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Supplementary Appendix 1

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Supplementary Appendix 2

CONSORT (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials) flowchart of the BIG 1-98 trial and definitions of postmenopausal and endocrine-responsive disease.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX 1

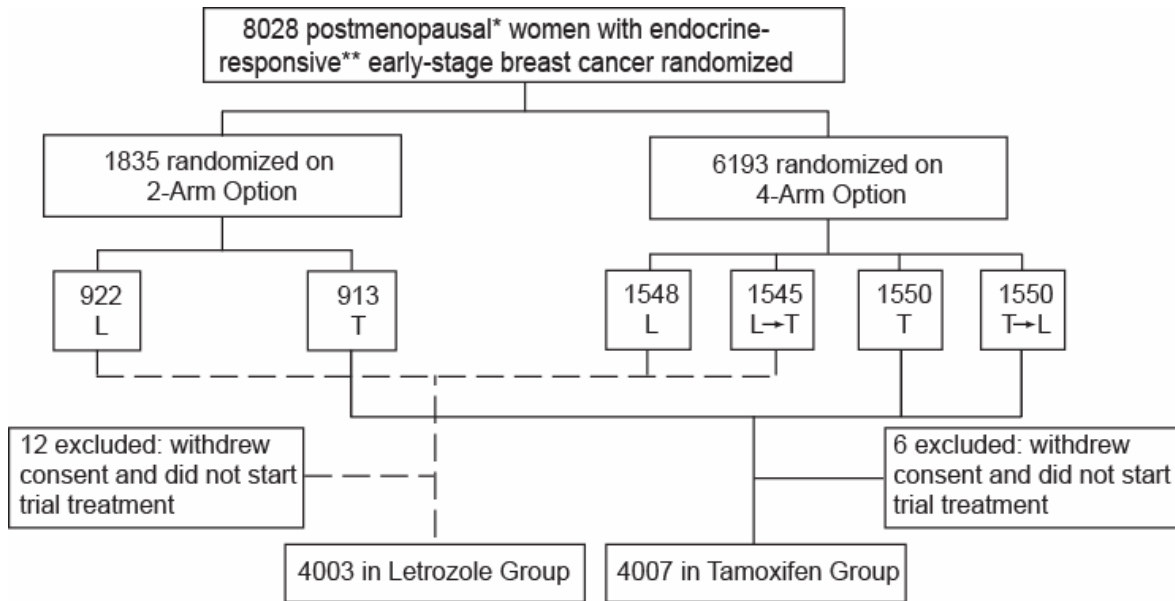
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SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX 2



*Definition of postmenopausal:

Regardless of HRT or hysterectomy:

- Surgical bilateral oophorectomy AND any age
- Radiation castration AND amenorrheic for ≥ 3 months AND any age
- Not postmenopausal at the start of adjuvant chemotherapy AND completed ≥ 6 cycles CMF or ≥ 4 cycles AC AND age ≥ 45 AND FSH/LH/E2 postmenopausal levels

No HRT:

- Hysterectomy AND age < 55 AND FSH/LH/E2 postmenopausal levels prior to chemotherapy
- Hysterectomy AND age ≥ 55

No HRT and No Hysterectomy:

- Amenorrhea > 1 year AND age < 50
- Amenorrhea > 6 months AND age ≥ 50

HRT (Regardless of hysterectomy):

- HRT stopped for ≥ 1 month AND age < 55 AND FSH/LH/E2 postmenopausal levels prior to chemotherapy
- HRT stopped for ≥ 1 month AND age ≥ 55

FSH/LH/E2 postmenopausal levels prior to chemotherapy and not categorized above

HRT=Hormone replacement therapy, received within three months of randomization.

HRT received more than 3 months prior to randomization is considered "No HRT."

**Definition of endocrine-responsive disease:

Estrogen receptor and/or progesterone receptor positive:

- ≥ 10 percent tumor cells positive by immunohistochemistry proportion score (available for 93 percent of patients)
- ≥ 10 fmol/mg cytosol protein by ligand binding assay

Figure 1 Supplemental Appendix 2. CONSORT (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials) flowchart of the BIG 1-98 trial. The primary core analysis includes all 8010 assessable patients, but events and follow-up in the sequential treatment groups (L→T and T→L) are truncated at 30 days after switching to the other treatment. Definitions of postmenopausal and endocrine-responsive disease are given. L denotes letrozole and T tamoxifen.