

# **Risk of subsequent malignancies after radiotherapy among adults**

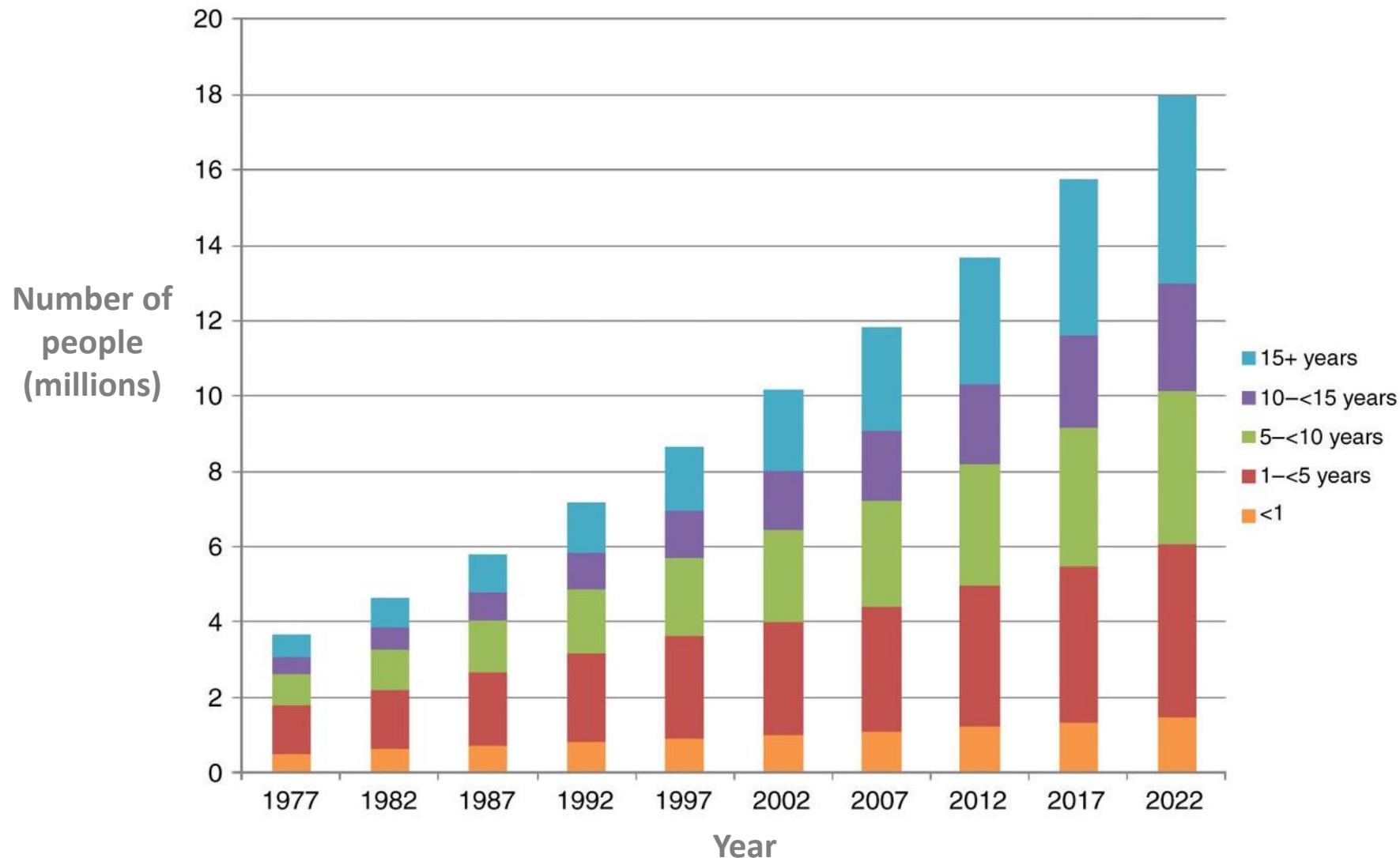
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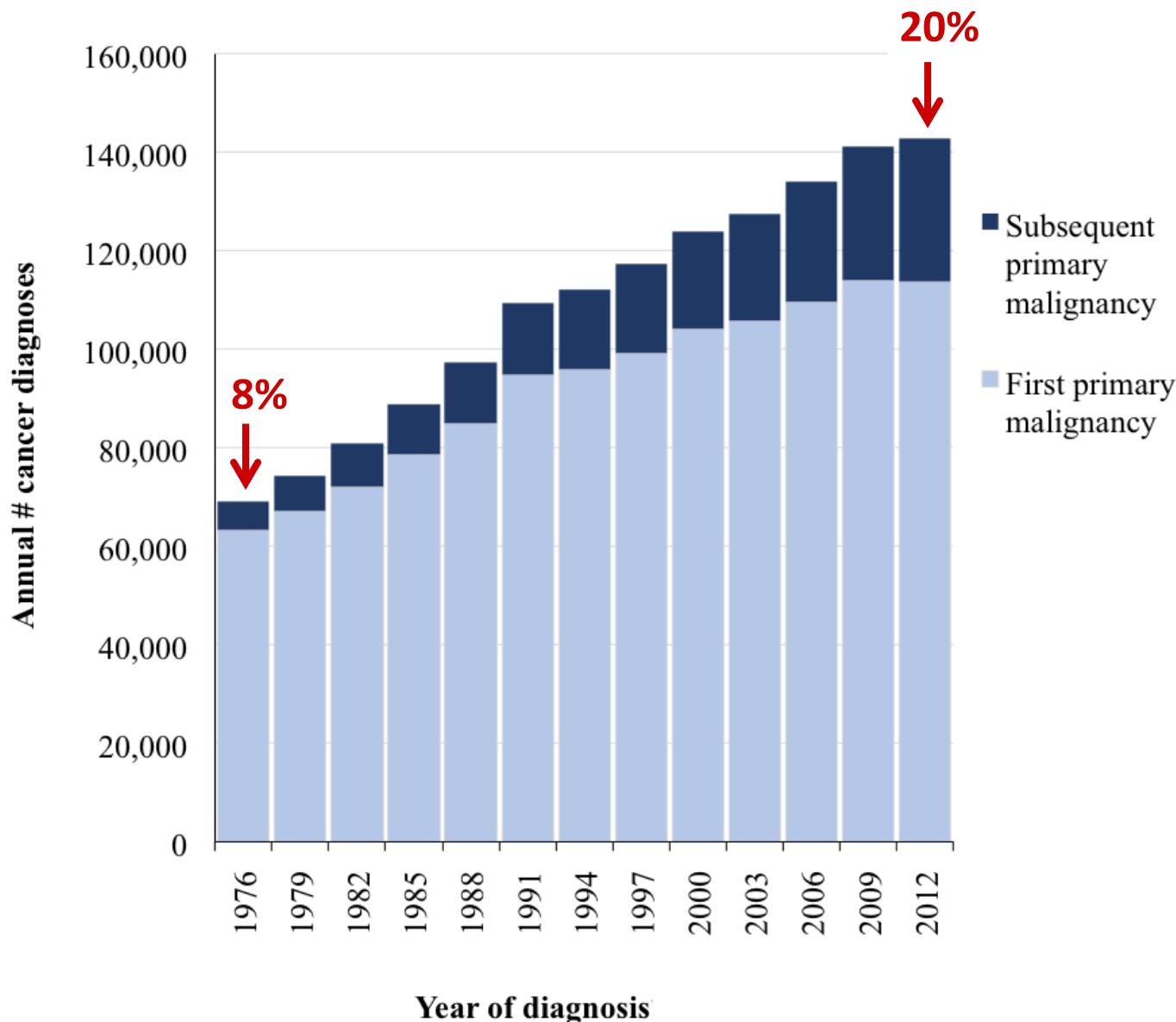


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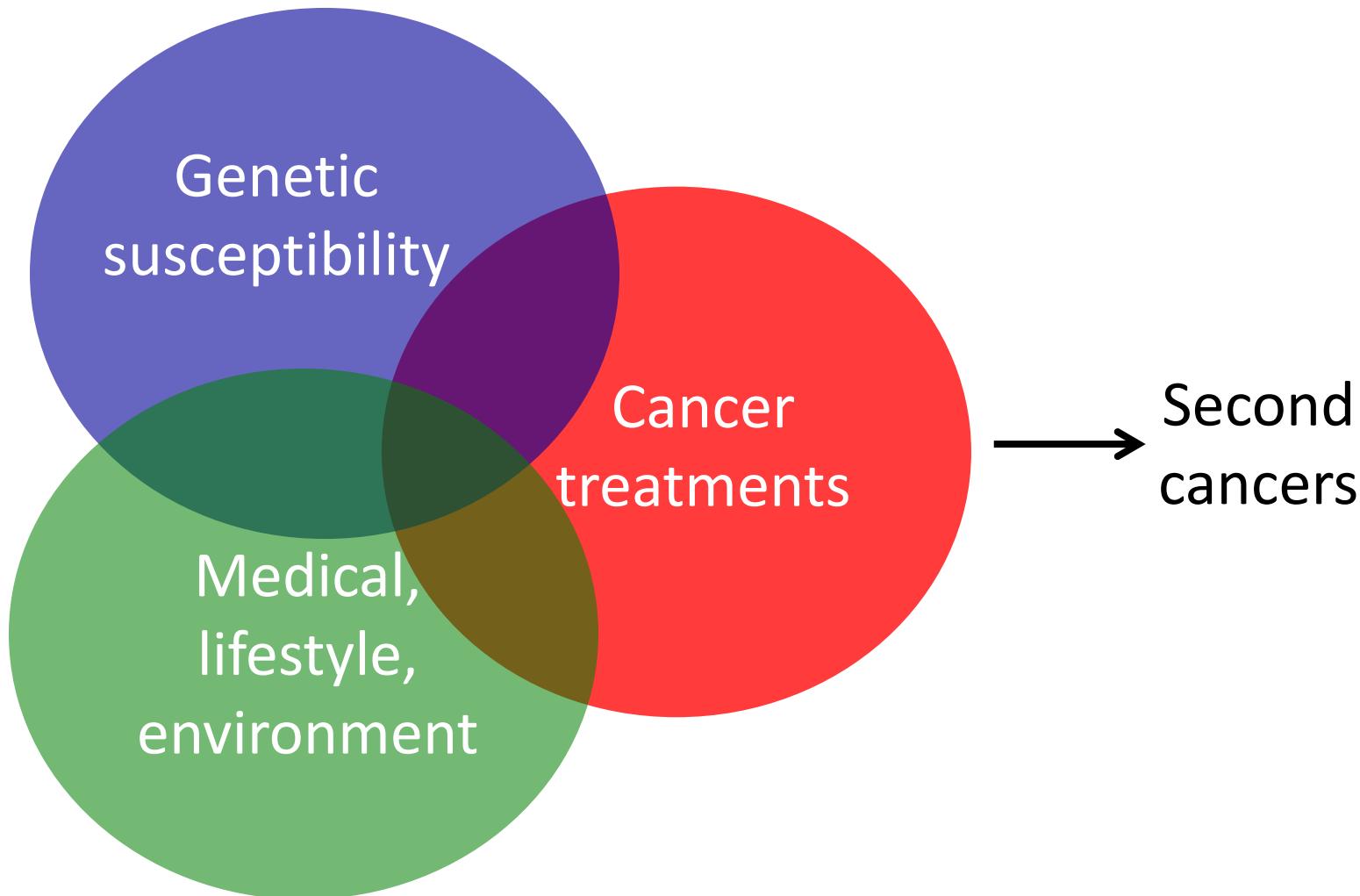
# Increasing Population of Survivors



# Increasing 2<sup>nd</sup> Cancer Burden

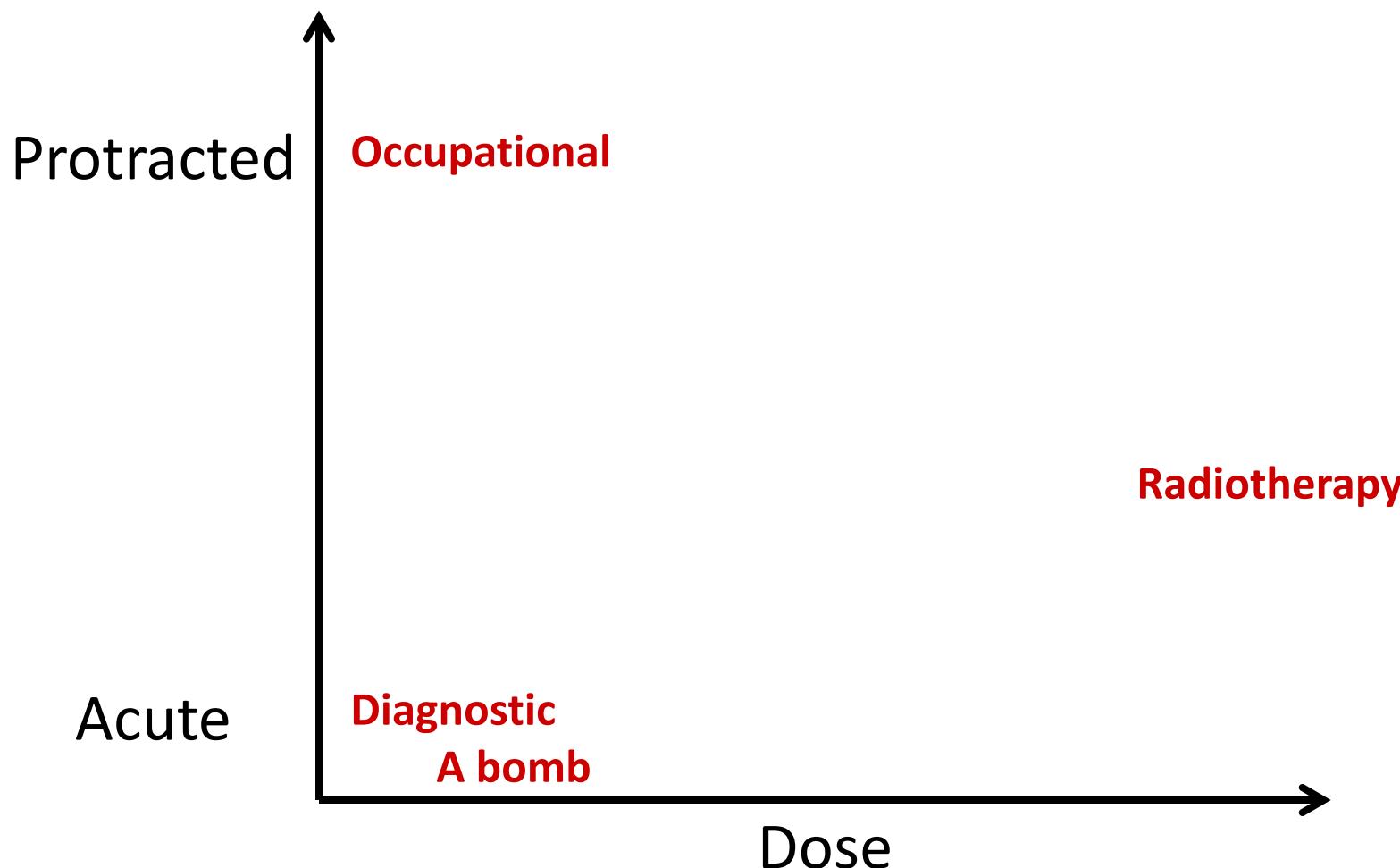


# Causes of Second Cancers



# Radiotherapy & 2<sup>nd</sup> Cancer Risks

- Ionizing radiation → established carcinogen



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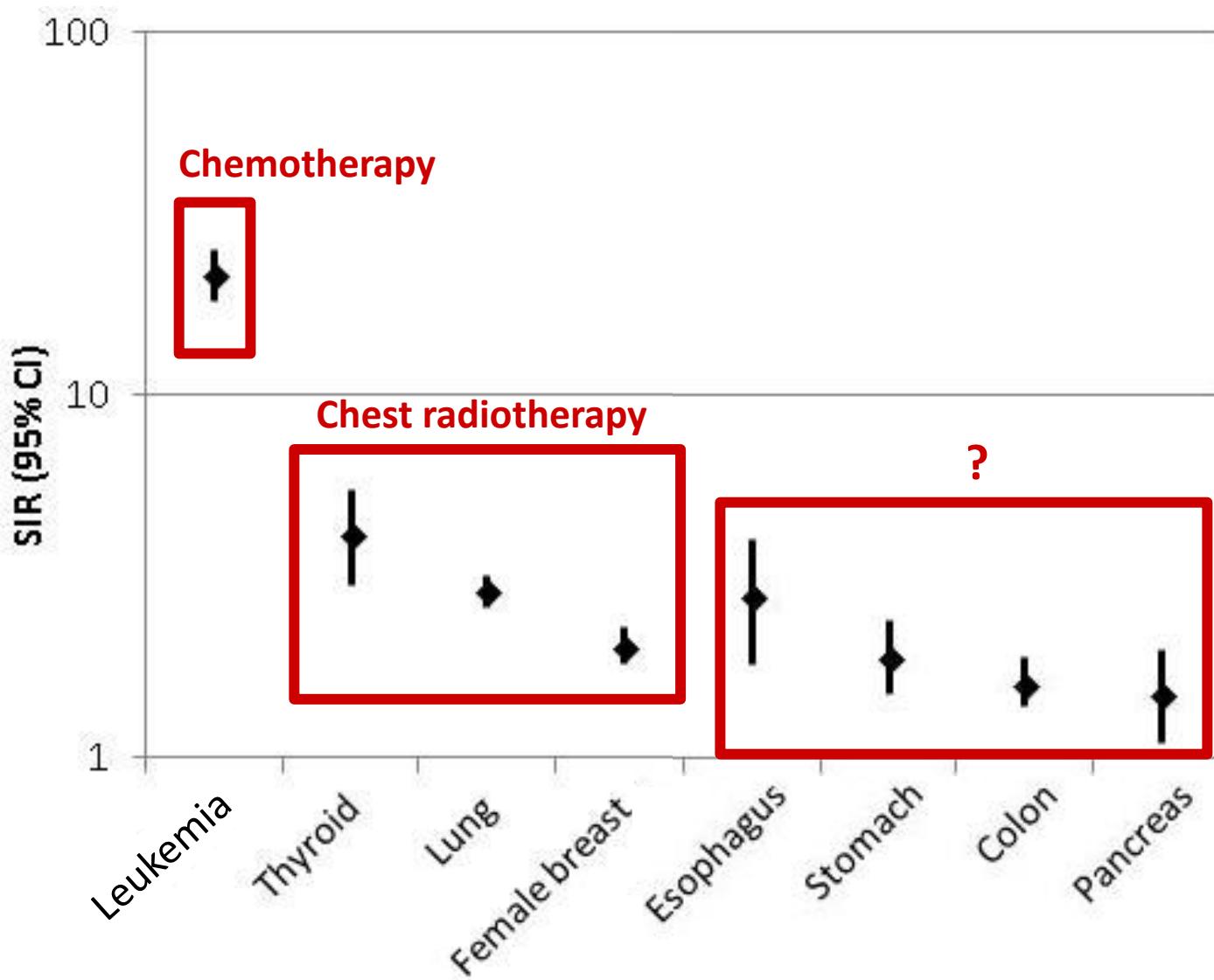
- Ionizing radiation → established carcinogen
- Key research questions:
  - Magnitude and shape of radiation dose-response relation
  - Modifiers
- Detailed treatment data → quantify risks
  - Follow-up patients treated in the past
  - Project risks associated with current treatments

# **Radiation Dose- Response Relation**

# Radiation Dose-Response Relation

- Tissue sensitivity to radiation varies substantially
- Highest risks:
  - Leukemia
  - Basal cell carcinoma
  - Sarcoma
  - Meningioma
  - Thyroid
  - Breast
- Risk for certain malignancies after radiotherapy poorly understood

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Cancers after Hodgkin lymphoma



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Gastrointestinal Cancer Study

Denmark, Finland, Iowa, Netherlands, Norway, Ontario, Sweden

| First cancer      | Second Cancer |         |          |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                   | Esophagus     | Stomach | Pancreas |
| Breast cancer     | X             |         |          |
| Hodgkin lymphoma  | X             | X       | X        |
| Testicular cancer |               | X       | X        |
| Cervical cancer   |               | X       |          |

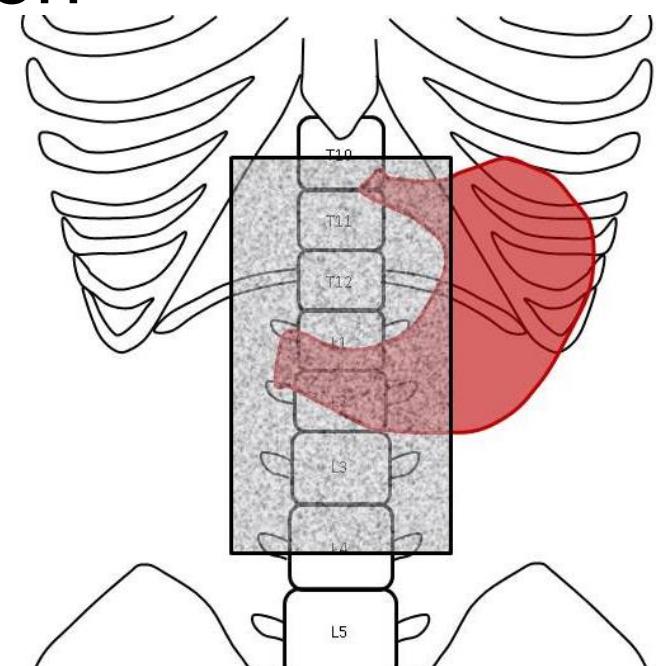
# Case-Control Study Methods

- Cohort of ~20,000 HL survivors
  - Diagnosed during 1943-1996
  - Followed through 2003
- Controls individually matched to cases (2:1)

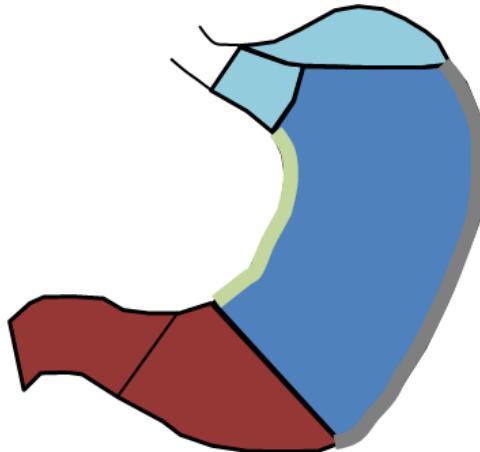
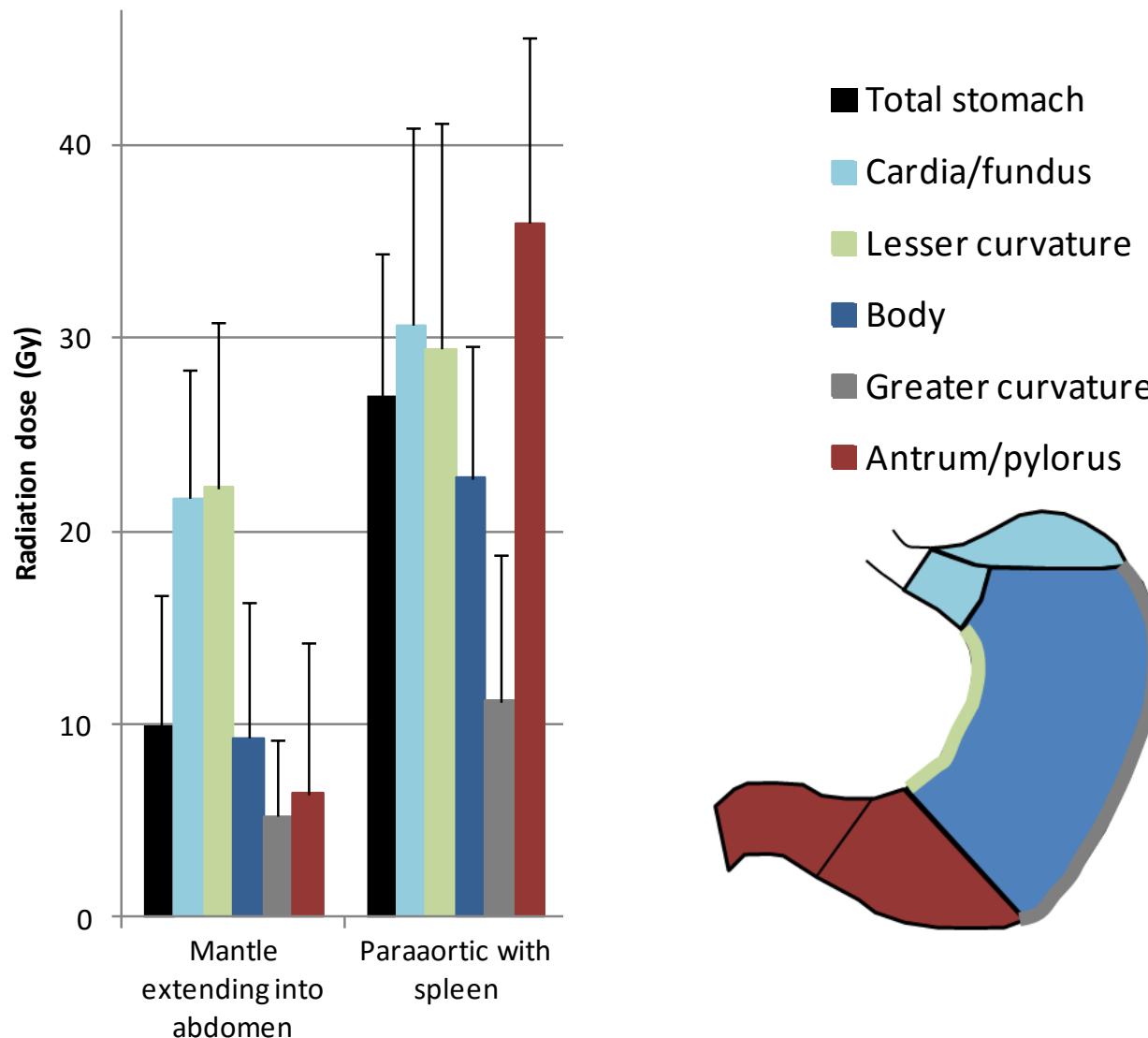
|          | Esophagus | Stomach | Pancreas |
|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Cases    | 36        | 89      | 36       |
| Controls | 71        | 190     | 70       |

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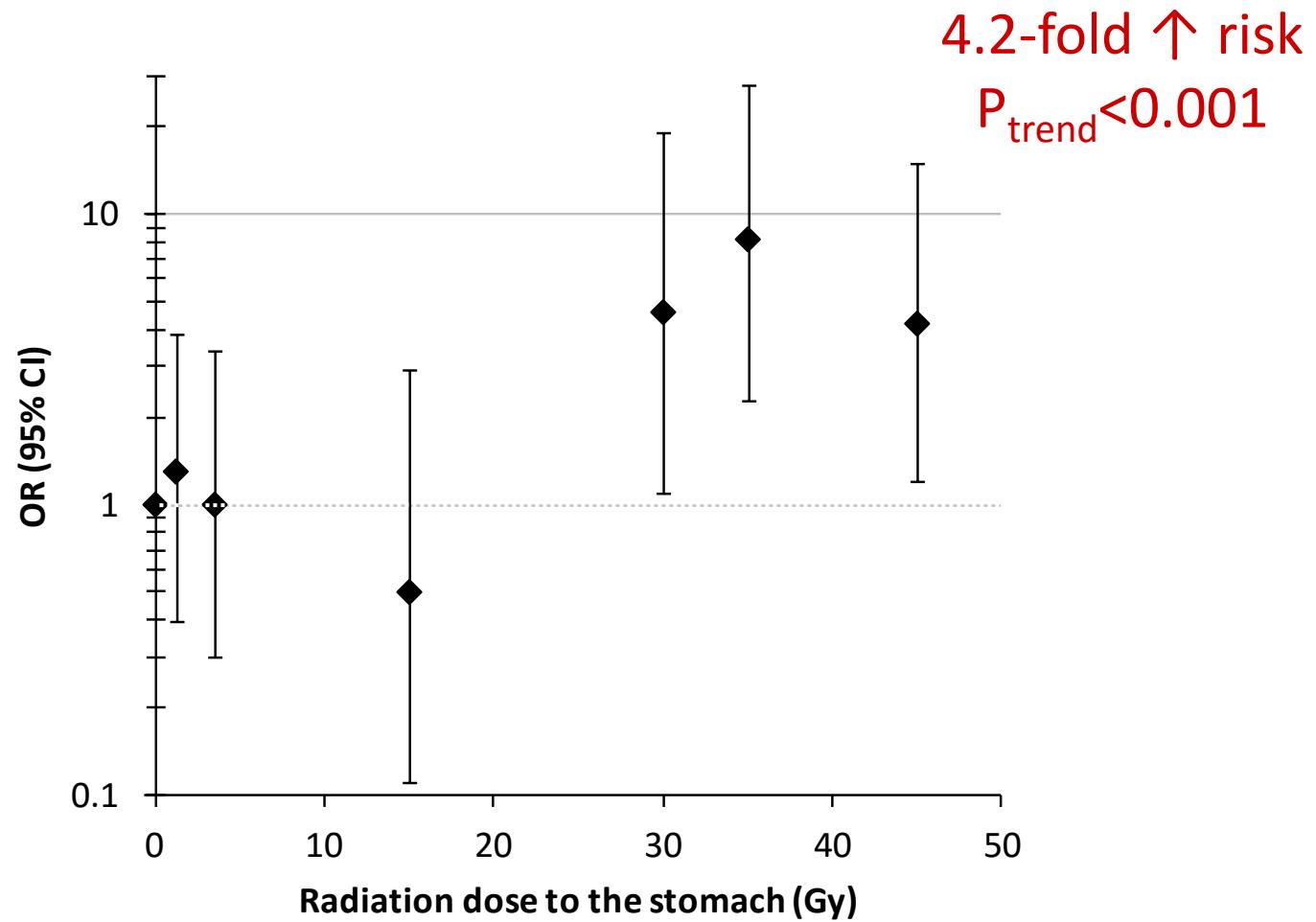
- Medical record abstraction
  - HL and GI cancer diagnoses
  - Detailed HL treatment data
- Radiation dose reconstruction
  - Beam energy
  - Treatment fields
  - Normal tissue blocking
  - Prescribed target dose
  - Tumor location



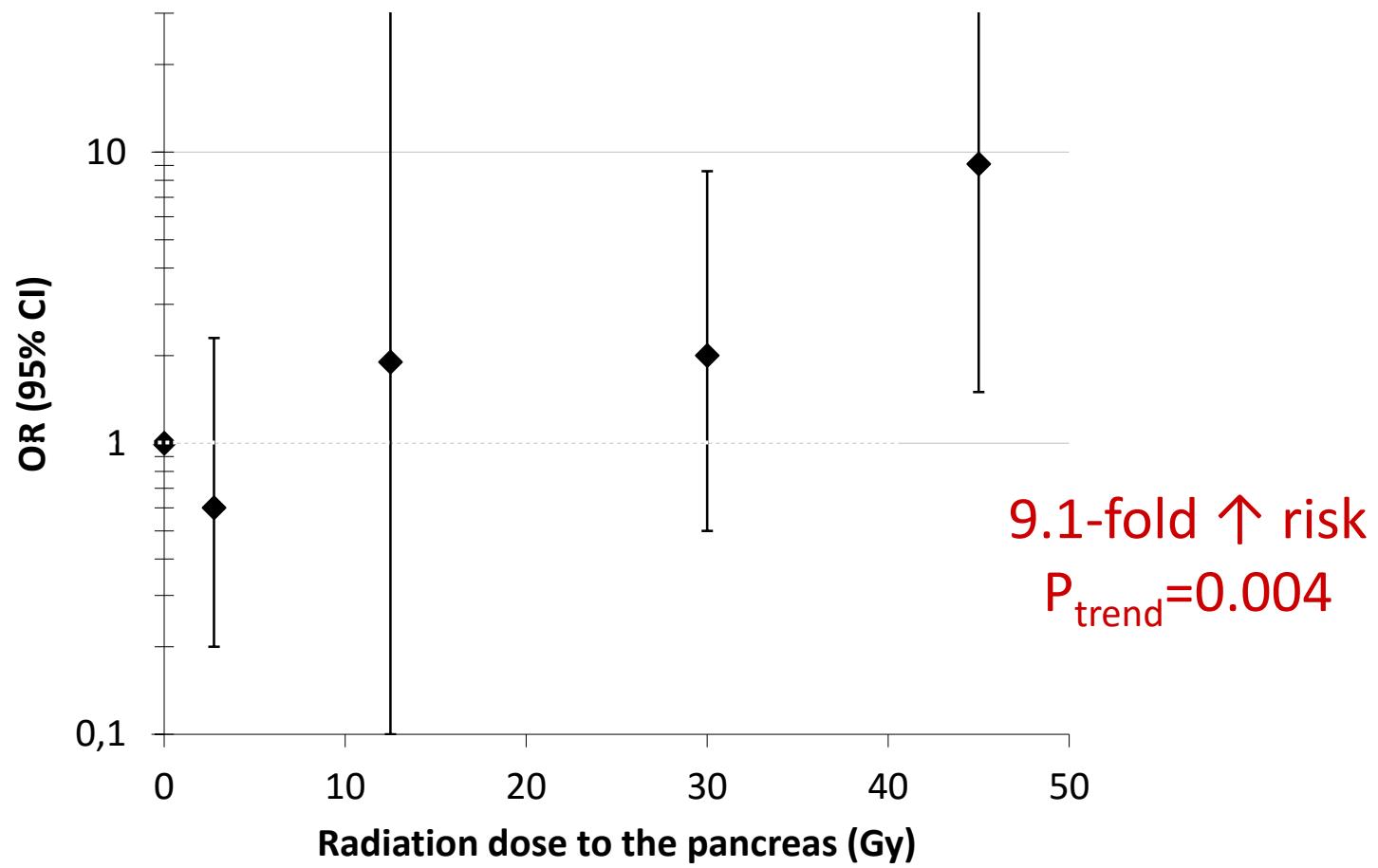
# Dose by Field and Stomach Region



# Radiotherapy → Stomach Cancer



# Radiotherapy → Pancreatic Cancer



# Radiation Dose-Response Relation

| Reference             | First cancer | Cases / Controls | ERR/Gy (95% CI)   |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Lung</b>           |              |                  |                   |
| Gilbert et al., 2003  | HL           | 227 / 455        | 0.15 (0.06-0.39)  |
| Inskip et al., 1994 * | Breast       | 61 / 120         | 0.20 (-0.62-1.03) |
| Grantzau et al., 2014 | Breast       | 151 / 443        | 0.09 (0.03-0.23)  |

\* Organ dose rather than tumor dose.

§ Mean dose <5 Gy.

# **Modifiers of Radiation Dose-Response Relation**

# Potential Modifiers

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- Age
- Latency
- Radiotherapy exposure
  - Proton vs. photon
  - Volume of tissue irradiated
- Systemic therapy
- Genetic susceptibility
- Lifestyle factors/medical history

# Childhood Cancer Treatments → Sarcoma

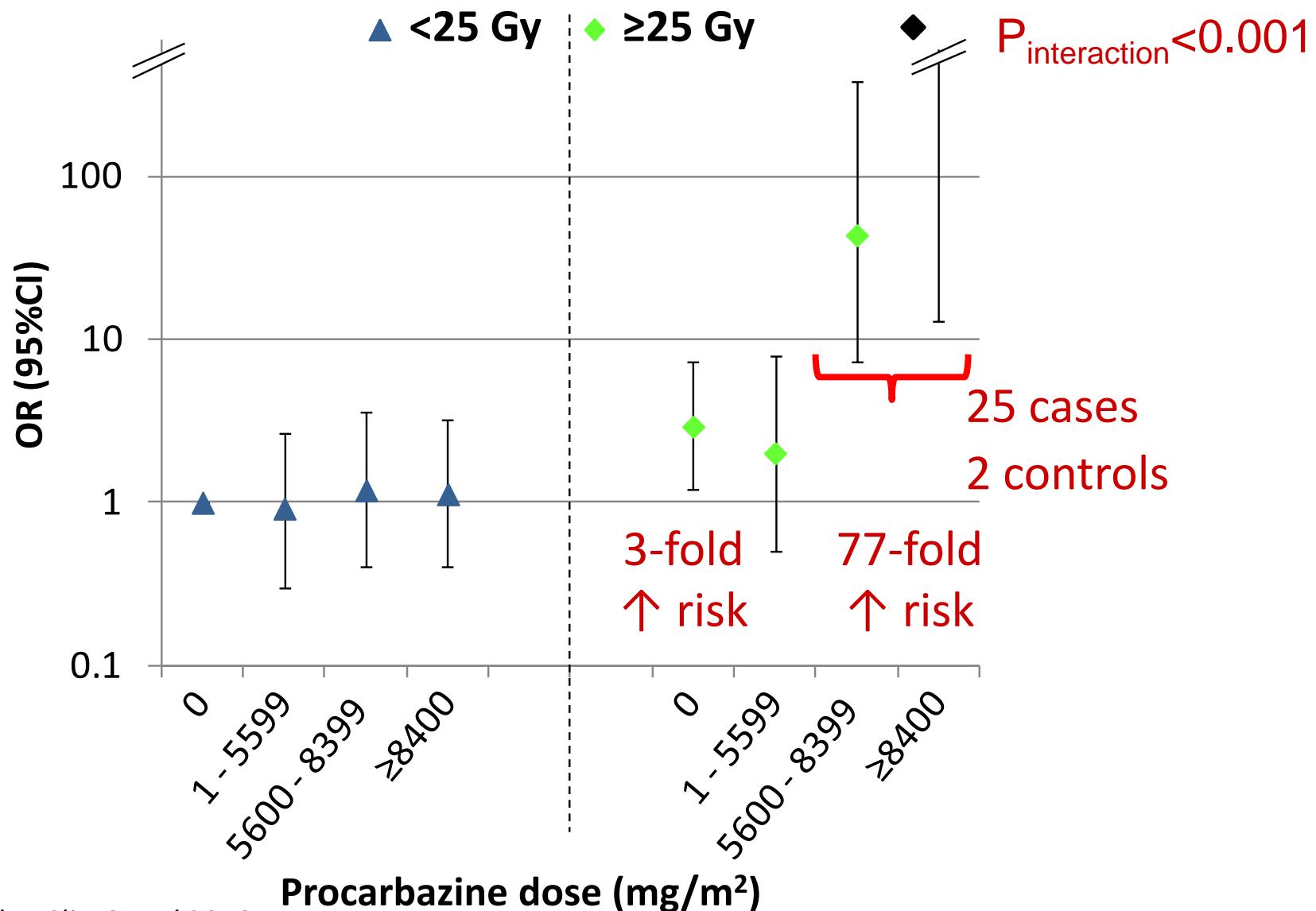
| RADIATION DOSE     | ALKYLATOR SCORE |        |       |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
|                    | 0               | 1 or 2 | ≥3    |
| None               |                 |        |       |
| Relative risk      | 1.0*            | 4.8    | 8.5†  |
| No. cases:controls | 6:44            | 1:4    | 3:3   |
| <1000 rad          |                 |        |       |
| Relative risk      | 1.3             | 0.4    | 1.3   |
| No. cases:controls | 5:43            | 1:13   | 3:14  |
| ≥1000 rad          |                 |        |       |
| Relative risk      | 37.4‡           | 14.2‡  | 59.2‡ |
| No. cases:controls | 21:45           | 11:26  | 13:12 |

\*Referent category.

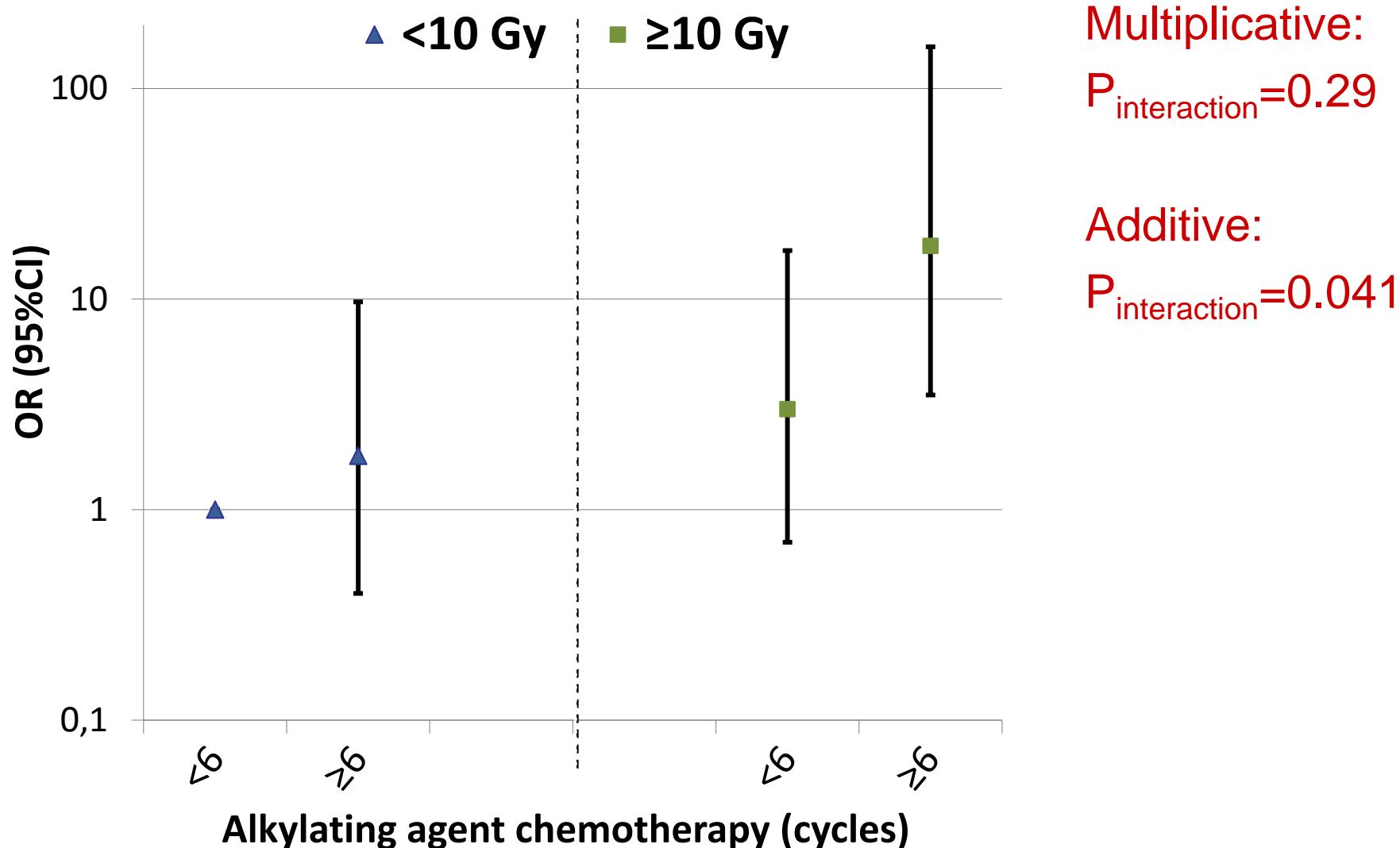
†Trend in alkylator score in subjects not exposed to radiation, P = 0.05.

‡P<0.05.

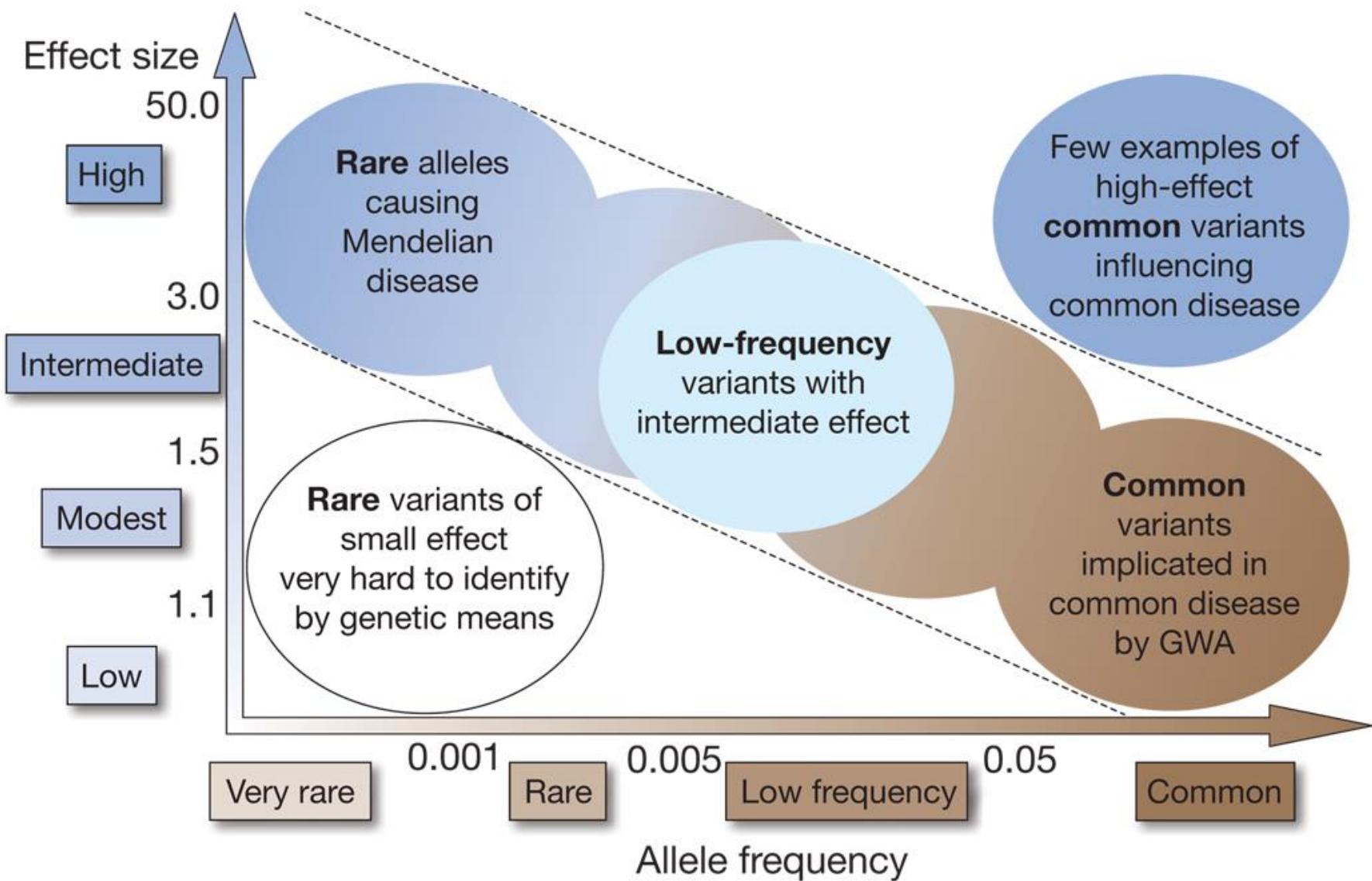
# HL Treatments → Stomach Cancer



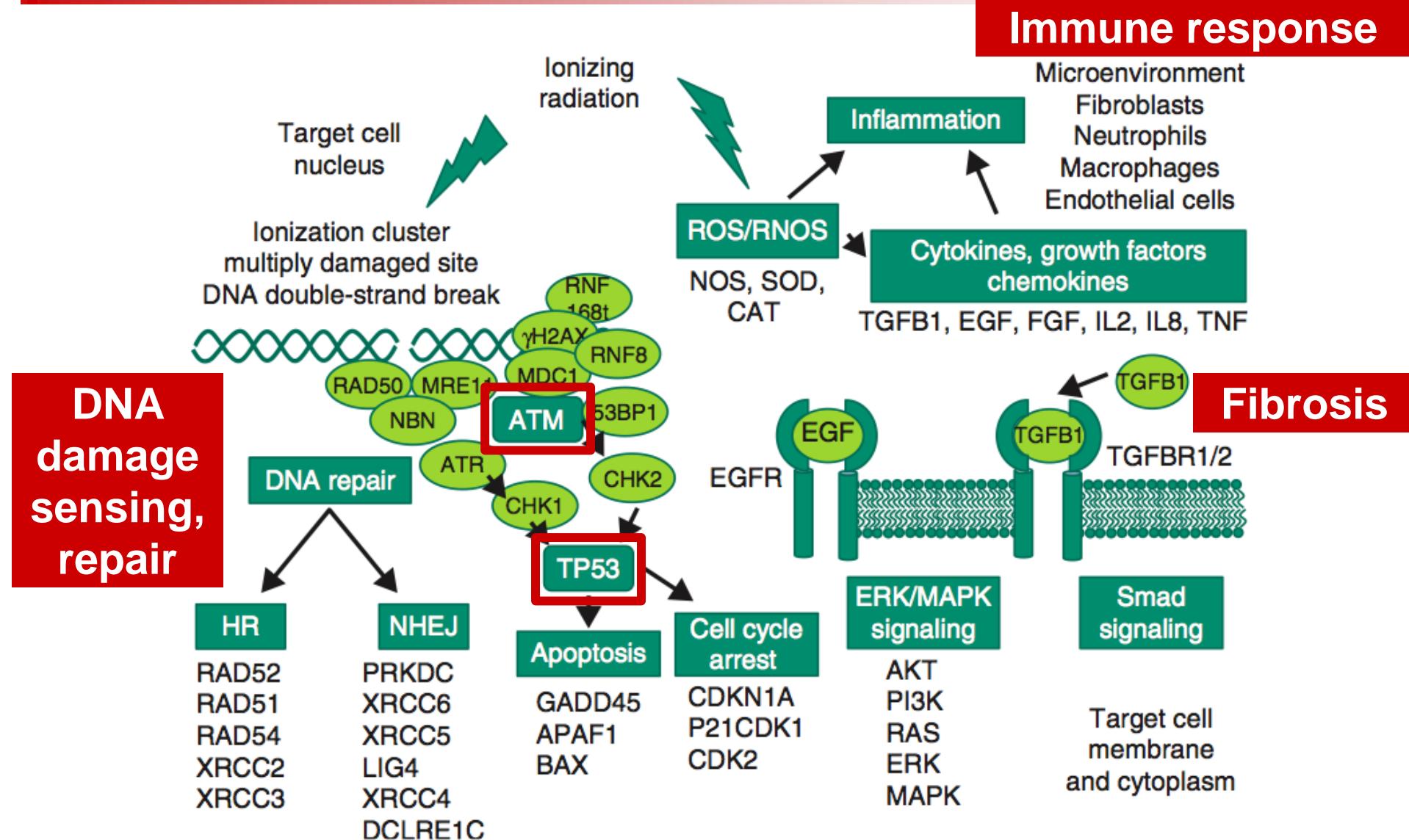
# HL Treatments → Pancreatic Cancer



# Types of Genetic Variation



# Radiation Response



# Rare Inherited Disorders

- Li-Fraumeni syndrome (17p13.1, *TP53*)
- Ataxia-telangiectasia (11q22.3, *ATM*)
- Nijmegen breakage syndrome (8q21.3, *NBS1*)
- Fanconi anaemia (16q24.3, *FANCA*)

# Candidate Gene Study Examples

- WECARE Study: Contralateral breast cancer
  - among *BRCA1/2* mutation carriers

| Population  | Breast Cancer Risk |
|---|--------------------|
| <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation carrier vs. no mutation       | 4.5*               |
| No mutation, $\geq 1$ vs. $<1$ Gy                     | 1.2*               |
| <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation carrier, $\geq 1$ vs. $<1$ Gy | 1.0                |

\* P<0.05

# **Risks Associated with Current Treatments**

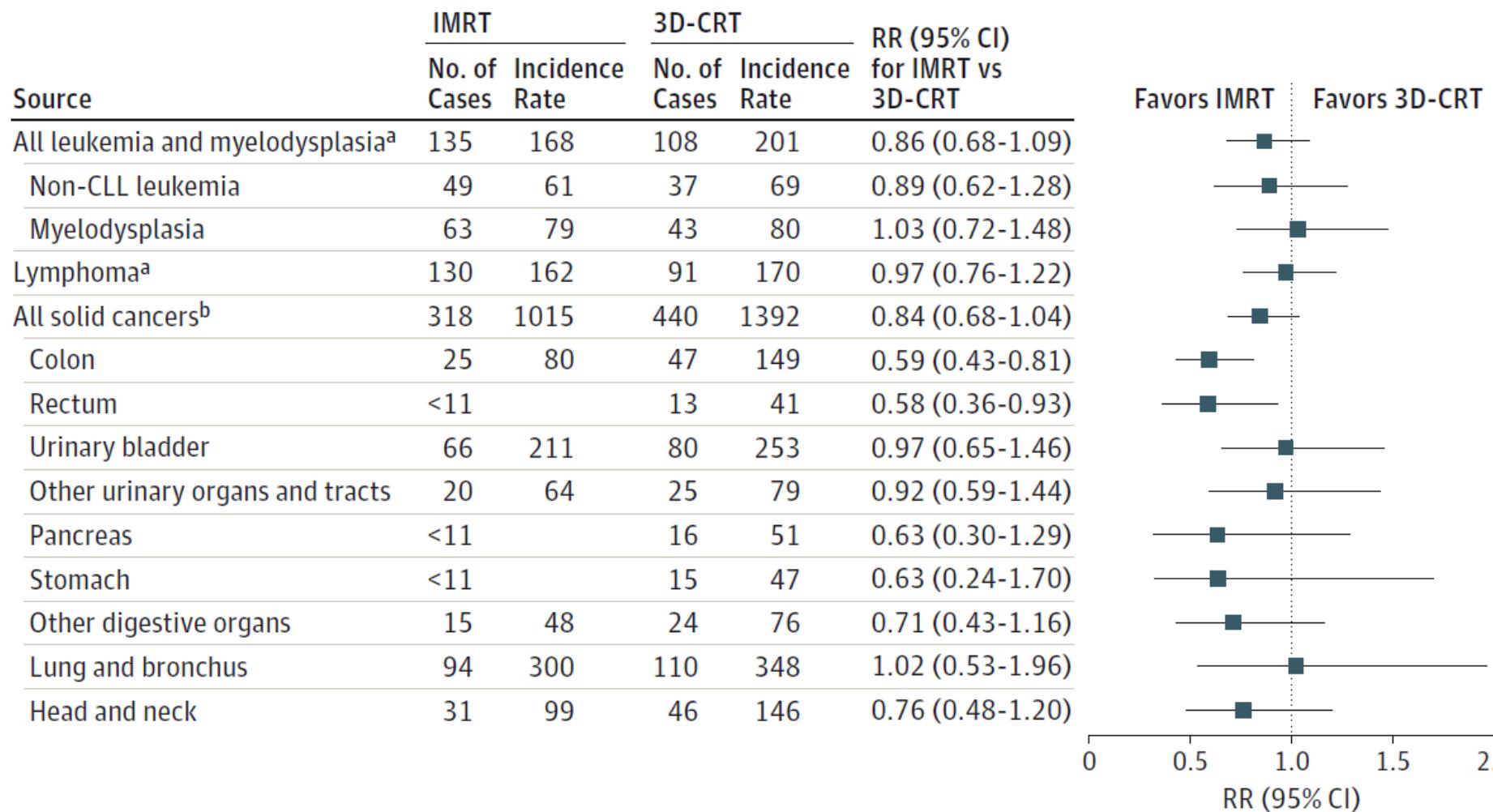
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Cancers after Prostate Cancer

- New technologies frequently used
  - 3D conformal radiotherapy (3D-CRT)
  - Intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT)
- Changes in volumes of tissue irradiated at treatment, intermediate, and low doses
- Review of planning studies suggested increase in second cancer risks with IMRT (Murray et al. *Radiat Oncol* 2013)

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| Characteristic      | No. (%)       |             |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
|                     | IMRT          | 3D-CRT      |
| Patients, No.       | 27 904        | 11 124      |
| Age at diagnosis, y |               |             |
| 65-69               | 6847 (24.5)   | 2922 (26.3) |
| 70-74               | 10 415 (37.3) | 4235 (38.1) |
| 75-79               | 7933 (28.4)   | 3028 (27.2) |
| ≥80                 | 2709 (9.7)    | 939 (8.4)   |
| Year at diagnosis   |               |             |
| 2002-2003           | 3684 (13.2)   | 6840 (61.5) |
| 2004-2005           | 7296 (26.2)   | 2808 (25.2) |
| 2006-2007           | 9555 (34.2)   | 1147 (10.3) |
| 2008-2009           | 7369 (26.4)   | 329 (3.0)   |
| Tumor grade         |               |             |
| 1 to 2              | 11 525 (41.3) | 6083 (54.7) |
| 3 to 4              | 16 379 (58.7) | 5041 (45.3) |

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