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Le mie disclosures

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I Glioblastomi (GBM) sono i tumori primitivi dell'encefalo piu' frequenti nell'adulto.

Hanno una prognosi infausta con una sopravvivenza mediana di 14,6 mesi ,una sopravvivenza a 5 anni del 10% e più di un 90% di recidive dopo interventi standard.



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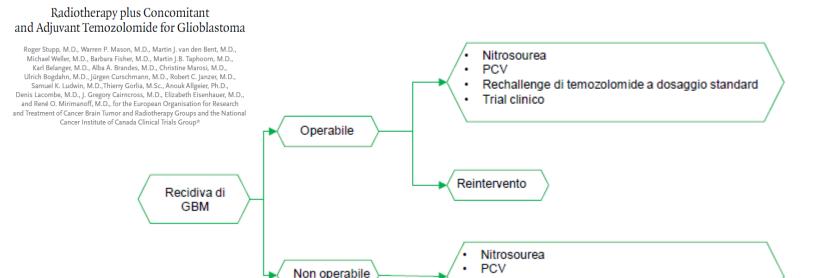
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FIGURA 3: Recidiva di glioblastoma



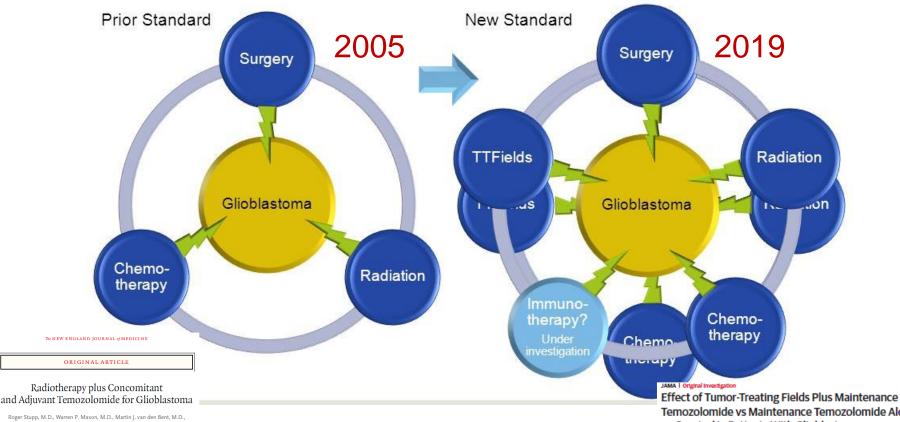
Rechallenge di temozolomide a dosaggio standard

Trial clinico





New Treatment Paradigm: From Triple to Quadruple Modality



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Temozolomide vs Maintenance Temozolomide Alone on Survival in Patients With Glioblastoma

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Agenda:

1) Anti VEGF (Bevacizumab AVASTIN)

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3) Immunoterapia: a) Anti PD1, Anti PD-L1 etc

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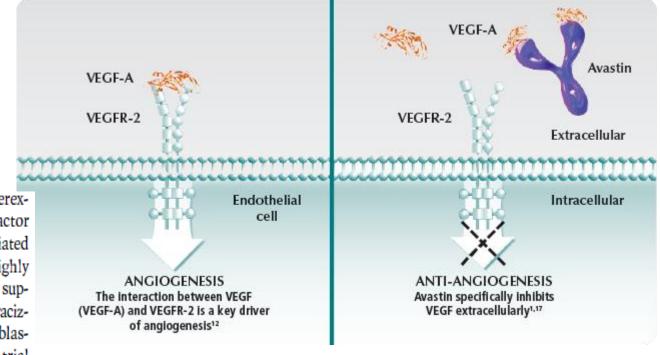
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Anti VEGF (Bevacizumab AVASTIN)

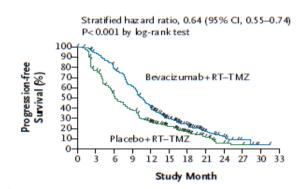


Glioblastomas are characterized by overexpression of vascular endothelial growth factor A (VEGF-A), a key regulator of tumor-associated angiogenesis, 12-15 and these tumors are highly vascularized. 16 The results of phase 1/2 studies support a role for the anti-VEGF-A molecule bevacizumab in recurrent and newly diagnosed glioblastoma. 17-22 We report the results of a phase 3 trial of bevacizumab plus radiotherapy—temozolomide as compared with placebo plus radiotherapy temozolomide in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma.

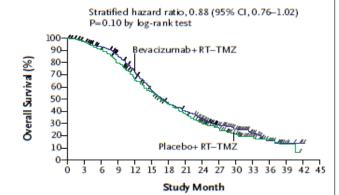








C Overall Survival



No. at Risk
Placebo+RT— 463 444 405 355 293 245 201 163 118 84 53 28 15 6 0 0 TMZ
Bevaciz umab+ 458 440 421 387 322 253 203 176 139 91 61 27 11 4 1 0 RT—TMZ

B Progression-free Survival

Subgroup	No. of Patients	Hazard Ratio (95%	CI)
All patients	921	HeH	0.65 (0.56-0.75)
Age category I			,
<65 yr	721	H ● H	0.64 (0.55-0.76)
≥65 yr	200	⊢•-(0.68 (0.49-0.92)
Age category II			
<50 yr	229	⊢•	0.64 (0.47-0.86)
50–59 yr	3 23	+++	0.69 (0.54-0.88)
60–69 yr	296	⊢• -1	0.59 (0.46-0.77)
≥70 yr	73	⊢• ⊢	0.78 (0.46-1.33)
Race			
Nonwhite	89	⊢• •	0.65 (0.40–1.06)
White	832	Hel	0.65 (0.56–0.75)
Sex			
Male	341	⊢⊷⊣	0.71 (0.55-0.90)
Female	580	н•н	0.62 (0.51-0.74)
WHO performance status			
0	465	+•+	0.71 (0.58–0.88)
1-2	455	+++	0.57 (0.46-0.69)
MGMT gene promoter status			
Methylated	237	⊢• 1	0.76 (0.56–1.04)
Missing	223	⊢• ⊣	0.61 (0.46-0.82)
Nonmethylated	461	H ●H	0.56 (0.46–0.68)
RPA class			
III	151	⊢• –∣	0.64 (0.44-0.93)
IV	540	H ● H	0.62 (0.51-0.74)
V	229	⊢•-	0.72 (0.54-0.96)
Surgical status			
Biopsy only	104	⊢• ⊢	0.81 (0.53–1.26)
Partial or complete resection	817	н•н	0.62 (0.54-0.73)
MMSE score			
<27	214	⊢• 1	0.74 (0.55–0.99)
≥27	696	H●H	0.63 (0.53-0.75)
Delay between surgery and first dose of			
<4 wk	5	• -	0.24 (0.02-2.67)
4–7 wk	873	H O H	0.66 (0.57-0.77)
>7 wk	33	 1	0.44 (0.19-1.02)
Glioblastoma			
Primary	913	H o H	0.65 (0.57-0.76)
Secondary	8 ⊢——		0.45 (0.04–5.11)
Glucocorticoid use at bas eline			
Missing	4	· •	1.62 (0.14–18.31
Off	522	100	0.63 (0.51–0.76)
On	3 95	1001	0.69 (0.55-0.85)
EIAEDs at baseline			
No	742	н+н	0.66 (0.56–0.78)
Yes	179	⊢● →	0.58 (0.43-0.79)
Histologically confirmed glioblastoma			
Confirmed	875	HeH	0.66 (0.57-0.77)
Not confirmed	22	⊢	0.61 (0.23-1.60)
Missing	24 ⊢		0.24 (0.08-0.75)
		0.2 0.6 1 2 3 45	6 10 2030 50
	Bevacizuma	b+RT-TMZ Place	bo+RT-TMZ
	Bet	ter	Better



Anti VEGF (Bevacizumab AVASTIN)

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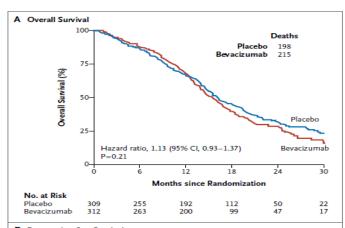
A Randomized Trial of Bevacizumab for Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma

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PFS 10.7m vs 7,3m OS 15,7m vs 16,1m

CONCLUSIONS

First-line use of bevacizumab did not improve overall survival in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma. Progression-free survival was prolonged but did not reach the prespecified improvement target. (Funded by the National Cancer Institute; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00884741.)



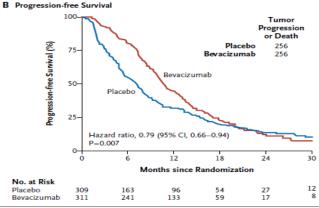


Figure 2. Primary End Points, According to Study Group.

The median rates of overall survival were similar in the bevacizumab and placebo groups (Panel A). The median rate of progression-free survival was higher in the bevacizumab group than in the placebo group but did not reach the prespecified threshold for significance (P<0.004) (Panel B).



Trattamenti innovativi nel GB Anti VEGF (Bevacizumab AVASTIN)

Cancer Therapy: Clinical

Phase II Trial of Bevacizumab and Irinotecan in Recurrent Malignant Glioma

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Abstract

Purpose: Recurrent grade III-IV gliomas have a dismal prognosis with minimal improvements in survival seen following currently available salvage therapy. This study was conducted to determine if the combination of a novel antiangiogenic therapy, bevacizumab, and a cytotoxic agent, irinotecan, is safe and effective for patients with recurrent grade III-IV glioma.

Experimental Design: We conducted a phase II trial of bevacizumab and irinotecan in adults with recurrent grade III-IV glioma. Patients with evidence of intracranial hemorrhage on initial brain magnetic resonance imaging were excluded. Patients were scheduled to receive bevacizumab and irinotecan i.v. every 2 weeks of a 6-week cycle. Bevacizumab was administered at 10 mg/kg. The dose of irinotecan was determined based on antiepileptic use: patients taking enzyme-inducing antiepileptic drugs received 340 mg/m², whereas patients not taking enzyme-inducing antiepileptic drugs received 125 mg/m². Toxicity and response were assessed.

Results: Thirty-two patients were assessed (23 with grade IV glioma and 9 with grade III glioma). Radiographic responses were noted in 63% (20 of 32) of patients (14 of 23 grade IV patients and 6 of 9 grade III patients). The median progression-free survival was 23 weeks for all patients (95% confidence interval, 15-30 weeks; 20 weeks for grade IV patients and 30 weeks for grade III patients). The 6-month progression-free survival probability was 38% and the 6-month overall survival probability was 72%. No central nervous system hemorrhages occurred, but three patients developed deep venous thromboses or pulmonary emboli, and one patient had an arterial ischemic stroke.

Conclusions: The combination of bevacizumab and irinotecan is an active regimen for recurrent grade III-IV glioma with acceptable toxicity.



Anti VEGF (Bevacizumab AVASTIN)



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PRINCIPLES OF BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD TUMOR SYSTEMIC THERAPY

Consider Clinical Trial (Preferred for Eligible Patients)

Adult Low-Grade Infiltrative Supratentorial Astrocytoma/

- Oligodendroglioma (excluding pilocytic astrocytoma)
- Adjuvant Treatment: For low-risk patients:
- PCV (procarbazine + lomustine + vincristine)¹
- ▶ Temozolomide²⁻⁴
- Adjuvant Treatment: For high-risk patients:
- RT + adjuvant PCV (category 1)
- RT + adjuvant temozolomide²⁻⁴ (category 2B)
- RT + concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide (category 2B)
- Recurrence or Progressive, Low-Grade Disease:
- RT + adjuvant PCV
- RT + adjuvant temozolomide
- RT+ concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide
- Temozolomide^{3-5,a}
- Lomustine or carmustine
- ▶ PCV⁶
- Platinum-based regimens^{7-9,g}

Anaplastic Gliomas

- Adjuvant Treatment
- Anaplastic oligodendroglioma (1p19q co-deleted) (KPS ≥60)
 - ◊ RT with neoadjuvant PCV^{10,b}
 - ♦ RT with adjuvant PCV^{11,b}
 - ORT with concurrent TMZ and adjuvant TMZ
- Anaplastic astrocytoma/anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, NOS^c (KPS ≥60)
 - ♦ RT followed by adjuvant TMZ (12 cycles)¹²
 - ORT with concurrent TMZ and adjuvant TMZ
 - ◊ RT with neoadjuvant PCV^b
 - ♦ RT with adjuvant PCV^b
- Anaplastic gliomas (KPS <60):
 - ◊ Temozolomide (category 2B)
- Recurrence Therapy^d
 Temozolomide^{4,5,13,14}
- Lomustine or carmustine¹⁵
- PCV
- ▶ Bevacizumab^{16-18,e}
- Bevacizumab + chemotherapy^f (irinotecan, 19,20 carmustine/lomustine, 21 temozolomide, carboplatin [category 2B for carboplatin]22,23)
- ▶ Irinotecan^{24,25}
- Cyclophosphamide (category 2B)^{26,27}
- Platinum-based regimens⁹
- ▶ Etoposide²⁸



3) TTFields (Tumor-treating field therapy):
E' un trattamento antimitotico che agisce
selettivamente sulle cellule di GBM in
divisione emettendo campi elettrici alternati
a media frequenza (200kHz) e bassa intensità.
erogati mediante trasduttori applicati sullo scalpo
per 18 ore al giorno



- The initial approval of TTFields, in 2011, was as monotherapy for adult patients (ages 22 years and older) with recurrent glioblastoma multiforme who had received chemotherapy and shown signs of progressive disease
- On October 5, 2015, this indication was expanded to include patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma who have undergone surgical biopsy or resection and have completed radiation therapy with concomitant temozolomide

FDA, US Food and Drug Administration.





2) TTFields (Tumor-treating field therapy)

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Effect of Tumor-Treating Fields Plus Maintenance Temozolomide vs Maintenance Temozolomide Alone on Survival in Patients With Glioblastoma A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Phase III Study 695 pz Standard treatment (ST)+TTF vs ST mPFS 6,7m vs 4m p<0.01 HR 0.63 mOS 20.9m vs 16m p<0.01 HR 0.63 Nei pz con metil.MTMG mOS 31m Tox cutanea G3 2%

IMPORTANCE Turnor-treating fields (TTFields) is an antimitotic treatment modality that interferes with globiastoma cell division and organelle assembly by delivering low-intensity atternating electric fields to the turnor.

OBJECTIVE To investigate whether TTFleids improves progression-free and overall survival of patients with globiastoma, a fatal disease that commonly recurs at the initial tumor site or in the contral nervous system.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS in this randomized, open-label trial, 695 patients with glioblastoma whose tumor was resected or biopsied and had completed concomitant radiochemotherapy (median time from diagnosis to randomization, 3.8 months) were enrolled at 83 centers (July 2009-2014) and followed up through December 2016. A preliminary report from this trial was published in 2015; this report describes the final analysis.

INTERVENTIONS: Patients were randomized 2:1 to TTFields plus maintenance temozolomide chemotherapy (n = 466) or temozolomide alone (n = 229). The TTFields, consisting of low-intensity, 200 kHz frequency, alternating electric fields, was delivered (\approx 18 hours/d) via 4 transducer arrays on the shaved scalip and connected to a portable device. Temozolomide was administered to both groups ($150-200 \text{ mg/m}^2$) for 5 days per 28-day cycle (6-12 cycles).

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES. Progression-tree survival (tested at o = .046). The secondary end point was overall survival (tested hierarchically at o = .048). Analyses were performed for the intent-to-treat population. Adverse events were compared by group.

RESULTS Of the 695 randomized patients (median age, 56 years; IQR, 48-63; 473 men [68%]), 637 (92%) completed the trial. Median progression-free survival from randomization was 6.7 months in the TTFleids-temezoiomide group and 4.0 months in the temezoiomide-aione group (HR, 0.63; 95% CI, 0.52-0.76; P < .001). Median overall survival was 20.9 months in the TTFleids-temezoiomide group vs 16.0 months in the temezoiomide-aione group (HR, 0.63; 95% CI, 0.53-0.76; P < .001). Systemic adverse event frequency was 48% in the TTFleids-temezoiomide group and 44% in the temezoiomide aione group. Mild to moderate skin toxicity underneath the transducer arrays occurred in 52% of patients who received TTFleids-temezoiomide vs no patients who received temezoiomide aione.

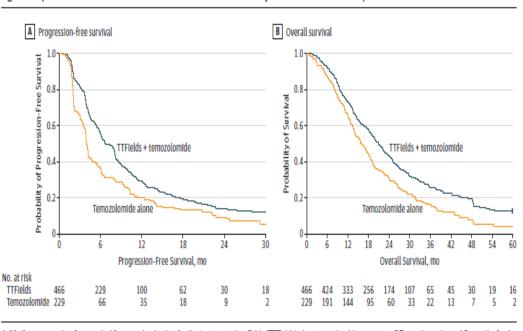
CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE In the final analysis of this randomized clinical trial of patients with glioblastoma who had received standard radiochemotherapy, the addition of TTFleids to maintenance temozolomide chemotherapy vs maintenance temozolomide alone, resulted in statistically significant improvement in progression-free survival and overall survival. These results are consistent with the provious interim analysis.

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Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Patients Included in the Final Analysis in the Intent-to-Treat Population



A, Median progression-free survival from randomization for the tumor-treating fields (TTFields) plus temozolomide group was 6.7 months and was 4.0 months for the temozolomide-alone group (hazard ratio [HR], 0.63; 95% CI, 0.52-0.76; P < .001). B, Median survival from randomization was 20.9 for the TTFields plus temozolomide group vs 16.0 months for the temozolomide-alone group (HR, 0.63; 95% CI, 0.53-0.76; P < .001). Median follow up was 44 months (range, 25-91 months) in both groups.



2) TTFields (Tumor-treating field therapy)

Influence of Treatment With Tumor-Treating Fields on Health-Related Ouality of Life of Patients With Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma A Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 3. Deterioration-Free Survival and Time to Deterioration

IMPORTANCE Tumor-treating fields (TTFields) therapy improves both progression-free and overall survival in patients with glioblastoma. There is a need to assess the influence of TTFields on patients' health-related quality of life (HRQoL).

OBJECTIVE To examine the association of TTFields therapy with progression-free survival and HRQoL among patients with glioblastoma.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This secondary analysis of EF-14, a phase 3 randomized clinical trial, compares TTFields and temozolomide or temozolomide alone in 695 patients with glioblastoma after completion of radiochemotherapy. Patients with glioblastoma were randomized 2:1 to combined treatment with TTFields and temozolomide or temozolomide alone. The study was conducted from July 2009 until November 2014, and patients were followed up through December 2016.

INTERVENTIONS Temozolomide, 150 to 200 mg/m²/d, was given for 5 days during each 28-day cycle. TTFields were delivered continuously via 4 transducer arrays placed on the shaved scalp of patients and were connected to a portable medical device.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Primary study end point was progression-free survival; HRQoL was a predefined secondary end point, measured with questionnaires at baseline and every 3 months thereafter. Mean changes from baseline scores were evaluated, as well as scores over time. Deterioration-free survival and time to deterioration were assessed for each of 9 preselected scales and items.

RESULTS Of the 695 patients in the study, 639 (91.9%) completed the baseline HRQoL questionnaire. Of these patients, 437 (68.4%) were men; mean (SD) age, 54.8 (11.5) years. Health-related quality of life did not differ significantly between treatment arms except for itchy skin. Deterioration-free survival was significantly longer with TTFields for global health (4.8 vs 3.3 months; P < .01); physical (5.1 vs 3.7 months; P < .01) and emotional functioning (5.3 vs 3.9 months; P < .01); pain (5.6 vs 3.6 months; P < .01); and leg weakness (5.6 vs 3.9 months; P < .01), likely related to improved progression-free survival. Time to deterioration, reflecting the influence of treatment, did not differ significantly except for itchy skin (TTFields worse; 8.2 vs 14.4 months; P < .001) and pain (TTFields improved; 13.4 vs 12.1 months; P < .01). Role, social, and physical functioning were not affected by TTFields.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE The addition of TTFields to standard treatment with temozolomide for patients with glioblastoma results in improved survival without a negative influence on HRQoL except for more itchy skin, an expected consequence from the transducer arrays.

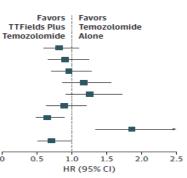
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A Deterioration-free survival

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Source	TTFields Plus Temozolomide	Temozolomide Alone	HR (95% CI)	TTFields Plus Temozolomide	Temozolomide Alone	
Progression-free survival	6.7	4.0	0.69 (0.57-0.83)	-		
Deterioration-free survival						
Global health status	4.8	3.3	0.73 (0.60-0.88)	-		
Physical functioning	5.1	3.7	0.73 (0.60-0.88)			
Cognitive functioning	4.4	3.6	0.78 (0.64-0.94)			
Role functioning	4.3	3.8	0.86 (0.71-1.02)	-	<u>i</u>	
Social functioning	4.5	3.9	0.84 (0.70-1.06)	_	<u>L</u>	
Emotional functioning	5.3	3.9	0.75 (0.62-0.91)	-		
Pain	5.6	3.6	0.67 (0.56-0.81)	-		
ltchy skin	3.9	4.0	1.03 (0.85-1.25)	_	_	
Weakness of legs	5.6	3.9	0.74 (0.61-0.89)	-		
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				H	R (95% CI)	

B Time to deterioration

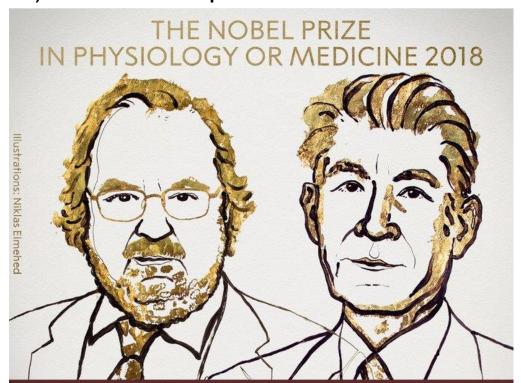
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Source	TTFields Plus Temozolomide	Temozolomide Alone	HR (95% CI)	
Global health status	14.130	9.63	0.81 (0.60-1.10)	_
Physical functioning	14.170	13.97	0.90 (0.66-1.24)	
Cognitive functioning	10.270	13.97	0.95 (0.71-1.28)	
Role functioning	9.20	13.97	1.16 (0.86-1.56)	
Social functioning	10.60	13.97	1.25 (0.91-1.72)	
Emotional functioning	13.430	14.03	0.88 (0.64-1.21)	
Pain	13.370	12.13	0.65 (0.48-0.89)	
Itchy skin	8.167	14.40	1.85 (1.33-2.57)	
Weakness of legs	14.170	14.03	0.71 (0.51-0.99)	



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3) Immunoterapia



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"for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation"

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Remove the breakes and Step on the gas



3) Immunoterapia

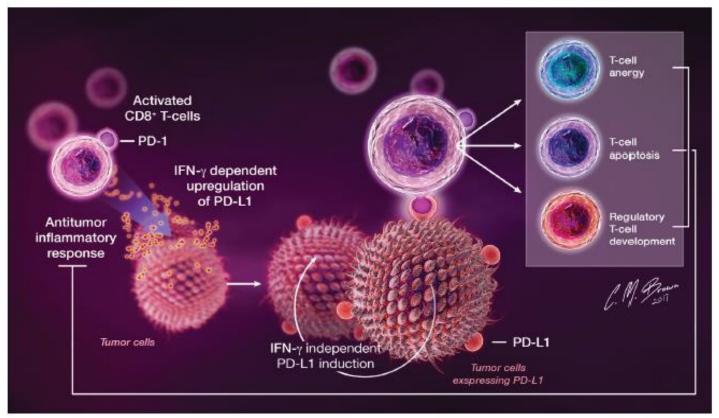
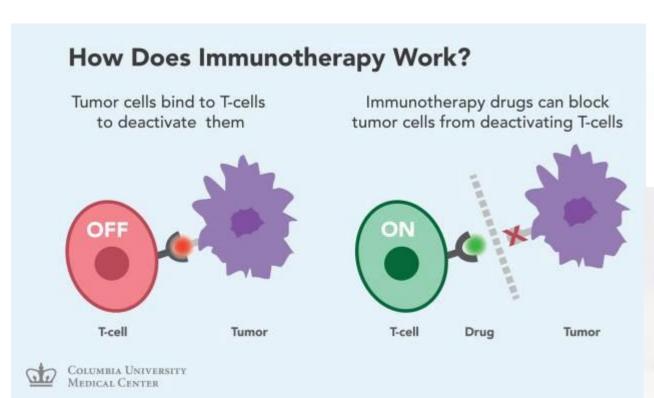


Figure 3: In the setting of cancer, PD-L1 is upregulated on tumor cells in response to IFN-γ released by infiltrating immune cells during antitumor immune responses, as well as through tumor-specific IFN-γ-independent mechanisms. PD-L1 serves as a receptor on cancer cells that, through interactions with PD-1 expressing TIL, induces an intrinsic resistance to CTL killing and suppresses antitumor immune responses.



3) immunoterapia: Anti PD1 Nivolumab e Pembrolizumab







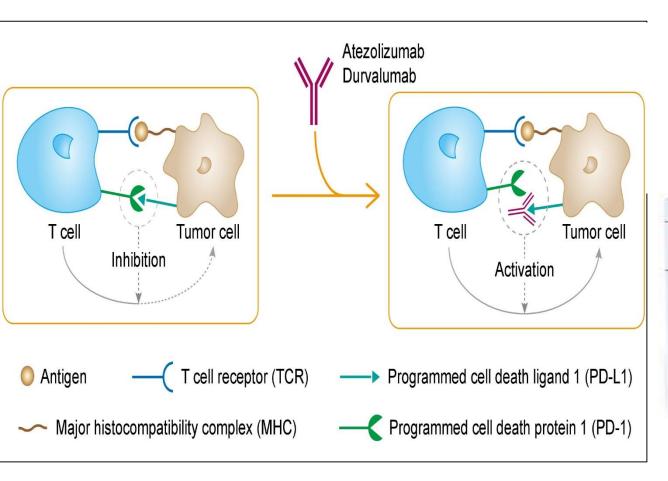


OS10.3 RANDOMIZED PHASE 3 STUDY EVALUATING THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF NIVOLUMAB VS BEVACIZUMAB IN PATIENT'S WITH RECURRENT GLIOBLASTOMA: CHECKMATE 143 D. A. Reardon^{1a}, A. Omuro^{2a}, A. A. Brandes³, J. Rieger^{4,5}, A. Wick⁶, J. Sepulveda⁷, S. Phuphanich⁸, P. de Souza⁹, M. S. Ahluwalia¹⁰, M. Lim¹¹, G. Vlahovic^{12b}, J. Sampson^{12b}; ¹Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard University School of Medicine, Boston, MA, United States, 2Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, United States, 3AUSL-IRCCS Institute of Neurological Sciences, Bologna, Italy, 4Klinikum der Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, 5University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, 6Neurology Clinic, University of Heidelberg, National Center for Tumor Diseases, Heidelberg, Germany, 7Hospital Universitario 12 De Octubre, Madrid, Spain, 8Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, United States, 9University of Western Sydney School of Medicine, Liverpool, Australia, 10Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, United States, ¹¹The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, United States, ¹²Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, United States.

BACKGROUND: Despite available treatment options for patients (pts) with recurrent glioblastoma (GBM), < 5% of pts survive 5 years beyond initial diagnosis, and no single-agent therapy has demonstrated a survival benefit in the second-line setting, including bevacizumab (bev), which is approved for the treatment of recurrent disease. Nivolumab (nivo), a fully human IgG4 monoclonal antibody that inhibits the programmed death 1 receptor, has provided clinical benefit in multiple cancer types. In cohort 2 of the open-label, phase 3 CheckMate 143 study (NCT02017717), the efficacy and safety of nivo was compared with that of bev in pts with GBM experiencing their first recurrence after prior radiotherapy (RT) and temozolomide (TMZ). METHODS: Pts with no prior VEGF therapy were randomized 1:1 to receive nivo 3 mg/kg O2W or bev 10 mg/kg O2W until confirmed disease progression; pts were stratified by the presence/absence of measurable disease. The primary endpoint was overall survival (OS): secondary endpoints were 12-mo OS rate and investigator-assessed progression-free survival (PFS) and objective response rate (ORR) per Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology criteria, RESULTS: At the time of final analyses (Ian 20, 2017), 369 pts were randomized to the nivo (n = 184) or bev (n = 185) treatment arms: of these pts, 182 received nivo and 165 received bey. At baseline, most pts in the nivo (83%) and bev (84%) arms had measurable disease, and 40% (nivo) and 43% (bev) of pts required corticosteroids, with 14% (nivo) and 15% (bev) receiving ≥ 4 mg/day. Deaths were reported in 154 (nivo) and 147 (bev) pts; median OS was 9.8 mo with nivo and 10.0 mo with bey, and the 12-mo OS rate was 42% in both arms. PFS medians were 1.5 mo (nivo) and 3.5 mo (bev). Among evaluable pts treated with nivo (n = 153) or bev (n = 156), ORRs were 8% (nivo) and 23% (bev); duration of response medians were 11.1 mo (nivo) and 5.3 mo (bev). Treatment-related AEs (TRAEs) occurred in 57% (nivo) and 58% (bev) of pts; the most common TRAEs (≥ 10% of pts in either arm; nivo vs bev) were fatigue (21% vs 14%) and hypertension (1% vs 22%). Grade 3-4 TRAEs were reported in 18% (nivo) and 15% (bev) of pts. Serious AEs (all causality) were reported in 46% (nivo) and 35% (bev) of pts; seizure (8% vs 6%) and malignant neoplasm progression (11% vs 7%) were the only serious AEs reported in ≥ 5% of pts in either arm. AEs leading to discontinuation occurred in 10% (nivo) and 15% (bev) of pts. CONCLUSIONS: Nivo did not demonstrate an improved OS compared with bey in pts with recurrent GBM. The ORR was lower with nivo than bey; however, responses with nivo were more durable. The safety profile of nivo was consistent with that observed in other tumor types. Studies of nivo in combination with RT ± TMZ in pts with newly diagnosed GBM are ongoing.



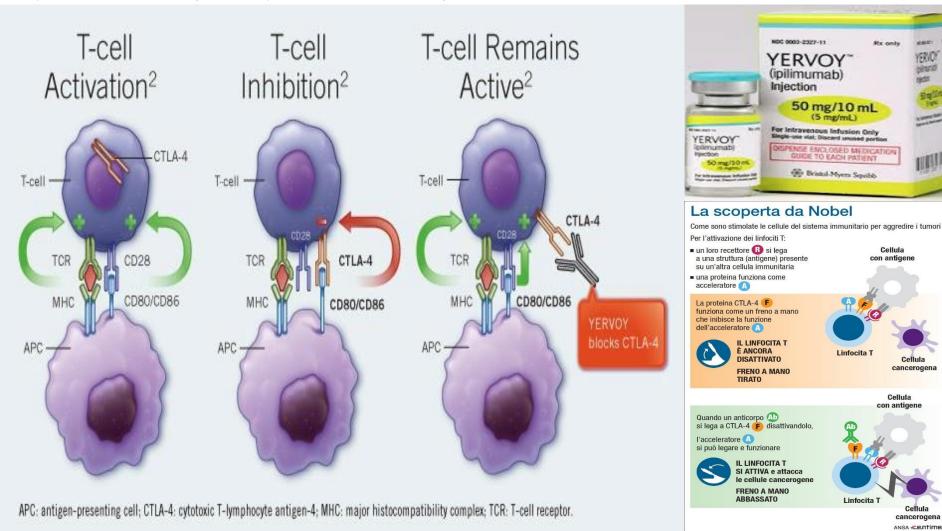
3) Immunoterapia :a) Anti PD-L1 Atezolizumab, Durvalumab







3) Immunoterapia: a) Anti CTLA-4 Ipilimumab



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Table 1: Clinical trials with PD-1/PD-L1 blockade in malignant glioma														
Malignancy	Phase	N	Name of trial	Therapeutic compounds	Clinical trial identifier	Status	R Mal	Malignancy	Phase	N	Name of trial	Therapeutic compounds	Clinical trial identifier	Status
Recurrent High Grade Glioma	Ι	26*	Hypofractionated Stereotactic Irradiation With Nivolumab in Patients With Recurrent High Grade Gliomas Hypofractionated	Nivolumab, hfSRT	NCT02829931	Recruiting	Glic Glic Rec Brai Neo	Glioblastoma Multiforme	Ι	20°	Pilot Study of Autologous Chimeric Switch Receptor Modified T Cells in Recurrent Glioblastoma	Anti-PD-L1 CSR T cells, cyclophosphamide, fludarabine	NCT02937844	Recruiting
Recurrent Malignant Glioma	I	46*	Stereotactic Irradiation (HFSRT) With Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab, bevacizumab, hfSRT	NCT02313272	Recruiting	Glic othe adv: tum				Multiforme A Study Evaluating the Association of Hypofractionated Stereotacic	D. J. J.		
Malignant Glioma	I	66*	Nivolumab With DC Vaccines for Recurrent Brain Tumors (AVERT)	Nivolumab, DC vaccine	NCT02529072	Recruiting	Glic	Glioblastoma	I/II	62*	Radiation Therapy and Durvalumab for Patients With Recurrent Glioblastoma	Durvalumab, hfSRT	NCT02866747	Recruiting
Glioblastoma, Gliosarcoma	П	48*	Adenovirus + Pembrolizumab to Trigger Immune Virus Effects (CAPTIVE)	DNX-2401, pembrolizumab	NCT02798406	Recruiting		Glioblastoma	п	159	(STERIMGLI) Phase 2 Study of MEDI4736 in Patients With Glioblastoma	MEDI4736, radiotherapy, bevacizumab	NCT02336165	Active, Not Recruiting
Glioblastoma	I/II	60*	A Phase 1/2 Safety Study of Intratumorally Dosed INT230-6 (IT-01)	INT230-6, anti- PD-1 antibody	NCT03058289	Recruiting	Glic	Recurrent Glioblastoma	п	82	Pembrolizumab +/- Bevacizumab for Recurrent GBM	Pembrolizumab, bevacizumab	NCT02337491	Active, Not Recruiting
Glioblastoma	П	205*	A Dose Escalation and Cohort Expansion Study of Anti-CD27 (Varlilumab) and Anti- PD-1 (Nivolumab) in Advanced Refractory Solid Tumors	Varlilumab, nivolumab	NCT02335918	Recruiting	Glic othe adva tum	Recurrent Glioblastoma	п	30*	Autologous Dendritic Cells Pulsed With Tumor Lysate Antigen Vaccine and Nivolumab in Treating Patients	Autologous DCs pulsed with tumor lysate antigen vaccine, nivolumab	NCT03014804	Not Yet Recruiting
Recurrent/ Progressive	Pilot	30°	A Pilot Surgical Trial To Evaluate Early Immunologic Pharmacodynamic Parameters For The PD-1 Checkpoint Inhibitor,	Pembrolizumab	NCT02852655	Recruiting	Mal Glic Rec Glic	Glioblastoma Multiforme	п	29	With Recurrent Glioblastoma Neoadjuvant Nivolumab in Glioblastoma (Neo- nivo)	Nivolumab	NCT02550249	Completed
Glioblastoma			Pembrolizumab (MK-3475), In Patients With Surgically Accessible Recurrent/Progressive Glioblastoma				Rec Mal Glic	Recurrent High-Grade Gliomas		20	OS09.5 Synergistic effect of reirradiation and PD-1 inhibitors in recurrent high-grade gliomas	PD-1 Inhibitors, reirradiation		

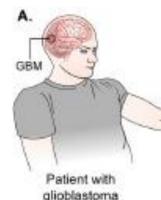


3) Immunoterapia : b) Vaccini – Dcvax (Dendritic Cell Vaccines)

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First results on survival from a large Phase 3 clinical trial of an autologous dendritic cell

vaccine in newly diagnosed glioblastoma

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Abstract

Background: Standard therapy for glioblastoma includes surgery, radiotherapy, and temozolomide. This Phase 3 trial evaluates the addition of an autologous tumor lysate-pulsed dendritic cell vaccine (DCVax®-L) to standard therapy for newly diagnosed glioblastoma.

Methods: After surgery and chemoradiotherapy, patients were randomized (2:1) to receive temozolomide plus DCVax-L (n=232) or temozolomide and placebo (n=99). Following recurrence, all patients were allowed to receive DCVax-L, without unblinding. The primary endpoint was progression free survival (PFS); the secondary endpoint was overall survival (OS).

Results: For the Intent-to-treat (ITT) population (n = 331), median OS (mOS)-was 23.1 months from surgery. Because of the cross-over trial design, nearly 90% of the ITT population received DCVax-L. For patients with methylated _MGMT (n = 131), mOS was 34.7 months from surgery, with a 3-year survival of 46.4%. As of this analysis, 223 patients are ≥ 30 months past their surgery date; 67 of these (30.0%) have lived ≥ 30 months and have a Kaplan-Meier (KM)-derived mOS of 46.5 months. 182 patients are ≥ 36 months past surgery; 44 of these (24.2%) have lived ≥ 36 months and have a KM-derived mOS of 88.2 months. A population of extended survivors (n = 100) with mOS of 40.5 months, not explained by known prognostic factors, will be analyzed further. Only 2.1% of ITT patients (n = 7) had a grade 3



3) Immunoterapia : b) Vaccini Peptidici (EGFRvIII Rindopepimut)

Rindopepimut with temozolomide for patients with newly diagnosed, EGFRvIII-expressing glioblastoma (ACT IV): a randomised, double-blind, international phase 3 trial



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Summary

Background Rindopepimut (also known as CDX-110), a vaccine targeting the EGFR deletion mutation EGFRvIII, consists of an EGFRvIII-specific peptide conjugated to keyhole limpet haemocyanin. In the ACT IV study, we aimed to assess whether or not the addition of rindopepimut to standard chemotherapy is able to improve survival in patients with EGFRvIII-positive glioblastoma.

Methods In this randomised, double-blind, phase 3 trial, we recruited patients aged 18 years and older with glioblastoma from 165 hospitals in 22 countries. Eligible patients had newly diagnosed glioblastoma confirmed to express EGFRvIII by central analysis, and had undergone maximal surgical resection and completion of standard chemoradiation without progression. Patients were stratified by European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer recursive partitioning analysis class, MGMT promoter methylation, and geographical region, and randomly assigned (1:1) with a prespecified randomisation sequence (block size of four) to receive rindopepimut (500 µg admixed with 150 µg GM-CSF) or control (100 µg keyhole limpet haemocyanin) via monthly intradermal injection until progression or intolerance, concurrent with standard oral temozolomide (150–200 mg/m² for 5 of 28 days) for 6–12 cycles or longer. Patients, investigators, and the trial funder were masked to treatment allocation. The primary endpoint was overall survival in patients with minimal residual disease (MRD; enhancing tumour <2 cm² post-chemoradiation by central review), analysed by modified intention to treat. This trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT01480479.

Findings Between April 12, 2012, and Dec 15, 2014, 745 patients were enrolled (405 with MRD, 338 with significant residual disease [SRD], and two unevaluable) and randomly assigned to rindopepimut and temozolomide (n=371) or control and temozolomide (n=374). The study was terminated for futility after a preplanned interim analysis. At final analysis, there was no significant difference in overall survival for patients with MRD: median overall survival was 20-1 months (95% CI 18-5-22-1) in the rindopepimut group versus 20-0 months (18-1-21-9) in the control group (HR 1-01, 95% CI 0-79-1-30; p=0-93). The most common grade 3-4 adverse events for all 369 treated patients in the rindopepimut group versus 372 treated patients in the control group were: thrombocytopenia (32 [996] vs 23 [696]), fatigue (six [296] vs 19 [596]), brain oedema (eight [296] vs 11 [396]), seizure (nine [296] vs eight [296]), and headache (six [296] vs ten [396]). Serious adverse events included seizure (18 [596] vs 22 [696]) and brain oedema (seven [296] vs 12 [396]). 16 deaths in the study were caused by adverse events (nine [496] in the rindopepimut group and seven [396] in the control group), of which one—a pulmonary embolism in a 64-year-old male patient after 11 months of treatment—was assessed as potentially related to rindopepimut.

Interpretation Rindopepimut did not increase survival in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma. Combination approaches potentially including rindopepimut might be required to show efficacy of immunotherapy in glioblastoma.

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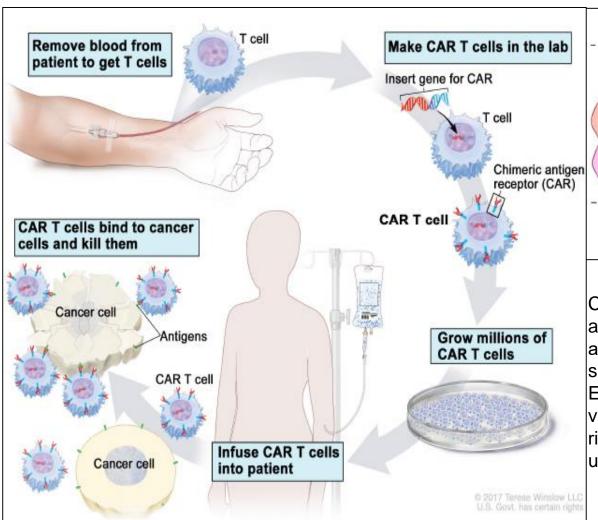
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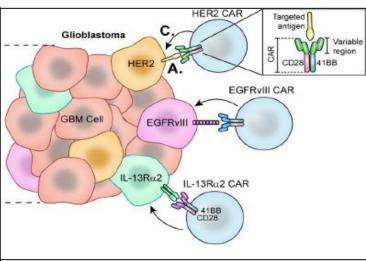
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3) Immunoterapia : c) CAR T-Cell Therapy (Chimeric Antigen Receptor)





CAR sono delle proteine di fusione artificiali aventi un dominio extra –trans e intra cell. atte a riconoscere l'antigene specifico sulla cellula tumorale. (HER2, EGFR VIII, IL13R Esse vengono trasfettate mediate plasmidi o virus nei lif T ed una volta reinfusi nel pz riconoscono l'antigene tumorale e scatenano una reazione immune



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NCT# and Institution	Study Name	Phase	Target	Delivery	Additional Features
NCT02844062 Beijing Sanbo Brain Hospital, China	Pilot study of autologous anti- EGFRVIII CART cells in recurrent glioblastoma multiforme	I	EGFRvIII	Intravenous	Lymphodepleting chemotherapy: Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m² days 1–3 Fludarabine 25 mg/m² days 1–3
NCT03170141 Shenzhen Geno- immune Medical Institute, China	4SCAR-IgT against glioblastoma multiforme	1/11	EGFRvIII	Intravenous Intracavitary	Lymphodepleting chemotherapy: Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m² days 1–3 Fludarabine 25 mg/m² days 1–3 Use PD-1/PD-L1 antibody-producing T cells (IgT) designed to address tumor microenvironment in addition to direct tumor cell killing
NCT02442297 Baylor College of Medicine	T cells expressing HER2-specific chimeric antigen receptors for patients with glioblastoma (iCAR)	I	HER2	Intracavitary	Patients must undergo surgical tumor resection
NCT01109095 Baylor College of Medicine	CMV-specific cytotoxicT lym- phocytes expressing CAR target- ing HER2 in patients with GBM (HERT-GBM)	ı	HER2	Intravenous	First cohort of 17 patients published ⁴⁹
NCT02664363 Duke University	EGFRvIII CART cells for newly diagnosed GBM (ExCeL)	I	EGFRvIII	Intravenous	Newly diagnosed residual disease at least 2 cm Leukapheresis occurs prior to standard radiation and chemotherapy, and CART cells are administered during post- radiation temozolomide
NCT0328331 Duke University	Intracerebral EGFRVIII CART cells for recurrent GBM (INTERCEPT)	I	EGFRvIII	Intratumoral via convec- tion enhanced delivery	CART cells are infused immediately fol- lowing stereotactic radiosurgery
NCT0220937 University of Pennsylvania, University of California San Francisco	AutologousT cells redirected to EGFRvIII with a chimeric antigen receptor in patients with EGFRvIII+ glioblastoma	I	EGFRvIII	Intravenous	First cohort of 10 patients published ²⁶
NCT0145459 National Cancer Institute	CART-cell receptor immuno- therapy targeting EGFRvIII for patients with malignant gliomas expressing EGFRvIII	I/II	EGFRvIII	Intravenous	Lymphodepleting chemotherapy: Cyclophosphamide 60 mg/kg days 1–2 Fludarabine 25 mg/m² days 1–5 Given with intravenous aldesleukin (IL-2)
NCT0293844 Beijing Sanbo Brain Hospital, China	Pilot study of autologous chi- meric switch receptor modified T cells in recurrent glioblastoma multiforme	I	PD-L1	Intravenous	Lymphodepleting chemotherapy: Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m² days 1–3 Fludarabine 25 mg/m² days 1–3 CAR contains the extracellular domain of PD-1
NCT02208362 City of Hope Medical Center	Genetically modifiedT cells in treating patients with recurrent or refractory malignant glioma	I	IL-13 Rα2	Intracavitary Intraventricular	First cohort of 3 patients published, 45 as well as case report of complete response 25



Conclusioni:

Ad oggi non abbiamo ancora trattamenti innovativi da poter utilizzare nella nostra pratica clinica quotidiana per questa malattia che rimane sempre a prognosi infausta

Sicuramente gli studi di immunoterapia in corso porteranno, a dei buoni risultati come e' successo in altre neoplasie (melanoma o il tumore del polmone)

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