



## STUDIO GIM2

Commento sulla metodologia

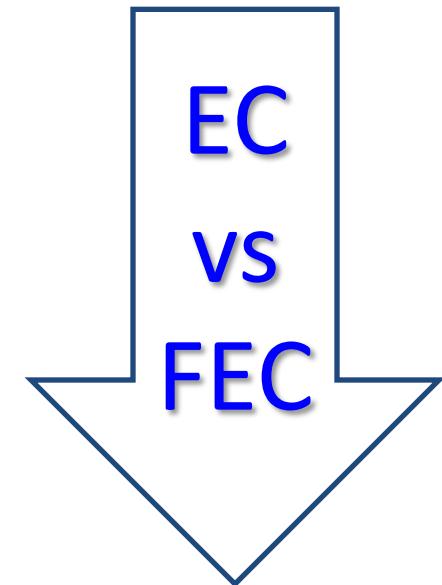
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# Obiettivi

- The study was aimed at assessing two separate hypotheses:
  - Efficacy and safety of 5-FU in addition to EC->T
  - Efficacy and safety of an increase in dose-density of CT
- Primary end point: Invasive Disease Free Survival (IDFS) (events: Invasive ipsilateral breast , local/regonal recurrence, distant recurrence, Death from any cause, invasive contralateral BC, second primary invasive cancer non breast)
- Secondary end points: Overall Survival, toxicity
- The study was designed to detect a 20% relative reduction in the incidence of relapse, second tumor or death (OR=0.80). Assuming an  $\alpha$  error of 0.05 (two sided) and a power of 0.80, 635 events were required (2000 pts with an average follow-up of 5.5-6 years)

# FACTORIAL STUDY

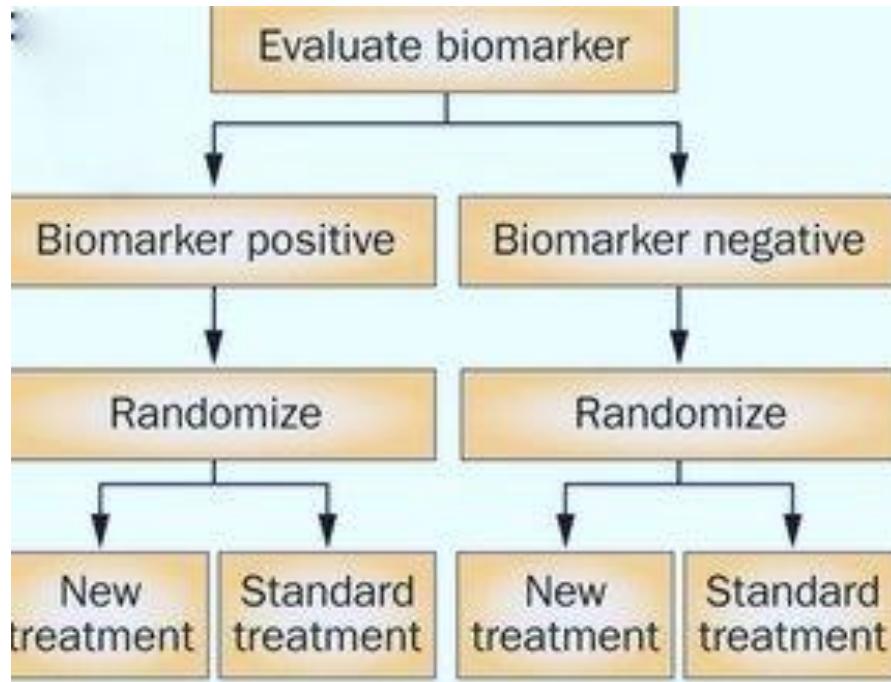
<p><b>ARM A</b> EC x 4 cycles -&gt; T x 4 cycles q3 wks</p>	<p><b>ARM C</b> EC x 4 cycles -&gt; T x 4 cycles q2 wks + Pegfilgrastim</p>
<p><b>ARM B</b> FEC x 4 cycles -&gt; T x 4 cycles q3 wks</p>	<p><b>ARM D</b> FEC x 4 cycles -&gt; T x cycles 4 q2 wks + Pegfilgrastim</p>



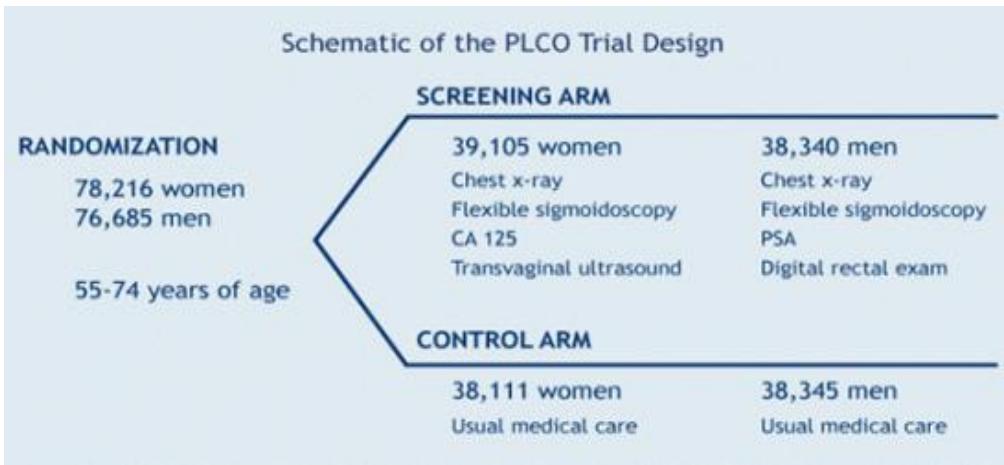
**q3 wks vs q2 wks** →

# Validità del disegno

- Un disegno fattoriale è
  - un disegno in cui due o più variabili, o fattori, sono impiegate in modo che tutte le possibili combinazioni dei valori selezionati di ciascuna variabile sono utilizzati.
- Permette di rispondere a più quesiti simultaneamente
- Appropriato se
  - le interazioni sono poco probabili
  - al contrario, si vuole testare l'interazione



- Testa l'interazione
- Non tutti i fattori sono assegnati dalla randomizzazione



- I fattori sono assegnati dalla randomizzazione
- Non testa l'interazione
  - per ogni fattore uno specifico outcome

- Analisi multiple
  - aumento degli errori  $\alpha$  e  $\beta$
- Bassa capacità di testare l'interazione
  - a parità di effetto
    - se per l'analisi principale potenza= 80%,  
per l'analisi di interazione potenza= 66%
  - a parità di potenza  $N_{int}=4N_{princ}$

## Factorial Design Considerations

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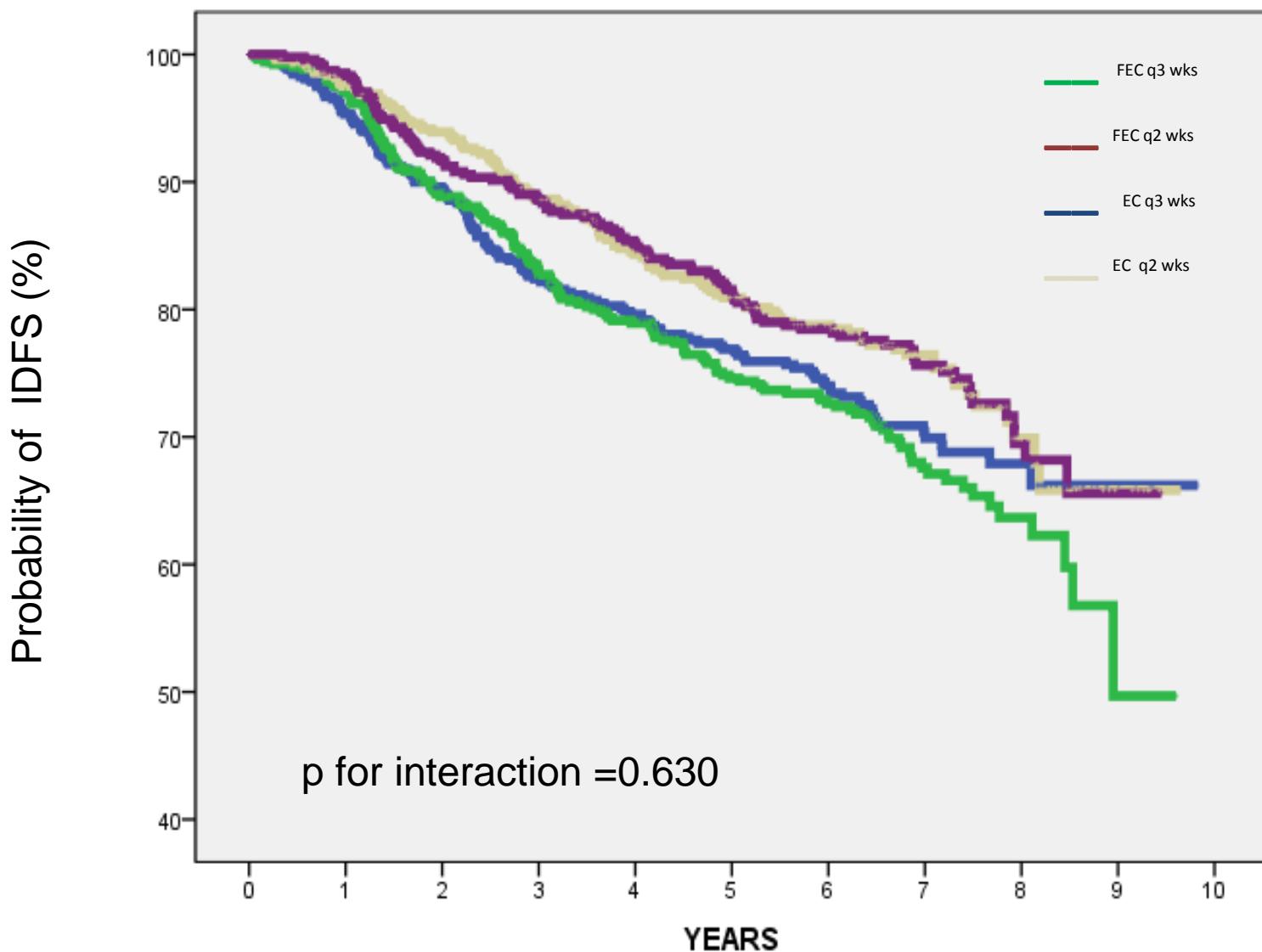
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Table 3. Probability of Correct Conclusion for the 12 Cases Summarized in Table 1\*

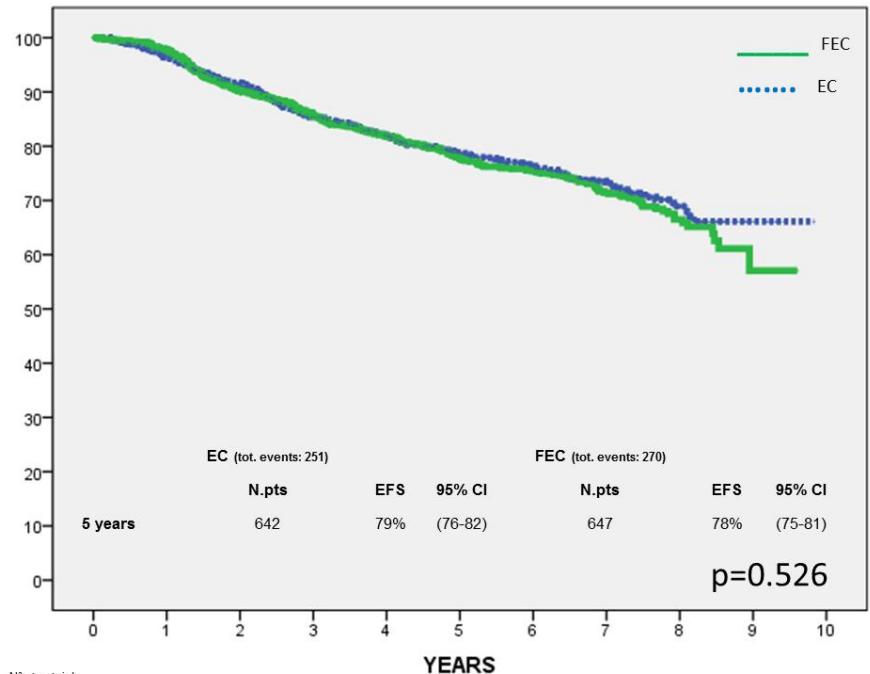
Main Effect	Case	Interaction	Best Arm	Approach 1	Approach 2	Approach 3
1: Neither CT alone nor RT alone effective compared with O		a: None—null case	O	0.890	0.865	0.972
		b: Unfavorable	O	0.999	0.914	0.926
		c: Favorable	CTRT	0.187	0.424	0.390
2: CT alone effective, RT alone not effective compared with O		a: None	CT	0.867	0.810	0.578
		b: Unfavorable	CT	0.437	0.601	0.432
		c: Favorable	CTRT	0.369	0.612	0.611
3: Each of CT alone and RT alone effective compared with O		a: None	CTRT	0.791	0.752	0.741
		b: Unfavorable	CT or RT	0.000	0.353	0.286
		c: Favorable	CTRT	0.985	0.990	0.990
4: CT alone effective, RT alone detrimental compared with O		a: None	CT	0.922	0.883	0.882
		b: Unfavorable	CT	0.422	0.659	0.659
		c: Favorable	CT	0.998	0.756	0.756

\*Three approaches were used: approach 1, no test of interaction; approach 2, test of interaction; approach 3, global test followed by test of interaction. Probabilities were estimated based on 2,500 repetitions. All testing was performed at the 0.05 level except the test for interaction (0.10). All testing was one-sided except tests for CT v RT and interaction.

# Risultati



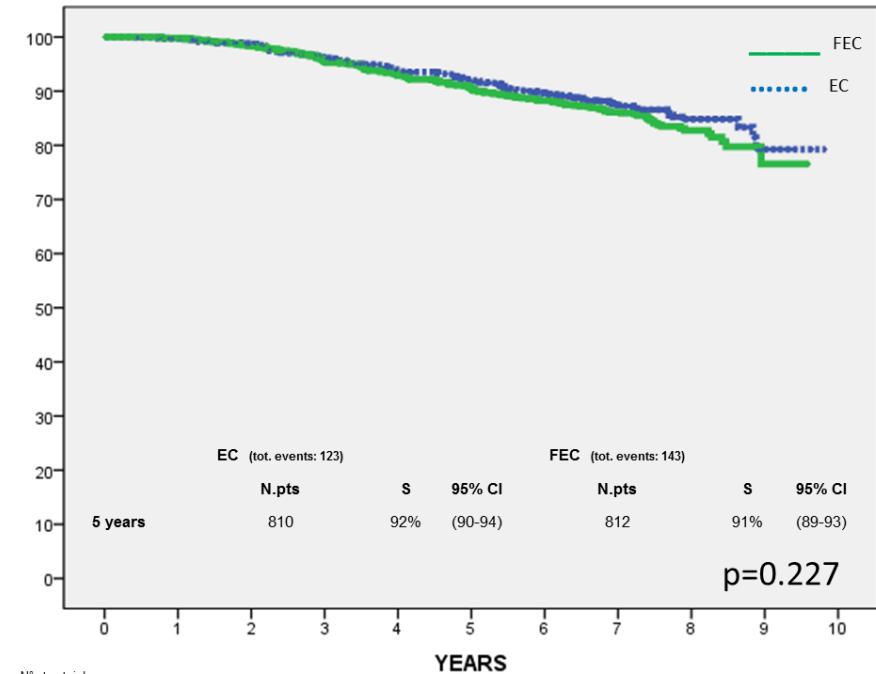
Probability of IDFS (%)



N° pts at risk

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
EC	1047	953	875	793	720	642	533	293	93	13	-
FEC	1044	970	865	794	723	647	553	322	111	12	-

Probability of Overall Survival (%)

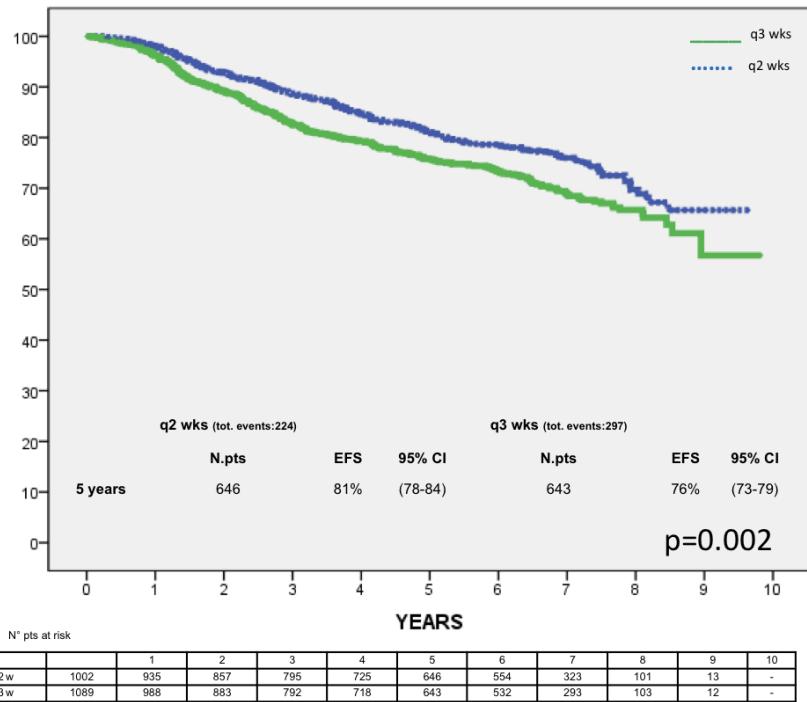


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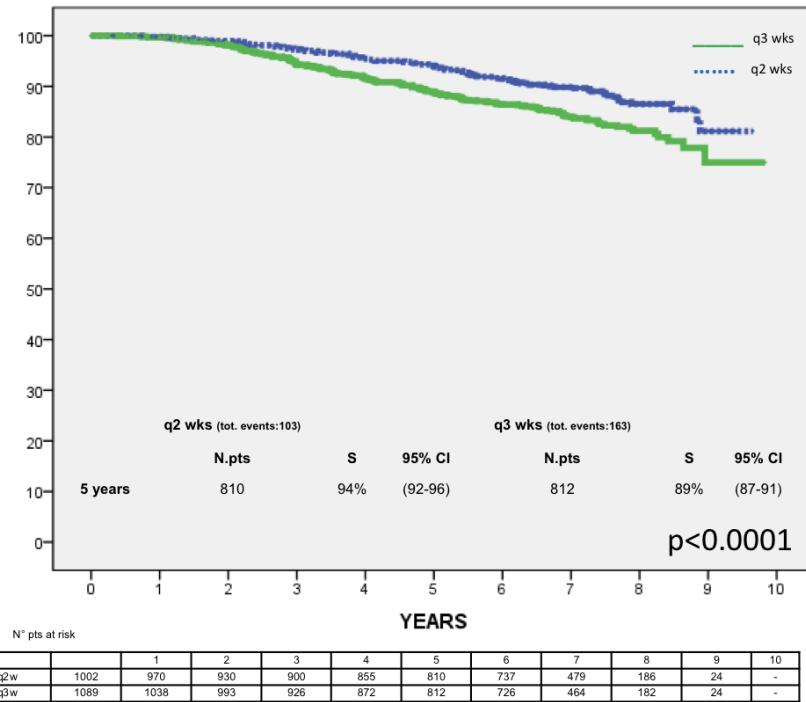
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
EC	1047	1004	959	914	866	810	735	461	178	28	-
FEC	1044	1004	963	912	861	812	728	481	190	20	-

Effetti principali EC vs. FEC

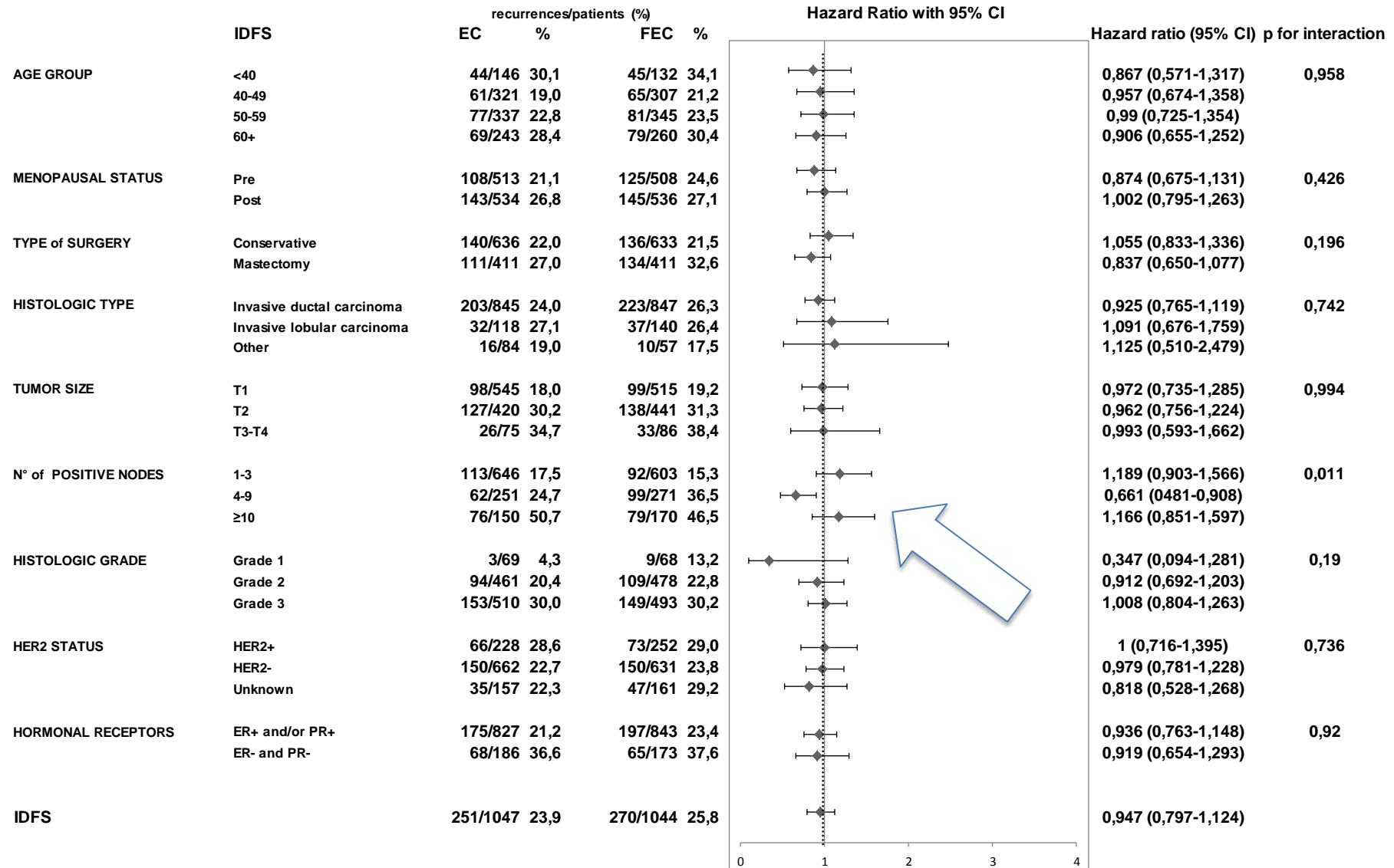
### Probability of IDFS (%)



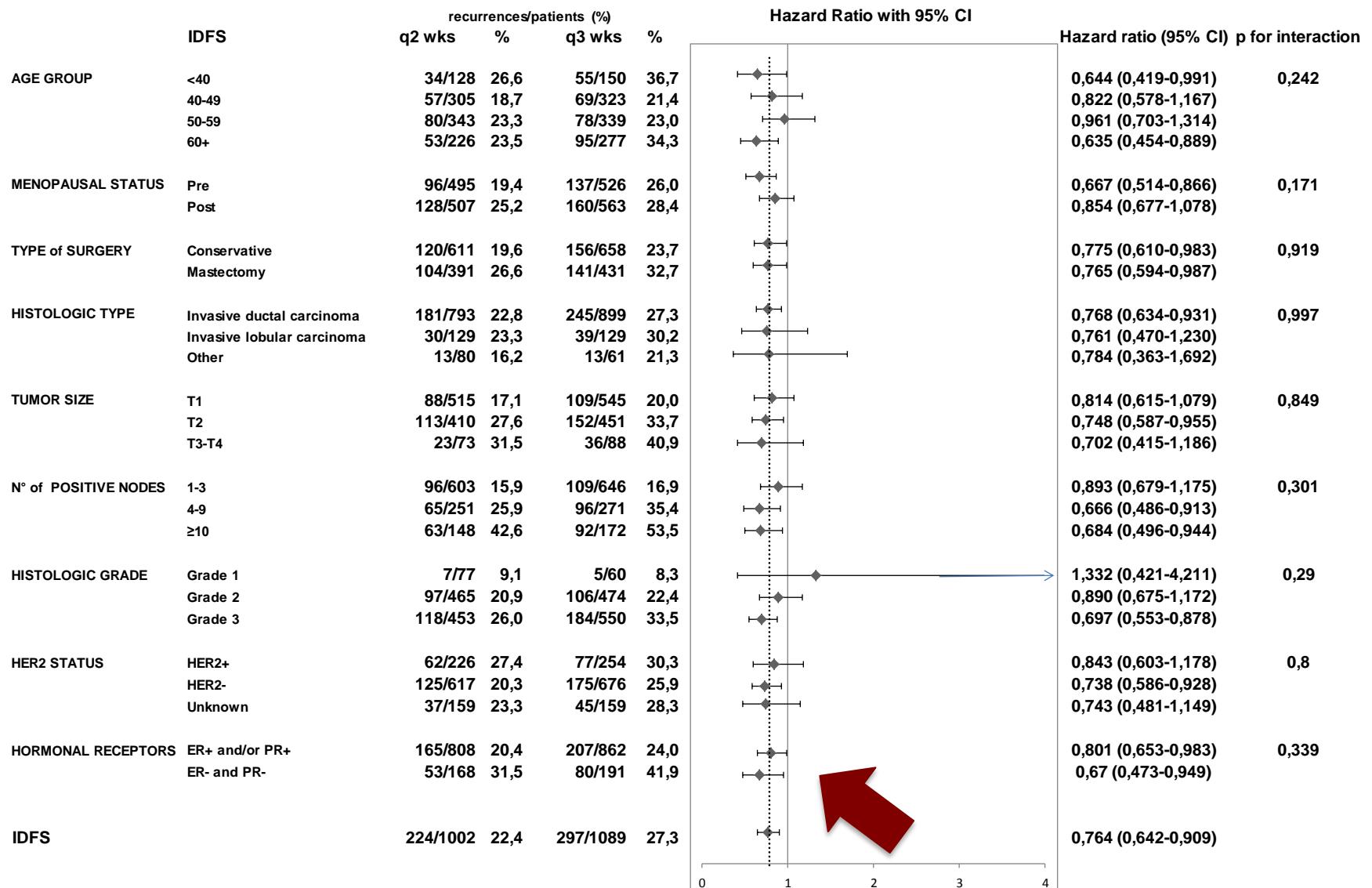
### Probability of Overall Survival (%)



Effetti principali q14 vs. q21



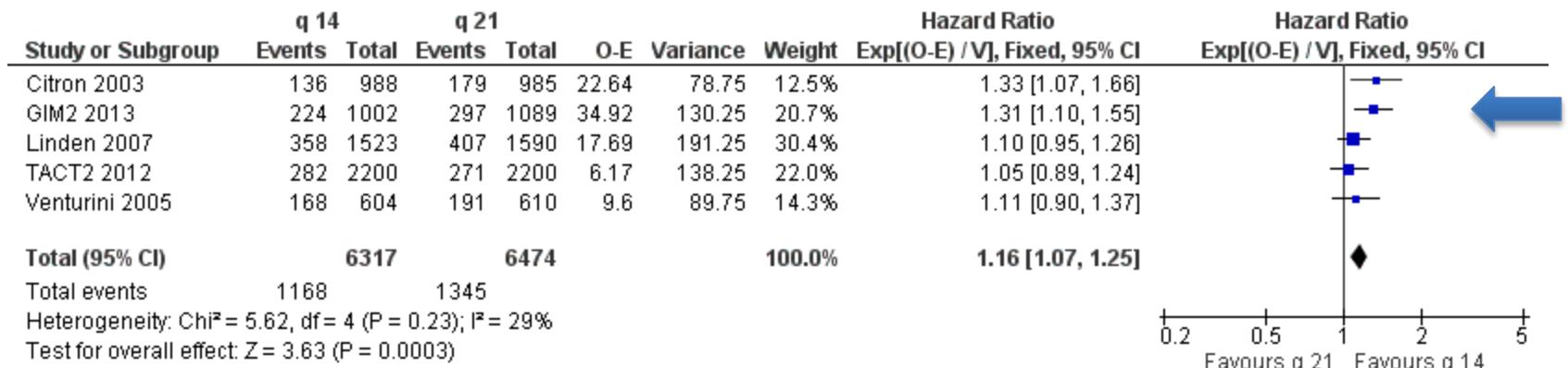
Analisi di sottogruppi EC vs FEC



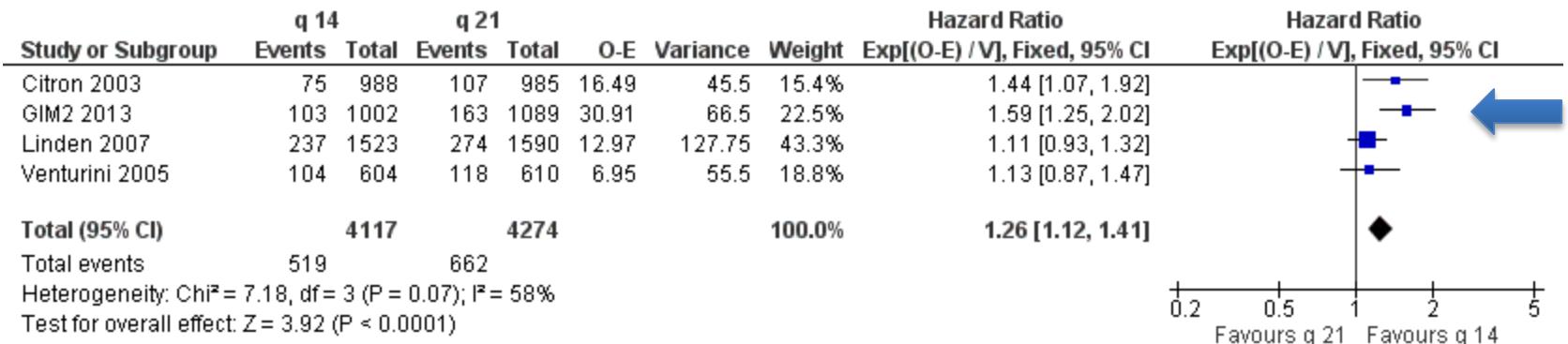
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# Il contesto

## RFS



## OS



# Conclusioni

- Validità buona
  - potenza forse un po' bassa per l'interazione
  - indicatori primari potenzialmente suscettibili di bias operativi
- Generalizzabilità dei risultati buona
- Risultati rilevanti per il quesito dose-density
- Consistenza con dati esterni