

A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED MULTI-CENTER OPEN-LAB III TRIAL OF EXTENDING AROMATASE-INHIBITOR ADJUVANT TO 10 YEARS - RESULTS FROM 1697 POSTMENOPAUSAL THE N-SAS BC 05 TRIAL: ARIMIDEX EXTENDED ADJUVANT RANDOMIZED STUDY (A

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Background

- Treatment with an aromatase inhibitor (AI) for 5 years as up-front monotherapy or after therapy for 2-3 years is the treatment of choice for hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer in postmenopausal women.
- Extending endocrine therapy is an important treatment of choice for reducing the risk of breast cancer recurrence.
- Recently, DATA, IDEAL, MA17R, and NSABP B42 trials showed that extended AI therapy reduced the occurrence of secondary breast tumors. However, they had **no or only a small impact**.
- Several studies investigated the safety and efficacy of additional treatment with AIs after a sequential regimen of tamoxifen and AI for 5 years. **Only the AERAS study** investigated the safety and efficacy of **the same AI** between for 10- and 5-years treatments.
- Extension of treatment with an aromatase inhibitor to 10 years may reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence.

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N-SAS BC 05 (AERAS) study design

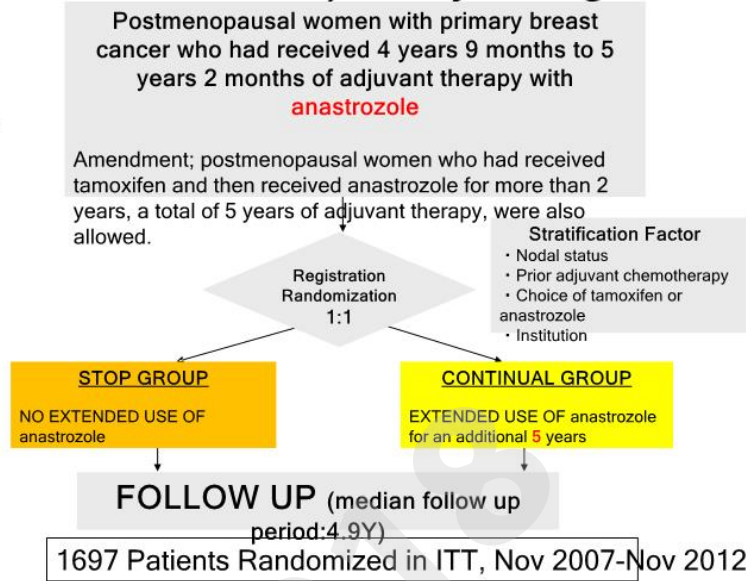
Primary endpoint : DFS

Secondary endpoints:

- OS
- DDFS
- Safety
- HRQOL
- Cost-effectiveness

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Statistical Consideration

- We designed this study to detect an increase in 5y-DFS rate from 89% in stop group to 94% in continual group, based on previous study
- A statistical power of 80% and a two-sided α level of 0.05 require 1697 participants, accounting for about a 10% dropout
- Primary and secondary endpoints were assessed by stratified log-rank tests and controlling for stratification variables
- Hazard ratios and corresponding 95% CIs were calculated based on stratified Cox proportional hazards model

Patient Demographics and Disease

		STOP GROUP (N=843) n(%)	CONTINUAL GROUP (N=840) n(%)
Median age	Years	64.5	64.3
BMI		23.3	23.3
T-stage	T1	437 (51.8)	449 (53.4)
	T2	378 (44.8)	358 (42.6)
	T3/T4	28 (3.3)	33 (3.9)
N-stage	N0	667 (79.1)	650 (77.3)
	N1	163 (19.3)	171 (20.3)
	N2	13 (1.5)	19 (2.2)
Hormone receptor	ER +	836 (99.1)	830 (98.8)
	PR +	627 (74.3)	618 (73.5)

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Patient Demographics and Disease Characteristics (2)

		STOP GROUP (N=843) n(%)	CONTINUAL GROUP (N=840) n(%)
Radiotherapy	Yes	457 (54.2)	456 (54.2)
	No	383 (45.4)	385 (45.8)
Adjuvant chemotherapy	Yes	332 (39.3)	328 (39)
	N0	509 (60.3)	512 (60.9)
Endocrine therapy In first 5 years	TAM→ANA	76(9)	75(8.9)
	ANA	772 (91)	774 (91.1)

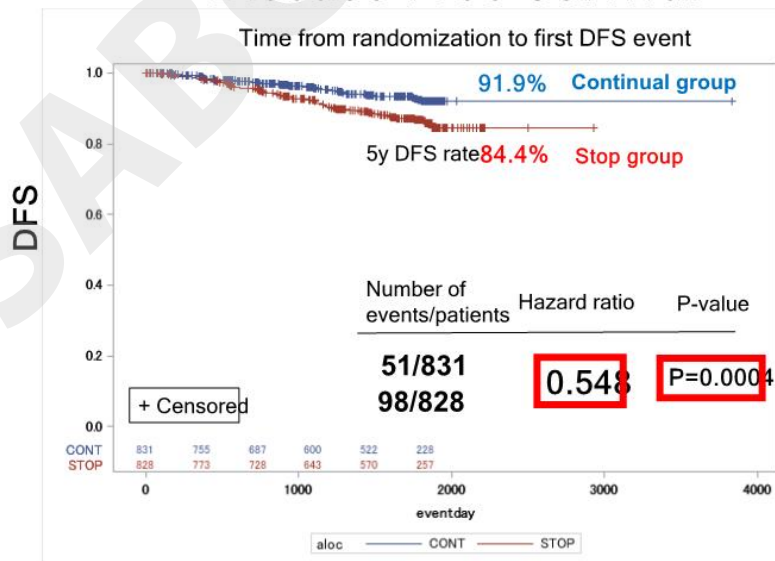
Duration of Study Treatment

- Median duration of treatment was 4.9 years in both groups
- Overall, **75.2%** of patients in **STOP** group and **70.1%** of patients in **CONTINUAL** group completed 5 years of study treatment

Reason of early termination	STOP GROUP (%)	CONTINUAL GROUP (%)
Adverse events	0	9.6
Patient refusal	3	7.4
Changing hospital	2.2	2.2
Breast cancer recurrence	11.3	5.4
Second cancer (not breast-related)	5.4	1.9
Other	4.1	2.9

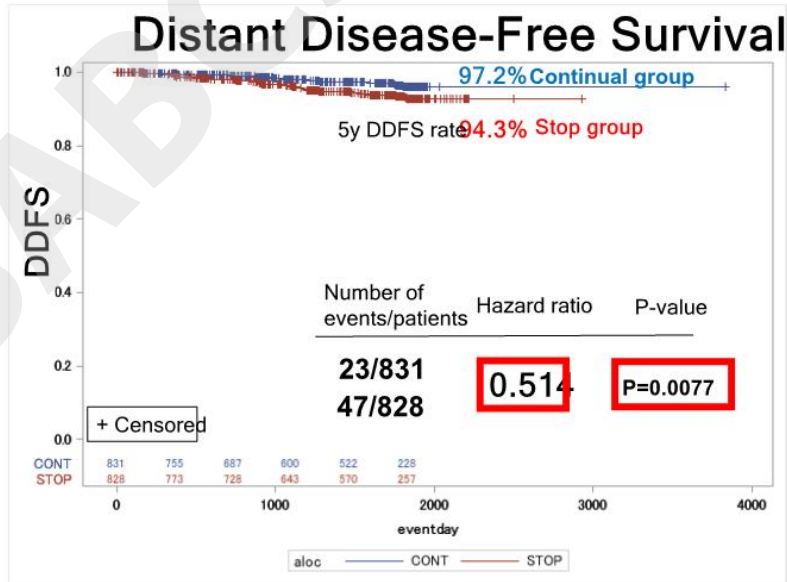
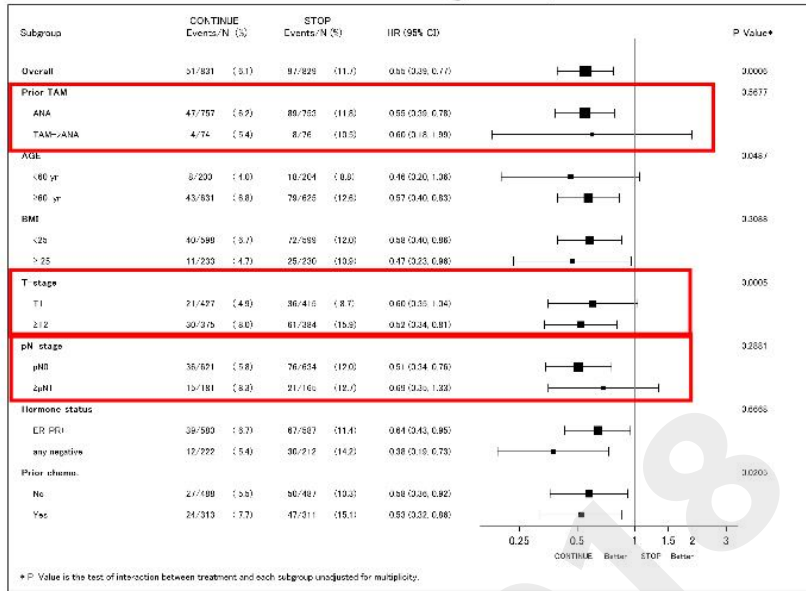
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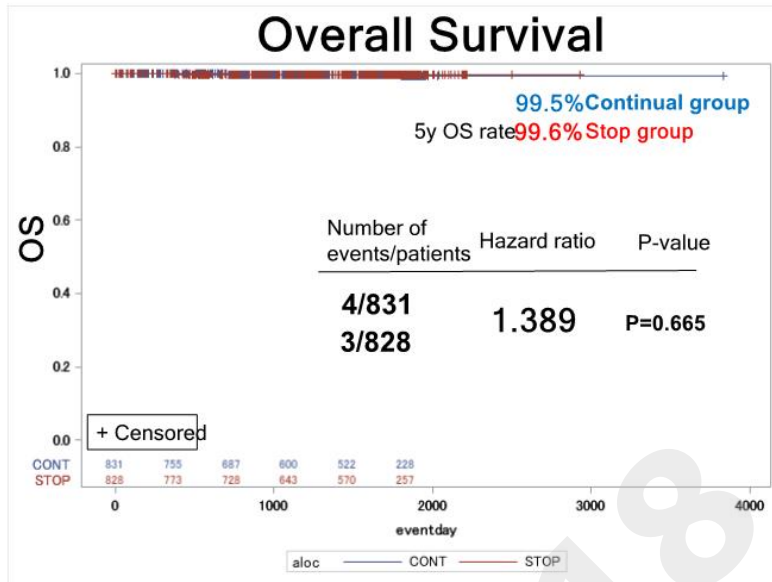
Disease-Free Survival



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DFS Subgroups





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ALL Events

	STOP GROUP (n=828)		CONTINUAL GROUP (n=831)	
	No. of Pts	%	No. of Pts	%
Local recurrence	32	3.8	15	1.8
Distant recurrence	47	5.6	23	2.7
Contralateral breast cancer	7	0.8	6	0.7
Second primary Cancer	35	4.3	13	1.5
Death	3	0.3	4	0.4

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Predefined Adverse Events

	STOP GROUP (N=783)		CONTINUAL GROUP (N=783)	
	Any	Grade≥3	Any	Grade≥3
Bone fractures	1.1%	0.1%	2.8%	0.5%
Osteoporosis	28%	0.1%	33%	0.3%
Arthralgia	11.7%	0.1%	19.2%	0.8%
Stiff joints	4.9%	0%	11.7%	0.3%
Hot flashes	3.2%	0%	6.7%	0.5%
Headache	1.8%	0%	2.1%	0.1%

Conclusions

- The extension of treatment with an adjuvant aromatase inhibitor (anastrozole) to 10 years resulted in **significantly higher rates of disease-free survival and distant disease-free survival** than those with no additional anastrozole.

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