

Radiotherapy in Very High-Risk Prostate Cancer

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Trial	n	PCa stage	RT Dose	Follow-up	Outcome	Results
MD Anderson study 2011	301	T1-T3, N0, M0, PSA 10 ng/mL vs. PSA > 10 ng/mL	70 vs.78 Gy	9 yr.	DSM vs. other cause of death	High risk/PSA > 10 16% vs 4% DSM Higher risk: 15% vs 2% DSM
PROG 95-09 2010	393	T1b-T2b PSA 15 ng/mL 75% ISUP grade < 1	70.2 vs.79.2 Gy	8.9 yr.	10-year ASTRO BCF	32% vs 17% BFailure
MRC RT01 2014	843	T1b-T3a, N0, M0 PSA < 50 ng/mL neoad ADT	64 vs. 74 Gy	10 yr.	BFS; OS	43% vs 55% BFreeSurv
Dutch RCT 2014	664	T1b-T4 143 pts. with (neo) adj ADT	68 vs. 78 Gy	110 mo.	Phoenix BCF and/or clinical failure at 10 yr..	43% vs 49% FFF
GETUG 06 2011	306	T1b-T3a, N0, M0 PSA < 50 ng/mL	70 vs. 80 Gy	61 mo.	BCF (ASTRO)	39% vs 28% BFailure
RTOG 0126 2018	1532	T1b-T2b ISUP grade 1 + PSA 10-20 ng/mL or ISUP grade 2/3 + PSA < 15 ng/mL	70.2 vs. 79.2 Gy	100 mo.	OS / DM BCF (ASTRO)	75% vs 76% OS 6% vs 4% DM 47% vs 31% BFailure

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RTOG 92.02, EORTC 22861

Adjuvant ADT to RT: Phase III trials of EBRT +/- Androgen Deprivation

	Number of patients	Characteristics	Hormone therapy	Results
RTOG 85-31 ¹	977	T3/N+	Goserelin life-long	OS, <i>P</i> < 0.004
EORTC 22 86 ¹²	415	T1-2, G3 T3-4	Goserelin, 3 years (AA, 1 month)	OS, <i>P</i> < 0.001
RTOG 92-02 ³	1,514	T2c-4 , N0 PSA < 150 ng/mL	4 months TAB or Goserelin, 2 years	Gleason 8-10 OS, <i>P</i> = 0.04
RTOG 94-13 ⁴	1,292	T1c-4, PSA ≤ 100 ng/dL, risk N+ >15%	PORT vs. WPRT, NHT vs. AHT	WPRT+ NHT, better PFS

OS: overall survival; AA: antiandrogen; TAB: total androgen blockade; PORT: prostate-only RT; WPRT: whole-pelvic RT; NHT: neoadjuvant hormone therapy; PFS: progression-free survival

¹Pilepich MV, et al. Proc Am Soc Clin Oncol 2003; ²Bolla M, et al. Lancet 2002; ³Hanks GE, et al. J Clin Oncol 2003; ⁴Roach M, et al. J Clin Oncol 2003

MARCAP Meta-Analysys: 12 eligible trials that provided individual patient data (10 853 patients) with a median follow-up of 11.4 years (IQR 9.0–15.0).

EAU - EANM - ESTRO - ESUR - ISUP - SIOG Guidelines on Prostate Cancer

6.2.3.4 Guidelines for radical treatment of high-risk localised disease

Recommendations

Radical prostatectomy (RP)

Offer RP to selected patients with high-risk localised PCa as part of potential multi-modal therapy.

Extended pelvic lymph node dissection (ePLND)

Perform an ePLND in high-risk PCa.

Do not perform a frozen section of nodes during RP to decide whether to proceed with, or abandon, the procedure (see Section 6.2.4.1).

Radiotherapeutic treatment

In patients with high-risk localised disease, use intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) /volumetric modulated arc therapy (VMAT) plus image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) with 76–78 Gy in combination with long-term androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) (2 to 3 years).

In patients with high-risk localised disease and good urinary function, use IMRT/VMAT plus IGRT with brachytherapy boost (either high-dose rate or low-dose rate), in combination with long-term ADT (2 to 3 years).

Therapeutic options outside surgery or radiotherapy

Do not offer either whole gland or focal therapy to patients with high-risk localised disease.

Only offer ADT monotherapy to those patients unwilling or unable to receive any form of local treatment if they have a prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-doubling time < 12 months, and either a PSA > 50 ng/mL or a poorly-differentiated tumour.



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SPGC-7, INT:T94-0110

ADT alone vs RT + ADT for locally advanced PCa

Intergroup T94-0110 RCT (NCIC, SWOG, MRC)

Randomised phase III trial, **1205 pts**: T3 – T4

T2 and iPSA > 40 ng/ml

T2 and iPSA > 20 ng/ml and GS > 7

Lifelong ADT + / - RT (65 – 69 Gy)

Median follow-up : 8 years

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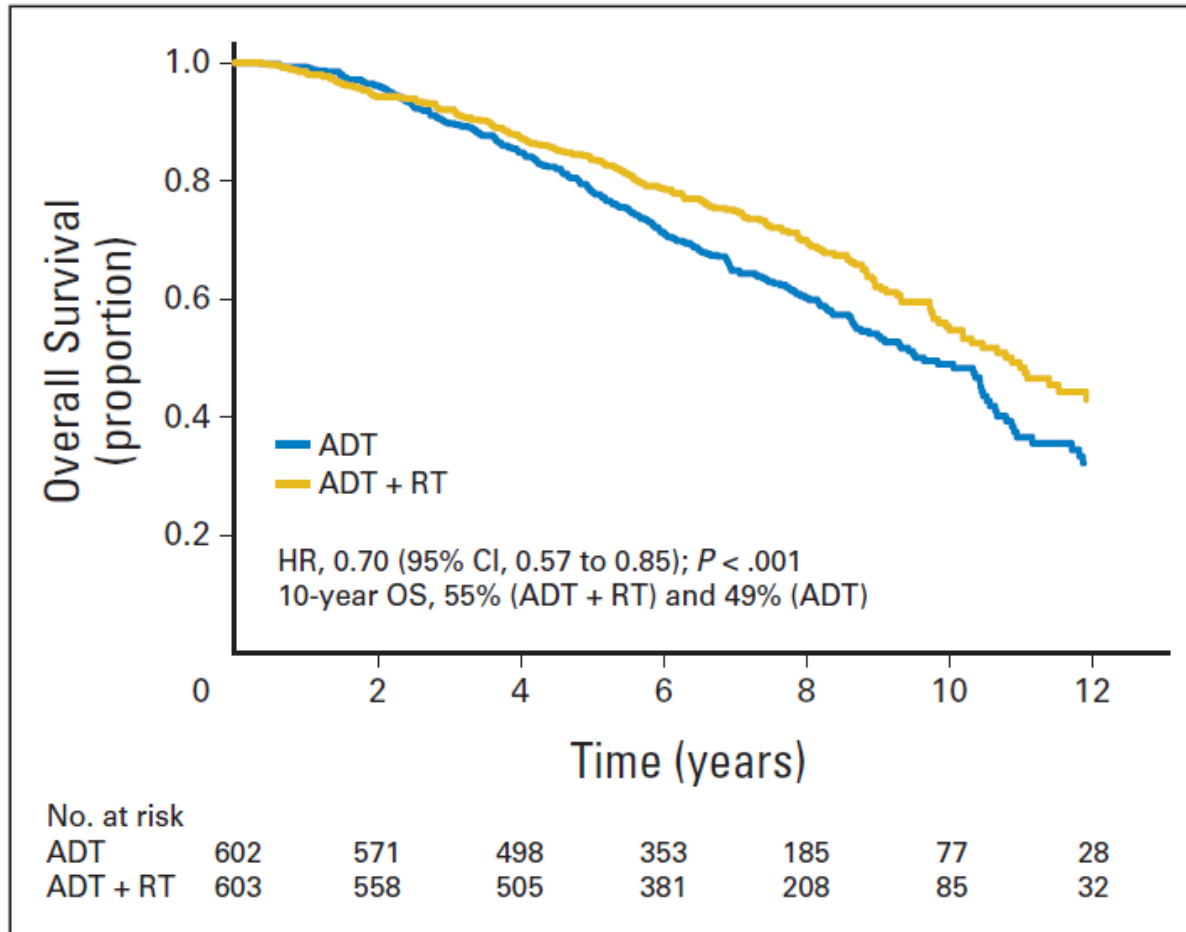


Fig 2. Overall survival (OS). ADT, androgen-deprivation therapy; HR, hazard ratio; RT, radiotherapy.

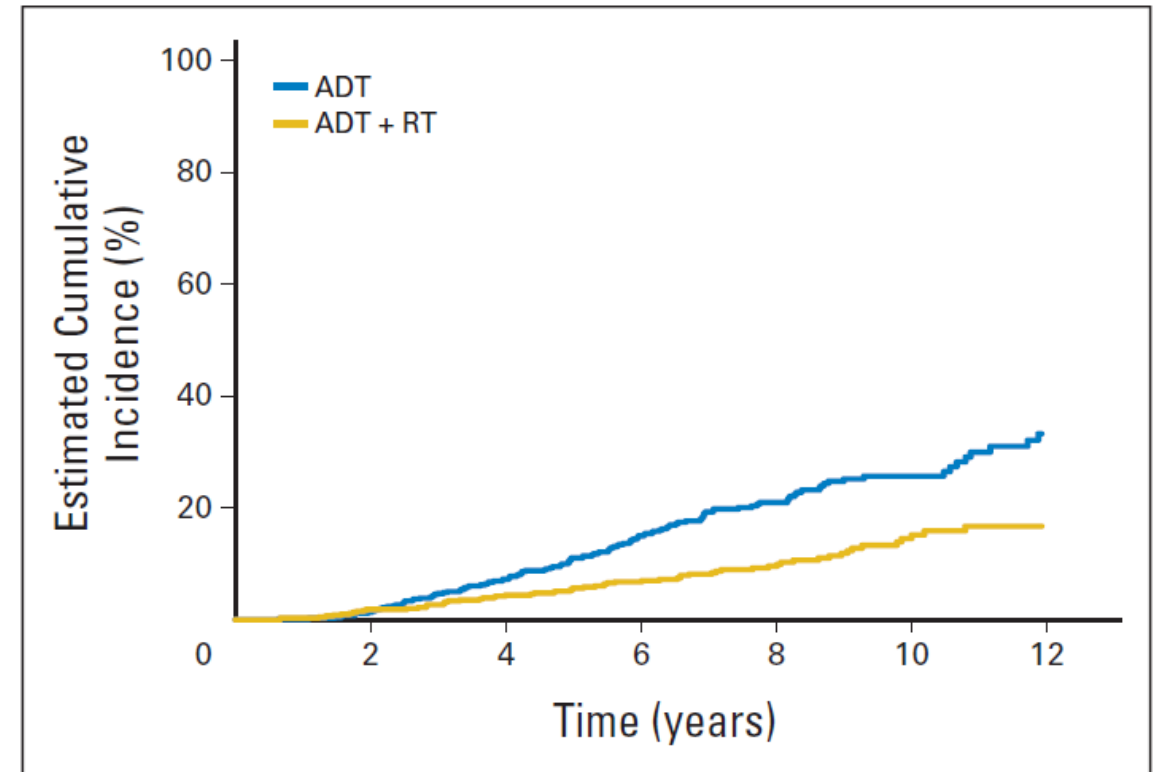


Fig 3. Deaths from prostate cancer. ADT, androgen-deprivation therapy; RT, radiotherapy.

Mason, JCO, 2015

RT for HR-PCa: what we ***do not know***...

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Which technique ?

ADT: how long ?

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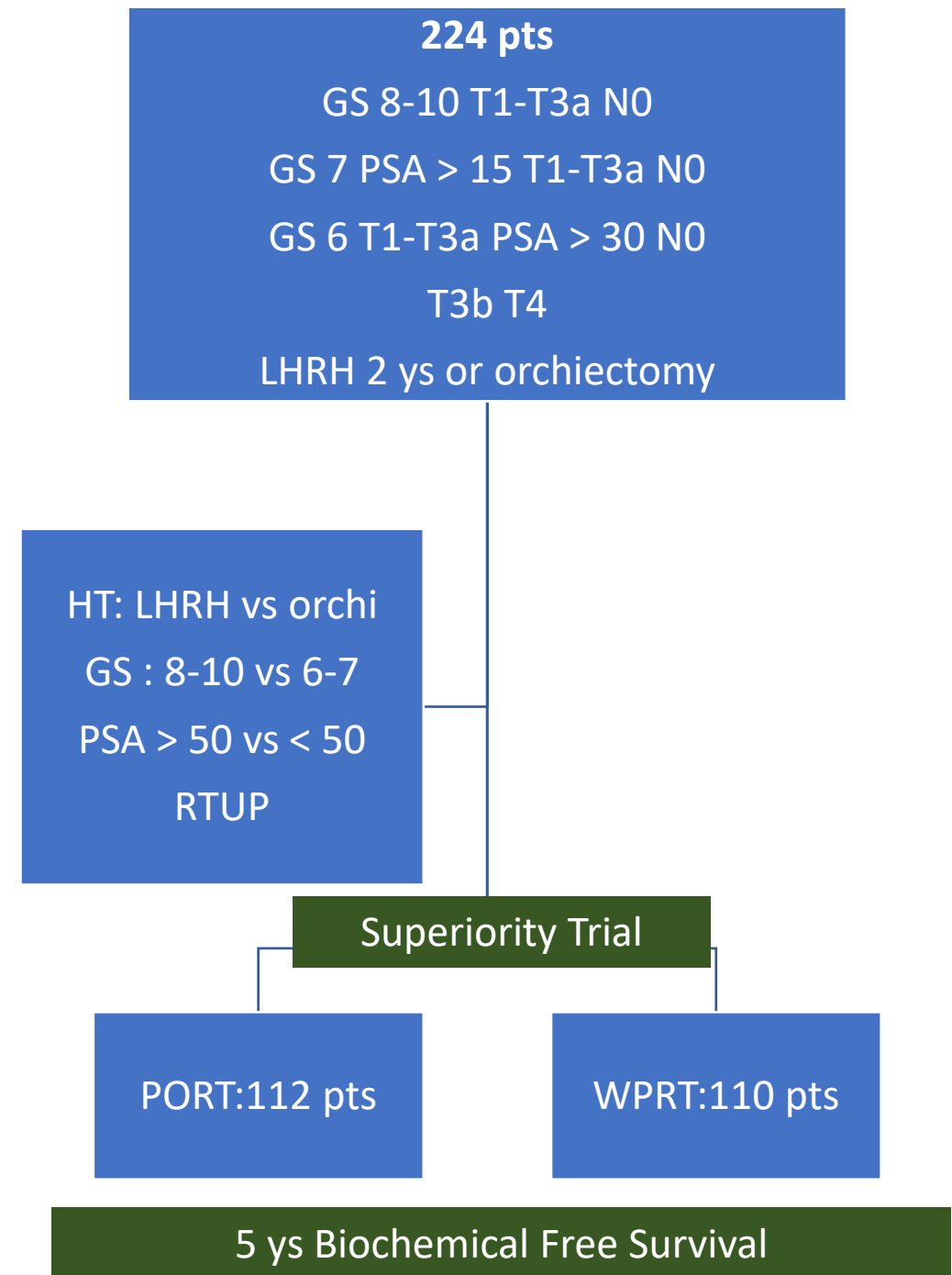
Pelvic RT: yes/no ?

... RT + ADT vs Surg (+/- RT +/- ADT) ?

POP RT Trial

Murthy et al J Clin Oncol 39:1234-1242. © 2021

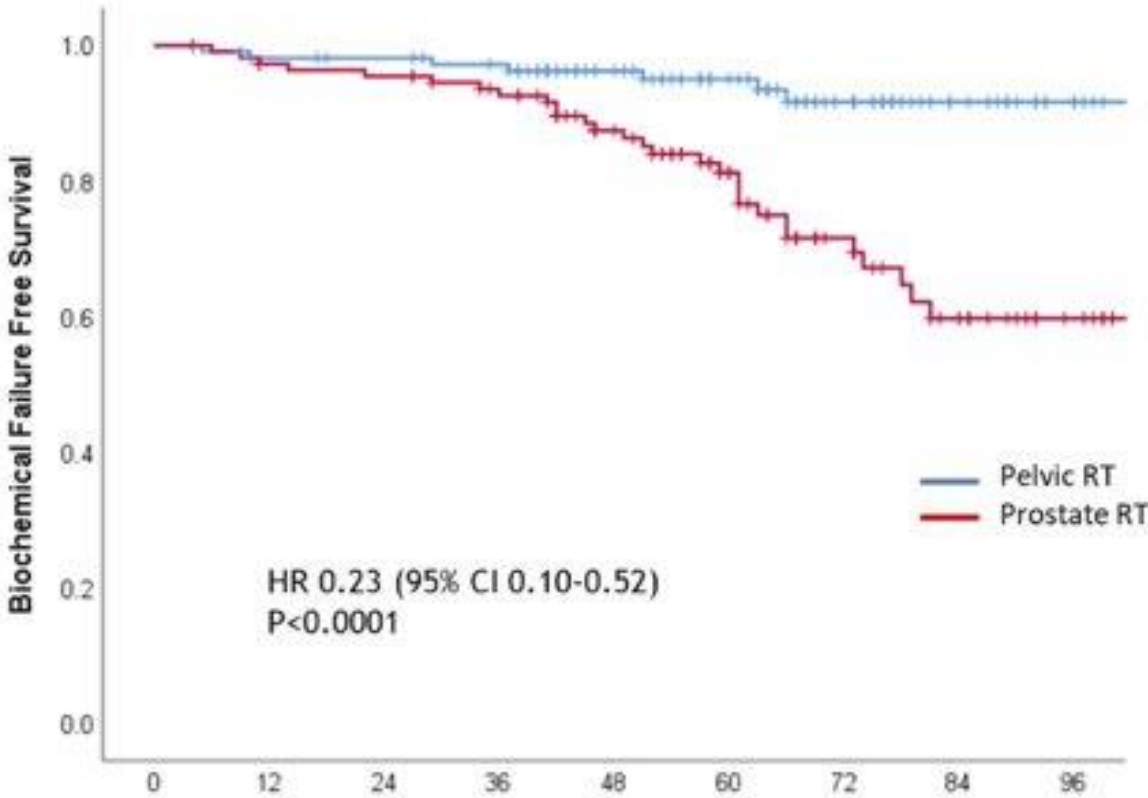
	POP RT
N+ Risk (Roach > 20)	Med.: 38% > 35%: 55% > 50%: 29%
Gleason	8-10: 49.1%
Staging	IRM pelv, TEP CT, PSMA TEP (80 %)
Pelvis	50Gy /25 fr
Prostate dose	68Gy / 25 fr SIB
Technique	IG-IMRT



Biochemical Failure-Free Survival



V Murthy et al, India



Median Follow up: 68 Months

	WPRT	PORT
No. of events	7	29
5-yr BFFS	95.0%	81.2%

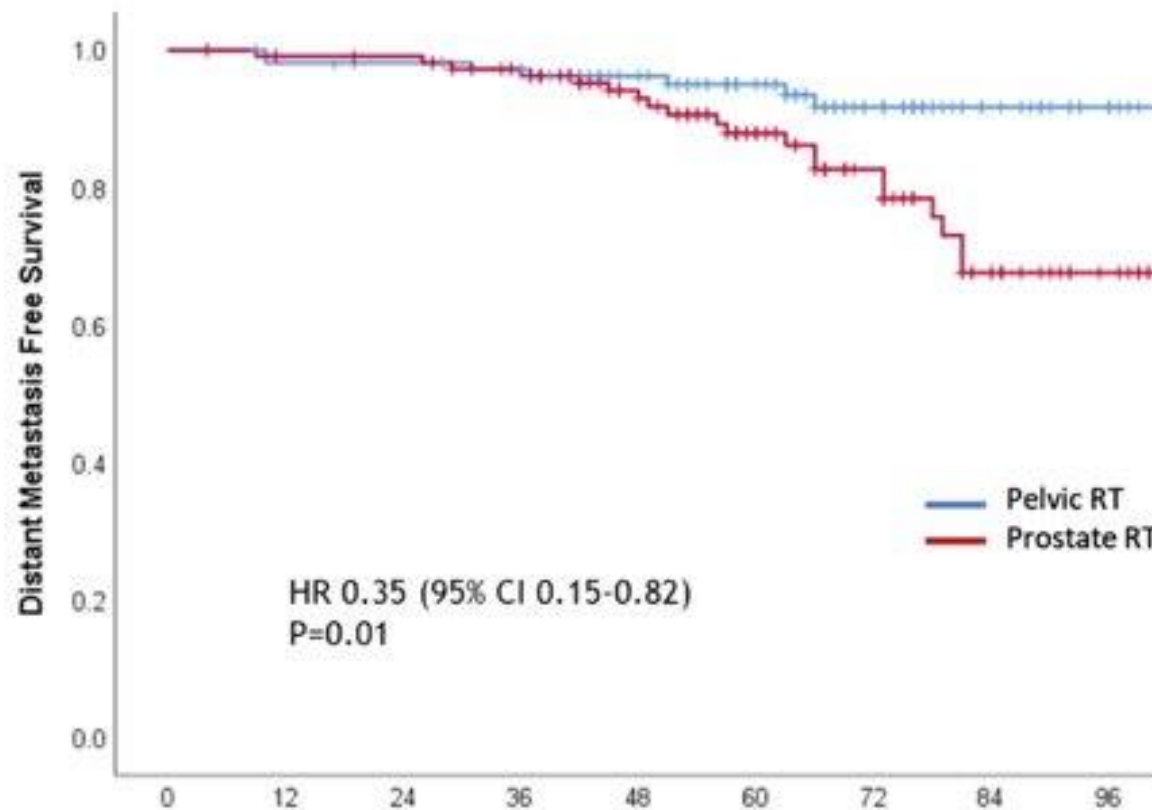
No.at risk	Months									
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	
WPRT	110	106	104	100	81	64	40	20	10	
PORT	112	106	104	97	77	55	34	22	10	

Distant Metastasis-Free Survival (Post Hoc)

ESTRO2020



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5-yr DMFS	95.0%	87.9%

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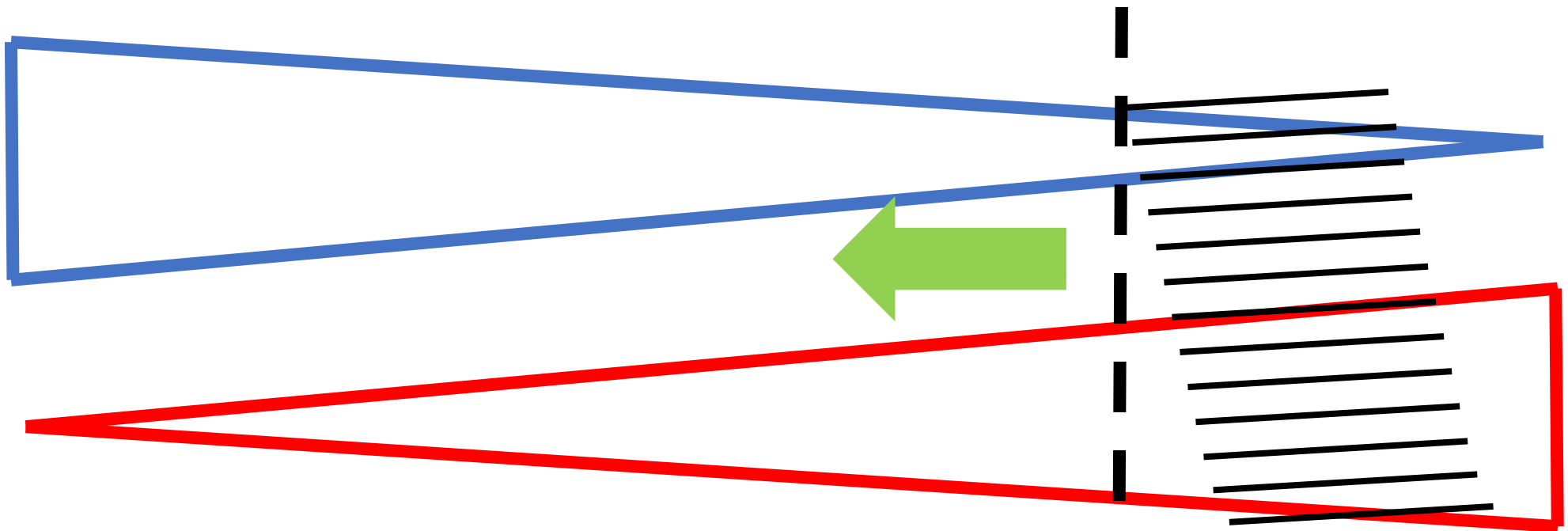
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
WPRT	110	107	105	100	80	64	41	20	9
PORT	112	108	107	99	80	56	39	21	10

Patterns of disease recurrence at biochemical failure

Site of recurrence	WPRT	PORT
Regional pelvic nodes (With/without Distant Metastasis)	1	15
Distant metastases only	5	7
Local recurrence only	0	1
No radiological disease (only BCF)	0	2
Pattern unknown	2	4
Total	7	29

The “sliding window” of WPRT

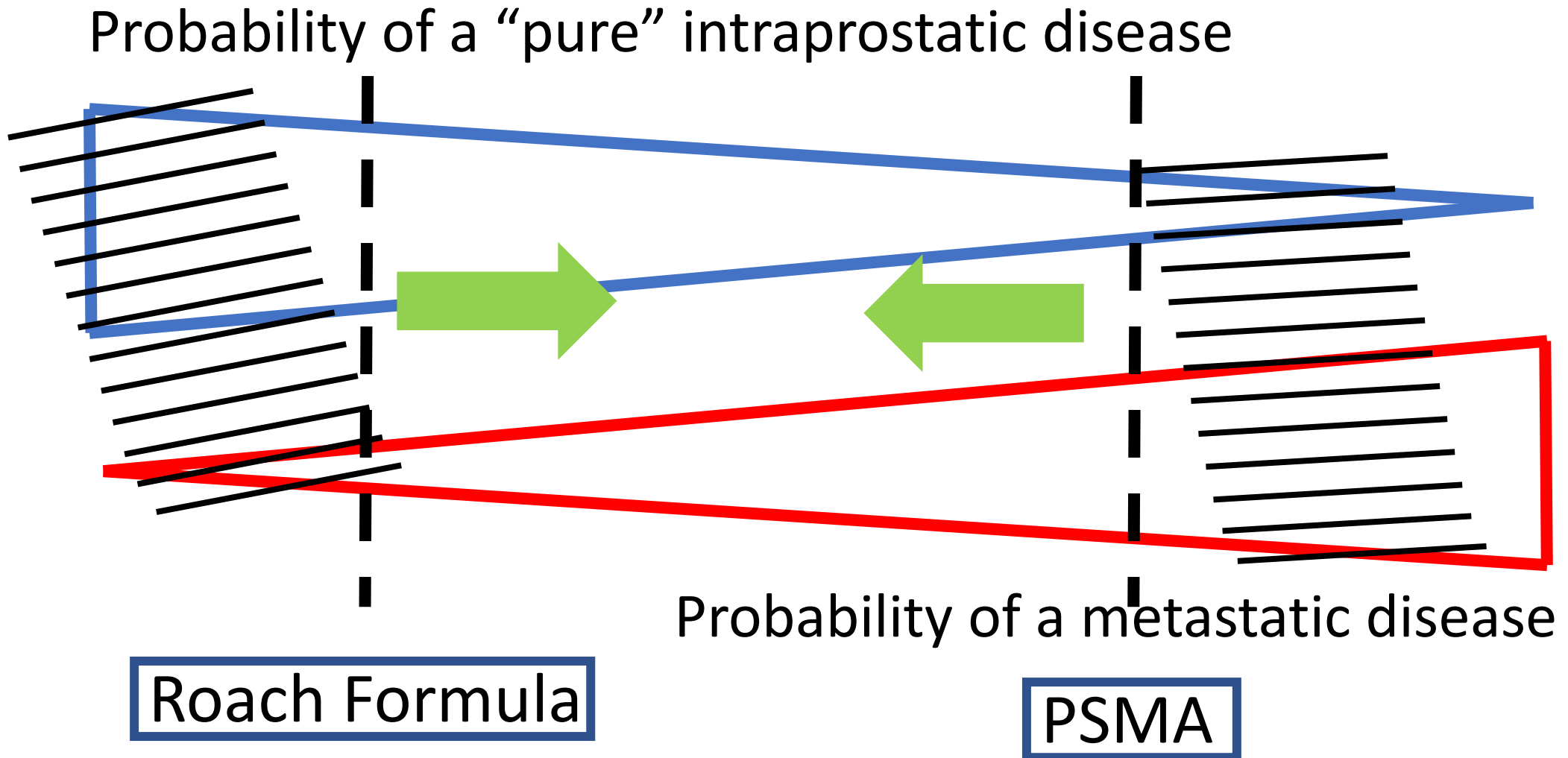
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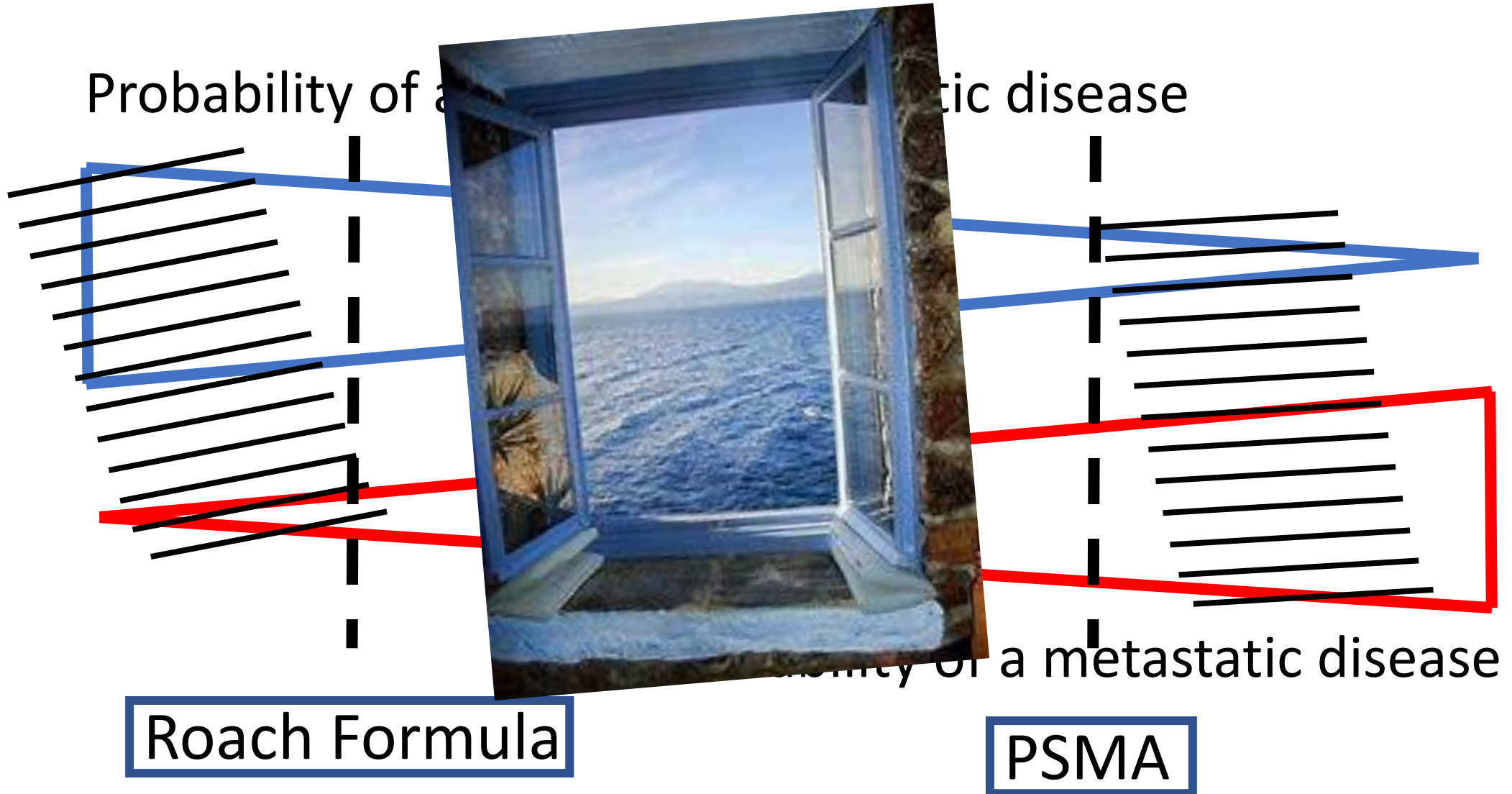
Probability of a metastatic disease

PSMA

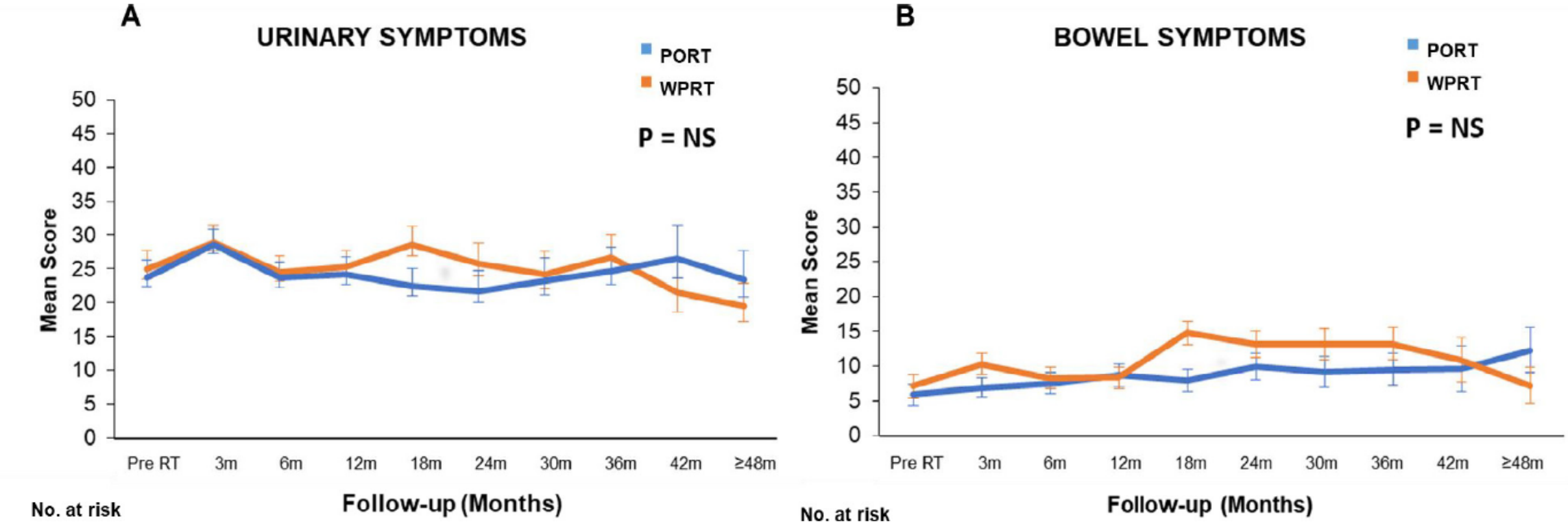
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Patient-reported quality of life outcomes for EORTC PR-25 urinary and bowel symptom domains.



Clinical Investigation

Androgen Suppression Combined with Elective Nodal and Dose Escalated Radiation Therapy (the ASCENDE-RT Trial): An Analysis of Survival Endpoints for a Randomized Trial Comparing a Low-Dose-Rate Brachytherapy Boost to a Dose-Escalated External Beam Boost for High- and Intermediate-risk Prostate Cancer

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NCCN intermediate (31%) and high-risk (69%)

Gleason \geq 8	40%
iPSA > 20 ng/ml	19%
cT3a	29%

RANDOMISE (N=398)

DE-EBRT arm (N=200)

12 mo ADT
46 Gy whole pelvis 3-DC-EBRT
32 Gy 3-DC-EBRT boost (=78 Gy tot)

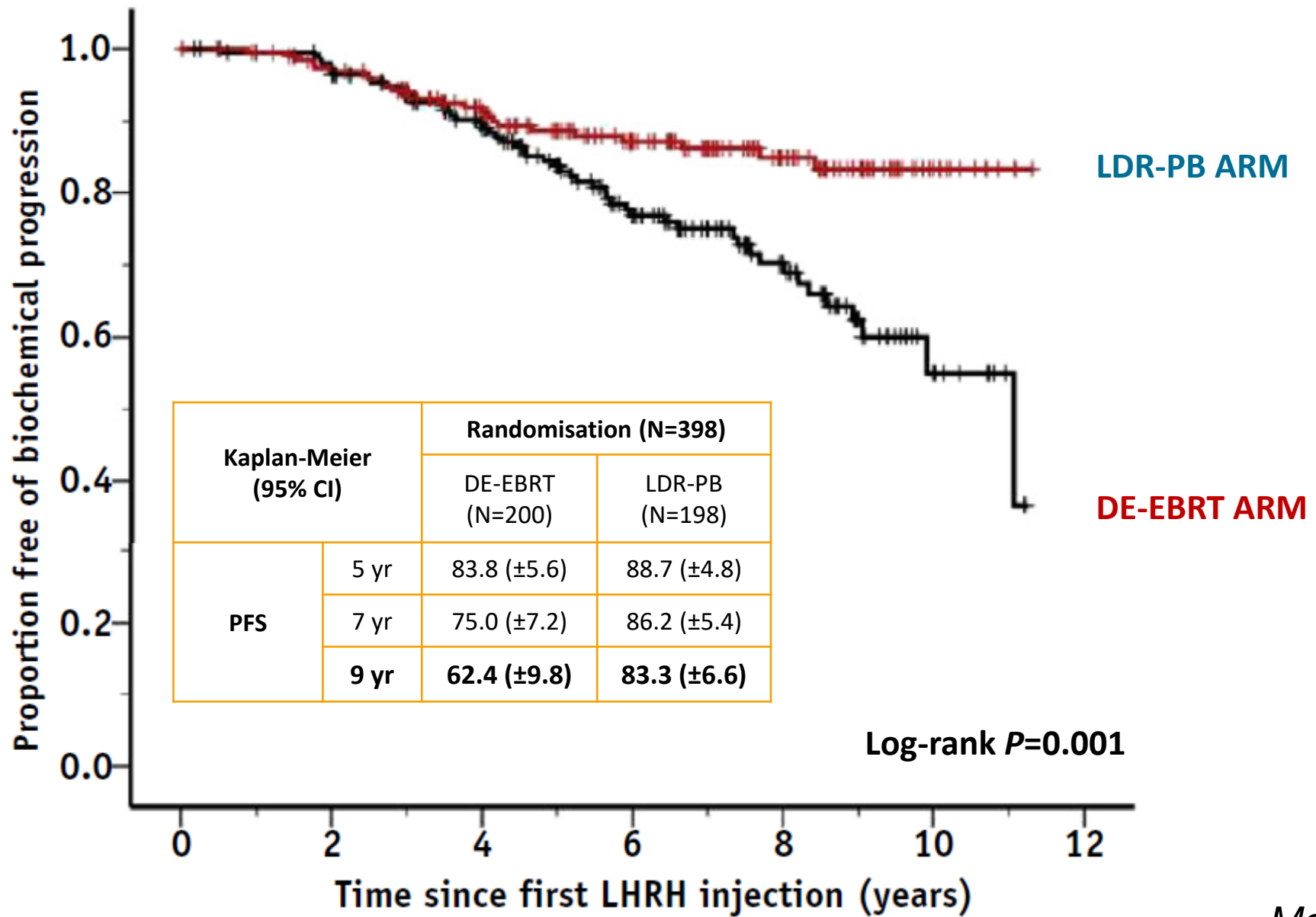
LDR-PB arm (N=198)

12 mo ADT
46 Gy whole pelvis 3-DC-EBRT
LDR 115 Gy I^{125} boost

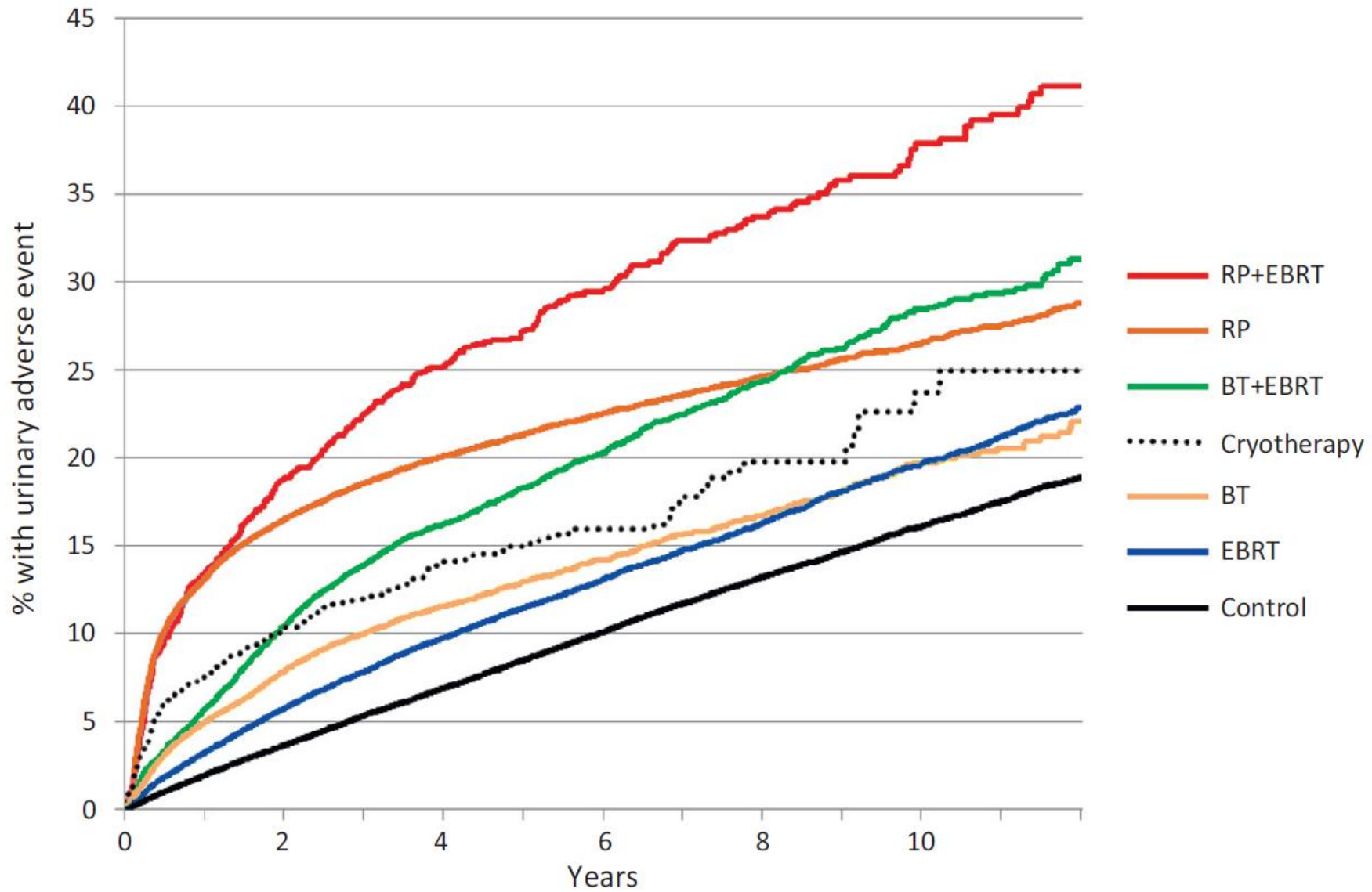
Median Follow-up: 6.5 yr

**Primary endpoint: biochemical Progression Free Survival
(ASTRO PSA nadir+2 ng/ml)**

Morris, 2017

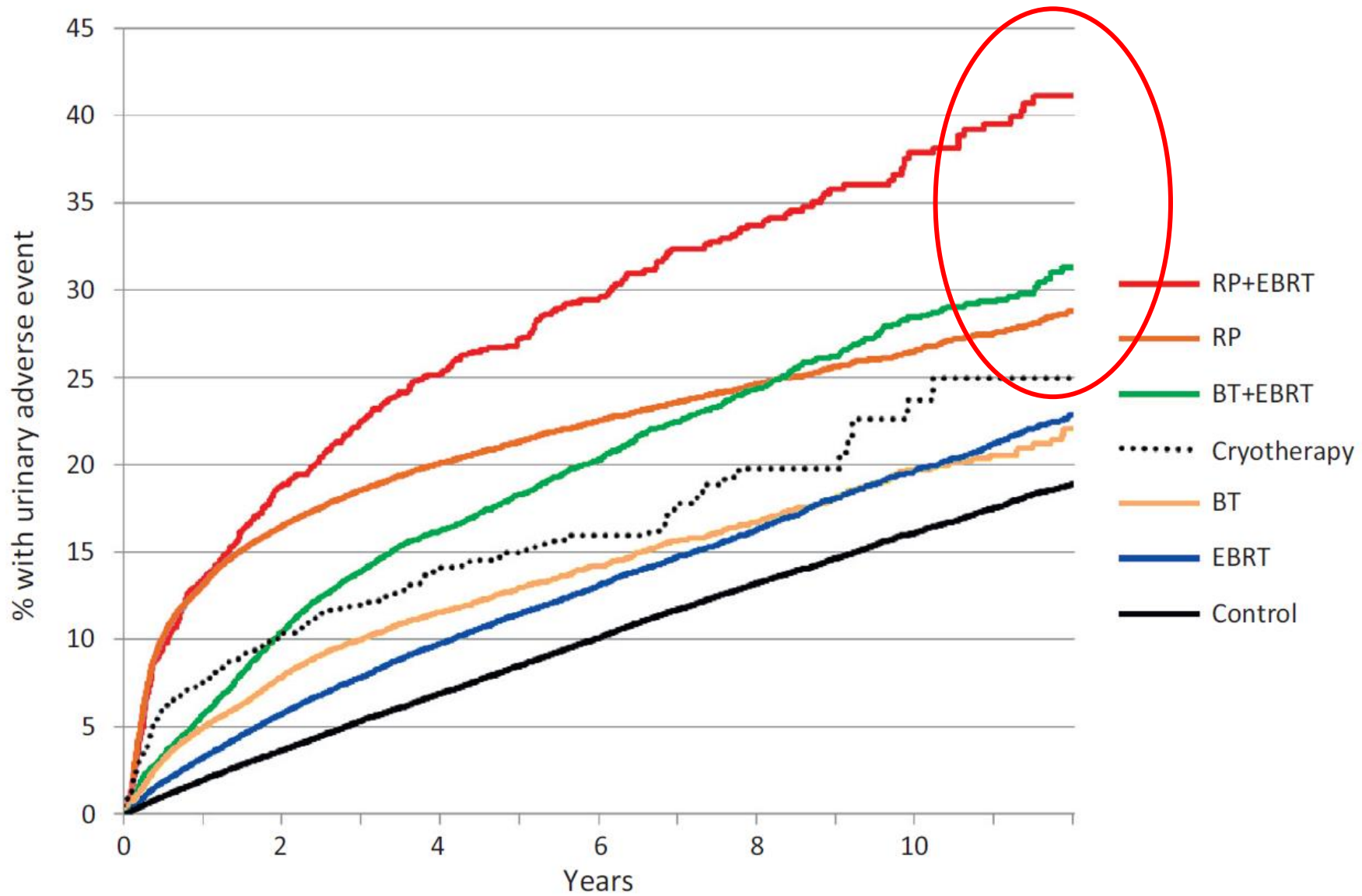


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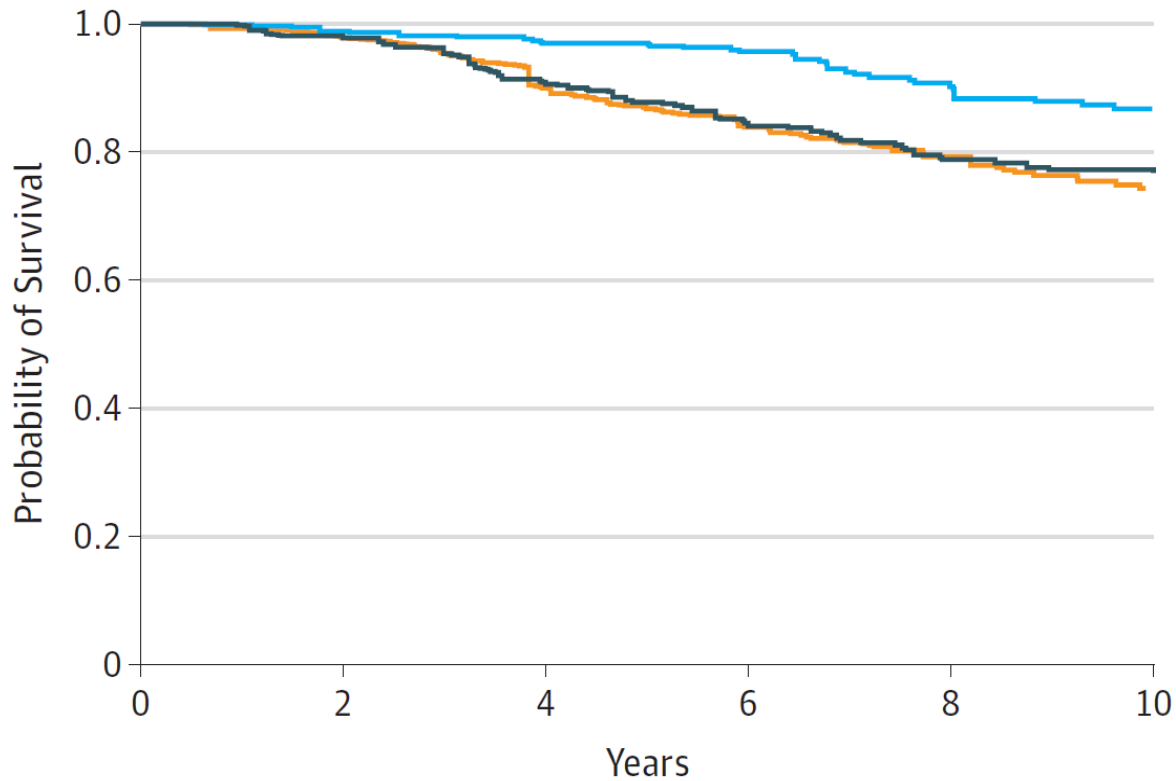
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- *“...large consortium of **1809 (very)-high risk PCa pts** from 12 tertiary US centers”*
- **RP (+ postop RT, 43%): 639**
- **EBRT alone (+ ADT, 22 m): 734**
- **EBRT+ BT- boost (+ ADT, 12 m) : 436**
- **(HDR: 40 %)**
- median follow-up : 4.2 / 5.1 / 6.3 years

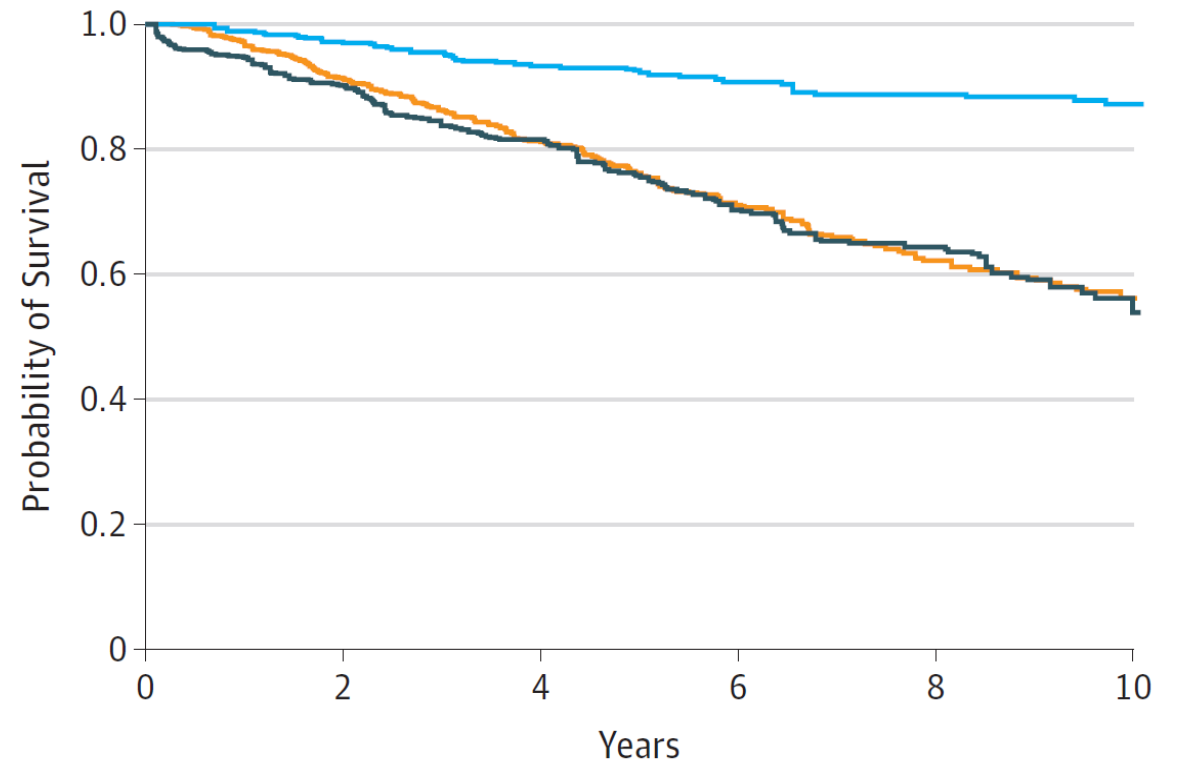
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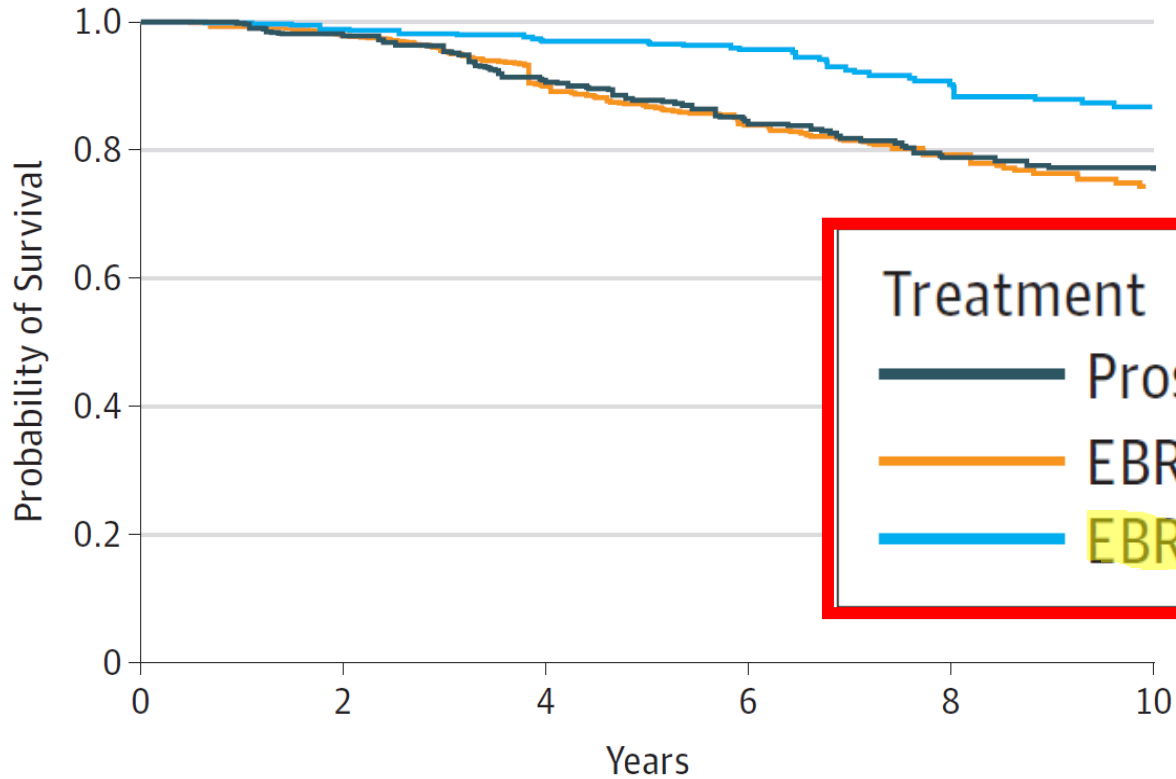
B Distant metastasis-free survival



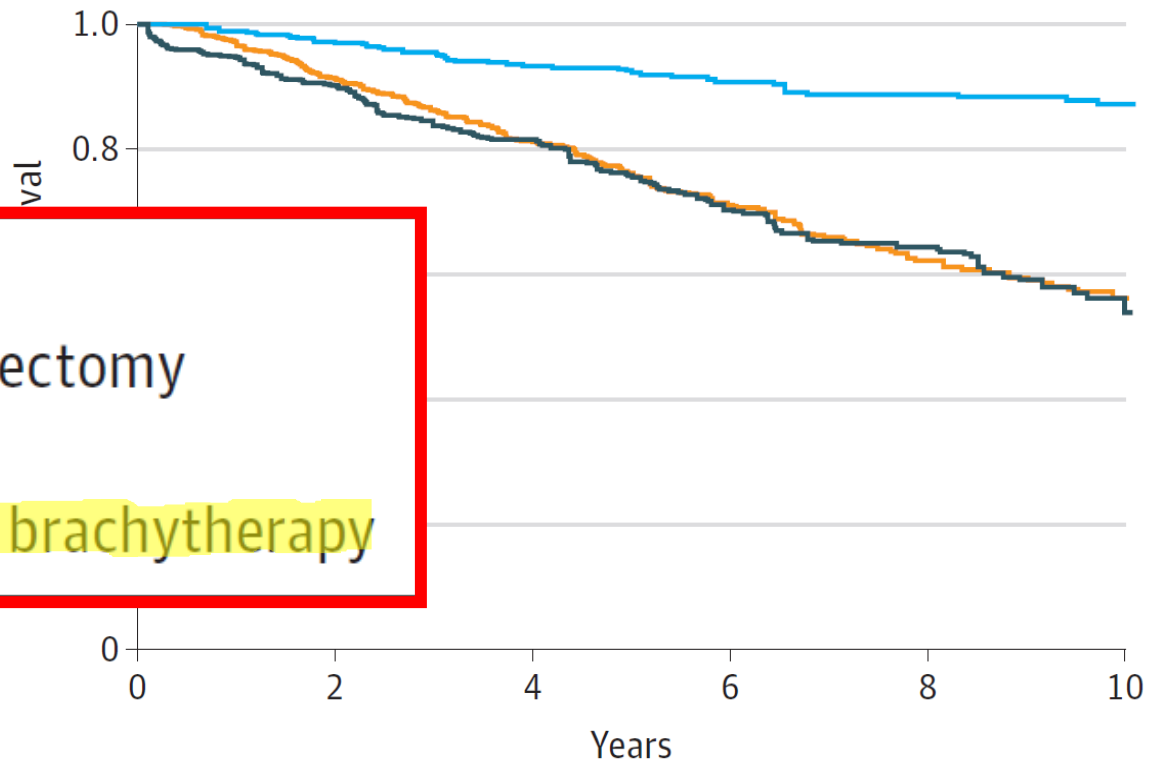
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Treatment

- Prostatectomy
- EBRT
- EBRT + brachytherapy

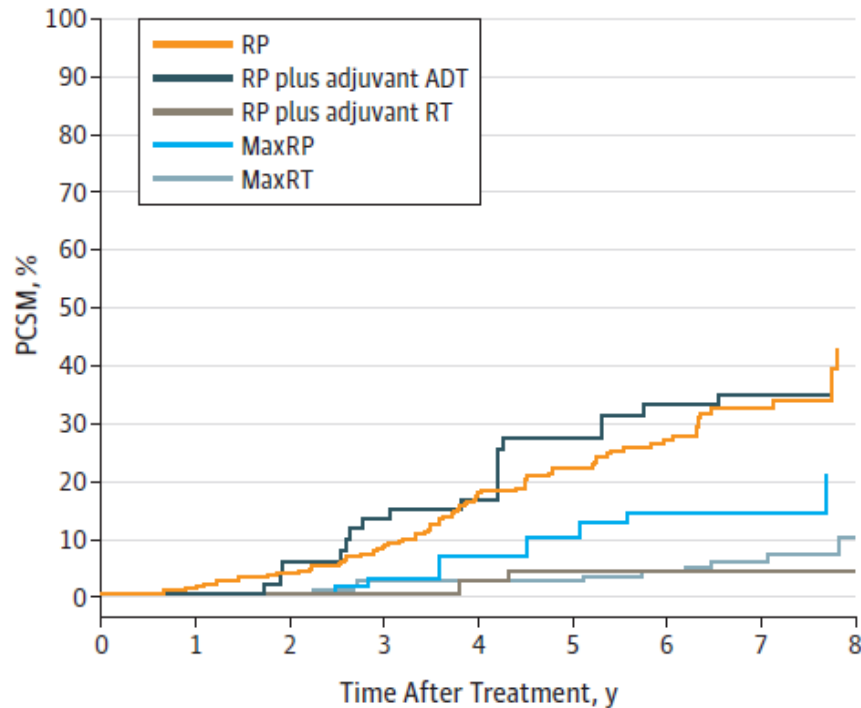
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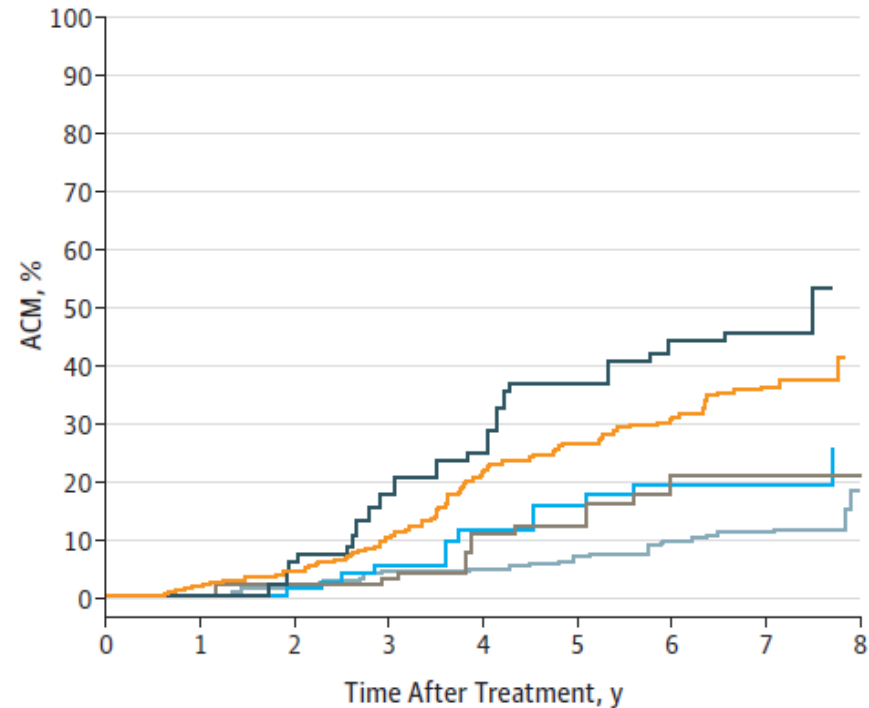
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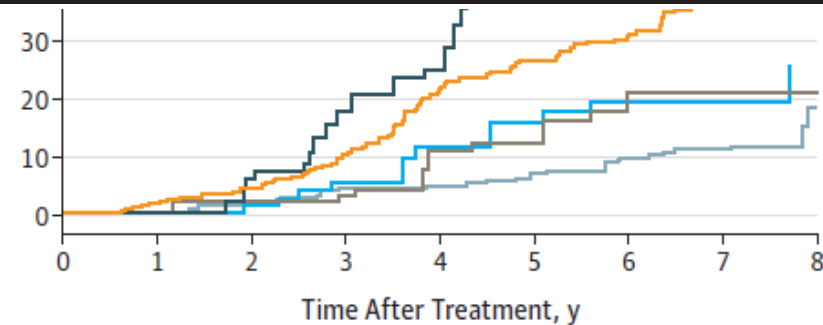
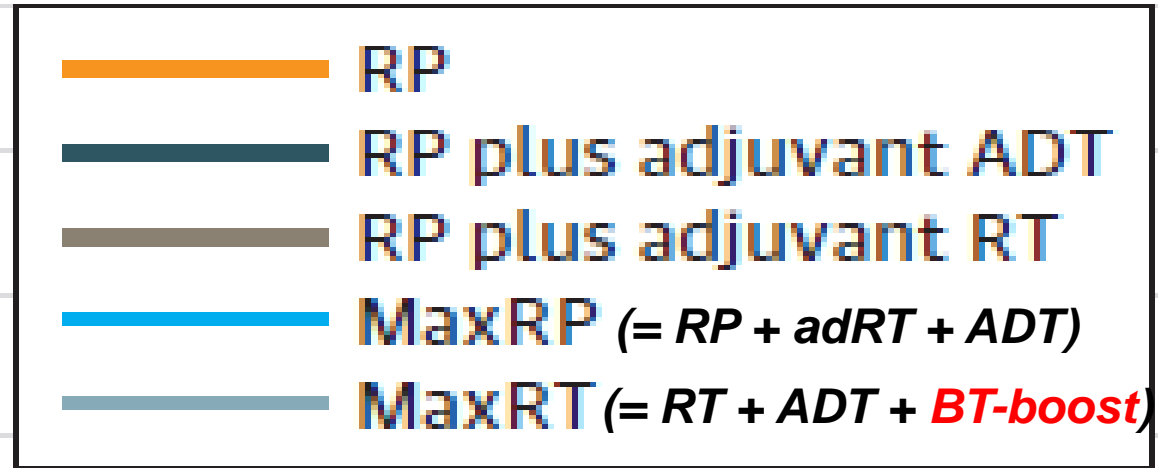
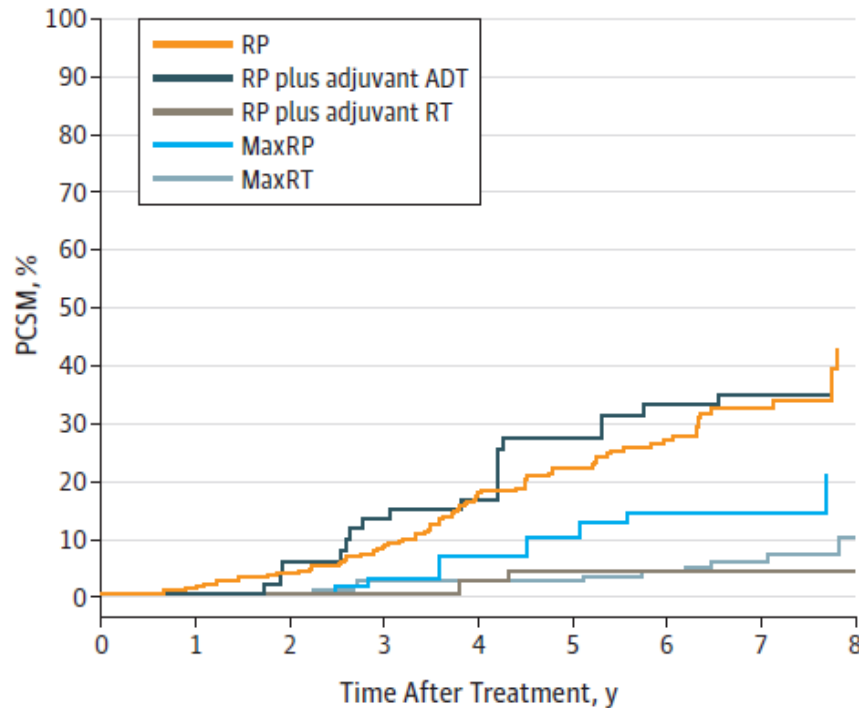
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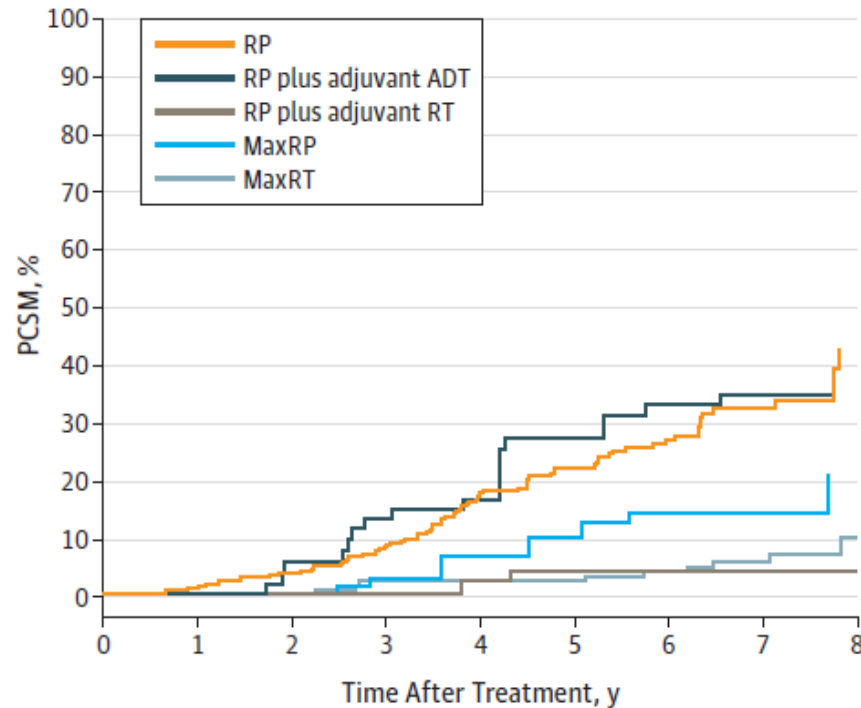
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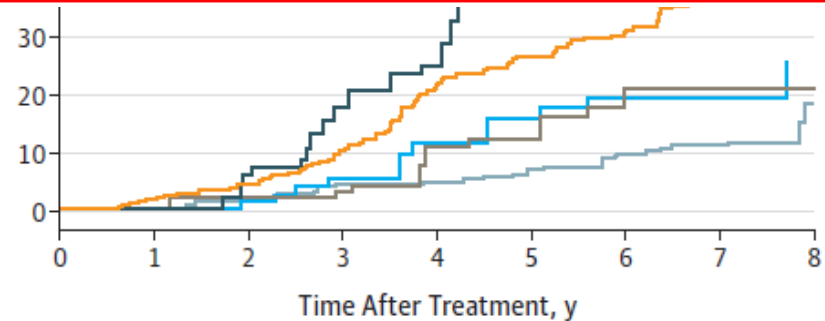
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RP plus adjuvant RT

MaxRT (= RT + ADT + BT-boost)

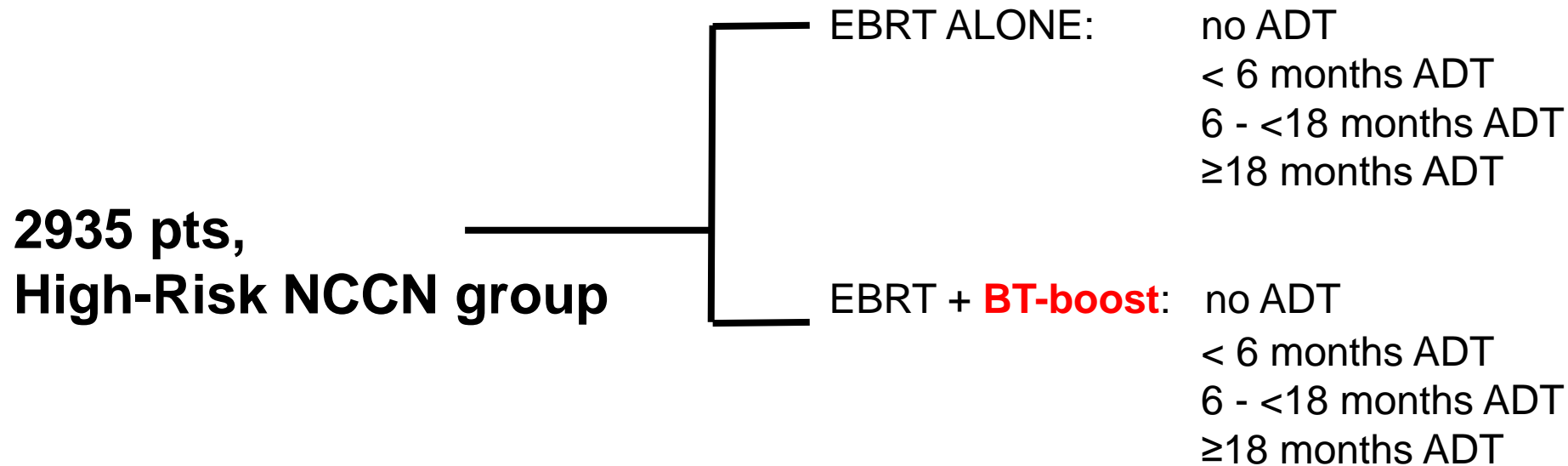


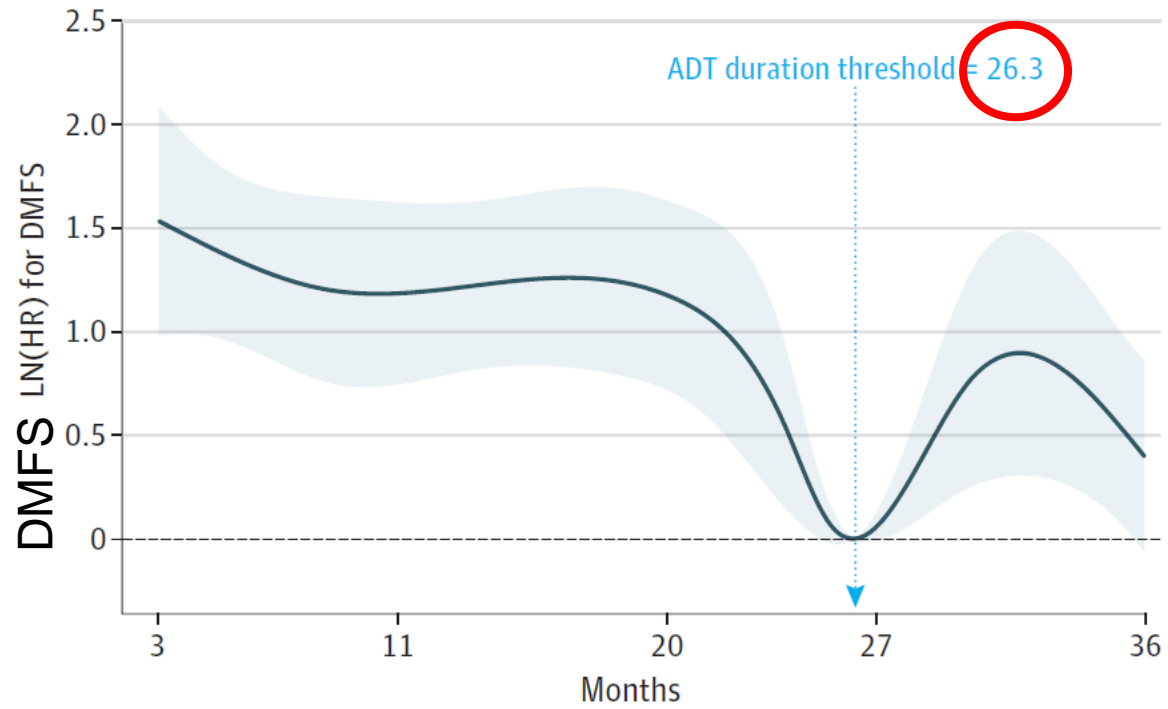
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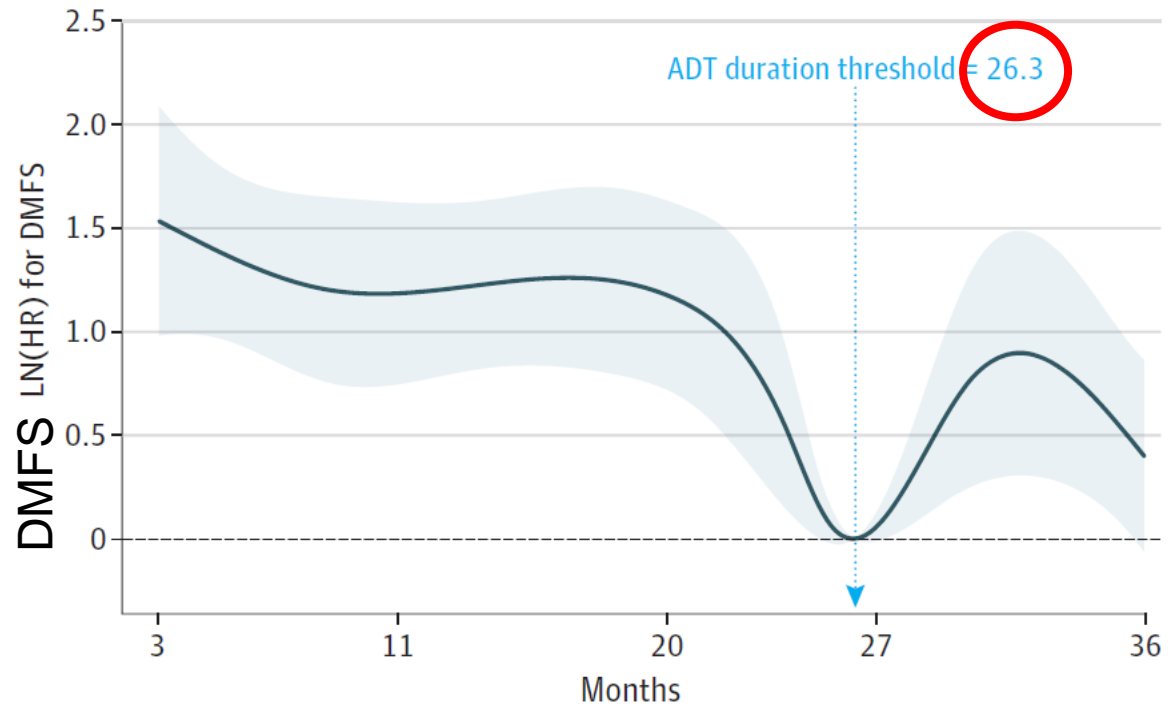
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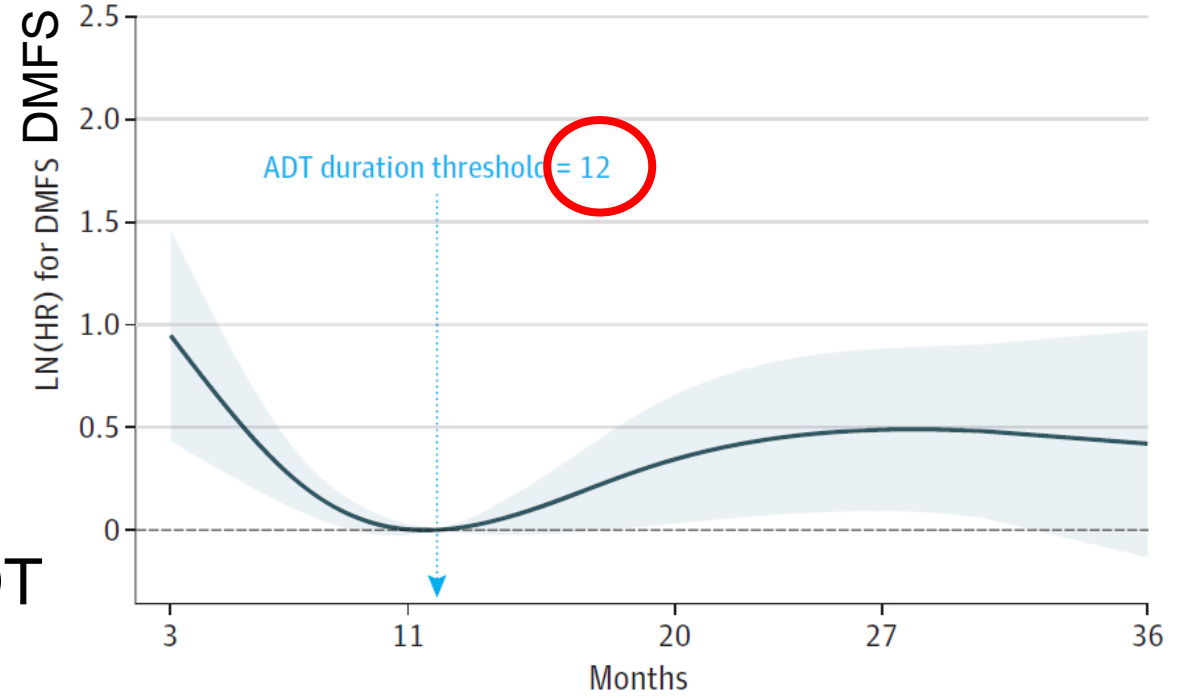


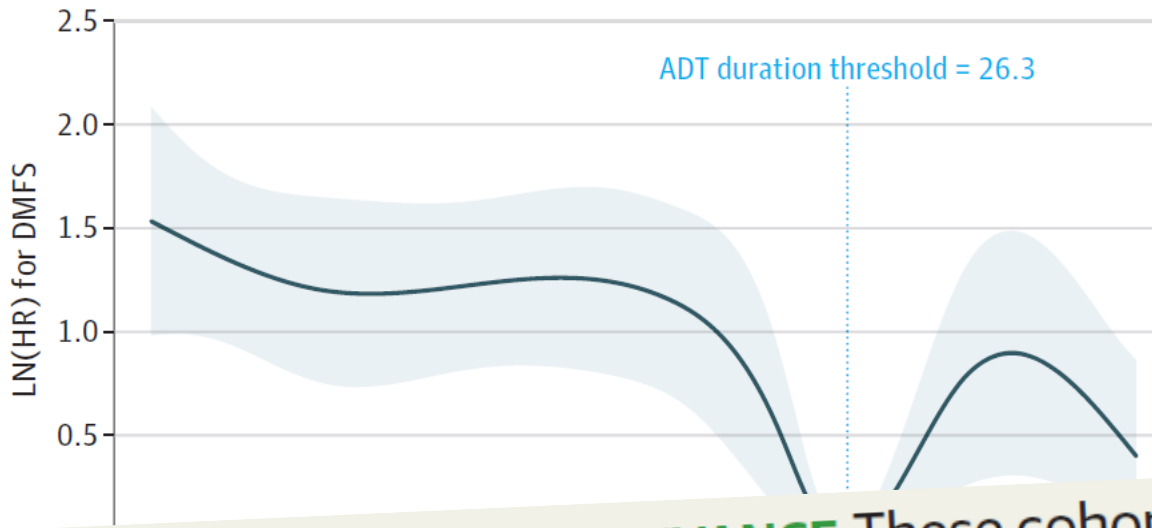
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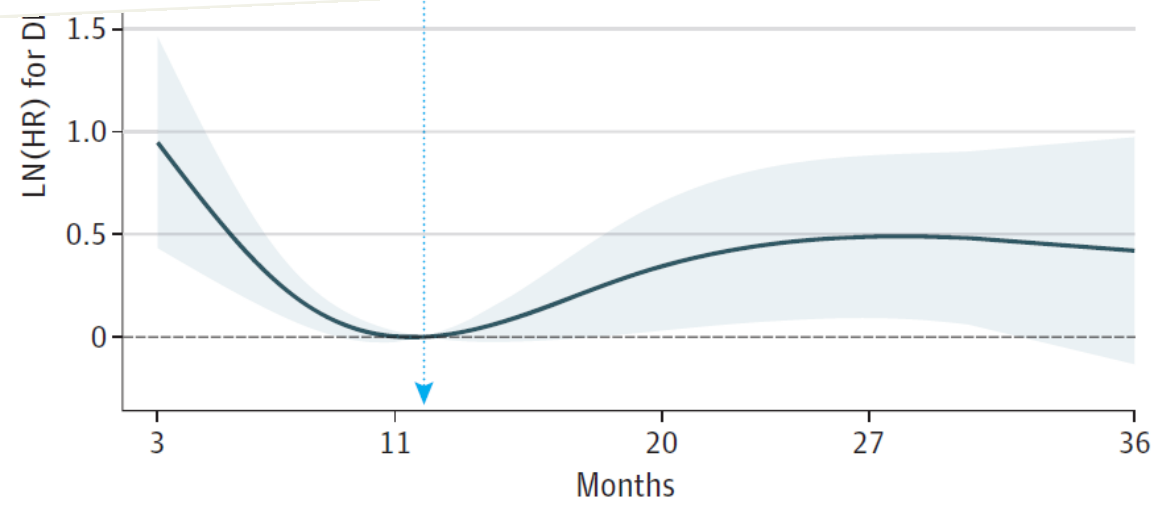
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EBRT + **BT-boost** = **12** months of ADT

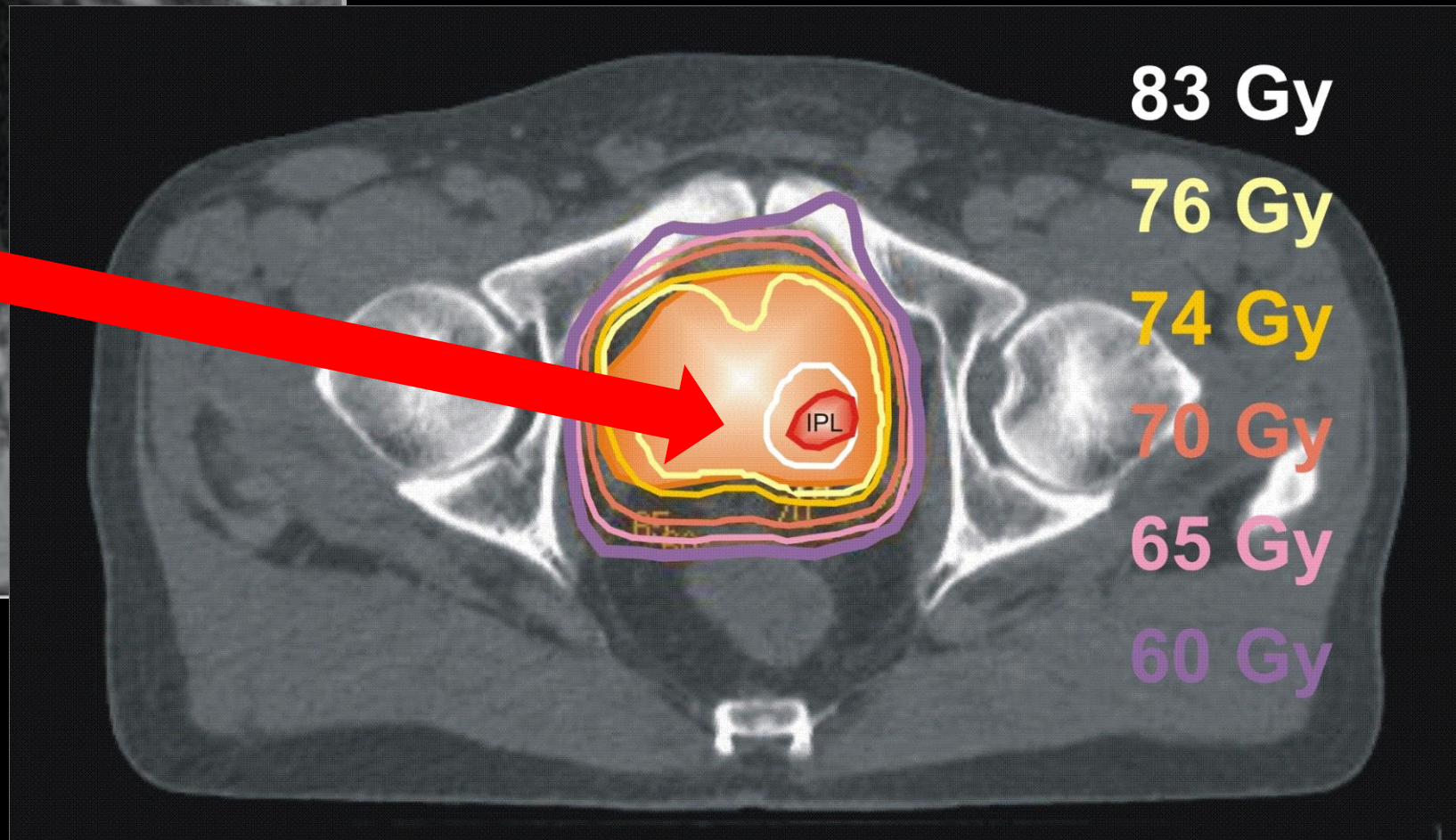
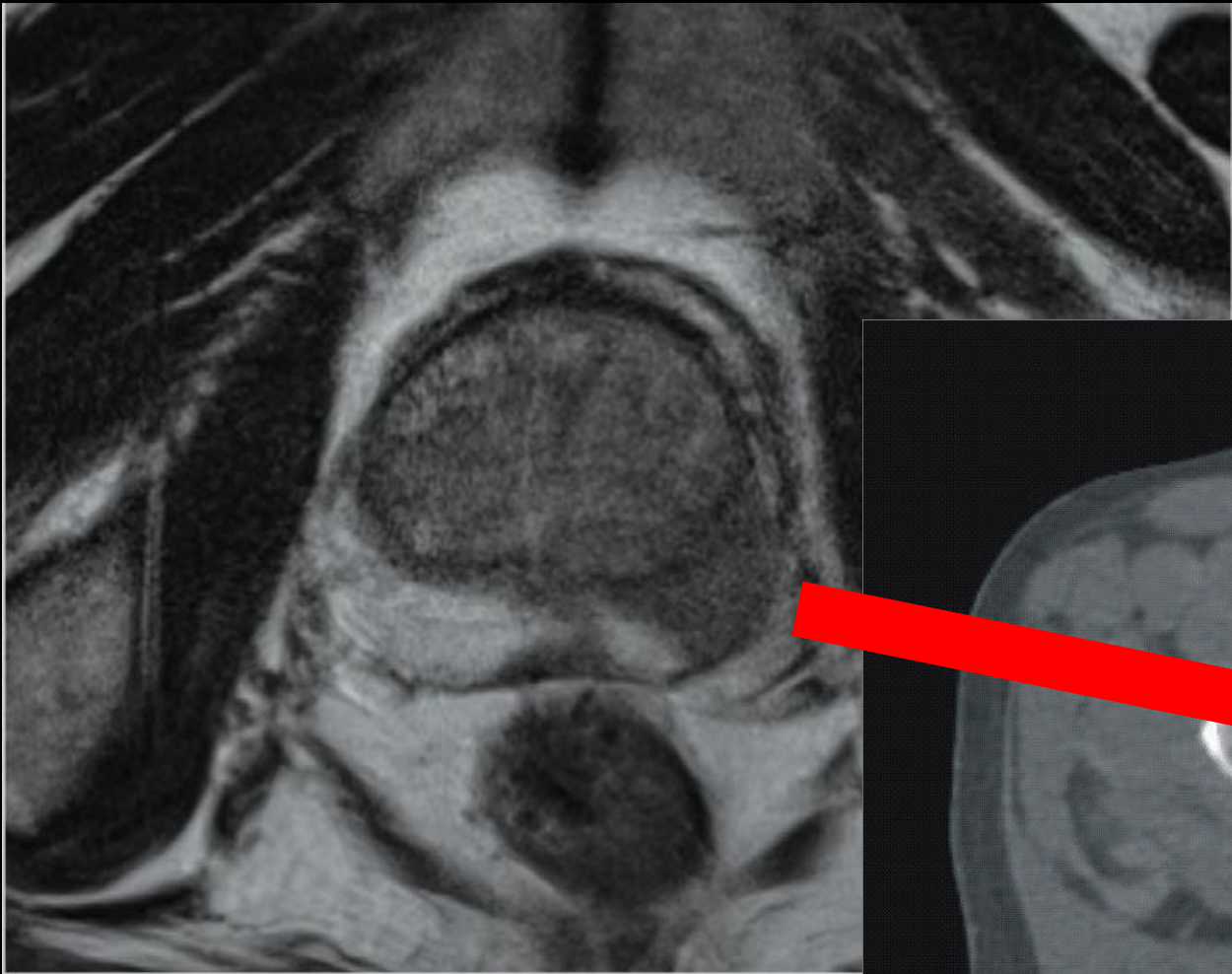




CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE These cohort study findings suggest that the optimal minimum ADT duration for treatment with high-dose EBRT alone is more than 18 months; and for EBRT+BT, it is 18 months or possibly less.







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Focal Boost to the Intraprostatic Tumor in External Beam Radiotherapy for Patients With Localized Prostate Cancer: Results From the FLAME Randomized Phase III Trial

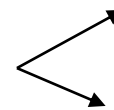
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Focal Lesion
Ablative Microboost
in Prostate Cancer

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Baseline	Standard Treatment	Focal Boost Treatment
No. of subjects (n)	287	284
Mean age in years (SD)	70 (7)	70 (6)
Risk stratification (EAU criteria)	N (%)	N (%)
Low-risk	4 (1)	2 (1)
Intermediate-risk	43 (15)	43 (15)
High-risk	240 (84)	239 (84)

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77 Gy, 35 fr (EQD2 81.8 Gy) +/- ADT

77 Gy, 35 fr (EQD2 81.8 Gy) +/- ADT
+ SIB on the mpMRI defined DIL of
95 Gy (EQD2 115.8 Gy) +/- ADT

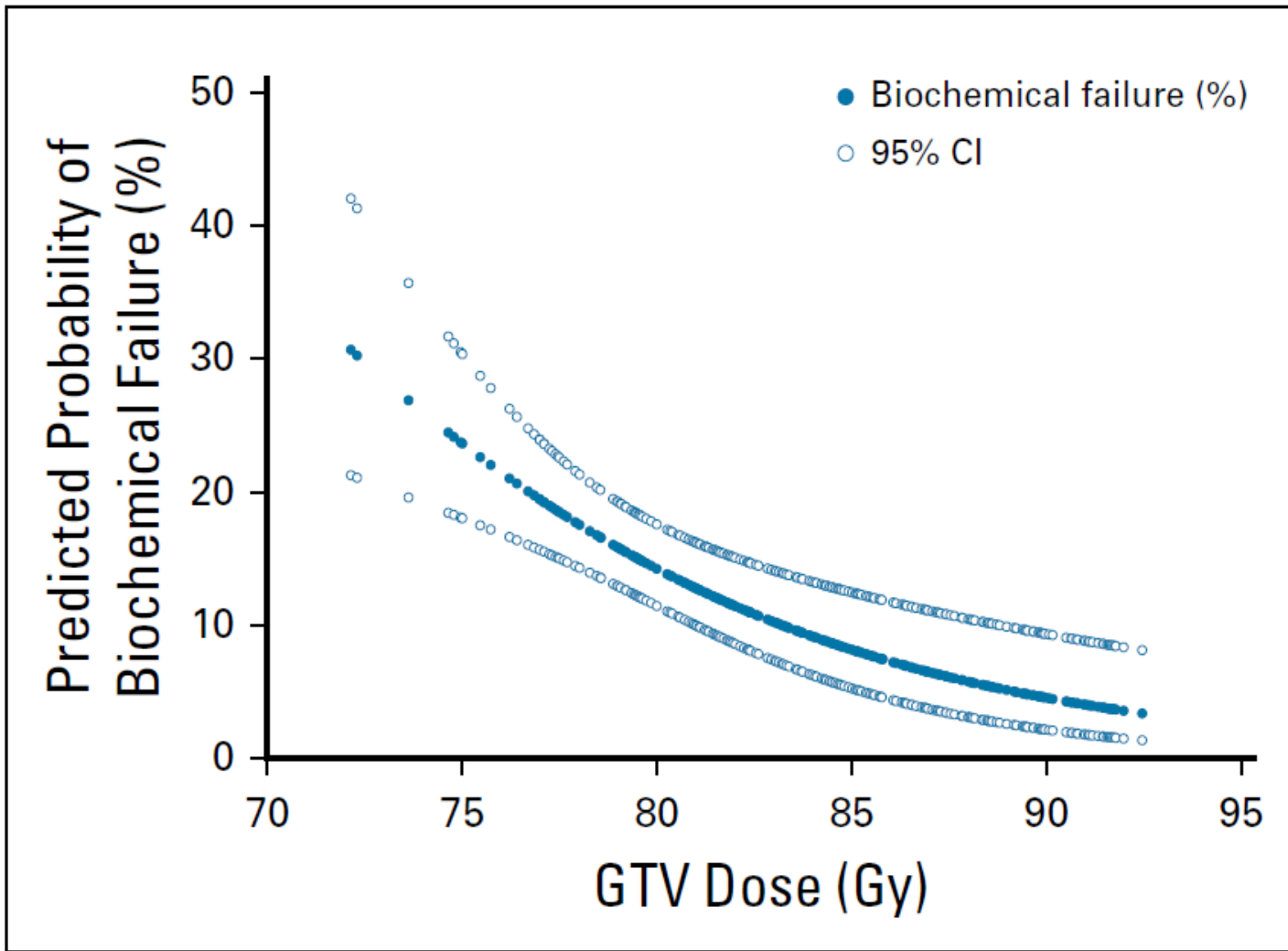


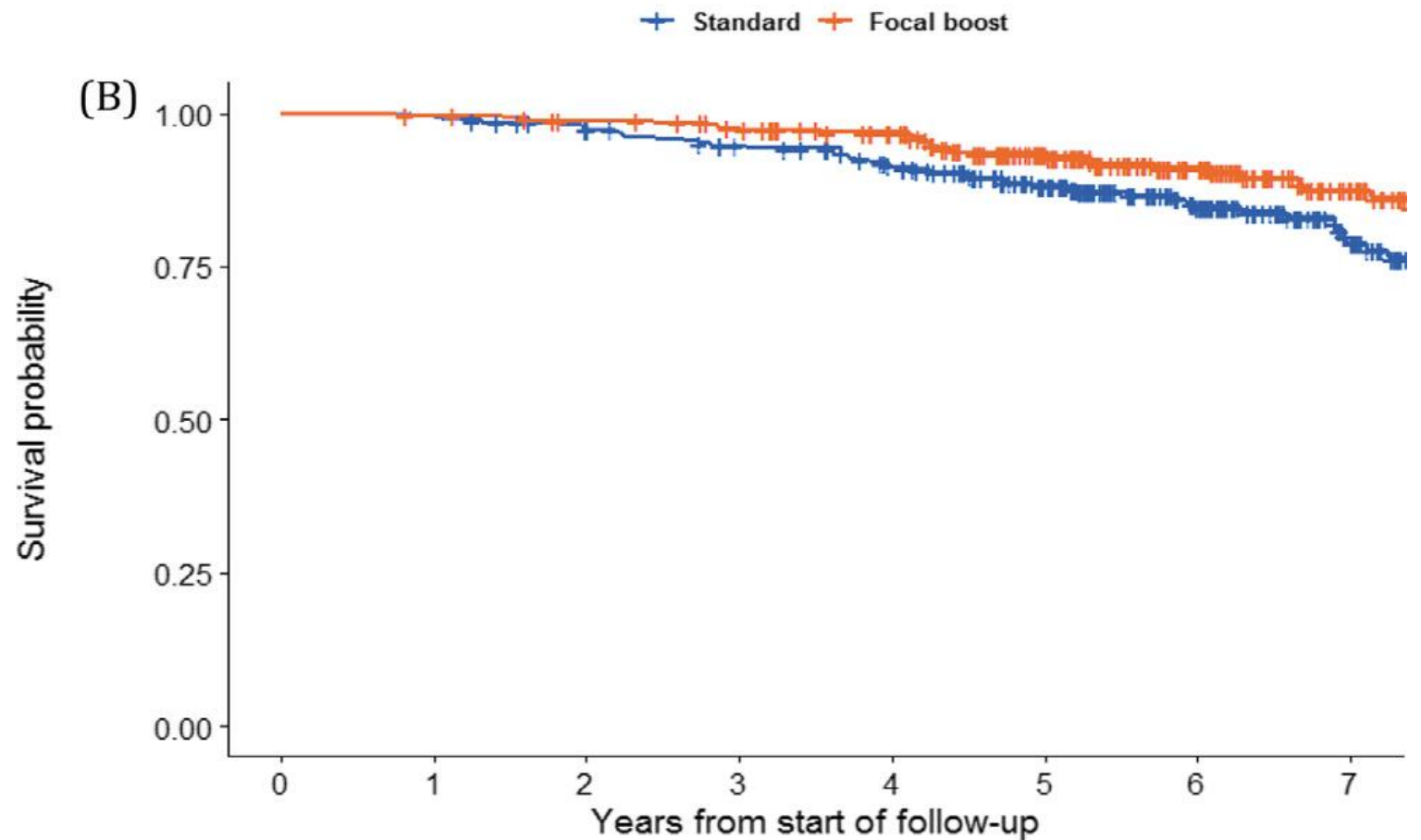
FIG 3. Predicted probability of biochemical failure up to 7 years as a function of achieved dose to the gross tumor volume (D98%; Gy).



Single blind randomized Phase III trial to investigate the benefit of a focal lesion ablative microboost in prostate cancer (FLAME-trial): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

Kerkmeijer et al, JCO 2021

	HR	C.I.
Local Failure Free Survival	0.33	0.14 – 0.78
Regional + Distant Mets Free Survival	0.58	0.35 – 0.93



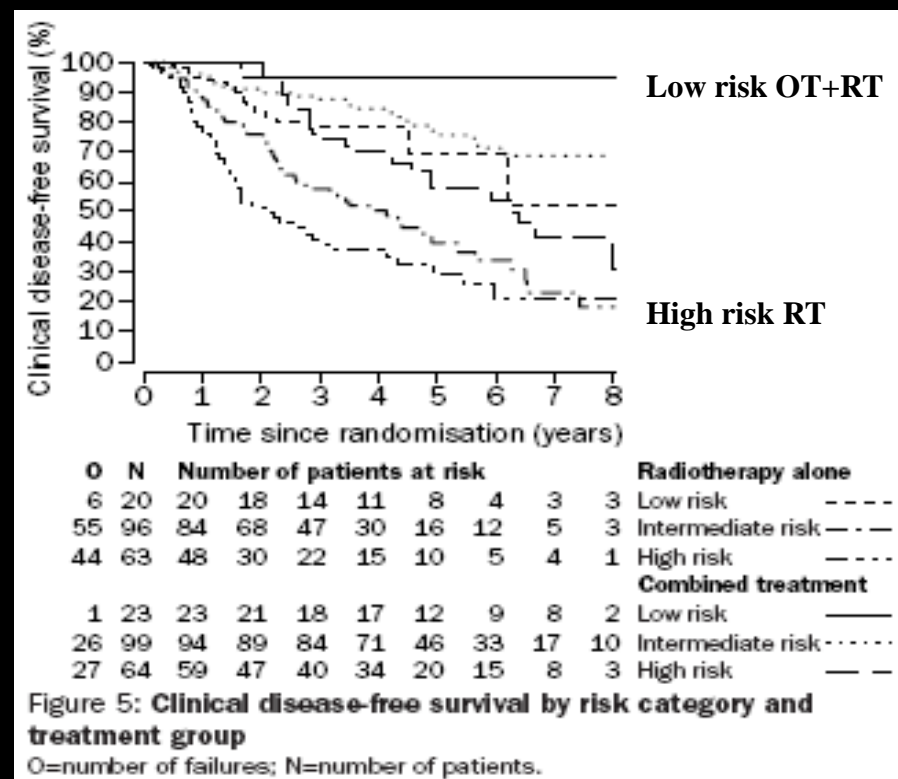
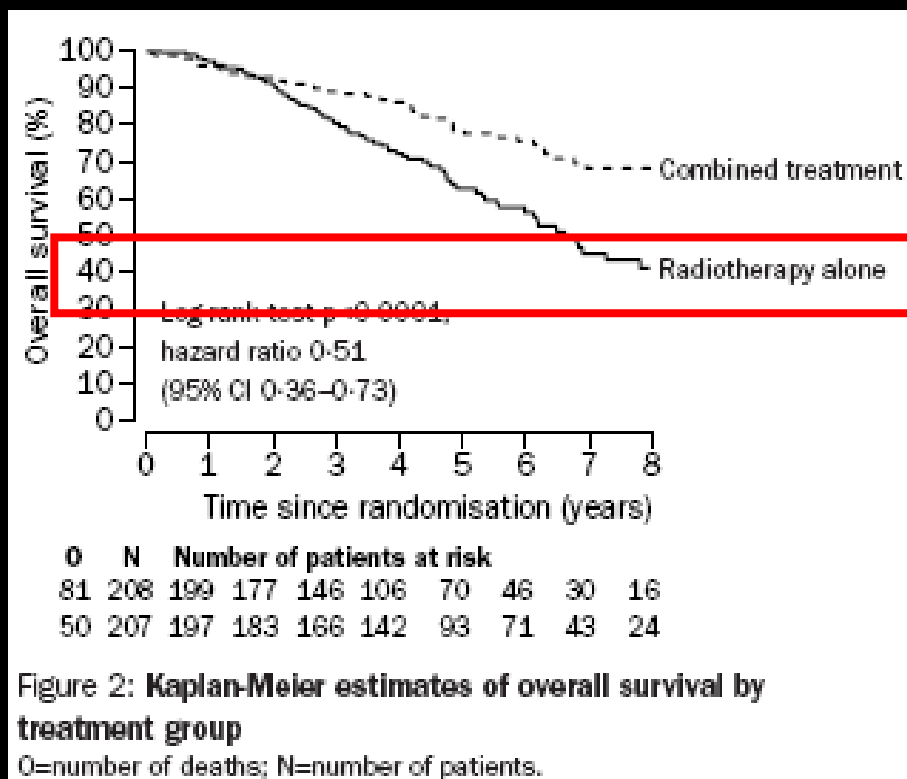
N at risk (cumulative events)

Standard	271 (0)	270 (1)	259 (7)	246 (14)	228 (23)	187 (30)	130 (36)	73 (42)
Focal boost	264 (0)	262 (1)	256 (3)	248 (6)	232 (8)	180 (16)	130 (20)	76 (24)

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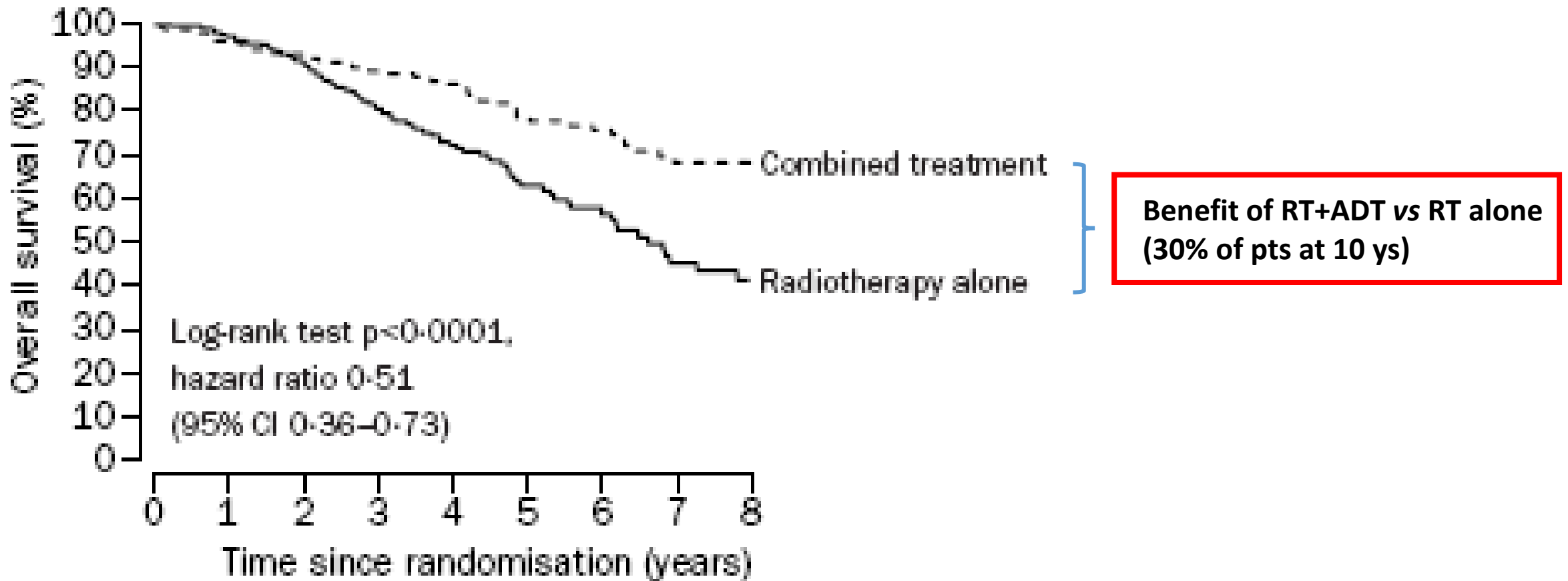
EORTC 22863 PHASE III TRIAL, Bolla, Lancet, 2002



Type of progression	Radiotherapy (n=208)	Combined treatment (n=207)
Any clinical progression	90	27
Local	15	3
Local and regional	3	0
Distant	56	22
Local and distant	13	2
Local, regional, and distant	3	0

Table 2: Sites of disease progression

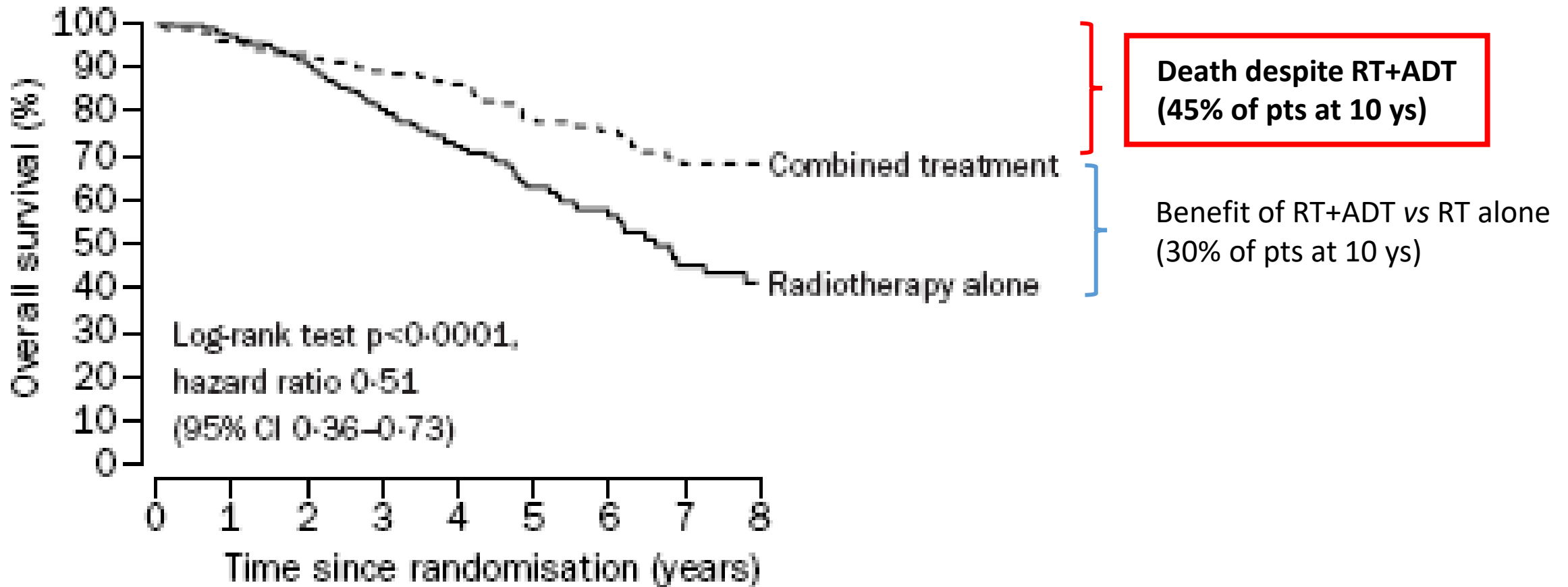
“In our trial, the radiotherapy technique was conventional, far from being optimal. The contribution of radiotherapy to local control can be further improved by 3-D conformal radiotherapy...”



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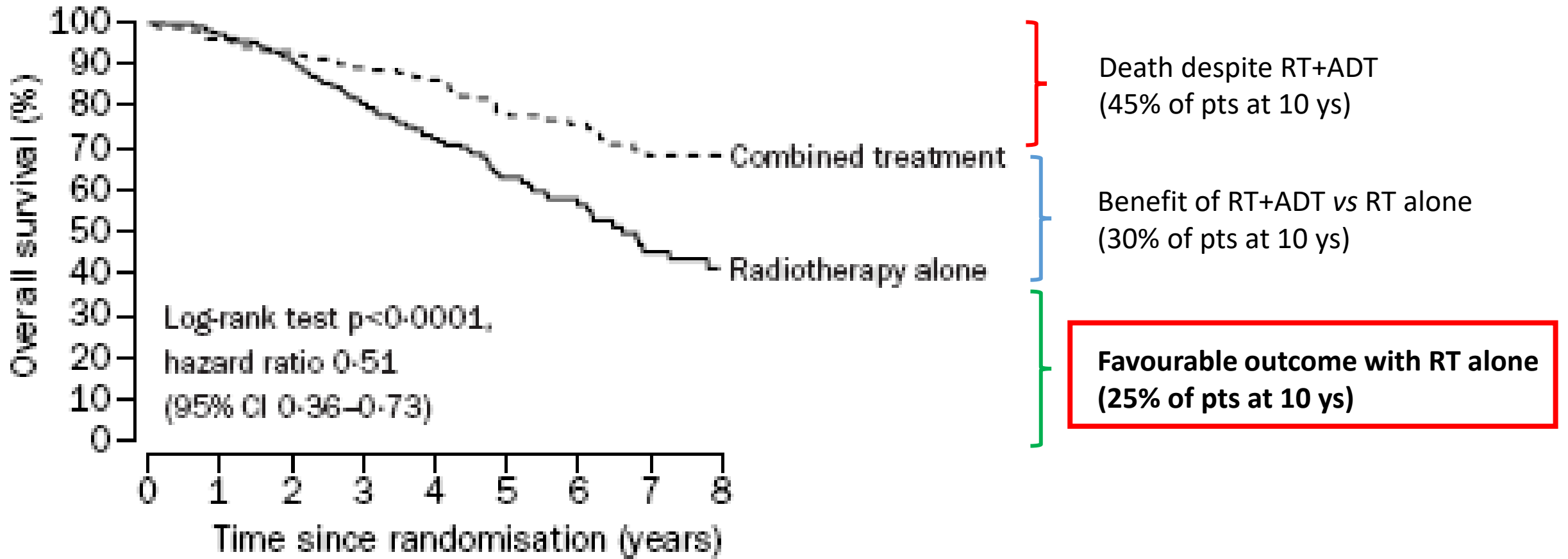
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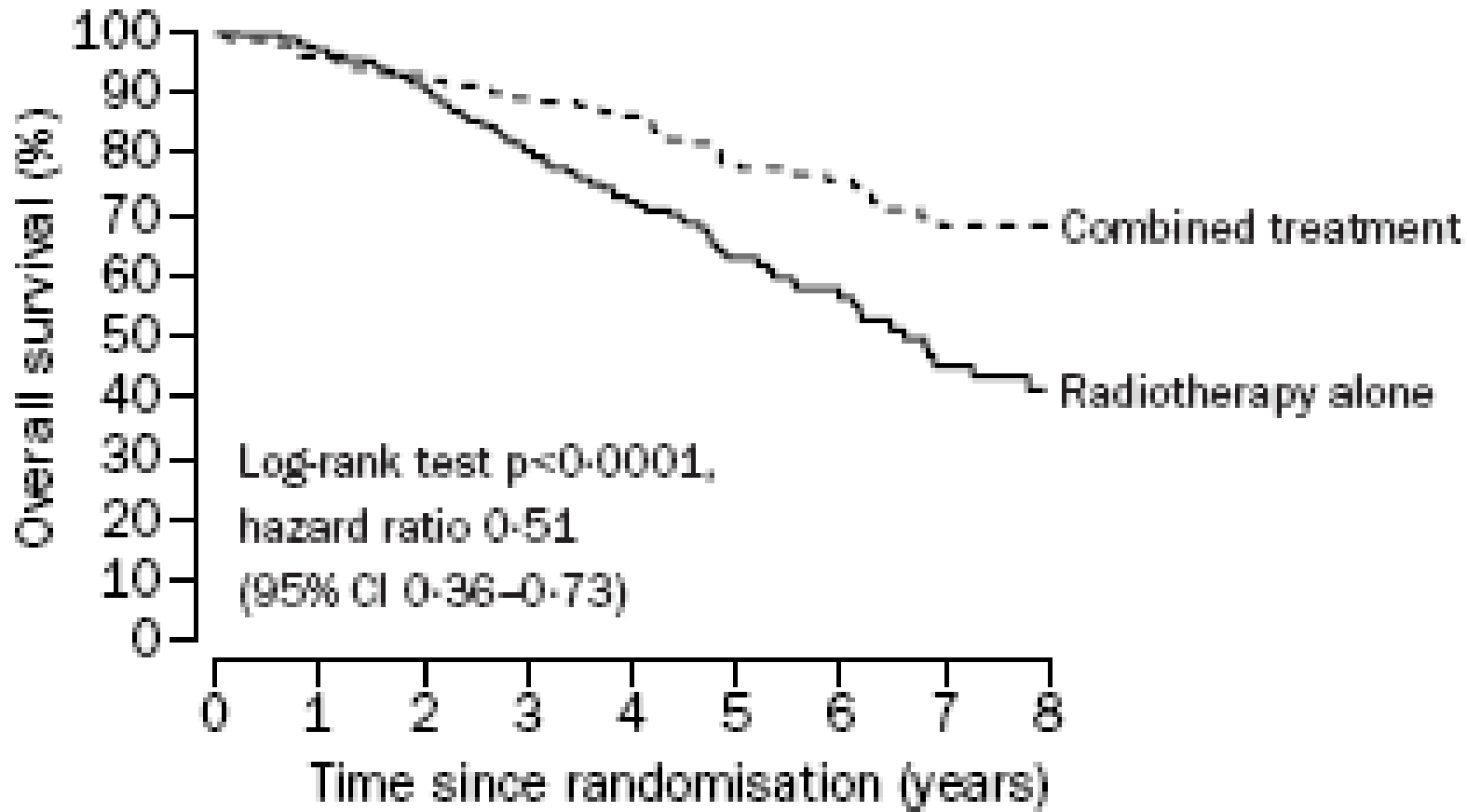
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Death despite
(45%)

under-treated

Benefit of RT+ADT vs RT alone
(30% of pts at 10 ys)

Favourable
(25% of pts at 10 ys)

over-treated

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Take Home

- phase III RCT of the last 25-30 yrs have tailored the role of RT in the management of High-Risk PCa.
- intensification strategy with long-term Androgen Deprivation Therapy should be the backbone of the RT management of High-Risk Pca.
- optimizing the local control with high-tech RT techniques seems essential to guarantee better results (role of EBRT+BT?, MRI-guided intra-prostatic boost?).
- de-intensification may also have a role in a well defined subgroup of High-Risk Pca patients.

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