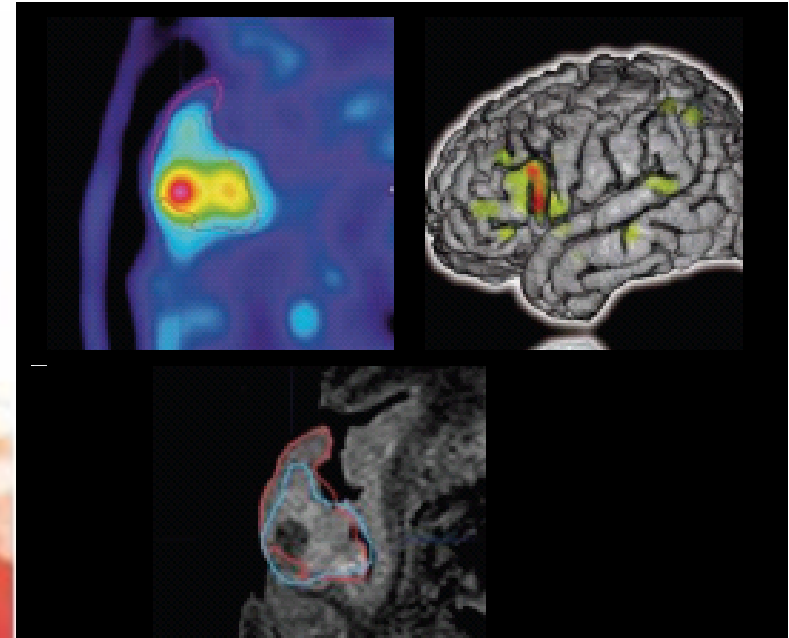


NEW ADVANCES IN NEURONCOLOGY

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Role of Radiation Therapy in Lower Grade Glioma

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LrGG

2016 WHO CNS

These molecular biomarkers

Grade **II-III glioma**

Re-evaluation **biologic heterogeneity**
molecular make-up

Some LGG behave **→** like GBM

Anaplastic Glioma **→** like LGG

Prognostic factors

Predictive markers

Drive therapeutic **decision making**

Radiation Therapy (RT) **controversial** modality in LGG

Prolonged natural history and potential **late toxicity** from RT

Several prospective randomized trials to define **WHO** benefit from RT

Limitations: all types of **resection** and multiple **histologies** included

Some populations higher risk of **recurrence**

A **risk stratification** needed to point out who treat in up-front setting

RT in Low Grade Glioma (LGG)

Trial	Adjuvant Therapy	5-y PFS (%)	5-y OS
EORTC 22844	45 Gy	47	58%
	59.4 Gy	50	59%
NCCTG 86-72-51	50.4 Gy	55	72%
	64.8 Gy	52	64%
EORTC 22845	Observation	35	66%
	54 Gy	55	68%
RTOG 9802	Observation (nonrandomized low-risk arm)	48	93%
	54 Gy	72	63%
	54 Gy + PCV	84	72%
RTOG 0424	54 Gy/TMZ (nonrandomized)	46	60%
EORTC 22033	50.4 Gy/TMZ (12 cycles)		

Prospective phase III dose-escalation studies

NCCTG 86-72-51 trial

203 patients

RT doses **50.4 Gy vs 64.8 Gy**

No OS differences (p=0.48)

Grade 3-5 toxicity

doubled in the higher dose arm (p=0.04)

Suggestions

RT doses **45-50.4 Gy**

No role for **dose escalation**

EORTC 22844

379 patients

RT doses **45 Gy vs 59.4 Gy**

No OS or PFS differences
(p=0.73; 0.94)

Limitations

CT scan only

Old RT techniques employed

EORTC 22845 trial or “non-believer’s trial”

Optimal **timing** of RT

up-front *vs* at progression

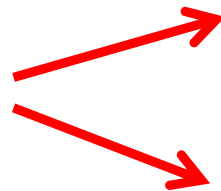
311 patients enrolled

290 patients assessable

Median FU time

7.8 years

Biopsy or Resection

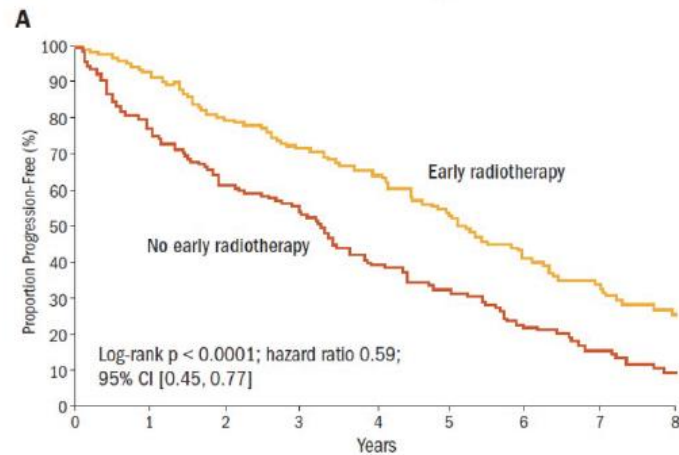


up-front RT 54 Gy

observation-delayed 54 Gy

No formal QoL or Neurocognitive/neurologic functions performed

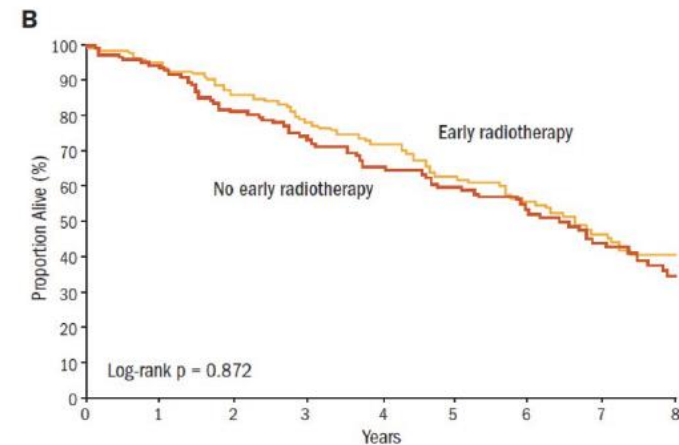
Progression-free survival in low-grade glioma
EORTC 22845: Early vs Late RT



mPFS **5.3** years vs **3.4** years
($p=0.0001$)

Seizure at 1year **25%** vs **41%** $p=0.03$

Overall survival in low-grade glioma
EORTC 22845: Early vs Late RT



mOS **7.4** years vs **7.2** years

RT could be **safely performed**

Limitations did not assess differences between risk groups and QoL

RTOG prognostic factors

Unfavorable

- Age >40 years
- Tumors > 5 cm
- Astrocytoma histology
- Surgery < GTR

EORTC prognostic factors

Unfavorable

- Age >40 years
- Tumors ≥ 6 cm
- Tumor crossing midline
- Astrocytoma histology
- Neurologic symptoms

Observation in low risk patients

Radiation therapy in high risk patients

Temozolomide chemotherapy versus radiotherapy in high-risk low-grade glioma (EORTC 22033-26033): a randomised, open-label, phase 3 intergroup study

Brigitta G Baumert*, Monika E Hegi*, Martin J van den Bent, Andreas von Deimling, Thierry Gorlia, Khê Hoang-Xuan, Alba A Brandes, Guy Kantor, Martin J B Taphoorn, Mohamed Ben Hassel, Christian Hartmann, Gail Ryan, David Capper, Johan M Kros, Sebastian Kurscheid, Wolfgang Wick, Roelien Enting, Michele Reni, Brian Thiessen, Frederic Dhermain, Jacoline E Bromberg, Loic Feuvret, Jaap C Reijneveld, Olivier Chinot, Johanna M M Gijtenbeek, John P Rossiter, Nicolas Dif, Carmen Balana, Jose Bravo-Marques, Paul M Clement, Christine Marosi, Tzahala Tzuk-Shina, Robert A Nordal, Jeremy Rees, Denis Lacombe, Warren P Mason, Roger Stupp*

Lancet Oncol 2016; 17: 1521-32

487 patients

250 RT

237 TMZ

Aim PFS and identification of molecular factors predictive outcome

2 Arms RT alone 50.4 Gy vs TMZ dose dense alone

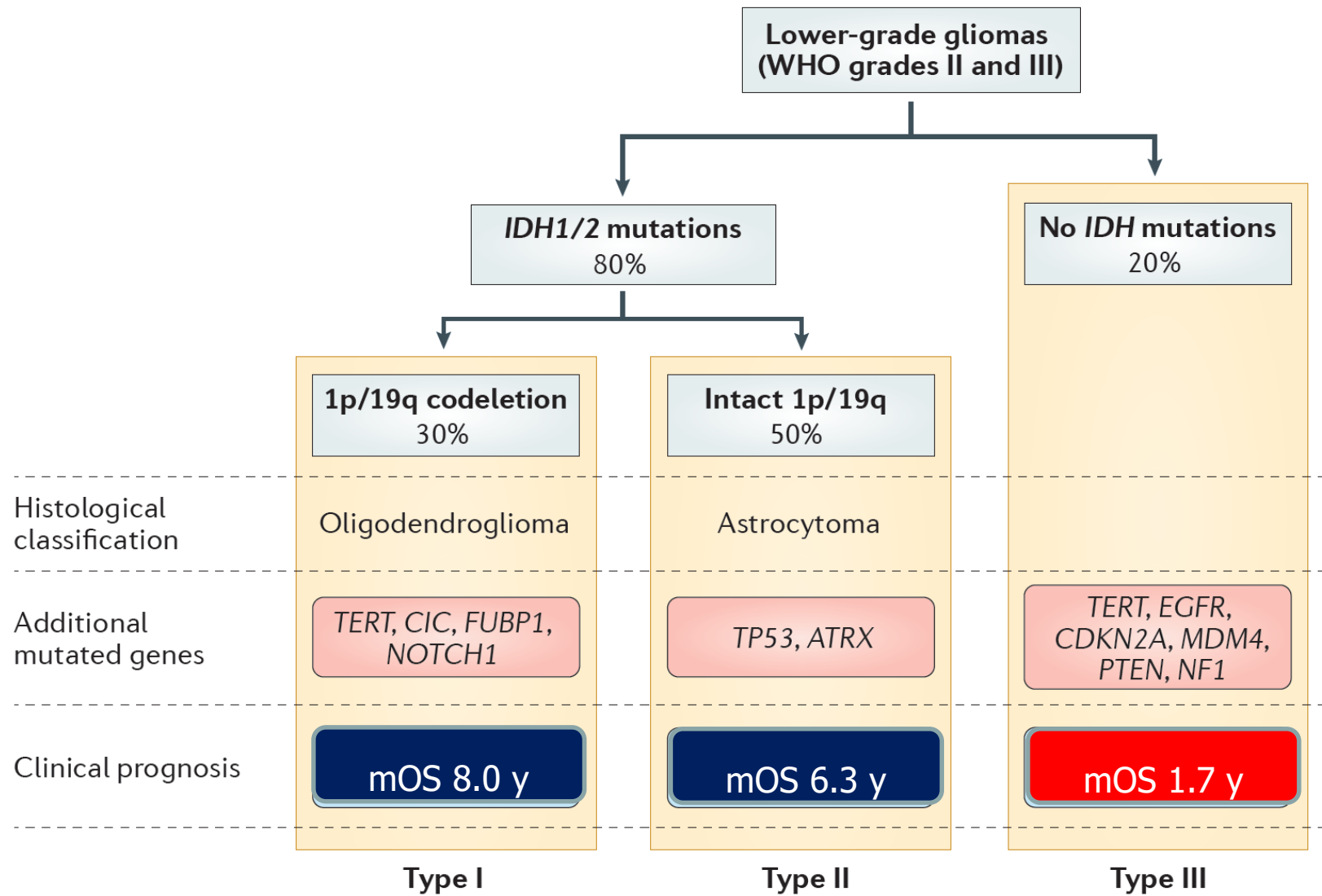
Median FU 48 months

Median PFS RT 46 months TMZ 39 months $p=0.22$

IDH mutation/1p19q- better PFS in RT arm $p=0.0043$

Worse outcome in both arms in case of IDH wild type

Baumert, Lancet Oncology 2016



Ann Neurol 1994; **36**:48-54

Cognitive Functions and Quality of Life in Patients with Low-Grade Glioma: The Impact of Radiotherapy

M. J. B. Taphoorn, MD,* A. Klein Schiphorst, MA,† F. J. Snoek, PhD,‡ J. G. Wolbers, MD,‡ A. B. M. F. Karim, MD,§ P. C. Huijgens, MD,¶ and

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ARTICLES

Effect of radiotherapy and other treatment-related factors on mid-term to long-term cognitive sequelae in low-grade gliomas: a comparative study

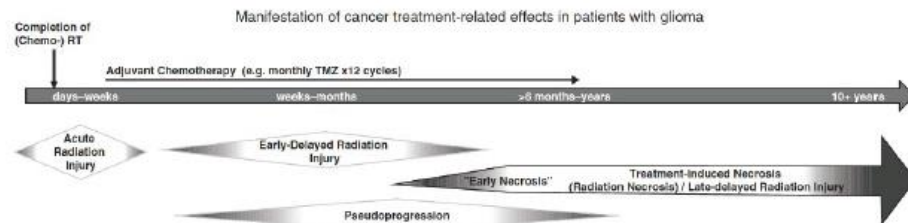
Complications of Cancer Therapy *Tissue Necrosis*

Neuro-Oncology

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Treatment-induced brain tissue necrosis: a clinical challenge in neuro-oncology

Sebastian F. Winter¹, Franziska Loebel, Jay Loeffler, Tracy T. Batchelor, Maria Martinez-Lage, Peter Vajkoczy, and Jorg Dietrich



Neuro-Oncol (2017) 134:9-18
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REVIEW

Treatment-related neurocognitive dysfunction in patients with diffuse glioma: a systematic review of neurocognitive functioning prior to anti-tumor treatment

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Supporting Studies

- Limited number of pts
- Retrospective studies
- High RT doses
- Wide target volumes

*Down L Lancet neurology 2002;
Olson JD Neurology 2000;
Surma-aho O Neurology 2001;
Postma TJ Neurology 2002;
Correa DD J Neurooncol 2008*

Non-supporting Studies

- Prospective studies
- Two with more than 100 pts
- Limited target volumes
- Evaluation using standardized test batteries

*Klein M Lancet 2002;
Laack NN IJROBP 2005;
Vigliani MC IJROBP 1996;
Amstrong CL Neurology 2002;
Brown PD JCO 2003;
Torres IJ Neurology 2003*

NO RANDOMIZED STUDIES

Neurocognitive decline



Multifactorial genesis

Patients



age

presence of comorbidities

Down L Lancet neurology 2002

Disease



site and size of tumor

seizure

Klein M Lancet 2002; Klein M Ann Neurol 2003

Treatments



surgery

chemotherapy

radiotherapy

Reijneveld JC Neurology 2001; Brown PD Neuro Oncol 2003; Lesser GJ Sem Rad Oncol 2001

DOSE REDUCTION

Doses

50.4 Gy (EORTC) or 54 Gy (RTOG)

Advantages

- * not exceed **brain stem** or **optic** tolerances
- * tolerable for **large** tumor volume
- * with a low risk of **radiation necrosis**

Doses

45 Gy

Advantages

- * **very large** treatment volumes
- * involvement of **particular brain regions**
- * such as dominant **temporal** lobes or **hippocampus**
- * predispose to **late cognitive** sequelae

APPROPRIATE IMAGING FOR TARGET VOLUME DELINEATION

MRI is mandatory

T2 sequences

FLAIR sequences

diffusion or perfusion weighted imaging

CT scan

For treatment planning

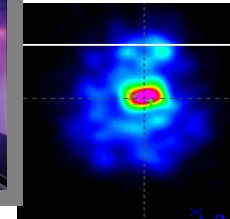
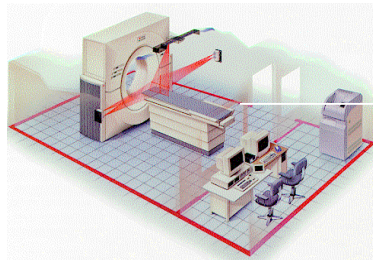
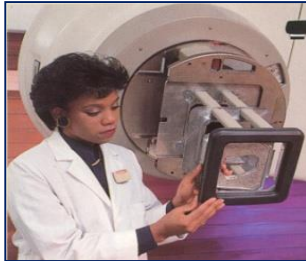
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Astrocytoma

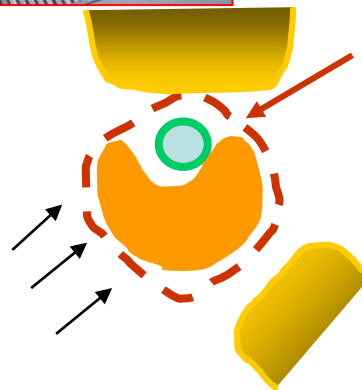
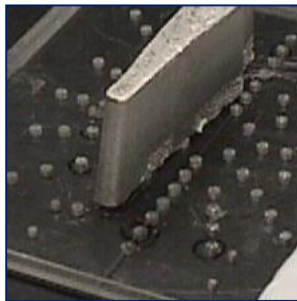
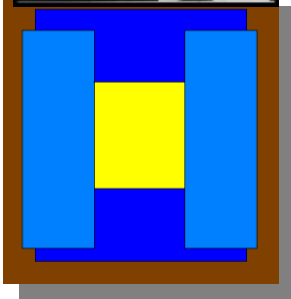
MARGIN REDUCTIONS

Smaller tumor margins are acceptable in LGG **from 2 cm to 5 mm**

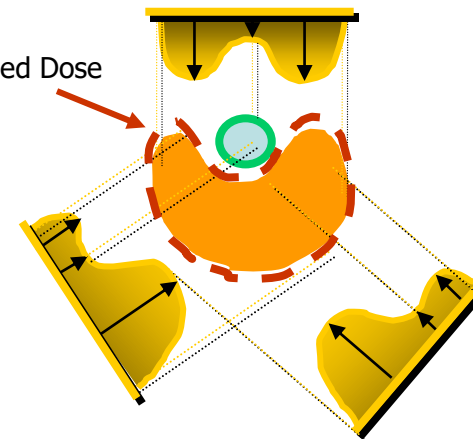
NEW RT TECHNOLOGIES



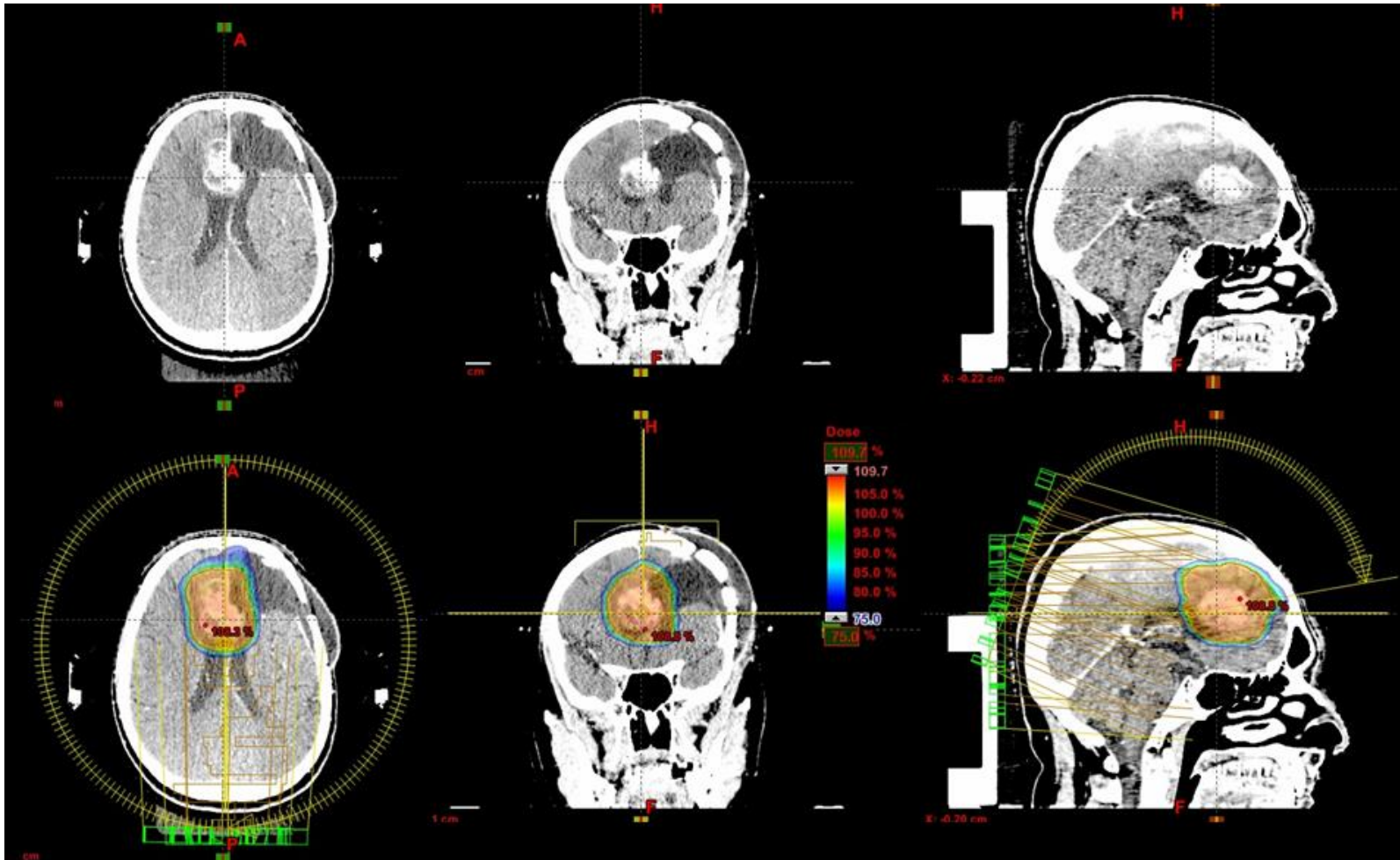
Functional Imaging



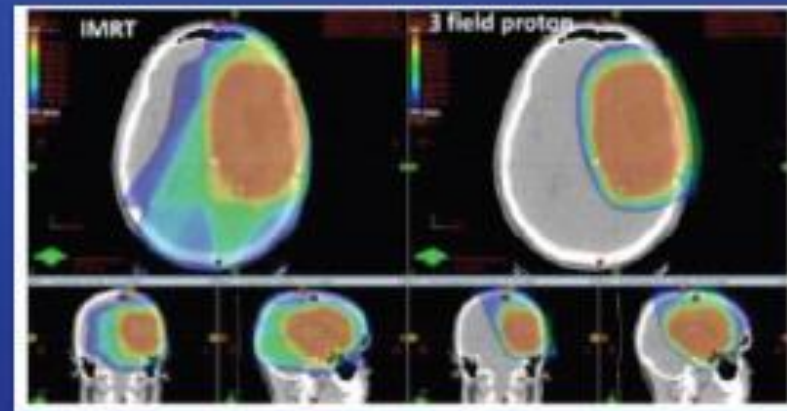
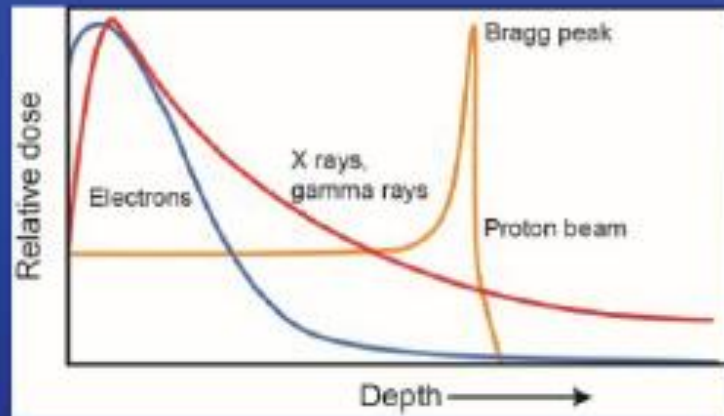
Prescribed Dose



NEW RT TECHNOLOGIES: VMAT



NEW RT TECHNOLOGIES: PROTON vs PHOTON



Adjuvant RT is the **standard treatment** in anaplastic glioma

Two randomized trials published at the end of 70s showed
SUPERIORITY

SURGERY+RT compared to **SURGERY** alone
($p=0.005$)

Higher doses are needed **→** 60 Gy in 30 fractions

In some **selected** cases with **favorable molecular profile**

Adjuvant RT can be **discussed**

- oligodendroglioma histology (1p19q-codeleted)
- younger age
- IDH mutated
- MGMT methylated
- GTR also of FLAIR abnormalities

RT in ANAPLASTIC GLIOMA (old Grade III)

NOA-04 Randomized Phase III Trial of Sequential Radiochemotherapy of Anaplastic Glioma With Procarbazine, Lomustine, and Vincristine or Temozolomide

W.Wick, JCO 2009,2016

Adjuvant Procarbazine, Lomustine, and Vincristine Chemotherapy in Newly Diagnosed Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma: Long-Term Follow-Up of EORTC Brain Tumor Group Study 26951

MJ. Van de Bent, JCO 2013

Phase III Trial of Chemoradiotherapy for Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma: Long-Term Results of RTOG 9402

G.Cairncross, JCO 2013

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NOA-04 Randomized Phase III Trial of Sequential Radiochemotherapy of Anaplastic Glioma With Procarbazine, Lomustine, and Vincristine or Temozolomide

W. Wick, JCO 2009

RT vs PCV vs TMZ"

318 patients anaplastic glioma

Time to treatment failure (TTF)

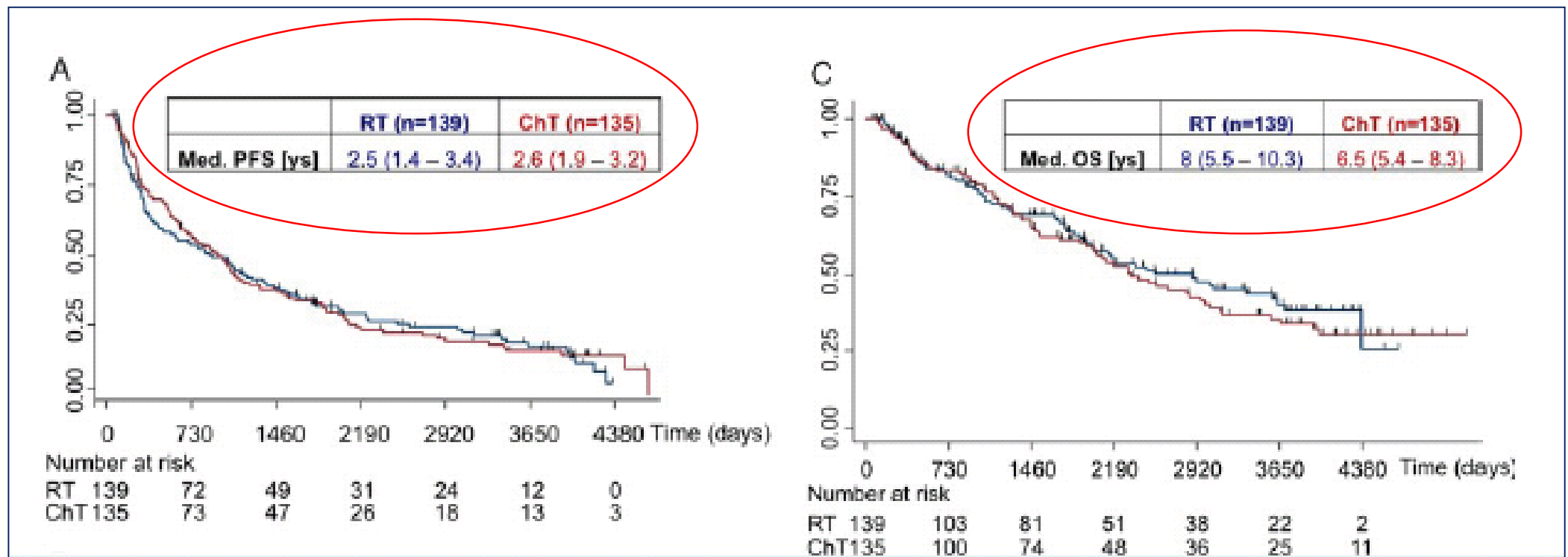
Median TTF, PFS, OS

similar for arms

Initial radiotherapy or chemotherapy

achieved comparable results

Long term results of NOA-04 showed that Chemotherapy (PCV or TMZ) is not superior to Radiation Therapy



Wick W et al NO 2016

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- In high risk **LGG** adjuvant radiation therapy is a **valid treatment option**
- An **advanced imaging** for tumor volume delineation and RT planning is needed
- **New RT** technological improvements allow to perform an effective treatment with **maximum sparing** of OARs and normal brain preserving **neurocognitive** functions
- RT is **always recommended** in case of **anaplastic glioma**
- In selected cases RT **can be delayed**
- A **multidisciplinary** evaluation is mandatory



Thank you