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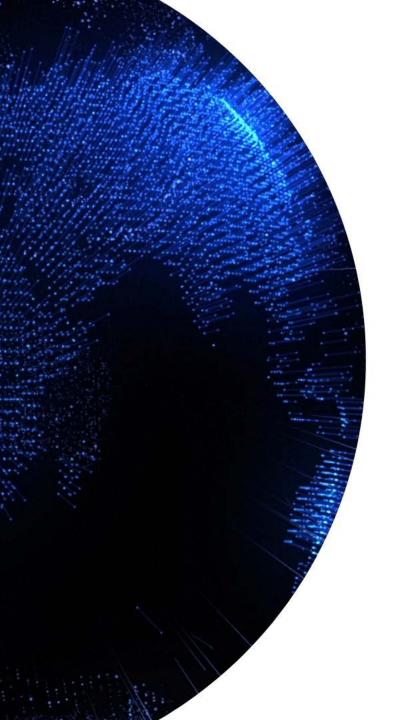
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Initial Report of a Randomized Trial Comparing Conventional- vs Conventional plus Fluciclovine (18F) PET/CT Imaging-Guided Post-Prostatectomy Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer

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 MOLECULAR

 IMAGING





EMPIRE-1 Trial

Emory Molecular Prostate Imaging for Radiotherapy Enhancement

NIH RO1 CA169188

Jani & Schuster

ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT01666808

Patient consent / enrollment / eligibility:

Adenocarcinoma of prostate, post RRP

Detectable PSA

Negative Bone Scan

CT or MR of abd/pelvis showing no extra-pelvic metastases Radiotherapy Decision Attestation Sheet completed by provider

Stratify:

Pathologic Risk Factors [(one or more of: ECE, SV invasion, +margins, or node+) vs none]

Pre-radiotherapy PSA level (≤2.0 ng/mL vs > 2.0 ng/mL)

Androgen deprivation therapy intent (yes vs no)

RANDOMIZE

Arm A:

Radiotherapy planning based on standard imaging

Arm B:

Treatment decisions and planning volumes based on standard imaging recorded.

FACBC scan done

Radiotherapy decisions and planning based on FACBC scan.

Fluciclovine (18F) Findings/ Treatment decision:

1.

Extra-pelvic uptake:

Abort XRT

2.

Pelvic nodal uptake:

Prostate bed (64.8-70.2/1.8Gy)

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Pelvis

(40.5-50.4/1.8Gy)

3.

Prostate-bed only uptake:

Prostate bed (64.8-70.2/1.8Gy)

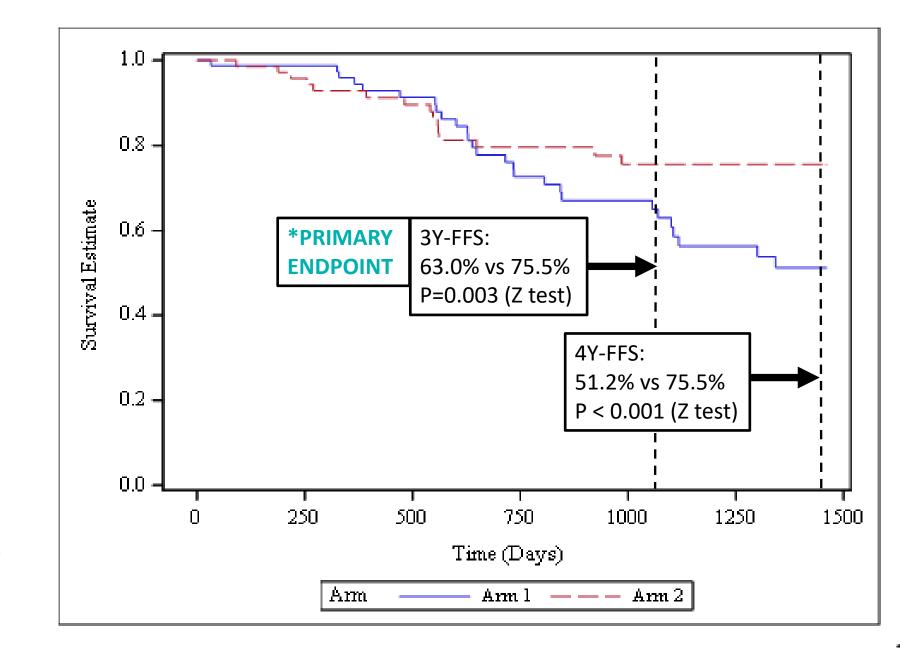
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No uptake:

Prostate bed (64.8-70.2/1.8Gy)

Failure-Free Survival

- Three years after treatment, failure-free survival rates were higher in the PET arm
- FFS benefit remained four years after treatment
- Median follow-up
 - Overall: 2.48 Y
 - Failure-free pts: 3.06 Y



Provider-Reported Toxicity

(CTCAE v.5.0)

No significant differences in maximum:

- Acute GU
- Acute GI
- Late GU
- Late GI

Suggests treatment to PET-directed volumes was tolerable.

Patient-reported toxicity (AUA & EPIC-CP) analysis pending

Acute GU (max)	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	P-value
Arm A/1 (no PET)	7 (8.64%)	53 (65.43%)	18 (22.22%)	3 (3.70%)	0.255
Arm B/2 (PET)	3 (3.95%)	55 (72.37%)	18 (23.68%)	0 (0.00%)	
Acute GI (max)	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	P-value
Arm A/1 (no PET)	23 (28.40%)	47 (58.02%)	11 (13.58%)	0 (0.00%)	0.436
Arm B/2 (PET)	18 (23.68%)	42 (55.26%)	16 (21.05%)	0 (0.00%)	
Late GU (max)	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	P-value
Arm A/1 (no PET)	6 (7.50%)	32 (40.00%)	37 (46.25%)	5 (6.25%)	0.678
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Arm B/2 (PET)	10 (13.33%)	29 (38.67%)	31 (41.33%)	5 (6.67%)	0.070
Arm B/2 (PET) Late GI (max)	10 (13.33%) Grade 0	29 (38.67%) Grade 1	,		P-value
		, ,	31 (41.33%)	5 (6.67%)	

Conclusions/Summary

- Randomized trial of imaging tests with primary cancer control endpoint are important but uncommon
- First trial of PET over conventional imaging alone for post-prostatectomy radiation therapy (Note: single institution study where radiotracer was invented)
- Inclusion of fluciclovine (18F) resulted in significant improvement in failure rate at 3Y

 Integration of novel PET radiotracers into XRT decisions and planning warrant further study





EMPIRE-2 Trial

Emory Molecular Prostate Imaging for Radiotherapy **Enhancement**

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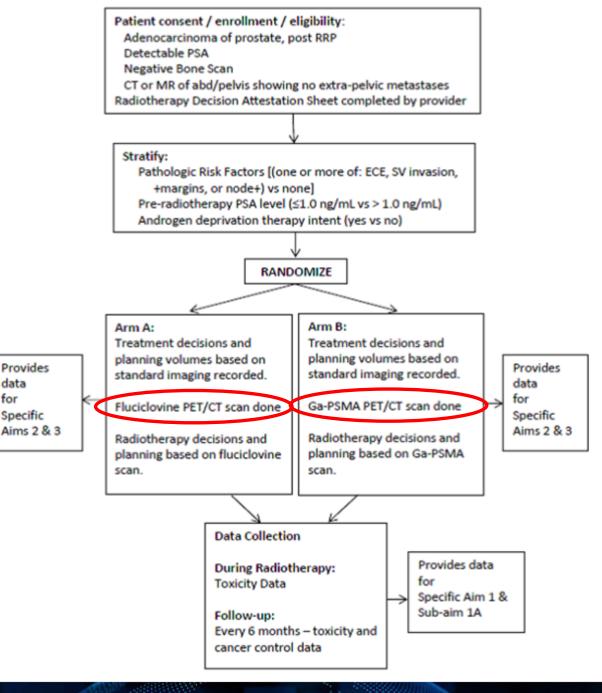
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ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT03762759 2019-2024

n=140 (enrolled ~ 50)



PET Findings / **Treatment decision:**

Extra-pelvic uptake:

Abort XRT

Pelvic nodal uptake:

Prostate bed + Pelvis XRT (Boost sites of uptake)

Prostate-bed only uptake:

Prostate bed XRT (Boost sites of uptake)

No uptake:

Prostate bed XRT (no boost)

Boost:

Pelvic nodes: 54-56 Gy

Prostate bed: 70-76 Gy



CCTG SC.24/TROG 17.06:
A Randomized Phase II/III Study Comparing
24gy in 2 Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy
(SBRT) Fractions Versus 20gy In 5
Conventional Palliative Radiotherapy (CRT)

Fractions for Patients with Painful Spinal

Metastases

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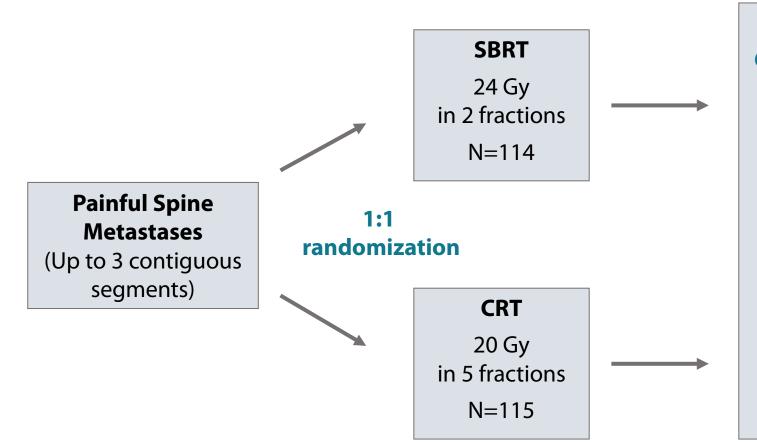
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Overview

- **Purpose**: For patients with painful spinal metastases, determine if complete pain response rate can be improved with spine SBRT vs. CRT
- SBRT fractionation scheme of 24 Gy in 2 fractions* compared with standard of care CRT regimen of 20 Gy in 5 fractions
- Phase 2/3 randomized controlled trial

Trial Design



Primary Endpoint

Complete Pain Response (CR) rate at 3 months

Secondary Endpoints

- CR at 6 months
- Radiation Site Specific (RSS)
 Progression-Free Survival (RSS
 PFS) at 3 and 6 months
 - Quality of Life (QOL)
- Change in the total SINS at 3 and 6 months
 - Overall Survival (OS)

Trial Participants

- Initial Phase 2 RCT converted to a Phase 3 RCT without interruption of accrual
- Accrual period: January 2016 September 2019

	SBRT	CRT	Total
Total patients randomized	114	115	229
Did not receive study treatment	4	0	14
Not evaluable at 3 months	16	22	38
Intent to treat (ITT) analyses	114	115	229
Safety/QA Analyses (as-treated)	110	115	225

Results: Pain Response Rates

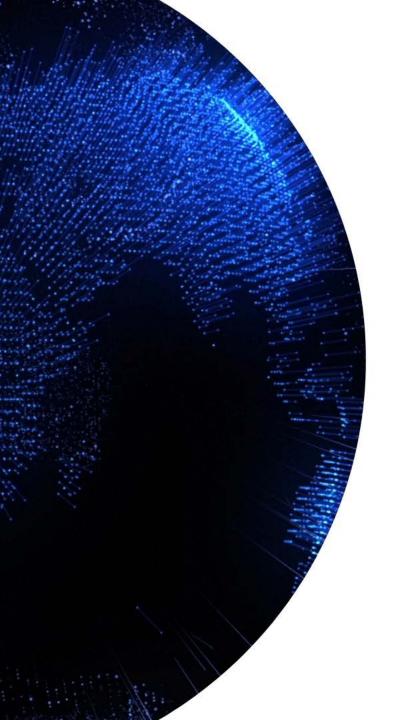
	3 Month Assessment		6 Month As	6 Month Assessment	
	SBRT (N=114)	CRT (N=115)	SBRT (N=114)	CRT (N=115)	
Complete response	35%	14%	16%	32%	
Partial response	18%	25%	16%	9%	
Stable disease	24%	30%	27%	23%	
Progressive disease	6%	12%	7%	4%	
Indeterminant	18%	19%	34%	32%	
Mean change in total SINS (SD)	-0.94 (1.69)	-0.49 (1.61)	-0.74 (1.99)	-0.73 (1.86)	

Multivariable Analyses for CR at 3 and 6 months

	3 Month Assessment			6 Month Assessment		
Variable	Odds Ratio	95%CI	P Value	Odds Ratio	95%CI	P Value
SBRT CRT	3.47 1	1.77-6.80	0.0003	2.45 1	1.28-4.71	0.007
Age ≥ 65 Age < 65	1.58 1	0.82-3.06	0.17	0.65 1	0.34-1.25	0.20
Male Female	1.33 1	0.54-3.26	0.54	1.39 1	0.56-3.45	0.48
ECOG 2 ECOG 0 or 1	0.74 1	0.19-2.89	0.67	0.39 1	0.08-1.86	0.24
Pain Score at Baseline 8 to 10 5 to 7 2 to 4	0.92 0.74 1	0.39-2.20 0.36-1.54	0.85 0.43	1.39 0.94 1	0.60-3.21 1.45-1.96	0.44 0.86
Primary Cancer: GU (excluding RCC) Lung Other Breast	1.22 1.49 0.58 1	0.32-4.65 0.54-4.08 0.09-3.77	0.77 0.44 0.57	0.99 0.96 0.74 1	0.26-3.79 0.36-2.63 0.14-3.86	0.99 0.95 0.72
Total baseline SINS 7 to 12 ≤ 6	1.12 1	0.58-2.15	0.57	0.91 1	0.48-1.71	0.78

Conclusions

- This is the first Phase 3 randomized trial to show that dose escalation with modern radiation therapy techniques improves pain outcomes for patients with spinal bone metastases
- Spine SBRT is superior to CRT and achieved a 21% absolute increase in the CR to pain at 3 months, which was durable at 6 months and statistically significant
- A regimen of 24 Gy in 2 SBRT fractions was safe, non-destabilizing and associated with better patient financial perception



Phase III Randomized Trial of
Postoperative Adjuvant Conventional
Radiation (3DCRT) versus Image Guided
Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IG-IMRT) in Cervical Cancer (PARCER):
Final Analysis

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Background

- Postoperative Radiation indicated for Cervix and Endometrial Cancers.
- Increase in GI symptom burden and toxicity in long term survivors after adjuvant radiation
- Phase II Studies
 - RTOG 0418/ RTCMIENDOMETRE demonstrated 27-28% acute GI toxicity with IMRT
 - No comparator arm
- Phase III Trial
 - NRG 1203: Improvement in patient reported outcomes at wk 5 and year 1 with IMRT as compared to 3DCRT.
 - No difference at 3 years with IMRT.
- Lack of Clarity on Long Term Impact of Postoperative IMRT

Hypothesis

IG-IMRT will improve late GI toxicity free survival in patients undergoing adjuvant RT for cervix cancer.

Conducted across 3 clinical sites of Tata Memorial Centre

NCT01279135/CTRI2012/120349

Study Eligibility

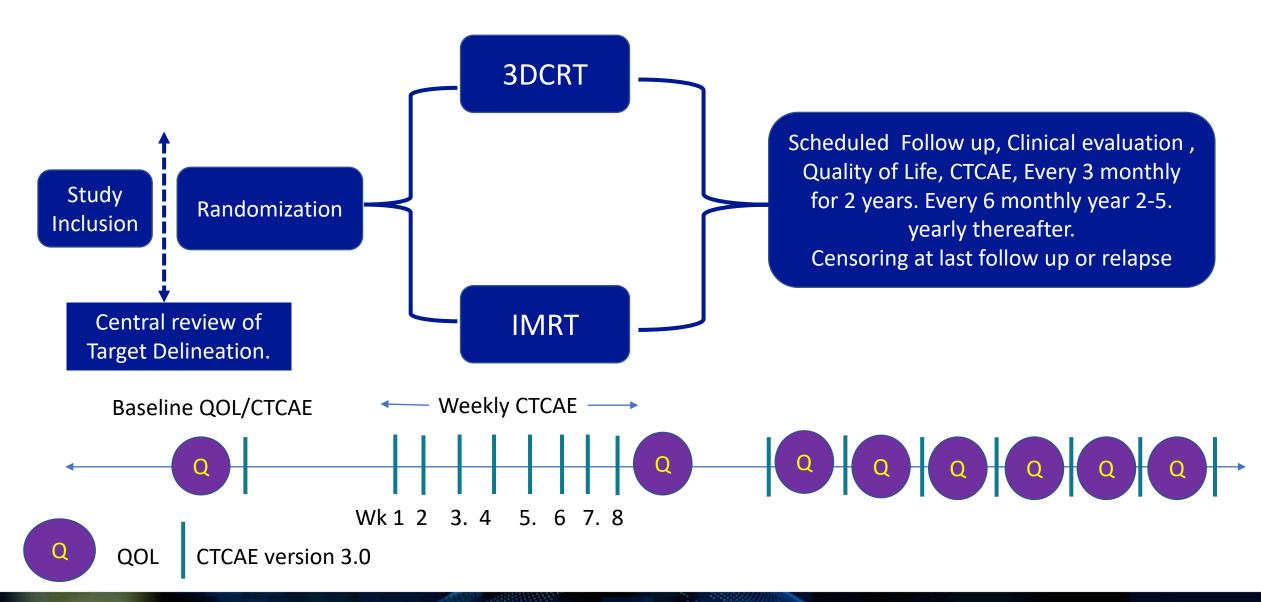
Inclusion Criteria

- Cervical Cancer
- Age >18 years
- Type III Hysterectomy with intermediate or high risk features
- Type I/II hysterectomy necessitating adjuvant CRT

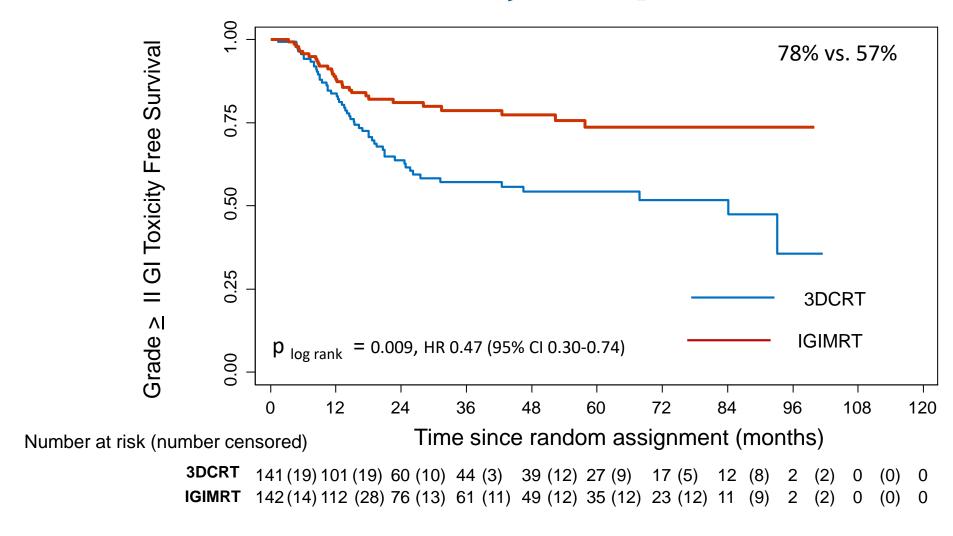
Exclusion Criteria

- Positive Para aortic nodes or indication for extended field RT.
- History of multiple previous abdominal surgeries/radiation
- Any medical condition predisposing to bowel toxicity

Trial Schema: PARCER

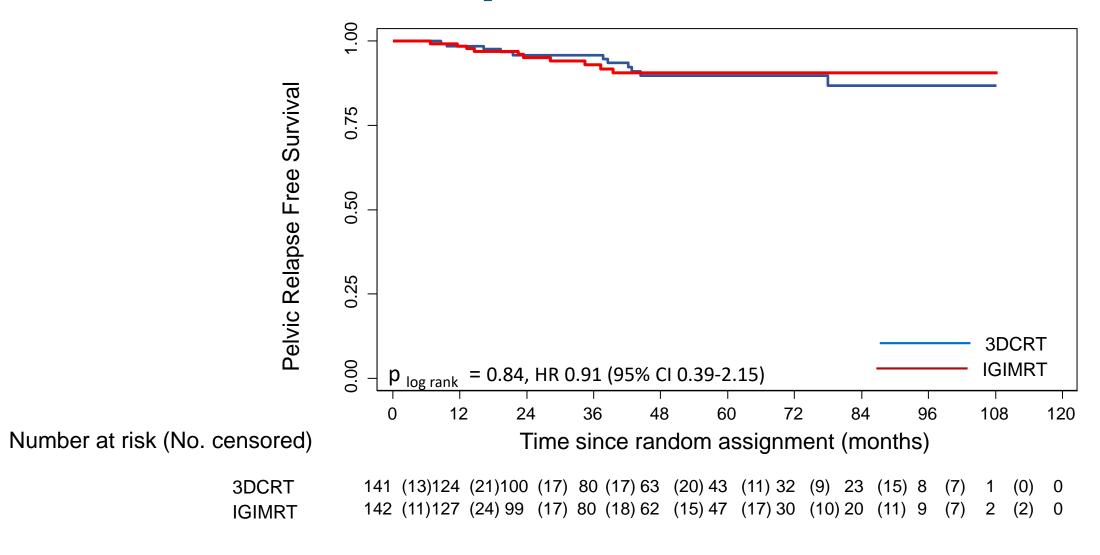


Primary Endpoint

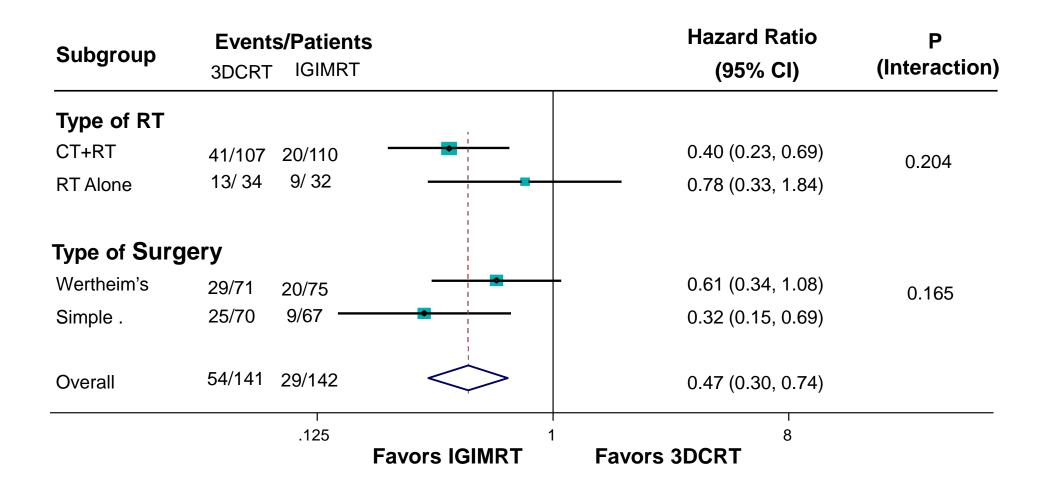


Adjusted for stratification factors- RT type and Sx type

Pelvic Relapse Free Survival



Planned Subgroup Analysis



Conclusions

- IG-IMRT is superior to 3DCRT in reducing Late GI toxicity in women undergoing postoperative pelvic RT.
- Greater Benefit of IG-IMRT in those receiving radio-sensitizing concurrent chemotherapy.
- No difference in tumour control rates in the pelvis with use of IG-IMRT
- IG-IMRT should represent the new standard of care for postoperative pelvic RT in women with gynecological cancers.



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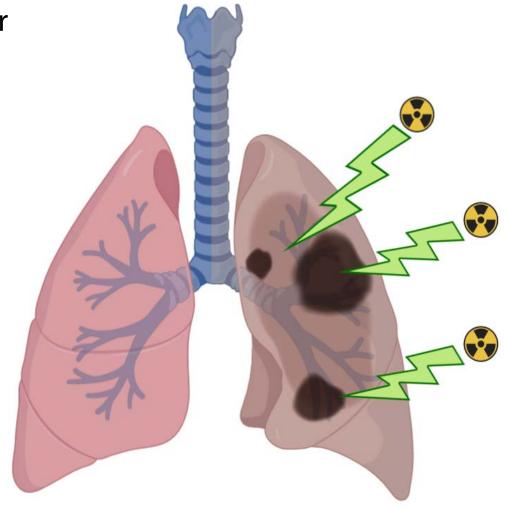




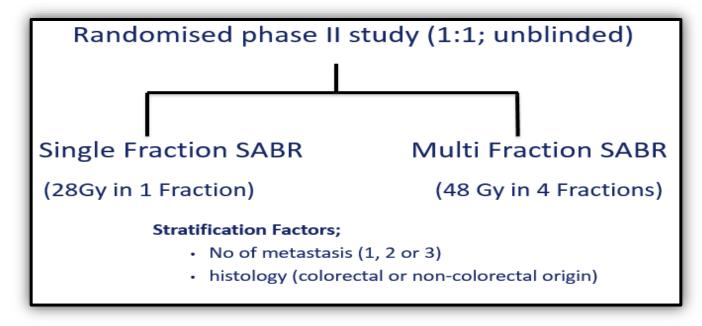


Background: Why this Trial?

- The lung is the second most common place for cancer to spread
- Most patients are treated with lifelong anti-cancer drug therapy only, with little prospect for long term cancer control
- Some patients have limited spread to the lungs, and may be suitable for surgery (invasive) or Stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT, non-invasive)
- In this study, we evaluated two schedules of SBRT, single session and multi-session, for patients with limited secondary spread to the lung



TROG 13.01 SAFRON II: Trial Summary



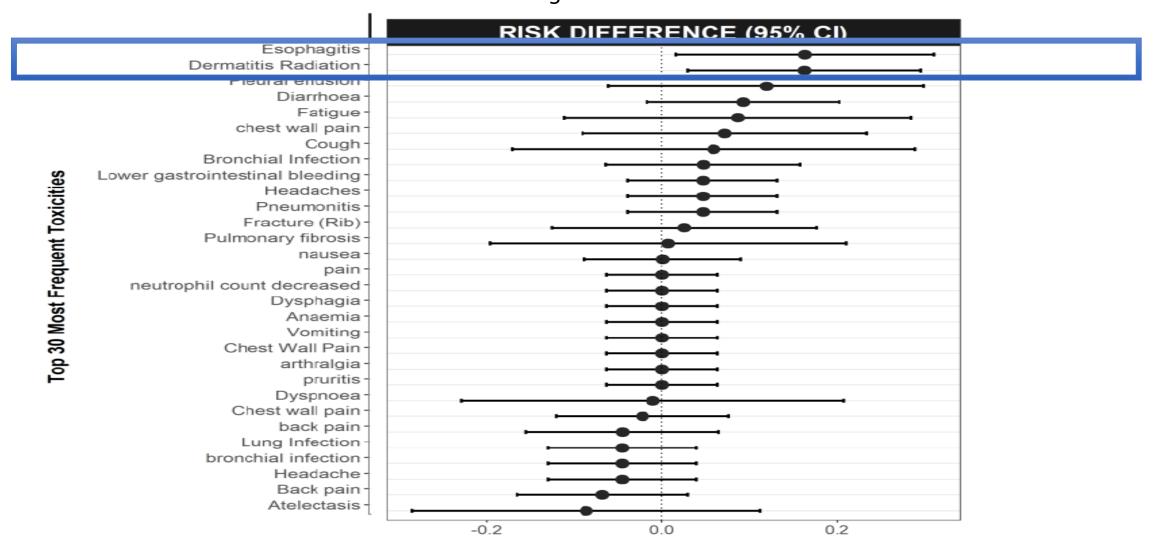
Key Inclusion: ≤3 secondaries to the lung from any non-blood malignancy, tumor size ≤ 5cm, peripheral lung location, all primary and extrathoracic disease treated

- Primary Endpoint: Severe side effects at 1 year
- Total sample size = 90 patients over 3 years (13 centers Australia and NZ), recruited 2015-2018

Side effects (any grade) and difference between arms

Higher swallowing symptoms and skin rash with multi-session SBRT

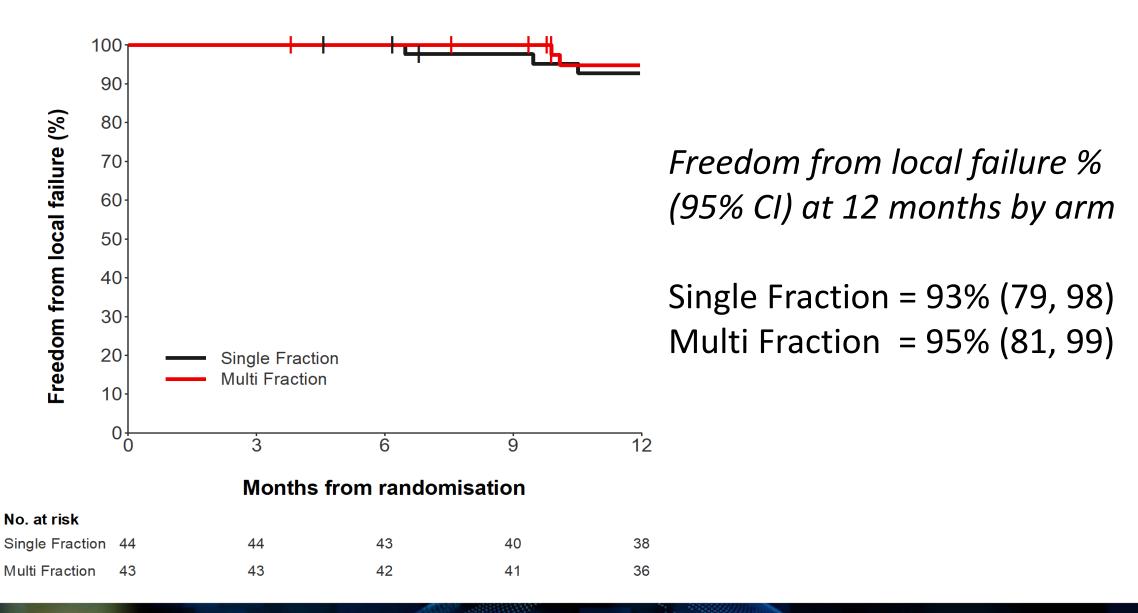
Single session: multi session



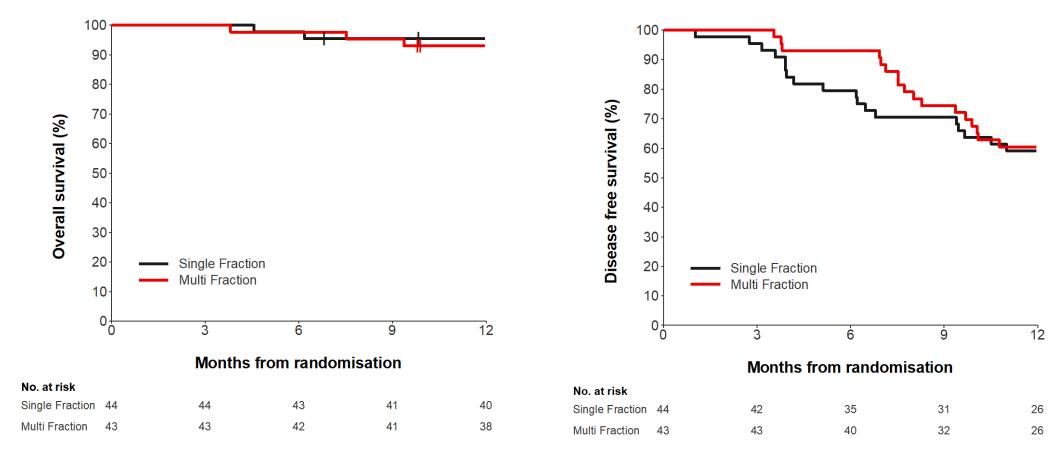
Primary Endpoint – high grade side effects within 1 year

- ARM 1 (single fraction) There were two patients with grade 3 (*medical intervention*) events, both lasted < 3 months in duration, with no grade 4 (*life threatening*) or 5 (*fatal*) events.
- ARM 2 (four fraction) There was one patient with a grade 5 event (pneumonitis within 3 months of SBRT, underlying ILD), with no grade 3 or 4 events.
- Grade 3+ toxicities related to treatment within 1 year
 - ARM 1 = 5% [80% CI: 1-14]
 - ARM 2 = 3% [80% CI: 0.3% 10%]

Oncological Outcomes – Local Control



Oncological Outcomes - Recurrence, Survival



Kaplan-Meier estimates % (95% CI) at 12 months by arm

Endpoint	Single Fraction	Multi Fraction
Overall survival	95 (83 <i>,</i> 99)	93 (80, 98)
Disease free survival	59 (43, 72)	60 (44, 73)

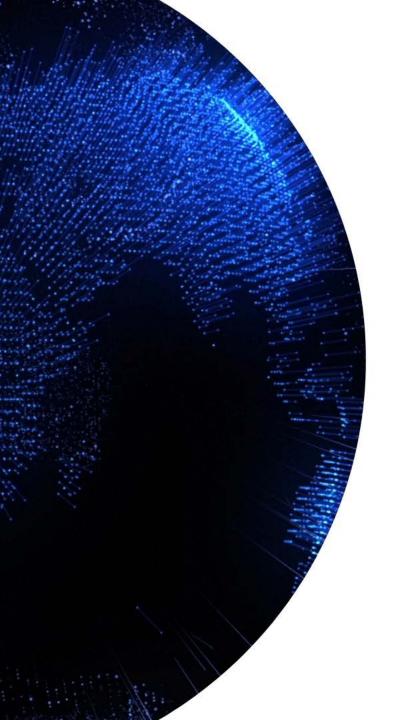
Conclusions

- Both single fraction (28Gy) and four fraction (48Gy) SBRT have acceptable toxicity for patients with 1-3 secondary cancer deposits in the lung
- Oncological outcomes from both approaches appear similar to 1-year

IMPACT - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Single session SBRT is convenient, non-invasive safe and appears effective to date for lung secondaries
- Maybe considered a one-stop, 'knockout punch'
- These findings may have implications for treatment selection in resource-constrained environments (such as the pandemic)





Stereotactic Radiosurgery Versus Whole-brain Radiation Therapy For Patients With 4-15 Brain Metastases: A Phase III Randomized Controlled Trial

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Background

- Up to 30% of cancer patients develop brain metastases
 - Rising incidence due to prolonged survival and better imaging surveillance
 - Historically poor overall survival (~1-4 months)
 - Main treatment modalities: radiation and surgery
 - Whole brain radiation (WBRT) associated with significant cognitive side effects
- In patients with 1-3 (or 4) brain metastases
 - Two Phase III randomized trials established stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) as the standard care, replacing WBRT, due to better preservation of patients' cognitive function, without compromising overall survival (Chang EL, Lancet Onc 2009; Brown PD, JAMA 2016)
- Purpose of the current study
 - To investigate if SRS could replace WBRT in patients with 4-15 brain metastases in a phase III randomized trial

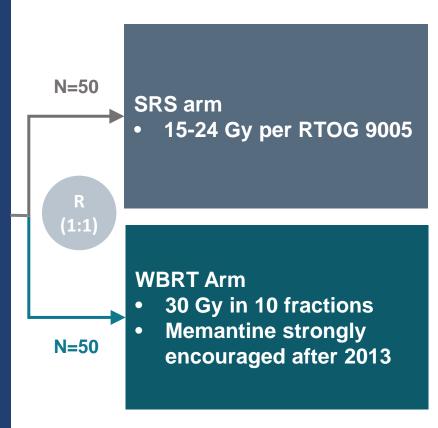
Trial Design (Schema)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Adult patient with 4-15 untreated brain mets confirmed by neuroradiology (up to 20 lesions allowed at the time of treatment)
- All lesions amenable to SRS treatment
- KPS >/=70
- No LMD (radiographic or cytological)
- No prior WBRT
- Prior SRS to 1-3 brain mets with > 6 weeks intervals allowed
- Excluded prior surgical resection of brain mets
- Excluded histology: melanoma, small cell carcinoma, lymphoma/leukemia, or germ cell histology
- Systemic therapy allowed at the discretion of treating oncologist

Primary Endpoints

- Memory function at 4 mo (HVLT_R_TR)
- Local control at 4 mo

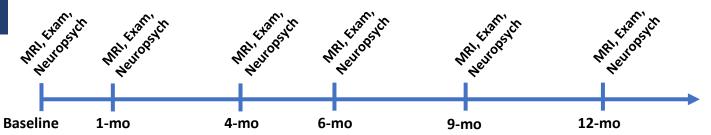


Stratification factors:

- Histology (breast vs. other)
- **Age** (18-59 vs. 60 and over)
- **Number of lesions** (4-7 vs. 8-15)
- **KPS** (70-80 vs. 90-100)
- Extra-cranial disease status (progressive disease prior to enrollment vs. no progression)
- Baseline HVLT (</= 17 vs. >/=28
- Radiotherapy (Prior SRS vs. no prior SRS)

Neurocognitive function tests:

- Memory: HVLT_R_TR, HVLT_R_DR, HVLT_R Recognition
- Executive function: COWA, and Trail Making test Part B (TMTB)
- Attention Span: WAIS-III Digit Span
- Psychomotor Speed: WAIS-III Digit Symbol, Trail Making test Part A (TMTA)
- Motor dexterity: Grooved Pegboard

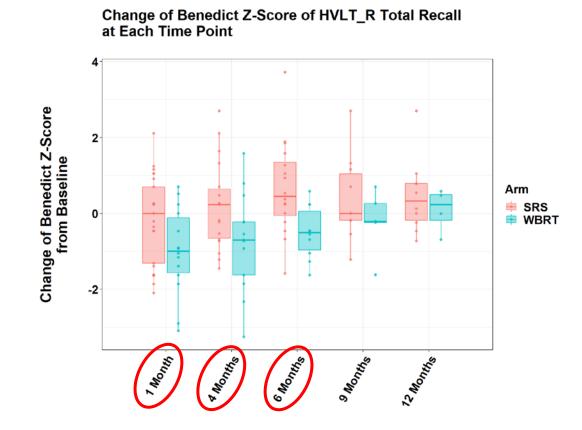


Memory Function at 4 Months -- Primary Endpoint

- HVLT_R_TR: change of Z-score from baseline
- At 4 months
 - **SRS:** Increased by 0.21 (SD 1.15) (n=18)
 - o **WBRT:** Decreased by 0.74 (SD 1.31) (n=13)
 - $\circ p = 0.041$

At 1 month and 6 months

o Clinically meaningful and statistically significant benefit with SRS was also observed at 1 month (p=0.033) and 6 months (p=0.012)



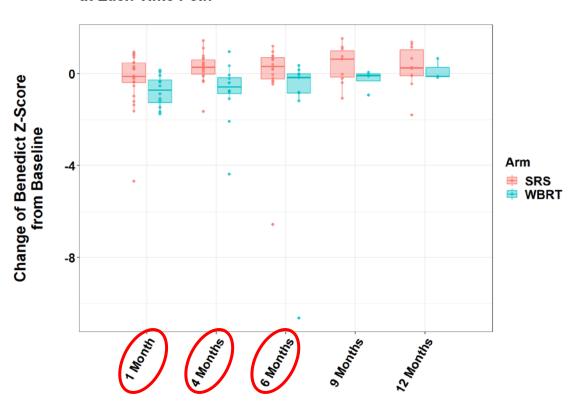
Global Cognitive Function Measure

(Clinical Trial Battery Composite Score)

- Composite score
 - Mean Z-score from HVLT_R_TR, HVLT_R_DR, and HVLT_R Rec, COWA, TMTA, and TMTB
 - Change from baseline
- Better cognitive composite scores in SRS arm
 - Statistically significant at months 1, 4 and 6

Follow up Time Point	SRS	WBRT	р
1-mo (median [IQR])	-0.12 [-0.38, 0.47]	-0.71 [-1.26, -0.28]	0.024
4-mo (median [IQR])	0.28 [-0.03, 0.60]	-0.57 [-0.88, -0.17]	0.004
6-mo (median [IQR])	0.31 [-0.23, 0.70]	-0.16 [-0.84, -0.01]	0.027
9-mo (median [IQR])	0.64 [-0.16, 1.00]	-0.08 [-0.32, -0.01]	0.153
12-mo (median [IQR])	0.25 [-0.09, 1.03]	-0.12 [-0.14, 0.27]	0.823

Change of Benedict Z-Score of CTB Comp at Each Time Poin



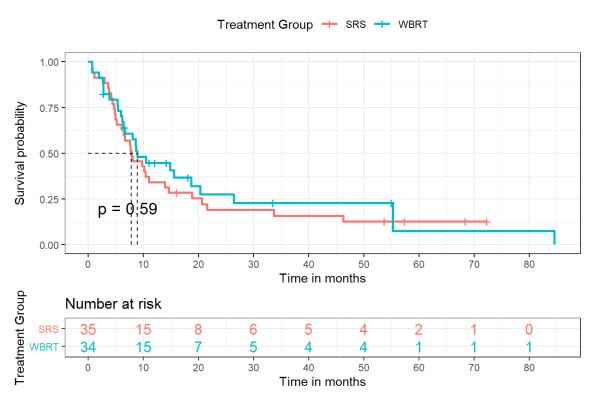
Overall Survival

Overall survival by intention-to-treat

- o 69 out of 72 pts evaluable for OS
 - o 35 for SRS and 34 for WBRT
- o Estimate median OS

	N	Events (death)	Median (month)	95% CI (month)
SRS	35*	30	7.8	6.1 – 14.6
WBRT	34**	26	8.9	6.4 – 26.4





Estimating Overall Survival Curves with the Kaplan-Meier Method by intention-to-treat: *P*= 0.59

^{*}Include 6 patients who had more than 20 lesions at time of SRS planning and received WBRT off protocol

^{**} Include 4 patients received SRS and 2 patients received HA-WBRT off protocol

Other Results

- Local Control at 4 mo
 - 95% (SRS) vs 87% (WBRT), p-value 0.79
- Distant brain control
 - 60% (SRS) vs 80% (WBRT), p-value 0.37
- Time to systemic therapy
 - 1.7 weeks (SRS) vs 4.1 weeks (WBRT), p-value 0.001
- Toxicities
 - ≥ Grade 3 toxicities 8% (SRS) vs 15% (WBRT)
 - Radiation necrosis: 17% at patient level and 4% at lesion level

Summary

Despite early termination of the trial due to NRG CC001 and use of memantine in 2/3 WBRT patients, in patients with 4-15 brain mets:

- SRS was associated with reduced risk of neurocognitive deterioration compared to WBRT, as demonstrated by a constellation of neurocognitive tests, individually or by composite scores
 - The differences between the two arms were large and clinically meaningful
- No difference in overall survival rates
- SRS was associated with shorter time to systemic therapy

Conclusion

The results from this phase III randomized trial strongly supports the use of SRS in patients with 4-15 brain metastases to better preserve cognitive function and to minimize interruption of systemic therapy, without compromising overall survival.



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