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**Dalian**



***The Di Bella Method (DBM)  
improves Survival, Objective  
Response and Performance  
Status in Breast Cancer***

# **Breast Cancer treated with DBM therapy**



**Retrospective  
observational clinical study  
(122 CASES)**



This study was conducted by monitoring breast cancer patients who came to the doctor's office of the G. Di Bella Foundation between 2004-2009 and freely chose to be treated with DBM. All of them gave their written informed consent prior to DBM treatment.

**92 = monitored patients ( 82% *inf. ductal* – 13% *inf. lobul.* – 5% *other*)**

The monitoring considered all elements that could be useful to elaborate a statistical study aimed at providing an accurate picture of clinical and therapeutic effects obtained (effectiveness – survival - performance status).

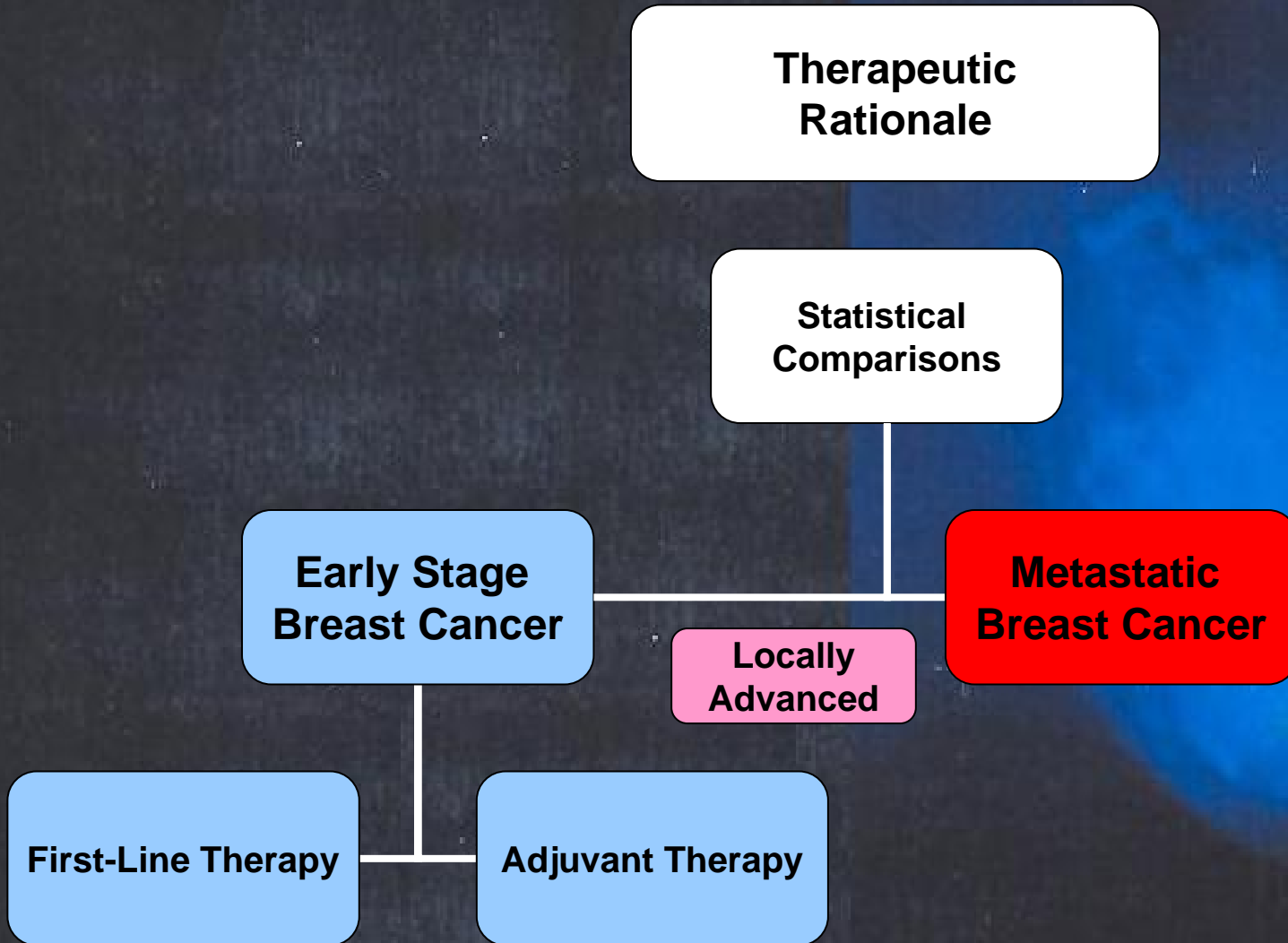
### **30 case series certified by the Court of Lecce**

We are aware that statistics based on a limited number of cases must be regarded carefully. This nonetheless, please consider that by comparison with conventional treatments all parameters have by far been exceeded (including by several percentiles).

Most importantly, a series of full, stable and permanent remissions could be observed for the first time, with neither drug or radiation or surgical treatment having been performed previously.

# Breast Cancer

in DBM therapy





**DBM therapy**  
 synergically use **biological**  
 molecules with **cytostatic, apoptotic, and**  
**anti-proliferative, antiangiogenic differentiating action**

*Somatostatin*  
*Bromocriptin*  
*Cabergoline*

**Anti-Proliferative**  
**Anti -Angiogenic**

*Melatonin*  
*Retinoids*  
*vit. C - D - E*  
*Condroitinsulfate*  
*Foline*

**Anti-angiogenic**  
**re-differentiating**

*Melatonin - Retinoids*  
*vit. D vit E*

**Pro-apoptotic**  
**anti-angiogenic**

*Cyclophosphamide*  
*(minimal doses)*





**Statistical Comparisons  
122 cases**

**Early Stage**  
(48 cases)

**Metastatic**  
(39 cases)

**Locally Advanced**  
( 5 cases )

**First-Line  
Therapy**  
( 9 cases )

**Adjuvant  
Therapy**  
( 39 cases )

**No previous  
treatment**  
(or only surgery)  
( 10 cases )

**Previously treated  
with chemotherapy  
and surgery**  
( 29 cases )

**Overall Survival  
comparison with  
NCI SEER Areas 1988-2001**

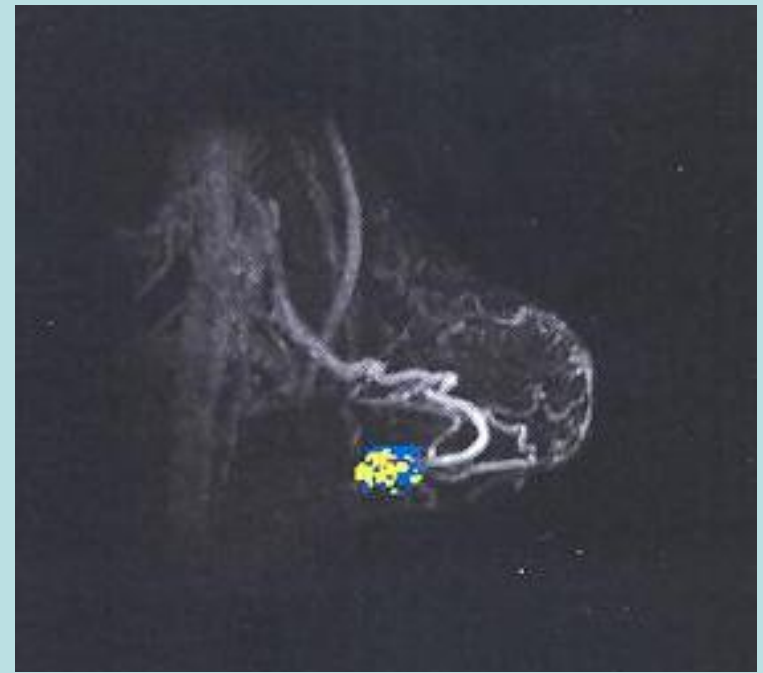
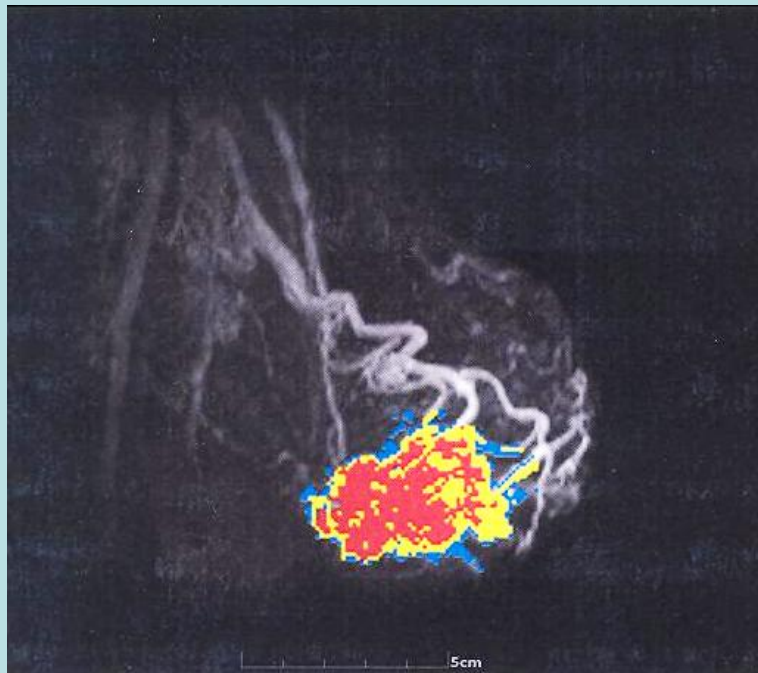
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The inhibition of angiogenesis induced by SST, cabergoline, and bromocriptine is synergistically enhanced by MLT, retinoids, vit. D3, E, C. The same differentiating and apoptotic molecules (melatonin, retinoids, vitamins C, D3, and E) combined with minimal doses of chemotherapy, cause a slow but progressive reduction of the neoplastic concentration, determining significant objective results, until complete remission. **MRI -CAD Stream**

tumor mass: 6,3x3,6x3,9 cm.

in 7 months: **53% reduction  $\emptyset$ , and 91% volume.**



**A - Early Stage Breast Cancer**  
(48 cases)

**First-Line Therapy**  
9 cases

**B - Metastatic Breast Cancer**  
(39 cases)

**No previous treatment including surgery**  
10 cases



**Locally advanced**  
(5 cases)

**Adjuvant Therapy**  
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**STATISTICAL COMPARISONS**  
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**C - Overall Survival comparison with 12 SEER Areas 1988-2001**







## A - Early Stage Breast Cancer

( clinical results )

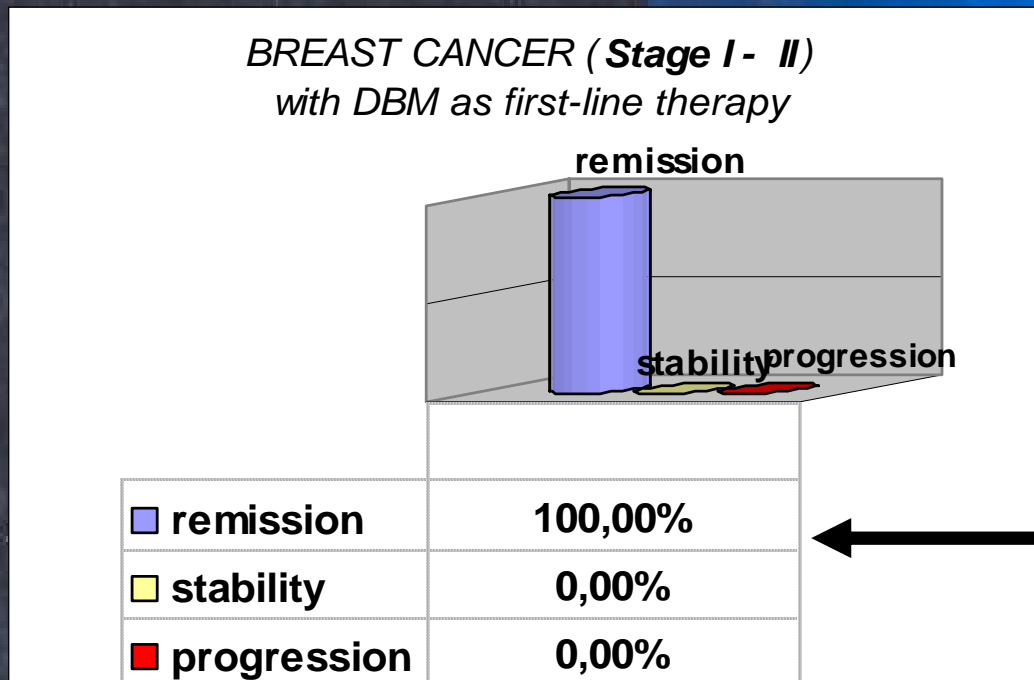
DBM as  
**1 - First-Line Therapy**



## A - Early Stage

### 1 - DBM as First-Line Therapy

9 patients chose DBM as first-line therapy,  
and renounced even to surgery



## Breast Cancer in DBM therapy



A - Early Stage Breast Cancer

1 - DBM as  
First-Line Therapy

**4 patients who experienced full remission have been free from disease for several years (2004-2006-2007-2009) and their condition seems to have stabilized.**

**The other 5 patients are still under treatment.**

**One of the 4 clinical cases who experienced full remission has been described in detail and published on:**

*Neuroendocrinology Letters 2008 Dec 29;29(6).*

# Breast Cancer in DBM therapy



## A) Early Stage Breast Cancer

### 1) DBM as First-Line Therapy

stage	Initial Condition	Outcome	Current Condition
I	Right breast multifocality (1,5 cm - 1 cm) + 2 small brain lesions of uncertain nature	Full Remission	Absence of Disease
II A	Bilateral lesions – negative biopsy after 6 month DBM treatment	Full Remission	Absence of Disease
II A	Left breast multifocality and 2 reactive lymph nodes	Full Remission	Absence of Disease
II B	2 nodules in right breast (2 cm) + positive lymph node	Full Remission	Absence of Disease
II A	2,5 cm mammary carcinoma + lymph node	Partial Remission	Nodule reduction / Lymph nodes disappeared
II A	2 cm nodule - lymphadenopathy	Partial Remission	The PET scan shows small residual in mammary area
II A	35 mm nodule	Partial Remission	12 mm nodule reduction
I	16 mm nodule	Partial Remission	5 mm nodule
II B	6,3 x3,6 x 3,9 cm lesion	Partial Remission	Significant reduction (90%)



## A - Early Stage Breast Cancer

2 - DBM as  
Adjuvant Therapy  
(post-surgery)



# A- Early Stage Breast Cancer

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## 2 - DBM as Adjuvant Therapy (post-surgery)

*12 patients showed, upon admission in the treatment trial, evident signs of recovery from disease (local or lymph nodal)*

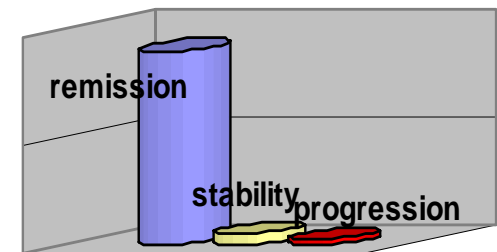
**Remissions: 94%** ( currently all disease-free)

**5-year survival : 100%**

*Only 1 progression was observed in one patient, 2 years after treatment suspension on her request.*

**Significant results in effectiveness ( 39 cases )**

Early stage Breast Cancer (stage I - II - IIIa )



	Result
■ remission	36
■ stability	2
■ progression	1

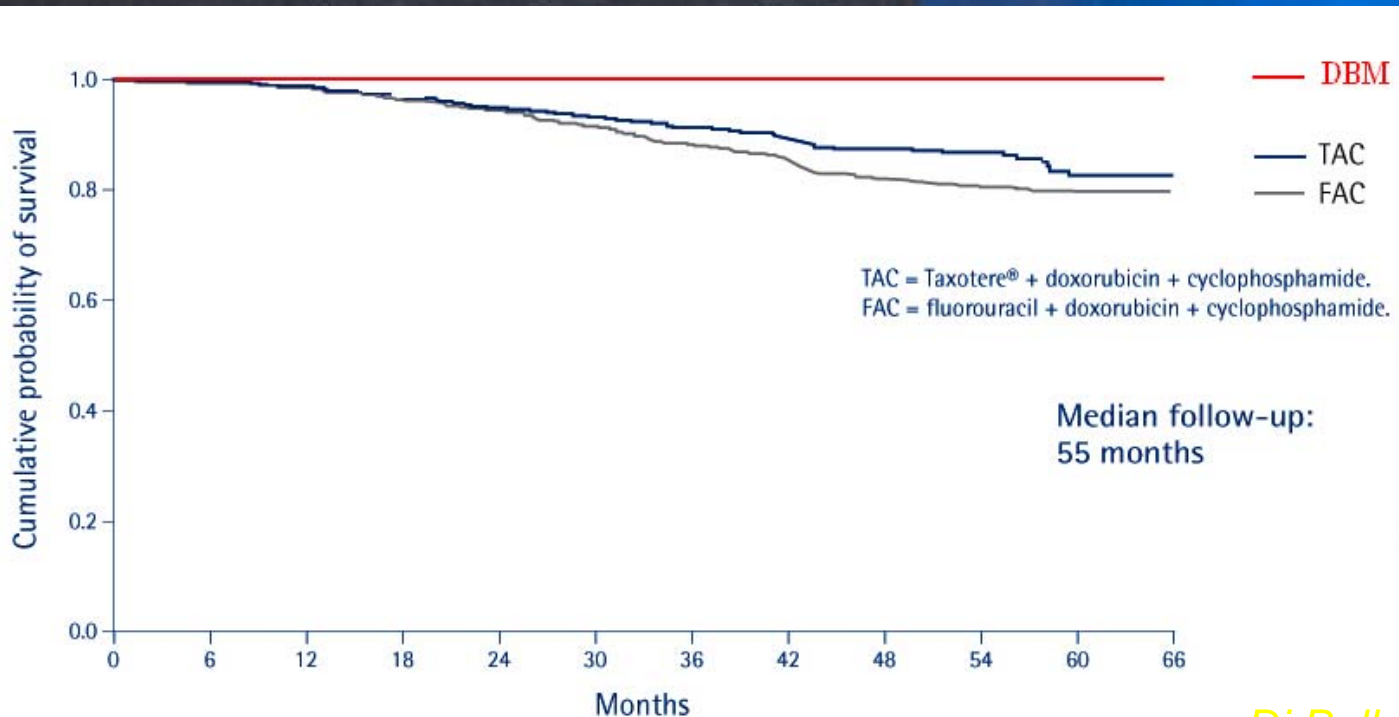
# A- Early Stage Breast Cancer

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## 2 - DBM as Adjuvant Therapy (post-surgery)

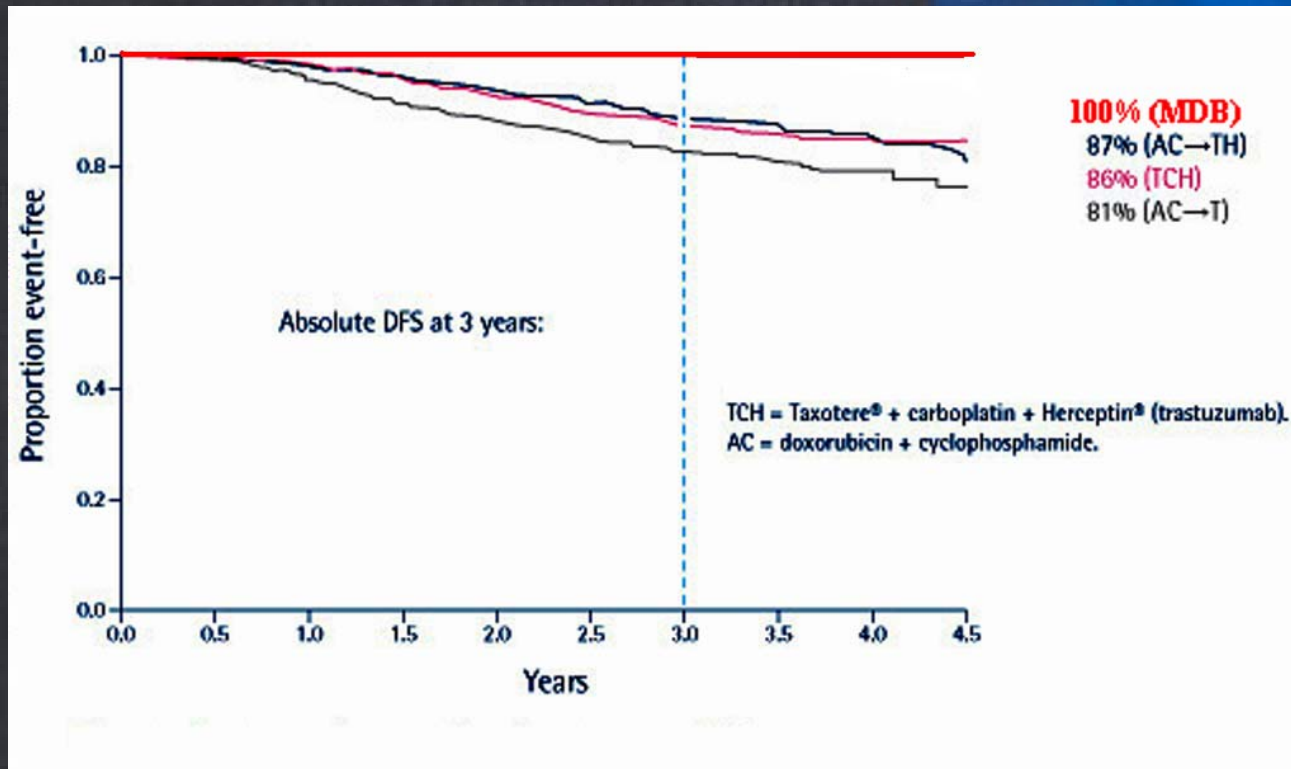
**Clear and significant improvement in  
Overall Survival (median follow-up: 60 months = 100%)**





# A/2- Early Stage Breast Cancer

**Clear and significant improvement in disease-free survival in the adjuvant treatment ( post-surgery ) (39 patients)**



# Locally Advanced Breast Cancer

## Stage III b-c



arch.	Initial Condition	Outcome	Current Condition	Survival
799	Advanced stage - inoperable	<b>Progression</b>	Likely to be dead (not possible to get in touch with her)	<b>16 months (at least)</b>
2680	(morphine) – widespread metastases affecting subclavian-neck and axillas lymph nodes	<b>Progression</b>	Dead 7/2010	<b>7 months</b>
895	Breast carcinoma 5 cm. + lymph nodes	<b>Progression(incomplete treatment)</b>	Dead 2/2008 (pneumonia)	<b>5 months</b>
688	1 lung nodule	<b>Full remission</b>	No illness	<b>60 months – alive</b>
1638	After surgery treated for prevention	<b>Stability</b>	Without changes	<b>28 months – alive</b>



## B - Metastatic Breast Cancer

Response to DBM treatment is inversely proportional to the number and intensity of previous chemotherapy cycles, and directly proportional to treatment precocity.

Chemotherapy may cause tumor reductions or remissions of variable duration adversely affected by high toxicity and by the mutagenic effect which selects more and more chemo-resistant tumor cell populations in a body severely affected by treatment itself. In many other cases, chemo and/or radiotherapy fail even to obtain such temporary and palliative effects. Conversely, under similar circumstances DBM therapy can produce better results in unimpaired patients in terms of living functions. In all cases and at any stage of disease DBM therapy can improve quality of life and life expectancy compared to median survivals at advanced cancer stages reported in scientific literature. These considerations rest upon the following observations.



# B - Metastatic Breast Cancer

**Breast Cancer**  
in DBM therapy



## 3 - First-Line Therapy

with no previous treatment  
( including surgery )

4 cases in total

( 2 remissions – 2 progressions )

arch.	Initial Condition	Outcome	Current Condition	Survival
994	Lymph nodal – retro-pectoral – mediastinic – bone metastases	<b>Partial Remission</b>	Remission everywhere except bone	<b>22 months – living</b>
586	2 nodules in right breast + lung metastases	<b>Remission</b>	Living	<b>56 months – living</b>
970	Advanced stage bilateral carcinoma – several bone and lung metastases	<b>Progression</b>	Dead	<b>17 months</b>
2224	Axillary, breastbone and bone recurrence	<b>Progression</b>	Slow progression	<b>19 months – living</b>

# B - Metastatic Breast Cancer

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## 4 - Adjuvant Therapy

**Stage IV patients who were treated with surgery but not with chemotherapy**

**6 cases in total ( 3 remissions – 2 stable – 1 progression)**

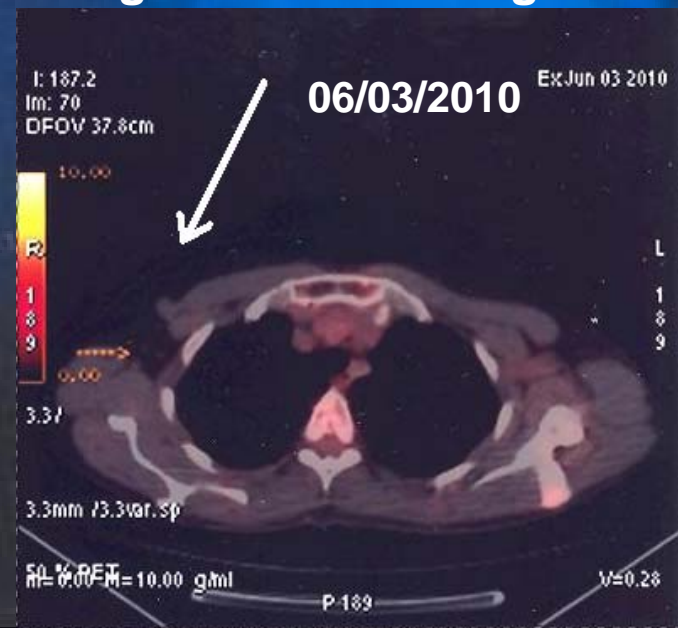
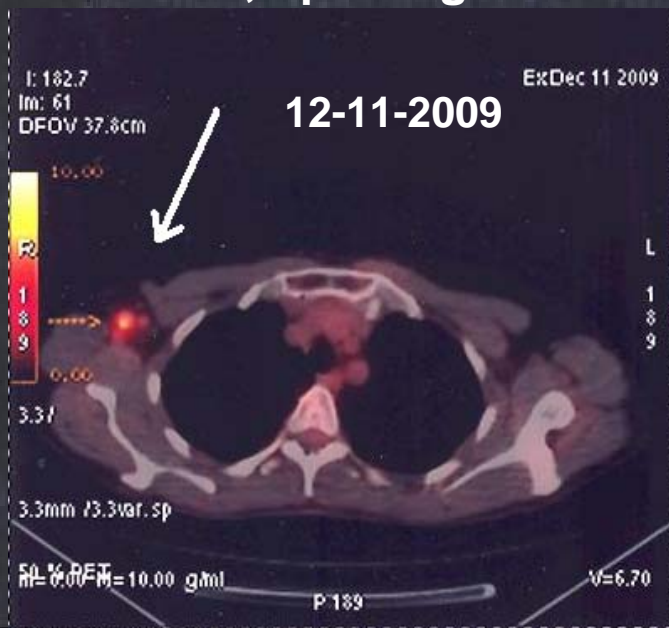
arch.	Initial Condition	Outcome	Current condition	Survival
1826	Lung metastasis + lymph nodes	<b>Full Remission</b>	Absence of Disease	<b>27 months – living</b>
2440	Axillary infiltration + widespread bone metastases	<b>Partial Remission</b>	Reduction in bone lesions	<b>15 months – living</b>
2726	Liver and bone metastases	<b>Partial Remission</b>	Reduction in metastases	<b>12 months – living</b>
1865	Lung + bone + lymph node metastasis	<b>Stability</b>	stability	<b>26 months – living</b>
2287	Multiple bone lesions	<b>Stability</b>	stability	<b>18 months – living</b>
1185	Metastases affecting 30 lymph nodes out of 32 + bone metastases	<b>Progression</b>	dead	<b>38 months</b>

The patient underwent mastectomy in 1997 due to “Infiltrating ductal G2”  
Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Lymph node histologic test “” *Infiltration due to ductal cancer, metastatic*””

December, 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 – PET scan: “”.. High metabolic activity lesions at axillary lymph nodal and bone level (dorsolumbar rachis, right acromion, some ribs bilaterally, right and left iliac regions, right pubic symphysis, left intertrochanteric region). Doubts with respect to right lung

December, 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 – start of DBM treatment

June, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 – PET scan “disappearance of the tracing focal hyper accumulation in the right nodal axillary region and in some uptake skeletal areas (III front right costal arch, IV back right arch, left iliac ala, right sacroiliac synchondrosis and left intertrochanteric region) uptake gradient reduction at a vertebral level, uptake gradient reduction in the right subareolar region “”



# B - Metastatic Breast Cancer

5 - patients previously treated with surgery and chemotherapy

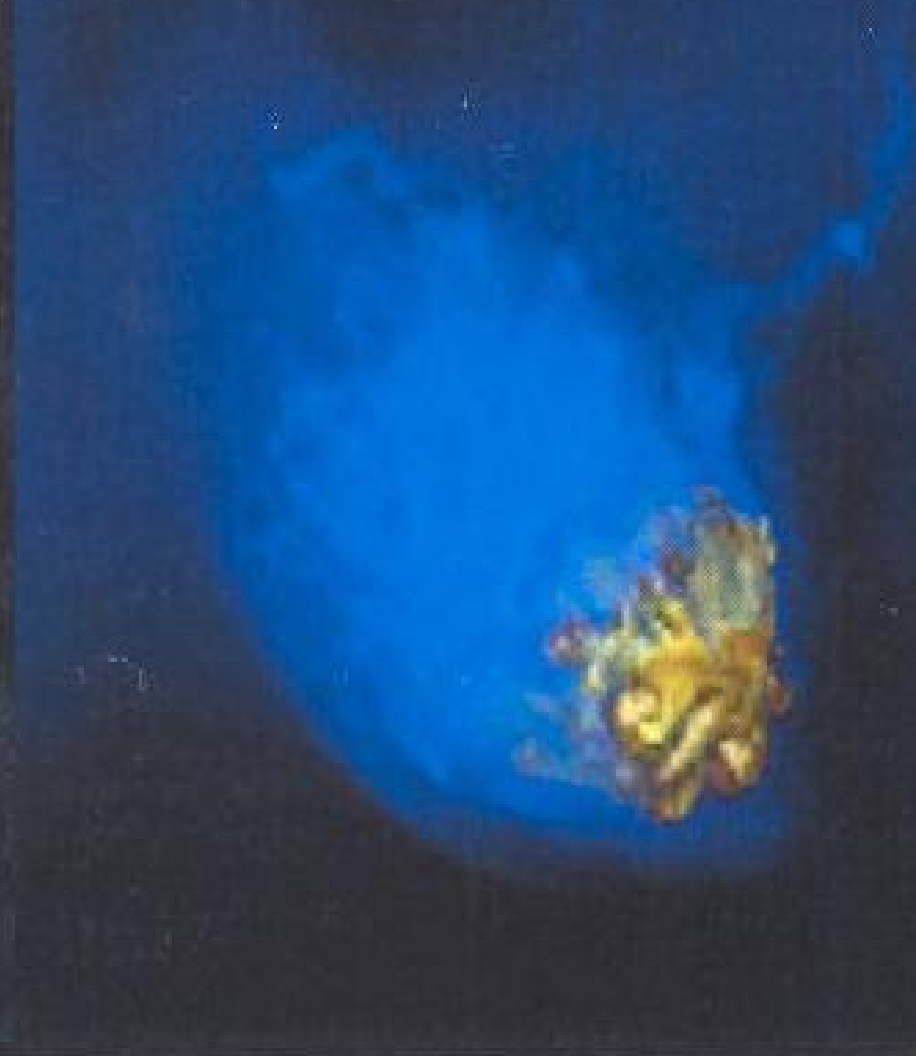
**Breast Cancer**  
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( now under no treatment)

**29 cases in total**  
**( 6 stable – 23**  
**progression)**

**Median survival = 18**  
**months**



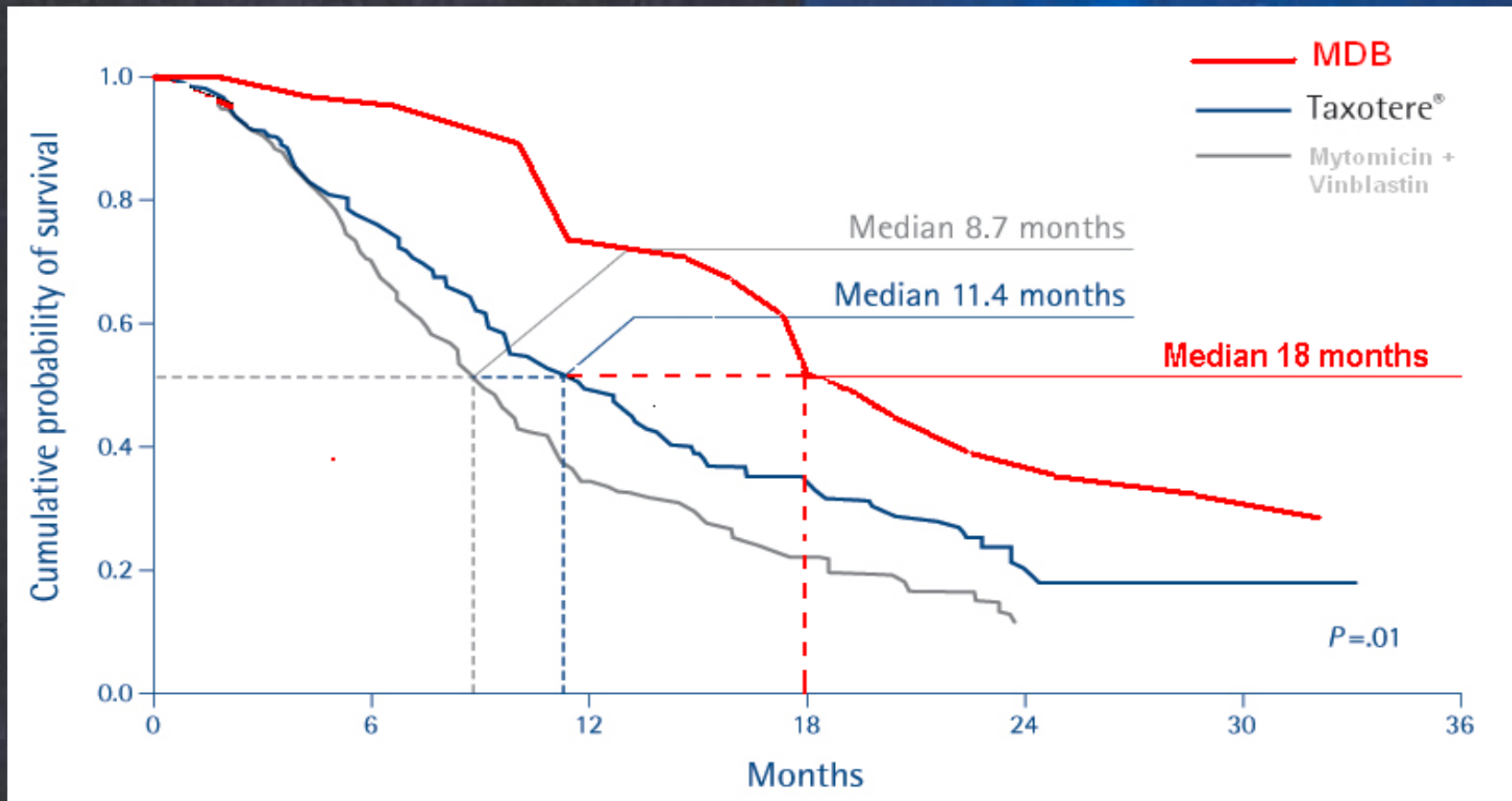
# Metastatic Breast Cancer B/3-4-5 clinical results

**Breast Cancer**  
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**Clear and significant improvement in Overall  
Survival (39 patients)**

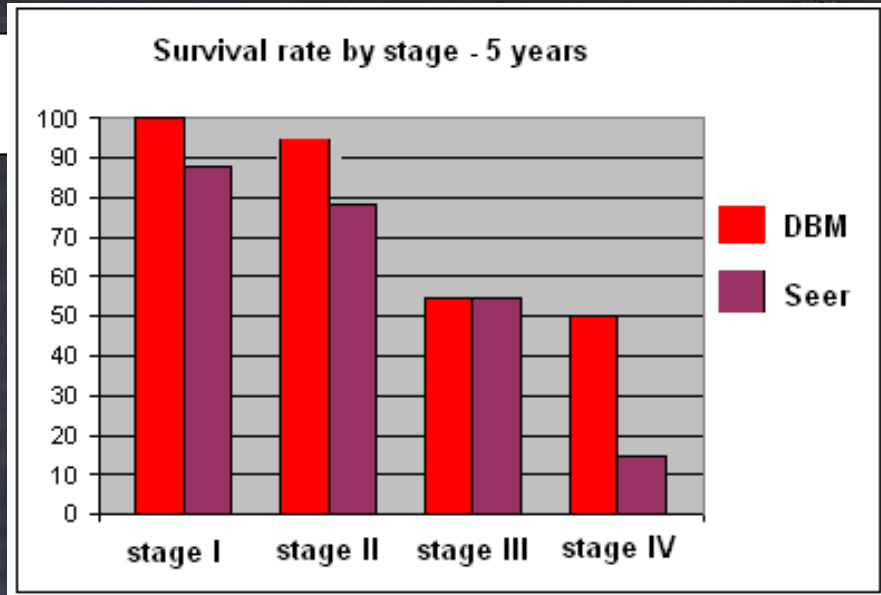
**Median = 18 months ( 30% is alive at 30 months )**



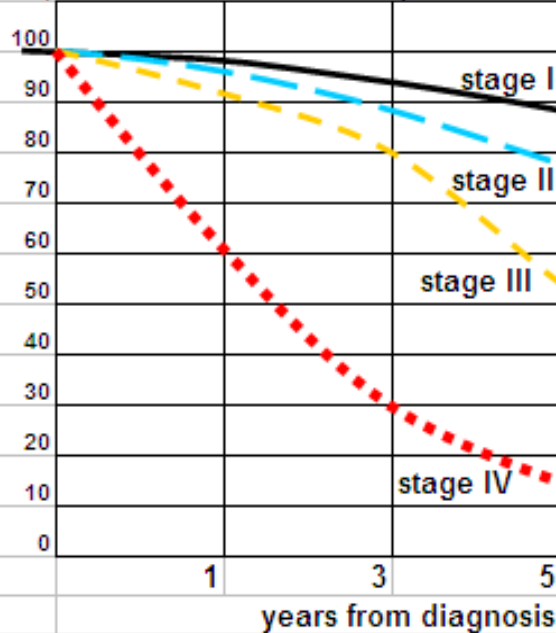


# Statistical Comparisons

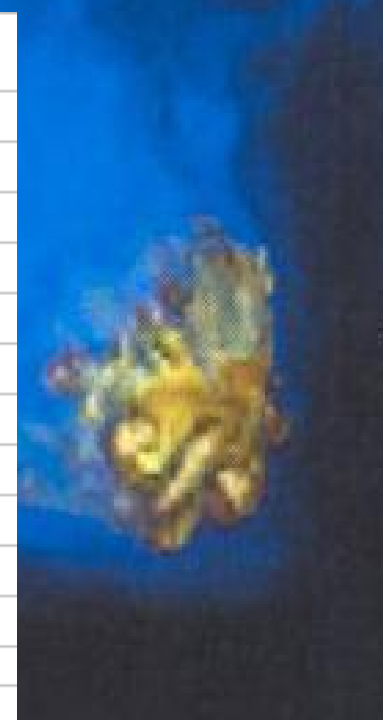
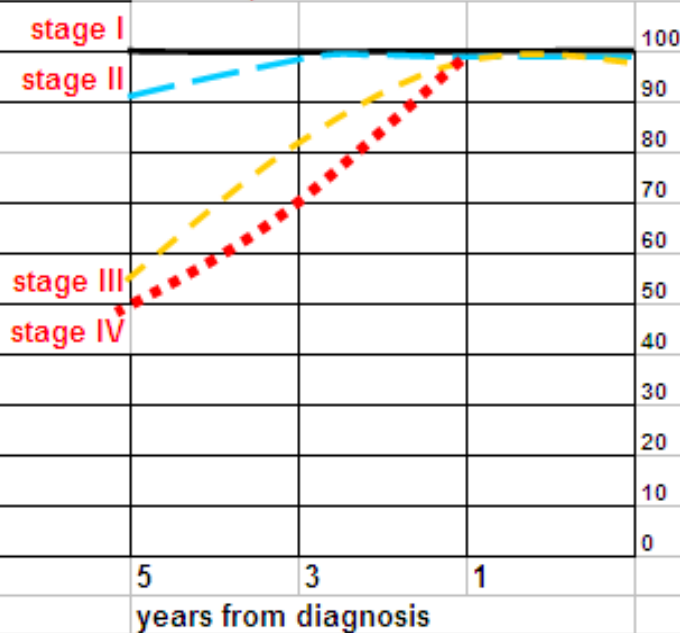
## Overall Survival comparison with 12 SEER Areas 1988-2001



Relative survival rates (%) by stages (12 SEER Areas 1988-2001)



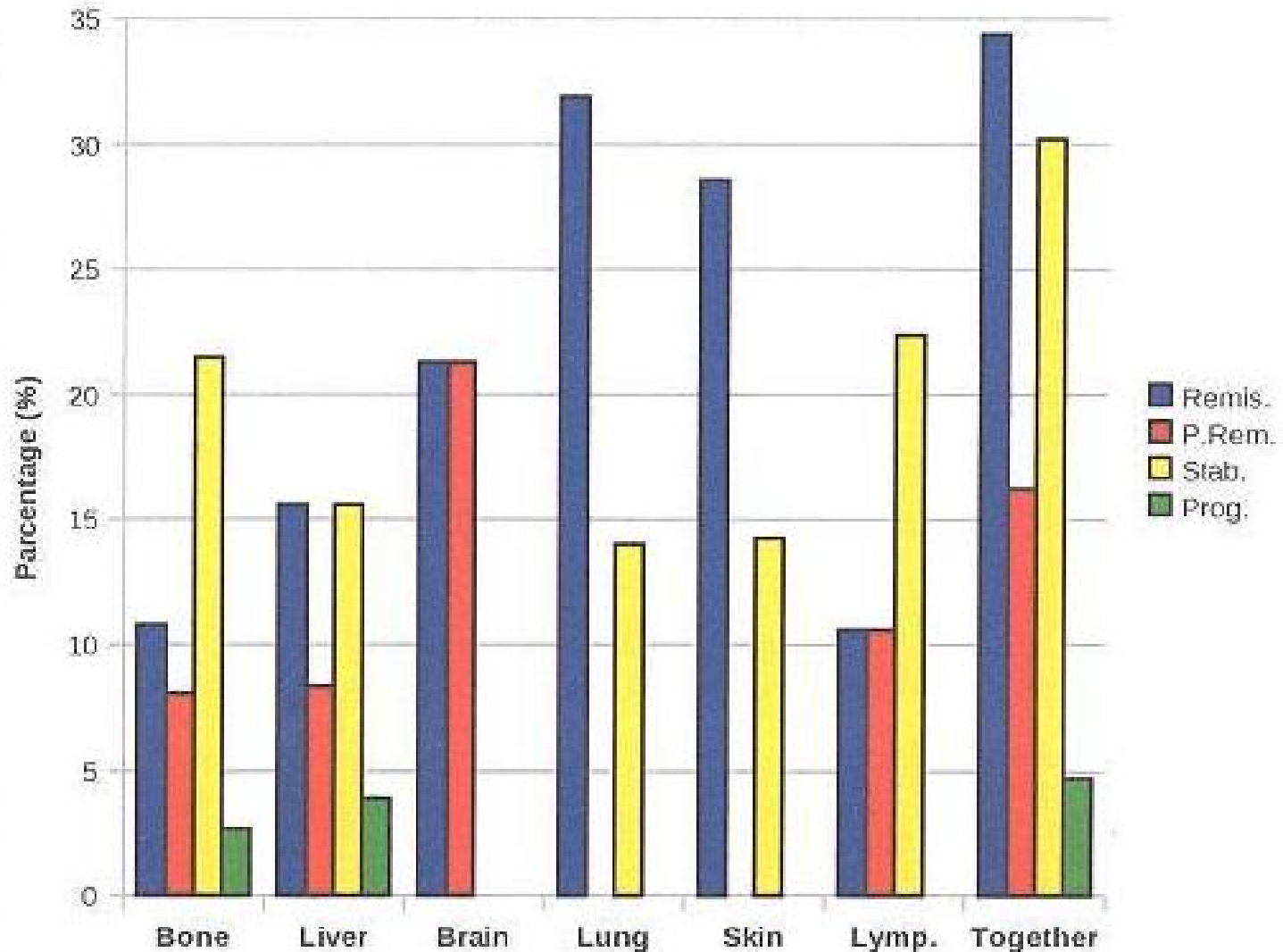
Observed survival rates (%) by stages (Di Bella Foundation 2004-2009)



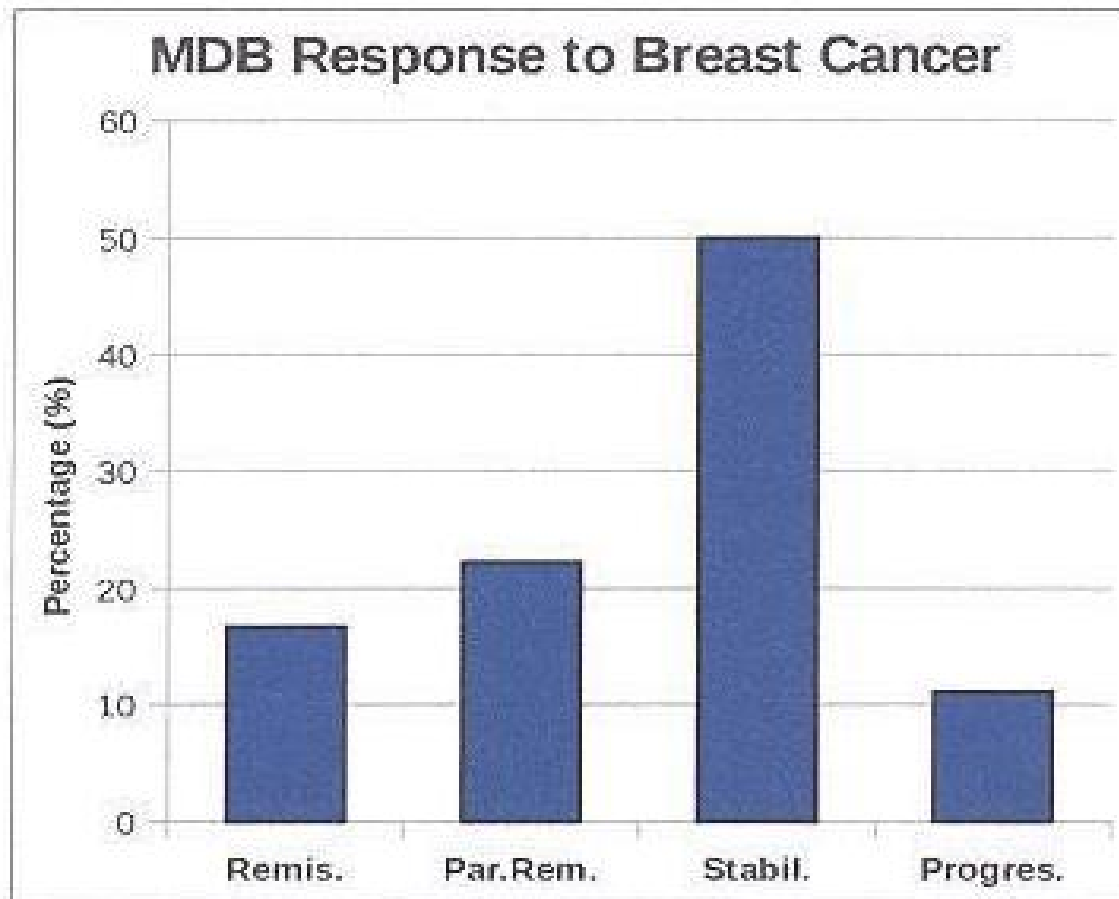
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## MDB Response to Breast Cancer Metastasis



# Technical Expert's District Court in Lecce 1999



## Statistical Comparisons

## Breast Cancer in DBM therapy



### Overall Survival

<i>Observed Survival (obs) patients treated with MDB</i>			
	1 year (90)	3 years (72)	5 years (60)
Initial diagnosis	%	%	%
stage I (18)	100	100	100
stage II (47)	100	100	94
stage III (17)	100	83	55
stage IV (6)	100	60	50
<b>MDB totale (obs)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>82</b>



<i>Relative Survival (rel) patients treated with DBM</i>			
	1 year	3 years	5 years
	%	%	%
<b>MDB total (rel)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>90</b>



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