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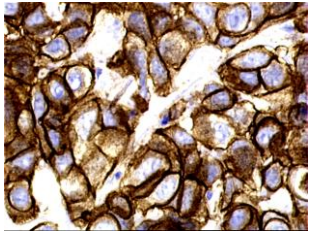
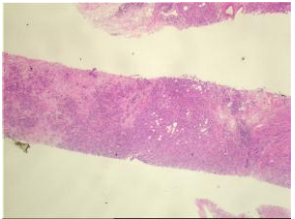
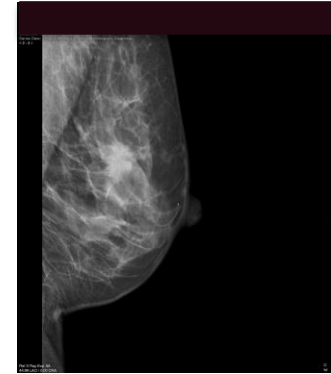
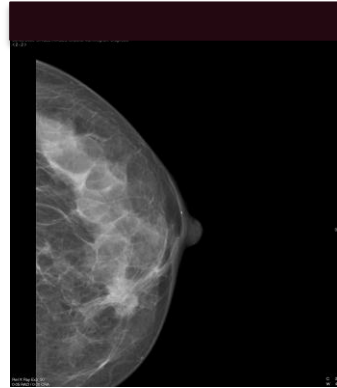
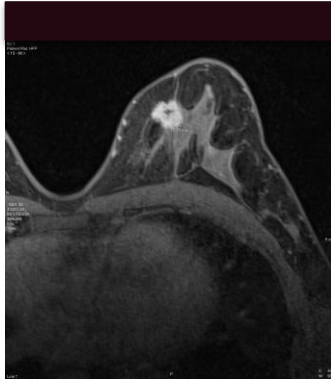
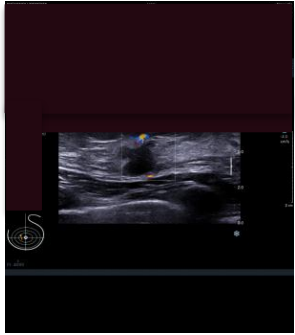
## Patient's perspective:

- Test individual in vivo efficacy of drugs,
- Improve surgical options,
- Identify patients with a good long term survival

# Efficacy trials

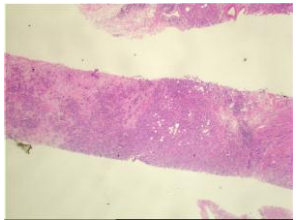
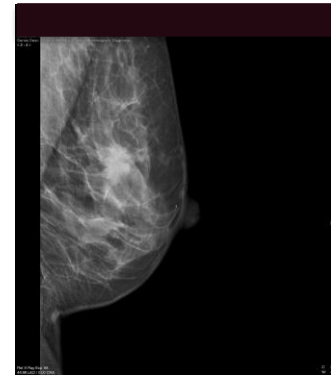
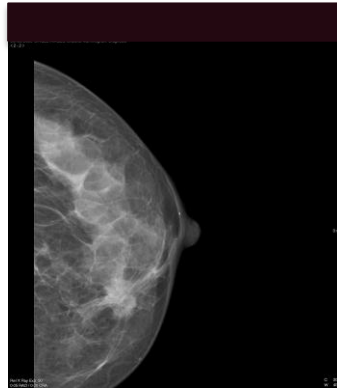
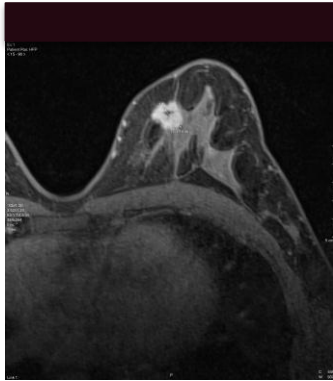
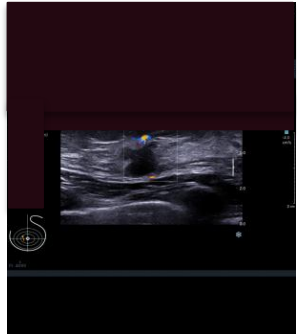
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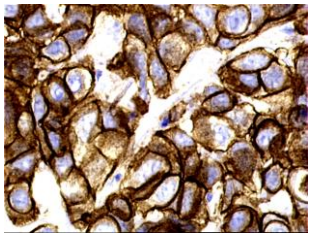
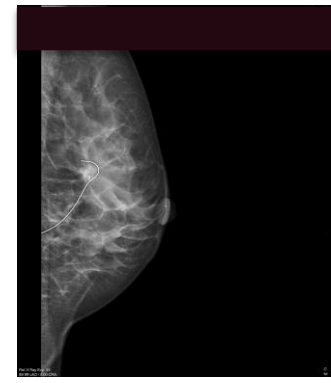
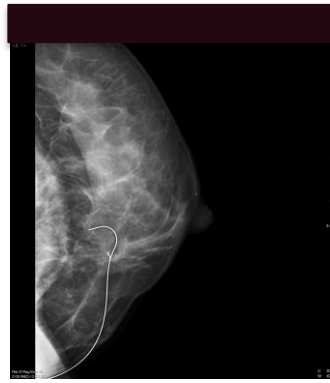


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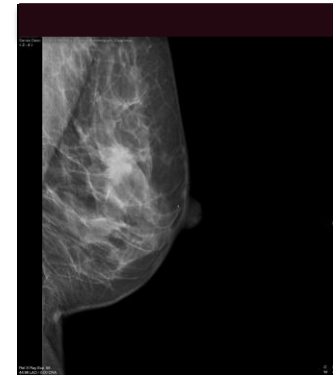
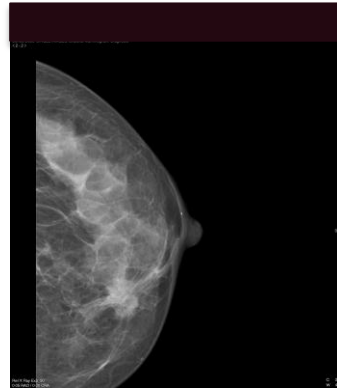
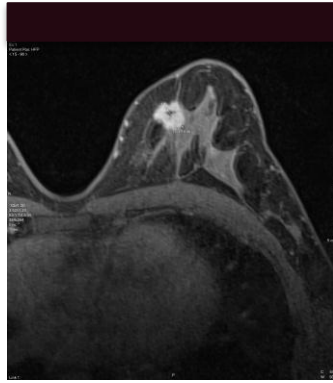
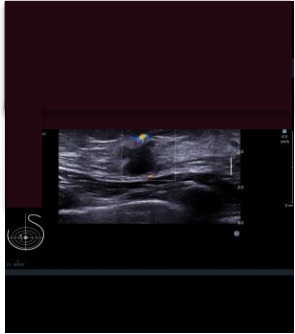
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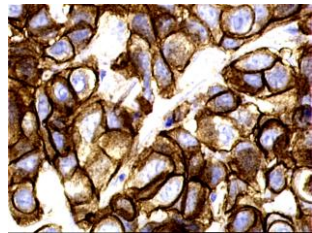
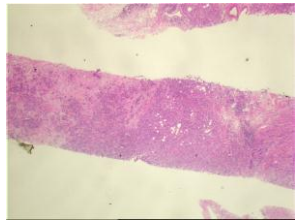
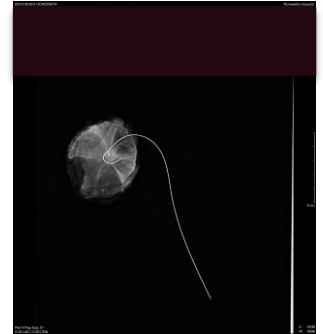
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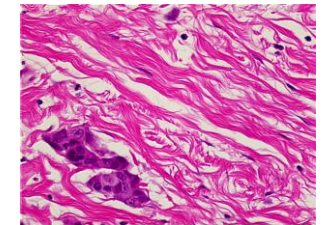
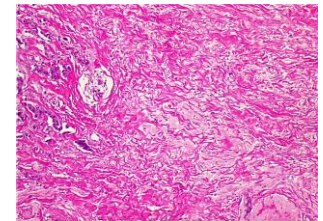
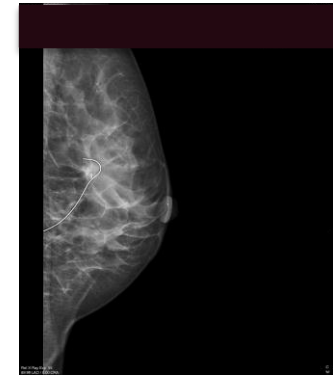
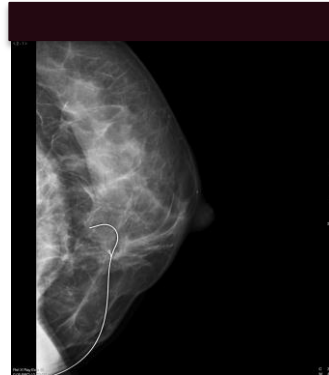
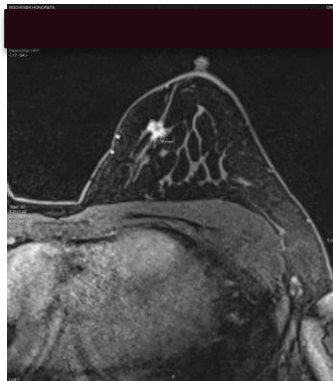
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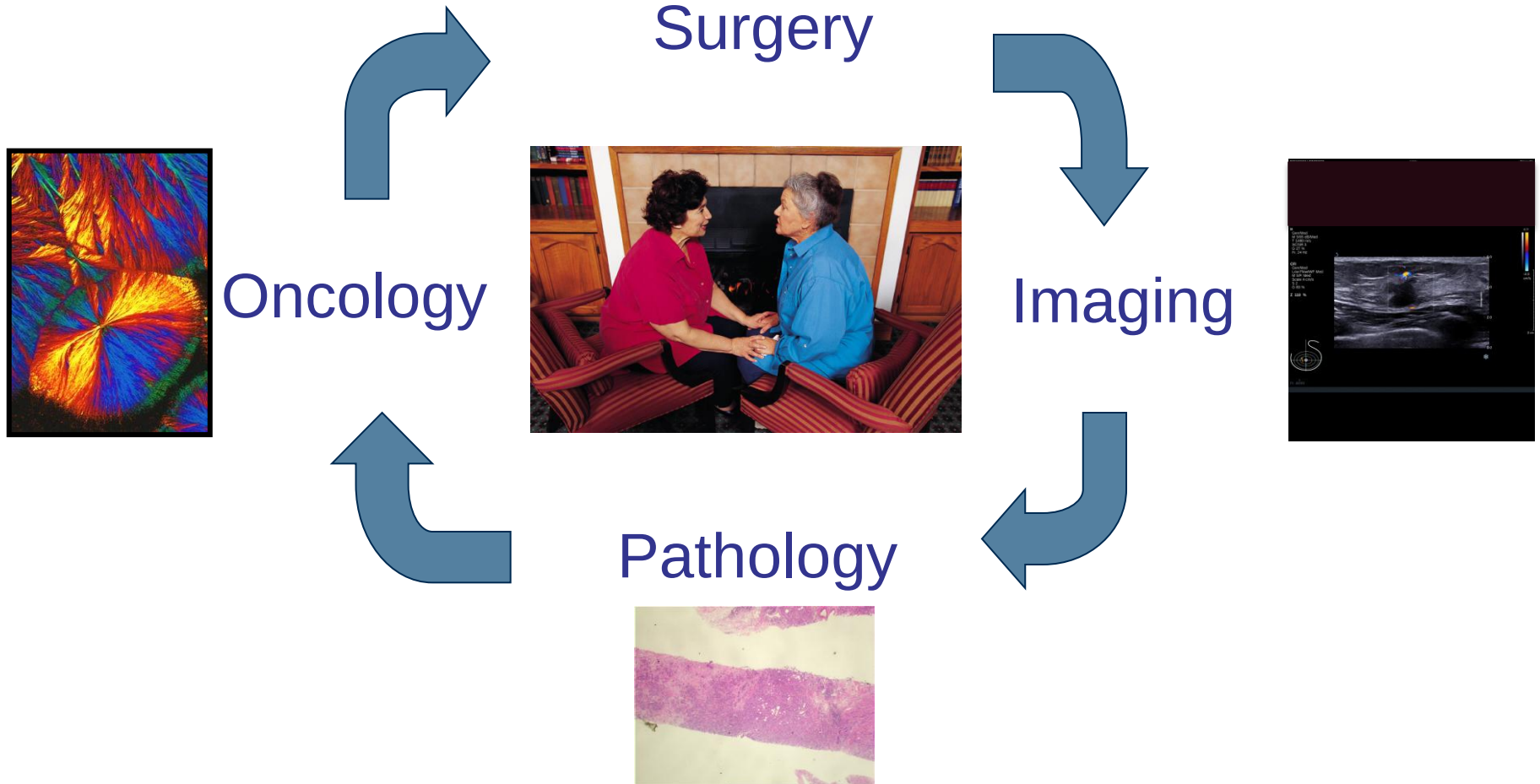
Minimal residual disease/ stem cells

Ecology of cancer – *should* we be aiming to eradicate the majority of cells?

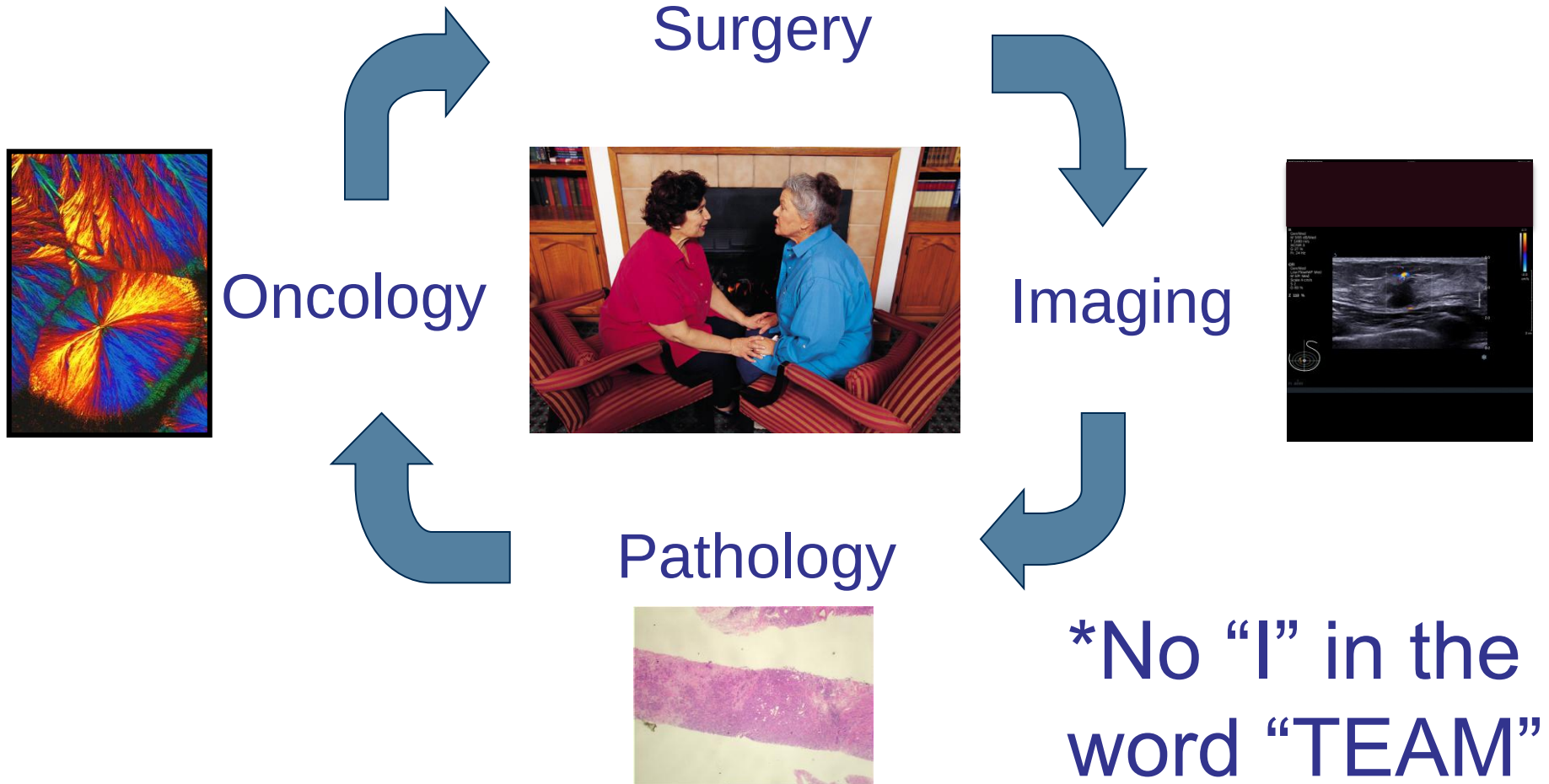
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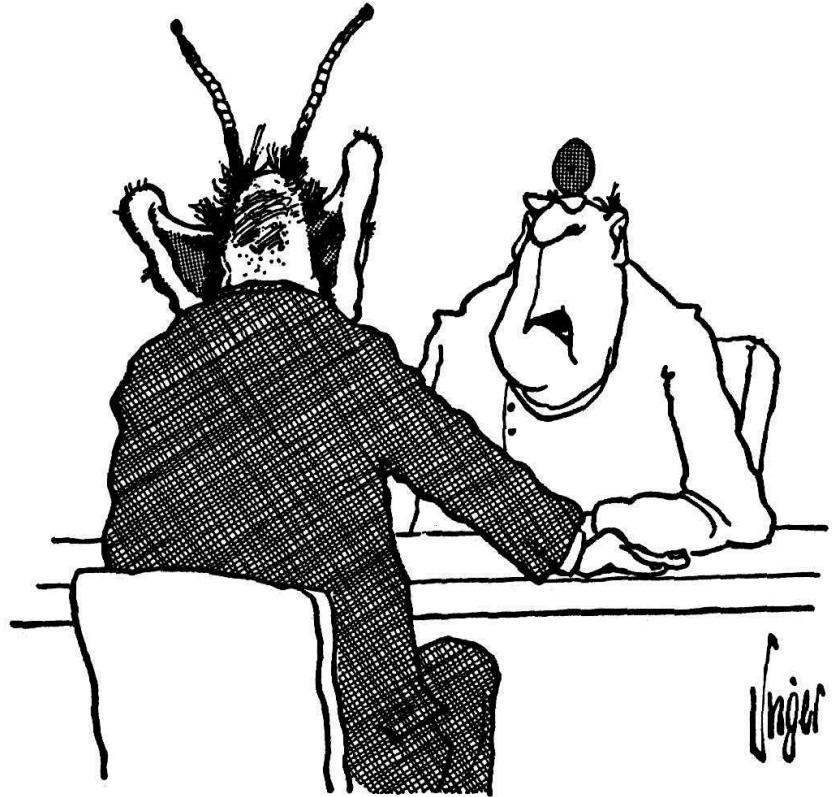
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# Window trials

- Effects in vivo
- On-target effects
- Exploring mechanisms of action:
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  - Systemic

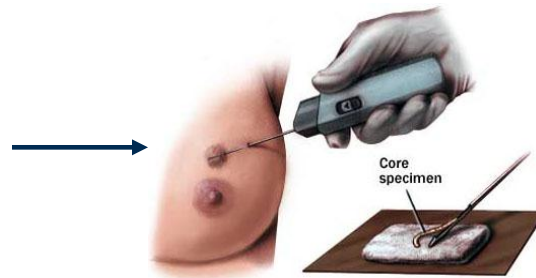
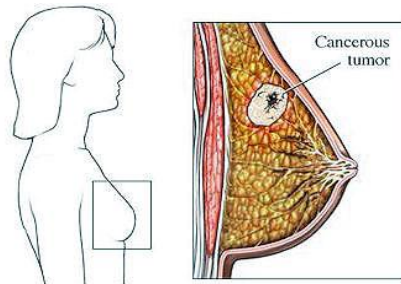


**"If you remember,  
I did mention possible side-effects."**

- Toxicities.....and safety



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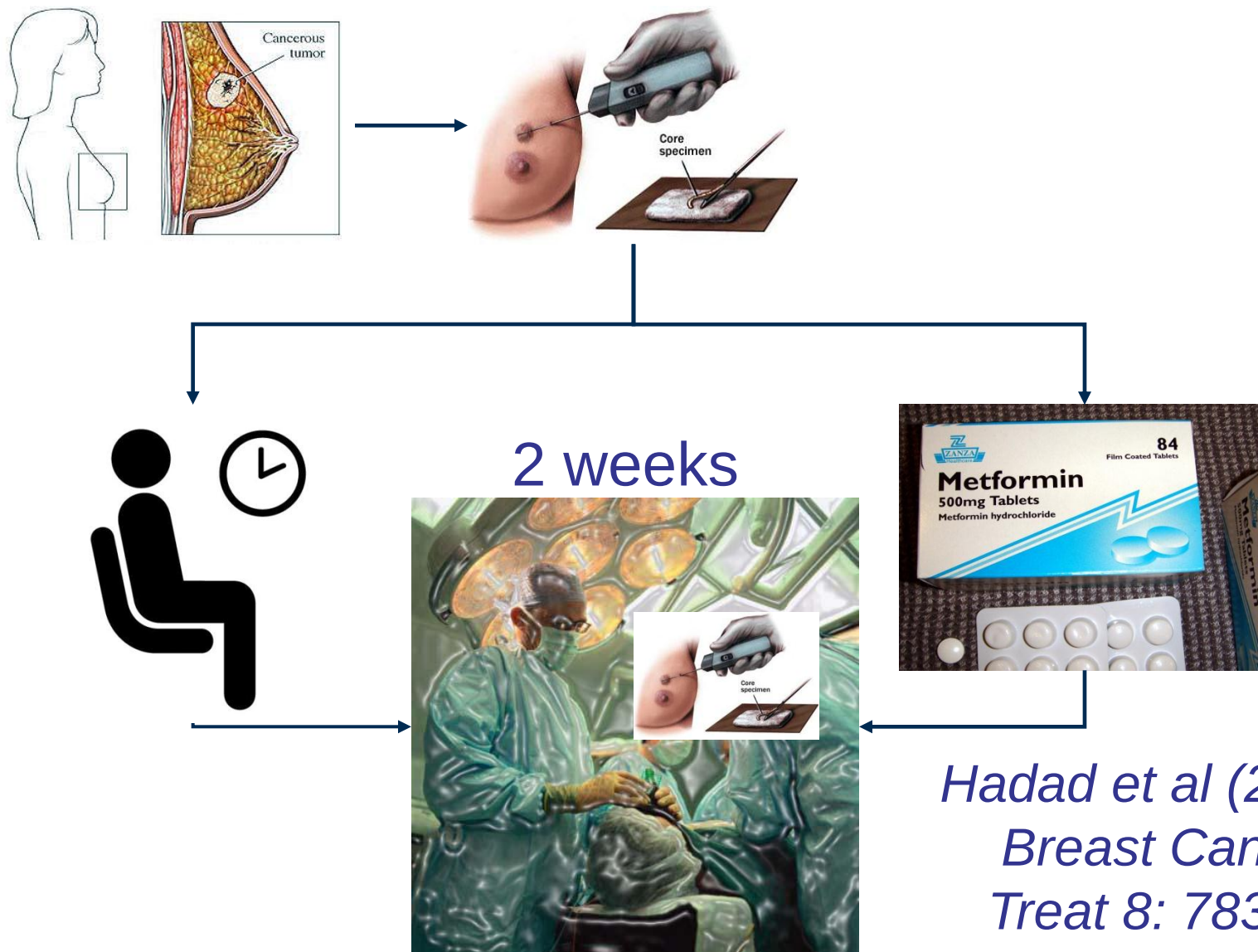
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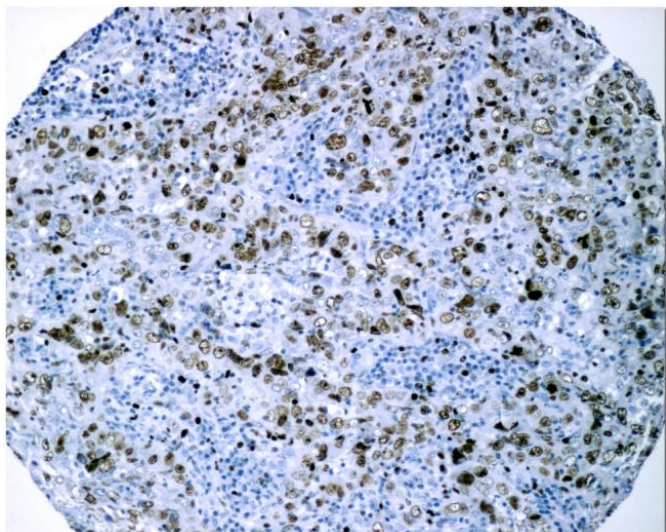
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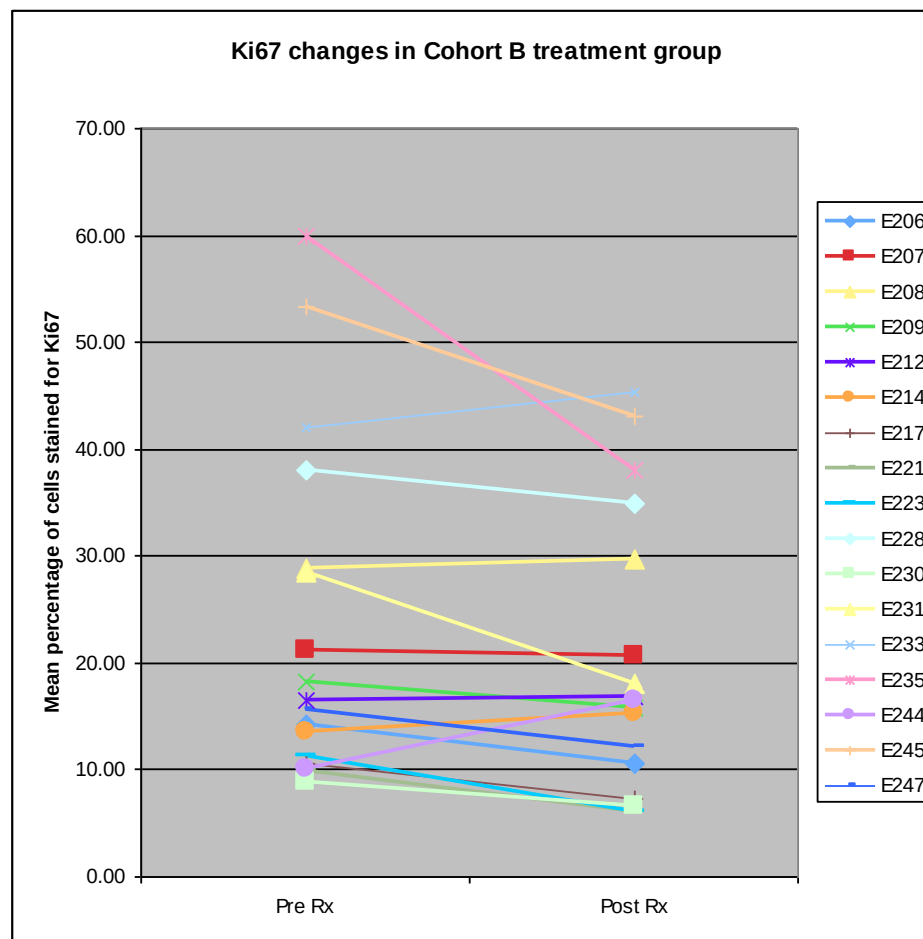
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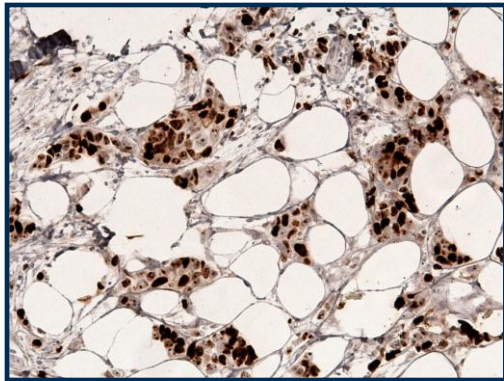


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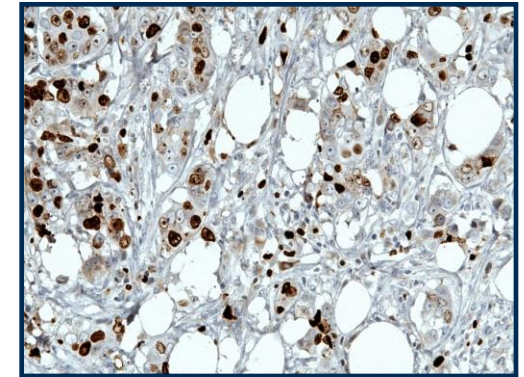
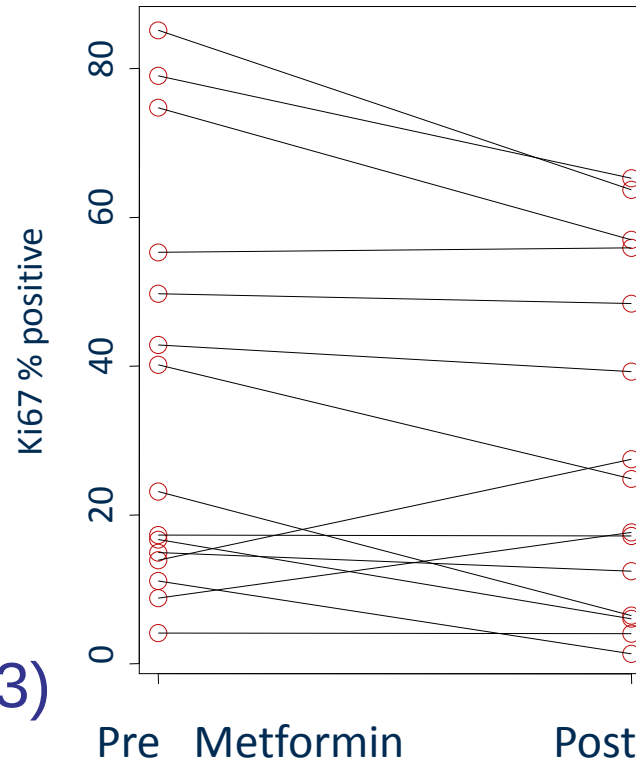


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# Tumour effects (reproduced)

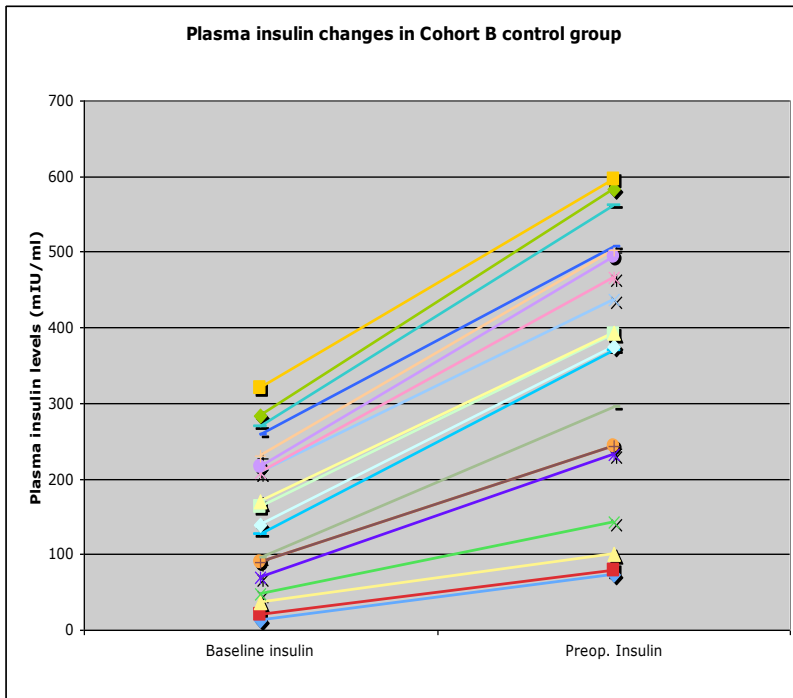


Change in Ki67:  
per patient ( $p=0.043$ )

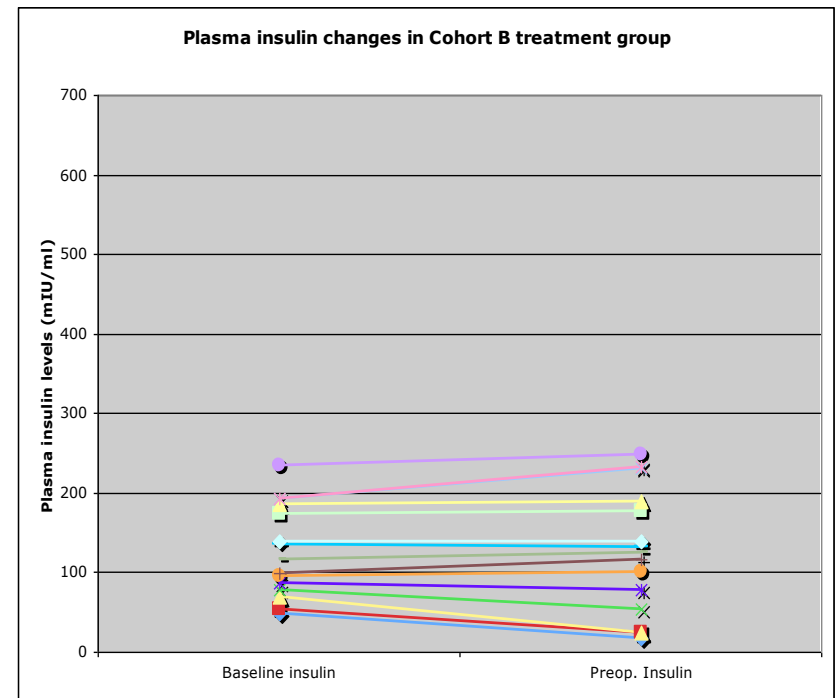


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# Systemic effects eg insulin



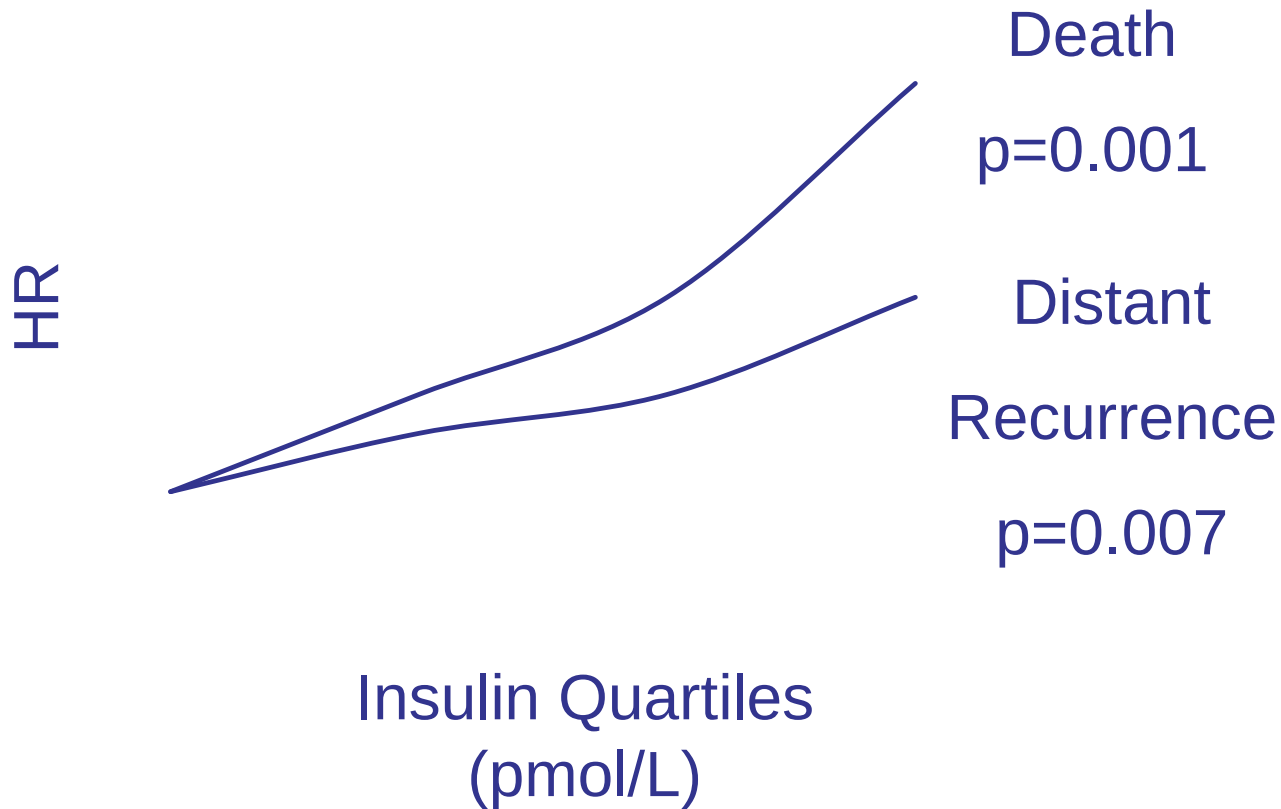
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# Insulin & Prognosis

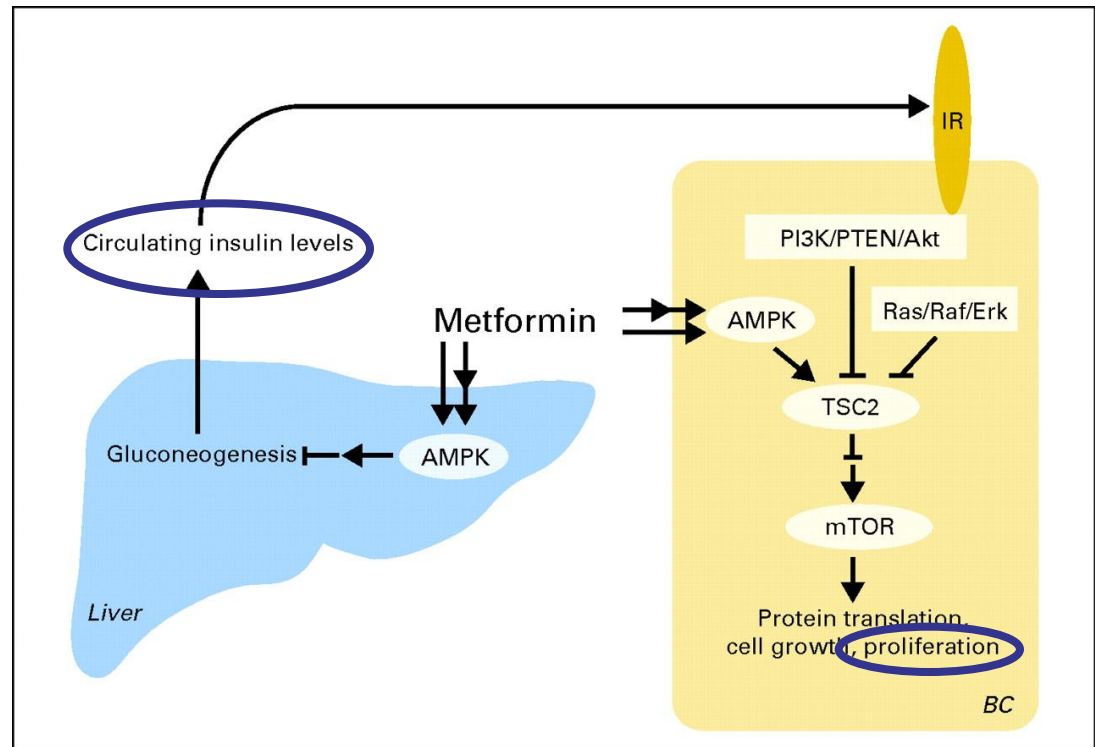


*Goodwin PJ et al. (2002) J Clin Oncol 20:42-51*

# Hypothesis generation (and testing?)

## Drug effects:

- Tumour effects in vivo
- Systemic effects in vivo



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## Genomic predictors eg AT chemotherapy\*\*

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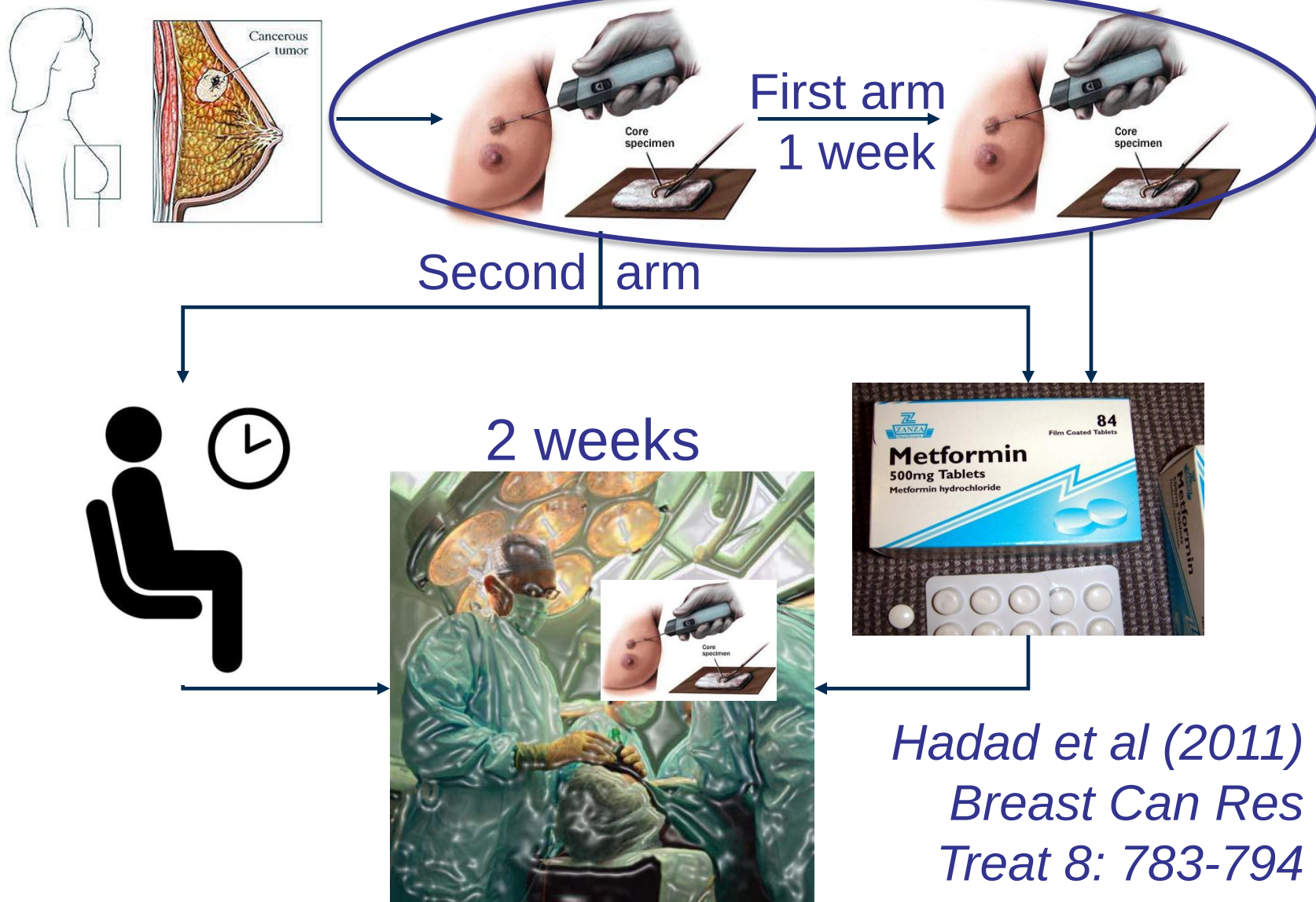
## Specimen/sampling effects

- Which specimens to examine\*\*

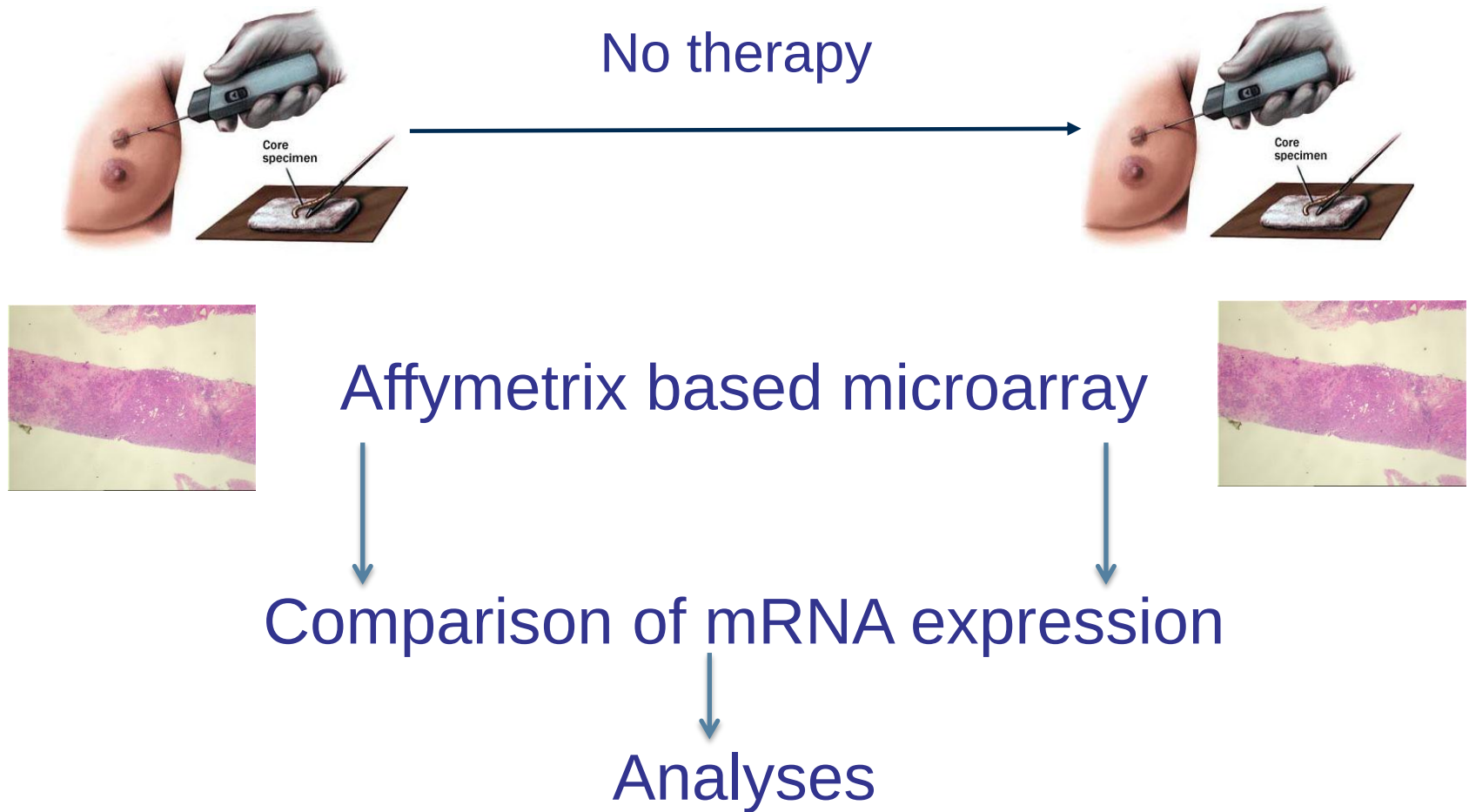
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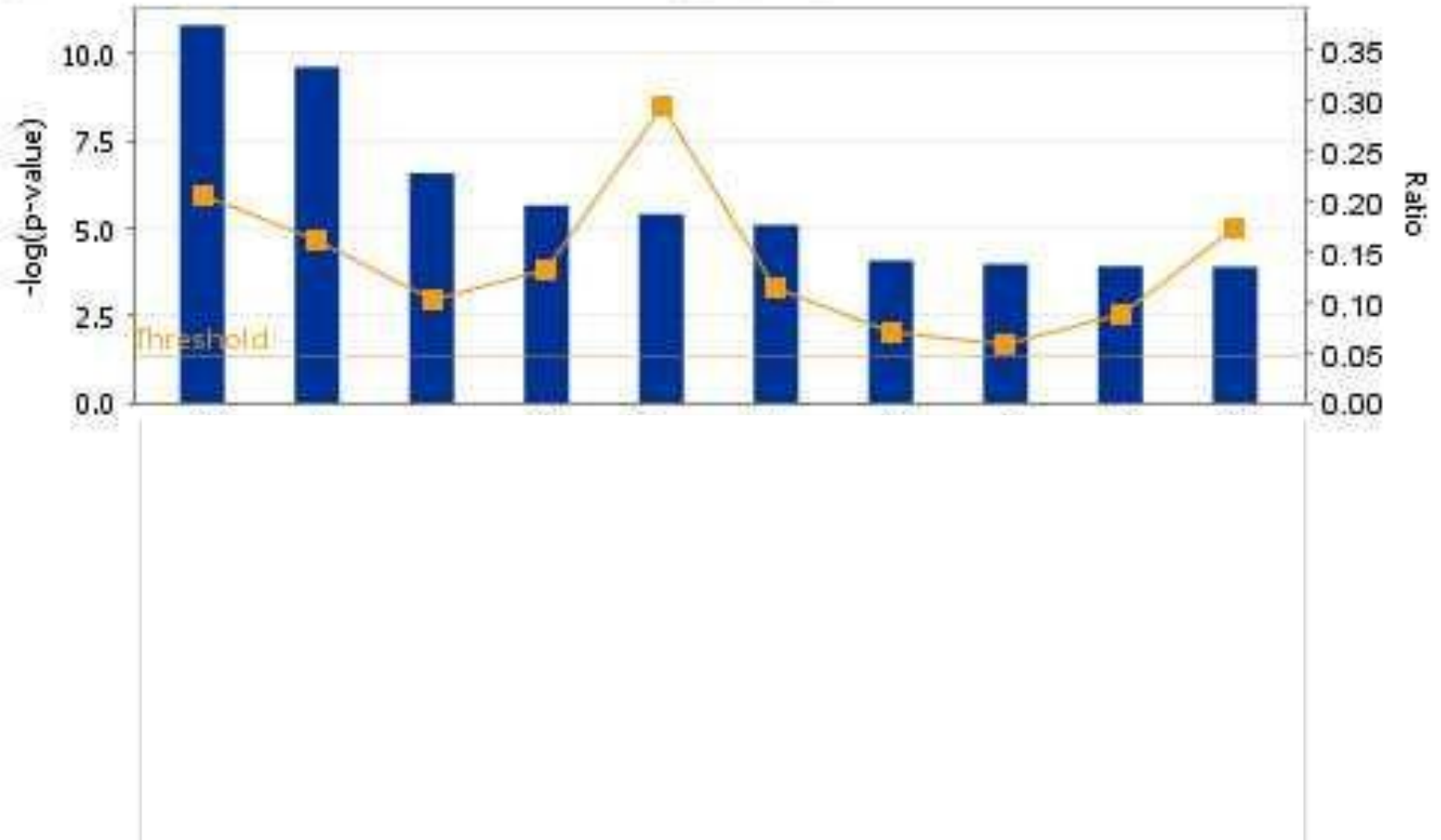


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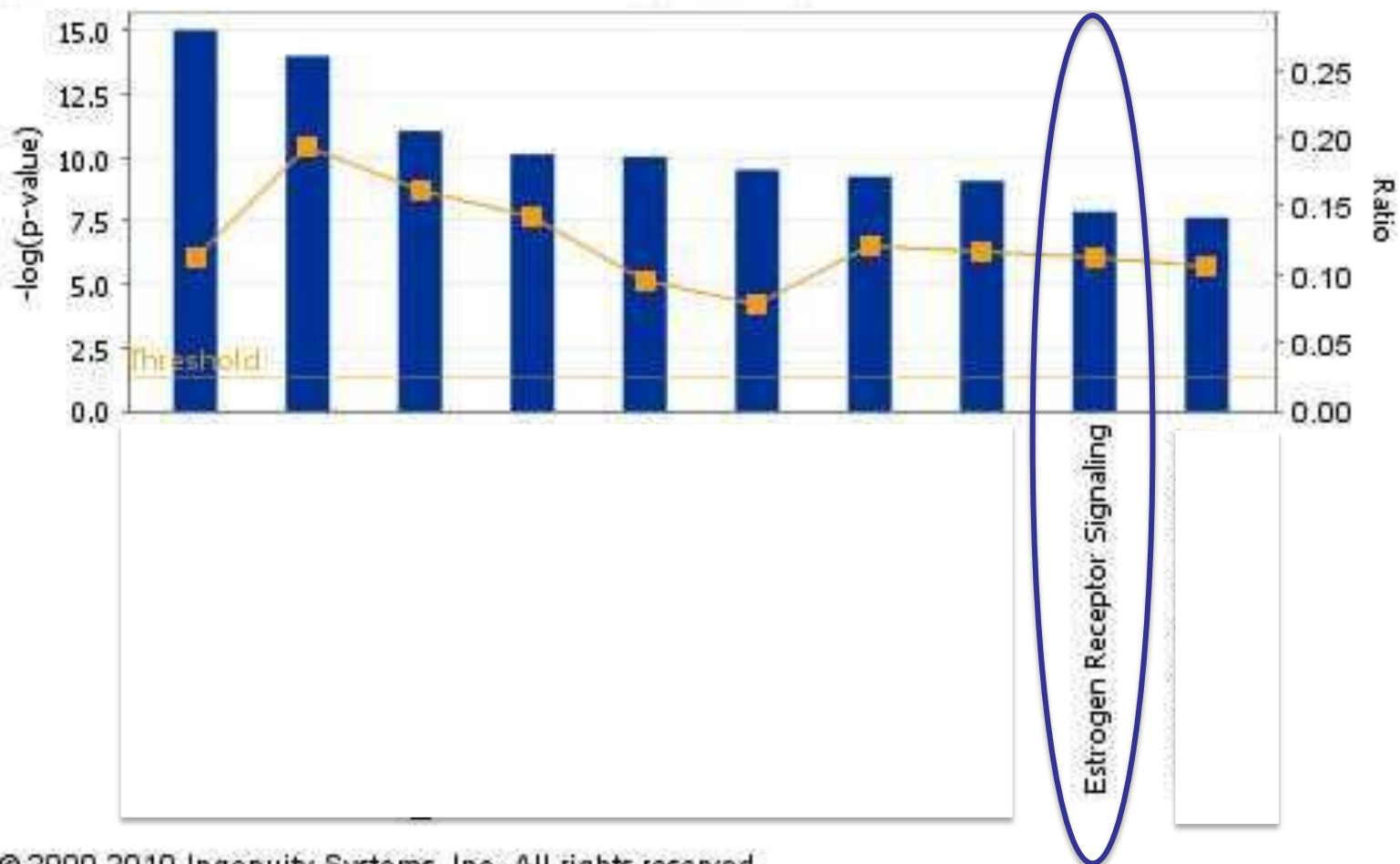


*Lajos Pustai, Taka Iwamoto*

# Gene overexpression



# Gene underexpression





# Pathology

## “Wounding” effects

- One ***cannot*** assume core = resection specimen for ER\* (so beware studies still using these comparators)
- One ***cannot*** assume no effect of core biopsy (possible need to have no-treatment arms for gene expression and IHC studies)

**Critical influence of specimen and pathology quality assurance in preoperative studies**

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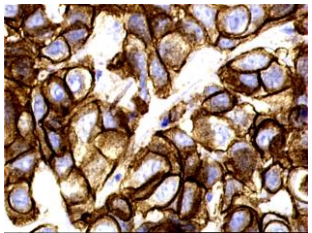
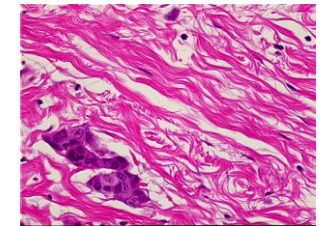
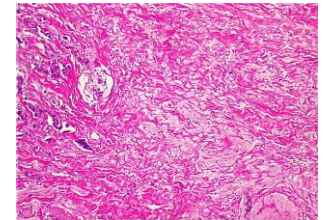
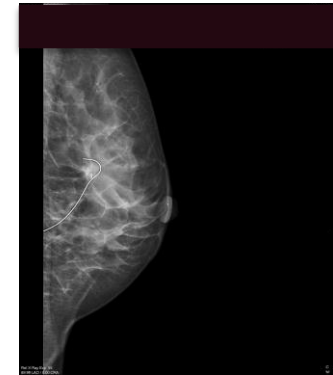
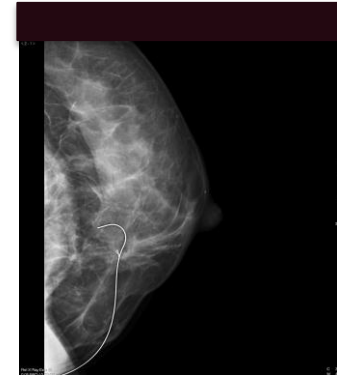
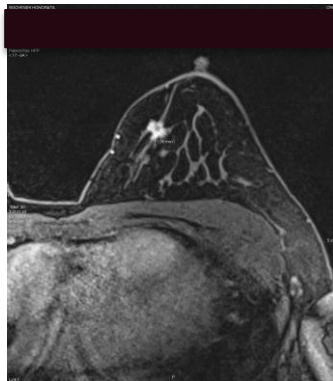
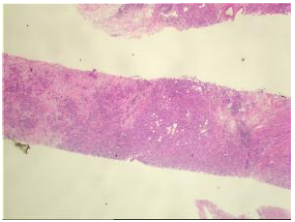
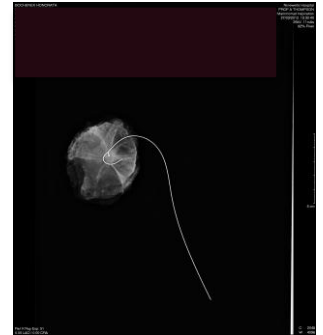
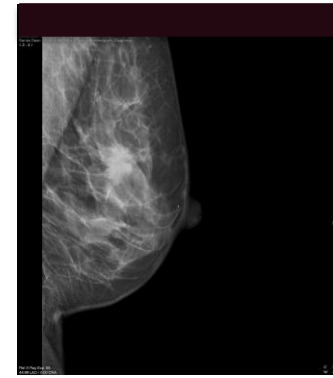
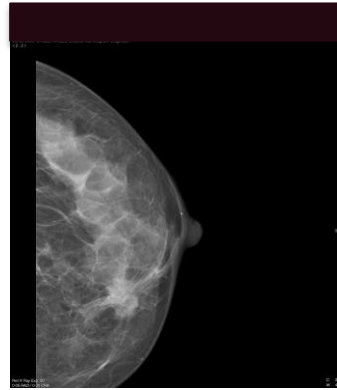
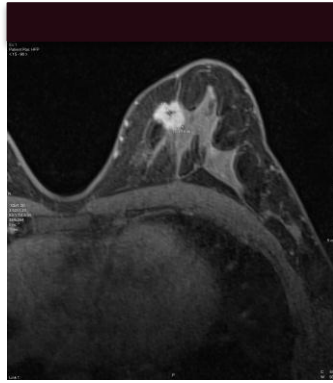
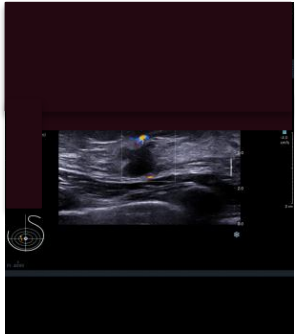
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# PET(functional) Imaging

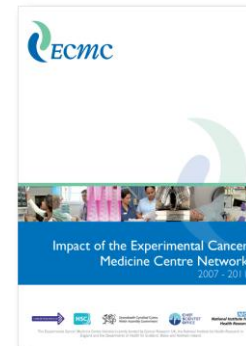
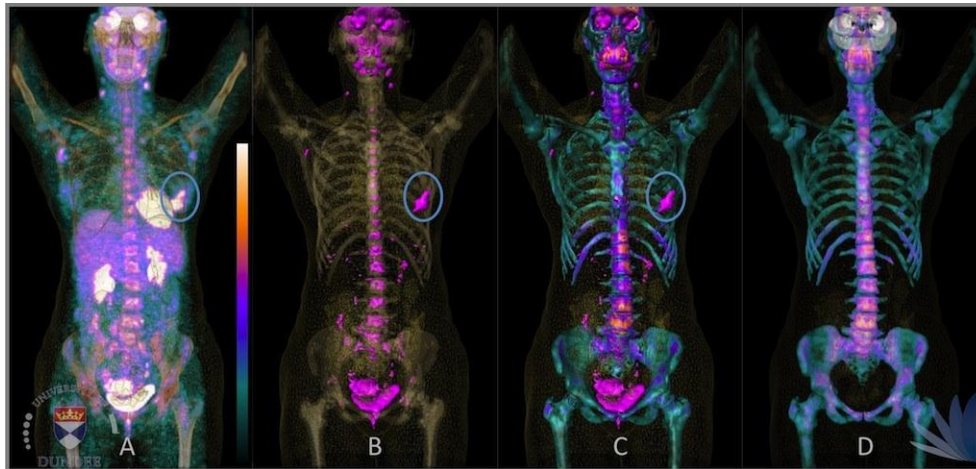
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XR 500mg  
for 3 days

Metformin  
1000mg  
3 days

Metformin 1500mg 2 weeks  
pre chemotherapy  $\pm$  continue

Surgery

Neoadjuvant  
chemotherapy



*Simon Lord, Luc Bidaut*

NeoALTTO: metabolic responders have a pCR

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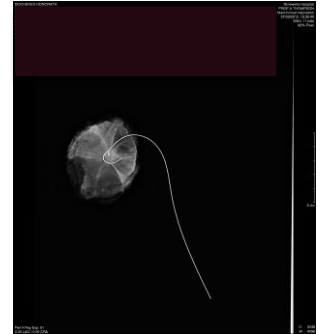
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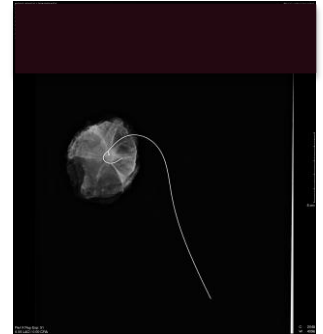


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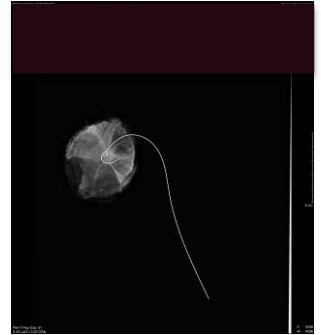


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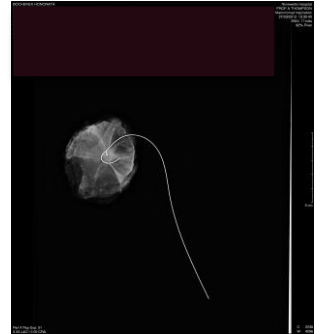
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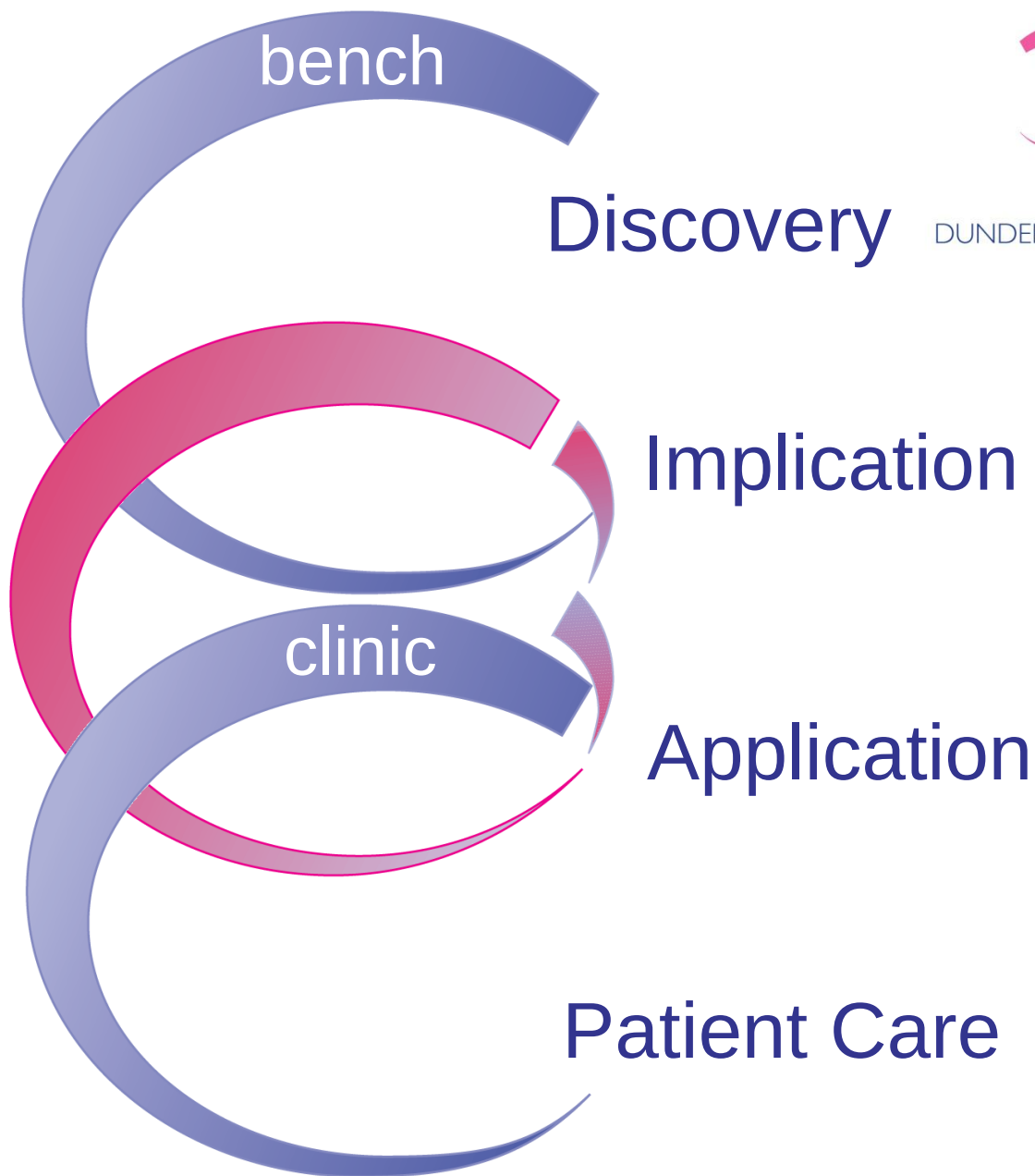
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# Challenges *and* opportunities

- Great potential of pre-operative setting for clinical studies and trials – depending on the goals
- Window of opportunity trials
- Biopsy timing and wounding effects
- Potential of imaging
- Make sure the surgery is not compromised
- May inform development of novel therapies and guide treatments in the adjuvant setting.....and for advanced disease



Preoperative  
trials



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