SMARTER USE OF ROUTINELY COLLECTED DATA: THE VALUE OF PSA DYNAMICS FOR PROSTATE CANCER RISK STRATIFICATION

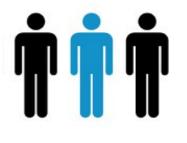
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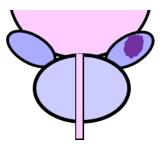
PROSTATE CANCER

52,000 diagnosed /year 17,000 radiotherapy / year



1 in 3 recur¹

Voxel-Based Analysis (VBA): Lower dose in seminal vesicles \rightarrow BCR



Under-treated seminal vesicle invasion²

BCR (Biochemical Recurrence)1. Prostate Cancer UK2. Shortall et al. Front. Oncol. 13, 2461.

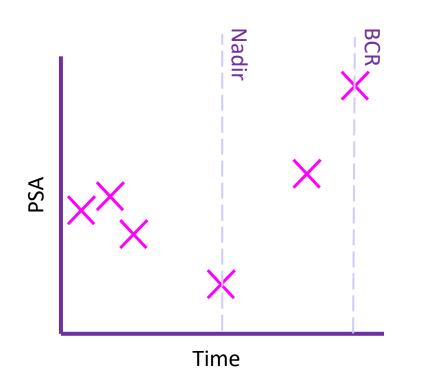




DETECTING RECURRENCE

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA): nadir + 2ng/ml¹

- × Patient defined threshold
- × Detected after event
- × PSA measurements sporadic and irregular
- × Opportunity for early intervention often missed







DETECTING RECURRENCE: BETTER

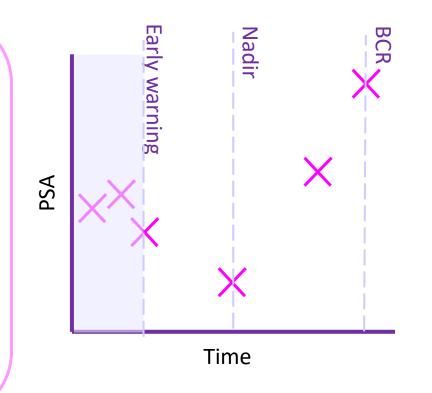
Can short-term post-radiotherapy PSA dynamics predict long term outcome?

 \checkmark Re-stratify BCR risk after radiotherapy

✓ More appropriate follow-up

✓ Intervene with salvage treatment quicker

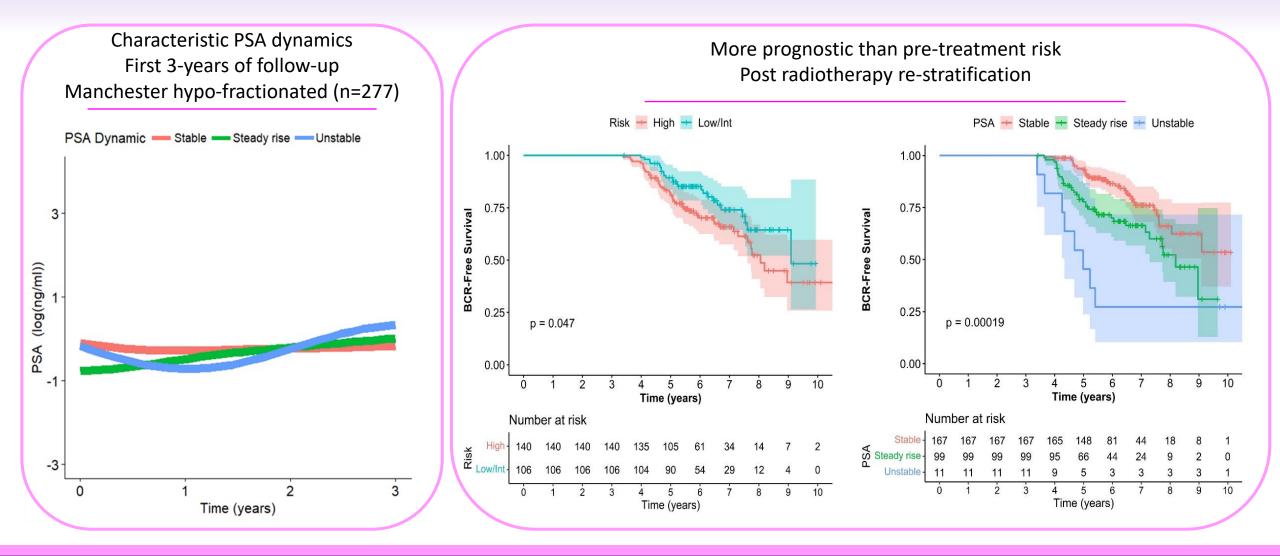
✓ Reassure some patients







EARLY PSA DYNAMICS PREDICT LATER BCR

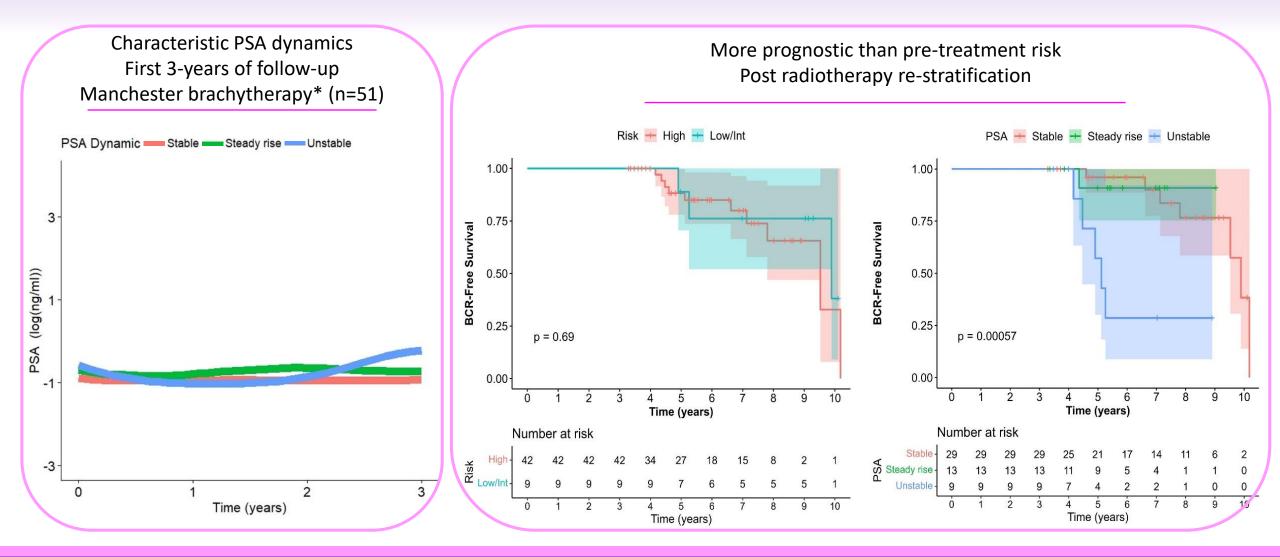


(PSA) Prostate Specific Antigen Shortall. et al.. phiRO, 2025





EARLY PSA DYNAMICS PREDICT LATER BCR



*External beam + brachytherapy boost (PSA) Prostate Specific Antigen

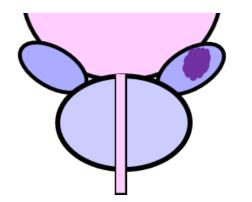




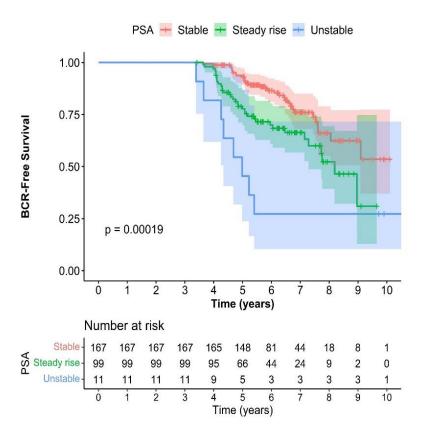
EARLY PSA DYNAMICS PREDICT LATER BCR

Validated in multiple cohorts

No clear association with any baseline clinical variable



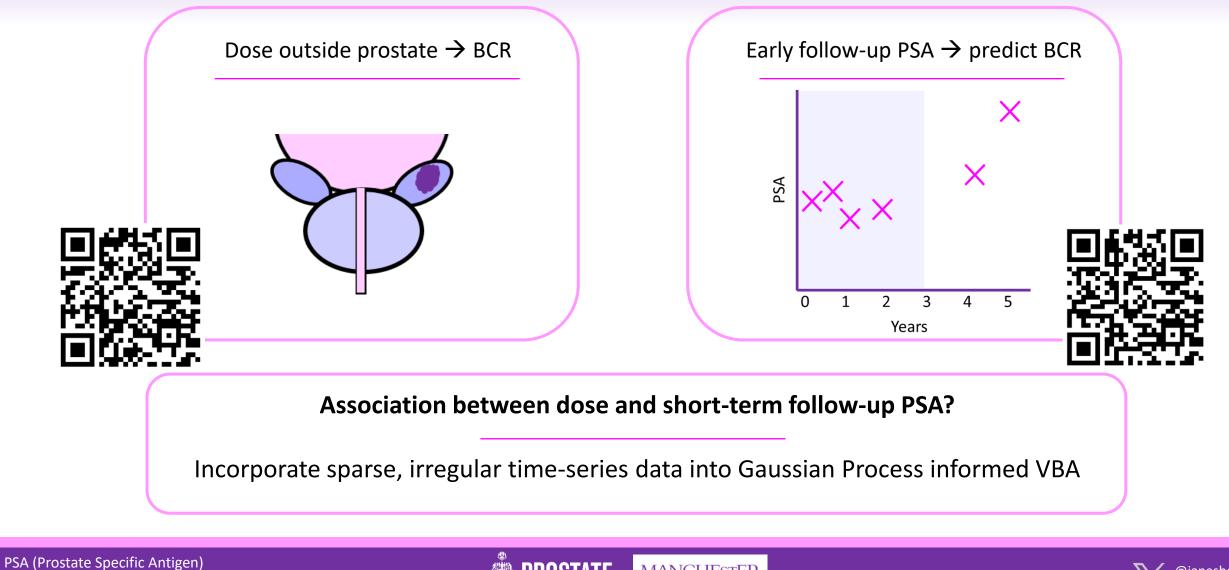
A result of incidental differences in radiotherapy dose?







AIM



BCR (Biochemical Recurrence) VBA (Voxel Based Analysis)



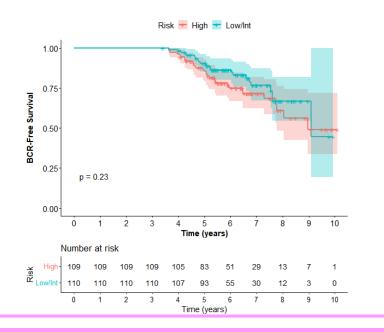


METHOD

Data (N=219)

✓ Planning CT + dose distribution + repeat PSA

- × BCR or lost-to-follow-up within 3-years
 - ✓ BCR similar between risk-groups

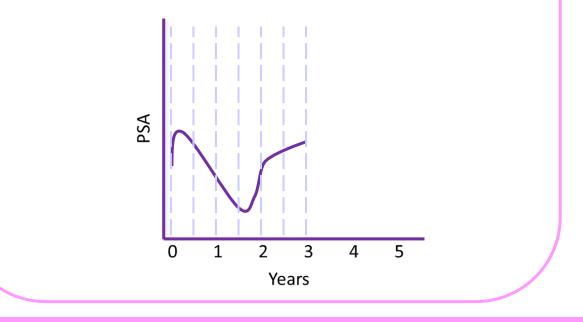


PSA

PSA data sporadic and irregular

Gaussian Process (magmaClustR)¹

6-monthly posterior mean \rightarrow interpolated PSA

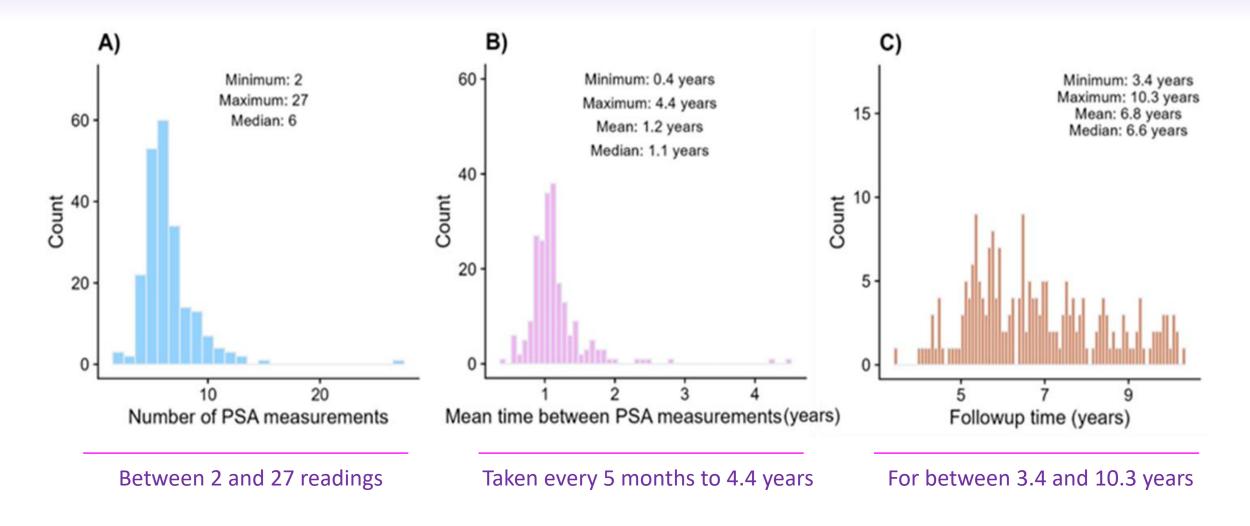


Conformal hypo-fractionated (50 Gy in 16 fractions) GP (Gaussian Process) 1. MagmaClustR, R (version 4.0.2)





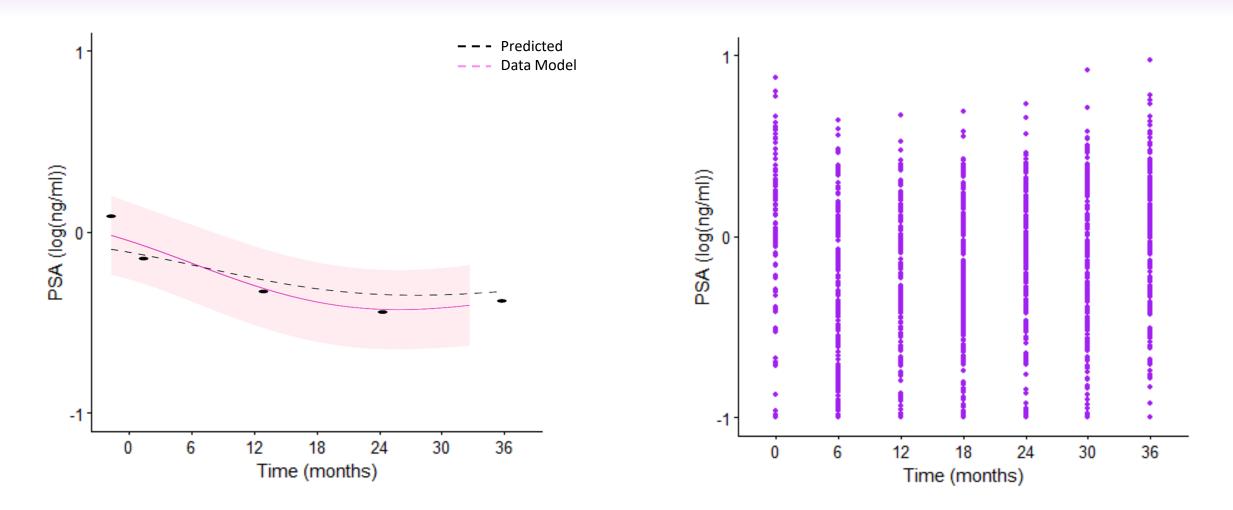
RESULTS: PSA DATA







RESULTS: INFERRED PSA



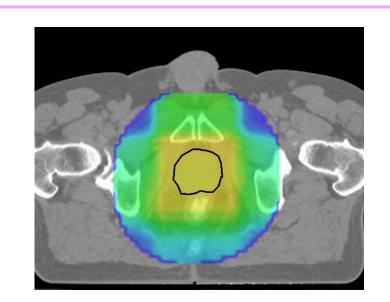
MagmaClustR, R (version 4.0.2) Models visually inspected to ensure good fit

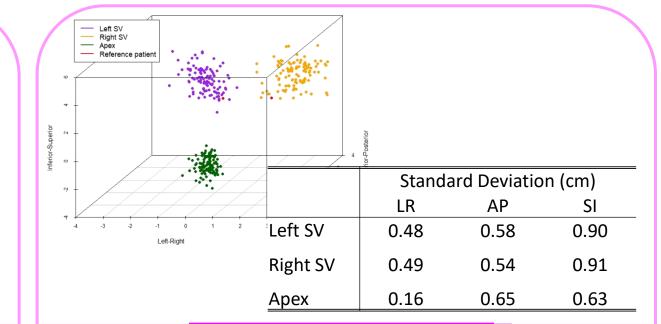




METHOD: VBA

GP informed 6-monthly PSA \rightarrow Association with dose





Deformably register CTs Align planned dose distributions (center on prostate) Target registration error \rightarrow Seminal vesicles + apex \rightarrow blur dose

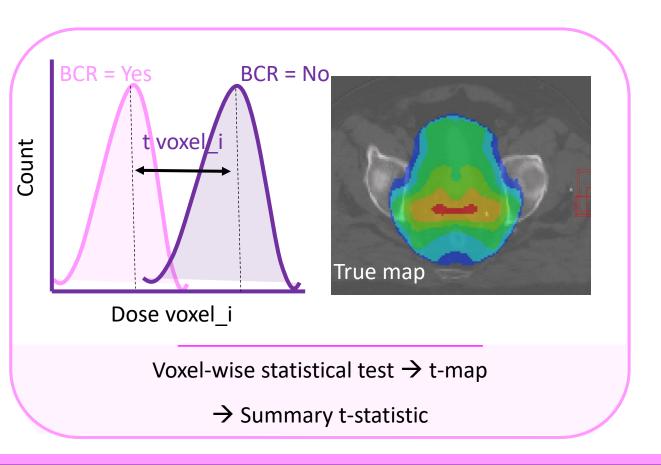
In-house software (PSA) Prostate Specific Antigen Green, et al. Front. Oncol., vol. 10, p. 1178, Jul. 2020.





VOXEL BASED ANALYSIS

Outcome \rightarrow Association with dose

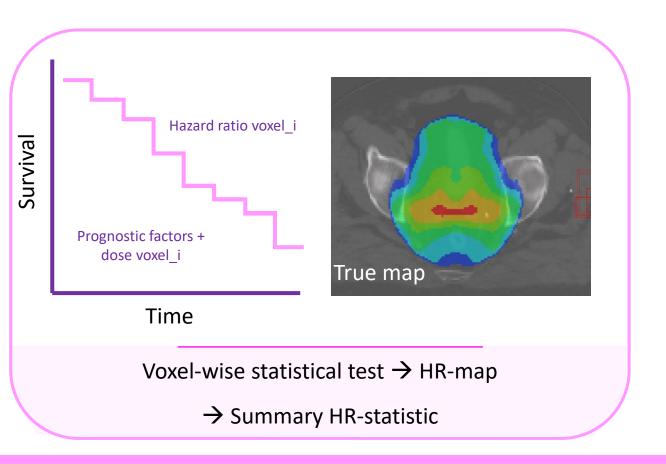






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HR (Hazard Ratio) Green, et al. Front. Oncol., vol. 10, p. 1178, Jul. 2020.

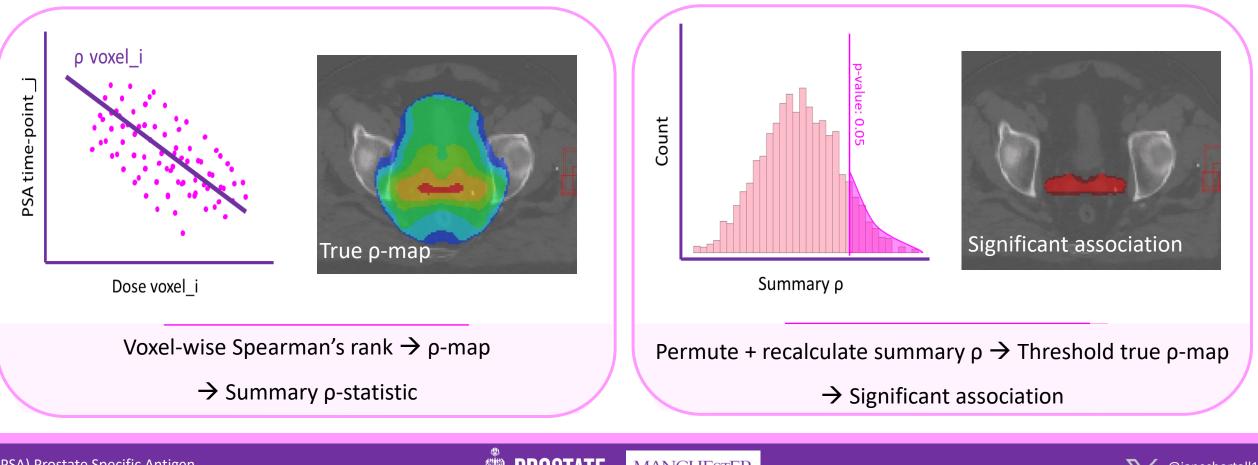




METHOD: VBA

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For each PSA time-point:



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RESULTS: VBA

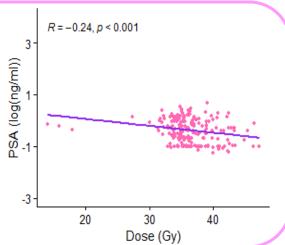
Significant correlation between planned dose and PSA at defined time-points

Volume grows from ~300cm³ at 0-months to ^{5/2}/₉700-~900cm³ at 24-months

Higher PSA \rightarrow lower dose

Covers seminal vesicles \rightarrow underdosage

No clear correlation with baseline clinical variable



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6

18

Time (months)

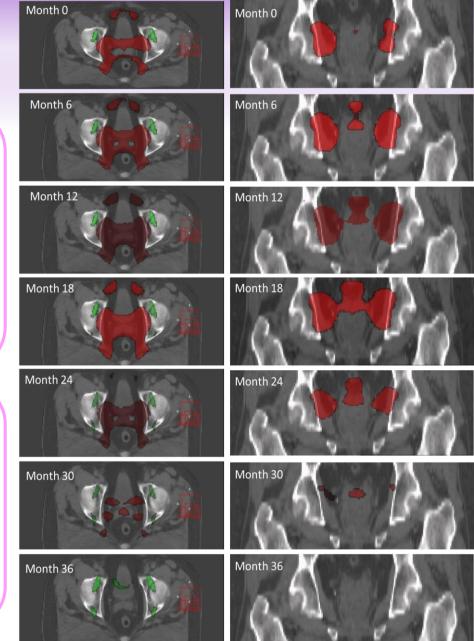
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900 ·

008 (cm3)

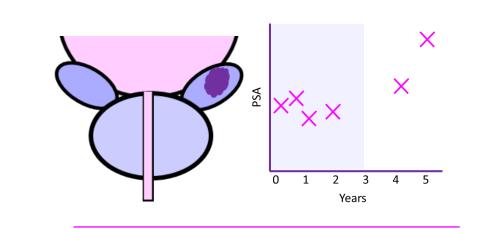


p ≤ 0.05 VBA (Voxel Based Analysis) GP (Gaussian Process)





SUMMARY



Association between dose and short-term follow-up PSA



<u>Higher</u> PSA associated with <u>lower</u> dose outside of prostate \rightarrow underdosing? Volume of association grows between 0 and 2 years \rightarrow Importance of early follow-up PSA

Incorporate sparse, irregular time-series data into Gaussian Process informed VBA

- \rightarrow Impacted by hormone therapy?
- \rightarrow BCR within 3-years of radiotherapy?
- \rightarrow Dynamic information?

PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) BCR (Biochemical Recurrence) VBA (Voxel Based Analysis)









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Risk	
High	109 (49.8%)
Low/Int	110 (50.2%)
Age (years)	
Mean (SD)	68.3 (6.05)
Stage	
Median [Min, Max]	2.00 [1.00, 3.00]
Gleason grade	
Median [Min, Max]	7.00 [6.00, 10.0]
ADT	
Yes	63 (28.8%)
No	156 (71.2%)
Base PSA (ng/ml)	
Mean (SD)	18.7 (18.9)
Follow-up time (years)	
Mean (SD)	6.85 (1.61)



