Malattia oligometastatica: quando trattamento sistemico e quando loco-regionale?

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BONE METASTASES: ROLE OF RT



- Approximately one third of all cancer patients will develop bone metastases and approximately 70% will present metastases involving the vertebral column.
- Conventional fractionated radiotherapy (RT) has an historical role in the management of spine metastases and the most commonly used regimen of RT is 30 Gy in 10 fractions
- Single-dose treatments are usually preferred in patients with a limited lifespan and/or poor performance status or in case of long waiting lists of the treating centers

PALLIATIVE/SYMPHTOMATIC BONE RADIOTHERAPY





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Combined treatment opportunities





FIG 1. The oligometastatic disease state. The spectrum of malignant disease is represented by blue ovals for primary prostate cancer and red circles for macroscopic metastases. Patients are considered in relation to the putative benefits of local versus systemic therapies. Men in the oligometastatic disease state may benefit from both systemic therapy and local therapies.

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- Recent advances in RT treatment planning and dose delivery allow radiation oncologists to deliver treatments with along-lasting palliation potential (and sometimes also potentially curative) also to patients that would be traditionally candidates only to palliative systemic therapies, possibly at a reasonable price in terms of toxicity.
- > Ideal candidates for these treatments are oligometastatic



OLIGOMETASTASES:



HOW TO DEFINE THE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL THERAPIES?

The term "oligometastases" was first described by Hellman and Weichselbaum in 1995 as "...a less advanced state of metastatic disease amenable to and potentially curable with local therapy" *Hellman S, Weichselbaum RR: JCO, 1995*

The term "oligometastases" is usually used for five or fewer metastatic lesions *Milano MT, et al. JROBP, 2012*

Often, this clinical situation has a slow rate of progression, justifying focal treatments *Alongi F, et al. The Oncologist, 2011*





OLIGOMETASTASES: IMPACT OF SURGERY

For several anatomical sites, *surgical resection* of metastases prolongs survival in selected patients. *Rubin P, et al. Semin Radiat Oncol,2006*

For example, *surgical resection* is the standard choice for patients with oligometastatic lung cancer.

Unfortunately the benefits of resection and appropriate *selection criteria* in patients who develop metastasis are still poorly defined. *Miller G, et al. J Am Coll Surg, 2007.*







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Oligometastases: the new paradigm and options for radiotherapy



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A critical review

Review and Uses of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Oligometastases

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Extracranial Oligometastases: A Subset of Metastases Curable With Stereotactic Radiotherapy

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TECHNOLOGY & PROSTATE CANCER



PRECISION DEVISES TO DELIVERY EBRT

SBRT may be realized with different technical solutions.....

≻A Potential technology gain derives from the use of upgraded IGRT, IMRT or integration of both.

>Modern **SBRT** adopts static, dynamic or volumetric IMRT techniques to provide sharper dose fall-offs and better dose conformity



ABLATIVE (SB)RT: A NEW BIOLOGY FOR NEW INDICATIONS?



•In terms of *Radiobiology, Radiosurgery and SBRT* may add a novel mechanism of radiation-induced damage.

•At higher doses per fraction (*ablative doses*), emerging data suggest that a different mechanism involving microvascular damage begins to have a substantial effect on the tumor cell kill.*Garcia* - *Barros M., et al. Science, 2003*

Targeting the tumor vasculature for obliteration with high-dose radiation may be beneficial for tumor control. *Fuks and Kolesnick, Cancer Cell 2005*.





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Stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) is becoming widely adopted in the treatment of primary and secondary tumors. Spinal bone metastases are frequently discovered in cancer patients, and in the past have been usually treated with a palliative goal. Nevertheless, in some particular clinical settings, such as oligometastatic patients and/or those with a long life expectancy, spinal SBRT could be considered a valid therapeutic option to obtain long-lasting palliation and, when possible, with a curative goal.

This review aims to summarize available clinical and dosimetric data of published studies about spinal SBRT.



Author and publication year [reference]	Years of enrollment	Type of study	No. of patients (No. of lesions)	De-novo irradia- tions/reirrad. (pts)	SBRT Schedule [Gy]	Primary endpoints	
(Benzil et al., 2004)	2001-2004	Case series	31	31/0	10-25 Gy/2-10 fx	Efficacy; Toxicity	
(Chang et al., 2007)	NR	Phase I/II study	(33) 63 (74)	53/10	27-30/3-5 fx	Safety; effectiveness;	Sacro Cuore Don Calabria
(Gerszten	NR	Prospective data collection	393	156/344 (by lesions)	12,5–25Gy/1 fx	Efficacy;	
(2007))ada et al., 2008)	2003-2006	Prospective study	93 (102)	93/0	18-24 Gy/1 fx	Efficacy;	
(Chang et al., 2009)	2002-2007	Retrospective study	129	76/53	16-39/1-5 fx	Efficacy;	Cancer Care Center Negrar - Verona
(Gagnon et al., 2009)	2002-2006	Prospective study	200	82/118	21-37,5/3-5 fx	Pain; quality of life	
(Sheehan et al., 2009)	2004-2007	Retrospective study	40	40/0	10-24/1 fx	Efficacy;	
(Sahgal et al., 2009)	2003-2006	Retrospective study	39	14/25	24/3 fx	actuarial outcomes; dosimetric analysis	
(Choi et al., 2010)	2002-2008	Retrospective study	(60) 42	0/42	10-30/1-5 fx	Efficacy;	
(Nguyen et al., 2010)	2002-2007	Retrospective study (only CCRC metastases)	(51) 48 (55)	22/26	24 Gy/1 fx 27 Gy/3 fx 20 Gy/5 fx	safety Efficacy; Safety	
(Greco et al., 2011)	2004-2007	Retrospective study	103	103/0	18-24/1 fx	LC	
(Klish et al., 2011a)	2002-2007	Phase I/II study	58	58/0	18 Gy/1Fx	To evaluate the rates of failure in adjacent and distant spipe	
			(65)		27 Gy/3 Fx	distant spine	
(Chang et al., 2012)	2002-2008	Retrospective study	185	131/54	Mean radiation doses (EQD2, alpha/beta ratio 10 Gv)	LC	
			(185)		De novo irradiations: 50,7 Gy Re-irradiations:		
(Wang et al., 2012)		phase 1–2 study	149	70/79	27-30/3 fx	Efficacy;	
(Zelefsky et al., 2012)	2004-2010	Retrospective study	105	105/0	18-24/1 fx	Local control; toxicity	
(Garg et al., 2012)	2005-2010	(only RCC metastases) phase 1–2 study	(105) 61*	61/0	20–30/3–5 fx non-renal spinal metastases ;	Efficacy;	
			(63)		18 Gy/1 fx renal spinal metastases : 24 Gy/1 fx	Safety	
(Balagamwala et al., 2012) (Schipani et al., 2012)	NR 2005-2008	Retrospective study Retrospective study	57(88) 124(165)	39/18 165/0	8-16 Gy/1 fx 8 Gy/1 fx	Efficacy; safety Dosimetric analysis	
(Heron et al., 2012)	2000-2008	Retrospective study	228(348)	246/102	Mean doses: 16.3 Gy/1fx 20.6 Gy/3 fx 23.8 Gy/4 fx 24.5 Gy/5 fx	Efficacy; safety	
(Laufer et al., 2013a)	2002-2011	Retrospective study(post-surgery spinal metastases)	186(186)	186/0	24 Gy/1fx 18–36 Gy/5–6 fx 24–30 Gy/3 fx	clinical outcome	
(Folkert et al., 2014)	2005-2012	Retrospective study(only sarcoma metastases)**	88(120)	108/12(lesions)	18-24/1 fx 24-36/3-6 fx	Efficacy; safety	De Bari, Alongi et al,
(Mantel et al., 2014) (Guckenberger et al., 2014)	2004-2010 2004-2013	Retrospective study Multicentric retrospective study	32(36) 301(387)	32/0 301/0	48.5-65/17-33 fx 10-60 Gy/ 1-20 fx	Efficacy; safety Safety and clinical outcome	Critical review Oncology and
(Sellin et al., 2015)	2005-2013	Retrospective study(only RCC metastases)	37(40)	37/0	24/1 fx 27/3 fx 30/5 fx	Overall survival;toxicity	Hematology 2016

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Compared to surgery, SBRT potential benefits are:

- the *short treatment time* (which is also interesting as it reduces the delay for the beginning of systemic treatments),

-good local control rates

-acceptable toxicity.

Although, compared to surgery and to other local approaches, including, radiofrequency ablation, cryosurgery etc, the non-invasiveness of SBRT is really attracting in the panorama of local treatment options,

-prospective studies with standardized outcome measures to make accurate conclusions, and ultimately,

-randomized studies to prove superiority of SBRT to other local options are required.





- One of the most challenging issues in this clinical setting, is the *correct selection* of patients candidates to potentially curative SBRT.
- Indeed, it could be easily argued that it is crucial to identify those who would really benefit of more intensive treatments and those who would be candidate only to palliative treatments.



OLIGOMETASTASIS FOR PROSTATE CANCER:

SBRT AS A NEW POSSIBILITY



Isolated Lymph bone spine metastasis from prostate cancer during ADT



Choline PET/CT before RT

PSA: 2.52 ng/ml PAIN VAS 5

SBRT treatment 6 Gy X 5 times

PSA: 1.49 ng/ml PAIN VAS 1





STEREOTACTIC BODY RT(SBRT): OLIGOPROGRESSION AND CONSOLIDATIVE SBRT: A NEW APPROACH?

How to approach an iceberg disease?

managed. More than 70 years later, a second model became popular in oncological practice: using the breast cancer model (also used by Halsted), this model proposed that cancer is a systemic disease that always metastasizes and thus will already have done so early in the disease course, meaning that local therapies are less important than the tumor microenvironment or systemic therapies [2-4]. Later a third theory was proposed based

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...traditional new targeted drugs may promote greater control on systemic disease and ablative radiactions acts on NON RESPONSIVE macroscopic sites

«iceberg» disease

Evidence of Systemic disease in macroscopic sites



CONCLUSIONS



- In summary, although only retrospective and some phase I-II studies are available, SBRT seems to be a promising technique for isolated or few spinal metastases.
- In particular, SBRT should be probably considered as a standard approach in some clinical situations, such as re-treatments, or when a more "curative" dose would be delivered, such as in patients with a long life expectancy and/or in oligometastatic/oligoprogressive settings.



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Thanks for your attention

