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Advances in Prostate Cancer

1. Prostate cancer diagnostics
2. Management of advanced disease

Two-week fast track referral

62 years old

PSA 5.5ng/ml

IPSS – 9/2

Comorbidity – hypertension

Performance status – 0

No family history of prostate cancer

DRE – firm right lobe



What next?

- a) Reassure and discharge
- b) Repeat his PSA
- c) Straight to TRUS biopsy
- d) mpMRI of the prostate
- e) Other



NICE guideline [NG131] - May 2019

- **Do not automatically offer a prostate biopsy on the basis of serum PSA level alone**
- **Offer multiparametric MRI as the first-line investigation for people with suspected clinically localised prostate cancer**
- **Do not routinely offer mpMRI to people with prostate cancer who are not going to be able to have radical treatment**

“How accurate is mpMRI?”

“If I have prostate cancer, will the scan
always detect it?”

“If the scan is negative does this mean I don't
have cancer?”

All prostate cancers are not equal

Risk to the patient

Low risk cancer

Increased PSA

Higher Gleason score

Increased tumour volume (stage)



High risk cancer

“At what PSA, Gleason score and tumour volume does a prostate cancer become clinically significant?”

Definitions – clinically significant prostate cancer

- **Gleason score $\geq 4+3$ or cancer core length ≥ 6 mm**
- **Gleason score $\geq 3+4$ or cancer core length ≥ 4 mm**
- **Any Gleason score 7 ($\geq 3+4$)**

The art and science of prostate mpMRI reporting

Prostate MRI reporting

PIRADS 1

Very low probability of clinically significant cancer

PIRADS 2

Low probability of clinically significant cancer

PIRADS 3

Intermediate probability of clinically significant cancer

PIRADS 4

High probability of clinically significant cancer

PIRADS 5

Very high probability of clinically significant cancer

(PIRADS - Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System)

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Test sensitivity

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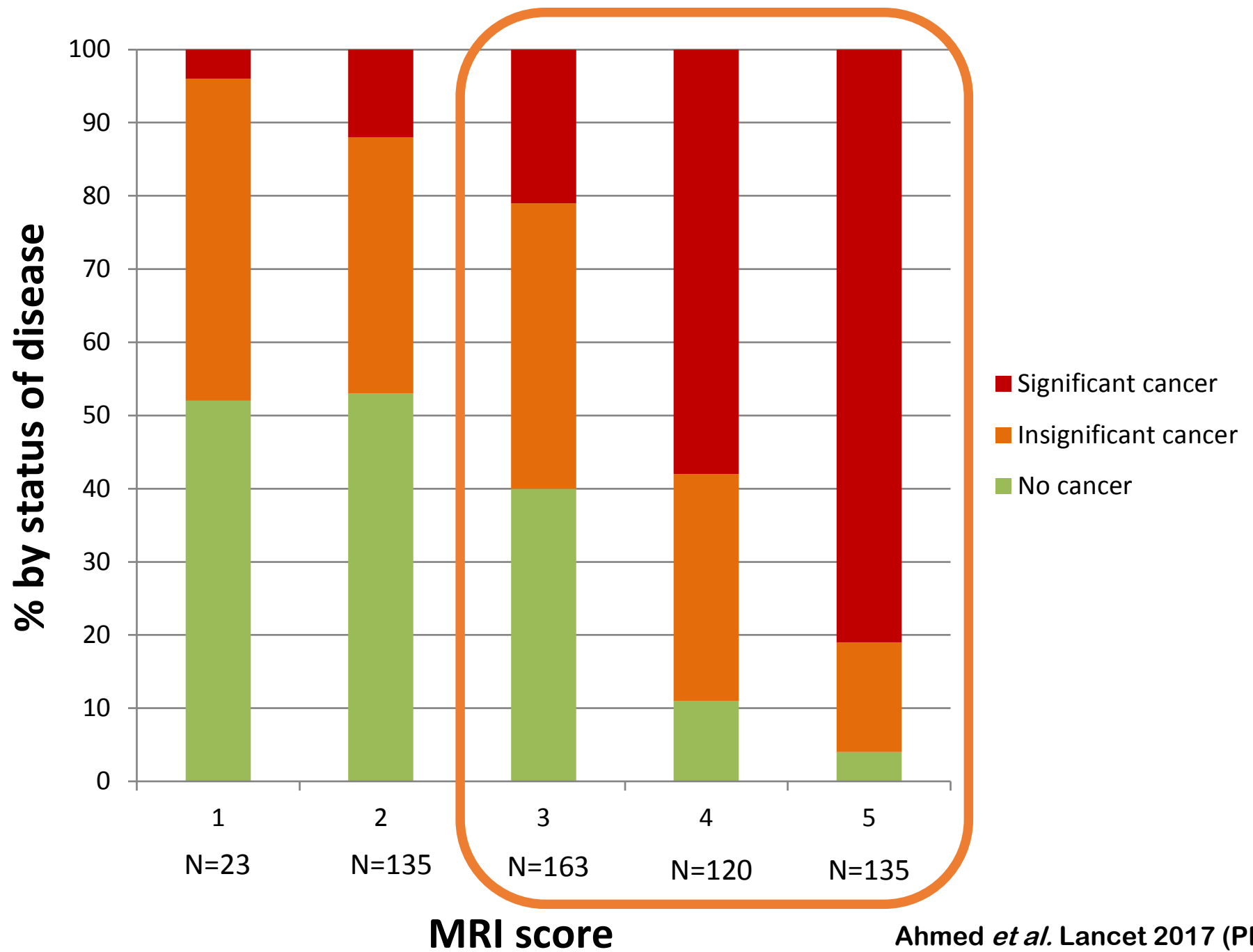
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Take Home Messages

- TRUS-biopsy performs poorly as a diagnostic test for clinically significant prostate cancer
- mpMRI improves the detection of clinically significant cancer

But not all men with a 'positive' scan have
prostate cancer

False positive test

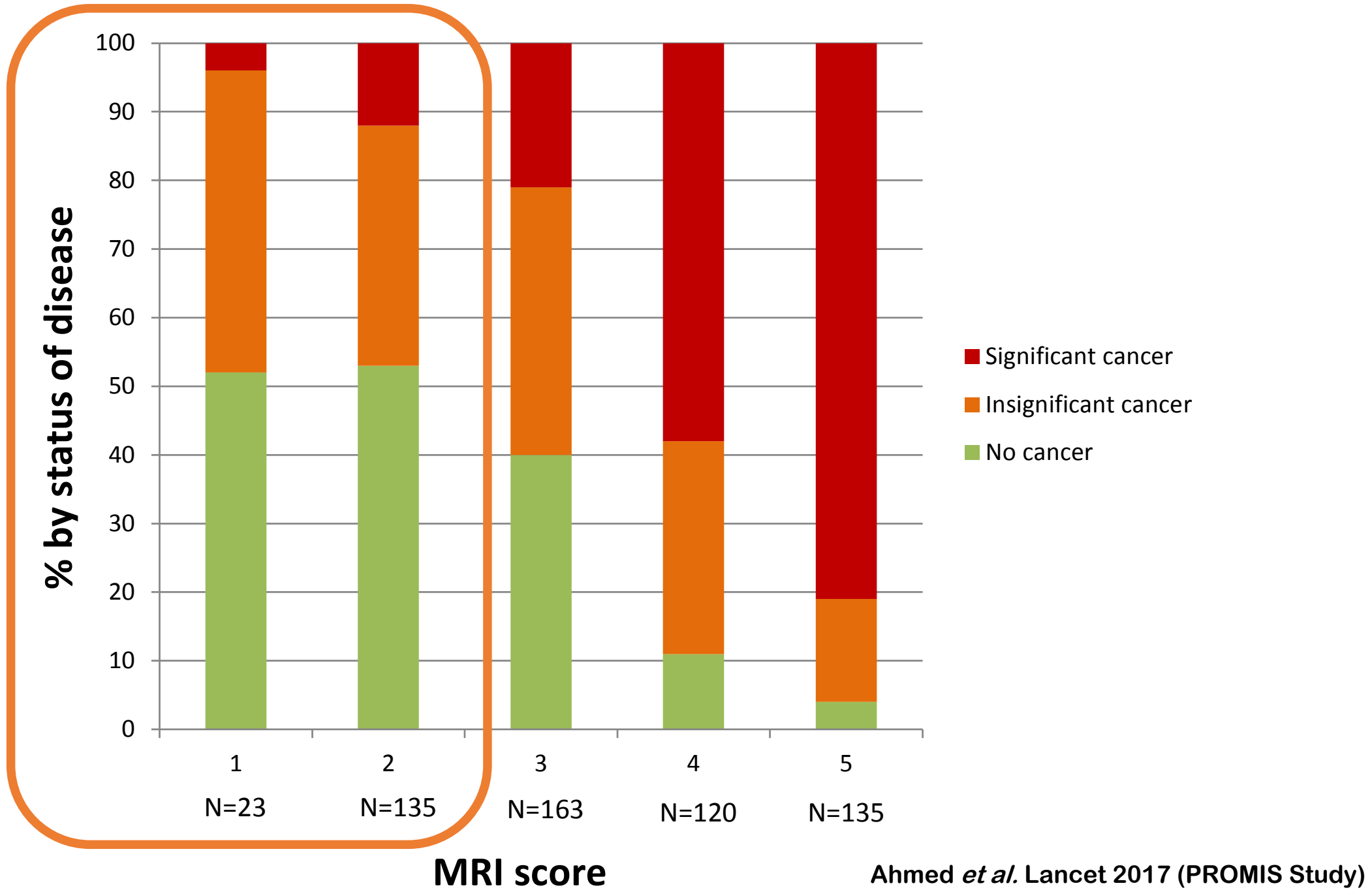


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Negative Predictive value	72	65
Any Gleason score 7 ($\geq 3+4$)		
Sensitivity	88	48
Negative Predictive value	76	63





mpMRI - PIRADS 2

What next?

- a) Discharge, no follow up
- b) Discuss option of a biopsy
- c) Discharge, PSA surveillance

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- **Consider omitting a prostate biopsy for people whose multiparametric MRI Likert score is 1 or 2, but only after discussing the risks and benefits with the person and reaching a shared decision**
- **For people who have a raised PSA and MRI Likert score of 1 or 2, and who have not had a prostate biopsy, repeat PSA test at 3 to 6 months and:**
 - **offer prostate biopsy if there is a strong suspicion of prostate cancer (for example, PSA density greater than 0.15 ng/ml/ml or PSA velocity greater than 0.75 ng/year, or strong family history), taking into account their life expectancy and comorbidities**
 - **discharge the person to primary care if the level of suspicion is low; advise PSA follow-up at 6 months and then every year, and set a PSA level for primary care at which to re-refer based on PSA density (0.15 ng/ml/ml) or velocity (0.75 ng/year)**

Take Home Messages

- Approximately 25% of men may be able to avoid a prostate biopsy if mpMRI is used as a triage test
- If PIRADS 1-2, discuss option of biopsy or PSA surveillance



mpMRI - PIRADS 4

What next?

- a) Systematic TRUS-biopsy
- b) Targeted TRUS-biopsy
- c) Transperineal mapping biopsy

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Quality of life/side-effects	Did not differ significantly	

Take Home Message

- MRI, with or without targeted biopsy, results in
 - fewer men undergoing biopsy
 - more clinically significant cancers being identified
 - less over detection of clinically insignificant cancer
 - fewer prostate biopsies

“If I only have a targeted biopsy will you miss disease in the other parts of the prostate?”

Take Home Message

- Omission of standard biopsies in men having a targeted biopsy may miss up to 10% of cases of clinically significant disease

Management of advanced disease

Prostate Clinic

69 years old

PSA 110ng/ml

IPSS – 11/2

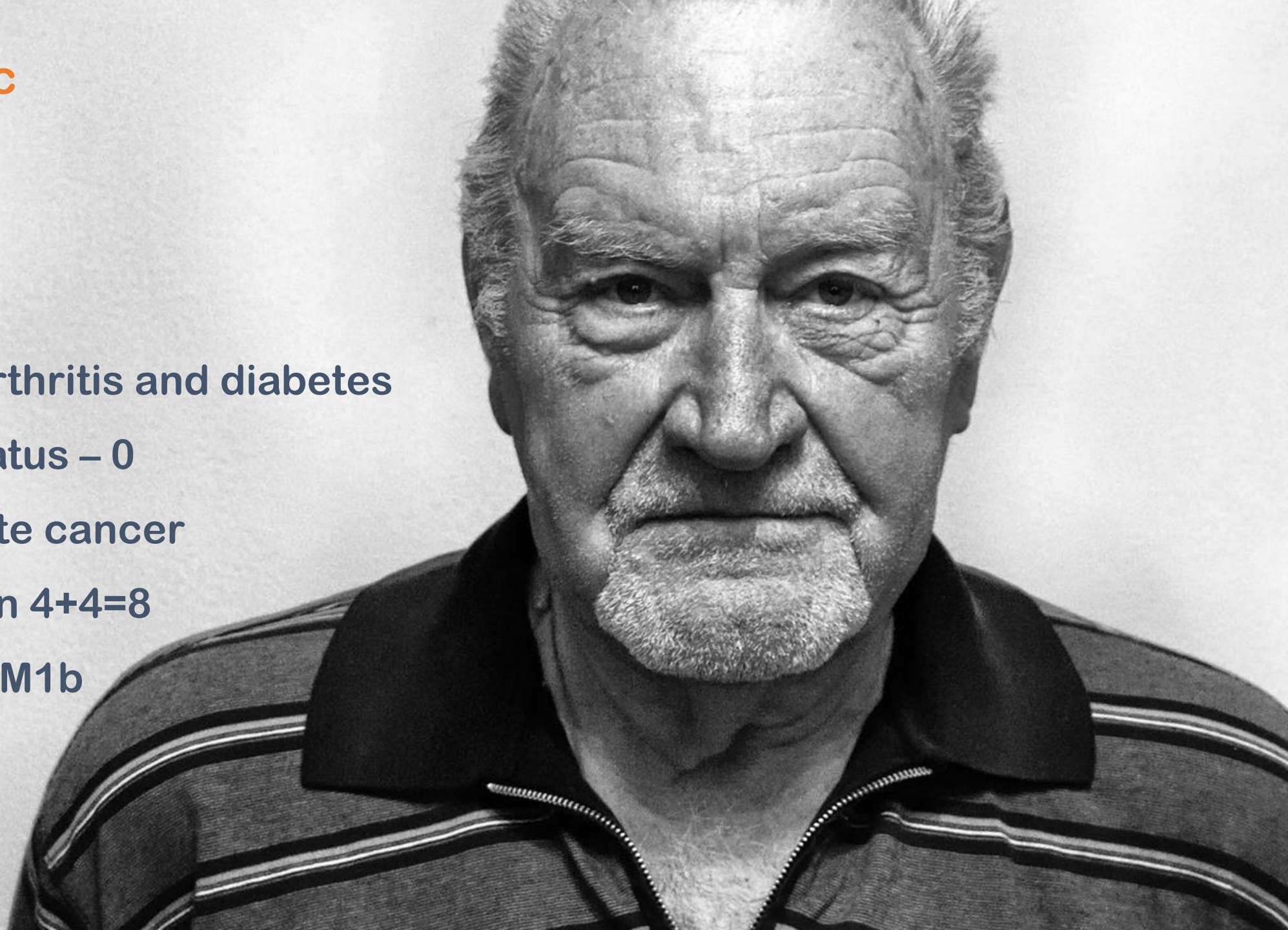
Comorbidity – arthritis and diabetes

Performance status – 0

DRE – T3 prostate cancer

Biopsy – Gleason 4+4=8

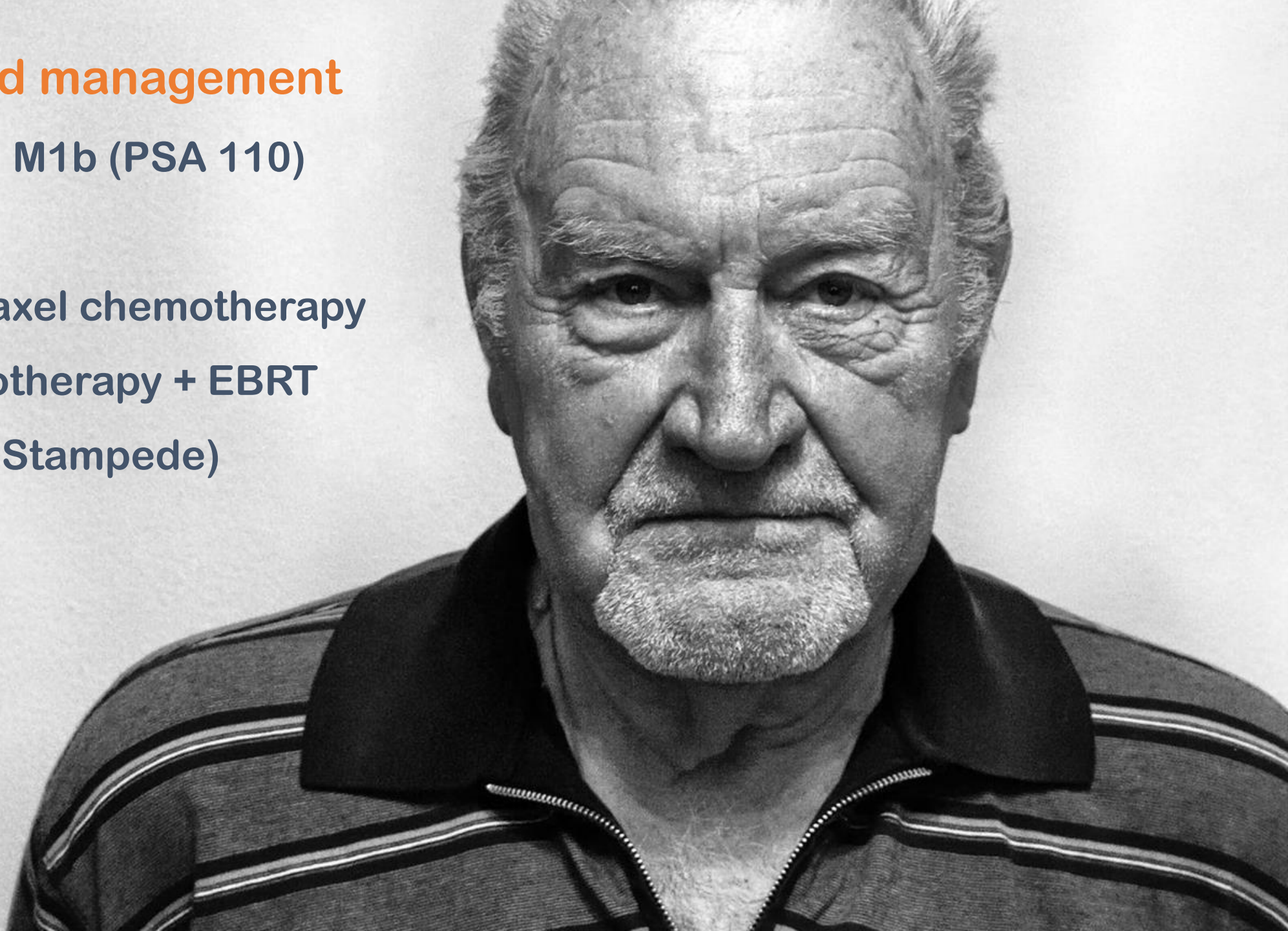
Staging – T3 N1 M1b



Recommended management

Gleason 8 T3 N1 M1b (PSA 110)

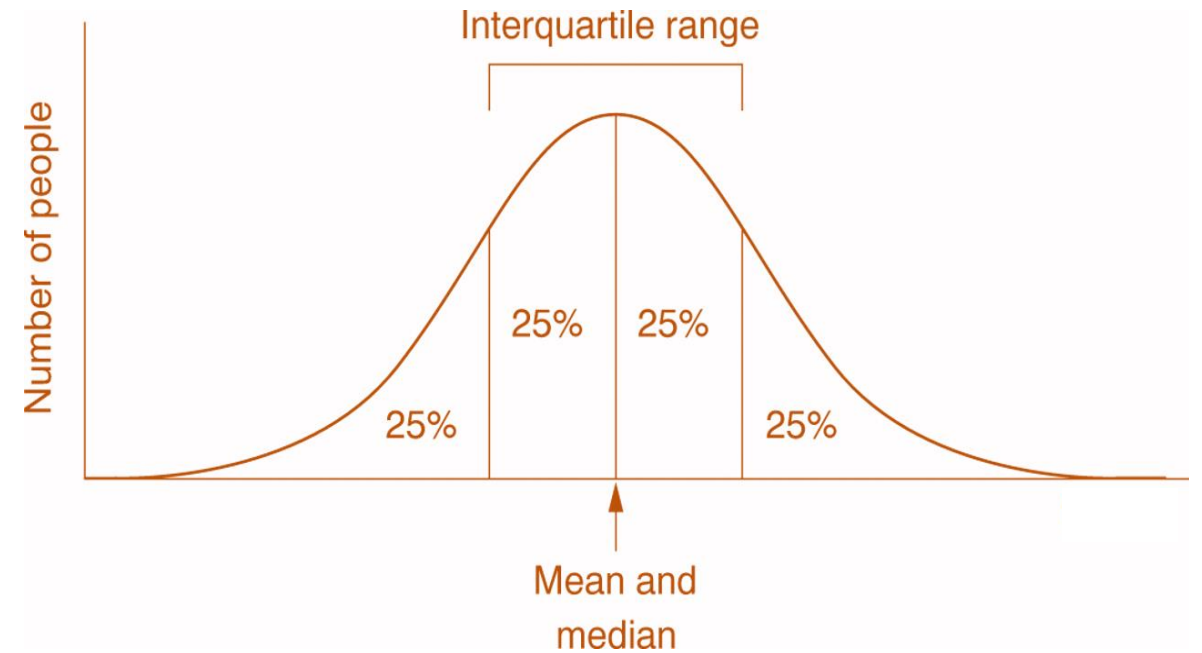
- a) ADT only
- b) ADT + Docetaxel chemotherapy
- c) ADT + Chemotherapy + EBRT
- d) Clinical trial (Stampede)
- e) Other



“What is my prognosis if I just have hormone treatment (primary ADT)?”

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IQR – Interquartile range (middle 50%)

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Survival impacted negatively by

- **presence of non-regional N+**
- **worse performance status**
- **higher Gleason score**
- **younger age at diagnosis**

**“I have concerns about chemotherapy.
What are the benefits of treatment?”**

Median survival (M1)

SOC - 45 months

SOC+chemotherapy - 60 months

Chemotherapy side effects

- **Neutropenia/Febrile Neutropenia (12-15%)**
- **Gastrointestinal symptoms (8%)**

- **Few men stop treatment due to side-effects (13%)**

“Can I have anything else other than
chemotherapy?”

Abiraterone

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3-year overall survival (M1)

SOC – 49%

SOC+Abiraterone – 66%

Abiraterone

Radiographic Progression Free Survival

SOC – 14.8 months

SOC+Abiraterone – 33 months

Abiraterone

Safety (Grade 3-4 adverse events)

SOC – 48%

SOC+Abiraterone – 63%

Most frequent events – hypertension and hypokalemia

“Should I have chemotherapy or
Abiraterone?”

NICE currently reviewing Abiraterone for treating newly diagnosed high risk metastatic hormone-naive prostate cancer

Docetaxel vs Abiraterone

Overall Survival

No significant difference between the treatments

Safety

Similar % of men experienced side-effects

Side effects specific to the individual drugs

“I have read about Enzalutamide. Can I have this instead of chemotherapy?”

Enzalutamide

Benefits

Improved progression free survival

Longer overall survival

Safety

Increased fatigue and small risk of seizures

Peripheral neuropathy (Enzalutamide + Docetaxel)

**NICE currently reviewing Enzalutamide for
treating metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate
cancer with androgen deprivation therapy**

(Expected publication date - May 2020)

“What is the benefit of prostate
radiotherapy if my cancer has already
spread?”

Take Home Messages

- **Radiotherapy to the prostate does not improve overall survival for unselected patients**
- **But there is a benefit for men with low volume disease**

High metastatic burden

4 or more bone metastases with one or more outside the vertebral bodies or pelvis or visceral metastases or both

3-year survival (**low volume metastatic burden**)

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3-year survival (low volume metastatic burden)

SOC - 73%

SOC+prostate radiotherapy - 81%

Take Home Messages

- The new standard of care is ADT+Docetaxel
- Evidence to support Abiraterone and Enzalutamide as an alternative to Docetaxel (NICE considering these)
- Addition of prostate radiotherapy in low volume metastatic disease improves survival
- Studies ongoing looking at combinations (eg STAMPEDE and PEACE-1)

Questions?