

# **Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay in Breast Cancer**

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## The role of the breast cancer surgeon in personalized cancer care: clinical utility of the 21-gene assay

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**CONCLUSIONS:** The advent of genomic analysis has advanced the treatment and management of breast cancer toward the goal of personalized care. Therefore, the role of the surgeon now extends beyond extirpation of the tumor and includes an understanding of the biology of the disease as well as an appreciation of this new technology. Breast cancer surgeons should seize this opportunity to provide patients and colleagues with this information in an expeditious manner to optimize clinical outcomes.

## Implementation of Surgeon-Initiated Gene Expression Profile Testing (Oncotype DX) Among Patients With Early-Stage Breast Cancer to Reduce Delays in Chemotherapy Initiation.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Developing consensus on Oncotype DX testing criteria and implementing streamlined workflows has led to clinically significant reductions in wait times to chemotherapy decision making and initiation.

# **Multigene assay(MGA) in breast cancer**

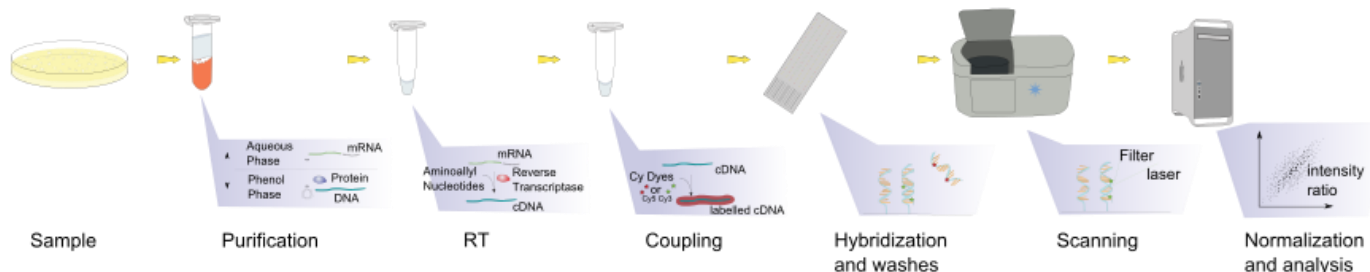
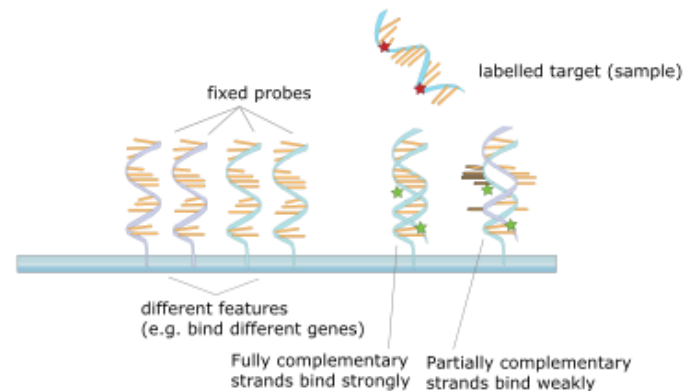
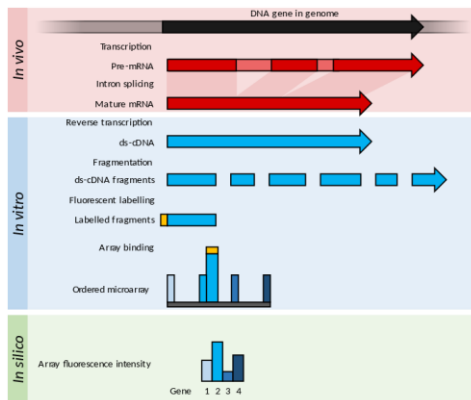
- **Historical overview of MGA**
- **Clinical utility of MGA as a biomarker**
  - **Prediction of prognosis**
  - **Prediction of treatment response**
- **Summary & Conclusion**

# Overview of Multigene Assay

## Gene Expression Profiling & Multigene Assay(MGA)

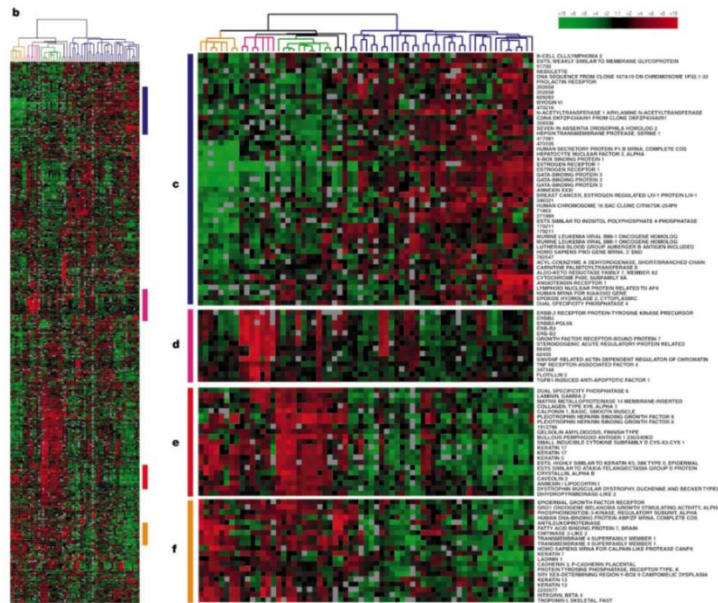
# Gene expression profiling

- In 1995, serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) + Microarray → cDNA Microarray → gene expression profiling



# Intrinsic subtypes & Risk prediction

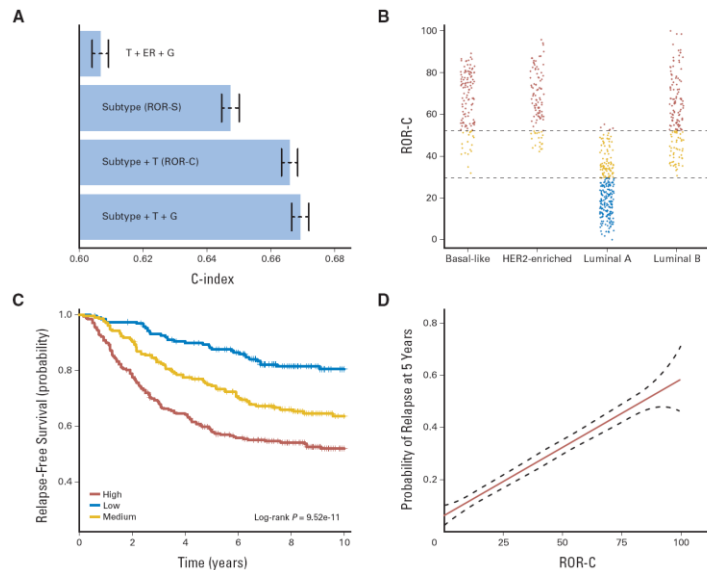
- In 2000, intrinsic subtypes of breast cancer



Nature. 2000 Aug 17;406(6797):747-52.

$$\text{ROR-S} = 0.05 \cdot \text{basal} + 0.12 \cdot \text{HER2} + 0.34 \cdot \text{LumA} + 0.23 \cdot \text{LumB} \quad (1)$$

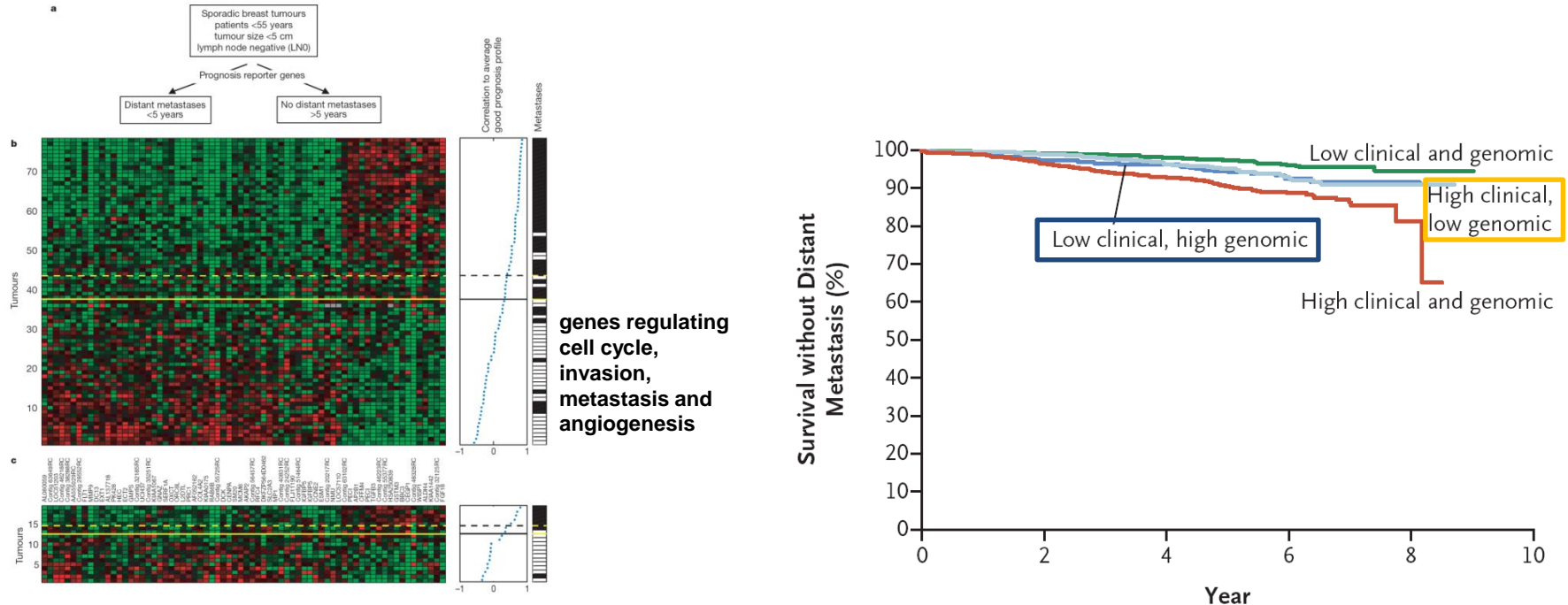
$$\text{ROR-C} = 0.05 \cdot \text{basal} + 0.11 \cdot \text{HER2} + 0.23 \cdot \text{LumA} + 0.09 \cdot \text{LumB} + 0.17 \cdot \text{T} \quad (2)$$



- In 2009, risk prediction with **P**rediction **A**nalysis of **M**icroarray of **50** gene set (**PAM50**; **Prosigna**®) ; ROR-S, ROR-C

# Clinical application & Phase III RCT

- In 2002, prediction of outcome with 70-gene assay (**MammaPrint®**)



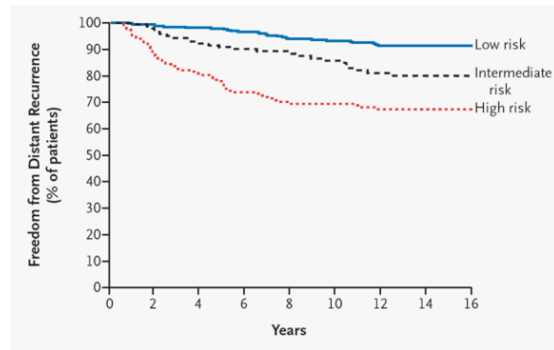
Nature. 2002 Jan 31;415(6871):530-6.

- In 2016, the first phase III RCT (**MINDACT** trial); randomized discordant risk groups for chemotherapy

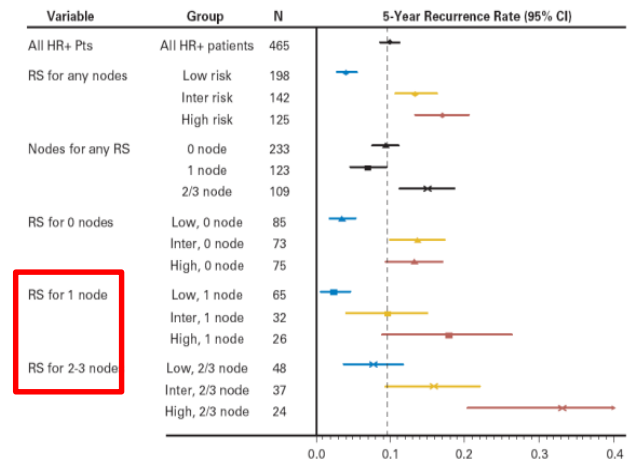
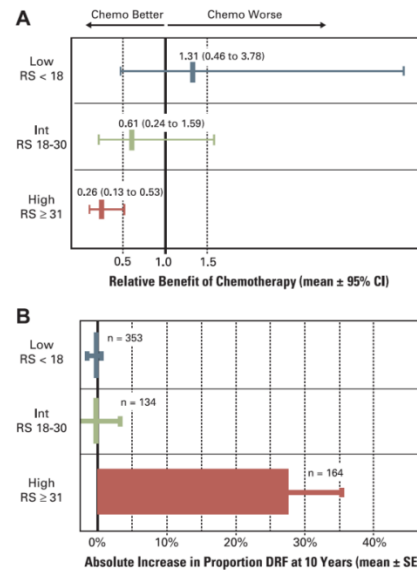


# Clinical utility of 21-gene assay (OncotypeDX<sup>®</sup>)

- In 2004, recurrence in **tam-treated, node- BC** from NSABP B-14
- In 2006, benefit of chemotherapy in **node-, ER+ BC** from NSABP B-20



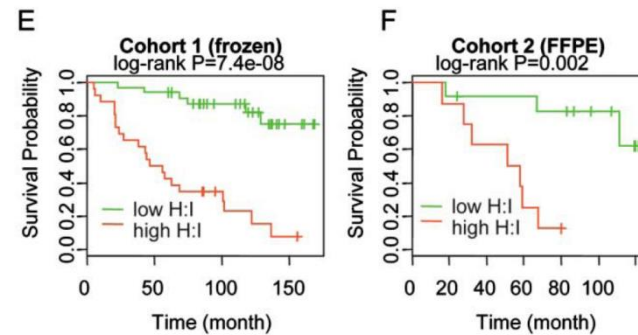
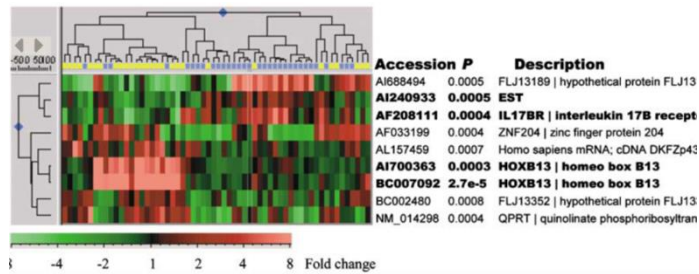
N Engl J Med 2004;351:2817-26.



- In 2008, recurrence in **chemo-treated, HR+, node+ BC** from Intergroup E2197 trial

# Late recurrence: 2-gene(H/I) ratio (BCI<sup>®</sup>)

- In 2004, HOXB13:IL17BR gene ratio in tam-treated, HR+ BC



- In 2013, validation of H/I ratio in patients treated with extended therapy of letrozole from MA.17

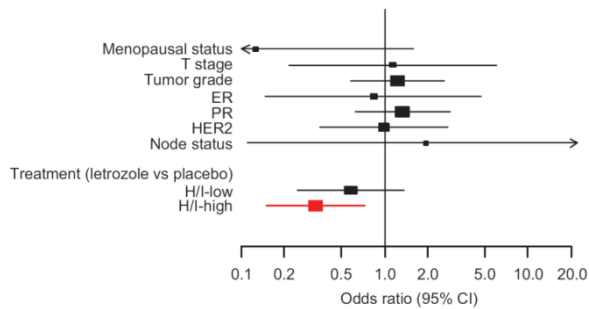


Table 4. Estimates of recurrence-free survival (RFS) at 5 years in patients who were treated with placebo or extended letrozole

| Patient subgroups | Placebo             |                        | Letrozole           |                        |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|                   | No. of patients (%) | 5-Year RFS (95% CI, %) | No. of patients (%) | 5-Year RFS (95% CI, %) |
| All patients      | 127 (100)           | 80.4 (68.0 to 88.4)    | 122 (100)           | 90.1 (82.3 to 94.6)    |
| H/I-low           | 65 (51)             | 87.0 (76.8 to 92.9)    | 63 (52)             | 91.0 (83.1 to 95.3)    |
| H/I-high          | 62 (49)             | 73.0 (56.6 to 84.1)    | 59 (48)             | 89.5 (80.3 to 94.5)    |

# Late recurrence: EndoPredict®

- In 2011, EP & EPclin scores were validated in ER+, HER2- BC treated with only endocrine therapy from ABCSG 6 & 8 trials

$$\Delta C_t(\text{GOI}) = 20 - C_t(\text{GOI}) + [C_t(\text{CALM2}) + C_t(\text{OAZ1}) + C_t(\text{RPL37A})]/3 \quad (\text{A})$$

The  $\Delta C_t$  values were combined into the predictive unscaled risk score  $s_u$ .

$$s_u = 0.41 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{BIRC5}) - 0.35 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{RBBP8}) + 0.39 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{UBE2C}) - 0.31 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{IL6ST}) - 0.26 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{AZGP1}) + 0.39 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{DHCR7}) - 0.18 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{MGP}) - 0.15 \cdot \Delta C_t(\text{STC2}) - 2.63 \quad (\text{B})$$

To avoid negative score values, we defined the final rescaled EP risk score ( $s$ ).

$$s = 0, \quad \text{if } 1.5 \cdot s_u + 18.95 < 0$$

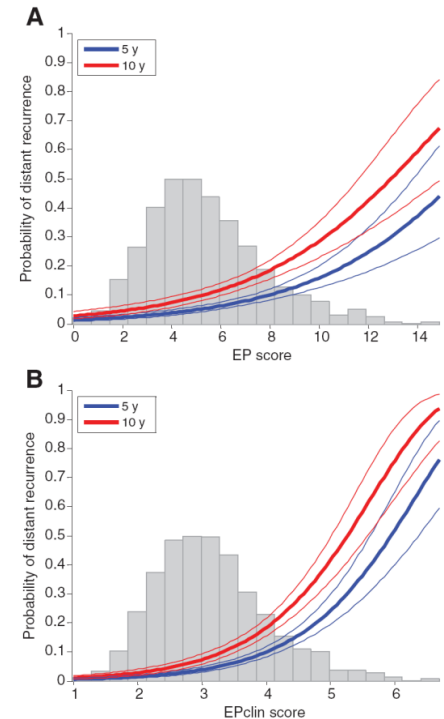
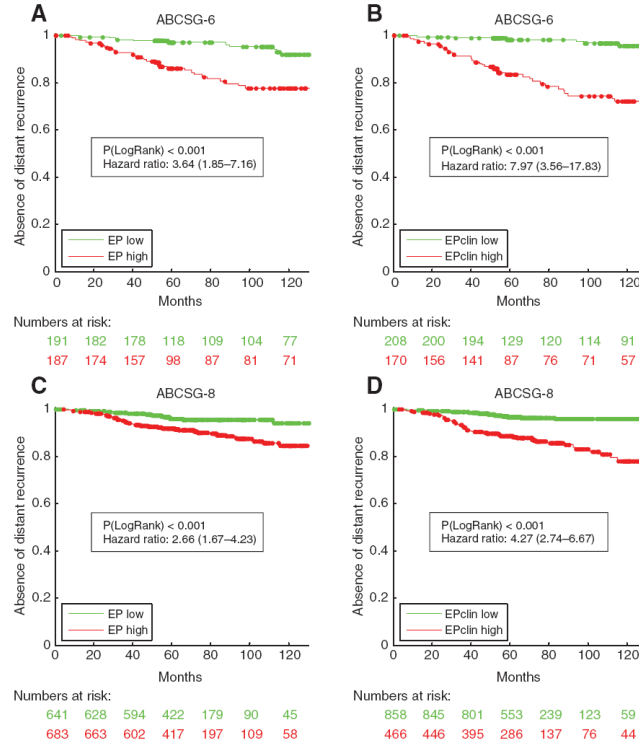
$$s = 15, \quad \text{if } 1.5 \cdot s_u + 18.95 > 15$$

$$s = 1.5 \cdot s_u + 18.95, \quad \text{otherwise} \quad (\text{C})$$

The EP risk score ranges from 0 to 15; higher values indicate a higher risk of recurrence.

EPclin ( $s_{\text{clin}}$ ), a combined score consisting of the EP risk score and clinical parameters, was constructed from the training set:

$$s_{\text{clin}} = 0.35 \cdot t + 0.64 \cdot n + 0.28 \cdot s \quad (\text{D})$$

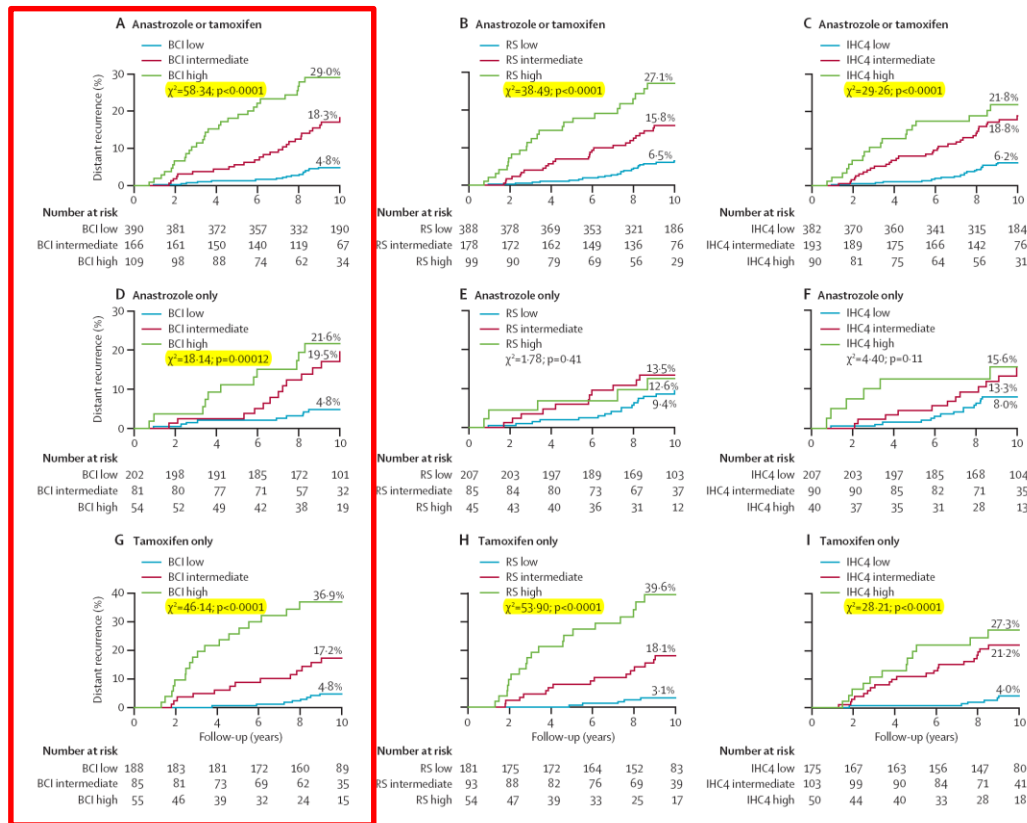


# Summary of MGAs

|                        | MammaPrint                            | OncotypeDX                       | Prosigna (PAM50)                      | BCI(Breast cancer index) | EndoPredict                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gene                   | 70                                    | 21 (T:16+R:5)                    | 55 (T:50+R:8)                         | 11 (T:7+R:4)             | 11 (T:8+R:3)                   |
| Technique              | Microarray                            | qRT-PCR                          | qRT-PCR & nCounter                    | qRT-PCR                  | qRT-PCR                        |
| Output                 | Risk of distant recurrence at 5 years | Recurrence Score(RS)             | Subtype & Risk of relapse (ROR) score | H/I ratio & MGI          | EP & EPclin scores             |
| Regulation             | Centralized Lab                       | Centralized Lab                  | Decentralized testing                 | Centralized Lab          | Decentralized testing          |
| Development population | Age < 55, node-, tam, chemo,          | Pre-/post-menopause, node-, tam  | Pre-/post-menopause, ER+, tam, chemo  | Post-menopause ER+, tam  | Post-menopause ER+, HER2-, tam |
| LOE                    | 1A                                    | 1B                               | 1B                                    | 1B                       | 1B                             |
| Validation set         | <b>MINDACT</b>                        | NSABP B-14, 20; Intergroup E2197 | Danish cohort study                   | Stockholm trial, MA.17   | ABCSG 6, 8                     |
| Ongoing trial          | -                                     | TAILORx<br>RxPONDER              | RxPONDER<br>OPTIMA                    | -                        | UNIRAD                         |

# Comparing MGAs for clinical application

- A prospective comparison of the BCI, 21-gene RS, and IHC4 with tissue blocks from **TransATAC** study population
- Prediction of late distant recurrence in patients with ER+ BC



# Criteria of evidence for recommendations

- Analytical validity; accuracy, reliability & reproducibility
- Clinical validity; to divide population into biological or clinical different groups
- **Clinical utility**; to provide clinically useful information beyond clinico-pathological indicators for improved outcomes

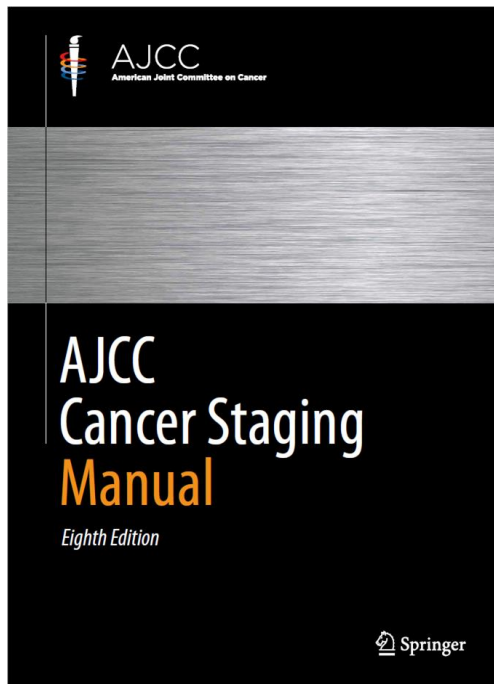
**Table 1** Categories of genetic test applications and some characteristics of how clinical validity and utility are assessed

| Application of test  | Clinical validity  | Clinical utility   |
|--|--|--|
| Diagnosis (symptomatic patient)                                    | Association of marker with disorder  | Improved clinical outcomes <sup>a</sup> —health outcomes based on diagnosis and subsequent intervention or treatment<br><br>Availability of information useful for personal or clinical decision-making<br><br>End of diagnostic odyssey |
| Disease screening (asymptomatic patient)                           | Association of marker with disorder  | Improved health outcome based on early intervention for screen positive individuals to identify a disorder for which there is intervention or treatment, or provision of information useful for personal or clinical decision making     |
| Risk assessment/susceptibility                                     | Association of marker with future disorder (consider possible effect of penetrance)                            | Improved health outcomes based on prevention or early detection strategies   |
| Prognosis of diagnosed disease                                     | Association of marker with natural history benchmarks of the disorder  | Improved health outcomes, or outcomes of value to patients, based on changes in patient management   |
| Predicting treatment response or adverse events (pharmacogenomics) | Association of marker with a phenotype/metabolic state that relates to drug efficacy or adverse drug reactions | Improved health outcomes or adherence based on drug selection or dosage  |

<sup>a</sup>Clinical outcomes are the net health benefit (benefits and harms) for the patients and/or population in which the test is used.

# Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay As a Prognostic Biomarker

# MGA in AJCC Breast Cancer Staging



## 48. Breast

### Genomic Profile for Pathologic Prognostic Staging

*When Oncotype Dx Score is less than 11...*

| And TNM is...        | And Grade is... | And HER2 Status is... | And ER Status is... | And PR Status is... | Then the Pathological Prognostic Stage Group is... |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| T1 N0 M0<br>T2 N0 M0 | Any             | Negative              | Positive            | Any                 | IA   |

#### Notes

1. Obtaining genomic profiles is NOT required for assigning Pathological Prognostic Stage. However genomic profiles may be performed for use in determining appropriate treatment. If the OncotypeDx<sup>®</sup> test is performed in cases with a T1N0M0 or T2N0M0 cancer that is HER2-negative and ER-positive, and the recurrence score is less than 11, the case should be assigned Pathological Prognostic Stage Group IA.
2. If OncotypeDx<sup>®</sup> is not performed, or if it is performed and the OncotypeDx<sup>®</sup> score is not available, or is 11 or greater for patients with T1-2 N0 M0 HER2-negative, ER-positive cancer, then the Prognostic Stage Group is assigned based on the anatomic and biomarker categories shown above.
3. **OncotypeDx<sup>®</sup> is the only multigene panel included to classify Pathologic Prognostic Stage** because prospective Level I data supports this use for patients with a score <11. Future updates to the staging system may include results from other multigene panels to assign cohorts of patients to Prognostic Stage Groups based on the then available evidence. **Inclusion or exclusion in this staging table of a genomic profile assay is not an endorsement of any specific assay** and should not limit appropriate clinical use of any genomic profile assay based on evidence available at the time of treatment.



# MGA for prediction of prognosis: EGTM guidelines

- All appear to provide prognostic information for relapse-free survival independent of the traditional prognostic factors such as tumour size, tumour grade and lymph node status.
- The majority were discovered and validated in ER-positive, HER2-negative, lymph node–negative patients between 40 and 65 years of age. Oncotype DX, MammaPrint, EndoPredict and Prosigna (see below), however, were also found to be prognostic in lymph node–positive patients (1–3 metastatic nodes), see below.

# Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay As a Predictive Biomarker

# Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay As a Predictive Biomarker(1)

**For Decision Making on Adjuvant  
Chemotherapy of Breast Cancer**

# ASCO Recommendations for MGA on adjuvant chemotherapy; focused update

|                      |             | OncotypeDX                            | EndoPredict                            | PAM50                                  | BCI                                    | MammaPrint   |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| ER/PgR(+)<br>HER2(-) | Node<br>(-) | <b>may be used</b>                    | <b>may be used</b>                     | <b>may be used</b>                     | <b>may be used</b>                     | <b>may be used<br/>in high clinical<br/>risk</b>     |
|                      |             | evidence,<br><b>high,<br/>strong</b>  | evidence,<br>intermediate,<br>moderate | evidence,<br><b>high,<br/>strong</b>   | evidence,<br>intermediate,<br>moderate | evidence,<br><b>high,<br/>Strong</b>                 |
|                      | Node<br>(+) | <b>should not</b>                     | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>may be used<br/>in N1, high<br/>clinical risk</b> |
|                      |             | evidence,<br>intermediate,<br>strong  | evidence,<br>insufficient,<br>moderate | evidence,<br>intermediate,<br>moderate | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | evidence,<br><b>high,<br/>moderate</b>               |
| HER2(+)              |             | <b>should not</b>                     | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                                    |
|                      |             | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>low,<br>Moderate                       |
| TN                   |             | <b>should not</b>                     | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                      | <b>should not</b>                                    |
|                      |             | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong  | consensus,<br>insufficient,<br>strong                |

# Clinical use of MGA on adjuvant therapy of breast cancer: Updated guidelines from EGTM

|                      |             | OncotypeDX                   | EndoPredict                  | PAM50                        | BCI                | MammaPrint                   |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| ER/PgR(+)<br>HER2(-) | Node<br>(-) | <b>may be used</b>           | <b>may be used</b>           | <b>may be used</b>           | <b>may be used</b> | <b>may be used</b>           |
|                      |             | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A            | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A            | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A            | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A  | LOE:IA<br>SOR:A              |
|                      | Node<br>(+) | <b>may be used<br/>in N1</b> | <b>May be used<br/>in N1</b> | <b>May be used<br/>in N1</b> | <b>should not</b>  | <b>may be used<br/>in N1</b> |
|                      |             | LOB:IB<br>SOR:A              | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A            | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A            | LOB: IB<br>SOR: A  | LOB:IA<br>SOR:A              |

# Differences in recommendations of MGA on adjuvant chemotherapy

|                    | ASCO    | NCCN    | ESMO    | St. Gallen | EGTM    |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
| <b>Oncotype DX</b> | LN-     | LN-,LN+ | LN-,LN+ | LN-,LN+    | LN-,LN+ |
| <b>EndoPredict</b> | LN-     | -       | LN-,LN+ | LN-,LN+    | LN-,LN+ |
| <b>PAM 50</b>      | LN-     | -       | LN-,LN+ | LN-,LN+    | LN-,LN+ |
| <b>BCI</b>         | LN-     | -       | -       | LN-,LN+    | LN-     |
| <b>MammaPrint</b>  | LN-,LN+ | -       | LN-,LN+ | LN-,LN+    | LN-,LN+ |

# Optimal Personalized Treatment of early breast cancer using Multi-parameter Analysis (OPTIMA) Trial in UK; Selecting BC Patients for Chemotherapy

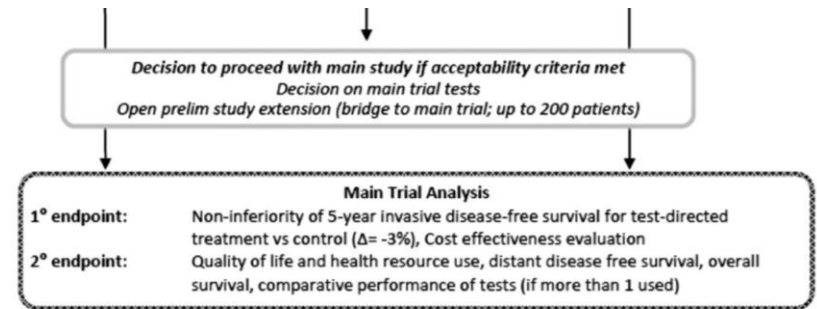
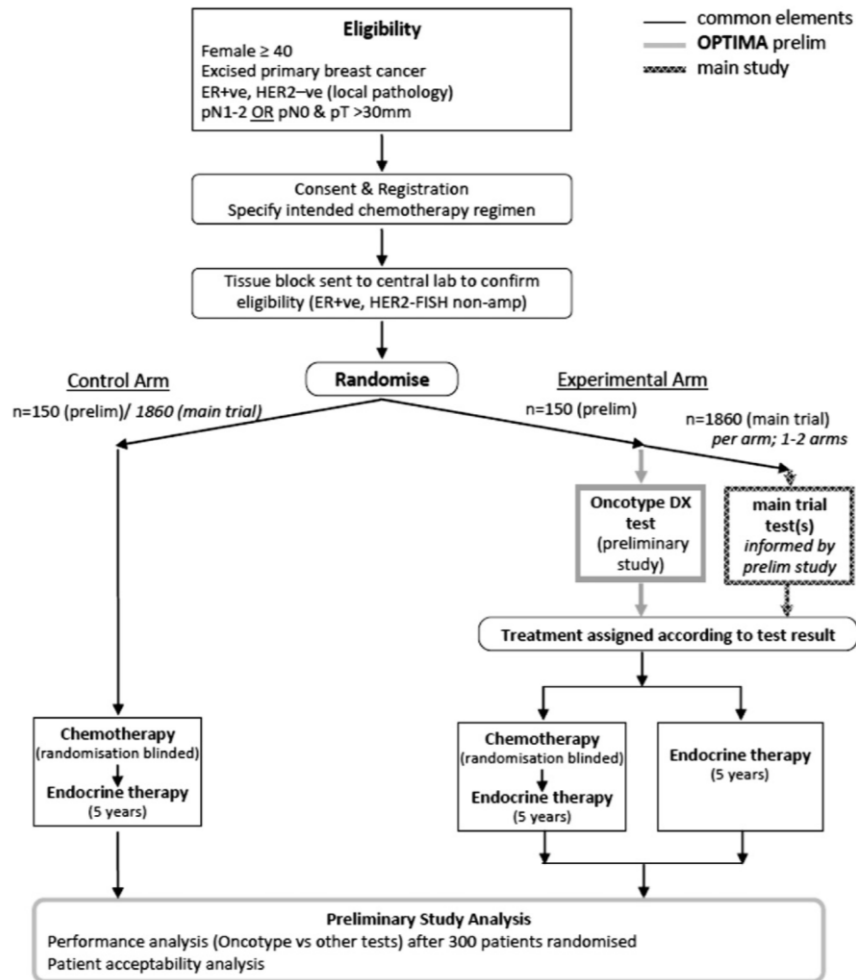


Fig 1. The design of the OPTIMA trial.

| Gene-based Assays | Perou and Sorlie (academic)<br>Oncotype DX (Genomic Health Inc.)<br>MammaPrint (Agendia)     |
|-------------------|--|
|                   | Rotterdam signature (Academic)   |
|                   | PAM50 (ARUP Laboratories & nanoString Technologies)<br>Breast Cancer Index (bioTheranostics) |
|                   | Blueprint (Agendia)  |
|                   | MAPQUANT-Dx<br>Genomic Grade (Ipsogen)<br>Breast Cancer Array (Randox)                       |

# OPTIMA prelim: a randomised feasibility study of personalised care in the treatment of women with early breast cancer

**Conclusions:** OPTIMA prelim **has achieved its aims** of demonstrating that a large UK clinical trial of multiparameter assay-based selection of chemotherapy in hormone-sensitive early breast cancer **is feasible**. The economic analysis shows that a trial would be economically worthwhile for the NHS.

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## Comparing Breast Cancer Multiparameter Tests in the OPTIMA Prelim Trial: No Test Is More Equal Than the Others.

**Conclusions:** Existing evidence on the comparative prognostic information provided by different tests suggests that current multiparameter tests **provide broadly equivalent risk information** for the population of women with estrogen receptor (ER)-positive breast cancers. However, for the individual patient, tests **may provide differing risk categorization and subtype information**.

Table 5. Number of tests agreeing with each test

| No. of other tests agreed with test | Oncotype DX No. (%) | Prosigna No. (%) | MammaPrint No. (%) | IHC4 No. (%) | IHC4-AQUA No. (%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 4                                   | 119 (39.4)          | 119 (39.4)       | 119 (39.4)         | 119 (39.4)   | 119 (39.4)        |

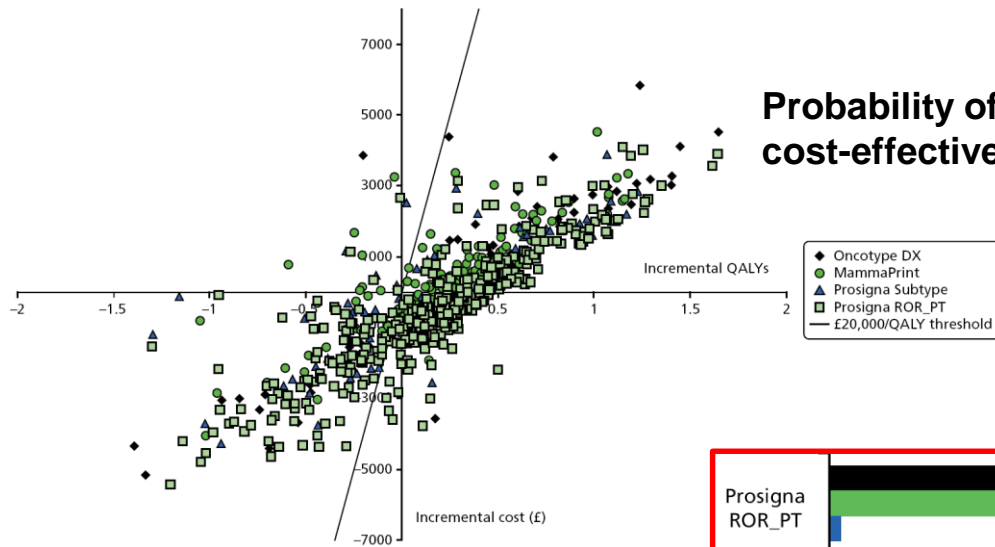
TABLE 29 Intrinsic subtype predictions

| Subtype group | Blueprint (n = 298) | Prosigna (n = 299) | MammaTyper Int. <sup>a</sup> (n = 298) | MammaTyper (n = 298) |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|
| Luminal A     | 181 (61%)           | 178 (60%)          | 186 (62%)                              | 53 (18%)             |
| Non-luminal A | 117 (39%)           | 121 (40%)          | 112 (38%)                              | 245 (82%)            |

a MammaTyper Int. combines luminal A and low-risk luminal B.



# Value of Information Analysis of Multiparameter Tests for Chemotherapy in Early Breast Cancer: The OPTIMA Prelim Trial.



Probability of test-directed chemotherapy to be more cost-effective than standard care: **86%**

FIGURE 8 Scatterplot on the incremental cost-effectiveness plane, comparing each test included in the base case.

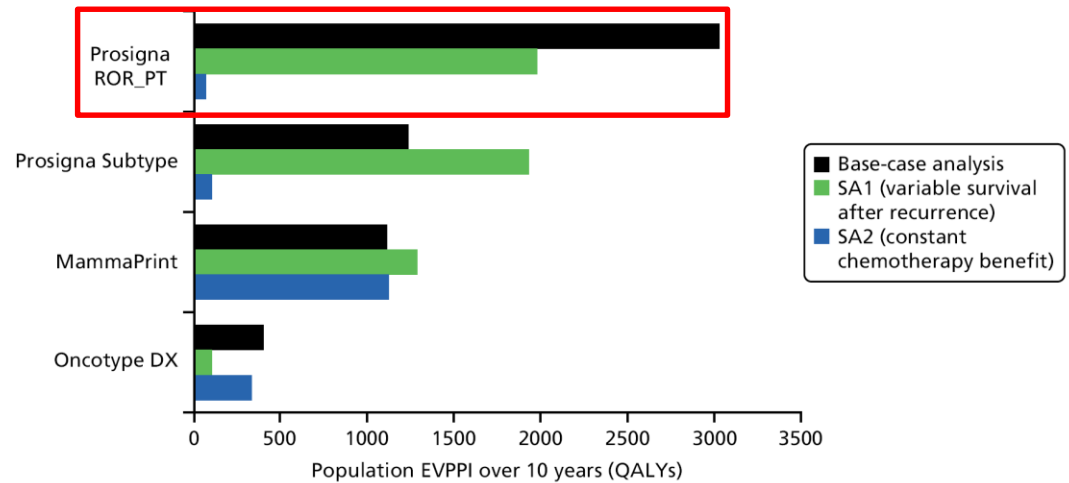
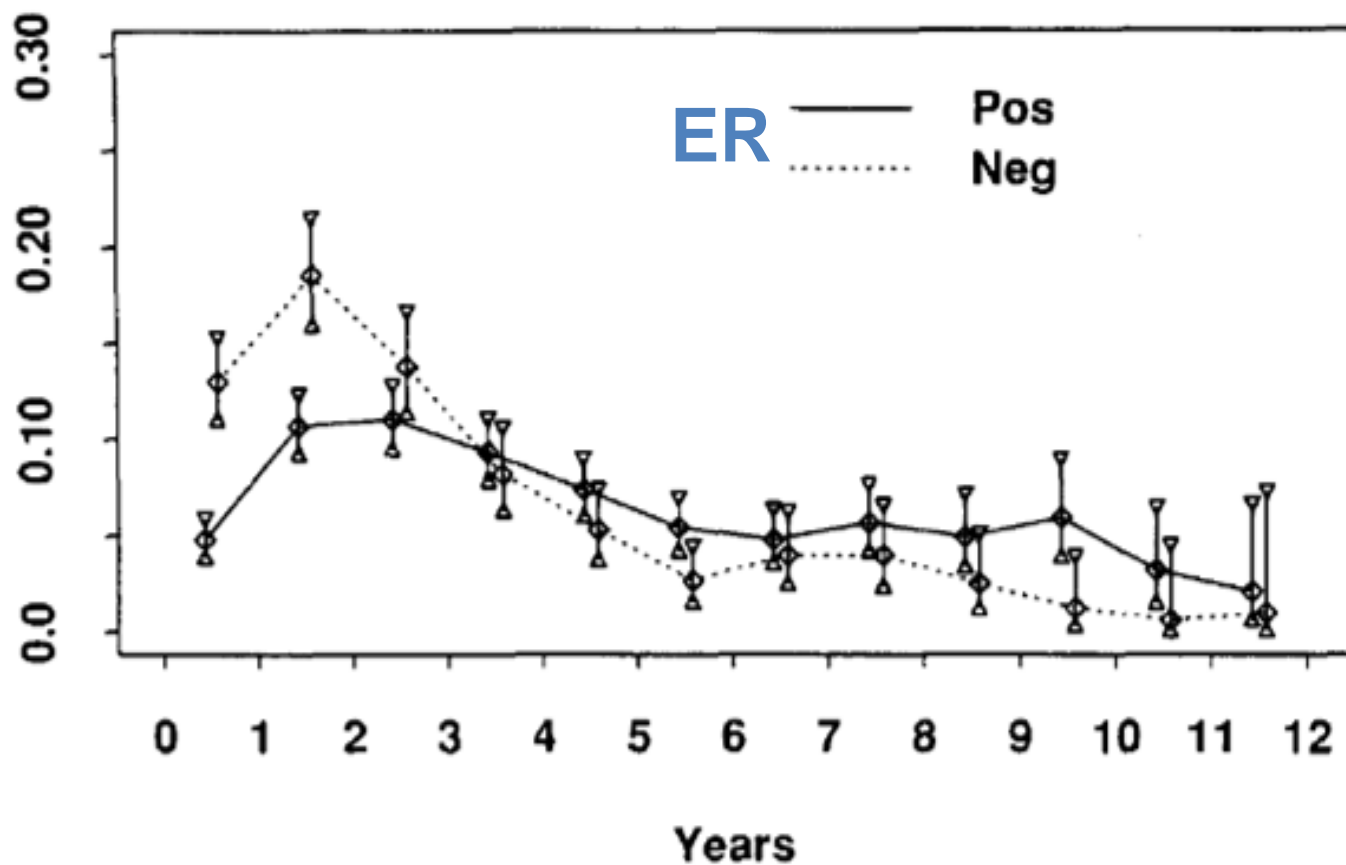


FIGURE 13 Value-of-information analysis for the base-case comparison and sensitivity analyses numbers 1 and 2. SA, sensitivity analysis.

# **Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay As a Predictive Biomarker(2)**

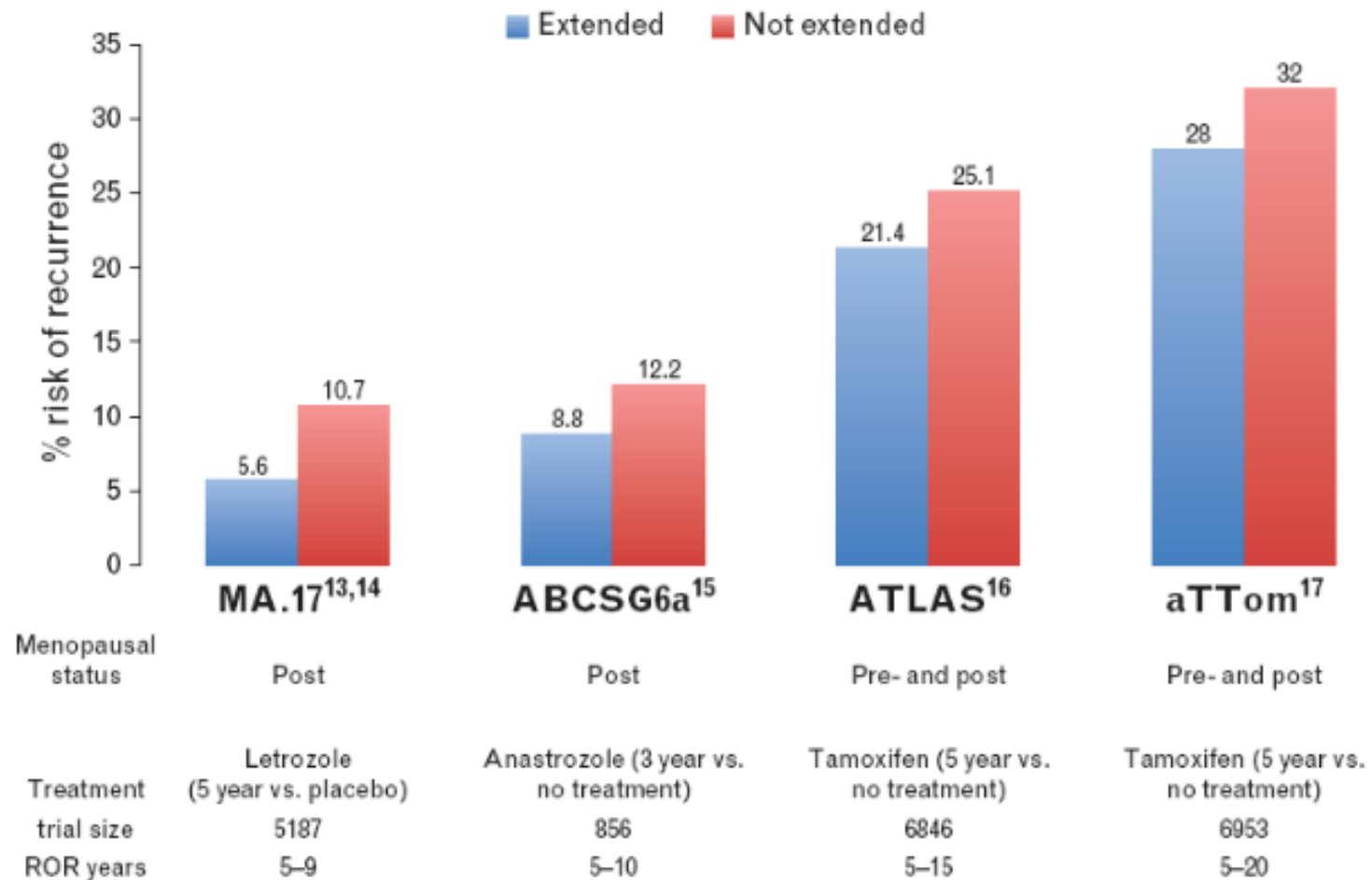
## **For Prediction of Late Recurrence on Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy**

# Late recurrence after surgery with adjuvant therapy: analysis of ECOG trials

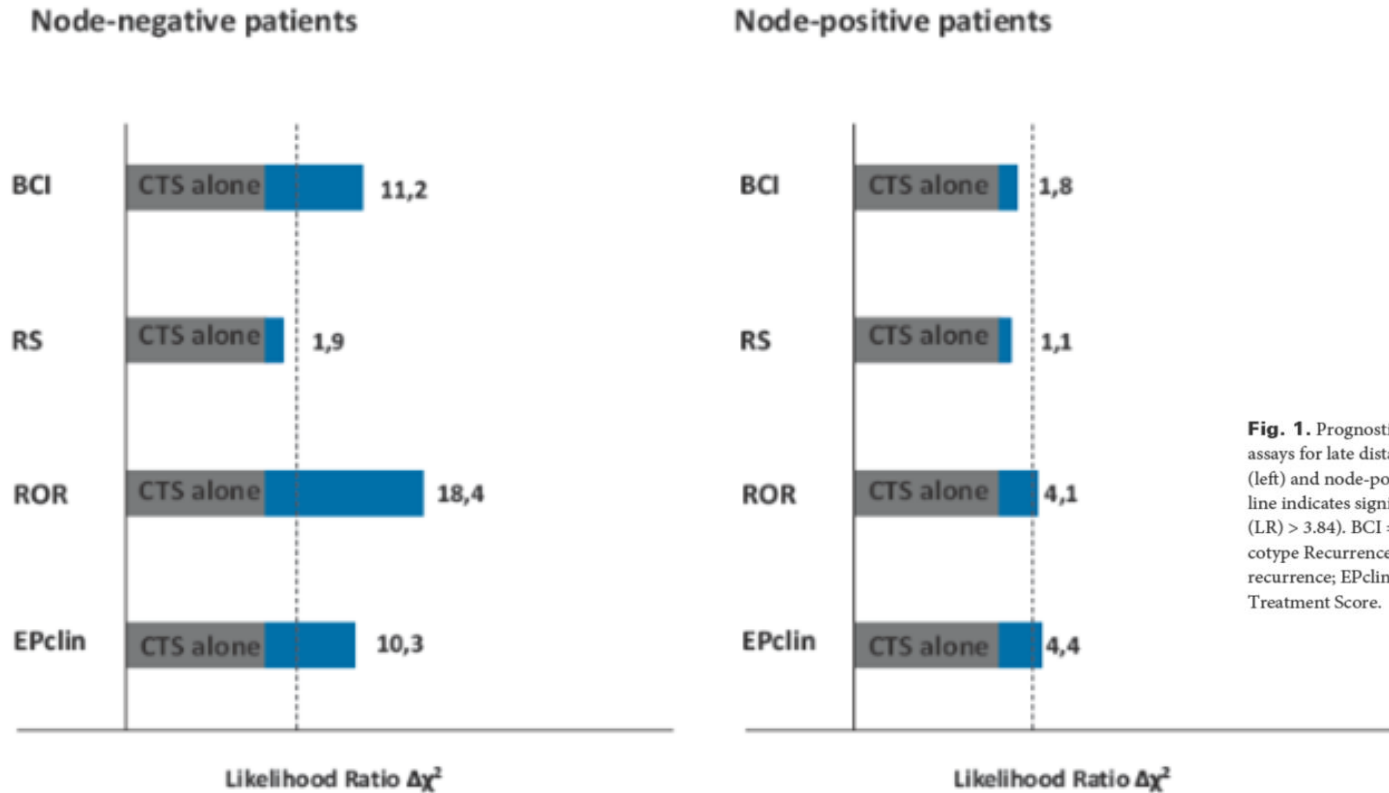


**Annual Hazard Rates of Recurrence for Breast Cancer  
After Primary Therapy**

# Extended endocrine therapy & Late recurrence



# Comparison of MGAs for prediction of late distant recurrence



**Fig. 1.** Prognostic performance of multigene assays for late distant recurrence in node-negative (left) and node-positive (right) patients. Dotted line indicates significance level (Likelihood Ratio (LR) > 3.84). BCI = Breast Cancer Index; RS = Oncotype Recurrence Score; ROR = PAM50 risk of recurrence; EPclin = EndoPredict; CTS = Clinical Treatment Score.

**Clinical Utility of Multigene Assay  
As a Predictive Biomarker(3)  
For Safe Omission of Adjuvant  
Radiation Therapy**

# MGA for decision on adjuvant radiation therapy

**Table 1** Ten-year local regional recurrence from breast conservation in biologically “low-risk” cases retrospectively analyzed from prospective trials

| Trial samples                                  | Median follow-up (years) | Selection criteria for “low risk”                        | 10-year LRR (%)  |                     |
|--|--------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
|  |                          |  | Lumpectomy alone | Lumpectomy and RT   |
| TBC trial [23]                                 | 10                       | Luminal A<br>By IHC: ER, PR, HER2,<br>CK5/6, EGFR, KI-67 | 7.3              | 3.3 ( $P = 0.11$ )  |
| NSABP B-14/B-20 [25]                           | 10–14                    | Oncotype RS $\leq 18$                                    | –                | 6.8                 |
| ECOG E2197 [26]                                | 9.7                      | Oncotype RS $\leq 18$                                    | –                | 3.2                 |
| ABCSG 8 [27]                                   | 9.5                      | PAM50 ROR $\leq 57$                                      | –                | 1.9                 |
| ABCSG 8 [28]                                   | 6                        | EndoPredict low  | 11.1             | 0.2 ( $P < 0.005$ ) |
| Netherlands Cancer Institute [29] <sup>a</sup> | 8.9                      | MammaPrint low risk                                      | –                | 6.1                 |

# Ongoing trials to omit radiation therapy

**Table 2** Clinical trials using biological selection criteria to enroll women with stage I, ER/PR-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer to endocrine therapy alone *without radiotherapy* post lumpectomy

| Trial     | CA. gov identifier | Design                                  | Biological selection          | Eligible patient age (years) | Targeted accrual |
|-----------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| LUMINA    | NCT01791829        | Phase II, single-arm observation        | Luminal A by IHC              |                              | 500              |
| IDEA      | NCT02400190        | Phase II, single-arm observation        | RS $\leq$ 18                  | 50–69                        | 250              |
| PRECISION | NCT0265375         | Phase II, single-arm observation        | PAM50 ROR $\leq$ 40           | 55–65                        | 1380             |
| EXPERT    | NCT02889874        | Phase III randomized RT vs. observation | PAM50 Luminal A<br>ROR $<$ 60 | $\geq$ 50                    | 1167             |

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A randomised phase III trial of adjuvant radiation therapy versus observation following breast conserving surgery and endocrine therapy in patients with molecularly characterized luminal A early breast cancer.



# **SUMMARY & CONCLUSION**

# Multigene assay in breast cancer

- It has been used for more than a decade as an important biomarker for the prediction of patient's prognosis and of treatment response in adjuvant therapy of breast cancer.
- With this, the over- and under-treatments would be minimized in HR+, HER2-, node- early staged breast cancer.
- Ongoing prospective randomized trials of multigene assay would clarify and expand its roles in clinical practice for the treatment of breast cancer.

**Thank you for your attention !**