



Digital Twins in Radiation Oncology

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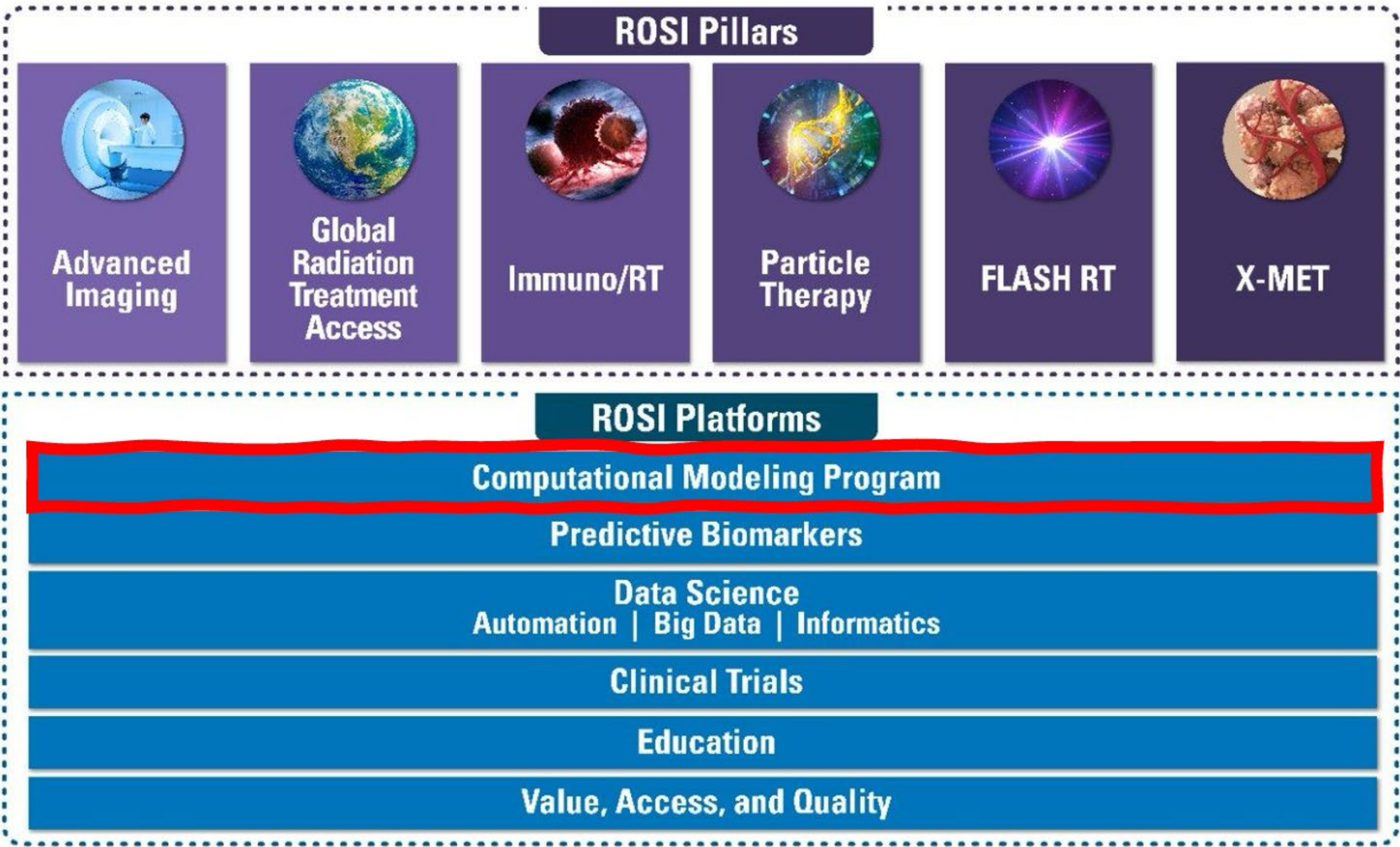
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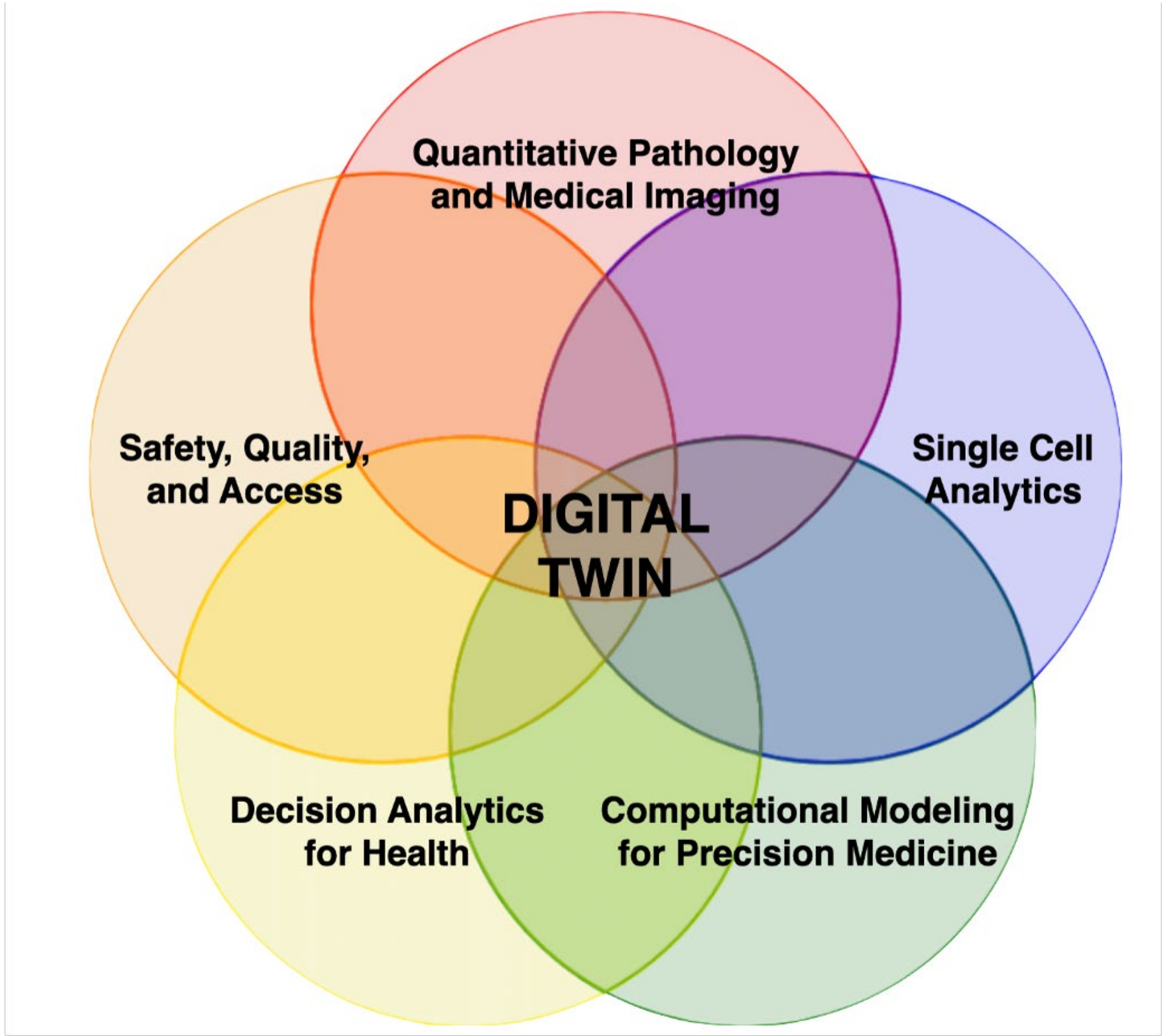
Computational Modeling at MDACC



Radiation Oncology Strategic Initiatives (ROSI)



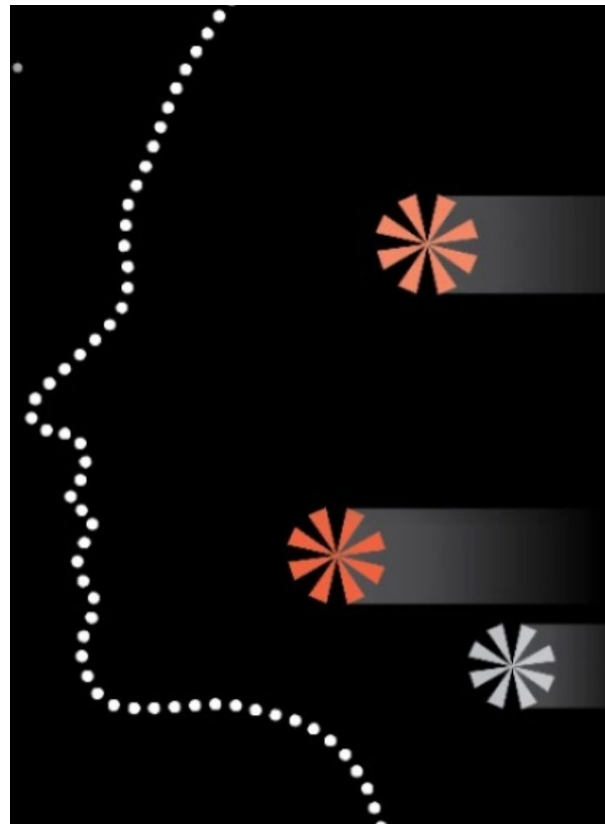
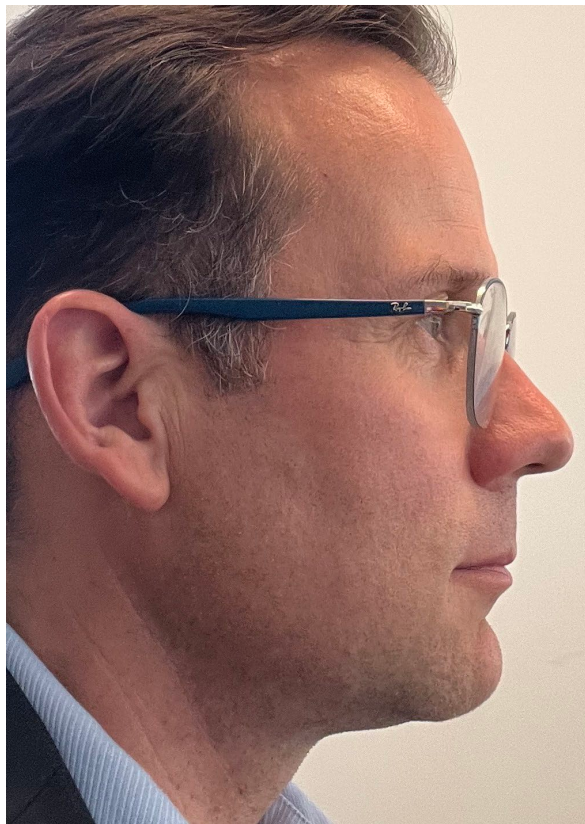
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Digital Twin



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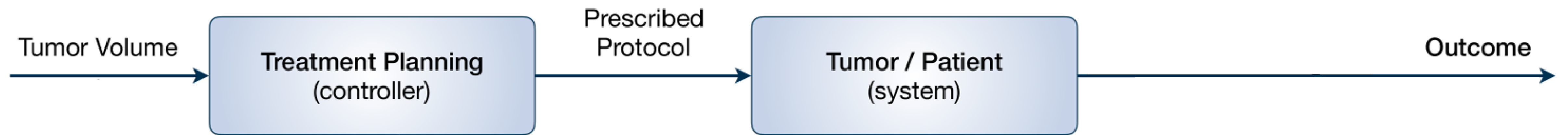
“ *A digital twin is a set of virtual information constructs that mimics the structure, context, and behavior of a natural, engineered, or social system (or system-of-systems), is dynamically updated with data from its physical twin, has a predictive capability, and informs decisions that realize value. The bidirectional interaction between the virtual and the physical is central to the digital twin.*

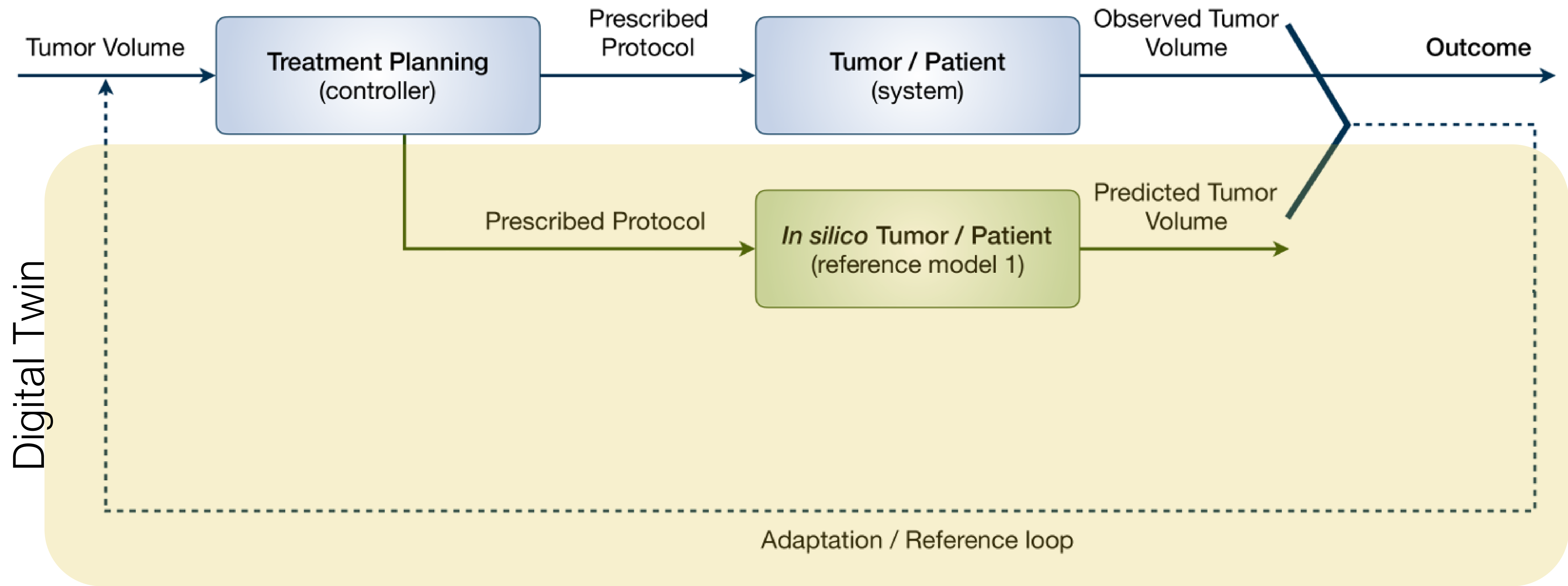
Committee's definition builds on a definition from an AIAA and AIA Position Paper (2020)

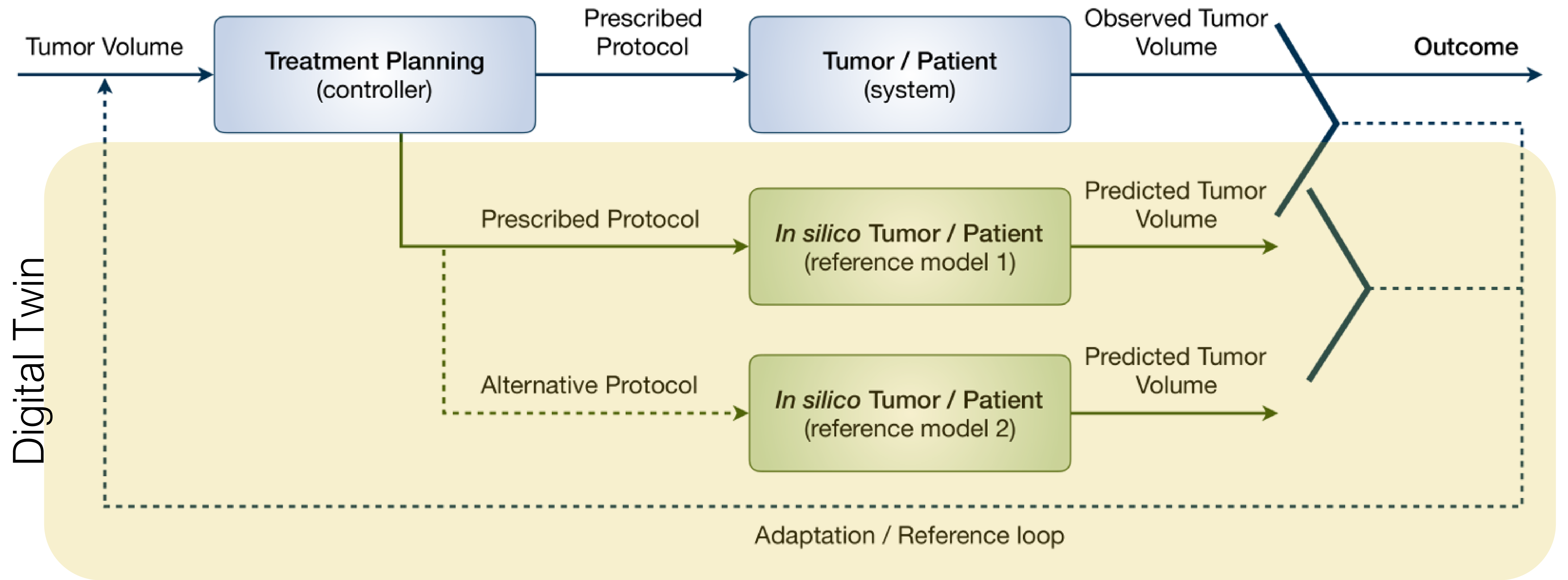
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Can we use a digital twin

- to simulate head and neck cancer radiotherapy ?
- to predict patient-specific radiation responses ?
- to personalize radiotherapy dose and dose fractionation ?

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PERSONALIZED RADIOTHERAPY WITH
INTEGRATED SCIENTIFIC MODELING

Research at MD Anderson

Proliferation Saturation Index, PSI

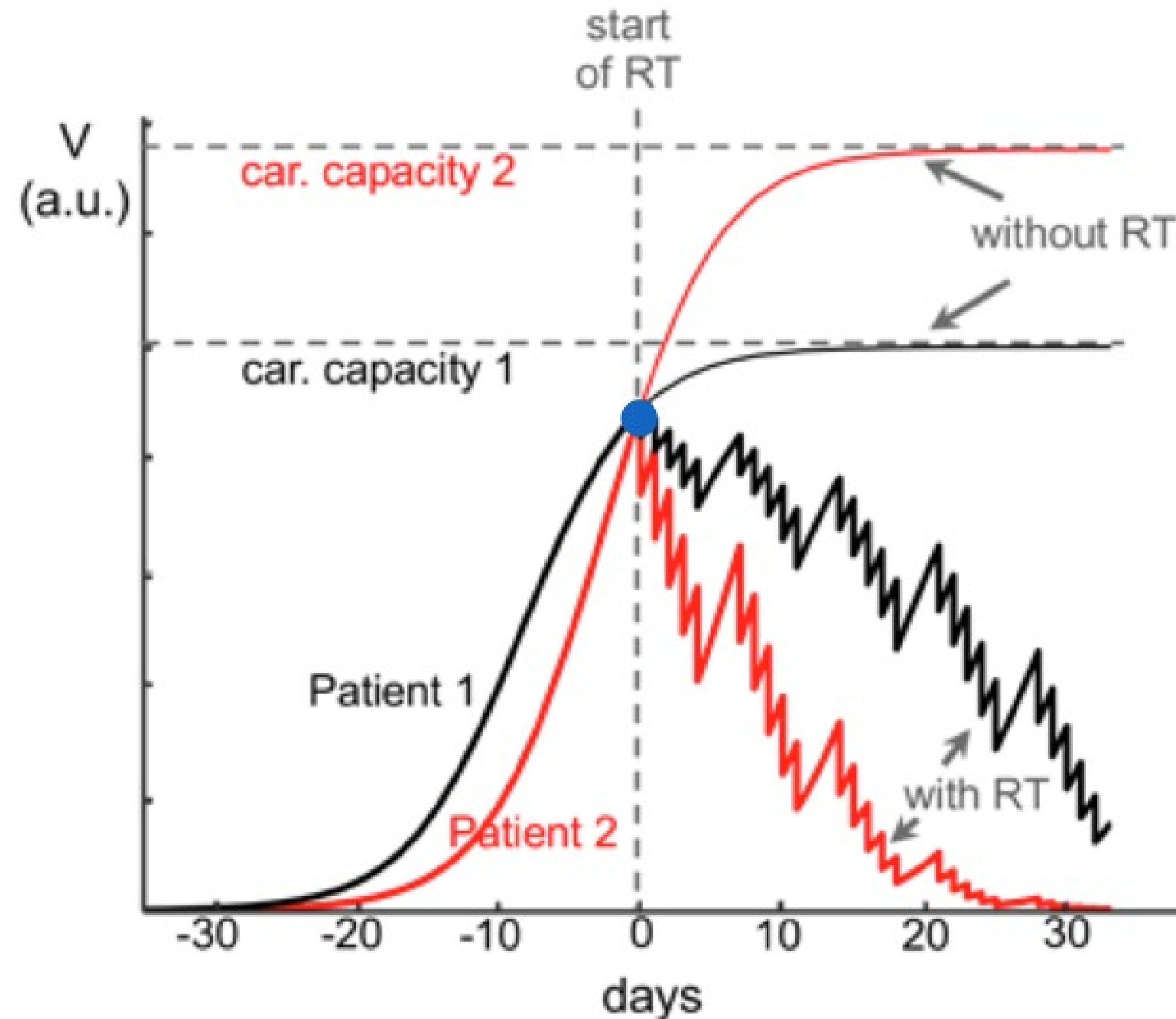


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$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \lambda V \left(1 - \frac{V}{K} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{PSI} = \frac{V_0}{K}$$

$$V_{\text{post}} = V - a V \left(1 - \frac{V}{K} \right)$$



Proliferation Saturation Index, PSI



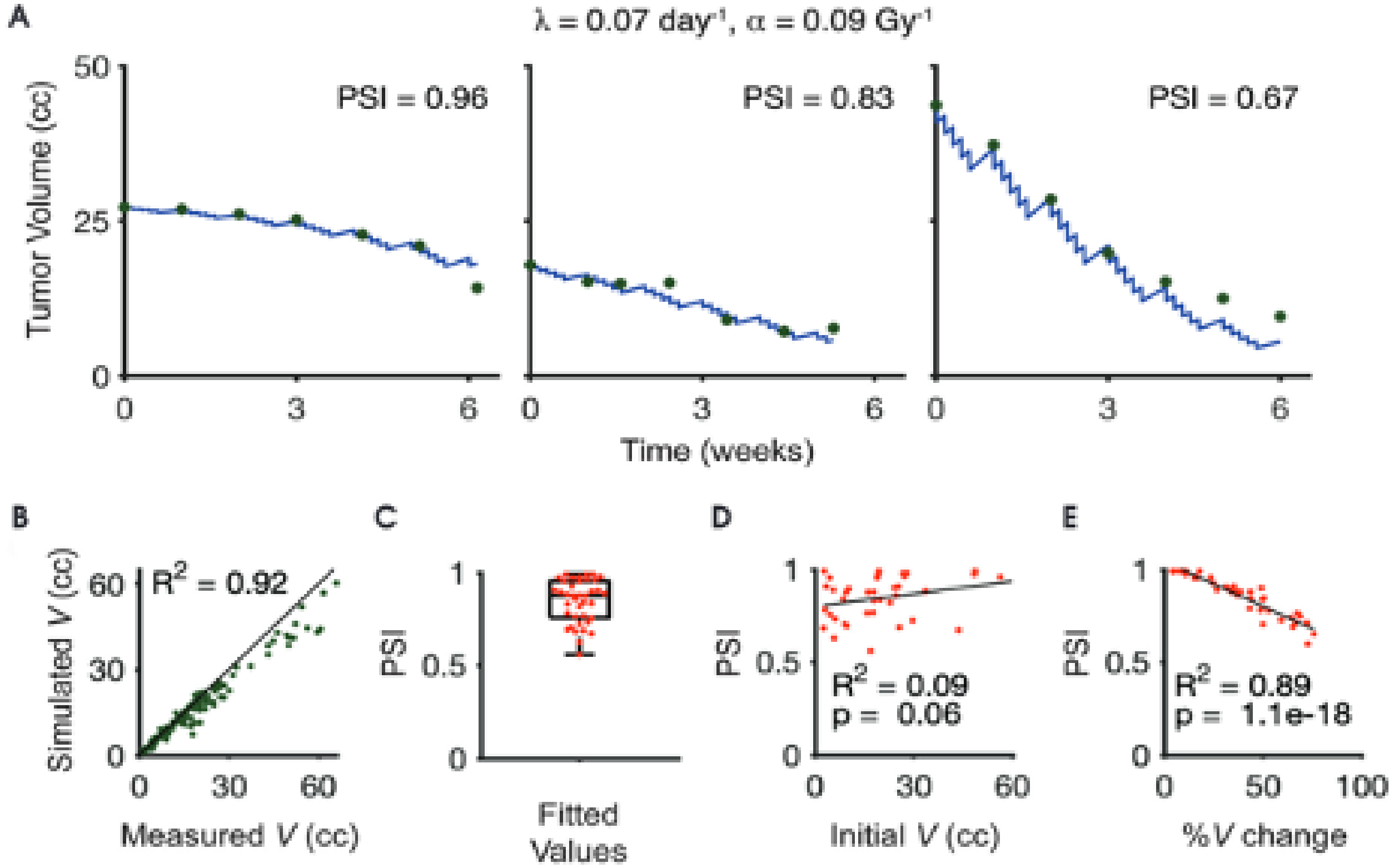
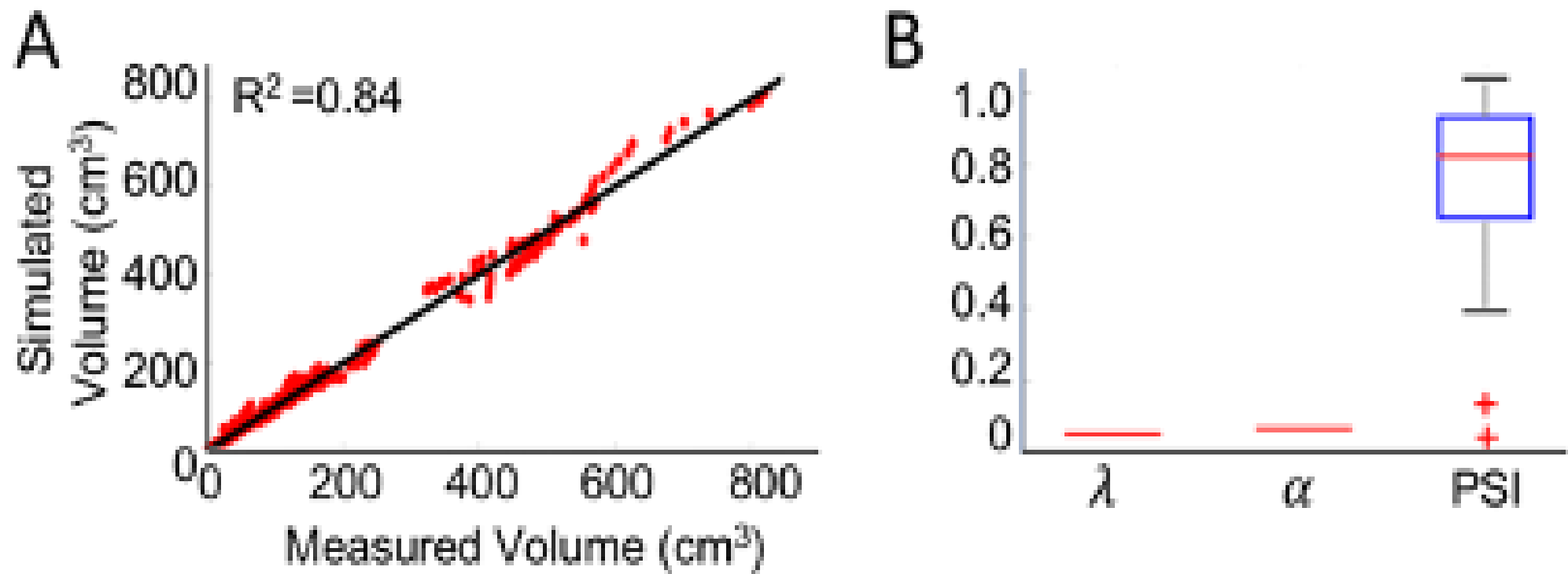
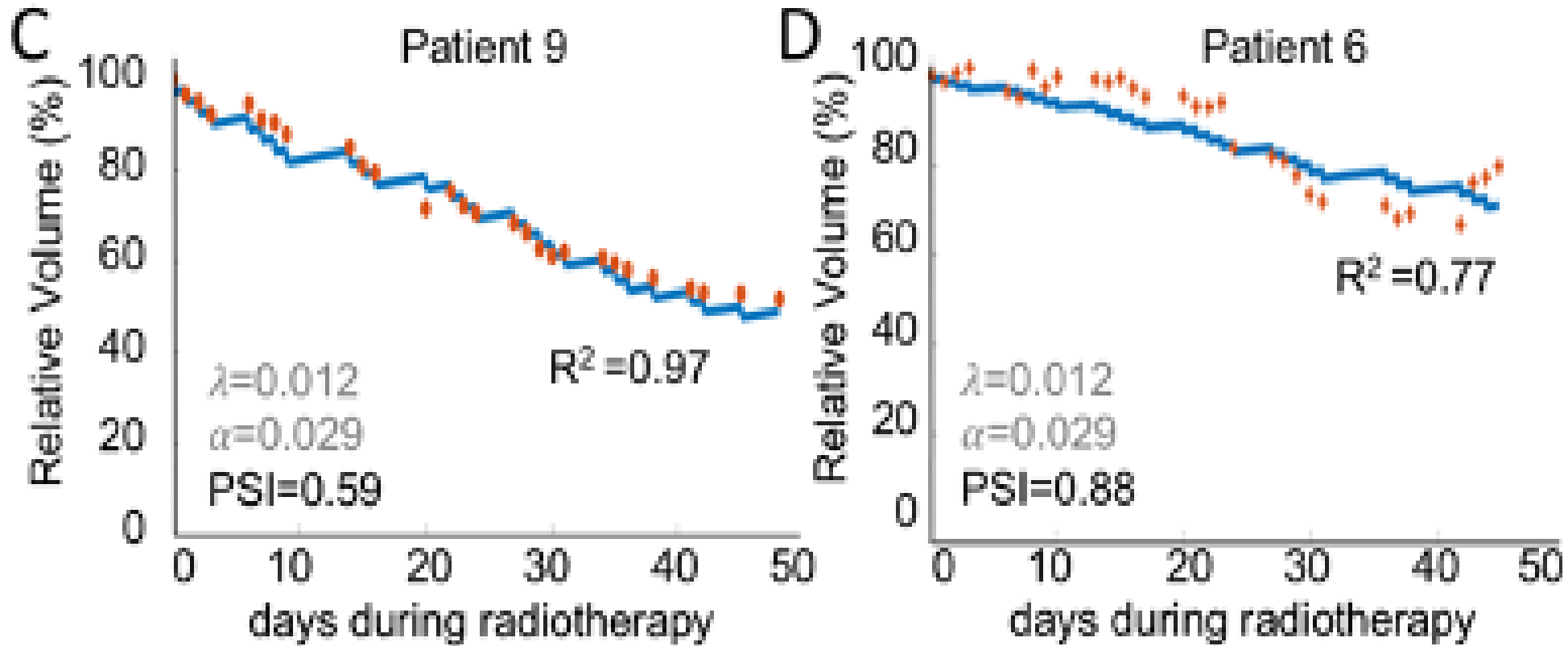
Non-small cell lung cancer



Head and neck cancer

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Sunassee et al, *Int. J. Radiat. Biol.*, 2019

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Mohsin et al., *J. Theor. Biol.*, 2024

PSI correlates with volumetric response



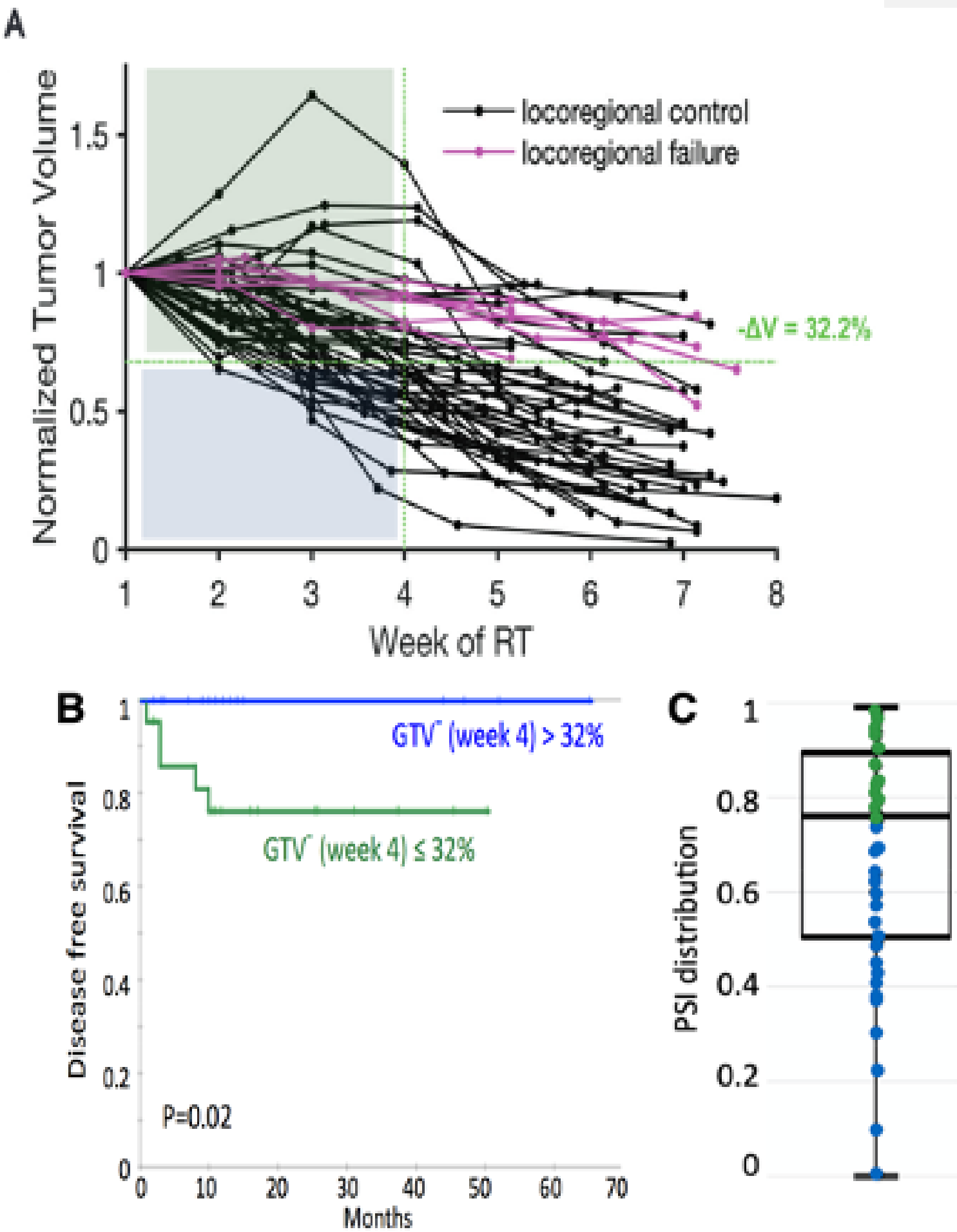
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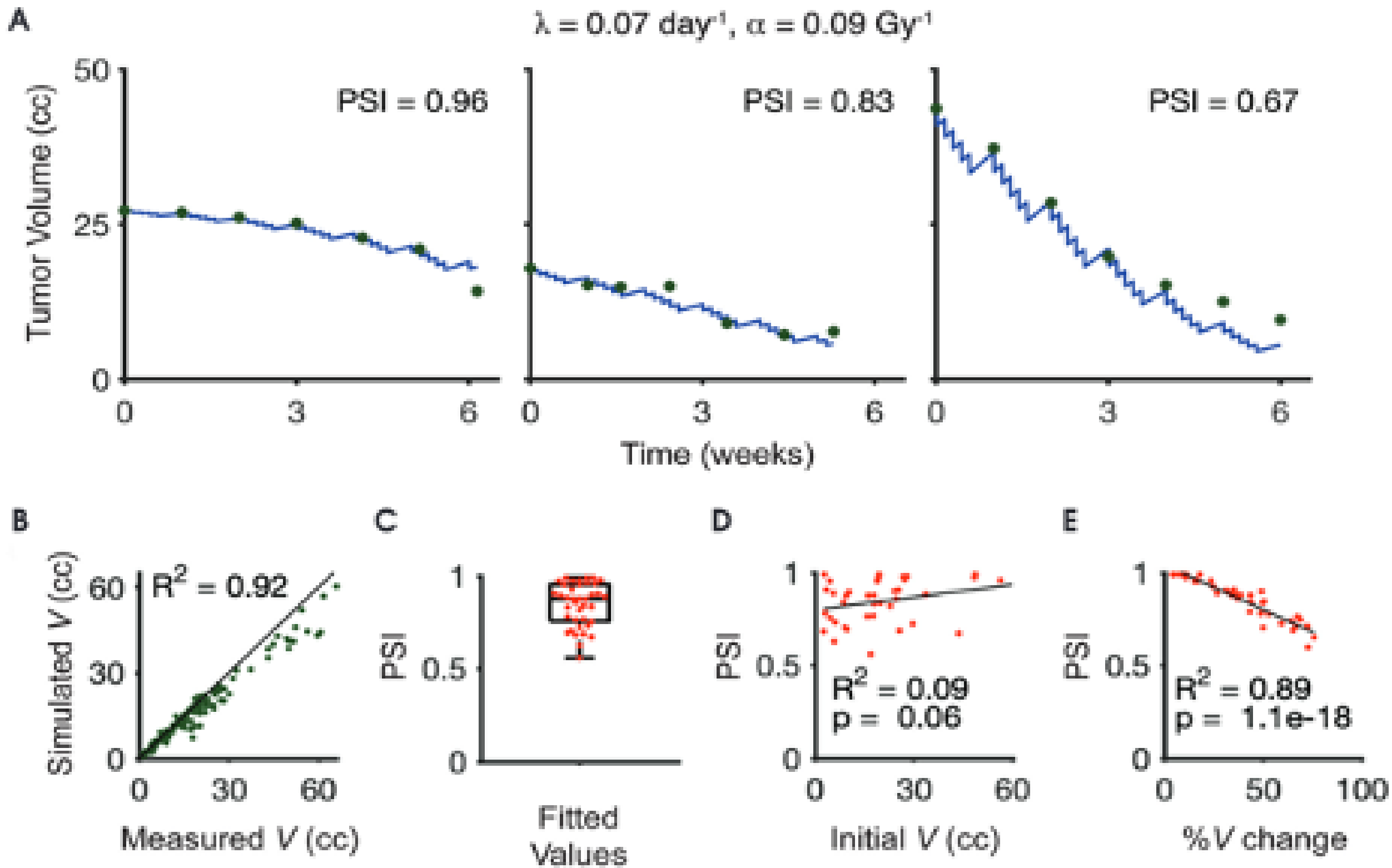


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PSI determines response to radiation fractionation



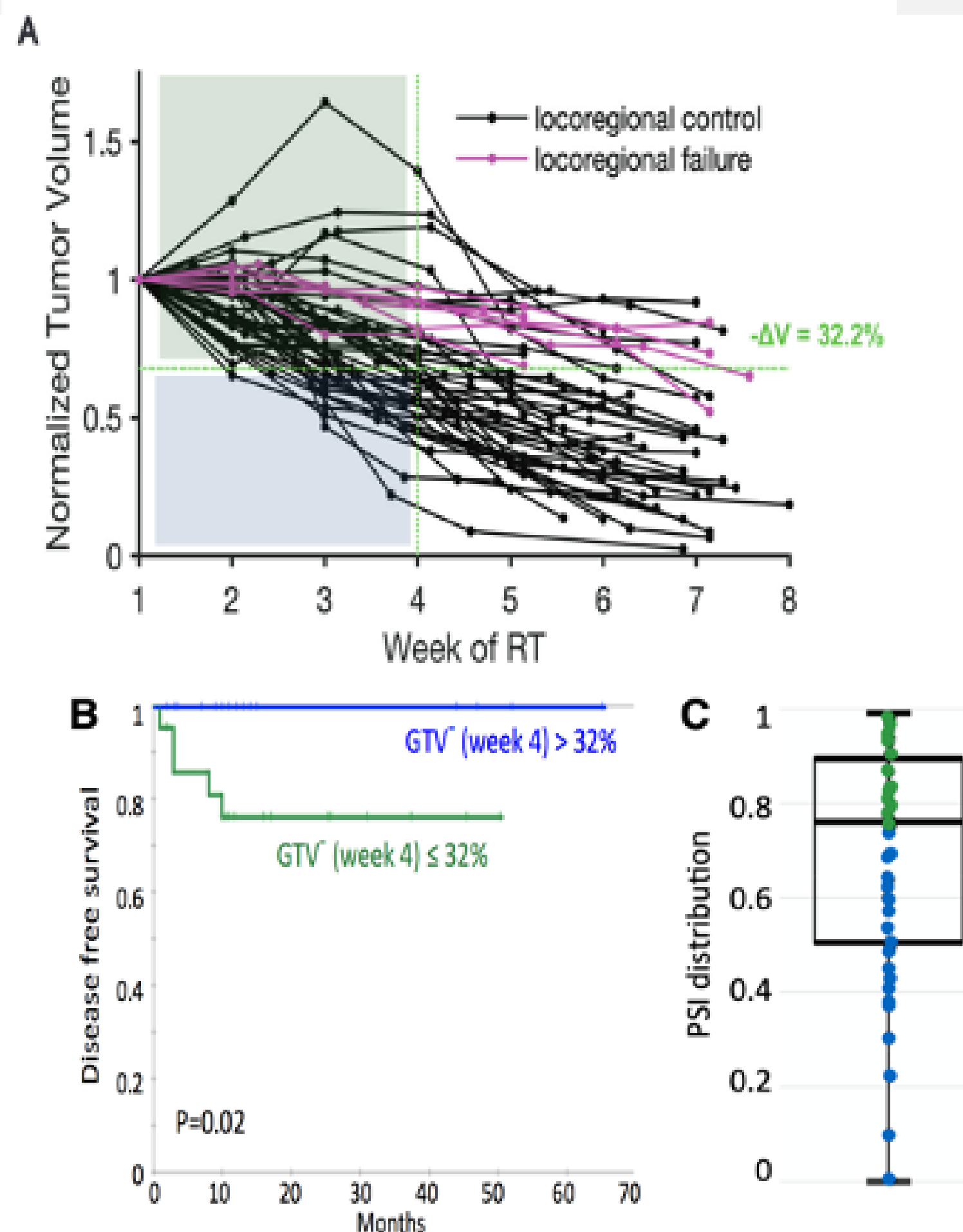
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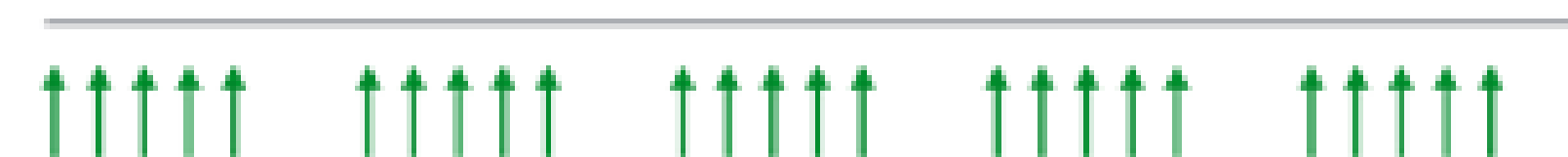
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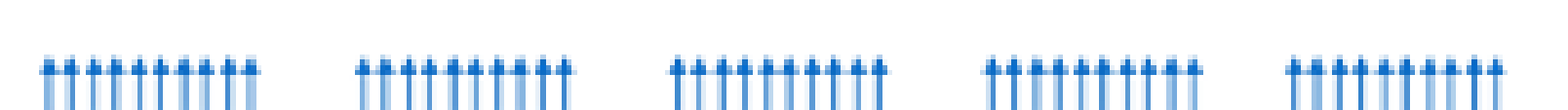
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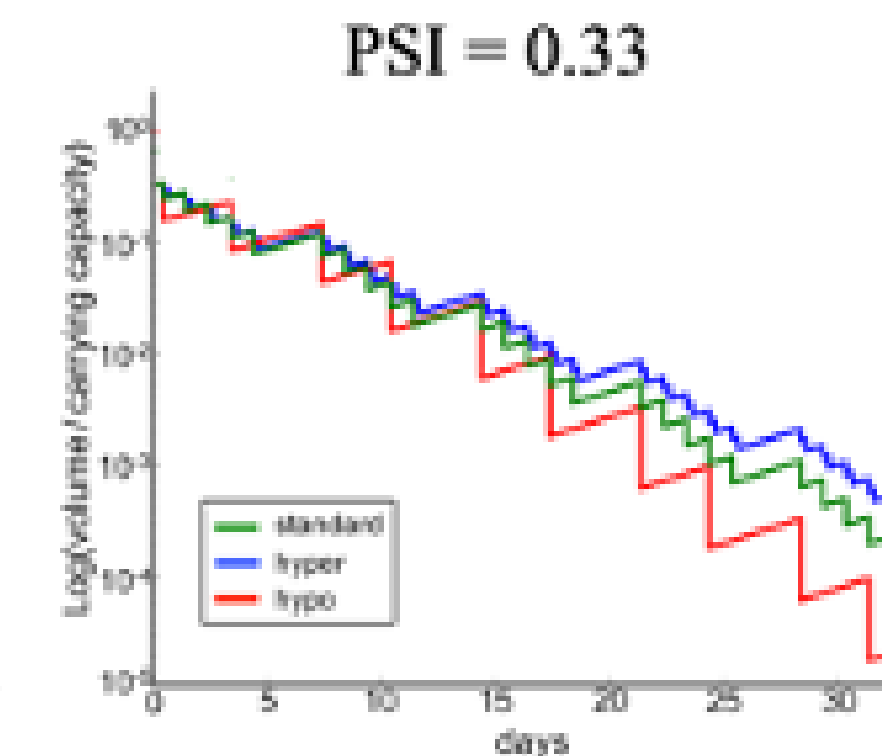
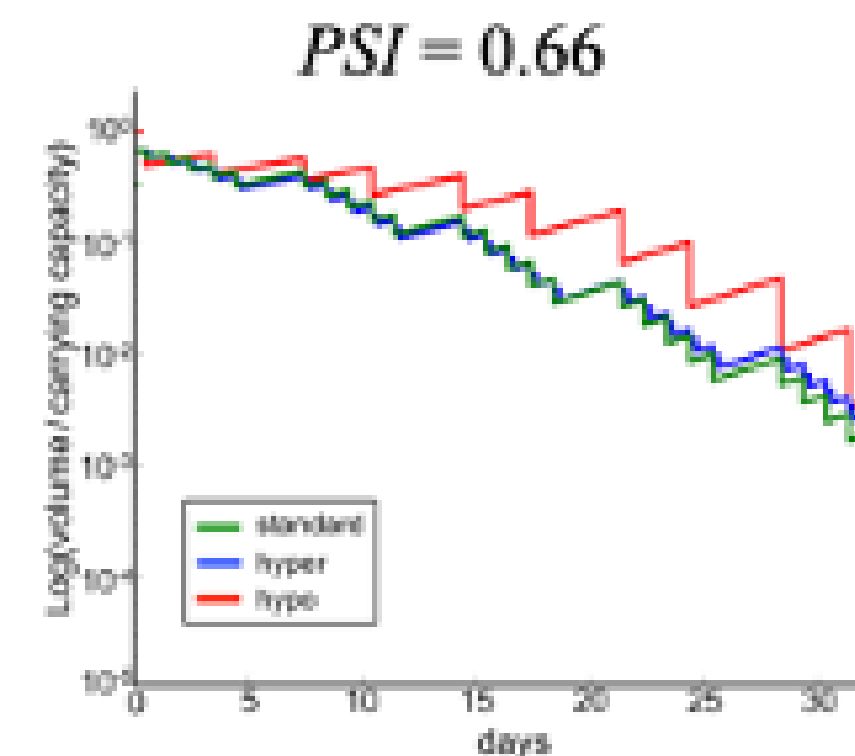
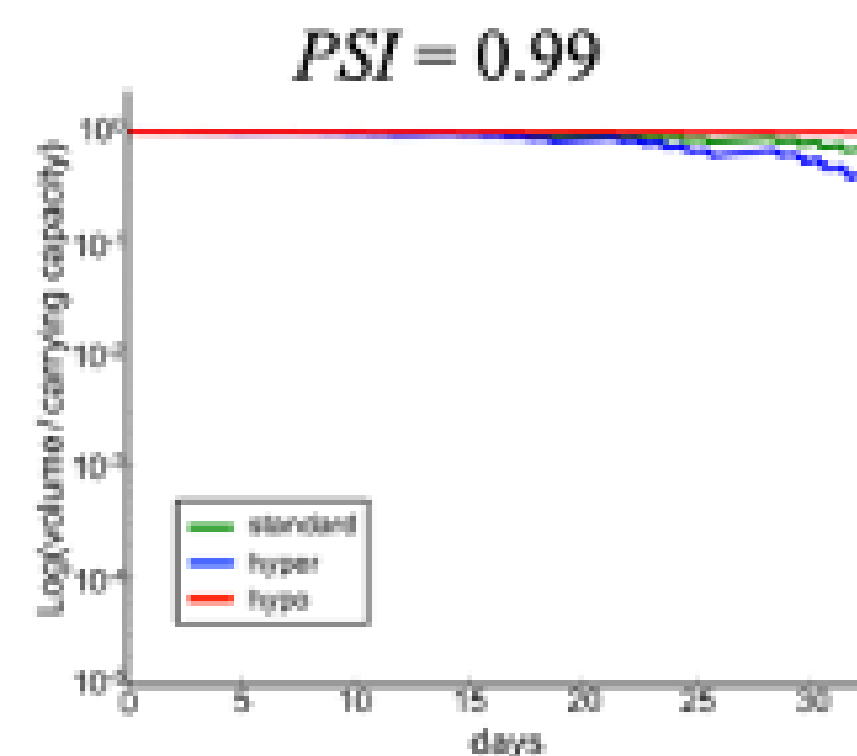
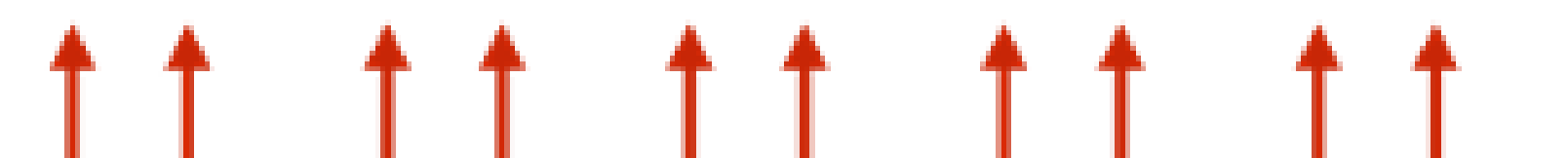
once daily radiation
2 Gy x 25



"hyper-fractionation"
1.2 Gy x 50



"hypo-fractionation"
5 Gy x 10

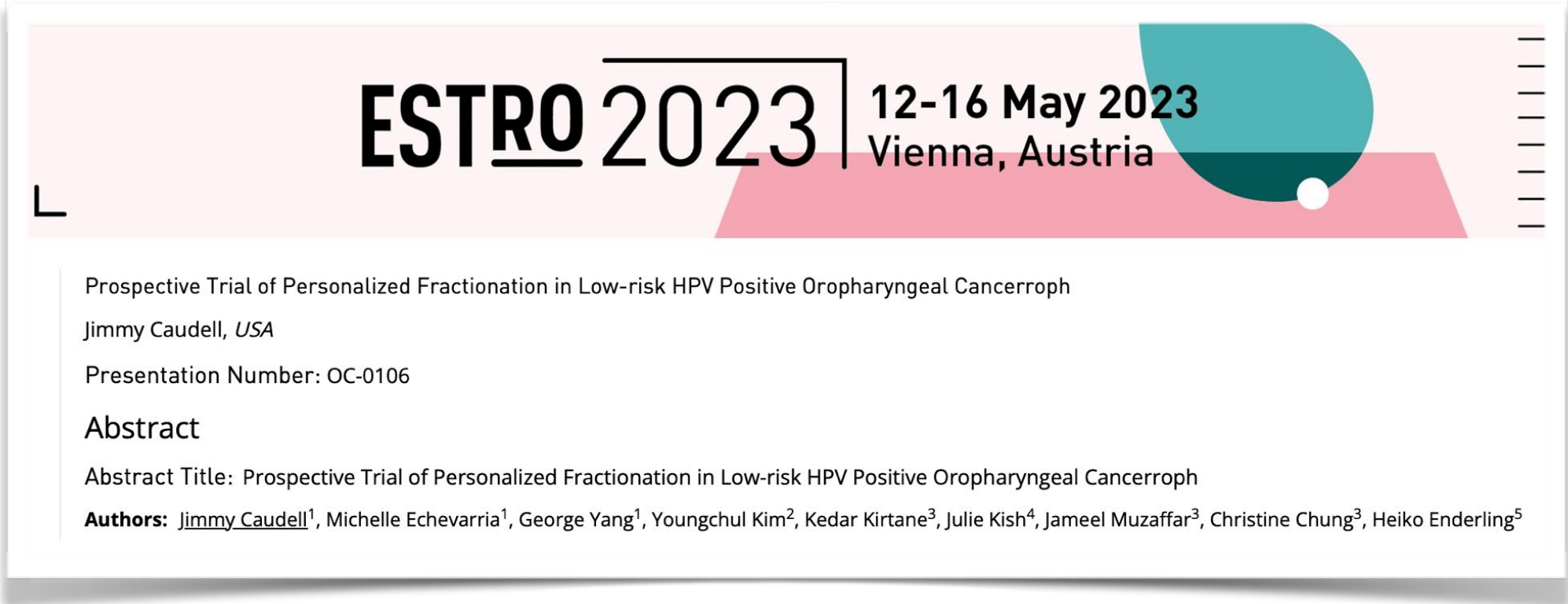
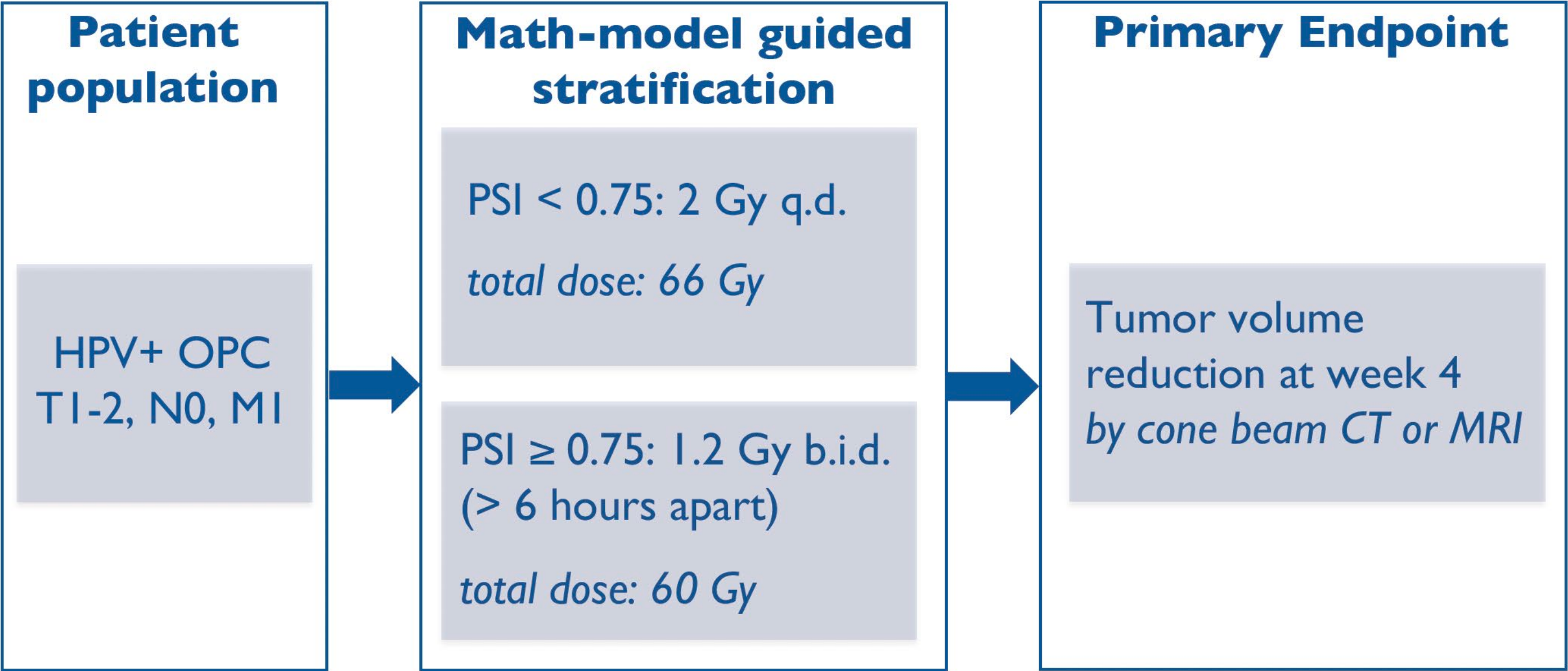


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Worldwide first mathematics-guided prospective radiation fractionation clinical trial



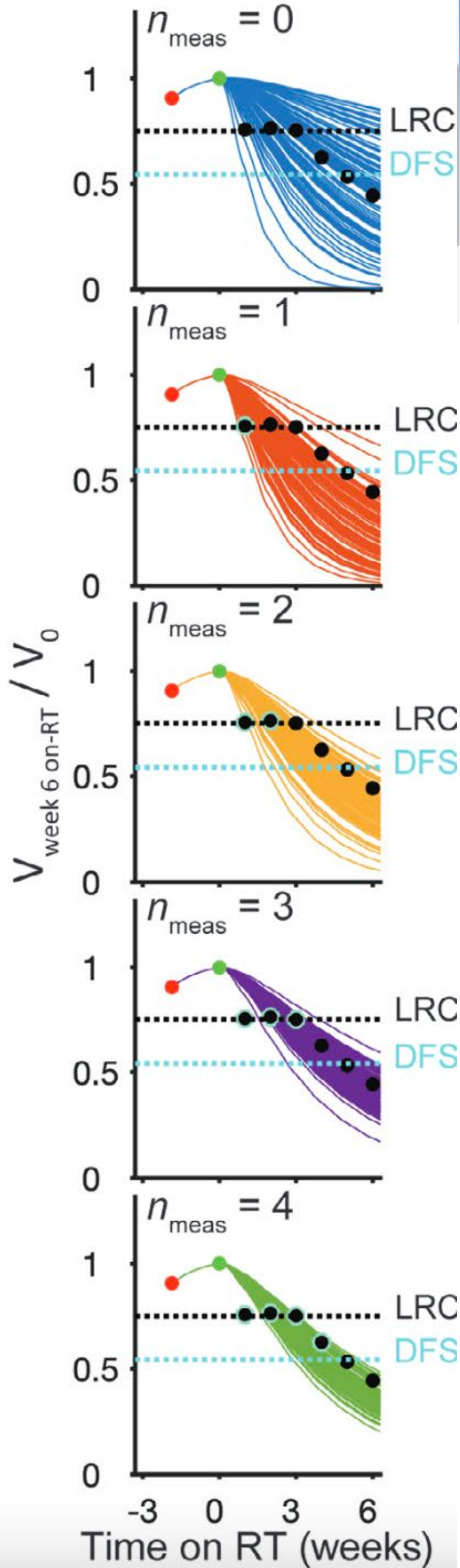
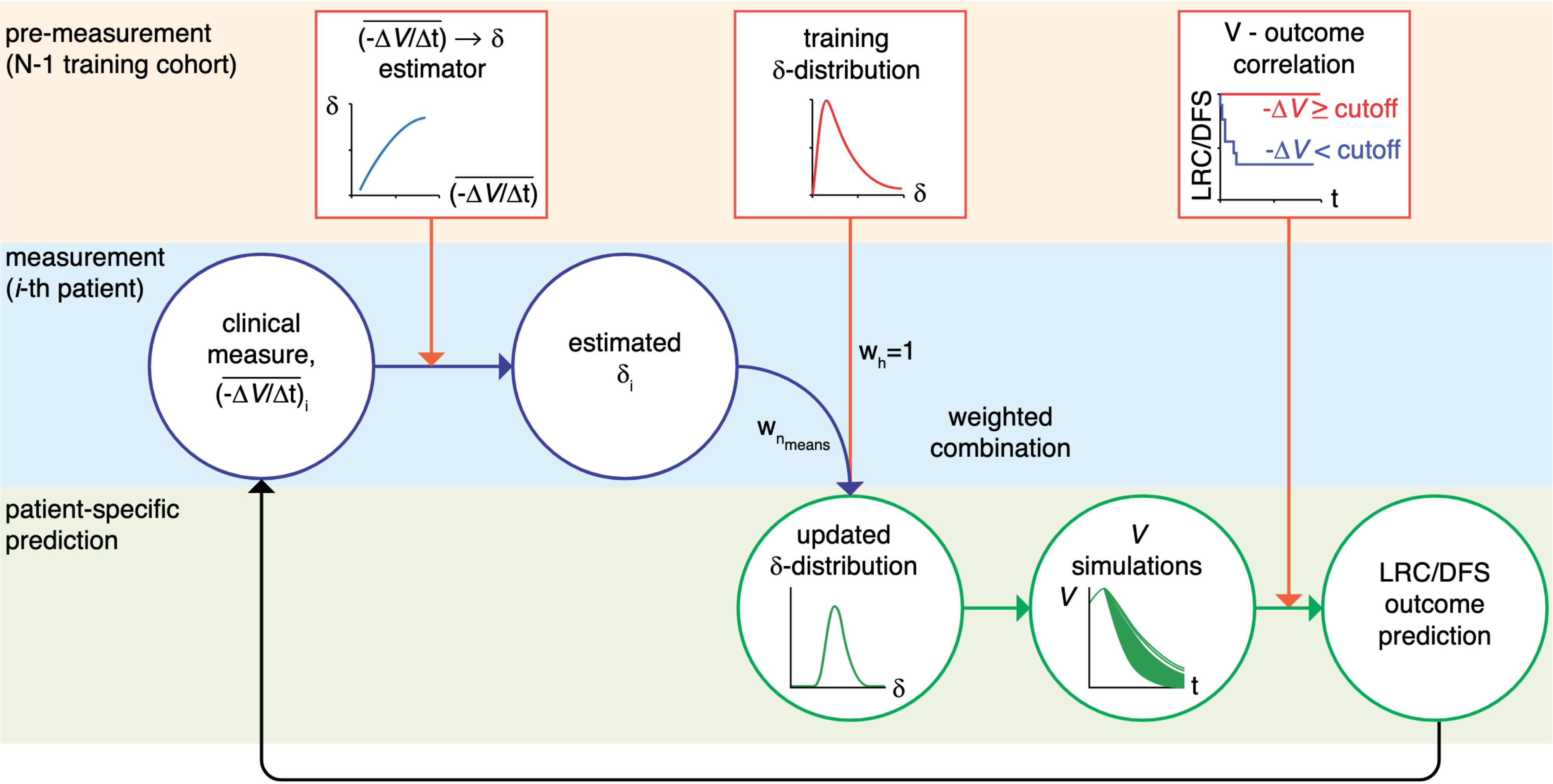
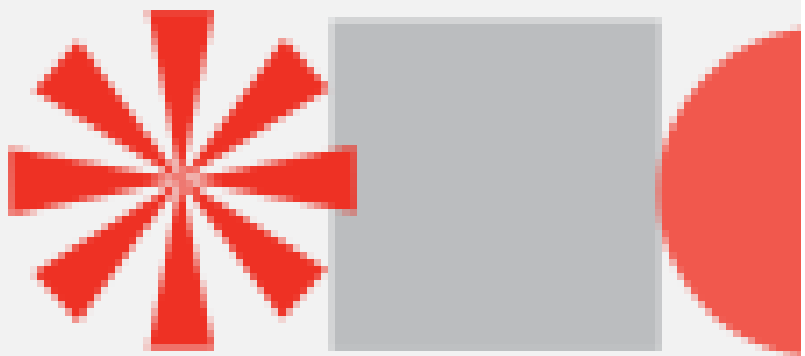
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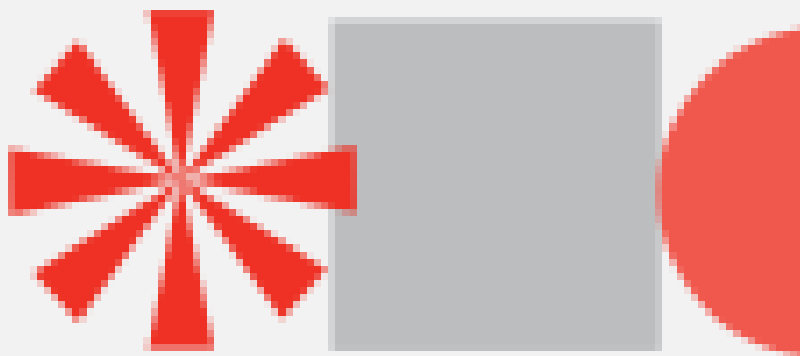
Conclusion

Selection of **personalized radiotherapy fractionation using the PSI model** appears to be a promising approach, with a 12% improvement in the percentage of patients achieving a mid-treatment imaging response.

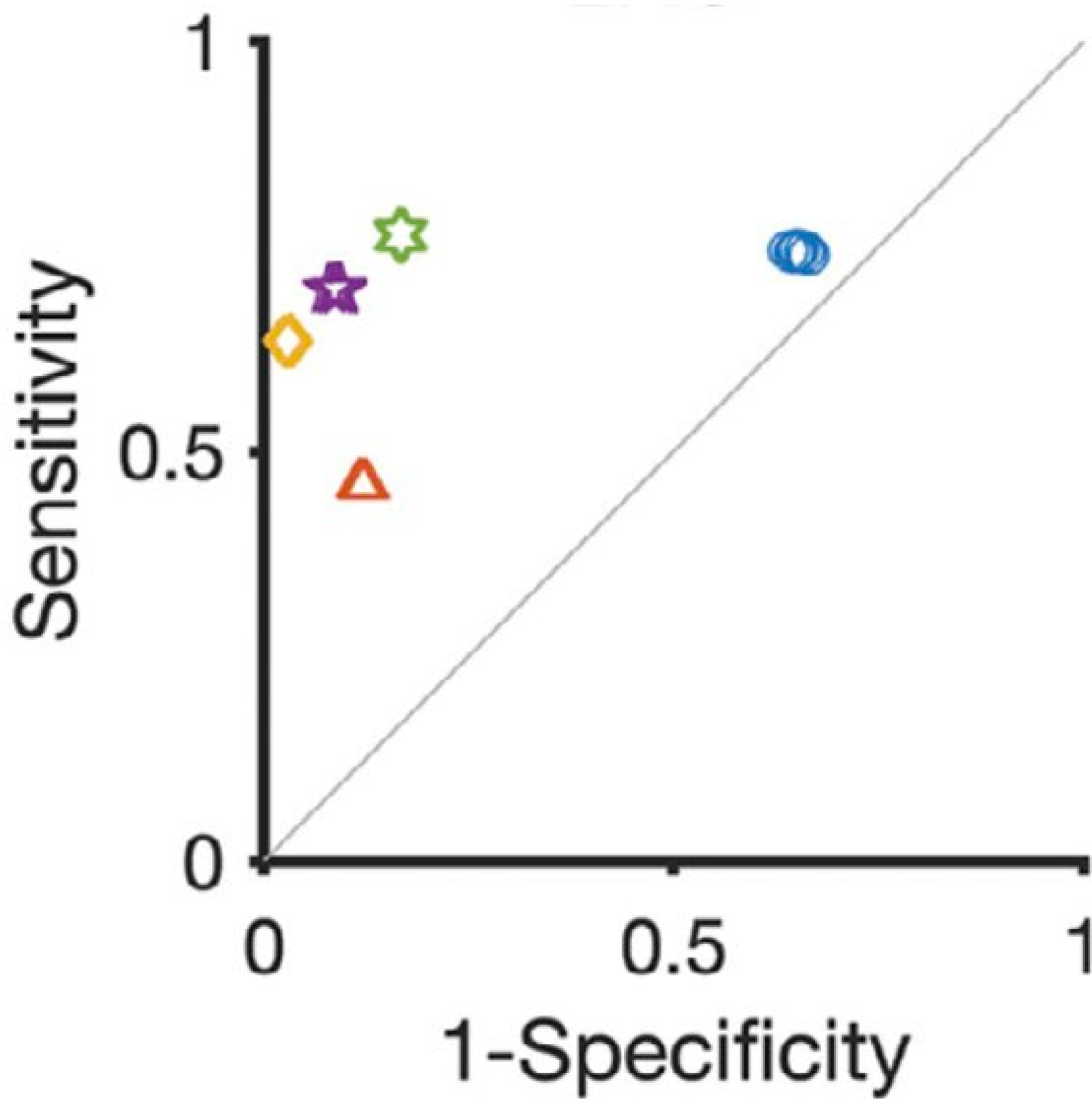
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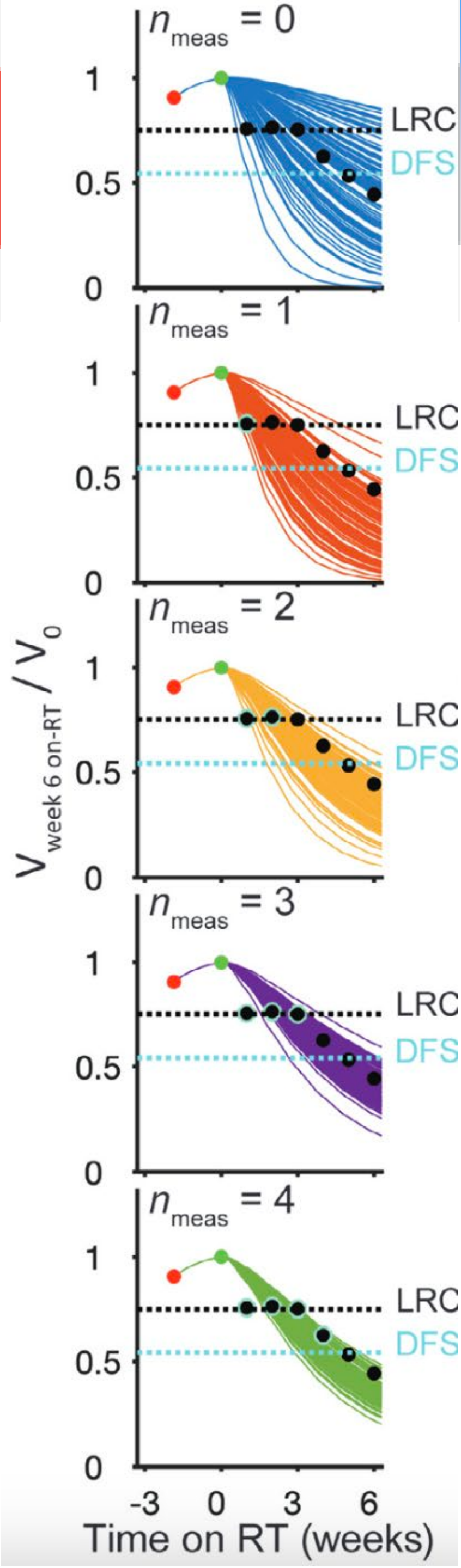
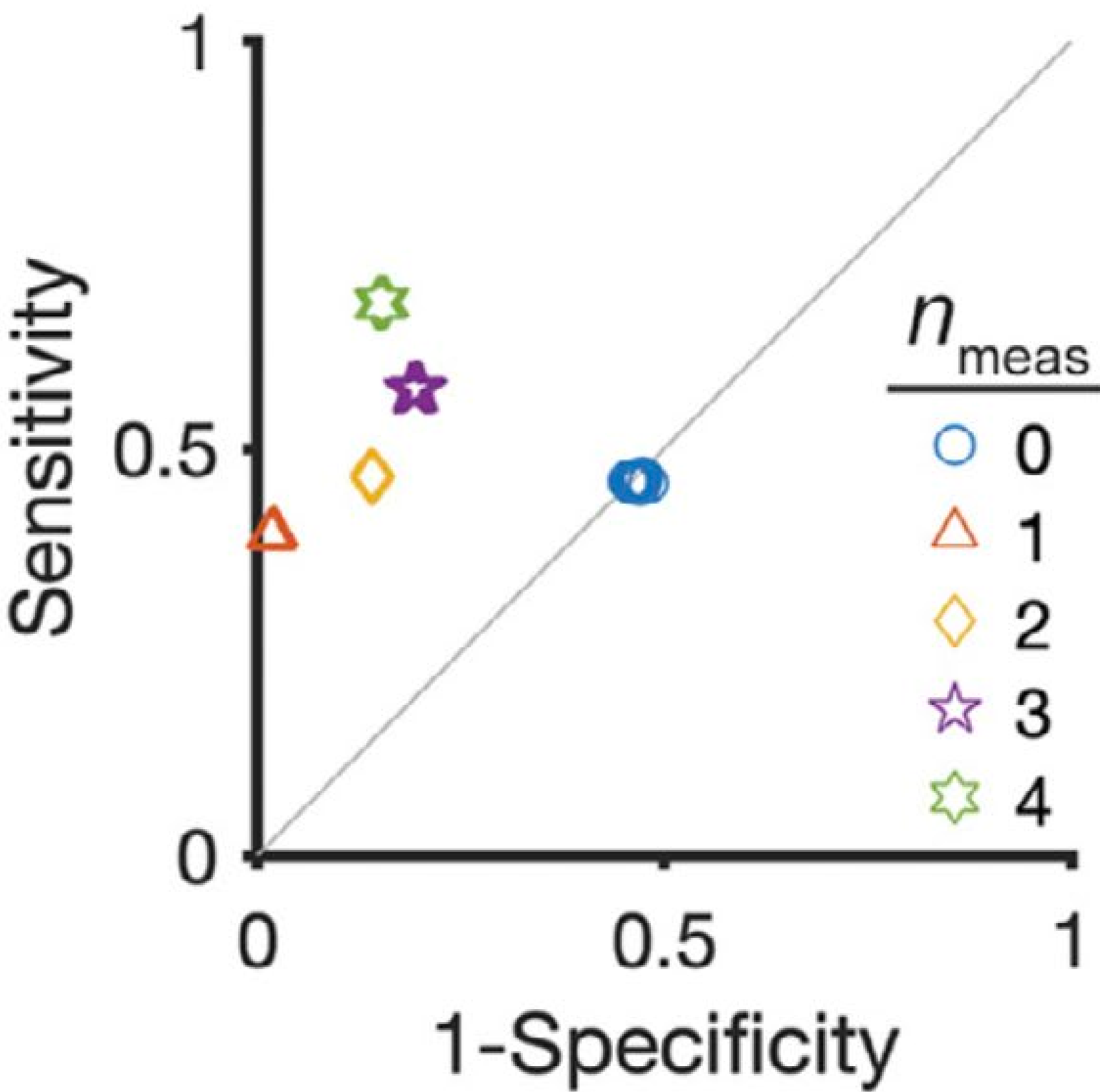
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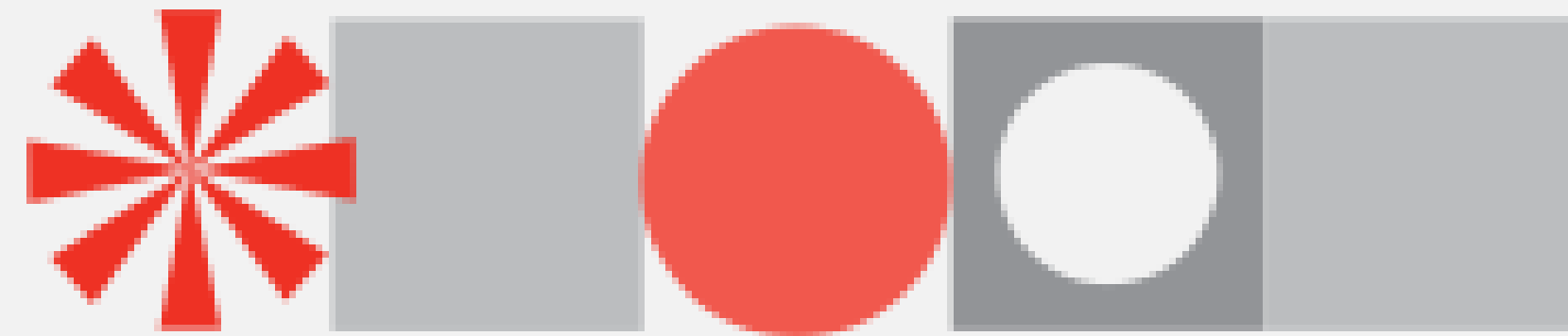
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Disease-free survival



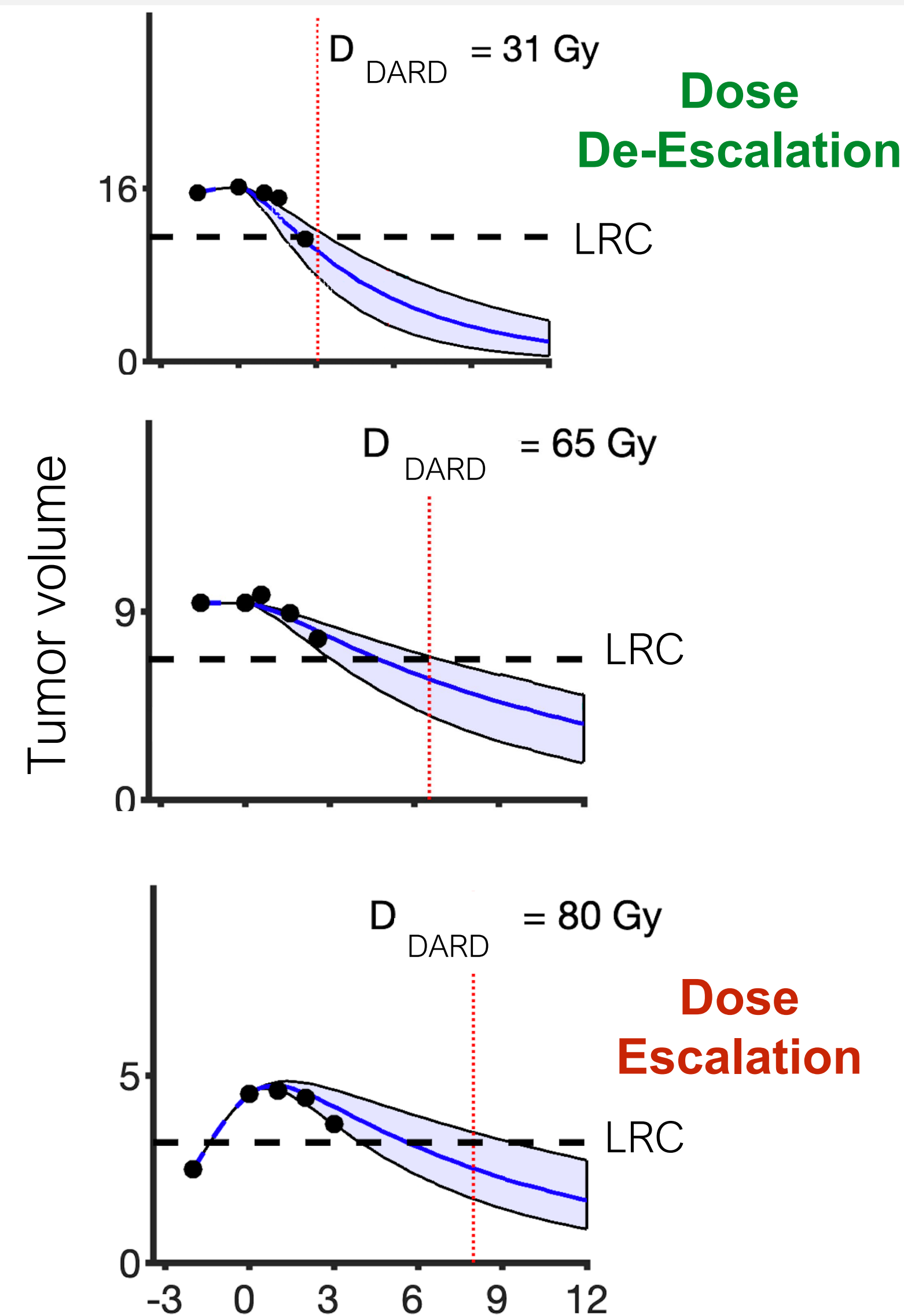
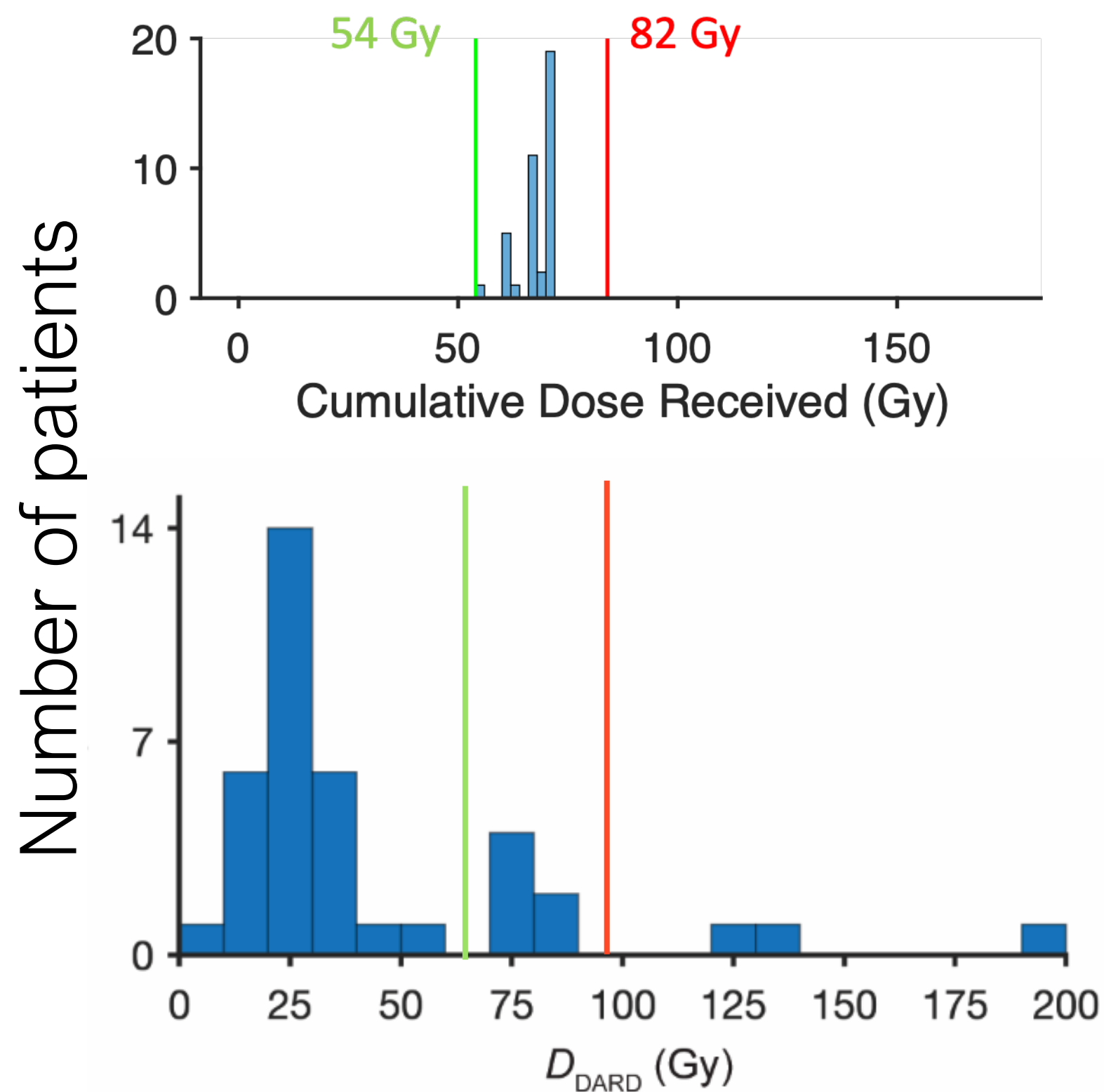
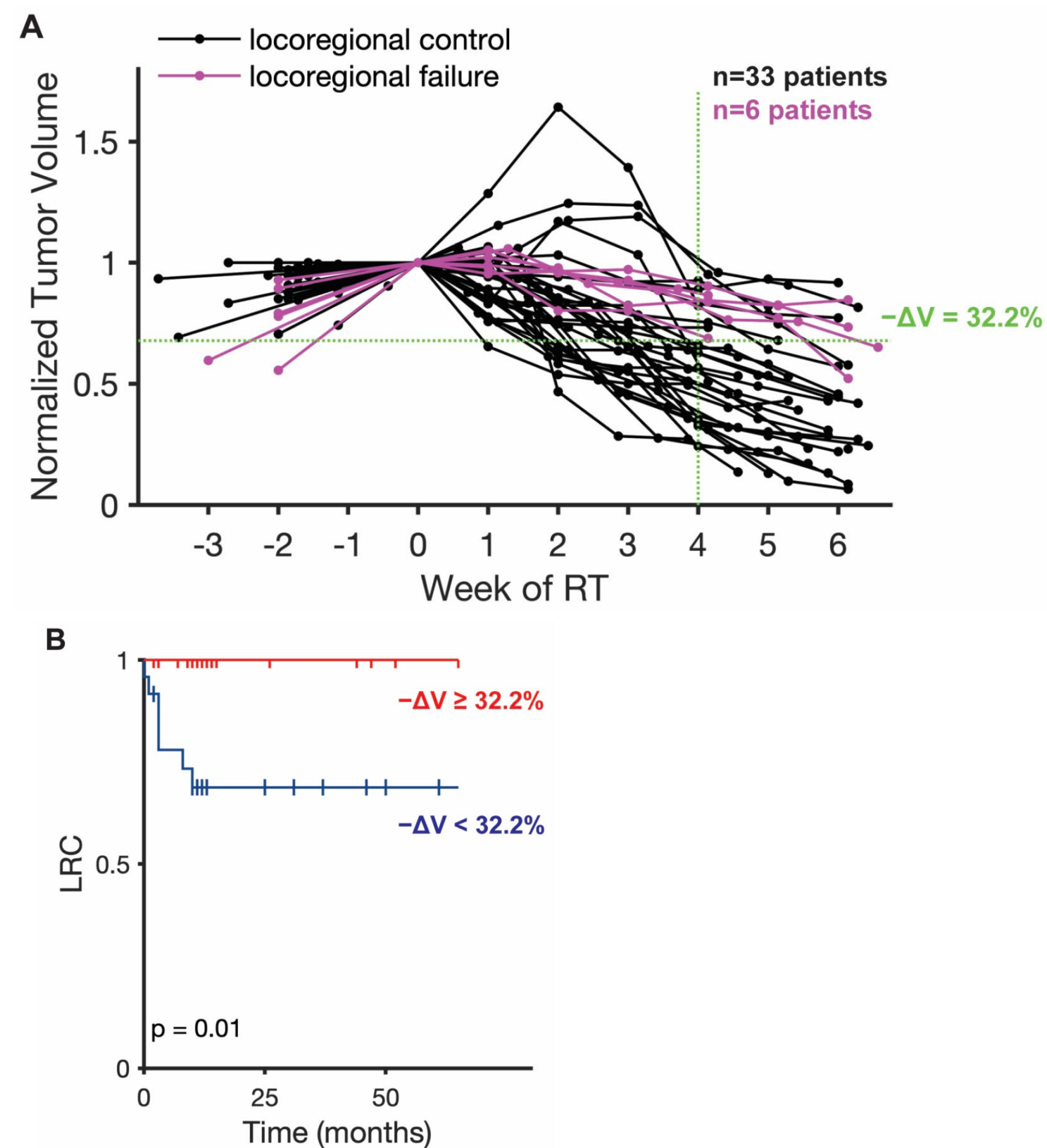
Dynamics adapted radiation dose (DARD)



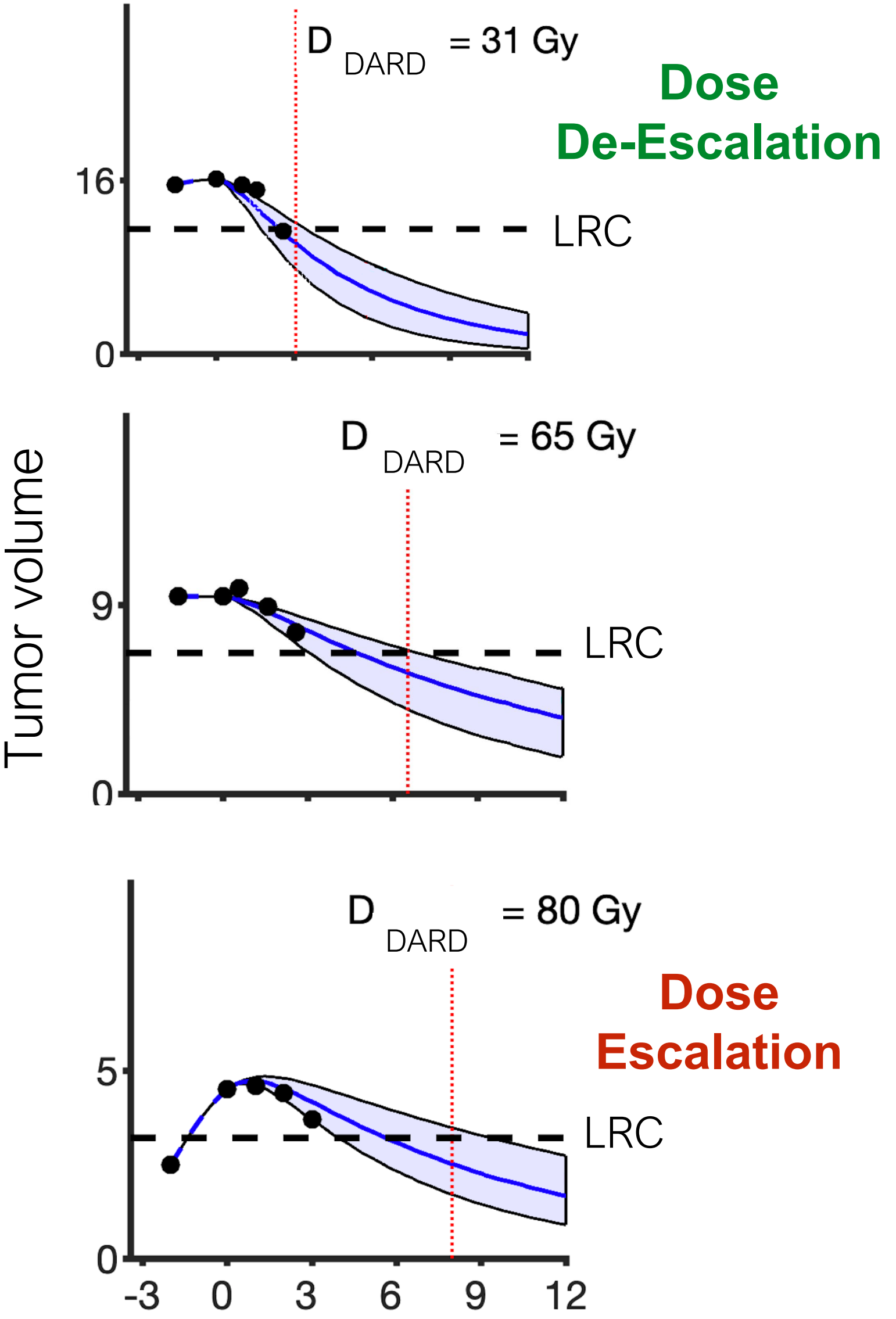
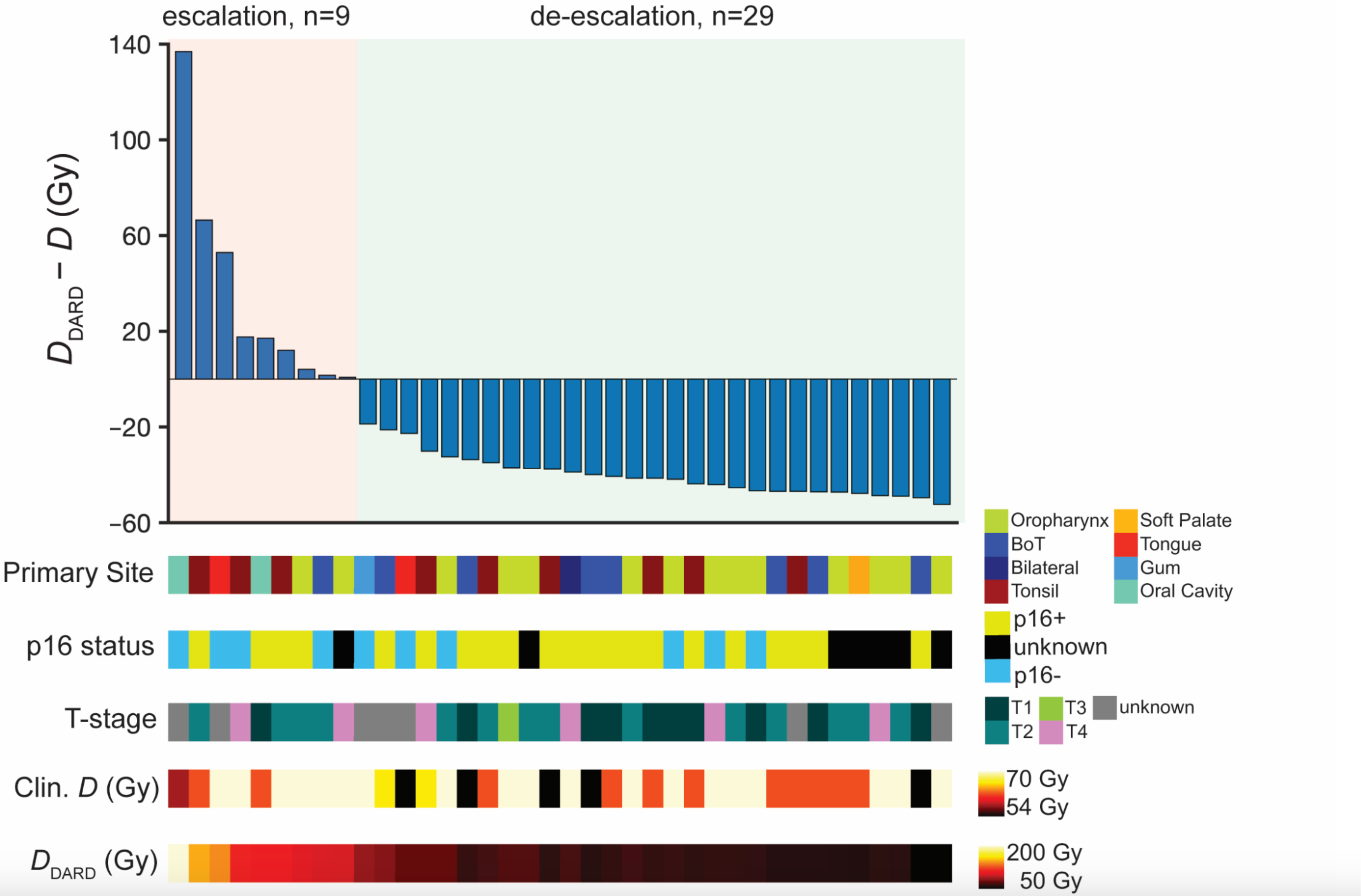
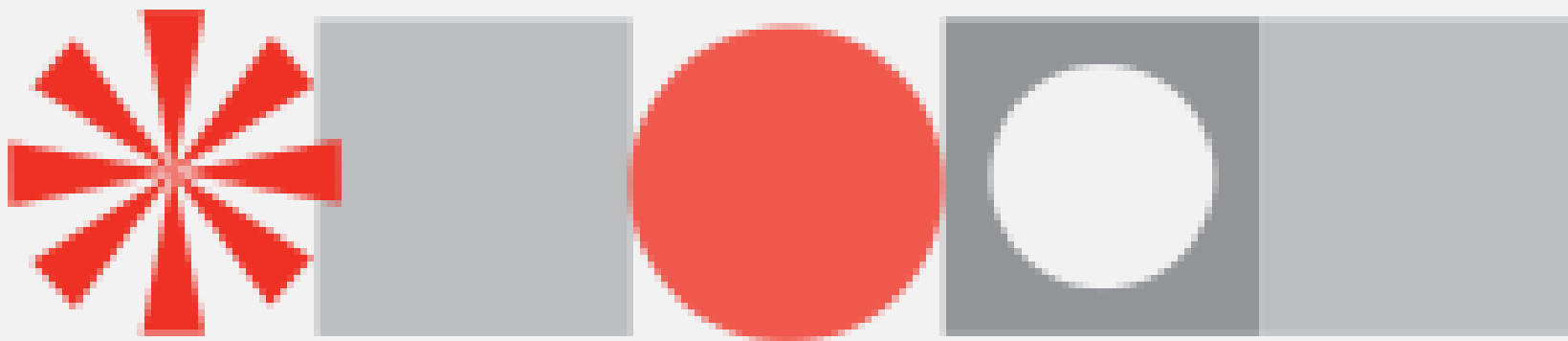
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Dynamics-Adapted Radiotherapy Dose (DARD) for Head and Neck Cancer Radiotherapy Dose Personalization

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Dynamics adapted radiation dose (DARD)



Summary



- Predictive mathematical and computational models are being translated into clinical decision making
- Engines of *Digital Twins* to personalize oncology
- Prospective clinical trials about to open at MDACC

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