

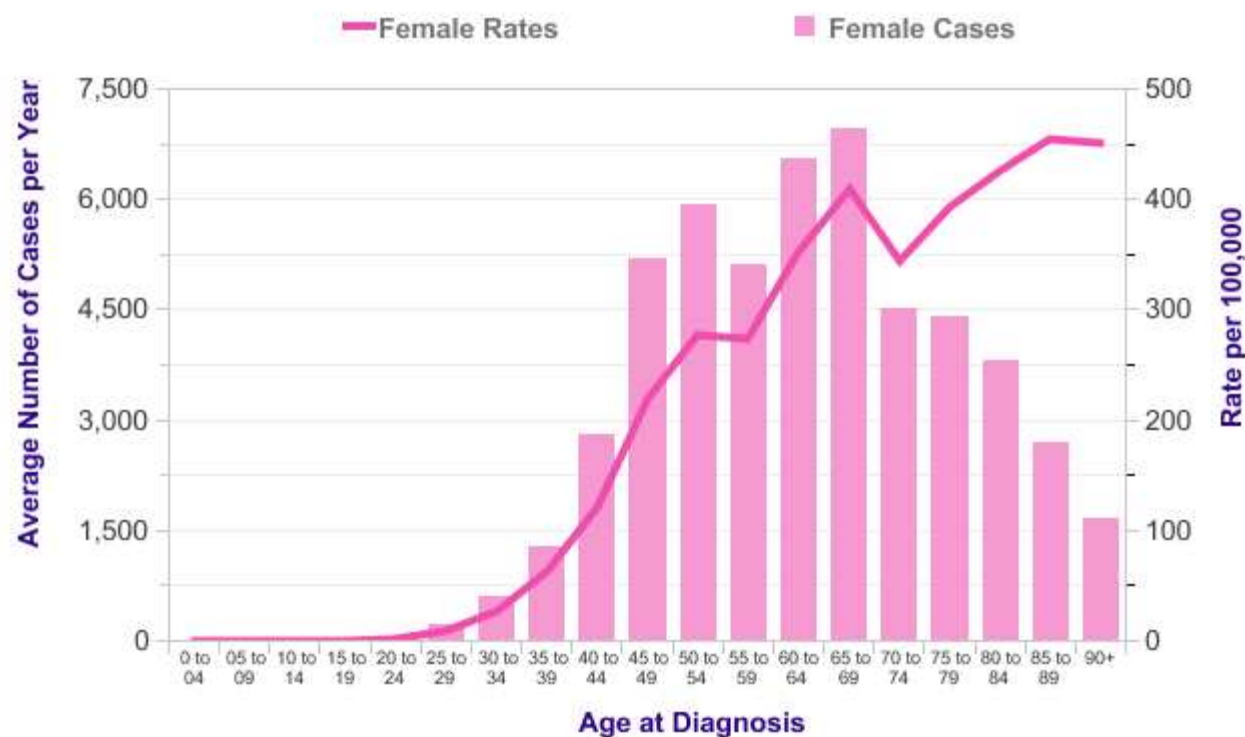


# Early detection of breast cancer

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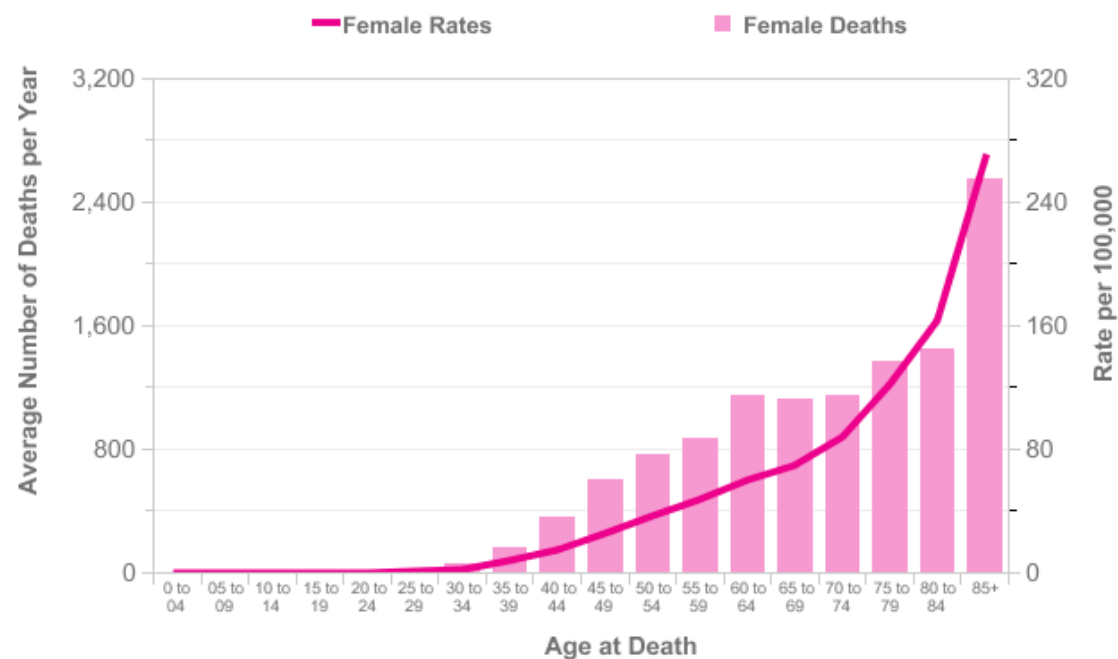


## Average Number of New Cases Per Year and Age-Specific Incidence Rates per 100,000 Population Females, UK 2011-2013



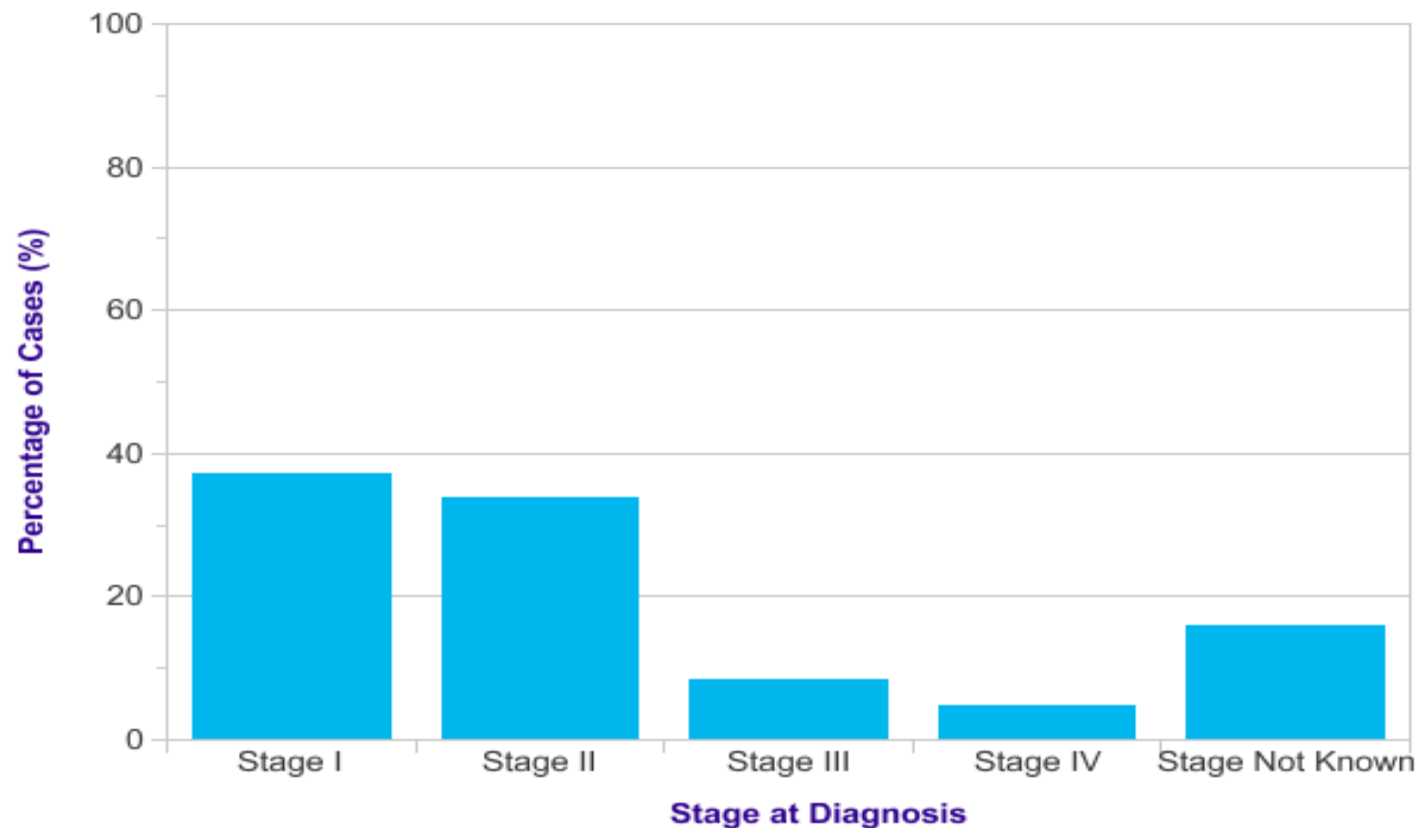


## Average Number of Deaths per Year and Age-Specific Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population UK 2010-2012



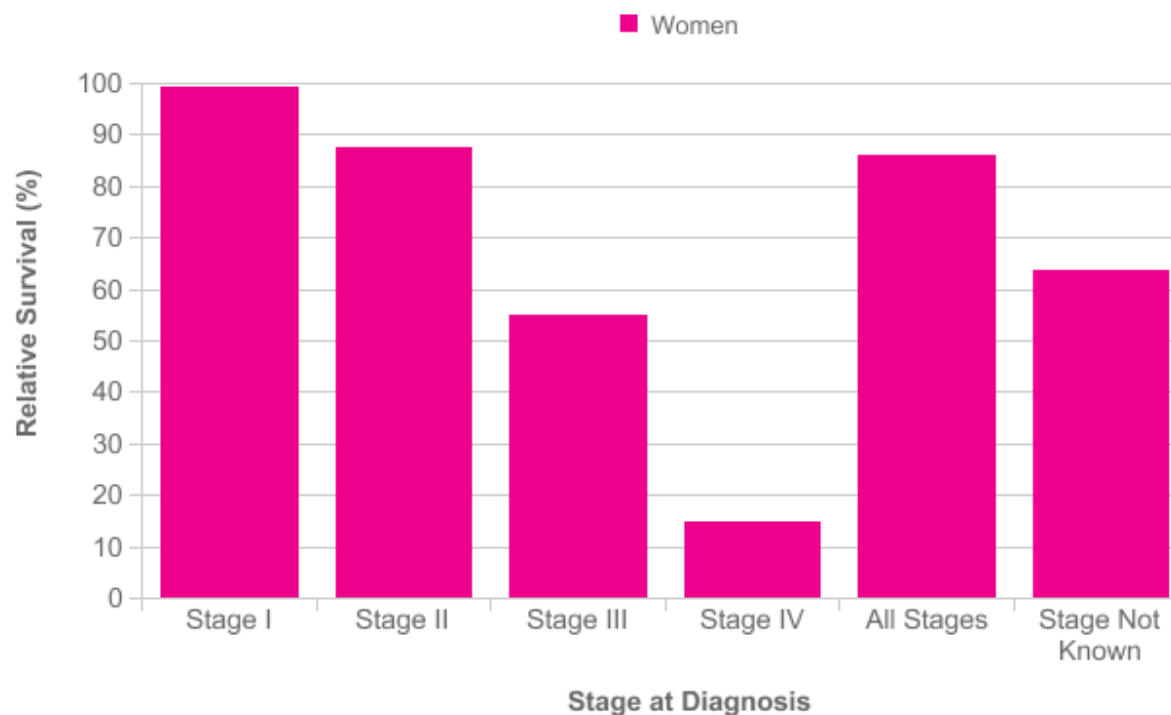


### Proportion of Cancers Diagnosed at Each Stage, All Ages, England 2013



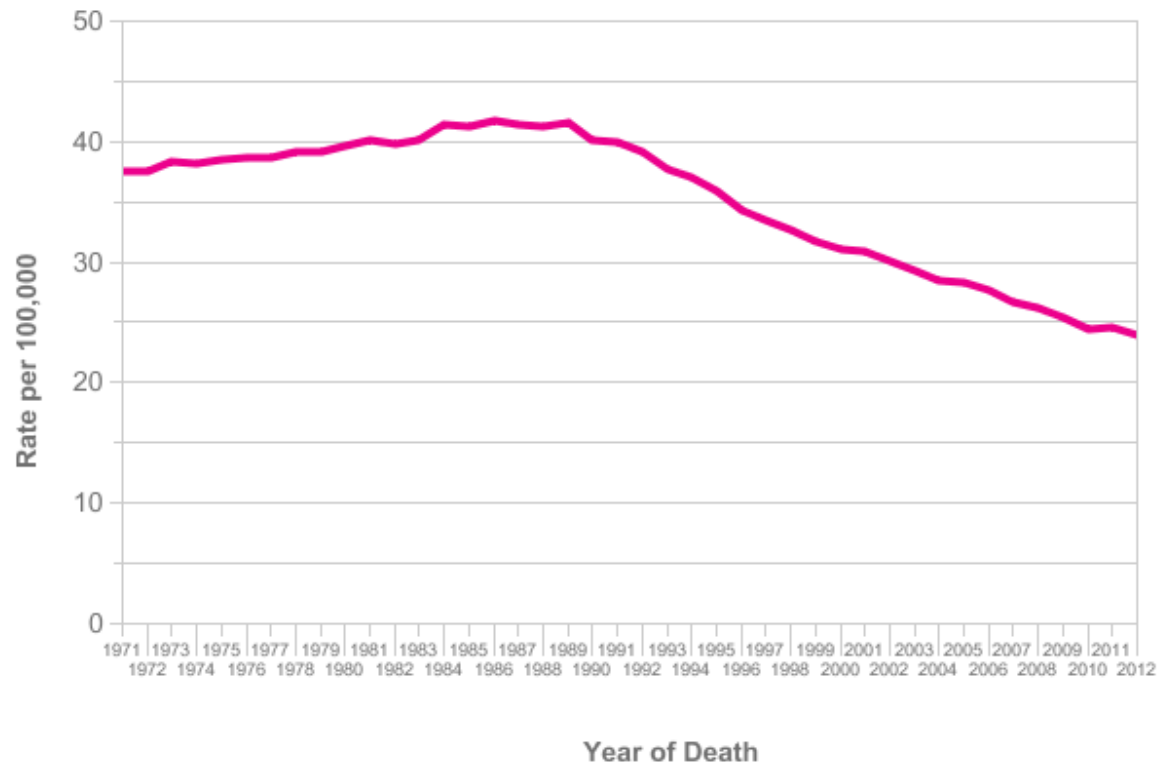


## Five-Year Relative Survival (%) by Stage, Adults Aged 15-99, Former Anglia Cancer Network, 2002-2006





## European Age-Standardised Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population, Females, UK 1971-2012



Mammography (50-74yrs):  
**23% reduction** breast  
cancer deaths

*Only ~1/3<sup>rd</sup> of breast cancers  
occur between 50-74*



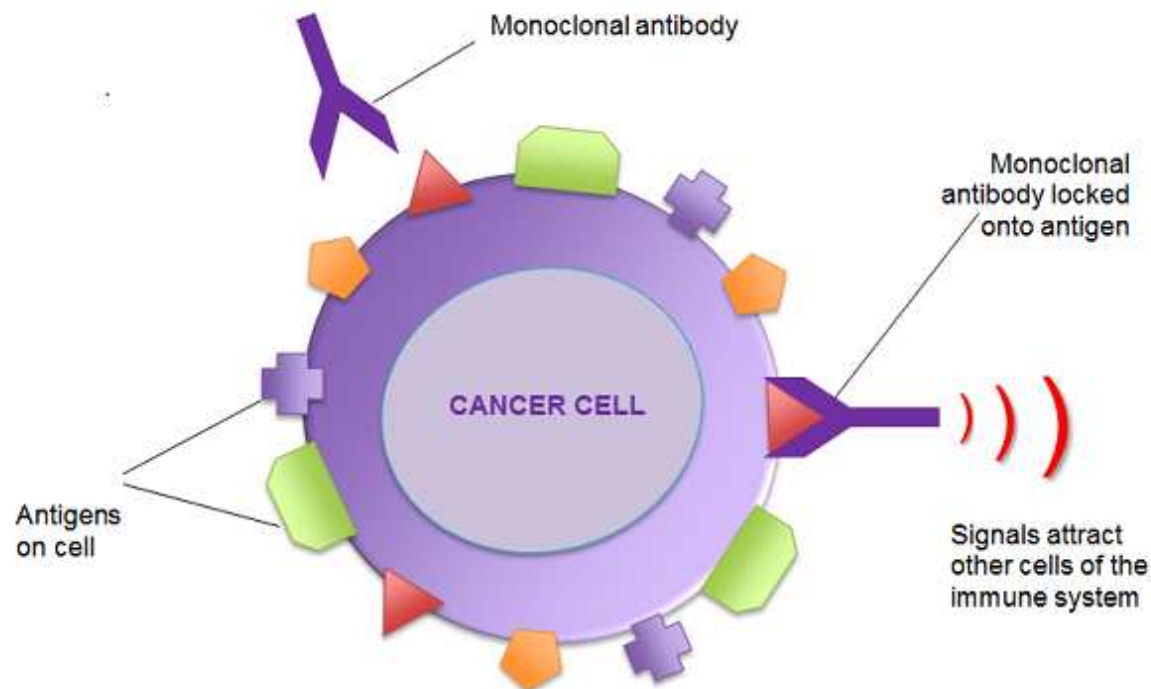
## Proven preventative treatments: potential to prevent ~35% of all breast cancer cases

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 70\% & & \times & & 50\% & & = & & \sim 35\% \\ \text{of all breast} & & & & \text{Prevented by} & & & & \text{of cases could be} \\ \text{cancers are} & & & & \text{drugs like} & & & & \text{prevented} \\ \text{stimulated to grow} & & & & \text{tamoxifen} & & & & \\ \text{by oestrogen} & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Blood test to identify  
at early stage



## How a blood test for early detection of breast cancer works







## Developing a blood test for early detection of breast cancer

- Identify antibodies that could be used
- Confirm antibodies present in early stage cancer
- **Confirm antibodies identify sufficient early stage cancers (sensitive)**
- Develop blood test combining multiple antibodies
- Test blood test on new samples (often stored)
- Evaluate blood test in the population it will be used in – clinical and cost-effectiveness



## Early detection of breast cancer means

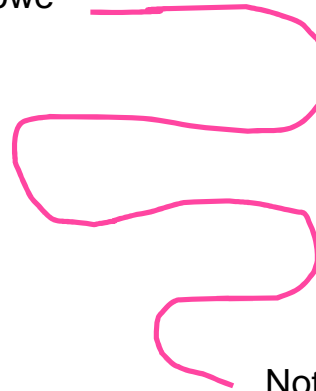
- More women have a greater chance of survival
- Improved life expectancy
- Less aggressive treatments and improved quality of life
- Less money spent on treatment – most spent in last 6 months of life
- Worldwide impact – applicable to low & medium income countries



## Robin Hood Walk for early detection of breast cancer, June 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>



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# STOPPING BREAST CANCER FROM SPREADING

**Understanding, targeting and  
stopping metastasis**

Stewart Martin, Ian Ellis, Emad Rakha, Andrew Green, Mohammed Aleskandarany and Sarah Storr  
(and associated research teams)



**1 in 8 UK women will be diagnosed with breast cancer**

**Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide**

There were 1.7 million new cases in 2012 (2nd most common cancer)  
and 10,000 women worldwide die of breast cancer each week

**In the UK over 50,000 women and around 350 men are  
diagnosed with breast cancer every year**

10yr survival rate (women only) is ~78% **BUT**

**120,000 UK women will still lose their lives over the next decade**



Once cancer spreads to other sites in the body, away from the site in which it originally started, it becomes much more difficult to cure.

This process of movement to other sites is called '*Metastasis*'

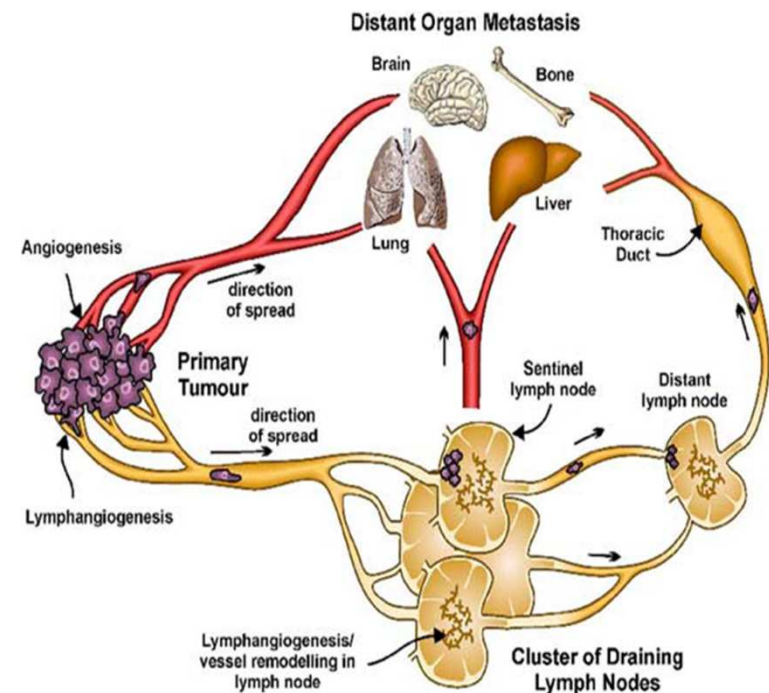
**We are trying to understand why and how breast cancer spreads, with the aim of finding ways to prevent it, and to treat secondary tumours more effectively**





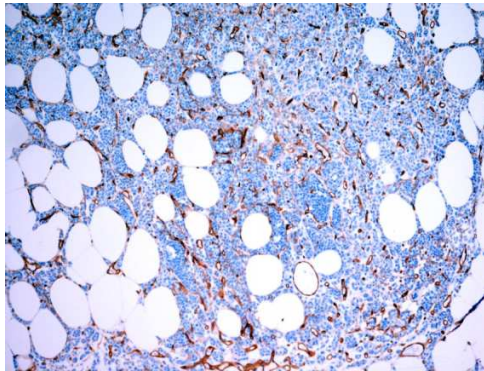
One of the earliest stages of metastasis is **lymphovascular invasion (LVI)** i.e. when the tumour cells move into the blood vessels or lymphatic vessels that are present in and around the tumour.

The molecular pathways/mechanisms associated with development in breast cancer remain poorly defined (understand metastasis & LVI to **stop the spread**)

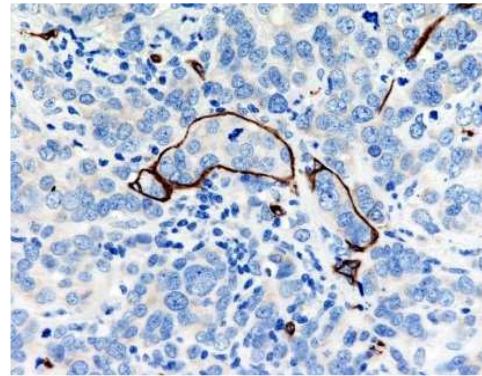




As research techniques improved we were able to examine blood and lymphatic vessels in tumours, via microscopy, to more fully understand LVI.



Blood vessels  
(CD34)



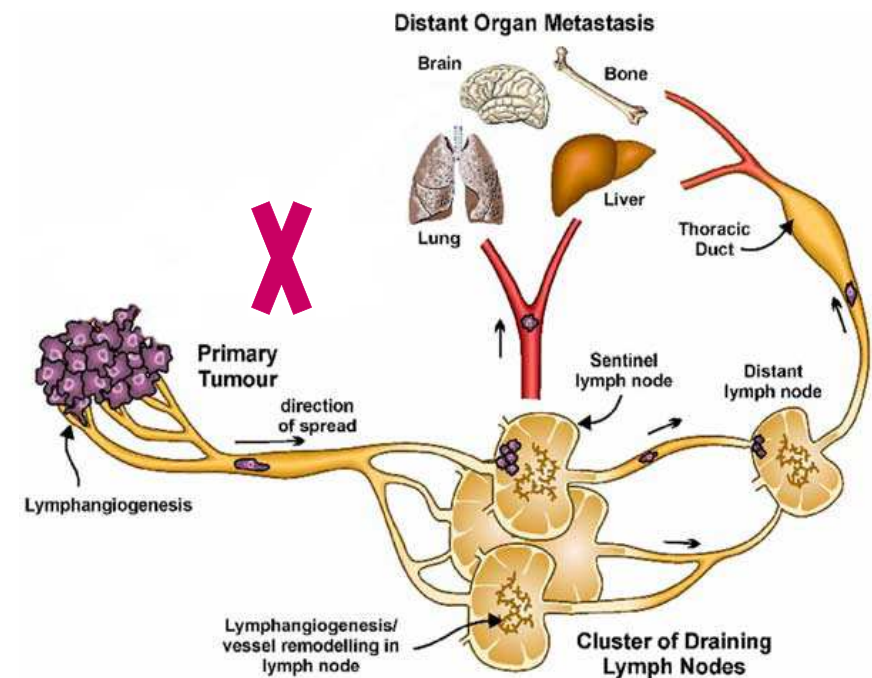
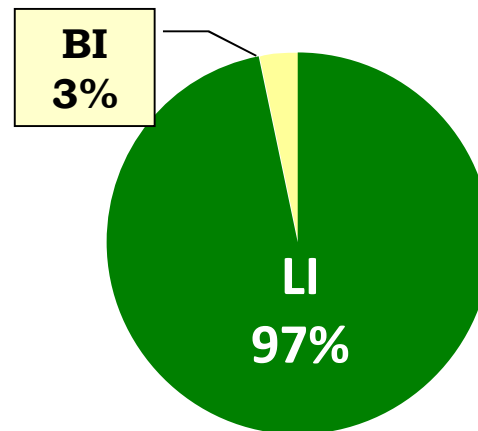
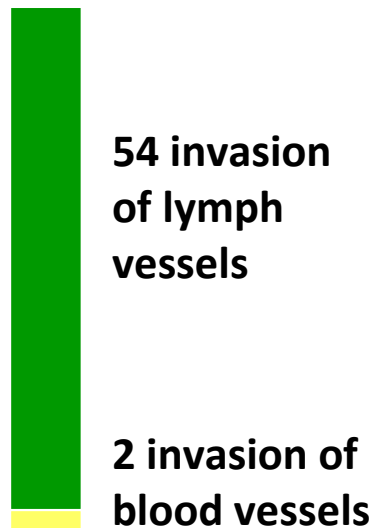
Lymphatic vessels  
(D2-40/Podoplanin)

In an initial study using tumours from 177 women, that although tumours had a very rich network of blood vessels **LVI was almost entirely invasion of lymphatic vessels.**



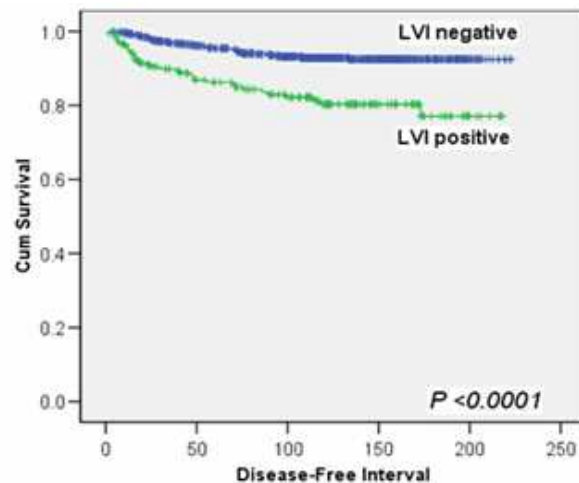
**56 IHC LVI  
positive  
specimens  
from 177  
patient cohort**

## LVI in breast cancer





## Verification?



1,000 patients

**Such results led us to two research questions:**

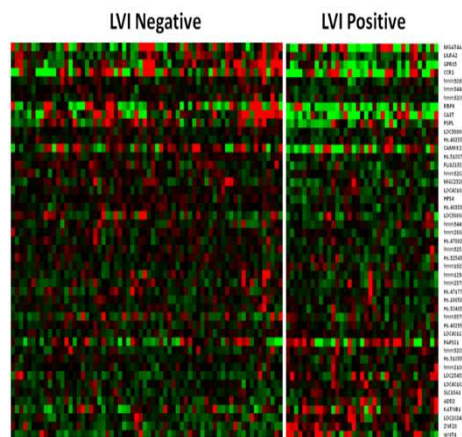
**Why do tumour cells preferentially invade lymphatic vessels when there are so many blood vessels?**

**Can assessment of LVI be incorporated into routine clinical assessments and used to improve prognosis/survival?**



## Gene Expression Profiling

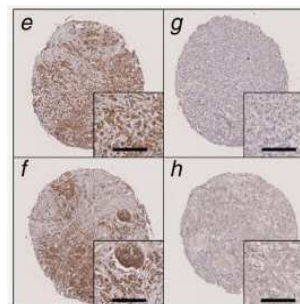
177 patients (LVI- / LVI+)



>48,000 genes → 47

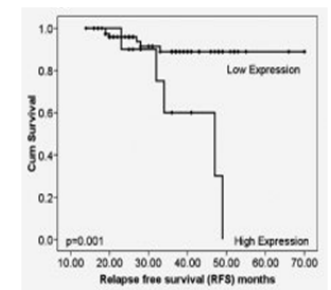
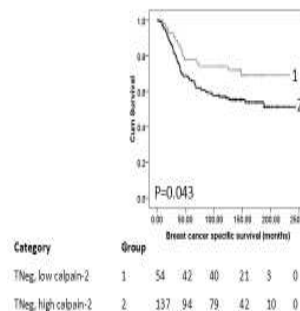
Gene 2 – significantly down regulated (Calpastatin)

## Calpastatin: Endogenous inhibitor of Calpain



IHC to examine Calpain/ Calpastatin expression in patient tumours:

- Association with LVI verified (2 independent patient cohorts, n=1371 and n=387)
- Expression particularly important in patients with Basal/TN breast cancer
- Expression is also linked to treatment response (Herceptin)



We will STOP THE SPREAD by **targeting the calpain system** –  
to **also improve response** to treatment and **increase patient survival**

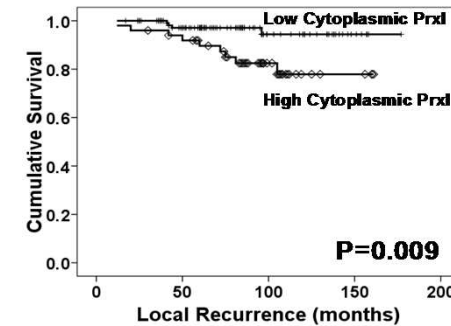




## Redox protein expression:

Increased migration / metastasis & resistance to treatment

Upregulation of the Trx system also equates to a worse response to **Radiotherapy**



We will **target the Trx system** to:

- Stop the spread
- Improve response to radiotherapy

### A: Novel Drugs

(Nottingham - School of Chemistry)

– Prof Chris Moody

### B: Conventional drugs

– new actions (re-purposing / recycling)  
e.g. Metformin

## Other Regulators?

### Global gene expression analysis

METABRIC transcriptomic data (>34,000 transcripts)

**2000 patients**

Genes identified belong to 21 Protein Classes

extracellular matrix protein (PC00102)

protease (PC00190) cytoskeletal protein (PC00085)

transporter (PC00227) transferase (PC00220)

cell adhesion molecule (PC00069) ligase (PC00142)

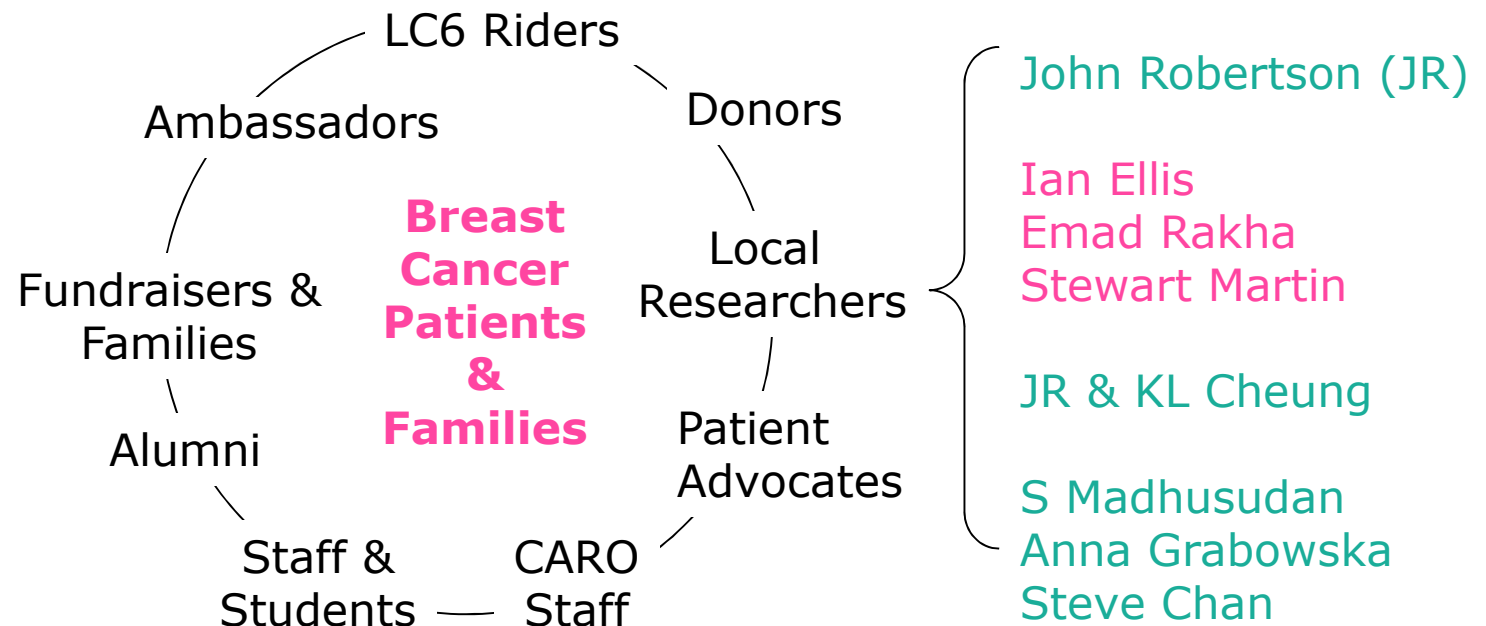
nucleic acid binding (PC00171) signaling  
(PC00207)

enzyme modulator (PC00095)

calcium-binding protein (PC00060)



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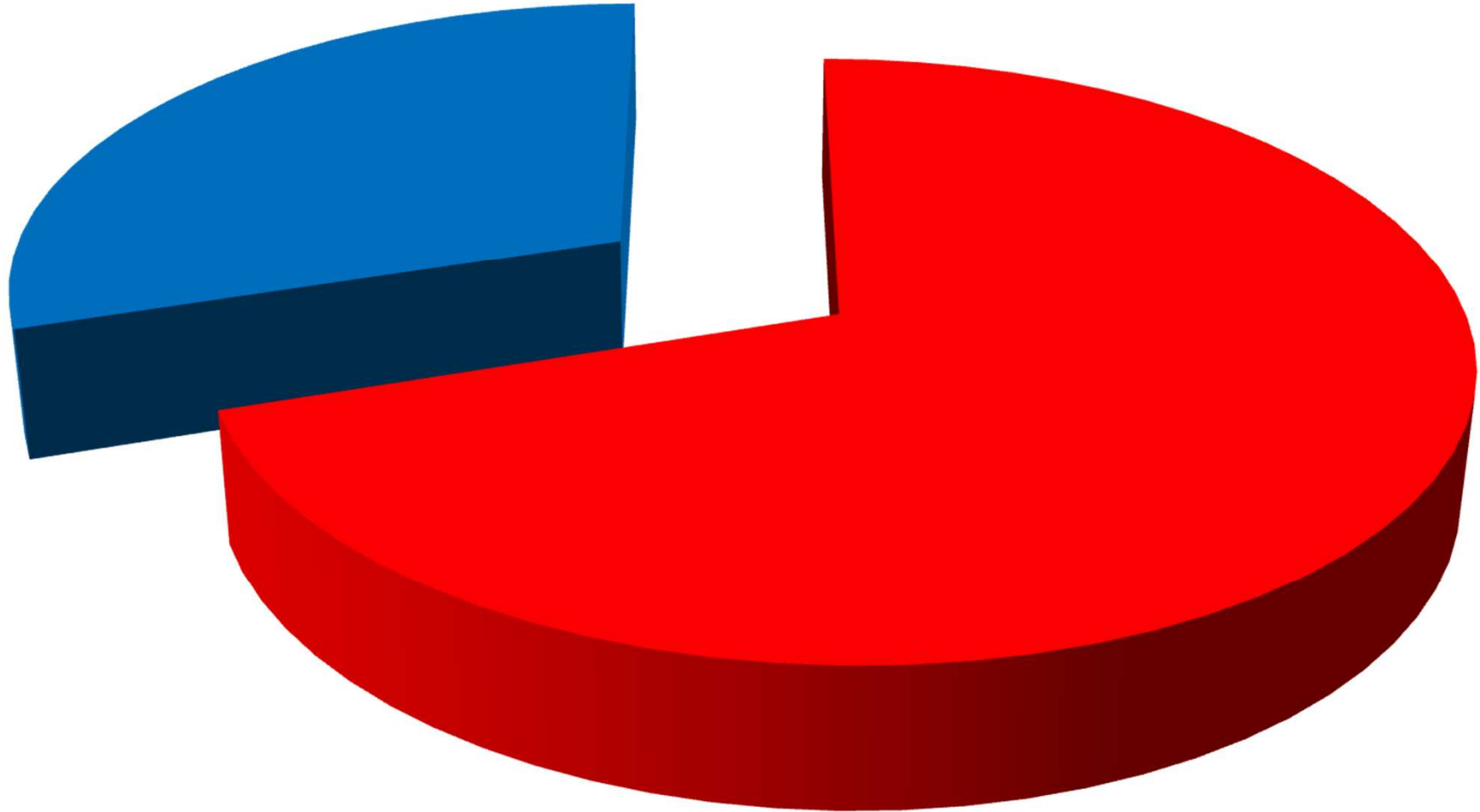
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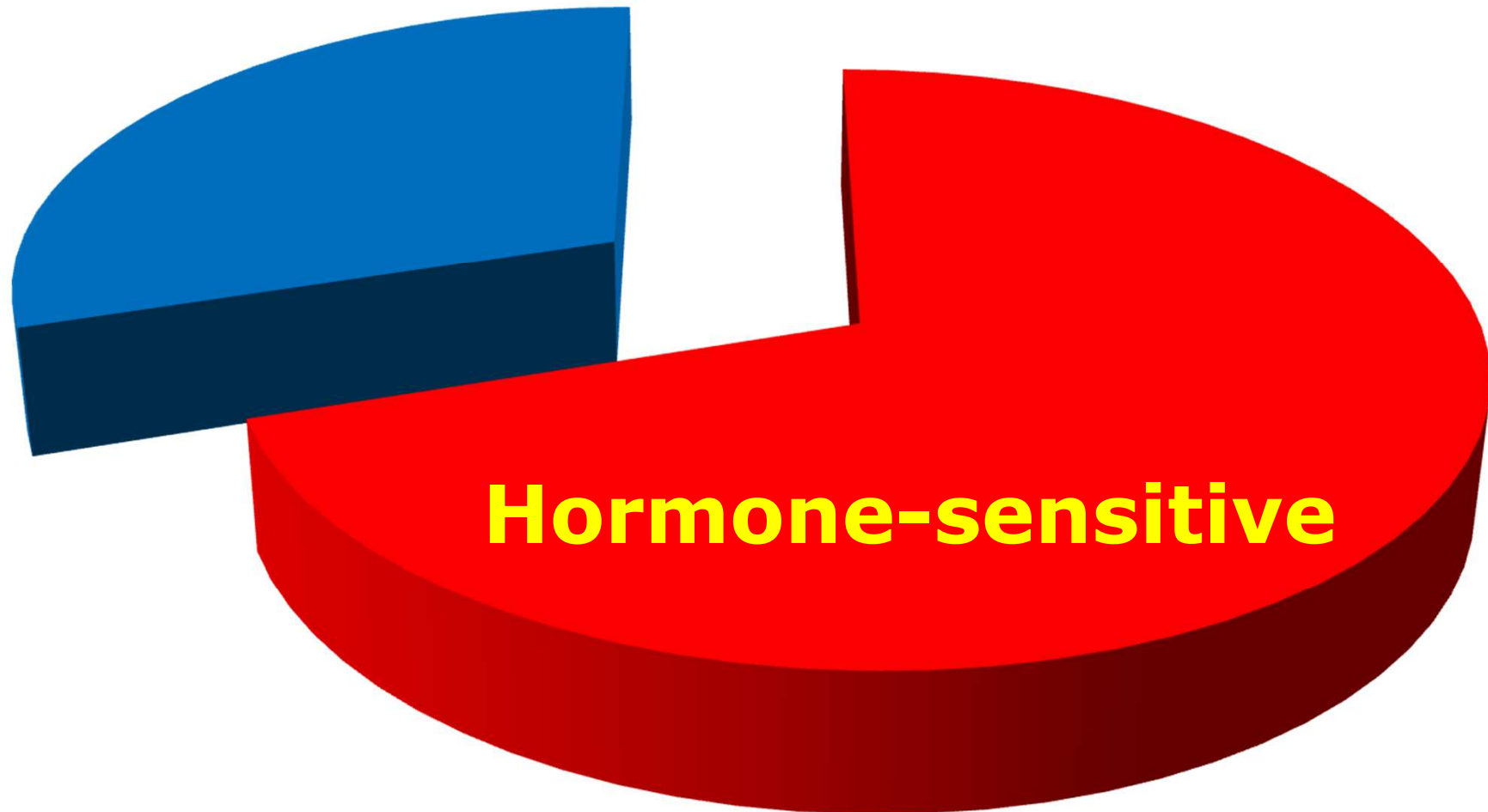
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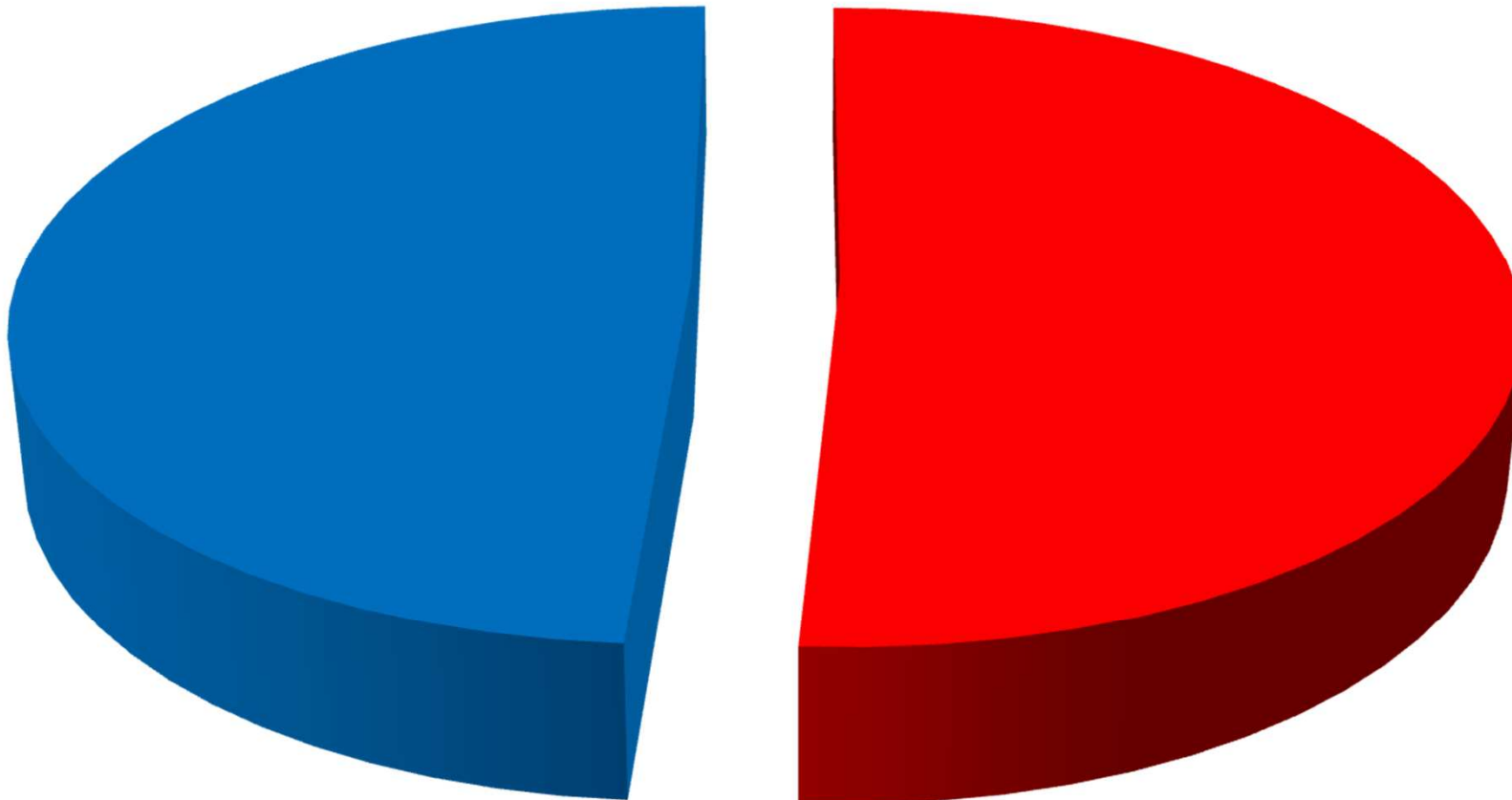
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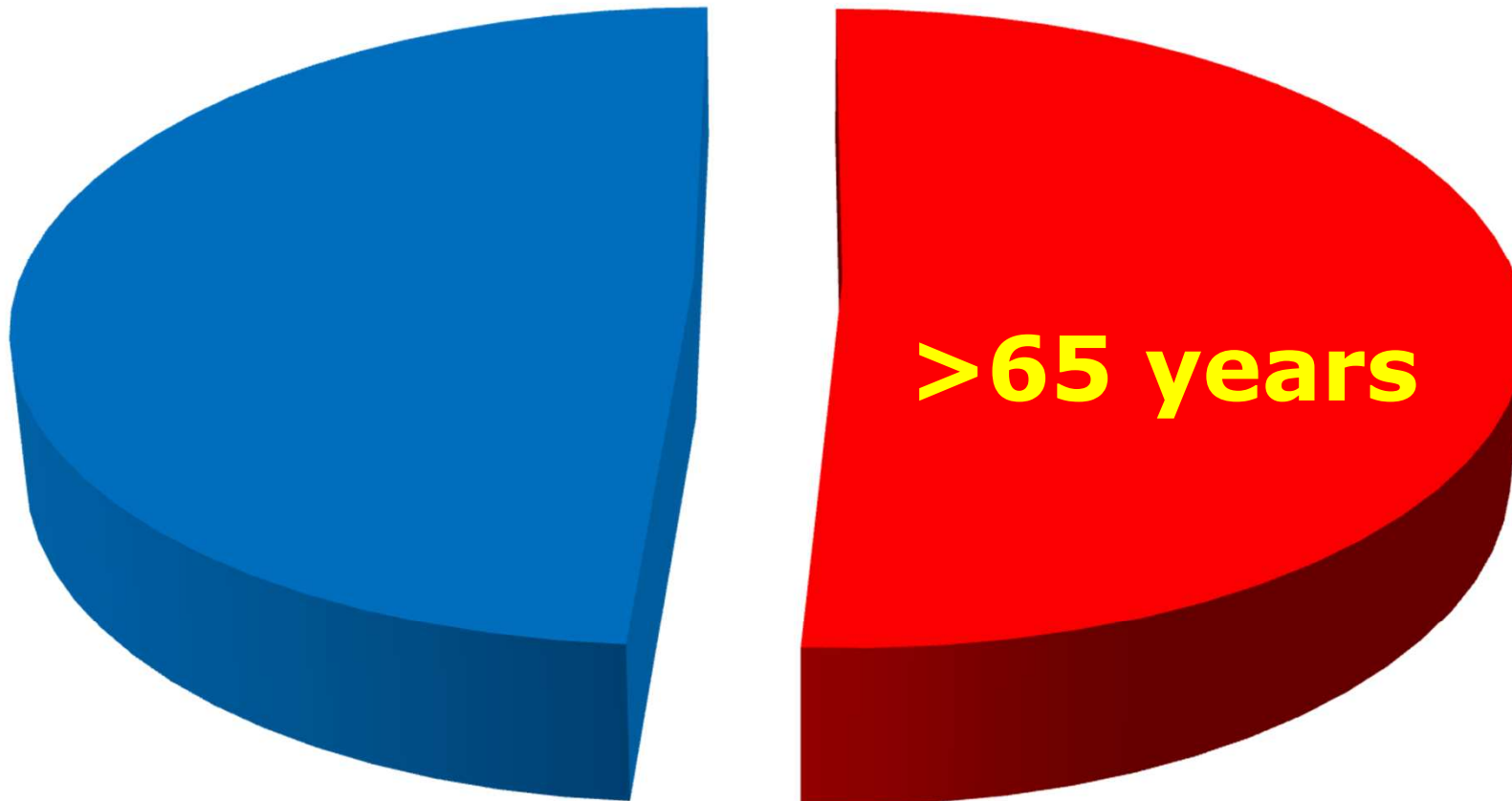
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# **Treat it right**

## ***Personalised management of breast cancer***

**Breast Surgery Group, School of Medicine**

Breast Cancer Research Open Day  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2016



**Kwok-Leung Cheung**  
**Clinical Associate Professor**  
**Consultant Breast Surgeon**



## Treat it right

- **Hormone-sensitive breast cancer**
- **Breast cancer in older women**



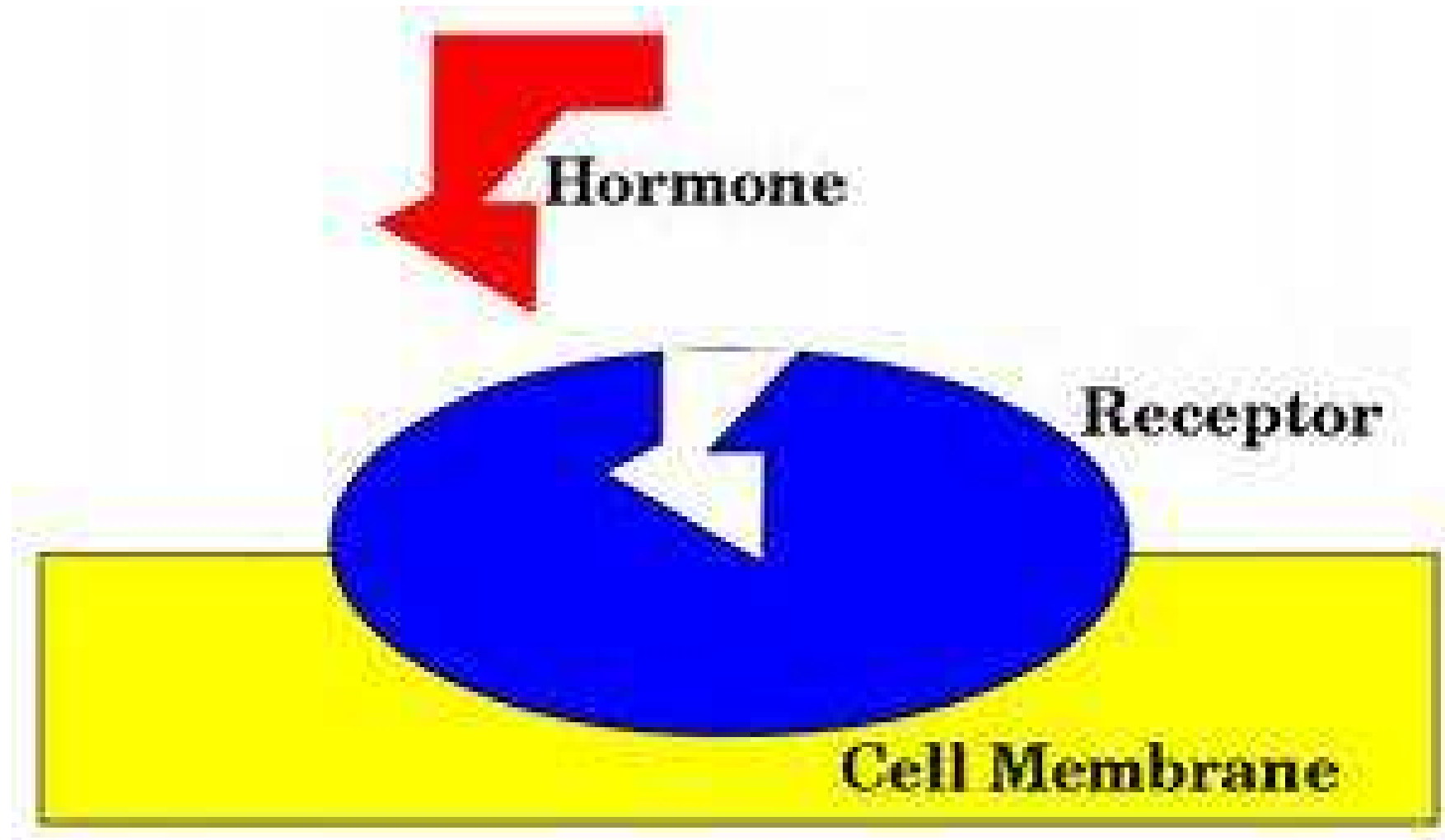
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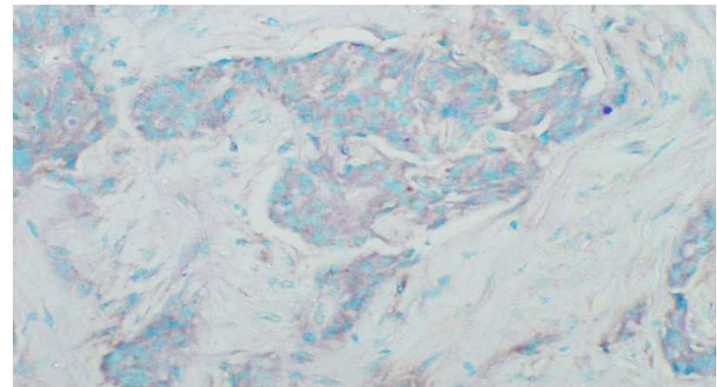
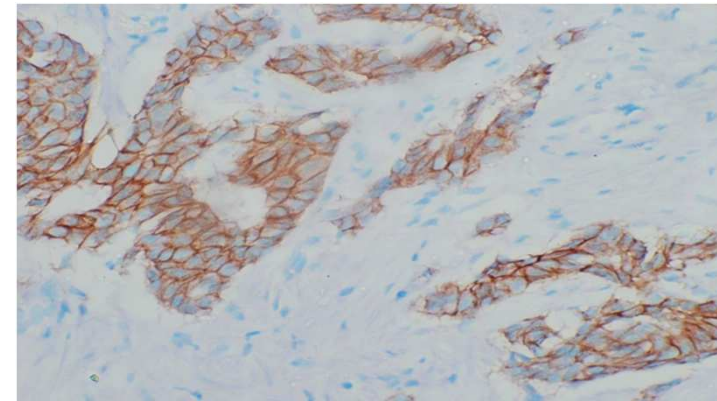


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fulvestrant



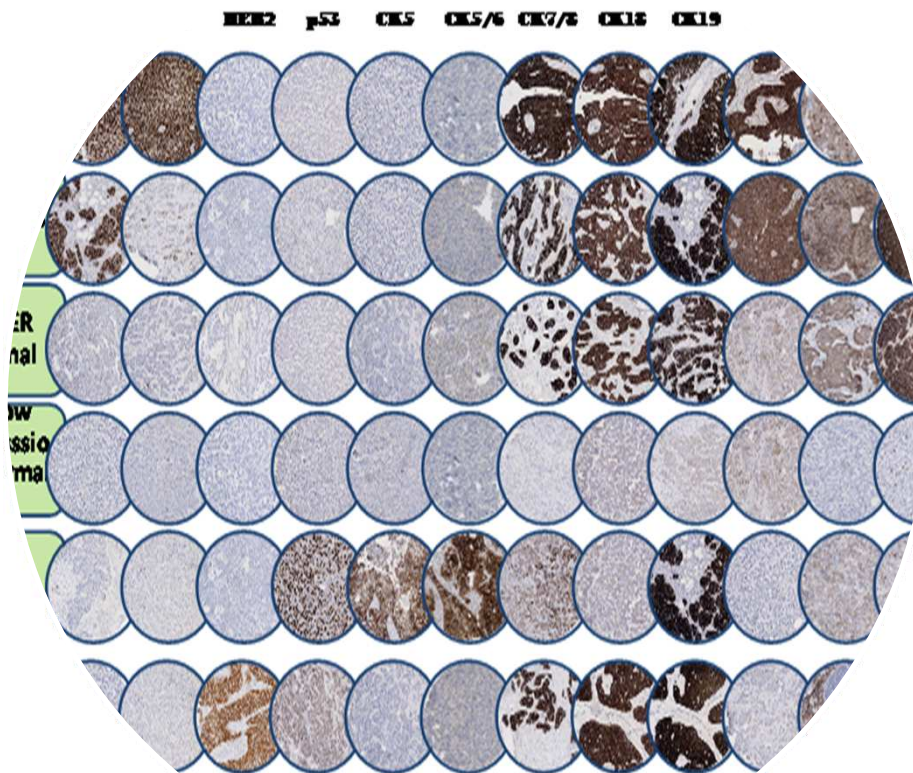


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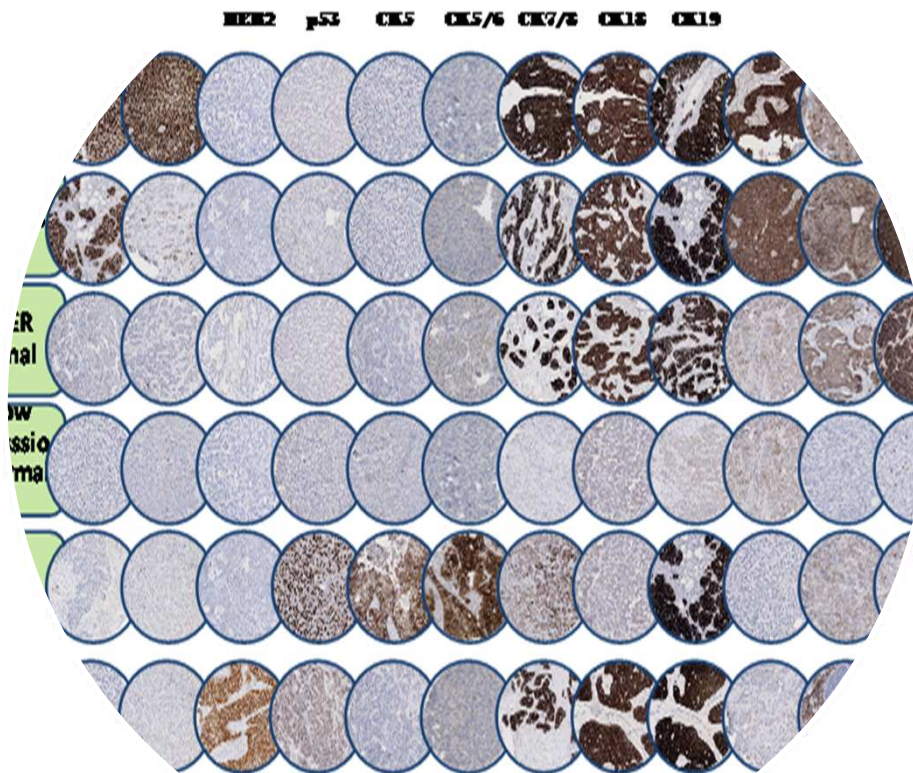
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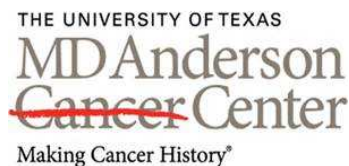


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# Targeting Triple Negative Breast Cancers

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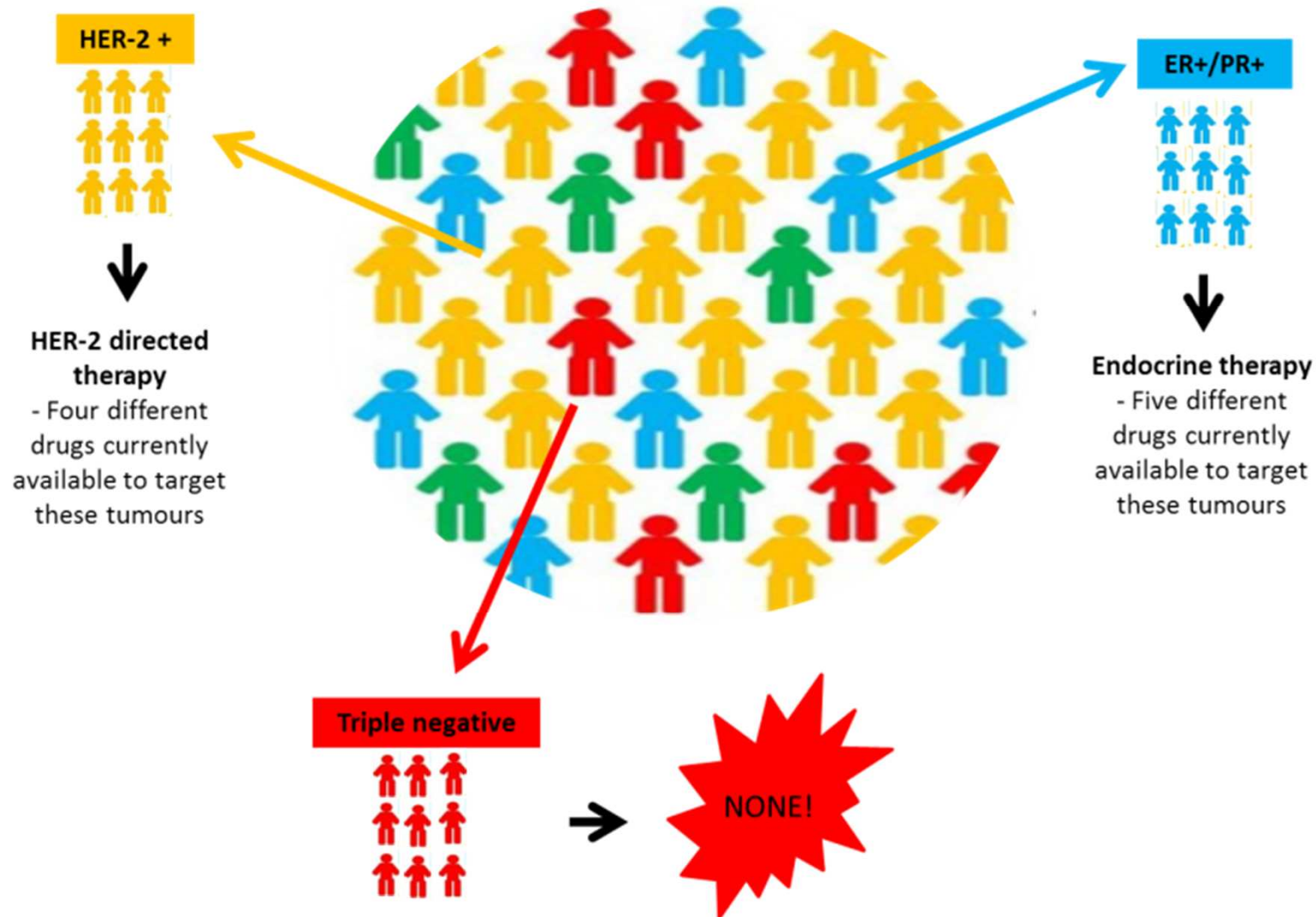
Professor of Medical Oncology and  
Head of Translational DNA repair group  
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# Types of breast cancers





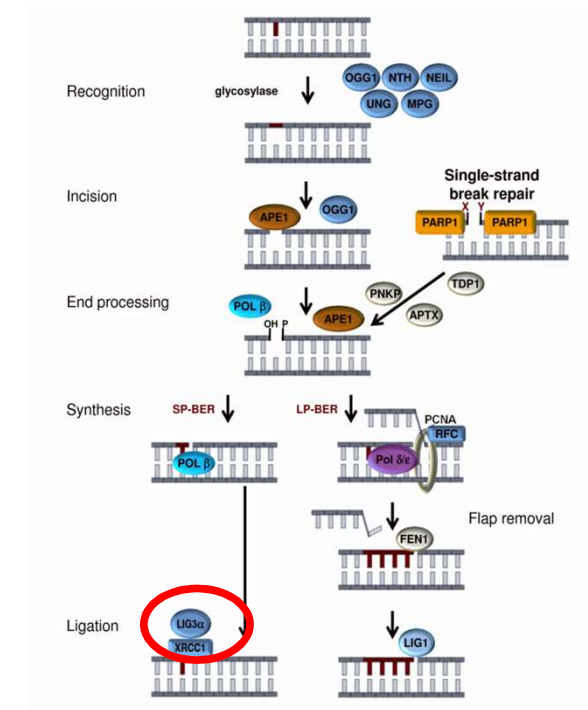
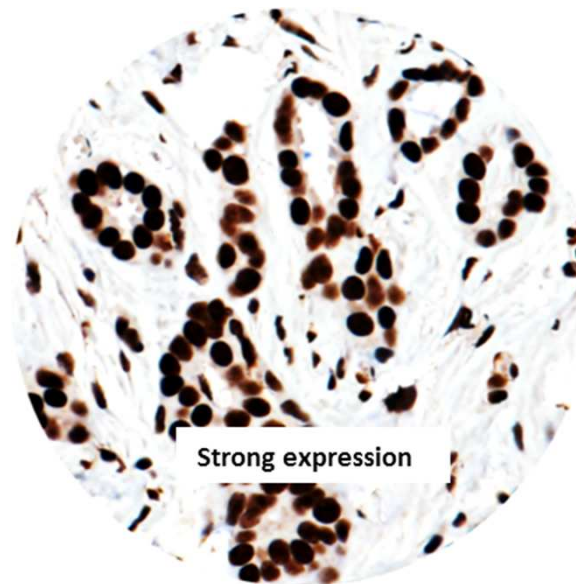
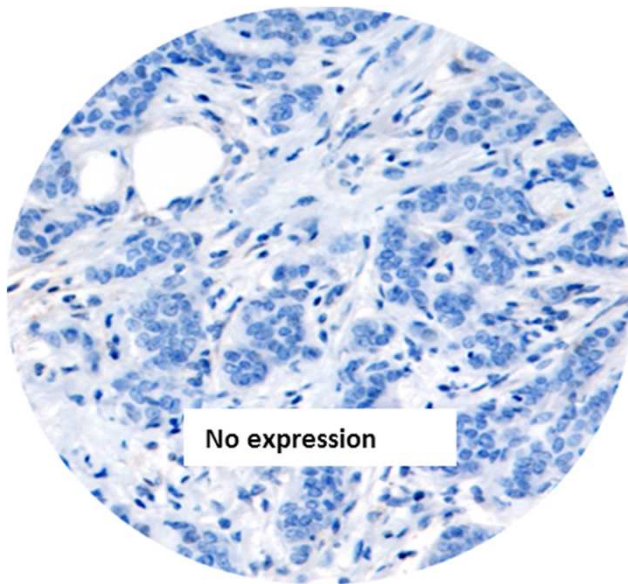
## Triple negative breast cancers (TNBCs)

- 20% of breast cancers are triple negative, i.e. do not express hormone receptors (ER, PR) or HER-2 receptors
- More likely in younger people (<50 years)
- More aggressive
- More people die from TNBC compared to other types of breast cancers
- Currently there are no personalized treatments available for this disease
- In Nottingham, we are doing intense research to develop new treatments for TNBCs



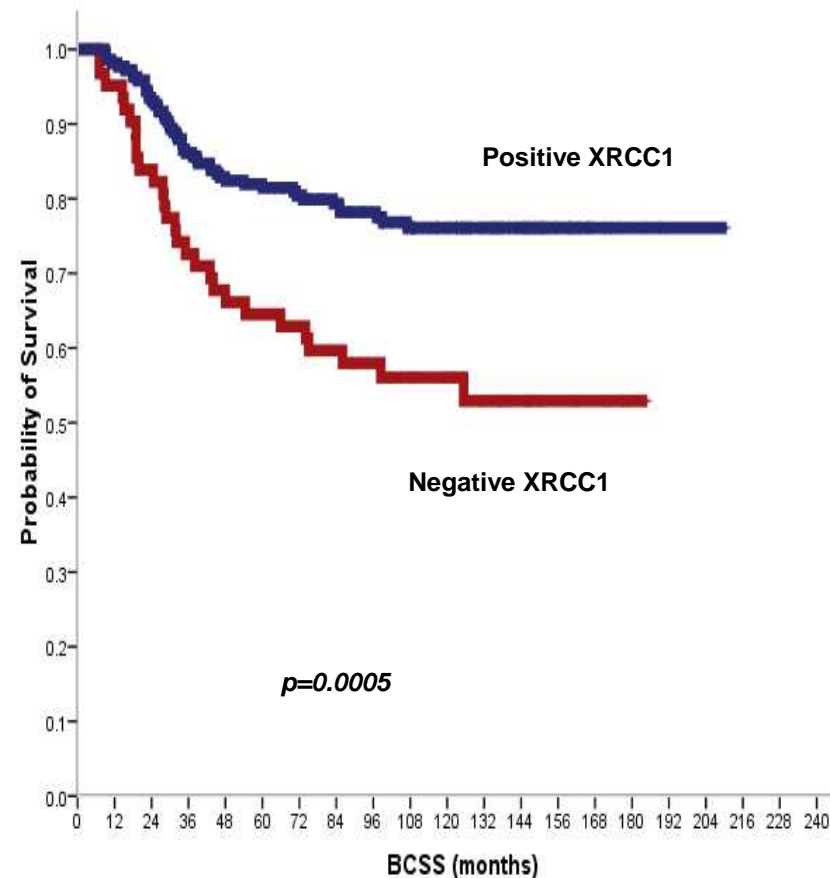
# A new treatment strategy in TNBCs

- We have discovered that TNBCs are deficient in a protein called XRCC1, which is a DNA repair protein.





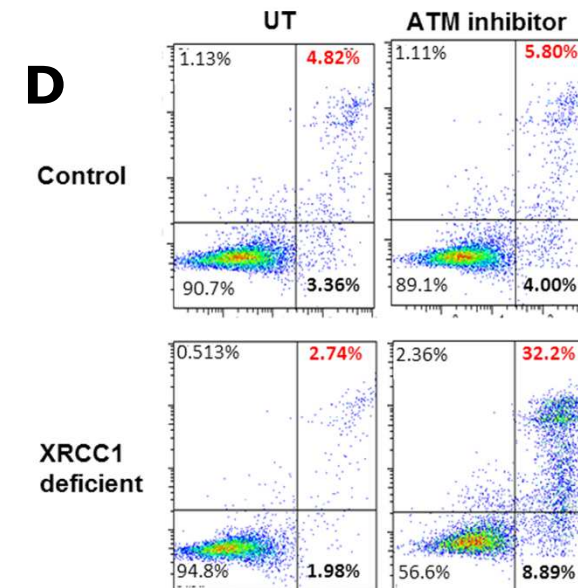
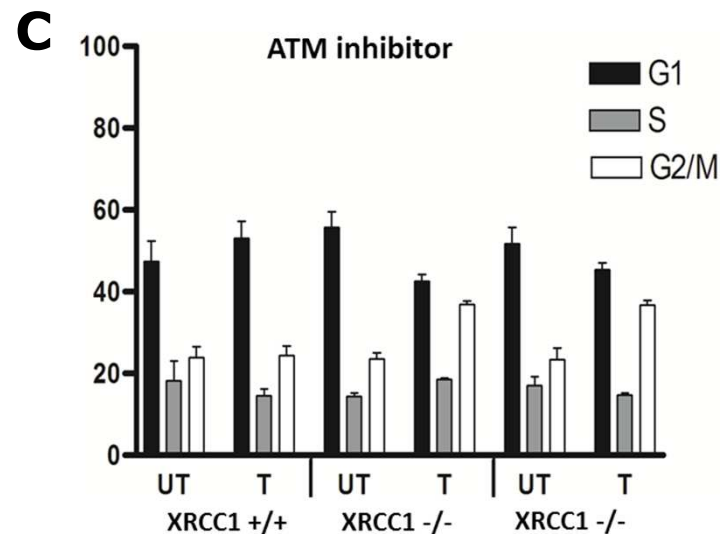
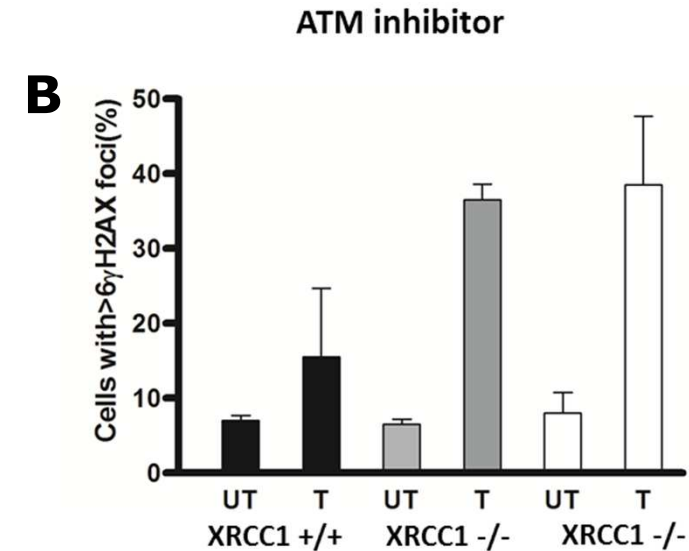
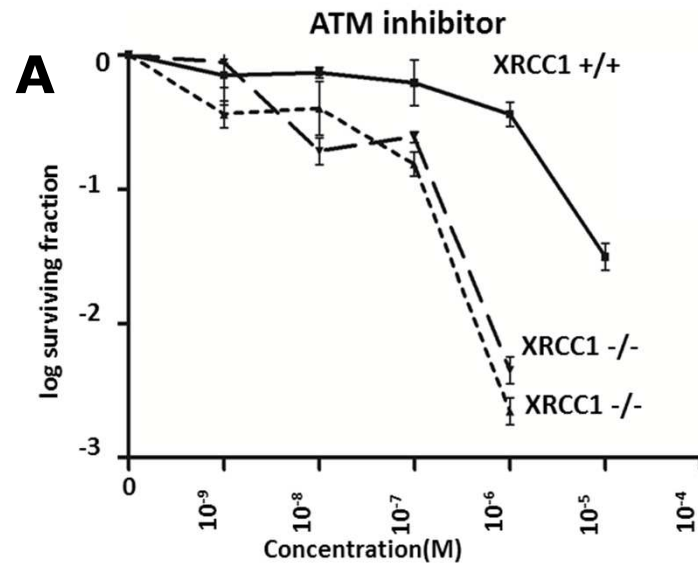
# Aggressive tumours have low XRCC1 and linked to poor survival







# XRCC1 deficient cells are sensitive to inhibitors of DNA damage signalling





## OUR AIMS

- Take ATM and ATR inhibitors to clinical trials in TNBCs.
- To initiate a clinical trial in 2018, we need to complete additional validation experiments (between 2016-2017).
- Our research will establish a new treatment strategy in TNBCs.



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