



# Prospettive per l'adiuvante nel Triple Negative

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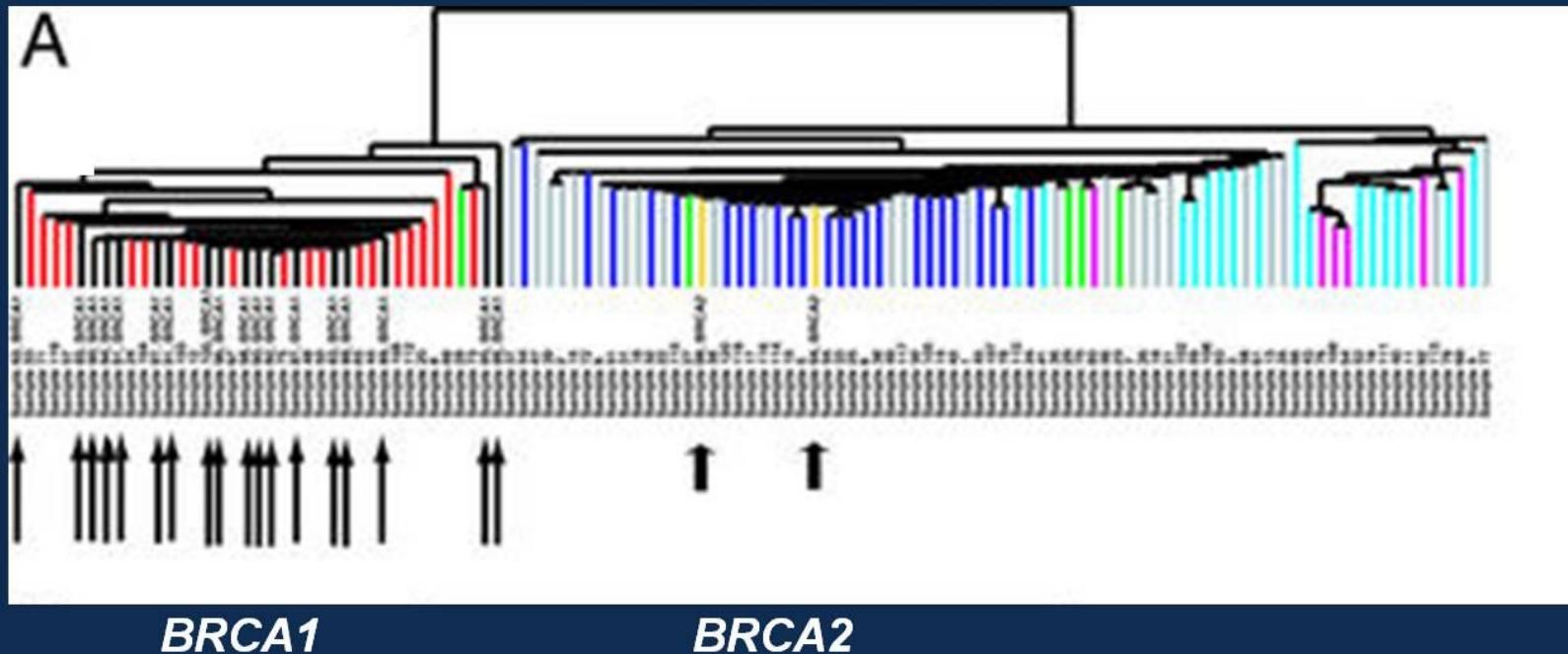
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# TNBC- Epidemiology

- ◆ Triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) definition:
  - ◆ – lack of expression of estrogen receptor and progesterone receptor
  - ◆ HER2 not overexpressed/amplified
- ◆ 10-20% of all breast cancers
- ◆ TNBC includes rare histologies
  - ◆ Metaplastic, medullary, adenoid cystic carcinoma
- ◆ High cell proliferation, poor cellular differentiation, many recurrent copy number imbalances, and mutations in the TP53

# Associations between TNBC and gBRCA

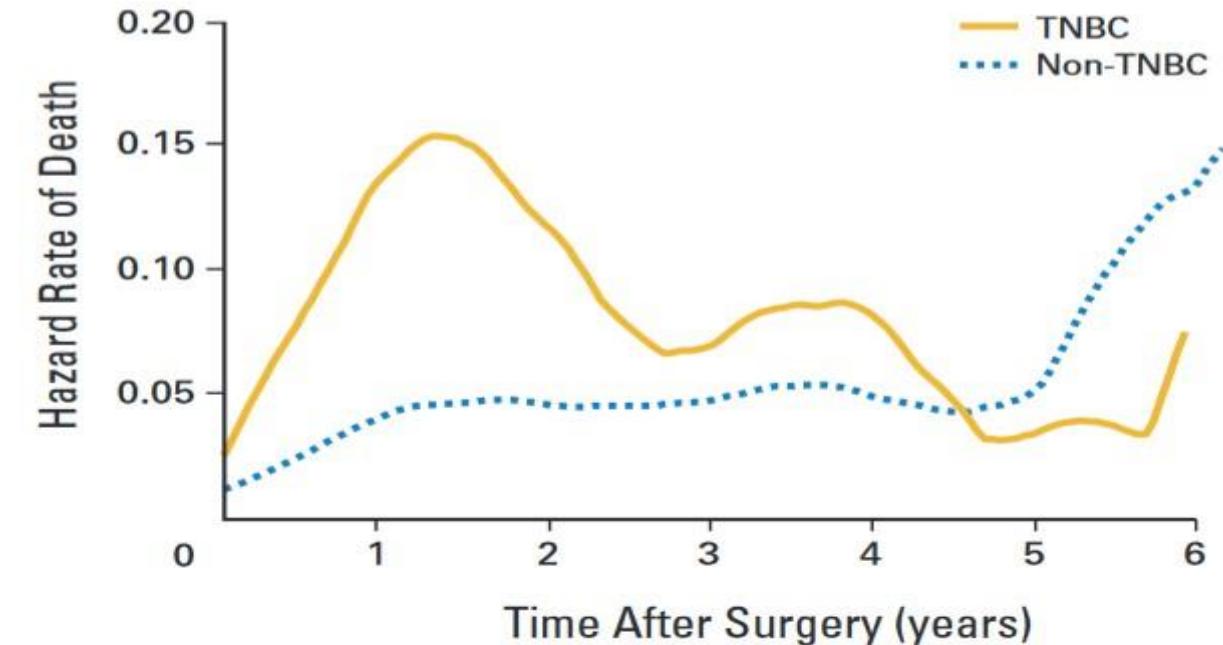
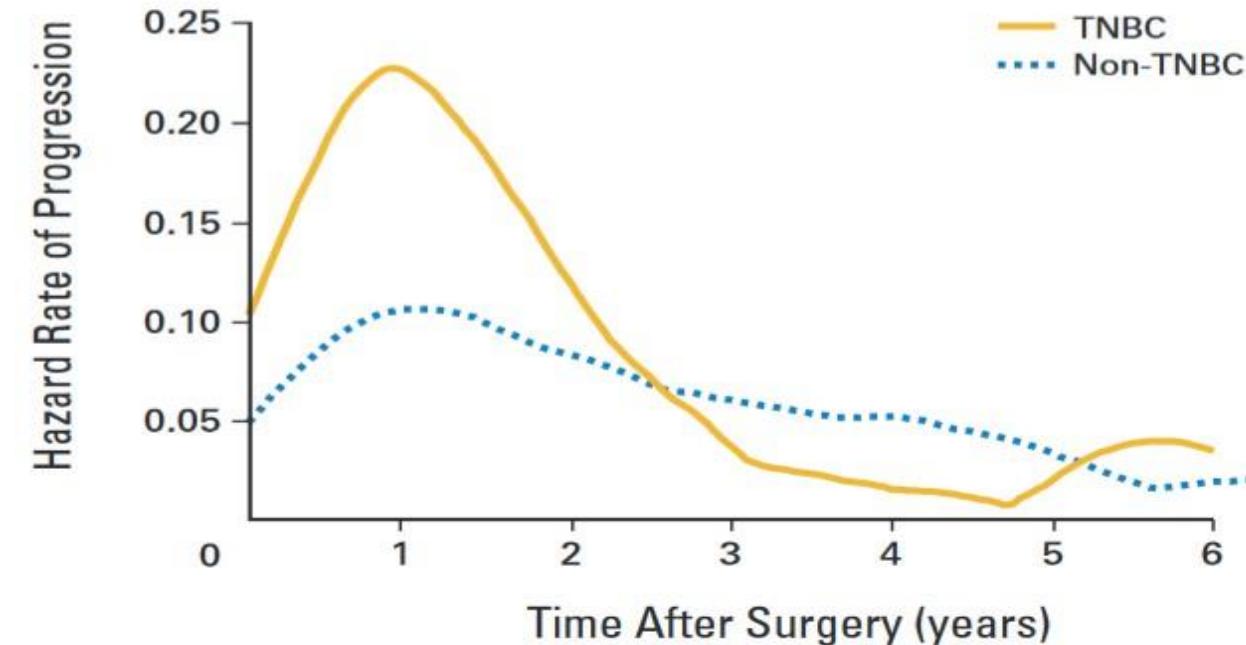


Most *BRCA1* carriers get basal-like breast cancer  
but

Most basal-like breast cancers are NOT in *BRCA1* carriers...  
~20% of genomic instability in TNBC is explained by *BRCA1/2* inactivation

Is the *BRCA1* pathway abnormal in sporadic basal-like breast cancer?

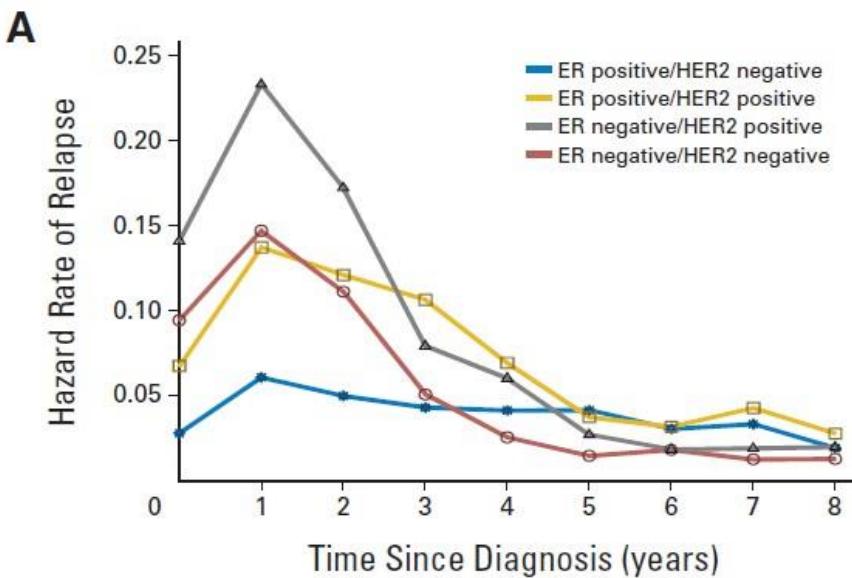
# Hazard rates of progression and death: TNBC vs. Others



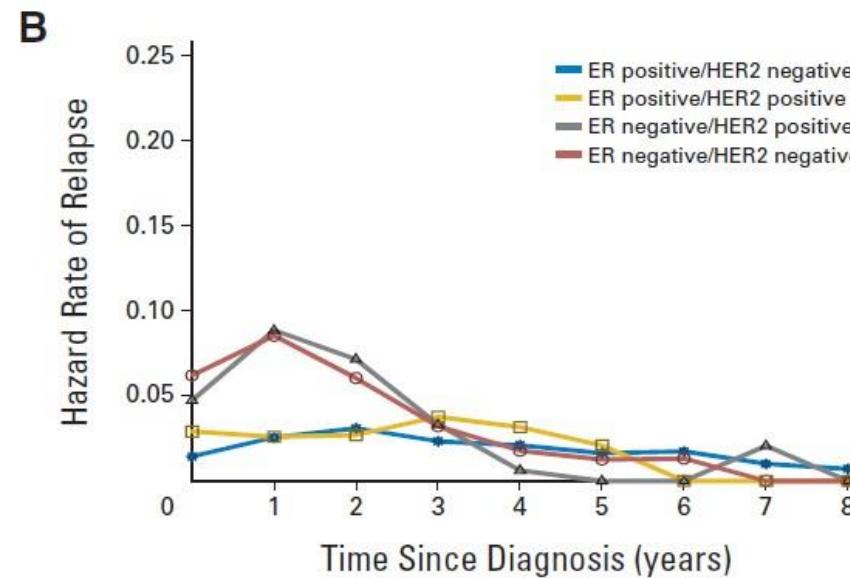
# PROGRESS IN ADJUVANT CT: EFFECT FOR TNBC

British Columbia Cancer Agency stage I-III BC (7,178 patients)  
→1,132 (15.8%) patients with ER neg and HER2 neg BC

Cohort 1: 1986 - 1992



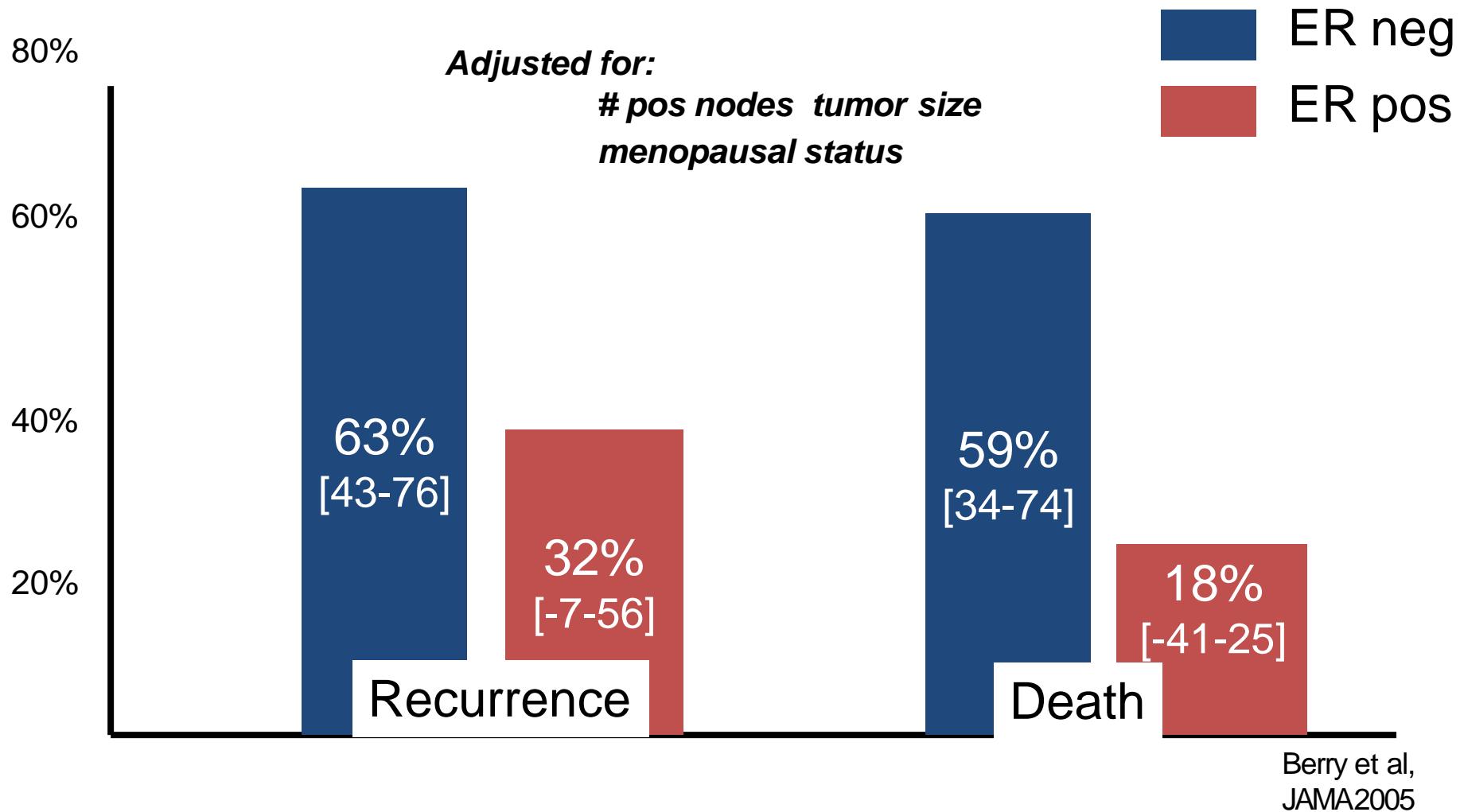
Cohort 2: 2004 - 2008



# Adjuvant therapy in TNBC- Outline

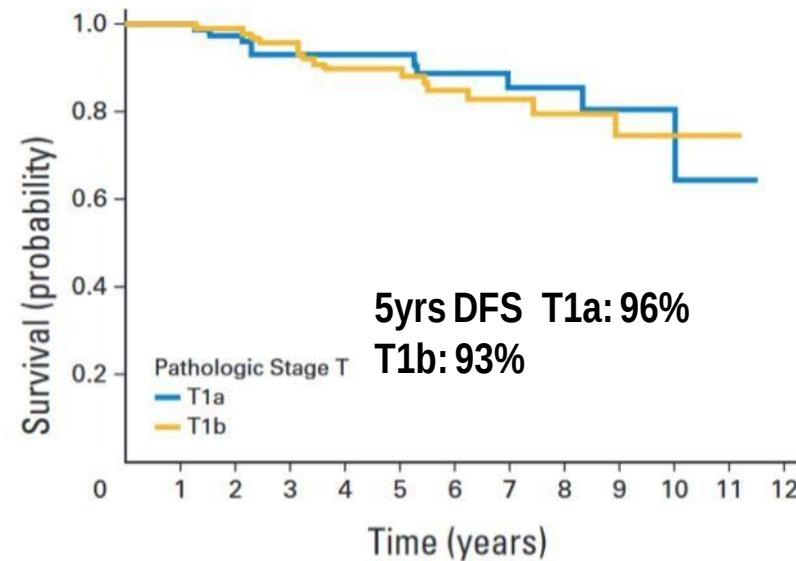
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# Benefit from CT in TNBC



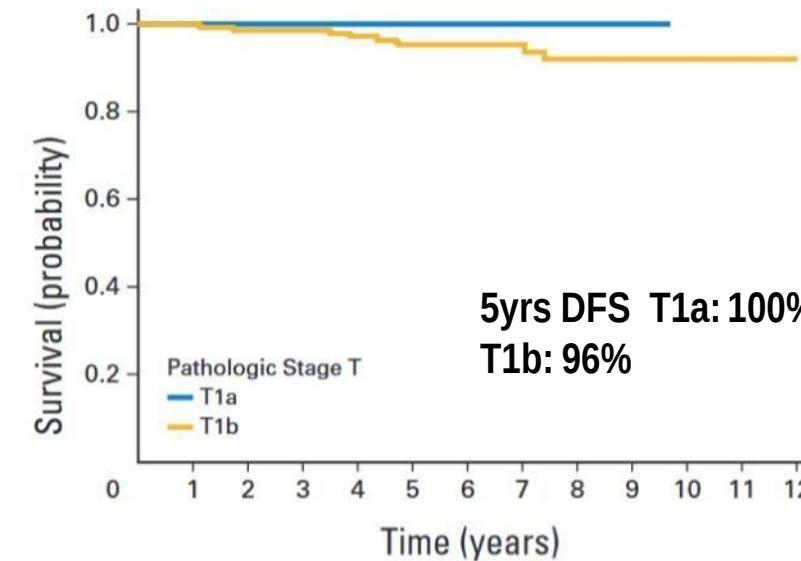
# ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY FOR PATIENTS WITH SMALL TNBC

No chemotherapy



	No. at risk												
	T1a	-	72	65	58	44	36	28	20	10	5	3	0
T1a	74	-	72	65	58	44	36	28	20	10	5	3	0
T1b	94	-	90	83	68	59	46	29	22	15	6	3	0

Chemotherapy



	No. at risk													
	T1a	-	24	20	17	14	8	5	3	1	0	-	-	-
T1a	25	-	24	20	17	14	8	5	3	1	0	-	-	-
T1b	170	-	162	142	121	96	78	60	41	26	15	6	1	1

# Options for Stage I Disease

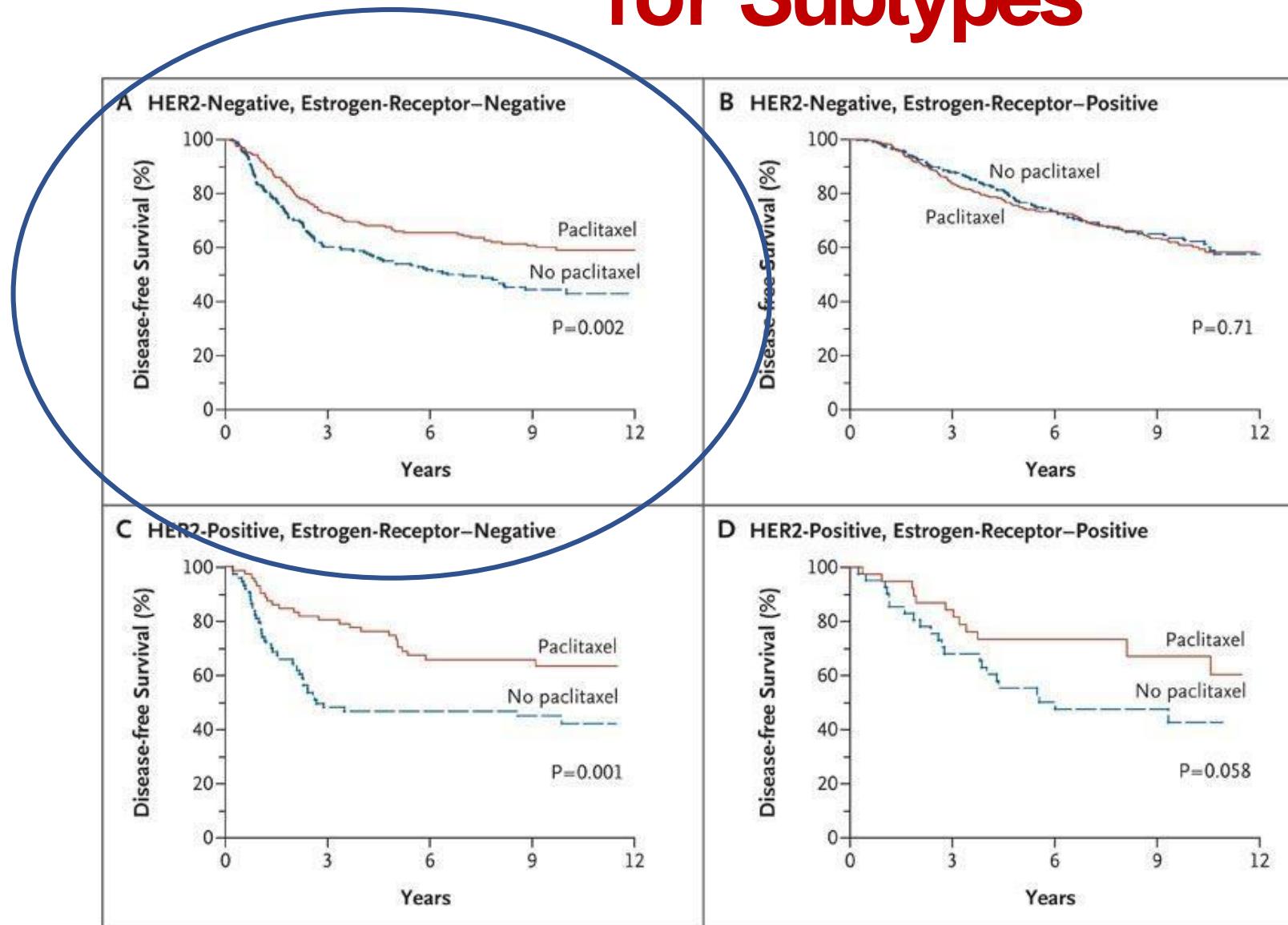
- Chemotherapy treatment options for low risk disease:
  - 1) simple regimen (AC, TC, CMF)
  - 2) sequential anthracycline/taxane

	<b>Enthusiasm for Chemotherapy</b>	<b>Possible Regimens</b>
<b>Microinvasion only</b>	<b>Virtually none</b>	---
<b>T1a</b>	<b>Low to moderate</b>	<b>Simple</b>
<b>T1b</b>	<b>Moderate to high</b>	<b>Simple</b>
<b>T1c</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Simple or selectively sequential approach</b>

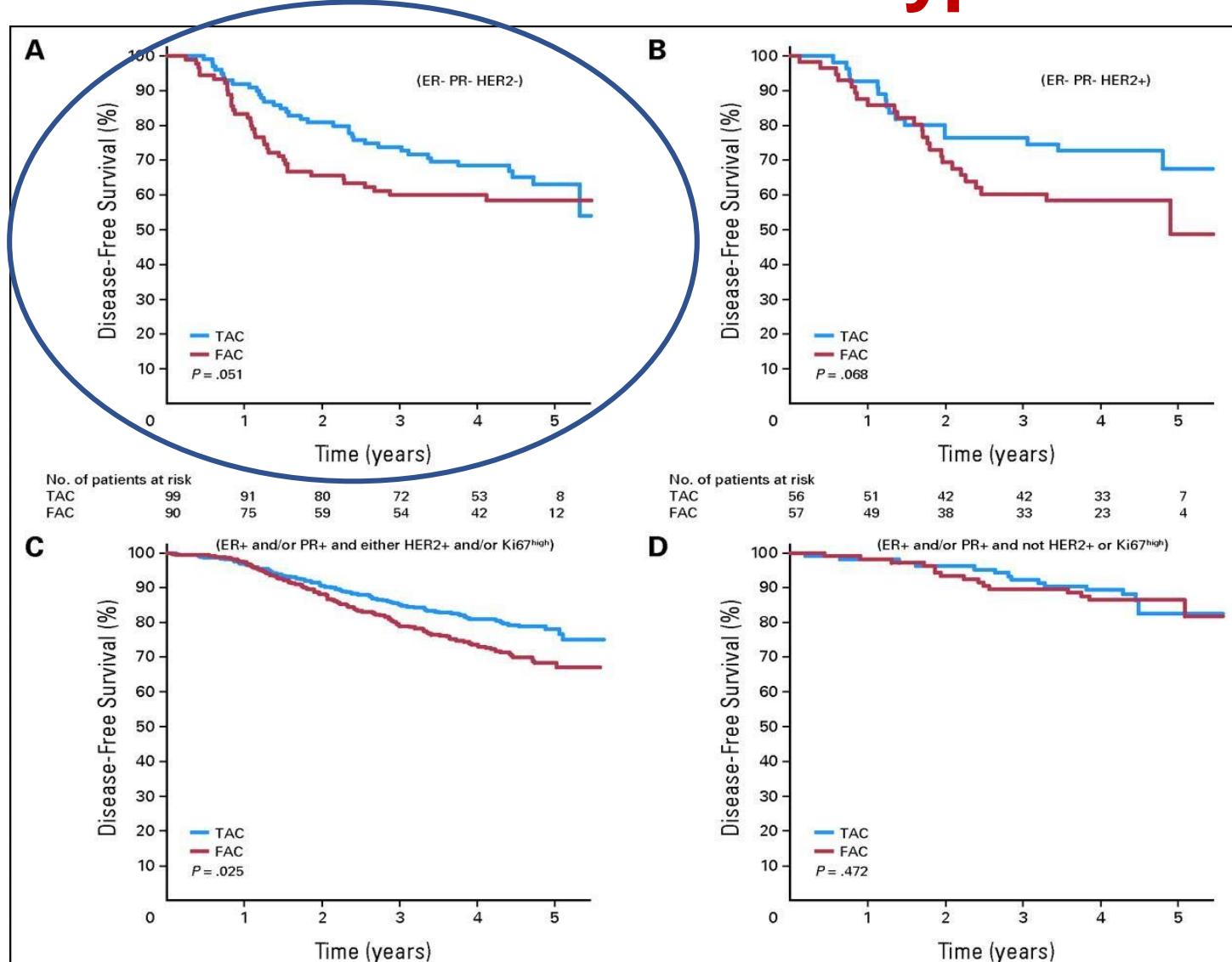
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# CALGB9344: ACx 4 ± Paclitaxel x 4 Outcomes for Subtypes

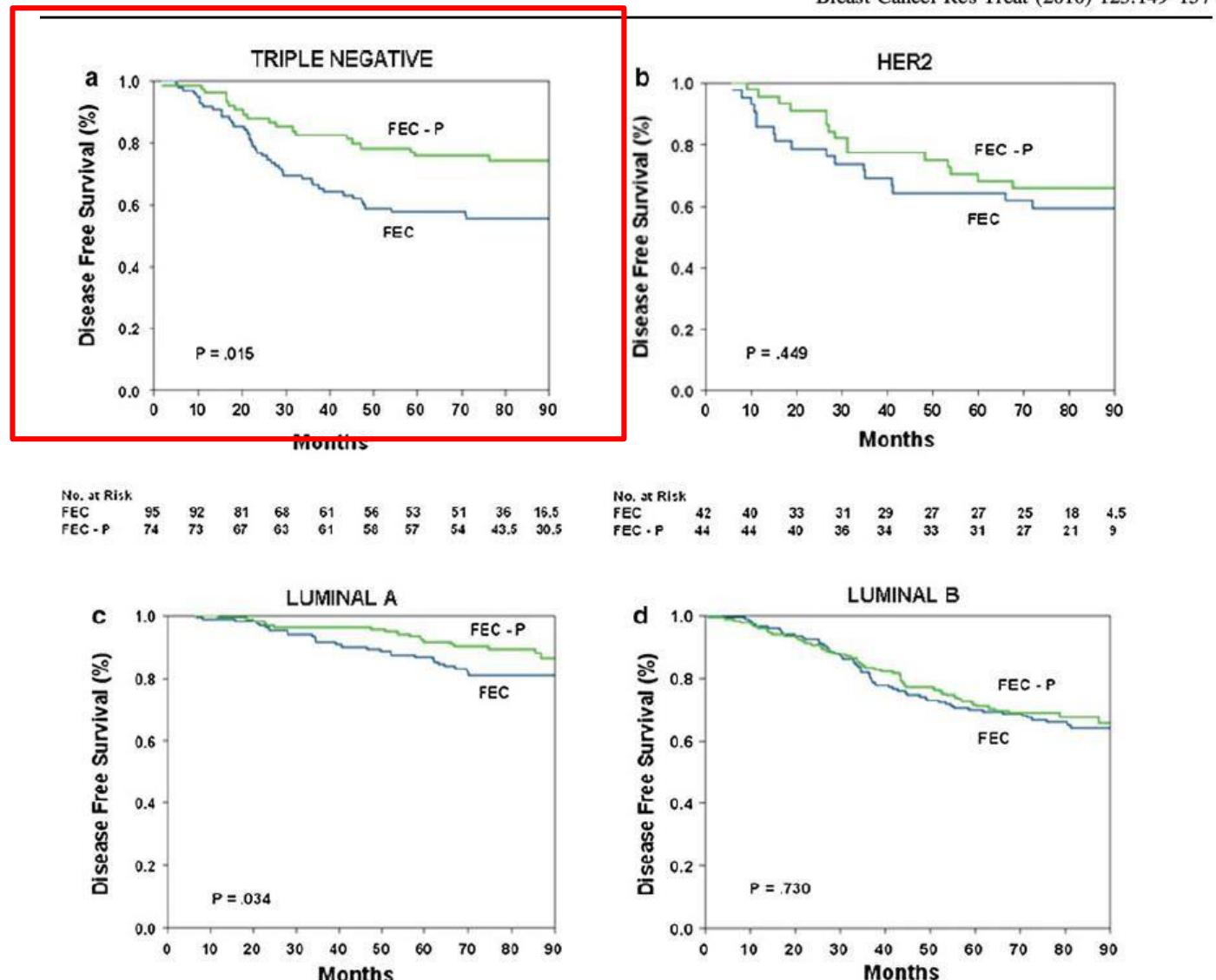


# BCRG 001: TAC vs FAC Outcome for Subtypes



# GEICAM 9906: FECvs FEC/P Outcomes by Subtypes

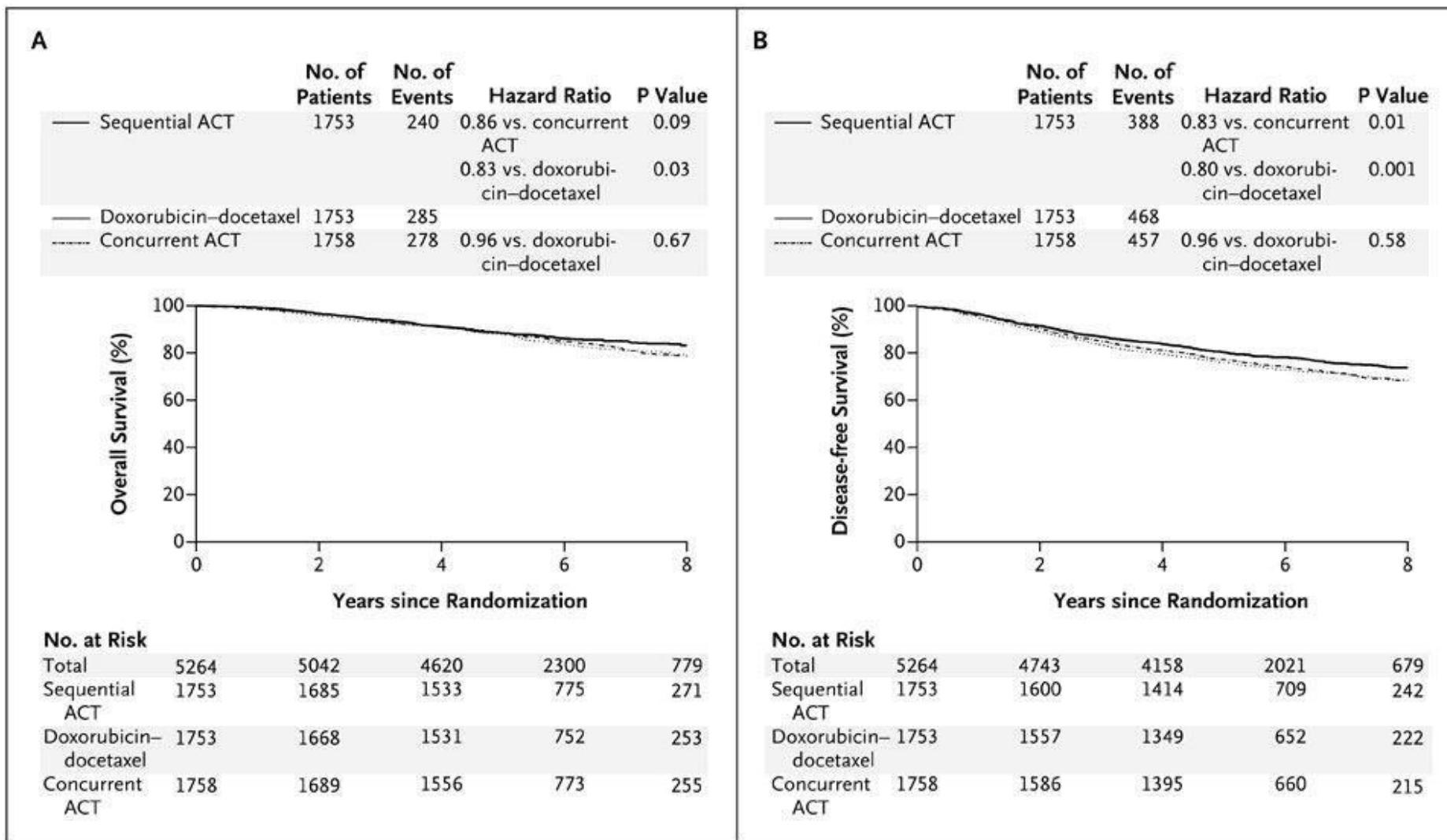
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# NSABP B-30. AC<sub>4</sub>-T<sub>4</sub> vs TAC<sub>4</sub> vs AT<sub>4</sub> Overall Survival and Disease-free Survival.



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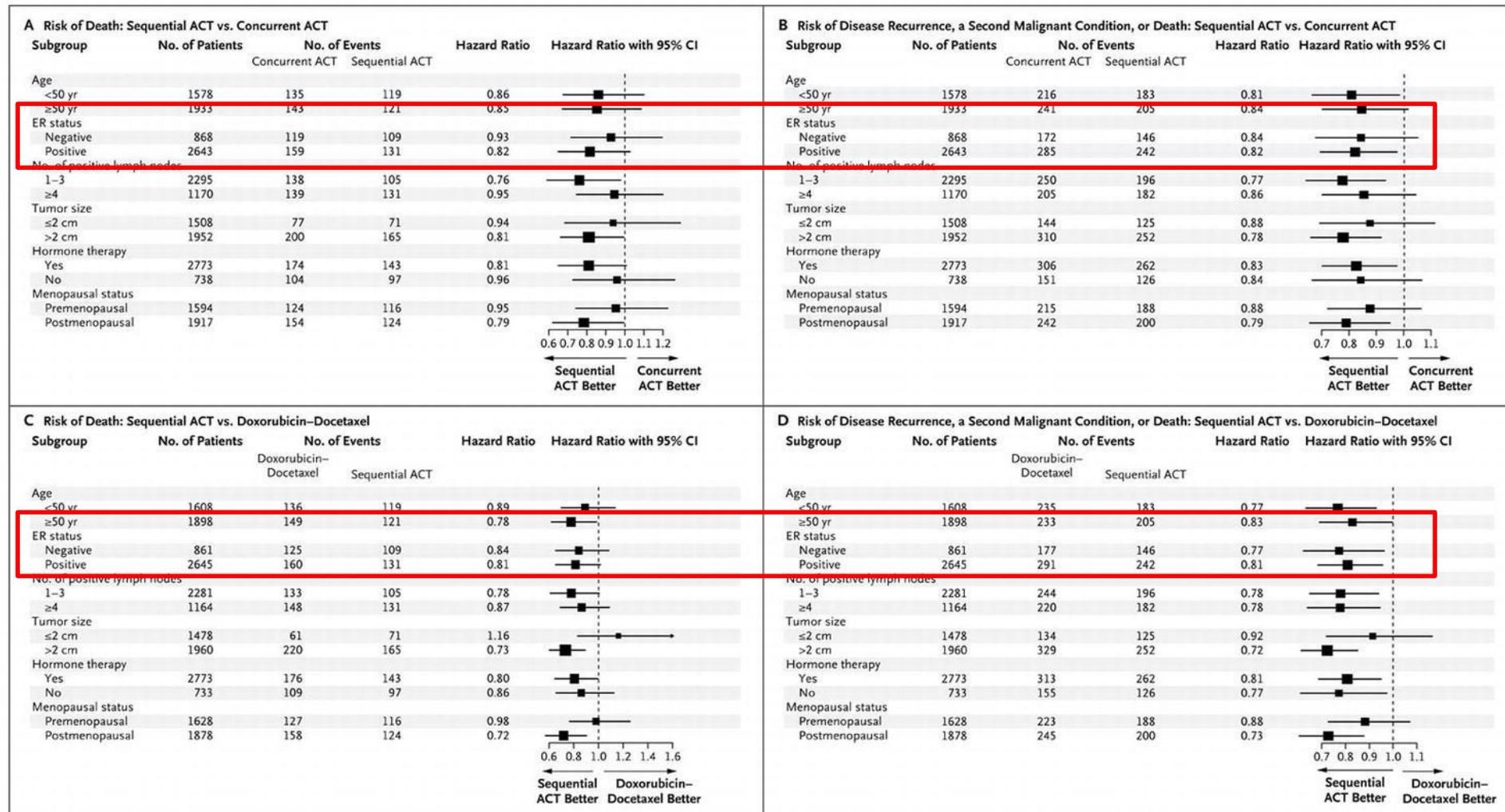
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## TNBC subgroup

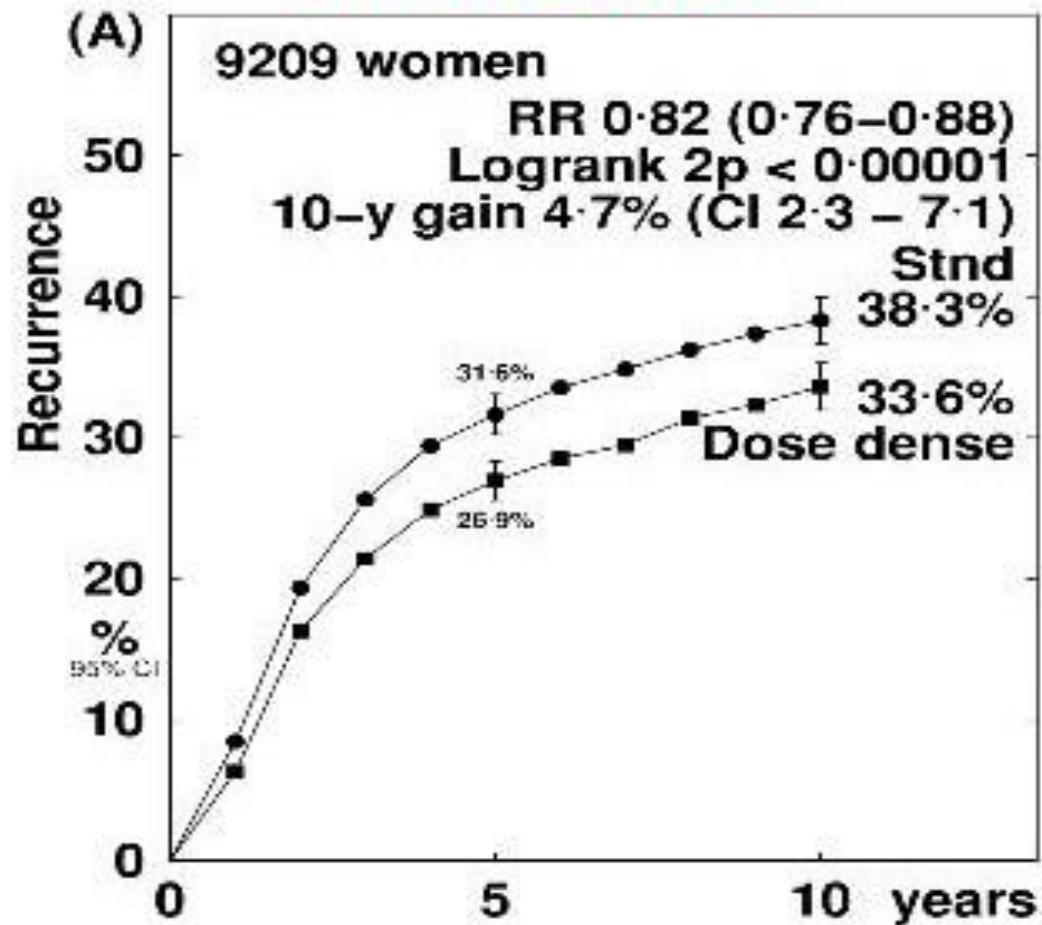
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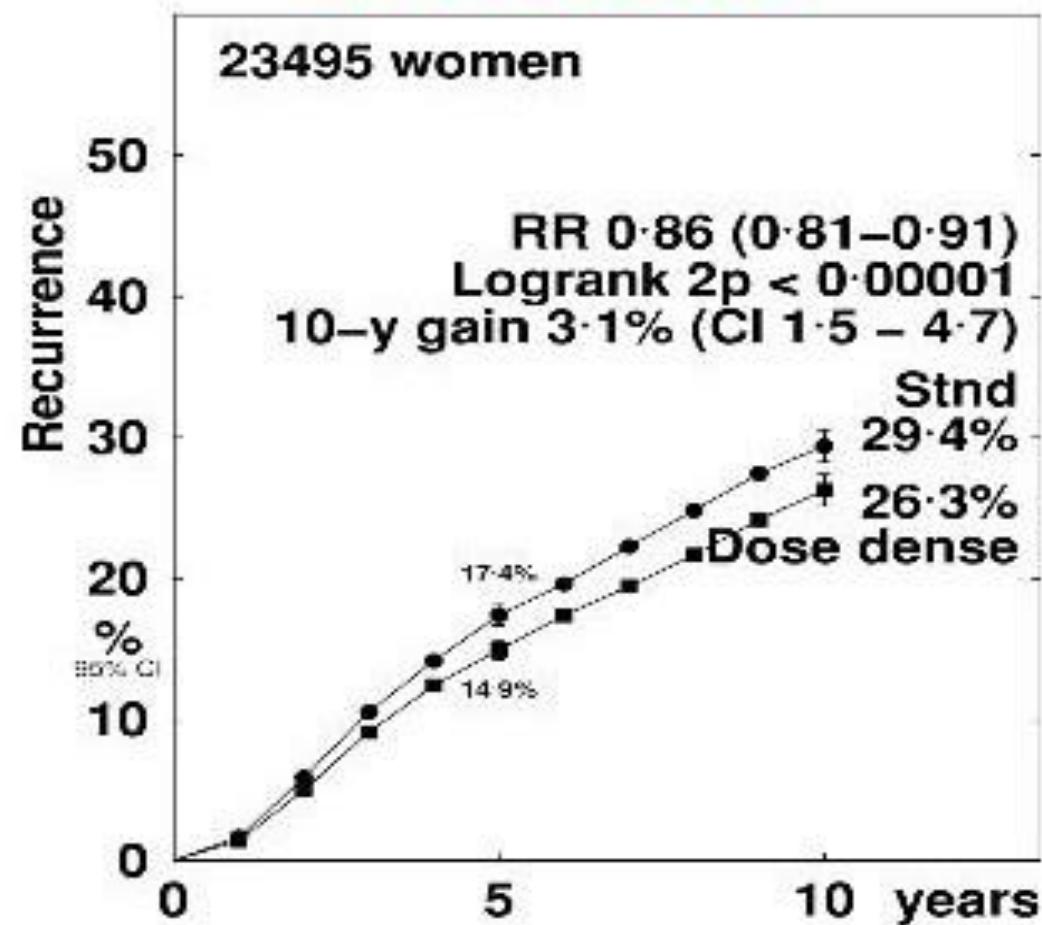


# Pooled Analysis: recurrence by ER status

## ER- Negative

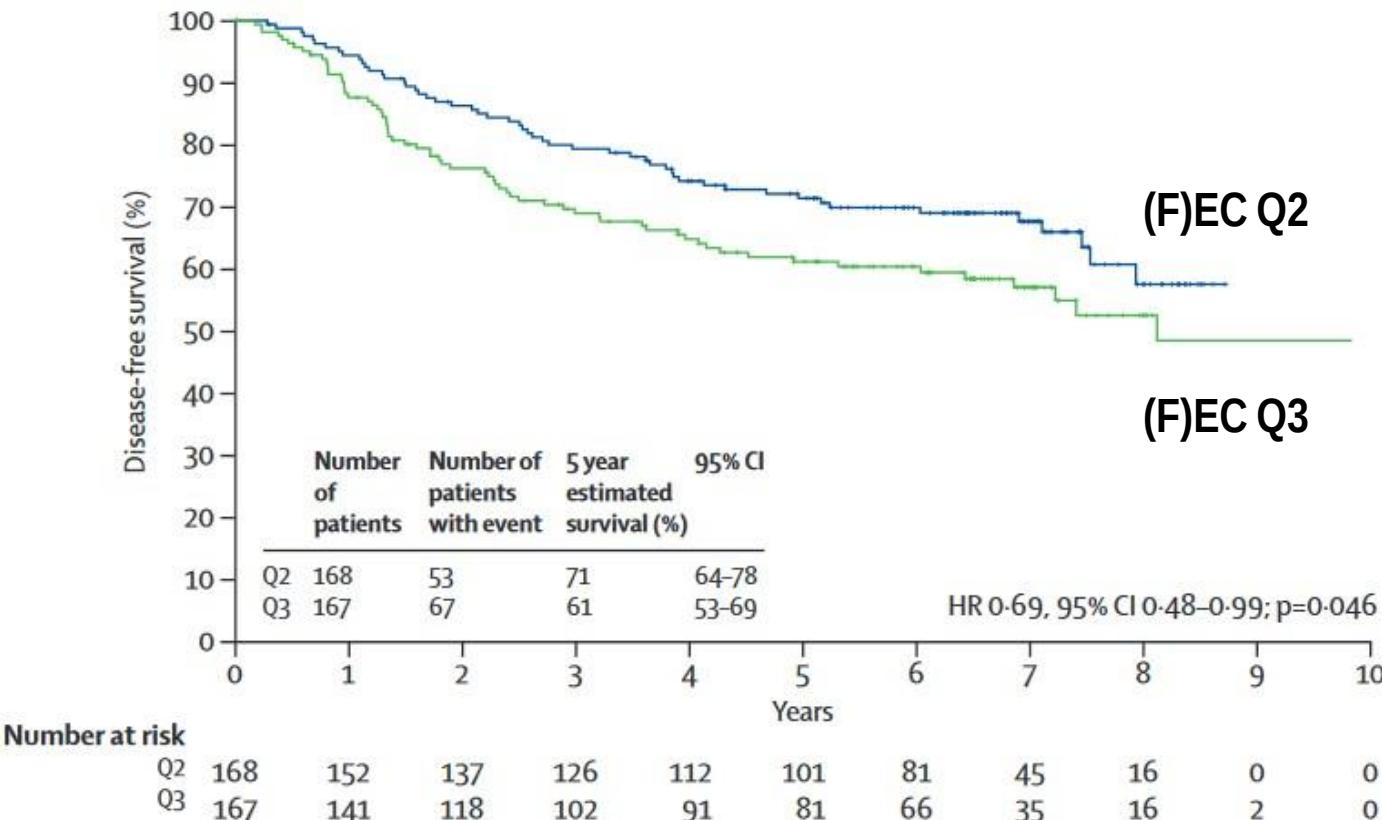


## ER - Positive



# GIM-2: ADJUVANT DOSE-DENSE CHEMOTHERAPY FOR N+ BC PTS

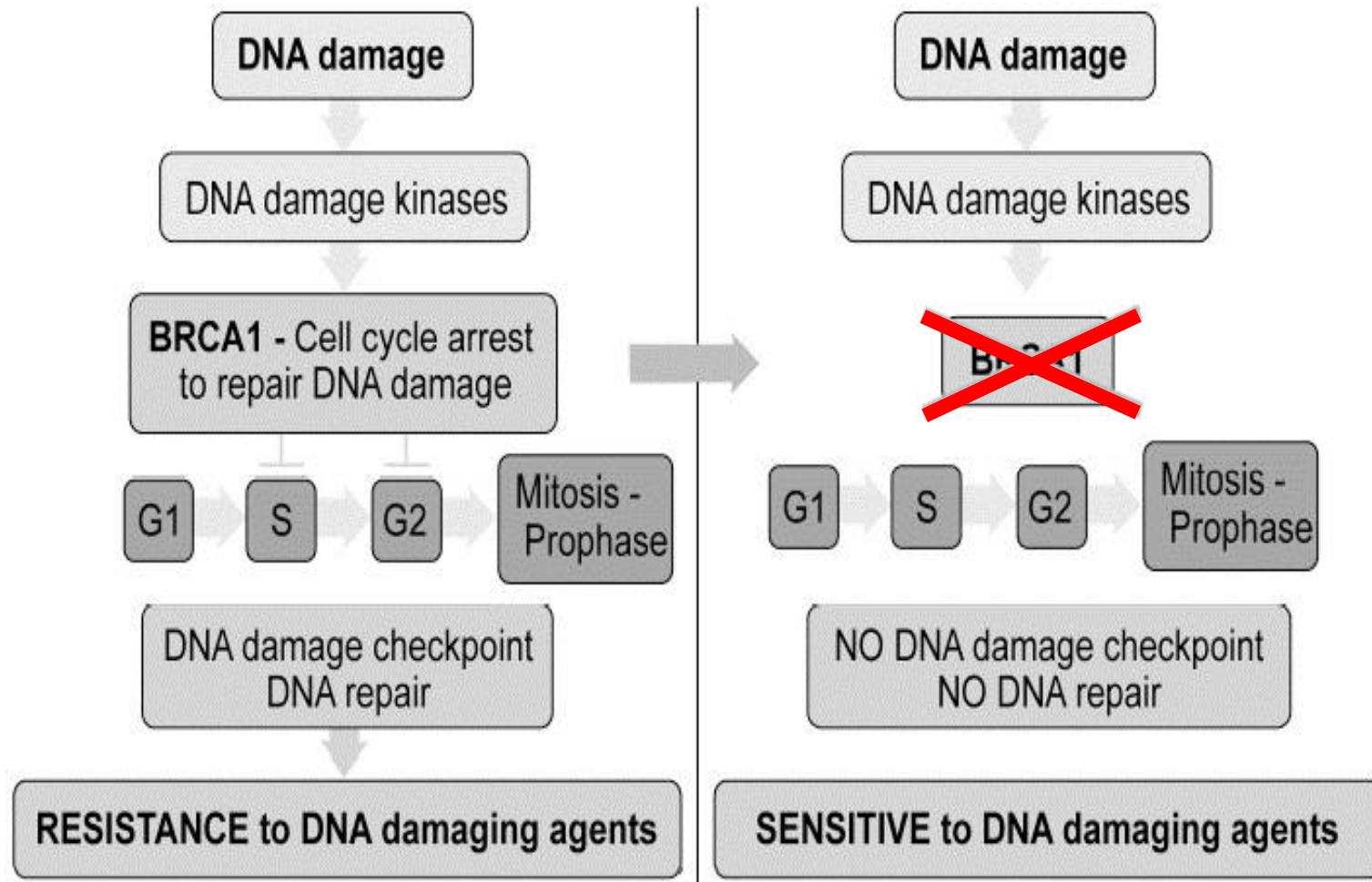
(F)EC Q2 vs. (F)EC Q3: Disease-free survival  
N=335 HR-



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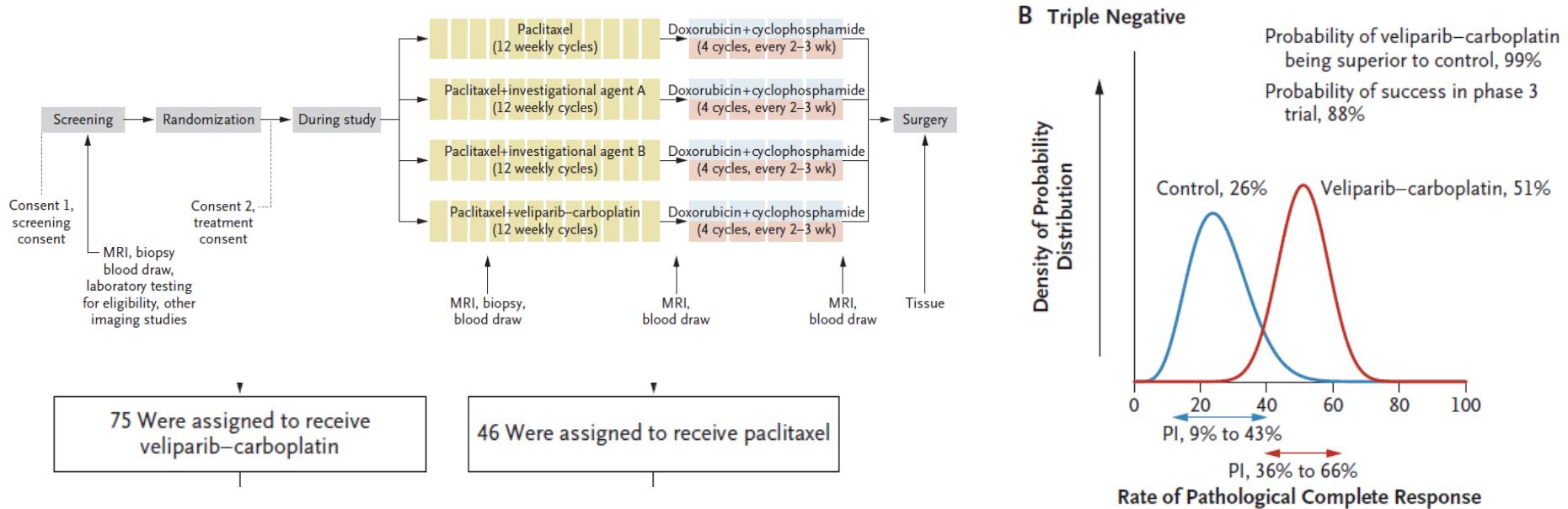
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# DRUG-SPECIFIC CHEMOTHERAPY FOR TNBC?



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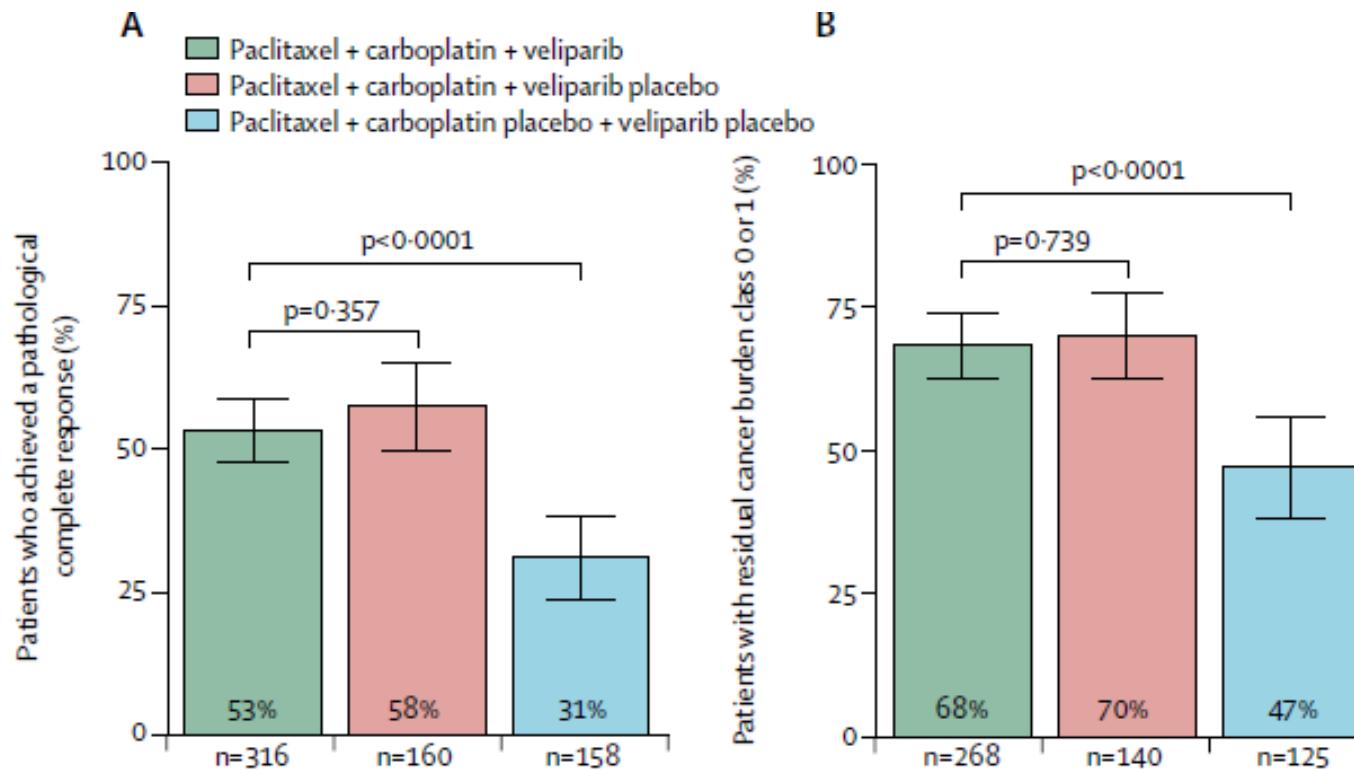
# Adaptive Randomization of Veliparib–Carboplatin Treatment in Breast Cancer



# Addition of the PARP inhibitor veliparib plus carboplatin or carboplatin alone to standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy in triple-negative breast cancer (BrighTNess): a randomised, phase 3 trial



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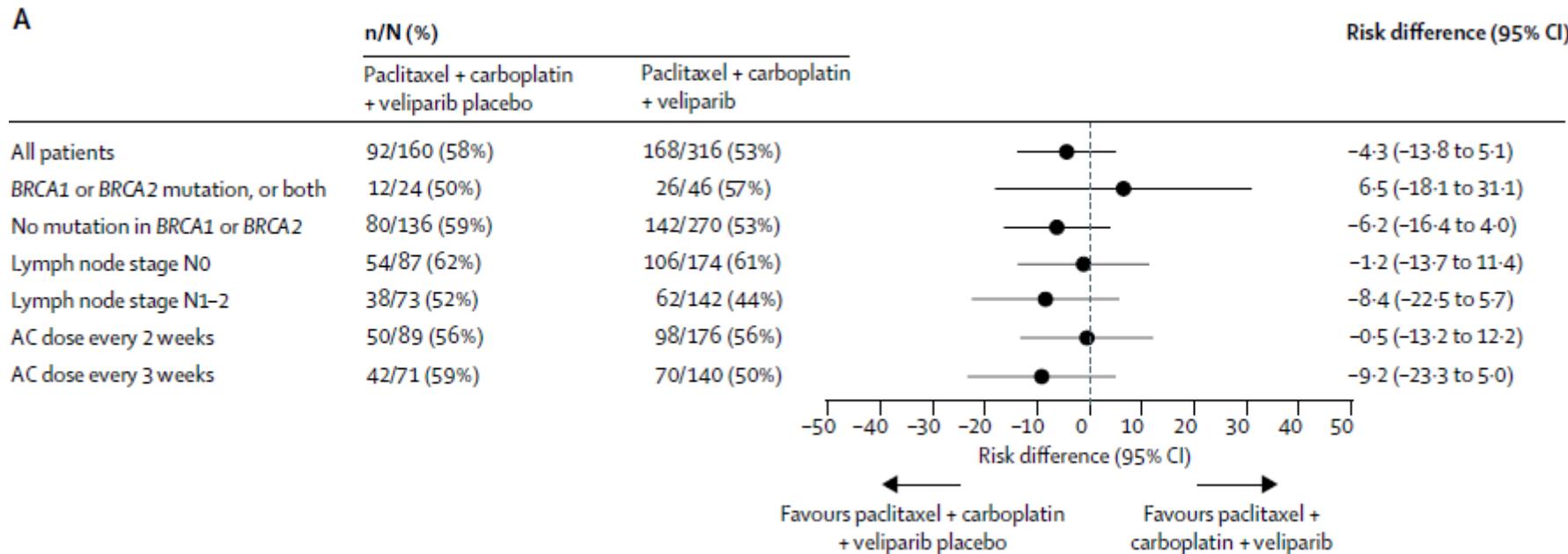


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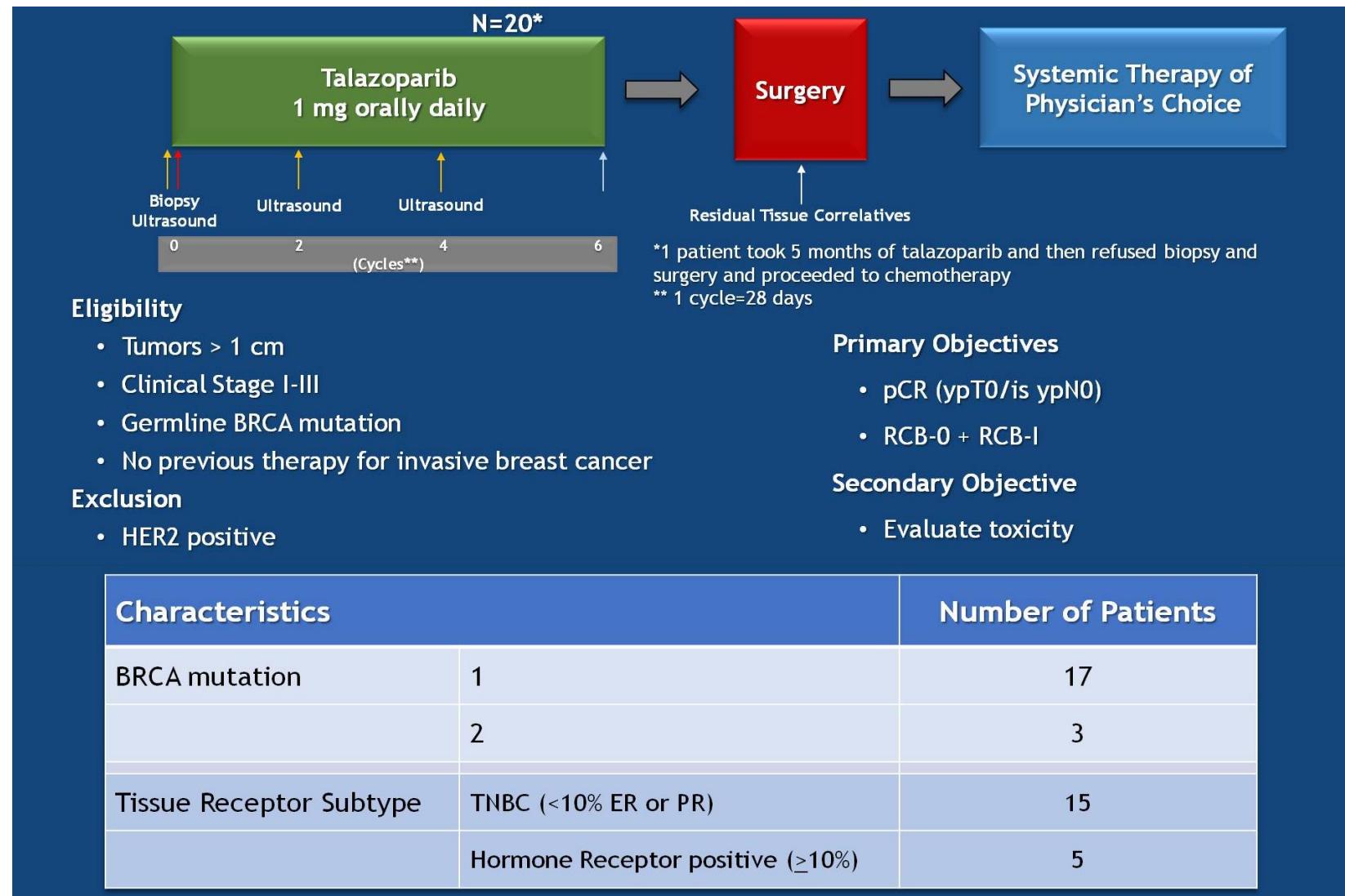


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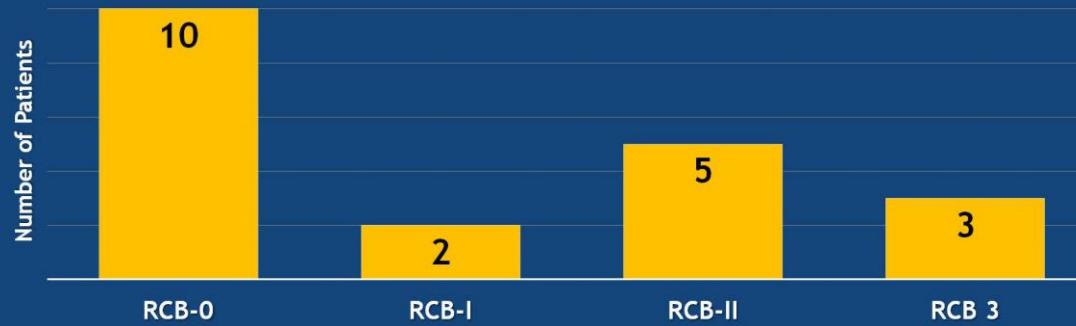


# Neoadjuvant talazoparib for BRCA mut



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## Pathologic Results

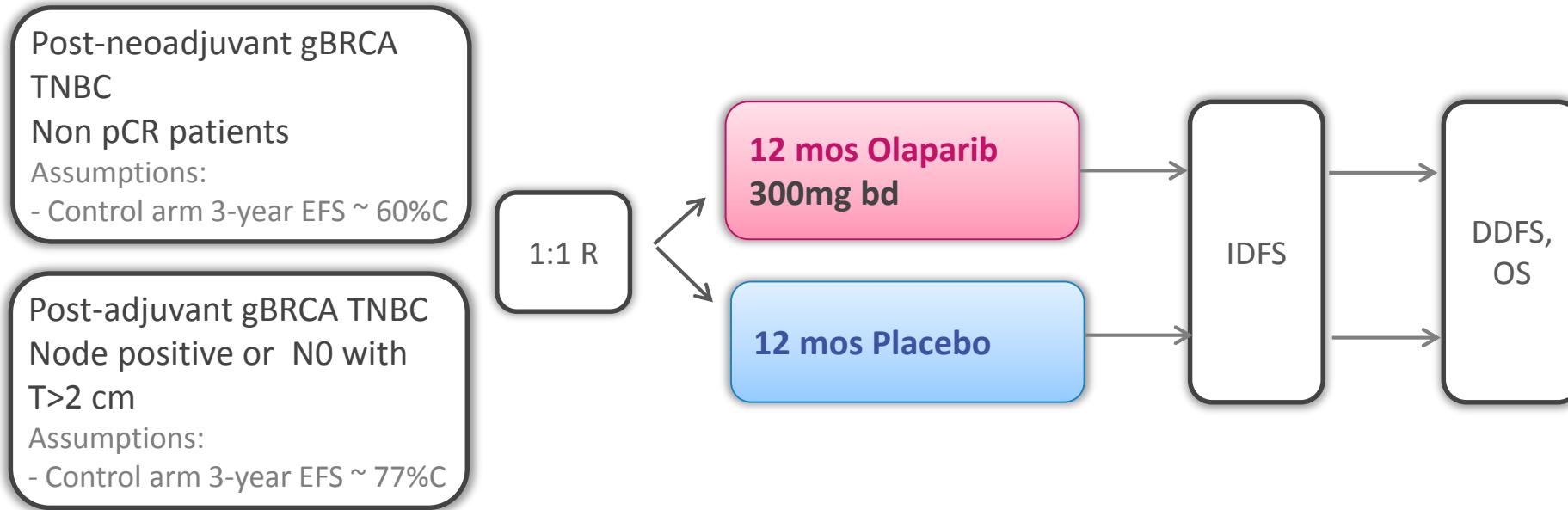


pCR (RCB-0):  $10/19 = 53\%$ , 95% CI = 32%, 73%

RCB-0+I:  $12/19 = 63\%$ , 95% CI = 41%, 81%

Variable	RCB-0	RCB-I	RCB-II	RCB-III
BRCA1 (n=16)	8	1	5	2
BRCA2 (n=3)	2	1	0	0
TNBC (n=14)	7	1	4	2
HR+ (n=5)	3	1	1	0
Stage 1 (n=5)	4	0	1	0
Stage 2 (n=12)	5	2	4	1
Stage 3 (n=2)	1	0	0	1

# OlympiA



**N=1,320**

- Study to start recruiting patients with TNBC; plan to add ER/PR+ patients once data available from PK/PD interactions (expected Mid 2014)
- Primary endpoint: IDFS (invasive disease-free survival; STEEP approach)
  - HR=0.7 (CV=0.81), 90% power, 5% significance level, approx 330 events required
    - Assumes consistent treatment effect (HR=0.7) across patient groups
    - N=1320 (25% maturity), assuming 4 years recruitment, IDFS analysis estimated approx. 5.5–6 years from FSI

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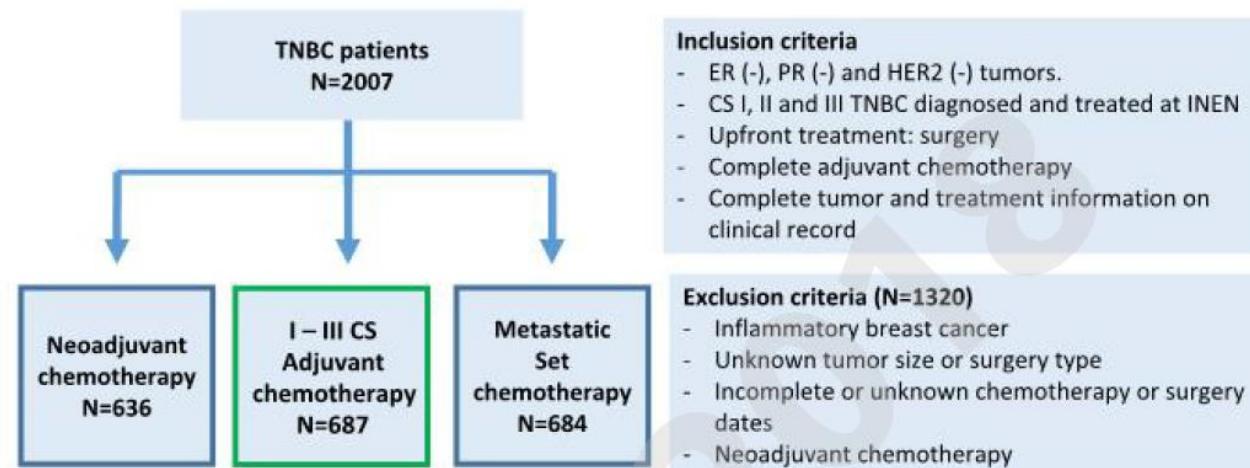
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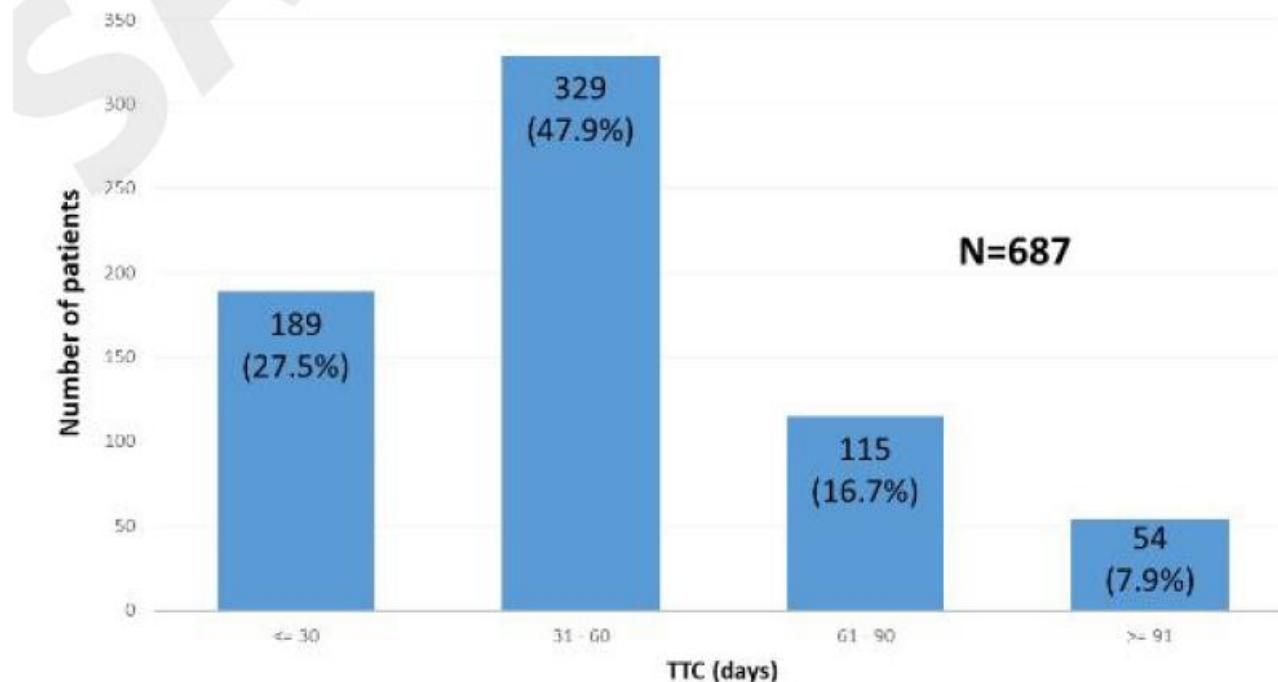
We evaluated the influence of time to adjuvant chemotherapy (TTC) on the survival (OS – DFS - DRFS) of TNBC patients diagnosed at the Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Neoplasicas (Lima, Peru) between 2000 to 2014.

## Methods: study population (1)



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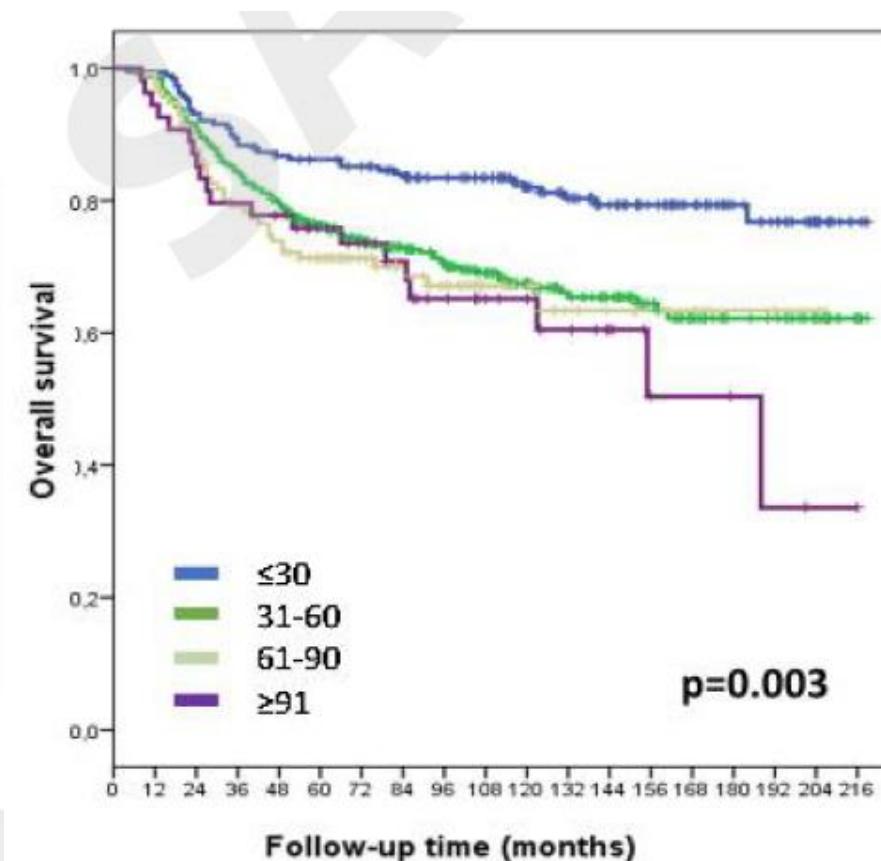
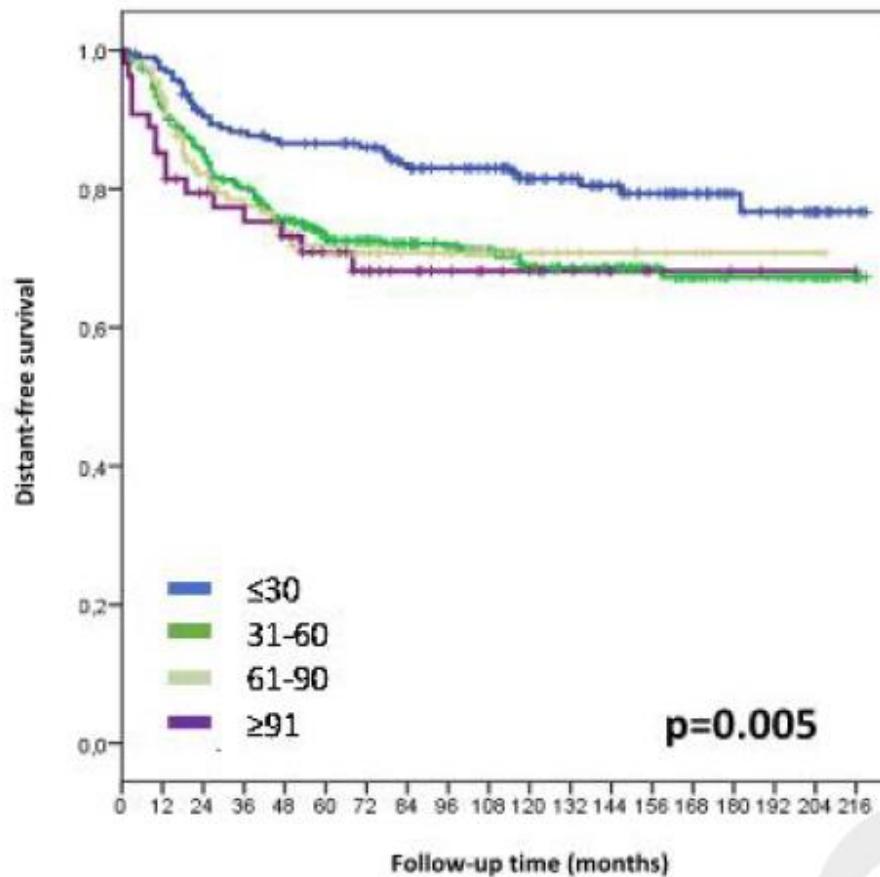
Distribution of patients according to TTC



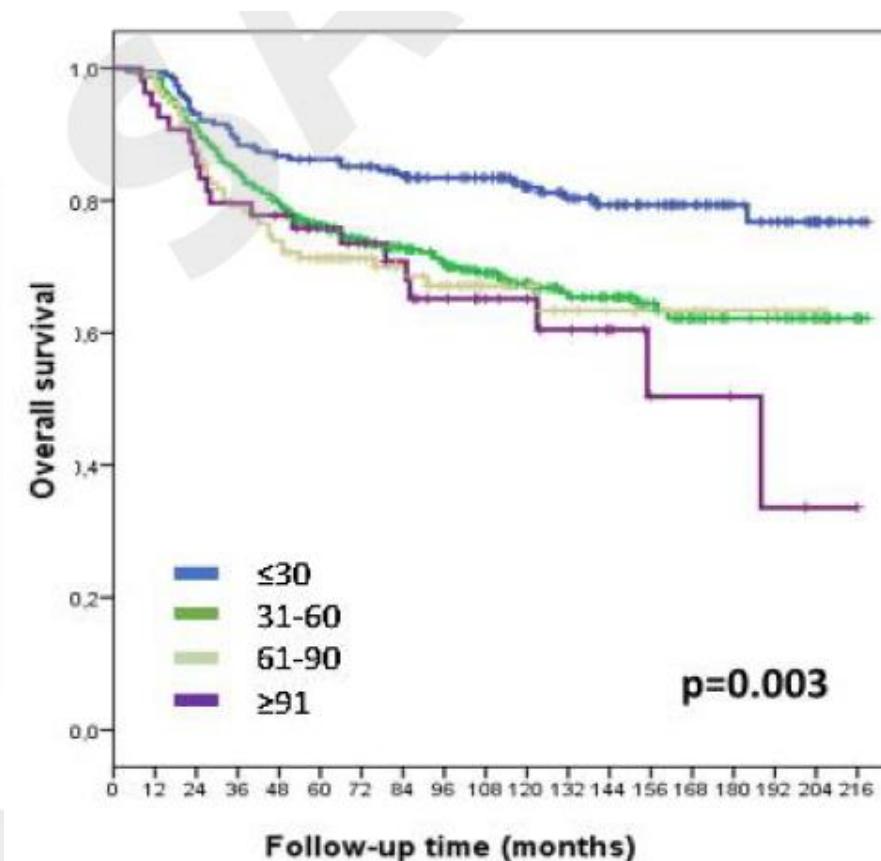
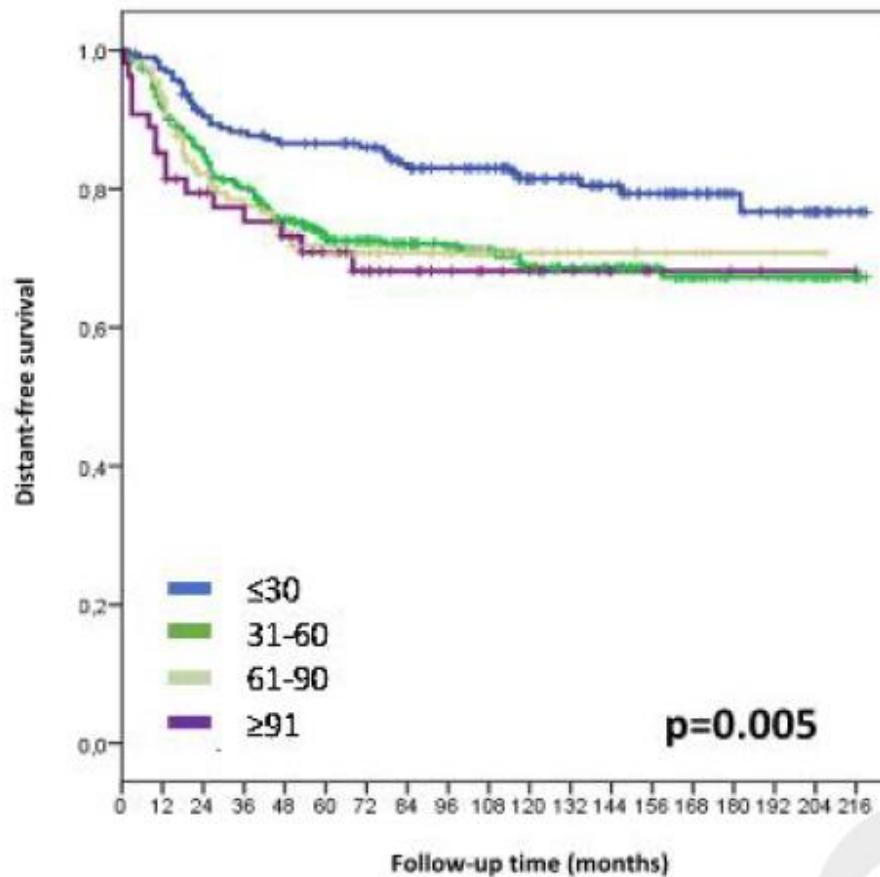
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Variables	Total (n=687) (%)	Time to chemotherapy (days)				p Value
		≤30	31-60	61-90	≥91	
Age, years						<b>0.007</b>
Median/Range	48/[21-89]	46/[23-77]	48/[21-89]	50/[28-82]	49/[30-76]	
Diagnosis period						<b>&lt;0.001</b>
2000 - 2004	195 (28.4)	77 (40.7)	92 (28.0)	17 (14.8)	9 (16.7)	
2005 - 2009	287 (41.8)	91 (48.1)	129 (39.2)	42 (36.5)	25 (46.3)	
2010 - 2014	205 (29.8)	21 (11.1)	108 (32.8)	56 (48.7)	20 (37.0)	
Clinical Stage						0.439
I	72 (10.5)	19 (10.1)	30 (9.1)	18 (15.7)	5 (9.3)	
II	413 (60.1)	117 (61.9)	200 (60.8)	67 (58.3)	29 (53.7)	
III	202 (29.4)	53 (28.0)	99 (30.1)	30 (26.1)	20 (37.0)	
Surgery type						<b>0.028</b>
Conservative	255 (37.1)	62 (32.8)	114 (34.7)	54 (47.0)	25 (46.3)	
Mastectomy	432 (62.9)	127 (67.2)	215 (65.3)	61 (53.0)	29 (53.7)	
Resection margin (n=255)						<b>0.018</b>
Yes	112 (43.9)	19 (17.0)	48 (42.9)	31 (27.7)	14 (12.5)	
No	143 (56.1)	43 (30.1)	66 (46.2)	23 (16.1)	11 (7.7)	
Type of adjuvant chemotherapy						<b>0.014</b>
Anthracycline-based	285 (41.5)	97 (51.3)	130 (39.5)	34 (29.6)	24 (44.4)	
Anthracycline + Taxane-based	375 (54.6)	84 (44.4)	188 (57.1)	75 (65.2)	28 (51.9)	
Others	27 (3.9)	8 (4.2)	11 (3.3)	6 (5.2)	2 (3.7)	

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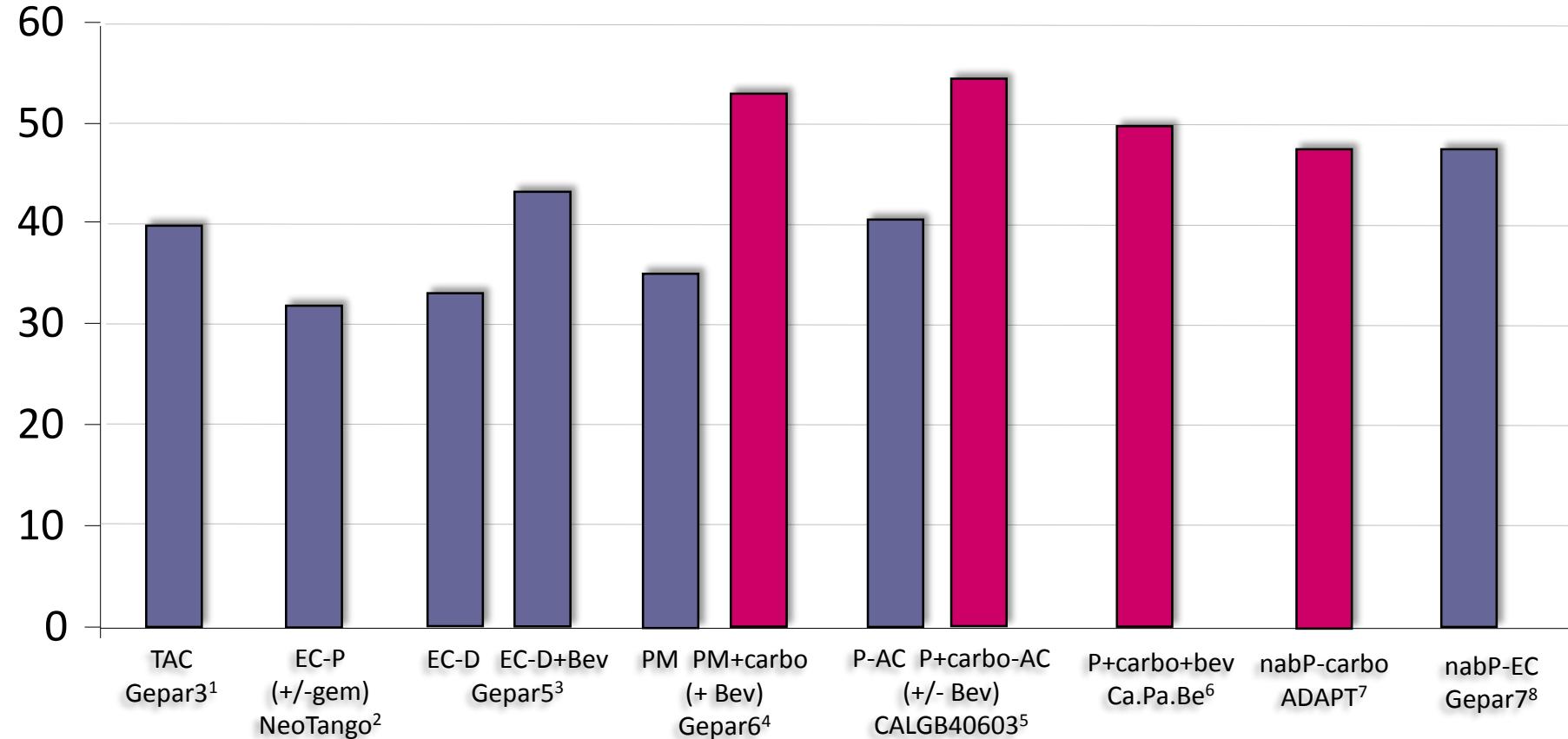
# Adjuvant therapy in TN

- Low thresholds for adjuvant chemotherapy treatment for TNBC (~0.5 cm, node-negative)
- Standard chemotherapy agents are effective adjuvant therapy
- Enhancements to adjuvant chemotherapy (addition of taxanes, sequential therapy, dose dense schedule) should be considered
- Alternative regimens
  - Preferred regimen without anthracyclines: TC
  - Preferred regimen without taxanes: ACor CMF
- PARP inhibitors hold great promises for BRCA-mut patients
- Timing of adjuvant treatment matters!

# (Neo)Adjuvant therapy in TNBC-Outline

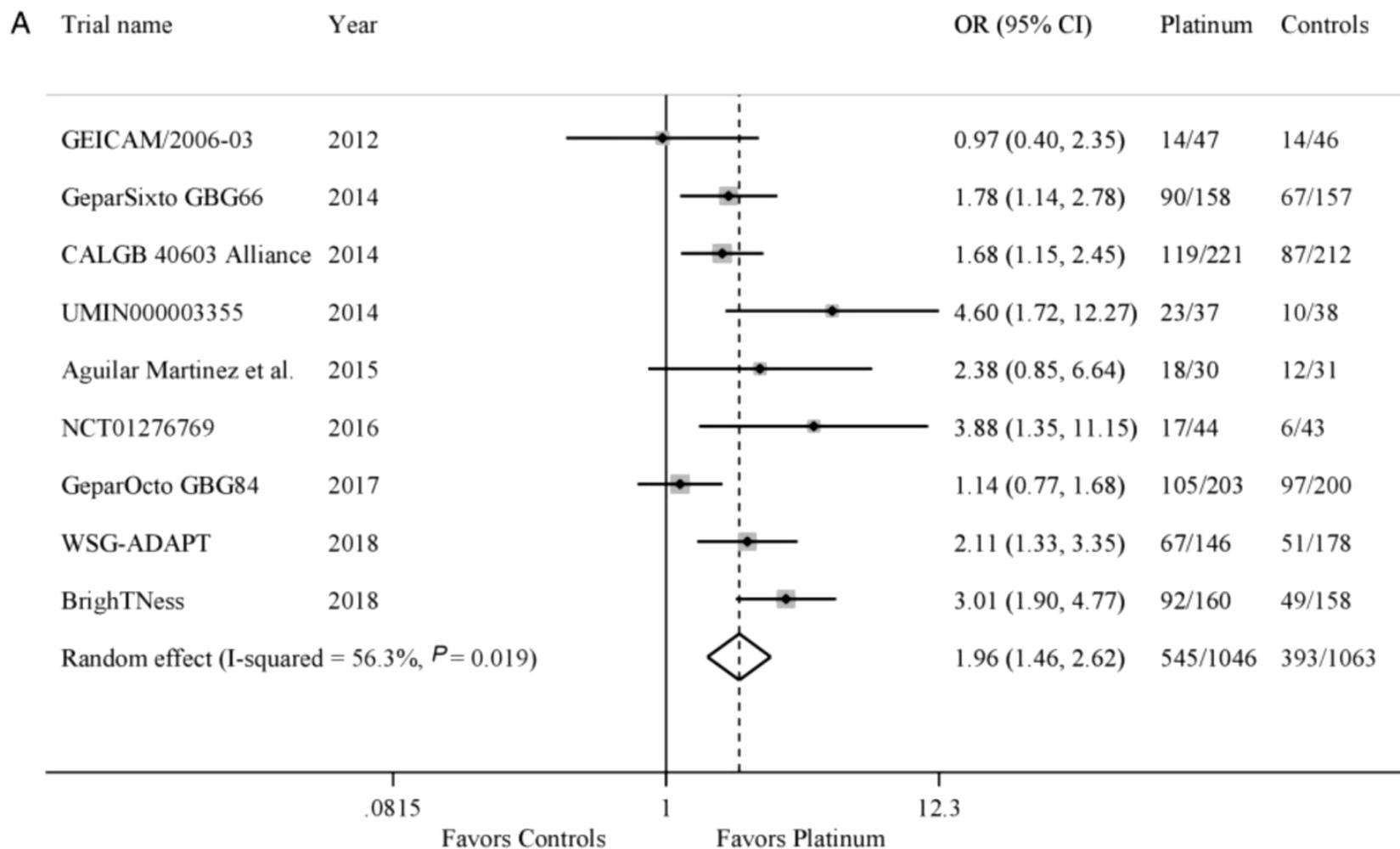
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# pCR rates (breast/axilla) in TNBC

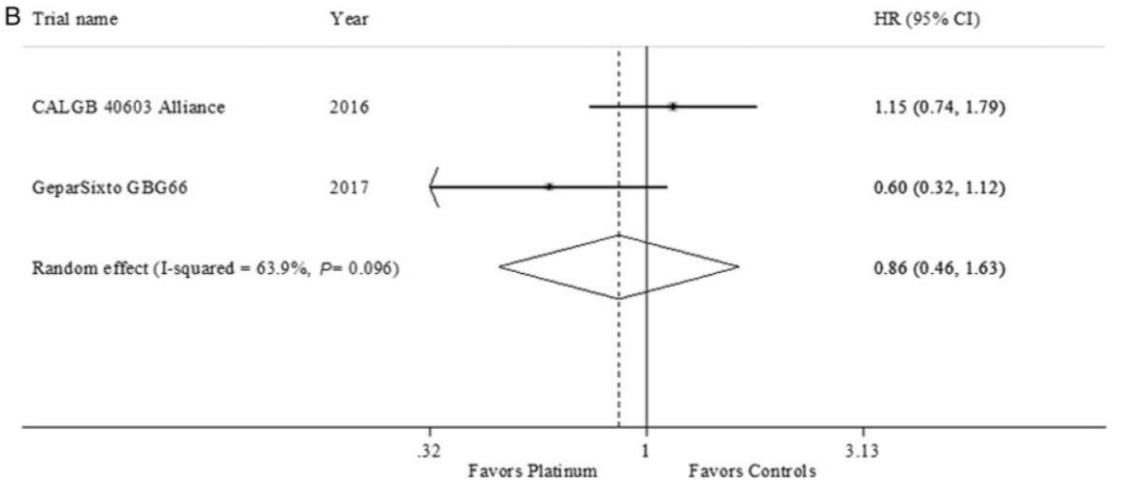


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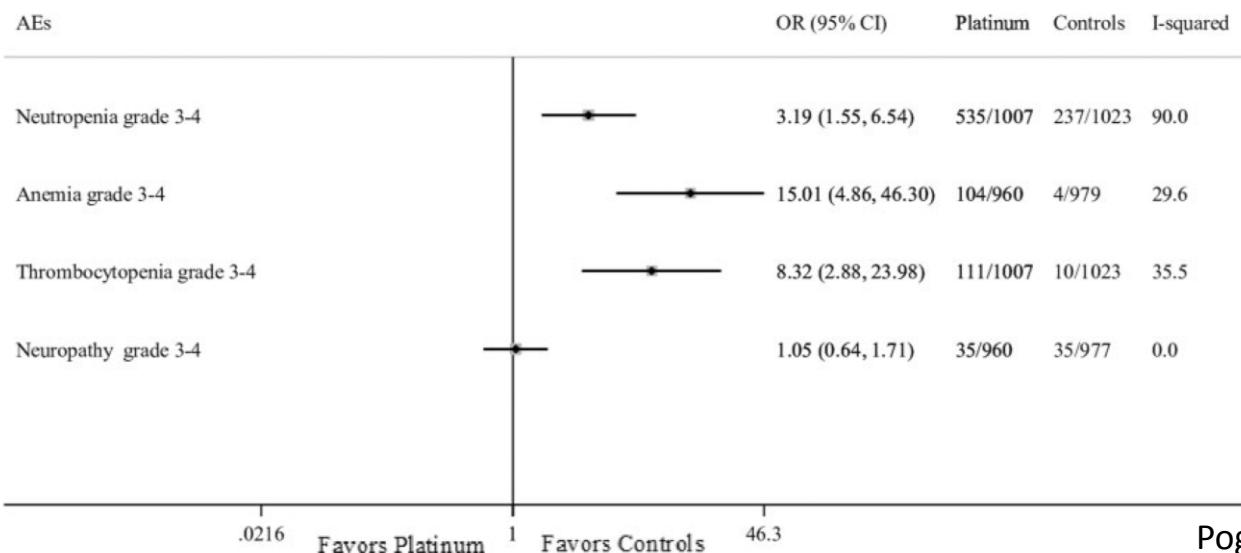
# Adding platinum to neoadj CT increases pCR



# Survival benefit is uncertain and adding platinum is more toxic



Hazard-ratios for overall survival

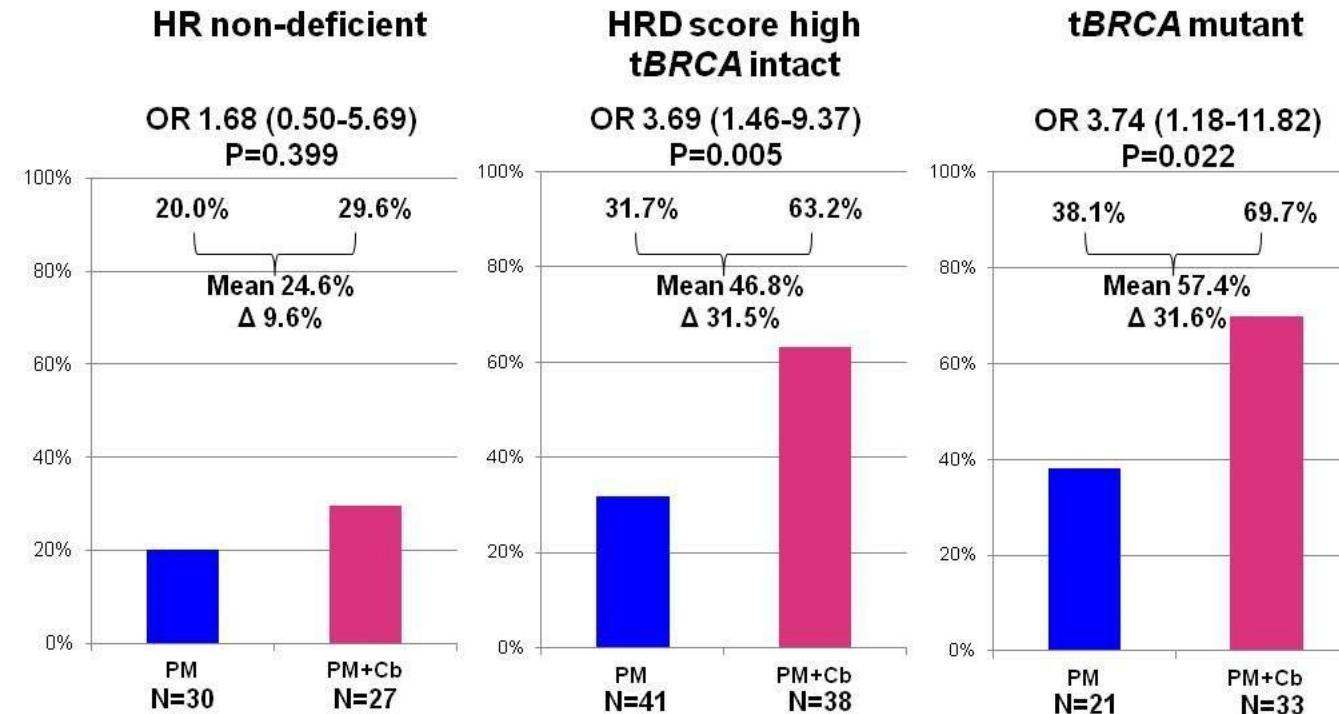


Safety profile

# pCR RATES BY TREATMENT AND ACCORDING TO HR DEFICIENCY STATUS (ypT0 ypN0)



## pCR Rates by Treatment and According to HR Deficiency Status (ypT0 ypN0)



# QUESITO GRADE n.5: Platino nella terapia neoadiuvante per TNBC

## QUESITO CLINICO N. 14 (RIFERIRSI AL quesito GRADE n. 5) (Figura n. 9)

Nelle donne con carcinoma mammario TRIPLO NEGATIVO (recettori ormonali negativi ed HER2-negativo) candidate a ricevere chemioterapia primaria/neoadiuvante, è raccomandabile l'aggiunta del platino ad uno schema standard con antracicline e taxani rispetto alla sola chemioterapia a base di antracicline e taxani?

Qualità Globale delle evidenze GRADE	Raccomandazione clinica	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
Moderata	Nelle donne con carcinoma mammario triplo negativo (recettori ormonali negativi ed HER2 negativo) candidate a ricevere chemioterapia primaria/neoadiuvante, l'aggiunta del platino ad uno schema standard con antracicline e taxani può essere preso in considerazione.	Positiva debole

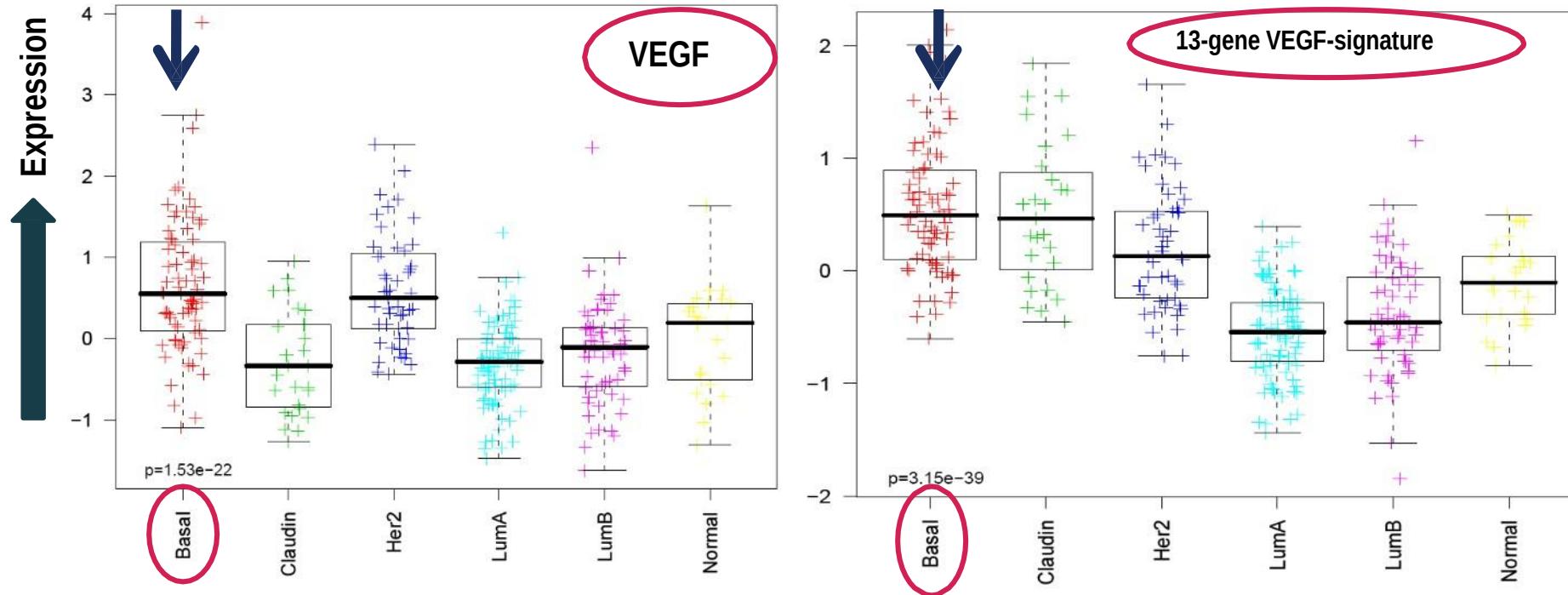
Leggere capitolo 14- Raccomandazioni prodotte secondo metodologia GRADE

- Framework Evidence to Decision (EtD) utilizzato per supportare lo sviluppo della raccomandazione (allegato).
- Importanza degli effetti di beneficio: «MODERATE»
- Importanza degli effetti di danno: «SMALL»
- Qualità delle evidenze: «MODERATE»
- Valutazione rapporto beneficio/danno: «Incerto: favorevole» (10/11)

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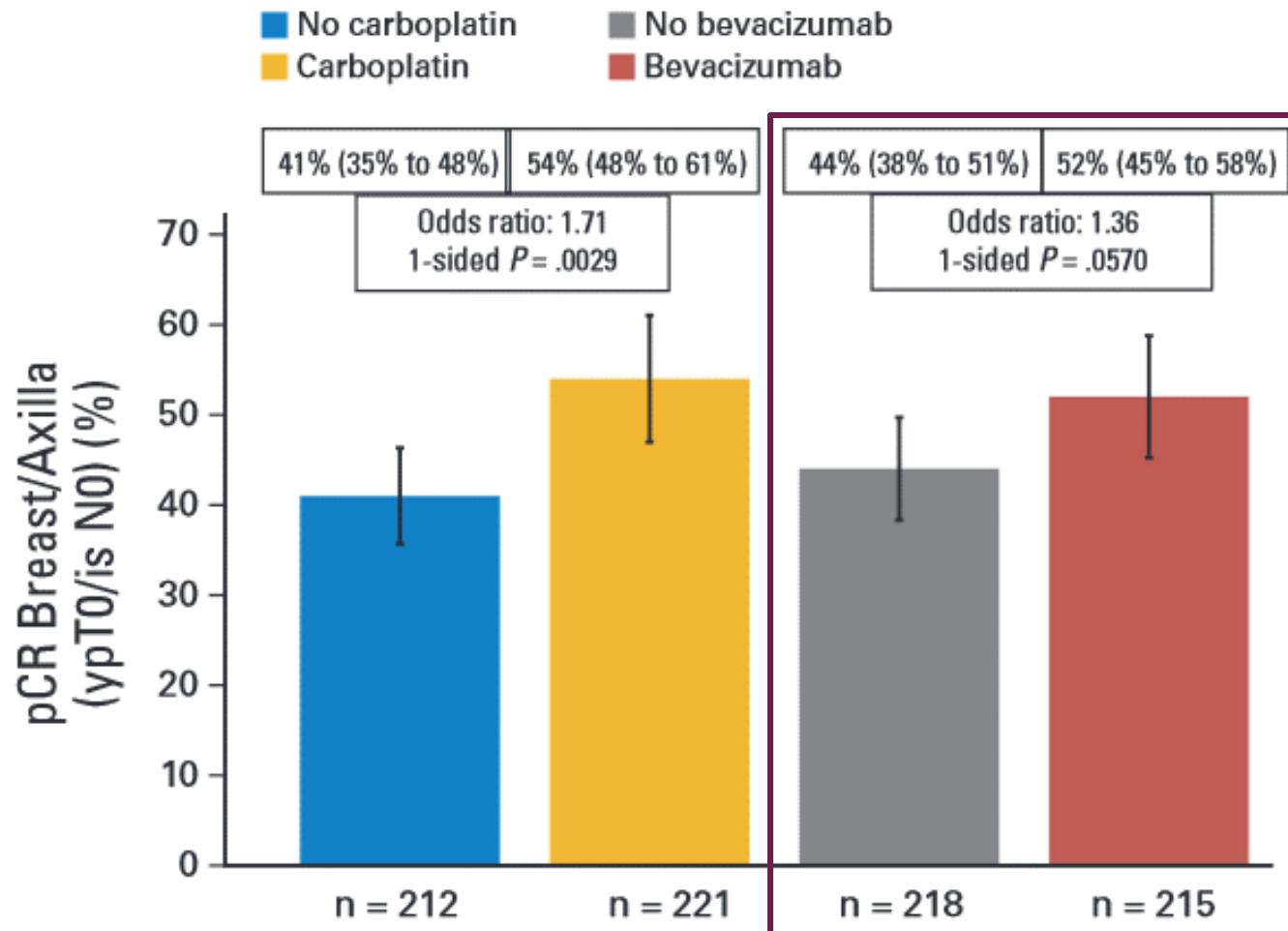
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# Hypoxia-related features and basal like tumours

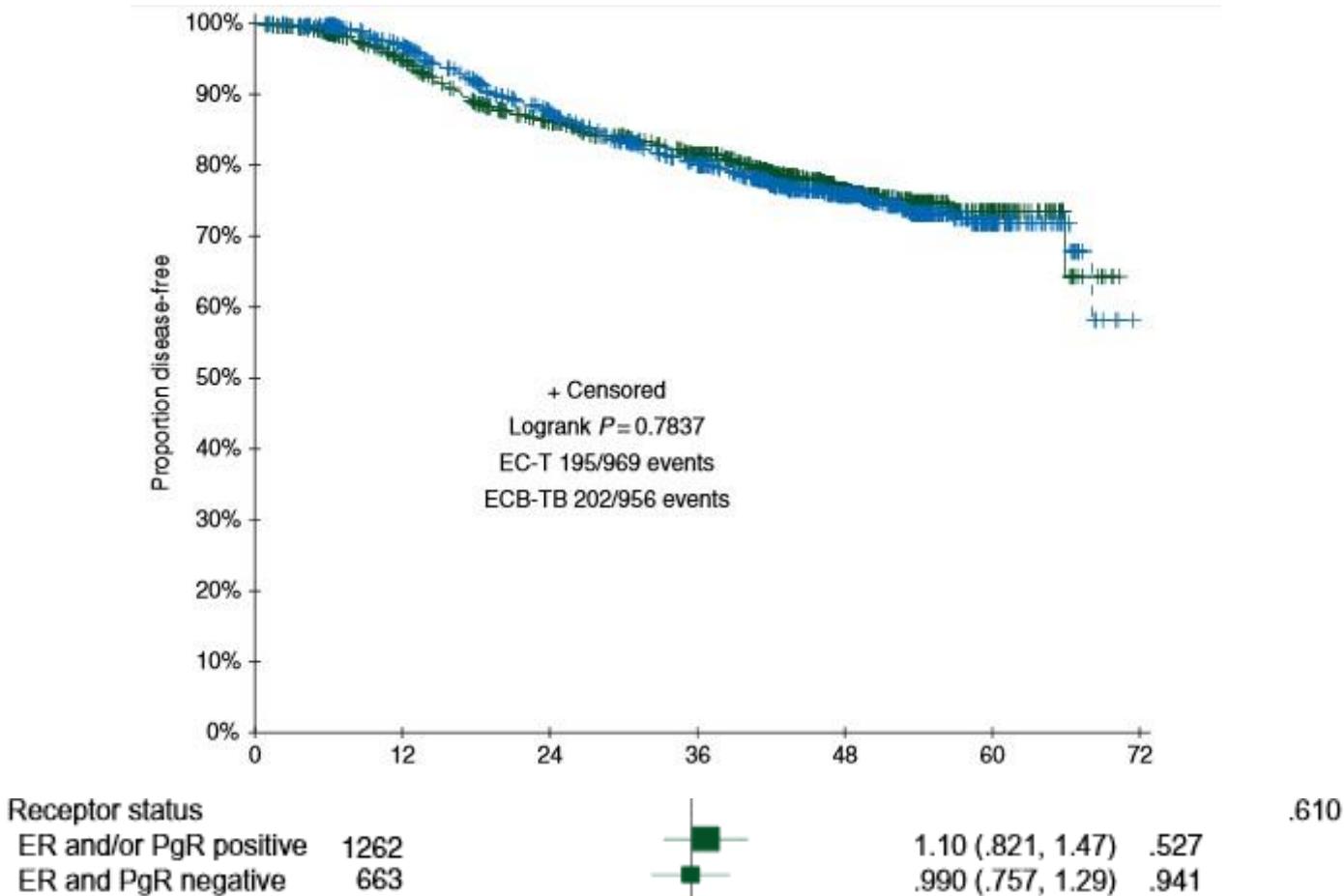


Antiangiogenic approaches work in TNBC at least as well as other subtype, possibly more

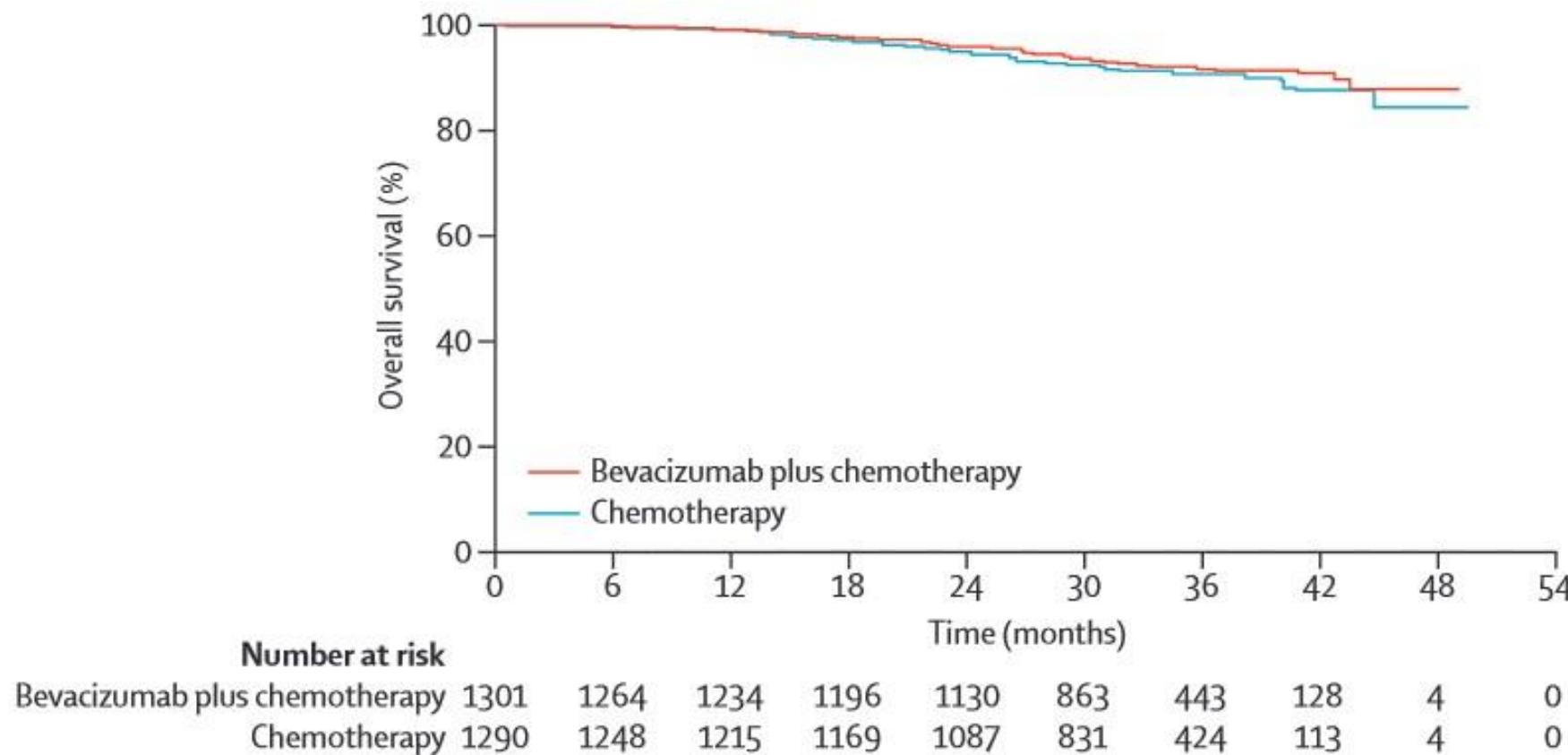
# CALGB 40603: RESULTS BEV/NO BEV



# GEPARQUINTO: NEOADJUVANT BEVACIZUMAB AND SURVIVAL



# BEATRICE PHASE III ADJUVANT TRIAL



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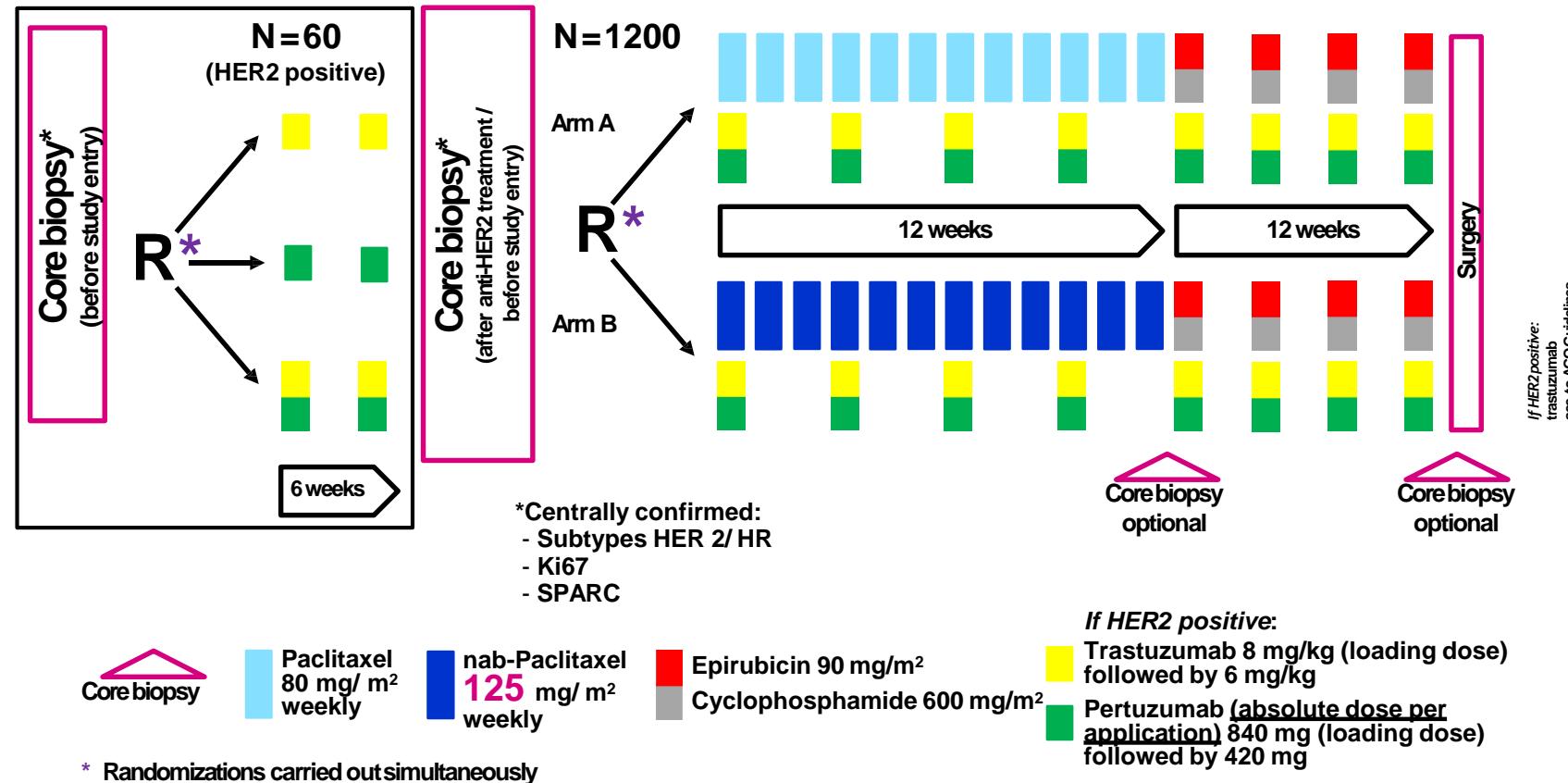
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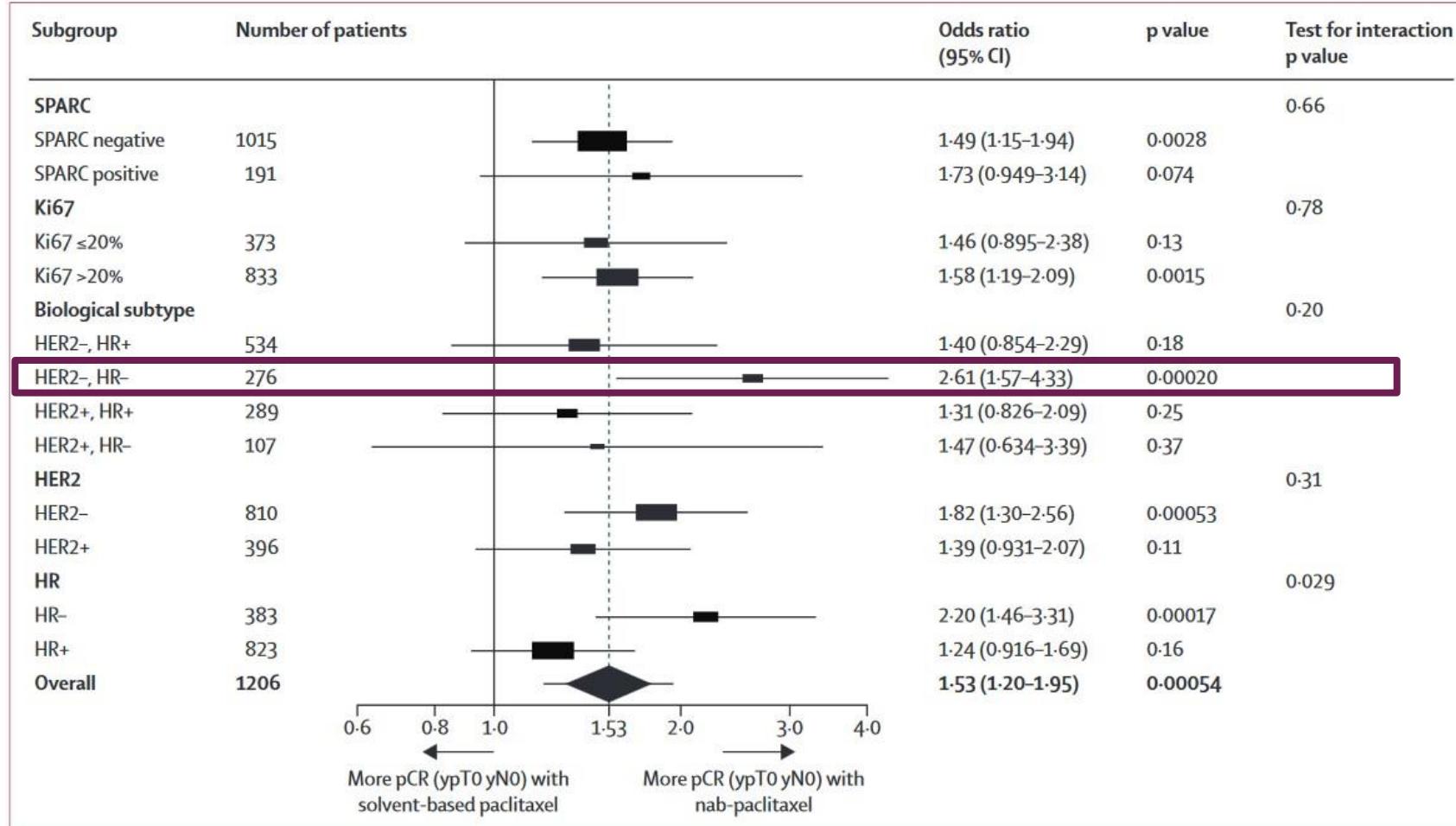
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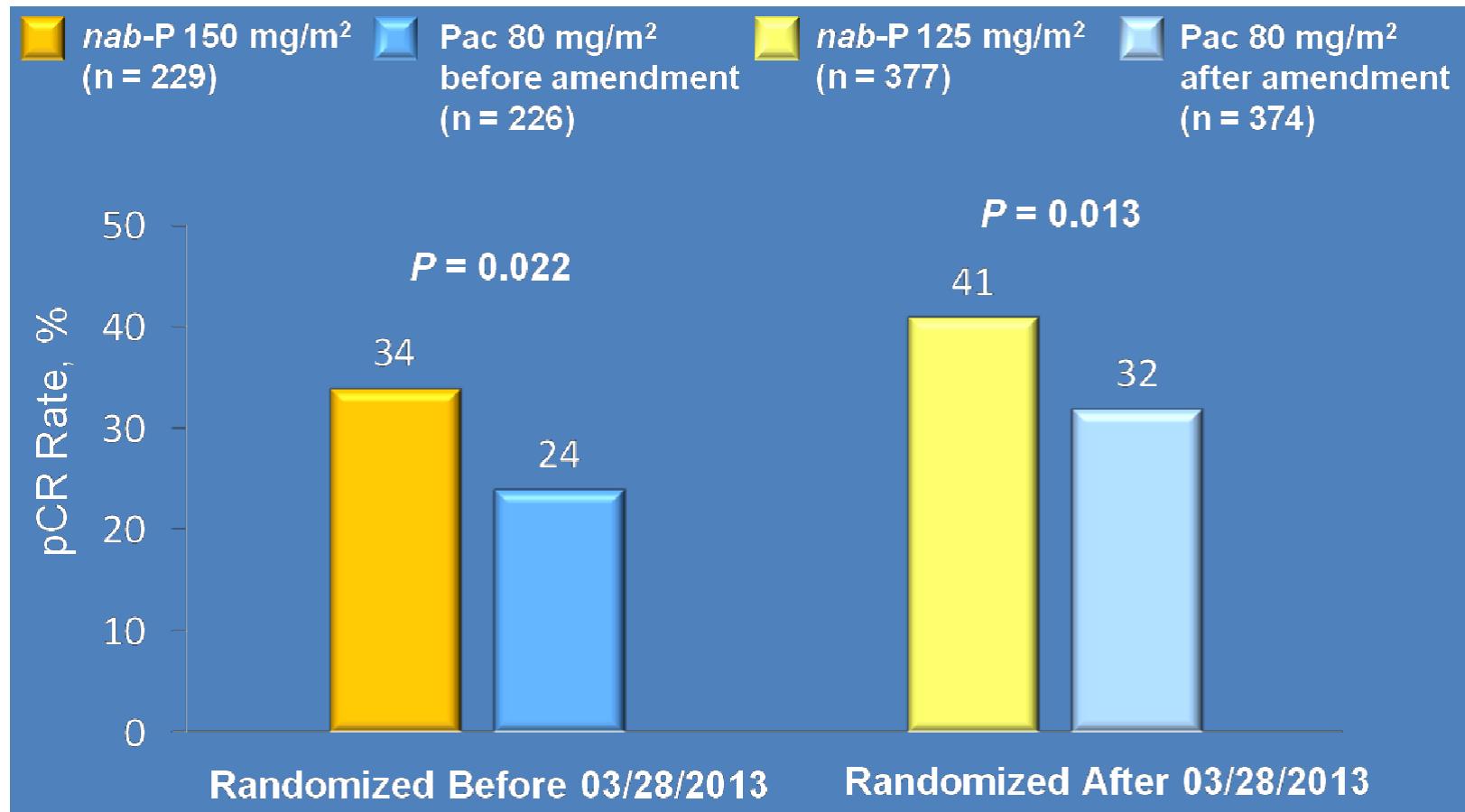
# Neoadjuvant nabpaclitaxel for triple-negative breast cancer Geparsepto



# GEPAR7: SUBGROUP ANALYSIS

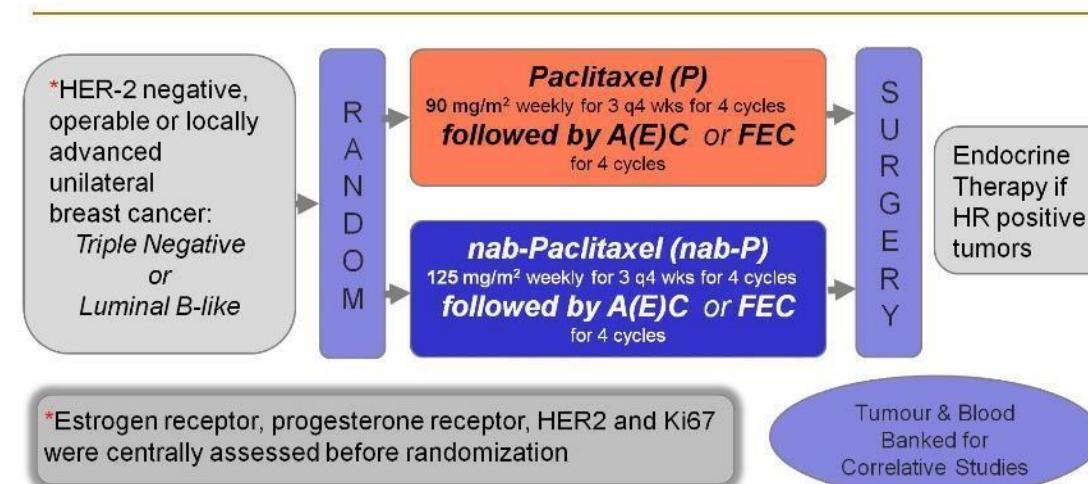


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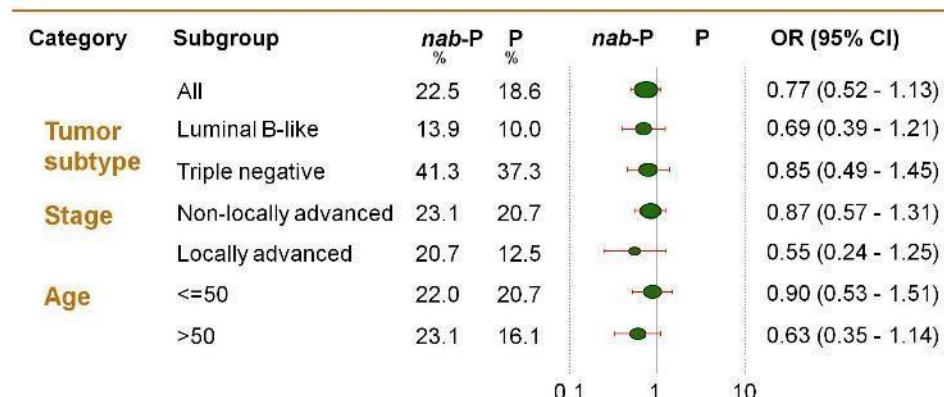


# PHASE III RANDOMISED ETNA TRIAL

## Scheme of the Phase III randomized ETNA trial



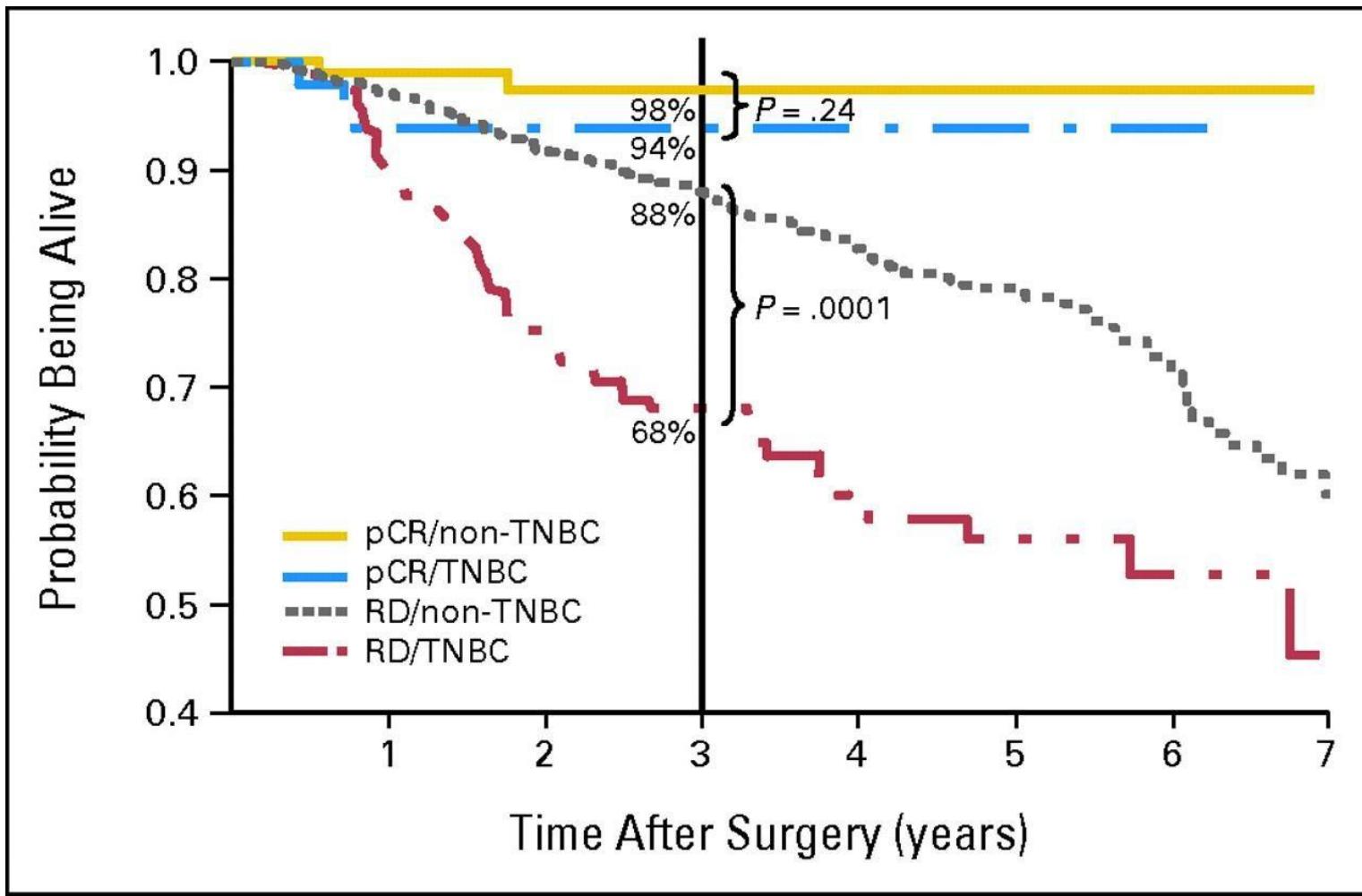
## Subgroup Analysis: pCR rate



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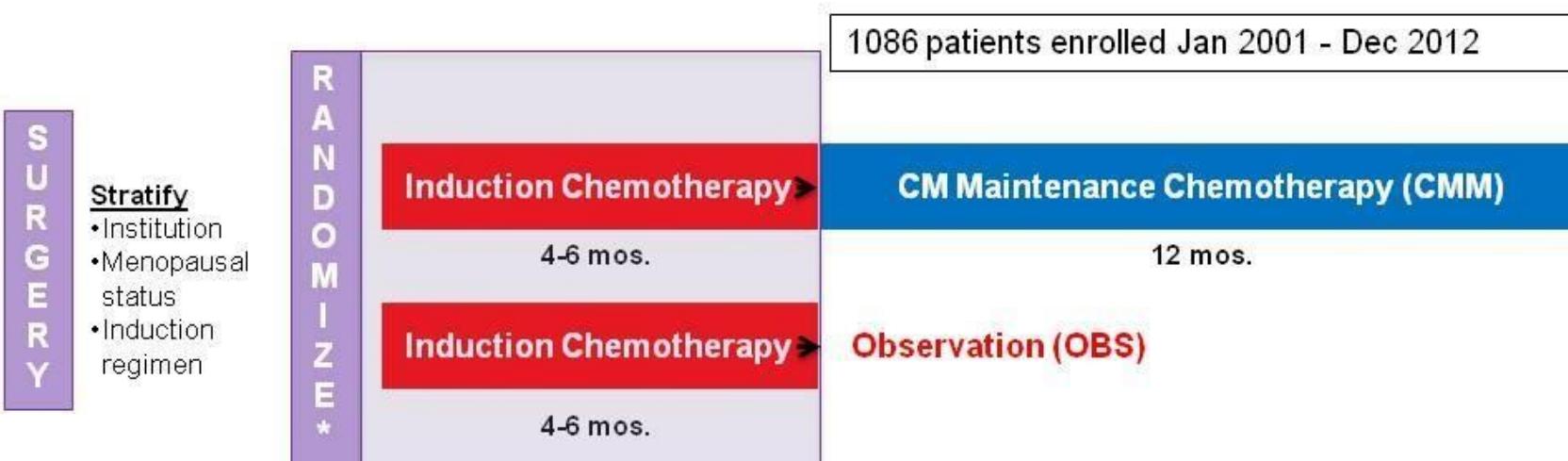


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# CMM MAINTENANCE AFTER ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

## IBCSG Trial 22-00 (CM Maintenance)

Hormone receptor negative (< 10% positive cells by IHC) by locally-determined ER and PgR



\*Any time from start of induction to within 8 weeks after first day of last course of induction



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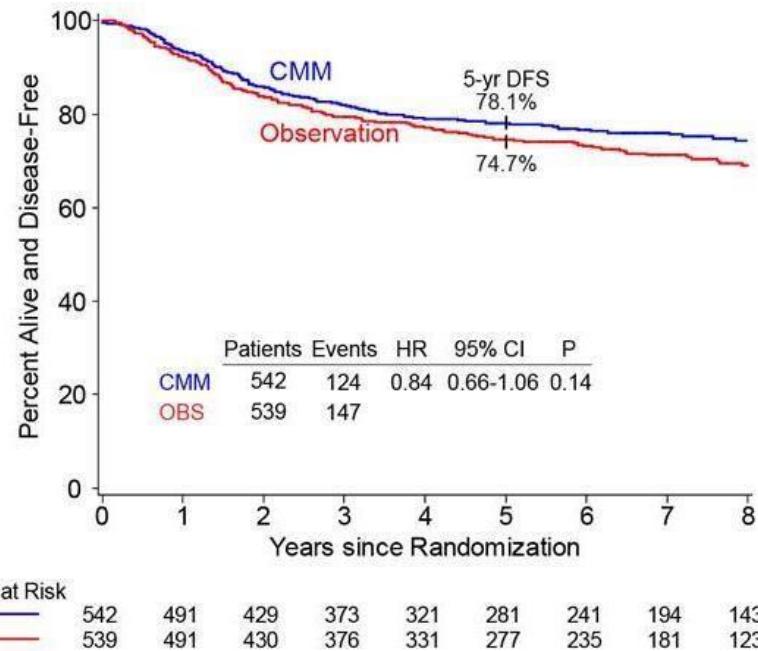
**75% TNBC**

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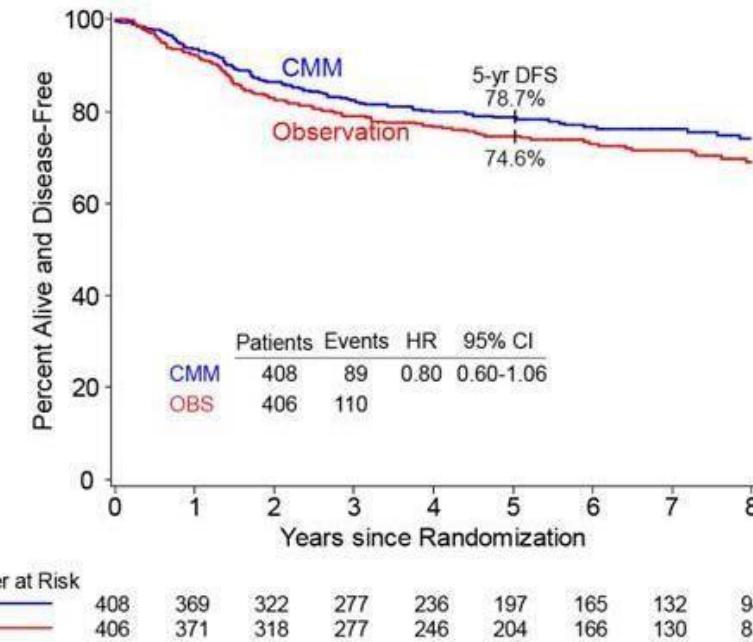
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All patients



TN patients



# GEICAM/CIBOMA randomized phase III trial



San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium®, December 4-8, 2018



## Study Design

- TNBC: ER-, PR-, HER2- (centrally confirmed)
- T1c-T3, N0-N3a\*, M0
- Prior standard neo/adjuvant CT with anthras +/- taxanes
- Surgery with free-margins

\*except infraclavicular lymph node involvement.

- Stratification Factors:
- Institution
  - Basal Phenotype according to CK 5/6 and/or EGFR staining (yes vs no)
  - ALN (0 vs 1-3 vs  $\geq 4$ )
  - Prior CT (anthras vs anthras + taxanes)

1:1 Randomization

Capecitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> p.o., b.i.d. x 14 days every 3 weeks x 8 cycles

Observation

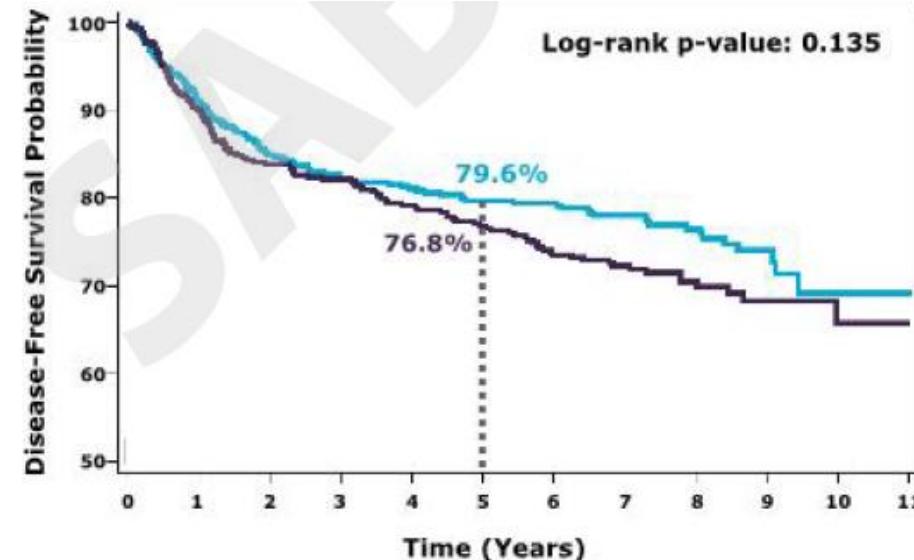
Radiation therapy according to institution standards

- 6 cy. of standard CT mandatory except for N0 tumors (4 cy. of AC admitted).
- Primary endpoint: Disease-Free Survival (DFS).
- Secondary endpoints: Overall Survival (OS), subgroup analyses, safety, biomarkers.

# GEICAM/CIBOMA randomized phase III trial: patient characteristics

	Capecitabine (n=448)	Observation (n=428)
<b>Median age, years (range)</b>	50 (20-79)	49 (23-82)
<b>Region, n (%)</b>		
· Spain	272 (60.7)	260 (60.7)
· Latin America (LA)	176 (39.3)	168 (39.3)
<b>Menopausal status at diagnosis, n (%)</b>		
· Premenopausal	136 (30.4)	140 (32.7)
· Postmenopausal	312 (69.6)	288 (67.3)
<b>Stage at diagnosis, n (%)</b>		
· I	62 (13.8)	74 (17.3)
· II	270 (60.3)	271 (63.3)
· III	106 (23.7)	80 (18.7)
· Not available	10 (2.2)	3 (0.7)
<b>Nodal status, n (%)</b>		
· Negative	244 (54.5)	242 (56.5)
· 1-3 positive nodes	121 (27.0)	124 (29.0)
· ≥4 positive nodes	77 (17.2)	61 (14.3)
· Not available	6 (1.3)	1 (0.2)
<b>Type of CT, n (%)</b>		
· Adjuvant (only)	353 (78.8)	352 (82.2)
· Neoadjuvant (+/- adjuvant)	89 (19.9)	75 (17.5)
· Missing data	6 (1.3)	1 (0.2)
<b>pCR in patients with neoadjuvant CT*, n (%)</b>	22 (24.7)	19 (25.3)
<b>CT regimens, n (%)</b>		
· Anthracyclines-based	147 (32.8)	138 (32.2)
· Anthracyclines and Taxanes-based	301 (67.2)	290 (67.8)

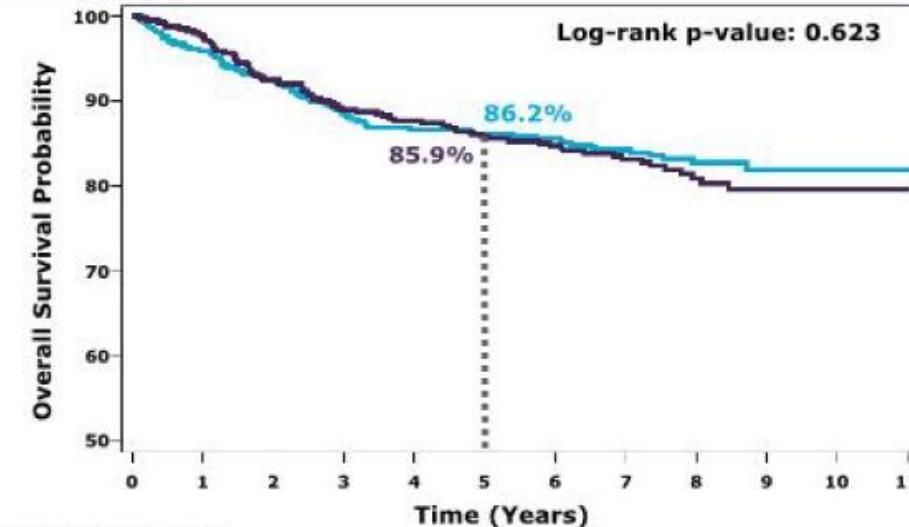
# GEICAM/CIBOMA randomized phase III trial: DFS and OS in ITT population



Median follow-up: 7.34 years

Group	Events
Capecitabine	105
Observation	120
HR: 0.82 (95% CI: 0.63, 1.06, p=0.136)	
Adjusted HR*: 0.79 (95% CI: 0.61, 1.03, p=0.082)	

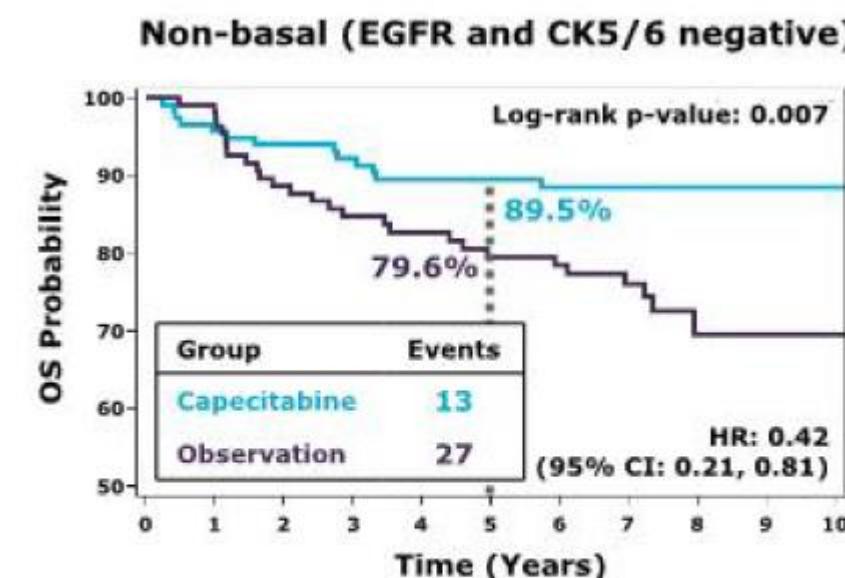
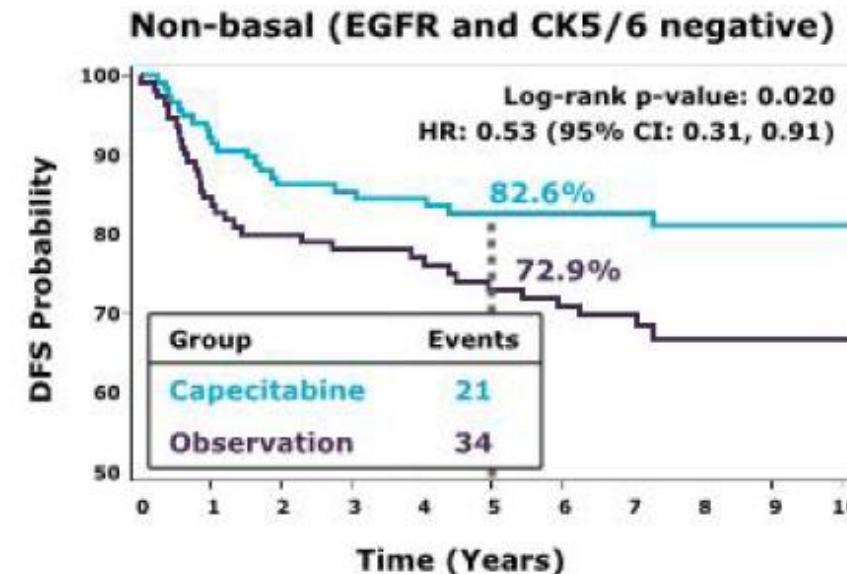
\*Adjusted HR for stratification variables: Spain vs. LA, previous neo/adjuvant treatment (anthracyclines vs. anthracyclines and taxanes), number of involved nodes (0 vs. 1-3 vs. ≥4) and TN phenotype by IHC (basal vs. non-basal).



Median follow-up: 7.34 years

Group	Events
Capecitabine	71
Observation	73
HR: 0.92 (95% CI: 0.66, 1.28)	

# GEICAM/CIBOMA randomized phase III trial: DFS and OS basal vs non basal



# RCTs of Capecitabine in EBC

Study	Patients	RFS/DFS in TN	OS in TN
FinXX	1500 (202 TN)	<b>HR 0.53</b> <b>(95%CI 0.31-0.92)</b>	<b>HR 0.55</b> <b>(95%CI 0.31-0.96)</b>
GEICAM/2003-10	1384 N+(166 TN)	HR 1.19 (95%CI 0.70-2.04)	NR
GAIN	2994 N+ (421 TN)	HR 0.971 (95%CI 0.682-1.38)	NR
NCT00089479	2611 (780 TN)	HR 0.81 (95%CI 0.57-1.15)	<b>HR 0.62</b> <b>(95%CI 0.41-0.94)</b>
Create-X	910 (286 TN) (post-neoadj)	<b>HR 0.58</b> <b>(95%CI 0.39-0.87)</b>	<b>HR 0.52</b> <b>(95%CI 0.30-0.90)</b>

Joensuu H et al, J Clin Oncol 2012 & JAMA Oncol 2018; Martin M et al, J Clin Oncol 2015; Mobus V et al, Ann Oncol 2017;  
O'Shaughnessy CCR 2015; NEJM 2017

# (Neo)Adjuvant therapy in TNBC

Chemotherapy is the mainstay of treatment:

- Anthracycline+taxanes: first choice in the (neo)adjuvant setting
- BRCA-mut (or BRCAwt with BRCAness features?): chance for tailored- chemotherapy with platinum salts
- No role for bevacizumab-encouraging data for nab-paclitaxel
- If no pCR post neoadjuvant therapy may be a feasible and effective option