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***Terapia Radiometabolica
nel carcinoma prostatico.
Cosa ci riserva il futuro?***

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mCRPC Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer

PHASE III mCRPC

Study	Agents	n	Indication	HR (95% CI)	OS
Tax-327 [6]	Docetaxel + P vs Mitoxantrone + P	1006	mCRPC	0.76 (0.62–0.94)	18.9 vs. 16.5
D9901 and D9902 [27,28]	Sipuleucel T vs. Po	225	mCRPC pre docetaxel	1.5 (1.10–2.05)	32.2 vs. 18.9
IMPACT [29]	Sipuleucel T vs. Po	512	mCRPC pre docetaxel	0.78 (0.61–0.98)	25.8 vs. 21.7
COU-AA-301 [17]	Abiraterone + P vs. P	1195	mCRPC post docetaxel	0.65 (0.54–0.77)	14.8 vs. 10.9
COU-AA-302 [18,19]	Abiraterone + P vs. p	1088	mCRPC pre docetaxel	0.75 (0.61–0.93)	NR vs. 27.2
AFFIRM [22]	Enzalutamide vs. Po	1199	mCRPC post docetaxel	0.63 (0.53–0.75)	18.4 vs. 13.6
PREVAIL [23]	Enzalutamide vs. Po	1717	mCRPC pre docetaxel	0.71 (0.60–0.84)	32.4 vs. 30.2
TROPIC [24]	Cabazitaxel + P vs. Mitoxantrone + P	755	mCRPC post docetaxel	0.70 (0.59–0.83)	15.1 vs. 12.7
ALSYMPCA [30]	Radium-223 vs. Po	Po921	mCRPC pre docetaxel	0.7 (0.55–0.88)	14 vs. 11.2
FIRSTANA [25]	Cabazitaxel 25 mg/m ² (C25) vs. 20 mg/m ² (C20) vs. docetaxel 75 mg/m ² (D75)	1168	mCRPC pre docetaxel	C20 vs. D75 1.01 (0.85–1.20)	24.5 C20
				C25 vs. D75 0.97 (0.82–1.16)	25.2 C25
					24.3 D75
PROSELICA [26]	Cabazitaxel 25 mg/m ² (C25) vs. 20 mg/m ² (C20)	1200	mCRPC post docetaxel	1.024	13.4 vs. 14.5

HR: hazard ratio; mCRPC, metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; P, prednisone; Po, placebo; CI, confidence interval.

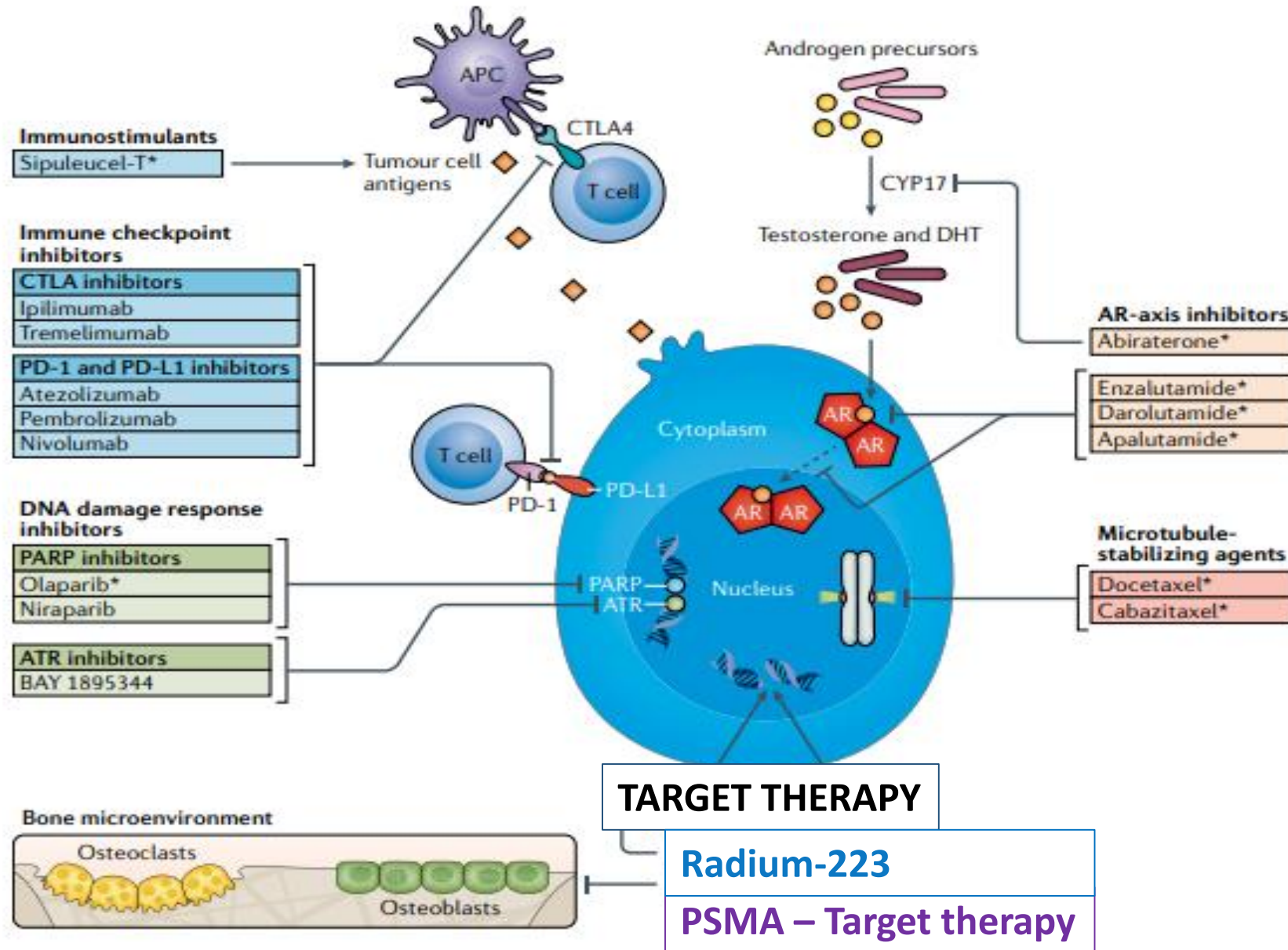


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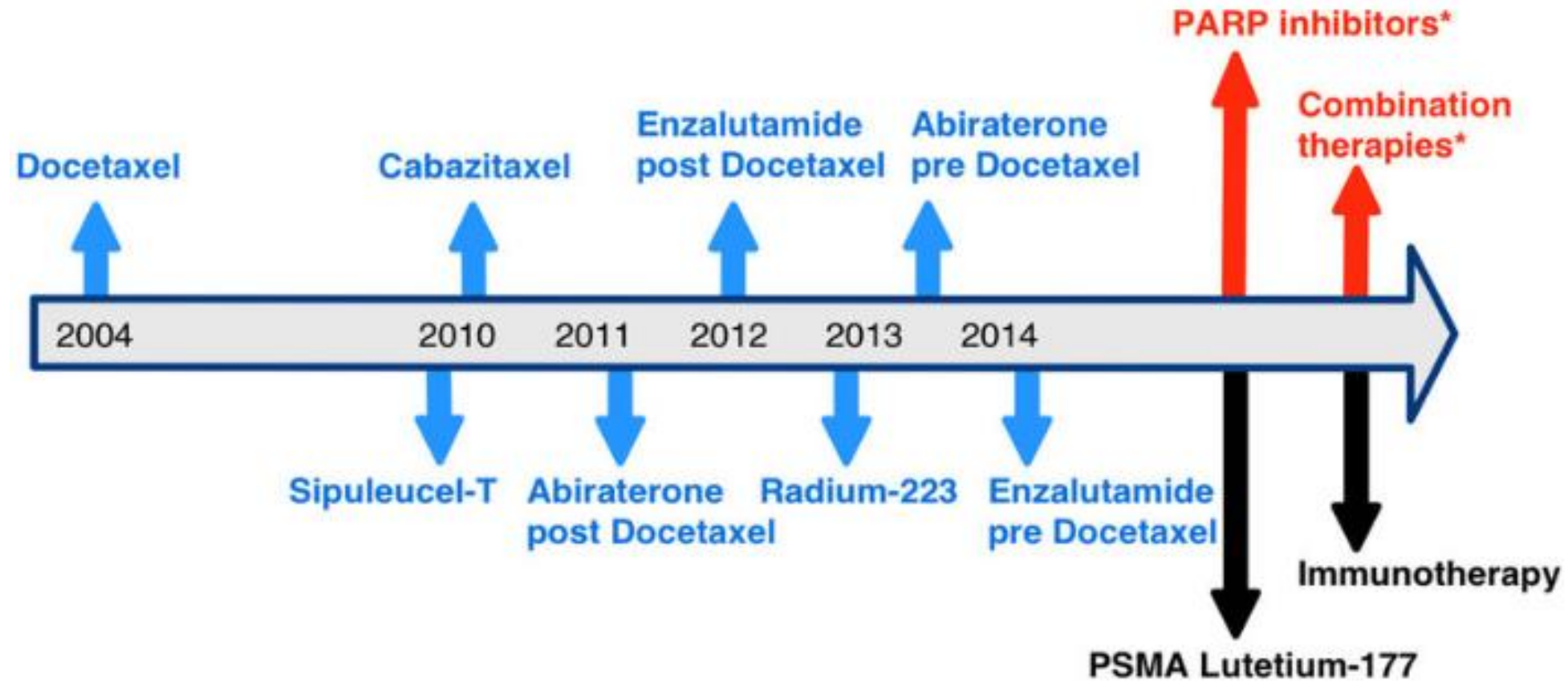
CRCP

based on capacity to **improve OS** in randomized control trials

mCRPC Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer

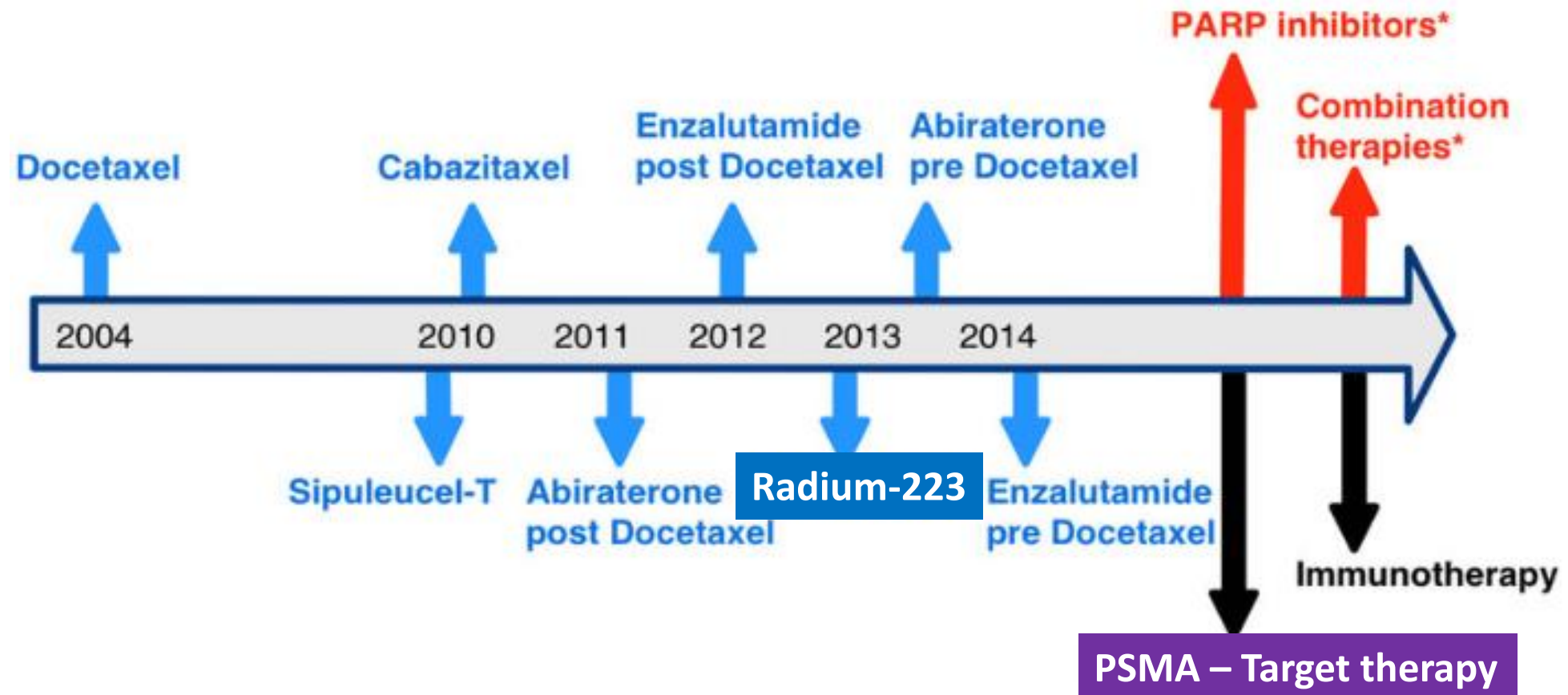


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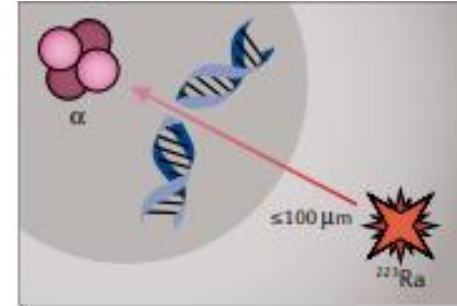
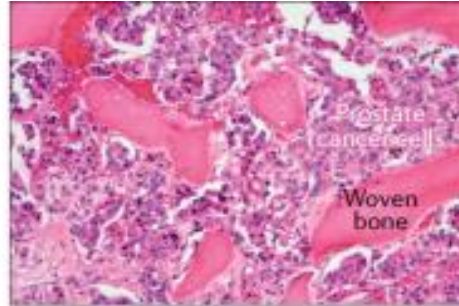


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Radium-223

Ra223 (alpha emitter)

- ✓ mCRPC
- ✓ No visceral disease
- ✓ **Symptomatic bone lesion**
- ✓ No bowel disease



6 treatments e.v.
every 4 weeks

• ALpharadinSYMptomaticProstateCAnceR → **223Ra** vs. BoC

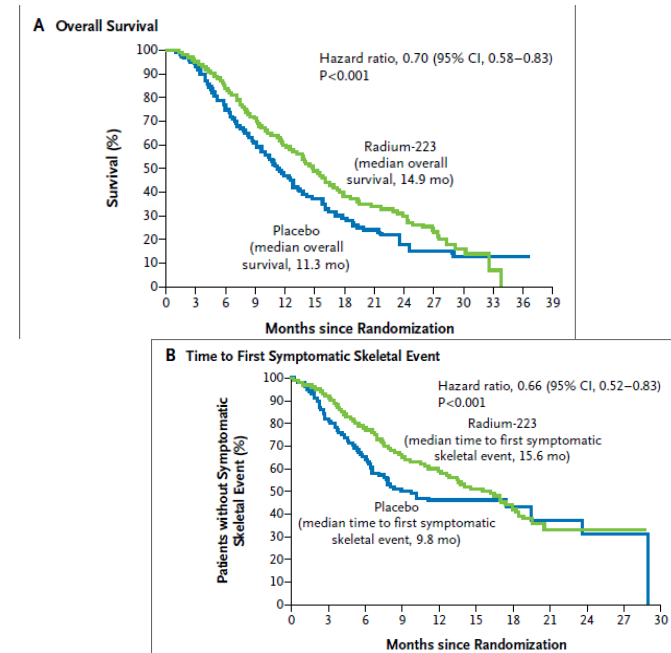
Regardless prior DOCETAXEL use:

low incidence of hematological toxicity (<10%, higher in ChT) ^a

223Ra: improvement in OS, SSE free survival (..) ^b

BoC (best of care): defined as routine care of each 136 center:
local RBRT, glucocorticoids, antiandrogens,
ketoconazole and estrogens

Long-term safety is confirmed at 3 years follow-up analysis ^c



a) Sartor et al; ALSYMPCA trial Lancet Oncol. **2014** Jun;15(7):738-46

b) Parker et al ASYMPCA 2013 NEJM 2013; 369: 213-223

c) Parker et al; Eur Urol [Eur Urol](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eururo.2017.06.021). 2017 Jul 10 doi: 10.1016/j.eururo.2017.06.021..

- **REASSURE trial:**

- Prospective single-arm, non-interventional study
- mCRPC treated with Ra-223 in routine clinical practice
- Primary end point: long-term safety (including the incidence of second primary malignancies) over a 7-year period
- Exclusion criteria: previous treated with Ra223 currently participating in any clinical trial, or systemic treatment with other radiopharmaceuticals
- On-going
- Interim results: planned after enrolment of the first 600 patients.
 - Haematological TEAEs occurred more frequently in the prior ChT group (decreased bone marrow function as a consequence of more advanced disease and prior exposure to cytotoxic therapy)
 - Patients who had NO previous ChT: lower burden of disease at baseline, lower rate of discontinued radium-223 treatment.

Radium-223

- CHEMOTHERAPY +/- 223Ra: **NOT YET** been established (On-going Trials)

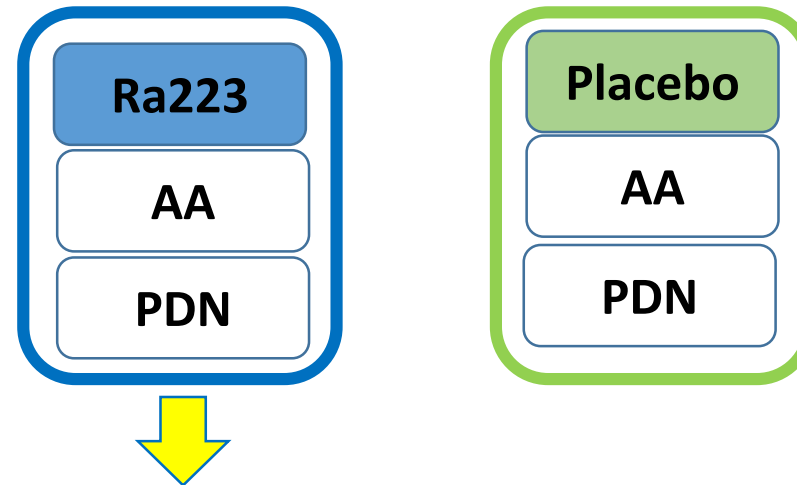
Combination treatment with ²²³ Ra	Mechanism of action	Trial phase and design	Primary outcomes	Patient characteristics (estimated enrolment)	Estimated completion date (primary)	Trial ID
<i>Hormone therapies</i>						
Abiraterone ¹⁴⁹	CYP17 inhibitor	Phase III (vs abiraterone only)	Symptomatic skeletal event-free survival	CRPC with asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic BM (n = 806)	December 2019 (February 2018)	NCT02043678*
Enzalutamide ⁹³	AR inhibitor	Phase III (vs enzalutamide only)	Radiological progression-free survival	CRPC with asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic BM (n = 560)	April 2021 (November 2019)	NCT02194842
Enzalutamide ¹⁵⁰	AR inhibitor	Phase II	Safety (grade ≥3 AEs, by NCI CTCAE version 4)	Progressing mCRPC; BM and VD allowed (n = 44)	April 2021 (July 2017)	NCT02225704
<i>Chemotherapy</i>						
Docetaxel ¹⁰⁹	Microtubule inhibitor	Randomized phase III (vs docetaxel only)	Overall survival	mCRPC (n = 738)	June 2023 (June 2022)	NCT03574571
<i>Immunotherapy</i>						
Atezolizumab ¹⁵¹	PD-L1 inhibitor	Phase I	DLT; adverse events; objective response (RECIST v1.1)	Progressing mCRPC; BM and VD allowed (n = 44)	March 2020	NCT02814669
Pembrolizumab ¹²¹	PD-1 inhibitor	Randomized phase II (vs ²²³ Ra only)	Extent of immune cell infiltration	mCRPC with BM (n = 45)	June 2024 (June 2020)	NCT03093428
Sipuleucel-T ¹¹²	ACT using PA2024-pretreated cells to stimulate tumour-specific immune responses	Randomized phase II (vs sipuleucel-T only)	Immune responses measured by peripheral PA2024 T cell proliferation	CRPC with asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic BM (n = 34)	December 2020 (December 2018)	NCT02463799
<i>DNA damage response</i>						
Niraparib ¹³¹	PARP inhibitor	Phase Ib	Maximum tolerated dose of niraparib to combine with standard dose of ²²³ Ra	mCRPC; BM and VD allowed (n = 27)	November 2020 (November 2021)	NCT03076203
Olaparib ¹³²	PARP inhibitor	Randomized phase I/II (vs ²²³ Ra only)	Maximum tolerated dose of olaparib and ²²³ Ra; radiographic progression-free survival	CRPC with BM (n = 138)	April 2020	NCT03317392

- **ERA-223 study: Abiraterone (AA) plus Prednisone/Prednisolone +/- 223Ra**
 - 806 asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic mCRPC patients
 - randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled
 - The arm with **223Ra** + AA + P vs. Placebo + AA + P arm have increased incidence of **fractures (28.6% vs 11.4%) and deaths (38.5% vs 35.5%)**
 - “ALSYMPCA had a greater disease burden, disease-related symptoms, and higher alkaline phosphatase, lactate dehydrogenase, and prostate-specific antigen concentrations than ERA-223”

Safety and efficacy with the combination of Xofigo and agents other than gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues have not been established

Radium-223

- **ERA-223 study**: showed an increased number of **BONE FRACTURES** in **Ra223** treated patients, The majority in non-metastatic bone sites
- **Bone Fracture Risk**: **18%** vs **9%**.



METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEM???

- **NO Bone assessment**
- **NO Difosfonate Therapy**

“The finding that use of bone health agents was associated with decreased fracture frequency in both groups in our study shows the importance of the use of these drugs to prevent skeletal morbidity in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer”

Possible explanations

- ✓ Glucocorticoid induced inhibition of bone formation (PDN eccess)
- ✓ Inhibition of osteoblast maturation and function (PDN eccess)
- ✓ Maybe AA increase accumulation on healthy bone of Ra223 (bone remodeling areas with high osteoblastic activity)

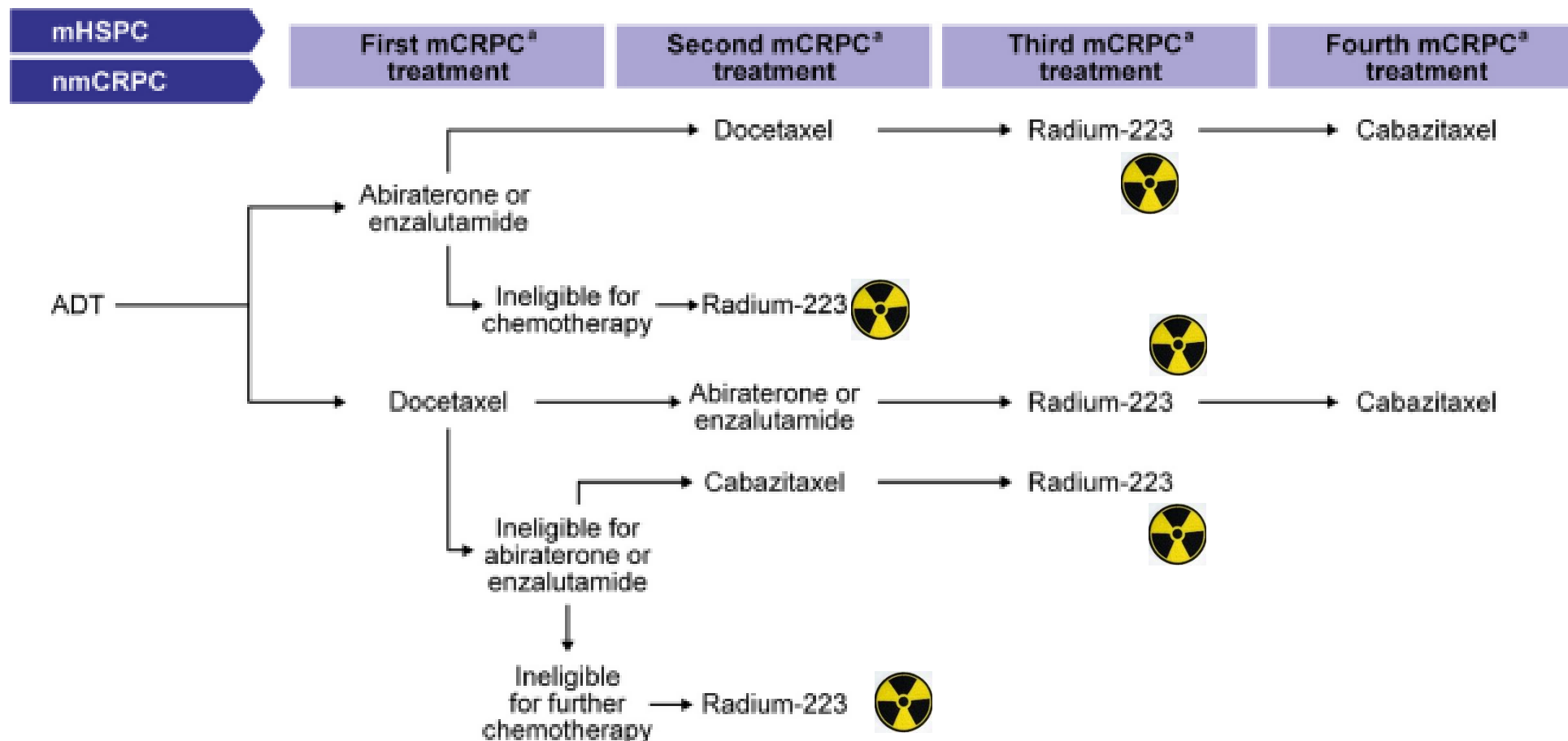


Fig. 2 – Sequencing of systemic therapies for mCRPC. Potential sequencing options for approved life-prolonging agents following progression on ADT. These are illustrative algorithms based on the revised EU indication for radium-223. Not all potential treatment options are shown. Concurrent use of bone health agents to treat osteoporosis or for patients with bone metastases is recommended. Sequential use of abiraterone and enzalutamide (or vice versa) is not considered as an option due to likely futility of treatment. Consider clinical trials or best supportive care after all available systemic therapies have been administered. ADT = androgen deprivation therapy; EU = European Union; mCRPC = metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; mHSPC = metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer; nmCRPC = nonmetastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. ^a mCRPC with bone metastases and no visceral metastases.



Pillole dal Mondo n. 1743 - L'Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco informa gli utenti dei Registri di Monitoraggio che, a partire dal 22/11/2019, è presente sulla piattaforma web il Registro del medicinale XOFIGO per la seguente indicazione terapeutica:

- in monoterapia o in associazione con un analogo dell'ormone di rilascio dell'ormone luteinizzante (Luteinising Hormone-Releasing Hormone, LHRH) è indicato per il trattamento di pazienti adulti affetti da carcinoma prostatico metastatico resistente alla castrazione (metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer, mCRPC), con metastasi ossee sintomatiche e senza metastasi viscerali note, in progressione dopo almeno due precedenti linee di terapia sistemica per il mCRPC (diverse dagli analoghi del LHRH) o non eleggibili ai trattamenti sistemici disponibili per il mCRPC.

Inoltre, si informano gli utenti che in funzione di quanto previsto dalla Determina pubblicata in G.U., i dati relativi al periodo che va dal 11/06/2015 al 22/11/2019 dovranno essere trasferiti nella piattaforma web con la data effettiva di inizio trattamento compilando le singole prescrizioni e dispensazioni finora somministrate.

Real-world Outcomes of Sequential Androgen-receptor Targeting Therapies with or Without Interposed Life-prolonging Drugs in Metastatic Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer: Results from the Dutch Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer Registry

Background: Cross resistance between androgen-receptor targeting therapies (ARTs) (abiraterone acetate plus prednisone [ABI + P] or enzalutamide [ENZ]) for treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) may affect responses to second ART (ART2).

Objective: To establish treatment duration and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) response of ART2 in real-world mCRPC patients treated with or without other life-prolonging drugs (LPDs; ie, docetaxel, cabazitaxel, or radium-223) between ART1 and ART2.

Design, setting, and participants: Castration-resistant prostate cancer patients, diagnosed between 2010 and 2016 were retrospectively registered in Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer Registry (CAPRI). Patients treated with both ARTs were clustered into two subgroups: ART1 > ART2 or ART1 > LPD > ART2.

Outcome measurements and statistical analysis: Outcomes were $\geq 50\%$ PSA response and treatment duration of ART2. Descriptive statistics and binary logistic regression after multiple imputations were performed.

Results and limitations: A total of 273 patients were included with a median follow-up of 8.4 mo from ART2. Patients with ART1 > ART2 were older and had favourable prognostic characteristics at ART2 baseline compared with patients with ART1 > LPD > ART2. No differences between ART1 > ART2 and ART1 > LPD > ART2 were found in PSA response and treatment duration. Multivariate analysis suggested that PSA response of ART2 was less likely in patients with visceral metastases (odds ratio [OR] 0.143, $p = 0.04$) and more likely in patients with a relatively longer duration of androgen-deprivation treatment (OR 1.028, $p = 0.01$) and with ABI + P before ENZ (OR 3.192, $p = 0.02$). A major limitation of this study was missing data, a common problem in retrospective observational research.

Conclusions: The effect of ART2 seems to be low, with a low PSA response rate and a short treatment duration irrespective of interposed chemotherapy or radium-223, especially in patients with short time on castration, visceral disease, and ENZ before ABI + P.

Patient summary: We observed no differences in outcomes of patients treated with sequential abiraterone acetate plus prednisone (ABI + P) and enzalutamide (ENZ) with or without interposed chemotherapy or radium-223. In general, outcomes were lower than those in randomised trials, questioning the additional effect of second treatment with ABI + P or ENZ in daily practice.

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Research beyond 223Ra

	Radium-223	¹⁷⁷ Lu- PSMA
Emits	α-particles	β-particles; γ-rays
Half-life	11.4 days	6.7 days
Attaches to	Tissues that uptake calcium	Prostate cancer cells expressing the prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
Destroys metastases in	Bone only (areas of active calcium uptake)	Bone, lymph nodes, viscera, systemic micrometastases
Destructive range	Shorter range: < 0.1 mm or about 8 cells	Longer range: ~ 0.25 mm or about 125 cells
Cancer cell killing power	Higher	Lower
Imaging	Not detectable	Gamma camera (scintigraphy) or SPECT
Toxicity	Gastrointestinal, edema, myelosuppression	Myelosuppression (of platelets, neutrophils, and leukocytes)

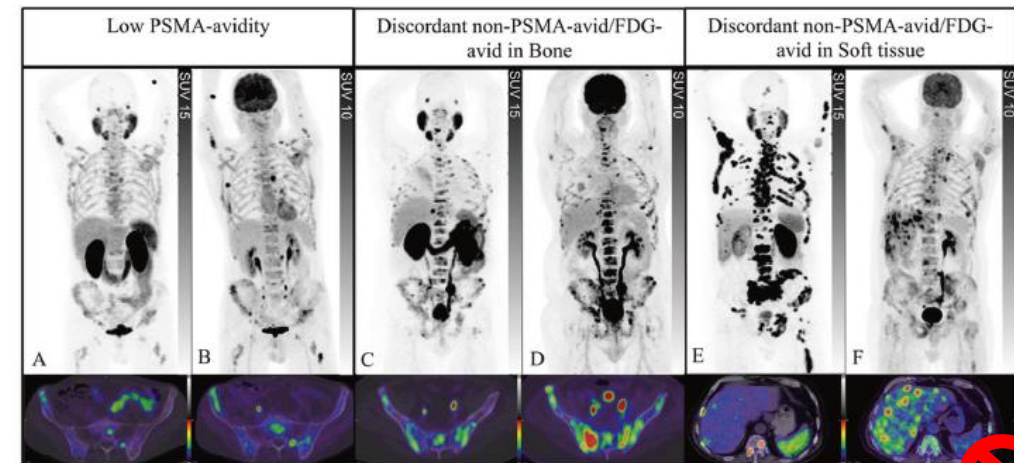
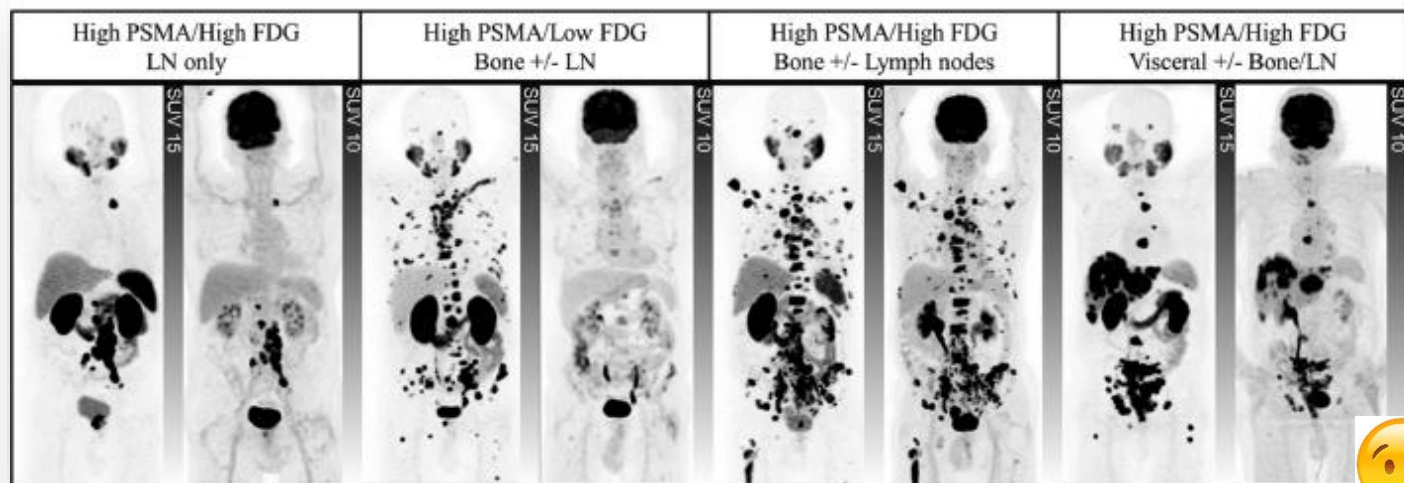
Lu177-PSMA

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Target – Therapy

Administered activity per treatment:

- Observational data range from 100–250 mCi
- An ongoing phase III study (VISION TRIAL NCT03511664) implemented a standard activity of 200mCi at 6-week intervals for a total of four to six cycles.

Time interval between cycles: 6–8 weeks

Number of cycles: two to six (depending on response, prognosis and renal risk factors)

EANM procedure guidelines for radionuclide therapy with ¹⁷⁷Lu-labelled PSMA-ligands (¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-RLT)



Established tolerance limits for

- red marrow are 2 Gy (single exposure)
- kidneys are 28–40 Gy (depending on risk factors; data for ¹⁷⁷Lu-PRRT considered more appropriate than literature data for external beam radiotherapy)
- salivary glands are 35 Gy

- **Since 2013** an increasing number of clinical publication promising efficacy of PSMA theranostic
- **Meta-analysis and reviews**

Radioligand Therapy With ^{177}Lu -PSMA for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

Yadav MP¹, Ballal S¹, Sahoo RK², Dwivedi SN³, Bal C¹.

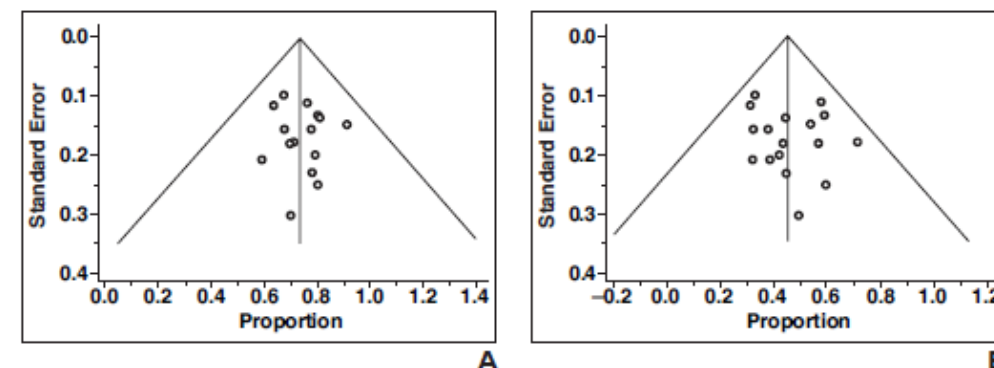
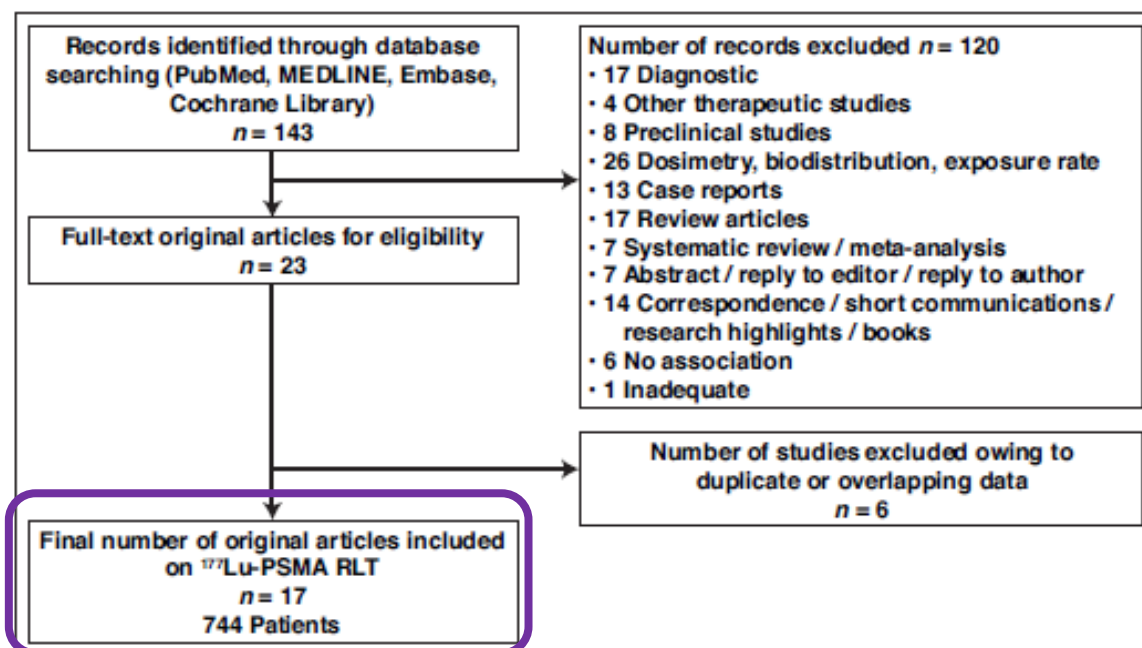


Fig. 2—Bias across studies.
A, Funnel plot shows frequency of any prostate-specific antigen (PSA) decline after ^{177}Lu -labeled prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) radioligand therapy (RLT).
B, Funnel plot shows frequency of greater than 50% PSA decline after ^{177}Lu -PSMA RLT.

Any PSA decline

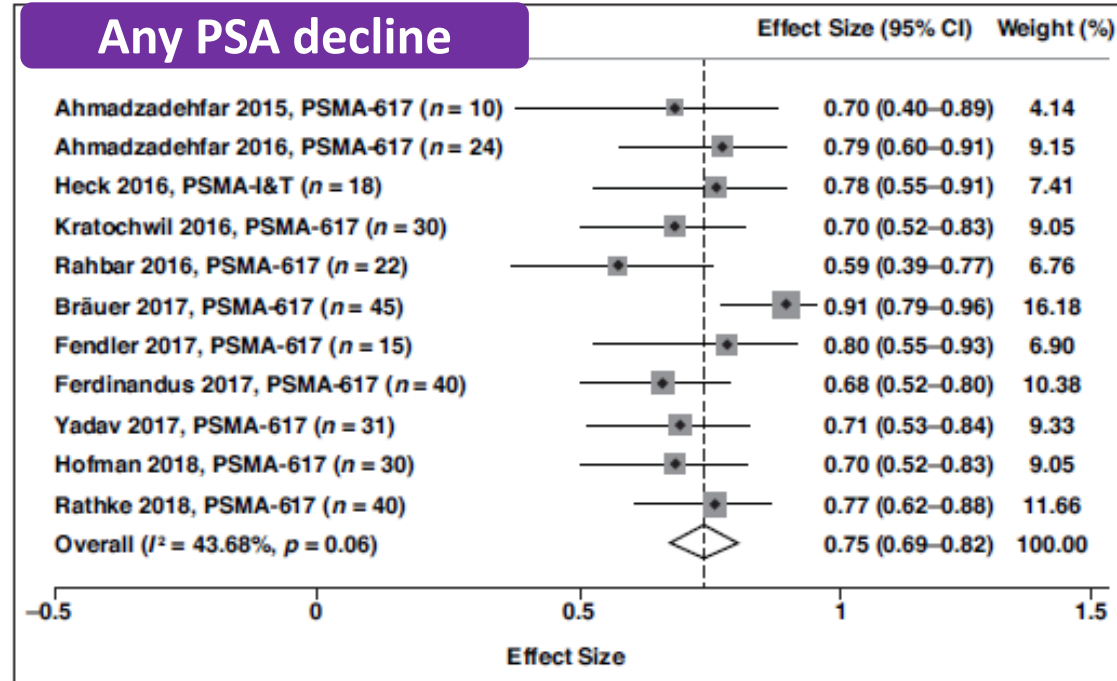


Fig. 4—Forest plot shows results of subgroup analysis for any prostate-specific antigen decline in 11 articles with patient population less than 50. PSMA = prostate-specific membrane antigen, I&T = imaging and therapy.

PSA decline >50%

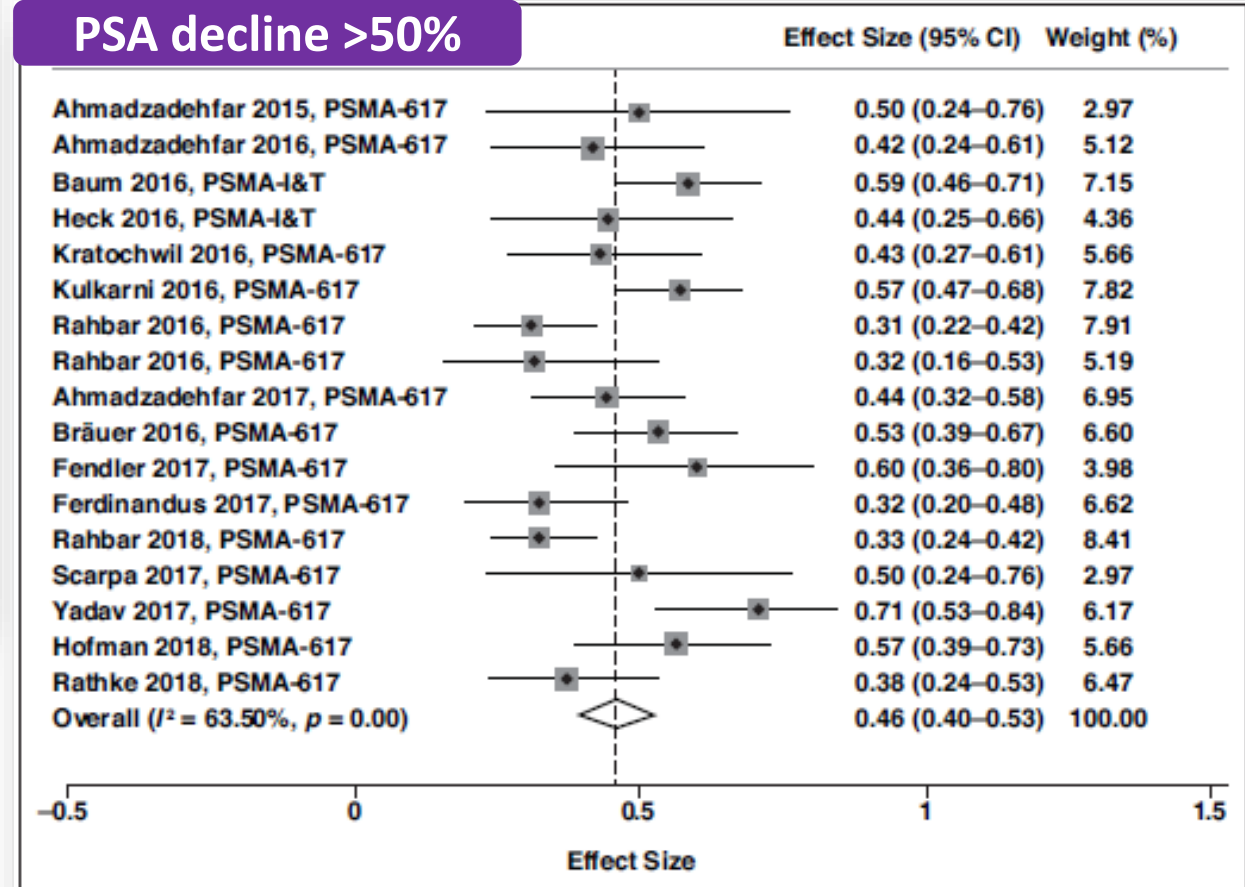


Fig. 6—Forest plot shows greater than 50% decline in prostate-specific antigen level after ^{177}Lu -labeled prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) radioligand therapy. I&T = imaging and therapy.

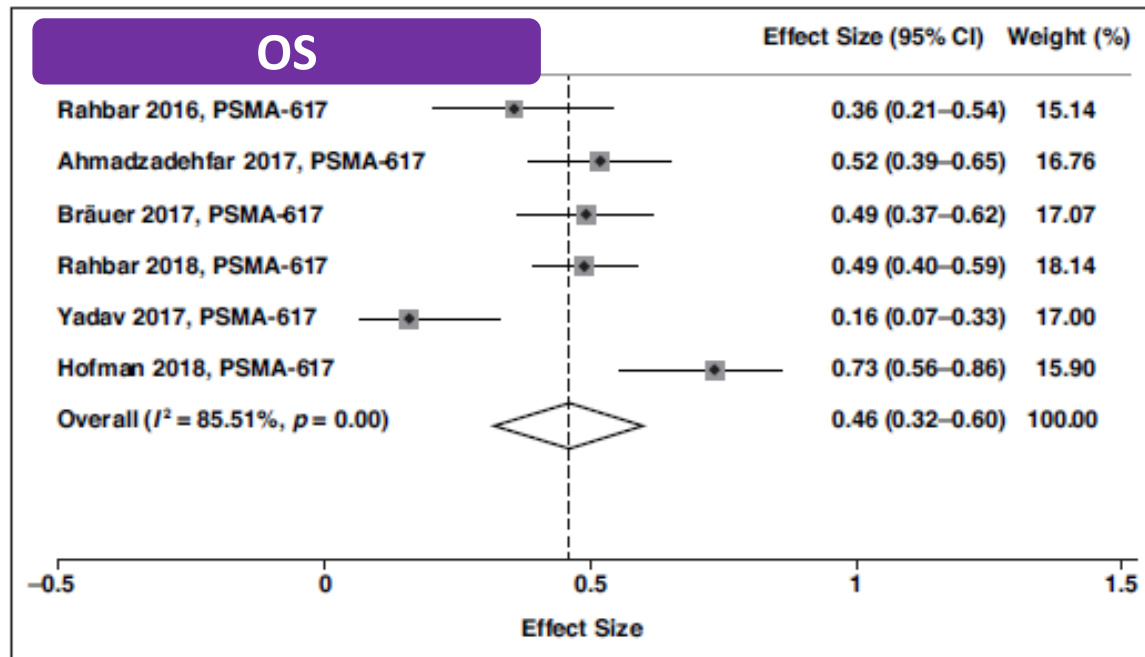


Fig. 8—Forest plot shows pooled proportion of overall survival in six articles on ^{177}Lu -labeled prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) radioligand therapy.

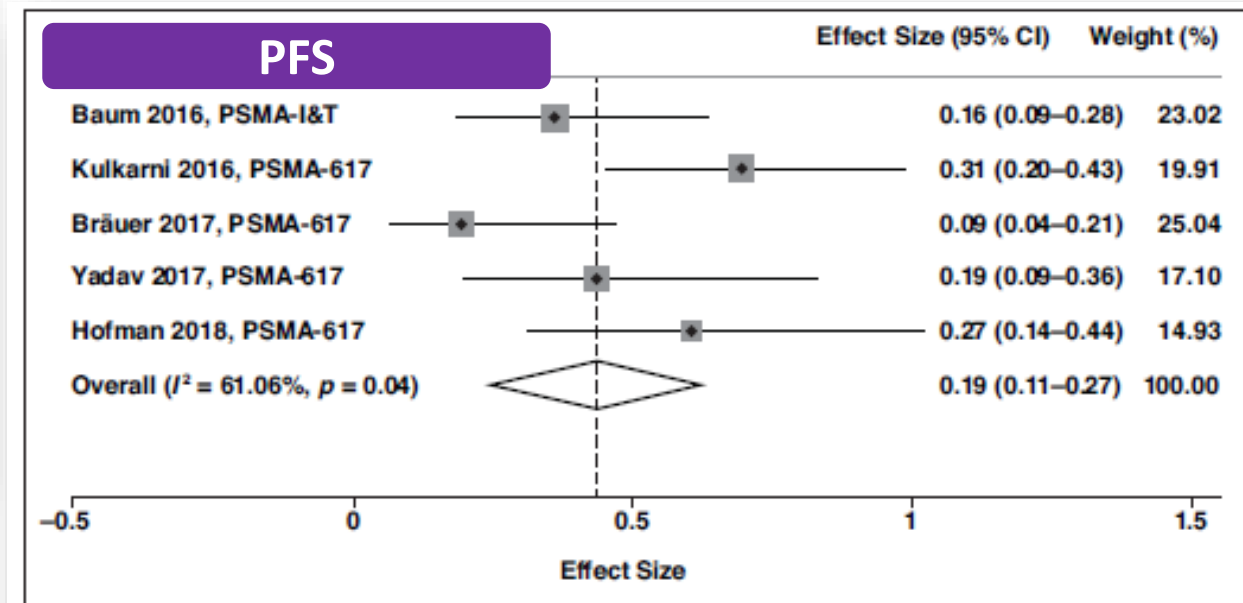


Fig. 9—Forest plot shows progression-free survival in five articles on ^{177}Lu -labeled prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) radioligand therapy. I&T = imaging and therapy.

Toxicities		Total No. of Patients	Hematologic Toxicity			Nephrotoxicity	Salivary Gland Toxicity	Other Manifestations (%)
Study	Agent		Hemoglobin	WBC Count	Platelets			
Ahmadzadehfar et al. 2015 [12]	PSMA-617	10	1 (10)	1 (10)	1 (10)	2 (20)	2 (20)	Fatigue, 20; nausea 20
Ahmadzadehfar et al. 2016 [13]	PSMA-617	24	9 (38)	5 (21)	4 (17)	3 (12.5)	2 (9)	Nausea and vomiting, 12.5; dry lips or mouth, 4.2; light headache, 2.2; bone pain, 4.2 (immediate side effects)
Baum et al. 2016 [14]	PSMA-I&T	56	3 (5)	9 (16)	0	0	2 (4)	None
Heck et al. 2016 [15]	PSMA-I&T	22	7 (32)	1 (5)	6 (25)	NR	8 (37)	Fatigue, 25; anorexia, 25
Kratochwil et al. 2016 [16]	PSMA-617	30	3 (10)	2 (7)	2 (7)	0	2 (7)	Fatigue grade 1, nausea grade 1
Kulkarni et al. 2016 [17]	PSMA-617 & PSMA-I&T	119	5 (4)	NR	NR	NR	NR	Mild fatigue, dryness of mouth, 4.2
Rahbar et al. 2016 [18]	PSMA-617	74	27 (36)	12 (16)	17 (23)	4 (5.4)	7 (9)	Nausea grade 1, 1.4
Rahbar et al. 2016 [19]	PSMA-617	28	6 (20)	3 (11)	5 (23)	1 (4.5)	0	Nausea, 4.5
Ahmadzadehfar et al. 2017 [20]	PSMA-617	52	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Bräuer et al. 2017 [21]	PSMA-617	59	51 (85)	23 (38)	28 (47)	51 (85)	15 (25)	Nausea, 15; diarrhea, 3; fatigue, 20; dry eye, 2
Fendler et al. 2017 [22]	PSMA-617	15	10 (67)	8 (53)	2 (13)	14 (93)	7 (46.6)	Fatigue, 33; dry mouth, 47; nausea, 33; dysgeusia, 20
Ferdinandus et al. 2017 [23]	PSMA-617	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rahbar et al. 2018 [24]	PSMA-617	104	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Scarpa et al. 2017 [25]	PSMA-617	10	5 (50)	NR	NR	2 (20)	3 (30)	Pain, 60; fatigue, 20; nausea or loss of appetite, 10; constipation, 10
Yadav et al. 2017 [26]	PSMA-617	31	2 (7)	1 (3)	0	0	0	NR
Hofman et al. 2018 [31]	PSMA-617	30	8 (26)	32 (30)	9 (30)	NR	26 (87)	Nausea, 50; fatigue, 50; fracture, 6
Rathke et al. 2018 [27]	PSMA-617	40	0	5 (12.5)	2 (5)	NR	NR	NR

Note—Unless otherwise indicated, values are number of patients with percentage in parentheses. NR = not reported. I&T = imaging and therapy.

- **VISION Trial: ^{177}Lu -PSMA-617 vs standard of care**
 - Phase III trial (2 : 1)
 - Randomized **750 patients** with mCRPC → at least one regime of ChT and secondary hormonal manipulation
 - Primary end point: OS and PFS
 - Enrollment end in 2019

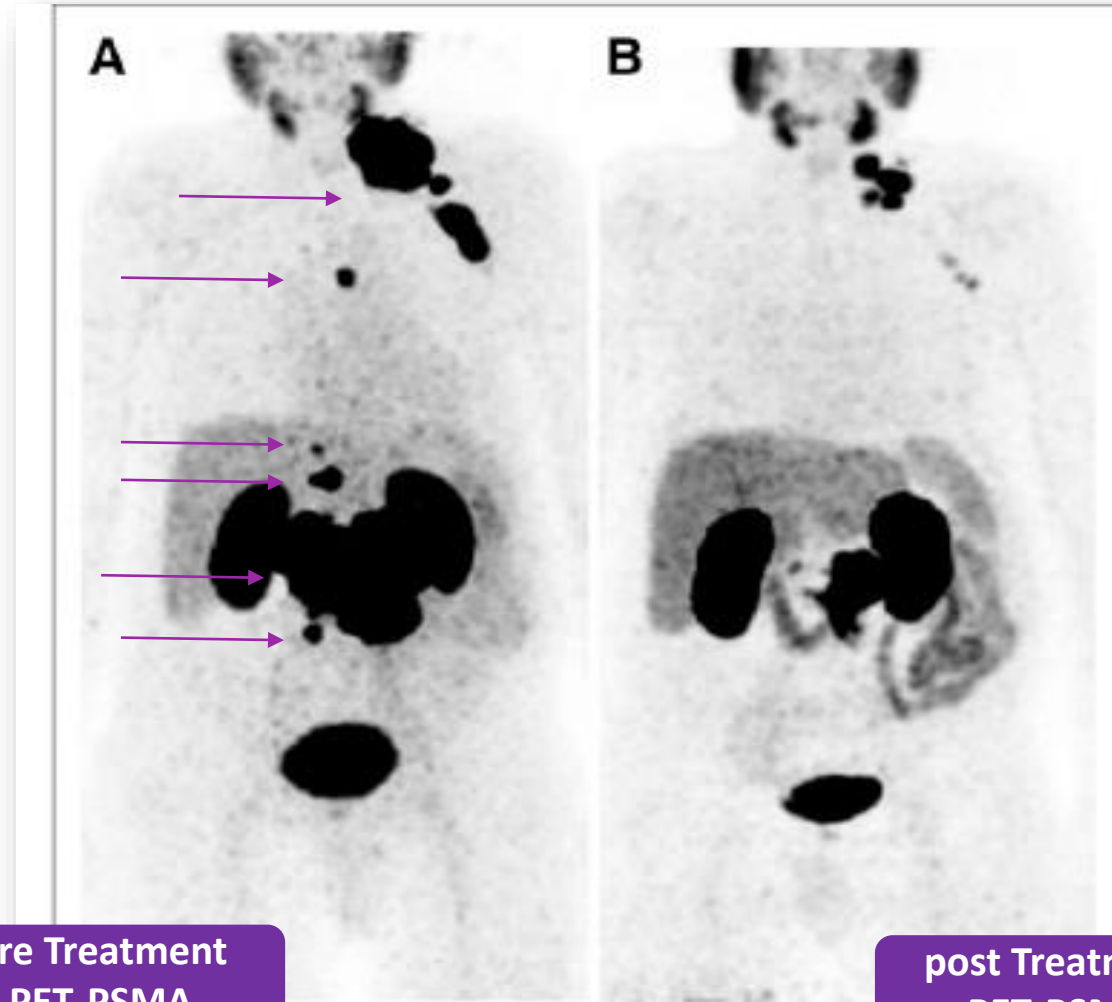
If VISION succeeds, it establishes a new line of therapy for prostate cancer that becomes the developmental paradigm for theranostics; the ability to use ^{68}Ga -PSMA-617-based imaging to identify patients for treatment with ^{177}Lu -PSMA-617. If successful, it may become impossible to conduct any subsequent study testing whether the VISION target population benefits from ^{177}Lu -PSMA-617 in terms of overall survival. Alternatively, if VISION fails, meaning that the largest well-designed and executed study of a theranostic pair has failed, this would be a drawback for the entire field of theranostics. Independent of the activity of the drug, success or failure is in the hands of the clinical investigators and their ability to maintain the integrity of the VISION study as it is designed.

- **TheraP: ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617** (up to 6 cycles) vs Cabazitaxel (II°line ChT, up to 10 cycles)
 - Phase II trial
 - 200 patients with mCRPC → progression despite hormonal therapy and first line ChT
 - Primary end point: PSA response rate
 - Secondary end point: pain response, PFS, QoL and averse events
 - **LuPARP: ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 +/- Olaparib**
 - Phase I trial, open-label, multicenter
 - mCRPC progressed with androgen receptor target therapy (abiraterone or enxalutamide or apalutamide) and No prior exposure to platinum agents
 - Primary end point: safety and tolerability
 - Secondary end point: pain response, PFS, QoL and averse events
 - Enrollment ended
 - **PRINCE trial: ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 +/- Pembrolizumab**
 - Phase I/II trial
 - mCRPC
 - Primary end point: PSA response rate and adverse events.
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Lu177-PSMA

Initial stage: cT3acN1cM0 GS4+3
Hormone ablation therapy +EBRT
mCRPC → several systemic therapies
(Abiraterone acetate, Docetaxel and
Enzalutamide) → PD (lymphnodes)

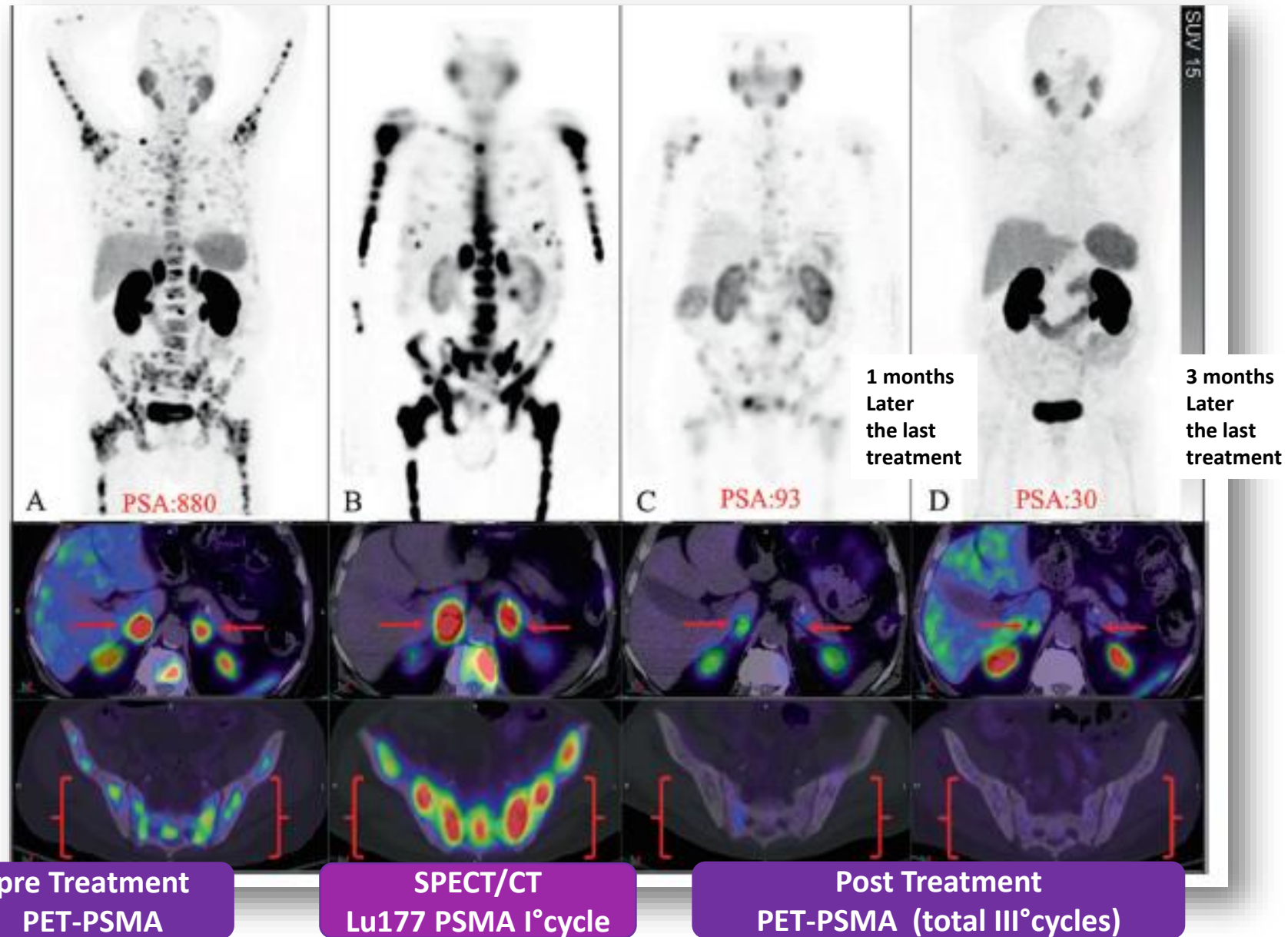
3 Cycles of ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA



pre Treatment
PET-PSMA

post Treatment
PET-PSMA

Lu177-PSMA



Nadir after 17Lu-PSMA:
PSA 7,3 ng/ml

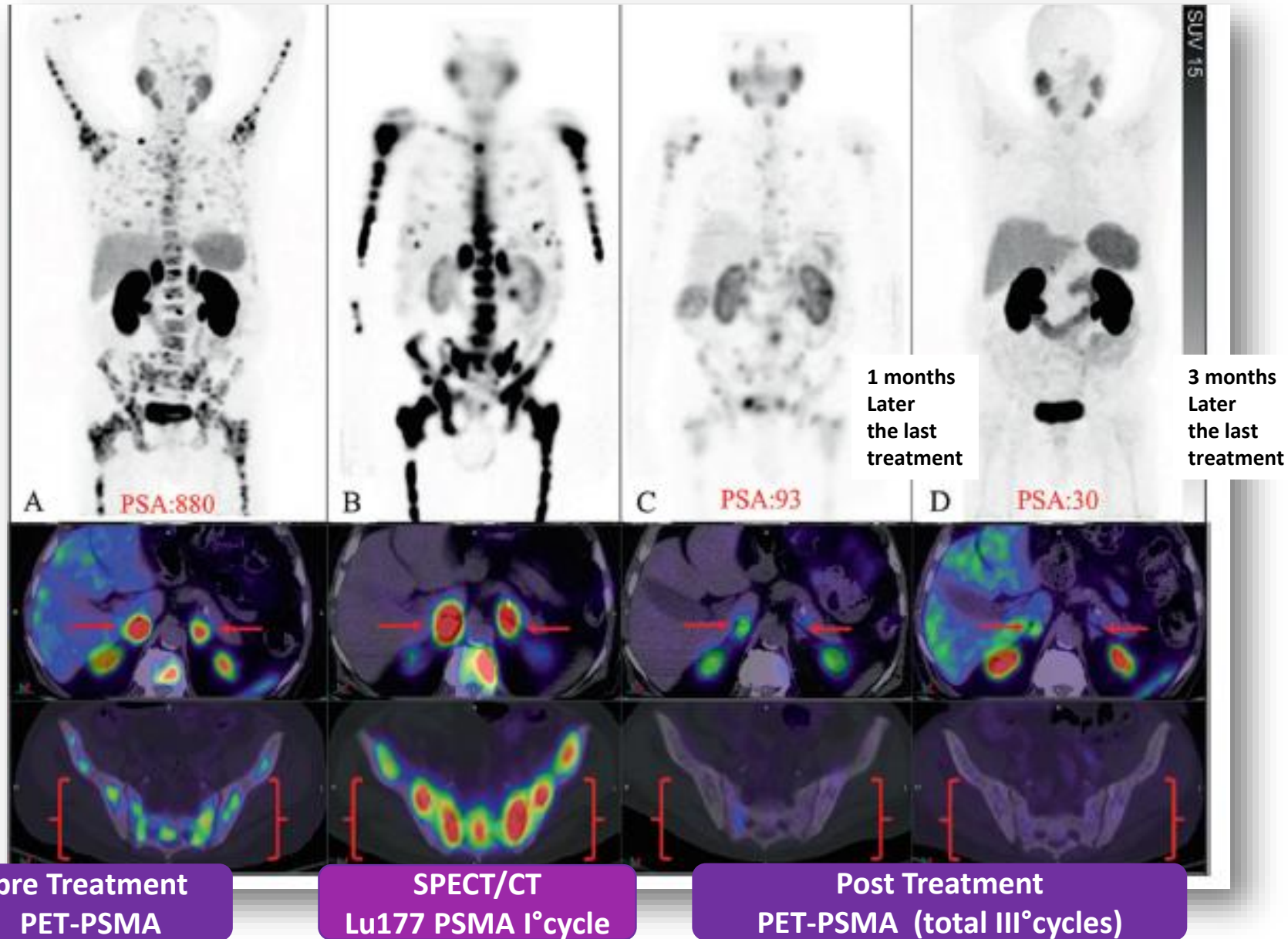
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**Exceptional
responders 16%
(8/50)**

NOT completed
the schedule IV° cycles
due to lack of residual
disease

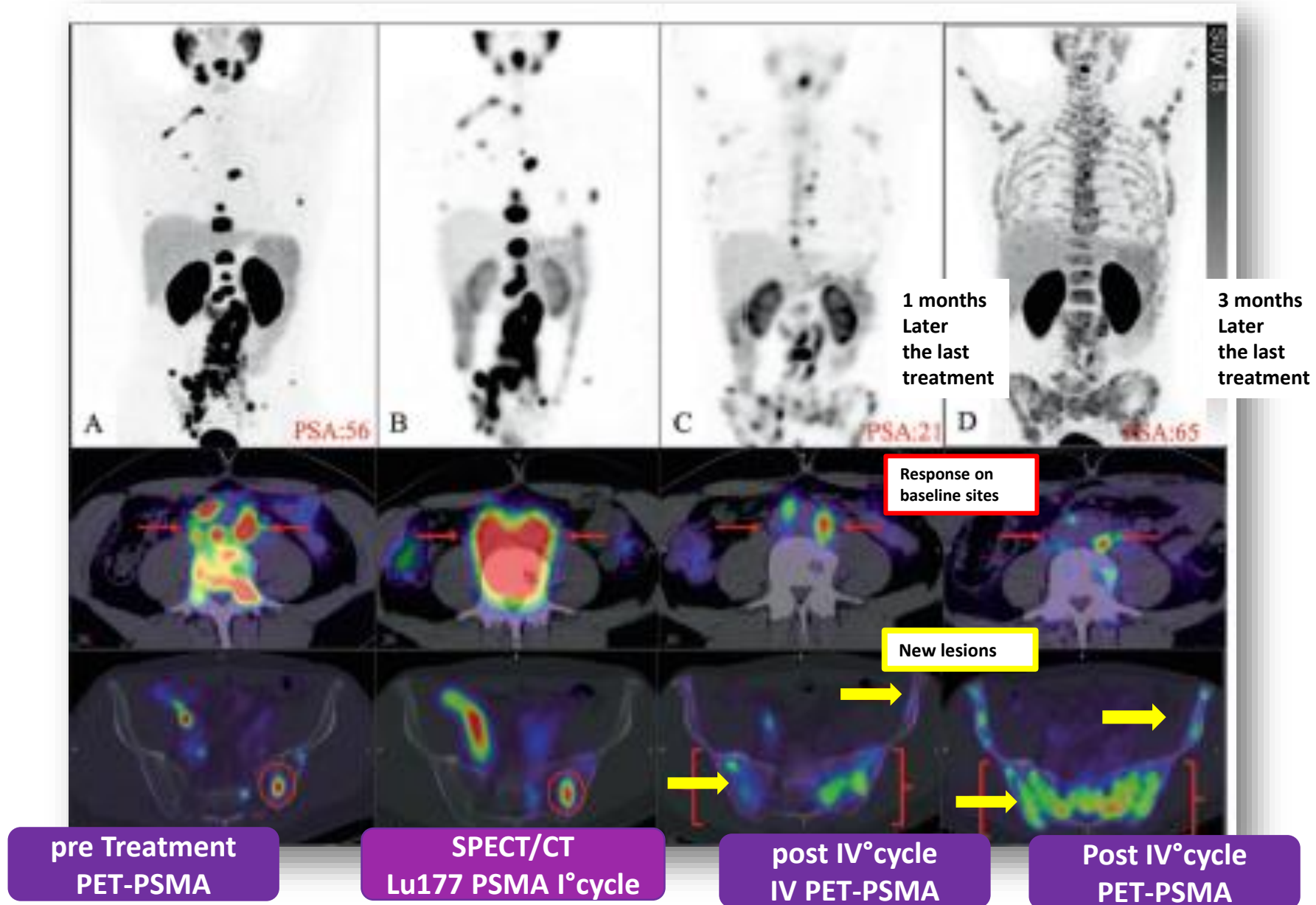


This exceptional
response should be
studied maybe with
DNA sequencing for
germline or somatic
mutations in DNA
repair pathways



Nadir after 17Lu-PSMA:
PSA 7,3 ng/ml

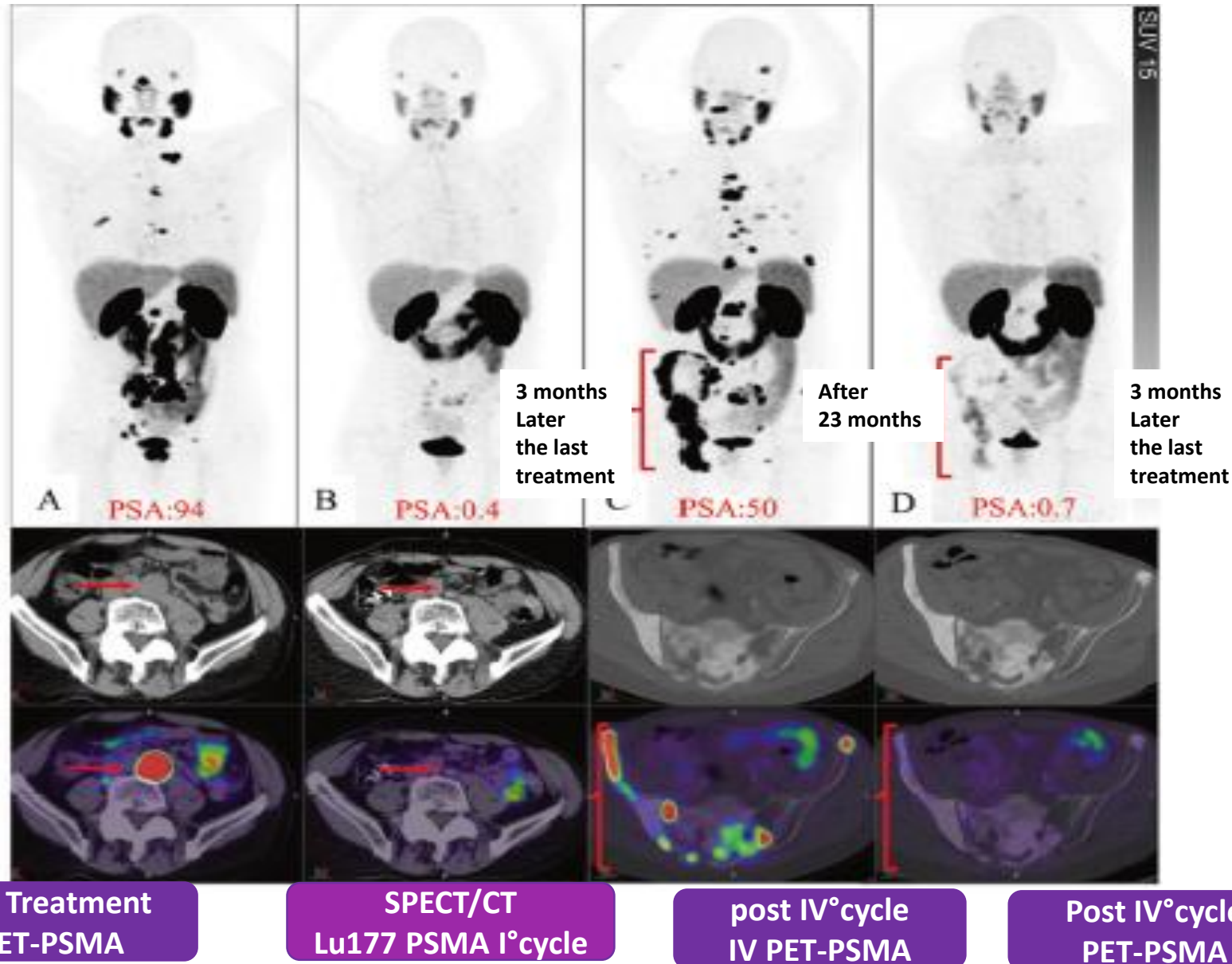
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Retreatment
First treatment: III
Cycles

After 23 months:
II more cycles.



- **Alpha therapy** with radiolabeled PSMA inhibitors
- Some issues:
 - Side effect
 - Xerostomia (nonspecific binding to normal tissues such as salivary gland and kidneys) and in a study 10% discontinued therapy due to this side effect. → Several groups are trying different techniques of blocking the salivary glands.
 - Hematologic toxicity in the form of anemia was seen in 37% (but mild: mainly G1-2)
 - Limited availability of 225Ac but new techniques have been investigated such as 225Ac production with low energy proton accelerators.

