



FATTIBILITA' E RUOLO DELLA REIRRADIAZIONE IN PAZIENTI CON RECIDIVA DI GLIOMA AD ALTO GRADO DI MALIGNITA'

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Reirradiation in Recurrent Gliomas

Maximal surgical resection, followed by radiotherapy with concomitant and adjuvant temozolomide (TMZ) improved survival

Recurrence is still a significant problem affecting more than 90% of patients

Median OS	15–18 months
2 years OS	27%
5 years OS	< 10%

Reirradiation in Recurrent Gliomas

A lot of non phase III trials

Heterogeneous patients cohorts

—————→ Available

Different end-point

Location, size and patient clinical status

Surgical re-resection

Second line Chemotherapy

Re-irradiation

RT+CT



mOS 6 mos

mOS 8 mos

mOS 8 mos

mOS 10-12 mos

Not be compared directly with each other OS is more or less similar

No standard of care

Reirradiation in Recurrent Gliomas

Radiation is **EFFECTIVE TREATMENT** in high grade glioma

UNWILLINGNESS to retreat local recurrence:

- CNS tissue are not capable of repairing injury
- High risk of side effect

Animal experiments: **recovery** of critical CNS structures Ang KK et al IJROBP 1993

Improvement of imaging modalities

Development of high-precision RT techniques

SAFE ADMINISTRATION of a second course of irradiation

Aim and Patients

The **aim** of this study was to evaluate the effect of HSRT in recurrent high grade glioma in terms of toxicity, rate of local control and patients survival

The present retrospective study includes patients with MRI evidence of recurrent or progressive **high grade glioma** (HGG), occurring at least 6 months after RT completion, in order to exclude pseudo-progression

Progression was defined using the Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology (RANO) criteria

Aim and Patients

At diagnosis all patients underwent surgery followed by adjuvant RT with concomitant and adjuvant TMZ as for **Stupp scheme**

At recurrence they were evaluated for **salvage treatment**

- re-resection
- hypofractionated stereotactic radiation therapy (HSRT)
- chemotherapy
- combined approaches

*in relation to patient clinical conditions, tumor site and size ,
and hematologic rescue*

Aim and Patients

From January 2006 to December 2013: **25 patients** underwent HSRT
15 were male and 10 female with a median age of **41 years** (range 26-75 years)

GBM 13 patients

Grade III glioma 12 patients

Inclusion criteria

Karnosky performance status (KPS) ≥ 70

Interval time from first RT > 1 year

No multifocality

Treatments at Recurrence

Time to Relapse from initial diagnosis

≤12 months	10 patients
12-24 months	6 patients
> 24 months	9 patients

Treatment at Recurrence

Surgery + Chemotherapy and/or Radiotherapy	19 patients
Radiotherapy only	6 patients

Median Volume of recurrent disease (cc)

<35cc	13 patients
≥35 cc	12 patients

Dose Prescription

25 Gy/5 fr	24 patients
50 Gy/10 fr	1 patient

Radiation Technique and Dose Prescription

PROCEDURE and PLANNING

The frameless stereotactic system was used

GTV was delineated on ec T1MRI

CTV was generated adding an isotropic margin of 5 mm to GTV

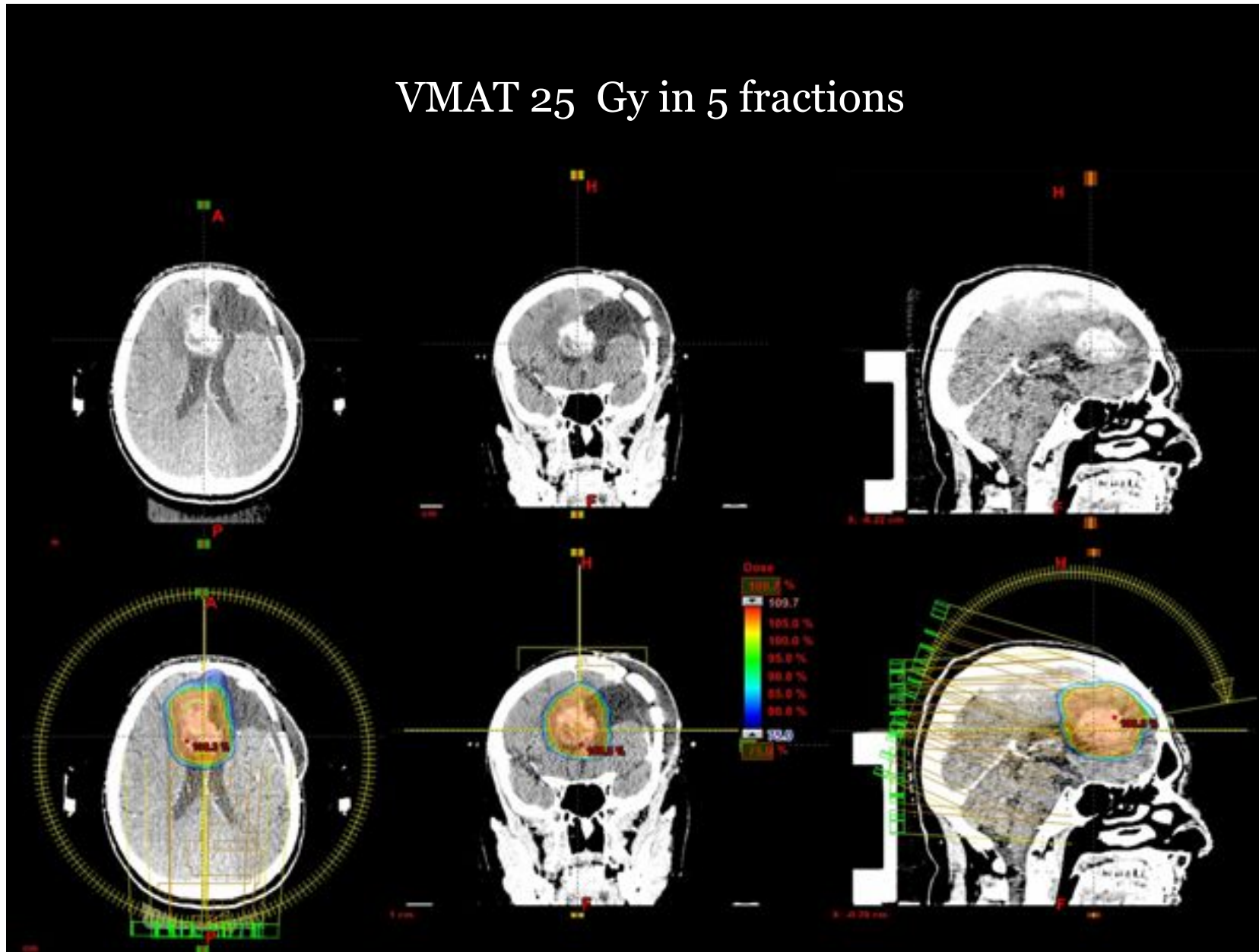
PTV was generated by the expansion of CTV of 3 mm.

ExacTrac X-Ray 6D system and **3Dcone-beam CT** (CBCT) images were used for daily patient set-up and isocenter positioning.

Plans were processed using the RapidArc volumetric modulated arc therapy to ensure **maximal dose conformity** and **rapid dose falloff** towards critical structures

Treatment Planning

VMAT 25 Gy in 5 fractions



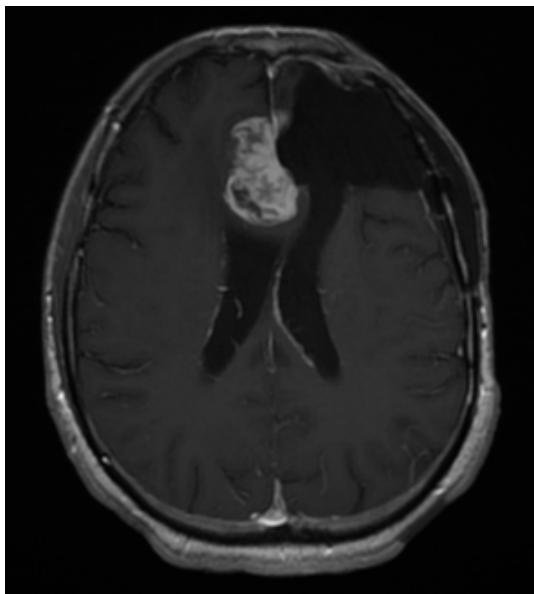
Results

The median Follow up time from recurrence was **18 months**
(range 4-36months)

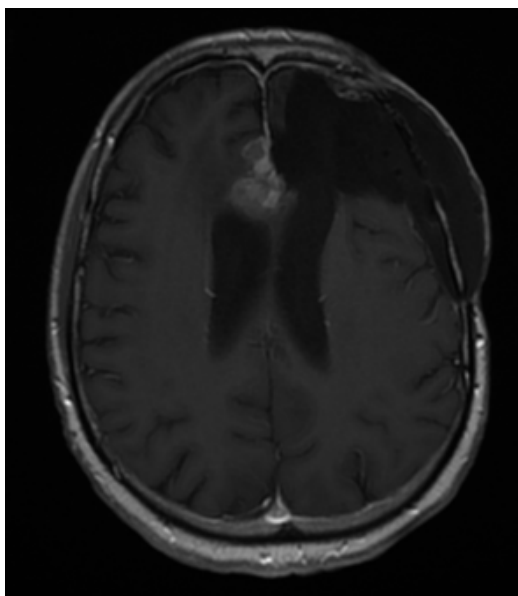
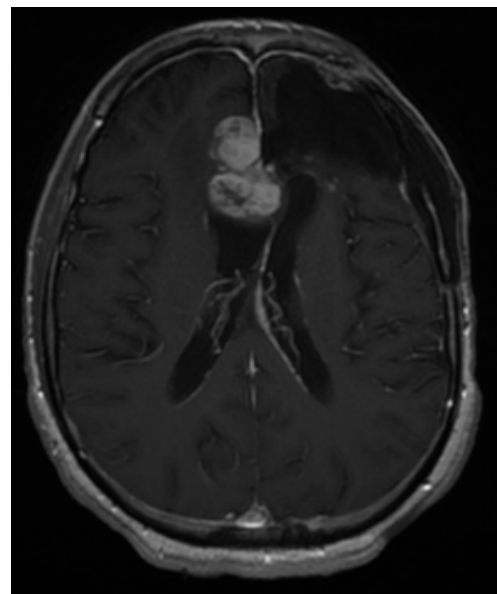
No severe toxicity was observed

PFS at 1 year	72%	Median PFS 16 months (range 3-36)
PFS at 2 years	34%	
OS at 1 year	76%	Median OS 18 months (range 4-36)
OS at 2 years	50%	

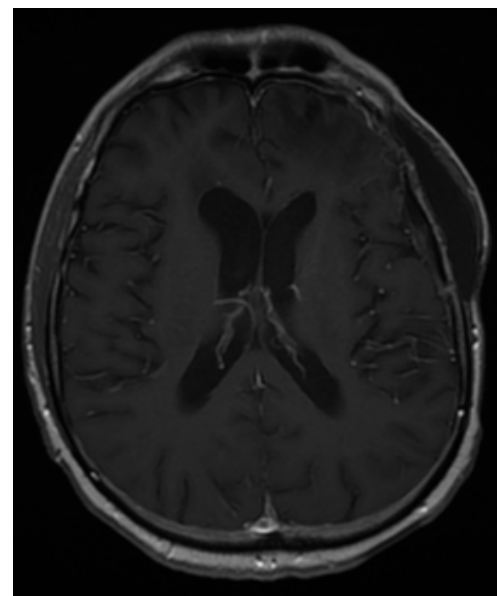
At the last FU 8 patients (32%) were alive and 17 (68%) were dead



RM PRE RT



RM POST RT



Prognostic factors

On univariate and multivariate analysis no significant factors affected survival were recorded

Histology	OS 1- 2 years	61% and 35% vs 89% and 66%
<u>EOR</u>	CR vs SR/PR/B	p<0.01
<u>MGMT</u>	OS 1- 2 years	100% and 83 % vs 67%
Tumor volume	PFS 2 years	42% vs 11%
	OS 2 years	56% vs 33%
<u>Combined treatment/RT</u>	PFS 1-2 years	74% and 32% vs 67% and 0%
	OS 1-2 years	83% and 51% vs 73% and 0%

Conclusion

Reirradiation is **feasible, safe and effective local treatment** option for patients with recurrent malignant brain tumor

VMAT RA technique improves **target coverage** while minimizing higher dose to **normal tissue**

Good radiological response

Minimal toxicity

“PATIENT TARGETED” APPROACH

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