

# Radioterapia a basse dosi nei linfomi indolenti

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# Indolent lymphomas

- Approximately 40–45 % of all NHL (follicular lymphoma 25%; SLL 6%, Marginal zone 10%)
- Thorough staging with bone marrow biopsy and FDG-PET essential
- Minority of patients present with localised disease
- Highly radiosensitive
- Therapy guidelines
  - Stage I/II: radiotherapy
  - Stage III/IV: systemic treatment, when needed

# Follicular Lymphomas

## Treatment of stage I and II

- Standard: Involved Field Radiotherapy (IFRT), historically 36-40 Gy
- The shape of the survival curve suggests a possible plateau in the potential for a cure
- Most relapses occur outside the radiation field

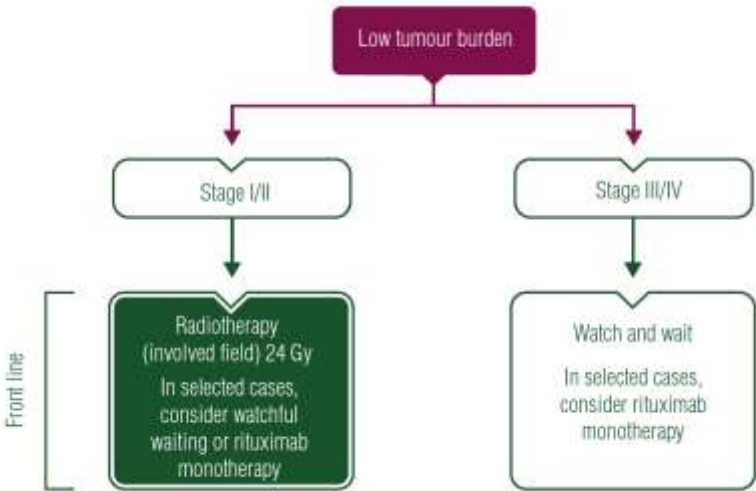
Results of radiotherapy in stage I/II (Stanford, 177 pts):

	5 years		10 years	15 years	20 years
Survival	82%	64%	44%	35%	
Relapse-free	55%	44%	40%	37%	

Ref.: MacManus,MP et al.; JCO 14: 1282-90 (1996)

Newly diagnosed and relapsed follicular lymphoma:  
ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis,  
treatment and follow-up†

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NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2016  
Follicular Lymphoma (grade 1-2)

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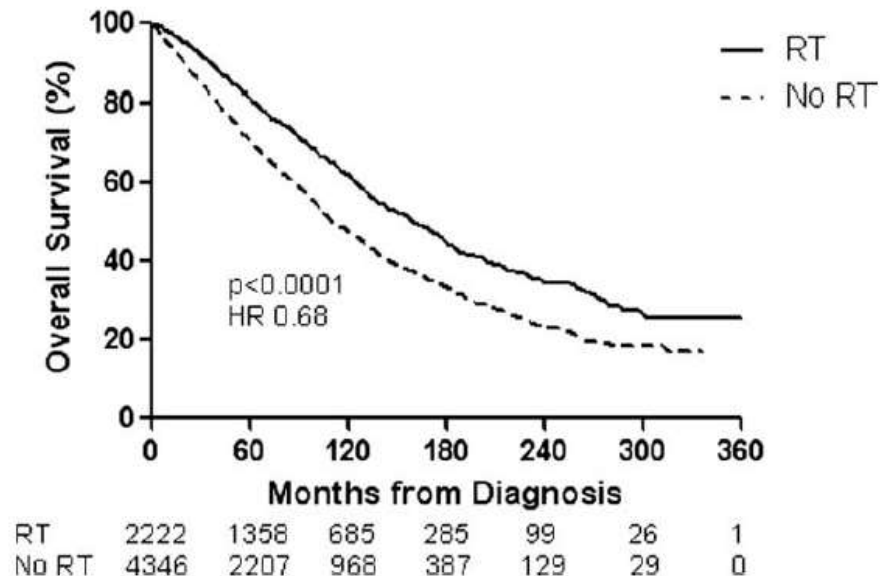
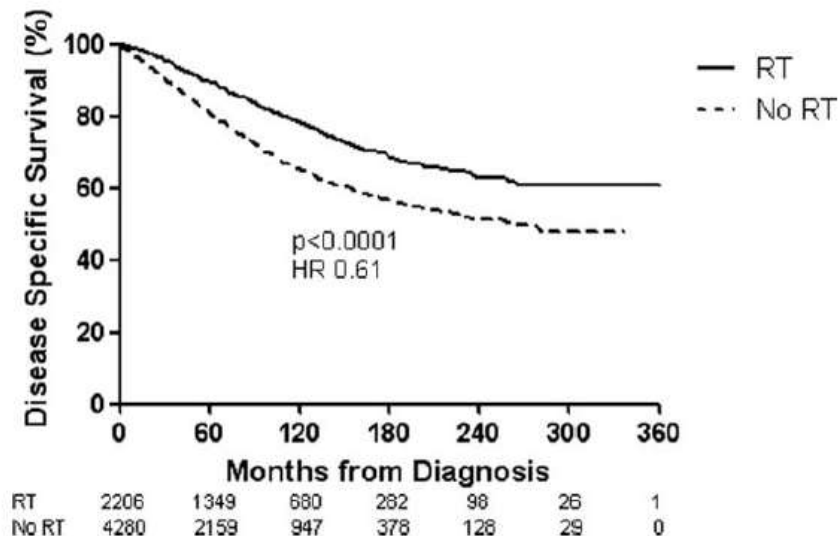
STAGE	INITIAL THERAPY	RESPONSE TO THERAPY <sup>n</sup>	FOLLOW-UP
Stage I, II	ISRT <sup>k</sup> (preferred for clinical stage I or contiguous stage II)	CR or PR →	<div>See monoclonal antibody and viral reactivation (<a href="#">NHODG-B</a>)</div> <div>Clinical</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H&amp;P and labs every 3–6 mo for 5 y and then annually or as clinically indicated</li><li>• Surveillance imaging<sup>o</sup></li><li>• Up to 2 y post completion of treatment: CT scan no more than every 6 mo</li><li>• &gt;2 y: No more than annually</li></ul> <div>Progressive disease,<sup>n,p</sup> see Stage II bulky, III, IV (<a href="#">FOLL-4</a>)</div> <div>For transformation, see <a href="#">FOLL-6</a></div>
	or	NR → <a href="#">See Stage II bulky, III, IV (FOLL-4)</a>	
	Immunotherapy ± chemotherapy ( <a href="#">See FOLL-B</a> ) <sup>i</sup>	CR →	
	or	PR or NR → Consider ISRT	
	or	CR or PR →	
Stage I, II	Immunotherapy ± chemotherapy ( <a href="#">See FOLL-B</a> ) + ISRT (category 2B) <sup>i</sup>	CR or PR →	
	or	NR → <a href="#">See Stage II bulky, III, IV (FOLL-4)</a>	
	Observation (selected cases) <sup>m</sup>	→	

# Improved Survival in Patients With Early Stage Low-Grade Follicular Lymphoma Treated With Radiation

**Cancer 2010;116:3843-51**

A Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Database Analysis

Thomas J. Pugh, MD; Ari Ballonoff, MD; Francis Newman, MS; and Rachel Rabinovitch, MD



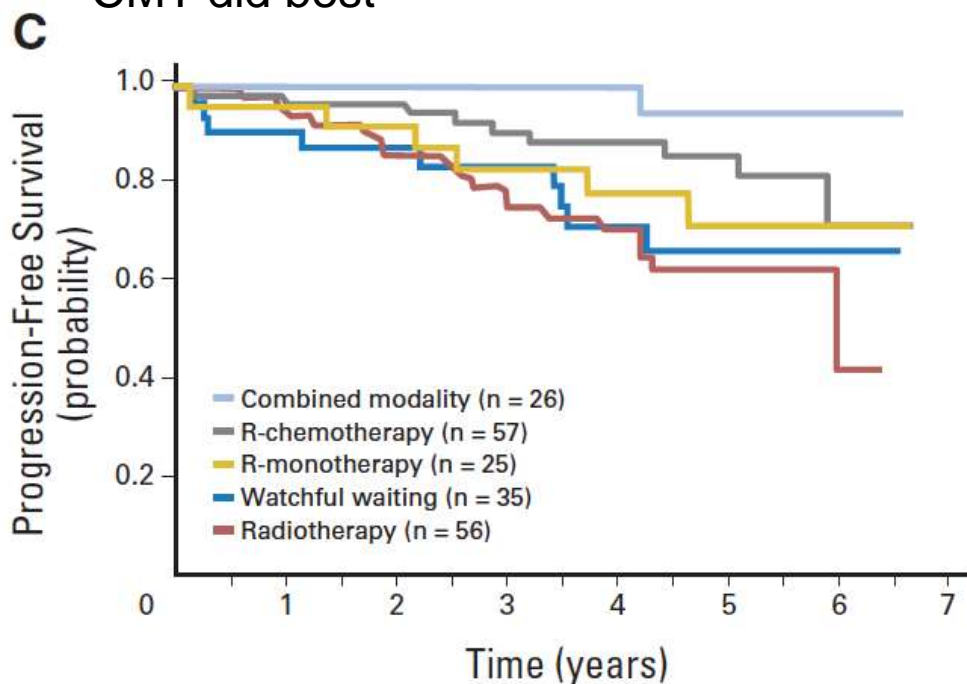
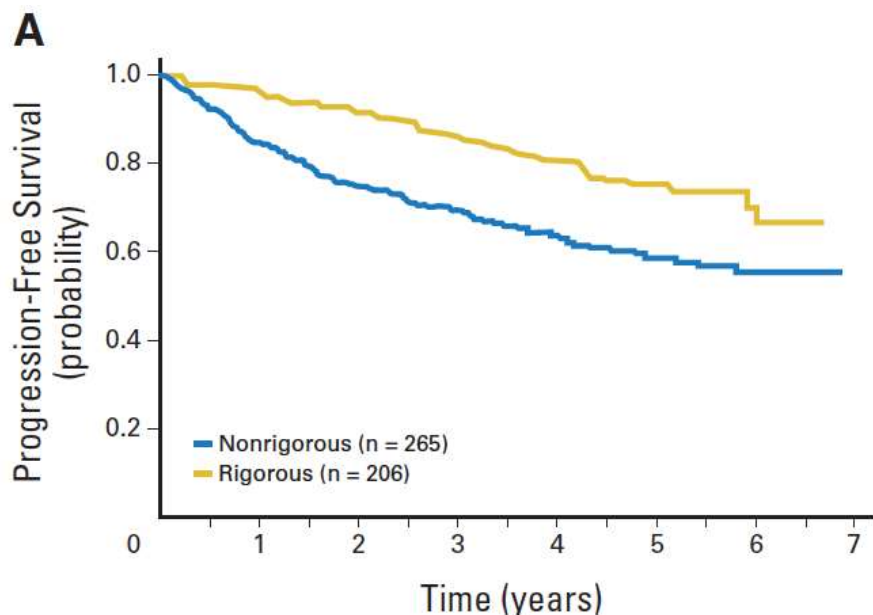
Radiation Therapy has low toxicity,  
high efficacy (but under-utilised)

# Effectiveness of First-Line Management Strategies for Stage I Follicular Lymphoma: Analysis of the National LymphoCare Study

Jonathan W. Friedberg, Michelle Byrtek, Brian K. Link, Christopher Flowers, Michael Taylor, John Hainsworth, James R. Cerhan, Andrew D. Zelenetz, Jamie Hirata, and Thomas P. Miller

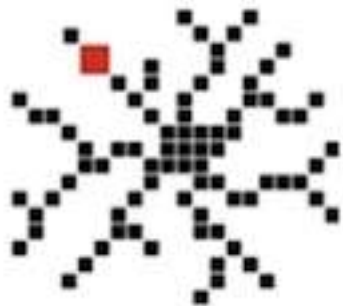
*J Clin Oncol* 30:3368-3375. © 2012

Chemo and R-Chemo better than RT (?)  
CMT did best



Of 471 patients with stage I follicular lymphoma, 206 patients underwent rigorous staging





14th International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma  
Palazzo dei Congressi, Lugano, Switzerland, June 14-17, 2017

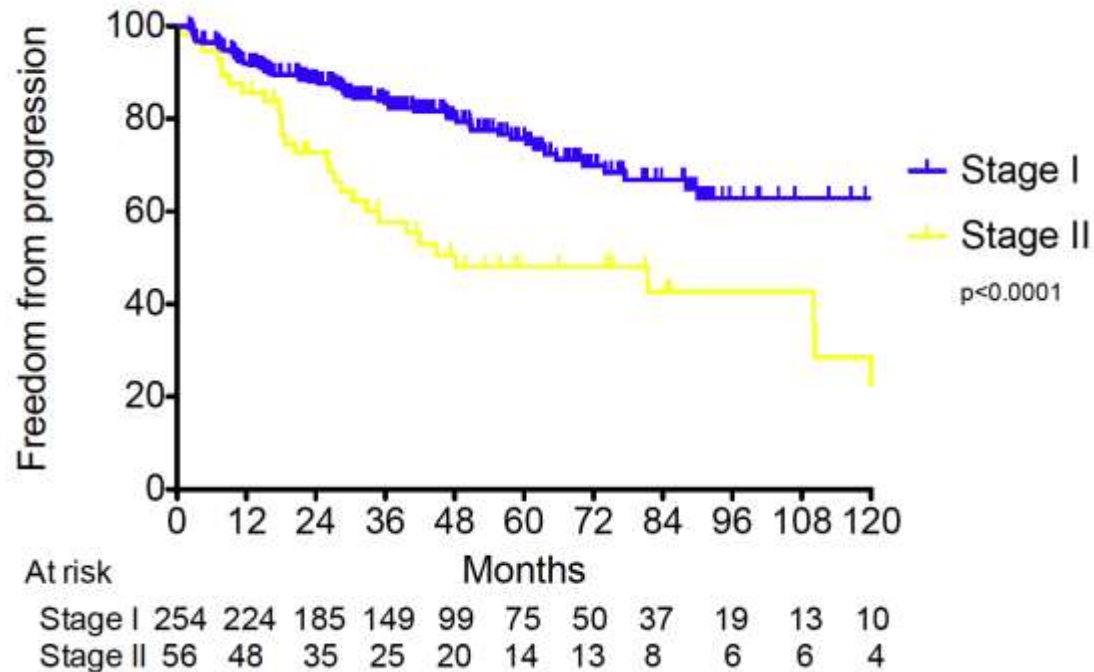
## **Outcome of curative radiotherapy for localised follicular lymphoma in the era of $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET-CT staging: an international collaborative study on behalf of ILROG.**

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**Hypothesis:** more accurate staging will lead to better patients selection for treatment with ISRT, with consequent improvement in clinical results

# RESULTS

- **310 pts** treated from 2000-2016 at 11 centres were eligible
- **Pre-treatment characteristics:**
  - age (median 58 yrs, range 20-84)
  - female sex (n=160, 51.6%)
  - stage I disease (n=254, 81.9%)
  - FLIPI score (median 1, range 0-3)
  - B-symptoms (n=2, 0.6%)
  - bulk of disease (median 2.5 cm, range 0.2-10)
  - extranodal disease (n=83, 26.8%)
- Median RT dose was **30 Gy** (range 24-36)
- Median follow up was **50 months** (range 3.2-174.6)
- 222/310 (71.6%) pts remain **disease free**
- Only 1 case of grade 3 toxicity
- 6 pts relapsed in field (1.9%) and 2 had marginal recurrences (0.6%)
- 80 pts (25.8 %) relapsed at distant sites (90.9% of all relapses)



5 yrs FFP and OS were 70.2% & 95.8%

5 yrs FFP was 74.3% for stage I vs 48.1% for stage II (p<0.0001)



# Treatment with 6 cycles of CVP or R-CVP after Involved Field Radiation Therapy (IFRT) Significantly Improves Progression-free Survival Compared to IFRT alone in Stage I-II Low Grade Follicular Lymphoma

## Results of an International Randomized Trial



Presented ASTRO 2016 and ICML 2017

# Study Schema

- 150 patients from 21 centres in Australia NZ and Toronto enrolled from Feb 2000 to July 2012
- Protocol amendment 2006 mandated Rituximab in Arm B

## Eligibility:

- Follicular Lymphoma
- Grades 1, 2 or 3a
- Stage I or II

## Randomize

### Arm A:

IFRT 30 Gy

## Stratify:

- Treating Centre
- Stage (I or II)
- Age (<60 or  $\geq$  60)
- PET Staging

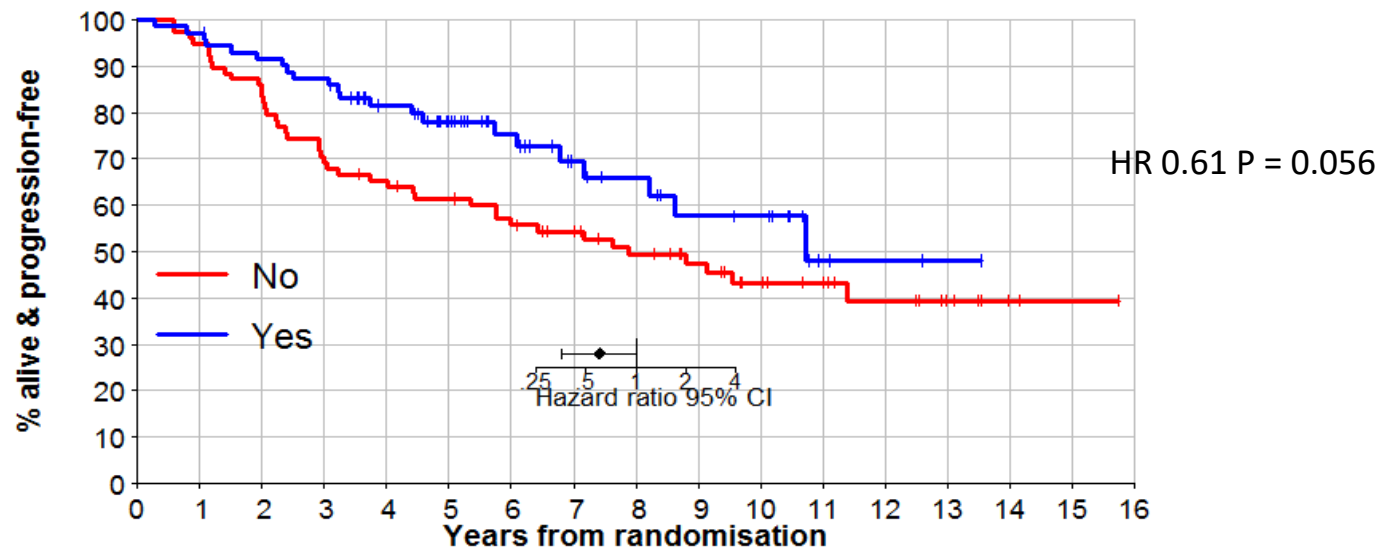
### Arm B:

IFRT 30 Gy  
+ (R)-CVP x 6

Follow up with annual CT

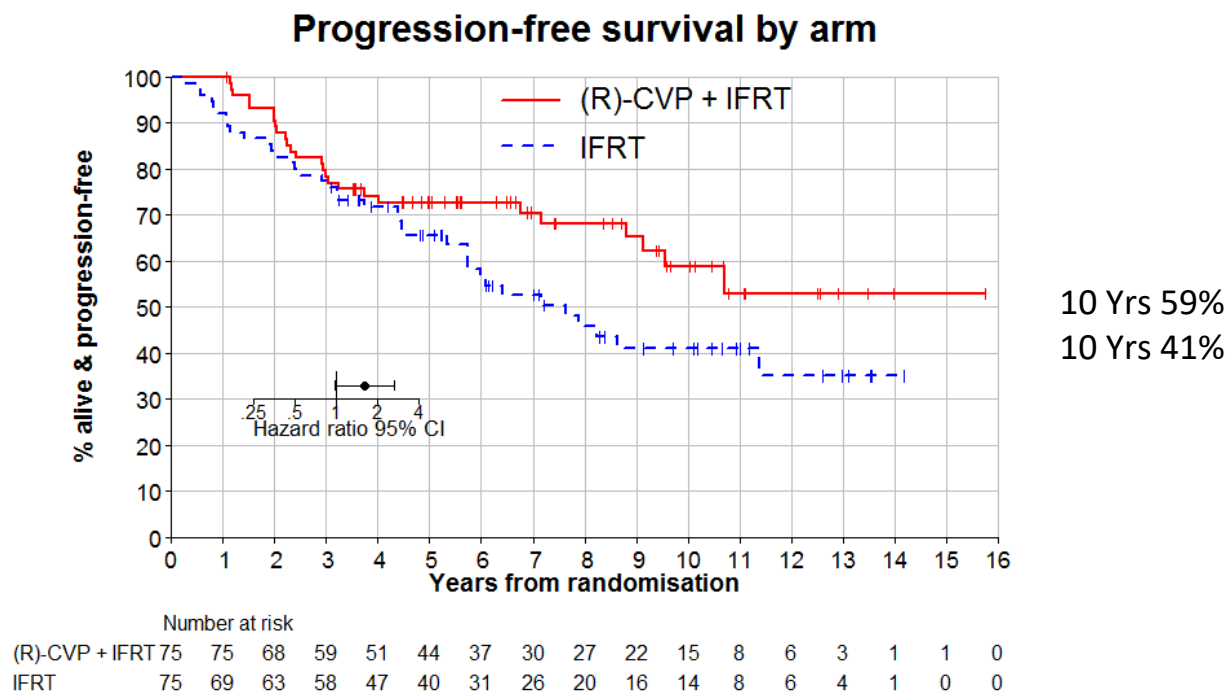
# Effect of PET

## Progression-free survival by whether PET-staged



	Number at risk																
No	78	74	66	55	49	45	40	36	30	25	17	13	10	6	2	1	0
Yes	72	70	65	62	49	39	28	20	17	13	12	3	2	1	0	0	0

# Results: Primary Objective: PFS



Factor	Level	N	O	O/E	HR	95% CI	P
Arm	(R)-CVP+IFRT	75	26	0.758	0.57	0.34 to 0.95	0.033
Strata (8 strata):	IFRT	75	38	1.280	1.77	1.05 to 2.95	

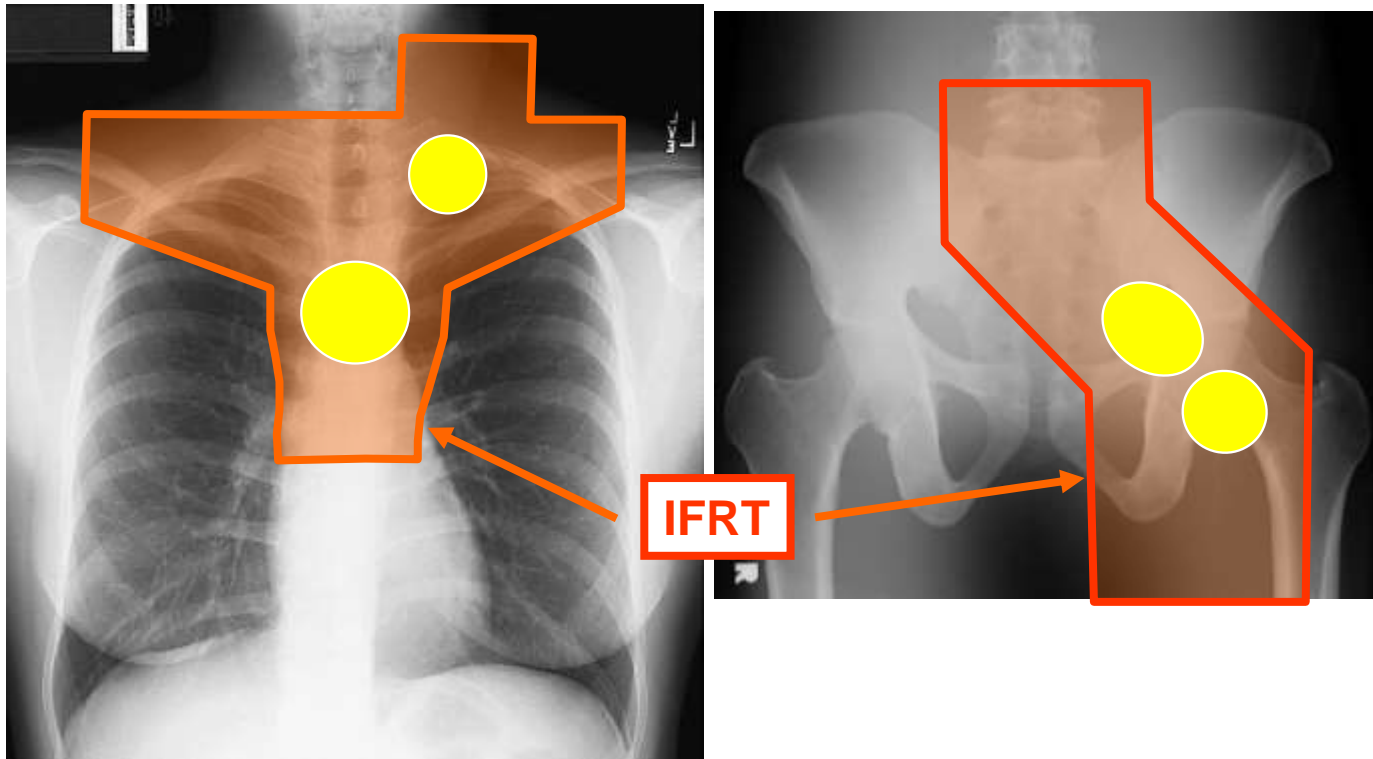
# What Volume should be treated with radiotherapy?

Extended Field vs Involved Field vs Involved Site/Node

No effect of field size on PFS or OS

# Development of Radiation Volumes

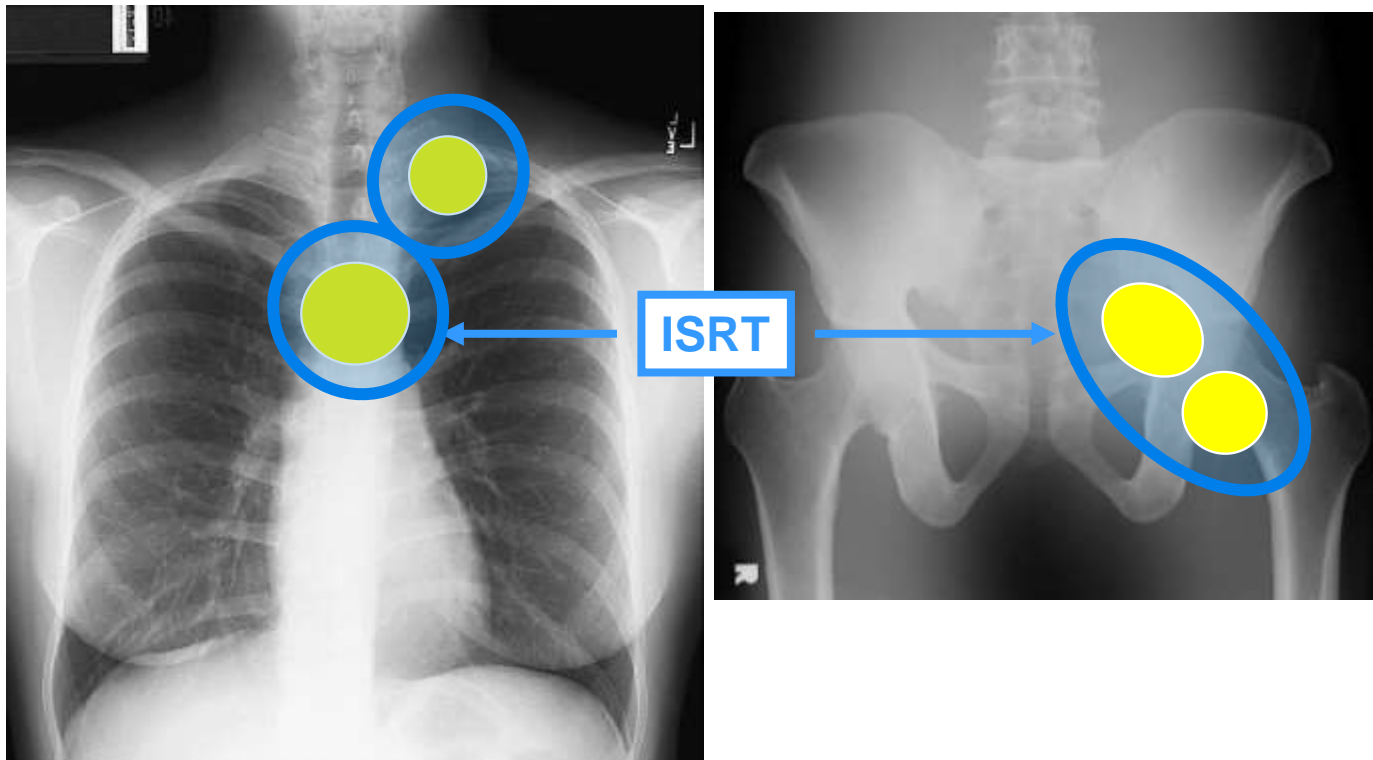
**Involved Field:**  
2D planning, based on bony landmarks





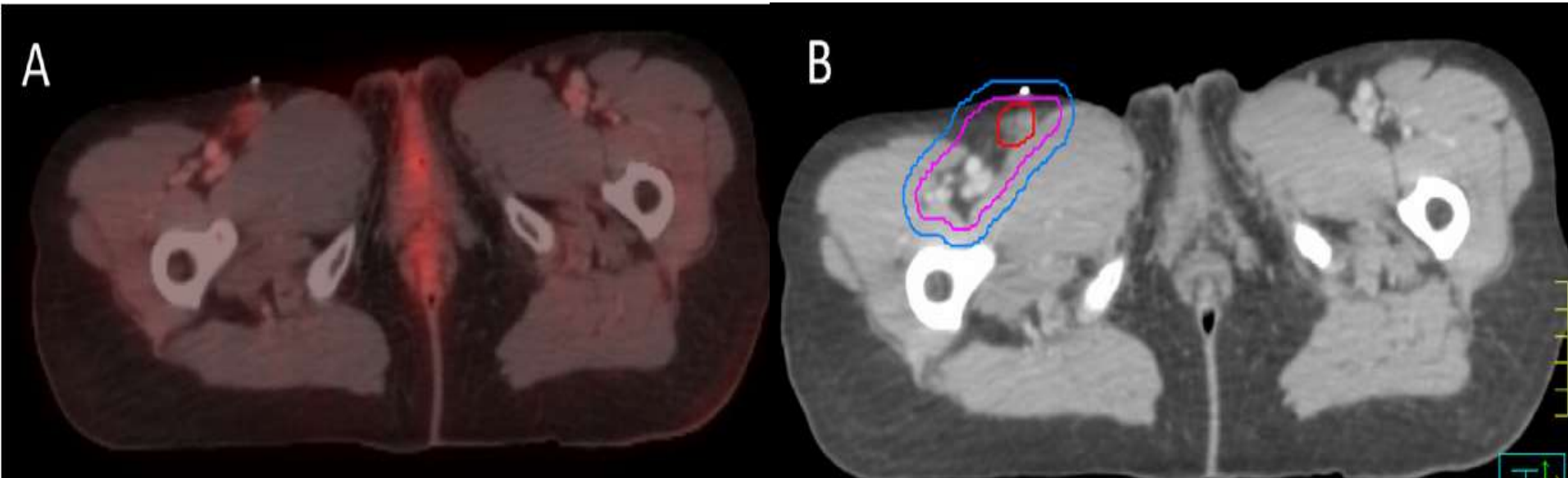
# Involved Site

## 3D planning, based on lymphoma volume



# Modern Radiation Therapy for Nodal Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma—Target Definition and Dose Guidelines From the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group

ISRT: Localized indolent lymphoma

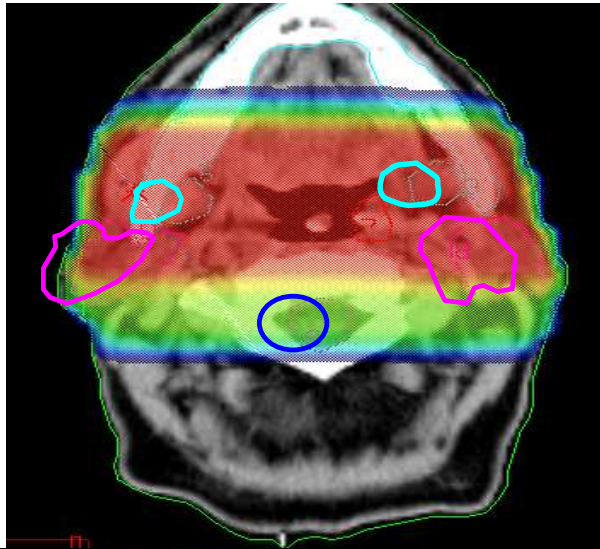


The CTV must be designed to encompass suspected subclinical disease based on the pre intervention GTV imaging

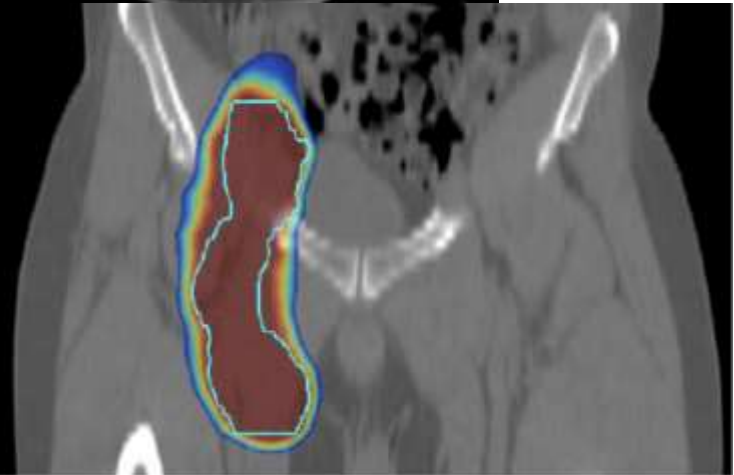
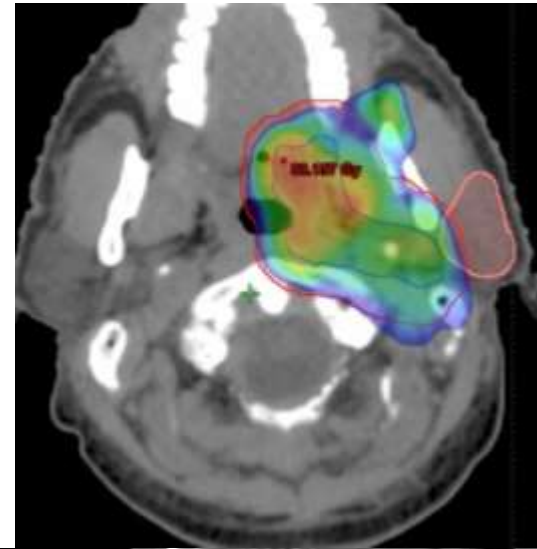
The CTV should incorporate GTV and include adjacent lymph nodes in that site and margin dictated by the clinical situation

# Conformal planning and precise delivery

## Conventional RT



## Intensity modulated RT



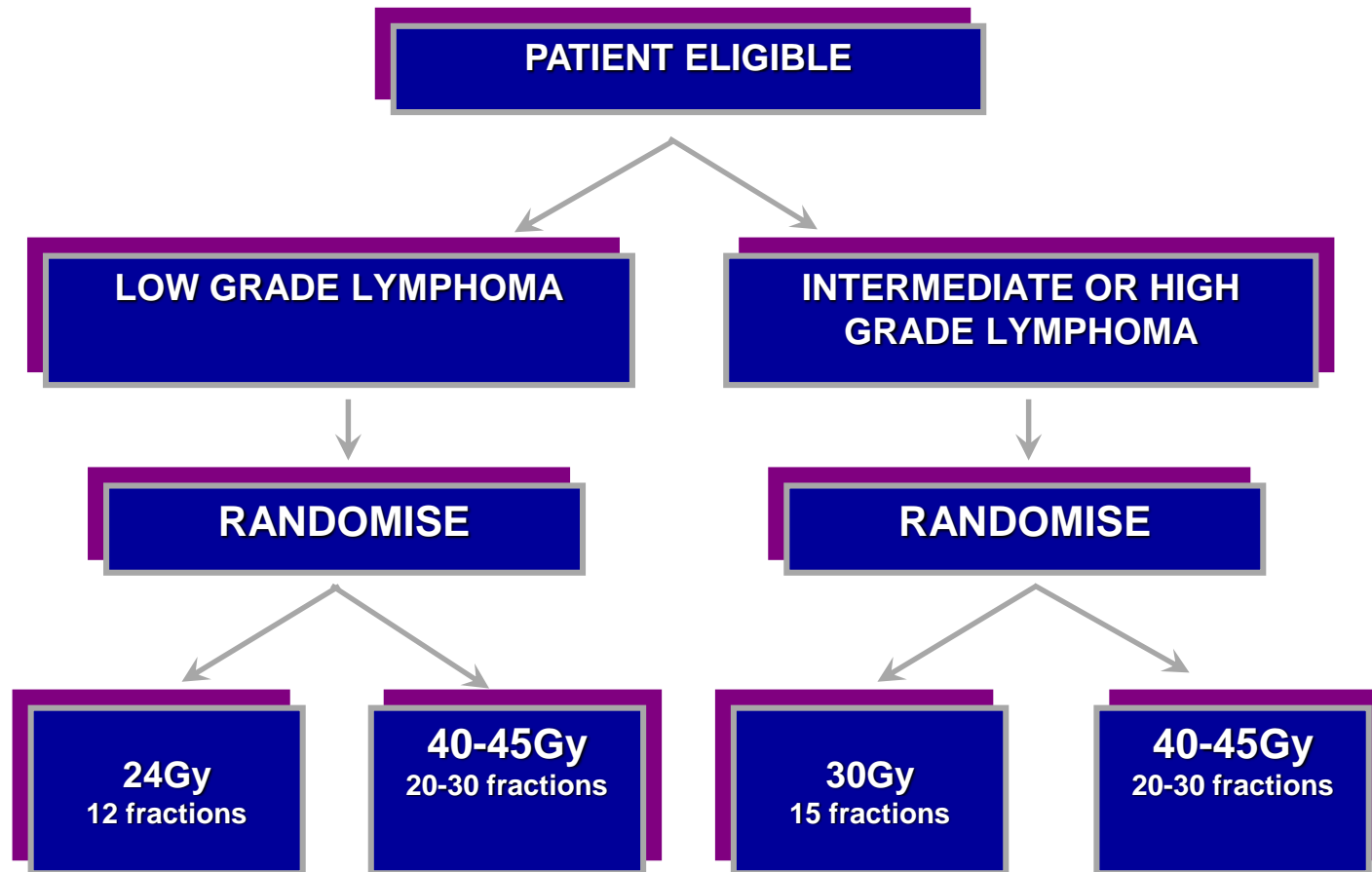
# What Radiation Dose?

# Hypothesis: Is more dose better?



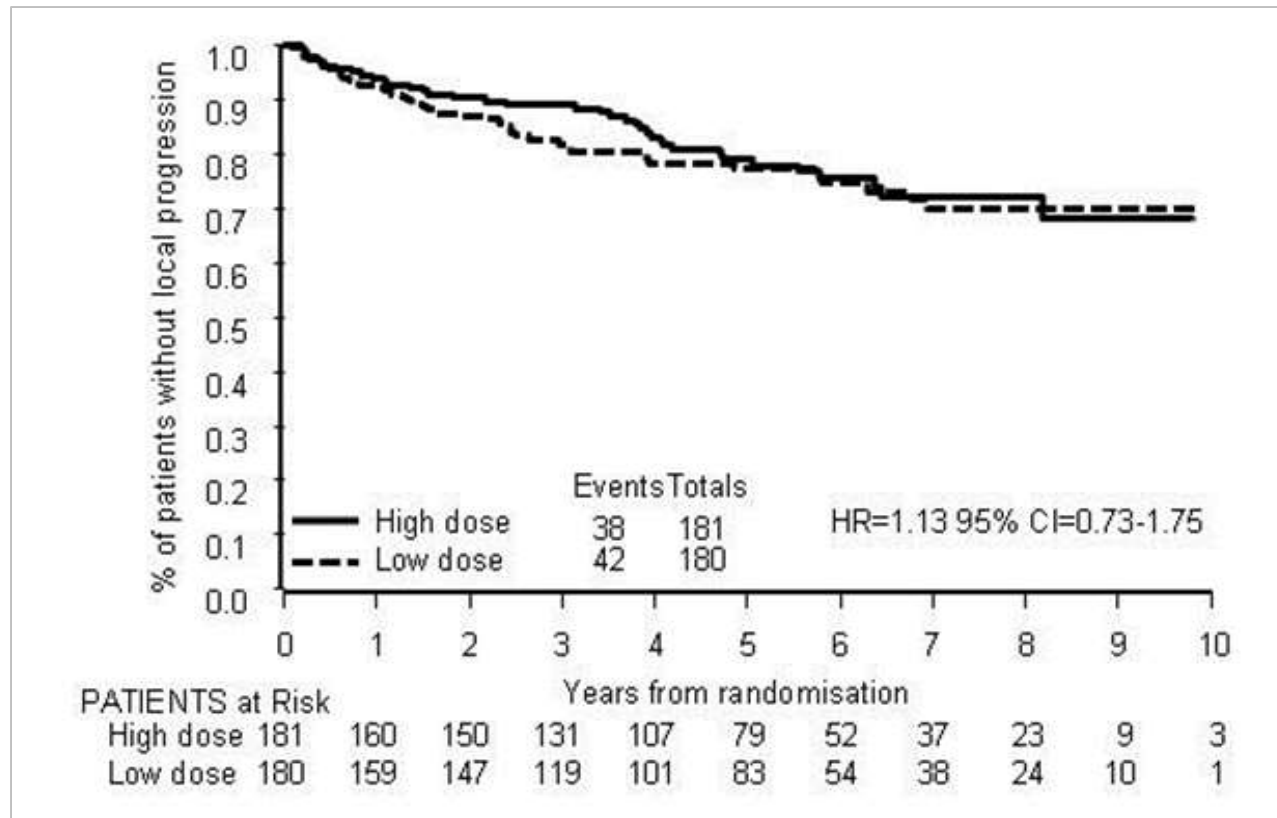
# Reduced dose radiotherapy for NHL : A randomised phase III trial

360 indolent NHL (mostly follicular and MZL) randomized





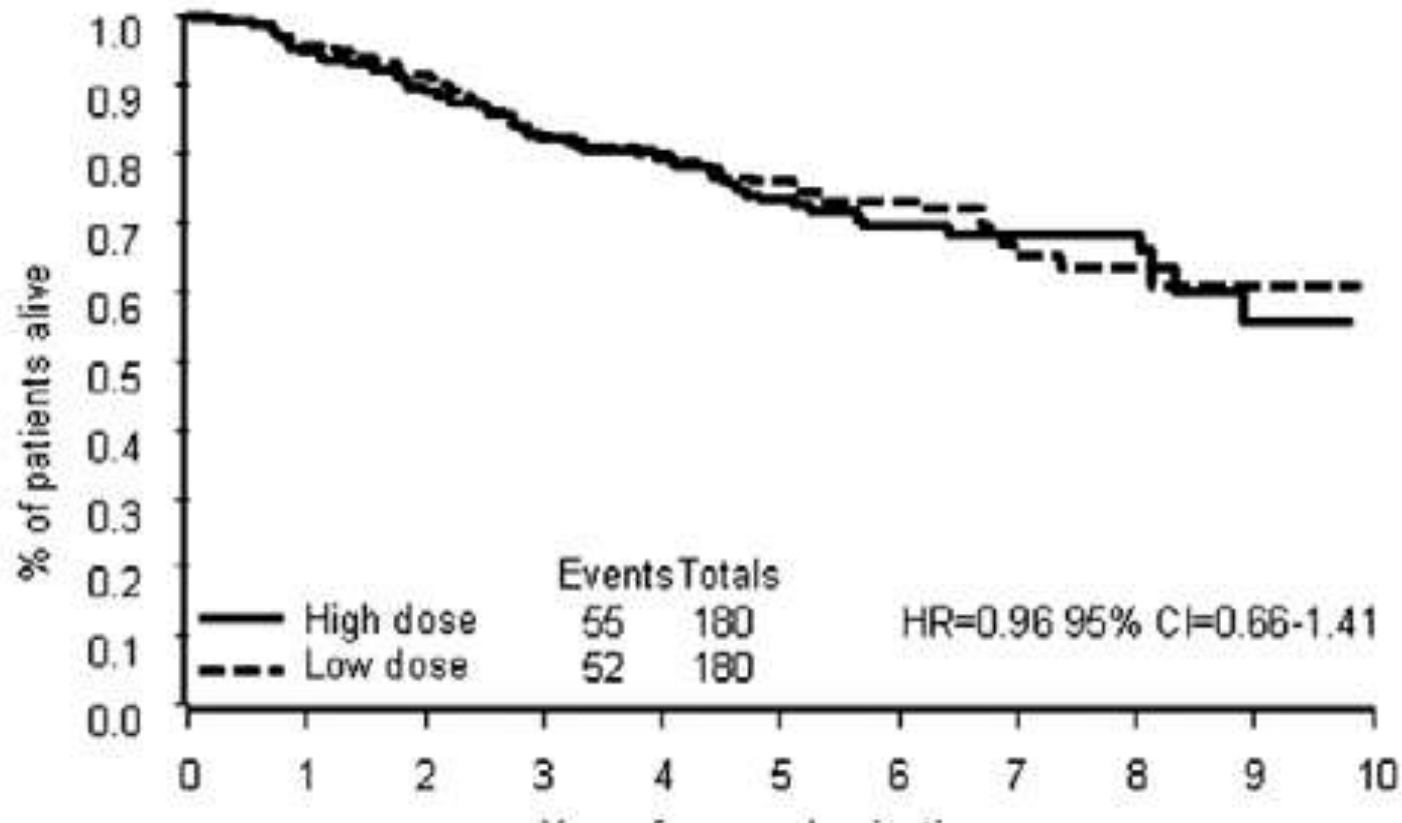
# RT dose 24 Gy vs 40-45 Gy in indolent NHL



<sup>1</sup> Lisa Lowry, Paul Smith, Wendi Qian, Stephen Falk, Kim Benstead, Tim Illidge, David Linch, Martin Robinson, Andrew Jack, Peter Hoskin 'Reduced dose radiotherapy for local control in non-Hodgkin lymphoma: A randomised phase III trial' Radiotherapy and Oncology 100 (2011) 86–92

# INDOLENT LYMPHOMAS:

## Overall Survival



Lowry et al. 2011

*The discovery that small doses of radiotherapy could eradicate low-grade lymphomas was purely due to serendipity*

- Institute Gustave Roussy (IGR): patient refused additional palliative WAI after receiving 4 Gy
- At follow-up found to be in CR

# Advantages of “Boom-Boom”

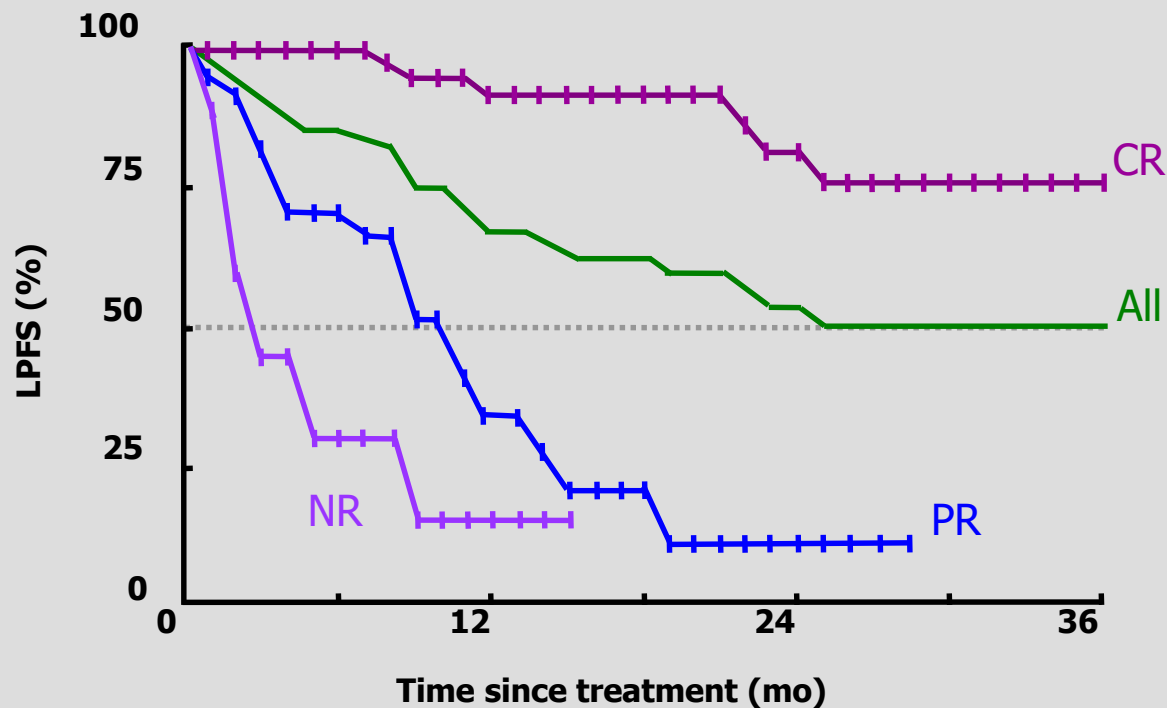
- Short treatment duration.
- Minimal morbidity. No myelosuppression.
- High response rate similar to that obtained with primary therapy.
- Effective and simple re-treatment
- Rapid response onset.
- Significant LPFS interval.



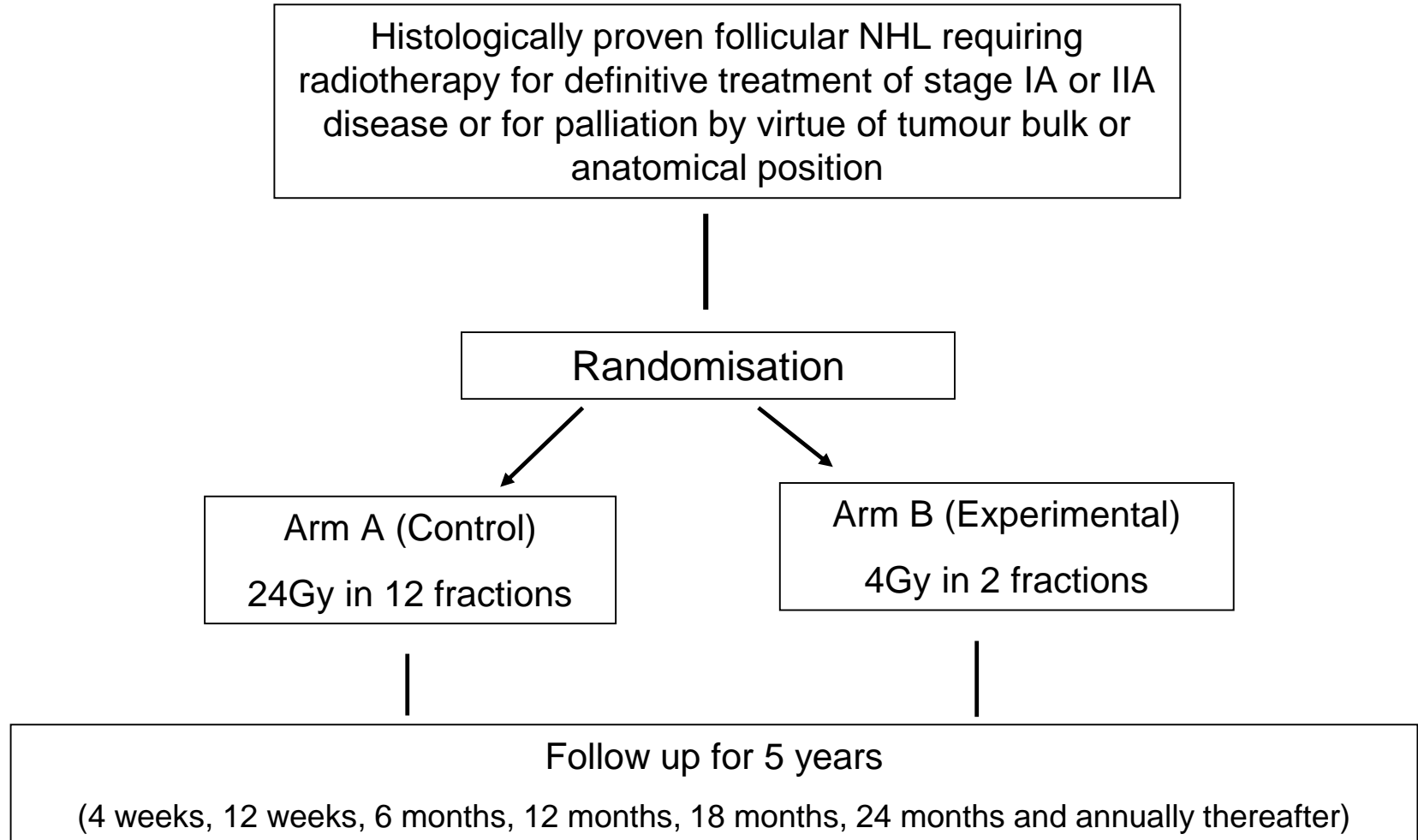
## High Response Rates and Lasting Remissions After Low-Dose Involved Field Radiotherapy in Indolent Lymphomas

*Journal of Clinical Oncology*, Vol 21, No 13 (July 1), 2003: pp 2474-2480

By R.L.M. Haas, Ph. Poortmans, D. de Jong, B.M.P. Aleman, L.G.H. Dewit, M. Verheij, A.A.M. Hart, M.H.J. van Oers, M. van der Hulst, J.W. Baars, and H. Bartelink



# FoRT: Study design : A randomised trial of low dose radiotherapy for follicular lymphoma





Histology confirmed by central review		
Follicular	157 (53%)	176 (56%)
Marginal zone	24 (8%)	22 (7%)
Other	18 (6%)	18 (6%)
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Classical Hodgkin's lymphoma	0	1 (<1%)
Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin's lymphoma	1 (<1%)	0
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	9 (3%)	9 (3%)
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma with underlying follicular	5 (2%)	4 (1%)
Soft-tissue plasmacytoma	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Diffuse follicle centre lymphoma	1 (<1%)	2 (<1%)
Tested, no diagnosis	35 (12%)	32 (10%)
Insufficient material or unclear diagnosis	25 (8%)	23 (7%)
No definitive evidence of lymphoma	5 (2%)	6 (2%)
Reactive changes only	5 (2%)	3 (1%)
No central review	65 (22%)	67 (21%)

Radiological stage at randomisation		
IA	124 (41%)	135 (43%)
IB	1 (<1%)	2 (<1%)
II	55 (18%)	53 (17%)
III	54 (18%)	57 (18%)
IV	34 (11%)	30 (10%)
Missing	31 (10%)	38 (12%)
Previous treatment		
Previous chemotherapy	97 (32%)	110 (35%)
Previous radiotherapy	77 (26%)	74 (23%)
Reason for radiotherapy		
Curative	119 (40%)	129 (41%)
Palliative	180 (60%)	186 (59%)

# Clinical Applications

## 4 Gy versus 24 Gy radiotherapy for patients with indolent lymphoma (FORT): a randomised phase 3 non-inferiority trial



Peter J Hoskin, Amy A Kirkwood, Bilyana Popova, Paul Smith, Martin Robinson, Eve Gallop-Evans, Stewart Colliart, Timothy Bridge, Krishnaswamy Madhavan, Caroline Brummie, Patricia Diaz, Andrew Jack, Isabel Sydes

**Lancet Oncol 2014**

	24 Gy	4 Gy
<b>All patients*</b>		
Complete regression	176 (68%)	137 (49%)
Partial regression (>30%)	60 (23%)	90 (32%)
Stable disease (including <30% regression)	22 (8%)	44 (16%)
Progression	2 (<1%)	10 (4%)
Total	260	281

	24 Gy		4 Gy		p value*
	Complete response (%)	Complete response plus partial response (%)	Complete response (%)	Complete response plus partial response (%)	
All patients	176/260 (68%)	236/260 (91%)	137/281 (49%)	227/281 (81%)	0.0095
Follicular lymphoma	152/226 (67%)	205/226 (91%)	116/243 (48%)	194/243 (80%)	0.0096
Marginal zone lymphoma	24/34 (71%)	31/34 (91%)	21/38 (55%)	33/38 (87%)	0.71
Stage I	78/102 (76%)	97/102 (95%)	62/115 (54%)	93/115 (81%)	0.0015
Stage II	21/50 (42%)	39/50 (78%)	22/48 (46%)	37/48 (77%)	0.91
Curative intent	71/95 (75%)	90/95 (95%)	57/105 (54%)	86/105 (82%)	0.0053
Curative intent, confirmed† follicular lymphoma only	38/46 (83%)	44/46 (96%)	35/60 (58%)	47/60 (78%)	0.011

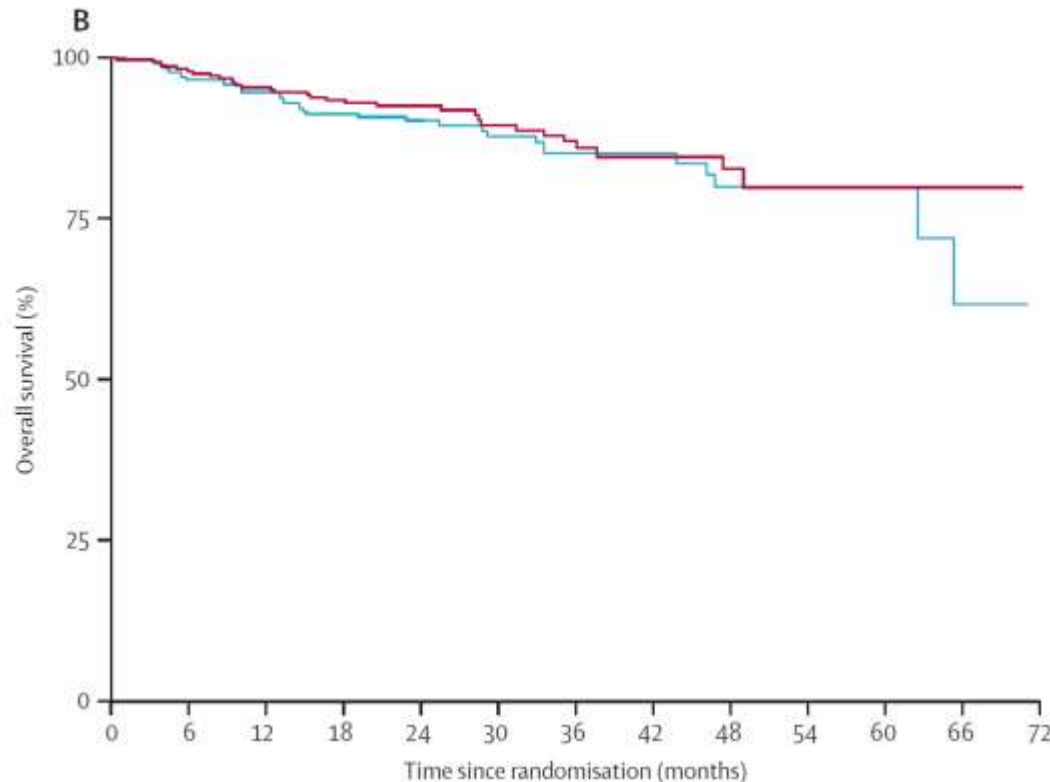
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Radical or palliative FL or MZL

299 sites assigned to 24 Gy and 315 sites to 4 Gy

*Lancet Oncol 2014; 15: 457-63*



2 Year local progression free rate: 93.7% (24 Gy) and 80.4% (4 Gy)

Hazard Ratio: 3.49 (95% CI: 2.06 - 5.90),  $p < 0.001$

# UK NCRI FORT trial

## Summary and conclusion

- 4 Gy in 2 fractions is effective (ORR 74.1%; CR rate: 44.3%, PR rate: 29.8%) and may be considered for palliative treatment or retreatment

# BOOM

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# Whom to Boom-Boom?

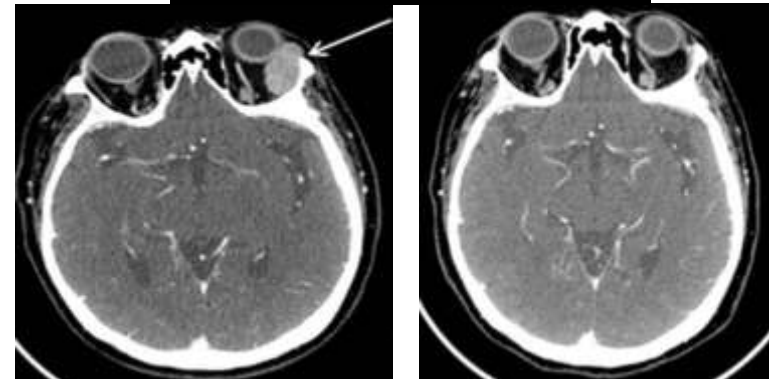
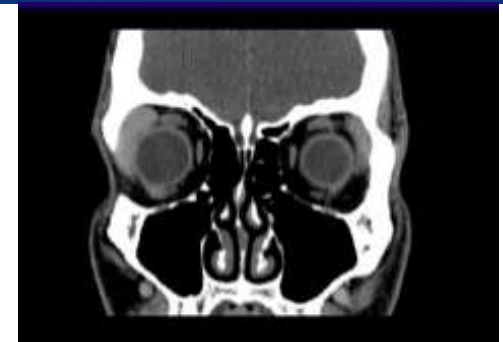
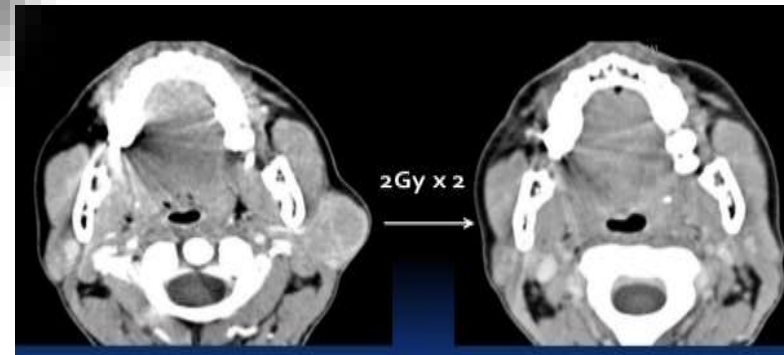
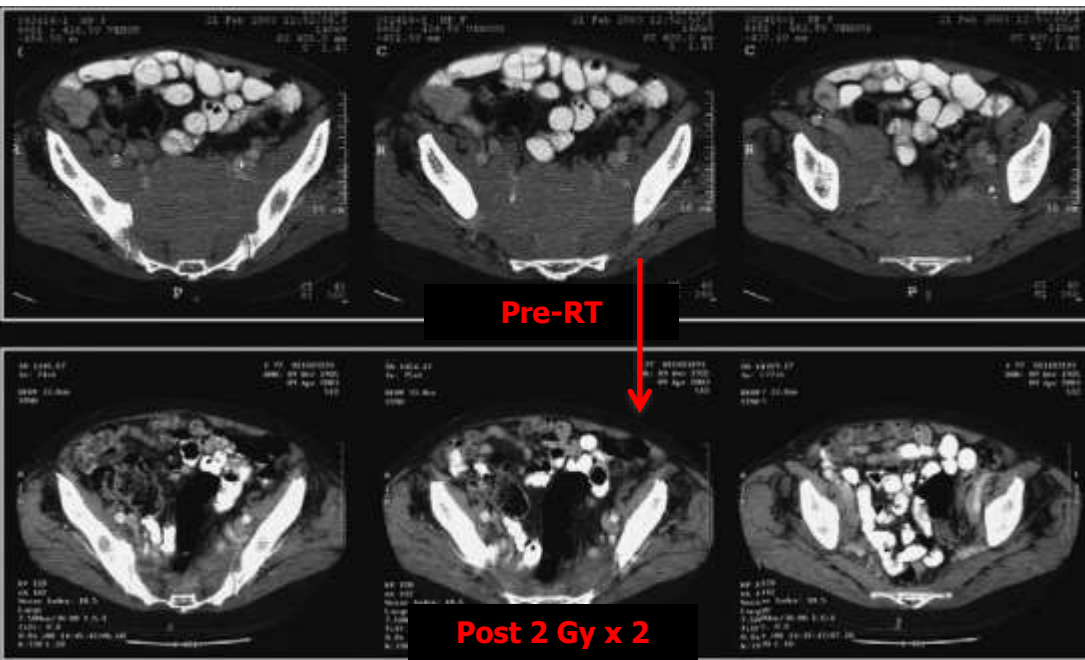
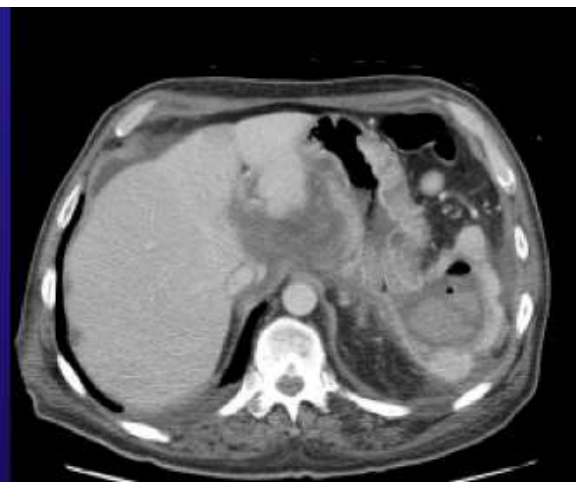
- Follicular
  - Mantle-cell
  - CLL/SLL
  - Marginal zone
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- Relapsed, refractory to systemic therapy
  - As an alternative adequate first-line ?



# Clinical Applications

Author/year	N° pts	Primary disease	Primary endpoints	Secondary endpoints
Ganem /1994	27	FL 74%	CR 37%, PR 52%	Median duration of CR 17 mo
Sawyer/1997	11	FL 54%	CR 36%, PR 54%	
Girinsky/2001	48	FL 66%	CR 57%, PR 24%	Median duration of CR 24 mo
Johannson/2002	22	FL 68%	CR 61%, PR 31%	Median duration of CR 22 mo
Haas/2003	109	FL 88%	ORR 92%, CR 61%, PR 42%	Median time to PD 14 mo; Median duration of CR 42 mo
Haas/2005	71	CLL 23, MCL 17, DLBCL 13, FL 18	ORR 87%, CR 48%, PR 39%	Median time to progression 12 mo ; median time to local progression 22 mo
Ng/2006	10	Indolent NHL	CR 70%, PR 20%	
Luthy/2008	33	FL 85%	ORR 95%, CR 84%, PR 12%	
Haas/2005	71	FL 0%	CR 48%, PR 39%	Median duration of CR 23 mo
Murthy/2008	36	FL 44%	ORR 75%, CR 44% for indolent, 23% for aggressive	Median duration of CR 15 mo
Haas/2009	9	NLPHL	ORR 89%, CR 67%, PR 22%, SD 11%	
Rossier/2011	43	FL 56%, CLL 44%	ORR 90%, CR 28%, PR 35%, SD 26%	Median time to in-field progression 21 mo, median time to out-field progression 8 mo
Chan/2011	54	56% Indolent NHL	ORR 81%, CR 49%, PR 32%	2yr-LPFS 50%
Russo/ 2012	127	FL 66%	ORR 82%, CR 57%, PR 25%	Median time to first recurrence 13.6 mo
Girinsky/2012	10	Pulmonary MALT	CR 60%	5-yr PFS 87.5%
Fasola/2013	27	Orbital MALT	ORR 100%, CR 85%	2yr-LPFS 100%
Konig/2016	45	Orbital MALT	ORR 100%	2yr-LPFS 100%
Pinnix /2016	22	Orbital MALT 64%; FL 23%	ORR 100%, CR 86%, PR 14%	Median time to CR 3.76 mo; 1 and 2yr-LPFS 100% and 75%
Furlan/2016	23	DLBCL	ORR 70% , CR 30%, PR 39%	Median duration of response 6 mo (range, 1-39 mo)
Tanaka/2016	30	DLBCL	CR 45% , PR 36%	
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>FL 45%</b>	<b>ORR 89%, CR 56%</b>	<b>Median duration of response 20 mo.</b>

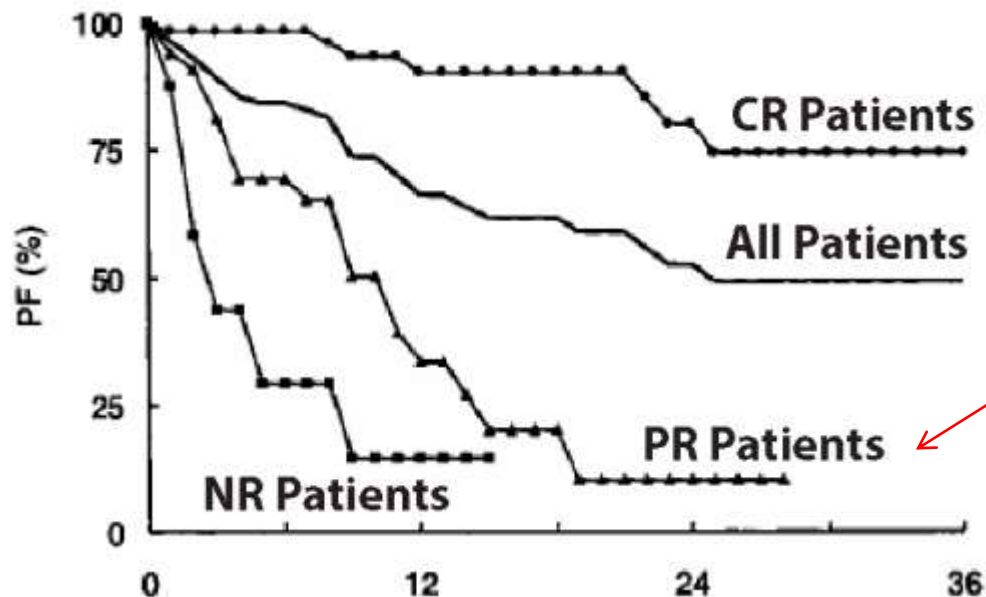
# Clinical Applications



# Response to very low dose RT is variable

**Our key questions:**

- 1. Are there molecular biomarkers that can predict these differences?**
- 2. What about gene expression profiles?**



Can we identify  
these patients up-  
front?

## The wide spectrum of RT responses\*



0.1  $\mu$ Sv

**Lymphoma**

4-45 Gy

*Outliers...*

**Medullo**

23.4-36 Gy

**Breast  
Cancer**

50 Gy

**Lung  
Cancer**

60-70 Gy

**Prostate  
Cancer**

74-80 Gy

**GBM**

>100 Gy

*Outliers...*



*Imagine a 10-fold spread in RT dose for prostate cancer...*

### Our Central Hypothesis:

1. Dramatic variations in radiosensitivity can be explained by molecular differences in the tumor
2. Gene expression signatures can be used to predict RT response and to better stratify patients

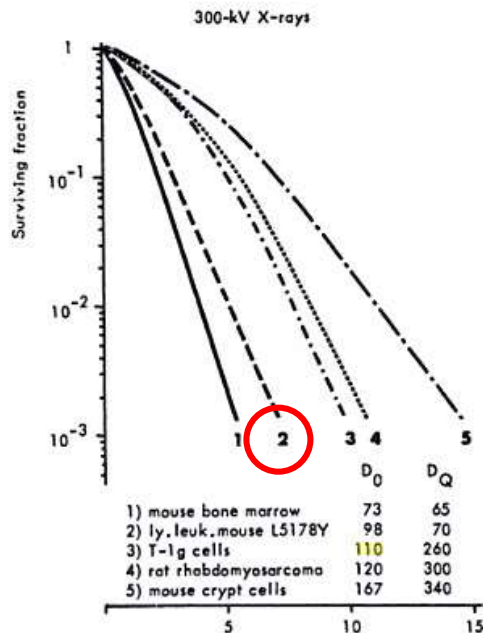
*\*Definitive vs. post-op not separated...  
these doses are just for talking points...*

# What Drives Radiation Sensitivity in Lymphoma?

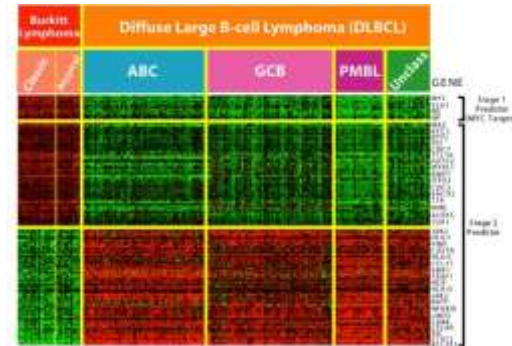
*The old radiobiology view of RT sensitivity in lymphoma*



**Lymphoma = Apoptosis = Radiosensitive**



*RT sensitivity in lymphoma, in the molecular age...*

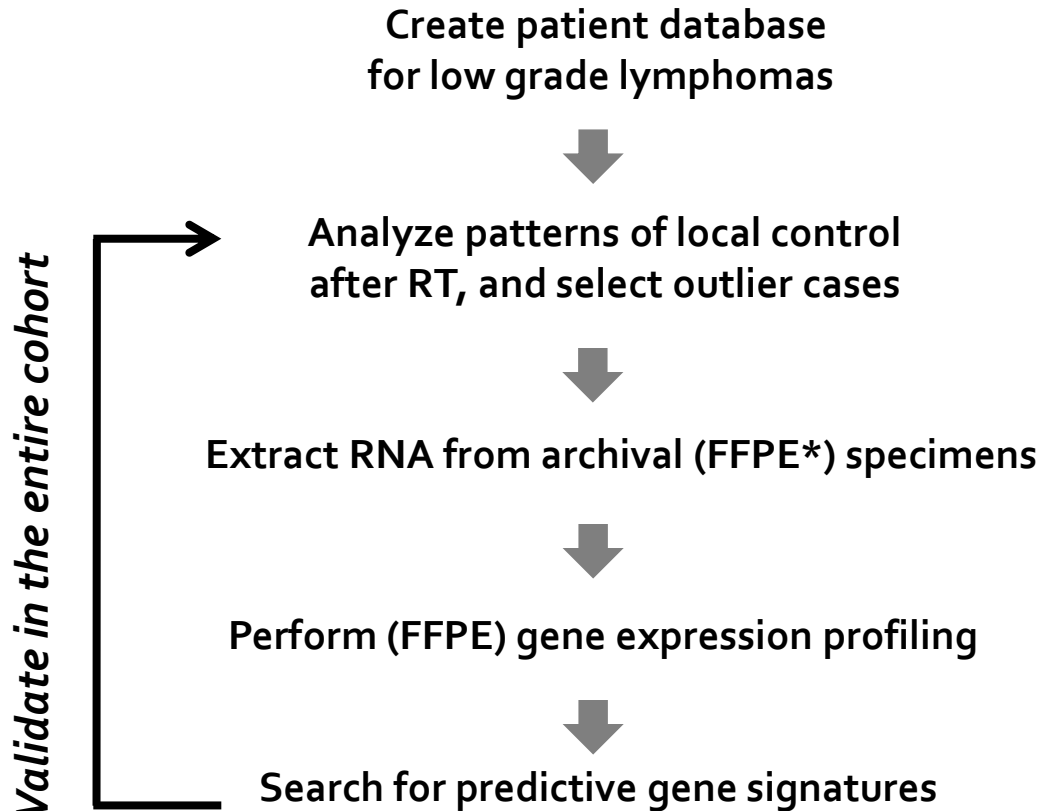


*Lymphoma gene expression profiles may predict differences in radiosensitivity*

Figure from:  
**Radiobiology for the Radiologist**  
 By Eric J. Hall, Amato J. Giaccia

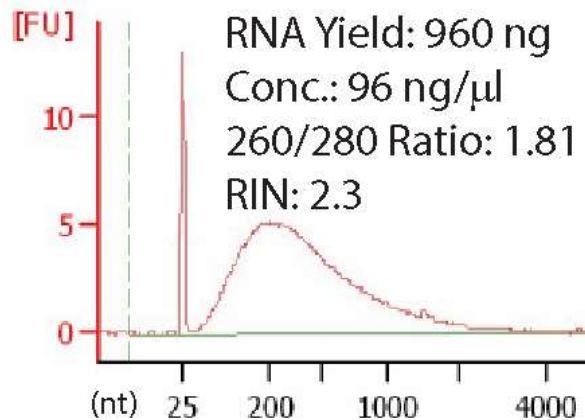
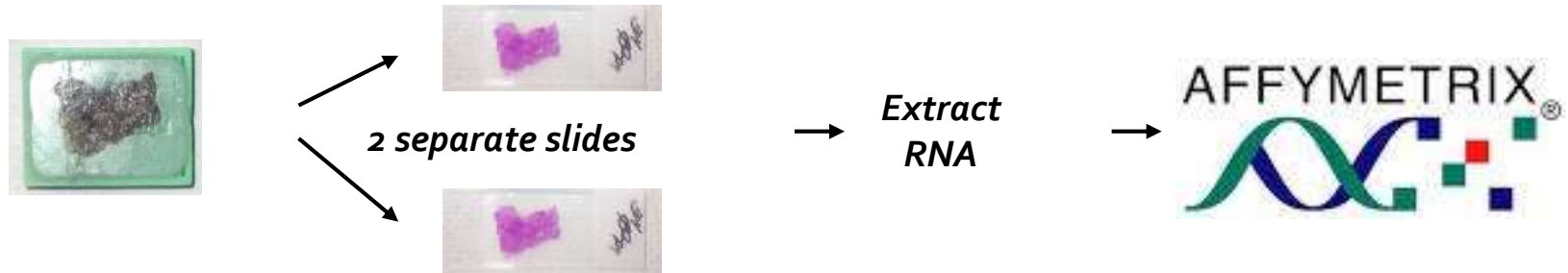
# Materials and Methods: Our Approach

## *The Yale/MSK Lymphoma GEP Collaboration*



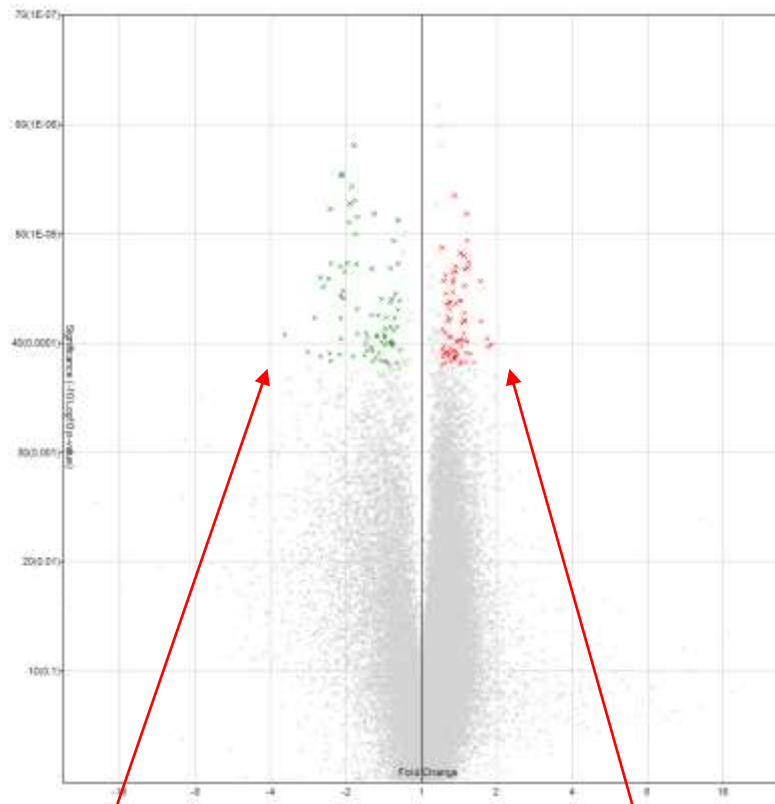
\*FFPE=Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue

# Whole transcriptome profiling with FFPE extracted RNA samples



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*160 differentially expressed regions with  $FC > 1.2$  and  $FDR < 0.055$*



Decreased in CR

Increased in CR





# Increased expression in CR vs. PR/NR

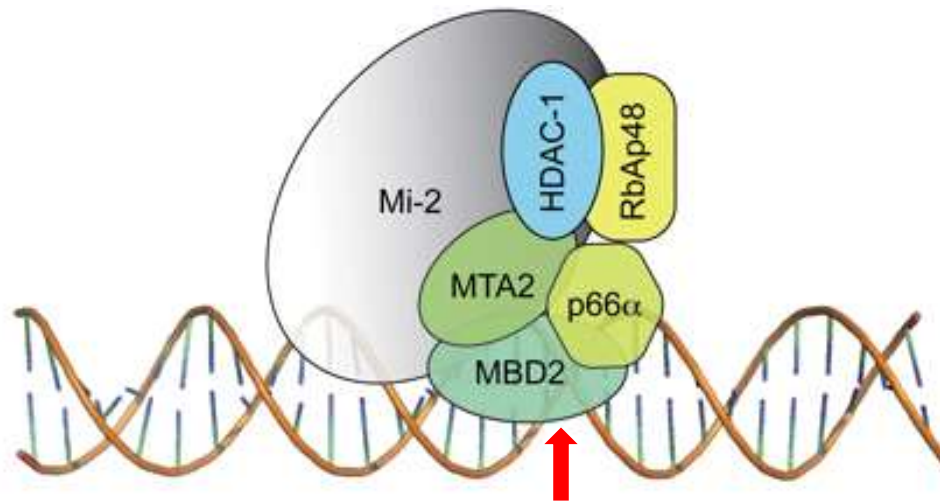
Gene	CR Avg Exp.	NR Avg. Exp	Fold Change	Gene Description
<b>MIR517B</b>	4.94	4.15	1.73	microRNA 517b
<b>MGC13053</b>	5.89	5.19	1.62	uncharacterized MGC13053
<b>OR10J1</b>	4.92	4.32	1.52	olfactory receptor, family 10, subfamily J, member 1
<b>C17orf112</b>	5.06	4.48	1.49	chromosome 17 open reading frame 112
<b>PART1</b>	5.99	5.42	1.48	prostate androgen-regulated transcript 1 (non-protein coding)
<b>SNORD114-20</b>	4.71	4.18	1.44	small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 114-20
<b>TRDV1</b>	6.23	5.71	1.44	T cell receptor delta variable 1
<b>VHLL</b>	5.44	4.96	1.39	von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppressor-like
<b>RERG-AS1</b>	5.46	5	1.37	RERG antisense RNA 1
<b>NRXN1</b>	5.51	5.07	1.36	neurexin 1
<b>ZNF727</b>	6.45	6.01	1.35	zinc finger protein 727
<b>EFCAB1</b>	5.54	5.12	1.34	EF-hand calcium binding domain 1
<b>KLRD1</b>	6	5.63	1.3	killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily D, member 1
<b>SORBS1</b>	6.05	5.68	1.29	sorbin and SH3 domain containing 1
<b>TRBV6-1</b>	4.83	4.46	1.29	T cell receptor beta variable 6-1
<b>ANGPTL7</b>	6.34	5.99	1.28	angiopoietin-like 7
<b>PCDH20</b>	5.52	5.2	1.25	protocadherin 20
<b>GABRA2</b>	5.52	5.2	1.25	gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) A receptor, alpha 2

# Decreased expression in CR vs. PR/NR

Gene	CR Avg Exp.	NR Avg. Exp	Fold Change	Gene Description
<b>MBD2</b>	8.95	10.76	-3.51	methyl-CpG binding domain protein 2
<b>RBM6</b>	7.7	9.2	-2.82	RNA binding motif protein 6
<b>SYVN1</b>	9.05	10.47	-2.68	synovial apoptosis inhibitor 1, synoviolin
<b>SRGAP2B</b>	7.87	9.22	-2.54	SLIT-ROBO Rho GTPase activating protein 2B (pseudogene)
<b>EIF3C</b>	8.7	10.03	-2.53	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3, subunit C
<b>ANKRD36</b>	8.69	9.91	-2.33	ankyrin repeat domain 36; ankyrin repeat domain 36C
<b>DNAJC10</b>	7.48	8.69	-2.31	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily C, member 10
<b>EIF3CL</b>	8.66	9.86	-2.3	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3, subunit C
<b>ST6GAL1</b>	7.5	8.58	-2.11	ST6 beta-galactosamide alpha-2,6-sialyltransferase 1
<b>LOC100996862</b>	9.23	10.3	-2.1	ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 36A-like
<b>PSMC4</b>	6.91	7.98	-2.1	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, ATPase, 4
<b>SDHAP1</b>	7.69	8.75	-2.09	succinate dehydrogenase complex, subunit A,
<b>EAF2</b>	6.7	7.73	-2.05	ELL associated factor 2
<b>SEL1L3</b>	8.85	9.88	-2.05	sel-1 suppressor of lin-12-like 3 (C. elegans)
<b>NARS</b>	7.61	8.56	-1.94	asparaginyl-tRNA synthetase
<b>POU2AF1</b>	7.72	8.67	-1.93	POU class 2 associating factor 1
<b>HERC2P9</b>	7.92	8.82	-1.87	hect domain and RLD 2 pseudogene 9
<b>HERC2P2</b>	8.14	9.01	-1.83	hect domain and RLD 2 pseudogene 2

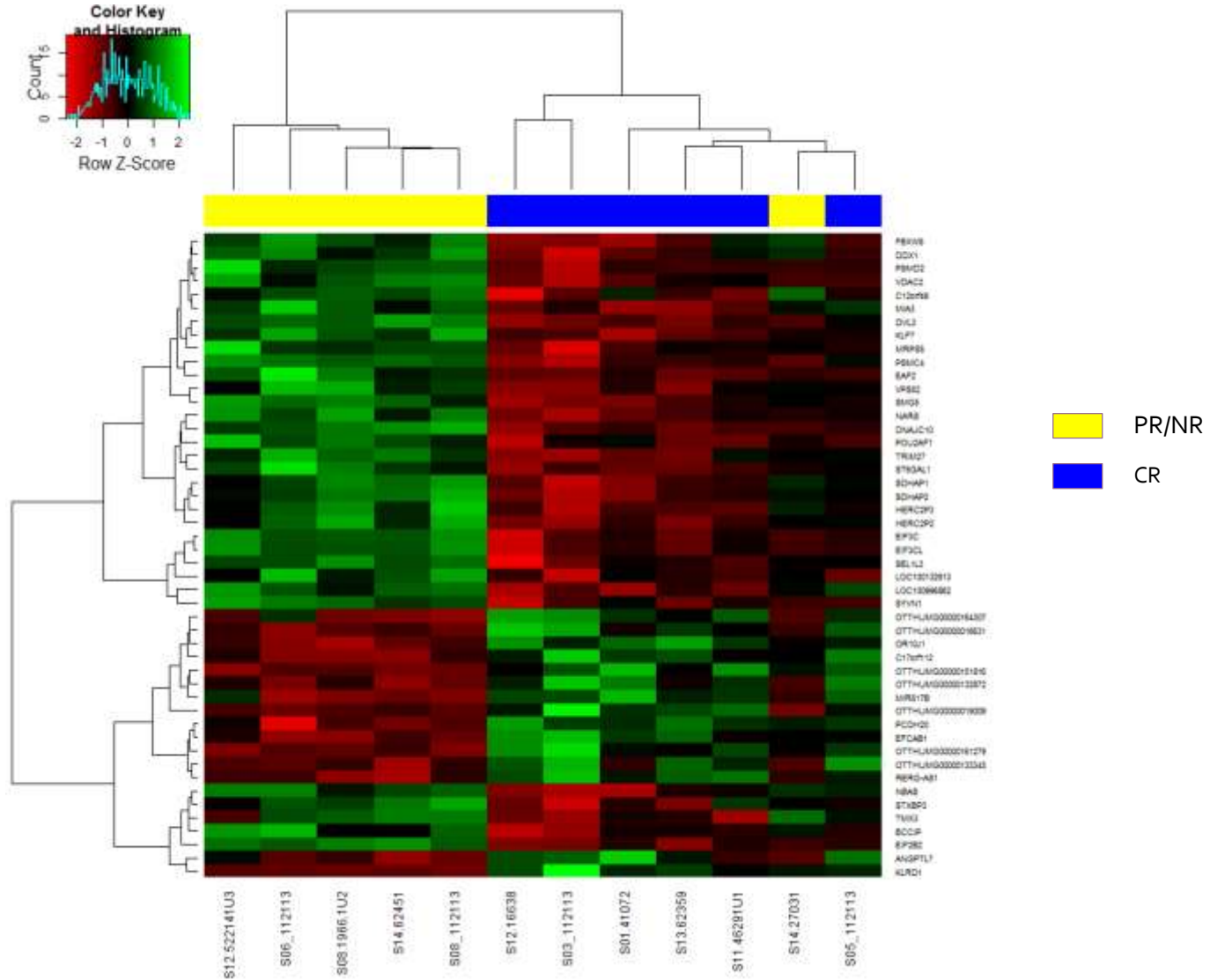
Associated with  
chromatin  
modification in  
cancers

## Are the genes relevant to radiosensitivity?



4-fold reduction in MBD2 mRNA in CR patients

# CR vs. PR/NR Gene Pathways



- Intrinsic radiosensitivity exists, but molecular features may trump histology
- “Outlier treatment responders” may provide molecular insights for RT responses
- Archival FFPE tissue now can be used readily for gene expression profiling
- FFPE gene profiling is a viable approach to identify RT response signatures
- RT gene signatures could help better direct treatment choices in lymphoma

Studies are ongoing and we are actively seeking collaborators!



# Conclusions

- RT remains treatment of choice for majority of stage I/II<sub>1</sub> indolent lymphomas, resulting in long term progression free survival and possible “cure” achievable with very low morbidity

**”There is no doubt that radiation remains the most active single modality in the treatment of most types of lymphoma”**

James O. Armitage