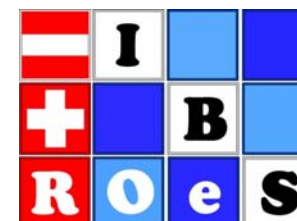




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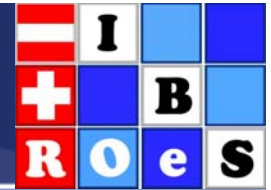
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***Statistical approaches to analyse genomic data (without drowning)***

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**Beginn:** 13:00 Uhr (s.t.)  
**Ende:** 17:45 Uhr  
**Vorsitz:** Georg Heinze (CeMSIIS, Med. Univ. Wien), Stephan Lehr (Baxter Innovations GmbH)

15.05-15.30 break: there is a bistro in the floor above!!!

18.00-?? informal debriefing, Universitätsbräu (Campus Altes AKH)



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**Stephan Lehr**  
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**July 4, 2013**

# Outline

- Definitions and Guidelines
- Model validation for genomics data
- Design considerations for predictive marker validation

# Definitions

- **Biomarker**  
A characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
- **Predictive marker**  
Forecasts the likely response to a specific treatment
- **Prognostic marker**  
Forecasts the likely course of disease (irrespective of treatment)
- **Surrogate marker**  
Measurement providing early and accurate prediction of both a clinical endpoint, and the effects of treatment on this endpoint



1 9 June 2011  
2 EMA/446337/2011  
3 Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

4 Reflection paper on methodological issues associated with  
5 pharmacogenomic biomarkers in relation to clinical  
6 development and patient selection  
7 Draft

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### Enrichment Strategies for Clinical Trials to Support Approval of Human Drugs and Biological Products

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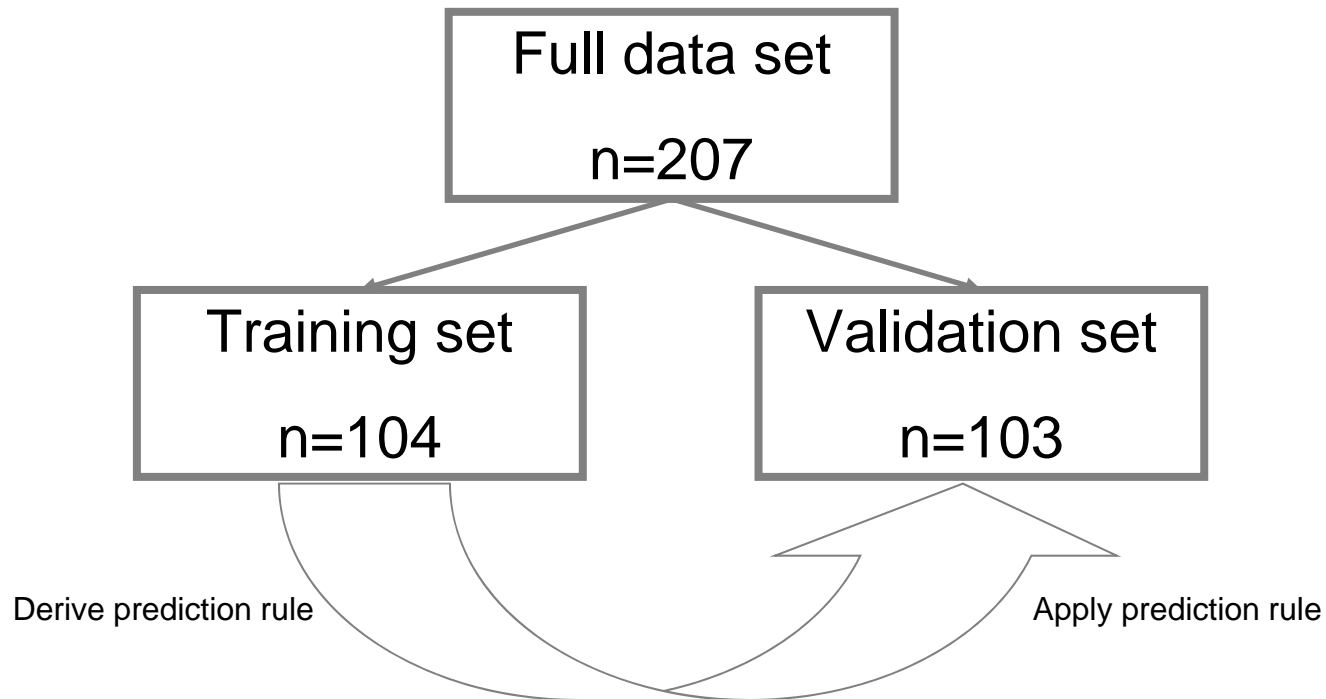
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# Statistical model validation

## – A gene expression example

Data set of size  $n=207$  patients (oncology study)  
 $k=10,068$  genes (mRNA gene expression – continuous explanatory variables)  
2 outcome classes (response / non-response) of approx. equal size

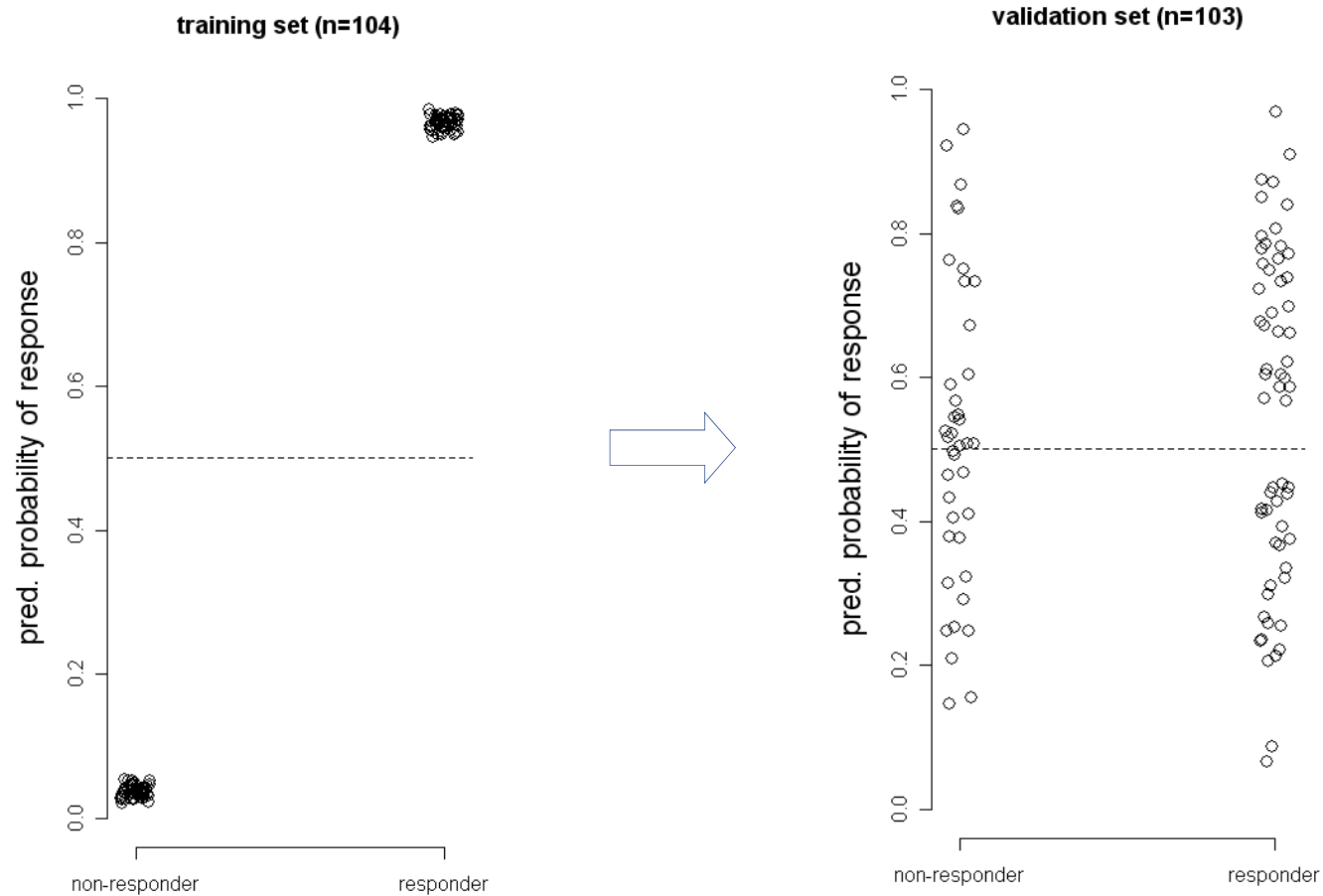




# Statistical model validation

## – A gene expression example

1. Model building using all genes ( $k=10.068$ )
2. Model validation by data splitting approach



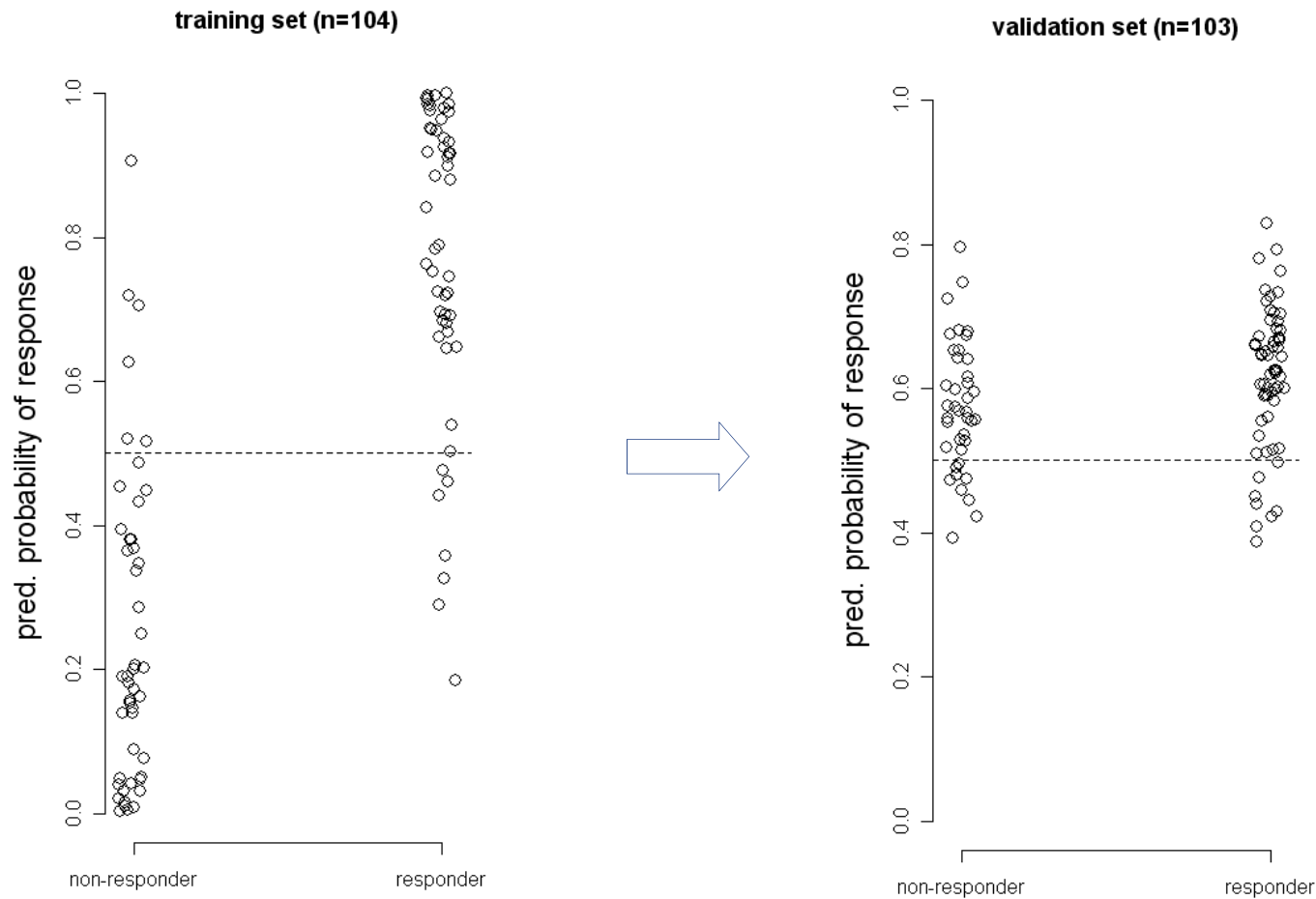
misclassification rate = 0 %

misclassification rate  $\approx$  50 %

# Statistical model validation

## – A gene expression example

1. Variable selection:  $k=10$  “best” genes
2. Model validation by cross-validation and data splitting



misclassification rate (“re-substitution”) = 14 %

misclassification rate (cross validation) = 21 %

misclassification rate  $\approx$  50 %

**Statistical model validation**  
– A gene expression example

**Data from the example are  
completely random !**

# Statistical model validation

## – Lessons learned

### Overfitting disaster

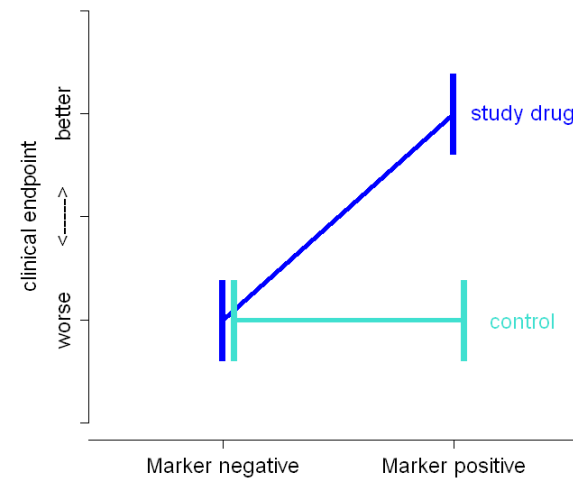
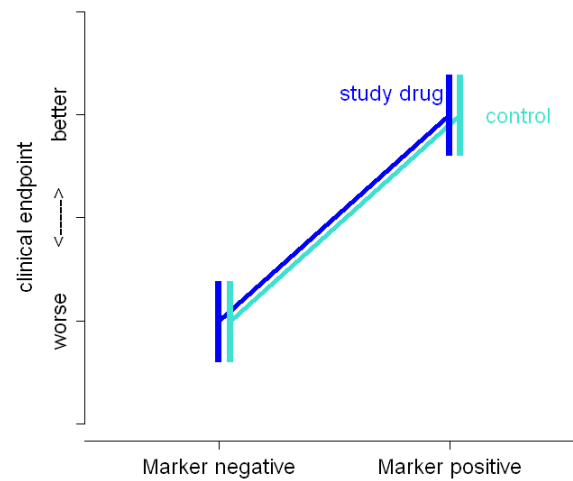
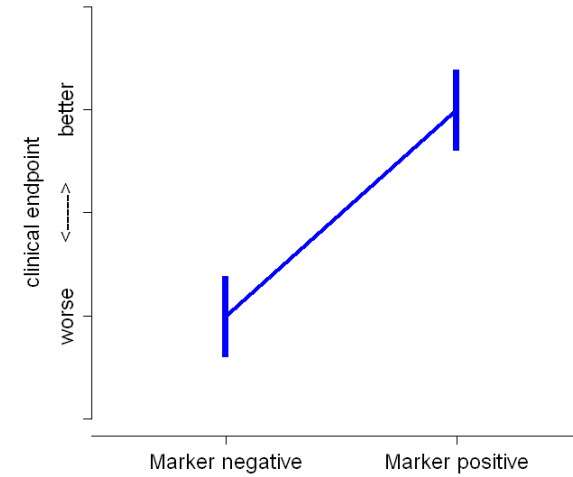
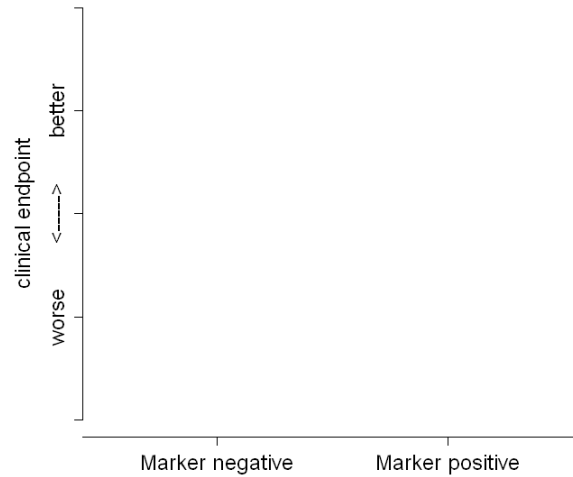
Finding a separating statistical model when the number of genes by far exceeds the number of patients (“ $k \gg n$ ”) might mean nothing

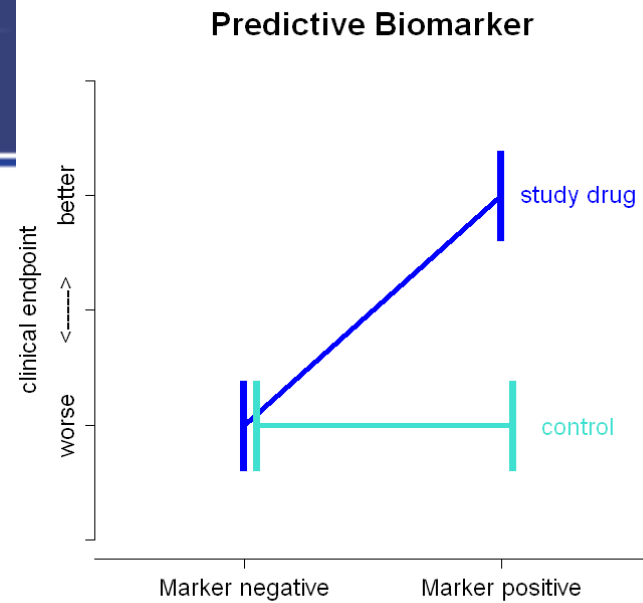
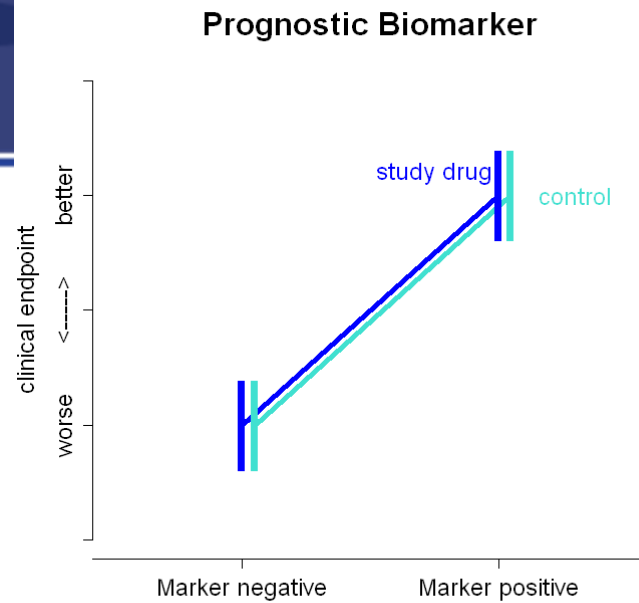
### Selection Bias

Gene selection is part of the training and must not be separated from it

- ⇒ consequences of inappropriate cross validation , refer e.g. to Simon et al (2003)
- ⇒ computational details to obtain unbiased error rate estimates, refer e.g. to Ruschhaupt et al (2004)

# Identification of markers for patient selection





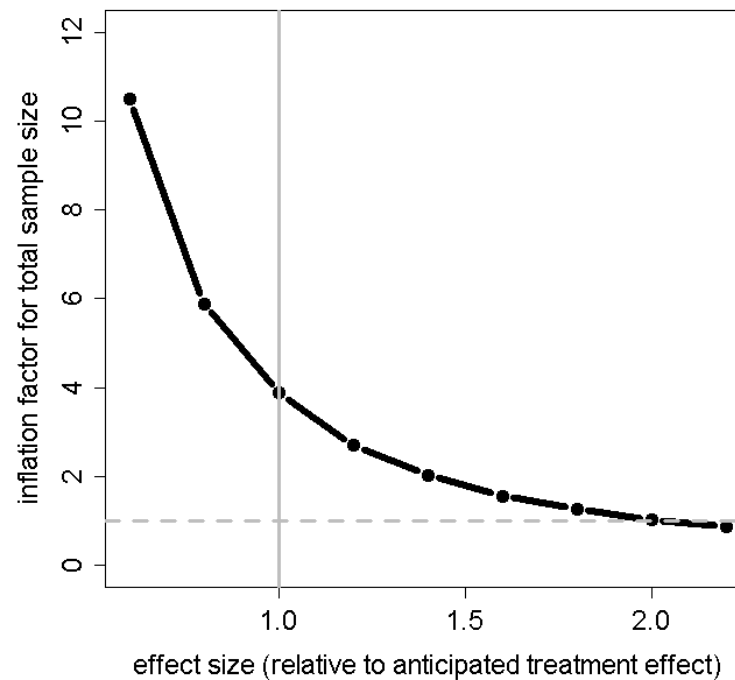
- Not useful in identifying subpopulation with better response to study drug than to control
- Possible disease aggressiveness marker
- Balance randomization by prognostic factor
- Adjust analysis for prognostic marker covariate
- Useful in identifying subpopulation with substantially better response to study drug than to control
- Efficacy marker for study drug
- Test for marker-by-treatment interaction
- Likely to be underpowered

## Consider a clinical trial to show superiority of study drug over control with a power of 80%

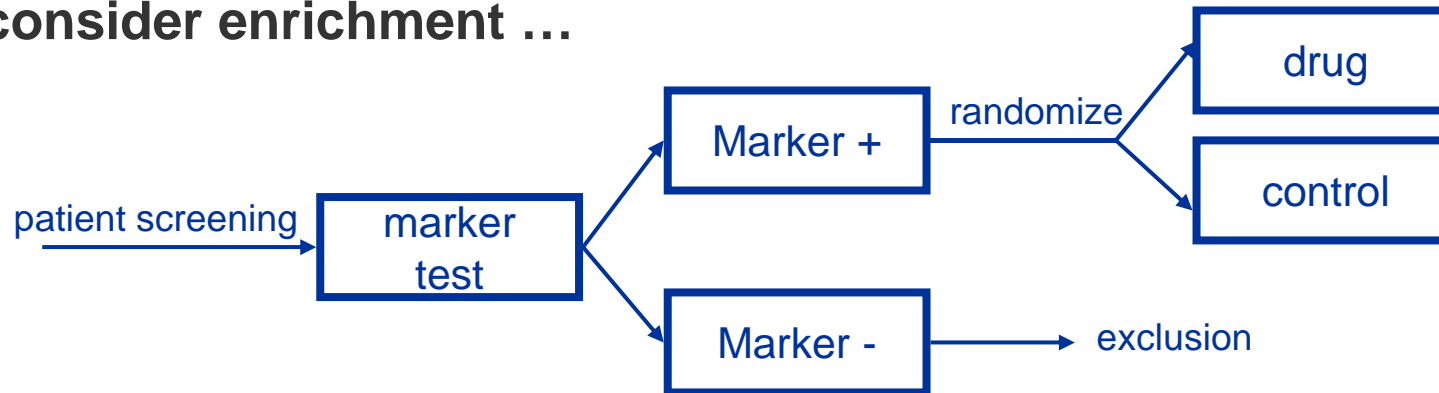
Example:

- Drug is only effective in „marker+“
- 50% of patients are „marker+“

=> the power to detect interaction effect of same magnitude is 28%!



## Let's consider enrichment ...



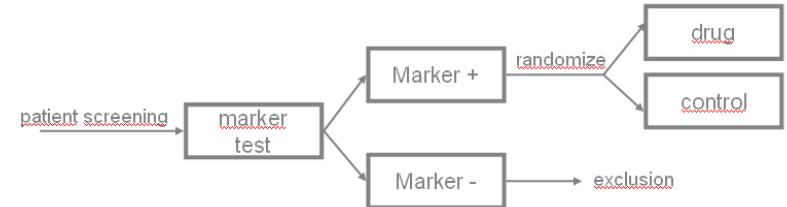
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=> less than one third (=29%) of patients have to be randomized in enrichment design compared to unselected (non-enrichment) design to achieve the same power!



# Enrichment design



## Example:

- Clinical trial, drug vs control, power = 80%
- 50% of patients are marker+
  - ⇒ 29% patients randomized as compared to classical design
- **70% of patients are marker+**
  - ⇒ 55% patients randomized as compared to unselected design
- **... AND test sensitivity = test specificity = 80%**
  - ⇒ 67% patients randomized as compared to unselected design
- **... AND treatment effect in marker- half that of marker+**
  - ⇒ 82% of patients randomized (compared to unselected design)
  - ⇒ 132% of patients need to be screened (compared to 100% of patients randomized in the unselected design)

Marker prevalence

Diagnostic Test characteristic

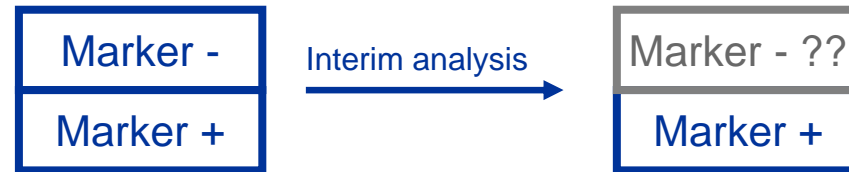
Treatment effect

## Is an enrichment design appropriate?

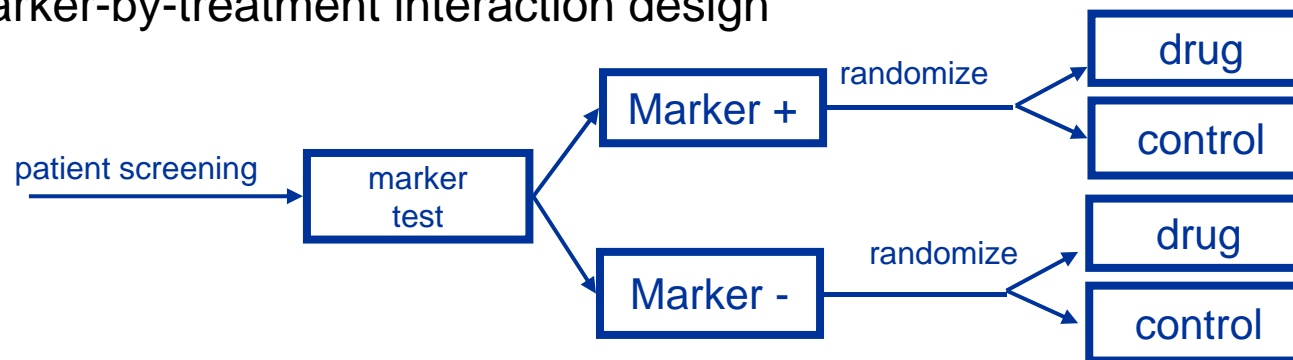
- Is there compelling preliminary evidence to suggest that marker- patients do not benefit from the new treatment?
- Is the assay reproducibility and accuracy well established?
- Is the threshold to define marker+/marker- clearly defined?
- How well can the expected marker prevalence be estimated?

# Alternative predictive biomarker designs

- Sequential/adaptive design



- Biomarker adaptive threshold (statistical analysis) design
  - Test for overall treatment effect  $\Leftrightarrow$  establish and validate cut-point for marker
- Retrospective Analysis
- Marker-by-treatment interaction design



- Further marker-based designs (see e.g. EMA guidance)

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