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Single Institution experience with hypofractionated
simultaneous integrated boost
using volumetric modulated arc therapy
and extending its indications for DCIS

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BACKGROUND

- Breast-conserving surgery and radiation is a standard alternative to mastectomy for most patients with early stage breast cancer (stage I-II)
- Conventional radiation fractionation of 1,8-2 Gy per day is delivered in 6-7 weeks of treatment

Hypofractionated WBI: Why?

THE RADIOBIOLOGIC ISSUE

- Breast cancer has an alpha/beta ratio for tumor control of 4,6 (larger fraction sizes maximize local control in tumor tissue)
- Radiobiologic models show that increasing fraction size with a large reduction of the total radiation dose can keep late toxicity comparable to that seen with conventional fractionation
- Moreover, the reduction of treatment time (3/4 weeks) reduces the possibility of tumor cells to repair the radiation injury



Hypofractionated WBI: When?

LITERATURE DATA



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Fractionation for Whole Breast Irradiation: An American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Evidence-Based Guideline

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Hypofractionated WBI: Which?

Table 1 Four prospective phase 3 randomized trials of hypofractionated WBI versus conventional fractionation in early-stage breast cancer

Trial	Years conducted	n	Fractionation Gy/n of fractions	Local recurrence,%	Good/excellent cosmesis,%	Time point
RMH/GOC [7, 8]	1986–1998	470	50/25	12.1	71	10 years
		466	42.9/13	9.6	74	
		474	39/13	14.8	58	
START A [9]	1998–2002	749	50/25	3.6	60 ^a	5 Years
		750	41.6/13	3.5	58 ^a	
		737	39/13	5.2	66 ^a	
START B [10•]	1999–2001	1105	50/25	3.3	61 ^a	5 Years
		1110	40/15	2.2	66 ^a	
OCOG [11•]	1993–1996	612	50/25	6.7	71	10 Years
		622	42.5/16	6.2	70	

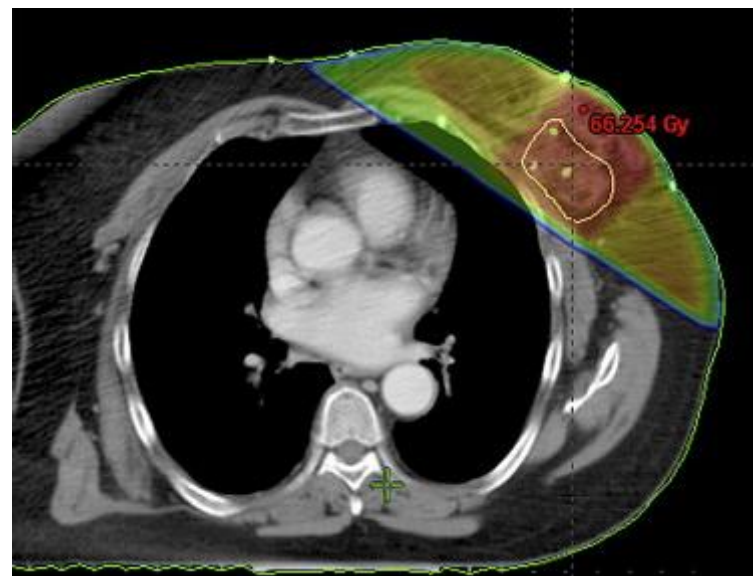
... Whole-breast dose of 40 Gy delivered in 15 fractions is gentler on normal tissues than conventional regimen without evidence of inferior local tumor control ...

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Hypofractionated WBI: OPEN ISSUES

Tumor bed boost

- The use of tumor bed boost reduced the risk of local recurrence even in patients with negative resection margins
- Few data to define the indications for and toxicity of tumor bed boost in patients treated with hypofractionated WBI



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Hypofractionated WBI: OPEN ISSUES

Tumor bed boost

Phase I/II trials of whole-breast hypofractionation and concurrent boost reporting in-breast recurrence rates in early stage breast cancer.

Trial	Accrued	Median F/U (yr.)	Fractionation		In-breast recurrence
			Whole breast fractionation	Lumpectomy volume Fractionation	
Formenti [40]	91	1	2.7 Gy × 15 = 40.5 Gy	3.2 Gy × 15 = 48 Gy	0
Teh [47]	15	1	2.65 Gy × 16 = 42.2 Gy	3.28 Gy × 16 = 52.48 Gy	0
Cante [44]	463	2.3	2.25 Gy × 20 = 45 Gy	2.75 Gy × 20 = 55 Gy	0
Morganti [48]	201	2.6	2.5 Gy × 16 = 40 Gy 2 Gy × 25 = 50 Gy	2.75 Gy × 16 = 44 Gy 2.4 Gy × 25 = 60 Gy	0
Corvo [45]	377	3	2.3 Gy × 20 = 46 Gy	3.5 Gy × 5 = 52 Gy	0
Ciervide [41]	145	5	2.8 Gy × 15 = 42 Gy 2.7 Gy × 15 = 40.5 Gy	3.3 Gy × 15 = 49.5 Gy 3.2 Gy × 15 = 48 Gy	4.1%
Freedman [43]	75	5.8	2.25 Gy × 20 = 45 Gy	2.8 Gy × 20 = 56 Gy	2.7%

Hypofractionated WBI: OPEN ISSUES

Ductal Carcinoma in situ

- There are few published data evaluating the effectiveness of hypofractionated RT in DCIS
- The role of additional RT to the surgical bed in patients with DCIS has not been studied in phase III trials

Clinical Investigation

Hypofractionated Radiation Therapy for Breast Ductal Carcinoma In Situ

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STUDY PROTOCOL

Open Access

Phase I-II study of hypofractionated simultaneous integrated boost using volumetric modulated arc therapy for adjuvant radiation therapy in breast cancer patients: a report of feasibility and early toxicity results in the first 50 treatments

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Characteristics of the STUDY

- This is a **phase I-II prospective non-randomized trial** of adjuvant radiotherapy with simultaneous integrated boost (SIB) delivered with RapidArc technology.
- The study was approved by the **internal ethical committee** and patient consent was obtained.
- The study will include **450** patients with a total period of 10 years of follow-up.

Characteristics of the study: OBJECTIVES

- **Primary endpoint** of the study is to evaluate the **feasibility** of VMAT and hypofractionation with simultaneous integrated boost in breast cancer patients at early stage and undergoing conservative surgery.
- **Secondary endpoint** of the study is the evaluation of **toxicity** in terms of acute and late side effects.
- It will also be assessed the local control, even if it is not an explicit objective of the study.

Characteristics of the study: PATIENTS SELECTION

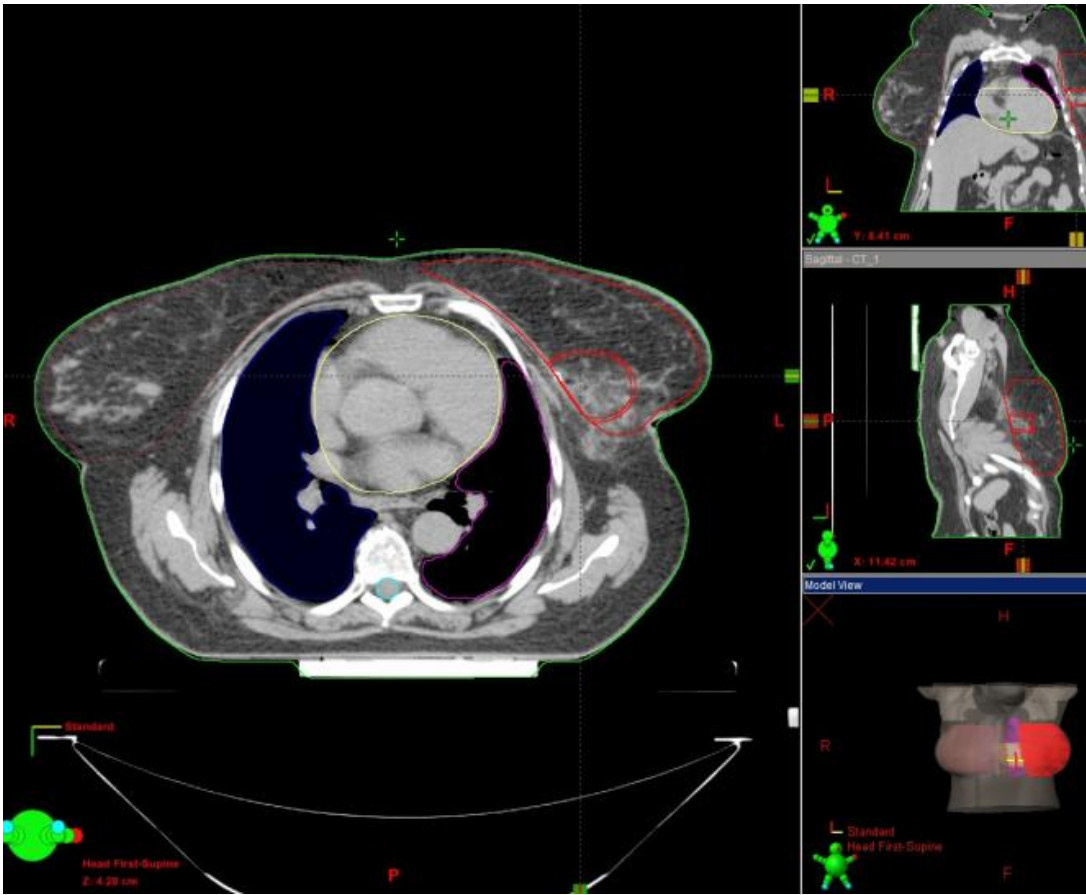
- The study is still recruiting patients: here we present the preliminary data of toxicity and clinical assessment of the first 252 patients
- Eligibility criteria were:
 - age >18 years
 - invasive cancer or DCIS
 - American Joint Committee on Cancer AJCC Stage I to II
 - breast-conserving surgery
 - any systemic therapy

Characteristics of the study: PLANNING DETAILS

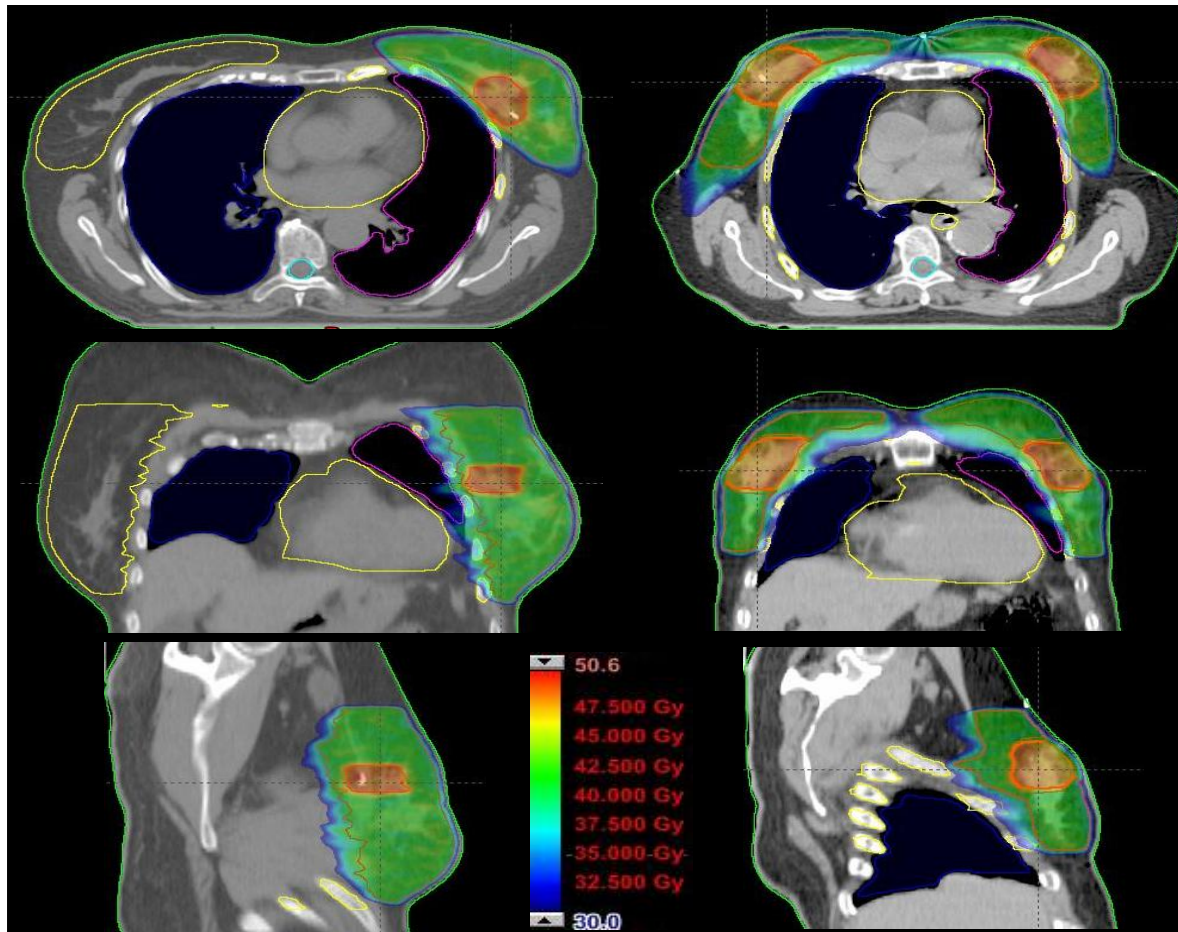
- Patients were in supine position, with both arms above the head
- CT dataset was acquired with 3 mm thick adjacent slices
- No respiratory gating was adopted



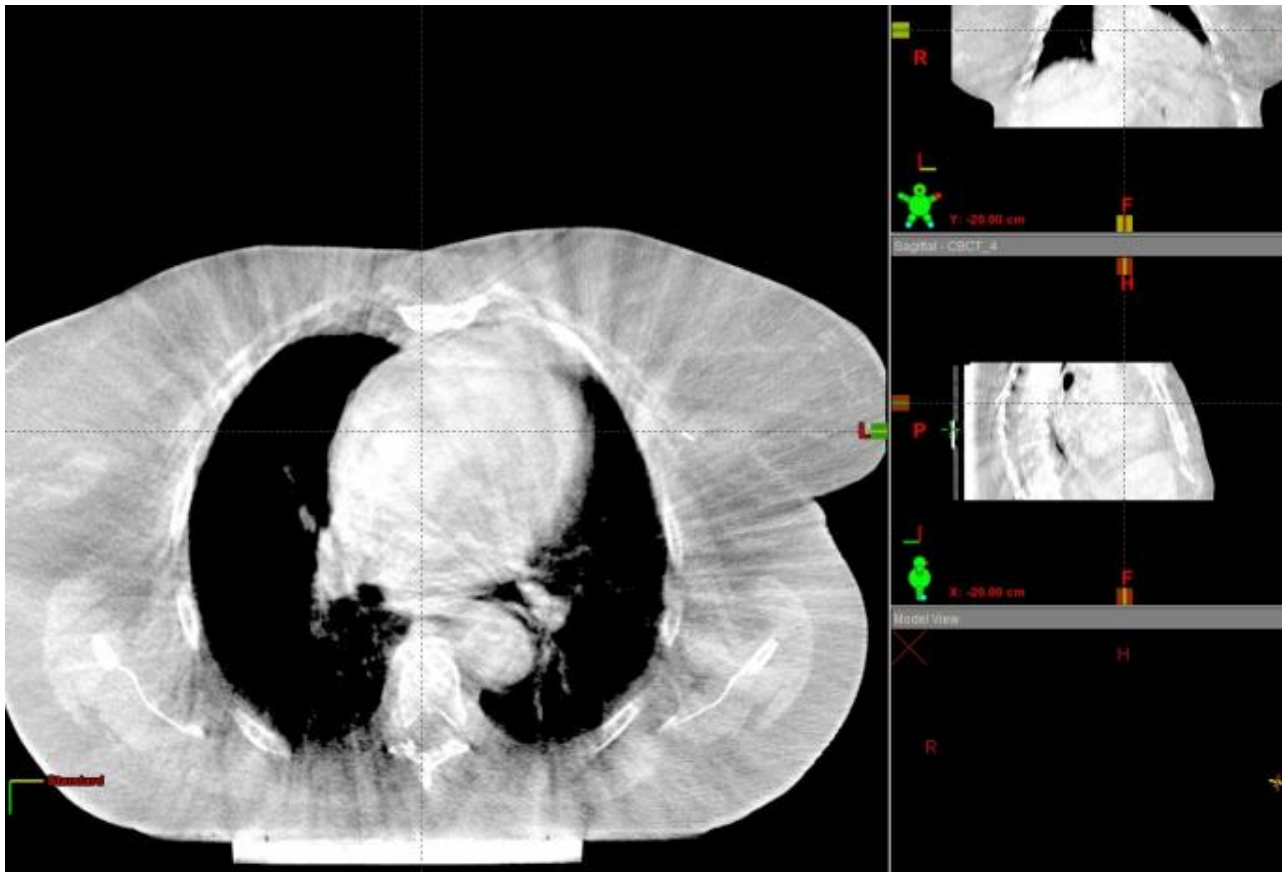
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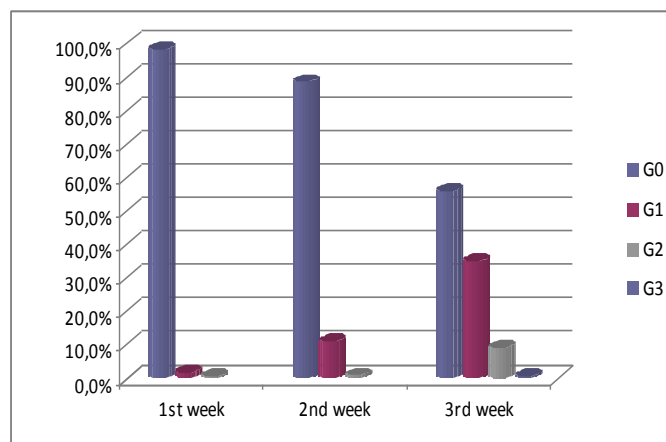


Characteristics of the study: CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

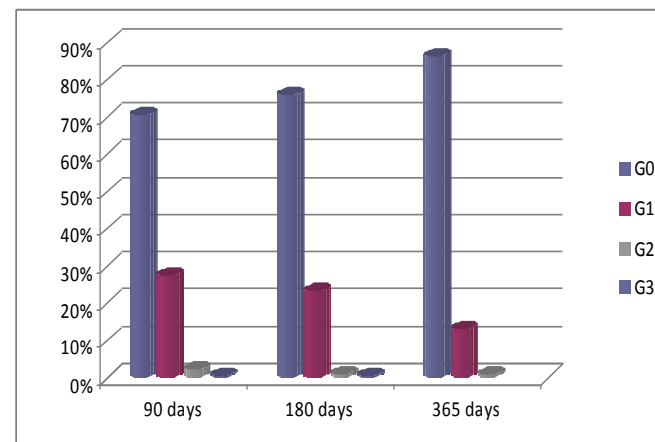
- Skin toxicity was visually assessed by objective clinical exam and pictures of irradiated breast during each visit (during treatment and during follow-up)
- Acute skin toxicities were recorded according to RTOG scoring criteria
- Late skin toxicities were recorded according to CTCAE v4.0
- Cosmetic outcomes were assessed as excellent/good or fair/poor

Characteristics of the study: CLINICAL RESULTS

- Median follow up of 22 months
- All patients were scored as excellent/good (252/252) compared with baseline
- 3 cases of recurrences, all of them out of RT fields



Skin Toxicity during treatment



Skin Toxicity after treatment



Pre RT



End of RT



Follow up @ 90 days

Skin clinical results: comparison with literature

	Dose Gy	n. fr	G1	G2	G3	G4
<i>Scorsetti et al. 2012</i>	40.5/48	15	64%	0	2%*	0%
Formenti et al. 2006	40.5/48	15	58%	8%	1%	0%
Freedman et al. 2007	45/56	20	65%	23%	0%	0%
Chada et al. 2012	40.5/45	15	96% (G0+G1)	4%	0%	0%

*₁ case of G₃= bilateral irradiation

CONCLUSIONS

- The 3-week course of postoperative radiation using VMAT with SIB showed to be well tolerated in acute and early late setting and was associated with optimal local control.
- Long-term follow-up data are needed to assess late toxicity and clinical outcomes.

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