



# Méta-analyse sur données individuelles et biomarqueurs

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# TYPES OF BIOMARKERS

“a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention” (FDA)

**1. prognostic biomarkers**, which affect the outcome of patients in terms of a clinical endpoint

**2. predictive biomarkers**, which affect the effect of a specific treatment on a clinical endpoint

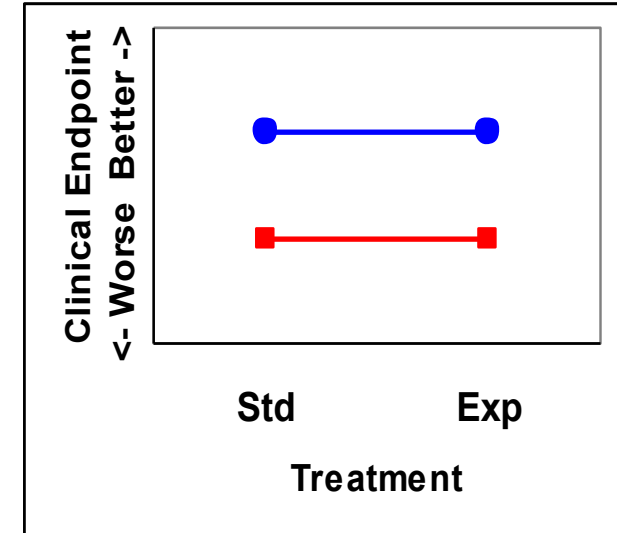
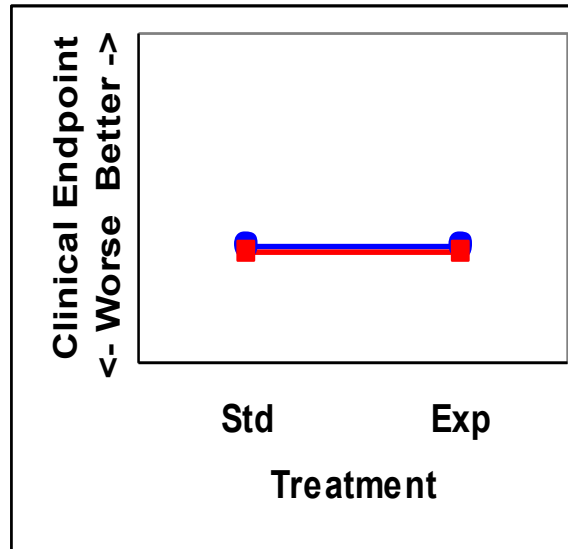
**3. surrogate biomarkers**, which may replace a clinical endpoint in clinical trials carried out to evaluate the effect of a specific treatment

# Prognostic and predictive biomarkers

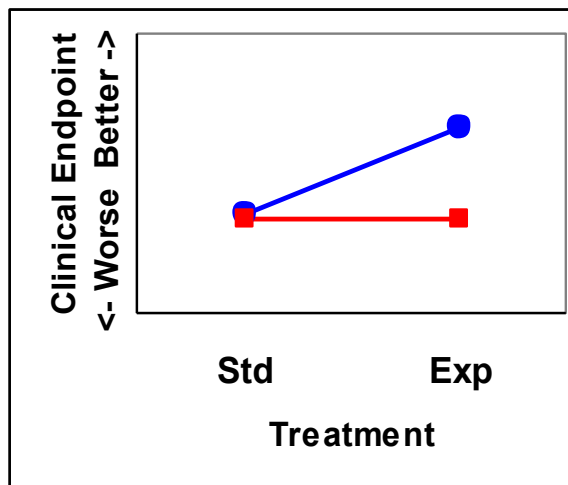
- Biomarker present
- Biomarker absent

Std: standard arm; Exp: experimental arm

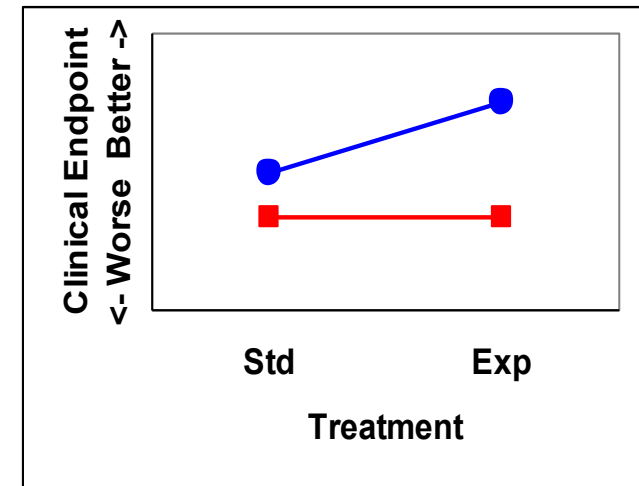
## Prognostic biomarker



## Predictive biomarker



## Prognostic and predictive



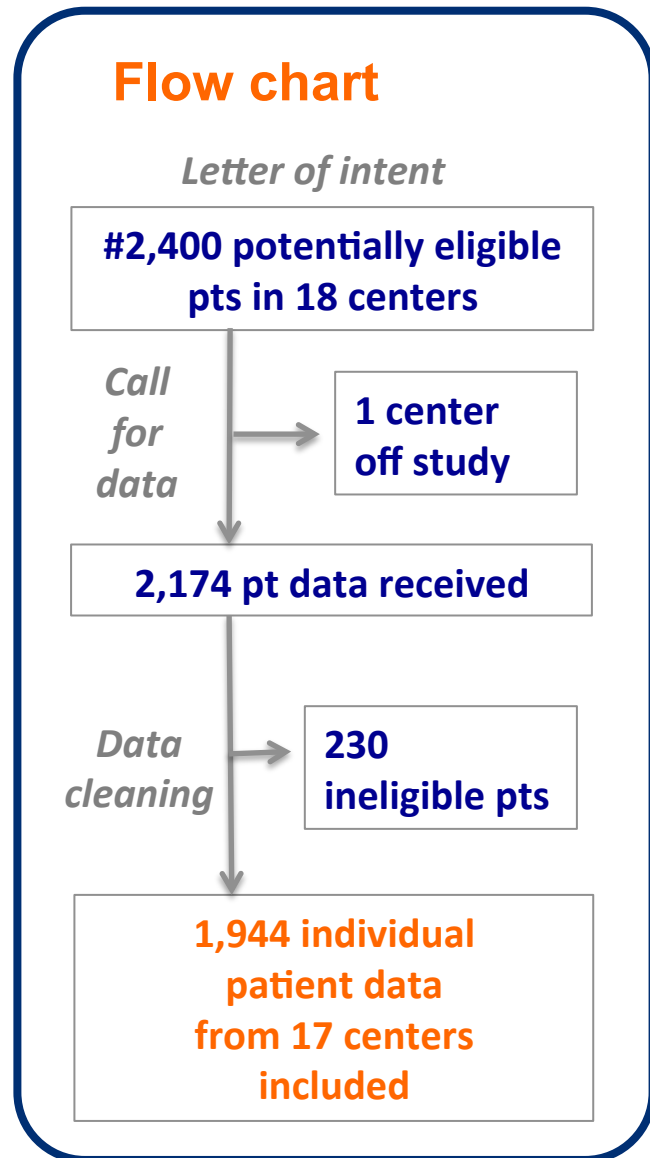
*Buyse & Michiels, in  
Kelly & Halabi,  
Oncology Clinical  
Trials: Successful  
design, conduct and  
analysis 2010*

# Outline

- 1) Meta-analyses of prognostic biomarkers
  - Circulating tumour cells (CTC) in metastatic breast cancer
  - Gene expression signatures
- 2) Meta-analysis of predictive biomarkers: ERCC1 in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- 3) Surrogate biomarker evaluation in the meta-analytic setting

# Studies included in the CTC study

## Flow chart

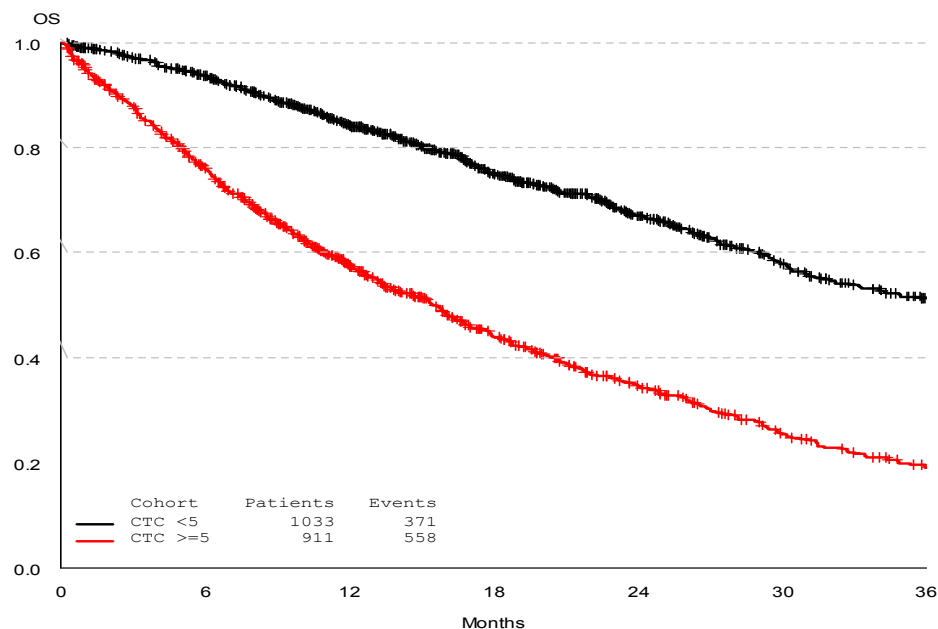


## Goals:

- Analysis in homogeneous fashion (both endpoints and biomarker data)
- Resolve conflicting results between studies (heterogeneity)
- Increase statistical power (published and unpublished)
- Adjust for clinicopathological factors
- Added value to established clinicopathological factors
- Subgroups

# CTC in metastatic breast cancer study

**CTC < 5 /7.5 ml**  
**CTC ≥ 5 /7.5 ml**



**Overall Survival**

**N= 1,944 patients**

**HR = 2.77**

**p<0.0001**

# Early breast cancer: prognostic signatures

## Clinicopathological model

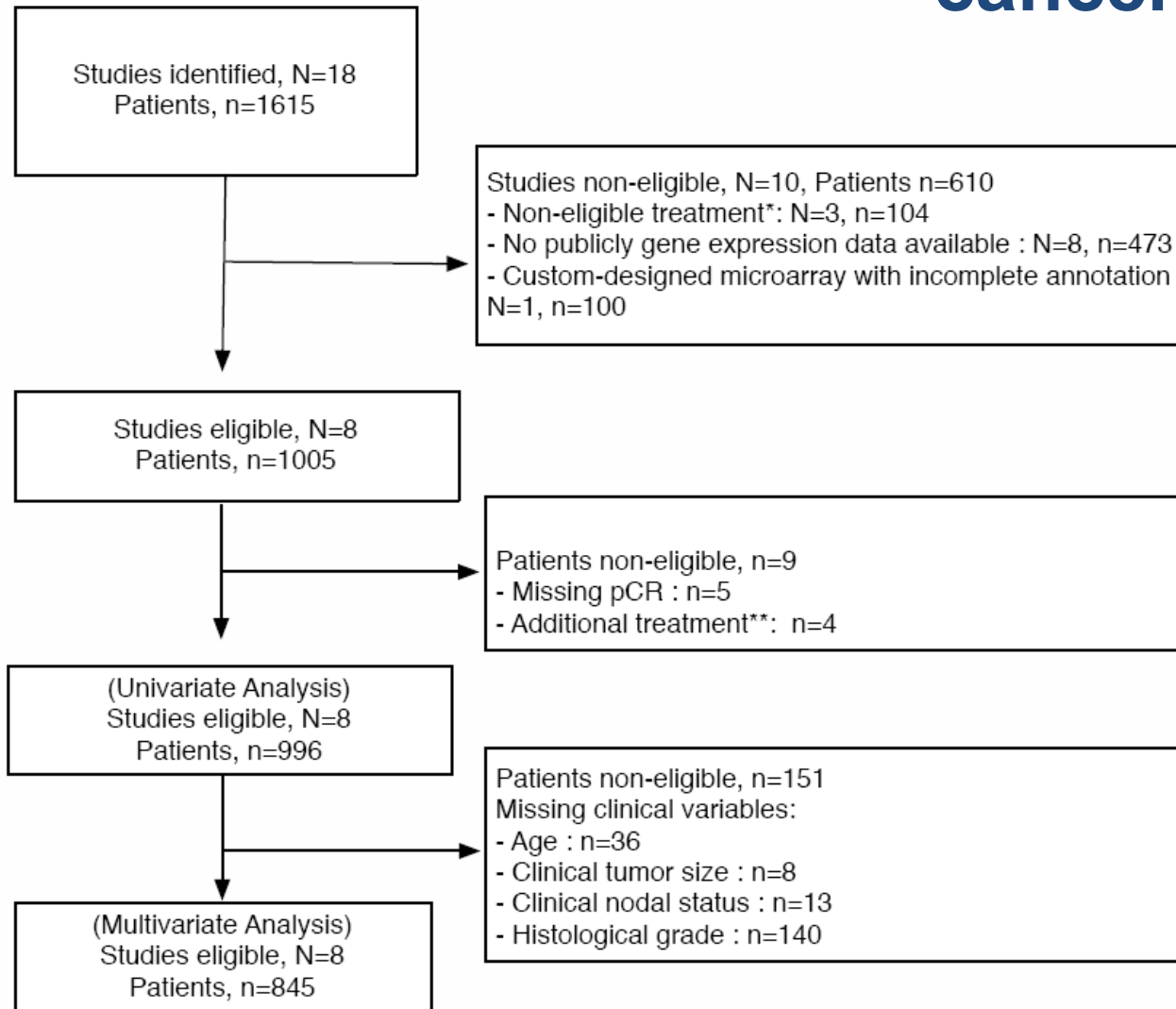
- Adjuvant!: age, tumour size, nodal status, histological tumour grade, ER (hormone receptor), comorbidity

## Available gene signatures for a price of 400-3000\$...

- IHC4: 4 genes i.e. **Ki67, ER, PR, HER2**
- Oncotype Dx: 16 cancer genes including **Ki67, ER, PR, HER2**
- PAM50: 50 genes including **Ki67, ER, PR, HER2**
- Mammaprint Dx: 70 genes
- Endopredict: 8 cancer genes
- Mapquant Dx : 97 genes (GGI)
- ...



# Pooled gene expression analysis of neoadjuvant chemotherapy trials in breast cancer: flow chart



## Guidelines and Guidance

# Key Issues in Conducting a Meta-Analysis of Gene Expression Microarray Datasets

Adaikalavan Ramasamy\*, Adrian Mondry, Chris C. Holmes, Douglas G. Altman

Microarray technology measures the mRNA levels of tens of thousands of genes in tissue samples simultaneously in a high-throughput and cost-effective manner. Since its introduction over a decade ago [1], it has found widespread use in the fields of molecular genetics and functional genomics. It has been applied in order to understand underlying biological mechanisms [2], to discover novel subgroups of diseases [3–5], to examine drug response [6,7], to classify patients into disease groups [3], and to predict disease outcomes [8–10]. Some molecular signatures discovered with microarray technology are now being evaluated in prospective randomized clinical trials [11,12].

Despite their great promise, report findings that are no to the mildest of data perturbations include improper analysis, false positives, and inadequate sample size. The situation is exacerbated to large numbers of potential false positives as thousands of probes are analyzed in biological samples.

Generalizability across studies is not assessed before considering findings. For example, the findings from a particular geographic region may not be generalizable to other regions.

## Summary Points

- Improvements in microarray technology and its increasing use have led to the generation of many highly complex datasets that often try to address similar biological questions.
- Meta-analysis, a statistical approach that combines results from independent but related studies, is a relatively inexpensive option that has the potential to increase both the statistical power and generalizability of single-study analysis.
- Meta-analysis of microarray datasets, and genomic data in general, is desirable, and is much enhanced when raw data are available.

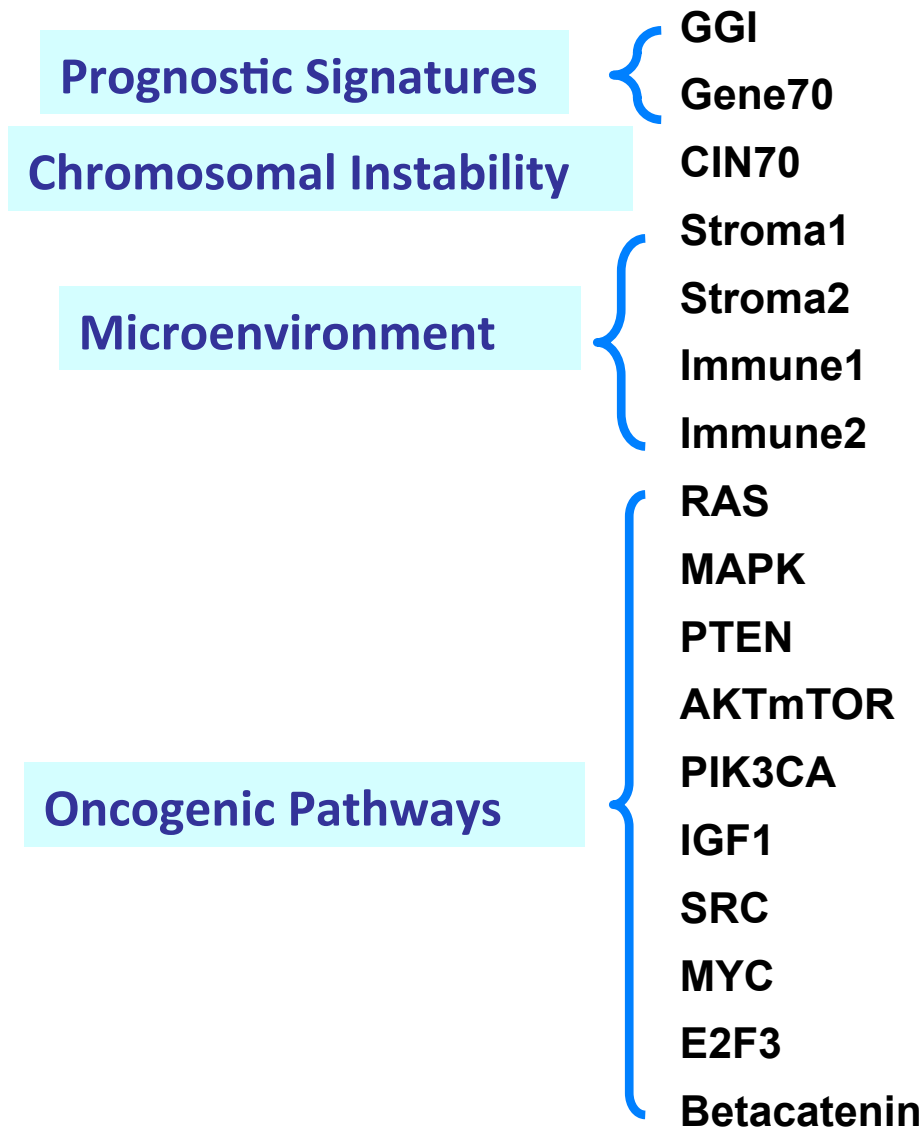
## Guidelines and Guidance

## Reporting Recommendations for Tumor Marker Prognostic Studies (REMARK): Explanation and Elaboration

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# Selected gene modules



$$module\ score(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=1, \dots, n} w_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1, \dots, n} |w_i|}$$

$x_i$  = expression of gene  $i$   
 $w_i = \pm 1$  depending on sign of  
association with phenotype in  
original publication  
 $i=1, \dots, n$  (number of genes in module)

**2.5% and 97.5% quantiles of  
gene modules scaled to [-1,1]  
within a study**

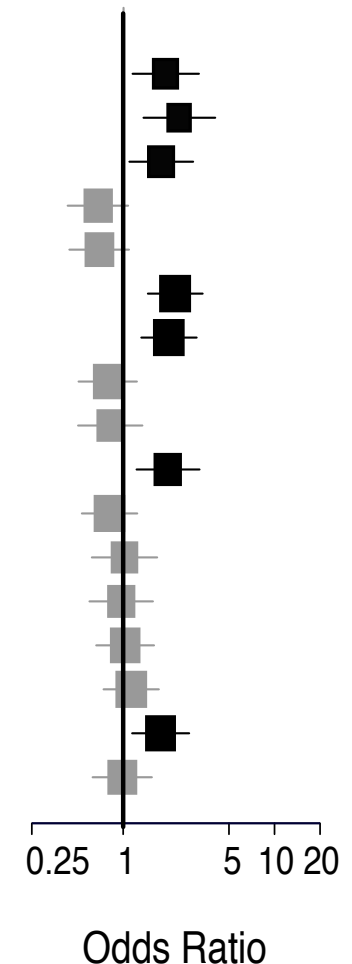
# Multivariate logistic regression model for pathological complete response (pCR): clinical model + a gene module



OR: odds ratio for a 1-unit change  
in gene module, adjusted  
for clinicopathological factors  
FDR: false discovery rate

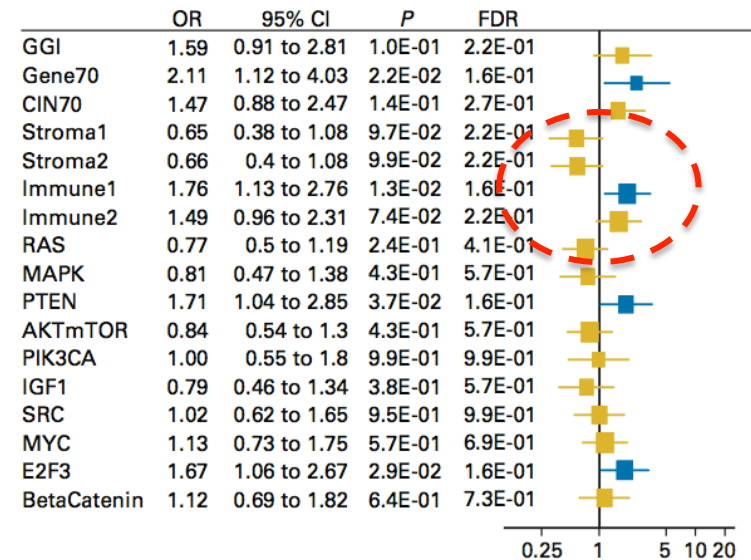
ALL  
(845 pts, 189 pCR)

	OR	95% CI	P	FDR
GGI	1.7	(1.12,2.6)	1.3E-02	3.7E-02
Gene70	2.02	(1.29,3.2)	2.4E-03	1.3E-02
CIN70	1.61	(1.08,2.42)	2.1E-02	5.1E-02
Stroma1	0.73	(0.49,1.06)	1.0E-01	2.1E-01
Stroma2	0.74	(0.5,1.07)	1.1E-01	2.1E-01
Immune1	1.92	(1.36,2.73)	2.2E-04	3.7E-03
Immune2	1.78	(1.25,2.53)	1.3E-03	1.1E-02
RAS	0.82	(0.57,1.18)	3.0E-01	4.9E-01
MAPK	0.85	(0.56,1.27)	4.2E-01	6.0E-01
PTEN	1.75	(1.18,2.62)	5.8E-03	2.5E-02
AKTmTOR	0.84	(0.59,1.19)	3.2E-01	4.9E-01
PIK3CA	1.01	(0.67,1.53)	9.5E-01	9.5E-01
IGF1	0.97	(0.65,1.45)	8.9E-01	9.5E-01
SRC	1.02	(0.71,1.47)	9.1E-01	9.5E-01
MYC	1.1	(0.78,1.56)	5.8E-01	7.6E-01
E2F3	1.6	(1.12,2.3)	1.1E-02	3.7E-02
BetaCatenin	0.98	(0.68,1.43)	9.4E-01	9.5E-01

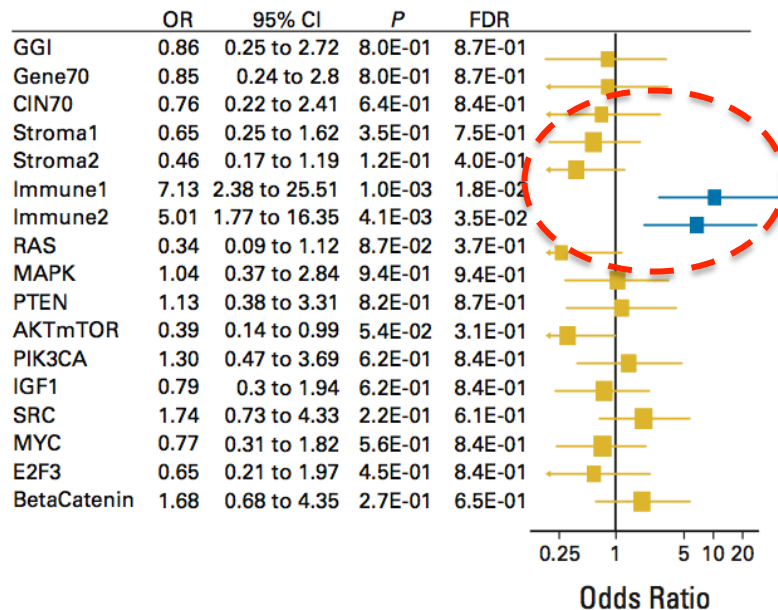


# Pathways associated with pCR in different breast cancer subtypes?

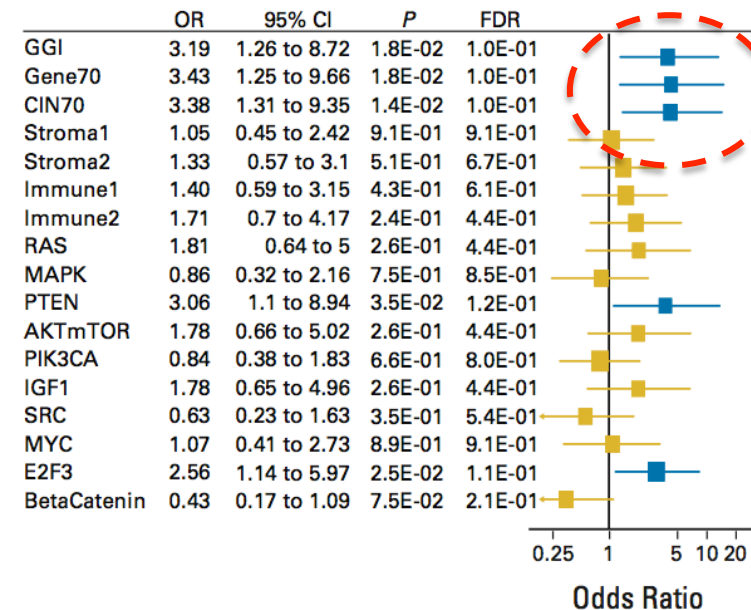
## ER-/HER2-



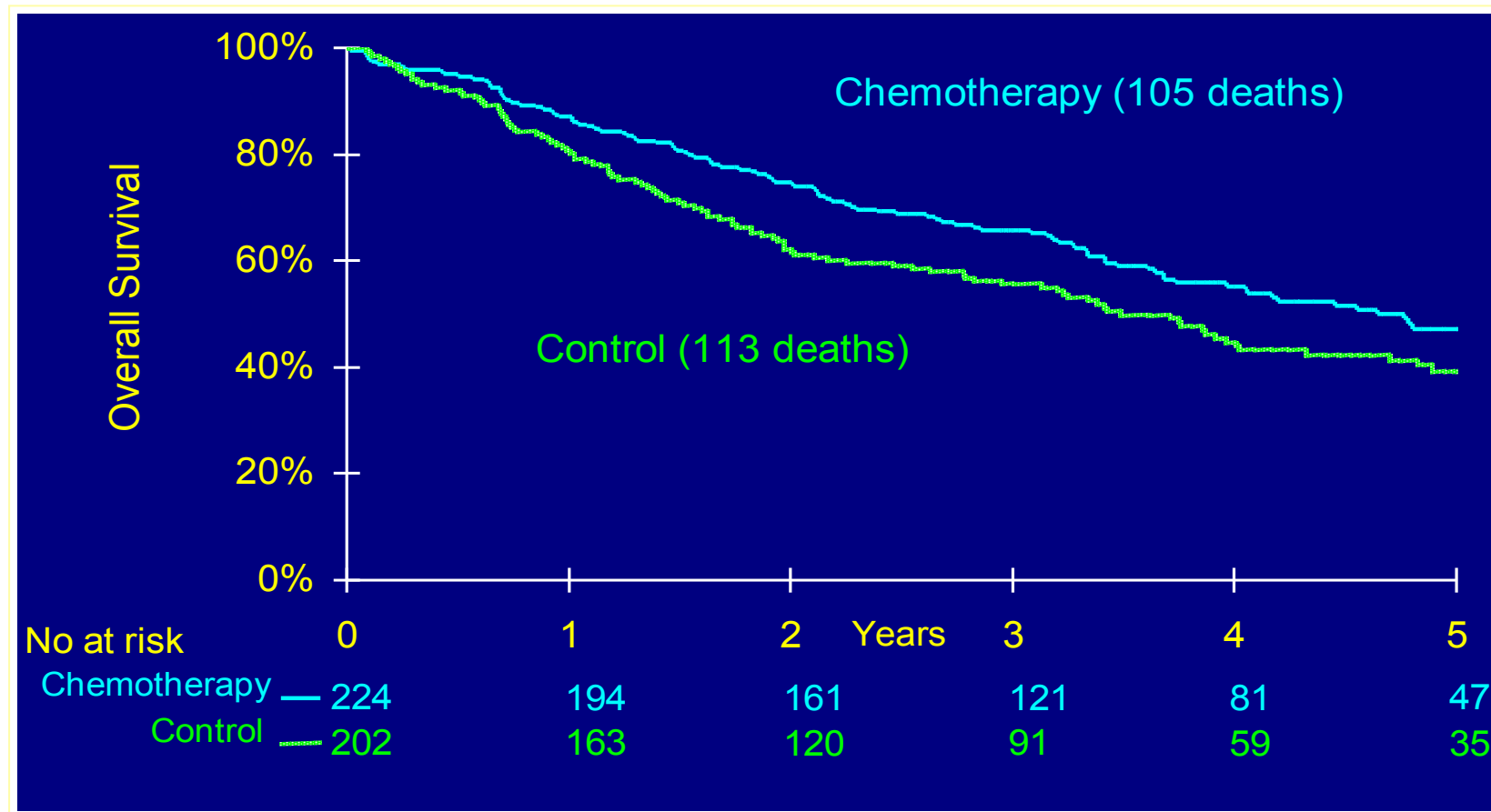
## HER2+



## ER+/HER2-



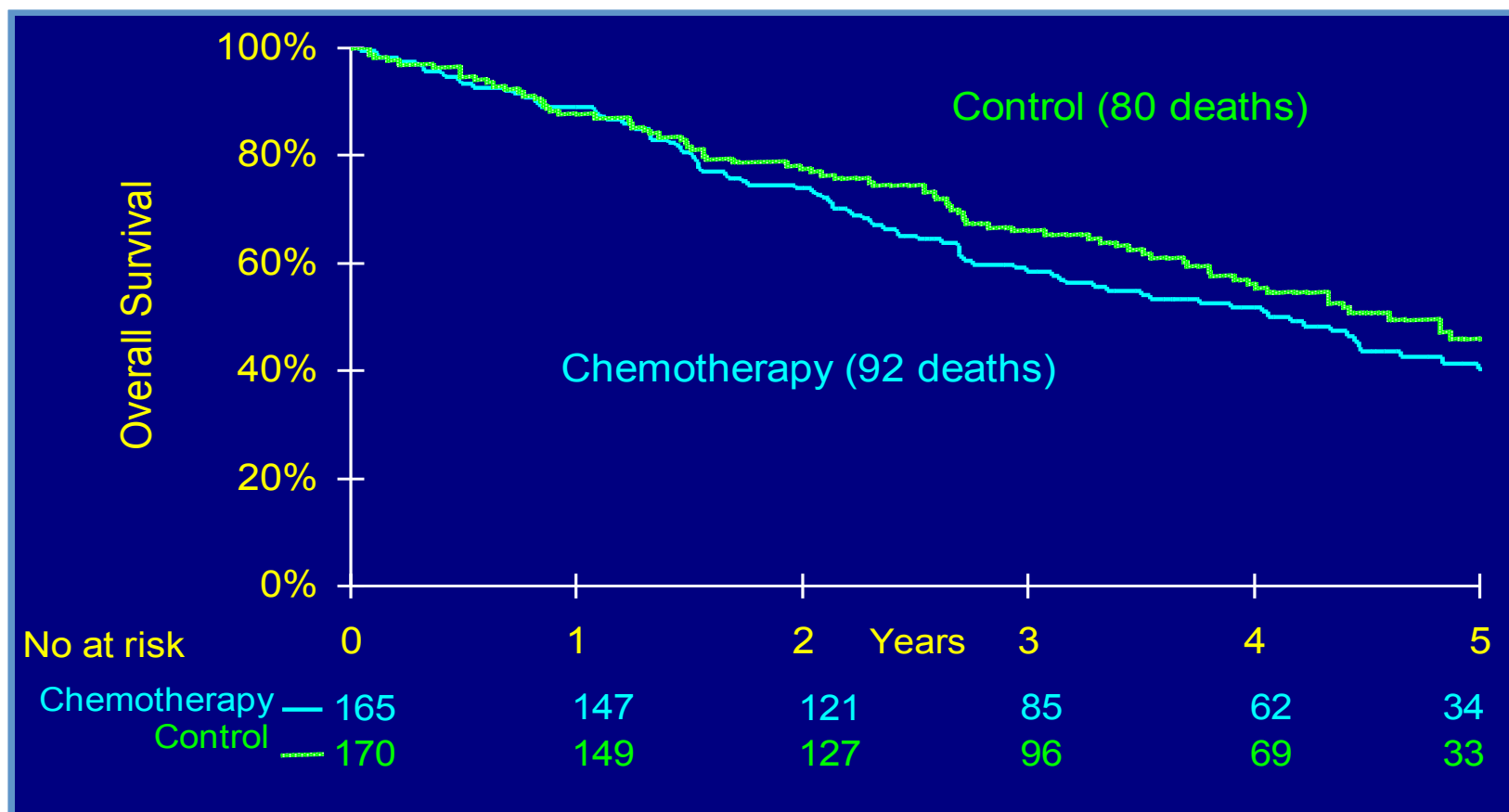
# Effet bénéfique de la chimiothérapie adjuvante chez pts avec tumeur ERCC1 négative



**Adjusted HR=0.65, 95%CI [0.50-0.86], p = 0.002**

*Olaussen et al NEJM 2007*

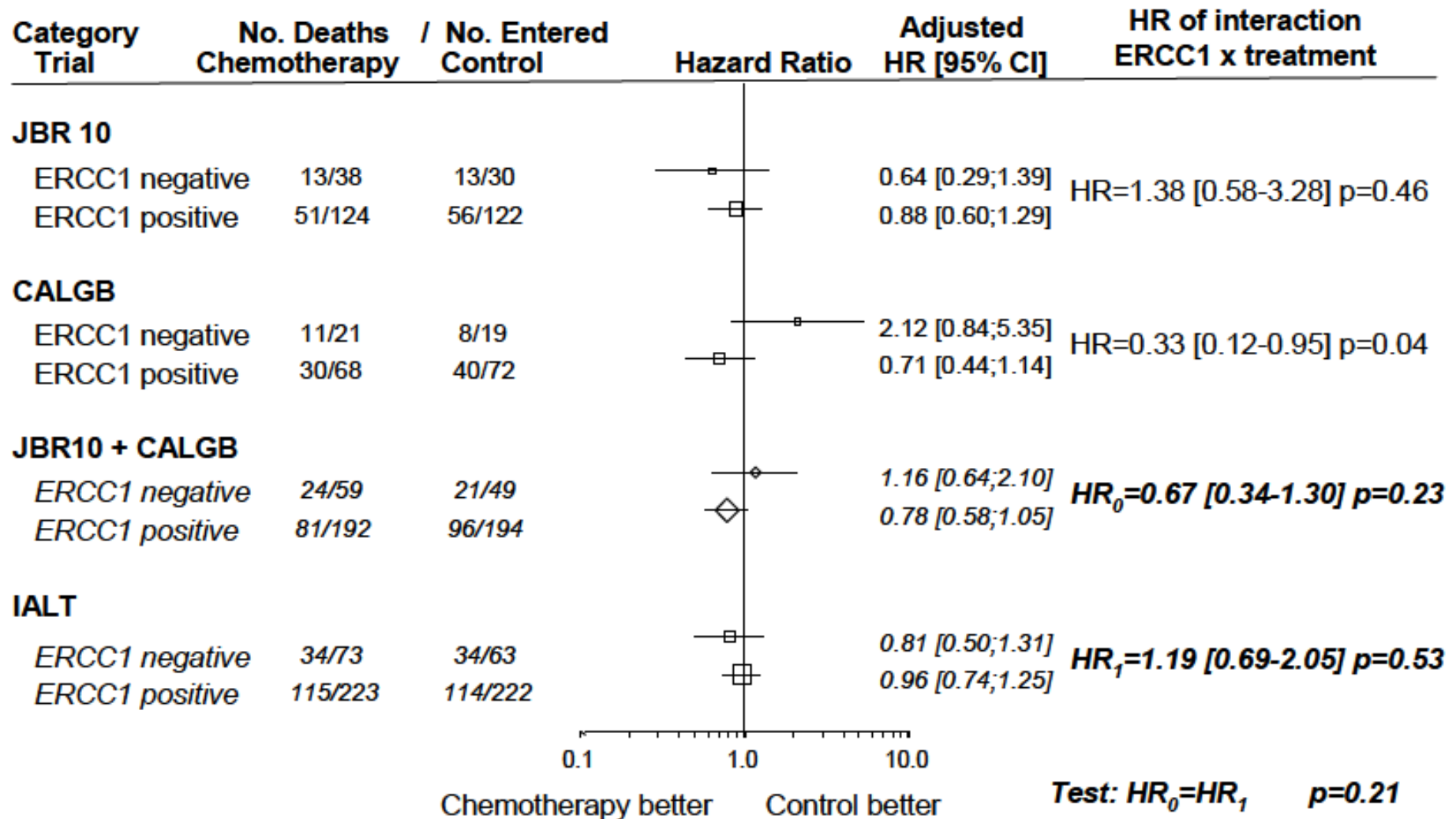
.. et aucun effet de la chimiothérapie adjuvante sur la survie globale chez pts avec tumeur ERCC1 positive



Adjusted HR=1.14, 95%CI [0.84-1.55], P = 0.40

Test d'interaction ERCCI vs. traitement: p = 0.009

# Meta-analysis (LACE-BIO): Trial effect with the same antibody for the 3 trials (Ab3)



# VALIDATION OF SURROGATE ENDPOINTS

Randomized  
treatment

Trt

Intermediate endpoint,  
potential surrogate

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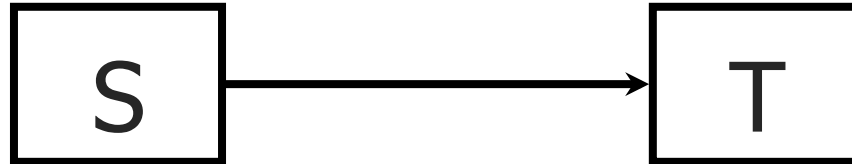
True endpoint

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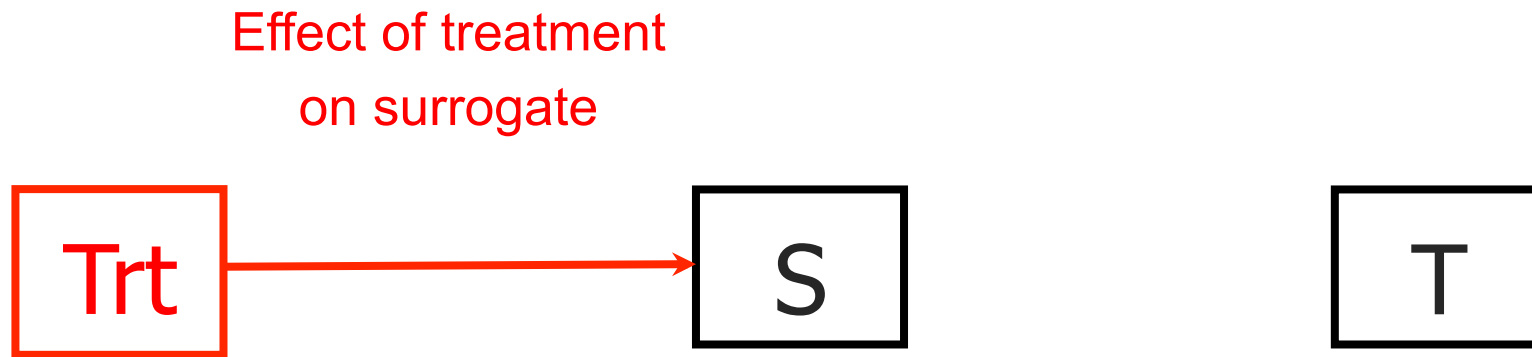
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Effect of surrogate  
on true endpoint



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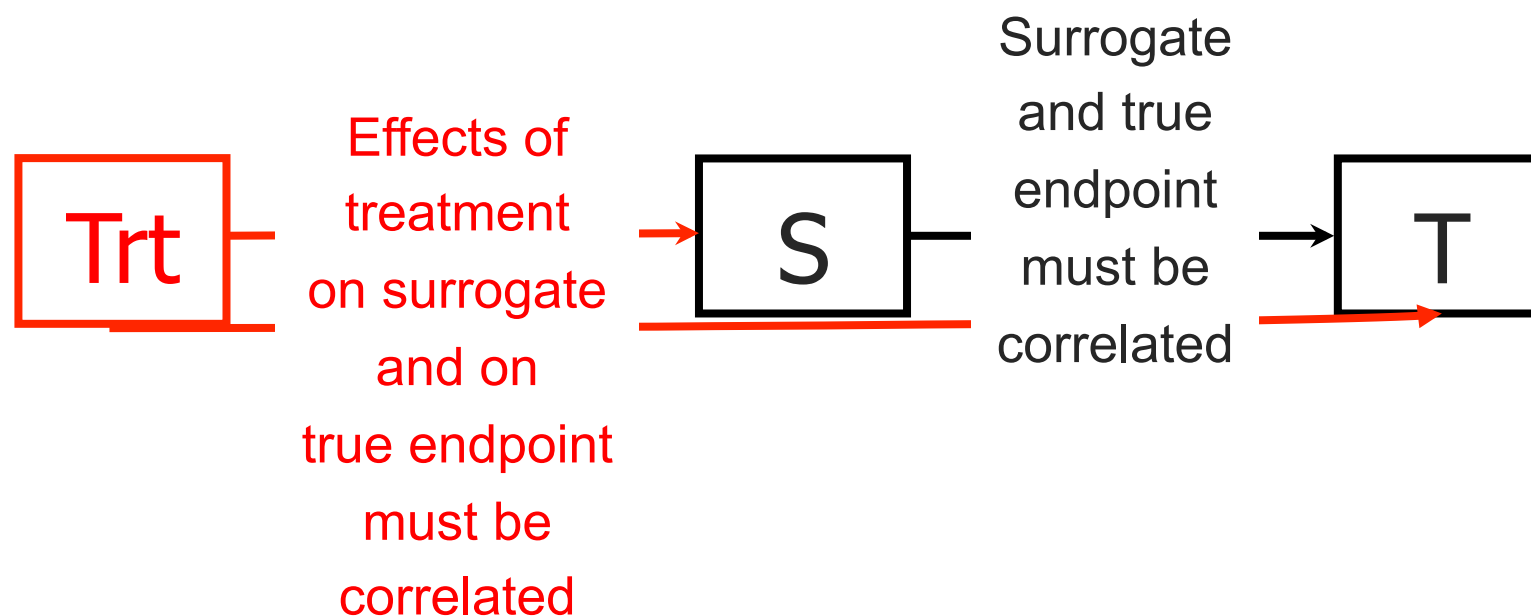


# VALIDATION OF SURROGATE ENDPOINTS



Effect of treatment on true endpoint

# VALIDATION OF SURROGATE ENDPOINTS: MULTI-LEVEL APPROACH

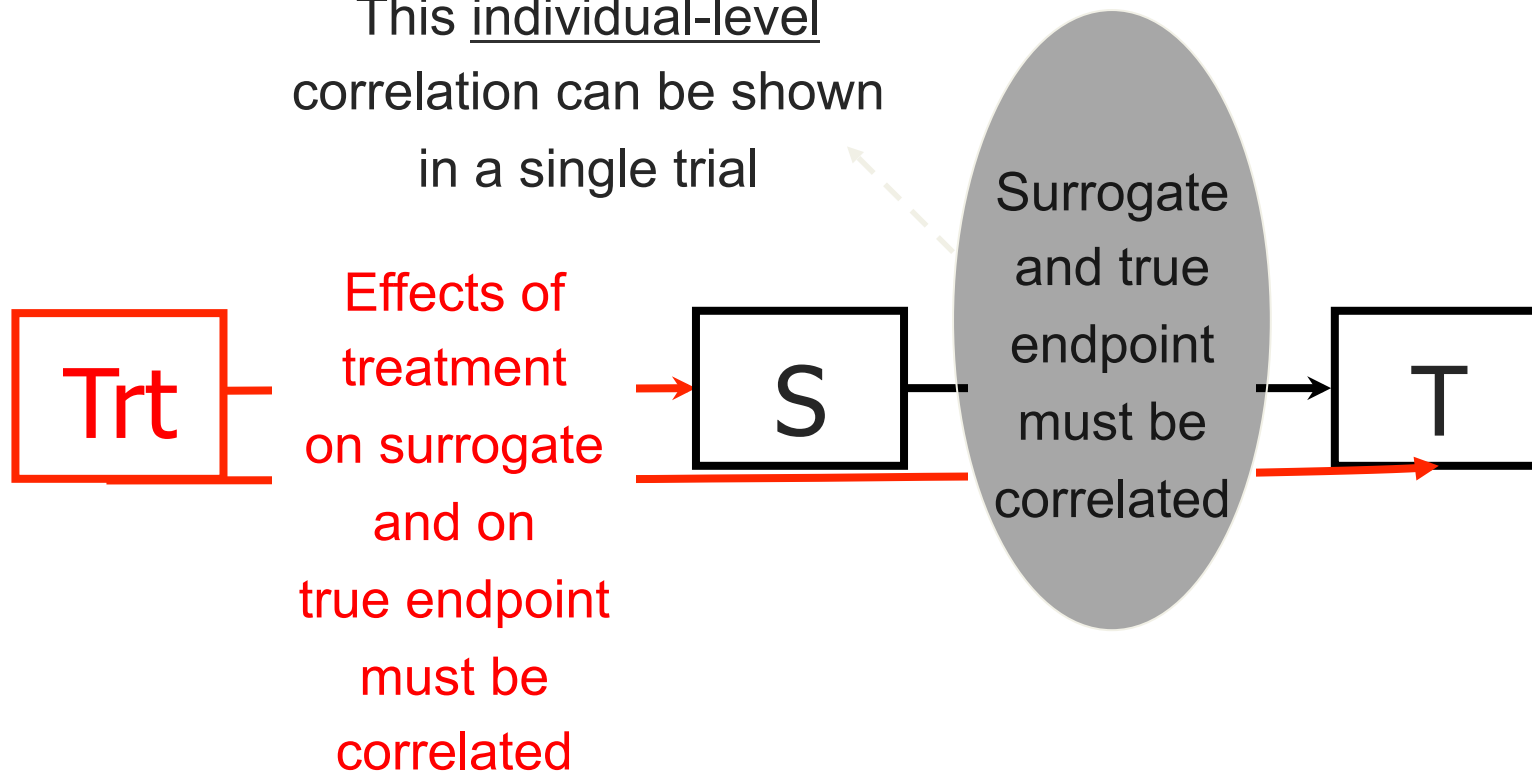


*Buyse et al, Biostatistics 2000;1:49;*

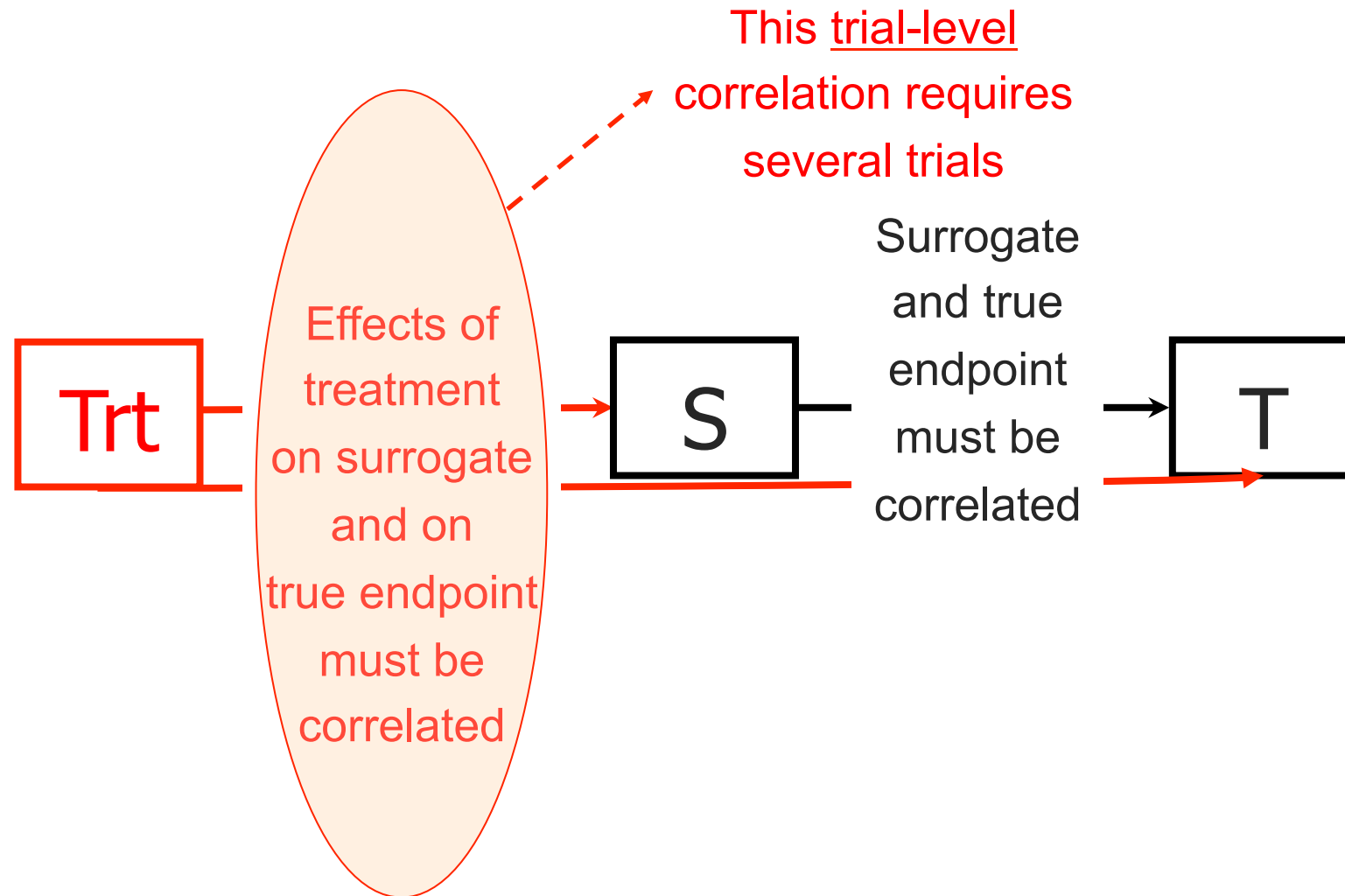
*Gail, Pfeiffer and van Houwelingen, Biostatistics 2000;1:231.*

# VALIDATION OF SURROGATE ENDPOINTS

This individual-level  
correlation can be shown  
in a single trial



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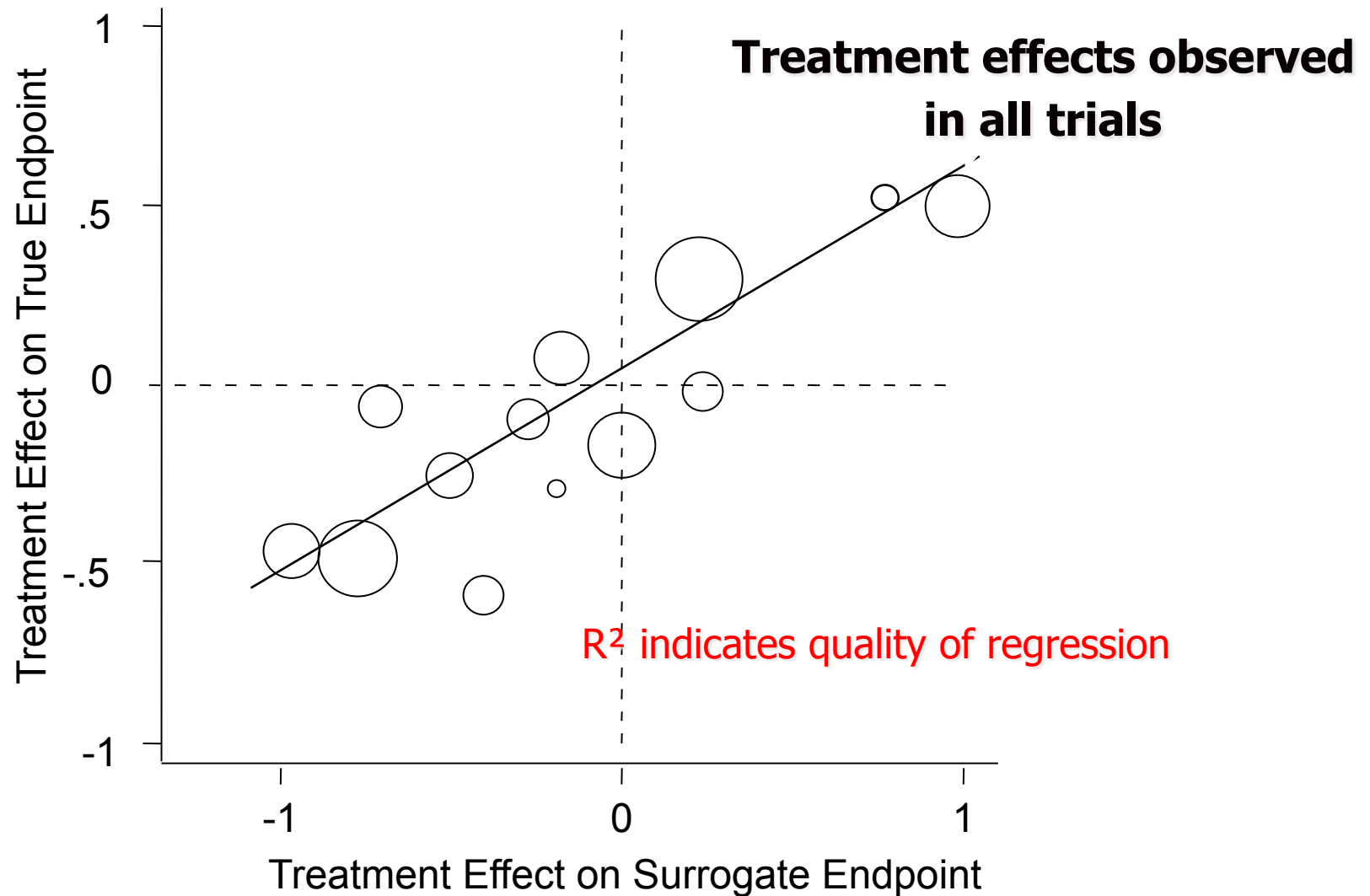
# Validation criteria using several trials

## *Parameters of interest*

- effect of treatment on surrogate endpoint
- effect of treatment on true endpoint
- effect of surrogate on true endpoint
  
- measure of association between surrogate endpoint and true endpoint ( $R^2_{\text{individual}}$ )
- measure of association between effects of treatment on surrogate endpoint and on true endpoint ( $R^2_{\text{trial}}$ )

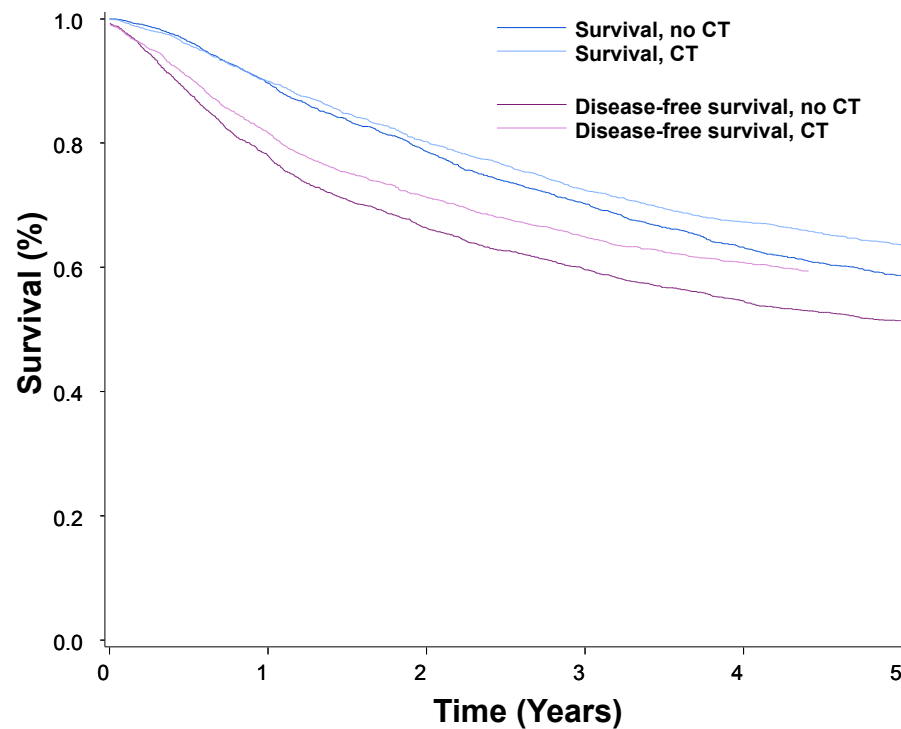
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# Prediction of treatment effect: several trials

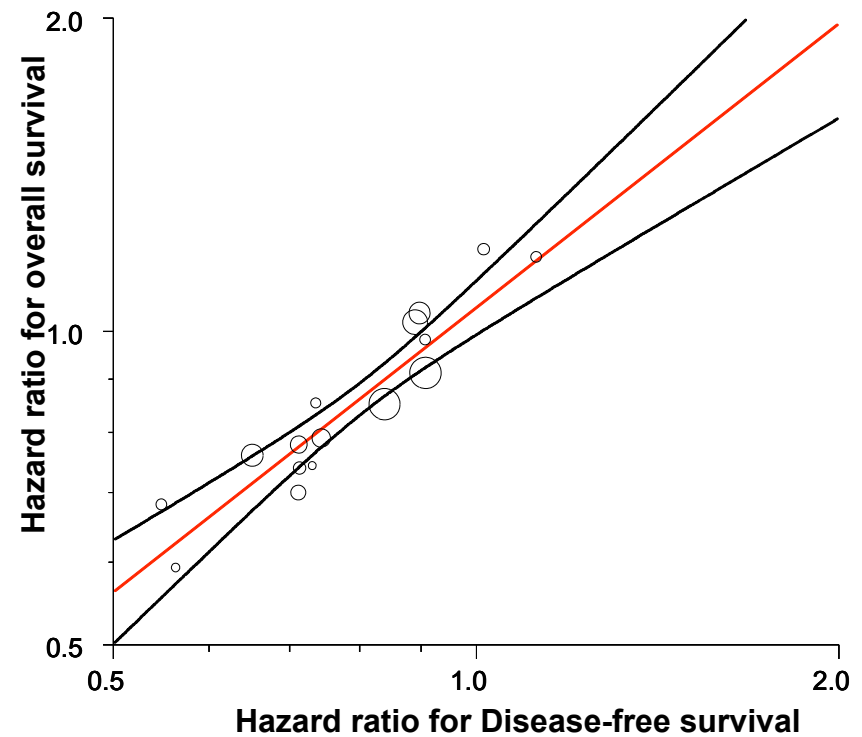


# CT vs no CT

**Individual level:**  
 **$\rho=0.91$**



**Trial level:**  
 **$R=0.96$**



# WHERE ARE WE IN ONCOLOGY WITH DISEASE-FREE/PROGRESION-FREE SURVIVAL?

- **Adjuvant setting:** DFS can be used as a surrogate for OS
  - CT in colorectal cancer (Sargent et al, JCO 2005)
  - CT in gastric cancer (GASTRIC group, JNCI 2013)
  - CT in lung cancer (Mauguen et al Lancet Oncol 2013)
  - CT in head and neck cancer (Michiels et al, Lancet Oncol 2009)
- **Locally advanced setting:** validated surrogates for OS
  - EFS for CT/RT in head-neck cancer (Michiels et al Lancet Oncol 2009)
  - PFS for CT/RT in lung cancer (Mauguen et al Lancet Oncol 2013)
- **Advanced setting:** can PFS be used as a surrogate for OS ?
  - Strong correlation for CT in colorectal cancer (Buyse et al 2007)
  - Moderate correlation for CT in lung (Laporte et al, BMJ Open 2013)
  - Moderate correlation for CT in gastric cancer (GASTRIC, JNCI 2013)
  - Low correlation for CT in breast (Burzykowski et al JCO 2007; Michiels et al ASCO 2013)

**Needs to be repeated using data from trials investigating new agents such as targeted therapy!**