

The role of proton and carbon ion therapy in the treatment of osteosarcoma

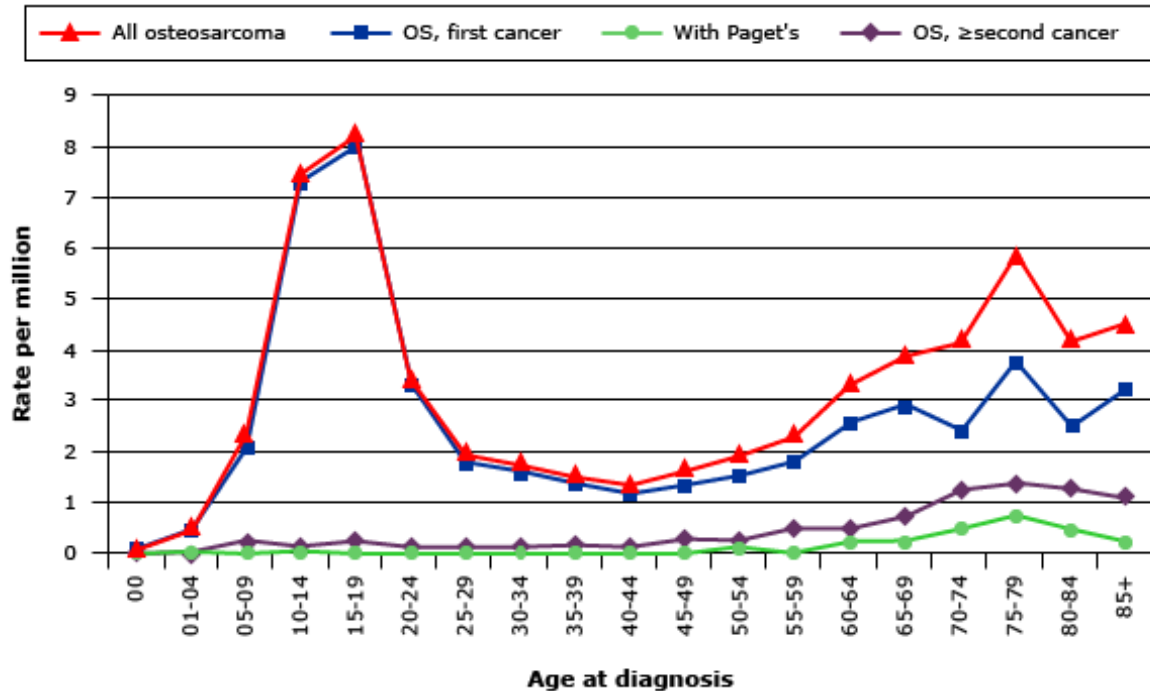
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Epidemiology of Osteosarcoma

- 1% of all newly diagnosed cancers
- 3% of childhood cancers
- Most common primary bone tumor
- 56% of all bone cancer cases under the age of 20
- Children, adolescent and young adults aged 13-16 and over the age of 65



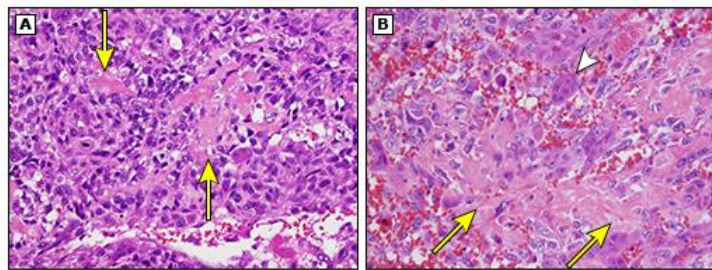
Mirabello, Cancer 2009

Risk factors for osteosarcoma

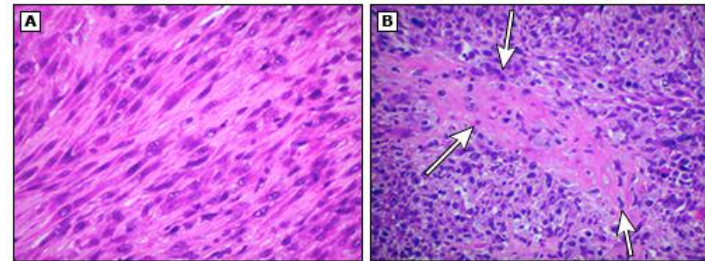
- Genetic conditions (18-28%): Hereditary retinoblastoma (*RB1*), Li-Fraumeni syndrom (*TP53*), Rothmund-Thomson syndrome (RTS), among others
- Radiation therapy: Most common secondary malignant neoplasm, 3% of osteosarcoma
- Chemotherapy (alkylating agents)
- Paget disease

Histologic classification of osteosarcoma (WHO 2020)

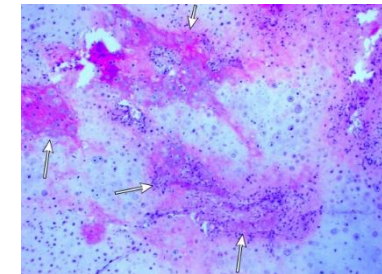
- Low-grade central osteosarcoma
- Osteosarcoma NOS:
 - conventional osteosarcoma (>90%)
(osteoblastic (76-80%), chondroblastic, fibroblastic)
 - Telangiectatic osteosarcoma
 - Small cell osteosarcoma
- Parosteal osteosarcoma
- Periosteal osteosarcoma
- High grade surface osteosarcoma
- Secondary osteosarcoma
- Multifocal osteosarcoma
- Craniofacial osteosarcoma



Osteoblastic OS



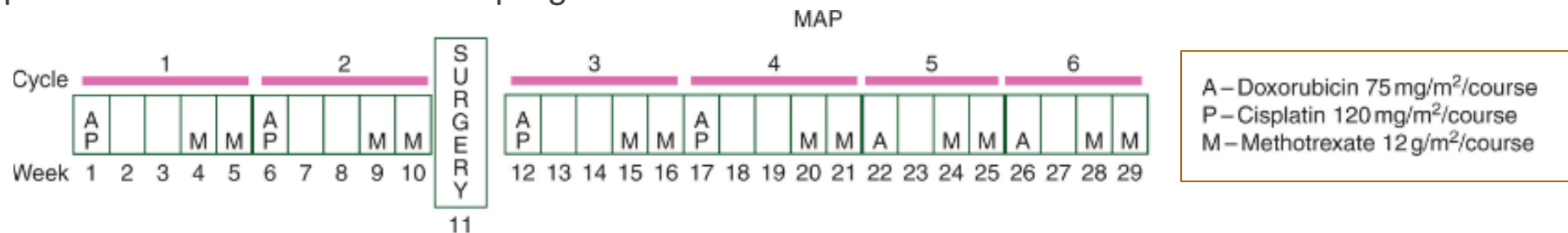
Fibroblastic OS



Chondroblastic OS

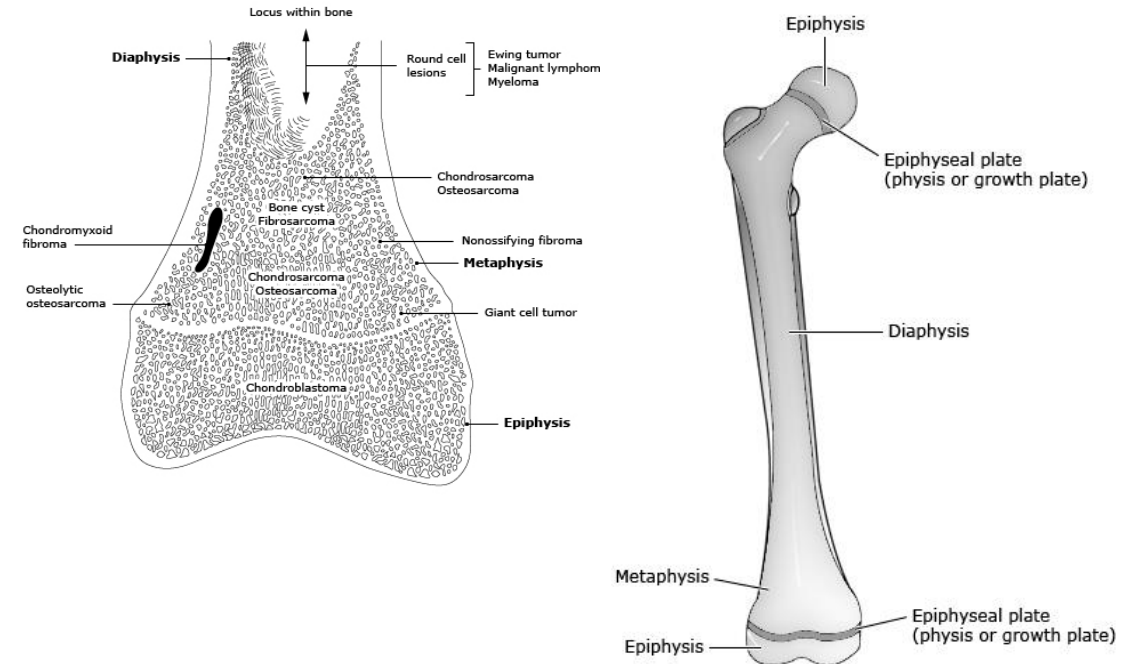
Chemotherapy in the management of osteosarcoma

- Survival improved dramatically with chemotherapy
- 80-90% develop metastases prior to the use of systemic treatment for conventional osteosarcoma
- Subclinical metastatic disease at the time of diagnosis
- Long-term survival without chemotherapy: 16%
- Five year survival with chemotherapy: 70%
- ≤ 40a: MAP with methotrexate, doxorubicin, cisplatin (EURAMOS-1 protocol)
- >40a doxorubicin and cisplatin only
- Response assessment: Favorable prognosis with 90% or more tumor necrosis



Tumor location

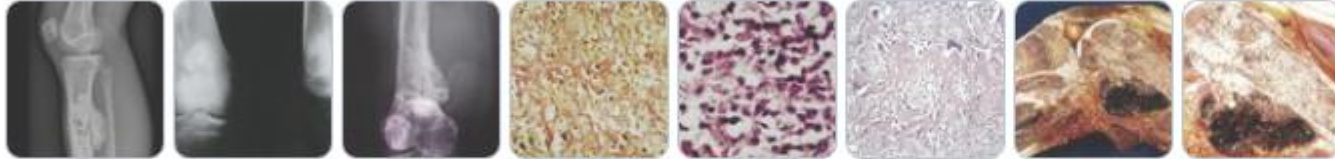
- The initial site differs with age at presentation
- Most common site are the metaphyses of long bones
- Distal femur (32 %)
- Proximal tibia (19 %)
- Proximal humerus (10 %)
- Middle and proximal femur (10 %)
- **Other bones, such as the mandible (8 %) and pelvis (8 %)**



Up to date, 2023





Remember to wear your **SOCK** (Sunburst, Osteosarcoma, Codman, Knee region).



 AMBOSS


Treatment

- **Surgery**; (definitive resection)  with neoadjuvant and adjuvant polychemotherapy (e.g., a combination of methotrexate, doxorubicin, cisplatin, and ifosfamide) 
- Histological examination of the resected bone to evaluate the effect of neoadjuvant chemotherapy (major prognostic factor)



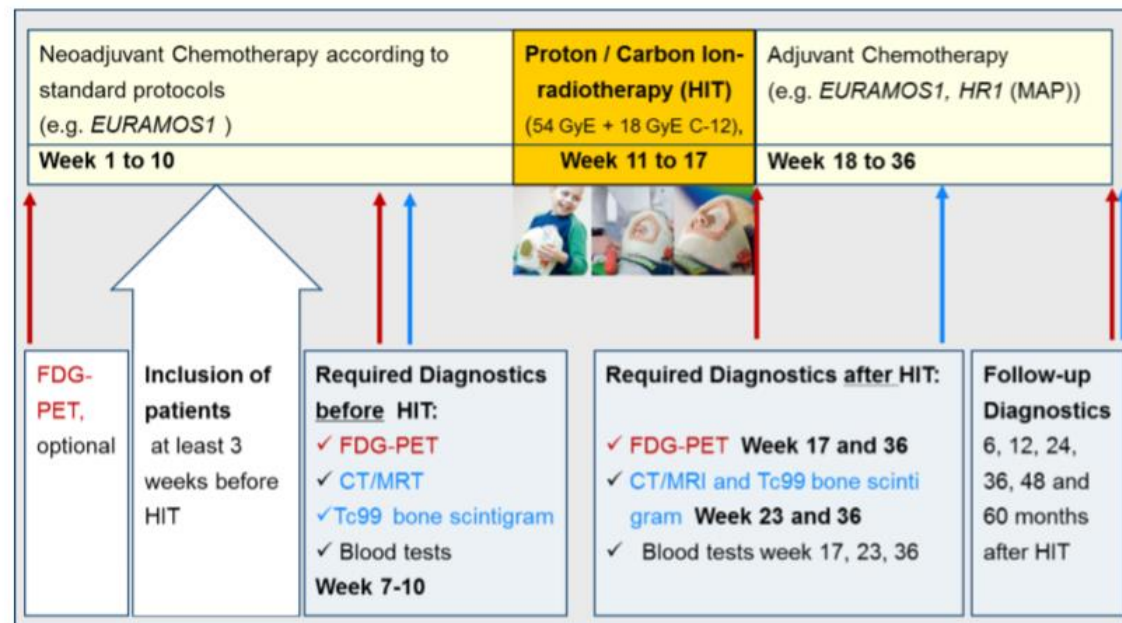
Osteosarcomas are usually resistant to radiation therapy.

New radiation therapy techniques (e.g. proton beam and carbon ion therapy) may extend indications.

Bone sarcomas: ESMO—EURACAN—GENTURIS—ERN PaedCan Clinical Practice Guideline for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up 

Design of the OSCAR trial

- OS**teosarcoma- **C**arbon Ion Radiotherapy: Phase I/II therapy trial to determine the safety and efficacy of heavy ion radiotherapy in patients with inoperable high-grade osteosarcoma
- Secondary endpoints: local control, progression-free survival, overall survival, role of FDG-PET in response monitoring
- Treatment with a 54 GyRBE in 27 fractions protons (main plan) and 18 GyRBE in 6 fractions (boost plan)



OSCAR trial: study population



- 08/2011-09/2018
- N=20
- Single center
- ≥ 6y
- KPS > 60%
- Adequate blood cell count

Table 1
Patient characteristics.

	N	%
Country of residence		
Belgium	2	10
United Kingdom	2	10
Netherlands	2	10
France	3	15
Austria	1	5
Germany	10	50
age at treatment (median, range)	20.2	10.8–49.8
Gender		
Female	9	45
Male	11	55
Localization		
Craniofacial	6	30
Pelvic	14	70
Enneking staging for pelvic osteosarcoma		
IIB	10	71
III	3	22
missing	1	7
Grading		
G3	18	90
Missing	2	10
Boost plan clinical target volume (median, range)	415.3	36.70–1727
Base plan clinical target volume (median, range)	1041.9	192.7–3670

Primary/recurrence	N	%
Primary	18	90
Recurrence	2	10
Distant metastases at beginning of hadron therapy	N	%
yes	3	15
no	17	85
Biopsy/Surgery before Treatment	N	%
Biopsy	15	75
Surgery	3	15
Surgery at primary diagnosis and recurrence	1	5
Surgery at primary diagnosis and biopsy at recurrence	1	5
R-Stage after current surgery	N	%
Rx	1	
R2	3	
Chemotherapy protocol	N	%
EURAMOS-1	13	65
EURO-B.O.S.S.	1	5
Carboplatin/VP16 (primary situation EURAMOS-1)	1	5
OS 2006 -API/AI	3	15
EURAMOS-1 plus Carboplatin/Etoposide after PD	1	5
EURAMOS-1 and COSS 96 due to intolerance	1	5

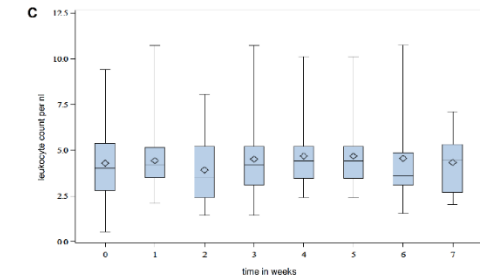
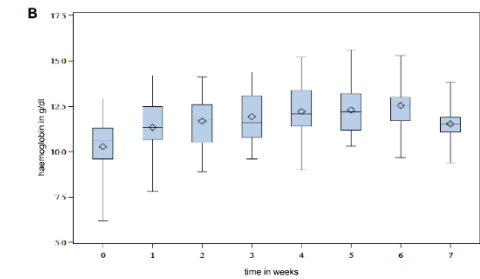
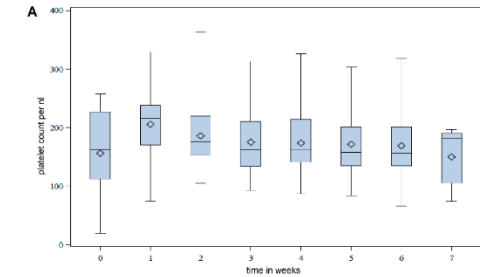
OSCAR trial: primary endpoint toxicity

Acute Toxicity n=14		all	'I	'II	'III
GI	Intestinal Colic	1		1	
	Diarrhea	3	2	1	
	Meteorism	1	1		
	Constipation	2	2		
	Nausea/Vomiting	2	1	1	
	Soft stool	2	2		
GU	Bladder Infection	1		1	
	Pollakisuria	1	1		
Skin, appendages	Hyperpigmentation	8	6	2	
	Depigmentation	1	1		
	Erythema	11	5	6	
	Ulceration	1	1		
	Head aches	1	1		
Other	Joint discomfort/ Pain	4	4		
	Fatigue	5	4	1	
	Thrombosis	1	1		
	Pain	7	5	1	1
	Sleeping disorder	1	1		
	Herpes	1	1		

Acute Toxicity		All grades	'I	'II	'III
Nervous system	Visual impairment	2	2		
Skin, appendages and mucosa	Dysphagia	1	1		
	Mucositis	5	3	2	
	Radiodermatitis	6	3	2	1
	Hyperpigmentat ion	1	1		
	Konjunktivitis	1	1		
	Xerostomia	1	1		
	Dry nasal Mucosa	1		1	
	Epistaxis	2	2		
	Alopecia (focal)	4	2	2	
Ear and labryith	Otorrhea	1		1	
	Middle ear fluid	1		1	
	Dizziness	3	3		
	Tinnitus	2	2		
Other	Fatigue	3	3		
	Nausea	3	2	1	
	Pain	5	3	2	
	Lymph edema	1	1		

Late Toxicity n=10		all	'I	'II	'III	'IV
GI	Defecation pain	1	1			
Skin, appendages	Hyperpigmentation	2	2			
	Depigmentation	1	1			
	Alopecia	1	1			
	Fibrosis	1	1			
Other	Joint discomfort/ Pain	2	1	1		
	Gait disturbance	1		1		
	Neuropathia	3	2		1	
	Myopathia	1			1	
	Pain	2	1	1		
	Infertility	1			1	
	Herpes reactivation in RT area		1			
	Secondary malignancy	1				1

	Late toxicity	All grades	'I	'II	'IV
Nervous system	Visual impairment	1		1	
	Anosmia	2		2	
	Dysgeusia	3		2	1
	CNS reaction	4		4	
Skin, appendages and mucosa	Xerostomia	3		1	2
	Dry nasal Mucosa	1			1
	Foetor	1		1	
Head and neck	Alopecia (focal)	5		3	2
	Sinusitis	1		1	
	Trismus	1		1	
Ear and labyrinth	Dizziness	1		1	
	Tinnitus	1			1
	Hearing impairment	1			1
Other	Fatigue	1		1	
	Pain	3		3	
	Pituary Gland impairment	1			1



OSCAR trial: secondary endpoints

- Median Follow up (of Event-free):
34.5 months [10-87 months]
- Overall survival at 24 months:
68 % (craniofacial 100 %, pelvic 53 %)
- PFS at 24 months:
45 % (craniofacial 80 %, pelvic 25 %)

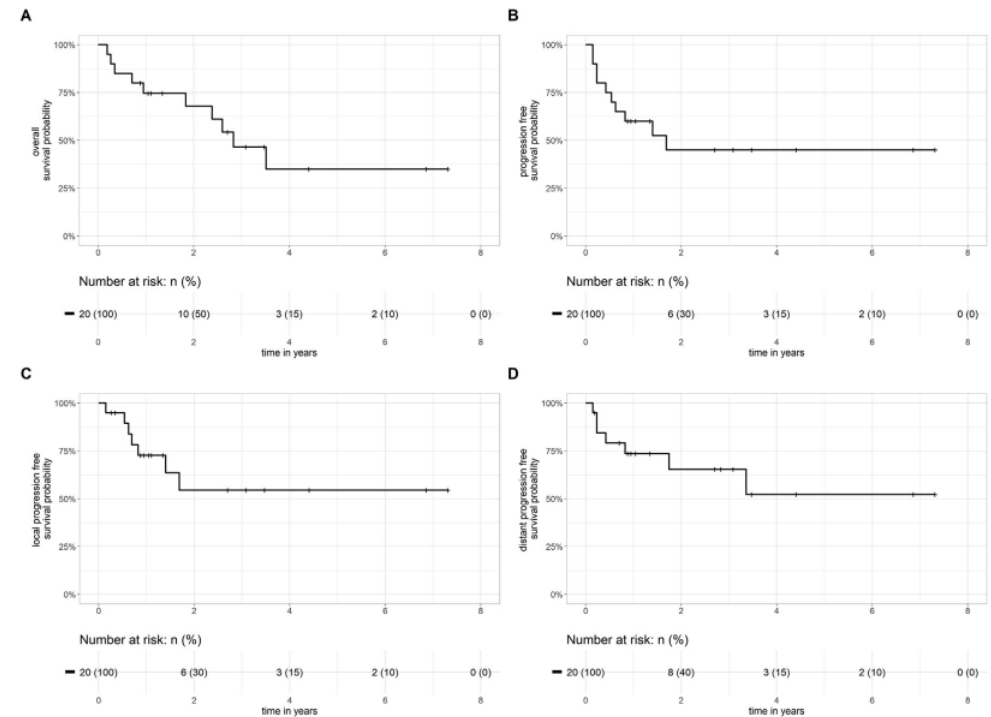
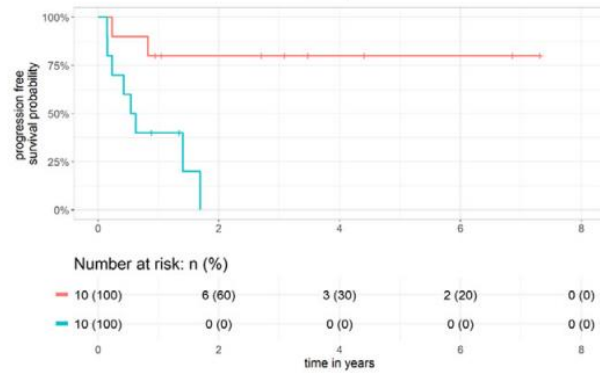
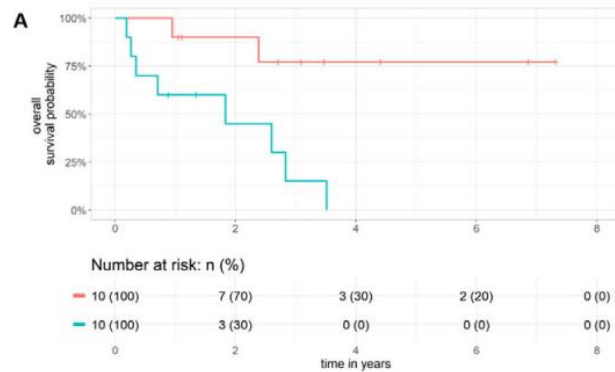


Fig. 2. Kaplan-Meier survival analyses. (A) Overall survival probability with a median OS of 34 months. (B) Progression free survival probability with a median PFS of 20 months. (C and D) both local and distant progression free survival have not yet been reached.

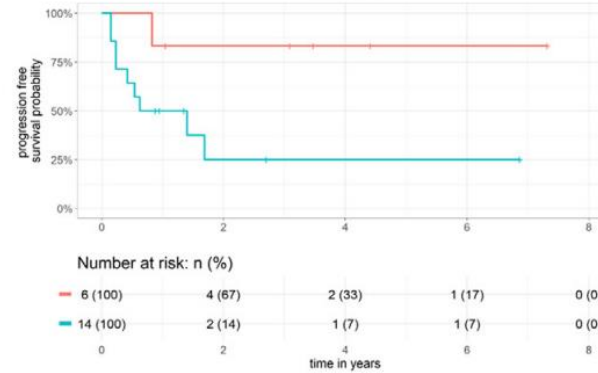
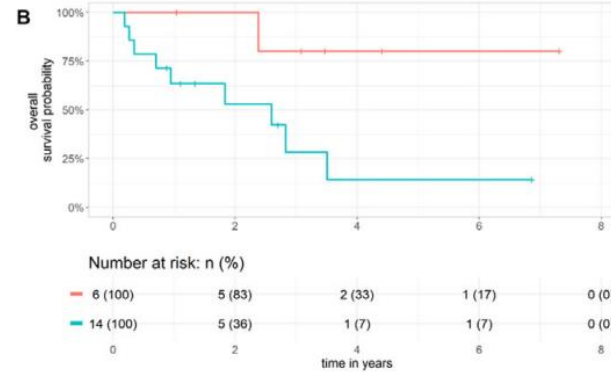
OSCAR trial: Prognostic factors

Favorable prognosis:

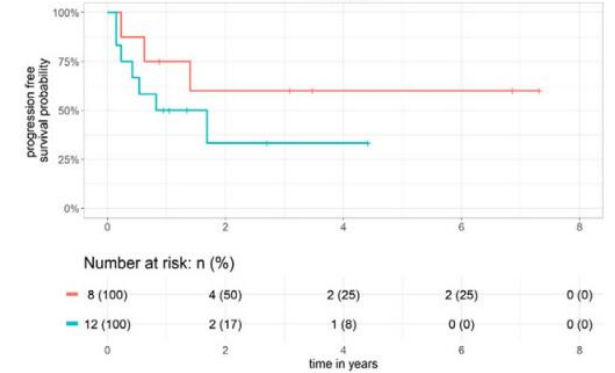
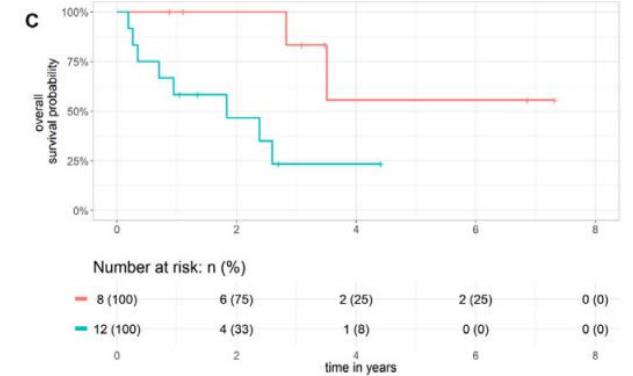
1. Smaller tumor volumes < 415 ml
2. Craniofacial location
3. Lower FDG uptake at beginning of RT



median GTV volume — smaller — greater



Localization — craniofacial — pelvic



OSCAR FDG PET Score — 4 — 5

OSCAR trial: Clinical examples

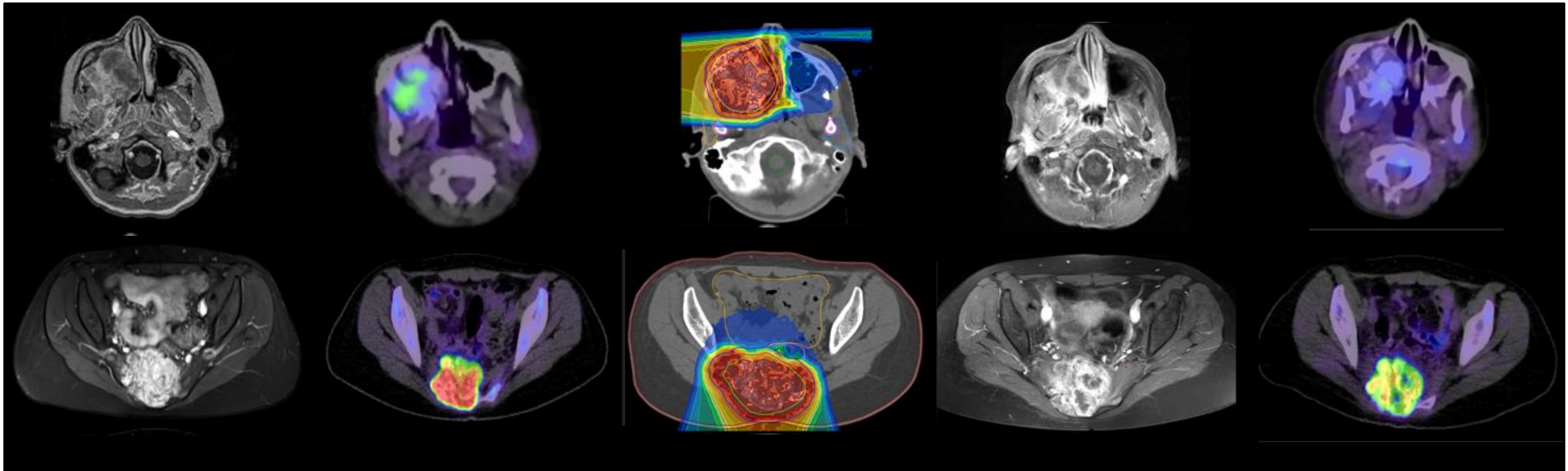
MRT pre RT

PET pre RT

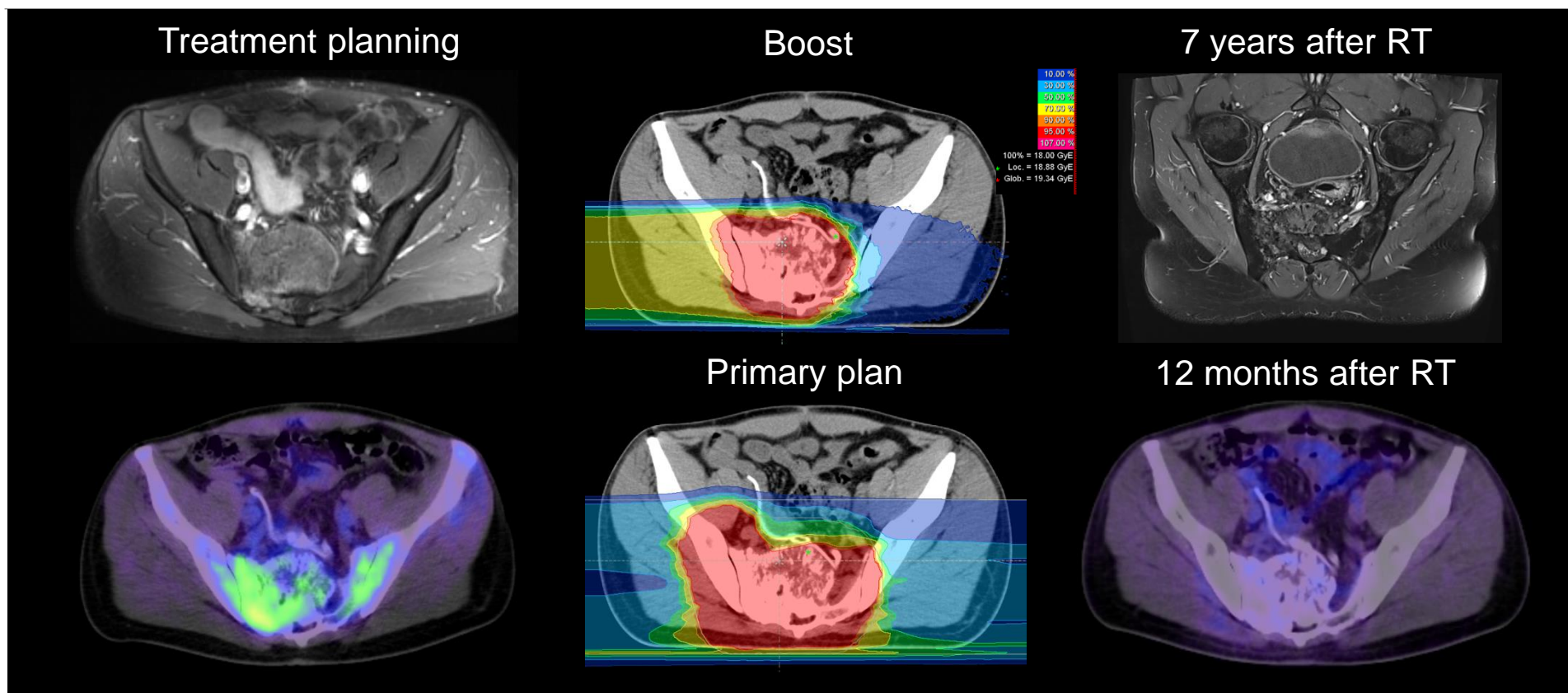
dose distribution

MRT post RT

PET post RT

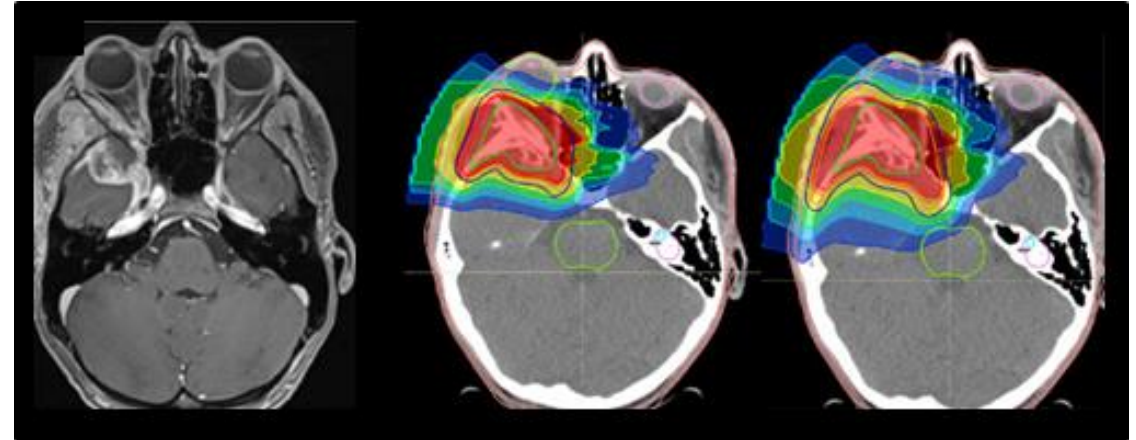


OSCAR trial: Clinical examples



Craniofacial Osteosarcoma

- Distinct variant
- Older patients (median age 36)
- May have a more indolent course
- More likely local recurrence (56%)
- Less distant metastases
- 5 year-OS 40-53%
- Most common primary sites: mandibula and maxilla, extragnathic bones
- About 10% of osteosarcoma cases
- Role of neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy less evident



Inoperable or incompletely resected craniofacial osteosarcoma

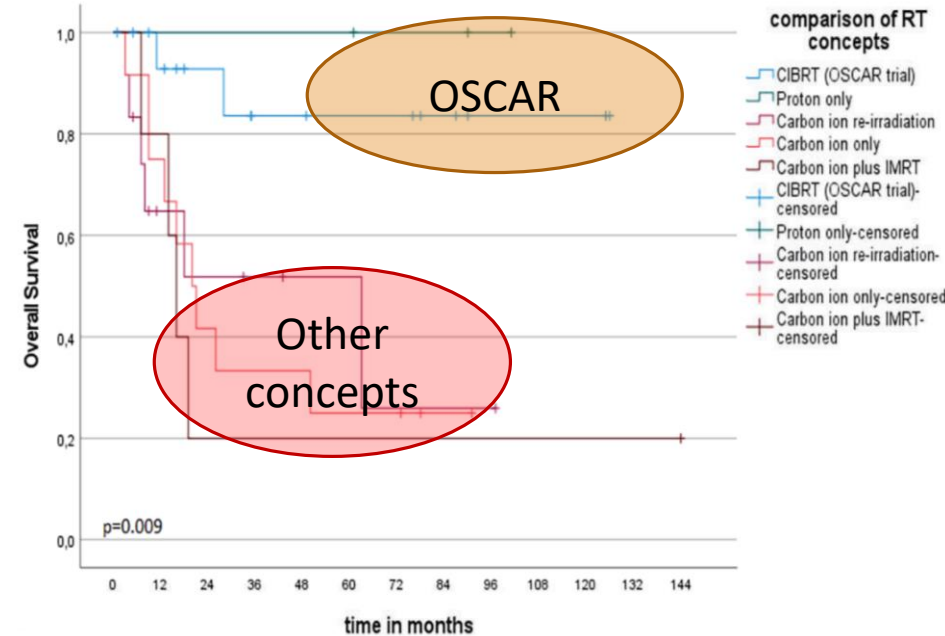
$N=49$, thereof $N=17$ treated with protons (54 GyRBE) and ^{12}C (18 GyRBE)

Median FU: 55 months

overall survival (all)	1-year: 83%, 2-years: 60% and 5-years: 52%
overall survival (non-OSCAR)	1-year: 74%, 2-years: 46% and 5-years: 43%
overall survival (OSCAR analog)	1-year: 93%, 2-years: 84% and 5-years: 84%

3-year local progression free survival 77 % (OSCAR analog)

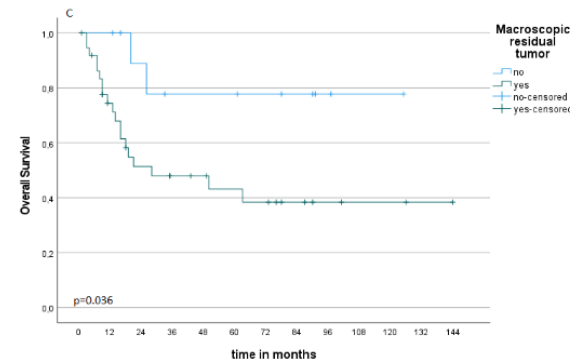
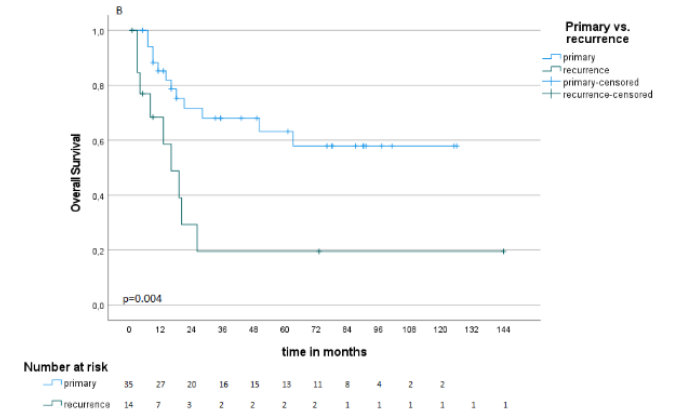
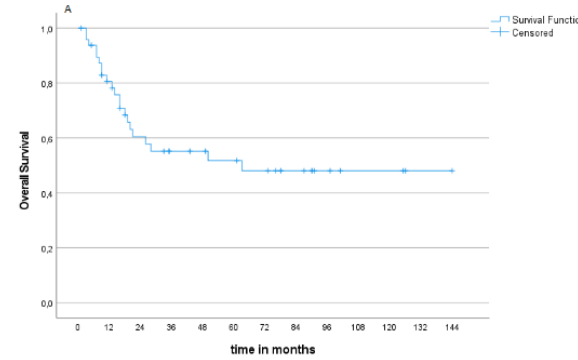
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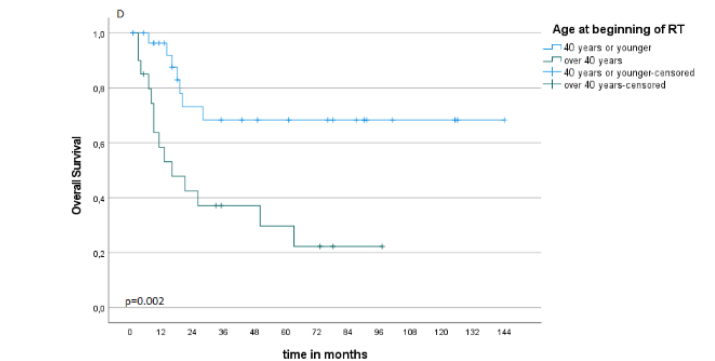
Inoperable or incompletely resected craniofacial osteosarcoma

Favorable factors:

- Age ≤ 40 a
- First diagnosis (vs. recurrent disease)
- R1 (no macroscopic residual disease)
- Chemotherapy according to EURAMOS-1



Number at risk	
no	11 11 8 6 6 5 4 2 1 1
yes	38 23 15 12 11 9 8 5 3 2 2 1 1



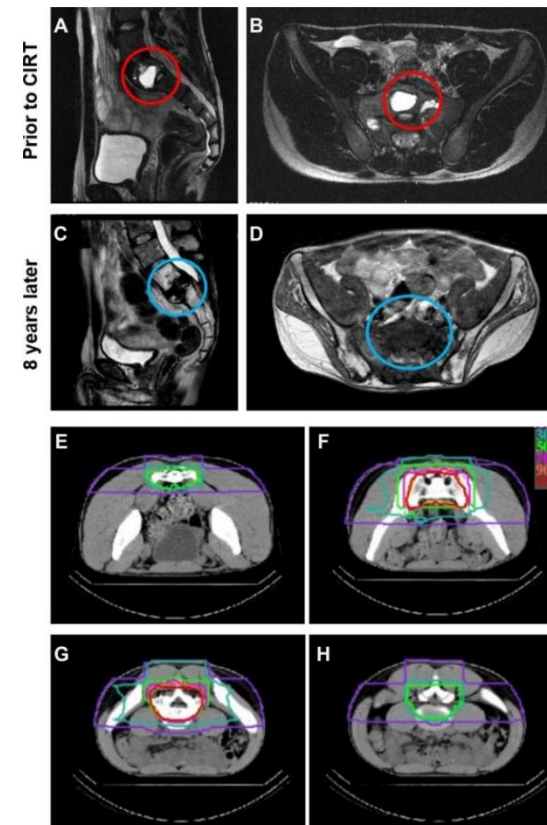
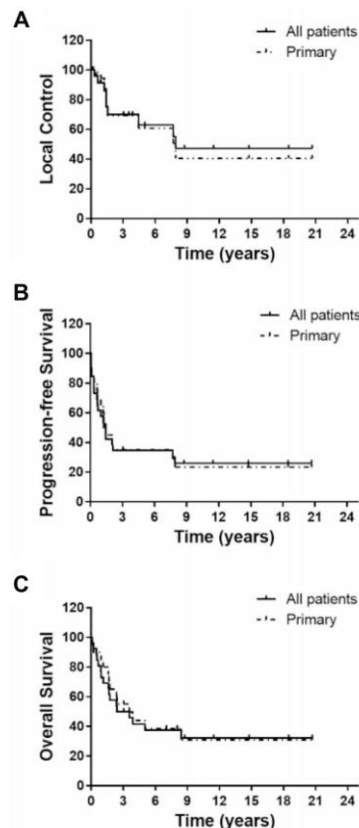
Number at risk	
40 years or younger	29 23 15 13 12 11 10 8 4 3 3 1 1
over 40 years	20 11 8 5 5 4 3 1 1

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Carbon ion radiotherapy for inoperable pediatric osteosarcoma

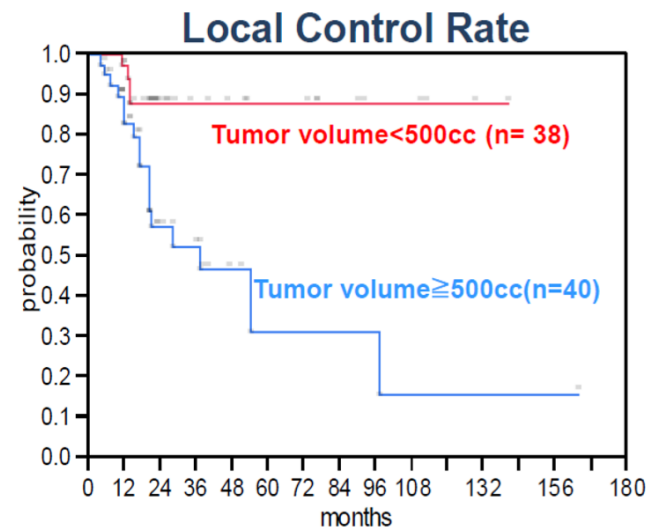
- 26 patients
- Median age 16 (11-20)
- Median FU 32.7 months
- 5-year OS: 42%; 5-year LC: 63%

Characteristic	#patients (%)	Median (range)
Irradiation site		
Pelvic	24	
Spinal/paravertebral	1	
Mediastinum	1	
Target volume (cm ³)		452 (172-1774)
Radiation dose, total (Gy RBE)		70.4 (52.8-73.6)
≤64 ^a	5	
70.4	18	
73.6	3	
Dose per fraction (Gy RBE)		4.4 (3.3-4.6)



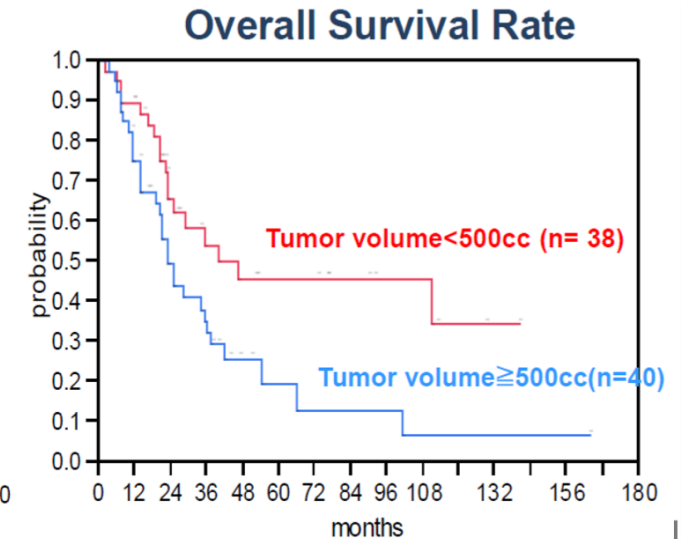
Osteosarcoma of the trunk

- 78 patients
- 61 located in the pelvis
- 1996 – 2009
- Median dose 70.4 GyE in 16 fractions over 4 weeks
- Minimum follow up: 14 months
- 5-year OS 33%
- 5-year LC 62%
- 3 patients requiring skin grafts due to toxicity



	2y	5y
< 500cc	87%	87%
≥ 500cc	57%	31%

Logrank p=0.0006



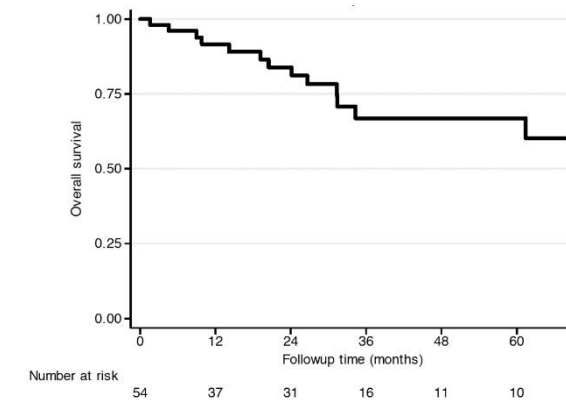
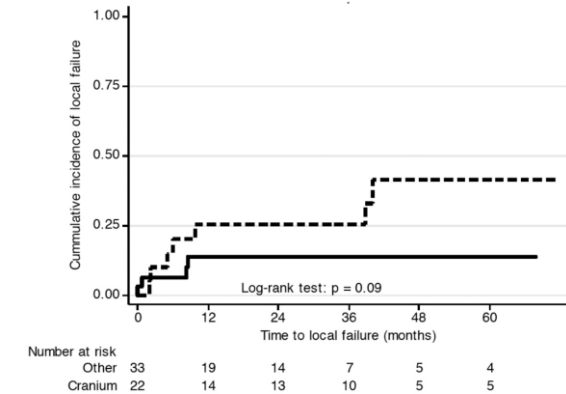
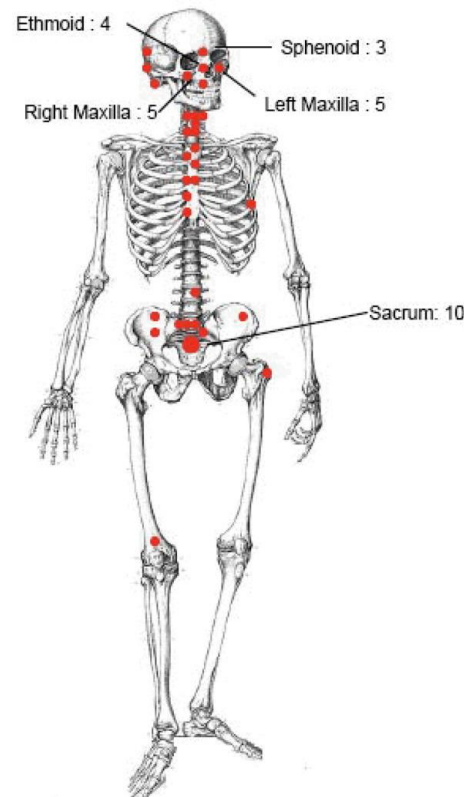
	2y	5y
< 500cc	65%	46%
≥ 500cc	50%	19%

Logrank p=0.015



Proton-Based Radiotherapy for Unresectable or Incompletely Resected Osteosarcoma

- 1983 – 2009
- 55 patients
- Median FU 27 months
- Median age 29 (2-76)
- Cranium 40%, pelvis 24%
- Partially resected 35%
- Grossly resected 43%
- Median boost volume 82 ml (14-1624 ml)
- Mean dose: 68.4 Gy, protons +/- photons
- 5-year LC: 72%
- 5-year OS: 67%
- Grade 3-4 toxicity: 30.1%



Comparison of osteosarcoma cohorts treated by protons and carbon ions

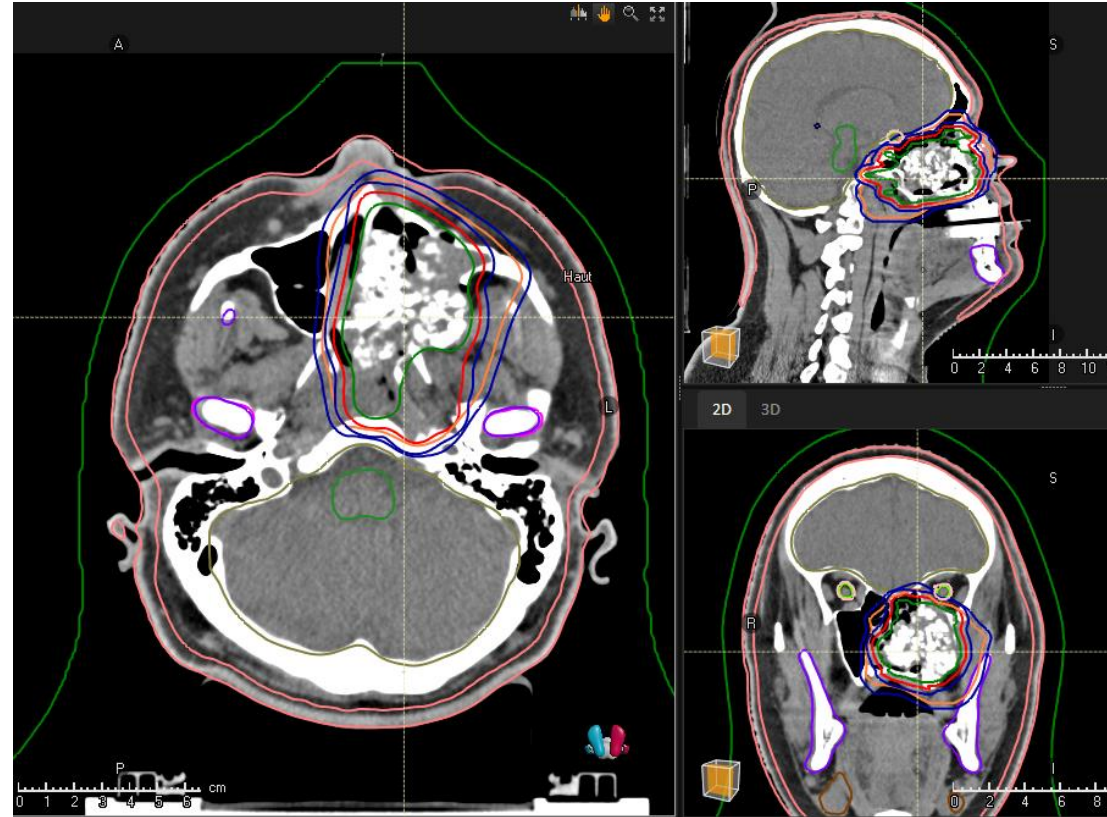
research group	N	modality	Loc.	Dose (GyRBE)/ Fx	Med. FU (months)	OS	PFS	comment
OSCAR trial	20	P + C	30% craniofacial 70% pelvis	54+18 / 27+6	35	68 % (2 years)	45 % (2 years)	
DeLaney, 2009	41	Ph / P	41% cranium 19 % spine 17% pelvis	66/ -	56	65 % (5 years)	40 % (5 years)	24% significant late complications
Ciernik, 2011	55	P	40% cranium 31% spine 24% pelvic	68.4/ -	27	67 % (5 years)	65 % (5 years)	30 % grade III-IV toxicity
Matsunobu, 2012	78	C	65% pelvis 19 % spine (parasp.)	70.4 /16	42	58 % (2 years)	34 % (2 years)	10 % grade III-IV late skin toxicity
Kamada, 2002	57	C	-	52.8 – 73.6 / 16	21	46 % (3 years)	n/a, 3y-LC 73 %	Mixed cohort, 26% osteosarcoma
Mohamad, 2018	26	C	92% pelvis	70.4 / 16	33	50 % (3 years)	35 % (3 years)	15 % grade III-IV late toxicity

Target volume delineation in analogy to OSCAR trial

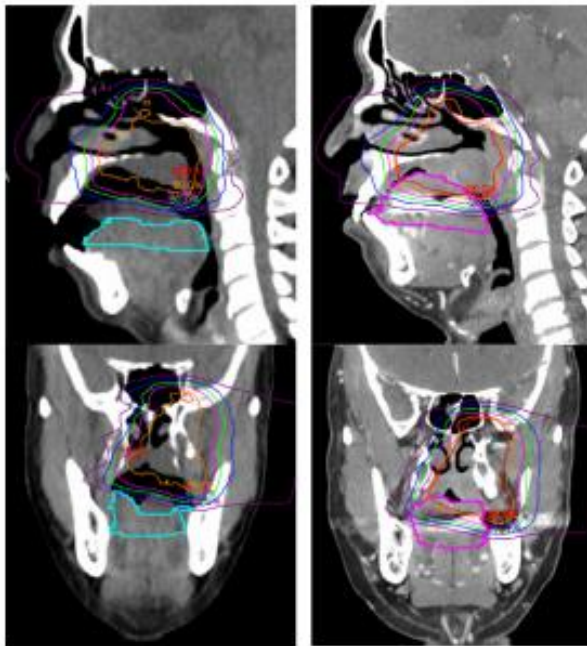
Gross tumor volume (GTV)	Visible tumor at the time of treatment planning (T1w post KM, T2 Stir)
CTV high-risk	GTV + 7 mm (original: 3 mm)
CTV low-risk	Initial pre-chemotherapy, pre-operation extension + 2 cm (including high-risk CTV) Adapt to none infiltrated OAR (brain, bowel, bladder)
PTV	Institution specific. HIT head and neck: 3mm; pelvis 7 mm in beam direction and 5 mm in the remaining directions
Prescribed dose and fractionation	
CTV high-risk	^{12}C 18 GyRBE in 6 fractions, 5-6 fractions per week
CTV low-riks	Protons 54 GyRBE in 27 fractions, 5-6 fractions per week

Target volume delineation: craniofacial osteosarcoma

GTV
CTV low risk
CTV high risk
PTVs



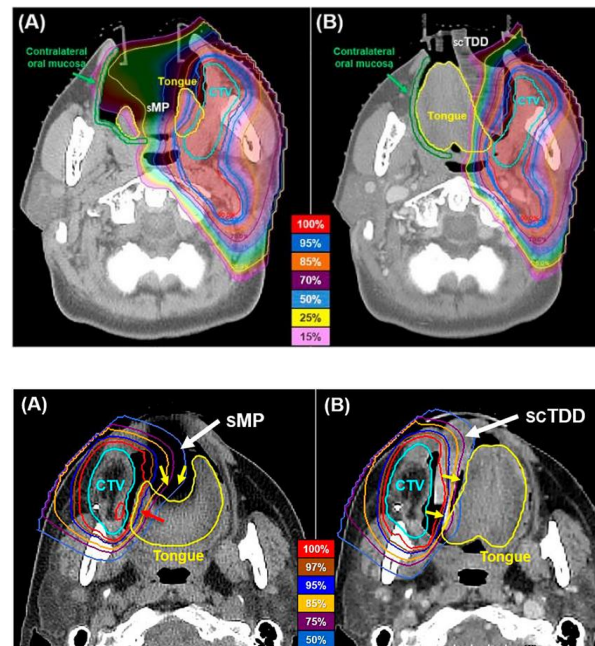
Custom-made tongue devices for protons and carbon-ions



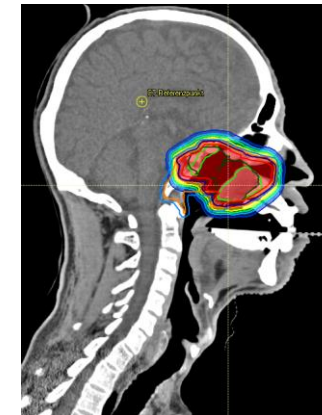
Depressed tongue with mouth-piece

Conventional tongue without mouth-piece

Ikawa et al., Pract Rad Onc, 2017



Hong et al., Front Phys., 2021c



51-year-old patient with incompletely resected chordoma, boost plan with 21 GyRBE in 3 GyRBE single doses



Temporal lobe reactions and radiation CNS necrosis

- TD5% and TD50% 68.8 GyRBE and 87.3 GyRBE
- V50 ≤11 cm³, D2cm³ ≤62 GyRBE

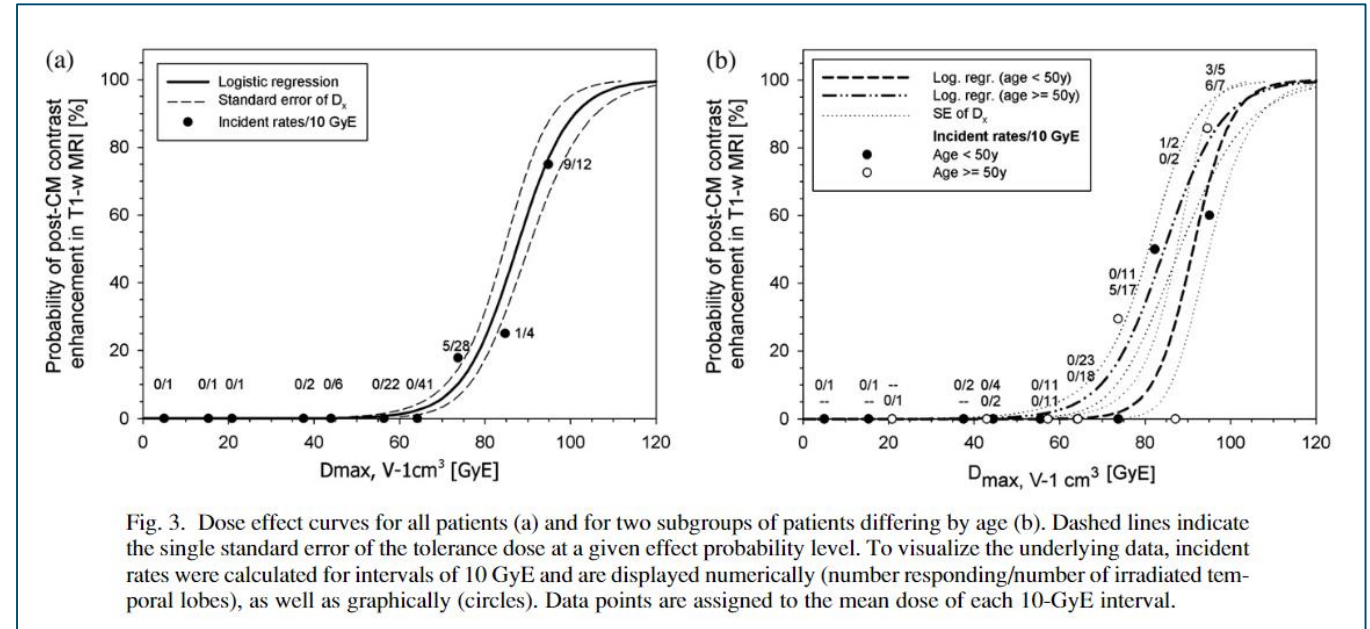
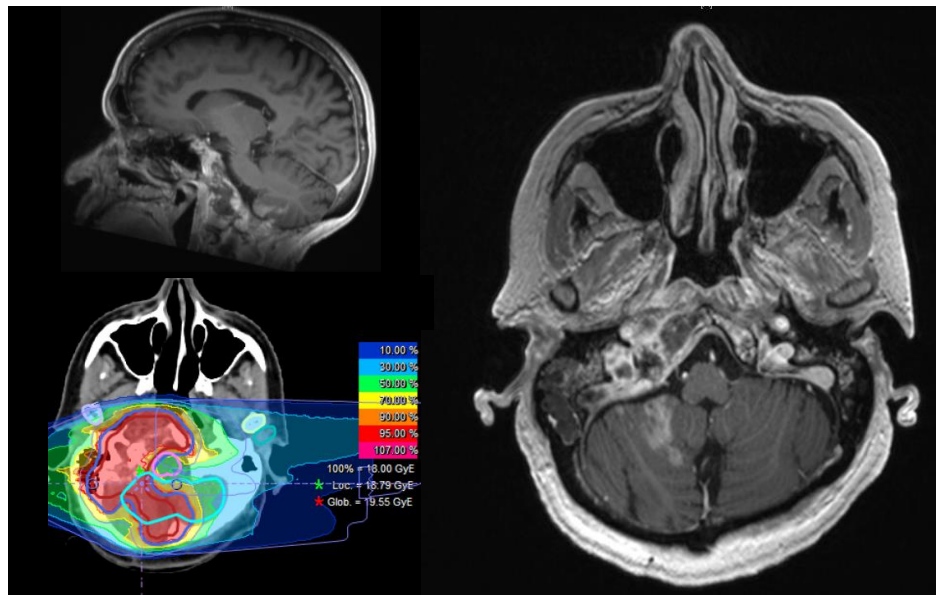


Fig. 3. Dose effect curves for all patients (a) and for two subgroups of patients differing by age (b). Dashed lines indicate the single standard error of the tolerance dose at a given effect probability level. To visualize the underlying data, incident rates were calculated for intervals of 10 GyE and are displayed numerically (number responding/number of irradiated temporal lobes), as well as graphically (circles). Data points are assigned to the mean dose of each 10-GyE interval.

Schlapp et al., J. Rad. Oncol. Biol. Phys., 2011
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Target volume delineation: pelvic osteosarcoma

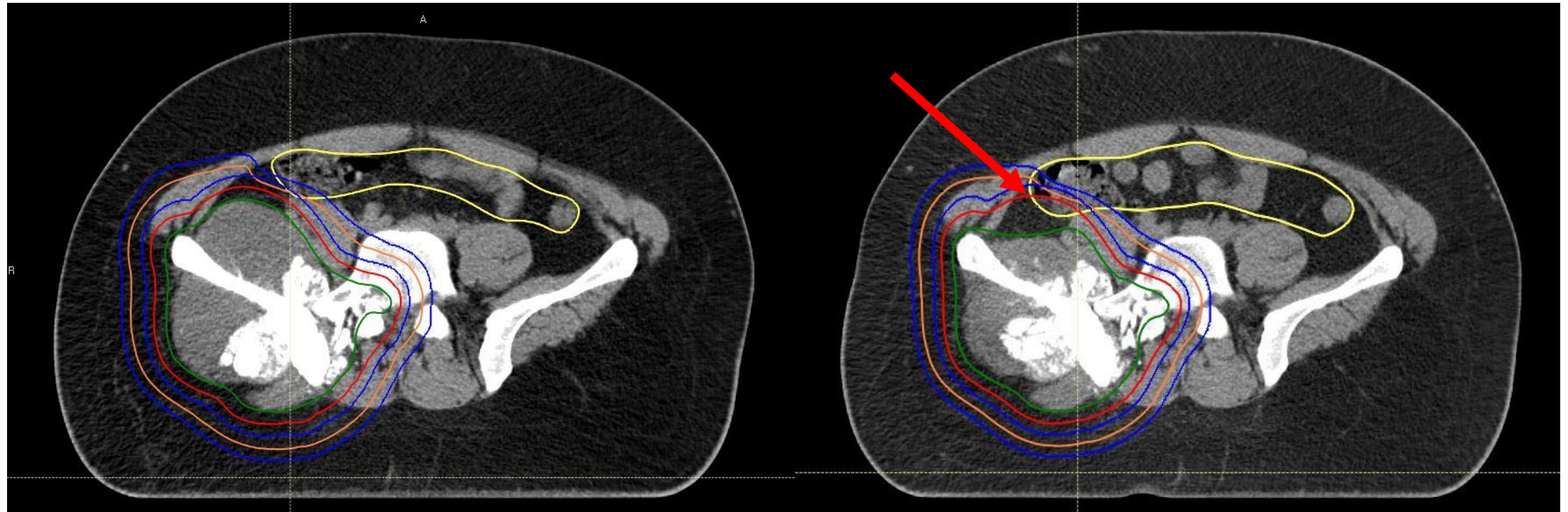
GTV
CTV low risk
CTV high risk
PTVs



Pelvic osteosarcoma: the need for adaptation

Treatment planning

Week 3 of treatment



GTV
CTV low risk
CTV high risk
PTVs

Bioabsorbable spacer for particle therapy

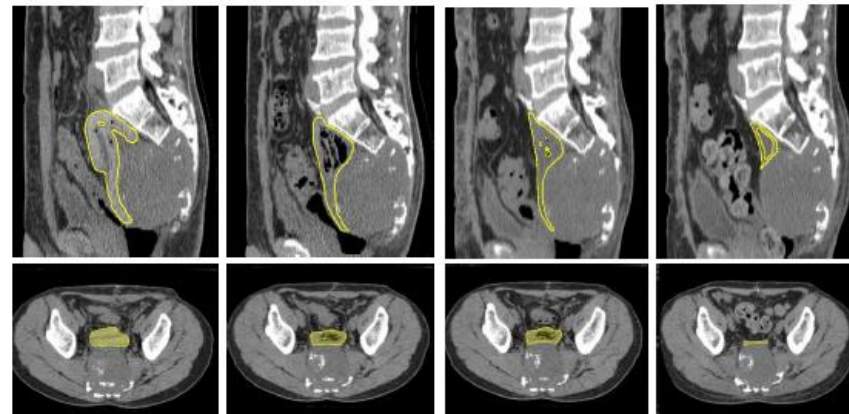
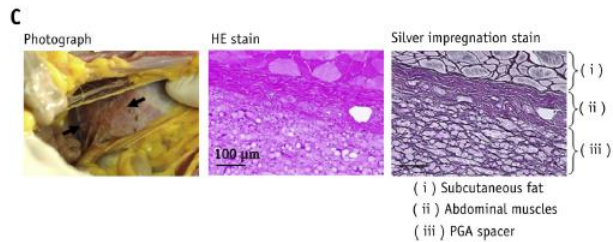
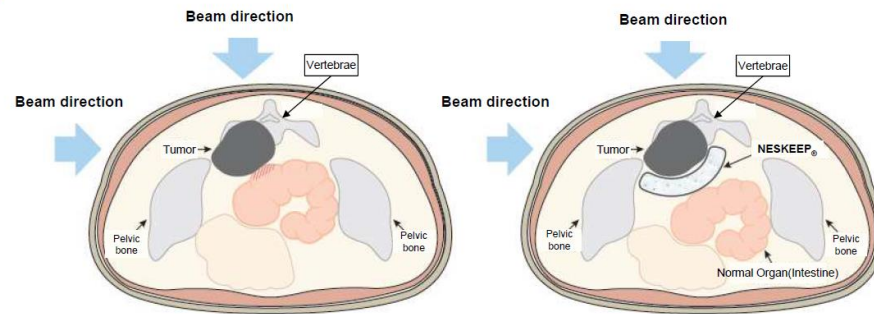
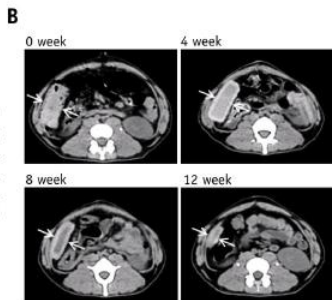
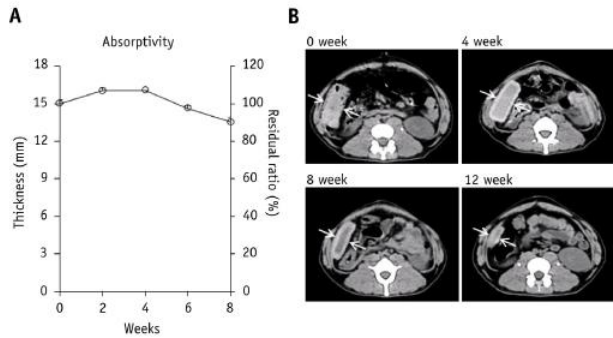


Figure 3 Sagittal and axial computed tomography images of serial volume changes of the polyglycolic acid spacer in a patient with sacral chordoma. Yellow = contours of the placed polyglycolic acid spacer. Abbreviation: PT = particle therapy.

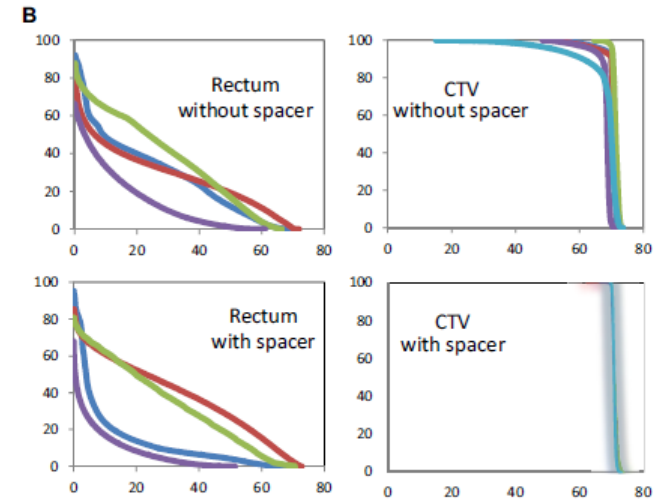


Figure 4 (A) Changes of planning target volume parameters. (B) Comparison of clinical target volume coverage and organ at risk (rectum) with or without the polyglycolic acid spacer in the dose-volume histogram in 4 patients whose tumors were located in the pelvis. Abbreviations: D_{95} = dose irradiated to $\geq 95\%$ of the target volume; PT = particle therapy; SSP = surgical spacer placement; $V_{95\%}$ = volume receiving $\geq 95\%$ of the prescribed dose.

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Conclusion:

- Radiotherapy using particles represents a promising alternative in the inoperable situation
- Aim for multimodal therapy including system therapy
- Consider radiotherapy in R1 resected tumors
- Superior OS and LC for craniofacial osteosarcoma
- OS and PFS prolongation for pelvic tumors

