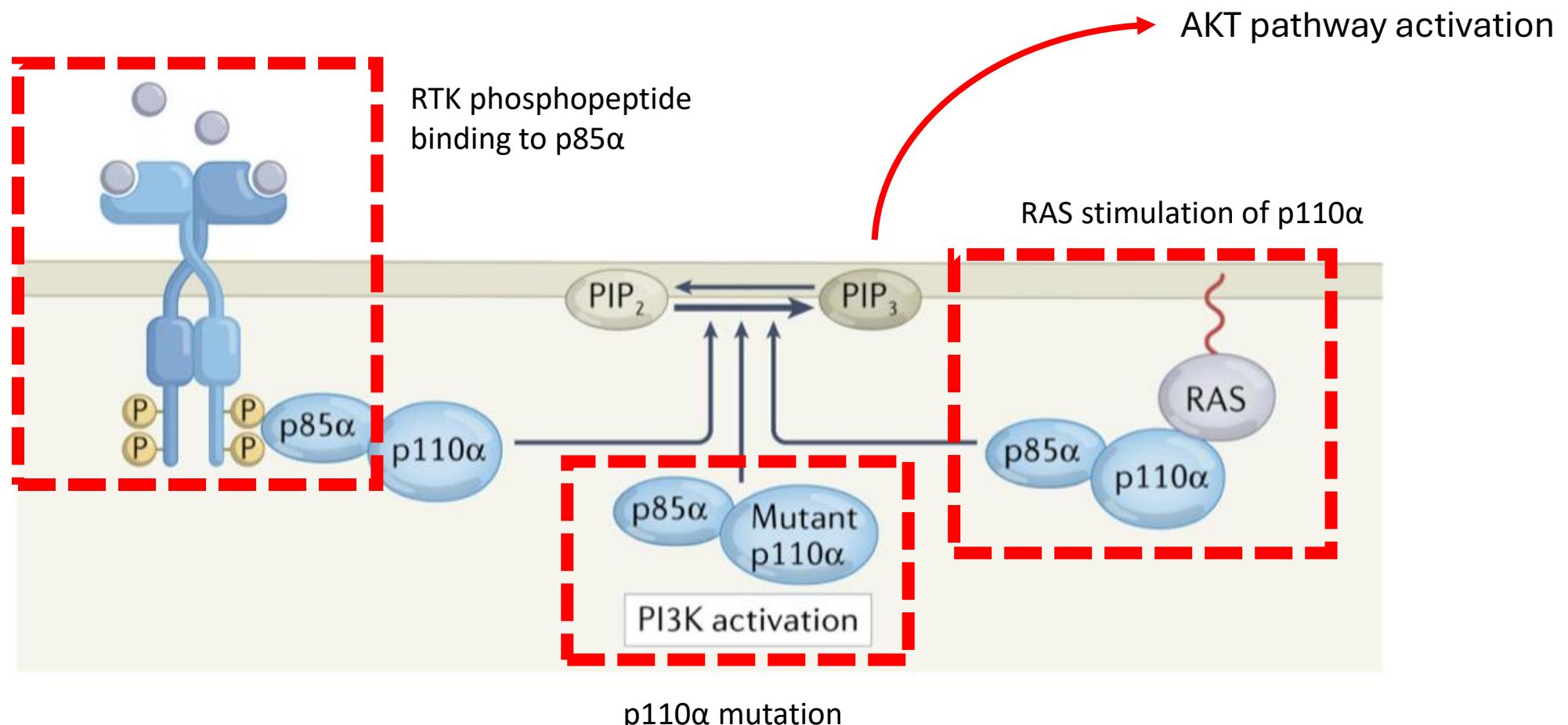
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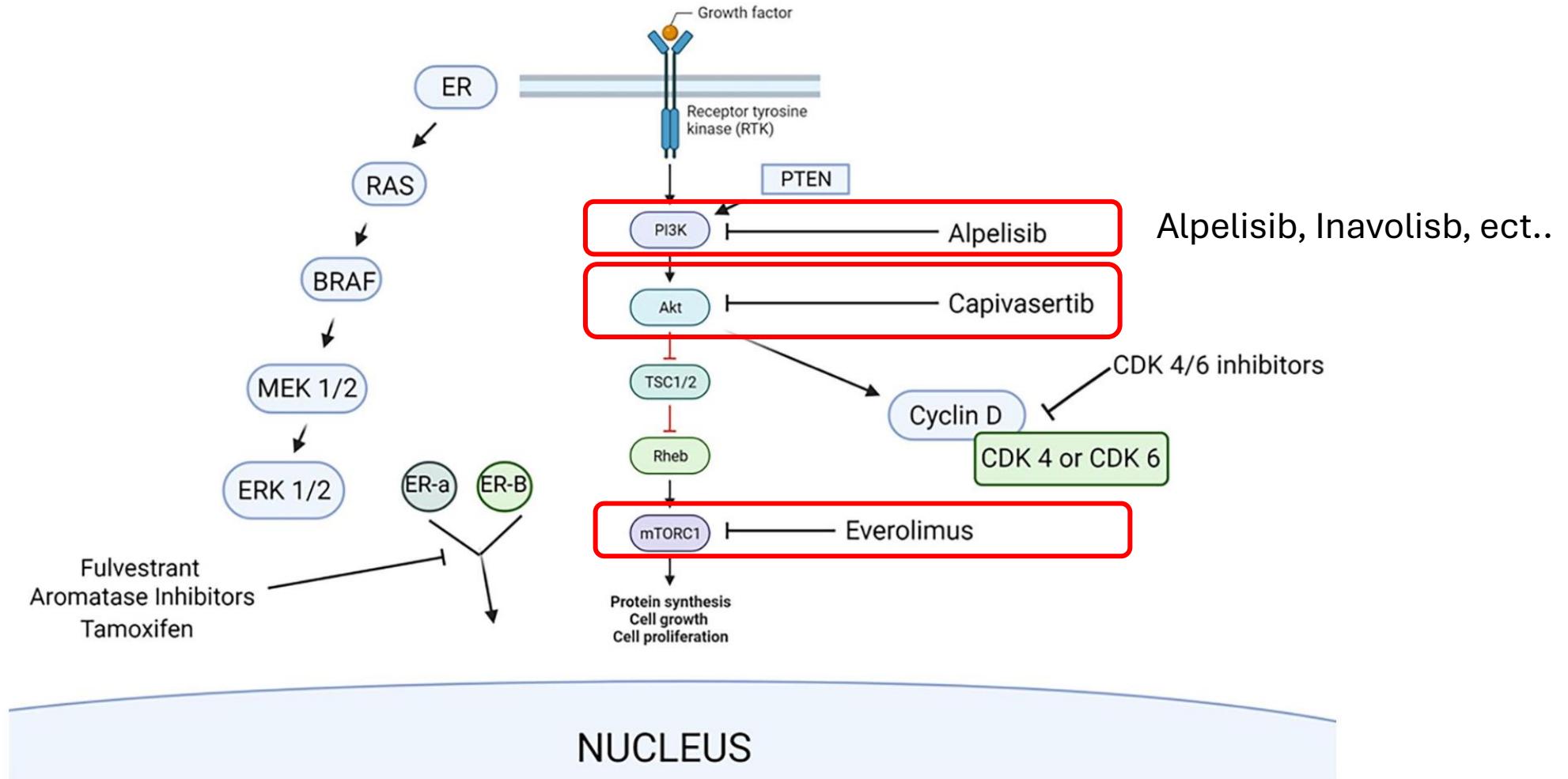
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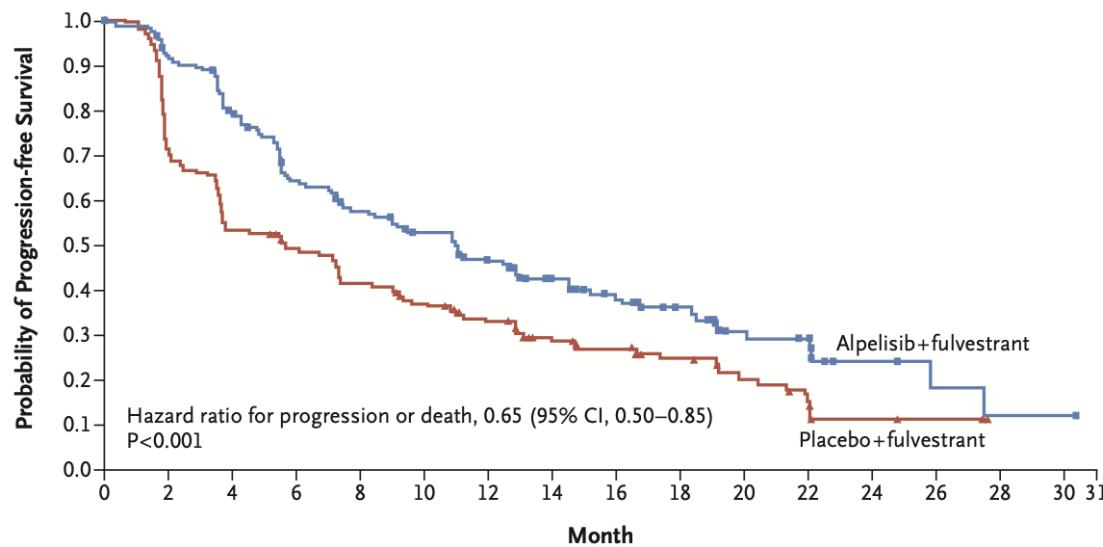
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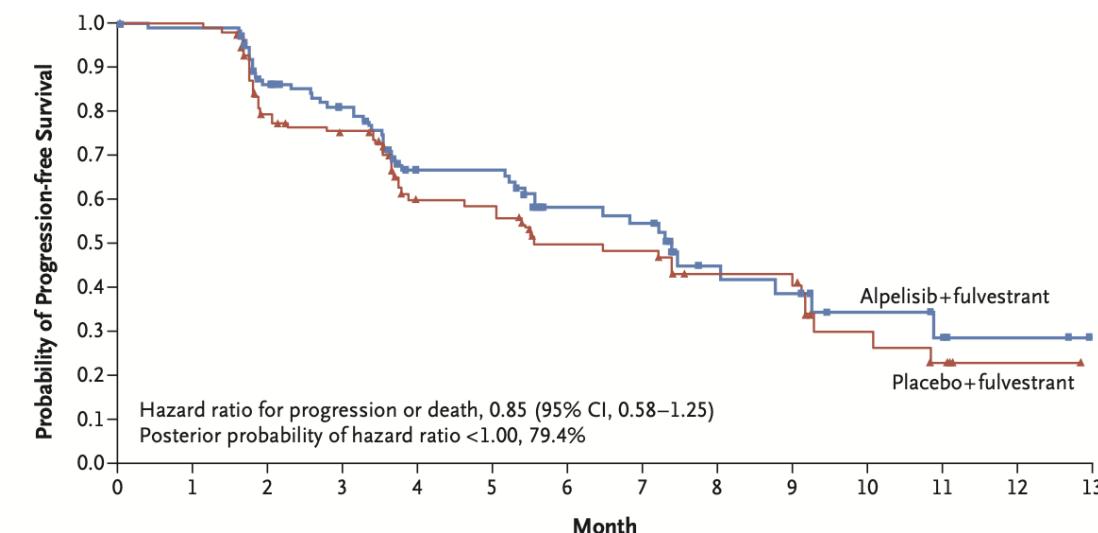
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## SOLAR-1 trial

### Cohort with *PIK3CA*-mutated cancer



### Cohort without *PIK3CA*-mutated cancer



#### No. at Risk

Alpelisib+fulvestrant	169	145	123	97	85	75	62	50	39	30	17	14	9	5	3	2	1	0	0
Placebo+fulvestrant	172	120	89	80	67	58	48	37	29	20	14	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

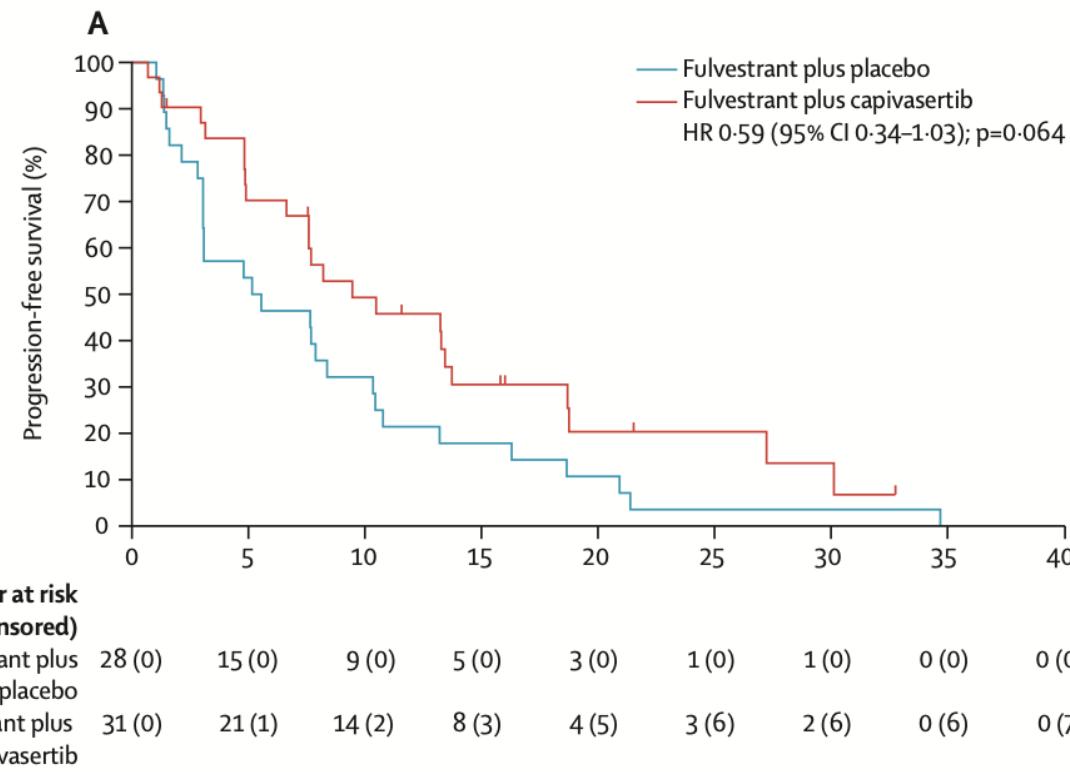
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Alpelisib+fulvestrant	115	110	86	76	48	48	31	29	14	12	7	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
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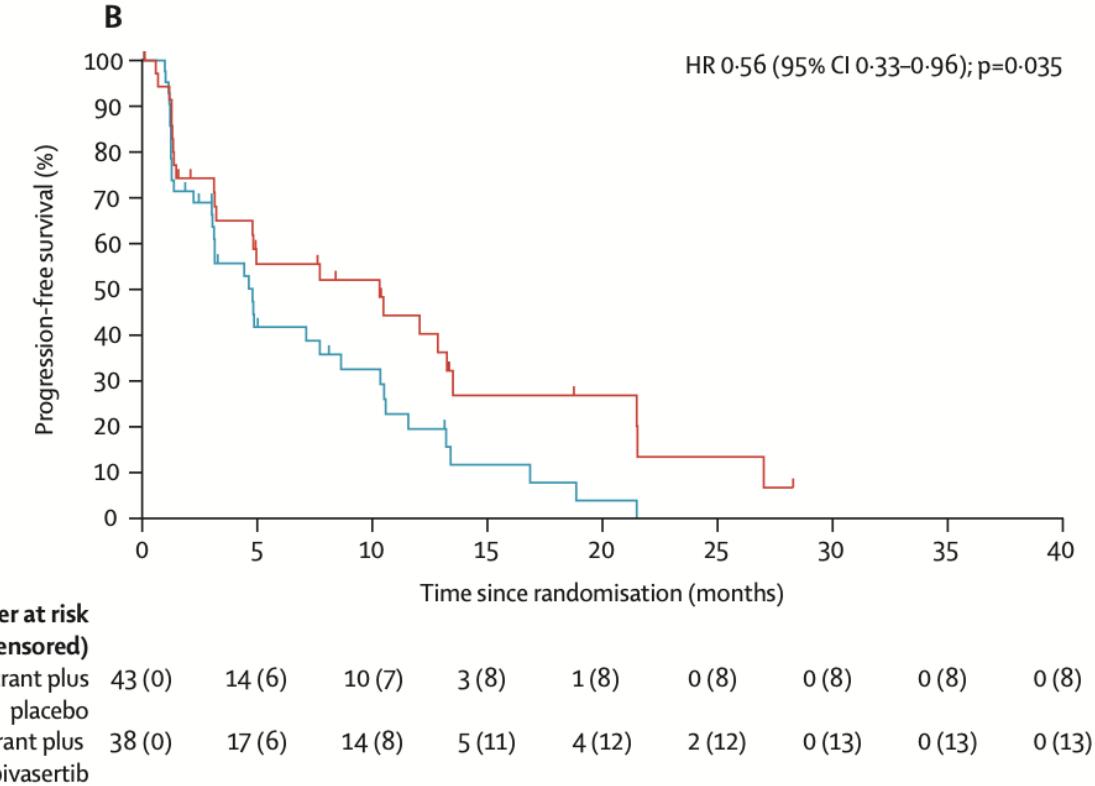
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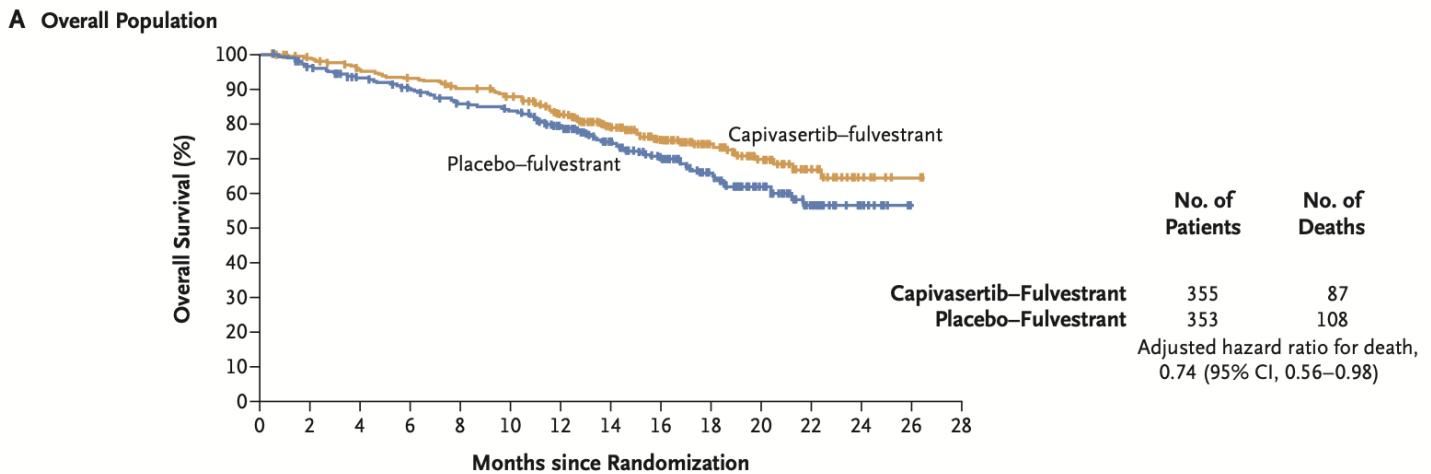
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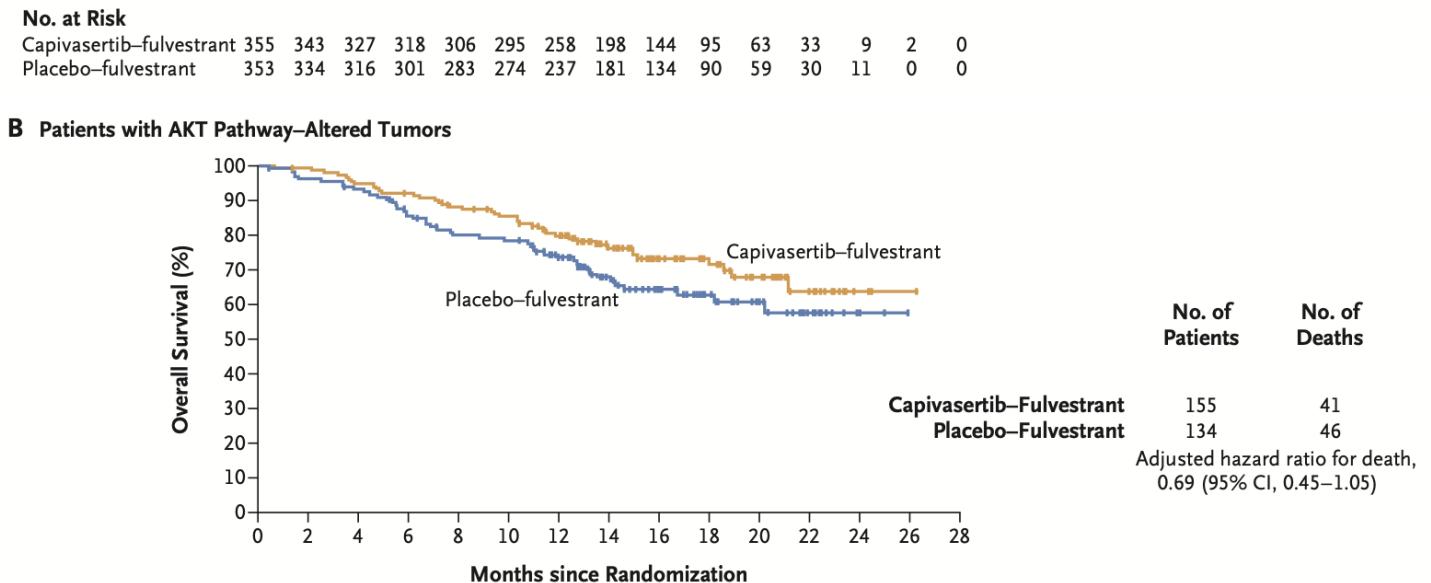
PI3K pathway non-altered subgroup



# PFS with Fulvestrant + Capivasertib/placebo



**CAPitello-291  
trial**



**No. at Risk**

Capivasertib-fulvestrant	155	153	144	139	131	125	111	83	60	45	30	14	3	1	0
Placebo-fulvestrant	134	127	122	112	101	99	87	62	46	31	22	13	3	0	0

# PI3KCA mutation prevalence

**Table 2** Description of Studies: Sample and Selected Demographics Relative to Clinical and Observational Studies of HR<sup>+</sup>/HER2<sup>-</sup> mBC

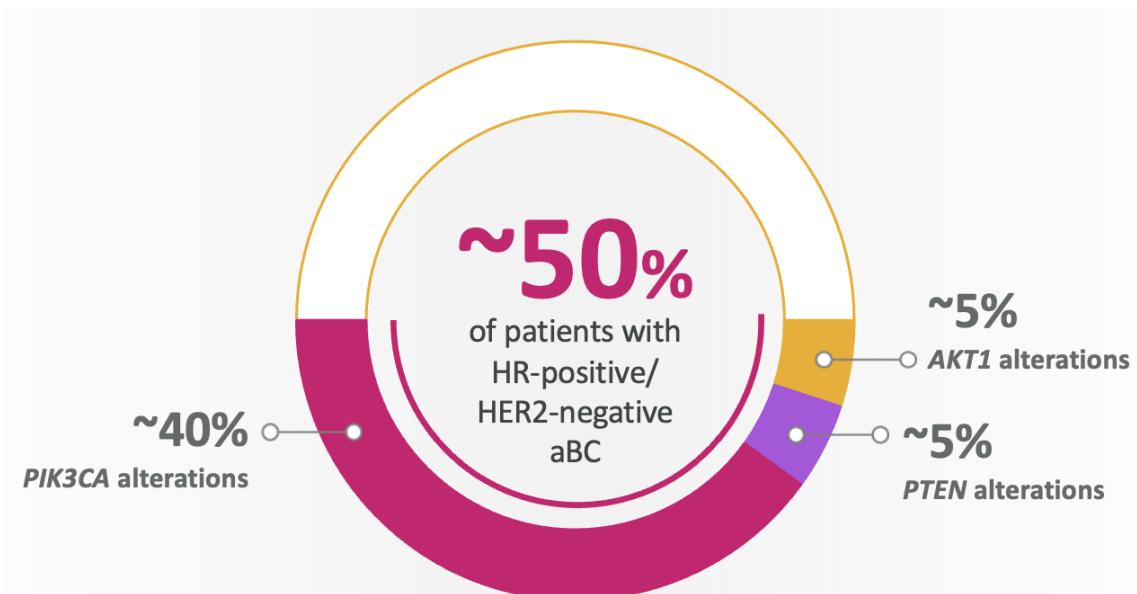
Study	Year	Study Phase	Type of Biopsy	Treatment Arms	HR <sup>+</sup> /HER2 <sup>-</sup> Sample Size Number	PIK3CA Mutant Number	PIK3CA Wild Type Number	PIK3CA Mutation Prevalence %	Median Age		ECOG PS, %				
									PIK3CA	Wild Type	0	1	2	3	Missing
Andre et al <sup>18</sup>	2018	III	Tissue	Placebo plus fulvestrant (SOLAR-1)	288	172	116	NA <sup>a</sup>	64	63	192	95	NR	NR	1
Juric et al <sup>25</sup>	2018	III	Liquid	Alpelisib plus fulvestrant	284	169	115	NA <sup>a</sup>	63	62	196	86	NR	NR	2
Baird et al <sup>26</sup>	2016	Ib	Liquid	Taselisib plus tamoxifen	30	4	26	13.3	53	37	63				
Baselga et al <sup>27</sup>	2018	III		Taselisib plus fulvestrant (SANDPIPER)	340	340	NR	NA <sup>b</sup>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Baselga et al <sup>16</sup>	2018	III		Placebo plus fulvestrant	176	176	NR	NA <sup>b</sup>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Baselga et al <sup>28</sup>	2017	III	Tissue	Buparlisib plus fulvestrant (BELLE-2)	576	87 <sup>c</sup>	199	30.4	62	58	40	2	<1		
Campone et al <sup>28</sup>	2017	III	Tissue	Placebo plus fulvestrant	571	113 <sup>c</sup>	188	37.5	61	60	37	3	0		
Cristofanilli et al <sup>29</sup>	2016	III	Tissue	Palbociclib plus fulvestrant (PALOMA-3)	347	85 <sup>c</sup>	180	32.1	58	57	57	43			
Turner et al <sup>30</sup>	2016	III	Tissue	Placebo plus fulvestrant	174	44 <sup>c</sup>	86	33.8	56	55	63	35			
Di Leo et al <sup>31</sup>	2018	III	Tissue	Buparlisib plus fulvestrant (BELLE-3)	289	100 <sup>c</sup>	132	43.1	60	60	39	1		1	
	2018	III	Tissue	Placebo plus fulvestrant	143	35 <sup>c</sup>	81	30.2	62	64	34	1		2	
Dickler et al <sup>32</sup>	2016	II	Tissue	Taselisib plus fulvestrant	60	31	29	51.7	61	62	56.7	43.3			
Fleming et al <sup>33</sup>	2012	II	Tissue	Temsirolimus	21	5	16	23.8	NR	NR	48	52			
Hortobagyi et al <sup>34</sup>	2017	III	Tissue	Ribociclib plus letrozole	212	69	143	32.5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	2017	III	Tissue	Placebo plus letrozole	215	55	142	25.6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Juric et al <sup>35</sup>	2019	Ib	Tissue	Alpelisib plus fulvestrant	87	52	33	59.8	58	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Krop et al <sup>36</sup>	2016	II	Tissue	Pictilisib plus fulvestrant	89	38	45	42.7	60	68.5	31.5				
	2016	II	Tissue	Placebo plus fulvestrant	79	32	39	40.5	63	57	42				
Mayer et al <sup>37</sup>	2014	Ib	Tissue	Buparlisib plus letrozole (intermittent vs. continuous dosing)	51	16	35	31.4	55	NR	NR	NR			
Mayer et al <sup>38</sup>	2016	Ib	Liquid	Alpelisib plus letrozole	26	16	10	61.5	53	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Moynahan et al <sup>39</sup>	2017	III	Liquid	Everolimus plus exemestane	357	169	188	47.3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	2017	III	Liquid	Placebo plus exemestane	193	69	124	35.8	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		

Abbreviations: BELLE-2 = Buparlisib Breast Cancer Clinical Evaluation-2; BELLE-3 = Buparlisib Breast Cancer Clinical Evaluation-3; ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; HER2<sup>-</sup> = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative; HR<sup>+</sup> = hormone receptor-positive; mBC = metastatic breast cancer; NR = not reported; PALOMA-3 = Palbociclib: Ongoing Trials in the Management of Breast Cancer; PIK3CA = PIK3, 110 $\alpha$  subunit, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha; SANDPIPER = A Study of Taselisib + Fulvestrant Versus Placebo + Fulvestrant in Participants With Advanced or Metastatic Breast Cancer Who Have Disease Recurrence or Progression During or After Aromatase Inhibitor Therapy.

<sup>a</sup>PIK3CA mutation prevalence in SOLAR-1 is not reportable as such because patients were selected based on PIK3CA mutation status to enrich for tumors with a mutation.

<sup>b</sup>PIK3CA mutation prevalence in SANDPIPER is not reportable because only data on the PIK3CA population was reported at time of this publication.

<sup>c</sup>Only a subset of the total sample of HR<sup>+</sup>/HER2<sup>-</sup> sample was tested for the PIK3CA mutation.



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EMBER-3 <sup>2</sup>	SoC ET <b>Imlunestrant</b>	661	ESR1	~ 60	<b>~ 9 (ITT) 0 (ESR1mut)</b>	<b>~ 30 (ITT) 20 (ESR1mut)</b>	3.8	0.62 (0.46-0.82)
CAPItello-291 <sup>3</sup>	Ful + Placebo <b>Ful+Capivasertib</b>	289	AKT path	~ 70	<b>~ 40</b>	-	3.1	0.50 (0.38-0.65)
INAVO-120 <sup>4</sup>	SoC ET <b>Elacestrant</b>	228	PIK3CA	1	<b>34</b>	<b>66</b>	7.3	0.43 (0.32-0.59)
PALOMA-3 <sup>5</sup> MONALEESA-3 <sup>6</sup> MONARCH-2 <sup>7</sup>	Fulv + Placebo <b>Ful+CDK4/6is</b>	-	-	0	- - ~ 25	~ 5 ~ 5 -	-	-

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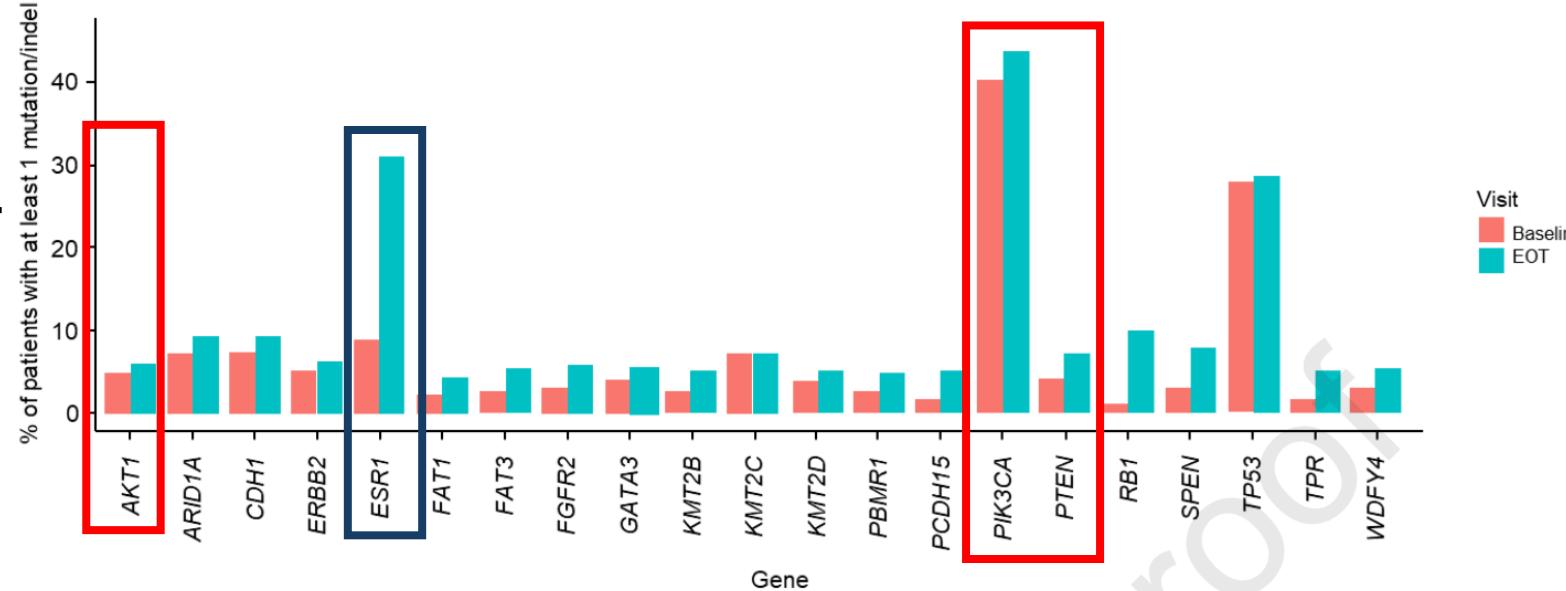
# Targeting AKT pathway in ET-resistant disease: CAPtello-291

Alteration; n (%)	Capivasertib + fulvestrant (N=355)	Placebo + fulvestrant (N=353)
<b>Any AKT pathway alteration</b>	<b>155 (43.7)</b>	<b>134 (38.0)</b>
<i>PIK3CA</i>	Any 116 (32.7)	103 (29.2)
	<i>PIK3CA</i> only 110 (31.0)	92 (26.1)
	<i>PIK3CA</i> and <i>AKT1</i> 2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)
	<i>PIK3CA</i> and <i>PTEN</i> 4 (1.1)	9 (2.5)
<i>AKT1</i> only	18 (5.1)	15 (4.2)
<i>PTEN</i> only	21 (5.9)	16 (4.5)
<b>Non-altered</b>	<b>200 (56.3)</b>	<b>219 (62.0)</b>
AKT pathway alteration not detected	142 (40.0)	171 (48.4)
Unknown	58 (16.3)	48 (13.6)
No sample available	10 (2.8)	4 (1.1)
Preanalytical failure	39 (11.0)	34 (9.6)
Post analytical failure	9 (2.5)	10 (2.8)

AKT pathway alteration status was determined centrally using next-generation sequencing **in tumor tissue** with the **FoundationOne®CDx assay** (and Burning Rock assay in China)

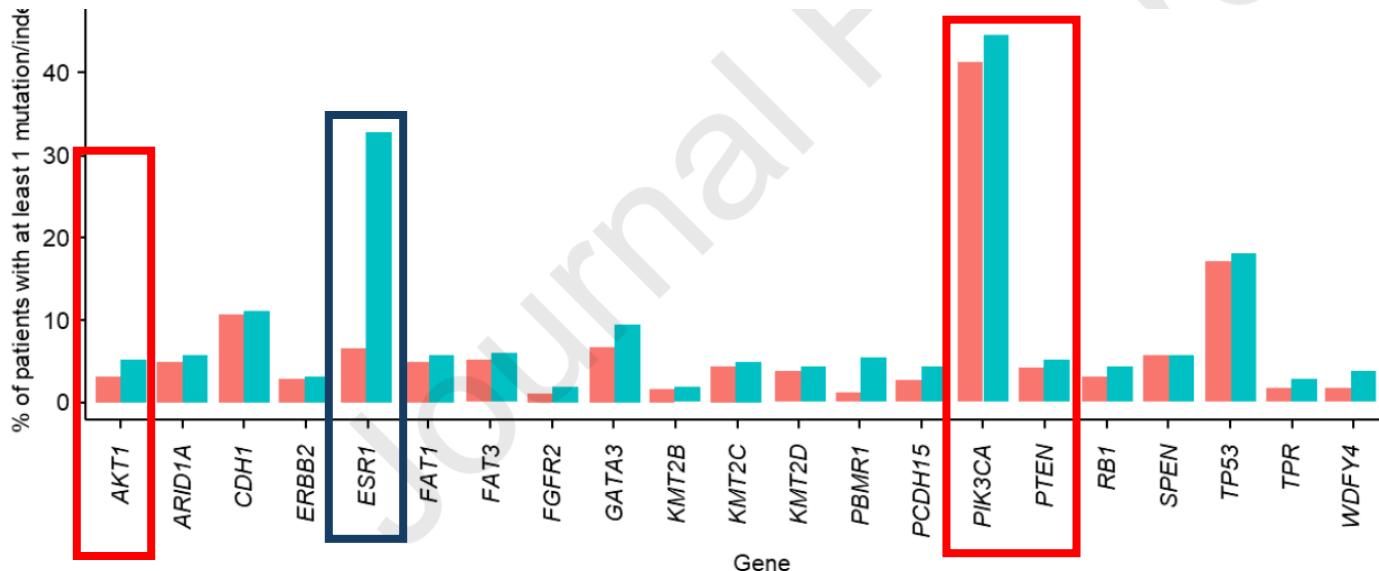
# Prevalence of gene alterations at baseline vs EOT with ribociclib plus ET vs placebo plus ET

**Ribo + ET**



No difference in ESR1m with Ribo use

**ET + Placebo**

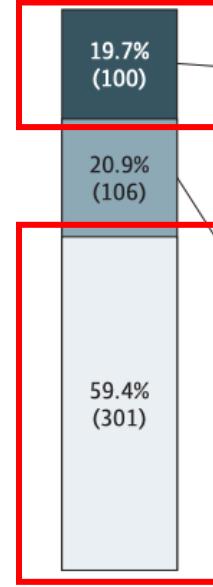


Among Ribo users only **RB1** and **SPEN** showed differences

# Liquid Biopsy or tissue Biopsy?

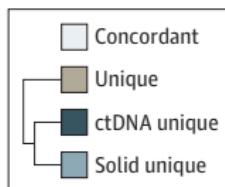
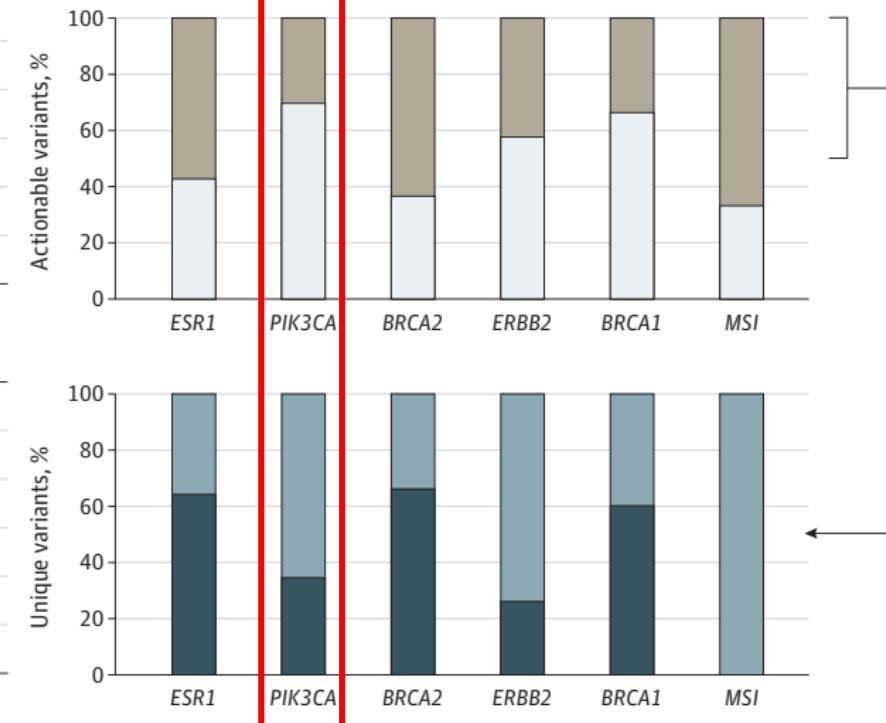
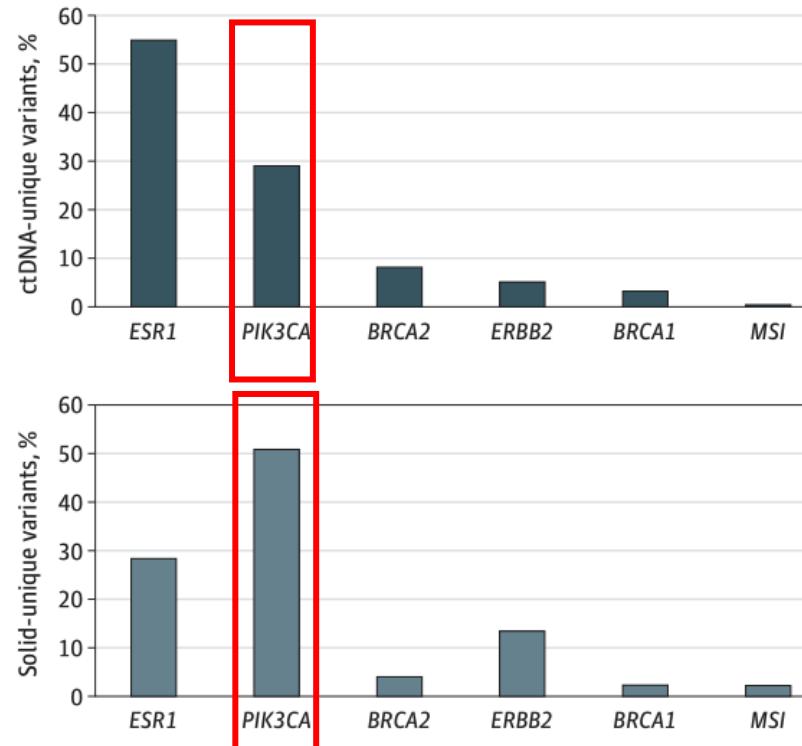
**A** Distribution of actionable variants

*ctDNA*



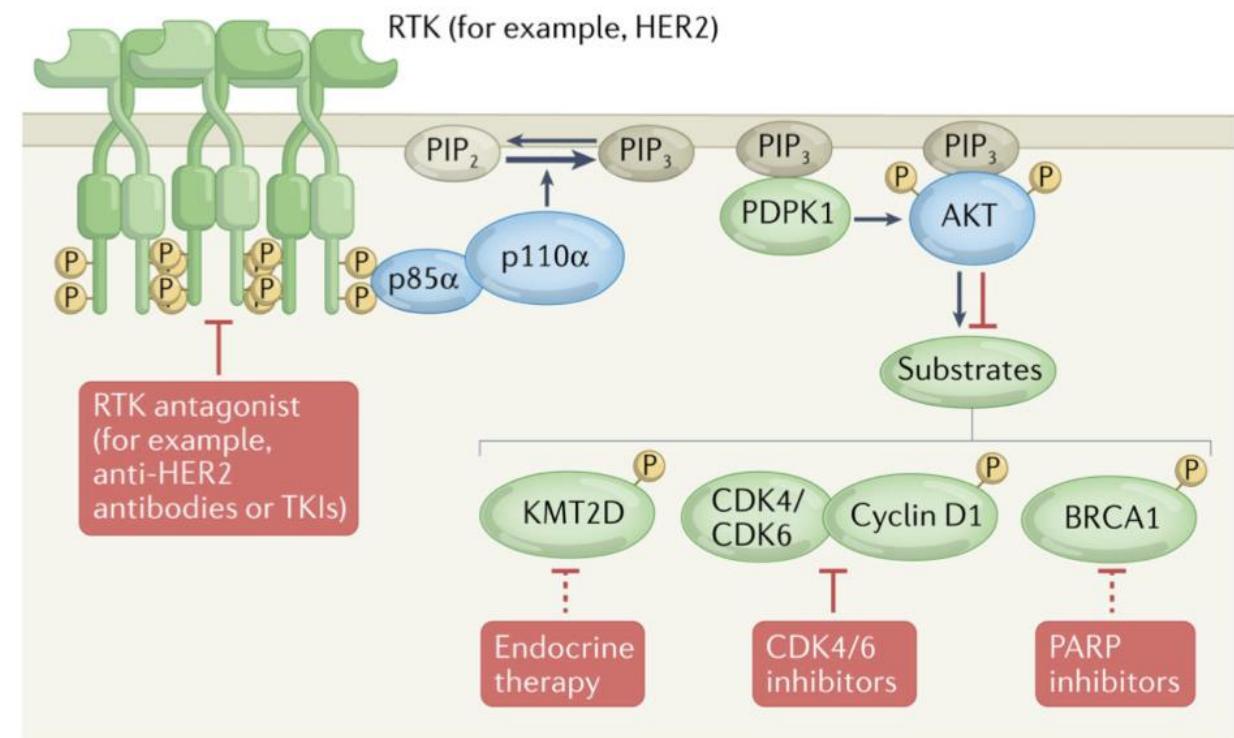
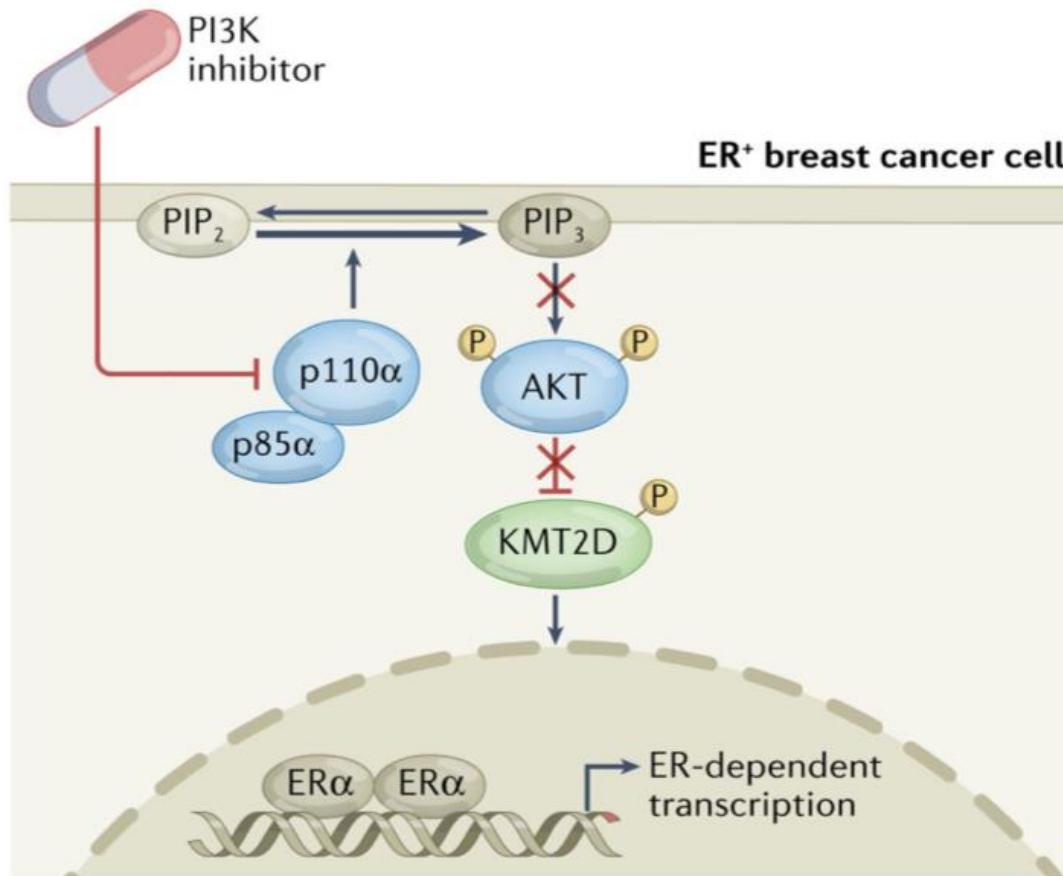
*Concordant*

**B** Unique variants detected in genes

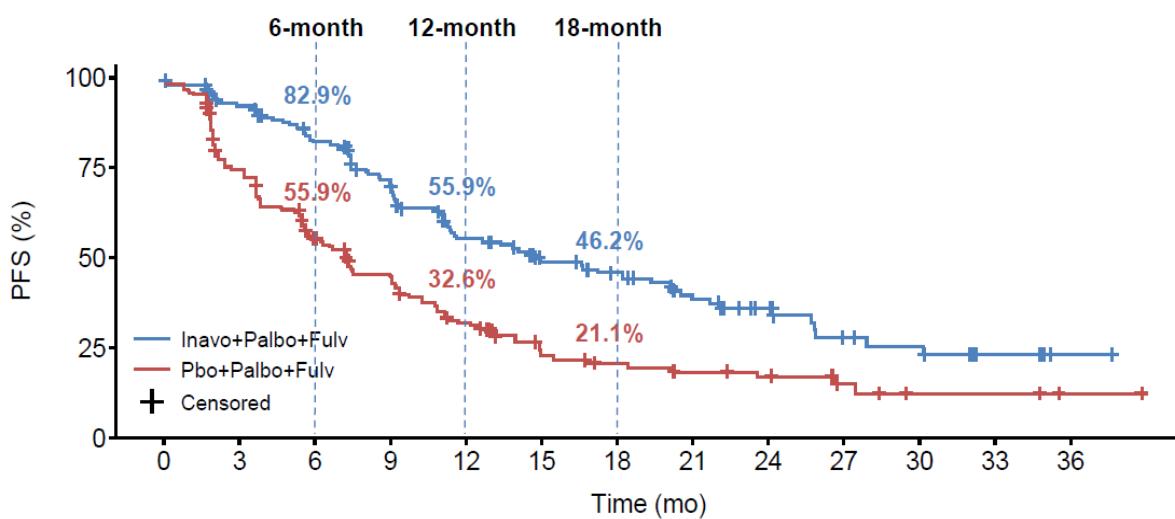


- **60 -80% concordance between tissue and ctDNA**
- **High ctDNA identification of actionable biomarkers**
- **19.7% variants detected uniquely by ctDNA → 55% ESR1**

# PI3K mechanism of resistance in breast cancer



# Targeting PIK3CA + CDK4/6is in ET-resistant disease: INAVO-120

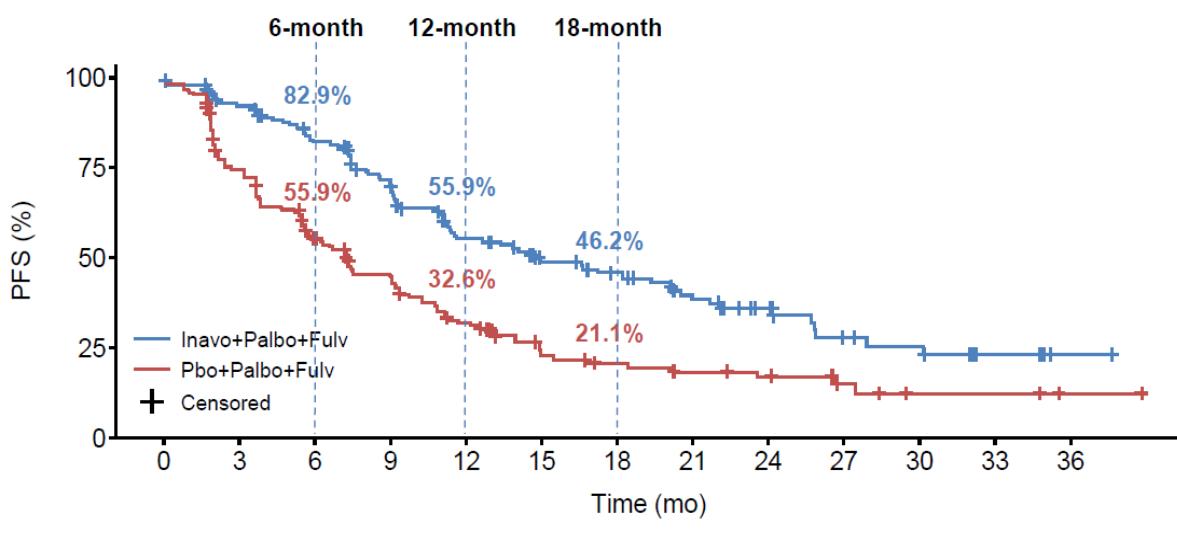


	Inavo+Palbo+Fulv (n=161)	Pbo+Palbo+Fulv (n=164)
No. of events, n (%)	82 (50.9)	113 (68.9)
Median (95% CI), mo	15.0 (11.3, 20.5)	7.3 (5.6, 9.3)
Stratified hazard ratio (95% CI)	<b>0.43 (0.32, 0.59)</b>	<b>p&lt;0.0001</b>

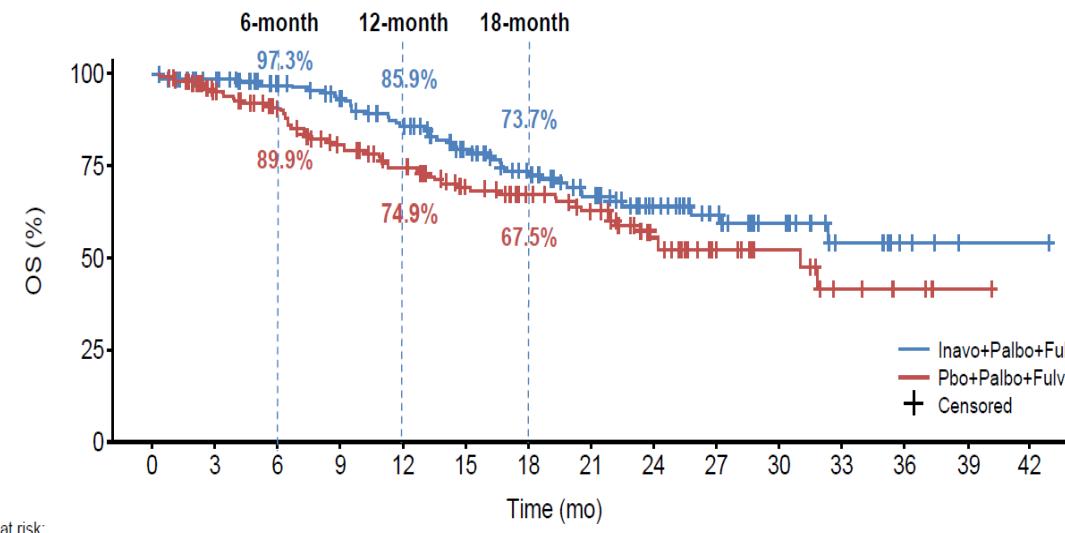
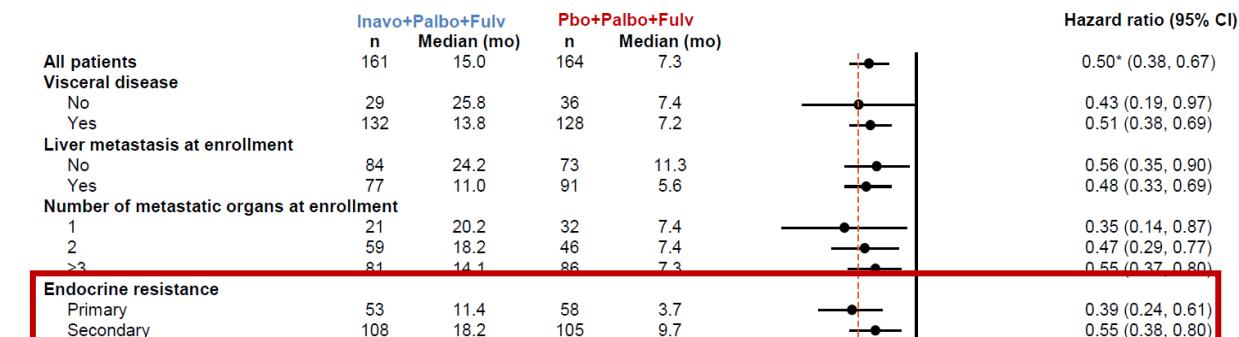
	Inavo+Palbo+Fulv n	Inavo+Palbo+Fulv Median (mo)	Pbo+Palbo+Fulv n	Pbo+Palbo+Fulv Median (mo)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
All patients	161	15.0	164	7.3	
Visceral disease					
No	29	25.8	36	7.4	0.43 (0.19, 0.97)
Yes	132	13.8	128	7.2	0.51 (0.38, 0.69)
Liver metastasis at enrollment					
No	84	24.2	73	11.3	0.56 (0.35, 0.90)
Yes	77	11.0	91	5.6	0.48 (0.33, 0.69)
Number of metastatic organs at enrollment					
1	21	20.2	32	7.4	0.35 (0.14, 0.87)
2	59	18.2	46	7.4	0.47 (0.29, 0.77)
>3	81	14.1	86	7.3	0.55 (0.37, 0.80)
Endocrine resistance					
Primary	53	11.4	58	3.7	0.39 (0.24, 0.61)
Secondary	108	18.2	105	9.7	0.55 (0.38, 0.80)

Jhaveri KL et al, SABCS 2023; Turner NC et al NEJM 2024

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p<0.0001			



Patients at risk:  
 Inavo+Palbo+Fulv 161  
 Pbo+Palbo+Fulv 164

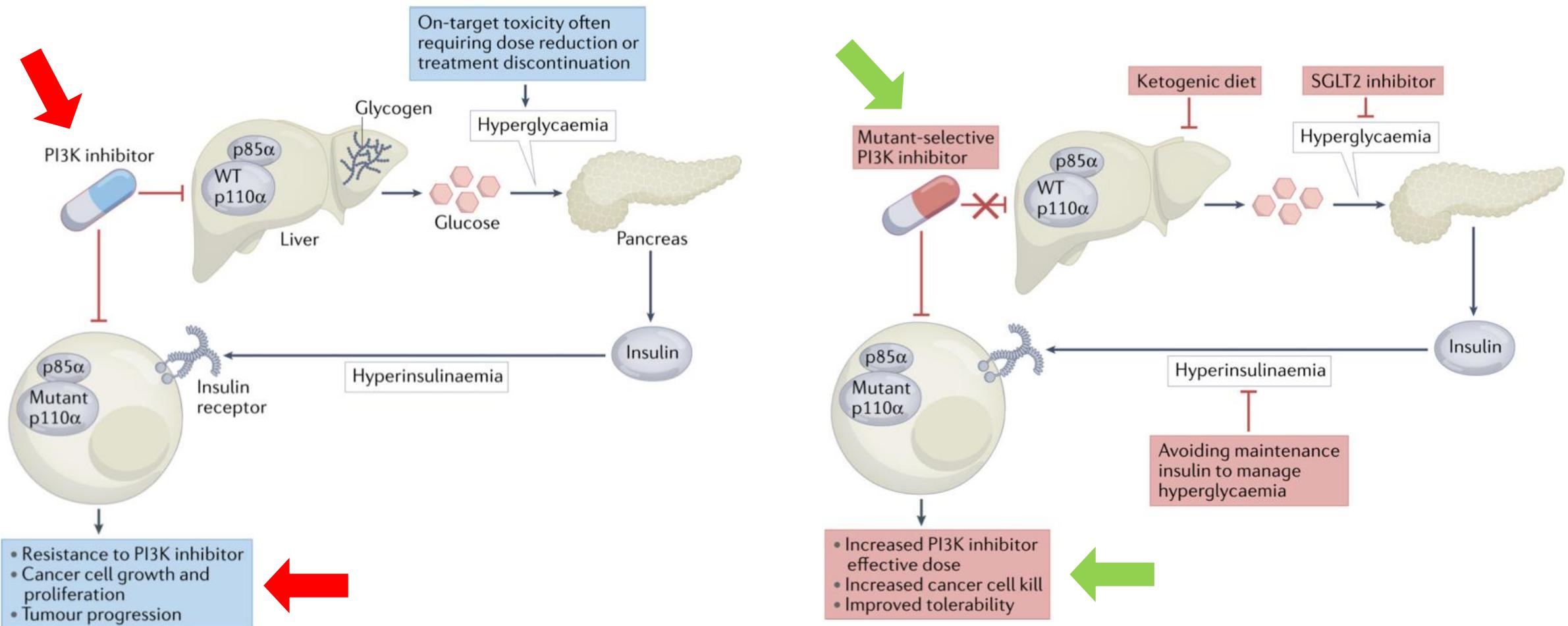
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Median follow-up:  
**21.3 months**

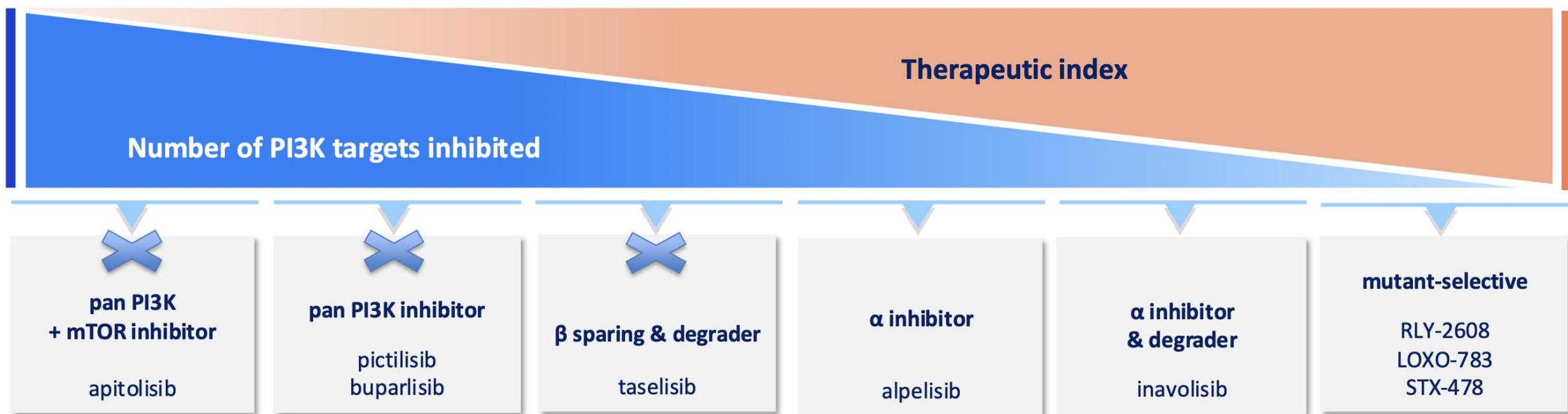
The pre-specified boundary for OS (p of 0.0098 or HR of 0.592) was not crossed at this interim analysis

	Inavo+Palbo+Fulv (n=161)	Pbo+Palbo+Fulv (n=164)
No. of events, n (%)	42 (26.1)	55 (33.5)
Median (95% CI), mo	NE (27.3, NE)	31.1 (22.3, NE)
Stratified Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.64 (0.43, 0.97)	
p=0.0338		

# PI3K inhibitors effect on metabolism



# PIK3 target inhibitors development





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