

## Chair's presentation

# Abiraterone for untreated high-risk hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer [ID945]

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Committee B

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# ACD: preliminary recommendation

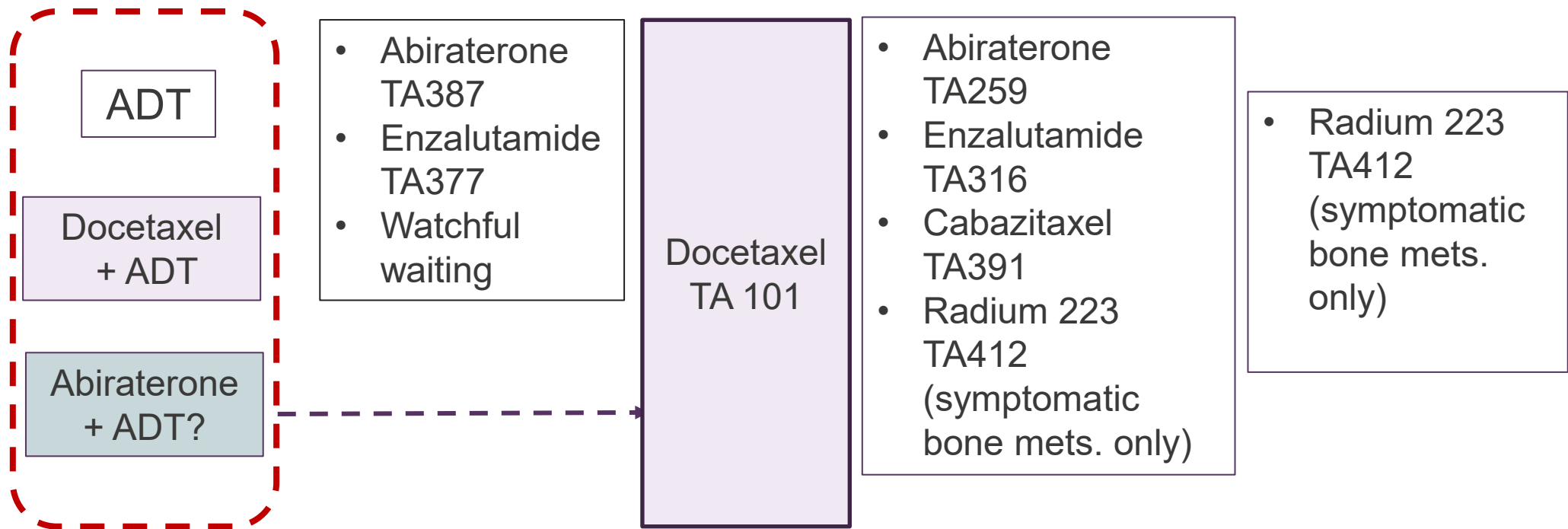
Abiraterone plus androgen deprivation therapy is not recommended, within its marketing authorisation, for untreated high-risk hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer in adults

**no analyses reflected the committee's preferred assumptions**

# Treatment pathway

Comparators are androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) and docetaxel + ADT

HORMONE SENSITIVE Metastatic	‘hormone relapsed’ Metastatic <i>(also known as ‘castrate resistant’)</i>			
New diagnosis	Before chemotherapy indicated	Chemo-therapy indicated	After docetaxel	Cannot tolerate docetaxel



**Current appraisal high risk**

*Committee heard that docetaxel can be offered again to people who had it for hormone sensitive disease after the disease has progressed and is hormone relapsed; company’s model did not reflect this*

# Abiraterone (Zytiga, Janssen)

## Marketing authorisation

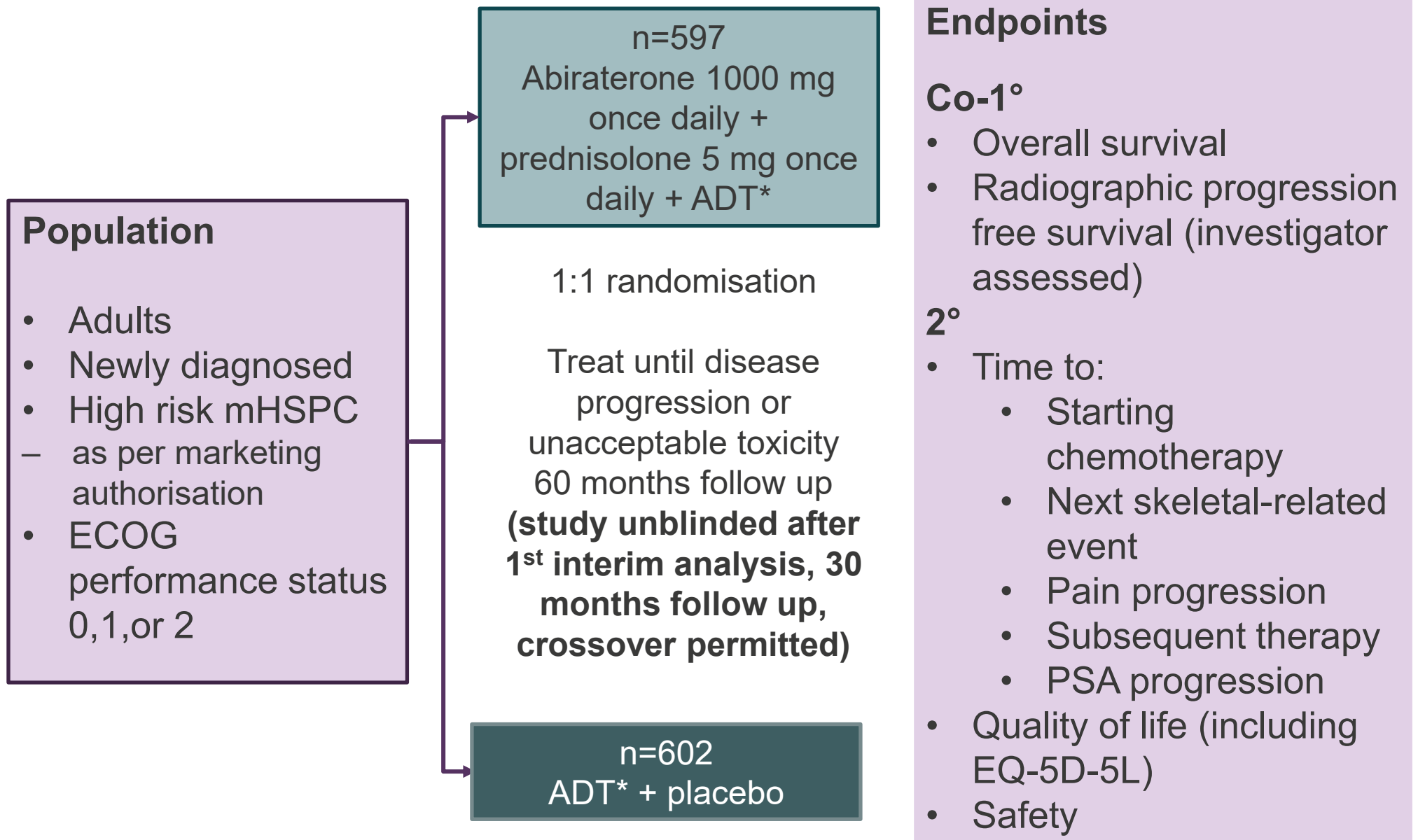
- Indicated with prednisone or prednisolone for treating newly diagnosed **high risk + metastatic** hormone sensitive prostate cancer (mHSPC) in adults in combination with androgen deprivation therapy (ADT)
- ‘High risk’ is defined as
  1. Gleason score  $\geq 8$  (aggressive/likely to spread)
  2. 3 or more lesions on bone scan
  3. Visceral metastasis (excluding lymph nodes)
- Note: Abiraterone also indicated for metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) before or after chemotherapy
- NHS England does not commission abiraterone twice or enzalutamide after abiraterone

## Cost

- Maximum list price cost per patient per year £35,653
- A ‘commercial arrangement’ is proposed but not yet approved. Same as existing commercial access arrangement.

# LATITUDE

## International randomised double-blind placebo-controlled



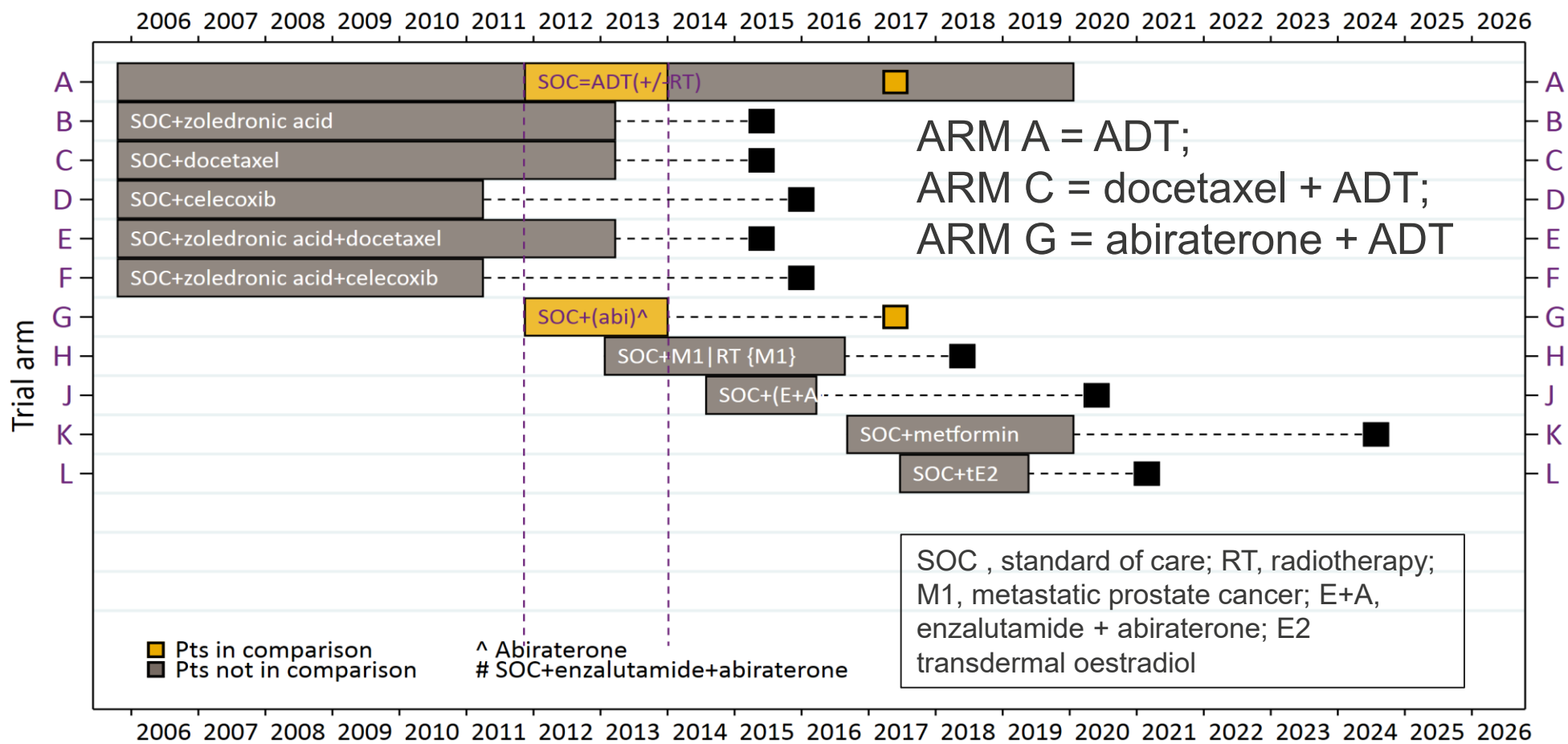
\* Luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone agonist or bilateral orchidectomy

# STAMPEDE:

Multi-arm, multi-stage platform trial localised or metastatic – subgroup for metastatic HSPC, but not ‘high-risk’ metastatic

Yellow bars show populations in pre-planned comparison of abiraterone + ADT vs. ADT

STAMPEDE: Abiraterone comparisons



A = 957/~900 pts --> 262/~267 primary outcome measure events  
G = 960/~900 pts

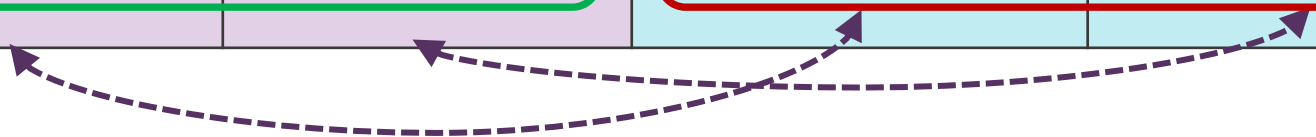
# Trial evidence by comparator

	Direct comparison	Indirect comparison
<b>Abiraterone + ADT vs. ADT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LATITUDE</li> <li>• STAMPEDE</li> </ul>	
<b>Abiraterone + ADT vs. docetaxel + ADT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAMPEDE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GETUG-AFU 15 CHAARTED</li> <li>– Open label RCTs (newly diagnosed high-volume metastatic hormone sensitive subgroups)</li> <li>– comparing docetaxel + ADT vs. ADT</li> </ul>

# Results for abiraterone + ADT vs comparator

- For docetaxel comparison, committee preferred direct comparison;
- Heard from clinicians effect unlikely to vary by risk level (high/low)

	Direct comparison		Indirect comparison	
ADT alone	PFS	OS	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">company used in model</div> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">committee preferred</div>	
	LATITUDE	LATITUDE		
	0.47 (0.39 to 0.55)	0.62 (0.51 to 0.76)		
	metastatic STAMPEDE	metastatic STAMPEDE		
	0.43 (0.36 to 0.52)	0.61 (0.49 to 0.75)		
Docetaxel + ADT	PFS	OS	PFS	OS
	metastatic STAMPEDE	metastatic STAMPEDE	LATITUDE + CHAARTED + GETUG-AFU 15	LATITUDE + CHAARTED + GETUG-AFU 15
	0.69 (0.50 to 0.95)	1.13 (0.77 to 1.66)	0.76 (0.53 to 1.10)	0.92 (0.69 to 1.23)





# Cost effectiveness model – 2 approaches

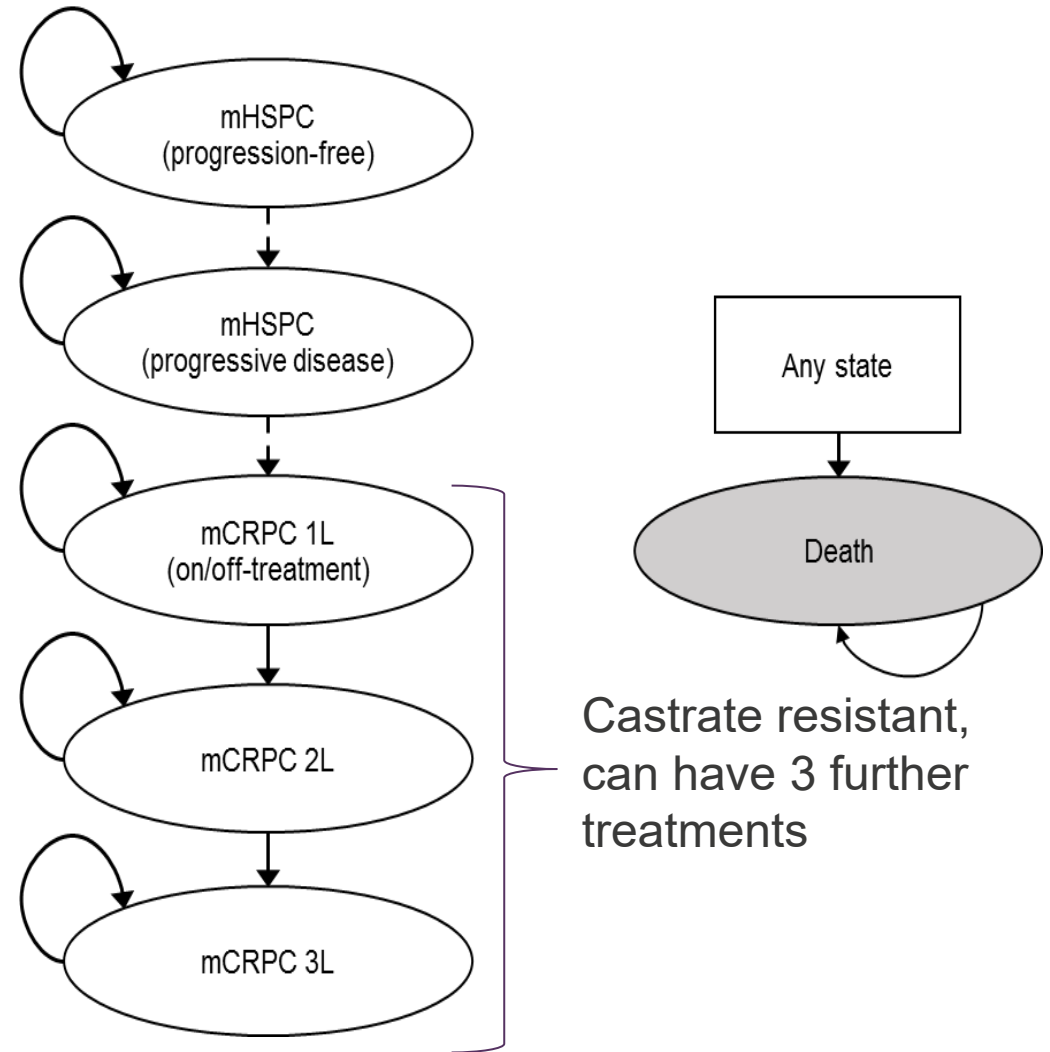
Used LATITUDE data for 1<sup>st</sup> 5 months then multistate modelling (MSM)

## Base case 'MSM/TA387'

- LATITUDE to inform transitions in hormone sensitive states
- TA387 model (COU-AA-302 trial) to inform transitions in hormone relapsed states
- Calibrated modelled overall survival to LATITUDE overall survival

## Alternative approach 'MSM'

- LATITUDE to inform transitions in all health states
- Time on 1<sup>st</sup> treatment for hormone relapsed prostate cancer from COU-AA-302
- No additional calibration



*Committee did not choose between approaches as results from both lacked validity*

# ACD consultation responses

- Consultee comments from:
  - Janssen
  - Prostate cancer UK
- Company new evidence:
  - Network meta-analyses using STAMPEDE data only and results of independent network meta-analyses of abiraterone vs. docetaxel
  - Survey of clinical experts on docetaxel use
  - Adjusted economic model
    - Different proportions of follow-on treatment
    - Scenario analyses varying effectiveness of abiraterone vs. docetaxel overall survival hazard ratio
- Company does not provide:
  - Quality of life data from the same source (STAMPEDE) for each treatment

# Committee's considerations/company response

Topic	Issue	Company's response	Match committee's preference?
<b>Treatments in castrate resistant phase</b>	There are more treatment options if 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment is docetaxel rather than abiraterone	Updated base case to include docetaxel retreatment and to reflect different proportions of follow-on treatments	No – although docetaxel is included in sequences, the same number of treatments available across arms
<b>Best data to compare abiraterone and docetaxel</b>	Company did not include STAMPEDE high-risk subgroup, committee prefer direct comparison which shows no survival benefit	Did not provide relevant data, uses HRs from indirect comparison which shows survival benefit	No
<b>Estimated survival</b>	Implausible: survival in hormone relapsed phase similar in all arms despite different number of therapies available in each arm	Scenario analysis varying overall survival hazard ratio	No – when overall survival HR =1.0, survival is still longer with abiraterone
<b>Best data for quality of life</b>	Did not include STAMPEDE quality of life data	Did not provide relevant data	No

**NICE**

# Consultation comments: identifying patients unsuitable for docetaxel

## Committee discussion

No clear-cut criteria to define people who can have abiraterone, but not docetaxel

**Company:** 40% of people with newly diagnosed mHSPC have chemotherapy, suggesting that 60% have ADT alone (Rulach et al., 2017) (n.b. high risk?)

**Prostate Cancer UK** – Criteria exist defining who cannot have docetaxel:

- NHS England clinical commissioning policy statement:
  - Contra-indications: hypersensitivity to taxanes, WHO performance status 3-4, peripheral neuropathy, bone marrow suppression, life-limiting illnesses
- TA412 Radium-223 dichloride for hormone-relapsed prostate cancer

**TA412** Radium-223 recommended for treating hormone-relapsed prostate cancer with symptomatic bone metastases and no known visceral metastases, if:

- already had docetaxel or
- docetaxel is contraindicated or is not suitable

*“Clinical experts confirmed that there are people who cannot take docetaxel but who can take radium-223”, namely renal impairment, taking immunosuppressants, poor performance status*

© *Is it reasonable to consider separately people who cannot have docetaxel?*

# Consultation comments: clinical evidence

	Committee conclusion	Company ACD response
<b>Follow-on treatments</b>	Follow-on treatments in LATITUDE did not reflect those used in the UK, whereas those in STAMPEDE did (ACD 3.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In LATITUDE abiraterone + ADT arm a small number had therapies not available in the UK               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10% had enzalutamide</li> <li>○ 3% had abiraterone again</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In STAMPEDE a similar proportion (10%) had enzalutamide and abiraterone (3%) after abiraterone</li> </ul>
<b>Abiraterone vs. docetaxel</b>		
<b>STAMPEDE</b>	Favoured direct comparison; ideally, data from patients with <b>high-risk</b> metastatic disease from STAMPEDE (ACD 3.6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not provide STAMPEDE data</li> <li>• Metastatic subgroup (n=342) not powered to detect OS differences; high-risk subgroup even smaller               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– indirect comparison does not find a statistically significant difference</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New network using published data from 3 sources including STAMPEDE (next slide)</li> </ul>

# New evidence: relative effectiveness of abiraterone and docetaxel

Company conducted another network meta-analysis using only STAMPEDE arms

	PFS hazard ratio (95% CI/CrI)	OS hazard ratio (95% CI/CrI)
Direct comparison: STAMPEDE metastatic subgroup	0.69 (0.50, 0.95)	1.13 (0.77, 1.66)
Indirect: LATITUDE + CHAARTED + GETUG-AFU 15	0.76 (0.53, 1.10)	0.92 (0.69, 1.23)
Indirect: LATITUDE + CHAARTED + GETUG-AFU 15 + mSTAMPEDE		
Indirect: 3 STAMPEDE arms only		0.91 (0.72, 1.15)

- Company also provide 'independent' published networks using same trials:
  - Vale et al. (2018) abiraterone highest probability of being most effective treatment but difference in survival benefit is 1% to 9% at 3 years
  - Wallis et al. (2017) no statistically significant difference between abiraterone and docetaxel for overall survival

⦿ *Has the committee seen new evidence to change its preference for effect estimates from directly randomised comparisons?*

⦿ *Is there a survival benefit for abiraterone over docetaxel?*

# Consultation comments: subsequent therapies

## Committee discussion

- Having abiraterone plus ADT results in fewer treatment options when hormone-relapsed than having ADT alone or docetaxel plus ADT when hormone-sensitive
- People who have (dose-limited) docetaxel 1st-line can have docetaxel again because the benefit of docetaxel is not exhausted

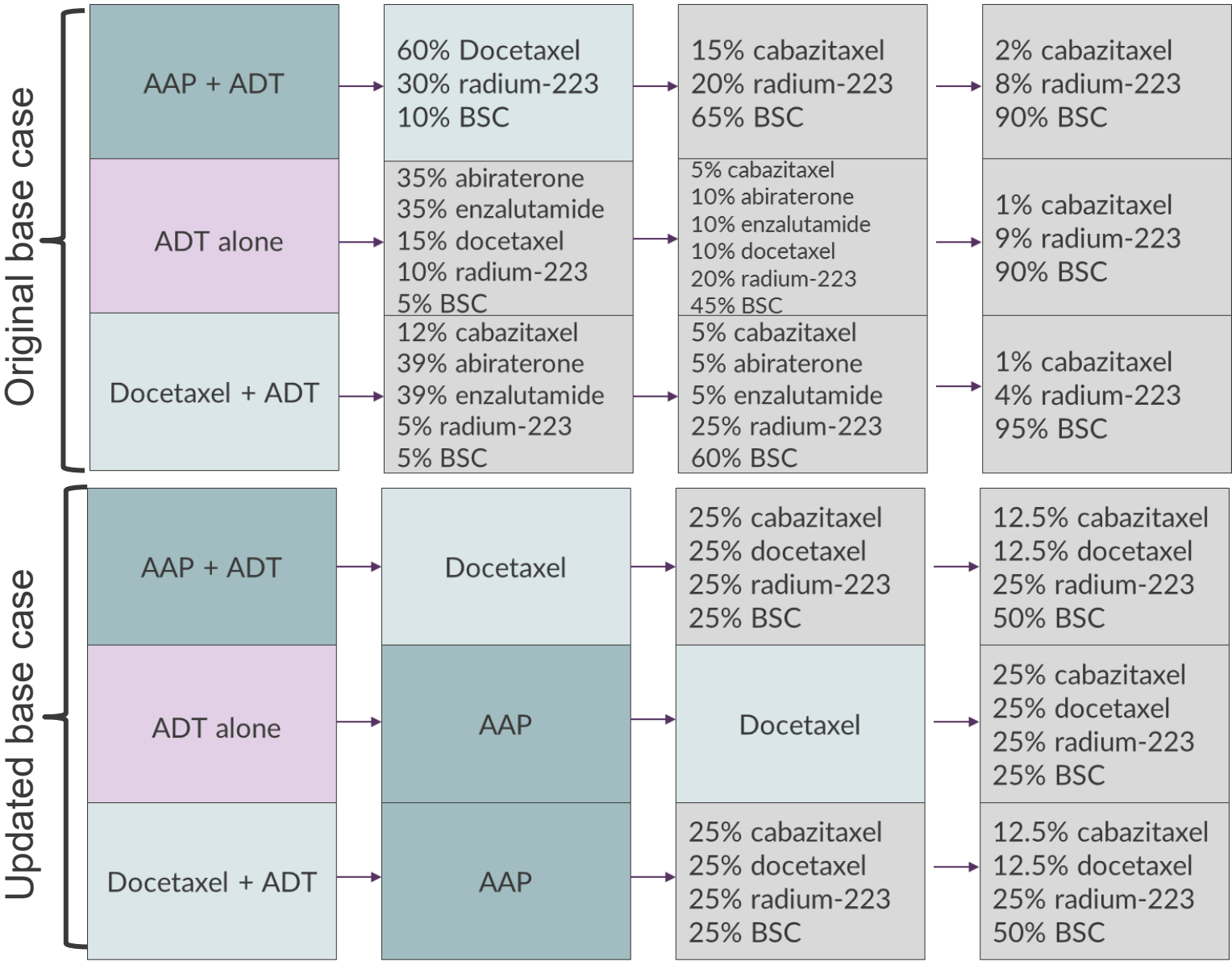
## Company

- “No robust clinical evidence to suggest that docetaxel re-challenge has significant clinical benefit or it would be widely used in the NHS following docetaxel + ADT”
  - **14% (i.e. 44/315) had docetaxel re-challenge in STAMPEDE [Arm C]**
- GETUG-AFU showed docetaxel re-challenge was of limited benefit
  - authors suggest that taxane re-challenge with cabazitaxel could be preferred
- Company surveyed 27 UK clinicians that manage prostate cancer:
  - docetaxel re-challenge **up to 25% which company uses in updated model**
  - 2 respondents identified cabazitaxel as relevant treatment for re-challenge

⦿ *Has the committee heard evidence to change its conclusion that re-challenge with docetaxel is offered in the NHS?*



# Company original/updated model: follow-on treatments



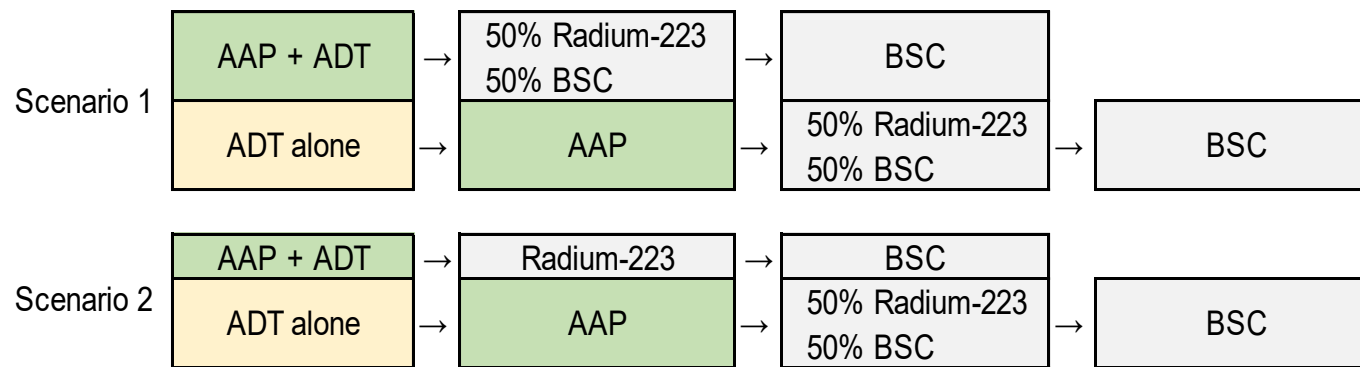
- Rationale for changes:**
- Abiraterone most likely treatment after ADT/docetaxel
  - Docetaxel most likely treatment after abiraterone
  - **25% of patients have docetaxel again (clinical survey)**
  - No abiraterone after enzalutamide and vice versa
  - Enzalutamide assumed equivalent to abiraterone so not modelled separately
  - **ERG: although company added docetaxel in to some treatment sequences, the number of available treatments is the same in each arm**

Do follow-on treatments reflect NHS practice? Do the revised treatment sequences address the committee's concerns about a different number of follow-on treatments being available depending on the initial treatment?



# ERG comments: follow-on treatments

- If most people have ADT because docetaxel is unsuitable, implausible that people having ADT as 1<sup>st</sup> treatment go on to have docetaxel in hormone relapsed phase
  - company scenario analyses remove docetaxel from follow-on treatment sequences for abiraterone + ADT vs. ADT alone comparison



- Company assumes all follow-on treatment have equal efficacy, so changing proportions changes only the costs
- ERG uses original follow-on treatment proportions from ERG report in exploratory base case for docetaxel comparison**

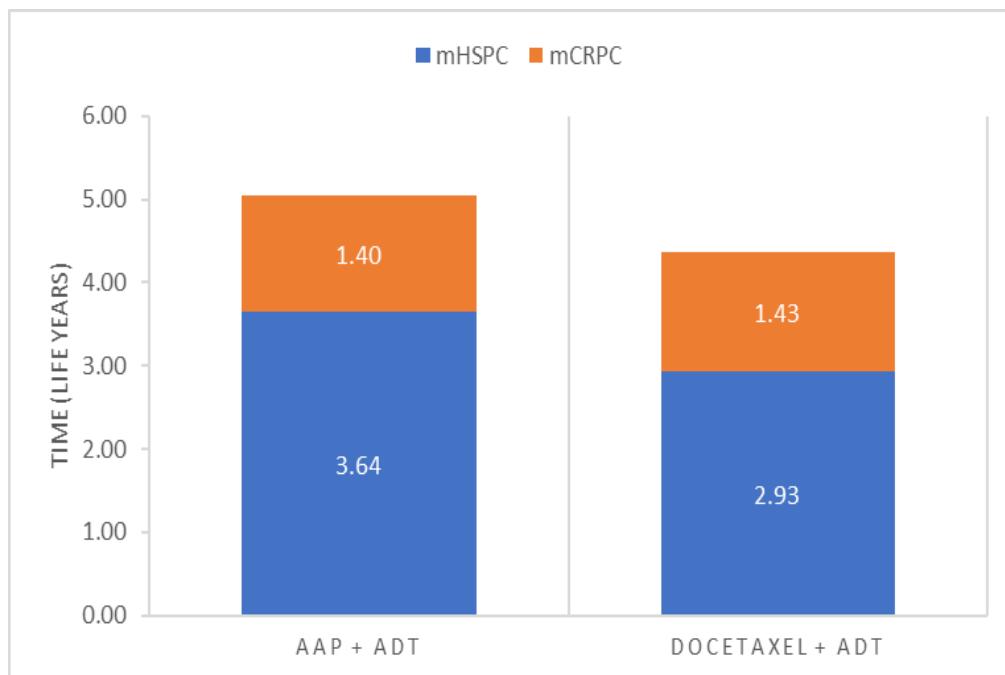
© Do the company's scenario analyses for the ADT alone comparison reflect clinical practice? Does the model account for both costs and benefits? What is the best data source for follow-on treatments?

# Consultation comments: modelled overall survival

**Committee conclusion:** if the model reflected NHS treatment, the benefits of abiraterone plus ADT in delaying progression might be balanced by the benefits of more follow-on treatment options after ADT alone or docetaxel plus ADT

## Company:

- Do not agree that overall survival is the same for abiraterone and docetaxel
- Model has face validity for duration of time spent pre- and post-progression across treatment arms
  - Base case, modelled post-progression survival longer for docetaxel (1.43 years) than abiraterone (1.40 years) but not sufficient to offset gains from longer PFS with abiraterone



## ERG disagree, results of post-progression survival modelling lack validity:

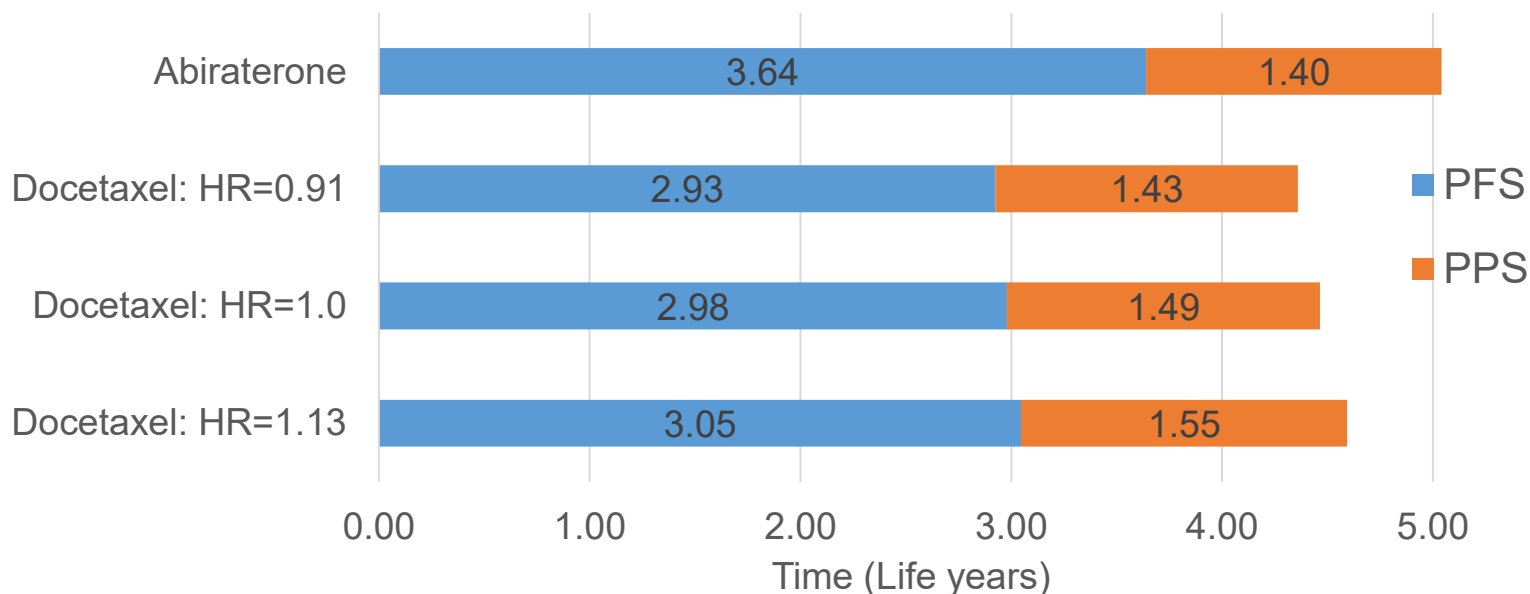
- If all patients start in post progression state, patients who had abiraterone for hormone sensitive disease live 1.61 years, longer than patients who had ADT (1.59 years) or docetaxel (1.58 years)
- This is despite a higher proportion in the abiraterone arm having best supportive care as the next treatment

# New company analyses: varying OS hazard ratio

Comparison of abiraterone and docetaxel PFS and PPS using different values for the OS hazard ratio

Company base case  
NMA including  
LATITUDE

HR from  
STAMPEDE direct  
comparison

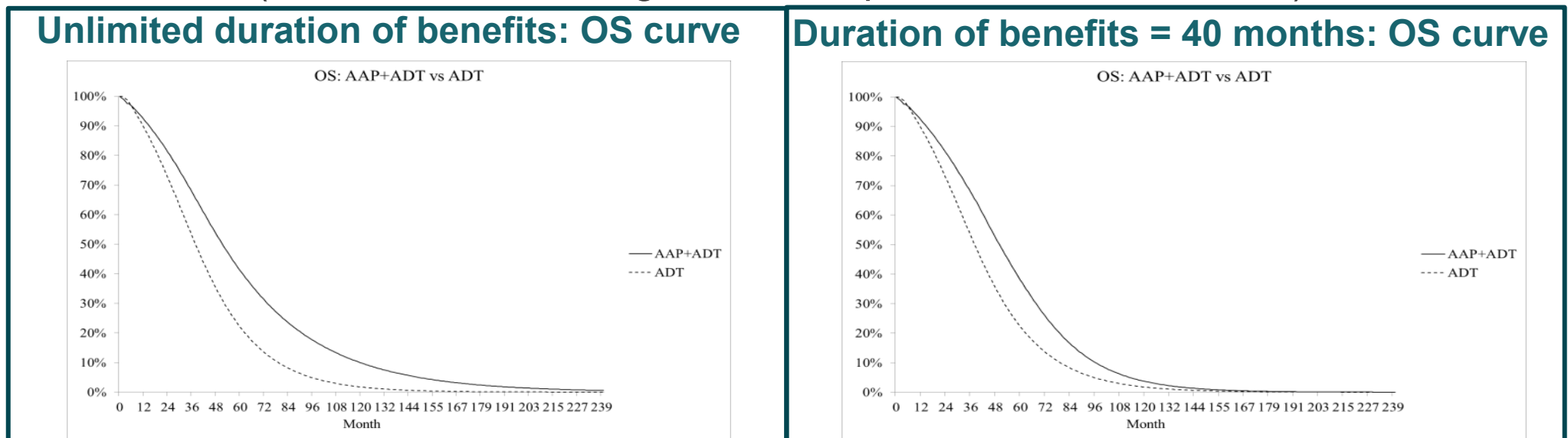


## ERG:

- Mortality rate after progression with abiraterone should be higher than after docetaxel because people who have had docetaxel can have more effective treatments
- Setting the OS hazard ratio to 1 does not equalise survival from start of treatment:
  - the probability of dying before or after progression is the same for both arms
  - but, probability of dying much lower pre- than post-progression (0.14% vs. 0.93%)
  - docetaxel patients stay in post progression longer than abiraterone patients but this does not outweigh benefit of abiraterone patients staying longer in pre progression
- Overall survival equal when HR is 1.89 (MSM/TA387 model) and 1.24 (MSM model)

# ERG comments: duration of benefit

- Company has not explored limiting the duration of benefit
- ERG explores the impact of limiting the duration of benefits when comparing abiraterone with ADT
  - implemented by applying the ADT transition probabilities from 40, 60 and 80 months (40 months is the longest follow-up in the LATITUDE trial)



- Given concerns about modelling of abiraterone vs. docetaxel, ERG has not explored duration of benefit for this comparison

© *Is it plausible that the benefits of abiraterone + ADT compared with ADT alone persist indefinitely? Is it more plausible to assume the benefits last for 40, 60 or 80 months?*

# Modelling approach

**Committee:** did not choose preferred modelling approach as neither produced plausible results

**Company:** MSM/TA387 model is appropriate because:

- LATITUDE overall survival data are immature
- some follow-on treatments in LATITUDE not available in NHS

## **ERG:**

- MSM/TA387 model uses non-standard methods to compensate for poor fit of modelled overall survival from TA387 to LATITUDE Kaplan-Meier data
- Calibrating TA387 curves to LATITUDE curves negates argument that LATITUDE post-progression and overall survival curves are not relevant to NHS practice
- **Most important difference between models is the amount of time spent on 1<sup>st</sup> line, 2<sup>nd</sup> line and 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatment in the hormone relapsed phase**
  - in MSM/TA387 model patients spend majority of time post progression in 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment for hormone relapsed disease
  - in the MSM model time is more evenly balanced between 1<sup>st</sup> line and 2<sup>nd</sup> line, and a longer time on 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatments (**ERG view: this is more plausible**)

# Consultation comments: health related quality of life data for docetaxel

## Committee discussion

- Would prefer EQ-5D data from STAMPEDE ideally for subgroup with metastatic and high-risk disease for abiraterone plus ADT, docetaxel plus ADT and ADT alone
- Company applied a utility decrement for docetaxel in economic model and also for adverse effects, so there might be double counting for adverse events

## Company

- Did not obtain STAMPEDE data
- No longer applies off-treatment disutility in the docetaxel + ADT arm

## ERG:

- To capture adverse events after initial docetaxel treatment, company originally used utility data from abiraterone + ADT arm – now use values from ADT arm.
  - More reasonable to use abiraterone values as docetaxel more similar in efficacy to abiraterone than ADT
- Data suggests a quality of life **increment** associated with completing a course of docetaxel and before disease progression
  - scenario applies increment of ■■■ (50% of the increment of abiraterone vs. ADT)

© How should quality of life for patients on docetaxel be modelled?

# Summary: company revised base case

Change	Rationale
Corrected implementing of CAA (commercial access arrangement), tunnel state error and resource use costs for enzalutamide and -233	We have accepted the ERG's corrections
Equalised the frequency of bone scans	ERG: no evidence for more bone scans with docetaxel
Used LATITUDE utility coefficients for adverse events	ERG: LATITUDE values more plausible
Changed follow-on treatment proportions	To include docetaxel re-challenge and reflect plausible NHS sequences
Applied a fixed treatment cost for docetaxel, radium-223 and cabazitaxel as a one off cost	Better captures the costs associated with therapies that have a fixed number of doses than discontinuation curves
Used a different network (all trials) to model abiraterone vs docetaxel OS HR of 0.91	NMA covers the whole evidence base, <i>(does not reflect committee preference)</i>
Applied docetaxel compliance to administration and resource use costs	Reflects committee preference
Utility decrement after docetaxel removed (ADT AE utility decrements applied instead)	Reflects committee preference <i>(but source of utility remains the same)</i>

## Summary:

# ERG changes to company revised base case

Change	Rationale
Adjusted follow-on treatment proportions for abiraterone + ADT vs docetaxel + ADT	In line with ERG original base case
[REDACTED]	<p>Implausible that only [REDACTED] of patients will still be taking abiraterone at 40 months</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
Applied abiraterone + ADT quality of life decrements for serious adverse events and skeletal related events to docetaxel arm after initial treatment course	Company used decrements associated with ADT alone, but efficacy of docetaxel + ADT is more similar to abiraterone +ADT than ADT
MSM model: LATITUDE market share data for follow-on treatments applied to docetaxel arm	Implementation error: company applied only applied market share data to abiraterone arm

### Key scenario analyses:

- Limit duration of benefit for abiraterone at 40, 60 and 80 months
- Quality of life increment after docetaxel
- Overall survival HR and PFS HR from STAMPEDE for abiraterone + ADT
- HR to equalise overall survival
- Company follow-on treatment proportions



# Cost-effectiveness results

Results are confidential and will be presented in a private part of the appraisal committee meeting (part 2) because they include confidential discounts for subsequent treatments

# Cancer Drugs Fund

- When the uncertainty in clinical and cost effectiveness data is too great to recommend for routine use, the committee can recommend in CDF if:
  - ICERs have plausible potential to be cost-effective
  - Clinical uncertainty can be addressed through collection of outcome data from patients treated in the NHS
  - Data collected (including research underway) will be able to inform subsequent update (normally within 24 months)
- Company has not proposed that abiraterone is considered for the CDF

⦿ *Could additional data collection address the uncertainties associated with the abiraterone and docetaxel overall survival comparison?*