

Using a CLINICOPATHOLOGIC and GENE EXPRESSION PROFILE (CP-GEP) model to predict prognosis in STAGE I-II MELANOMA: a multicenter Danish cohort study

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## AIM

To validate the performance of the CP-GEP model in predicting prognosis in stage I-II melanoma

## BACKGROUND



### STAGE I-II MELANOMA – A CLINICAL CHALLENGE<sup>1-3</sup>

- Increasing incidence of melanoma
- >80% is stage I-II (without metastasis)
- Stage I-II present notable heterogenous survival outcomes
  - Depending on factors beyond stages?



#### **ADJUVANT IMMUNOTHERAPY - DILEMMA<sup>4,5</sup>**

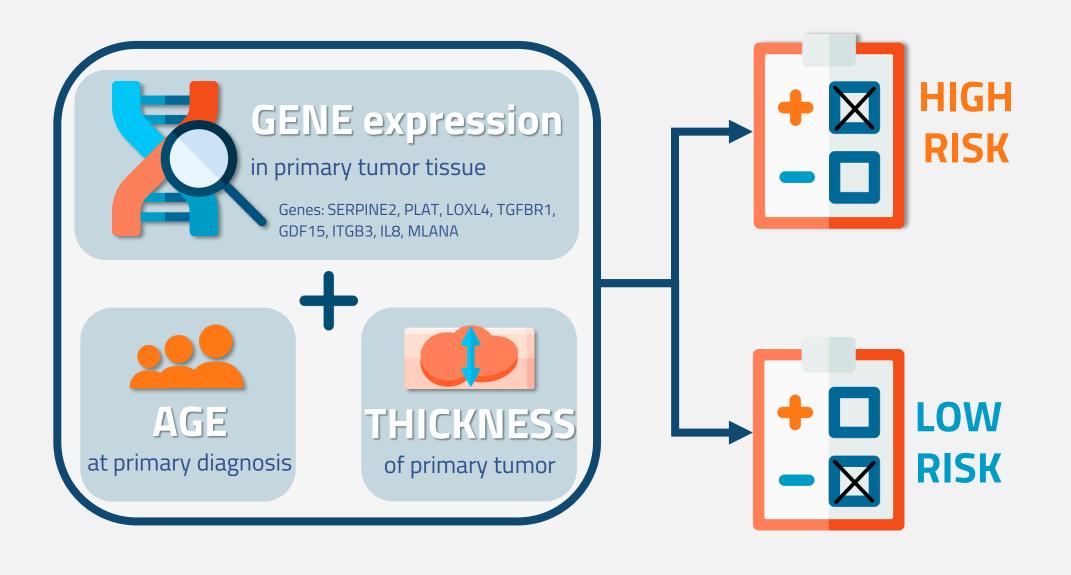
- Improved RFS in stage II substages (phase III trial)
- Risk of severe adverse effects
- Potential financial strain on healthcare systems



REFINED risk stratification of stage I-II is NEEDED to TAILOR treatment and surveillance **BUT HOW?** 

## The CP-GEP model

Developed and validated to **PREDICT** risk of **SENTINEL NODE METASTASIS**<sup>6-10</sup>



CAN CP-GEP PREDICT RISK OF RECURRENCE AND DEATH?

# **METHOD**



#### **Danish** Multicentre cohort study

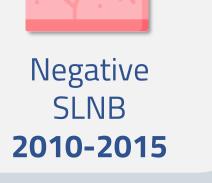
from two institutions

Retrospective patient selection

Stage I-II **Primary** 

# Melanoma

Negative SLNB



tumor tissue



Collection of tumor tissue from the biobank 2020

## **Inclusion criteria**

- First-time invasive cutaneous melanoma (T1-T3)
- Age ≥18 yr
- SLNB ≤90 days from primary biopsy • No additional metastasis ≤90 days from primary biopsy
- Full histopathological report available

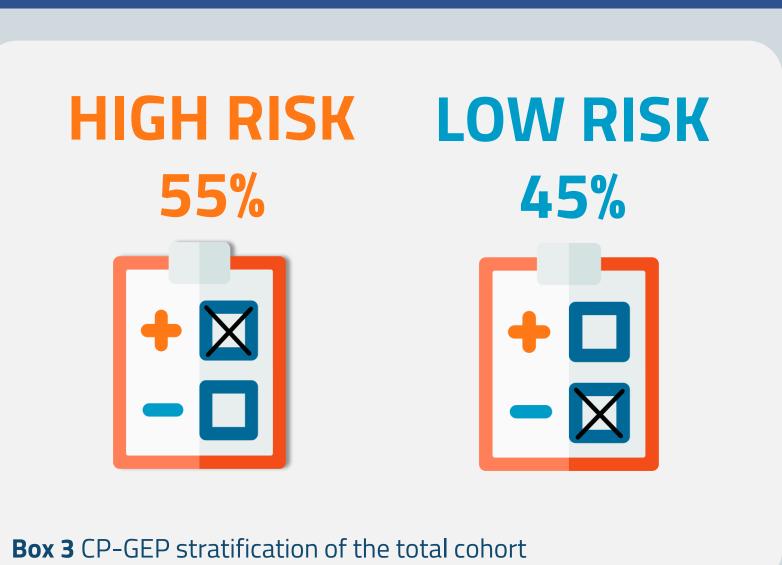
# **CP-GEP** End of follow-up\*

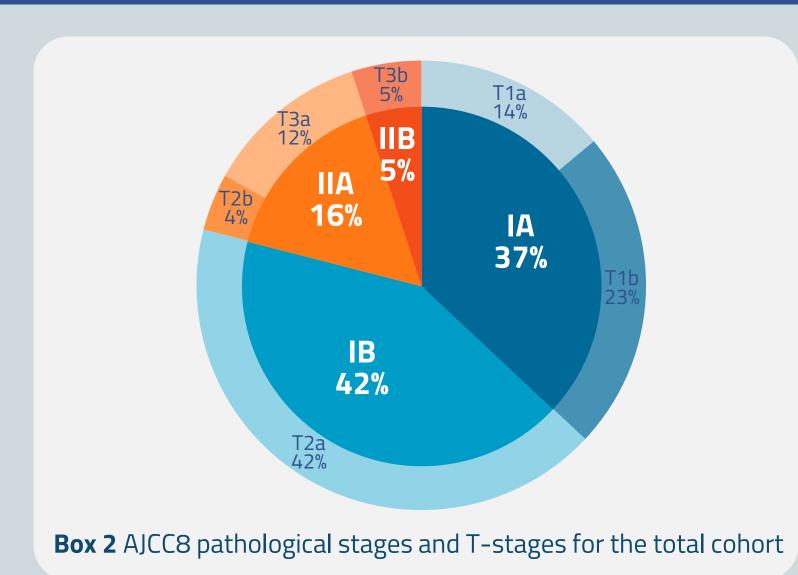
Performed by SkylineDx, Netherlands

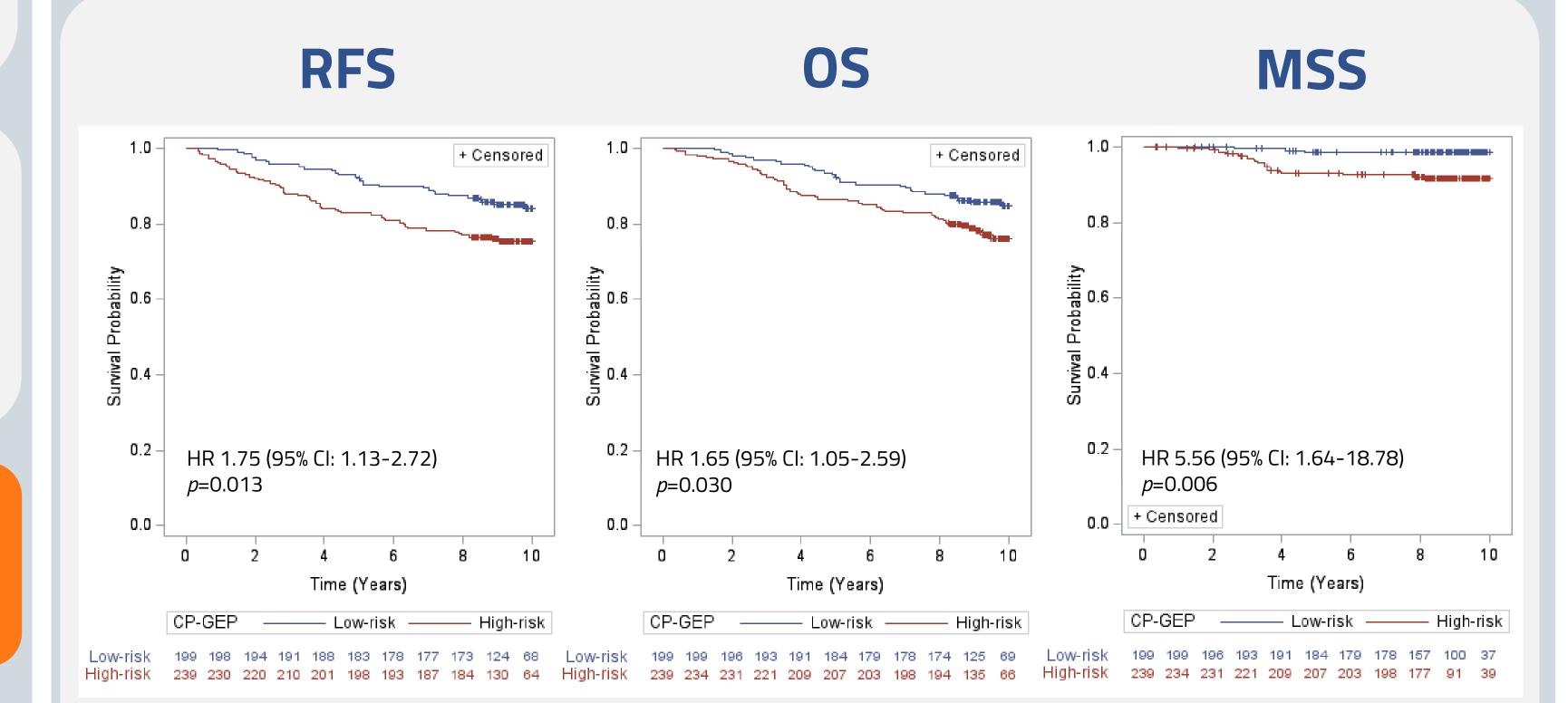
SkylineDx blinded to
SLNB and follow-up data! Jun 2023 2022

**Total cohort** \*Follow-up data obtained from the Danish Melanoma Database and national health N=438 registries. The National Cause of Death Register updated until Dec 2022; MSS follow-up therefore ends on this date.

# **RESULTS**







	RFS				OS				MSS			
	5-year		10-year		5-year		10-year		5-year		10-year	
	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)
<b>Total</b> (N=438)	87	(84-90)	79	(75-83)	89	(86-92)	80	(76-84)	96	(93-97)	95	(92-97)
<b>CP-GEP High</b> (N=239)	83	(77-87)	75	(69-81)	87	(82-90)	76	(70-81)	93	(89-96)	92	(87-95)
<b>CP-GEP Low</b> (N=199)	92	(87-95)	84	(78-89)	93	(88-95)	85	(79-89)	98	(95-100)	98	(95-100)

Box 3 Kaplan-Meier curves, Hazard ratios and 5-year and 10-year RFS, OS and MSS at a median follow-up of 115 months, stratified by CP-GEP result (High or Low risk).

# CONCLUSION



The CP-GEP model is able to RISK STRATIFY STAGE I-II MELANOMA



**CONSISTENT** with findings in previous **VALIDATION STUDIES** 

The CP-GEP model is a PROMISING tool for GUIDING treatment DECISIONS and surveillance strategies in

STAGE I-II MELANOMA

Need for further validation incl. comparison to similar tools, prospective validation and cost-benefit analyses

TO BE CONTINUED...