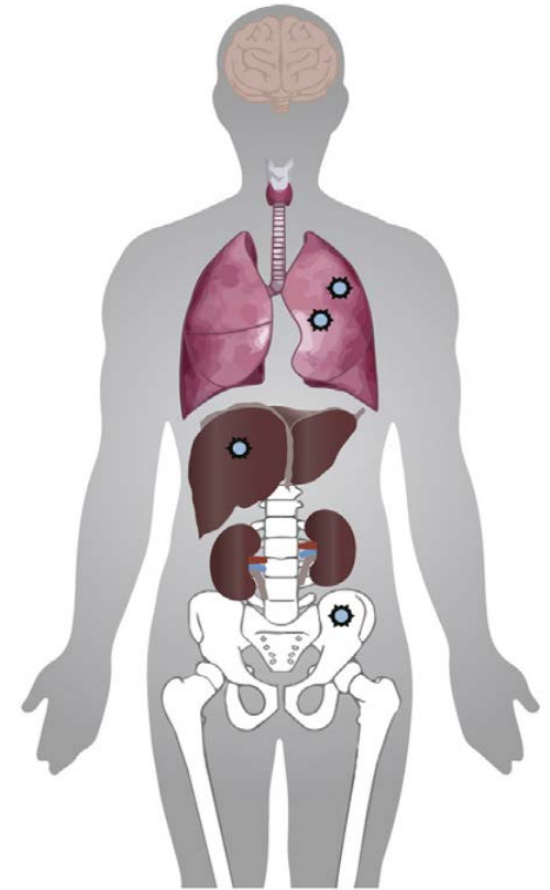


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SABR-COMET: Stereotactic Ablative Radiation (SABR) for the Comprehensive Treatment of Oligo-metastatic Cancers – Results of a Randomized Study



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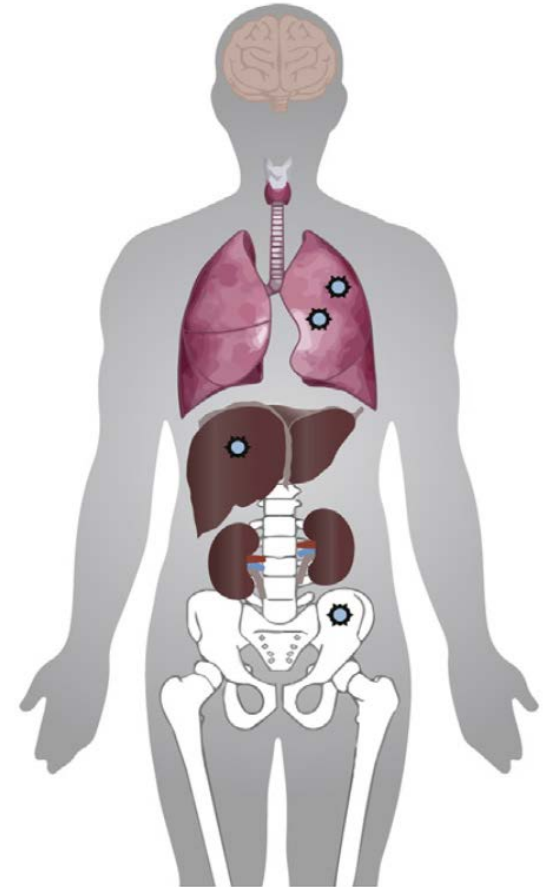


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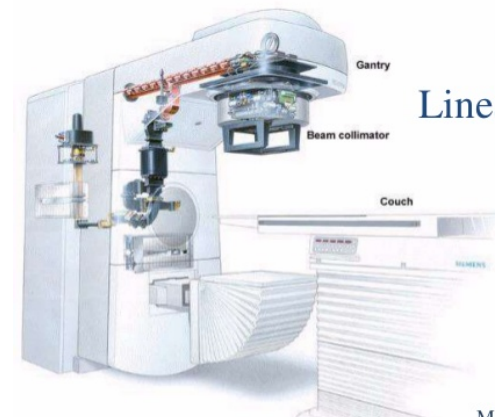
Background: metastases

- Metastatic disease: when cancer has spread from the primary site (e.g. breast) to other distant sites in the body through the blood stream
- Historically treated with systemic therapies to delay progression and extend life, but not “cure”
- radiotherapy reserved for palliation at low doses



Background: radiotherapy

- Common form of cancer treatment used in 30-50% of all cancers
- Commonly used for:
 - cure (e.g. tonsil cancer, cervix cancer)
 - Adjuvant to decrease recurrence (e.g. breast)
 - Palliative (e.g. bone mets, brain mets)
- Most commonly delivered with a linear accelerator



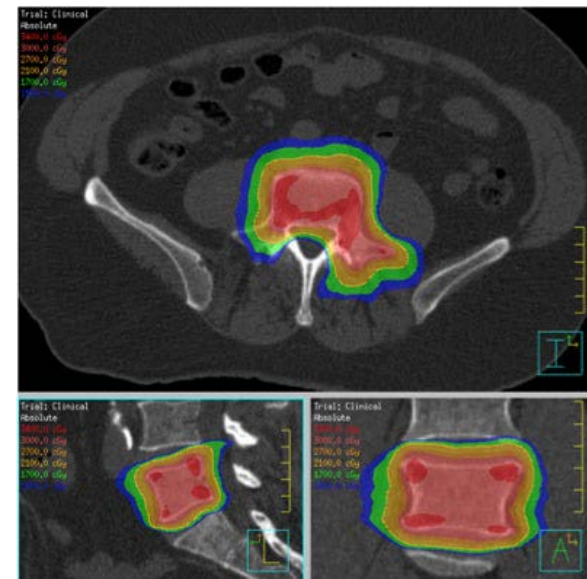
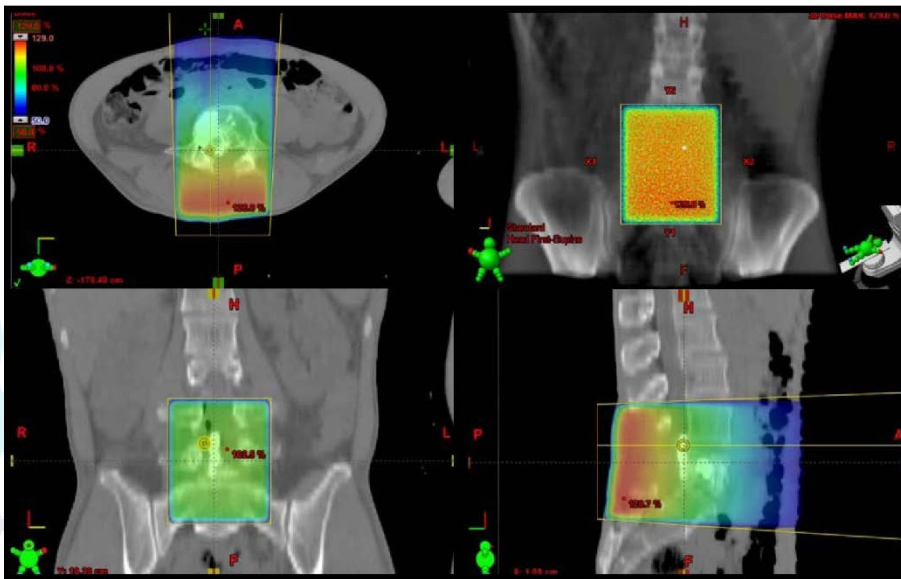
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The Oligometastatic Paradigm

- Variably defined as patients with
 - Limited (1-3 or 1-5) sites of metastatic disease
 - From solid tumours (e.g. breast, colon, prostate, lung)
- Term formally named in the 1990s (Hellman) but anecdotally reported as early as the 1930s (Barney), suggests well selected patients with few metastases should be amenable to a curative approach, such as:
 - Surgery
 - Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy

Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR)

- High doses of radiotherapy achieved by:
 - Limiting the volumes to conformal areas in and around tumours while avoiding normal tissues / organs at risk
 - Using imaging devices attached to linear accelerators to position accurately every day



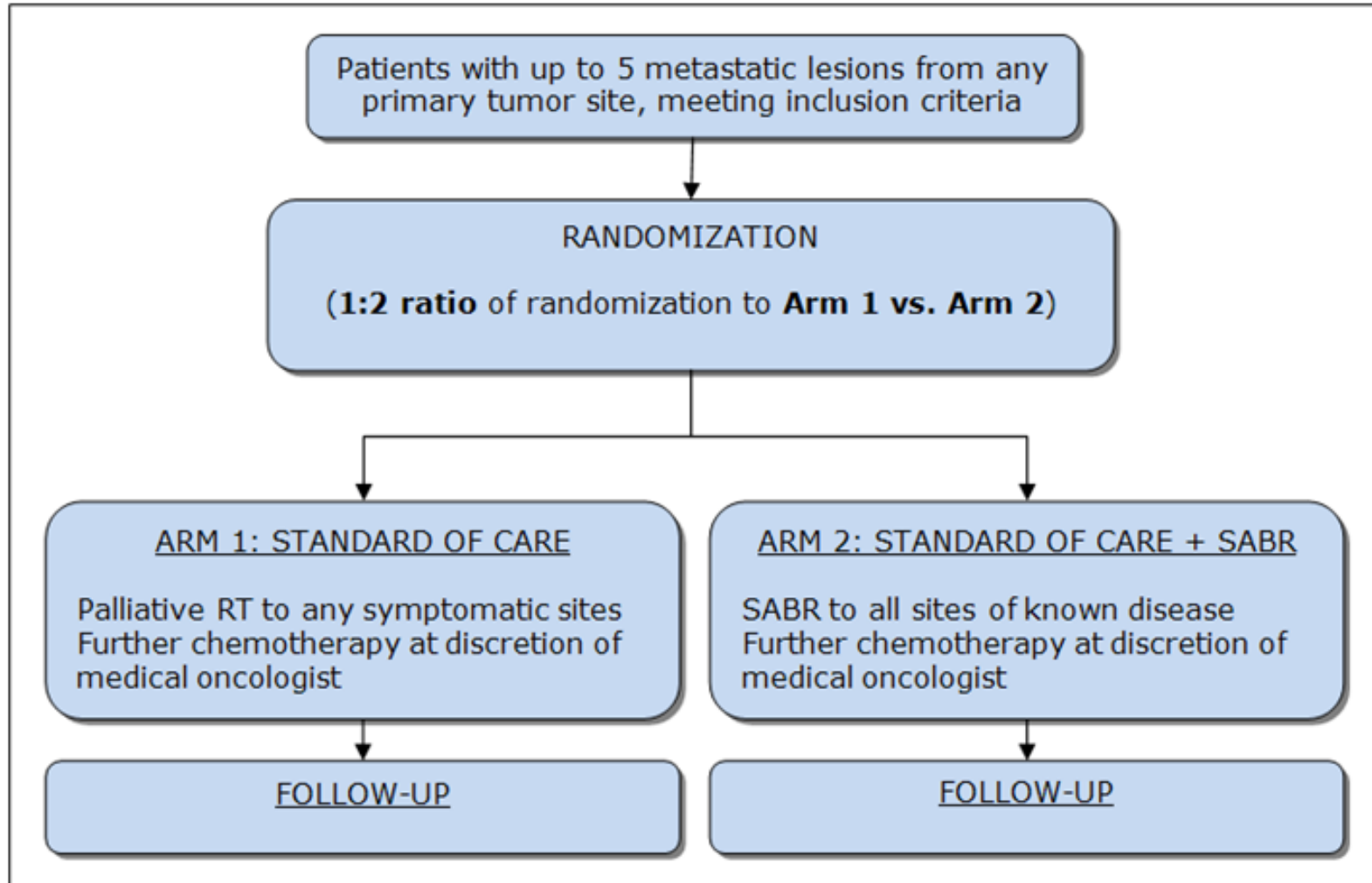
Randomized Data is Lacking

- To our knowledge, the oligometastatic paradigm has not been directly tested before in a randomized trial
- Specifically, there are no completed RCTs with a primary endpoint comparing OS between any ablative approach vs. a palliative approach in patients with oligometastases
- Some clinical scenarios without randomized data include:
 - Surgical resection of lung, liver metastases from colorectal cancer
 - SABR for oligometastases at any body site

Purpose

- To assess the impact of a SABR on:
 - overall survival
 - oncologic outcomes
 - Toxicity
 - quality of life
- in patients with up to 5 metastatic cancer lesions and a controlled primary tumor, compared to standard of care treatment alone

Methods: SABR-COMET Schema



Endpoints

Primary Endpoint

- Overall Survival

Secondary endpoints:

- Progression-free survival
- Toxicity (CTC-AE 4.0)
- Quality of life (FACT-G)
- Lesional control rate
- Number of cycles of further systemic therapy

Main Inclusion Criteria

- Controlled primary tumor
 - defined as: at least 3 months since original tumor treated definitively, with no progression at primary site
- Up to 5 hematogenous metastases
- Maximum 3 metastases in any single organ system
- All sites of disease safely treatable

Main Exclusion Criteria

- Serious medical comorbidities precluding radiotherapy
- Prior radiotherapy to a site requiring treatment
- Malignant pleural effusion
- Tumor within 3 mm of spinal cord on MRI or cord compression

Phase II Randomized Screening Design

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Design Issues of Randomized Phase II Trials and a Proposal for Phase II Screening Trials

Lawrence V. Rubinstein, Edward L. Korn, Boris Freidlin, Sally Hunsberger, S. Percy Ivy, and Malcolm A. Smith

- Moderate sample size to provide an initial, non-definitive comparison between two arms
- Once trial is complete, a finding can be considered definitive if $p < 0.005$

Phase III RCT $\alpha = 0.05$



Phase II Screening RCT $\alpha = 0.20$



SABR Details

- Number of fractions dependent on tumor size and location
 - Lung: 54/3, 55/5, 60/8
 - Bone: 35/5, 30/3, 16-20/1
 - Brain: SRS (18-24/1) or SABR (40/5), WBRT optional
 - Liver: 45-60 Gy in 3-8
 - Adrenal: 60/8
- Normal tissue tolerances not to be exceeded
 - PTV coverage compromised wherever needed

Sample Size and Analyses

- Estimated median survival of 9 months in control arm. To detect a 6-month improvement in OS, with 80% power, a two-sided alpha of 0.2, and 5% rate of dropout, 99 patients needed.
- All analyses **intention-to-treat** and **pre-specified**
- Protocol assumed 4 years of accrual and 1 year of additional follow-up. Data locked as of Jan 2018 for this analysis.

Results: Baseline Characteristics

Between February 2012 and August 2016, 99 patients were randomized at centres in Canada, Scotland, Netherlands and Australia

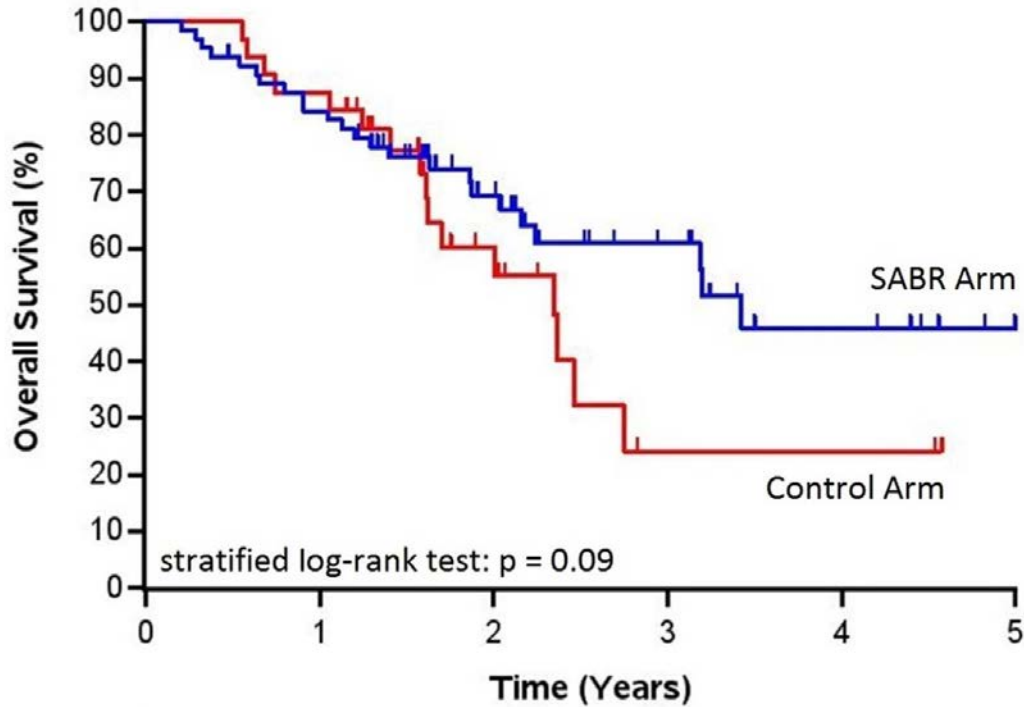
<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>All Patients</u> (n=99)	<u>Control Arm</u> (n=33)	<u>SABR Arm</u> (n=66)	<u>p-value</u>
Age – median, (min, max)	68 (43, 89)	69 (44, 87)	67 (43, 89)	0.494
Sex – n(%)				0.772
Male	59 (59.6)	19 (57.6)	40 (60.6)	
Female	40 (40.4)	14 (42.4)	26 (39.4)	
Site of Original Primary				0.204
Tumor – n(%)	18 (18.2)	5 (15.2)	13 (19.7)	
Breast	18 (18.2)	9 (27.3)	9 (13.6)	
Colorectal	18 (18.2)	6 (18.2)	12 (18.2)	
Lung	16 (16.2)	2 (6.1)	14 (21.2)	
Prostate	29 (29.3)	11 (33.3)	18 (27.3)	
Other				

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Number of Metastases – n(%)				0.591
1	42 (42.4)	12 (36.4)	30 (45.5)	
2	32 (32.3)	13 (39.4)	19 (28.8)	
3	18 (18.2)	6 (18.2)	12 (18.2)	
4	4 (4.0)	2 (6.1)	2 (3.0)	
5	3 (3.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (4.6)	
Location of Metastases – n(%)				0.181
Adrenal	9 (4.7)	2 (3.1)	7 (5.5)	
Bone	65 (34.0)	20 (31.3)	45 (35.4)	
Liver	19 (10.0)	3 (4.7)	16 (12.6)	
Lung	89 (46.6)	34 (53.1)	55 (43.3)	
Other	9 (4.7)	5 (7.8)	4 (3.2)	

Overall Survival

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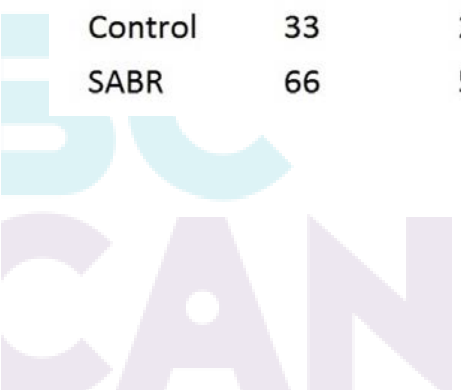
Median OS

Control Arm: 28 months
(95% CI: 19-33 months)

SABR Arm: 41 months
(95% CI: 26 months to 'not reached')

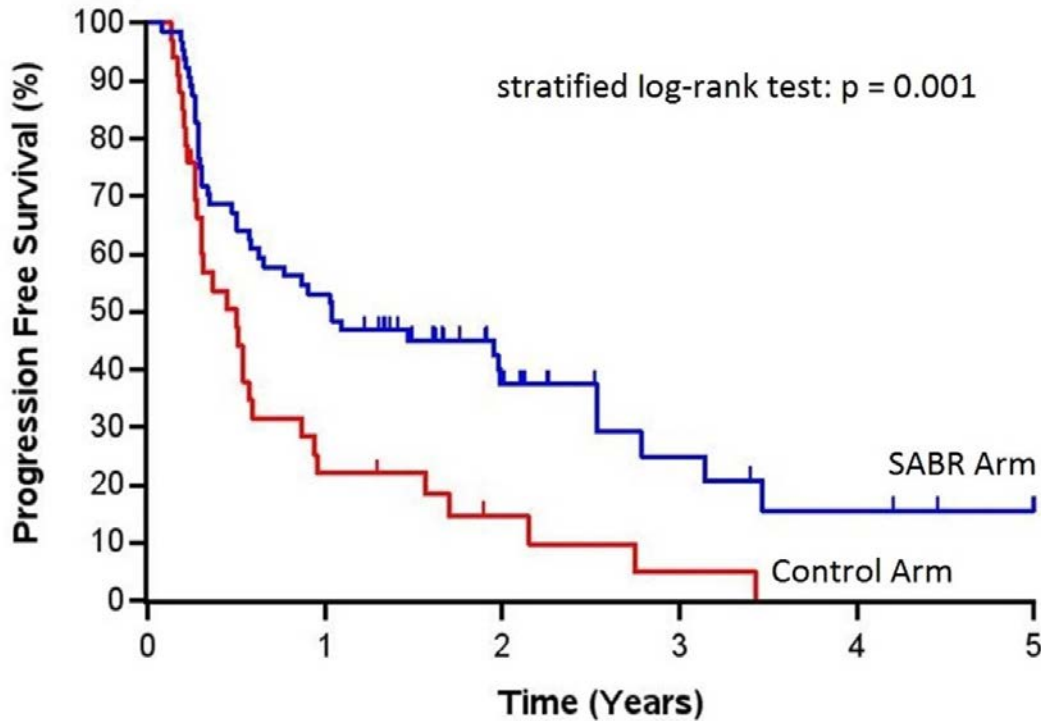
Number at risk:

Control	33	28	12	2	2	
SABR	66	53	29	15	7	1



Progression-Free Survival

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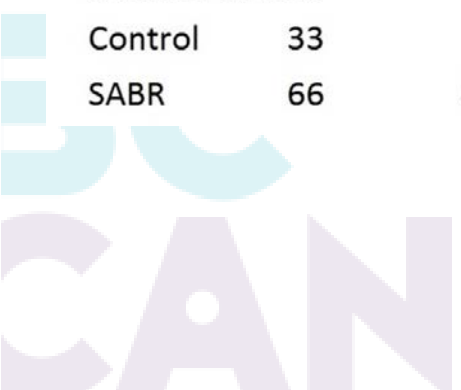
Median PFS

Control Arm: 6 months
(95% CI: 3.4-7.1 months)

SABR Arm: 12 months
(95% CI: 6.9-30 months)

Number at risk:

Control	33	7	3	1		
SABR	66	34	15	6	3	1



Adverse Events

Characteristic	All Patients (n=99)	Control Arm (n=33)	SABR Arm (n=66)	p-value
Related AE Grade \geq 2 – n(%)	22 (22.2)	3 (9.1)	19 (28.8)	0.03
AE Associated with Death (Grade 5) – n(%)	3 (3.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (4.5)	0.55
Fatigue – n(%)				
Grade 2	6 (6.1)	2 (6.1)	4 (6.1)	0.45
Grade 3	1 (1.0)	1 (3.0)	0 (0.0)	
Dyspnea – n(%)				
Grade 2	1 (1.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.5)	1.00
Grade 3	1 (1.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.5)	
Pain (any type) – n(%)				
Grade 2	5 (5.1)	0 (0.0)	5 (7.6)	0.14
Grade 3	3 (3.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (4.6)	

Sensitivity Analyses (not pre-specified)

Excluded all prostate patients to see if HR for OS and PFS remain <1

- OS HR = 0.83
- PFS HR = 0.61

2) Multivariable analyses for OS and PFS (to control for histology):

OS		
<u>Factor</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>P-value</u>
Lung Primary (vs. other)	4.05	<0.001
SABR Arm (vs control)	0.60	0.12

PFS		
<u>Factor</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>P-value</u>
Prostate Primary (vs. other)	0.14	<0.001
SABR Arm (vs control)	0.58	0.02

Discussion

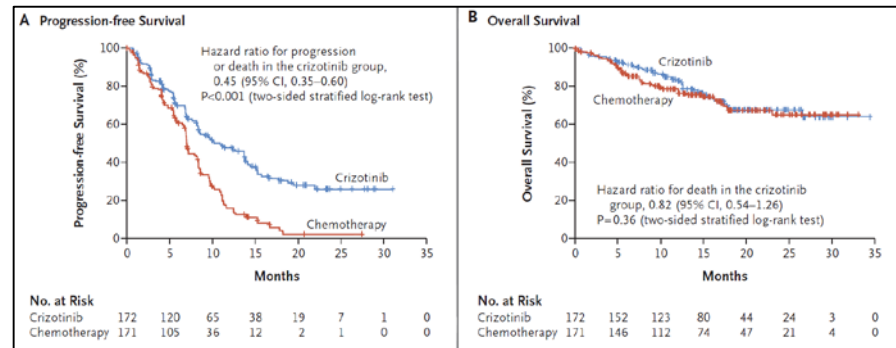
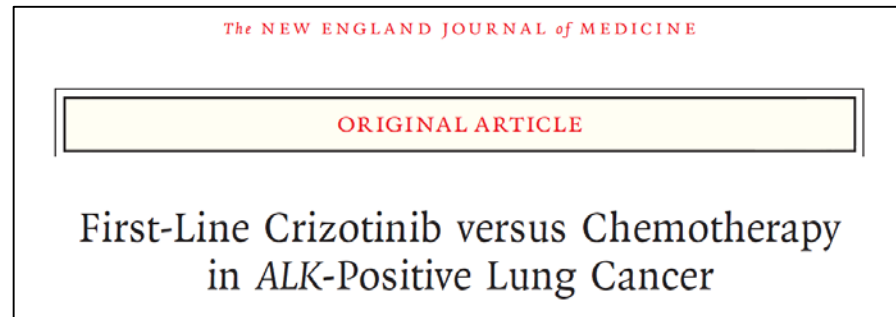
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Limitations

- **Not Histology Specific**
 - Most SRS/SABR trials for metastases are not (brain, spine)
 - Histology specific trials have not accrued well, as numbers are lower
- **Pragmatic Selection of Systemic Agents**
 - It was impossible to mandate specific systemic therapy, given the multiple disease sites and expected changes in SOC over time
- **Phase II Design**
 - OS results not definitive

Is a Clear PFS Benefit Enough to Treat?

- There is ample precedent in oncology
 - Aromatase Inhibitors for Breast Cancer
 - Crizotinib in ALK-rearranged NSCLC
- Majority of FDA approvals for cancer drugs are not based on OS.^{1,2}



Next Steps

SABR-COMET 3

Phase III RCT for patients with a controlled primary tumor & 1-3 metastatic lesions

PI: Robert Olson

Being evaluated for funding

SABR-COMET 10

Phase III RCT for patients with a controlled primary tumor & 4-10 metastatic lesions

PI: David Palma

Opening in a few months

Conclusions

- SABR was associated with an improvement in OS, meeting the primary endpoint of this trial, and PFS was doubled.
- Toxicities were more common with SABR, with a 4.5% risk of treatment-related death
- To our knowledge, these findings represent the strongest clinical evidence available in support of the oligometastatic state across multiple tumor types
 - This is a higher level of evidence than exists for any surgical intervention for oligometastatic disease

Further Information

Protocol

Palma et al. *BMC Cancer* 2012, 12:305
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/12/305>



STUDY PROTOCOL

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