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Radiobiologia: High dose per fraction

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SBRT

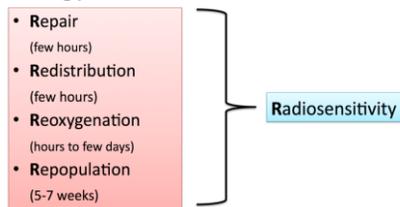
- Although SBRT constitutes a **potpourri** of technologies and techniques, including three-dimensional conformal, intensity modulation, image guidance, motion control, and stereotactic targeting, **the hallmark of SBRT is delivery of a potent, ablative or nearly ablative dose in oligofractions (i.e., five or fewer fractions).**

outline

- What is the biological basis of potent hypofractionation used in SRS and SBRT?
- Does LQ model work at high doses?
- What effect does occur increasingly at higher doses per fraction?
- Are “4Rs” of radiobiology still relevant to SRS/SBRT regimens?

Radiobiology

Classical Radiobiology → Fractionation → 4Rs



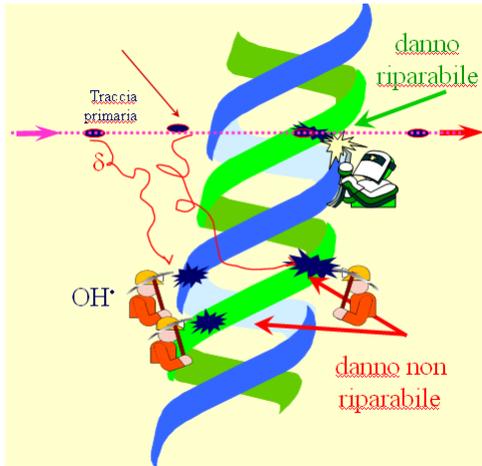
Cell survival curves and modeling

- Linear quadratic (LQ) model and modifications to LQ model to fit the data at high dose
- Vascular effects/endothelial cell damage at high dose
- Immune system effect
- Dose-rate effect ?

SBRT /SART 4Rs revisited

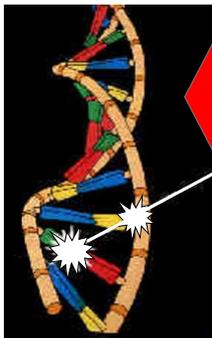
Il modello Lineare Quadratico

- Per semplicità è conveniente pensare che la radiazione in una cellula può produrre o un danno di tipo "A" o di tipo "B"



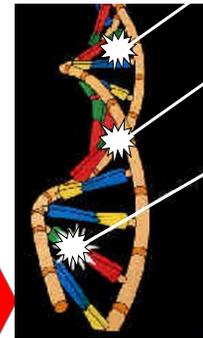
- Il danno di tipo "A" si ha quando un singolo evento disattiva due bersagli critici (es. due eliche del DNA);
- Il danno di tipo "B" è il danno prodotto su ogni singolo bersaglio da due eventi separati (es. ogni elica del DNA interrotta in punti diversi da due eventi separati).

Nel modello Lineare Quadratico

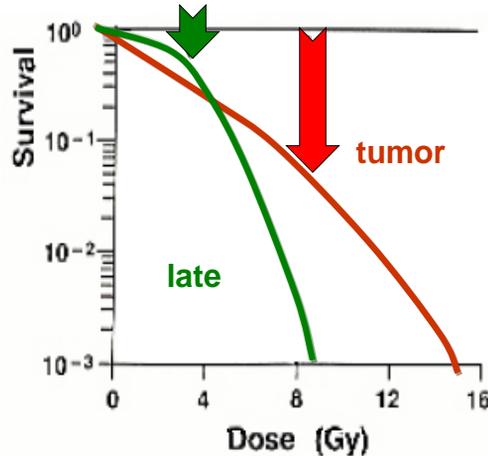


- Il danno di tipo "A" è rappresentato dal termine αD

- Il danno di tipo "B" è rappresentato dal termine βD^2



Differenze OARs e Tumore



maggiore vantaggio del frazionamento

The Linear-Quadratic Model Is an Appropriate Methodology for Determining Isoeffective Doses at Large Doses Per Fraction

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In summary, LQ has the following useful properties for predicting isoeffect doses:

1. It is a mechanistic, biologically based model.
2. It has sufficiently few parameters to be practical.
3. Most other mechanistic models of cell killing predict the same fractionation dependencies as does LQ.
4. It has well-documented predictive properties for fractionation/dose-rate effects in the laboratory.
5. It is reasonably well validated, experimentally and theoretically, up to about 10 Gy/fraction and would be reasonable for use up to about 18 Gy per fraction.
6. To date, there is no evidence of problems when LQ has been applied in the clinic.

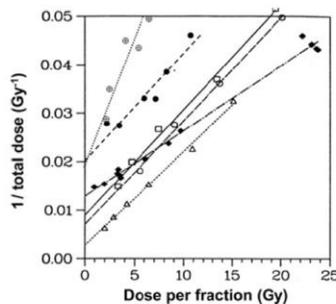


Figure 4 Isoeffect data for late response from 3 (□ ○ Δ) different regions of the rat spinal cord,²³ for acute skin reactions (◆) in mice,²⁶ and for early (●) and late (⊕) murine intestinal damage.²⁷ The data are plotted in a "reciprocal-dose F_2 " form²⁶ such that, if they follow an LQ relationship, the points fall on a straight line.

Question 1: Is the LQ model appropriate to model high dose per fraction effects in SBRT/SRS ?

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

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The linear-quadratic model is inappropriate to model high dose per fraction effects in radiosurgery

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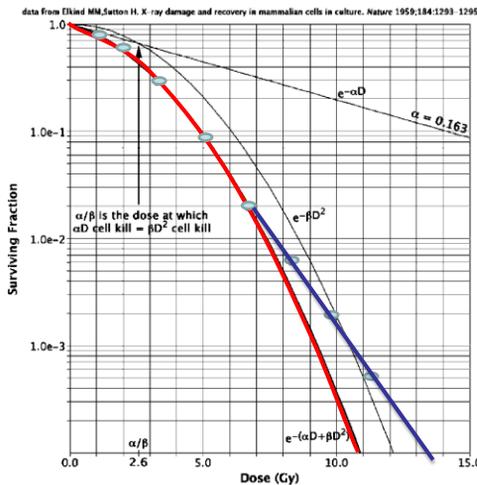
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Fowler J F 2008 **Linear quadratics is alive and well**: in regard to Park et al. (Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2008;70:847-852)
Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. **72** 957



Astrahan, Med. Phys. 2008

$$D_T = 2\alpha / \beta$$

$$\gamma = tg(@ D_T)$$

On the log-linear plot, the LQ curve closely fits these experimental results for Chinese hamster **cells** in culture up to a dose of 6 Gy, but then continues to bend. The experimental results are observed to become linear at high dose.

$$BED_n(D) = D + \frac{D^2}{\alpha / \beta} \quad D < D_T$$

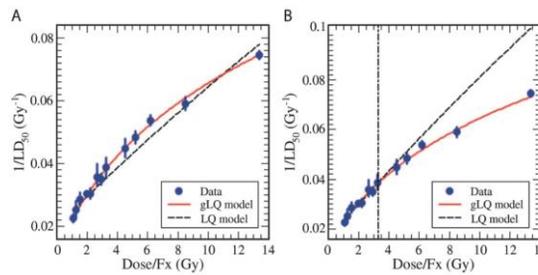
$$BED_n(D) = D_T + \frac{D_T^2}{\alpha / \beta} + \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} (D - D_T) \quad D \geq D_T$$

LQ model tends to overestimate the effectiveness of cell killing by a single high dose

- The essential problem stems from ignoring the reduction of sublethal damage after conversion to lethal damage; therefore the pool size of the sublethals lesions which are available to be converted to lethal lesions with further irradiation is over **estimated** (Wang JZ et al. *Sci Transl Med.* 2010)

$$\text{gLQ: } \alpha = 0.11/\text{Gy}, \alpha/\beta = 0.82 \text{ Gy} \quad \text{gLQ: } \alpha = 0.10/\text{Gy}, \alpha/\beta = 0.80 \text{ Gy}$$

$$\text{LQ: } \alpha = 0.40/\text{Gy}, \alpha/\beta = 16 \text{ Gy} \quad \text{LQ: } \alpha = 0.15/\text{Gy}, \alpha/\beta = 2.0 \text{ Gy}$$



Universal Survival Curve *Park et al. 2008*

- Combine the LQ model with multi-target model at high dose

$$S = e^{-d/d_1} \cdot \left\{ 1 - \left(1 - e^{-d/D_0} \right)^{\bar{n}} \right\}$$

$$\ln S \approx -\frac{1}{D_0} d + \ln(\bar{n}) = -\frac{1}{D_0} d + \frac{D_q}{D_0}$$

$$\ln S = \begin{cases} -(\alpha \cdot d + \beta \cdot d^2) & \text{if } d \leq D_T \\ -\frac{1}{D_0} d + \frac{D_q}{D_0} & \text{if } d \geq D_T \end{cases}$$

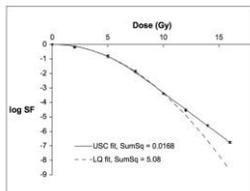
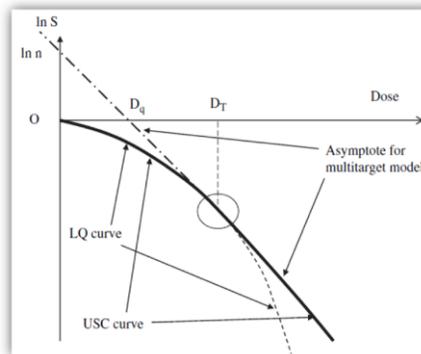
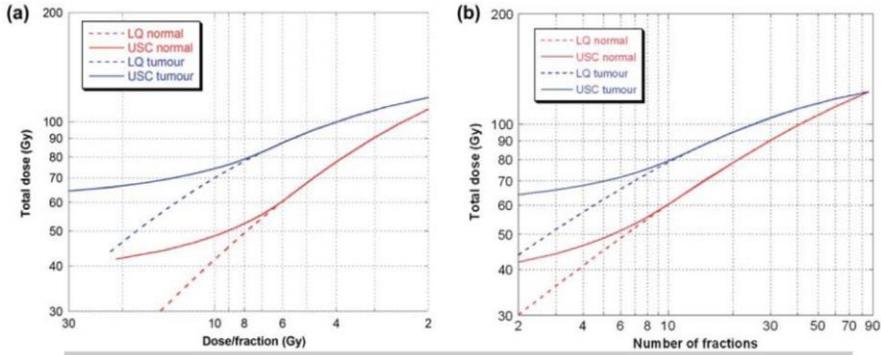


Fig. 4. Survival curve of H460 fitted with linear quadratic (LQ) model (using points ≤ 8 Gy) and with universal survival curve (USC) model. Fit over entire range: drastically improved with USC model fit. If LQ model fit over entire dose range, sum of square improves compared with low-dose LQ model fit (sum of squares = 0.285) but still much inferior to USC model (data not shown). Details of generating this survival curve will be published separately.



$$D_{\text{SBRT}} = \alpha \cdot D_0 \cdot D_{\text{CFRT}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d_{\text{CFRT}}}{\alpha/\beta} \right) + n_{\text{SBRT}} \cdot D_q$$

$$D_{\text{CFRT}} = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot D_0} \cdot \frac{D_{\text{SBRT}} - n_{\text{SBRT}} \cdot D_q}{\left(1 + \frac{d_{\text{CFRT}}}{\alpha/\beta} \right)}$$



Isoeffect curves for tumour and normal tissues, calculated with LQ and USC

For schedules with isoeffective tumour dose:

- the cell survival in normal tissue outside the tumour will increase
- the NTCP will decrease with more than 3 fractions

In general: a larger gain with the USC

In specific: USC predicts the largest gain compared to LQ models in volumes of OAR receiving less than full dose

Wennberg et al. 2013

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Excessive Toxicity When Treating Central Tumors in a Phase II Study of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Medically Inoperable Early-Stage Lung Cancer

Robert Timmerman, Ronald McGarry, Constantinos Yiannoutsos, Lech Papiiez, Kathy Tuckot, Jill DeLuca, Marvene Ewing, Ramez Abdalrahman, Colleen DesRosiers, Mark Williams, and James Hefner

- IU 70 patient phase II study
- 20 Gy X 3 for T1
- 22 Gy X 3 for T2
- NO restriction on tumor location

Zone of the Proximal Bronchial Tree

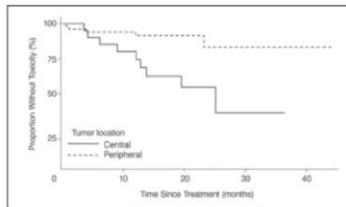
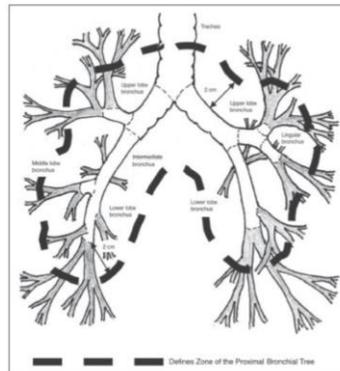


Fig 4. Kaplan-Meier plot of time from treatment until grade 3 to 5 treatment related toxicity comparing patients with tumors in the central (perihilar and central mediastinal) regions from those with more peripheral tumors.





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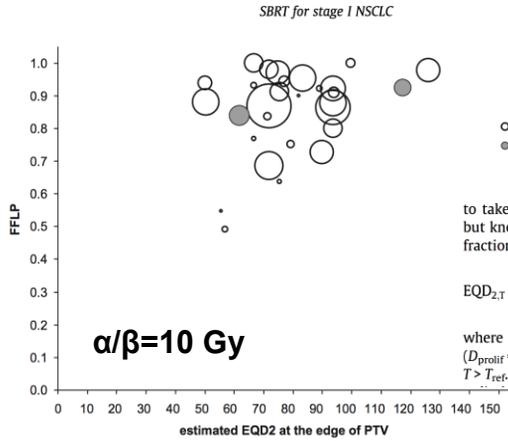
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DOSE-RESPONSE RELATIONSHIP FOR IMAGE-GUIDED STEREOTACTIC BODY RADIOTHERAPY OF PULMONARY TUMORS: RELEVANCE OF 4D DOSE CALCULATION

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Local control rates were 89% and 62% at 36 months for >100 Gy and <100 Gy BED (p = 0.0001)



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$\alpha/\beta = 8.6 \text{ Gy}$

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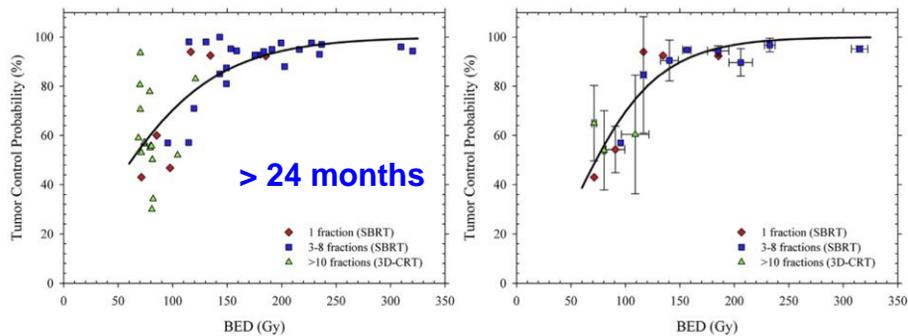
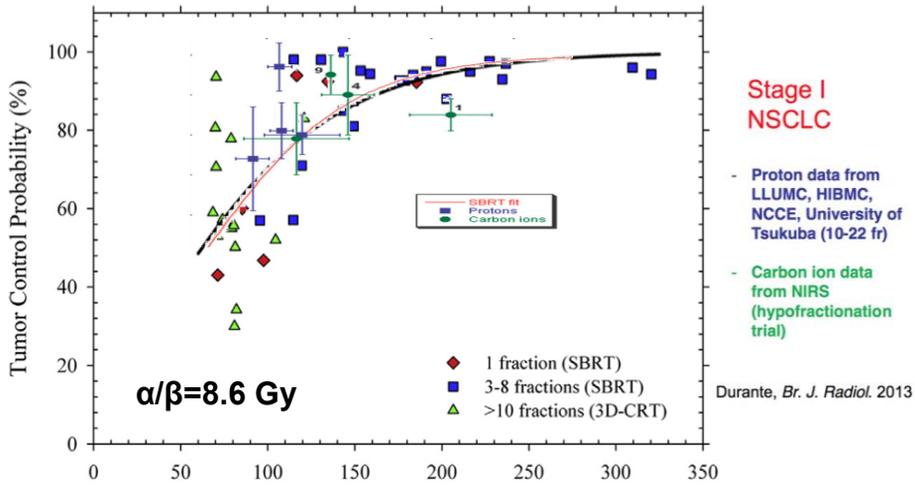
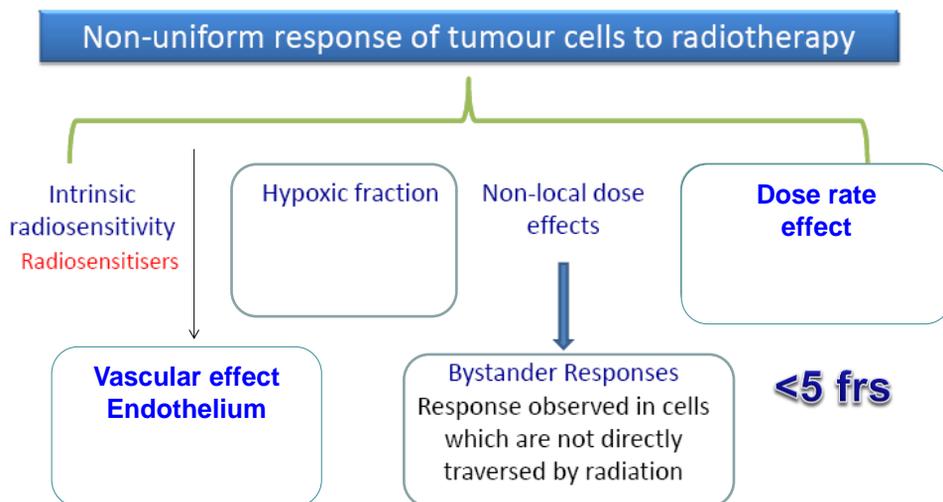


Fig. 8. Tumor control probability (TCP) as a function of biologically effective dose (BED) for stage I non-small cell lung cancer. Left, symbols show local control rates (≥ 2 years) from a pooled analysis reported by Mehta et al (27) with symbols distinguishing conventional and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) fractionations. Right, weighted mean TCP probabilities calculated to compensate for the different numbers of patients in each study. Solid lines show linear quadratic-based fits to the data showing that within the limits of clinical data, the efficacy of single doses, a few SBRT fractions, and conventional radiation therapy produce the same overall TCP for the same BED. From (58) with permission. 3D-CRT = 3-dimensional conformal radiation therapy.

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Tumour responses to radiotherapy



Models

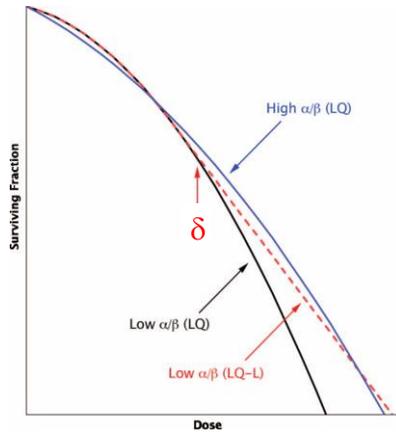
LQ

$$S_0(d) = \exp[-d(\alpha_0 + \beta_0 d)]$$

$$S_h(d) = \exp[-d(\alpha_h + \beta_h d)]$$

$$\alpha_h = \frac{\alpha_0}{OER_\alpha}$$

$$\beta_h = \frac{\beta_0}{OER_\beta^2}$$



LQ-L

$$S_0(d) = \exp[-d(\alpha_0 + G(\lambda T) \cdot \beta_0 d)]$$

$$S_h(d) = \exp[-d(\alpha_h + G(\lambda T) \cdot \beta_h d)]$$

$$G(\lambda) = 2 \frac{\lambda T + \exp(-\lambda T) - 1}{(\lambda T)^2}$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 + \delta \cdot d$$

$$\alpha_h = \frac{\alpha_0}{OER_\alpha}$$

$$\beta_h = \frac{\beta_0}{OER_\beta^2}$$

$$R(\Delta t) = 2^{\frac{\Delta t}{T_{eff}}}$$

$$B = f(d, n)$$



Guerrero M et al. 2004

Parameters

$N_0, \eta, T_{eff}, \alpha_0, \beta_0$

α_h, β_h Nahum et al. 2003

Carlson et al. 2006

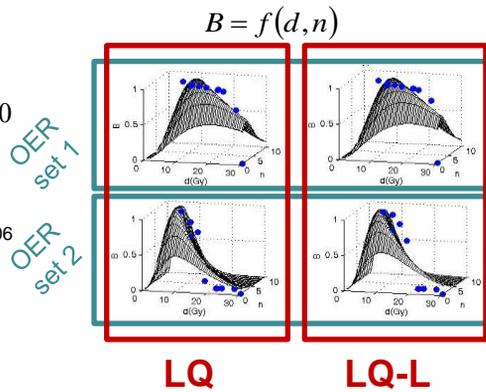


TABLE I. Schedules of stereotactic hypofractionated radiotherapy on stage I NSCLC with experimental LC3.

Authors	Year	# pat.	# fr.	d (Gy)	p.i. (%)	Δt (days)	LC3 (%)
Nyman et al.	2005	45	3	15	100	2	80
Nagata et al.	2005	45	4	12	100	4	97
Zimmerman et al.	2006	43	3	12.5	60	1	88
Baumann et al. ^a	2006	138	3.03	13.39	65	2.5	85
Fritz et al.	2007	40	1	30	100	0	81
Koto et al. ^a	2007	31	4.07	11.6	100	2	63
Fakiris et al.	2009	57	3	15	67	2	92
Fakiris et al. ^a	2009	35	3	21.03	80	2.5	88.1
Kopeck et al. ^a	2009	88	3	17.2	100	2.5	89
Mirri et al.	2009	40	5	8	95	2	72
Baba et al. ^b	2010	85	4	12	100	2.5	81
Baba et al. ^b	2010	37	4	13	100	2.5	74
Haasbeck et al. ^{ab}	2010	193	4.85	12.37	80	1	89
Ricardi et al. ^b	2010	62	3	15	80	2	87.8
Matsu et al. ^b	2011	101	4	12	100	3	86.8
Timmermann et al. ^b	2011	55	3	18	90	2.5	97.6

Note: abbreviations: d = dose/fraction; #pat. = number of patients; #fr = number of fractions; p.i. = prescription isodose; Δt = time between fractions; LC3 = local control at 3 yr. In the studies marked with 'a' multiple doses per fraction and fraction numbers were used, patient group-averaged values have therefore been calculated and listed in the table. 'b' indicates the validation set.

TABLE III. Log-likelihood and AIC calculated using the validation set for different models (LQLM and LQM), OER parameter set, and fractions of hypoxic cells (η_h).

η_h	Parameter	LQM		LQLM	
		OER set 1	OER set 2	OER set 1	OER set 2
0.05	L	-588.1	-582.4	-589.8	-582.6
	AIC	-6.8	-6.7	-6.8	-6.7
0.10	L	-557.7	-554.9	-558.6	-554.8
	AIC	-6.6	-6.6	-6.7	-6.6
0.15	L	-545.6(*)	-546.6(*)	-546.0(*)	-546.3(*)
	AIC	-6.6(*)	-6.6(*)	-6.6(*)	-6.6(*)
0.50	L	-575.1	-600.8	-564.4	-596.4
	AIC	-6.7	-6.8	-6.7	-6.8
0.00	L	-1038.2		-1038.2	
	AIC	-12.9		-12.9	

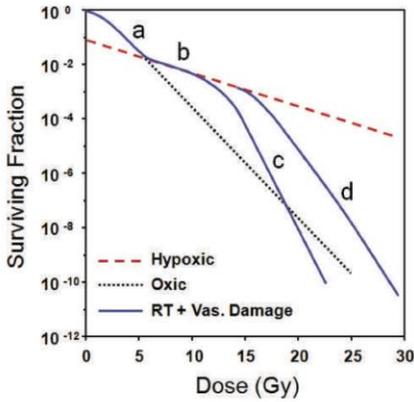
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REVIEW

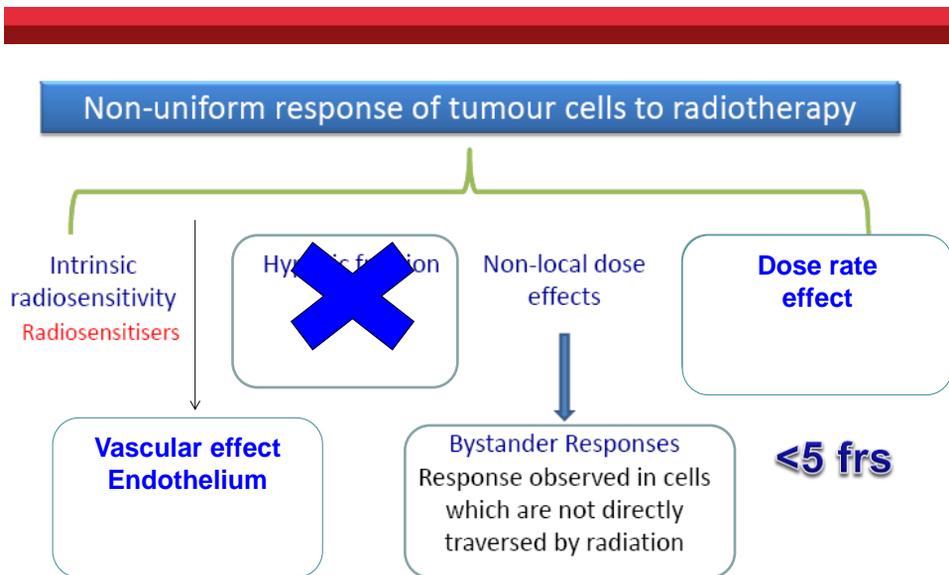
Radiation-Induced Vascular Damage in Tumors: Implications of Vascular Damage in Ablative Hypofractionated Radiotherapy (SBRT and SRS)

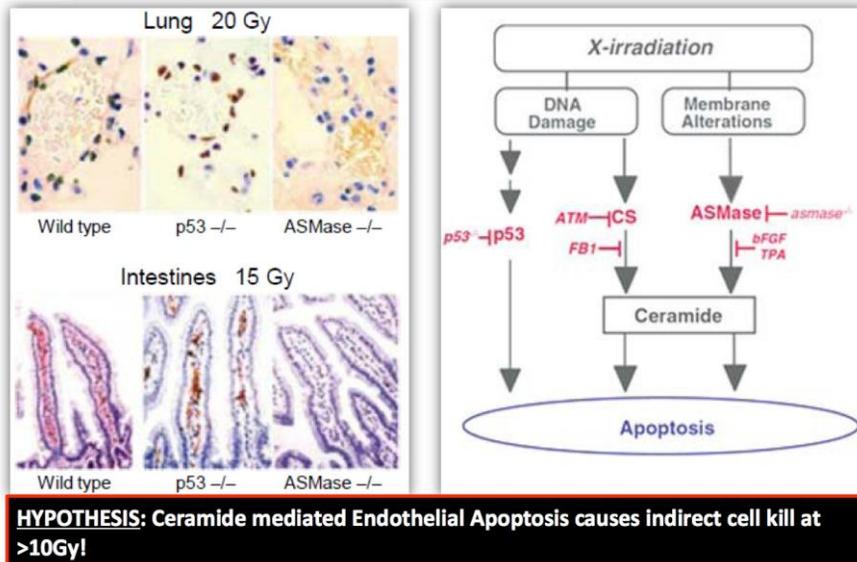
Heon Joo Park,^{a,b} Robert J. Griffin,^c Susanta Hui,^c Seymour H. Levitt^{a,d} and Chang W. Song^{a,1}



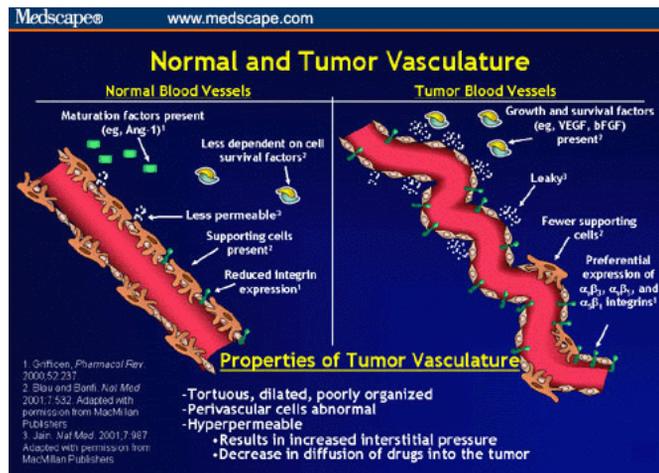
- For D < 5Gy oxic cells die
- For D > 5Gy hypoxic cells death dominates
- For D >10 Gy Vascular damage at high doses produces secondary cell killing, **suggests that radiation doses induce vascular damage leading to indirect tumor cell death.**

Tumour responses to radiotherapy



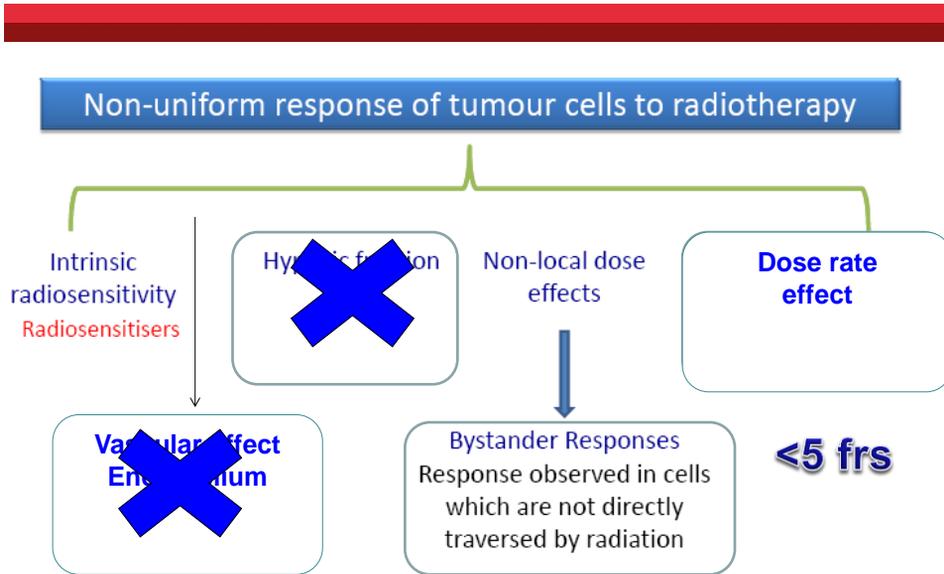


Kolesnick R & Fuks Z. *Oncogene* 2003;22:5587-906



- vasculature associated with tumors is not normal
- The blood vessels in a tumor bed, generally speaking, are tortuous, dilated, and poorly organized
- The surrounding pericytes are abnormal. They tend to be hyperpermeable and leaky

Tumour responses to radiotherapy



The oncologist's prospective

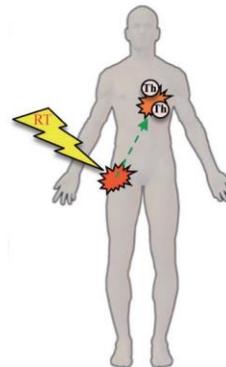
Most reports on abscopal effects refer to antitumor consequences outside the radiation field

Multiple mechanisms have been proposed to cause the abscopal effects, such as:

- the systemic secretion of specific cytokines and chemokines,
- a systemic immune response against local tumor antigens released
- local inflammation that can lead to a distant effect.

In any case, the hypothesis that the abscopal effect is immune-mediated is becoming stronger

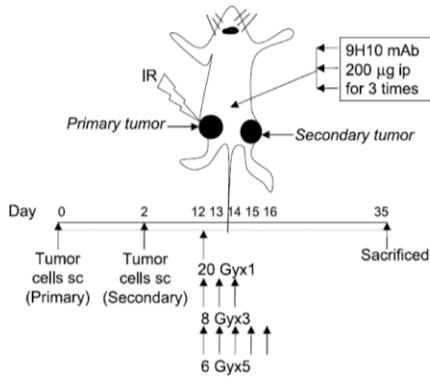
Distal areas to the primary tumor (metastasis)



Anti-tumor T-cell response

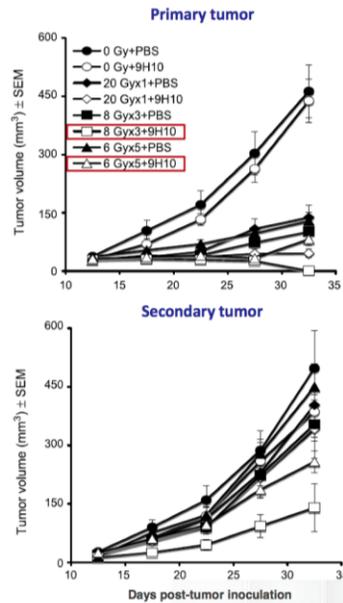
Sologuren et al., 2014

Animal model

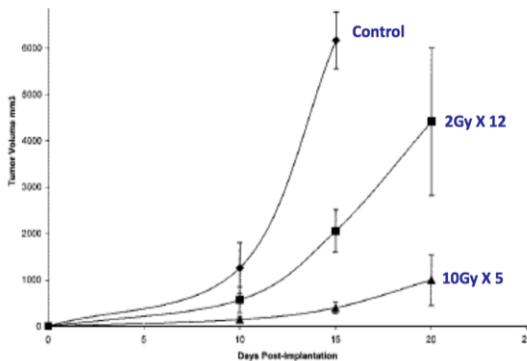
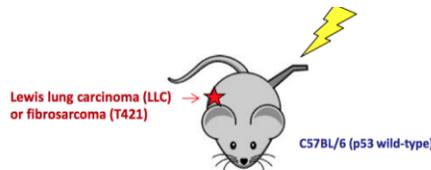


Only fractionated, and not RT administered as a single high dose, induced an immune-mediated abscopal effect in a secondary tumor when combined with anti-CTLA-4 antibody.

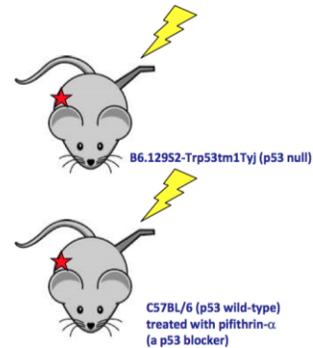
Dewan et al., 2009



Animal model



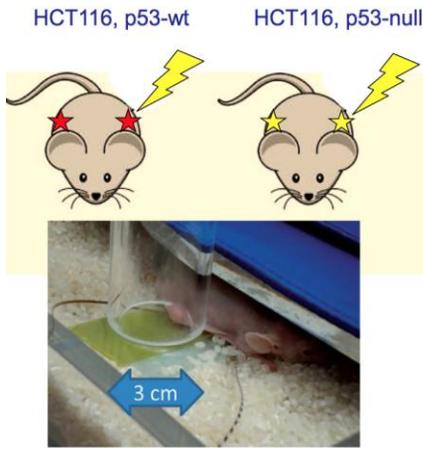
The abscopal effect is dose dependent and not tumor-specific



These data implicate p53 as a key mediator of the radiation-induced abscopal effect

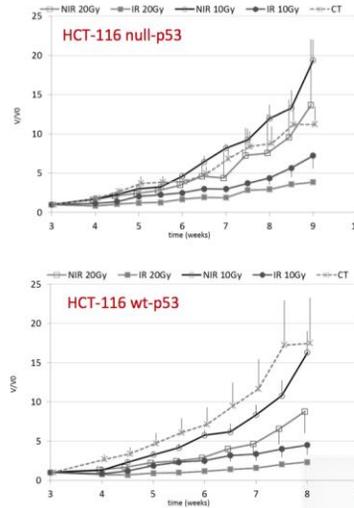
Camphausen et al., 2011

IRE experience



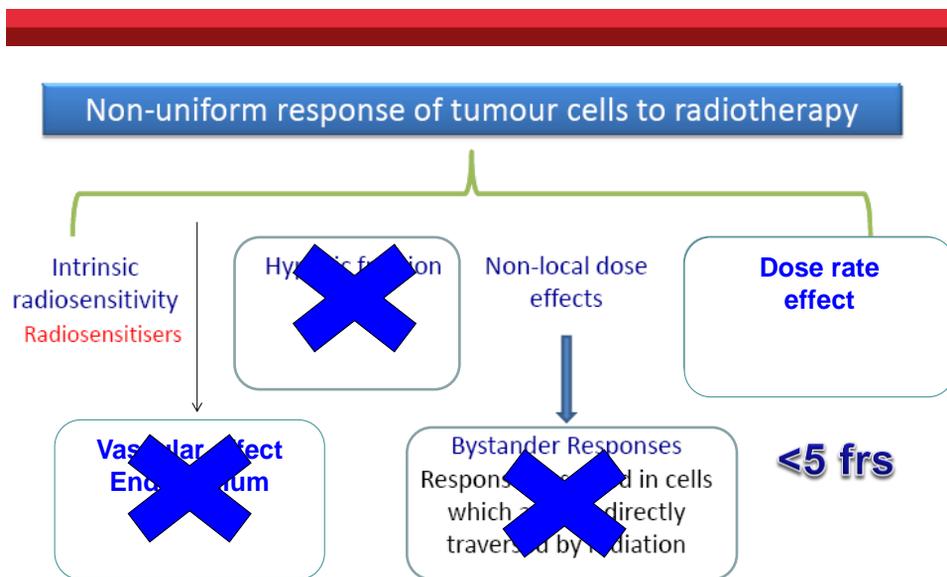
When tumours reached a volume of 0.2 cm³, irradiation was performed, under strict dose monitoring, with a dedicated mobile accelerator designed for intra-Operative-RT (IORT). A dose of 10 or 20 Gy delivered by a 10 MeV electron beam, was delivered to a tumour established in one side flank (IR groups), leaving the other non-irradiated (NIR groups).

Strigari et al., 2014



Our results suggest that the interplay between radiation dose and p53 status plays a critical role in the RT-induced bystander effects

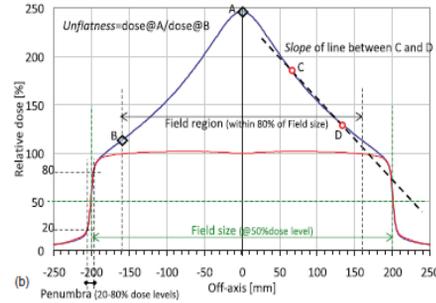
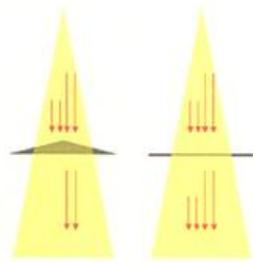
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VMAT

FFF vs FF: beam hardening

- FFF ha una più bassa energia media
- 10FFF → 8



- Dose rate → 24 Gy/min

Ref.	Cells	E (MV)	Dose rate (Gy/min)	Modulate d beam	Effect	
Sørensen et al. RO 2011	HN FaDu V79	6FFF 6X	5, 10, 30	No	No	
Loshe et al. RO 2011	Gliomas T98G (mut-p53) U87MG	10FFF 10X	0.02, 4, 24	No	Yes at D≥10 Gy	
King et al. PMB 2013	PCa DU 145, NSCLC H460	6FFF 6X	3, 11	Yes (bolus)	No	
Verbakel et al. AO 2013	Lung SW1573 ; gliom T98 (Mut-p53); astroc D348	6/10 FFF/X	4, 8	Yes (IMRT)	No	
Karan et al. PMB 2013	cervix SiHa; NSCLC H460; V79	6/10 FFF/X	3, 10	No	No	
Bewes et al. 2008	melanoma MM576; NSCLC H460	6FFF 6X	1.2, 5	Yes	Dose rate effect on protracted delivery	

Adaptive RT – Liver

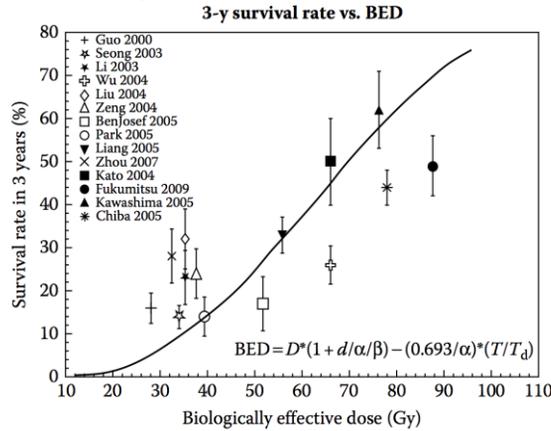
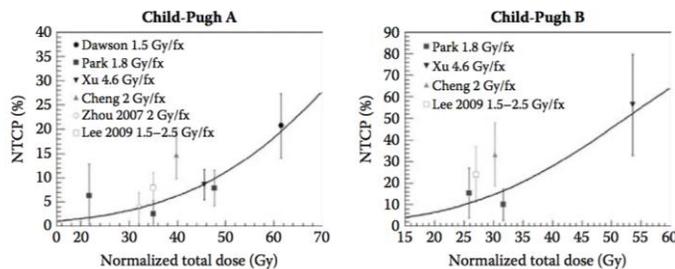


FIGURE 20.1 Three-year overall survival rate as a function of biologically effective dose (BED) for primary liver tumors. BED and the curve were calculated using the model described by Tai, A., et al. (2008). Note that in the studies by Wu, D. H., et al. (2004), Liu et al. (2004), and Zeng, Z. C., et al. (2004) the follow-up time was recorded from the beginning of diagnosis, whereas in other studies it was recorded from the start of treatment.

Adaptive RT – Liver



Normal tissue complication probability (NTCP) data plotted as a function of normalized total dose (NTD) from hepatic carcinoma (CC) patients of Child-Pugh A (left panel) and Child-Pugh B (right panel). NTD was calculated by $\left(\frac{\alpha/\beta + d + f \times N}{\alpha/\beta + d_{ref} + f \times N_{ref}}\right) D(d)$, where w and f is a fitting parameter (0.156 and 0 for Child-Pugh A and B, respectively; Tai 2009). The subscript refers to the scheme at which the Lyman model parameters were derived. (Adapted from Tai, A., B. Erickson, and X. A. Li. 2009. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 83-9. With permission.)



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Is Biochemical Relapse-free Survival After Profoundly Hypofractionated Radiotherapy Consistent with Current Radiobiological Models?

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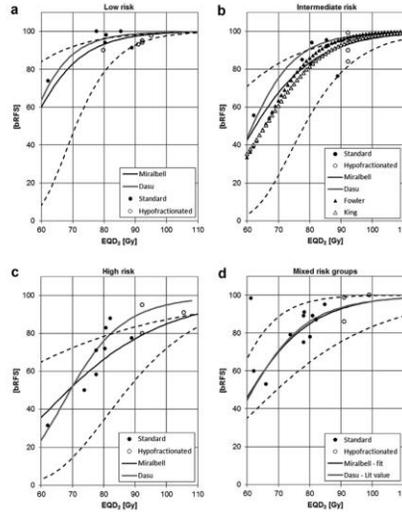


Fig 1. Biochemical relapse-free survival against EQD₂ for low-, intermediate- and high-risk patients and for mixed-risk groups (a, b, c and d, respectively). Data points show the result of trials of standard and moderate hypofractionation (●) and profound hypofractionation (○). Solid lines show published model fits, with the exception of the Miralbell model for mixed-risk group data, which is fitted to the data in (d). Dotted lines show 95% confidence intervals for the Miralbell fit.

Recommendations, thorax and abdomen region

	Absorbed dose recommendations	EQD2/BED/NTCP recommendations	Prob.curve
Heart/cardiac mort Heart/pericarditis.	Yes, new data needed	NTCP $\alpha/\beta=3\text{Gy}$	RS LKB
Lung /RP	Yes, new data keep coming	MLD, EQD2 (SBRT open)	Function of MD + clin/risk factors + genetic
Esophagus/acute	Yes, but limited evidence	Mean dose	
Ribs/fracture	Yes, but few data	LQ	Logistic - $D_{2\text{cm}3}$ V_{30}
Chest wall/pain	Yes, but few data		
Liver/RILD	Yes	Primary, and metastatic EQD2 $\alpha/\beta=2\text{Gy}$ (SBRT open)	Function of MD + clin/risk factors
Spine/myelitis	Yes, but few data	EQD2 $\alpha/\beta=3\text{Gy}$	Function of EQD2

Conclusion

- Extreme hypofractionated RT (SBRT/SABR) seems to be capable of overcoming hypoxic radioprotection through mechanisms other than directly killing tumor cells via DNA damage.
- Important mechanisms for cell inactivation has been hypothesized to become important at doses >10 Gy
 - Vascular effects occurs increasingly at higher doses per fraction
 - Immunological effect
 - Bystander effect