

*Imaging in Osteoarthritis Clinical  
Trials: Metrics and endpoints  
Medical Imaging*

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# Agenda

- *Uses of Medical Imaging*
- *Imaging Requirements*
  - *The metrics of measurements*
- *Conclusions*



# *Uses of Medical Imaging*

- *Diagnosis*
- *Prognosis*
- *Monitoring therapy*
- *Monitoring Natural History of Disease*



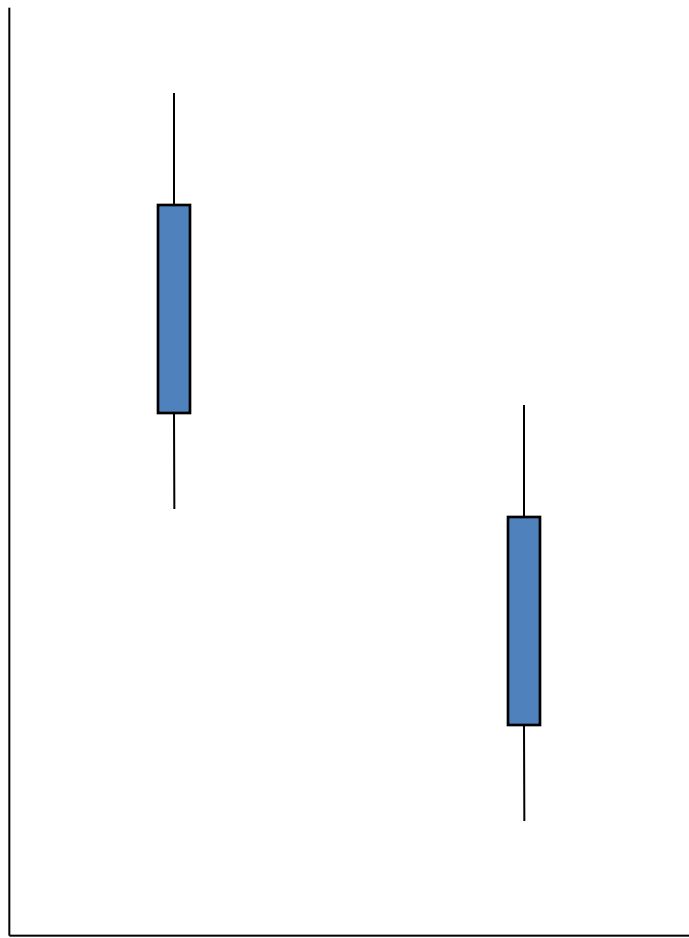
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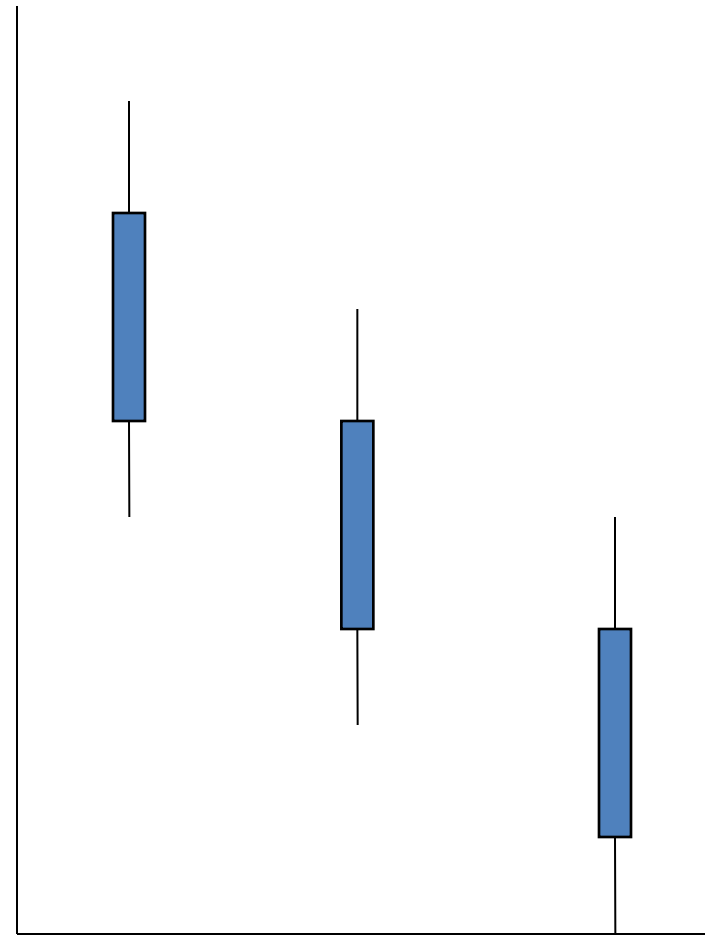


# *Diagnostic Sensitivity*

## *Normal - Abnormal Difference*



*Normal*      *Diseased*



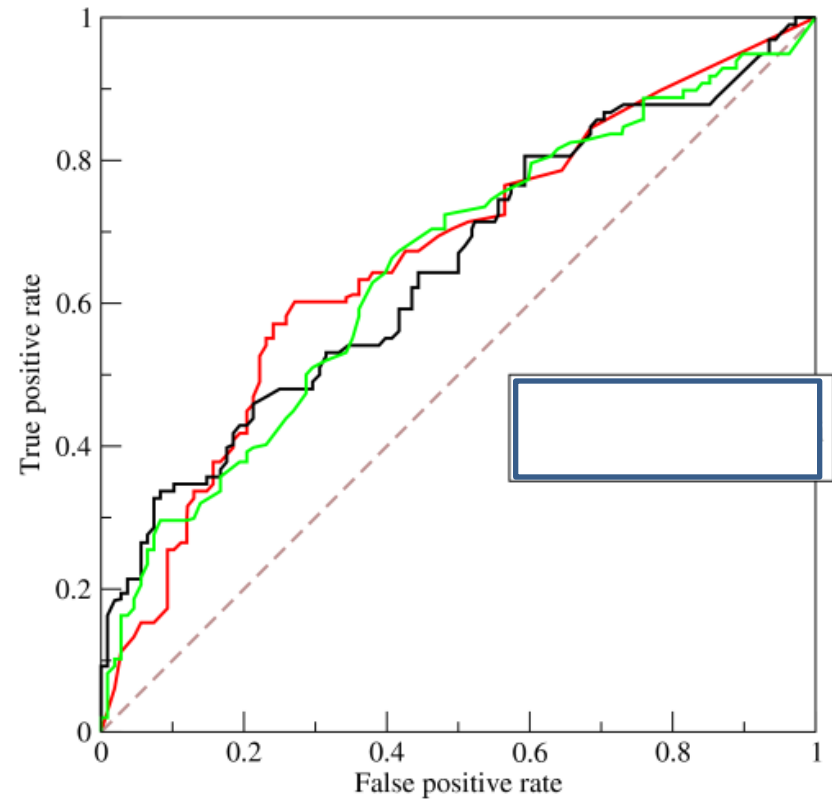
*Normal*      *Elderly*      *Diseased*

# ROC Analysis

- *Sensitivity - True Positive*
- *Specificity – False positive*

Actual Value

Predicted Outcome	True +ve	False +ve
	False -ve	True -ve

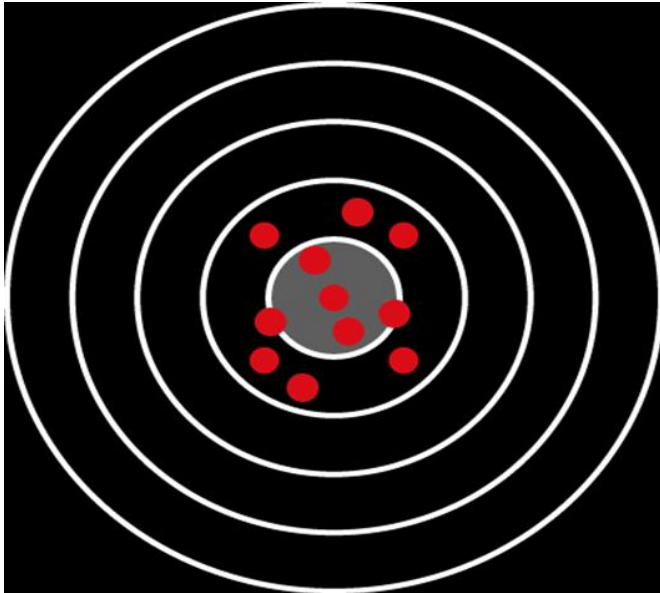


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# Accuracy



*Standard error of the estimate of linear regression between actual and measured parameter*

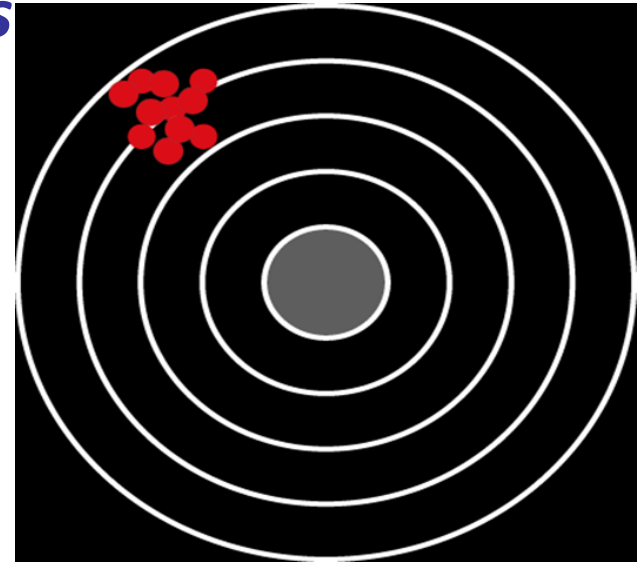
*i.e., when correctly calibrated, the measured result is close to the actual value*



# Precision

*Standard deviation of the difference between pairs of repeat measurements, usually expressed as a percentage of the average value (coefficient of variation)*

*i.e., the reproducibility of the measurement. When repeating a measurement of the same object under the same circumstances, how similar are the results?*



# Precision

*Measured as coefficient of variation:*

$$\%C.V. = \frac{S.D.}{Mean}$$

*Standardized Coefficient of Variation:*

$$S.C.V. = \frac{S.D.}{Mean} \times \frac{\underline{Mean}}{\text{Normal Range}} = \frac{\underline{S.D.}}{\text{Normal Range}}$$

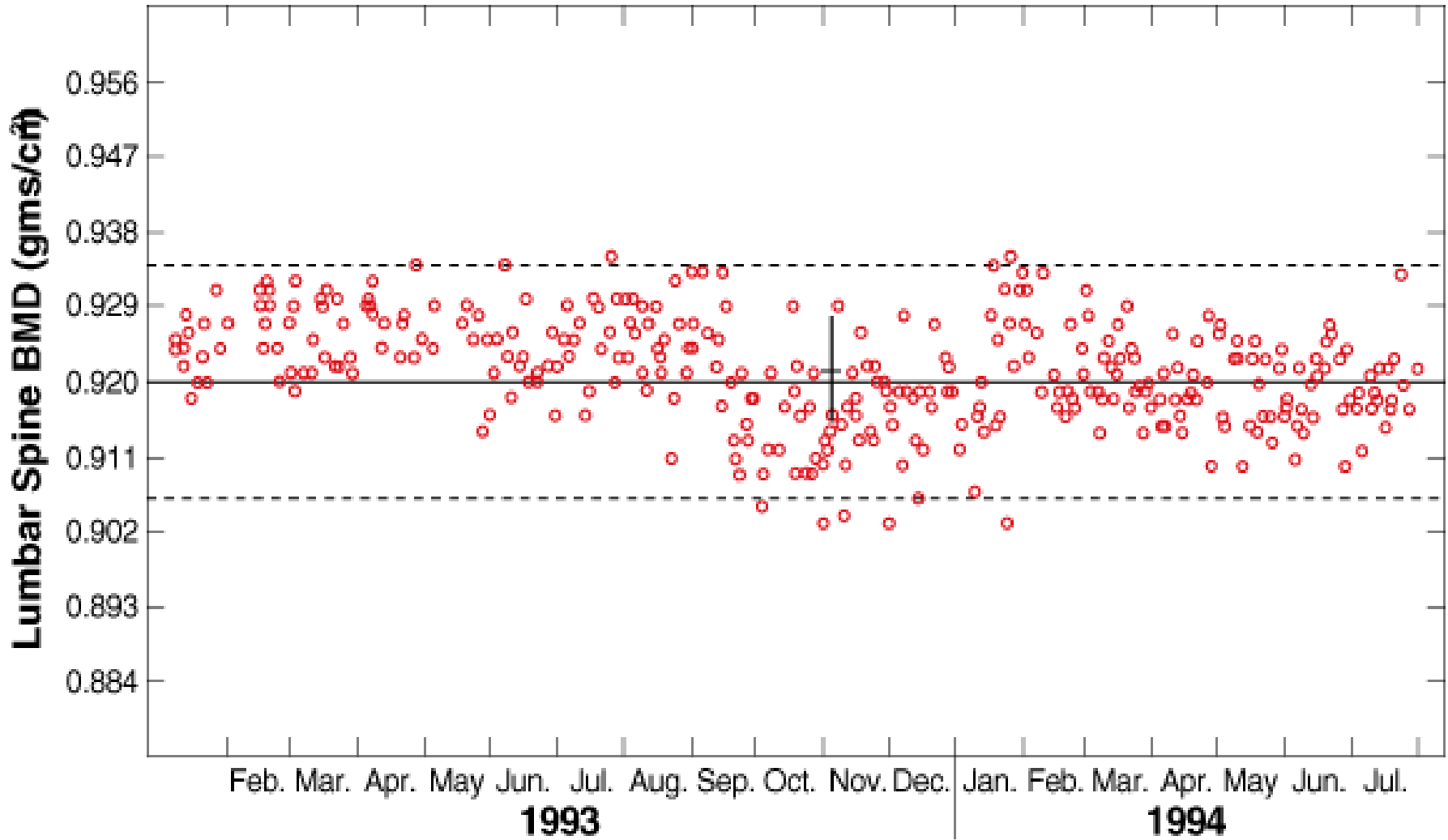
NB: Normal range = 5%-95%

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# *One Problem – Calibration drift*



# ***Reliability – Site Selection***

- ***Subject recruitment***
- ***Imaging Modalities***
  - *X-ray – How to standardize?*
  - *MRI 1.5T or 3.0T?*
- ***Trained technologists?***
  - *Open to being trained?*
  - *Accept trial standard – not local site standard?*
- ***Imaging Guidelines***

# *Reliability – Image QC*

- *Training*
  - *Sites – good acquisition*
  - *Central Readers (radiologists)*
- *Administrative QC*
  - *Anonymized*
  - *Right subject, right time point?*
- *Image QC*
  - *Correct anatomical coverage?*
  - *Motion artifacts?*
  - *Acquired according to Imaging Guidelines?*
- *Up to 30% of all images will be poor quality or unusable without Image QC*

# *Reader Reliability*

- *Qualified Radiologists*
- *Reader training on the read scoring system*
  - *EG KL or Modified KL (at least 10 versions)*
  - *How to score WORMS, BLOKS, MOCART etc*
- *Inter-reader calibration*
  - *Eligibility*
  - *Efficacy/Safety*
- *Inter and intra Reader calibration*
  - *on going?*

# ***Reliability – Computer systems***

- ***Validation***
- ***CFR 21 Part II compliance***
  - ***Image Management systems***
  - ***Read systems***
- ***Meets new FDA draft Guidance for Industry:***
  - ***Guidance for Industry: Standards for Clinical Trial Imaging Endpoints (Aug 2011)***
  - ***EG Charter, monitors, phantoms, QC etc***

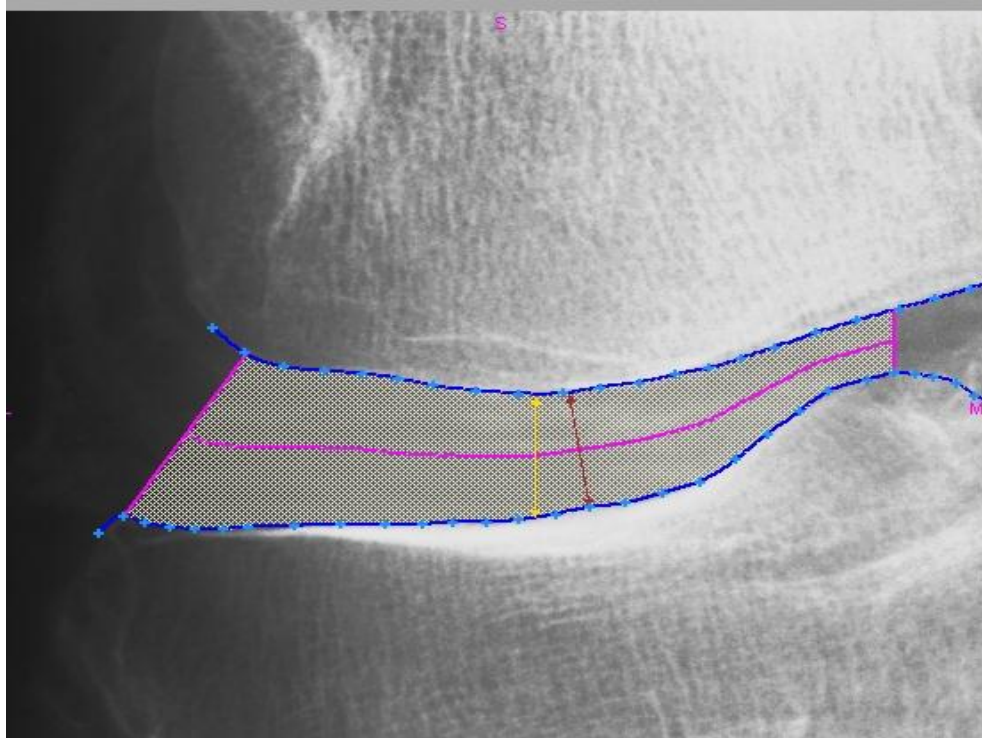


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***Gold Standard?***



***Or Best method?***



***Do either have any clinical meaning or relevance?***

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# ***BioMarker Definitions***

“A biomarker that is measured in an analytical test system with well-established performance characteristics and for which there is widespread agreement in the medical or scientific community about the physiologic, toxicologic, pharmacologic, or clinical significance of the results.”

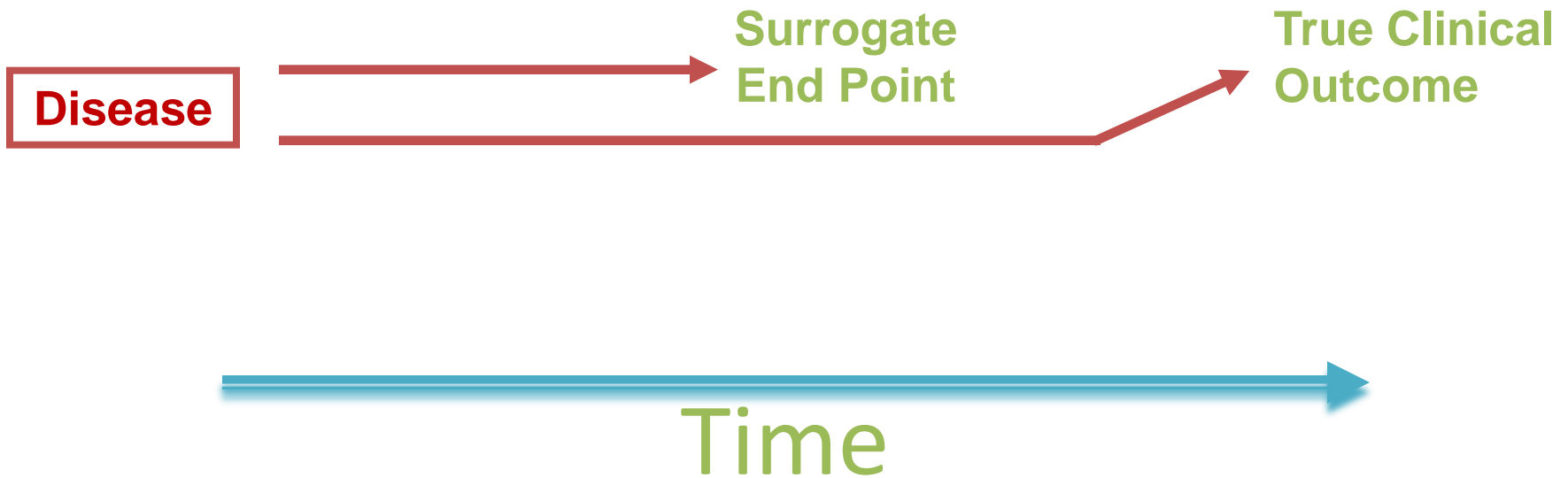
A probable valid biomarker is defined as

“a biomarker that is measured in an analytical test system with well-established performance characteristics and for which there is a scientific framework or body of evidence that appears to elucidate the physiologic, toxicologic, pharmacologic, or clinical significance of the test results.”

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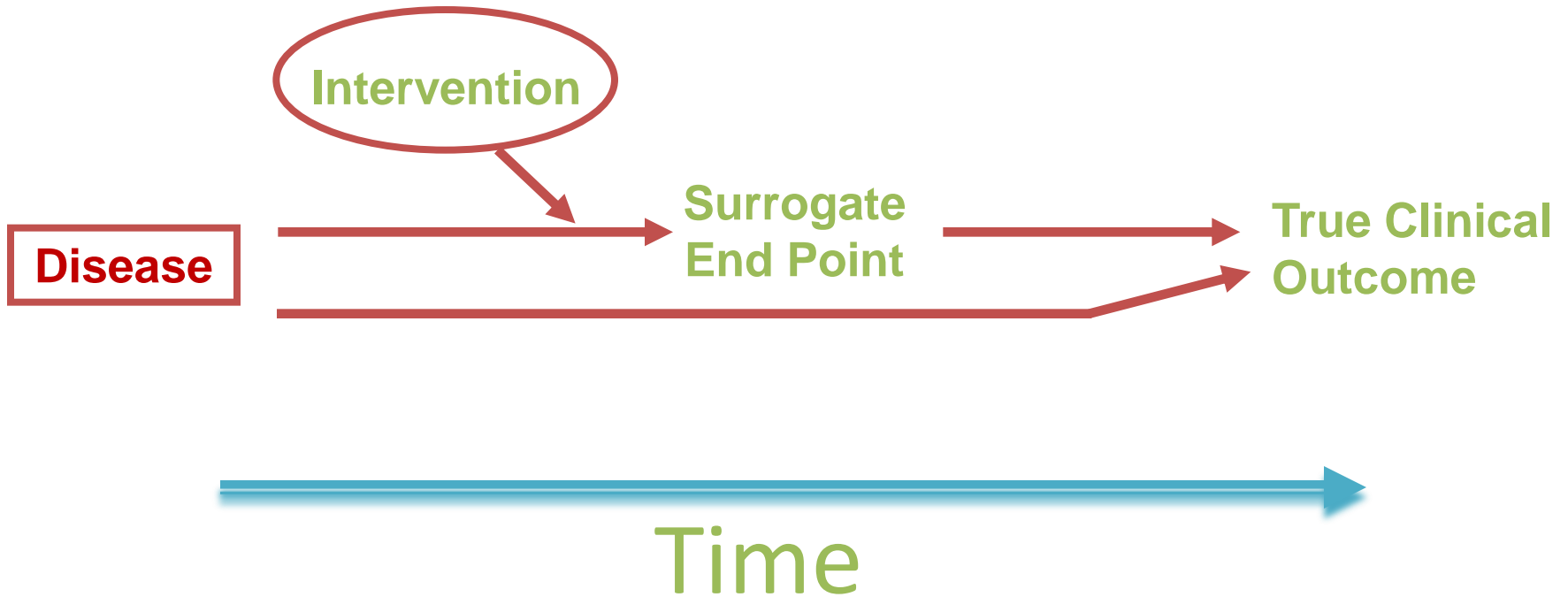
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# *Reasons for Surrogate Failure: 1*



***Reason for failure of surrogate end point:  
The surrogate is not in the causal pathway of the disease  
process.***

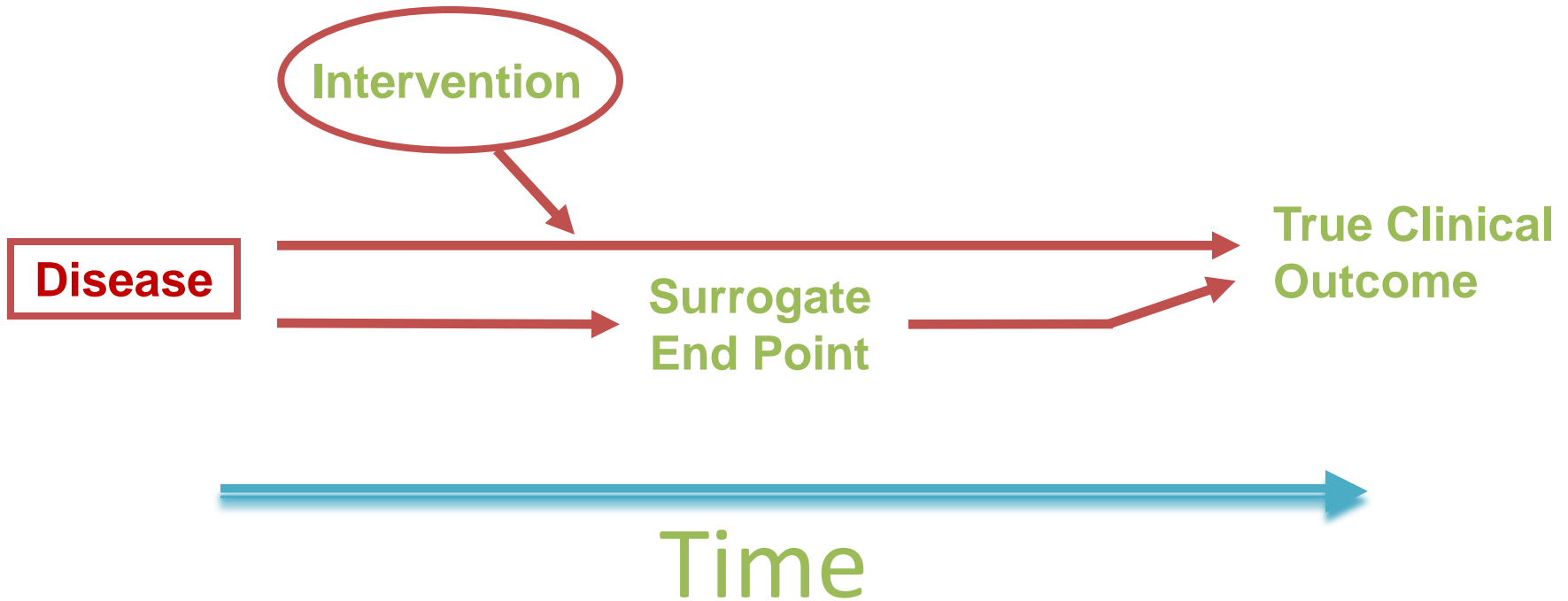
# Reasons for Surrogate Failure: 2



***Reason for failure of surrogate end point:  
Of several causal pathways of disease, the intervention  
affects only the pathway mediated through the surrogate.***

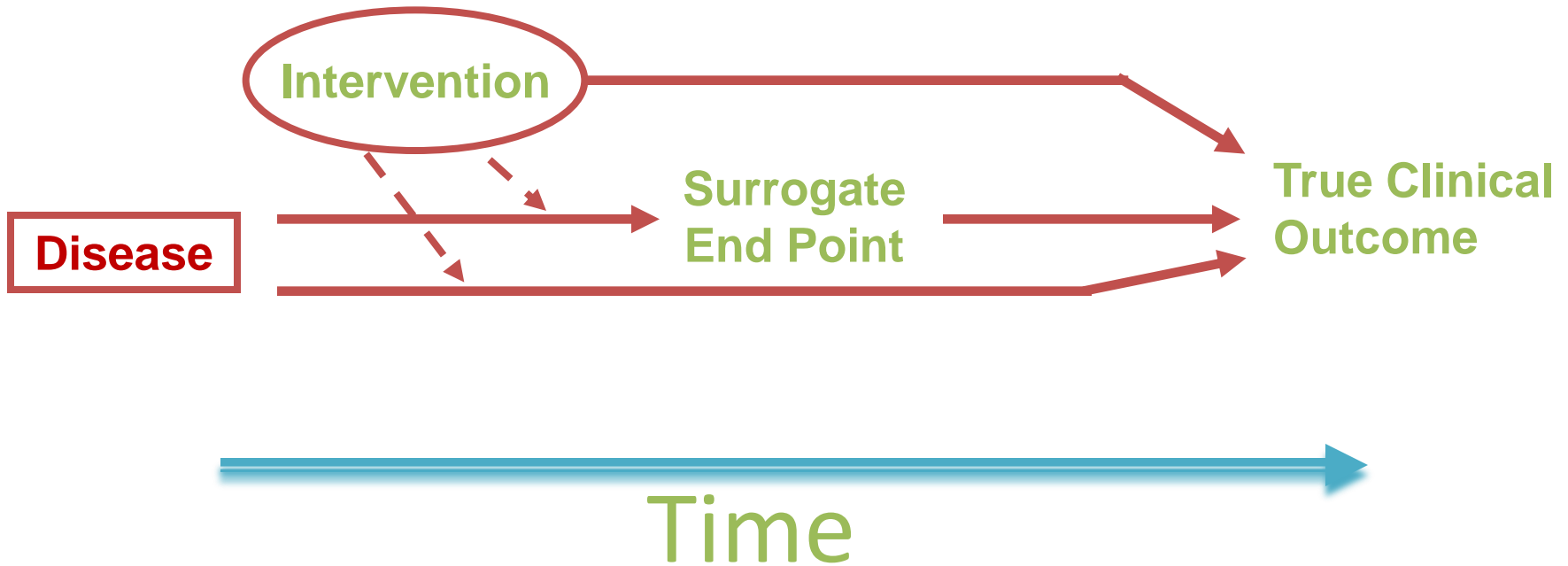


# Reasons for Surrogate Failure: 3



***Reason for failure of surrogate end point:  
The surrogate is not in the pathway of the intervention's effect  
or is insensitive to its effect.***

# Reasons for Surrogate Failure: 4

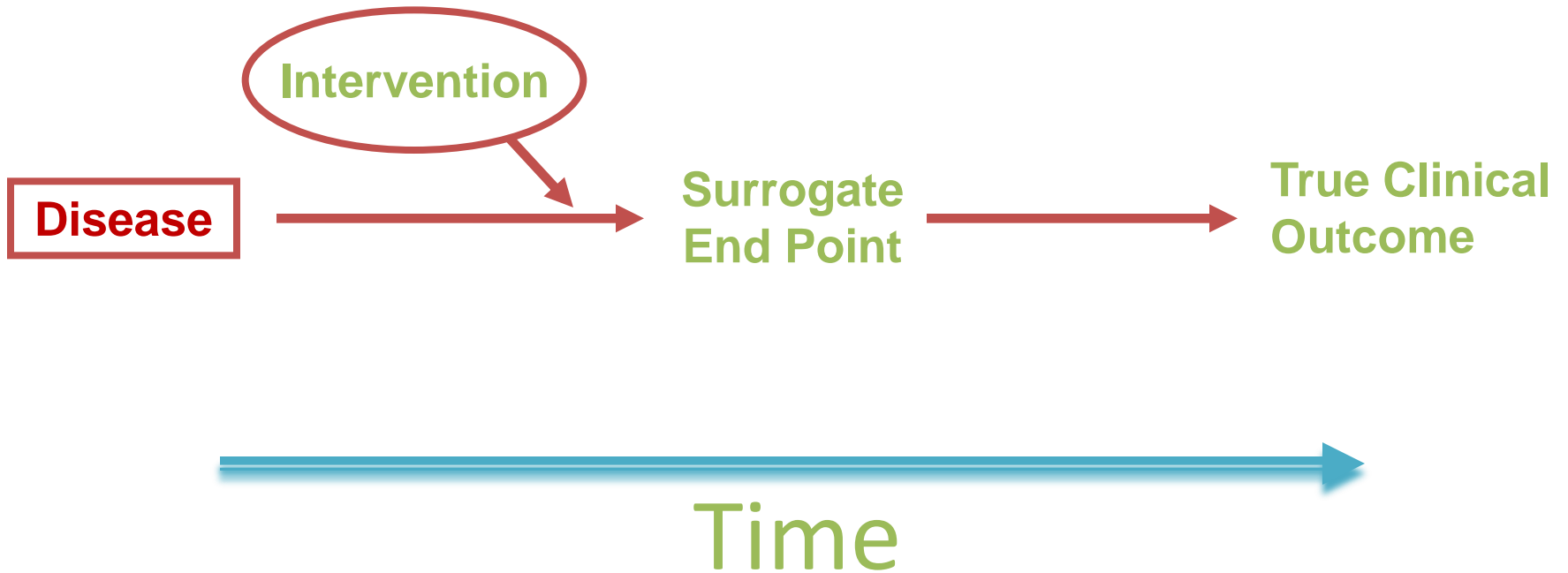


***Reason for failure of surrogate end point:***

***The intervention has mechanisms of action independent of the disease process.***

***Dotted lines = mechanisms of action that might exist.***

# *Reasons for Surrogate Success:*



*The setting that provides the greatest potential for the surrogate end point to be valid.*

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# *Cost Effective*

*Varies with study phase*

- *Phase I/II - Not relevant*
- *Phase III*
- *Phase IIIb*
- *Phase IV and clinical setting*

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# *Acceptable to Regulatory Agencies*

- *For general use*
- *For special use cases*
- *Supporting data in clinical trial submissions*

*E.G. MRI is an accepted clinical endpoint, but NOT clinical trial end point*



# ***FDA Directives***

- ***March 1997***
  - ***Guidance states that a single, multi-endpoint trial may be used in lieu of several separate trials. Example: Betaseron***
- ***October 1998***
  - ***Draft Guidance for Industry - Developing Medical Imaging Drugs and Biologics.***
- ***June 2004***
  - ***Guidance for industry Developing Medical Imaging Drug and Biological Products, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3.***
- ***October 2011***
  - ***Draft Guidance for Industry on Standards for Clinical Trial Imaging Endpoints***
- ***Expected final Oct/Nov 2012***
- ***<http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;rpp=10;po=0;s=FDA%25E2%2580%25932011%25E2%2580%2593D%25E2%2580%25930586>***



# *Regulatory Issues*

- *Image data will be treated with the rigor as other clinical data*
  - *Loss of data viewed seriously*
  - *95% image data submission is possible*
- *Site Image Acquisition*
- *Efficacy Assessment*
  - *Independent*
  - *Central*
  - *Blinded Readings*
- *End point data should match the protocol end point (not always the case!)*

# ***Regulatory Issues***

- ***Standardized Reading Process***
  - ***Identical Hardware/Software***
  - ***Same image display order of randomized images***
  - ***Allow for 100% duplication of reading process***
- ***Optimum Method to Display Images***
  - ***Digital Images***
  - ***Electronic control of data retrieval***
  - ***Digital measurements***
  - ***Reproduce image display order***
  - ***Review response assessments***

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# Subject Acceptability

- *Is it comfortable*
- *Is it frightening?*
- *Is it a +ve experience?*
  - *EG MRI – Claustrophobia*
- *How does the technologist treat the subject?*
- *Will the subject return for follow-up?*

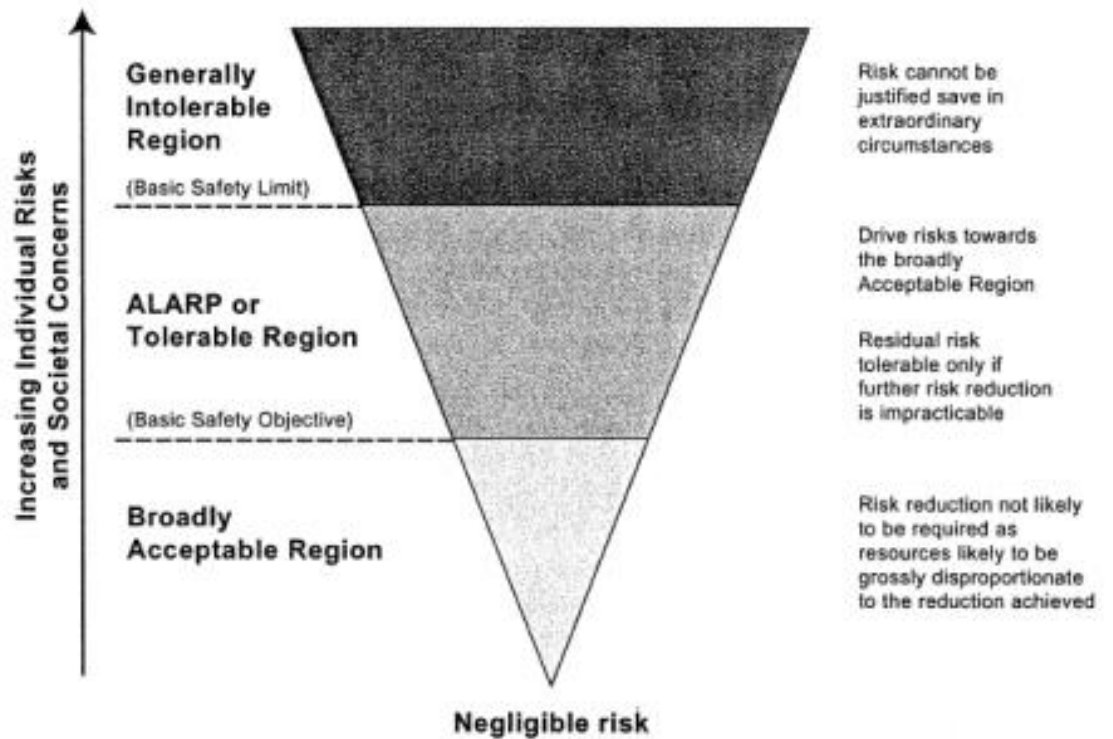


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# Safe for the Subject



## Variable levels of risk depending on

- *Phase of study*
- *Disease*
- *Phase of the disease*

# *Safety for the Operator*



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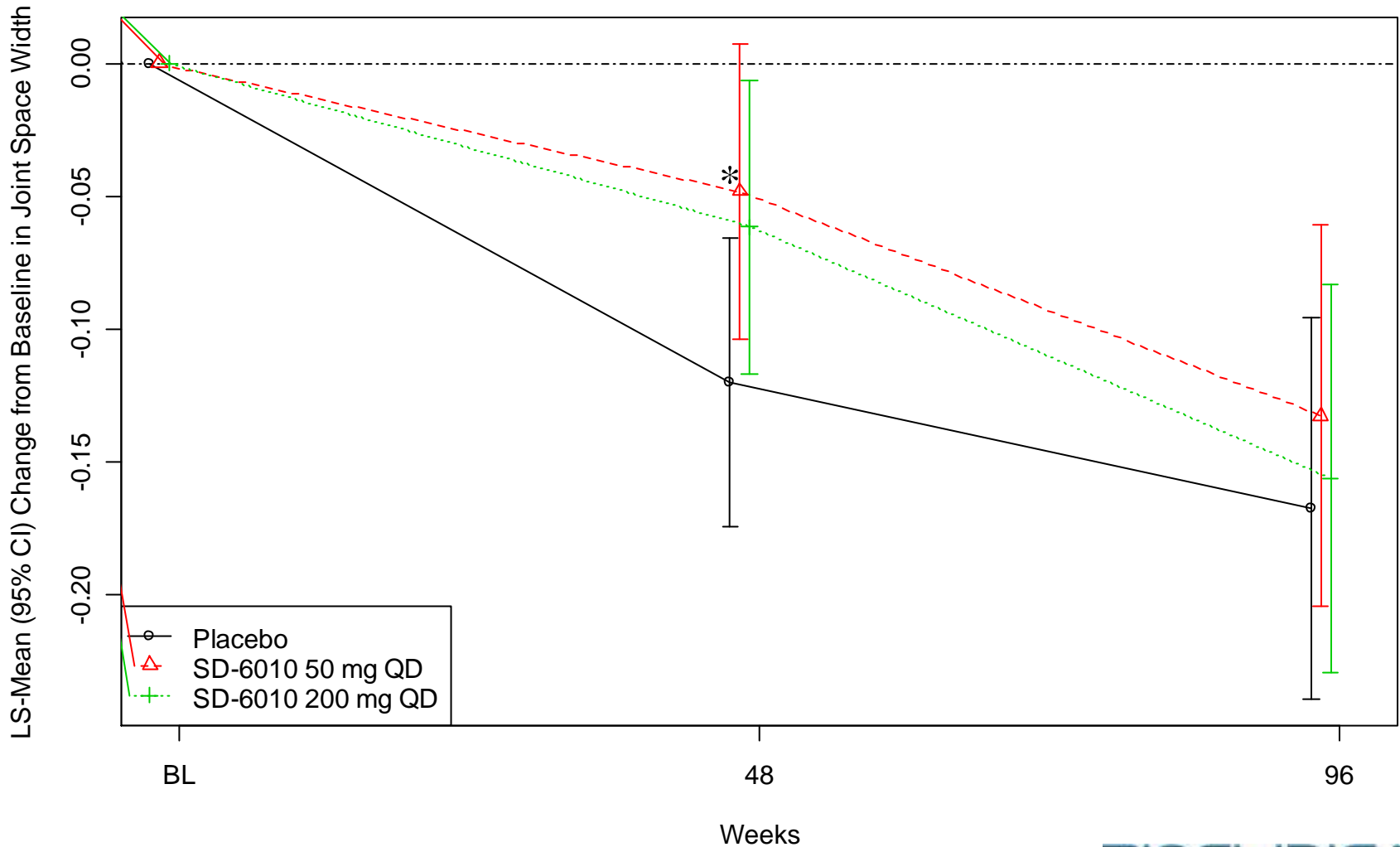
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# *cindunistat Results: OARSI 2012*

**A6171016: LS-Mean (95% CI) Change from Baseline in Joint Space Width  
Subjects with Kellgen and Lawrence Grade  $\leq 2$**



# *Failure – Why?*

- *Calcitonin failed on JSN Endpoint*
- *Failed Futility Analysis (placebo did not demonstrate significant change)*
- *2 Possible reasons:*
  - *Incorrect subject enrollment (poor KL scoring)*
  - *Poor QC of images so precision was decreased*
  - *Combination of both*

# *Conclusion: Where to next?*

- *Diagnostic Sensitivity*
- *Precision/Accuracy*
- *Reliability*
- *Relevance*
- *Cost effective*
- *Acceptance by regulatory agencies - DRIVER*
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# Conclusion

- *Are we using the best surrogate?*
- *Are we evaluating OA correctly?*
  - *What is the pathophysiology?*
  - *Should we sub categorize?*
- *New Guidance Documents*
  - *Validation of Biomarkers*
  - *Standards for Clinical Trial Imaging End Points*
- *Evaluate new BioMarkers Carefully*
  - *Maximize the metrics!*