

BIOTHERAPIES: IS PK THE FORGOTTEN BIOMARKER?

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WHO CARES ABOUT PK ?

PK of biologics only starts to be considered!

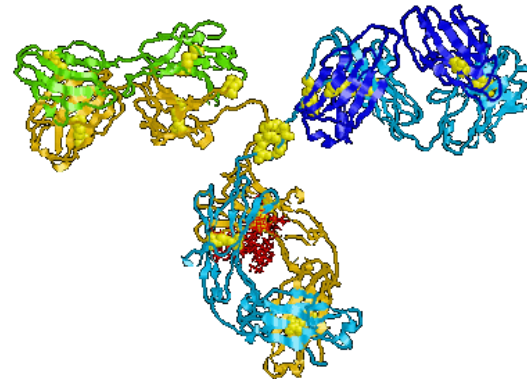
Cytotoxics & TKIs

- Infusional or Oral absorption
- Goes through the membranes
- Strong liver metabolism
- Glomerular filtration
- Half-life in minutes / hours
- Extensive Distribution
- Biliary secretion



Biologics

- Little resorption through membranes
- Limited distribution
- No liver metabolism
- No renal clearance
- Half-life in weeks
- Proteolytic degradation
- Receptor-mediated clearance (TMDD)
- Anti-MAB antibodies

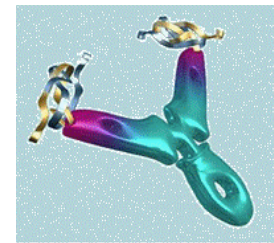


WHO CARES ABOUT PK ?

How to anticipate MoABs PK for adjusting dosing?



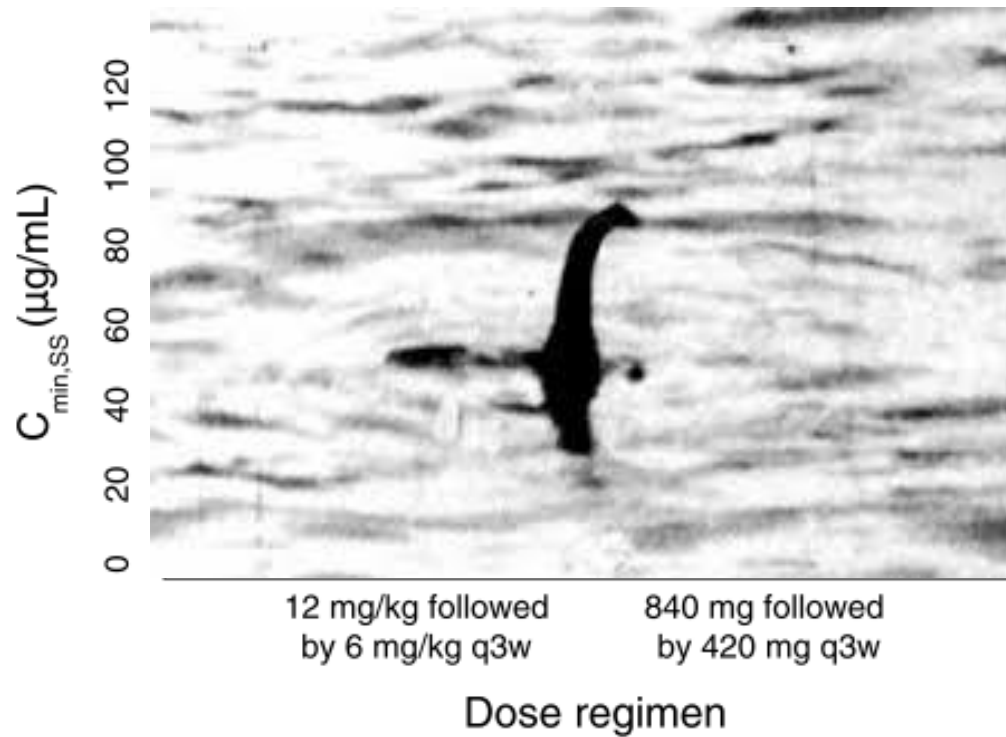
- Impaired kidney function
- Impaired Liver function
- age
- obesity
- ADME genetic polymorphisms
- sex
- co-medications



- age?
- sex?
- tumor burden ?
- Fc- γ -R genetic polymorphism ?
- ?
- ?

PK VARIABILITY WITH BIOTHERAPY IS NOT A HOAX!

Pertuzumab (Perjeta®)



PK VARIABILITY WITH BIOTHERAPY IS NOT A HOAX!

Bevacizumab (Avastin®)

- mCRC Patients (CHU Timone, Pr Seitz)
- NSCLC Patients (CHU Nord, Pr Barlési)



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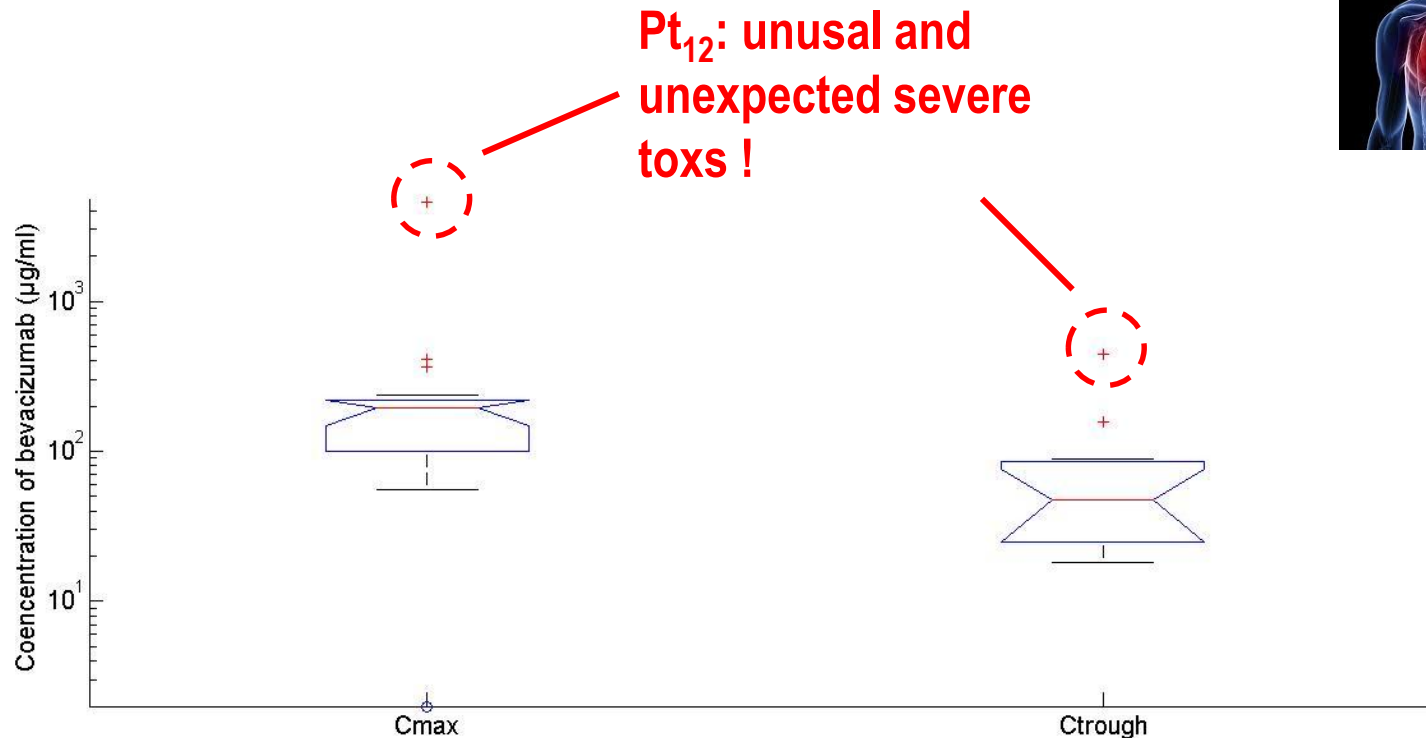


Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (C_{max}, C_{trough})



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Bevacizumab (Avastin®)



Inter-patient variability on drug levels: > 200%!

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Cetuximab (Erbix[®])

- Head & Neck Patients (CHU Timone, Pr Salas)



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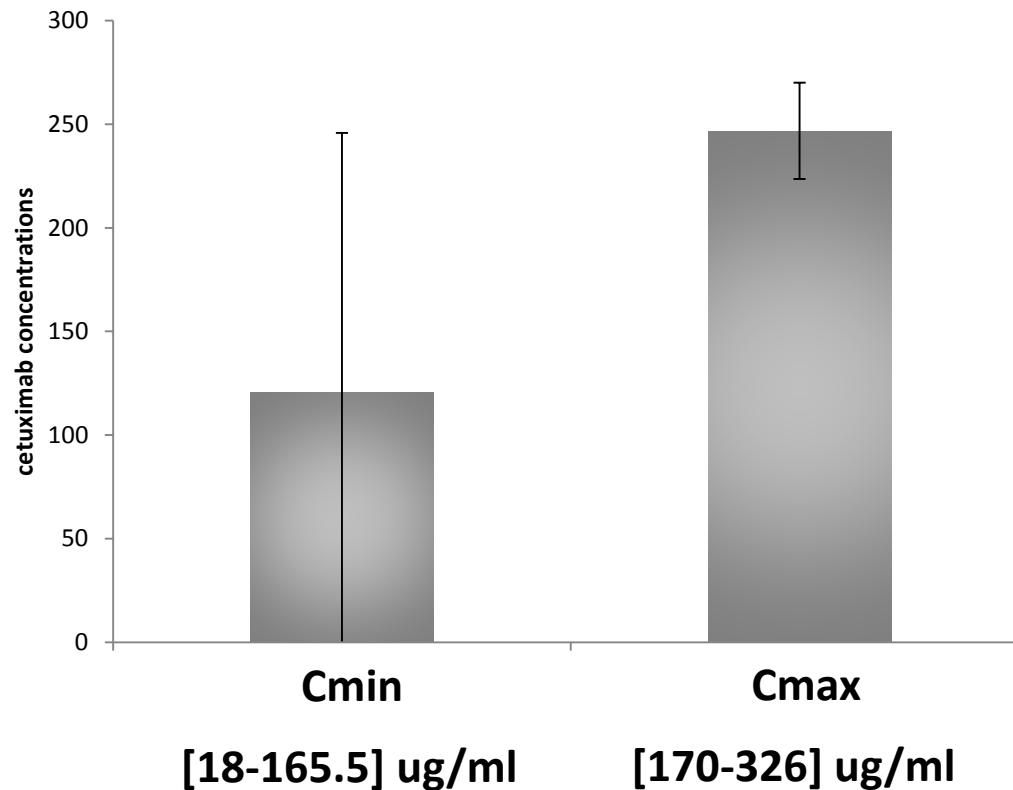
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Cetuximab (Erbix[®])



Inter-patient variability on trough levels: > 125%!

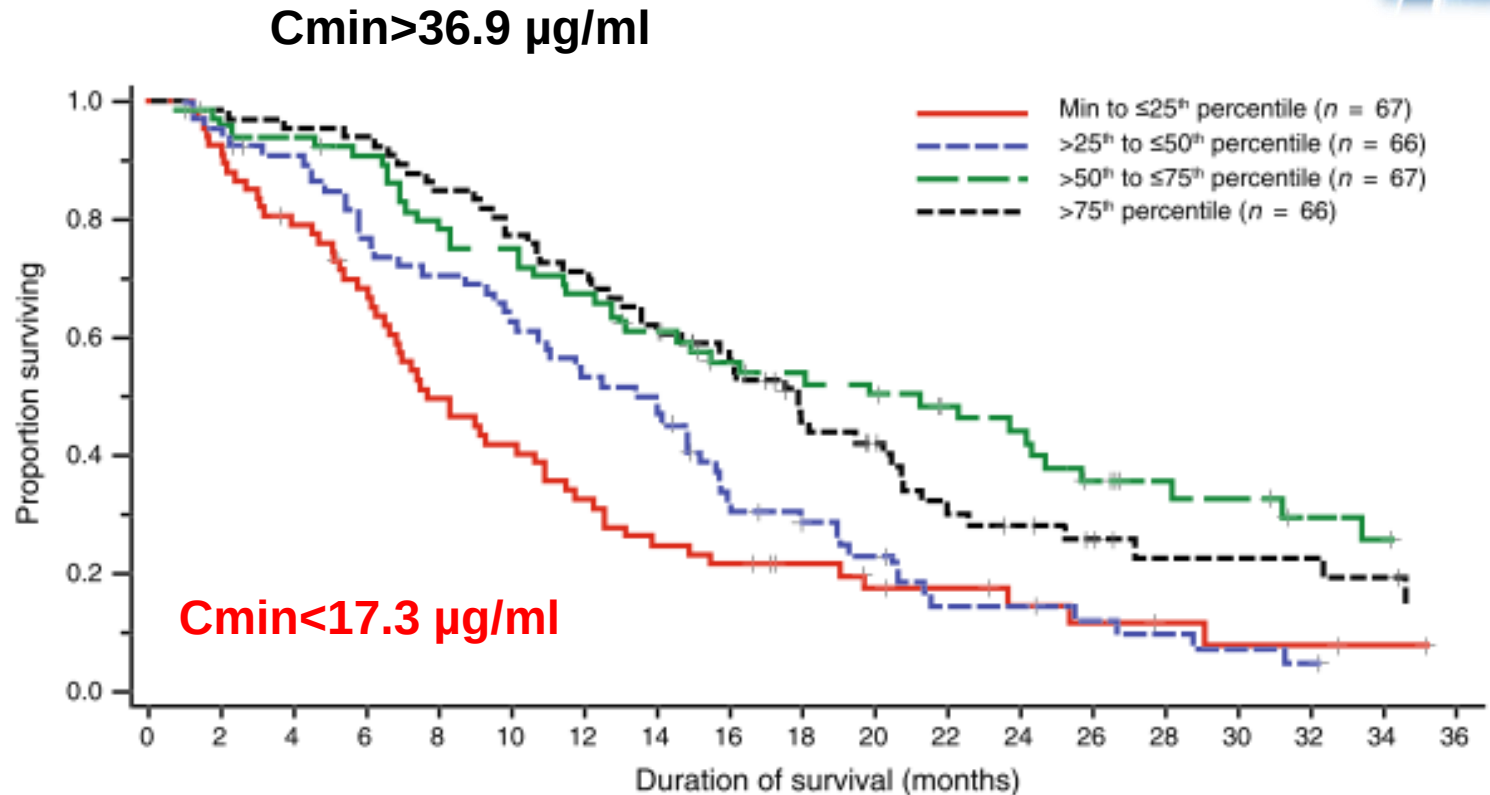
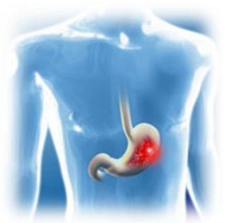
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BIOETHERAPIES: EXPOSURE MATTERS!



PK/PD OF BIOTHERAPIES

❖ Trastuzumab in Gastric Cancer



Cosson et al. 2014



Trastuzumab (Herceptin®)

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❖ Cetuximab in mCRC



Cancer Therapy: Clinical

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Cetuximab Pharmacokinetics Influences Progression-Free Survival of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Patients

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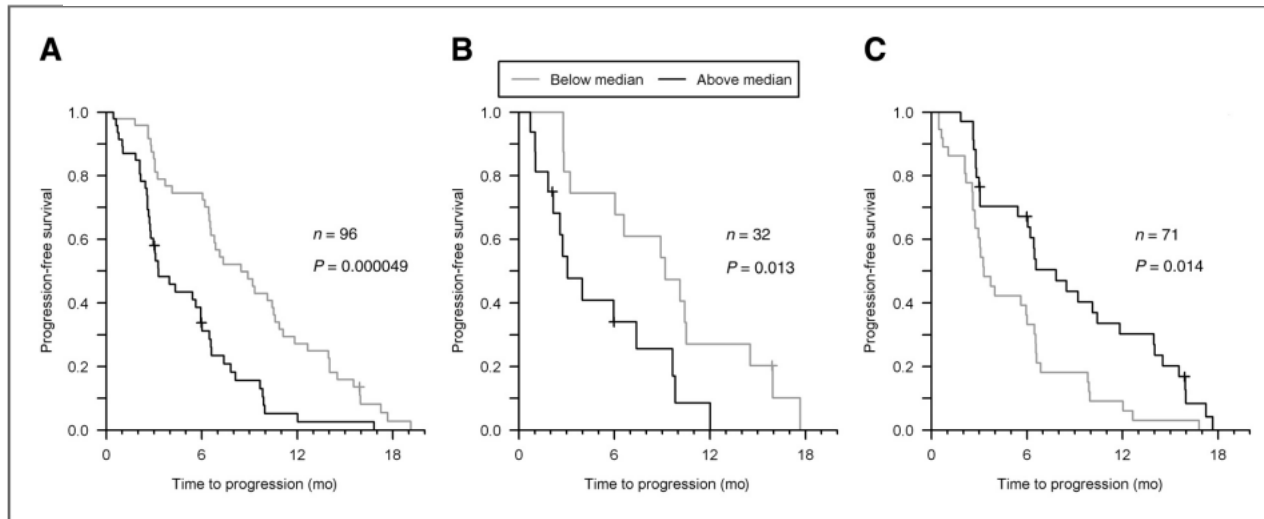


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier curves of PFS according to (A) cetuximab global clearance in all patients, (B) cetuximab global clearance in patients with wild-type *KRAS* tumor, and (C) cetuximab residual concentration on day 14. Patients with values above and below the median value are displayed as black and gray lines, respectively.

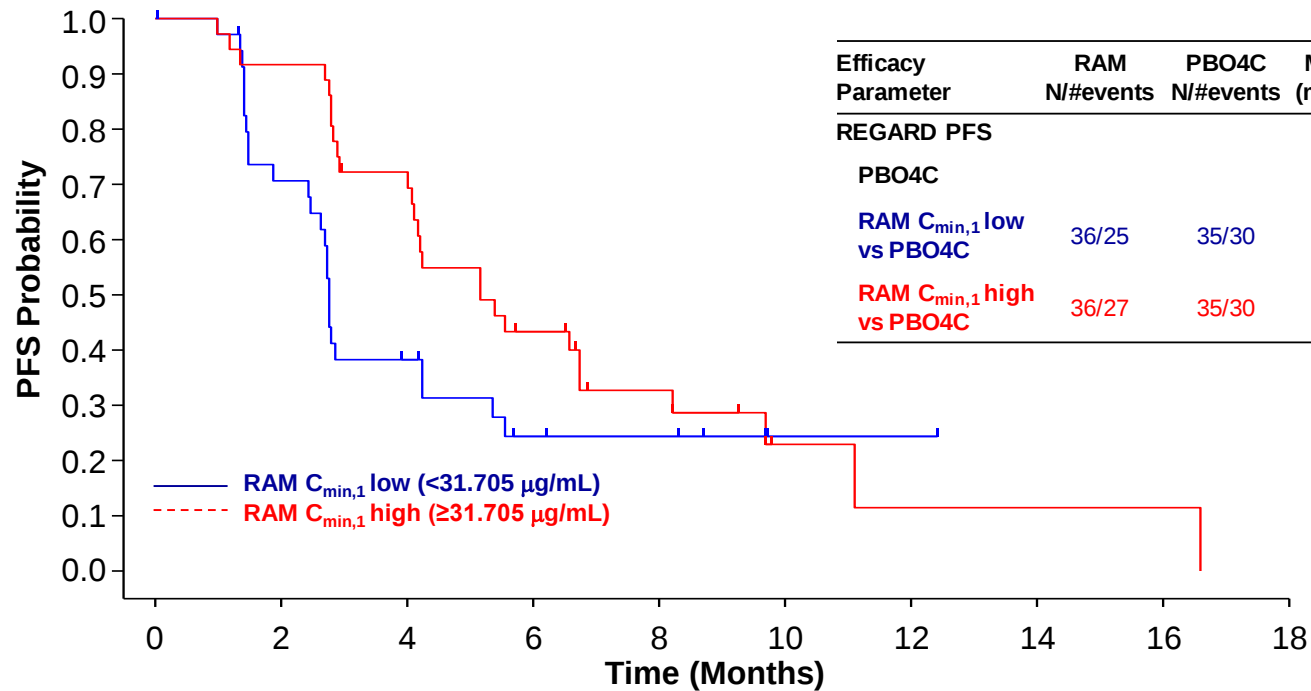
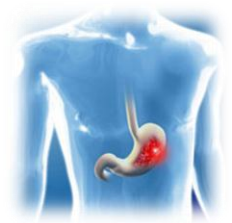


Cetuximab (Erbitux®)

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❖ Ramucirumab in Gastric Cancer

Regard Phase-3 trial



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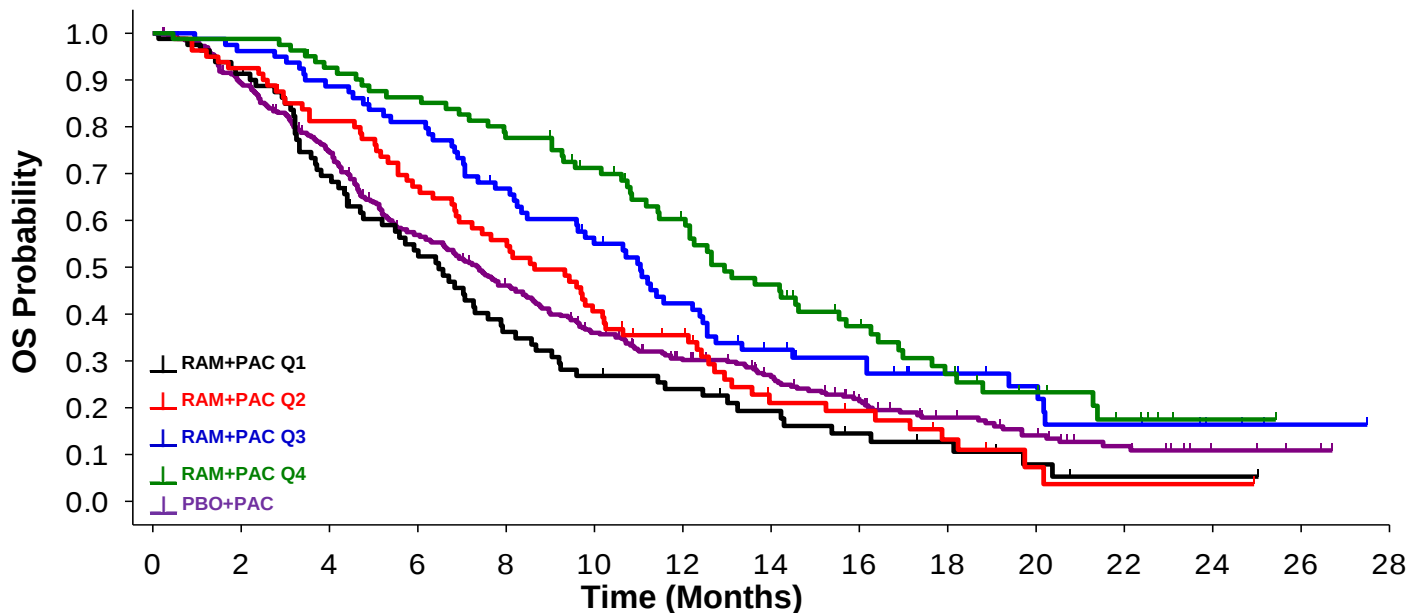
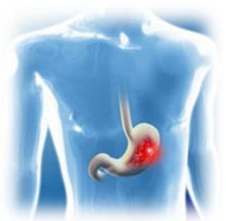
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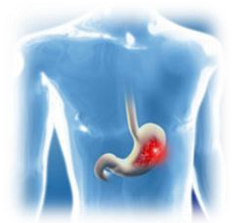
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Efficacy Parameter	RAM+PAC N/#events	PBO+PAC N/#events	Median (months)	Hazard Ratio* (95% CI)	p-value
RAINBOW OS					
PBO+PAC			7.4		
RAM+PAC Q1	80/68	335/260	6.5	1.04 (0.79, 1.37)	0.7891
RAM+PAC Q2	80/67	335/260	8.6	0.84 (0.64, 1.11)	0.2168
RAM+PAC Q3	80/58	335/260	11.0	0.69 (0.51, 0.92)	0.0107
RAM+PAC Q4	81/57	335/260	12.9	0.53 (0.40, 0.71)	<0.0001

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	PBO+PAC N=335	RAM+PAC				
		Overall N=321	Q1 N=81	Q2 N=80	Q3 N=80	Q4 N=80
C _{min,1} concentration range, µg/mL	---	11.6 to 76.7	11.6 to ≤22.8	>22.8 to ≤28.0	>28.0 to ≤35.5	>35.5 to 76.7
Hypertension,* %	3.0	14.6	9.9	17.5	15.0	16.2
Neutropenia, %	20.9	42.1	25.9	35.0	47.5	60.0
Febrile neutropenia, %	2.7	3.1	3.7	1.3	3.8	3.8
Leukopenia, %	7.2	17.8	13.6	11.2	22.5	23.8
Fatigue/asthenia, %	5.4	12.1	11.1	11.3	13.8	12.5

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PK VARIABILITY WITH IMMUNOTHERAPY PROBABLY MATTERS!

Ipilimumab (Yervoy®) in melanoma

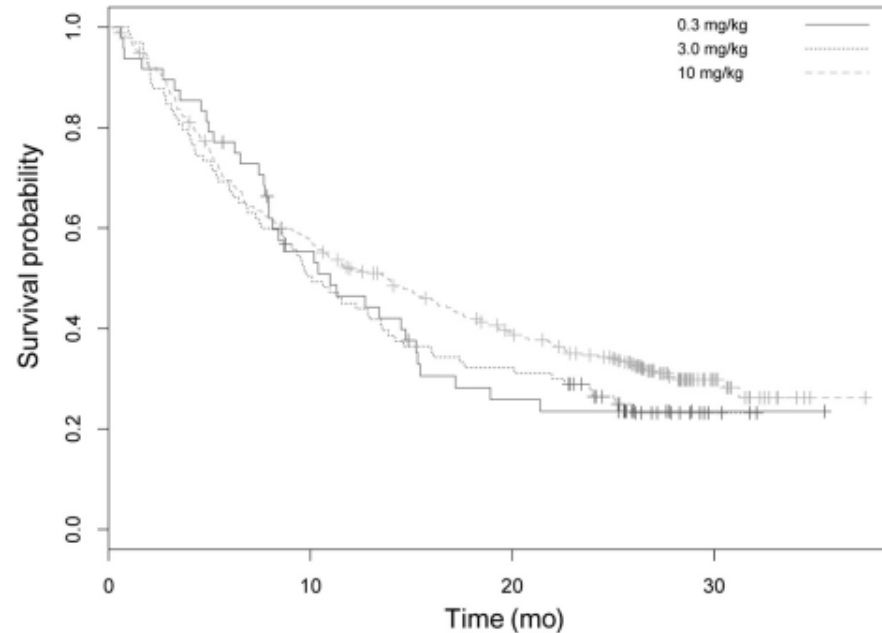
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Subjects at risk

0.3 mg/kg	48	37	22	13	11	2	0
3.0 mg/kg	98	66	43	31	22	4	0
10 mg/kg	352	240	172	134	101	23	2

**No difference
In dosing**



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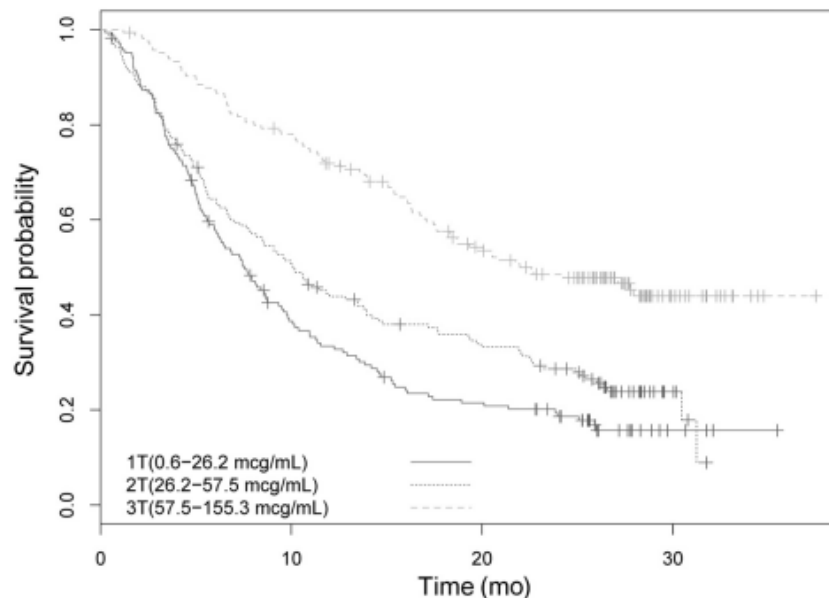
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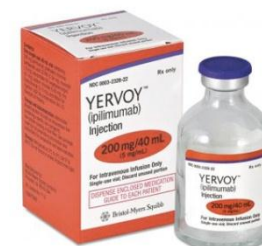
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Subjects at risk

1T	165	93	52	34	26	5	0
2T	168	106	69	55	42	7	0
3T	165	144	116	89	66	17	2



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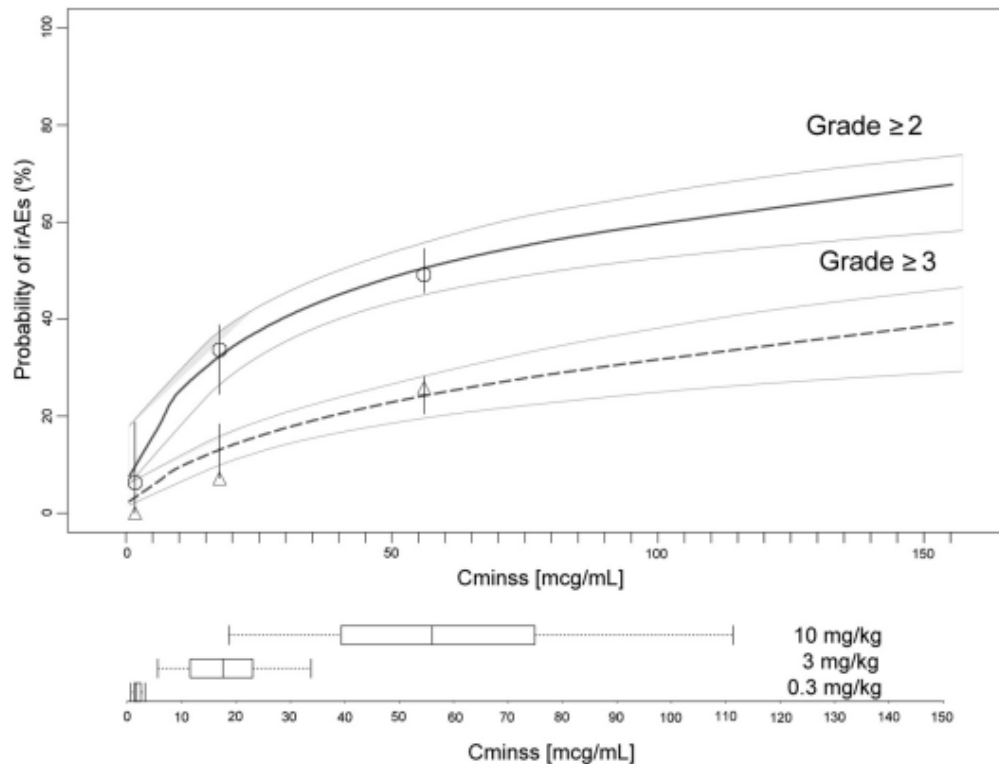
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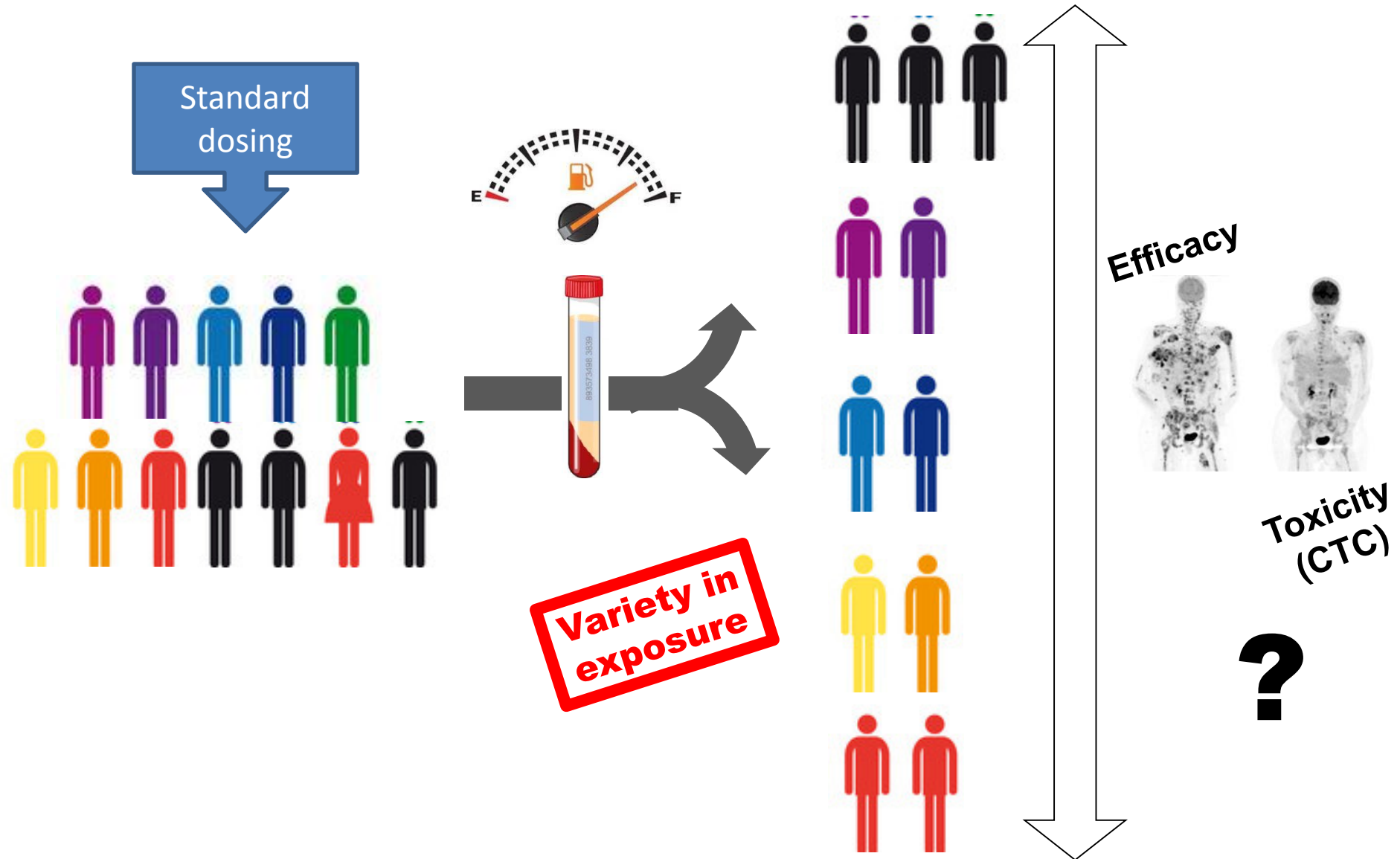
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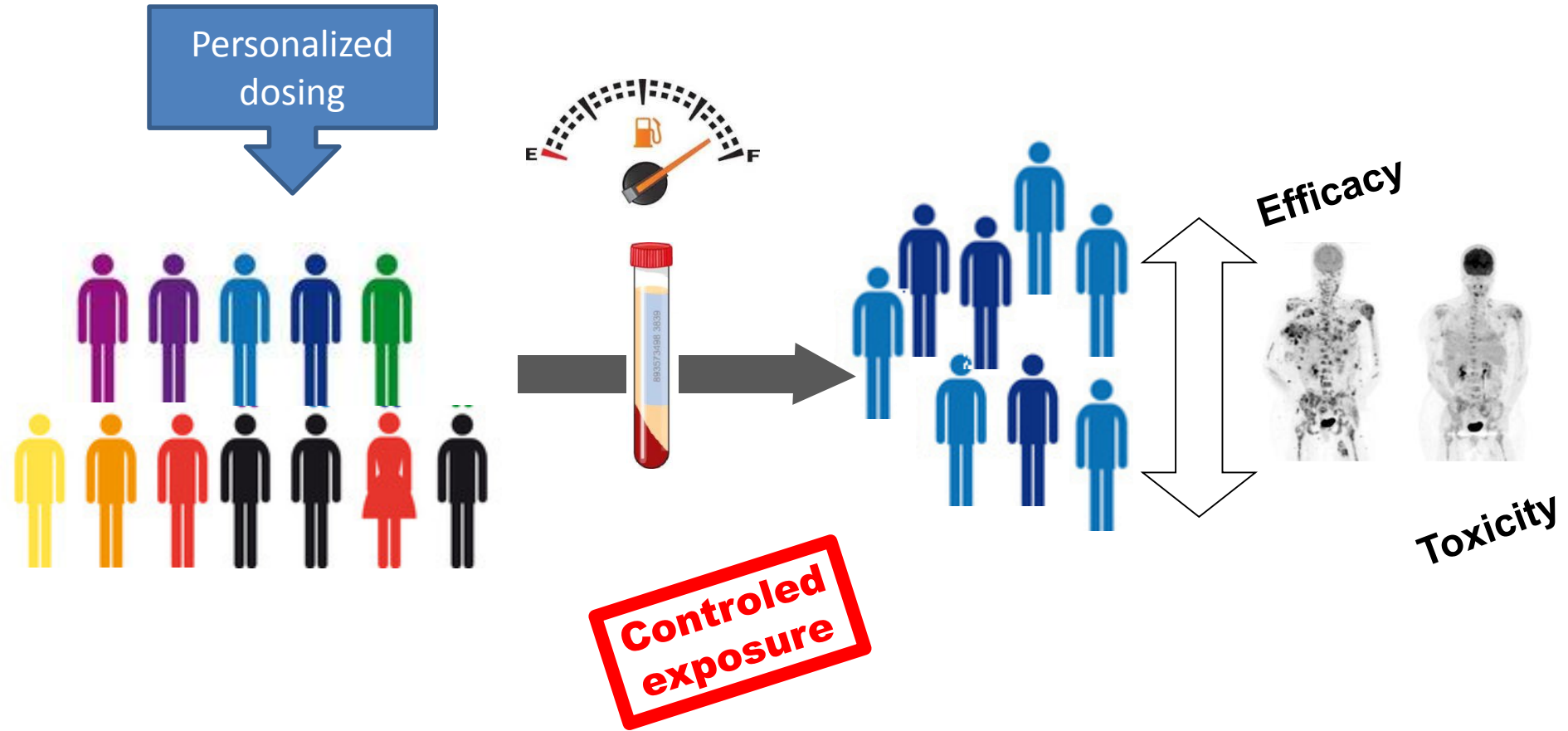
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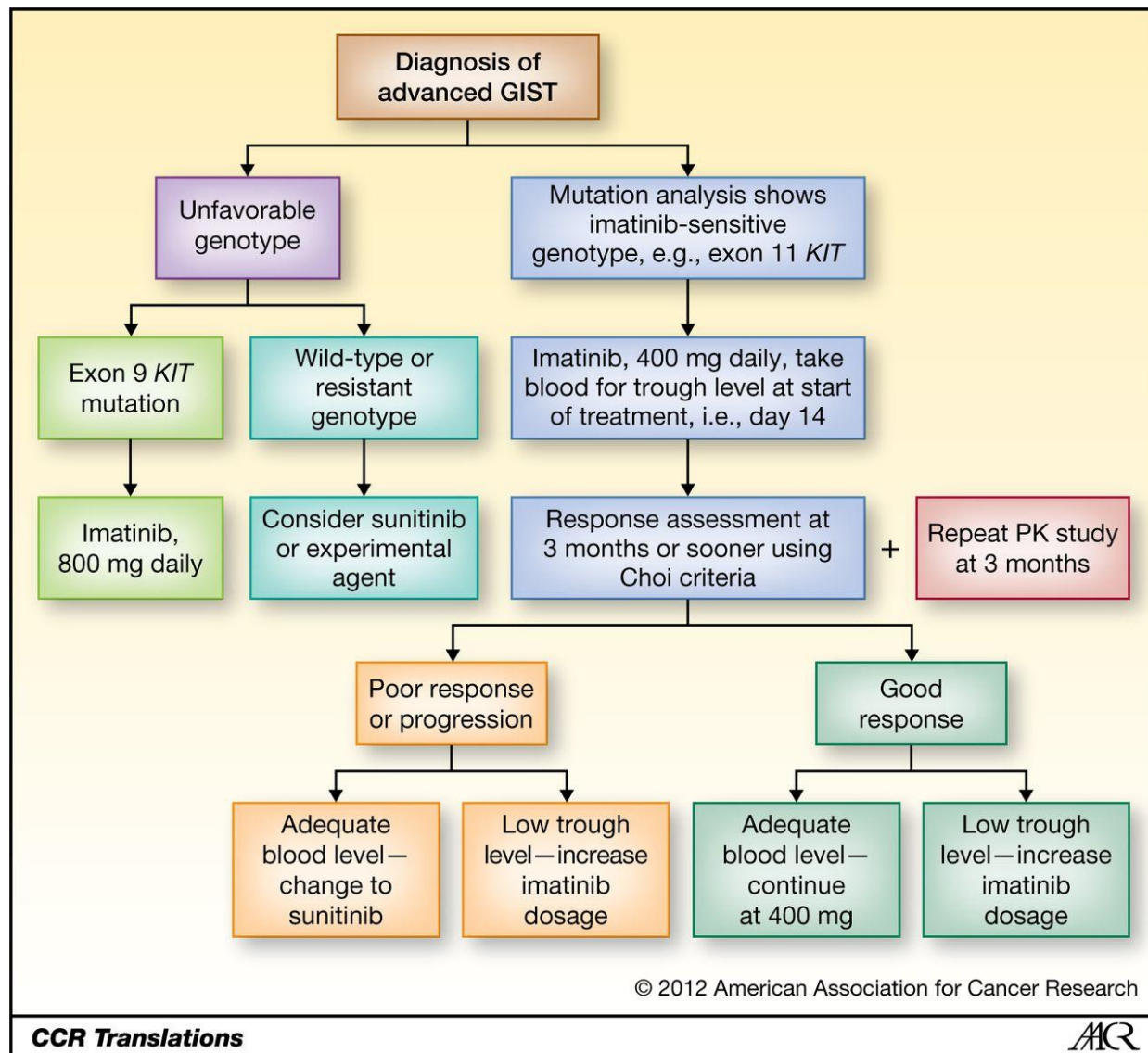
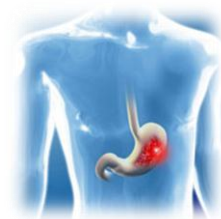
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In addition to adaptive dosing strategies, extensive PK/PD support + TDM procedures could help to refine the exact place of biotherapies combined with chemotherapy!

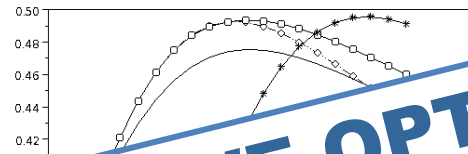
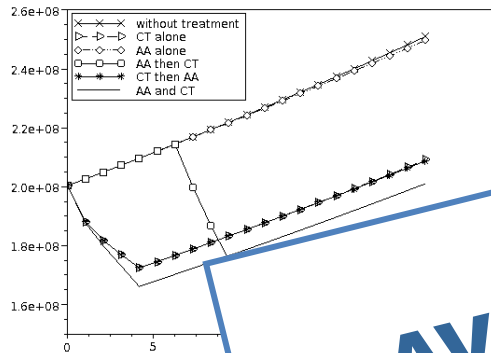


- ✓ **How much?**
- ✓ **For how long?**
- ✓ **In which particular order?**

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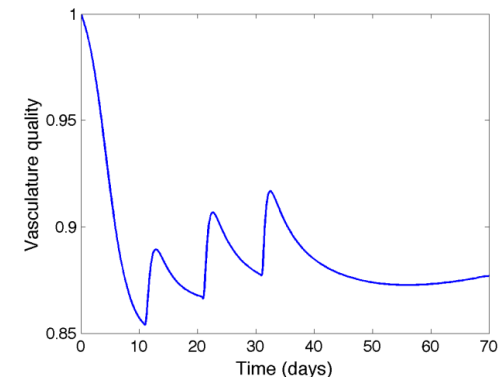
- ❖ Bevacizumab 20 mg/kg
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3 cycles



**CAN WE OPTIMIZE
AVASTIN-CHEMO COMBO
IN NSCLC MODELS?**

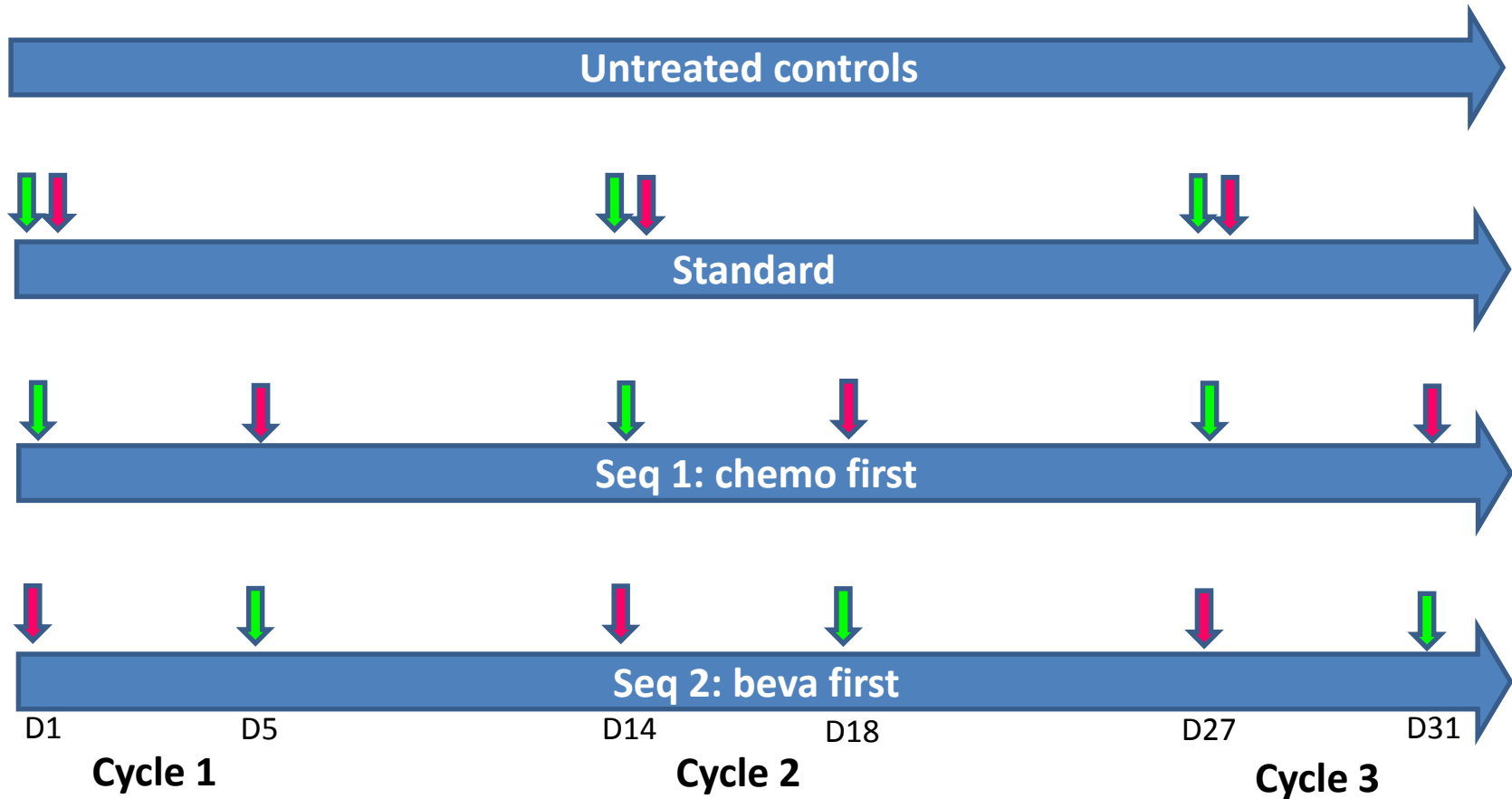
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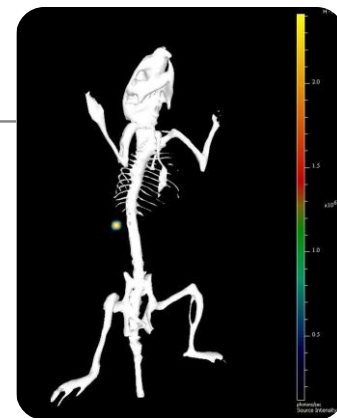
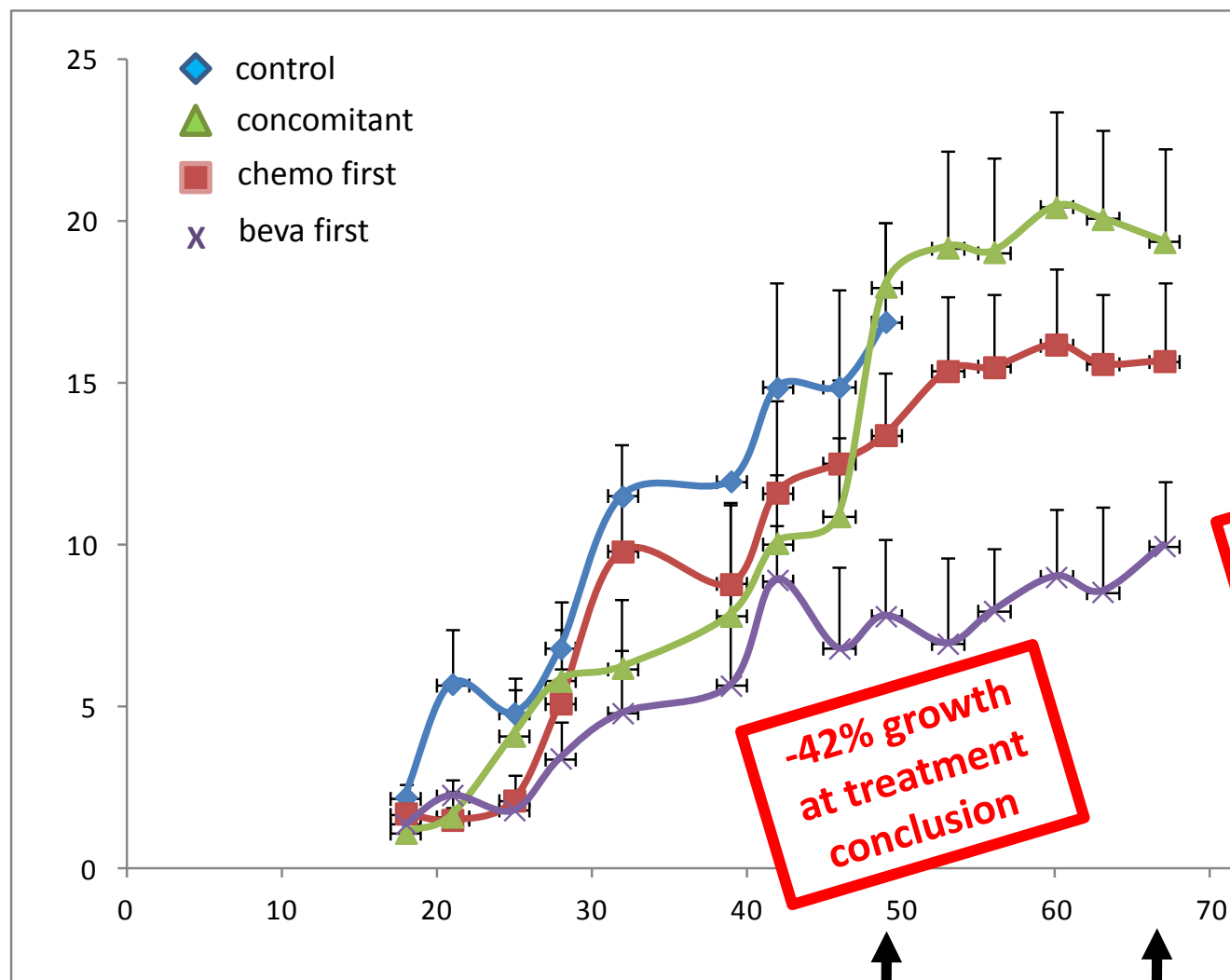
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✓ Efficacy

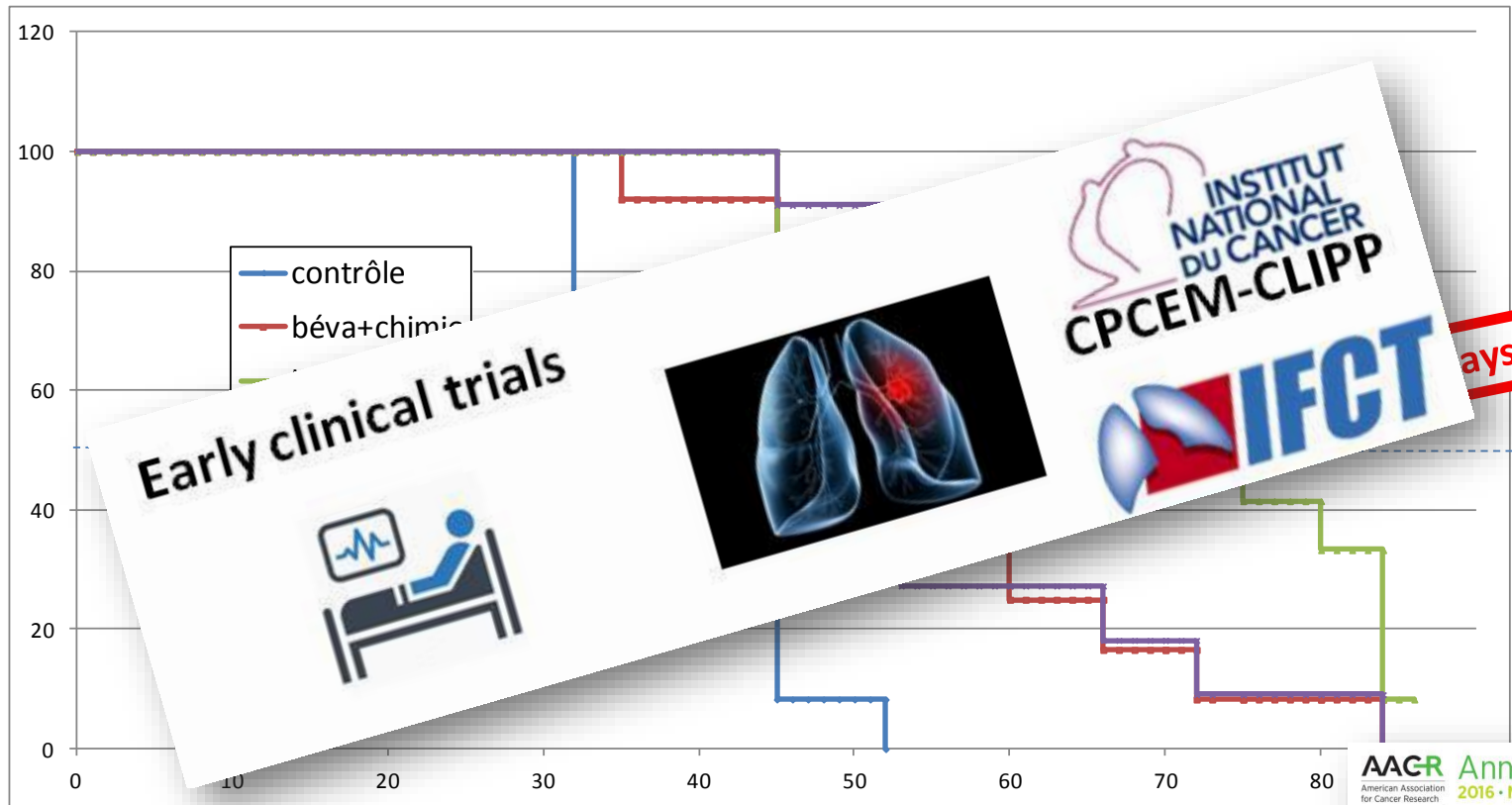


-35% growth
at study
conclusion



IMPLEMENTING MODEL-DRIVEN REGIMEN AT THE BENCH

✓ Survival



↑
Xenograft

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C1

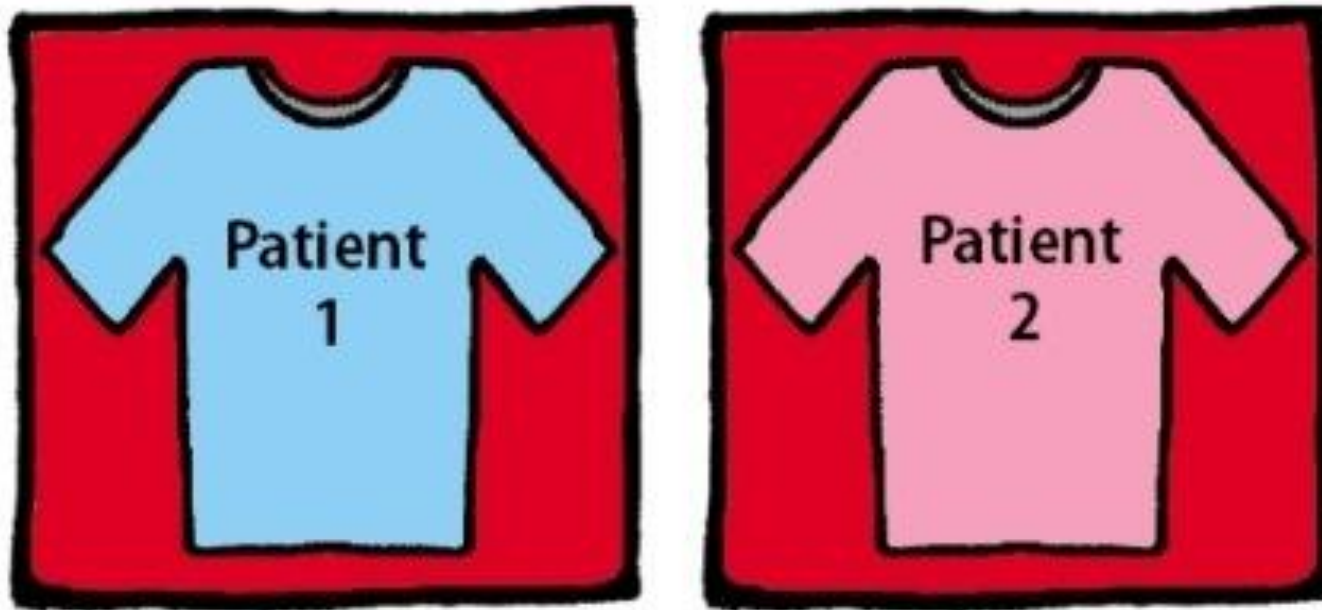
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C2

↔
C3

⊗ Sequential use (i.e., beva first) increases median survival by 44%!

TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

How can standard dosing be part of personalized medicine?



One size does not fit all.

TAKE-HOME MESSAGE



STOP THROWING DICE !

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"Doctors have always recognized that every patient is unique, and doctors have always tried to tailor their treatments as best they can to individuals. You can match a blood transfusion to a blood type — that was an important discovery. What if matching a cancer cure to our genetic code was just as easy, just as standard? What if figuring out the right dose of medicine was as simple as taking our temperature?"

- President Obama, January 30, 2015

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« If it were not the great variability among individuals, Medecine might as well be a science and not an art »

Sir William Osler, 1892, The Thoughts of William Osler