

# Current and future challenges in glioblastoma tretment

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## Glioblastoma WHO° IV



- The most common primary brain tumor, also the most malignant astrocytoma
- Most GBMs arise de novo (primary), others progress from less malignant astrocytomas (secondary)
- Primary GBM: more common in older Patients (mean age = 55years) after a short (< 3 month) history
- Secondary GBM: develop by malignant degeneration of WHO<sup>°</sup> II and <sup>°</sup> III astrocytomas (mean age = 40 years)



## **Glioblstoma on MRI**





## Survival



Survival trends of grade I, II, and III astrocytoma patients and associated clinical practice patterns between 1999 and 2010: A SEER-based analysis Xuezhi Dong et al., Neuro-Oncology Practice 3(1), 29–38, 2016





Meningioma

Cavernoma

Metastasis

Astrocytoma, GBM

Risk of white matter tract or cortical injury



## Challenge: to investigate the effect of different surgical resection concepts on survival



#### The current dogma of glioma surgery Maximum safe resection

- 1. Infiltrative gliomas: no cure by surgery
- 2. Extent of resection correlates with survival Lacroix et al. JNS 2001; Sanai and Berger Neurosurgery 2008; Sanai et al. JNS 2011; Stummer et al. Lancet Oncol 2006; Smith et al. J Clin Oncol 2008; Salvati et al. JNS 2012
- 3. New permanent deficits reduce quality of life and survival time McGirt et al. Neurosurgery 2009





#### Glioma surgery: the oncology vs. neurology problem

Maximum resection

The final 1-2% may matter most in terms of overall survival.

The final 1-2% may be the most dangerous part of resection.

No deficits







#### Real world results of glioblastoma surgery

20705 adult patients with glioblastoma

in the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) registry (1998–2009)





## Identify presumed motor eloquence

#### Cortical

## Subcortical







## Fibertracking (fMRI, TMS) and approach planning

## Diffusion tensor imaging and fiber tracking

- corticospinal tract
- optic tract
- arcuate fascicle

Navigation planning – anatomy synthesis

Planning of craniotomy, approach and electrophysiology





#### Navigated repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation



localizing motor cortex in 3D space can be navigated



additive value to mapping? clinical consequences?

#### Planning of craniotomy, approach and electrophysiology





#### Avoidance of vascular injury: going subpial

Identification of sulcal borders (deep sulcal extension of the tumor)  $\rightarrow$  Cortical parasulcal incision  $\rightarrow$  subpial tumor stripping with preservation of pial arteries





#### Imaging is unreliable to protect function Brain shift attributable to tissue elasticity: 0 – 19 mm



Sahar et al. Neurosurgery 2014



#### 5-ALA fluorescence guided resection of malignant glioma: a multicenter phase III RCT

*Stummer et al. Lancet Oncol* 7:392-401, 2006





#### Blue 400 fluorescence light (n=131)

GTR: 65%\*

\* p < 0.0001



#### Overall survival stratified by results of resection. CR: complete resection, IR: incomplete resection









### Fluorescence and tissue components of 5-ALA stained glioblastoma



no fluorescence "normal tissue" (NPV 40%, 0-25% infiltrating cells)

solid pink fluorescence tumor bulk, completely shown in Gd+ MRI (PPV 100%, 60-90% infiltrating tumor cells)

no fluorescence inside solid pink fl. necrosis in Gd+ MRI necrosis and tumor cells

faint or vague fluorescence infiltrative tumor only partially shown in Gd+ MRI (PPV 92%, 10-60% infiltrating tumor cells)

Stummer et al. Neurosurgery 2013



#### 5-ALA resections go beyond MRI tumor

#### Enhancing resection increases the risk of neurological deficits





postop



5-ALA guided resected tumor volume on average 200% of MRI-T1 Gado+ volume

Schucht et al. Acta Neurochir. 2014



## Challenge: to protect quality of life and neurological function



#### Tools to avoid deficits

#### Electrophysiology

#### Awake surgery 50 Hz Mapping



- Visual field deficits
- Higher function deficits

General anesthesia 250 Hz / short train MEP-monitoring Mapping Motor deficits



#### Bern approach: MEP monitoring & continuous dynamic mapping

Transcranial MEPs





Continuous dynamic mapping (train of five, acustic feedback)





## Continuous dynamic mapping Distance radar

#### Monopolar cortical or subcortical mapping: Stimulation intensity = Distance radar diameter



Raabe et al. J Neurosurg 120:1015–1024, 2014

#### Distance to CST = Stimulation intensity for MEP



Distance = 0.8 \* mA + 1.6 mm Electrical threshold of the CST: 1.6 mA *Nossek et al. JNS 2011* 



**1mA = 1mm (at >2 mA)** Bern "Surgeons rule of thumb" Electrical threasold of the CST <1mA Seidel et al. Neurosurgery 2012



y=0.0416 x<sup>2</sup> + 0.4649 x + 1.891 Electrical threshold of the CST: 1.9 mA *Kamana et al. JNS 2009* 



Distance = roughly 1 mm per 1 mA (cath.) Electrical threshold of the CST: 1 mA Shiban et al. JNS 2015



#### **ਭ** mA ≡ **ਭ** mm







### Bern concept for motor tumors





#### New motor deficits after surgery of motor eloquent brain tumors

246 patients: 9 patients (3.7%) permanent motor deficits 5 vascular, 4 mechanical injuries





#### Preservation of "higher" functions



Mapping

Bipolar, 50 Hz, patient awake, performs specific tasks
 Ice water irrigation, Keppra loading, ready for seizure control

Cortical and subcortical mapping, making errors is the test





#### Preservation of "higher" functions



Mapping

- Error = positive mapping = no resection (no distance rule!)
- ✓ Area of 1 cm is regarded a safe distance
- ✓ Areas are marked to be preserved





#### Meta-analyzing left hemisphere language areas: Phonology, semantics, and sentence processing

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#### Surgery for recurrent glioblastoma and survival: pro



Kaplan-Meier curves for patients who underwent 1, 2, or 3 resections from the time of initial glioblastoma diagnosis. Groups were matched for age, preoperative KPS score, periventricular tumor location, extent of resection, and temozolomide/radiation therapy. The median survival was 4.5, 16.2, and 24.4 months for patients who underwent 1, 2, or 3 resections, respectively. Patients who underwent 1 resection experienced significantly shorter survival than patients with 2 (p = 0.002) or 3 (p = 0.0001) resections. Patients who underwent 2 resections had significantly shorter survival times than patients with 3 resections (p = 0.05).

Chaichana et al. JNS 118:812-820, 2013


#### Surgery for recurrent glioblastoma and survival: con



Gorlia et al. Eur J Cancer 48(8):1176-84, 2012







To assess survival and functional outcome after surgery followed by adjuvant second-line therapy versus second-line therapy in recurrent glioblastoma in a randomized multicenter trial.

Study investigators: Schucht, Weller, Stupp, Beck, Ochsenbein, Regli, Raabe and the Swiss Glioma Network



#### Challenge: to develop new treatments for non-resectable gliomas

#### Glioma – a systemic brain disease



Sahm et al. Arch Neurol 2012:69(4):523-526



#### Diffuse LGG extend beyond MRI boundaries



Comparative histologic features of biopsy samples performed inside (InBSs; A) and outside (OutBSs; B) MRI-defined abnormalities. Conventional hemalunphloxin stainings showed that InBSs (A) are constituted, in the white matter, of infiltrative tumor cells associated by interstitial edema and gliosis ( $\times$ 400). In OutBSs (B), the white matter cell density appeared normal without any edema or gliosis ( $\times$ 400). Double immunostainings revealing that cycling cells do not shared astrocytic marker but correspond to Olig2-positive cells (C–F). Double chromogenic immunostaining revealed that Mib-1–positive cells (red) (i.e., cycling cells) do not share glial fibrillary acidic protein astrocytic marker (brown; C;  $\times$ 600). Double immunofluorescent labeling showed that all Mib-1– positive cells (green; E) coexpressed the oligodendrocyte cell marker Olig2 (red; D) as observed on the overlay (F). Scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m.

The number of cycling cells is expressed as MIB-1-positive cells per square centimeter, and the distance from MRI-defined abnormalities is expressed in millimeters. OutBS – biopsy sample taken outside MRI-defined abnormalities.

n=26

OutBSs 10-20mm OutBSs > 20mm Control group

n=11

n=5



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#### Treatment







### Glioblastma

#### MGMT - O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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#### MGMT Gene Silencing and Benefit from Temozolomide in Glioblastoma

Monika E. Hegi, Ph.D., Annie-Claire Diserens, M.Sc., Thierry Gorlia, M.Sc., Marie-France Hamou, Nicolas de Tribolet, M.D., Michael Weller, M.D., Johan M. Kros, M.D., Johannes A. Hainfellner, M.D., Warren Mason, M.D., Luigi Mariani, M.D., Jacoline E.C. Bromberg, M.D., Peter Hau, M.D., René O. Mirimanoff, M.D., J. Gregory Cairncross, M.D., Robert C. Janzer, M.D., and Roger Stupp, M.D.

N Engl J Med 2005; 352:997-1003 March 10, 2005 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa043331

#### O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase

MGMT, a DNA repair enzyme. Methylation is described to impair DNA transcription and therefore, expression of the MGMT enzyme







### **Tumor Treating Fields**



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Tumor Treating Fields, or TTFields, are low intensity, alternating electric fields (200kHz) that disrupt cell division through physical interactions with key molecules during mitosis in solid tumor cancers.



### **Tumor Treating Fields**



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Trial	Treatment arm	Number of patients	Progression-free survival		Overall survival	
			Median	at 6 months	Median	at 1 year
EF-14: newly diagnosed [Interim data set]	TTFields & TMZ	210 (466 total)	7.1 mo*	57%	19.6 mo	75%
	Maintenance TMZ	105 (229 total)	4.0 mo*	34%	16.6 mo	69%
	Hazard ratio		0.63 (CI, 0.43-0.89)		0.74 (Cl, 0.56-0.98)	
	Pvalue		< 0.01 (stat. significant)		0.0004 (stat significa	



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### **Tumor Treating Fields**

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Skin toxicities observed under tumor treating fields (TTFields). Some mild-moderate (grade 1-2) skin reaction is observed in up to half of patients (in EF-14 trial reported in 43%, grade 3 in 2%); however, it is usually self-limiting and resolves by removing the electrodes for a few days and applying local steroid-containing ointments. The images represent a few examples of skin reactions. (A) allergic contact dermatitis (B) irritant contact dermatitis (C) folliculitis (D), erosions [Reproduced from ref. 21].



# Photodynamic Therapy



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# Photodynamic Therapy

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Singlet oxygen is a high-energy form of oxygen.





### Photodynamic Therapy





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#### Approved for GBM since 2014 in Japan.

J Neurosurg 119:845-852, 2013 ©AANS, 2013

Phase II clinical study on intraoperative photodynamic therapy with talaporfin sodium and semiconductor laser in patients with malignant brain tumors

# Immunotherapy

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In the body, the engineered immune cells bind to mutated EGFRVIII that sits on the outsides of cancer cells. This either prevents EGFRVIII from signaling surrounding cancer cells to grow, or stimulates immune cells to secrete cytokines that kill the cancer cells.

> (present on glisblastoma cells) sends out continous growth signals to other glioblastoma cells

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CAR T-cell

CAR T-cells have engineered

receptors which recognize EGFRvIII.

EGFR

https://www.curetoday.com/publications/cure/2016/winter-2016/comments-from-readers-winter-2016

### Immunotherapy



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Survival rates in patients receiving pp65-DCs and DI-TMZ compared with historical controls. PFS (A) and OS (B) of study patients (n = 11) with newly diagnosed glioblastoma receiving DI-TMZ conditioning and GM-CSF-containing pp65-DC vaccines compared with matched historical controls (n = 23) with newly diagnosed glioblastoma treated with standard-of-care and additional therapies after disease progression. Kaplan-Melier survival curves represent observed rates for DI-TMZ + pp65-DC patients who completed the predefined study therapy. Of all 11 patients, 4 had not progressed and were alive at the time of survival analysis (DI-TMZ + pp65-DC smedian PFS = 25.3 months (95% CI, 11.0~m) vs. historical controls median PFS = 8.0 months (95% CI, 6.2~10.8), P = 0.0001; DI-TMZ + pp65-DCs median OS = 41.1 months (95% CI, 21.6~m) vs. historical controls median OS = 19.2 months (95% CI, 14.3~21.3); P = 0.0001; log-rank test].



# Targeted Radiolabeled Compounds



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#### **Ionizing Radiation**







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<sup>223</sup>Ra was the first α-emitter approved by the FDA in the United States for treatment of bone metastases from prostate cancer, and is a recommended treatment in the UK by NICE.<sup>[3][13]</sup> In a phase III trial comparing <sup>223</sup>Ra to a placebo, survival was significantly improved. <sup>[14]</sup>



Figure 3 Ga-68 DOTA substance P imaging in the 37-perior-old patient with GBM shown in Figures 1 and 2 who has andergone 4 cycles of Biomuth-213 DOTA substance P over a time period of 32 weeks, having received a total activity of 75 GBs of Biomuth-213. (A) Th weighted Gadelinians-enhanced and MBI images and GD axia P<sup>-1</sup>-Tyrosin PEDCT basien mages prior initiation and 2 months after the bursh cycle of local alpha theory partial response of contrastmancing three mass (B) and markedly mithaud matching accoviry (D). In this case, survival following diagnosis of

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# **Orthotopic GBM**



Figure 2: in vivo specificity of cy5.5-IA-TLs towards  $\alpha_v\beta_3$ . in vivo fluorescence imaging showing tumor accumulation of intracranially infused cy5.5 labeled  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  targeted nanoparticles (cy5.5-IA-TL) (n=3) and cy5.5 labeled untargeted nanoparticles (n=3) (cy5.5-UnTLs) 2 days (n=3) (A) and 5 days (n=3) (B) post intracranial infusion. (C) Cy5.5-IA-TLs accumulated within GBM tissue significantly greater than cy5.5- UnTLs 2 days and 5 days post intracranial infusion. (D) Brain sections from mice revealed Cy5.5-IA-TLs to be abundant within GBM tissue. Negligible presence of cy5.5-IA-TLs was found within normal regions of the brain surrounding GBM tissue. Data represented as mean +/- SEM. Student's t-test was performed to assess difference between experimental groups (\*p< 0.05(significant); ns= not significant).





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Survival



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Challenge: to visualize the true tumor extension





#### Timing of surgery vs. scan and wait



Jakola et al. Comparison of a strategy favoring early surgical resection vs a strategy favoring watchful waiting in low grade gliomas. JAMA 308:1-8, 2012











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"The verb horao is common from Homer onwards and in the active means, "to see with your mind" (Homer, Odyssey, 4, 540). "



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#### What we do

The HORAO project asks the most brilliant minds to develop new technologies, that will help visualize the exact border between the tumor and the healthy brain tissue during brain tumor surgery.

Surgery is the crucial treatment step for most patients with brain tumors. A clear identification of the fine border between the tumor and the surrounding brain is essential in order to radically resect the tumor and to preserve neurological function. However, while easy to identify in preoperative MRI, solid tumor tissue is often difficult to differentiate from infiltrated white matter during surgery.



#### What we need

Our goal is to improve delineation of brain tumors during surgery. Instead of focusing on the difficult to detect tumor itself, we focus on identifying healthy white matter by means of its tracts.

The brains entire white matter is made up of fiber tracts that comprise bundles of axons. This high degree of structure in

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