

Hypo- versus normofractionated radiation therapy of early breast cancer in the randomized DBCG HYPO trial

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Background DBCG HYPO Trial

Moderate hypofractionation 36-42 Gy / 12 fr DBCG standard before 1982



RT 1980
Photo 2010,
30 yr follow up

Besvär efter åtta år

En av de drabbade, Marianne Mosserud, berättade för Aktuellt om hur besvären i armen som började åtta år efter bröstoperationen nu gör henne allt mer handikappad.



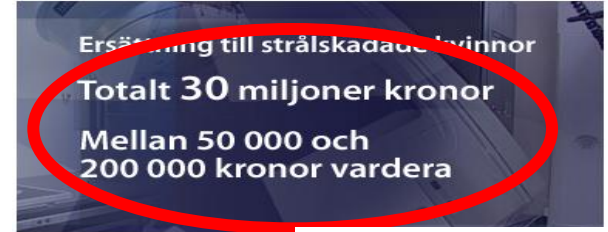
Marianne Mosserud

-Jag kan ju inte lyfta ett papper ens. Jag kan inte knipa ihop med fingrarna. Jag kan inte.

Är det nånting som jag ska bära, så får jag ta det i munnen.

Och det är ju svårt med tunga saker...

Ett papper kan man ju ta, nån filt eller så, berättade Marianne.



~3.3 mio Euro

Komiteens tilråding

Komiteen viser for øvrig til proposisjonen og det som står foran, og rår Stortinget til å gjøre følgende

vedtak:

I statsbudsjettet for 1998 gjøres følgende endring:

| | | | |
|----------|----------------|--|-------------|
| Kap. 739 | Andre utgifter | | |
| | 73 (ny) | Erstatning for stråleskader, kan overføres | |
| | | bevilges med | kr 85000000 |



~9.3 mio Euro

Strålskadede får dela på 30 miljoner

SVT Nyheter

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De strålskadede kvinnor som Aktuellt har berättat om i flera reportage får nu ersättning från landstingen. De får dela på sammanlagt 30 miljoner kronor.

Det handlar om 200 kvinnor som mellan åren 1962 och 1980 drabbades av svåra skador vid strålbehandling i samband med bröstcanceroperationer.

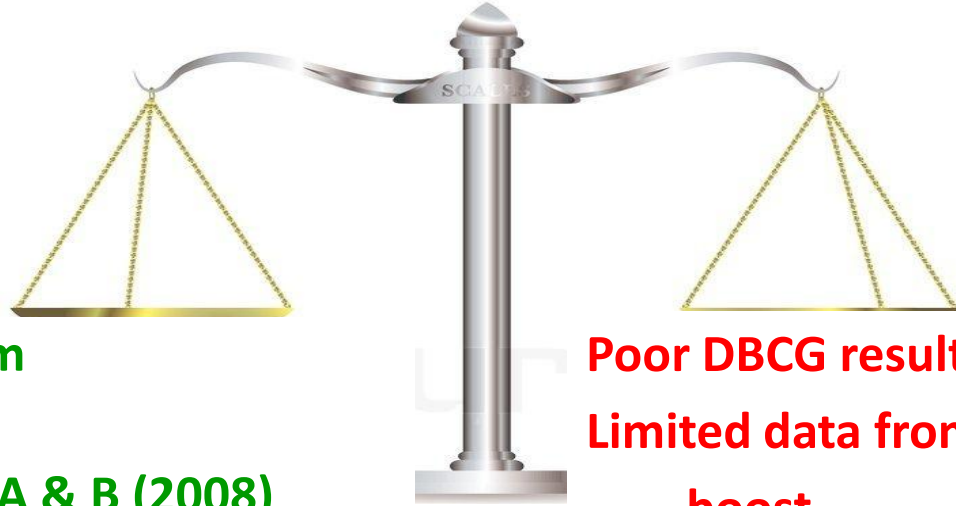
Få men höga doser

Den här unika ersättningen till de kvinnor, som fick strålbehandling i samband med mycket stora stråldoser vid hypofractionering...

Samtidigt som de fått ersättning att döda tumörceller dödas och skadas i kroppen vävnad. Denna typ av strålbehandling leder till skador i vissa fall till allvarliga brännskador, muskel- och skelettskador.



Background DBCG HYPO



Positive results from

- Canada (2002)
- UK START Trials A & B (2008)
- Modern techniques
 - CT based
 - delineation of target & OAR
 - dose homogeneity
- Waiting lists for RT

Poor DBCG results from before 1982

Limited data from patients with

- boost
- large breasts
- modern systemic therapy
 - Taxanes, Trastuzumab
 - Letrozole



DBCG HYPO

Aim

Reintroduce moderately hypofractionated adjuvant breast radiation therapy (RT) to early node-negative breast cancer patients in a controlled and systematic way in Denmark

Hypothesis

Using 40 Gy/15 fr, 2.67 Gy /fr, for breast RT does not result in more grade 2-3 breast induration at 3 years compared with 50 Gy/25 fr

Randomization DBCG HYP0

Invasive early breast cancer or DCIS, ≥ 41 yr,
breast conservation,
pTis-pT2, pN0-pN1(mic)
any histology / ER / HER2 / grade
Boost allowed
Any breast size
Any systemic therapy

Breast implants not allowed

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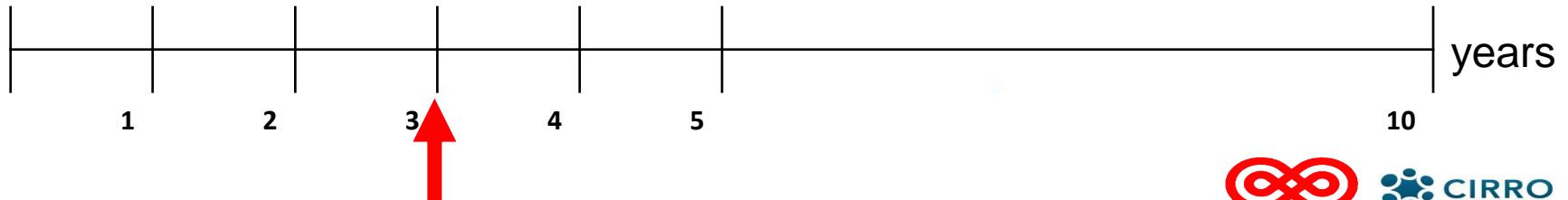
Whole breast RT 50 Gy / 25 fr

Strata:
institution,
breast size ≤ 600 cc vs > 600 cc,
chemotherapy yes/no,
boost yes/no

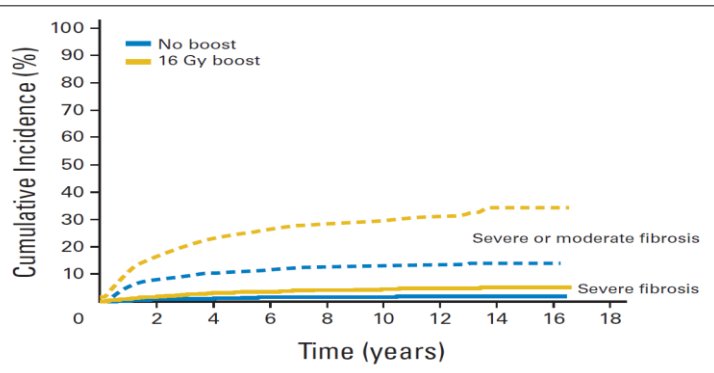
Whole breast RT 40 Gy / 15 fr

Endpoints

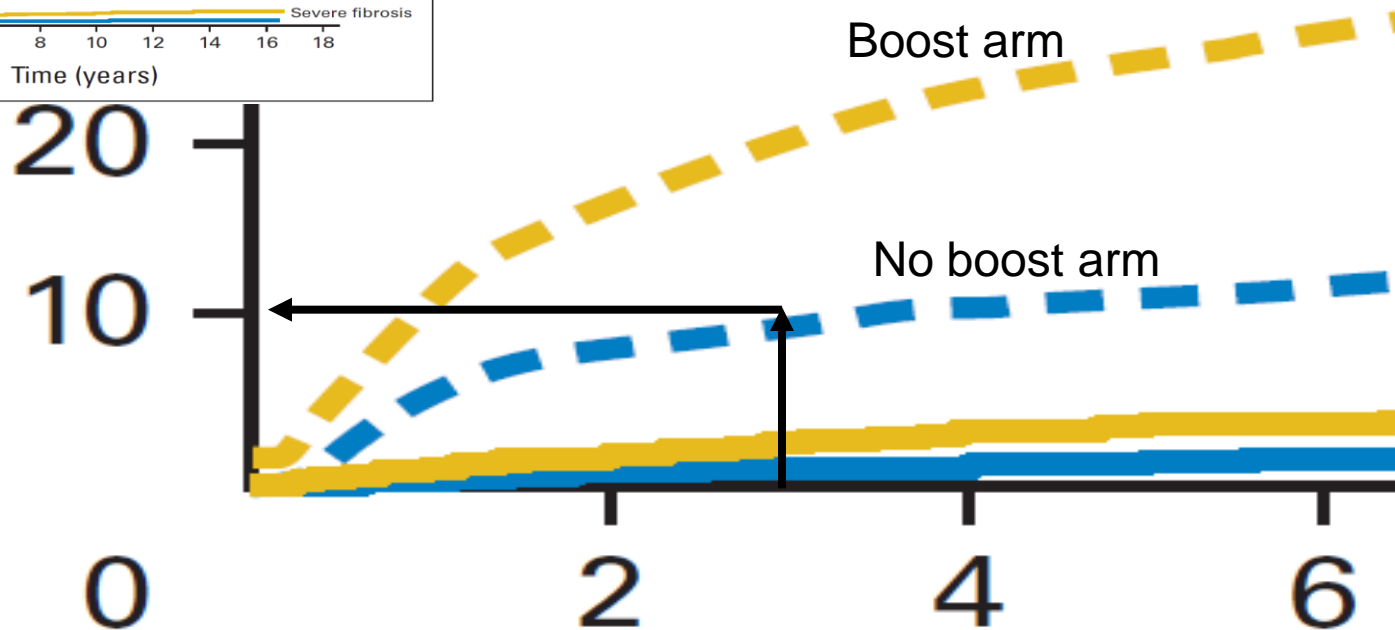
- Primary
 - grade ≥ 2 breast induration 3 years post RT
- Secondary
 - other RT-related morbidities
 - body image scale
 - patient satisfaction with therapy
 - pattern of recurrences
 - genetic risk profile for late RT-related morbidity



Statistical assumptions

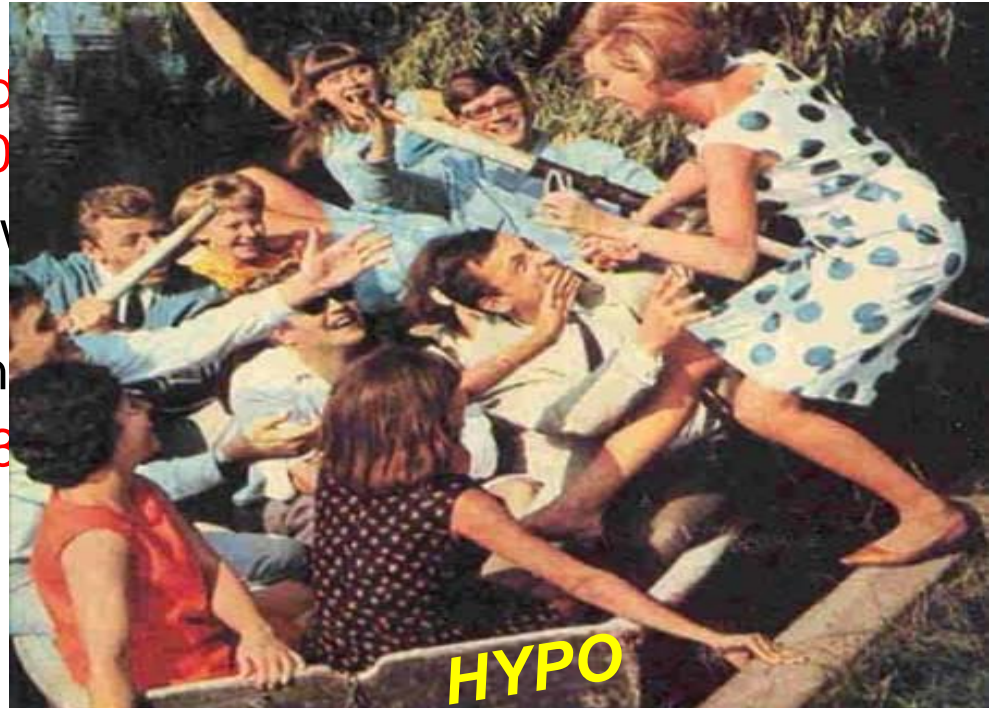


Severe or moderate fibrosis



Statistical assumptions

Expected risk of **grade 2+ breast inc**
using **50 Gy/25 fr** is **estimated 10**
Accept **10%** absolute difference betw
breast RT
80% power, one-sided test, 5% sign
Number needed: **338 patients with 3**



Strategy:

"Always room for one more"

Moderate hypofractionation already routine in UK, Canada and NL

1883

Baseline data



| 8 Departments | Accrual |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Aarhus | 838 |
| Vejle | 291 |
| Odense | 254 |
| Aalborg | 167 |
| Dresden, Gustav Carus | 173 |
| Dresden, Friedrichstadt | 74 |
| Stavanger | 76 |
| Kristiansand | 10 |
| Total | 1883 |

Accrual: May 2009 to Mar 2014



CONSORT diagram

Randomized N=1883

Strata:
institution
boost ±
chemotherapy ±
breast volume 600 ml

**50 Gy/25 fr
N=949**

**40 Gy/15 fr
N=934**

18 withdrawn consents before
morbidity evaluation and RT

7 withdrawn consents before
morbidity evaluation and RT

6 missing baseline morbidity
evaluations

9 missing baseline morbidity
evaluations

925

918



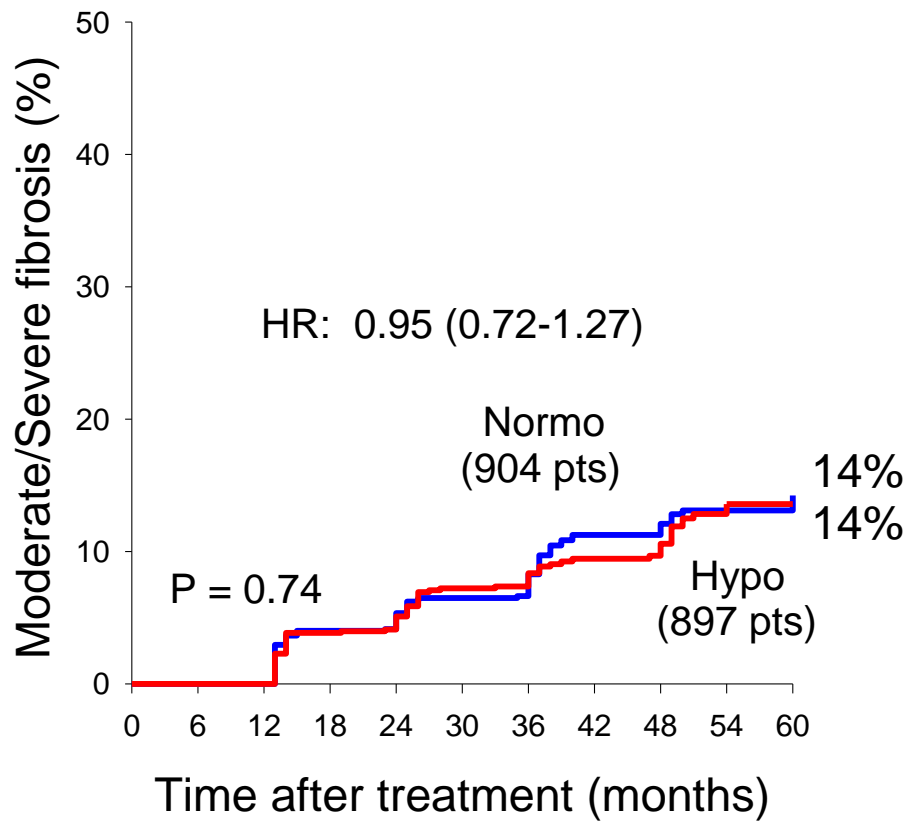
Thus 1843 randomized patients with baseline morbidity evaluation

| Patient characteristics, N=1883 | | 50 Gy N=949 | 40 Gy N=934 | P-value |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Age (years) | Median (range) | 59 (42-83) | 59 (39-82) | NS |
| Histology | DCIS | 123 | 125 | NS |
| | Ductal | 631 | 624 | |
| | Other | 195 | 184 | |
| | Missing | 0 | 1 | |
| Tumour size | pT1a | 48 | 66 | NS |
| | pT1b | 198 | 192 | |
| | pT1c | 420 | 411 | |
| | pT2 | 160 | 140 | |
| Grade (ductal) | 1 | 217 | 196 | NS |
| | 2 | 261 | 255 | |
| | 3 | 144 | 167 | |
| | NA | 9 | 6 | |
| Pathological nodes | pN0 (cN0) | 825 (14) | 835 (14) | NS |
| | pN1 (mic) | 110 | 84 | |
| | pN1 | 0 | 1 | |
| ER status | Pos | 724 | 691 | NS |
| | Neg | 108 | 122 | |
| HER2 status | Pos | 64 | 95 | 0.02 |
| | Neg | 767 | 710 | |

| Max breast induration | | 50 Gy/25 fr | % | 40 Gy/15 fr | % | P |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------|
| Baseline | Grade 0 | 452 | 48.9 | 428 | 46.6 | 0.273 |
| | Grade 1 | 289 | 31.2 | 311 | 33.9 | |
| | Grade 2 | 158 | 17.1 | 163 | 17.8 | |
| | Grade 3 | | | | | |
| Total | 1843 | | | | | |
| Year 1 | Grade 0 | | | | | 0.361 |
| | Grade 1 | | | | | |
| | Grade 2 | | | | | |
| | Grade 3 | 10 | 1.1 | 11 | 1.2 | |
| Total | 1779 | 893 | | 886 | | |
| Year 2 | Grade 0 | 363 | 42.5 | 415 | 48.3 | 0.065 |
| | Grade 1 | 379 | 44.4 | 360 | 41.9 | |
| | Grade 2 | 100 | 11.7 | 74 | 8.6 | |
| | Grade 3 | 12 | 1.4 | 11 | 1.3 | |
| Total | 1714 | 854 | | 860 | | |
| Year 3 | Grade 0 | 312 | 41.7 | 371 | 48.8 | 0.045 |
| | Grade 1 | 336 | 44.9 | 302 | 39.7 | |
| | Grade 2 | 89 | 11.9 | 75 | 9.9 | |
| | Grade 3 | 11 | 1.5 | 12 | 1.6 | |
| Total | 1508 | 748 | | 760 | | |

Scores
0:none
1:slightly palpable
2:palpable
3:clearly palpable, retraction of skin and fixation

Primary endpoint: Grade 2-3 breast induration at 3 years



Induration and boost

23% of the patients had a boost

| | | No Boost Stratum | | | | | Boost Stratum | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P |
| Baseline | Grade 0 | 322 | 45.2 | 306 | 43.5 | 0.388 | 130 | 61.3 | 122 | 57.0 | 0.743 |
| | Grade 1 | 227 | 31.8 | 242 | 34.4 | | 62 | 29.2 | 69 | 32.2 | |
| | Grade 2 | 141 | 19.8 | 142 | 20.2 | | 17 | 8.0 | 21 | 9.8 | |
| | Grade 3 | 23 | 3.2 | 14 | 2.0 | | 3 | 1.4 | 2 | 0.9 | |
| Total | 1843 | 713 | | 704 | | | 212 | | 214 | | |
| Year 3 | Grade 0 | 236 | 41.2 | 290 | 49.9 | 0.023 | 76 | 43.4 | 81 | 45.3 | 0.765 |
| | Grade 1 | 261 | 45.5 | 222 | 38.2 | | 75 | 42.9 | 80 | 44.7 | |
| | Grade 2 | 68 | 11.9 | 59 | 10.2 | | 21 | 12.0 | 16 | 8.9 | |
| | Grade 3 | 8 | 1.4 | 10 | 1.7 | | 3 | 1.7 | 2 | 1.1 | |
| Total | 1508 | 573 | | 581 | | | 175 | | 179 | | |

Actuarial 3 year risk of grade 2-3 breast induration irrespective of fractionation using year 1 as baseline (boost no/yes)
 HR 1.10 (95% CI 0.79-1.52), p=0.59

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Induration and chemotherapy

36% of the patients had taxane-based chemotherapy

| | | No Chemotherapy Stratum | | | | | Chemotherapy Stratum | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P |
| Baseline | Grade 0 | 231 | 39.3 | 210 | 35.8 | 0.135 | 221 | 65.6 | 218 | 65.9 | 0.875 |
| | Grade 1 | 189 | 32.1 | 218 | 37.1 | | 100 | 29.7 | 93 | 28.1 | |
| | Grade 2 | 143 | 24.3 | 144 | 24.5 | | 15 | 4.5 | 19 | 5.7 | |
| | Grade 3 | 25 | 4.3 | 15 | 2.6 | | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.3 | |
| Total | 1843 | 588 | | 587 | | 337 | | 331 | | | |
| Year 3 | Grade 0 | 209 | 43.2 | 235 | 49.4 | 0.266 | 103 | 39.0 | 136 | 47.9 | 0.07 |
| | Grade 1 | 212 | 43.8 | 183 | 38.4 | | 124 | 47.0 | 119 | 41.9 | |
| | Grade 2 | 55 | 11.4 | 52 | 10.9 | | 34 | 12.9 | 23 | 8.1 | |
| | Grade 3 | 8 | 2.6 | 6 | 1.3 | | 3 | 1.01 | 6 | 2.1 | |
| Total | 1508 | 484 | | 476 | | 264 | | 284 | | | |

**Actuarial 3 year risk of grade 2-3 breast induration irrespective of fractionation using year 1 as baseline (chemo no/yes)
HR 1.06 (95% CI 0.79-1.42), p=0.70**

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Induration and breast volume

Median size of CTVp_breast 644 ml (50 Gy) and 635 ml (40 Gy)

| | | Small breasts Stratum (≤ 600 ml CTVp_breast) | | | | | Large breasts Stratum (> 600 ml CTVp_breast) | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P | 50Gy/25fr | % | 40Gy/15fr | % | P |
| Baseline | Grade 0 | 213 | 48.6 | 212 | 49.0 | 0.179 | 239 | 49.1 | 216 | 44.5 | 0.542 |
| | Grade 1 | 134 | 30.6 | 146 | 33.7 | | 155 | 31.8 | 165 | 34.0 | |
| | Grade 2 | 74 | 16.9 | 68 | 15.7 | | 84 | 17.2 | 95 | 19.6 | |
| | Grade 3 | 17 | 3.9 | 7 | 1.6 | | 9 | 1.8 | 9 | 1.9 | |
| | Total | 1843 | 438 | | 433 | | 487 | | 485 | | |
| Year 3 | Grade 0 | 173 | 49.6 | 200 | 56.3 | 0.163 | 139 | 34.8 | 171 | 42.2 | 0.190 |
| | Grade 1 | 135 | 38.7 | 124 | 34.9 | | 201 | 50.4 | 178 | 44.0 | |
| | Grade 2 | 38 | 10.9 | 26 | 7.3 | | 51 | 12.8 | 49 | 12.1 | |
| | Grade 3 | 3 | 0.9 | 5 | 1.4 | | 8 | 2.0 | 7 | 1.7 | |
| | Total | 1508 | 349 | | 355 | | 399 | | 405 | | |

**Actuarial 3 year risk of grade 2-3 breast induration irrespective of fractionation using year 1 as baseline (small/large)
HR 1.56 (95% CI 1.16-2.09), p=0.003**

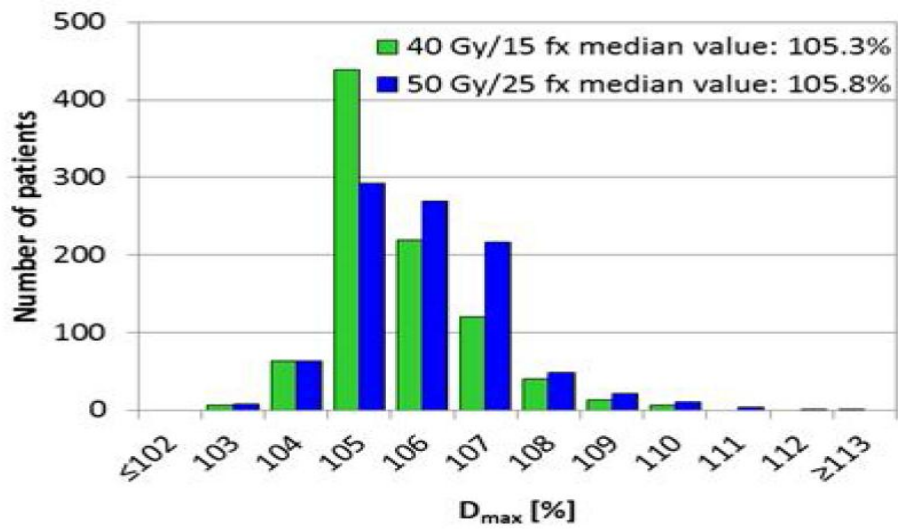
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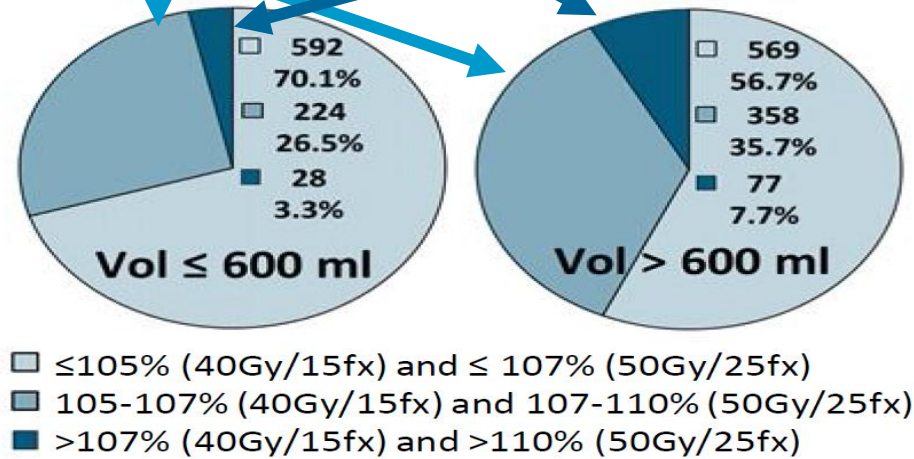


Breast volume and dose distribution

D_{max} in CTV



A little overdosage More overdosage



Significantly more inhomogeneous dose distribution in large breasts, $P < 0.0001$



Cox proportional hazards analysis using breast induration grades 2-3 as endpoint

| VARIABLE | P value | RR | 95% CI |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| UNIVARIATE | | | |
| Hypo (40 Gy vs 50 Gy) | 0.74 | 0.95 | (0.72-1.27) |
| <i>Breast size (S vs L)</i> | <i>0.003</i> | <i>1.56</i> | <i>(1.16-2.09)</i> |
| Chemotherapy (no vs yes) | 0.70 | 1.06 | (0.79-1.42) |
| Boost (no vs yes) | 0.59 | 1.10 | (0.79-1.52) |
| MULTIVARIATE | | | |
| Hypo (40 Gy vs 50 Gy) | 0.74 | 0.95 | (0.72-1.27) |
| <i>Breast size (S vs L)</i> | <i>0.003</i> | <i>1.56</i> | <i>(1.16-2.09)</i> |
| Chemotherapy (yes vs no) | NS | | |
| Boost (yes vs no) | NS | | |



Recurrences and new events

| | 50 Gy / 25 fr | 40 Gy / 15 fr |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Local recurrence | 7 | 7 |
| Loco-reg recurrence | 10 | 7 |
| Contralateral DCIS/BC | 2/12 | 3/7 |
| Distant recurrence | 14 | 16 |
| Other malignant disease | 18 | 19 |

| | | P | HR | 95% CI |
|---------------------|----------|------|------|-----------|
| Local recurrence | 40 vs 50 | 0.88 | 0.92 | 0.33-2.55 |
| Loco-reg recurrence | 40 vs 50 | 0.57 | 1.31 | 0.51-3.32 |
| Distant recurrence | 40 vs 50 | 0.65 | 0.81 | 0.32-1.97 |
| All failures | 40 vs 50 | 0.94 | 1.03 | 0.53-1.97 |



Conclusion

External beam forward planned IMRT whole breast irradiation based on 40 Gy/15 fr is feasible

- Few side effects at 3 yr with no difference in breast induration comparing 40 Gy/15 fr with 50 Gy/25 fr
- Large breast volume is an independent risk factor for developing breast induration 3 years post RT
- Use of boost, chemotherapy or hypofractionation have no impact on 3-year breast induration
- Few recurrences, and not related to fractionation
- Moderately hypofractionated whole breast RT has become the new DBCG standard to all patients treated with breast only RT since 2014



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