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# Locally advanced BC: radiation therapy

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*Conflict of interest: none*

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Current evidence

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# Radiation therapy for LABC: introduction

## Definition:

Locally advanced breast cancer is a subset of breast cancer consisting of locally advanced breast tumours in the absence of distant metastasis

NCCN → AJCC stage III

- Tumours more than 5 cm in size with no distant metastasis
- Tumours of any size with direct extension to chest wall or skin, regardless of regional lymph node status
- Presence of regional lymph node metastases

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# Radiation therapy for LABC: current evidence

Randomized phase III trials comparing neoadjuvant with adjuvant therapy using the same chemotherapy regimen

| Study  | n<br>(stage and size) | Chemotherapy<br>regimen | cRR (%) | pCR (%) | DFS benefit | OS benefit |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Fisher et al. [3, 4], Wolmark et al. [5], NSABP B-18 | 1,523<br>(operable)   | AC                      | 80      | 13      | No          | No         |
| Van der Hage et al. [6], EORTC 10902                 | 698<br>(T1c-4bN0-1)   | FEC                     | 49      | 4       | No          | No         |
| Gianni et al. [7, 8], ECTO                           | 1,355                 | AT → CMF                | 78      | 23      | No          | No         |
| Mauriac et al. [9]                                   | 272<br>(>3 cm)        | EMV/MTV                 | 81      | NA      | No          | No         |
| Scholl et al. [10], Broet et al. [11]                | 414<br>(T2-3N0-1)     | FAC                     | 85      | NA      | No          | No         |
| Makris et al. [12]                                   | 309<br>(operable)     | MM(M)+Tam               | 84      | 10      | No          | No         |

Sachelarie, Grossbard, Chadha et al.

*The Oncologist* 2006;11;574-589

# Radiation therapy for LABC: current evidence

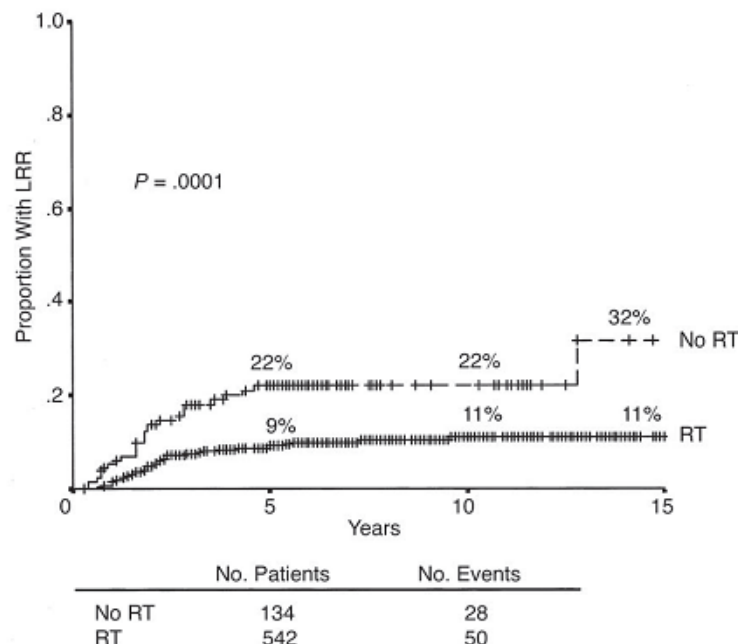
*6 studies (713 pts) PST + surgery  $\pm$  RT*

JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

ORIGINAL REPORT

## Postmastectomy Radiation Improves Local-Regional Control and Survival for Selected Patients With Locally Advanced Breast Cancer Treated With Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy and Mastectomy

Eugene H. Huang, Susan L. Tucker, Eric A. Strom, Marsha D. McNeese, Henry M. Kuerer, Aman U. Buzdar, Vicente Valero, George H. Perkins, Naomi R. Schechter, Kelly K. Hunt, Aysegul A. Sahin, Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, and Thomas A. Buchholz



| Factor                      | 10-year LRR Rate |               | P       |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
|                             | No Radiation (%) | Radiation (%) |         |
| Clinical T-stage            |                  |               |         |
| T1                          | 0                | 8             | .535    |
| T2                          | 10               | 7             | .408    |
| T3                          | 22               | 8             | .002    |
| T4                          | 46               | 15            | < .0001 |
| Clinical N-stage            |                  |               |         |
| N0                          | 23               | 10            | .014    |
| N1                          | 14               | 9             | .062    |
| N2-3                        | 40               | 12            | < .0001 |
| Pathological tumor size, cm |                  |               |         |
| 0-2                         | 13               | 8             | .051    |
| 2.1-5.0                     | 31               | 14            | .002    |
| ≥ 5.1                       | 52               | 13            | .001    |
| No. of positive nodes       |                  |               |         |
| 0                           | 11               | 4             | .010    |
| 1-3                         | 13               | 11            | .636    |
| ≥ 4                         | 59               | 16            | < .0001 |

# Radiation therapy for LABC: current evidence

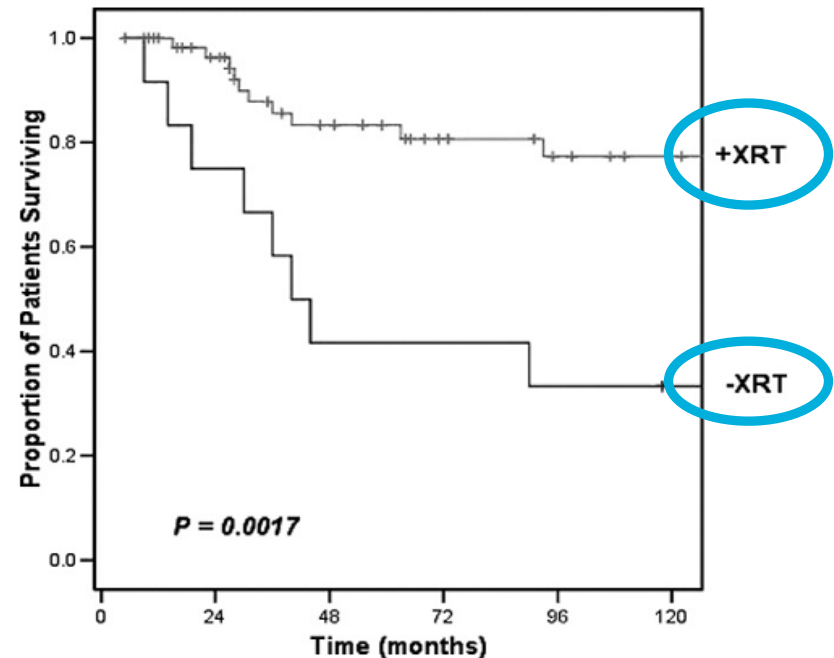
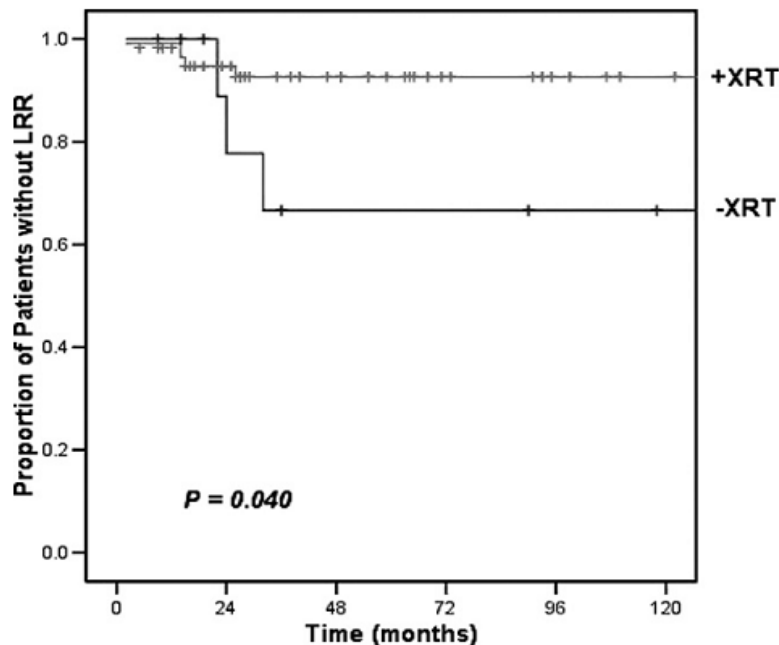
226 pts PST → pCR + surgery ± RT

## POSTMASTECTOMY RADIATION IMPROVES THE OUTCOME OF PATIENTS WITH LOCALLY ADVANCED BREAST CANCER WHO ACHIEVE A PATHOLOGIC COMPLETE RESPONSE TO NEOADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

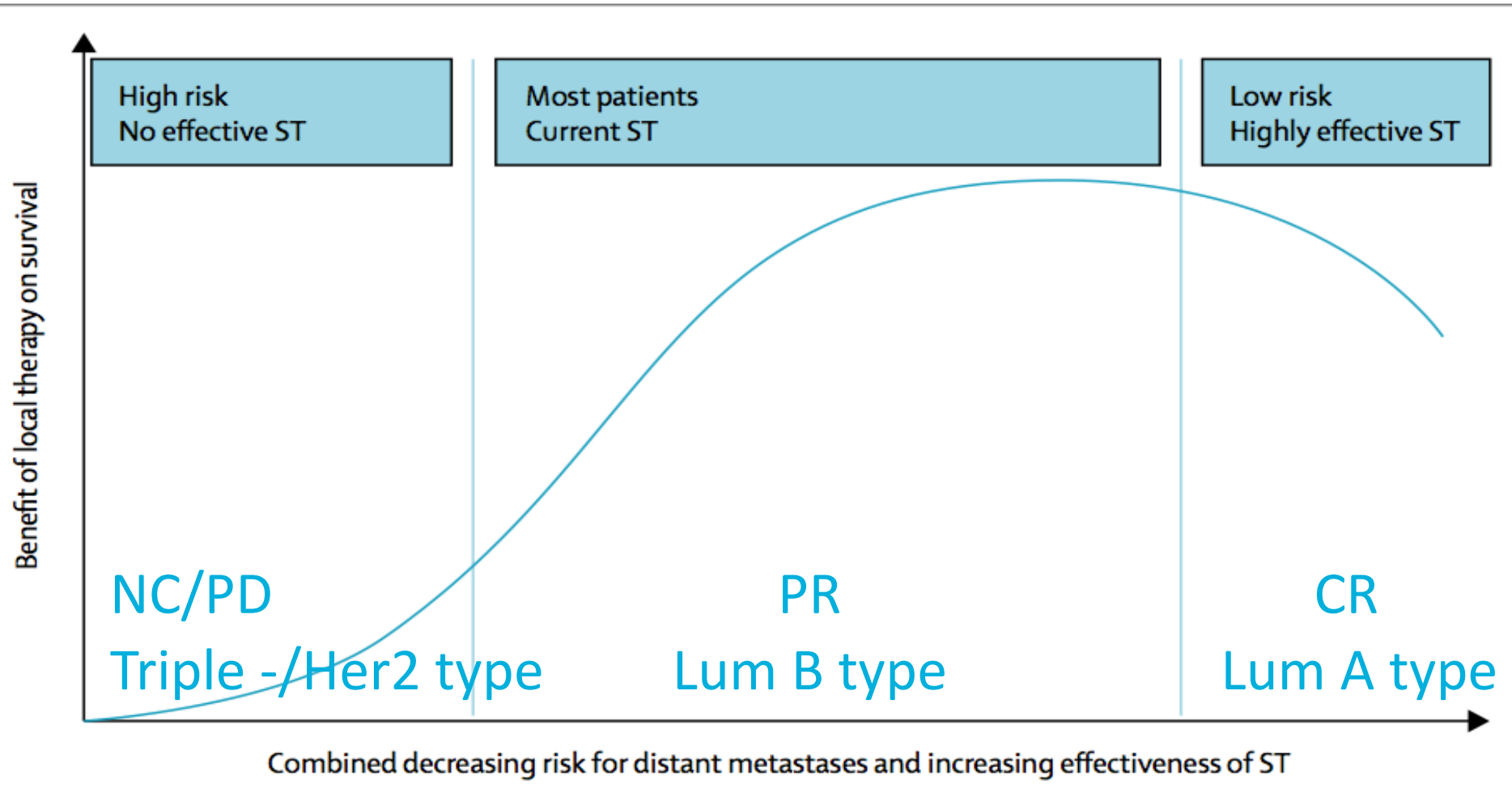
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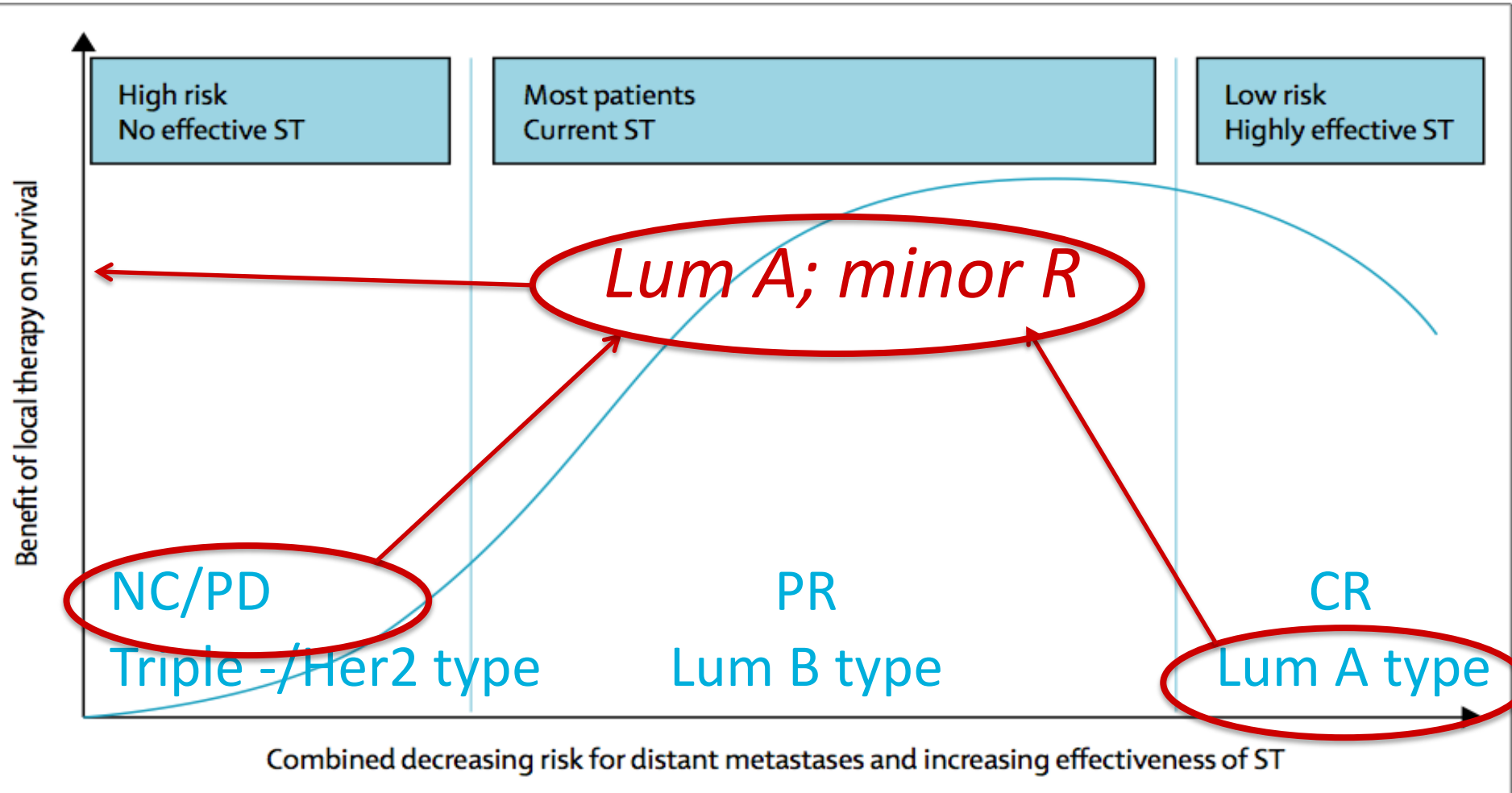


# Radiation therapy for LABC: interpretation



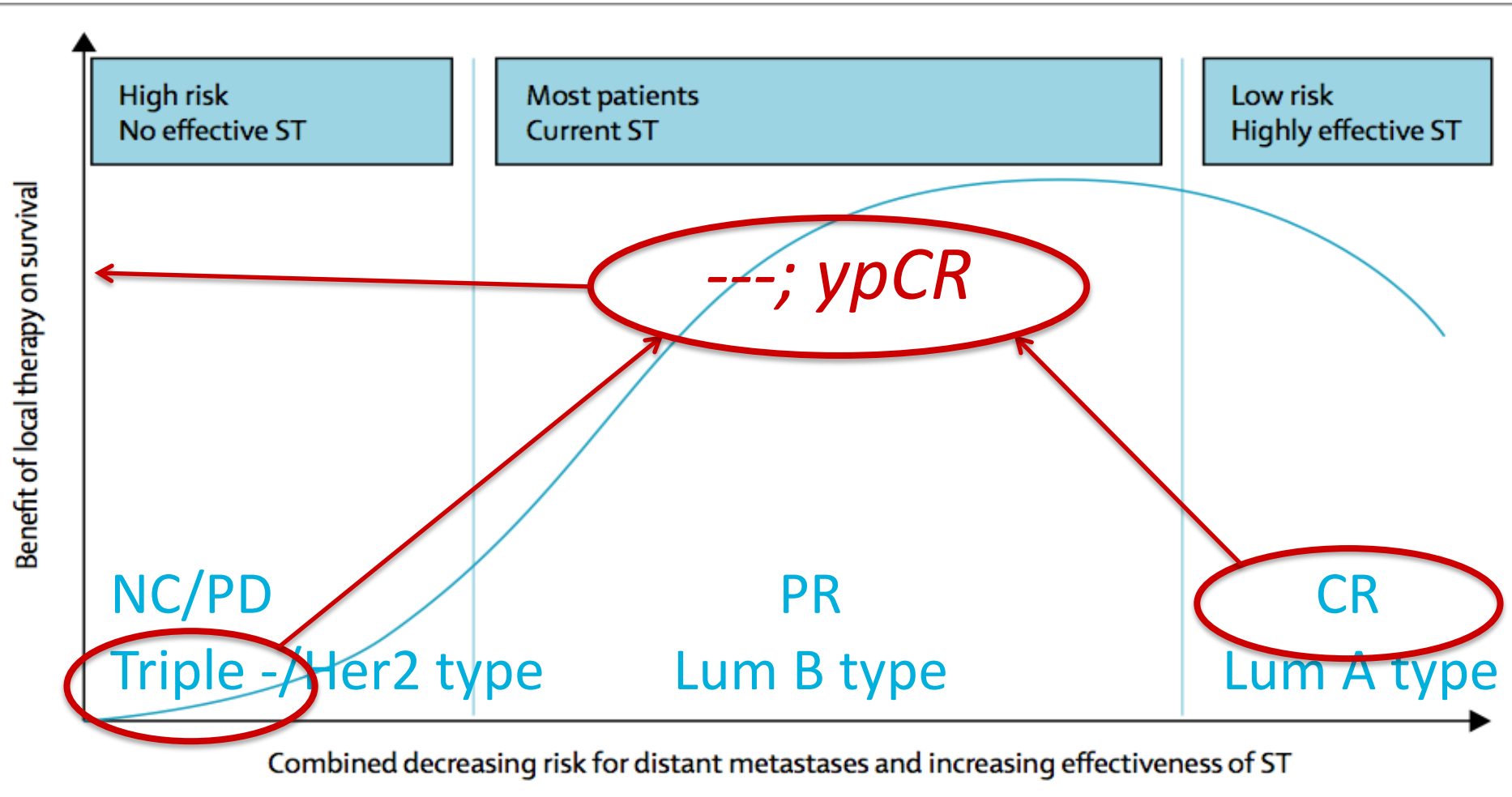
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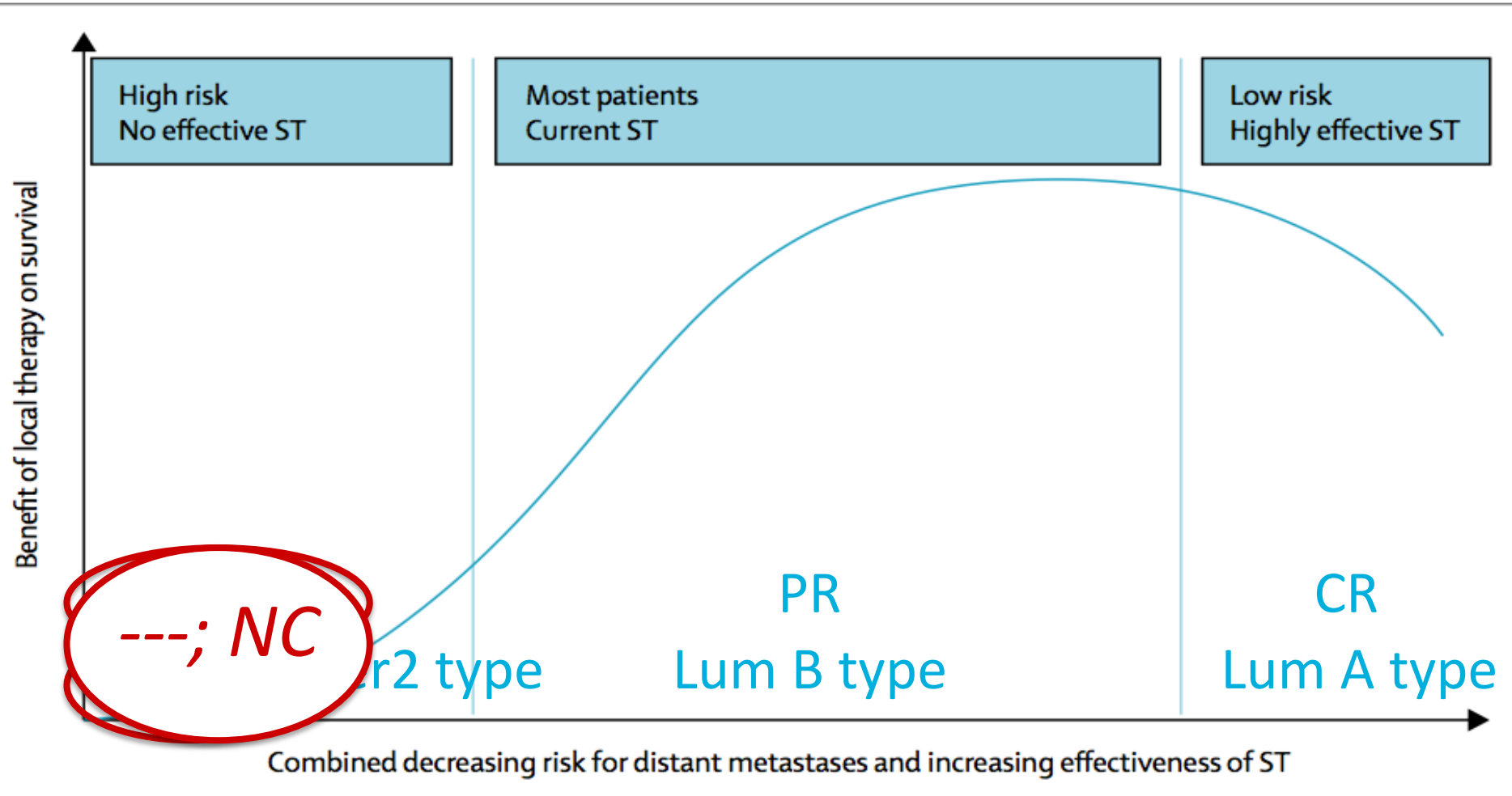
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# Radiation therapy for LABC: technical RT note

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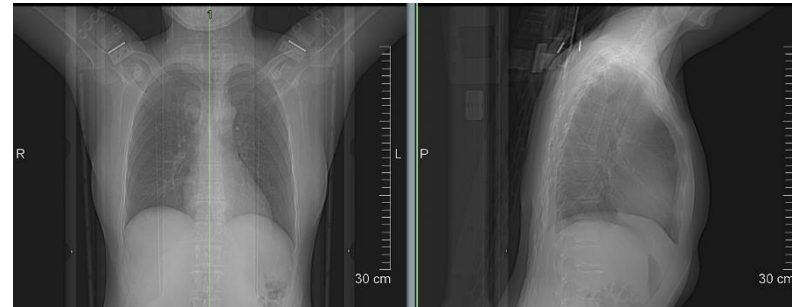
## *Planning-CT-scan before and after PST*

March 2013: patient age 49

- Tumour central in left breast:
- Biopsy (histology): IDA G3; triple –
- FNA axillary LN: +
- FNA supraclavicular LN: +
- Conclusion after staging: cT3N3M0

Treatment: PST

- Referred for evaluation by RO
- TAC x 6



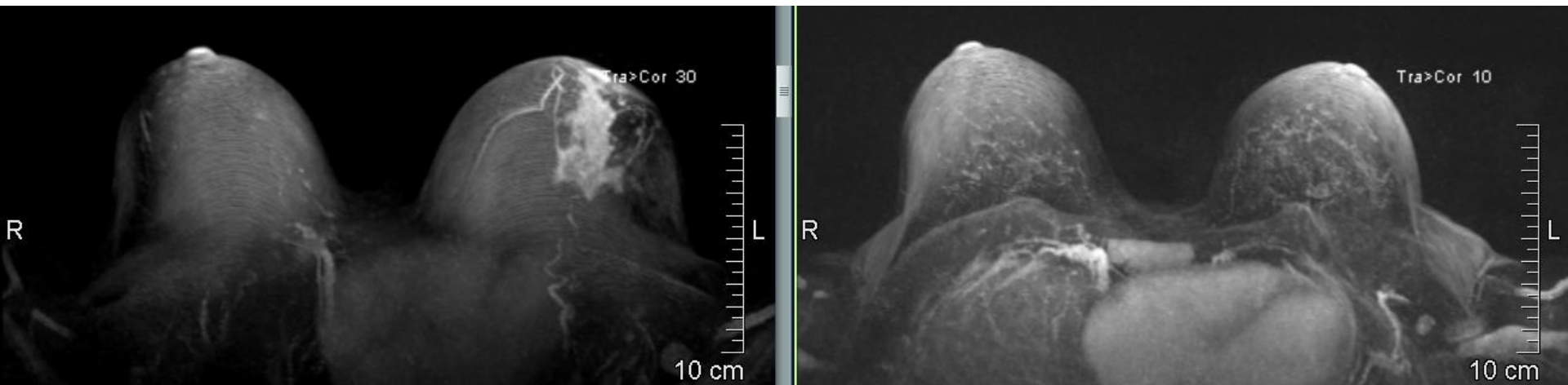
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*Planning-CT-scan before and after PST*

May 2013:

- Major tumour regression on MRI



Treatment:

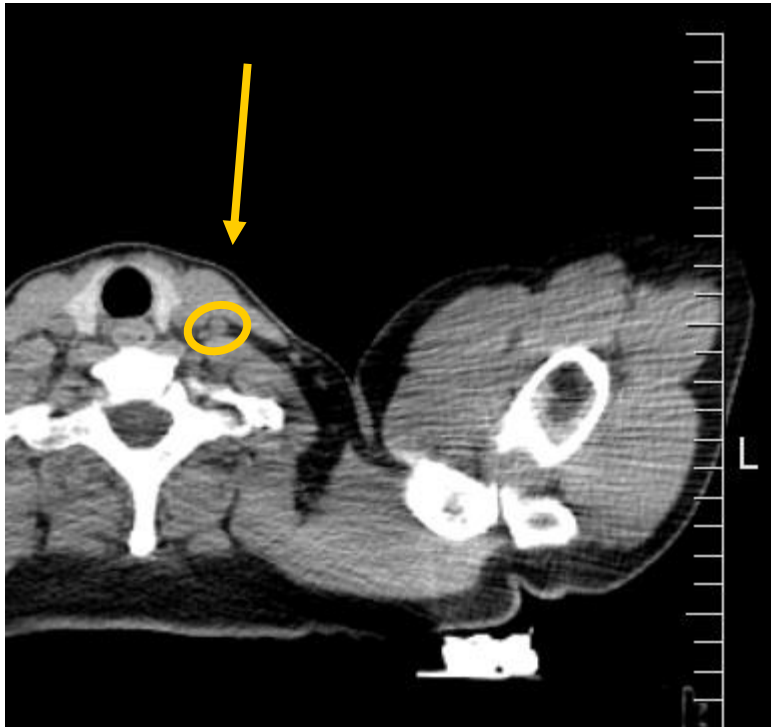
- Continue TAC → July 2013
- MRM: ypT0ypN0
- PMRT + boost on non-removed nodes

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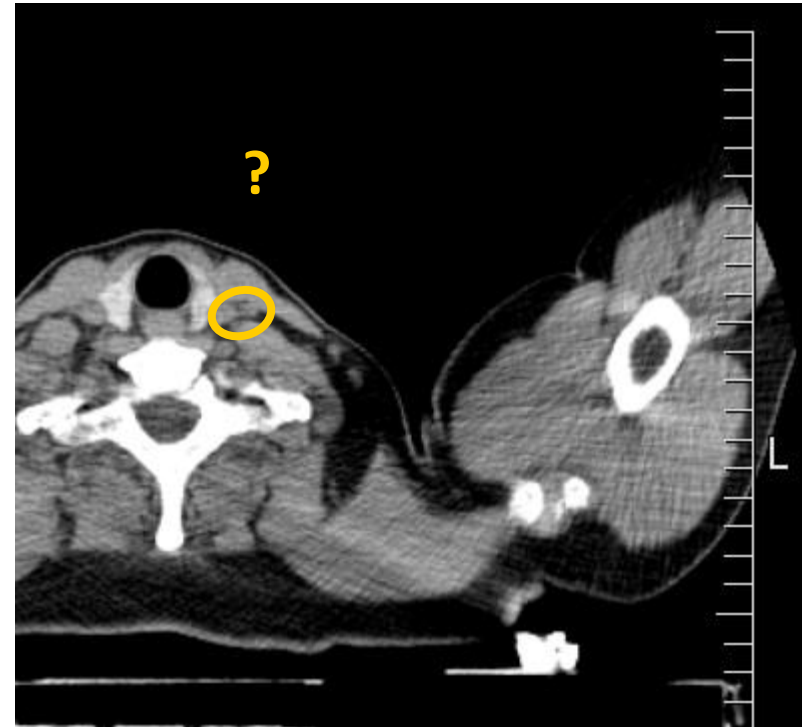
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**March 2013**



**September 2013**



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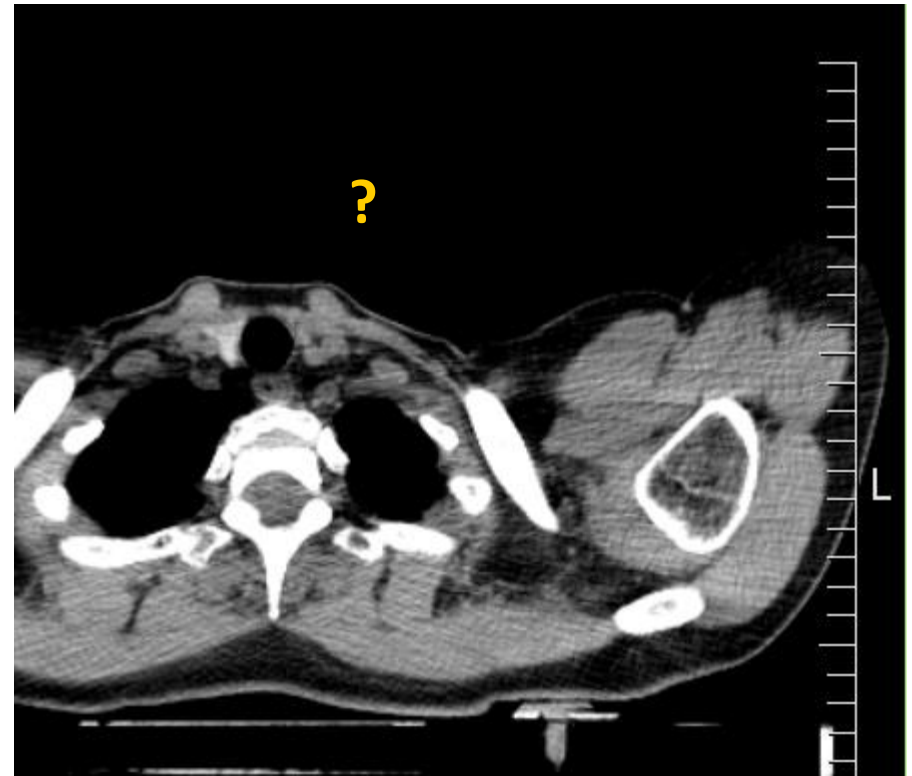
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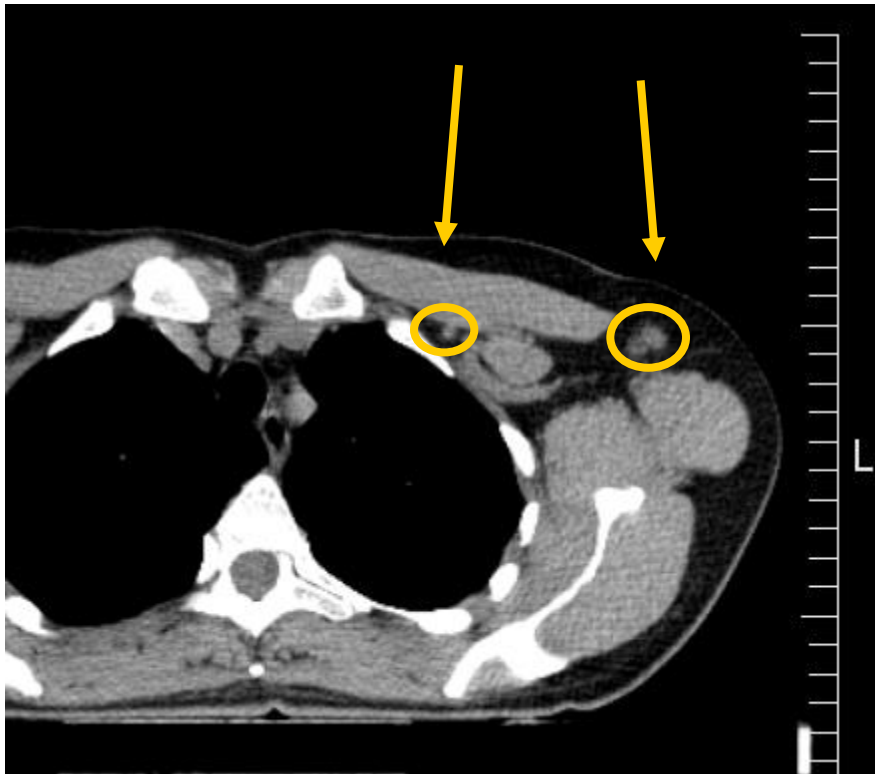


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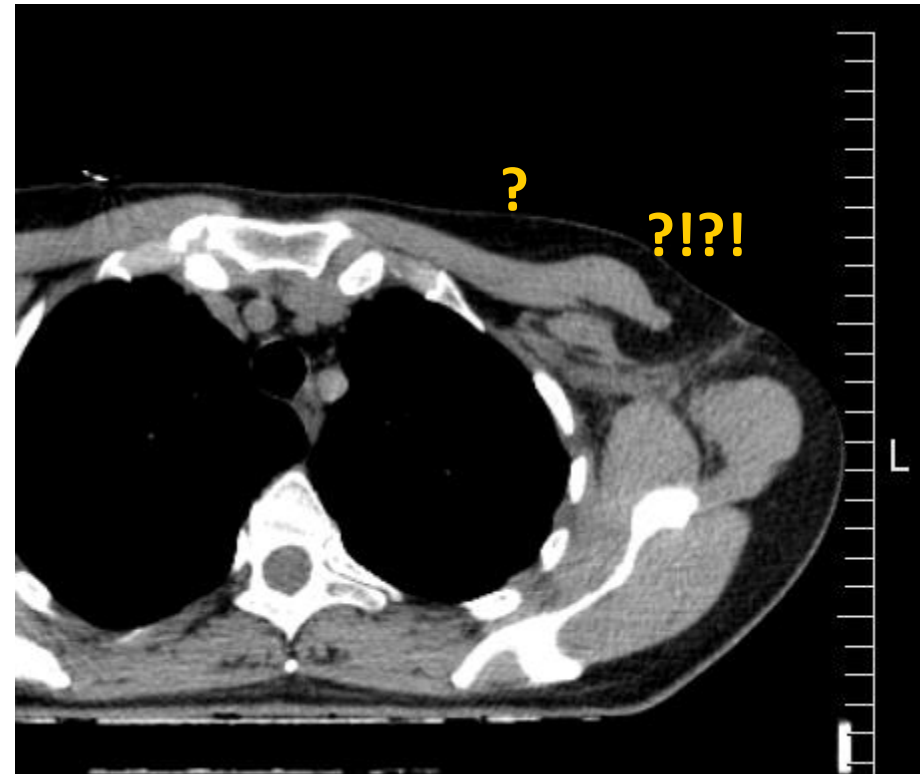
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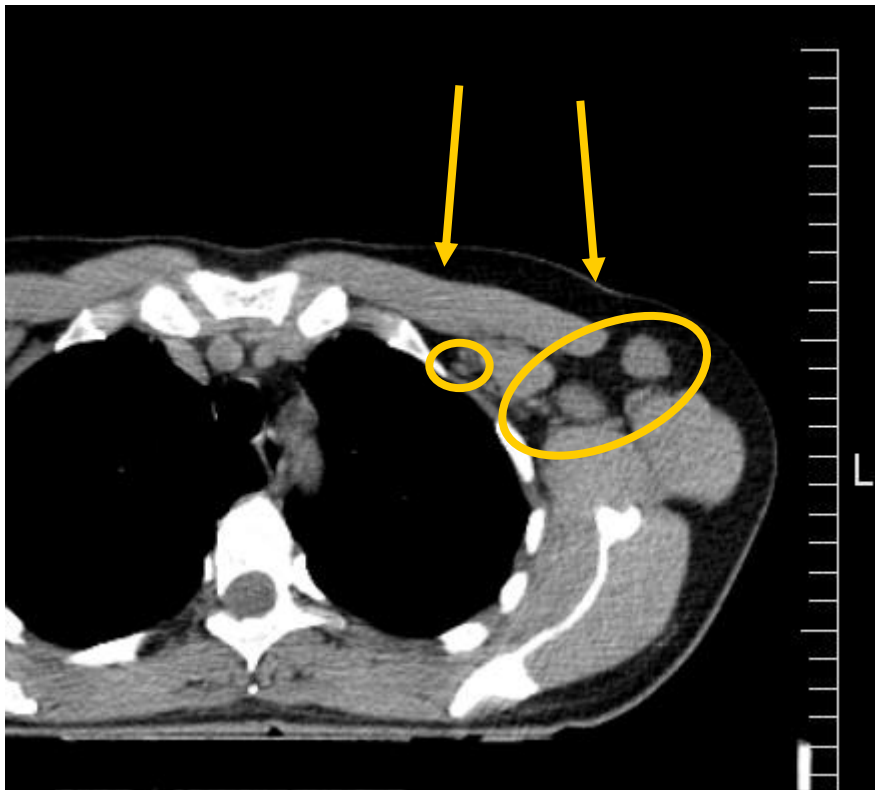


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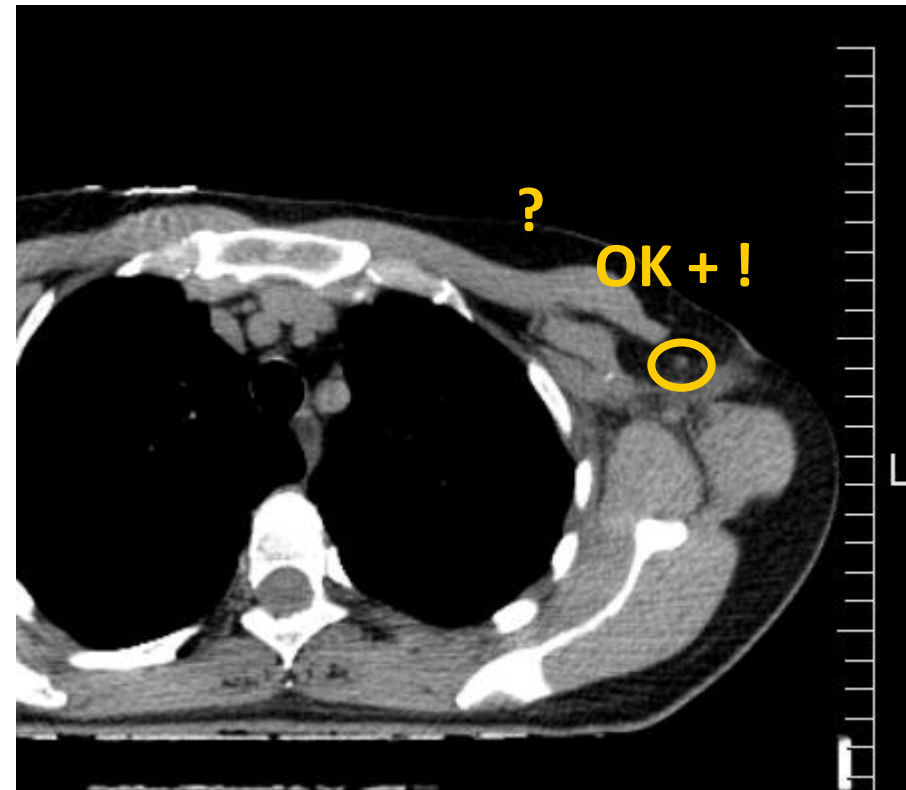
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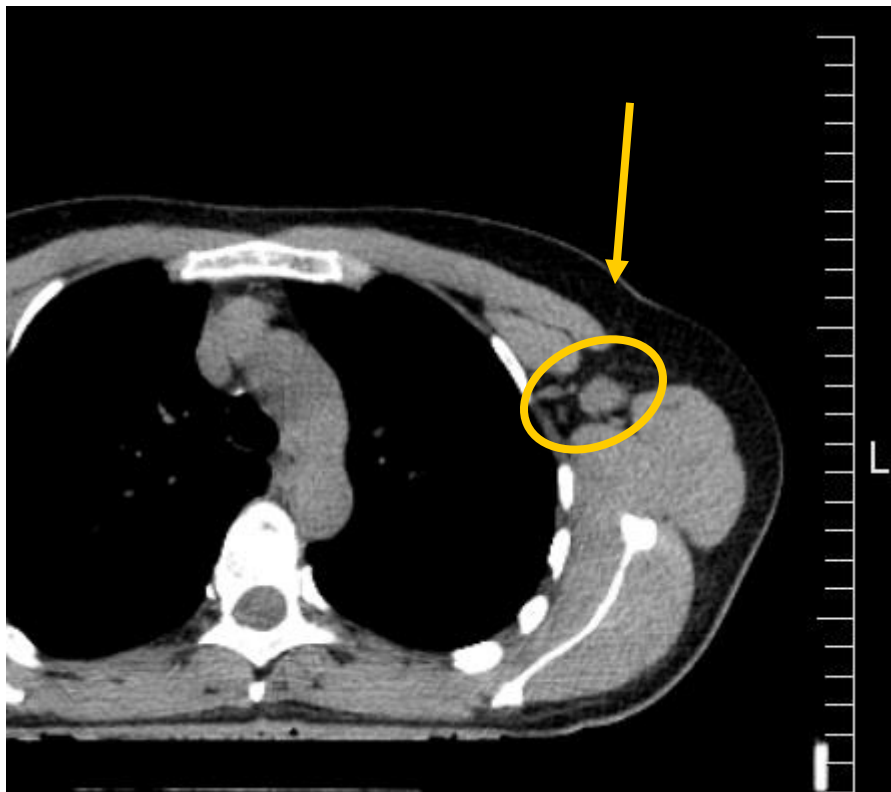


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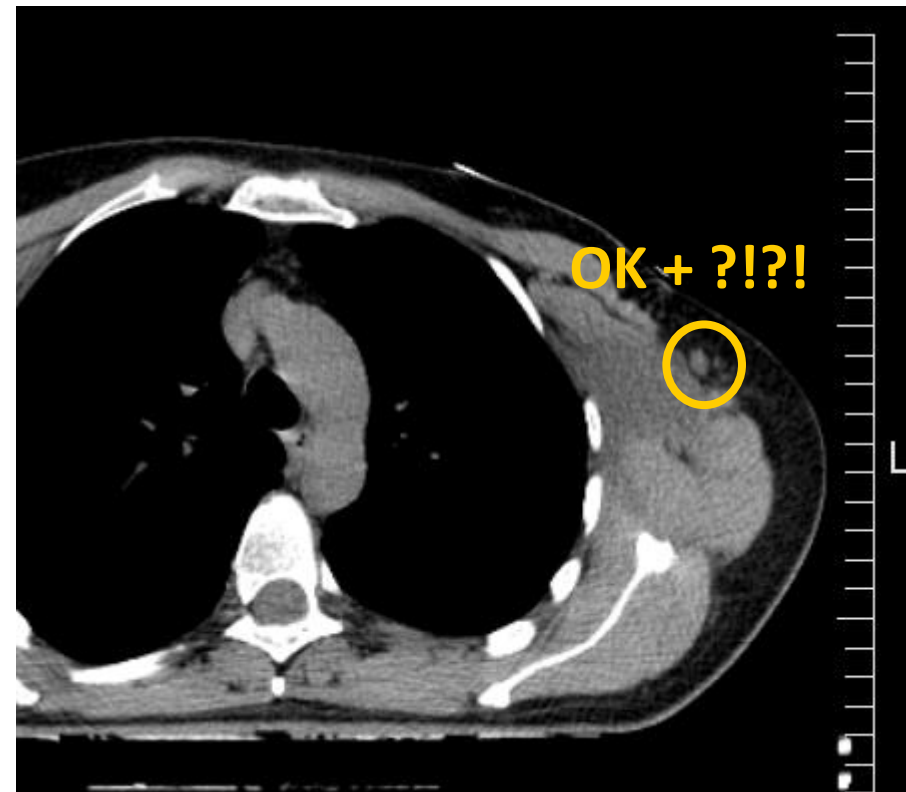
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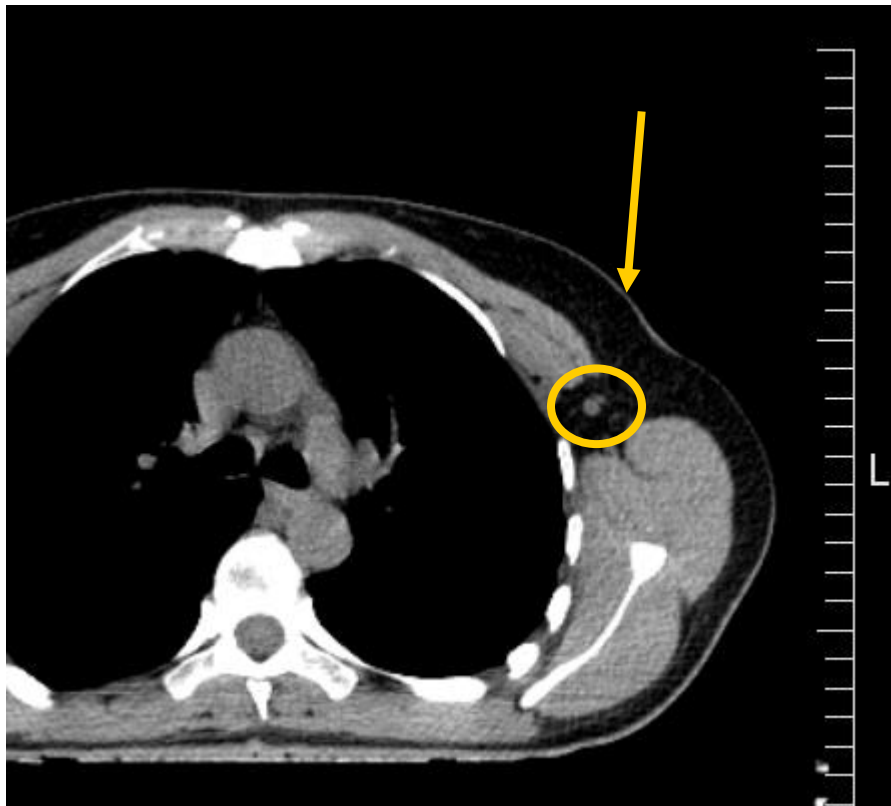


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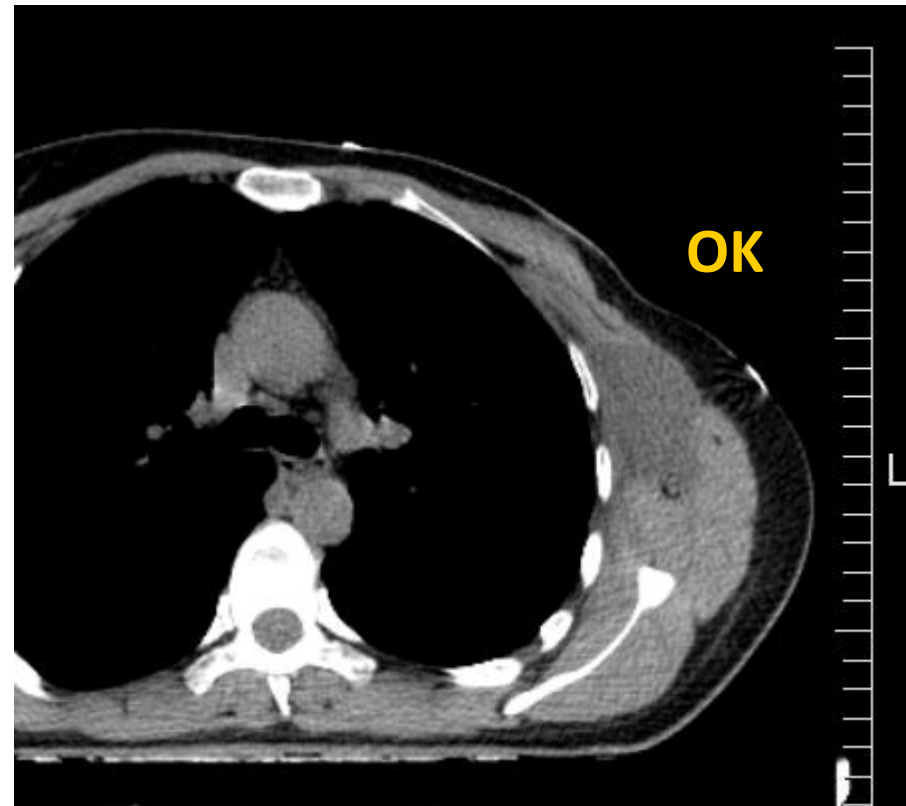
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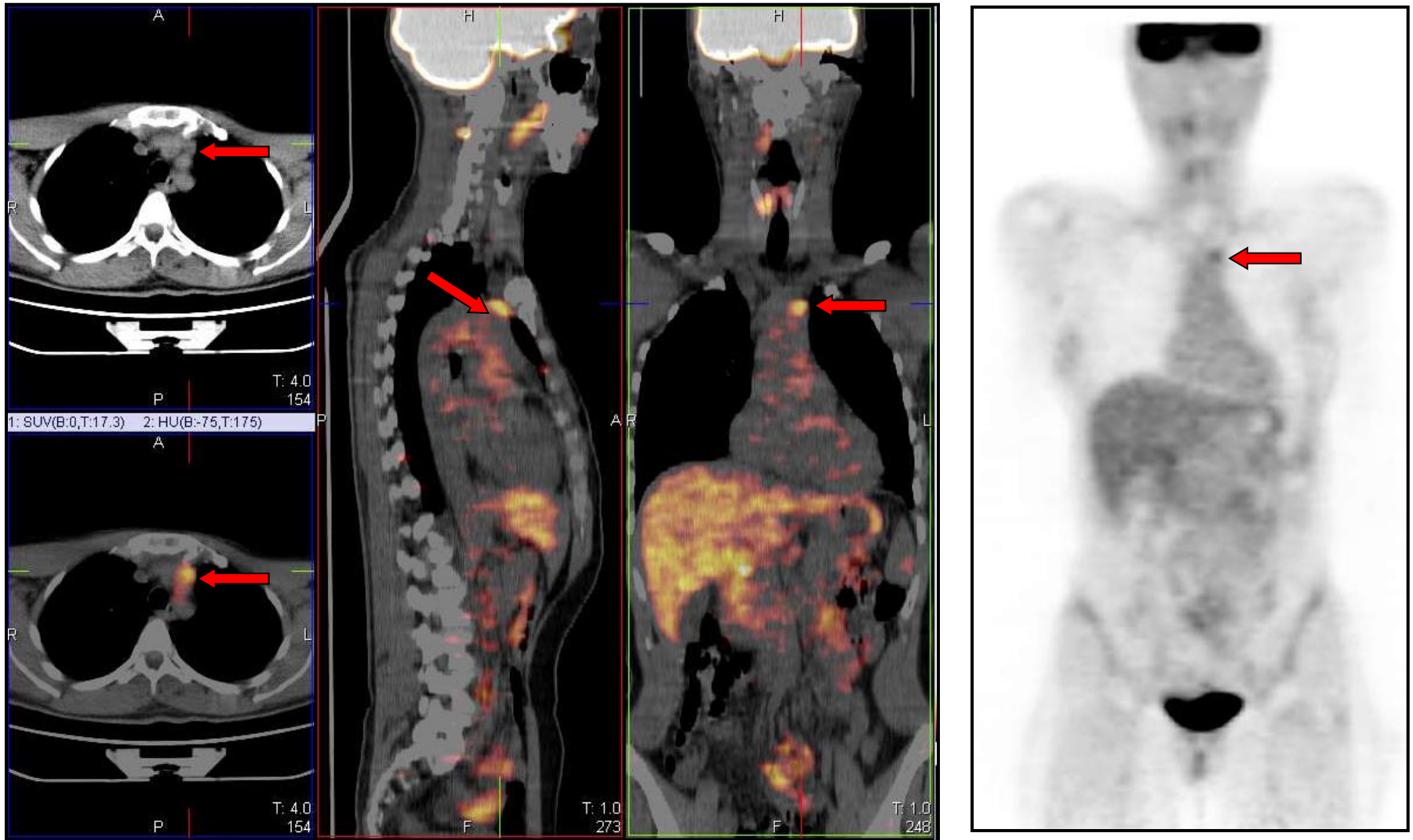


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# Radiation therapy for LABC: technical RT note

## *Value of PET-CT for TV delineation*



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## PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY

*In patients treated with preoperative systemic therapy, indications for radiation therapy and treatment fields should be based on the maximum stage from the pre-therapy clinical stage, pathologic stage, and tumor characteristics.*

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# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

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*Current prospective studies*

ACOSOG A0112012

cT1-T3 cN1 → PST → surgery including SLNB

If N+: ® ALND vs. RT

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

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*Current prospective studies*

ACTO (Russia):

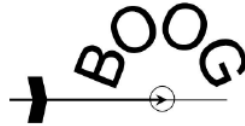
cT0-T3cN+ → PST → mastectomy

If N-: ® PMRT vs. observation

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

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## *Current prospective studies*



### **BOOG 2010-03 RAPCHEM**

Radiotherapy After Primarily CHEMotherapy  
for cT1-2N1M0 breast cancer.

**Registration project of the Dutch Breast Cancer Trialists' Group (BOOG) in collaboration with the Dutch Cancer Registry (NKR)**  
open per 1/1/2011

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

Indication **for local RT** in patients with cT1-2N1( less than 4 suspicious nodes on imaging) breast cancer, treated with primary systemic chemotherapy followed by surgery

Chemotherapy

ycT0-2ycN0

ycT0-2ycN $\geq$ 1

Breast surgery  
and SN

Breast surgery  
and ALND

ypT0-2yc/pN0

ypT0-2yc/pN $\geq$ 1

After ablatio  
mmae

No thoracic  
wall RT

thoracic wall RT

After BCS

RT breast +/- boost

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

Indication **for nodal RT** in patients with cT1-2N1 (less than 4 suspicious nodes on imaging) breast cancer, treated with primary systemic chemotherapy followed by surgery

Chemotherapy

ycT0-2ycN0

ycT0-2ycN≥1

Breast surgery and SN

Breast surgery and ALND

- Pre/post chemotherapy SLNB: micrometastases in ≤ 3 sentinel nodes, and no RF

No axillary RT

- Pre/post chemotherapy SLNB: micrometastases in ≤ 3 sentinel nodes AND ≥ 1 RF, OR
- Pre/post chemotherapy SLNB: Macrometastases in ≤ 2 sentinel nodes and no RF, OR
- Prechemotherapy: palpable nodes or positive nodes on imaging (PA proven)

Axillary RT level 1 and 2

- Pre/post chemotherapy SLNB: ≤ 2 macrometastases and ≥ 1 RF
- Prechemotherapy SLNB: 3 macromets; OR: 2 macro and 1 micromets; OR 1 macro- and 2 micrometastases.

Axillary RT level 1 and 2 AND periclav

ypT3-4, any yc/pN

Periclav RT ; axillary RT level 1 and 2 according to institutional guidelines

\* RF = Risk factors on prechemo data: Grade 3, tumorsize > 3 cm, angioinvasion

*RT of Internal Mammary Chain acc to inst. Guidelines, or in case of positive SN in the IMC*

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

## *Future prospective studies*

Radiotherapy and Oncology 102 (2012) 82–88



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Phase II trial

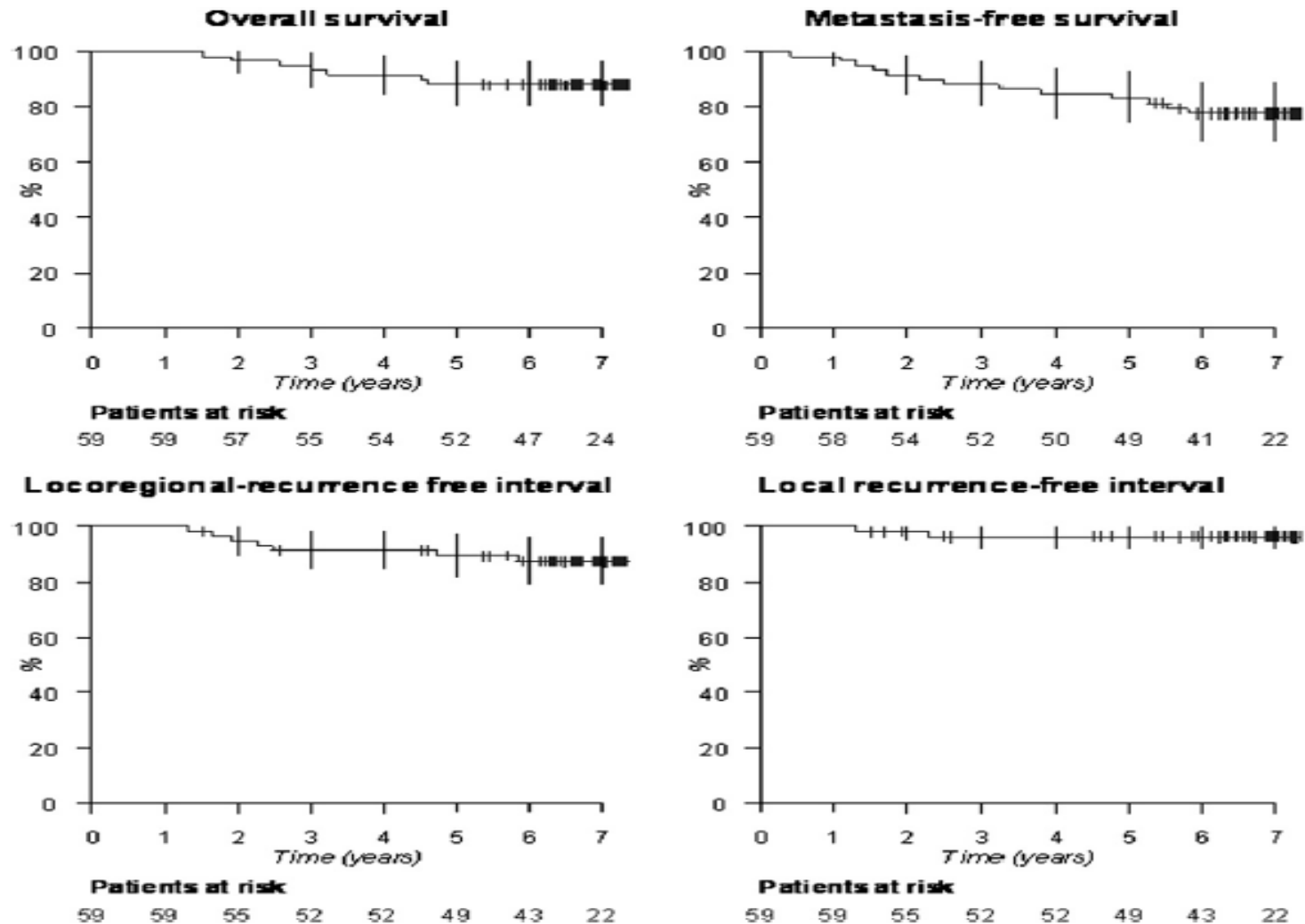
**Preoperative radio-chemotherapy** in early breast cancer patients: Long-term results of a phase II trial<sup>☆</sup>

Marc A. Bollet<sup>a</sup>, Lisa Belin<sup>b</sup>, Fabien Reyat<sup>c</sup>, François Campana<sup>a</sup>, Rémi Dendale<sup>a</sup>, Youlia M. Kirova<sup>a</sup>, Fabienne Thibault<sup>d</sup>, Véronique Diéras<sup>e</sup>, Brigitte Sigal-Zafrani<sup>f</sup>, Alain Fourquet<sup>a,\*</sup>

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# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

## *Future prospective studies*



# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

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## *Future prospective studies*

In conclusion, preoperative concomitant radio-chemotherapy appears to be a **feasible and effective** alternative to primary chemotherapy in the treatment of large but operable breast cancers that could be amenable to a secondary breast conserving approach.

These results also prompt us to consider more effective preoperative approaches combining other chemotherapy regimens, radiotherapy including the irradiation of the axilla and targeted therapies. Ultimately, a randomized study between preoperative chemo-radiotherapy and chemotherapy alone will be required.

# Radiation therapy for LABC: how to proceed

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## *Future prospective studies*

Proceedings of the 52nd Annual ASTRO Meeting

### **207** Pathologic Features Predicting for High Rates of Local-Regional Recurrence after Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer

K. E. Hoffman, W. F. Symmans, J. Oh, W. Tereffe, T. K. Yu, G. H. Perkins, E. A. Strom, A. M. Gonzalez-Angulo, T. A. Buchholz, W. A. Woodward

*The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX*

**Conclusions:** Women with breast cancer that is ER-negative or LVSI-positive who have at least a modest residual cancer burden after neoadjuvant chemotherapy are at markedly increased risk of LRR after surgical resection and local radiation therapy. These women should be considered for enrollment in clinical trials investigating ways to enhance local control, such as trials evaluating concurrent radiosensitizing agents.

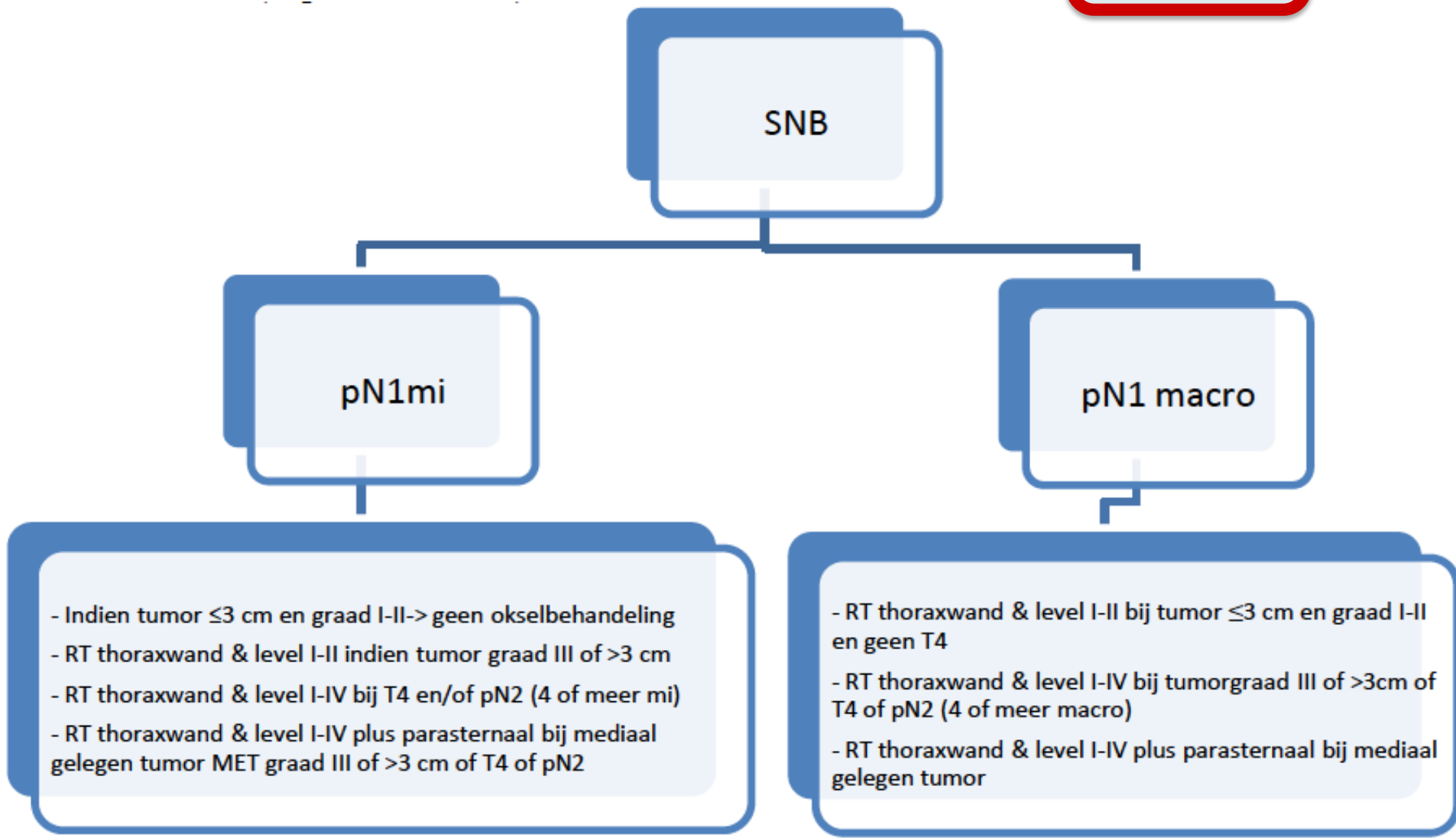
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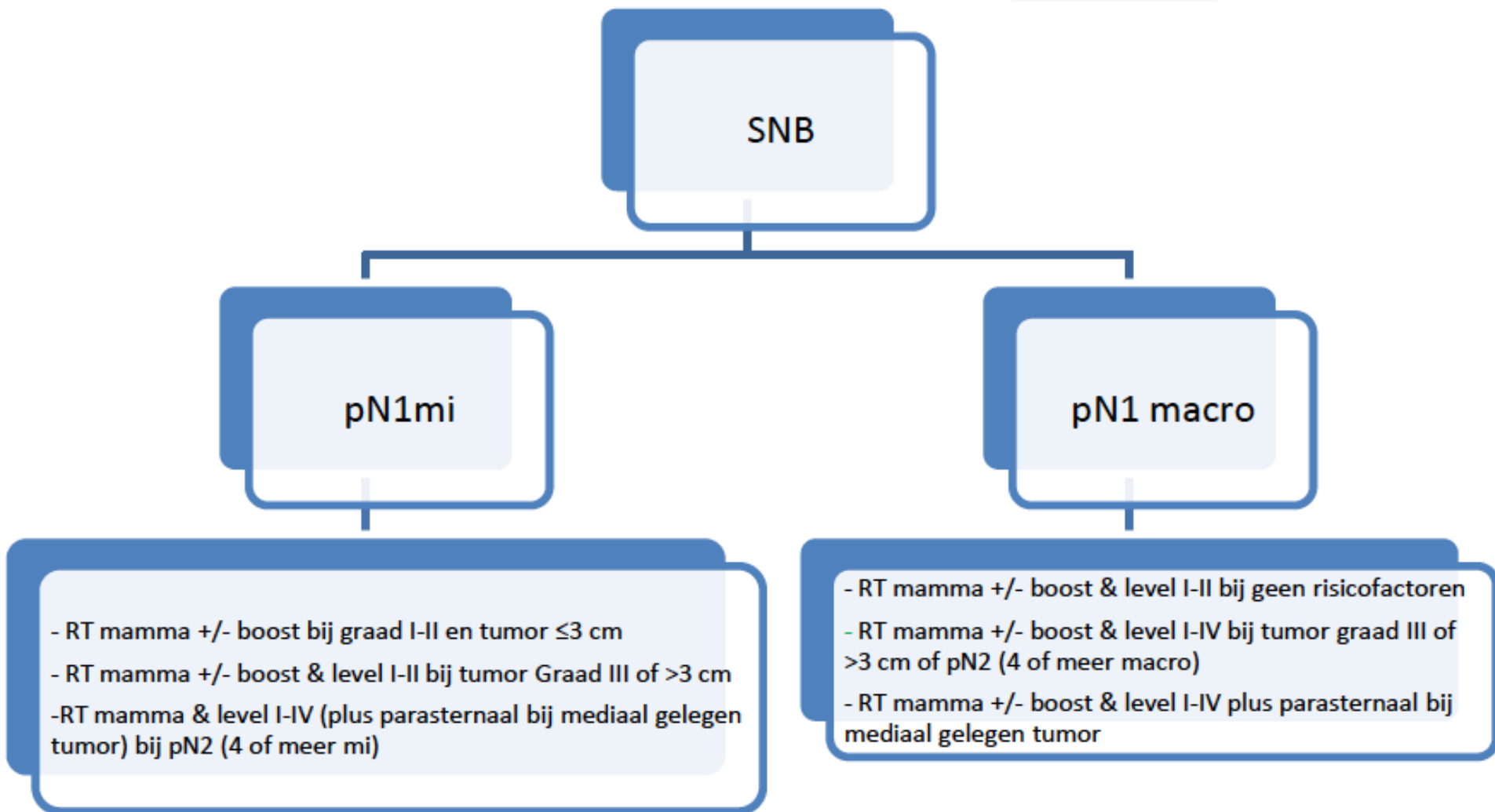
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→ *consensus agreements*

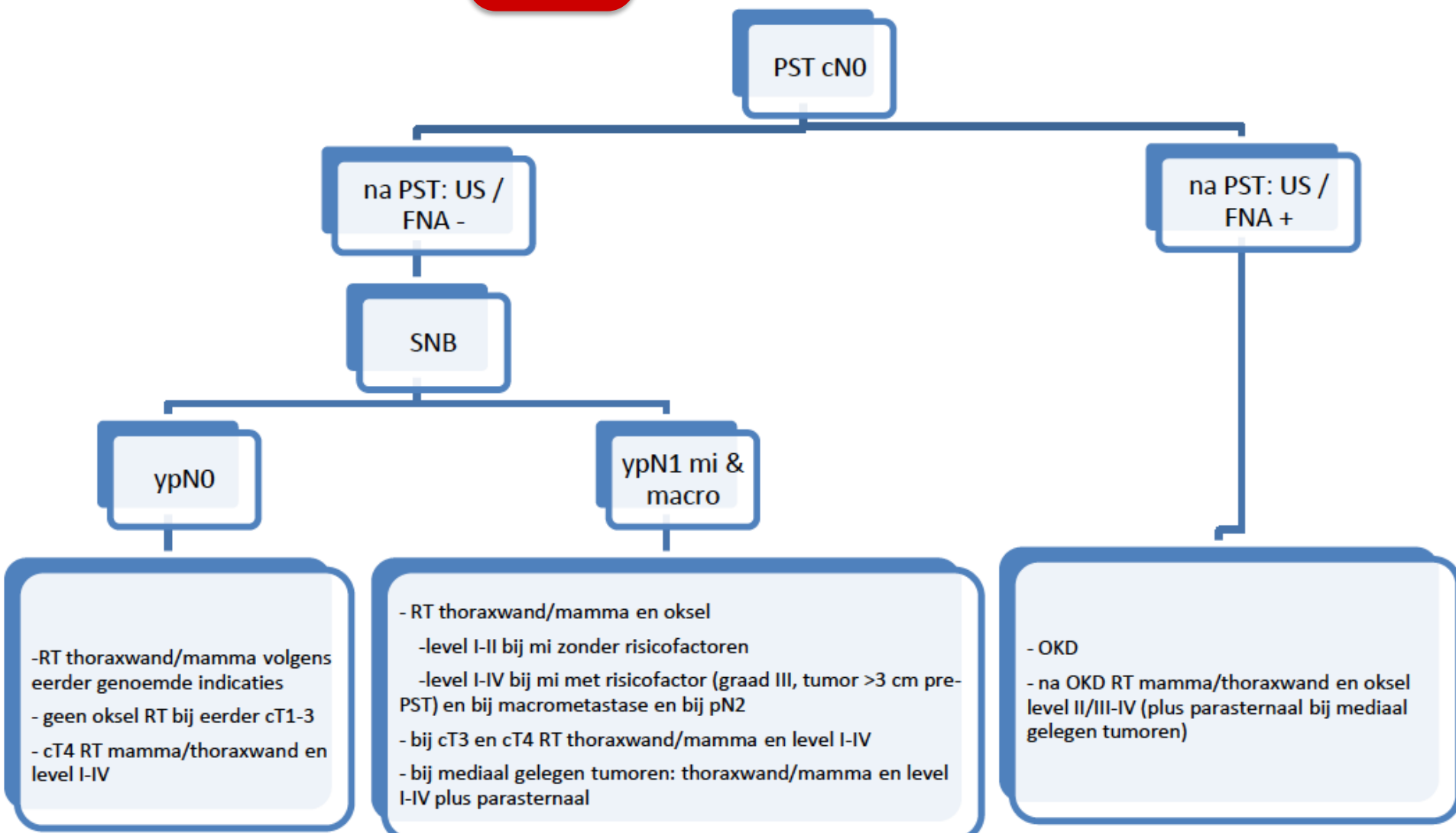
# 1. Mastectomy for cT1-4; cN0 (US) **no PST**



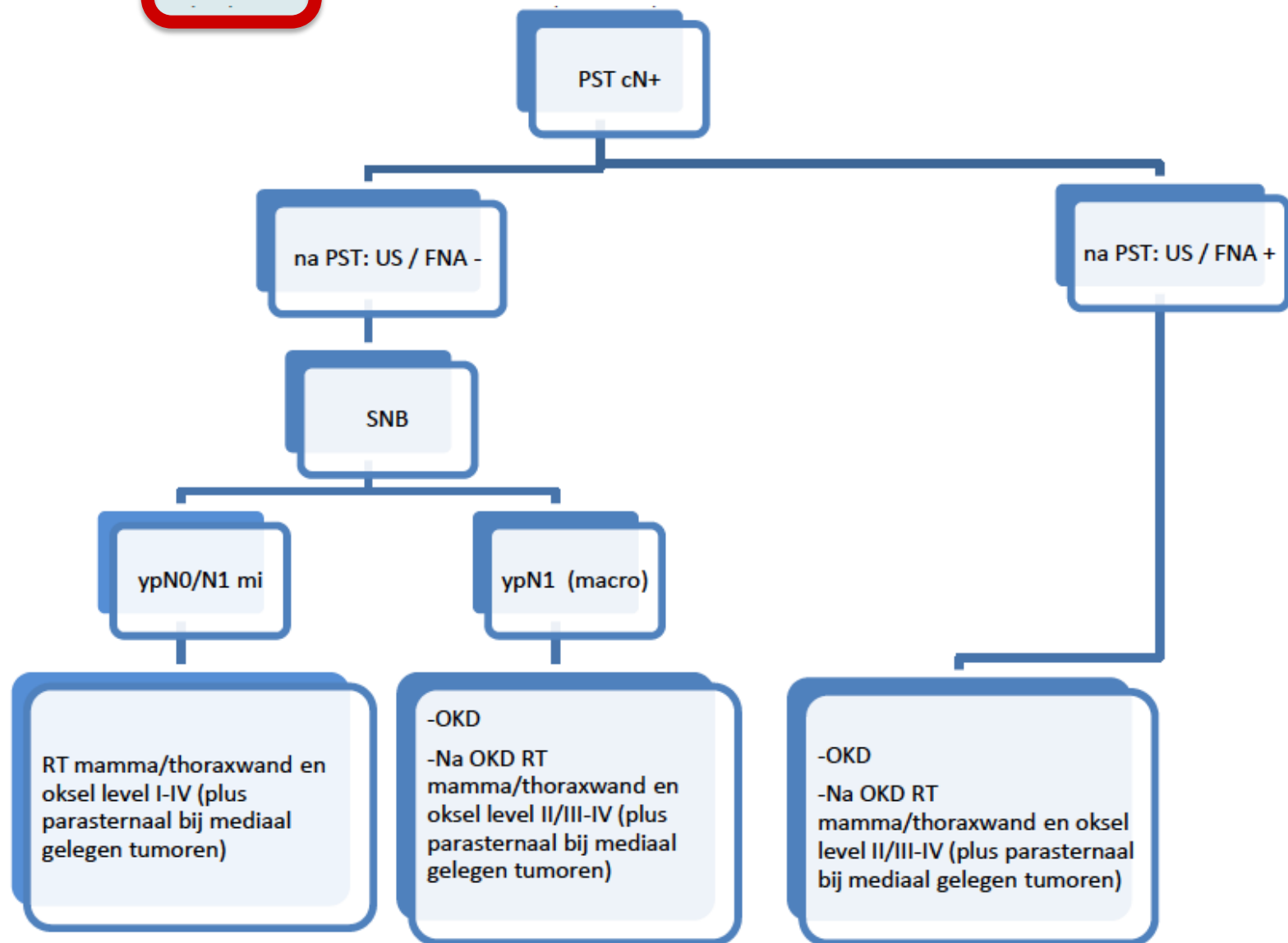
## 2. BCT for cT1-3; cN0 (US); no PST



### 3.1 PST; cN0 (US +/- FNA)



### 3.2. **PST:** cN+(1-3) (US +/- FNA); *MARI advised*



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# Radiation therapy for LABC: conclusions

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- Initial staging, especially the LN, should guide the decision
- SLNB pre-PST = more info ... but relevance depends on protocol
- T3-T4 N2-N3 → RT
- T1-T2 with pN0 after PST → doubts

## Tools to individualise:

- Pre-PST stage incl histology; VI; molecular profile; ...
- Response to PST
- Age
- Pre-PST consult by radiation oncologist including T-scan!!!!

# Radiation therapy for LABC: conclusions

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*Interaction systemic and locoregional treatments*

## RT & survival:

➔ **X** interaction with surgery and systemic treatment

↓ risk for death < M+ ➔ ↑ importance of LC

➔ earlier stage BC

➔ improved systemic therapy ➔ *also when stage IV?*

# An individualised case...

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## Case NJO

- Born in 1976
- Menarche 13; G1P1A0 (28); premenopausal
- Nurse (home care), never smoked, family -
- Medical history: congenital cardiac valve insufficiency; scoliosis; urethral valves; volume left breast was always > right breast

# An individualised case...

## Case NJO (*born 1976*)

- Age = 30: lump left breast upper inner quadrant
- GP → mammography/ultrasound: not suspect
- Planned follow up after 3 months: progression on ultrasound!



16.02.2006: not suspicious 12 x 5 mm

→ To be repeated in 3 months



11.05.2006: 20 x 8 mm

→ biopsy!

# An individualised case...

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## Case NJO *(born 1976)*

- Lumpectomy: 1.8 cm IDA; G3; triple negative; R1
- Re-excision & SN: no residual tumour; SN 1/1
- ALND: 2+/12 (total 3/13)

2<sup>nd</sup> opinion → RT first

- Breast + boost (refused YBT)
- Regional RT then not indicated (2006)

# An individualised case...

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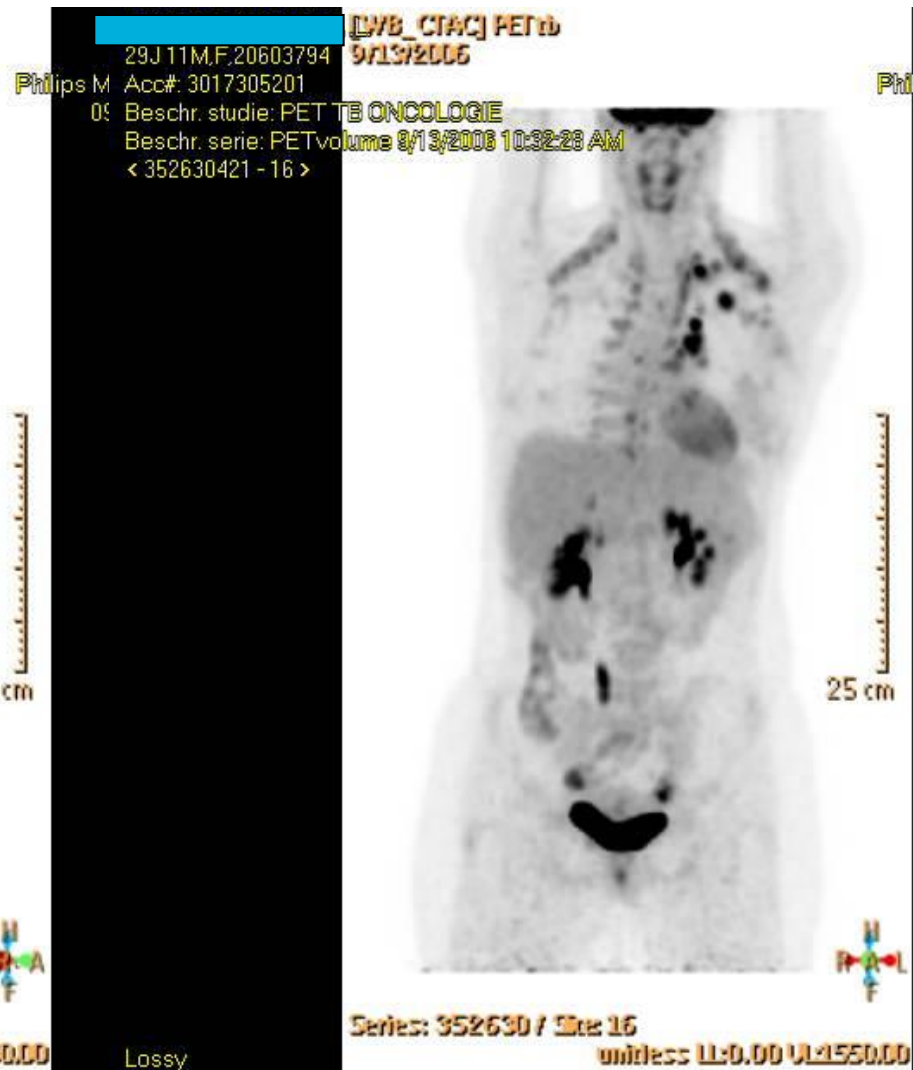
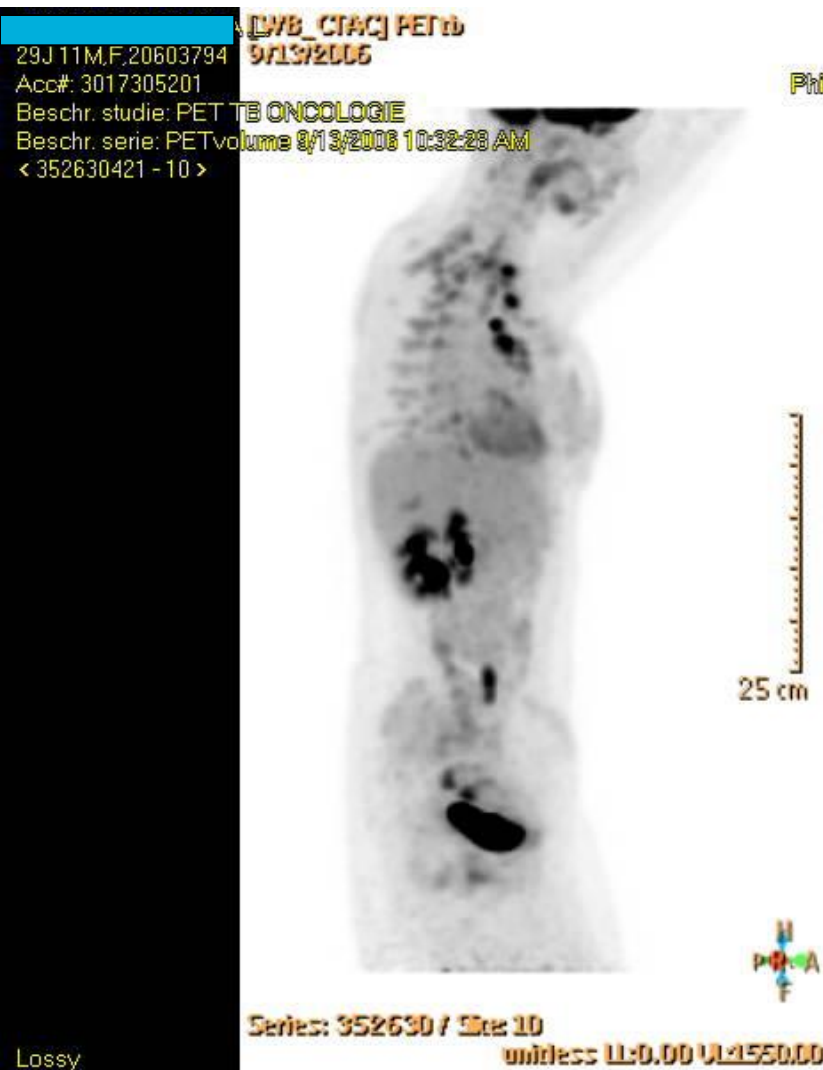
## Case NJO *(born 1976)*

- August 2006, end of RT: LN supraclavicular!

*Back to place of 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion*

- CT-scan; PET-scan: (only) N+:
  - Supraclavicular; aortic arch; subcarinal; infraclavicular/top axilla
  - Error in reporting ~ specific anatomy
  - Everything left side except suspicious upper mediastinal LN

# An individualised case...



# An individualised case...

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## Case NJO *(born 1976)*

*At place of 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion*

- Dose-dense chemotherapy (AC)
- Clinical complete remission after 3 cycles
- No 6th cycle ~ toxicity: leucopenia; anal fissure; abscess  
sphenoid sinus

# An individualised case...

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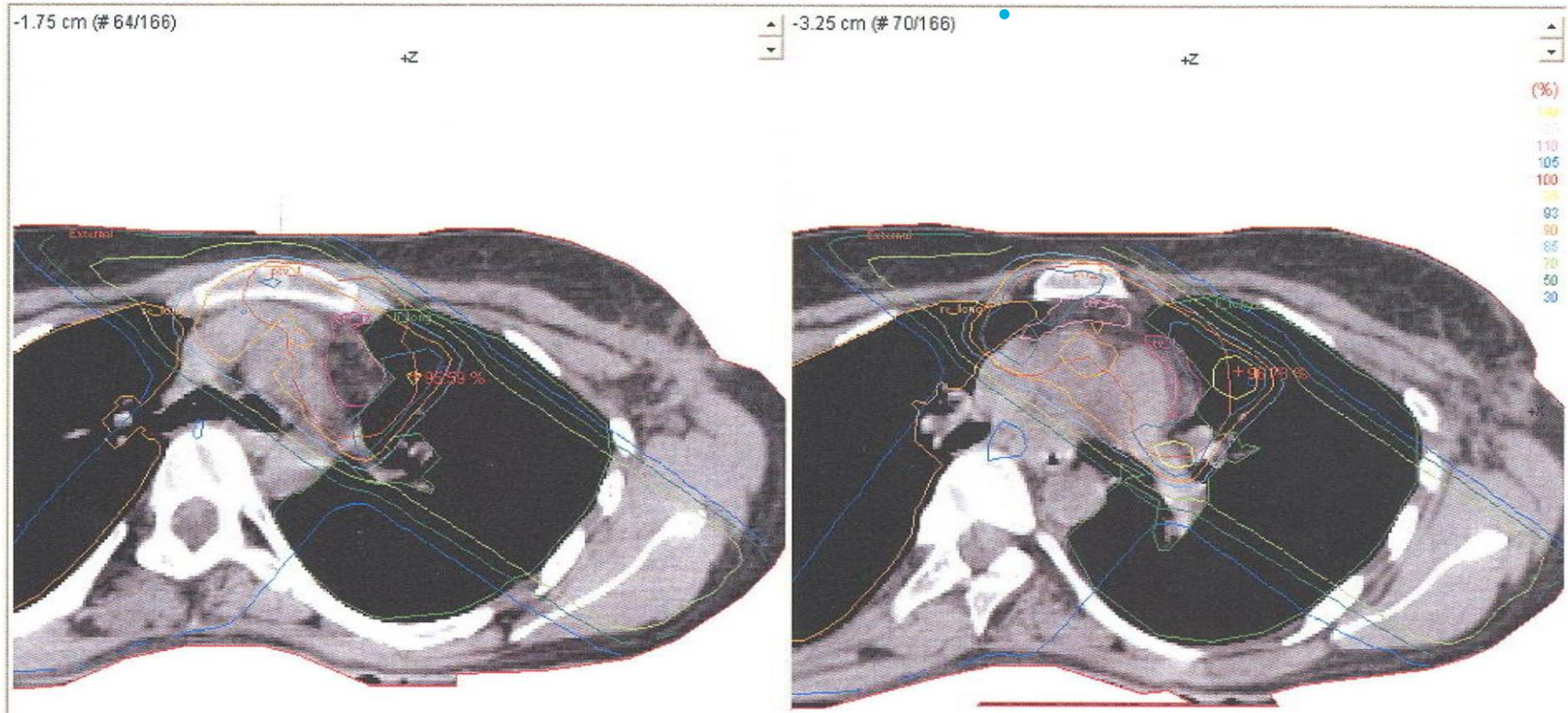
*Referred from place of 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion for*

- Consolidating 3D-CRT 45-50 Gy/25 sessions on all PET + spots

# An individualised case...

THERAPLANPLUS External Beam Planning - Vers. 3.8

## Second radiotherapy



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THERAPLANPLUS External Beam Planning - Versi 3.8

## Second radiotherapy

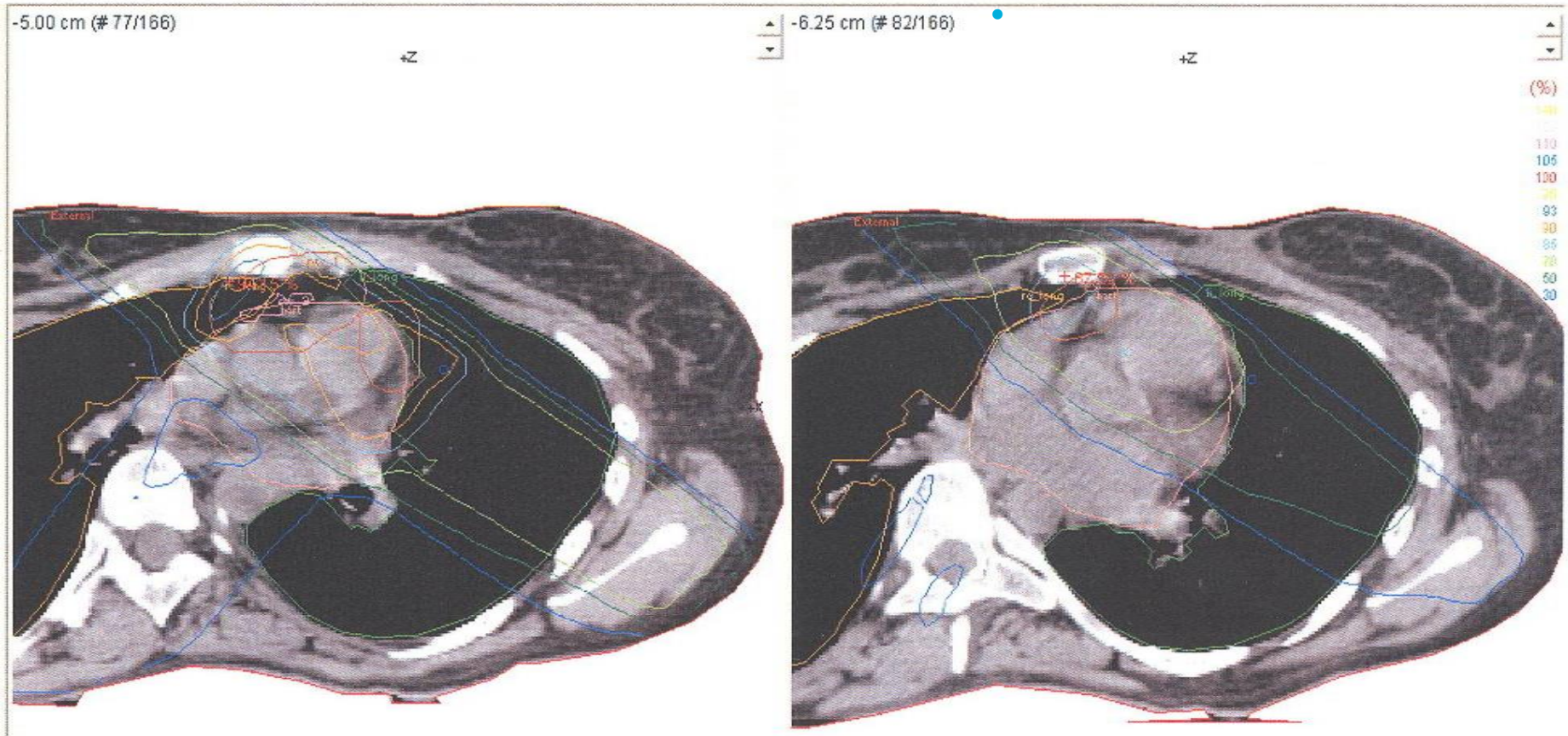
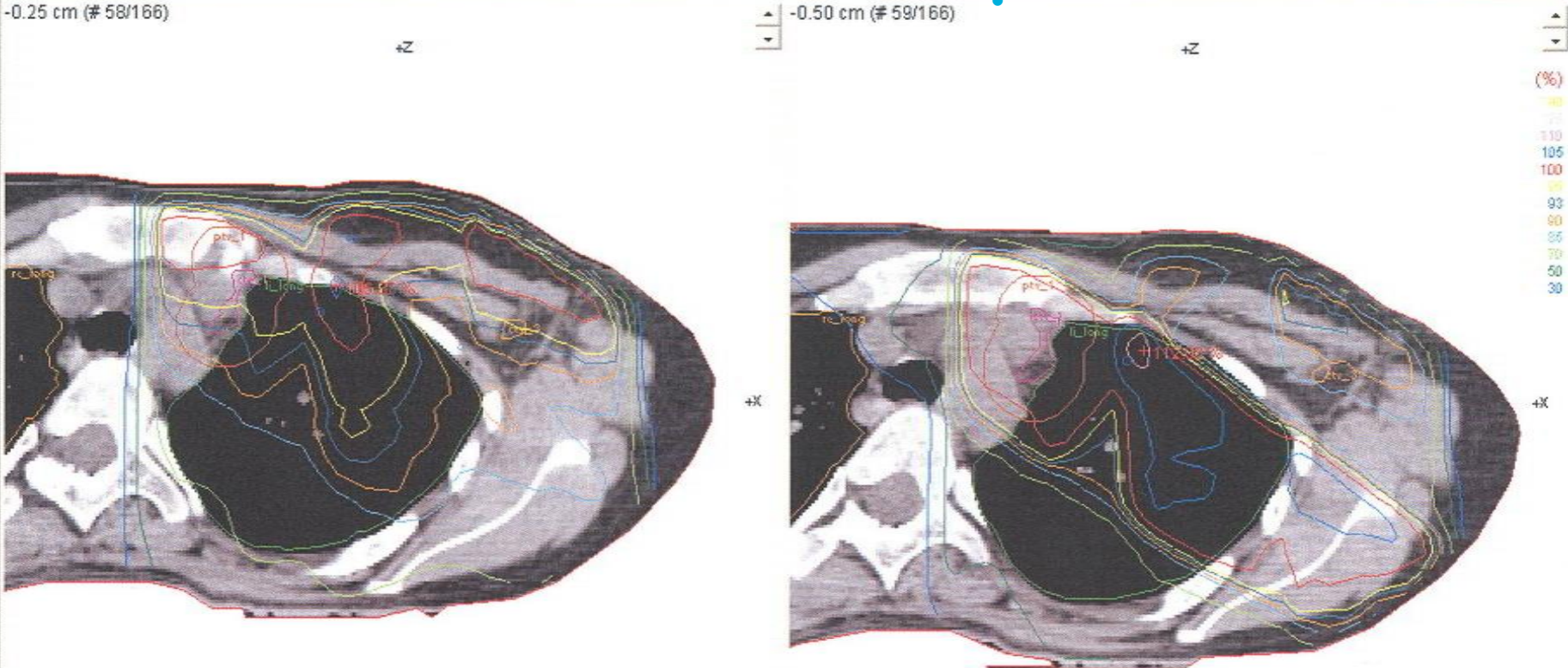


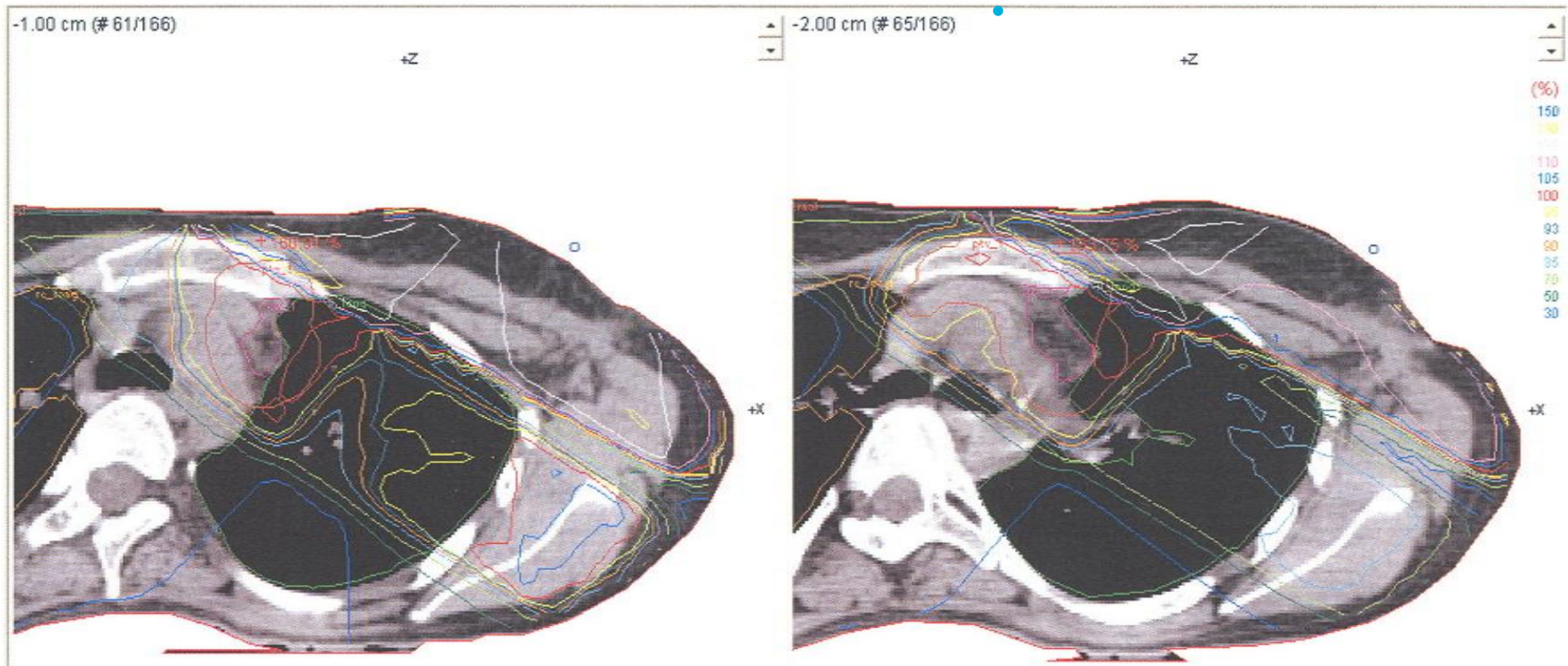
Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials on the number of correct responses. The number of correct responses was significantly higher for the 10-trial condition than for the 5-trial condition. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.



# An individualised case...

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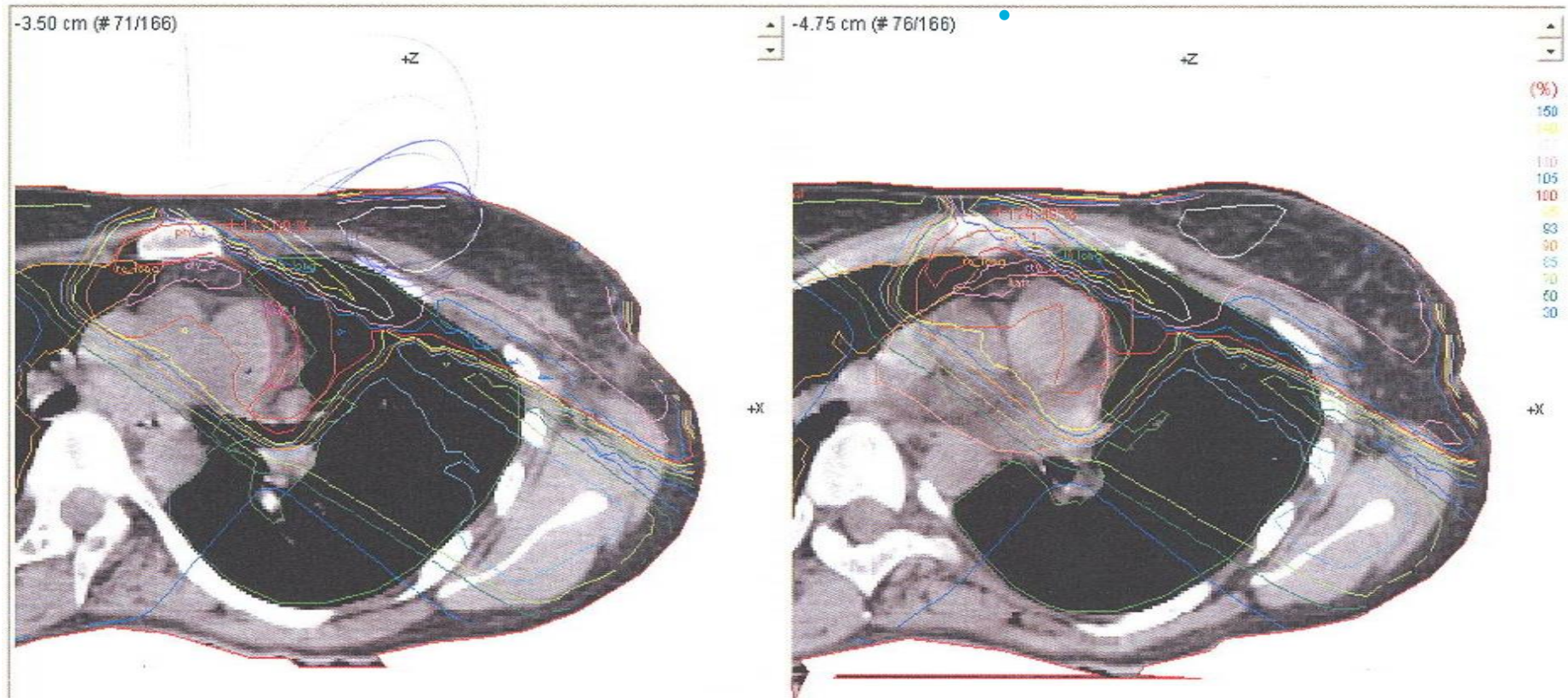
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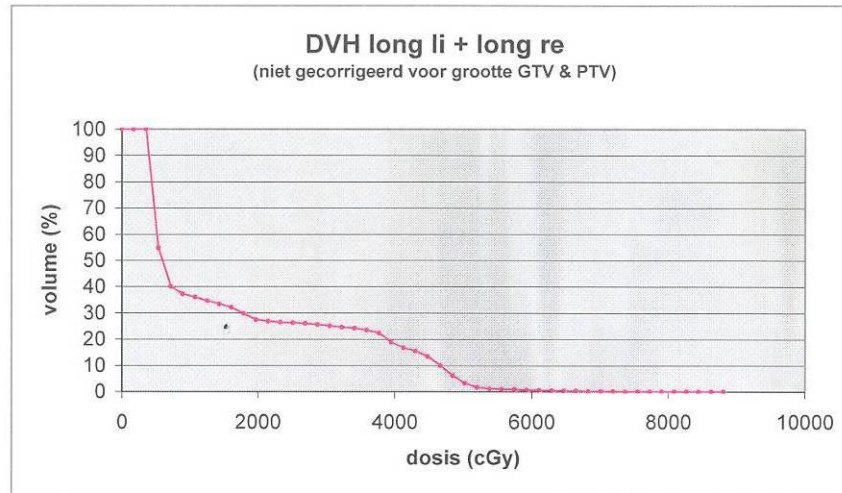
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## Combined plan (first + second)



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|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| voorgeschreven dosis                         | 5000 cGy  |
| overlap volume PTV met linker long           | 0 cc      |
| overlap volume GTV met linker long           | 0 cc      |
| totaal volume linker long                    | 964 cc    |
| V20 links                                    | 540.88 cc |
| overlap volume PTV met rechter long          | 0 cc      |
| overlap volume GTV met rechter long          | 0 cc      |
| totaal volume rechter long                   | 1125 cc   |
| V20 rechts                                   | 30.75 cc  |
| gemiddelde longdosis rechter long            | 672 cGy   |
| gemiddelde longdosis linker long             | 2784 cGy  |
| gemiddelde longdosis (ongecorrigeerd)        | 1647 cGy  |
| gemiddelde longdosis (gecorrigeerd voor GTV) | 1647 cGy  |
| gemiddelde longdosis (gecorrigeerd voor PTV) | 1647 cGy  |

**uitgangspunten voor correctie**  
 Het GTV krijgt tenminste de voorgeschreven dosis  
 Het PTV krijgt tenminste 20Gy

## Combined plan (first + second)

|                             |         |        |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|
| totaal longvolume           | 2089 cc | (Va)   |
| V20 (ongecorrigeerd)        | 572 cc  | (Va20) |
| V20 (ongecorrigeerd)        | 27.4%   | (Va20) |
| V20 (gecorrigeerd voor GTV) | 27.4%   | (V20)  |
| V20 (gecorrigeerd voor PTV) | 27.4%   | (V20)  |

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# Radiation therapy for LABC: acknowledgements

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