

***How much TailorX and rXponder trials  
do change the treatment spectrum of  
HR positive breast cancer?***

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# TailorX trial

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## Adjuvant Chemotherapy Guided by a 21-Gene Expression Assay in Breast Cancer

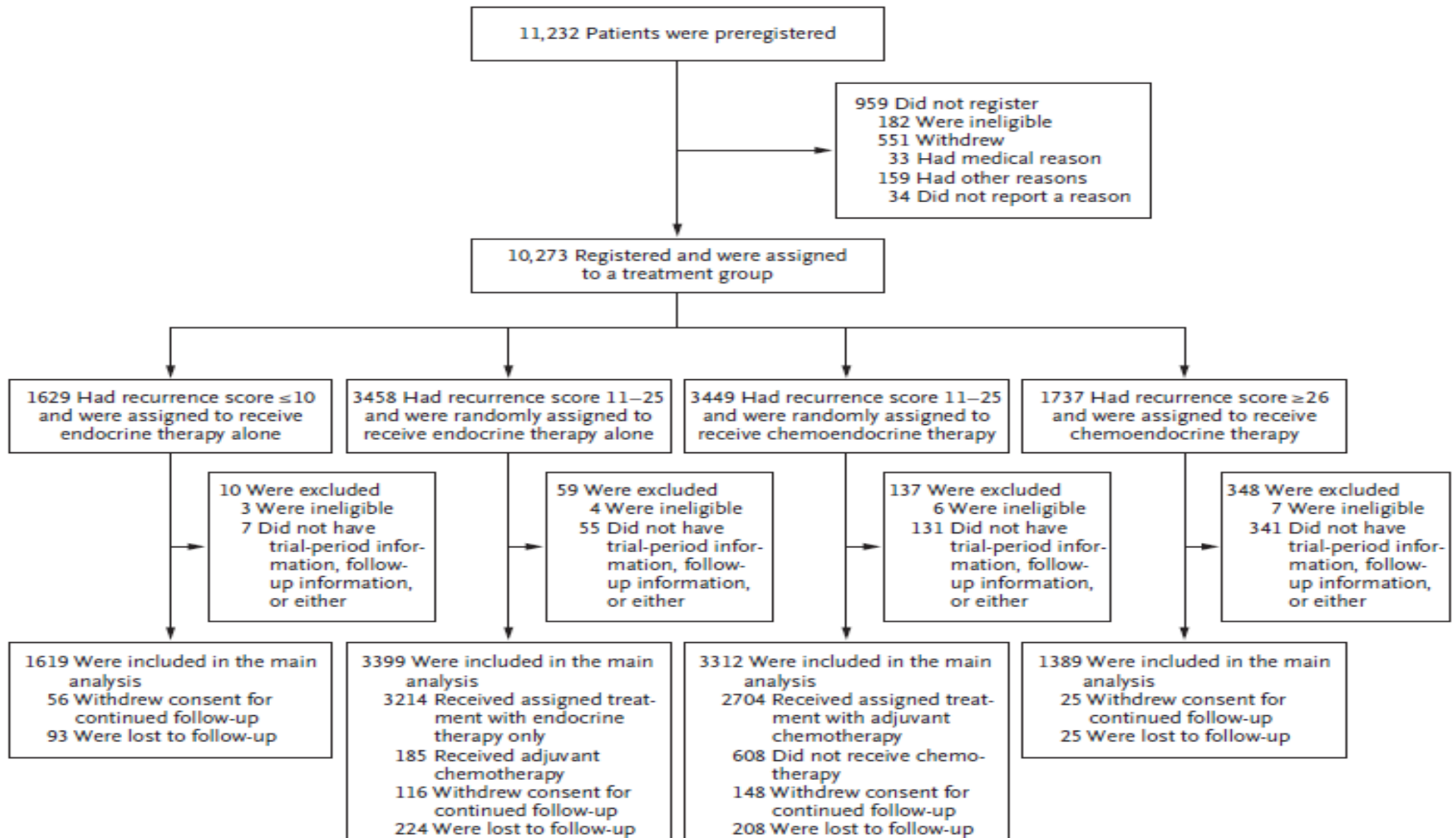
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# ***The Trial Assigning Individualized Options for Treatment (TAILORx)***

when the recurrence score is low (0 to 10), it is prognostic for a very low rate of distant recurrence (2%) at 10 years that is not likely to be affected by adjuvant chemotherapy.

The recurrence score based on the 21-gene assay ranges from 0 to 100 and is predictive of chemotherapy benefit when it is high, whether a high score is defined as 31 or higher, or 26 or higher.

The Trial Assigning Individualized Options for Treatment (TAILORx) was designed to address these gaps in our knowledge by determining whether chemotherapy is beneficial for women with a mid-range recurrence score of 11 to 25.



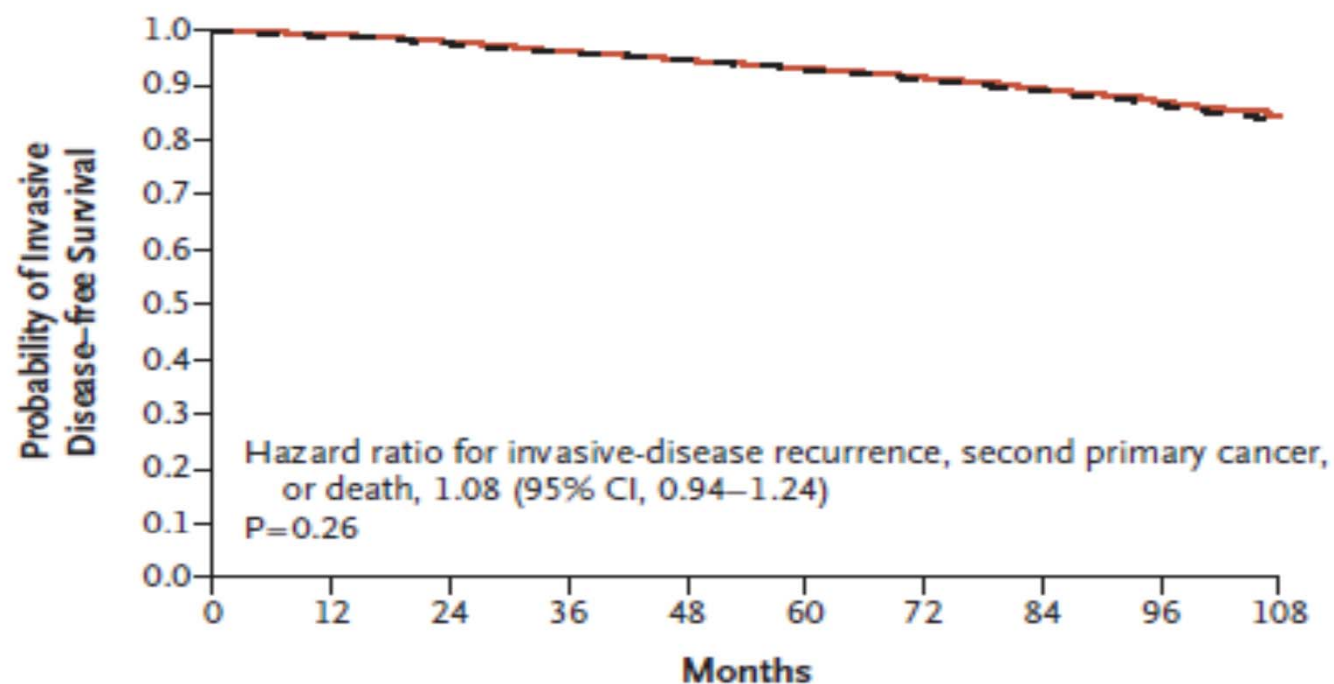
**Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients in the Intention-to-Treat Population at Baseline.\***

Characteristic	Recurrence Score of $\leq 10$	Recurrence Score of 11–25		Recurrence Score of $\geq 26$
	Endocrine Therapy (N = 1619)	Endocrine Therapy (N = 3399)	Chemoendocrine Therapy (N = 3312)	Chemoendocrine Therapy (N = 1389)
Median age (range) — yr	58 (25–75)	55 (23–75)	55 (25–75)	56 (23–75)
$\leq 50$ yr — no. (%)	429 (26)	1139 (34)	1077 (33)	409 (29)
Menopausal status — no. (%) <sup>†</sup>				
Premenopausal	478 (30)	1212 (36)	1203 (36)	407 (29)
Postmenopausal	1141 (70)	2187 (64)	2109 (64)	982 (71)
Tumor size in the largest dimension — cm <sup>‡</sup>				
Median (IQR)	1.5 (1.2–2.0)	1.5 (1.2–2.0)	1.5 (1.2–2.0)	1.7 (1.3–2.3)
Mean	1.74 $\pm$ 0.76	1.71 $\pm$ 0.81	1.71 $\pm$ 0.77	1.88 $\pm$ 0.99
Pathologic grade of tumor — no./total no. (%)				
Low	530/1572 (34)	959/3282 (29)	934/3216 (29)	89/1363 (7)
Intermediate	931/1572 (59)	1884/3282 (57)	1837/3216 (57)	590/1363 (43)
High	111/1572 (7)	439/3282 (13)	445/3216 (14)	681/1363 (50)
HER2 receptor expression — no. (%)				
Negative	5 (<1)	6 (<1)	3 (<1)	40 (3)
Positive	1614 (>99)	3393 (>99)	3309 (>99)	1349 (97)
Estrogen-receptor expression — no./total no. (%)				
Negative	28/1583 (2)	267/3339 (8)	251/3240 (8)	405/1353 (30)
Positive	1555/1583 (98)	3072/3339 (92)	2989/3240 (92)	948/1353 (70)
Recurrence risk — no./total no. (%) <sup>§</sup>				
Low	1227/1572 (78)	2440/3282 (74)	2359/3214 (73)	589/1359 (43)
High	345/1572 (22)	842/3282 (26)	855/3214 (27)	770/1359 (57)
Primary surgery — no. (%)				
Mastectomy	516 (32)	935 (28)	917 (28)	368 (26)
Breast conservation	1103 (68)	2464 (72)	2395 (72)	1021 (74)
Adjuvant chemotherapy — no. (%)				
Yes	8 (0.5)	185 (5.4)	2704 (81.6)	1300 (93.6)
No	1611 (99.5)	3214 (94.6)	608 (18.4)	89 (6.4)

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--- Endocrine therapy    — Chemoendocrine therapy

## A Invasive Disease-free Survival

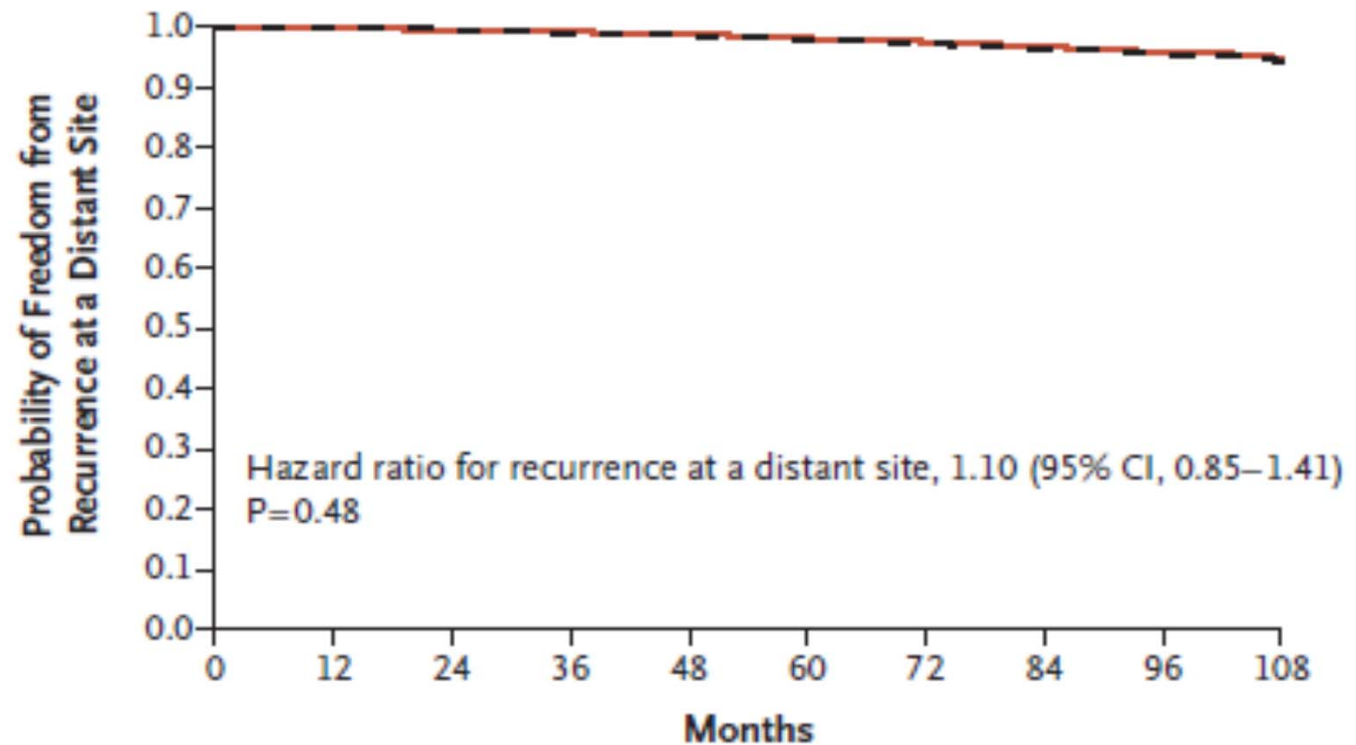


### No. at Risk

Chemoendocrine therapy	3312	3204	3104	2993	2849	2645	2335	1781	1130	523
Endocrine therapy	3399	3293	3194	3081	2953	2741	2431	1859	1197	537

# Metastatic free survival

## B Freedom from Recurrence at a Distant Site



### No. at Risk

Chemoendocrine therapy	3312	3215	3142	3059	2935	2734	2432	1866	1197	554
Endocrine therapy	3399	3318	3239	3147	3033	2833	2537	1947	1267	581

**Table 2. Estimated Survival Rates According to Recurrence Score and Assigned Treatment in the Intention-to-Treat Population.\***

<b>End Point and Treatment Group</b>	<b>Rate at 5 Yr</b>	<b>Rate at 9 Yr</b>
	<i>percent</i>	
<b>Invasive disease–free survival†</b>		
Score of $\leq 10$ , endocrine therapy	94.0 $\pm$ 0.6	84.0 $\pm$ 1.3
Score of 11–25, endocrine therapy	92.8 $\pm$ 0.5	83.3 $\pm$ 0.9
Score of 11–25, chemoendocrine therapy	93.1 $\pm$ 0.5	84.3 $\pm$ 0.8
Score of $\geq 26$ , chemoendocrine therapy	87.6 $\pm$ 1.0	75.7 $\pm$ 2.2
<b>Freedom from recurrence of breast cancer at a distant site</b>		
Score of $\leq 10$ , endocrine therapy	99.3 $\pm$ 0.2	96.8 $\pm$ 0.7
Score of 11–25, endocrine therapy	98.0 $\pm$ 0.3	94.5 $\pm$ 0.5
Score of 11–25, chemoendocrine therapy	98.2 $\pm$ 0.2	95.0 $\pm$ 0.5
Score of $\geq 26$ , chemoendocrine therapy	93.0 $\pm$ 0.8	86.8 $\pm$ 1.7
<b>Freedom from recurrence of breast cancer at a distant or local–regional site</b>		
Score of $\leq 10$ , endocrine therapy	98.8 $\pm$ 0.3	95.0 $\pm$ 0.8
Score of 11–25, endocrine therapy	96.9 $\pm$ 0.3	92.2 $\pm$ 0.6
Score of 11–25, chemoendocrine therapy	97.0 $\pm$ 0.3	92.9 $\pm$ 0.6
Score of $\geq 26$ , chemoendocrine therapy	91.0 $\pm$ 0.8	84.8 $\pm$ 1.7
<b>Overall survival</b>		
Score of $\leq 10$ , endocrine therapy	98.0 $\pm$ 0.4	93.7 $\pm$ 0.8
Score of 11–25, endocrine therapy	98.0 $\pm$ 0.2	93.9 $\pm$ 0.5
Score of 11–25, chemoendocrine therapy	98.1 $\pm$ 0.2	93.8 $\pm$ 0.5
Score of $\geq 26$ , chemoendocrine therapy	95.9 $\pm$ 0.6	89.3 $\pm$ 1.4



**Table 3. Estimated Survival Rates According to Recurrence Score and Assigned Treatment among Women 50 Years of Age or Younger in the Intention-to-Treat Population.\***

End Point and Treatment Group	Rate at 5 Yr	Rate at 9 Yr
	<i>percent</i>	
<b>Invasive disease–free survival†</b>		
Score of ≤10, endocrine therapy	95.1±1.1	87.4±2.0
Score of 11–15, endocrine therapy	95.1±1.1	85.7±2.2
Score of 11–15, chemoendocrine therapy	94.3±1.3	89.2±1.9
Score of 16–20, endocrine therapy	92.0±1.3	80.6±2.5
Score of 16–20, chemoendocrine therapy	94.7±1.1	89.6±1.7
Score of 21–25, endocrine therapy	86.3±2.3	79.2±3.3
Score of 21–25, chemoendocrine therapy	92.1±1.8	85.5±3.0
Score of ≥26, chemoendocrine therapy	86.4±1.9	80.3±2.9
<b>Freedom from recurrence of breast cancer at a distant site</b>		
Score of ≤10, endocrine therapy	99.7±0.3	98.5±0.8
Score of 11–15, endocrine therapy	98.8±0.6	97.2±1.0
Score of 11–15, chemoendocrine therapy	98.5±0.7	98.0±0.8
Score of 16–20, endocrine therapy	98.1±0.7	93.6±1.4
Score of 16–20, chemoendocrine therapy	98.9±0.5	95.2±1.3
Score of 21–25, endocrine therapy	93.2±1.7	86.9±2.9
Score of 21–25, chemoendocrine therapy	96.4±1.2	93.4±2.3
Score of ≥26, chemoendocrine therapy	91.1±1.6	88.7±2.1
<b>Freedom from recurrence of breast cancer at a distant or local–regional site</b>		
Score of ≤10, endocrine therapy	98.4±0.6	95.4±1.3
Score of 11–15, endocrine therapy	97.5±0.8	93.3±1.6
Score of 11–15, chemoendocrine therapy	97.2±0.9	94.4±1.5
Score of 16–20, endocrine therapy	95.7±1.0	89.6±1.9
Score of 16–20, chemoendocrine therapy	97.2±0.8	93.0±1.5
Score of 21–25, endocrine therapy	89.8±2.0	82.0±3.2
Score of 21–25, chemoendocrine therapy	94.2±1.6	90.7±2.5
Score of ≥26, chemoendocrine therapy	88.6±1.8	86.1±2.2
<b>Overall survival</b>		
Score of ≤10, endocrine therapy	100.0	98.6±0.9
Score of 11–15, endocrine therapy	99.3±0.4	96.8±1.0
Score of 11–15, chemoendocrine therapy	98.9±0.6	97.5±0.9
Score of 16–20, endocrine therapy	98.6±0.6	95.8±1.2
Score of 16–20, chemoendocrine therapy	99.8±0.2	96.1±1.2
Score of 21–25, endocrine therapy	98.2±0.9	92.7±2.0
Score of 21–25, chemoendocrine therapy	98.3±0.8	93.9±1.9
Score of ≥26, chemoendocrine therapy	95.6±1.1	92.4±1.9

# Take home message for Premenopausal patients with score 16 to 25

- Exploratory analyses indicated that chemotherapy was associated with some benefit for women 50 years of age or younger who had a recurrence score of 16 to 25 (a range of scores that was found in 46% of women in this age group). A greater treatment effect from adjuvant chemotherapy has been noted in younger women,<sup>7</sup> which may be at least partly explained by an antiestrogenic effect associated with premature menopause induced by chemotherapy.

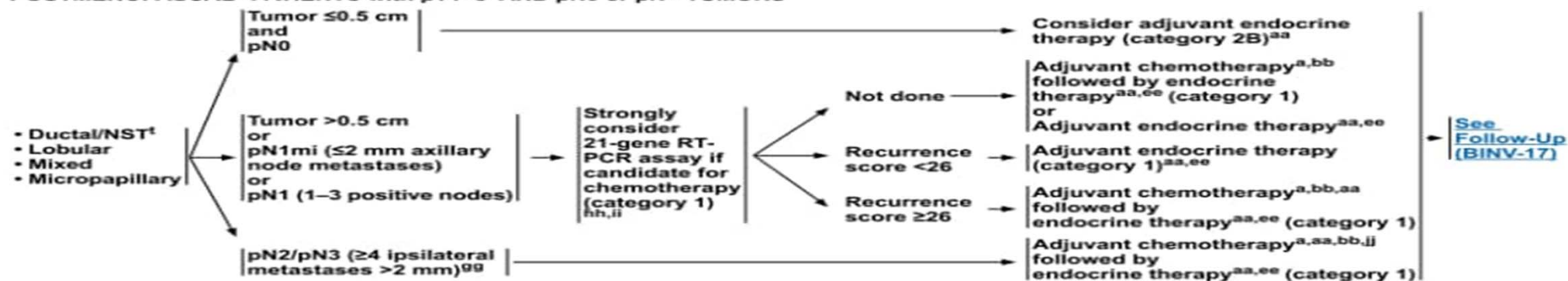
# Premenopausal with score 0 to 15

- Conversely, in the 40% of women 50 years of age or younger who had a recurrence score of 0 to 15, the rate of distant recurrence was approximately 2% at 9 years among those who had been assigned (either randomly or nonrandomly) to endocrine therapy alone.

# Postmenopausal scores;

- . When all recurrence score cohorts ( $\leq 10$ , 11 to 25, and  $\geq 26$ ) and treatment-group assignments were considered, there were significant differences in the rates of invasive disease-free survival, recurrence, and death .

**SYSTEMIC ADJUVANT TREATMENT: HR-POSITIVE - HER2-NEGATIVE DISEASE<sup>d,q,y</sup>  
POSTMENOPAUSAL<sup>z</sup> PATIENTS with pT1-3 AND pN0 or pN+ TUMORS**



<sup>a</sup> For tools to aid optimal assessment and management of older adults, see [NCCN Guidelines for Older Adult Oncology](#).

<sup>d</sup> See [Principles of Biomarker Testing \(BINV-A\)](#).

<sup>q</sup> See [Special Considerations for Breast Cancer in Males \(Sex Assigned at Birth\) \(BINV-J\)](#).

<sup>†</sup> According to WHO, carcinoma of NST encompasses multiple patterns including medullary pattern, cancers with neuroendocrine expression, and other rare patterns.

<sup>y</sup> Although patients with cancers with 1%–100% ER IHC staining are considered ER-positive and eligible for endocrine therapies, there are more limited data on the subgroup of cancers with ER-low-positive (1%–10%) results. The ER-low-positive group is heterogeneous with reported biologic behavior often similar to ER-negative cancers; thus individualized consideration of risks versus benefits of endocrine therapy and additional adjuvant therapies should be incorporated into decision-making. See [Principles of Biomarker Testing \(BINV-A\)](#).

<sup>z</sup> See [Definition of Menopause \(BINV-O\)](#).

<sup>aa</sup> See [Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy \(BINV-K\)](#).

<sup>bb</sup> See [Preoperative/Adjuvant Therapy Regimens \(BINV-L\)](#).

<sup>ee</sup> Consider adjuvant bisphosphonate therapy for risk reduction of distant metastasis for 3–5 years in postmenopausal patients (natural or induced) with high-risk node-negative or node-positive tumors.

<sup>99</sup> There are few data regarding the role of gene expression assays in those with ≥4 ipsilateral axillary lymph nodes. Decisions to administer adjuvant chemotherapy for this group should be based on clinical factors.

<sup>hh</sup> Other prognostic gene expression assays may be considered to help assess risk of recurrence but have not been validated to predict response to chemotherapy. See [Gene Expression Assays for Consideration of Adjuvant Systemic Therapy \(BINV-N\)](#).

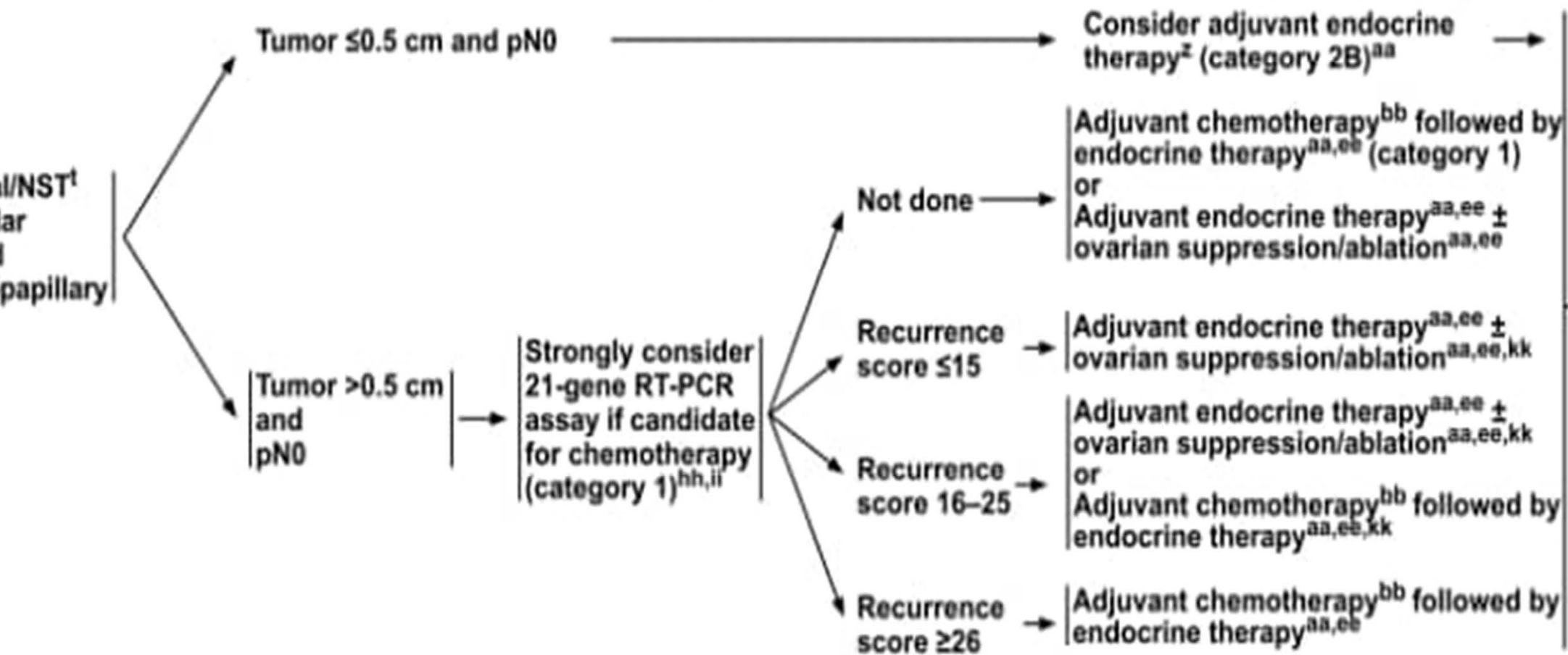
<sup>ii</sup> Patients with T1b tumors with low-grade histology and no lymphovascular invasion should be treated with endocrine monotherapy as the TAILORx trial did not include patients with such tumors.

<sup>jj</sup> Addition of 1 year of adjuvant olaparib is an option for select patients with germline *BRCA1/2* mutation after completion of adjuvant chemotherapy. See [BINV-L \(1 of 8\)](#).

**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

### ADJUVANT TREATMENT: HR-POSITIVE - HER2-NEGATIVE DISEASE<sup>d,q,y</sup> POSTMENOPAUSAL<sup>z</sup> PATIENTS with pT1-3 AND pN0 TUMORS



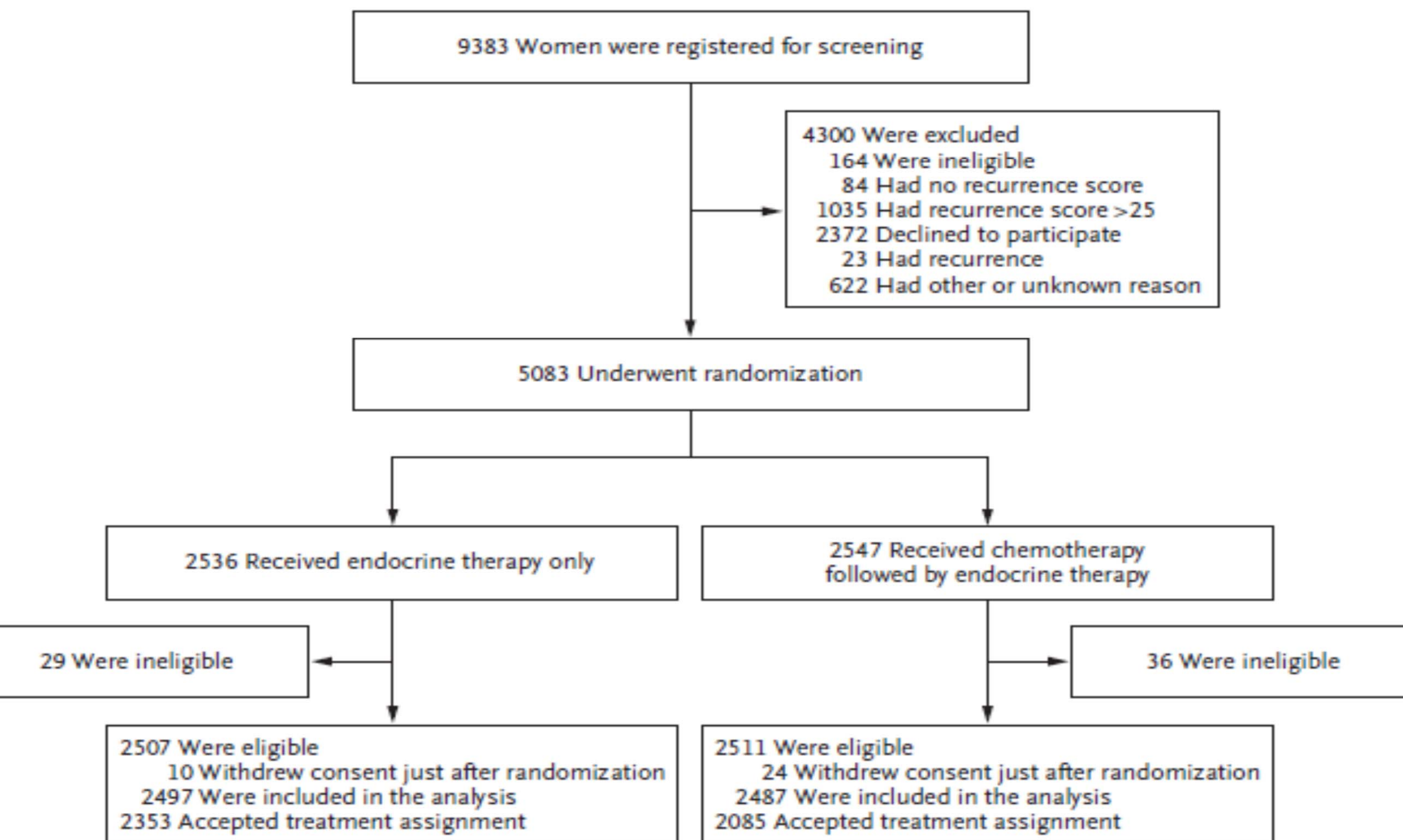
# Are we dare enough to extend this to N+??

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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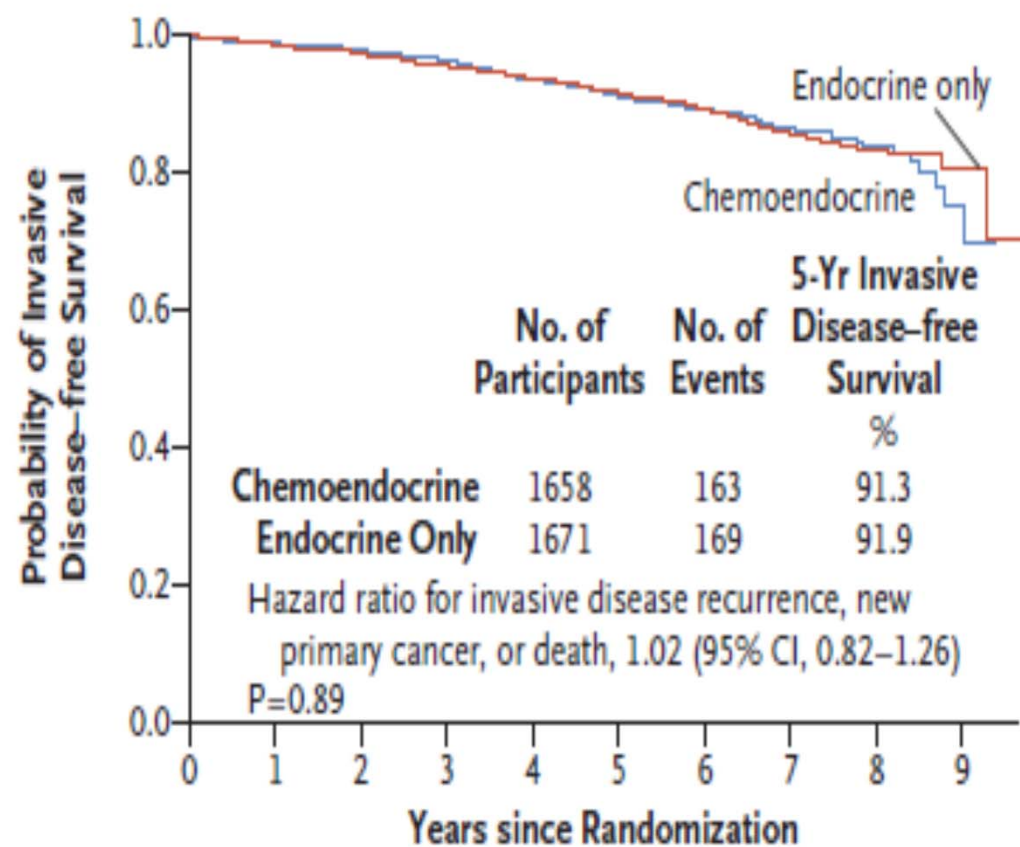


**Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Participants.\***

Characteristic	Endocrine-Only Group (N= 2507)	Chemoendocrine Group (N= 2511)	All Participants (N= 5018)
Median age (range) — yr	57.2 (18.3–86.0)	57.9 (28.0–87.6)	57.5 (18.3–87.6)
Age category — no. (%)			
<40 yr	80 (3.2)	67 (2.7)	147 (2.9)
40–49 yr	547 (21.8)	530 (21.1)	1077 (21.5)
50–59 yr	838 (33.4)	837 (33.3)	1675 (33.4)
60–69 yr	761 (30.4)	777 (30.9)	1538 (30.6)
≥70 yr	281 (11.2)	300 (12.0)	581 (11.6)
Menopausal status — no. (%)			
Premenopausal	831 (33.1)	834 (33.2)	1665 (33.2)
Postmenopausal	1676 (66.9)	1677 (66.8)	3353 (66.8)
Recurrence score — no. (%) †			
0–13	1071 (42.7)	1076 (42.9)	2147 (42.8)
14–25	1436 (57.3)	1435 (57.1)	2871 (57.2)
Axillary surgery — no. (%)			
Axillary lymph-node dissection, with or without sentinel-node mapping	1571 (62.7)	1569 (62.5)	3140 (62.6)
Sentinel-node biopsy without axillary lymph-node dissection	936 (37.3)	942 (37.5)	1878 (37.4)
Positive nodes — no. (%)			
1 node	1647 (65.7)	1628 (64.8)	3275 (65.3)
2 nodes	623 (24.8)	643 (25.6)	1266 (25.2)
3 nodes	229 (9.1)	231 (9.2)	460 (9.2)
Not reported	8 (0.3)	9 (0.4)	17 (0.3)



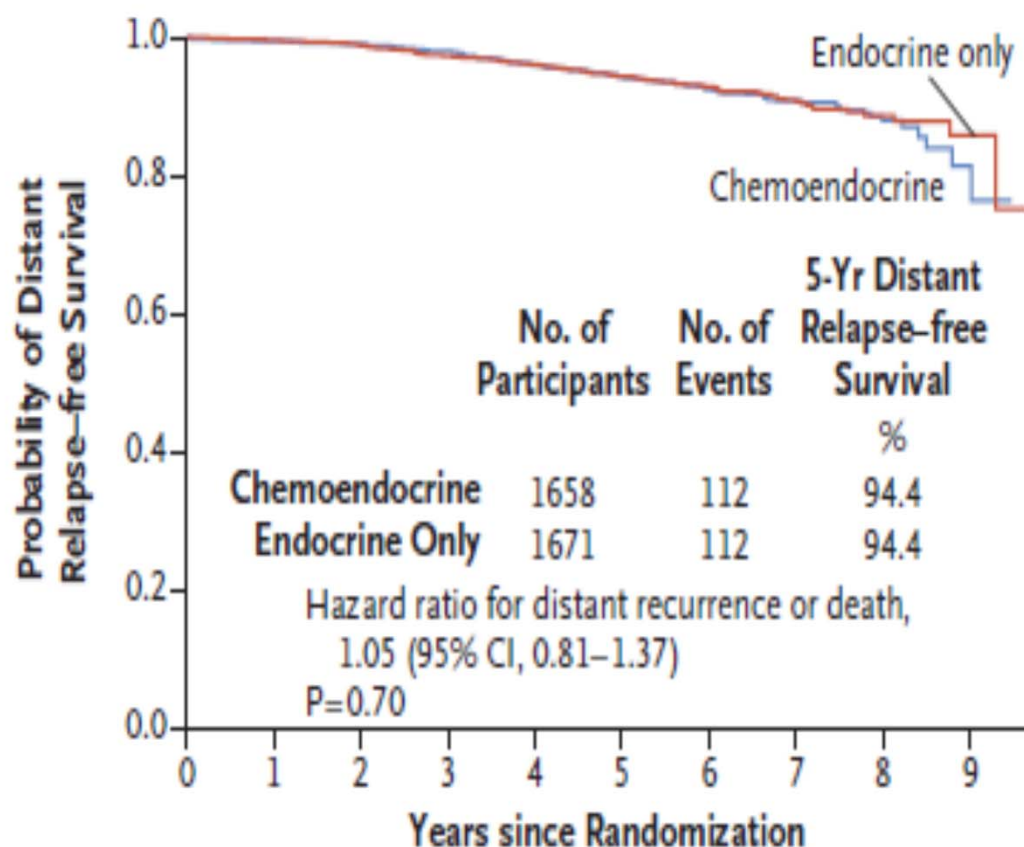
### B Invasive Disease-free Survival, Postmenopausal Participants



#### No. at Risk

Chemoendo- crine group	1658	1515	1413	1298	1145	993	659	358	129	14
Endocrine- only group	1671	1568	1474	1343	1196	1030	679	364	137	21

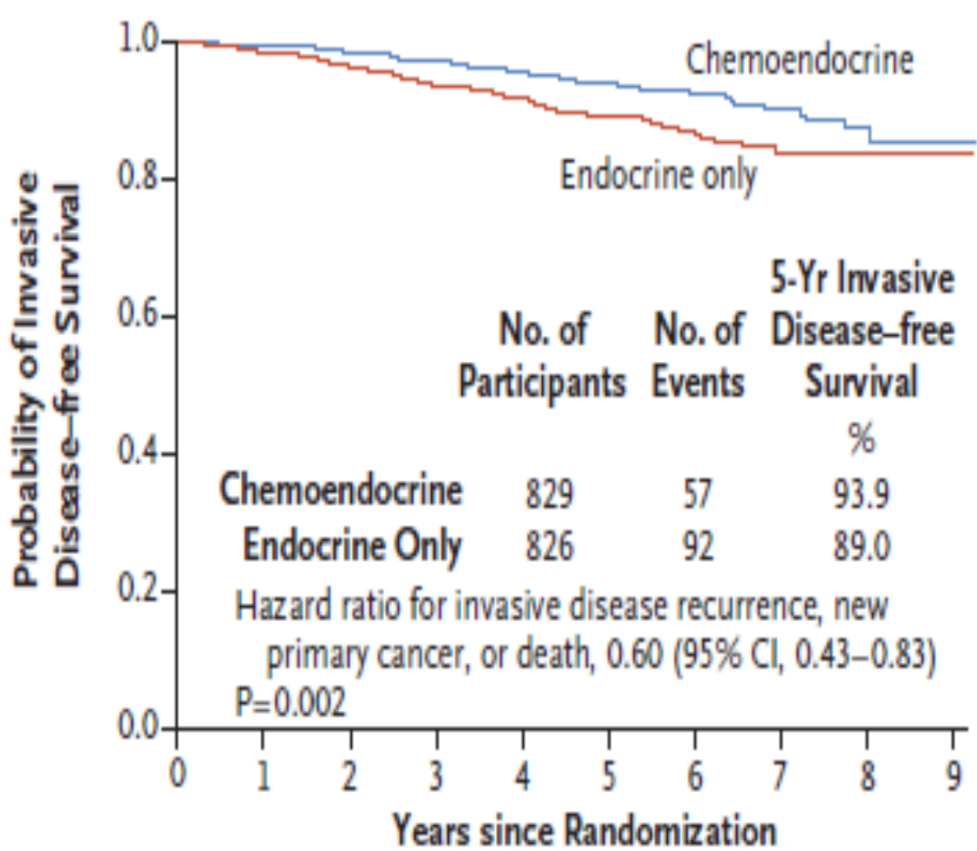
### E Distant Relapse-free Survival, Postmenopausal Participants



#### No. at Risk

Chemoendo- crine group	1658	1525	1429	1320	1175	1026	686	382	139	16
Endocrine- only group	1671	1583	1492	1368	1226	1059	706	386	144	22

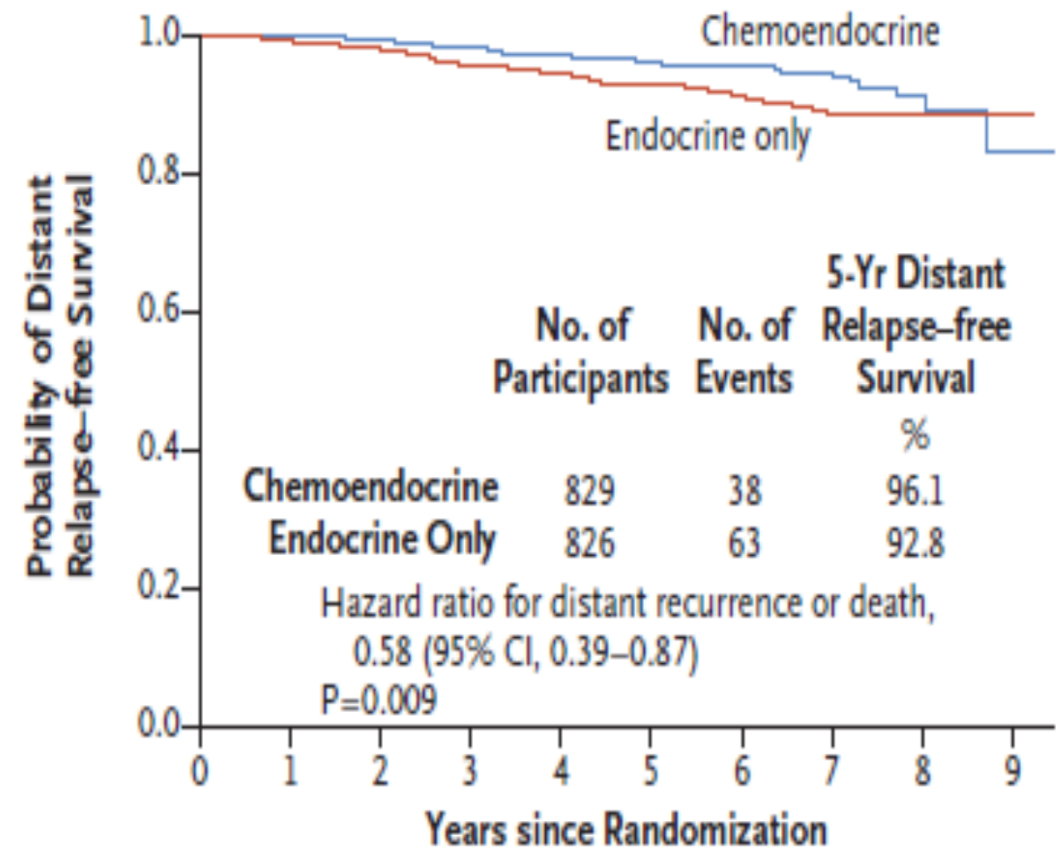
**C Invasive Disease-free Survival, Premenopausal Participants**



**No. at Risk**

Chemoendo- crine group	829	764	710	642	546	484	312	153	46	5
Endocrine- only group	826	760	703	622	542	463	290	138	44	2

**F Distant Relapse-free Survival, Premenopausal Participants**

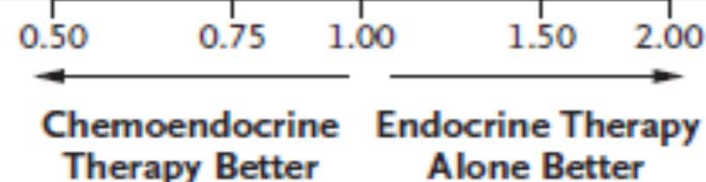


**No. at Risk**

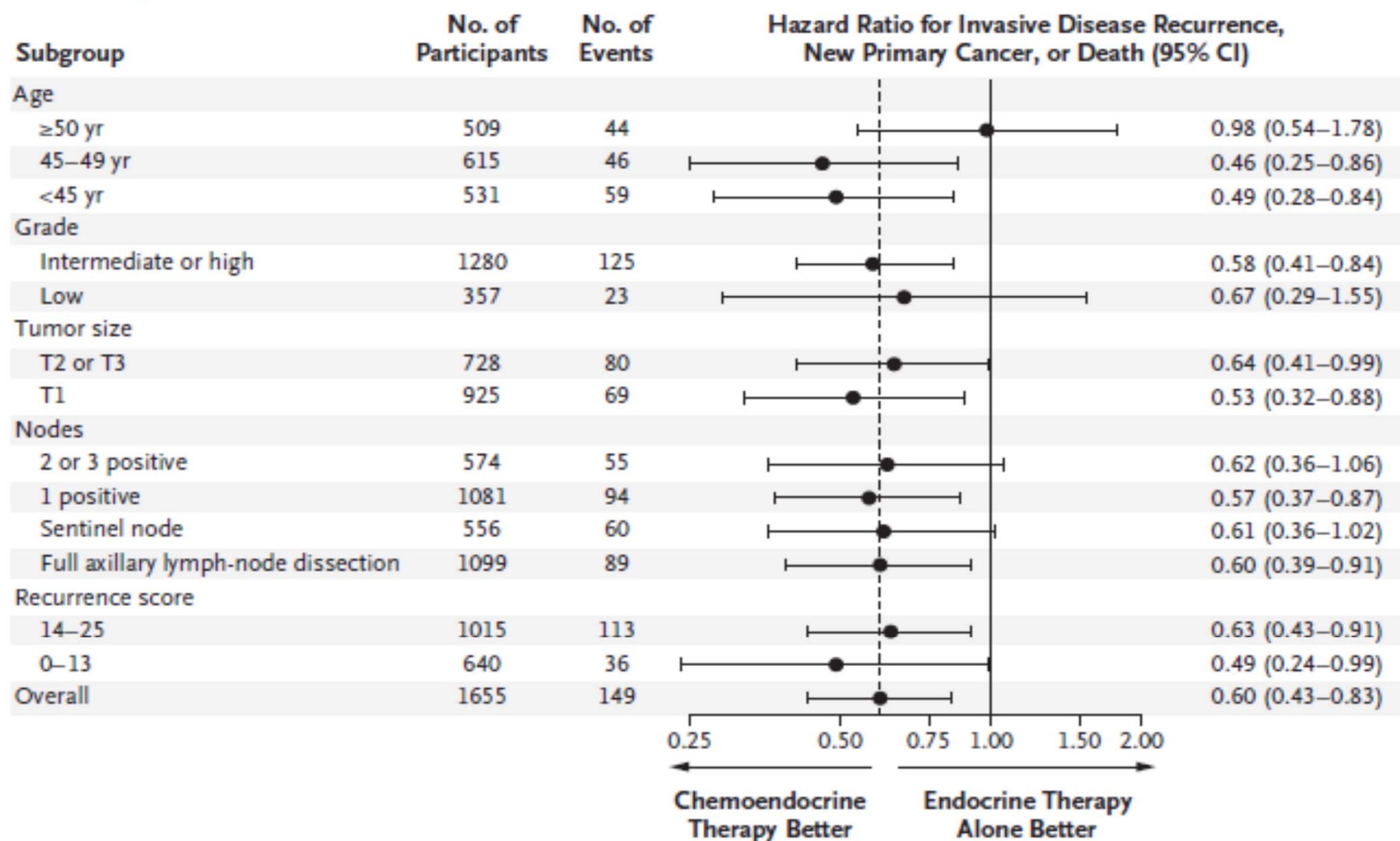
Chemoendo- crine group	829	767	716	650	554	496	322	160	49	5
Endocrine- only group	826	765	715	634	558	481	307	147	46	2

### A Postmenopausal Women

Subgroup	No. of Participants	No. of Events	Hazard Ratio for Invasive Disease Recurrence, New Primary Cancer, or Death (95% CI)	
<b>Age</b>				
>65 yr	1180	138		1.05 (0.75–1.47)
55–65 yr	1637	145		0.94 (0.68–1.30)
<55 yr	511	49		1.15 (0.66–2.03)
<b>Grade</b>				
Intermediate or high	2433	265		1.06 (0.83–1.35)
Low	850	62		0.91 (0.55–1.50)
<b>Tumor size</b>				
T2 or T3	1360	173		1.07 (0.80–1.45)
T1	1966	159		0.95 (0.70–1.30)
<b>Nodes</b>				
2 or 3 positive	1146	133		1.22 (0.87–1.71)
1 positive	2181	199		0.90 (0.68–1.19)
Sentinel node	1306	118		0.78 (0.54–1.12)
Full axillary lymph-node dissection	2022	214		1.19 (0.91–1.55)
<b>Recurrence score</b>				
14–25	1837	206		1.01 (0.77–1.33)
0–13	1492	126		1.01 (0.71–1.44)
Overall	3328	332		1.02 (0.82–1.26)



## B Premenopausal Women



**Table 2. Invasive Disease–free Survival, According to Recurrence Score and Treatment (Intention-to-Treat Population).\***

Recurrence-Score Category and Type of Therapy	No. of Participants	Invasive Disease–free Survival at 5 Yr	Hazard Ratio for Recurrence (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>
		<i>percent</i>	
<b>Premenopausal women</b>			
≤10, endocrine only	174	92.4±2.2	0.47 (0.18–1.20)
≤10, chemoendocrine	151	96.6±1.7	
11–15, endocrine only	277	93.3±1.7	0.68 (0.33–1.37)
11–15, chemoendocrine	287	95.5±1.4	
16–20, endocrine only	254	83.8±2.6	0.57 (0.35–0.94)
16–20, chemoendocrine	269	91.5±1.9	
21–25, endocrine only	118	85.2±3.6	0.63 (0.30–1.31)
21–25, chemoendocrine	121	92.4±2.8	
<b>Women ≤50 yr</b>			
≤10, endocrine only	145	91.0±2.6	0.31 (0.10–0.94)
≤10, chemoendocrine	135	97.9±1.5	
11–15, endocrine only	247	93.1±1.8	0.71 (0.33–1.51)
11–15, chemoendocrine	235	95.4±1.6	
16–20, endocrine only	227	85.1±2.6	0.58 (0.33–1.00)
16–20, chemoendocrine	224	92.2±2.0	
21–25, endocrine only	107	80.0±4.3	0.56 (0.27–1.17)
21–25, chemoendocrine	98	90.0±3.6	

**Postmenopausal women**

≤10, endocrine only	434	92.7±1.4	0.72 (0.44–1.18)
≤10, chemoendocrine	434	92.7±1.4	
11–15, endocrine only	454	95.8±1.0	1.30 (0.88–1.92)
11–15, chemoendocrine	524	93.5±1.2	
16–20, endocrine only	525	90.8±1.5	0.91 (0.57–1.43)
16–20, chemoendocrine	454	93.2±1.3	
21–25, endocrine only	451	93.2±1.3	1.13 (0.75–1.70)
21–25, chemoendocrine	255	84.8±2.5	

**Women >50 yr**

≤10, endocrine only	463	93.1±1.3	0.78 (0.48–1.26)
≤10, chemoendocrine	472	95.5±1.0	
11–15, endocrine only	554	93.6±1.1	1.22 (0.83–1.79)
11–15, chemoendocrine	577	91.2±1.4	
16–20, endocrine only	481	92.1±1.3	0.86 (0.56–1.32)
16–20, chemoendocrine	496	92.8±1.3	
21–25, endocrine only	266	86.9±2.3	1.17 (0.77–1.76)
21–25, chemoendocrine	246	81.8±2.7	