

What is the best cut off to
divide score 4 & 5

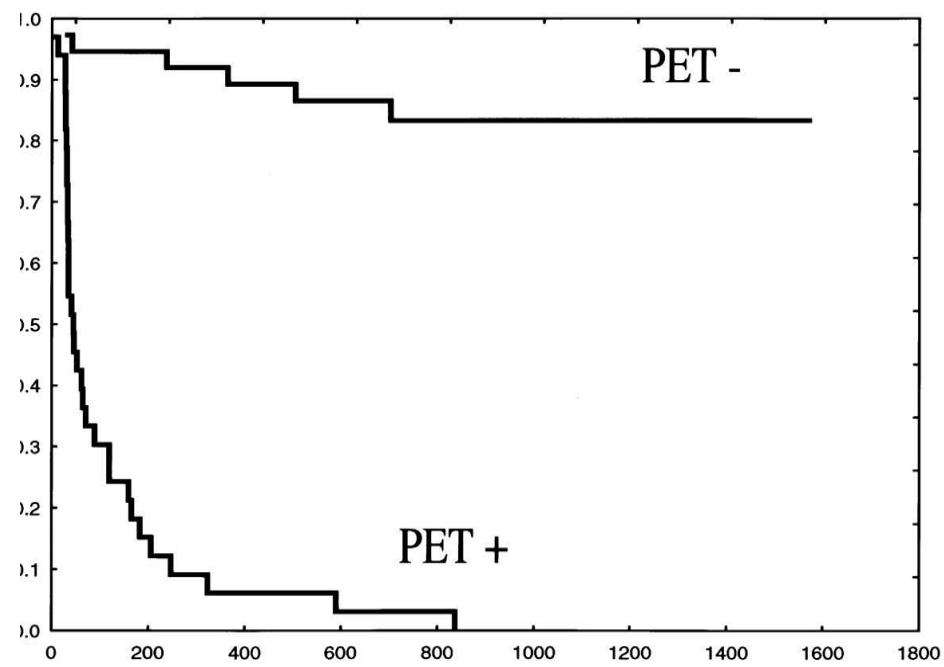
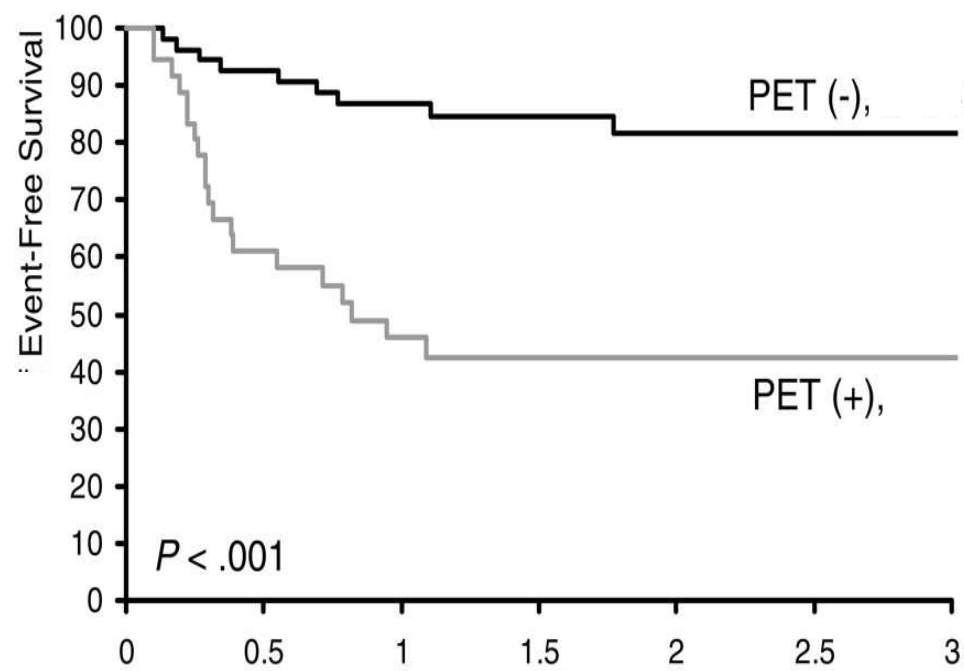
Can we better define patients with
clinically significant uptake within
these groups?

Deauville 5 point Scoring System

- Score 1 : no uptake
- Score 2 : uptake \leq mediastinum
- Score 3 : uptake $>$ mediastinum but \leq liver
- Score 4 : moderately increased uptake $>$ liver
- Score 5 : markedly increased uptake
AND / OR
new lesion(s) likely to be lymphoma

- Why do we **separate** moderate from marked?
What is the cut-off?
- Should 4 be **residual** and 5 be **new**?
- Should we reduce 4 further:
 - Does 4 include some of the good prognosis patients?
 - If yes, should we try to reduce 4 and increase 5?
- Is the cut-off dependent on **timing**?
- How to decide on significance of **new**? Role of MDM? Role of interpretation i.e. likelihood of inflamm?

Why do we **separate** moderate from marked? What is the cut-off?



Score 5

Deauville Consensus on Response Criteria

Statement 3 (interpretation).

- A visual analysis using a 5-point scale should first be applied.
- The preferable reference scale should be the mediastinum and the liver.

Statement 4 (scoring).

The 5-point scale.

1. No uptake.
2. Uptake \leq mediastinum.
3. Uptake $>$ mediastinum but \leq liver.
4. Uptake moderately more than liver uptake, at any site.
5. Markedly increased uptake at any site **and** new sites of disease.

Statement 5 (cutoff).

- For categories 2–4, correction methods by means of the SUV_{max} should be investigated.
- For therapeutic decisions, this should be determined according to the clinical strategy planned (consider lymphoma subtypes, and the decision for (de)-escalation of therapy).

Should 4 be residual and 5 be
new?

How often is progression?

NCRI Study Score		Deauville Score	
Score	No of Patients	Score	No of Patients
1	28	1	28
2a	26	2	25
2b	68	3	28
2c	3	4	36 (29%)
2d*	0	5	8 (6%)
TOTAL	125	TOTAL	125

(*) 2d = Increase in abnormal uptake &/or appearance of new sites

Should we remove “new”?

- Probably useful for other types of lymphoma

should we try to reduce 4 and
increase 5?

Does 4 include some good prognosis patients?

Deauville Score		SUV reduction	
Score	No of Patients	>66%	≤ 66%
1	28	28	0
2	25	25	0
3	28	25	3 **
4	36	32	4
5	8	1	7
	125	111	14

- Optimal cut-off between +/- (at least for DLCL) may be within score 4.
- How do we optimise score 4?

How to decide on 4/5 cut-off

- Differentiate between moderate & marked only visually?
- More objective cut-off? e.g. 2 times or 3 times liver uptake

4/5 cut-off

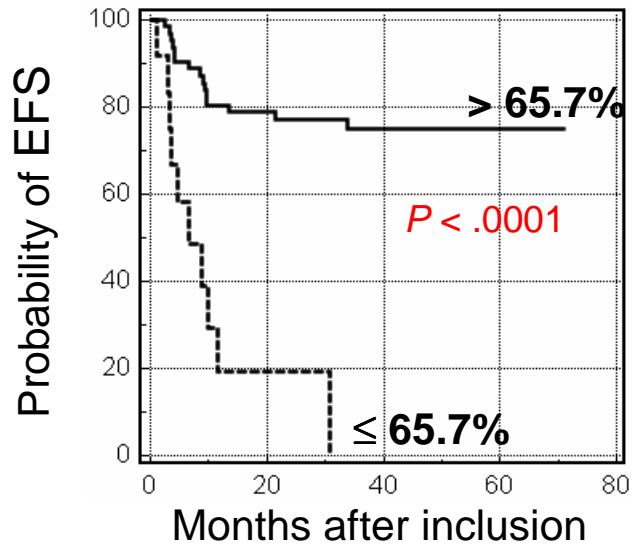
Deauville Score (DS)		
Score	No of Patients (Score 5= 3x liver)	Score 5= 2x liver
1	28	
2	25	
3	28	
4	36	29
5	8	15
TOTAL	125	

- Majority prefer a reproducible “objective” cut-off.
- No agreement on cut-off. More data is needed on outcome before we decide.

Is the cut-off dependent on
timing?

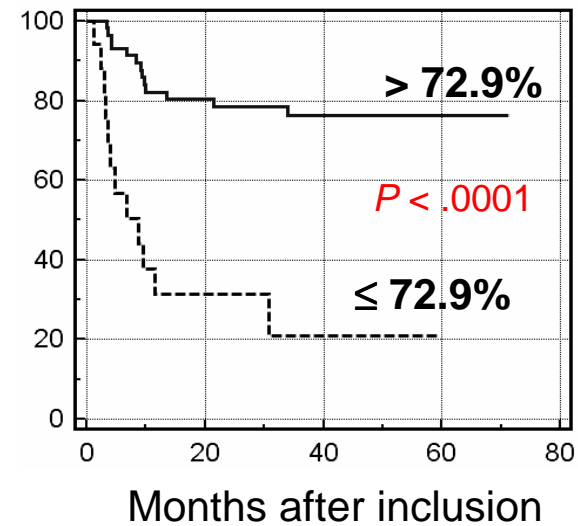
DLBCL: $\Delta SUV > 2$ v > 4

SUV Analysis ($\Delta SUV_{max} PET0/PET2$)



Lin, Itti et al. *J Nucl Med* 2007;48:1626-32

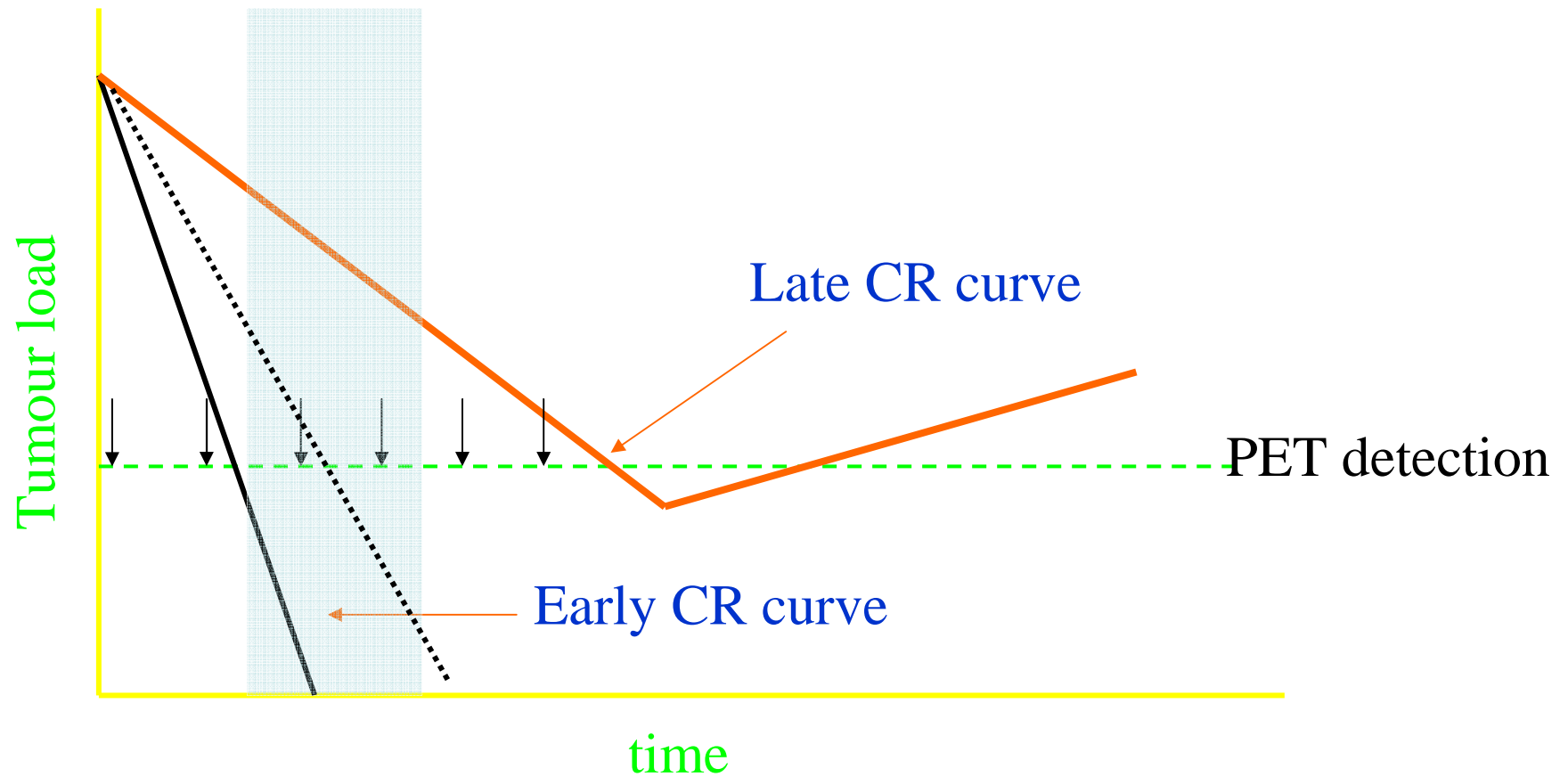
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Itti et al. *J Nucl Med* 2009;50:527-33

- Why do we **separate** moderate from marked?
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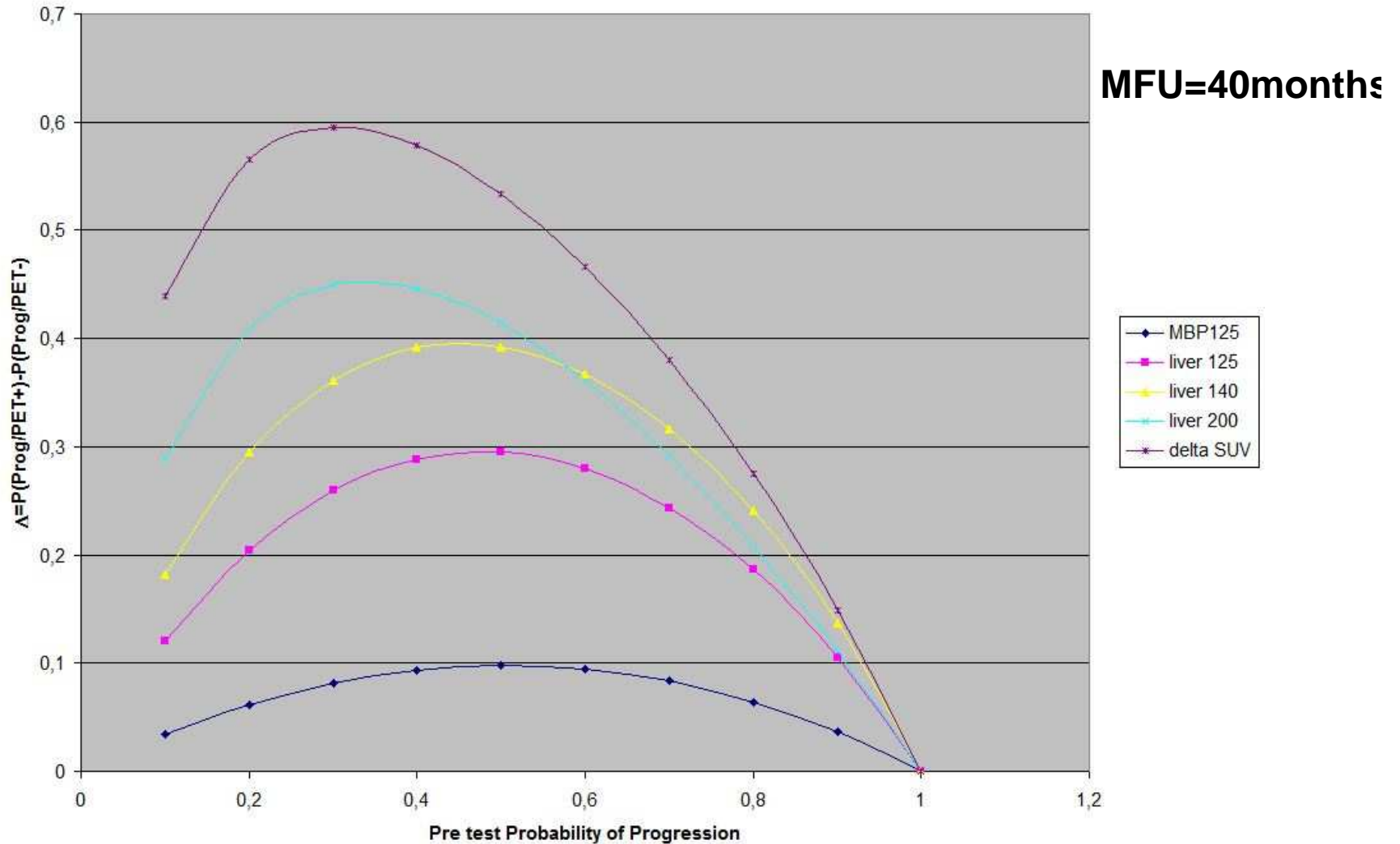
Why early response is better?



NCRI study PET scoring

Score			Description
Negative	1		complete disappearance of all abnormal uptake
Positive	2a	MRU	Disappearance of most abnormal uptake, but residual low-grade uptake in sites of previous disease, just above the background activity
	2b	Partial response	Reduction in the abnormal uptake, but significant residual activity
	2c	Stable	No significant change
	2d	Progression	Increase in abnormal uptake &/or appearance of new sites

Discriminant index post test/pre test probability of progression in DLBCL for various criteria (interim PET 2 cycles)



Cinotti, Meignan J Nucl Med, 1983
Diamond et al, J Clin Invest, 1980