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Radiation Therapy *IS* Effective for the Management of Oligometastatic NSCLC

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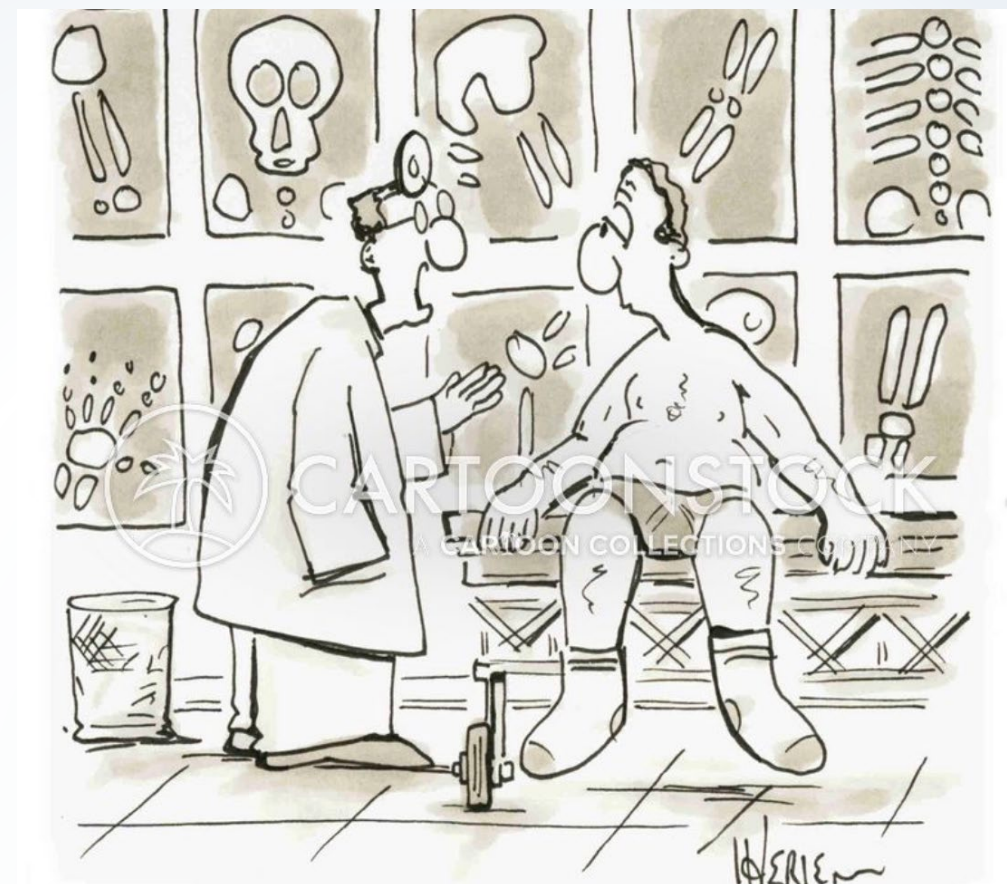
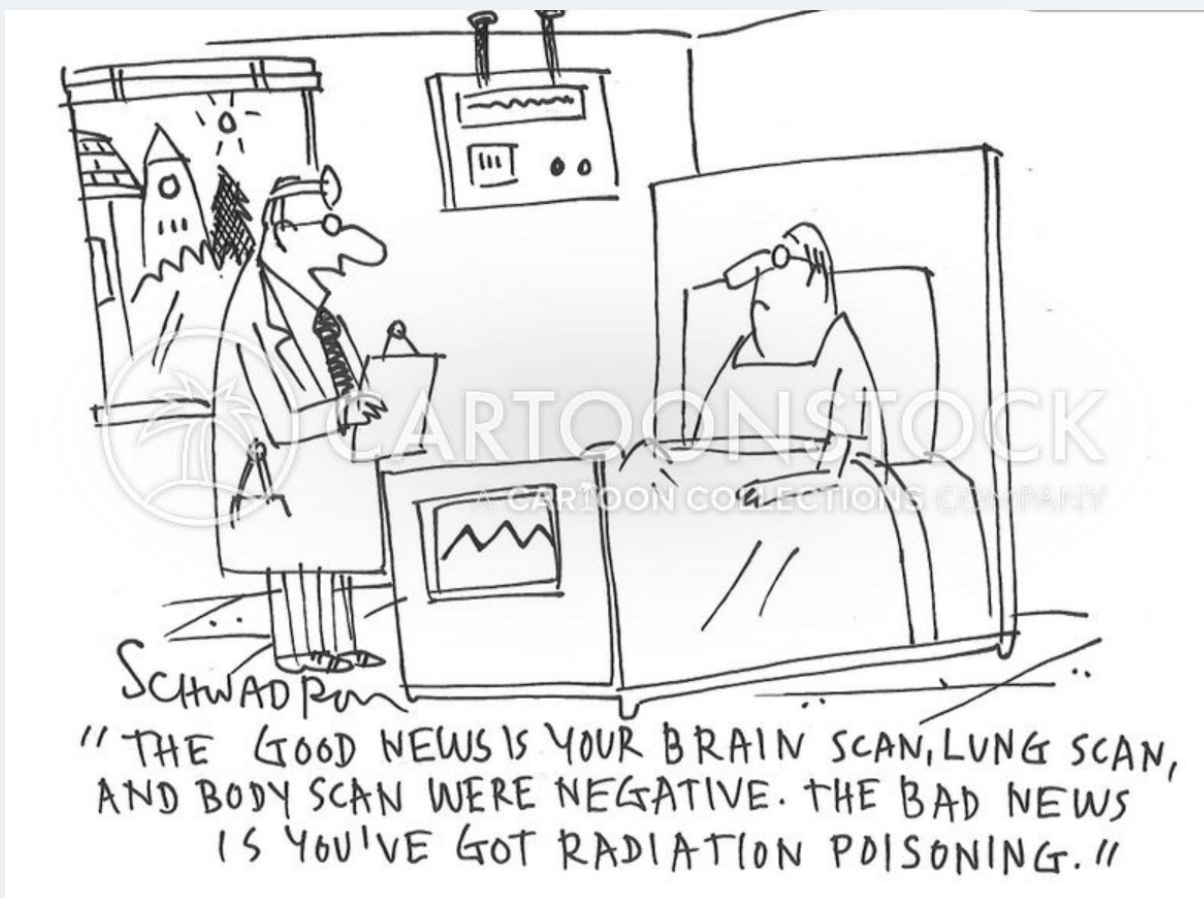
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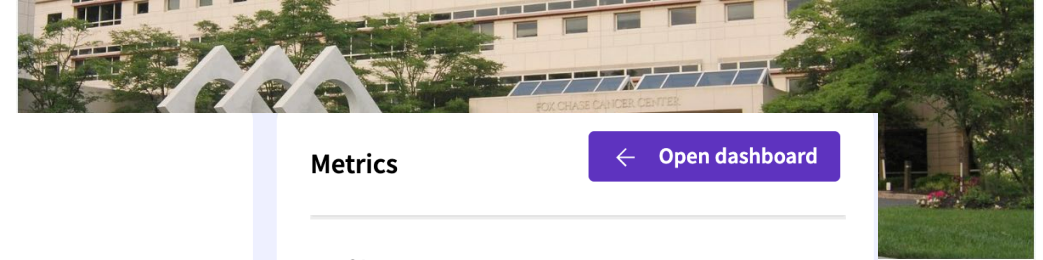
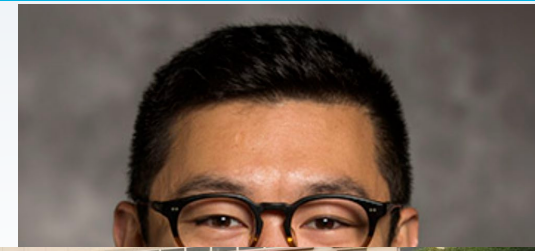
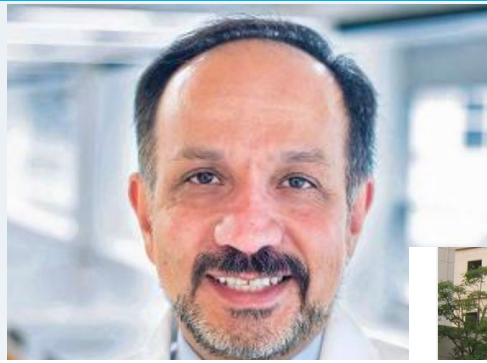
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Patients with metastatic NSCLC having completed 4 cycles or courses of first-line/induction systemic therapy Restaging studies reveal no evidence of progression and limited (≤ 3 discrete sites) metastatic disease, all of which must be amenable to SBRT +/- Surgery A minimum of one disease site (metastasis or primary) needs to be present after first-line/induction systemic therapy and treatable with local consolidative therapy	S T R A T I F Y	Histology: Squamous vs. Non-squamous Systemic Therapy: Immunotherapy vs Cytotoxic Chemotherapy	R A N D O M I Z E	Arm 1: Maintenance systemic therapy alone Arm 2: SBRT or SBRT and Surgery to all sites of metastases (≤ 3 discrete sites) plus irradiation (SBRT or hypofractionated RT) of the primary site followed by maintenance systemic therapy. All Arm 2 patients, even if treated with Surgery, must have one site of disease (metastasis or primary) treated with radiation.
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- N = **218** accrued (phase II)
- 11/12/21 - Closed
- ~90% rcvd IO
- Synchronous oligometastatic dz
 - Induced oligopersistence
 - Metachronous oligorecurrence

Iyengar et al. Abstract 8506 ASCO 2024

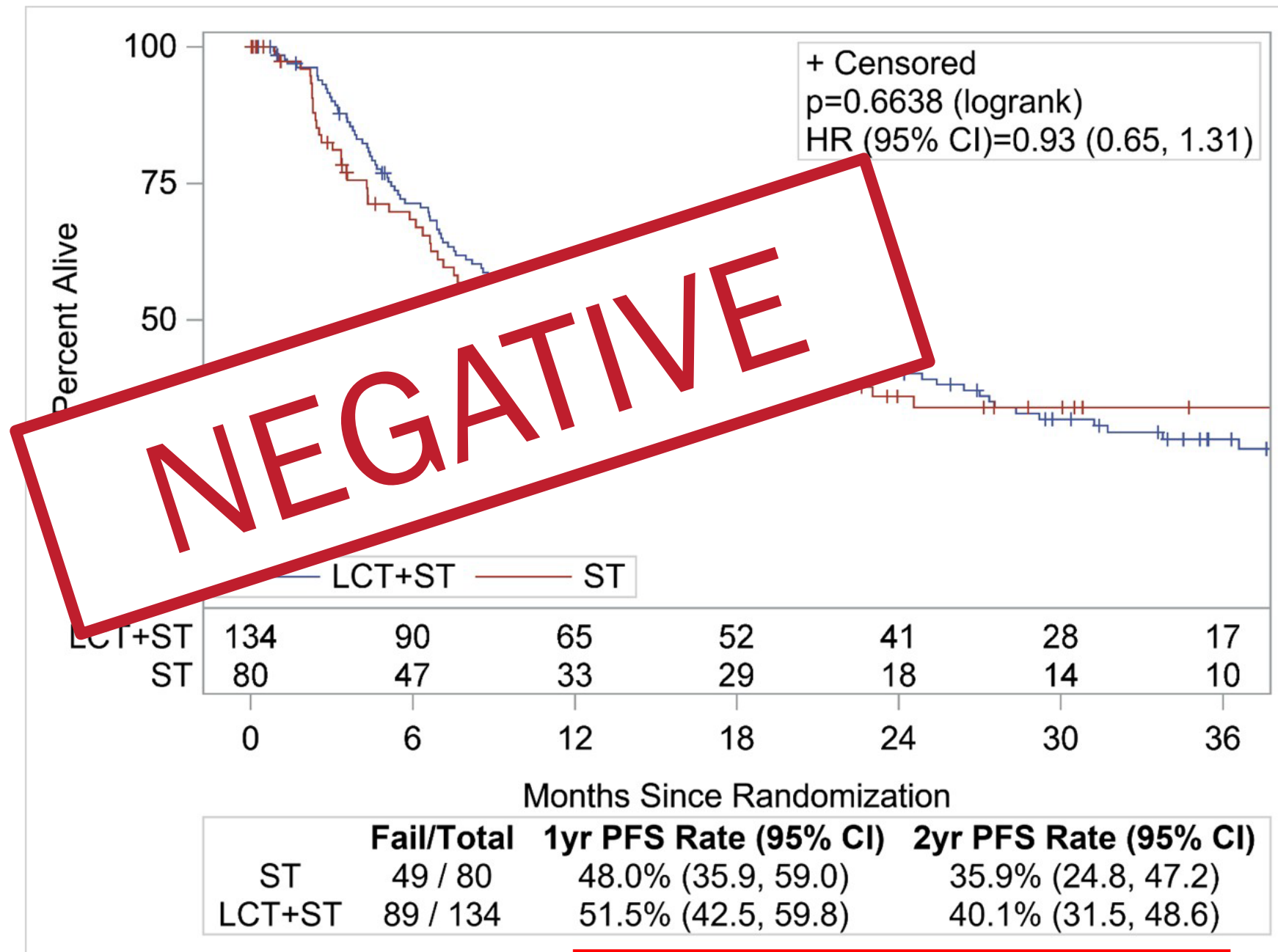
Results – PFS

Median Follow-up:

All patients – 21.9 mo

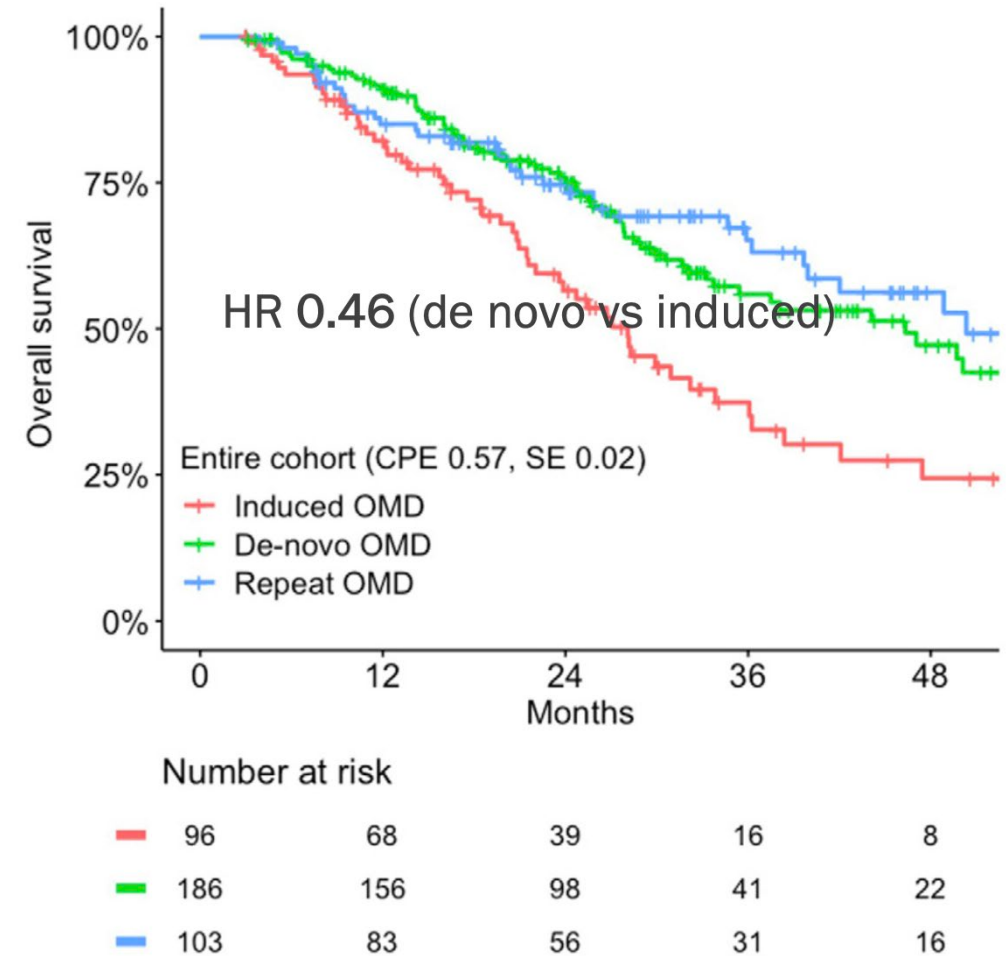
Surviving patients – 29.4 mo

Of 185/215 patients treated with IO-containing systemic therapy regimens, the PFS HR was 0.90 (95% CI: 0.61, 1.32).



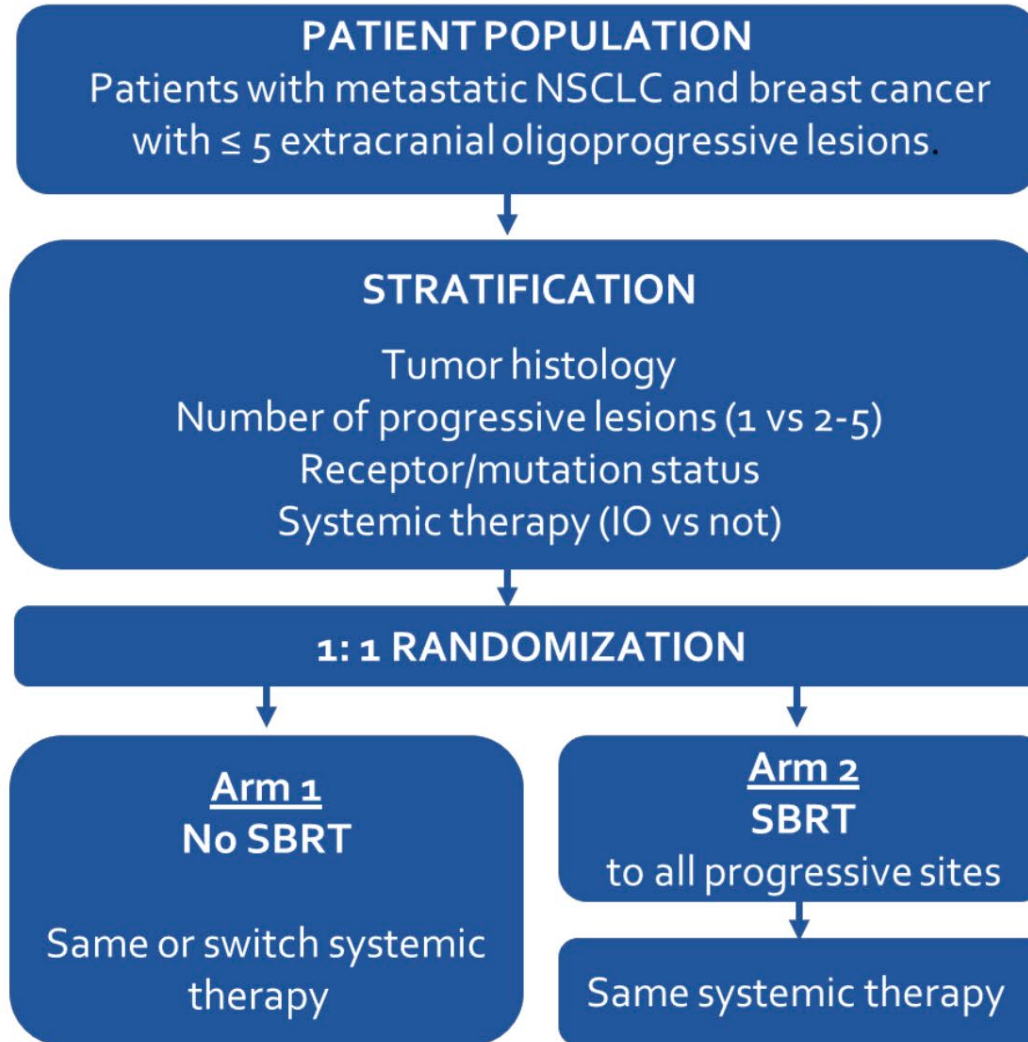
Limitations of Trial

- Agnostic to systemic therapy, no single regimen was used in the study.
- Oligometastatic disease was determined by one cross-sectional imaging evaluation and somewhat arbitrary cut-off of 3 or fewer extracranial metastases.
- No distinction/stratification for oligometastatic definition
- Incidence of in-field failure HR 0.65
- Previous studies had not randomized patients in IO era.



Willmann et al. *Radiother Oncol.* 2022;168:256-264.

CURB Trial Design – Phase 2 RCT



Eligibility criteria:

- ≥ 18 years of age
- NSCLC progressed after 1st-line systemic/targeted therapy
- TNBC or high-risk ER+ MBC progressed after 1st line systemic therapy
- No upper limit of total lesions

Exclusion criteria:

- Leptomeningeal disease

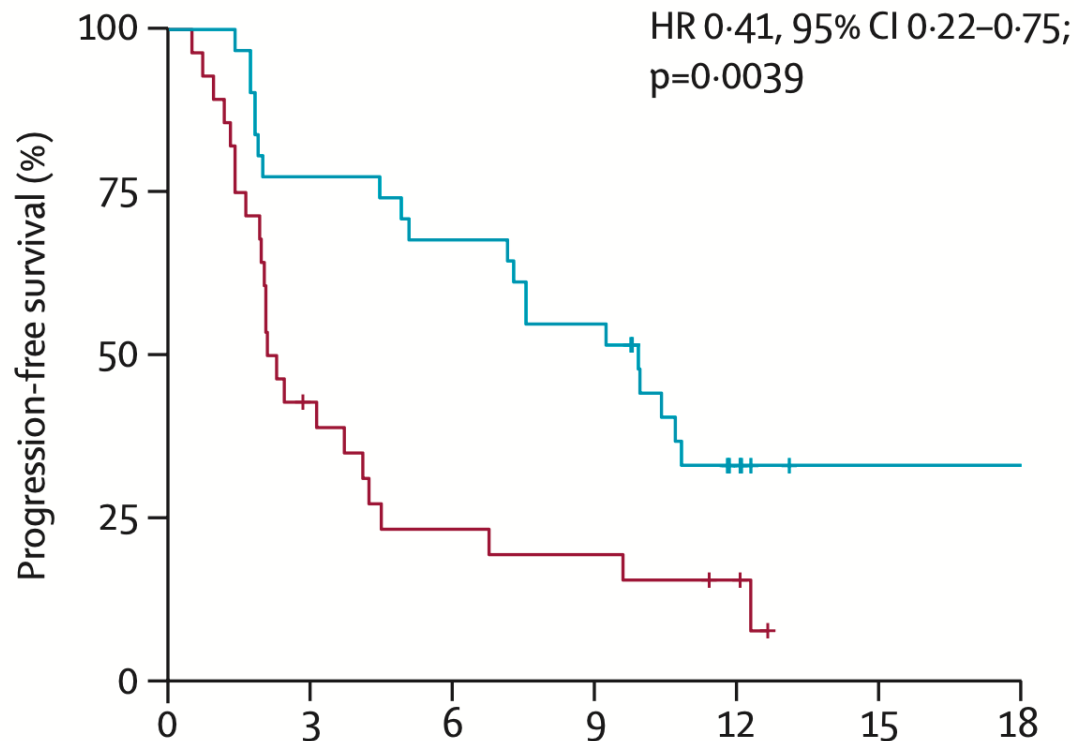
Trial opened: 2019

Accrual goal: 160 (80 each arm)

Closed to accrual at 106/160 by DSMC due to efficacy after interim analysis

Tsai et al. *Lancet* 2024 Jan 13;403(10422):171-182.

SBRT Is Effective for NSCLC Subgroup



Number at risk
(number censored)

No SBRT	28 (0)	11 (1)	6 (1)	5 (1)	3 (2)	0 (4)	0 (4)
SBRT	31 (0)	24 (0)	21 (0)	17 (0)	5 (6)	1 (10)	1 (10)

N=59 NSCLC subgroup

PFS 2.2 vs 10 months (HR 0.41)

No local progression in all 111 irradiated lesion (from 55 pts)

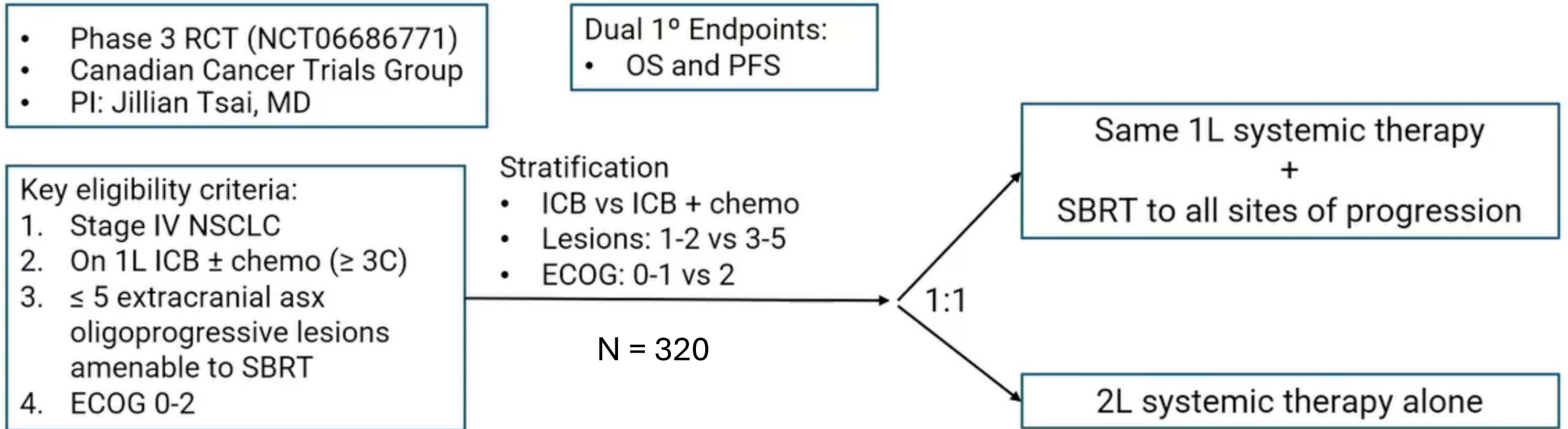
Less progression in pre-existing (and un-irradiated) lesions
68 vs 26% (SOC vs SBRT)

Tsai et al. *Lancet* 2024 Jan 13;403(10422):171-182.



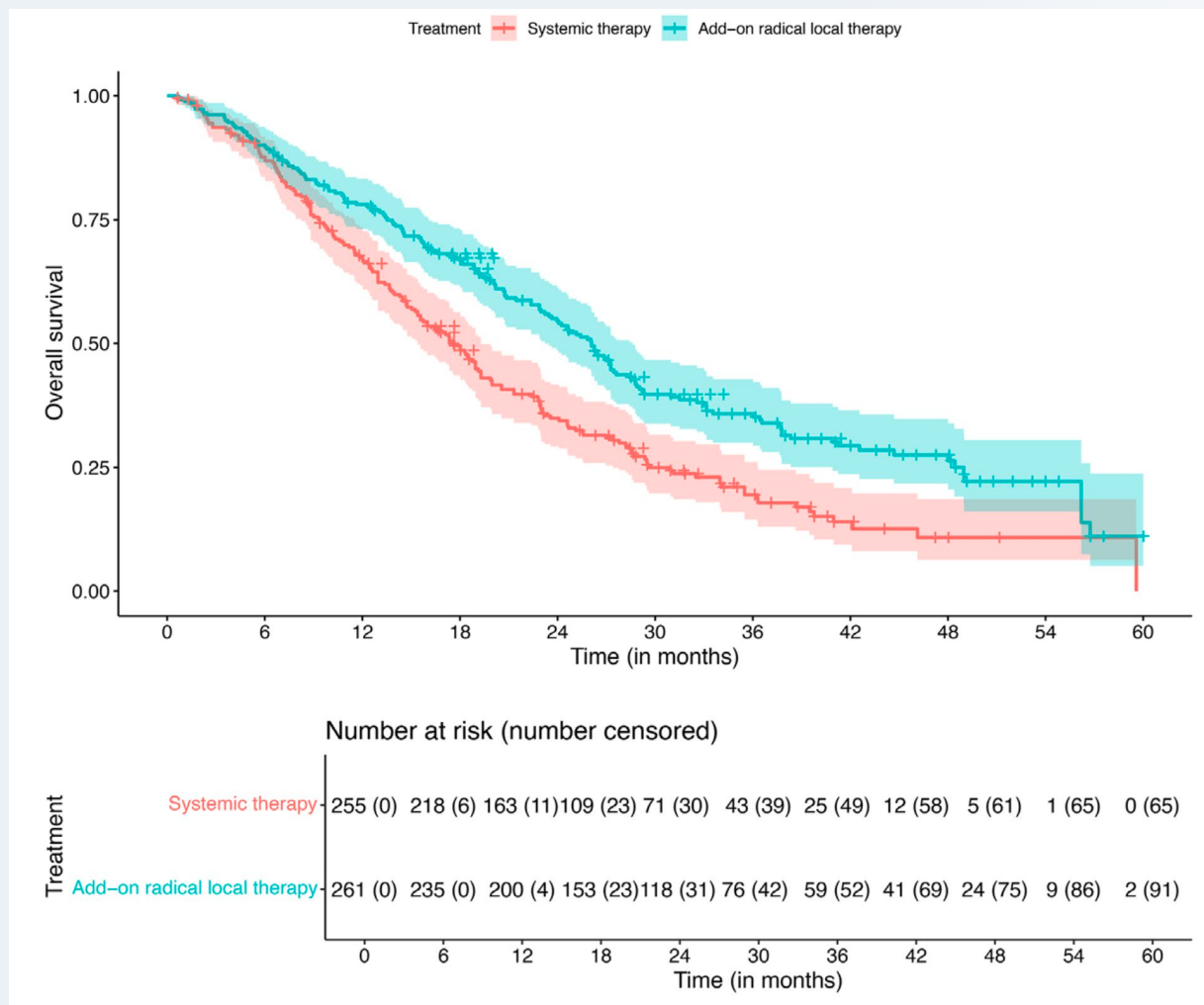
BR.38: CONSOLIDATIVE USE OF RADIOTHERAPY TO BLOCK (CURB2) OLIGOPROGRESSION IN PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

Study Chair: C. Jillian Tsai



Tsai et al. WCLC 2025

Local Therapy Meta-Analysis



N=517 (for OS) from 7 RCTs

Gomez et al. 2019

CURB

PEMBRO-RT

SINDAS

STOP

Peng et al. 2023

Lim et al. 2015

OS HR **0.62** (95% CI: 0.5 – 0.76)

Between-trial heterogeneity led to median of 3% variation in HR

No concerns over inconsistency

Certainty – 'high' (GRADE framework)

Tewari et al. *BMJ Open Respir Res* 2025;12:e003276.

SBRT is Safe for Oligometastatic Cancers

- N=1,422 from 17 NHS centers in UK
 - Prospective registry study
 - SABR for 1-3 extracranial oligomets
 - Most common G3 AE – fatigue (2%)
 - No treatment-related deaths
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- N=943 from 21 prospective studies
 - SBRT (≤ 8 fx) treating up to 5 mets
 - Acute G3-5 AE rate 1.2%
 - Late G3-5 AE rate **1.7%**
 - Weighted random-effects model

Stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy in patients with oligometastatic cancers: a prospective, registry-based, single-arm, observational, evaluation study

Anastasia Chalkidou, Thomas Macmillan, Mariusz T Grzeda, Janet Peacock, Jennifer Summers, Saskia Eddy, Bola Coker, Hannah Patrick, Helen Powell, Lee Berry, Gareth Webster, Peter Ostler, Peter D Dickinson, Matthew Q Hatton, Ann Henry, Stephen Keevil, Maria A Hawkins, Nick Slevin, Nicholas van As

JAMA Oncology | **Original Investigation**

Safety and Survival Rates Associated With Ablative Stereotactic Radiotherapy for Patients With Oligometastatic Cancer A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Eric J. Lehrer, MD, MS; Raj Singh, MD; Ming Wang, MS, PhD; Vernon M. Chinchilli, PhD; Daniel M. Trifiletti, MD; Piet Ost, MD, PhD; Shankar Siva, PhD, MBBS; Mao-bin Meng, MD, PhD; Leila Tchelebi, MD; Nicholas G. Zaorsky, MD, MS

Chalkidou et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2021 PMID 33387498

Lehrer et al. *JAMA Oncol* 2021 PMID 33237270

SBRT Is Cost Effective

5-fraction SBRT

- \$10,000 – 15,000

Systemic Therapy*

Pembrolizumab - \$4

Pembro + chemo ~

Osimertinib - \$54,0

Lorlatinib – \$55,45

*Cost not including infusion,

Results

The median potential follow-up for all patients was 36.0 months. According to Medicare reimbursement, the cost for 4 or 5 SBRT fractions was \$8,679 or \$9,676. The cost for 33 fractions of EBRT was \$15,649. The cost for 33 fx of IMRT was \$18,801 vs. \$12,496 for 3D-CRT. Based on a median number of change from baseline in QOL measures with SBRT. At two-years the change in QOL measure was similar between the cohorts, except change in role functioning was significantly lower in SBRT patients. Median 90-day treatment-related Medicare/Medicaid costs were lower in SBRT \$11,188 vs surgery \$15,018



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It is not possible to provide a precise price for a three-month course of pembrolizumab with chemotherapy, as the total cost is affected by several variables. However, based on the manufacturer's list price and studies on drug costs, the three-month cost can range from approximately **\$42,000 to over \$60,000 or more**, excluding insurance, discounts, and patient assistance. [🔗](#)



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Radiation Therapy for the Management of Oligometastatic NSCLC Is

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Effective ✓

Cost-Efficient ✓



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EDITORIAL

Oligometastases

CANCER TREATMENT is based on an often unstated paradigm of disease pathogenesis. Since 1894, when W.S. Halsted^{1,2} clearly elucidated a mechanism more about the multistep nature of the development of malignancy.¹¹⁻¹³ Once tumors become invasive, they may gradually acquire the properties necessary for efficient

“An attractive consequence of the presence of a clinically significant oligometastatic state is that ***some*** patients so affected should be amenable to a curative therapeutic strategy.”

“This must be distinguished from the circumstance in which the identified metastases are the most evident of a much larger number of widespread deposits”

- No consensus definition for oligometastatic state
 - Maximum of 3-5 metastases in 3 organs proposed
- Candidate biomarkers
 - Tumor based – genomic alterations, PD-L1, TMB, TILs, miRNA
 - Circulating – liquid biopsy, **ctDNA**, cytokines
 - Image based – radiomics, metabolic tumor burden, tumor velocity

Hellman and Weichselbaum. *J Clin Oncol*. 1995;13(1):8-10.

Dingemans et al. *J Thorac Oncol*. 2019;14(12):2109-2119.



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