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## Place de la TEP dans la prise en charge du myélome multiple en 2017

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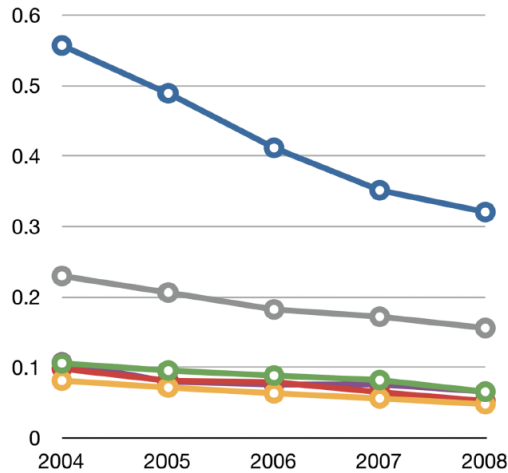
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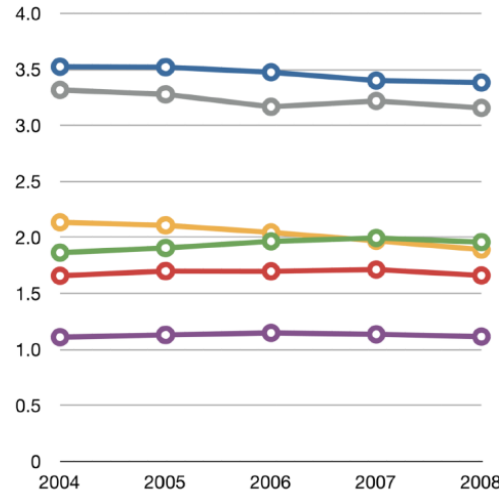


# Imaging Type (CT, MRI, PET or BS) Per Person-Year stratified by Cancer Type and Year

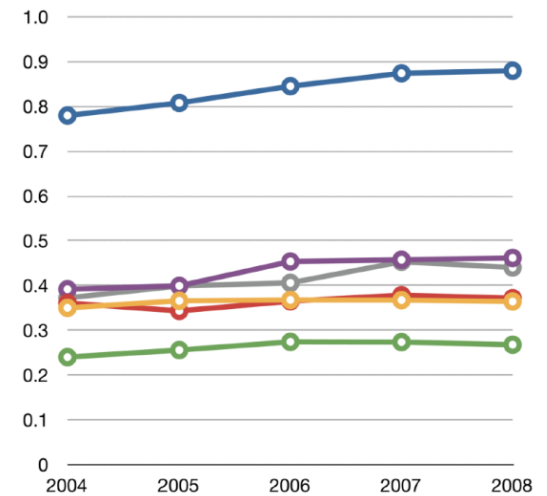
**Bone Scan Imaging Days per Person Years by Cancer Type**



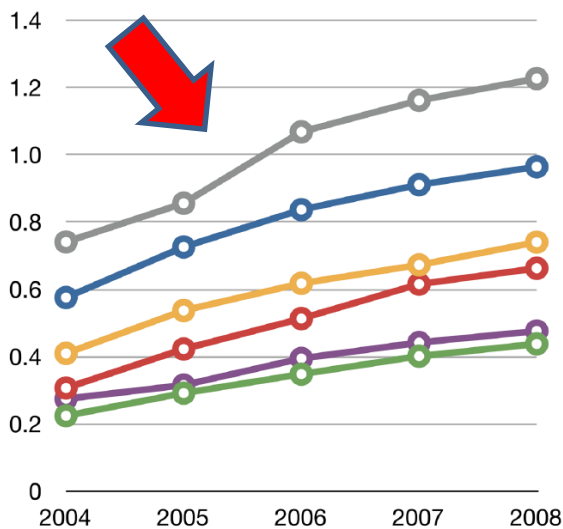
**CT Imaging Days per Person-Year by Cancer Type**



**MRI Imaging Days per Person Years by Cancer Type**



**PET Imaging Days per Person Years by Cancer Type**



- Lung
- Colorectal
- Lymphoma
- Head & Neck
- Melanoma
- Esophagus

# Why such an increase?

The fourth dimension....

PET/CT provides a functional characterization of findings detected at tomographic morphological imaging .

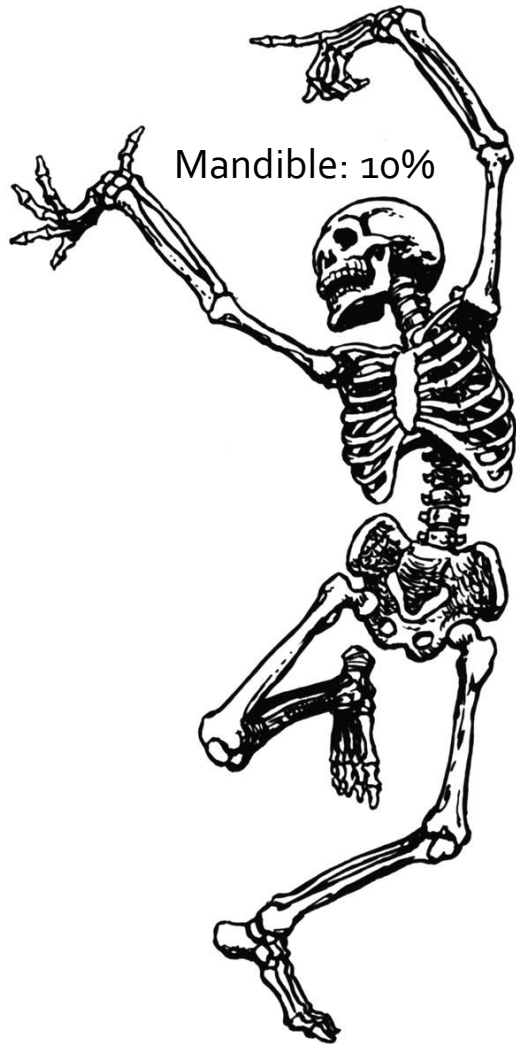


- ✓ Accurate staging
- ✓ Function evaluation
- ✓ Therapy assessment

**BETTER STRATIFICATION**

# Field of view

## Distribution of bone lesions in MM patients



Skull: 35%

Humeri: 33%

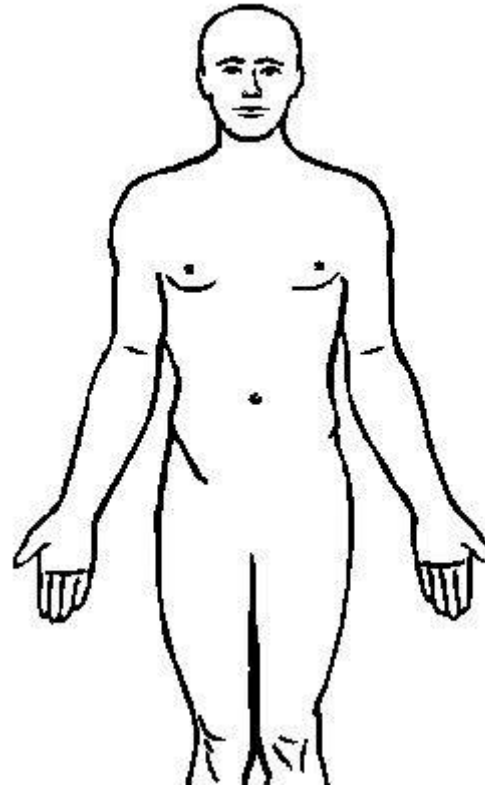
Ribs: 33%

Spine: 49%

Pelvis: 34%

Femora: 13%

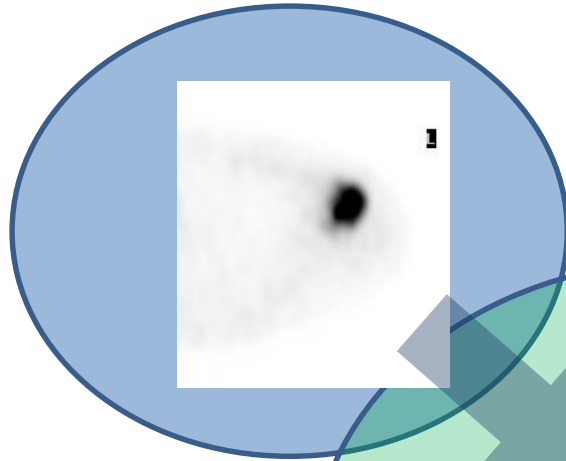
## PET/CT FOV for MM



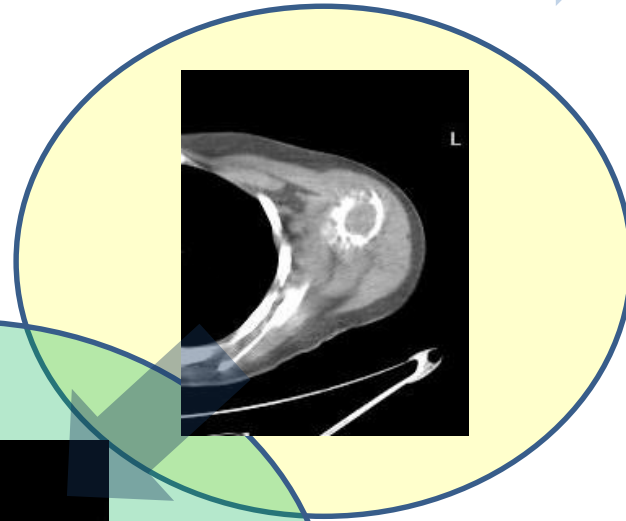
MOST OF THE BONES  
ARE INCLUDED

EXTRAMEDULLARY  
DISEASE CAN BE  
DETECTED

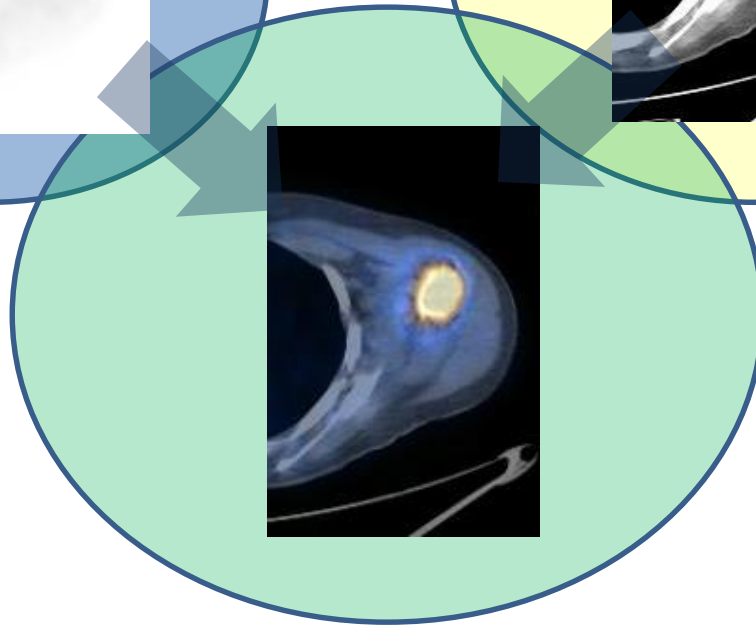
Function / Early lesions



Morphology



LDCT is accurate enough for the evaluation of bone in MM



Both

# In symptomatic MM the bone evaluation is essential: CT contribution

## Definition of multiple myeloma

Clonal bone marrow plasma cells  $\geq 10\%$  or biopsy-proven bony or extramedullary plasmacytoma\* and any one or more of the following myeloma defining events:

- Myeloma defining events:
  - Evidence of end organ damage that can be attributed to the underlying plasma cell proliferative disorder, specifically:
    - Hypercalcaemia: serum calcium  $>0.25$  mmol/L ( $>1$  mg/dL) higher than the upper limit of normal or  $>2.75$  mmol/L ( $>11$  mg/dL)
    - Renal insufficiency: creatinine clearance  $<40$  mL per min† or serum creatinine  $>177$   $\mu$ mol/L ( $>2$  mg/dL)
    - Anaemia: haemoglobin value of  $>20$  g/L below the lower limit of normal, or a haemoglobin value  $<100$  g/L
    - Bone lesions: one or more osteolytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET-CT‡
  - Any one or more of the following biomarkers of malignancy:
    - Clonal bone marrow plasma cell percentage\*  $\geq 60\%$
    - Involved:uninvolved serum free light chain ratio§  $\geq 100$
    - $>1$  focal lesions on MRI studies¶

CRA<sup>B</sup> criteria

Bone lesions, osteolytic or osteoporosis

Since X-Ray has a poor sensitivity, in 2014 the IMWG (International Myeloma Working Group) proposed that low dose CT can be employed as an alternative procedure to skeletal radiography: the presence of two clearly defined lytic lesions indicates high tumor burden and stage III disease, which is associated to a poorer prognosis

# In symptomatic MM the bone evaluation is essential: PET contribution

Usually **SUV max** is high but not necessarily.

SUV max does depend on:

1. biological characteristics of the disease
2. lesion size

SUV max does not depend on:

1. Stage at diagnosis

Focal uptake may not be related yet to bone damage

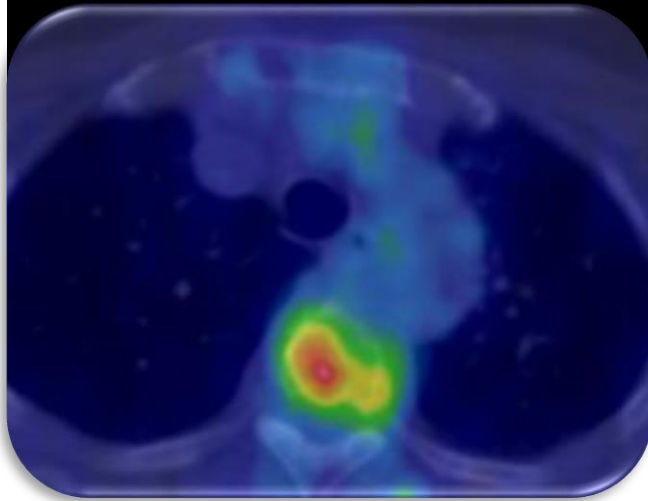
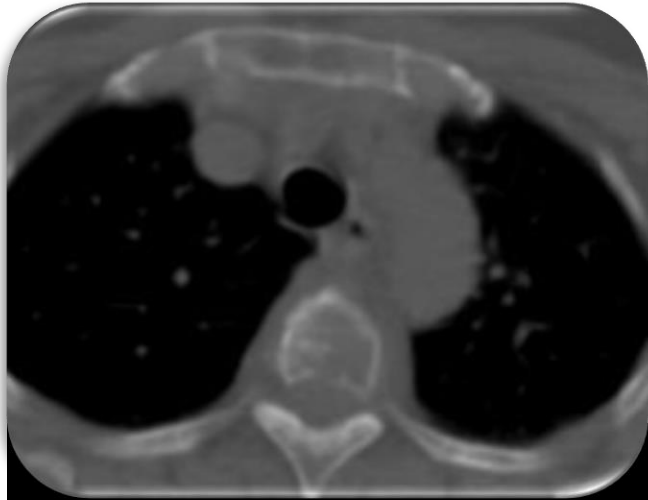
Focal uptake may be **extramedullary**

**Table 2.** SUV<sub>max</sub> of the least and the most active lesion and disease stage for each patient

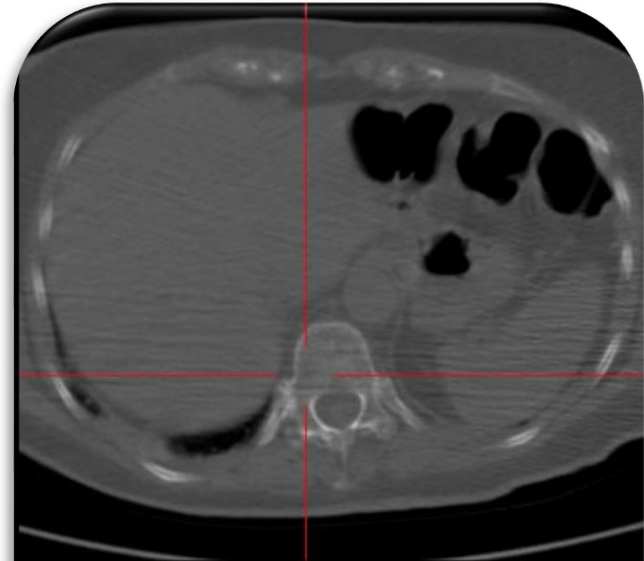
Patient no.	SUV <sub>max</sub> of least active lesion	SUV <sub>max</sub> of most active lesion	Stage
1	2.00	5.70	III A
2	3.20	4.70	III B
3	3.50	6.10	III A
4	3.00	4.10	III A
5	3.90		III A
6	1.90	6.80	III A
7	3.50	6.10	II A
8			III A
9	2.10	7.20	II A
10	5.10		SP
11	2.80	5.90	III A
12	2.00	2.50	III A
13	2.00	3.00	III A
14	2.30	5.40	PCL
15			IA
16	4.10	6.90	III A
17	2.30	2.90	II A
18			III B
19	2.40	5.10	III A
20	5.50		IA
21	2.10	7.10	III A
22	4.30	6.00	IA
23	6.70		III A
24	3.60	5.80	III A
25			II A
26	2.90	3.10	II A
27	5.60		III A
28	6.60	6.80	III A

PCL plasma cell leukaemia, SP solitary plasmacytoma

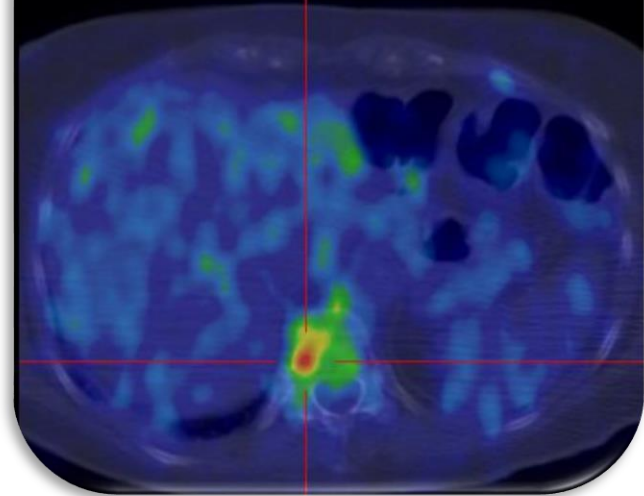




CT+; PET+



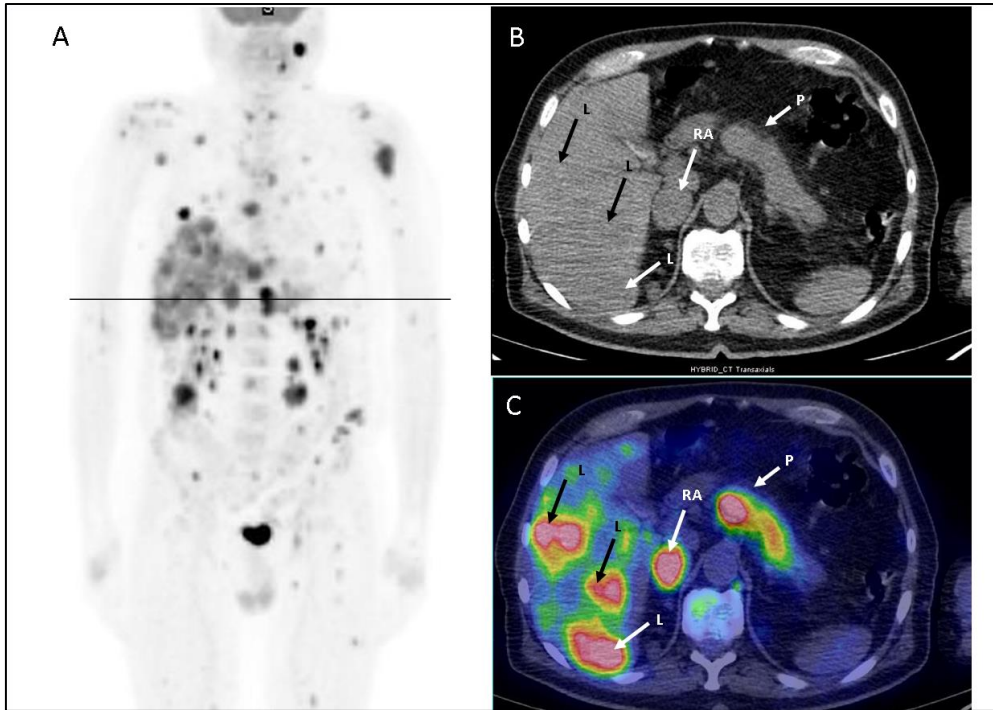
CT Transaxials



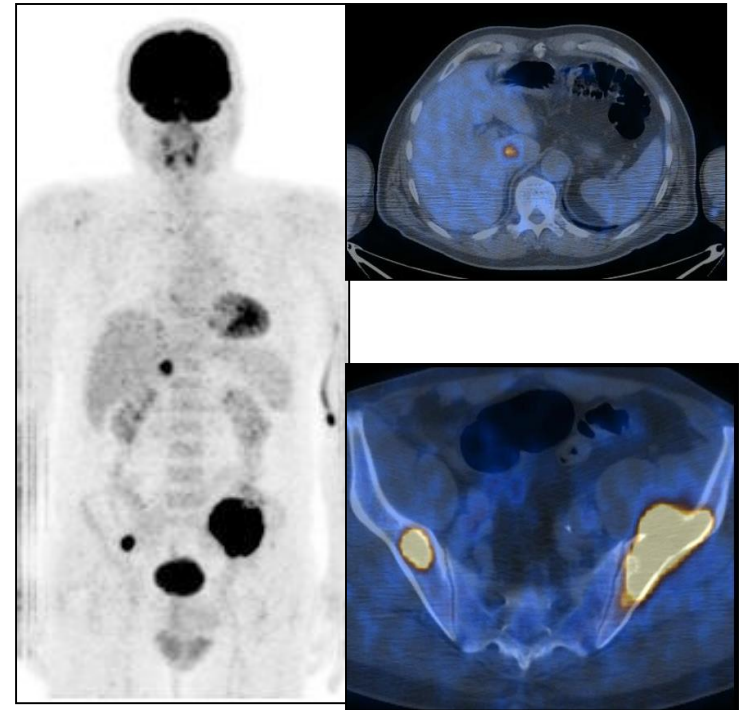
CT-; PET+



# Extramedullary



Massive



Focal

# Combination of FDG PET and LDCT in MM: what can ask?

LDCT → Is there bone damage? Accurate morphological evaluation of bone (lytic lesions, osteoporosis, fractures)  
How many lytic lesions?  
What size?  
Low radiation dose delivered to the patient  
Total Body  
Very short time (5 sec)

FDG PET → SUV  
Early detection of bone lesions (no significant lysis yet)  
Extramedullary disease  
Short time (15 min)

OTHER ADVANTAGES: No collateral effects, standardized procedure, no restrictions in renal failure and bone metallic implants, free decubitus in case of severe pain

- Symptomatic (secretory and non secretory)
- Smouldering
- Plasmacytoma

Zamagni, E. et al. *Haematologica* 2007;92:50-55

**Table 2.** Comparative imagings of 18F-FDG PET-CT, MRI and WBXR at baseline.

Comparative imagings	Concordant results		Discordant results	
	N. of pts (%) with negative findings	N. of pts (%) with positive findings	N. of pts (%) with superiority of PET-CT	N. of pts (%) with inferiority of PET-CT
PET-CT WB vs WBXR	9/46 (19)	12/46 (26)	21/46 (46)	4/46 (8)
PET-CT SP vs MRI SP	4/46 (8)	28/46 (61)	0/46	14/46 (30)
PET-CT WB vs MRI SP	4/46 (8)	15/46 (34)	13/46 (28)	14/46 (30)

WBXR: whole body X Ray; MRI S-P: magnetic resonance imaging of spine-pelvis; PET-CT: positron emission tomography-computed tomography; SP: spine-pelvis; WB: whole body; Pts: patients, vs: versus.

1. AT STAGING DETECTS MORE LESIONS THAN WBXR
2. AT STAGING DETECTS THE SAME NUMBER OF LESIONS AS COMPARED TO **CONVENTIONAL** MR  
 FOV: SPINE+PELVIS  
 STANDARD SEQUENCES

# <sup>18</sup>F-Fluoro-deoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography in Assessment of Myeloma-Related Bone Disease: A Systematic Review

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## COMPARISON OF PET OR PET/CT AND CONVENTIONAL IMAGING AT STAGING

- 18 studies, 798 patients
- 7 studies PET ± CT vs WBXR: 6/7 PET showed more lytic lesions with the exception of the skull
- 5 studies PET ± CT vs MRI spine and/or pelvis: 4/5 MRI was superior in detecting myeloma bone disease, especially in case of diffuse bone infiltration
- 1 study PET/CT vs WBMRI: concordant in 80% cases
- Identification of extra-medullary disease

## Comparison of modern and conventional imaging techniques in establishing multiple myeloma-related bone disease: a systematic review

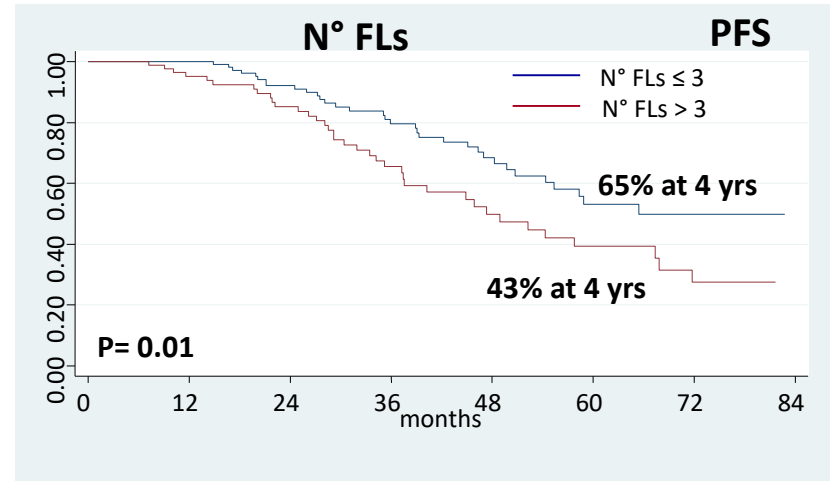
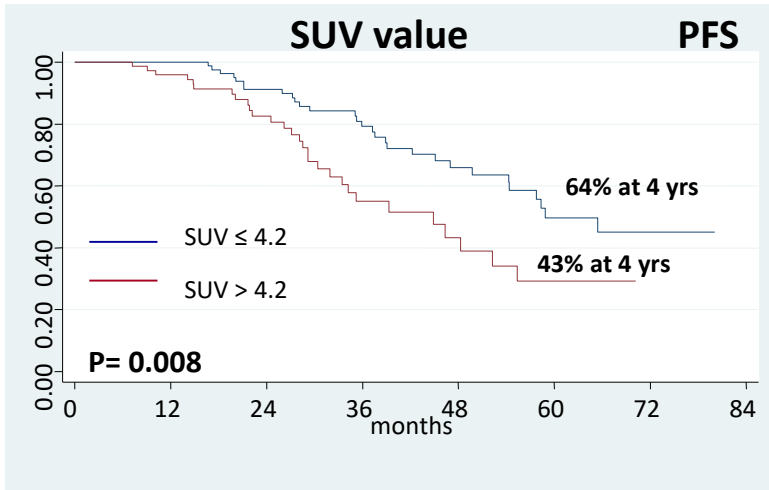
### COMPARISON OF PET, PET/CT, MRI OR CT vs WBXR AT STAGING

- 32 directly comparison studies, prospective and retrospective, 1661 patients
- Index test vs reference standard: detection rate
- Quality assessment of diagnostic studies
- All index tests had sensitivity above 0,9 as compared to WBXR (low false negative). Fewer additional lesions detected by PET/CT and MRI as compared to WBLDCT      WBLDCT can replace WBXR
- Modern imaging techniques detected fewer lesions in the skull and ribs      «We therefore recommend additional X-ray of the ribs and the skull if clinically relevant»

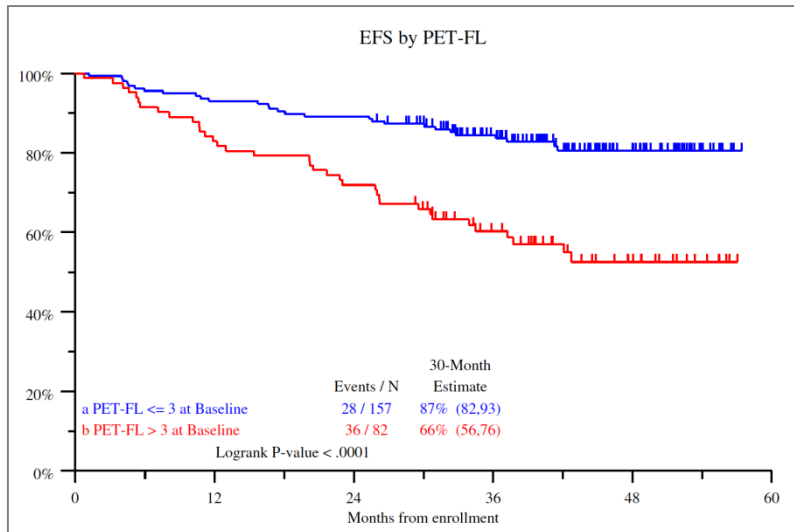
# Staging symptomatic MM

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## N° OF FLs, SUV VALUE



Zamagni et al.



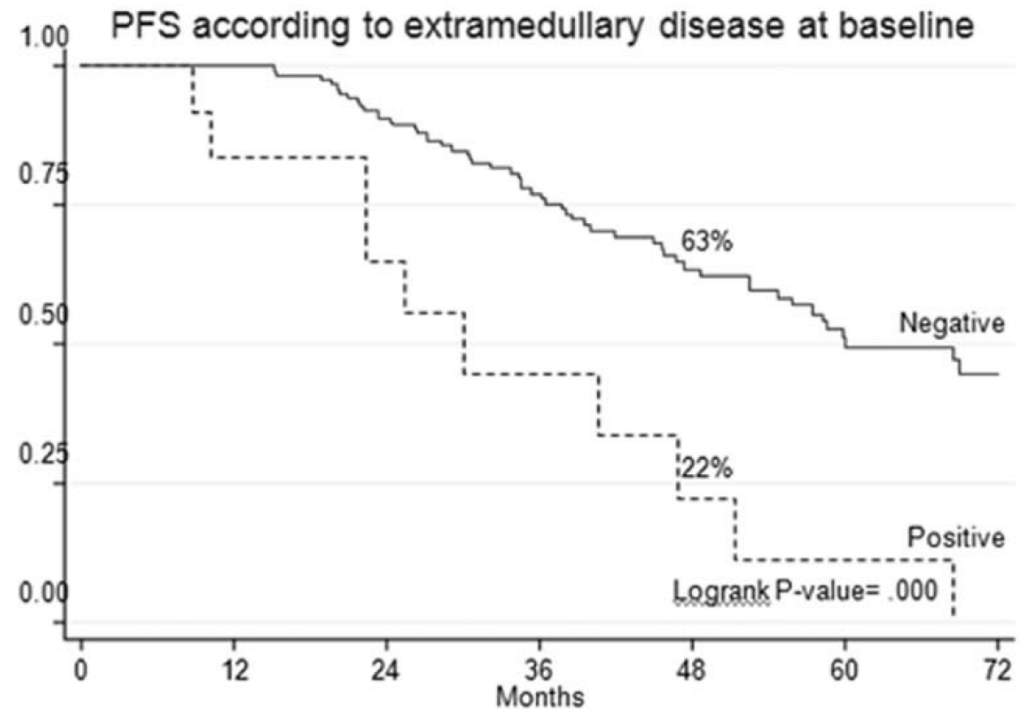
Bartel TB: Blood. 2009;114:2068-2076)



# Baseline PET and MM outcome (4-Y PFS and OS)

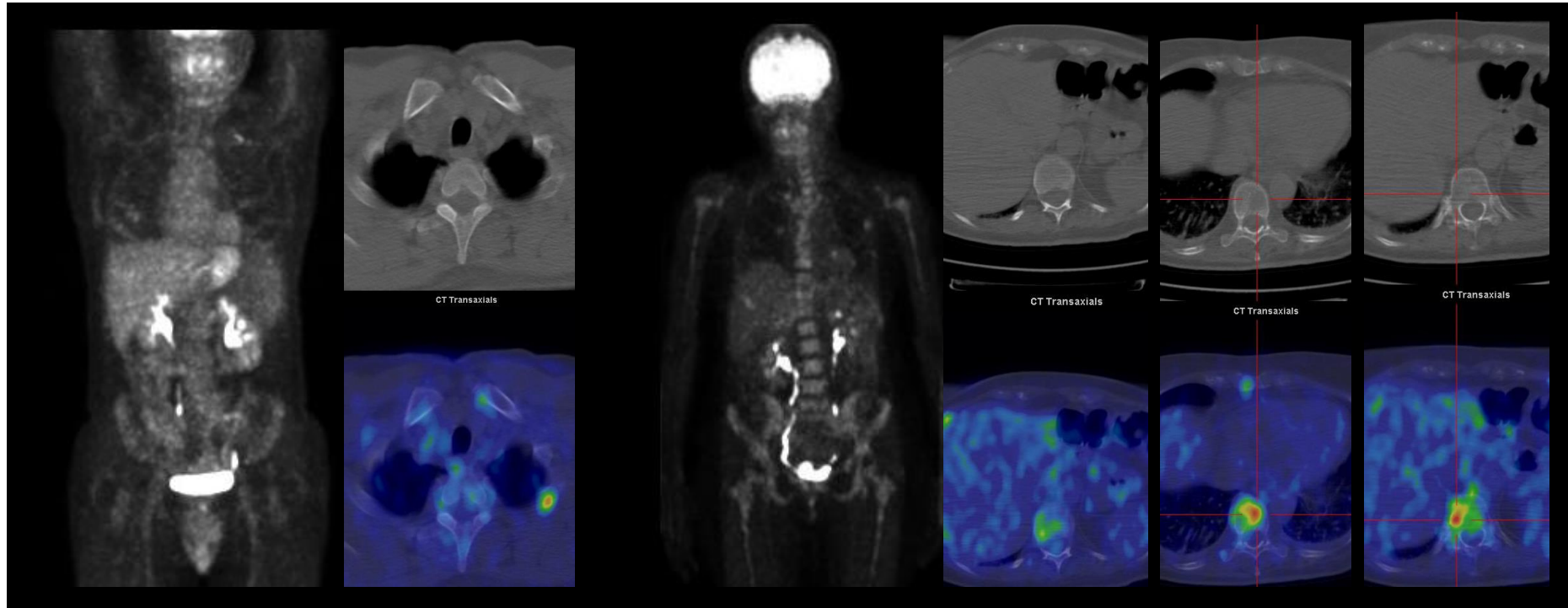
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Variable	HR	95% CI		P
<b>PFS</b>				
EMD	3.81	1.93	7.50	<b>.000</b>
Postinduction PET SUV > 4.2	3.44	1.32	8.98	.007
Post-ASCT PET SUV > 100% reduction	2.69	1.15	6.28	.022
<b>OS</b>				
Relapse	9.31	2.78	31.16	.000
Post-ASCT PET SUV > 100% reduction	3.93	1.15	13.42	.029
EMD	3.91	1.55	9.88	<b>.002</b>
Postinduction PET SUV > 4.2	3.11	0.77	12.50	.09



# Staging: the bone in symptomatic MM

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1 lesion

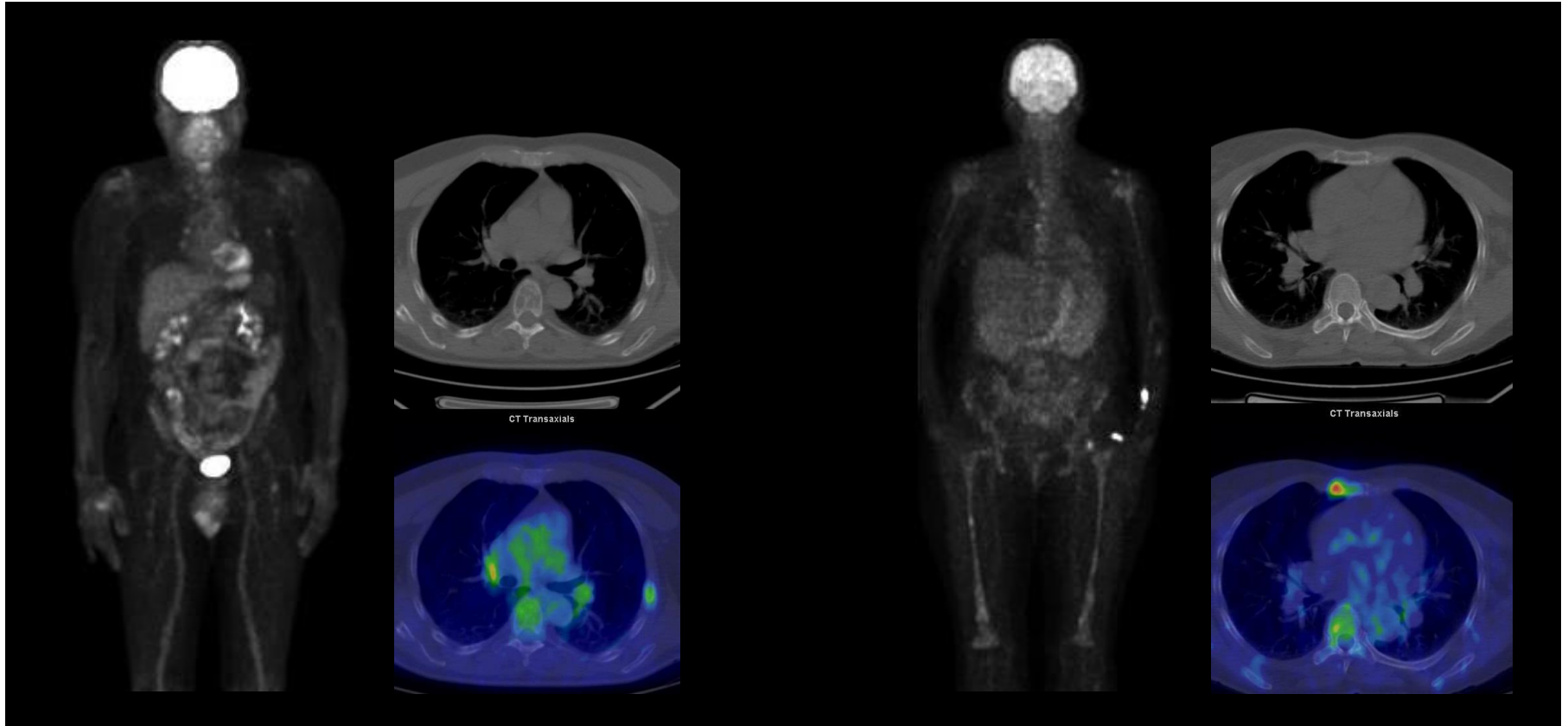
> 4 lesions

PFS 73 months

PFS 34 months

# Staging: the bone in symptomatic MM

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SUV max 2,5

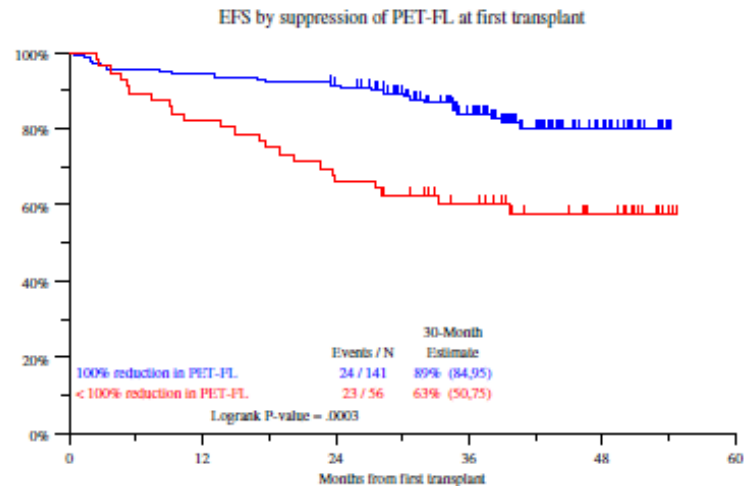
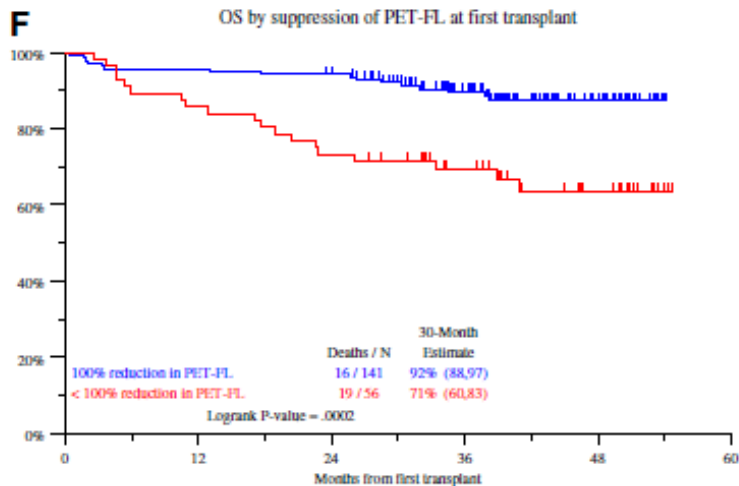
PFS 69 months

SUV max 7,9

PFS 39 months

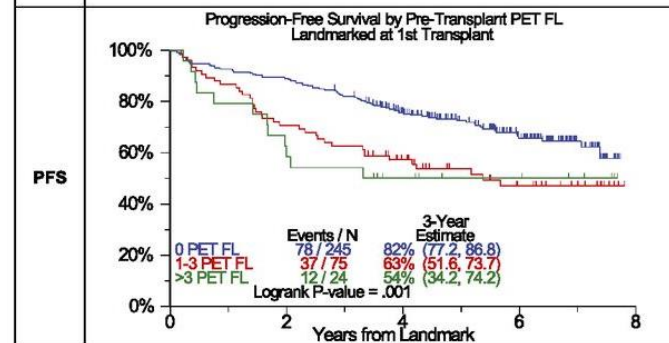
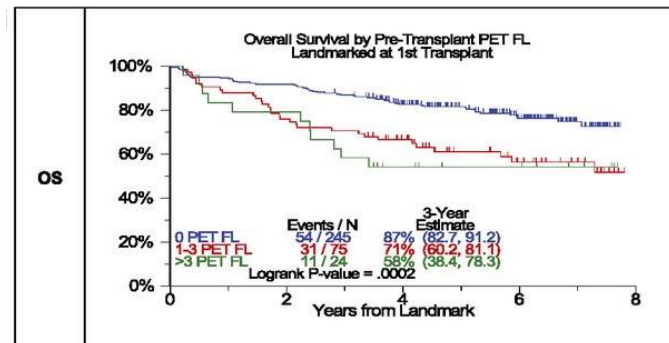
# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT BEFORE ASCT

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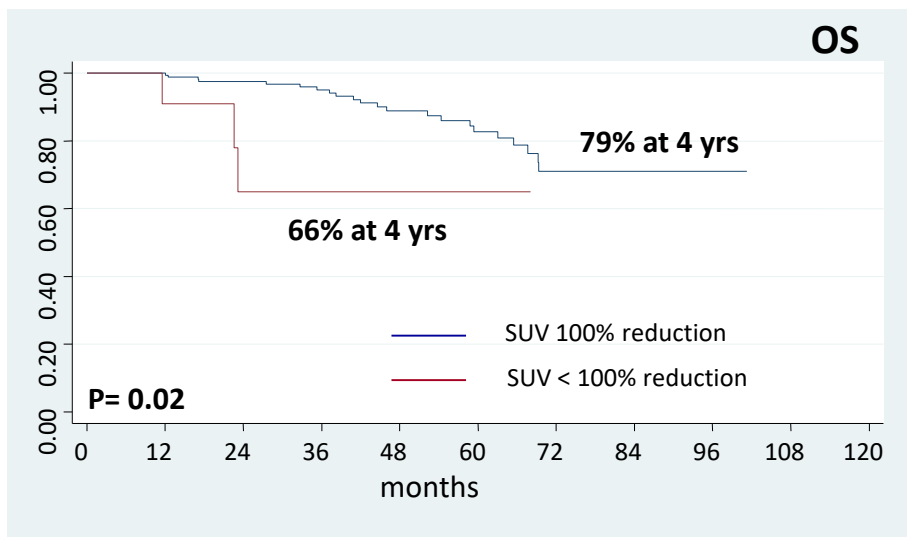
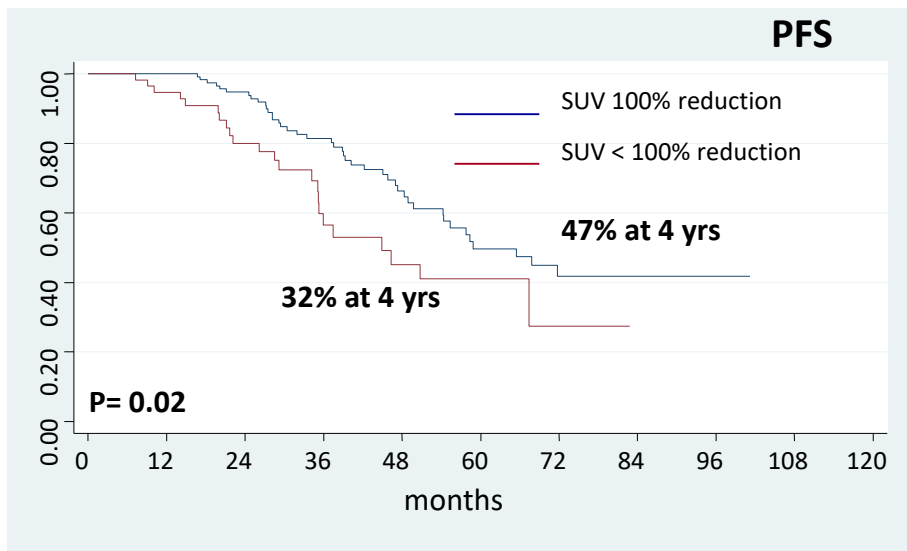
Bartel. TB et al, Blood 2009

Complete FDG suppression retained independent prognostic value for PFS and OS in Cox regression analysis



# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT AFTER ASCT

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## MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

VARIABLES	HAZARD RATIO (95% CI)	P VALUE
<b>TTP</b>		
Extramedullary disease	15.43 (4.11-57.95)	0.000
del (17p) ± t(4;14)	1.86 (1.12-3.49)	0.05
Not complete FDG PET suppression	1.82(1.19-3.77)	0.01
<b>PFS</b>		
Extramedullary disease	5.93 (2.27-15.51)	0.000
del (17p) ± t(4;14)	1.90 (1.09-3.32)	0.023
Not complete FDG PET suppression	1.89 (1.06-3.35)	0.030
<b>OS</b>		
Relapse	9.35 (2.79-31.31)	0.000
Not complete FDG PET suppression	3.90 (1.12-13.60)	0.03

# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT AFTER ASCT

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**Table 1.** Patient characteristics at baseline and treatment received

Patients, <i>N</i>	282
Median age, y (range)	59 (22-83)
Median LDH (UI/L; range)	303 (99-2,020)
Patients with ISS stage 3 (%)	20
Patients with del (17p) and/or t(4;14) (%)	30
Patients receiving ASCT as first-line treatment (%)	73
Conventional chemotherapy-based	23
Thalidomide-based	43
Bortezomib-based	34
Patients not ASCT eligible (%)	27
Conventional chemotherapy	21
MPT	33
VMP	46
Patients receiving novel agents as first-line treatment (%)	77
Patients receiving bortezomib as first-line treatment (%)	37

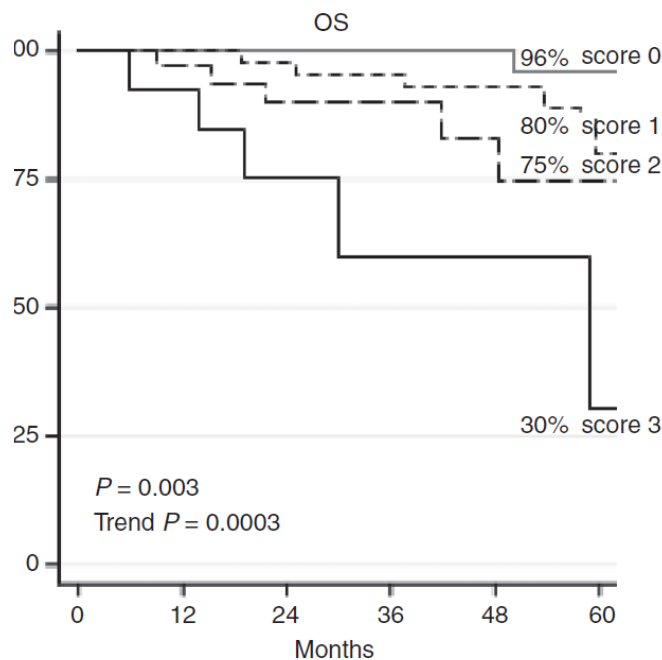
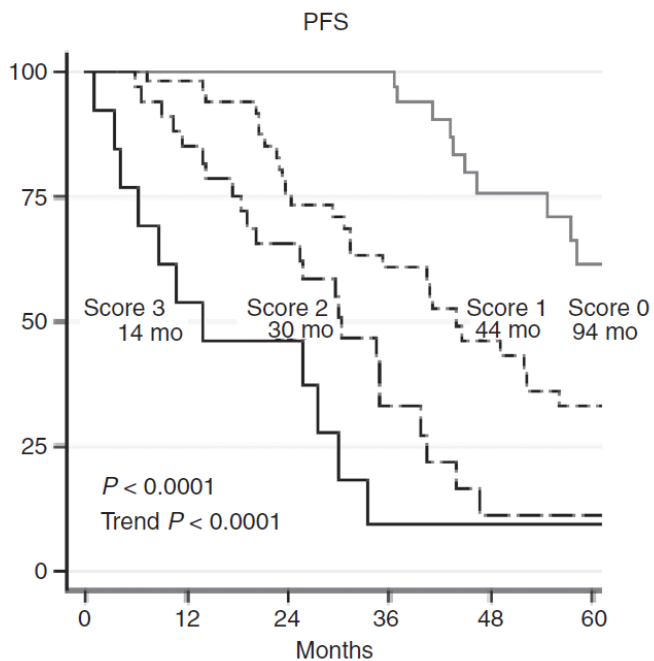
Abbreviations: del, deletion; ISS, international staging system; t, translocation.

**Table 2.** PET/CT characteristics at baseline and after first-line treatment

PET/CT characteristics	Baseline	After treatment
Patients with negative PET/CT (%)	30	70
Patients with positive PET/CT (%)	70	30
1-3 FLs	28	15
>3 FLs or diffuse	42	15
SUV ≤ 4.2	25	18
SUV >4.2	45	12
Patients with EMD (%)	5	3

**Table 3.** PFS and OS according to ISS stage 3, failure to achieve best CR after first-line therapy, and PET/CT SUV<sub>max</sub> >4.2 (Model 1, multivariate analysis) or according to their combination into a prognostic score (Model 2)

	HR (95% CI)	P
<b>PFS</b>		
Model 1		
ISS stage 3	1.49 (1.03-2.57)	0.041
Failure to achieve best CR	2.52 (1.51-4.21)	<0.001
SUV <sub>max</sub> >4.2	1.90 (1.12-3.21)	0.017
Model 2		
Score 1 vs. 0	3.11 (1.52-6.35)	0.002
Score 2 vs. 0	5.70 (2.66-12.22)	<0.001
Score 3 vs. 0	7.17 (2.94-17.48)	<0.001
<b>OS</b>		
Model 1		
ISS stage 3	2.11 (1.04-5.15)	0.039
Failure to achieve best CR	1.61 (0.66-3.91)	0.295
SUV <sub>max</sub> >4.2	3.65 (1.30-10.27)	0.014
Model 2		
Score 1 vs. 0	3.14 (0.79-12.48)	0.104
Score 2 vs. 0	6.01 (1.37-26.32)	0.017
Score 3 vs. 0	13.19 (2.71-64.09)	0.001



score 0: none of the 3 adverse factors, 30% of the patients  
score 1: only 1 of 3, 36%  
score 2: 2 factors, whichever, 25%  
score 3: all three risk factors, 9% of cases

# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT AFTER ASCT

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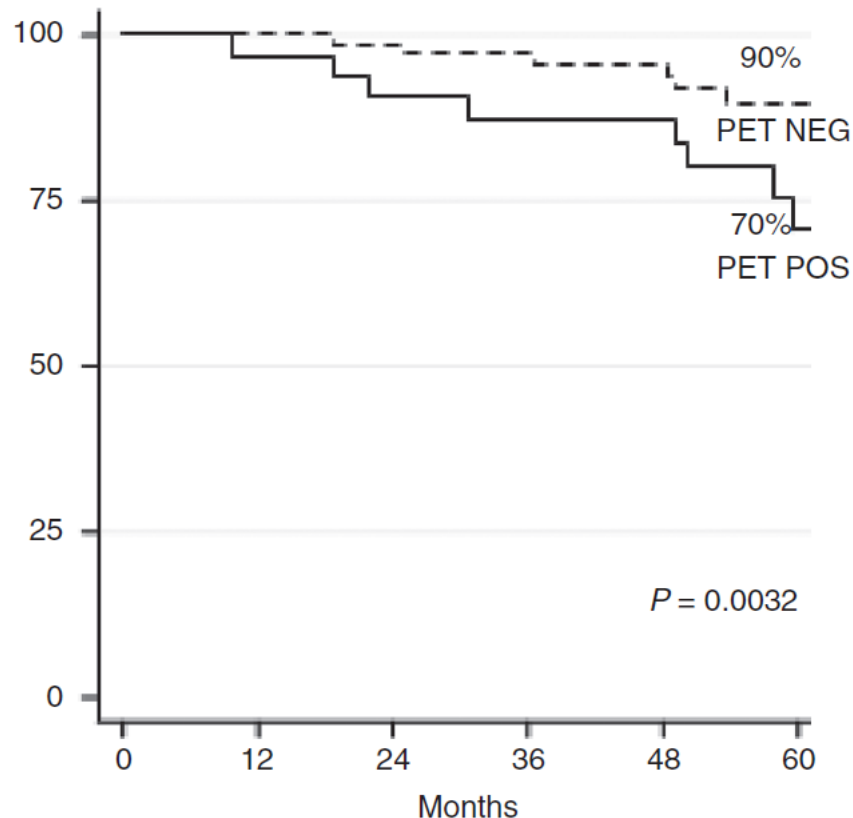
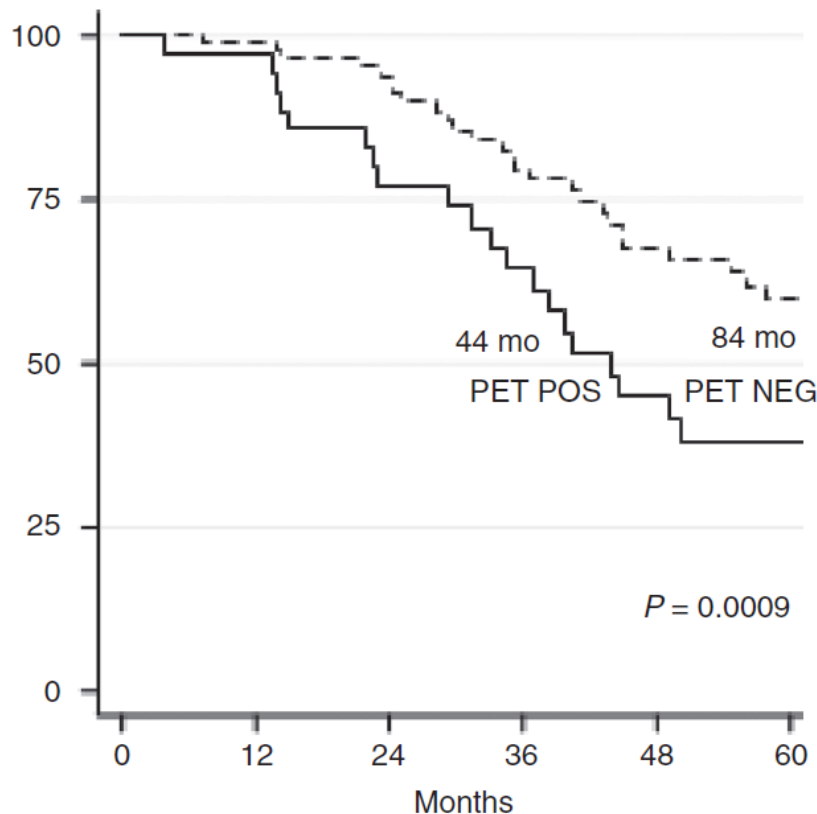
PFS and OS according to PET/CT negativity or positivity in patients achieving conventionally defined CR after up-front therapy.

PFS

OS

Patients in CR after 1<sup>o</sup> line therapy

Patients in CR after 1<sup>o</sup> line therapy



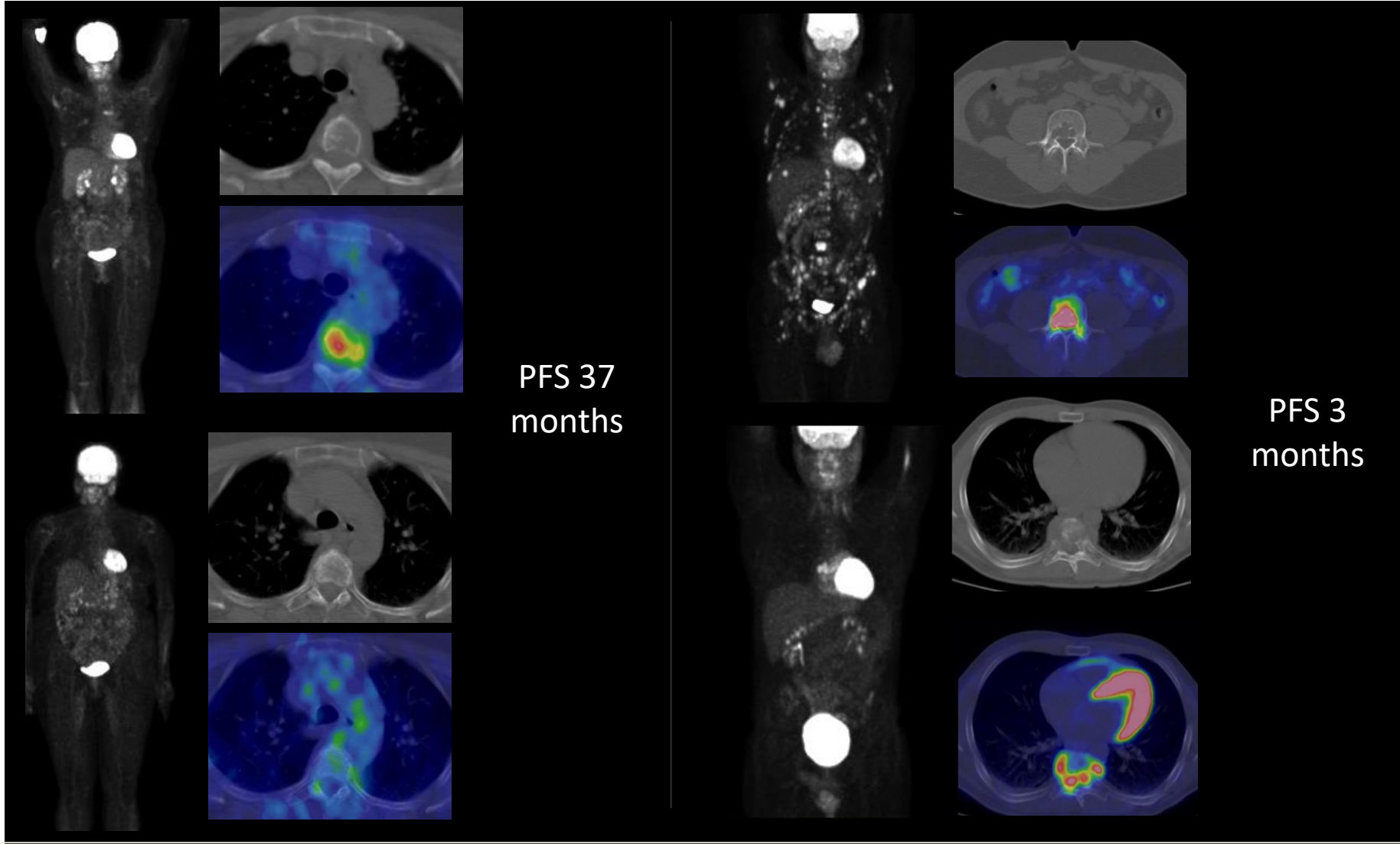
Interesting in non secretory MM

Zamagni et al. Clin Cancer Res; 21(19) October 1, 2015



# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT in CR: MRD

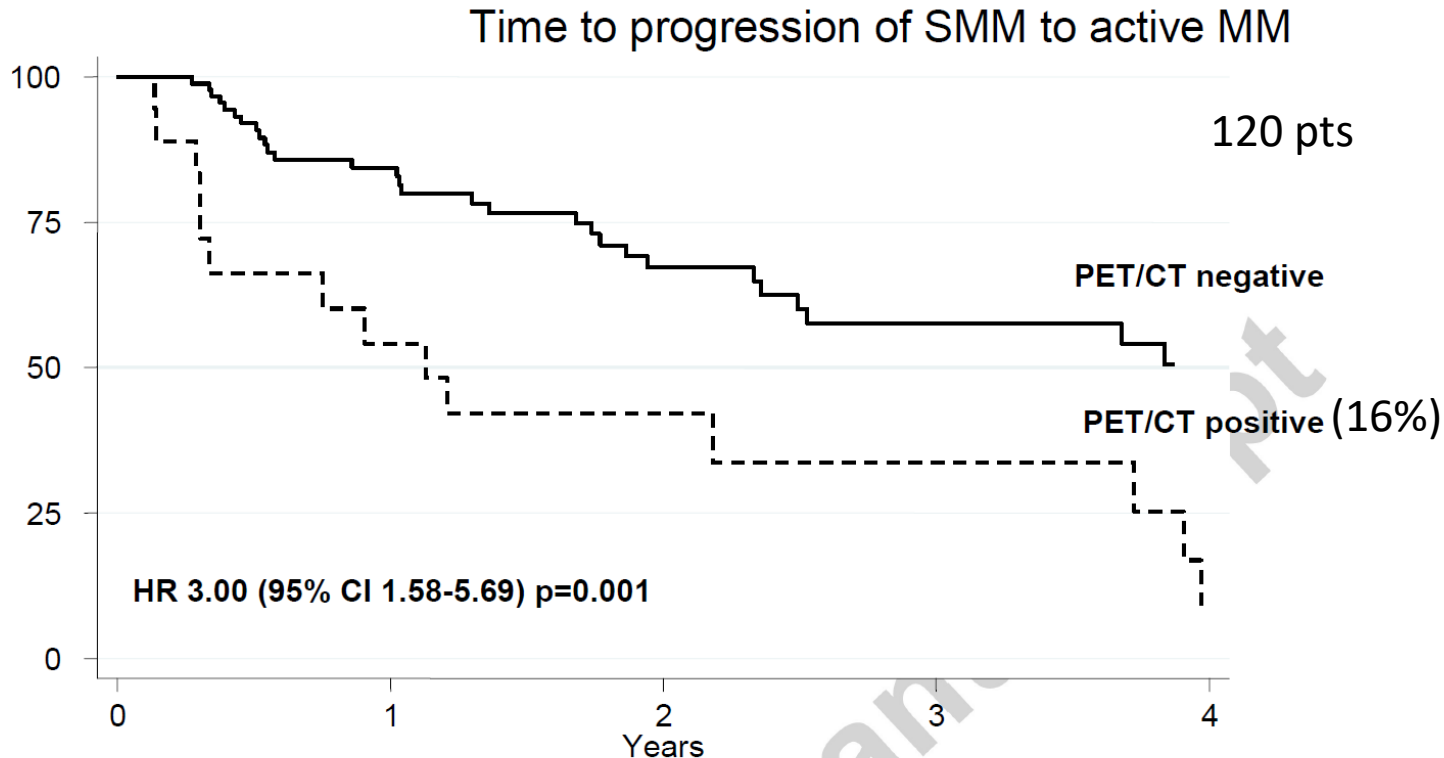
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# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT in smouldering MM

SMOULDERING

1. Focal uptake without lysis does exist.
2. Identification of patient sub-groups with smoldering multiple myeloma (SMM) at high risk of progression to active disease (MM) is an important goal



# PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET/CT in smouldering MM

SMOULDERING

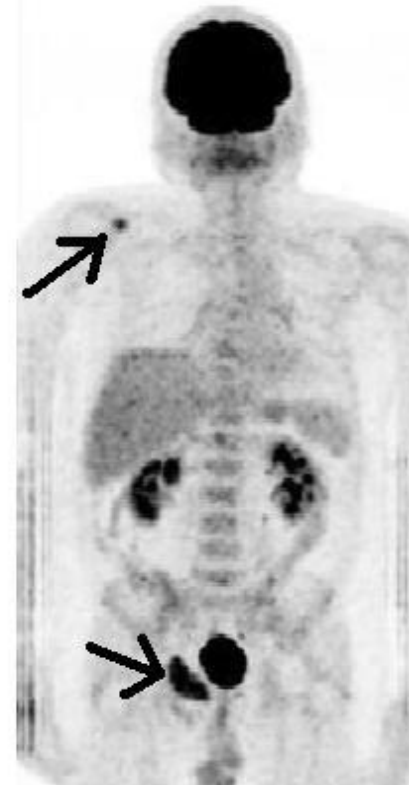
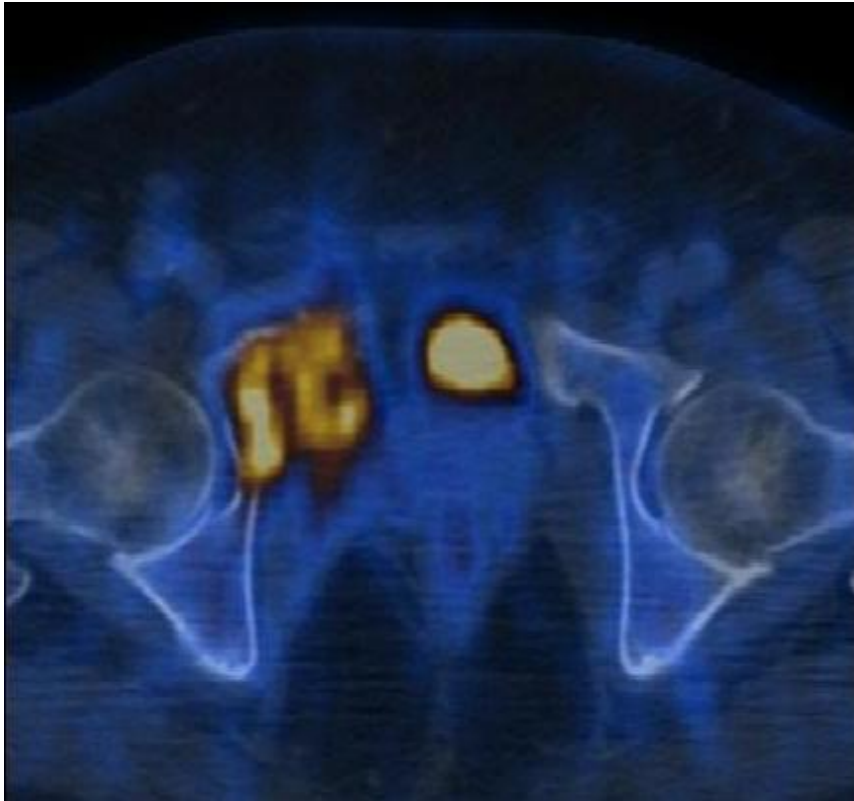
Univariate analysis of baseline variables adversely affecting time to progression of SMM into active MM (TTP)

<b>TTP</b>			
Variables	HR	95% C.I.	
BMPC > 60%	3.7	1.5	9.1
MC	1.00	1.0	1.0
PET/CT pos	3.0	1.6	5.7
MRI pos	2.3	1.1	4.6
MRI diffuse	2.8	1.2	6.5

BMPC bone marrow plasma cells, MC M component, pos positive, HR hazard ratio, CI confidence interval

# PET/CT in PLASMACYTOMA

PLASMACYTOMA



# PET/CT in PLASMACYTOMA

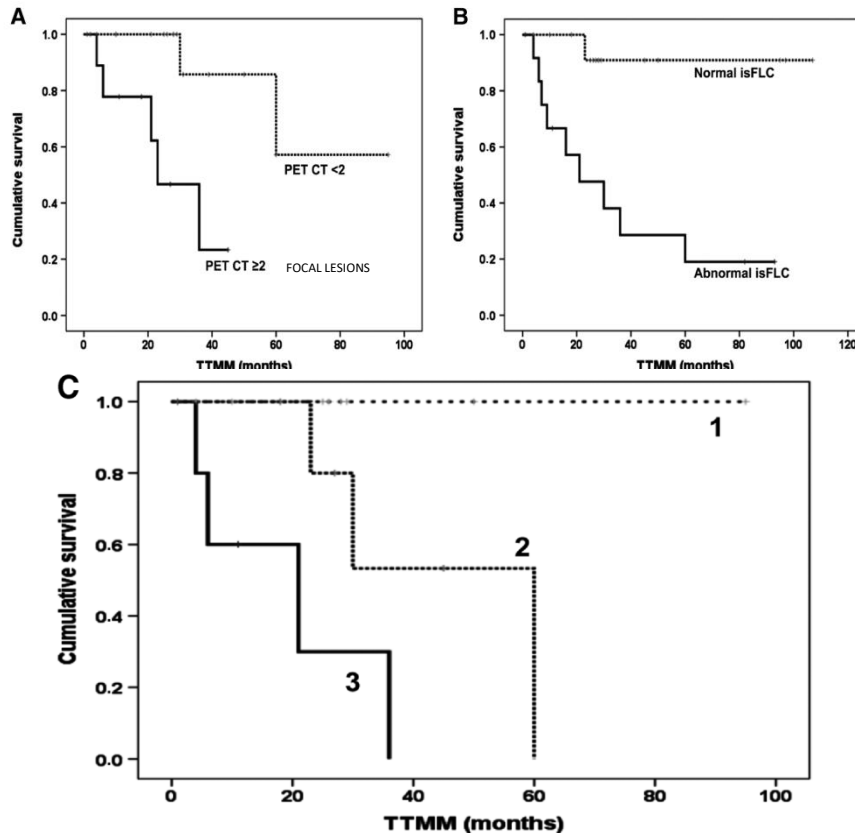
PLASMACYTOMA

Clinical  
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Research

Imaging, Diagnosis, Prognosis

Fouquet C.: Clin Cancer Res 2014; 20(12); 3254–60

## Impact of Initial FDG-PET/CT and Serum-Free Light Chain on Transformation of Conventionally Defined Solitary Plasmacytoma to Multiple Myeloma



## Time to multiple myeloma transformation

43 patients

1. Normal sFLC **and** PET/CT < 2
2. Abnormal sFLC **or** PET/CT  $\geq 2$
3. Abnormal sFLC **and** PET/CT  $\geq 2$

serum-free light chain

1. Prognostic factor
2. Therapy choice and pt management

# PET/CT: pros and cons

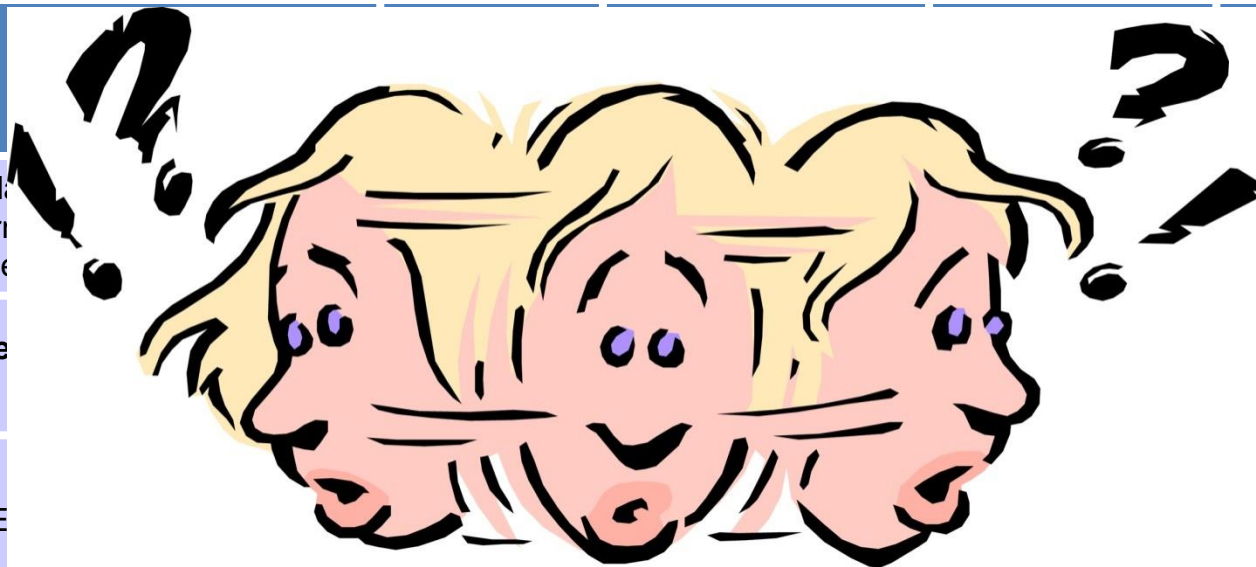
- Whole Body (skeleton and other tissues)
- Safe
- Reasonably fast with last generation scanners ( 1m z axis is scanned in 14'+CT)
- No absolute contraindications
- Relatively low dose ( 5-8 mSv + LDCT)
- Sensitivity
- Response to therapy
- Possibility to semi-quantify lesions uptake (objectivation of disease behaviour over time)
- Associated to morphologic imaging (CT)



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- Aspecific signal (although in bone false positive results are rare, excluding articular uptake and very recent vertebral collapse)
  - Spatial resolution (conventionally 5mm, but depends on lesion uptake)
  - Inaccurate semi-quantitation for small lesions (SUV max is underestimated for lesions < 1cm. Problems with positivity criteria usually published in literature)
  - Reduced sensitivity for lesions in hot background.
  - Reduced sensitivity for lesions with low tracer uptake.
  - Corticosteroids may reduce sensitivity
  - Interpretation







**Prognostic  
Quantitative  
ET evaluation**

**Haznedar**  
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Highest SUV max

**Falcone**  
Recent Advances

Not realized

**Elliott**

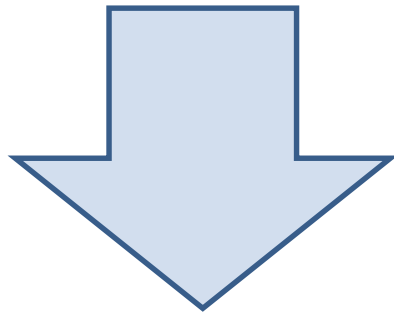
Not realized

PET/CT results

		<u>PET/CT results</u>		
<b>Bartel</b> , Blood, 2009	239	Visual Focal uptake higher than background	NO	Highest SUV max
<b>Derlin</b> , Eur Radiol. 2013	31	Visual Focal uptake higher than background	YES uptake corresponding to CT abnormalities not attributable to benign bone conditions	Highest SUV max
<b>Fonti</b> , J Nucl Med, 2012	47	Quantitative Focal uptake with SUV max > 2,5	YES uptake corresponding to CT abnormalities not attributable to benign bone conditions	MTV
<b>Zamagni</b> , Blood, 2011	192	Visual and/or Quantitative Depending on the size of the lesion	NO	Highest SUV max

IN LITERATURE THERE ARE SEVERAL  
INTERPRETATION CRITERIA APPLIED BY VARIOUS  
RESEARCH GROUP.

- SEMI-QUANTITATIVE
- VISUAL
- SEMIQUANTITATIVE + VISUAL
- DIFFERENT ARBITRARY CUT OFFS



VERY VARIABLE RESULTS ESPECIALLY IN  
BORDERLINE CASES

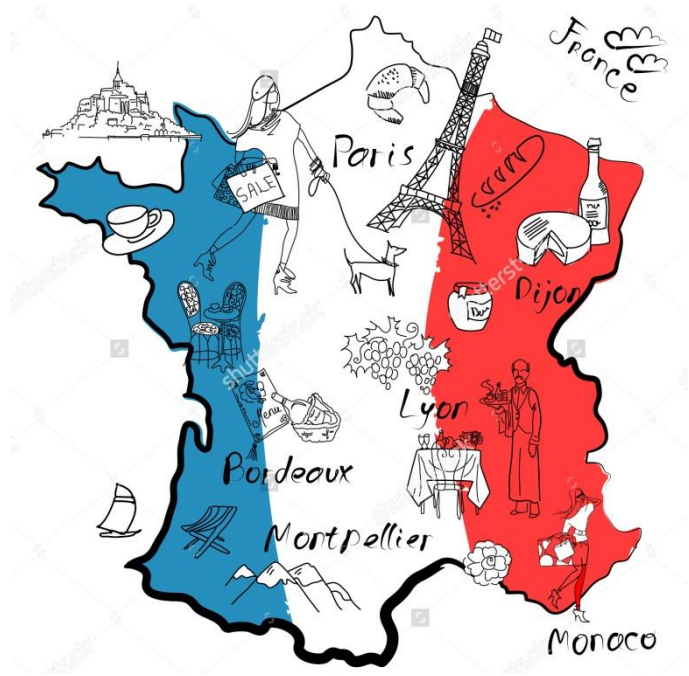
## ALL THE CRITERIA ARE IN ACCORDANCE IN CASE OF:

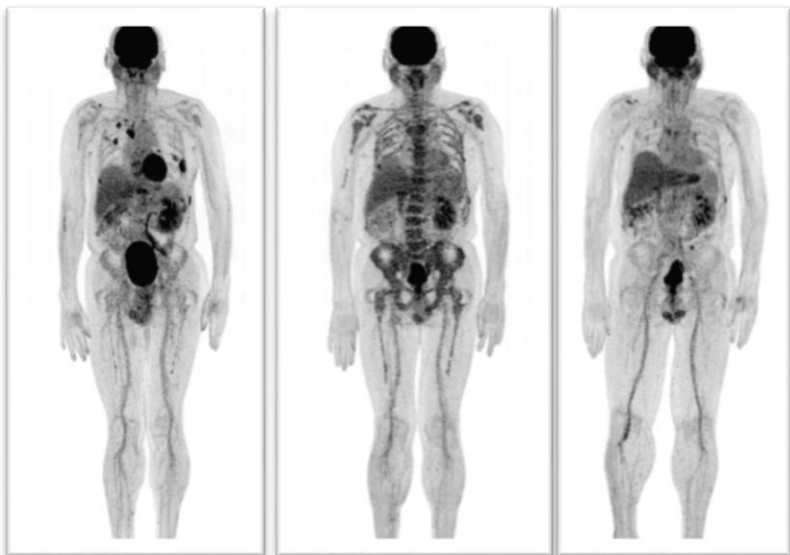
- Focal lesions > 5mm in cold background
- Litic lesions (inequivocal identification of the disease site)
- No increased background (no bone marrow activation)
- No recent vertebral fractures or collapse

## DIFFERENT CRITERIA PROVIDE A POS OR NEG RESULT IN BORDERLINE CASES

- Bone marrow infiltration (dd with activation?)
- Low focal SUV max
- Small areas of focal uptake
- Focal lesions in increased background
- Recent fractures or vertebral collapse

**STANDARDIZATION**

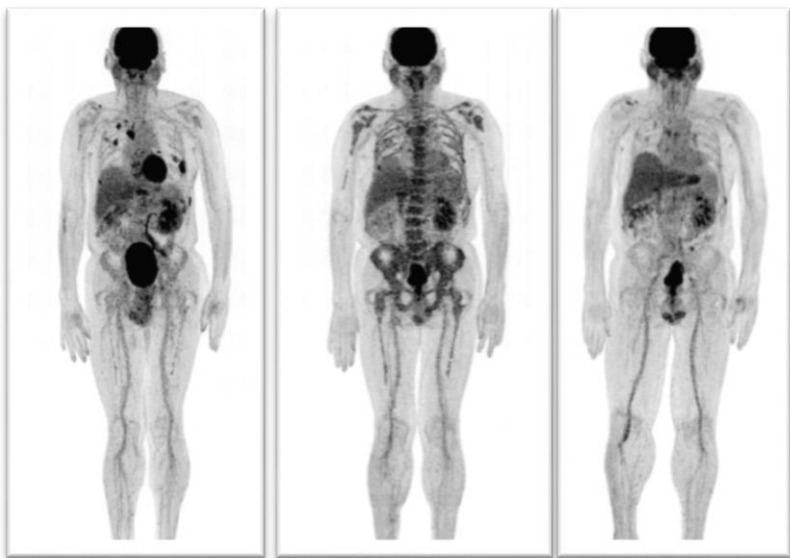




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## WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

# IMPeTUS

Italian  
Myeloma criteria for  
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Use

International  
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MULTIPARAMETRIC MR: prognosis, criteria.....

NEW PET/CT TRACERS (Choline, Methionine, 68Ga-DOTANOC, 68Ga-Pentixafor....)

CREATE NOMOGRAMS TO INTERGRATE IMAGING INFORMATION INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE.

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