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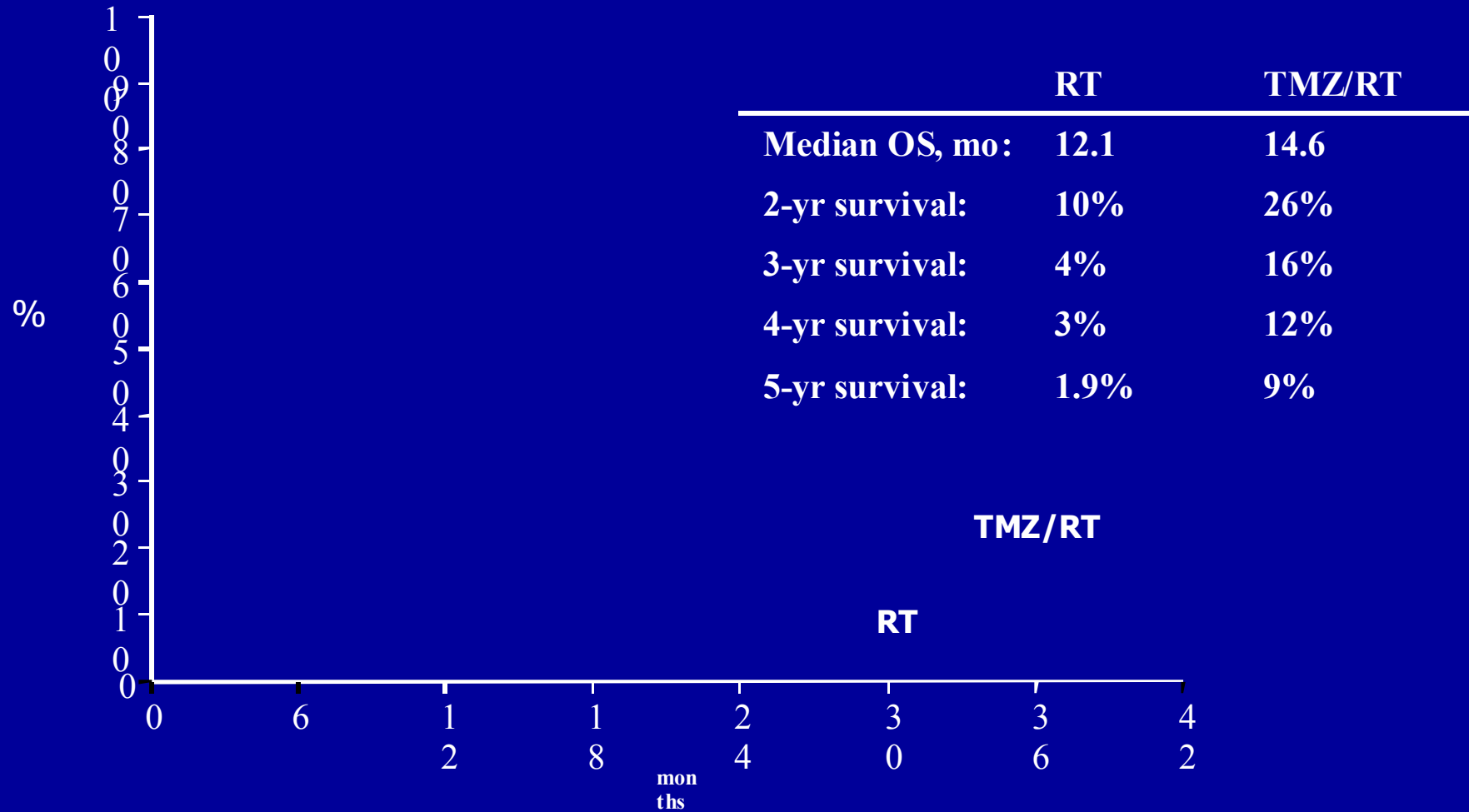
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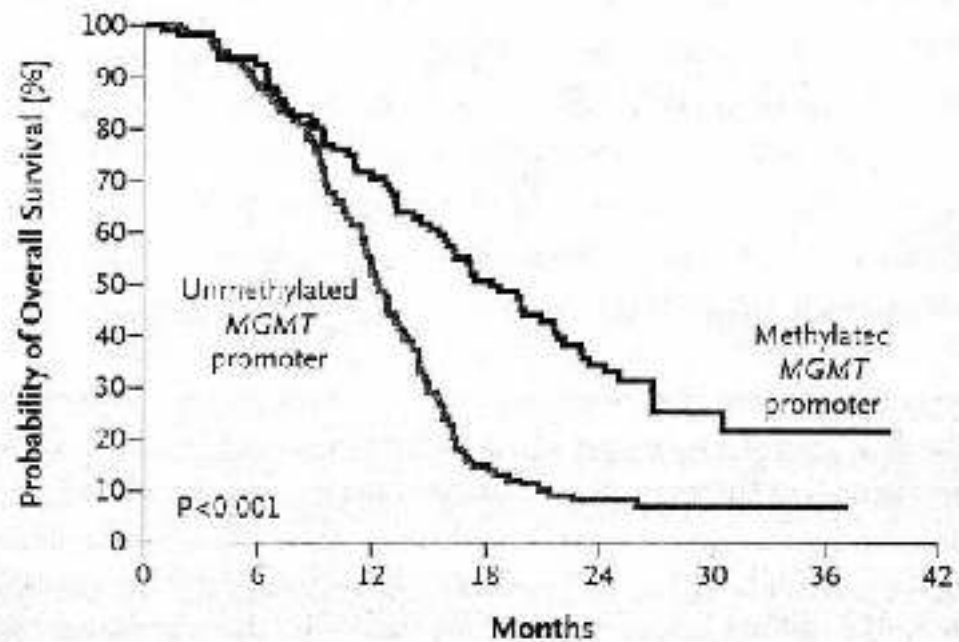
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GBM: benefit from RT-TMZ



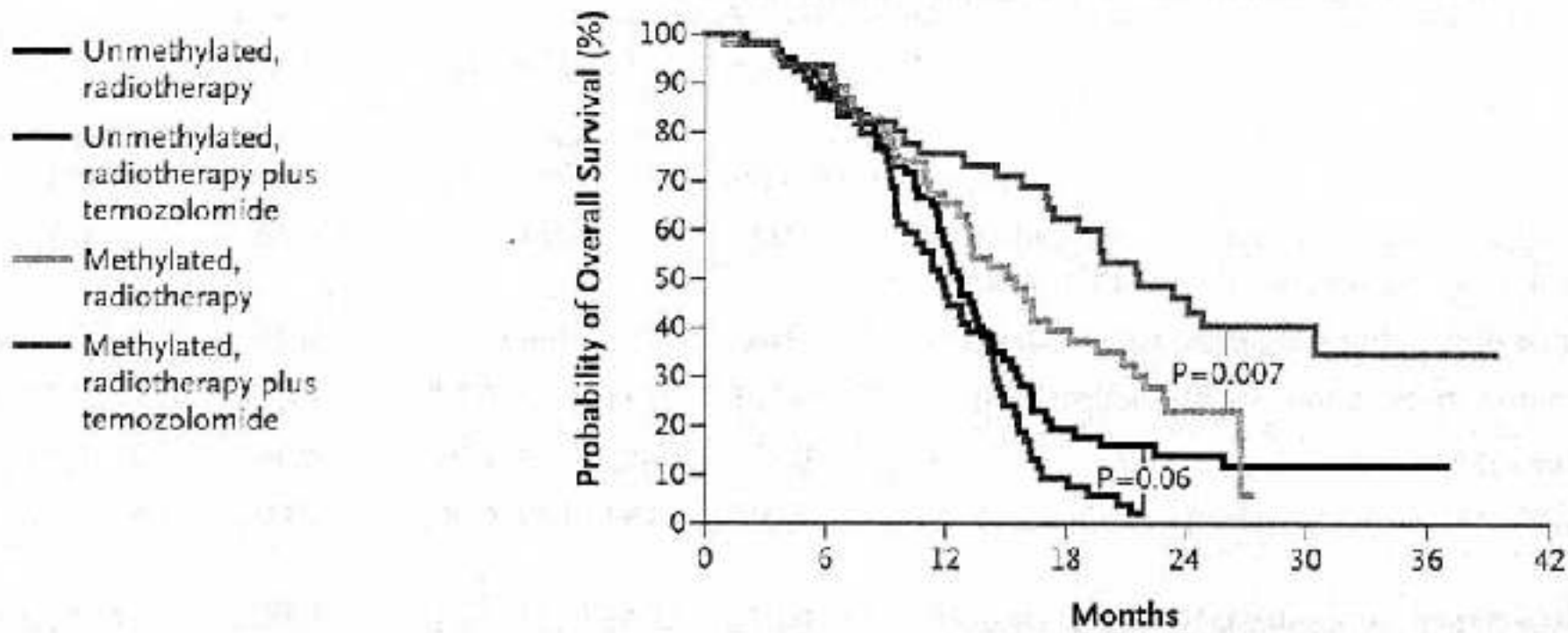
Stupp et al, N Engl. J Med, 2005



No. at Risk							
Unmethylated	114	100	59	16	7	4	1
Methylated	92	84	64	46	24	7	1

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Overall Survival, According to MGMT Promoter Methylation Status.

The difference in survival between patients with a methylated MGMT promoter (92 patients, 65 of whom died) and those with an unmethylated MGMT promoter (114 patients, 105 of whom died) was highly significant ($P < 0.001$ by the log-rank test), indicating that the MGMT methylation status has prognostic value. In the group of patients with a methylated MGMT promoter, there was a risk reduction of 55 percent (hazard ratio for death, 0.45; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.32 to 0.61) as compared with the group with an unmethylated MGMT promoter.



No. at Risk

Unmethylated, radiotherapy	54	47	25	5	0	0	0
Unmethylated, radiotherapy plus temozolomide	60	53	34	11	7	4	1
Methylated, radiotherapy	46	42	30	18	8	0	0
Methylated, radiotherapy plus temozolomide	46	42	34	28	16	7	1

Overall survival for patients with a methylated MGMT promoter

Treatment	RT meth	RT+TMZ meth
Median Survival	15.3 mos	23.4 mos
2-year OS (%)	23.9	48.9
3-year OS (%)	7.8	27.7
4-year OS (%)	5.2	22.1
Hazard ratio	0.51 [0.33 – 0.81] $P = 0.04$	

Stupp et al, Lancet Oncol, 2009

Overall survival for patients with an unmethylated MGMT promoter

Treatment	RT unmeth	RT+TMZ unmeth
Median Survival	11.8 mos	12.6 mos
2-year OS (%)	1.9	14.8
3-year OS (%)	0.0	11.1
4-year OS (%)	0.0	11.1
Hazard ratio	0.66 [0.45 – 0.97] $P = 0.035$	

Stupp et al, Lancet Oncol, 2009

Issues/controversies on MGMT

- Is the predictive significance related to temozolomide only?
- Is the predictive significance maintained in the recurrent setting?
- Do changes in MGMT occur between newly diagnosed and recurrent GBM?
- Which is the role of MGMT in the elderly?

Why to treat with Stupp regimen patients with unmethylated MGMT

- To date, effective alternatives are lacking
- There is a little advantage in the combining arm (RT+tmz) in comparison to RT alone
- There are still some concerns in the definition of Met versus unmetMGMT patients (whic is the cut-off in PCR?)

Prognostic Impact of O⁶-Methylguanine-DNA Methyltransferase Silencing in Patients With Recurrent Glioblastoma Multiforme Who Undergo Surgery and Carmustine Wafer Implantation

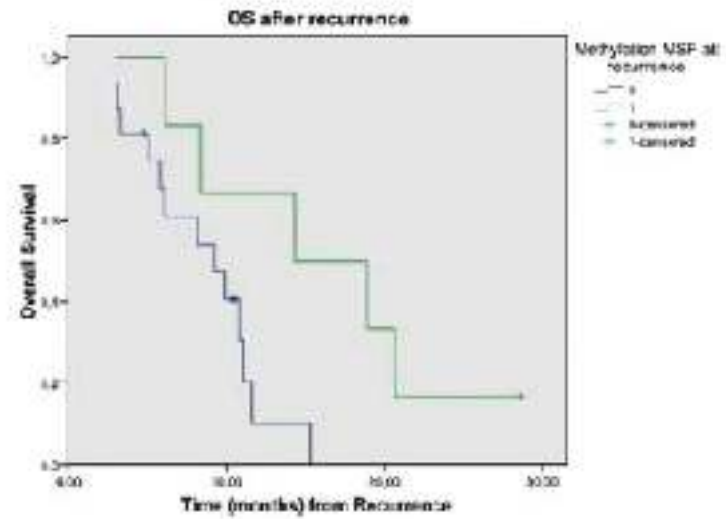
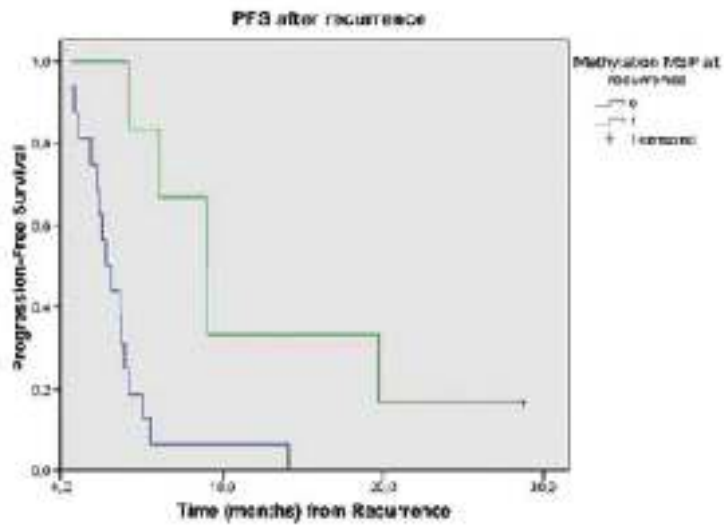
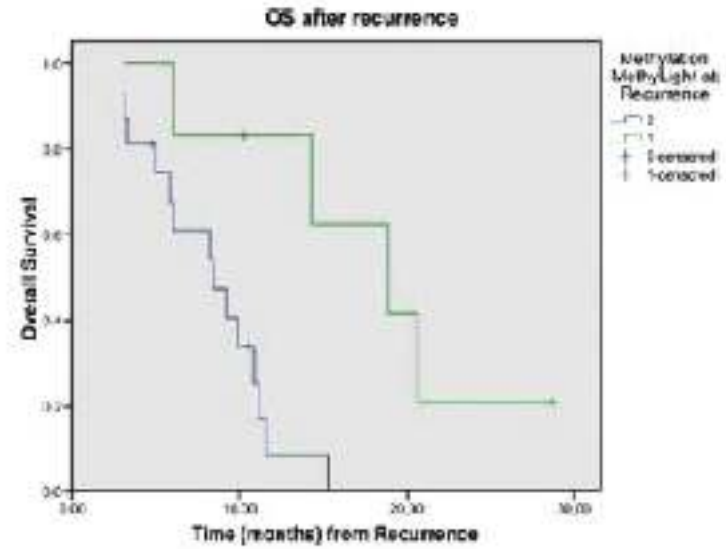
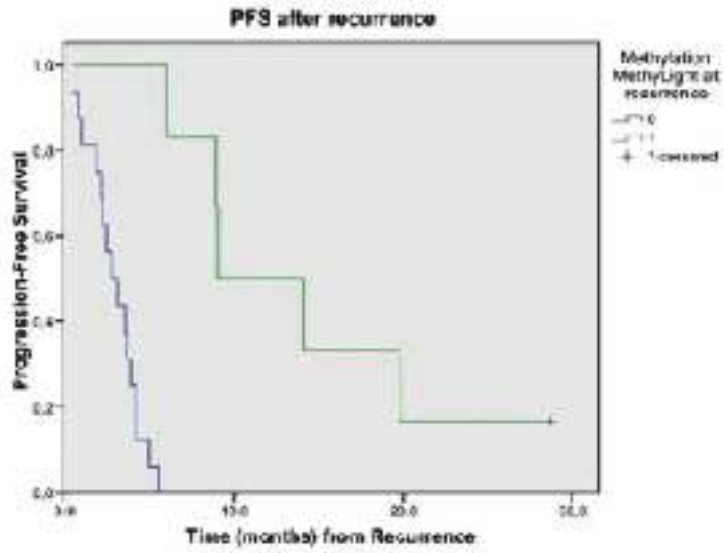
A Prospective Patient Cohort

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BACKGROUND: O⁶-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase (MGMT) is a key enzyme in the DNA repair process after alkylating agent action. Epigenetic silencing of the MGMT gene by promoter methylation has been associated with longer survival in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) who receive alkylating agents. In this study, the authors evaluated the prognostic value of different biomarkers in recurrent GBM and analyzed the changes in MGMT status between primary tumors and recurrent tumors.

METHODS: Twenty-two patients who had recurrent GBM and who underwent surgery with carmustine wafer implantation were enrolled prospectively between 2005 and 2007. The authors investigated the correlation between MGMT silencing in the tumor at recurrence and survival taking into account other clinically recognized prognostic factors. MGMT status was determined by using methylation-specific polymerase chain reaction analysis, a high-throughput quantitative methylation assay, and immunohistochemistry. In addition, expression analyses of human mit1 homolog 1, human mit5 homolog 2, and tumor necrosis factor α -induced protein 3 at recurrence were conducted with regard to their prognostic impact.

RESULTS: The median progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) rates after recurrence were

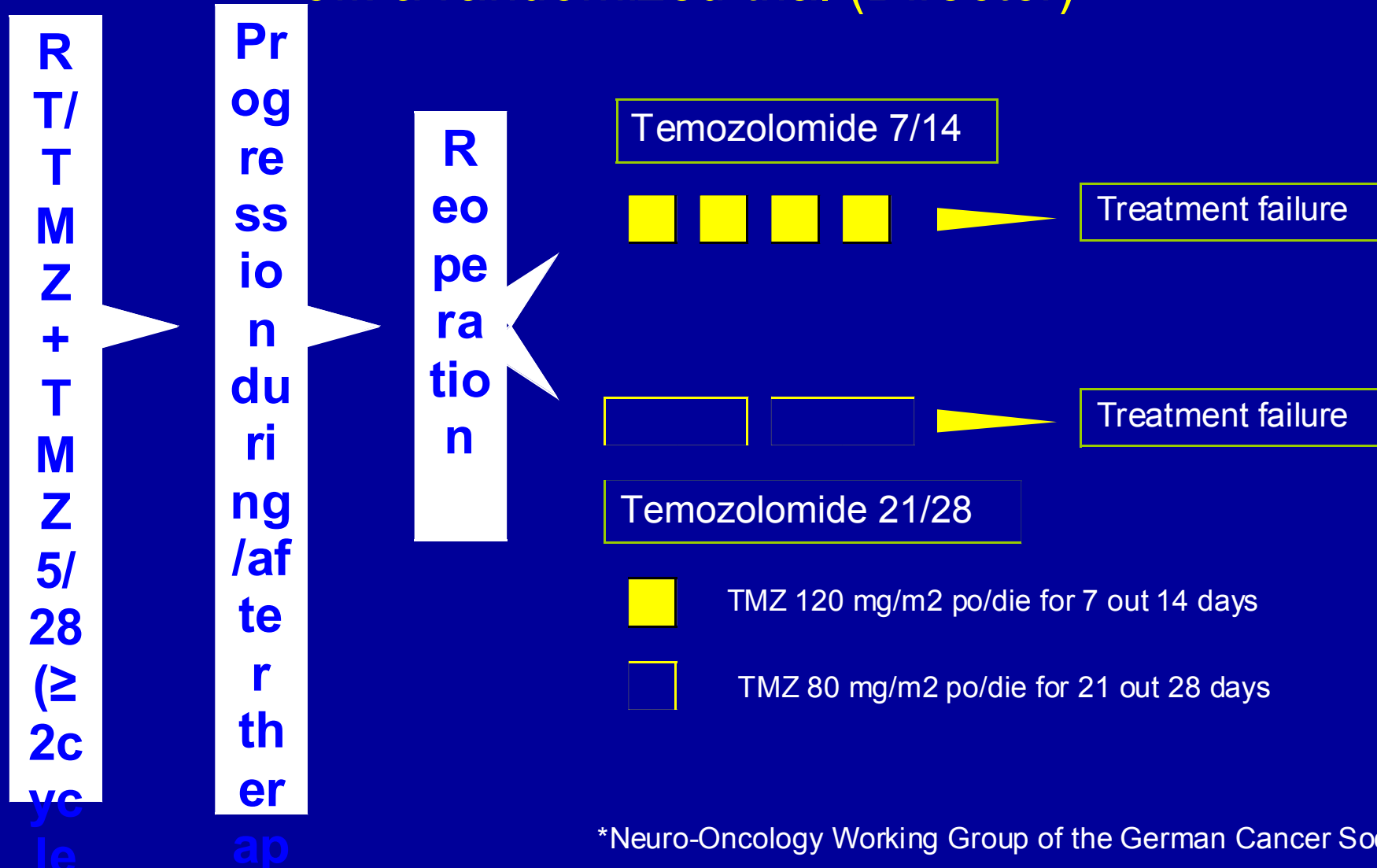


Metellus et al, Cancer 2009

***MGMT* Promoter Methylation Is a Strong Prognostic Biomarker for Benefit from Dose-Intensified Temozolomide Rechallenge in Progressive Glioblastoma: The DIRECTOR Trial**

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Dose-intensified rechallenge with temozolomide, 1 week on / 1 week off versus 3 weeks on / 1 week off: a randomized trial (Director)*



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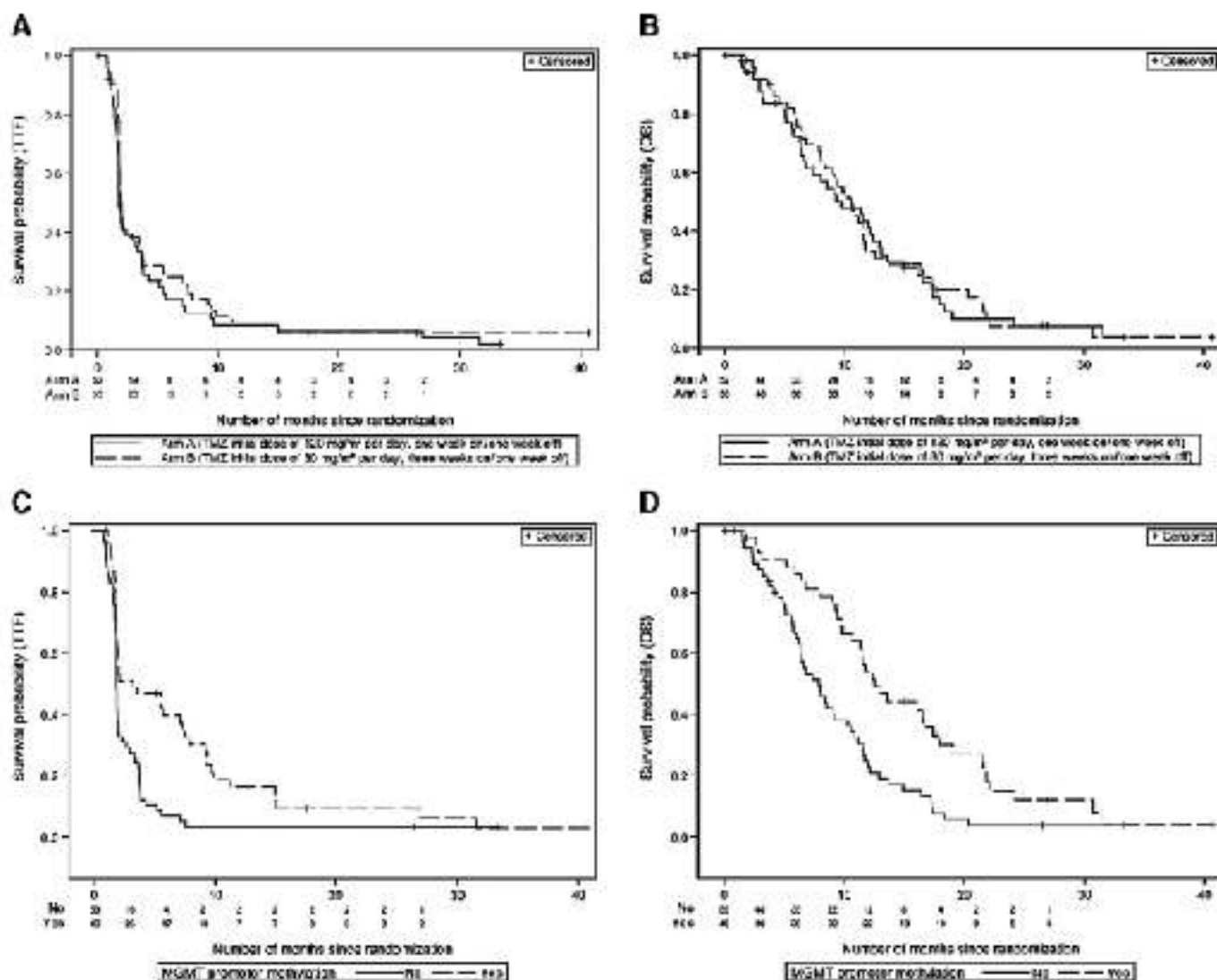


Figure 2. Clinical outcome: TTF (A) and OS (B) in Arm A (2/36) versus Arm B (2/26); TTF (C) and OS (D) in patients without versus with MGMT promoter methylation.

CONTROVERSIES REGARDING MGMT STATUS

- Do changes in MGMT status occur between newly diagnosed and recurrent GBM ?



Some studies have suggested that a proportion of patients could shift from the methylated to the unmethylated status at recurrence (*Brandes et al, 2010 ; Fiano et al, 2014*) while others had not (*Felsberg J et al. 2011*).

CONTROVERSIES REGARDING MGMT STATUS

- Which is the role in elderly patients ?

Glioblastoma in the Elderly

Table 1 Randomized Controlled Trials Designed for Elderly Patients With Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma

Study	Patient Age (y)	Number of Evaluable Patients	Treatment	Median Survival (mo)
Nordic ⁴⁷	≥60	291	TMZ ⁵⁷⁵ vs RT ³⁴ vs RT ⁶⁰	8.3 vs 7.5 vs 6.0
	>70	123	TMZ ⁵⁷²³ vs RT ³⁶ vs RT ³⁰	9.0 vs 7.0 vs 5.2
NOA-08 ¹⁶	>65	373	RT ²⁰ vs TMZ ⁷⁷	9.6 vs 8.6
Keirne-Guibert et al ³⁴	>70	85	RT ³⁰ vs supportive care	6.7 vs 3.9
Roa et al ¹⁵	>60	100	RT ⁴⁰ vs RT ³⁰	5.1 vs 5.6

Holdoff et al, J Nat Compr Canc Netw 2013

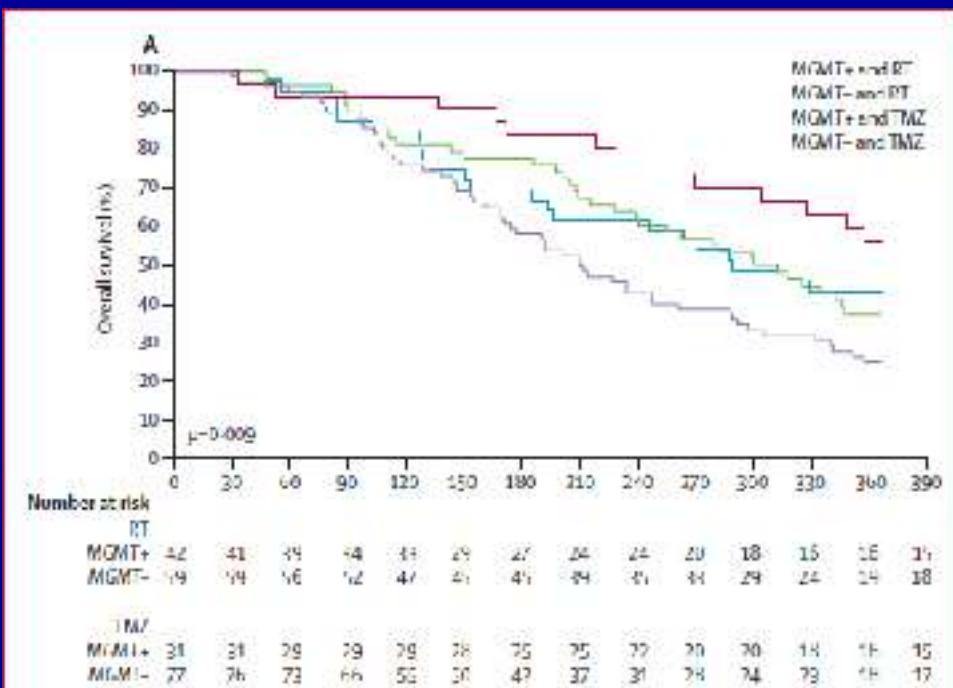
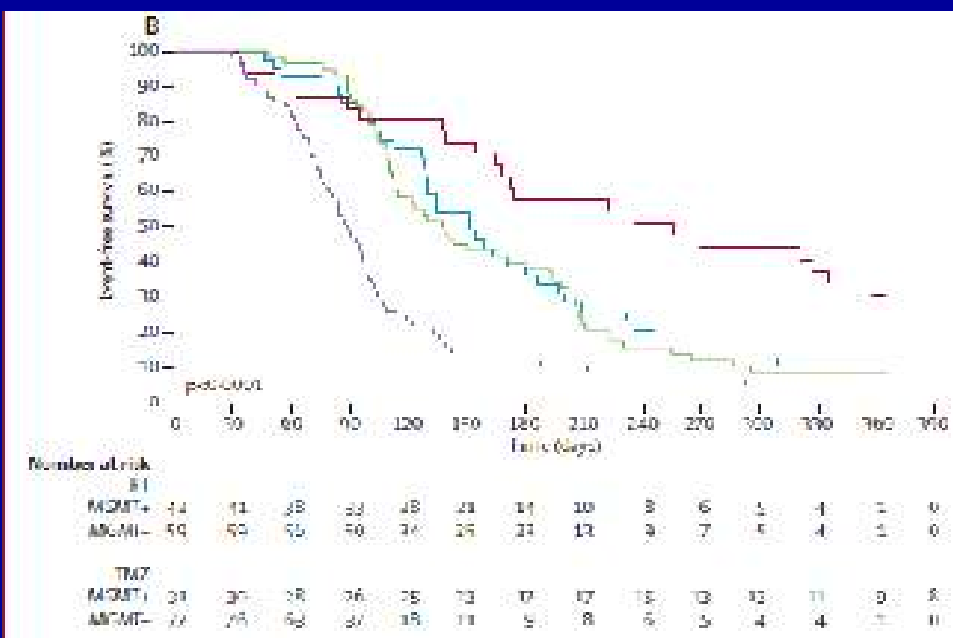
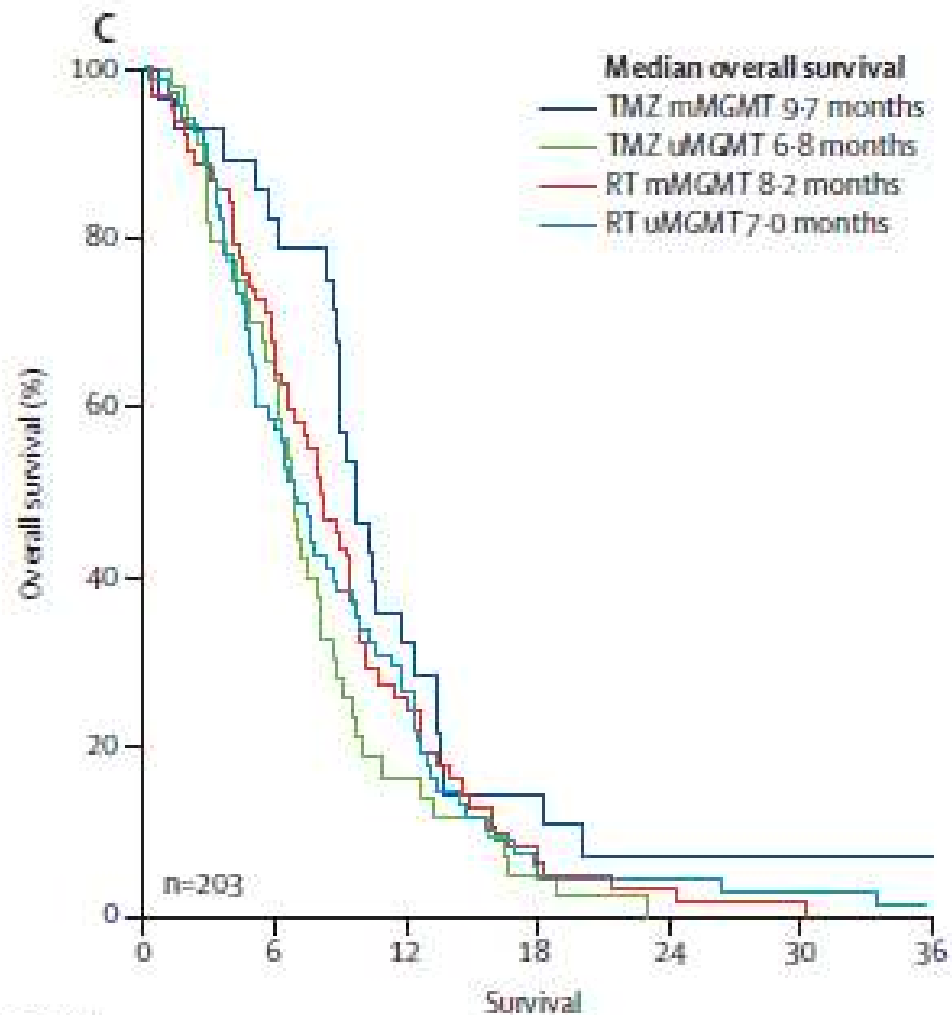


Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier analysis of overall and event-free survival in relation to MGMT promoter methylation status and treatment

(A) Overall survival. (B) Event-free survival. The p-values were calculated for any significant difference in at least two of the curves. See also table 3. RT: radiotherapy; TMZ: temozolomide.



Wick et al, Lancet Oncol, 2012.

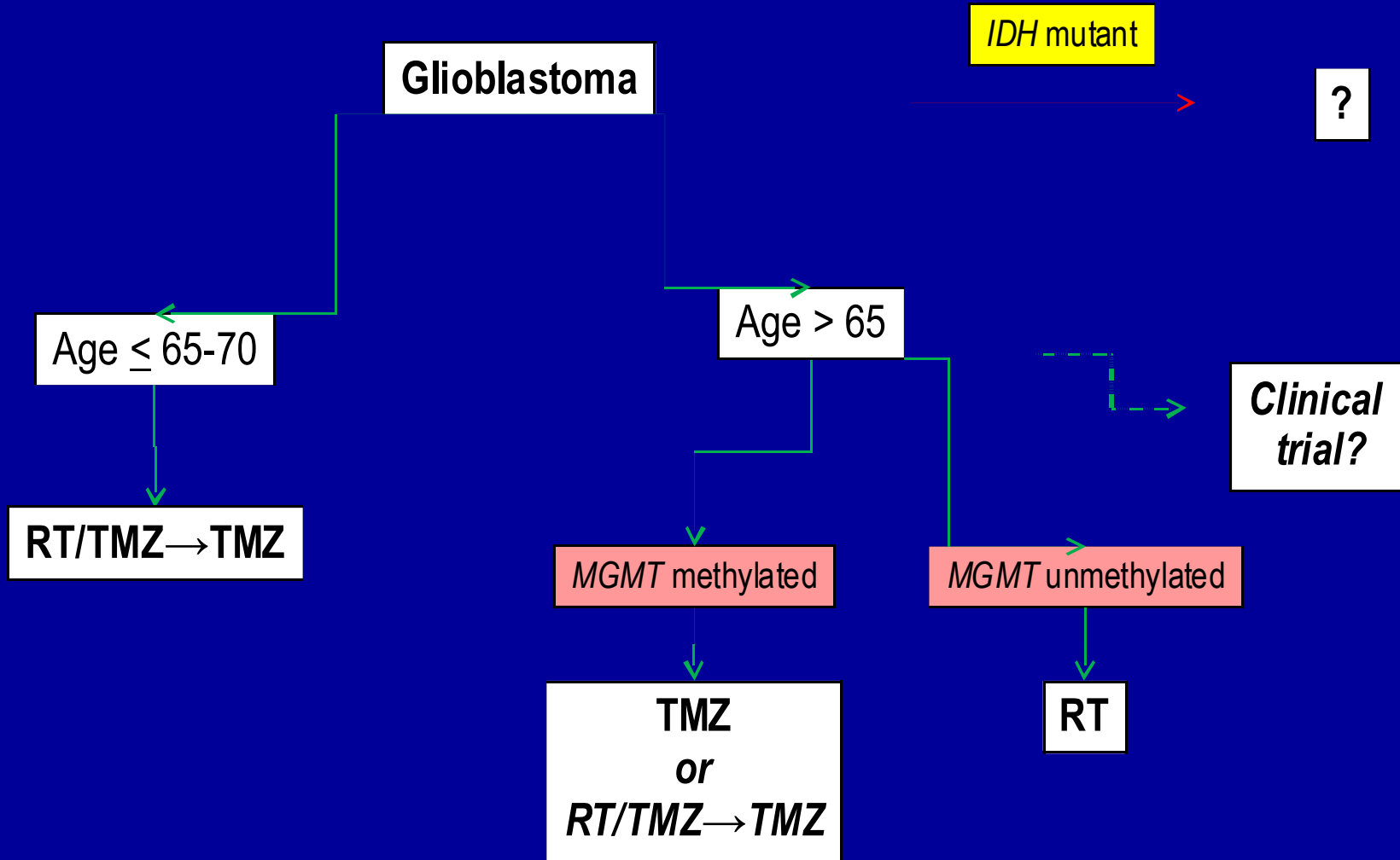


Number at risk

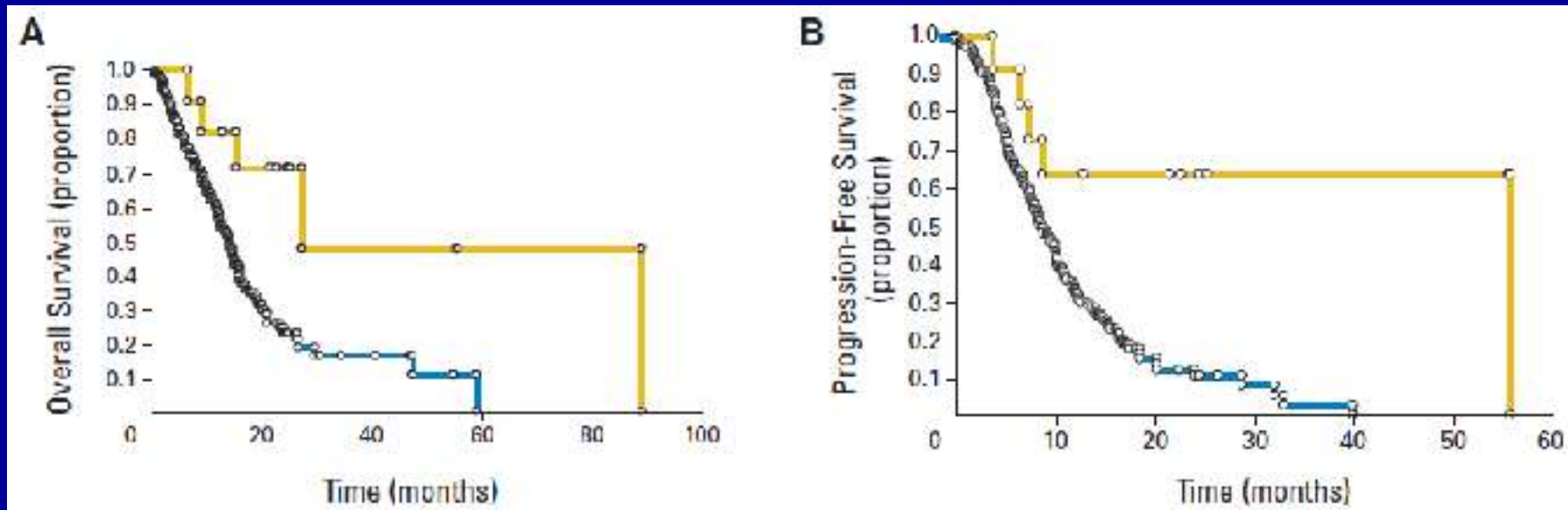
TMZ mMGMT	28	23	9	4	2	2	2
TMZ uMGMT	44	27	7	2	0	0	0
RT mMGMT	63	41	16	4	2	1	0
RT uMGMT	68	40	18	3	3	2	1*

Malmström et al, Lancet Oncol, 2012.

Current approach to glioblastoma patients with good prognostic clinical factors



Overall and progression-free survival in glioblastoma according to IDH1 mutation



Sanson et al, J Clin Oncol, 2009.

EGFR Mutation Variant III (EGFRvIII)

- Tumor-specific oncogene expressed in one-third of primary GBM, seldom expressed with IDH mutations but not in normal tissue
- EGFRvIII(+) cells may induce growth in EGFRvIII(-) cells via paracrine signaling, membrane-derived microvesicles, and tumor stem cells¹⁻⁴
- Rindopepimut consists of EGFRvIII peptide conjugated to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH)
 - Generates a specific immune response against EGFRvIII-expressing GBM
 - “Off the shelf”
 - Delivered as intradermal injection of 500 µg rindopepimut with 150 µg GM-CSF as an adjuvant

EGFRvIII Linked To Poor Long Term Survival

Dataset	EGFRvIII+		EGFRvIII-	
	Median OS	3-year OS	Median OS	3-year OS
Heimberger 2005	12	<5%		
Pelloski 2007	12.7	6%		
RTOG 0525, TMZ 5/28	14.2	7%	18.2	25%
RTOG 0525, matched*	16.0	13%	22.2	36%
Lai 2010, matched*	15.2	6%		
German glioma network, all patients	11.3	8%	11.9	17%
German glioma network, matched*	17.0	17%	15.4	26%

* Matched for eligibility for Phase II rindopepimut trials (EGFRvIII+, GTR, radiation/TMZ, no progression through ~3 months post-diagnosis)

1. Inda, et al. Genes Dev. 2010:
2. Al-Ne dawi, et al. Nat Cell Biol. 2008

WHO 2007: grade III gliomas

- Anaplastic oligodendroglioma
- Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma
- Anaplastic astrocytoma

Patients with *IDH1* wild type anaplastic astrocytomas exhibit worse prognosis than *IDH1*-mutated glioblastomas, and *IDH1* mutation status accounts for the unfavorable prognostic effect of higher age: implications for classification of gliomas

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Jörg Felsberg, Matthias Simon, Manfred Westphal, Gabriele Schackert,
Richard Meyermann, Torsten Pietsch, Guido Reifenberger, Michael Weller,
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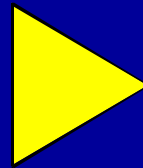
IDH: better to discriminate high-grade glioma than WHO grade?



CLINICAL TRIALS ON GRADE III gliomas

RTOG phase III trial 9402 on Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma:

Arm 1: Up to 4 intensified PCV cycles

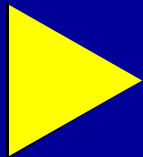


RT

Arm 2: RT

EORTC phase III trial 26951 on Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma:

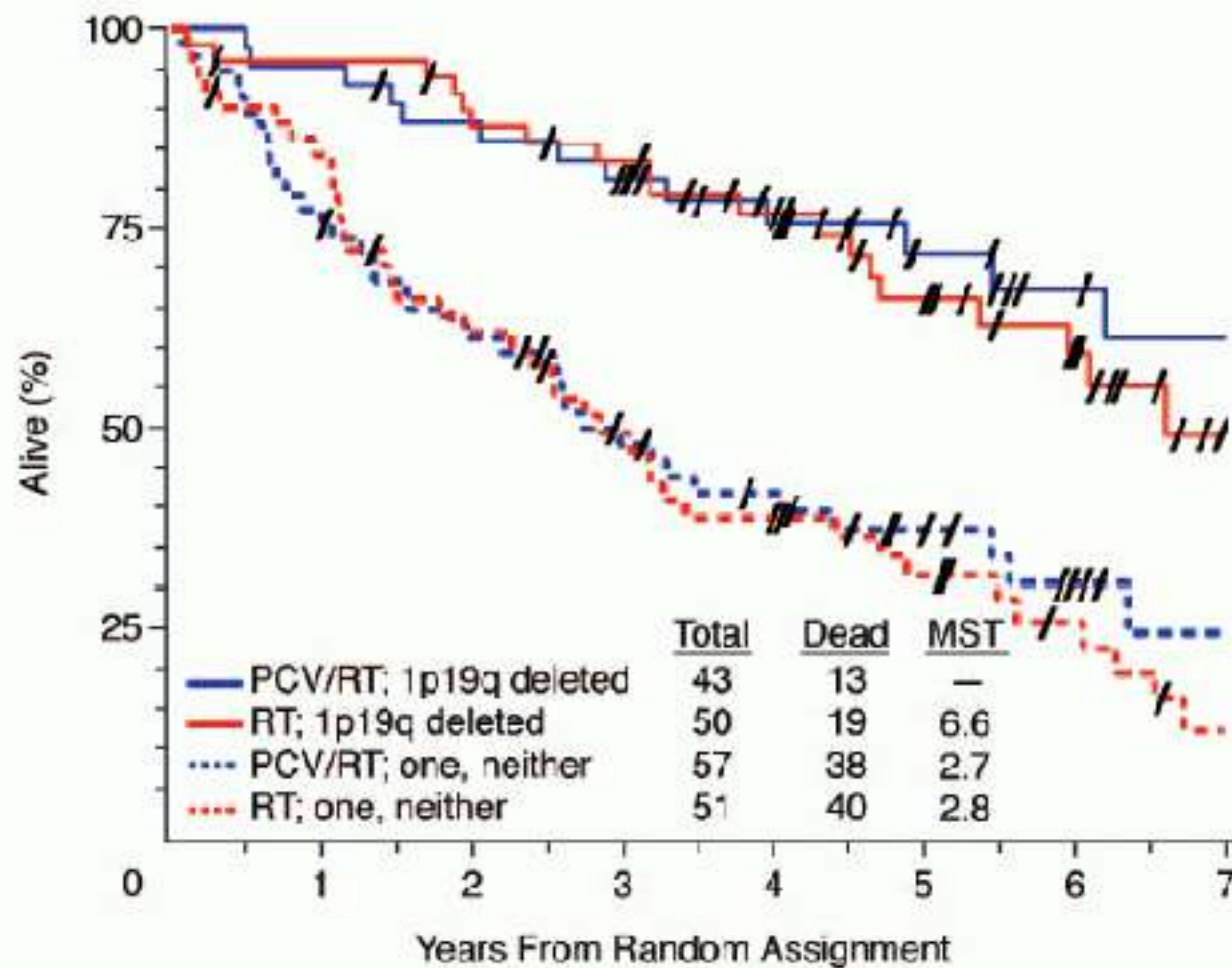
Arm 1: RT



6 cycles of adjuvant standard PCV

Arm 2: RT

NOA-04 phase III on Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma

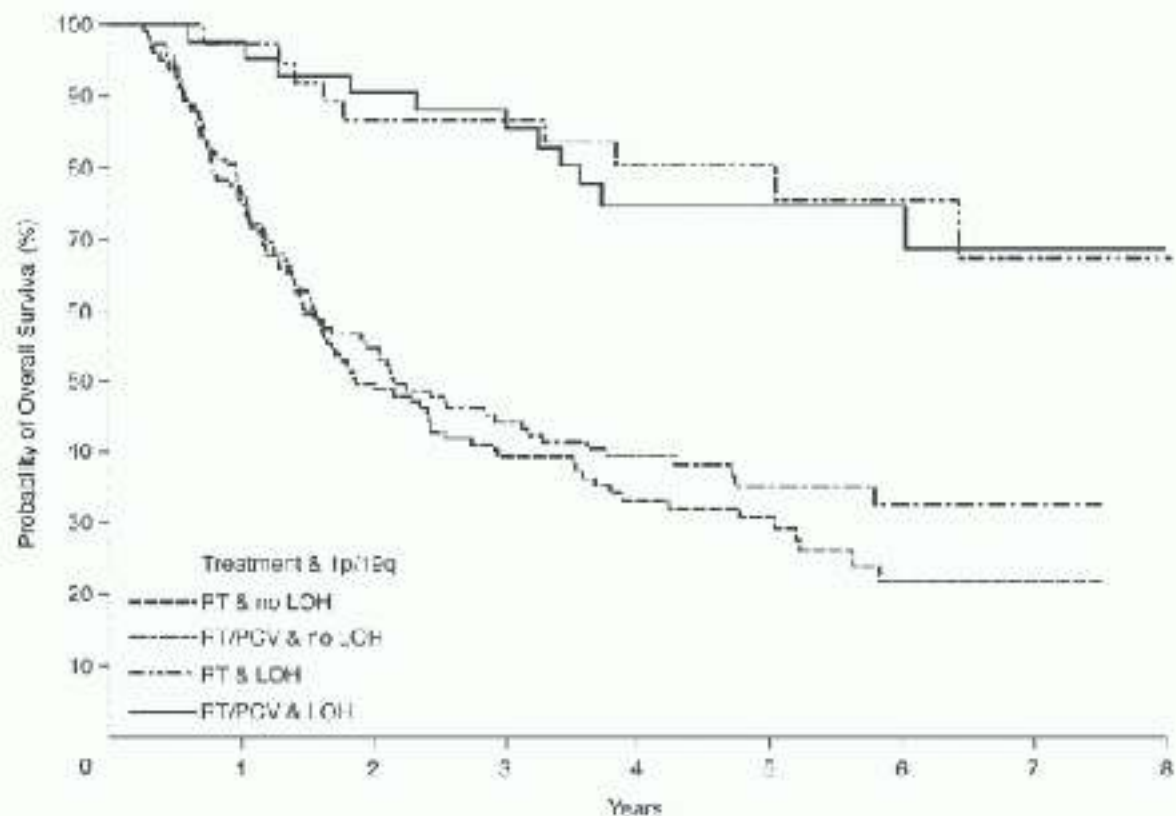


Patients at risk:

—	43	41	37	17	10
—	50	47	42	24	5
⋯	57	44	34	13	4
⋯	51	42	30	13	3

Fig 4. Kaplan-Meier estimates of overall survival by treatment and genotype. PCV, procarbazine, lomustine, and vincristine; RT, radiotherapy; MST, median survival time.

Adjuvant PCV in Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma



O	N	No. of patients at risk							
87	120	90	56	41	28	17	6	3	-----
78	113	63	60	46	30	21	7	1	-----
9	36	35	31	20	22	15	10	2	-----
11	42	40	36	32	23	17	11	4	-----

Fig 5. Overall survival in both treatment arms in the groups with and without combined 1p/19q loss. FT, radiotherapy; PCV, procarbazine, lomustine, and vincristine; LOH, loss of heterozygosity of both 1p and 19q. O, observed events; N, total number of events.

Phase III Trial of Chemoradiotherapy for Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma: Long-Term Results of RTOG 9402

Gregory Cairncross, Meihua Wang, Edward Shaw, Robert Jenkins, David Brachman, Jan Buckner, Karen Fink, Luis Souhami, Normand Lapierre, Walter Curran, and Minesh Mehta

Adjuvant Procarbazine, Lomustine, and Vincristine Chemotherapy in Newly Diagnosed Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma: Long-Term Follow-Up of EORTC Brain Tumor Group Study 26951

Martin J. van den Bent, Alba A. Brandes, Martin J.B. Taphoorn, Johan M. Kros, Mathilde C.M. Kouwenhoven, Jean-Yves Delattre, Hans J.J.A. Bernsen, Marc Frenay, Cees C. Tijssen, Wolfgang Grisold, László Sipos, Roelien H. Enting, Pim J. French, Winand N.M. Dinjens, Charles J. Vecht, Anouk Allgeier, Denis Lacombe, Thierry Gorlia, and Khê Hoang-Xuan

Long-term results of RTOG 9402

2006 results

	PCV + RT	RT alone
Median survival time	4.8 yrs	4.7 yrs

...18 years after the first patient enrolled...

2012 long-term results

		PCV + RT	RT alone
Median survival time	Codeleted	14.7 yrs	7.3 yrs
	Non codelet	2.6 yrs	2.7 yrs

Non codeleted tumors were grouped as follows: + 1p -19q, -1p + 19q or -1p-19q.

Long-term results of EORTC 26951

2006 results

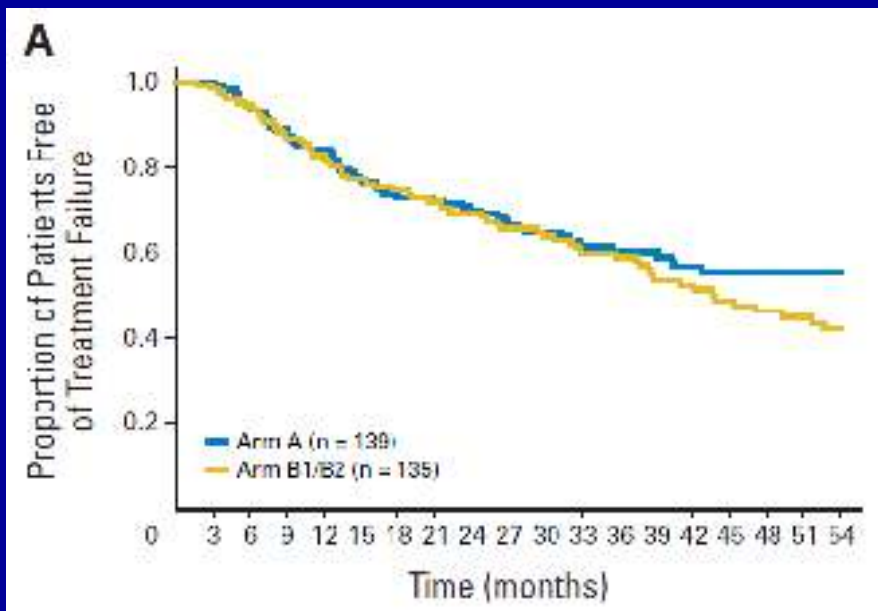
	PCV+RT	RT alone
PFS	24 mo	13 mo
OS	42 mo	31 mo

2012 long-term results

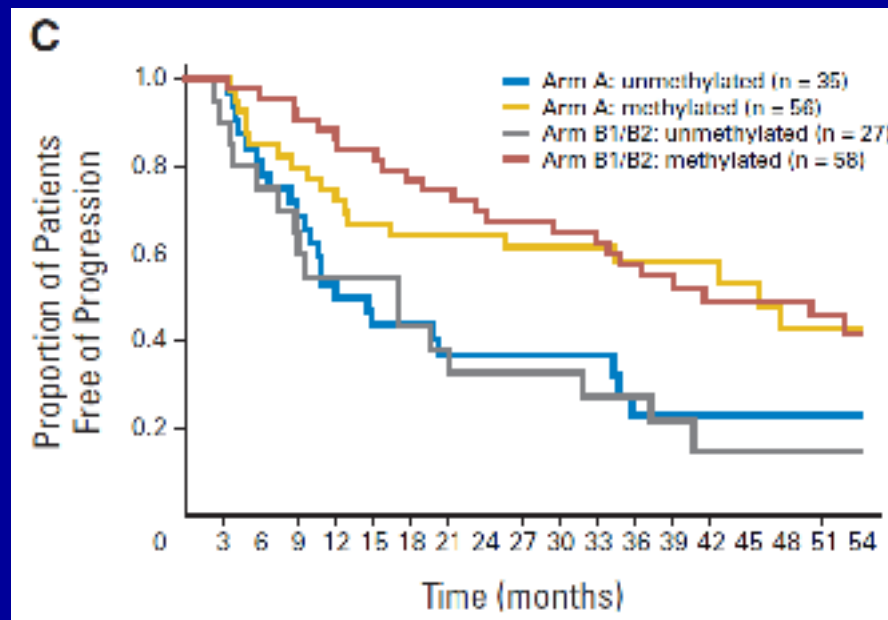
	PCV+RT	RT alone
Codeleted	NR	113 mo
Non codeled	25 mo	21 mo

Conclusion: Adjuvant PCV improves OS in anaplastic oligos codeleted.
No proven benefit in *non* codeleted.

Van den Bent et al, 2013.



Initial radiotherapy or chemotherapy achieved comparable results in patients with anaplastic gliomas



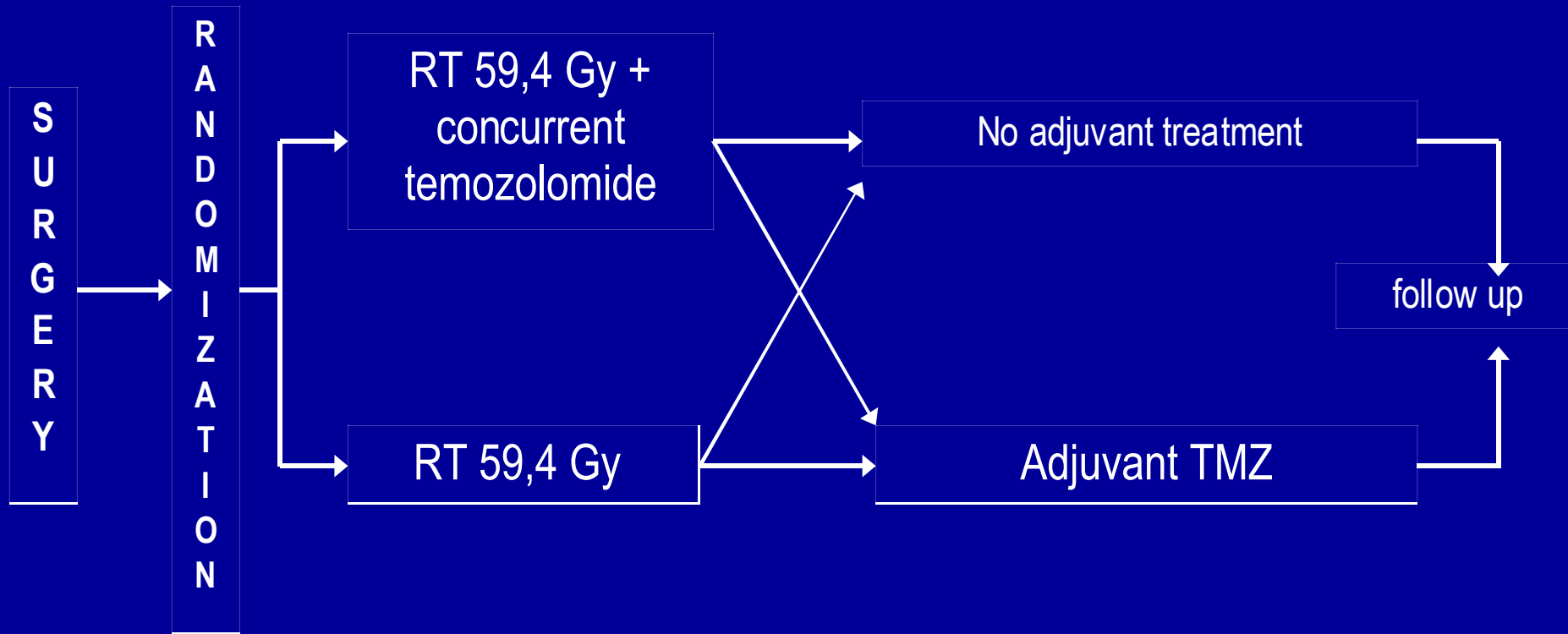
Hypermethylation of the MGMT promoter was associated with prolonged PFS in the chemotherapy and radiotherapy arm

Clinical trials on grade III gliomas
with molecular (1p/19q) inclusion criteria

CATNON (EORTC/RTOG/NCI-C)

CODEL (NCCTG/RTOG/EORTC/NCI-C)

CATNON study on anaplastic gliomas without 1p/19q loss: 2 x 2 design



- Pre-study 1p/19q testing

- Stratification: Methylation status

- Primary endpoint: overall survival

- Secondary endpoints:

- Progression-free survival

- Quality of life

Anaplastic gliomas with 1p/19q loss:
CODEL Study (NCCTG/RTOG/EORTC/NCI-C)

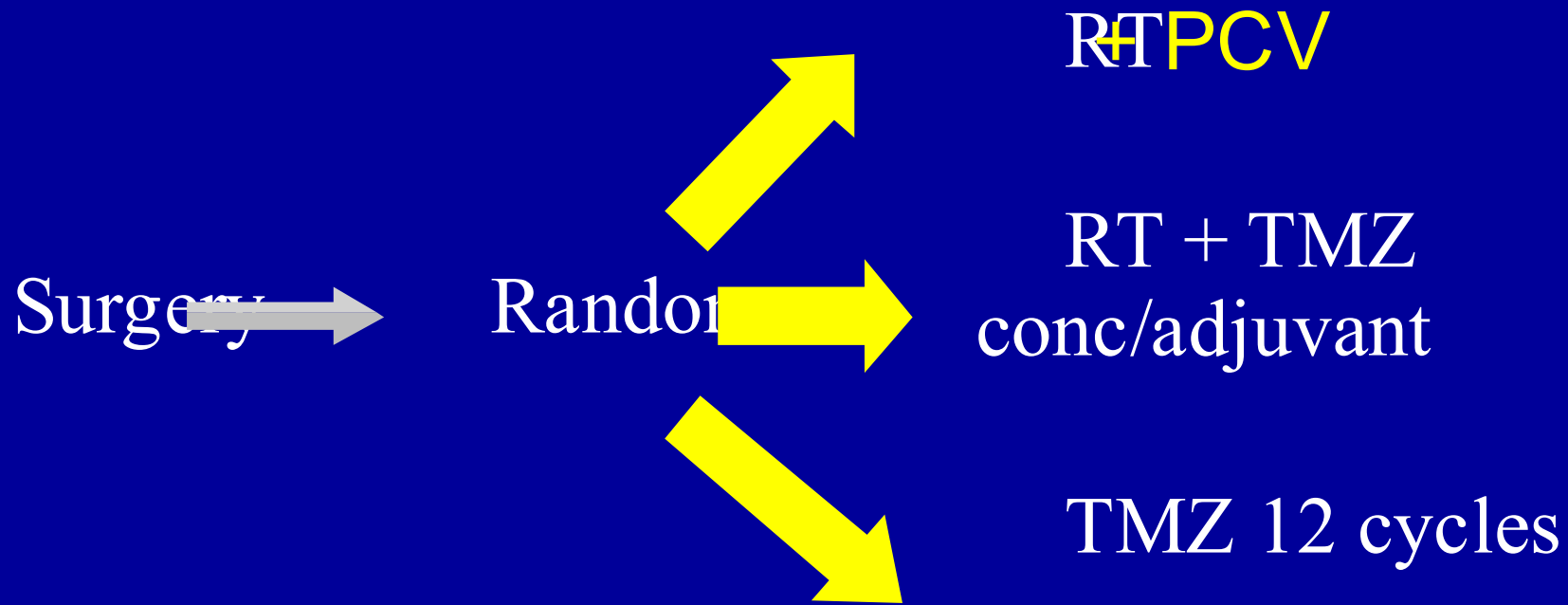


Table 1 Molecular markers with confirmed clinical relevance in gliomas

Marker	Methods	Prognostic/predictive value		
		Glioblastomas (grade IV)	Anaplastic gliomas (grade III)	Grade II gliomas
1p/19q Codeletion	PCR, FISH	None	Favorable prognostic value; predictive of response to PCV	Favorable prognostic value; probable predictive value of response to TMZ
MGMT promoter methylation	Specific PCR for methylation	Prognostic value; predictive of response to temozolomide in the elderly	Probable favorable prognostic/ predictive (to temozolomide/ PCV) value	Uncertain prognostic/predictive value
IDH 1/2 mutation	Immunohistochemistry sequencing	Favorable prognostic value	Favorable prognostic value	Favorable prognostic value