

# iRANO (and mRANO) for Immunotherapy *In Brain Tumors*

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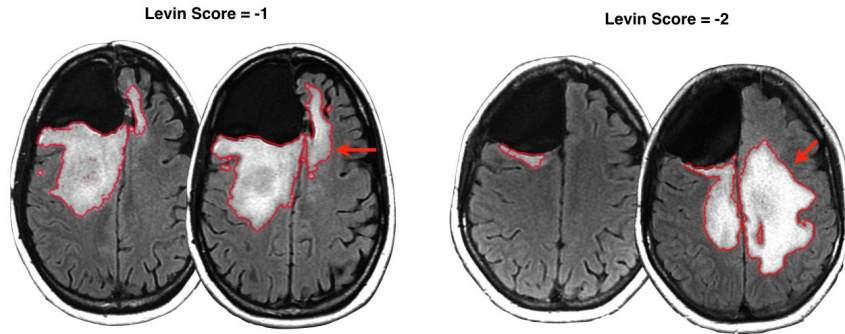
# Brief History of Response Assessment in Neuro Oncology

## Levin Criteria (Levin, J Neurosurg, 1977)

- Malignant gliomas are “explosive” tumors
- Doubling time ~ 21 days for treatment naïve GBM (Ellingson, *Cancer*, 2016)
- **Qualitative Visual Assessment by an Expert** can be used to identify time of failure or response



Victor Levin, MD



### Modified Levin Criteria for Evaluating Anaplastic Astrocytoma

<i>Levin Score (Analog Visual Assessment)</i>	<i>Radiographic Response</i>	<i>Description</i>
+3	CR	Complete disappearance of all T2/FLAIR hyperintensity
+2	PR	Definite shrinkage / improvement in T2/FLAIR lesion
+1	SD	Possible shrinkage / improvement in T2/FLAIR lesion
0	SD	Unchanged T2/FLAIR lesion size
-1	SD	Possibly worse / growing T2/FLAIR lesion
-2	PD	Definitely worse / growing T2/FLAIR lesion
-3	PD	New T2/FLAIR lesion and/or growing/emerging contrast enhancement

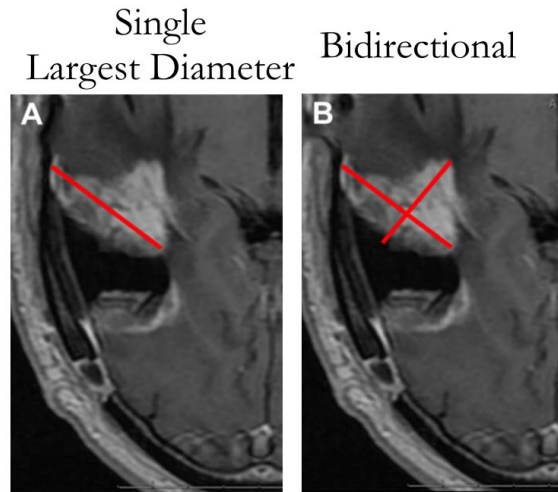
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## Macdonald Criteria (Macdonald, J Clin Oncol, 1990)

- Improvements to the Levin Criteria (Levin, J Neurosurg, 1977) and WHO Systemic Oncology Response Criteria (single direction)
- Examines changes in **contrast enhancement** after therapy
- % Change in **Bidirectional measurements**
  - Unidirectional measurements are not appropriate
- Maintained as the standard response assessment criteria for > 20 years



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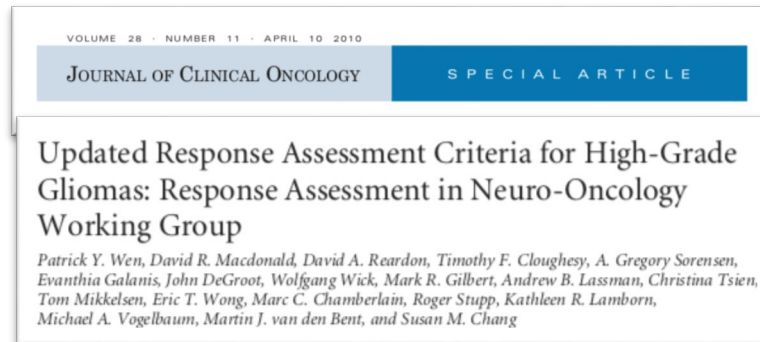
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## RANO – Response Assessment in Neuro Oncology (Wen, J Clin Oncol, 2010)

- “Extended” Macdonald criteria
- Includes qualitative assessment of T2/FLAIR hyperintensity
  - Difficult to quantitatively assess
  - T2/FLAIR hyperintensity may be due to edema, non-enhancing tumor, etc.
- Includes numerous other improvements
  - Measurable vs. non-measurable disease
  - Inclusion/exclusion criteria
  - Requirement of confirmatory scans
  - Recommendations for dealing with patients with equivocal imaging changes
  - Criteria for non-enhancing tumor progression

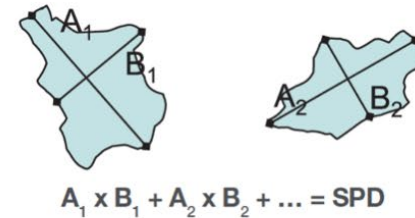
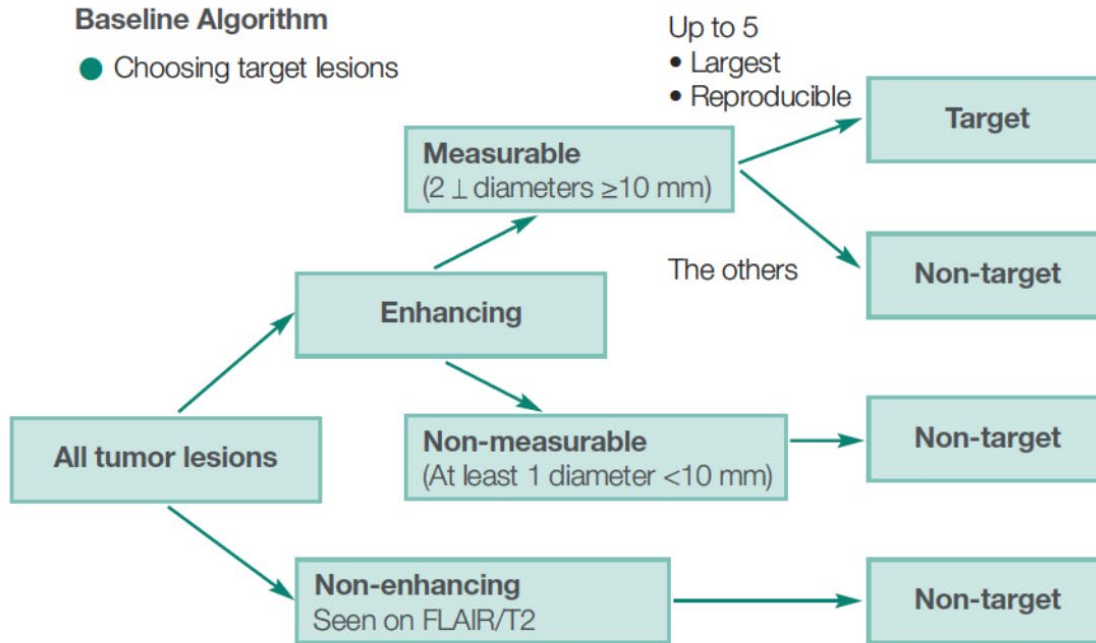


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Response	Definition
Complete Response (CR)	All target lesions have disappeared (look out for pseudoresponse <sup>†</sup> )
Partial Response (PR)	SPD decreased by $\geq 50\%$ from baseline value (look out for pseudoresponse <sup>†</sup> )
Stable Disease (SD)	SPD $< 50\%$ decrease to $< 25\%$ increase
Progressive Disease (PD)	SPD increased by $\geq 25\%$ from nadir value (look out for pseudoprogression <sup>‡</sup> )
Unable to Assess (UA)	Some target lesions cannot be evaluated because of technical factors

† - CR and PR have to be confirmed  $\geq 4$  wks later. If not confirmed, response is SD.

‡ - Apparent PD within 12 weeks of radiation

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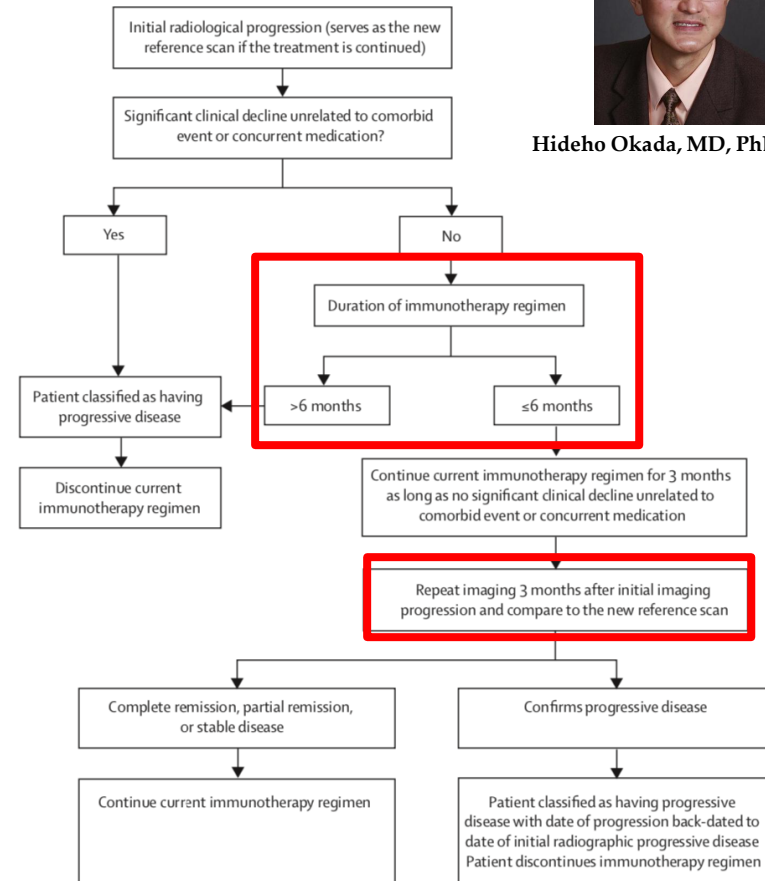
## iRANO – “Immune” Response Assessment in Neuro Oncology

(Okado et al., Lancet Oncol 2015)

- Goal is to allow patients to weather transient changes that might occur within the initial treatment (e.g. inflammation - Pseudoprogression)
- iRANO includes a “6 month window” of observation to “confirm progression” 3 months later.
- U.S. FDA considers this “exploratory” and needs to be “validated” against RANO
- The FDA has expressed concerns with using iRANO with single-arm studies because of the observation window requirement



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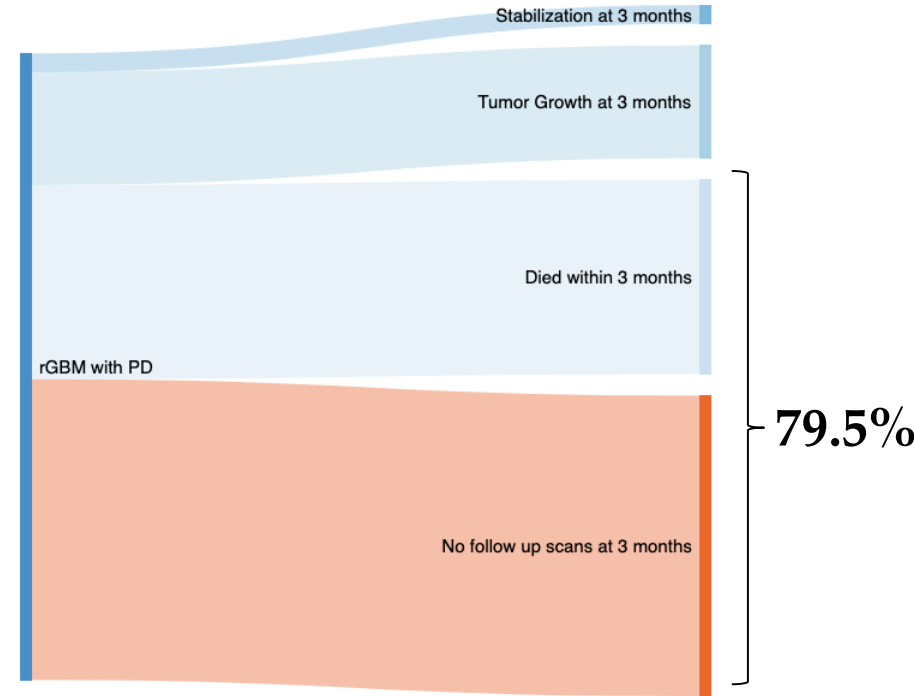
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- Primary issue is with this arbitrary 3-month window to “confirm PD”

## iRANO Study of PD1 Inhibitors in Clinical Practice (ASCO 2020)

Of 70 patients who progressed within 6 mos and had documented death, 2.9% had disease stabilization, 31.4% died before the 3-month confirmation, 48.1% had no follow-up confirmatory imaging exams and 17.6% had documented tumor growth.

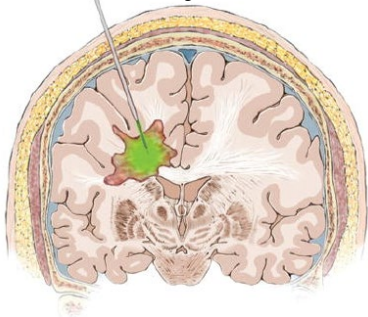
*This means ~80% of rGBM die or change treatment before they confirm PD via iRANO*



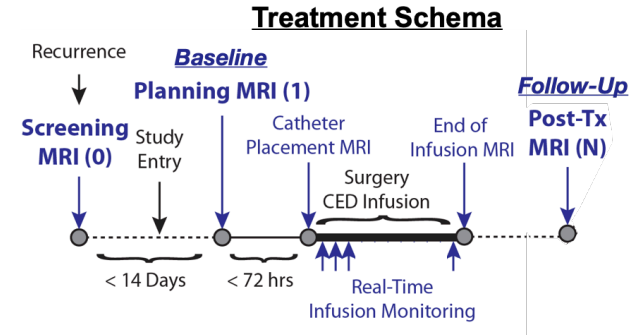
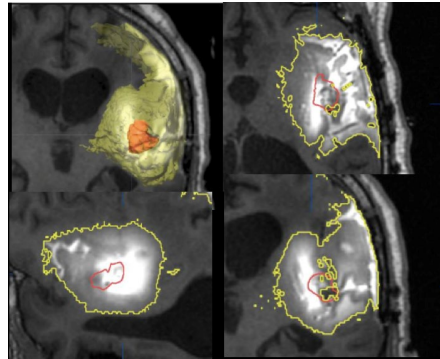
# iRANO – “Immune” Response Assessment in Neuro Oncology

- **Primary issue is with this arbitrary 3-month window to “confirm PD”**
  - A total of 42 of 47 patients with rGBM were enrolled in a phase II convection-enhanced delivery of an IL4R-targeted immunotoxin (MDNA55-05, NCT02858895) and had measurable disease at baseline and adequate imaging.

## Convection-Enhanced Delivery (CED)



Jahangiri et al., *J Neurosurg* 2017; 126: 191-200.



**~60% of patients were censored for PFS via iRANO due to no 3 month follow up exam after PD (died or no longer on study)**

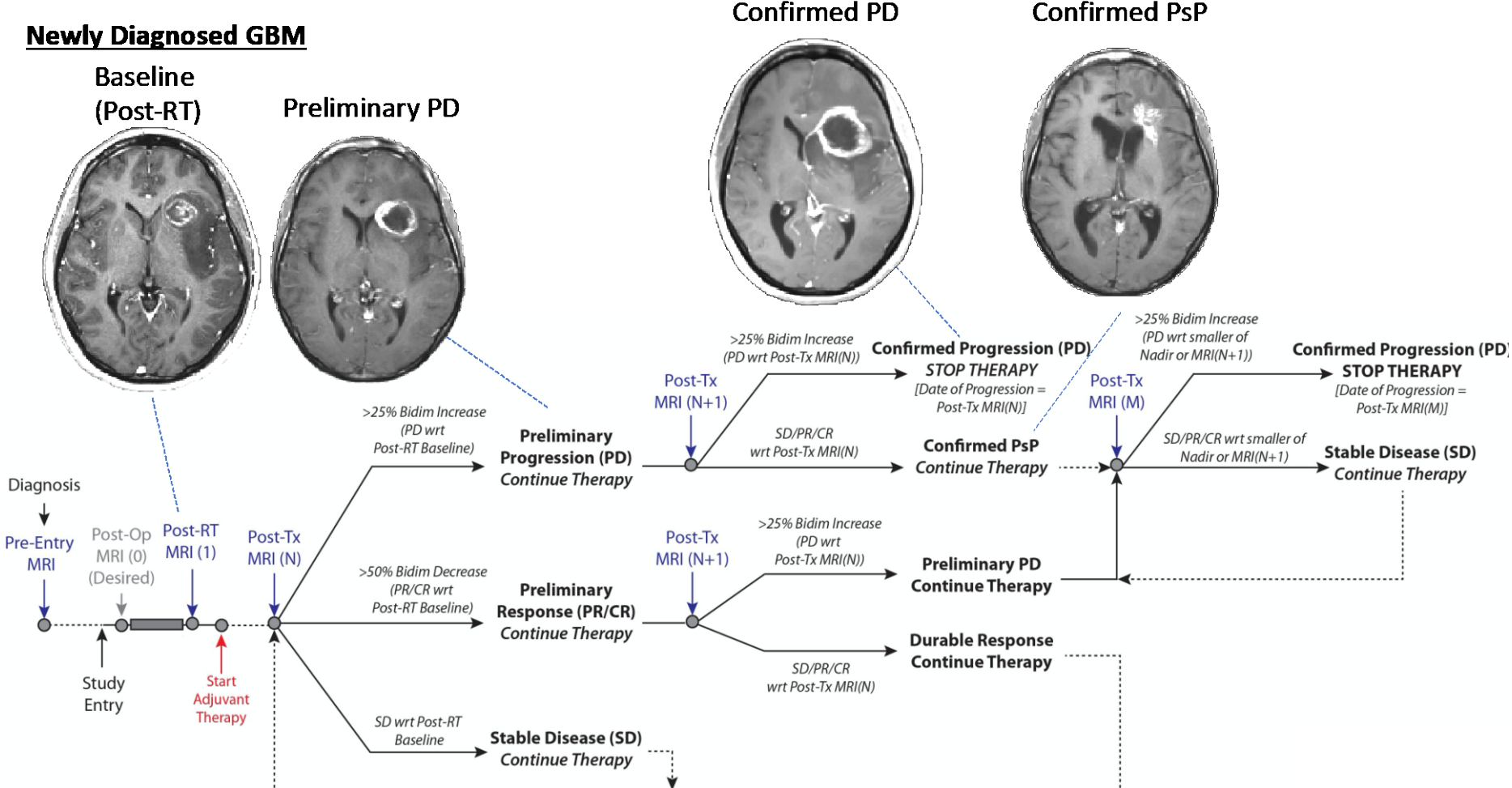
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## mRANO – “Modified” Response Assessment in Neuro Oncology

(Ellingson, Wen, Cloughesy, *Neurotherapeutics*, 2017)

- Designed for adaptive or “bucket” trials with many types of therapeutics (e.g. GBM AGILE)
- Allows patients to safely stay on drug so we can more thoroughly study efficacy
- Compatible with current clinical practice, easy to implement, practical logistics, etc.
- Recommendations are *evidence based*
- Compatible with RANO paradigms for validation and historic comparison (ORR, etc.)
- **Improvements to RANO and iRANO**
  - **No FLAIR evaluation** – *data suggests it adds complexity, subjectivity, and cost with questionable gain in clinical value* (Boxerman, *Neuro Oncol*, 2013; Huang, *Clin Cancer Res*, 2016; Howosielski, *Neurology* 2014; *Neuro Oncol* 2017)
  - **Baseline in Newly Diagnosed GBM = Post-Radiation Scan** – *Post-op scan is often off protocol for trials, corrupted by blood products, and data shows changes from the post-RT scan predict OS* (Ellingson *ASCO* 2016; *Neuro Oncol* 2017)
  - **Confirmation of Progression** – *Uses next follow up scan to check for continued growth (PD backdated) or check for pseudoprogression (PsP – PD occurs at the next follow up)*

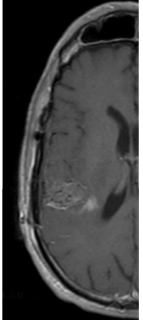
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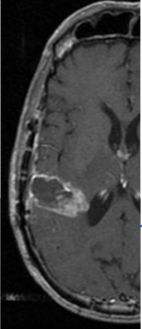
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## Recurrent GBM

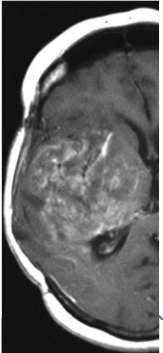
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(Post-Progression)



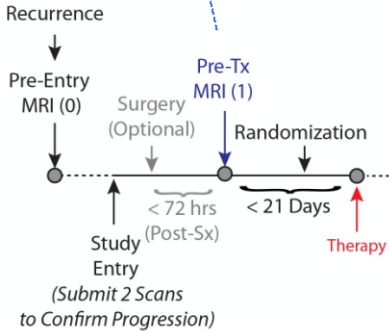
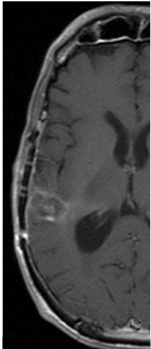
Preliminary PD



Confirmed PD



Confirmed PsP



>25% Bidim or > 40% Volume Increase (PD wrt Pre-Tx Baseline)

**Preliminary Progression (PD)**  
Continue Therapy

>50% Bidim or > 65% Volume Decrease (PR/CR wrt Pre-Tx Baseline)

**Preliminary Response (PR/CR)**  
Continue Therapy

SD wrt Pre-Tx Baseline

**Stable Disease (SD)**  
Continue Therapy

Post-Tx MRI (N+1)

>25% Bidim or > 40% Volume Increase (PD wrt Post-Tx MRI(N))

**Confirmed Progression (PD)**  
STOP THERAPY  
[Date of Progression = Post-Tx MRI(N)]

**Confirmed PsP**  
Continue Therapy

Post-Tx MRI (N+1)

>25% Bidim or > 40% Volume Increase (PD wrt Post-Tx MRI(N))

**Preliminary PD**  
Continue Therapy

**Durable Response**  
Continue Therapy

SD/PR/CR wrt Post-Tx MRI(N)

Post-Tx MRI (M)

>25% Bidim or > 40% Volume Increase (PD wrt smaller of Nadir or MRI(N+1))

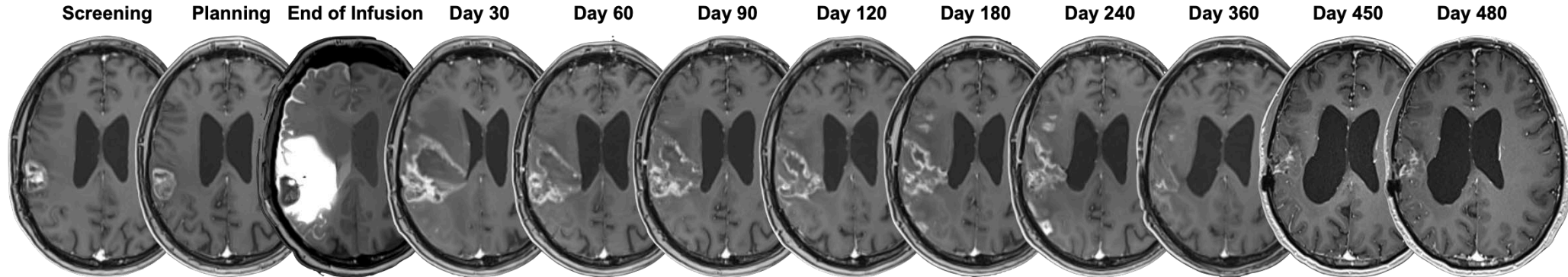
**Confirmed Progression (PD)**  
STOP THERAPY  
[Date of Progression = Post-Tx MRI(M)]

**Stable Disease (SD)**  
Continue Therapy

SD/PR/CR wrt smaller of Nadir or MRI(N+1)

# iRANO vs. mRANO for Immunotherapies – Example

- Phase II CED trial of an IL4R-targeted immunotoxin (MDNA55-05, NCT02858895) in rGBM



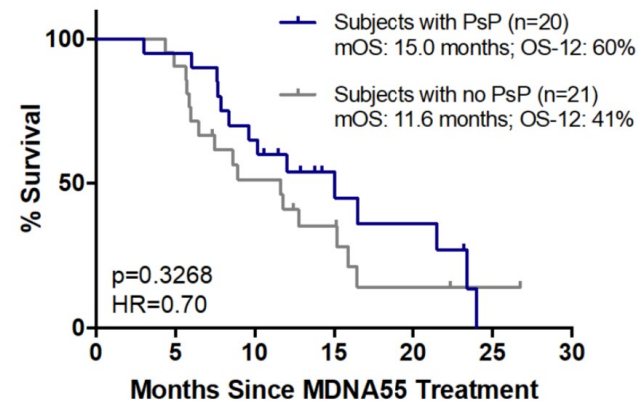
- Pseudoprogression (PsP)

12% iRANO\*

49% mRANO

- Many did not have confirmation @ 3 mo follow-up (~60%)

## mRANO: PsP vs. No PsP



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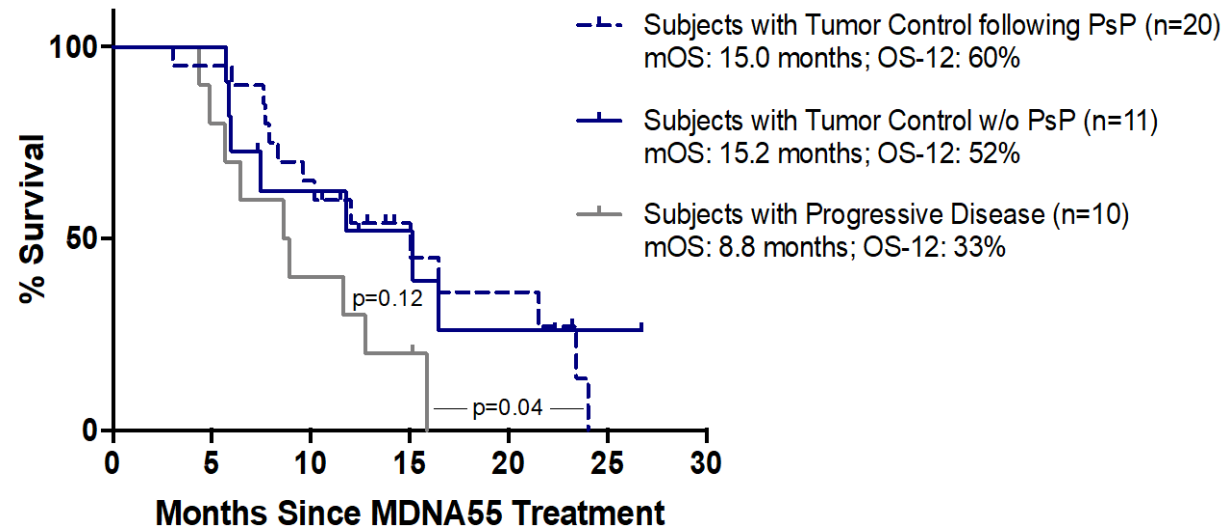
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- Rate of Tumor Control (SD or Better):

- sRANO - 37%
- **iRANO** – 46%
- **mRANO** – 76%

- Tumor Control (w/ PsP) → longer OS

## mRANO: Control vs. No Control



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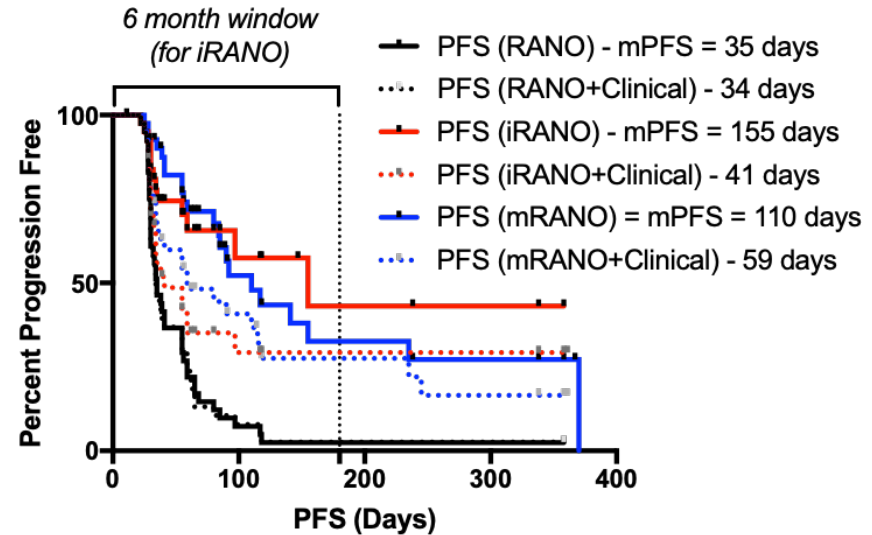
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- PFS6 Rates (local and central reads):

- sRANO - 2.4-5.8%
- **iRANO** – 43-64%
- **mRANO** – 33-37%

## Independent Radiologic Facility (IRF)

### Comparison of PFS Between RANO Criteria

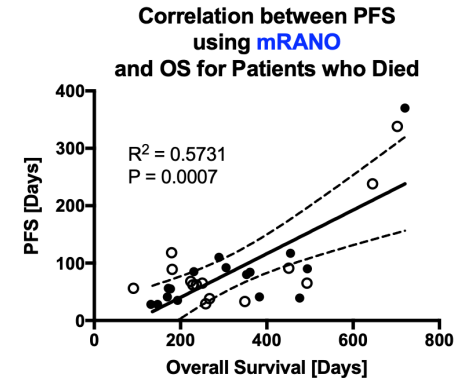
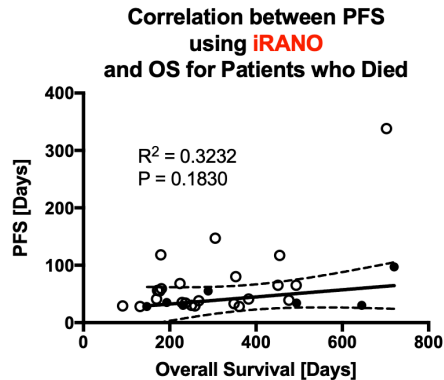
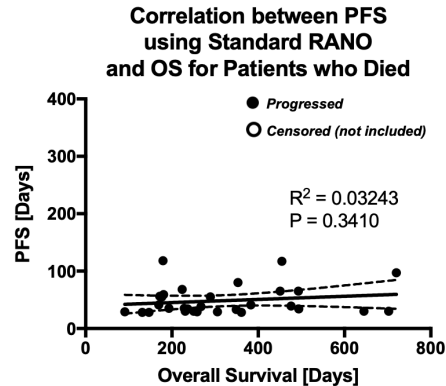




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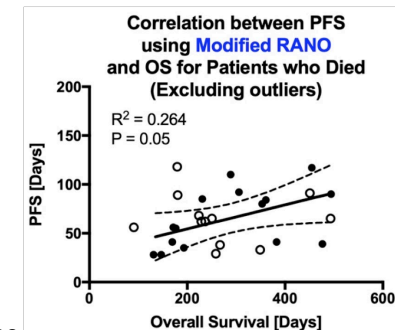
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- sRANO** - No correlation between PFS and OS (IRF:  $R^2=0.03$ ,  $P=0.34$ )
- iRANO** - No correlation between PFS and OS (IRF:  $R^2 = 0.32$ ,  $P=0.18$ )
- mRANO** - Significant correlation between PFS and OS (IRF:  $R^2=0.57$ ,  $P=0.007$ )

Note: ~60% of patients were censored via **iRANO**

## Independent Radiologic Facility (IRF)



# Current Status of RANO for Immunotherapies...

- **RANO** (Wen et al., **J Clin Oncol** 2010)
  - U.S. FDA still considers conventional RANO the “gold standard” for response assessment
  - Worried about “historic” comparisons, so RANO is always performed on top of other assessments
- **iRANO** (Okado et al., **Lancet Oncol** 2015)
  - U.S. FDA considers this “exploratory” and needs to be “validated” against RANO
  - In recurrent GBM trials, high rates of censorship and utility is limited for patient management
  - Updated criteria (v2.0) based on new data to come out soon
- **mRANO** (Ellingson et al., **Neurotherapeutics** 2017)
  - U.S. FDA allows use of mRANO for patient management and secondary/exploratory endpoints (with comparison arms)
  - Used in dozens of trials currently for immunotherapy and other therapeutics in GBM

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