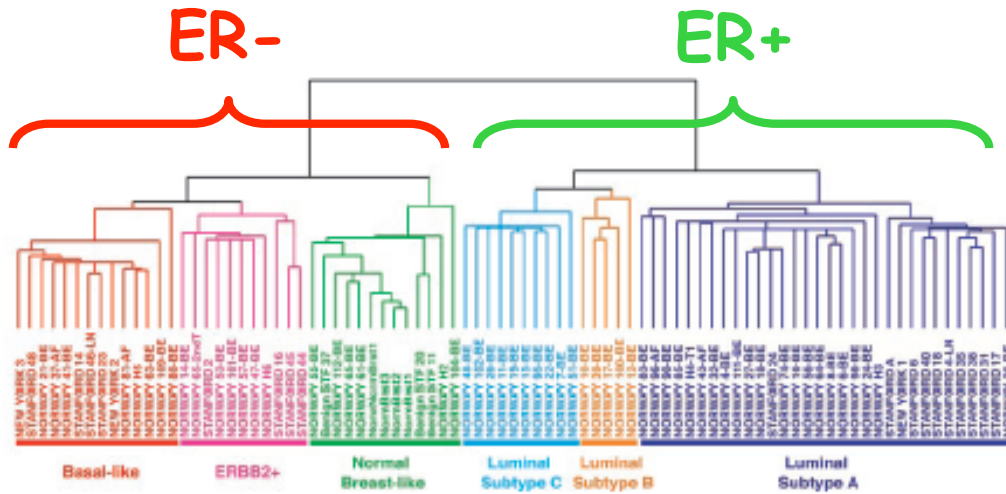


Genomic grade can distinguish ER positive luminal subtypes

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Molecular Classification of Breast Cancer

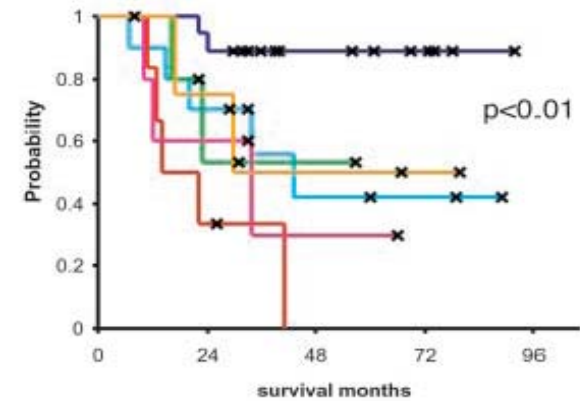
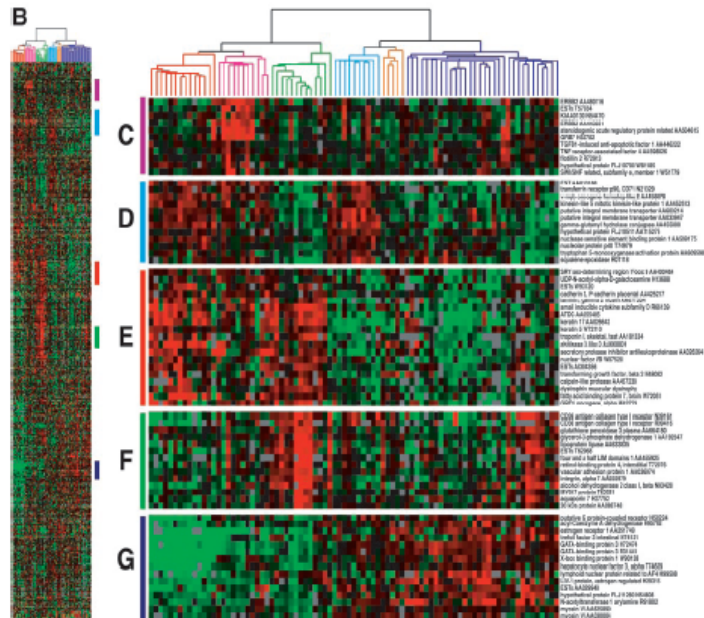


Gene expression patterns of breast carcinomas distinguish tumor subclasses with clinical implications

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PNAS vol 98, no 19, 10869-10874, 2001

Clinical Outcome



X Censored, — Lum A, — Lum C, — NorB-like, — Basal, — ERBB2+, — Lum B

Confirmatory Study

Breast cancer classification and prognosis based on gene expression profiles from a population-based study

Christos Sotiriou^{1,2}, Soek-Ying Neo³, Lisa M. McShane⁵, Edward L. Korn⁵, Philip M. Long², Amir Jazaeri⁴, Philippe Martiat¹, Steve B. Fox¹, Adrian L. Harris¹, and Edison T. Liu^{1*}

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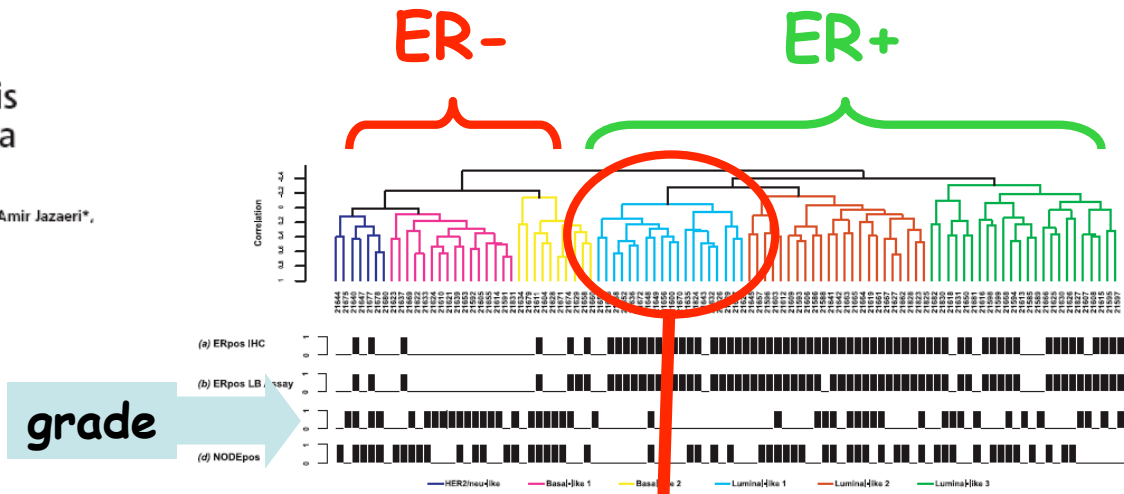


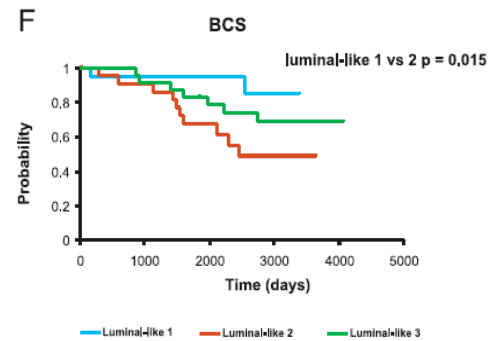
Fig. 1. Dendrogram of 99 breast cancer specimens analyzed by hierarchical clustering analysis using 706 probe elements selected for the high variability across all tumors (see *Materials and Methods*). The tumors were separated into two main groups mainly associated with ER status as determined by the ligand-binding (LB) assay and confirmed by immunohistochemistry (IHC). The dendrogram further branched into smaller subgroups within the ER+ and ER- classes based on their basal and luminal characteristics: Her-2/neu subgroup, dark blue; basal-like 1 subgroup, pink; basal-like 2 subgroup, yellow; luminal-like 1 subgroup, light blue; luminal-like 2 subgroup, red; and luminal-like 3 subgroup, green. Black bars represent ER+ tumors assessed by IHC (a), ER+ tumors assessed by LB assay (b), grade 3 (c), and node-positive tumors (d).

Table 1. No. of genes discriminating known clinico-pathological phenotypes in breast cancer

Clinico-pathological parameters	No. of significant expressed genes, $P < 0.001^*$
ER status	
ER+ versus ER-	606
Grade status	
Grade 1/2 versus grade 3	137
Node status	
Node positive versus negative	11
Tumor size	
≤ 2 cm versus > 2 cm	3
Menopausal status	
Premenopausal versus postmenopausal	13

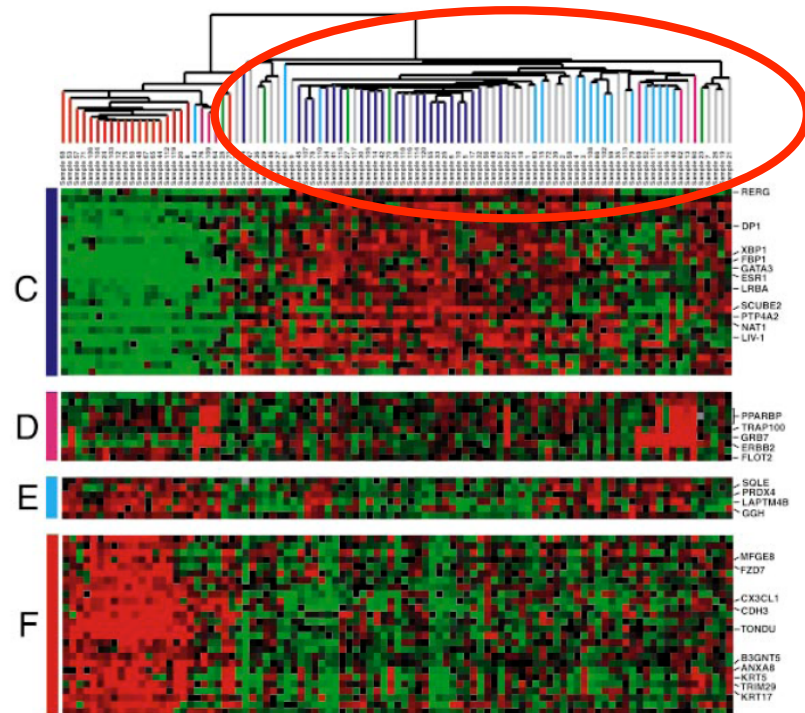
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Clinical Outcome



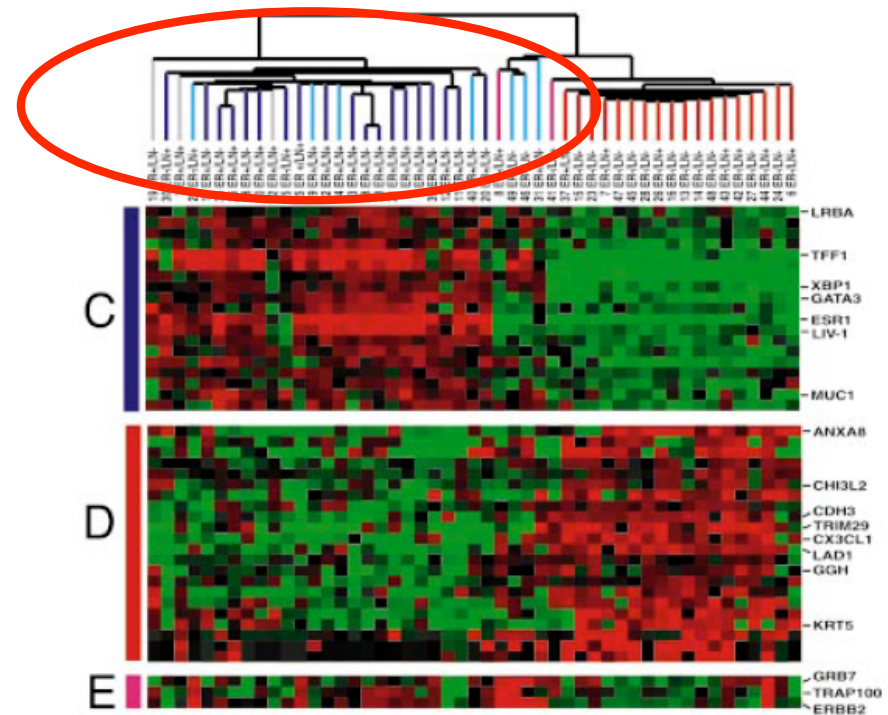
Definition of luminal subtypes has been inconsistent between published series ...

Van't veer *et al.* data set



— Luminal A
— Luminal B

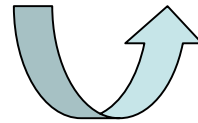
West *et al.* data set



Defining Genomic Grade in Breast Carcinoma ASCO 2005

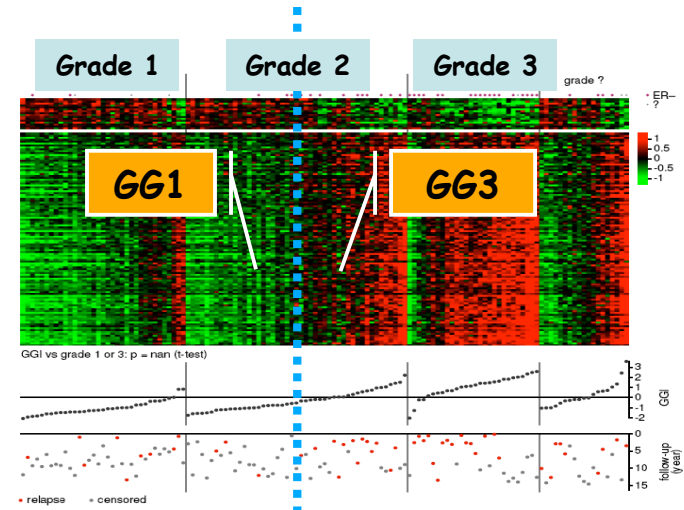
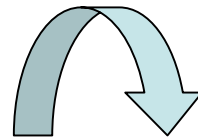
128 probe sets of
"genomic grade"
(97 genes)
FDC>0

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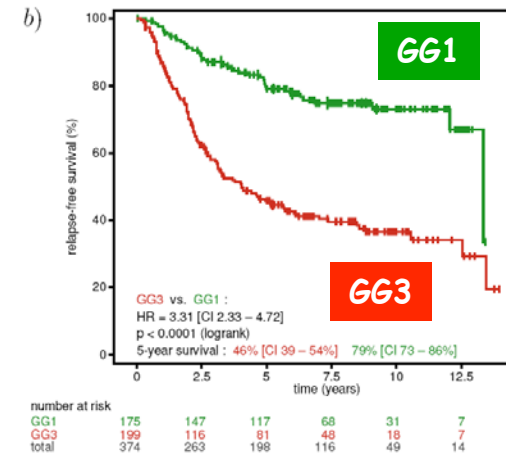


$$GGI = scale \left[\sum_{j \in G_3} x_j - \sum_{j \in G_1} x_j - cutoff \right]$$

Define **GGI** score
(Gene-expression
Grade Index)



Clinical Outcome



(JNCI in press)

Aims

- To determine if Genomic Grade can better define luminal subtypes in breast carcinoma
- To correlate these subtypes with clinical outcome

Methods

Original Datasets

ER+

Untreated

- Oxford
 - Karolinska
- N=86**

Tamoxifen-Treated

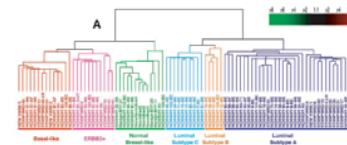
- Oxford
 - Karolinska
 - Guys
- N=249**



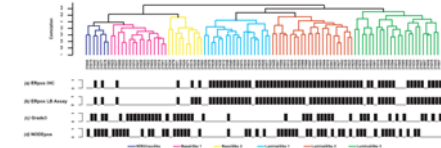
Affymetrix U133A
22,283 probe sets

Published datasets

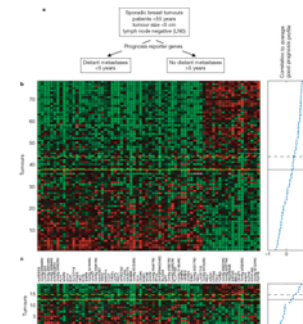
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PNAS, 2001



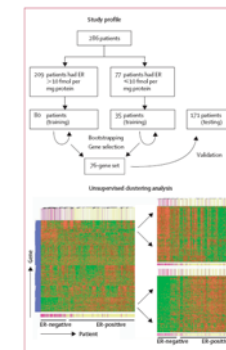
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Total Number ER+/luminal subtypes = **787** samples

Results

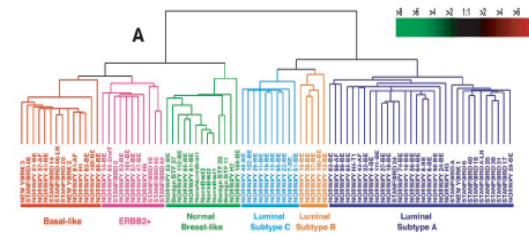
Applying Genomic Grade to Molecular Subtypes

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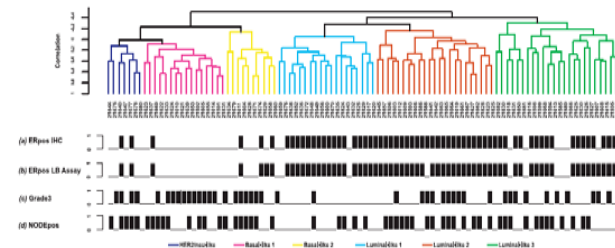
GGI score
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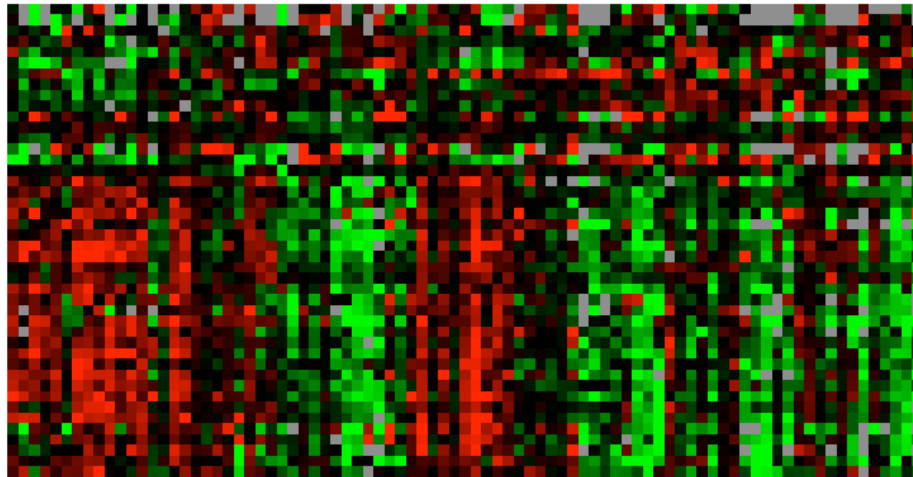
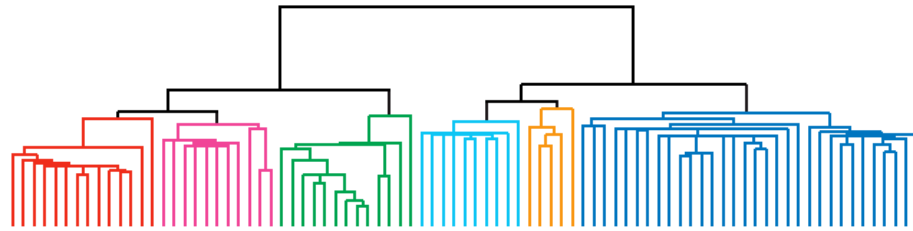


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Genomic grade genes

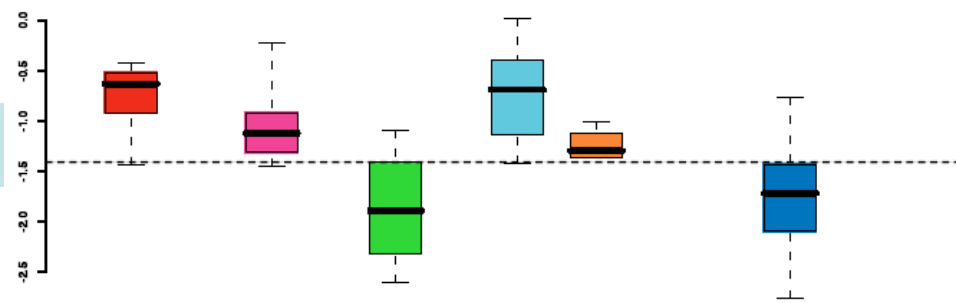
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GGI

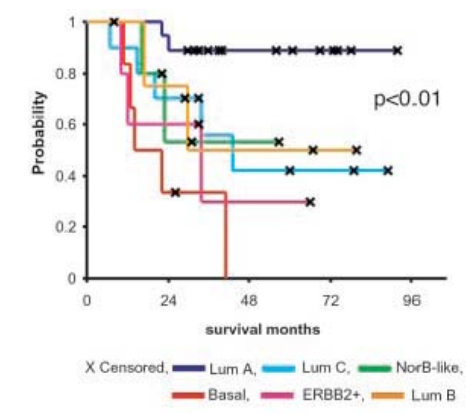


Low



Basal ERBB2 Normal LC LB Luminal A

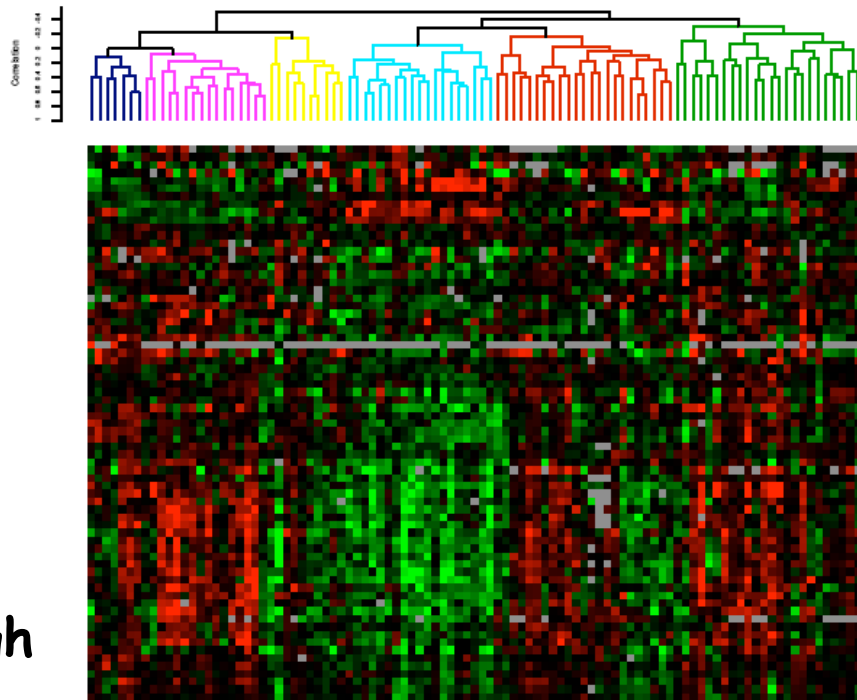
Clinical Outcome



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Applying Genomic Grade to Molecular Subtypes

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Genomic grade genes

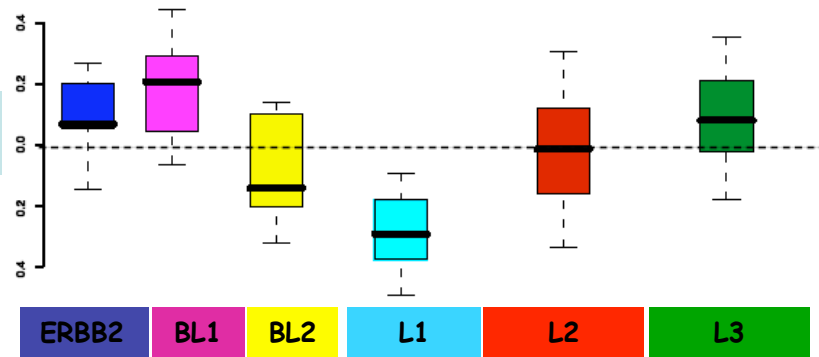
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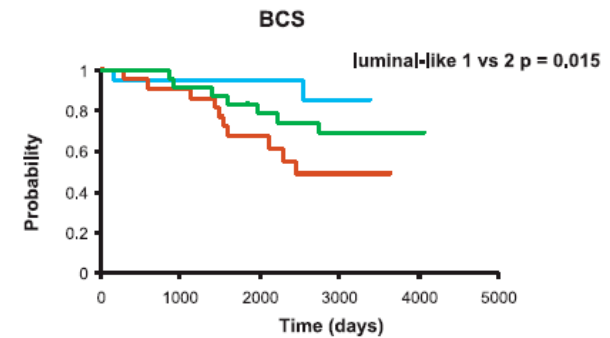
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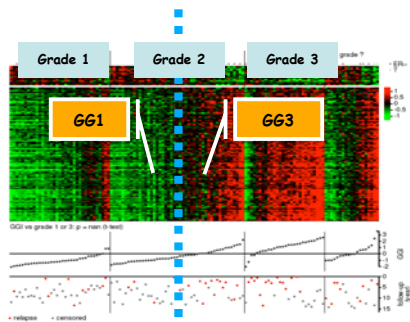
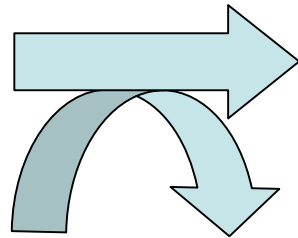


Clinical Outcome



Clinical relevance of ER-positive luminal subtypes as defined by Genomic Grade

ER Positive Tumors



Genomic Grade



Clinical Relevance?

Genomic Grade Subtypes

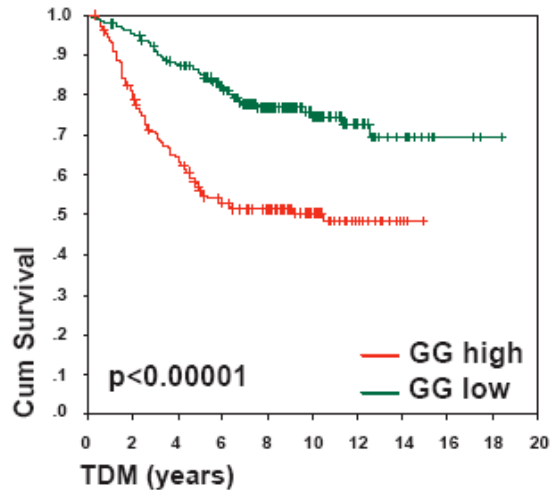


Quantitative Levels of ER and PgR?

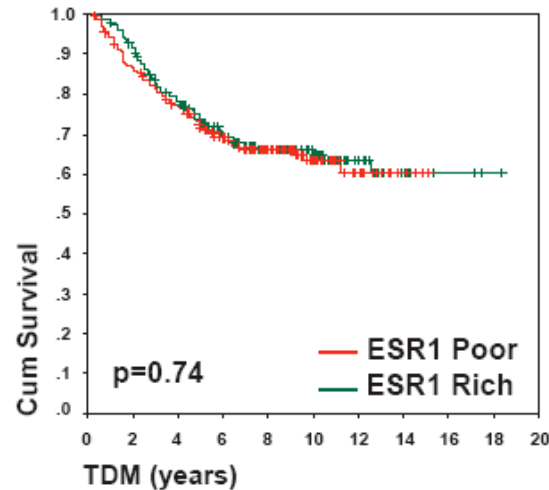
Time to Distant Metastases GG, ER and PgR expression levels

ER+ UNTREATED POPULATION N = 417

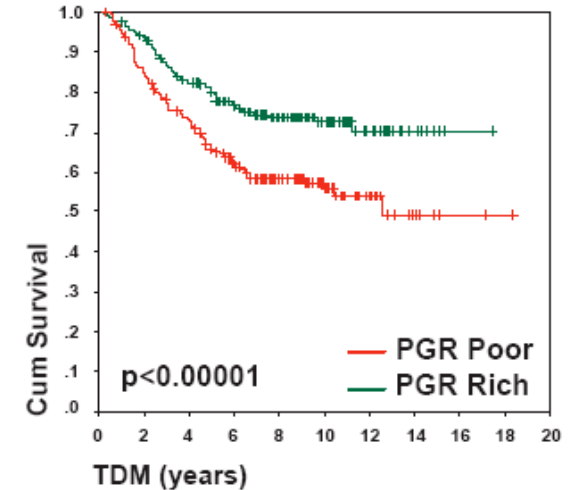
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ER



PgR

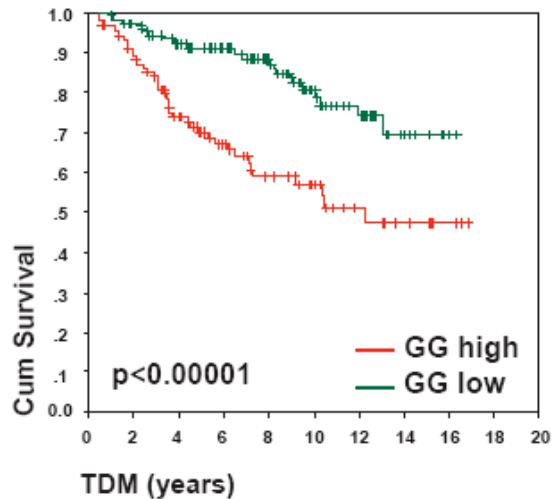


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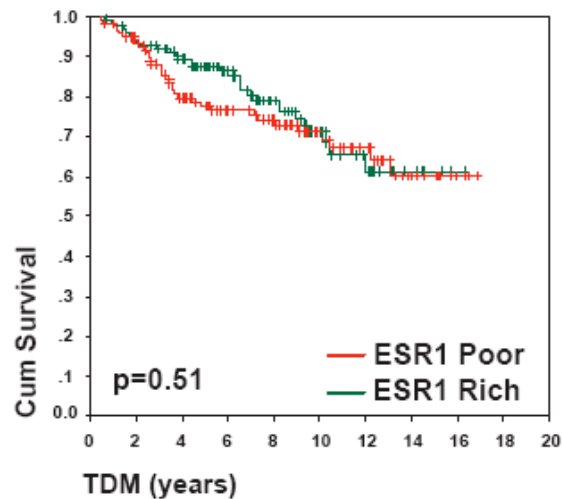
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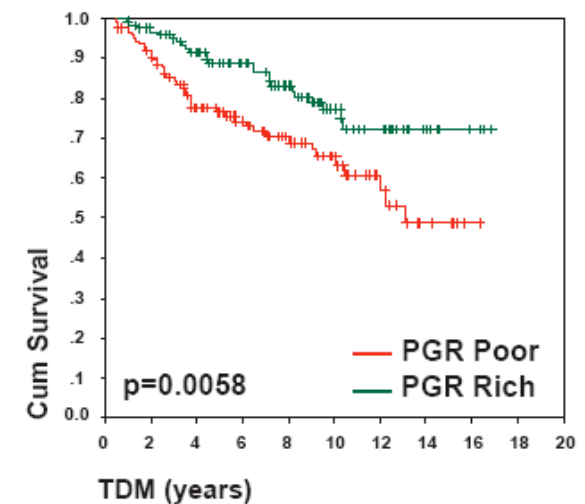
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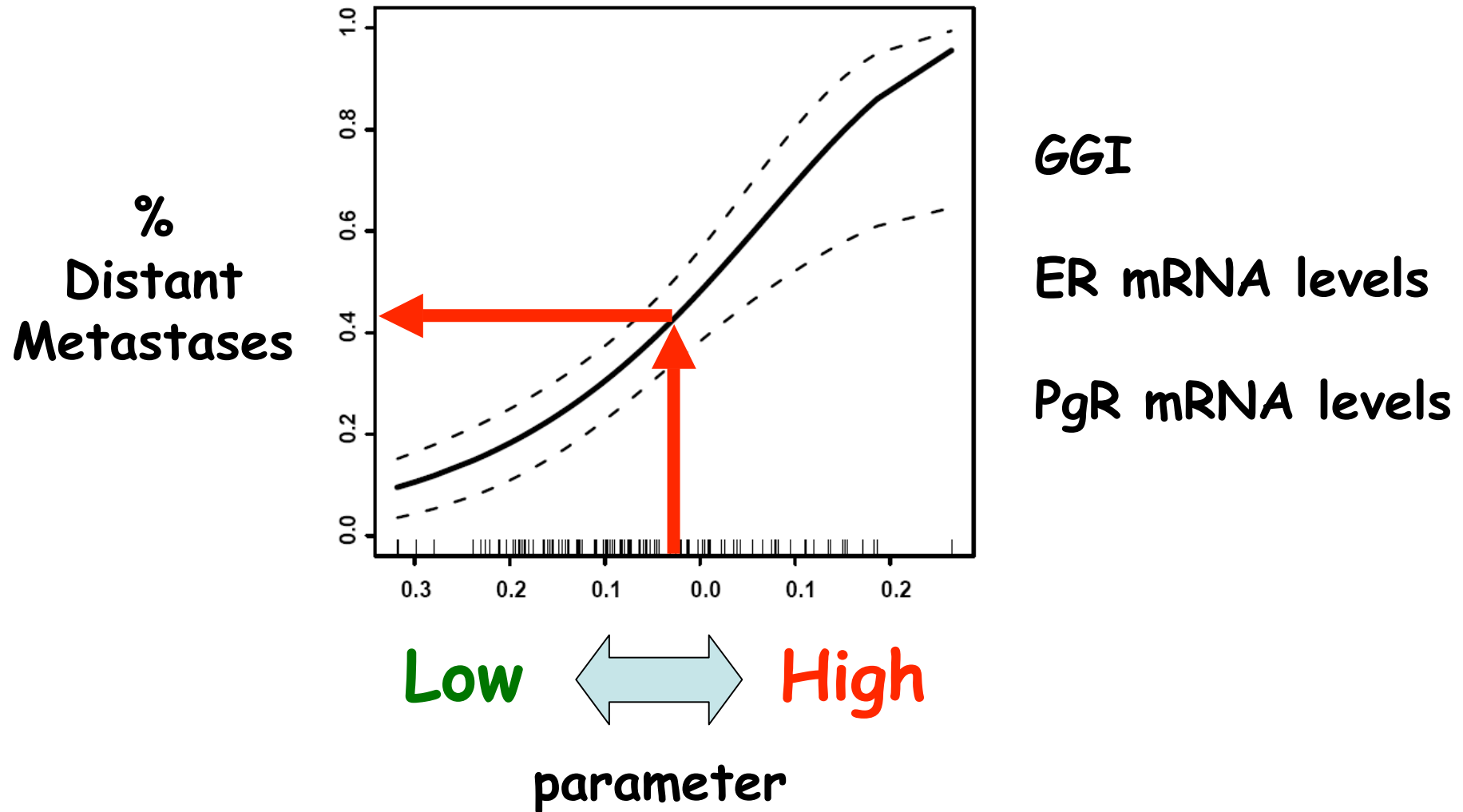


PgR



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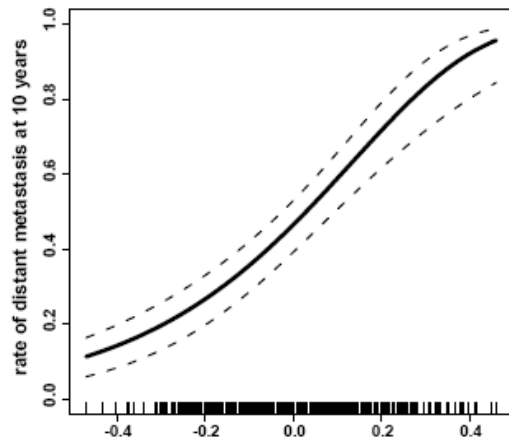
Expected Rate of Developing Distant Metastases at 10 Years



Rate of Distant Metastases at 10 years based on the GGI, ER and PgR expression levels

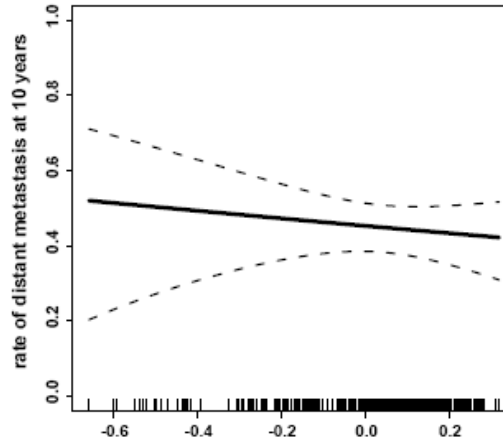
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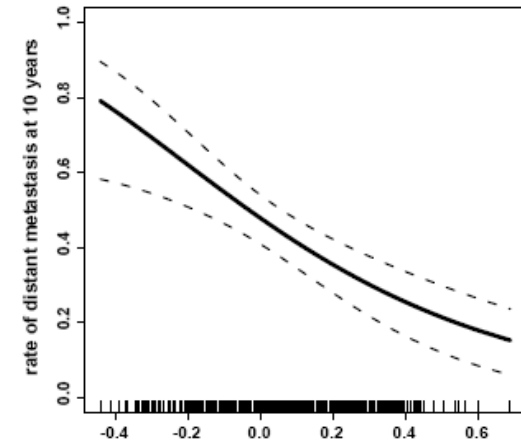
Low \longleftrightarrow High

ER



Poor \longleftrightarrow Rich

PgR

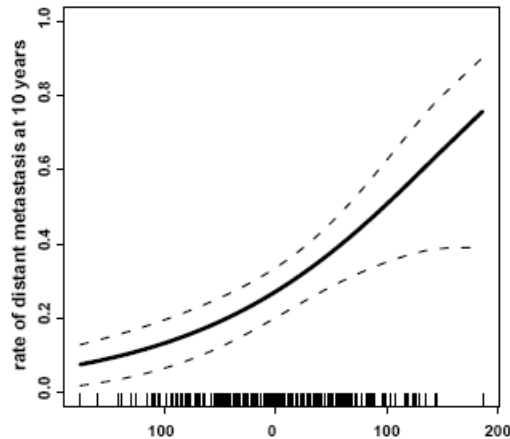


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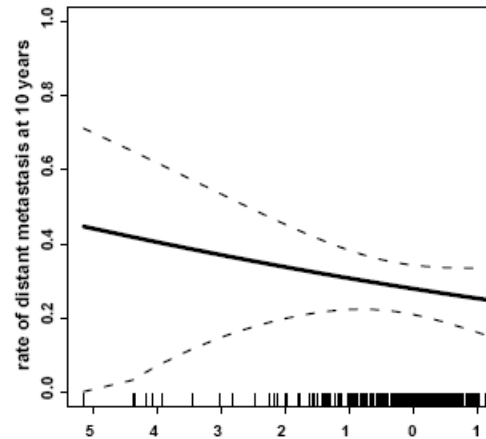
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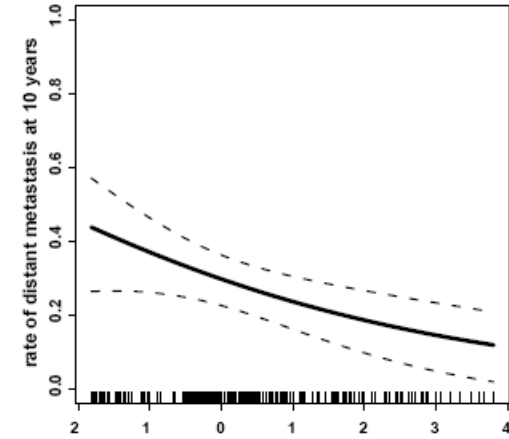
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Prognostic Value of GG in Multivariate Model

ER+ UNTREATED POPULATION N = 417

Univariate

Multivariate

	Hazard ratio (95%CI)	p¶	Hazard ratio (95%CI)	p¶
Age (years) ≤ 50 vs >50	1.1 (0.6-2.0)	0.9	0.9 (0.4-1.9)	0.8
Size >2cm vs ≤ 2cm	2.7 (1.6-4.5)	1x10⁻³	2.1 (1.2-3.8)	7x10⁻²
Histological grade 1 vs 2 vs 3	2.1 (1.5-3.0)	8x10⁻⁴	1.4 (0.9-2.1)	0.1
ER Rich vs Poor	0.9 (0.7-1.3)	0.9	1.2 (0.7-2.2)	0.5
PgR Rich vs Poor	0.5 (0.4-0.7)	3x10⁻³	0.8 (0.4-1.3)	0.3
Genomic Grade High vs Low	2.6 (1.8-3.7)	1x10⁻⁶	2.3 (1.2-4.2)	8x10⁻²

Prognostic Value of GG in Multivariate Model

ER+ TAMOXIFEN-TREATED N = 246

	Univariate		Multivariate	
	Hazard ratio (95%CI)	p¶	Hazard ratio (95%CI)	p¶
Age (years) ≤ 50 vs >50	0.9 (0.3-2.6)	0.9	0.8 (0.2-2.9)	0.7
Size >2cm vs ≤ 2cm	2.0 (1.1-3.5)	1x10⁻¹	1.7 (0.9-3.3)	0.1
Histological grade 1 vs 2 vs 3	1.7 (1.1-2.6)	1x10⁻¹	1.1 (0.6-1.8)	0.8
Nodal status Positive vs Negative	1.4 (0.8-2.5)	0.2	1.1 (0.6-2.0)	0.9
ER Rich vs Poor	0.8 (0.5-1.4)	0.5	0.9 (0.5-1.8)	0.9
PgR Rich vs Poor	0.5 (0.3-0.8)	5x10⁻⁴	0.7 (0.4-1.4)	0.4
Genomic Grade High vs Low	3.1 (1.9-5.2)	<1x10⁻⁵	2.1 (1.0-4.4)	3x10⁻³

Conclusions (1)

- The use of Genomic Grade can distinguish two luminal subtypes in a highly reproducible manner across multiple datasets and microarray platforms.
- Genomic Grade-defined subtypes show statistically distinct clinical outcome in both untreated and tamoxifen-treated populations.

Conclusions (2)

- These subtypes may provide important stratification for future breast cancer trials and hence have the potential to individualize treatment.
- Further biological investigations into these phenotypes may result in identifying important therapeutic targets.

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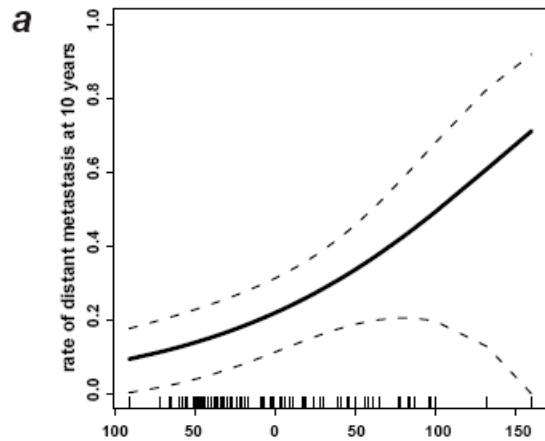
BACKGROUND

- Several microarray studies have shown that breast tumours can be grouped in at least 5 to 6 different molecular subtypes namely basal-like, erbB2-like, normal-like and luminal-like subtypes with distinct clinical outcome.
- Although the basal and the erbB2 subtypes are repeatedly recognized as distinct entities, the definition of luminal subtypes has been far from consistent between published series.
- Refinement of their molecular definition is therefore needed.

Rate of Distant Metastases at 10 years based on the GGI, ER and PgR expression levels

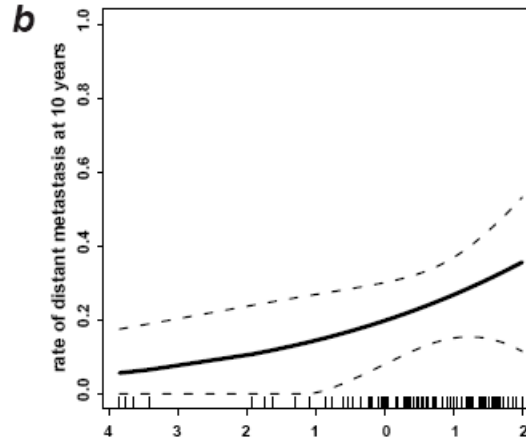
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GGI



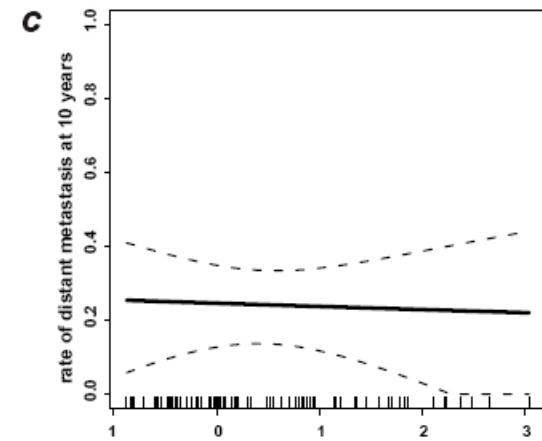
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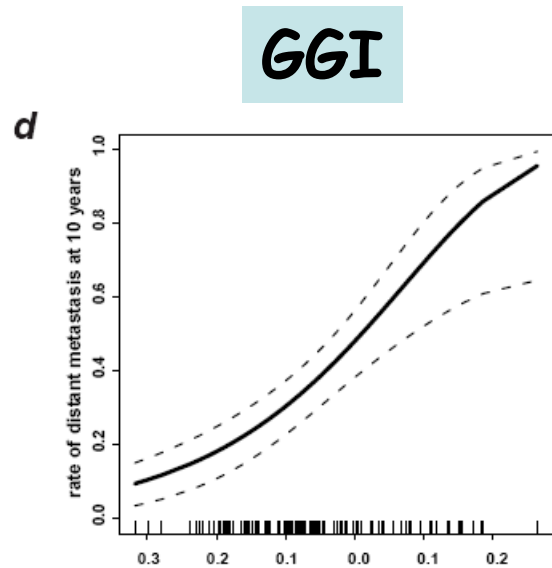
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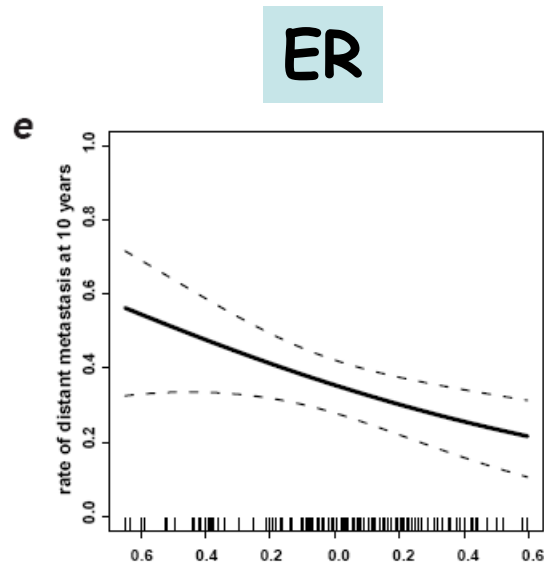
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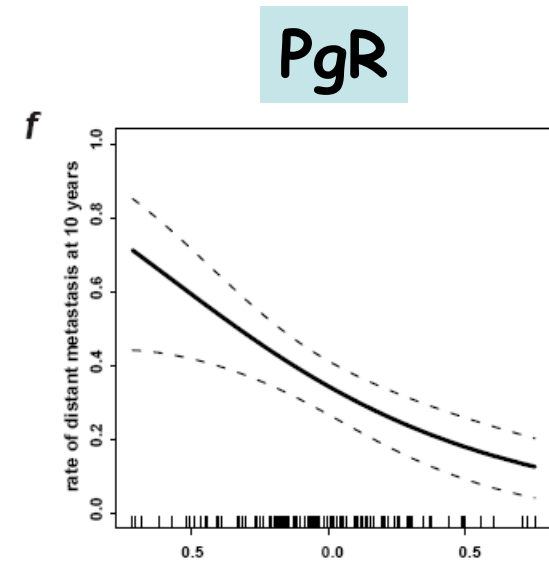
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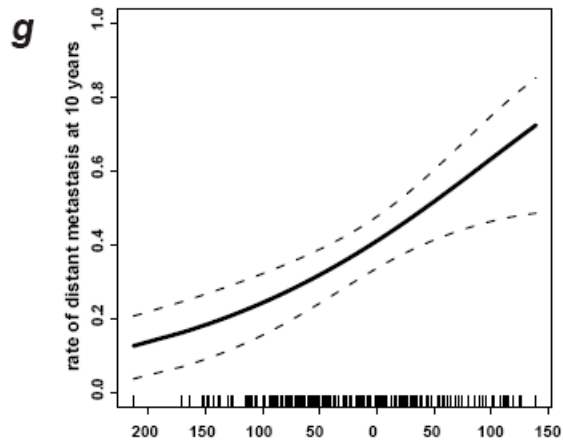


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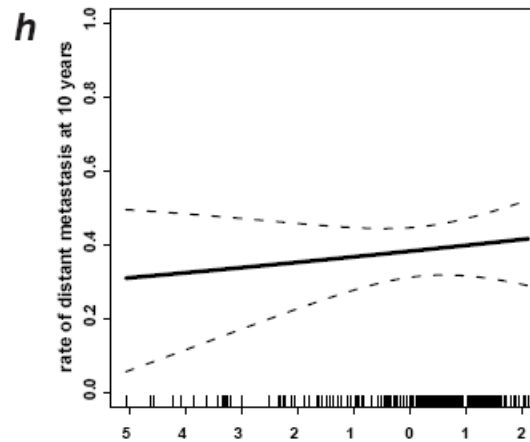
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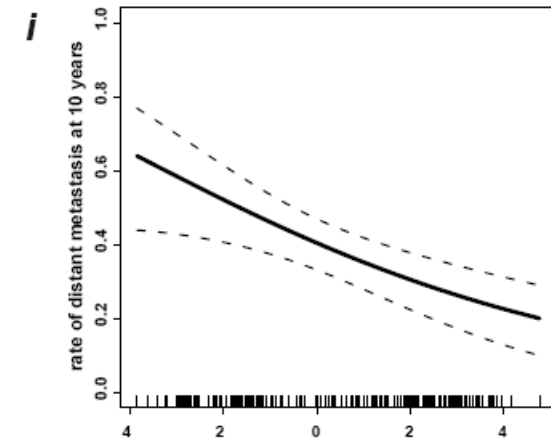
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Multigene Predictors of Clinical Outcome in Hormone Receptor Positive B.C.

	<u>ONCOTYPE DX</u>	<u>GGI</u>
Patient population	Node -	Node - and +
Core genes	Proliferation/ER/ HER2/invasion	Proliferation/ differentiation
Key findings	ER alone < PgR < RS	ER alone < PgR < GGI



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