

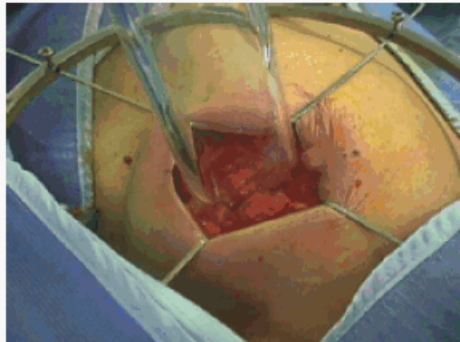
Risk-Benefit of Intra-Operative RT

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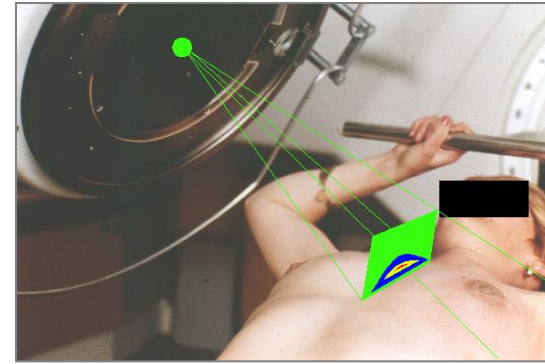
ELIOT Trial (n=1305)

Eligibility: Age > 48yr; T < 25mm

Surgery: Local excision



Randomisation



***IORT**

WBRT

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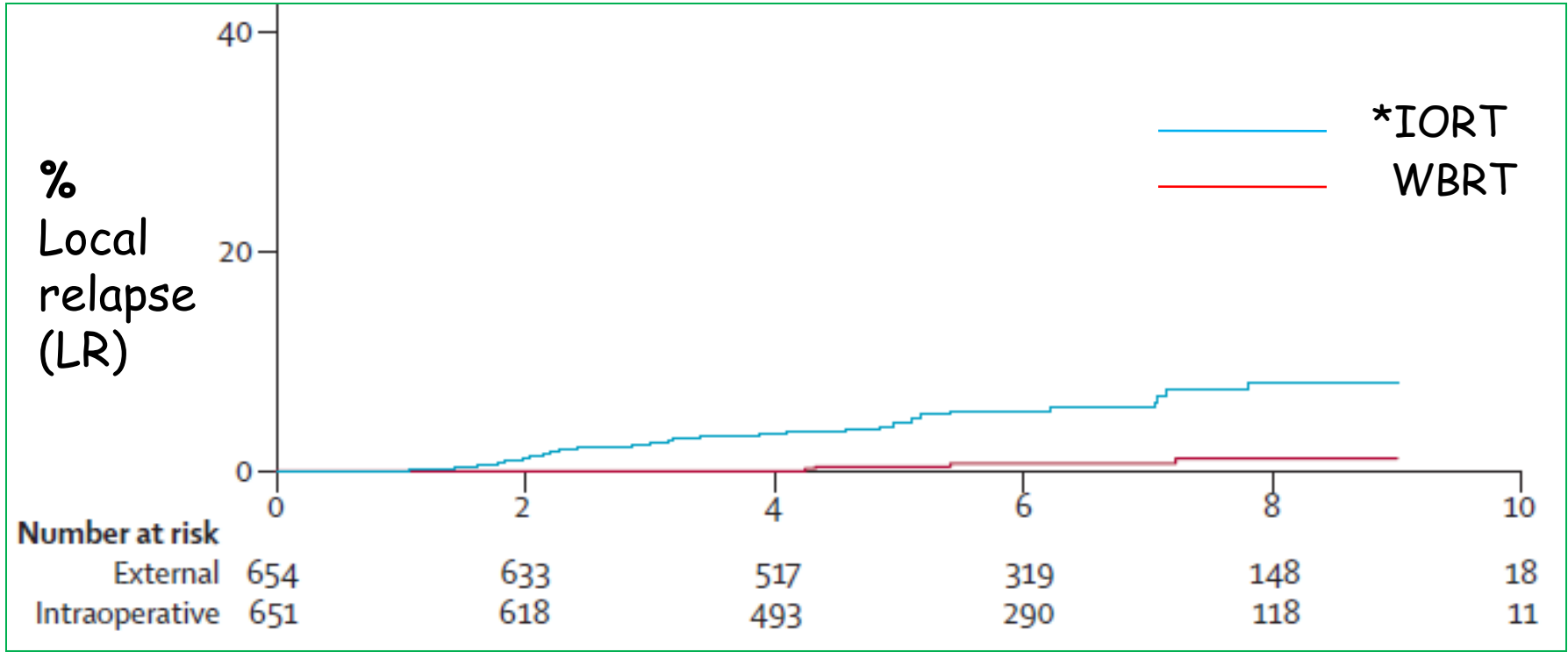
50Gy/25F WB
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ELIOT: Patients & Tumours

Age \geq 60	52%
pT1	85%
Ductal	80%
G1 or 2	75%
pN1	25%
Adj Sys Tr	96%

ELIOT: Breast Cancer Local Relapse Median FU=6yr



Cumulative LR (%)		0	2	4	6	8	10
Ext RT	0	0	0	0.8	1.3	1.3	
ELIOT	0	1.0	3.7	5.9	9.1	11.8	

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ELIOT: Factors Associated with Local Relapse

Factor	5yr LR	
	n/N	(%)
$\geq pT2$	10/83	(11)
G3	15/129	(12)
ER-	8/63	(15)
Ki67>20%	22/244	(9)
Triple -ve	7/43	(19)

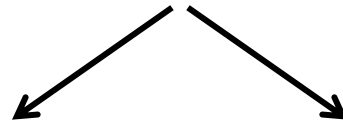
TARGET Trial (n=3451)

Eligibility: Age > 45yr; T < 35mm; unifocal IDC

Surgery: Local excision



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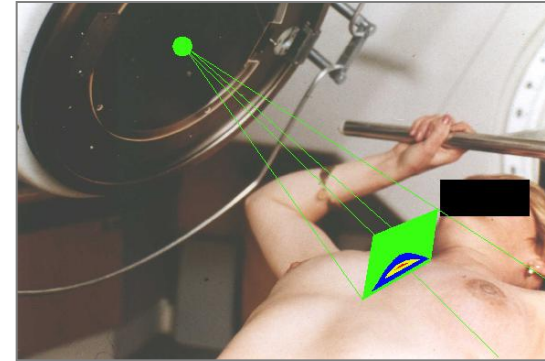
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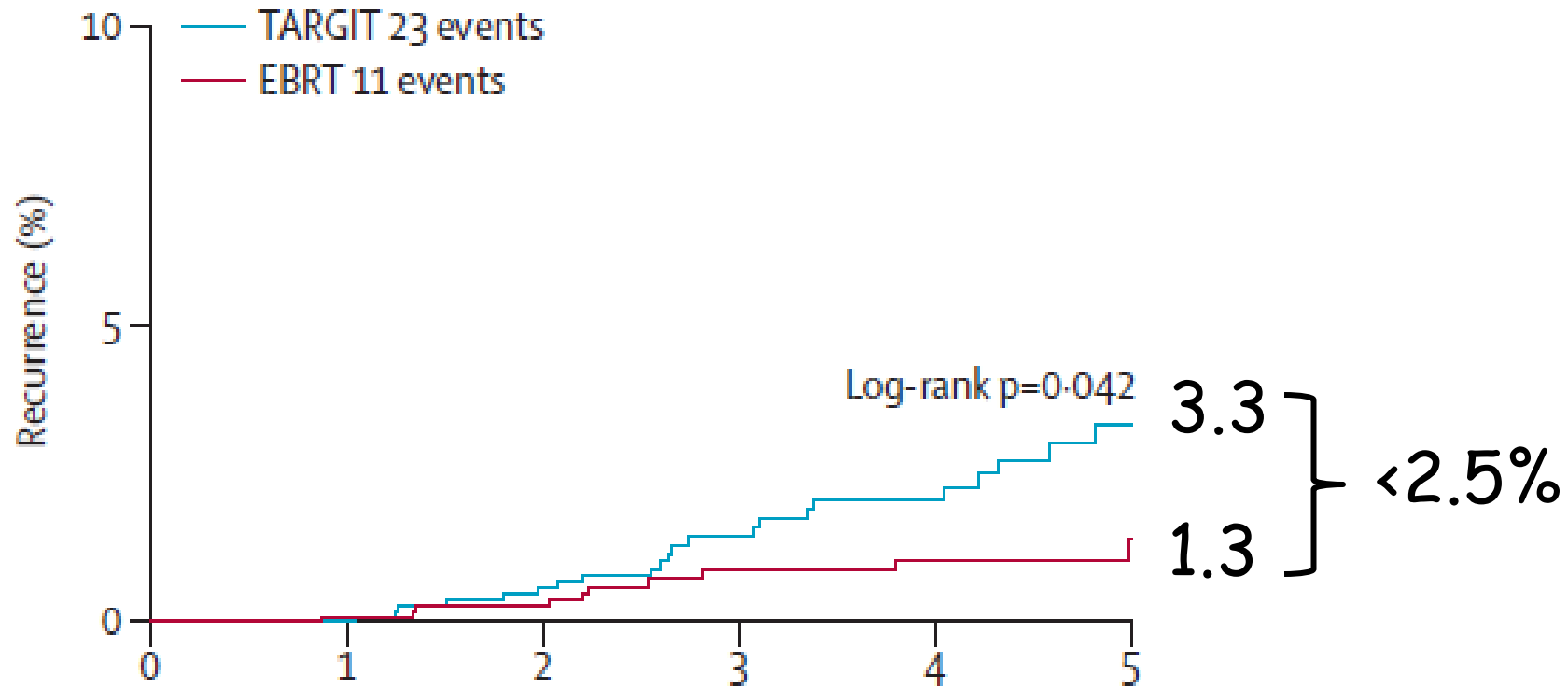


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TARGIT: Analysis Plan

- Non-inferiority design aiming to detect a 2.5% inferiority in local relapse (LR) at 5 years after IORT with 80% power at the 5% significance level
- Sample size based on analysis of whole population

TARGIT: Local Relapse (LR)



Number at risk

TARGIT	1679	1251	963	679	491	290
EBRT	1696	1244	956	674	479	296

TARGIT: Absolute Differences in Outcome (Table 1)

	Events; 5-year cumulative risk (95%CI)		Absolute difference*
	TARGIT	EBRT	
All patients			
Local recurrence (n=3375)	23; 3.3% (2.1-5.1)	11; 1.3% (0.7-2.5)	12 (2.0%)
Any other recurrence (n=3375)	46; 4.9% (3.5-6.9)	37; 4.4% (3.0-6.4)	9 (0.5%)
Death (n=3451)	37; 3.9% (2.7-5.8)	51; 5.3% (3.9-7.3)	-14 (-1.4%)
Prepathology†			
Local recurrence (n=2234)	10; 2.1% (1.1-4.2)	6; 1.1% (0.5-2.5)	4 (1.0%)
Any other recurrence (n=2234)	29; 4.8% (3.1-7.3)	25; 4.7% (3.0-7.4)	4 (0.1%)
Death (n=2298)	29; 4.6% (1.8-6.0)	42; 6.9% (4.3-9.6)	-13 (-2.3%)
Postpathology‡			
Local recurrence (n=1141)	13; 5.4% (3.0-9.7)	5; 1.7% (0.6-4.9)	8 (3.7%)
Any other recurrence (n=1141)	17; 5.2% (3.0-8.8)	12; 3.7% (1.9-7.0)	5 (1.5%)
Death (n=1153)	8; 2.8% (1.3-5.9)	9; 2.3% (1.0-5.2)	-1 (0.5%)

TARGIT=targeted intraoperative radiotherapy. EBRT=external beam radiotherapy. *In Kaplan-Meier point estimate at 5 years (TARGIT minus EBRT). †TARGIT given at same time as lumpectomy. ‡TARGIT given after lumpectomy, as separate procedure.

Table 1: Results of primary (local recurrence in the conserved breast), secondary (death), and exploratory (any other recurrence) outcomes for all patients and the two strata as per timing of randomisation and delivery of TARGIT

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Cuzick, Lancet, 2014, 383:1716

Haviland, Lancet, 2014, 383; 1716-17

Vaidya, Lancet, 2014, 383:603-13

TARGIT: Comparison of Effects using Binomial Proportions (Table 3)

	Median follow-up	Number of events	Absolute difference (90% CI) in the binomial proportions of local recurrence* in the conserved breast (TARGIT minus EBRT)	Z score	$p_{\text{non-inferiority}}$
Whole trial					
All patients (n=3451)	2 years 5 months	34	0.72% (0.2 to 1.3)	-5.168	<0.0001
Mature cohort (n=2232)	3 years 7 months	32	1.13% (0.3 to 2.0)	-2.652	0.0040
Earliest cohort (n=1222)	5 years	23	1.14% (-0.1 to 2.4)	-1.750	0.0400
Prepathology†					
All patients (n=2298)	2 years 4 months	16	0.37% (-0.2 to 1.0)	-5.954	<0.0001
Mature cohort (n=1450)	3 years 8 months	14	0.6% (-0.3 to 1.5)	-3.552	0.0002
Earliest cohort (n=817)	5 years	9	0.76% (-0.4 to 2.0)	-2.360	0.0091
Postpathology‡					
All patients (n=1153)	2 years 4 months	18	1.39% (0.2 to 2.6)	-1.503	0.0664
Mature cohort (n=782)	3 years 7 months	18	2.04% (0.3 to 3.8)	-0.429	0.3339
Earliest cohort (n=405)	5 years	14	1.8% (-1.2 to 4.8)	-0.382	0.3511

The prespecified non-inferiority margin was 2.5%. Mature cohort consisted of 2232 patients for whom data was previously reported in 2010. Earliest cohort excluded patients enrolled in the last 4 years of the study. TARGIT=targeted intraoperative radiotherapy. EBRT=external beam radiotherapy. *Binomial proportion=number of recurrences/number of patients. †TARGIT given at same time as lumpectomy. ‡TARGIT given after lumpectomy, as separate procedure.

Table 3: Calculation of $p_{\text{non-inferiority}}$ for the whole cohort, the mature cohort, and the earliest cohort

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611 (18%) patients have 5yr FU

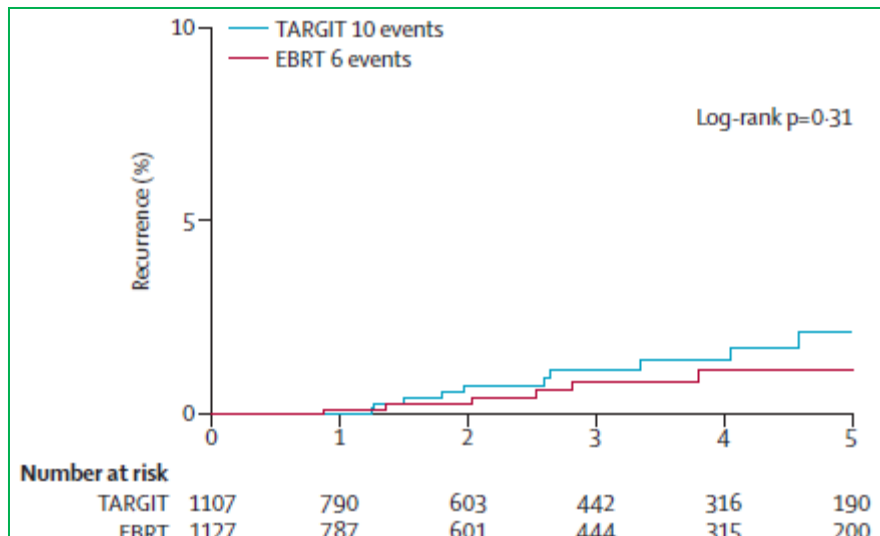
For comparison of 5yr rates, all patients must have 5yr FU

TARGET: Scheduling of IORT

- 2/3rd randomisation occurred at lumpectomy (pre-path)
- 1/3rd definitive pathology already available (post-path)

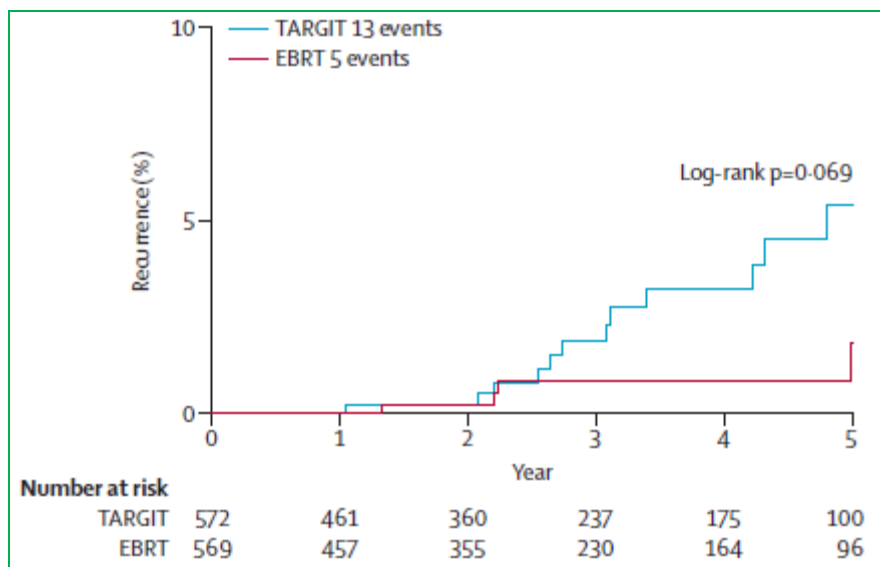
TARGIT: LR in Pre- & Post-pathology Strata

Pre-pathology



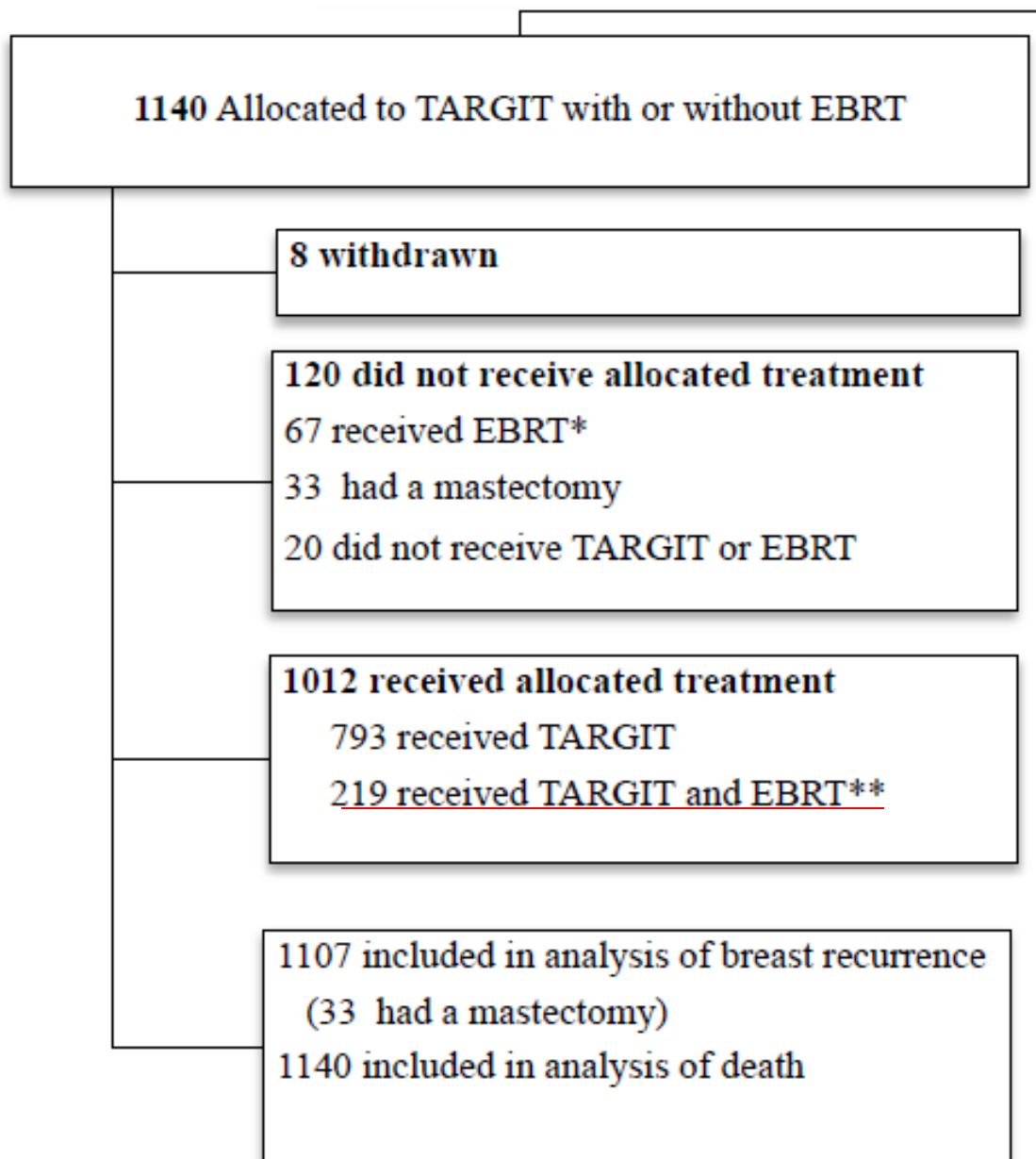
Total 390 with 5yr FU

Post-pathology



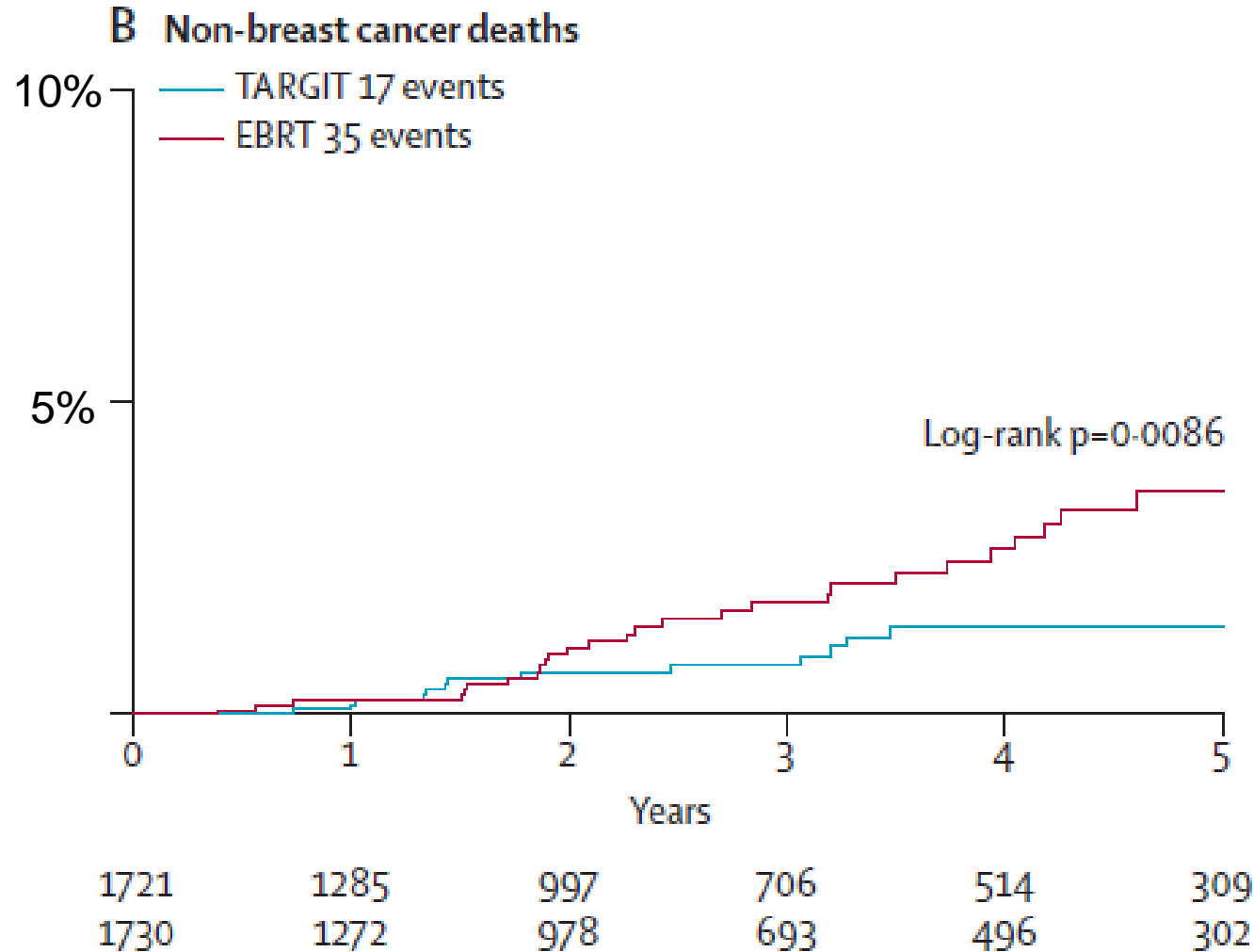
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Pre-Pathology Stratum



$319/1140=28\%$
have some form of
whole breast therapy
ie. 'risk adapted'

TARGET: Non-Breast Cancer Deaths (Figure 1)



TARGIT: Non-Breast Cancer Deaths, Table 2

	TARGIT	EBRT
Other cancers	8	16
Cardiovascular causes		
Cardiac*	2	8
Stroke	0	2
Ischaemic bowel	0	1
Other†	7	8
Total	17	35

5-year risk 1.4% for TARGIT versus 3.5% for EBRT; log-rank p=0.0086.

UK National Institute of Clinical
Excellence (NICE)
Consultation Document, July 2014

“Uncertainties generated by the evidence”

“The Committee considered that the criterion for non-inferiority was not appropriately defined and the trial was therefore underpowered and the results could not be considered robust enough to determine whether Intrabeam was non-inferior to EBRT in terms of local recurrence.”

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gid-tag353/documents/breast-cancer-early-intrabeam-radiotherapy-system-appraisal-consultation-document>

NICE, September 2014

Further Analyses Requested

Including,

K-M survival analyses of LR with 95% CI around each estimate

Full patient-level dataset of patients with 5yr follow up for independent appraisal

Finally, Research Governance

- International Steering Committee has no independent members
- Independent Data Monitoring Committee; Prof J Cuzick, Mrs H Thornton; Prof A Rodger

Conclusions

- Randomised trials of partial breast RT need time to mature!
- IORT should not yet be offered as a standard of care