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PREOPERATIVE SINGLE-FRACTION RT FOR EARLY-STAGE BC: PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM CRYSTAL PHASE I/II STUDY

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DICHIARAZIONE

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Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

- Posizione di dipendente in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario **(NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)**
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- Partecipazione ad Advisory Board **(NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)**
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Background

Breast-conserving surgery (BCS) and WBRT are the standard of care for early-stage BC



Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation has been gaining ground as an attractive alternative in selected patients with low-risk BC



**Clinical tRIAL on Single fraction ablative preoperative radiation
Treatment for eArLy-stage breast cancer (CRISTAL)**



preoperative RT



single fraction



CyberKnife



selected patients



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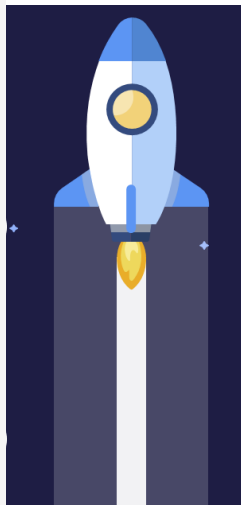
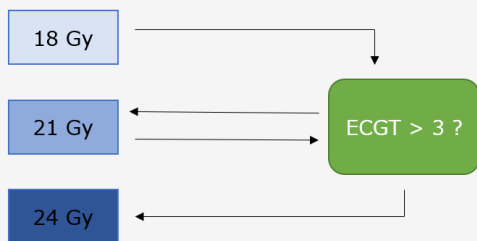
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Study Design: Phase I-II study

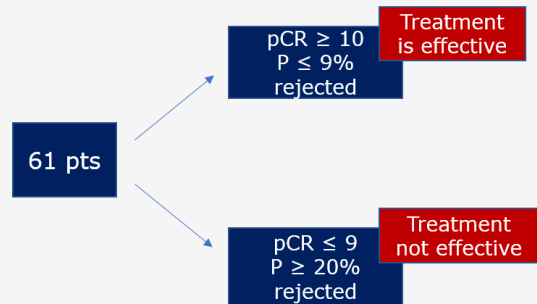
Phase I: dose escalation (2 years)

- dose-escalation 18/21/24 Gy
- isodose between 80% and 90%
- Cohort: max 18 pts
- **AIM:** identification of the **maximum tolerated dose (MTD)**, CTCAE skin toxicity grade <3



Phase II: pCR (3 years)

- The MTD identified in the first phase is administered
- Cohort: 61pts
- **AIM:** Evaluation of the effectiveness of preoperative treatment for ablative purpose, by the means of **pathological complete response rate** (no tumor in the surgical specimen)



Overview of the study protocol

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STUDY PROTOCOL

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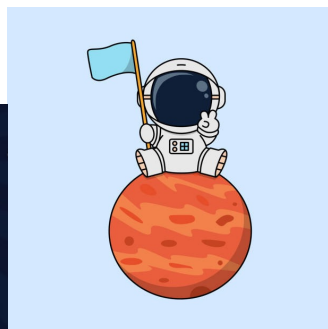
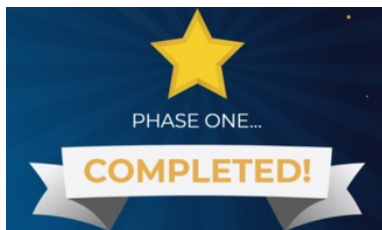
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Single fraction ablative preoperative radiation treatment for early-stage breast cancer: the CRYSTAL study – a phase I/II clinical trial protocol

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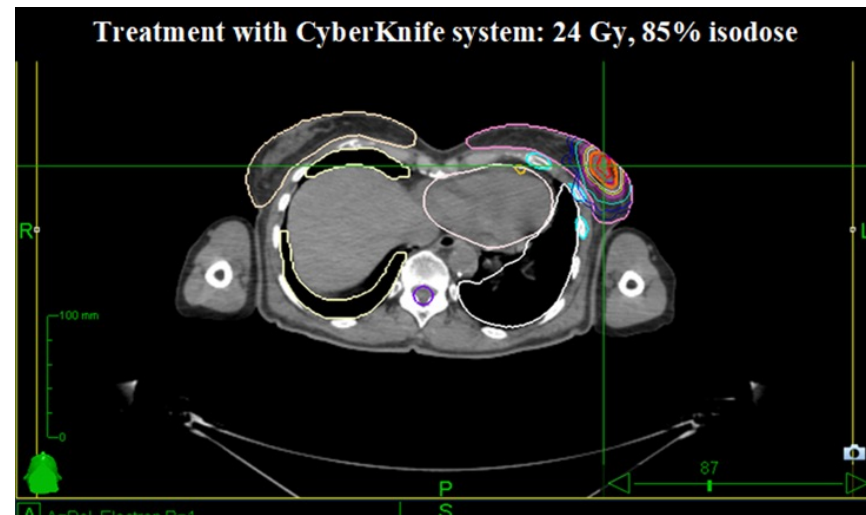


9 patients treated with Cyberknife system

- 3 patients received 18 Gy, 85% isodose
- 3 patients received 21 Gy, 85% isodose
- 3 patients received 24 Gy, 85% isodose

maximum tolerated dose identified →

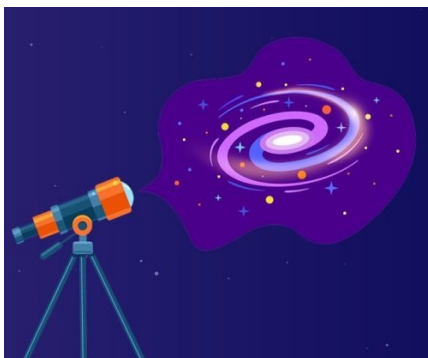
24Gy



Phase II is open, with 5 patients treated

RESULTS 1

- 9 patients were treated within the phase I of the study (3 patients for each dose step: 18-21-24 Gy) while 5 were treated within the phase II with 24 Gy in single fraction
- Median age at enrollment was 66.8 years (IQR 63.4 – 69.0)
- Stage at diagnosis was cT1N0 for 8 patients and cT2N0 for 6 patients
 - Invasive ductal carcinoma for 13 patients and 1 lobular carcinoma
 - luminal A for 10 patients
 - luminal B for 1 patient
 - luminal B-HER2+ for 2 patient
 - triple negative for 1 patient
- Comparing pre-RT MRI and pre-surgery MRI according RECIST criteria
 - 7 patients experienced stability disease
 - 4 patients experienced a partial response
 - 1 patient experienced a complete response

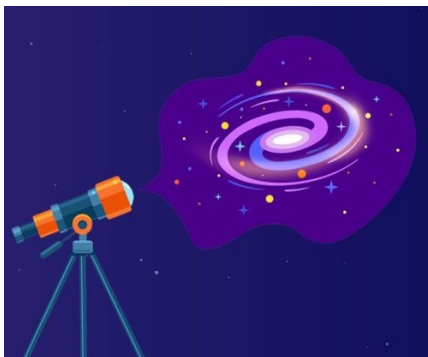


RESULTS 2

- Median time to surgery was 33 days (range 28 – 40 days)
 - 3 patients underwent mastectomy+snlb
 - 11 patients underwent quadrantectomy+snlb
- A post-surgical complication has been reported in 1 patient (liponecrosis)
- All patients except one experienced a reduction in Ki67 proliferation index (median change between biopsy and histologic exam of 7%)
- No pathological complete responses were observed
- Response evaluation according RECIST criteria (tumor size on pre-RT MRI vs definitive histology)
 - no complete response and no progression disease
 - 7 patients experienced stability disease
 - 7 patients experienced a partial response with a downstaging from stage IIA to IA

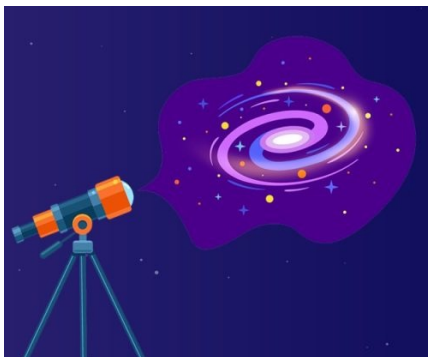


MEDIAN RESIDUAL TUMOUR CELLULARITY was 40% (data available for 5 patients)



RESULTS 3

- 11 patients have received post-operative RT and 2 of them have received also chemotherapy
- At last follow-up has been reported only one G1 chronic toxicity (breast pain) and no G>2 acute toxicities
- At a medium follow up of 13.1 months (range 1.4 – 23.3 months):
 - 1 patient developed a regional relapse (pN0 at surgery)
 - 2 patients developed a second tumor in another site
 - all the other patients are alive with no evidence of disease



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What's
Next?



- **MRI-histology correlation studies «historadiomics»**
- **Pathology and molecular pathology Task**

Pathology and molecular pathology Task

CORE BIOPSY ASSESSMENT, BEFORE RADIOABLATION TREATMENT			
Radiological sampling of the neoplasm	At least 5 cores (14 Gauge)	2+2 cores on 2 bio cassettes FF 1 core (ON FISOLOGIC)	ROUTINE: NO
immediate biobank and gross pathology samples transfer			ROUTINE: NO
Histology assessment	histology, grade H.E. Routine biological parameters	hormonal receptor, Her2/neu , Ki-67 index	ROUTINE: YES
At least 4 cores (14 Gauge) on 2 bio cassettes FF	Extra parameters	tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) + PDL1	ROUTINE: NO
Molecular assessment At least 1 core NO-FF	frozen at IEO biobank	Qualitative and quantitative assessment of tumor DNA/RNA at baseline	ROUTINE: NO

POST-SURGICAL ASSESSMENT, 4-8 WEEKS AFTER RADIOABLATION TREATMENT			
post radiation Molecular assessment At least 3 core NO-FF	frozen at IEO biobank	baseline Qualitative and quantitative assessment of tumor DNA/RNA at	ROUTINE: NO
RMI Postoperative assessment	RMN sul pezzo operatorio. (ev. togliere clips metalliche)	Fissato in contenitore con Agar/Gel-ECO 3T x 30 min Risoluzione <0.5 mm	ROUTINE: NO
Grossing assessment	2 day After of formalin fixed sagittal cuts on orientable samples	include whole bio cassettes (IN TOTO)	ROUTINE: NO
Histology assessment	histology, grade H.E. Extent of residual disease in the posttreatment surgical resection	Modified# Residual Cancer Burden (RCB) index (#WITHOUT LYMPH STATUS)	Routine: YES
Histology assessment	tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs), P	H.E. [25]	ROUTINE: NO
IHC analysis	Routine biological parameters Biological parameters	hormonal receptor, Her2/neu, Ki-67 index	Routine: YES
Others IHC analysis to assess neoplastic cellularity after therapy	To evaluate pathways of Apoptosis To evaluate hypoxia Response To evaluate specific Lymphocytic response	Anti-Caspase activate 3* HIF-1-alfa Routine: CD8 and/or CD4, CD20 (only responders: 1/3 of cases expected) PD1: PD-L1 expression	ROUTINE: NO
gene expression profiling in post radiation surgical samples	Oncomine Immune Response Research Assay	Table 3 List of 395 genes	ROUTINE: NO

Function	Number of genes	Function	Number of genes
Antigen presentation	3	B cell marker	11
Antigen processing	19	Dendritic cell	7
Innate immune response	11	Dendritic cell, macrophage	6
Leukocyte inhibition	2	Helper T cells	8
Leukocyte migration	5	Macrophage	5
Lymphocyte activation	2	Myeloid marker	7
Lymphocyte development	3	Neutrophil	5
Lymphocyte infiltration	46	NK cell activation	8
B cell receptor signaling	3	NK cell marker	4
T cell receptor signaling	6	T cell differentiation	2
T cell regulation	9	Checkpoint pathway	30
TCR coexpression	19	PD-1 signaling	9
Chemokine signaling	10	Drug target	21
Cytokine signaling	15	Adhesion, migration	14
Interferon signaling	8	Apoptosis	4
Type I interferon signaling	8	Proliferation	10
Type II interferon signaling	23	Tumor antigen	17
Housekeeping	11	Tumor marker	27

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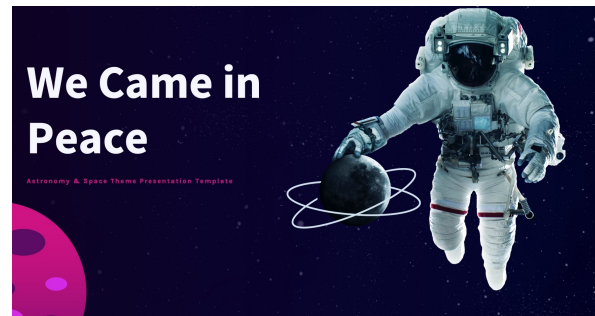
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Surgeons



Radiation oncologists

NO post-operative RT in luminal A

Conclusions



The present analysis reports preliminary results of the Crystal trial; data about late toxicities will be collected when updated follow-up data will become available



Phase II is in progress



This findings, updated with additional patients and longer follow-up, along with the data that will become available from similar ongoing investigations, may serve as a hypothesis-generating step towards a change of the current treatment paradigm in early stage BC



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