

**DEVELOPMENT OF A NOMOGRAM TO PREDICT  
GRADE 2-3 ACUTE GI TOXICITY (RTOG/EORTC)  
FOR PROSTATE CANCER 3D-CRT**

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**PROSTATE CANCER:  
PREVISIONAL MODELLINGS IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY**

**AIMED AT :**

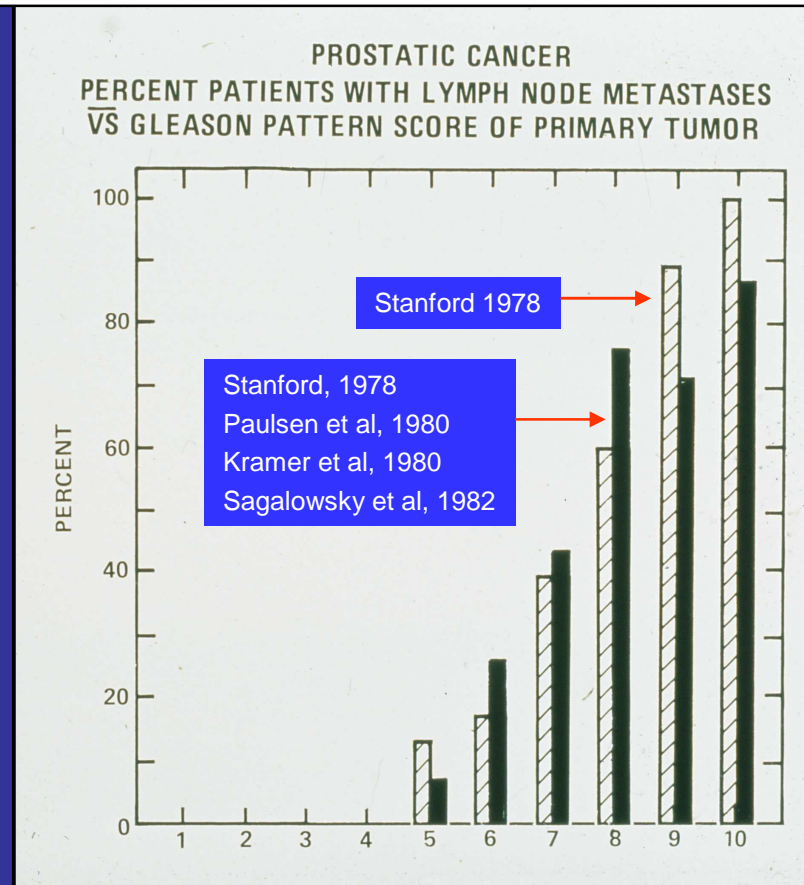
- 1. PREDICTING SPECIFIC PATHOLOGICAL FEATURES  
(LNI, ECE, SVI)**
- 2. PREDICTING SPECIFIC CLINICAL END POINTS  
REGARDING TREATMENT RESULTS (bNED, DM, DFS,  
OS, PCM)**

**ADRESSED TO:**

- 1. COUNSEL PATIENTS**
- 2. HELP SELECTING ANATOMICAL TARGET(S) FOR  
RADIATION**
- 3. HELP SELECTING RADIATION DOSE LEVELS**
- 4. HELP SELECTING COMBO THERAPY IN STANDARD  
AND RESEARCH TRIALS**

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**MEDLINE SEARCH FROM 1980 TO SEPTEMBER 2006 : prostate cancer, radiation therapy, brachytherapy, nomogram, algorithm, genetic algorithm, prediction, predictive model, ANN, propensity scoring, Bayesian NN**

**17 MODELS FOUND FOR EBRT (AND 3 FOR BCT) :**

**15/17 PREDICTING CLINICAL RESULTS**

**1 DEALING ALSO WITH TOX PREVISION**

**2/17 PREDICTING LIFE EXPECTANCY**

**EXPRESSED AS PROBABILITY FORMULAS, PROBABILITY GRAPHS, PROBABILITY TABLES, NOMOGRAMS, RISK CLASSES AND DEVELOPED USING FROM CLASSICAL STATISTICAL METHODS TO ANN, GENETIC ALGORITHMS AND PROPENSITY SCORING**

**PROSTATE CANCER:  
PREDICTIVE MODELLING IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY**

**CURIOUSLY, ONLY ONE MODEL (ANN) FACES THE ISSUE OF  
THE PREVISION OF TREATMENT SIDE EFFECTS  
(Gulliford et al, Radiother Oncol, 2004)**

**BUT NO PRACTICAL TOOL IS AVAILABLE**

***UROLOGISTS DEVELOPED ONLY TWO PREVISIONAL MODELS ON TOXICITY,  
PREDICTING:***

- 1. THE PROBABILITY OF PERI-OP MORTALITY  
(Tewari et al., Clinical Prostate Cancer, 2004)***
- 2. THE PROBABILITY OF HOMOLOGOUS TRANSFUSION  
(A. Dash et al, Urology, 2004)***

## **PURPOSE**

**TO TRY TO PREDICT MODERATE/SEVERE RTOG/EORTC ACUTE LGI TOXICITY IN PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS UNDERGOING 3D-CRT, USING A DEVICE (NOMOGRAM) WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CLINICAL AND DOSIMETRIC VARIABLES PROVED TO BE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE AIROPROS 0102 TRIAL**

# METHODS AND MATERIALS

## PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- ✧ 1132 PATIENTS ACCRUED (July 2002 – March 2004, 22 Centers)
- ✧ **99.3% of patients are available for grade 2-3 LGI toxicity analysis**
- ✧ TOTAL DOSE: PROSTATE 70-80 Gy (mean 74.4 Gy)  
PELVIS 40-50 Gy (mean 46.8 Gy)
- ✧ DOSE PER FRACTION 1.8-2.0 Gy

POTENTIAL BIASES (CONTOURING, RECTAL LENGTH DEFINITION, etc) CONTROLLED BY RIGID PRE-TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS (PREVIOUSLY SHARED WITH TRIAL PARTECIPANTS)

## METHODS AND MATERIALS

- **VARIABLES ANALYZED:**  
MEAN/MAX RECTAL DOSE, ICRU DOSE, PELVIC XRT, PRE-TREATMENT GI MORBIDITIES, HORMONAL THERAPY, DIABETES, HYPERTENSION, DRUG PRESCRIPTION
- **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:**  
- UNI AND MULTIVARIATE LOGISTIC ANALYSES
- **NOMOGRAM DEVELOPED USING THE R-PROJECT SOFTWARE ([www.r-project.org](http://www.r-project.org))**

# RESULTS

## GRADE $\geq$ 2 RECTAL TOX (25.9 %)

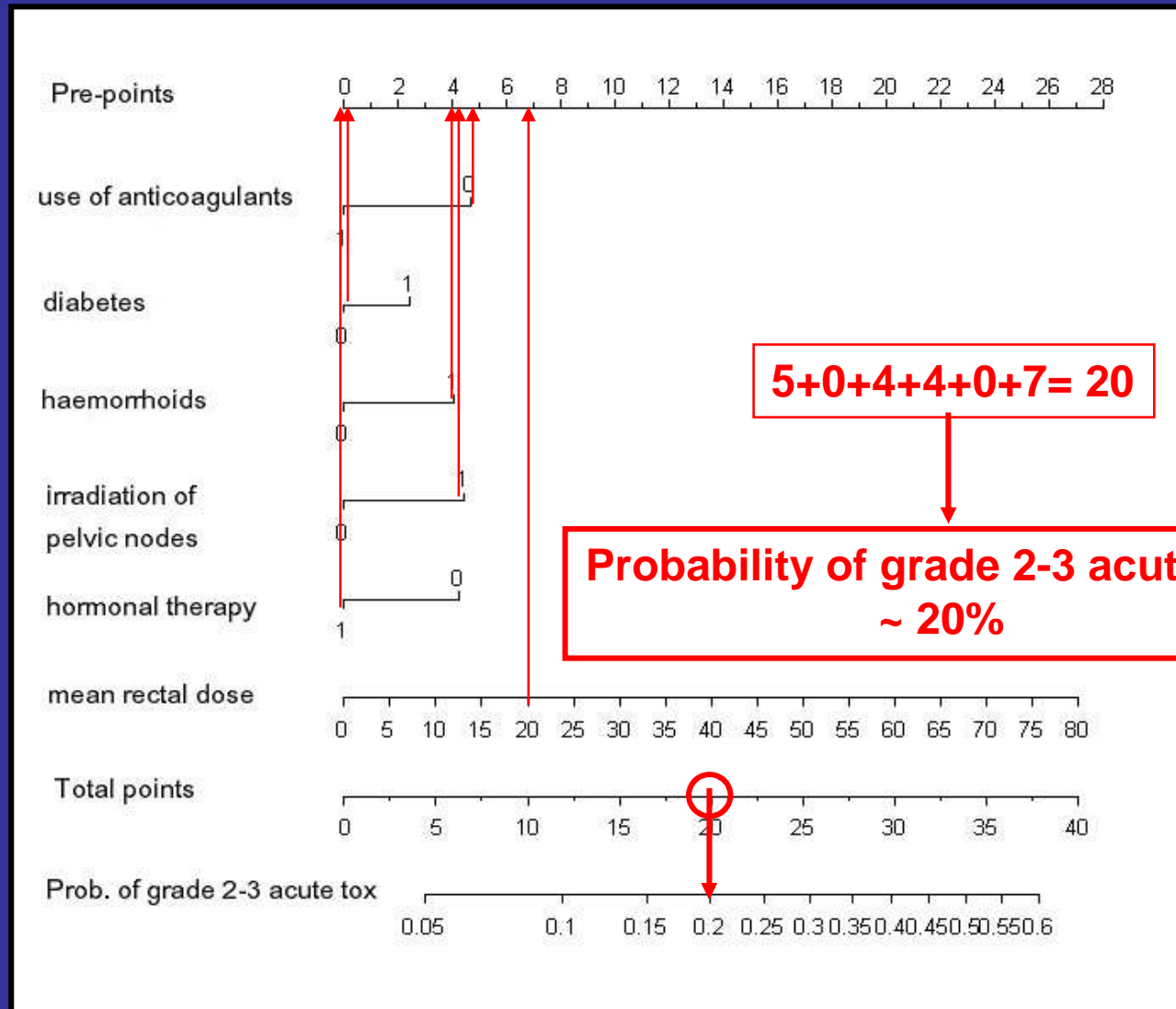
(MODIFIED RTOG/EORTC SCORING SYSTEM)

|                    | univariate analysis |           |            | MVA           |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------|
|                    | p value             | Inc. % no | Inc. % yes | p value       | OR    |
| HAEMORRHOIDS       | 0,08                | 25,0      | 30,6       | <b>0,02</b>   | 1,51  |
| ANTICOAGULANTS     | 0,02                | 27,6      | 20,2       | <b>0,02</b>   | 0,63  |
| DIABETES           | 0,07                | 25,3      | 34,0       | 0,34          | 1,28  |
| AD                 | 0,06                | 31,9      | 24,4       | <b>0,04</b>   | 0,65  |
| PELVIC XRT         | 0,04                | 25,4      | 36,9       | 0,11          | 1,56  |
| MEAN RECTAL DOSE * | 0,02                | 22,0      | 29,9       | <b>0,0004</b> | 1,035 |

\* median stratified, median value=51 Gy

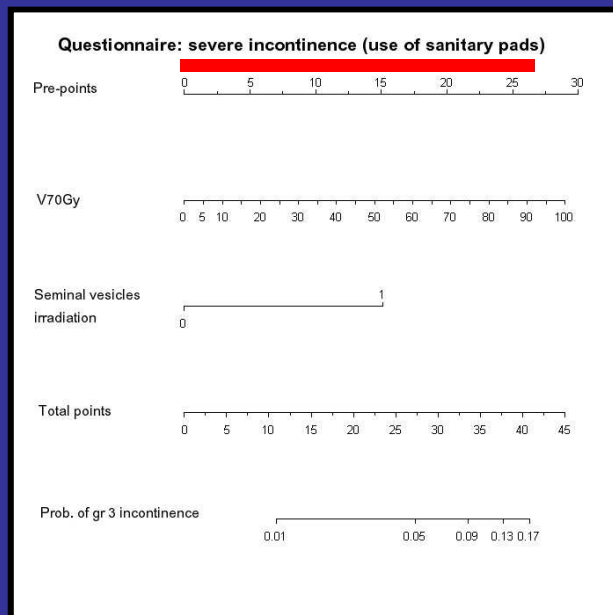
1. In multivariate analysis, mean rectal dose, haemorrhoids, anticoagulants and AD are highly correlated with toxicity.
2. Diabetes and pelvic node irradiation maintain a role in predicting rectal toxicity.
3. Anticoagulants and AD are protective, while the other factors increase the risk of rectal side effects.

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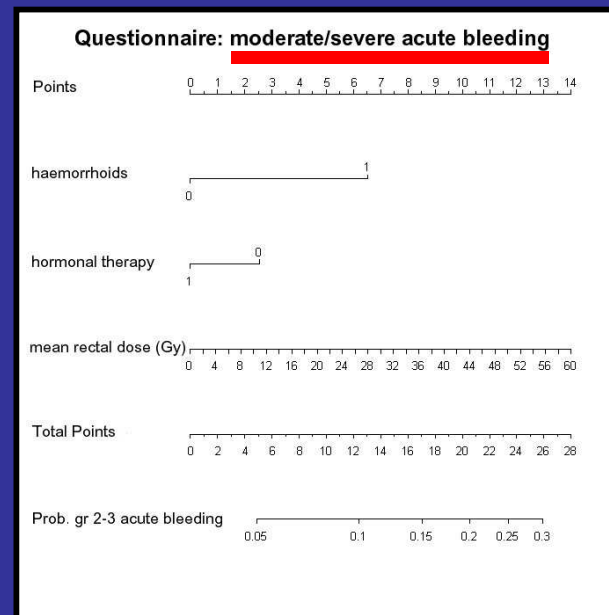


# PREDICTING TOXICITY : WORK IN PROGRESS

1. NOMOGRAM VALIDATION
2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NOMOGRAMS FOR ACUTE RECTAL SYNDROME (SOMA-LENT SCALE)



Valdagni and Rancati,  
unpublished, July 2006



3. DEVELOPMENT OF NOMOGRAMS FOR LATE RECTAL SYNDROME (SOMA-LENT SCALE)

# CONCLUSION

**NOMOGRAMS EVALUATE THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF MULTIPLE INDEPENDENT FACTORS FOUND TO BE PROGNOSTICALLY VALUABLE FOR A SPECIFIC DISEASE. IN THIS WAY NOMOGRAMS EVALUATE A PATIENT'S CLINICAL PARAMETERS AND PROVIDE A TAILORED PROBABILITY OF A PARTICULAR OUTCOME**

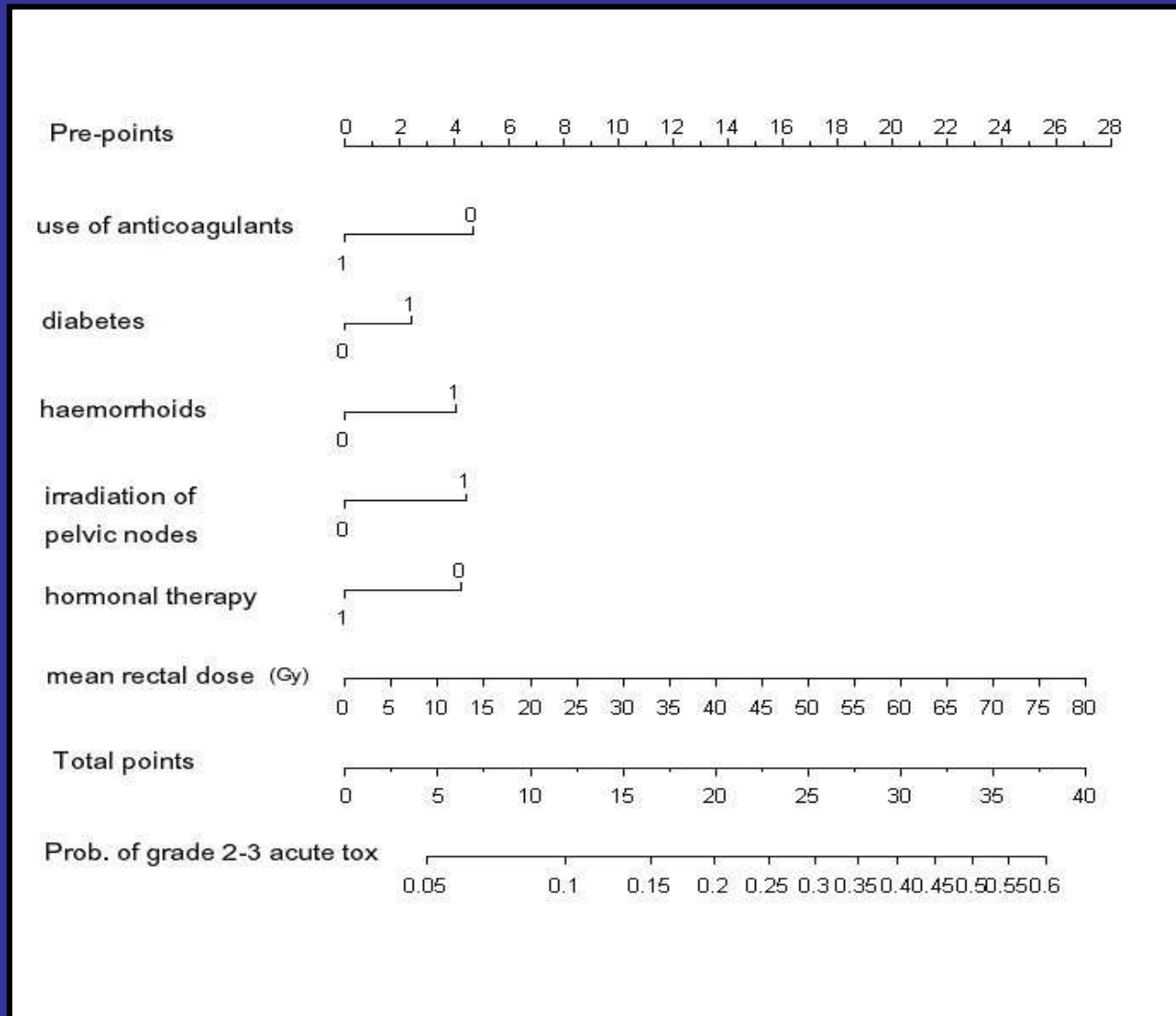
**GRADE 2-3 ACUTE TOXICITIES OCCUR IN ~25% OF PATIENTS**

**EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT ACUTE DAMAGE PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE ON LATE TOXICITY (i.e. Dutch Trial, IJROBP 2006)**

**OUR NOMOGRAM IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO HELP CLINICIANS PREDICT MODERATE / SEVERE ACUTE TOXICITY USING DOSIMETRIC AS WELL AS CLINICAL VARIABLES. IF VALIDATED, THIS TOOL MIGHT BE USEFUL TO OPTIMIZE TREATMENT STRATEGY IN EVERY SINGLE PATIENT**



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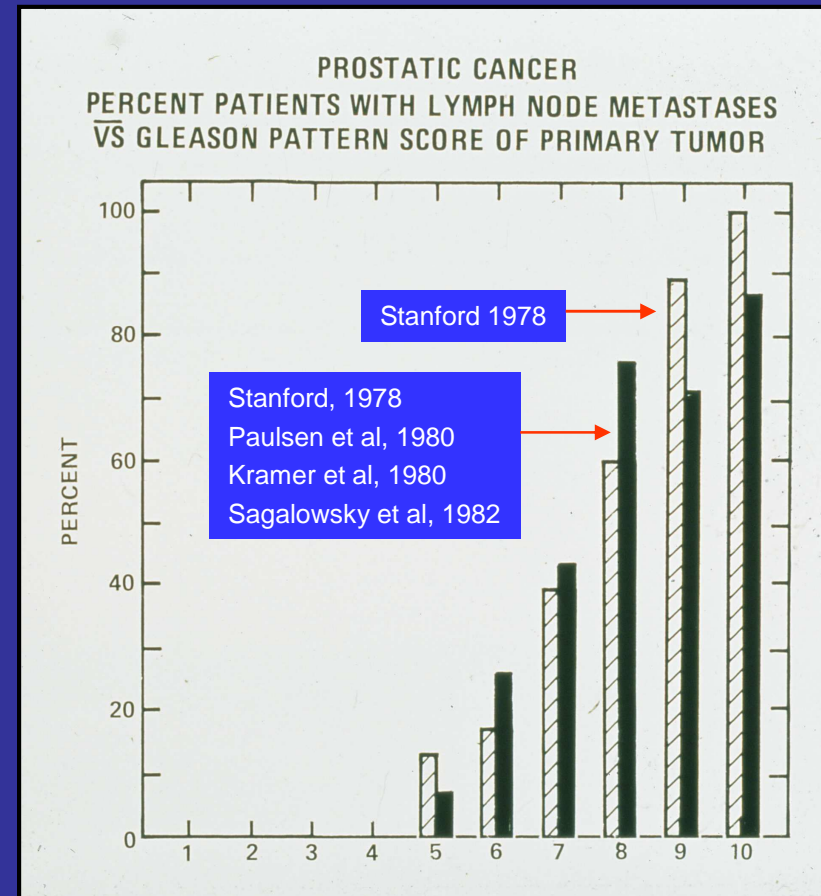
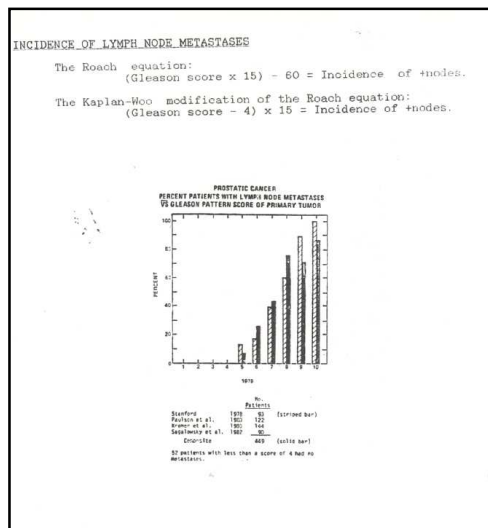
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The Roach Equation:  
Risk of LNI =  $(GPS \times 15) - 60$



The Kaplan - Woo modification  
of the Roach Equation:  
Risk of LNI =  $(GPS - 4) \times 15$

The Prostate Club, Stanford, May 1987



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