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Survival Rates after Thermal Ablation versus Stereotactic Radiation Therapy for Stage 1 Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer: A National Cancer Database Study

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Patients with stage 1 NSCLC were defined by American Joint Committee of Cancer (seventh edition) criteria as either T1a, T1b, T1c, or T2a NSCLC without nodal involvement (N0) or metastases (M0). The burden of the patients' comorbid diseases was measured by using the Charlson comorbidity index,

Sociodemographic variables were evaluated as potential predictors for NSCLC treatment by TA. The primary outcome evaluated was overall survival, which was defined as time from NSCLC diagnosis to death from any cause or censoring. Because of the risk profile associated with TA, a secondary outcome of unplanned hospital readmission within 30 days after treatment was also evaluated as a surrogate parameter for complications.

NCDB NSCLC dataset (n=1,283,836)

exclusion for NSCLC stage:

- stage 0 (n=2,623)
- stage II (n=75,899)
- stage III (n=252,947)
- stage IV (n=470,196)
- unknown stage/NA (n=204,163)

stage I NSCLC (n=278,008)

exclusion for primary treatment:

- Treatment other than SRT/TA(n=237,857)
- active surveillance (n=786)
- no treatment (n=8,261)
- treatment unknown (n=1,910)

primary treatment by
thermal ablation
(n=1,102)

primary treatment by
stereotactic
radiotherapy (n=27,732)

Figure 1: Flowchart of study participant exclusion and inclusion. NA = not applicable, NCDB = National Cancer Database, NSCLC = non-small cell lung cancer, SRT = stereotactic radiation therapy,

Parameter	Total (n = 28 834)	Treatment with Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (n = 27 732)
Median age (y)*	60.0 (53.0–65.0)	60.0 (53.0–65.0)
Sex		
Women	15 493 (53.7)	14 895 (53.7)
Men	13 341 (46.3)	12 837 (46.3)
Ethnicity		
African American	2337 (8.1)	2281 (8.2)
White	25 839 (89.6)	24 815 (89.5)
Other	658 (2.3)	636 (2.3)
Insurance status		
Private insurance	3728 (12.9)	3573 (12.9)
Medicare	22 991 (79.7)	22 109 (79.7)
Medicaid	797 (2.8)	766 (2.8)
Government insurance	750 (2.6)	739 (2.7)
Not insured or unknown insurance	568 (2.0)	545 (2.0)
Median household income for residence area		
<\$38 000	5416 (18.8)	5253 (18.9)
\$38 000–\$47 999	7537 (26.1)	7243 (26.1)
\$48 000–\$62 999	7784 (27.0)	7536 (27.2)
≥\$63 000	7723 (26.8)	7345 (26.5)
Missing data	374 (1.3)	355 (1.3)
Education: proportion of residents without high school diploma		
≥21%	4323 (15.0)	4183 (15.1)
13%–20.9%	7779 (27.0)	7508 (27.1)
7%–12.9%	10 017 (34.7)	9604 (34.6)
<7%	6351 (22.0)	6092 (22.0)
Missing data	364 (1.3)	345 (1.2)
Residency area		
Metropolitan area	22 943 (79.6)	22 112 (79.7)
Urban area	3557 (12.3)	3430 (12.4)
Rural area or residency area not reported	2334 (8.1)	2190 (7.9)
Distance to hospital (km)		
Median*	10.1 (4.4–25.1)	10.1 (4.4–25.2)
Missing data	350 (1.2)	331 (1.2)
Charlson comorbidity index score		
0	16 556 (57.4)	16 033 (57.8)
1	7810 (27.1)	7448 (26.9)
≥2	4468 (15.5)	4251 (15.3)
Tumor location		
Lower lobe	9158 (31.8)	8769 (31.6)
Middle lobe	1355 (4.7)	1306 (4.7)
Upper lobe	17 376 (60.3)	16 742 (60.4)
Other location	945 (3.3)	915 (3.3)
Tumor grade		
I	2153 (7.5)	2055 (7.4)
II	4685 (16.2)	4512 (16.3)
IV	129 (0.4)	123 (0.4)
Unknown	21 867 (75.8)	21 042 (75.9)
Median tumor size (mm)*	22.0 (16.0–29.0)	22.0 (16.0–29.0)

Parameter	Treatment with Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (n = 1070)	Treatment with Thermal Ablation (n = 1070)	P Value
Median age (y)*	59.0 (53.0–65.0)	59.0 (53.0–65.0)	.87
Sex			.43
Women	601 (56.2)	582 (54.4)	
Men	469 (43.8)	488 (45.6)	
Ethnicity			.47
African American	55 (5.1)	55 (5.1)	
White	984 (92.0)	993 (92.8)	
Other	31 (2.9)	22 (2.1)	
Insurance status			.94
Private insurance	158 (14.8)	152 (14.2)	
Medicare	844 (78.9)	856 (80.0)	
Medicaid	35 (3.3)	30 (2.8)	
Government insurance	13 (1.2)	11 (1.0)	
Not insured or unknown insurance	20 (1.9)	21 (2.0)	
Median household income for residence area			.99
<\$38 000	167 (15.6)	163 (15.2)	
\$38 000–\$47 999	286 (26.7)	291 (27.2)	
\$48 000–\$62 999	244 (22.8)	247 (23.1)	
≥\$63 000	373 (34.9)	369 (34.5)	
Residency area			>.99
Metropolitan area	829 (77.5)	829 (77.5)	
Urban area	127 (11.9)	127 (11.9)	
Rural area or residency area not reported	114 (10.7)	114 (10.7)	
Charlson comorbidity index score			.56
0	510 (47.7)	511 (47.8)	
1	335 (31.3)	352 (32.9)	
≥2	225 (21.0)	207 (19.3)	
Tumor grade			.24
Grade I, II	242 (22.6)	266 (24.9)	
Grade III, IV, or unknown	828 (77.4)	804 (75.1)	
Median tumor size (mm)*	19.0 (14.0–25.0)	19.0 (15.0–25.0)	.64
Treatment facility type			.67
Academic and/or research program	516 (48.2)	527 (49.3)	
Other treatment facility type	554 (51.8)	543 (50.7)	
Treatment facility location			.85
East North Central	202 (18.9)	205 (19.2)	
East South Central	80 (7.5)	74 (6.9)	
Middle Atlantic	232 (21.7)	221 (20.7)	
Mountain	37 (3.5)	32 (3.0)	
New England	162 (15.1)	177 (16.5)	
Pacific	98 (9.2)	81 (7.6)	
South Atlantic	157 (14.7)	171 (16.0)	
West North Central	46 (4.3)	47 (4.4)	
West South Central	56 (5.2)	62 (5.8)	
30-day unplanned hospital readmission			<.001
No unplanned readmission	1068 (99.8)	1030 (96.3)	
Unplanned readmission	2 (0.2)	40 (3.7)	

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Table 2: Characteristics of One-to-One Propensity Score-matched Patients

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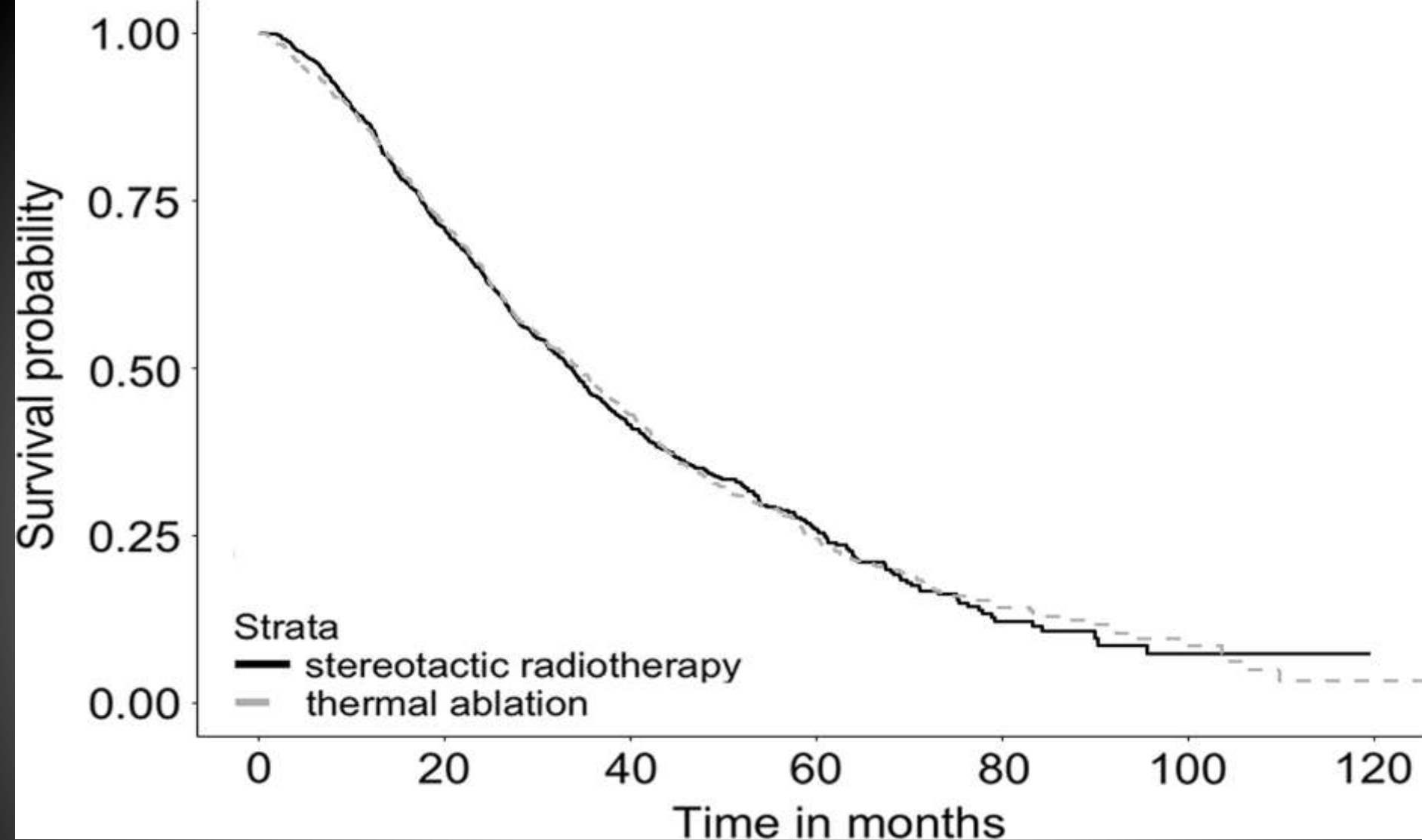


Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier plot shows the nonsignificant overall survival differences for patients who underwent thermal ablation compared with stereotactic radiation therapy as primary treatment for stage 1 non-small cell lung cancer ($P = .694$).

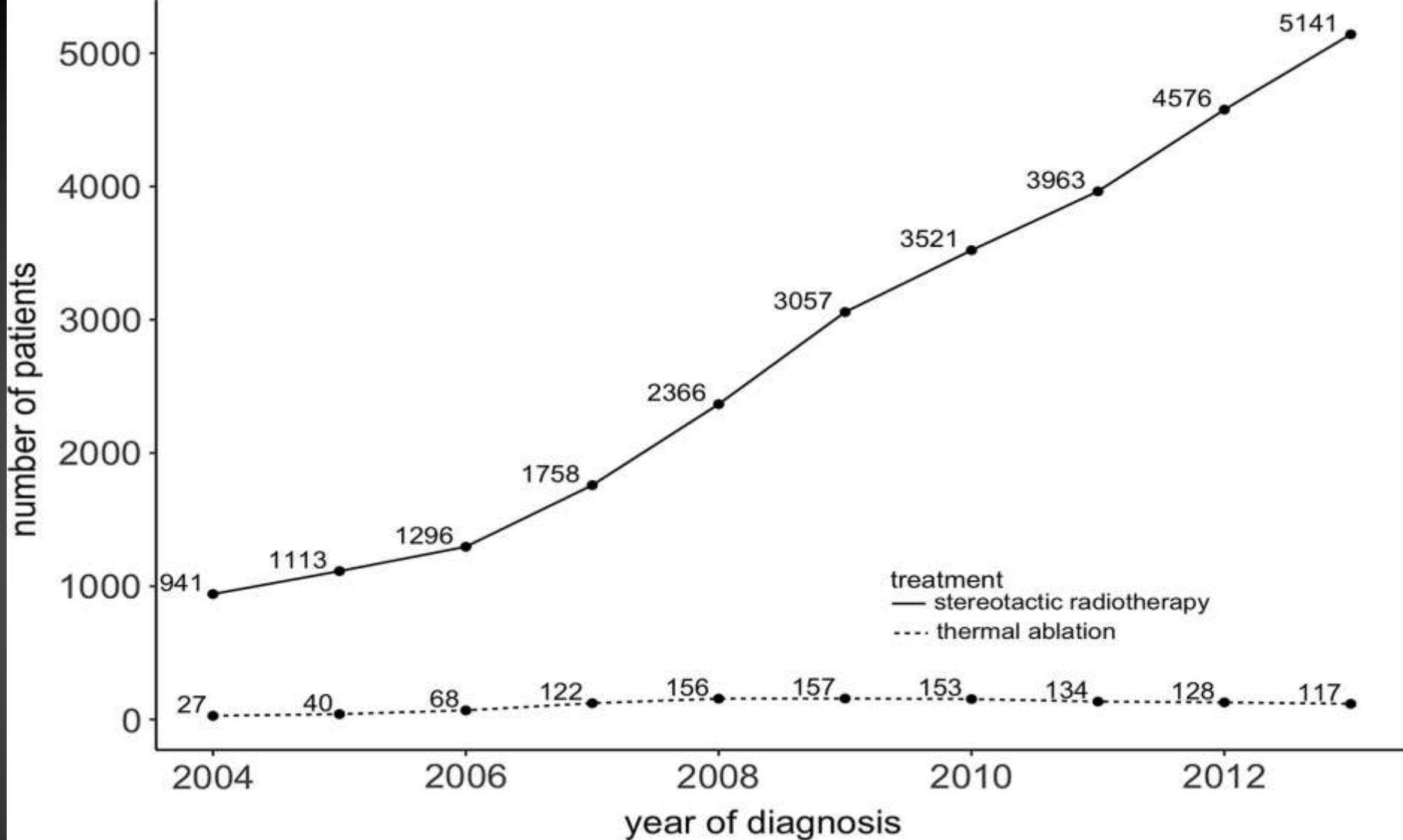


Figure 2: Graph of absolute number of patients with stage 1 non-small cell lung cancer treated by thermal ablation and stereotactic radiation therapy between 2004 and 2013 in the National Cancer Database.

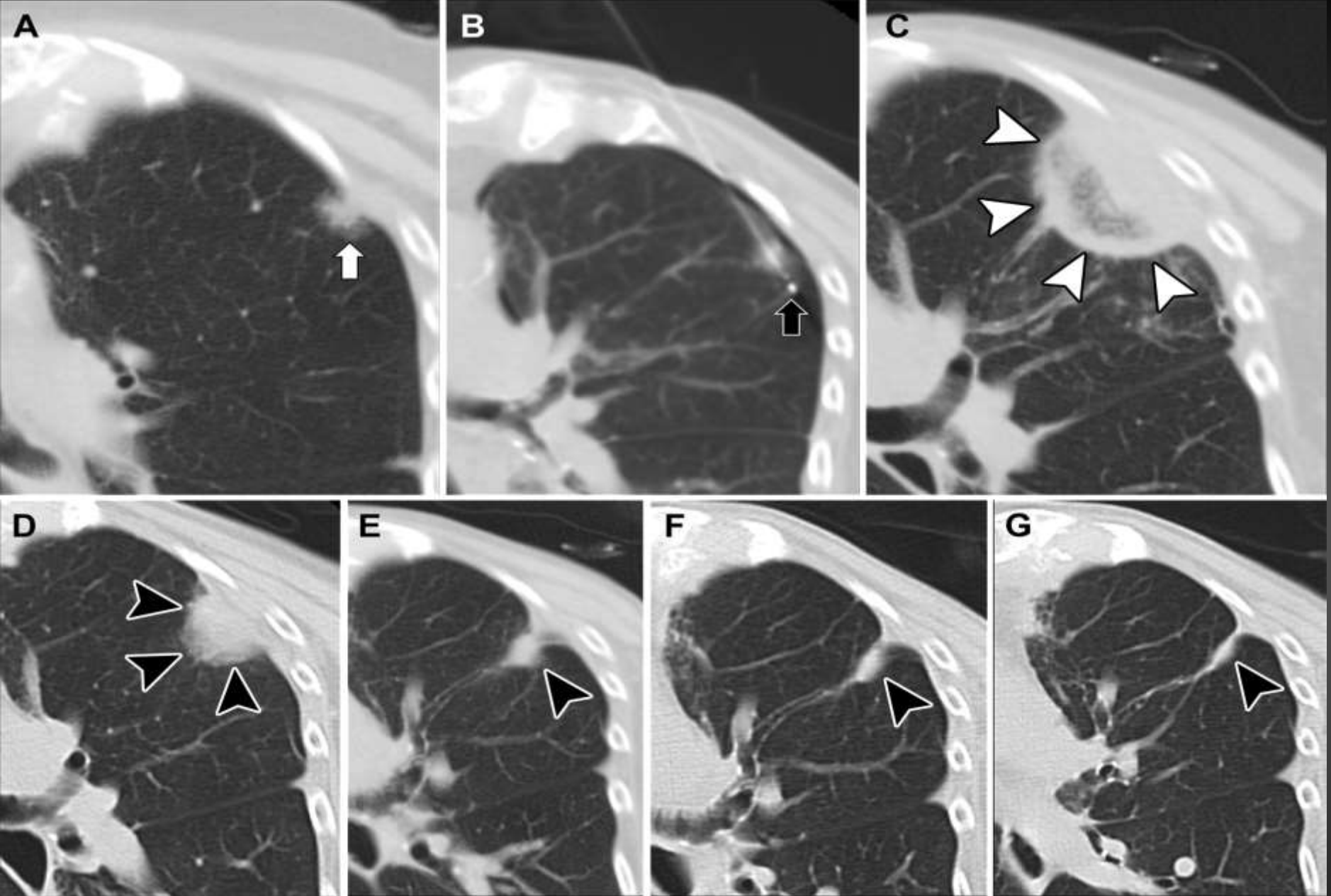


Figure 5: CT images of the left upper lobe mass, which was, *A*, a stage I (T1a, N0, M0) histopathologic analysis–confirmed adenocarcinoma (arrow in *A*). *B*, With CT guidance, an ablation probe was positioned for thermal ablation of the lung mass (arrow in *B*). *C*, CT imaging at 6 weeks showed consolidations of the postablation zone (arrowheads in *C*). *D*, Follow-up CT at 6 months showed gradual involution of the ablation zone (arrowheads in *D*). On CT images obtained 3 years (*E*), 4 years (*F*), and 5 years (*G*) after thermal ablation, a residual scar is visible (arrowheads on *E*–*G*). At 5 years (*G*), there is no evidence of local recurrence or metastatic disease. (Images courtesy of Stephen B. Solomon, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY.)

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Summary

Patients who underwent thermal ablation had equivalent survival rates compared with those who underwent stereotactic radiation therapy for stage 1 non–small cell lung cancer in this National Cancer Database study.

Implication for Patient Care

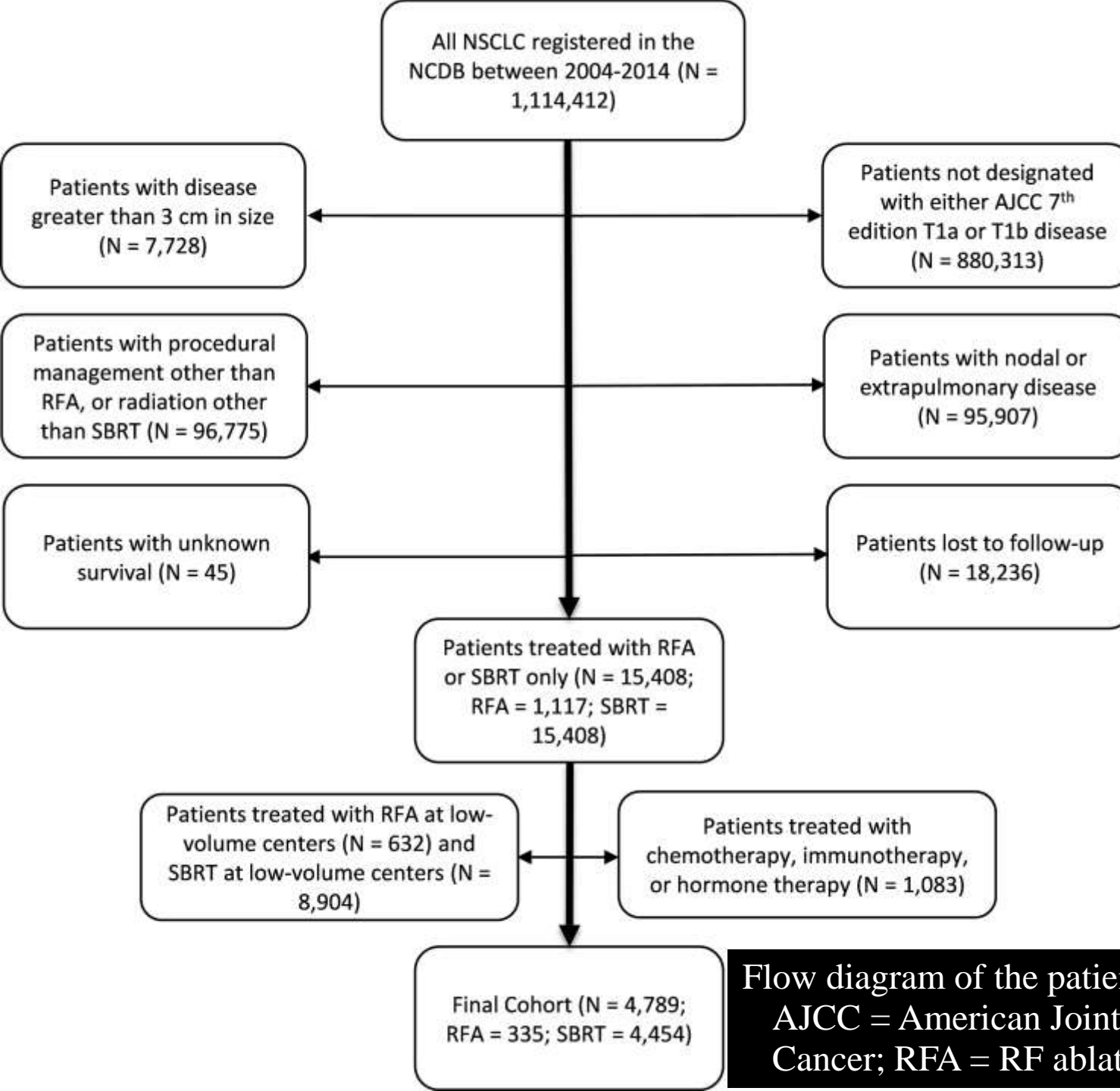
Thermal ablation appears to offer comparable 5-year survival rates to stereotactic radiation therapy in patients with stage 1 non–small cell lung cancer. This information can be considered along with known or expected differences in number of required treatments, costs, and complication profiles.



A National Cancer Database Analysis of Radiofrequency Ablation versus Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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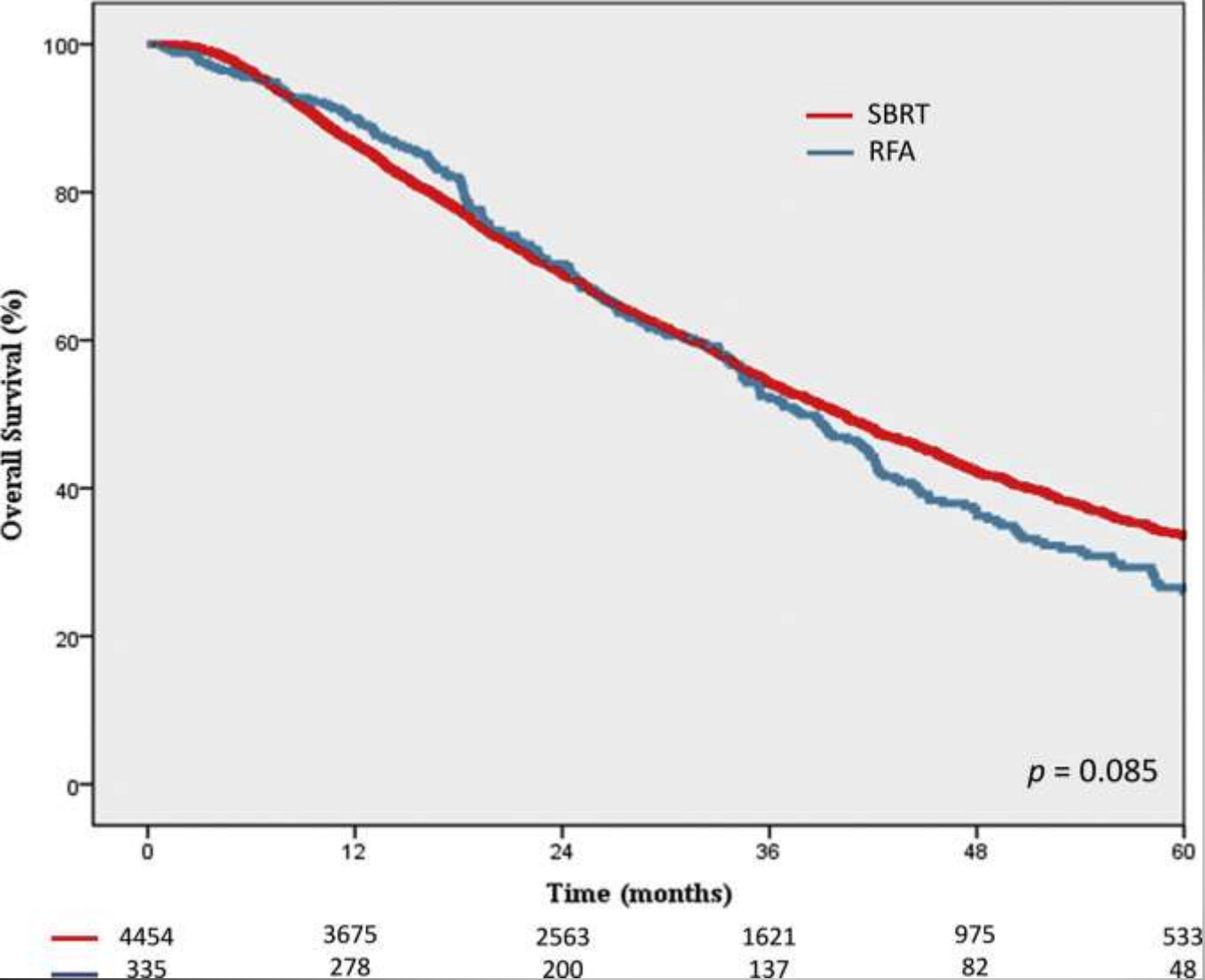


Flow diagram of the patient selection process.
AJCC = American Joint Committee on
Cancer; RFA = RF ablation.

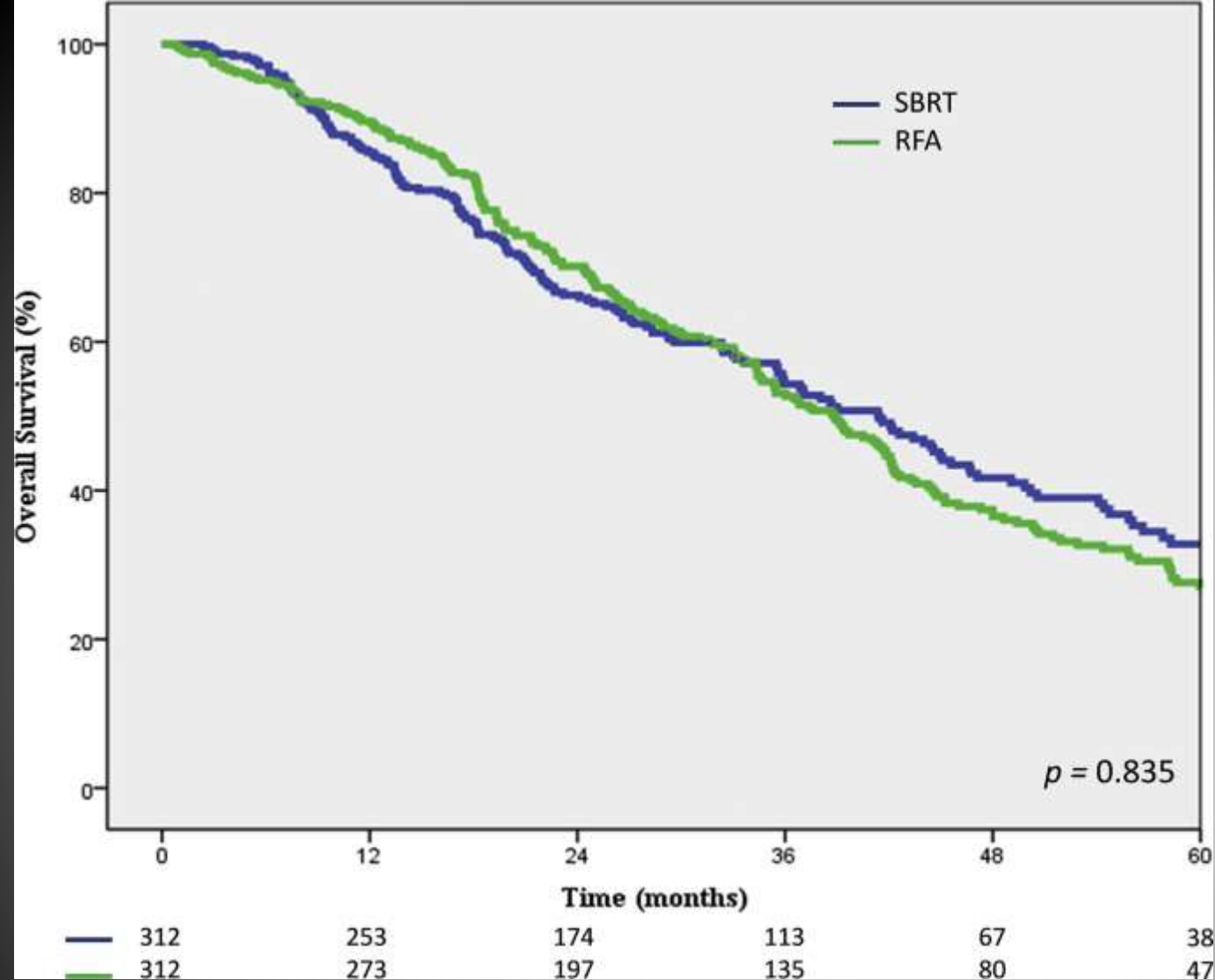
The eligibility criteria were met by 4,789 patients. Of these cases, 335 patients (7.0%) were treated with RF ablation, and 4,454 (93%) were treated with SBRT. Among the 305 facilities that performed RF ablation initially included in the query, 15 were designated as HVCs, treating > 12 patients from 2004 to 2014. For SBRT, 42 centers were designated as HVCs from the initial 837 facilities, treating > 76 patients from 2004 to 2014. The mean age of

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comme grande structure, >12 patients (2004-2014)

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Log-rank analysis of unadjusted Kaplan-Meier survival curves comparing treatment type. The number of patients at risk is listed below each time interval. P value for the log-rank test is included. RFA = RF ablation.



Log-rank analysis of the propensity score adjusted Kaplan-Meier survival curves comparing treatment types and stratified by propensity score. The number of patients at risk is listed below each time interval. P value for the log-rank test is included. RFA = RF ablation.



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Results: The final cohort comprised 4,454 cases of SBRT and 335 cases of RF ablation. Estimated median survival and follow-up were 38.8 months and 42.0 months, respectively. Patients treated with RF ablation had significantly more comorbidities ($P < .001$) and higher risk for an unplanned readmission within 30 days (hazard ratio = 11.536; $P < .001$). No difference in OS for the unmatched groups was found on multivariate Cox regression analysis ($P = .285$). No difference was found in the matched groups with 1-, 3-, and 5-year OS of 85.5%, 54.3%, and 31.9% in the SBRT group vs 89.3%, 52.7%, and 27.1% in the RF ablation group ($P = .835$).

Conclusions: No significant difference in OS was seen between patients with early-stage NSCLC treated with RF ablation and SBRT.

Survie médiane: SBRT (38,8 M) RF (42M)

Comorbidité: RF>SBRT ($p < 0,001$); Hospitalisation non prévue en 30J: RF>SBRT (hazard ratio . 11,536; $P < .001$).

Pas de différence de survie entre les deux groupes

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Table 1

Characteristics of the first transthoracic CT-guided core-needle biopsy (TTNB) of 950 patients with non-malignant initial findings.

		<i>n</i>	%
Gender	Male	667	70.2%
	Female	283	29.8%
Age	Mean± SD	54.3±14.6	
Smokers	Yes	471	49.6%
	No	479	50.4%
Prior malignancy	Yes	39	4.1%
	No	911	95.9%
Target location	lower	448	47.2%
	Upper + middle	489	51.5%
	Mediastinum	3	0.3%
	Missing	10	1.1%
Target size (mm)	Mean ± SD	44.2± 22.3	
Number of biopsy samples per TTNB	1	228	24%
	2	329	34.6%
	3+	297	31.3%
	Fragmented tissues	72	7.6%
	missing	24	2.5%
Target morphology	Nodule	222	23.4%
	Cavity	38	4%
	consolidation	351	36.9%
	Mass	339	35.7%
Length of needle path (mm)	Mean ± SD	56.1± 19.2	
Haemorrhage	Yes	142	15%
	No	808	85.1%
Pneumothorax	Yes	87	9.2%
	No	863	90.8%

SD, standard deviation.

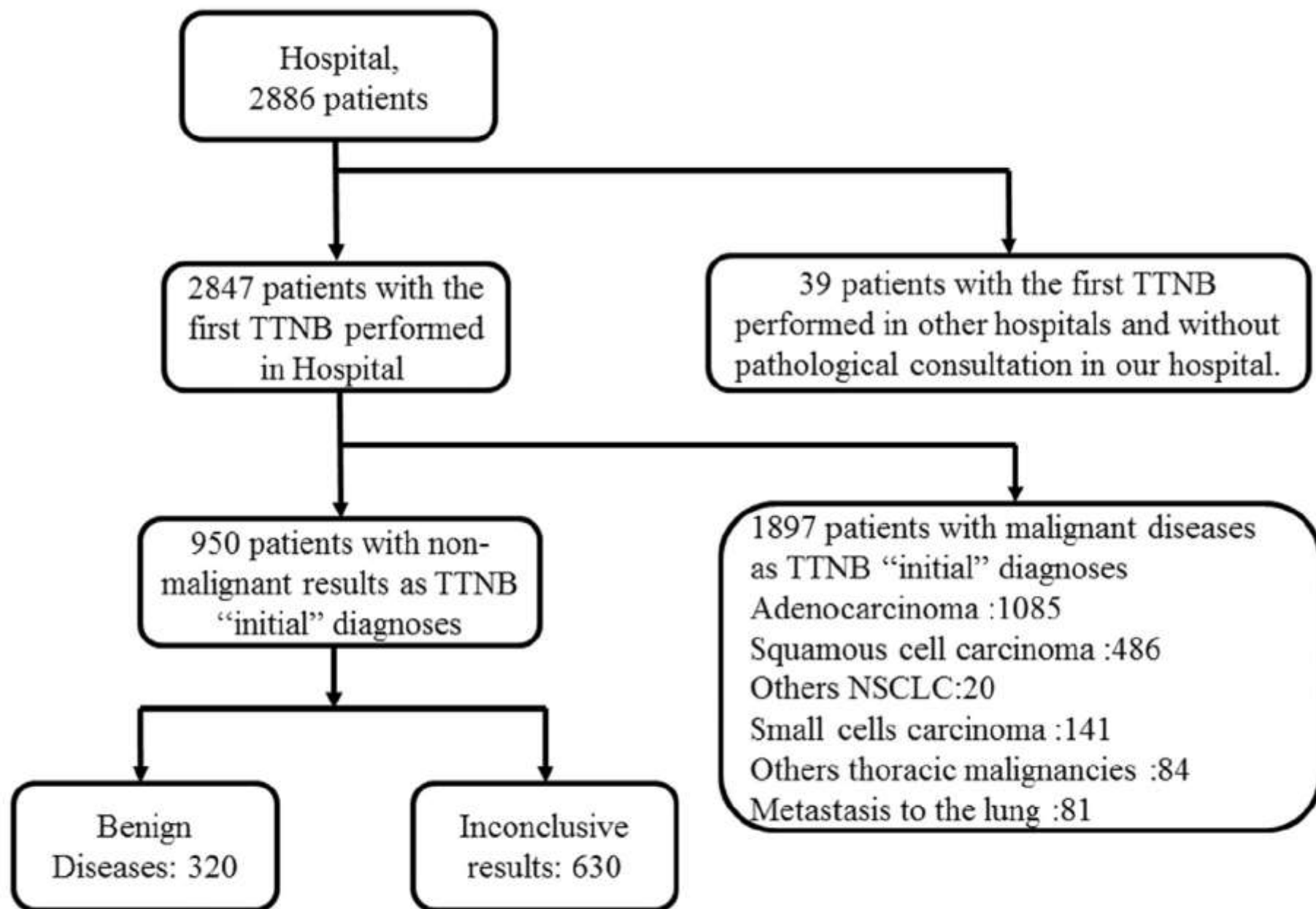


Figure 1 Inclusion/exclusion flow chart for the study.

Table 2
Initial and final diagnoses for 950 non-malignant transthoracic CT-guided core-needle biopsy (TTNB).

Final diagnosis Initial results:	Total	Missing	Total (F)	Tuberculosis	Fungal infection	Infection NOS	Inflammatory disease	Benign tumour	Other benign disease ^a	Malignant disease
Benign diseases	320	3	317	185	35	38	47	9		3
Tuberculosis	185	2	183	183 ^b						
Fungal infection	33		33		33 ^c					
Infection NOS	38		38	1	1	35				1
Benign tumour	9		9					9		
Inflammatory disease	55	1	54	1	1	3	47			2
Inconclusive results	630	86	544	78	20	203	77	6	22	138
Necrosis	60	3	57	26	1	3	3		2	22
Poor sample	44	11	33	5	3	7	2			16
Heterocyst	14	1	13			2		1	1	9
Inflammation NOS	253	31	222	21	12	113	23		8	45
Fibrosis process	185	24	161	12	1	68	45	2	7	26
Granuloma	33	3	30	14	2	9	3		1	1
Other	41	13	28	0	1	1	1	3	3	19
Total	950	89	861	263	55	241	124	15	22	141

NOS, not otherwise specified.
^a Other benign disease=uncharacterised disease and pulmonary sequestration.
^b One patient with initial tuberculosis was definitively diagnosed with tuberculosis and ANCA-associated vasculitis.
^c One patient who was proved to have fungal infection also had tuberculosis.

Table 3
Predictive factors for false negative results in univariate and multivariate analysis in patients with a non-malignant CT-guided lung biopsy (n=861).

		OR	[CI 95%]	p-Value	AOR ^a	[CI 95%]	p-Value
Clinical characterisation							
Gender	Female	Ref			Ref		
	Male	1.43	[0.95, 2.15]	0.087	0.96	[0.56, 1.66]	0.89
Age	Cont.(Y)	1.03	[1.01, 1.04]	<0.001	1.02	[1.01, 1.04]	0.002
Smoking	Never smoked	Ref			Ref		
	Smoker ^b	1.715	[1.19, 2.46]	0.004	1.46	[0.89, 2.37]	0.13
Personal history cancer	No	Ref			Ref		
	Yes	5.318	[2.65, 10.69]	<0.001	5.29	[2.55, 10.96]	<0.001
TTNB method							
Number of biopsy samples per TTNB	Fragmented tissues	Ref					
	1	0.77	[0.39, 1.52]	0.46			
	2	0.78	[0.41, 1.48]	0.44			
	3+	0.59	[0.31, 1.15]	0.12			
Target location	Mediastinum	Ref					
	Lower lobe	1.29	[0.15, 10.69]	0.81			
	Upper + median	1.61	[0.19, 13.23]	0.66			
Target size (mm)	Cont. (mm)	1.01	[1.00, 1.02]	0.003	1.01	[1.01, 1.02]	0.02
Solitary nodule	No	Ref					
	Yes	1.04	[0.60, 1.78]	0.90			
Length of needle path (mm)	Cont. (mm)	1.01	[1.00, 1.02]	0.03	1.01	[0.999, 1.02]	0.07
Pneumothorax	No	Ref					
	Yes	2.01	[1.19, 3.41]	0.01	2.332	[1.332, 4.08]	0.003

TTNB, transthoracic CT-guided core-needle biopsy.

^a AOR=computed in the model adjusted for gender, age, smoking, target size (mm), target morphology, length of needle path (mm) and pneumothorax.

^b Current smoker and former smoker are combined.

Table 4

Additional invasive exams performed to obtain the final diagnosis in the 861 transthoracic CT-guided core-needle biopsy (TTNB) with non-malignant results.

		N=861
Additional invasive examinations performed to reach final diagnosis	At least one	410 ^a
	Surgery	88
	TTNB (same or other target)	88
	Biopsy of another organ	25
	Bronchial endoscopy	303
	Lung FNA	3
	B ultrasound-guided percutaneous needle biopsy	6
	No invasive examination	451
Additional invasive examinations performed to successfully reach final diagnosis		216

^a Sixty-five patients underwent two additional invasive examinations and 19 patients underwent three additional invasive examinations to reach final diagnosis.



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Résultats:

Infection spécifique ou tumeur bénigne: vraies lésions bénignes, pas de poursuite des investigations

Granulome inflammatoire: souvent négatives mais 1 à 2 % étaient malins.

Facteurs poussant à interpréter avec précaution l'absence de malignité: sujet âgé, grosse lésion, la survenue d'un pneumothorax ou antécédent de cancer

Non-specific benign pathological results on transthoracic core-needle biopsy: how to differentiate false-negatives?

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Table 1 Univariate analysis to determine distinguishing features of false-negative malignancies from true-negative lesions among non-specific benign biopsy results

Characteristics	False-negatives (n = 24)	True-negatives (n = 202)	P-value
Patients			
Age (y) [†]	64.5 ± 9.8	58.9 ± 12.3	0.034 ^a
< 50 y : ≥ 50 y	1 : 23	46 : 156	0.033 ^c
< 55 y : ≥ 55 y	4 : 20	70 : 132	0.106 ^c
Sex (male : female)	12 : 12	107 : 95	0.783 ^b
Target lesions			
Size (cm) [†]	2.5 ± 2.1	2.4 ± 1.4	0.894 ^a
Size (≤1 cm)	5 (20.8%)	16 (7.9%)	0.055 ^c
Lesion location (upper and middle : lower)	14 : 10	107 : 95	0.618 ^b
Nodule type (part-solid : solid)	6 : 18	11 : 191	0.001 ^b
SUVmax ^{†‡}	5.9 ± 3.9 (n = 16)	6.7 ± 4.9 (n = 56)	0.585 ^a
Biopsy variables			
Biopsy position (supine : prone)	13 : 11	81 : 121	0.186 ^b
Pleura-to-target distance (cm) [†]	2.5 ± 2.4	2.2 ± 2.1	0.492 ^a
Needle tip within target	15 (62.5%)	171 (84.7%)	0.007 ^b
No. of tissue sampling [†]	3.3 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 0.9	0.389 ^a
Pneumothorax	3 (12.5%)	23 (11.4%)	0.745 ^c
Haemoptysis	4 (16.7%)	14 (6.9%)	0.108 ^c
Granulomatous inflammation	0 (0%)	81 (40.1%)	0.000 ^c
Clinical features			
Smoker : Non-smoker	11 : 13	71 : 131	0.303 ^b
Previous tuberculosis	5 (20.8%)	38 (18.8%)	0.786 ^c
Previous malignancy	4 (16.7%)	42 (20.8%)	0.792 ^c
Immunocompromised status	5 (20.8%)	61 (30.2%)	0.477 ^c

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, data are the numbers of patients

[†] Data are mean ± standard deviation

[‡] The mean time interval from FDG-PET scan to biopsy was 1.7 ± 8.9 days

^a Independent sample t-test

^b Pearson's chi-squared test

^c Fisher's exact test

Table 1 Univariate analysis to determine distinguishing features of false-negative malignancies from true-negative lesions among non-specific benign biopsy results

Characteristics	False-negatives (n = 24)	True-negatives (n = 202)	P-value
Patients			
Age (y) [†]	64.5 ± 9.8	58.9 ± 12.3	0.034 ^a
< 50 y : ≥ 50 y	1 : 23	46 : 156	0.033 ^c
< 55 y : ≥ 55 y	4 : 20	70 : 132	0.106 ^c
Sex (male : female)	12 : 12	107 : 95	0.783 ^b
Target lesions			
Size (cm) [†]	2.5 ± 2.1	2.4 ± 1.4	0.894 ^a
Size (≤1 cm)	5 (20.8%)	16 (7.9%)	0.055 ^c
Lesion location (upper and middle : lower)	14 : 10	107 : 95	0.618 ^b
Nodule type (part-solid : solid)	6 : 18	11 : 191	0.001 ^b
SUVmax [‡]	5.9 ± 3.9 (n = 16)	6.7 ± 4.9 (n = 56)	0.585 ^a
Biopsy variables			
Biopsy position (supine : prone)	13 : 11	81 : 121	0.186 ^b
Pleura-to-target distance (cm) [†]	2.5 ± 2.4	2.2 ± 2.1	0.492 ^a
Needle tip within target	15 (62.5%)	171 (84.7%)	0.007 ^b
No. of tissue sampling [†]	3.3 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 0.9	0.389 ^a
Pneumothorax	3 (12.5%)	23 (11.4%)	0.745 ^c
Haemoptysis	4 (16.7%)	14 (6.9%)	0.108 ^c
Granulomatous inflammation	0 (0%)	81 (40.1%)	0.000 ^c
Clinical features			
Smoker : Non-smoker	11 : 13	71 : 131	0.303 ^b
Previous tuberculosis	5 (20.8%)	38 (18.8%)	0.786 ^c
Previous malignancy	4 (16.7%)	42 (20.8%)	0.792 ^c
Immunocompromised status	5 (20.8%)	61 (30.2%)	0.477 ^c

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, data are the numbers of patients

[†] Data are mean ± standard deviation

[‡] The mean time interval from FDG-PET scan to biopsy was 1.7 ± 8.9 days

^a Independent sample t-test

^b Pearson's chi-squared test

^c Fisher's exact test

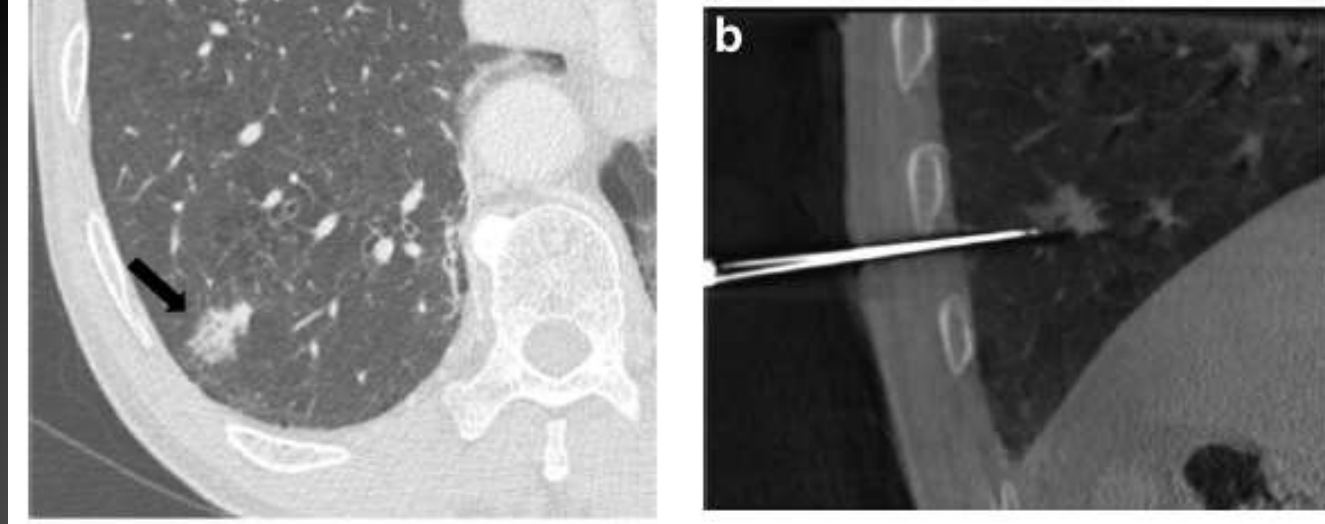


Fig. 1 A false-negative part-solid nodule for which the biopsy result was benign non-specific pathology. **(a)** A diagnostic chest CT image in a 66-year-old man shows a 2.4-cm part-solid nodule (arrow) in the right lower lobe and lung cancer was highly suspected. **(b)** On the transverse procedural CBCT image, the coaxial needle tip abutted the mass. After the biopsy, the lesion was diagnosed as intra-alveolar macrophages and fibrins. Taking into consideration the discrepancy between the biopsy results and the CT findings, he performed a wedge resection through video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS). Finally, the lesion was confirmed as adenocarcinoma

Fig. 2 A mass for which the biopsy result was a chronic granulomatous inflammation. **(a)** A diagnostic chest CT image in a 71-year-old woman showed a 4.7-cm irregular mass (arrow) in the right upper lobe. **(b)** The maximum standardized uptake value (SUV) of the mass was 8.1 on FDG-PET/CT scan. **(c)** On the transverse procedural CBCT image, the exact location of the needle tip in the mass was noted. There was a minimal amount of pneumothorax. A chronic granulomatous inflammation with negative polymerase chain reaction for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB-PCR) was reported on the biopsy specimen. **(d)** After 6 months with conservative management, the lesion was almost completely resolved on follow-up CT scan

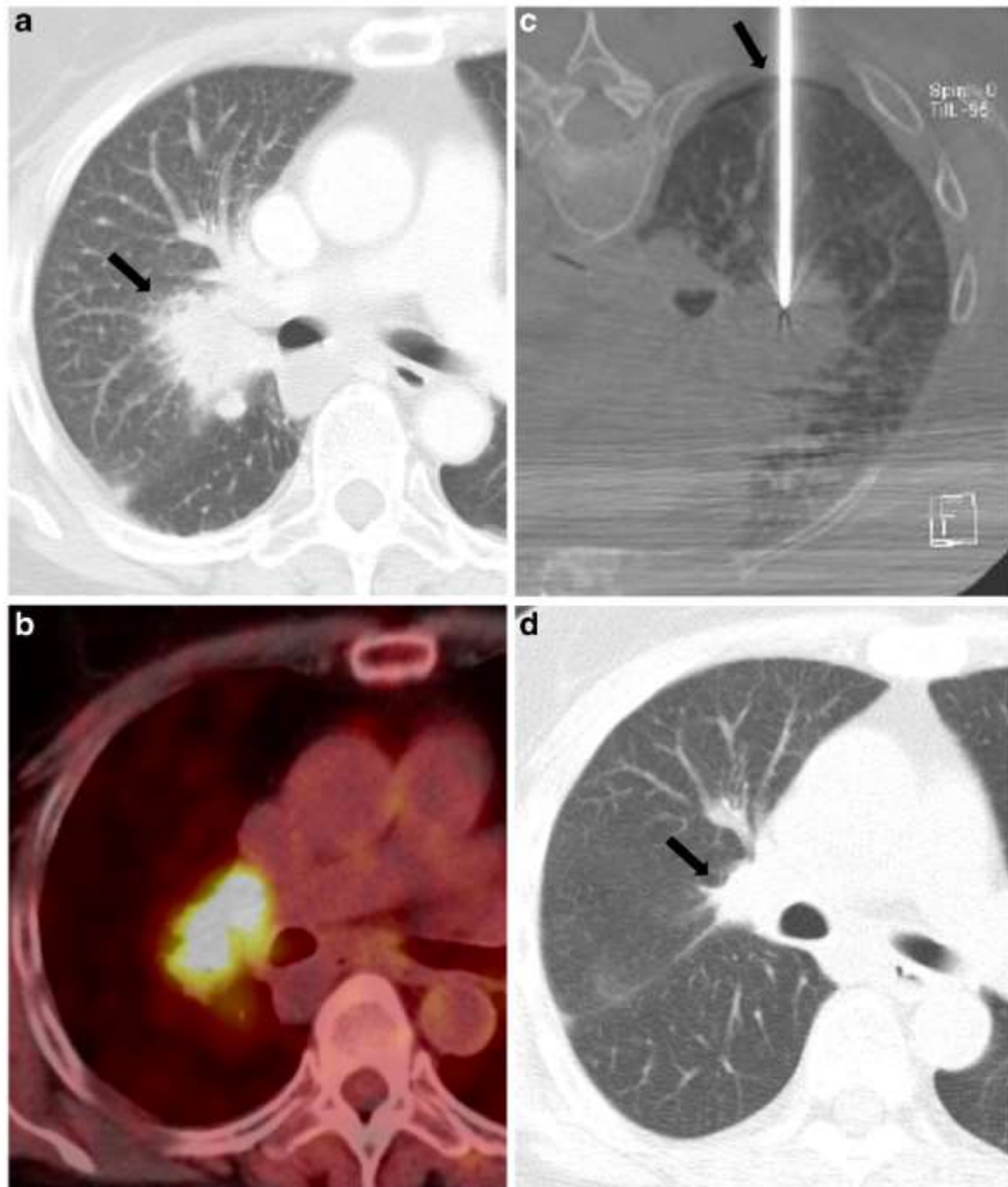


Table 2 Results of multivariate logistic regression analysis to determine distinguishing false-negative malignancies from true-negative lesions among non-specific benign biopsy results

Variables	Adjusted odds ratio	95% CI	P-value
Needle tip within target	0.37	0.14–0.98	0.045
Granulomatous inflammation	0.04	0.00–0.62	0.022
Part-solid nodule	3.95	1.21–12.85	0.022

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- VPN: diagnostic de bénignité incertain: 89,4%
- Le nodule mixte: Faux negative (OR = 3.95).
- Le granulome inflammatoire: indicateur de bénignité (vraie négative)
- Aiguille dans la cible est en faveur d'un vraie négative



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