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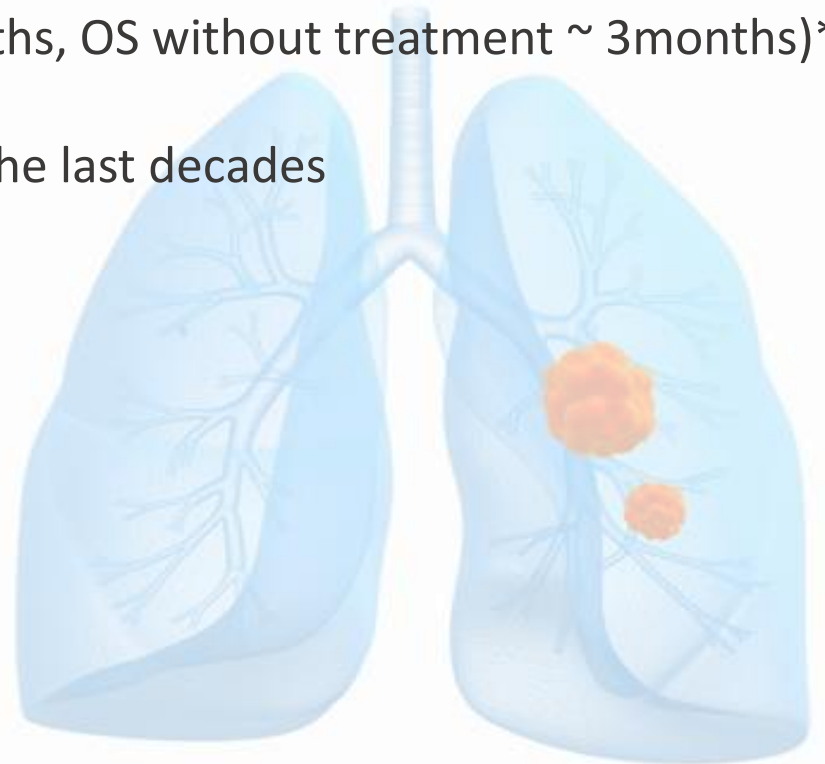
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Application to Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

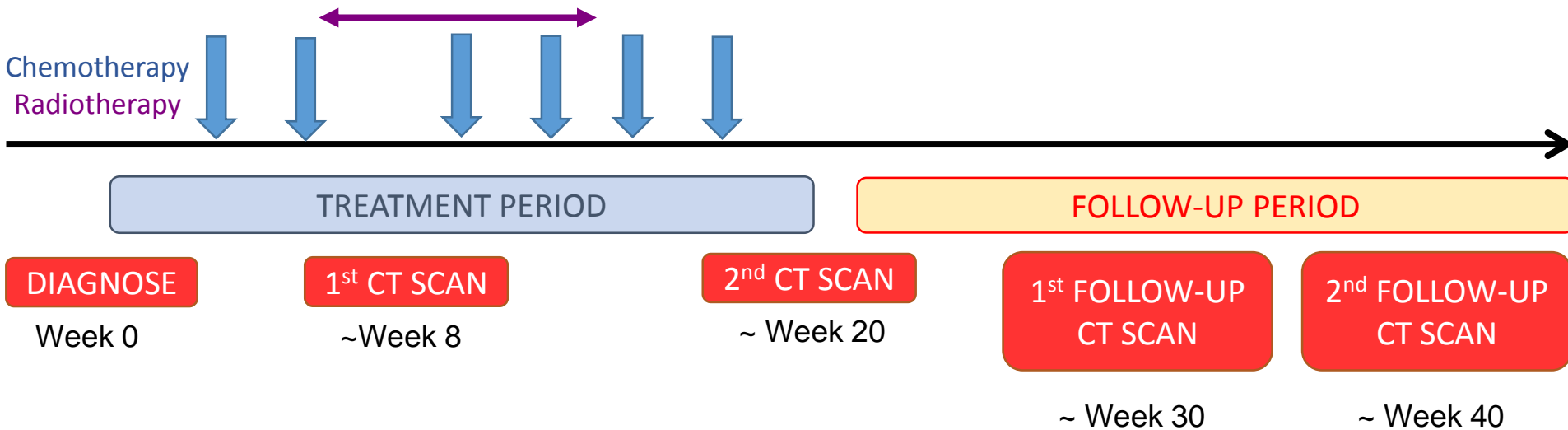
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Background : Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

- Aggressive and fast growing neoplasm
- Highly sensitive to treatment (chemotherapy and radiation)
- Fast emergence of drug resistance
- Bad prognosis (OS with treatment ~ 10months, OS without treatment ~ 3months)*
- Treatment has not evolved significantly in the last decades



Background : Standard treatment in SCLC



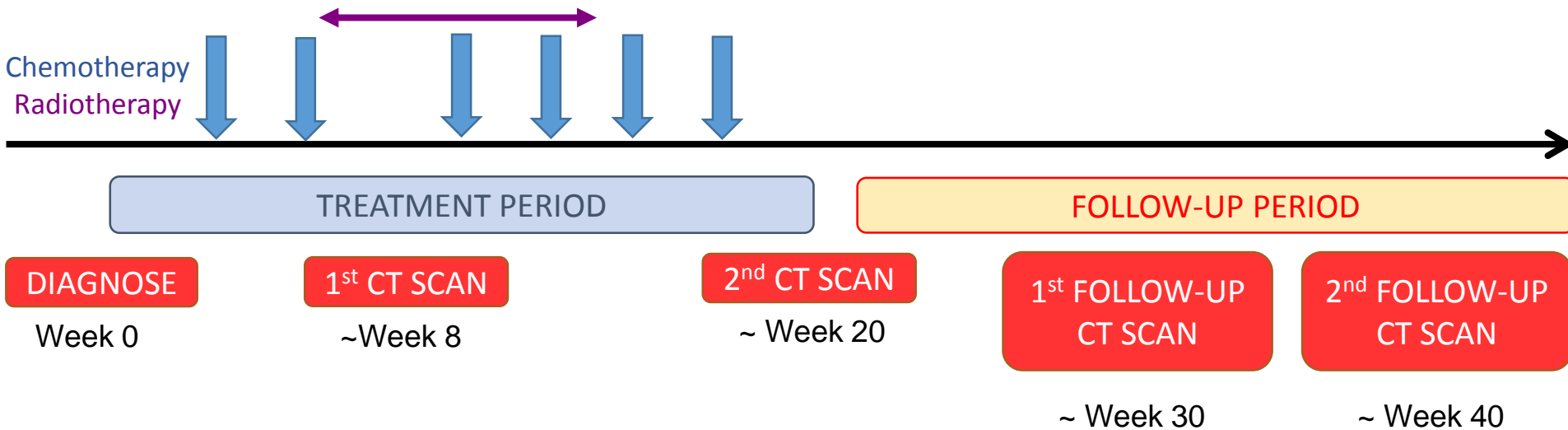
Tumour assessment

Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors (RECIST)

Categorise sum of tumour longest diameters (SLD) in target lesions:

- COMPLETE RESPONSE (CR): disappearance of all lesions
- PARTIAL RESPONSE (PR) : 30% decrease in SLD
- DISEASE PROGRESSION (DP): 20% increase in SLD or new lesions
- STABLE DISEASE (SD) : <20% increase or <30% decrease

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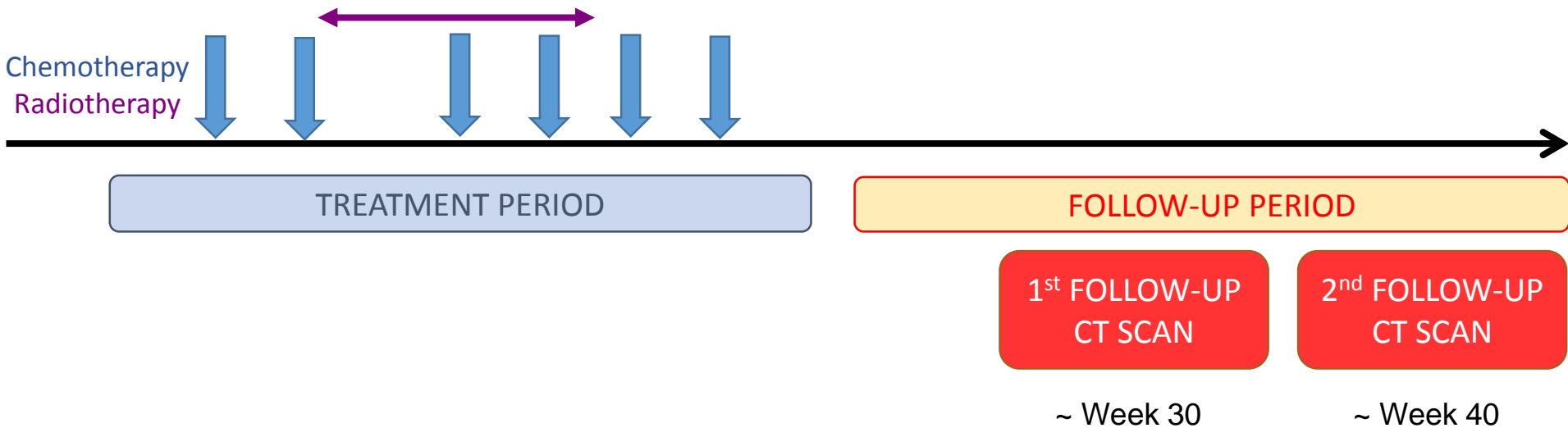
Biomarkers

**Lactate dehydrogenase
(LDH)**

**Neuron specific Enolase
(NSE)**

- Glycolytic enzymes easily measured in blood
- Known to be related to disease
- Collected clinical practice but not used to assess clinical efficacy
- Scepticism – low specificity and sensitivity
- Empirical analysis → Semi-mechanistic modelling

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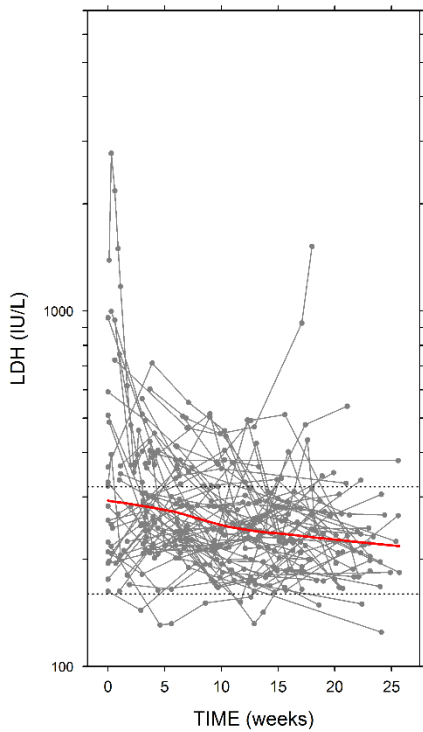
- 1ST LINE TREATMENT : Etoposide + cisplatin/carboplatin
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- 47% patients concomitant GCSF

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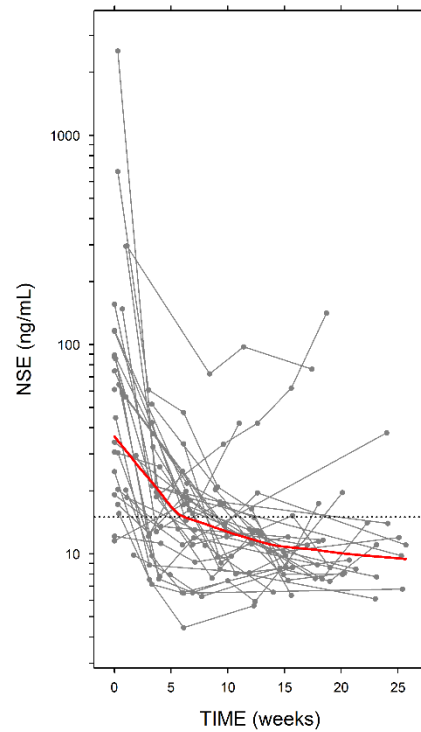
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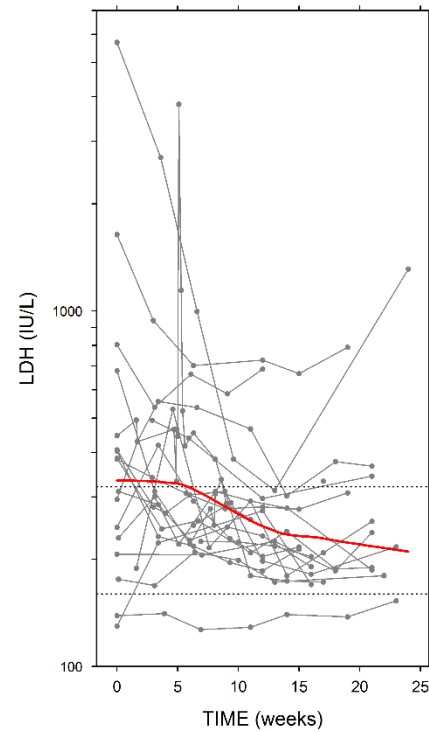


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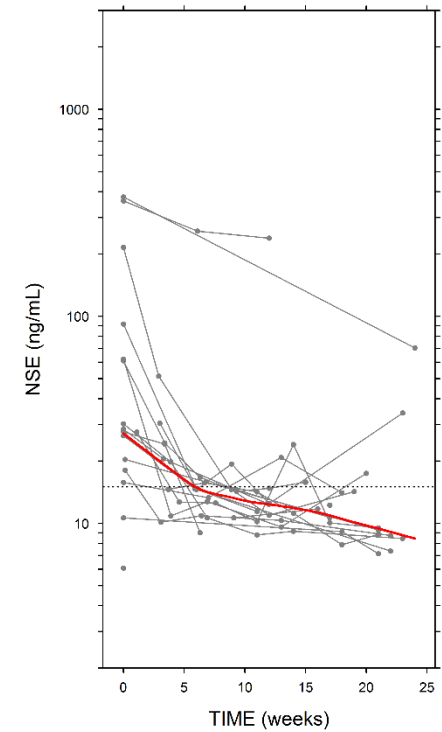


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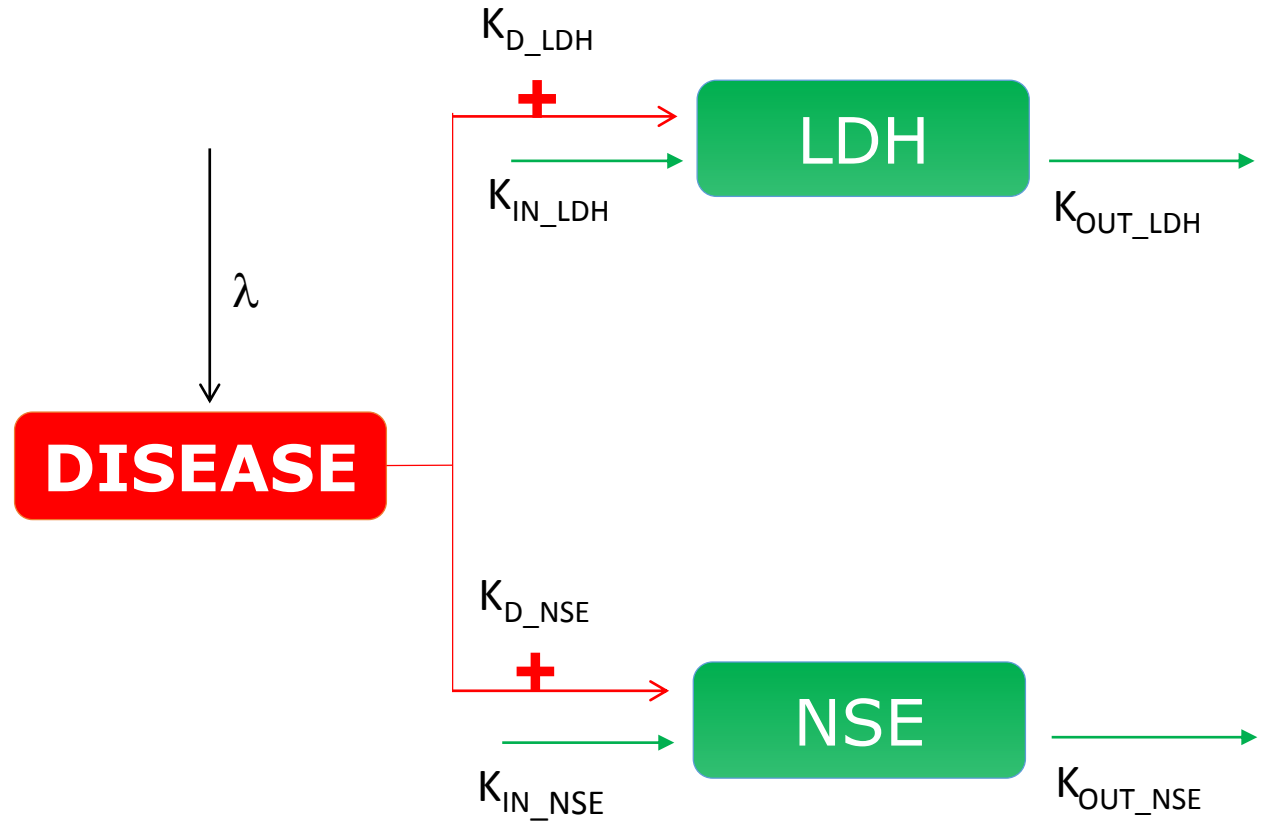
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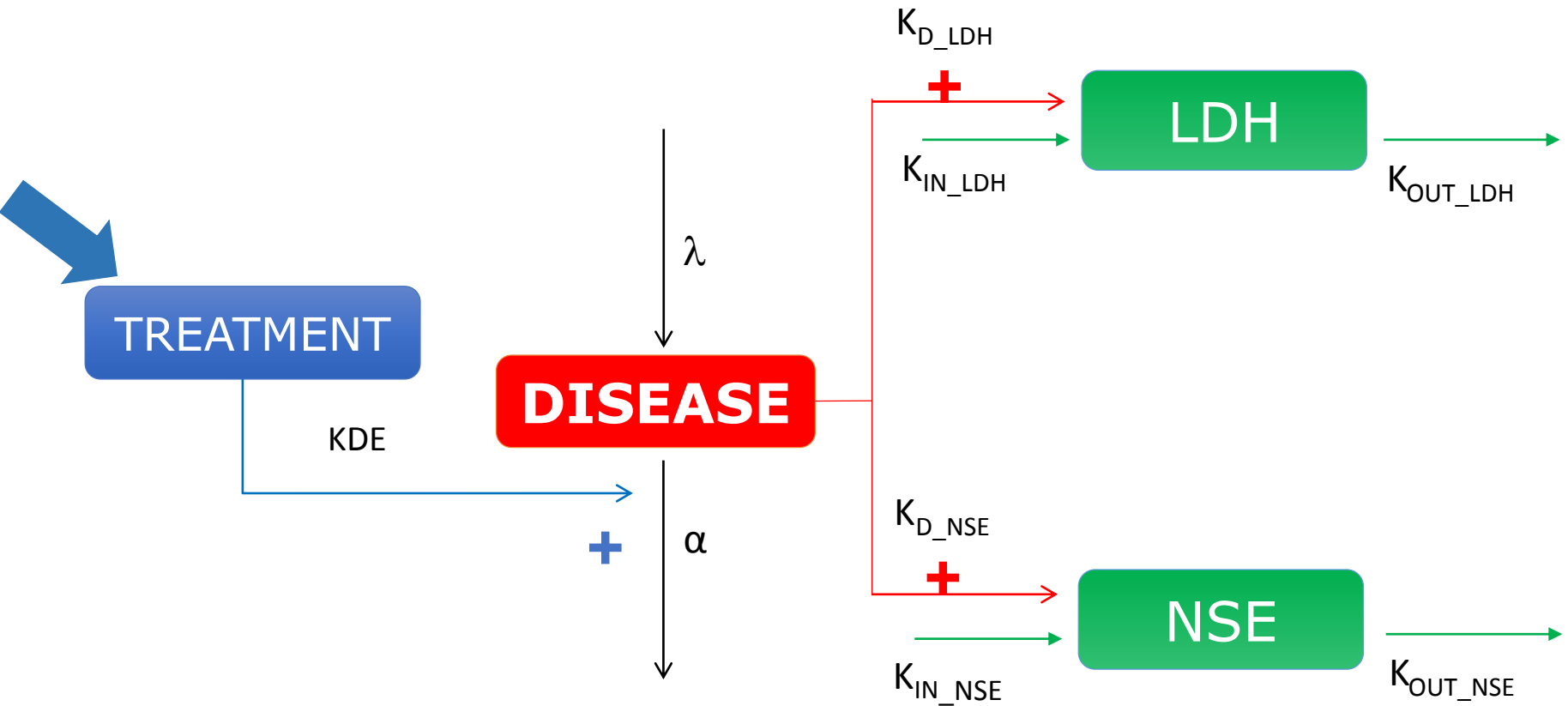


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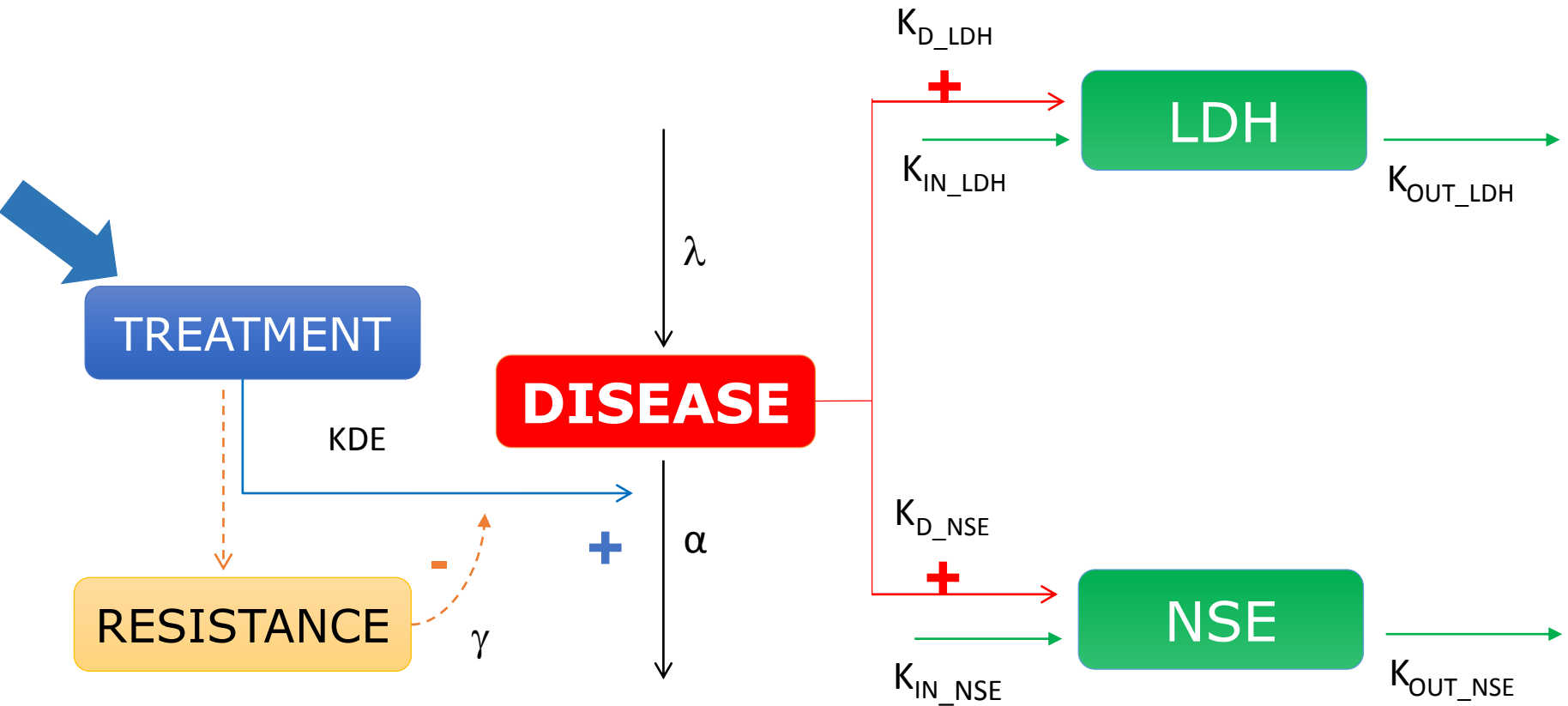
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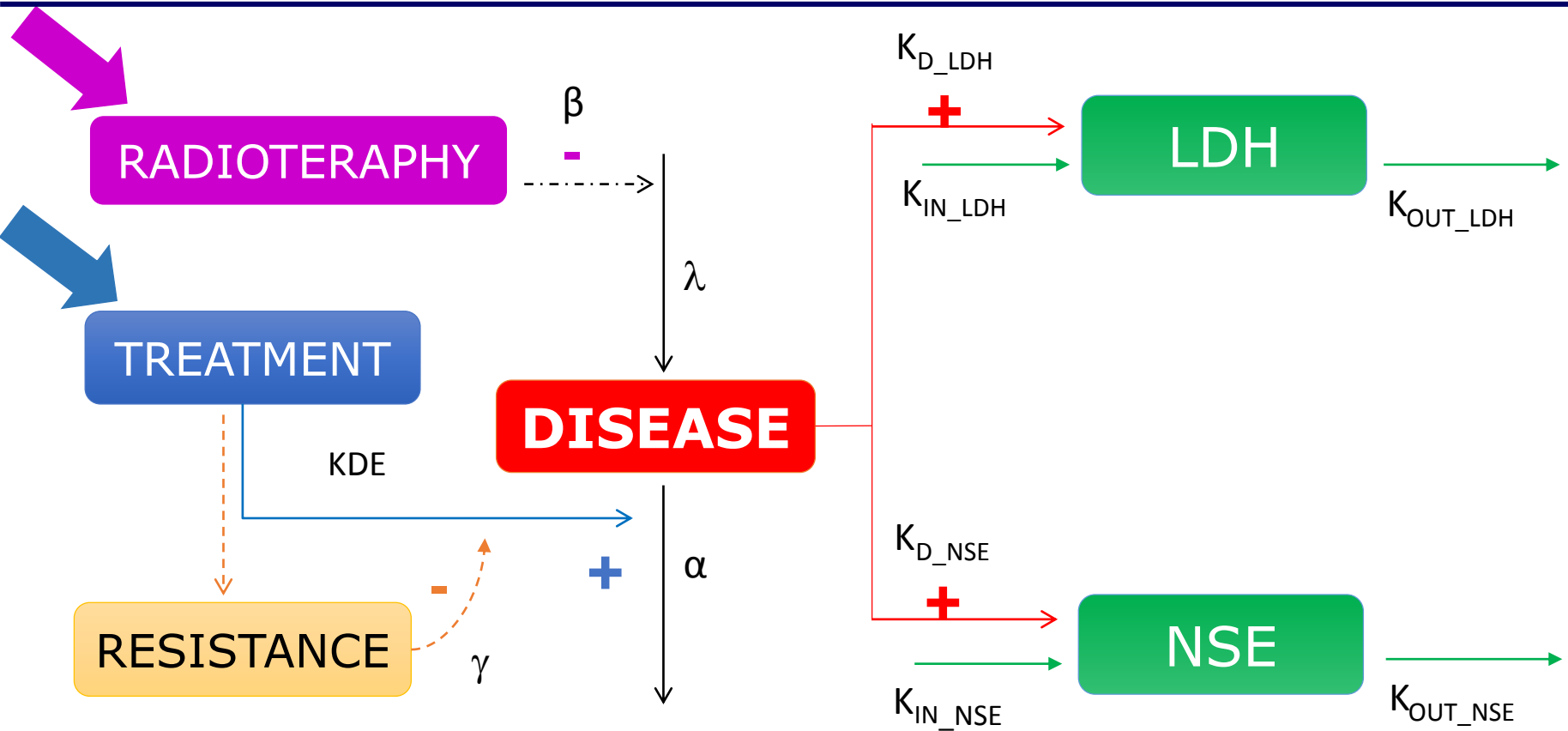


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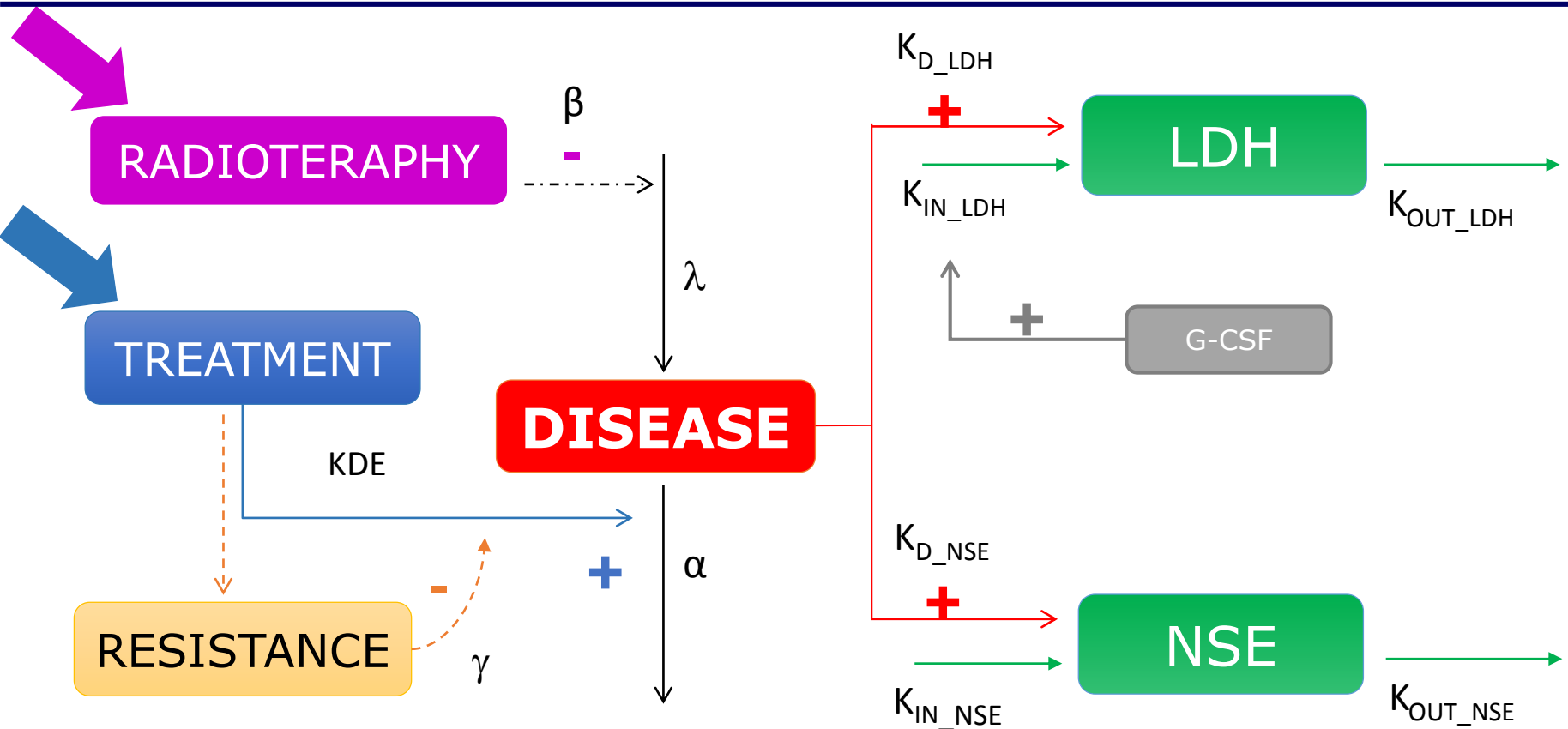
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G-CSF (Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor), covariate increasing physiological LDH synthesis

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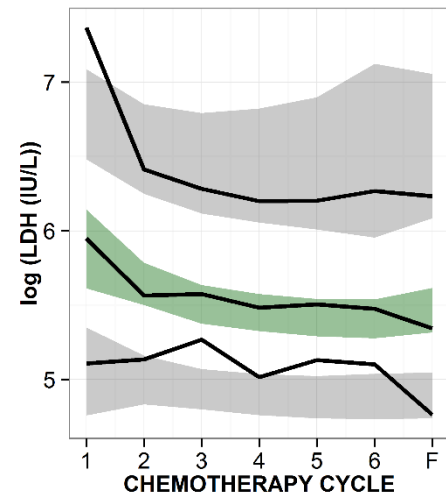
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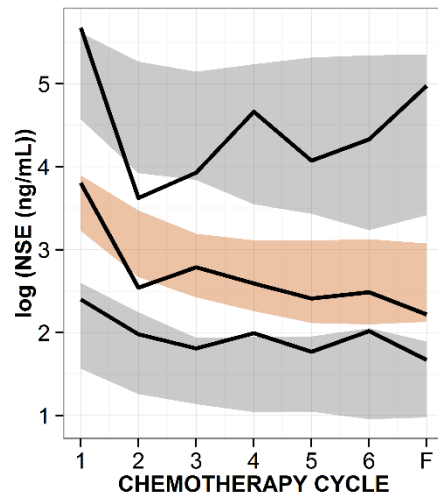
Biomarker model evaluation & validation

TRAINING DATASET (n=60)

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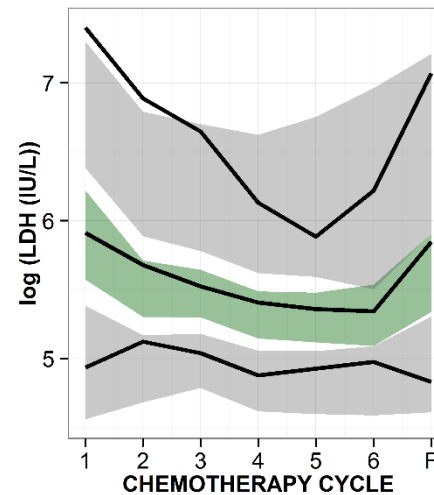


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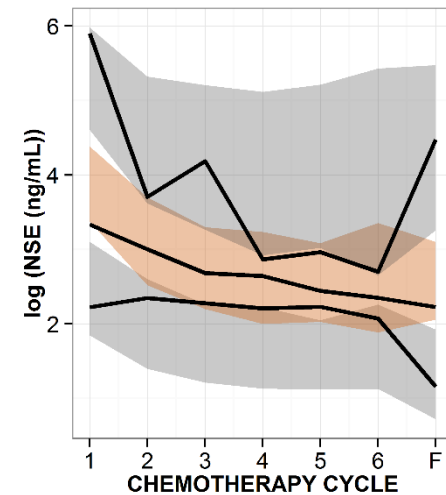


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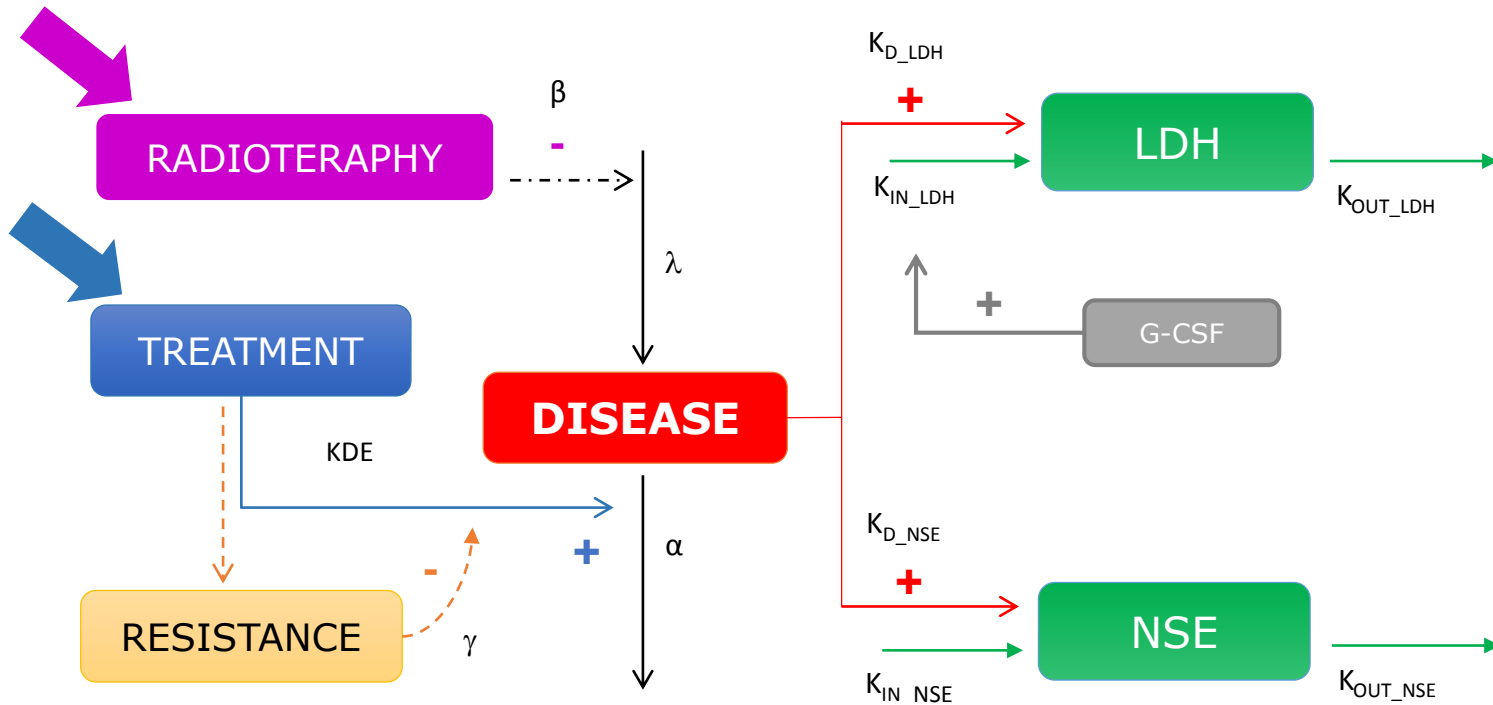
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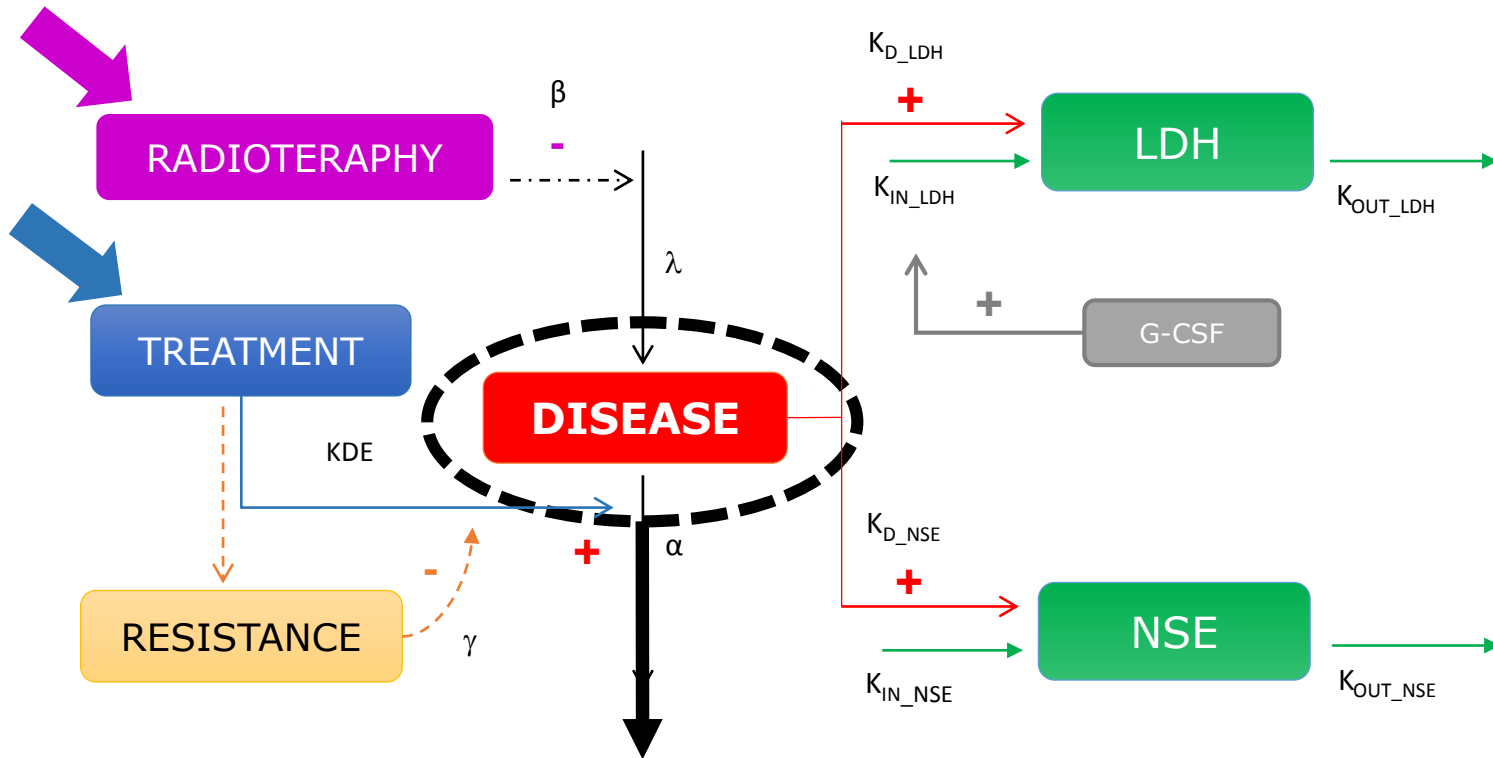
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$$\Delta Disease_{i,j} = \frac{Disease_{i,j} - Disease_{i,j-1}}{Disease_{i,j}}$$

i = patient i
j = CT scan j

We can calculate the change in total underlying latent disease between a CT scan and its previous CT scan

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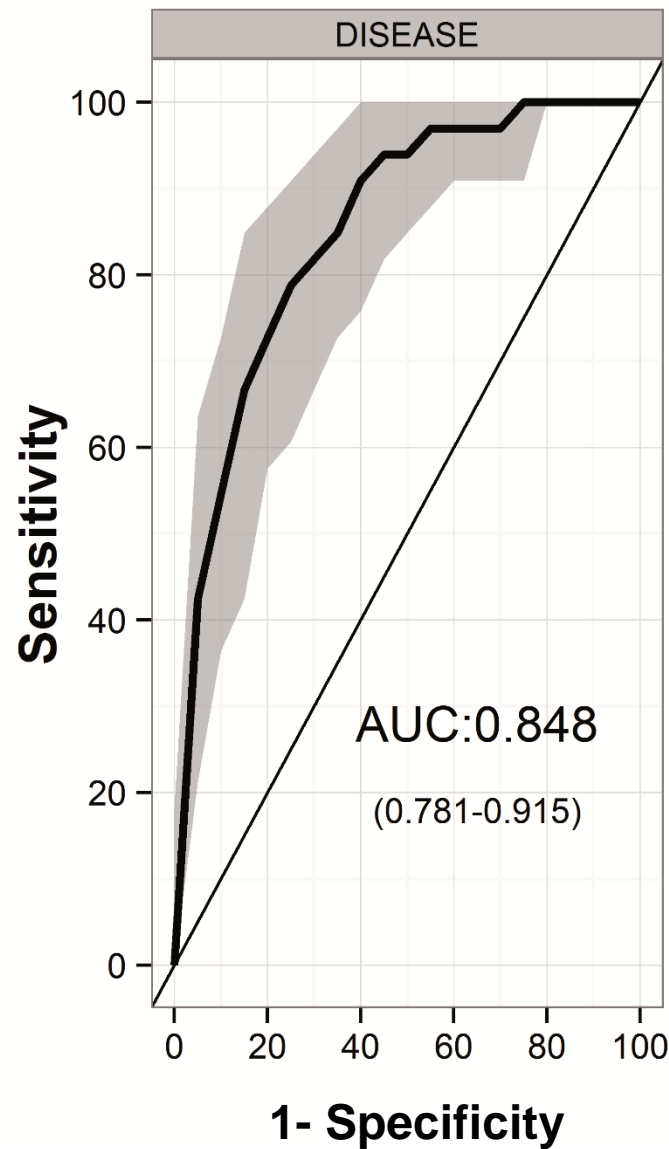
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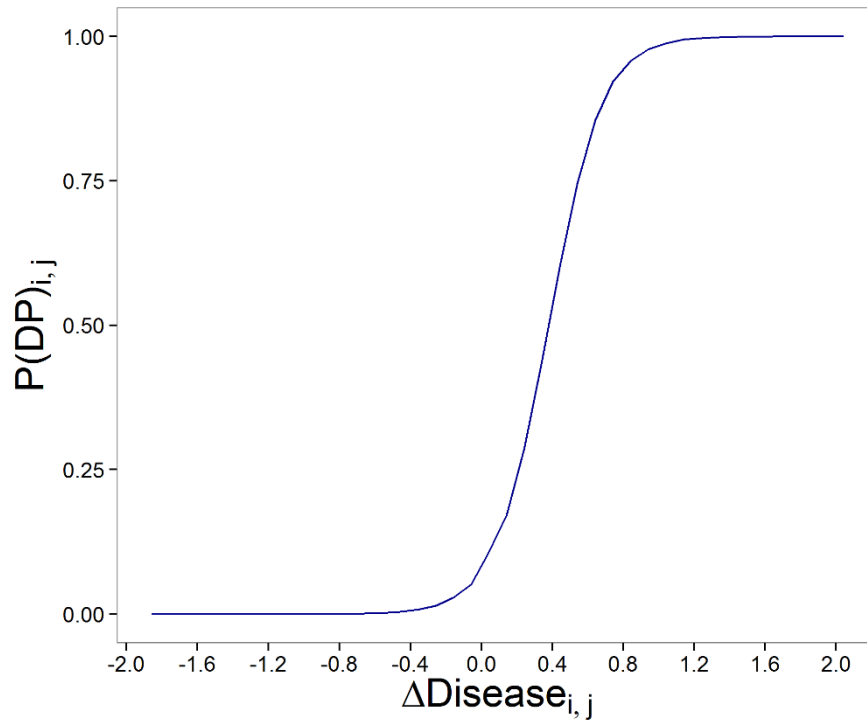
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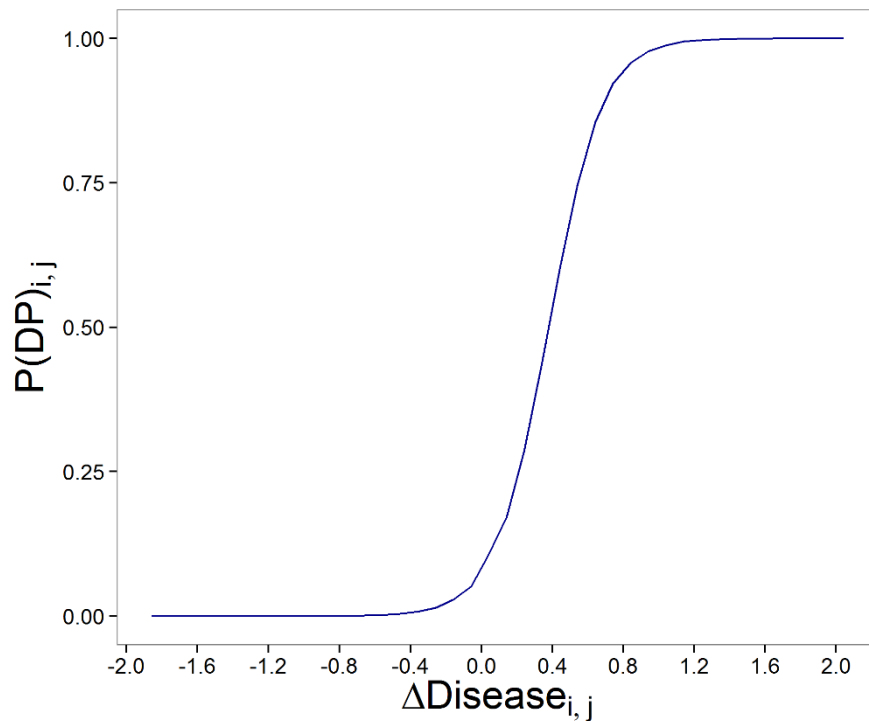
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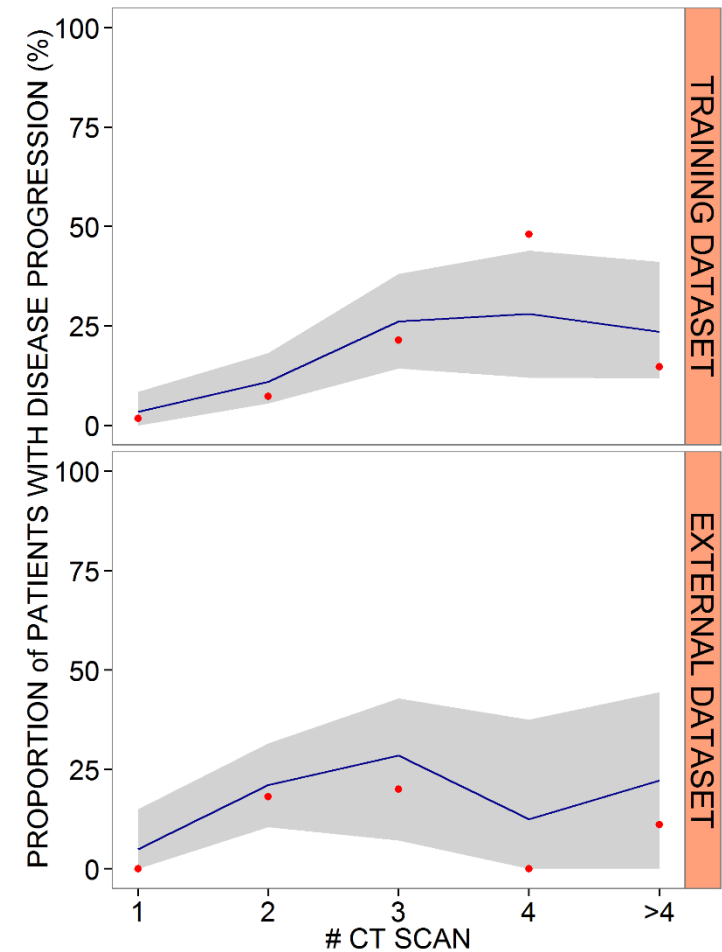


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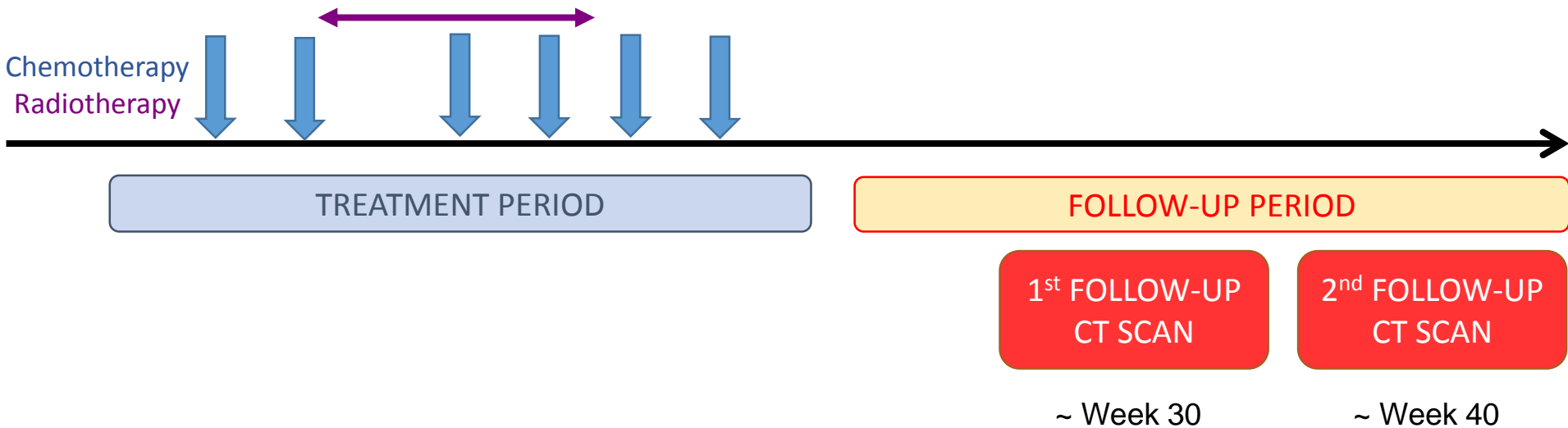
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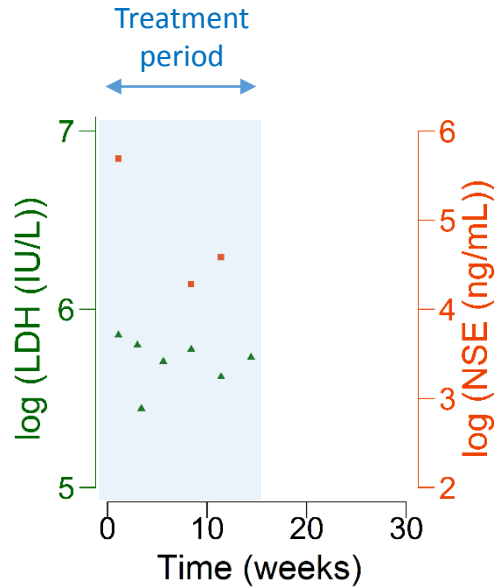


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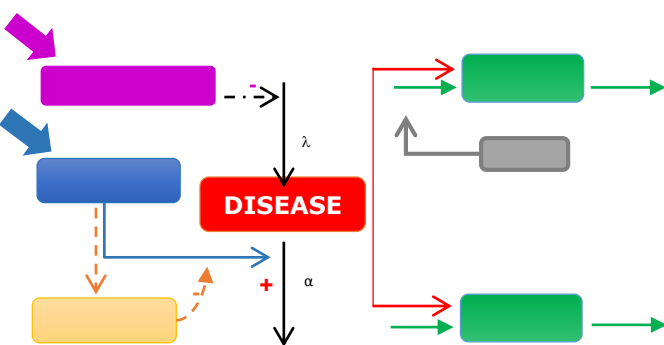
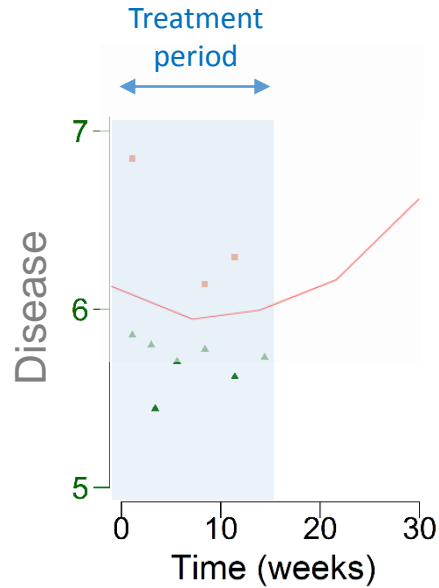


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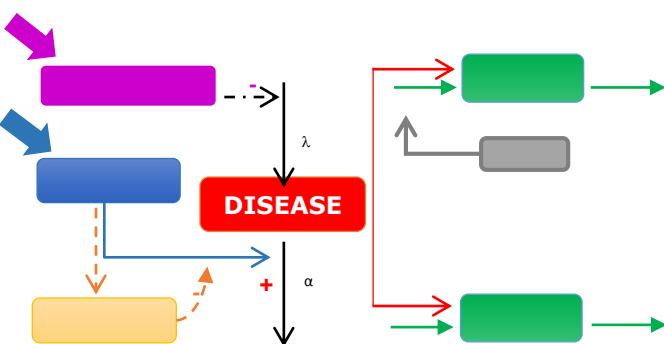
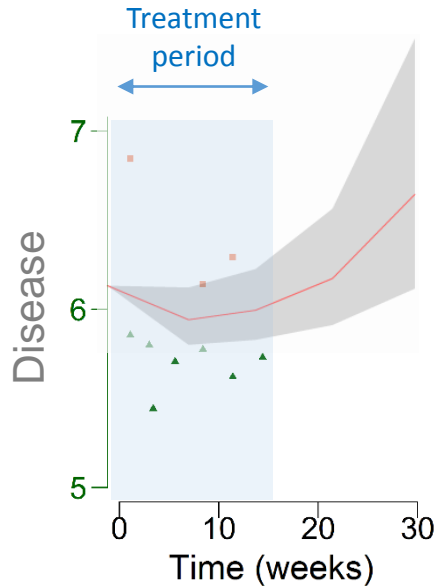
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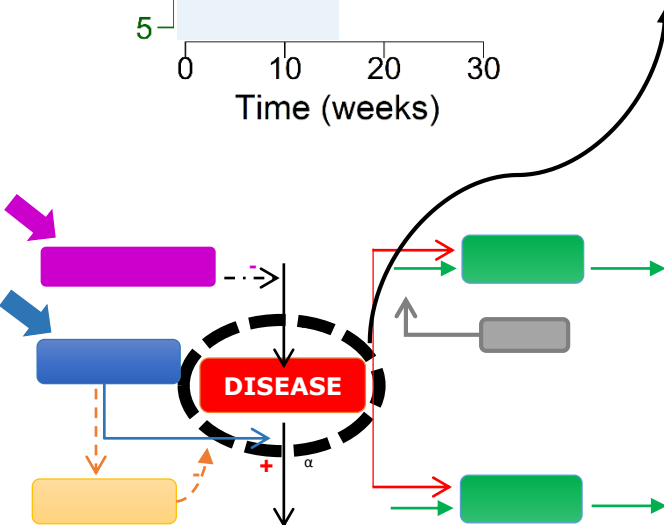
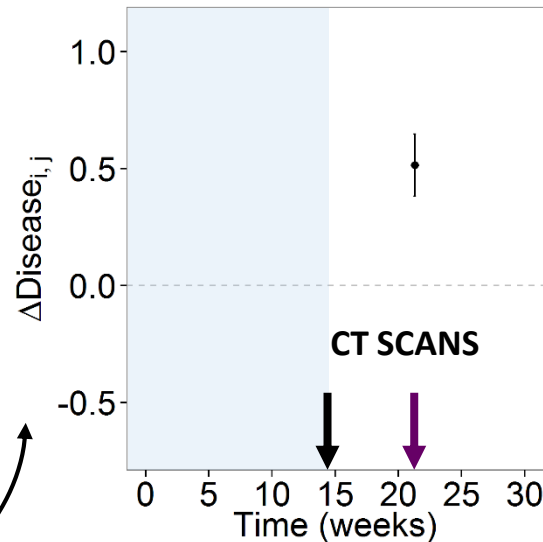
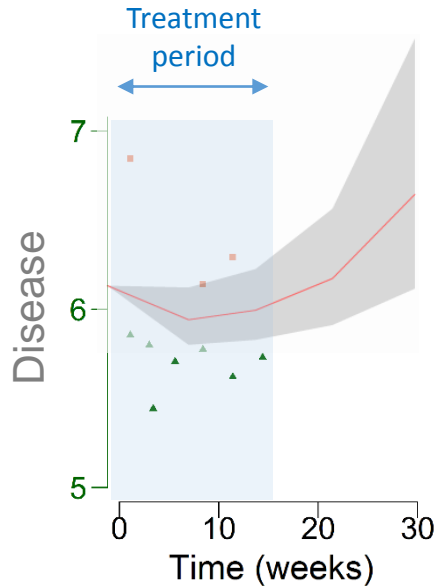
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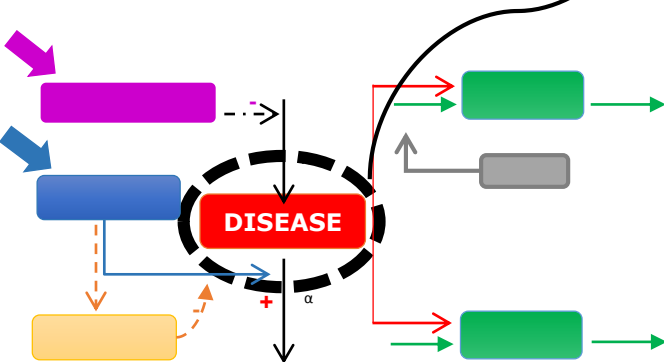
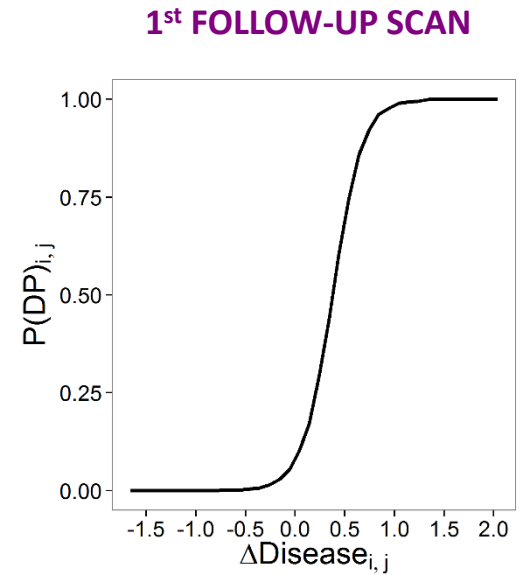
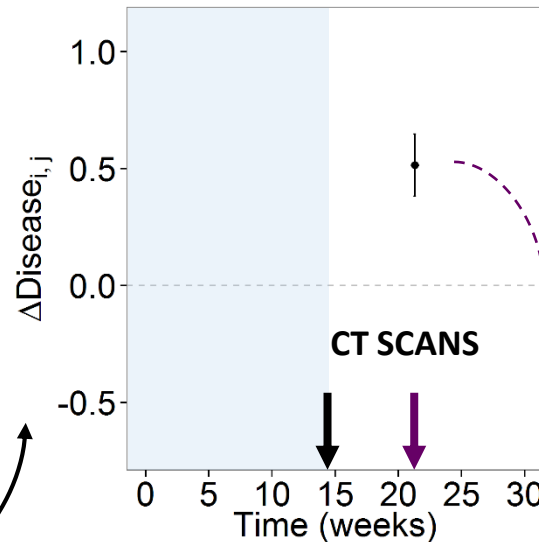
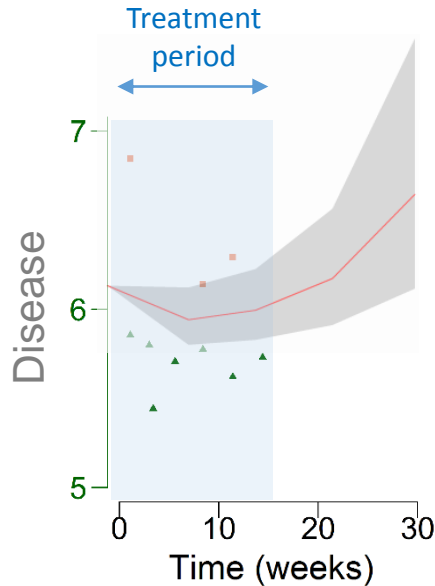
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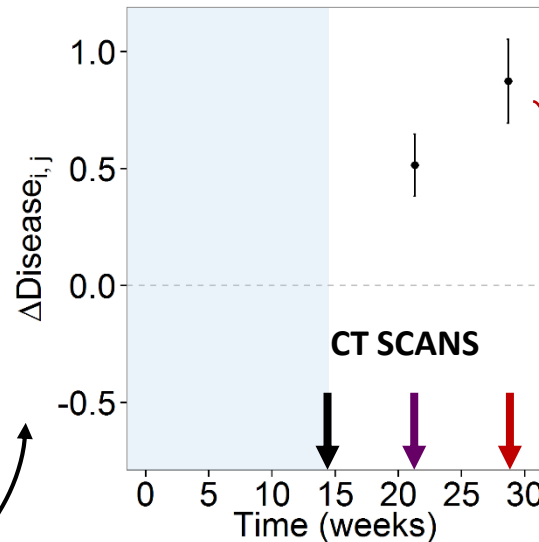
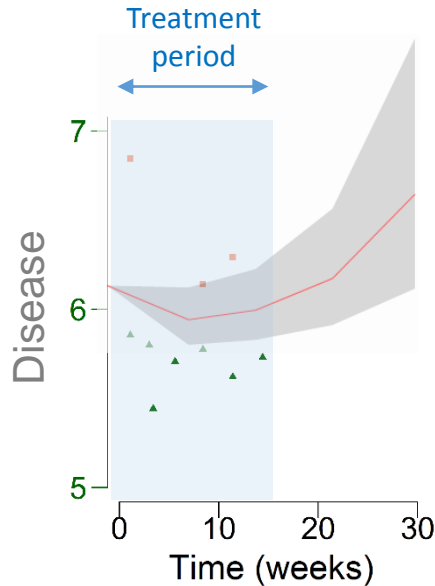
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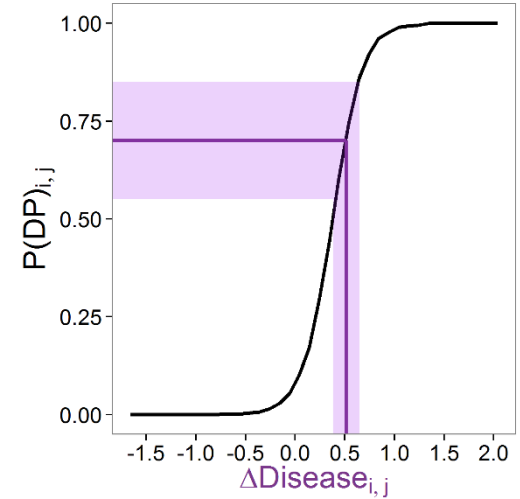
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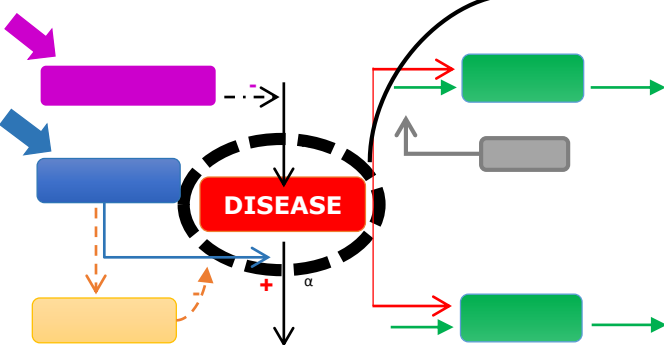
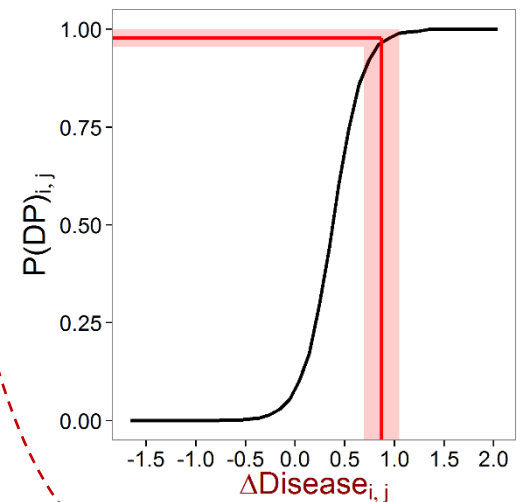
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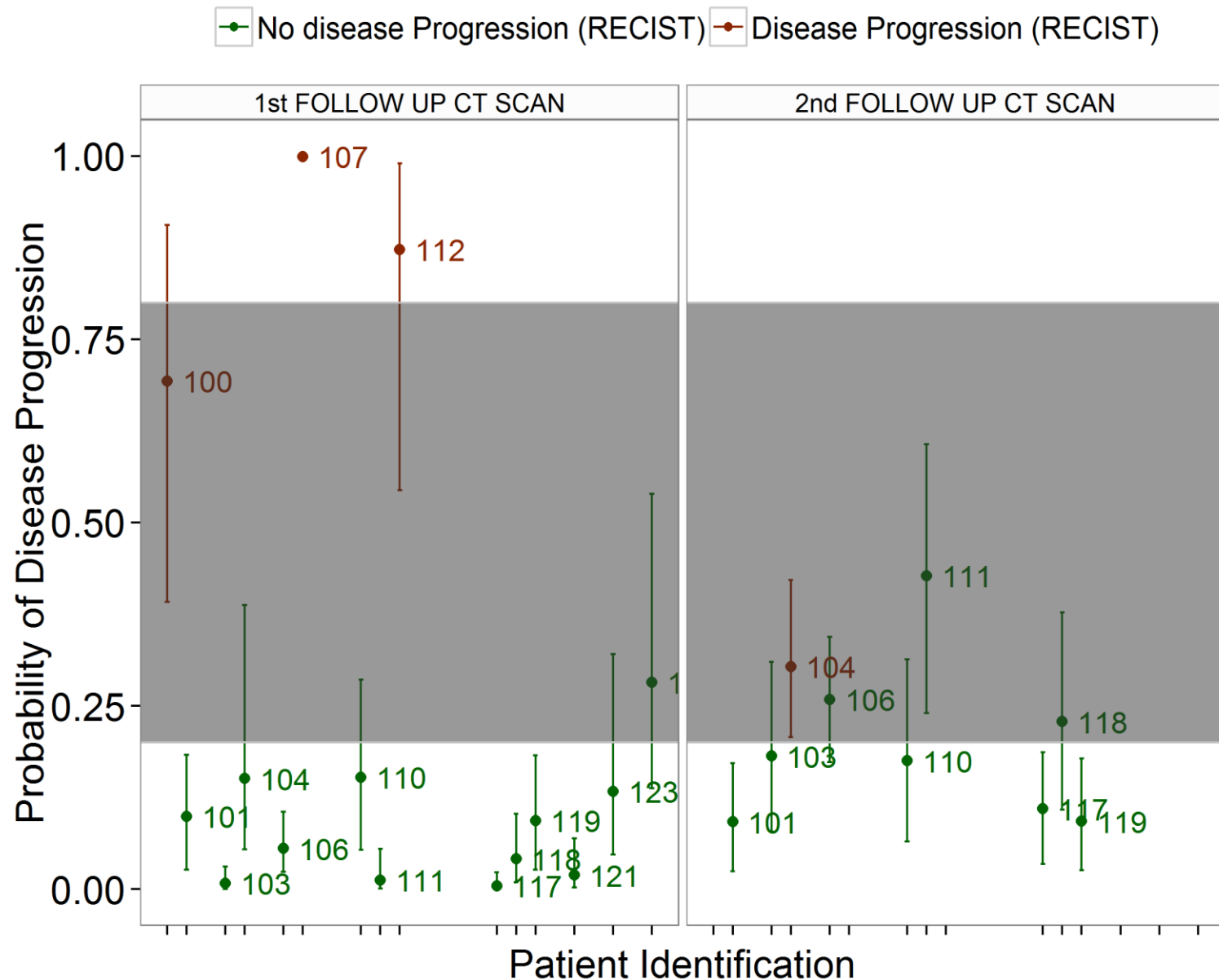
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 - Expected efficacy and toxicity
 - Patient characteristics
 - Financial burden

Early prediction of P(DP): External dataset



Summary

- We have developed a model which allowed us to identify the relationship between biomarker dynamics and tumour size dynamics.
- We have predicted clinical outcome in an external data follow up CT scans for 75% of the patients using only their within treatment data.
- We propose a modelling framework which provides clinicians the possibility to improve disease monitoring in SCLC patients.

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