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Attraction

Using cancer traps against glioblastoma

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Glioblastoma background





GBM biology that drives failure

 Multifocal and diffusive disease – cells invade beyond surgery and radiation margin





 Residual cells develop resistance to continuous maximum tolerable dose treatment



Patient presentation





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Clinician-choice treatment





Response rates

Bev	Anti PD1 (e.g. Pembro)	Pembro+ Bev	HFSRT+ Bev	HFSRT+ Bev +
				Pembro
23.1%	7.8%	26.0%	52%	83.3%
95% CI: 16.7%-30-5%	95% CI: 4.1 %-13.3%	95% CI: 16.3-41.5	95% CI: 28 %-89%	95% CI: 62 % - 95%

Bev: Bevacizumab, Anti-angiogenic agent **Pembro:** Pembrolizumab, Anti-PD1 (immunotherapy) **HFSRT:** Hypofractionated Stereotactic Radiotherapy



Survival analysis





Data to inform ETB, N=31





Statistics-based prediction for clinician-choice therapy based on clinical trial data

Speed of evolution of resistance correlates with patient response to clinical trial protocol



Machine learning classifiers





Evolutionary Tumor Board



evolutionary dynamics guided protocols



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Ecological Trap to direct cells to the surgical cavity to be irradiated



Ecological trap

Habitat or other feature in an environment that appears to be fitnessenhancing, but actually reduces fitness



Wood thrush



New Zealand fantail





- Therapeutic ecological trap: invasion of glioma cells throughout brain parenchyma.
- The cancer cell trap diverts the cancer cell migratory potential for therapy.
- A high radiation dose is delivered to cancer cells attracted to the trap.



Perspective

Future Oncology

Translation of the ecological trap concept to glioma therapy: the cancer cell trap concept

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A new glioblastoma cell trap for implantation after surgical resection



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Reversing the Tumor Target: Establishment of a Tumor Trap

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The cancer trap: Autier et al. (2019)

- bacterial cellulose membrane
- close to FDA approval
- visible on MRI



The bait: Hira et al. (2017)

- Stromal Cell-derived Factor-1 (SDF-1 or CXCL12)
- SDF-1 localized in GBM niches
- SDF-1 regulates migration of many cancer cell types (including in GBM)
- SDF-1 facilitates homing of glioma stem-like cells to tumor niches



- Implant the cellulose membrane with attractant during surgery
- Glioma cells trapped for 4-6 weeks while patient recovers from surgery
- Trapped cells eradicated with high-dose radiotherapy



Prefrontal Cortex





















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Modelling Radiation response

Challenges:

- Considers evolution of resistance to adapt RT dose
- Resampling antigens to immune system
- Target new sites of disease of progression

Personalized Adapted radiotherapy:









- 5x6Gy kills fast growing populations but non repeatable
- 6Gy every 6 weeks No control of fast growth + Resistance builds up
- PART optimizes at a patient level and at every time step



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evolutionary dynamics guided protocols



Evolutionary dynamics during Avastin / Pembrolizumab Tx

A Non-mechanistic Model of Tumor Volume over Time

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV(t)}{dt} &= (\lambda - \gamma(t))V(t) \\ \frac{d\gamma(t)}{dt} &= -\epsilon\gamma(t) \end{aligned}$$

- With no treatment: Tumor grows exponentially
- With treatment: Tumor shrinks with rate $\gamma(t)$ and the drug sensitivity decreases exponentially with rate ϵ

- Continuous therapy: Keep using treatment
- Adaptive therapy: Treat if tumor volume exceeds initial volume, and stop treatment if volume decreases



Evolutionary dynamics during Avastin / Pembrolizumab Tx





Evolutionary dynamics during Avastin / Pembrolizumab Tx





Treatment Recommendation















Adaptation / Reference loop









Evolutionary Evolutionary Tumor Board



Specific Aims

Specific Aim 1. To analyze the response dynamics (tumor volume every 4-6 weeks, neutrophil & lymphocyte count every 2-4 weeks) of N=104 recurrent high-grade GBM patients treated with either avastin alone (N=20), pembrolizumab alone (N=20), HFSR+avastin (N=20), RT+avastin+pembro (N=32; MCC 17978) and RT+avastin+pembro+nivolumab (N=32; MCC 18661).

Specific Aim 2. To simulate evolutionary therapies and evaluate model predictions *vs.* actual patient responses and outcomes.



$$\frac{dC_T}{dt} = \alpha C_T - \beta C_T C_I$$

$$\frac{dC_I}{dt} = \delta_1 C_T C_I - \epsilon C_I$$





Mechanistic Model of Avastin/Pembrolizumab Tx





Mechanistic Model of Avastin/Pembrolizumab Tx







Outcomes & Deliverables

Phase I Trial of Hypofractionated Stereotactic Irradiation (HFSRT) Combined with Nivolumab, Ipilimumab and Bevacizumab in Patients with Recurrent High Grade Gliomas (NCT02829931)





Budget

- \$10K data abstraction
- \$20K graduate student
- \$10K postdoc mentor
- \$7K statistical analysis
- \$3K publication fee



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