

# LA MODULAZIONE DEGLI EFFETTI: Radioprotettori, radiosensibilizzanti, effetto abscopal. Radiazioni, terapia ormonale, Target Therapy e chemioterapici antitumorali.

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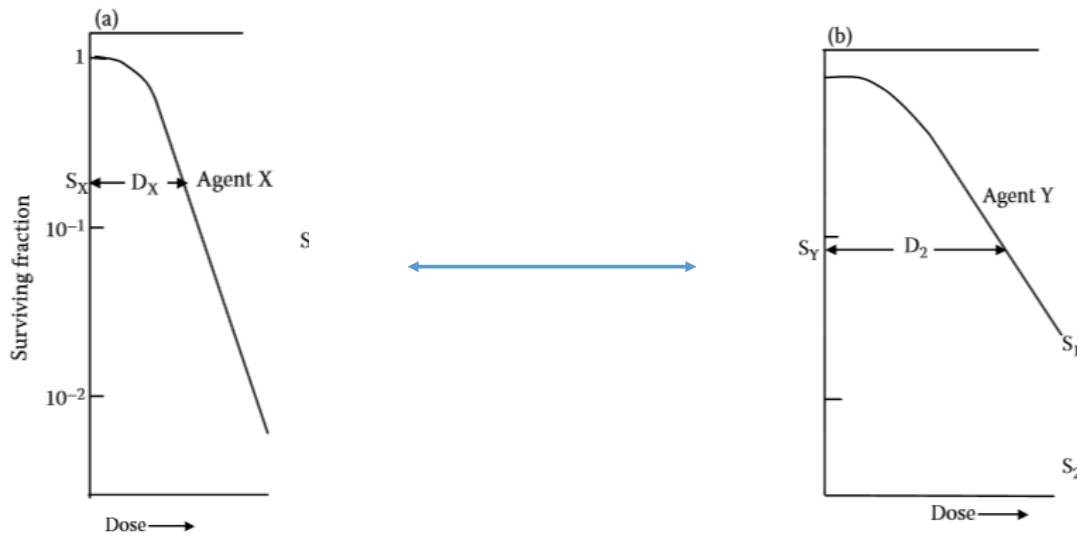
## Start with clinical data

**Table 1** Overview of disease entities and indications in which concurrent chemoradiotherapy is used.<sup>a</sup>

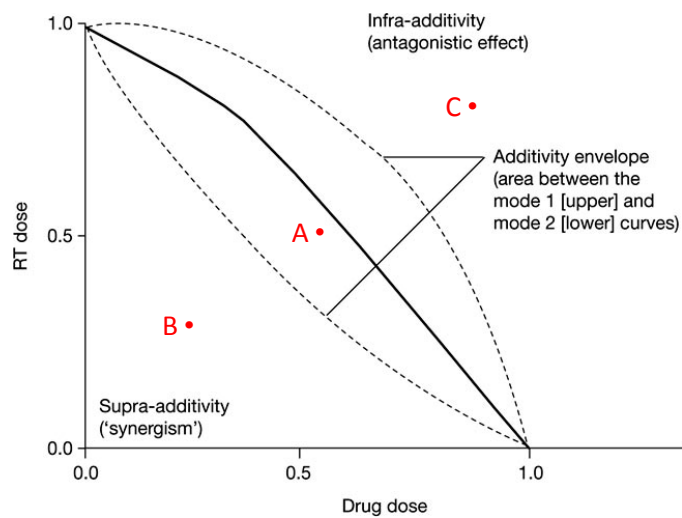
Disease entity	Indication and treatment	Commonly used agents	Benefit
<b>Upper aerodigestive tract cancers</b>			
Head and neck cancer	Locally advanced HNC—primary or adjuvant treatment	Cisplatin, 5-FU, FHX, cetuximab	Improved organ preservation and survival compared with radiation alone
Non-small-cell lung cancer	Stage IIIB, nonoperable nonmetastatic disease	Cisplatin, carboplatin/paclitaxel, cisplatin/etoposide	Curative approach in poor surgical candidates or IIIB disease
Small-cell lung cancer	Limited stage disease	Cisplatin/etoposide	Curative in ~20% of patients
Esophageal cancer	Locally advanced disease	Cisplatin/5-FU	Survival benefit, increased cure rates, organ preservation
<b>Gastrointestinal malignancies</b>			
Rectal cancer	Neoadjuvant	5-FU	Improved sphincter preservation, decrease in local and distal failures
Anal cancer	Mainstay of curative treatment	5-FU, MMC	Improved organ preservation
Gastric cancer	Adjuvant	Cisplatin, 5-FU	Some data indicate a survival benefit
Pancreatic cancer	Adjuvant, unresectable locoregionally advanced tumors	5-FU	Improved locoregional control, possibly a survival benefit
Cholangiocarcinoma	Adjuvant, unresectable locoregionally advanced tumors	5-FU	Some data indicate a survival benefit
<b>Gynecological and genitourinary cancers</b>			
Cervical cancer	Primary modality	Cisplatin, 5-FU, hydroxyurea	Improved local and distal control, organ preservation
Bladder cancer	Primary modality	Cisplatin	Improved local control
<b>Other cancers</b>			
Glioblastoma	Adjuvant	Temozolomide	Survival benefit
Sarcoma	Neoadjuvant	Doxorubicin	Downstaging, improved organ preservation

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# Additive and Synergic



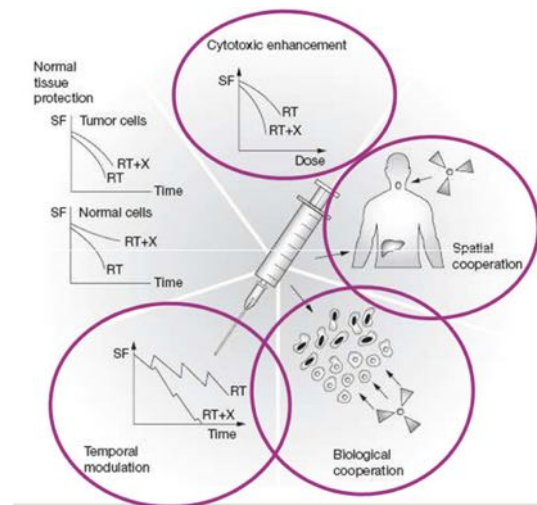
# Isobologram



The concurrent chemoradiation paradigm—general principles  
 Tanguy Y Seiwert, Joseph K Salama and Everett E Vokes  
 Nature Clinical Practice Oncology (2007) 4, 86-100

# Combine Chemotherapy with Radiotherapy

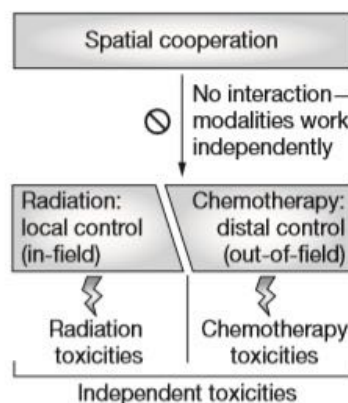
- Spatial cooperation
- Normal tissue protection
- Cytotoxic enhancement
- Biological cooperation
- Temporal modulation



*Steel, Peckham 1997  
Bentez SM 2007*

## Spatial Cooperation

- Definition: describe the scenario whereby RT acts loco regionally, and CHT acts against distant micro metastases, without interaction between the agents.



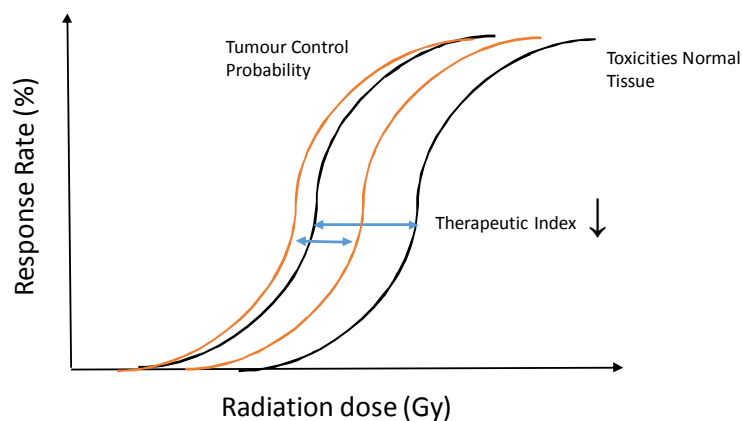
# Temporal Modulation

- The aim of this approach is to enhance the tumor response to fractionated radiotherapy.
- The four R's of radiotherapy:
  1. Repair → DNA damage repair
  2. Repopulation → cellular repopulation or proliferation
  3. Reoxygenation → reoxygenation of hypoxic tumor cells
  4. Redistribution → redistribution to more sensitive phases of the cell cycle

For example: radioenhancing drugs in this context could function by inhibiting repair taking place between dose fractions.

## Normal tissue protection

### The therapeutic Ratio



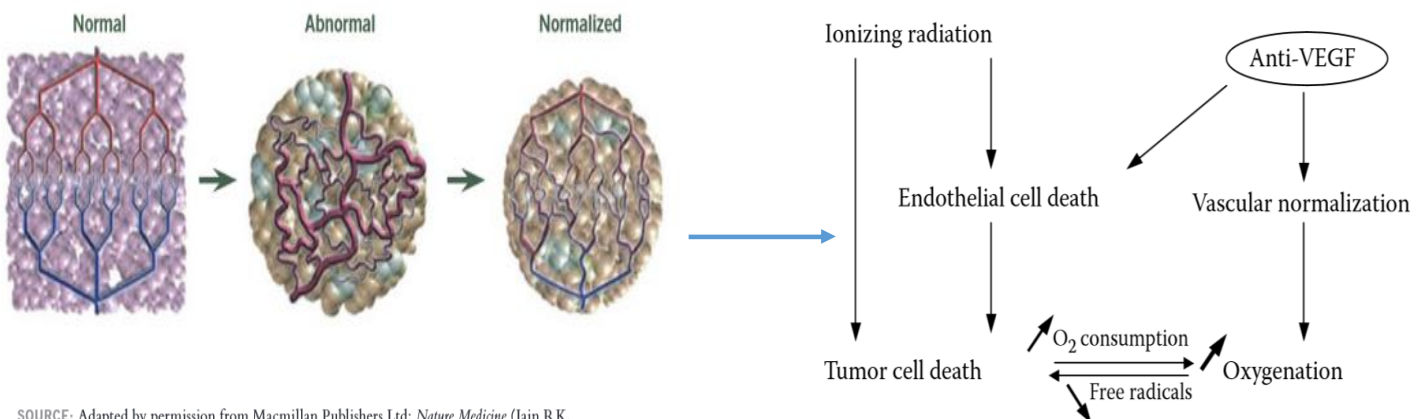
# Biological Cooperation

Definition: this is the second of the mechanisms of radiosensitization and refers to strategies that:

- Target distinct cell populations
- Employ different mechanisms for cell killing
- Delaying tumor regrowth

N.B: the cells targeted are not necessarily the malignant cells only

## Biological Cooperation: Anti-VEGF/VEGFR Targeting non-Tumour Cells



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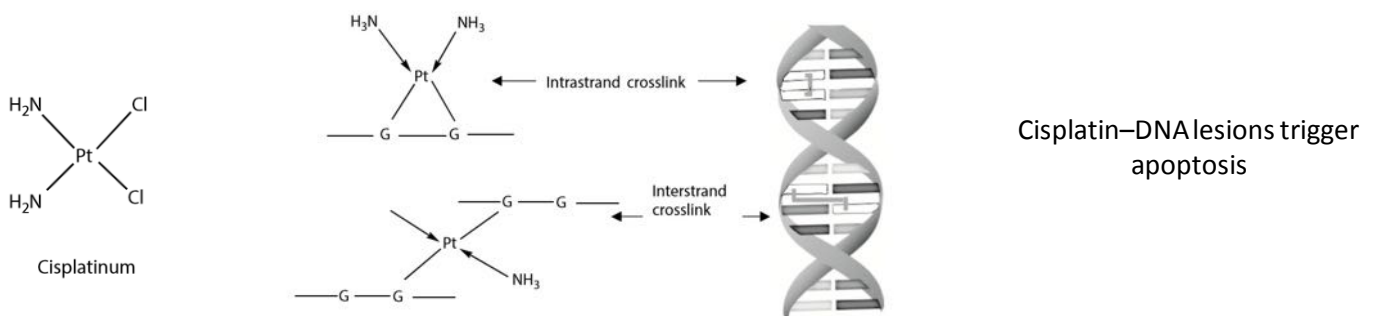
# Cytotoxic Enhancement

Definition: combined-modality treatment seek to determine the combination of therapies that leads to an interaction on some level that generates an improved antitumor effect relative to each treatment alone

- Exacerbation of DNA Damage
- Inhibition of DNA Repair
- Cell Cycle Effects
- Enhanced Apoptosis
- Targeted Radiosensitizers

## Platinum Drugs and Radiotherapy

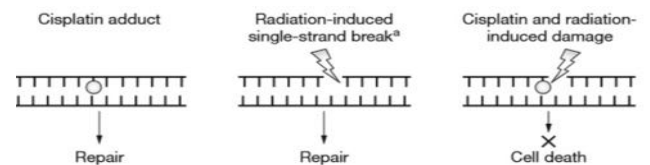
Cytotoxicity of Cisplatin: reacts with cellular DNA to form interstrand and intrastrand cross-links.



# Platinum Drugs and Radiotherapy

## Mechanism of Radiosensitization by Cisplatin

- RT induces free radicals and the subsequent formation of toxic platinum intermediates, which increase cell killing
- Ionizing radiation can increase cellular uptake of platinum
- Damage to DNA by ionizing radiation, which would normally be repairable, can become fixed and lethal through cisplatin's free electron-scavenging capacity. The integration of cisplatin into DNA or RNA in close proximity to a radiation-induced single-strand break can act synergistically to make the defect significantly more difficult to repair.



# Platinum Drugs and Radiotherapy

Schedules are important: the best results are achieved by using low doses of the two agents and cisplatin before RT.

### DOSE:

- Radiosensitization of murine embryonic fibroblasts (MEF) cells was shown at 1 µg/mL of cisplatin, but an increase in concentration did not increase in radiosensitization but instead increased radioresistance [Myint, W. Examining the non-homologous repair process following cisplatin and radiation treatments. *Int J Radiat Biol* 2002.]

- When OV-1063 and EMT-6 cell lines were preirradiated with 2 Gy, addition of the drug produced a clear additional effect but this was almost totally eliminated when cells were irradiated with a higher dose (6 Gy). [Gorodetsky, R. Combination of cisplatin and radiation in cell culture: Effect of duration of exposure to drug and timing of irradiation. *Int J Cancer* 2006]

### TIME:

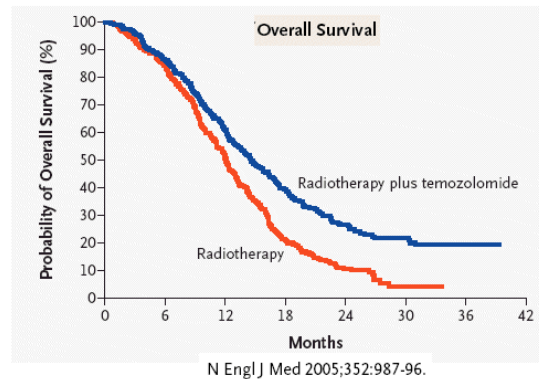
-In two cell lines (EMT-6 and OV-1063) cells, a 2-h preirradiation drug exposure resulted in a supra-additive combined effect, whereas a 24-h preirradiation exposure or protracted postirradiation exposure yielded an additive or slightly subadditive response [Gorodetsky, R. Combination of cisplatin and radiation in cell culture: Effect of duration of exposure to drug and timing of irradiation. *Int J Cancer* 1998]

-In experimental tumors, the greatest dose-enhancement factors were observed when cisplatin was administered immediately before a daily fraction of radiation [Myint, W. Examining the non-homologous repair process following cisplatin and radiation treatments. *Int J Radiat Biol* 2002]

# Temozolomide e Radiotherapy

Temozolomide (TMZ) is an oral alkylating agent used as a first-line treatment for Glioblastoma Multiforme

Radiotherapy plus Concomitant and Adjuvant Temozolomide for Glioblastoma



## Temozolomide: radiosensitizer or additive effect?

- High doses of TMZ seem to have greater radiosensitizing potential and to interact with radiation at earlier time points. [Caporali, S.] and increased apoptosis when high-dose TMZ was given 2 h pre-radiation was also observed [Chakravarti, A] → independent of Mismatch Repairing futile cycling.
- At clinically TMZ concentrations (10  $\mu$ M) it seems unlikely that TMZ directly induces DSB: the interaction with radiation is frequently additive rather than synergistic, and cellular sensitivity to TMZ is predictive of the effect of combination treatment

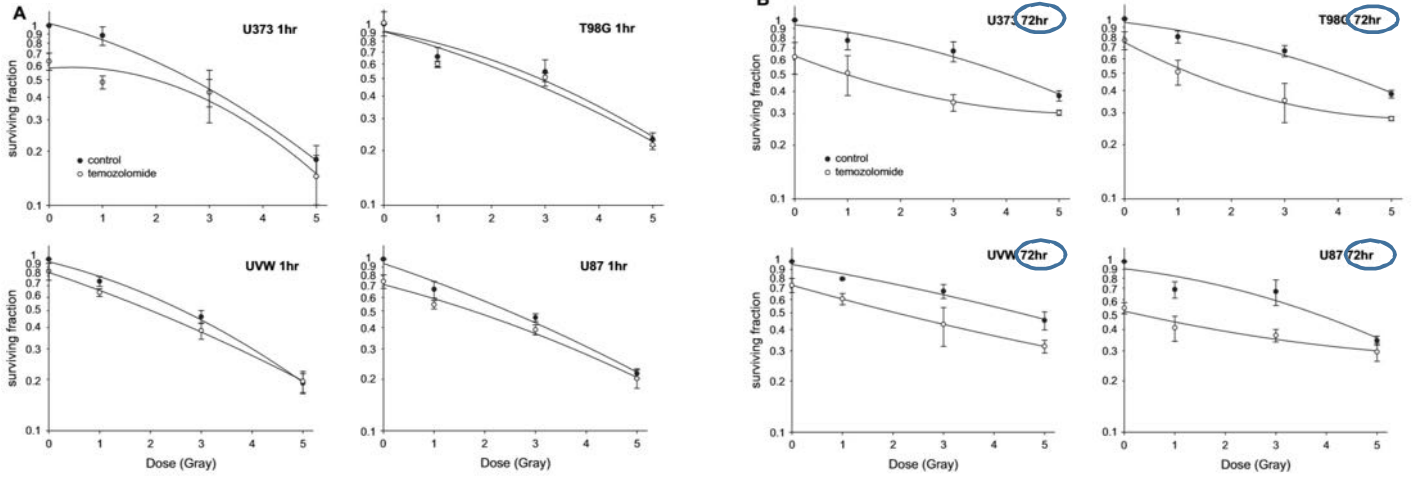


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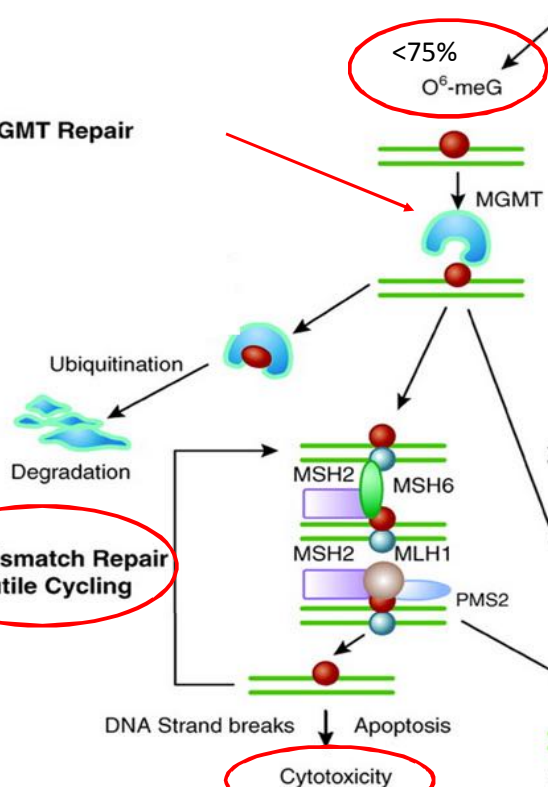
**CYTOTOXIC EFFECTS OF TEMOZOLOMIDE AND RADIATION ARE ADDITIVE- AND SCHEDULE-DEPENDENT**

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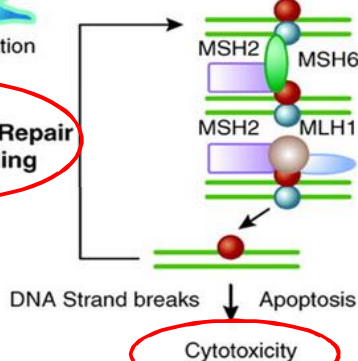
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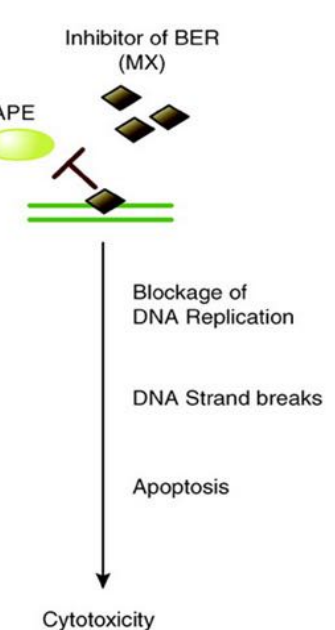
**A. MGMT Repair**



**B. Mismatch Repair Futile Cycling**

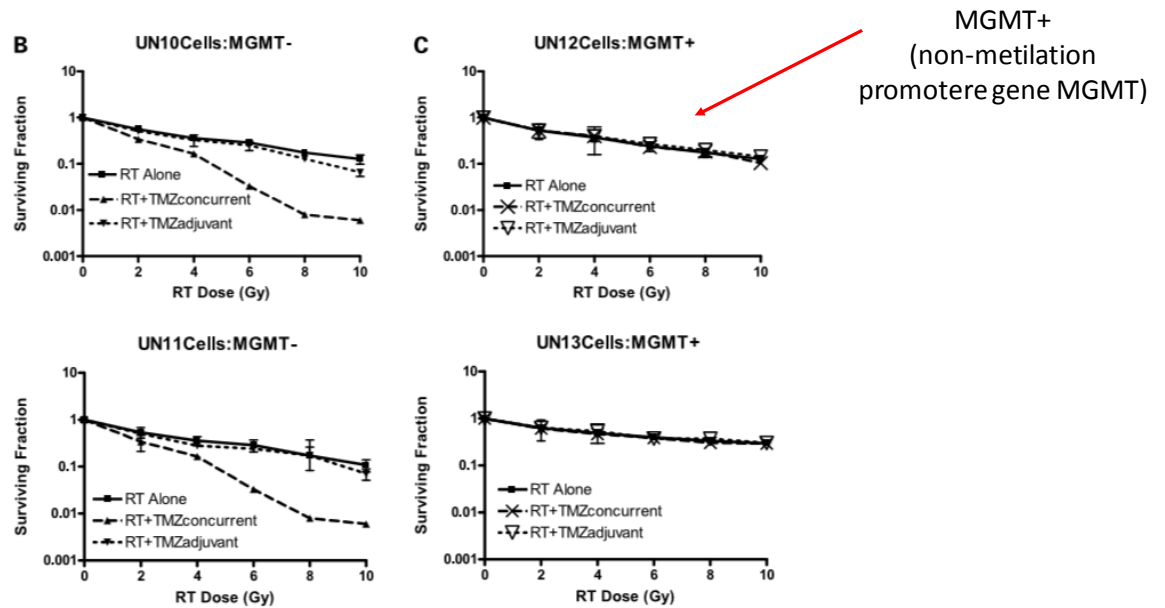


**C. Base Excision Repair**

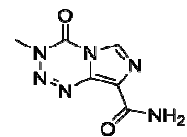
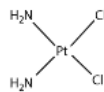


# Temozolomide-Mediated Radiation Enhancement in Glioblastoma: A Report on Underlying Mechanisms

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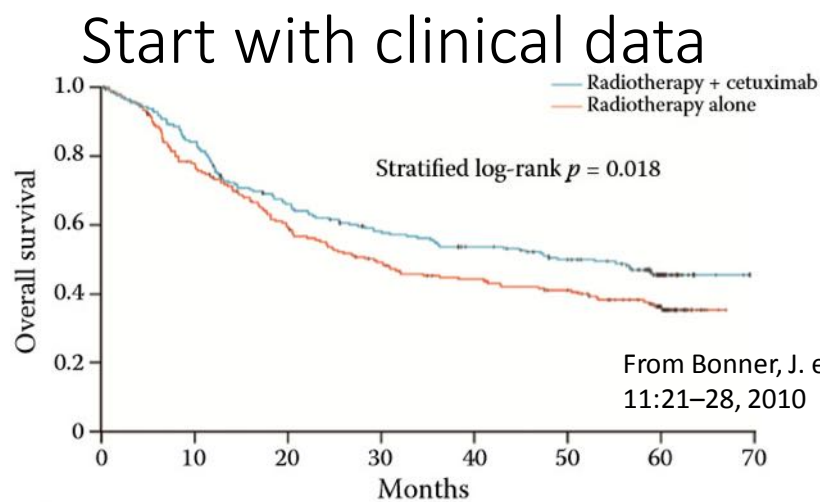


## Conclusions



	Cisplatinium	Temozolomide
Mechanism of action	Alkylating	Alkylating (atypical)
Clinical data	Approved	Approved
Radiobiology	Synergic	Additive
Time	Short time	Long time
Drug concentration	Low dose	Higt dose
Cell Sensitive	-	MGMT

# Targeted Therapies and Radiotherapy

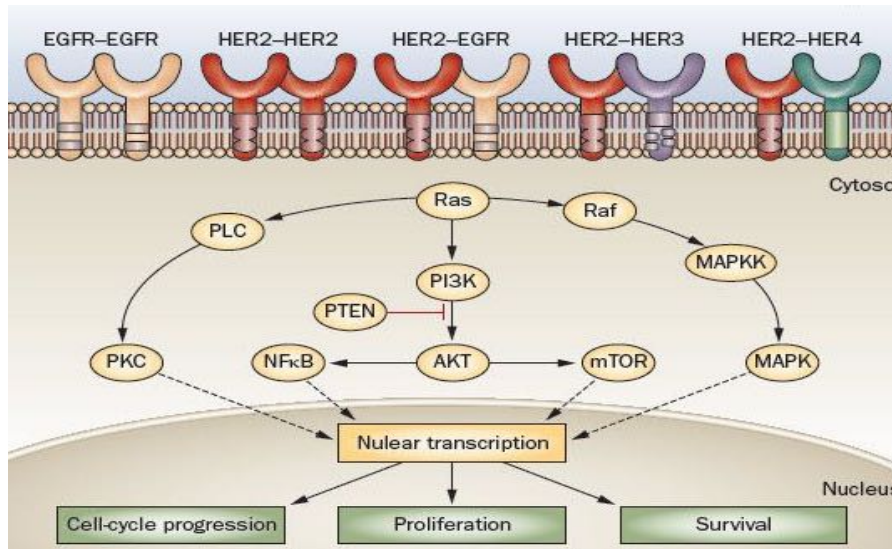


	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
Radiotherapy + cetuximab	211	177	136	117	105	90	49	..
Radiotherapy alone	213	162	122	98	85	77	49	..

Other cancers	Primary therapy	Systemic	Improved local control
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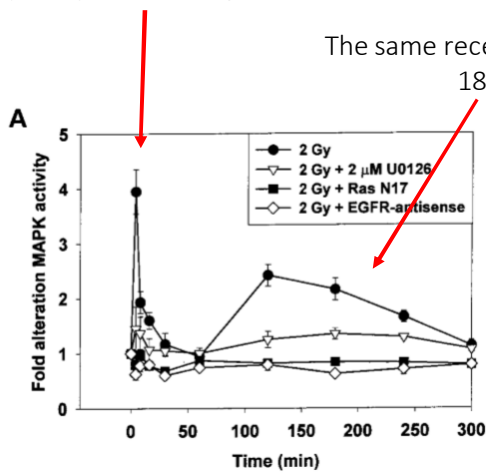
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# Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR)



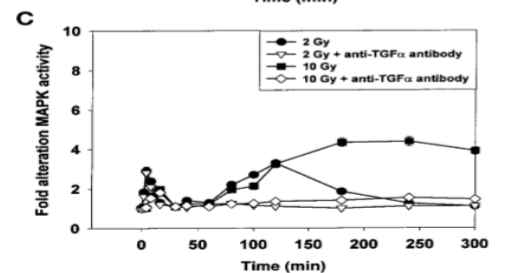
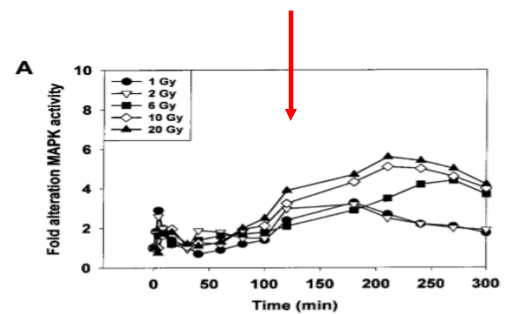
Chong CR1, Jänne PA. The quest to overcome resistance to EGFR-targeted therapies in cancer. Nat Med. 2013 Nov;19(11):1389-400.

IR induce activation ErbB receptor (0-10 min) independent of ligand bind



The same receptors are reactivates 60-180 min after IR

From 2 Gy to 10 Gy: ↑amplitude and duration secondary activation



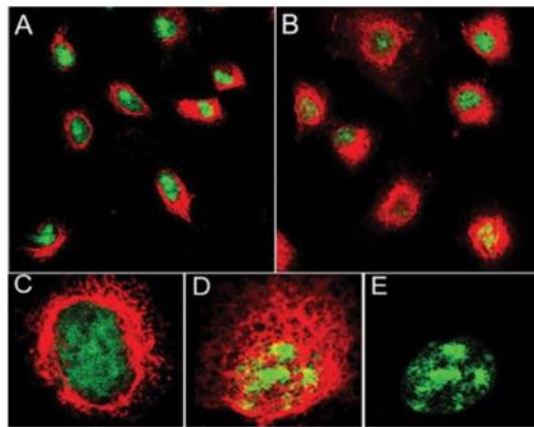
Ionizing radiation activates survival and proliferation mechanism through simulated signalling via PI3K-AKT and Ras-MAPK (EGFR mediated)

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DNA  
EGFR

Radiation stimulates the pathways activated by epidermal growth factor (EGFR) and in addition can the translocation of phosphorylated EGFR (pEGFR) into the nucleus.



Result in increased repair of DNA strand breaks → DNApK, Ku 70 e Ku 80

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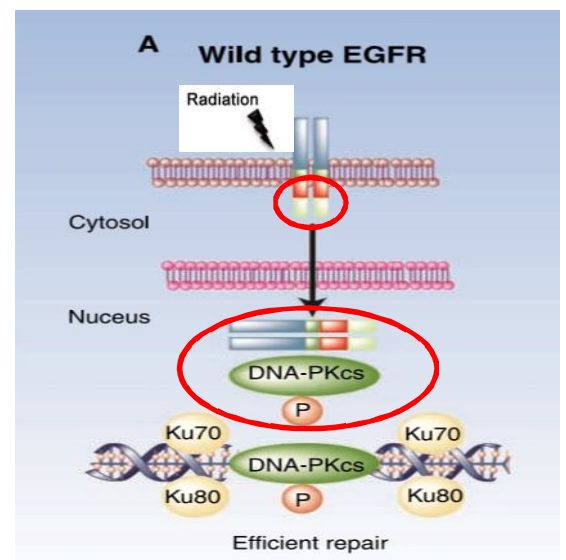
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RT- induce cell damage activate repair:

- Increased PI3-K and DNA-PK
- EGFR enter nucleus bound Ku70/80 and increase DNA –DNA – PK complex repair



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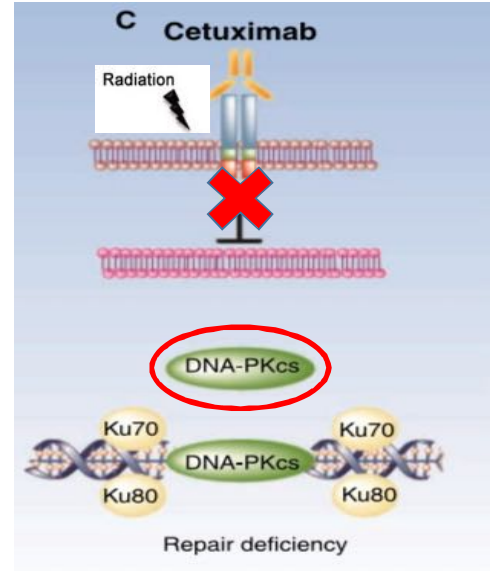
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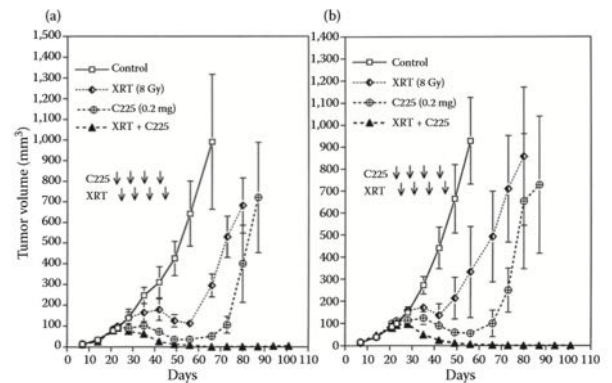
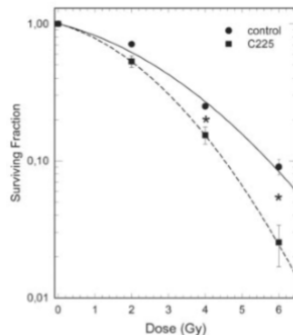
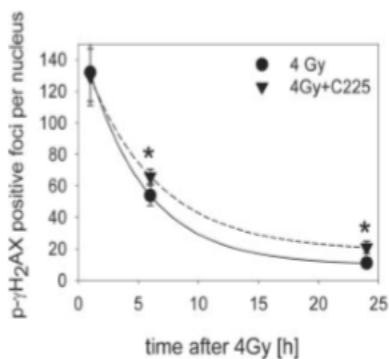
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Interaction between EGFR-I (like Cetuximab) bound to

- decrease PI3-K activity
- EGFR and DNA-PK increases
- inhibits EGFR endocytosis



## In vitro and in vivo studies



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Huang, S., and Harari, P., Clinical Cancer Research 6:2166–2174, 2000

# RT and EGFR

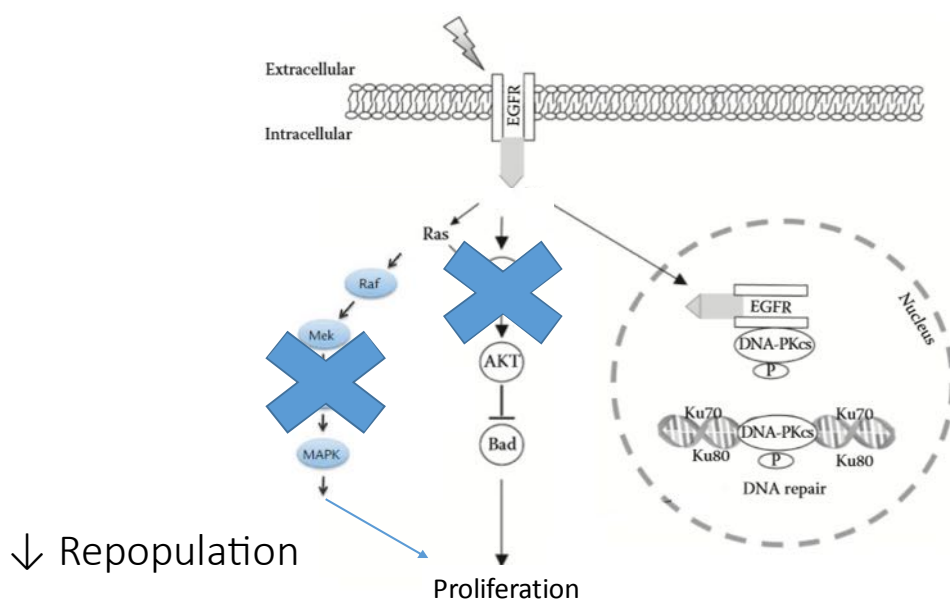


TABLE 10.2 Small-Molecule Inhibitors of EGFR Tyrosine Kinase in Clinical Use That Have Shown Radiosensitizing Capability

Agent	Molecule	Specificity	Status	Radiosensitization
<b>(a) Reversible Inhibitors</b>				
Gefitinib (Astra Zeneca)	Anilinoquinazoline, reversible TKI (half-life 48 h)	HER1	FDA approved NSCLC	GBM line U251 expresses high levels of EGFR, and is hypersensitive to inhibition of the EGFR signaling pathway. Gefitinib enhanced radiosensitivity, maximal effectiveness of combined treatments was dose-dependent and time-dependent [44]
Erlotinib (Genentech, OSIP, Roche)	Anilinoquinazoline, reversible TKI (half-life 36 h)	HER1	FDA approved NSCLC, pancreatic cancer	Radiosensitizing effect of erlotinib, was evaluated in three human cancer cell lines with different levels of HER1/EGFR expression. Extent of radiosensitization was proportional to HER1/EGFR expression, and to autophosphorylation of EGFR (HER1) [45]
Lapatinib (GlaxoSmithKline)	6-Thiazolyl-quinazoline, reversible TKI (half-life 24 h)	HER1/2	Approved (breast cancer)	Lapatinib combined with fractionated radiotherapy caused tumor growth inhibition in xenografted EGFR <sup>+</sup> and HER2 <sup>+</sup> breast cancers. Inhibition of downstream signaling to ERK1/2 and AKT correlates with sensitization in EGFR <sup>+</sup> and HER2 <sup>+</sup> cells, respectively [46]
BMS599626, AC480 Bristol Myers Squibb	4-Amino-pyrrolotriazine, reversible TKI	HER1/2/4	Phase I clinical trials	AC480 significantly enhanced the radiosensitivity of HN-5 cells, expressing both EGFR and Her2. Mechanisms included cell cycle redistribution and inhibition of DNA repair [51]
AEE788 (Novartis)	Pyrrlopyrimidine	HER1/2 VEGFR2	Phase II clinical trials	Combined treatment effective <i>in vitro/in vivo</i> with DU145 prostate cancer model whereas PC-3 adequately treated with XRT alone. Correlated with differences in EGFR expression and showed effects on cell proliferation and vascular destruction [47]
<b>(b) Irreversible Inhibitors</b>				
Pelitinib/EKB-569 (Wyeth)	3-Cyanoquinoline	HER1/2	I/II	EKB-569 radiosensitizes squamous cell carcinoma <i>in vitro</i> . Mechanism involves selective targeting of IR-induced NFκB-dependent survival signaling [48]
Canertinib/ci-1033 (Pfizer)	Aniloquinazoline	HER1/2/4	II	Caco-2 and LoVo cells, with high levels of EGFR and ErbB2 TK activity, were affected by CI-1033, SW620 cells, with low levels were not. Whereas CI-1033 produced only minimal radiosensitization in LoVo and Caco-2 cells <i>in vitro</i> , the combination caused prolonged suppression of tumor growth in both tumor types compared with either treatment alone [49]
BIBW 2992 (Boehringer Ingelheim)		Her1/2	II	BIBW 2669 and BIBW 2992 had clear antiproliferative effects <i>in vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> , but cellular radiosensitization was minimal. There was an effect of combined treatment on tumor growth delay <i>in vivo</i> cancer treatment [50]

# Radiotherapy and hormoneotherapy

## Start to clinical data

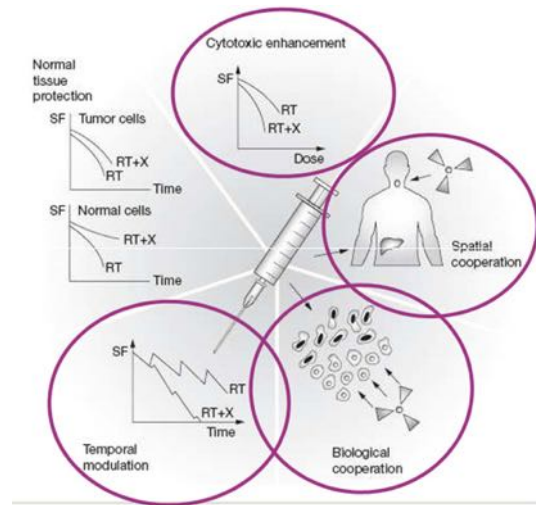
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Trial	Arms	Median Follow-up	bNED		DMF Survival		CSS		OS		
			5 yr	10 yr	5 yr	10 yr	5 yr	10 yr	5 yr	10 yr	
RTOG 85-31 (n = 977)	I: RT + goserelin (indefinitely)	7.6 yr (11 yr living)	62%	31%	85%	76%	91%	84%	76%	49%	
	II: RT alone		44%	23%	71%	61%	87%	78%	71%	39%	
			$p < .0001$		$p < .0001$		$p = .0052$		$p = .002$		
EORTC 22863 (n = 415)	I: RT + 3 yr GnRH	9.1 yr	76%	38%	90%	51%	94%	89%	78%	58%	
	II: RT alone		45%	18%	71%	30%	79%	69%	62%	40%	
			$p < .0001$		$p < .0001$		$p = .001$		$p = .0004$		
RTOG 86-10 (n = 456)	I: 4 mo TAS + RT	8.7 yr (11.9 yr living)	36%	35%	66%	65%	85%	23%	73%	43%	
	II: RT alone	7.3 yr	15%	20%	59%	53%	80%	36%	71%	34%	
			$p < .0001$		$p = .006$		$p = .01$		$p = .12$		
TROG 96.01 (n = 818)	I: RT alone	5.9 yr	38%	—	81%	NS	91%	NS	—	—	
	II: 3 mo TAS + RT		52%	—	78%	NS	92%	NS	—	—	
	III: 6 mo TAS + RT		56%	—	87%	—	94%	—	—	—	
			$p = .002$ (3 mo) $p < .001$ (6 mo)		$p = .046$ (6 mo)		$p = .040$ (6 mo)				

bNED, biochemical no evidence of disease; DMF, disease/metastasis free; CSS, cause-specific survival; NS, not specified; OS, overall survival.



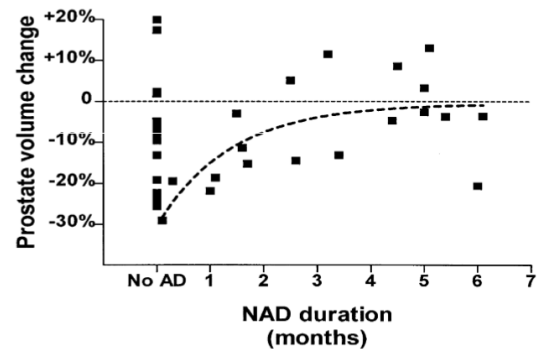
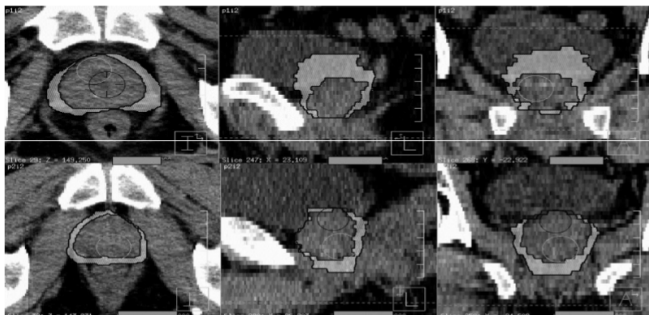
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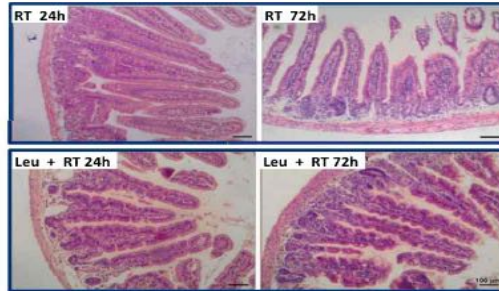
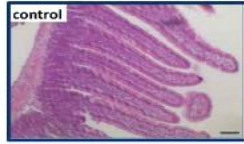


↓rectal, bladder and bower in high dose area → normal tissue protection

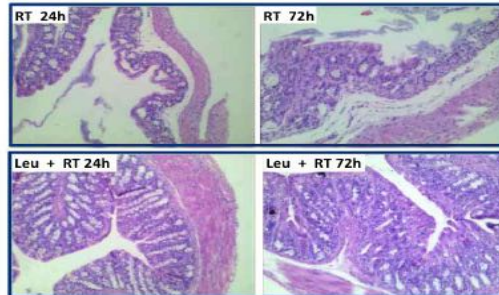
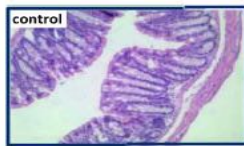
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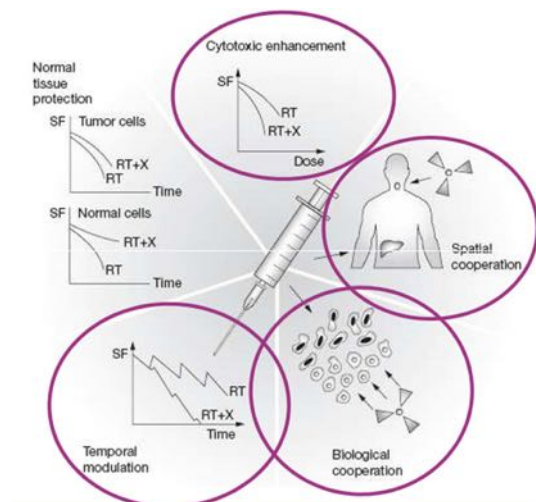


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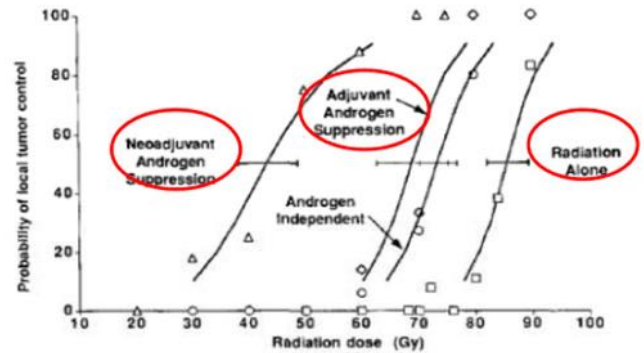
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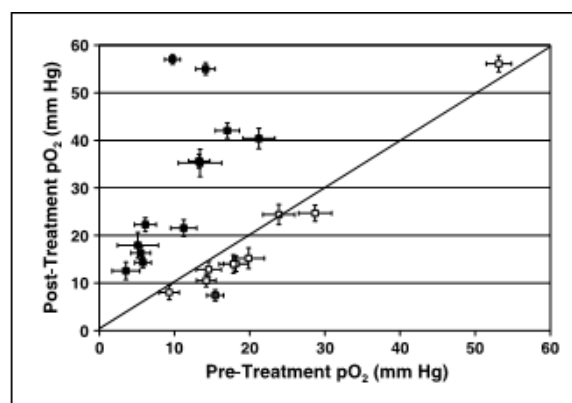
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- ADT promotes apoptosis



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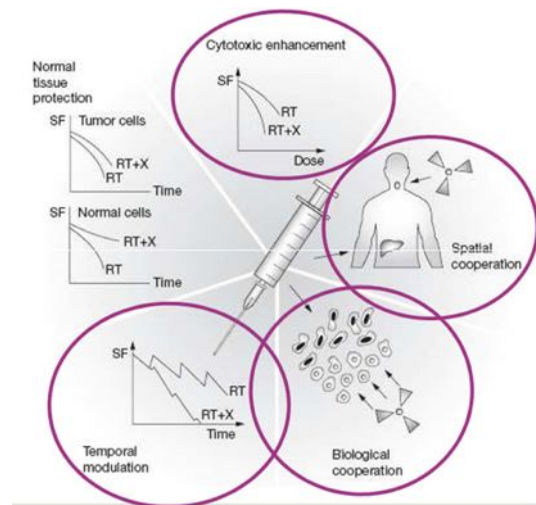
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**Figure 1.** Posttreatment versus pretreatment marginal mean prostate cancer pO<sub>2</sub> levels in 22 patients. *Dark points*, significant ( $P \leq 0.001$ ) changes in oxygenation with androgen withdrawal; *bars*, SEs. The line of unity is also shown.

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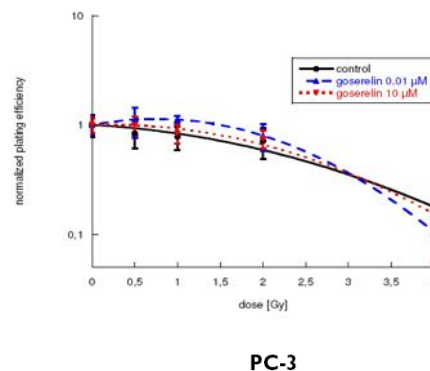
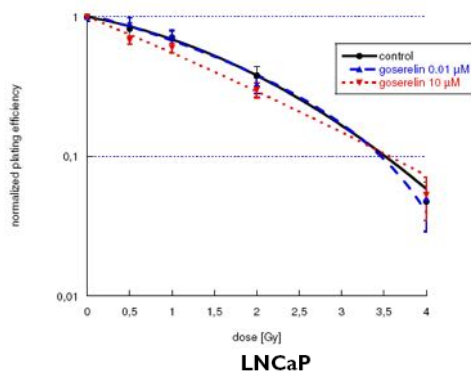
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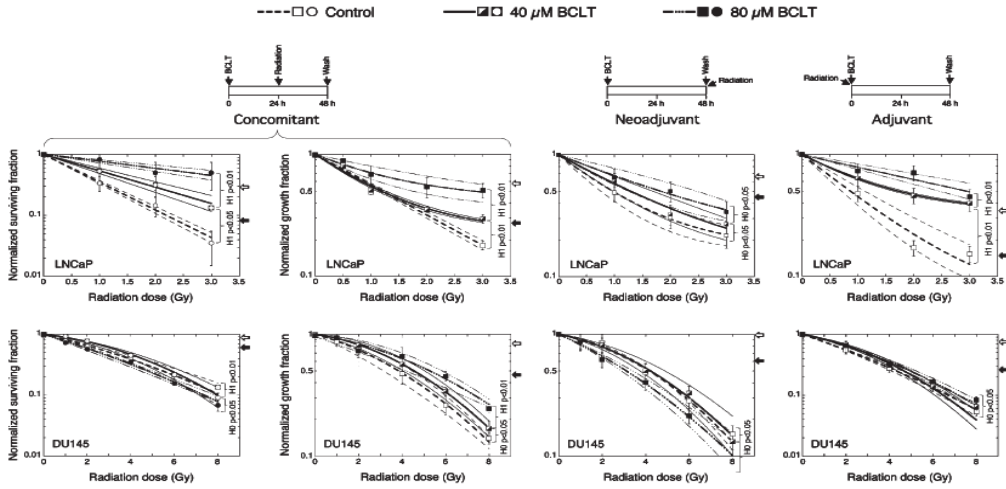
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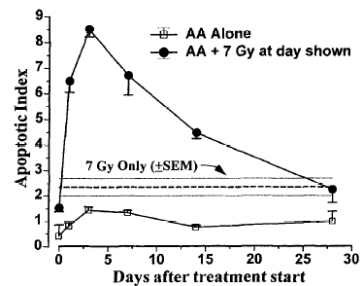
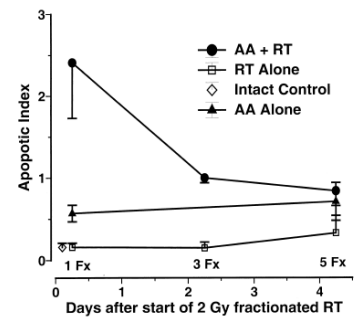
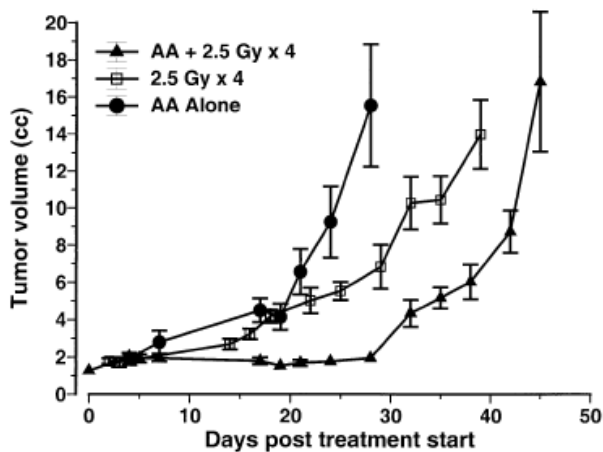
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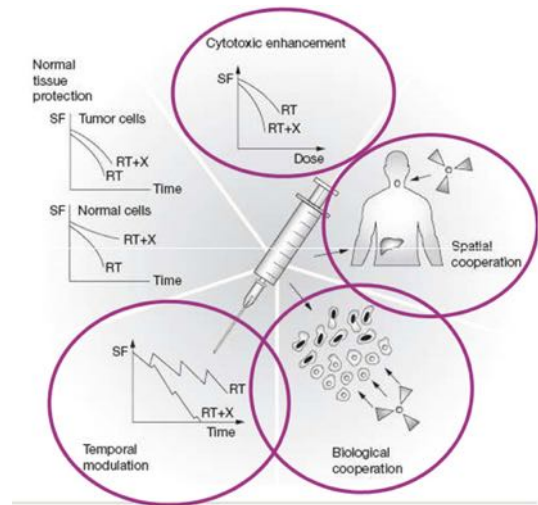
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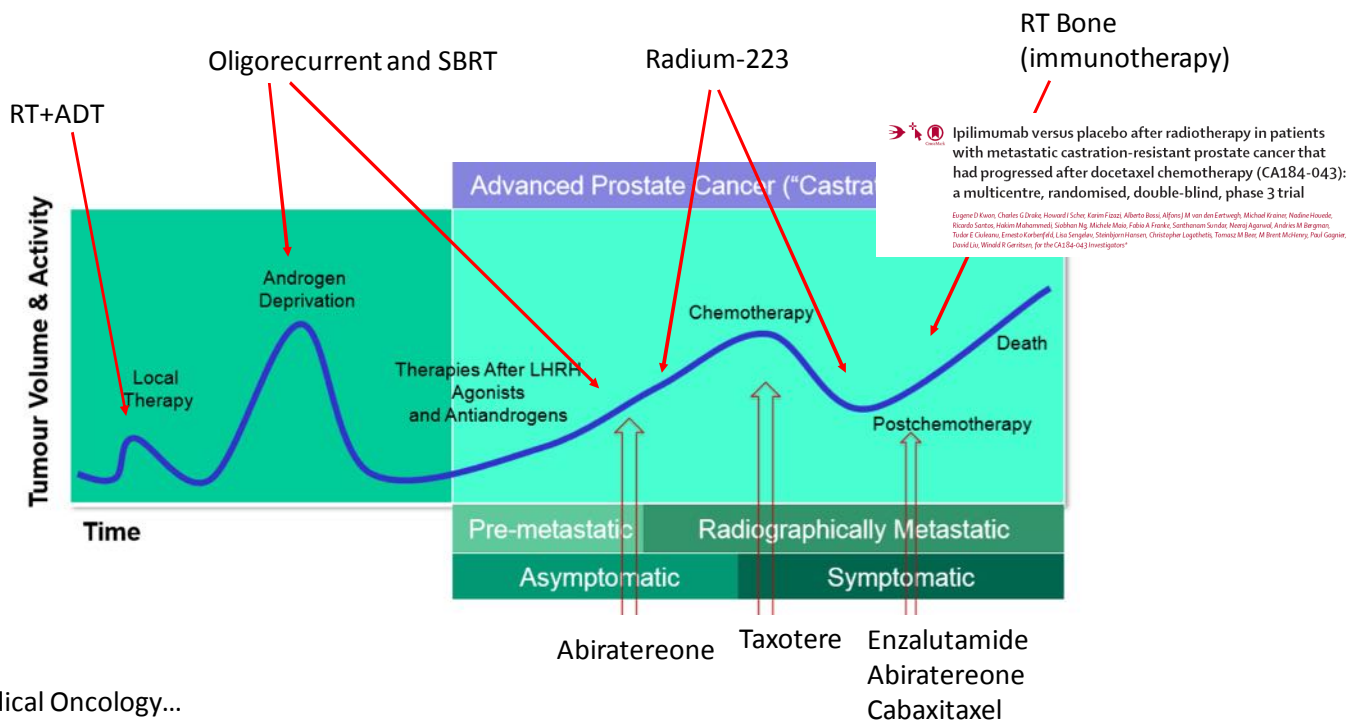
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Certainly Addictive...maybe  
Superadditive...but...new molecules...

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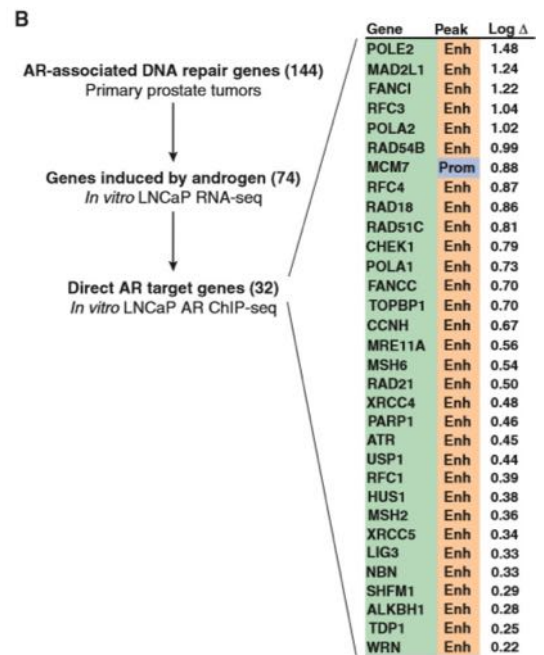
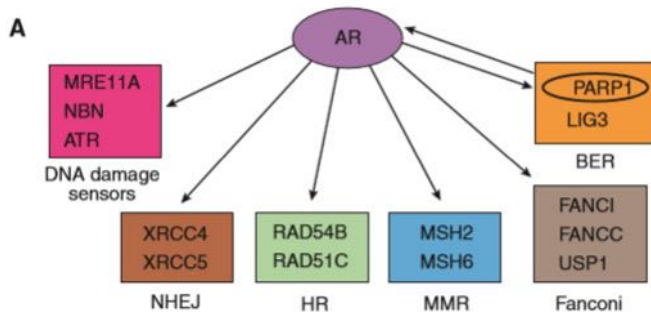
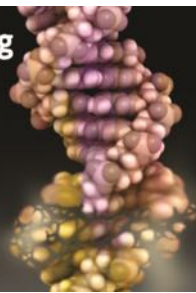
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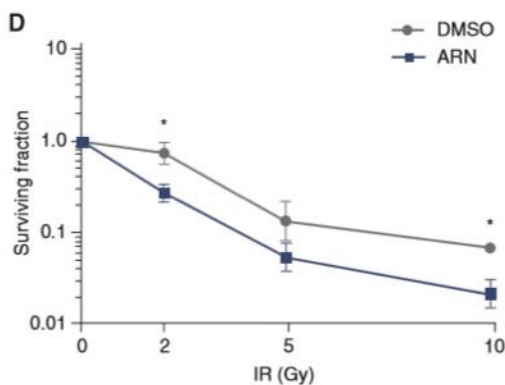
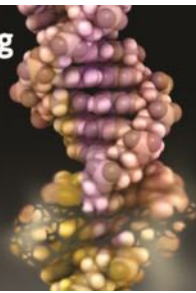
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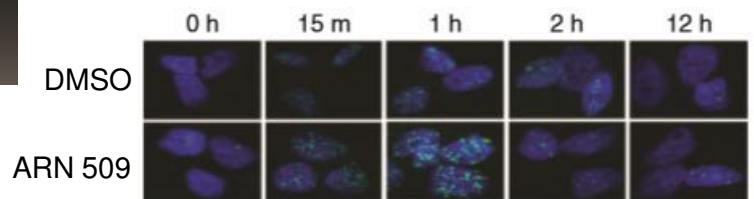


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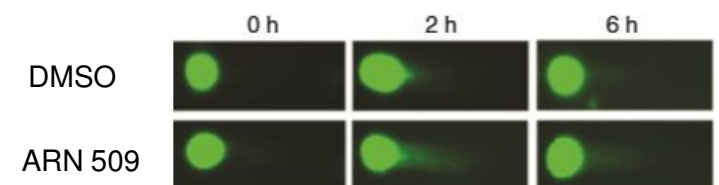
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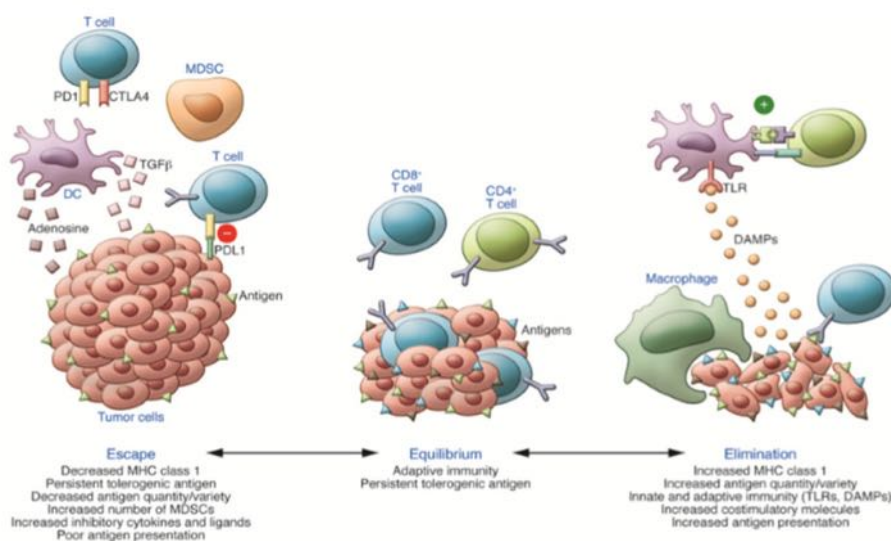


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# Radiotherapy and Immunotherapy: new radiobiology

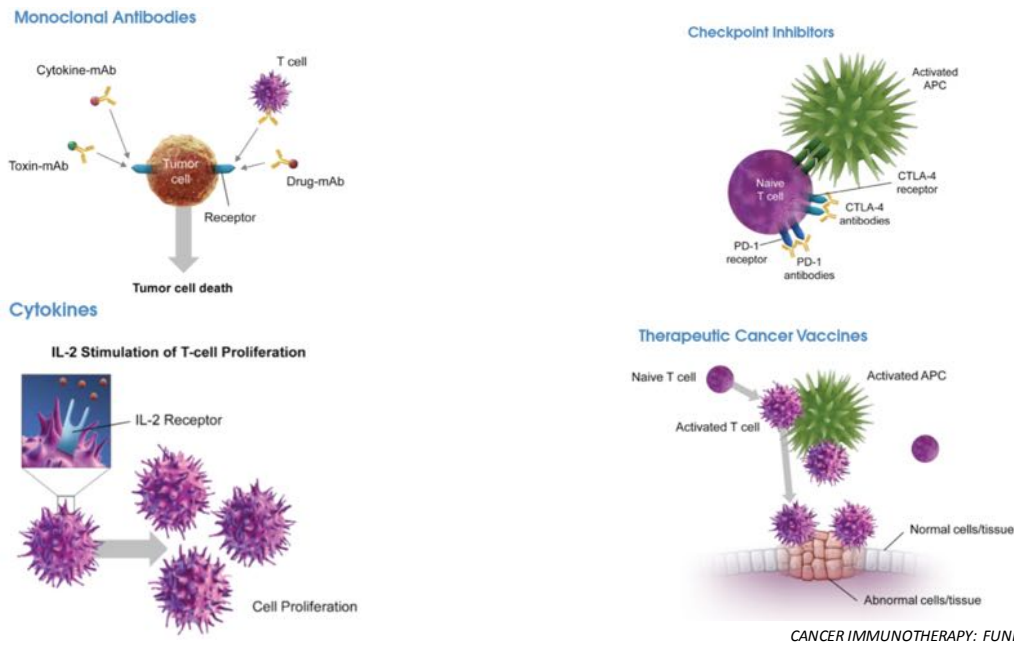
## Immunoediting theory



Immunotherapy



# Mechanism of Action of Immunotherapies



Old-Idea...

...New concept!

....commonly it was thought that radiation therapy exerted immunosuppressive effects....

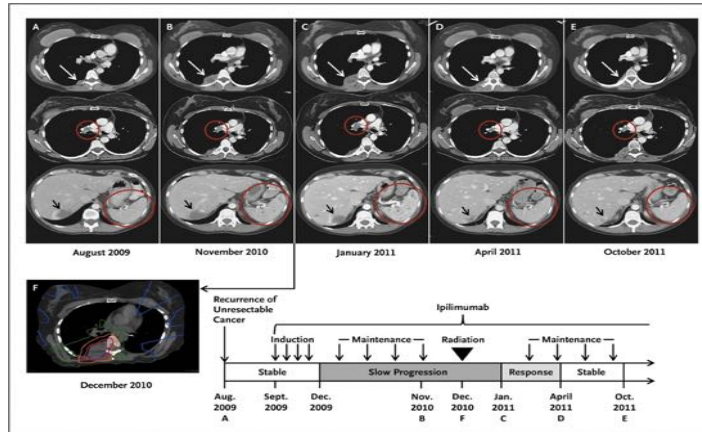


....the true relationship between radiation and the immune system is certainly more complex, and it appears that irradiation would be more immunomodulatory rather than only immunosuppressive.

# Abscopal Effect

The term “abscopal”, deriving from the latin ab (away from) and the ancient Greek skopos (target) was introduced in 1953 (*Mole RH et al.*) to describe a rare phenomenon in which the effects of RT are seen outside of the treated area (distant Bystander).

In 2012 two case reports (*Postow MA, et al. Stamell EF et al.*) highlighted the immunoadjuvant effect of RT in melanoma, which was classically thought to be an immunogenic tumor

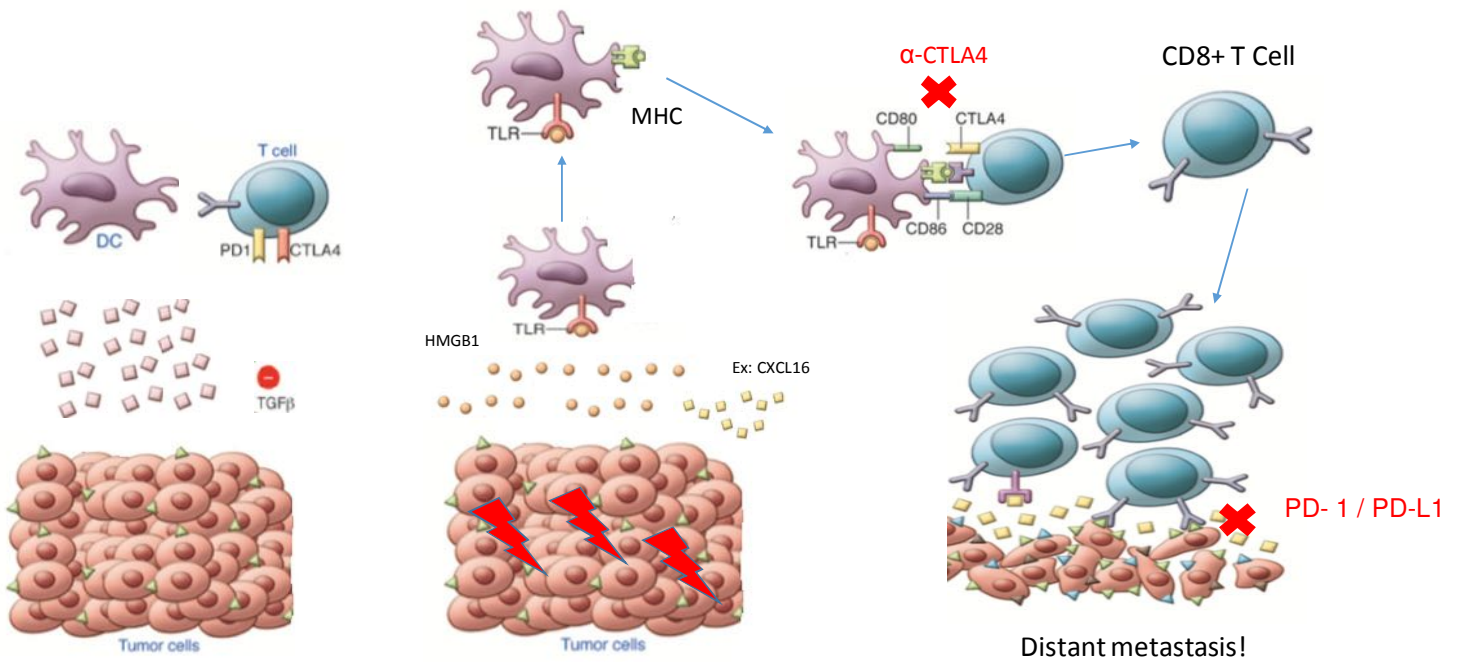


Postow MA et al. N Engl J Med 2012;366:925-931.

## Abscopal effect: How RT counters Immune evasion

- Antigen quantity, variety and presentation: *in vitro* and *in vivo* mouse studies indicate that tumor irradiation exposes this complex antigenic environment by generating new peptides and increasing the pool of intracellular peptides for cross-presentation (Reits EA, et al. Sharma A, et al). RT augments MHC-I expression (Zeng J et al).
- Bridging innate and adaptive immunity: RT causes dying tumor cells to release high mobility group box 1 (HMGB-1), a well-described “danger signal” that binds TLR4 . Tumor antigen processing and presentation on MHC-I molecules is dependent on the HMGB-1/TLR4 interaction. This suggests a link between innate and adaptive responses (Apetoh et al)
- Inducing a T cell response: The most recent and promising immunotherapeutics shift the tumor microenvironment in favor of T cell activation by blocking negative inhibitory molecules (CTLA4, PD-1) (Drew M. Pardoll).

# Abscopal Effect



## Ongoing trials studying combination RT and immunotherapy

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier	Disease site	Design	Phase	Primary outcome measure	Immunotherapy	RT	Treatment timing
NCT01449279	Melanoma (advanced)	1 arm: ipilimumab prior to palliative RT	1	Safety	Ipilimumab	Palliative	RT <2 days after ipilimumab
NCT01689974	Melanoma (advanced)	2 arms, randomized: ipilimumab prior to RT or ipilimumab alone	2	Tumor response	Ipilimumab	30 Gy in 5 fractions	RT starts 4 days prior to ipilimumab
NCT01557114	Melanoma (advanced)	1 arm: ipilimumab prior to RT	1	Maximum tolerated dose	Ipilimumab	9, 15, 18, 24 Gy in 3 fractions	RT from week 4 to week 10 of ipilimumab
NCT01565837	Melanoma (advanced)	1 arm: ipilimumab prior to SRT	2	Safety, tolerability	Ipilimumab	SRT to 1-5 lesions	RT after first dose of ipilimumab, before week 6
NCT01497808	Melanoma (advanced)	1 arm: SRT prior to ipilimumab	1/2	Dose-limiting toxicity	Ipilimumab	SRT to 1 lesion	RT prior to ipilimumab
NCT00861614	Prostate (castrate resistant)	2 arms, randomized: RT prior to ipilimumab vs. RT alone	3	Overall survival	Ipilimumab	Not specified	RT prior to ipilimumab
NCT01347034	Soft tissue sarcomas	2 arms, nonrandomized: RT alone vs. RT plus dendritic cell therapy, then surgery	2	Immune response	Autologous dendritic cell intratumoral injection	Conventional RT with boost	Dendritic cell injection during RT
NCT01421017	Breast cancer with skin metastases	1 arm: imiquimod to all skin metastases plus RT to select skin metastases	1/2	Tumor response	Topical imiquimod	600 cGy in 5 fractions	Imiquimod starts evening of first RT
NCT00751270	Supratentorial malignant glioma	1 arm: surgical resection with Adv-tk injection, followed by pro-drug (valacyclovir) and RT	1	Safety; immune response	Adv-tk injection into tumor bed	Standard of care	Start RT 3 days after Adv-tk injection, during prodrug therapy
NCT01595321	Pancreatic cancer following resection (stage R0)	1 arm: cyclophosphamide, vaccine, SRT, and FOLFIRINOX	1	Toxicity	Low-dose cyclophosphamide and vaccine	6.6 Gy in 5 fractions	Start RT <12 weeks following operation and 7-14 days after first vaccine dose
NCT01436968	Prostate cancer, localized, intermediate or high risk	2 arms, double-blind, randomized: Adv-tk vs. placebo followed by valacyclovir; EBRT with or without androgen deprivation therapy	3	Disease-free survival	Adv-tk intraprostate injection	Standard EBRT	Adv-tk prior to, immediately prior to, and during EBRT

Adv-tk, adenovirus-mediated herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase; EBRT, external beam RT.

## Conclusion (1)

- Oncology has increasingly become a multidisciplinary field of medicine: in the past 20 years there has been an explosion of preclinical and clinical efforts to combine therapies for improved outcomes.
- Researchers have learned a great deal about the interactions between CHT and IR from clinical trials.
- Laboratory investigations demonstrated key molecular targets and pathways that can potentially be exploited for improved outcomes.

## Conclusion(2)

- The combination of chemotherapy and irradiation has changed the management approach in several neoplasms
- Radio-hormone-therapy is the standard of care for local treatment in prostate cancer
- New hormone therapy + IR in prostate cancer!
- The next future is radio-immunotherapy....

Education Original Article

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