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**TomoDirect™ IMRT for Hypofractionated Whole Breast  
Irradiation with a Simultaneous Integrated Boost**



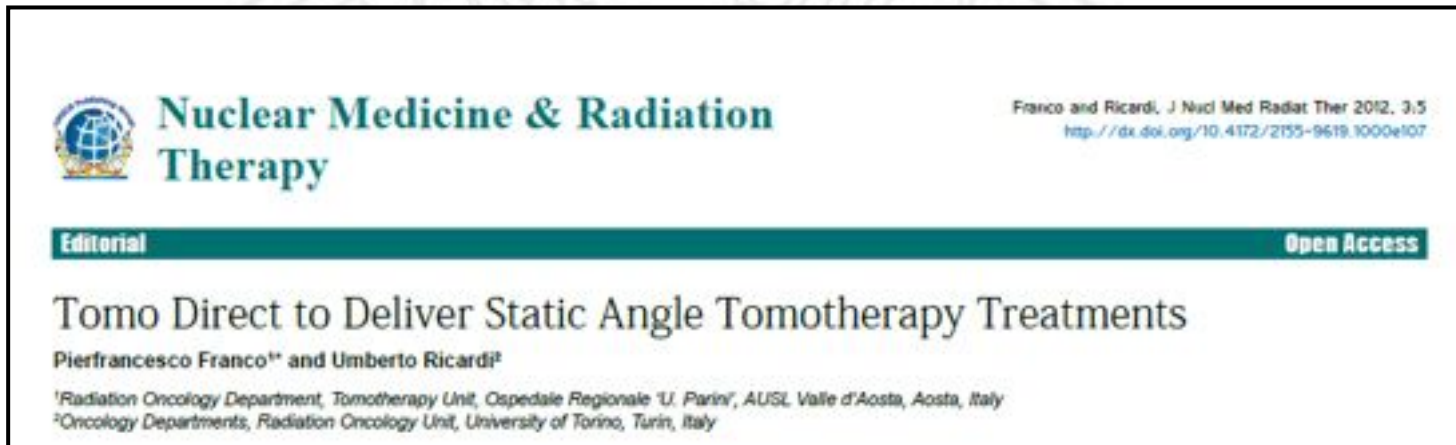
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# What is TomoDirect?



 **Nuclear Medicine & Radiation Therapy**

Franco and Ricardi. J Nucl Med Radiat Ther 2012, 3:5  
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## Tomo Direct to Deliver Static Angle Tomotherapy Treatments

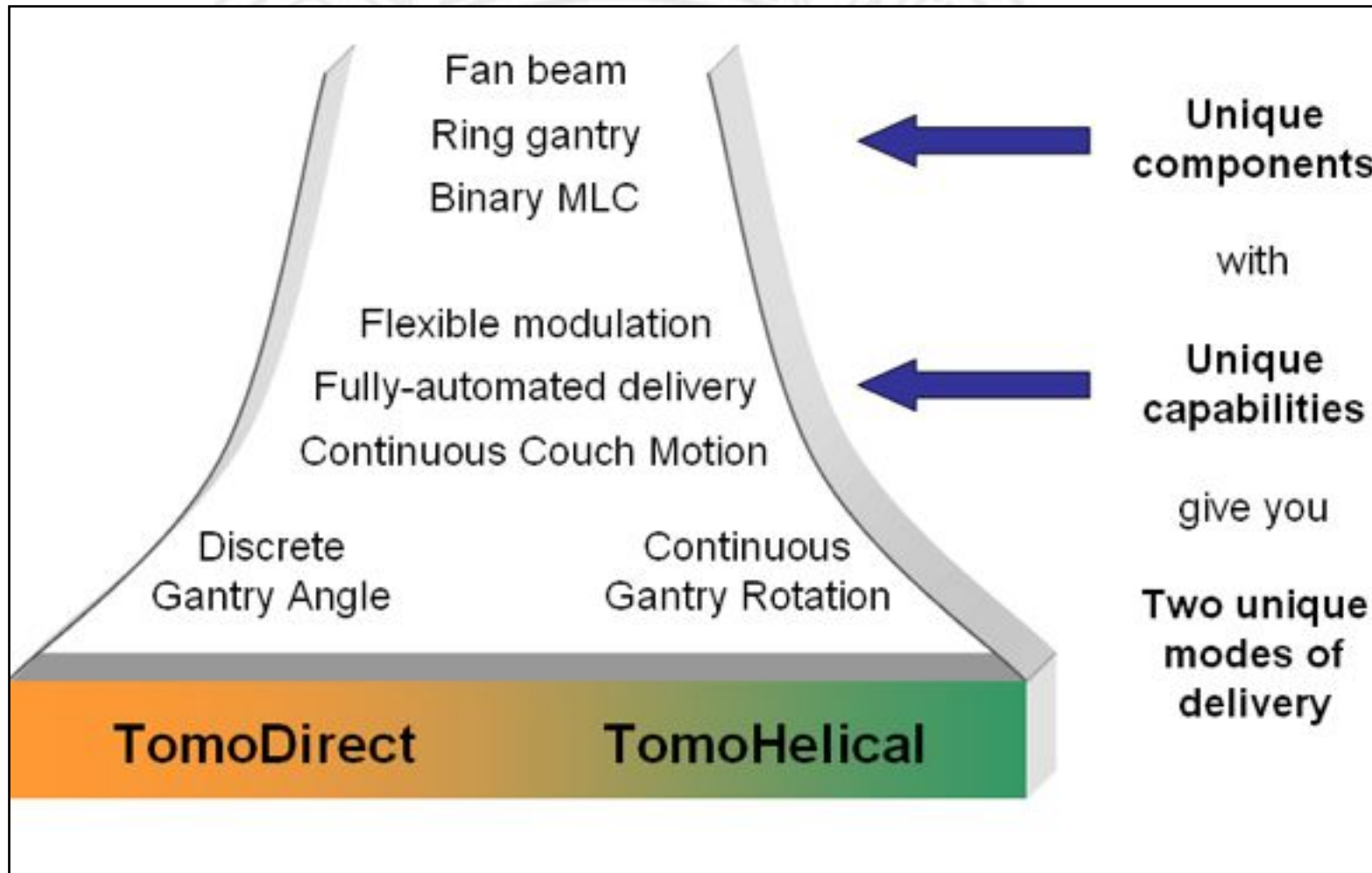
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- **Upgrade of the Tomotherapy platform**
- **It allows for the delivery of radiation at discrete angles with a fixed gantry**
- **Suitable for clinical situations where beam arrangement is constrained to a limited number of pre-established directions**

Franco P and Ricardi U - JNMRT 2012

# Tomodirect



# How does it work?

**Fixed gantry but moving couch to deliver highly modulated multiple-fields plans**

**Static gantry positions are combined with concomitant couch translation and multileaf collimator modulation**

- **Patient translated along CC-axis past the fixed fan-beam during each field delivery**
- **Beam intensity is modulated by the binary MLC while the pitch regulates the degree modulation in the sup-inf direction**
- **After delivery from 1 gantry angle, the gantry is rotated to a different beam direction and the patient is passed through the bore again for the subsequent field**

# First clinical experience

Tumori, 97: 498-502, 2011

## TomoDirect: an efficient means to deliver radiation at static angles with tomotherapy

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- ✓ **Adjuvant whole breast radiation**
- ✓ **Segmental bone pain palliation**
- ✓ **Whole brain radiotherapy**

Franco et al, Tumori 2011

# Conventionally fractionated WBRT and sequential boost (HT)

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ORIGINAL PAPER

**Intensity-modulated adjuvant whole breast radiation delivered with static angle tomotherapy (TomoDirect): a prospective case series**

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**WBRT: 50 Gy/25 fr (2 Gy daily) over 5 weeks delivered with TomoDirect**

**Sequential boost of 10 Gy/5 fr (2 Gy daily) for R0 resection or 16 Gy/8 fr (2 Gy daily) for R1 resection delivered with Helical Tomotherapy**

**Total OTT 6-7 weeks**

**120 patients**

**RT delivered < 3 months from surgery or after adjuvant CT if high-risk features were present**

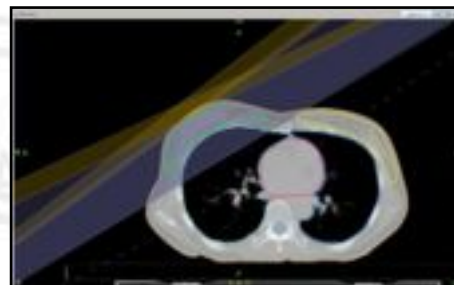
**Franco et al, JCRCO 2013**

## Planning and dose distribution

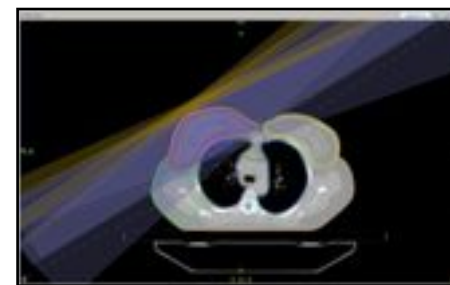
- ✓ 2-5 tangents fields arrangement to cover pt anatomy
- ✓ Dose prescription:  $D_{\text{median}}$  (homogeneity)
- ✓ Target coverage
  - 95% PTV receiving at least 95% of the prescribed dose
  - 99% PTV receiving at least 90% of the prescribed dose
  - $D_{\text{max}}$  to PTV < 105% of the prescribed dose

### ✓ OARS

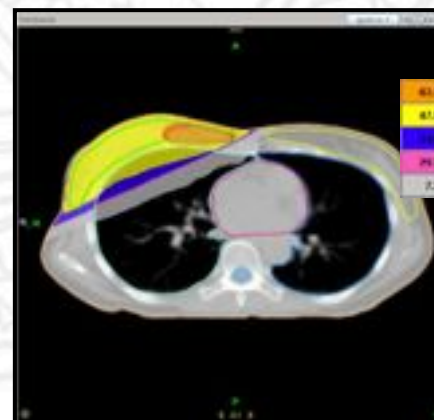
- ✓ Ipsilateral lung:  $V_{20} < 10\%$ ;  $V_{10} < 20\%$ ,  $V_5 < 40\%$
- ✓ Contralateral lung:  $V_5 < 5\%$
- ✓ Contralateral breast:  $D_{\text{max}} < 5 \text{ Gy}$
- ✓ Heart:  $V_{25} < 10\%$
- ✓ Excess irradiation ( $D_{2\text{cc}}$ ): % of the prescription dose delivered to a volume of 2 cc of the normal tissues external to PTV



2 fields



4 fields



# Dosimetric results

	Boost dose			
	10 Gy		16 Gy	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
<b>PTV</b>				
<b>WB</b>				
$D_{95}$ (Gy)	47.2	3.1	48.6	2.7
$D_2$ (Gy)	59.9	0.5	66.8	2.1
$V_{95}$ (%)	95.6	15.2	99.9	5.1
$V_{105}$ (%)	38.8	12.6	54.0	10.4
<b>Boost</b>				
$D_{95}$ (Gy)	58.6	0.7	65.0	2.6
$D_2$ (Gy)	59.5	7.6	67.6	2.0
$V_{95}$ (%)	99.7	1.1	101.0	4.8
$V_{105}$ (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>WB (excluding boost)</b>				
Receiving 52.5 Gy (%)	32.6	9.9	46.0	9.0
Receiving 55 Gy (%)	19.9	10.1	35.2	11.6
Receiving 57.5 Gy (%)	11.5	6.1	22.7	8.3
<b>OARs</b>				
<b>Ipsilateral lung</b>				
$V_5$ (%)	20.2	4.4	22.4	6.5
$V_{10}$ (%)	14.1	3.7	15.4	4.5
$V_{20}$ (%)	9.7	2.9	10.8	3.1
$D_{max}$ (Gy)	53.8	2.3	57.6	4.2
MLD (Gy)	6.0	1.3	6.5	1.3
<b>Contralateral lung</b>				
$D_{max}$ (Gy)	1.9	0.9	2.3	1.4
<b>Heart left-sided tumors</b>				
$V_5$ (%)	11.7	9.6	12.3	4.5
$V_{10}$ (%)	5.6	3.9	6.6	1.3
$V_{20}$ (%)	3.5	2.8	4.2	8.6
$V_{25}$ (%)	2.9	2.5	2.4	8.5
MHD (Gy)	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.5
$D_{max}$ (Gy)	29.6	23.7	19.1	23.8
<b>Contralateral breast</b>				
$D_{max}$ (Gy)	2.6	1.1	3.0	1.2

**Very robust results but:**

➤ **1/3 breast volume outside TB gets 105%**

➤ **1/5 pts gets 110%**

➤ **1/10 gets 115%**

Franco et al, JCRCO 2013



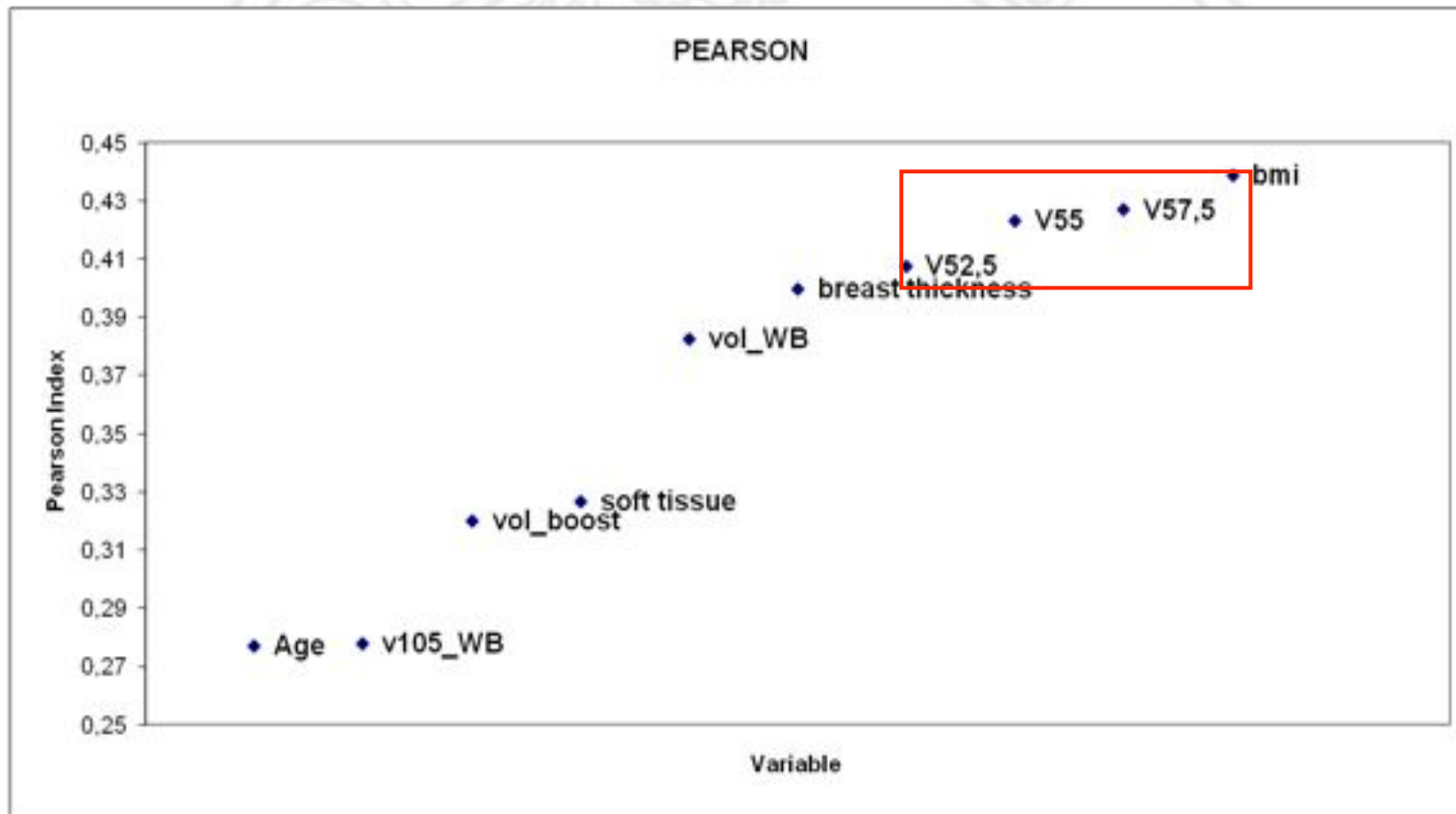
## Skin toxicity and cosmesis

Skin toxicity	Grade	Patients	%
No change over baseline	0	26	22
Follicular, faint or dull erythema/epilation/dry desquamation/decreased sweating	1	75	63
Tender or bright erythema, patchy moist desquamation/moderate edema	2	15	12
Confluent, moist desquamation other than skin folds, pitting edema	3	4	3
Ulceration, hemorrhage, necrosis	4	0	0

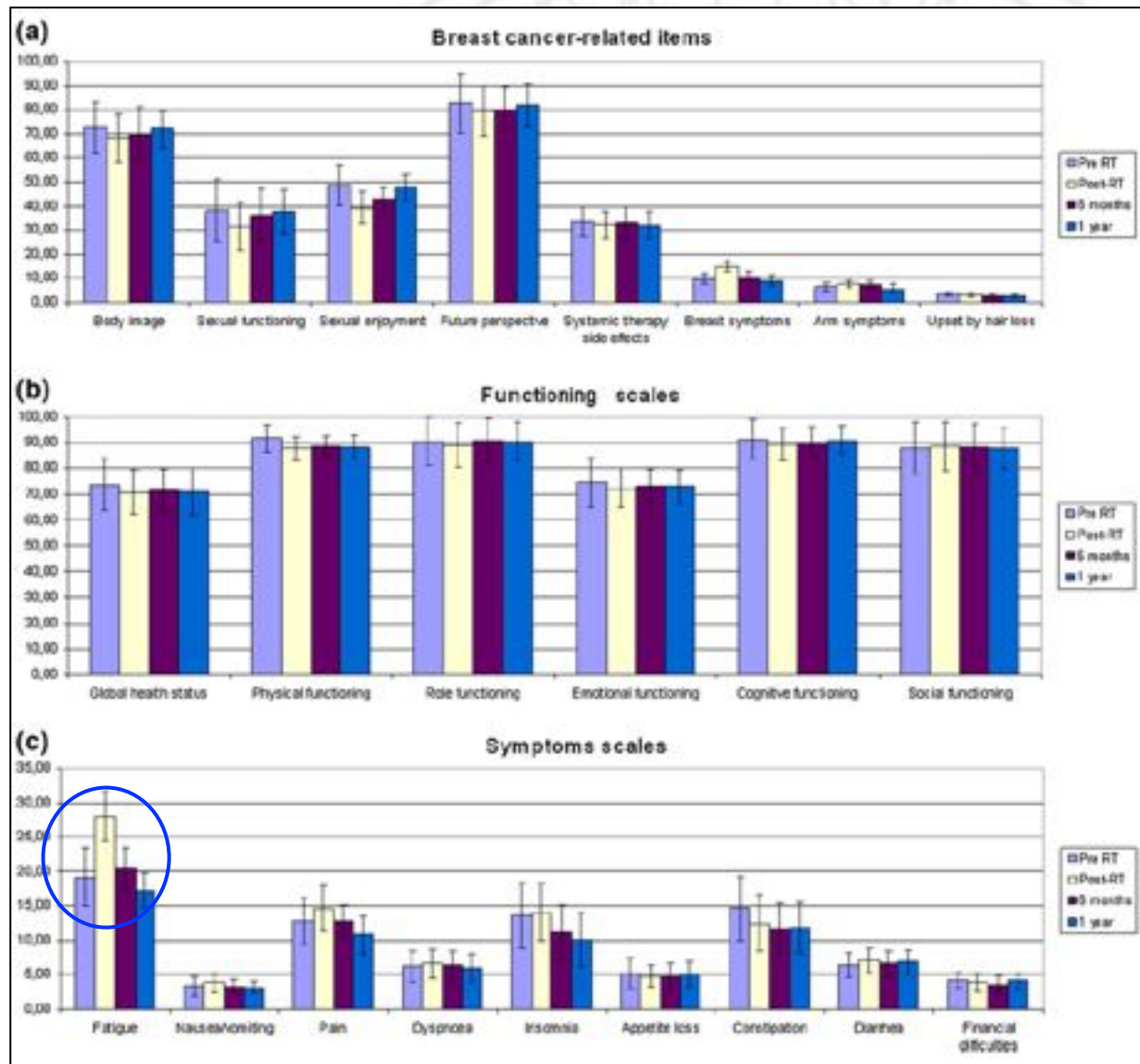
Parameter	Grade (%)			
	G1	G2	G3	G4
Induration-Fibrosis	3 (2.5)	2 (1.7)	0	-
Atrophy	2 (1.6)	0	-	-
Telangiectasia	1 (0.8)	0	0	-
Hyperpigmentation	24 (20)	6 (5)	-	-
Striae	3 (2.5)	0	-	-
Ulceration	-	0	0	0
Cosmesis				
Definition	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	3 (2.5)	7 (5.8)	28 (23.4)	82 (68.3)

Franco et al, JCRCO 2013

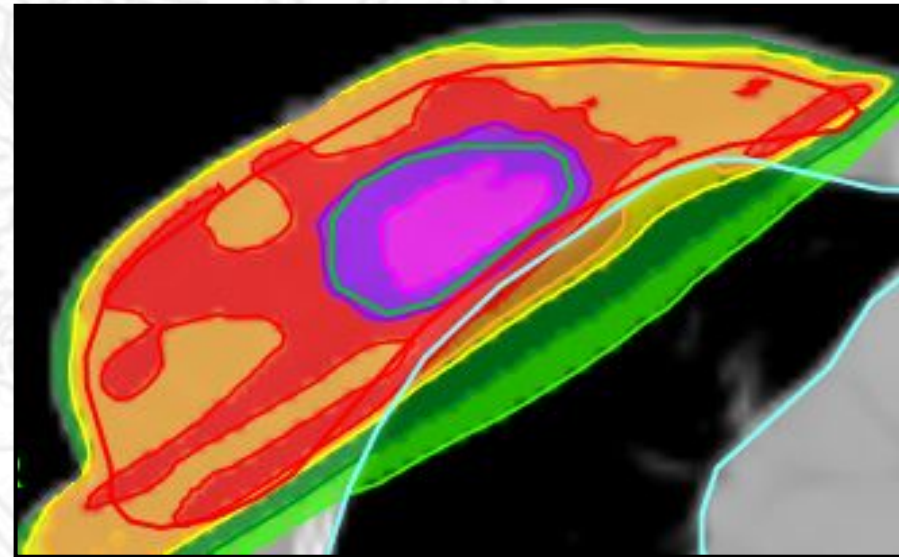
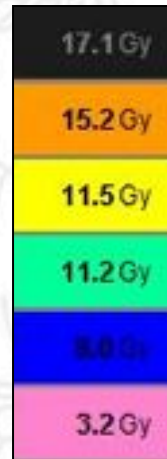
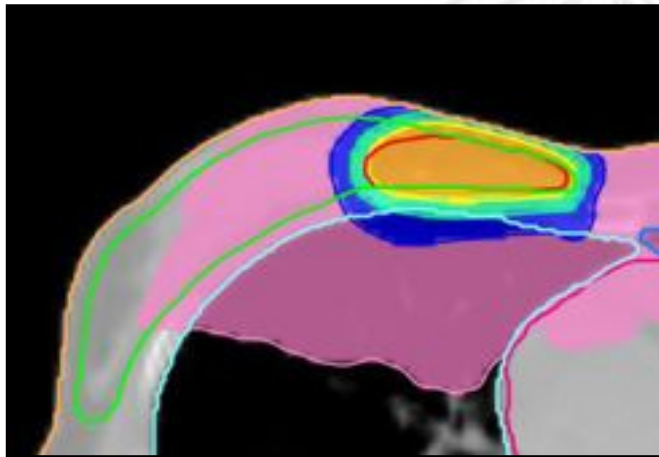
# Acute toxicity predictors



# QoL – EORTC QLQ-C30 and BR-23



# Reducing unintended dose outside tumor bed with SIB

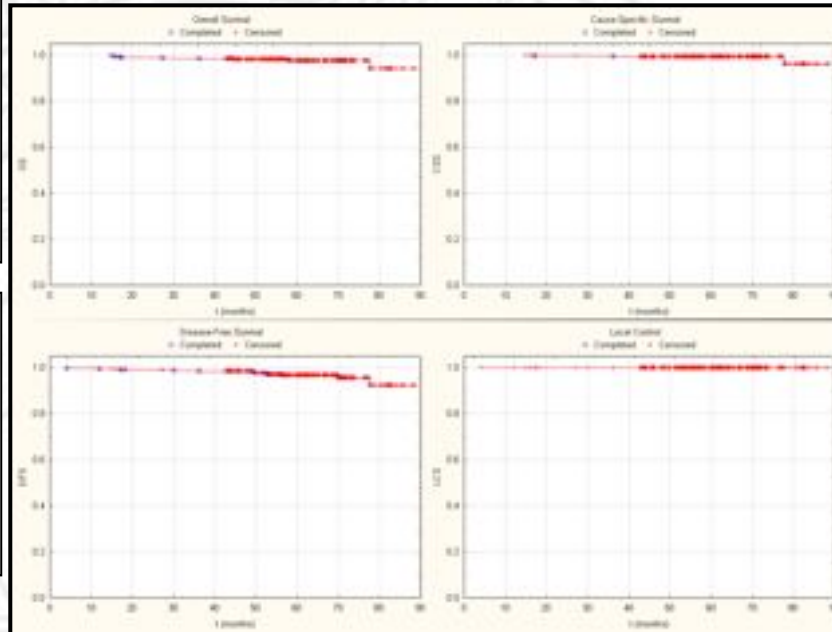


# LINAC-based concomitant boost to the tumor bed

*The Breast Journal*  
ORIGINAL ARTICLE  
**Accelerated Hypofractionated Adjuvant Whole Breast Radiotherapy with Concomitant Photon Boost after Conserving Surgery for Early Stage Breast Cancer: A Prospective Evaluation on 463 Patients**  
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ORIGINAL PAPER  
**Five-year results of a prospective case series of accelerated hypofractionated whole breast radiation with concomitant boost to the surgical bed after conserving surgery for early breast cancer**  
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- 5yr-OS: 97.6%
- 5yr-CSS: 99.4
- 5yr-DFS: 96.6%
- 5yr-LC: 100%

Over 1.000 pts treated; long-term results on 375 pts

- 45 Gy/20 fr 2.25 Gy/daily - WBRT
- 50 Gy/20 fr 2.5 Gy/daily – Tumor bed (Direct Photon Field and then FIF)

Cante et al, Breast J 2011; Med Oncol 2013 and 2014

# SIB WBRT delivered with TomoDirect: A prospective phase II trial

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ORIGINAL PAPER

## Intensity-modulated and hypofractionated simultaneous integrated boost adjuvant breast radiation employing static ports of tomotherapy (TomoDirect): a prospective phase II trial

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- 45 Gy/20 fr over 4 weeks (2.25 Gy daily) as WBRT
- Simultaneous 0.25 Gy to the surgical bed
- 5 adjunctive Gy to the surgical bed
- 50 Gy/20 fr over 5 weeks

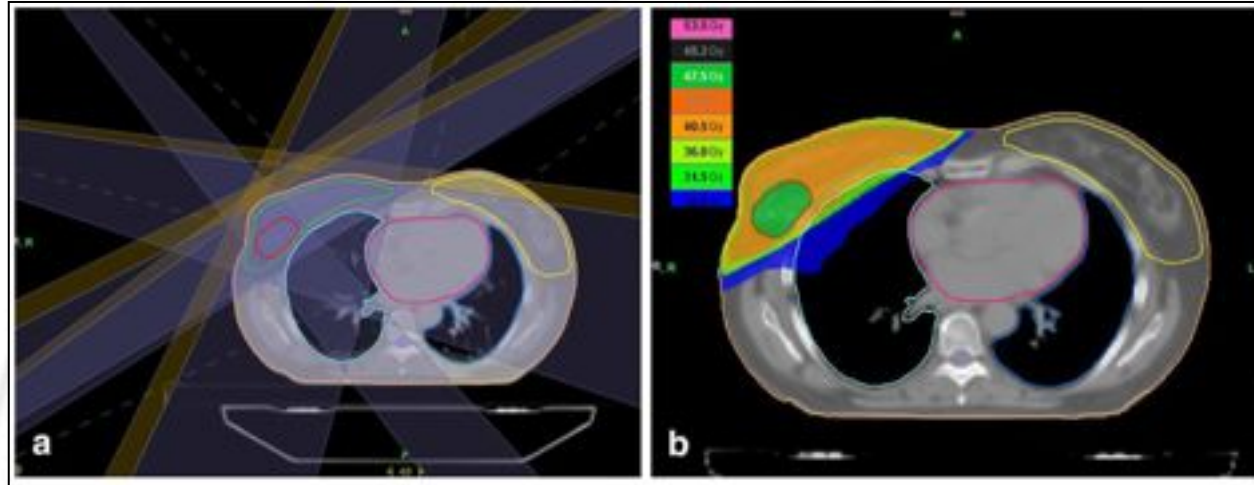
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# Trial design

- **One-armed optimal two-stage Simon's design**
  - **Historical data of success ( $p_0$ ): 85% G0-G1 acute skin toxicity (G2-G3: 15%) with TD + HT**
  - **Threshold for successful trial ( $p_1$ ): set to 94% of G1-G2 acute skin toxicity (G2-G3: 6%)**
  - **$\alpha$  error (one-sided type I error): 5%**
  - **$\beta$  error (type II error; power 80%): 20%**
  - **$H_0$ : no difference in acute skin toxicity**
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- **First stage: 18/21 (86%) pts should have scored as G0-G1 acute skin toxicity**
  - **Second stage: another 61 pts accrued; at least 74/82 (90.2%) is the threshold for  $H_0$  rejection and definition of SIB-TD as 'promising'**

Franco et al, JCRCO 2014

## Technical issues



- 4 beams conformed to the WB-PTV: 2 canonical tangential beams, 1 anterior-posterior (AP) and 1 latero-lateral (LL) with a  $\pm 15^\circ$  gantry angle range
- 1 or 2 small beams conformed to the TB-PTV to improve homogeneity and conformality; oblique incidence to reduce dose spread around TB-PTV
- 3 MLC leaves (19 mm to isocenter plane) opened on anterior edge of each beam
- FW: 2.5 cm; Pitch: 0.25 cm/projection; MF: 2-2.5
- A 10 mm ring was used around WB-PTV and TB-PTV to reduce overdosage (skin and breast tissue)
- Helping structures around WB-PTV used to avoid hotspots
- OARs as avoidance structures

Franco et al, JCRCO 2014



## Dosimetric results (82 pts)

	Mean	SD
<i>PTV</i>		
WB		
<i>D<sub>95</sub></i> (Gy)	42.8	2.1
<i>D<sub>2</sub></i> (Gy)	47.3	1.2
<i>V<sub>95</sub></i> (%)	98.1	11.3
<i>V<sub>105</sub></i> (%)	1.9	0.9
Boost		
<i>D<sub>95</sub></i> (Gy)	48.1	1.9
<i>D<sub>2</sub></i> (Gy)	50.9	5.6
<i>V<sub>95</sub></i> (%)	99.5	1.1
<i>V<sub>105</sub></i> (%)	0	0
WB (excluding boost)		
<i>V<sub>105</sub></i> (%)	2.4	0.9
<i>V<sub>110</sub></i> (%)	0.01	0
<i>OARs</i>		
Ipsilateral lung		
<i>V<sub>5</sub></i> (%)	26.2	4.5
<i>V<sub>10</sub></i> (%)	15.6	3.4
<i>V<sub>20</sub></i> (%)	9.6	3.1
<i>D<sub>max</sub></i> (Gy)	45	2.9
<i>MLD</i> (Gy)	6.4	1.5
Contralateral lung		
<i>D<sub>max</sub></i> (Gy)	2.1	1.1
Heart (left-sided tumors)		
<i>V<sub>5</sub></i> (%)	12.8	8.6
<i>V<sub>10</sub></i> (%)	2.7	1.1
<i>V<sub>20</sub></i> (%)	1.3	0.5
<i>V<sub>34</sub></i> (%)	1.1	0.3
<i>MHD</i> (Gy)	2.1	1.2
<i>D<sub>max</sub></i> (Gy)	25.1	19.1
Contralateral breast		
<i>D<sub>max</sub></i> (Gy)	2.9	1.3

Still very robust results and interestingly:

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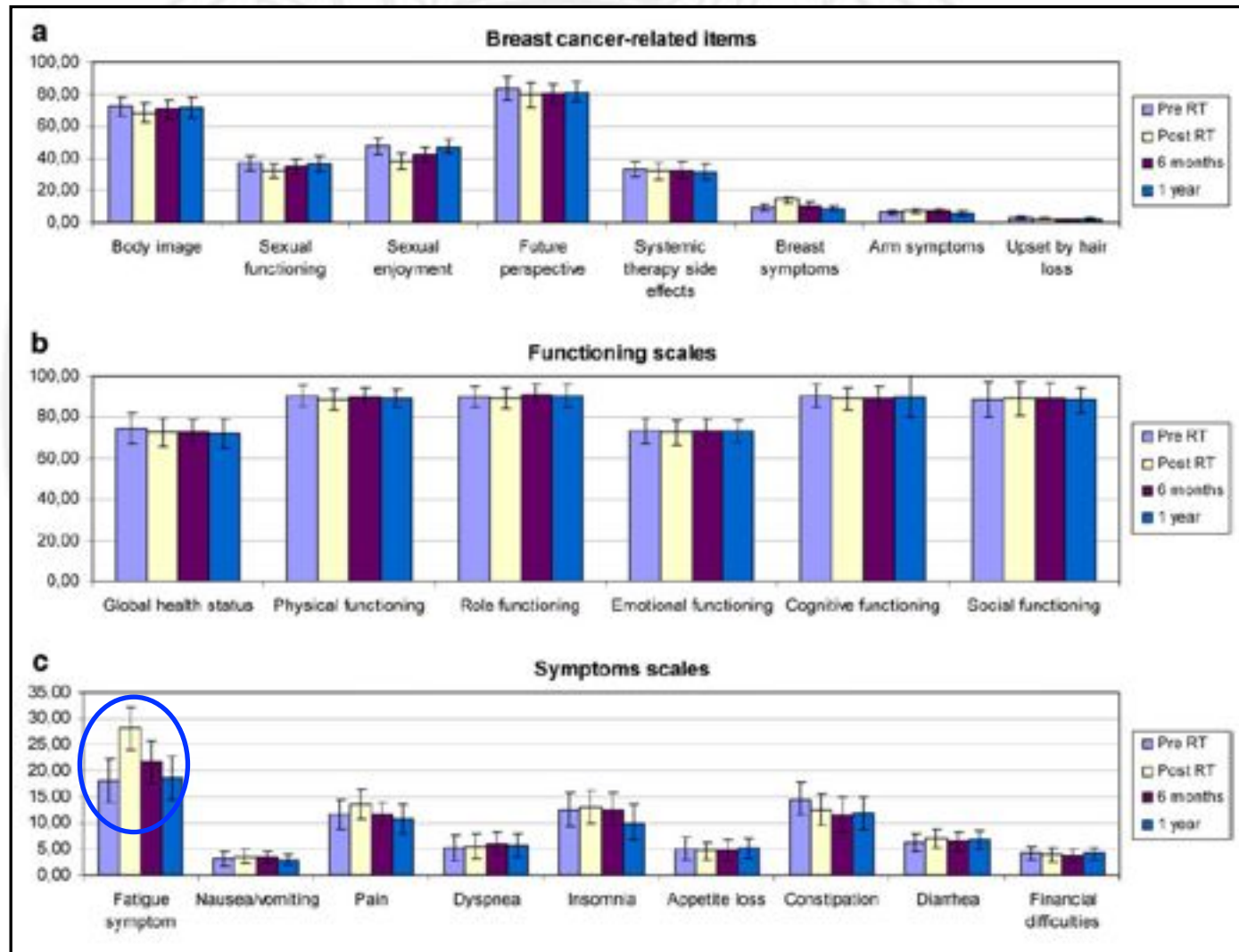
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Ulceration, hemorrhage, necrosis	4	0	0

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	G1	G2	G3	G4
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Atrophy	3 (4)	0	–	–
Telangiectasia	1 (1)	0	0	–
Hyperpigmentation	10 (12)	2 (2)	–	–
Striae	2 (2)	0	–	–
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Cosmesis				
Definition	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	3 (4)	4 (5)	18 (22)	57 (69)

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# QoL – EORTC QLQ-C30 and BR-23



# To avoid hotspots

- Plan dose prescription: mean dose (50% of WB-PTV)

Higher prescription dose → higher hotspots

- Planned MF up to 2.5
- 2 dummy volumes for planning: medial (sternal region) and lateral (axillary region)
- Smaller penalties values than with HT ( $< 100$  both for PTVs and OARs)
- 1-2 small fields reduce spillage outside TB

# Conclusions

**TomoDirect is:**

- **Feasible**
- **Reliable**
- **Dosimetrically consistent**
- **Clinically effective**

**An option to deliver  
radiation  
for breast cancer  
employing  
hypofractionation and  
SIB**

**TomoDirect  
provides**

**Versatility**

**to the Tomotherapy platform**

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**Thank you for your attention**



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**Mario Schifano – Indicazione - 1963**