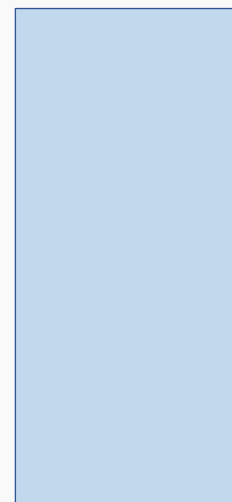


# OPTIMAL PERSONALISED TREATMENT OF EARLY BREAST CANCER USING MULTI- PARAMETER ANALYSIS

A trial of a diagnostic test in ER+ve HER2-ve breast cancer



# OUTLINE

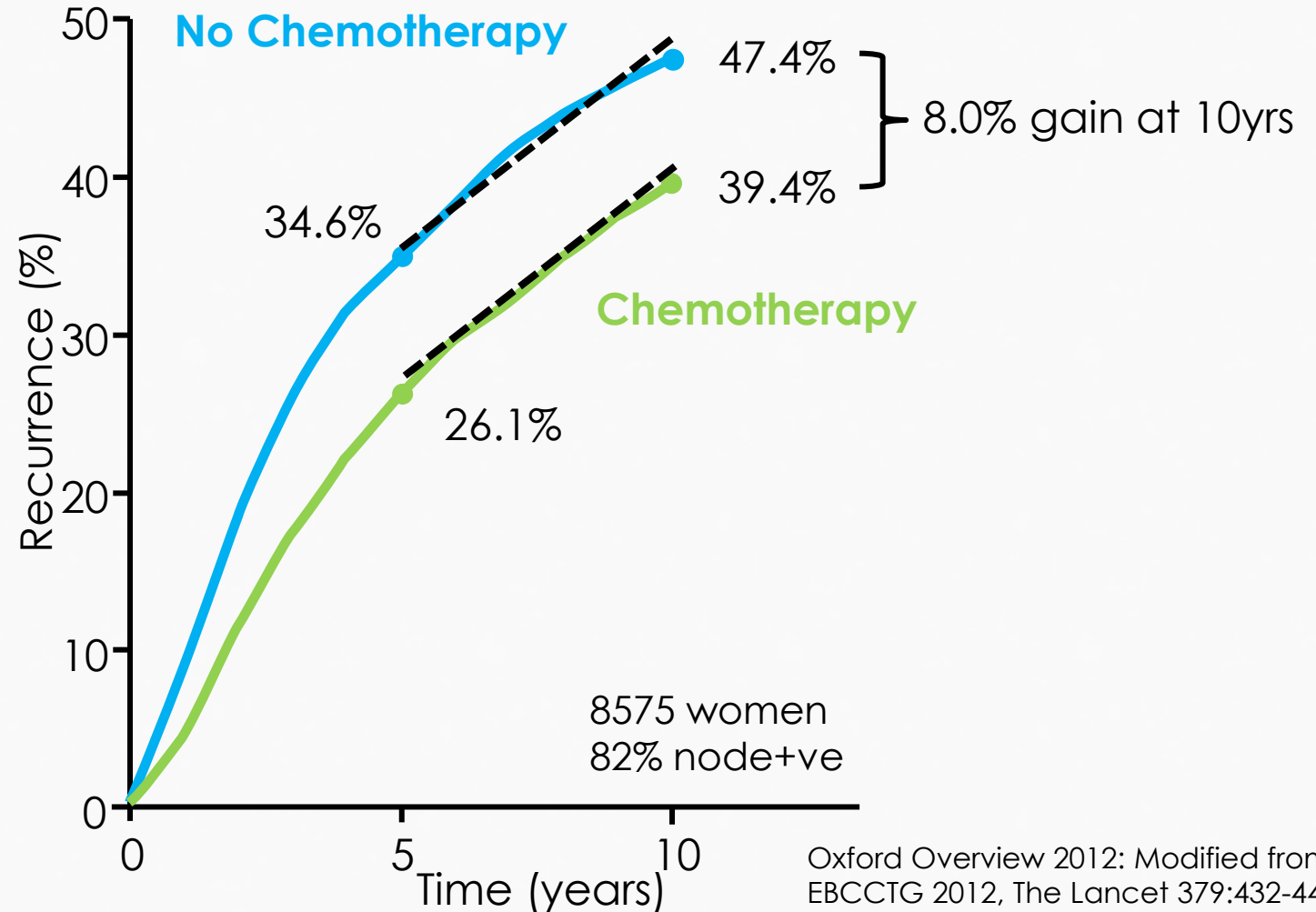
- Background to OPTIMA
- Multi-parameter assays
- Ongoing trials
- The OPTIMA trial

# THE BACKGROUND QUESTION

WHO SHOULD WE TREAT WITH CHEMOTHERAPY?

# BENEFIT OF ANTHRACYCLINE CHEMOTHERAPY IN EARLY BREAST CANCER

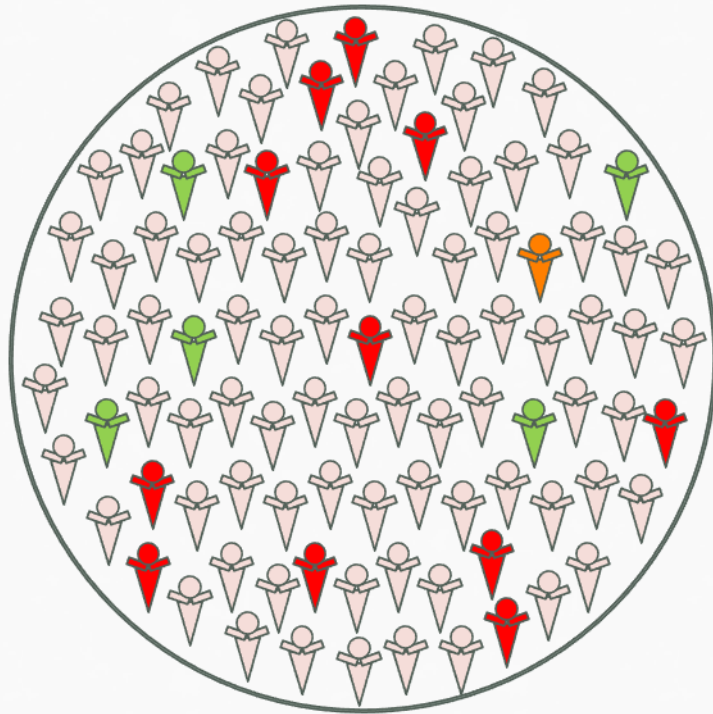
- Chemotherapy has very little if any effect on recurrence after 5 years
- Chemotherapy affects BC mortality for up to 10 years
- Gains from modern chemo are expected to be greater than historic regimens but only a minority of patients will benefit



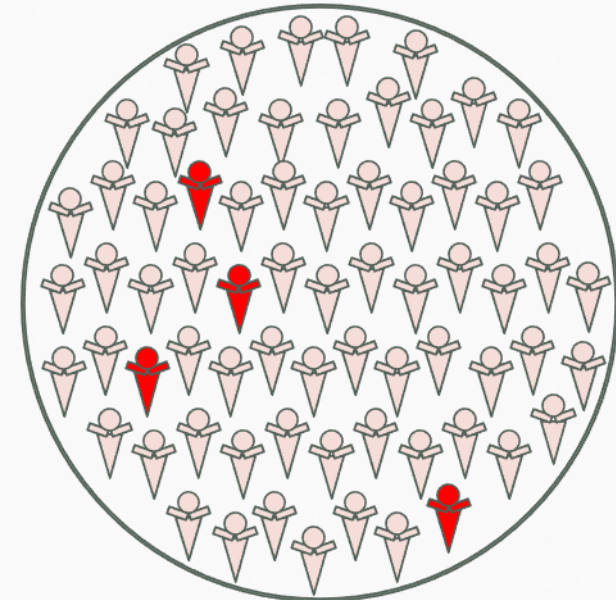
# BREAST CANCER CHEMO-SENSITIVITY: THE OXFORD META-ANALYSIS

- Oxford Overview demonstrates that patients with ER-positive breast cancer benefit from adjuvant chemotherapy.
- The relative benefits for chemotherapy are the same for all patients.
  - No identified factors including ER status predict chemo-sensitivity.
  - Little information on tumour grade in the analysis.
- The overall benefit from chemotherapy is modest
  - Patients not destined to relapse cannot benefit from treatment!

# CHEMOTHERAPY SENSITIVITY



Chemo-sensitive group



Hypothetical breast cancer population  
with one third improvement 10yr BCSS  
from chemotherapy

Chemo-insensitive group

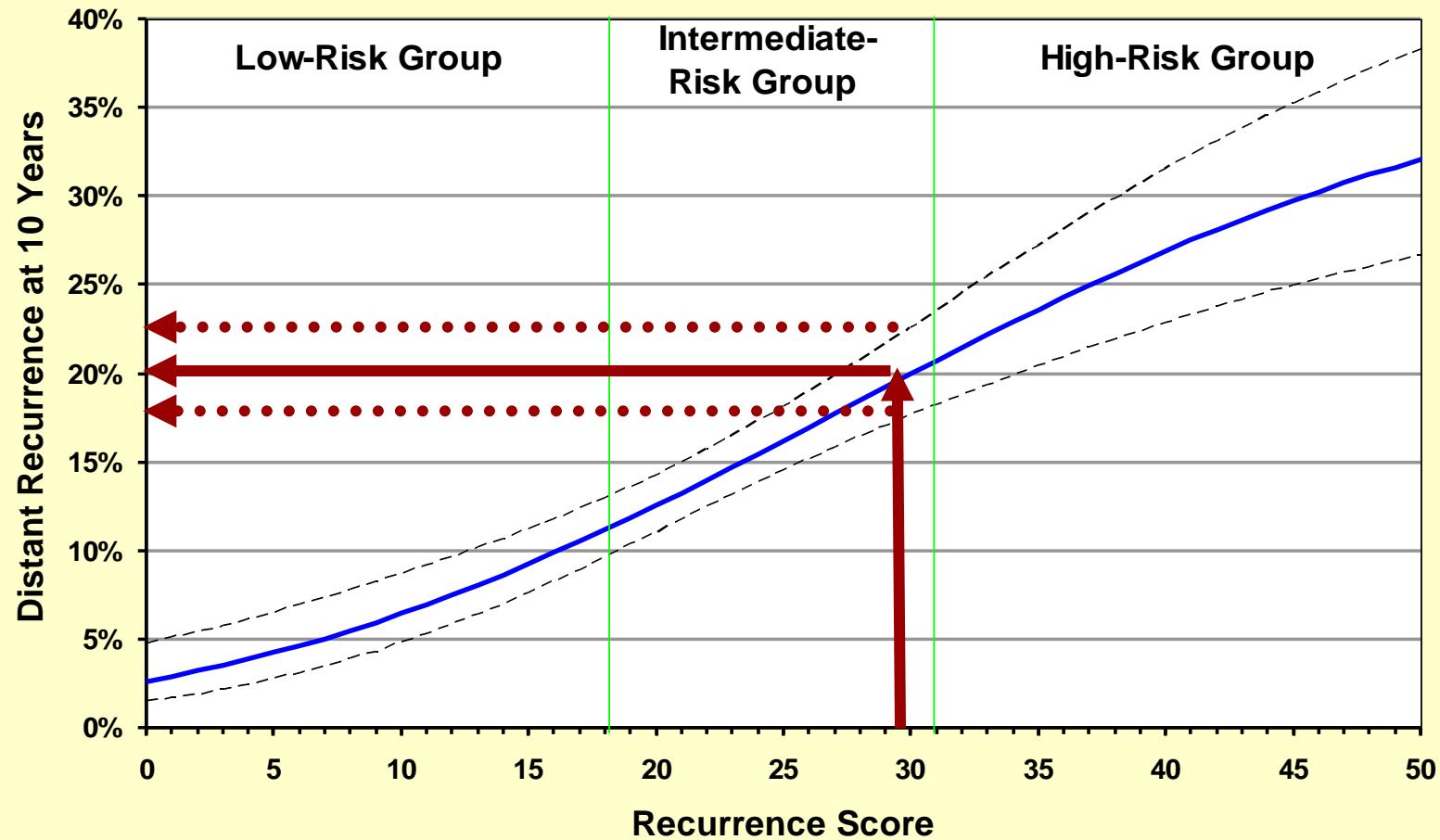
# PROGNOSIS AND PREDICTION

- Prognostic factors give information about likely disease outcome
  - lymph node status
- Predictive factors give information about treatment response
  - BRCA mutation & PARP inhibitor therapy
- Some factors are both prognostic and predictive
  - ER & HER2 status

# MULTI-PARAMETER ASSAYS



# ONCOTYPE DX: RS AS CONTINUOUS PREDICTOR IN TAM TREATED PATIENTS







data from NSABP B14: Paik NEJM 2004, 351:2817

# MULTI-PARAMETER ASSAYS IN UK & EUROPE

Test	Parameters	1° Validation Population	Location
Oncotype DX	16 +5 genes RT-PCR	ER+ (pN0) +ET	Central/ USA
MammaPrint	70 genes array	ER+/- (pN0-1)	Central/ NL
Prosigna (PAM50)	50 +5 genes NanoString	ER+ HER2- (pN0-2) +ET	Local
EndoPredict	8 +4 genes RT-PCR	ER+ HER2- (pN1-3) +ET +CT	Local
IHC4	4 proteins IHC4	ER+ HER2- (pN0-2) +ET	Local/ Central

# MPA TESTS ARE ANALYTICALLY “UNIQUE”

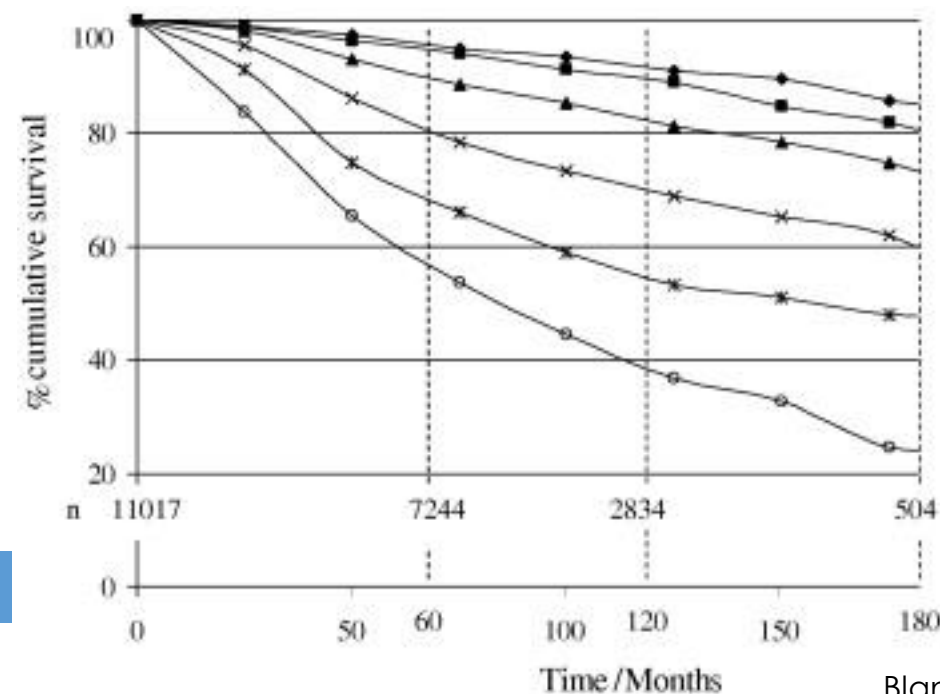
			 <b>nmaPrint</b>			<b>IHC4</b>	
ACTR3B	KRT5	<b>BAG1</b>	AA555029_RC	GRHL2 (LOC100131053)	RASSF7	<b>ERBB2</b>	AZGP1
ANLN	MAPT	<b>BCL2</b>	ALDH4A1	GSTM3	RECQL5	<b>ESR1</b>	<b>BIRC5</b>
<b>BAG1</b>	MDM2	<b>BIRC5</b>	AP2B1	HRASLS	RFC4	<b>MKi67</b>	DHCR7
<b>BCL2</b>	<b>MELK</b>	<b>CCNB1</b>	AYTL2	IGFBP5	RTN4RL1	<b>PGR</b>	IL6ST
<b>BIRC5</b>	MIA	CD68	BBC3	JHDM1D	RUNDC1		MGP
BLVRA	<b>MKi67</b>	CTSL2	C16orf61 (CMC2)	<b>KNTC2 (NDC80)</b>	<b>SCUBE2</b>		RBBP8
<b>CCNB1</b>	MLPH	<b>ERBB2</b>	C20orf46 (TMEM74B)	LETMD1	SERF1A		STC2
CCNE1	<b>MMP11</b>	<b>ESR1</b>	C9orf30 (TMEFF1)	LGP2	SLC2A3		<b>UBE2C</b>
CDC20	<b>MYBL2</b>	GRB7	CCNE2	LIN9	SPEF1		
CDC6	MYC	GSTM1	CDC42BPA	LOC100288906	STK32B		CALM2
CDCA1 (NUF2)	NAT1	<b>MKi67</b>	CDCA7	LOC730018	STMN1		OAZ1
CDH3	<b>ORC6L</b>	<b>MMP11</b>	CENPA	MCM6	TGFB3		RPL37A
CENPF	<b>PGR</b>	<b>MYBL2</b>	COL4A2	<b>MELK</b>	TSPYL5		
CEP55	PHGDH	<b>PGR</b>	DCK	MMP9	UCHL5		
CXXC5	PTTG1	<b>SCUBE2</b>	DIAPH3	MS4A7	WISP1		
EGFR	RRM2	STK15	DTL	MTDH	ZNF533		
<b>ERBB2</b>	SFRP1		EBF4	MYRIP			
<b>ESR1</b>	SLC39A6	TFRC	ECT2	NMU			
EXO1	TMEM45B	RPLPO	EGLN1	NUSAP1			
FGFR4	TYMS	GUS	ESM1	<b>ORC6L (ORC6)</b>			
FOXA1	<b>UBE2C</b>	GAPDH	EXT1	OXCT1			
FOXC1	UBE2T	ACTB	FGF18	PALM2			
GPR160			FLT1	PECI			
<b>GRB7</b>	MRPL19		GMPS	PITRM1			
KIF2C	PSMC4		GNAZ	PRC1			
<b>KNTC2 (NDC80)</b>	SF3A1		GPR126	QSCN6L1			
KRT14	ACTB		GPR180	RAB6B			
KRT17	RPLPO						

# RISK OF RECURRENCE IS INFLUENCED BY BOTH TUMOUR BIOLOGY AND STAGE

Nottingham Prognostic Index = sum of:  
grade (grade 1 =1, grade 2 =2, grade 3 =3)  
node status (0 nodes =1, 1-3 nodes =2,  $\geq 4$  nodes = 3)  
tumour diameter (cm) x 0.2

To a 1<sup>st</sup> approximation tumour grade and stage are independent and equal risk factors

Overall Survival (Kaplan–Meier) by NPI in the ONCOPOOL data set

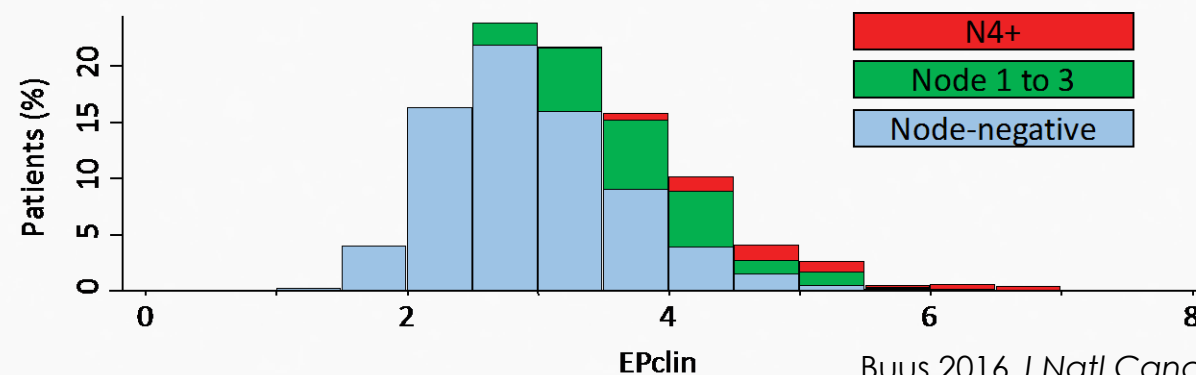
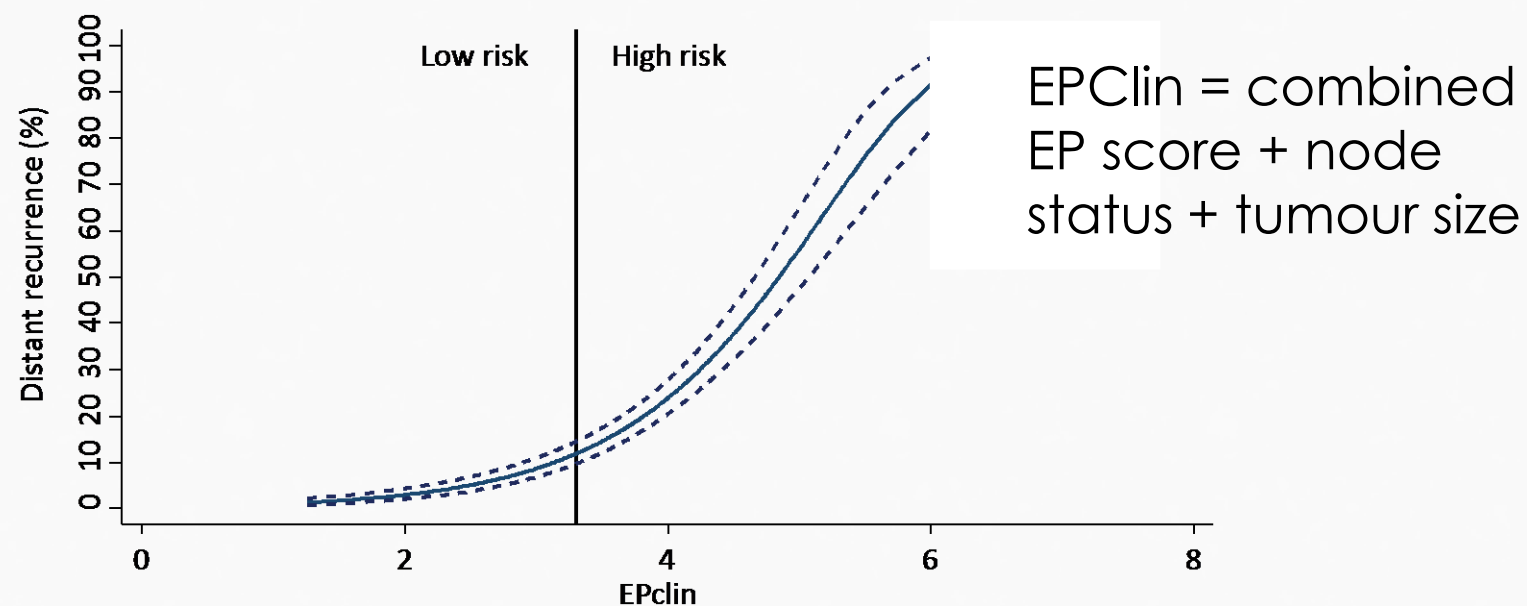


the first multi-parameter test

# INFLUENCE OF NODAL STATUS ON ENDO-PREDICT RISK SCORE

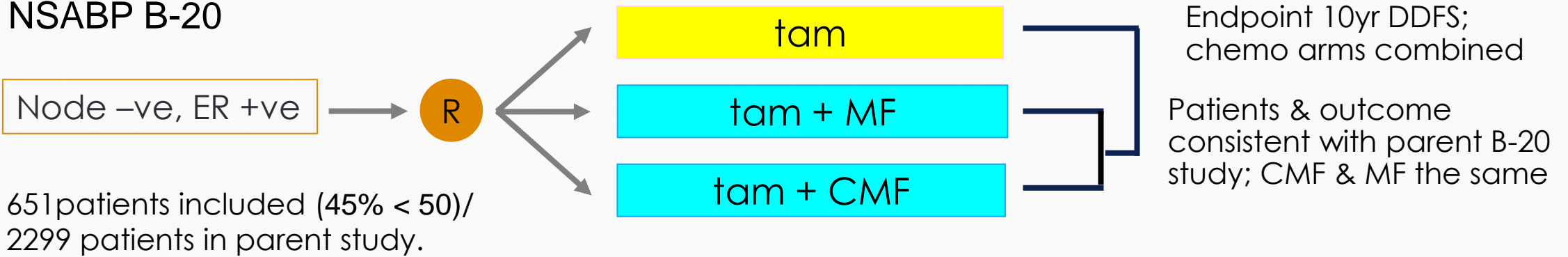
928 patients from transATAC

the majority of patients with N+ disease fall into high-risk groups because of nodal status

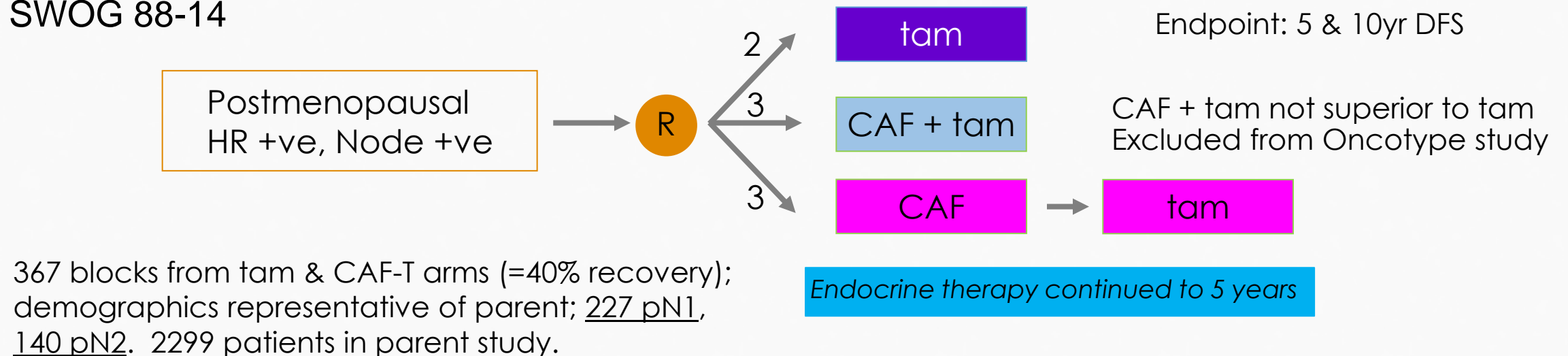


# THE NSABP B-20 & SWOG 88-14 ONCOTYPE DX STUDIES

## NSABP B-20



## SWOG 88-14



# RESULTS & LIMITATIONS

Both studies show chemotherapy benefit is confined to patients with high RS tumours

- Both studies small, especially SWOG 88-14
- Both studies contained HER2-positive patients (12% in SWOG 88-14)
  - B-20 re-analysis to adjust for HER2 2018: result still significant but weaker
  - 88-14 very limited analysis for HER2 – non evaluable
- B-20 tam patients formed the main population used for Oncotype DX derivation
  - Artificial increase in goodness of fit
- Neither study preserved original stratifications



***I can see your error bars using Google Earth.***

Q: Are the results correct? A: probably but they hardly constitute level 1 evidence

# PROSPECTIVE CLINICAL TRIALS

WHY DO WE NEED OPTIMA?

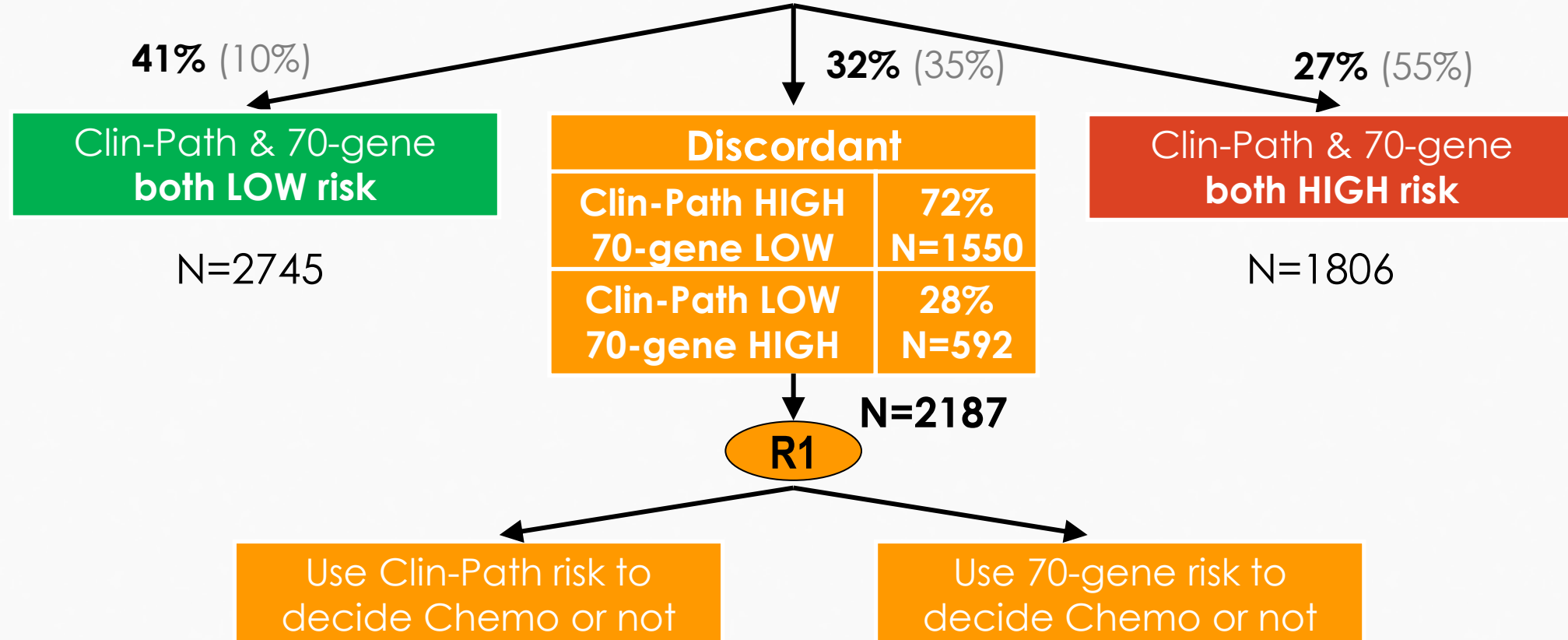


# EORTC-BIG MINDACT TRIAL DESIGN



6,693 women enrolled: 79% pN0, 81% ER-pos HER2-neg

Evaluate Clinical-Pathological (AoL) risk and MammaPrint (70-gene) risk

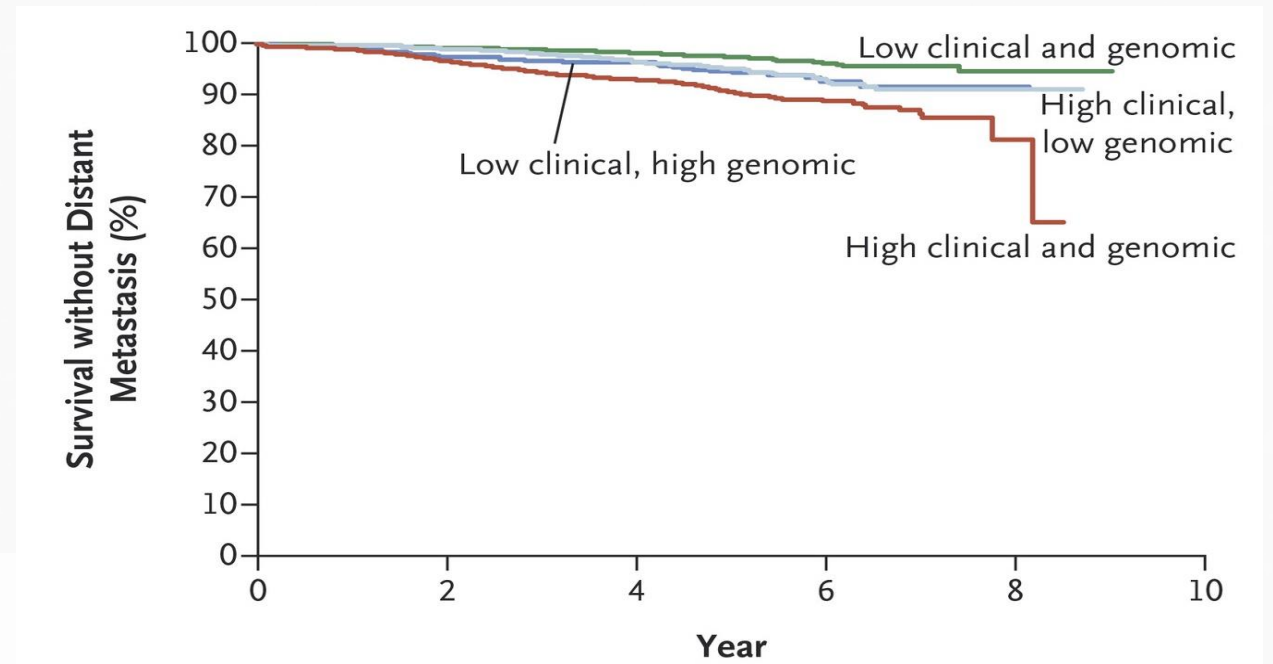


# MINDACT RESULTS

- Complex trial, heterogeneous pop<sup>n</sup> (10% TNBC, 9.5% HER2 pos; 21% pN1)
- Insufficient power to compare randomised groups
- Primary EP = 95% chance of 5-yr DDFS >92% for genomic low/ clin high no chemo group: **achieved**

- Genomic low/ clin high risk 5yr DMFS  $\Delta$  chemo vs not = 1.5%
- Genomic high/ clin low risk 5yr DMFS  $\Delta$  chemo vs not = 0.8%
- All chemo vs not pNS

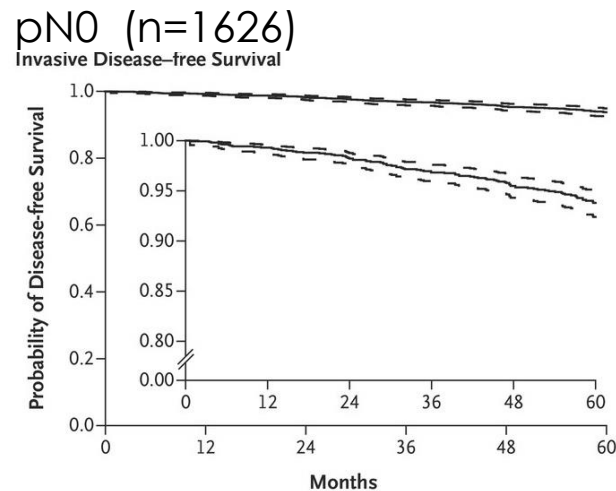
- Error in risk assessment affected 16% genomic high/ clin low



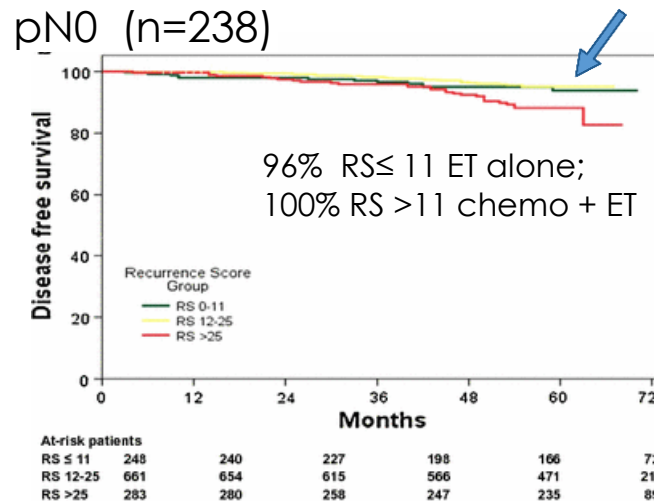
# TAILORX & PLANB COHORT STUDIES – ENDOCRINE THERAPY ONLY

- TAILORx pN0 cohort study (RS <11) Sparano 2015 NEJM 373:2005
- PlanB pN0-1 (RS ≤11) Nitz 2017 BCRT 165:573

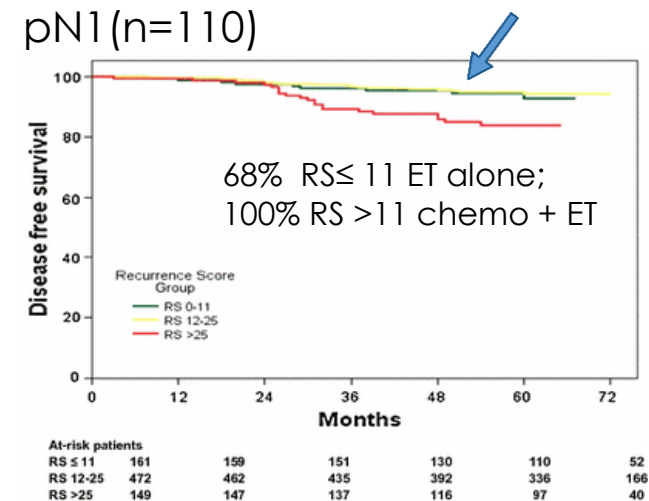
Excellent outcome: confirms prognostic utility of ODX (small pN1 cohort)



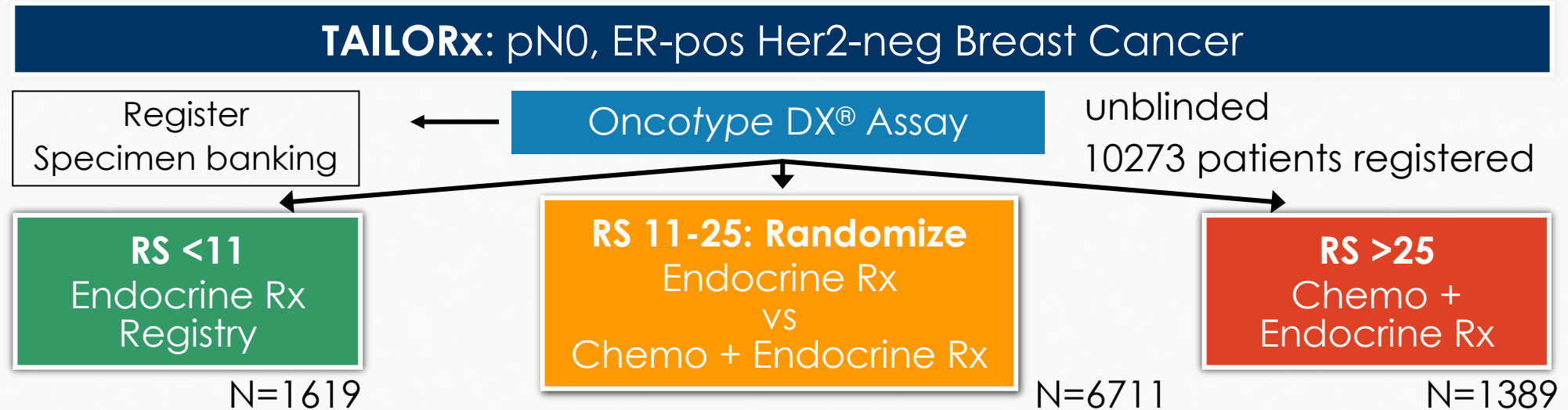
TAILORx Five-year IDFS  
pN0 93.8% [92.4-94.9%]



PlanB Five-year DFS ET alone: pN0 94.2% [90.4–98.0%]  
pN1 94.4% [89.5–99.3%]



# TAILORx



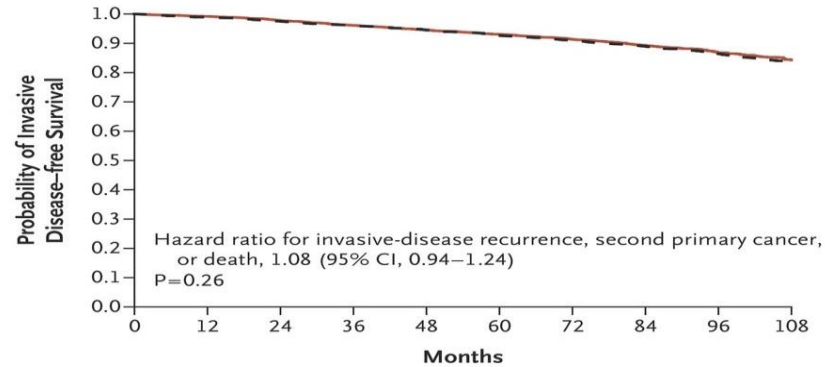
- 1° outcome IDFS (local recurrence exc DCIS, metastatic disease, any death, 2<sup>nd</sup> cancer)
- 2° outcomes: RFI, DRFI (i.e. BC-specific DFS & DDFS includes BC death), OS
- Statistical hypothesis = non-inferiority of IDFS (failure to demonstrate superiority) - 5yr control-arm IDFS 90%,  $\Delta 3\% \Rightarrow$  HR 1.322 – 10% 1-sided significance, 95% power
- Sample size adjusted for 12% non-adherence
- Event-driven analysis – threshold 835

# TAILORx RCT CONDUCT

- Trial population & treatment:
  - 33% <50yrs/ 36% pre-menopausal
  - Median tumour size 1.5cm: IQR 1.2-2.0 cm (i.e. 75%  $\leq$  2.0 cm)
  - 29% grade 1/ 57% grade 2/ 14% grade 3
  - 72% “clinical low risk”
- Chemotherapy (arm c): 56% TC, 29% anthracycline-non taxane
- 5.4% non-compliance with assignment in endocrine therapy arm/ 18.4% in chemo-endocrine arm
- Analysis at median fu 7.5yrs

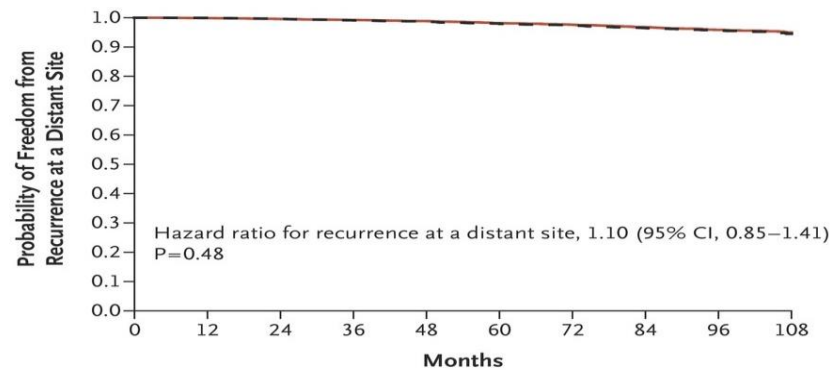
# TAILORx MAIN RESULT

## Invasive Disease-Free Survival



No. at Risk										
Chemoendocrine therapy	3312	3204	3104	2993	2849	2645	2335	1781	1130	523
Endocrine therapy	3399	3293	3194	3081	2953	2741	2431	1859	1197	537

## Distant Recurrence-Free Interval



No. at Risk										
Chemoendocrine therapy	3312	3215	3142	3059	2935	2734	2432	1866	1197	554
Endocrine therapy	3399	3318	3239	3147	3033	2833	2537	1947	1267	581

9-year outcome	Hazard ratio (CE/E) [95%CI]	Pre-specified boundary
IDFS	1.08 [0.94-1.24]	1.322
DRFI	1.10 [0.85-1.41]	1.61

Events (ITT)		Endo	Chemo-Endo
IDFS	5-years	7.2%	6.9%
	9-years	16.7%	15.7%
DFRI	5-years	2.0%	1.8%
	9-years	5.5%	5.0%

**Primary outcome met**

# TAILORx ANALYSIS: COMMENTARY

- Number of events, particularly DRFI very small.
- Prolonged f.u. required for analysis (late recurrence not influenced by chemo)
- Likely reflects the very low risk nature of population
- No data on events vs clinical risk available
- More 2<sup>nd</sup> cancers than distant recurrence: with hindsight IDFS not the ideal primary outcome

## Crude number of events in TAILORx (ITT)

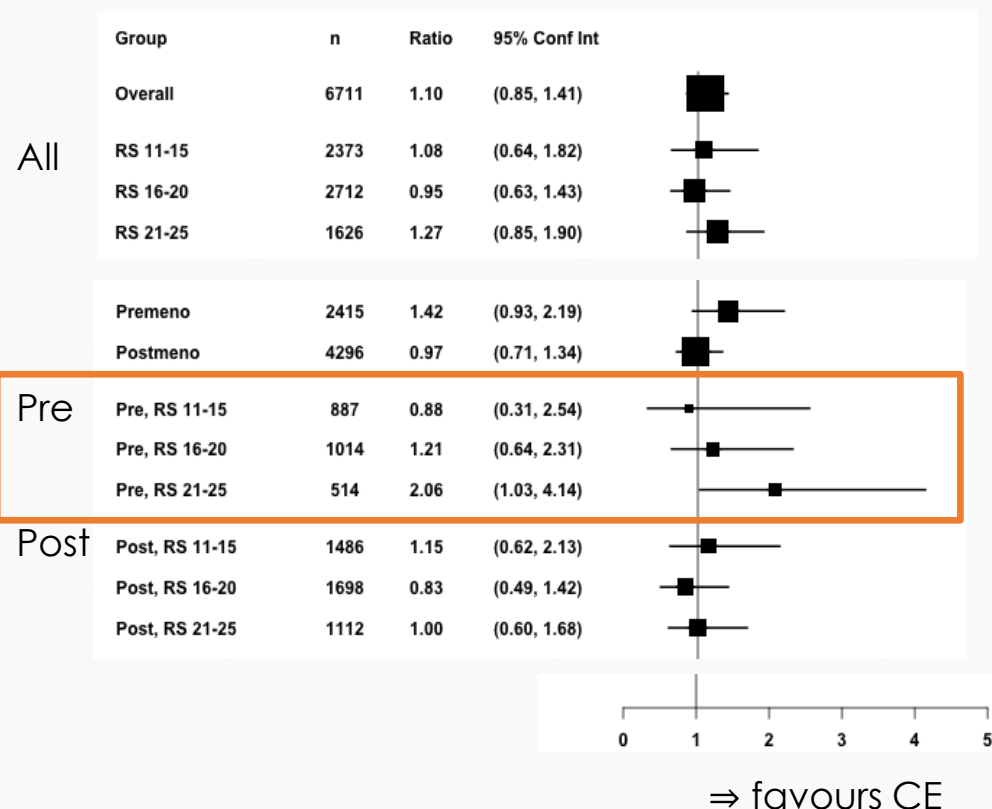
	E: n (%)	CE: n (%)	Difference (E-CE) n
loco-regional (LR)	67 (15.3%)	62 (15.5%)	5
opposite BC	44 (10.1%)	48 (12.0%)	4
DR ± LR	107 (24.5%)	92 (23.0%)	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> cancer	145 (33.3%)	146 (36.5%)	1
Death (NOS)	63 (14.4%)	52 (13.0%)	11
Total	436/3399	400/3312	36

**None of this detracts from the achievement of the TAILORx investigators**



# EVIDENCE FOR ONCOTYPE DX AS A PREDICTOR OF CHEMOTHERAPY BENEFIT IN TAILOR<sub>x</sub>

Exploratory subgroup analysis:  
DFRI vs RS + menopausal status



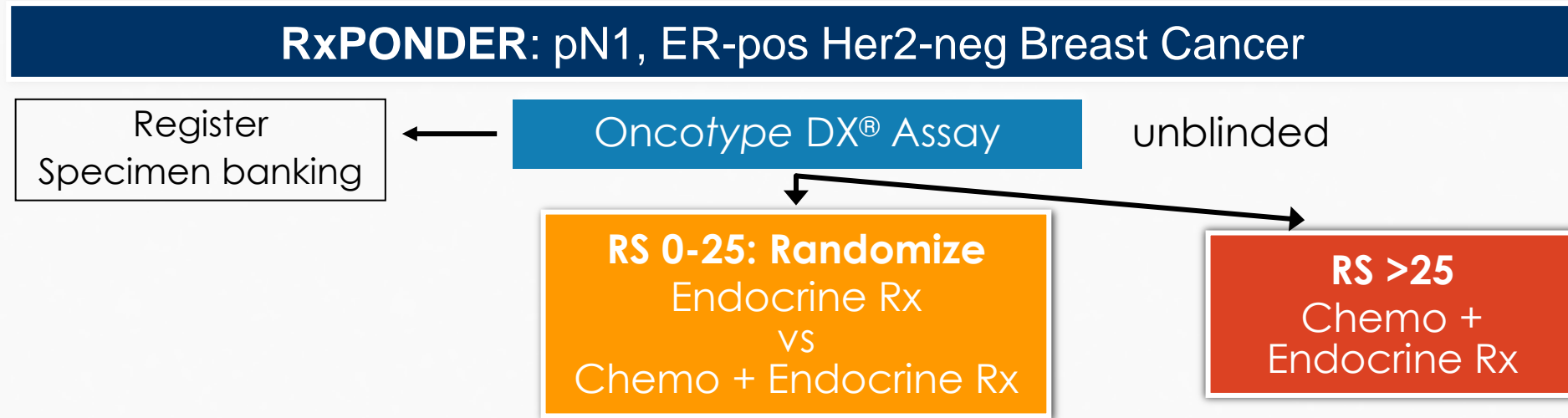
Similar results for analysis by RS + age and for alternative outcomes (IDFS, RFI).

Significant interactions between treatment and combinations of outcome, RS & age  $\leq 50$ / pre-menopausal status in some of these analyses.

- Data could be interpreted as showing that RS is predictive of chemotherapy sensitivity in  $\leq 50$ / pre-menopausal population.
- Chemotherapy-induced menopause a potential confounder: no data collected.



# RxPONDER



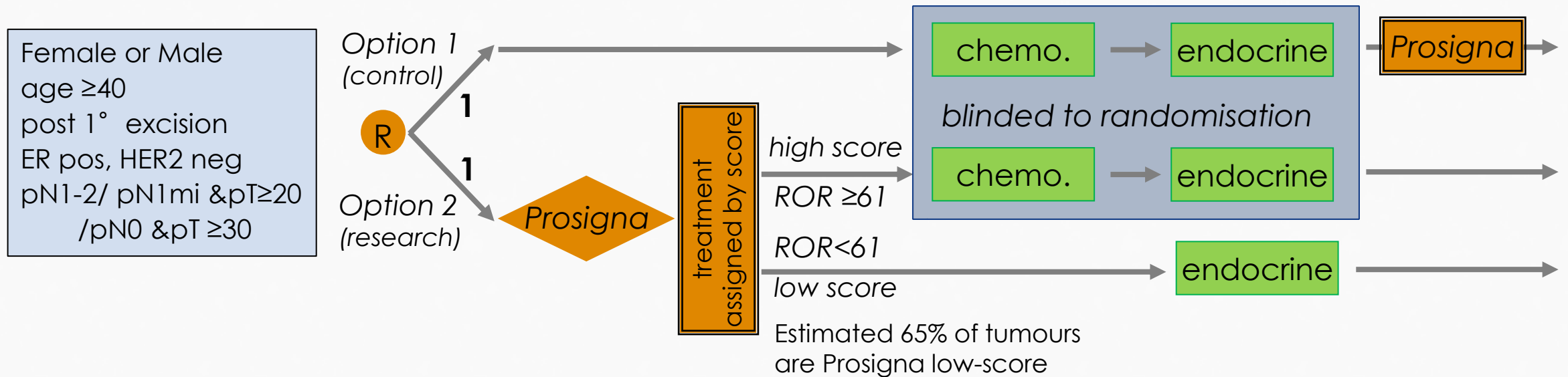
- Accrual complete
- No information about randomised population
- Same design & issues as TAILORx randomised study
- ? Will report 2020

# OPTIMA

WHAT WE EXPECT TO LEARN

# ASSUMPTIONS UNDERPINNING OPTIMA

- Multi-parameter assays predict chemotherapy sensitivity
- Tumour stage is prognostic for all patients irrespective of multi-parameter assay score
- Advanced stage patients with poor prognosis will not benefit from chemotherapy if the tumour has a low multi-parameter assay score
  - Example – few patients multi-node positive low molecular grade tumours will benefit from chemotherapy



1° Outcome = Non-inferiority of IDFS ( $\Delta = -3\%$ , 5yr, control-arm IDFS = 85%; HR  $\leq 1.22$ )  
Cost effectiveness evaluation of test-directed treatment

key 2° Outcome = Non-inferiority of IDFS in low-score patients ( $\Delta = -3.5\%$ )

Sample size = 4500 patients (+ OPTIMA prelim)

Recruitment period = 60 months  
commenced Jan 2017

# THE PROSIGNA TEST

- Measures PAM50 gene expression set
- Outputs = Risk of Recurrence Score (ROR-PT) & Intrinsic Subtype
- ROR inputs = Intrinsic subtype, proliferation, tumour size
- Runs on multi-purpose proprietary hardware (NanoString) as “black box” test
  - Versatile, scalable, highly robust & reproducible
- Can be performed in any suitably qualified lab (NHS)
- Validated in several trial data sets – transATAC, ABSCG12
- Predictive of response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy



## TREATMENT IN OPTIMA

- Chemotherapy pre-specified from a menu of regimens stratified by efficacy.
- Chemotherapy allocation blinded to avoid potential bias in chemo administration.
- Endocrine therapy: standard
  - AI for post-menopausal,
  - tam for men
  - OS + tam/AI for pre-menopausal at trial entry
- Adjuvant bisphosphonates recommended for all.
- Patients may join other studies – e.g. AddAsprin



# OPTIMA POPULATION

## Main Inclusion Criteria

- “Adequate surgery”
- Women or Men
- Age  $\geq 40$
- ER-pos HER2-neg (local lab)
- pN1-2 / pN1mi & T $\geq 20$ mm / pN0 & T $\geq 30$ mm
- Fit for chemotherapy

## Main Exclusion Criteria

- Advanced stage – pN3/ IM node involvement
- Neoadjuvant therapy
- Previous IBC – surgically treated DCIS permitted

# PROTOCOL V6 (JULY 2018)

- Clarification of inclusion/ exclusion criteria
  - Bilateral cancers
- Permit short-term neoadjuvant endocrine therapy
  - Neoadjuvant chemotherapy not permitted
- Update permitted chemotherapy
  - Include regimens commonly used in Norway
- Update analysis plan
- Admin changes
  - Make international involvement explicit
  - GDPR compliance with improvement of PIS & consent form and separate data transparency statement





# RECRUITMENT: THE QRS

Recruitment into trials of less treatment is difficult!

Explanation to potential participants is different from superiority trials

Systematic study of Qualitative Recruitment Study in OPTIMA prelim & main study: (MRC CONDUCT-II hub, University of Bristol)



## Two **iterative** and **flexible** stages:

### Phase 1: Understand recruitment (and identify challenges)

- *Analysis of screening log data*
- *In-depth interviews*
- *Observations of site visits and meetings*
- *Review study documentation*
- *Audio recordings of recruitment consultations*



### Phase 2: Develop and deliver strategies to improve recruitment

- *Group training sessions*
- *Individual feedback*
- *Tips documents*
- *Amend patient documentation*



# TEAMWORK

Think of Optima as a **team trial** involving all the professionals that a patient may encounter:



Patients will have established trust in their surgeon and breast care nurse and what they say.

Engage **all** your colleagues, make them feel part of the recruitment process.

Provide assurances that :

- Prosigna gives a better measure of grade than histopathology
- Small delays in chemotherapy start are not harmful.

Secure the commitment of your colleagues to convey a consistent message to patients :  
**“the value of chemotherapy is uncertain”**

THE OPTIMA TEAM IS VERY EXCITED  
ABOUT NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR COUNTRY TO PRESENT THE STUDY



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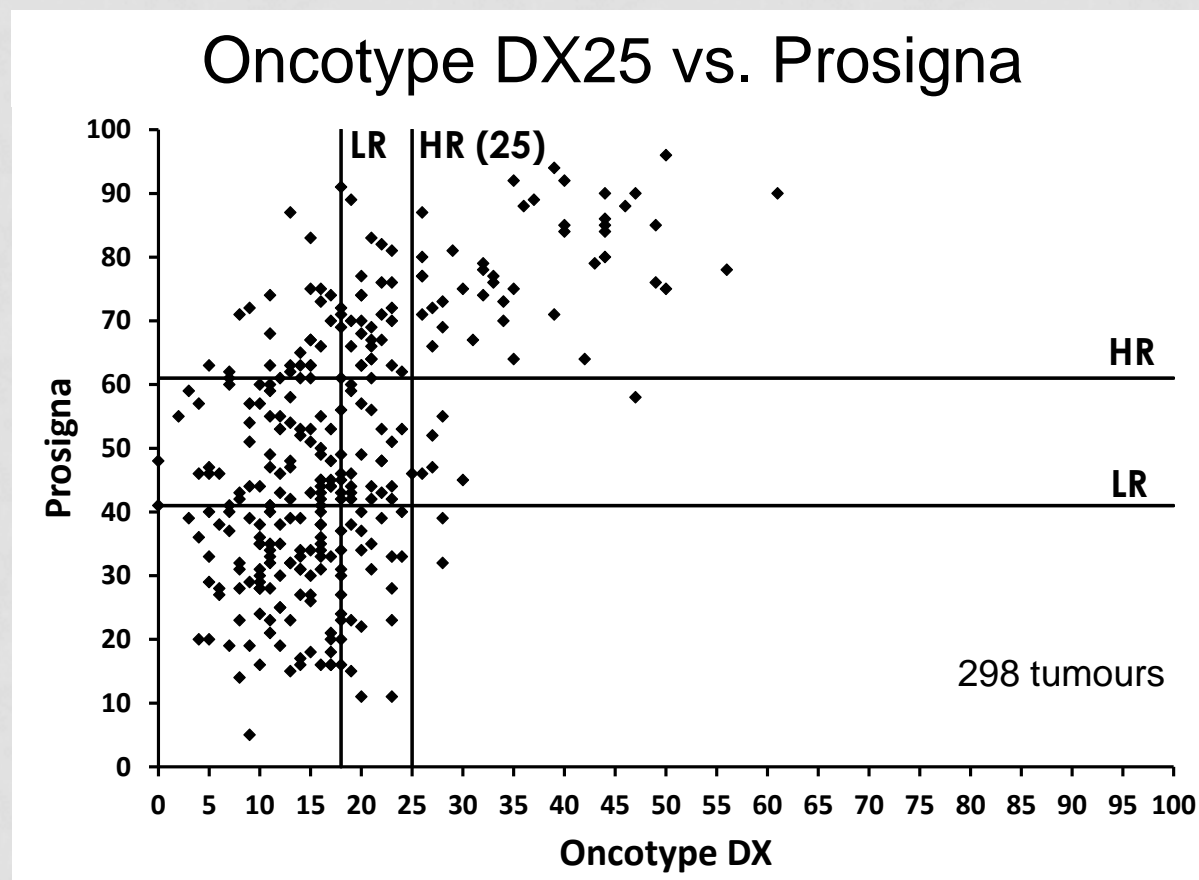


# AGREEMENT BETWEEN MULTI-PARAMETER TESTS (DATA FROM OPTIMA PRELIM)

Do the tests tell us the same thing?



# AGREEMENT BETWEEN TESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL TUMOURS IN OPTIMA PRELIM



HR = pre-defined “high risk” boundary  
LR = pre-defined “low risk” boundary

Stein 2016 Health Technol Assess 20(10)  
Bartlett 2016 J Natl Cancer Inst 108(9)



# KAPPA STATS FOR TESTS PROVIDING RISK PREDICTIONS (NOT HIGH VS HIGH)

Kappa statistic (95% confidence interval)	Prosigna (Low/Int)	MammaPrint (Low)	IHC4 (Low/Int)	IHC4-AQUA (Low/Low-Mid)
Oncotype DX $\leq 25$ (OPTIMA low risk)	0.45 (0.34-0.55)	0.40 (0.30-0.50)	0.52 (0.40-0.64)	0.41 (0.31-0.52)
Prosigna (Low/Int)		0.53 (0.43-0.63)	0.39 (0.27-0.50)	0.43 (0.31-0.54)
MammaPrint (Low)			0.33 (0.21-0.44)	0.42 (0.30-0.53)
IHC4 (Low/Int)				0.60 (0.50-0.70)

Interpretation: >0.8 indicates “excellent agreement”; 0.4-0.6 indicates “modest agreement”