



# NAT; neoadjuverende terapi

- hvilke regimer bør vi bruge?
- bør den være subtype specifik?

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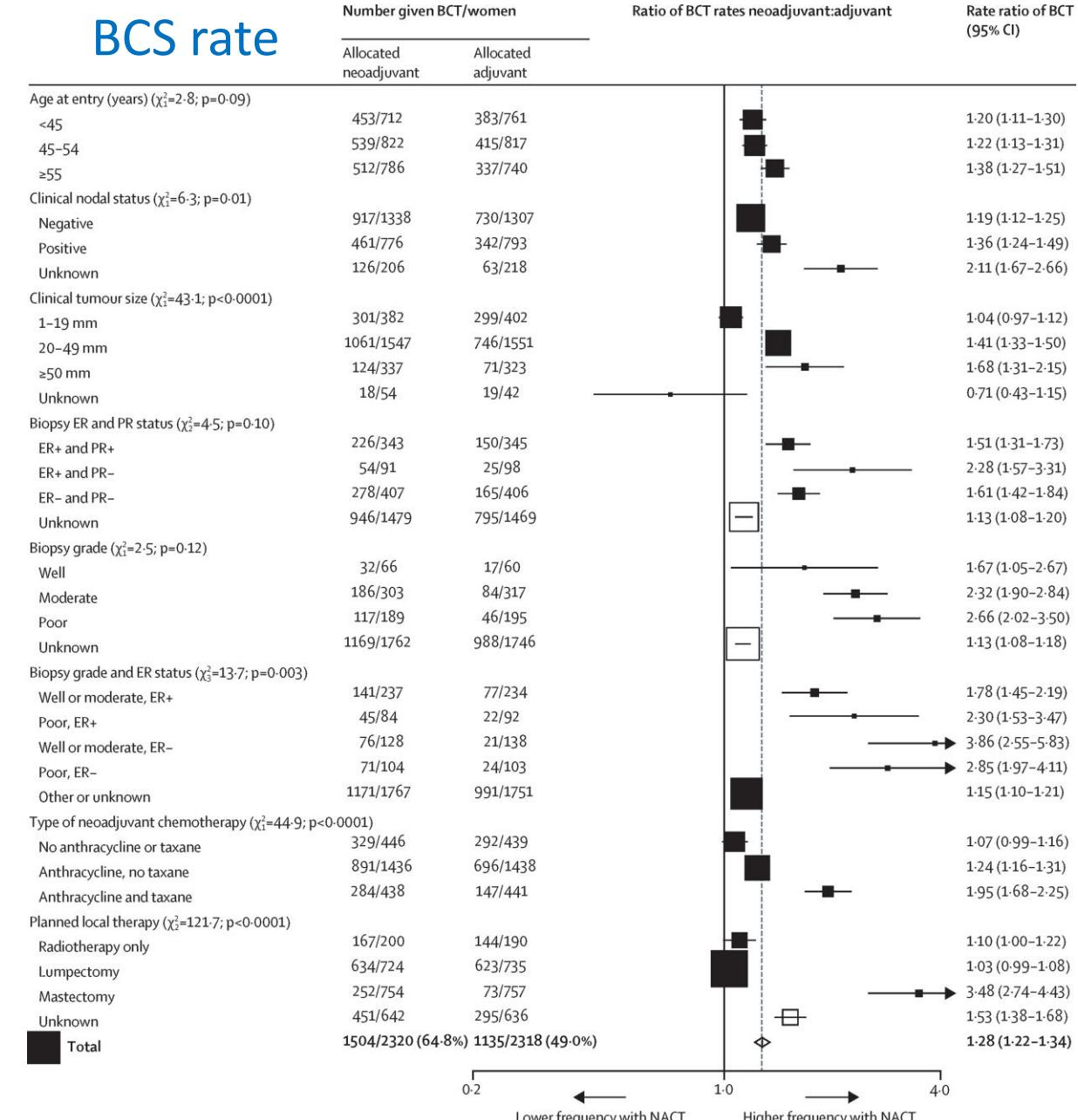
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# The 2017 EBCTCG meta-analysis

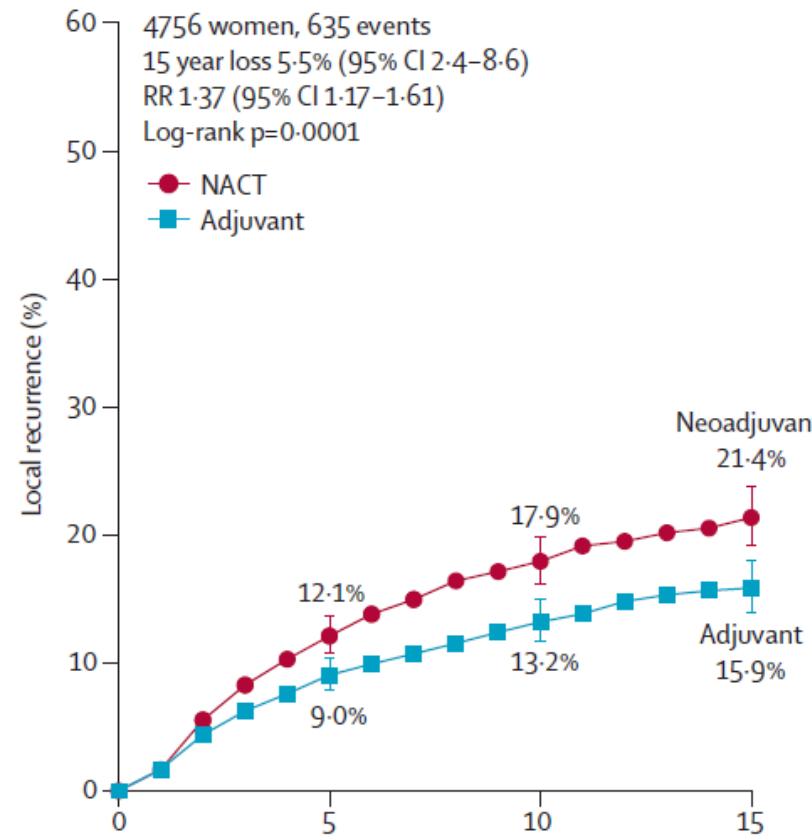
## Neoadjuvant versus adjuvant chemotherapy

- Individual data available from 10 of 16 eligible trials and from the 4756 (91%) women.
- Trial entry was 1983 to 2002 and median follow-up was 9 years.
- One gave both taxane and anthracycline, 4 an anthracycline and 4 neither.
- Resultet in higher rates of BCS (rate ratio 1.28 95% CI 1.22-1.34) corresponding to 60% vs. 50 %.

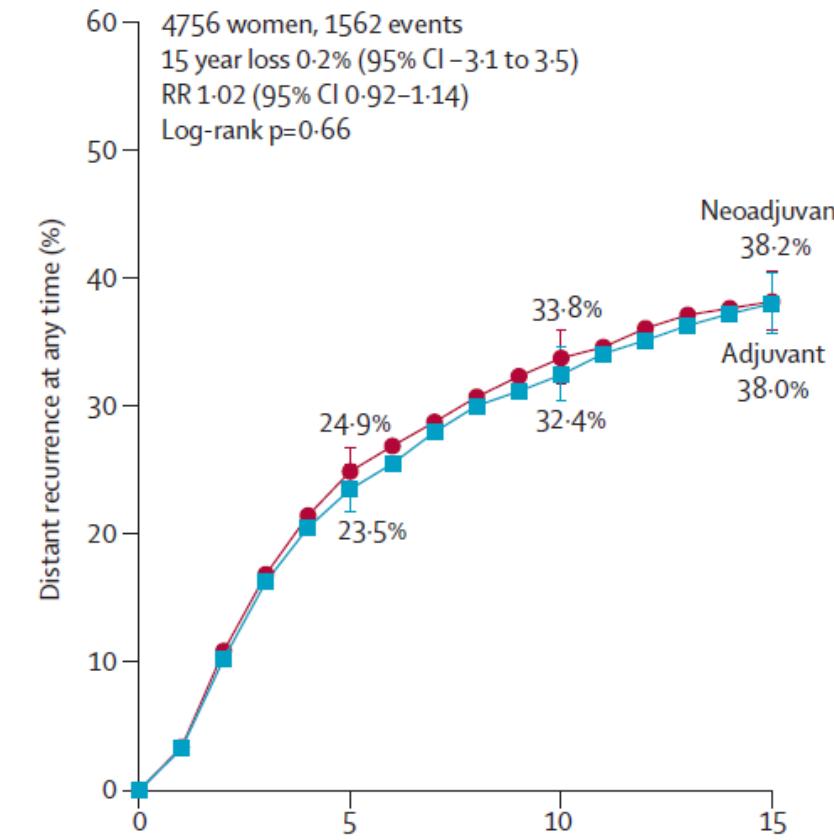


# EBCTCG meta-analysis of neoadjuvant vs adjuvant chemotherapy

## Local recurrence

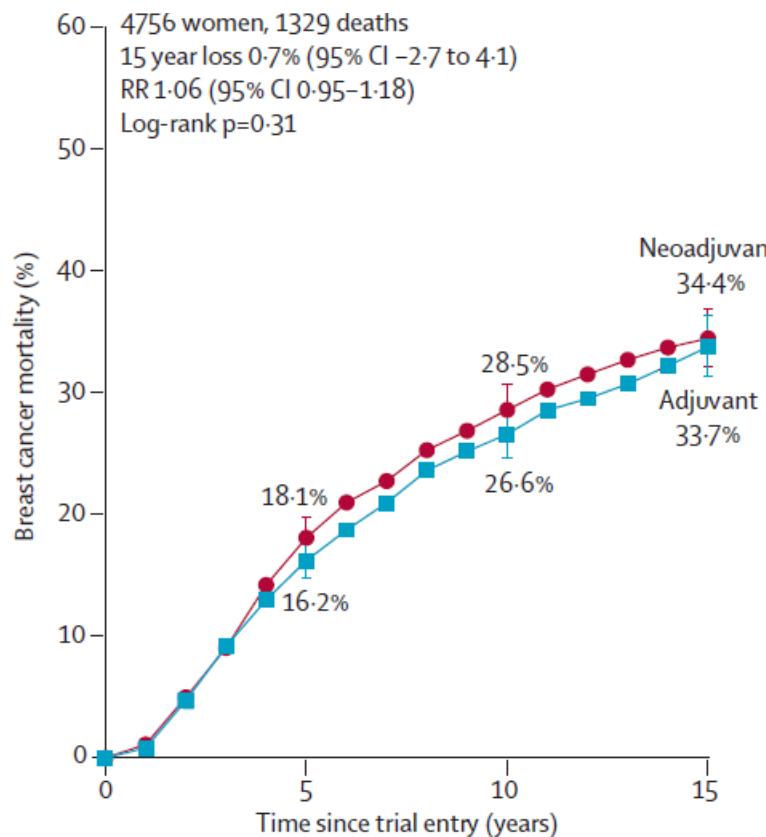


## Distant recurrence



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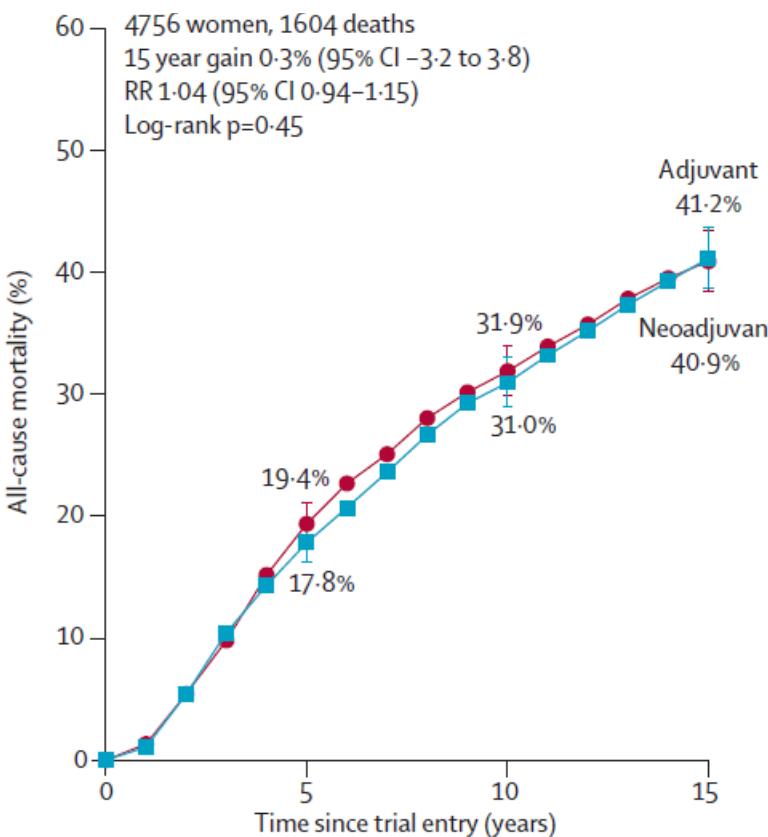
## Breast cancer mortality



Breast cancer mortality crude rates (events per woman-years) and log-rank analyses

	Years 0-4	Years 5-9	Years 10-14	Years ≥15
Neoadjuvant	3.90 (412/10567)	2.82 (191/6785)	1.93 (69/3570)	1.24 (13/1050)
Adjuvant	3.49 (364/10432)	2.81 (190/6771)	2.19 (78/3559)	1.18 (12/1014)
Rate ratio	1.12 (0.97-1.30)	1.03 (0.84-1.27)	0.88 (0.63-1.21)	0.90 (0.41-1.97)
(95% CI) from (O-E)/V	20.5/179.6	2.8/91.6	-4.8/36.6	-0.7/6.2

## Death from any cause



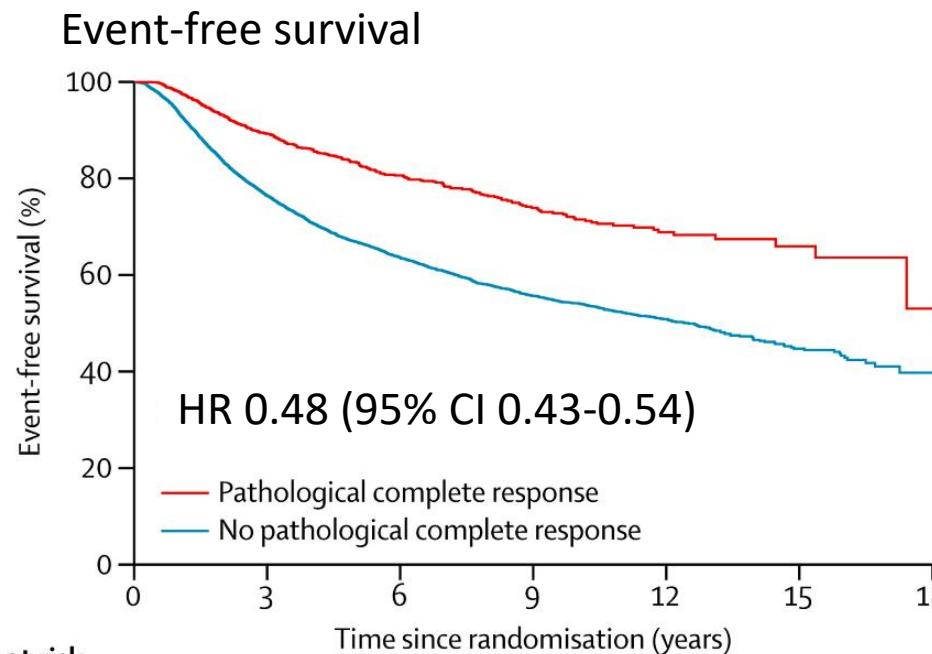
Any death crude rates (events per woman-years) and log-rank analyses

	Years 0-4	Years 5-9	Years 10-14	Years ≥15
Adjuvant	4.22 (446/10567)	3.51 (238/6785)	2.91 (104/3570)	3.52 (37/1050)
Neoadjuvant	3.86 (403/10432)	3.56 (241/6771)	3.20 (114/3559)	2.07 (21/1014)
Rate ratio	1.09 (0.95-1.25)	0.98 (0.81-1.17)	0.90 (0.68-1.18)	1.69 (0.95-2.99)
(95% CI) from (O-E)/V	16.7/196.6	-2.7/112.2	-5.6/51.3	6.1/11.7

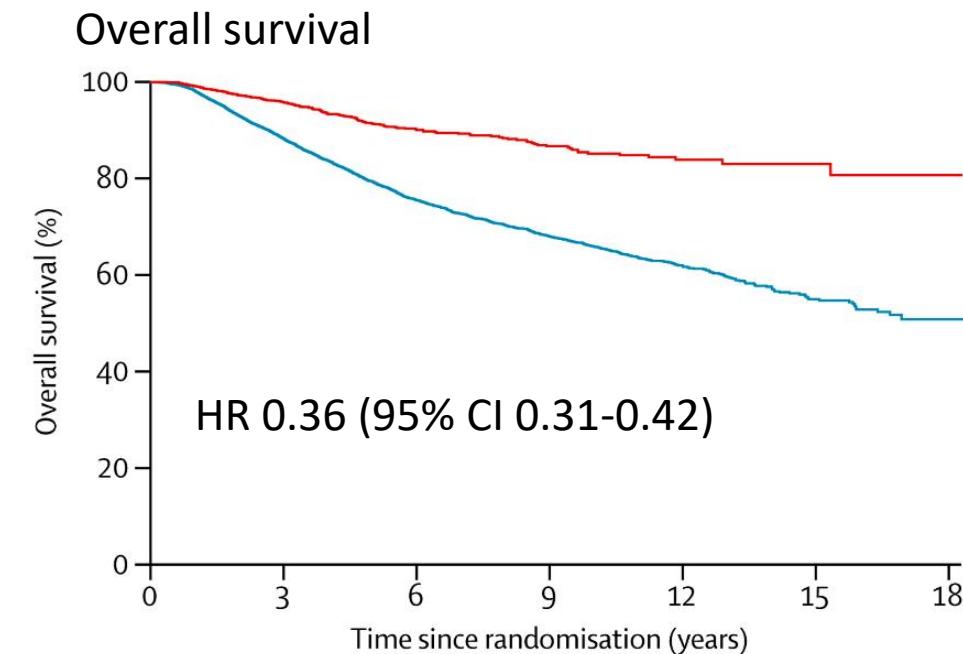
# CTNeoBC pooled analysis

## Prognostic value of pCR

FDA established the Collaborative Trials in neoadjuvant Breast Cancer (CTNeoBC) with international investigators of neoadjuvant trials with available long-term data.



Number at risk	Time since randomisation (years)						
Pathological complete response	2131	1513	583	337	124	35	2
No pathological complete response	9824	6169	2674	1523	525	165	1

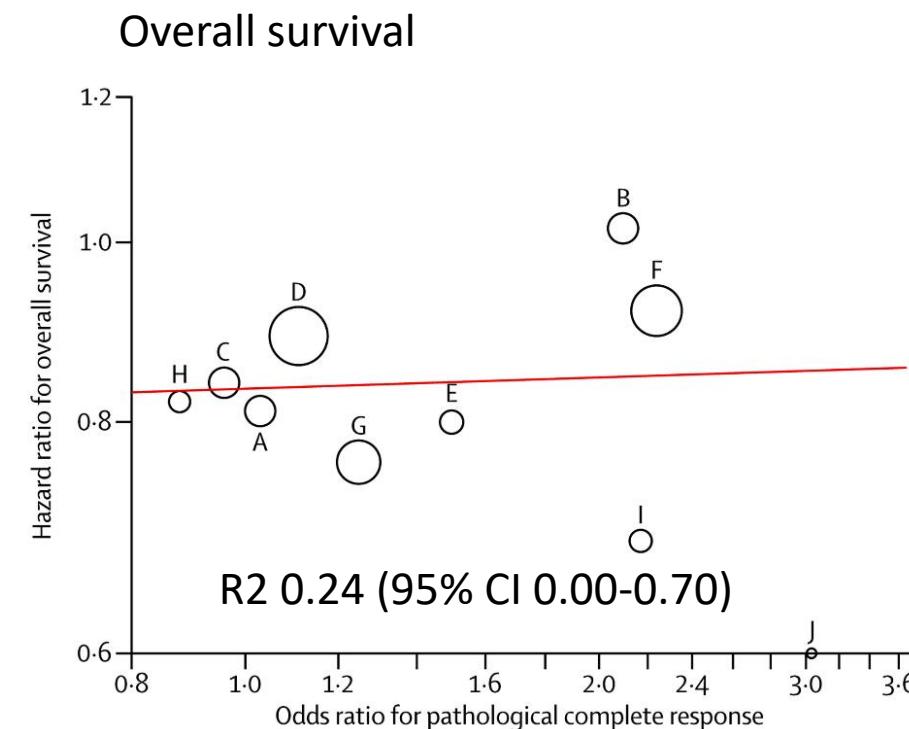
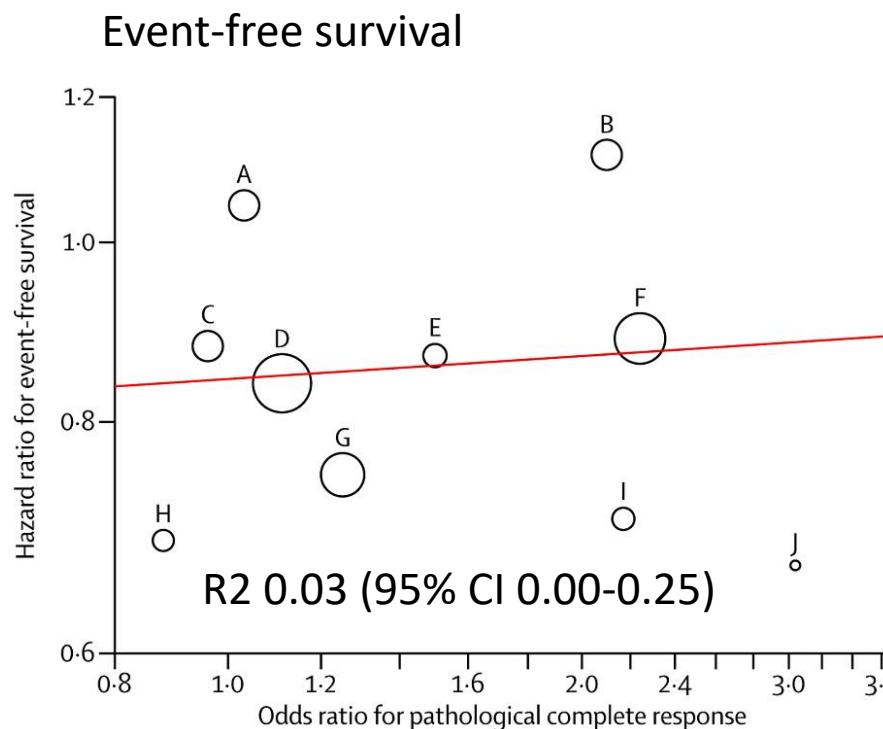


2131	1618	640	383	145	43	3
9824	7119	3173	1859	659	209	3

# CTNeoBC pooled analysis

## Value of pCR as intermediate endpoint

At trial level, little association between increase in pCR and effect on EFS or OS



# CTNeoBC pooled analysis

## pCR according to tumor characteristics

### Histology and grade

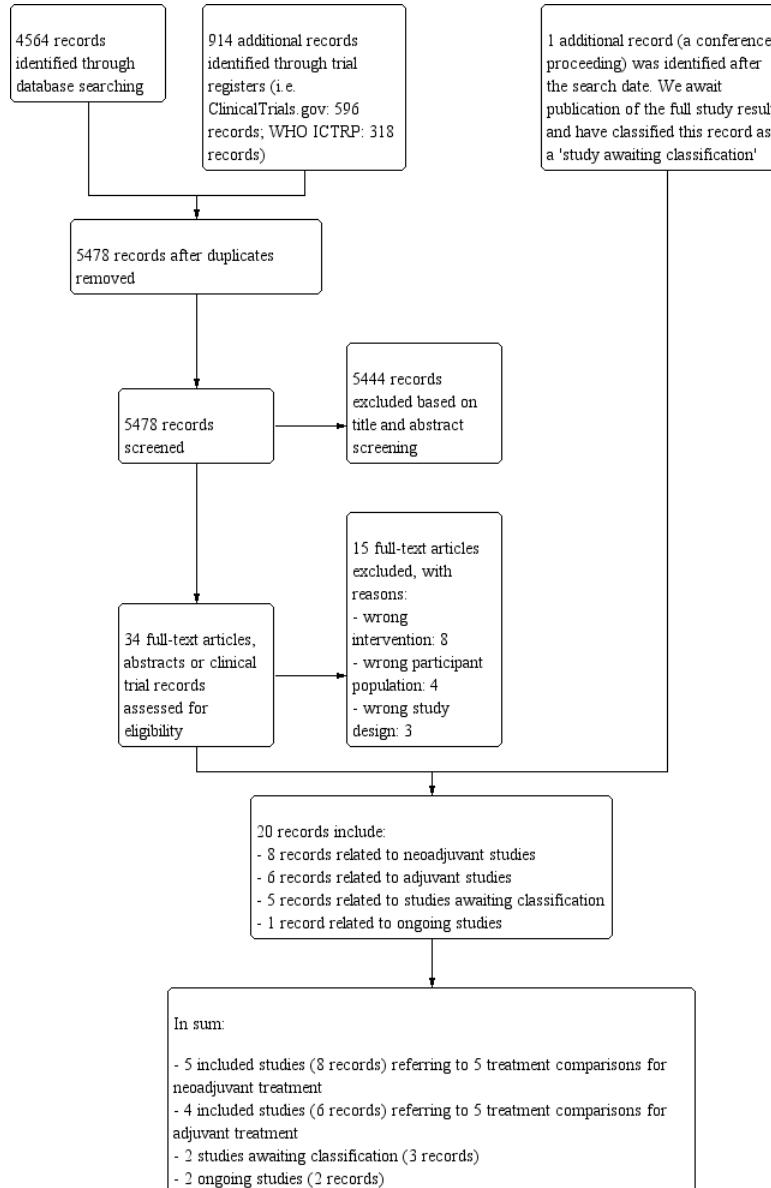
Characteristics	pCR %	95% CI
<b>Type</b>		
Lobular	7.8	6.3-9.4
Ductal	15.5	14.7-16.3
Mixed	22.7	19.0-26.8
<b>Malignancy</b>		
Grade 1	7.8	5.4-10.7
Grade 2	12.3	12.3-13.3
Grade 3	25.8	24.3-27.4

### Subtype

Characteristics	pCR %	95% CI
HR+, HER2-, G1-2	7.5	6.3-8.7
HR+, HER2-, G3	16.2	13.4-19.3
HER2+, HR+, $\div T$	18.3	15.5-21.3
HER2+, HR+, +T	30.9	26.3-35.8
HER2+, HR-, $\div T$	30.2	26.0-34.5
HER2+, HR-, +T	50.3	45.0-55.5
Triple negative	33.6	30.9-36.4

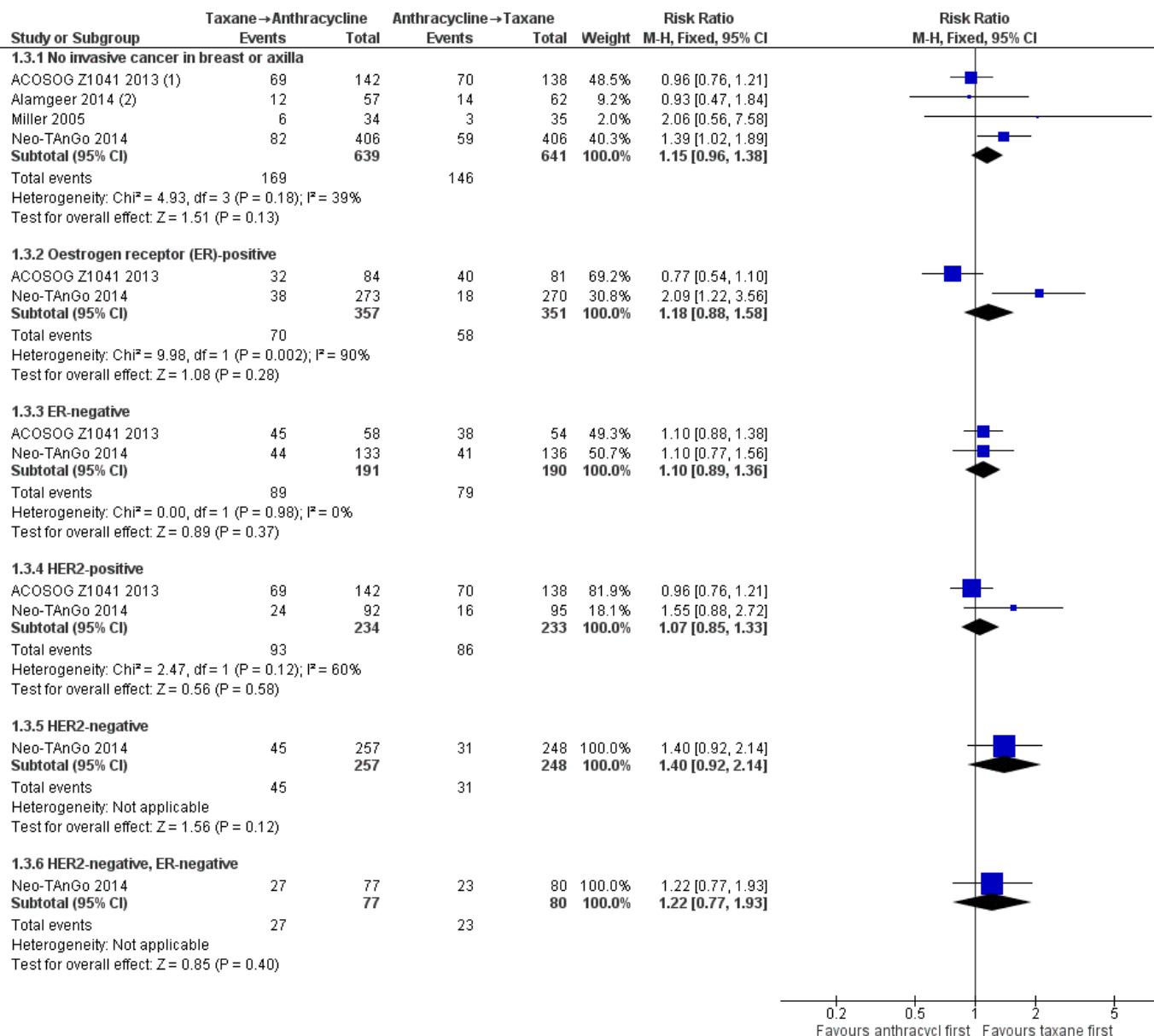
G: grade; HR: hormone-receptor; T: trastuzumab

# Sequencing of neoadjuvant anthracyclines and taxenes



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## Conclusion

Administration of taxes first probably resulted in little to no difference in:

- Overall survival (HR 0.80, 95% CI 0.60 to 1.08)
- Disease-free survival (HR 0.84, 95% CI 0.65 to 1.09)
- Pathological complete response (RR 1.15, 95% CI 0.96 to 1.38)
- Conclusion: high-to-low-certainty evidence of equivalent outcomes

### Footnotes

(1) Data derived from 2013 ASCO abstract; full-text article did not provide data

(2) pCR defined as no invasive or in situ carcinoma in the breast or axillary lymph nodes



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## Recommended Regimens and Schedules

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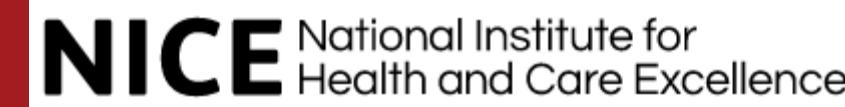
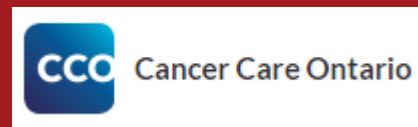
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Different kind of evidence

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# Subtype-specific Strategies for Systemic Treatment

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If chemotherapy is indicated  
systemic treatment before surgery (neoadjuvant) should be preferred  
**HR+/HER2- and „low risk“**

- Endocrine therapy without chemotherapy

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**HR+/HER2- and „high risk“**

- Conventionally dosed AT- based chemotherapy (q3w)
- Dose dense chemotherapy (including weekly schedule)
- Followed by endocrine therapy

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**HER2+**

- Trastuzumab (plus Pertuzumab neoadjuvant at high risk)
  - Sequential A/T-based regimen with concurrent T + anti Her 2 therapy
  - Anthracycline-free, platinum-containing regimen
  - Anthracycline-free, taxane-containing regimen

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**Triple-negativ (TNBC)**

- Conventionally dosed AT-based chemotherapy
- Dose dense chemotherapy (AT - based including weekly schedule)
- Neoadjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy

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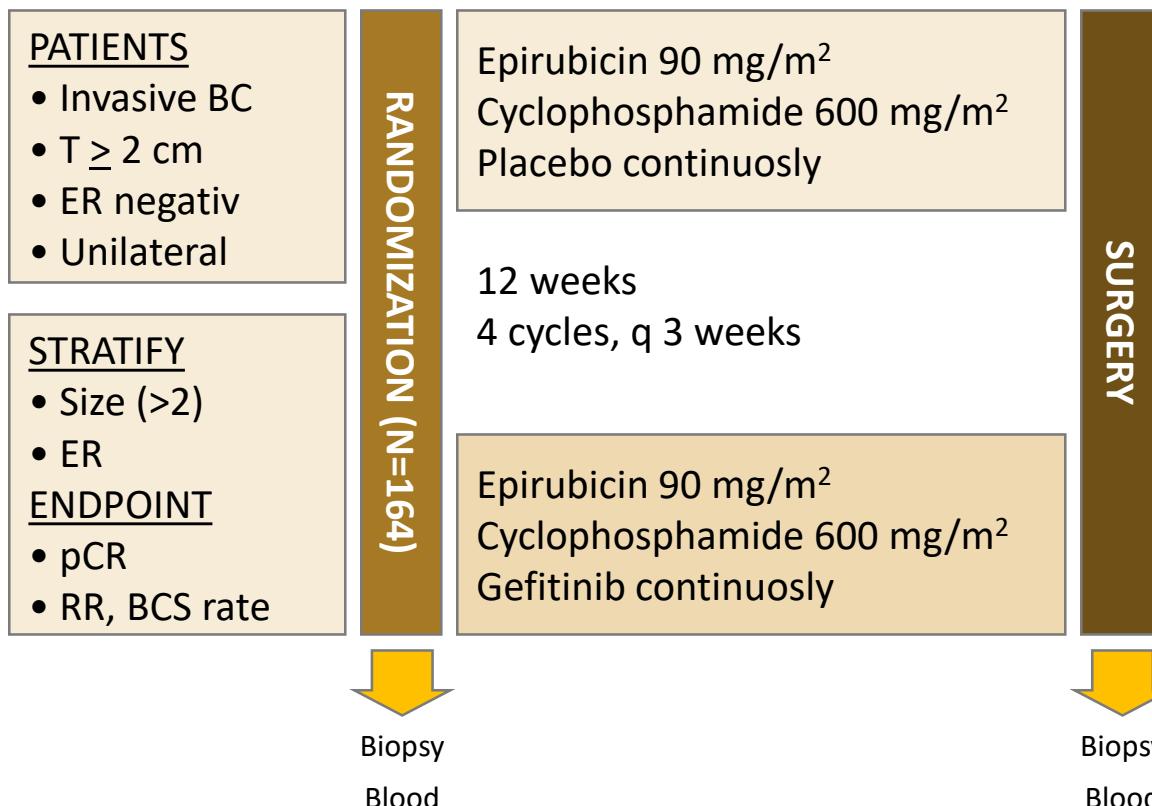
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## Effect of adding gefitinib to neoadjuvant chemotherapy in estrogen receptor negativ breast cancer; a randomized phase II trial

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### Neoadjuvant Iressa, Cyclophosphamide, and Epirubicin a randomized phase 2 trial



### Kort om NICE forsøget

- Investigator initieret og industri sponsoreret
  - Fuld finansiering fra sponsor
  - Sponsor stod for godkendelser og monitorering
- Central indsamling af væv og blod
  - FFPE til Herlev
  - Frosset væv til KB og Lund (FedEx)
  - Blodprøverne til sponsor
- Afsluttet april 2007 (sidste EC)
- Resultater
  - pCR rate på 12% og ingen significant effekt af gefitinib
- Publikation
  - SABCS 2007 abstrakt blev trukket pga. fejl
  - Centralt review af pCR, RR og toksicitet
  - Fejlene skyldtes sponsors datamanagement
  - BCRT i 2011 som led i ph.d.

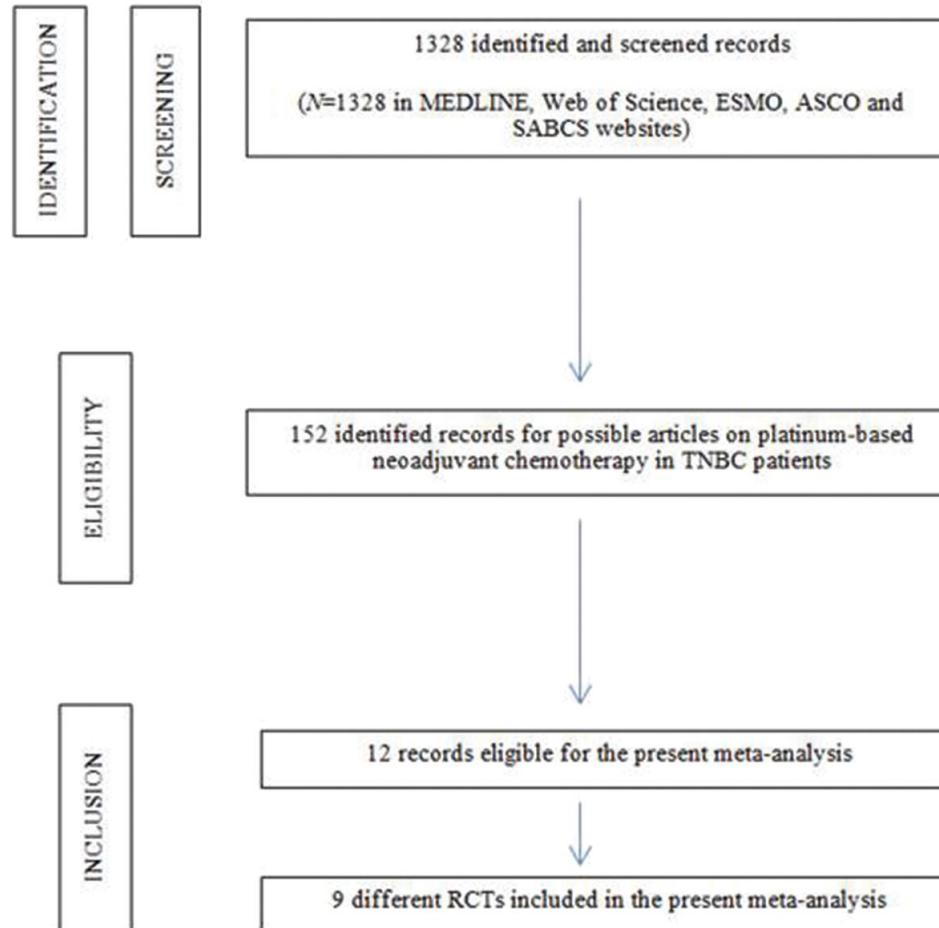
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# Platinum-based neo-adjuvant chemotherapy in TNBC

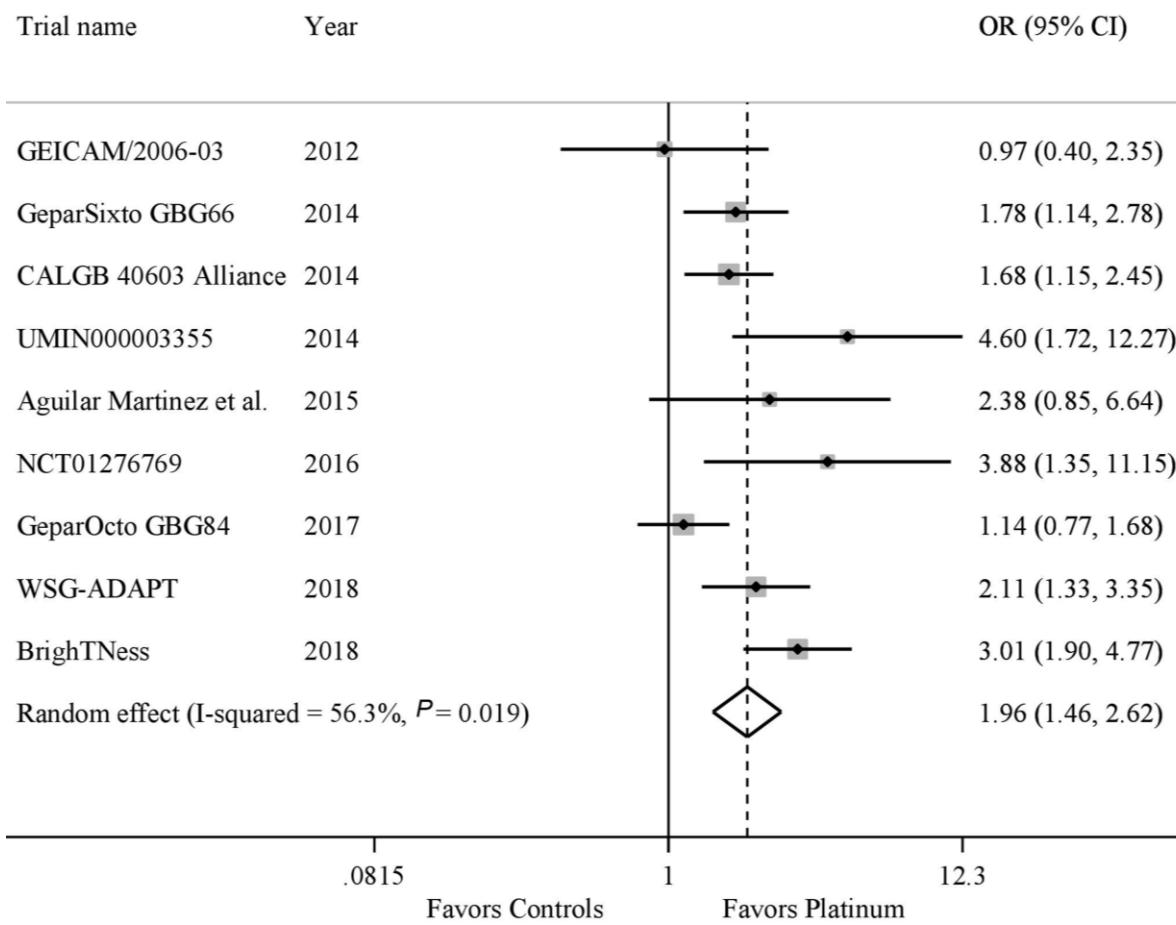
## A systemic review and meta-analysis

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Study	Design	1. end point	2 <sup>nd</sup> end points	Treatment arms	N
GEICAM/2006-03 Alba et al. 2012	Phase II	ypT0/is	ypT0/is pN0, clinical response rate, safety,	EC—DCb	47
GeparSixto GBG66 Loibl et al. 2018	Phase II	ypT0 pN0	ypT0/is pN0, clinical response rate, safety	P+Dox+Bev+Cb P+Dox+Bev	158 157
Alliance 40603 Sikov et al. 2016	Phase II	ypT0/is	ypT0/is pN0, safety, RFS and OS	P+Cb±Bev → ddAC P±Bev → ddAC	221 212
UMIN000003355 Ando et al. 2014	Phase II	ypT0/is pN0	Clinical response rate, safety, DFS	PCb → CEF P → CEF	37 38
Aguilar Martinez et al. 2015	Phase II	ypT0/is pN0	Clinical response rate, safety	Cis+P → Cis+Dox P → FAC	30 31
NCT01276769 Zhang et al. 2016	Phase II	ypT0/is pN0	ORR, safety, RFS, OS	PCb EP	44 43
GeparOcto GBG84 Schneeweiss 2017	Phase III	ypT0/is pN0	Toxicity, DFS, OS	PDoxCb DdEPC	203 200
WSG-ADAPT Gluz et al. 2017	Phase II	ypT0/is pN0	Toxicity, EFS, OS	Nab-P+Cb Nab-P+Gem	146 178
BrightNess Loibl et al. 2018	Phase III	ypT0/is pN0	Clinical response rate, toxicity, EFS, OS	P+Cb → AC P → AC	160 158

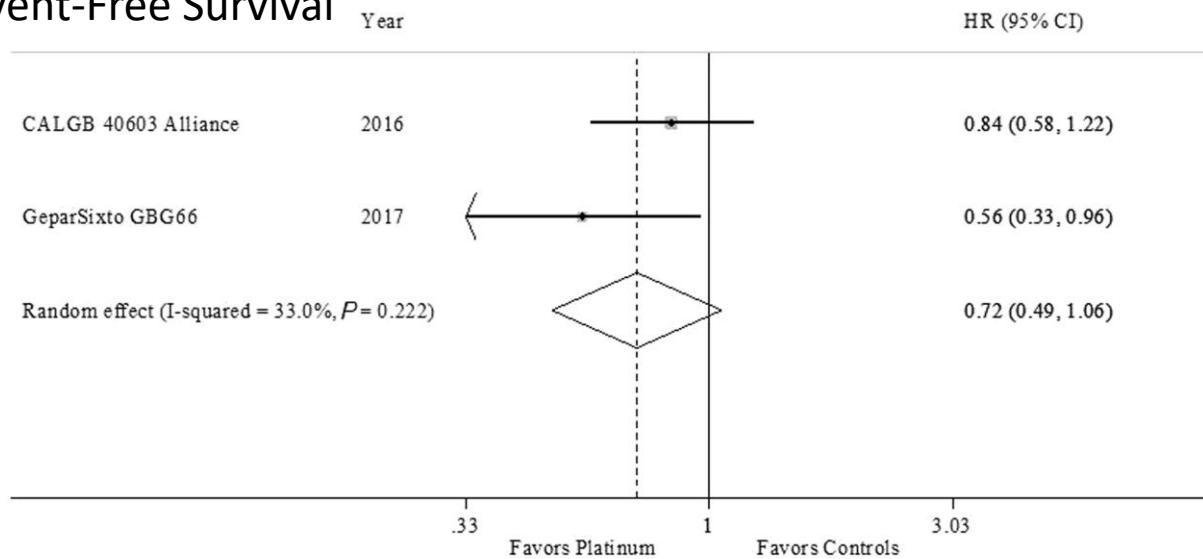
## Odds ratio for pCR



Platinum is associated with increased pCR but only two studies reported OS:

- Overall survival (HR 0.86, 95% CI 0.46 to 1.63)
- Disease-free survival (HR 0.72, 95% CI 0.49 to 1.06)
- Pathological complete response (RR 1.96, 95% CI 1.46 to 2.62)
- Conclusion: pCR improved by platinum in TNBC

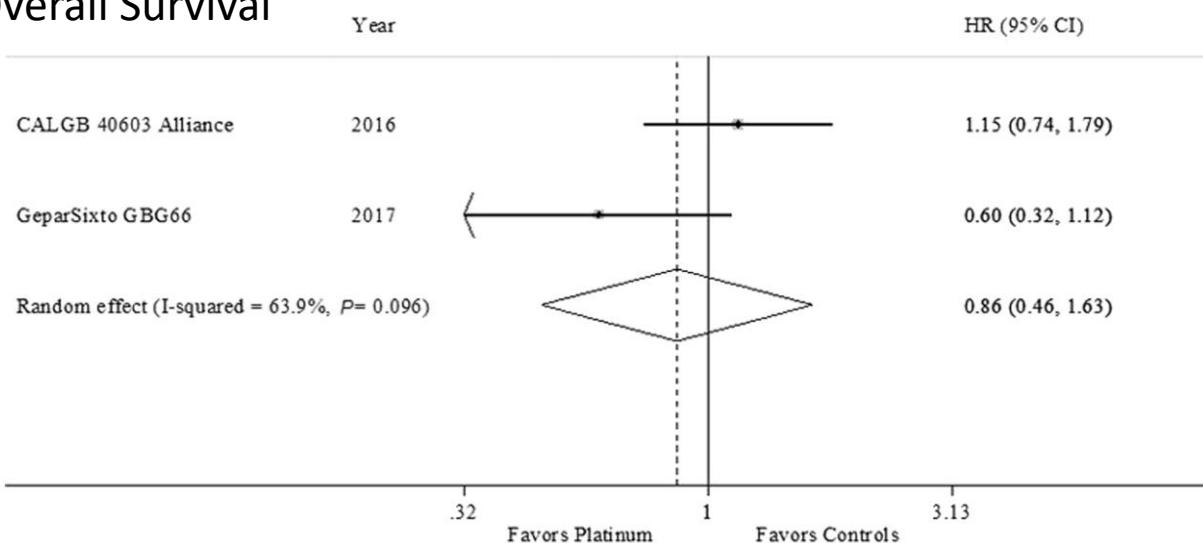
## Event-Free Survival



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## Overall Survival



Sikov WM, Berry DA, Perou CM, et al. Impact of the addition of carboplatin and/or bevacizumab to neoadjuvant once-per-week paclitaxel followed by dose-dense doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide on pathologic complete response rates in stage II to III triple-negative breast cancer: CALGB 40603 (Alliance). *J Clin Oncol.* 2015;33(1):13-21.

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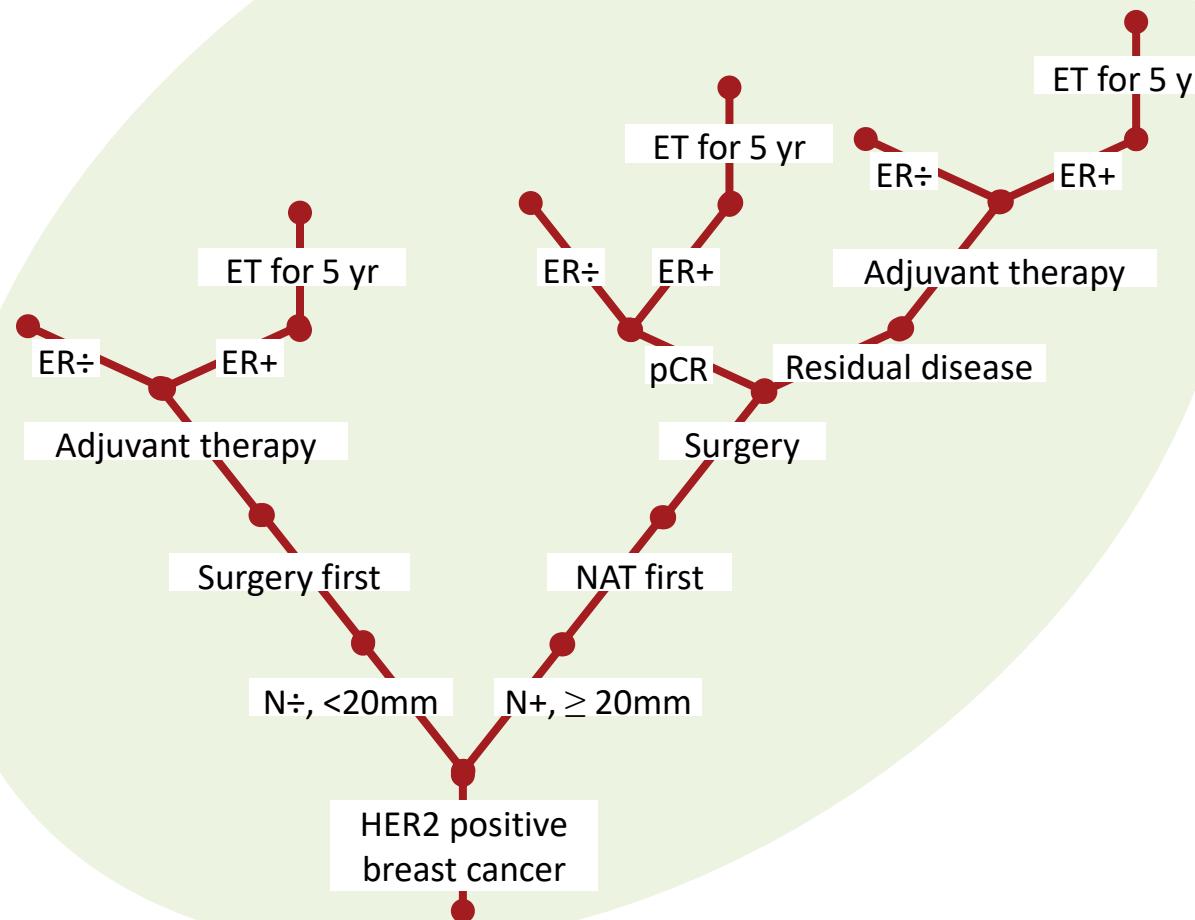
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# HER2 positive early breast cancer



# Double HER2 targeting

Study	Regimen	N	pCR		
			all	HR+	HR-
<b>NeoALTTO</b>	CT+trastuzumab	455	29.5	22.7	36.5
Baselga 2012	CT+lapatinib		24.7	16.1	33.7
	CT+T+lapatinib		51.3	41.6	61.3
<b>NSABP B-41</b>	CT+trastuzumab	519	52.5	46.7	65.5
Robidoux 2013	CT+lapatinib		53.2	48.0	60.6
	CT+T+lapatinib		62.0	55.6	73.0
<b>NSABP FB-7</b>	CT+trastuzumab	126	38.1	29.6	57.1
Jacobs 2015	CT+neratinib		33.3	27.6	46,2
	CT+T+neratinib		50.0	30.4	73.7
<b>NeoSphere</b>	CT+trastuzumab	417	29.0	20.0	38.8
Gianni 2012	CT+pertuzumab		24.0	17.4	30.0
	CT+T+pertuzumab		45.8	26.0	63.2
	T+pertuzumab		16.8	5.9	27.3

HR: hormone receptor; CT: chemotherapy; T:trastuzumab.

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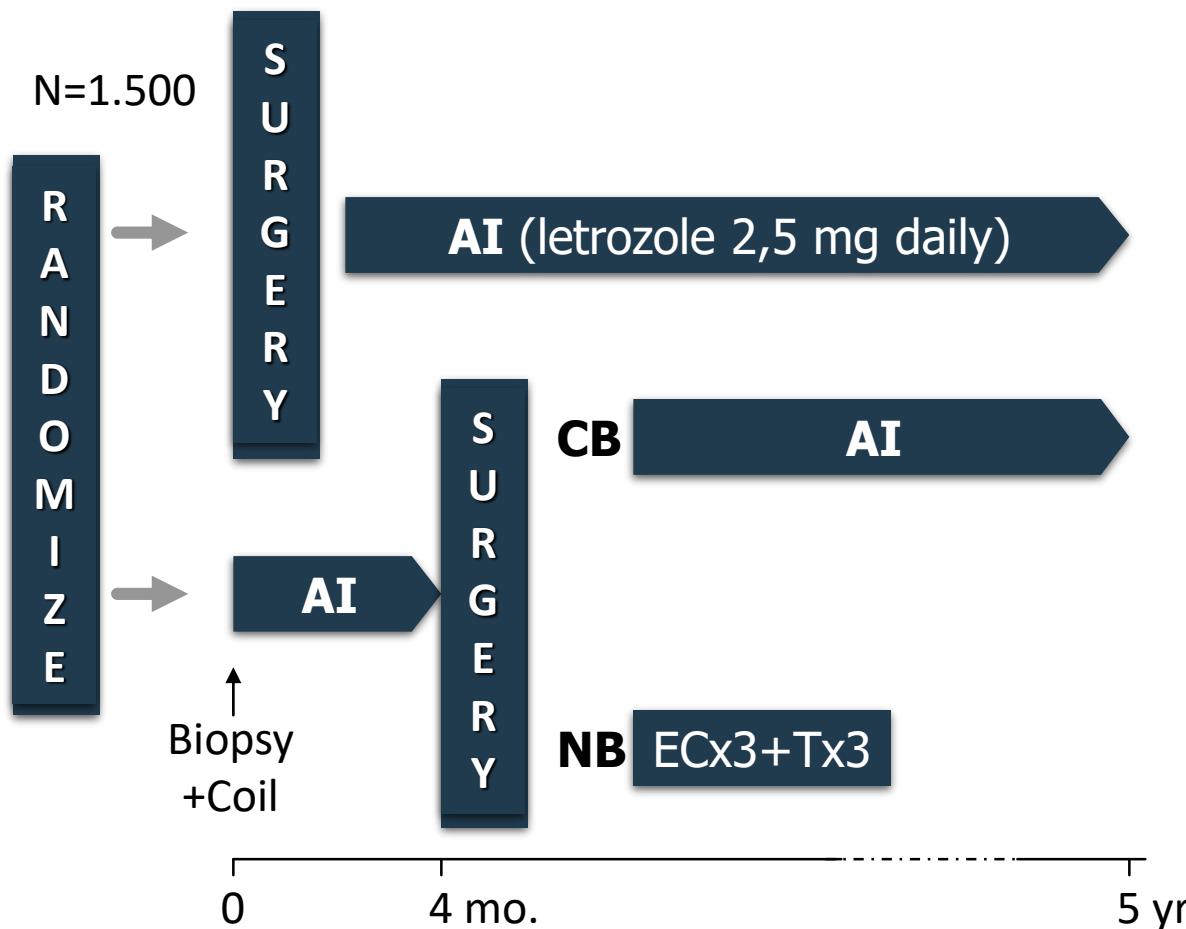
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# DBCG-07 REAL Trial

- Randomised trial of Endocrine Against Locoregional therapy first
- Eligible were women > 59 with operable ER positive BC and tumor size > 20mm.

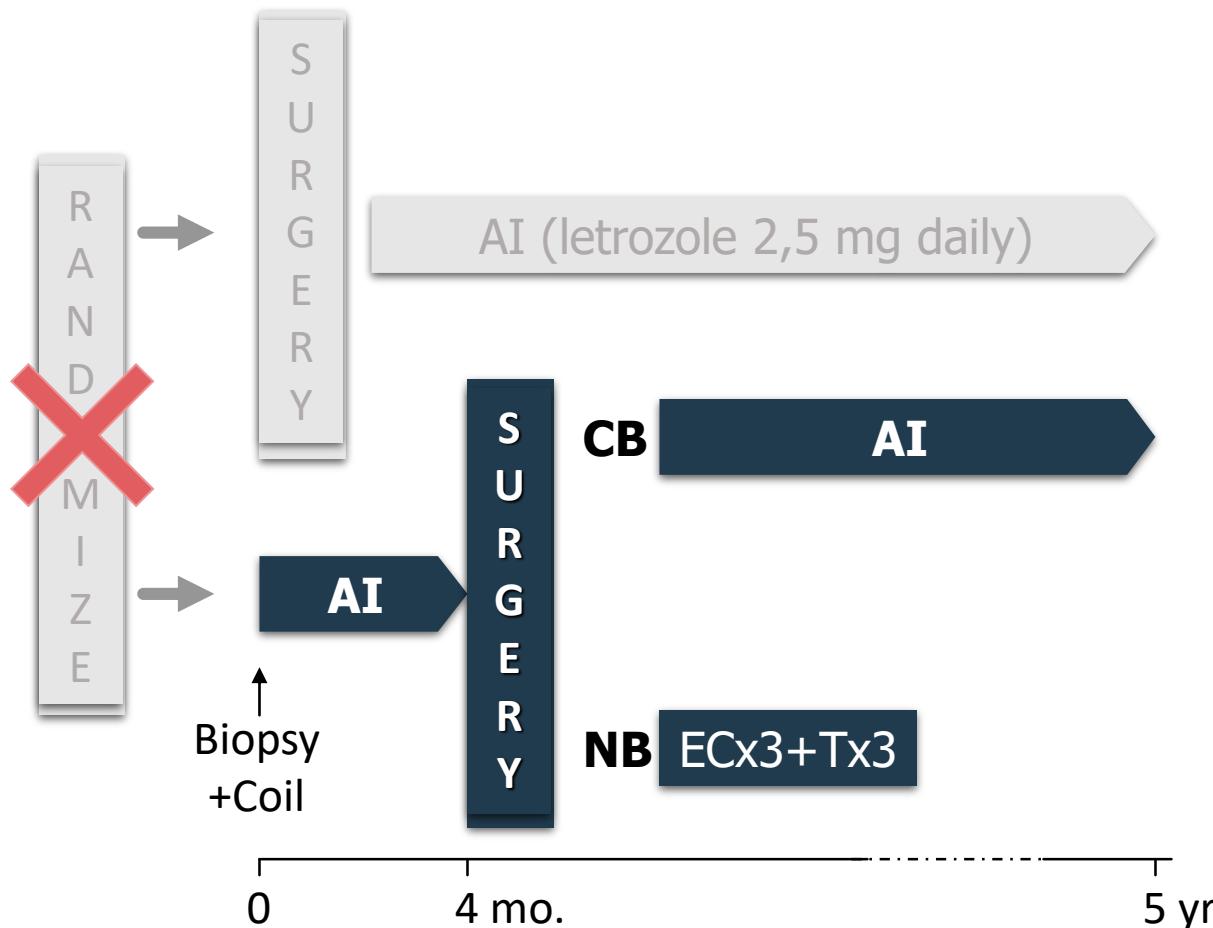


# Timeline

November 2006	FU internat	Ideoplæg Protokol, 1. udkast
	Procedurer	Randomisering Datamoduler Monitorering Vævsindsamling
	Finansiering	1 mill. forskningsråd 25 mill. industrien 3 mill. KBVU
	Myndigheder	Etiske komiteer EMEA ClinTrial.gov
Februar 2009	Klar til start	Investigator møder Forsøgssteder initieres
April 2010	Rekruttering	31 deltagere
Juni 2010	REAL lukkes	EMEA og VEK info 25 forsøgssteder lukkes 28 mill. returneres

# Neoadjuvant letrozole for postmenopausal estrogen receptor-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer patients

Signe K. Skriver, Anne-Vibeke Laenholm, Birgitte B. Rasmussen BB, Jürgen Handler, Bo Grundtmann, Tove F. Tvedskov, Peer Christiansen, Ann S. Knoop, Maj-Britt Jensen, Bent Ejlerksen



## Kort om REAL forsøget

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  - Del-finansiering fra sponsor
  - DBCG stod for godkendelser og monitorering
- Central indsamling af væv og blod
  - FFPE til Herlev
  - Frosset væv til OUH (Dansk CancerBiobank)
  - Blodprøverne til RH
- Afsluttet juni 2010 (manglende rekruttering)
- Resultater
  - A total of 112 patients and pathological response evaluated in 109.
  - An overall mean 15% decrease in tumor size ( $p<.0001$ )
  - One pCR and 55% had a partial pathological response ( $\geq 30$  tumor cell loss)
- Publikation
  - Acta Oncol i 2018 som led i ph.d.



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# Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy Procedures in Case of No Early Response

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## In case of no change:

- Completion of neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NACT) followed by surgery
- Continuation of NACT with non cross-resistant regimen
  - AC or EC x 4 → D x 4 or Pw x 12
  - DAC x 2 → NX x 4

2b	C	++
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## In case of progressive disease:

- Stop of NACT and surgery or radiotherapy
- Additional adjuvant chemotherapy with non cross-resistant regimen

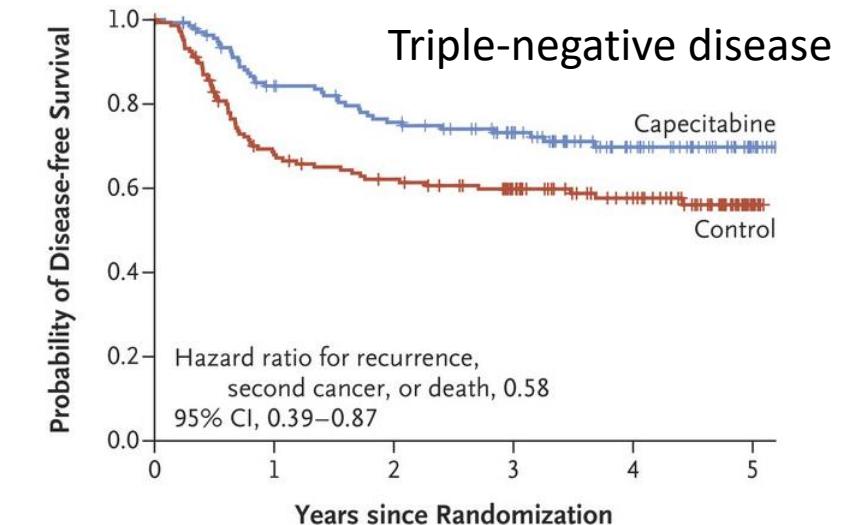
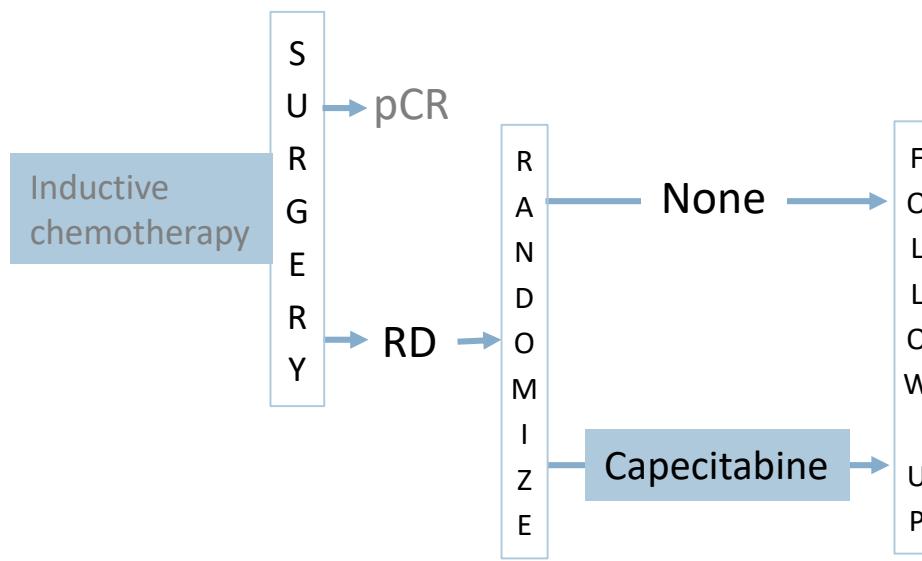
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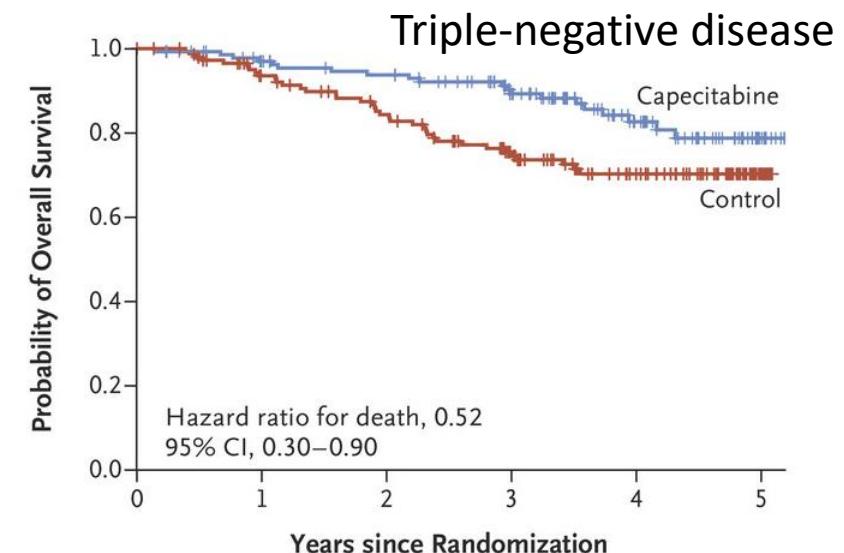
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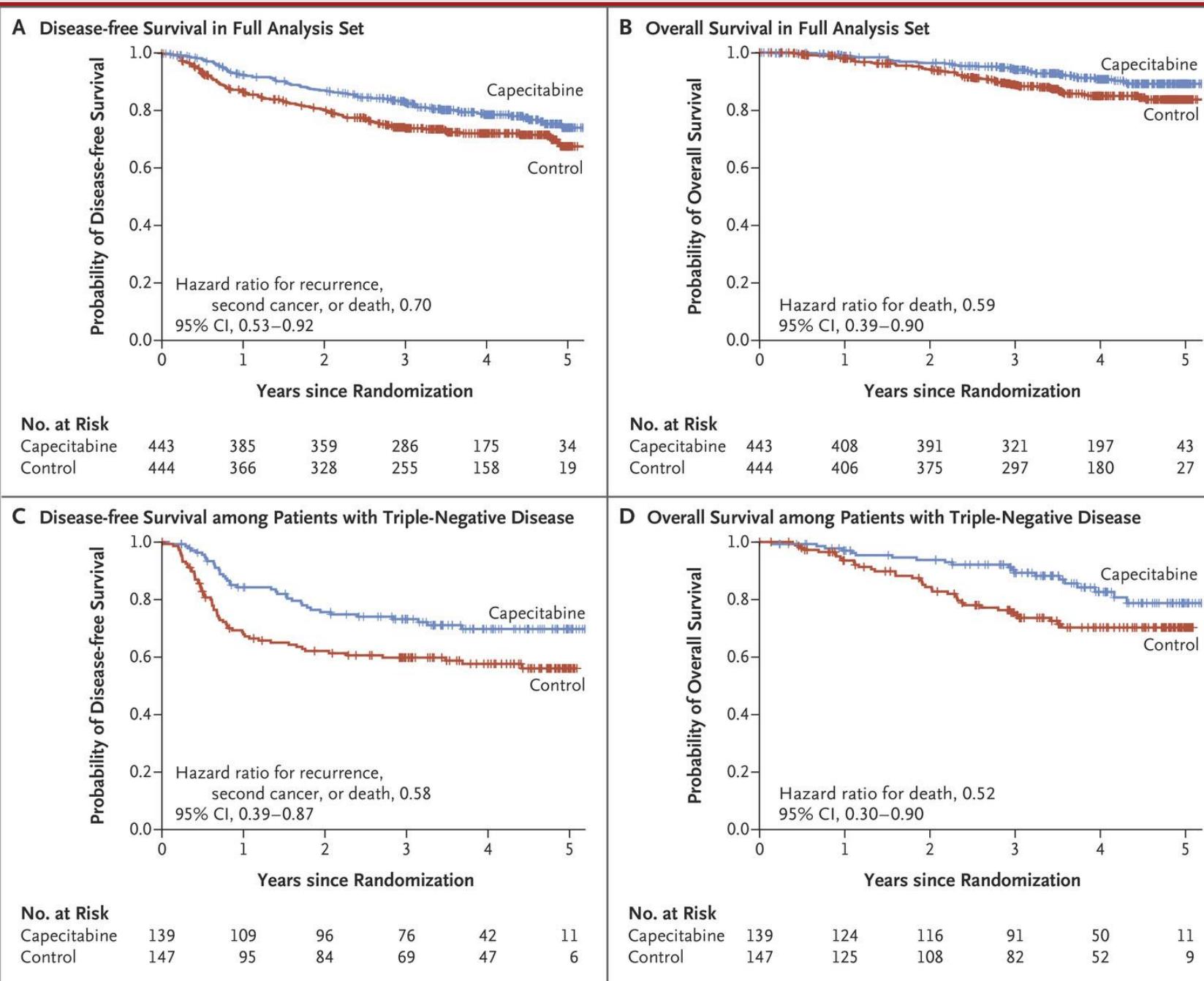
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No. at Risk	Capecitabine	Control
139	109	96
147	95	84
	76	69
	42	47
	11	6



No. at Risk	Capecitabine	Control
139	124	116
147	125	108
	91	82
	50	52
	11	9

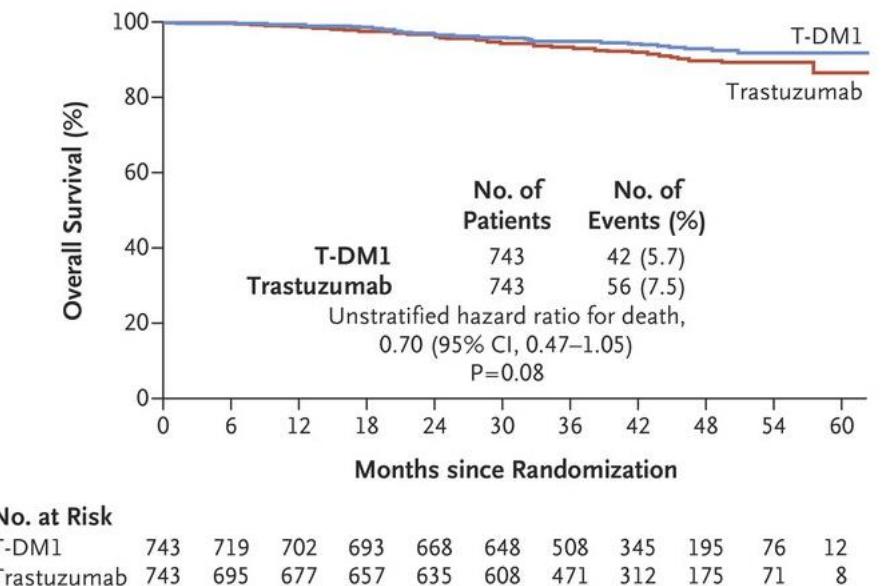
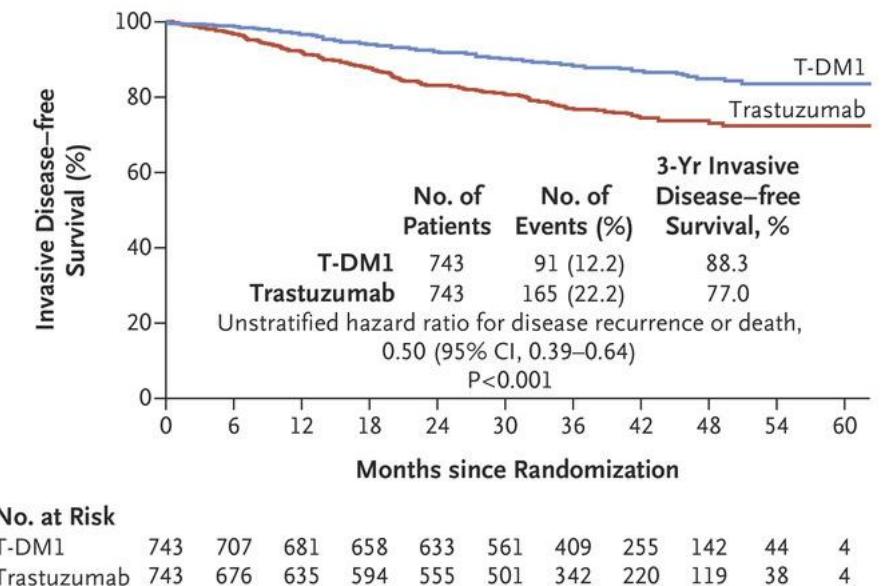
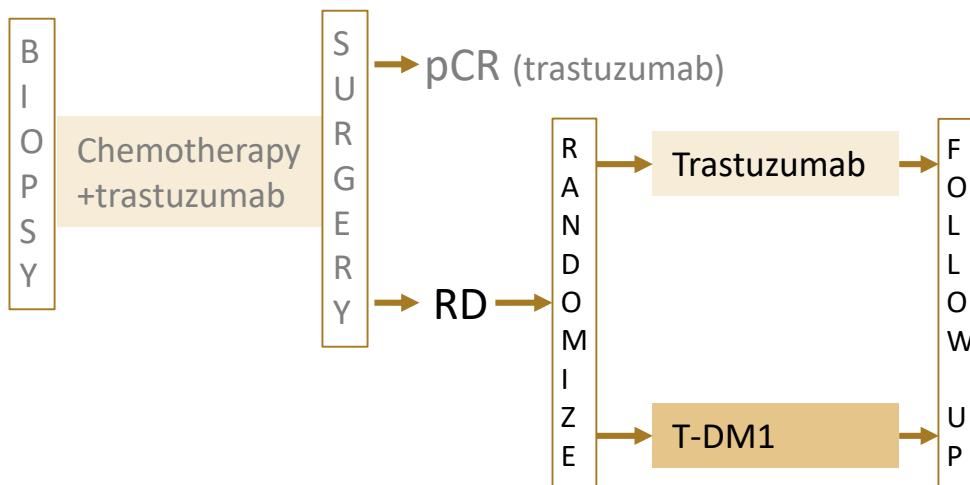


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