



## Catalan Institute of Oncology experience in IORT breast cancer



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# INTRODUCTION



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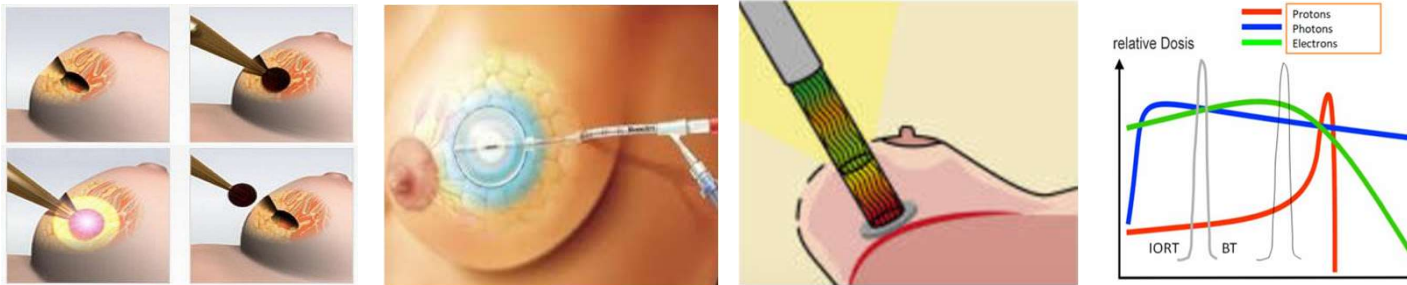
## INTRODUCTION

## ADVANTAGES OF IORT



Radiation administration can be delivered during the same surgical procedure in a way.

- High dose in a single shot is integrated into the surgical procedure
- Precise targeting to the tumour bed (visual, tactile and ultrasound control)
- Lower doses to healthy tissues
- Less number of travels required for patients
- Quicker return to active life and Impact on quality of life
- High radiobiological effectiveness and the potential for a possible abscopal effect



**Risk-adapted targeted intraoperative radiotherapy versus whole-breast radiotherapy for breast cancer: 5-year results for local control and overall survival from the TARGIT-A randomised trial**

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## RESULTS 5 years

Randomly assigned in a 1:1 ratio to receive TARGIT (IORT) or whole-breast EBRT

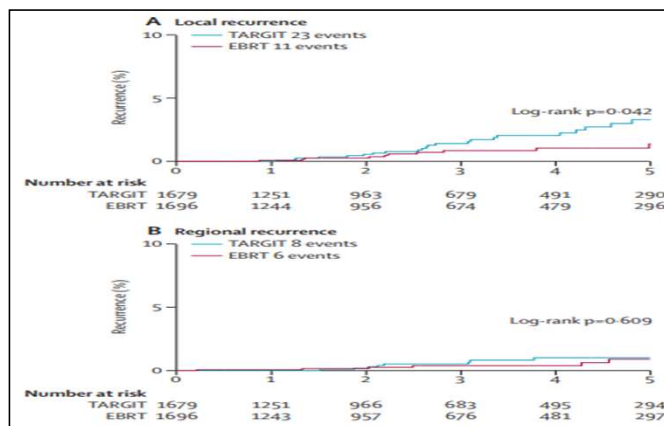
**Treatment was given using a risk adapted approach**

1730 patients assigned to EBRT	1721 patients assigned to TARGIT
Standard fractionated EBRT in 15-25 fractions +/- Boost	TARGIT single dose (20 Gy) with INTRABEAM® (in ~85% of the patients) +/- Post-operative EBRT if unexpected risk factors appeared following the operation

2000-2012  
n=3,451 patients  
median F/U: 2,5 years  
Median age was 63 years  
33 centers, 11 countries  
X-ray low energy: 50 kV  
Spherical applicator: 1.5-5 cm

- **PRIMARY END POINT:** Local recurrence (LR)
- **SECONDARY END POINT:** Complications and mortality

Having a grade 3 cancer, involved nodes or higher risk receptor status, did not exclude the patient from participati).



**The 5-year risk for local recurrence (LR)**  
**3.3% for TARGIT** versus **1.3% for EBRT (p=0.042)**

- **LR in TARGIT concurrently** (prepathology n=2298)
  - 2.1% TARGIT vs 1.1% EBRT (p=0.31)
- **LR in Delayed TARGIT** (postpathology n=1153)
  - 5,4 TARGIT vs EBRT 1.7% (p=0.069)

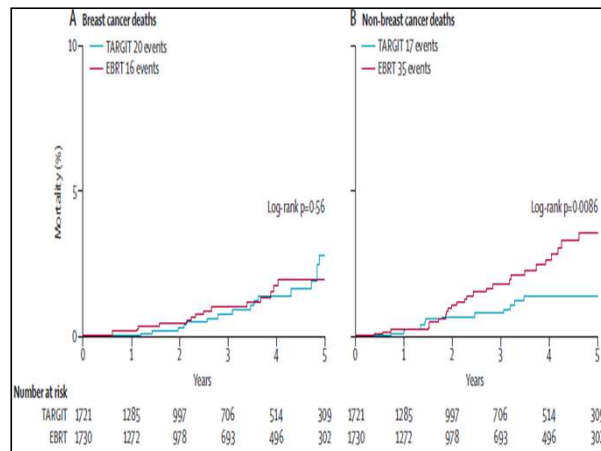
*The between-group difference was larger than 2.5%*

Vaidya JS. et al. Lancet 2014

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## RESULTS 5 years



	TARGIT	EBRT
Other cancers	8	16
Cardiovascular causes		
Cardiac*	2	8
Stroke	0	2
Ischaemic bowel	0	1
Other†	7	8
Total	17	35

5-year risk 1.4% for TARGIT versus 3.5% for EBRT; log-rank p=0.0086.  
 TARGIT=targeted intraoperative radiotherapy. EBRT=external beam radiotherapy.  
 \*Included one "sudden death at home" in EBRT group. †TARGIT: two diabetes, one renal failure, one liver failure, one sepsis, one Alzheimer's disease, one unknown; EBRT: one myelopathy, one perforated bowel, one pneumonia, one old age, four unknown.

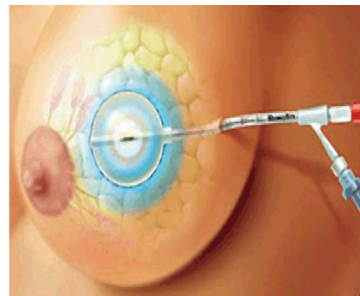
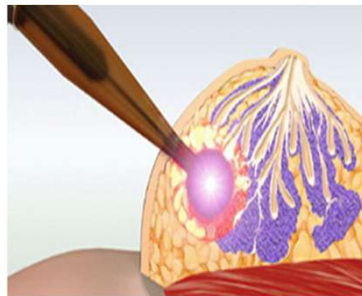
**Table 2: Causes of death other than breast cancer in all patients**

- There were significantly fewer **non-breast-cancer deaths** with TARGIT 1.4% vs 3.5% EBRT (p=0.0086)
  - attributable to fewer deaths from cardiovascular causes and other cancers.
- Overall mortality** was 3.9% for TARGIT versus 5.3% for EBRT (p=0.099)
- Breast cancer mortality** was much the same between groups 2.6% for TARGIT vs 1.9% for EBRT (p=0.56)

# INTRODUCTION



## THERAPY OPTIONS WITH IORT (50 kV)

- IORT as APBI (TARGIT-A Trial)
- IORT as a BOOST (TARGIT-B or TARGIT H trial)
- IORT for patients where EBRT it isn't an option



# INTRODUCTION

## APBI GUIDELINES

 <p>Radiotherapy and Oncology Consensus Data Available at: <a href="http://www.thegastrojournal.com">www.thegastrojournal.com</a></p> <p><b>GEC-ESTRO Recommendations</b> Patient selection for accelerated partial-breast irradiation (APBI) after breast-conserving surgery: Recommendations of the Groupe Européen de Curiothérapie-European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (GEC-ESTRO) breast cancer working group based on clinical evidence (2009)</p> <p><small>Yoshida K, Polgar C, Kishimoto K, et al. (2009) Accelerated partial-breast irradiation (APBI) after breast-conserving surgery: Recommendations of the Groupe Européen de Curiothérapie-European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (GEC-ESTRO) breast cancer working group based on clinical evidence (2009). <i>Radiotherapy and Oncology</i> 91: 1-10.</small></p>	 <p><b>Special Article</b> <b>Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation: Executive summary for the update of an ASTRO Evidence-Based Consensus Statement</b></p> <p><small>Candace George MD*, Eleanor E. Harris MD*, Maria Cristina Leonard MD*, Benjamin D. Smith MD*, Alphonse G. Taghian MD PhD*, Alastair H. Thompson MD*, Julia White MD*, Jay R. Harris MD*</small></p>	 <p><b>The American Brachytherapy Society consensus statement for accelerated partial-breast irradiation</b></p> <p><small>Cheng Shuh*, Frank Vicini*, Susan F. Shattline*, Jonathan Hogen*, Maria Kozak*, Douglas Arthur*, Ash F. Khan*, Robert Kunkel*, Robert Piant*, David R. Wazer*</small></p>
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RISK FACTORS	ASTRO update	GEC-ESTRO update	ABS update
Age (years)	≥50	>50	≥45
Tumour Size	≤3 cm IDC and ≤2.5 cm DCIS	≤3 cm	≤3 cm
Margins	Negative (≥2 mm) for IDC and DCIS (≥3 mm)	Negative: ≥2 mm	Negative (IDC no ink margin and DCIS ≥2 mm)
Grade	Any	Any	-
Linfovascular invasion	No	No	No
Multicentricity	Unicentric	Unicentric	-
Multifocality	Unifocal	Unifocal	-
Histology	All invasive subtypes and DCIS	IDC (and other favorable invasive subtypes)	All invasive subtypes and DCIS
CDIS pure	Only: G1-G2, ≤ 2.5 cm, negative margins (≥ 3 mm).	Not allowed	Allowed
EIC (>25%)	No	No	No
Nodal status	Negative	Negative	Negative
ER status	ER + or ER -	ER + or ER -	ER + or ER -
Axillary evaluation	SNB or AD	SNB or AD	SNB or AD
Neoadjuvant chemotherapy	Not allowed	Not allowed	-

Correa C et al. Pract Radiat Oncol 2017  
Kirby AM et al. Br J Radiol 2018

Polgár C et al. Radiother Oncol (2009)  
Strnad V et al. Lancet 2016

Shah C et al. Brachytherapy 2018

## INTRODUCTION



## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSIVE IORT

- $\geq 60$  years
- Conservative surgery or oncoplastic surgery
- Unifocal and unicentric
- Tumor  $\leq 25$  mm
- IDC or favourable histologies (not IDCS)
- Histologic grade 1 or 2
- No extensive intraductal component
- Positive hormonal receptors
- No BRCA 1-2 mutation
- No vascular invasion
- Negative margins ( $\geq 2$  mm)
- No lymph node involvement
- No neoadjuvant therapy
- Tumor at  $\geq 1$  cm from skin

# INTRODUCTION

17th Desember 2014 – 23th October 2024

**284 Patients (285 Treatments)**



- **INTRABEAM® Since 17th Desember 2014  
(n=237 patients/ 238 treatments)**

Clinical Trials (95 pts)

- IORT Breast cancer or Targit H ( Phase II trial)
- Targit B (Phase III trial)



- **XOFT/ELEKTA® Since 20th November 2019  
(n=47 patients/treatments)**

All our patients are been treated using 50 Kv photon energy.



## CLINICAL TRIALS



- **Targit H or IORT Breast Cancer (Phase II trial)** (Since August 2016)

50 patients

- Last recruitment 16-9-2024

Cosmetic outcomes following conservative surgery (with or without oncoplastic surgery) for breast cancer with intraoperative radiotherapy (INTRABEAM) followed with hypofractionated external beam radiotherapy: a phase II trial.

S.EP: Quality of life; Toxicity (acute and late); Local control AND Overall and cancer-specific survival.

- **Targit B (Phase III trial)** since June 2019

45 patients: 2 screening failure  
43 patients: 22p Targit & 21 EBRT

TARGIT<sup>®</sup> BOOST

- Last recruitment 1/8/2022.
- A posterior recruitment 16th Sept 2022 but not randomized for global problems of the study (screening failure)

TARGeted Intraoperative radioTherapy Boost vs Postoperative External Beam Radiotherapy boost

P.EP: Ipsilateral breast recurrence rate

S.EP: Relapse-free survival; Site of recurrence; Overall survival (breast-cancer specific and non-breast cancer death); Quality of life: TOI score (physical and functional well-being) and fact-b+4 (global quality of life and social-emotional-functional and physical well-being); Cost-effectiveness

## MATERIAL AND METHODS



- From Desember 2014 to September 2023
- Women with invasive carcinoma
- Conservative surgery
- IORT delivered immediately after lumpectomy
- All patients were suitable to receive at the surgical act a single fraction of 20 Gy (50 KV)

**ESTRO**

**ASTRO**  
TARGETING CANCER CARE

**INTRABEAM®**



**XOFT/ELEKTA®**



**266 Patients (267 Treatments) :**

- Exclusive IORT 100 patients (38%)
- IORT + EBRT: 166 patients (167 treatments) (62%) → 56% in a clinical trial

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

## TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS (IORT)

A single dose 20 Gy (50 Kv) was delivered to the surface of the applicator using the INTRABEAM® or XOFT/ELEKTA® system



## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS (EBRT)



- Post-surgically, if the definitive pathological report shows us some unfavorable characteristics that require the whole breast irradiation (WBI) it will be administered:
  - **50 Gy/ 40,05 Gy delivered in 25/15 frac of 2 or 2,67 Gy/day**
- Patients suitable to participate in the Phase II trial IORT BREAST CANCER (**Targit H**) or in the Phase III trial **Targit B** received EBRT.
  - **40.05 Gy delivered in 15 fractions of 2.67 Gy/day**
- Adjuvant systemic therapy, if deemed necessary, was administered in accordance with the protocols established at the treating center.

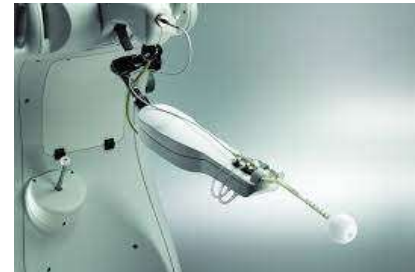
## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### EXCLUSIVE IORT

- From 21th Jan 2015 to 13th Sept 2023
- **100 patients**
- Single dose: 20 Gy (50 Kv)
- **100% tumors stage I**
- Median follow up: 52 months; Mean follow up: 46 months
- Median age: 69 years; Mean age: 69 years (range: 50 – 91 years)



N= 76 pts



N= 24 pts

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### IORT + EBRT

- From 17th Dec 2014 to 27th Sept 2023
- **166 patients (167 treatments)**
- IORT (20Gy/50Kv) followed by EBRT
- **Early stage tumors and tumors with high risk factors (Targit B/Targit H)**
- Median follow up: 60 months; Mean follow up: 55 months
- Median age: 62 years; Mean age: 60 years (range: 39-86 years)



N= 149 pts (150 tts)



N= 16 pts

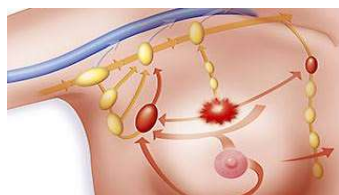


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## TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS

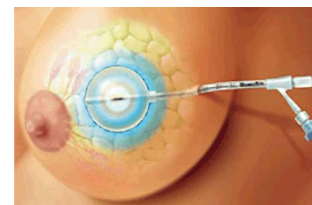
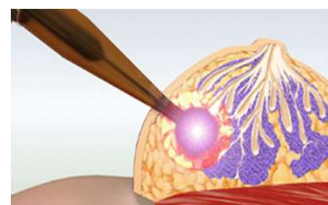
### EXCLUSIVE IORT

100 patients



SURGERY CHARACTERISTICS	N (%)
<b>Breast surgery</b>	
Conservative surgery	100 (100%)
<b>Axillary surgery</b>	
SLNB	84 (84%)
No axillary approach	16 (16%)

RADIOTHERAPY	N (%)
Exclusive IORT (20Gy;50 Kv)	100 (100%)
Adjuvant EBRT	0 (0%)



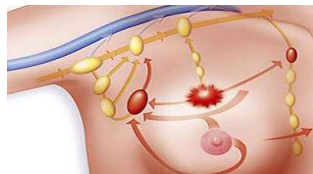
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## TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS

### IORT + EBRT

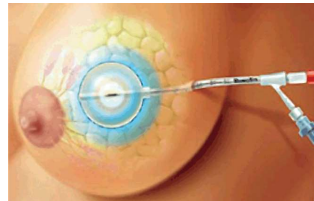
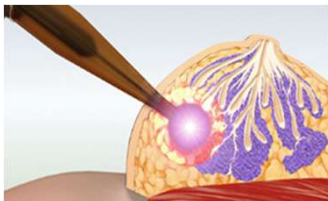
166 patients

#### SURGERY:



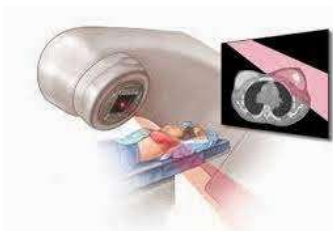
- ALL Conservative /oncoplastic surgery
- +/- SLNB or ALND

#### IORT



- Single dose 20 Gy (50 Kv): 100%
- Immediately after lumpectomy

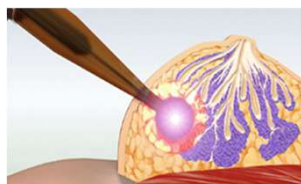
#### EBRT



- **Schedules of EBRT:**

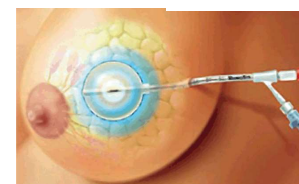
- 50 Gy 2Gy/ses (34,7%) or 40,05Gy a 2,67Gy/ses (63,5%) (164 pts; 98,8%)
  - WBI + RNI in 15/164 patients: 9% (12 pts 50 Gy and 2 pts 40.05)
- 50,04 1,8Gy (Rheumatoid arthritis; bilateral pneum. sec. CTH; ) (1 pt)
- 31,25 Gy 6,25 Gy/ses (1 pt)
- 46 Gy 2 Gy/ses (1pt treated in another center with WBI + RNI)

## RESULTS

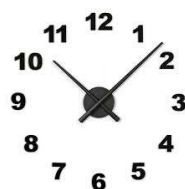


### EXCLUSIVE IORT

100 patients



Irradiation time	minutes
Min	11,05
Max	29,59
Mean	22,03



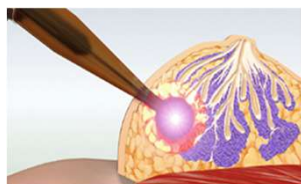
Aplicator (cm)	N (%)
2	1 (1,45%)
2,5	2 (2,90%)
3	17 (24,64%)
3.5	35 (50,72%)
4	14 (20,29%)
Distance (aplicator-skin)	mm
Min	8
Max	38
Mean	14,81



Irradiation time	minutes
Min	7,9
Max	15,3
Mean	11,14

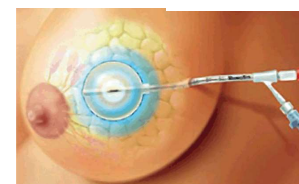
Aplicator (cm)	N (%)
3-4	12 (50%)
4-5	11 (45,83%)
5-6	1 (4,17%)
Distance (aplicator-skin)	mm
Min	15
Max	20
Mean	12,02
Volume SF	cc
Min	30
Max	65
Mean	43,75

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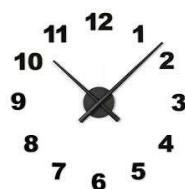


### IORT + EBRT

167 treatments (166 patients)



Irradiation time	minutes
Min	10,10
Max	39,51
Mean	22,58



Aplicator (cm)	N (%)
2	-
2,5	8 (5%)
3	23 (14,5%)
3.5	86 (54,1%)
4	35 (22%)
4,5	7 (4,40%)
Distance (aplicator-skin)	mm
Min	5
Max	40
Mean	15,49



Irradiation time	minutes
Min	8
Max	14
Mean	11

Aplicator (cm)	N (%)
3-4	7 (44%)
4-5	9 (56%)
5-6	-

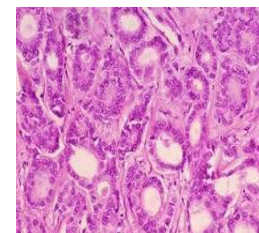
Distancia (aplicator-skin)	mm
Min	10
Max	20
Mean	14,68

Volume SF	cc
Min	30
Max	50
Mean	42,5

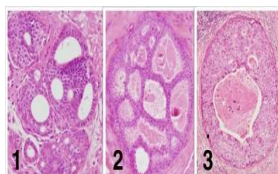
## RESULTS

### TUMOUR CHARACTERISTICS

Histology	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT (N%)
Infiltrating ductal carcinoma	86 (6%)	129 (77,7%)
Infiltrating lobular carcinoma	0	13 (7,8%)
Infiltrating Ductal and lobular	0	1 (0,6%)
Others	12 (12%)	23 (13,9%)



Pathological tumor size	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT (N%)
≤ 1.0 cm	52 (52%)	51 (31%)
> 1.0 cm – 1.5 cm	28 (28%)	55 (33%)
> 1.5 cm – 2.0 cm	13 (13%)	34 (20%)
> 2 cm	7 (7%)	26 (16%)

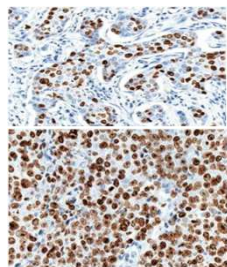


Histologic Grade	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT (N%)
1	52 (52%)	47 (28,31%)
2	42 (42%)	93 (56,02%)
3	5(5%)	22 (13,25%)
Ungradable	1 (1%)	4 (2,41%)

EIDC	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT (N%)
Yes	4 (4%)	139 (84%)
No	96 (96%)	27 (16%)

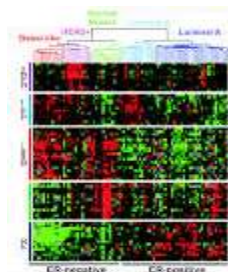
EIDC: extensive intraductal component

## TUMOUR CHARACTERISTICS



Proliferative index (Ki 67)	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT N (%)
<14%	58 (58%)	62 (37%)
14-20%	21 (21%)	45 (27%)
>20%	21 (21%)	59 (36%)

ER	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT N (%)	PR	IORT N (%)	IORT +EBRT N (%)
positive	98 (98%)	157 (95%)	positive	90 (90%)	137 (83%)
negative	2 (2%)	9 (5%)	negative	10 (10%)	29 (17%)

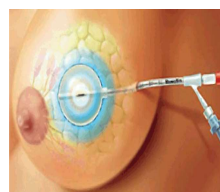
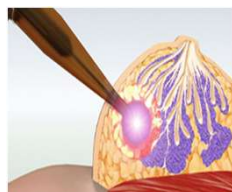
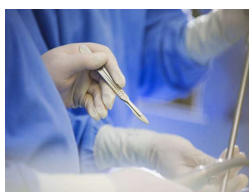


Her 2 status	IORT	IORT +EBRT
negative	91 (97%)	164 (99%)
positive	3 (3%)	2 (1%)

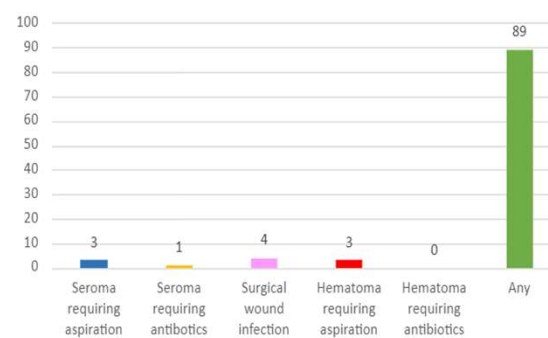
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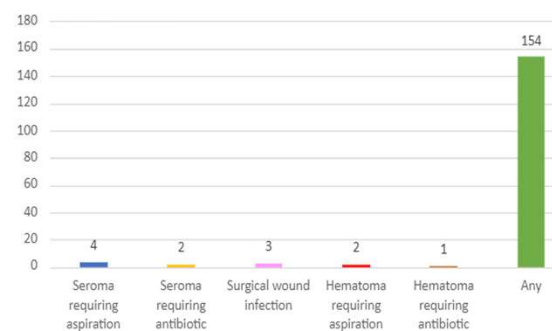
Side effects (AE)	EXCLUSIVE IORT (n=100)	IORT + EBRT (n=166)
Seroma requiring aspiration	3 ( 3 %)	4 (2,4 %)
Seroma requiring antibiotics	1 ( 1 %)	2 ( 1,2 %)
Surgical wound infection	4 ( 4 %)	3 ( 1,8 %)
Hematoma requiring aspiration	3 ( 3 %)	2 ( 1,2 %)
Hematoma requiring antibiotics	0(0 %)	1 (0,6 %)
Any complication	88 (88 %)	154 (93 %)



ACUTE SIDE EFFECTS EXCLUSIVE IORT



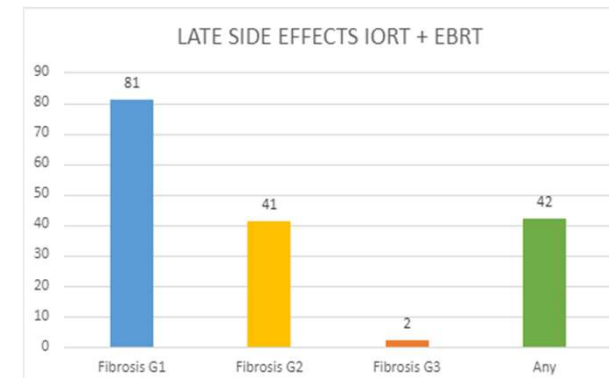
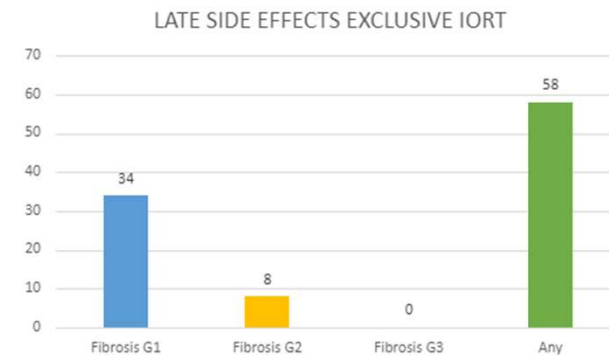
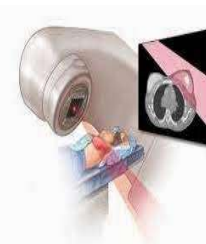
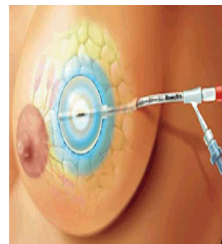
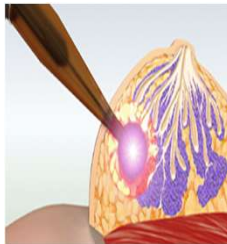
ACUTE SIDE EFFECTS IORT + EBRT



# RESULTS

## LATE SIDE EFFECTS

Side effects (AE)	IORT (n=100)	IORT + EBRT (n=166)
Fibrosis G1	34 (34 %)	81 (49 %)
Fibrosis G2	8 (8 %)	41 (24,7 %)
Fibrosis G3	0	2 (1%)
Any	58 (58 %)	42 (25,3 %)



## RESULTS

### EXCLUSIVE IORT

21 th Jan 2015 - 13th Sept 2023

Median follow up: 52 months

Status	Total (n=100)
Local relapse	2 (2%) In the same quadrant
Distant metastasis	2 (2%)
Deaths	2 (2% breast ca.) 13 (13% global)

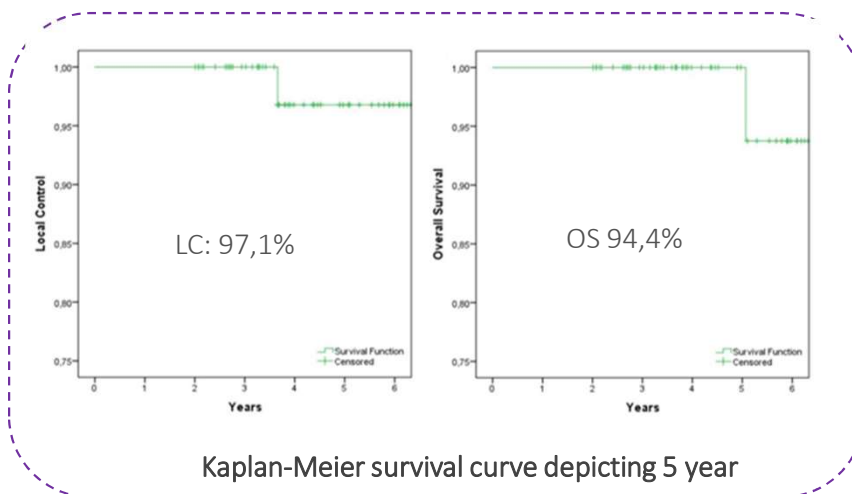
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- Femoral met (Thyroid carcinoma)
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- 2 patients died due to Breast cancer
- 3 patients died due to other tumors
- 8 patients died due to non-oncological causes

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RESEARCH ARTICLE  
Effectiveness and safety of intraoperative radiotherapy (IORT) with low-energy X-rays (INTRABEAM®) for accelerated partial breast irradiation (APBI)

59 patients (21th Jan 2015- 16th Sept 2021)

Status	Total (n=59)
Local relapse	2 (3,3%)
Distant metastasis	2 (3,3%)
Deaths	6 (10,16%)

- 5 patients died due to non breast cancer
- 1 patient died due to breast cancer



## RESULTS

### EXCLUSIVE IORT

21 th Jan 2015 - 13th Sept 2023

Median follow up: 52 months

Status	Total (n=100)
<b>Local relapse</b>	<b>2 (2%)</b> In the same quadrant
<b>Distant metastasis</b>	<b>2 (2%)</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>2 (2% breast ca.)</b> 13 (13% global)

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### IORT + EBRT

14th Des 2014 – 27th Sep 2023

Median follow up: 60 months

Status	Total (n=166)
<b>Local relapse</b>	<b>0</b> 1 pt (0,6%) a 2nd primary tumour in a diff. quadrant
<b>Distant metastasis</b>	<b>2 (1,2%)</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>1 (0,6% breast ca.)</b> 6 (3,6% global)

- 62 months after Surgery + IORT (a second primary tumour)
- 1 : Pulmonar metastasis ( 5 years after treatm and death)
- 1 : OligoMet at the diagnosis (bone mets)
- 1 patient died due to breast cancer (pulmonar mets)
- 4 patients died due to other tumors
- 1 patient died due to non-oncological cause (AVB)

# RESULTS

## GLOBAL RESULTS

14 th Des 2014 - 23th Sept 2023

Status	Total (n=266 patients)
Local recurrence	<b>2 (0,75%)</b> 2 patients : at 43m and 70m (exclusive IORT) 1 patient: at 62m (IORT + EBRT) second primary tumour in a different quadrant)
Distant metastasis	<b>3 (1,1%) due to breast cancer</b> 4 (1,5%) breast ca. & other tumors
Deaths	<b>3 (1,1%) pts died due to breast cancer</b> 19 (7,1%) breast ca. & others causes



**243 patients alive without disease (91% patients )**

## CONCLUSIONS

- In our serie we have observed:
  - A low rate of acute adverse effects related to treatments with a few rate of surgical wound infections or hematoma/seroma requiring medical intervention.
  - Fibrosis was not observed in 83.3% of the patients (58% IORT vs 25,3% IORT +EBRT).
  - The most common late side effect was:
    - Fibrosis grade 1 in the 83% of patients (34% IORT and 49% IORT+EBRT)
    - Low rate of fibrosis G2 (8% IORT and 24% IORT+EBRT) and fibrosis G3 (0% IORT and 0.6% IORT +EBRT)
  - The Local Recurrence rate was similar with that reported in the literature.
    - Our results (ICO): 2% IORT (2 at the same quadrant) and 1 secondary tumour in a different quadrant IORT + EBRT (0%)
      - Global LR : 0.75%
    - TARGIT-A : 2,11% IORT and 0,95% IORT+ EBRT
  - The 91% of our patients were alive and free of disease at the moment of the analysis.
  - IORT is a feasible and effective option in very well-selected cases and our results are consistent with those reported in the literature.



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