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Hodgkin and Non Hodgkin Lymphomas:  
a new Role for Radiation Therapy?



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# *The Problem of Interpretation and Use of Response Evaluation for Treatment*

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# Response evaluation in HDG

## Report of a Committee Convened To Discuss the Evaluation and Staging of Patients with Hodgkin's Disease: Cotswolds Meeting

By T.A. Lister, D. Crowther, S.B. Sutcliffe, E. Glatstein, G.P. Canellos, R.C. Young, S.A. Rosenberg, C.A. Coltman, and M. Tubiana

JCO, 1989

### *Criteria for Reporting Response to Therapy*

**CR.** The patient has no clinical, radiological, or other evidence of Hodgkin's disease. Changes consistent with the effects of previous therapy (ie, radiation fibrosis) may be present.

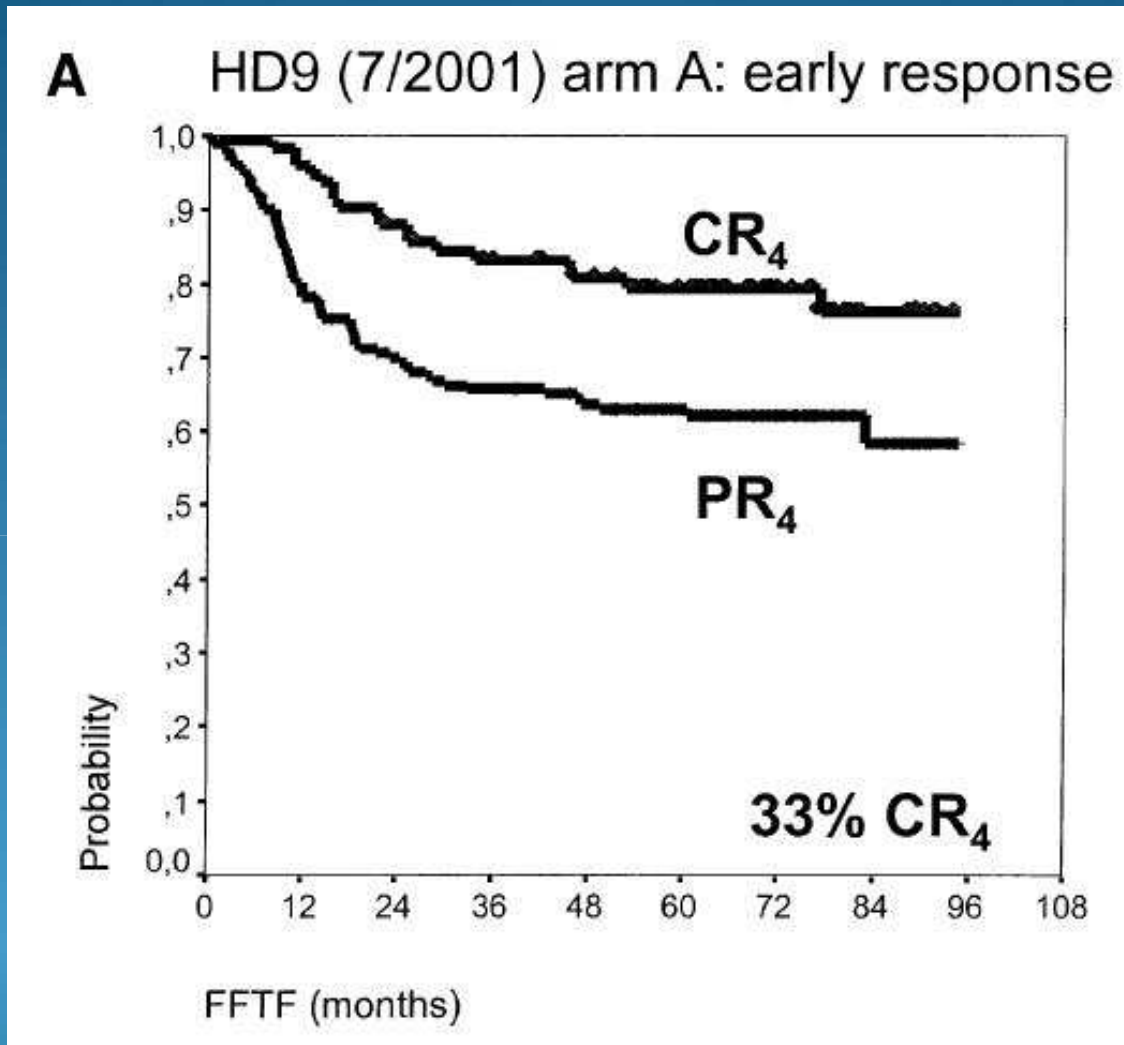
**CR (unconfirmed/uncertain).** This category (CR[u]) of response has been included to denote patients in whom remission status is unclear. The patient is in normal health with no clinical evidence of Hodgkin's disease but some radiolog-

ical abnormality, not consistent with the effects of therapy, persists at a site of previous disease. Implicit in this designation is considerable uncertainty about the significance of such abnormalities, it being well known that abnormal widening of the mediastinum or architectural distortion of lymphographic studies may persist for many years without therapy and without evidence of recurrent Hodgkin's disease. Attempts to resolve



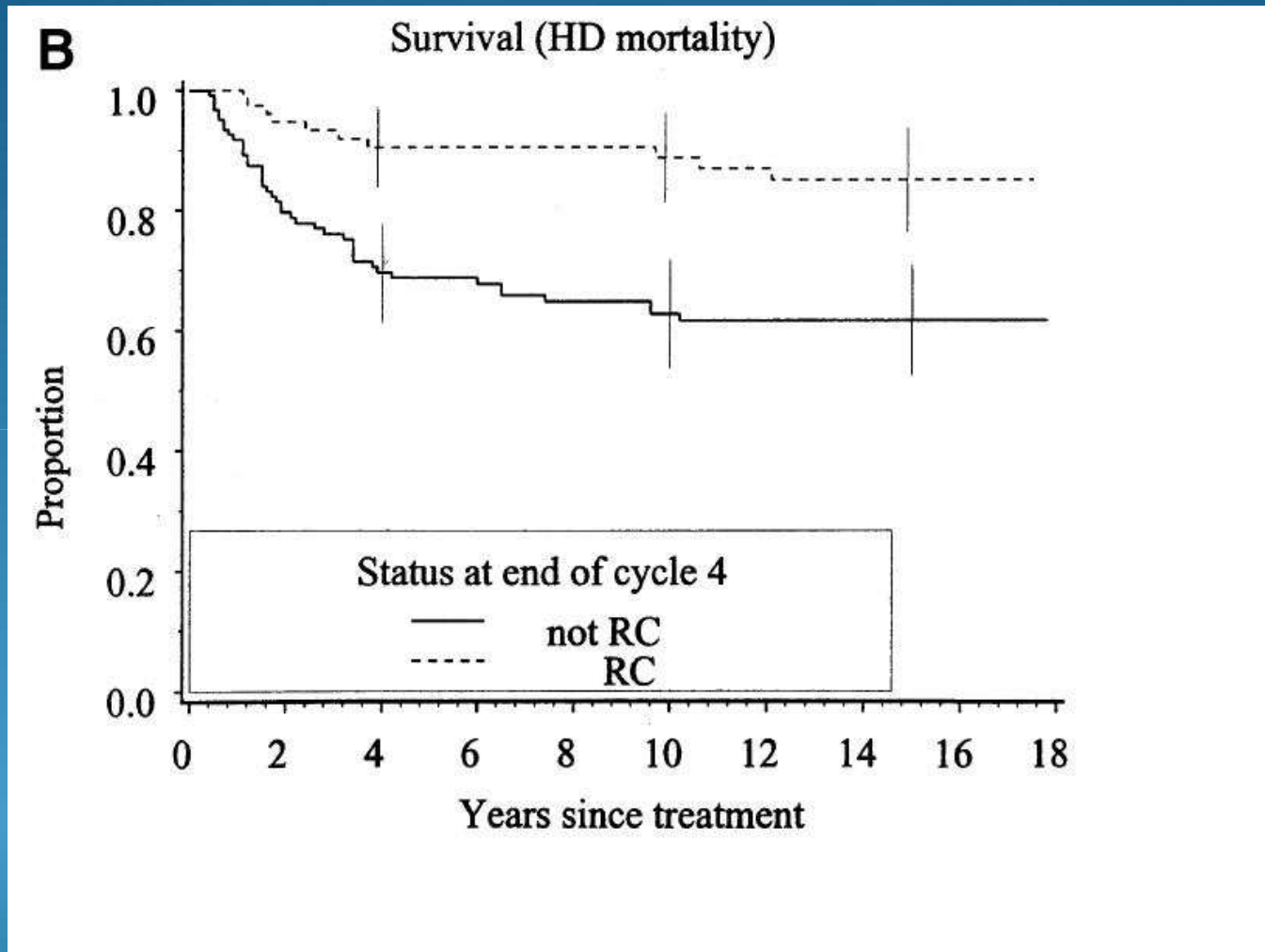
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# GHSB HD9 trial



*Diehl, AnnOncol 1997*

# EORTC 1981-1986 trial



*Carde, Blood 2000*

# AIMS of research in Hodgkin's Lymphoma:

- **Improvement of (already) low relapse rate**
- **Reduction of toxicity**



Identify non responder patients who could benefit from an alternative therapy protocol



Identify patients who could benefit from a reduction of the treatment burden

# **$^{18}\text{F}$ FDG-PET in Hodgkin Lymphoma**

In the staging of Hodgkin Lymphoma, PET scan showed a sensitivity around 85-90% and specificity up to 95-100%, leading to a stage change from 8% up to 40% of patients

*(Bangerter 1998, Partridge 2000, Jerusalem 2001, Weihrauch 2002)*

## Prognostic value of interim FDG-PET after two or three cycles of chemotherapy in Hodgkin lymphoma

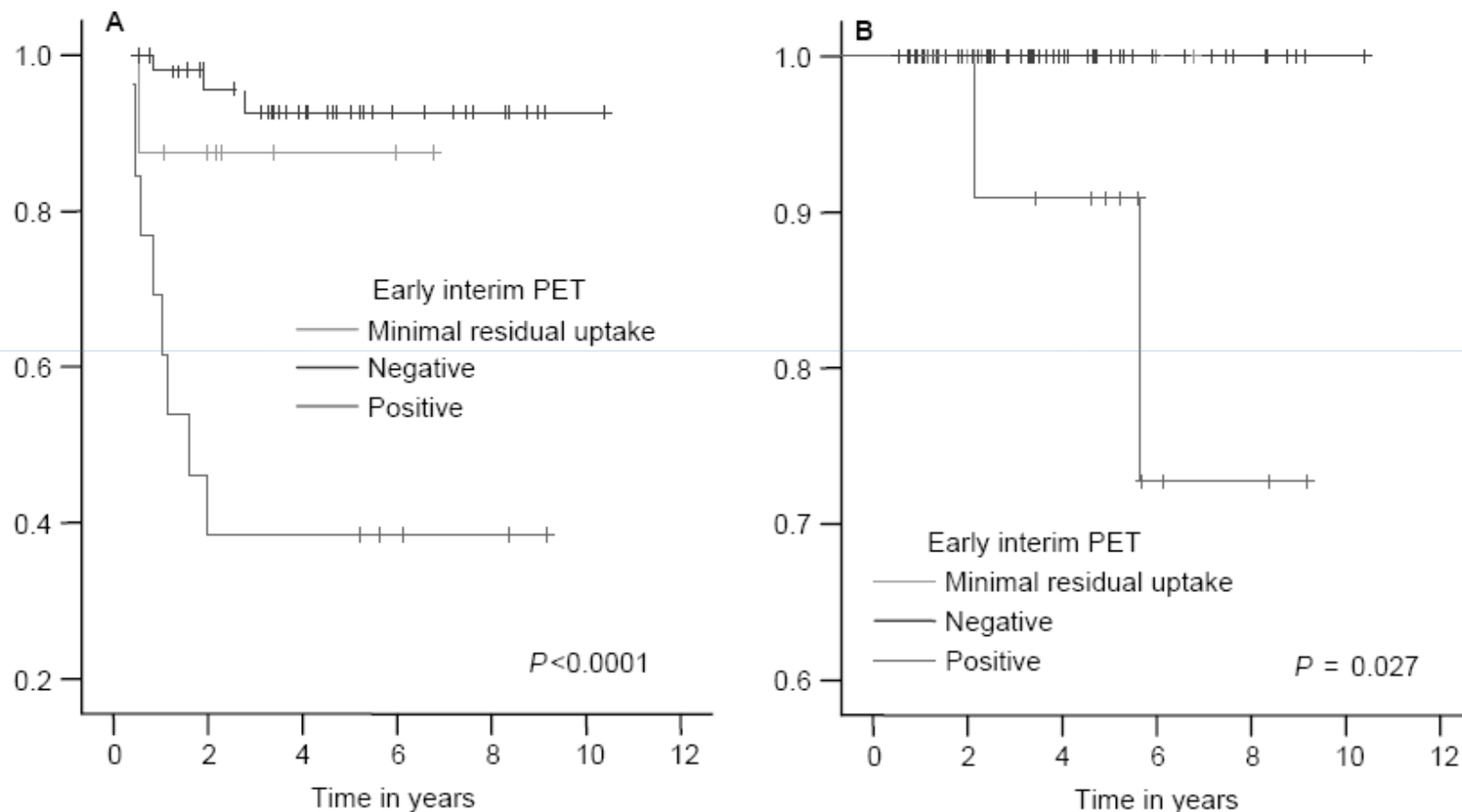


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**Table 2. PET results during and after therapy**

	PET-2 (after 2 cycles)	PET-4 (after 4 cycles)	PET-6 (after 6 cycles)
Positive	8	7 ↓ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</span>	7
Minimal residual uptake	4	3 ↓ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span>	1 ↓ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span>
Negative	20	30 ↓ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span>	32 ↓ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span>

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PET could give a reliable idea of this "early response".

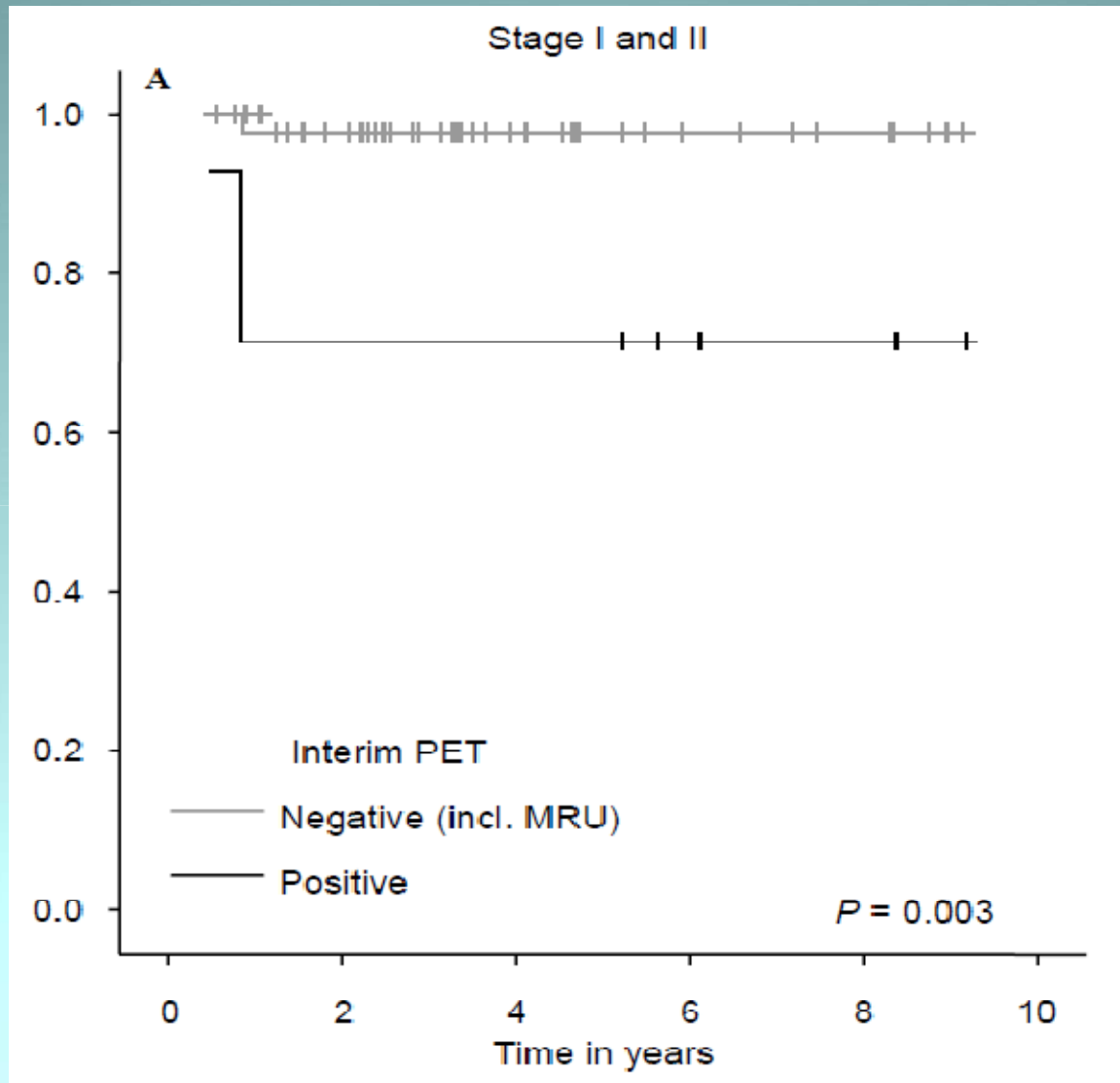
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# Early stage with interim PET -



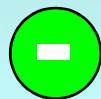
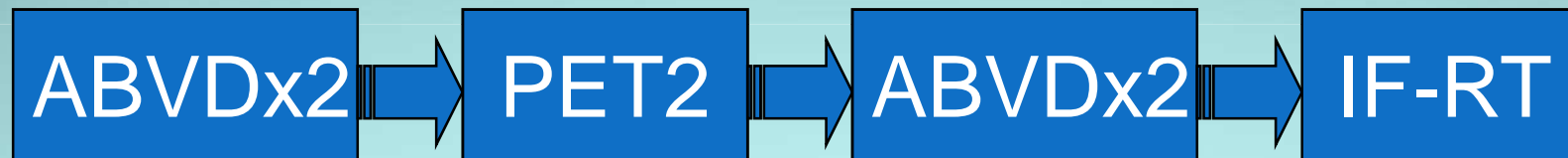
*Hutchings, Ann Oncol 2005*

## Early stage with interim PET -

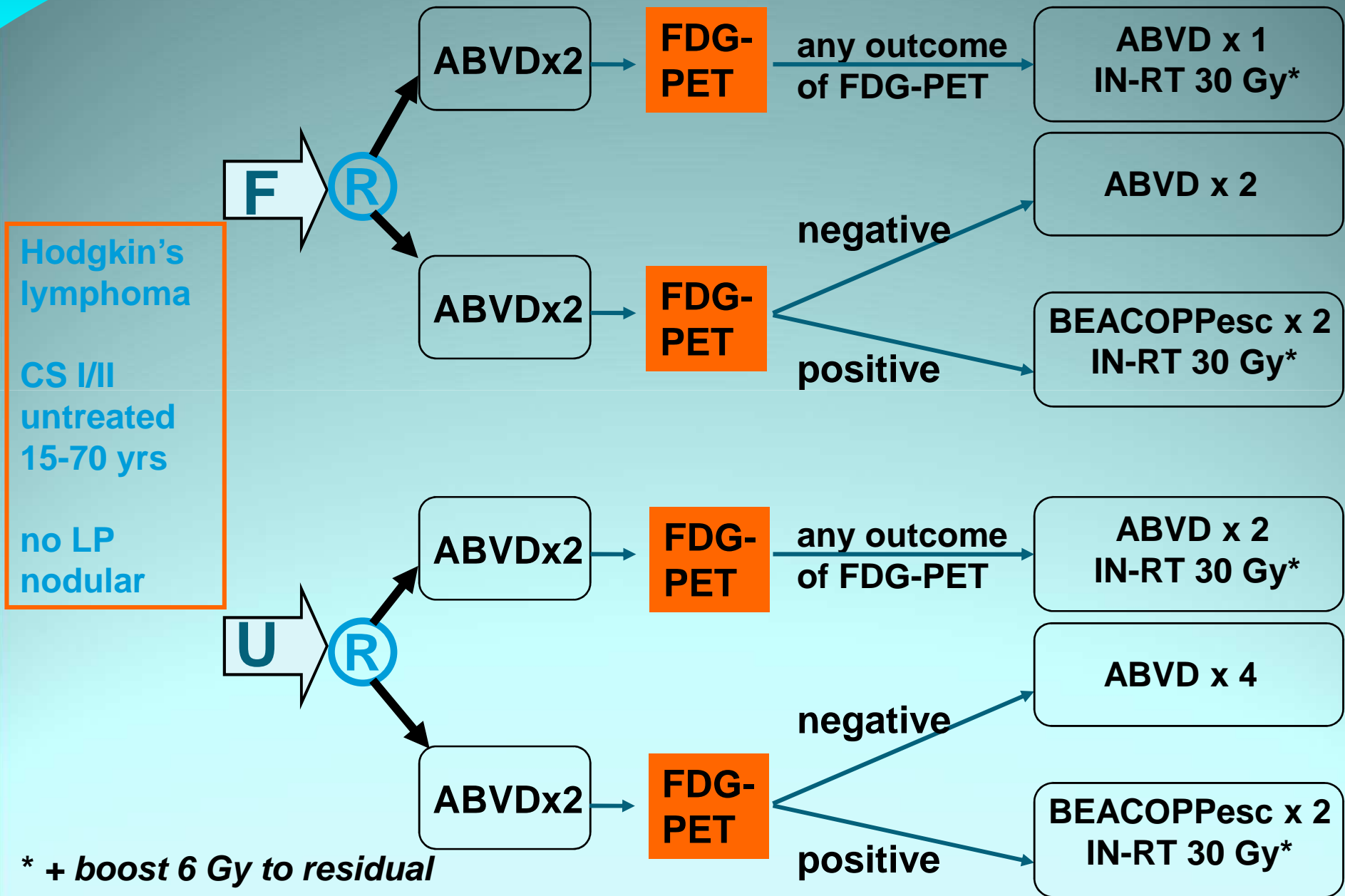
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*Hutchings, Blood 2006*

# Early stage with interim PET-



# EORTC-GELA-III H10 trial





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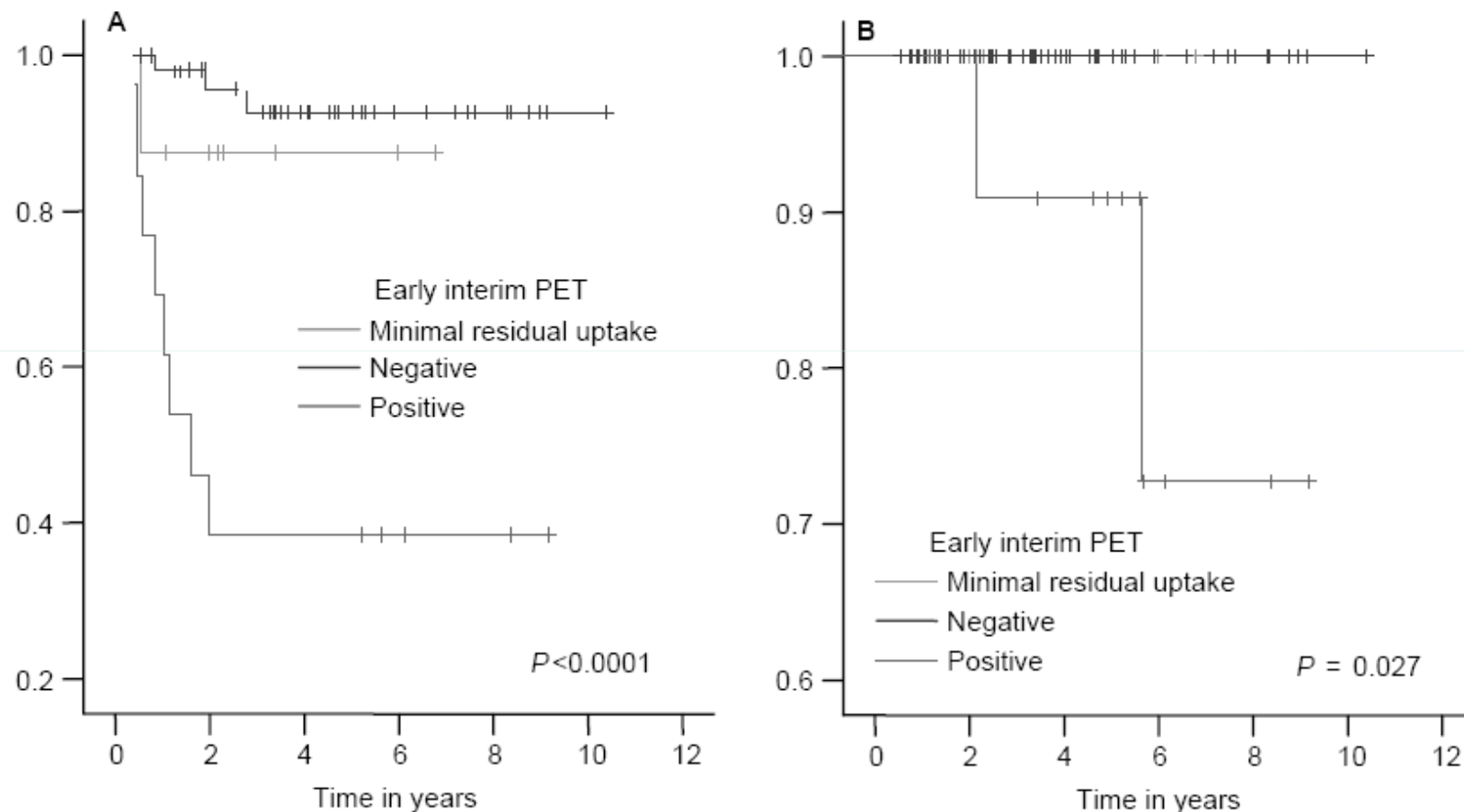


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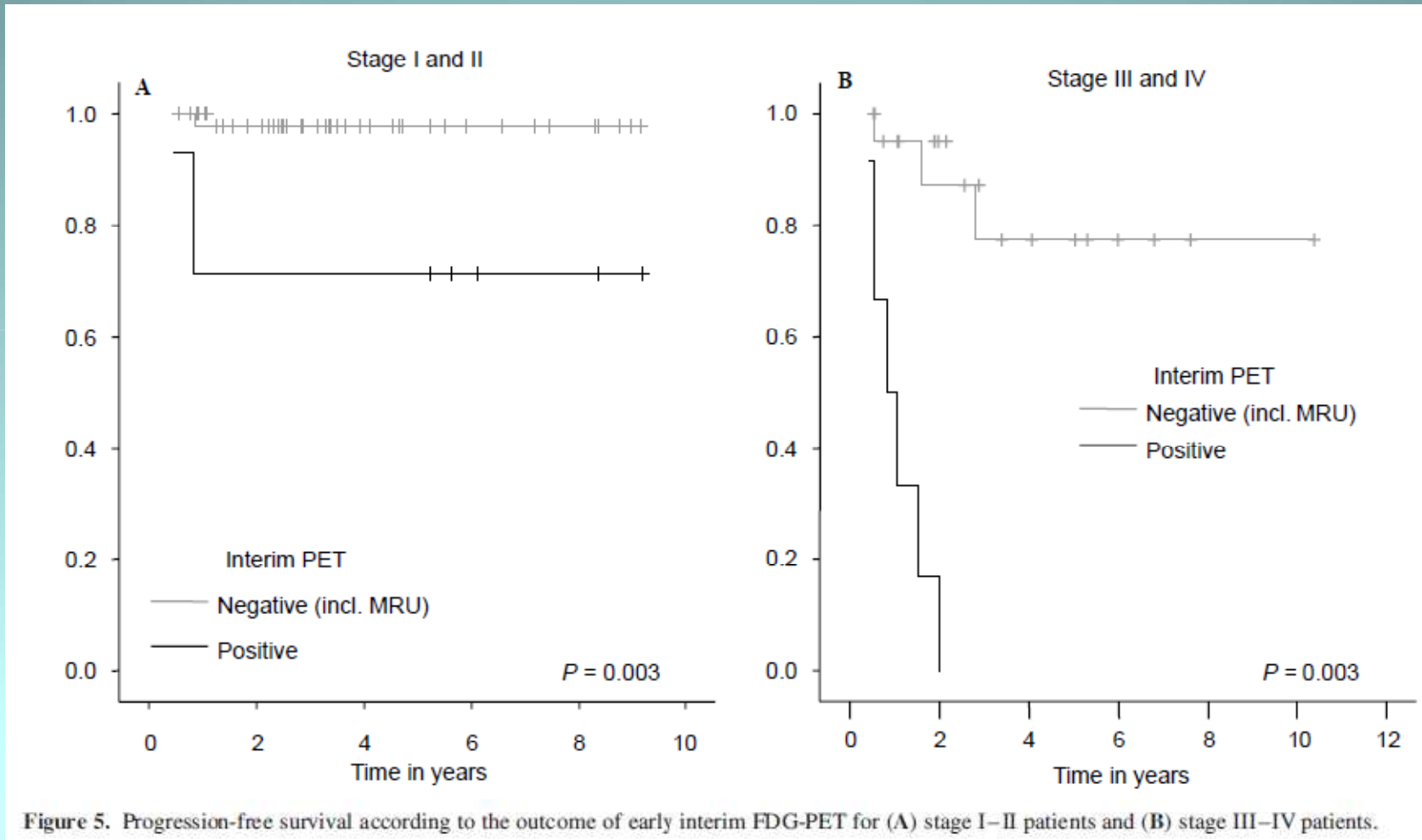
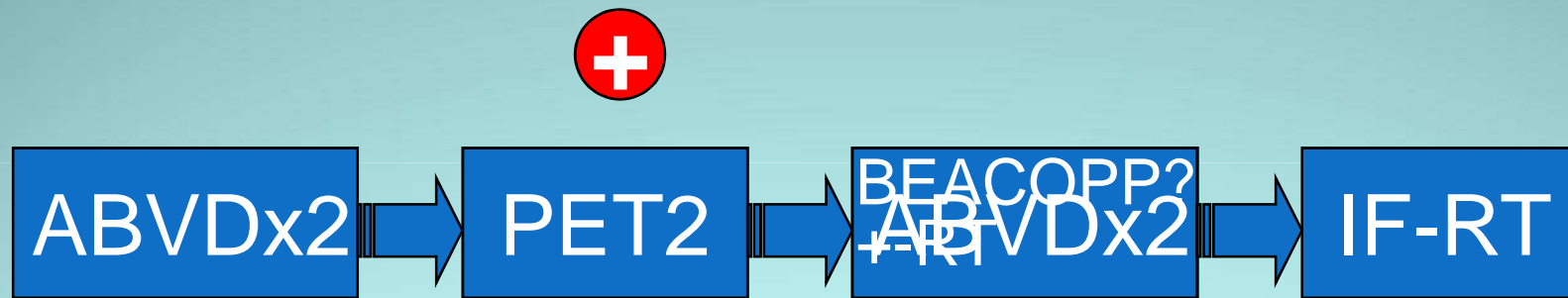


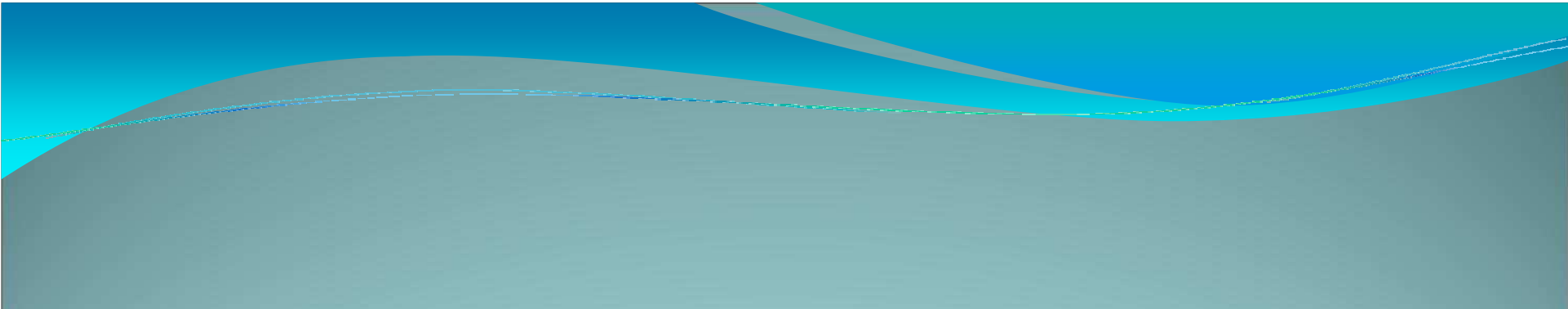
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## Recidive secondo PET2 nei pazienti Early Stage

Author	Follow-up	PET2 +	Relapses in PET2 +	Relapses in PET2 -
Hutchings (Ann Oncol, 2005)	6-125 months (avg. 46,6)	7/57 (12,3%)	2/7 (28,5%)	1/50 (2%)
Hutchings (Blood, 2006)	6,1-40,8 months (avg. 23,4)	5/31 (16,1%)	1/5% (20%)	0/26 (0%)
Firenze- Brescia series (unpublished data)	6,1-70,8 months (avg. 32,8)	4/44 (9,1%)	1/4 (25%)	1/40 (2,5%)

# Early stage with interim PET +





original article


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## **Prognostic significance of mid- and post-ABVD PET imaging in Hodgkin's lymphoma: the importance of involved-field radiotherapy**

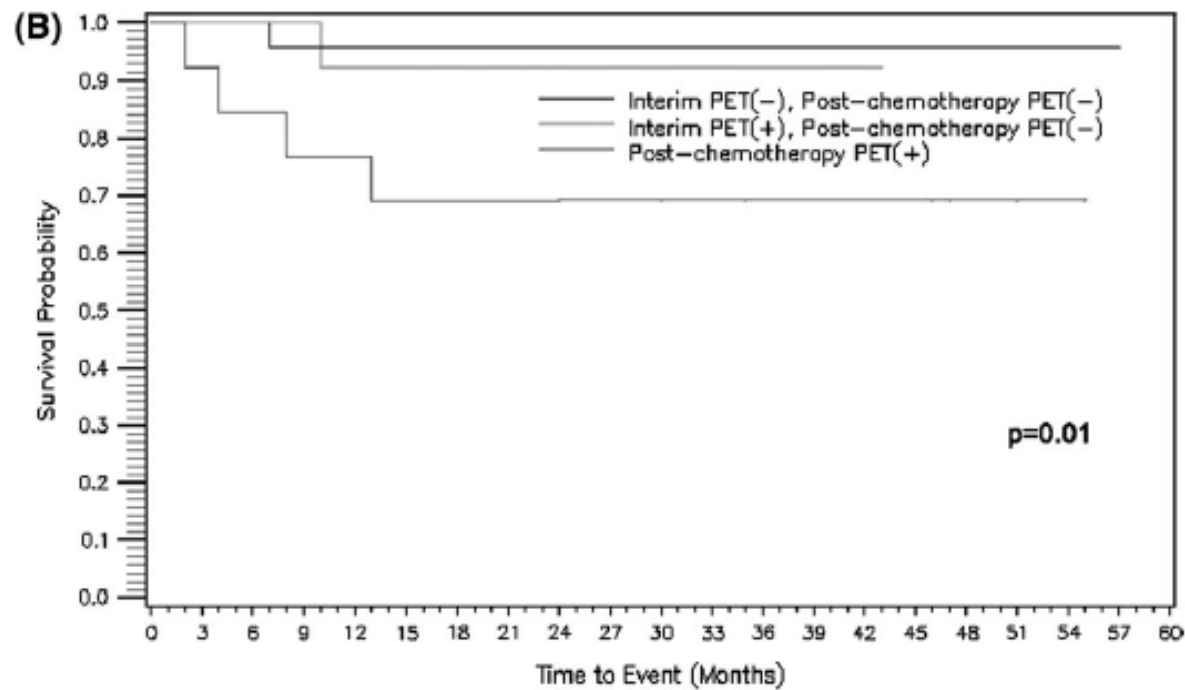
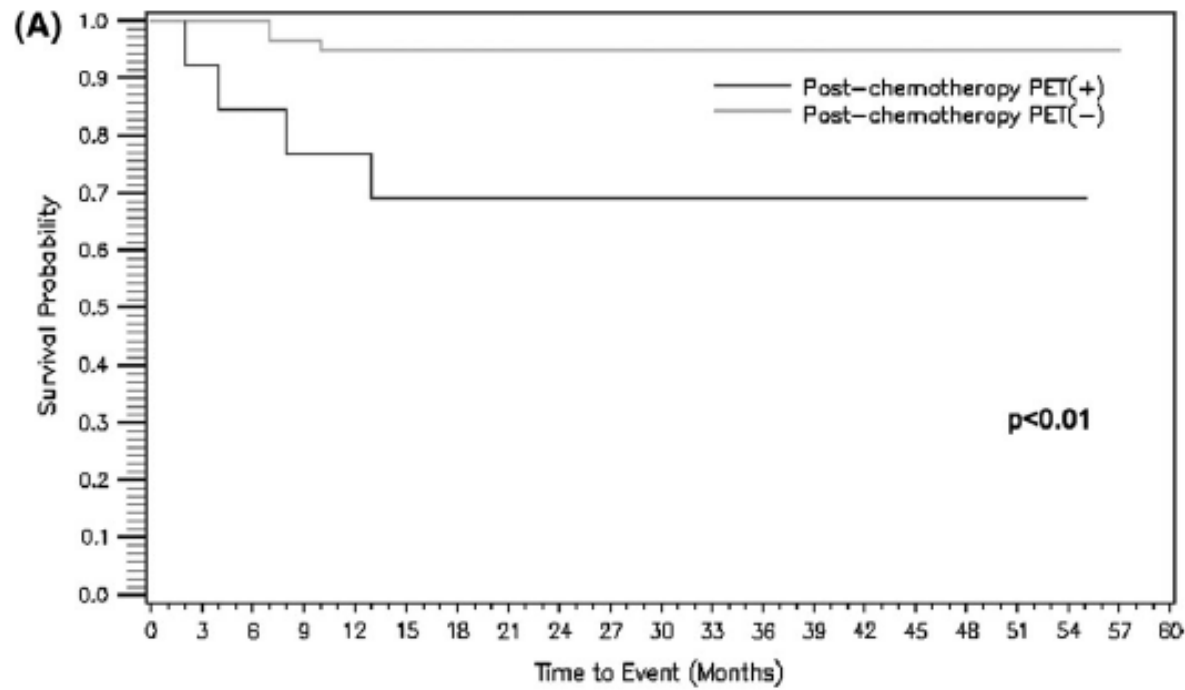
D. J. Sher<sup>1\*</sup>, P. M. Mauch<sup>1</sup>, A. Van Den Abbeele<sup>2</sup>, A. S. LaCasce<sup>3</sup>, J. Czerminski<sup>1</sup> & A. K. Ng<sup>1</sup>

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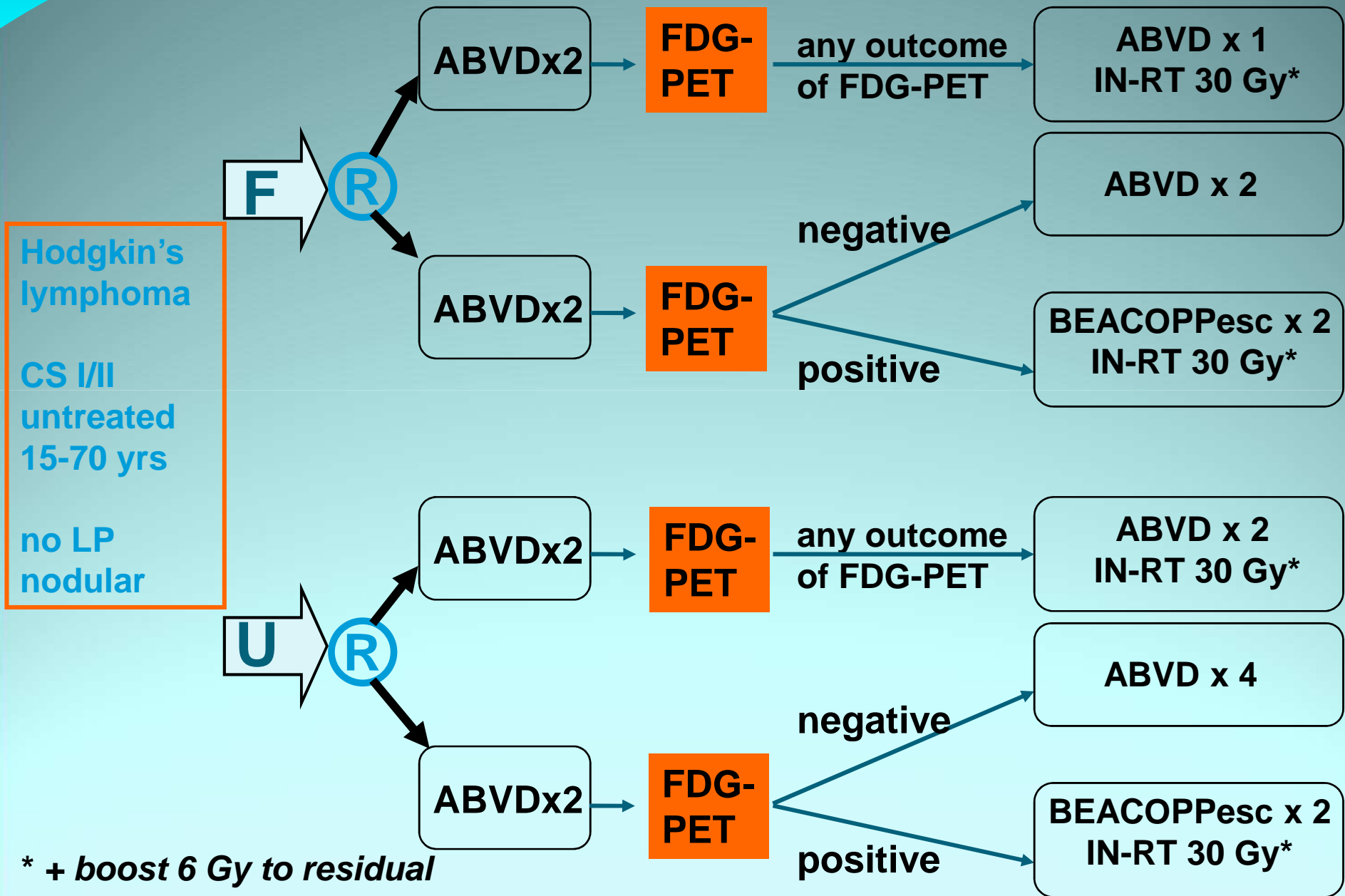


*Sher, AnnOncol 2009*





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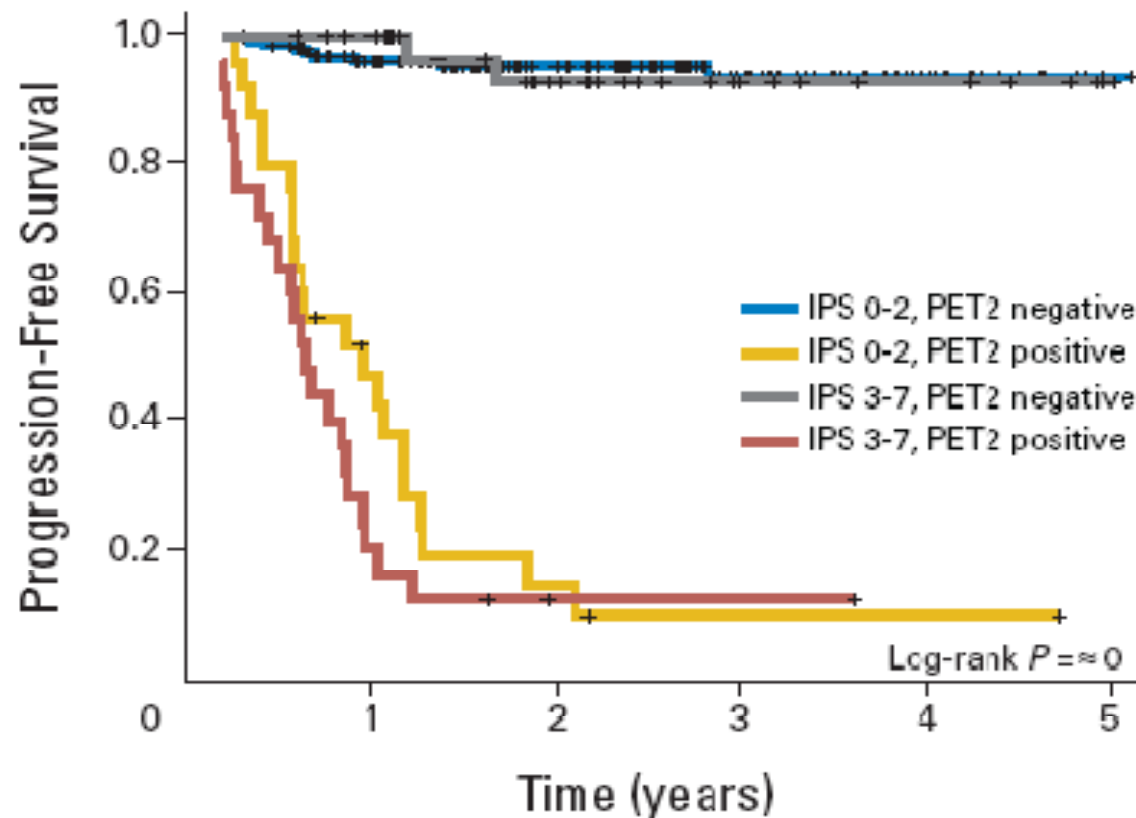
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*Gallamini,  
JCO 2007*

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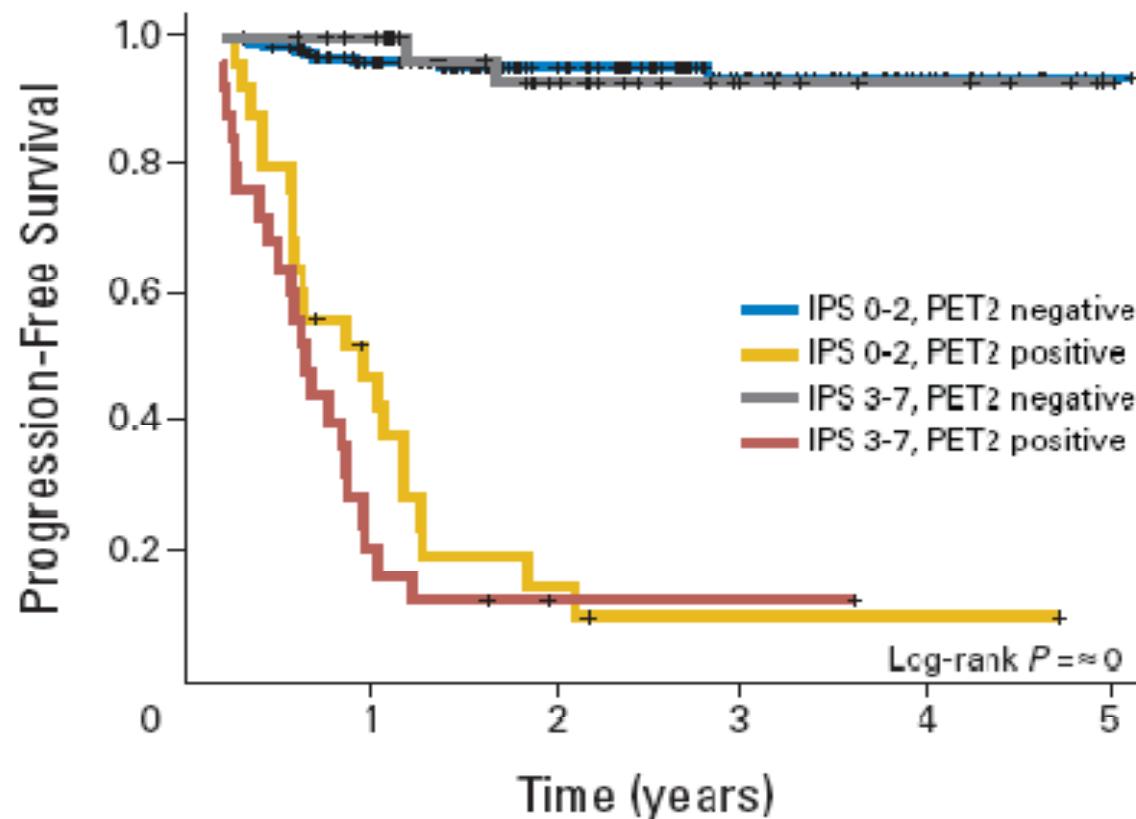
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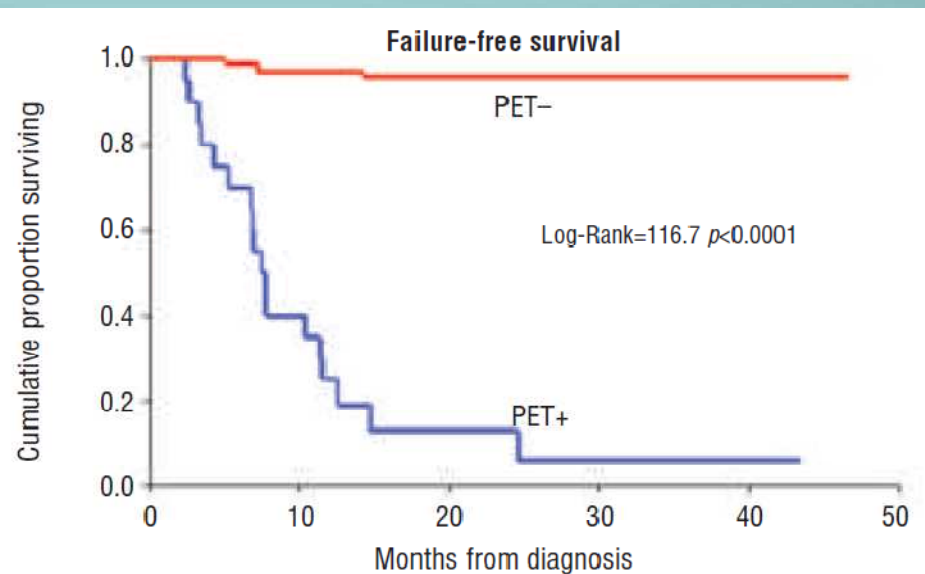
# Advanced stage with interim PET +

*Malignant Lymphomas • Research Paper*

**The predictive value of positron emission tomography scanning performed after two courses of standard therapy on treatment outcome in advanced stage Hodgkin's disease**

**6 ABVD + RT if  
mediastinal bulky or  
nodes >5cm**

**No influence of  
PET2 on treatment  
decision**



**Figure 3.** Probability of failure-free survival according to PET-2 results.

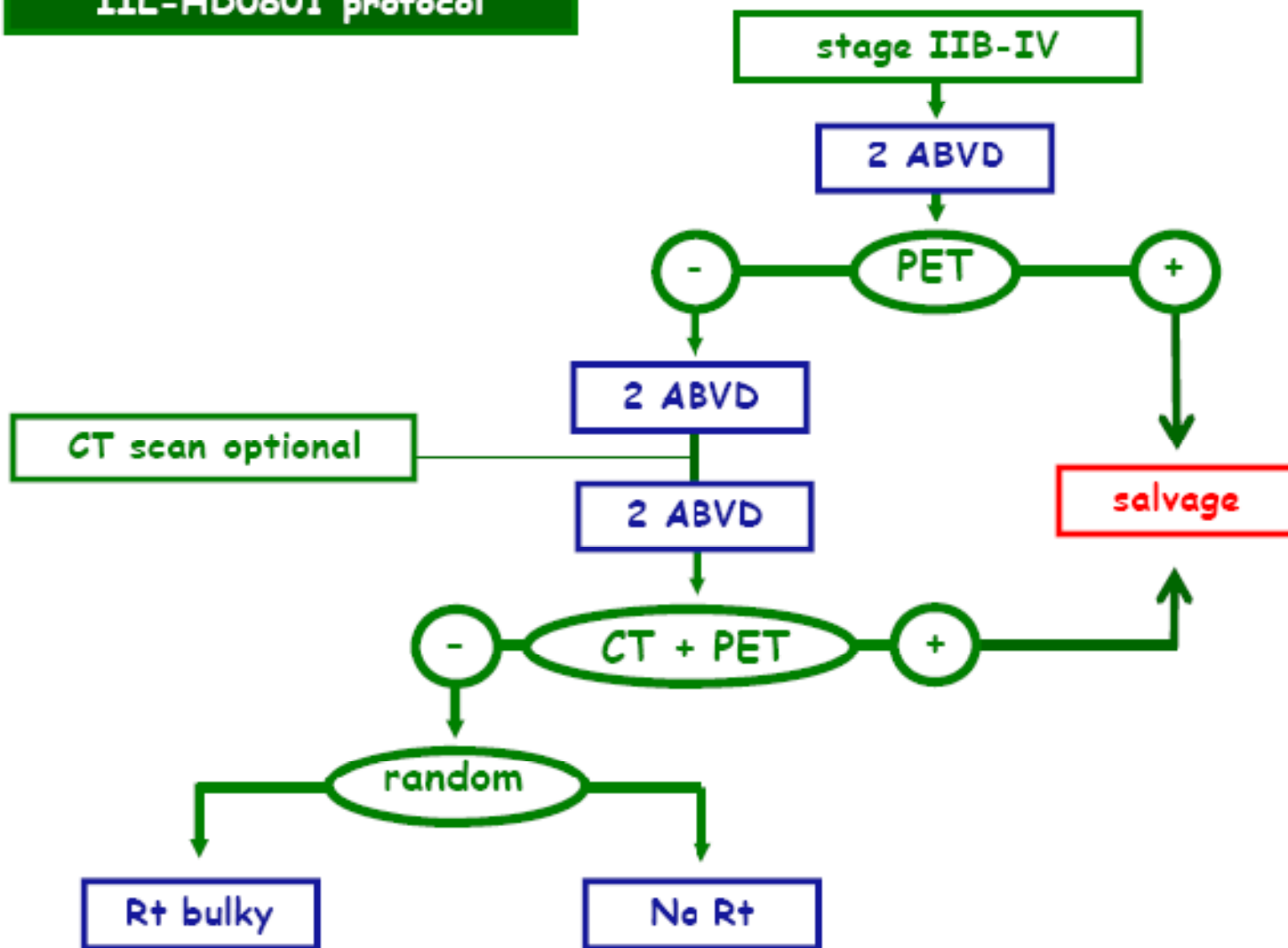
*Gallamini, Haematol 2006*



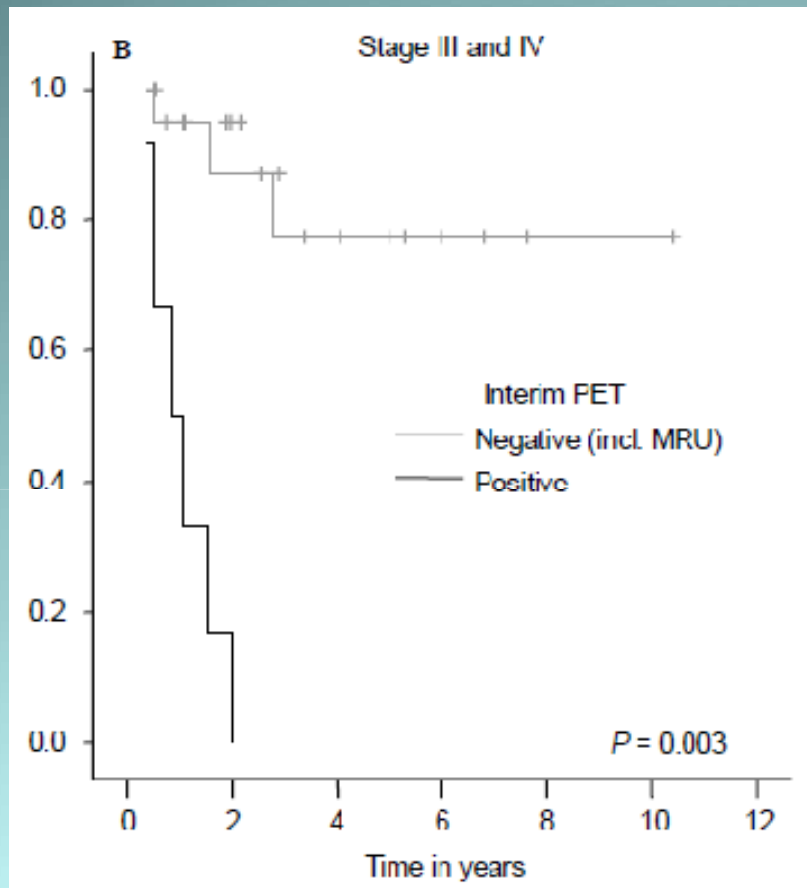
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Advanced stage  
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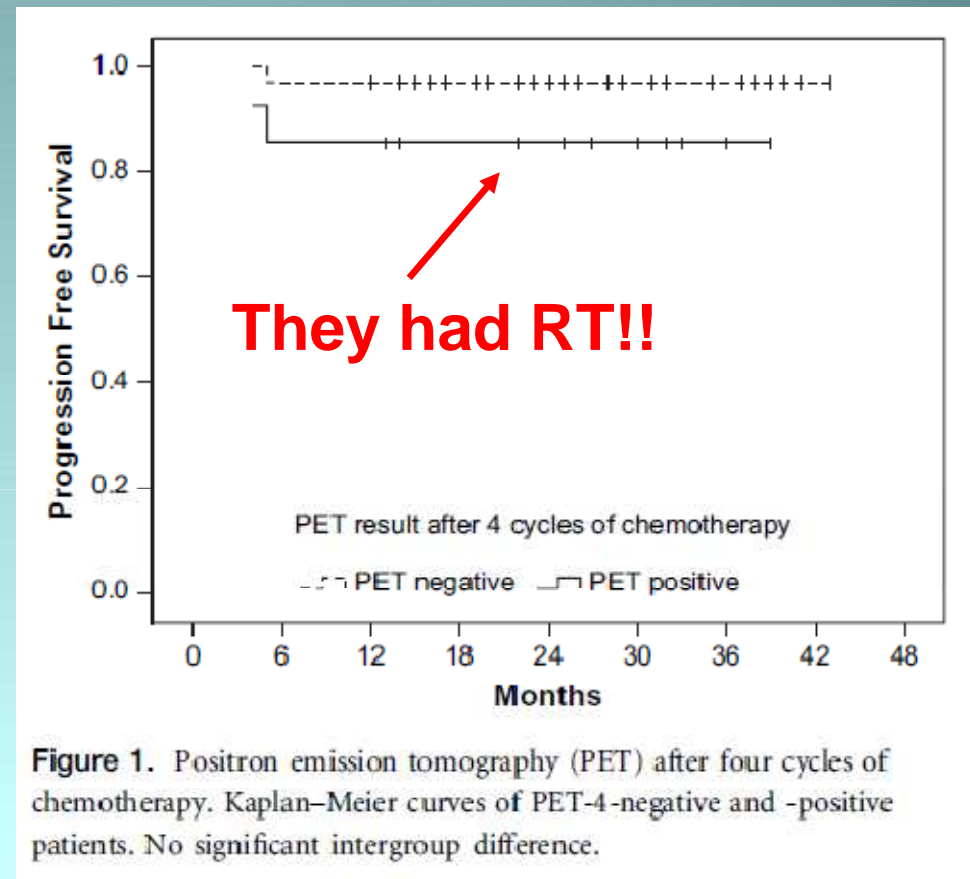
Staging including CT and  
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# Advanced stage with interim PET +



*Hutchings, Ann Oncol 2005*



**Figure 1.** Positron emission tomography (PET) after four cycles of chemotherapy. Kaplan-Meier curves of PET-4-negative and -positive patients. No significant intergroup difference.

*Markova, Ann Oncol 2009*

# Positron emission tomography has a high negative predictive value for progression or early relapse for patients with residual disease after first-line chemotherapy in advanced-stage Hodgkin lymphoma

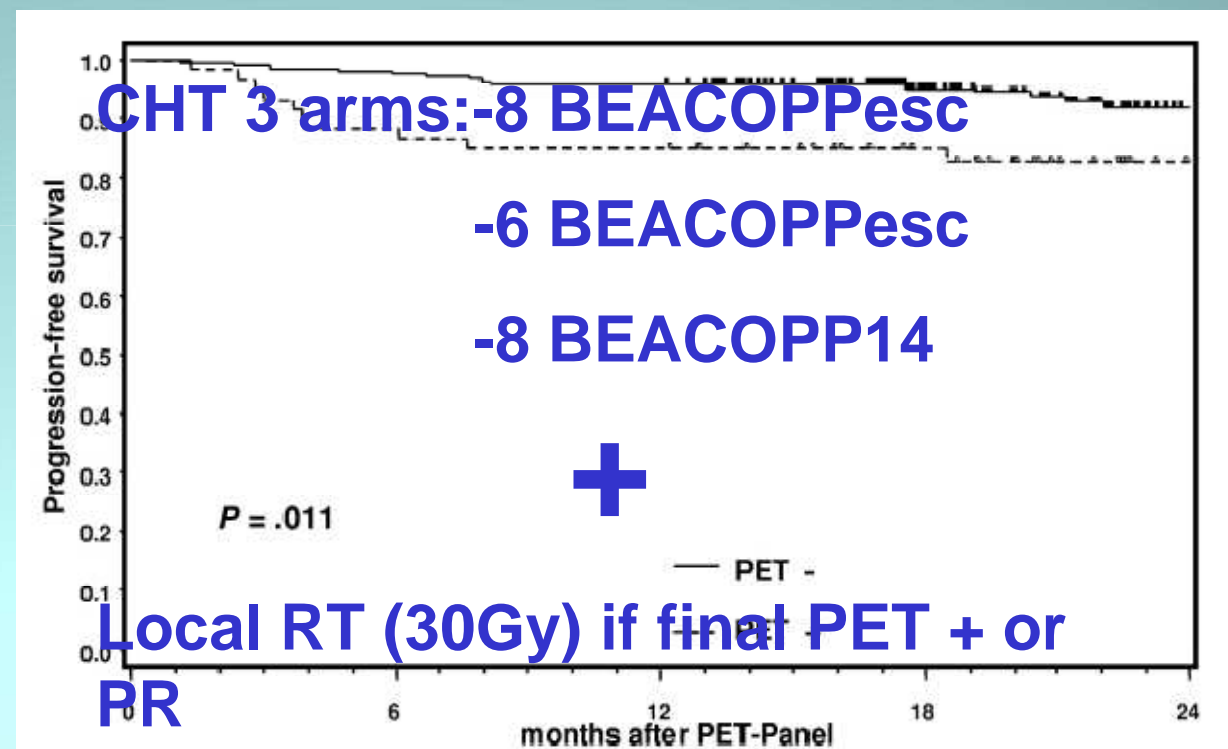
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*Blood, 2008*

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**HD15**

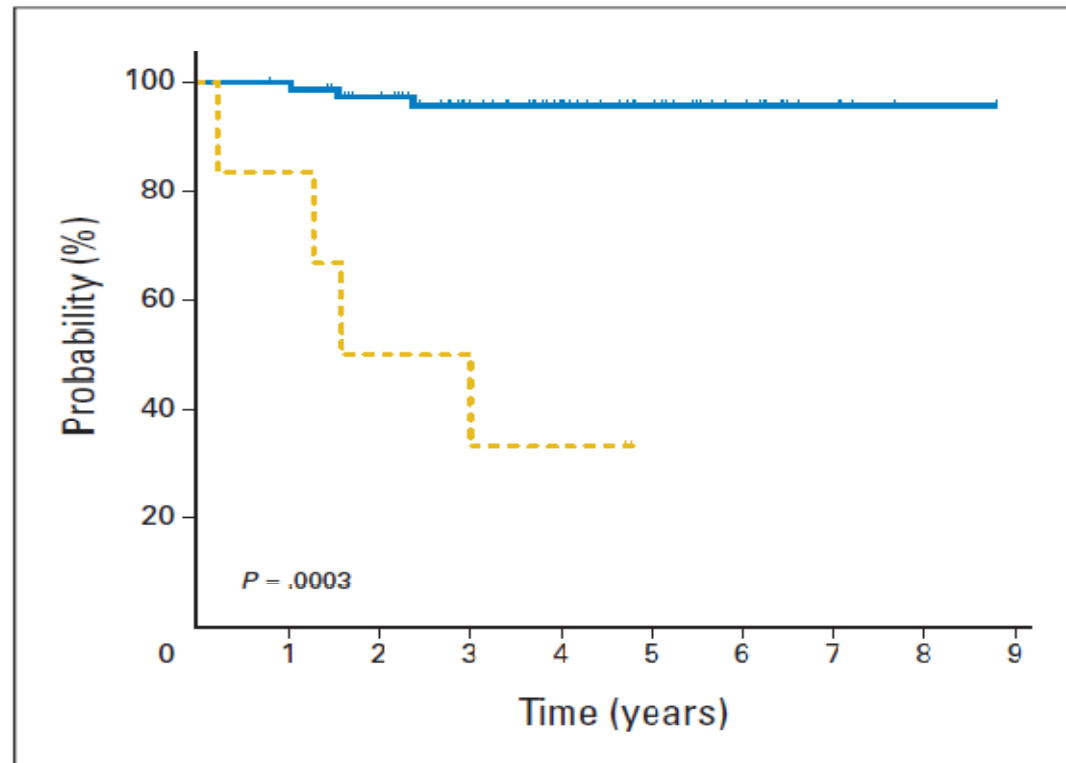
**275 pts.**



“...first randomized trial to prove a high NPV (94%) in HL”

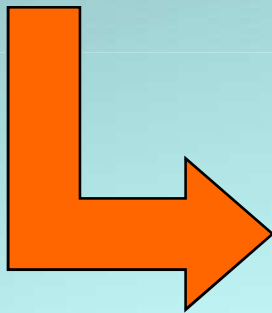
## Impact of Positive Positron Emission Tomography on Prediction of Freedom From Progression After Stanford V Chemotherapy in Hodgkin's Disease

Ranjana Advani, Lauren Maeda, Philip Lavori, Andrew Quon, Richard Hoppe, Sheila Breslin, Saul A. Rosenberg, and Sandra J. Horning



**Fig 2.** Freedom from progression in patients with positive [ $^{18}\text{F}$ ]fluorodeoxyglucose ( $^{18}\text{F}$ ]FDG) positron emission tomography (PET) scans after chemotherapy (---) versus negative [ $^{18}\text{F}$ ]FDG-PET scans (—).

**“...in our patient population, the addition of RT...did not overcome the adverse prognostic significance of 18FDG-PET positivity. These patients were resistant to RT in the doses that were used.”**



**“...18FDG-PET status after CHT may be useful in identifying a small subset of patients who might not benefit from RT and for whom treatment intensification could be considered.”**

*Advani, JCO 2007*

# 4 out of 6 PET positive patients relapsed despite RT, but...

**Table 2.** Characteristics of Patients Who Experienced Relapse

Age (years)	Sex	Stage	CT Duration (weeks)	[ <sup>18</sup> F]FDG-PET-Positive Sites		RT Site	Dose (Gy)	Sites of Relapse	Relationship to RT Field
				Pre CT	Post CT				
31	Male	IIBX	12	M, SC	None	M, SC	36	M, SC, PA	In and distant
31	Male	IIBX	12	M, SC	M	M, SC	36	Chest wall	In*
28	Female	IIBX	12	M, H	M	M, SC	36	M	In
29	Male	IIB	12	M, H, SC	None	M, SC	30	M	In
43	Male	IIA	8	M, H, SC	M	M, SC	20	M, H, S, O	In and distant
23	Male	IIA	8	M, H, SC	M	M, SC	30	M	In
22	Female	IIA	8	M, H, SC	None	M, SC	30	M	In

Abbreviations: CT, chemotherapy; [<sup>18</sup>F]FDG, [<sup>18</sup>F]fluorodeoxyglucose; PET, positron emission tomography; RT, radiation therapy; X, bulky mediastinal disease; M, mediastinum; SC, supradavicular; PA, para-aortic; H, hilum; S, spleen; O, bone.

\*Margin.

# CONCLUSIONS

## ❖ Early stage with interim PET –

-Awaiting results of randomized trials to understand if we can avoid Radiotherapy

## ❖ Early stage with interim PET +

-RT can cure most of these patients, the need for intensified CHT in under investigation

## ❖ Advanced stage with interim PET –

-Standard is adequate

## ❖ Advanced stage with interim PET +

-Could be interesting investigating the role of IF-RT against ABMT











## Revised Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma

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PET becomes a milestone in  
staging and response  
assessment

### REVISED RESPONSE CRITERIA

#### **CR**

The designation of CR requires the following (Table 2):

1. Complete disappearance of all detectable clinical evidence of disease and disease-related symptoms if present before therapy.

2a. Typically FDG-avid lymphoma: in patients with no pretreatment PET scan or when the PET scan was positive before therapy, a ~~post treatment residual mass of any size is permitted as long as it is~~ PET negative.

Inserire titolo articolo CHESON su REVISED CRITERIA

eventuali altre cose interessanti da articolo

## **Hodgkin lymphoma: Response assessment by Revised International Workshop Criteria**

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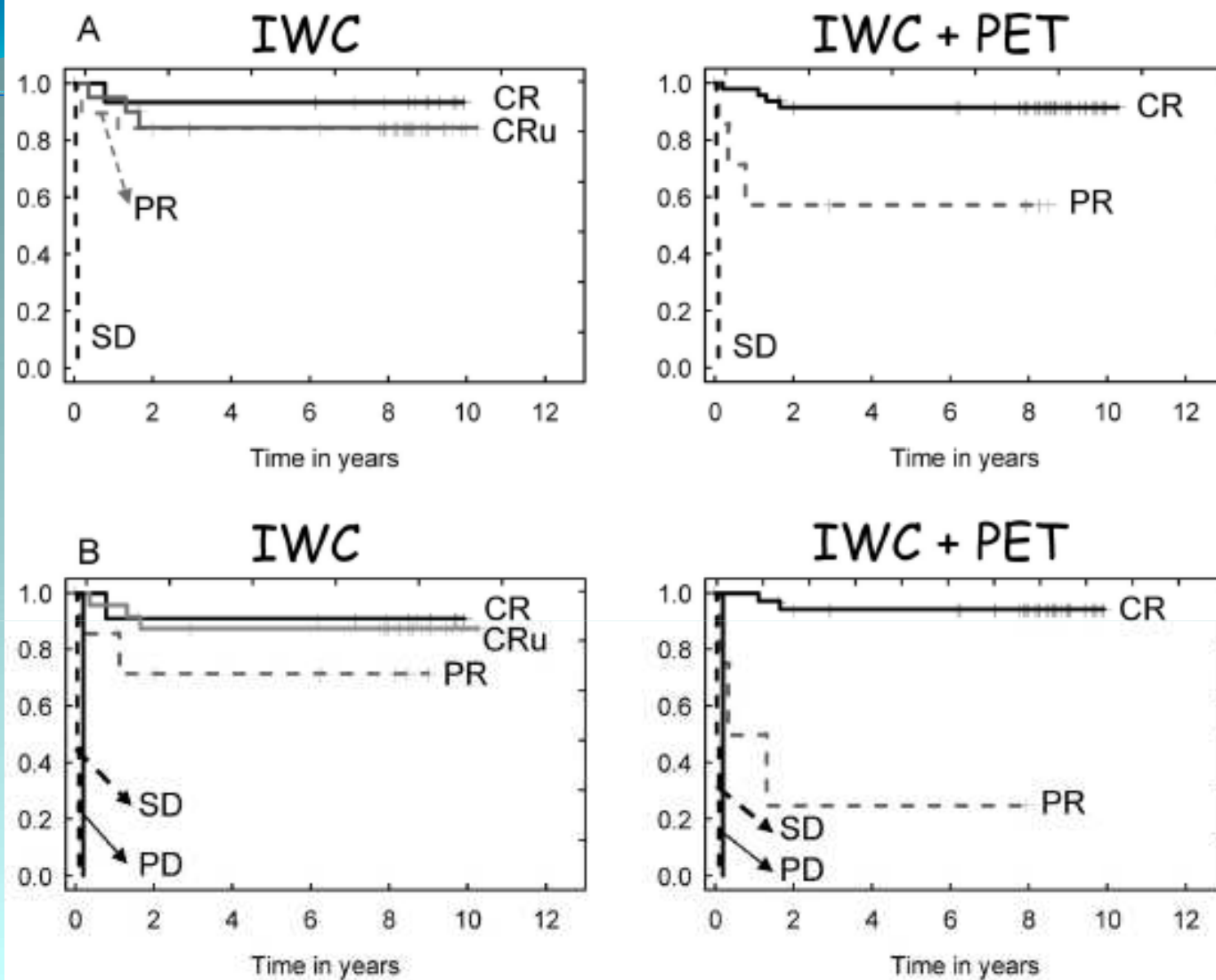


Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier curves of time-to-next treatment (TNT). Kaplan-Meier curves of TNT after first-line chemotherapy (A) and after completion of therapy (B) by International Workshop Criteria (IWC) and Integrated Response criteria (IWC+PET). CR, complete remission; CRu, unconfirmed complete remission; PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease.

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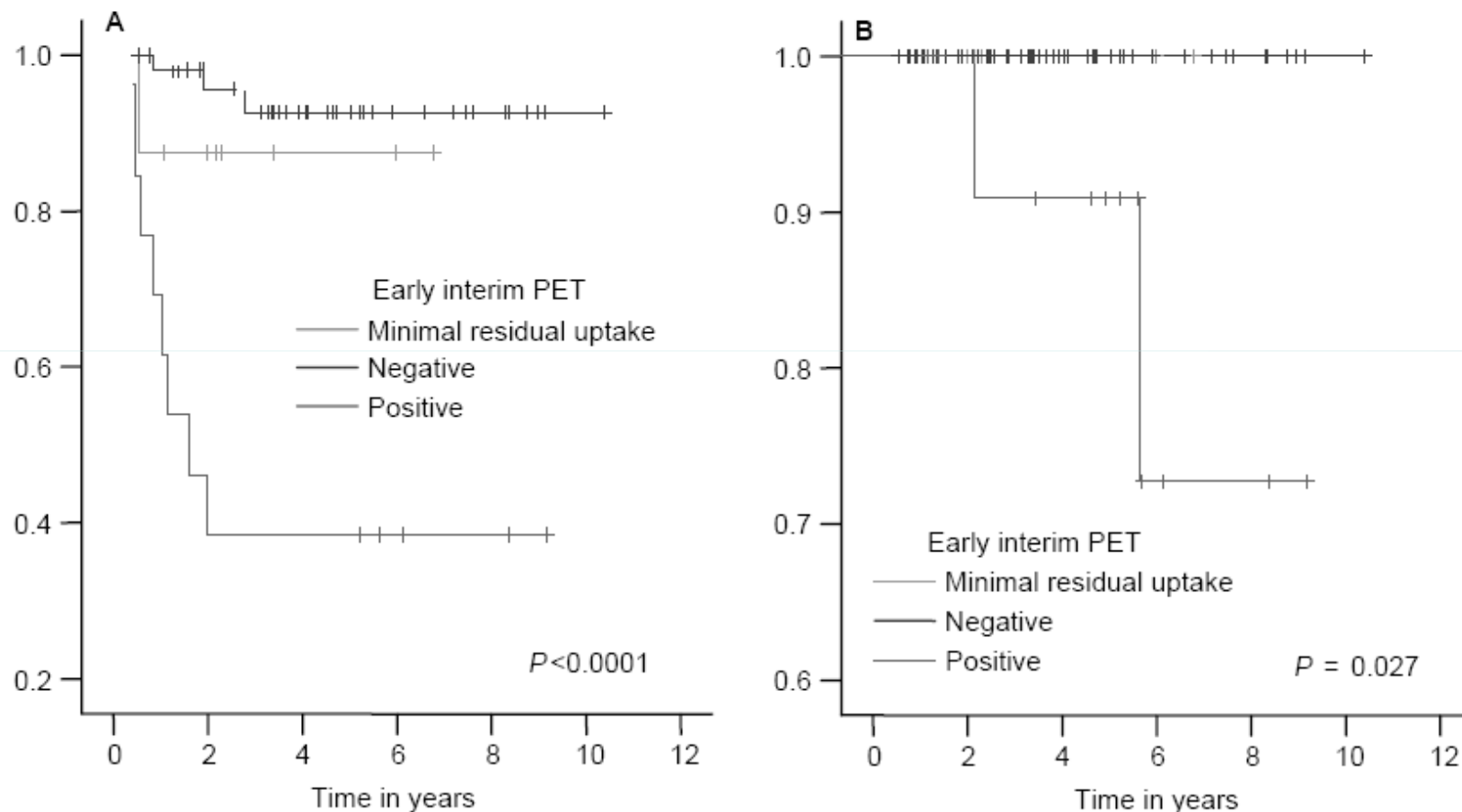
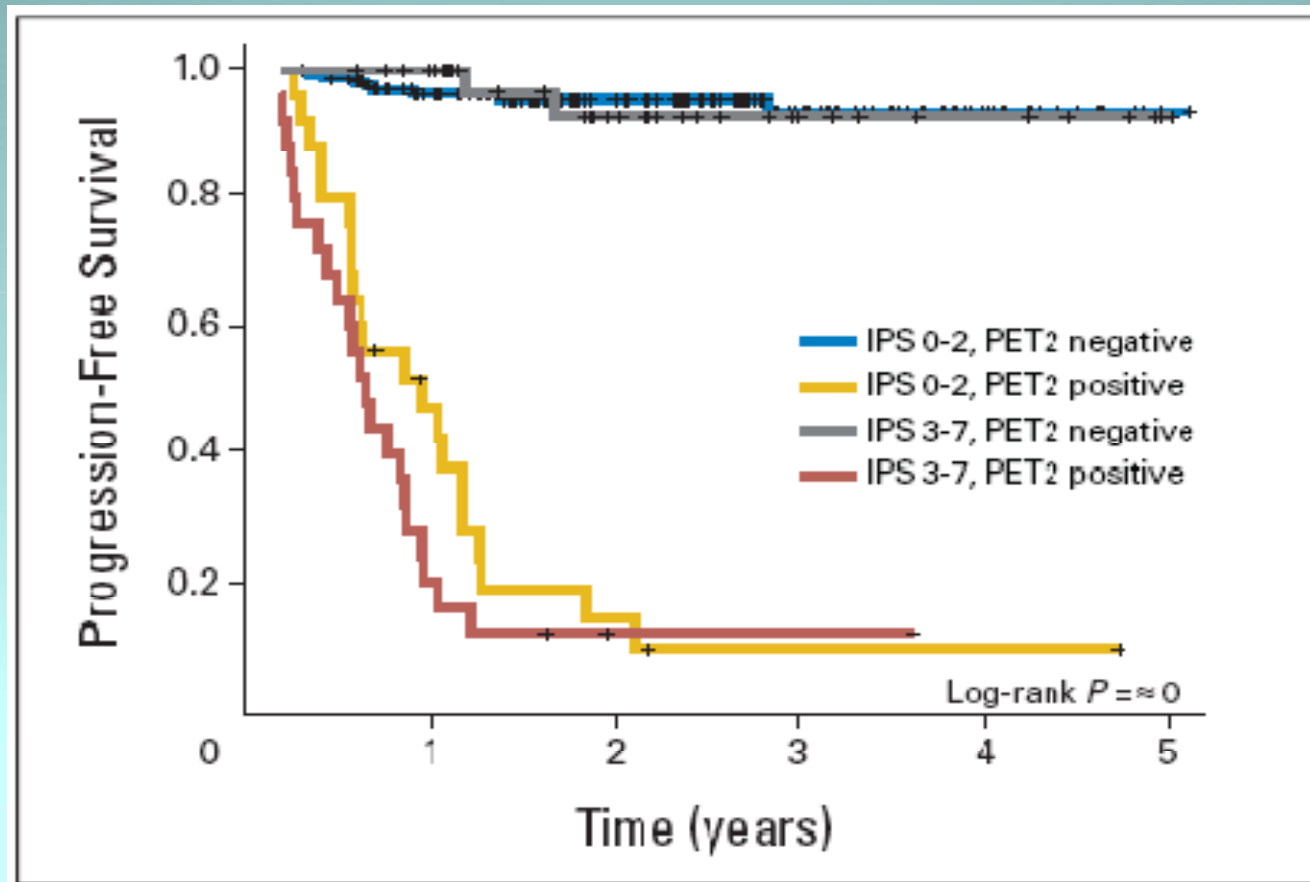


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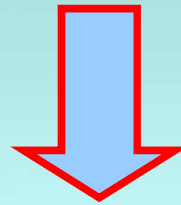
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+ Articolo Zinzani?!? + altri citati?!?

Articoli meta-analisi? Terasawa + Zjilstra  
(cercare) da articoli di Juweid?!?



Emerge importanza del valore prognostico negativo, ma del positivo  
ci sono dubbi! (addirittura biopsia?!? e articolo su necessità di  
biopsia?!?)

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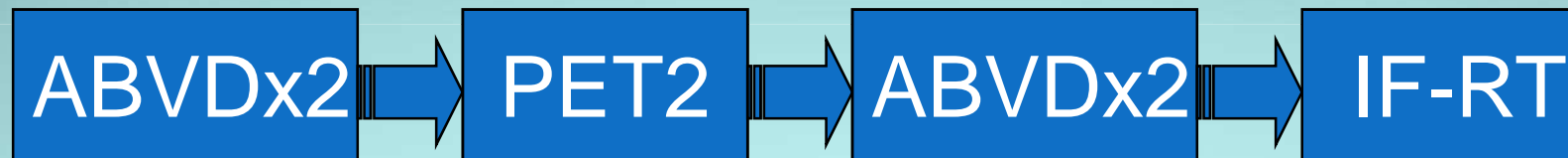
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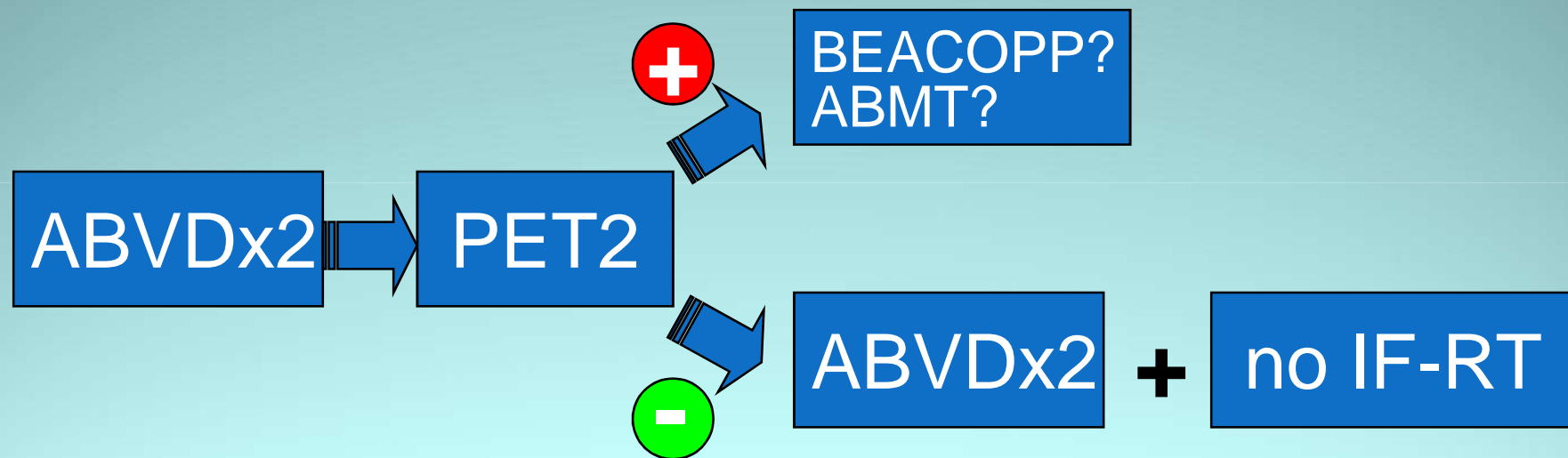
## RUOLO DELLA “INTERIM PET”

Dimostrato ruolo importante negli stadi avanzati, in grado di modificare l'atteggiamento terapeutico (DFS a 2 anni 0-12% in PET2+), importante valore prognostico positivo

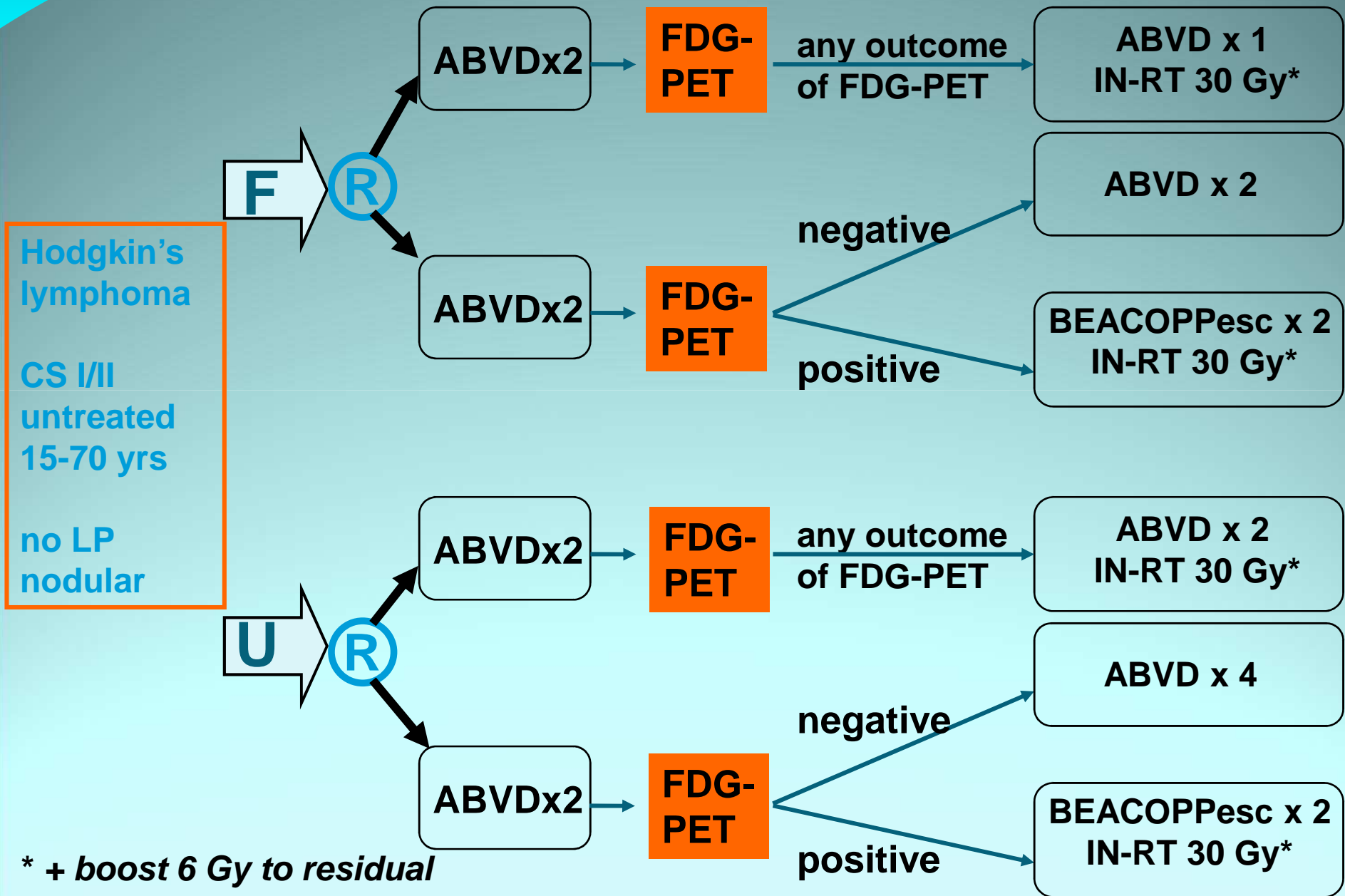
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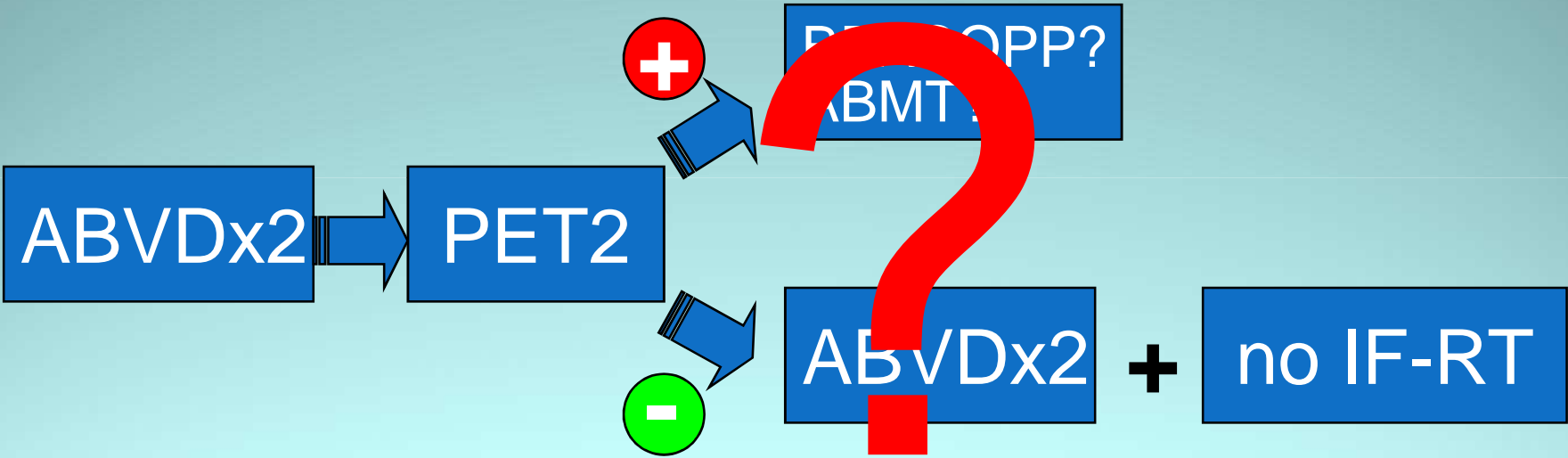
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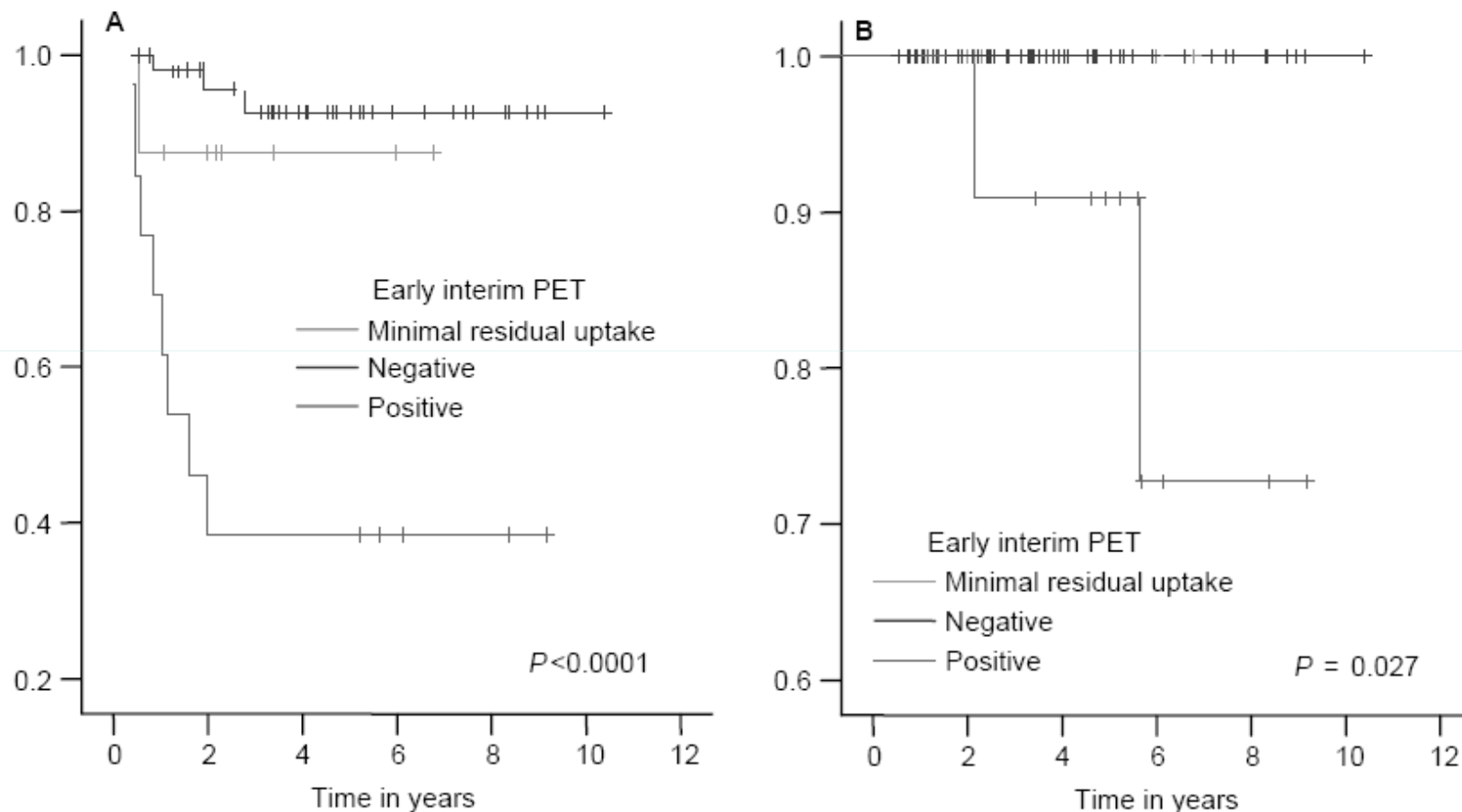


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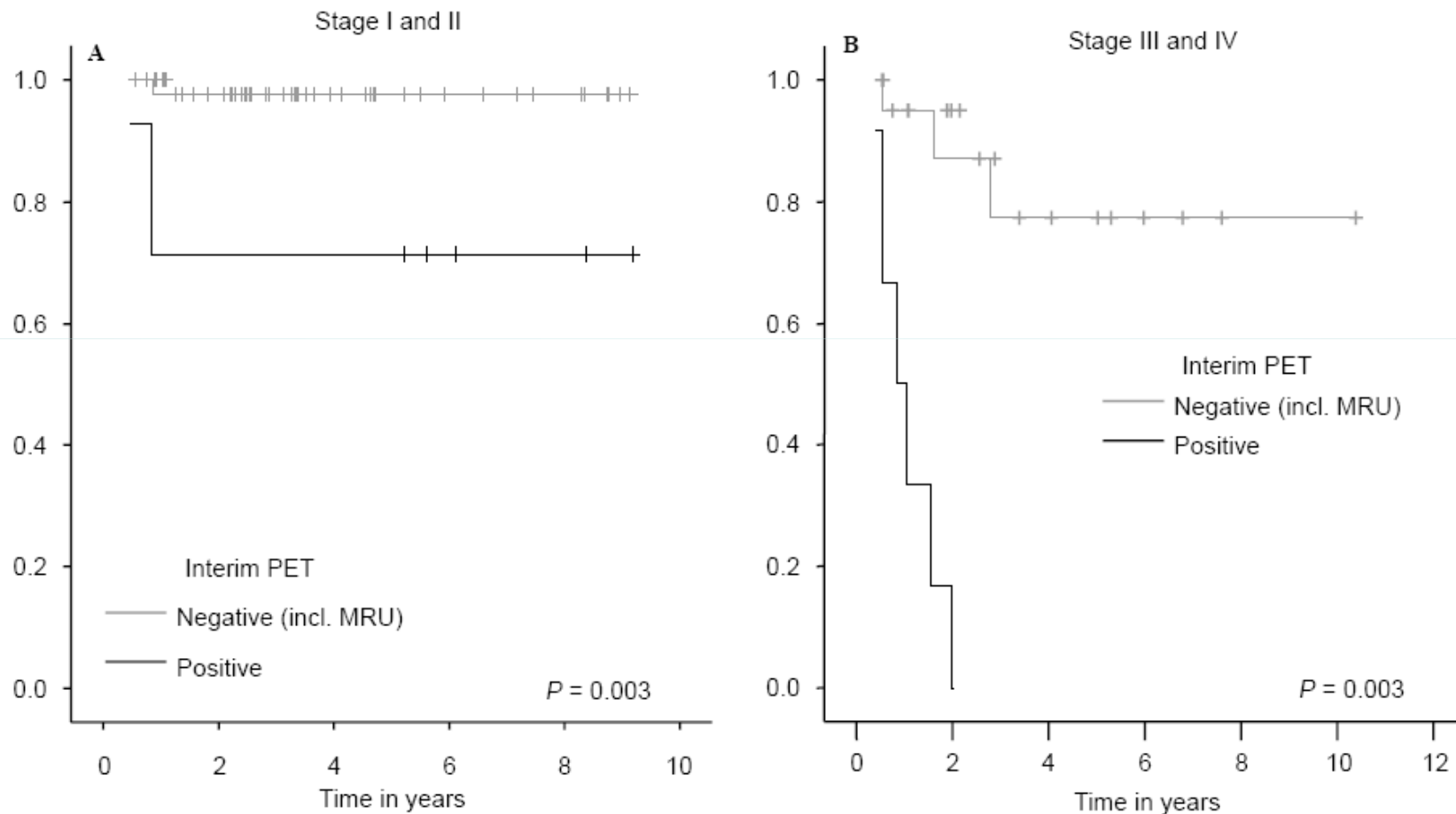


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# CARATTERISTICHE DELLA CASISTICA

88 pazienti con LHDG in stadio I e II trattati presso le Radioterapie delle Università di Firenze e Brescia dal 2002 alla fine del 2008

Follow up	9-73 mesi (media 35,8)		
Sesso	M	•	(47,7%)
	F	46	(52,3%)
Istologia	PL	10	(11,3%)
	SN	65	(74,2%)
	CM	8	(9,1%)
	DL	3	(3,4%)
Stadio	I	12	(13,8%)
	II	76	(86,4%)
Sintomi	A	•	(80,7%)
	B	17	(19,3%)
Bulky	Sì	20	(22,6%)
	No	68	(77,3%)

# CARATTERISTICHE DELLA CASISTICA

Volume RT	IF	69	(78,4%)
	EF	19	(21,6%)
Dose RT	30 Gy	28	(31,8%)
	36 Gy	28	(31,8%)
	40 Gy	28	(31,8%)
	>40 Gy	7	(8,0%)
Tipo CHT	ABVD	•	(85,2%)
	VEPEB	•	(4,6%)
	IGEV	2	(2,2%)
	MAMA	1	(1,1%)
	No CHT	6	(6,8%)
PET 2	Sì	•	(50%)
	No	44	(50%)

### 3 RECIDIVE:

- ⊕ Recidiva mediastinica in area PET+ alla diagnosi ed irradiata (PET 2 e PET 4 positive)
- ⊕ Recidiva su regione SPCL in area PET- alla diagnosi e non irradiata (no PET 2)
- ⊕ Recidiva mediastinica in area PET+ alla diagnosi marginale al campo di trattamento (PET 2 negativa)

## Recidive secondo PET2 nei pazienti Early Stage

Autore	Follow-up	PET2 positivi	Recidive nei PET2 positivi	Recidive nei PET2 negativi
Hutchings (Ann Oncol, 2005)	6-125 mesi (media 46,6)	7/57 (12,3%)	2/7 (28,5%)	1/50 (2%)
Hutchings (Blood, 2006)	6,1-40,8 mesi (media 23,4)	5/31 (16,1%)	1/5% (20%)	0/26 (0%)
Casistica FI-BS	6,1-70,8 mesi (media 32,8)	4/44 (9,1%)	1/4 (25%)	1/40 (2,5%)

# CONCLUSIONI

- Elevato valore predittivo negativo della PET2 negli early stage
- Il 70-80% dei pazienti early stage PET2 positivi vengono comunque recuperati con una RT IF
- Al momento la PET2 + non sembra giustificare una modifica del normale iter terapeutico
- Necessari comunque i dati che emergeranno dagli studi attualmente in corso che utilizzano la PET per la stratificazione dei pazienti (EORTC H10, UK, etc.)