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***Sicurezza di Eribulina Mesilato  
concomitante a radioterapia nel  
carcinoma mammario  
metastatico: l'esperienza  
dell'Università di Firenze***

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## Metastatic breast cancer (MBC)

- Life expectancy of MBC patients has remarkably improved in the last 20 years
- A considerable number of systemic new therapies is now available
- ***Radiation therapy*** (RT) for painful bone metastases or ablative therapy in an oligometastatic scenario is therefore extremely frequent in the management of MBC patients

***Treatments with survival end clinical benefit are greatly needed for women with heavily pretreated metastatic breast cancer***



## **Eribulina**

### ***New agent approved for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer***

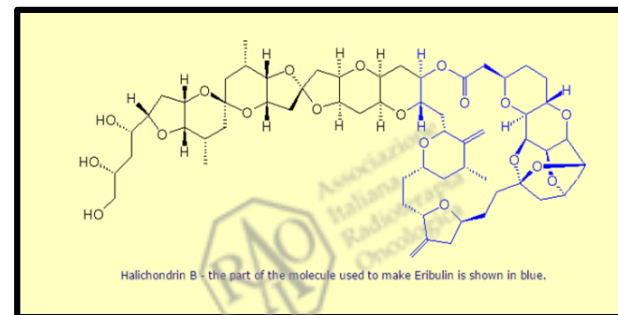
Eribulin monotherapy versus treatment of physician's choice in patients with metastatic breast cancer (EMBRACE): a Phase 3 open-label randomised study.

*Cortes J, O'Shaughnessy J, Loesch D et al. Lancet 377 (2011)*

Phase III Open-Label Randomized Study of Eribulin Mesylate Versus Capecitabine in Patients With Locally Advanced or Metastatic Breast Cancer Previously Treated With an Anthracycline and a Taxane

*Kaufman PA, Awada A, Twelves C et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 33(6)(2015)*

## Eribulina



- It is a structurally simplified synthetic analogue of halichondrin B;
- Was originally isolated from western Pacific sponge *Halichondria okadai*;
- **Inhibits the growth phase of microtubule** dynamics and sequesters tubulin into non productive aggregates blocking microtubule polymerization without affecting depolymerization: *inducing irreversible mitotic blockade at G2-M phases and apoptosis*





## Aim

*This study evaluates, for the first time, the safety of Eribulin in metastatic breast cancer patients concomitantly treated with palliative radiotherapy.*



## Patients & materials

- 17 patients for a total of 25 lesions underwent RT and concomitant Eribulin

Characteristic	Patients, n (%)
Age at BC diagnosis (years):	
– Median	52
– Range	26–65
Age at first metastases (years):	
– Median	58
– Range	26–69
ER- and/or PgR-positive status	16 (94.1)
Nuclear grade:	
– Grade 2	6 (35.3)
– Grade 3	11 (64.7)
Ki-67 proliferative index:	
– <15%	3 (17.6)
– ≥15%	14 (82.4)
HER2 status:	
– Positive	2 (11.7)
– Negative	15 (88.3)
BC: Breast cancer; ER: Estrogen receptor; PgR: Progesterone receptor.	

- Patients mean age at time of BC diagnosis was 50 years (range: 26–65)
- **Mean age at time of initiation of eribulin therapy was 57 years** (range: 27–73)
- *Most patients had a hormonal positive BC and high proliferative index; a small proportion presented HER2-positive status.*



## Patients & materials

Characteristic	Patients, n (%)
ECOG performance status:	
– 0	2 (12)
– 1	10 (59)
– 2	5 (29)
Prior chemotherapy line:	
– 2	7 (41)
– 3	2 (12)
– $\geq 4$	8 (47)
Prior endocrine therapy line:	
– 0–1	10 (59)
– 2	4 (23)
– 3	3 (18)

- The majority of patients were **heavily pretreated**, with a prevalence of anthracycline- and taxane-based regimens
- **Patients had received a median of three lines of chemotherapy** (range: 2–7)

## Patients & materials

Measures of pain score and analgesic consumption score were evaluated at each visit, using a patient-rated scoring system



- **PAIN** was analyzed using a **5-point scale**: 0 (none), 1 (mild), 2 (moderate), 3 (severe) or 4 (intolerable).
- **ANALGESIC USE** was scored on a **7-point scale**: 0 (none), 1 (mild analgesic or NSAID), 2 (mild analgesic and NSAID), 3 (moderate analgesic), 4 (opiates <40 mg morphine or equivalent, daily), 5 (opiates >40 mg, but <100 mg morphine or equivalent, daily), or 6 (opiates >100 mg morphine or equivalent, daily).





## Results

*All patients received palliative bone RT or stereotactic treatment to extra-cranial lesions during eribulin treatment*

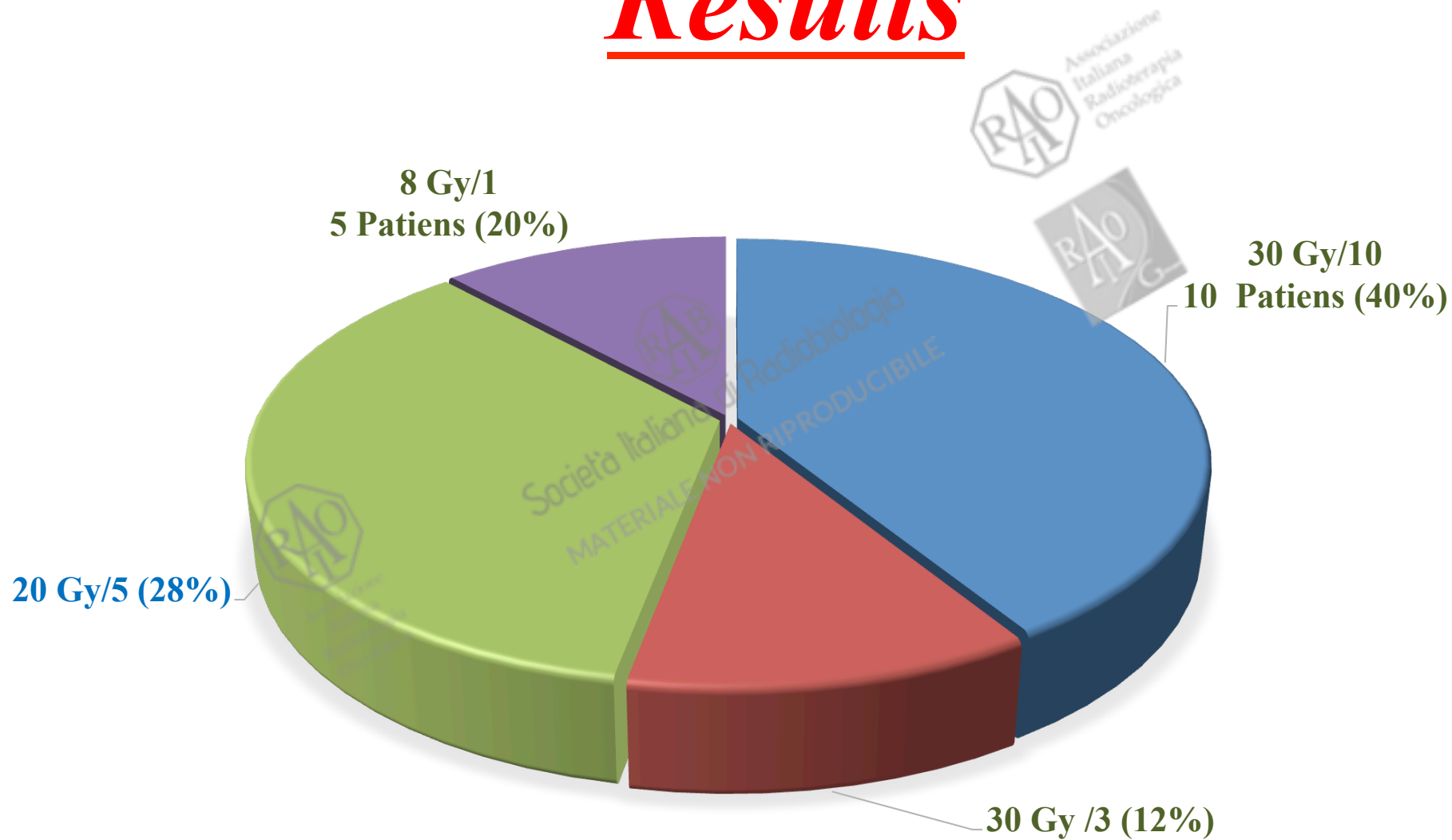
Single lesion RT	N° of patients
Whole brain RT	1
Mediastinum RT	2
Stereotactic RT (1 lung, 1 bone and 1 liver lesion)	3
Bones	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

Multiple bone sites RT	N° of patients
<b>3 sites</b> (vertebral bodies and pelvic bones)	2
<b>2 sites</b> (vertebral bodies and long bones)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**The concomitant administration of eribulin was started no later than 1 week from the beginning of the RT treatment**



# Results





## Results

### *Eribulin Treatment:*

- Patients received eribulin mesylate (1.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously) on days 1 and 8, of a 21-day cycle
- A median of **four cycles of eribulin** (range: 2–10) were administered.
- No suspension or delay in chemotherapy administration was necessary
- Six patients (35%) required a **dose reduction** due to hematological toxicity; **none during RT**



## Results

Advers Event: Hematologic	Grado I- II, n (%)	Grado III- Iva, n (%)	All Grade, n (%)
<b>Anemia</b>	5 (29,4)	1 (5,9)	<b>6 (35,3)</b>
Febrile Neutropenia	-	1 (5,9)	1 (5,9)
Leukopenia	2 (11,8)	4 (23,5)	6 (35,3)
<b>Neutropenia</b>	1 (5,9)	8 (47,1)	<b>9 (53)</b>

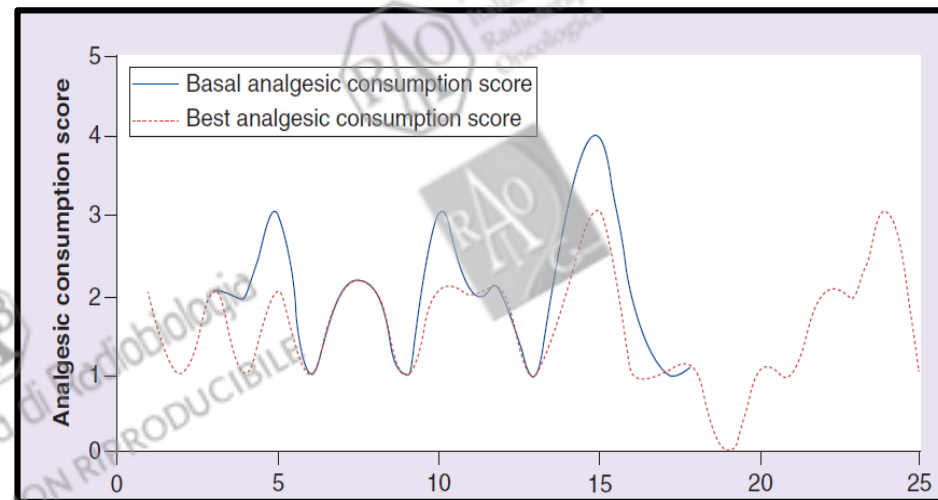
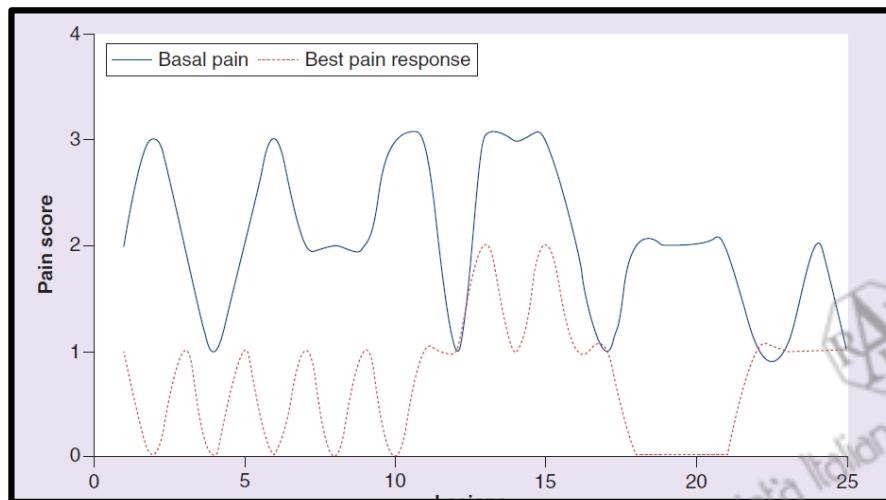
Advers Event: Gastrointestinal	Grado I- II, n (%)	Grado III- Iva, n (%)	All Grade, n (%)
Diarrhea	3 (17,7)	0	3 (17,7)
Nausea	7 (41,2)	0	7 (41,2)
Stomatitis	2 (11,8)	1 (5,9)	3 (17,7)
Vomiting	4 (23,5)	1 (5,9)	5 (29,4)

- **Toxicity was manageable** and in line with main published series.
- The most frequent hematological adverse events were neutropenia (53.1%) and anemia (35.4%)
- Less frequent was gastrointestinal disorders.





## Results: Pain



### **Pain Score:**

the mean BPS was **2** at baseline and **0.7** at the end of observation period.

### **Analgesic Consumption Score:**

The mean ACS remained stable;  
1.8 at baseline and 1.6 at the end of follow-up



## **Results: clinical outcome**

At time of analysis, 16 patients have died due to disease progression; one patient was still on active treatment with everolimus and exemestane (median follow-up: 11 months; range: 1–44).

**The overall response rate was 29%**

**The clinical benefit rate was 59%**



## Conclusions

*Eribulin is characterized by a manageable safety profile also when combined with palliative RT to bone metastases or ablative RT to visceral lesions.*





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