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HIGHLIGHTS IN RADIOTERAPIA

**Gli studi del 2019 che modificano la pratica clinica
in radioterapia esclusiva ed associazione
farmacologica**

Radiobiologia e frazionamenti alterati

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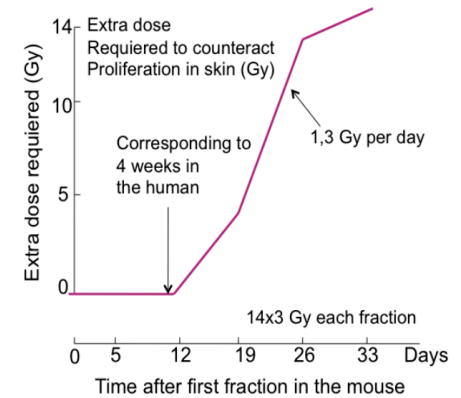
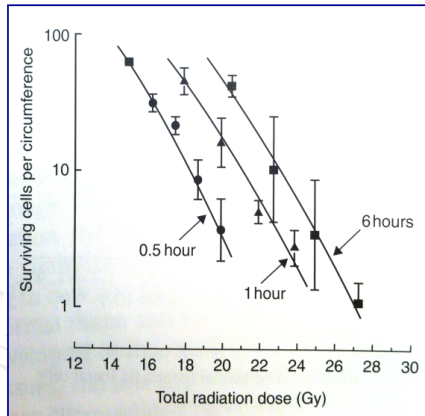
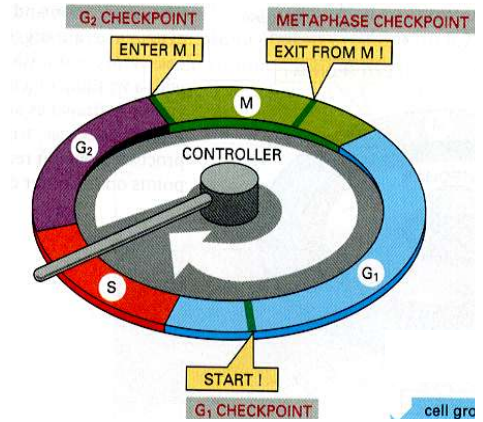
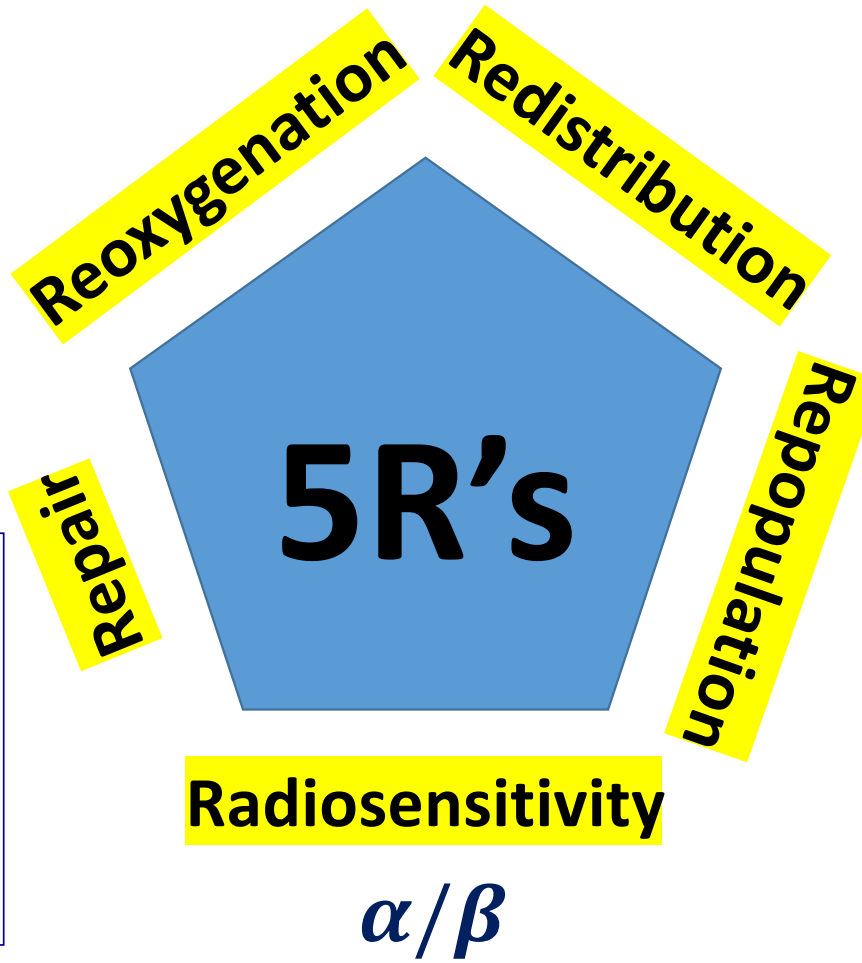
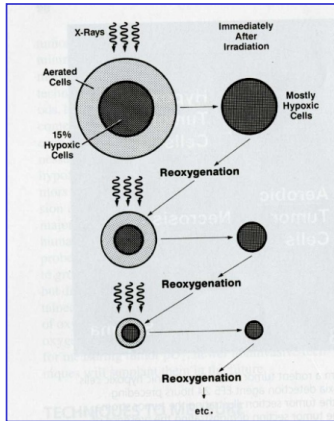
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The introduction of Fractionation

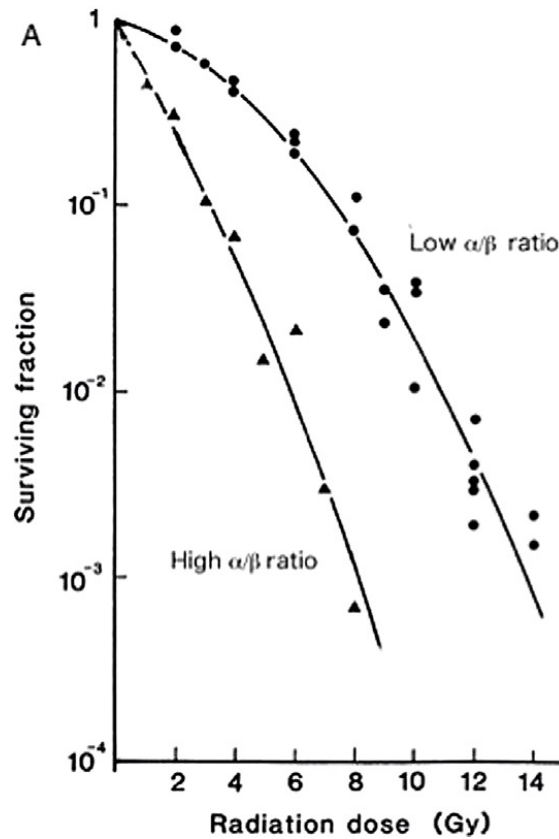


FIGURE 23.1 Conventional multifraction radiotherapy was based on experiments performed in Paris in the 1920s and in the 1930s. Rams could not be sterilized with a single dose of x-rays without extensive skin damage, whereas if the radiation were delivered in daily fractions over a period of time, sterilization was possible without skin damage. The testes were regarded as a model of a growing tumor and skin as dose-limiting normal tissue.

Rational for fractionated radiotherapy



Linear-Quadratic model of dose response



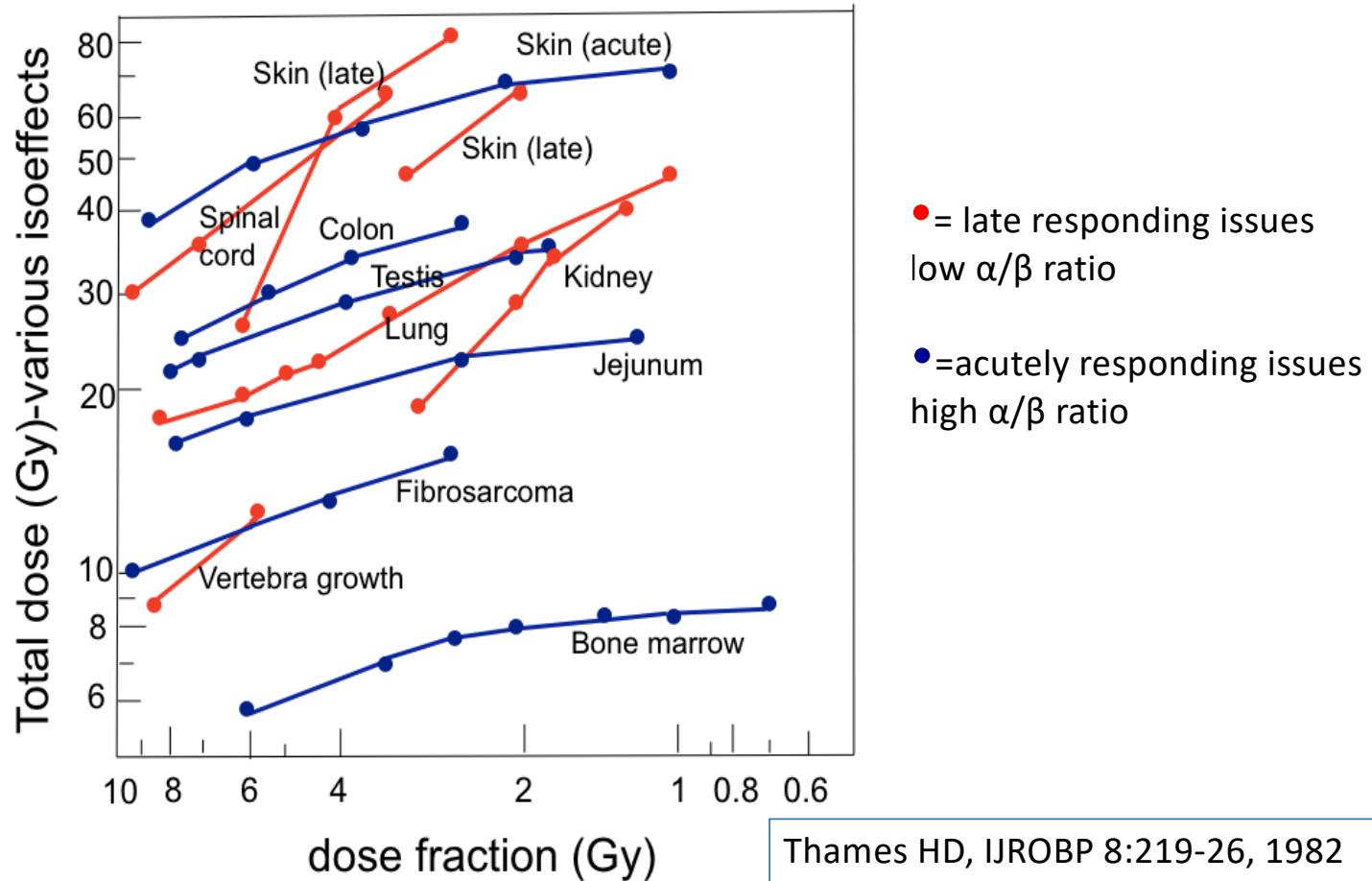
$$SF(d) = e^{-nd(\alpha + \beta d)}$$

BED Biologically effective dose

$$BED = nd \left(1 + \frac{d}{\alpha/\beta} \right)$$



Relationship between total dose and dose per fraction

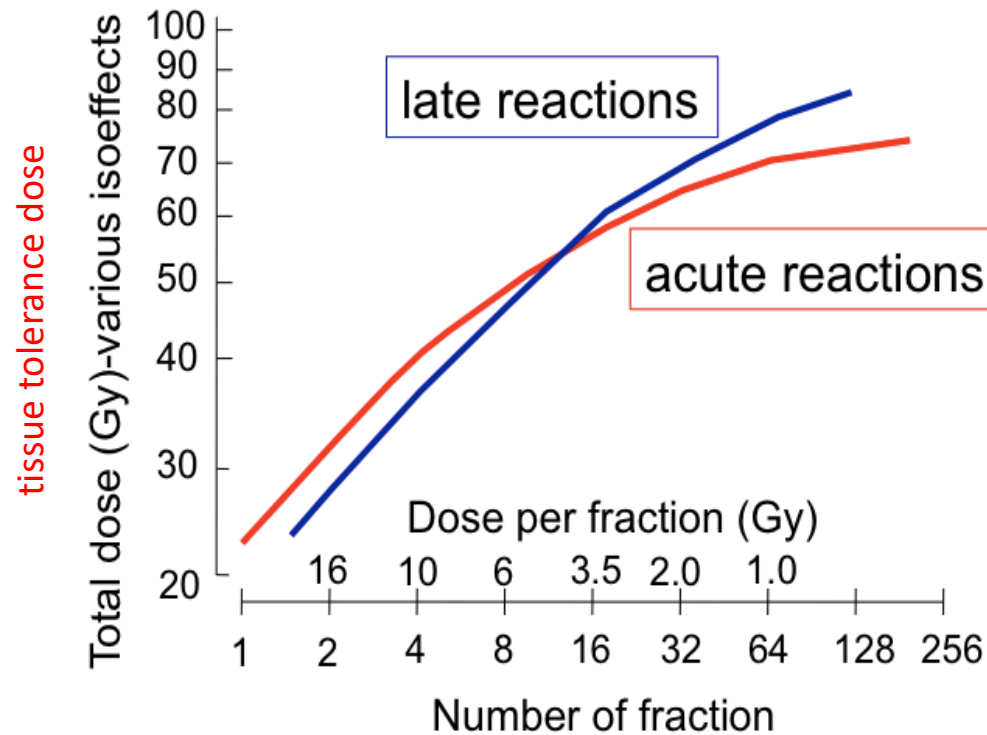


Thames HD, IJROBP 8:219-26, 1982
Withers HR, Cancer 55:2086-95, 1985

greater sensitivity of late responses to changes in dose per fraction



Fractionation spares slowly responding tissues more than tissues and tumors that show an early response

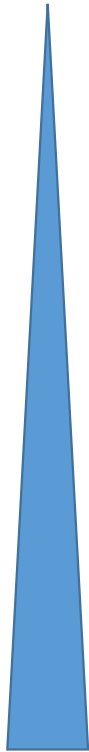


$$\text{Effect} = \alpha d + \beta d^2$$



Altered fractionation

Size of fractions

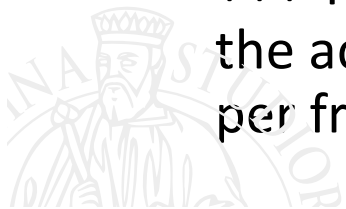


- Hyperfractionation (HF)
- Accelerated Fractionation (AF)
- Normofractionated RT
- Hypofractionation
- Ultra hypofractionation



Hyperfractionation

- Small fractions and increased total doses
- **Multiple fractions** are delivered on each treatment day, the **overall treatment time** is therefore **unchanged**
- Rationale: to **increase the total dose** translating into a higher probability of cure **without an increase in late toxicity**
- Reduction of dose per fraction has **more effect on late-responding tissues**
- +++ Tumors with a rapidly proliferating clonogenic population, they mimic the acute-responding tissues and are not affected by the decrease in dose per fraction. No suitable for low α/β tumors

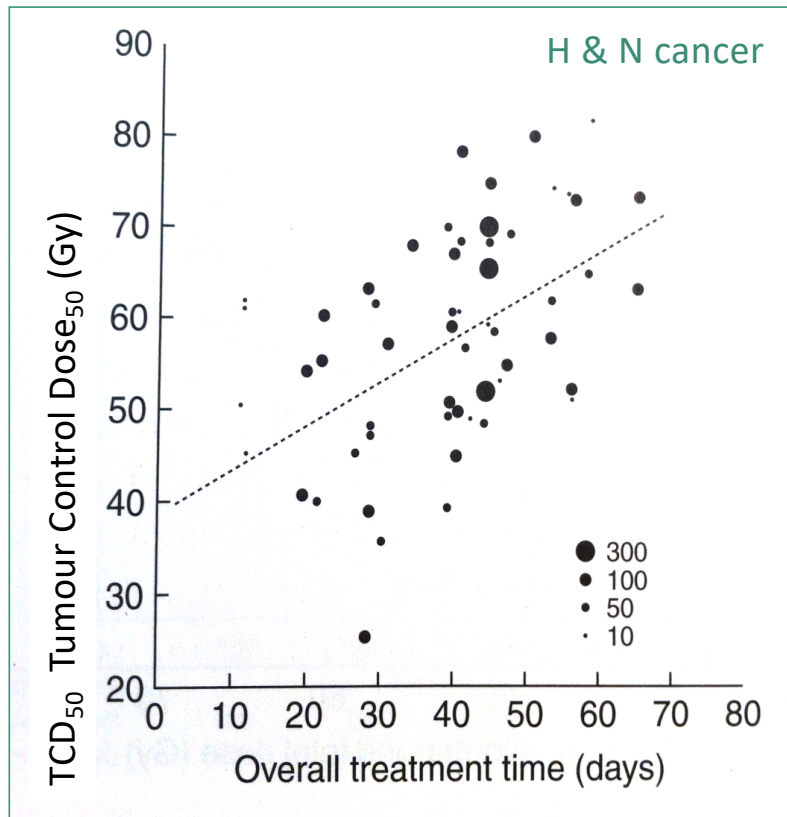


Accelerated fractionation

- Both the dose per fraction and the total dose are either the same or slightly lower than the doses used in standard fractionation. The key element is the **reduction in the overall time**.
- Rationale: shortening the overall treatment time helps overcome **accelerated tumor repopulation**



As overall time increases, a greater total radiation dose is required to control tumour



For treatments longer than 4 weeks, the effect of proliferation is equivalent to a **loss of radiation dose of about 0,5-0,6 Gy/day**

[Acta Oncol. 1988;27\(2\):131-46.](#)



The hazard of accelerated tumor clonogen repopulation during radiotherapy.

[Withers HR¹](#), [Taylor JM](#), [Maciejewski B](#).

Such a dose increment is consistent with a 4-day clonogen doubling rate, compared with a median of about 60 days in published reports of unperturbed tumor growth rates.

Bentzen SM, Radiother Oncol 1991; 22: 161-6

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Accelerated repopulation



Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2002 Sep 1;54(1):229-36.

How fast is repopulation of tumor cells during the treatment gap?

Tarnawski R¹, Fowler J, Skladowski K, Swierniak A, Suwiński R, Maciejewski B, Wygoda A.

1502 patients squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx or pharynx

The dose per fraction was in the range of 1.5 to 2.5 Gy.

The mean gap duration was 9 days

Significant tumor repopulation was found after the first 2 weeks of radiotherapy.

During the **treatment gap**, the proliferation rate was equal to **0.75 Gy/day**.

During the **days with irradiation**, **repopulation** was slower and equal to **0.2 Gy/day**.



Dose dependence of accelerated repopulation in head and neck cancer: Supporting evidence and clinical implications.

Shuryak I¹, Hall EJ², Brenner DJ².

Standard Accelerated Repopulation (AR) models: AR begins at a fixed time, with repopulation rates independent of the number of clonogens killed.

Alternative model: onset-time and rate of AR depend on the number of clonogens killed, and thus on dose and dose-fractionation.

$$S_{DI} = \exp \left[-\alpha D - \frac{\beta D^2}{n} + \gamma(T - T_k) + gT \right],$$

dose-independent AR rate

kick off time

$$S_{DD} = \exp \left[-\alpha D - \frac{\beta D^2}{n} + \gamma_{DD}(T - T_{kDD}) + gT \right],$$

$$P_{kill} = 1 - \exp \left[\frac{(-\alpha d - \beta d^2)n}{T} \right],$$

mean proportion of tumor clonogens killed per day

$$C = \left(\alpha D + \frac{\beta D^2}{n} \right) T_{kDD} / T,$$

proportion of the total dose delivered before the onset of AR

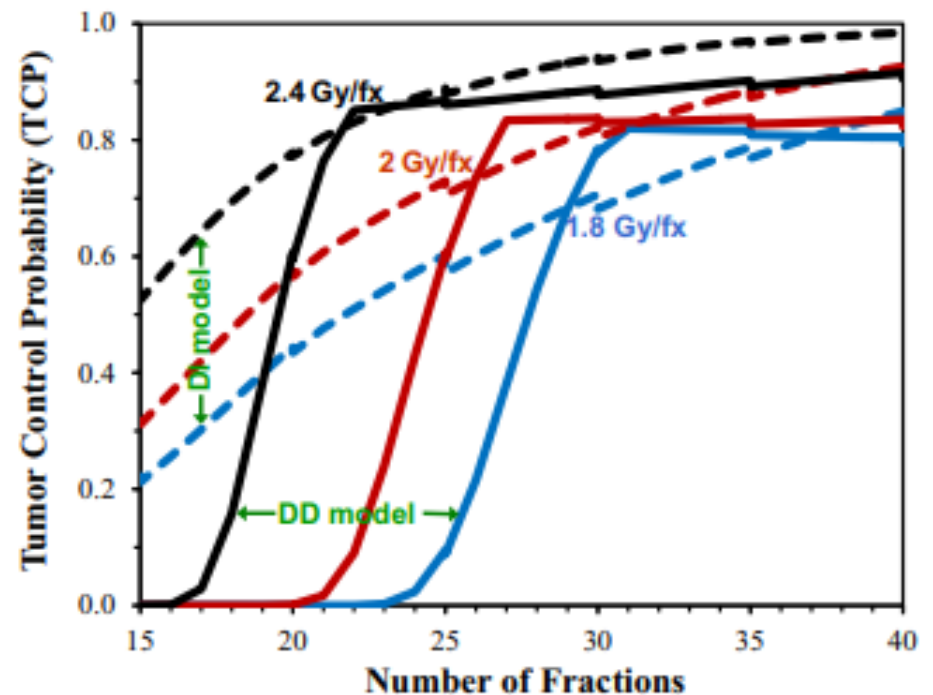


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Dose dependence of accelerated repopulation in head and neck cancer: Supporting evidence and clinical implications.

Shuryak I¹, Hall EJ², Brenner DJ².

The alternative dose-dependent model of AR provides significantly-improved descriptions of a wide range of randomized clinical data



For currently-used HNC fractionation schemes, the last 5 fractions do not increase TCP, but simply compensate for increased accelerated repopulation.

Hyperfractionated and accelerated radiotherapy regimen without reduction of the total dose



Radiother Oncol. 1997 Aug;44(2):111-21.

Accelerated fractionation (AF) compared to conventional fractionation (CF) improves loco-regional control in the radiotherapy of advanced head and neck cancers: results of the EORTC 22851 randomized trial.

Horiot JC¹, Bontemps P, van den Bogaert W, Le Fur R, van den Weijngaert D, Bolla M, Bernier J, Lusinchi A, Stuschke M, Lopez-Torrecilla J, Begg AC, Pierart M, Collette L.

72 Gy in 45 fractions over 5 weeks

Split-course schedule

Fractions of 1.6 Gy /three times a day

An approximate 2-week break administered after 28 Gy



Continuous hyperfractionated and accelerated radiotherapy regimen



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Oncology*Biological*Physics
Volume 19, Issue 5, November 1990, Pages 1317-1320



Oncology intelligence

The rationale for continuous,
hyperfractionated, accelerated radiotherapy
(chart) ☆

54 Gy/36 fr
12 consecutive days
1.5 Gy /3 times a day

Stanley Dische M.D., F.R.C.R. ♂, Michele I. Saunders M.D., F.R.C.R.



Radiother Oncol. 1999 Dec;53(3):219-26.

Repair halftimes estimated from observations of treatment-related morbidity after CHART or conventional radiotherapy in head and neck cancer.

Bentzen SM¹, Saunders MI, Dische S.

Estimated repair halftime of late treatment-related toxicities:

4.9 h (3.2, 6.4 CI) for laryngeal oedema

3.8 h (2.5, 4.6 CI) for skin telangiectasia

4.4 h (3.8, 4.9 CI) for subcutaneous fibrosis



only the hyperfractionated, and not the accelerated, schedules provide a substantial mortality benefit

MARCH



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Hyperfractionated or accelerated radiotherapy in head and neck cancer: a meta-analysis.

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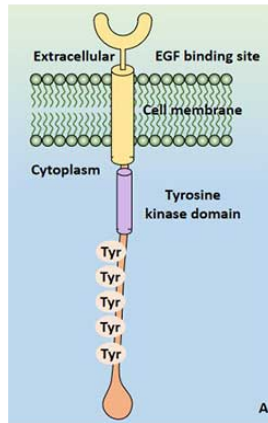
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Role for the EGFR in determining the proliferative cellular response to fractionated radiotherapy in HNSCC



[Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys.](#) 2010 Jun 1;77(2):438-46. doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2009.05.021. Epub 2009 Sep 3.

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Predicting the effect of accelerated fractionation in postoperative radiotherapy for head and neck cancer based on molecular marker profiles: data from a randomized clinical trial.

[Suwinski R¹](#), [Jaworska M](#), [Nikiel B](#), [Grzegorz W](#), [Bankowska-Wozniak M](#), [Wojciech M](#), [Krzysztof S](#), [Dariusz L](#).

The molecular profile that benefited from accelerated treatment:

- ✓ low Ki-67
- ✓ low p-53
- ✓ high EGFR

[J Clin Oncol.](#) 2005 Aug 20;23(24):5560-7.

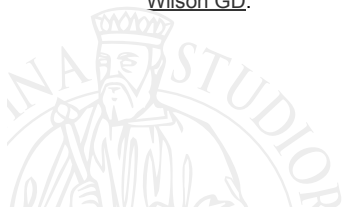
Epidermal growth factor receptor expression in pretreatment biopsies from head and neck squamous cell carcinoma as a predictive factor for a benefit from accelerated radiation therapy in a randomized controlled trial.

[Bentzen SM¹](#), [Atasoy BM](#), [Daley FM](#), [Dische S](#), [Richman PI](#), [Saunders MI](#), [Trott KR](#), [Wilson GD](#).

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The role of epidermal growth factor receptor and E-cadherin for the outcome of reduction in the overall treatment time of radiotherapy of supraglottic larynx squamous cell carcinoma.

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Continuous hyperfractionated accelerated radiotherapy (CHART) versus conventional radiotherapy in non-small-cell lung cancer: a randomised multicentre trial. CHART Steering Committee.

Saunders M¹, Dische S, Barrett A, Harvey A, Gibson D, Parmar M.

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Hyperfractionated or accelerated radiotherapy in lung cancer: an individual patient data meta-analysis.

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INDAR Individualized isotoxic accelerated radiotherapy

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Individualised isotoxic accelerated radiotherapy and chemotherapy are associated with improved long-term survival of patients with stage III NSCLC: a prospective population-based study.

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Eur J Cancer. 2012 Oct;48(15):2339-46. doi: 10.1016/j.ejca.2012.04.014. Epub 2012 May 18.

Mature results of a phase II trial on individualised accelerated radiotherapy based on normal tissue constraints in concurrent chemo-radiation for stage III non-small cell lung cancer.

van Baardwijk A¹, Reymen B, Wanders S, Borger J, Oellers M, Dingemans AM, Bootsma G, Geraedts W, Pitz C, Lunde R, Peters F, Lambin P, De Ruyscher D.

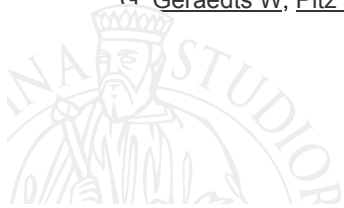
Tailored approach based upon predefined organ at risk dose constraints

In the first three weeks:

30 twice daily fractions of 1.5 Gy

Next:

2 Gy fractions once a day until a mean lung dose of 19 Gy with a total ranging between 54 to 69 Gy in 5.5 weeks.



Hypofractionation

- Increased doses per fraction
- Rationale: better outcomes by **increasing BED** without lengthening treatment time and thereby **preventing cancer cell repopulation**.



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The alfa and beta of tumours: a review of parameters of the linear-quadratic model, derived from clinical radiotherapy studies



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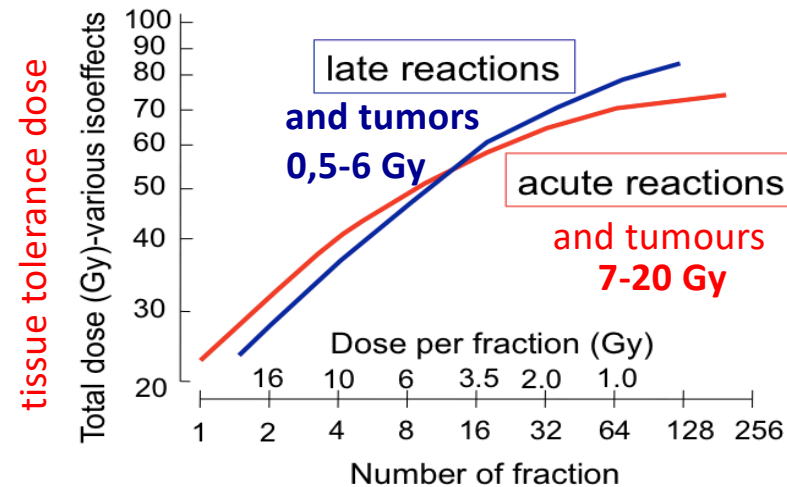
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 Review of 64 clinical studies

A large **heterogeneity** in LQ parameters was found within and between studies

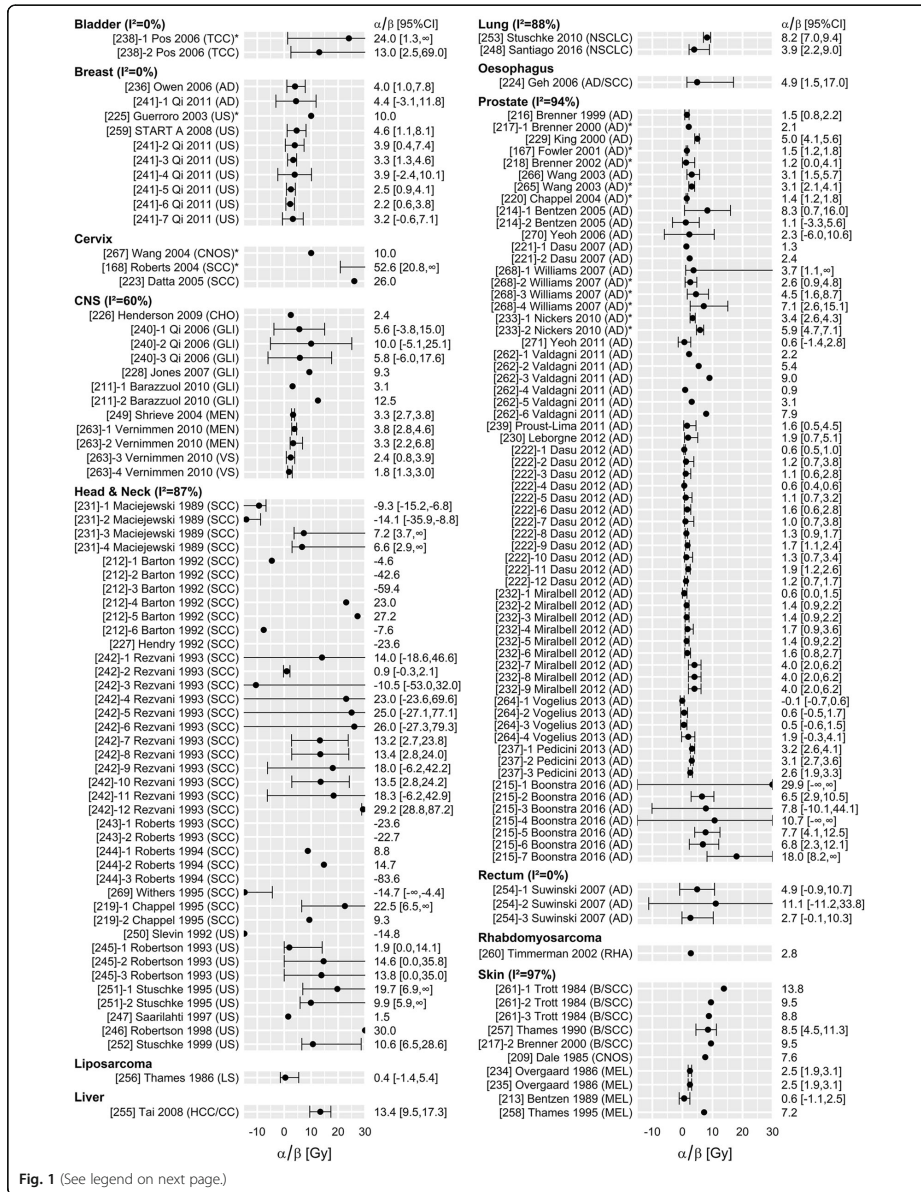


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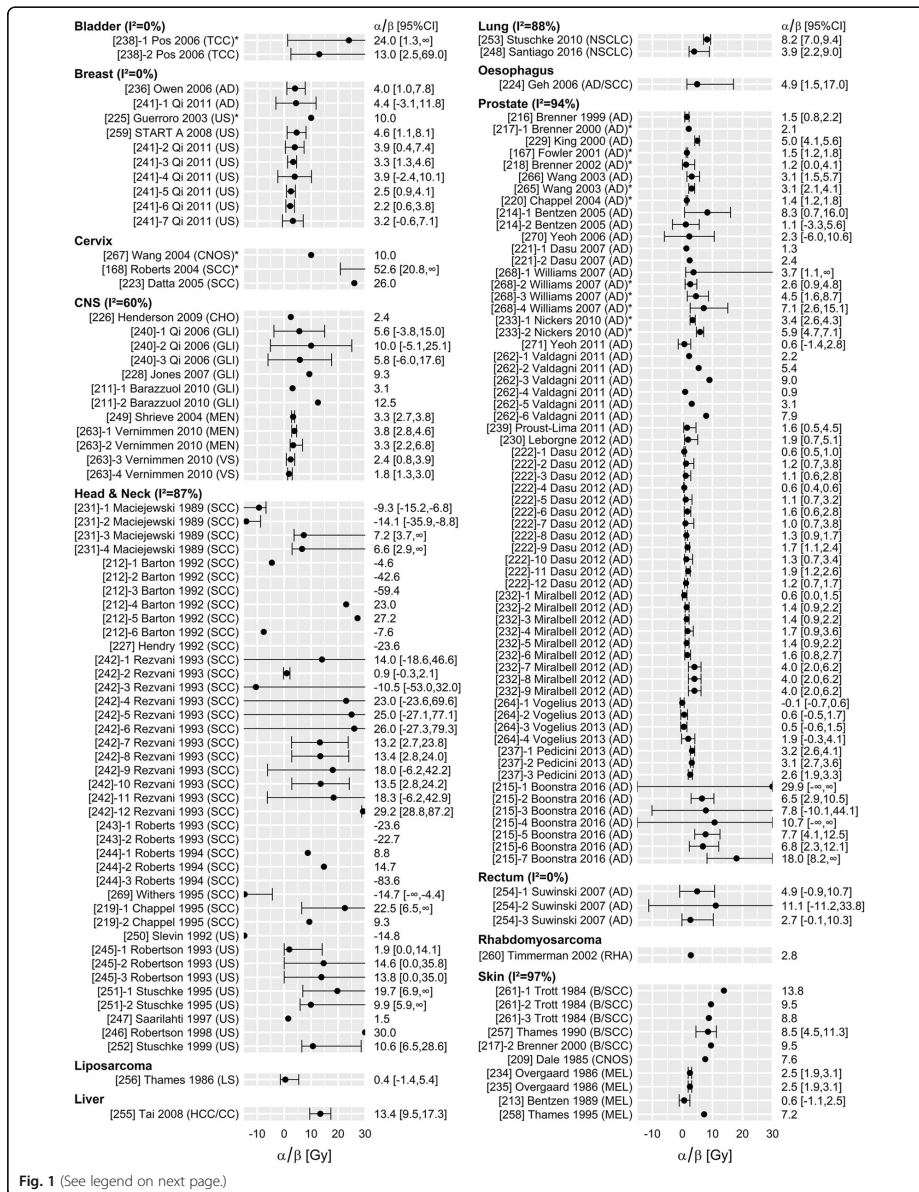


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Effect of **intra-tumor heterogeneity** on the optimal fractionation in radiotherapy

- temporal and spatial variations in tumor blood (hypoxia)
- rapid transitions between different phases of cell cycle
- repair of sublethal damage
- repopulation
- re-oxygenation

heterogeneous radiosensitivity

can **affect BED** achieved with standard fractionation or hypofractionated regimens



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Original paper

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In the presence of heterogeneous alpha and beta in the tumor, hypofractionation can either increase or decrease BED_{target} depending on the variances $\sigma\alpha$ and $\sigma\beta$.

Intratumor heterogeneity is an important factor which can affect radiobiological comparison of different fractionation regimens.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Clinical estimation of α/β values for prostate cancer from isoeffective phase III randomized trials with moderately hypofractionated radiotherapy

Niloy R. Datta , Emanuel Stutz, Susanne Rogers and Stephan Bodis

slow growing tumors without significant tumor repopulation

α/β usually assumed to be low (**1.0–1.8 Gy**)

Eight trials from seven studies, randomized 6993 patients between CRT and HRT

Clinically estimated α/β ranged between **1.3 and 11.1 Gy** (**4.9 ± 3.9 Gy**)



Modest Hypofractionated RT

CHHiP

[Lancet Oncol.](#) 2016 Aug;17(8):1047-1060. doi: 10.1016/S1470-2045(16)30102-4. Epub 2016 Jun 20.

Conventional versus hypofractionated high-dose intensity-modulated radiotherapy for prostate cancer: 5-year outcomes of the randomised, non-inferiority, phase 3 CHHiP trial.

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74 Gy/2 Gy vs 60 and 57 Gy/3 Gy

non-inferiority

80 Gy /40 fr vs 62 Gy / 20 fr in 5 weeks

[J Clin Oncol.](#) 2017 Jun 10;35(17):1891-1897. doi: 10.1200/JCO.2016.70.4189. Epub 2017 Mar 29.

Moderate Hypofractionation in High-Risk, Organ-Confining Prostate Cancer: Final Results of a Phase III Randomized Trial.

[Arcangeli G](#)¹, [Saracino B](#)¹, [Arcangeli S](#)¹, [Gomellini S](#)¹, [Petrongari MG](#)¹, [Sanguineti G](#)¹, [Strigari L](#)¹.

Ultra-Hypofractionation

HYPO-RT-PC

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42,7 Gy/ 7 fr/ 3 days per week vs 78 Gy/ 39 fr/ 5 days

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[Brand DH](#)¹, [Tree AC](#)¹, [Ostler P](#)², [van der Voet H](#)³, [Loblaw A](#)⁴, [Chu W](#)⁴, [Ford D](#)⁵, [Tolan S](#)⁶, [Jain S](#)⁷, [Martin A](#)⁸, [Staffurth J](#)⁹, [Camilleri P](#)¹⁰, [Kancherla K](#)¹¹, [Frew J](#)¹², [Chan A](#)¹³, [Dayes IS](#)¹⁴, [Henderson D](#)⁵, [Brown S](#)¹⁵, [Cruickshank C](#)¹⁵, [Burnett S](#)¹⁵, [Duffton A](#)¹⁶, [Griffin C](#)¹⁵, [Hinder V](#)¹⁵, [Morrison K](#)¹, [Naismith O](#)¹⁷, [Hall E](#)¹⁵, [van As N](#)¹⁸; **PACE Trial Investigators.**

78 Gy/39 fr or 62 Gy/20 fr vs SBRT 36,25 Gy/5 fr/1-2 weeks

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Clinical Investigation

Dose Response and Fractionation Sensitivity of Prostate Cancer After External Beam Radiation Therapy: A Meta-analysis of Randomized Trials

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Meta-analysis of 13 randomized trials

Time factor: α/β 1,2 \rightarrow 2,7 Gy

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$\alpha/\beta \approx 4$ Gy

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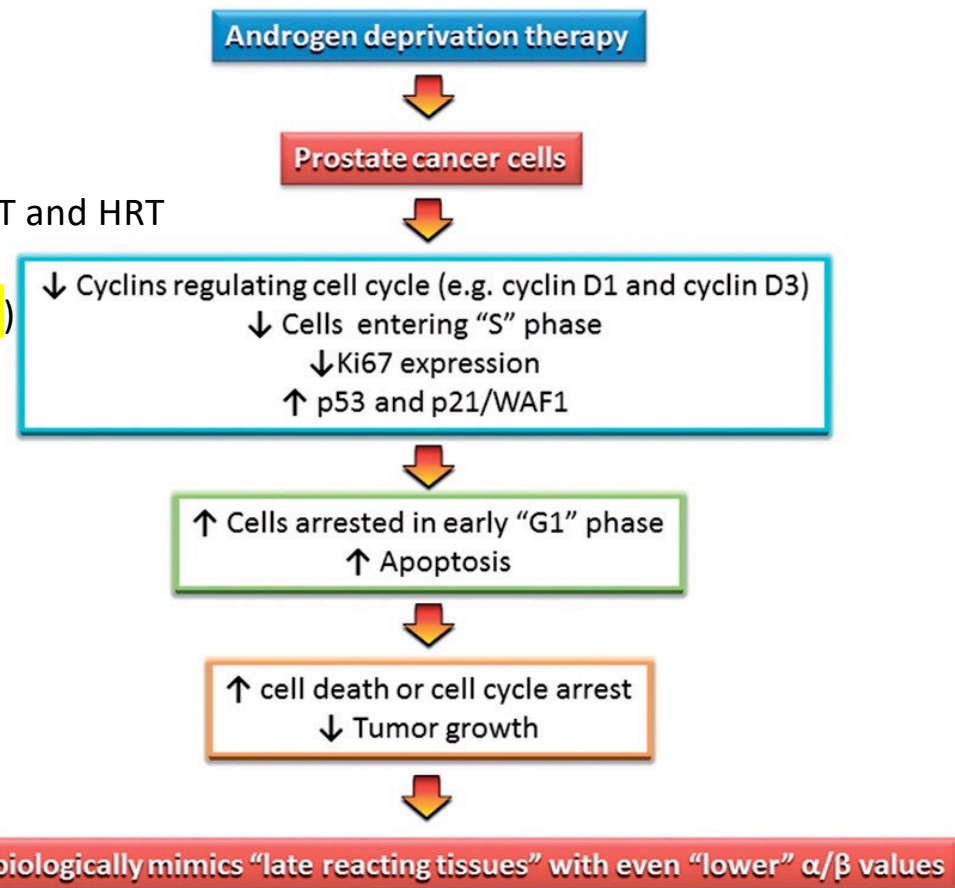
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PUSHING THE FRONTIERS OF RADIOBIOLOGY: A SPECIAL FEATURE IN MEMORY OF SIR OLIVER SCOTT AND PROFESSOR JACK FOWLER: REVIEW ARTICLE

Changes in radiotherapy fractionation—breast cancer

JOHN YARNOLD, FRCR

Trial	Randomisation (Gy/fraction)	% 5 year local relapse (95% CI)	% 10 year local relapse (95% CI)
START-P ^{9,13}	50.0/25	7.9 (5.4–10.4)	12.1 (8.8–15.5)
	42.9/13	7.1 (5.4–10.4)	9.6 (6.7–12.6)
	39.0/13	9.1 (6.4–11.7)	14.8 (11.2–18.3)
START-A ^{10,13}	50.0/25	3.4 (2.3–5.1)	6.7 (4.9–9.2)
	41.6/13	3.1 (2.0–4.7)	5.6 (4.1–7.8)
	39.0/13	4.4 (3.1–6.2)	8.1 (6.1–10.7)
START-B ^{11,13}	50.0/25	3.3 (2.4–4.6)	5.2 (2.7–5.2)
	40.0/15	1.9 (1.2–3.0)	3.8 (2.7–5.2)
Ontario ¹²	50.0/25	3.2 ^a	6.7 ^b
	42.5/16	2.8 ^a	6.2 ^b

 α/β -values

6 Gy

3 Gy

3 Gy

4 Gy.

Table 4. Unconfounded estimates of α/β : START-Pilot & START-A Trials¹³

Adverse effects (815 events/2263 pts): $\alpha/\beta = 3.1$ Gy [95% CI (2.0–4.2)]

Tumour relapse (349 events/3646 pts): $\alpha/\beta = 3.5$ Gy [95% CI (1.2–5.7)]

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Accelerated partial breast or whole breast irradiation after breast conservation surgery for patients with early breast cancer

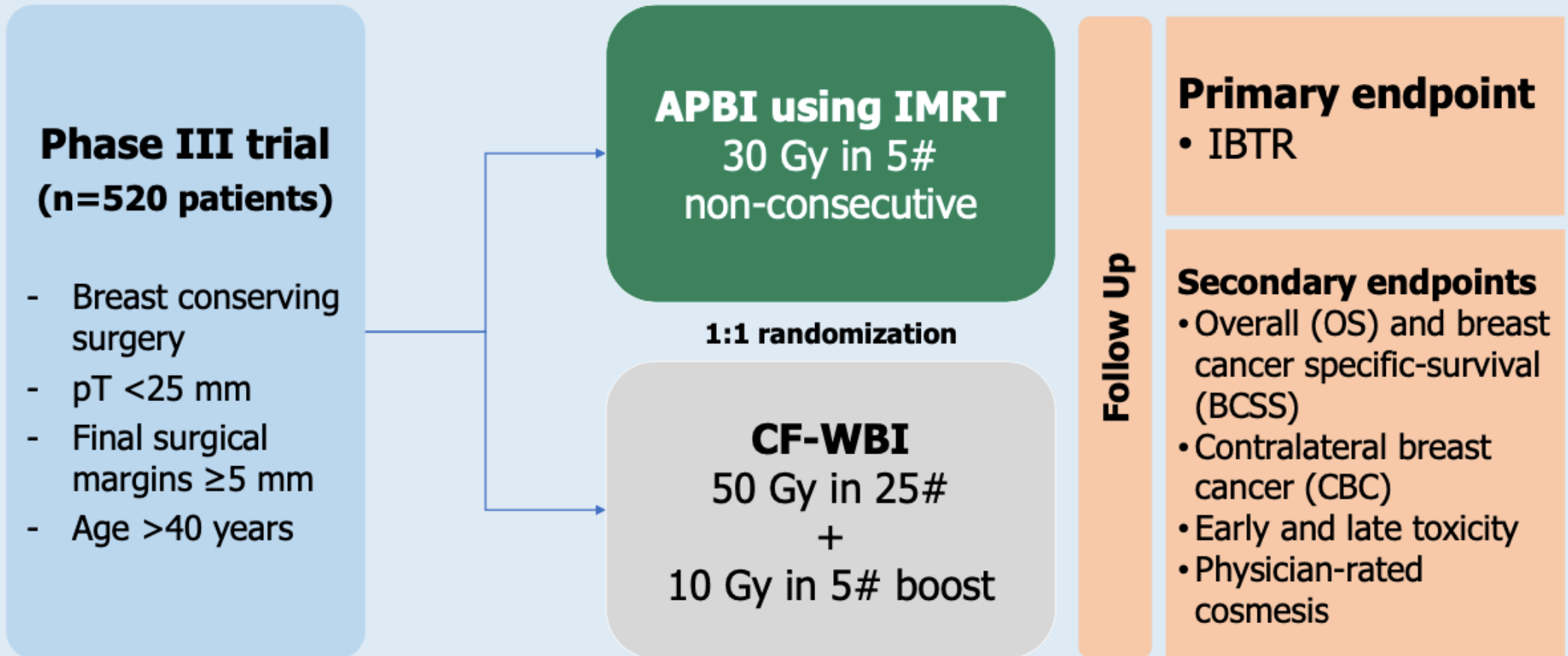
10-year follow up results of the APBI IMRT Florence randomized phase 3 trial

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Trial design – APBI IMRT Florence (NCT 02104895)



Conclusions

10-year cumulative IBTR incidence in early breast cancer treated with **external APBI using IMRT** technique in **5 once-daily fractions (30 Gy in 5#)** is low and **not significantly different** from patients treated with CF-WBI

Comparable LRR, DM, CBC, BCSS, and OS rates

Acute & Late toxicity and **Cosmesis** evaluations significantly in **favor** of **APBI** arm

APBI might be considered a **standard alternative** to WBI in low risk early breast cancer patients



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Original Article

Radical accelerated radiotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): A 5-year retrospective review of two dose fractionation schedules

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Accelerated radiotherapy for NSCLC

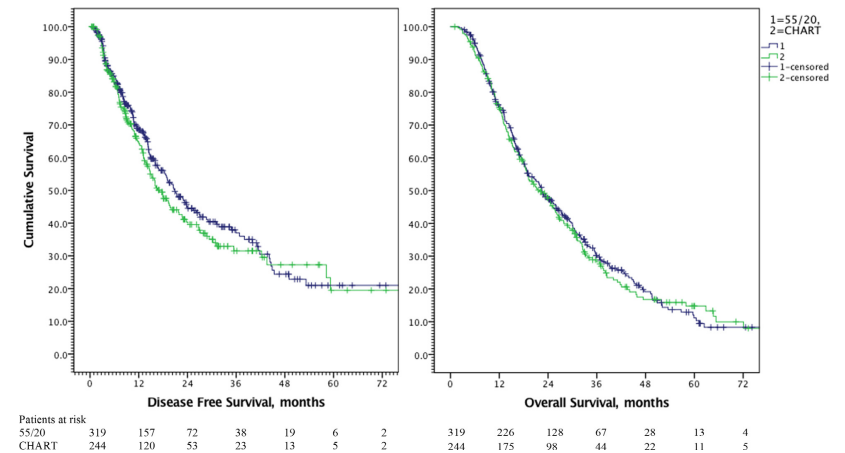
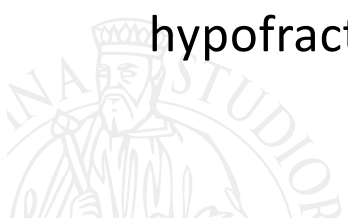


Fig. 1. Disease free and overall survival for CHART and the accelerated hypofractionated schedule (55/20).

hypofractionated *accelerated* regimens (55Gy/20 fr) shorten the overall treatment time

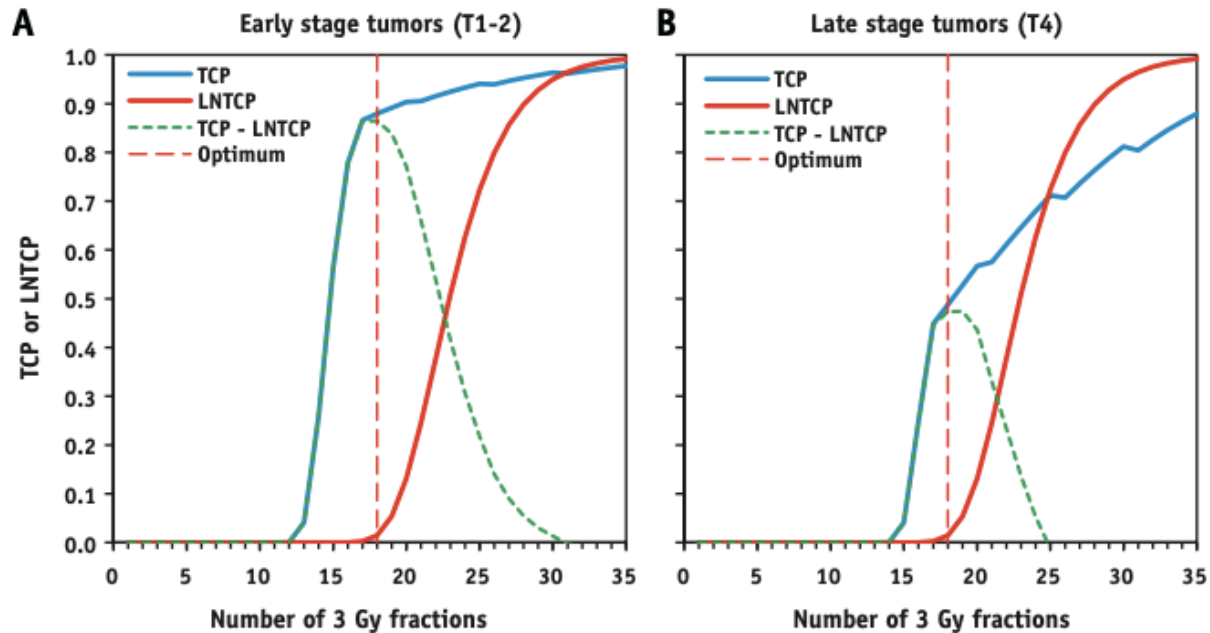
for combating tumour repopulation



Biology Contribution

Optimized Hypofractionation Can Markedly Improve Tumor Control and Decrease Late Effects for Head and Neck Cancer

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and David J. Brenner, PhD, DSc



fast-growing,
HPV negative, H&N cancers:

hypofractionation (3 Gy x 18 fr)
or its close variant,
accelerated hyperfractionation
(1.8 Gy BID x 38 fr)
efficiently overcomes tumor
repopulation

Re-population

Hypofractionated ablative treatments do not provide the time needed for re-population which occurs 3-4 weeks after the start of radiotherapy





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The Tumor Radiobiology of SRS and SBRT: Are More than the 5 R's Involved?

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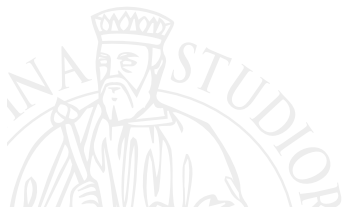
Re-Oxygenation

As single fraction ablative treatments are associated with widespread vascular destruction of tumors, re-oxygenation plays little or no role in tumor response

The drastic drop in oxygen consumption due massive cell death could favor re-oxygenation of surviving hypoxic cells

Moderate doses per fraction 3-8 Gy may lead to some reoxygenation since vascular damage may be irrelevant

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Story M (2008) Semin Radiat Oncol 18:244-248.



Repair

As hypofractionated schedules require prolonged delivery times, they may interfere with sublethal damage repair.

Around 10% loss of biological efficacy when irradiation lasts over 30 minutes

High-dose per fraction irradiation schedules may be assumed to overwhelm repair mechanisms due to enzymatic pool depletion

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Re-distribution

High single-dose fractionation blocks the cell in the cycle phase, thus interfering with redistribution.

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Main radiobiological target
of high-dose radiotherapy:

tumor or endothelial cells ?



Hypothesis of endothelial cell damage

- Tumor microenvironment deterioration and indirect cell death due to hypoxia
- Tumor endothelial cells were more radiosensitive than normal endothelial cells because of varying intrinsic radiosensitivity and structural differences
- Doses higher than 10 Gy in a single fraction caused vascular damage
- Clonogenic survival was lower in tumour-bearing mice that were irradiated with single dose 10 Gy than in *in vitro* tumour samples

But... radioinduced tumor death did not change when endothelial cells were genetically engineered by deleting the Bax pro-apoptotic gene

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Acid sphingomyelinase (ASMase) pathway

- In ablative single-dose RT, apoptosis is mediated via the acid sphingomyelinase (ASMase) pathway
- ROS and RNS radiation-induced promote vasoconstriction, which together with vascular wall inflammation leads to arterial hypertension and atherosclerosis

Fuks Z, Cancer Cell. 2005;8:89–91.

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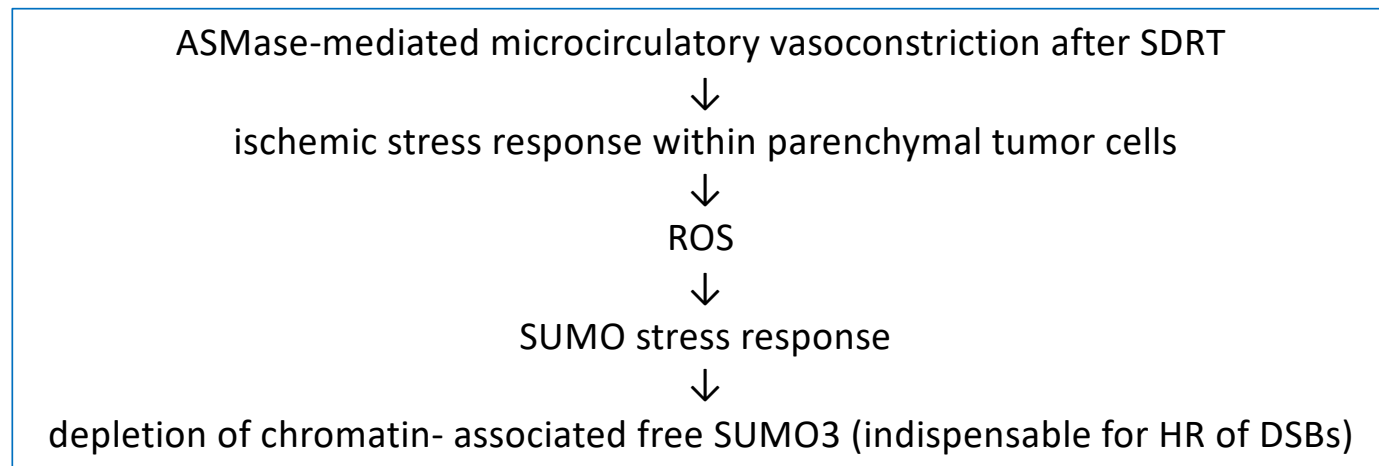


Single-dose radiotherapy disables tumor cell homologous recombination via ischemia/reperfusion injury

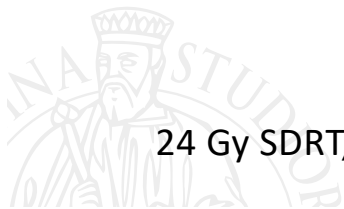
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ASMase-driven perfusion defects and consequent ROS/SSR-mediated HR inactivation



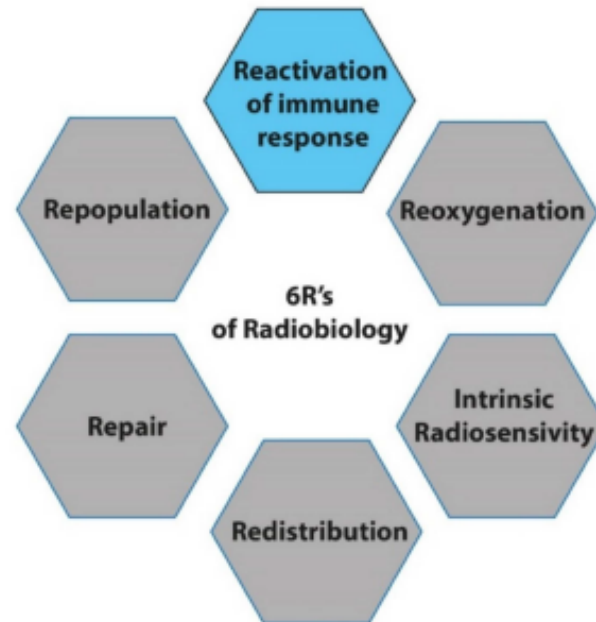
24 Gy SDRT, but not 3×9 Gy fractionation, coupled early tumor ischemia/reperfusion to human cancer ablation.



Review

The 6th R of Radiobiology: Reactivation of Anti-Tumor Immune Response

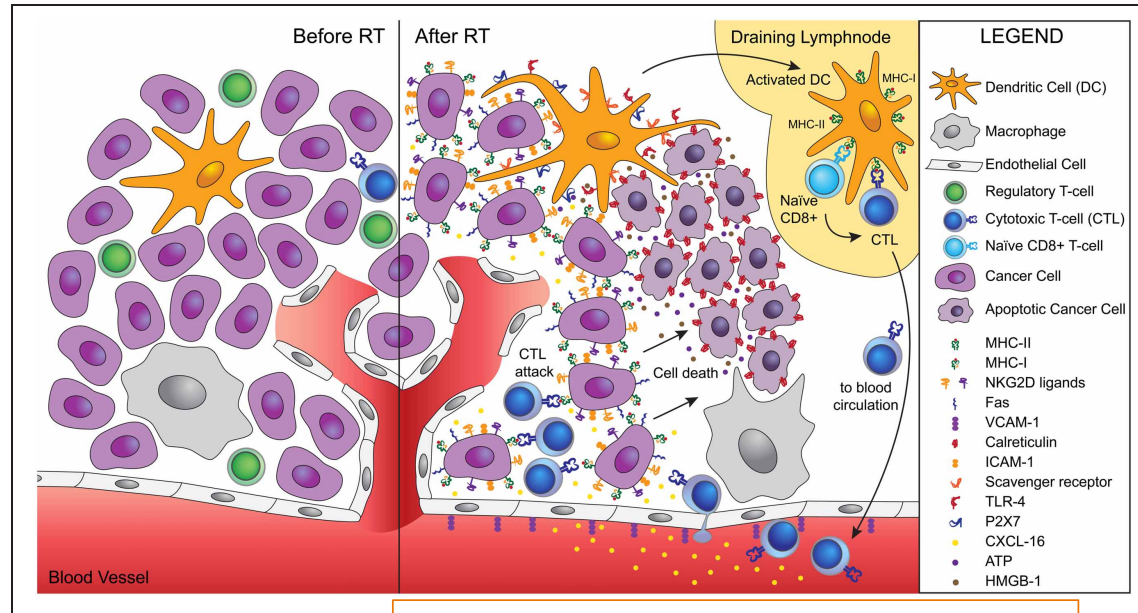
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In situ Vaccine

Demaria and Formenti

T-cell dependent radiation response



cGAS/STING pathway → IFN

Release of DAMPs:
Calreticulin, HSPB1, ATP

Expression of CXCL9-10-16 on tumor cells
Vessel remodelling ↑ VCAM1

Upregulation of MHC I, FAS/CD95

Activation DC

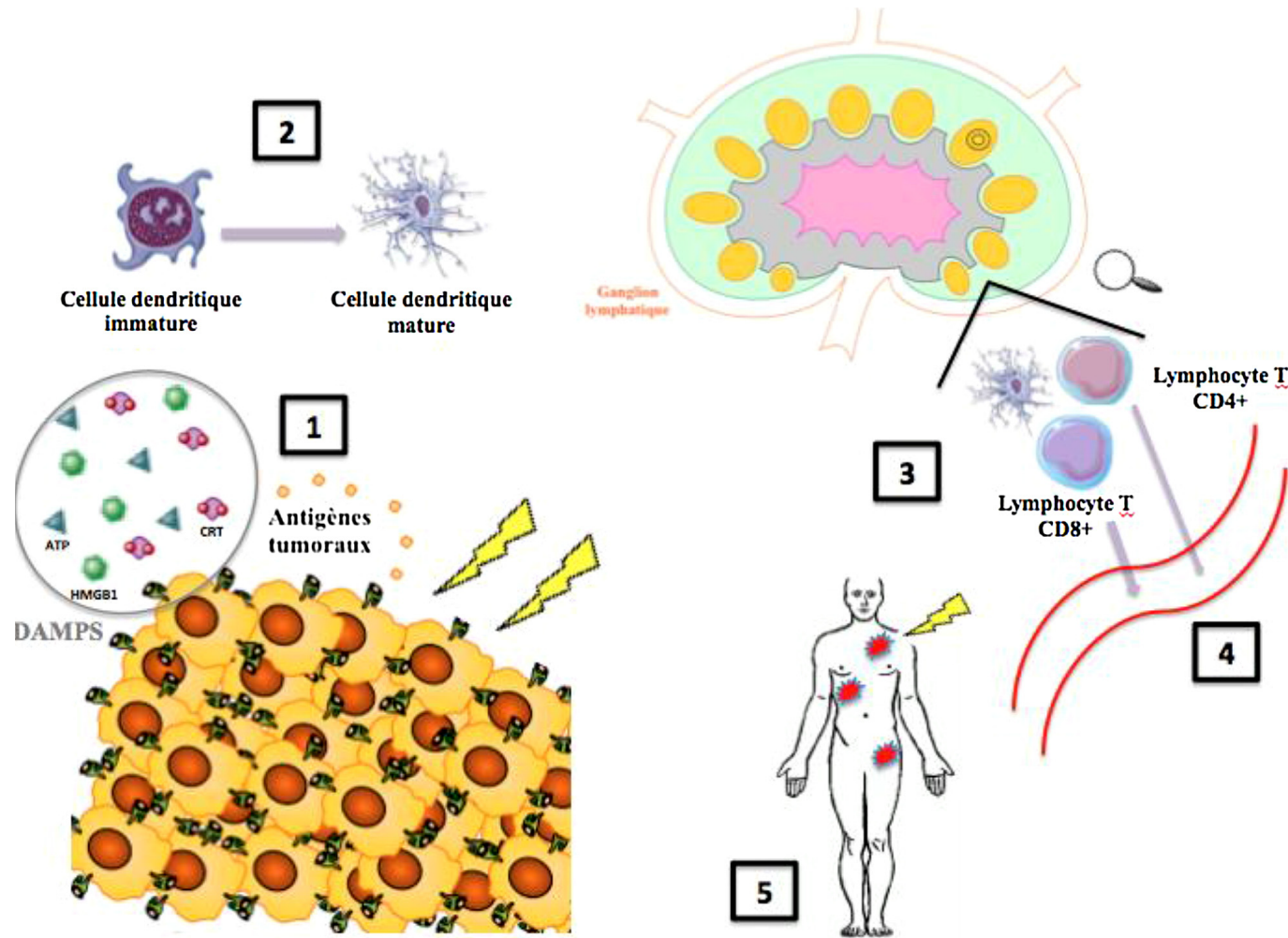
Recruitment
T-Cells

Strengthening of
CTL

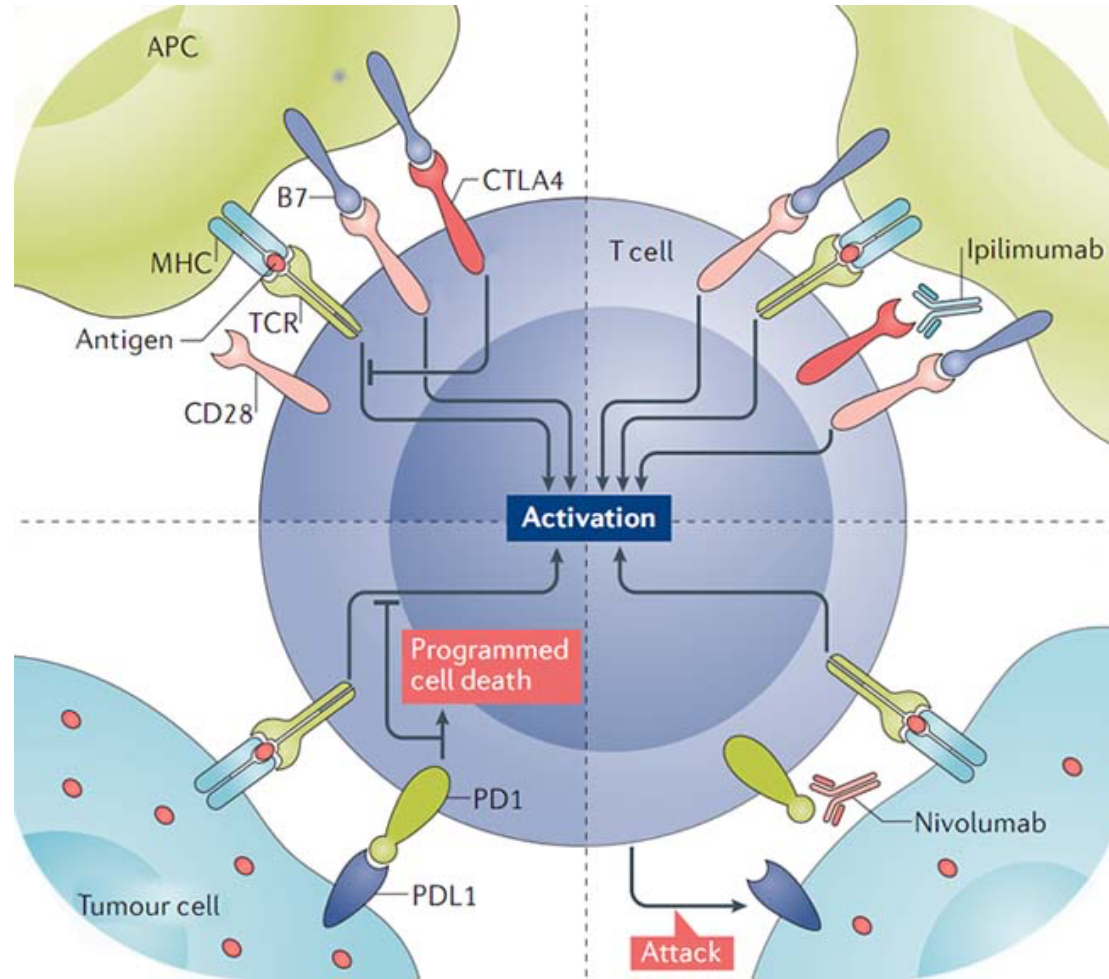
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Abscopal effect



RT + immune checkpoint inhibitors



CTLA4

**PD1
PDL1**

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Importance of dose per fraction

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Critical Review

Generating antitumor immunity by targeted radiation therapy: Role of dose and fractionation

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Silvia C. Formenti MD*

In preclinical models:

6 Gy x5 (IFN gamma)

8 Gy x3 (IFN gamma)

Dose >10-12 Gy: immunosuppressive effects

20-30 Gy (Treg)

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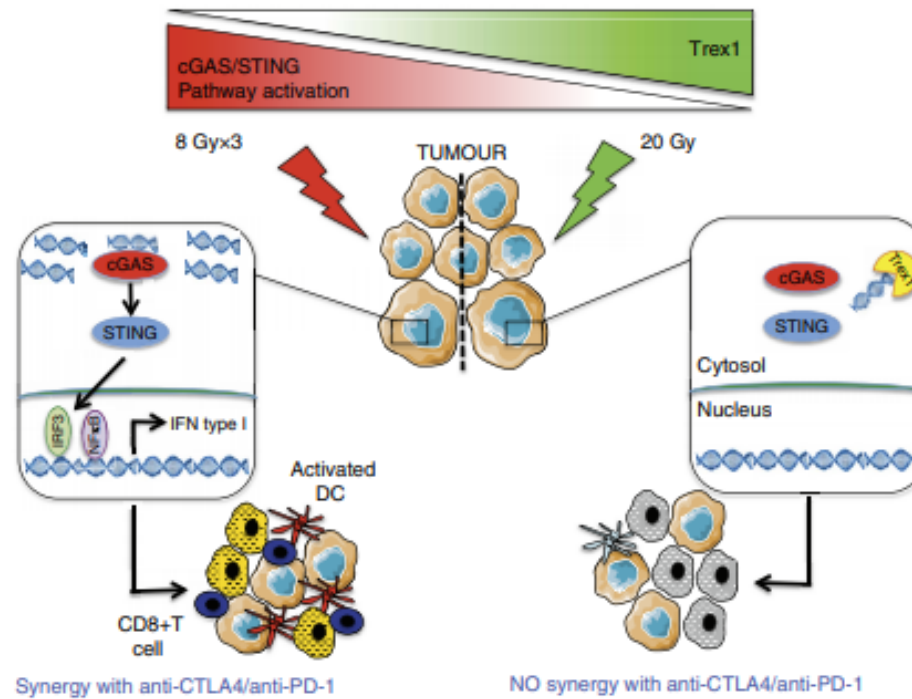
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DNA exonuclease Trex1 regulates radiotherapy-induced tumour immunogenicity

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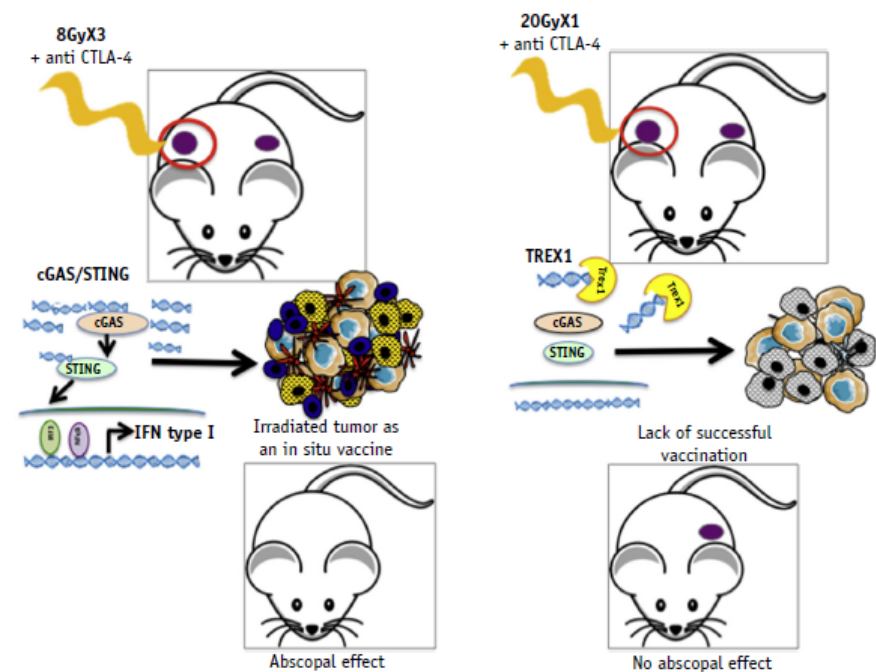
COMMENTARY

Optimizing Dose Per Fraction: A New Chapter in the Story of the Abscopal Effect?

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Challenge:

- ✓ Delivering enough dose per fraction to generate sufficient dsDNA to trigger cGAS/STING and induce IFN-mediated cross-priming while preventing Trex1 induction.
- This ideal window of opportunity might be specific to the individual patient and tumor.
- ✓ The period of radiation delivery could also be relevant
 - ✓ The timing of the administration of immunotherapies along with RT treatment is relevant as well.



Research Paper

Immunologically effective dose: a practical model for immuno-radiotherapy

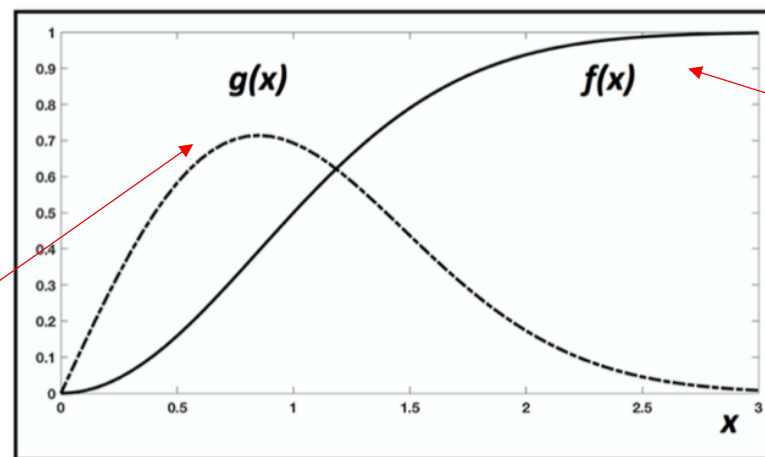
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not much is known about the optimal size per fraction and inter-fraction time

IED models an **intrinsic immunogenicity** of radiotherapy schedules: the fraction of immunogenicity that results from the choice of the dosing regimen.

$g(x)$ gradual release of tumour antigens at time x ,



$f(x)$ describes the gradual immune stimulation

Figure 4: Graphical description of the two functions used in the IED model. The number $g(x)$ describes the gradual release of tumour antigens at time x , after irradiation at $x = 0$. The number $f(x)$ describes the gradual immune stimulation, after tumour antigen release at $x = 0$. Here, x can be understood as a unit-less time variable, that is replaced by the ratio of an elapsed time over T_D (for g), or elapsed time over T_{IR} (for f). Their definitions are: $f(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x^2}$ and $g(x) = f(x) = 2 \ln(2)x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x^2}$, but other expressions could be used without changing the behaviour of the model, if the general shape of these curves is like this example.



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Table 1 LQ model predictions for the relative number of fractions offering an isodose% interval advantage for normal tissue sparing

Isodose% interval	Tissue sparing advantage for
$\text{isodose\%} < \left(\frac{\text{normal}\alpha/\beta}{\text{tumor}\alpha/\beta}\right) 100\%$	Fewer fractions
$\text{isodose\%} = \left(\frac{\text{normal}\alpha/\beta}{\text{tumor}\alpha/\beta}\right) 100\%$	Equivalent
$\left(\frac{\text{normal}\alpha/\beta}{\text{tumor}\alpha/\beta}\right) 100\% < \text{isodose\%}$	More fractions

The same BED is prescribed to the tumor but with a different number of fractions. Isodose z% = [normal α/β /tumor α/β] 100%.



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Cured in a FLASH: Reducing Normal Tissue Toxicities Using Ultra-High-Dose Rates

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FLASH

ultra-light dose rate irradiation to deliver a single high dose IR in a very short time (<200ms)

- Increase the differential effect tumors/normal tissues
- Possible role of depletion of oxygen to organic hydroperoxides and lipid peroxidation
- Extremely short time of exposure: early modulation of radiochemical events that depend upon oxygen concentration in irradiated volume. FLASH could cause a rapid consumption of local oxygen and elicit a transient radiation-induced hypoxia.
- Hyperoxygenation can abolish the FLASH effect in mice.

FLASH effect was found to be reproducible with **1-10 pulses of 1,8-2 microsecond**,
an overall time of less than 200 ms and a **dose rate within the pulse above $1,8 \times 10^5 \text{ Gy}$**

Table 1

Parameters with which the FLASH effect has been observed. Both Kinetron [5] and Oriatron (eRT6) [7] are irradiation devices dedicated to produce FLASH irradiation.

Animal model	Device	Volume (cm ²)	Duration of RT (ms)	Dose delivered (single dose in Gy)	Mean dose-rate (Gy/s)	Dose-rate within the pulse (Gy/s)	Ref.
Mice, Zebrafish	Kinetron Oriatron	< 2	< 200	> 8	> 40	> $1.8 \cdot 10^5$	[5,11] (Montay-Gruel, in rev.)
Pig/Cats	Kinetron Oriatron	< 12	< 200	up to 41	300-400	> $1 \cdot 10^6$	[12]
Pig	Oriatron	100	< 200	31	160	$0.8 \cdot 10^6$	[12]

the most relevant parameters for the FLASH effect are the **combination** of:

- 1) dose,
- 2) dose-rate within the pulse,
- 3) overall time of irradiation (<200 milliseconds)

1 patient:
 CD30+ T-cell cutaneous lymphoma
 3.5-cm diameter skin tumor
 5.6-MeV linac specifically designed for FLASH-RT
 15 Gy to PTV in 90 ms

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BRIEF REPORT

The Biology of SBRT: LQ or Something New?

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If you want to cure a tumor
Then finish radiation sooner
Give it 3×20 Grays
And cut the time to just 5 days.
To figure dose just use LQ
With terms that are but two.
No need to add more bits
As the patient data already fits.
So keep it simple with nothing new
Just stick with straight LQ

