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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABC - adenosine triphosphate binding cassette

BCRP - breast cancer resistance protein

cCR - clinical complete remission

CMF - cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, 5-fluorouracil

cPR – clinical partial remission
cSD – clinical stable disease

DES = disease free survival

ER - estrogen receptor

FAC - 5-fluorouracil, adriamycin (=doxorubicin), cyclophosphamide

FEC - 5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide

FITC - fluorescein isothiocvanate

G-CSF - granulocyte-colony stimulating factor

HE - haematoxylin and eosin
HC - immunohistochemistry

LABC - locally advanced breast cancer

MDR - multidrug resistance

MRP - multidrug resistance associated protein

OS - overall survival

PBGD - porphobilinogen deaminase

PBSC – peripheral blood stem cell influsion

pCR – pathological complete remission

P-Gp - P-glycoprotein

pHRTM - pathological (histopathological) changes in a macroscopic residual

tumor mass

pMRD - pathological (histological) microscopic residual disease

pNR - no pathological (histological/morphological) sign of response

PR - progesterone receptor

RT-PCR - reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction

UICC - Union International Contre le Cancer

WHO - World Health Organization