

# **Advances in Immunotherapy for Prostate Cancer**

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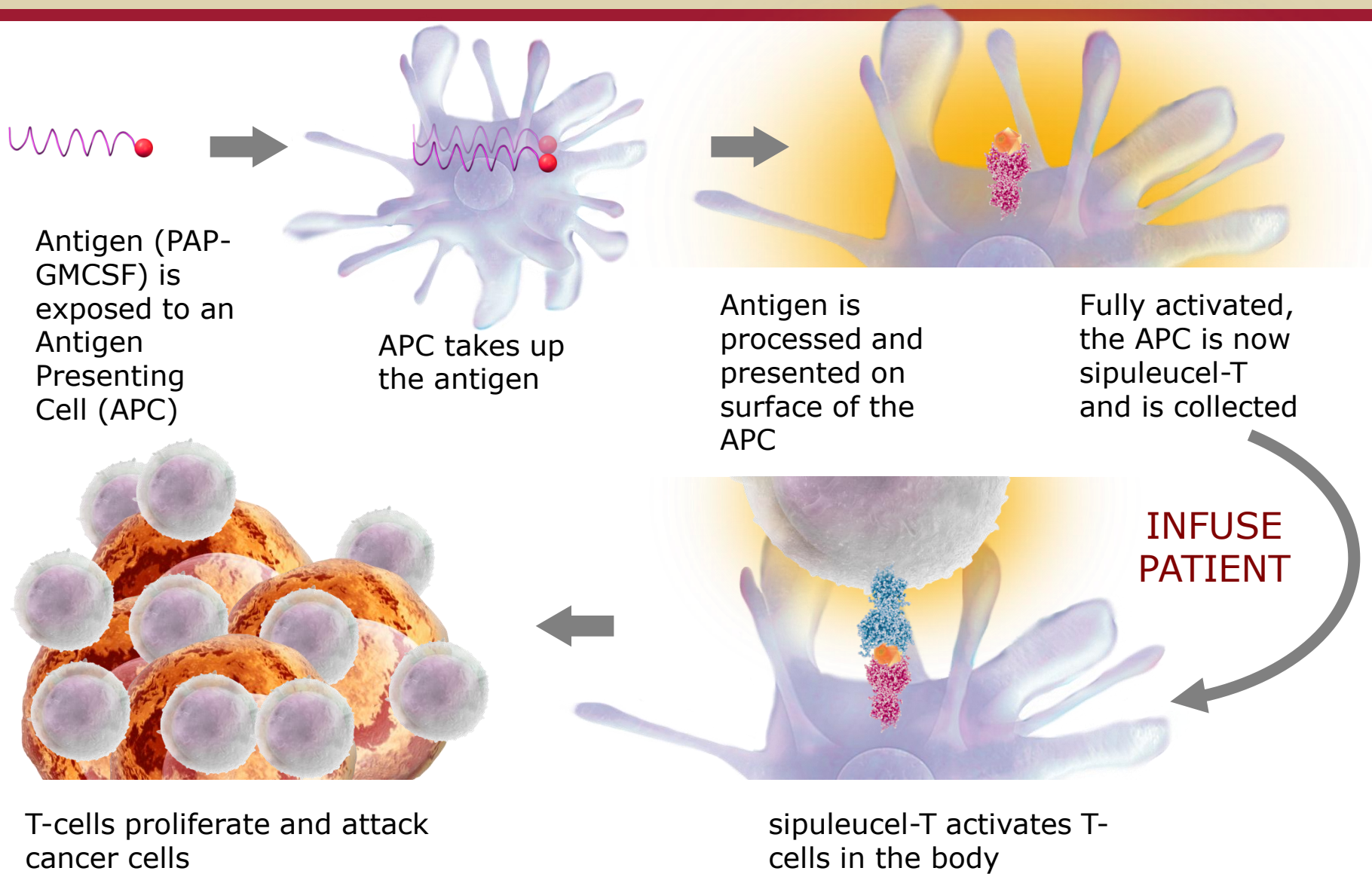
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# Immunotherapeutic Approaches

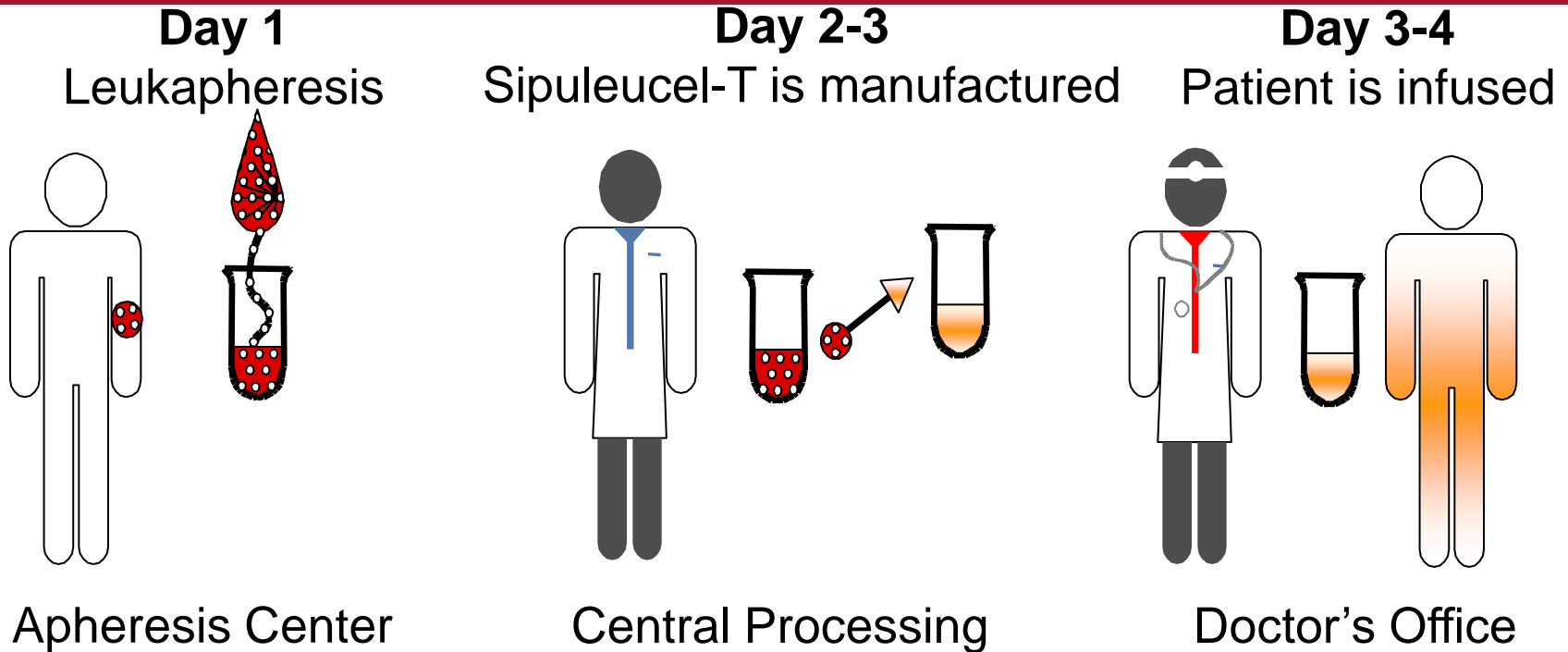
- Provenge (Sipuleucel-T)
- PROSTVAC-VF Tricom
- Ipilimumab

- Sipuleucel-T (Provenge)

# Sipuleucel-T: Mechanism of Action

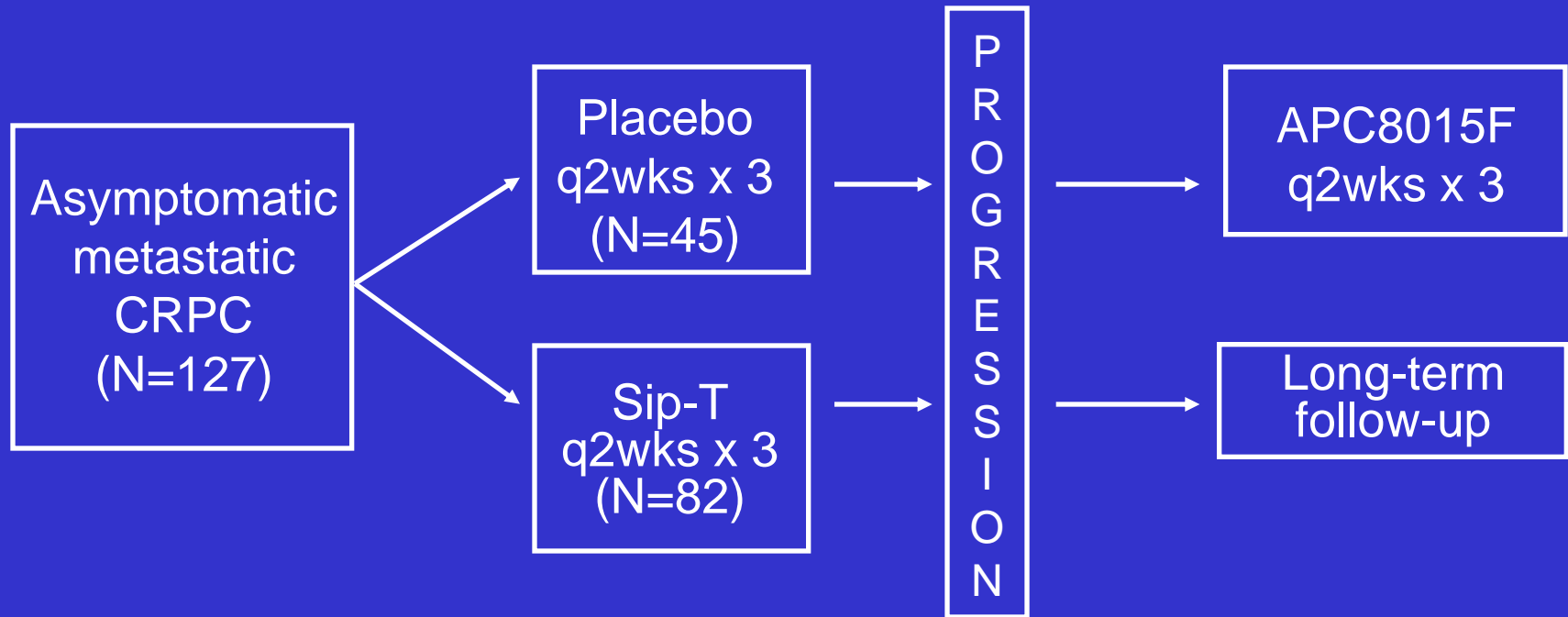


# Sipuleucel-T: Logistics of Therapy



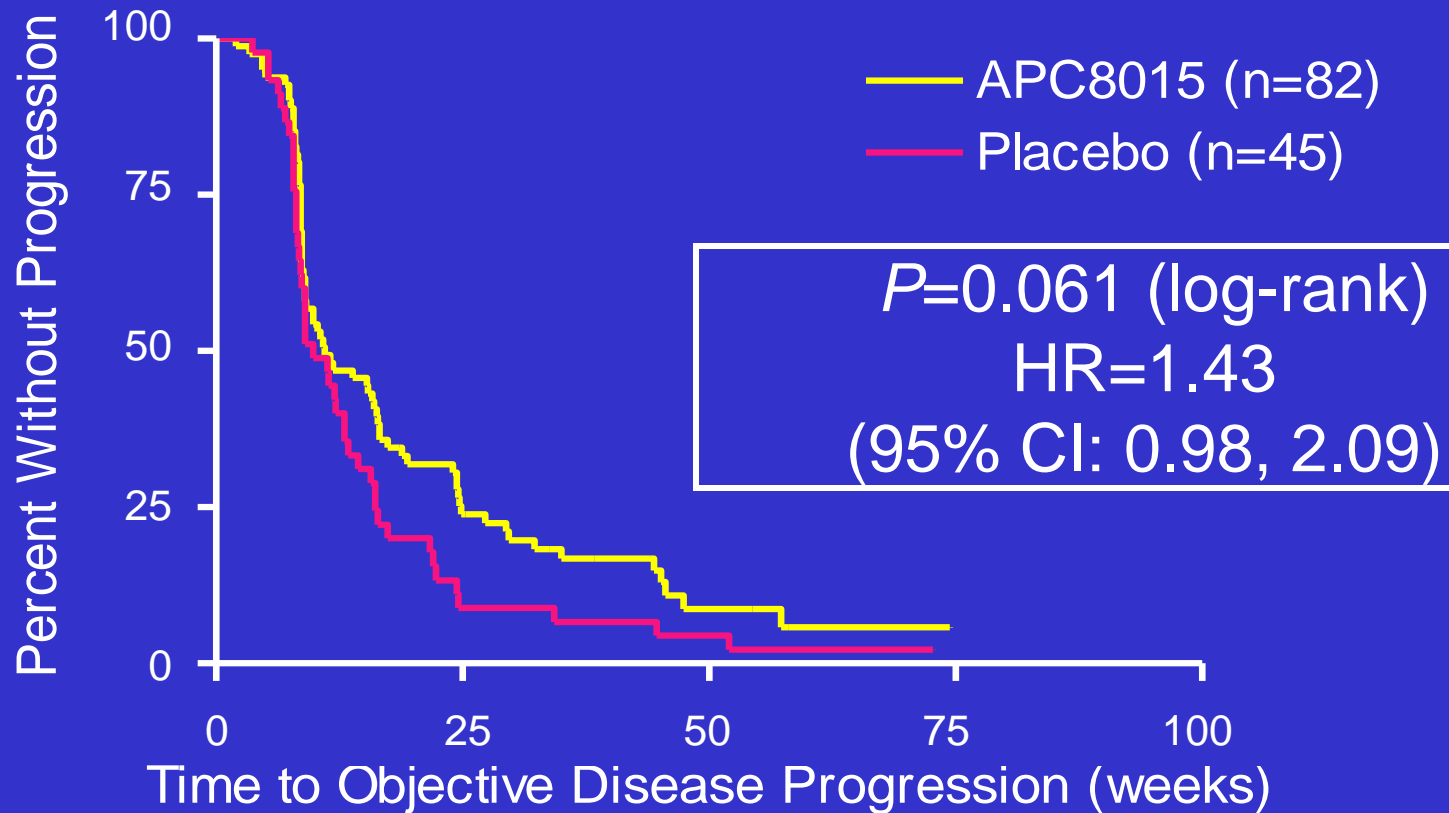
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Weeks 0, 2, 4

# Randomized Phase III Trial of Sip-T in CRPC (D9901)



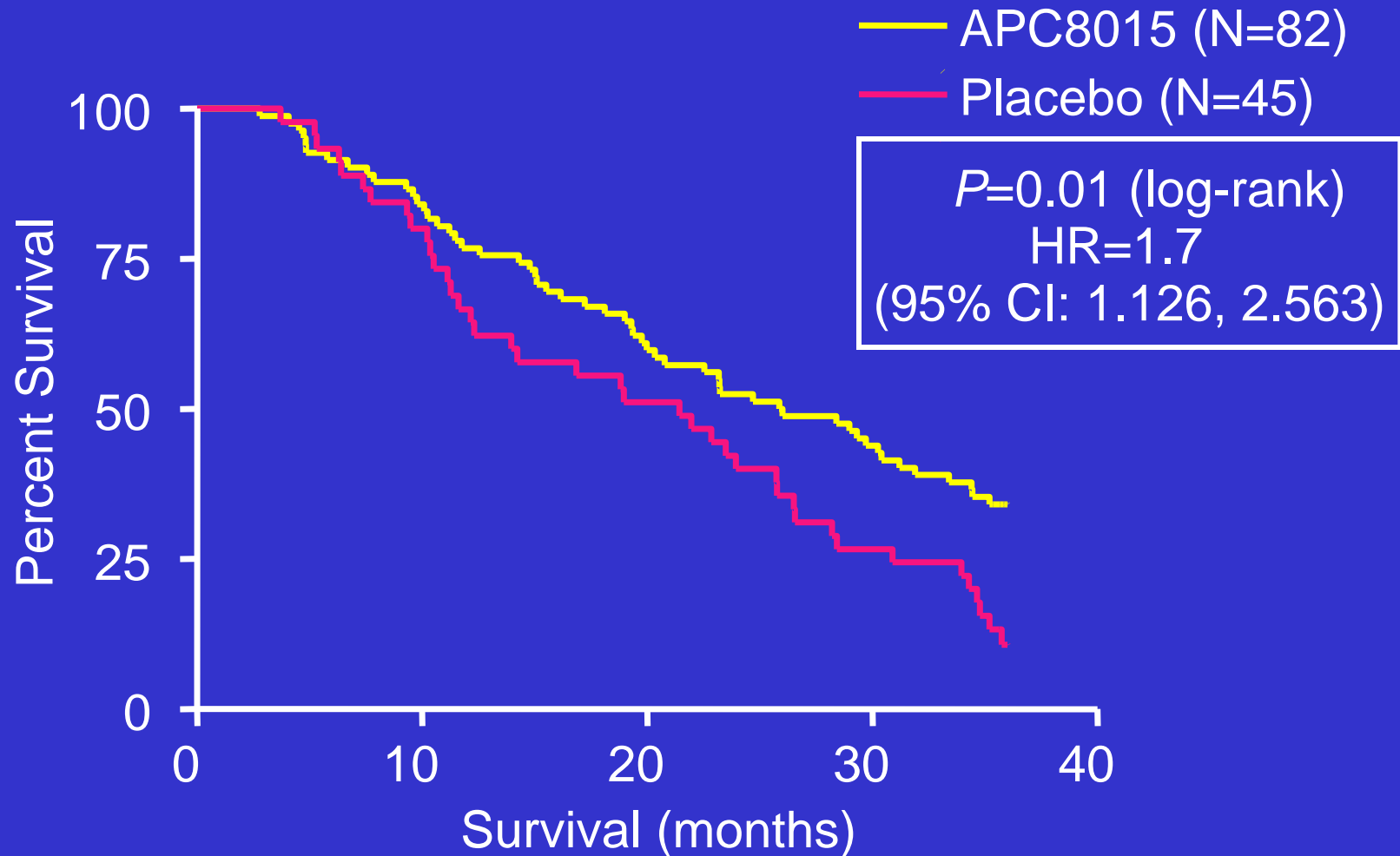
Primary endpoint-TTP

# Results: Time to Objective Progression



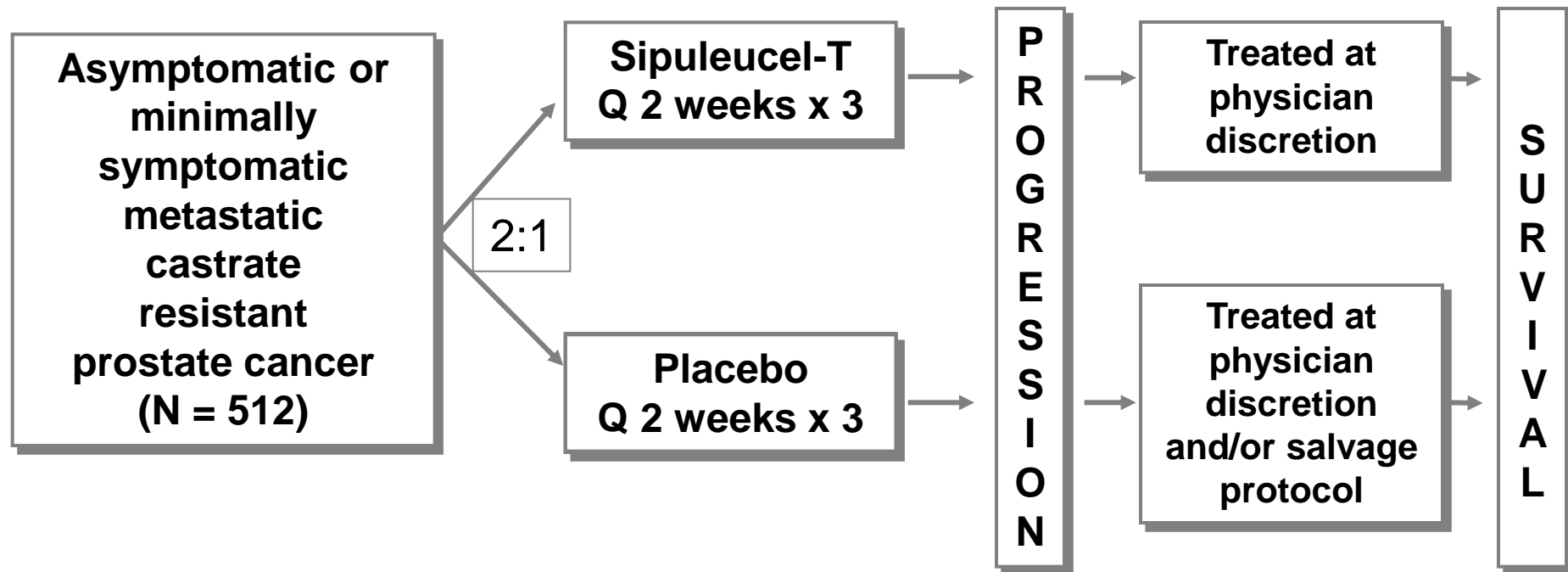


# Results: Overall Survival



# Randomized Phase 3 IMPACT Trial

(IMmunotherapy Prostate AdenoCarcinoma Treatment)

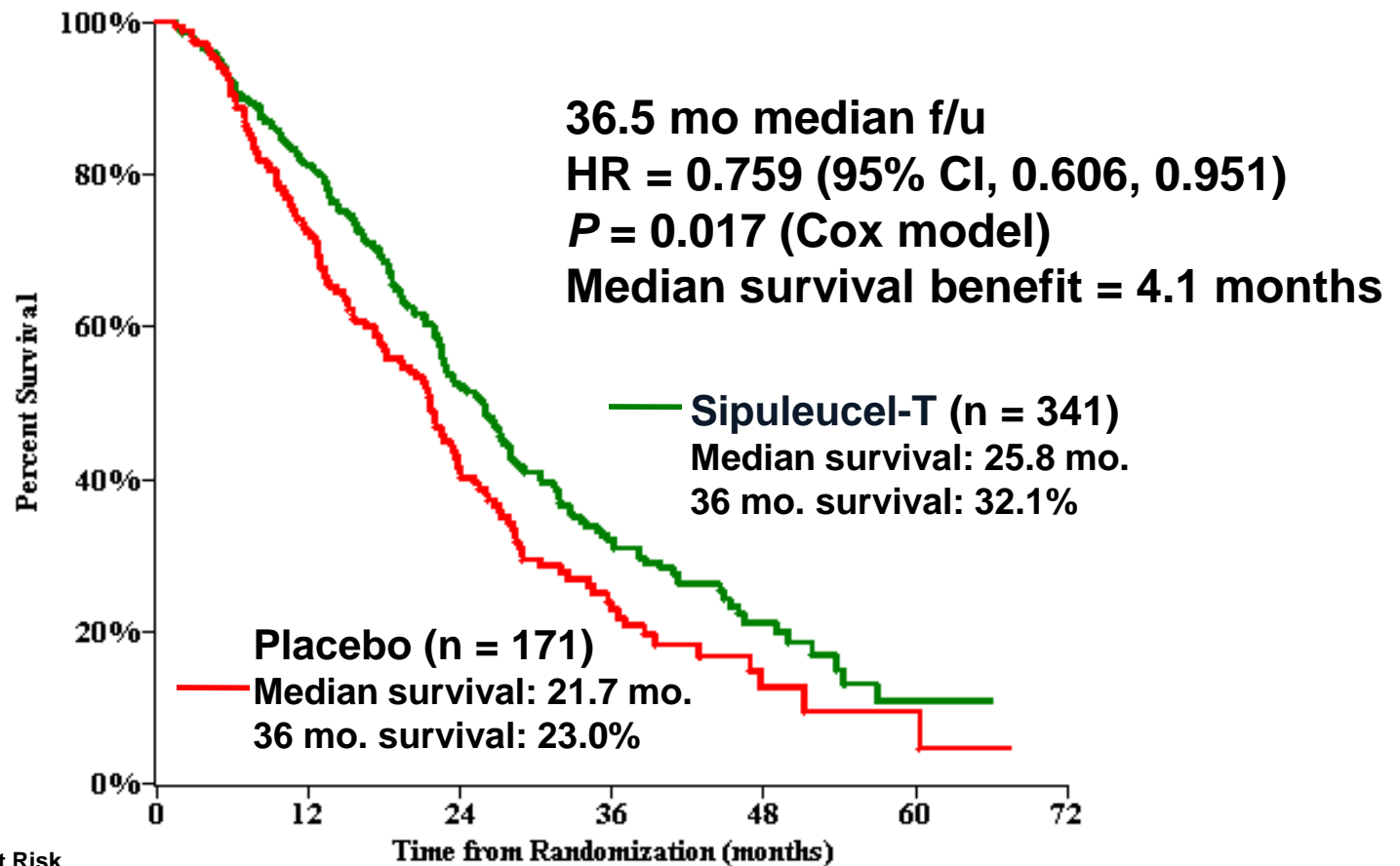


**Primary endpoint: Overall survival**

**Secondary endpoint: Objective disease progression**

# IMPACT Overall Survival

## Final Analysis (349 events)



No. at Risk

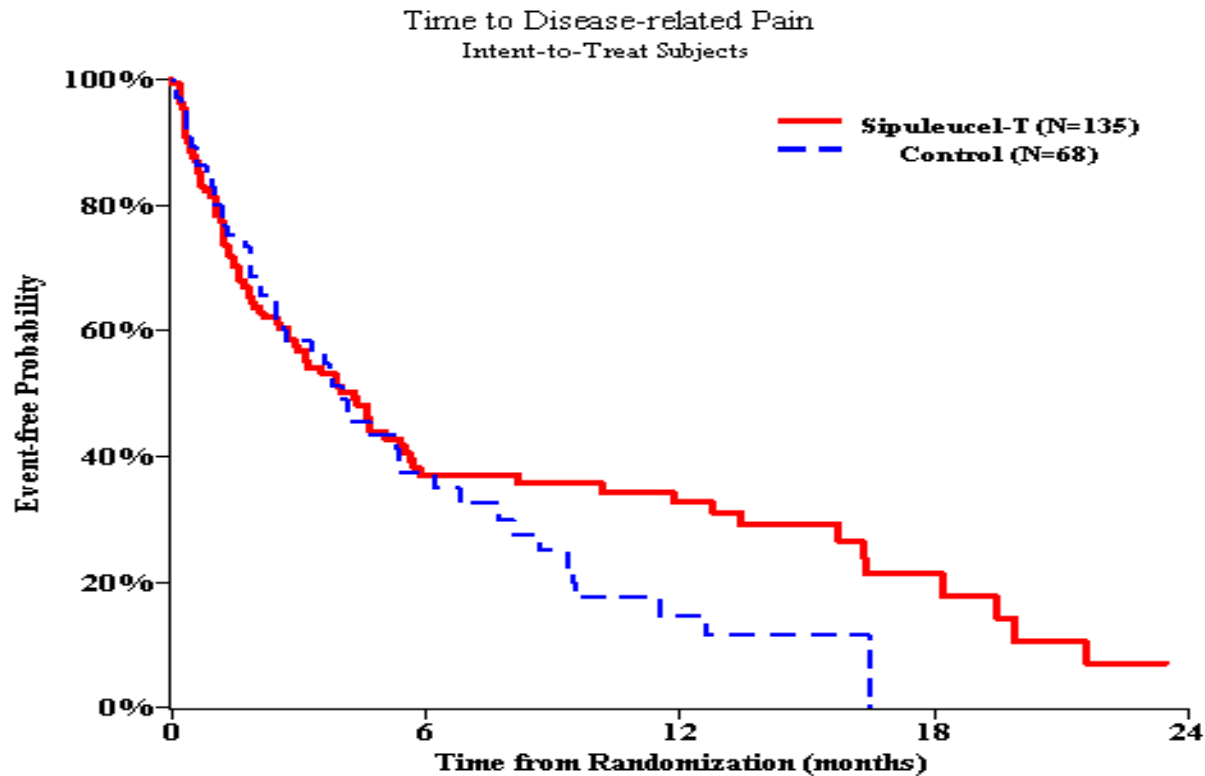
Sipuleucel-T  
Placebo

341	274	142	56	18	3
171	123	59	22	5	2

# Unresolved Issues

- Adoption has been slower than expected
  - Controversial MOA with few PSA declines
  - Predicting who will benefit
  - Lack of markers of benefit
  - Other agents with of MOAs have been developed
- What is appropriate timing?
  - Most appropriate patient has very early mCRPC asymptomatic and slowly progressing

# Time to Disease Related Pain

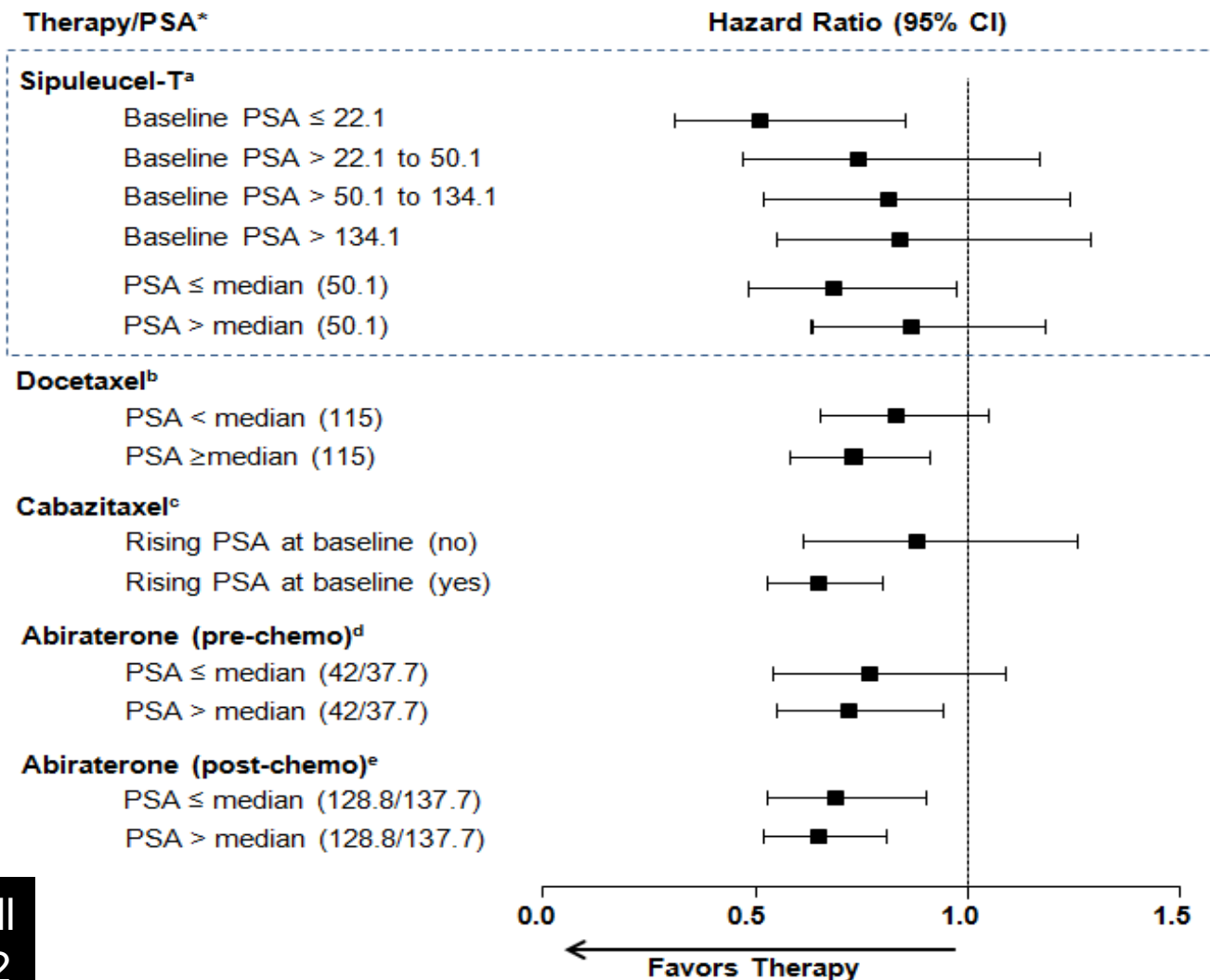


Survival rate estimate (95% CI)

Sipuleucel-T	37.0%	32.7%	21.3%	7.1%
	(27.8, 46.3)	(23.3, 42.1)	(10.9, 31.6)	(0.0, 15.8)
Control	37.2%	14.5%	0	0
	(24.4, 49.9)	(3.9, 25.2)		

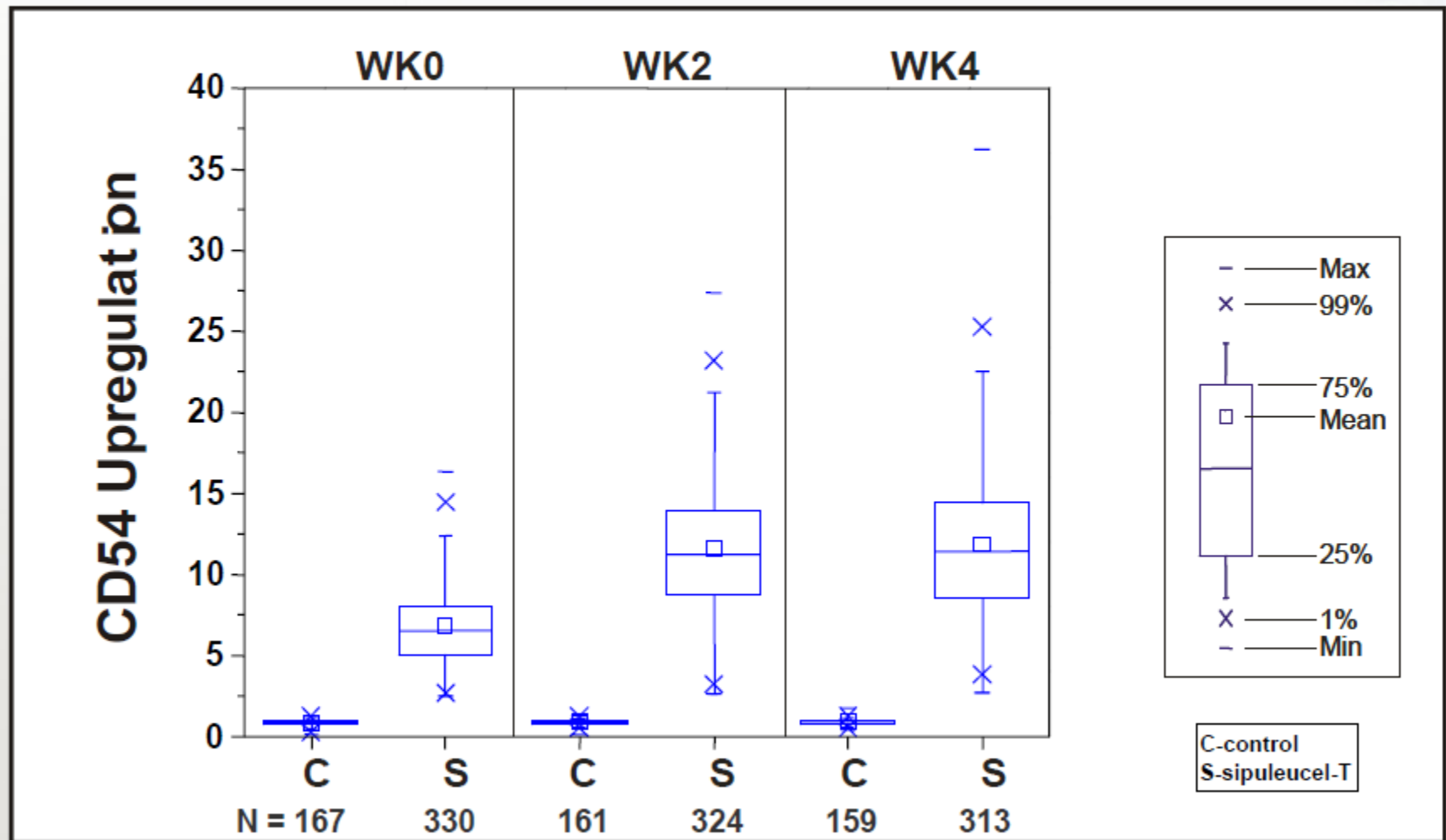
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# Hazard ratios for treatments with different MOAs



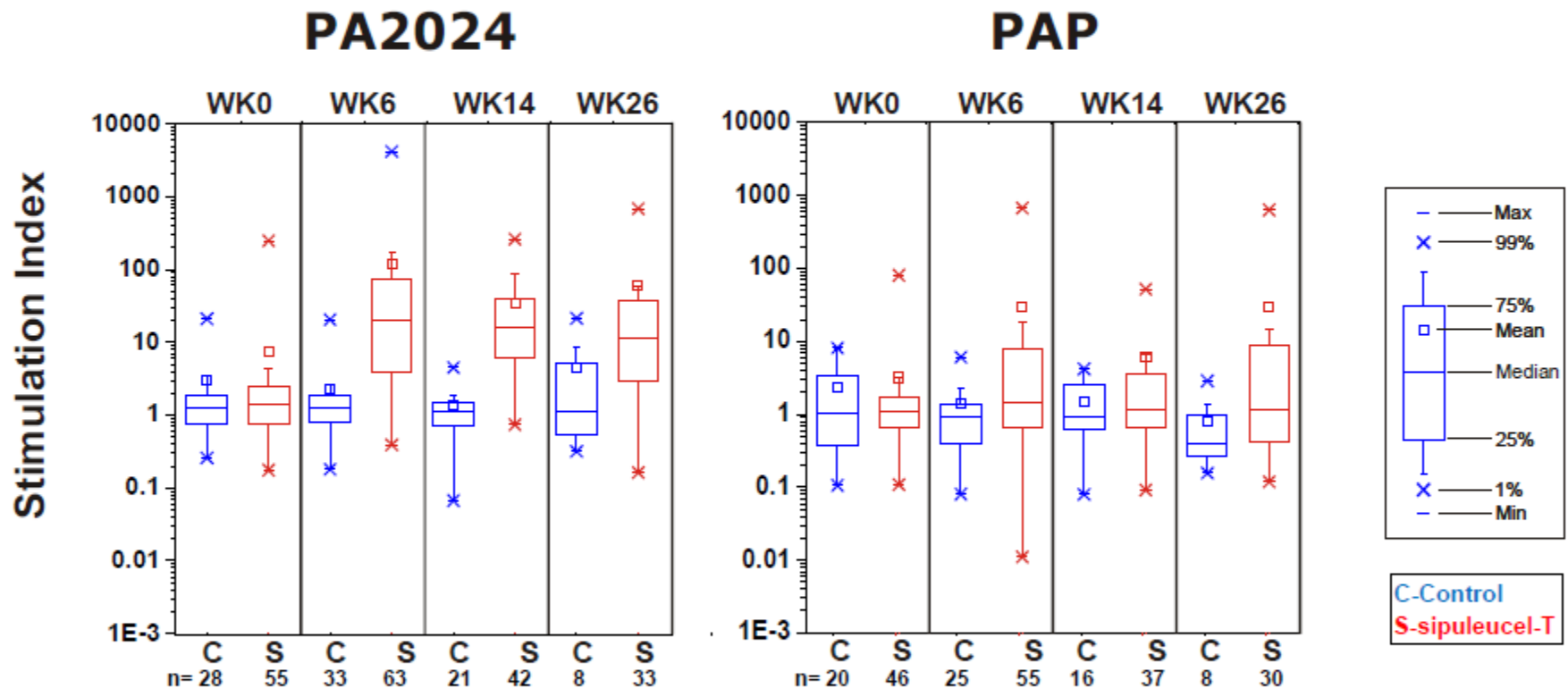
# Does sipuleucel-T activate the immune system?

# IMPACT Trial: APC Activation Increases after Initial Sipuleucel-T Treatment



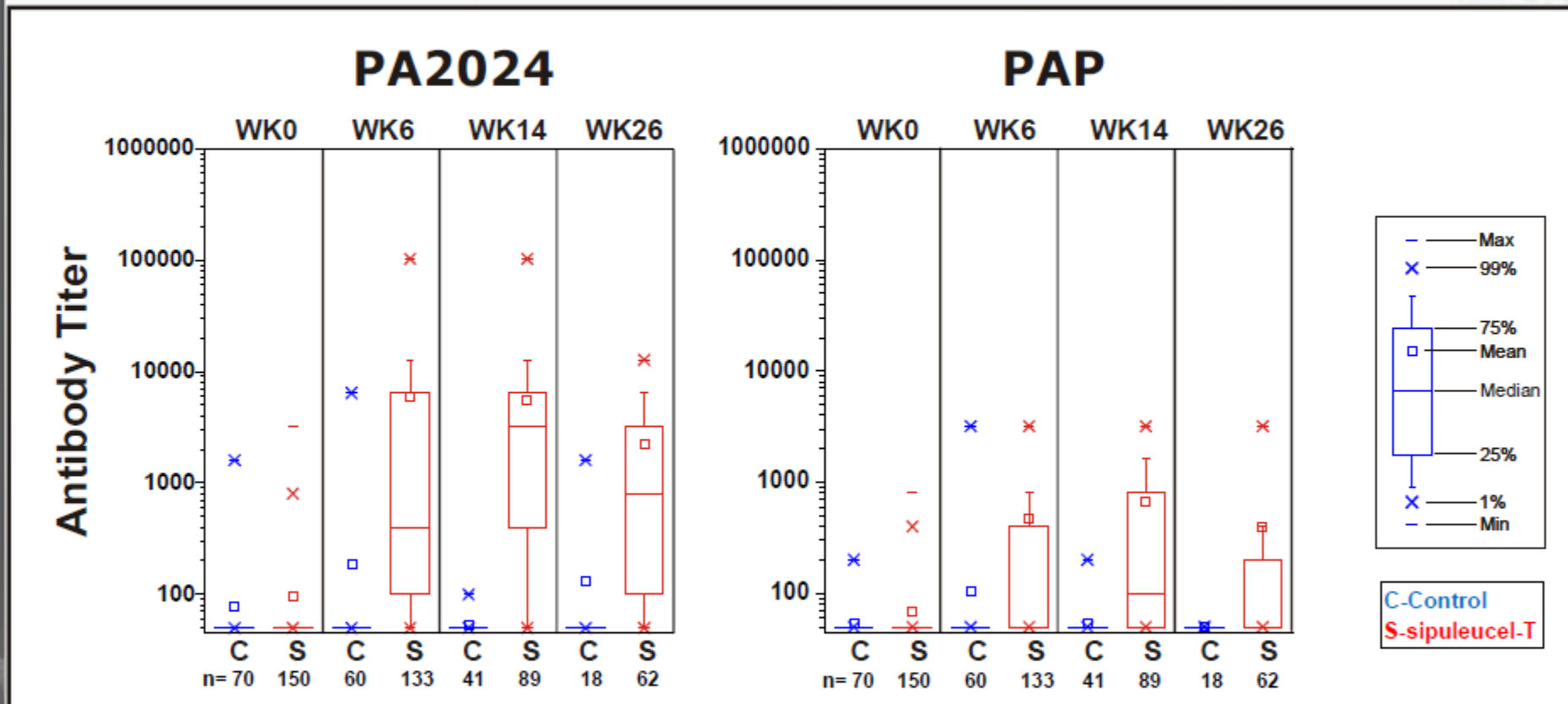


# IMPACT Trial: Sipuleucel-T Induces Proliferative Responses to PA2024\* and PAP



\*PA2024 = PAP-GM-CSF recombinant antigen

# IMPACT Trial: Sipuleucel-T Generates Persistent Antigen-specific Humoral Responses

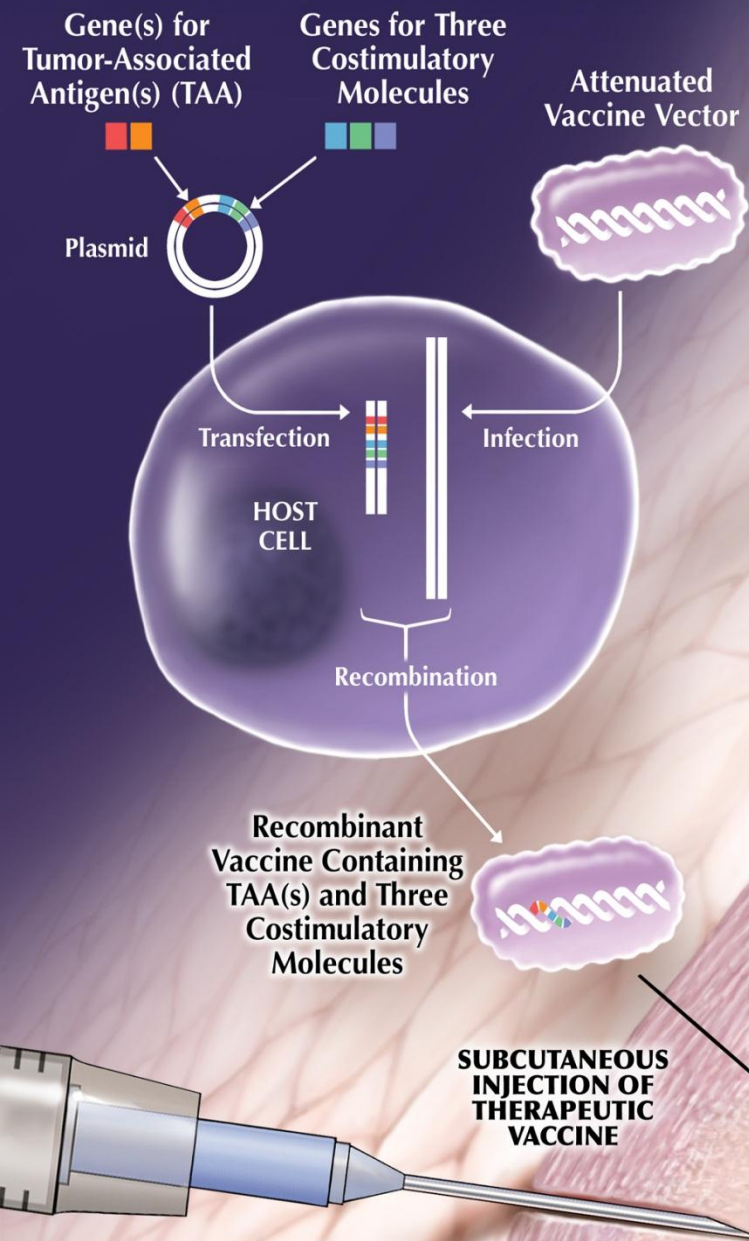


# PROSTVAC VF-Tricom

# Development of PROSTVAC VF-Tricom

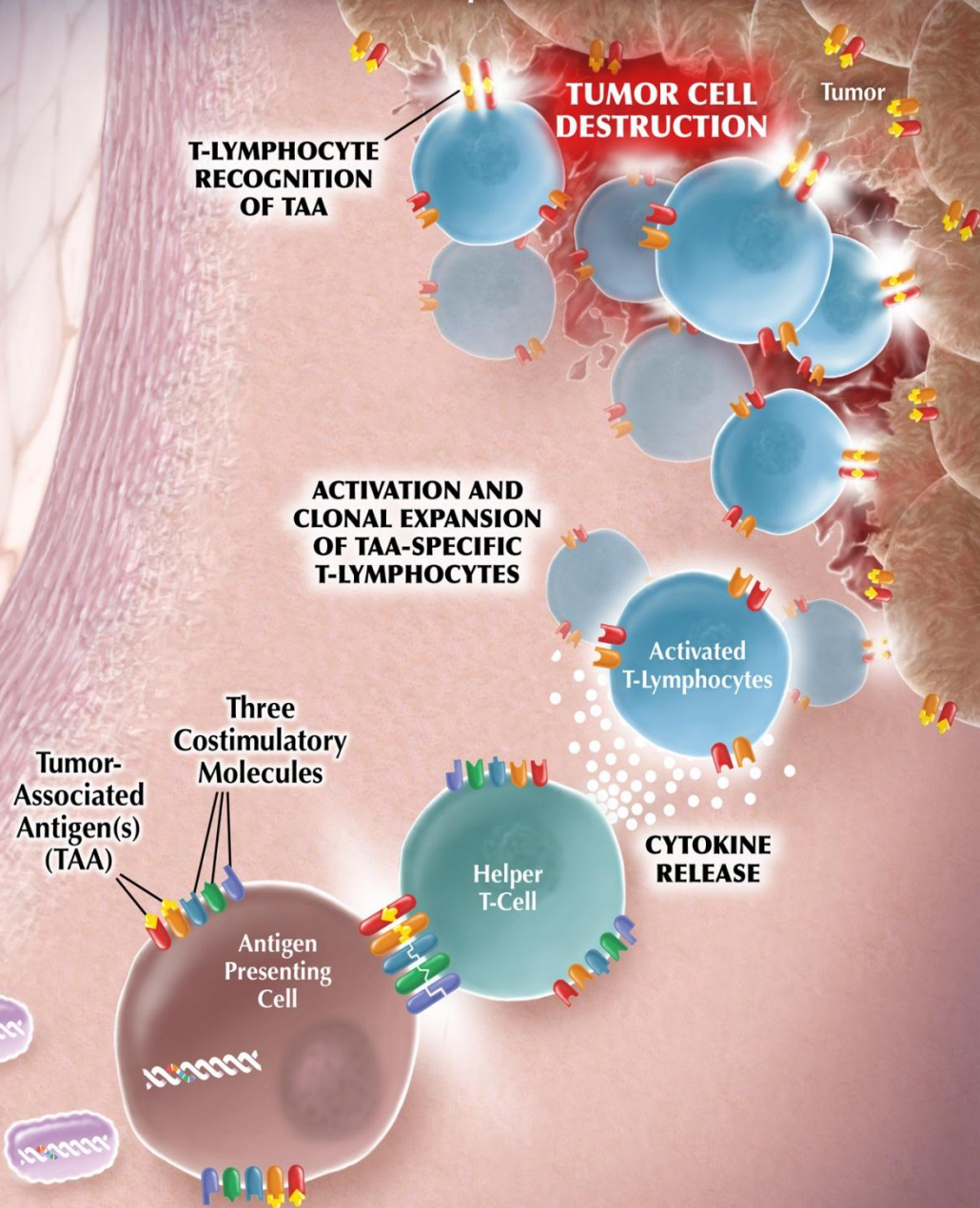
- **Vaccinia**
  - Potent immunological priming agent
- **Fowlpox**
  - Minimally/non-cross-reactive with vaccinia
  - Enables boosting
- **Slightly altered PSA transgene**
  - Modified HLA-A2 epitope. Increased HLA-A2 binding and immunogenicity.
- **Tricom**
  - Lymphocyte function-associated antigen LFA-3 (CD58)
  - Intercellular adhesion molecule ICAM-1 (CD54)
  - Costimulatory molecule for the T-cell receptor B7.1 (CD80)

# Construction of a Recombinant Cancer Vaccine



# Stimulation of Anti-Tumor Immune Response

Proposed Mechanism of Action



# Randomized Phase II Study

Asymptomatic or  
Minimally  
Symptomatic  
Metastatic  
Castration  
Resistant  
Prostate Cancer  
(N=125)

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**PROSTVAC-VF  
Tricom + GM**

**Empty Vector +  
placebo**

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Treated at  
physician  
discretion

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Primary endpoint:

Secondary endpoint:

Progression Free Survival

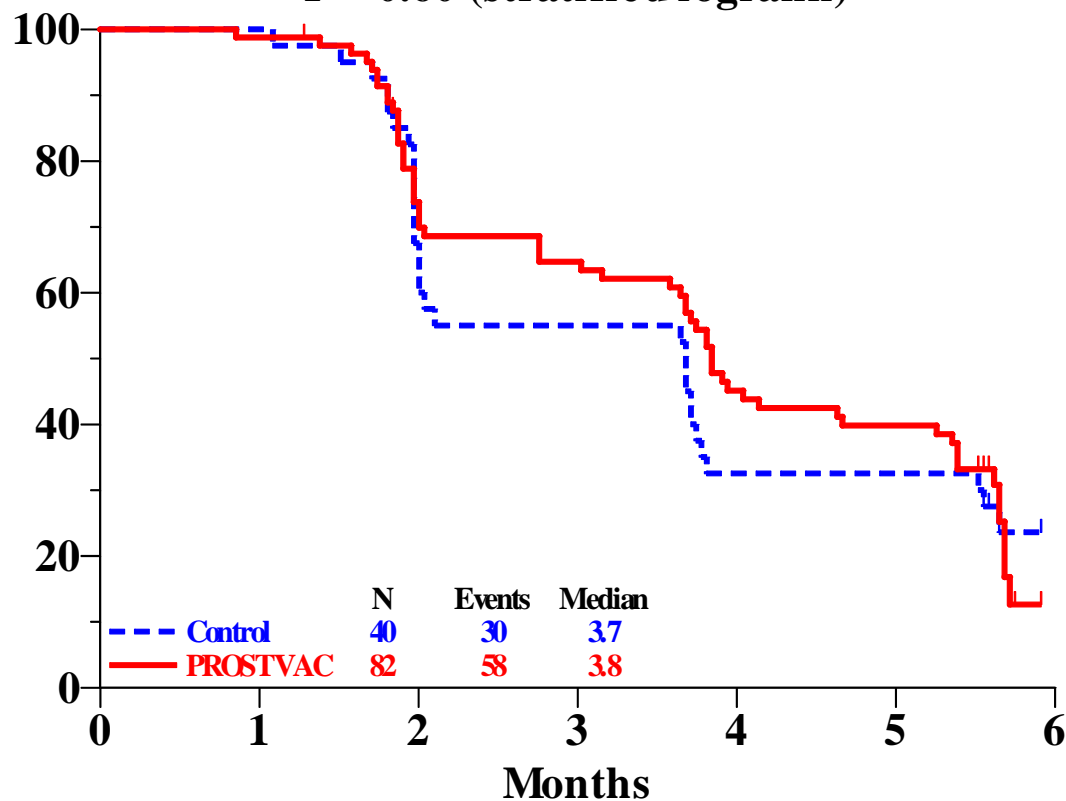
Overall Survival



# Progression Free Survival

**Hazard Ratio = 0.88 (95% CI 0.57 to 1.38)**

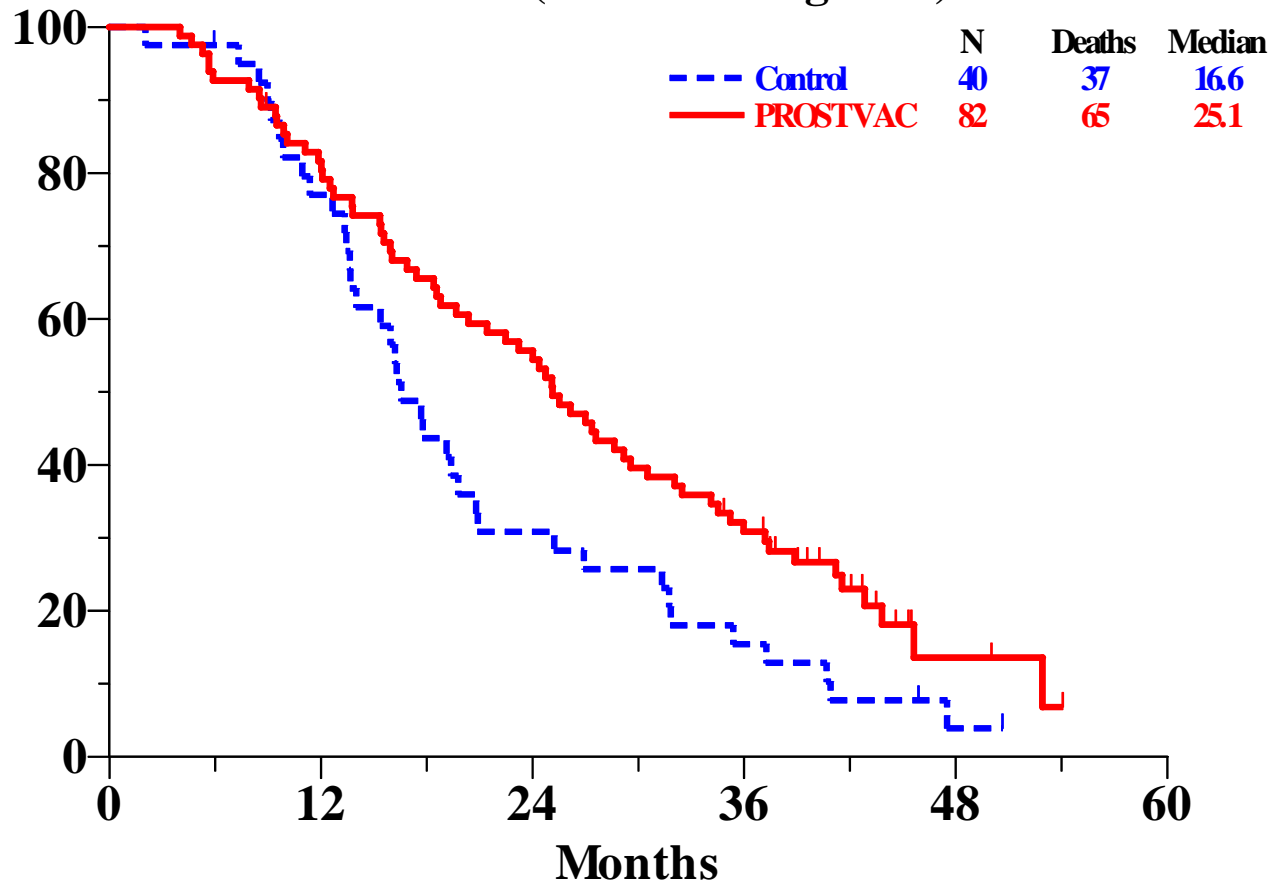
**P = 0.60 (stratified logrank)**



# Overall Survival

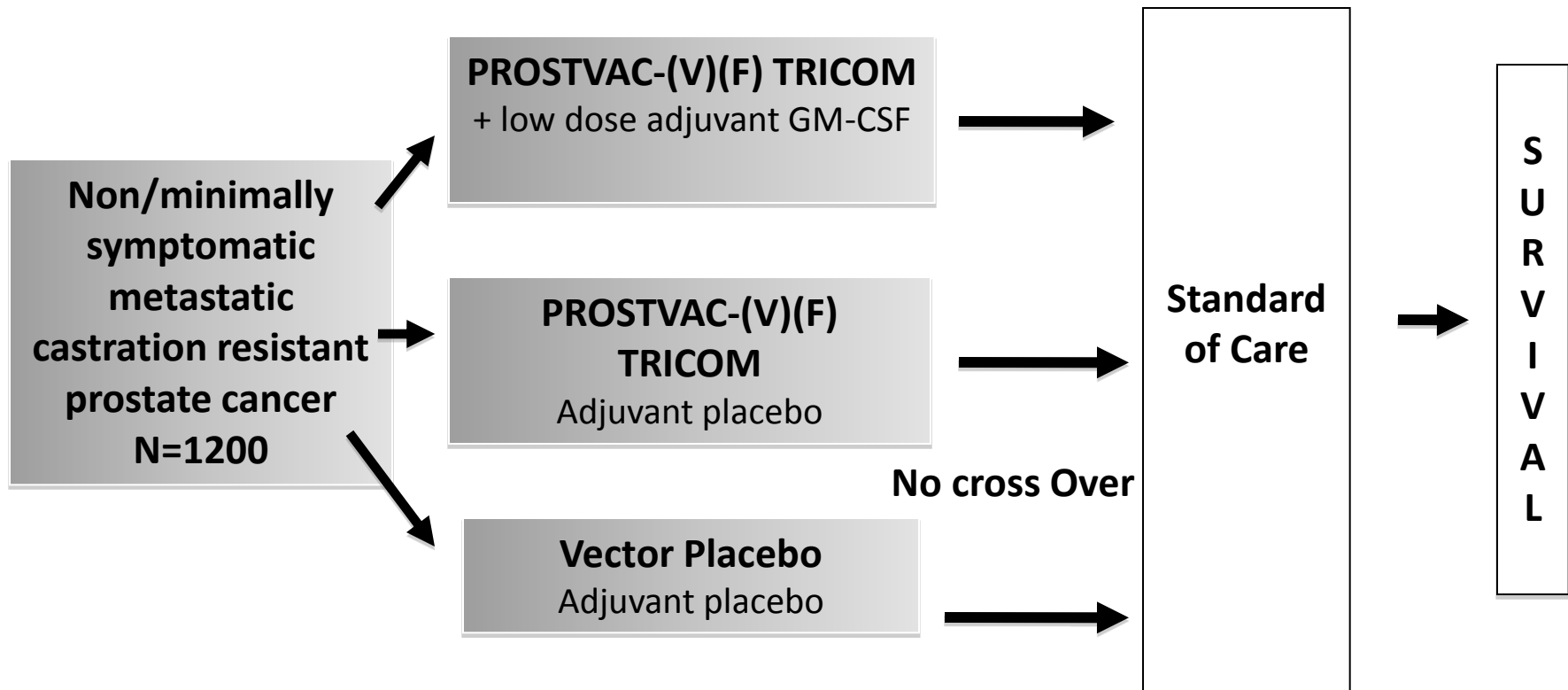
**Hazard Ratio = 0.56 (95% CI 0.37 to 0.85)**

**P = 0.006 (stratified logrank)**



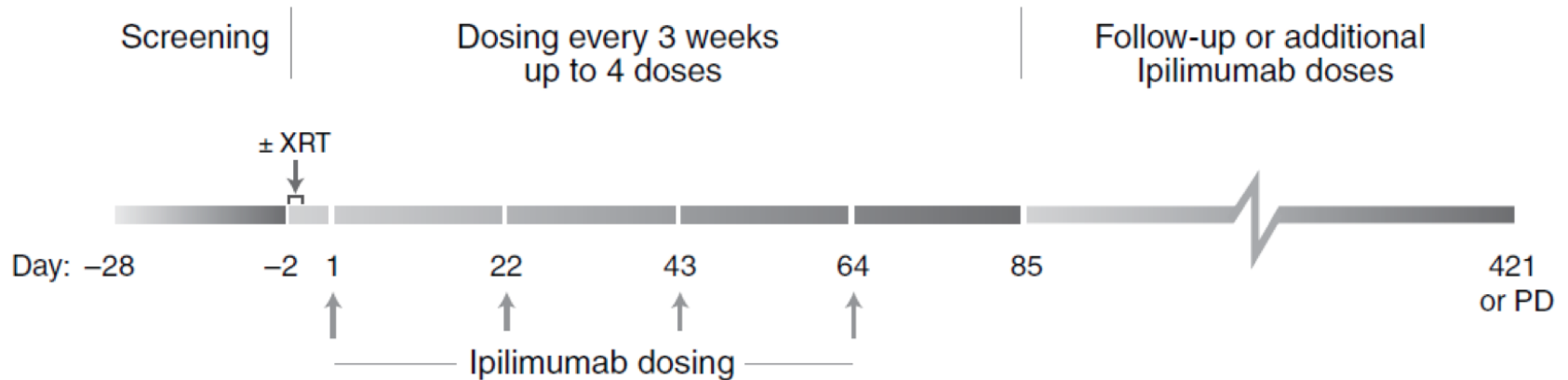


# PROSPECT Trial-Phase III Global Trial



# Ipilimumab

# Phase I/II CRPC Treatment Schema



## Design:

- Phase 1 – Dose escalation: 3, 5 or 10 mg/kg Ipi, then 3 or 10 mg/kg Ipi ± XRT (single dose of 8 Gy/lesion, up to 3 lesions per patient)
- Phase 2 – Cohort expansion: 10 mg/kg ± XRT cohorts

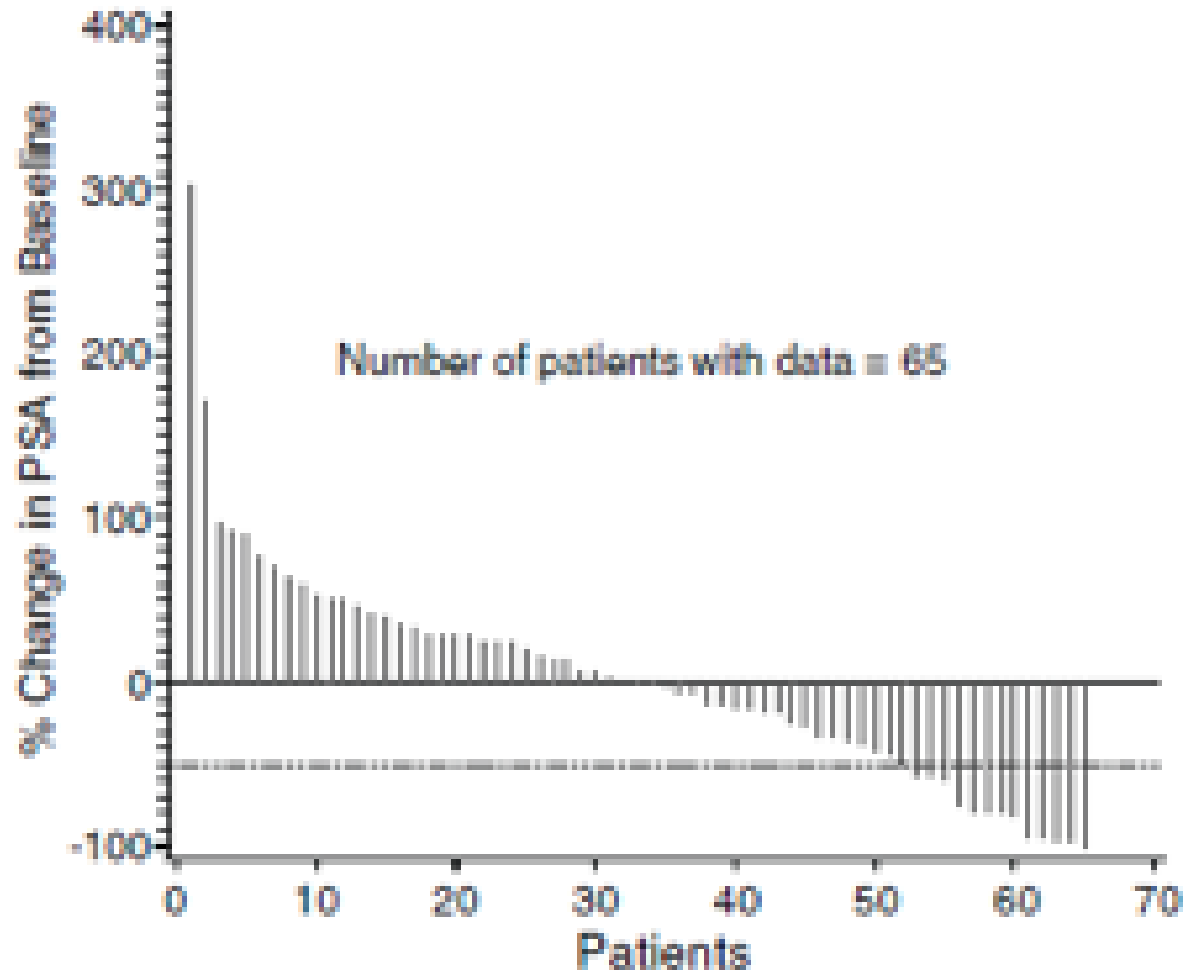
## Endpoints:

- Safety
- PSA response at Day 85, overall PSA response, and tumor response by RECIST

## Response assessments:

- PSA: Days 22, 43, 64, 85, then monthly
- Tumor: Day 85, then every 3 months

# PSA Waterfall Plot on Day 85

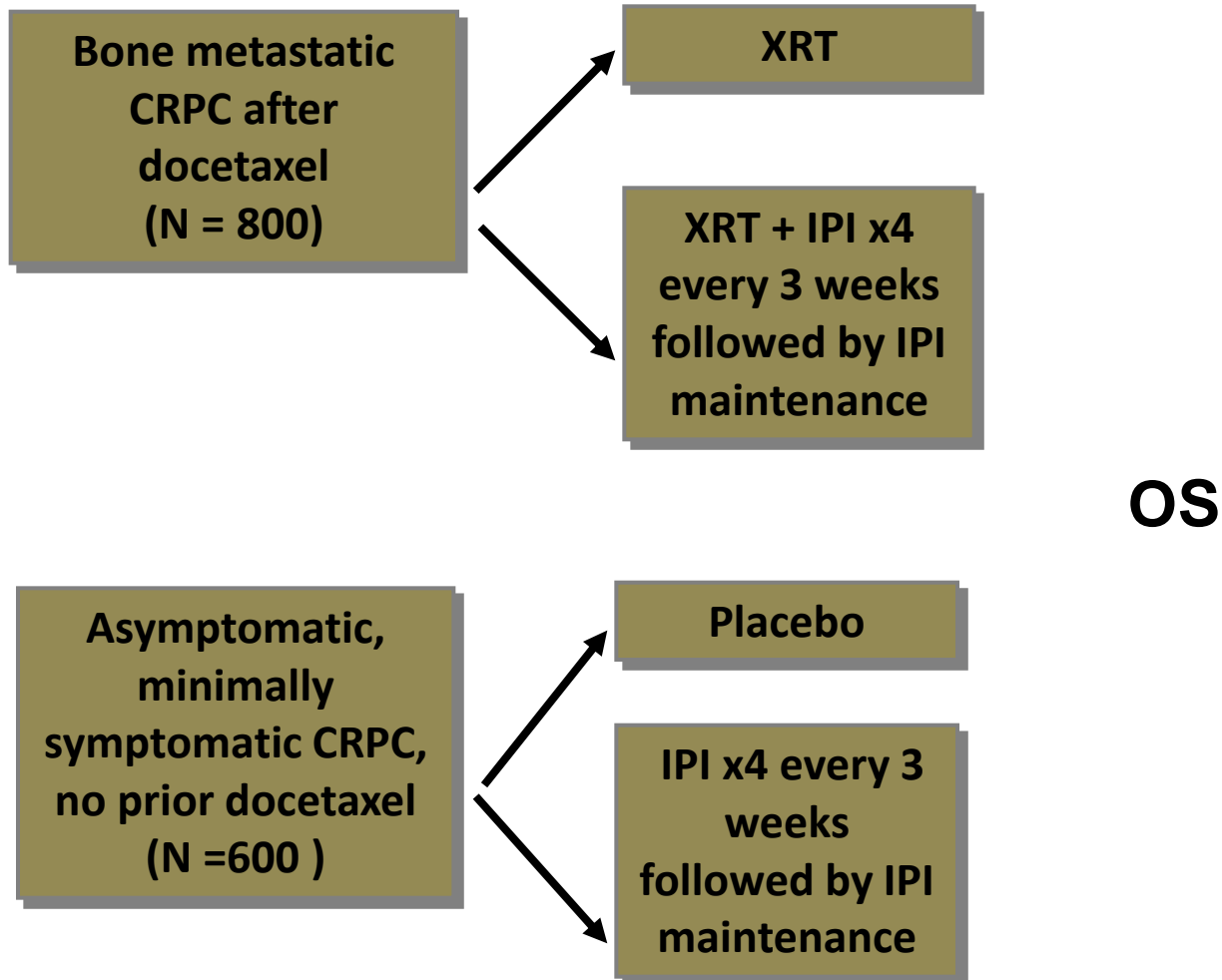


# Ipilimumab Randomized Phase II in advanced CaP



- 108 patients with advanced CaP were randomized to ADT alone (54 patients) or to ADT plus 3 mg/kg ipilimumab
- Primary endpoints were safety and efficacy as measured by PSA and clinical response
- No baseline differences between the treatment groups.
- Percent decline in testosterone level was > 97% in both arms
- Patients treated with ipilimumab + ADT were more likely to have an undetectable PSA by 3 months (55% vs. 38%)

# Ipilimumab Phase III studies in CRPC



# Conclusions on Immunotherapy Approaches

- Proof of concept that immunotherapy provides clinical benefit in prostate cancer
  - Sipuleucel-T in prostate cancer
- Potential for further advances in prostate cancer in next few years
  - PROSTVAC VF-Tricom
  - Ipilimumab
  - Combination therapies