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Abstracts #320 and #321

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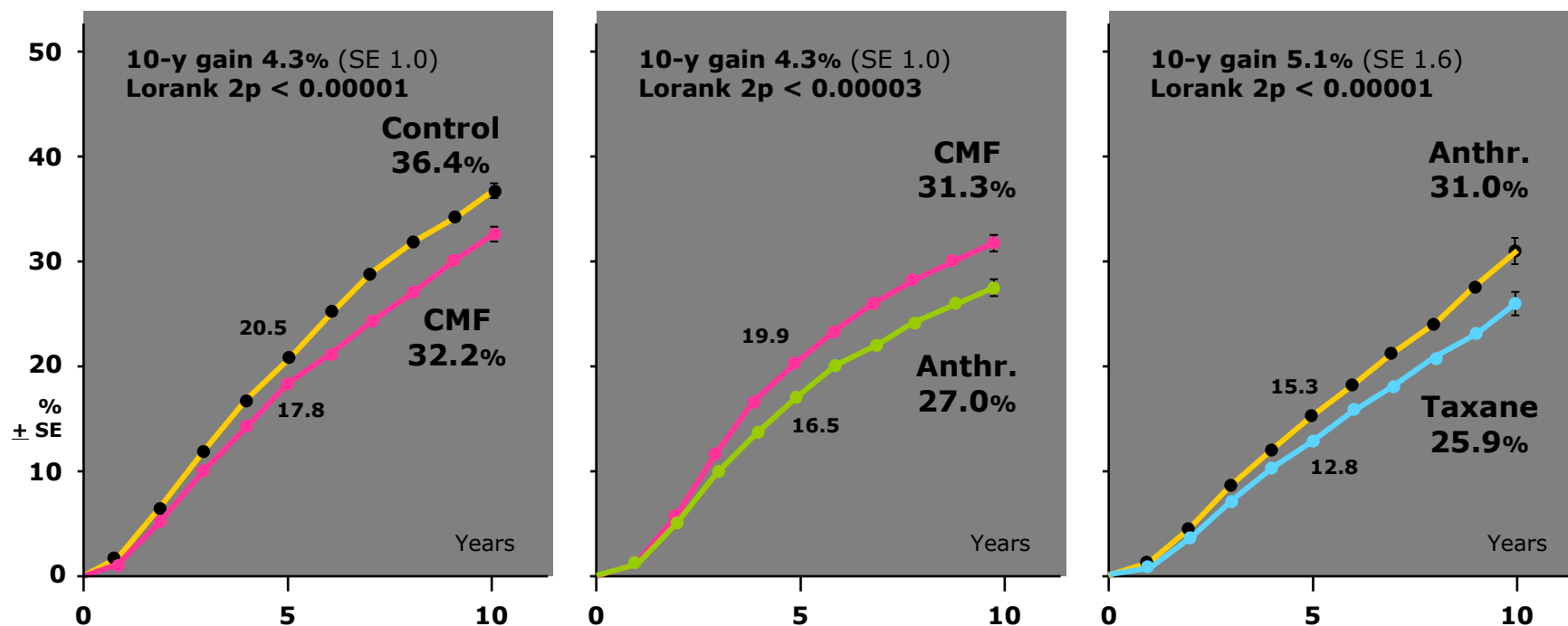
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Abstracts to be discussed

- **Abstract #320; Chen XS et al.
Significantly Superior Outcome after Neoadjuvant
Chemotherapy with Docetaxel, Anthracycline and
Cyclophosphomide versus TC:
Results from the NATT Trial in Triple Negative or HER2 positive
Breast Cancer**
- **Abstract #321; Ataseven B et al.
Impact of multifocal or multicentric disease on surgical,
locoregional, and distant survival after neoadjuvant
chemotherapy in 3562 breast cancer patients**

Improvement of adjuvant chemotherapy? ¹



Death rates (% / year: total – rate in women without recurrence) & logrank analyses

Doubts concerning anthracyclines?

- **Relative benefit of anthracyclines to CMF might be restricted to Her2-positive cancers with topo-II α overexpression ^{1,2}**
- **ACs inhibit topoisomerase-II α (topo-II α); Gene coding for topo-II α is located in close proximity to the Her2/neu-gene (17q12-q21)**
- **Her2-amplification may be accompanied by amplification of the topo-II α as well**
- **Isolated amplification of the topo-II α is rare ^{2,3}**
- **Cardiotoxicity; secondary MDS, AML ^{3,4}**

1 Di Leo A et al. Clin Cancer Res 2002;8:1107-1116.

2 Press MF et al. J Clin Oncol 2011;29:859-867.

3 .Mano MS et al. Cancer Treat Rev 2007;33:64-77.

3 Jones S et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:1177-1183.

4 Slamon D et al. N Engl J Med 2011;365:1273-1283

Evidence for anthracycline-free regimens

- **BCIRG006₁**
AC-TH *versus* AC-T:
DFS HR 0.64; $p < .001$; OS HR 0.63; $p < .001$
TCH *versus* AC-T:
DFS HR 0.75; $p = .04$; HR 0.75; $p = .04$
No significant difference between the AC-TH and TCH

- **US Oncology 9735₂**
TC x 4 *versus* AC x 4
OS (7 years follow-up):
87% (TC) *versus* 82% (AC)
HR 0.69; 95% CI 0.50 to 0.97; $p = .032$

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A novel treatment standard? ¹

- Prescription practice of anthracycline-free regimens at the UCSF 2000-2005;2006-2010
- 1,116 patients from the UCSF Cancer Registry database
- 50% HR-positive, 25% Her2-positive, 17% TNT
- Overall, 80% received anthracycline-based chemotherapy
- Use of anthracyclines decreased from 95% to 65%, while the use of non-anthracycline-based chemo increased from 5% to 35%

Trials in favour of anthracyclines?

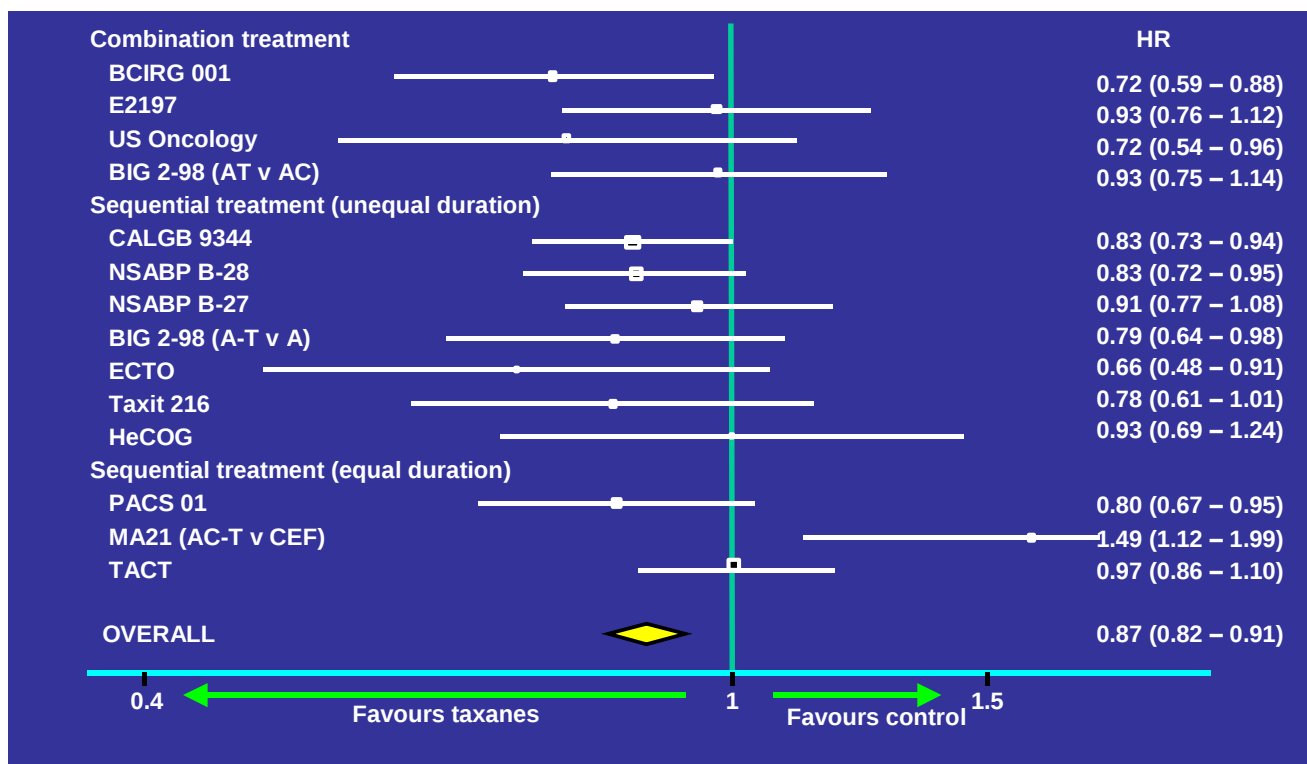
- **M.21₁**
Canadian CEF *versus* AC-P q3w (and DD AC-P)
Benefit in terms of RFS in favour of CEF

- **GOIM 9902₂**
EC120 x 4 *versus* EC120-Docetaxel
Five year DFS:
73.4% in both arms; HR 0.99; 95% 0.75-1.31; $p=.95$

1 Burnell M et al. Presented at: 29th Annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium; December 14-17, 2006; San Antonio, TX.

2 Vici P et al. Ann Oncol 2012;23:1121-1129.

Taxanes *versus* no Taxanes ¹



¹ Peto R on behalf of the Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG). Presented at SABCS 2007, December 13, 2007. San Antonio, TX.



Significantly Superior Outcome after Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy with Docetaxel, Anthracycline and Cyclophosphomide versus TC: Results from the NATT Trial in Triple Negative or HER2 positive Breast Cancer

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Study Design

Triple Negative or HER2 positive breast cancer



TC 75/600 mg/m²

TC q3w x 6 cycles → surgery*

TAC 75/50(epi60)/500 mg/m²

TAC q3w x 6 cycles → surgery





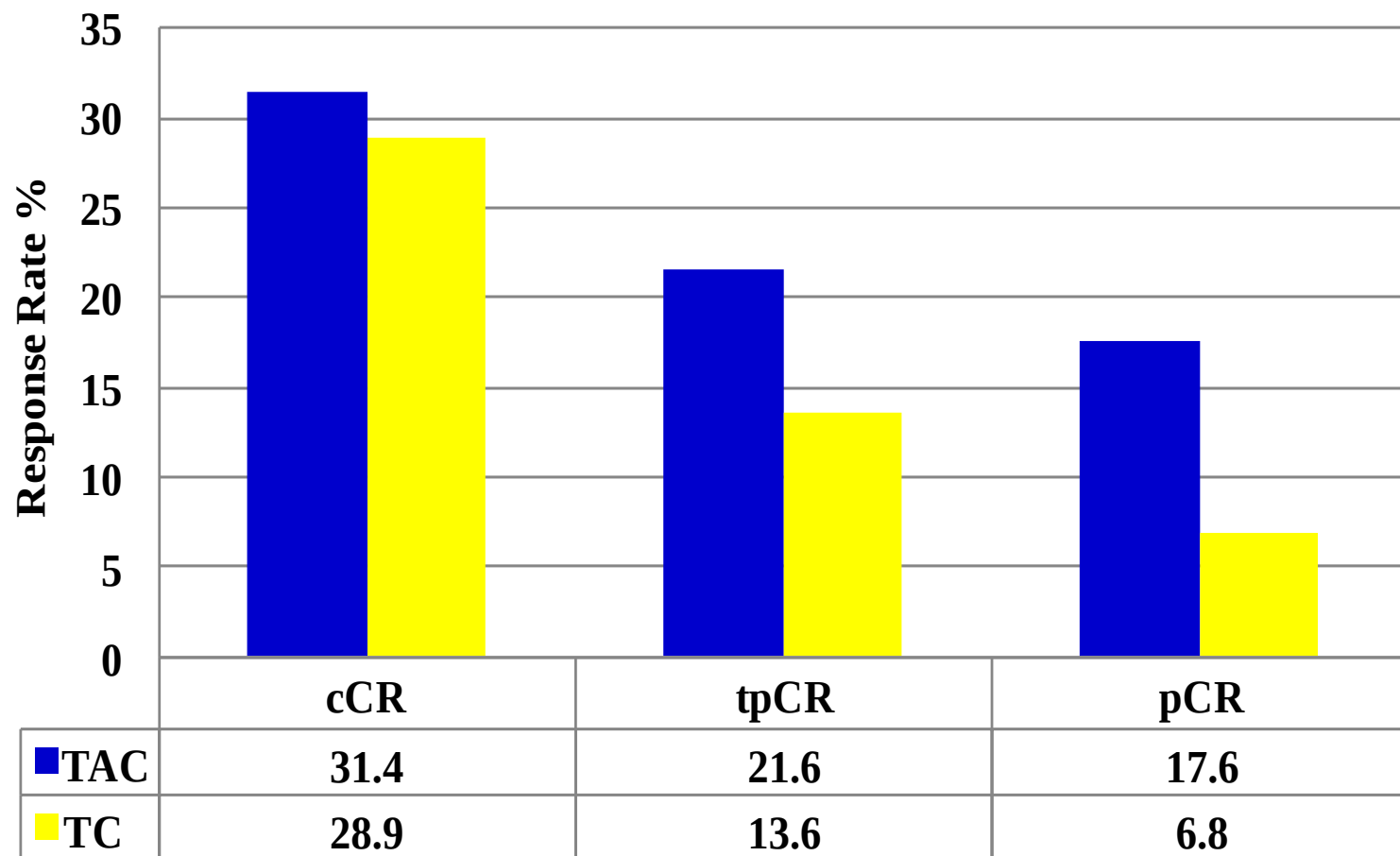
Endpoints

- **Primary endpoint: pCR rate among two groups**
 - Definition of pCR: no invasive tumor in breast and axillary
- **Secondary endpoints:**
 - DFS, EFS and OS
 - Breast conservation surgery rate
 - Clinical response rate
 - Safety and toxicity
 - pCR predictive factors



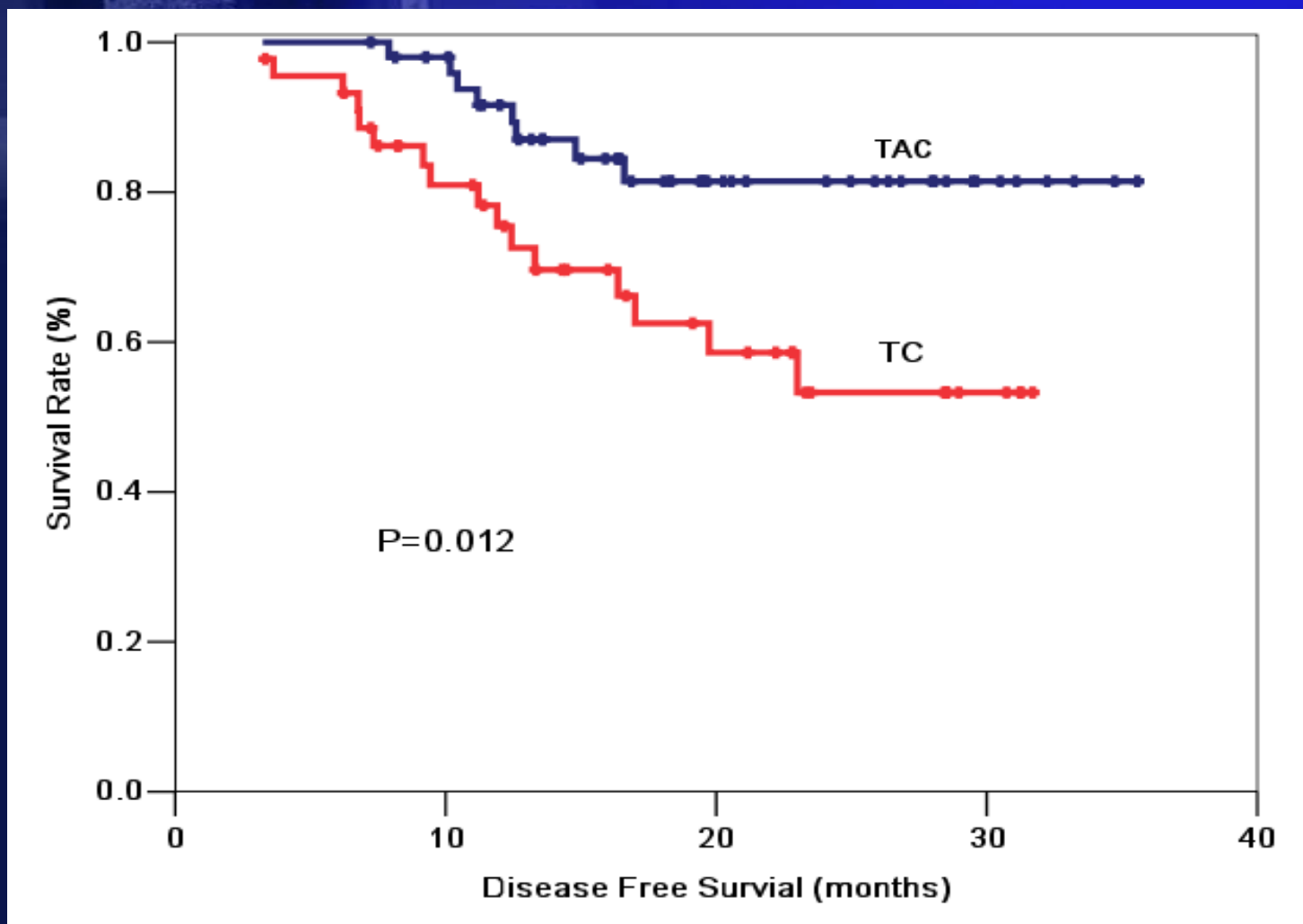


Tumor response in 95 breast cancer patients



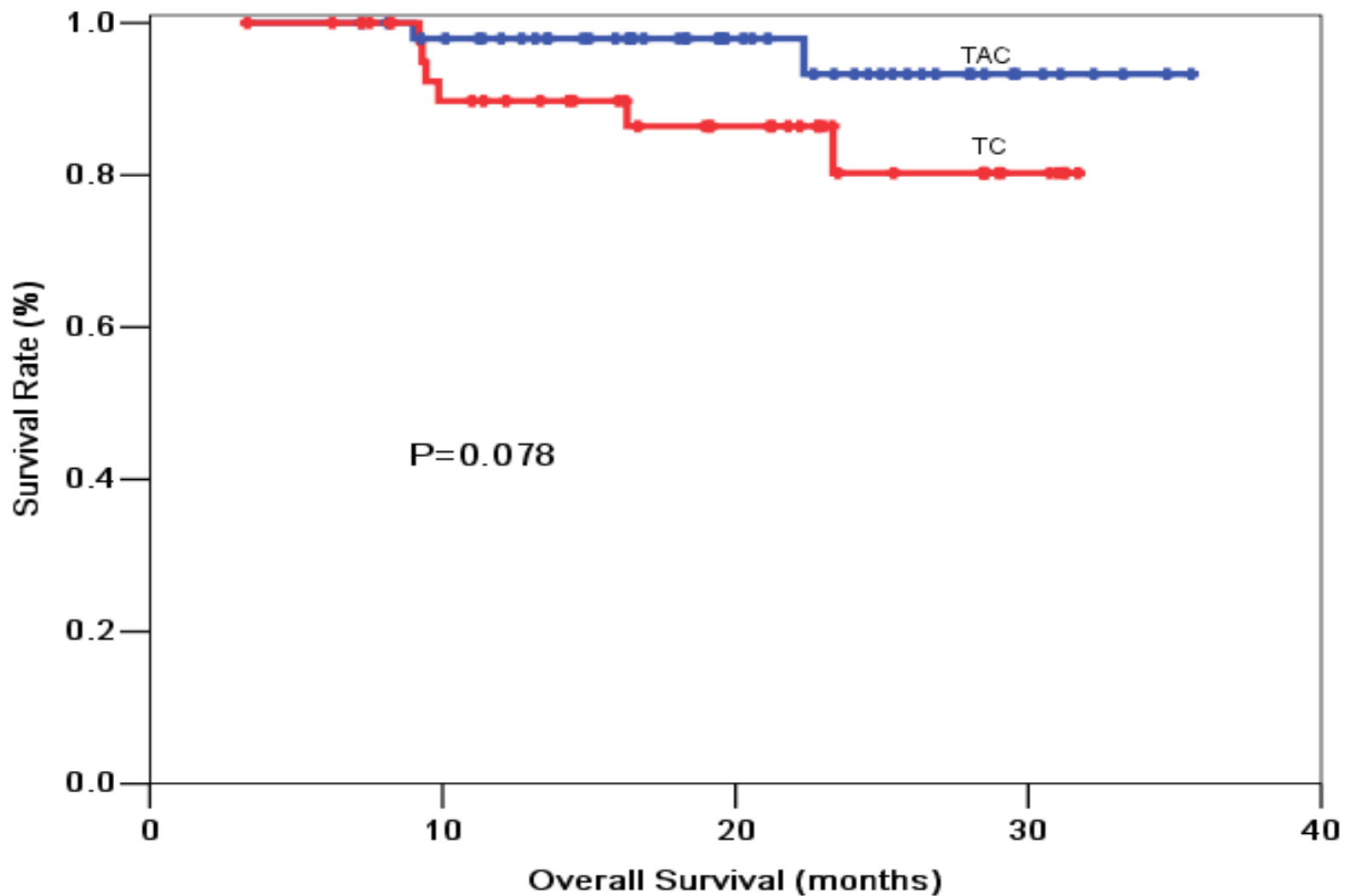


DFS in TC & TAC Group





OS in TC & TAC Group





Conclusions

- pCR rate was not significantly different between TAC and TC in NCT of TNBC or HER2 positive breast cancer;
- Adding anthracycline to TC can significantly improve outcome (EFS and DFS);
- Anthracycline should be considered as a necessary and effective drug in neoadjuvant treatment in this trial setting.





Results: pts Characteristics

Characteristics	TAC (51 pts)	TC (45 pts)	P value*
Age			0.204
Mean (ages)	47.2 (26-62)	48.0 (25-69)	
≤ 35	4	5	
35-55	40	28	
>55	7	12	
BMI Index			0.723
≤25	39	33	
>25	12	12	
Menstrual status			0.428
Pre/peri-menopausal	30	30	
Postmenopausal	21	15	
Pathological Status			0.645
Invasive ductal carcinoma	45	41	
Others	6	4	
Tumor stage			0.969
0-2	24	21	
3-4	27	24	

Characteristics	TAC (51 pts)	TC (45 pts)	P value*
Lymph node stage			0.055
0	12	4	
1-3	39	41	
AJCC Stage			0.413*
II	24	15	
IIIA	21	25	
IIIB	5	3	
IIIC	1	2	
ER Status			0.267
Negative	45	36	
Positive	6	9	
PR Status			0.744
Negative	43	39	
Positive	8	6	
HER2 Status			0.990
Negative	26	23	
Positive	25	22	

The role of anthracyclines finally clarified?

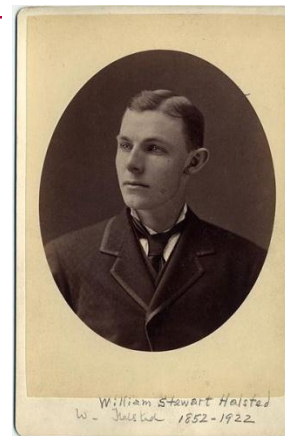
- Implication of anthracycline activity
- Low overall patient number
- Nearly 50% of all patients accrued Her2-positive
- Anthracyclines active – but what about the Her2-negative population?
- Results of NSABP B-49 (NCT01547741) to be awaited!
TC x 6 *versus* TAC x 6¹

¹ NSABP B-49. Available at: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01547741?term=NSABP+B-49&rank=1>.

Changing perceptions

Effects of radiotherapy and of differences in the extent of surgery for early breast cancer on local recurrence and 15-year survival: an overview of the randomised trials

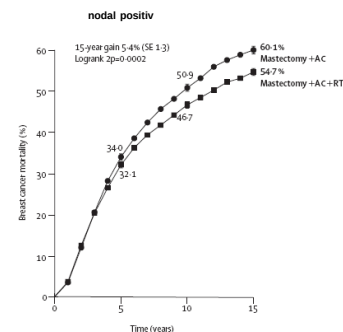
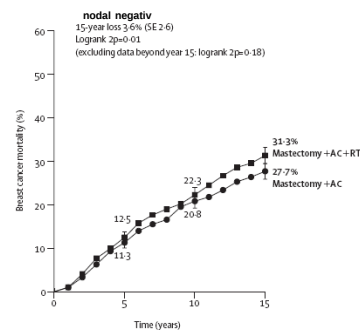
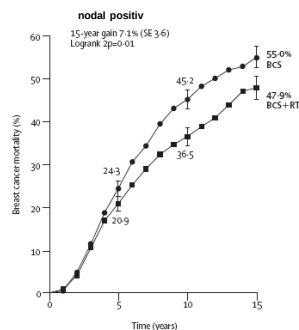
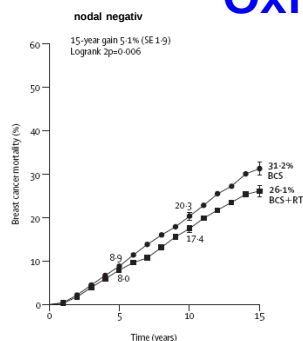
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→ **William Halsted (Johns Hopkins) suggests radical mastectomy including the large pectoral muscle in 1894^{1,2}**

→ **Bernie Fisher: Breast cancer as systemic disease from the onset^{3,4}**

→ **Oxford Overview: Local control matters⁵**



1 Halsted WS. The Johns Hopkins Hospital Reports 1894-1895;4: 297.
2 Halsted WS. Ann Surg 1907;46:1-19.
3 Rabinovitch R and Kavanagh B. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:2422-2423.

4 Fisher B. Cancer 1977;40(Suppl. 1):574-587.
5 EBCTCG. The Lancet 2005;366:2087-2106.

Neoadjuvant chemotherapy¹

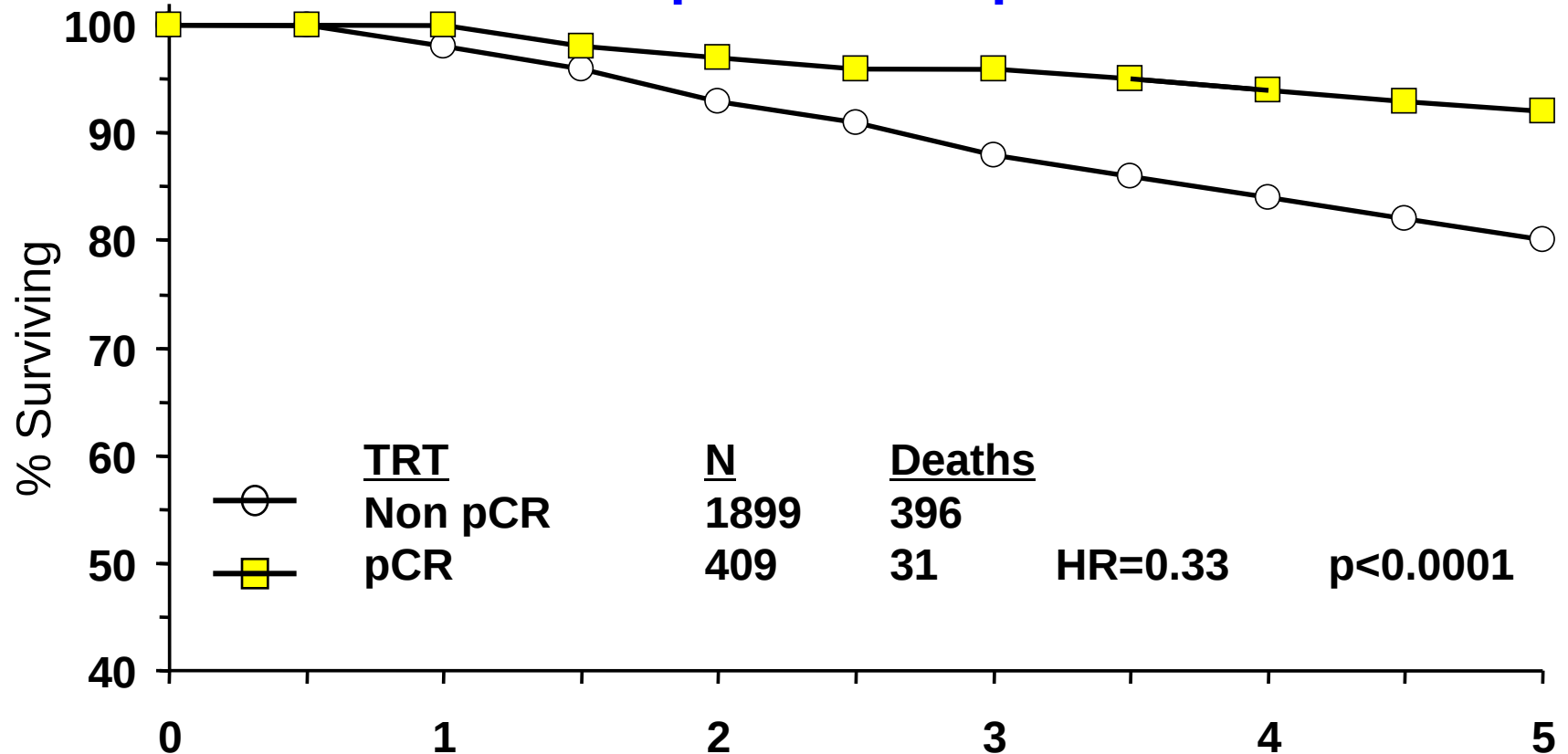
- **Mandatory in inflammatory and ulcerated BC**
- **Increases the rate of breast conserving surgeries in patients with primarily operable breast cancer not amendable to BCT**
- **pCR may serve as surrogate for OS²**
- **Increased rate of local recurrences?³**

1 Kaufmann M et al. J Clin Oncol 2007;25:2664-2670

2 Bear HD et al. J Clin Oncol 2007;24:2019-2027.

3 Mauri D et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2005;97:188-194.

NSABP B-27 – OS pCR vs. no pCR¹

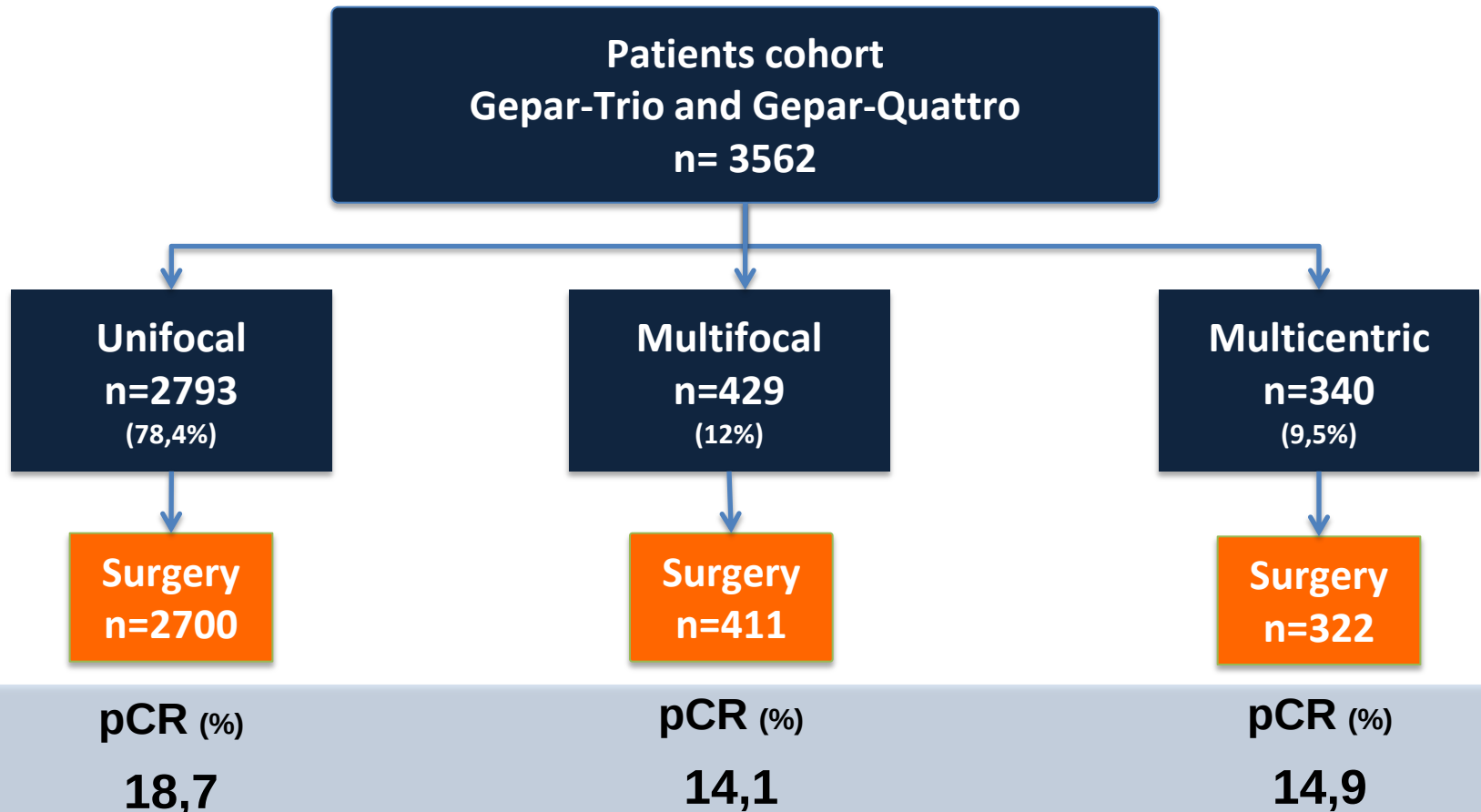


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Impact of multifocal or multicentric disease on surgical, locoregional, and distant survival after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in 3562 breast cancer patients

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Study population

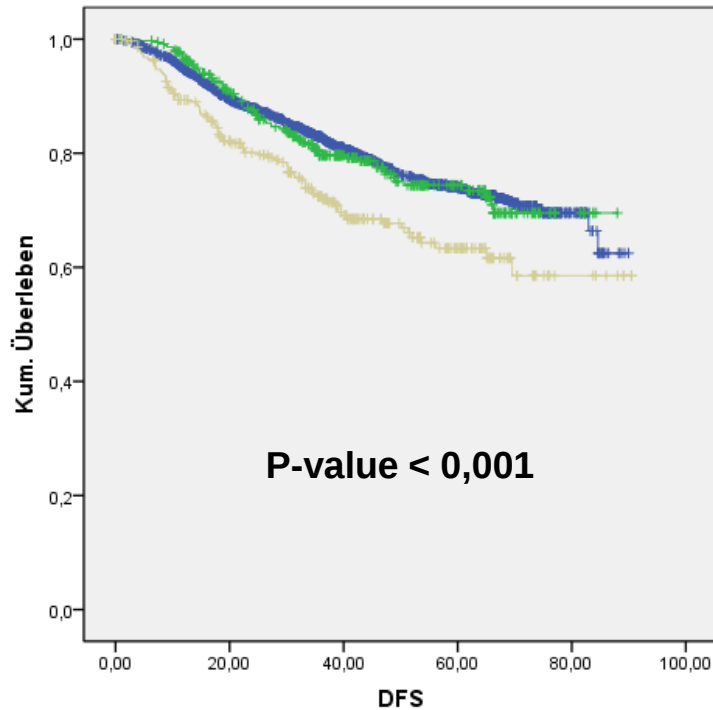


BCS %	ME %	BCS %	ME %	BCS %	ME %
71,7 (n=1936)	28,3 (n=764)	56,2 (n=231)	43,8 (n=180)	35,1 (n=113)	64,9 (n=209)

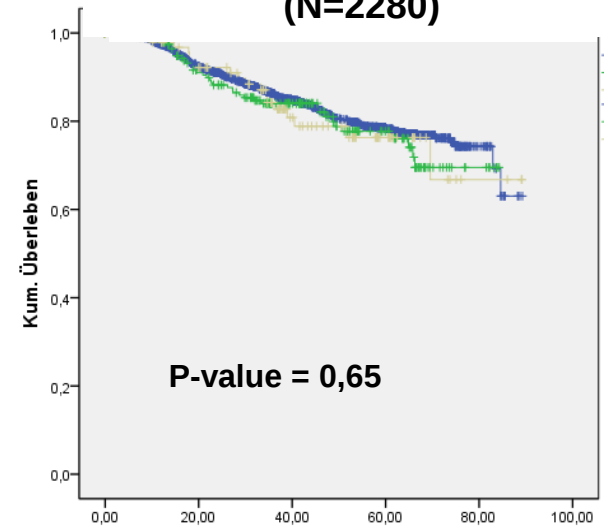
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Disease-Free Survival

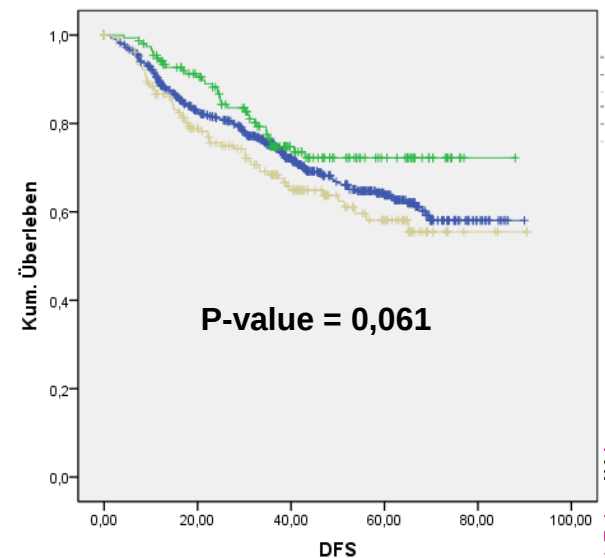
All patients
(N=3562)



Breast Conservation
(N=2280)

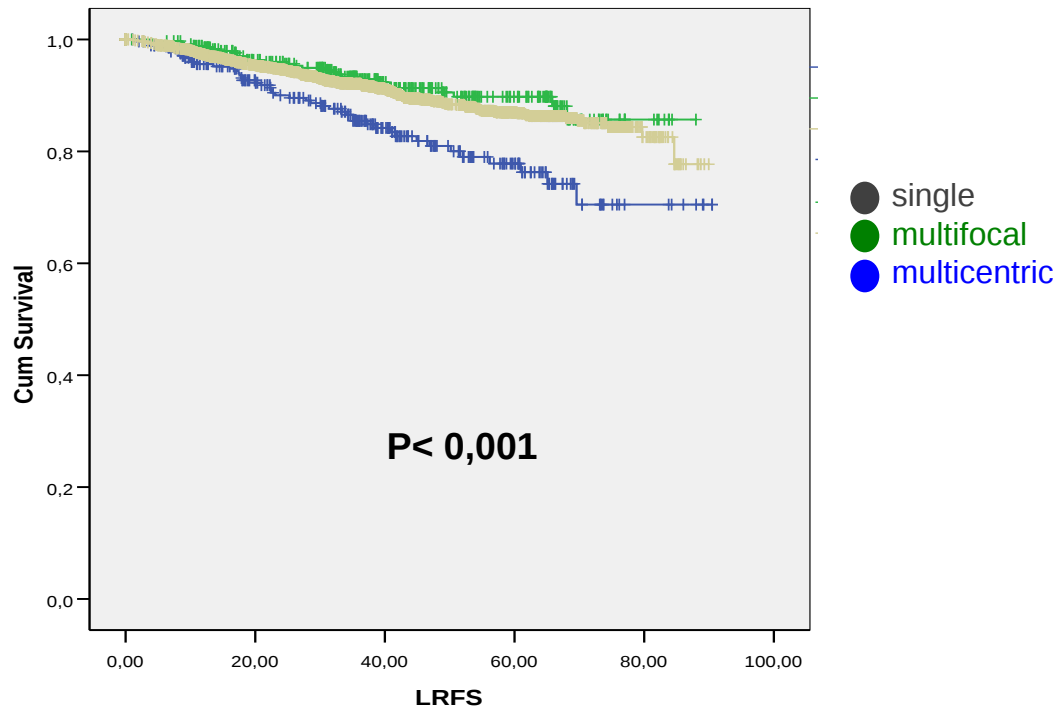


Mastectomy
(N=1153)

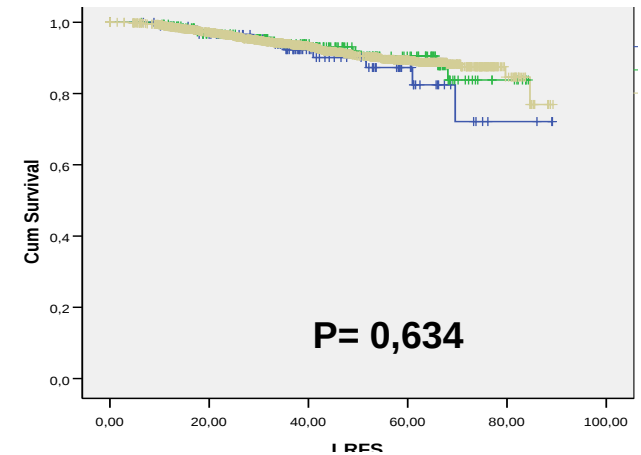


Local-Recurrence Free Survival

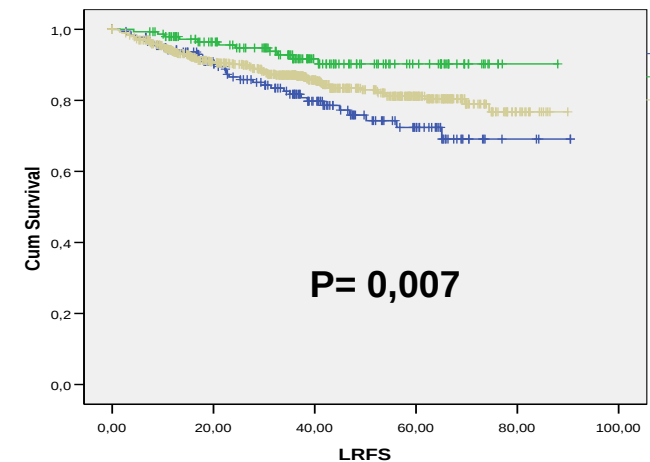
All patients
(N=3502)



Breast Conservation
(N= 2245)



Mastectomy
(N= 1131)



Outcome

- Low locoregional relapse rate in patients with pCR irrespective of focality ($p=.713$)
- Prognostic factors for locoregional recurrence in multivariate analysis:
Tumour and nodal status (at surgery), grading, HR status, and type of surgery, but not focality of the tumour
- Overall survival was not statistically different through all focality groups

Conclusion

- Tumor focality and type of surgery did not show an impact on overall survival.
- Multifocal or multicentric disease were unfavorable prognostic factors for LRFS and DFS overall and in mastectomized patients, but not in patients treated by breast conservation.
- LRFS was low in patients with pCR, irrespective of focality or type of surgery.
- DFS was impaired in patients after multicentric disease despite a pCR: it might be questionable in how far pCR was correctly diagnosed in this subgroup. Patients with multicentric disease and pCR should be followed up closely
- Breast conservation (with tumor-free margins) for multifocal or multicentric breast cancer is feasible after neoadjuvant chemotherapy and seems not to impair outcome

Reassuring data?

- **Current guidelines are reluctant to recommend BCT in patients with multicentric carcinoma¹**
- **Clinical data suggest the feasibility of BCT in MC²⁻⁴**
- **Multicentric tumours associated with worse prognosis**
- **Not true in patients with BCT, potentially due to excellent tumour response**
- **Aim: Improvement of optimal response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy**

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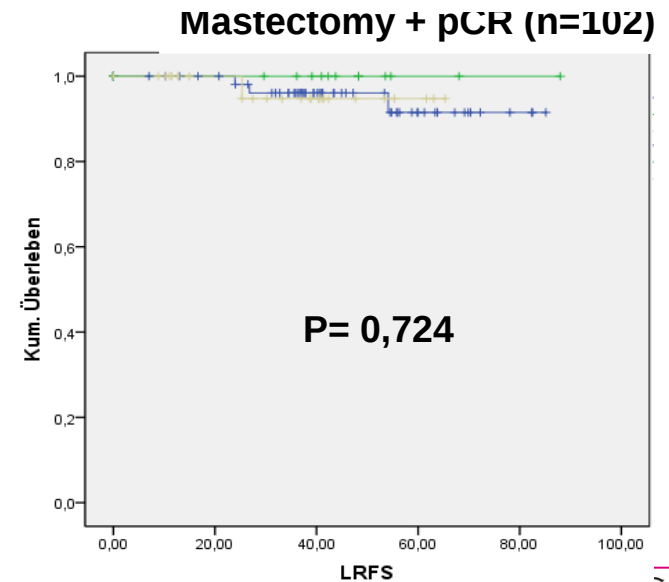
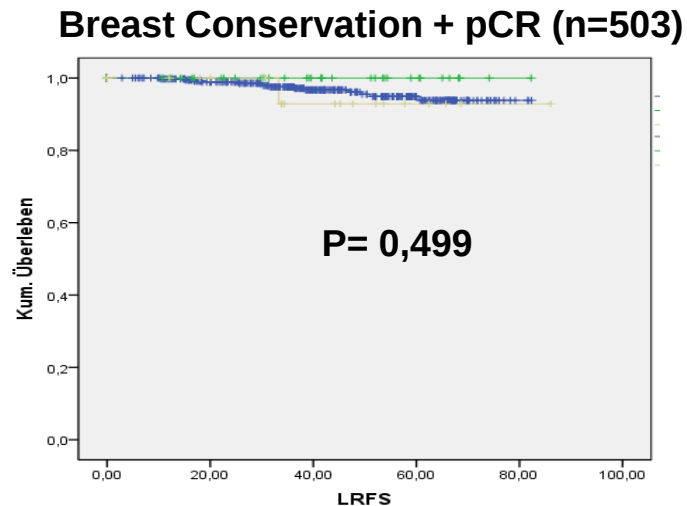
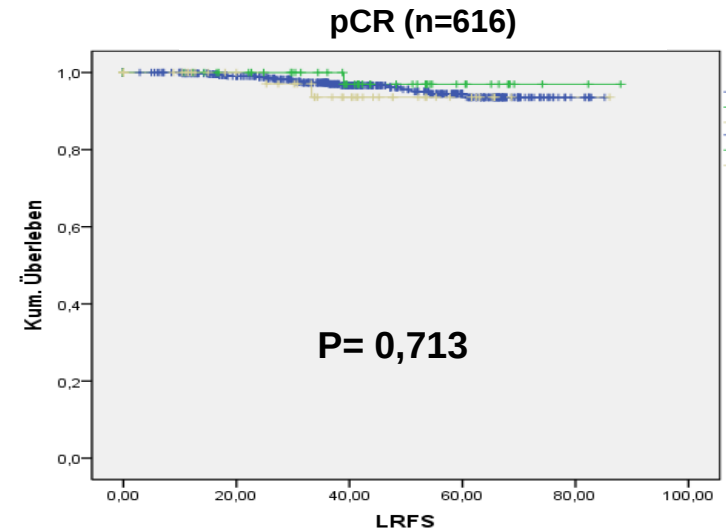
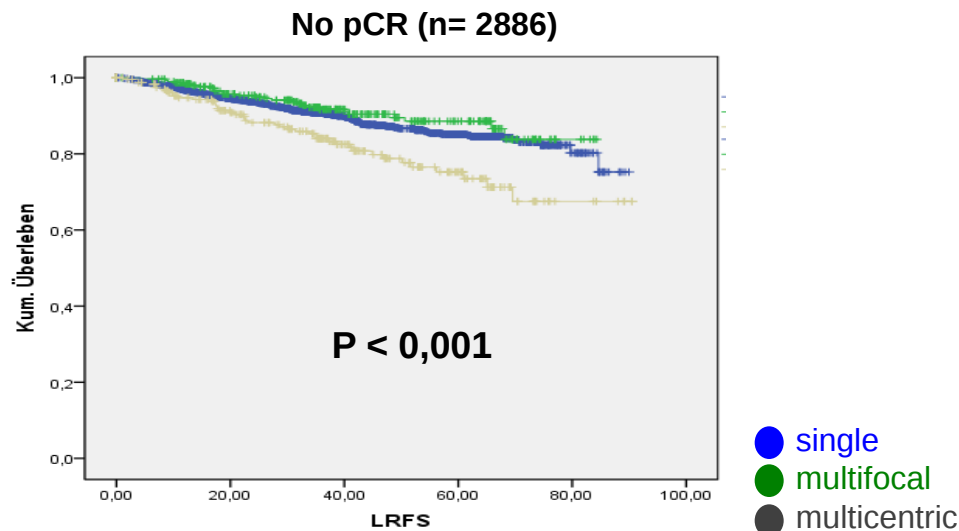
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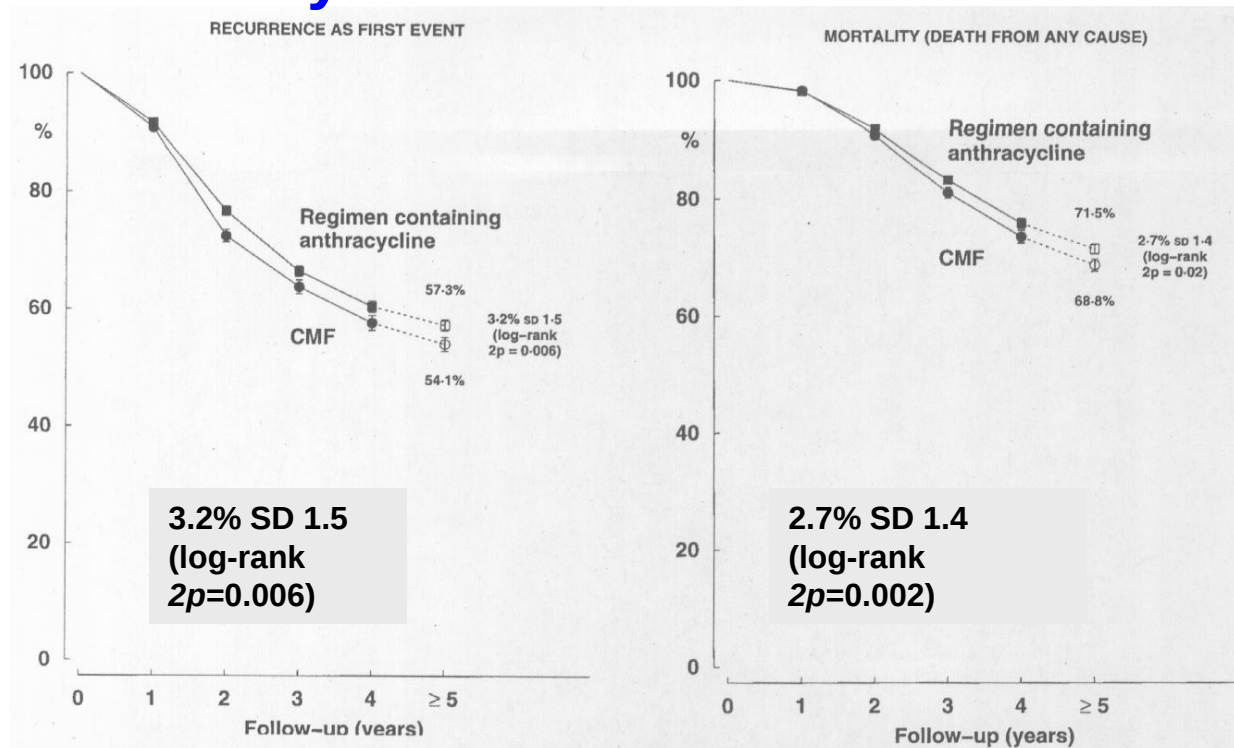
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LRFS in Patients with/without pCR

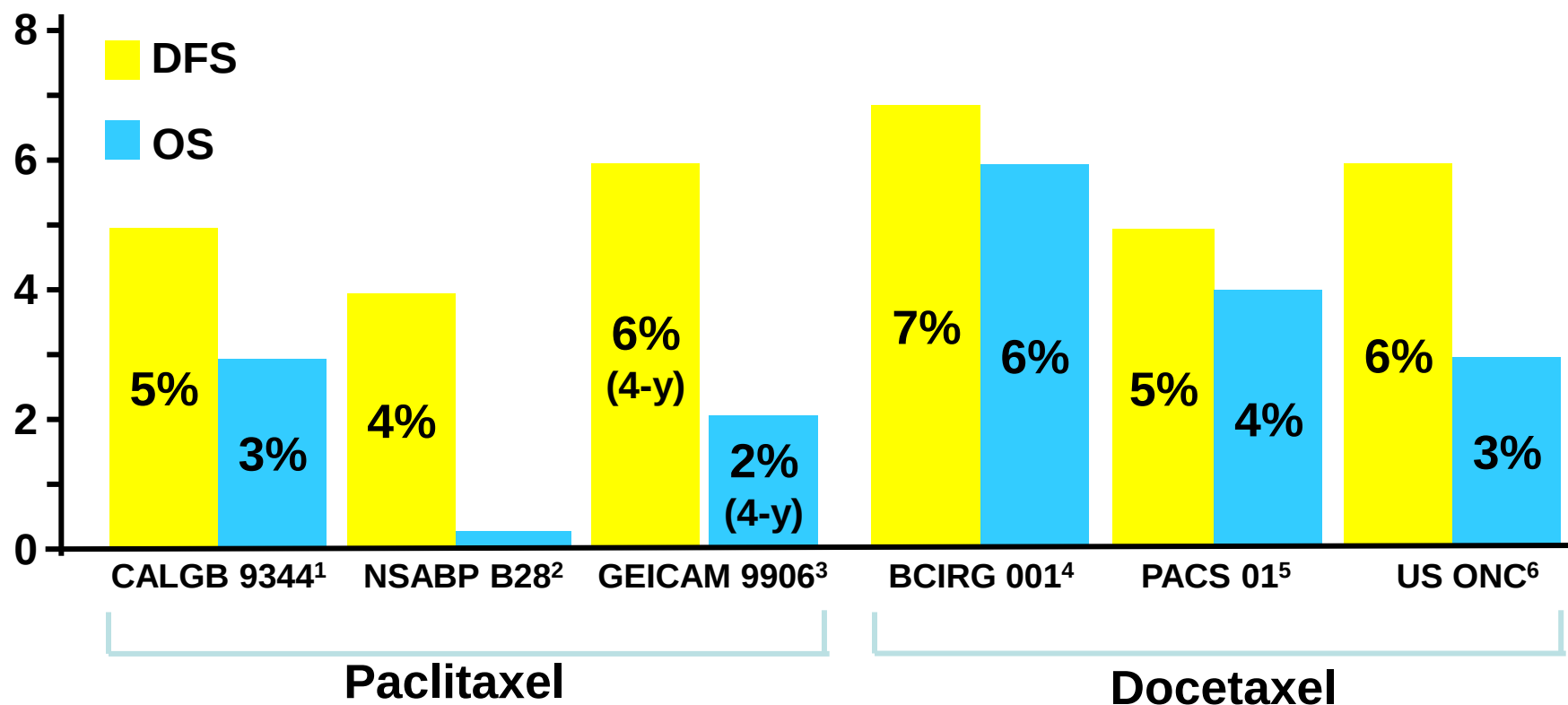


Anthracyclines versus CMF¹



¹ EBCTCG. The Lancet 2005;366:2087-2106.

Differential effects of different taxanes ¹⁻⁶



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2 Maunouries EF et al. ASCO 2001. Abst 12.

3 Martin M et al. SABCS 2005. Abstr.39.

4 Martin M et al. N Engl J Med 2005;352:2302–2313

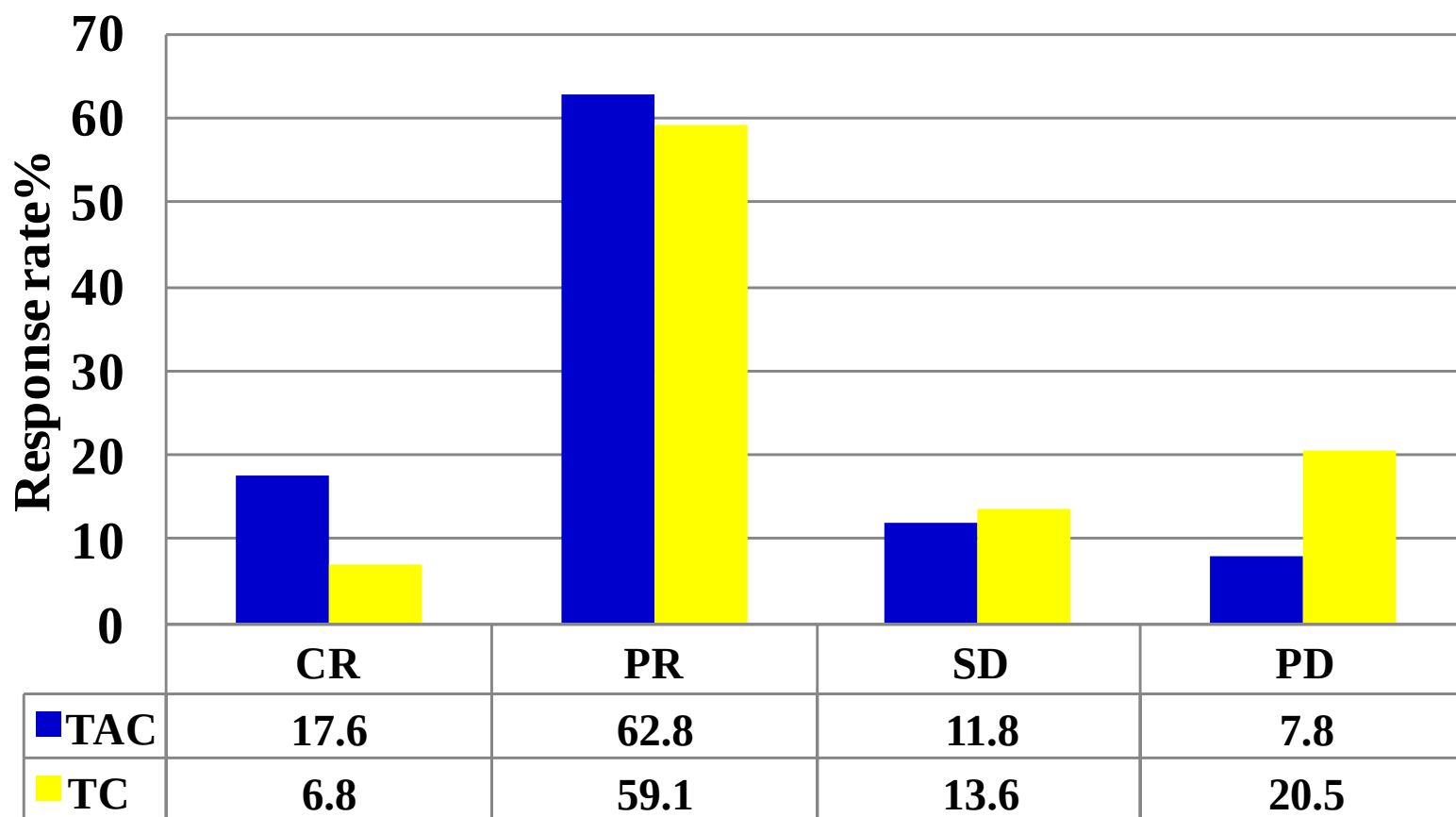
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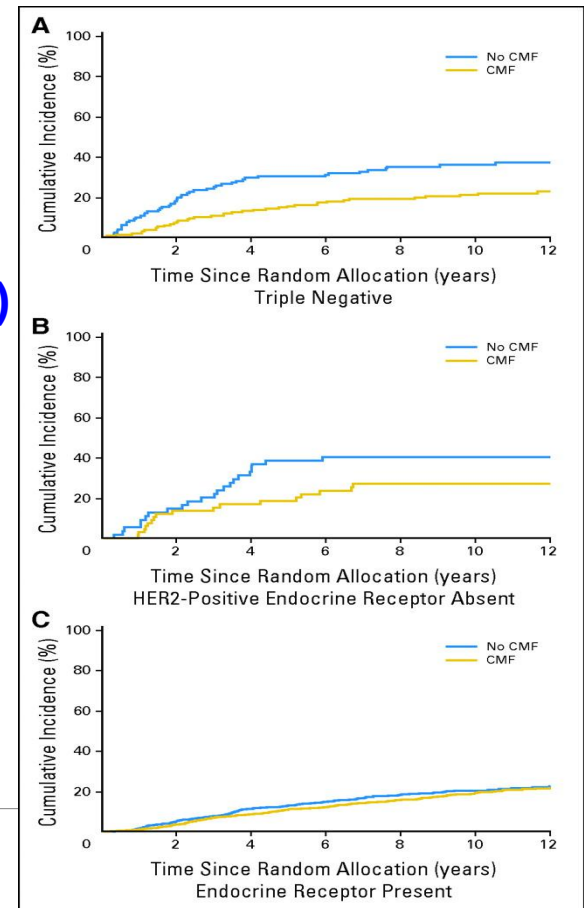
Results: pathological response

Pathological tumor and axillary response in 95 breast cancer patients

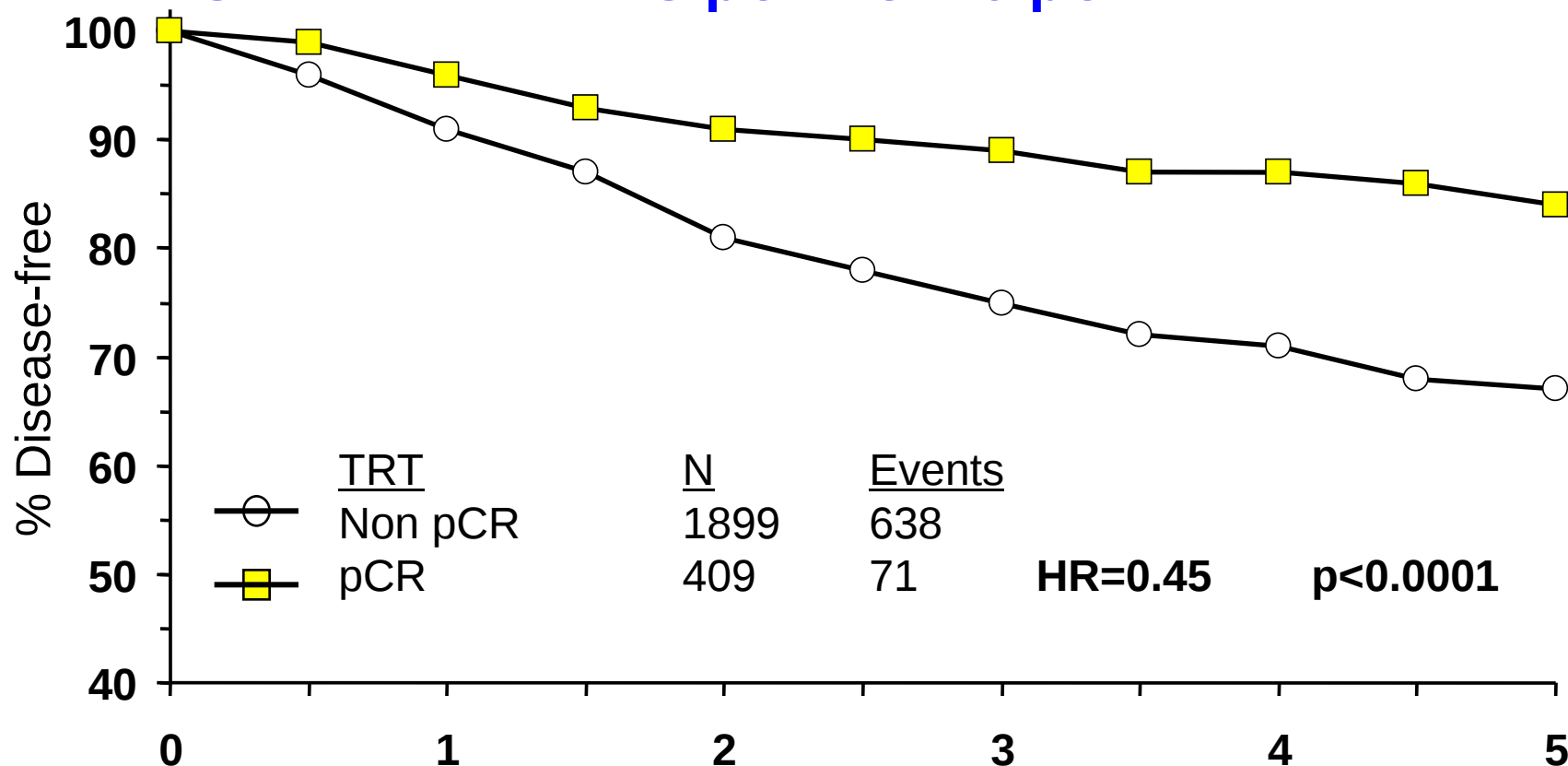


Activity of chemotherapy depends on BC subtype ¹

→ **Estimated subtype-specific cumulative incidence of relapse over time according to treatment group (CMF v no CMF) for patients with**
(A) triple-negative,
(B) Her2 -positive, HR-negative
(C) HR-positive tumours

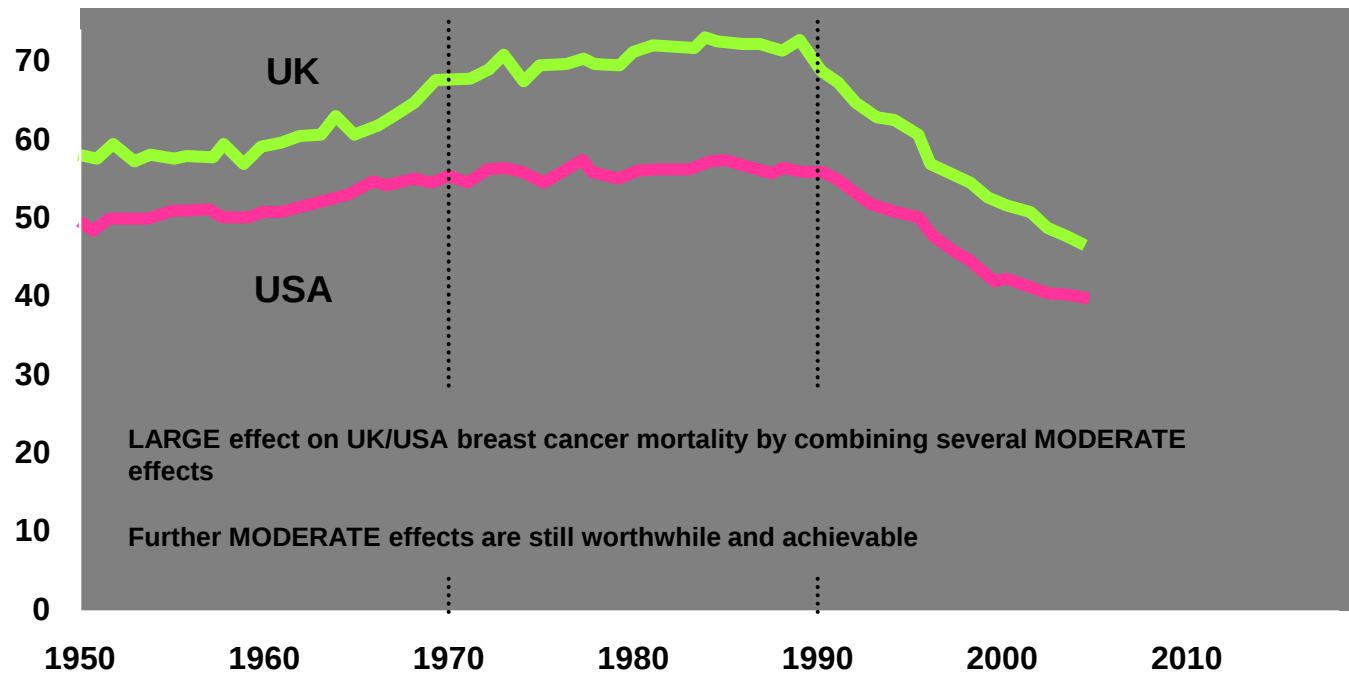


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Conclusion₁

Death rate/100 000 women, age standardised*



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