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# *La gestione delle tossicità indotte da farmaci innovativi associati alla radioterapia*

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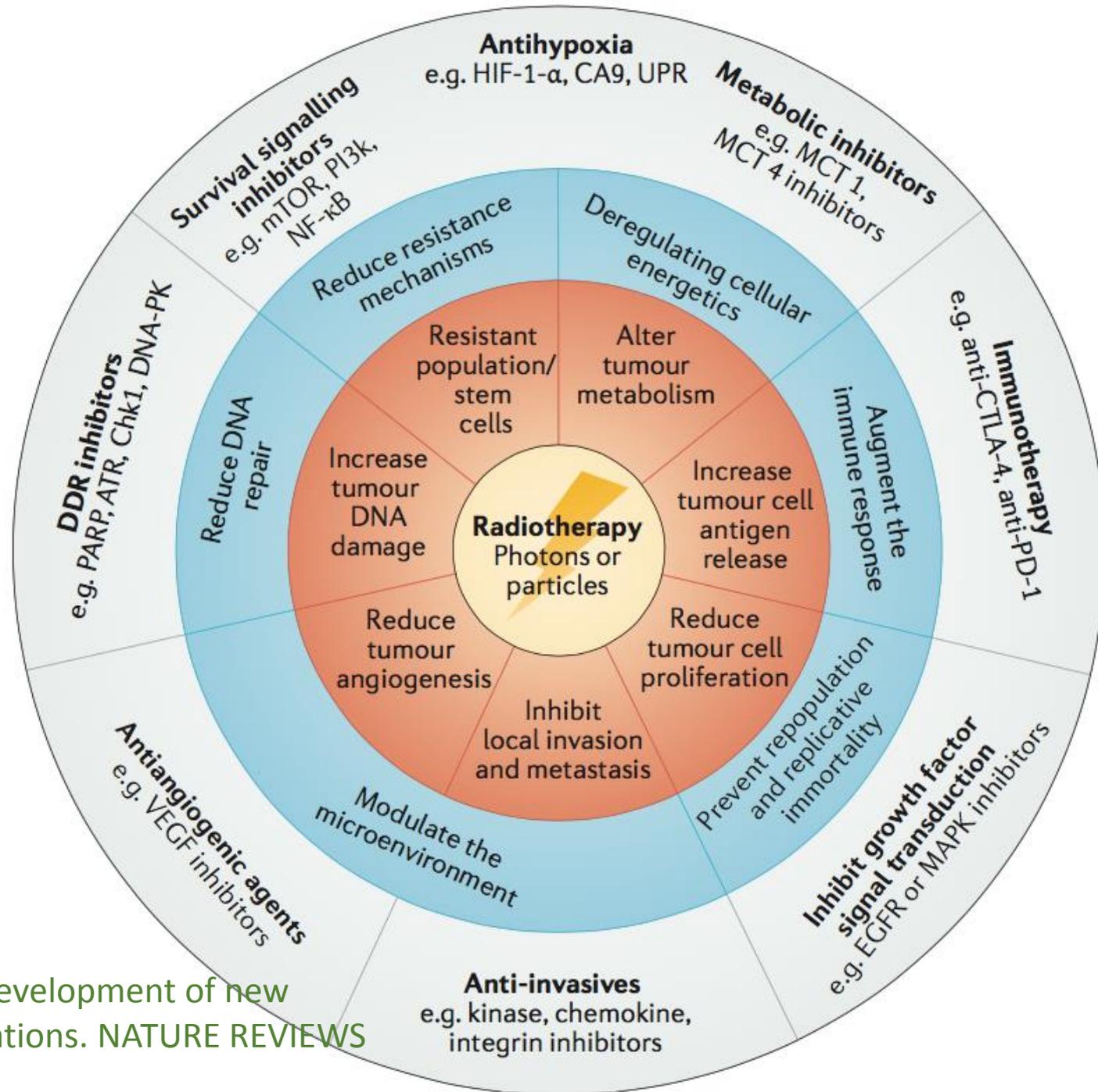
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Sharma R.A. et al. Clinical development of new  
drug-radiotherapy combinations. NATURE REVIEWS  
CLINICAL ONCOLOGY 2016

The **main scenarios** are

- 1) RT as the main treatment associated with new drugs
- **2) RT given to metastatic patients treated with innovative drugs**
- 3) RT used with immune therapies

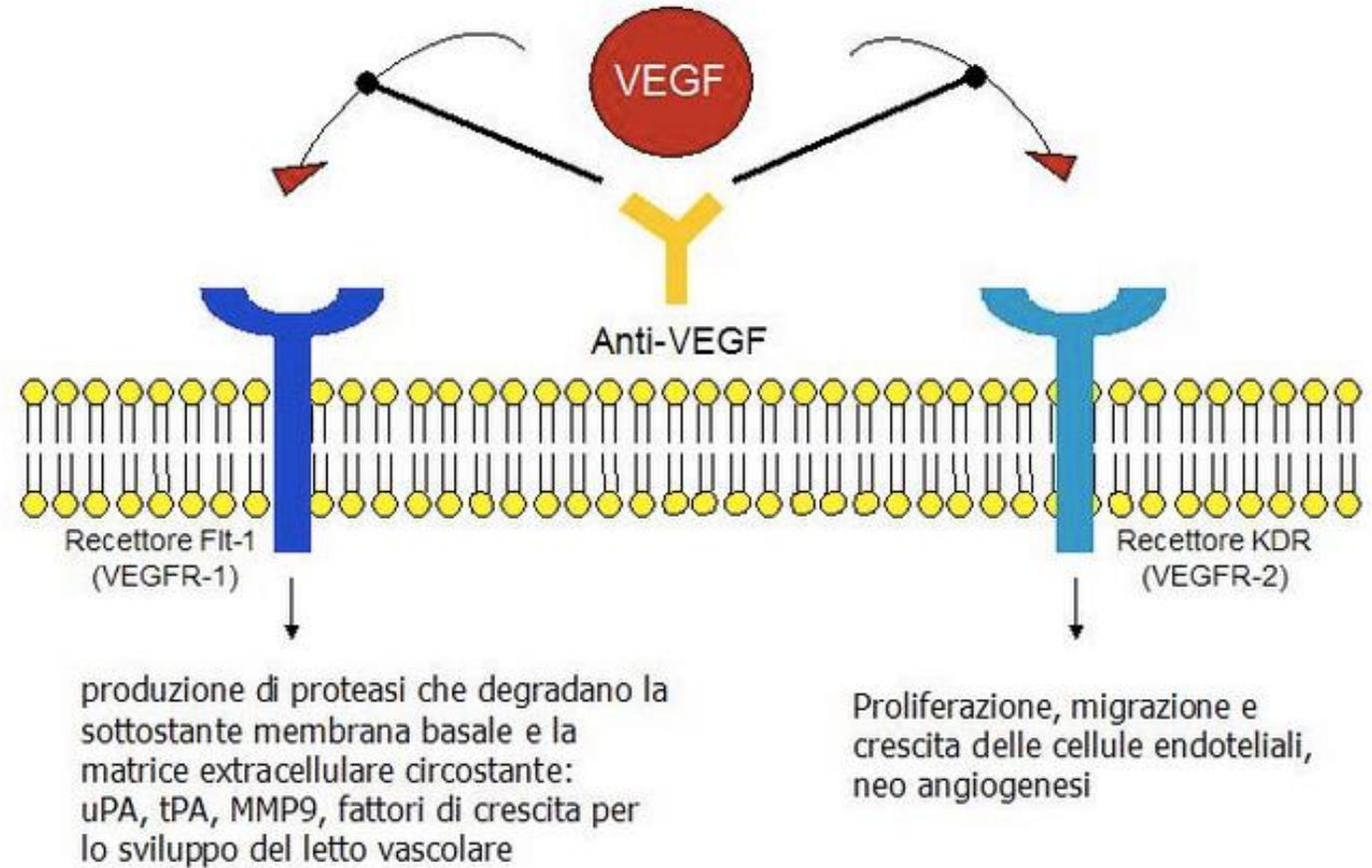
## difficoltà:

- **diverse dosi e tecniche di RT:**  
SRT vs CRT (our understanding of normal organ tolerance with SBRT is still in its infancy).
- **uso cronico:** grade 2 tox **bearable for a short period, impair Qol and can reduce RT tolerability when chronic**



# Bevacizumab

- side effects of bevacizumab alone include
  - impaired wound healing,
  - hypertension,
  - bleeding problems
  - increased risk of thromboembolic events.
- Half-life: 20 d (range 15-50)



- Hypertension and proteinuria caused by phenomena of vasoconstriction , vascular endothelial dysfunction and depletion.
- bevacizumab forms an immune complex with VEGF and induces platelet aggregation and degranulation, which may be the mechanism of bevacizumab-associated thrombosis

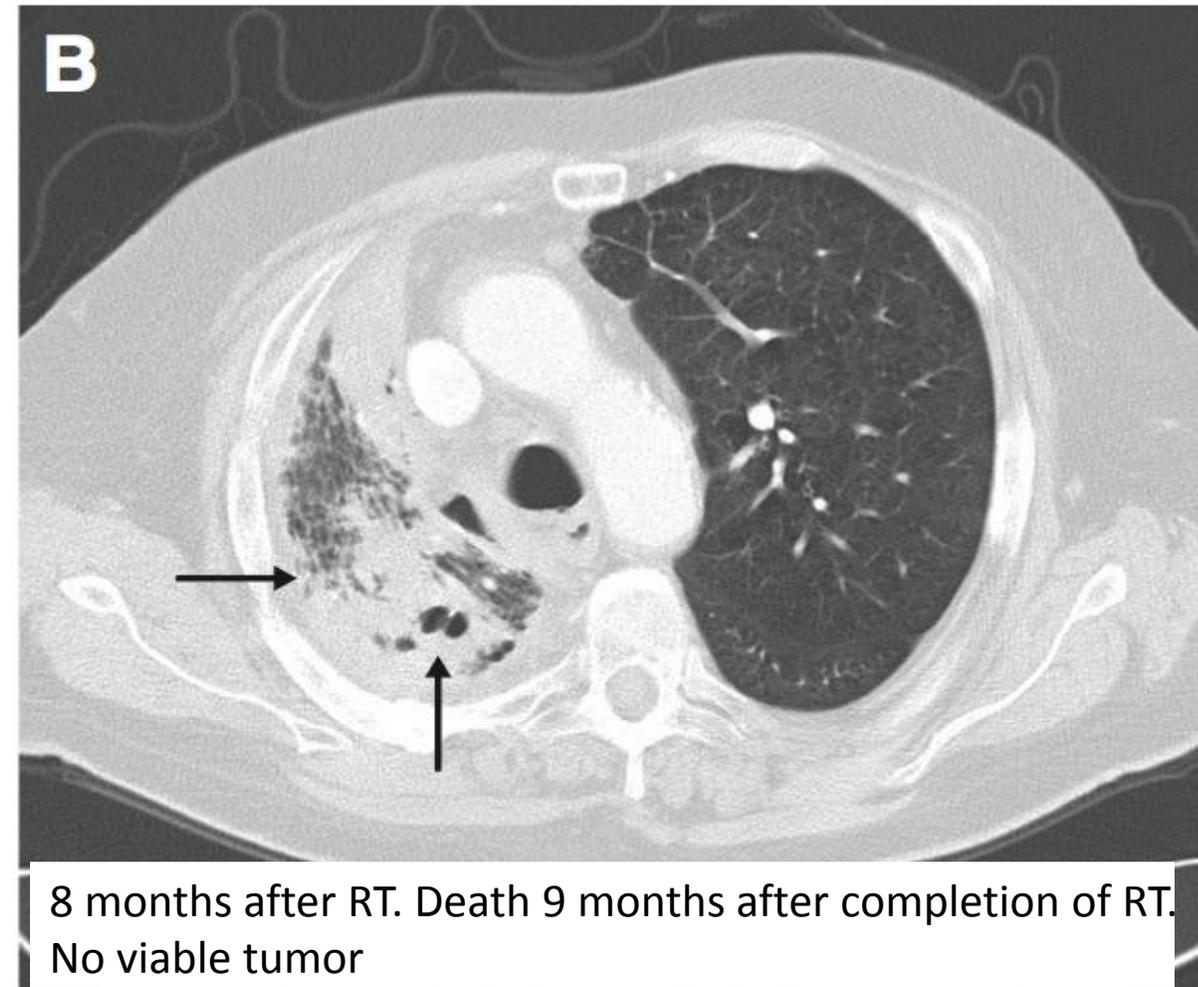
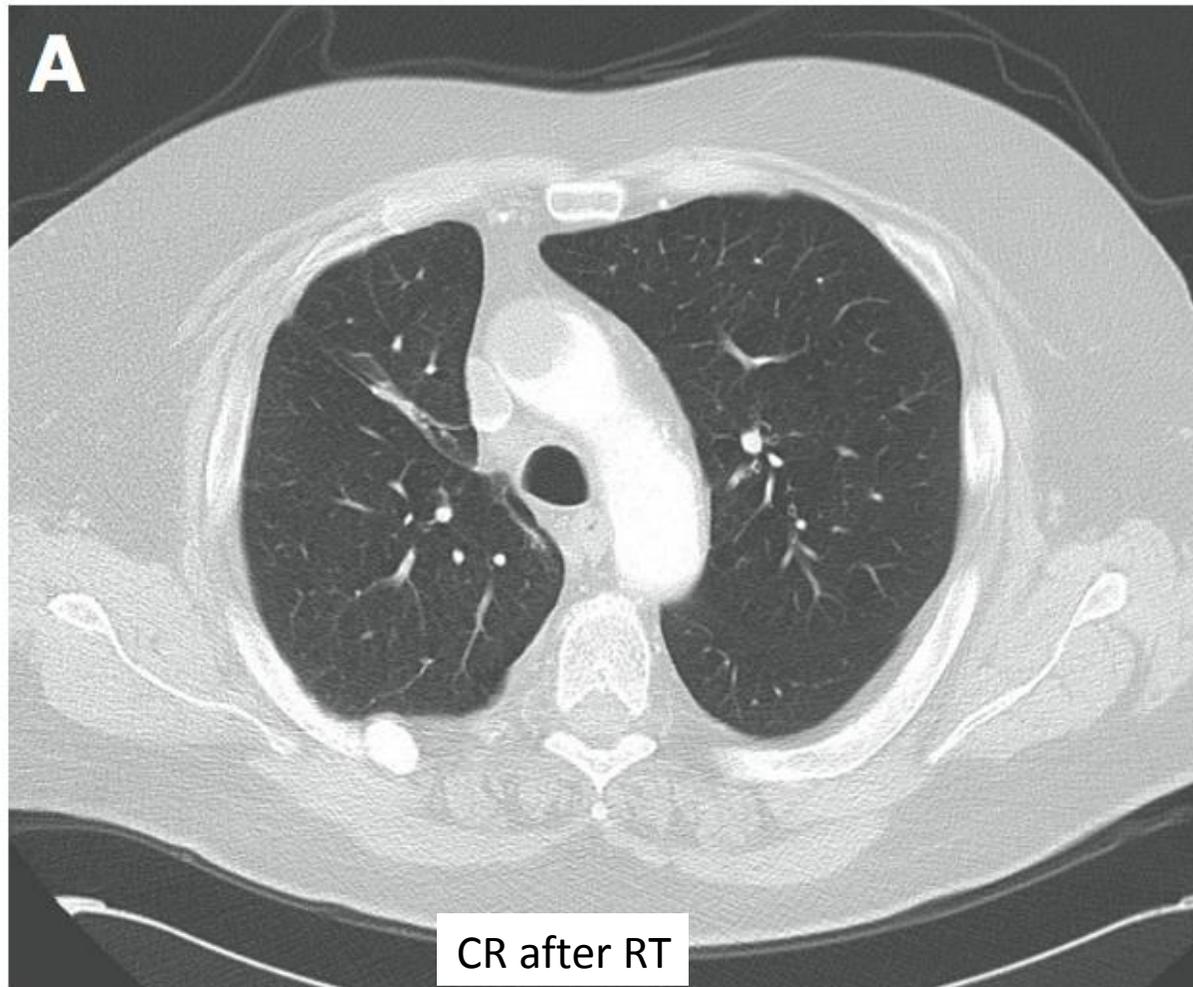


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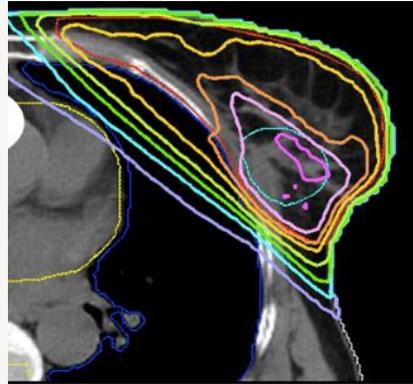
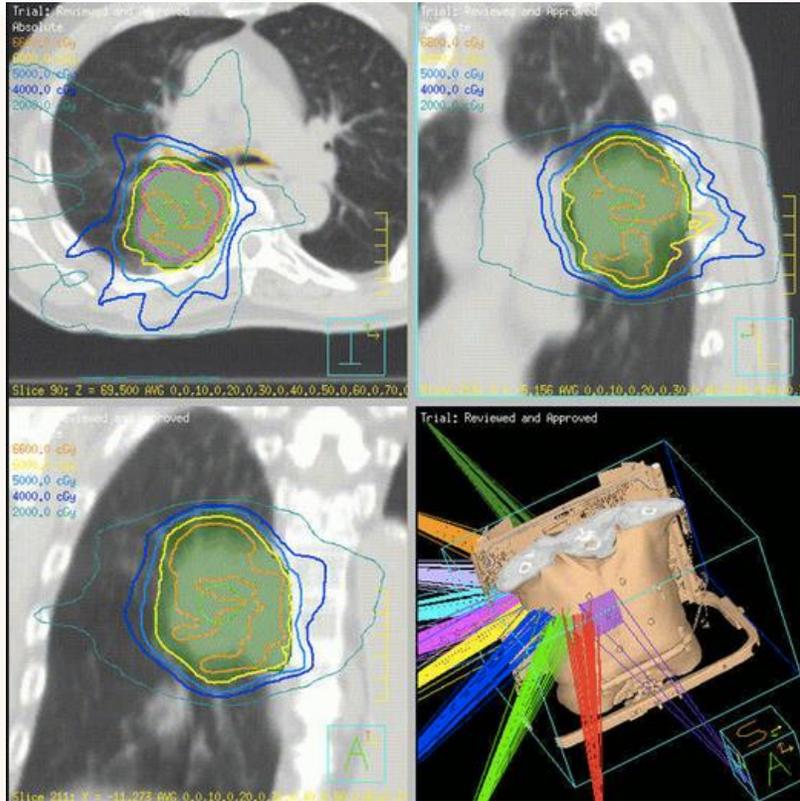
# Pulmonary Toxicity After Bevacizumab and Concurrent Thoracic Radiotherapy Observed in a Phase I Study for Inoperable Stage III Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer



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## Late toxicities and outcomes of adjuvant radiotherapy combined with concurrent bevacizumab in patients with triple-negative non-metastatic breast cancer



Dose/volume

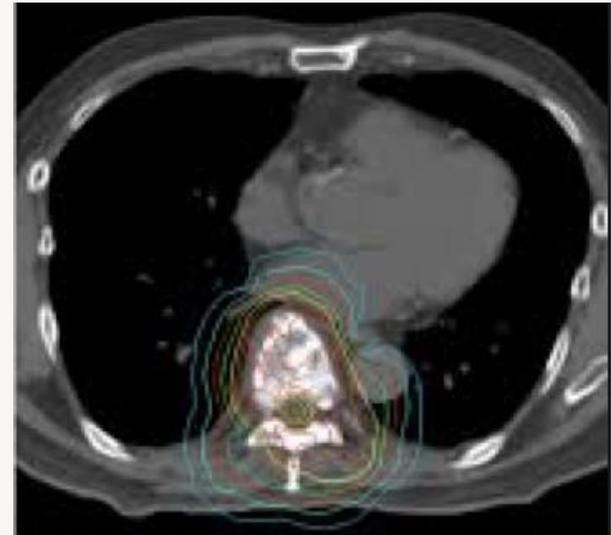
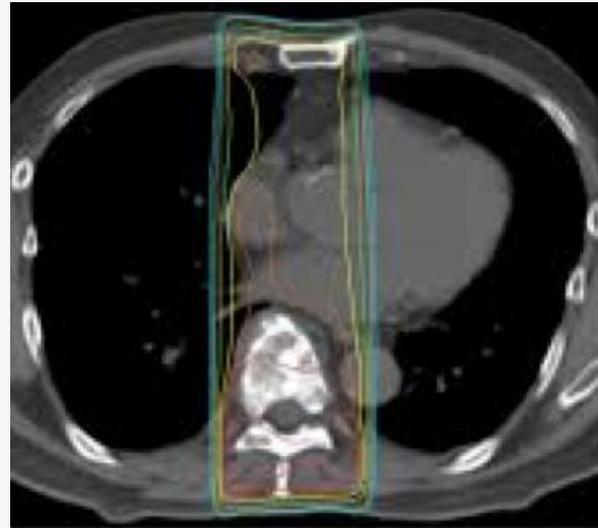
Late toxicities	Bevacizumab + RT, n (%)	RT alone, n (%)
Late toxicities evaluation		
Yes	38 (97%)	39 (99%)
No	1 (3%)	5 (11%)
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3-4
Pain	6 (15%)	0
Fibrosis	2 (5%)	0
Telangiectasia	0	0
Arrhythmia	3 (8%)	0
Myocardial ischaemia	0	0
Myocarditis	0	0
<u>Dyspnoea</u>	<u>1 (3%)</u>	0
Dysphagia	0	0
Paresis	0	2 (5%)

Non enhanced pulmonary tox.

# Safety of spinal radiotherapy in metastatic cancer patients receiving bevacizumab therapy: a bi-institutional case series.

Mbagui R<sup>1</sup>, Langrand-Escure J, Annede P, Mery B, Ceccaldi B, Guy JB, Falk AT, Bauduceau O, Bosacki C, Jacob J, Helissey C,

- 18 pts. In 10 pts (56%), irradiation to the thoracic vertebrae.
- RT was delivered at doses of 30 Gy in 10 fx (n=8), 20 Gy in 5 fx (n=9) or 18 Gy in 9 fx (n=1).
- All toxicities were mild to moderate.
- No acute toxicity reported in 13 patients (72%).
- No delayed toxicity was reported within RT fields among 11 patients with at least **6 months of follow-up**.





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# The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

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## A Randomized Trial of Bevacizumab for Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma

Robert J. Gray, M.D., James J. Dignam, Ph.D., Terri S. Armstrong, Ph.D., A.N.P.-B.C., Jeffrey



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Bevacizumab plus Radiotherapy–Temozolomide for Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma

Olivier L. Chinot, M.D., Wolfgang Wick, M.D., Warren Mason, M.D.,

RTOG 0825 637 pts: Neurocognitive decline, increased symptom severity, and decline in health-related quality of life were found over time among patients who were treated with bevacizumab.

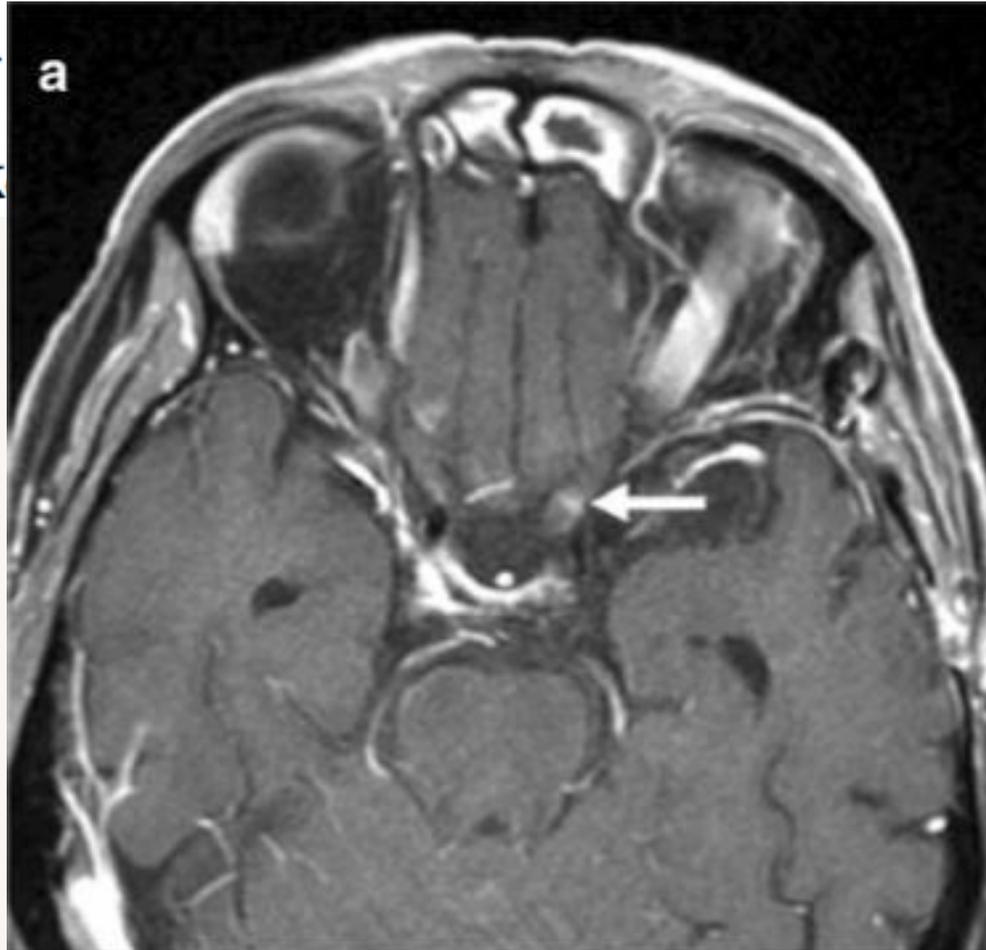
AVAglio 921 pts:  
maintainance of QoL

CASE REPORT

## Unexpected late radiation neurotoxicity following bevacizumab

use: a

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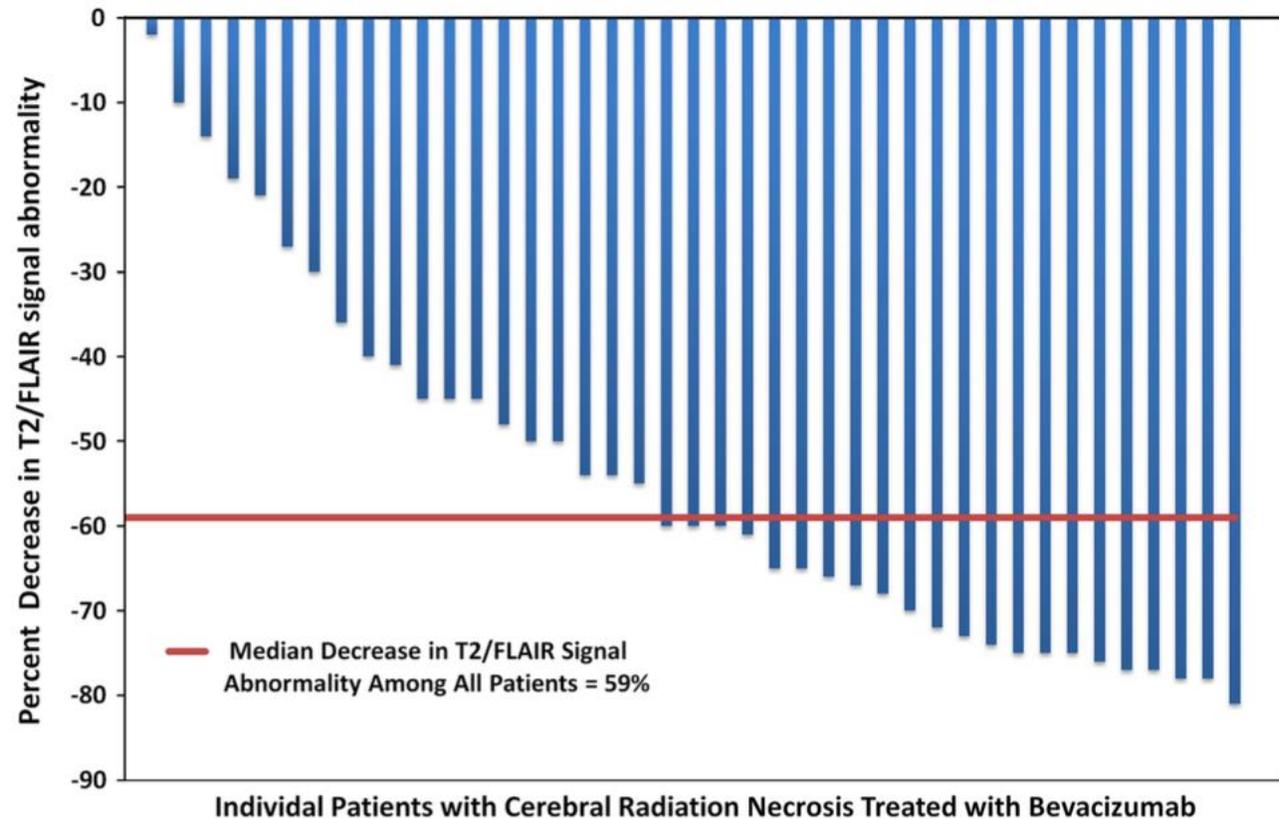


- In five of the six cases bevacizumab was administered at progression.
- Interaction between radiation and bevacizumab appears **not** to be **temporally related to the concomitant administration**

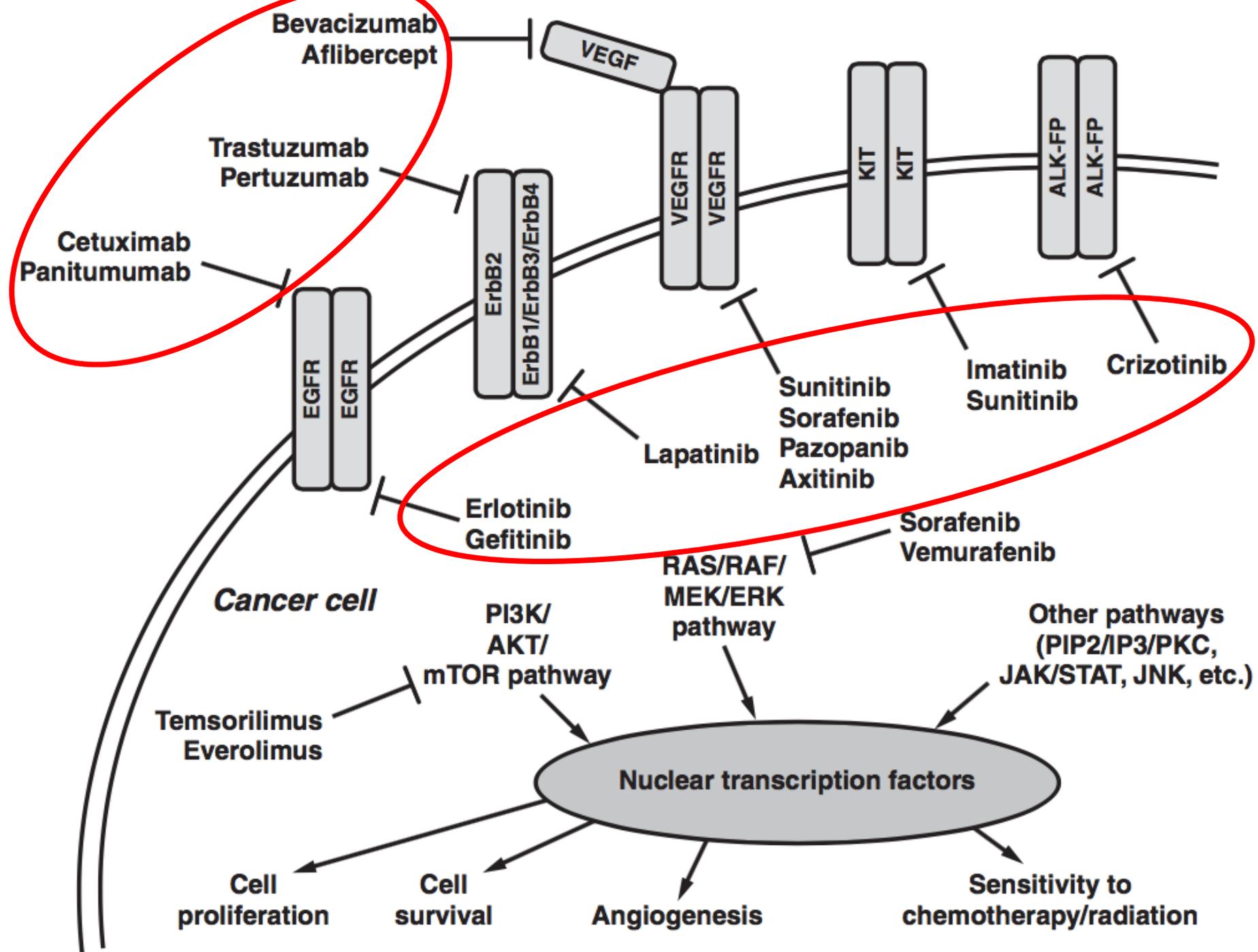
CLINICAL STUDY

# An analysis of radiation necrosis of the central nervous system treated with bevacizumab

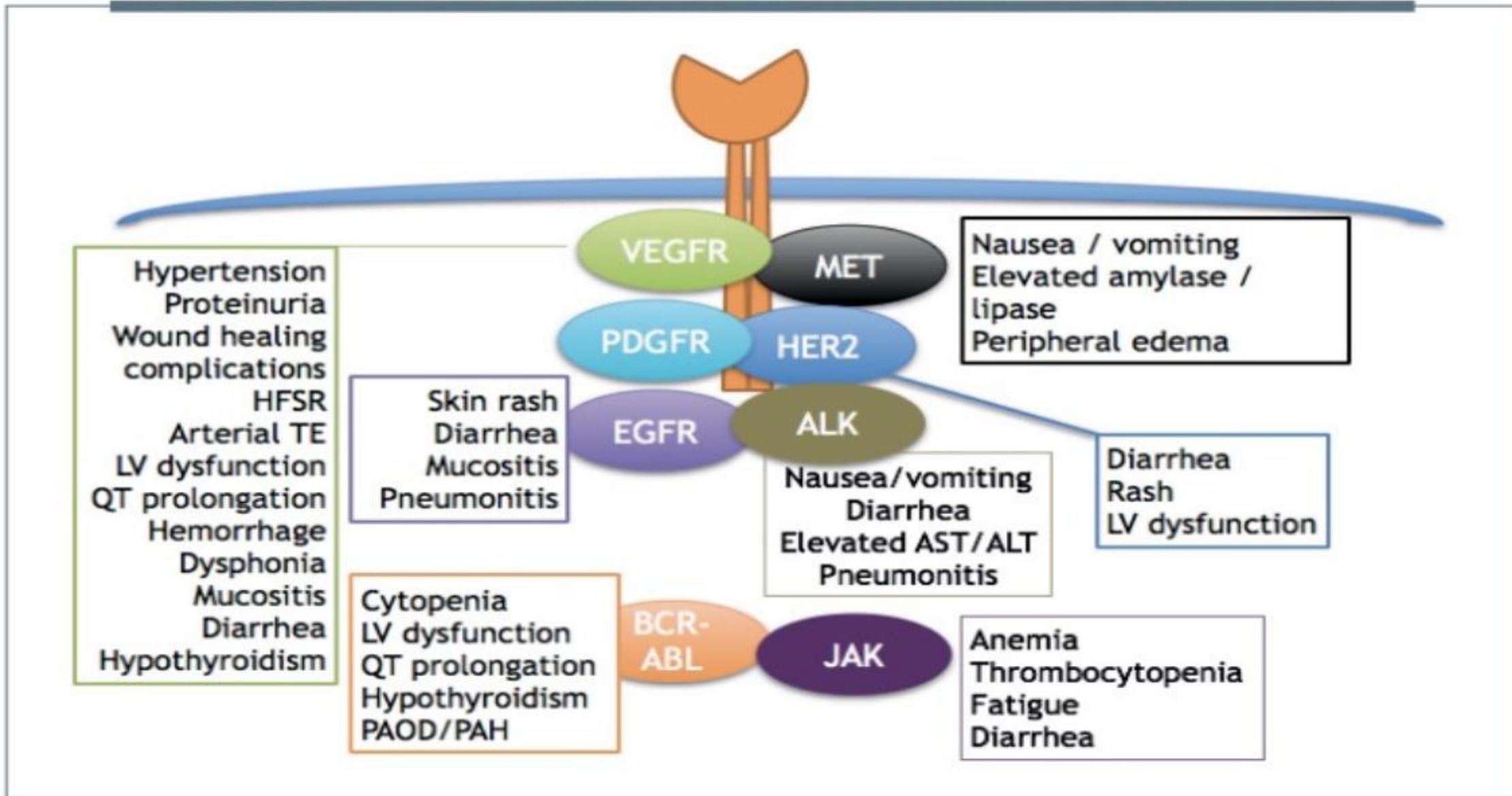
Karen Tye · Herbert H. Engelhard · Konstantin V. Slavin · M. Kelly Nicholas ·



- The vascular supply within the brain parenchyma is maintained by a **balance of proangiogenic and antiangiogenic molecules**
- The **prolonged use** of bevacizumab disrupt this balance and can lead to inadequate tissue perfusion and **worsening necrosis**, which was reported in one patient in this series



## OVERVIEW OF TOXICITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT TKI TARGETS



# GI tox: Combined Antiangiogenic and RT

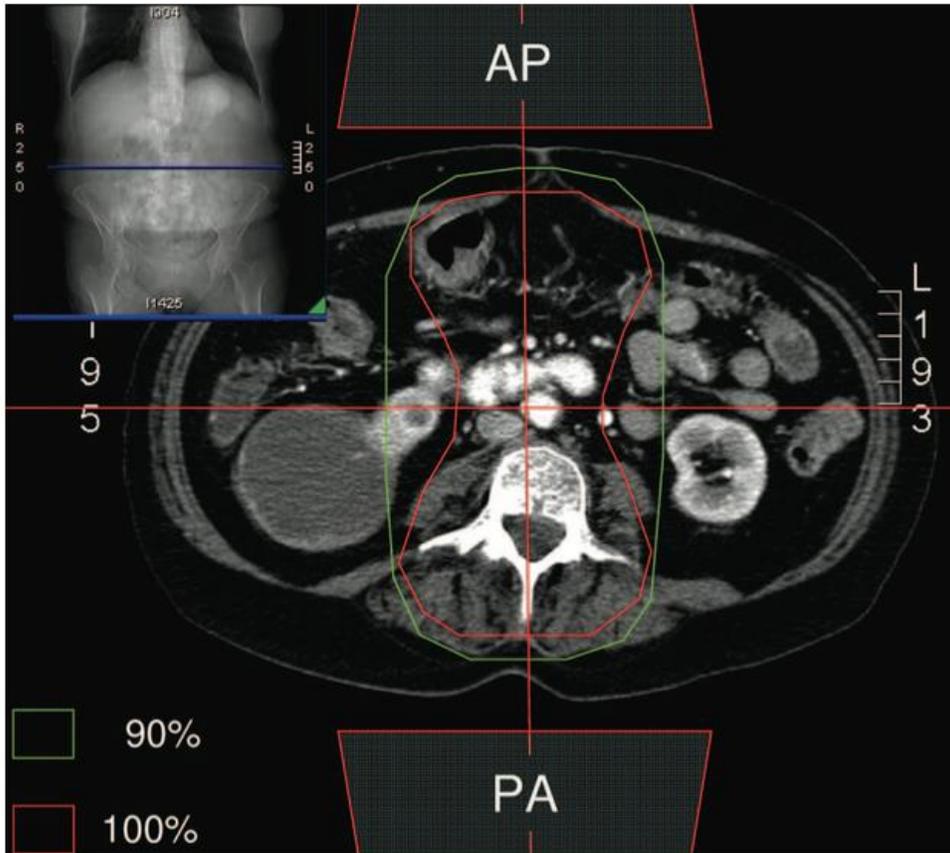
Pollom EL et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2015 July 1; 92(3): 568–576

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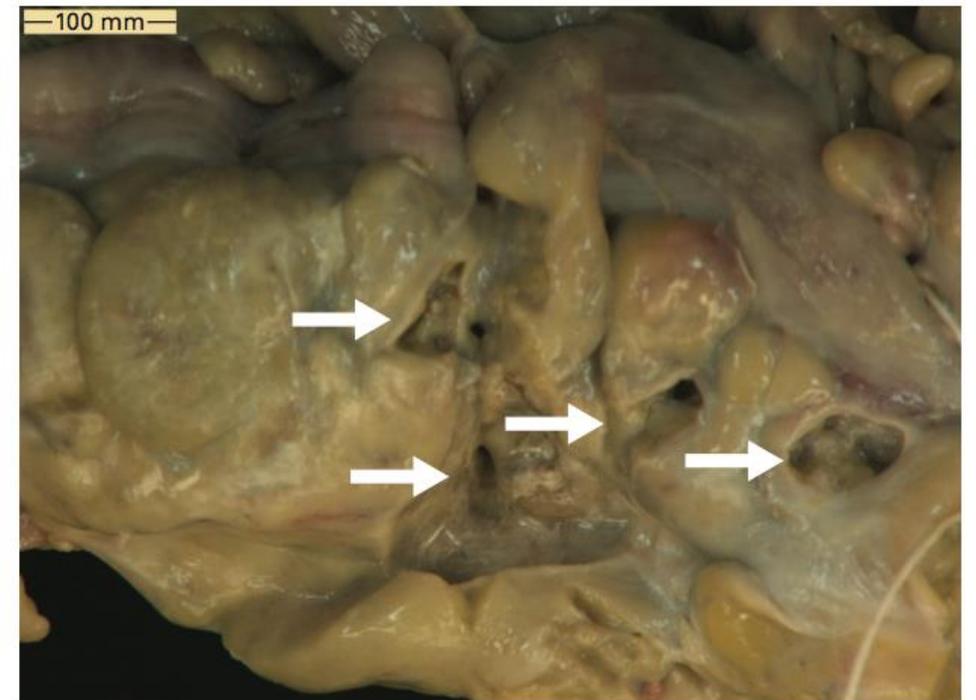
Barney BM IJROBP 2009

Stephans KL IJROBP 2009



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Died peritonitis (multiple necrosis colon in field)



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# Concurrent sunitinib and stereotactic body radiotherapy for patients with oligometastases

Kao J et al. Target Oncol 2014

Phase I/II trial. 25 pts. Concurrent sunitinib and radiation (50 Gy 10 fx)

- Acute grade  $\geq 3$  toxicities was 33%, most commonly myelosuppression, bleeding and abnormal liver function tests.
- 4 % G5 tox, **gastrointestinal hemorrhage (out-field), 1 fatal hemoptysis re-RT**
- RT to large volumes of bone marrow and liver can exacerbate hematological toxicities associated with sunitinib.
- When concurrent with RT, a **reduced daily dose** of 37.5 mg is recommended.
- extreme caution in patients with a history of non-inducible bleeding and patients requiring anticoagulation.

# Phase 2 Study of Combined Sorafenib and Radiation Therapy in Patients With Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Adverse event	Grade 0-1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade
Adverse side effects during sequential use of sorafenib (n=36)				
Hand and foot skin reaction	32 (88.9%)	4 (11.1%)	0	0
Diarrhea	34 (94.4%)	2 (5.6%)	0	0
Hepatic toxicities	19 (52.8%)	8 (22.2%)	5 (13.9%)	4 (11.1%)
Gastric or duodenal ulcer	33 (91.6%)	2 (5.6%)	1 (2.8%)	0
Hepatic toxicities	26 (65%)	10 (25%)	4 (10%)	0

# Effetto sinergico?

Animal studies have shown dose dependent increased expression of transforming growth factor-beta 1 (TGF- $\beta$ 1) in the liver of irradiated rats which may be an important factor in the development of RILD in humans.

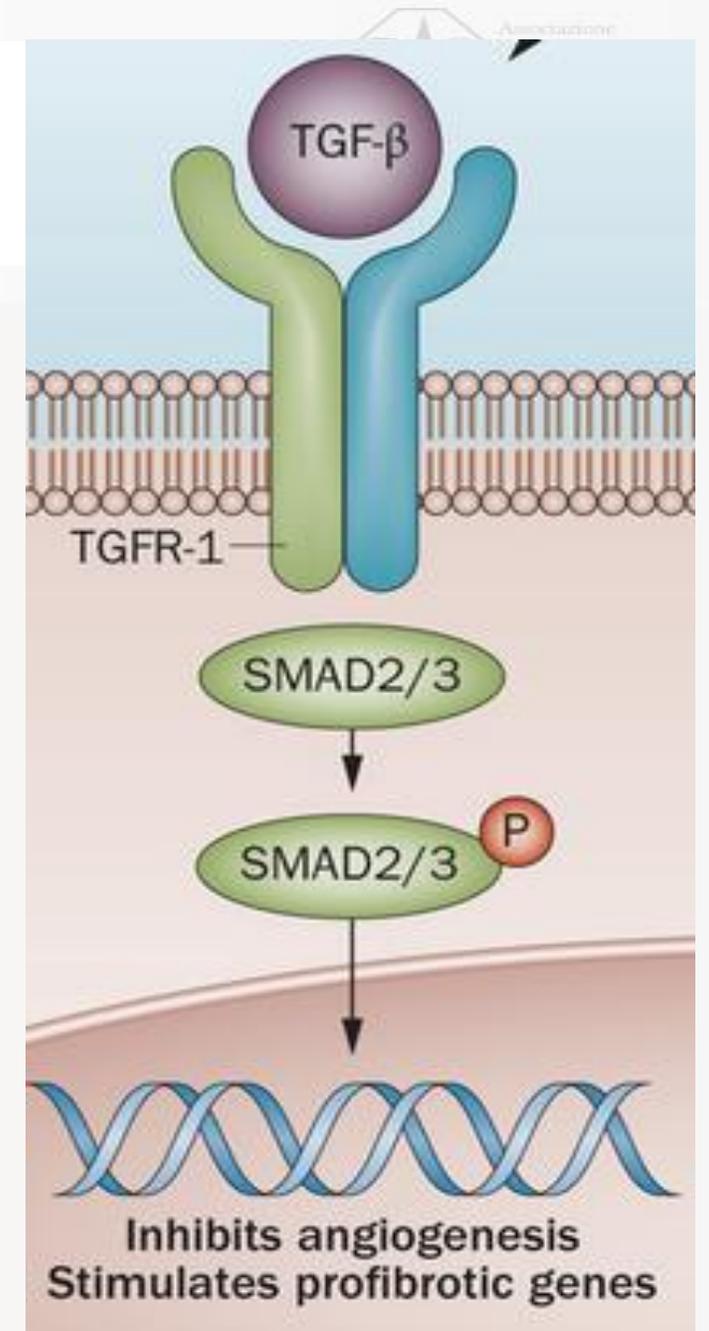
## Still true?

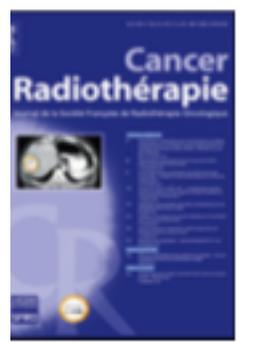
Mean dose should be kept below 28 Gy and 32 Gy in conventional fractionation for primary HCC and liver metastases respectively.

The volume of liver receiving 30 Gy should be less than 60% of the liver volume.

The mean dose must be kept less than 13–18 Gy for three fractions and less than 15–20 Gy for six fractions SBRT.

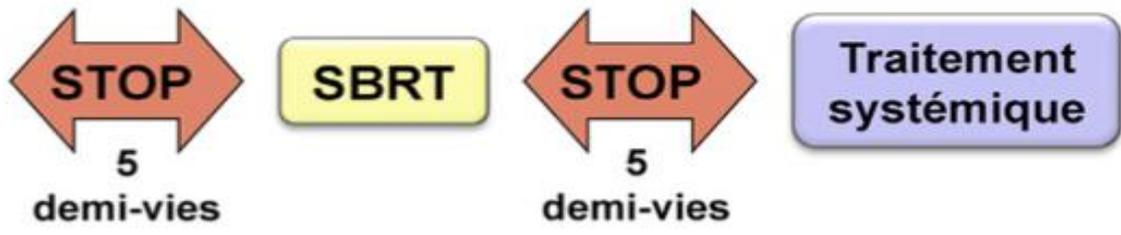
V15 Gy to less than 700 mL in three to five fractions SBRT.





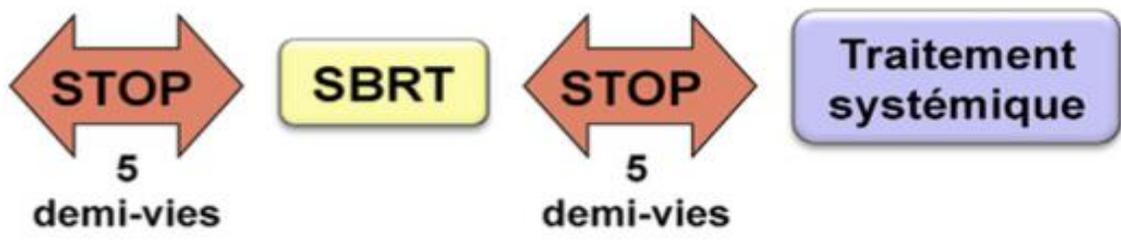
Traitement systémique

Platines  
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paclitaxel  
étoposide



Traitement systémique

Gemcitabine  
doxorubicine  
bévacizumab



Traitement systémique

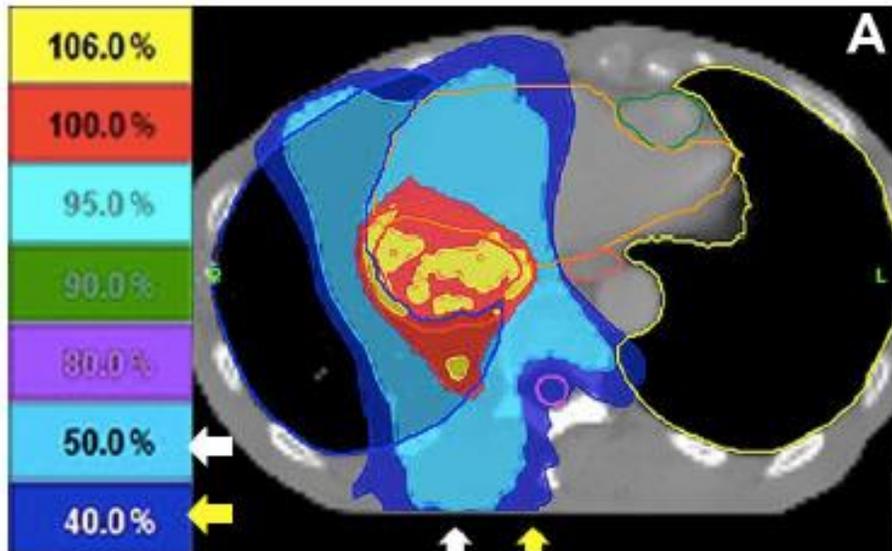
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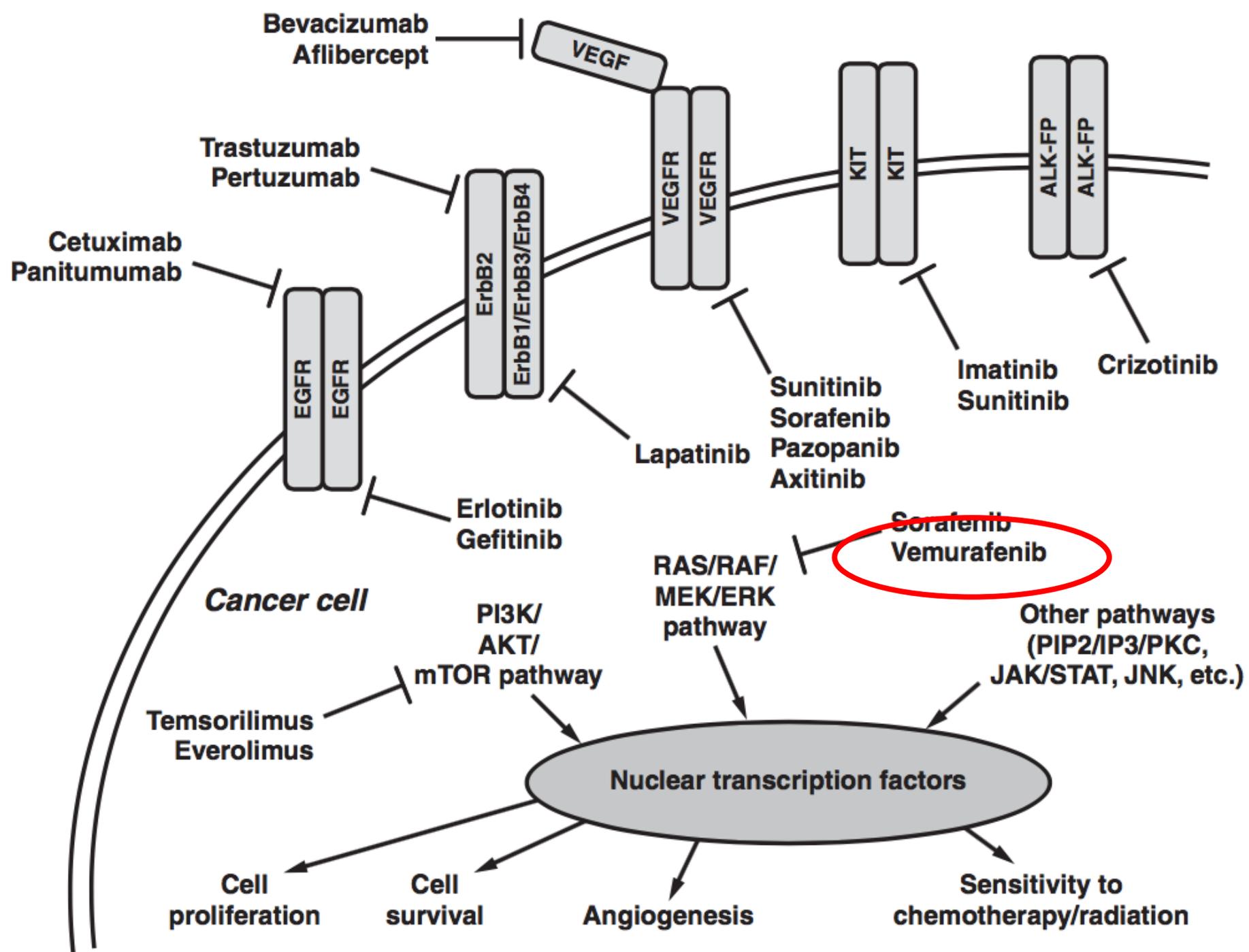
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# Radiation recall?

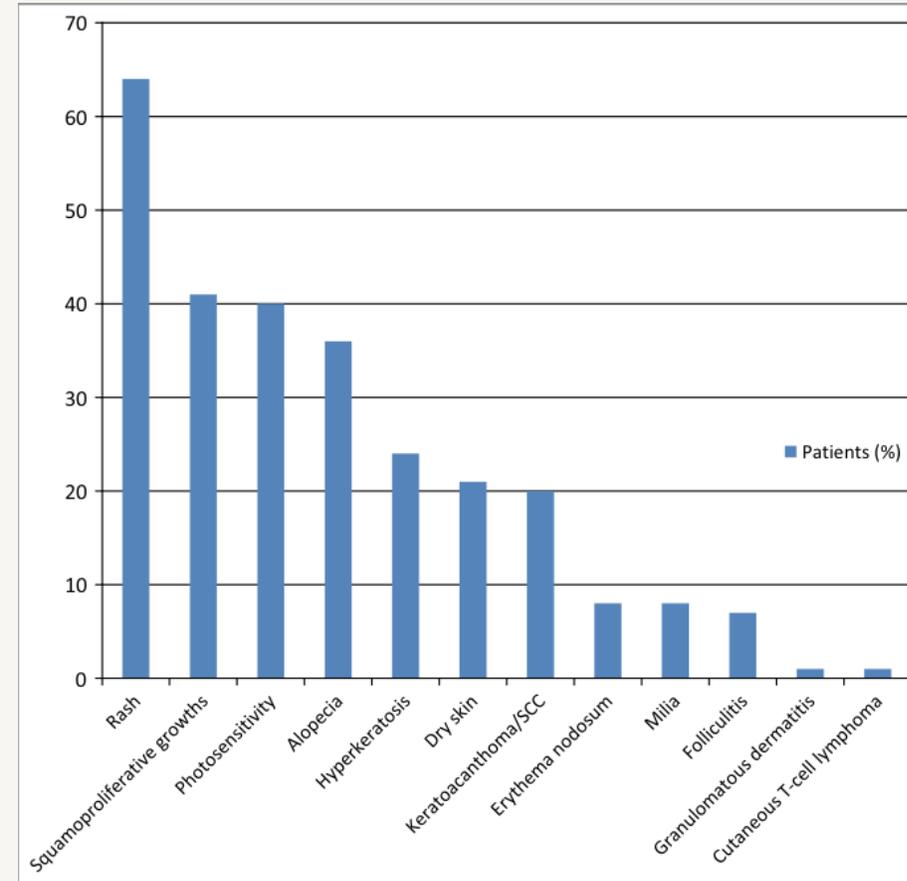
- Radiation recall is known as chemotherapy-triggered inflammatory reaction in previously exposed areas to irradiation but the mechanism is poorly understood.
- Radiation recall dermatitis 8%, multiple drugs. Pathogenesis unknown
- Pneumonitis, myositis, mucositis...





# Vemurafenib (ZELBORAF)

- BRAF V600E-positive melanoma



### B-RAF<sup>V600E</sup>

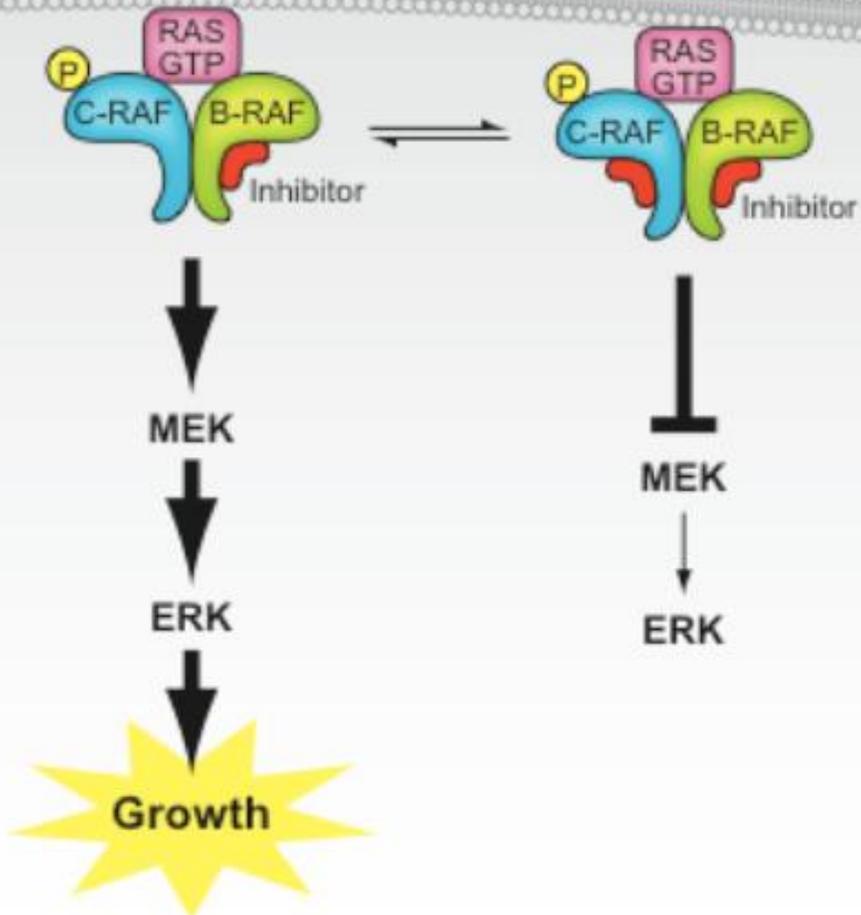
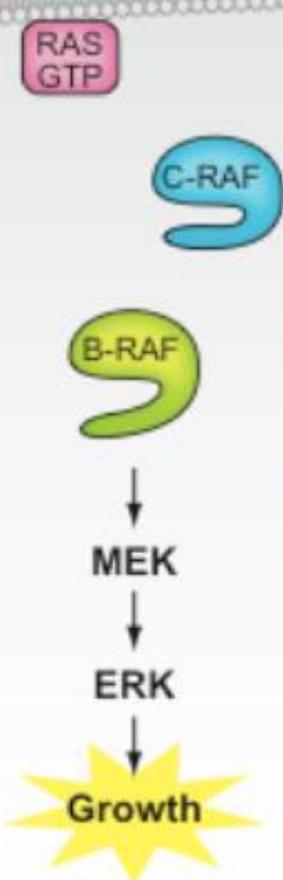
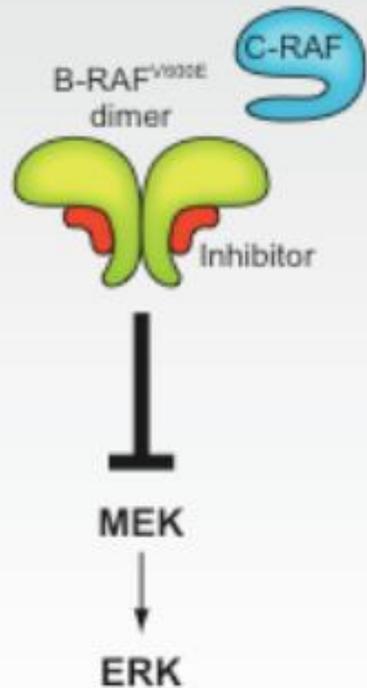
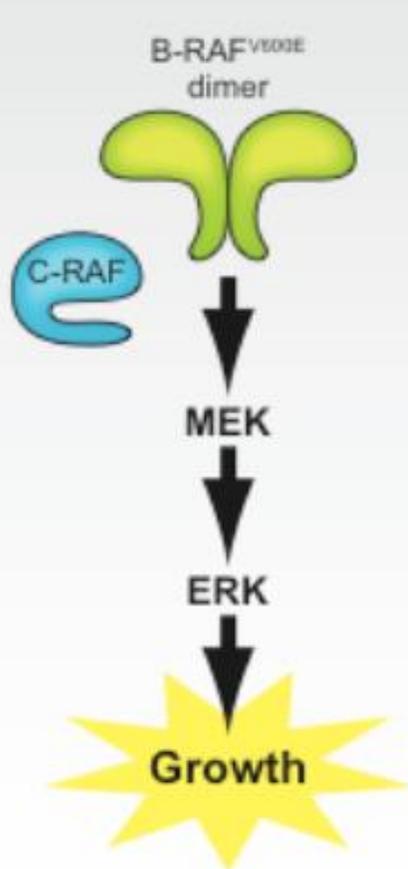
### B-RAF<sup>WT</sup>

No Inhibitor

Inhibitor

No Inhibitor

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**19 Ottobre 2015**

**Potenziamento della radiotossicità associata a Zelboraf® (vemurafenib)**

- Casi severi di lesioni correlate a radiazioni, alcuni con esito fatale, sono stati riferiti in pazienti sottoposti a radioterapia prima, durante o dopo il trattamento con Zelboraf.
- La maggior parte dei casi è stata di natura cutanea, ma alcuni casi hanno coinvolto gli organi viscerali.
  - radionecrosis after brain stereotactic radiosurgery.
  - radiation-induced anorectitis complicated by diarrhoea, anorexia and weight loss following the concomitant radiation of a primary rectal tumour
  - radiation recall dermatitis
  - radiation recall pneumonitis
- Zelboraf deve essere usato **con cautela** quando è somministrato prima, in concomitanza o in sequenza il trattamento radiante.

# Radiosensitization by BRAF inhibitor therapy – mechanism and frequency of toxicity in melanoma patients

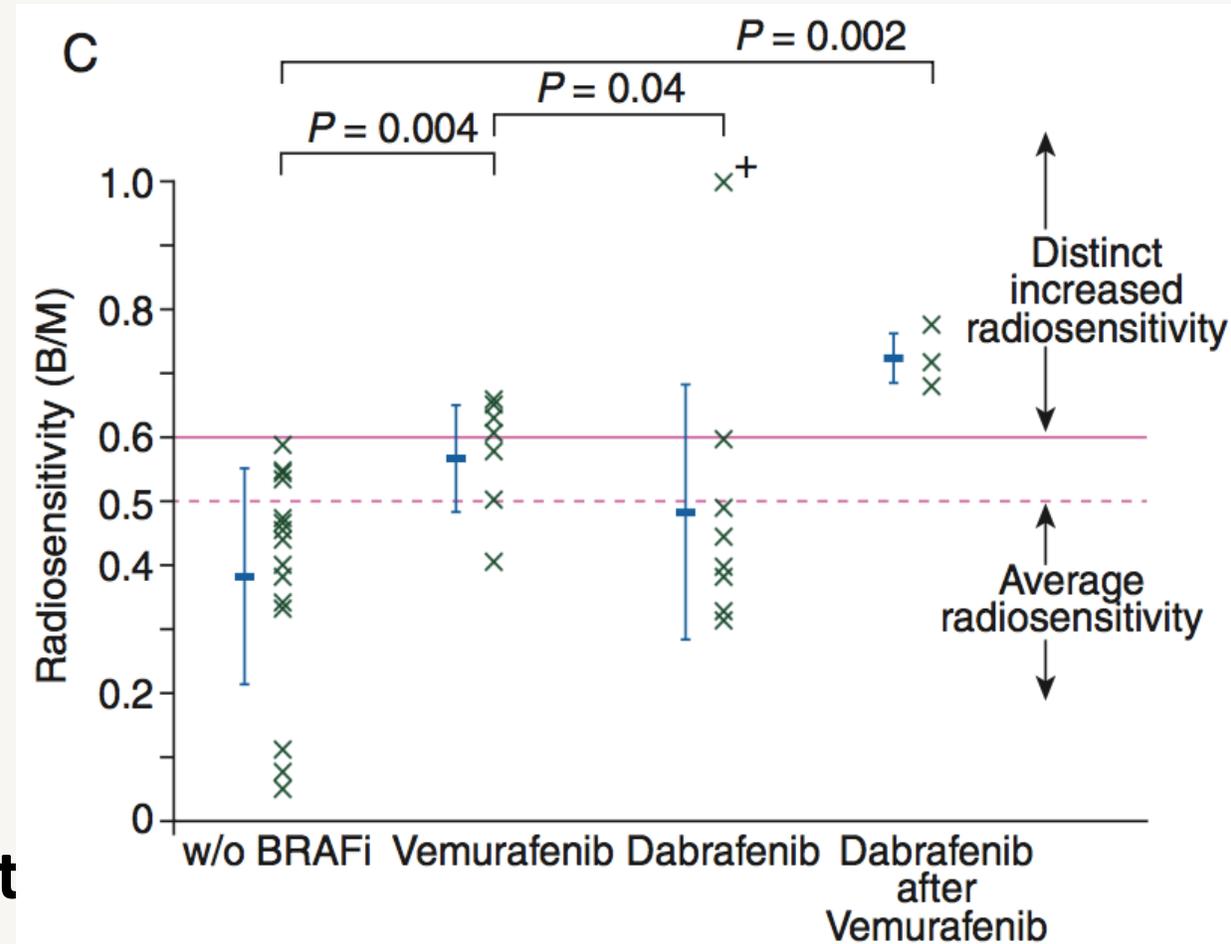
M. Hecht<sup>1</sup>, L. Zimmer<sup>2</sup>, C. Loquai<sup>3</sup>, C. Weishaupt<sup>4</sup>, R. Gutzmer<sup>5</sup>, I

- 161 pts, 70 rt + BRAFi
- **Acute** radiodermatitis  $\geq^{\circ}2$  of 36%
- No severe **late** skin-related toxicities were reported (mean follow-up 6.6 months).
- Non-skin tox rare.

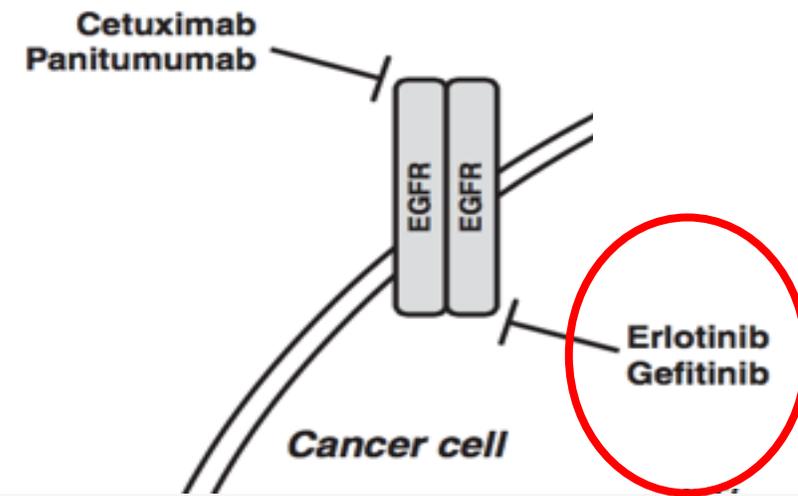


# Gestione tox: no RT + anti BRAF?

- Radiodermatitis  $\geq 2$ 
  - vemurafenib (40%)
  - dabrafenib (26%).
- Possible explanation:
  - Selective affinity of dabrafenib to mutant BRAF
- Recomandations:
  - with planned radiotherapy **favor dabrafenib.**
  - **Switching** patients from vemurafenib to dabrafenib before radiotherapy **not recommended.**



# Pulmonary toxicities in anti-EGFR TKI Radiation recall?



- Gefitinib (Iressa) Anti-EGFR TKI
  - FDA analysis of 50,000 pts with gefitinib, 1% (ILD)
  - ILD develops within 3–7 weeks after initiating therapy.
  - Approximately 90% of pts who develop gefitinib-induced ILD have received prior radiation or chemotherapy.
  - Mechanism: decrease in alveolar regeneration, (regulated by EGFR)
  - Up to 40% of cases are fatal.
- Erlotinib (Tarceva) anti HER1/EGFR TKI
  - In the FDA approval report for erlotinib the overall incidence of ILD was 8%

# Radiation recall EGFR-TKI

C.-L. Chiang et al. / Journal of the Chinese Medical Association 79 (2016) 248e255

- 213 pts EGFR-TKI within 5 y after RT.
  - 4.4% RRP (none fatal),
  - ILD 4.4% (mortality rate 71.4% despite aggressive medical treatment),
  - drug-related pneum. 3.9%.
- **Recomandations:**
  - RRP risk is 10-fold higher when the interval between radiotherapy and EGFR-TKI is < 90 days.
  - Hold TKI+steroid = non change,
  - No EGFR-TKI + steroid = improvement in 2 weeks

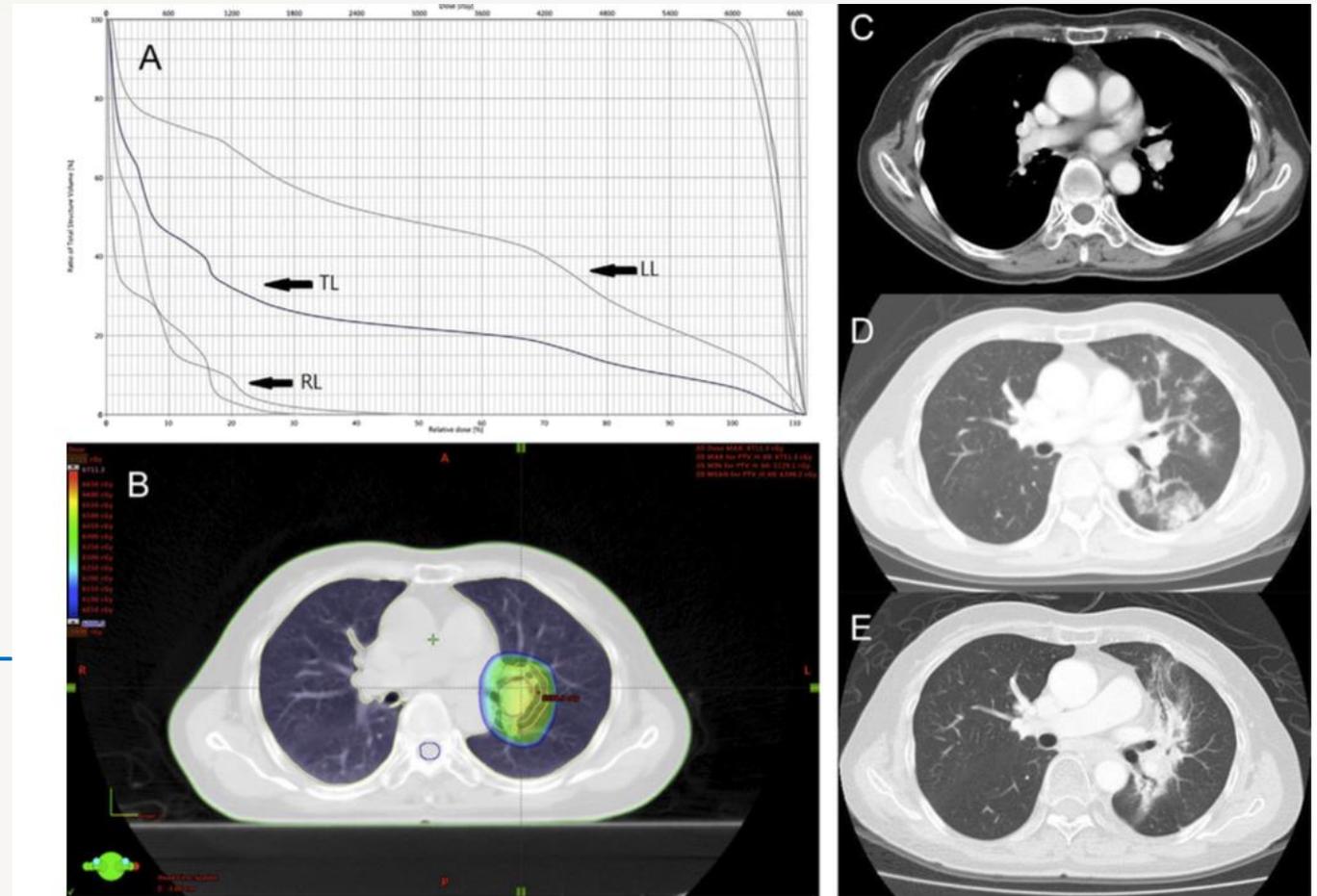


Fig. 2. A representative case with epidermal growth factor receptor-tyrosine kinase inhibitor-related radiation recall pneumonitis (Case 3): (A) the dose-volume histogram of thoracic radiotherapy; (B) computed tomography (CT)-based three dimensional-conformal radiotherapy plan; (C) CT scan of chest obtained before radiotherapy; (D) CT scan after the end of radiotherapy; and (E) radiation pneumonitis induced by erlotinib, which developed 126 days after the end of radiotherapy. LL = left lung; RL = right lung; TL = total lung.

The **main scenarios** are

- 1) RT as the main treatment associated with new drugs
- 2) RT given to metastatic patients treated with innovative drugs
- **3) RT used with immune therapies**

**Table 3. Adverse Events.\***

Event	Nivolumab (N = 313)		Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N = 313)		Ipilimumab (N = 311)	
	Any	Grade 3 or 4	Any	Grade 3 or 4	Any	Grade 3 or 4
	<i>number of patients with event (percent)</i>					
Any adverse event	311 (99.4)	136 (43.5)	312 (99.7)	215 (68.7)	308 (99.0)	173 (55.6)
Treatment-related adverse event†	257 (82.1)	51 (16.3)	299 (95.5)	172 (55.0)	268 (86.2)	85 (27.3)
Diarrhea	60 (19.2)	7 (2.2)	138 (44.1)	29 (9.3)	103 (33.1)	19 (6.1)
Fatigue	107 (34.2)	4 (1.3)	110 (35.1)	13 (4.2)	87 (28.0)	3 (1.0)
Pruritus	59 (18.8)	0	104 (33.2)	6 (1.9)	110 (35.4)	1 (0.3)
Rash	81 (25.9)	2 (0.6)	126 (40.3)	15 (4.8)	102 (32.8)	6 (1.9)
Nausea	41 (13.1)	0	81 (25.9)	7 (2.2)	50 (16.1)	2 (0.6)
Pyrexia	18 (5.8)	0	58 (18.5)	2 (0.6)	21 (6.8)	1 (0.3)
Decreased appetite	34 (10.9)	0	56 (17.9)	4 (1.3)	39 (12.5)	1 (0.3)
Increase in alanine amino- transferase level	12 (3.8)	4 (1.3)	55 (17.6)	26 (8.3)	12 (3.9)	5 (1.6)
Vomiting	20 (6.4)	1 (0.3)	48 (15.3)	8 (2.6)	23 (7.4)	1 (0.3)
Increase in aspartate amino- transferase level	12 (3.8)	3 (1.0)	48 (15.3)	19 (6.1)	11 (3.5)	2 (0.6)
Hypothyroidism	27 (8.6)	0	47 (15.0)	1 (0.3)	13 (4.2)	0
Colitis	4 (1.3)	2 (0.6)	37 (11.8)	24 (7.7)	36 (11.6)	27 (8.7)
Arthralgia	24 (7.7)	0	33 (10.5)	1 (0.3)	19 (6.1)	0
Headache	23 (7.3)	0	32 (10.2)	1 (0.3)	24 (7.7)	1 (0.3)
Dyspnea	14 (4.5)	1 (0.3)	32 (10.2)	2 (0.6)	13 (4.2)	0
Treatment-related adverse event leading to discontinuation	24 (7.7)	16 (5.1)	114 (36.4)	92 (29.4)	46 (14.8)	41 (13.2)

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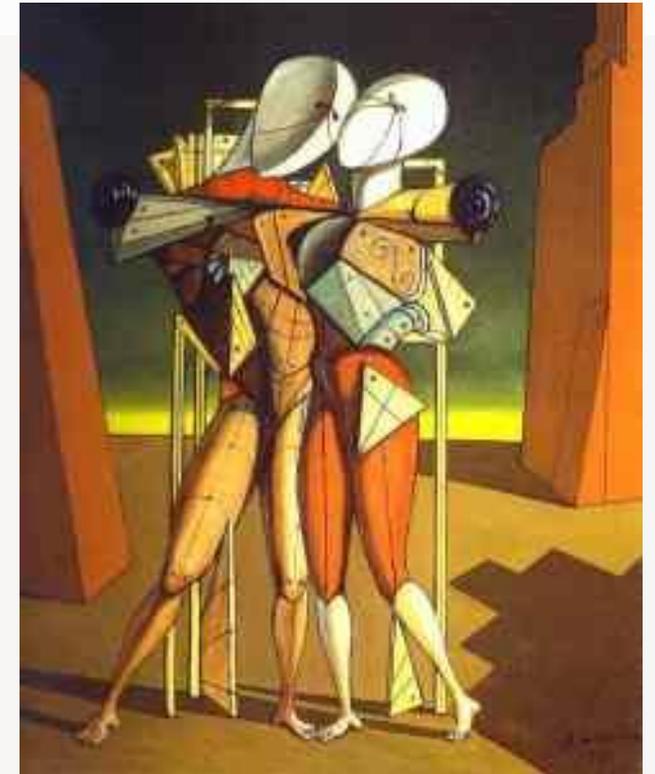
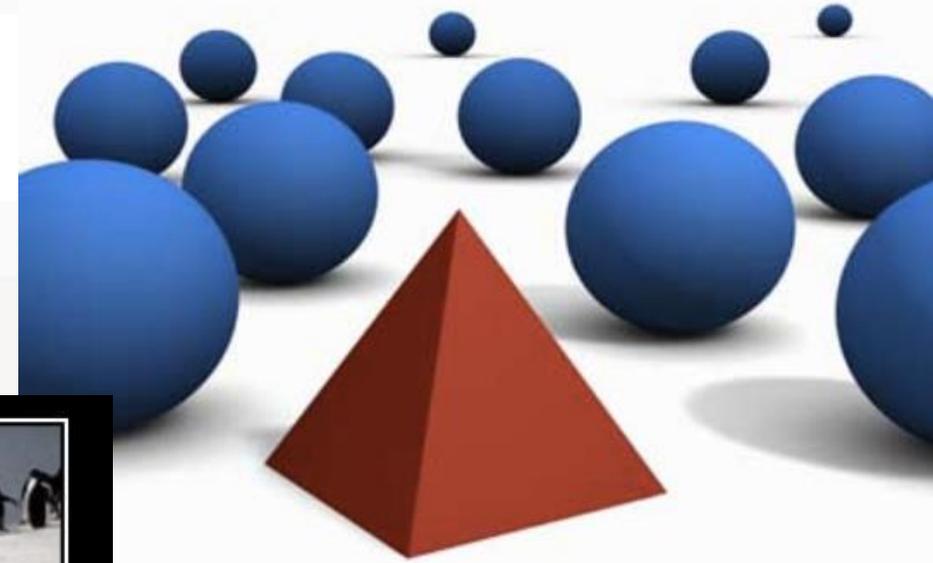
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# Ipilimumab + RT melanoma brain metastases

Study (author, year)	N	Regimen	RT	Toxicity	Radiation necrosis requiring surgery	
Kiess 2015	46	54% 3 mg/kg 4 cycles, 46% 10 mg/kg 4 cycles. 28% received maintenance	SRS 21 Gy (15-24), 20% WBRT after recurrence	typical systemic immune-related (enterocolitis, pruritus, and hepatitis).	Hemorrhages common after SRS during Ipi (40%). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6% G3 CNS bleeding SRS before/after Ipi</b></li> <li>• <b>13% G3 CNS bleeding SRS during Ipi,</b></li> </ul>	5 pts
Gerber 2015	13	70% 4 cycles ipilimumab 3 mg mq q 21, 30% 2 cycles	WBRT	nd	77% new hemorrhagic foci	nd
Patel 2015	34 SRS, 20 SRS+ Ipi	Ipi 3mg/kg within 4 months. No maintenance	SRS 21-15 Gy	nd	At 1 year, with ipilimumab and SRS trend toward <b>higher rates of radiation necrosis</b> (30.0% vs. 20.92%, $P = 0.078$ )	No difference (15.0% vs. 14.7%, $P = 1.00$ )

# Dati!

- Frazionamenti
- Associazione temporale
- Tox sede specifiche e tumore-specifiche





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"I know nothing about the subject,  
but I'm happy to give you my expert opinion."