

What to do after failure of BCG?

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Why is this important?



~ 1.2 Million Doses of BCG used globally
for Bladder Cancer

How common is BCG failure?

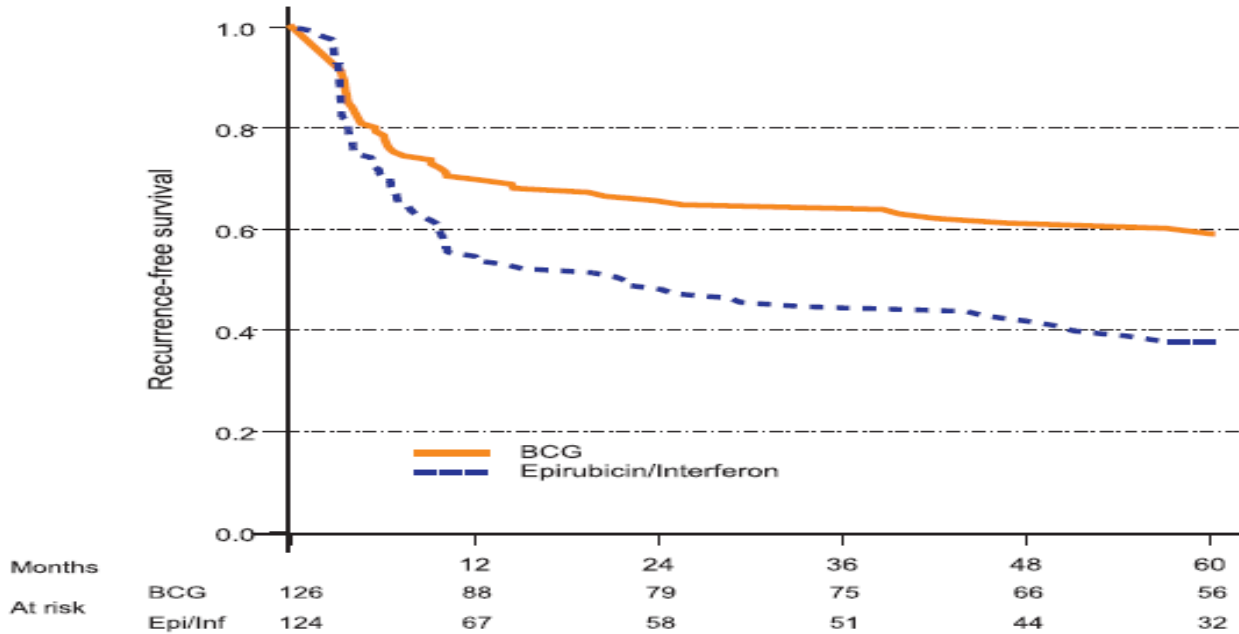
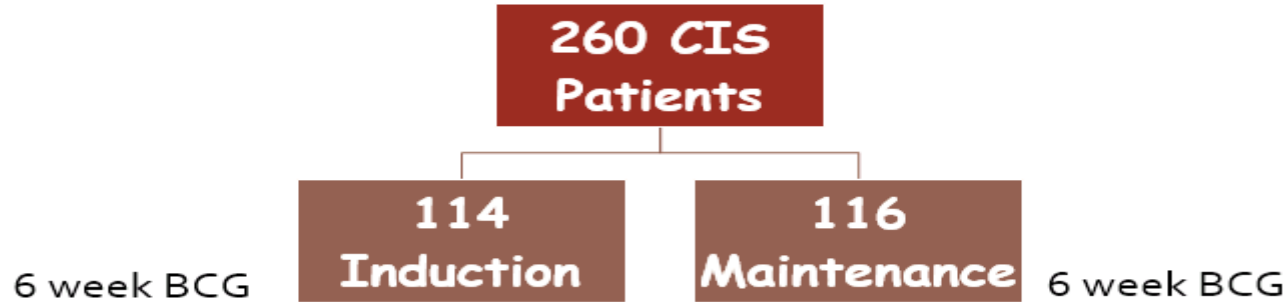


Figure 3. RFS according to randomization arm ($p = 0.001$)

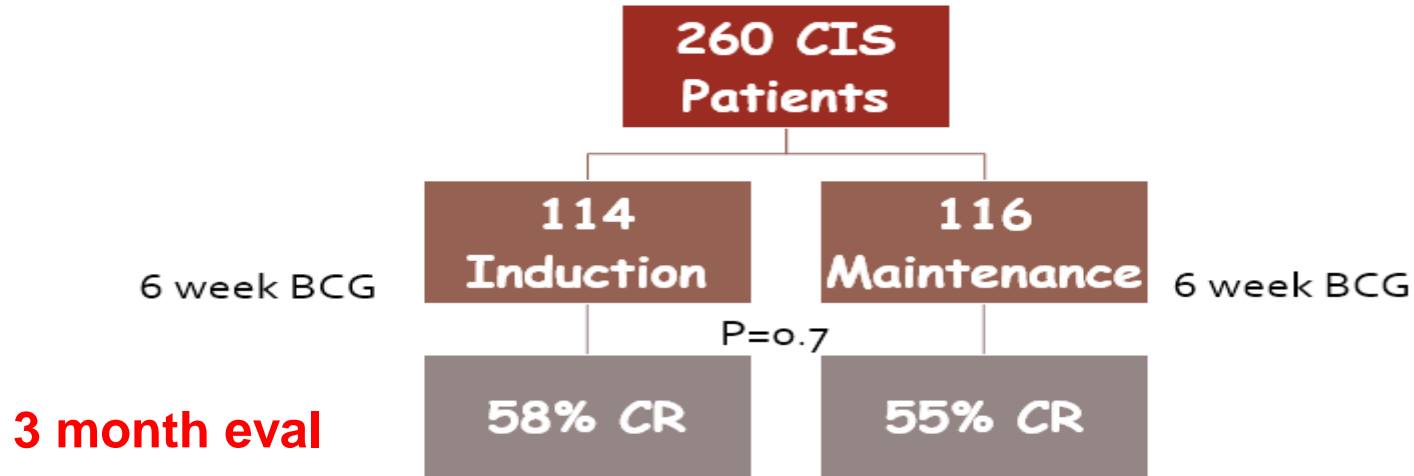
Definition of BCG Failure

- Must include clear definition of ADEQUATE prior BCG therapy
- BCG Induction (6 weeks) plus at least one course of Maintenance BCG (3 weeks)
- Persistent disease at/after **6 month** time point after initiation of therapy
 - Exception Ta/Tis -> T1 at 3 mos

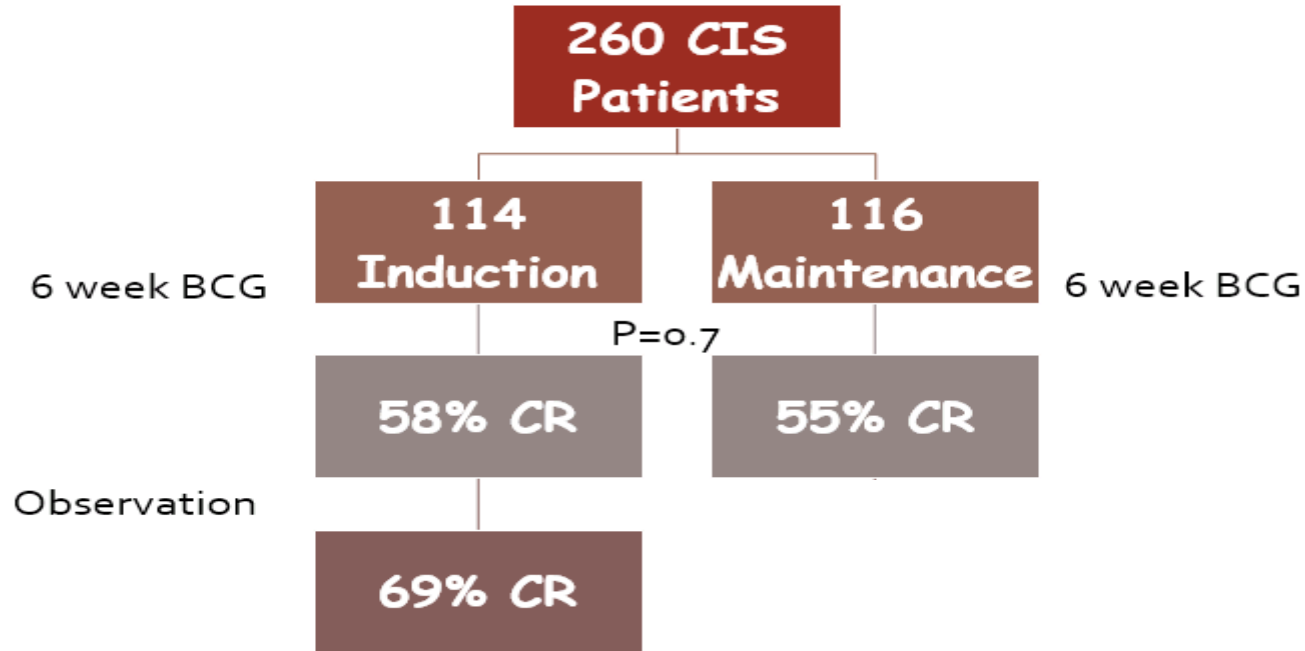
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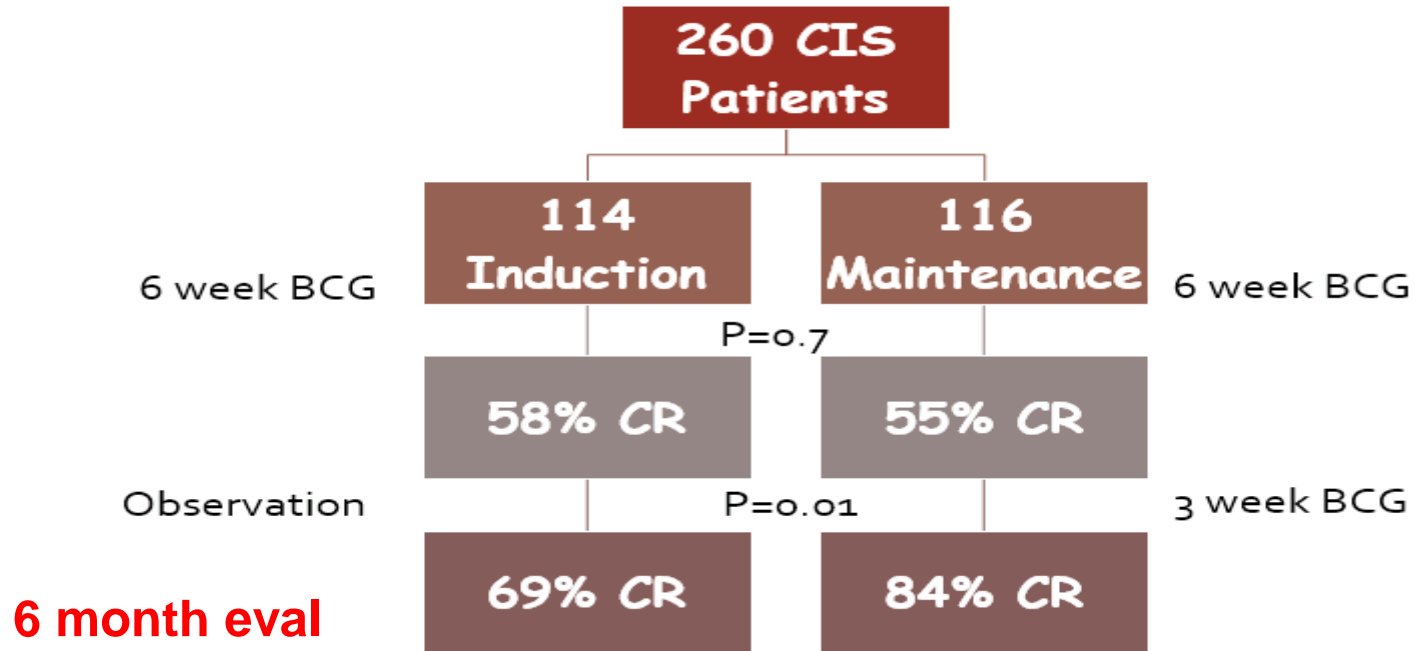
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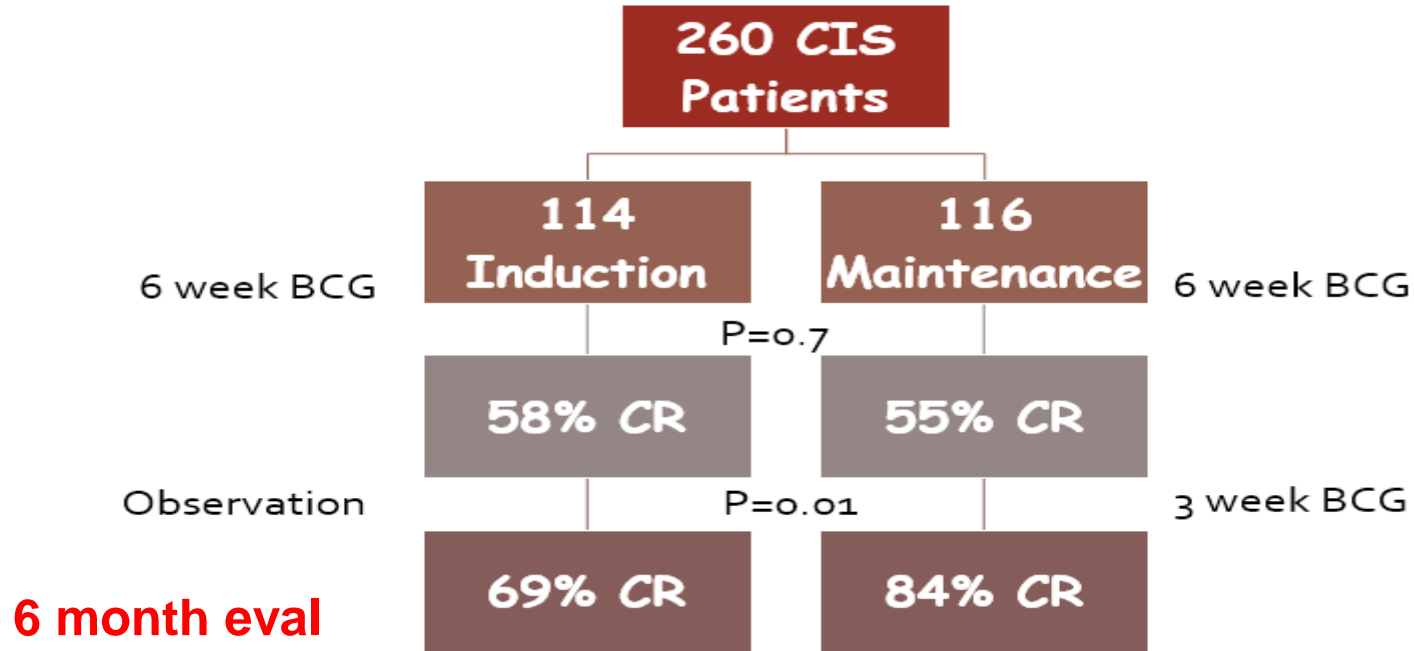
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64% of 'failures' salvaged with 3 weeks of BCG

BCG unresponsive NMIBC

- Persistent high grade disease at 6 months cysto
after **BCG-Unresponsive
Nonmuscle Invasive Bladder
Cancer: Developing Drugs
and Biologics for Treatment
Guidance for Industry** at 3 mos
- Prognosis
cys
- Recurrence of HG disease while on
maintenance therapy

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Kamat et al, JCO, 2016;

Lerner et al, Bladder Cancer, 2016

Definitions, End Points, and Clinical Trial Designs for Non–Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer: Recommendations From the International Bladder Cancer Group

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BCG Unresponsive CIS

Initial complete response (CR) of **50% at 6 months**; durable response rate of at least **30% at 12 months** and **25% at 18 months**

BCG Unresponsive papillary disease

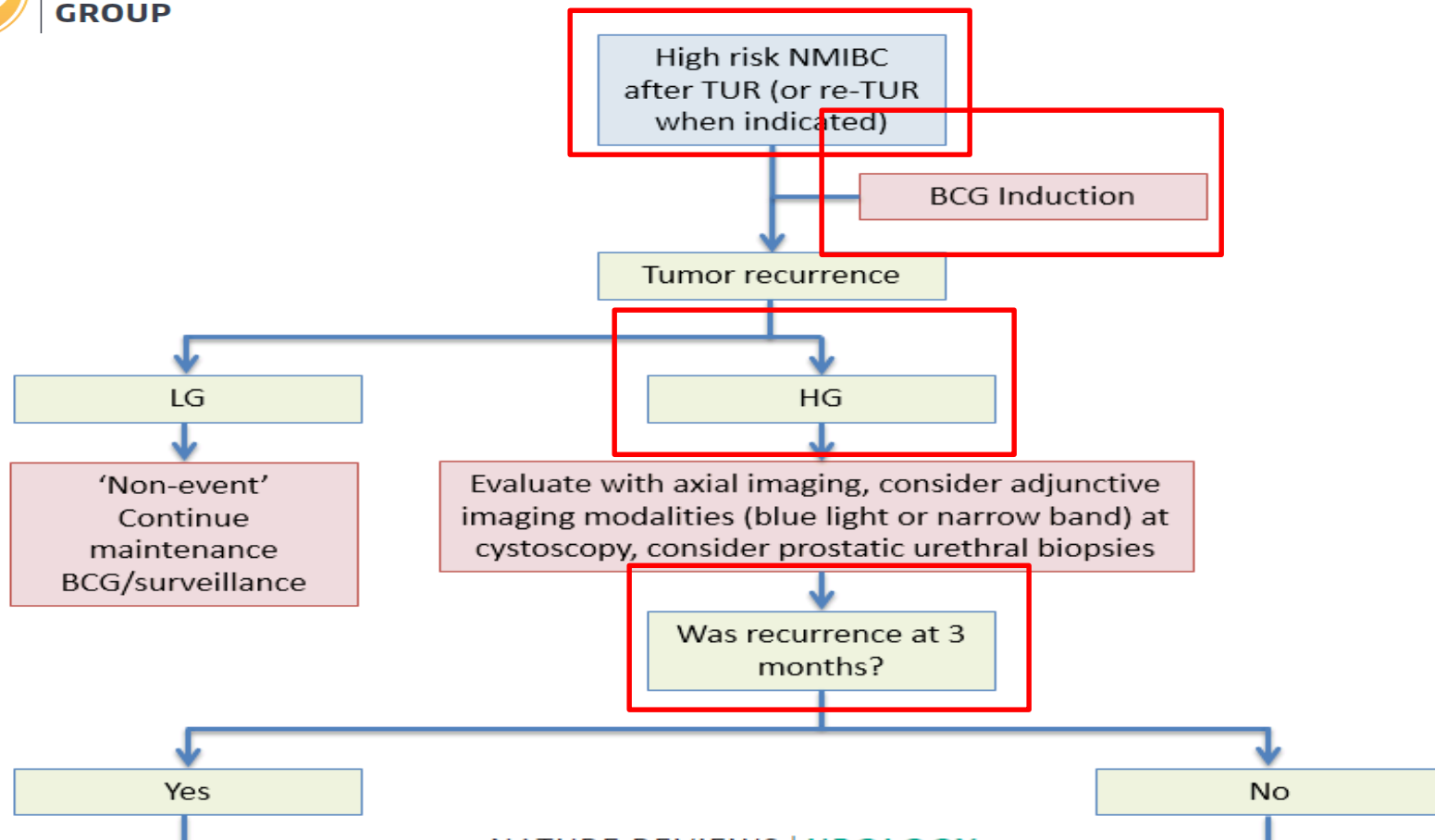
Recurrence free rate of **30% at 12 months** and **25% at 18 months**

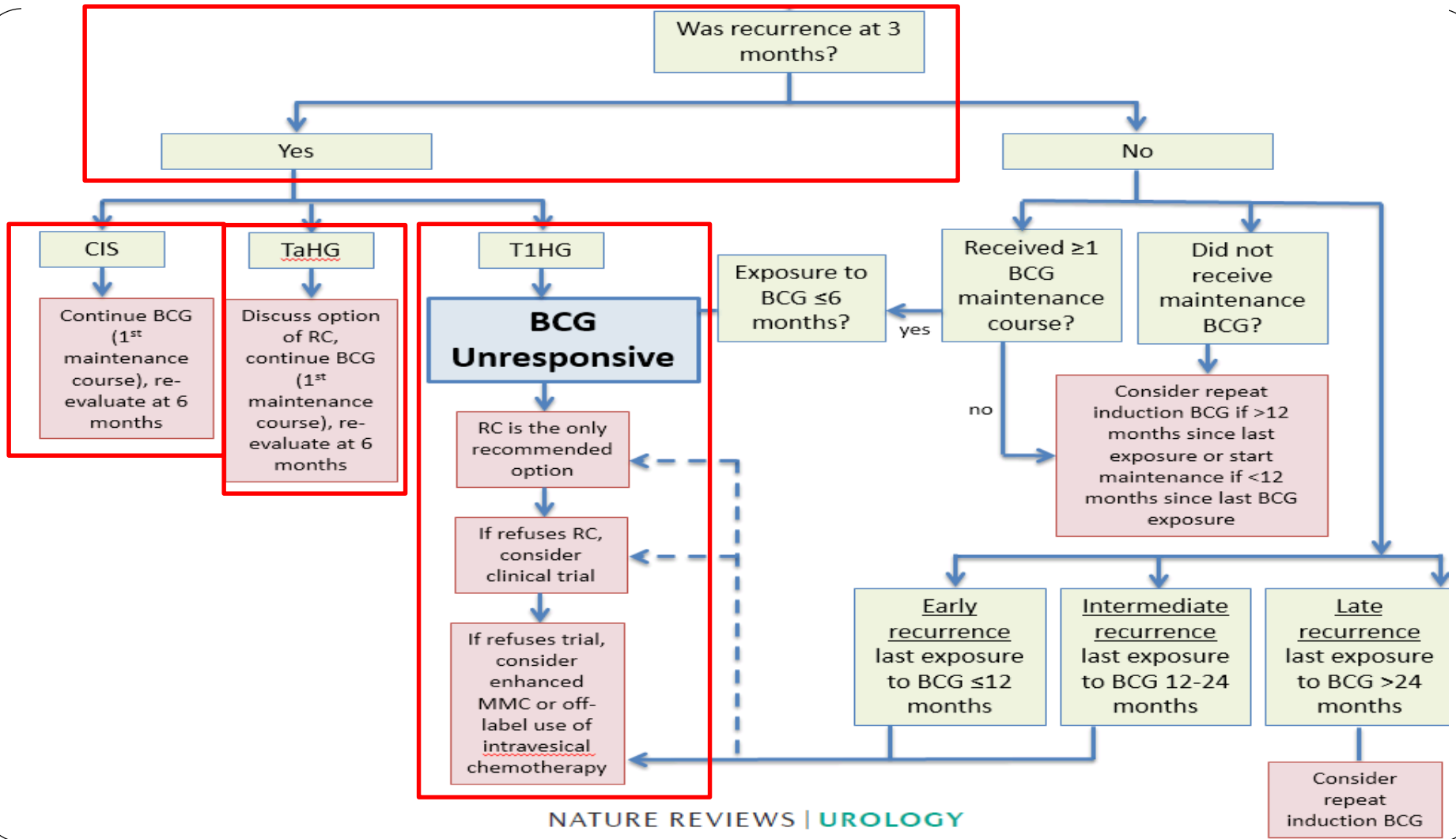


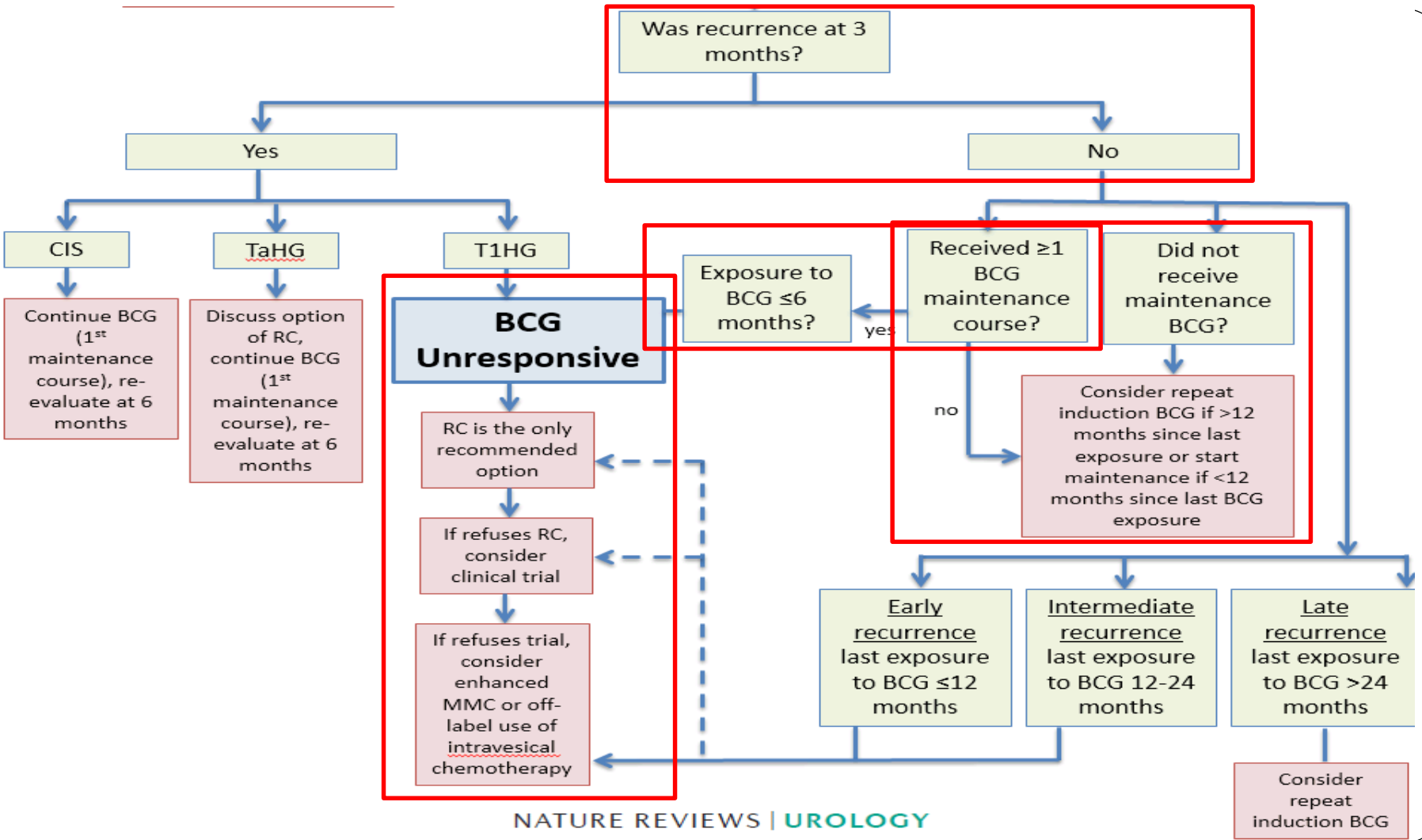
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BCG Unresponsive Non-muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer: Definition, Treatment Options and Management Recommendations from the IBCG

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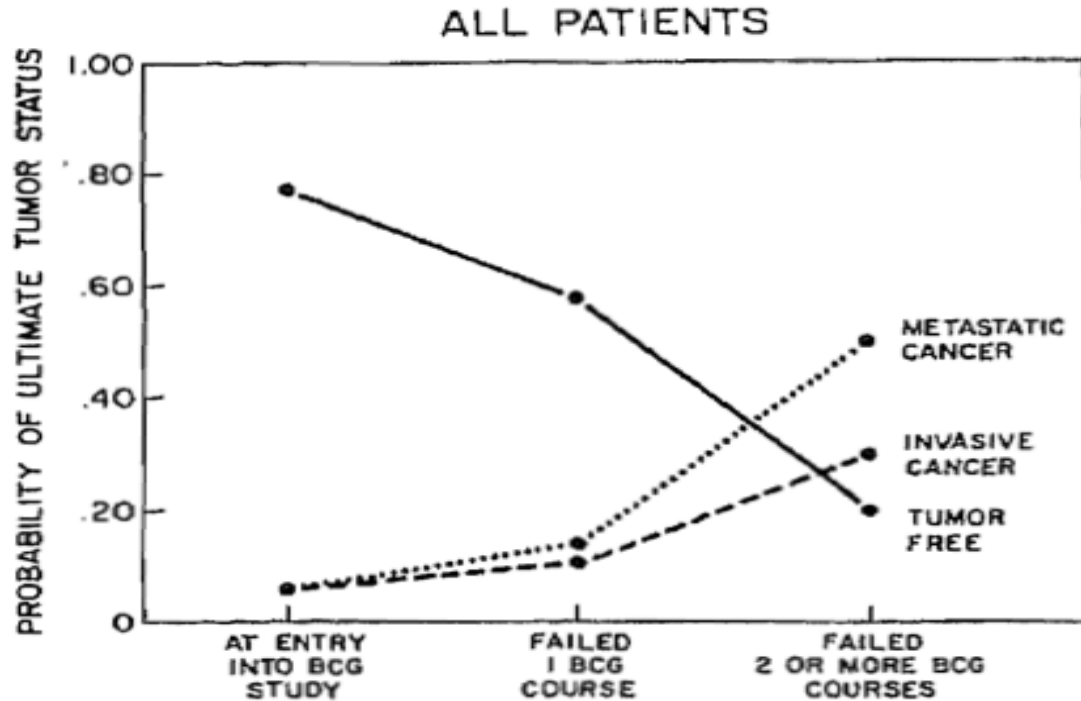




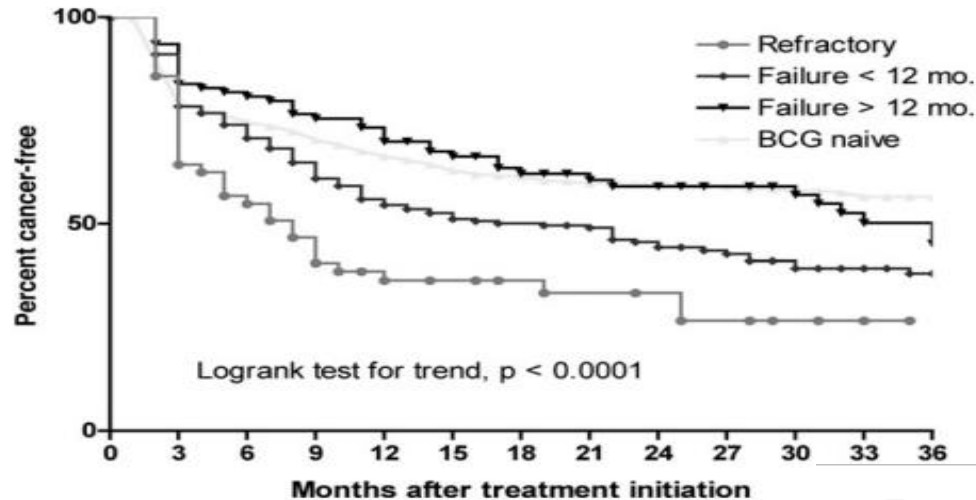


Options for Intravesical Therapy after BCG

What About Repeat BCG?



BCG plus interferon- α (INF- α)



Treatment Group	2-yr Cancer-Free Survival Rate (%)	<i>P</i> Value*
BCG-N (n = 536)	59	
BCG refractory (n = 57)	34	<0.001
Recurrence (mo)		
≤6 (n = 167)	41	0.0011
6–12 (n = 129)	43	0.0006
12–24 (n = 68)	53	0.97
>24 (n = 46)	66	0.335

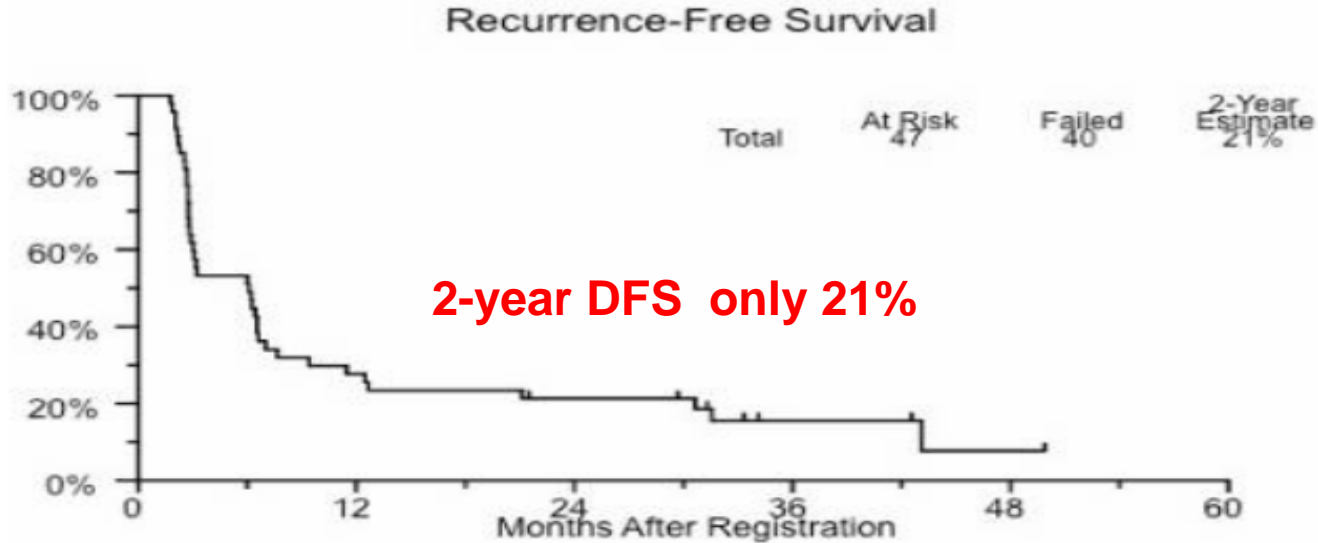
Valrubicin

- **FDA approved** in 1998 for BCG-refractory CIS in those who are not candidates for cystectomy
- **CR** at 6 months in **18%** of patients
- **2-year DFS** only **4%**



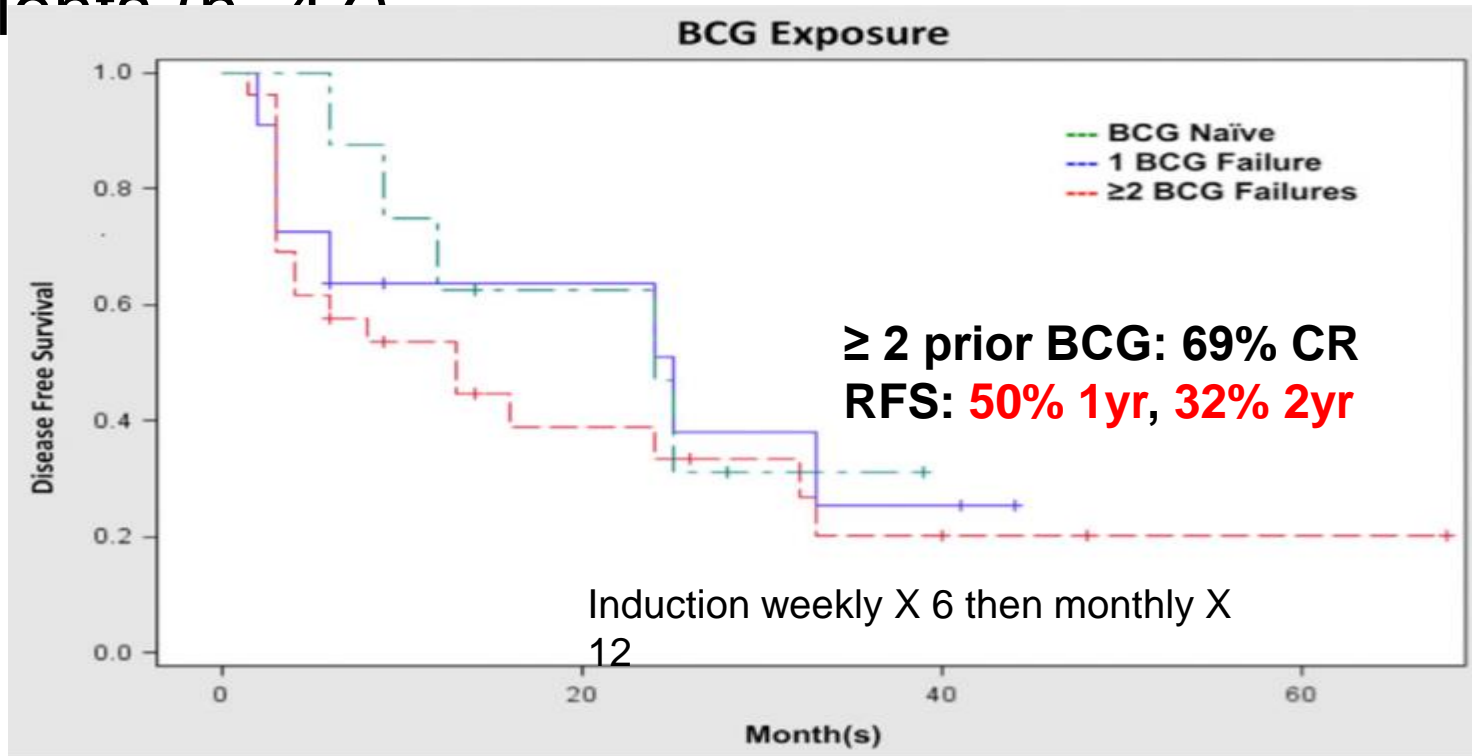
Steinberg et al, J Urol, 1998;
Dinney et al, Urol Onc, 2013.

SWOG S0353 Phase II Gemcitabine



- Minimum of 2 courses of BCG
- Tis, T1, Ta high-grade, or Ta low-grade with >2 lesions
- 2gm Gem weekly x6, monthly to 12 months

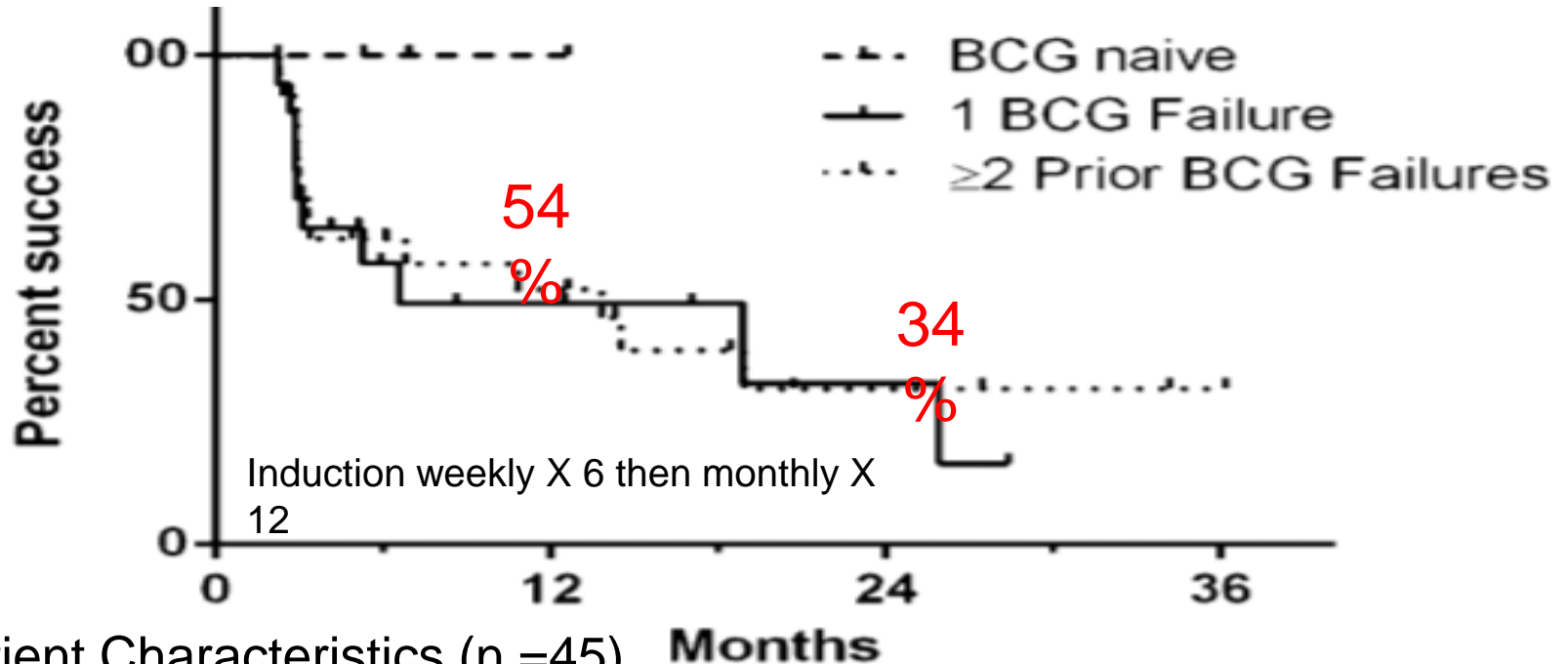
Sequential Doublet Chemotherapy with Gemcitabine – Mitomycin for HG BCG Refractory Patients (n = 47)



Independent validation 37% NED at 22 months; n = 27 (Cockerill, BJUI 2015)

Lightfoot, O'Donnell, Urol Oncol 2014

Sequential Gemcitabine-Docetaxel



Patient Characteristics (n =45)

64% CIS; 91% HG

38% BCG Fx1; 53% BCG

Gemcitabine Docetaxel Regimen

- **Gemcitabine:** 1 g in 50 ml of sterile water via catheter, plugged, and retained for 90 minutes.
- **Docetaxel:** drain bladder, then 37.5 mg of docetaxel in 50 mL of saline is instilled
- Catheter removed, patients are instructed to not urinate for 2 hrs

1300 mg oral sodium bicarbonate evening prior and morning of treatment to alkalinize their urine.

Prevent some side effects of acidic gemcitabine (pH 2.5); modify for sicker patients with sodium load.

Oral ondansetron prophylactically to patients who report nausea after their first instillation

Hyperthermic MMC post BCG

- 111 patients with recurrent papillary NMIBC after BCG

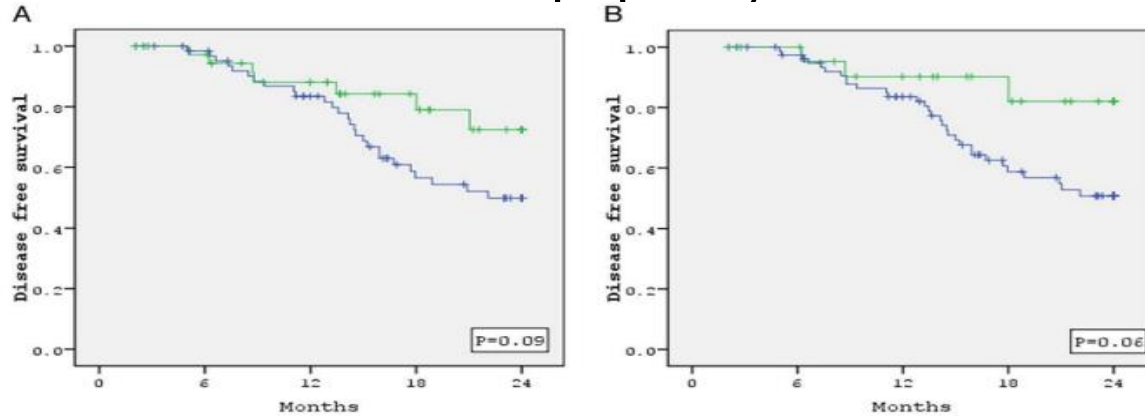


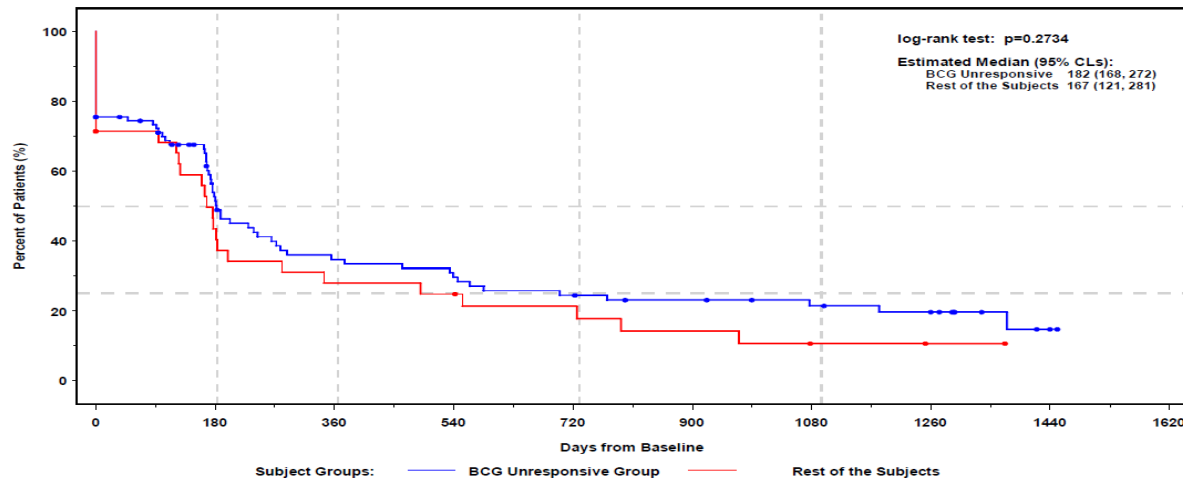
Figure 3. Disease-free survival. *A*, vs tumor recurrence history. Blue curve indicates highly recurrent. Green curve indicates other. *B*, vs EAU risk group. Blue curve indicates high risk. Green curve indicates intermediate risk. Vertical lines indicate censored.

- DFS estimates:
 - 85% and 56% after 1 and 2 years, respectively.
 - 38% were BCG refractory and 17% relapsed within 12 mos of BCG

Mycobacterium cell wall-DNA complex

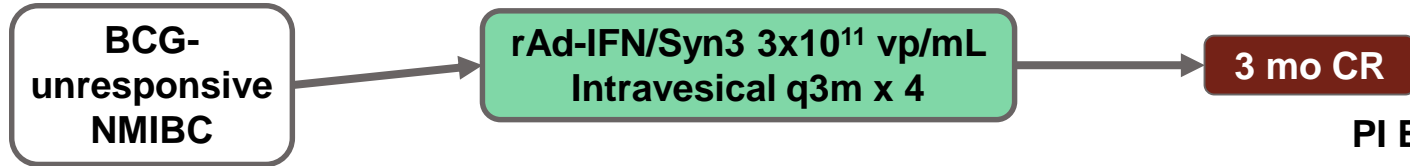
- Reanalysis of subset that was BCG Unresponsive
- 1 yr DFS: **35% in BCG unresponsive** vs. 25% overall
- **Papillary: 61%** and 51% at 1 & 2 yrs, respectively

K-M Curves of DFS - BCG Unresponsive Subjects vs. Rest of the Subjects



Censored observations are indicated by dots

Instiladrin rAd-IFN-CS-003 – Phase 3 (n = 135)



Intravesical rAd-IFN α /Syn3 for Patients With High-Grade, Bacillus Calmette-Guerin-Refractory or Relapsed Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer: A Phase II Randomized Study

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- At 12 months: 40 patients (35%) free of high grade disease
 - No grade 4/5 AE
 - No treatment discontinuation due to AE

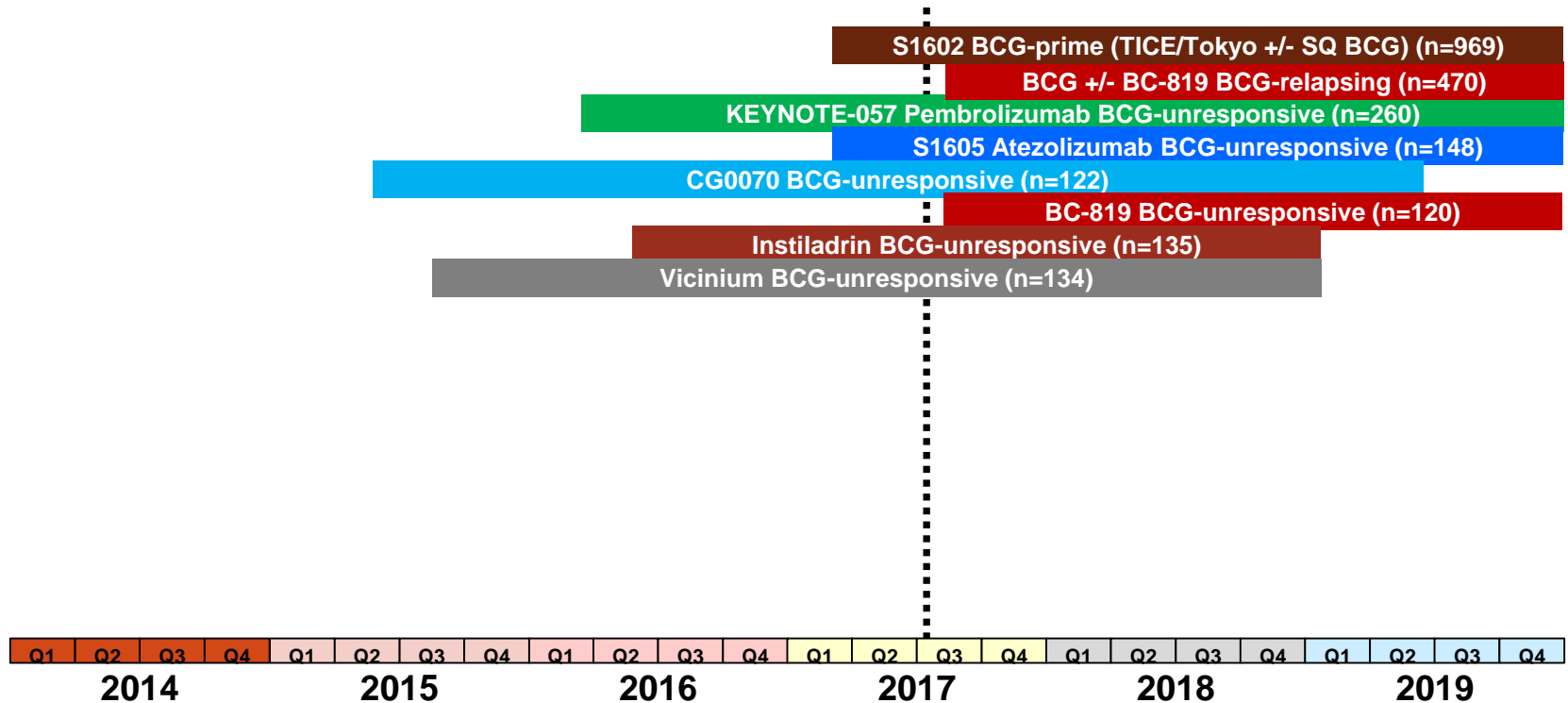
Pembrolizumab in Patients With Bacillus Calmette Guérin (BCG)–Unresponsive, High-Risk Non–Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC): Phase 2 KEYNOTE-057 Study

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Localized UC Registration Trials

NMIBC



BCG Failure - Summary

- Make sure patient is truly BCG Unresponsive
- Radical Cystectomy treatment of choice
 - recommended by AUA, EAU, IBCG guidelines
- Options for intravesical therapy
 - Combination chemotherapy
 - Hyperthermic chemotherapy
- Enroll in clinical trials!

Thank you!



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