

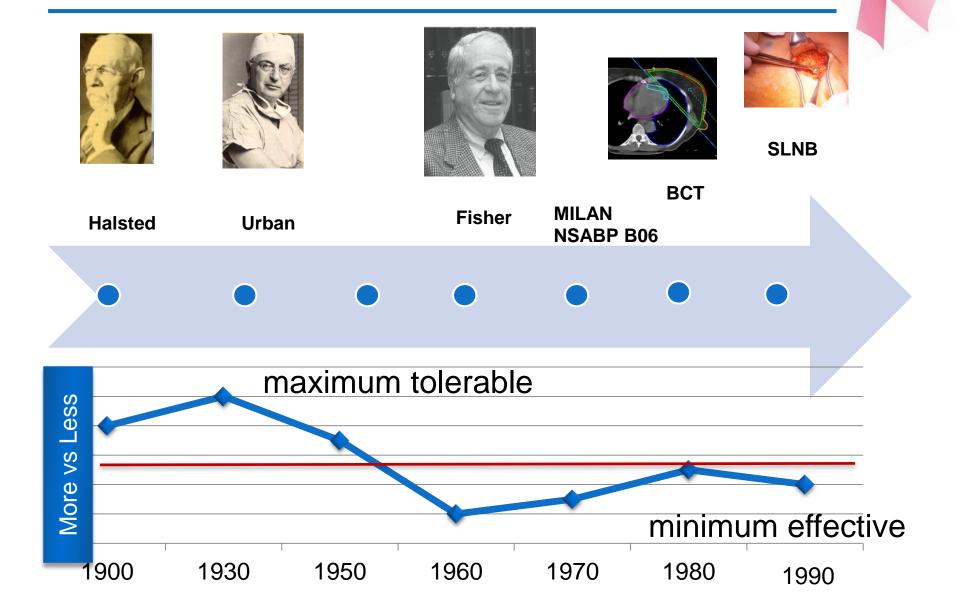
Can We Omit Surgery with Suggestion of pCR by Biopsy in Breast?

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Trends of breast surgery



Omit Surgery in Axilla after NST?

- ALND was the standard approach to LN+ve pts
- Role of SLNB in LN+ve pts having response to NST is currently under review

 Feasibility studies: SLNB in pts (originally LN+) after NST (cLN- after therapy)

Study	Z1071	SN FNAC	SENTINA
Sample size	689	153	592 (cN+)
cN	cN1/2	cN1/2	cN1-2
False Negative rate	12.6%	8.4%	14.2%

Omit Surgery in Breast after NST?

- Safety is the top priority
 - ▶ Low locoregional recurrence (LRR) rate (annual ~1%)
 - No survival (RFS, DFS and OS) compromise
- Assess lesion accurately and find suitable pts



Omit Surgery in Breast after NST?



cCR as indicator for "no surg"?

Assessed by imaging and/or physical examination

pCR as indicator for "no surg"?

- How to assess pCR?
- Who will likely obtain pCR?
- Relapse and survival data?

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- UK study, 453 NCT (1986-1999)
 - ▶ 136 cCR: 67 surg, 69 no surg but RT alone
 - cCR definition: no residual palpable disease

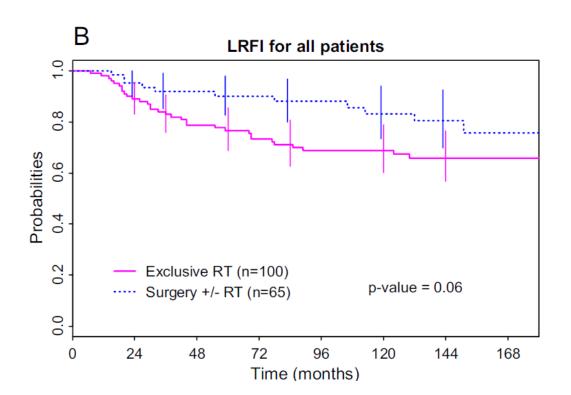
	No. of Patients		
	Surgery	No Surgery	
Patients	67	69	
Relapses Locoregional only	10%	21%	
Breast	7	15	
Axilla	0	0	
Breast and axilla	0	1	
Local and metastatic	4	4	

J Clin Oncol 2003; 21:4540-4545

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- ▶ Two retrospective studies (N>100)
- France study, 1477 NCT (1985-1999)
 - ▶ 165 cCR: 65 surg, 100 no surg but RT alone
 - Evaluation by imaging and physical examination



31% no surg vs. 17% surg

Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2011;79:1452-9.

cCR as indicator for "no surg"?

- ▶ LRR rate after cCR is NOT acceptable
 - Surg 10-15%; No Surg but RT only 20-30%

cCR is not highly consistent with pCR

False negative rates (Imaging vs. pathological)	MMG	Ultrasound	MRI
Schott et al (N=43)	9	9	6
Schaefgen et al (N=143)	13	24	4
Croshaw et al (N=61)	70	67	56

Breast Cancer Research 2016;18 Ann Surg Oncol 2011;18

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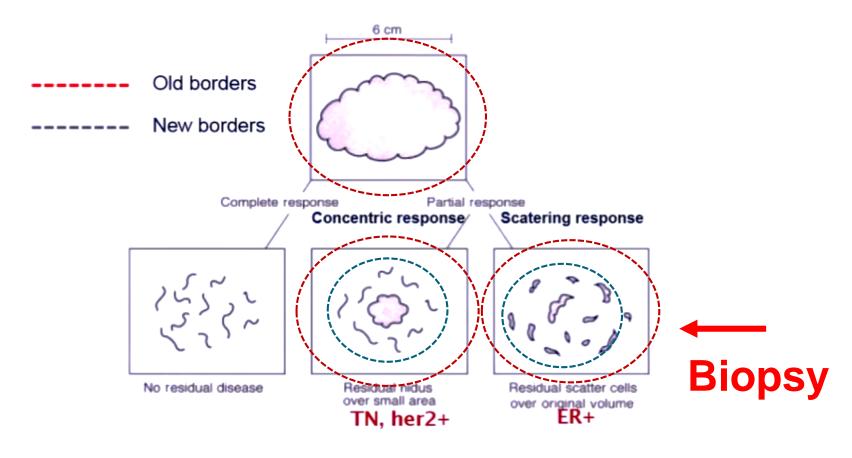
- Minimally invasive biopsy methods
 - Using core-cut (CC) or vacuum-assisted (VA) biopsy
 - pCR: absence of invasive and non-invasive tumor cells
 - All molecular subgroups enrolled

164 pts	Surgical specimen		
	Negative	Positive	Total
MIB			
Negative Number n = % in MIB % in surgical specimen	87 71.3% (NPV) 93.5% (spec.)	35 28.7% 49.3% (FNR)	HIGH !!! 122 100.0% 74.4%
Positive Number n = % in MIB % in surgical specimen	6 14.3% 6.5%	36 85.7% (PPV) 50.7% (sens.)	42 100.0% 25.6%

Br J Cancer. 2015;113(11):1565-70



Tumor response modes



Accurate Missed



Minimally invasive biopsy methods

ORIGINAL STUDY

A Clinical Feasibility Trial for Identification of Exceptional Responders in Whom Breast Cancer Surgery Can Be Eliminated Following Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy

- ▶ To determine the accuracy of fine-needle aspiration (FNA) and vacuum-assisted core biopsy (VACB) in assessing the residual cancer after NST
 - 40 pts, T1-3N0-3, TNBC or HER2+ve
 - pCR: no evidence of residual invasive or in situ carcinoma in the breast surgical and biopsy specimen

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▶ VACB more accurate than FNA (P=0.011)

Measure	FNA	VACB
Accuracy, %	73 (56–85)	95 (83–99)
Sensitivity, %	48 (26–70)	90 (70–99)
Specificity, %	100 (82–100)	100 (82–100)
False-negative rate, %	52 (30–74)	10 (1–30)

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2. Who will likely obtain pCR?

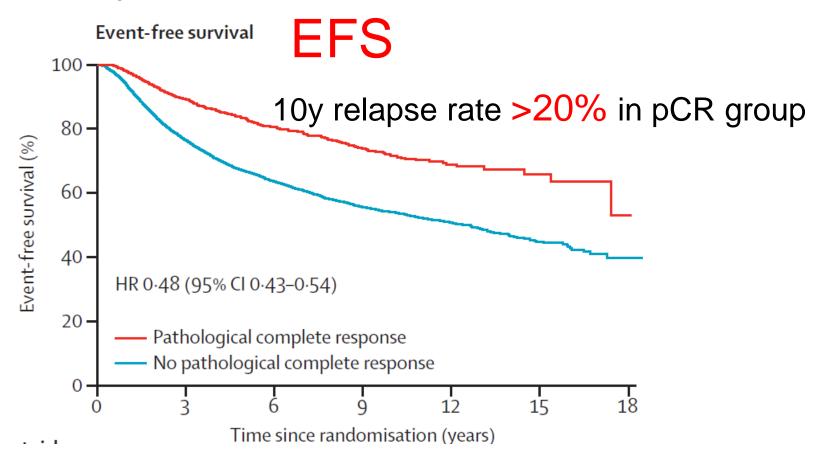


pCR rates by subgroups

Subgroups	N	pCR rate(%)
ER/PR+, HER2-, G I/II	1986	7.5
ER/PR+, HER2-, G III	630	16.2
ER/PR+, HER2+, with transtuzumab	385	30.9
ER/PR+, HER2+, without transtuzumab	701	18.3
ER/PR-, HER2+, with transtuzumab	364	50.3
ER/PR-, HER2+, without transtuzumab	471	30.2
TNBC	1157	33.6

CTNeoBC study. Lancet 2014; 384: 164–72

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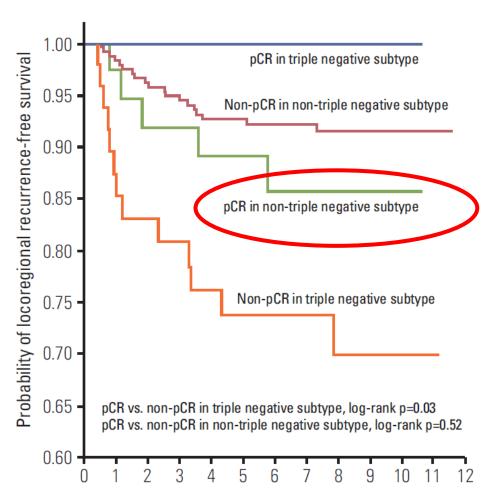


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 - ▶ LRR: 335 pts, II-III
 - NCT+Surg, 2002-2009

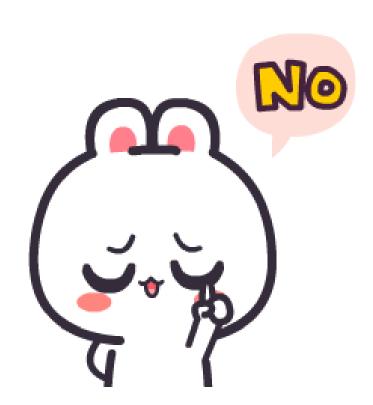
Research Institute and Hospital, National Cancer Center, Goyang, Korea.

Cancer Res Treat. 2016;48:1363-72



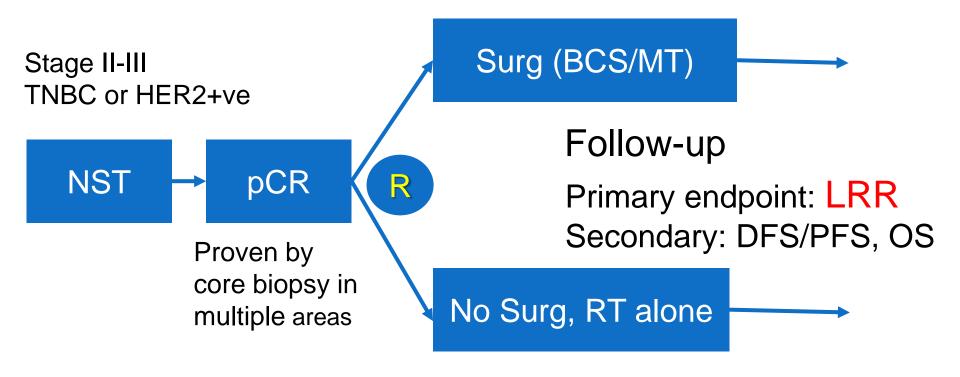
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Neither prospective nor retrospective data





Future clinical trial design



Omit Surgery in Breast after NST? Insufficient evidence...



cCR is NOT an indicator for "no surg"

 Assessed by imaging and/or physical examination: cCR is not reliable

pCR is a POTENTIAL indicator for "no surg"

- How to assess pCR w/o surg? Imaging-guided VACB, FNR~10% in TN and HER2+ve
- Who will likely obtain pCR? TN, HER2+ve >30%
- Relapse and survival data? No, waiting

Thanks! Welcome to Shanghai



