

# Wedge Resection for Small Peripheral Lung Cancer is Appropriate

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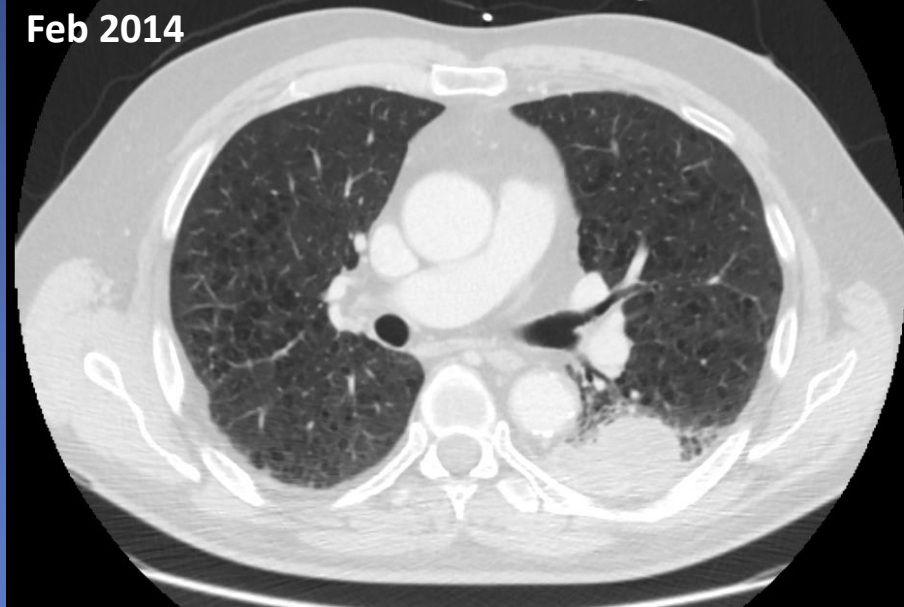
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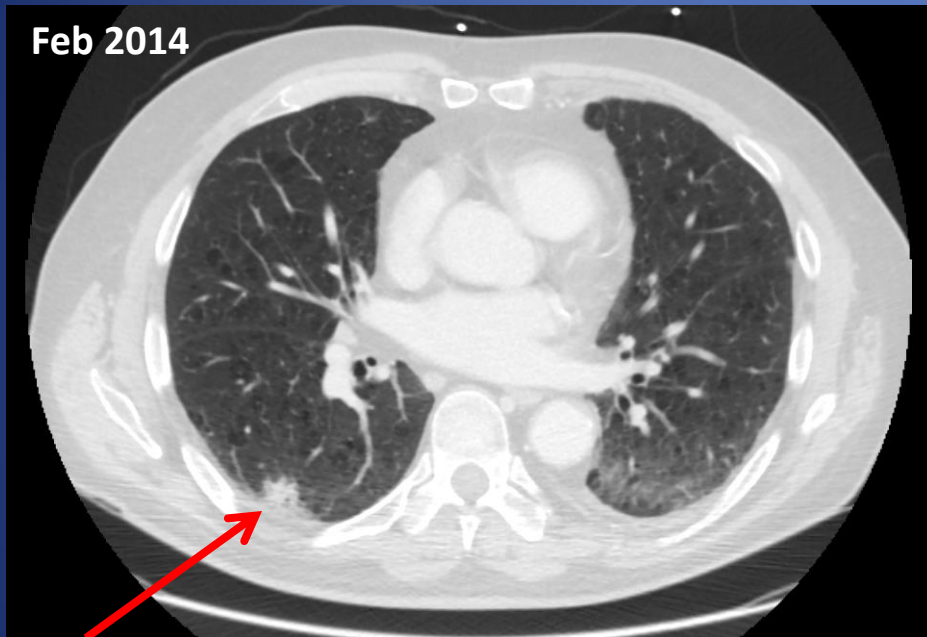
# Lung Cancer Case

- 75 yo man 2 years s/p LLL lobectomy for stage IIB NSCLC, s/p adjuvant therapy
- Previous smoker, 40 pk/yr
- Slow growing RLL lung nodule
- Good performance status
- Minimal comorbidity
- FEV1 65% DLCO 54%

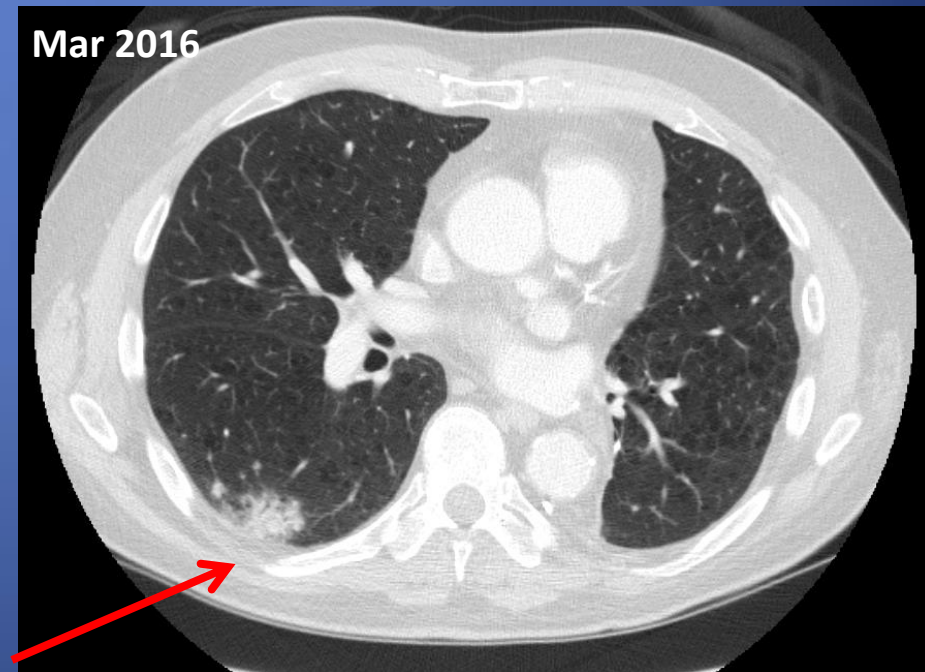
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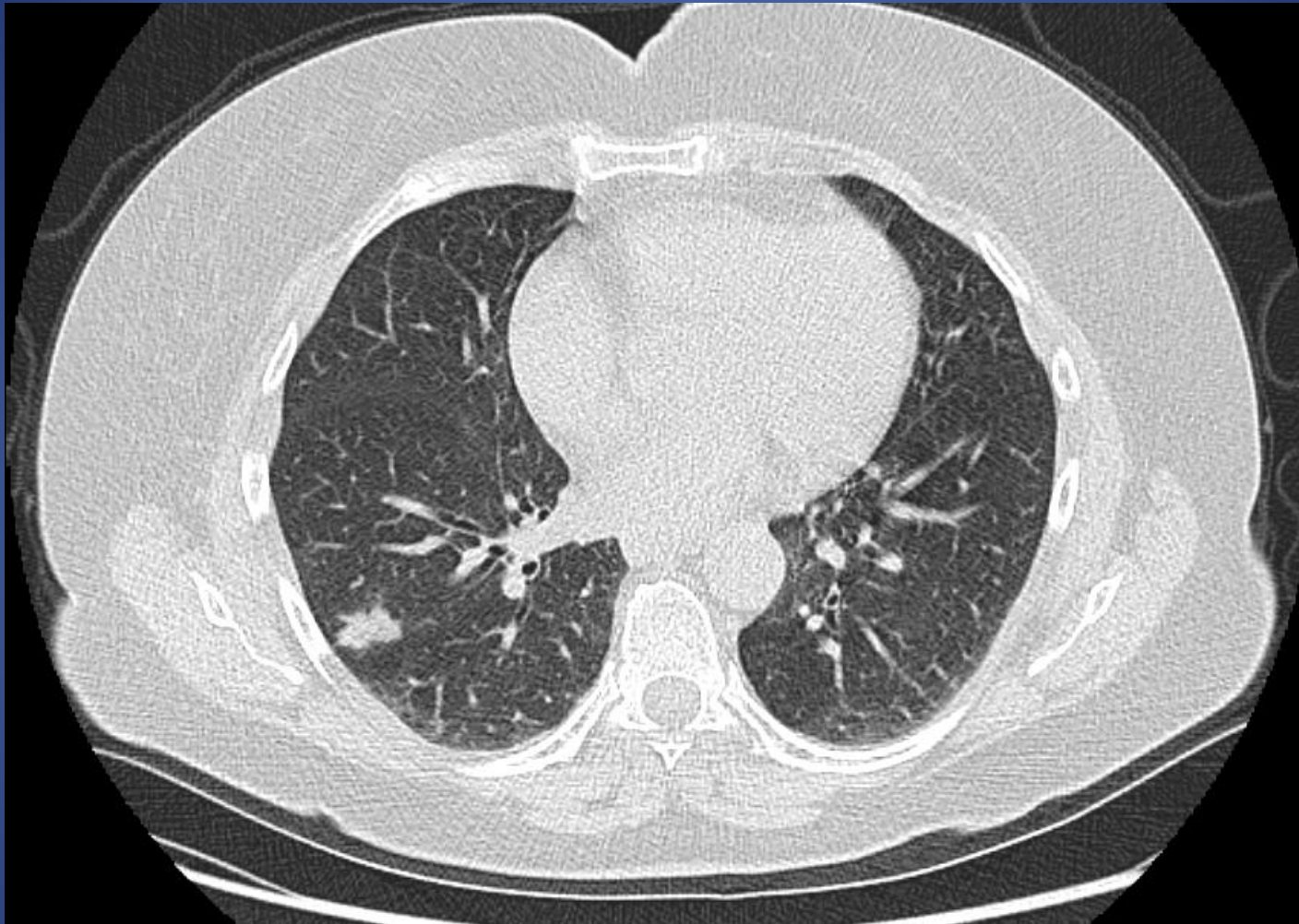


# Lung Cancer Case

- A. Lobectomy
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- C. Wedge resection
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- 59 healthy woman, nonsmoker
- Incidental chest CT findings
- No comorbidity
- Excellent functional status
- Normal PFTs

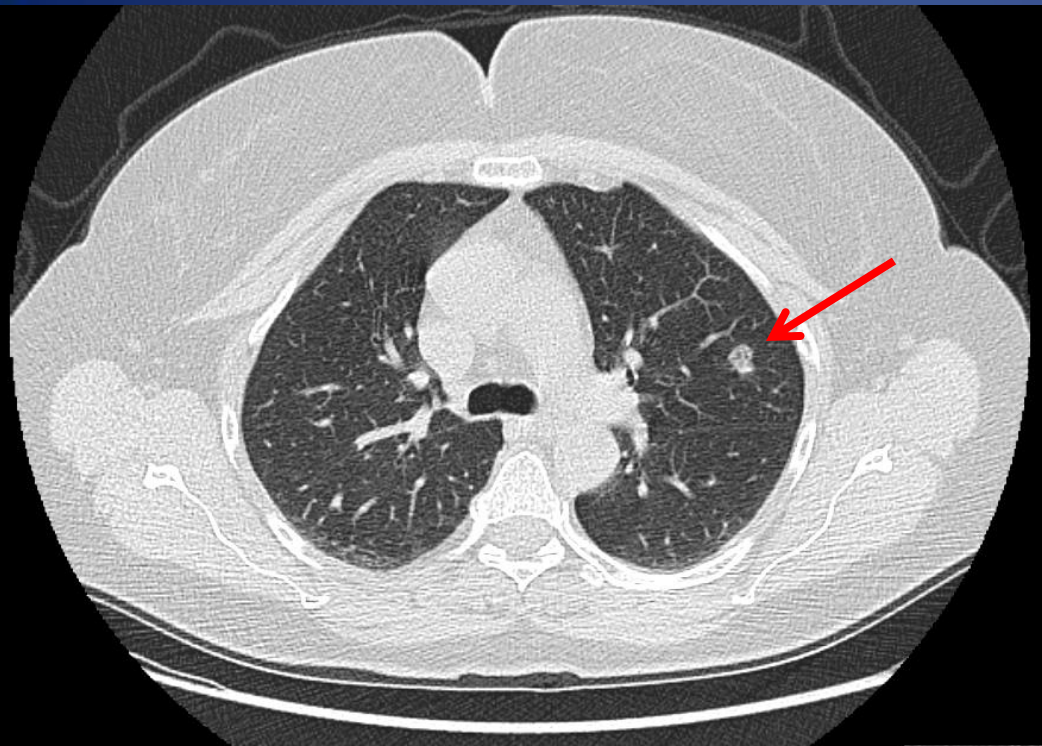


**Biopsy → adenocarcinoma**

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# Sublobar Resection for Lung Cancer

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## Benefits of lobectomy

- Decreased local recurrence – statistically significant

- Improved survival – not statistically significant ( $p=.08$ )

- Better lymphatic clearance and sampling

- Better parenchymal margins

## Benefits of wedge resection

- Preservation of lung parenchyma

  - Poor pulmonary reserve

  - Minimize impact of long-term pulmonary function

  - Consideration of additional future resections

- Decrease morbidity and mortality

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It's not the 1980's anymore....



# Sublobar Resection for Lung Cancer

## What has changed in the past 20 years?

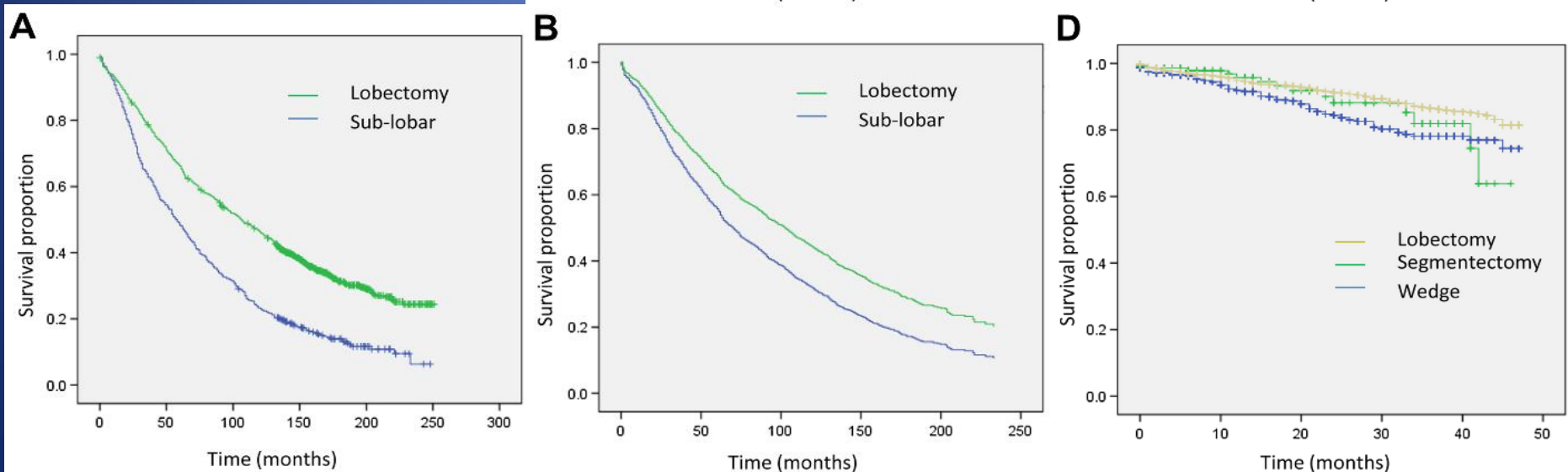
- Wider use of CT scans → More small lung nodules
- Higher resolution scans → More non-solid nodules
- Lung cancer screening → Higher expectation of “doing no harm”
- PET/EBUS/Med → Better clinical staging
- More advanced age/comorbidity → Ablative therapies
- Higher proportion of thoracic surgeons → Better decisions about extent of resection
- Better outcomes

# Temporal trends in outcomes following sublobar and lobar resections for small ( $\leq 2$ cm) non-small cell lung cancers—a Surveillance Epidemiology End Results database analysis

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N = 8797 lobectomy = 6636 sublobar = 2161



1987-1997

1998-2004

2005-2008

# Pro and Con for Lob & Sub-Lob Resection for T1N0 NCLC

*Table 6. Summary of Studies Comparing Sublobar With Lobar Resection for Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer*

Study	Sublobar Resection			Lobar Resection		
	N	5-year Survival (%)	Local Recurrence (%)	N	5-year Survival (%)	Local Recurrence (%)
<b>Pro lobar resection</b>						
LCSG [15]	122	44	17.2 <sup>a</sup>	125	65 <sup>a</sup>	6.4
Warren [22]	66	43	22.7 <sup>a</sup>	103	67 <sup>a</sup>	4.9
Miller [23]	25	33	7	75	71 <sup>a</sup>	11
Martini [24]	62	59	50 <sup>a</sup>	511	77 <sup>a</sup>	24
<b>Pro sublobar resection</b>						
Errett [25]	100	69	NA	97	75	NA
Pastorino [26]	61	55	36	411	49	38
Read [27]	113	84	4.4	131	74	11.5
Landreneau [28]	102	62	19 <sup>a</sup>	117	70	9
Okada [17]	130	91	NA	132	78	NA
Kodama [29]	46	93	2.2	77	88	1.3
Koike [30]	74	89	2.7	159	90	1.3

<sup>a</sup> Statistically significant.

LCSG = Lung Cancer Study Group; NA = not available.

*El-Sherif et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2006; 82: 408-16*



# Problems with Retrospective Database Review

- Selection bias
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  - Sublobar with lower pulmonary function
  - Sublobar more likely understaged
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- compare OS and DFS of sublobar resections eligible for lobectomy with lobectomy
- 12 studies, 1,078 sublobar and 1,667 lobectomies
- no significant difference in OS [HR 0.91; 95% CI 0.64-1.29] or DFS (HR 0.82; 95% CI 0.60-1.12) between the two treatment arms
- sublobar resection after intentional selection rather than ineligibility achieved similar long-term survival outcomes as lobectomy

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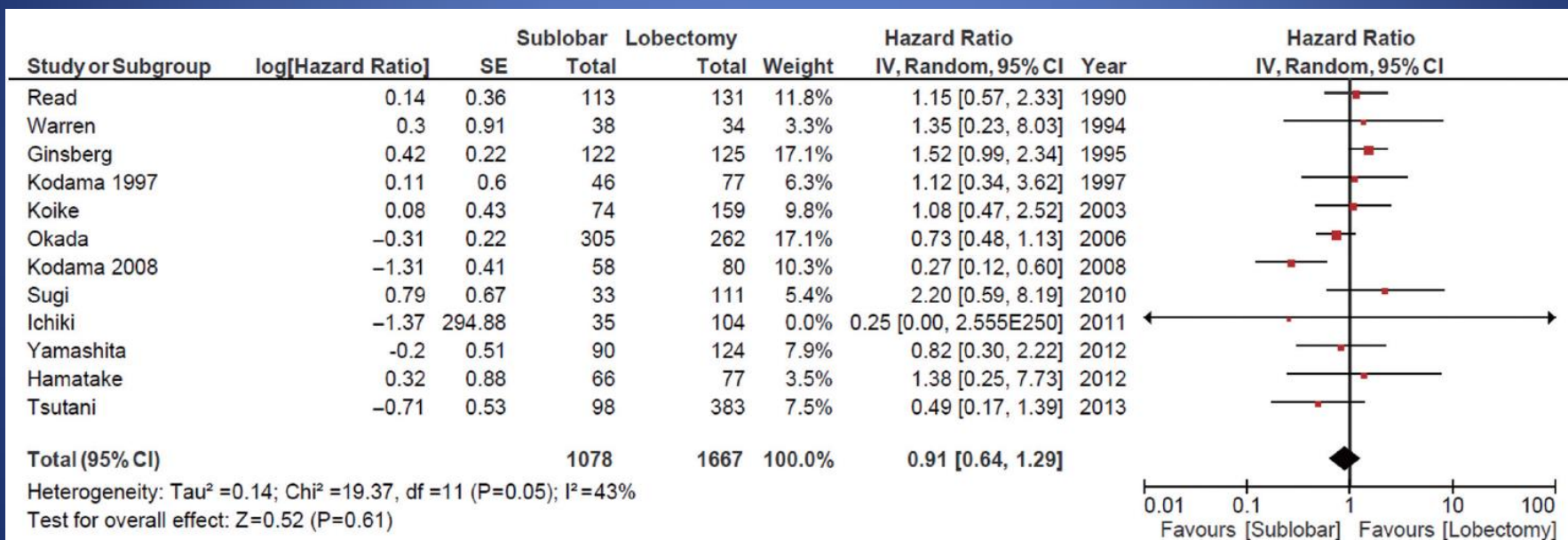
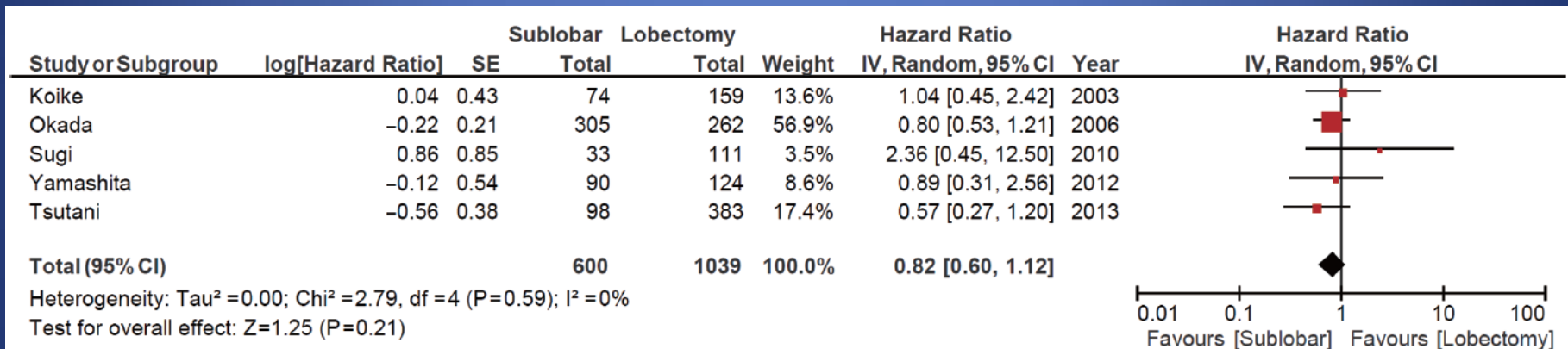


Figure 2 Overall survival: sublobar vs. lobectomy. CI, confidence interval.

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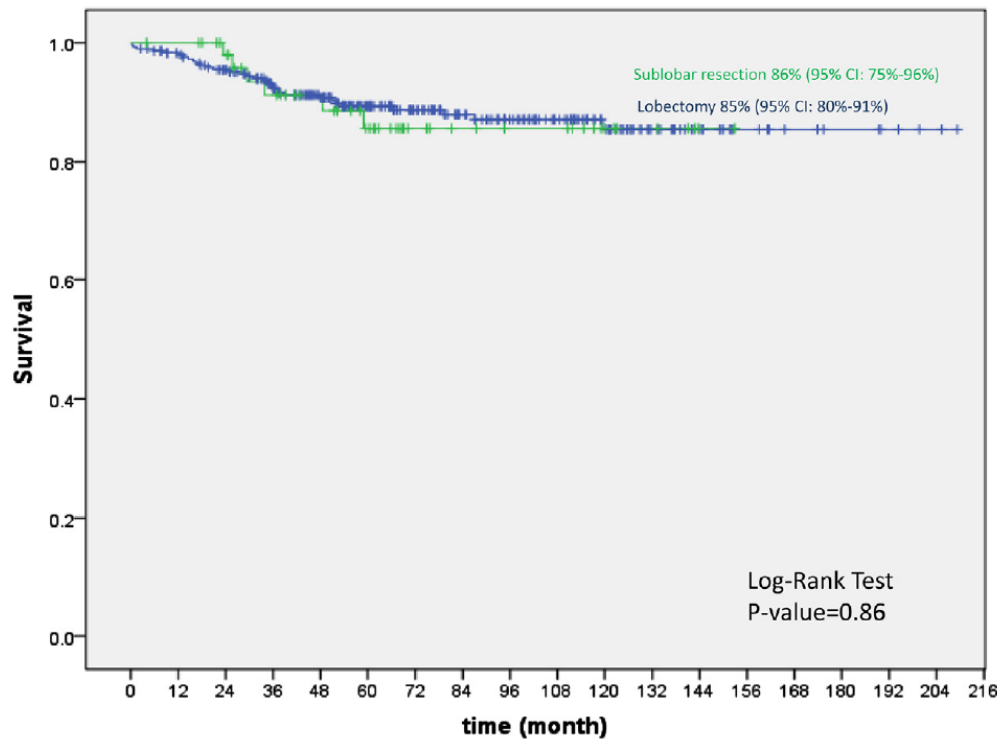
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3 Disease-free survival: sublobar vs. lobectomy. CI, confidence interval.

# Sublobar resection is equivalent to lobectomy for clinical stage 1A lung cancer in solid nodules

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No. at risk

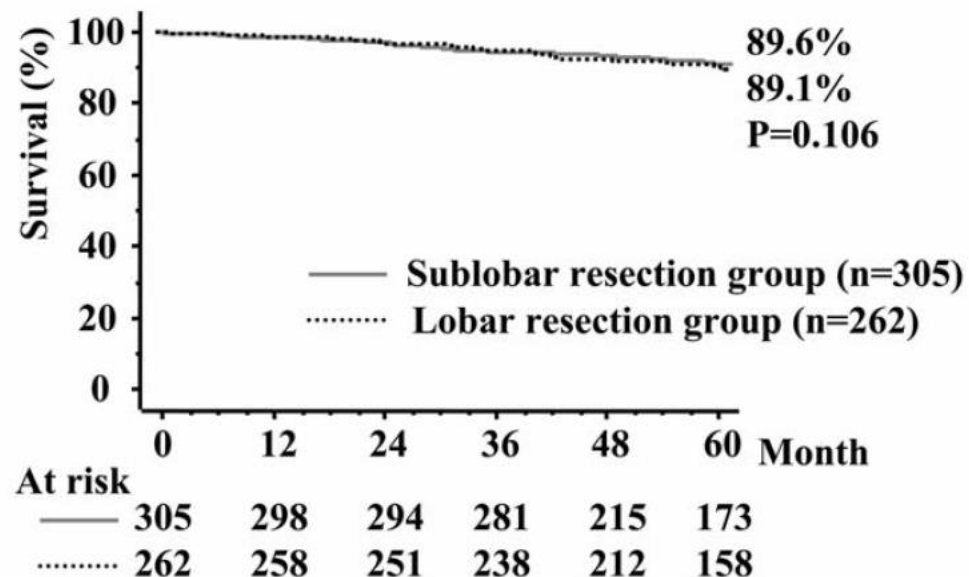
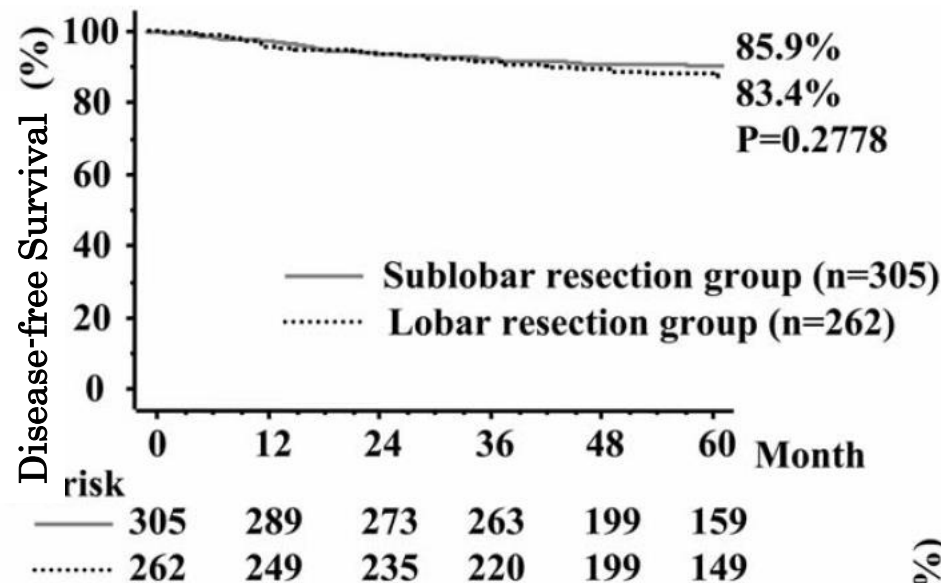
Lobectomy	294	281	262	234	203	162	132	106	88	71	52	31	20	12	8	6	4	2	0
Sublobar resection	53	52	47	40	35	28	18	15	13	13	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

**I-ELCAP 1993-2011**  
**347 stage 1A lung cancers**  
**(only solid nodules included)**  
**294 lobectomies**  
**53 sublobar resections**  
**(37 wedge resections)**  
**No difference in:**  
**Pathologic upstaging**  
**Cancer death**  
**All-cause death**  
**Local recurrence**



# Radical sublobar resection for small-sized non-small cell lung cancer: A multicenter study

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### **Appropriate Sublobar Resection Choice for Ground Glass Opacity-Dominant Clinical Stage IA Lung Adenocarcinoma**

#### **Wedge Resection or Segmentectomy**

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***Methods:*** We evaluated 610 consecutive patients with clinical stage IA lung adenocarcinoma who underwent complete resection after preoperative high-resolution CT scanning and <sup>18</sup>F-fluorodeoxyglucose PET/CT scanning and revealed 239 (39.2%) that had a >50% GGO component.



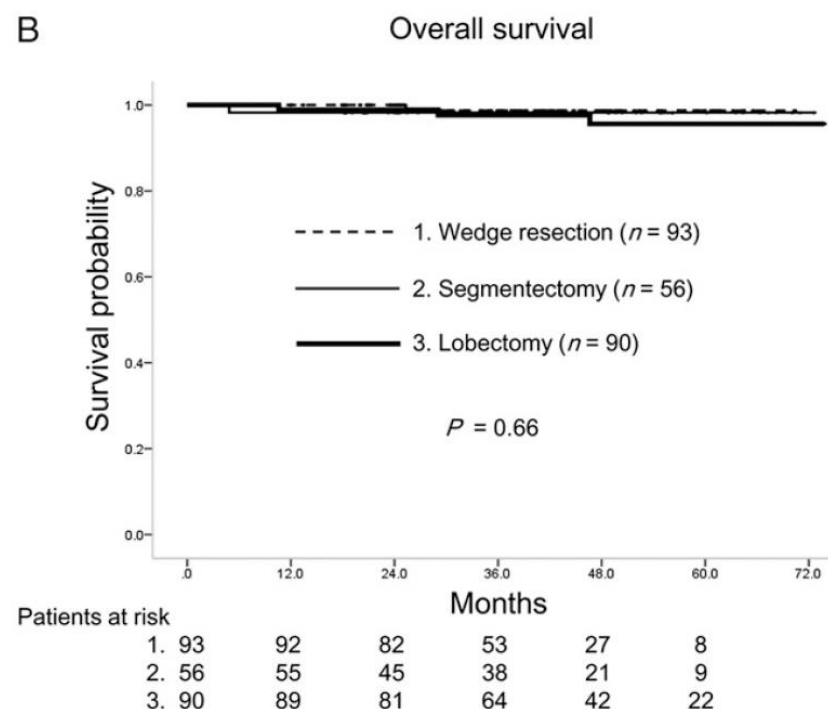
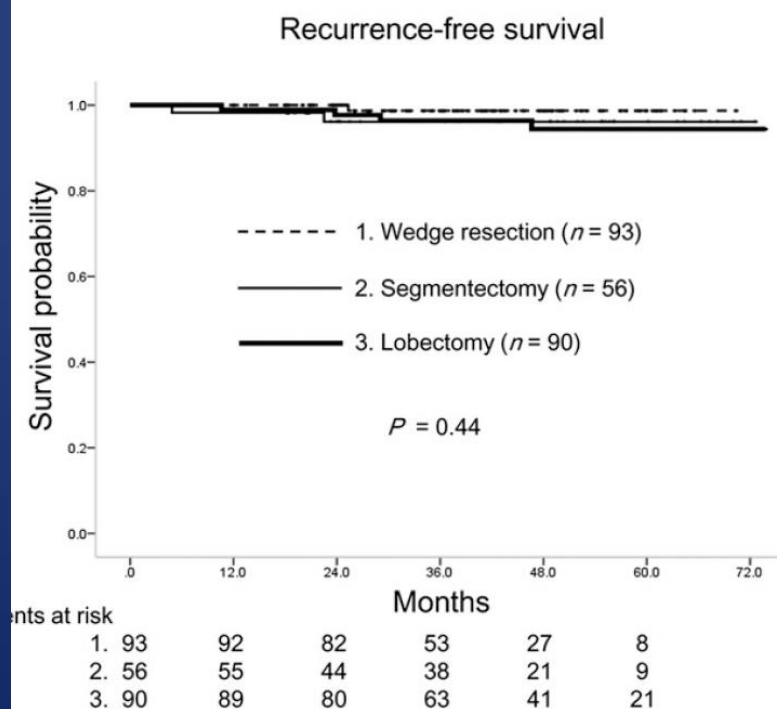


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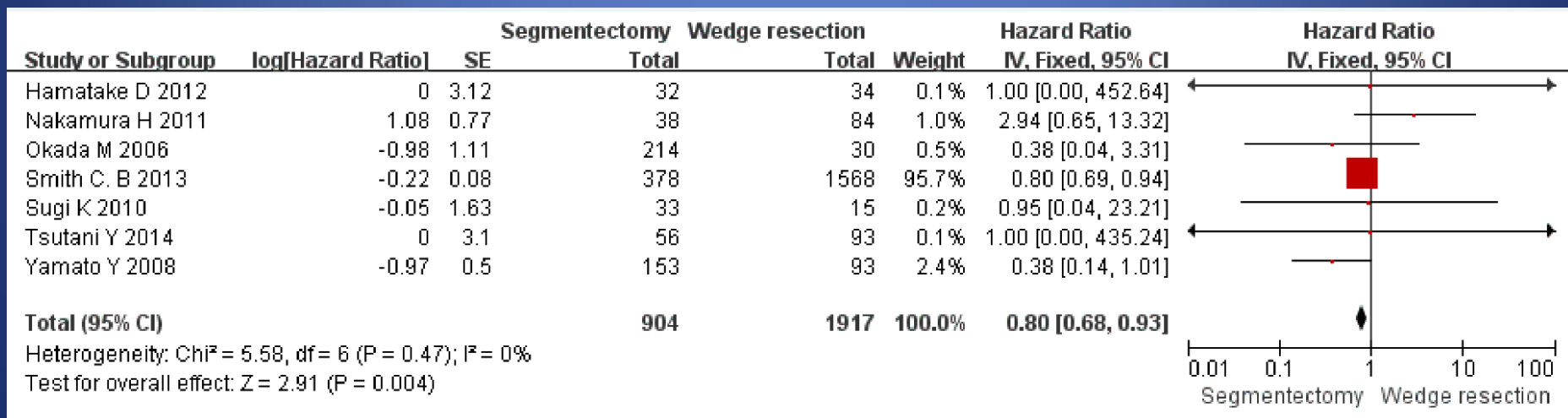
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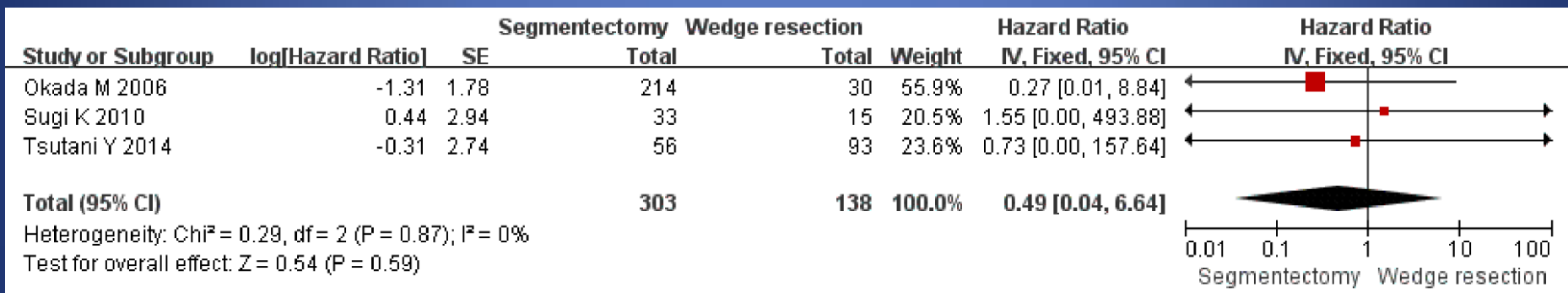
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**Stage I OS and CSS – segmentectomy better**

**Stage IA OS and CSS – segmentectomy better**

**Stage IA DFS – segmentectomy and wedge equivalent**

**T1a OS and CSS – segmentectomy and wedge equivalent**

### PRINCIPLES OF SURGICAL THERAPY (1 of 4)

#### Evaluation

- Determination of resectability, surgical staging, and pulmonary resection should be performed by board-certified thoracic surgeons who perform lung cancer surgery as a prominent part of their practice.
- CT and PET used for staging should be within 60 days before proceeding with surgical evaluation.
- Resection is the preferred local treatment modality (other modalities include radiofrequency ablation, cryotherapy, and SABR). Thoracic surgical oncology consultation should be part of the evaluation of any patient being considered for curative local therapy. In cases where SABR is considered for high-risk patients, a multidisciplinary evaluation (including a radiation oncologist) is recommended.
- The overall plan of treatment as well as needed imaging studies should be determined before any non-emergency treatment is initiated.
- Thoracic surgeons should actively participate in multidisciplinary discussions and meetings regarding lung cancer patients (see [NSCL-B 2 of 4](#)).

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Margins and Nodal Assessment (see [NSCL-B 2 of 4](#))

<sup>1</sup>Peripheral is defined as the outer one third of the lung parenchyma.

The Role of Surgery in Patients With Stage IIIA (N2) NSCLC  
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## Merging of 2 randomised trials

### STARS – recruitment goal 420 patients

28 sites in USA, China, and France (7 enrolled patients)

36 patients enrolled 2008-2013

### ROSEL – 375 patients eligible per year

10 centers in Netherlands (4 enrolled patients)

22 patients randomized

### Merged data produces 58 randomized patients

27 patients at 3 years

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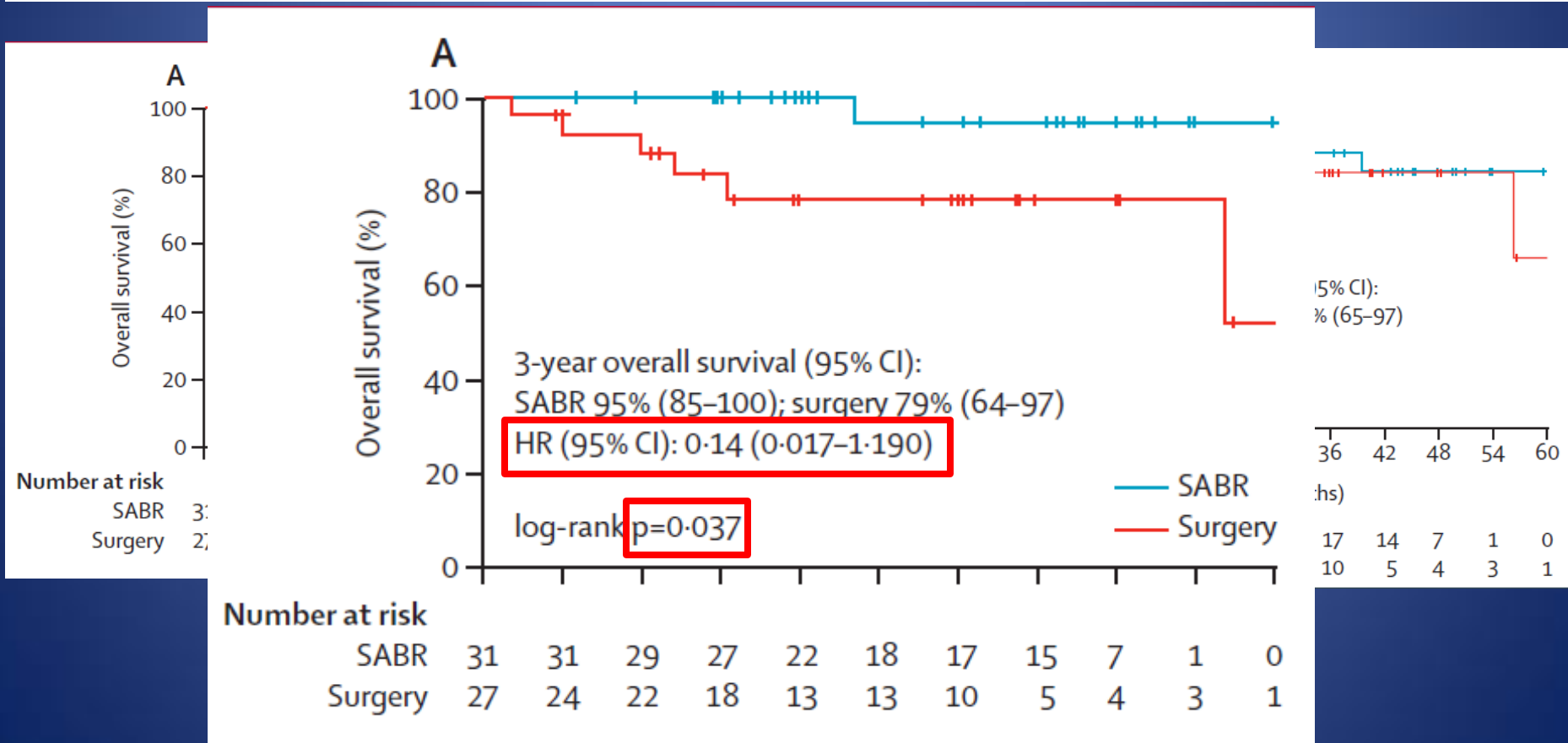
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“Recurrence-free survival at 3 years was 86% (95% CI 74–100) in the SABR group (five events) compared with 80% (95% CI 65–97) in the surgery group (HR 0 · 69 [95% CI 0 · 21–2 · 29]; six events; log-rank  $p=0 · 54$ ).”

	Local	Regional	Distant	Total
SABR	1	4	1	6
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Two failed trials

Inadequate numbers

Incorrect analysis

Dangerously incorrect conclusions  
and popular press

# Lobectomy versus Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in Healthy Patients with Stage I Lung Cancer

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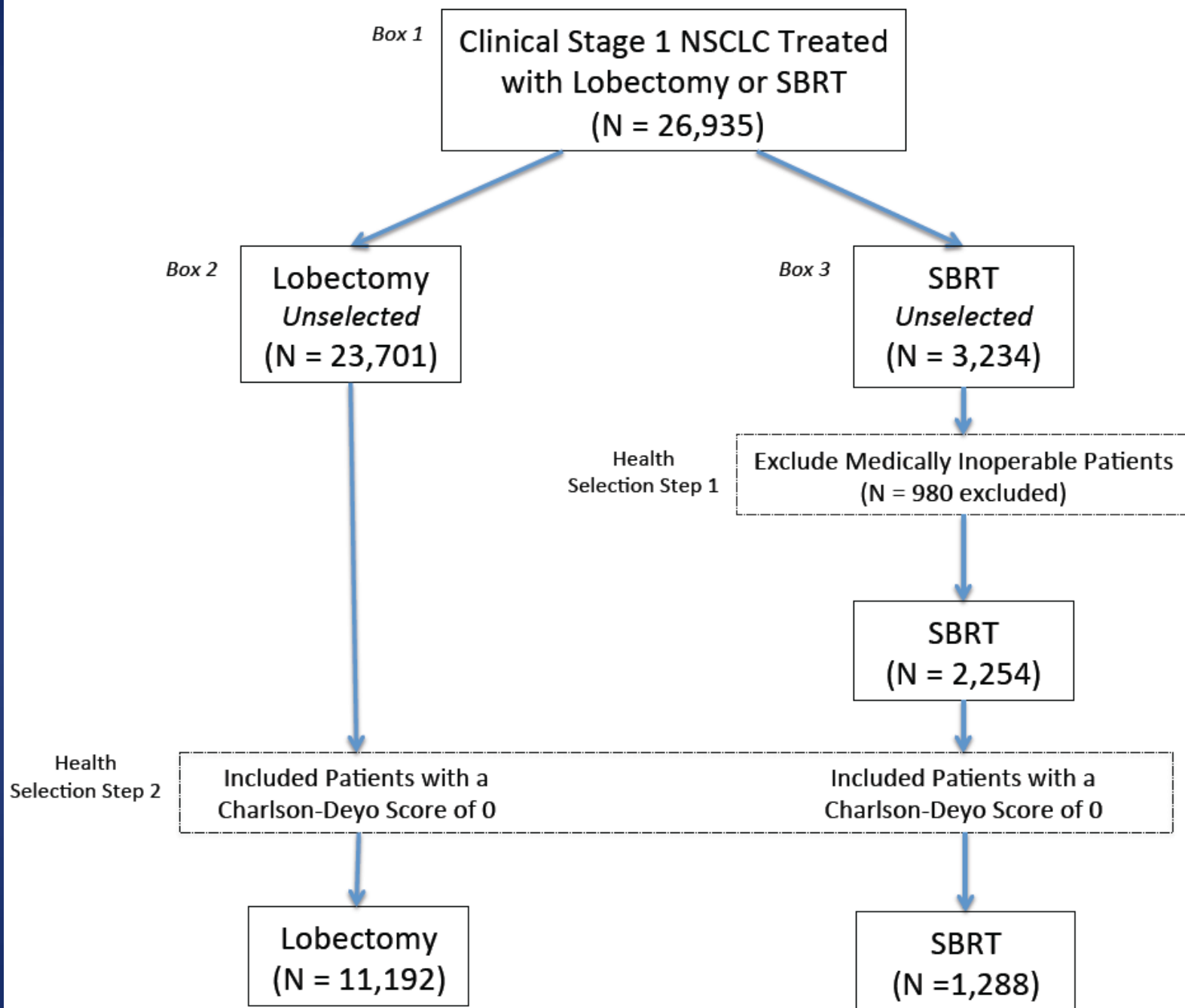
**Objective:** To determine whether SBRT and anatomic surgical resection (lobectomy) offer equivalent survival in otherwise healthy patients with stage I NSCLC.

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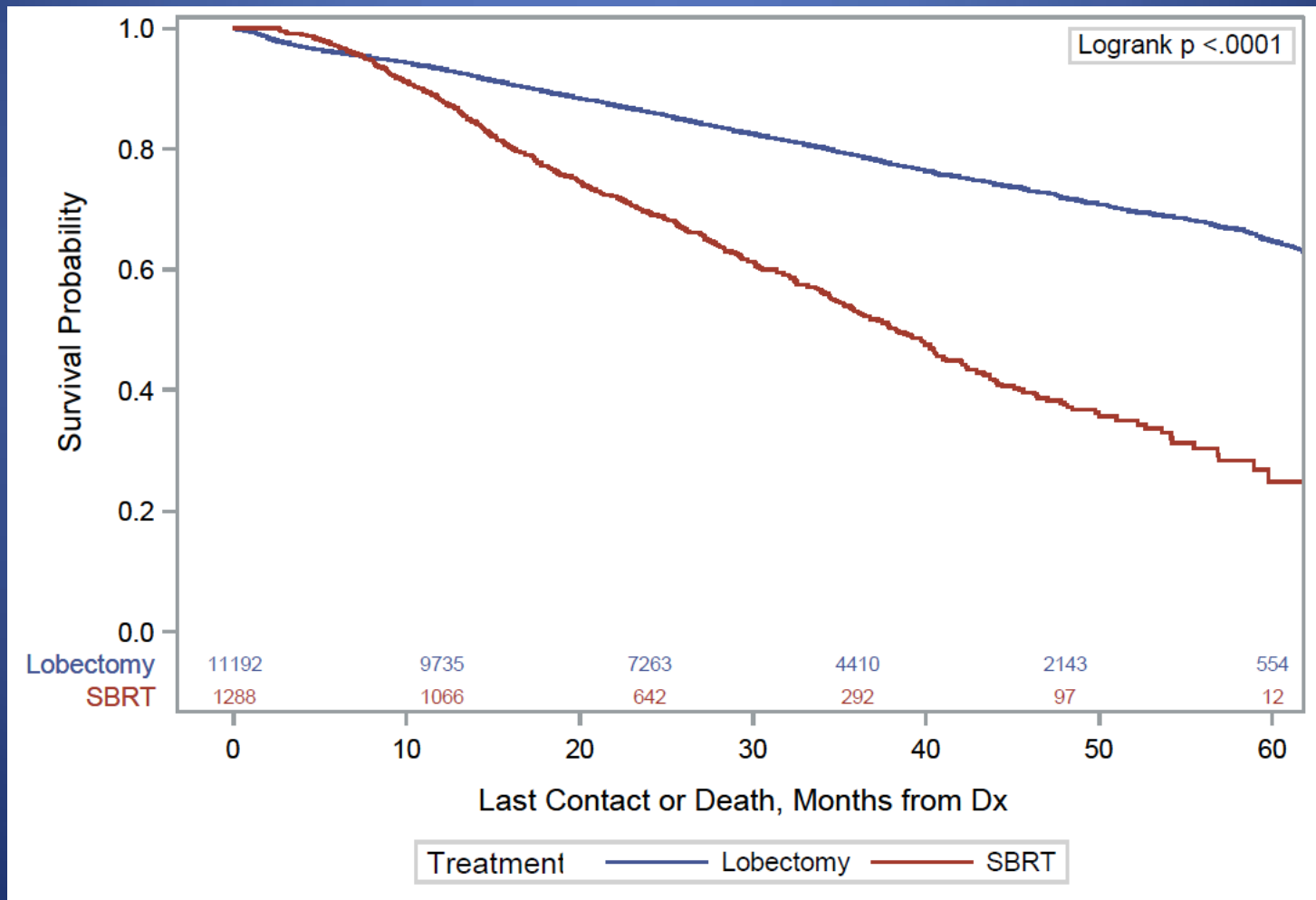
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**Main Outcome Measures:** Overall survival from the time of diagnosis



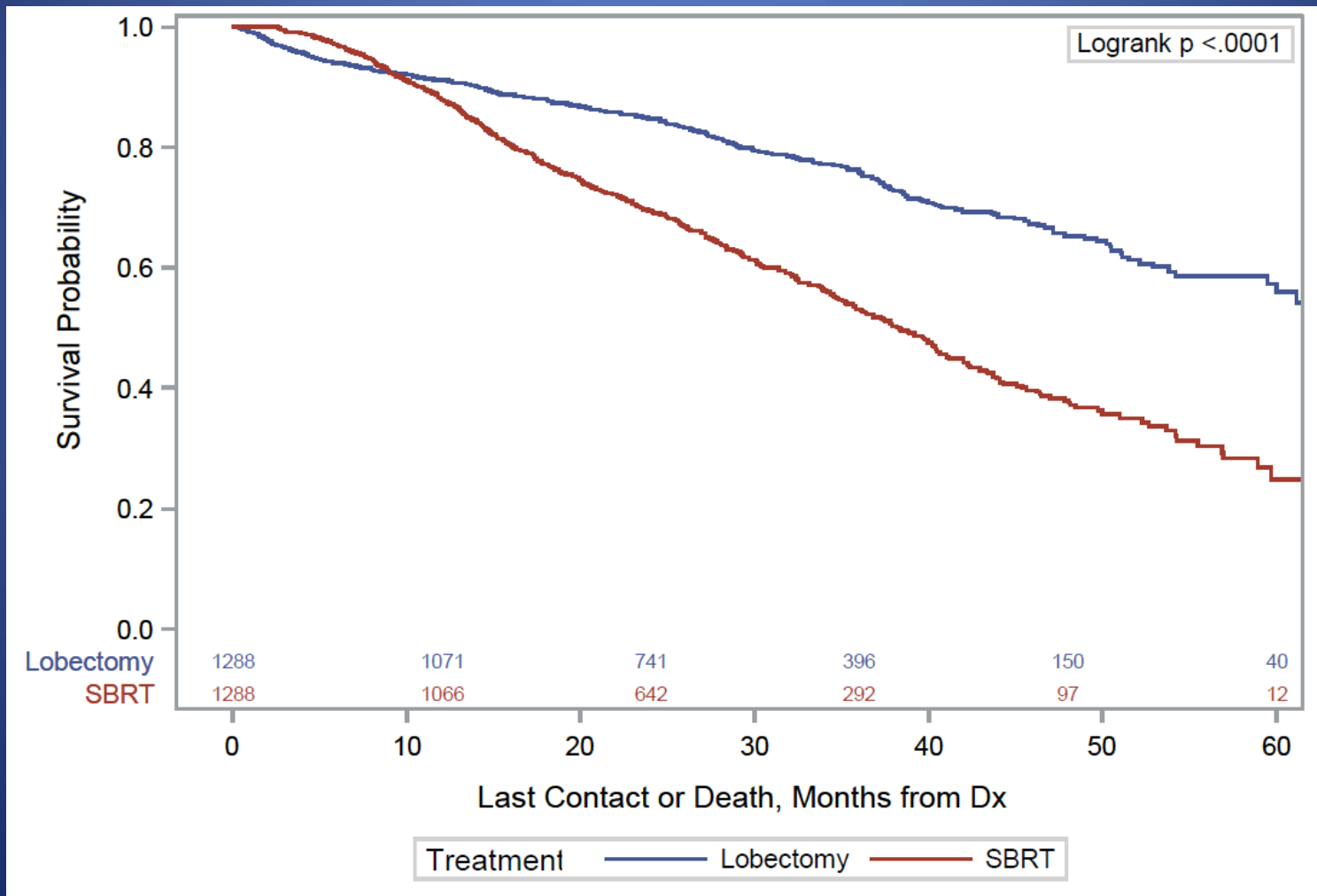
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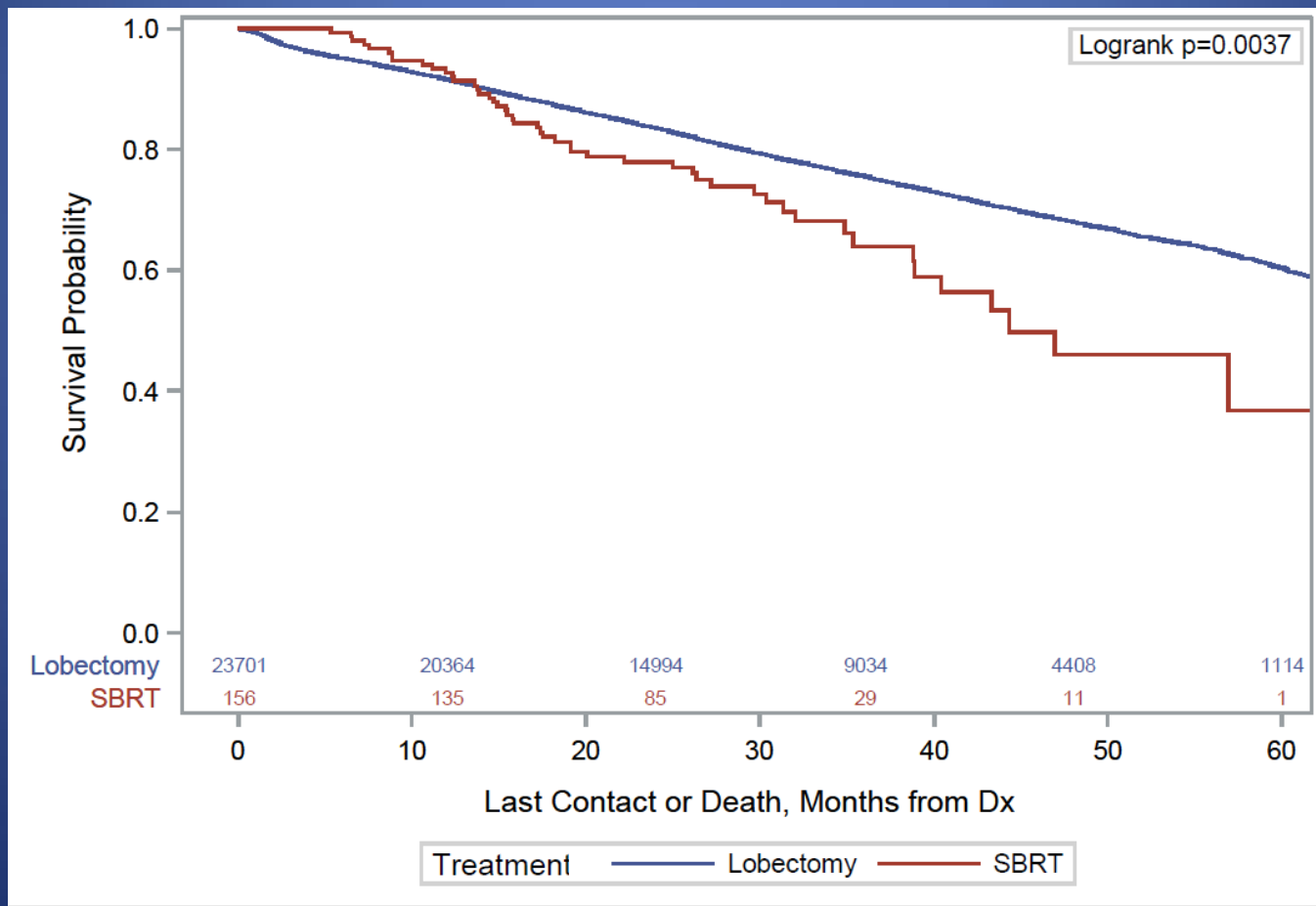
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The propensity-matched population



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The cohort of SBRT patients who were recommended to have surgery, but refused.





# Sublobar Resection for Lung Cancer

## Advantages Over SBRT

Histologic confirmation

Assessment of margins

Nodal staging

Easier interpretation of follow-up imaging

Better cancer outcomes



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# Case presentation

67 yo non-smoker male

University Chancellor

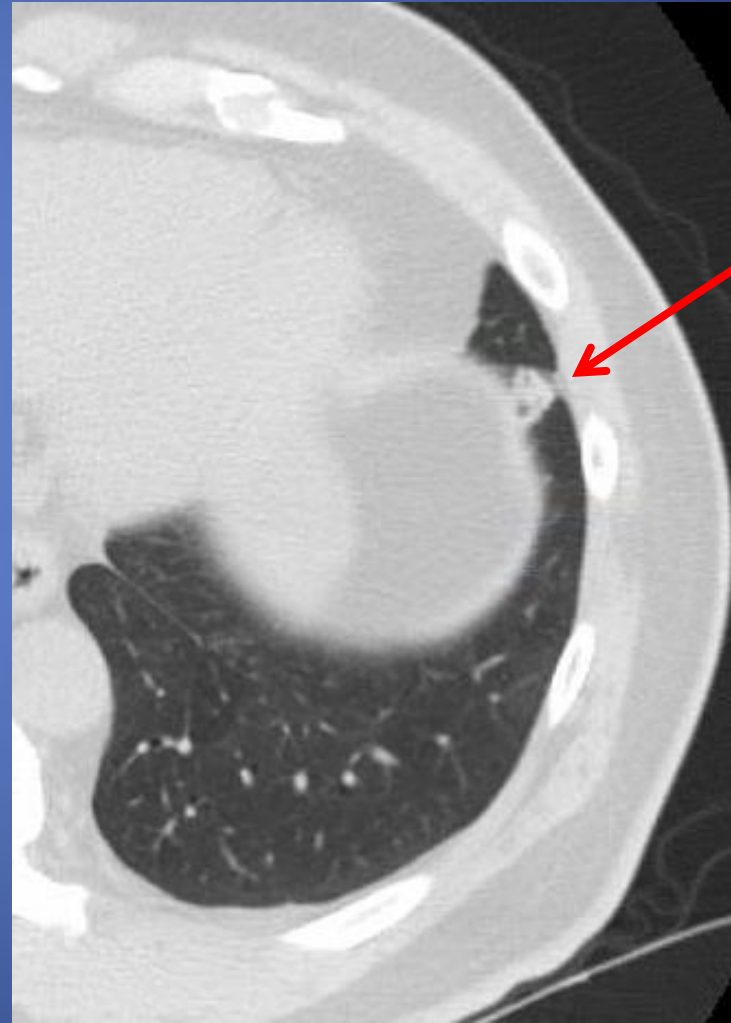
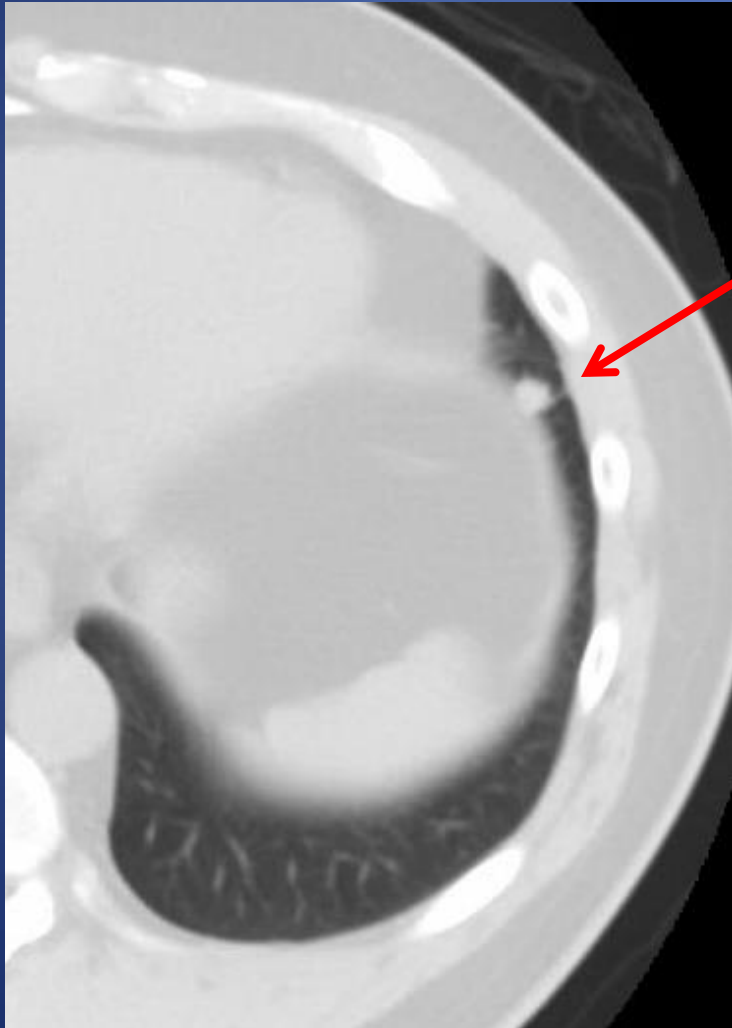
Healthy

2012 - CT → 8mm LLL nodule

2014 – CT chest → 13 mm LLL nodule

Biopsy → adenocarcinoma

# Case presentation



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- A. Radiologic observation
- B. Wedge resection
- C. Segmentectomy
- D. Lobectomy
- E. SBRT



