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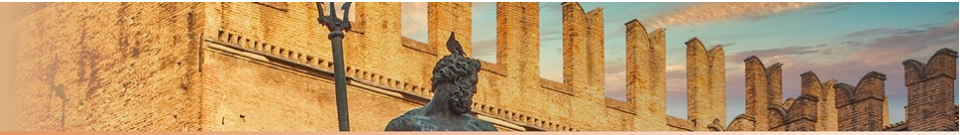
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**Re-irradiazione: razionale clinico E biologico nell' integrazione con le terapie sistemiche**

**INTEGRAZIONE CON TARGETED THERAPY**

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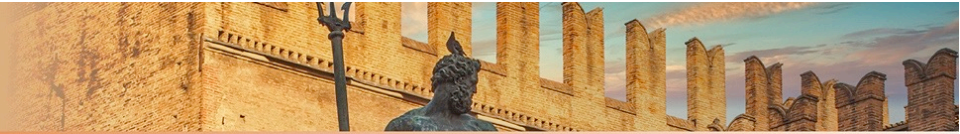


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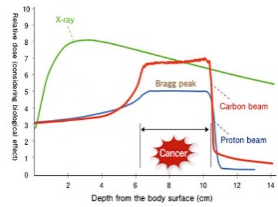
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## REIRRADIATION

The improvement of modern radiotherapy (RT) techniques:



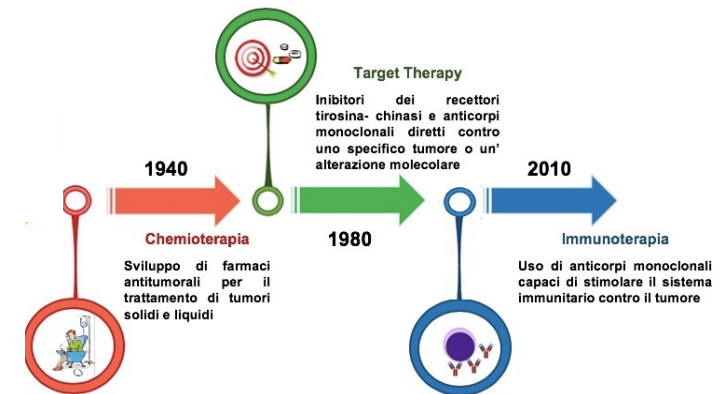
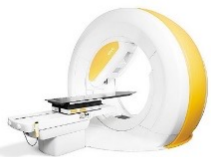
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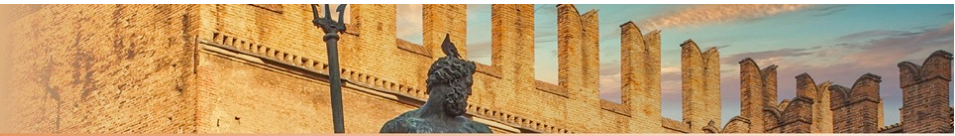
- Immunotherapy
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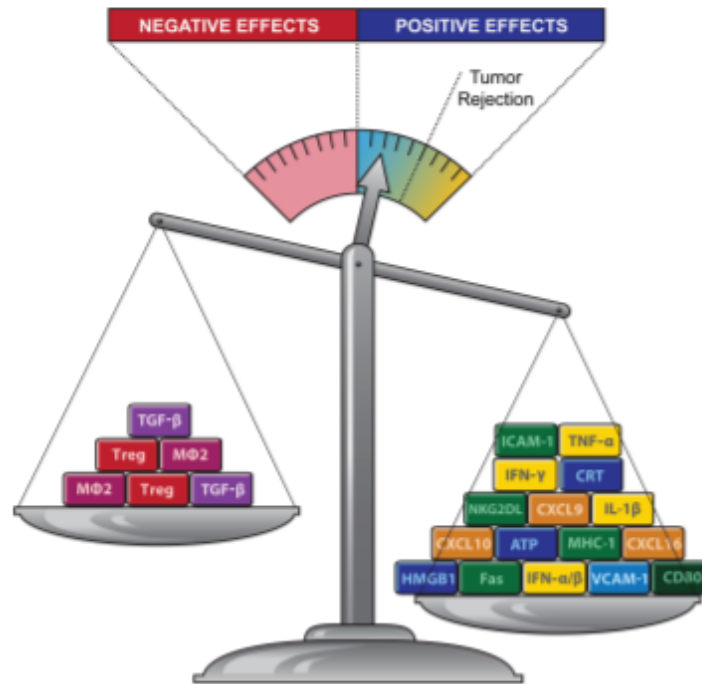
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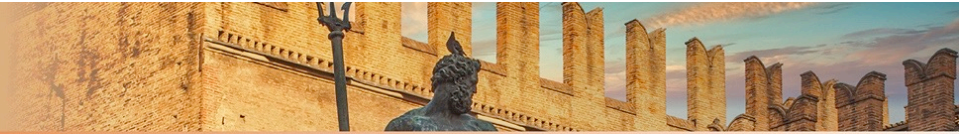
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## IMMUNOSTIMULATORY



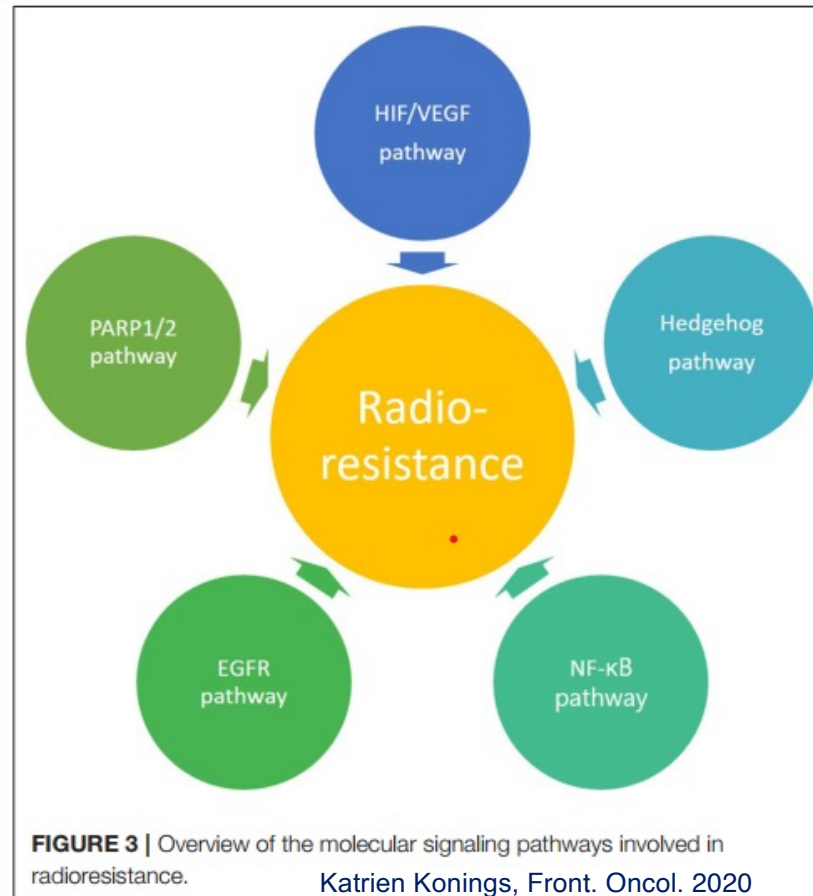
*“positive effects of RT often predominate over negative ones but are insufficient to shift the balance of the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment to achieve tumor rejection in the absence of targeted immunotherapy”*

Formenti SC, Demaria S. J Natl Cancer Inst. 2013

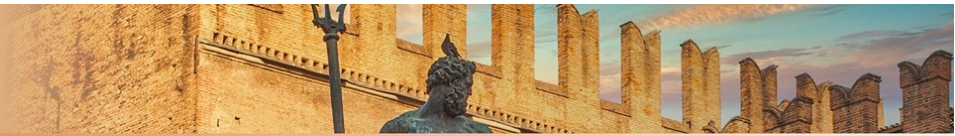


## RADIORESISTANCE

- **Intrinsic** resistance naturally present before the treatment has started
- **Acquired** resistance is induced by the irradiation, in which the tumor cells or tissues adapt and induce changes developing radiation resistance



**Hypoxia**, cancer stem cells, and specific signaling pathways of **EGFR**, **NFκB**, as well as DNA damage signalling involving **PARP**, are mechanisms of radioresistance for which pharmacological targets have been identified.



## Cetuximab

- 35 patients
- Cetuximab weekly + SRT 20-44 Gy
- Cetuximab conferred an OS advantage (24.5 vs. 14.8 months)
- No increase in grade 3/4 toxicities

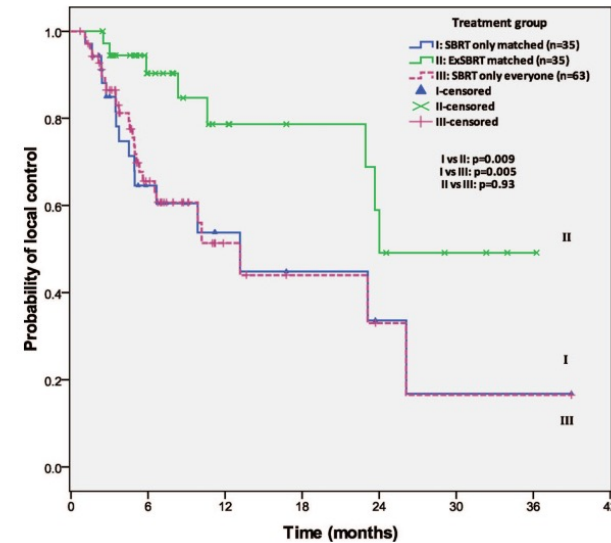
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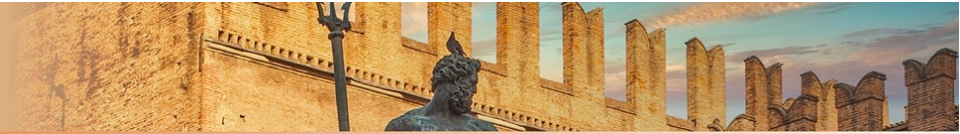
Am J Clin Oncol 2011

### Concurrent Cetuximab With Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for Recurrent Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck

*A Single Institution Matched Case–Control Study*

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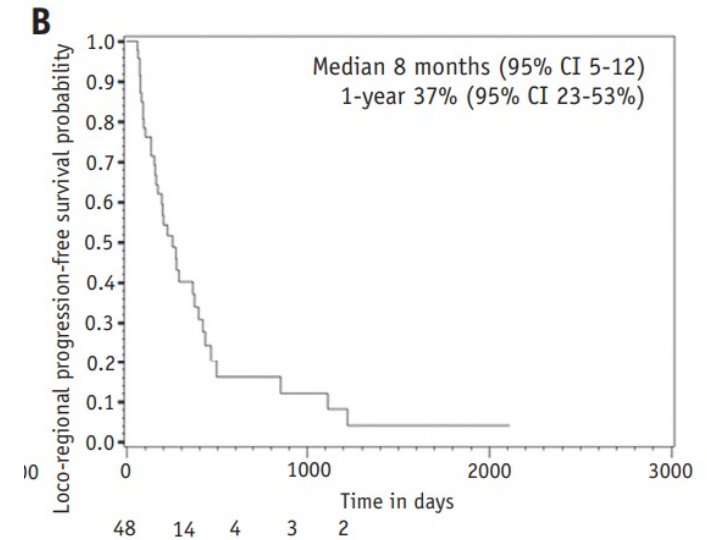




## A Prospective Phase 2 Trial of Reirradiation With Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy Plus Cetuximab in Patients With Previously Irradiated Recurrent Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck

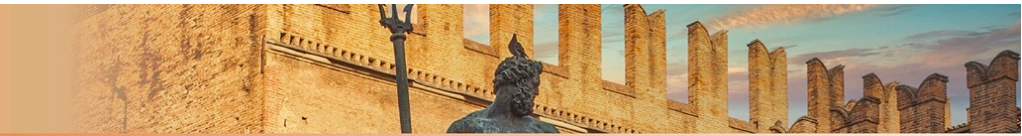


- 50 patients
- Cetuximab weekly (400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 7 and then 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) plus **SBRT** (40-44 Gy in 5 fractions on alternating days over 1-2 weeks)



1-year locoregional PFS was 37%  
 (95% CI: 23%-53%)





**Table 2** Patients experiencing grade 3+ treatment-related toxicity

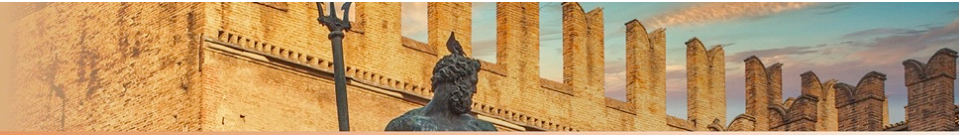
Toxicity description and grade	Time (mo)	Prior treatment	Reirradiation interval (mo)	Site of recurrence	Recurrence volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Treatment platform
Acute grade 3 rash	<1	Concurrent cetuximab plus RT of 70 Gy	9	Base of tongue	33	Trilogy
Acute grade 3 mucositis requiring admission and G-tube placement	1-3*					
Acute and late grade 3 dysphagia requiring G-tube dependence	2-death	Concurrent Cisplatin/5FU and RT 64.8 Gy	12	Tonsil	45	TrueBeam
Acute grade 3 moist desquamation	<1	Total laryngectomy and adjuvant concurrent cetuximab plus RT of 59.4 Gy	264	Stoma and submental	45	TrueBeam
Late grade 3 esophageal stricture to tracheoesophageal fistula	6-death					
Late grade 3 leakage extending into neopharynx requiring feeding tube	3.5-death	Definitive RT at 66 Gy Salvage laryngectomy	35	Base of Tongue	135	TrueBeam

Abbreviations: G-tube = gastrostomy tube; RT = radiation therapy.  
 \* The patient died at 3 months with a feeding tube.

## Toxicity


Acute and late grade 3 toxicity was observed in 6% of patients respectively.

- Acceptable tumor control and survival results compared to historic results for conventional reirradiation plus chemotherapy and chemotherapy alone with or without cetuximab,
- Low rates of acute toxicity
- Potentially improved patient compliance due the short overall treatment time



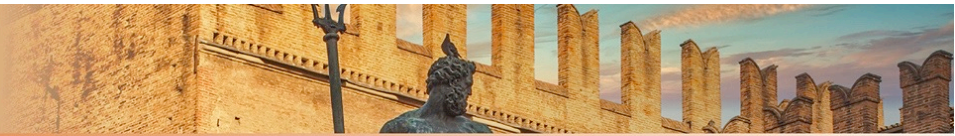
# Bevacizumab

## Radiotherapy versus combination radiotherapy-bevacizumab for the treatment of recurrent high-grade glioma: a systematic review

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- 1399 patients
- 954 patients receiving reRT alone/ 445 patients receiving reRT + BVZ
- BVZ therapy improved OS (2.51, 95% CI [0.11, 4.92] months,  $P = .041$ ) but no significant improvement in PFS (1.40, 95% CI [- 0.36, 3.18] months,  $P = .099$ ).
- Patients receiving BVZ also had significantly lower rates of RN (2.2% vs 6.5%,  $P < .001$ ).

Data on the combination of bevacizumab and SRT at extra-cranial locations is scarce but indicates that the use of concurrent abdominal SRT and bevacizumab should be practised with caution




## Tki inhibitors

Multi receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors  
(sorafenib, sunitinib)

EGF-R-inhibitors  
(gefitinib, erlotinib, lapatinib)

ALK-Inhibitors  
(crizotinib, ceritinib, alectinib)

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**Concurrent sunitinib and stereotactic body radiotherapy for patients with oligometastases**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Gefitinib Combined With Stereotactic Radiosurgery in Previously Treated Patients With Advanced Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer

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Clinical Investigation: Thoracic Cancer

### Stereotactic Radiation Therapy can Safely and Durably Control Sites of Extra-Central Nervous System Oligoprogressive Disease in Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase-Positive Lung Cancer Patients Receiving Crizotinib

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Article

### Is the Concurrent Use of Sorafenib and External Radiotherapy Feasible for Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma? A Meta-Analysis

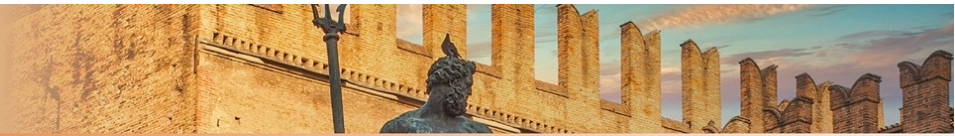
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## Neuro-Oncology

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### Significance of targeted therapy and genetic alterations in EGFR, ALK, or KRAS on survival in patients with non–small cell lung cancer treated with radiotherapy for brain metastases

Kimberley S. Mak, Justin F. Gainor, Andrzej Niemierko, Kevin S. Oh, Henning Willers, Noah C. Choi, Jay S. Loeffler, Lecia V. Sequist, Alice T. Shaw, and Helen A. Shih



Systematic or Meta-analysis Studies

Cancer Treatment Reviews 53 (2017)

## Toxicity of concurrent stereotactic radiotherapy and targeted therapy or immunotherapy: A systematic review



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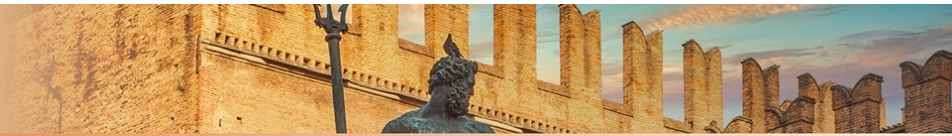
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**Cetuximab** not add toxicity

Cranial SRT combined with **Sorafenib** of **Sunitinib** appears to be safe but one grade 5 toxicity has been observed for sunitinib.

Concurrent treatment is mostly well tolerated in cranial SRT, the relatively scarce literature on extracranial SRT shows a potential risk of increased toxicity when SRT is combined with **EGFR-targeting tyrosine kinase inhibitors and bevacizumab.**

**High rates of severe toxicity were observed for the combination with BRAF-inhibitors.**



## BRAF/MEK inhibitors

Increased dermatologic, pulmonary, neurologic, hepatic, esophageal, and bowel toxicity from the combination.

BRAF<sup>i</sup> and MEK<sup>i</sup> recommendations:

- Hold 3 days before and after fractionated RT.
- Hold 1 day before and after SRS.

RT recommendations:

- Consider dose per fraction <4 Gy unless using a stereotactic approach or the patient has very poor prognosis/performance status.



Critical Review

### Avoiding Severe Toxicity From Combined BRAF Inhibitor and Radiation Treatment: Consensus Guidelines from the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG)

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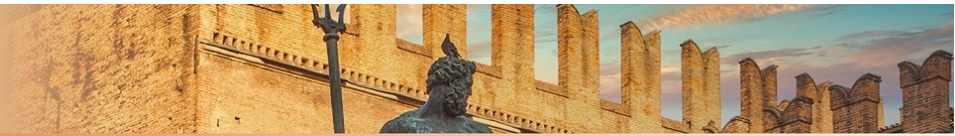
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Article

### Continued versus Interrupted Targeted Therapy during Metastasis-Directed Stereotactic Radiotherapy: A Retrospective Multi-Center Safety and Efficacy Analysis

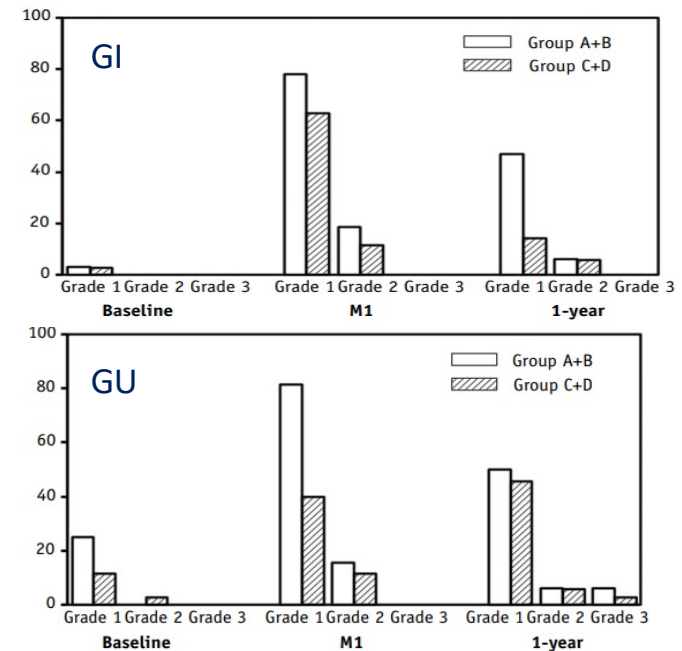
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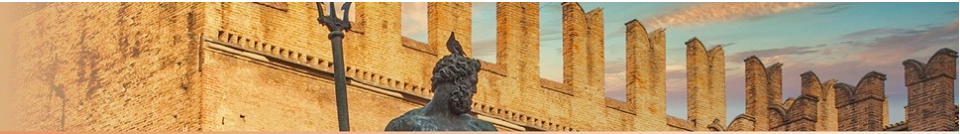


## Hormone Therapy

- 67 patients
- 54 Gy in 1.8 Gy fractions - 66 Gy in 2.2 Gy
- G2 GU acute toxicity occurred in 9/67 patients (13.4%)  
 G2 GU late toxicity occurred in 4/67 patients (6%)
- G2 GI acute toxicity occurred in 10/67 patients (14.9%)  
 G2 GI late toxicity occurred in 4/67 patients (6%)
- Half patients had received prior prostatic irradiation, they did not exhibit increased urinary or digestive toxicity

## Early Toxicity of a Phase 2 Trial of Combined Salvage Radiation Therapy and Hormone Therapy in Oligometastatic Pelvic Node Relapses of Prostate Cancer (OLIGOPELVIS GETUG P07)





Clinical & Experimental Metastasis (2021) 38:227–230  
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COMMENTARY



## Integrating stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) and systemic treatments in oligoprogressive prostate cancer: new evidence from the literature

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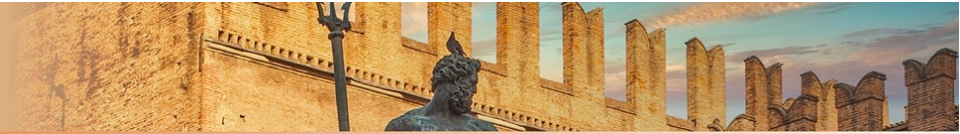
RADIOTHERAPY



## Study protocol and preliminary results from a mono-centric cohort within a trial testing stereotactic body radiotherapy and abiraterone (ARTO-NCT03449719)

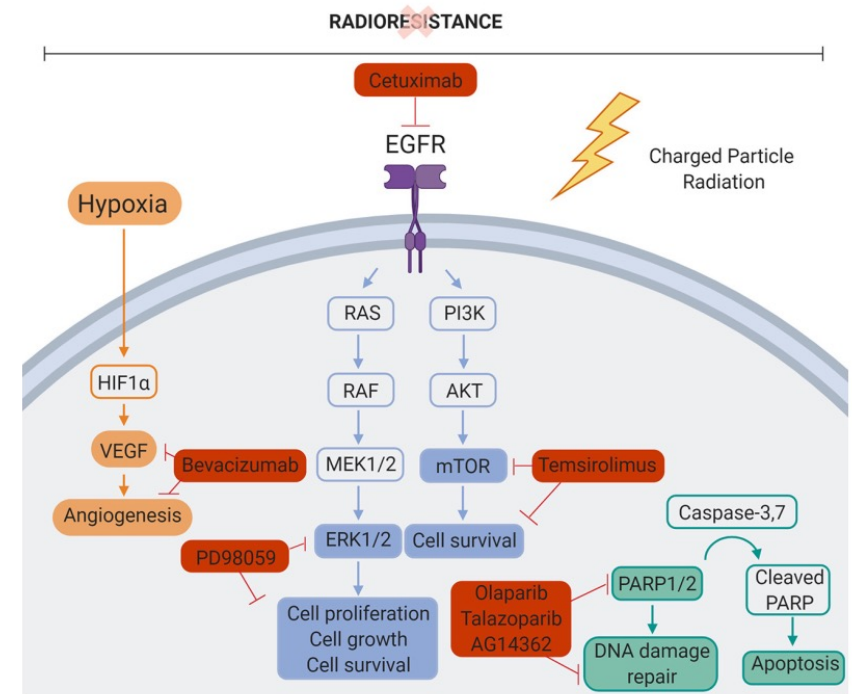
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SBRT + Abiraterone  
 treatment  
 was safe and well  
 tolerated.

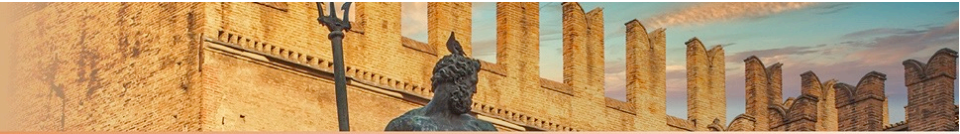


## PARTICLE THERAPY

- **Charged particle** modulate the activity of some of molecular pathways than photons
- **Carbon ion** irradiation is able to reduce hypoxia-induced radioresistance. High LET radiation can eradicate hypoxic tumor cells more effectively than low-LET radiation. This is also reflected in the oxygen enhancement ratio (OER).
- A handful of *in vitro* studies have shown that particle radiation (protons or carbon ions) is more effective against CSCs than photon radiation.

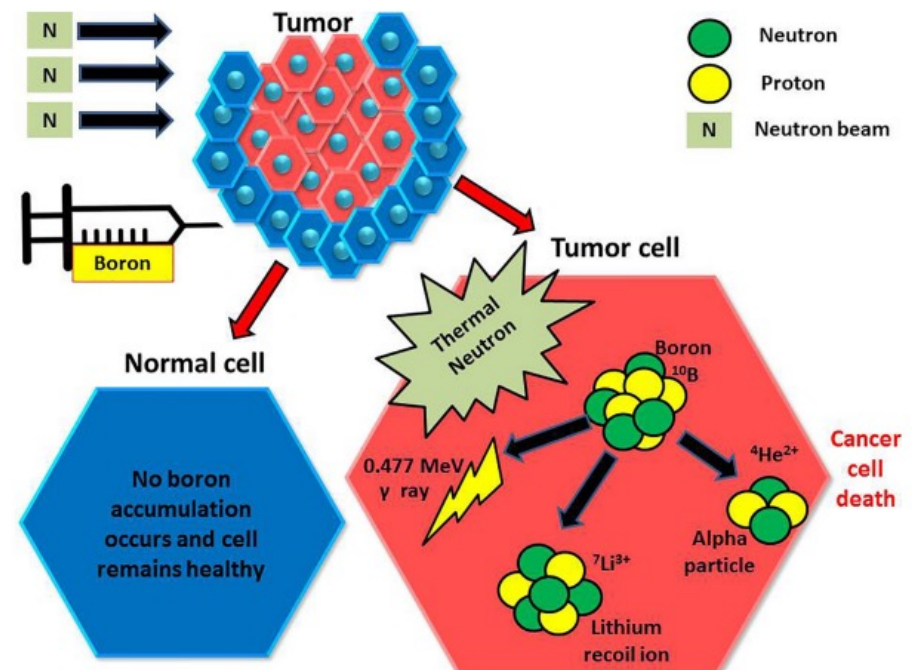




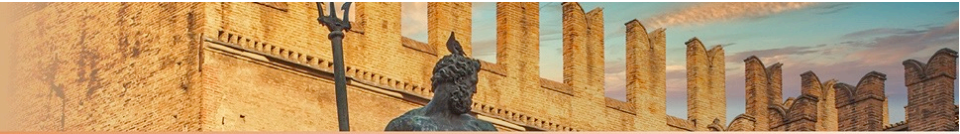


## BNCT Boron neutron capture therapy

- BncT is a biologically **targeted type**
- It theoretically should be **selectively destroy tumor cells** dispersed in normal tissue
- BNCT has been studied in malignant brain tumors, **recurrent tumors of the head and neck region**, and cutaneous melanomas.
- The most efficacious boronated compound remains unclear. Nowadays two agents are used: **sodium borocaptate (BSH)** and **boronophenylalanine (BPA)**



Malouff et al, Front.Onc 2021



## TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- The identification of **specific genetic, biological disease features** and molecular pathways involved in radioresistance mechanism might help to facilitate the development of **personalised radiotherapy prescriptions**.
- Literature data are still **lacking to guide the clinical practice** in order to define **the best combination strategy** and future studies are needed.
- Whenever possible, we encourage **enrollment in clinical trials**
- Considering the potential superior role of **particle therapy** in treating radioresistant cancers, clinical studies about the combination of targetable pathways and particle radiation are necessary.

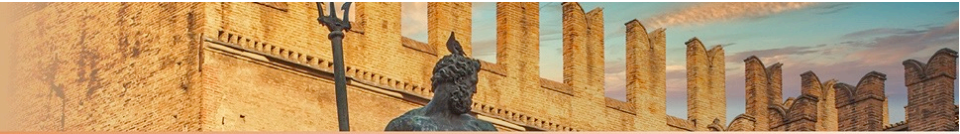
Radiation oncologist, medical oncologist and surgeon have to work together to identify the better therapeutical strategy



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