

Adjuvant Abemaciclib Combined With Endocrine Therapy for High-Risk Early Breast Cancer: Updated Efficacy and Ki-67 Analysis From the monarchE Study

HR+, HER2-, node-positive, high-risk EBC

- ≥4 positive axillary lymph nodes (ALN)
- OR
- 1-3 ALN and at least 1 of the below:
 - Tumor size ≥5 cm
 - Histologic grade 3
 - Centrally tested Ki-67 ≥20%

Randomized
1:1

Abemaciclib + Standard of Care Endocrine Therapy
(N=2808)

Standard of Care Endocrine Therapy
(N=2829)

- Median duration of follow-up: 27 months
- Patients off study treatment period: 90%

Intent to treat population N=5637

Invasive disease-free survival (IDFS)
Primary objective

Abemaciclib + ET

ET alone

30% reduction in risk of developing an IDFS event
HR=0.70 (nominal p-value <0.0001)

2.7% absolute difference in 2-year IDFS rates

92.7%

90.0%

5.4% absolute difference in 3-year IDFS rates

88.8%

83.4%

Cohort 1 N=3917

Inclusion based on
clinicopathological
risk factors

Ki-67 High
(≥20%)
N=2003

Ki-67 Low
(<20%)
N=1914

Reduction in
risk of
developing an
IDFS event

37%
HR=0.63
(p<0.001)

30%
HR=0.70
Exploratory analysis

Consistent treatment benefit in patients whose tumors had high clinicopathological risk factors, regardless of their Ki-67 index.

■ Ki-67 High
■ Ki-67 Low



Risk of invasive disease at 3 years in control arm

Greater risk of recurrence in patients with high Ki-67 tumors, confirming the prognostic value of Ki-67.

- Abemaciclib + ET significantly reduced the risk of developing an IDFS event in patients with HR+, HER2-, node-positive, high risk EBC.
- The robust treatment benefit was confirmed and maintained beyond the 2-year treatment period with abemaciclib.