

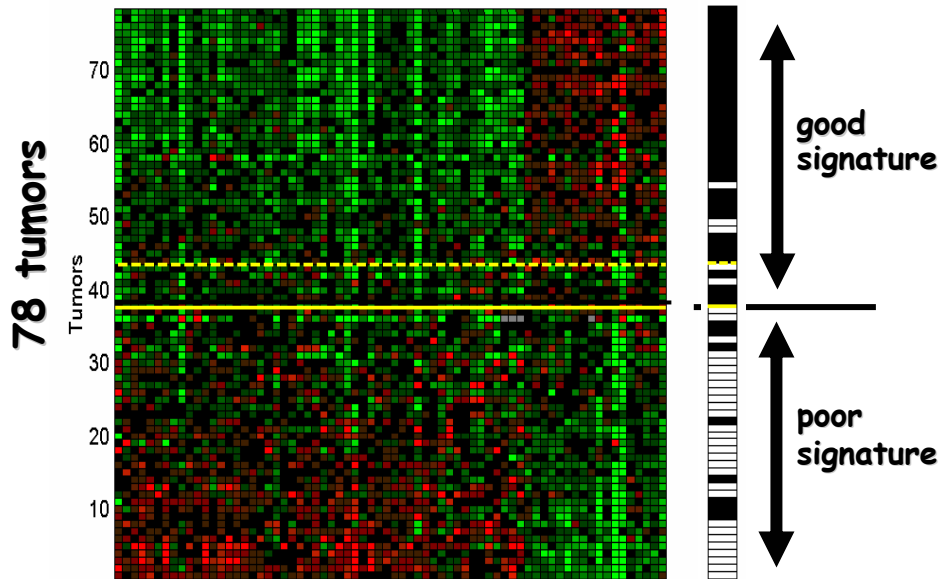


**TRANSBIG multi-centre independent validation of the Rotterdam 76-gene prognostic signature for patients with node-negative breast cancer.**

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# Amsterdam 70-gene signature

## 70-gene signature



The « 70 gene prognosis signature »:

- is a powerful prognostic tool
- outperforms clinical /pathological criteria (St Gallen, NIH)
- could reduce « overtreatment »

*Van't Veer et al., Nature, 2002*

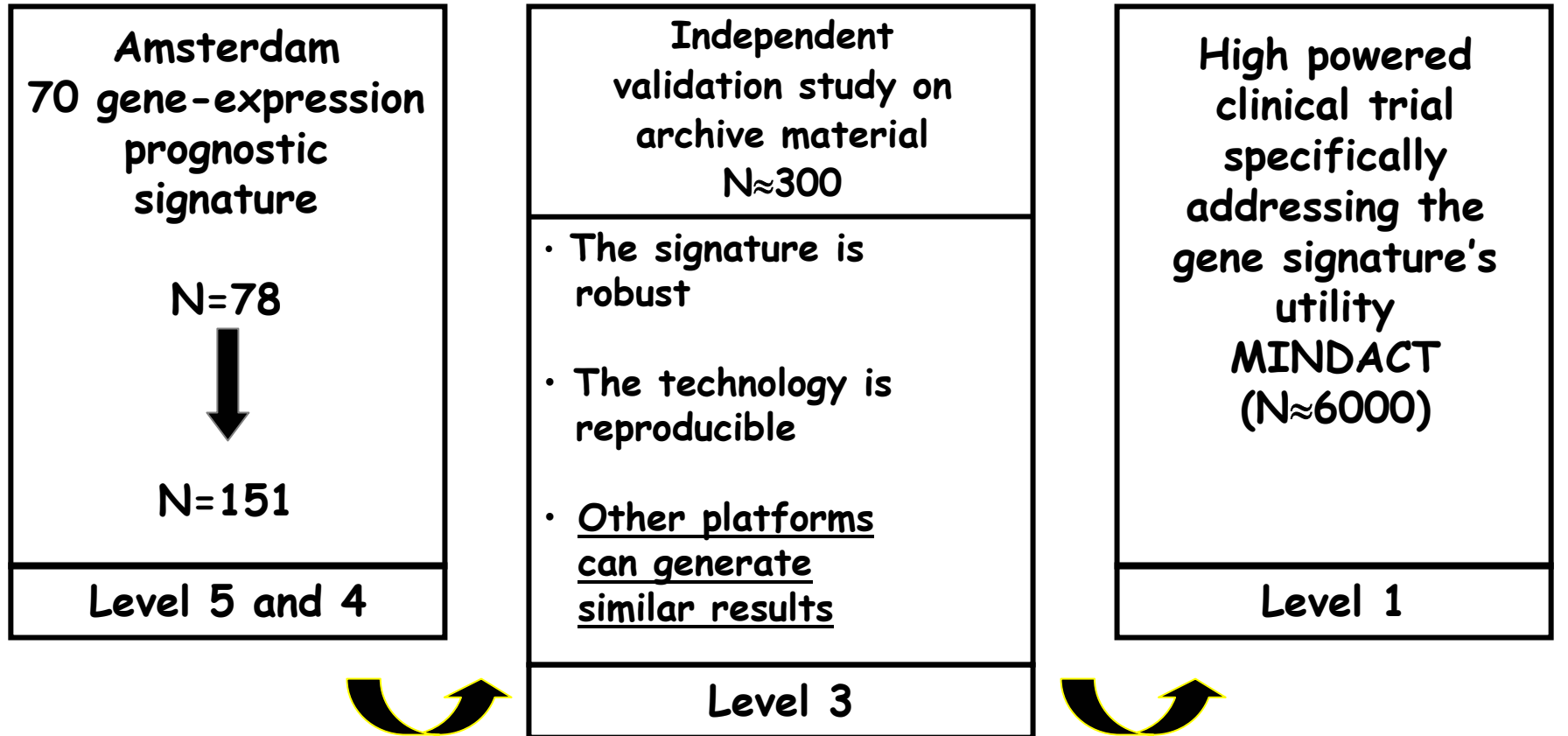
## Validation series

n=151 node - patients (+ 144 node + patients)

*Van de Vijver, NEJM, 2002*



# Background TRANSBIG

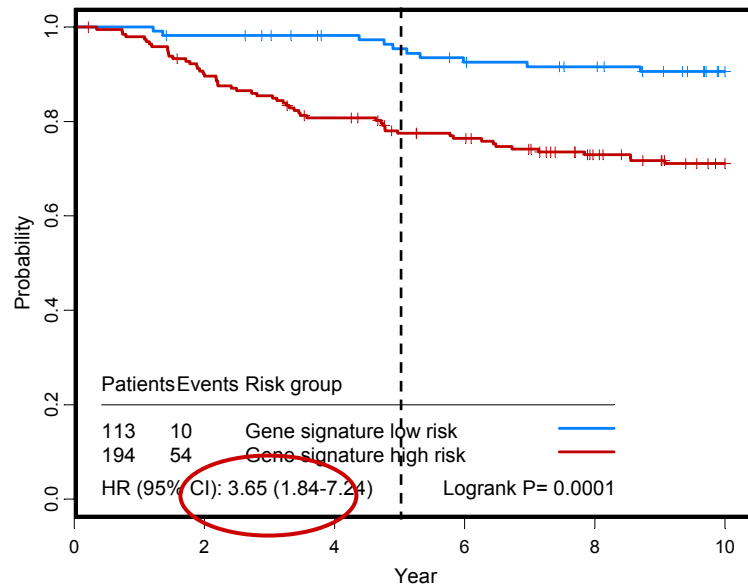


Levels of evidence for biomarkers studies

E.U. GRANT, 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme

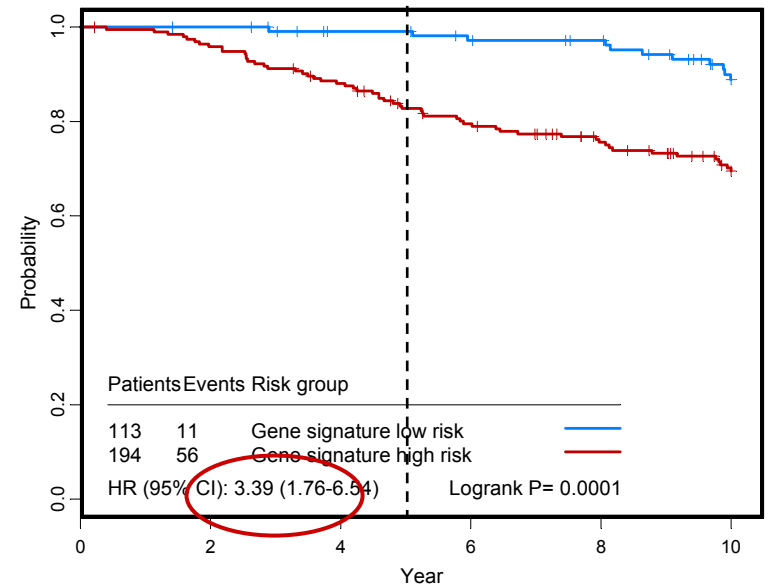
# TRANSBIG Validation of the Amsterdam signature

## Time to distant metastases



Low clin risk	113	110	104	97	93	81
High clin risk	194	172	153	138	119	105
		Number at risk				

## Overall Survival



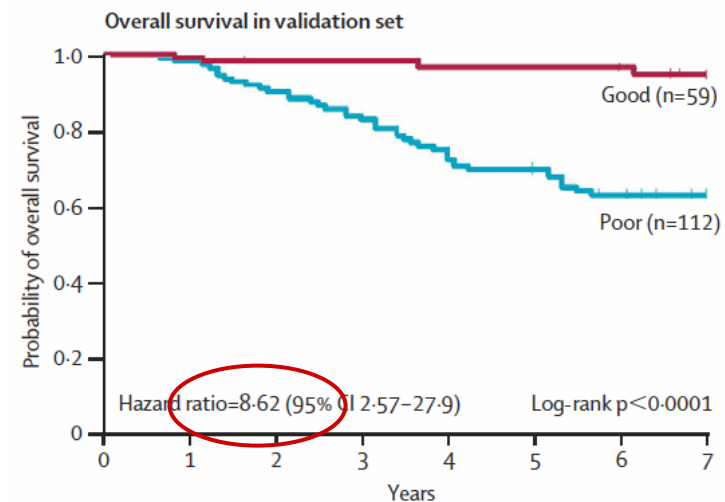
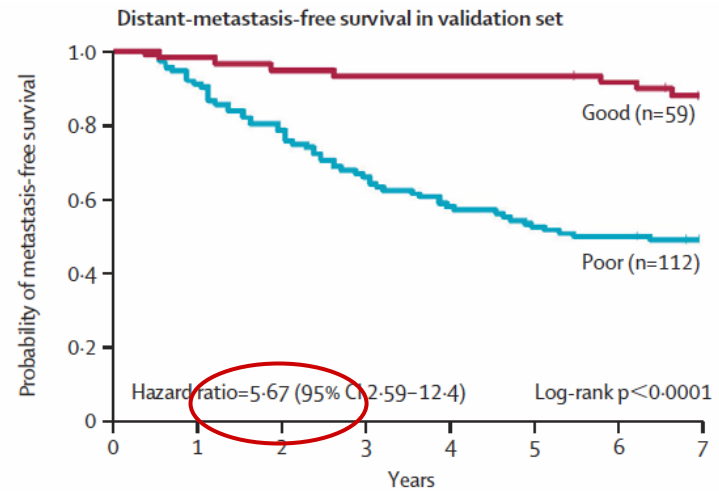
Low clin risk	113	112	105	101	98	82
High clin risk	194	185	168	147	130	110
		Number at risk				

# Gene-expression profiles to predict distant metastasis of lymph-node-negative primary breast cancer

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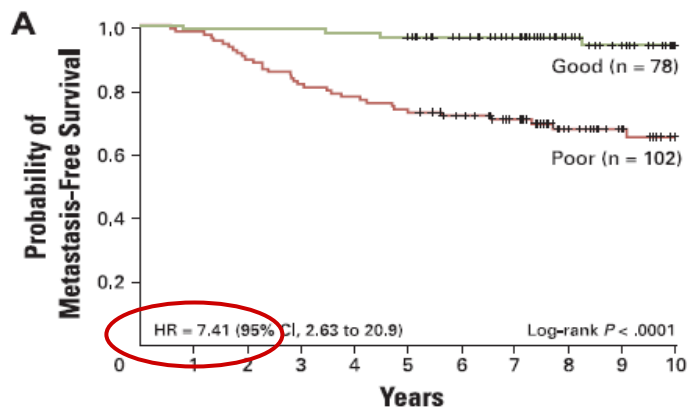
*Lancet 2005*

**Training set= 115 N- pts  
(80 ER+/35 ER-)  
Test set= 171 N- pts  
(129 ER+/42 ER-)  
1 center  
No systemic therapy  
Median FU:101 months  
Clinical endpoint:TDM  
Affymetrix Platform**



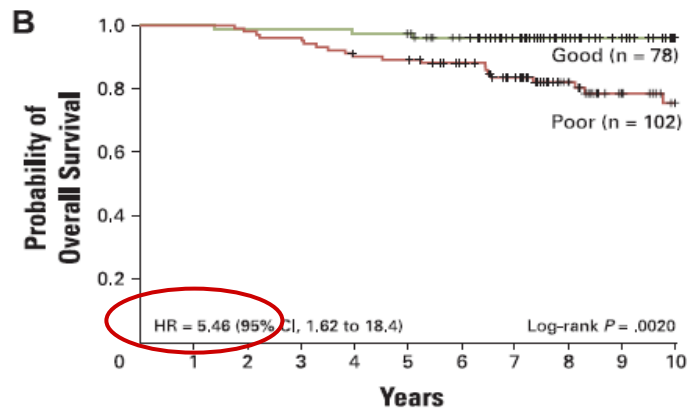
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Patients at risk:

Good signature	78	77	77	77	76	75	65	56	41	33	21
Poor signature	102	100	91	83	79	75	66	56	39	28	19



Patients at risk:

Good signature	78	78	77	77	76	76	67	56	41	33	21
Poor signature	102	102	100	99	91	90	79	67	49	32	23

**180 N- pts**  
**4 centers**  
**No systemic therapy**  
**Median FU: 100 months**  
**Clinical endpoint: TDM**

# Study Objective

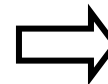
Test the 76-gene signature  
using the **SAME** validation **TRANSBIG** series

Similar  
performance?



**MINDACT**

Strikingly different  
performance?



- Delay MINDACT
- Further work needed...

RNA



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Gene expression profiling

5 TRANSBIG  
Institutions

- UK (Guy's, Oxford) :  
1984 => 1996
- France (IGR, CRH) :  
1978 => 1998
- Sweden (Karolinska) :  
1980 => 1990

Raw  
data



Veridex

Low vs High risk signature  
classification

Clinical  
data



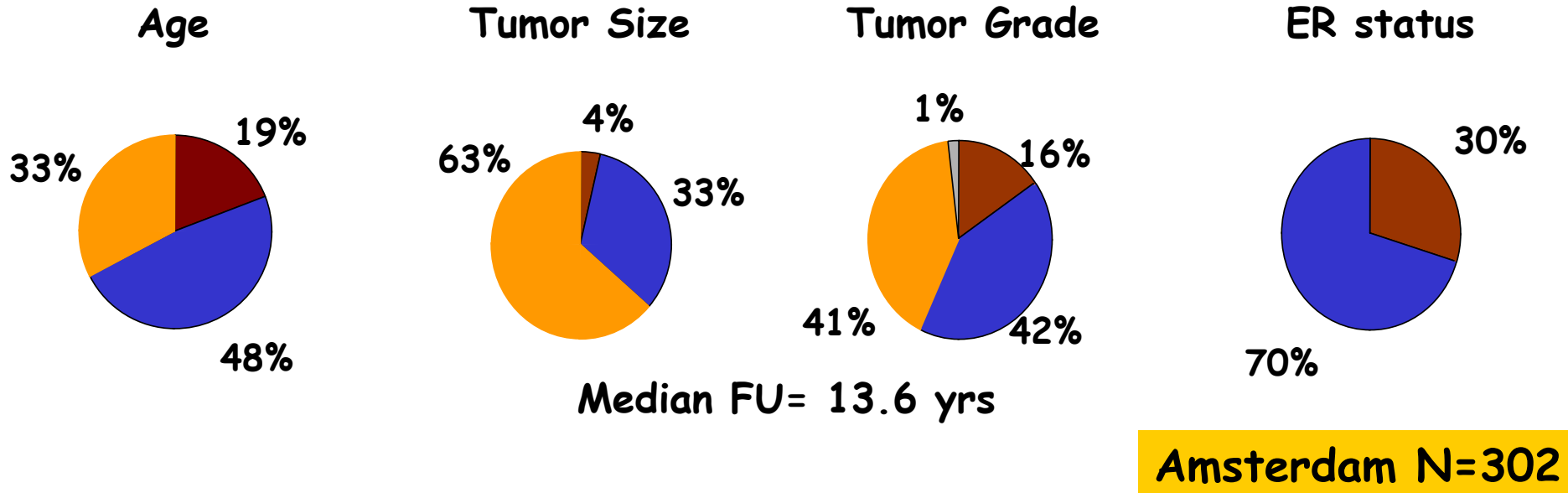
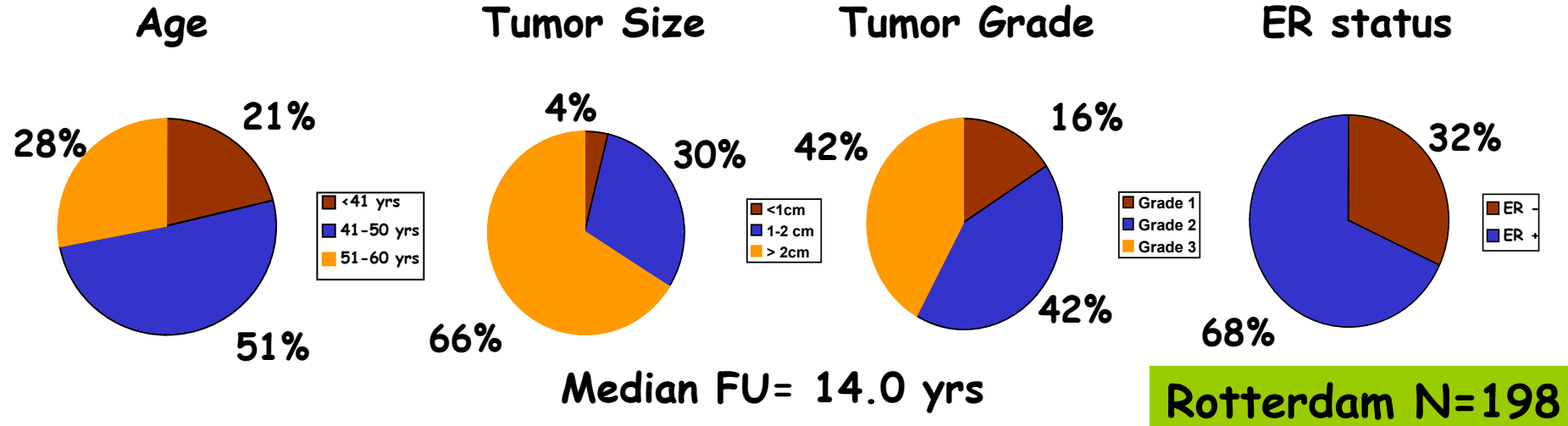
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Comparison of clinical vs gene  
signature of prognostic risk



# Patients Characteristics in the 2 validation series



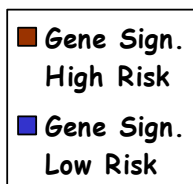
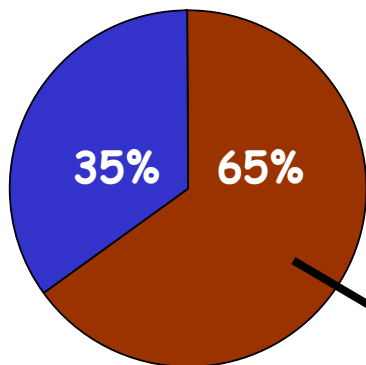
# Results

# Patient's data

Clinical Risk defined by the Adjuvant! Software  
([www.adjuvantonline.com](http://www.adjuvantonline.com))

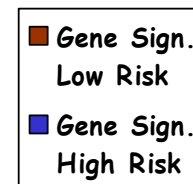
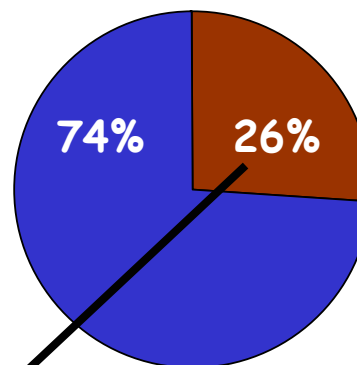
LOW Clinical Risk

N=46



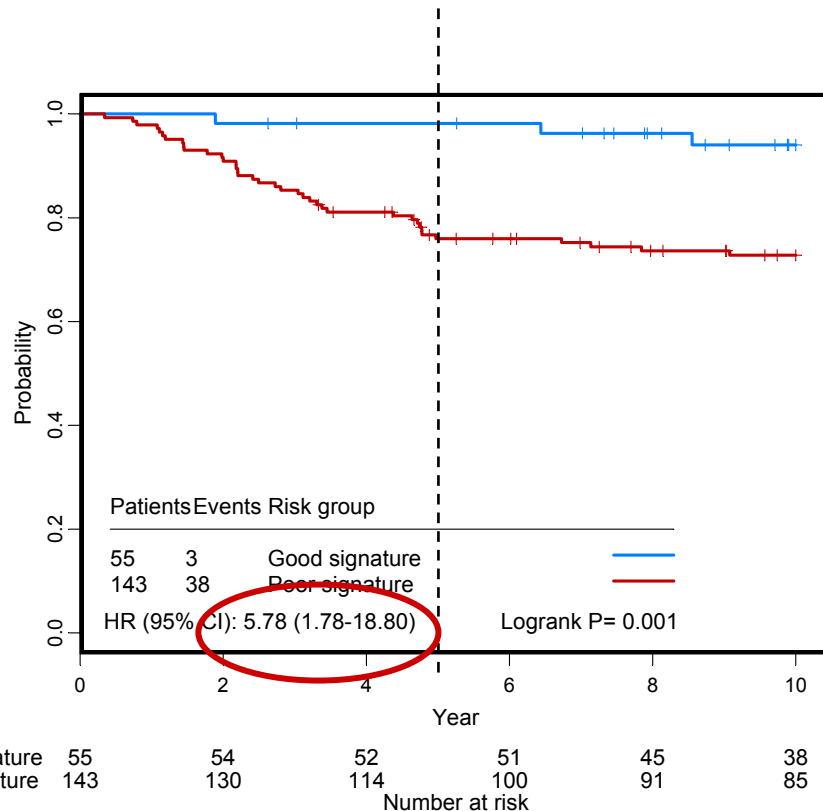
HIGH Clinical Risk

N=152



Discordant cases

# Time to Distant Metastases



5-year survival:

low risk group: 0.98 (0.88-1.00)

high risk group: 0.76 (0.68-0.82)

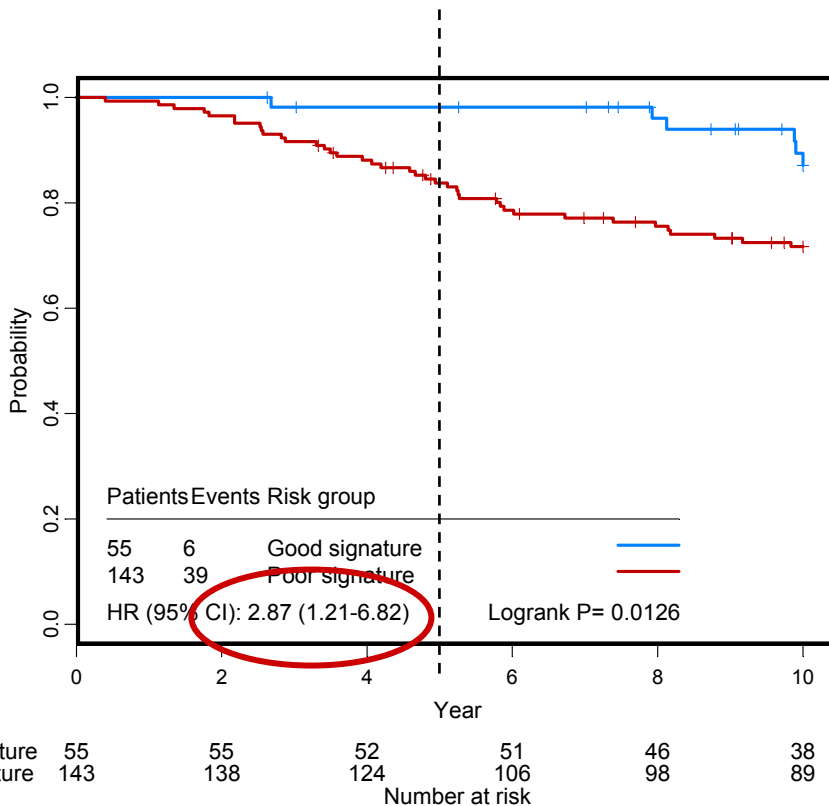
10 year survival:

low risk group: 0.94 (0.83-0.98)

high risk group: 0.73 (0.65-0.79)

*HR and logrank p-value were obtained after stratification for the centre*

# Overall Survival



## 5-year survival:

low risk group: 0.98 (0.88-1.00)

high risk group: 0.84 (0.77-0.89)

## 10 year survival:

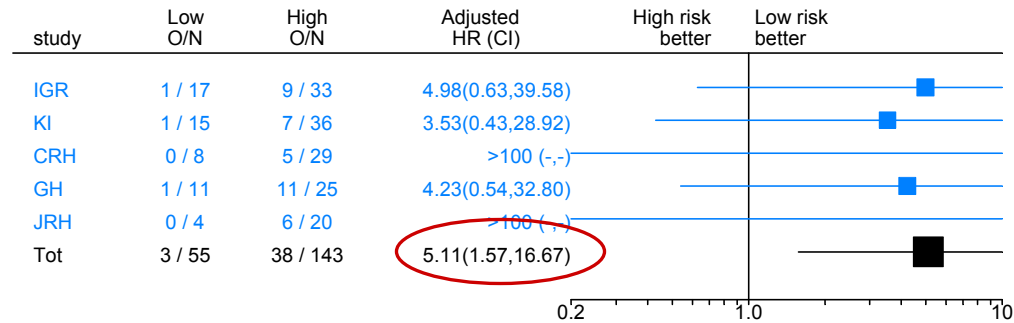
low risk group: 0.87 (0.73-0.94)

high risk group: 0.72 (0.63-0.78)

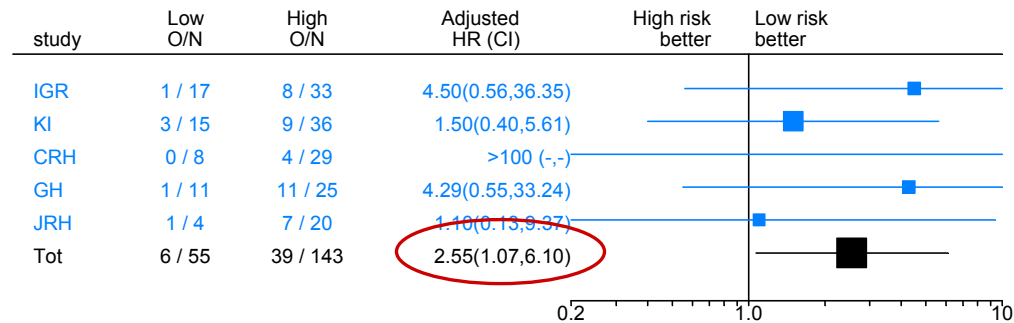
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# 76-gene signature adjusted for Clinical Risk (Adjuvant!)

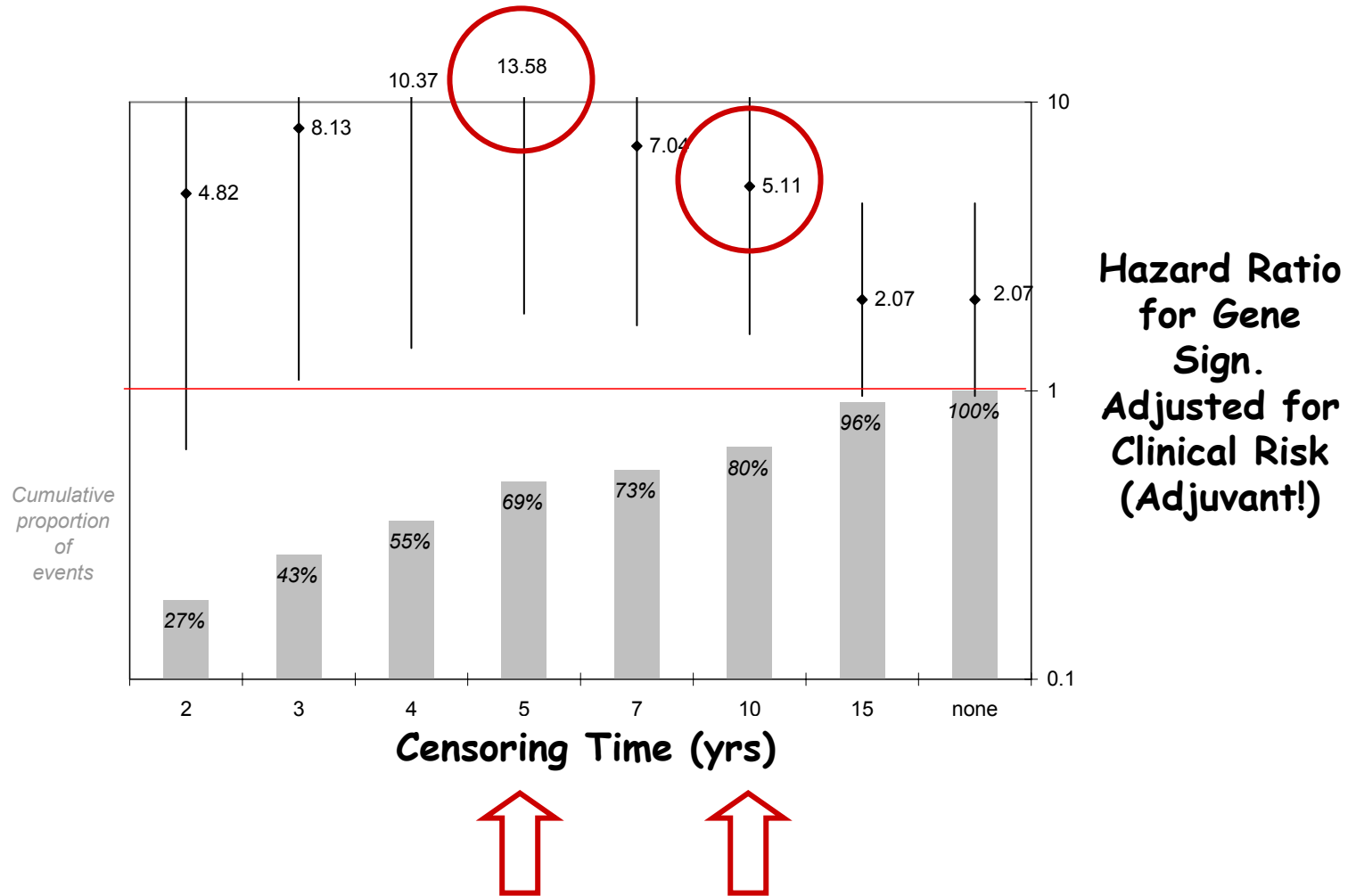
## Time to Distant Metastases



## Overall Survival

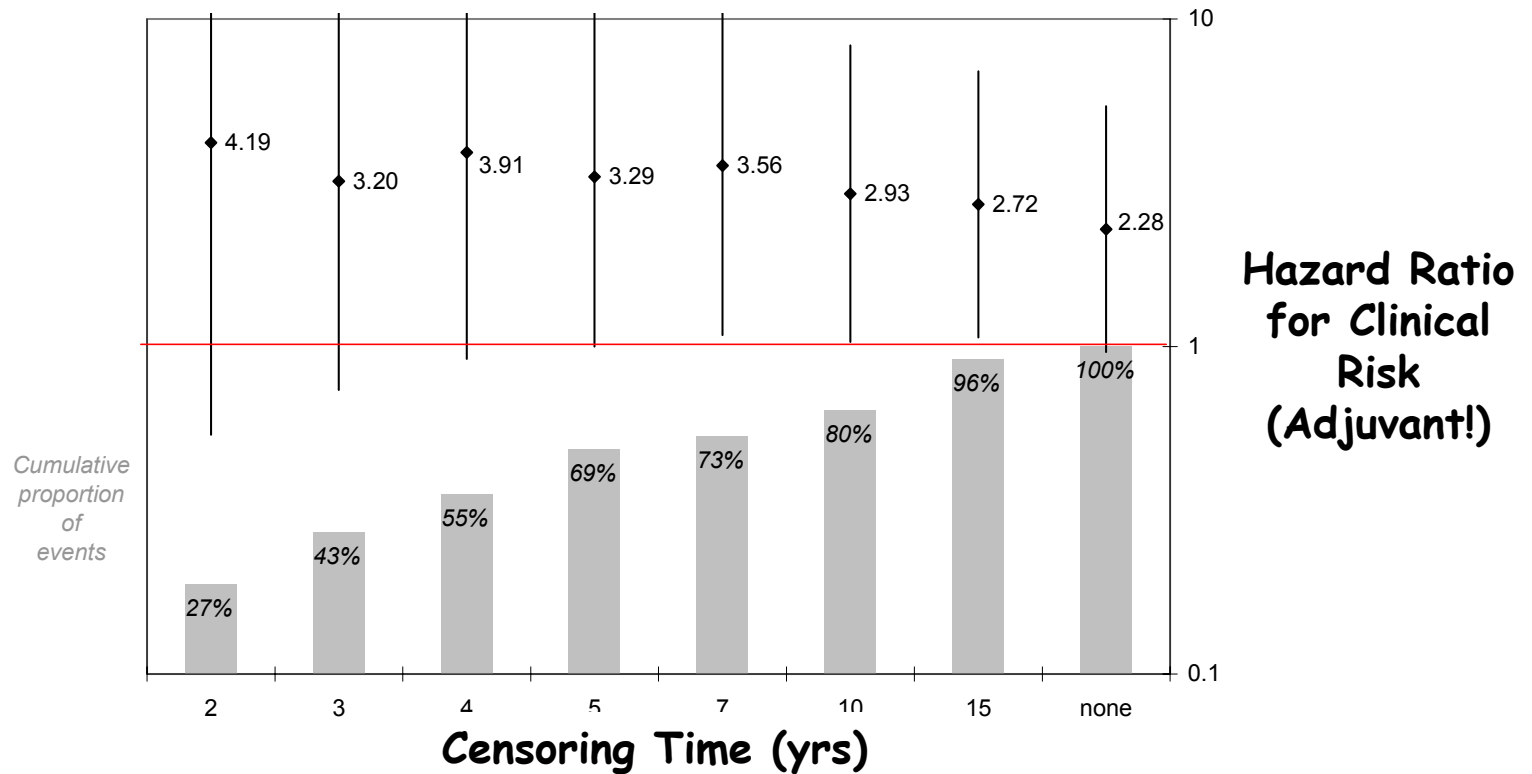


# Time-dependency of the signature



Similar phenomenon was seen with the Amsterdam signature!

# Clinical Risk (Adjuvant!) over time





# Conclusions

1. We have independently validated the Rotterdam 76-gene signature using the TRANSBIG validation series.
2. The performances of the Rotterdam and Amsterdam signatures are similar.
3. We observed a strong time dependency of both signatures, which was not seen for the clinical risk.

# Conclusions

4. This independent multi-center study adds to the growing evidence that gene expression signatures are of clinical relevance, especially to identify patients at high risk of early distant metastases.
5. This two-year intensive “validation” work reinforces the belief that the time is right to launch a prospective trial (MINDACT) that will validate the added value of these signatures for adjuvant treatment tailoring.

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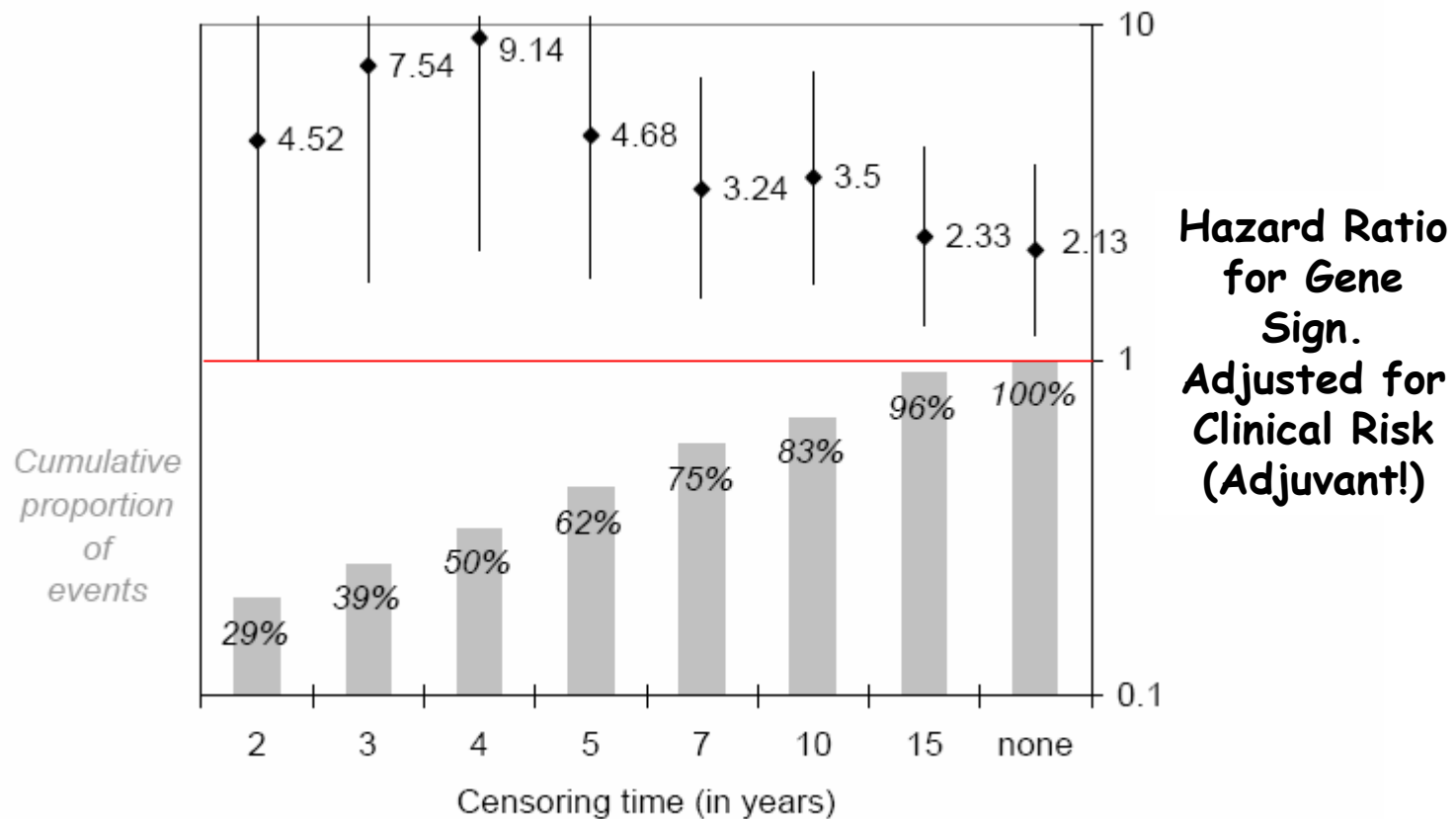
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**Backup**

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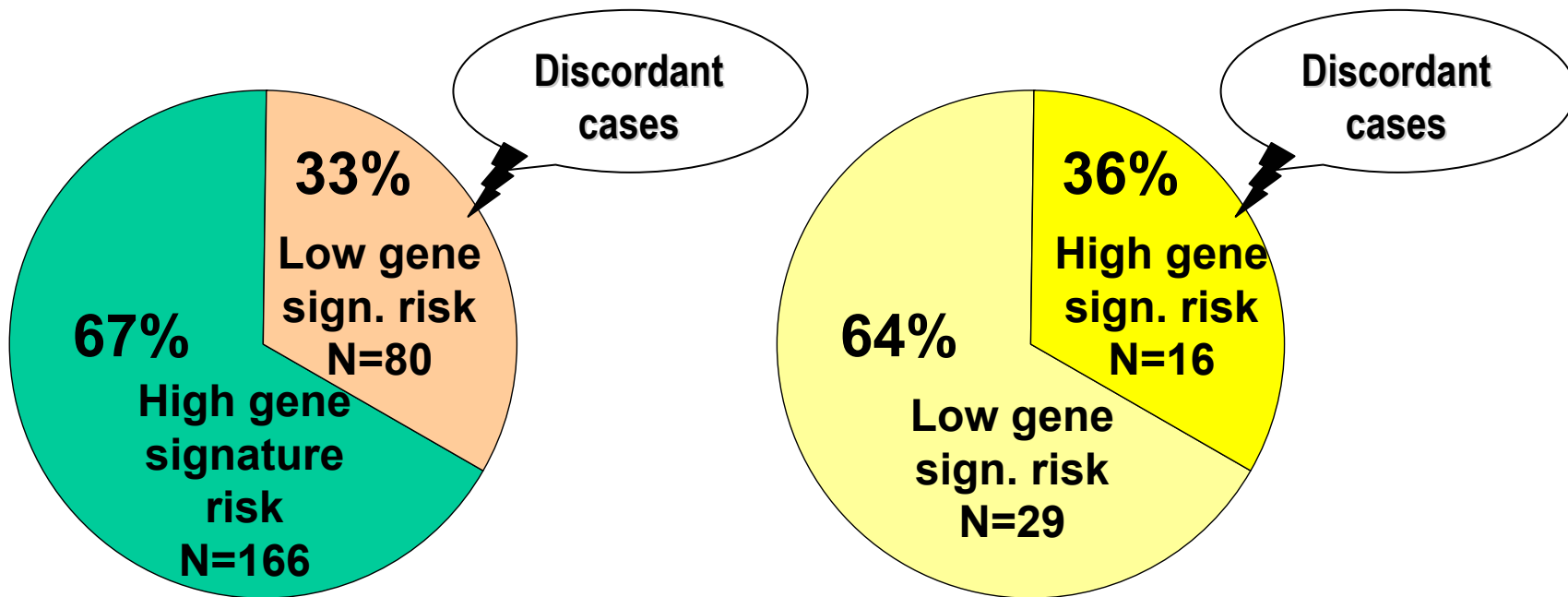
## AMSTERDAM SIGNATURE



# CONCORDANCE BETWEEN CLINICAL AND GENE SIGNATURE RISK CLASSIFICATIONS

## Amsterdam Signature

Threshold for low clinical risk defined as predicted 10-year O.S. > 90%



High clinical risk N=246

Low clinical risk N=45

Discordant cases with other clinical risk classifications	
St-Gallen = 35%	St-Gallen = 43%
NPI = 36%	NPI = 54%