

# SUMMARY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



## INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Female or male, age  $\geq 40$
- Excised invasive breast cancer with local treatment either completed or planned according to trial guidelines.
- ER positive AND HER2 negative
- Tumour size and axillary lymph node status; one of the following must apply:
  - i. 4-9 lymph nodes involved AND with any invasive tumour size.
  - ii. 1-3 nodes involved, at least 1 node containing a macrometastasis (i.e. deposit  $>2\text{mm}$  diameter) AND with any invasive tumour size.
  - iii. 1-3 lymph nodes involved with micrometastases only (i.e. deposit  $>0.2\text{-}2\text{mm}$  diameter) AND invasive tumour size  $\geq 20\text{mm}$ .
  - iv. node negative AND invasive tumour size  $\geq 30\text{mm}$ .
- Considered appropriate for adjuvant chemotherapy by treating physician.
- Patient must be fit to receive chemotherapy and other trial-specified treatments with no concomitant medical, psychiatric or social problems that might interfere with informed consent, treatment compliance or follow up.
- Bilateral cancers are permitted provided at least one tumour fulfils the entry criteria and the contralateral tumour is ER positive and HER2 negative **but not** clinically significant.  
*Refer to full eligibility criteria for definition of clinical significance.*
- Multiple ipsilateral cancers are permitted provided at least one tumour fulfils the entry criteria and none meet any of the exclusion criteria.
- Short term pre-surgical treatment with endocrine therapy including in combination with non-cytotoxic investigational agents is allowed providing that the duration of treatment does not exceed 8 weeks.  
*NOTE: A [pre-treatment core biopsy](#) should be sent to the Central Laboratory; a sample from a surgical excision or other on-treatment biopsy is not acceptable.*
- Written informed consent for the study.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- $\geq 10$  involved axillary nodes (macrometastases and/ or micrometastases) or evidence of internal mammary node involvement.
- ER negative OR HER2 positive/amplified (determined by the referring site).
- Metastatic disease.
- Previous diagnosis of malignancy unless:
  - i. managed only by surgical treatment with or without local radiotherapy AND disease-free for 10 years
  - ii. basal cell carcinoma of skin or cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
  - iii. ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) or pleomorphic lobular carcinoma in situ (pleomorphic LCIS) treated with surgery with or without breast radiotherapy; treatment with anti-oestrogens is not permitted.
- Use of systemic anti-cancer treatment and/or radiotherapy for breast cancer prior to trial entry except as follows.
  - i. Short-term pre-surgical endocrine therapy as per the inclusion criteria.
  - ii. Endocrine therapy administered following surgery provided this is discontinued at trial entry.
- Treatment with agents, including ovarian suppression, known to influence breast cancer growth but prescribed for other indications within one year of trial entry except as follows.
  - i. Use of oestrogen replacement therapy (HRT) provided this is stopped before surgery.
  - ii. Drugs administered for in vitro fertilization or fertility preservation.
  - iii. Use of hormonal contraception.
- Trial entry and randomisation more than 12 weeks after completion of breast cancer surgery.
- Planned further surgery for breast cancer, including axillary surgery, to take place after randomisation, except either re-excision or completion mastectomy for close/involved margins which may be undertaken following completion of chemotherapy. *Timing of axillary radiotherapy is unrestricted.*

Please check the [full eligibility criteria](#) in [protocol v6](#) to ensure potential participants meet these before consenting into the study.