



**EUROPEAN LUNG CANCER  
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# **CURRENT STATUS OF LUNG CANCER SCREENING**

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# DISCLOSURE SLIDE

Nothing to disclose

## 15 YEARS OF LDCT SCREENING:

**CONSISTENT DETECTION RATES  
HIGH FREQUENCY OF STAGE I  
MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACH**

screened      positive CT      LC      stage I

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non RCT	16	71,935	21%	1.0%	78%
all RCTs	8	44,629	23%	1.1%	62%
NLST alone		26,309	25%	1%	63%

# BEST PERFORMANCE: WHAT IS A POSITIVE LDCT ?

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Annals of Internal Medicine

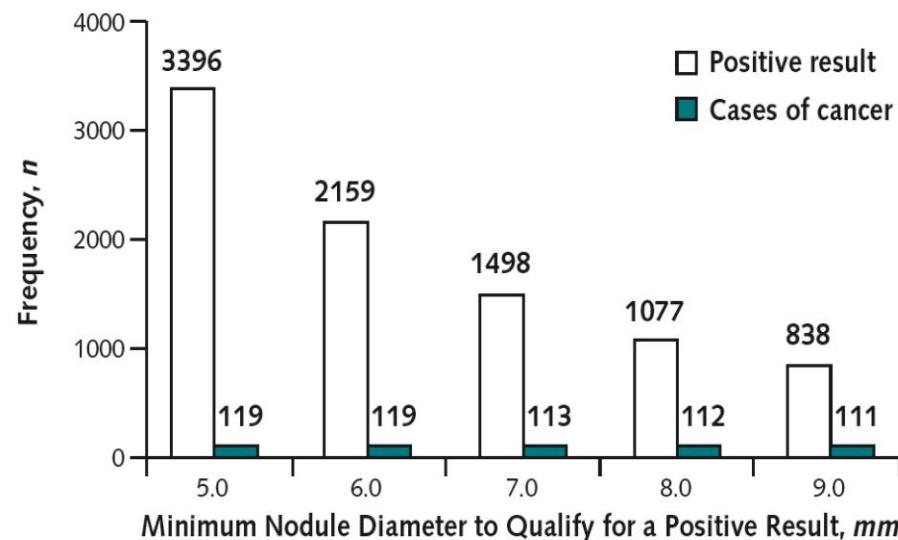
2013;158:246-252

## Definition of a Positive Test Result in Computed Tomography Screening for Lung Cancer

### A Cohort Study

Claudia I. Henschke, PhD, MD; Rowena Yip, MPH; David F. Yankelevitz, MD; and James P. Smith, MD, for the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program Investigators\*

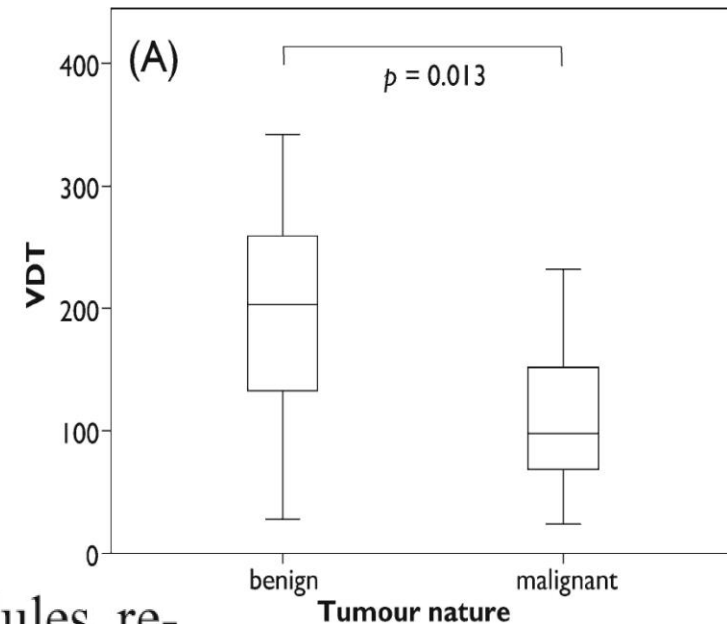
**Conclusion:** These findings suggest that using a threshold of 7 or 8 mm to define positive results in the baseline round of computed tomography screening for lung cancer should be prospectively evaluated to determine whether the benefits of decreasing further work-up outweigh the consequent delay in diagnosis in some patients.



# BEST PERFORMANCE: HOW TO ASSESS GROWTH ?

## Optimisation of volume-doubling time cutoff for fast-growing lung nodules in CT lung cancer screening reduces false-positive referrals

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*Conclusion* All malignant fast-growing lung nodules referred after the 3-month follow-up CT in the baseline lung cancer screening round had  $VDT \leq 232$  days. Lowering the VDT cutoff may reduce false-positive referrals.

Eur Radiol 2013; 23:1836–1845

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS: IS PET SCAN USEFUL ?

## Surgery for benign disease

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<b>DLCST 2012</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>LUSI 2012</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>NELSON 2009</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>DANTE 2009</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>NLST 2011</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>MILD 2012</b>	<b>8%</b>

# LDCT INTENSITY: HOW OFTEN TO SCREEN ?

Eur Radiol

DOI 10.1007/s00330-016-4228-3



CHEST

## Low-dose computed tomography for lung cancer screening: comparison of performance between annual and biennial screen

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6893 LDCTs in 1152 annual, and 4715 in 1151 biennial participants

- *Biennial LDCT screening may be as efficient as the annual screening.*
- *Annual and biennial LDCT screening have similar frequency of interval lung cancers.*
- *Biennial screening may save about one third of LDCT scans.*

# LDCT INTENSITY: IS ONE SHOT ENOUGH ?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

UK Lung Cancer RCT Pilot Screening Trial: baseline findings from the screening arm provide evidence for the potential implementation of lung cancer screening

**Conclusions** The UKLS pilot trial demonstrated that it is possible to detect lung cancer at an early stage and deliver potentially curative treatment in over 80% of cases. Health economic analysis suggests that the intervention would be cost effective—this needs to be confirmed using data on observed lung cancer mortality reduction.

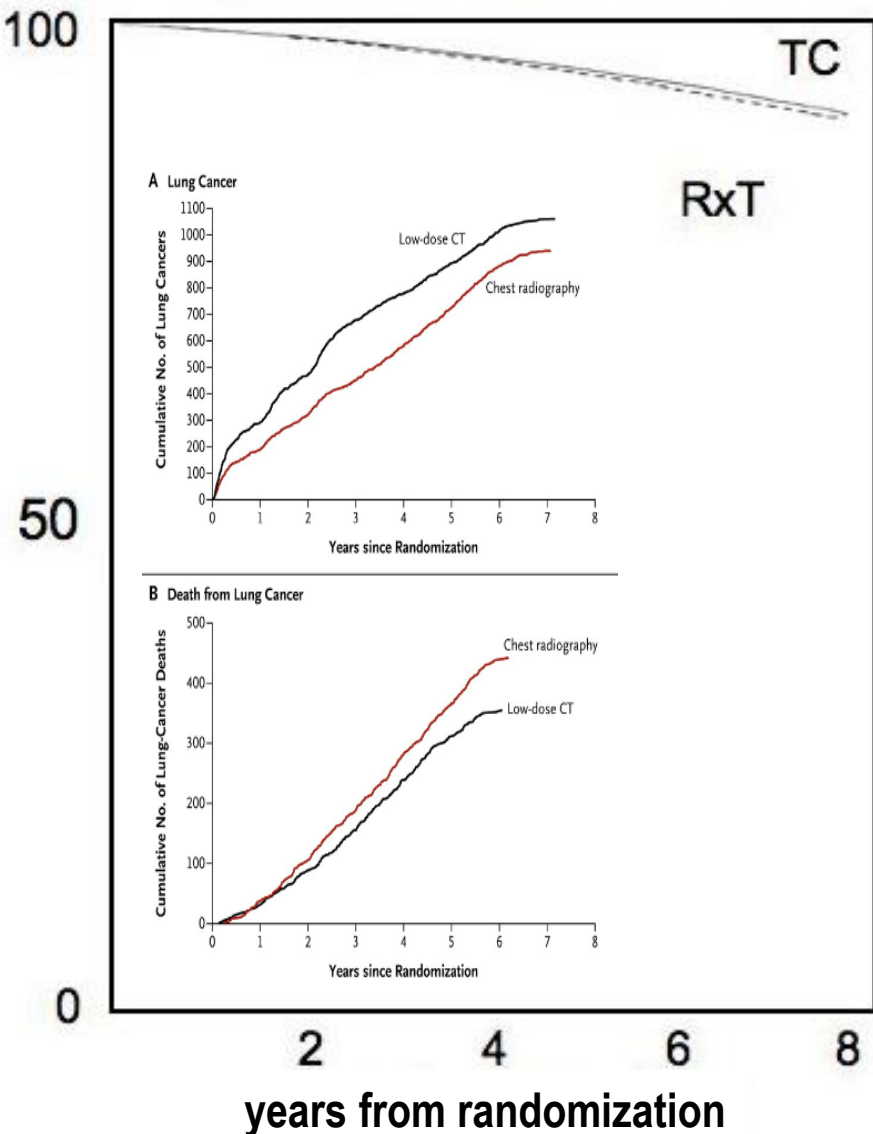
**250,000 individuals** approached  
aged 50 – 75 years  
LC risk  $\geq 5\%$  over 5 years

>3 mm (or 15 mm<sup>3</sup>) LDCT at 1 yr  
>5 mm (or 50 mm<sup>3</sup>) LDCT at 3 mos  
VDTcut-off 400 days

**2,000 LDCT screened**  
**2.1% LC detection rate**



# NLST OUTCOME: SIGNIFICANT MORTALITY REDUCTION



53,454 persons: 3 rounds of LDCT screening vs CXR

- 20% reduction of lung cancer mortality  
7% reduction all cause mortality
- 24.2% positive subjects  
96.4% false positive = **PPV 3.6%**
- overdiagnosis by LDCT : > 18% overall  
up to 79% for indolent cancers

**- 1% / year mortality**

Aberle DR., N Engl J Med 2011  
Patz EF., JAMA 2013

# EUROPEAN RCTs: NO EVIDENCE OF MORTALITY REDUCTION

## Results of the randomized Danish Lung Cancer Screening Trial with focus on high-risk profiling

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Running head: Results of the Danish Lung Cancer Screening Trial

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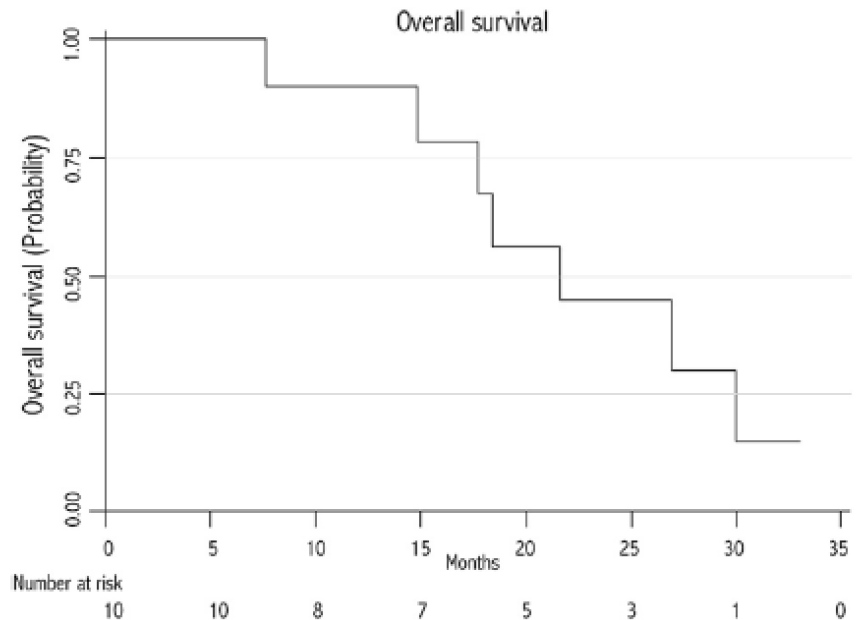
## Long-term follow-up results of the DANTE trial, a randomized study of lung cancer screening with spiral computed tomography

Maurizio Infante, MD<sup>1</sup>, Silvio Cavuto, DSc<sup>2</sup>, Fabio Romano Lutman, MD<sup>3</sup>, Eliseo Passera, MD<sup>4</sup>, Maurizio Chiarenza, MD<sup>5</sup>, Giuseppe Chiesa, MD<sup>4</sup>, Giorgio Brambilla, MD<sup>3</sup>, Enzo Angeli, MD<sup>6</sup>, Giuseppe Aranzulla, MD<sup>7</sup>, Arturo Chiti, MD<sup>8</sup>, Marta Scorsetti, MD<sup>9</sup>, Pierina Navarria, MD<sup>9</sup>, Raffaele Cavina, MD<sup>10</sup>, Michele Ciccarelli, MD<sup>11</sup>, Massimo Roncalli, MD, PhD<sup>12</sup>, Anna Destro, PhD<sup>12</sup>, Edoardo Bottoni, MD<sup>1</sup>, Emanuele Voulaz, MD<sup>1</sup>, Valentina Errico, MD<sup>1</sup>, Giorgio Ferraroli, MD<sup>1</sup>, Giovanna Finocchiaro, MD<sup>10</sup>, Luca Toschi MD<sup>10</sup>, Armando Santoro, MD<sup>10</sup>, Marco Alloisio, MD<sup>1</sup>. For the DANTE Study Group.

# Screening with Low-Dose Computed Tomography Does Not Improve Survival of Small Cell Lung Cancer



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**Figure 3.** Overall survival curve shows no survivors at 3 years after diagnosis of SCLC.

# OVERDIAGNOSIS: HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM ?

LC incidence /10,000 PY

NLST

LDCT

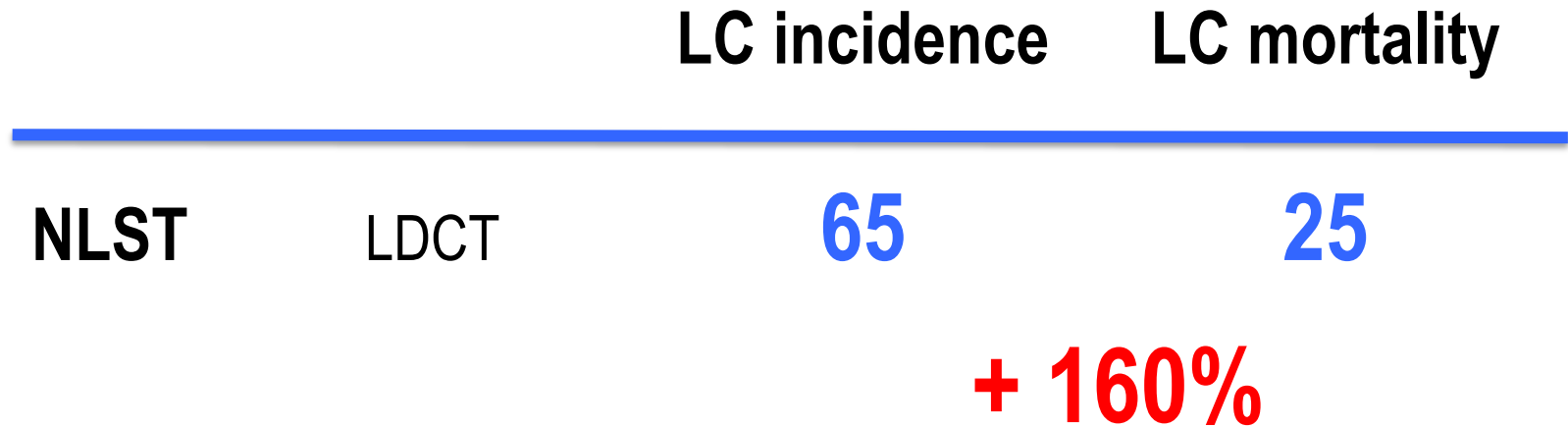
65

+ 14%

CR

57

# OVERDIAGNOSIS: HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM ?



N Engl J Med 2011, 365:395

# OVERDIAGNOSIS: HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM ?

		LC incidence	LC mortality
NLST	LDCT	65	25
	CR	57 + 84%	31
PLCO*	CR	61	36
	Observation	61 + 60%	38

\* subset of 30,321 participants eligible for NLST trial

N Engl J Med 2011, 365:395

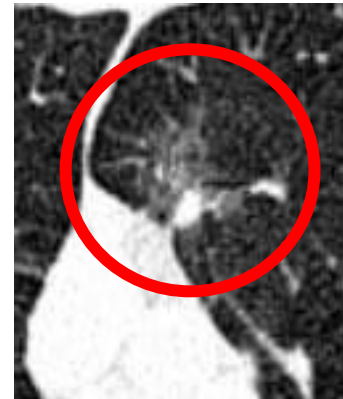
JAMA 2011, 306:1865

# NON SOLID LESIONS: IS IT WORTH TO RESECT THEM ?

## Long-Term Surveillance of Ground-Glass Nodules *Evidence from the MILD Trial*

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**76 ground-glass nodules (GGNs)**  
detected in 56 patients at baseline CT  
followed for 5 years by CT:  
only one (1.3%) progressed (stage Ia ADC)  
**3 developed LC in other sites**



J Thor Oncol 7:1541, 2012

# LARGE SCALE SCREENING: WHICH IS THE BEST DESIGN ?

## POOLED ANALYSIS ESSENTIAL

### Lung cancer screening: European randomised LDCT trials




Study	Country	Year started	Subjects enrolled	Recruitment	Age	# CT	Years screening
DANTE	IT	2001	2,811	volunteers	60-74	5	5
NELSON	NL-B	2003	15,822	registry	50-74	3	4
ITALUNG	IT	2004	3,206	GPs	55-69	4	4
DLCST	DK	2004	4,104	volunteers	50-70	5	5
MILD	IT	2005	4,099	volunteers	49-75	4-8	8
LUSI	D	2007	4,052	population	50-69	5	5
UKLS	UK	2011	4,055	registry	50-75	1	1

**Total** **38,149**



## **LDCT screening cohorts at INTM**

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	<b>2000</b>	<b>INT-IEO</b> pilot trial:	1,035	14,000 PY
	<b>2005</b>	<b>MILD</b> randomized:	2,376	20,000 PY
	<b>2013</b>	<b>bioMILD</b> miRNA + LDCT:	4,100	6,000 PY

**Total LDCT participants**

**7,500**

**40,000 PY**

**# blood & tissue  
samples frozen - 80°**

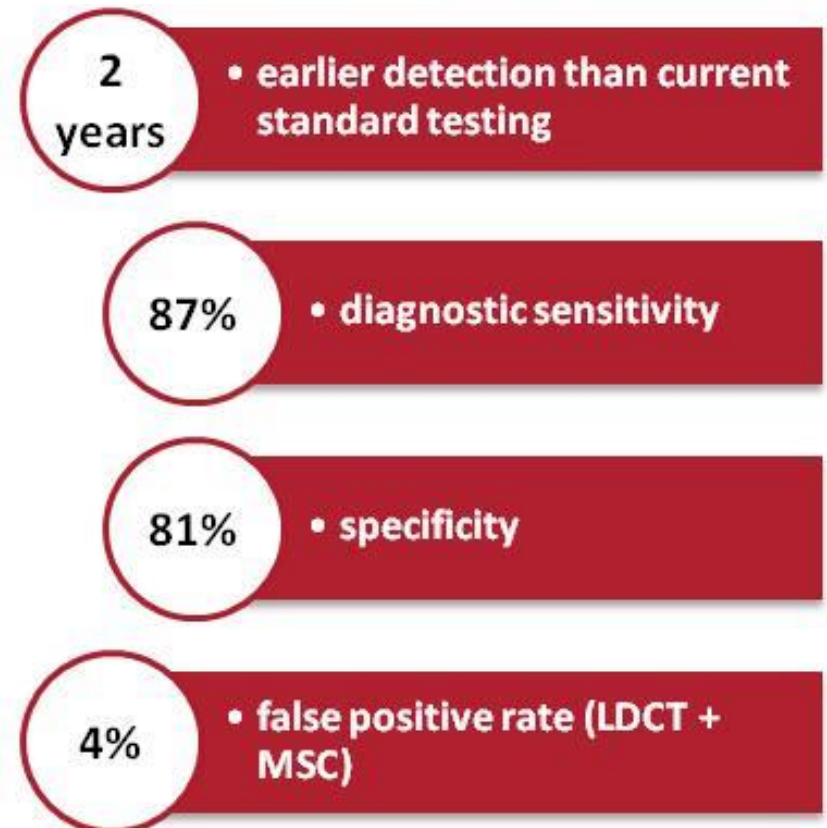
**> 100,000**

# LC BIOLOGY: CAN BIOMARKERS IMPROVE SCREENING ?

Clinical Utility of a Plasma-Based miRNA Signature Classifier Within Computed Tomography Lung Cancer Screening: A Correlative MILD Trial Study

**false positive rate = 4%  
vs. 96.4% in NLST**

J Clin Oncol 10;32:768

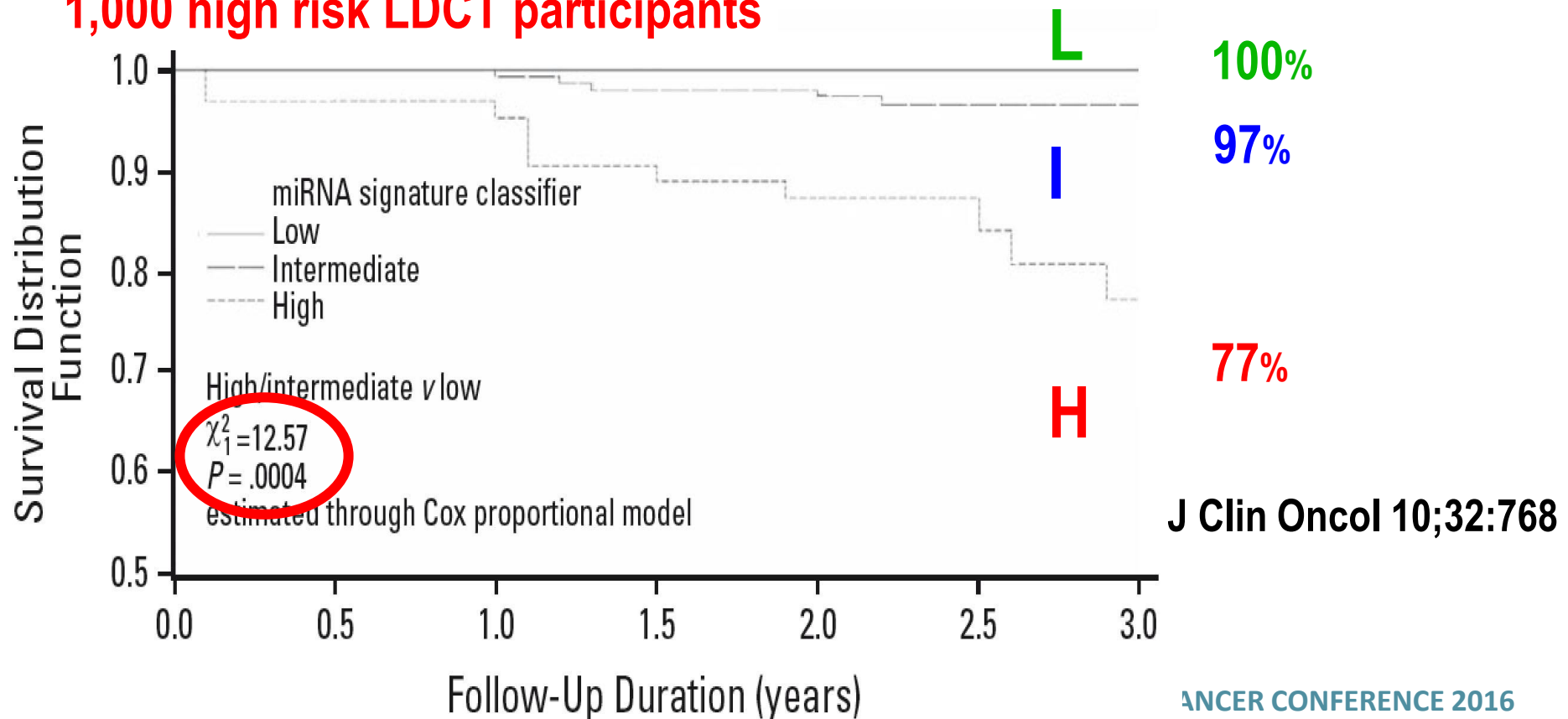


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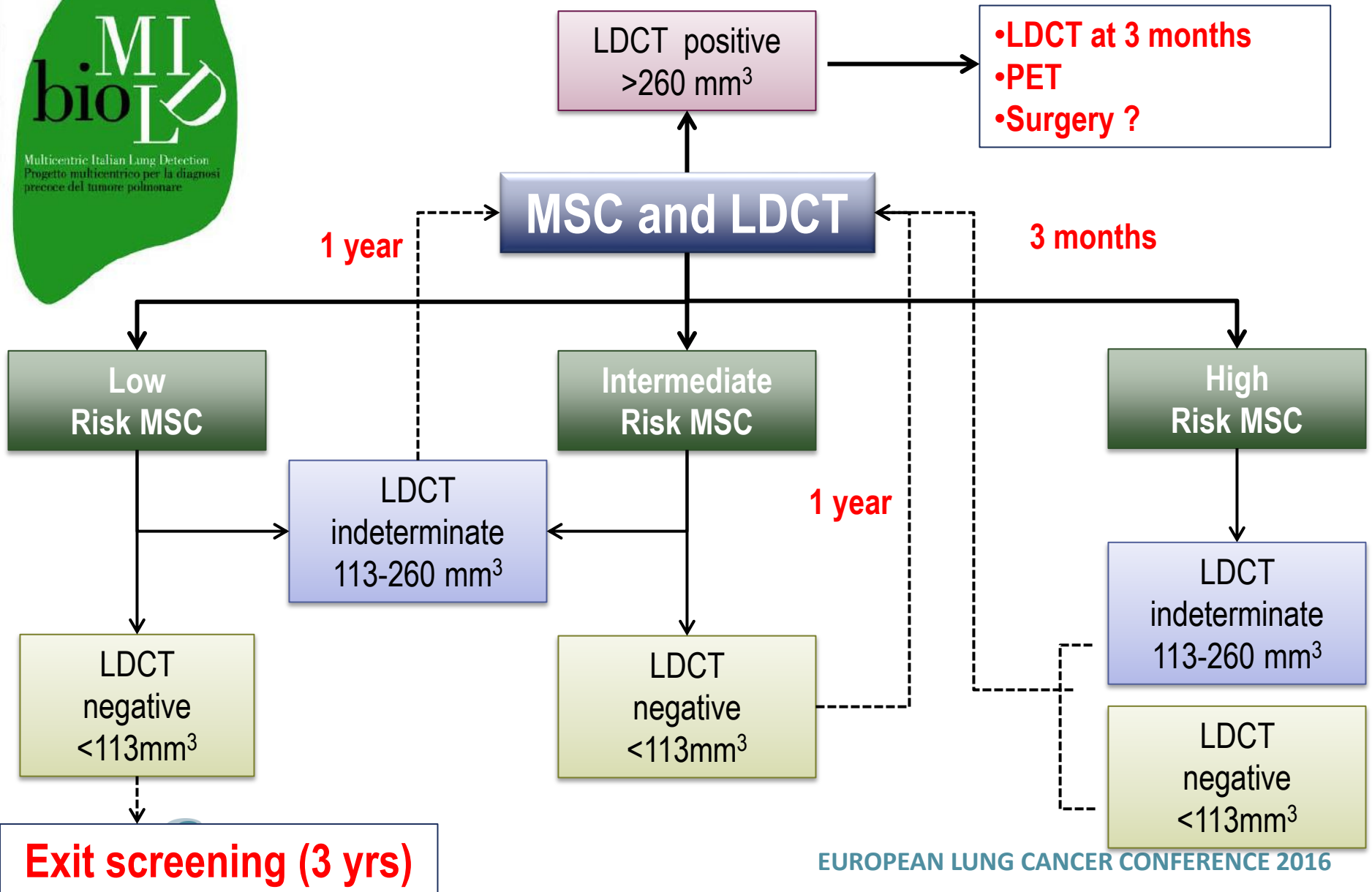
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**MSC predicted cohort survival of 1,000 high risk LDCT participants**



# MIRNA + LDCT: BIOMILD TRIAL ON 4,000 SUBJECTS



# WHY SO LITTLE EFFECT: **LC IS A MINOR CAUSE OF DEATH**

## 50-Year Trends in Smoking-Related Mortality in the United States

Michael J. Thun, M.D., Brian D. Carter, M.P.H., Diane Feskanich, Sc.D.,  
Neal D. Freedman, Ph.D., M.P.H., Ross Prentice, Ph.D., Alan D. Lopez, Ph.D.,  
Patricia Hartge, Sc.D., and Susan M. Gapstur, Ph.D., M.P.H.

**956,761 COHORT, AGE 55-85, 56% EVER SMOKERS**

% DEATHS	MALES	FEMALES
<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>FORMER</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>NLST</b>	<b>23%</b>	

# NEW EVIDENCE: DRUG INTERVENTION WORKS

TJ

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Tumori 2015; 101(3): 306-311

DOI: 10.5301/tj.5000282

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## efficacy of varenicline

187 MILD subjects, on LDCT screening > 5 yrs

### A combined smoking cessation intervention within a lung cancer screening trial: a pilot observational study

Paolo Pozzi<sup>1</sup>, Elena Munarini<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Bravi<sup>2</sup>, Marta Rossi<sup>2,3</sup>, Carlo La Vecchia<sup>2,3</sup>, Roberto Boffi<sup>1</sup>, Ugo Pastorino<sup>4</sup>

quitting rate after one  
varenicline treatment:

3 mos

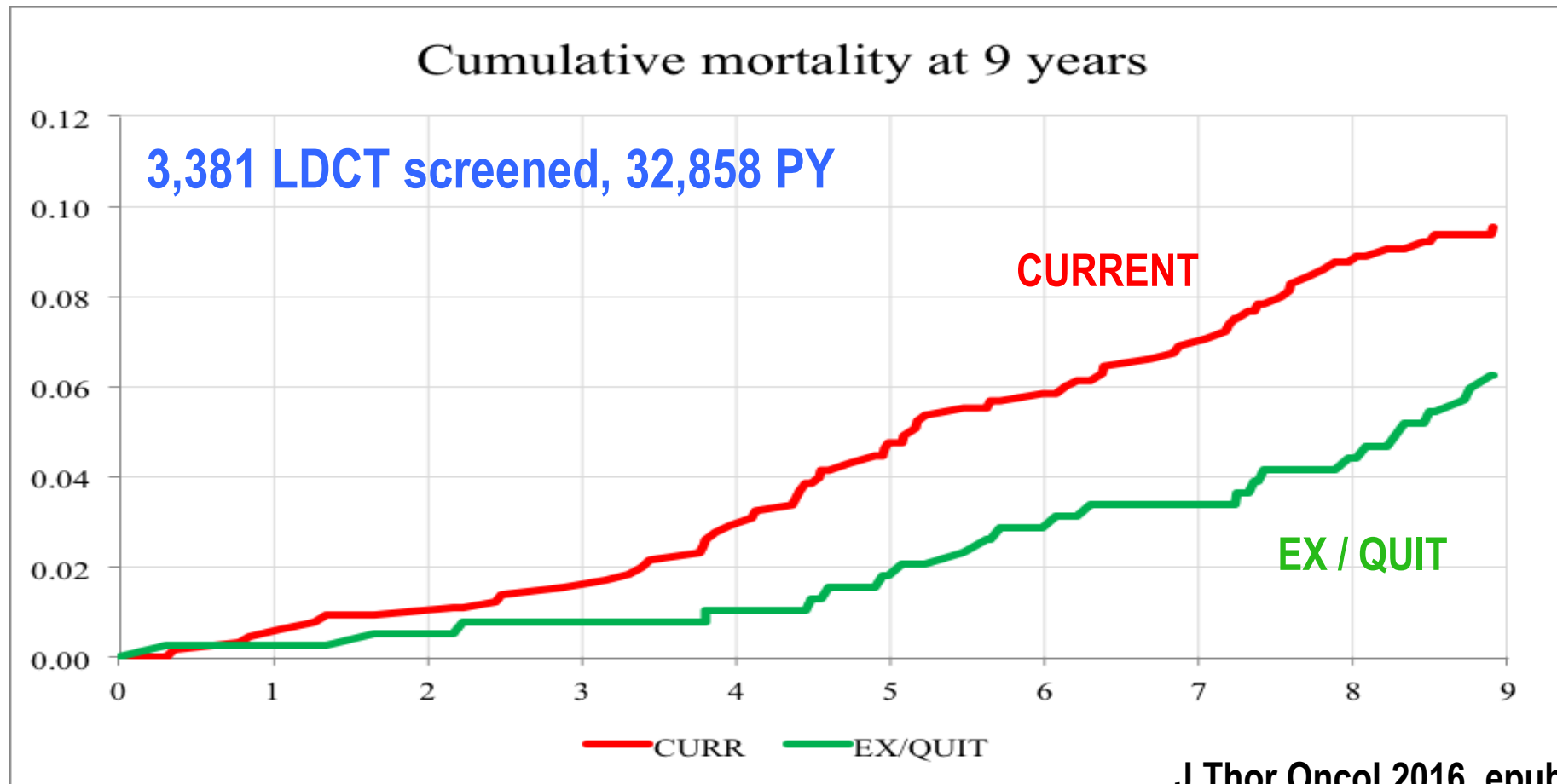
49%

12 mos

20%

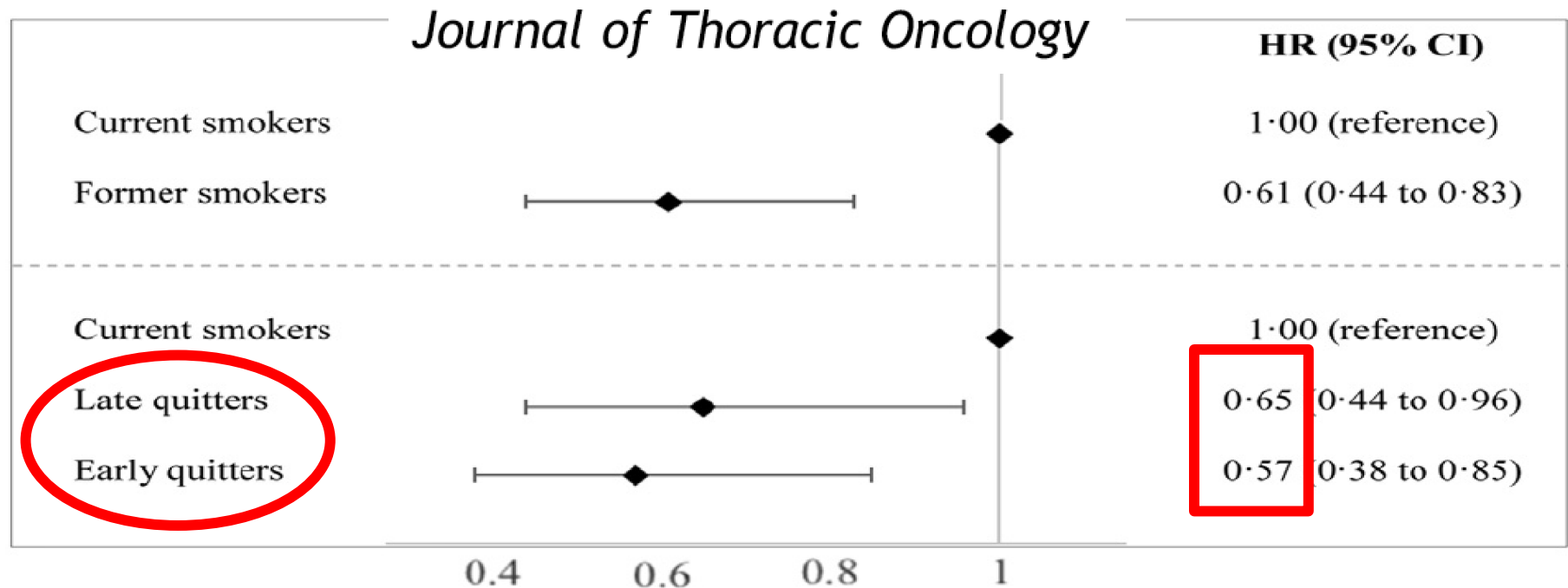
# NEW EVIDENCE: QUITTING IN LDCT IS EFFECTIVE

## Stopping Smoking Reduces Mortality in Low-Dose Computed Tomography Screening Participants



# NEW EVIDENCE: QUITTING MORE EFFECTIVE THAN LDCT

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**Figure 3.** Effect of smoking cessation on overall mortality. Hazard ratios (Cox model) and corresponding 95% confidence intervals estimating the effect of smoking cessation on mortality. Estimates are adjusted for covariates measured at baseline (sex, age, predicted forced expiratory volume in the first second of expiration, and average number of pack-years)

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# LOST OPPORTUNITY: **SMOKING ASSESSMENT IN NLST**

## **The Association between Smoking Abstinence and Mortality in the National Lung Screening Trial**

Nichole T. Tanner<sup>1,2</sup>, Neeti M. Kanodra<sup>1</sup>, Mulugeta Gebregziabher<sup>2,3</sup>, Elizabeth Payne<sup>3</sup>, Chanita Hughes Halbert<sup>2,4</sup>, Graham W. Warren<sup>5,6</sup>, Leonard E. Egede<sup>2,7</sup>, and Gerard A. Silvestri<sup>1</sup>

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**Current smokers had an increased lung cancer-specific (HR range 2.14-2.29) and all-cause mortality (HR range 1.79-1.85) compared to former smokers**

**Seven years of smoking abstinence reduced lung cancer-specific mortality at a magnitude comparable to LDCT screening**

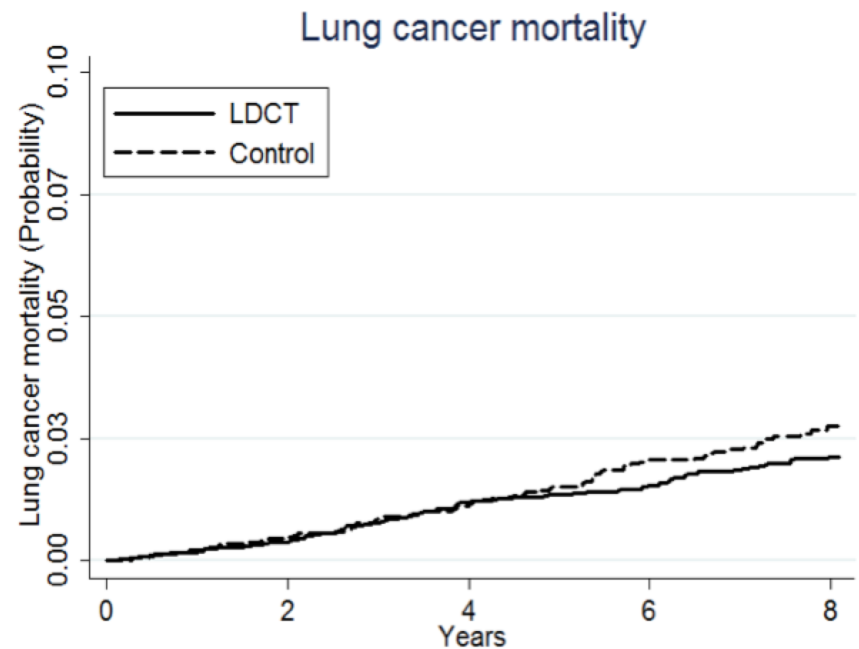
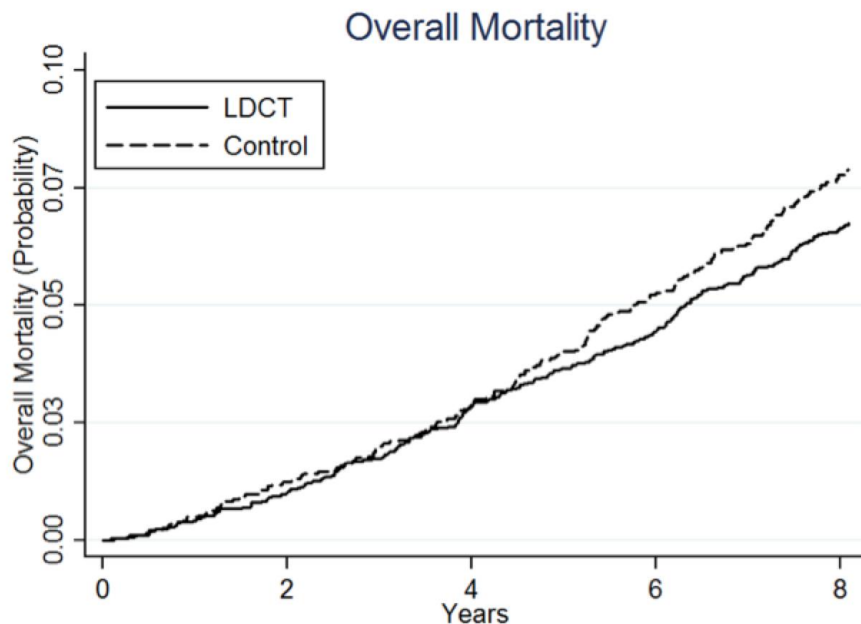
**No information on quitting rate during LDCT screening and its impact on mortality**

**Am J Resp Crit Care Med 2016, 193: 534-541**

# OPEN QUESTIONS: POOLED ANALYSIS OF DANTE & MILD

**6,549 PARTICIPANTS, 52,637 PY, 520 DEATHS**

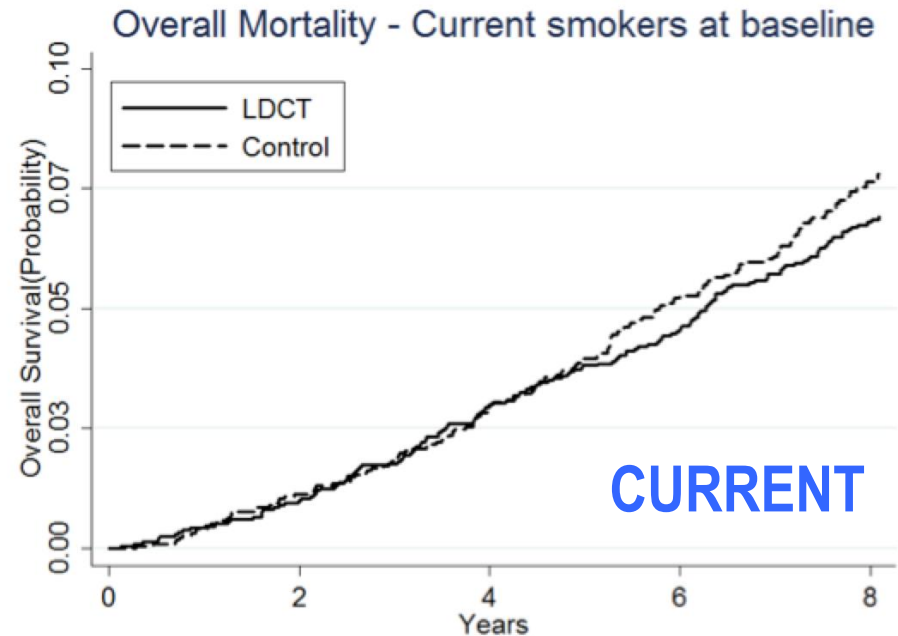
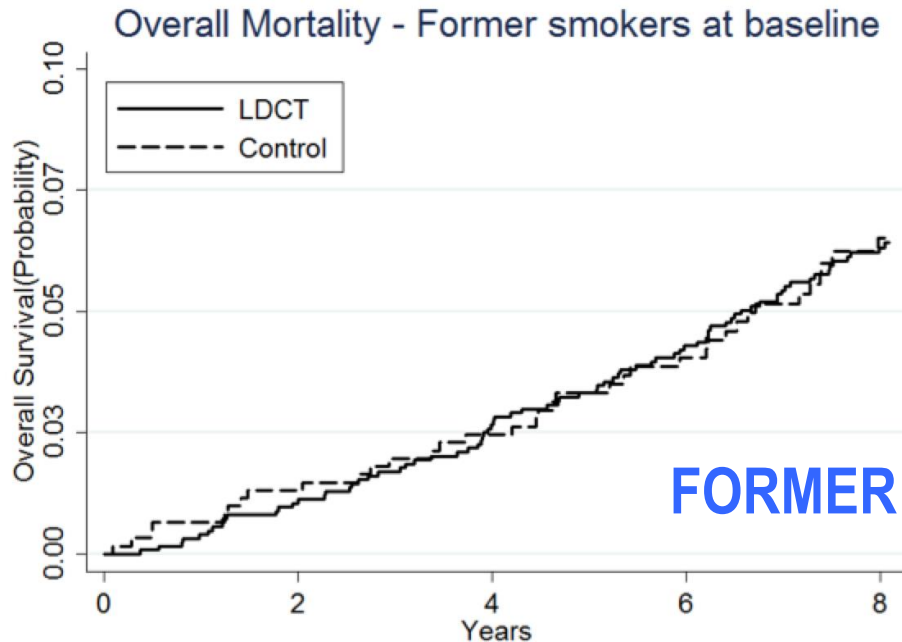
**non-significant 11% reduction of overall mortality in LDCT arm as compared to control arm, HR = 0.89 (95% CI: 0.74-1.06)**



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**No reduction of overall mortality in former smokers at baseline ?**



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## OPEN QUESTIONS: **SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE**

- **targeted therapy of all metastatic LC ???**
- **QUALY > 150,000 €**
- **similar prospect for BPCO & HD**
- **better treatment of tobacco addiction**
- **aging requires preventive strategies**

# LDCT SCREENING IN 2016: SUMMARY

- good prospects for **targeted** screening
- results of **European RCTs** are crucial
- optimize individual **selection** (biologic)
- improve diagnostic **algorithm**
- validate **biomarkers**
- **combine with primary prevention**

# SCREENING + PREVENTION: **THE SMILE TRIAL**

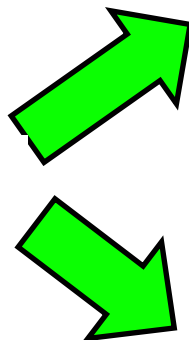


**pilot study on the feasibility  
of integrated prevention  
in high risk individuals**

## **Population:**

55-75 yrs-old  
current smokers  
≥ 30 pack / years

1:1



**Behavioural counselling (Eurocode)  
+ annual or biennial LDCT**

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## **+ Integrated prevention:**

- Pharmacological approach (varenicline, ASA)
- Balanced diet
- Physical exercise