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## THE MANAGEMENT OF METASTATIC DISEASE

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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.

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- Consulenza ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario NIENTE DA DICHIARARE
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Differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) accounts for 85% of all thyroid cancers and is generally an indolent tumor, cured with surgery alone or in combination with I-131 radioiodine (RAI) therapy.

However, 10-15% of patients have advanced/metastatic disease, mainly in lung and bone.

Main prognostic factors after metastases

- age
- iodine-131 or 18F-FDG uptake
- histologic sub-type
- tumor burden at diagnosis
- site of metastases
- multiple organ metastases



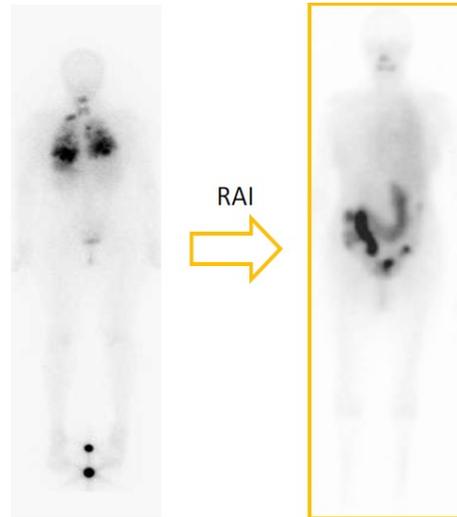


## Treatment Approach

The treatment strategy of metastatic DTC (mDTC), should be based on multiple factors

- Symptoms
- Tumour burden
- PS
- Lesion characteristics
- RAI avidity/refractoriness
- Disease progression (RECIST)

*RAI-avid*



131I WBS pos

131I WBS neg

RAI therapy (150-200 mCi)

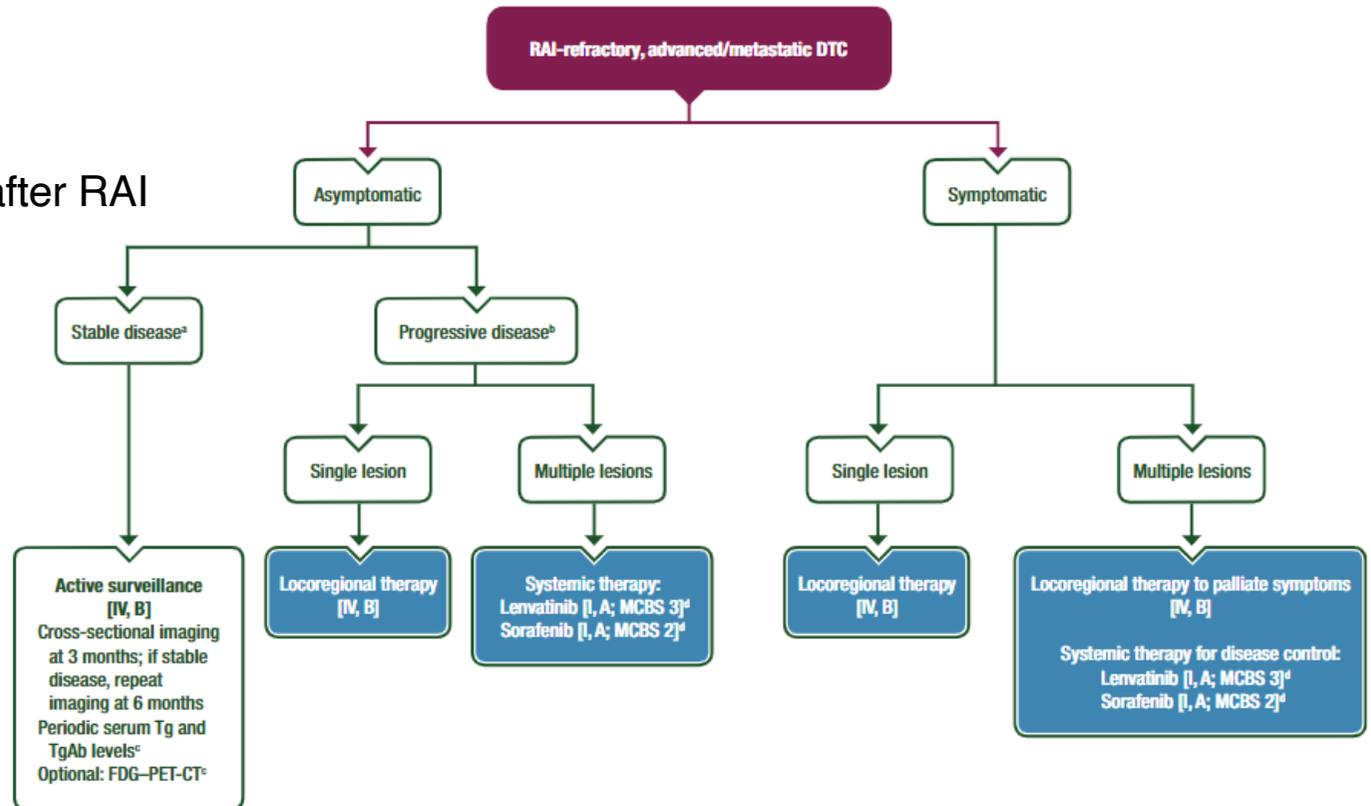
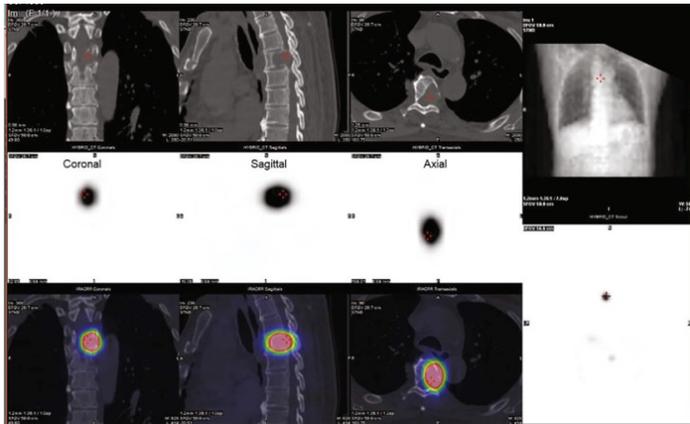
Lesions persistence after cumulative dose of 600 mCi →  
 Multidisciplinary discuss for valuate to continue RAI therapy  
 will be based on:

- tumour burden
- RAI-uptake intensity
- responses to previous RAI administrations

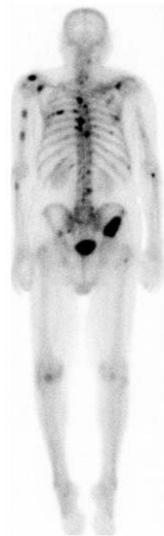
*Thyroid cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.  
 Filetti S. et al. Annals of Oncology 30: 1856-1883,2019 doi:10.1093/annonc/mdz400*

## RAI-refractory

- elderly patients
- multiple and large metastases
- PET-FDG metastases uptake
- structural progression 6-12 months after RAI



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 Filetti S. et al. *Annals of Oncology* 30: 1856-1883,2019 doi:10.1093/annonc/mdz400



## Bone Metastases

Risk of skeletal-related events (ex. pathological fractures, spinal cord compression)

### Treatment

- resorption inhibitors (bisphosphonates or denosumab), in pts with multiple bone metastases
- RAI therapy, in RAI- avid mts
- external beam radiotherapy (EBRT)



Guidelines

ESTRO ACROP guidelines for external beam radiotherapy of patients with uncomplicated bone metastases

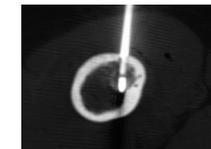
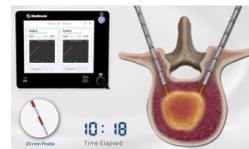


Guidelines

ESTRO ACROP guidelines for external beam radiotherapy of patients with complicated bone metastases



- surgery (indicated if life expectancy is longer than 3 months and there are no contraindications)
- cementoplasty and thermal ablation
- radiofrequency ablation or cryotherapy (limited evidence)
- other locoregional treatments





## Lung Metastases



Usually multiple lesions, bilateral, of varying size and asymptomatic.

### Treatment

- Metastasectomy is not the standard approach, but it may be considered for oligometastasis in pts with good performance status
- STR or Radiofrequency ablation, for solitary lesions or those causing a specific symptom



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**Thoracic metastasectomy for thyroid malignancies<sup>★☆☆</sup>**

**John Roland Porterfield, Stephen D. Cassivi<sup>\*</sup>, Dennis A. Wigle, K. Robert Shen, Francis C. Nichols, Clive S. Grant, Mark S. Allen, and Claude Deschamps**

48pts  papillary 31 (65%)  
 follicular 8 (17%)  
 medullary 5 (10%)  
 Hürthle cell 4 (8%)

Thoracotomy in 28 pts (58%)  
 Sternotomy in 12 pts (25%)  
 Thoracoscopy in 8 pts (17%)

} R0 in 33 pts (69%)  
 R1-R2 in 15 pts (31%)  
 Complication post-op in 8 pts

Median FUP 10 years  
 OS to 5 years = 60%

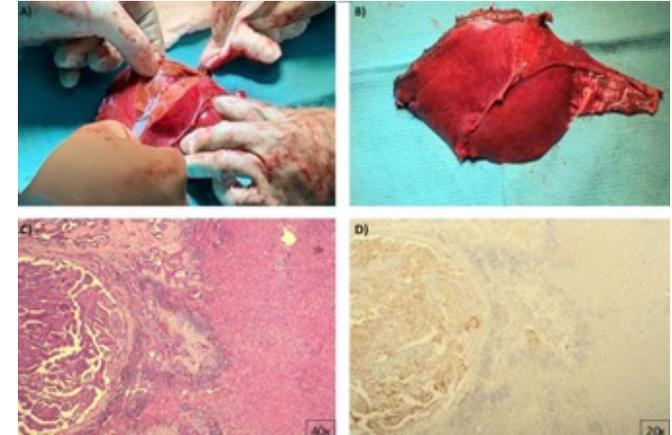


## Liver Metastases

0.5% from DTC. Usually multiple lesions, candidates for local ablation in case of solitary lesions. Individuals who are ineligible for surgery are not the best candidates for percutaneous ablation.

### Treatment

- Surgery, to prevent recurrent cholangitis and reduce tumor burden
- Radiofrequency ablation
  - size (<30mm)
  - location (3mm from all vessels)
  - visibility to US
- Hepatic intra-arterial embolisation with drug-eluting beads (if surgery and RFA are contraindicated)



Journal of Surgical Case Reports, 2020;9, 1–4  
 doi: 10.1093/jscr/rjaa370  
 Case Report

### Liver resection for metastatic thyroid carcinoma. Case report and literature review

Jesús Emiliano Sánchez-Garavito<sup>1</sup>, Jorge Sanchez-Garcia<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Olsen<sup>2</sup>, Rami M. Shorti<sup>3</sup>, Fidel Lopez-Verdugo<sup>1</sup> and Manuel I. Rodriguez-Davalos<sup>1,\*</sup>

| Study          | Number of patients               | Liver resection                       | RAI         | TKI      | Pathology diagnosis   | Survival   |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|---|--|
| Dinneen et al. | 100 (1% with liver metastasis)   | 12% underwent surgery (not specified) | Yes (31%)   | No       | PTC   | Overall survival rates at 5, 10 and 15 years were 37%, 24% and 20%, respectively   |
| Hirsch et al.  | 138 (3.6% with liver metastasis) | One liver resection                   | Yes (96.4%) | No       | PTC follicular variant (66.7%), FTC (13.8%), poorly differentiated thyroid cancer (10.9%) and intermediate-risk tumors (8.7%) | One patient with liver metastases was disease-free at last follow-up 40.6% have died during the study years, disease-specific mortality rate was 23.2% |
| Zunino et al.  | 36 (8% with liver metastasis)    | Surgery not specified                 | Yes         | Yes      | 72.2% with PTC, 27.7% with FTC  | Survival in patients with liver metastases ranged from 4.75 to 28 months in patients who were not treated and those who received TKI, respectively     |
| Madani et al.  | 492 (8% with liver metastasis)   | Surgical metastasectomy               | Yes         | Yes (3%) | 57% with PTC, 39% with FTC, four with Hürthle-cell, 43% with FTC (liver specific)   | Mean overall survival after diagnosis 60 months  |
| Farina et al.  | 103 (1% with liver metastasis)   | No                                    | Yes         | Yes      | PTC   | 6-month survival in patient with liver metastases  |



## Brain Metastases

Rare (frequency of 0.15-1.3%) and with poor prognosis (median survival time of 4-33 months).

### Treatment

- Surgical resection (associated with better outcomes)
- Stereotactic radiosurgery
- Radiotherapy

European Thyroid JOURNAL | J Yoo et al. | 11:5 | e220087

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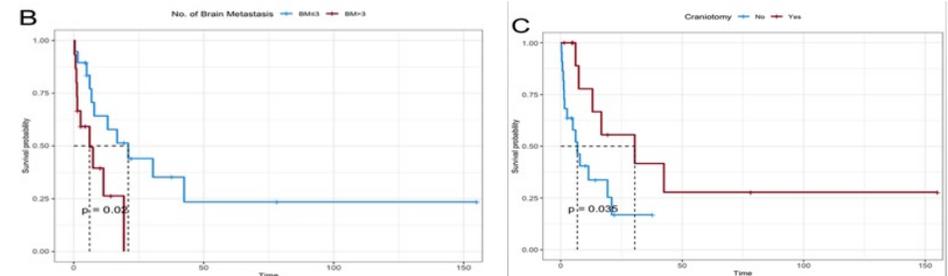
## Prognostic factors to predict the efficacy of surgical interventions against brain metastasis secondary to thyroid cancer

Jihwan Yoo<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Hee Jun Kim<sup>3,\*</sup>, Seok Mo Kim<sup>4</sup> and Hun Ho Park<sup>1</sup>

34pts

Median OS 11.4 months

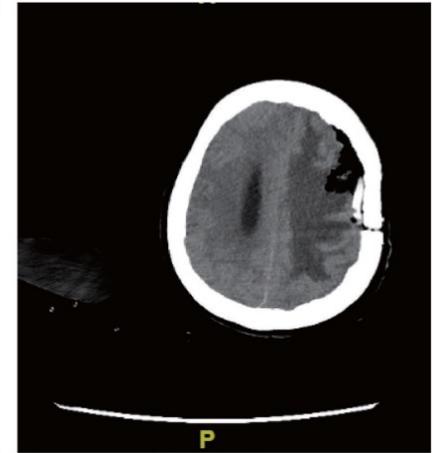
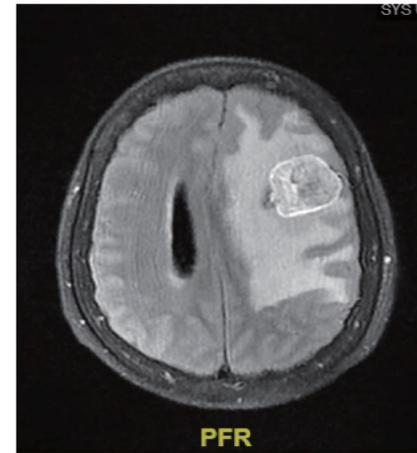
Craniotomies indicated a survival benefit only when the number of brain metastases was  $\leq 3$ .





## Brain Metastases From Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma: A Retrospective Study of 22 Patients

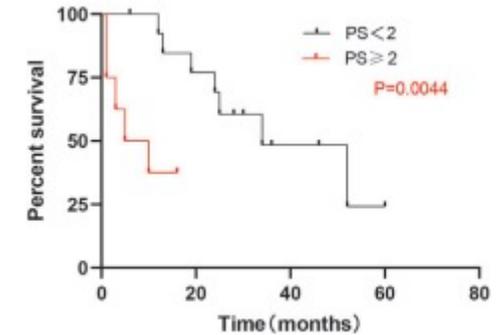
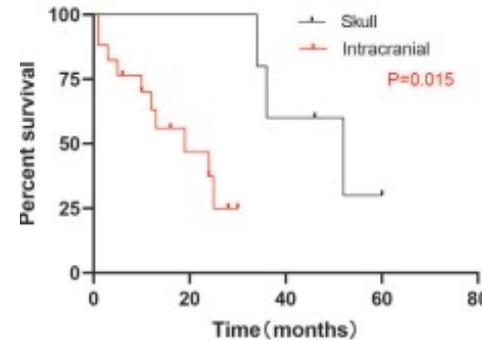
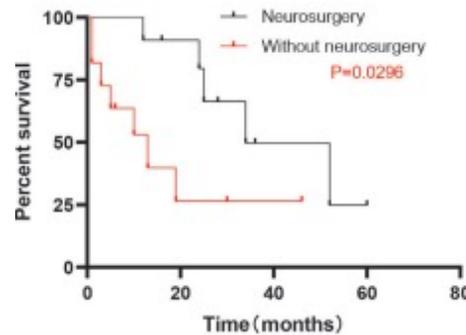
Tong Wu, Zan Jiao, Yixuan Li, Jin Peng, Fan Yao, Weichao Chen and Ankui Yang\*



22pts  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Brain metastasectomy 11 pts} \\ \rightarrow \text{SRS 4 pts} \end{cases}$

Median OS 17.5 months

Performance statue (PS), tumor site and neurosurgery impacted survival.



## Systemic therapy

### Treatment timing

- Treatment should be initiated when patients are still in good general condition to take full advantage of its efficacy.
- Should be continued until the disease progresses, unacceptable toxicities occur or the patient asks to stop treatment.
- In the presence of single-site progression, locoregional treatment can be done for local control, without discontinuing systemic therapy.

### First Line

Lenvatinib: inhibitor of VEGFR, FGFR, RET, c-KIT and PDGFR

Sorafenib: inhibitor of VEGFR, PDGFR, FGFR, RET, c-KIT and BRAF

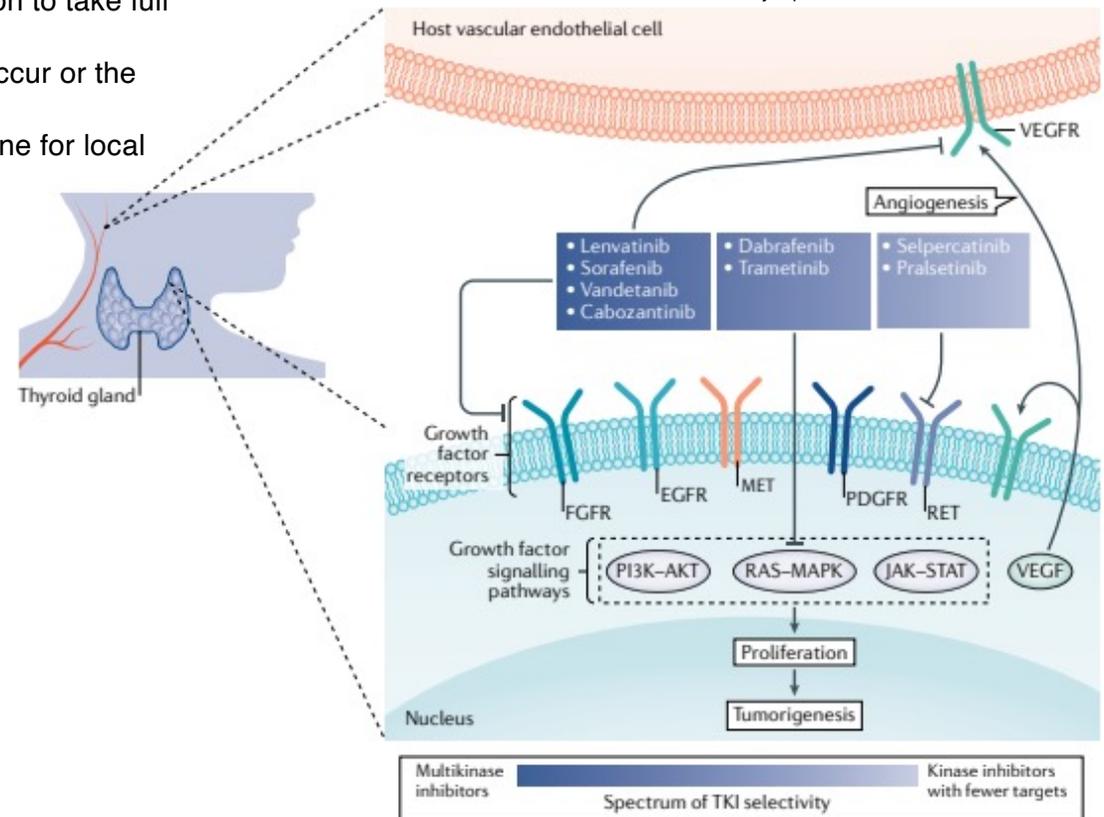
### Second Line

Cabozantinib: inhibitor of MET, RET, AXL, VEGFR2, FLT3 and c-KIT

Larotrectinib } NTRK fusion  
 Entrectinib }

Selpercatinib } RET mutation/fusion  
 Pralsetinib }

*Multikinase inhibitors in thyroid cancer: timing of targeted therapy*  
 Gildi et al. Nat Rev Endocrinol. 2021 Apr;17(4):225-234.  
 doi: 10.1038/s41574-020-00465-y. Epub 2021 Feb 18.





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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

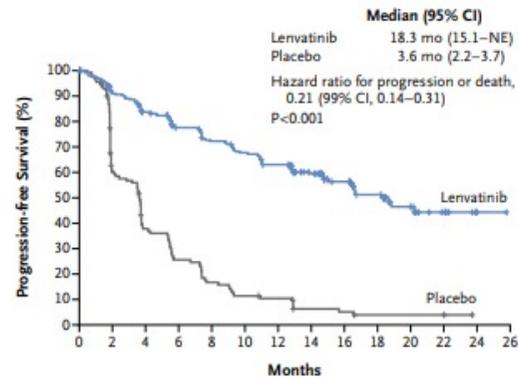
## Lenvatinib versus Placebo in Radioiodine-Refractory Thyroid Cancer

The Oncologist, 2022, 27, 565–572  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oncolo/oyac065>  
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 Review Article

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### Lenvatinib for the Treatment of Radioiodine-Refractory Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: Treatment Optimization for Maximum Clinical Benefit

Lori J. Wirth<sup>1,\*</sup>, Cosimo Durante<sup>2</sup>, Duncan J. Topliss<sup>3</sup>, Eric Winquist<sup>4</sup>, Eyal Robenshtok<sup>5</sup>, Hiroyuki Iwasaki<sup>6</sup>, Markus Luster<sup>7</sup>, Rossella Elisei<sup>8</sup>, Sophie Leboulleux<sup>9</sup>, Makoto Tahara<sup>10</sup>



SELECT trial phase III  
 (double-blind study)

392pts → Lenvatinib (n = 261)  
 → Placebo (n = 131)

Results

- Better PFS with lenvatinib (18.3 mo vs 3.6)
- Responses to lenvatinib in 64.8% pts vs 1.5%

Low disease burden → early onset of Lenvatinib

Dose of lenvatinib 24 mg/day better outcomes respect to 18 mg/day.

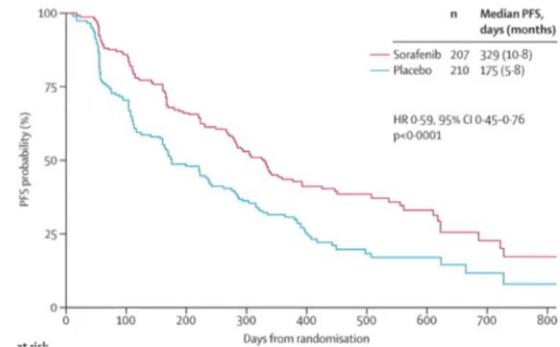
Timely identification of adverse events, (ex. diarrhea, hypertension, proteinuria and decreased appetite), to avoid longer dose interruptions, and maximize efficacy.



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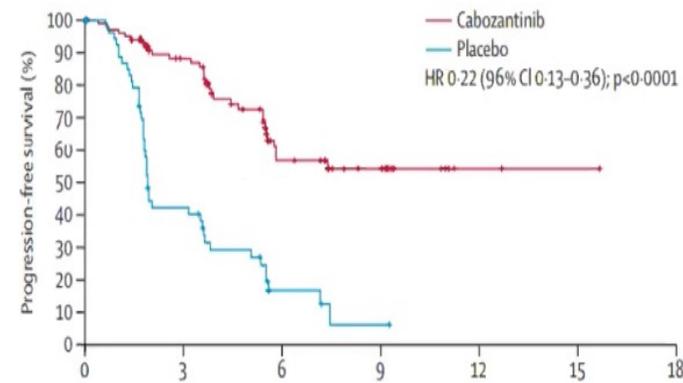
**Sorafenib in locally advanced or metastatic, radioactive iodine-refractory, differentiated thyroid cancer: a randomized, double-blind, phase 3 trial**



417pts → Sorafenib (n = 207)  
→ Placebo (n = 210)

- Results
- Better PFS with Sorafenib (10.8 mo vs 5.8)
  - Parzial response to Sorafenib (12% vs 0.5%)
  - Stable disease (42% vs 33%)

**Cabozantinib for radioiodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer (COSMIC-311): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial**



187pts → Cabozantinib (n = 125)  
→ Placebo (n = 62)

- Results
- Better PFS with Cabozantinib

## Clinical Study

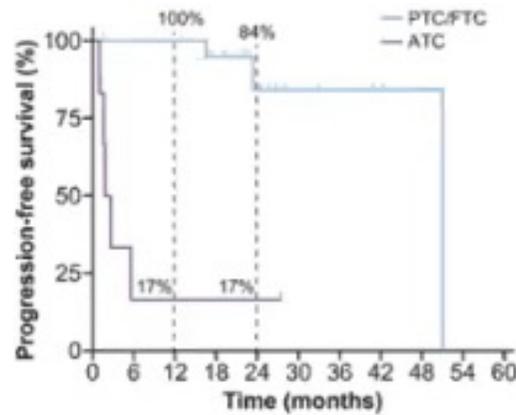
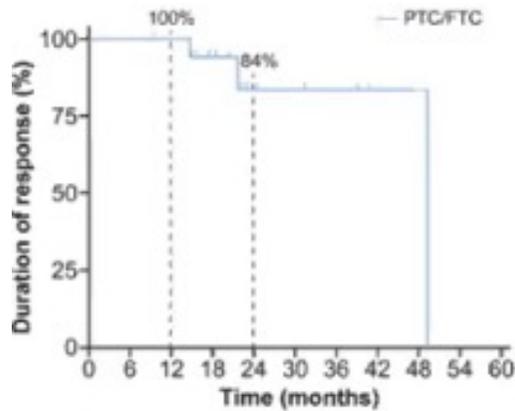
S G Waguespack and others

Larotrectinib for TRK fusion thyroid carcinoma

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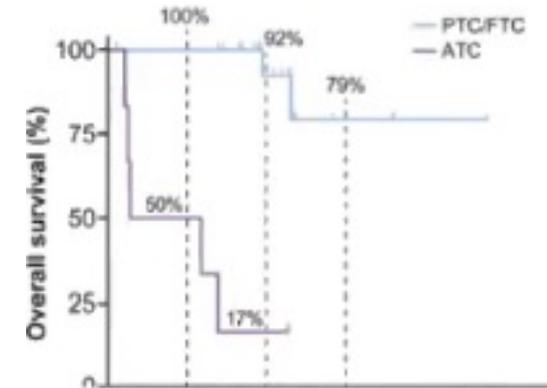
## Efficacy and safety of larotrectinib in patients with TRK fusion-positive thyroid carcinoma



28pts → papillary 20 (69%)  
 → follicular 2 (7%)  
 → anaplastic 7 (24%)

### Results

- complete response 2 (7%)
- parzial response 18 (64%)
- stable disease 4 (14%)
- progressive disease 3 (11%)
- objective response rate → 86% for PTC/FTC  
 → 29% for ATC





## Take home message

Multidisciplinary assessment is mandatory to define the timing of therapy.

Local therapies need to be considered in the management of mDTC alone or in combination with systemic agents.

The choice of local treatment should consider the extent of disease, the expected results and toxicity and the prognosis of patients.



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