Androgen receptor activity and radiotherapeutic sensitivity in African-American men with prostate cancer: A large-scale gene expression analysis and meta-analysis of RTOG trials

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Background

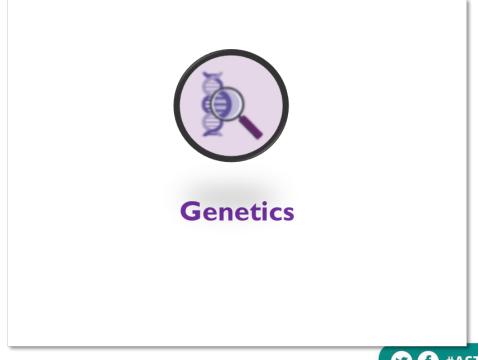
Black men are more likely to die of prostate cancer than white men in the USA

Non-biological factors

(proven drivers)



Biological factors (potential drivers)



Methods

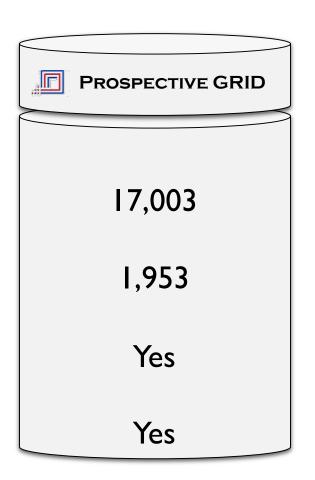
Sample size

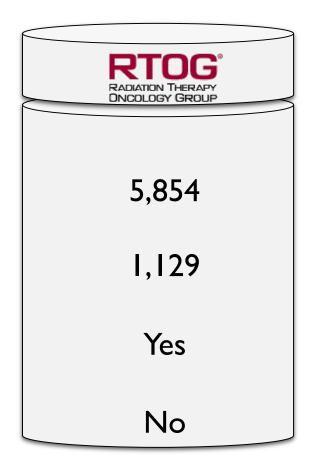
Total

African-American

Prospective

Gene Expression Data

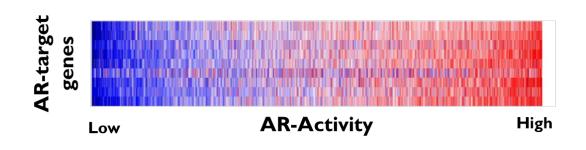


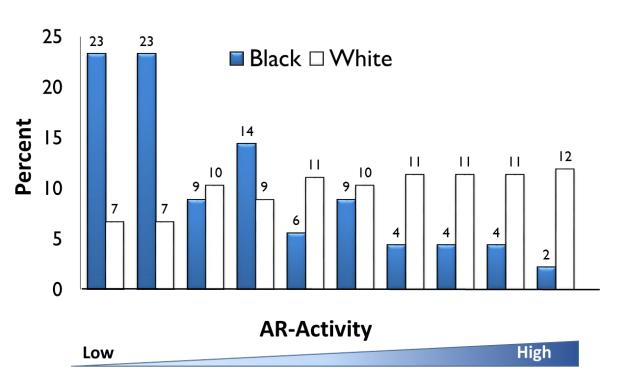


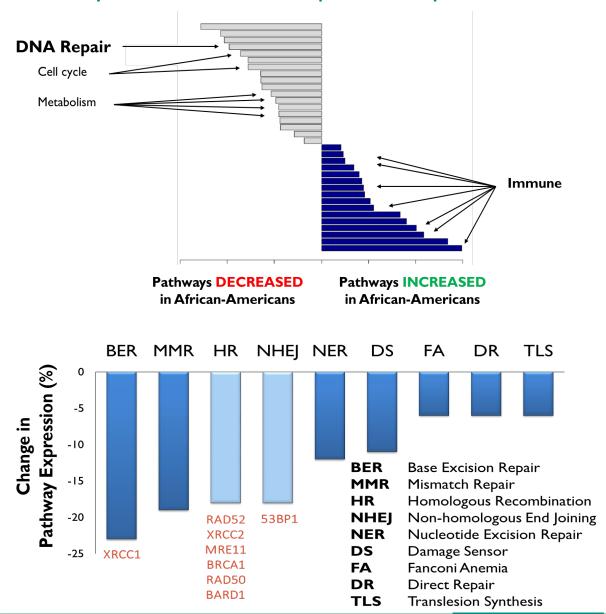
Trials: 9202, 9408, 9413, 9910



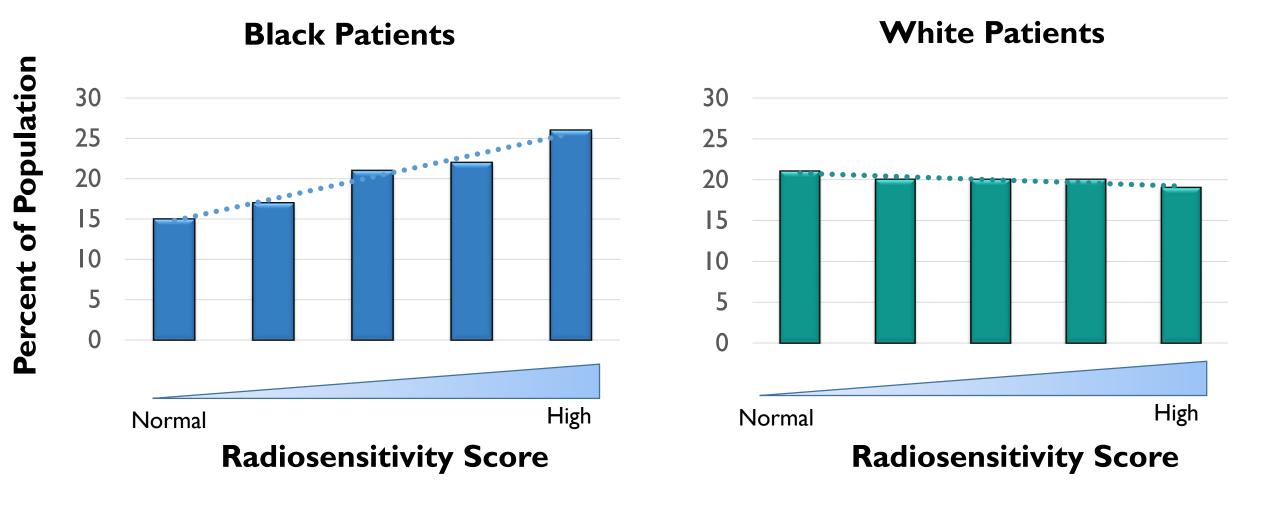
Results: Black men have lower AR-activity and DNA repair expression.



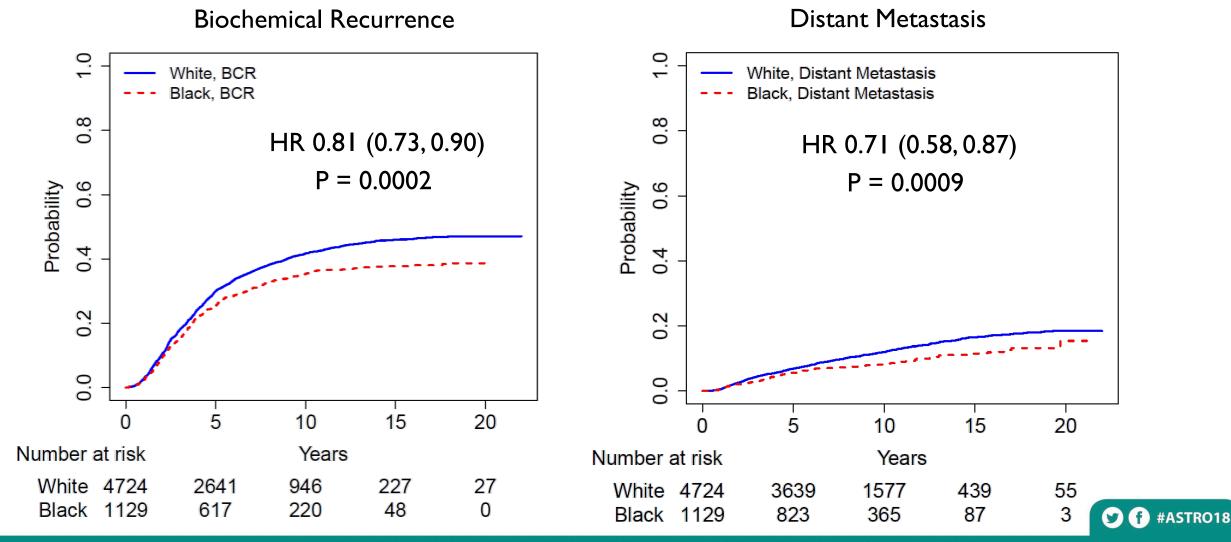




Results: Black men have greater predicted radiosensitivity scores.



Results: Black men have lower rates of biochemical recurrence and metastatic disease compared to white men.



Conclusions

• Stage-for-stage disparities in prognosis between black and white men with prostate cancer are primarily driven by social/cultural factors.

• A subset of black men with prostate cancer have distinct biology that may favor treatment with radiation therapy.

• Clinically, black men have improved oncologic outcomes when treated with radiation therapy compared to white men.

