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# Individualised Radiotherapy: How biology, physics and genetics meet

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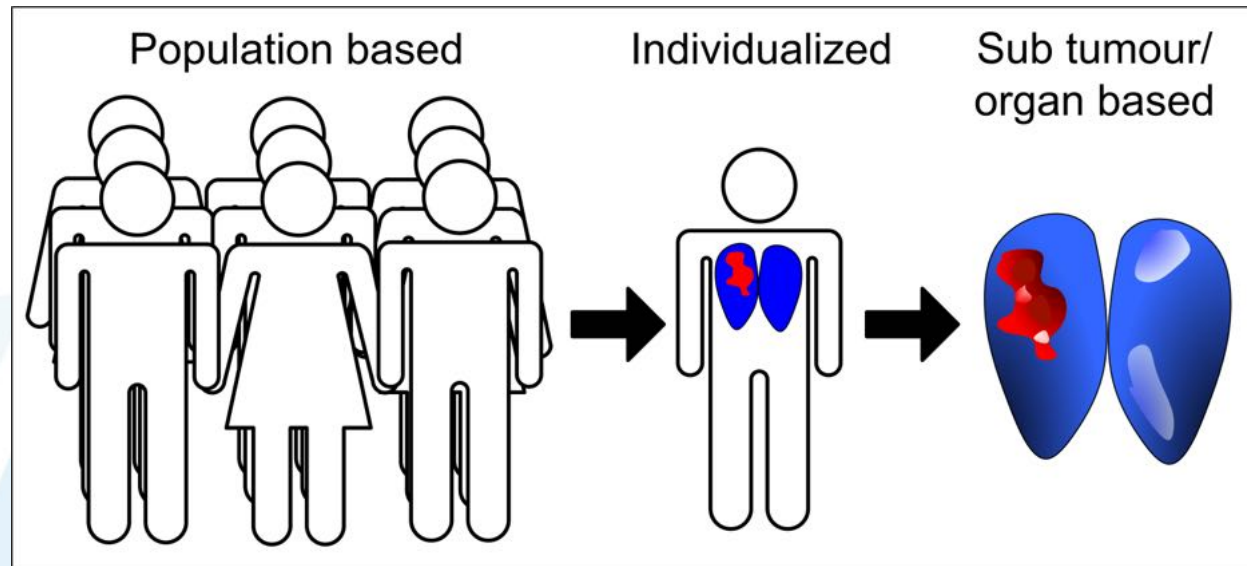
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# Taking advantage of heterogeneity



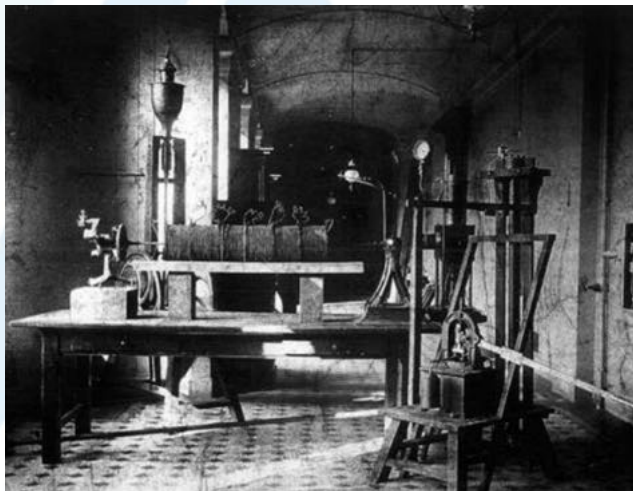
# Technological evolution is unprecedented and unpredictable ... for telephones ...



1890: First radiotherapy

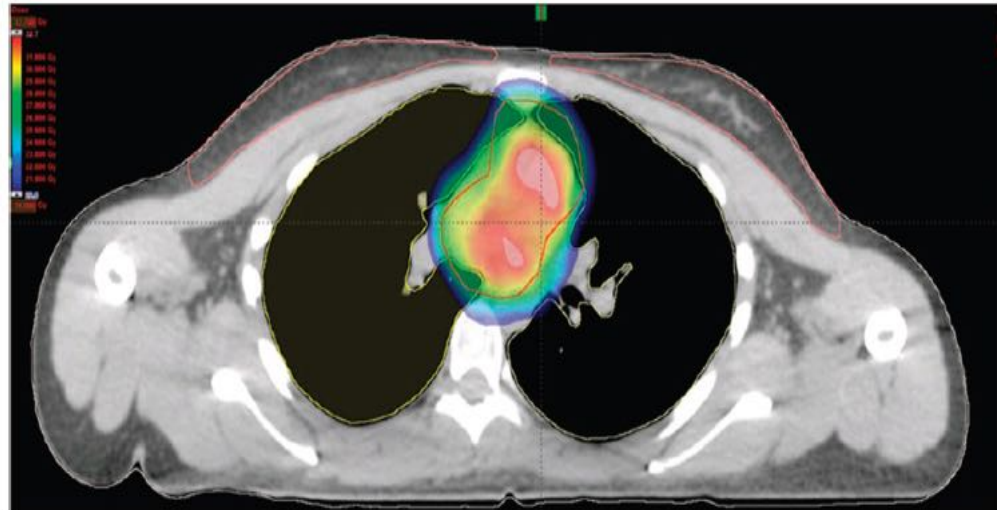


1965: Mantle field radiotherapy



1985: Many phase III trials

# 2014: Are mostly not used telephones anymore ...



Volumetric Arc Therapy (VMAT)

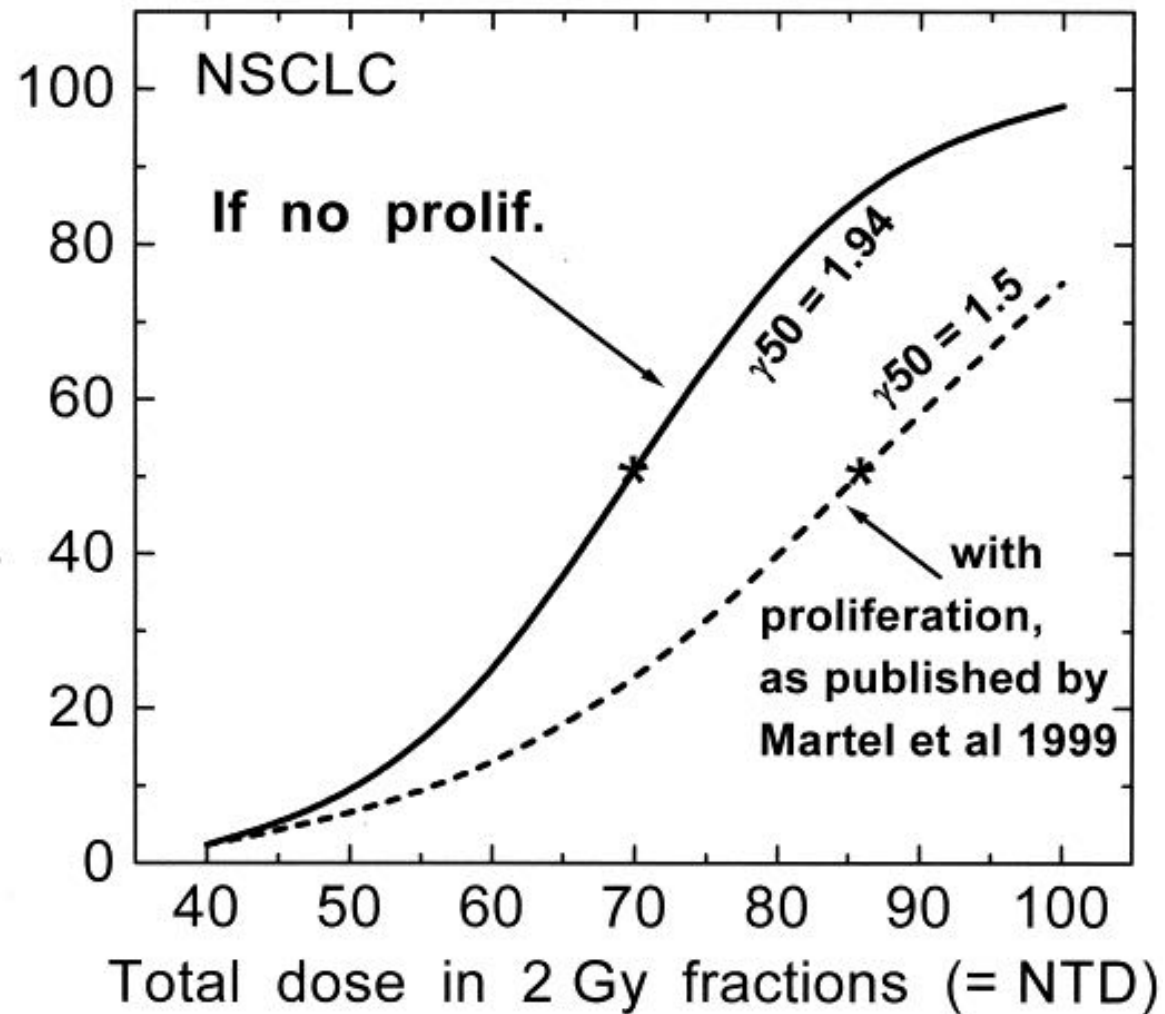
# Successful radiotherapy

- Dose
  - Time
  - Volume
- 
- ➔ Appropriate target volume definition
  - ➔ Avoiding normal tissues
  - ➔ Adequate delivery and QA

%  
Progression-free Survival  
of patients  
at 30 months  
(Martel et al.  
1999 )

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$T_p = 3$  days  
 $T_k = 28$  days  
 $\gamma = 0.66$  Gy/d

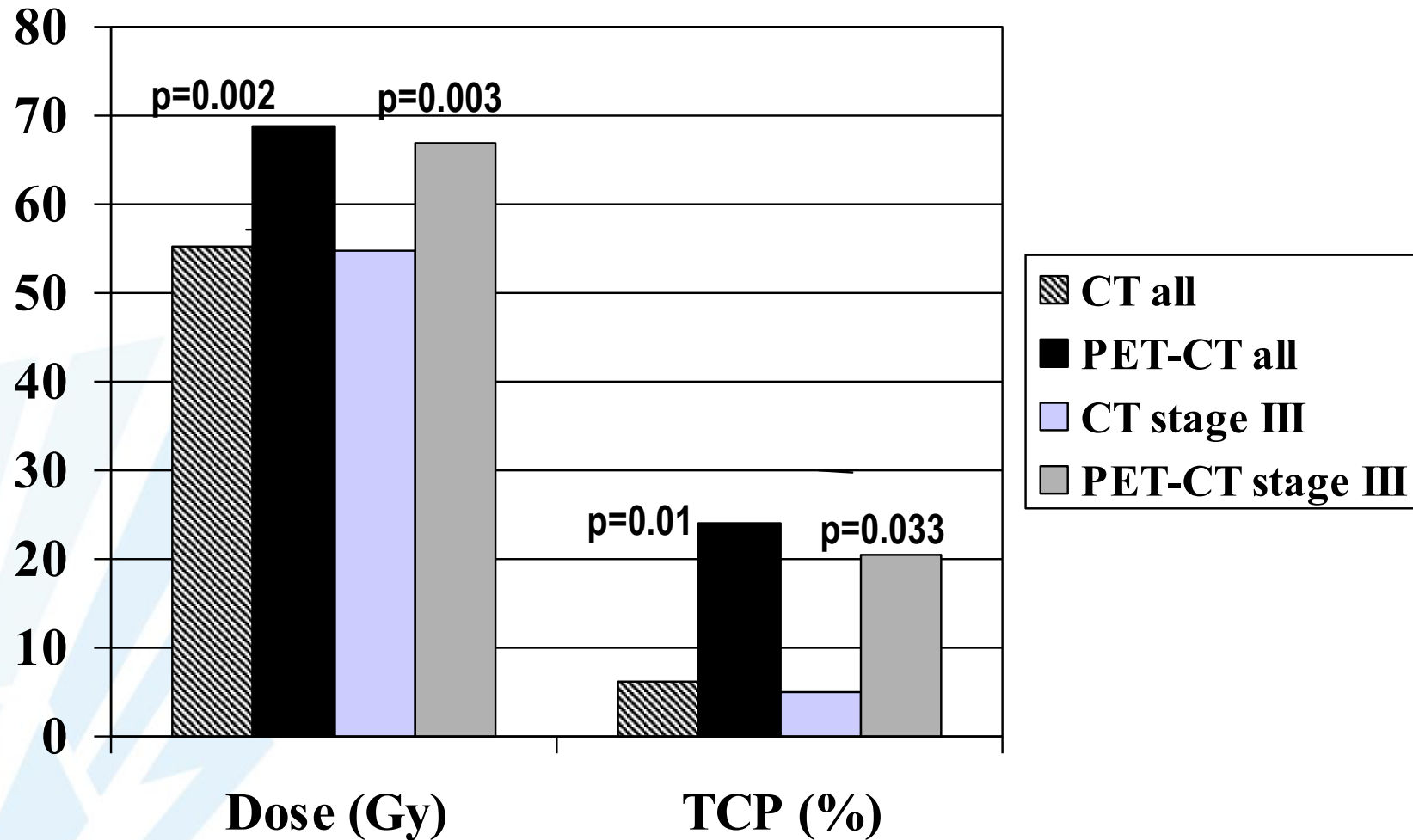


# Optimising target volume definition with FDG-PET-CT scans



# Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Theoretical radiation dose escalation with the *same toxicity* with FDG-PET-CT planning



*van der Wel et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2005*

*De Ruysscher et al. Radiother Oncol 2005*



# Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

- median follow-up time post-radiotherapy 16 months (95 % CI 11-21)
- median actuarial overall survival: 21 months (95 % CI 14-28)
- median progression free survival: 18 months (95 % CI 12-24)
  - 11/44 (25 %) local recurrence
  - **Only 1/44 isolated nodal failure**  
(crude rate 2.3 %, upper bound 95 % CI 10.3 %)  
(CT and PET T2N0M0 left upper lobe SqCC 16 mo after RT in nodes 5 and 6)

# Small Cell Lung Cancer

Recurrences	N° patients	%
None	21	35
Local (prim. tumor)	9	15
Exclusively in-field	3	5
Local and distant	7	11.7
Isolated nodal	2	3.3
Nodal	20	33.3
Exclusively in-field	8	13.3
Nodal and distant	18	30.0
Distant	34	56.7
Isolated distant	19	31.7
Distant and local/nodal	15	25.0
Isolated brain	9	15.0

# Optimising the overall treatment time



# Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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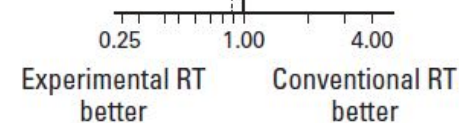
## Hyperfractionated or Accelerated Radiotherapy in Lung Cancer: An Individual Patient Data Meta-Analysis

Audrey Mauguen, Cécile Le Pêchoux, Michele I. Saunders, Steven E. Schild, Andrew T. Turrisi, Michael Baumann, William T. Sause, David Ball, Chandra P. Belani, James A. Bonner, Aleksander Zajusz, Suzanne E. Dahlberg, Matthew Nankivell, Sumithra J. Mandrekar, Rebecca Paulus, Katarzyna Behrendt, Rainer Koch, James F. Bishop, Stanley Dische, Rodrigo Arriagada, Dirk De Ruyscher, and Jean-Pierre Pignon

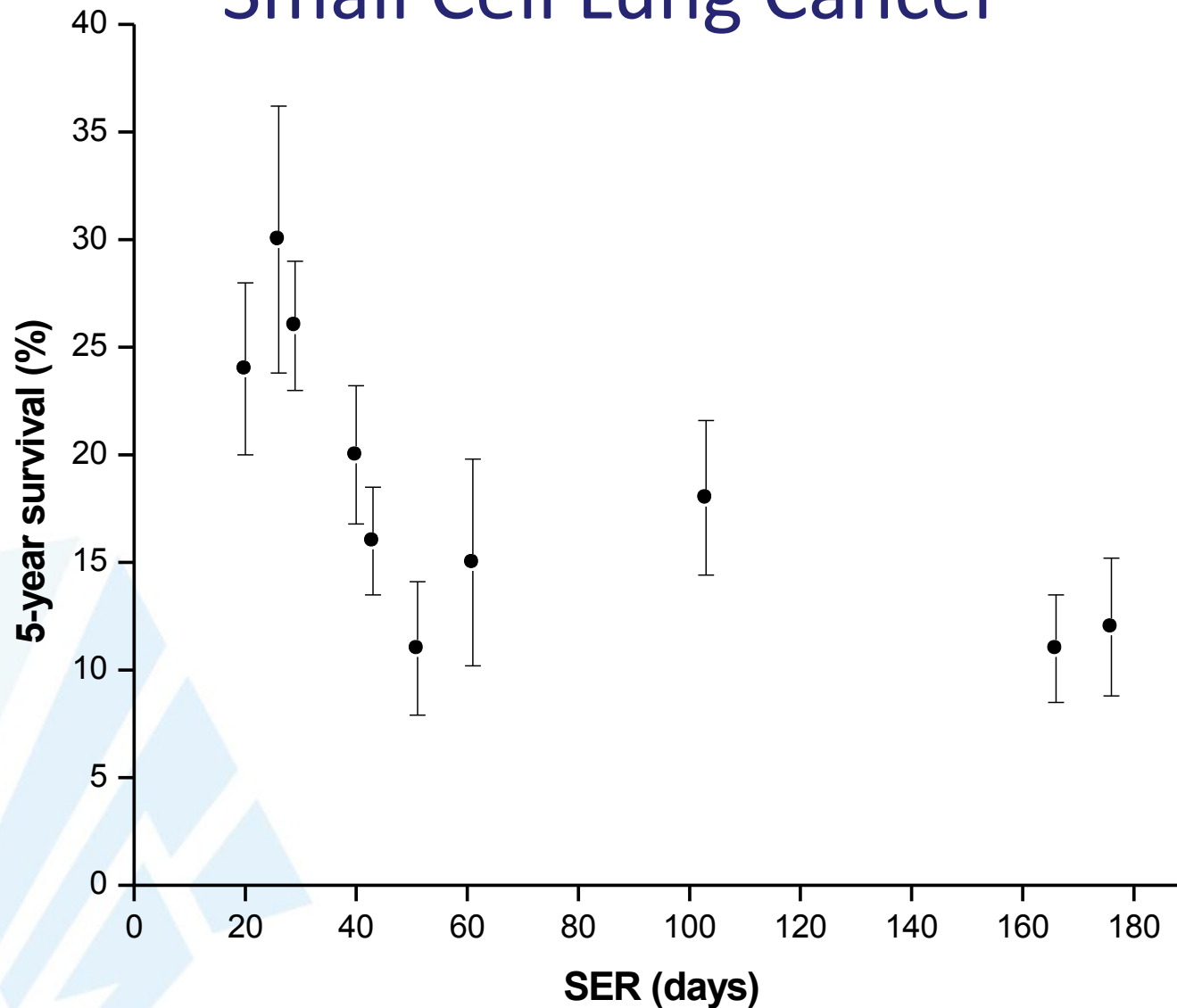
Category Trial	No. Deaths / No. Entered		O-E	Variance	HR	HR (95% CI)
	Exp. RT	Conv. RT				
<b>Very accelerated RT</b>						
PMCI 88C091	48/48	52/53	-0.8	24.3		
PMCI 88C091 CT	51/51	56/56	6.0	25.6		
CHART	316/338	217/225	-29.4	120.7		
ECOG 2597	51/60	55/59	-7.4	25.8		
CHARTWEL	132/150	132/150	0.2	65.8		
CHARTWEL CT	40/53	47/53	-6.4	21.2		
Subtotal	638/700	559/596	-37.8	283.4		0.88 (0.78 to 0.98)
<b>Moderately accelerated RT</b>						
Gliwice 2001	26/29	27/29	-1.4	13.2		
Subtotal	26/29	27/29	-1.4	13.2		0.90 (0.52 to 1.54)
<b>Hyperfractionated RT—identical total dose</b>						
NCCTG 902451	34/39	35/35	-7.0	15.7		
NCCTG 942452	111/125	108/121	-2.6	54.6		
Subtotal	145/164	143/156	-9.6	70.3		0.87 (0.69 to 1.10)
<b>Hyperfractionated RT—increased total dose</b>						
RTOG 8808	155/163	156/163	-6.4	76.9		
Subtotal	155/163	156/163	-6.4	76.9		0.92 (0.74 to 1.15)
<b>Total</b>	<b>964/1,056</b>	<b>885/944</b>	<b>-55.2</b>	<b>443.7</b>		<b>0.88 (0.80 to 0.97), P = .009</b>

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2_9 = 9.74$ ,  $P = .37$ ,  $I^2 = 8\%$

Test for interaction:  $\chi^2_3 = 0.17$ ,  $P = .98$



# Small Cell Lung Cancer

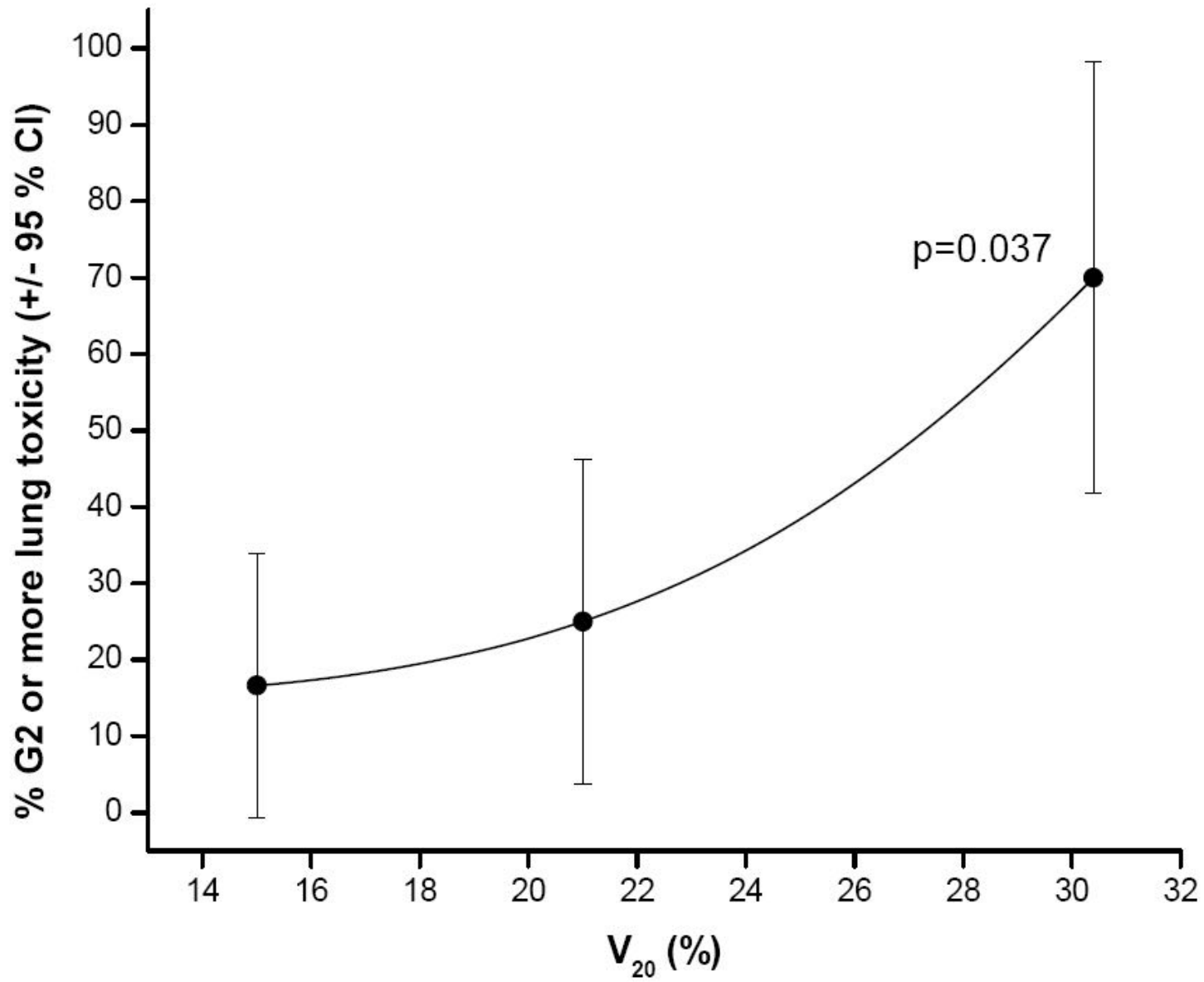


*De Ruysscher et al. J Clin Oncol 2006*

*Van Meerbeeck, Fenell, De Ruysscher. Lancet 2011*

**Individualisation based on  
optimal target volume definition  
short overall treatment time  
physical constraints**

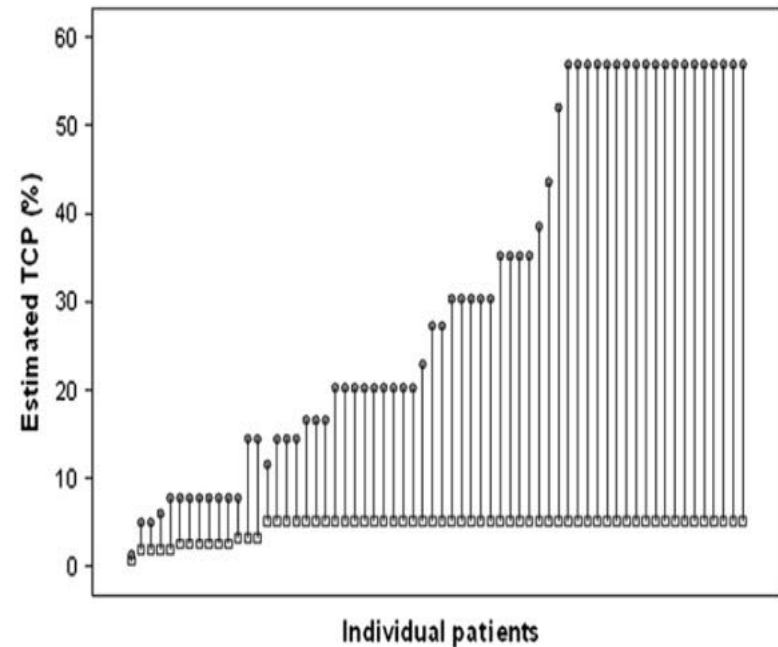




*De Ruyscher et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2008*

# INDividualised Accelerated Radiotherapy (INDAR)

- Escalate the dose to the maximum tolerance
- Delivered in a short overall treatment time
- Directed to areas that are  $^{18}\text{F}$ -deoxyglucose (FDG) positive



*Van der Wel et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2005*

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54 Gy/ 30 F/ 3 wks

T3N0M0

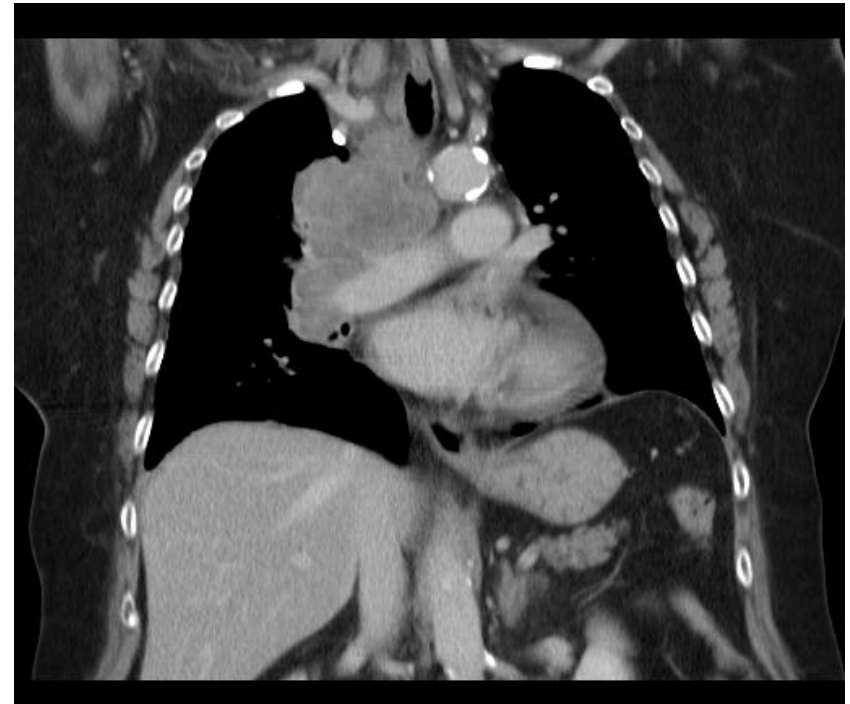
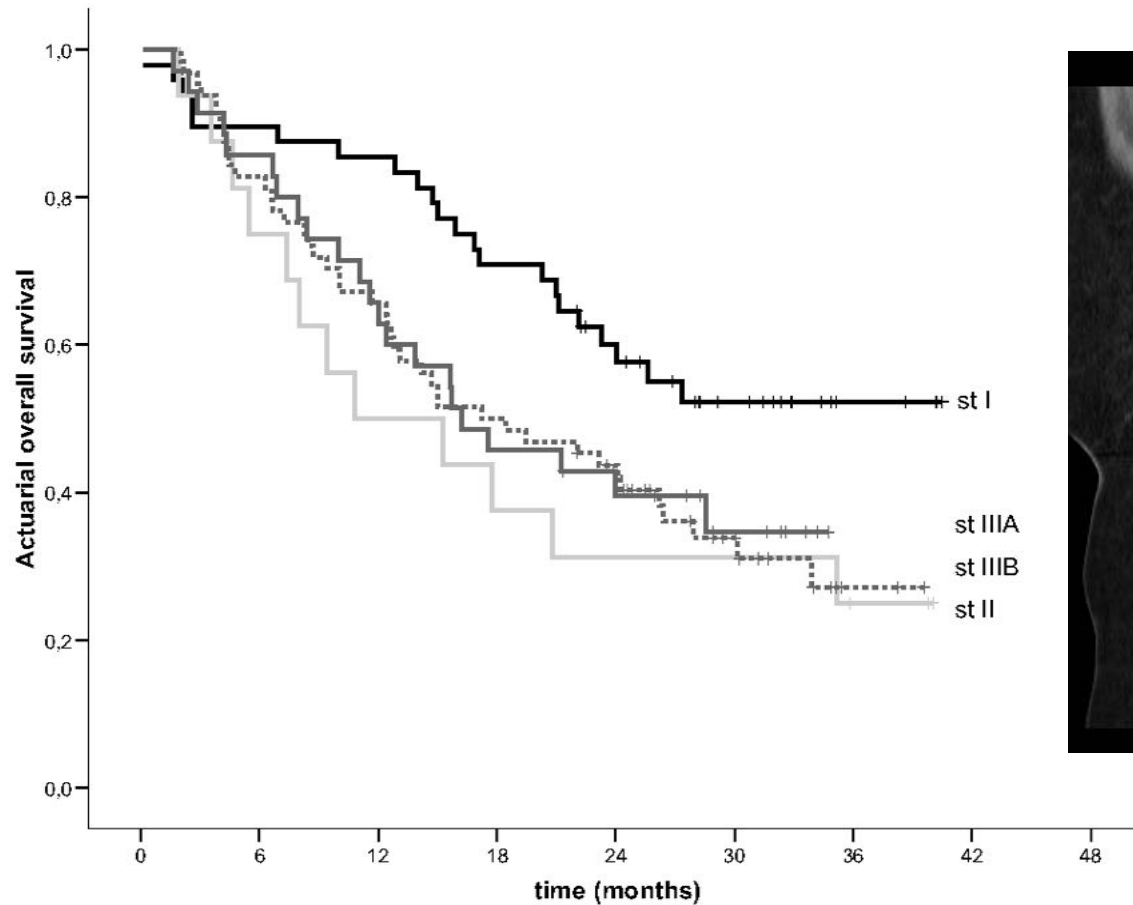


79.2 Gy/ 44 F/ 4.4 wks

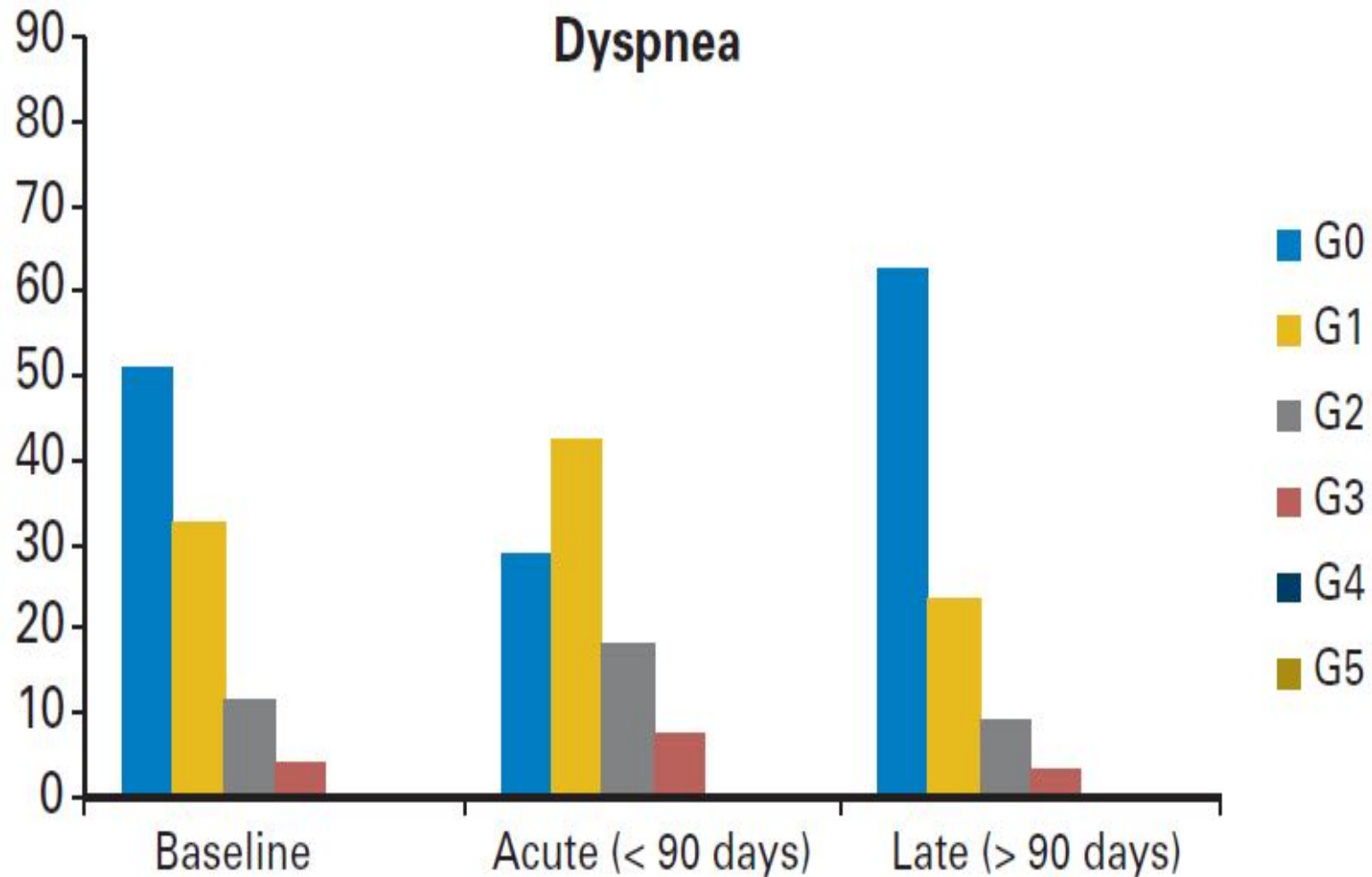
pT4pN2M0



# Survival by stage (large volume, multi-level N+, 25 % WHO PS 2), sequential chemo-radiation



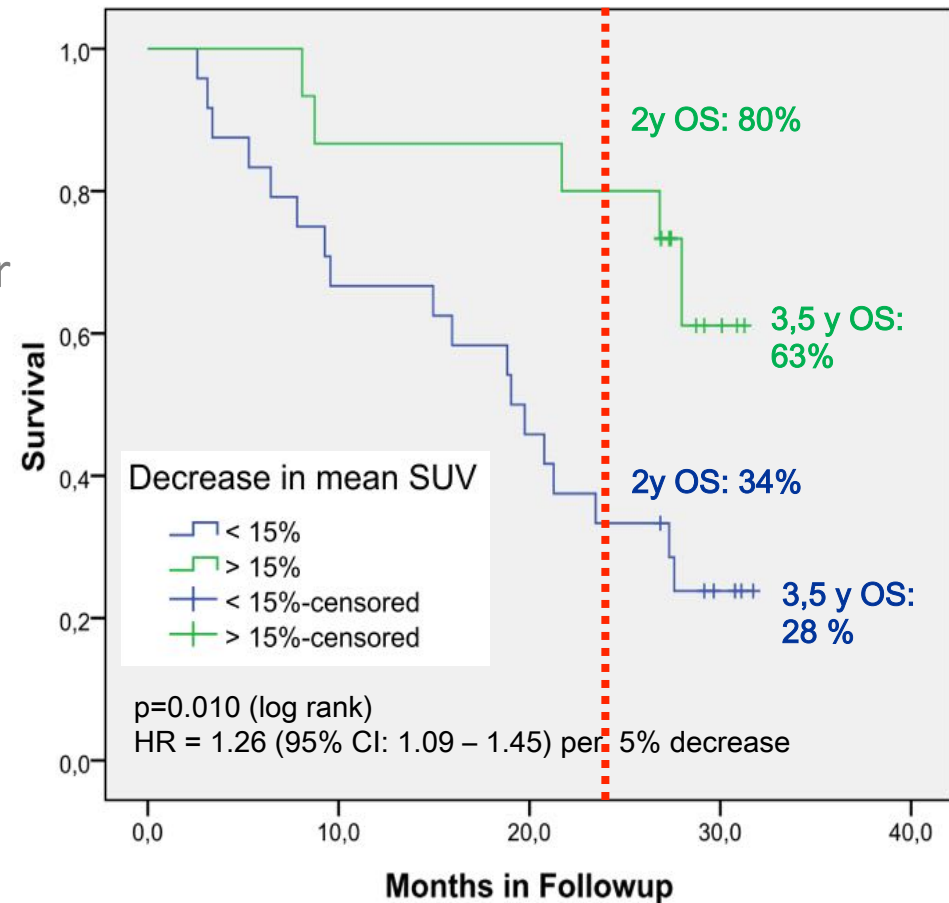
# Dyspnea evolution after individualised radiotherapy: 10 % less patients with dyspnea



*van Baardwijk et al. J Clin Oncol 2010*

# Early response: FDG changes during first week of chemo-RT and survival

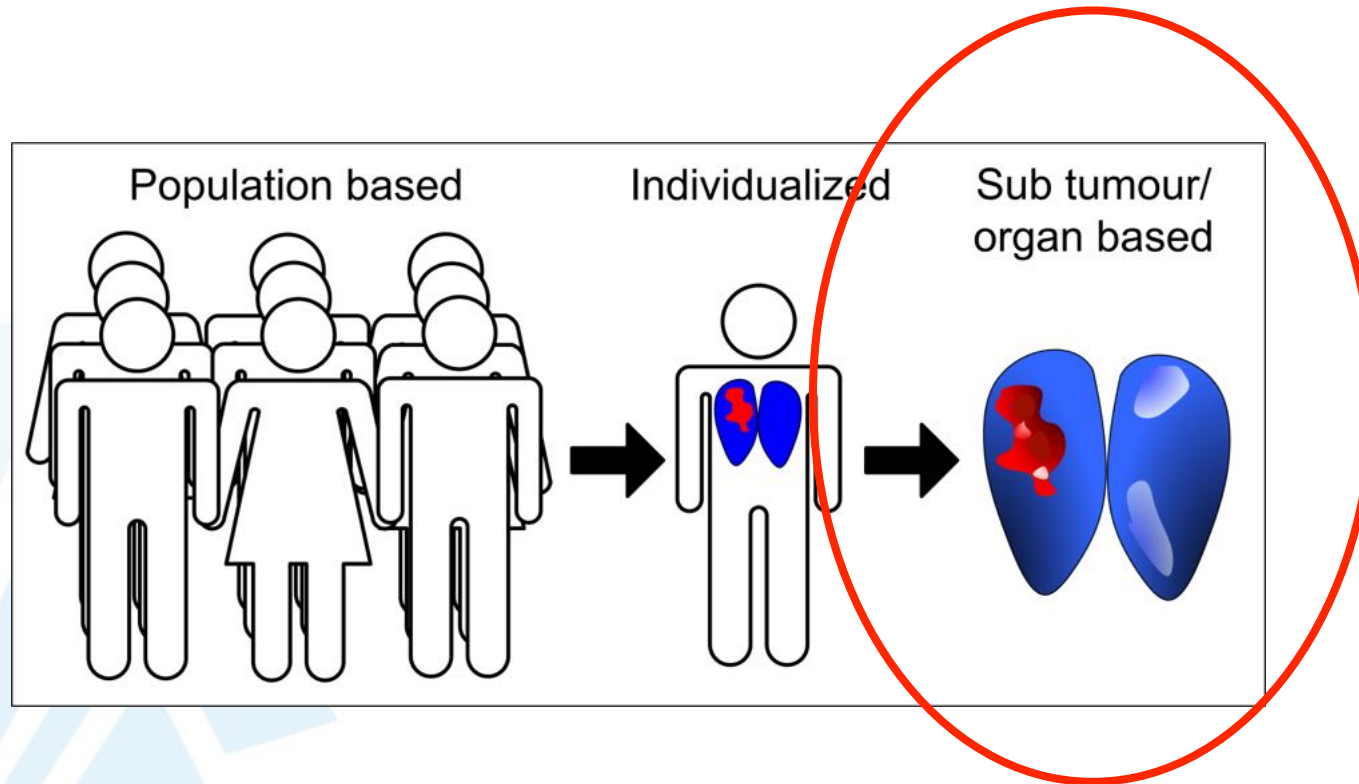
- FDG-PET:
  - Cut-off: 15% (EORTC response)
  - Changes in maximum SUV and mean SUV significant predictive for 2-year overall survival
    - HR 1.26 (95% CI: 1.09 – 1.45) per 5% decrease of SUV
- CT (volume)
  - Tumour volume pre RT is predictive for survival
    - HR 1.040 (95% CI: 1.005 – 1.076) per 10 cm<sup>3</sup> increase
  - Change in tumour volume (CT) is not correlated to survival

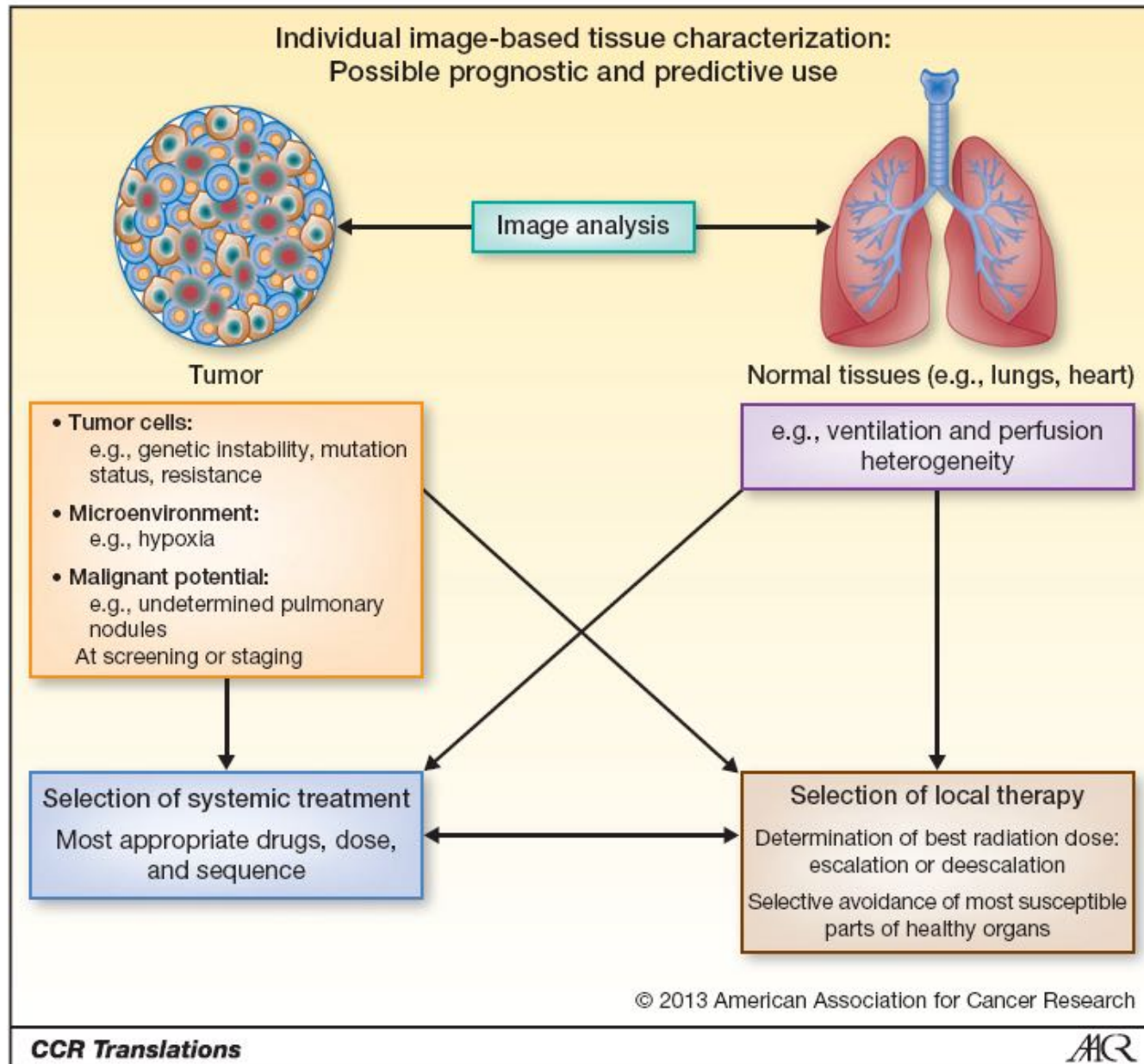


# A Phase I Study of Concurrent Individualized, Isotoxic Accelerated Radiotherapy and Cisplatin–Vinorelbine–Cetuximab in Patients With Stage III Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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# Optimising by taking advantage of intra-tumour and intra-organ heterogeneity



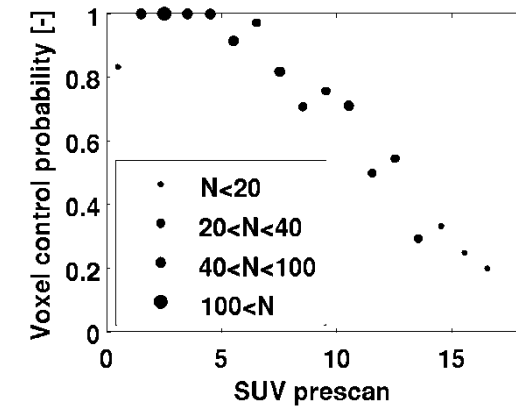
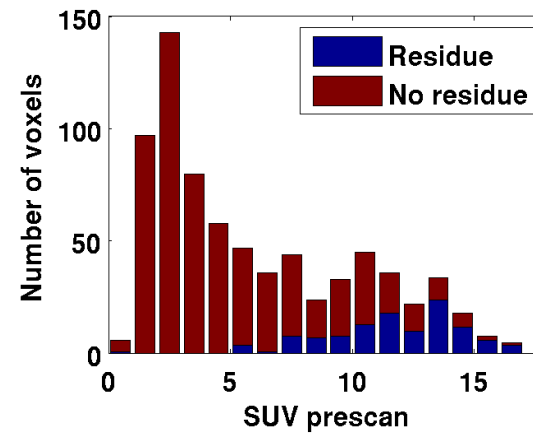
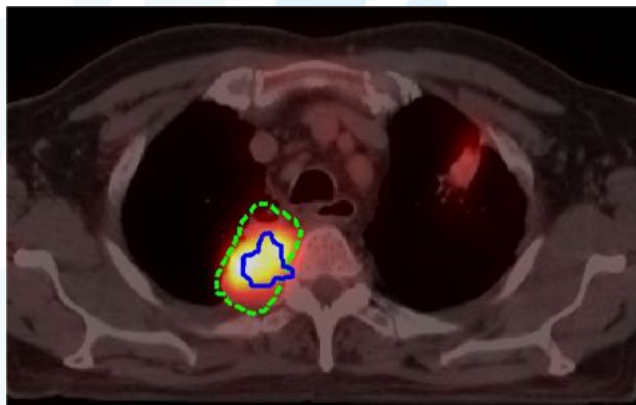
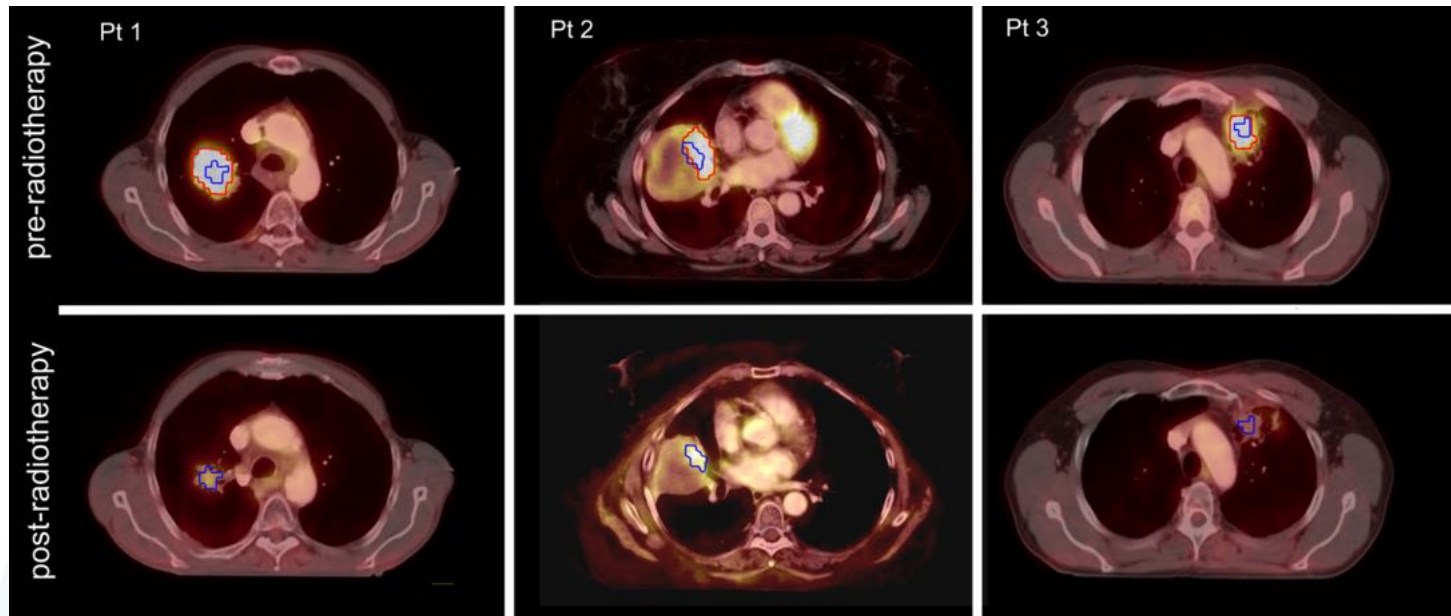


# Heterogeneity in the tumour



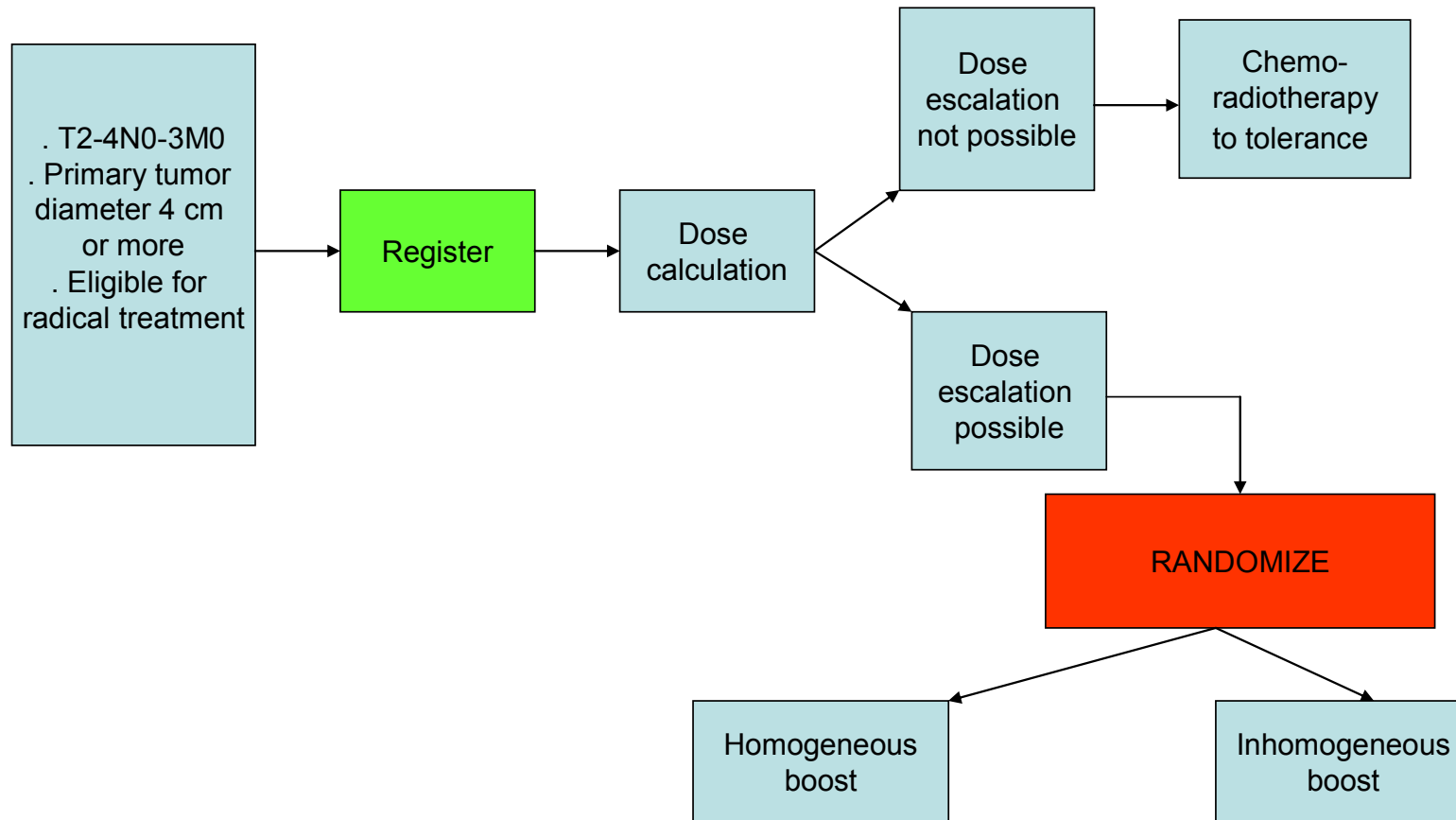


# Taking advantage of intra-tumour heterogeneity: PET-boost



Aerts et al. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2009; Aerts et al. *Radiother Oncol* 2009, Petit et al. *Radiother Oncol* 2009; Aerts et al. *Lung Cancer* 2012

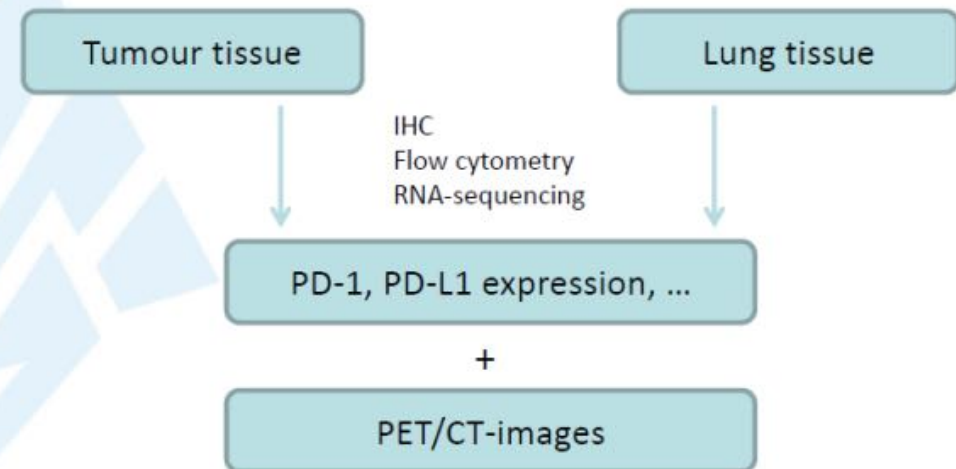
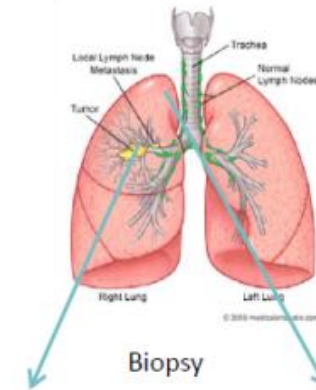
## Concurrent chemo-radiotherapy



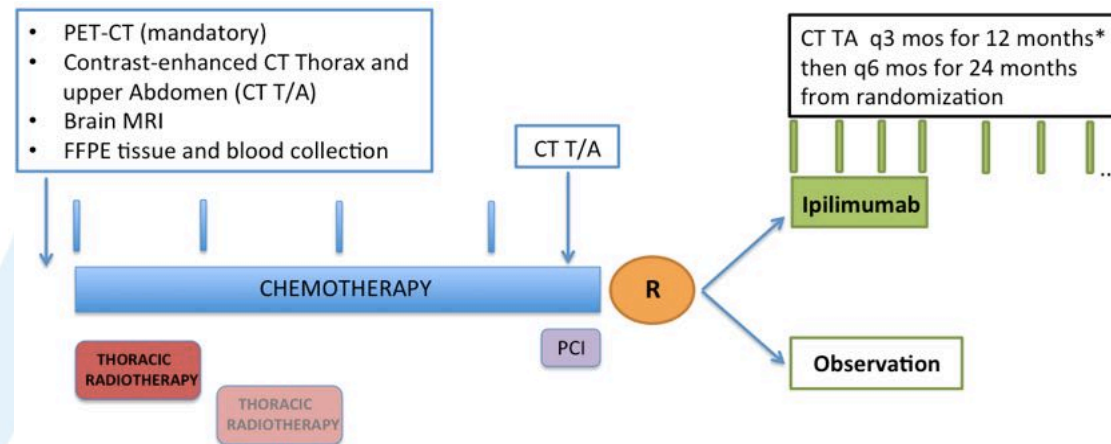
# Upregulation of TAAs by radiation

- Caco-2, HCT116, WiDr, HT-29, LS 174T, SW1463, SW403, SW480, SW620, T84, LoVo, and COLO 205
- A549, SK-LU-1, SW900, HLF-a, NCI-H23, NCI-H647, Calu-1, H460, Calu1 and Calu3
- 22Rv1, DU 145, PC-3, PC3, DU145 and LNCaP
- MelJuSo, SK-MEL-37, CaSki and SiHa
- MDA-MB-469, MDA-MB-231 and MCF 7
- Saos, LM5, 143B, HOS, HU09, and M132

## Immune characteristics



# Phase II trial stage I-III small cell lung cancer



**Chemotherapy:** 4 cycles of Cisplatin 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv D1-3 or 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1 Etoposide 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv D1-3 q21d.

**Thoracic Radiotherapy:** Accelerated twice-daily, administration of 1.5 Gy x 30 over three weeks (preferred) or once-daily radiotherapy, administration 1.8-2Gy per fraction up to 55-60Gy. Two options are allowed: start from D1 of cycle 1 or cycle 2.

**Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation (PCI):** 25 Gy in 10 fractions started between D8 and D15 of cycle 4 (to D22-29)

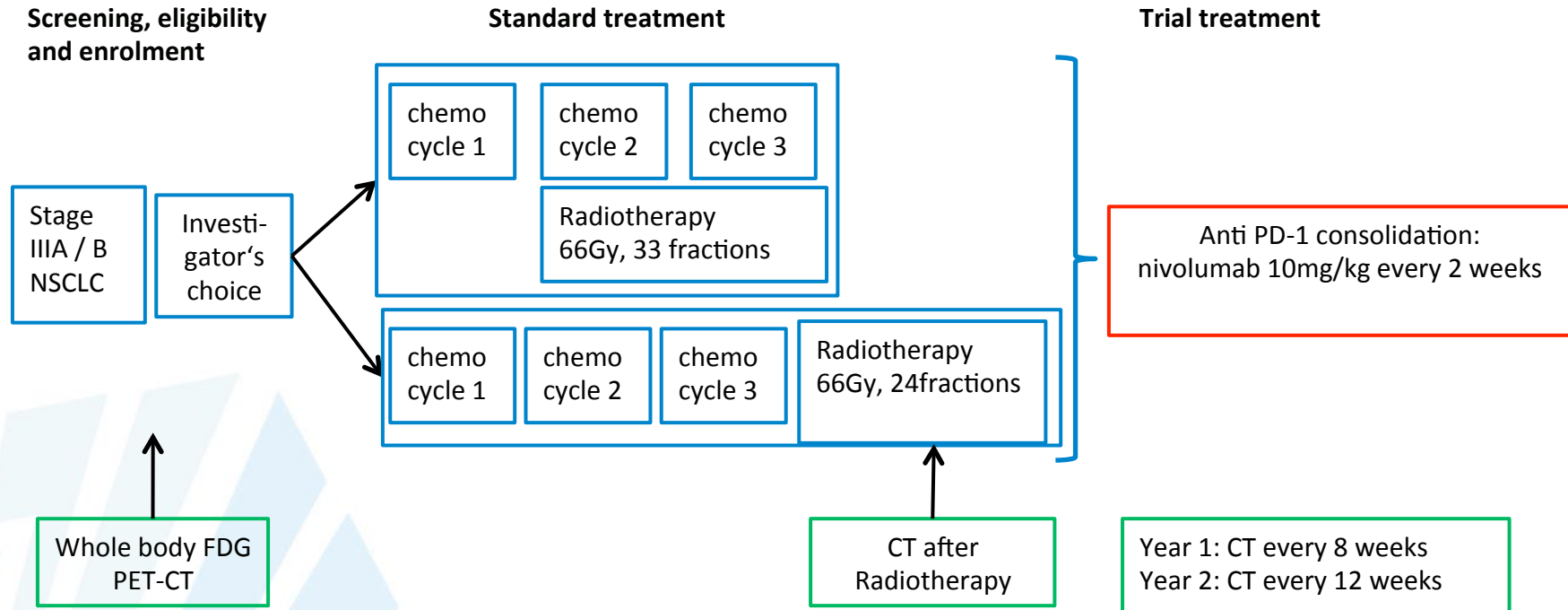
**Randomization:** should take place 5-6 weeks after Day 1 (between D35-42) of cycle 4

**Ipilimumab schedule:** Induction course of ipilimumab, at a dose of 10 mg/kg, once every 3 weeks x4, started 6-8 weeks after cycle 4 of chemotherapy (Day 42-56 of cycle 4)

Maintenance: 10mg/kg, once every 12 weeks, for a maximum of 3 years after randomization

\* CT at 8, 16 and 24 weeks and then every 3 months during 1st yr then every 6 months for 2 yrs until interim/safety analysis

# NICOLAS: Schema

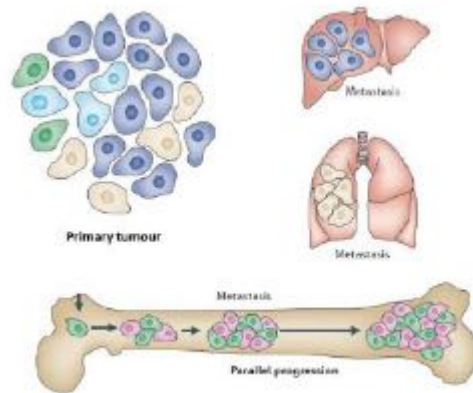


Chemotherapy: Cisplatin (or Carboplatin) doublet

Primary endpoint: Grade  $\geq 3$  pneumonitis (CTCAE V4.0) up to 6 months post-radiotherapy

Secondary endpoints: Time to first grade  $\geq 3$  pneumonitis; PFS, OS; objective response (RECIST 1.1); time to treatment failure; Adverse events by CTCAE 4.0

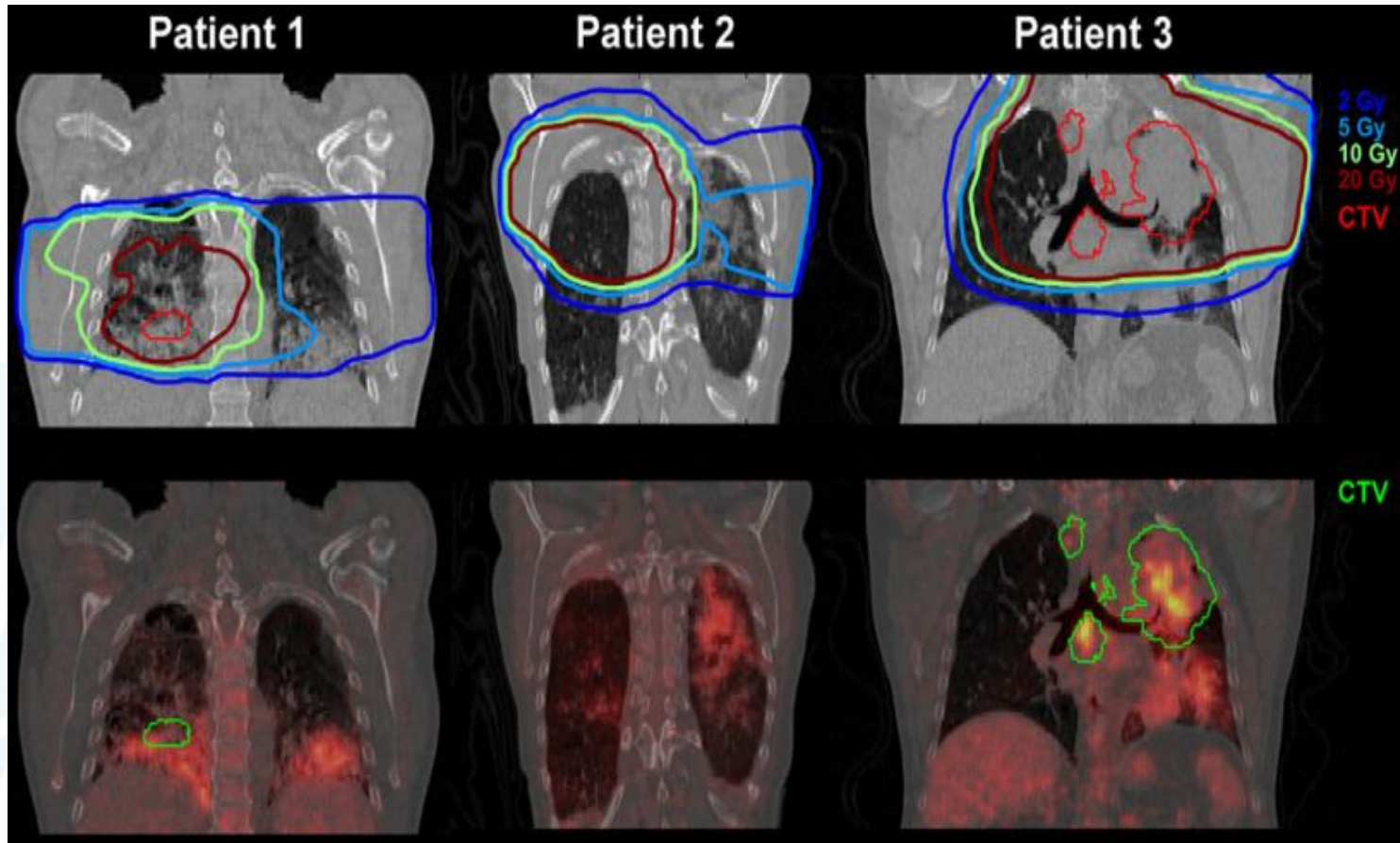
# Heterogeneity between the tumour and metastases with



# Heterogeneity in the lungs

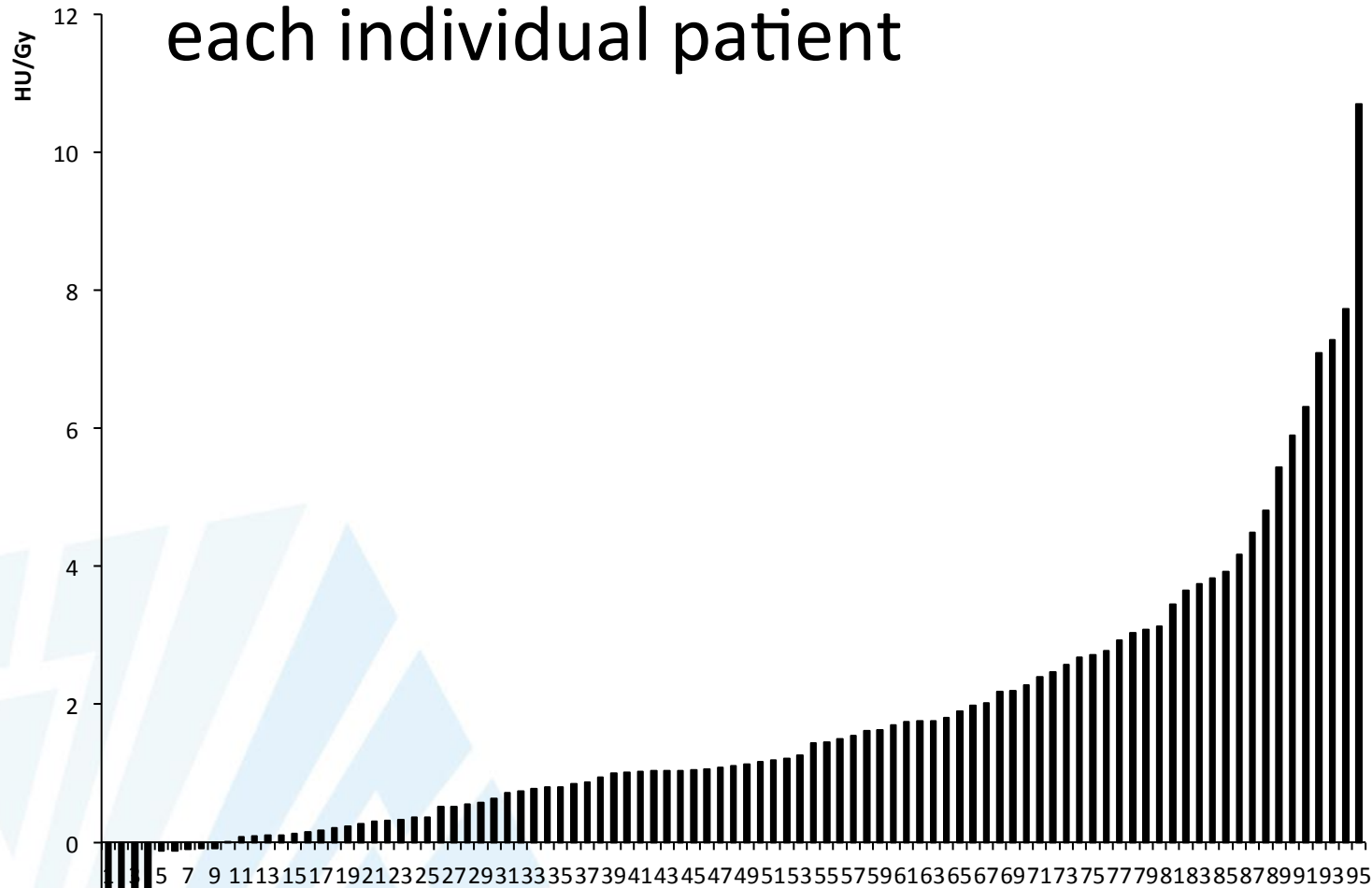


# FDG uptake in the lung before treatment correlates with subsequent radiopneumonitis





# Changes in Hounsfield Units (HU) per Gy for each individual patient



Patient number (n=95)

$\Delta HU/Gy$  and dyspnoea  $\geq G2$

< median, 16/48 (33.3 %) >

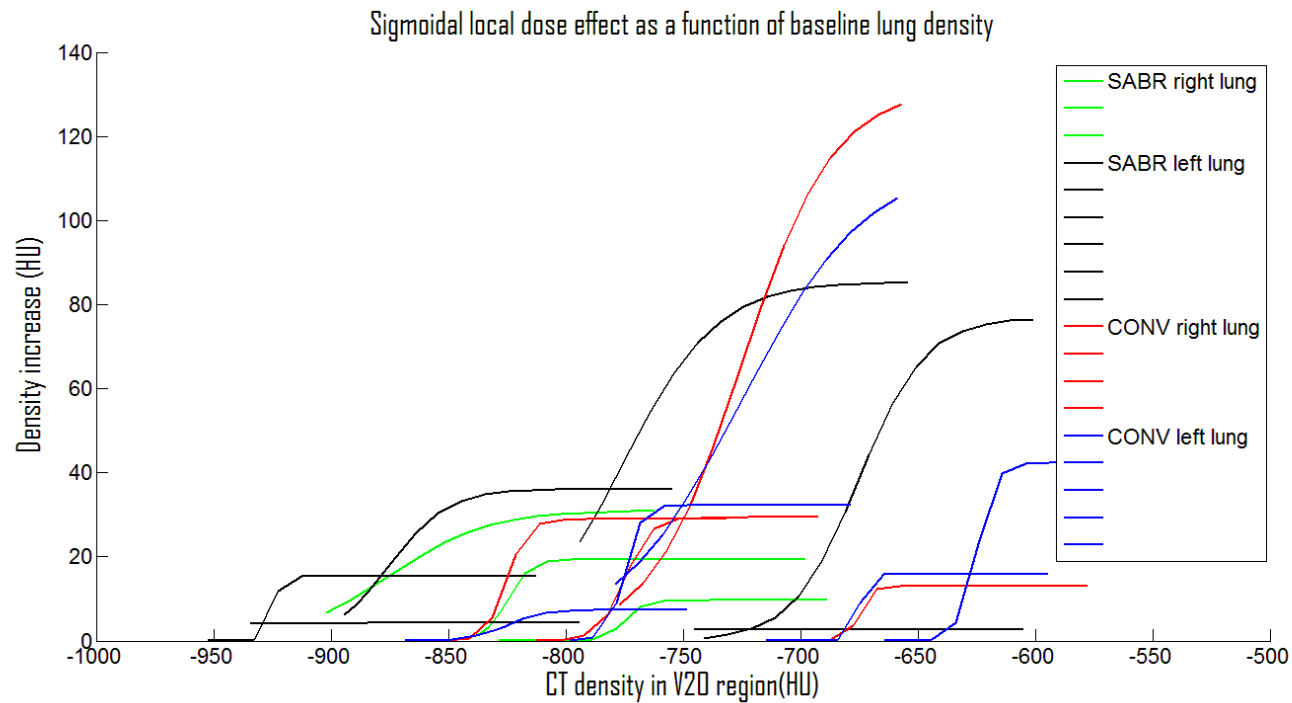
median, 17/47 (36.1 %)

(p=0.77)

De Ruysscher et al. Acta Oncol 2013

# Step 1: Baseline HU of lung

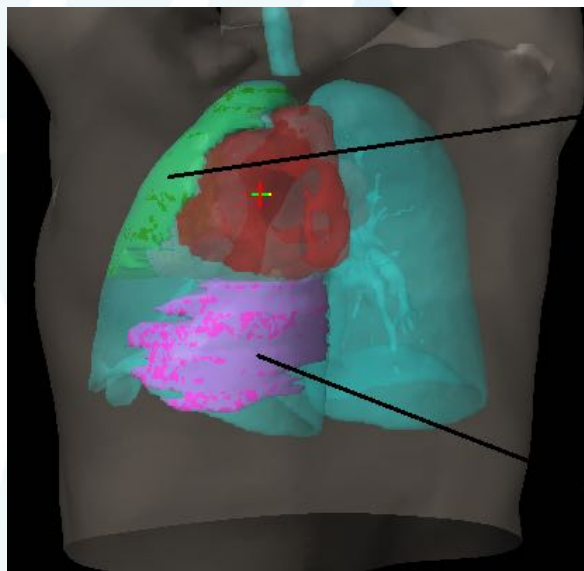
- Saturation level of sigmoidal dose effect is a function of the background HU



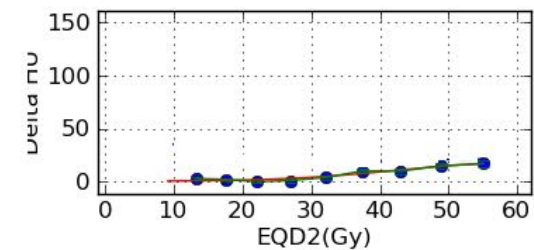
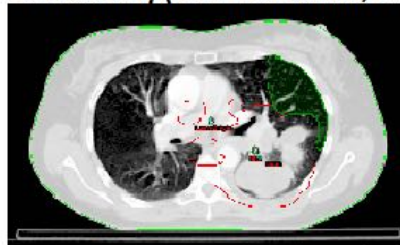
p=0.04 in multivariate analysis

# Step 2: Heterogeneity within the lungs

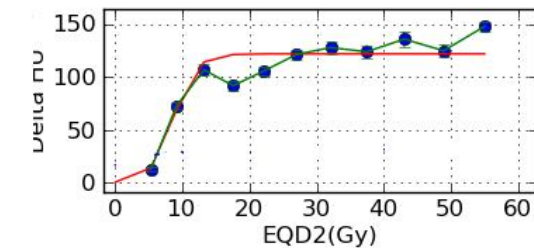
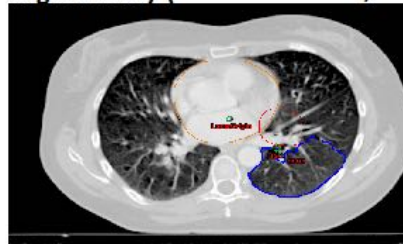
- Concept
  - Denser region more sensitive
  - Limit radiation dose to denser regions



Low density (-814 HU median, 291 cc)

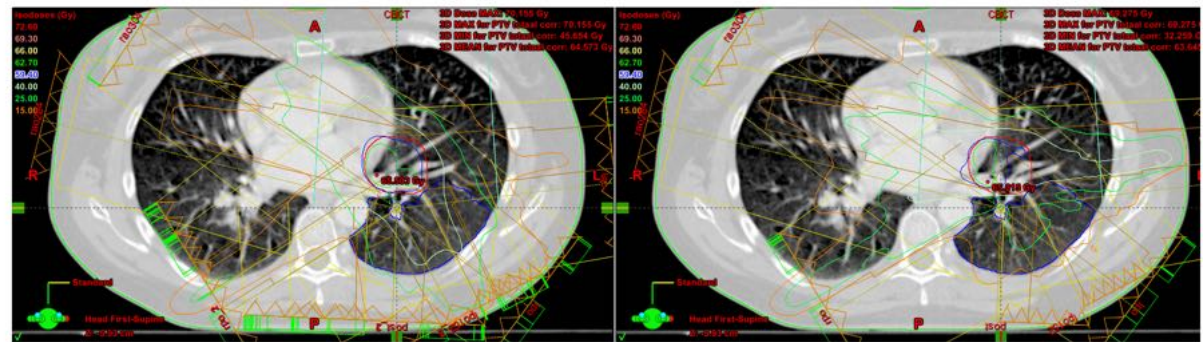


High density (-645 HU median, 374 cc)



# Step 2: Heterogeneity within the lungs

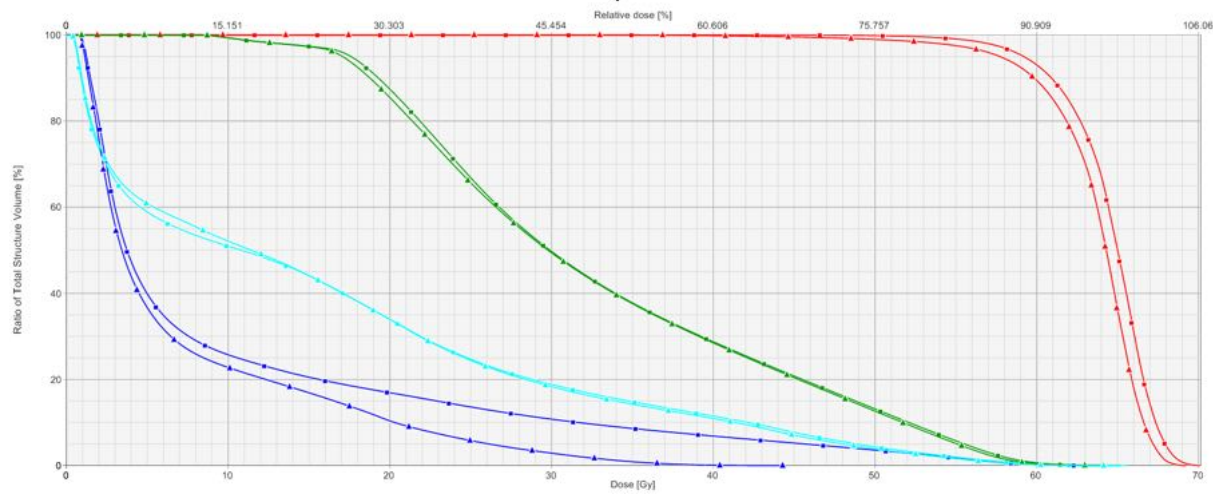
- Redistribution of radiation dose

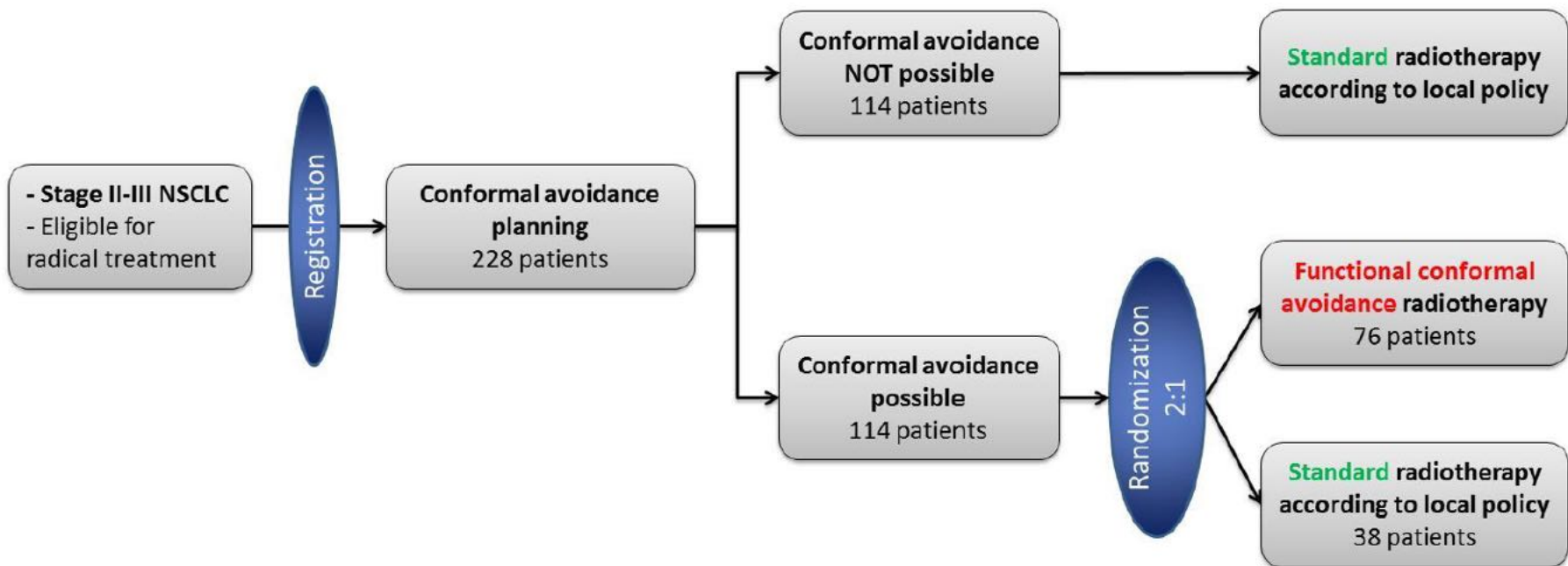


Delivered IMRT plan



Redistribution IMRT plan: avoiding high density structure





# Heterogeneity in the brain





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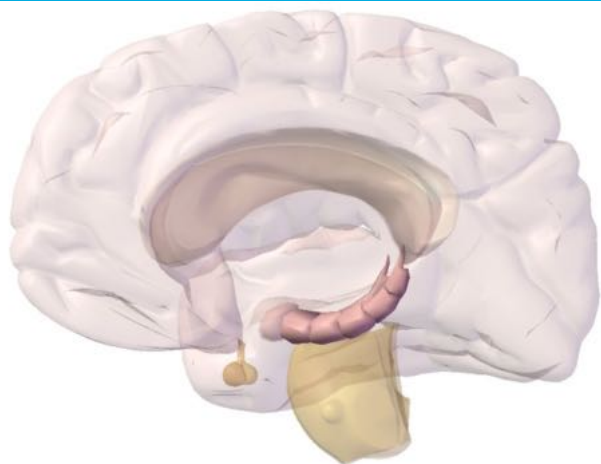
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# Improvement of memory function after Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation (PCI) by avoidance of the hippocampus: A randomized phase III study in small cell lung cancer patients

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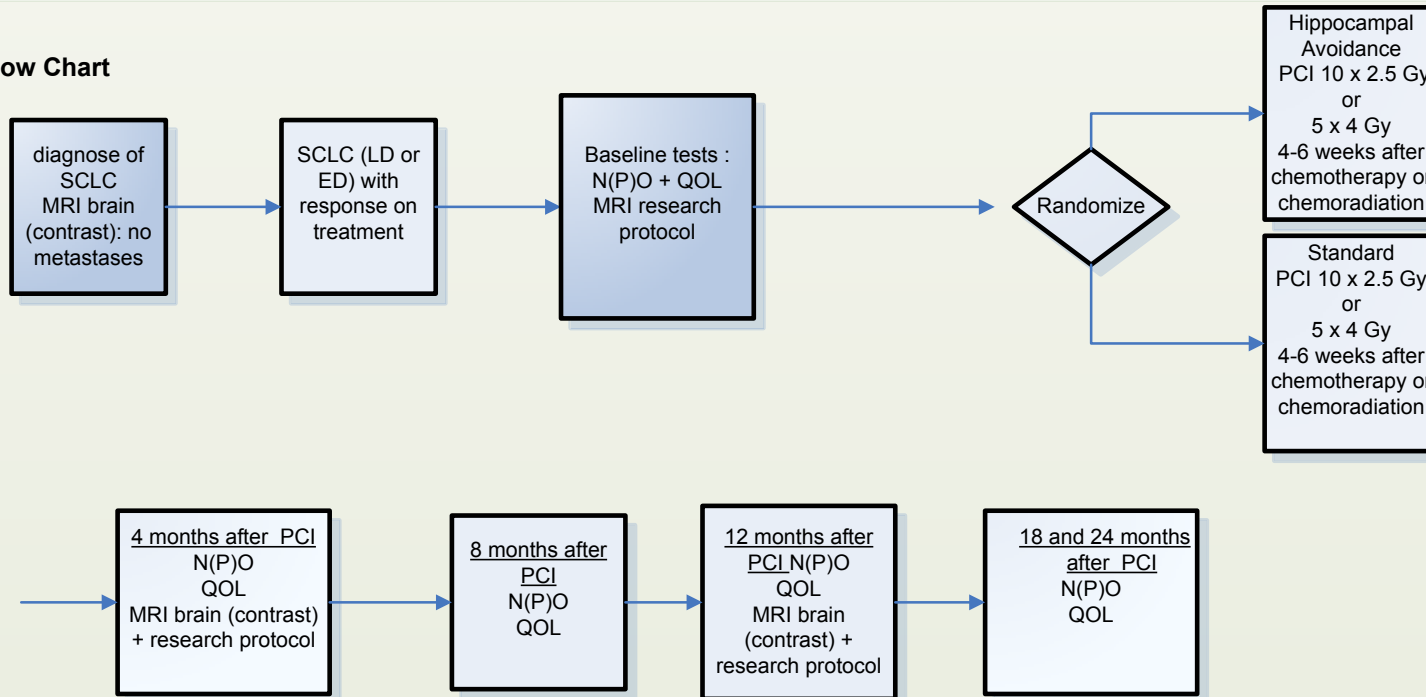
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## Flow Chart



### Inclusion criteria

- Patients with either limited disease (LD) or extensive disease (ED) small cell lung cancer (SCLC) candidate for PCI after a partial or complete response to chemotherapy or chemoradiation
- WHO-performance status  $\leq 2$  (see Appendix IV).
- Sufficient proficiency in Dutch language
- No evidence of progressive extracranial metastatic disease

### Exclusion criteria

- Prior radiotherapy to the brain
- Patients receiving any systemic anticancer treatment during PCI
- Pregnancy or lactation

### Randomization

- ♦ The patient had chemoradiation or chemotherapy less than 6 weeks prior the randomization
- ♦ The patient will receive PCI within 2 weeks after randomization
- ♦ No signs of progressive disease after chemotherapy♦
- ♦ Signed informed consent



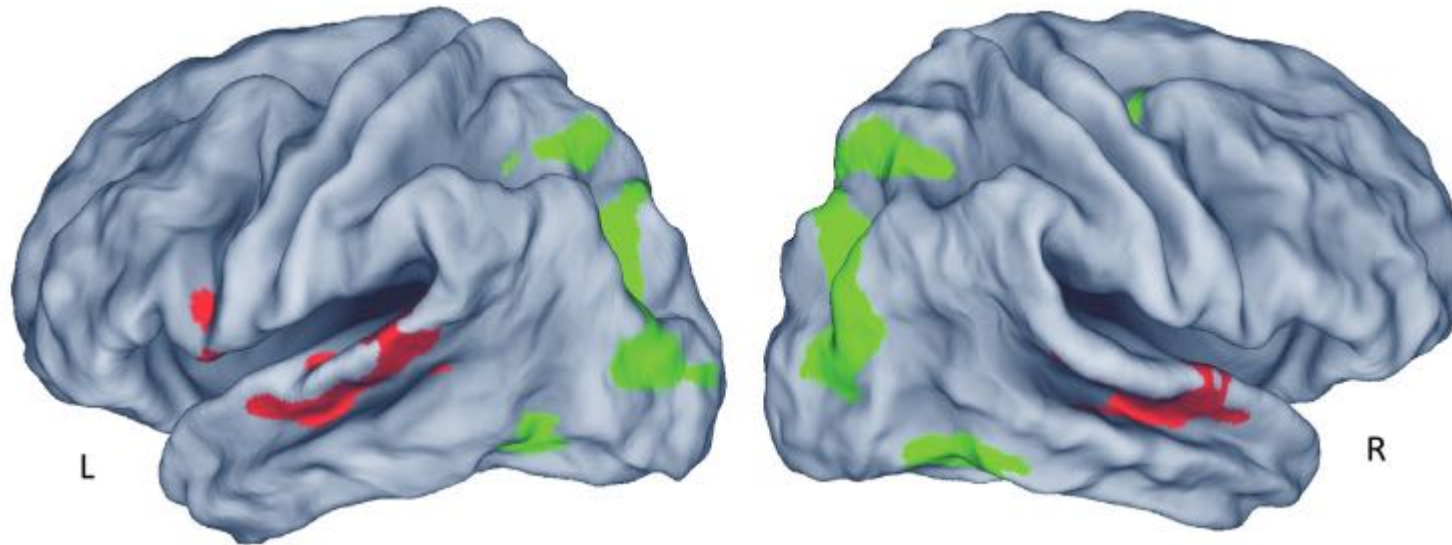
## • **Primary Endpoint**

- The total recall score of the Hopkins Verbal Learning Test–Revised (HVLT–R), assessed at 4 months after PCI. A decline in the total recall score of 5 points or greater compared with baseline will be considered a failure.

## • **Secondary Endpoints**

- Neurocognitive functioning and QoL, motor function
- Assessment of structural and functional brain abnormalities
- Incidence and location of brain metastases
- Overall survival
- Progression free survival
- Bio-markers (neuro-inflammation)

# Single task imaging

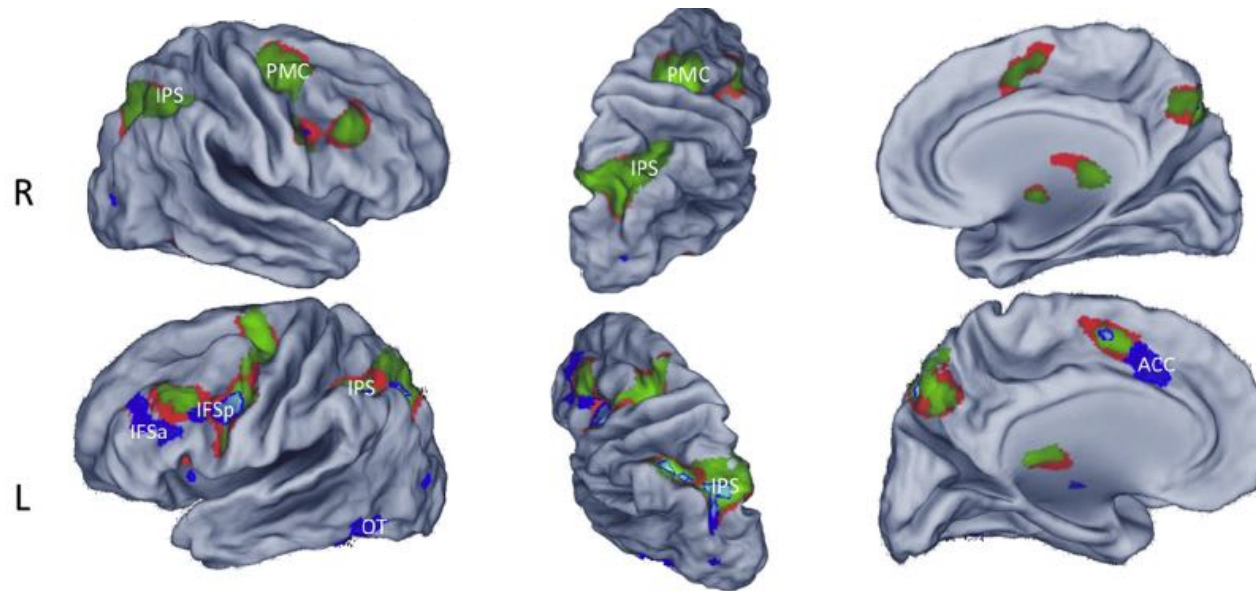


Red significance map: increased activity during the auditory relative to the visual task.

Green significance map: higher activity during the visual relative to the auditory task

*Deprez S et al. Neuropsychologia 2013*

# Dual and multi-task imaging: Significance maps

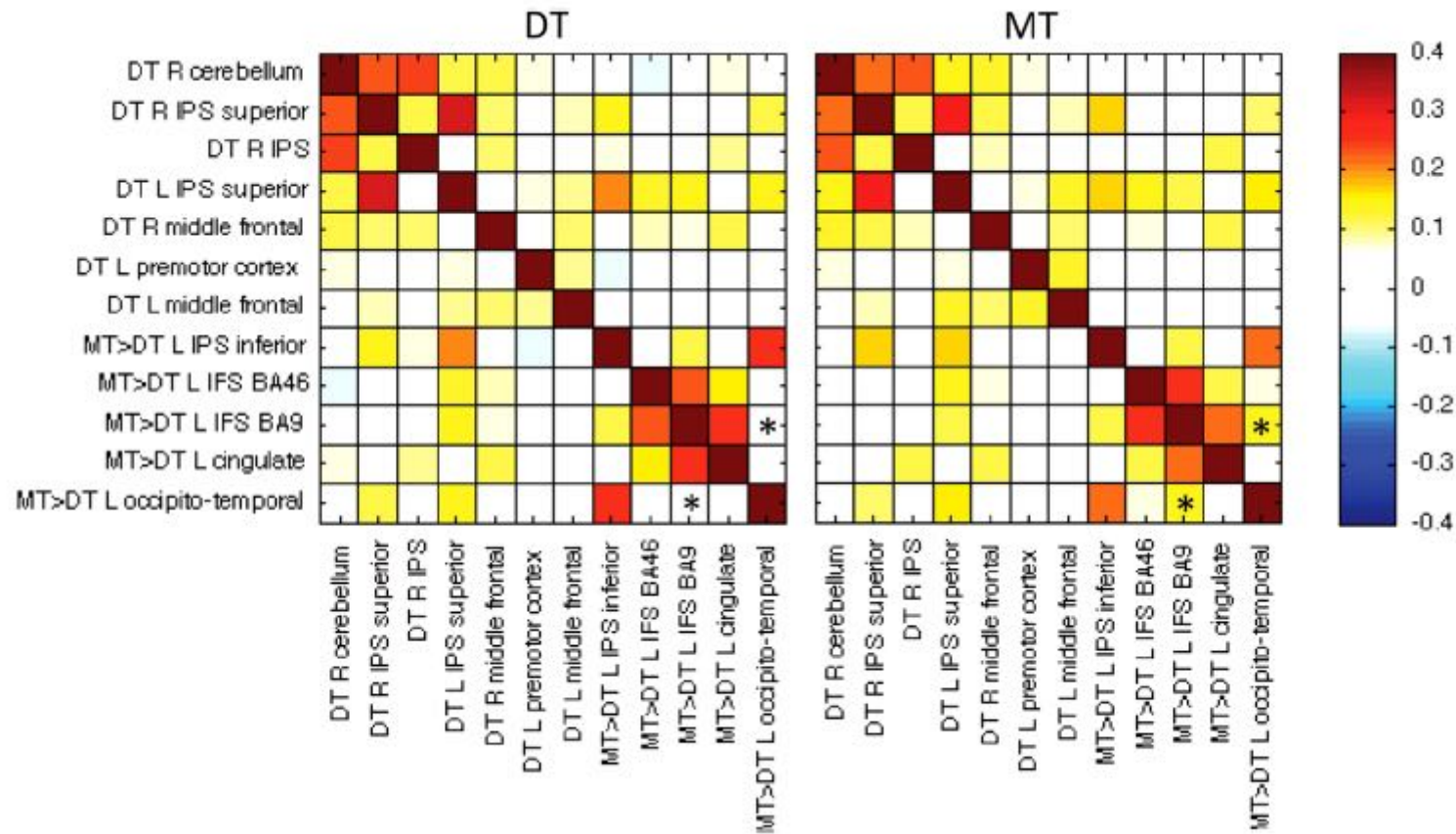


Green: Higher activity during dual task compared to both single tasks  
Red: Higher activation during multitask compared to both single tasks  
Blue: Higher activation during multitask compared to dual-task

*IPS: intra-parietal sulcus; PMC: premotor cortex; ACC: anterior cingulate cortex; OT: occipito-temporal; IFSa: activation in more anterior part of inferior frontal sulcus; IFSp: activation in more posterior part of inferior frontal*

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# Functional connectivity maps



**Applicable in proton therapy?**

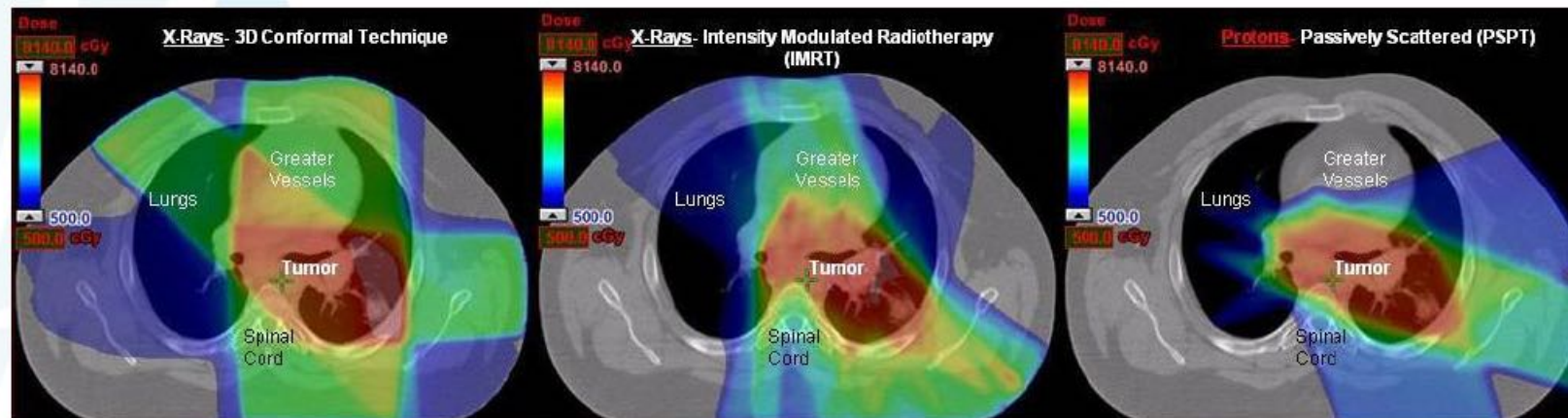


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*De Ruyscher D, Chang J. Sem Radiat Oncol 2013*

	PD = 70 Gy		
	Photons 3DCRT	IMRT	Protons PSPT
Organs at risk			
Lung			
MLD	18.9 (7.3) <sup>a</sup>	16.4 (5.5) <sup>a</sup>	13.5 (6.2)
Esophagus			
D <sub>mean</sub>	28.3 (13.9) <sup>a</sup>	26.0 (12.1)	24.4 (13.7)
Heart			
D <sub>mean</sub>	15.3 (11.6) <sup>a</sup>	14.3 (10.3) <sup>a</sup>	7.6 (7.2)
Patient			
ID	11.0 (5.4) <sup>a</sup>	9.9 (4.4) <sup>a</sup>	6.9 (3.9)

*Roelofs E et al. J Thor Oncol 2012*



# Combining with genetics of the patient and of the tumour



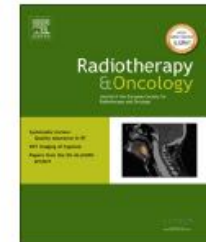
# Correlation with genetics?



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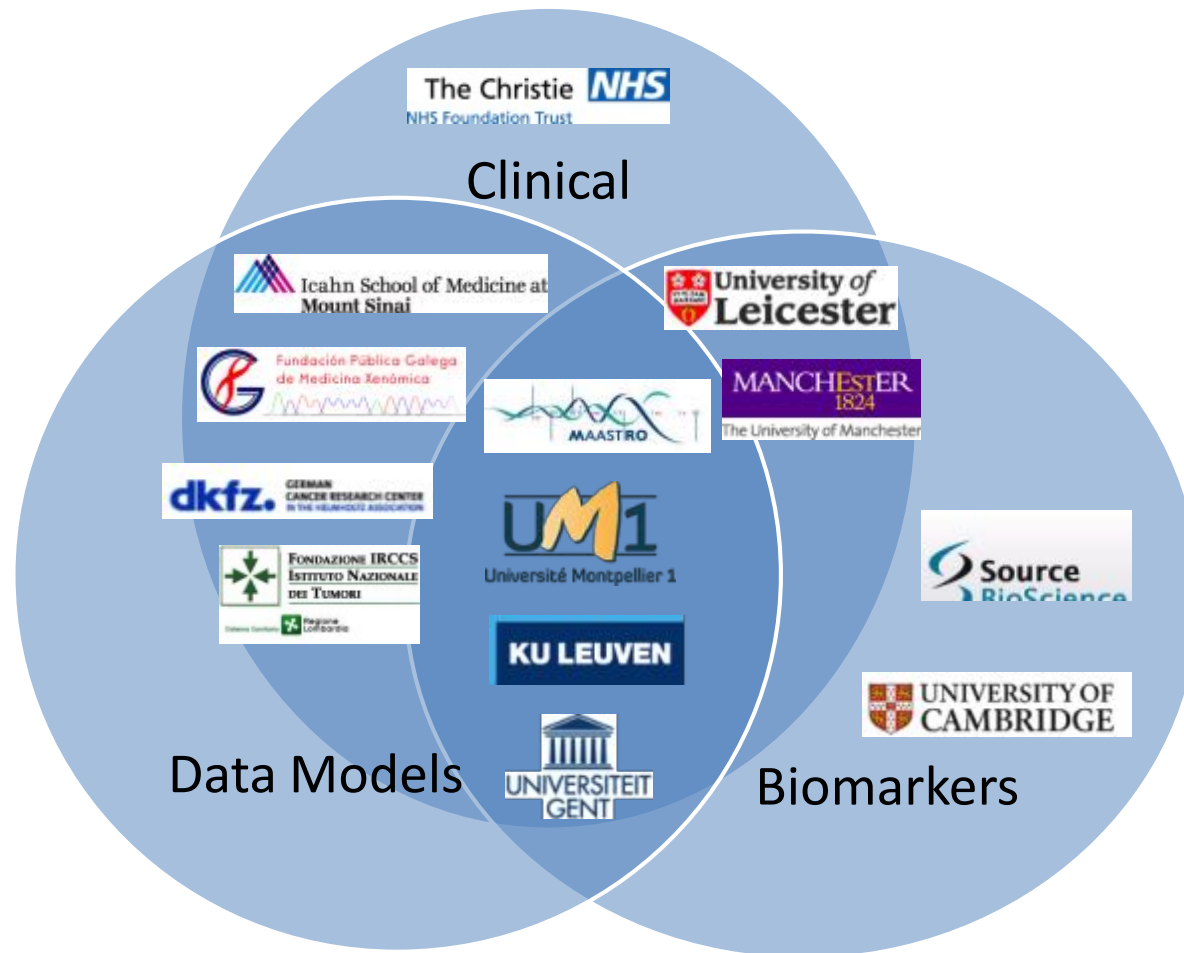
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Review

### STROGAR – STrengthening the Reporting Of Genetic Association studies in Radiogenomics

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# Correlation of delta HU/ Gy (less multifactorial than dyspnoea) and genetics

rs2252070 (p=0.006, *MMP13*)

rs2230588 (p=0.009, *JAK1*)

rs12901071 (p=0.009, *SMAD3*)

*MMP13* gene = matrix metalloproteinase 13, encoding for collagenase 6; implied in COPD (tissue destruction).


*JAK1* gene = essential for signal transduction of many cytokines and cell adhesion; implied in COPD (increased inflammation).

*SMAD3* gene = member of the TGF- $\beta$  superfamily; multifunctional; implied in COPD (inflammation regulation).

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# RADIOSCAPE

## A Project of the European Thoracic Oncology Platform (ETOP)



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**Applicable in proton therapy?**



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