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Local and systemic therapies:

Selecting for radiation therapy

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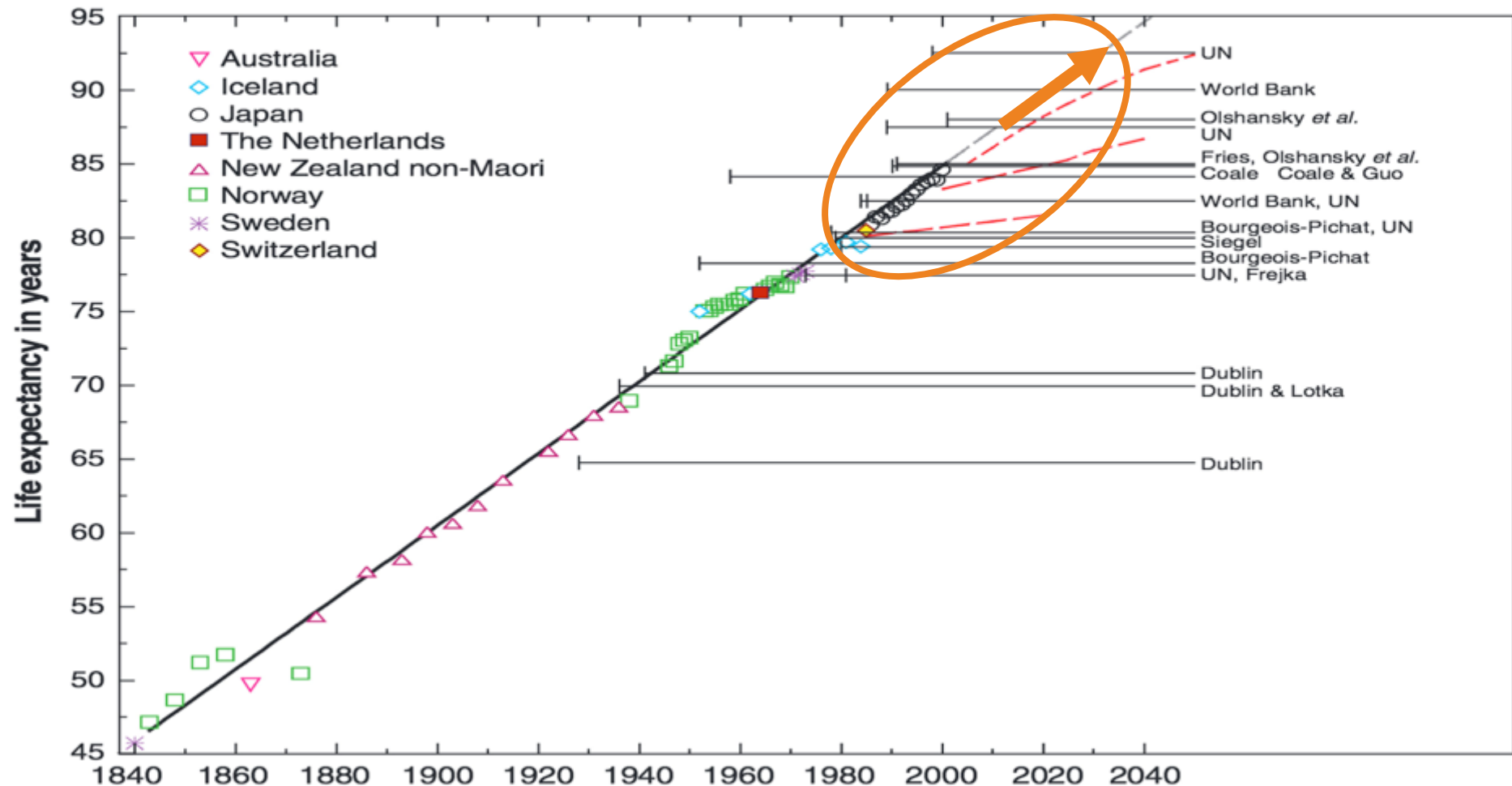
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Selecting for RT: *Introduction*

Record female life expectancy from 1840 to the present – Oeppen and Vaupel (2002)

Shown is the record female life expectancy and the country with the highest female life expectancy at each point in time.

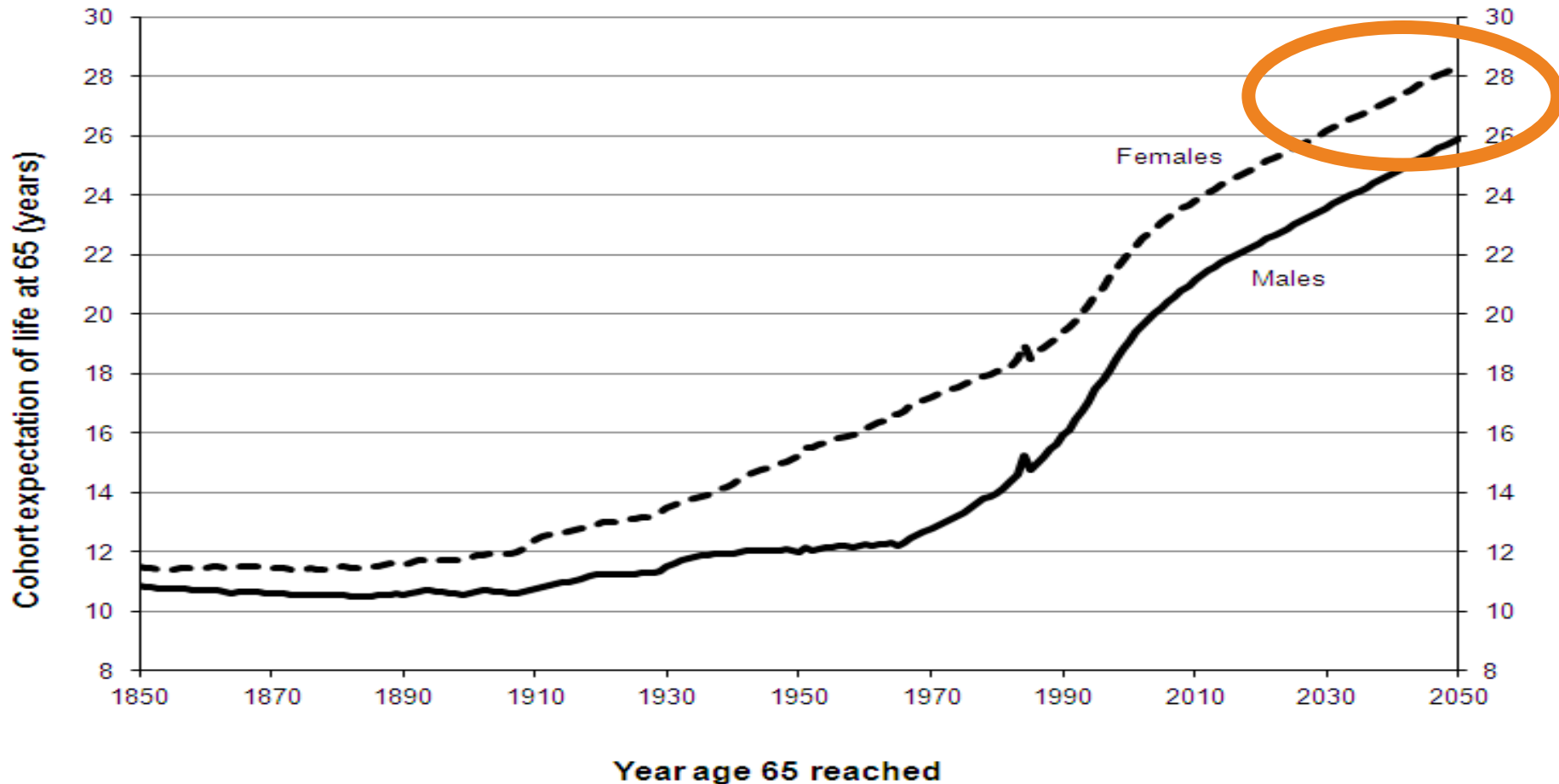
- The linear-regression trend is depicted by a bold black line (slope = 0.243) and the extrapolated trend by a dashed gray line.
- The horizontal black lines show asserted ceilings on life expectancy, with a shorter vertical line indicating the year of publication.
- The dashed red lines denote projections of female life expectancy in Japan published by the United Nations in 1986, 1999, and 2001.



Source: Oeppen and Vaupel (2002) - Broken Limits to Life Expectancy. Published in Science, 296, 5570, 1029-1031. Annotated by www.OurWorldInData.org

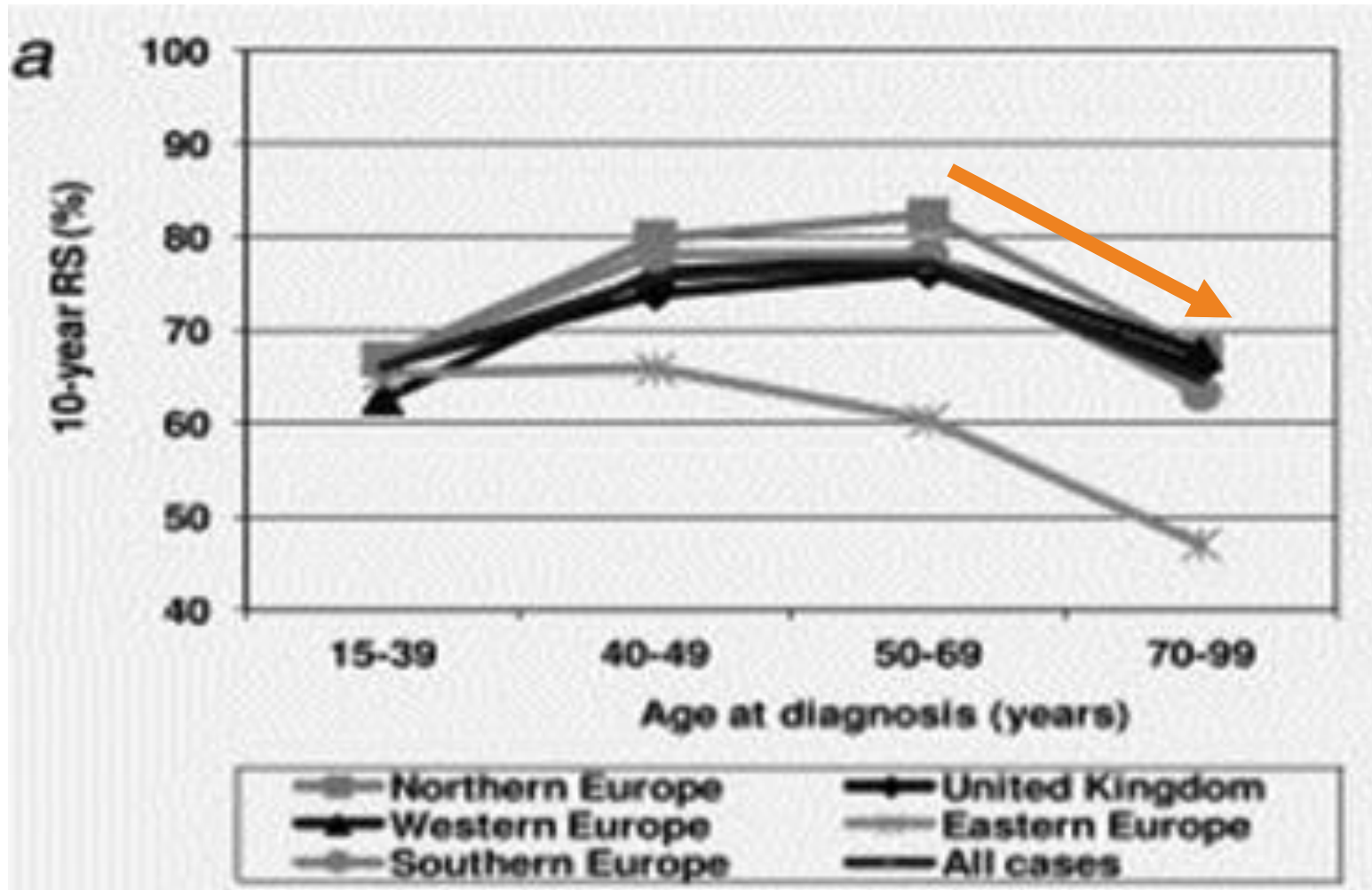
Selecting for RT: *Introduction*

Cohort expectation of life at age 65 according to historic and projected mortality rates, persons who reached age 65 1850–2050, England and Wales



Selecting for RT: *Introduction*

Predicted relative survival up to 10 years after diagnosis for European women with breast cancer in 2000-2002



Selecting for RT: *Introduction*

Evidence is what we need
To fully inform the patient

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Effect of radiotherapy after breast-conserving surgery on 10-year recurrence and 15-year breast cancer death: meta-analysis of individual patient data for 10 801 women in 17 randomised trials

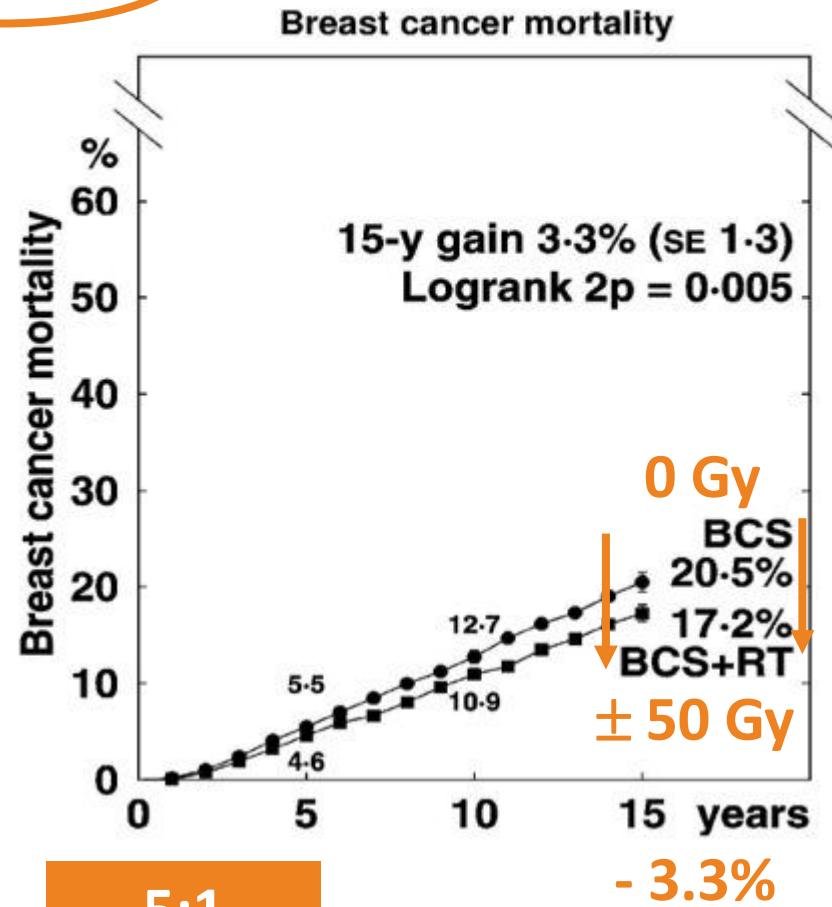
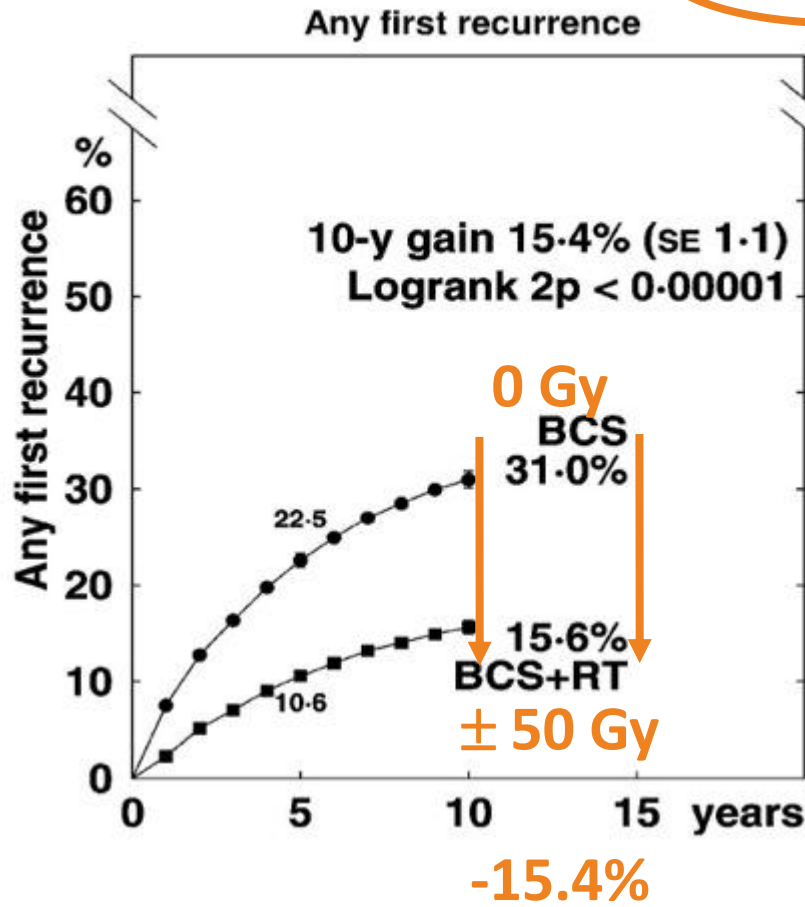
*Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG)**

***Lancet* 2011; 378: 1707-16**

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Effect of RT after BCS on recurrence and breast cancer mortality in pN0 women.

7287 pN0 women



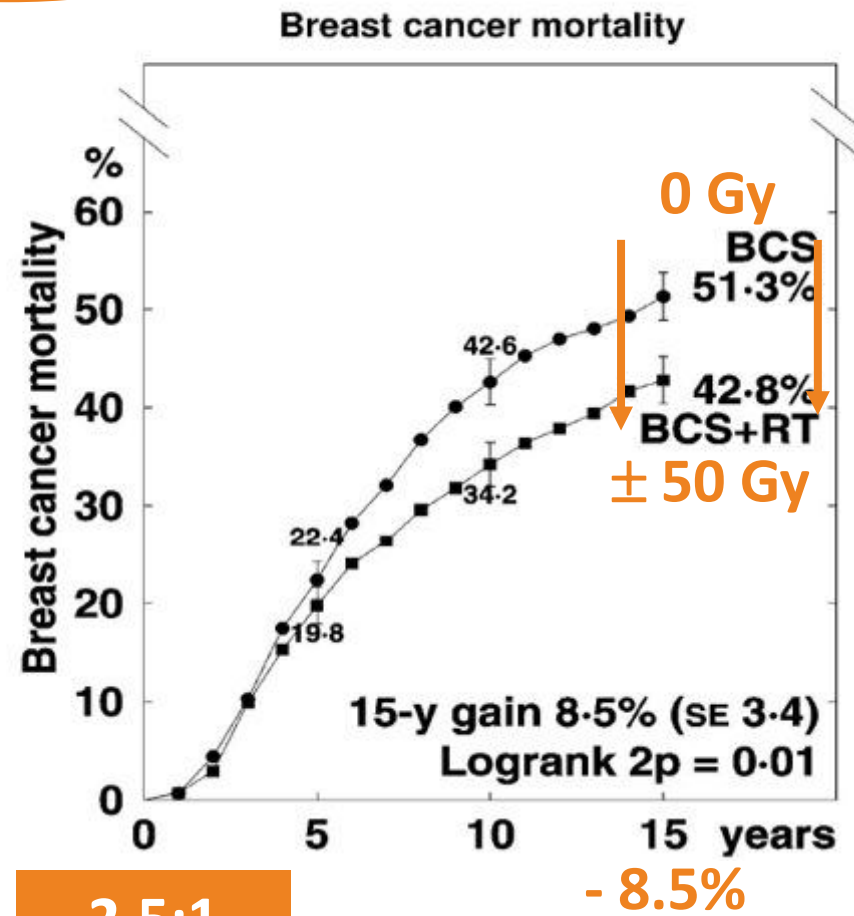
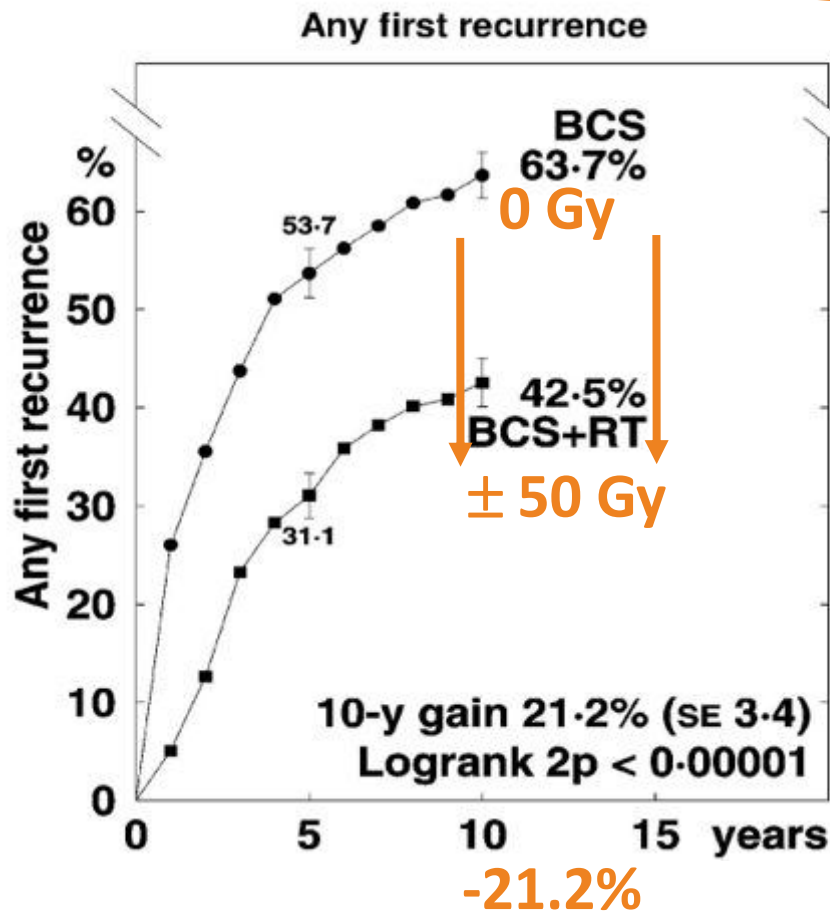
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- 3.3%

Selecting for RT: *The role of RT*

Effect of RT after BCS on recurrence and breast cancer mortality in pN+ women.

1050 pN+ women



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Selecting for RT: *The role of RT*

RT after tumourectomy: not always required?

Overview of prospective clinical trials evaluating postoperative radiation therapy omission.

Author, Year	Patients	Study design	Local relapse	DFS	OS	Median FU
Fisher et al., 2002 [11]	1009	TAM vs. placebo + RT vs. TAM + RT	16.5% vs. 9.3% vs. 2.8% ($p = 0.008$; $p < 0.0001$; $p = 0.01$)	—	93% vs. 94% vs. 93% ($p = 0.93$)	87.5 months
Fyles et al., 2004 [7]	769	TAM vs. TAM + RT	7.7% vs. 0.6% at 5 years ($p < 0.001$)	84% vs. 91% at 5 years ($p = 0.004$)	92.8% vs. 93.2% ($p = 0.83$)	67.2 months
Pötter et al., 2007 [9]	869	TAM/AI vs. TAM/AI + RT	5.1% vs. 0.4% ($p = 0.0001$)	HR 3.48 ($p = 0.0021$)	94.5% vs. 97.9% ($p = 0.18$)	53.8 months
Hughes et al., 2013 [10]	636	TAM vs. TAM + RT	9% vs. 2% ($p < 0.001$)	—	66% vs. 67% at 10 years ($p = 0.64$)	151.2 months
Blamey et al., 2013 [12]	1135	- without or with TAM - without or with RT 2 × 2 factorial design	- 13% vs. 4% - 11% vs. 3% Both treatments 0% ($p < 0.001$)	—	96% at 10 years	167 months
Kunkler et al., 2013 [13]	1326	TAM/AI vs. TAM/AI + RT	4.1% vs. 1.3% ($p = 0.0002$)	—	93.9% vs. 93.9% ($p = 0.34$)	60 months

Abbreviations: DFS, disease-free survival; OS, overall survival; FU, follow up; TAM, tamoxifen; AI, aromatase inhibitors; RT, radiation therapy; HR, Hazard Ratio.

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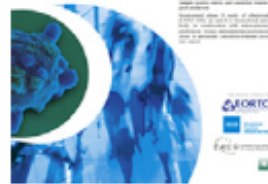
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Radiotherapy or tamoxifen after conserving surgery for breast cancers of excellent prognosis: British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO) II trial [☆]

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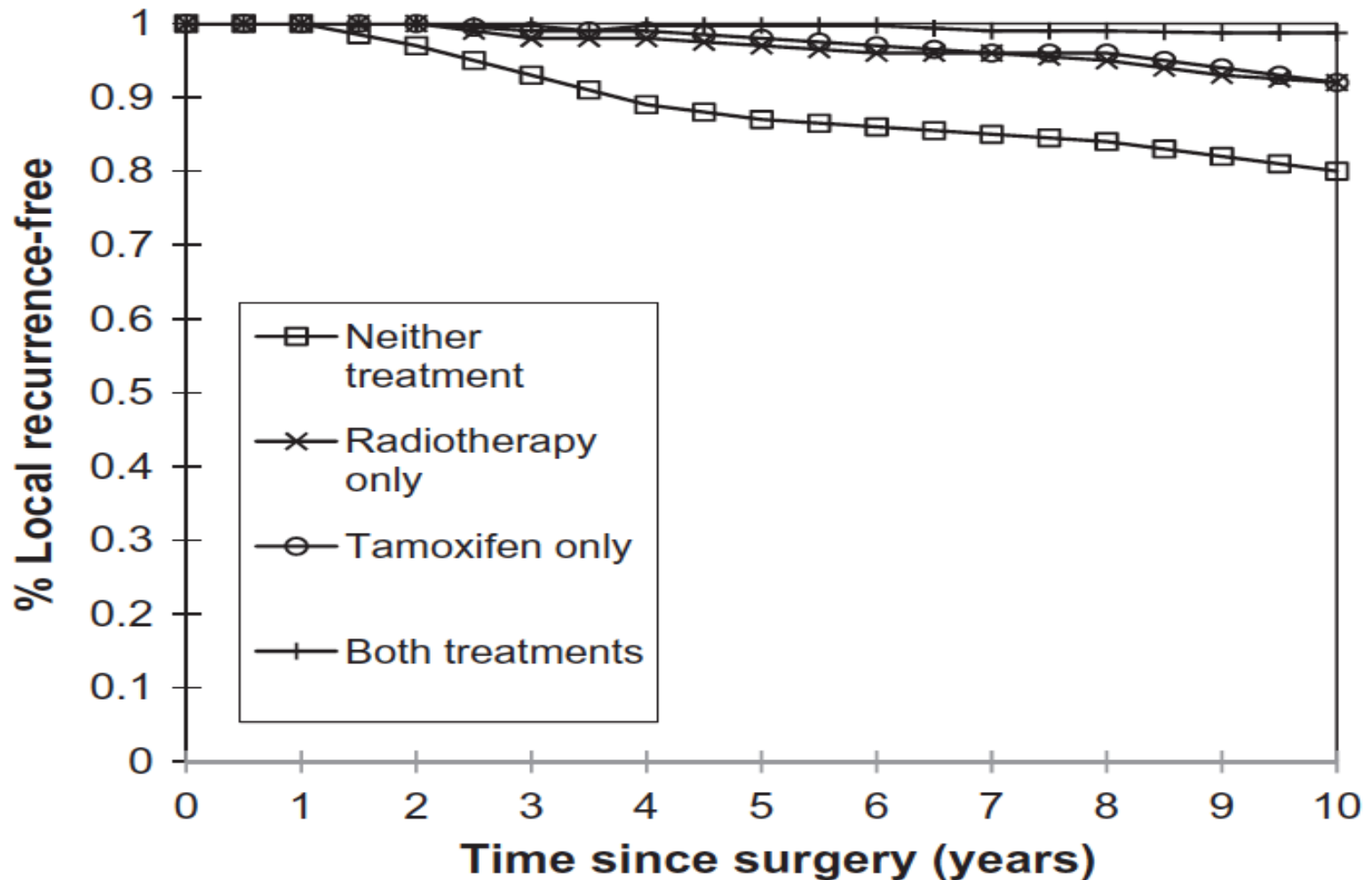


Fig. 2. Survival to first local recurrence by treatment actually received.

Selecting for RT: *The role of RT*

*Even in these patients with tumours of excellent prognosis, **LR after conservative surgery without adjuvant therapy was still very high**. This was reduced to a similar extent by either radiotherapy or tamoxifen but to a greater extent by the receipt of both treatments.*

Selecting for RT: *The role of RT*

..., ***LR after conservative surgery without adjuvant therapy was still very high...***

Personal note:

Virtually none of those pts would get adjuvant systemic treatment according to the Dutch guidelines

Selecting for RT: *The role of RT*

RT after tumourectomy: not always required?

- 0.5% (1% still acceptable?) per year = limit for LRR
- Mind late relapses!
- Role of systemic treatment?

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Selecting for RT: *A particular case*



- Born in 1918 ...
- Menarche 15; G0P0A0; familial –
- Fashion specialist – kept a shop, smoked till 4 years before diagnosis
- Clinical history: breast reduction; hormonal replacement therapy until diagnosis (Ovestin = estriol)
- July 1996 (78 years old): she felt a large tumour laterally located in the right breast
- Biopsy: invasive ductal carcinoma

Selecting for RT: *A particular case*



- Modified radical mastectomy:
 - 4.0 cm invasive ductal carcinoma; tumour free margins
 - Axilla: 6/12 with capsular invasion up to apex
 - ER +; PR -
- Large hematoma post-surgery → lymphatic drainage

Selecting for RT: *A particular case*



- Surgeon: "Do we need to irradiate this nice old lady?"
- Rad.Onc: "Let me see and talk with her to evaluate the general condition."
 - Excellent health for the age;
 - Back pain +++: < osteoporosis; M0
 - Local-regional complaints: lymphatic drainage
- Radiation therapy: chest wall + axilla levels 3-4; 50 Gy / 25 fractions
- Tamoxifen

Selecting for RT: *A particular case*

° 1908



Follow-up

- June 1999 (after <3 years): stopped tamoxifen because of side effects
- September 2001 (after 5 years): NED; stopped regular FU → / 5 years
- September 2006 (after 10 years): !!!!
- Identification obligation introduced in NL
- Age was not 88 but 98 !!!!
- NED; very active; travelling much.
- Drove car about 5 x / week: driving licence prolonged for 5 years.
- Some local & regional complaints → continuation of lymphatic drainage

Selecting for RT: *A particular case*



Follow-up:

- 2008 (after 12 years): pleural effusion → Arimidex; stopped because it was cardiac & M0
- 2008: very ill due to abdominal problem → complete recovery
- 2010: fall in shower → osteoporotic vertebral fractures
- 2011: died at the age of 103,5

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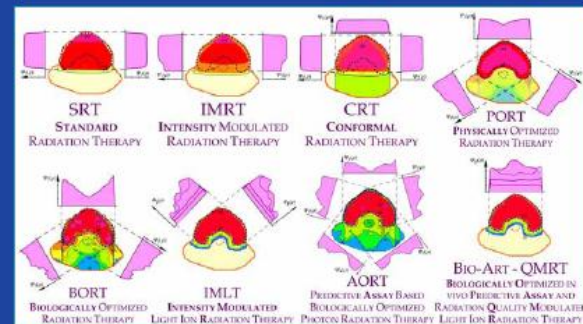
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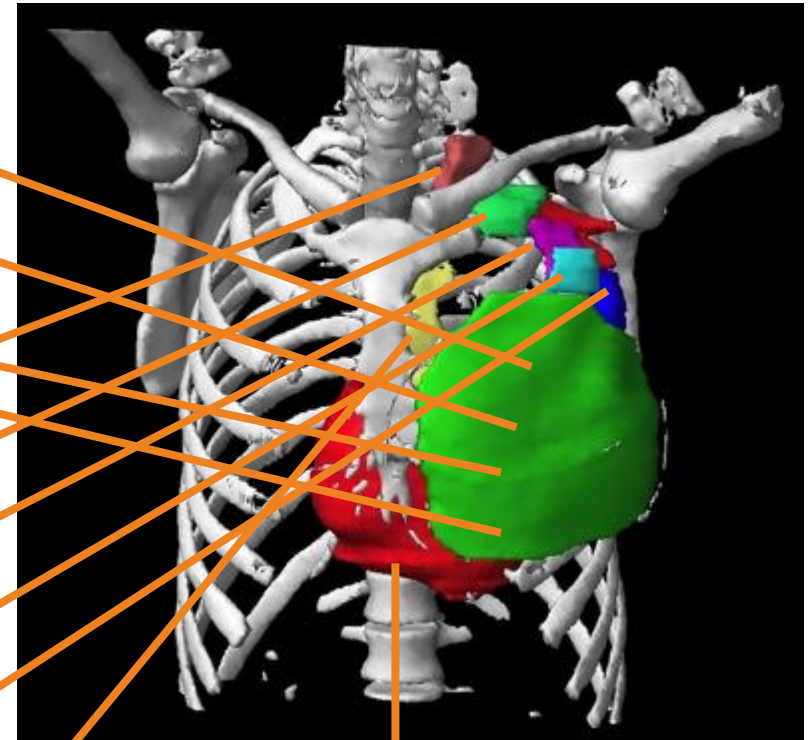
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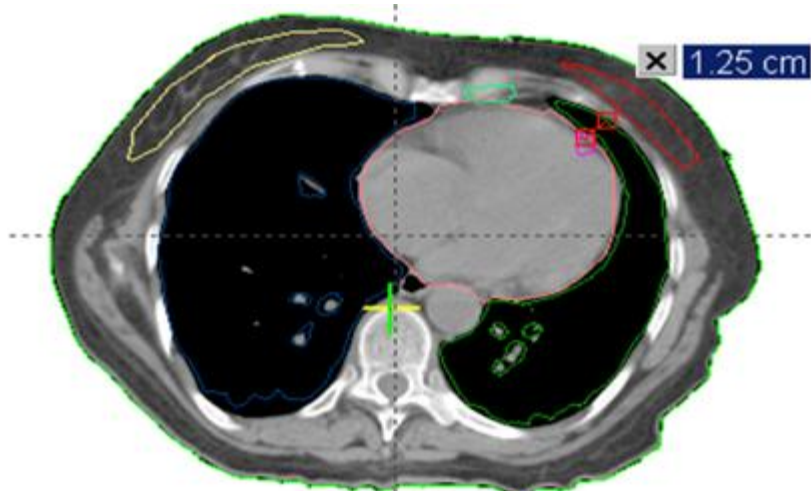
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- LN internal mammary



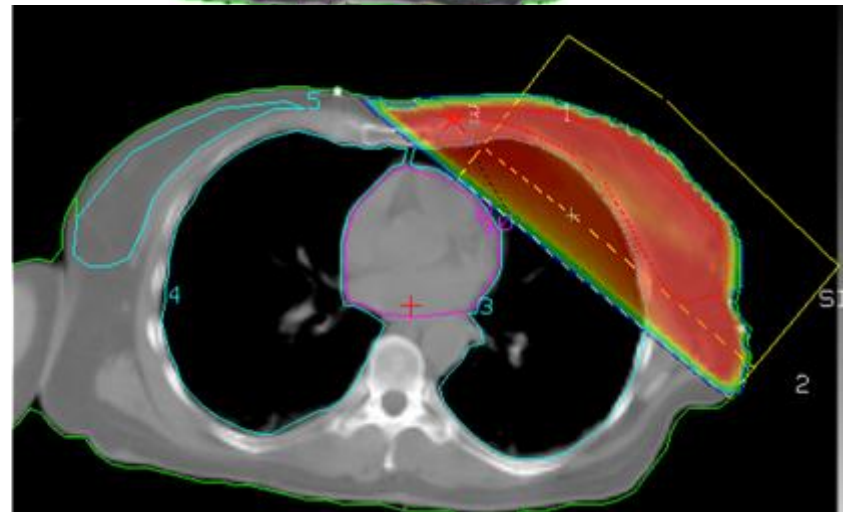
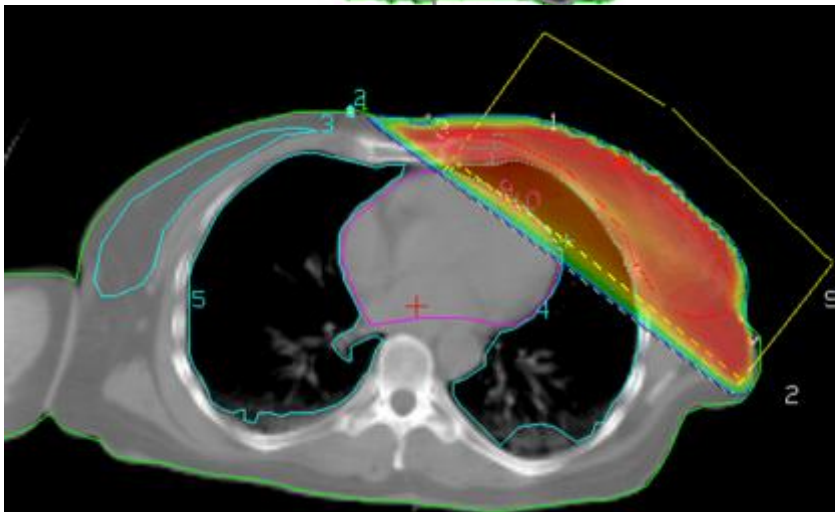
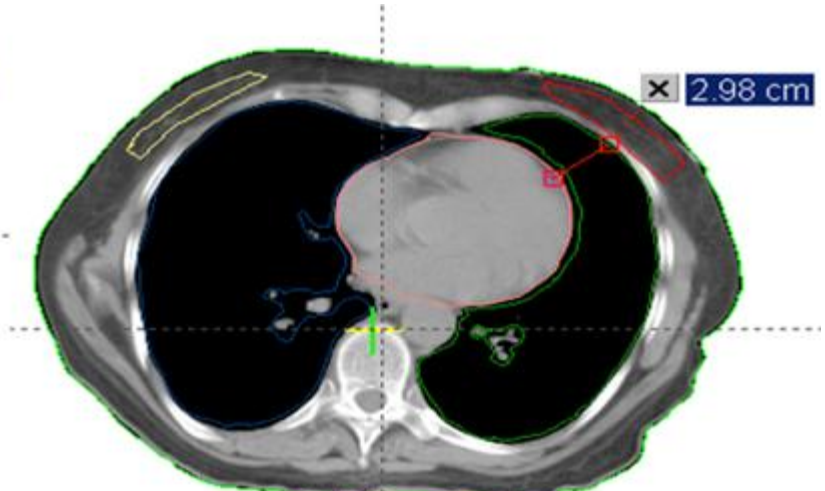
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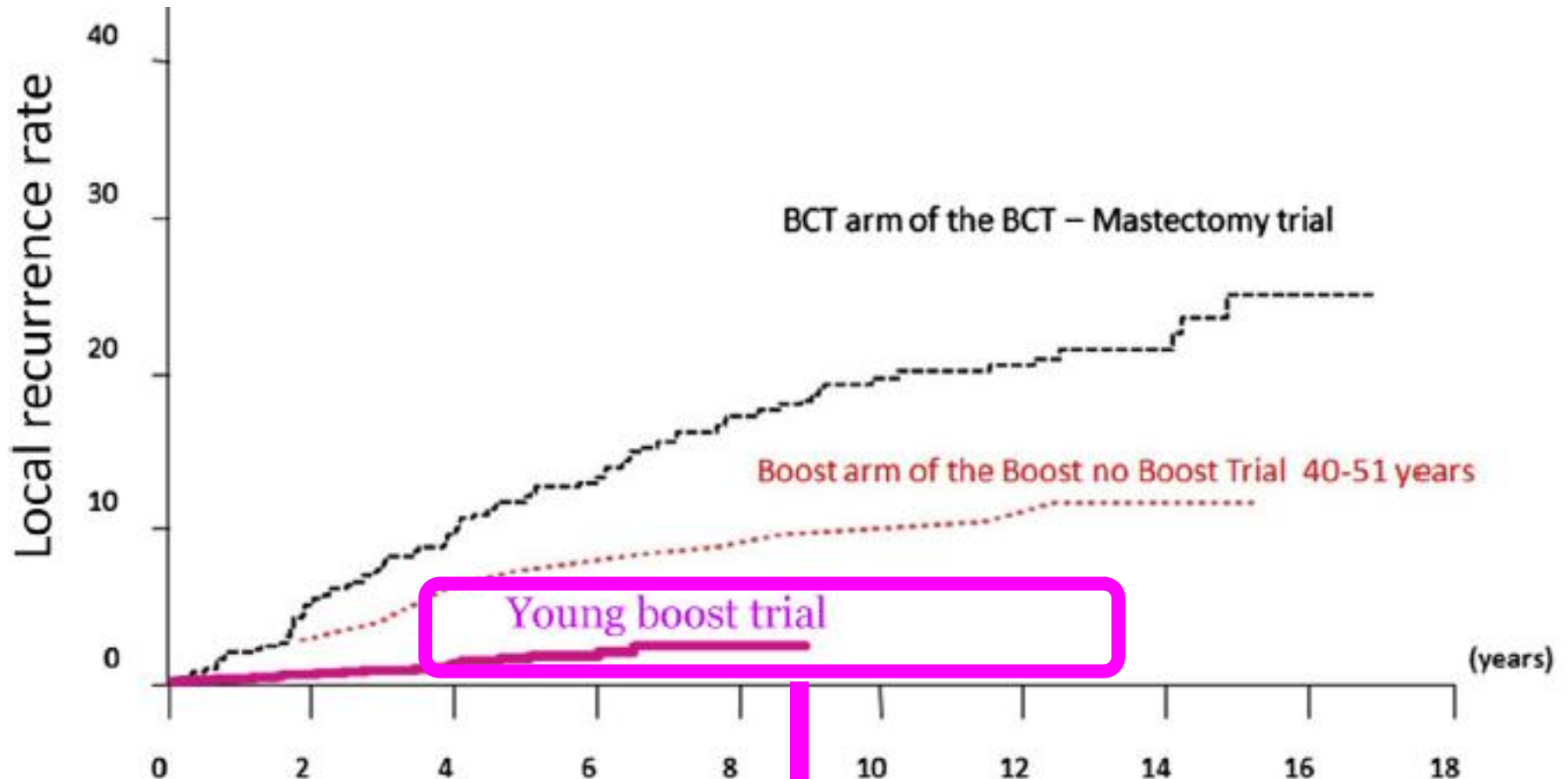


Breath hold



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We did improve BCT rates!



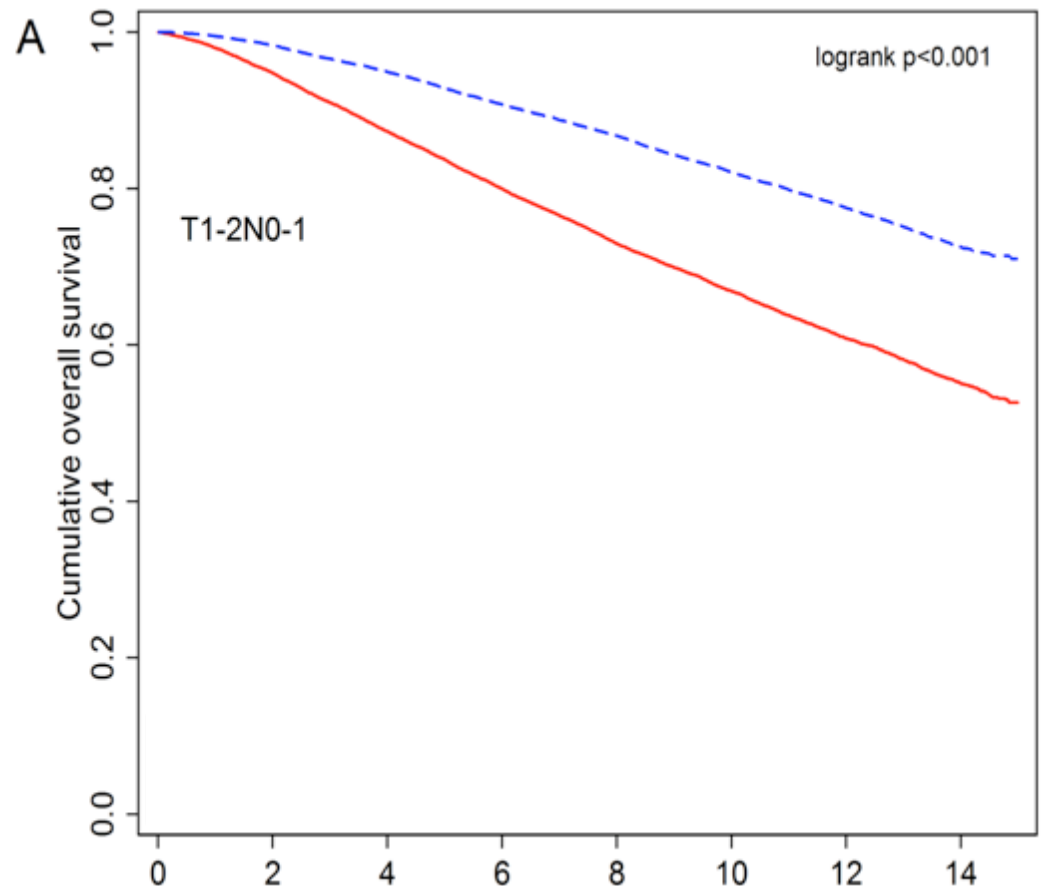
Update 2016: 1.8% LRR at 9 years !!!

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Dutch population based cancer registry

2000-2004 cohort: 37,207 patients

- 58.4% BCT
- 41.6% MRM

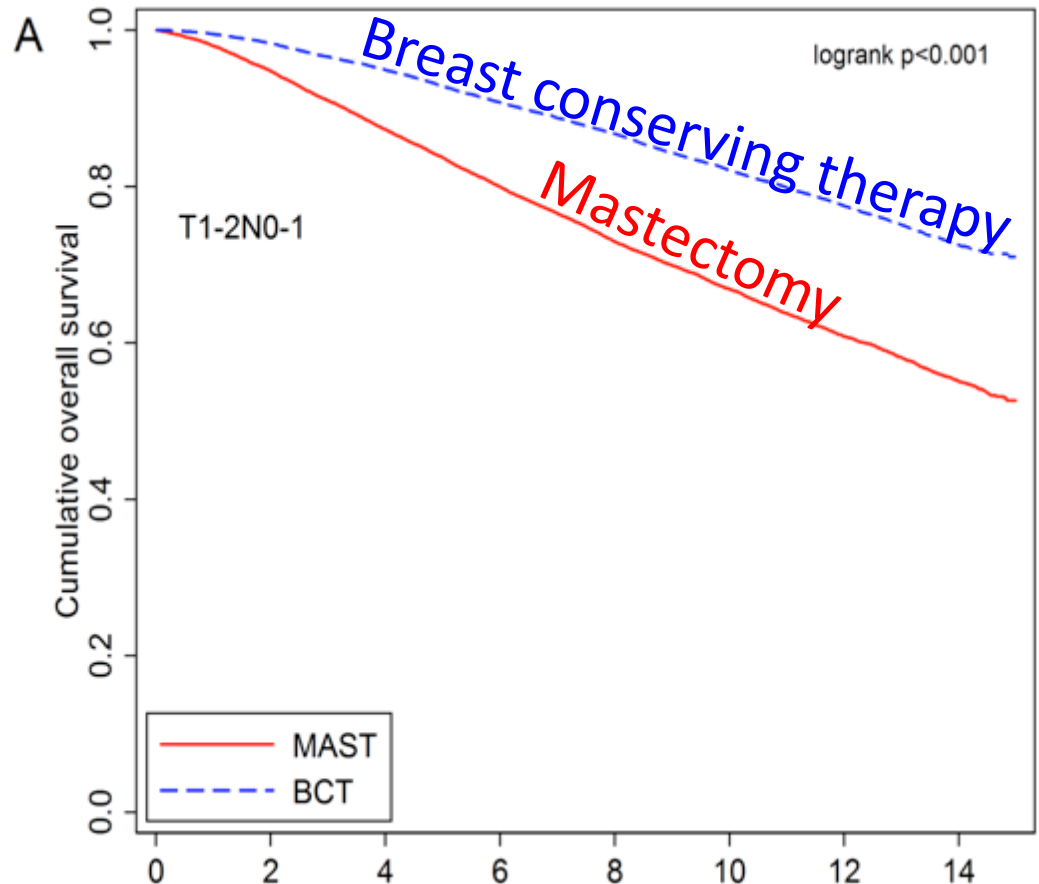


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CONSENSUS STATEMENT

ACCELERATED PARTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY (ASTRO)

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Prospective clinical trials evaluating (accelerated) partial breast irradiation.

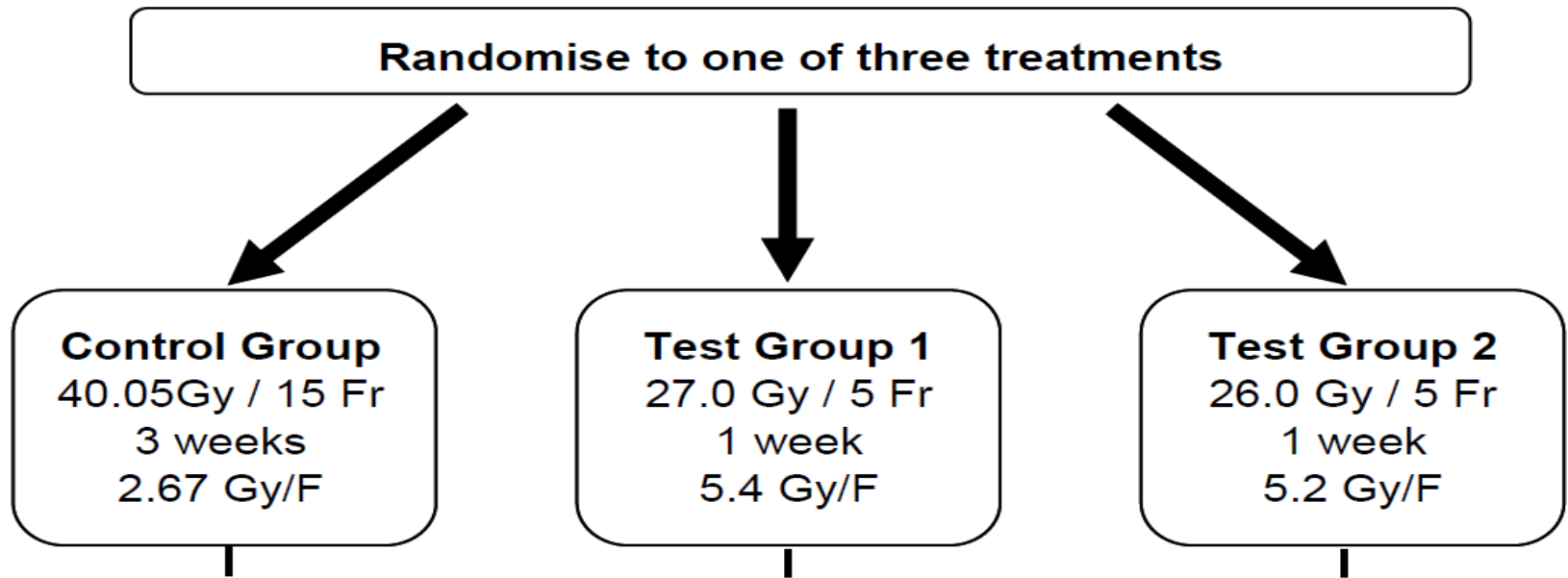
Author, Year	Study design	Number of patients	Local relapse	DFS	OS	Median FU
Dodwell et al., 2005 [27]	Phase II WBI vs. APBI	174	4% vs. 12% ($p = 0.05$)	—	27% vs. 30% ($p = 0.75$)	96 months
Chen et al., 2010 [28]	Phase II 3D CRT APBI	94	1.1% at 4 years	95% at 4 years	97% at 4 years	50.4 months
Vicini et al., 2010 [29]	Phase II 3D CRT APBI	52	6% at 4 years	84% at 4 years	96% at 4 years	54 months
Lei et al., 2013 [30]	Phase II IMRT APBI	136	0.7% at 4 years	—	96.8% at 4 years	53.1 months
Veronesi et al., 2013 [32]	Phase III WBI vs. IORT	1305 (654 IORT vs. 651 EBRT)	0.4% vs. 4.4% at 5 years ($p < 0.0001$)	—	96.8% vs. 96.9% at 5 years ($p = 0.59$)	69.6 months
Vaidya et al., 2014 [31]	Phase III WBI vs. IORT	3451 (1730 EBRT vs. 1721 IORT)	1.3% vs. 3.3% at 5 years $p = 0.042$	—	96.1% vs. 94.7% at 5 years ($p = 0.099$)	29 months
Livi et al., 2015 [33]	Phase III WBI vs. IMRT APBI	520 (260 WBI vs. 260 APBI)	1.4% vs. 1.5% ($p = 0.86$)	—	96.6% vs. 99.4% at 5 years ($p = 0.057$)	60 months
Strnad et al., 2016 [34]	Phase III WBI vs. IBT	1184 (551 WBI vs. 633 APBI)	0.92% vs. 1.44% ($p = 0.42$)	94.45% vs. 95.03% at 5 years ($p = 0.79$)	95.55% vs. 97.27% at 5 years ($p = 0.11$)	79.2 months

Selecting for RT: *Discussion*

Treatment times are shortening!

FAST-Forward

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*16 Gy or 10 Gy in 2 Gy fractions sequential electron or photon boost to the tumour bed is allowed in all 3 treatment arms (boost decision to be declared before randomisation for each individual patient)

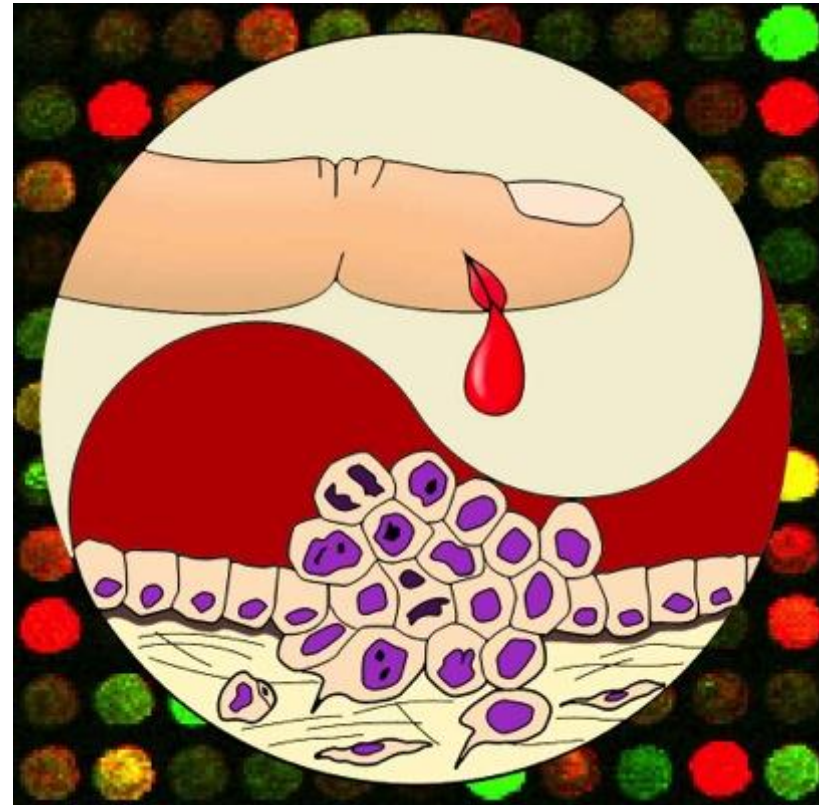
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Wound Response Signature

In vitro Wound Model – 516 genes

Prognostic Significance in

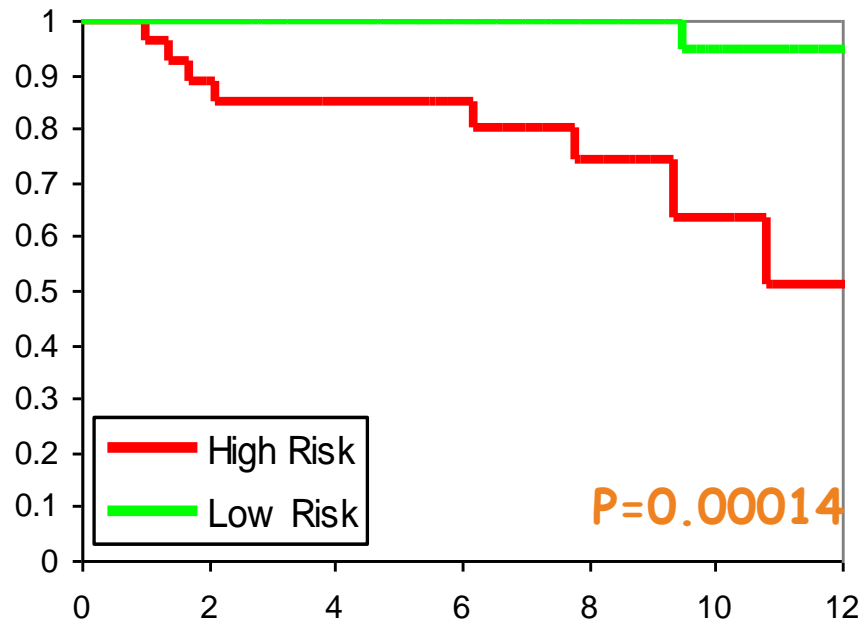
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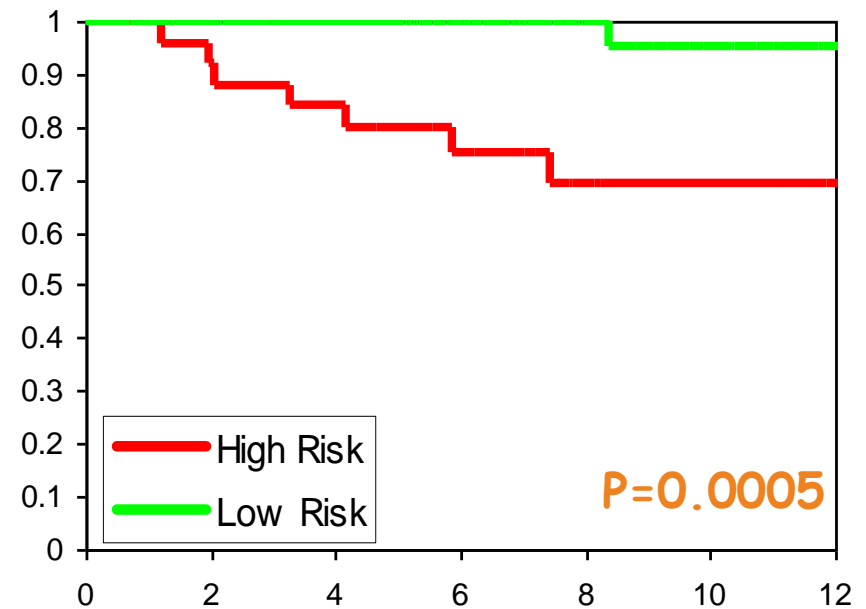
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Predict of Local Recurrence in Early Breast Cancer

Training



Validation



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Side effects

Radiation therapy:

- Inconvenience
- Skin
- Breast tissue
- Pulmonary
- Heart
- Secondary tumours
- CL breast: more

21st C, only local RT:

- 7→5→3→1 weeks
- Lowered
- No boost → low
- Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Seldom
- Less for older pts/proper techniques

Selecting for RT: *Discussion*

Endocrine therapy:

- Early side effects.
- Late side effects.
- Compliance.

Selecting for RT: *Discussion*

Stage (all 65y;N0;ER+;Her-)	Benefit HT DFS (%)	Benefit HT OS (%)
T1a-bG1-3	4.9-9.5	0.3-1.4
T1cG1	5.7-8.2	0.9
T1cG2	7.8-11.1	2.0
T1cG3	9.6-13.9	3.3
T2<3cmG1	8.1-11.6	2.4
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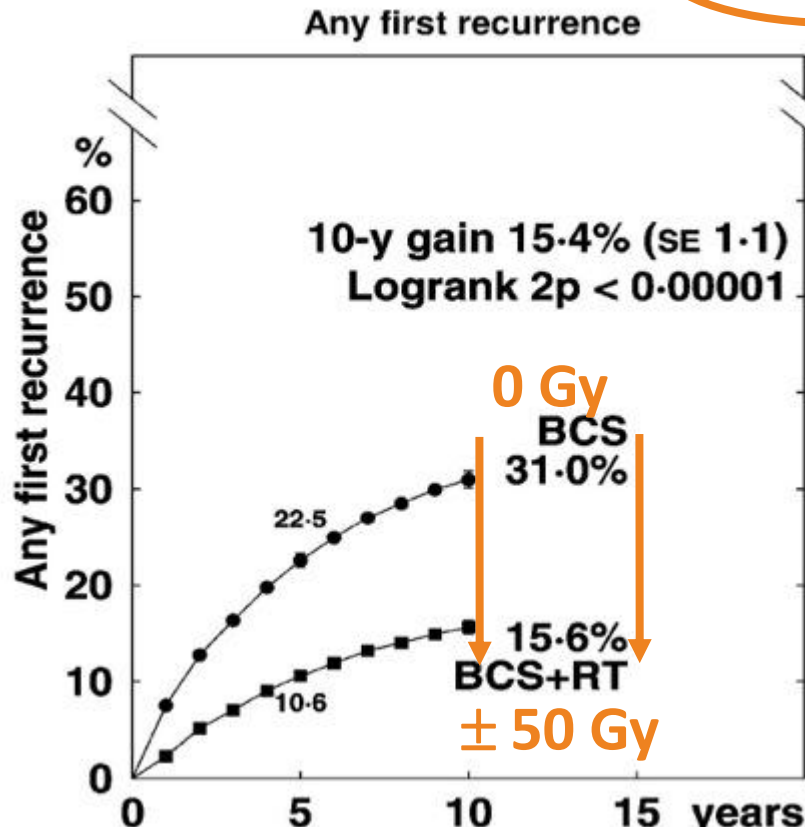
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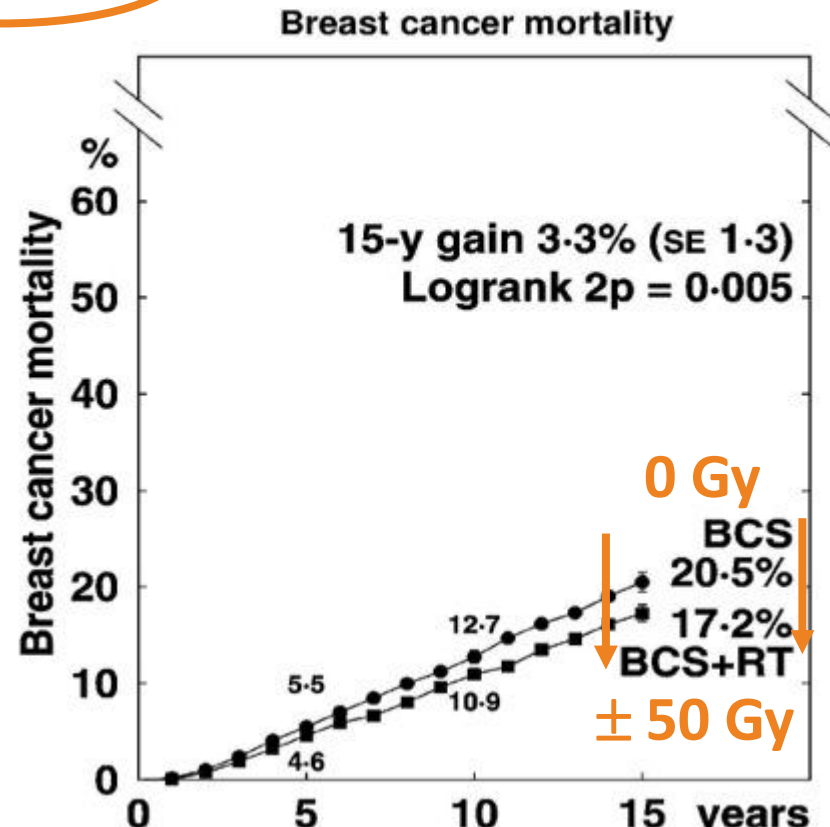
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7287 pN0 women



-15.4%



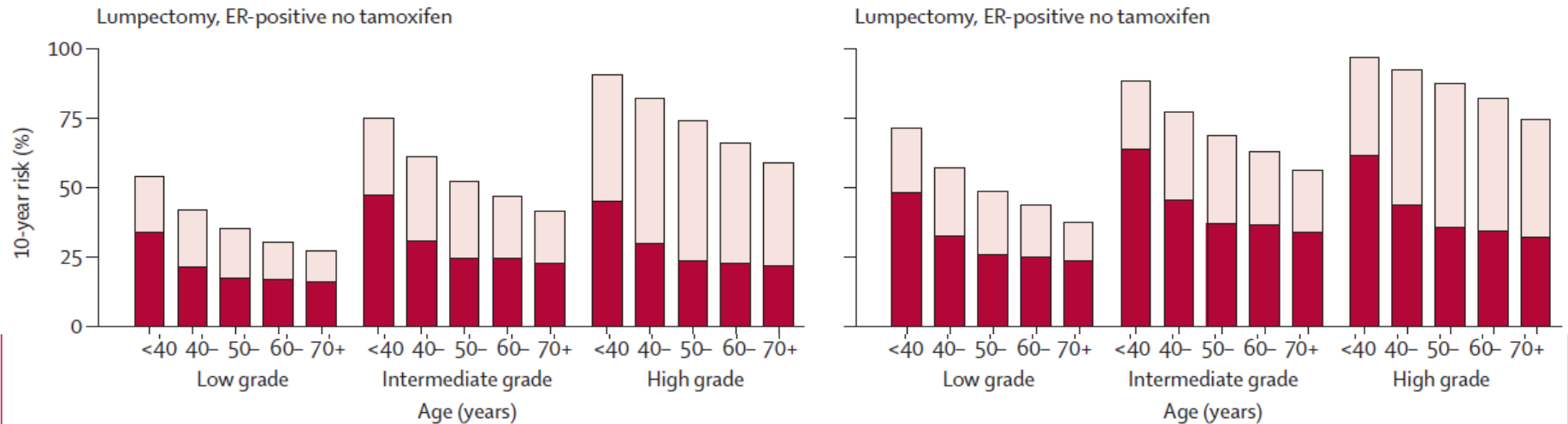
- 3.3%

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Tumour size T1 (1–20 mm)

Tumour size T2 (21–50 mm)

Figure 4: Absolute 10-year risks (%) of any (locoregional or distant) first recurrence with and without radiotherapy (RT) following breast-conserving surgery (BCS) in pathologically node-negative women by patient and trial characteristics, as estimated by regression modelling of data for 7287 women

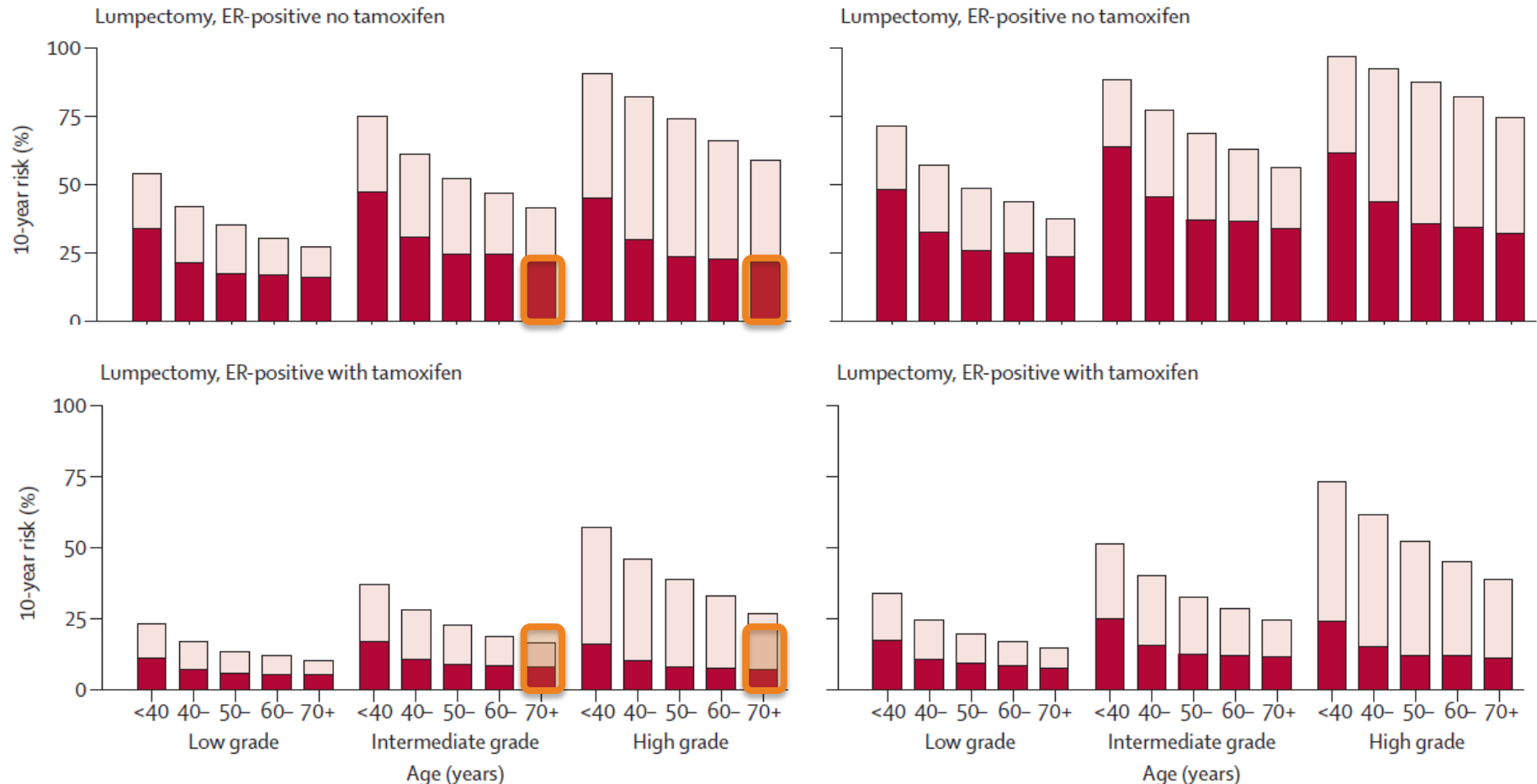


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Interaction systemic and locoregional treatments

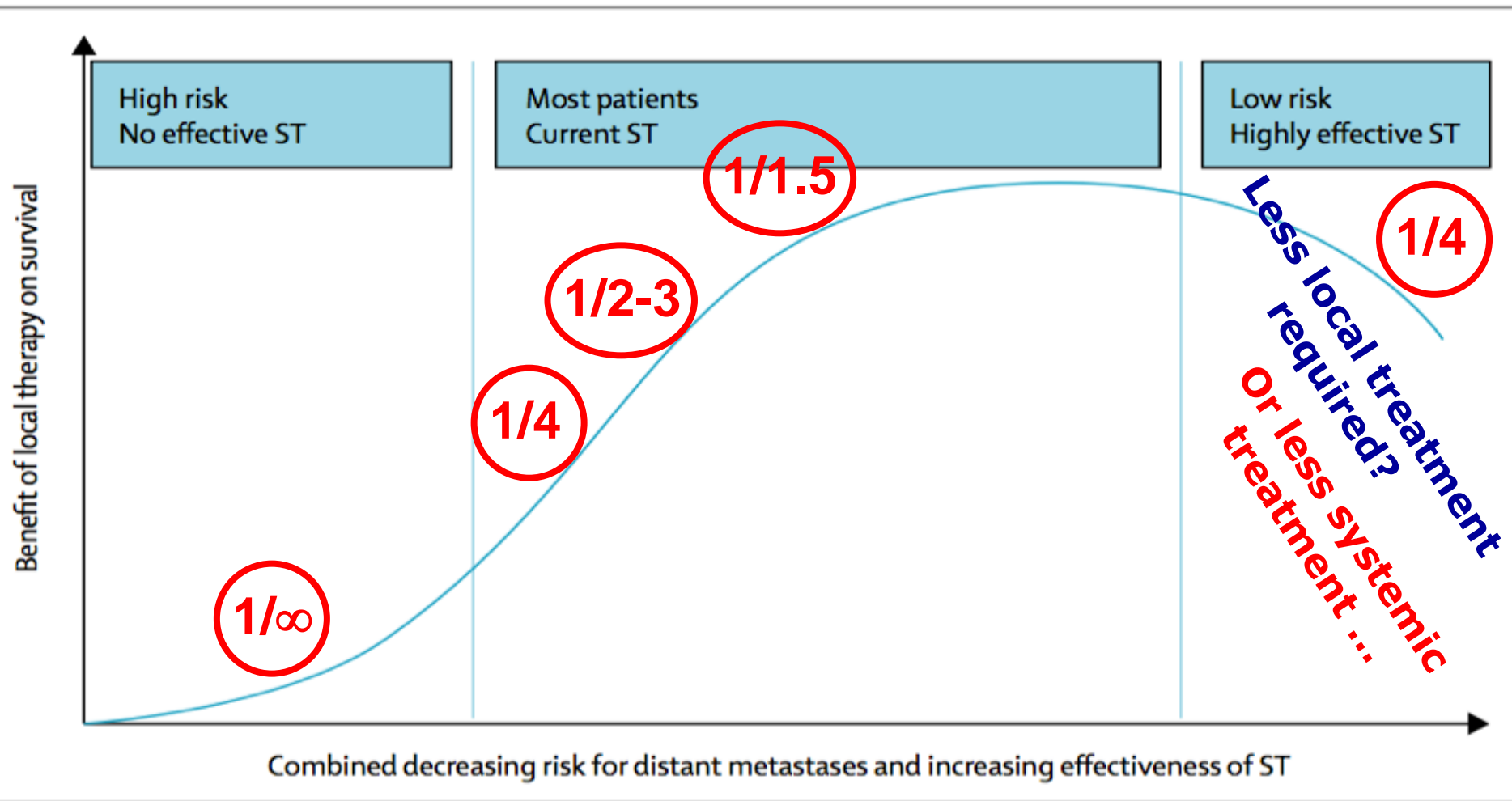
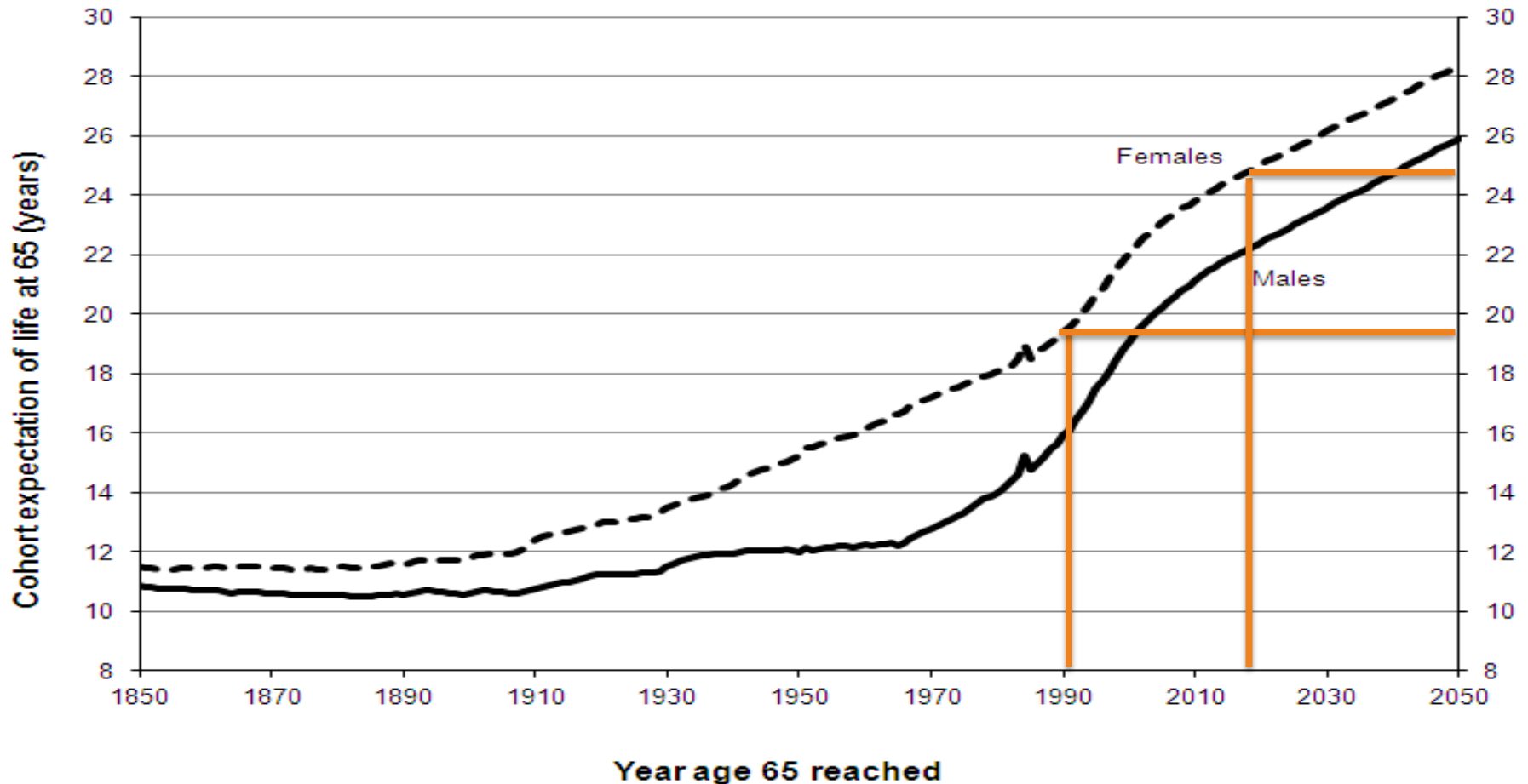


Figure: Combined hypothetical benefit of local tumour control on survival with increasing effectiveness of systemic therapy (ST) and decreasing risk of distant metastases of the primary tumour

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Cohort expectation of life at age 65 according to historic and projected mortality rates, persons who reached age 65 1850–2050, England and Wales



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Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

1

Estimate life expectancy

2

Define tumour risk

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3

Shared decision
making

Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

Early stage, low risk

Short life expectancy:

- Surgery alone
- Endocrine alone
- Nothing?

Long life expectancy:

- Surgery + RT

Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

Early stage, low risk



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Study information		Outline form	
Title	Partial Breast Irradiation versus Endocrine Therapy for women age ≥70 years with Luminal-A early stage breast cancer: a randomized phase III trial comparing Quality of Life by Patient Reported Outcome Measures		
Short title (max 50 characters)	APBI or ET for elderly with early breast cancer		
Study Number	EORTC-1625 QoL-ROG-ETF-BCG	Leading Group	EORTC ROG

Eligible patients group

Females ≥ 70 years of age
cT1-2,N0 breast cancer



BCS with or without SNB



pT1 (<2cm) invasive BC
cN0 or pN0(i+)

- Luminal-A on basis of IHC: ER+ and/or PgR+ (PgR at least >20%), HER2-, Ki67<20%



Signed informed consent



Randomization



Exclusive APBI

Exclusive ET



Follow-up according to protocol



Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

Early stage, low risk

Tailored treatment in Older Patients

TOP-1: Omission of radiotherapy in elderly patients with low risk breast cancer



INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- ≥70 years
- after breast conserving surgery
- tumor \varnothing <1 cm grade 1-2, tumor \varnothing 1-2cm grade 1
- tumor ER>50% positive, HER2 negative
- sNO or sNO(itc)
- surgical resection margins free of tumor

**TOP-1
STUDY**

GERIATRIC
ASSESSMENT &
NO ADJUVANT RT
AFTER BSC

Directly


At 1 year


At 2 years


At 3 years


At 4 years


At 5 years

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LOCAL RECURRENCE RATE AT 5 YEARS

NO INFORMED
CONSENT TOP-1

GUIDELINES CWO
2010:
ADJUVANT RT
AFTER BSC



Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

Early stage, with risk factors

Short life expectancy:

- Surgery with
- Systemic T?
- RT?

Long life expectancy:

- Surgery with
- Systemic T
- RT

Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*

Advanced stage, with risk factors

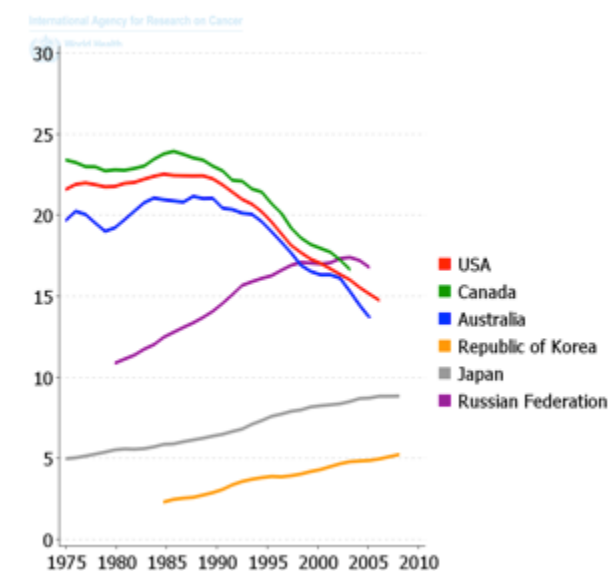
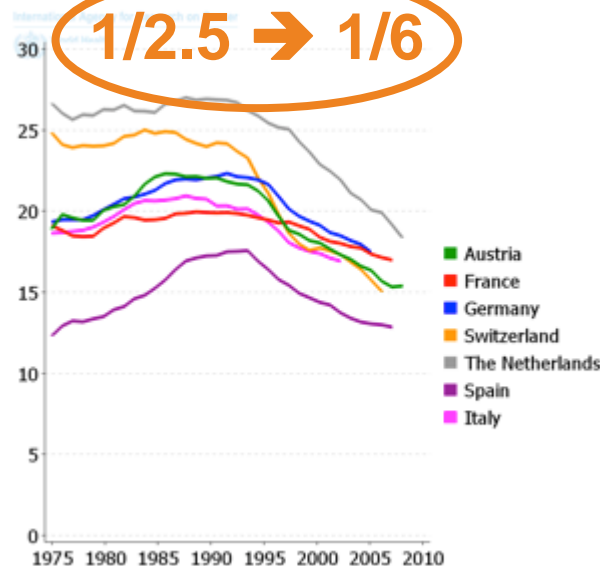
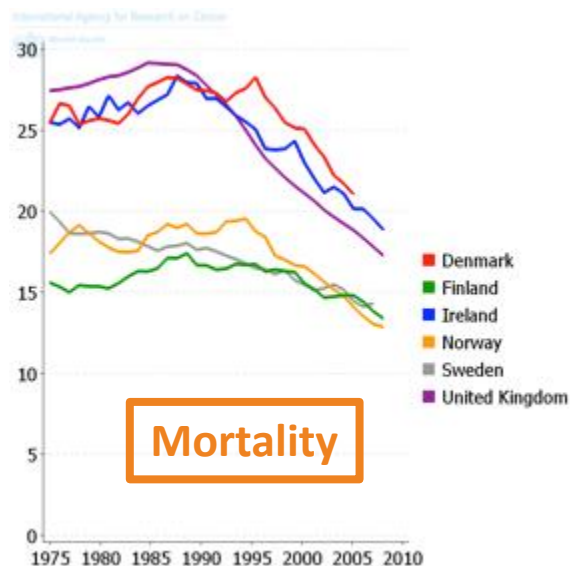
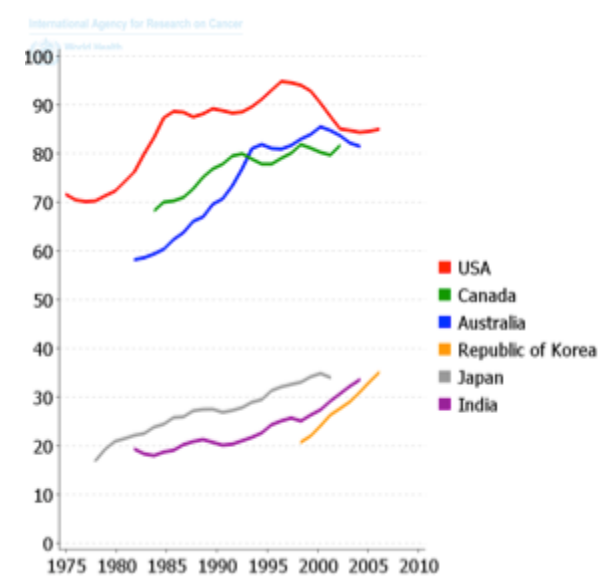
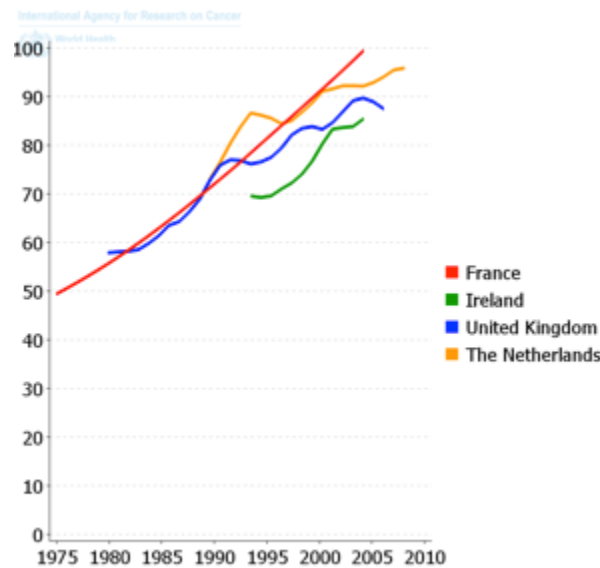
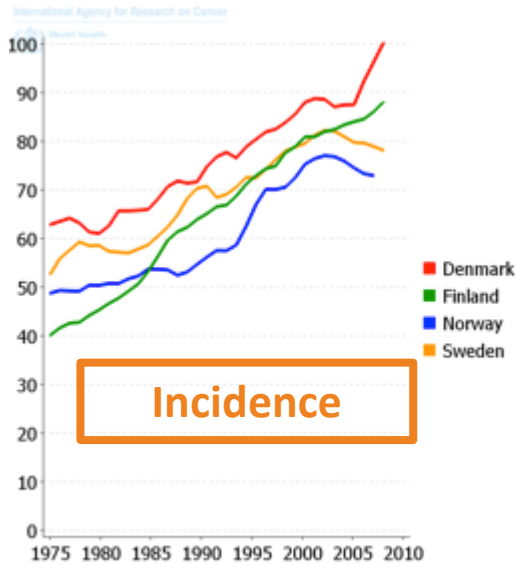
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- Surgery with
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- RT

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- Surgery with
- Systemic T
- RT

Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*



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Selecting for RT: *Conclusions*



We should mind not to kill
our patients by kindness.

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**Trust comes on foot and
leaves on horseback!**

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