

# **Les phénotypes (et génotypes) du cancer du sein: Vision du clinicien Implications pour la médecine nucléaire**

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# Conflits d'intérêts

Participation à des “boards”: Roche, Pfizer, Novartis, Janssen, Sanofi, Pierre Fabre Oncology, Debiopharm

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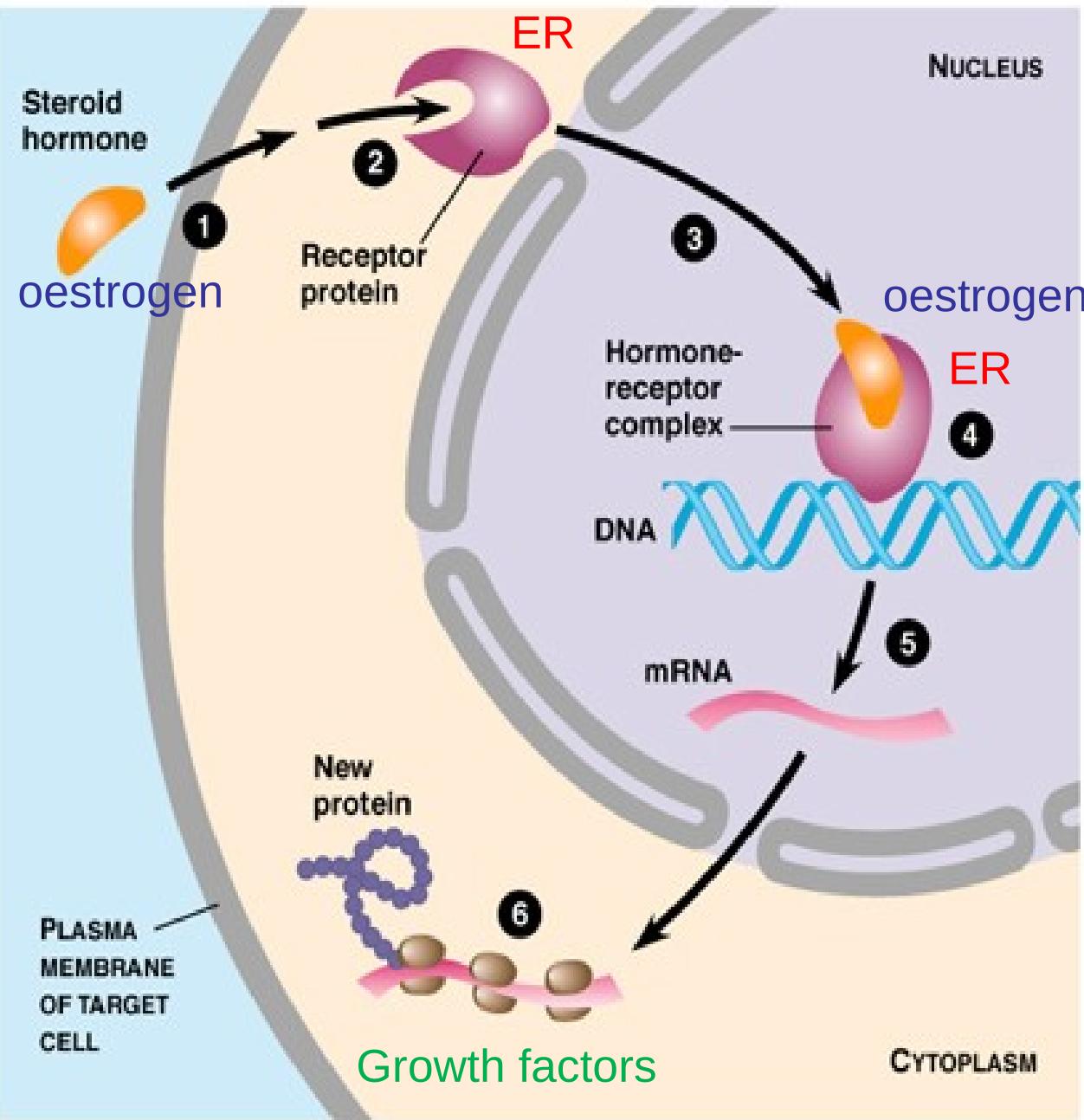
# Introduction (1)

- Le cancer du sein est la première cause de décès par cancer chez la femme dans le monde et en France
- En France, 2015 54 062 nouveaux cas et 11 913 décès
  - ✓ Survie nette: 86 % à 5 ans, 76% à 10 ans.
- Bien que des avancées significatives aient été obtenues dans la prise en charge des cancers du sein, la maladie métastatique est toujours considérée comme incurable

## Introduction (2) Avant 2000

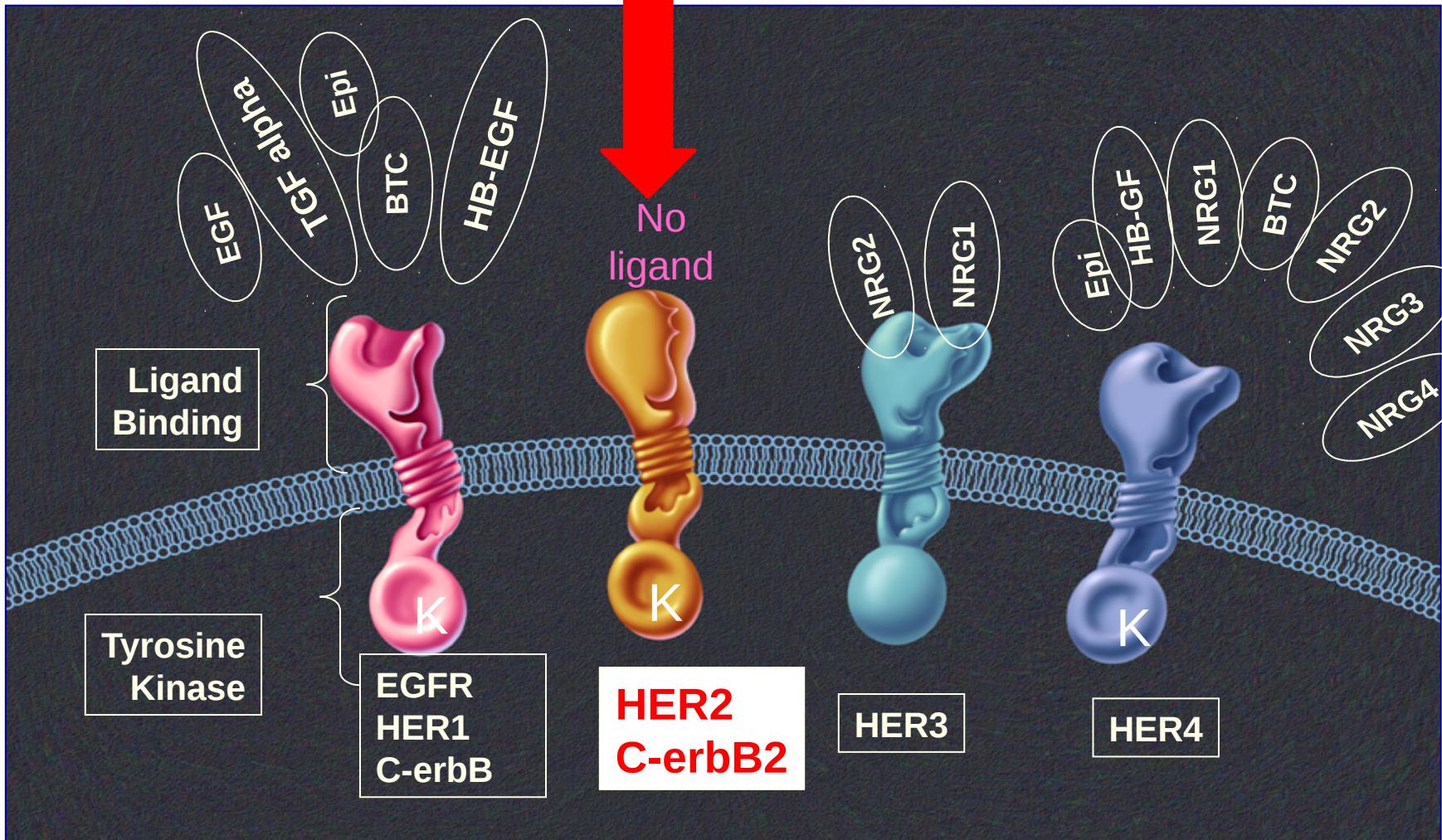
- Le cancer du sein (CS): une maladie unique
- Traitement primaire du cancer du sein : la chirurgie suivie par un traitement adjuvant (une chimiothérapie et/ou une thérapie hormonale) en fonction de facteurs pronostiques dans le but d'éviter les rechutes
- Années 70, Récepteurs hormonaux (RO, RP); 2/3 CS
- A la fin des années 90,  
amplification / Hyperexpression HER2; 15-20% CS

# Années 70

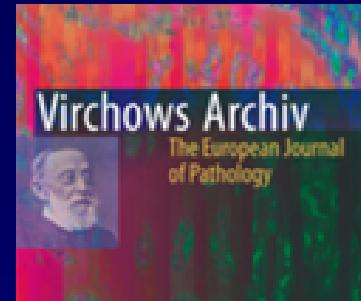
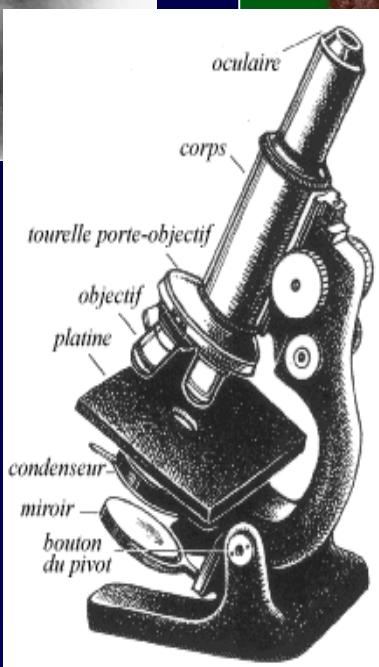


# Famille HER2

Fin des années 90



# Définition du cancer? La vision ancienne



Une tumeur

un organe

Un échantillon tumoral

# Introduction (3)

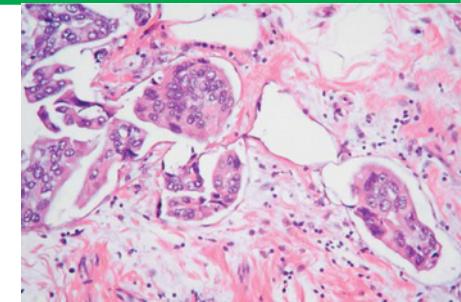
- **Cancers infiltrants Adénocarcinomes**

- **Galactophoriques 85%**

- ✓ Classiques +++
    - ✓ Tubulaires
    - ✓ Cribriformes
    - ✓ Mucineux
    - ✓ Médullaires
    - ✓ Papillaires – Micropapillaires
    - ✓ Neuroendocrines
    - ✓ Métaplasiques
    - ✓ Sécrétoires – Oncocytiques – Cytiques adénoïdes – Actiniques

- **Lobulaires 15%**

- ✓ Classiques +++
    - ✓ Pleiomorphiques
    - ✓ Histiocytoïdes
    - ✓ Tubulolobulaires



# Introduction (4) Avant 2000

Comparison of 18F-FDG PET/CT for Systemic Staging of Newly Diagnosed Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Versus Invasive Ductal Carcinoma

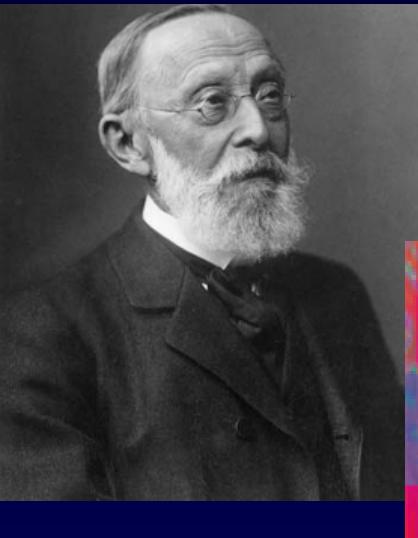
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## CONCLUSION:

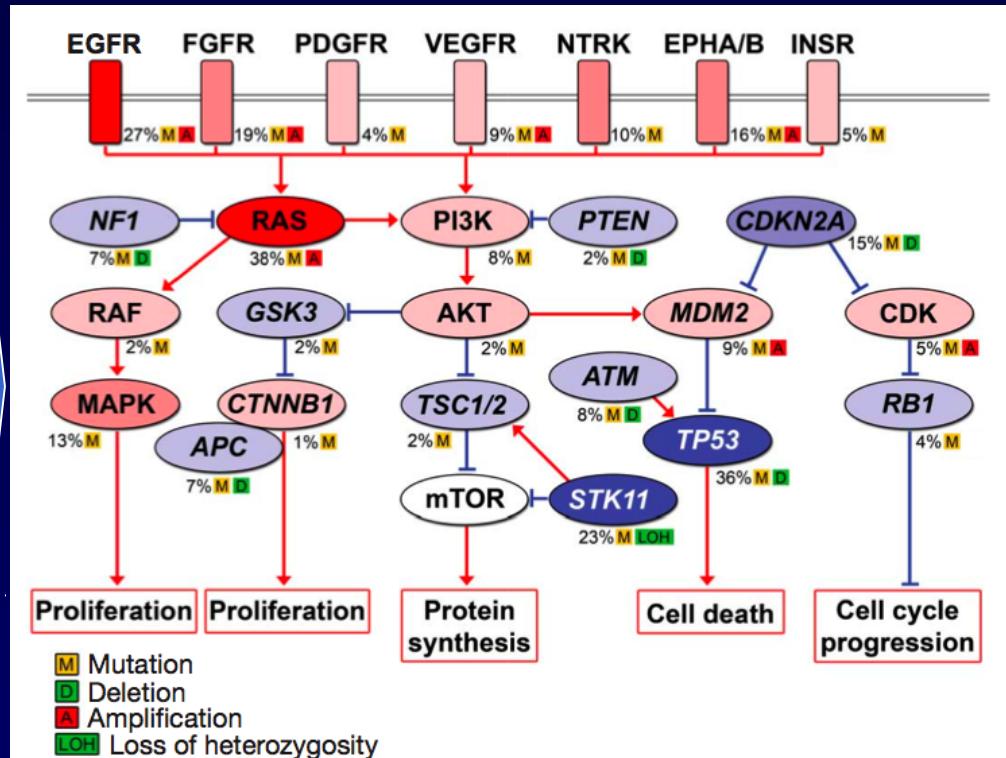
(18)F-FDG PET/CT was more likely to reveal unsuspected distant metastases in stage III IDC patients than in stage III ILC patients. In addition, some ILC patients were upstaged by non-(18)F-FDG-avid lesions visible only on the CT images. Overall, the impact of PET/CT on systemic staging may be lower for ILC patients than for IDC patients.

# Définition actuelle du cancer: une maladie génomique



Une tumeur  
Un organe  
Un échantillon tumoral  
=  
Une définition du  
XIX<sup>ème</sup> siècle

## Mutations génomiques significatives



# Introduction (5) 2000 et après...

- L'ère de la génomique – NGS
  - Une meilleure connaissance des voies moléculaires et la transduction de signal avec le développement de thérapie ciblée (ex inhibition HER2)
  - L'utilisation de l'imagerie fonctionnelle (PET scan, DCE MRI..)
- ❖ **Un concept de recherche translationnelle permettant une médecine personnalisée / de précision**

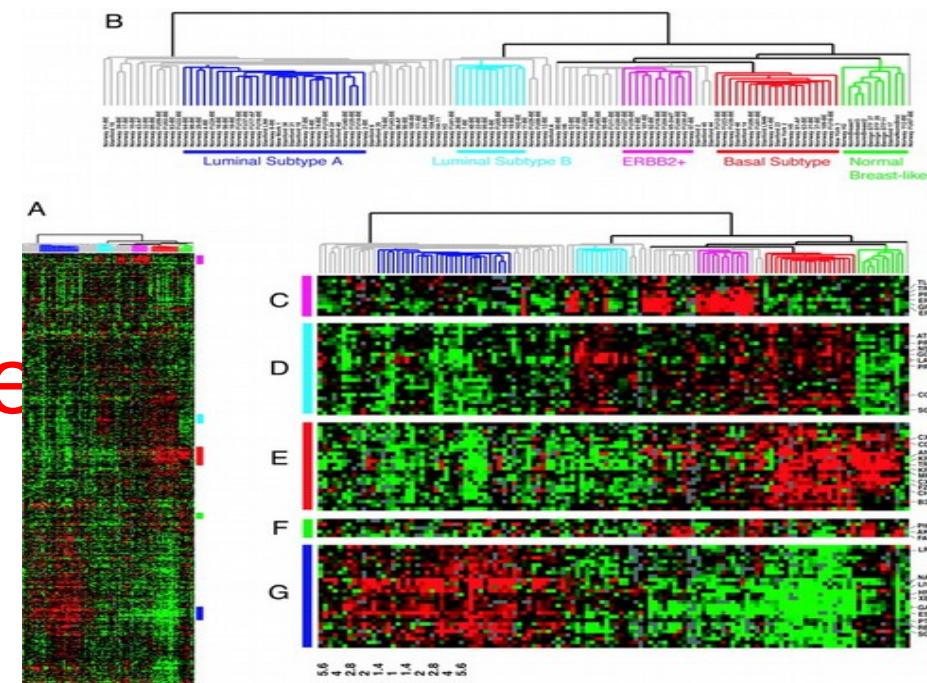
# Gene expression patterns of breast carcinomas distinguish tumor subclasses with clinical implications

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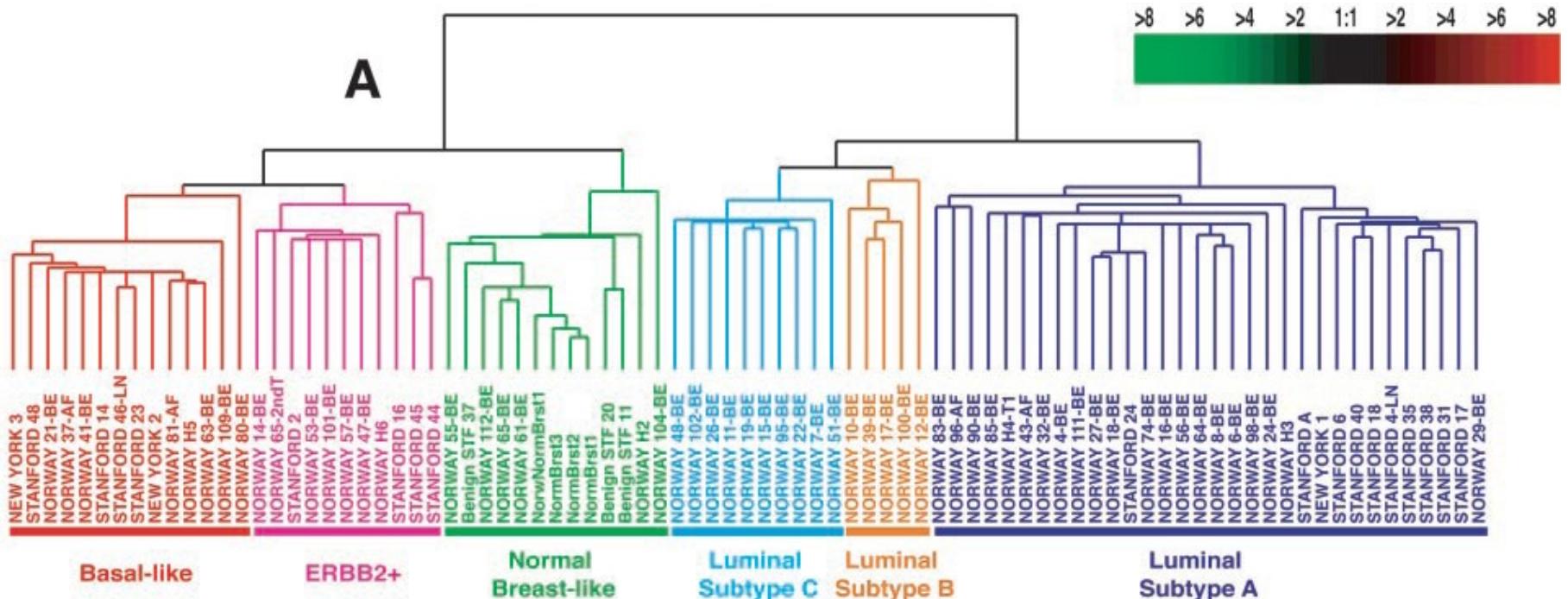
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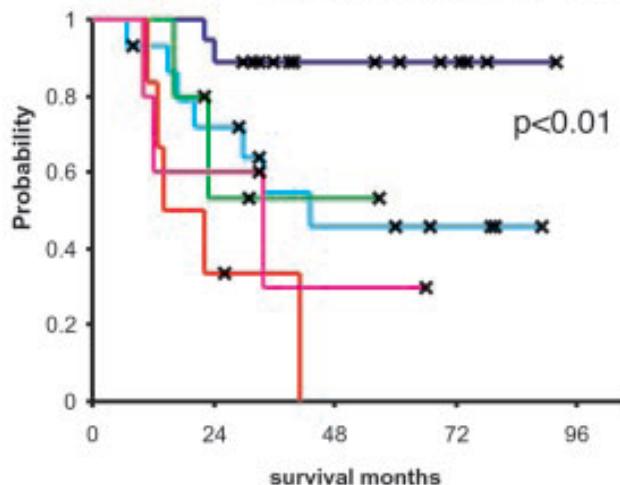
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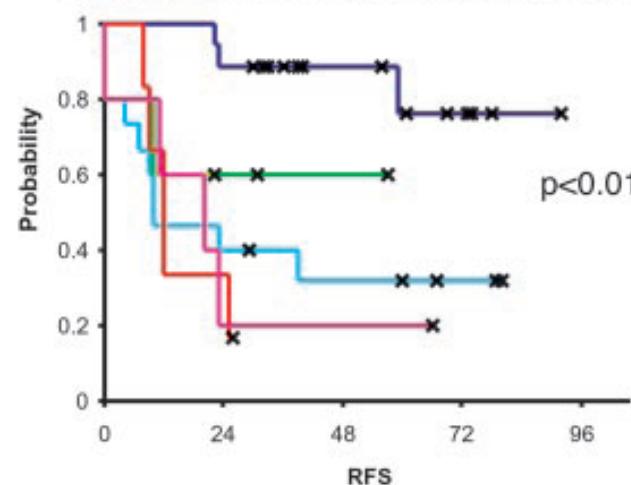
L'ère de la génomique



A 5 tumor subtypes (based upon Fig 1)

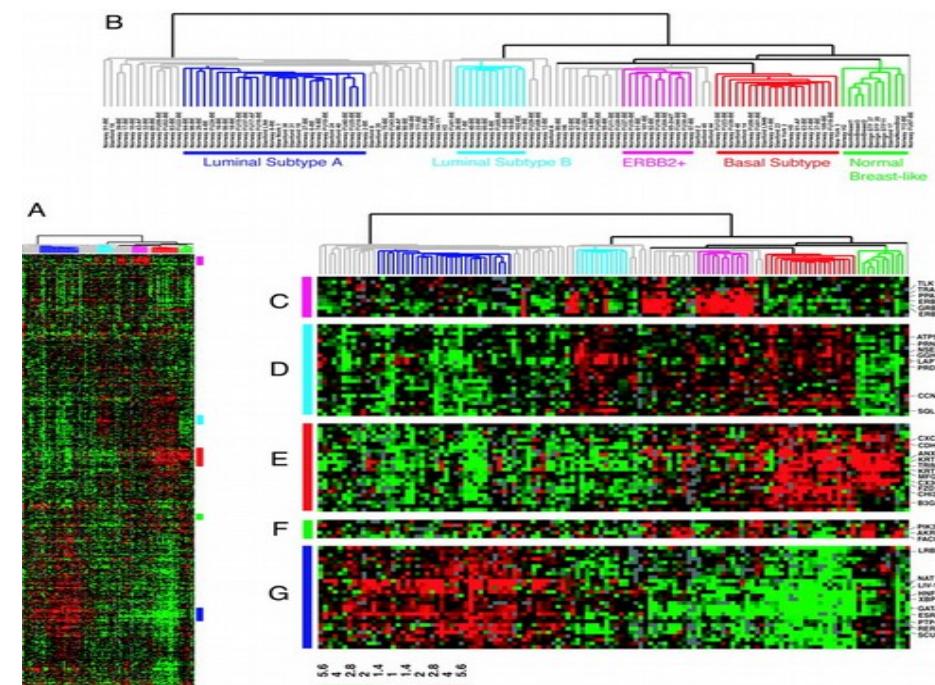


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# Cancer du sein: « Intrinsic Subtypes » 2000 – 2016 caractéristiques moléculaires

1. Luminal A
2. Luminal B
3. HER2-enriched
4. Basal - Like



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1. Luminal A

2. Luminal B

- **Expression du récepteur oestrogénique**
- Différences entre luminal B Vs luminal A:
  - ✓ Expression plus élevée de gènes ou protéines en rapport avec la prolifération et/ou le cycle cellulaire Ki67, AURKA
  - ✓ Expression plus faible de gènes ou protéines en rapport avec le caractère luminal Récept. Progestérone, FOXA1
- Au niveau ADN, différences entre luminal B & Vs luminal A:
  - ✓ Nombre de mutations TP53 plus élevées
  - ✓ Nombre de mutations PIK3CA et MAP3K1 plus faibles
- **Quelques tumeurs luminales HER2 amplification/ hyperexpression**

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## 3. HER2-enriched

- Hyperexpression HER2
- Au niveau ADN, augmentation globale des mutations, TP53, PI3KCA, APOBEC3B
- Expression intermédiaire gènes liés aux caractères luminal, ESR1, PgrR
- Faible expression gènes liés aux caractères basal, keratin 5, FOXC1
- Récepteur oestrogénique -

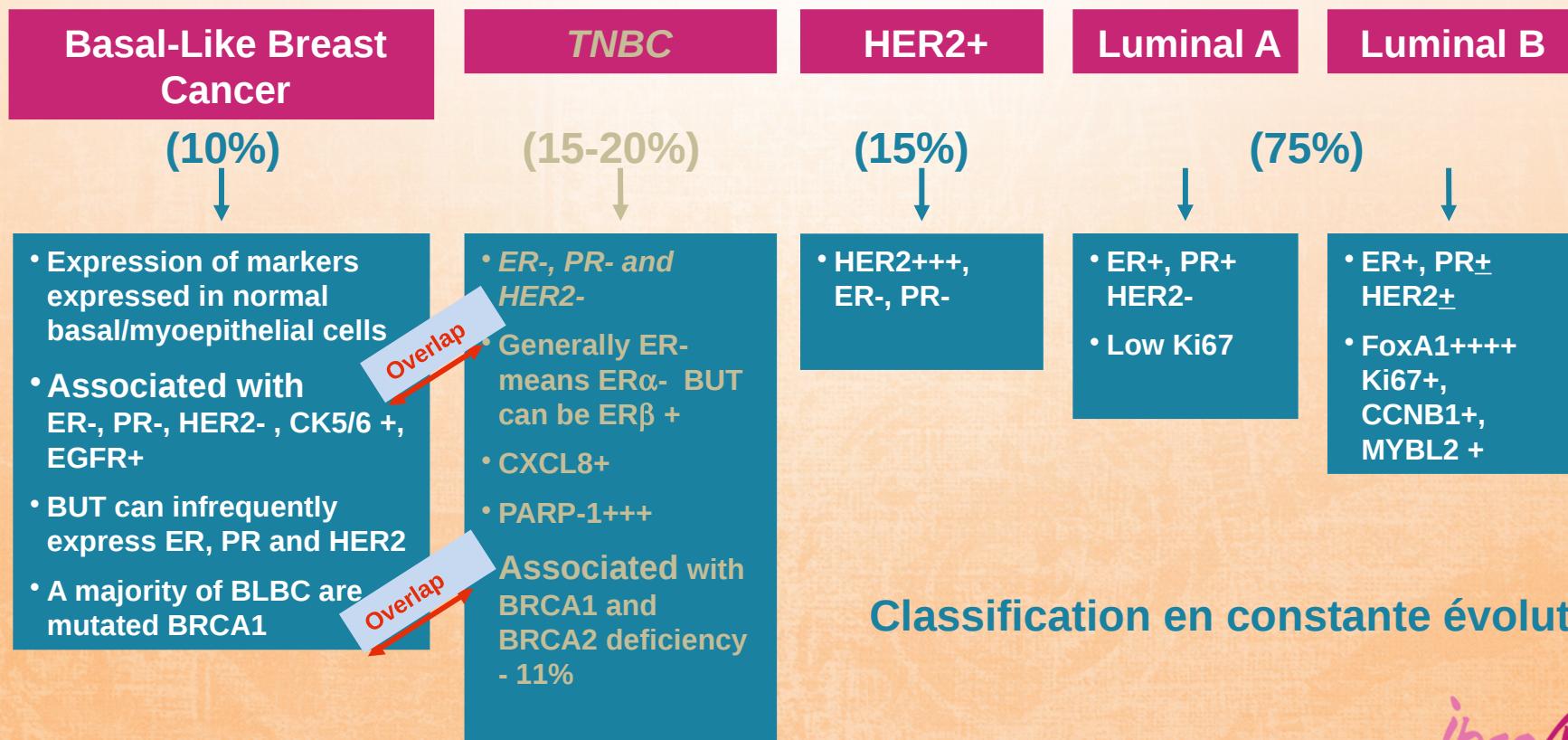
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## 4. Basal-like

- Au niveau de l'ARN et des protéines; expression élevée liée à la prolifération **Ki67** et aux kératines exprimées par la couche basale Kératines 5,14, 17
- Expression très faible des gènes liés aux caractères luminal, ESR1, PgrR
- Au niveau ADN, augmentation globale des mutations, TP53, PI3KCA
- Association aux mutations constitutionnelles BRCA1/2

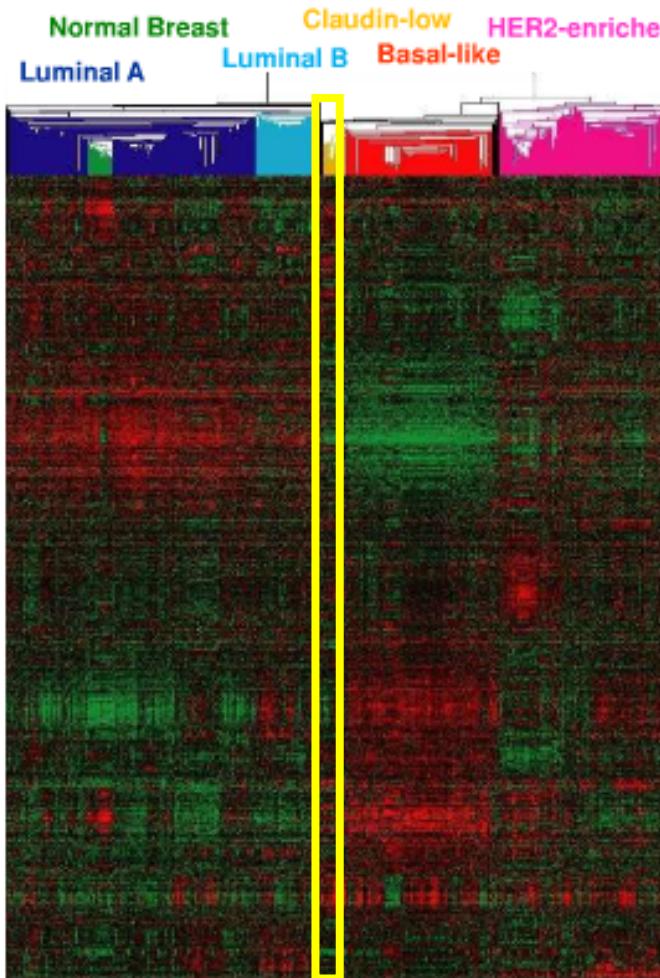
# Classification des cancers du sein

Maladie hétérogène en tenant compte des altérations moléculaires, du phénotype cellulaire et de l'évolution clinique



Classification en constante évolution

# Claudin-low intrinsic subtype



- 5-10% of breast cancer
- RE-, RP-, Her2-
- high enrichment for epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition markers
- immune response genes and cancer stem cell-like features
- response rate to standard preoperative chemotherapy that is intermediate between that of basal-like and luminal tumors

## ➤ Transcriptome analysis of triple negative breast cancers\*

6 distinct biological subgroups

2 basal-like 1&2 (cell cycle & DNA damage response genes)

2 mesenchymal-like (M & MSL) enriched in cell differentiation, epithelial-cell transition and growth factor pathways

Immunomodulatory (IM) defined by immune cell surface antigens, receptors and signal transduction genes

Luminal subgroup (LAR) driven by androgen receptor signaling

\* Lehman BD et al SABCS 2010, Abstract PD01-07

# Cancer du sein: classification

Classification: « intrinsic » sous-types – St Gallen 2011 consensus

1. Luminal A: RO et/ou RP positif, HER2-, Ki-67 bas
2. Luminal B (HER2-): RO et/ou RP positif, HER2-, Ki-67 élevé
3. Luminal B (HER2+): RO et/ou RP positif, HER2+, Ki-67 bas/élevé
4. HER2+ (non luminal): RO et RP négatif, HER2+
5. Triple négatif: RO et RP négatif, HER2-

# Implications cliniques (1-2) RH+ / HER2- Luminal

## Pronostic

- ✓ plus mauvais pronostic, luminal B (taille tumorale, envahissement gg axillaire)
- ✓ Rechutes tardives – métastases osseuses

## Thérapie

- ✓ Bénéfice de l'hormonothérapie luminal A&B
- ✓ Bénéfice de la chimiothérapie surtout pour luminal B
- ✓ Intérêt des signatures génomiques (Oncotype DX, PAM50...)

# Implications cliniques (3-4) HER2+

## Pronostic

- ✓ plus mauvais pronostic, HER2+ / RH-, rechutes à 5 ans, métastases viscérales et cérébrales )
- ✓ Peu de rechutes après 5 ans

## Thérapie

- ✓ Bénéfice des traitements anti-HER2 plus chimiothérapie
- ✓ Bénéfice d'un double blocage anti-HER2 pour HER2+ / RH-

# Implications cliniques (3)

## Triple négatif (RO-, RP-, HER2-)

### Maladie hétérogène

### Pronostic

- ✓ Mauvais pronostic, femme jeune, mutations BRCA1/2
- ✓ Peu de rechutes après 4-5 ans

### Thérapie

- ✓ Bénéfice de la chimiothérapie
  - ❖ Non basal-like, docetaxel
  - ❖ BRCA1/2 mutation, carboplatin
- ✓ Bénéfice d'un anti-angiogénique, basal-like
- ✓ Bénéfice d'un anti-androgène, luminal subgroup (LAR)  
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- ✓ Bénéfice d'une immunothérapie anti PD-1, PDL-1,  
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# **Les phénotypes (et génotypes) du cancer du sein: Vision du clinicien**

## **Implications pour la médecine nucléaire**

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (1)

- Aim

- To evaluate the impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on the tumor 18F-FDG uptake (SUV) at baseline
  - Luminal A/B      ER and/or PgR +
  - Triple negative    ER and PgR -; HER2-  
HER2+
- Changes after the first course of neoadjuvant chemotherapy

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (2)

- Methods

- 115 patients treated by neoadjuvant chemotherapy (6 cycles) followed by surgery
  - 37 pts HER2+; TH 6 cycles
  - 78 pts HER2 -, FEC 100, 6 cycles or 3 FEC 100 followed by 3 Taxotere
- Tumor uptake of FDG evaluated before and after the first course (day 20) of neoadjuvant chemotherapy

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (3)

- Results

- ✓ Tumoral subtypes

- Overall 115
- Luminal 53 (46%)
- HER2 positive 37 (32%)
- Triple negative 25 (22%)

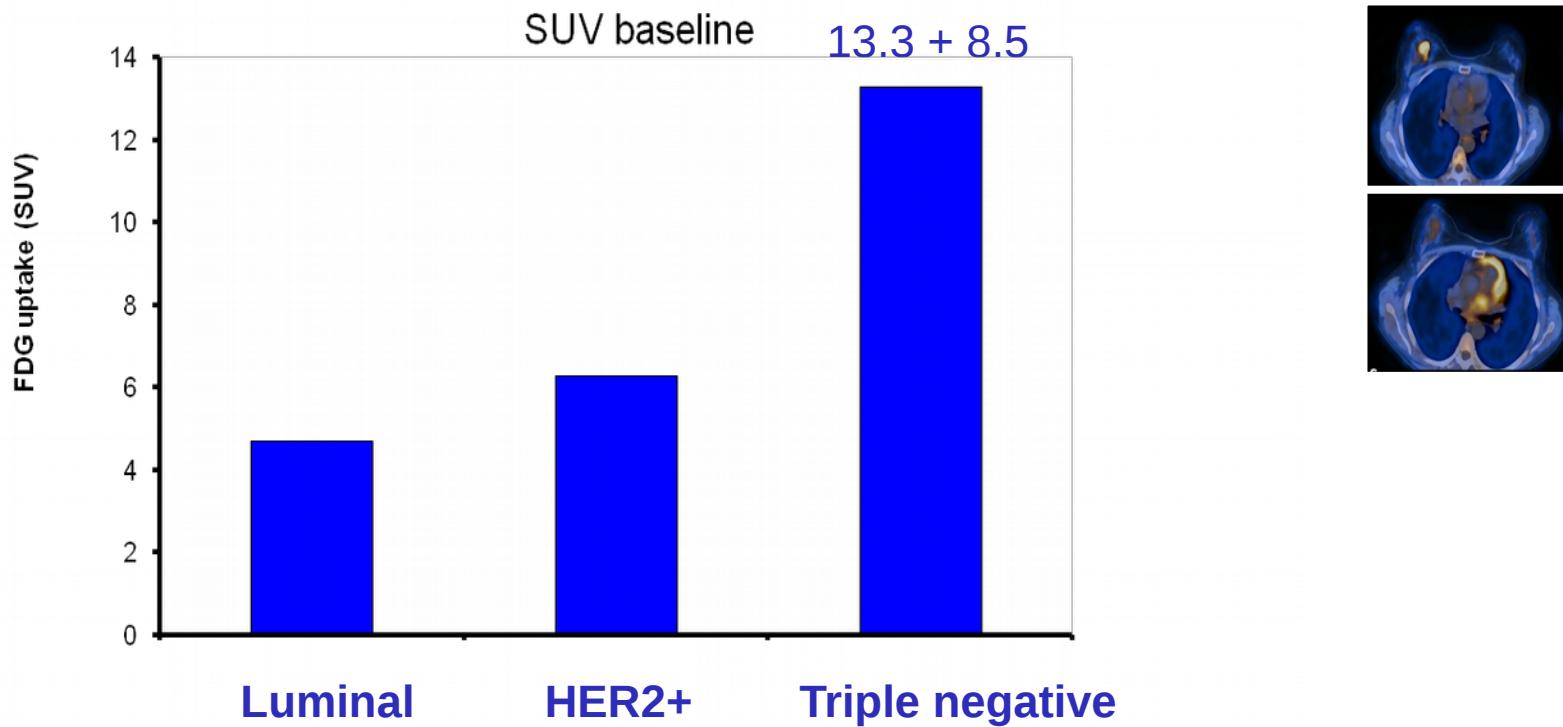
- ✓ pCR

- Luminal (2%)
- HER2 positive (38%)
- Triple negative (36%)

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (4)

- Results

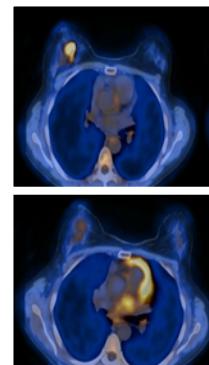
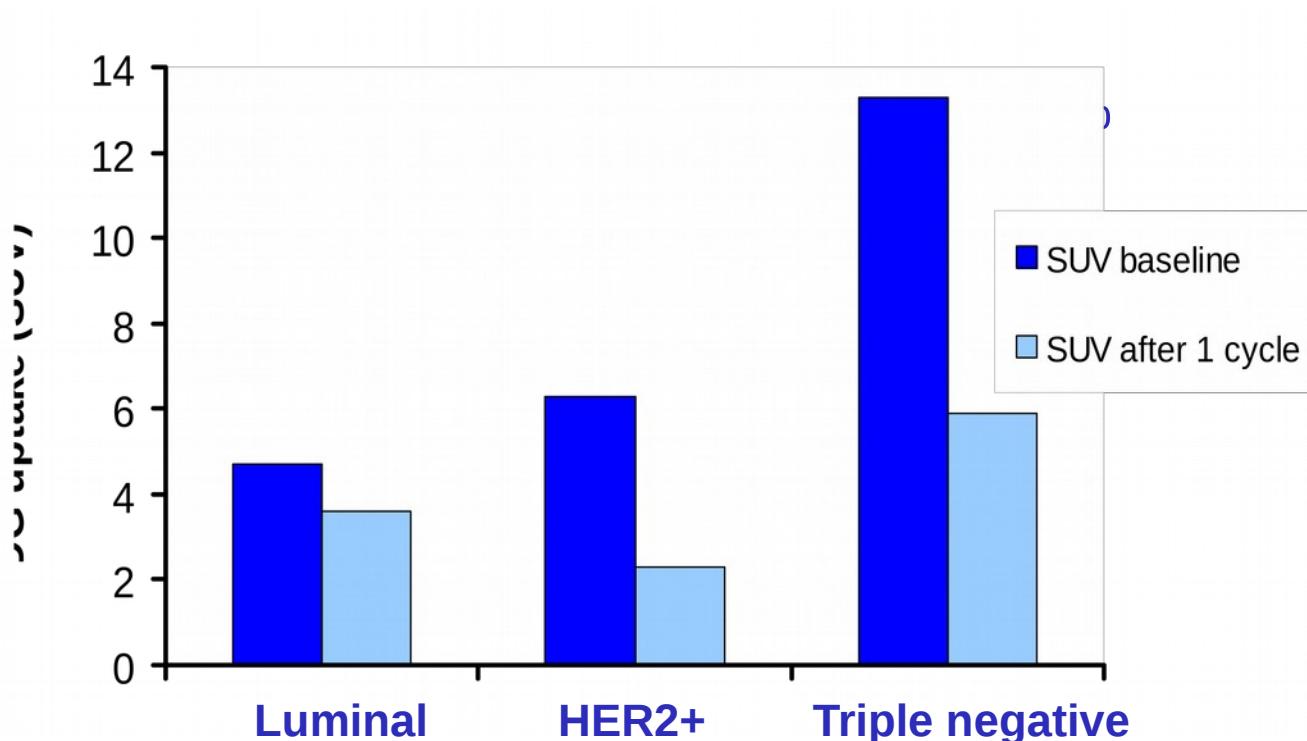
Triple negative tumors presented the highest baseline SUV ( $13.3 \pm 8.5$ ;  $p < 0.0001$ )



# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (5)

- Results

Decrease of SUV after the first course of NAC ( $\Delta$ SUV) significantly higher in triple negative and HER2 positive subtypes ( $p<0.0001$ )



# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (6)

- Results

$\Delta$ SUV, predictive factor of pCR only in HER2 positive tumors

Metabolic characteristics according to pathological response in HER2 positive and triple negative subtypes.

|                 |          | N  | SUV1           | SUV2          | $\Delta$ SUV (%) |
|-----------------|----------|----|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| HER2 positive   | pCR      | 14 | $6.2 \pm 3.5$  | $1.5 \pm 0.1$ | $-71 \pm 24$     |
|                 | non pCR  | 23 | $6.5 \pm 5.2$  | $2.9 \pm 2.4$ | $-47 \pm 29$     |
|                 | p value* |    | 0.67           | 0.01          | 0.01             |
| Triple negative | pCR      | 9  | $10.7 \pm 5.1$ | $5.1 \pm 2.6$ | $-45 \pm 30$     |
|                 | non pCR  | 16 | $11.7 \pm 9.9$ | $6.4 \pm 5.3$ | $-45 \pm 22$     |
|                 | p value* |    | 0.82           | 0.95          | 0.50             |

Data are mean  $\pm$  SD. Luminal tumors are not shown due to the very low rate of pCR.

\*Mann-Whitney test

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (7)

- Results

$\Delta$ SUV, predictive factor of pCR only in HER2 positive tumors



$\Delta$ SUV between PET1 and PET2   Cut-off = -75%

Se = 67%

Sp = 82%

NPV = 78%

Accuracy = 76%

# Impact of the different breast cancer subtypes on PET imaging (8)

- Conclusions

The baseline <sup>18</sup>F-FDG tumoral uptake but also its early metabolic response to neoadjuvant treatment is different according to the subtypes of breast cancer

# **Prognostic relevance at 5 years of the early monitoring of neoadjuvant chemotherapy using FDG-PET in luminal HER2-negative breast cancer**



# Introduction

- pCR is rarely obtained in the **luminal HER2 negative subtype\***; this surrogate endpoint is questionable in this subtype.
- Early metabolic changes during NAC may predict pCR\*
- Aim: Can the early metabolic response, evaluated with PET after the first cycle of NAC, be used as an early surrogate endpoint for outcome in the luminal HER2 negative breast cancer subtype?

# Materials and Methods

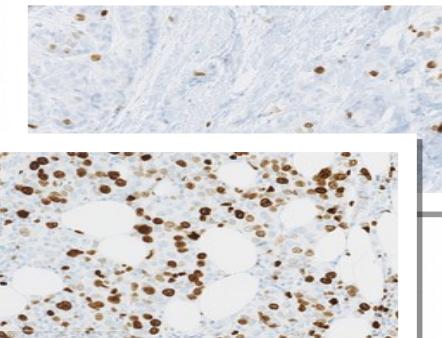
- 61 women with Stage II and IIIA luminal HER2 negative breast cancer (positive hormone receptor status / HER2 negative)
- A prospective study from April 2004 to August 2009

## Ki-67 tumor expression\*:

Luminal A ( $\text{Ki-67} < 14\%$ )

Luminal B ( $\text{Ki-67} \geq 14\%$ )

\*Cheang *et al*, J Natl Cancer Inst 2009



# Materials and Methods

## Treatments

1. 6 courses of NAC: antracyclines ± taxane-based regimen
2. Surgery after 6 courses: 49% conservative / 51% mastectomy
3. Radiotherapy
4. ± adjuvant chemotherapy (26%)
5. Hormone therapy (100%)

# Results

**Population**  
median age = 50 years

**Tumor stage :**

|        |   |        |
|--------|---|--------|
| 90% T2 | - | 10% T3 |
| 39% N0 | - | 61% N1 |

**Pathology:**

|            |   |             |   |            |
|------------|---|-------------|---|------------|
| 80% Ductal | - | 20% Lobular |   |            |
| 11.5% SBR1 | - | 75.5% SBR2  | - | 11.5% SBR3 |

**Ki-67 expression analysis:**

|               |   |               |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| 14% luminal A | - | 86% luminal B |
|---------------|---|---------------|

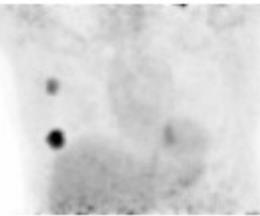
**pCR rate = 1.6% (1/61)**

# Results

## 1<sup>st</sup> PET Exam

Baseline metabolism assessment

Mean SUV =  $4.1 \pm 3.4$



31%

Low metabolic tumors

Mean SUV =  $1.6 \pm 0.5$

69%

Hypermetabolic tumors

Mean SUV =  $5.2 \pm 3.6$

low proliferation

high proliferation

Hepatic uptake

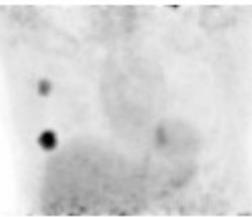
|                   |     |        | P      | overall   |
|-------------------|-----|--------|--------|-----------|
| Lobular carcinoma |     | 42.1 % | 9.5 %  | 0.006 20% |
| Luminal A         |     | 33.3 % | 5.9 %  | 0.02 14%  |
| B                 |     | 66.7 % | 94.1 % | 86%       |
| SBR               | 1   | 26.3 % | 4.9%   | 11.7%     |
|                   | 2+3 | 73.7 % | 95.1%  | 88.3%     |
| Mitosis           | 1   | 94.4 % | 61.0 % | 71.2%     |
|                   | 2+3 | 5.6 %  | 39.0 % | 28.8%     |

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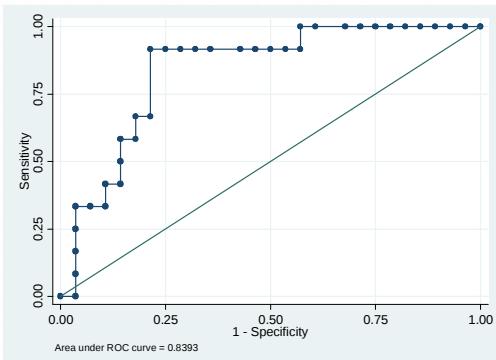
Mean SUV =  $5.2 \pm 3.6$

No 2<sup>nd</sup> PET

2<sup>nd</sup> PET exam

metabolic response assessment

Mean  $\Delta$ SUV =  $16.8\% \pm 36.6\%$



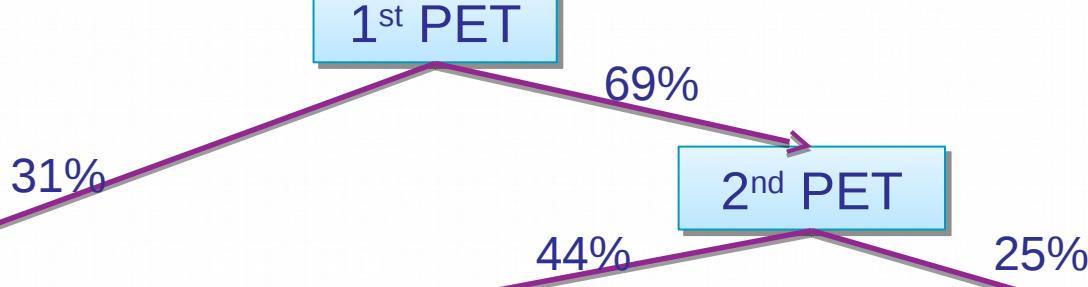
Good metabolic  
response to NAC

Poor metabolic  
response to NAC

$\Delta$ SUV = 16%

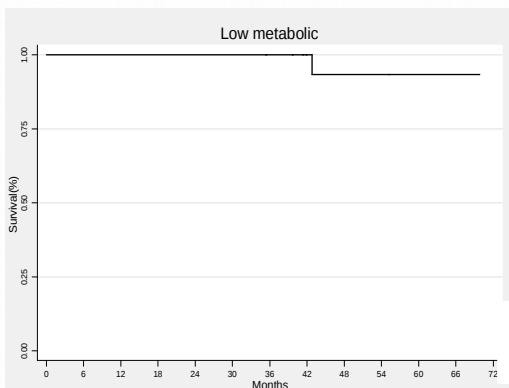
# Outcome analysis: relapse free survival

## LUMINAL BREAST CANCER



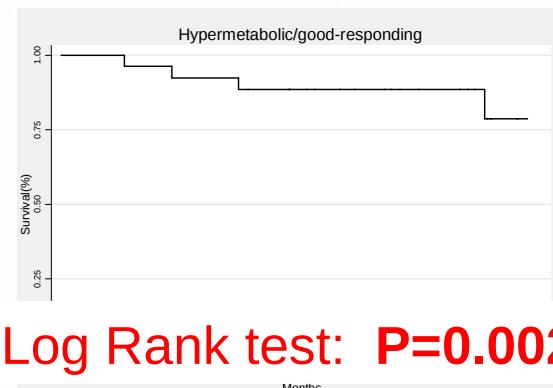
Baseline  
low-metabolism

RFS 5 years = 93.3%



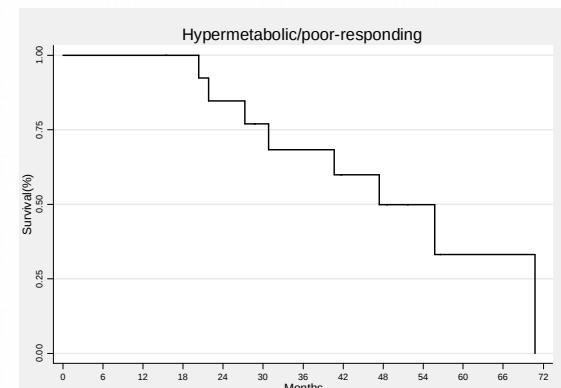
Baseline hypermetabolism  
*+good* metabolic response

RFS 5 years = 88.5%



Baseline hypermetabolism  
*+ poor* metabolic response

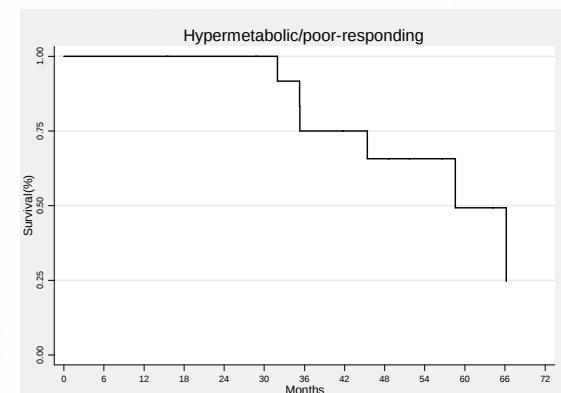
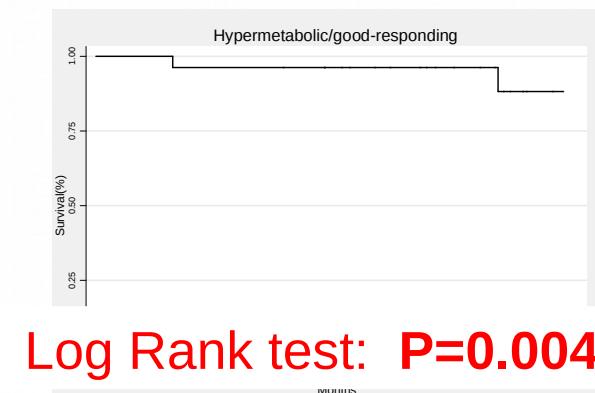
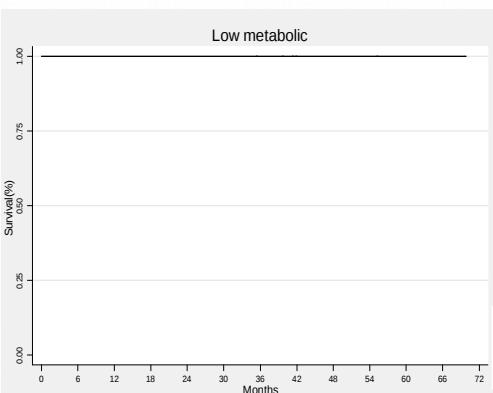
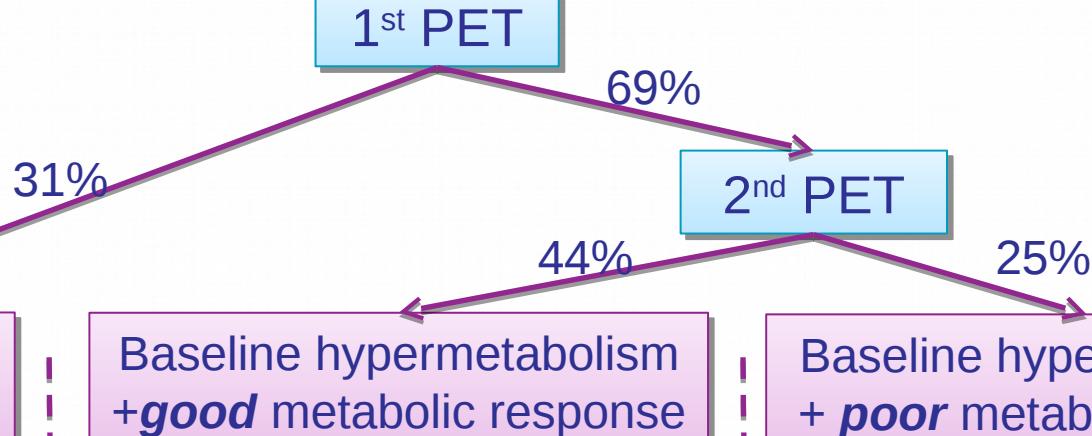
RFS 5 years = 33.2%



Log Rank test: P=0.002

# Outcome analysis: overall survival

## LUMINAL BREAST CANCER



Log Rank test: P=0.004

# Overall survival analysis (univariate Cox)

|  |   | <i>HR</i>                | <i>95% CI</i>              | <i>p</i>     |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Tumor size</b>  | ≤ 5cm (T1-T2)<br><b>&gt; 5cm (T3-T4)</b>                                    | 1<br><b>6.52</b>         |                            | <b>0.009</b> |
| <b>Lymph node status</b>                                       | Negative<br>Positive  | 1<br>1.45                | [0.36-5.79]                | 0.60         |
| <b>Histological type</b>                                       | Ductal<br>Lobular   | 1<br>0.9                 | [0.18-4.43]                | 0.89         |
| <b>Tumor grading</b>   | SBR I et II<br>SBR III  | 1<br>0.84                | [0.10-6.88]                | 0.87         |
| <b>Progesterone receptor</b>                                   | Positive<br><b>Negative</b>   | 1<br><b>4.07</b>         |                            | <b>0.04</b>  |
| <b>Luminal subtype</b>   | A (Ki67<13.25%)<br>B (Ki67≥13.25%)  | 1<br>ND                  | -                          | -            |
| <b>Baseline metabolism</b>                                     | Low metabolism<br>High metabolism   | 1<br>6.9                 | [0.83-57.6]                | 0.07         |
| <b>Baseline metabolism + response (<math>\Delta</math>SUV)</b> | Low metabolic<br>$\Delta$ SUV ≥16%<br><b><math>\Delta</math>SUV &lt;16%</b> | 0.32<br>1<br><b>10.5</b> | [0.03-3.64]<br>[1.84-60.4] | <b>0.004</b> |

# Conclusion

NAC is questionable in luminal HER2 negative breast cancer: difficulty to predict which tumors are likely to respond to NAC.

**$^{18}\text{FDG PET}$**

3 groups of luminal HER2 negative tumors  
with different proliferation indexes,  
chemo-sensitivities and outcomes.

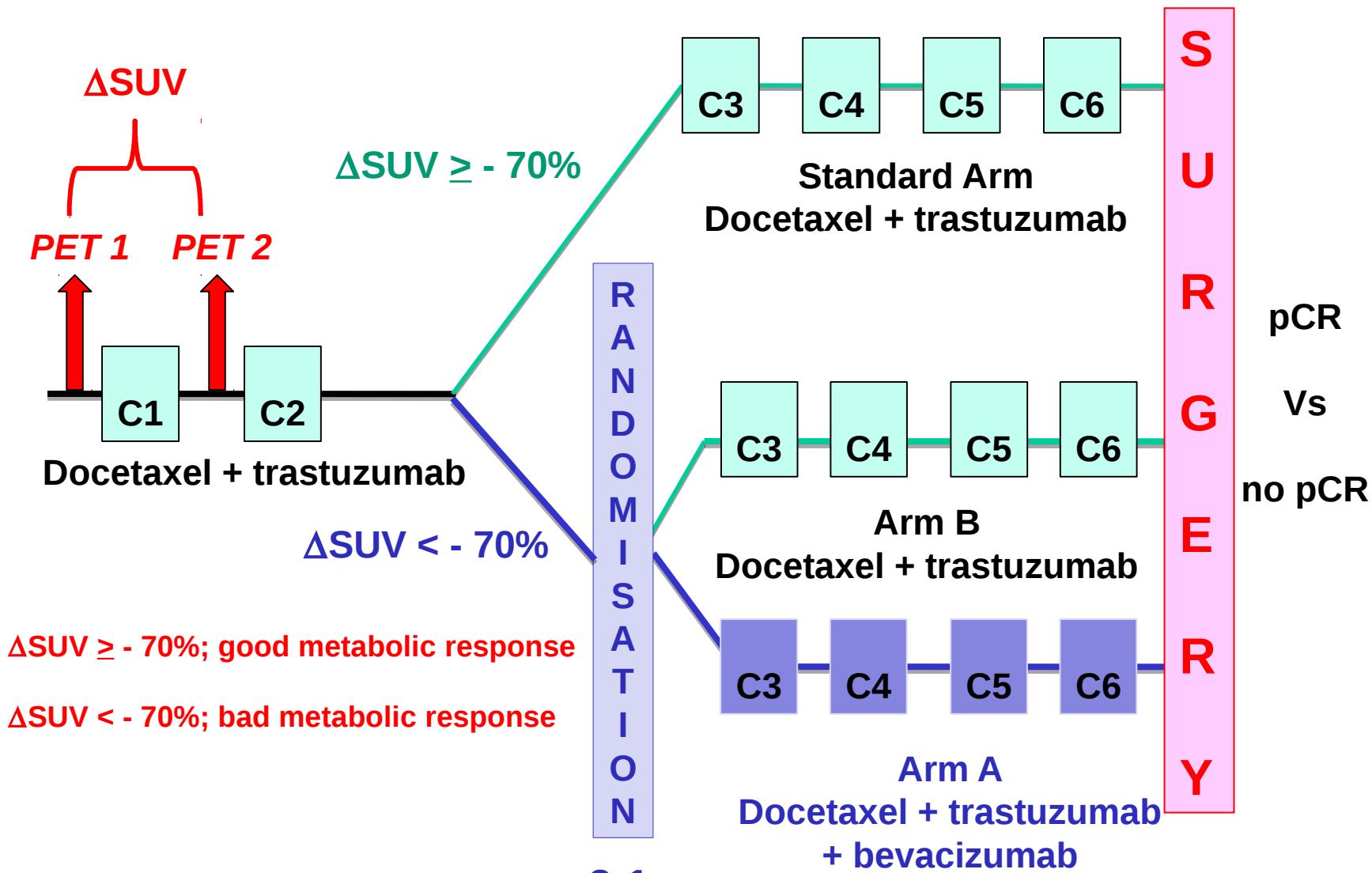
# Conclusion

- 1) Low metabolic tumors  
= low proliferation characteristics  
= excellent prognosis at 5 years
- 2) Hypermetabolic tumors with a good metabolic response  
= good prognosis
- 3) Hypermetabolic tumors with a poor metabolic response  
= poor prognosis  
= alternative treatment?

FDG PET could help to tailor the NAC regimen to the metabolic response early

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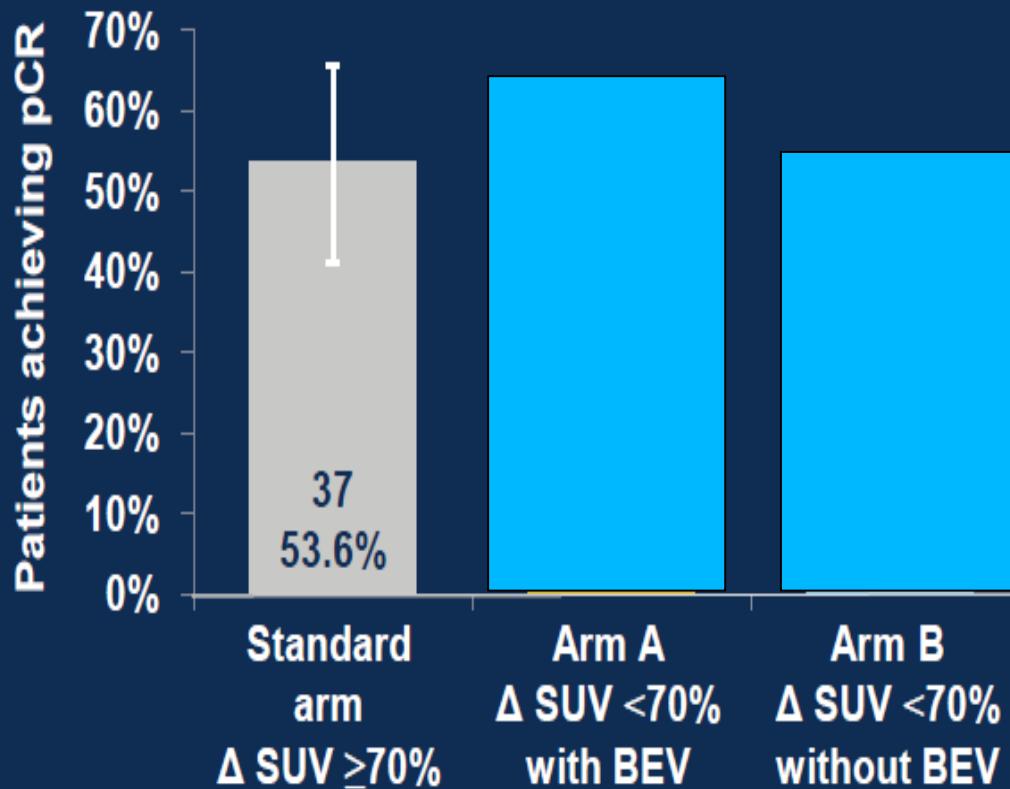
- Methods; Neoadjuvant setting HER2+



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# AVATAXHER: Primary objective (ITT)

Chevallier's classification,  
central review



CI, confidence interval; pCR, pathological complete response

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# Conclusions

- Des cancers du sein avec différents sous-types moléculaires
- Des réelles implications pour la médecine nucléaire
- $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET/CT
- $^{18}\text{F}$ Fluoroestradiol (FES) PET,  $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -trastuzumab....

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