

# Workshop on Product Development for CNS Metastases

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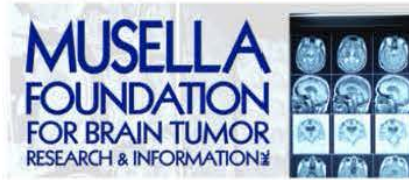
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## Report of the Jumpstarting Brain Tumor Drug Development Coalition and FDA clinical trials neuroimaging endpoint workshop (January 30, 2014, Bethesda MD)

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## **Consensus recommendations for a standardized Brain Tumor Imaging Protocol in clinical trials**

**Benjamin M. Ellingson, Martin Bendszus, Jerrold Boxerman, Daniel Barboriak, Bradley J. Erickson, Marion Smits, Sarah J. Nelson, Elizabeth Gerstner, Brian Alexander, Gregory Goldmacher, Wolfgang Wick, Michael Vogelbaum, Michael Weller, Evanthia Galanis, Jayashree Kalpathy-Cramer, Lalitha Shankar, Paula Jacobs, Whitney B. Pope, Dewen Yang, Caroline Chung, Michael V. Knopp, Soonme Cha, Martin J. van den Bent, Susan Chang, W.K. Al Yung, Timothy F. Cloughesy, Patrick Y. Wen, Mark R. Gilbert, and the Jumpstarting Brain Tumor Drug Development Coalition Imaging Standardization Steering Committee**

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## **Brain tumor clinical trials imaging: a (well-standardized) picture is worth a thousand words**

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# Goal

- Brain metastases is a significant and increasing cause of morbidity and mortality in cancer patients
- Need to improve development of therapies for brain metastases and provide clarity on the optimal trial designs and endpoints
  - General oncology drug development
  - Specific therapies for brain metastases
    - Systemic therapies
    - Local therapies (e.g. SRS)
- Need to focus today especially on these issues

# Program

- Defining the Problem of CNS Metastases
- Key Issues for Clinical Development
  - Targets
  - Selecting drugs
  - Issues in conducting clinical trials
  - Standardizing brain metastases response assessment
- Regulatory definition of clinical benefit and regulatory challenges
- Designing Endpoints
- Rethinking Trial Designs
- Defining Strategies to Advance Product Development

Modernizing Clinical Trial Eligibility Criteria:  
Recommendations of the American Society of Clinical  
Oncology–Friends of Cancer Research Brain Metastases  
Working Group

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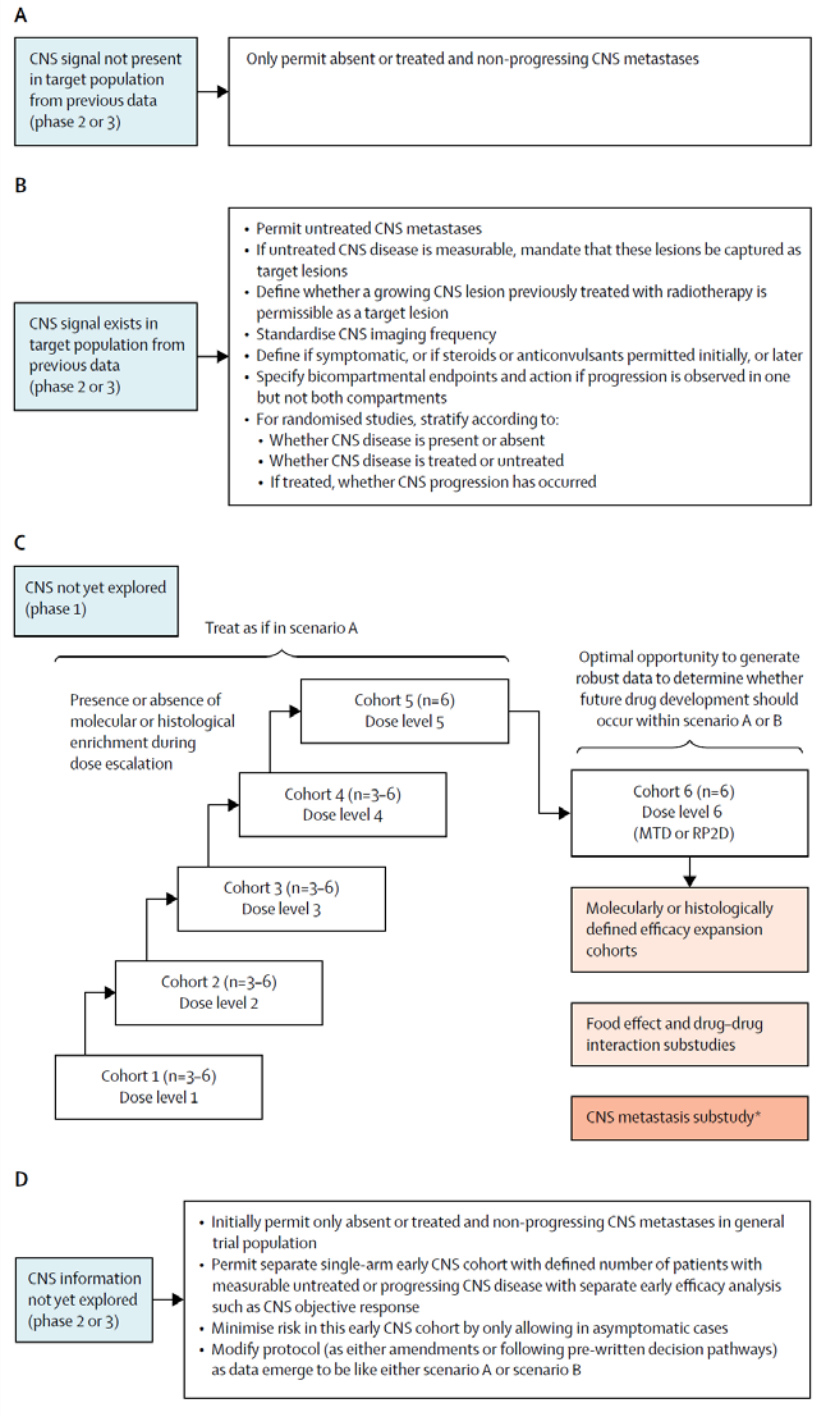
- **Pts with treated or stable brain mets**
  - Pts with treated or stable brain mets who are stable for 4 weeks are eligible for all phases of clinical trials
- **Pts with active brain mets**
  - Pts with active brain mets should be considered early in clinical development if there is a strong scientific rationale for likelihood of benefit based on molecular pathway, histology or preclinical data
  - For therapies with less robust preclinical data, inclusion of brain met pts should still be considered esp if BM common in the intended population. Consider brain met specific cohort.
- **Leptomeningeal Disease**
  - Inclusion of LMD cohort encouraged in early phase trials if CNS activity expected and when relevant in specific disease type under study
  - CSF PK measurement encouraged
  - Consider LMD cohort in later phase trials

# THE LANCET Oncology

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	Definition	Advantages	Disadvantages	When this is an appropriate primary endpoint
CNS objective response	The proportion of patients with a reduction in CNS tumour size by a predefined amount using standard criteria, eg, RANO-BM	Can be assessed in single-arm studies	Requires measurable CNS disease, and clear identification and consideration of lesions with and without previous local therapy; does not evaluate duration of benefit	Might be an appropriate primary endpoint in early-phase studies
CNS disease control rate or CNS clinical benefit rate	The number of patients with stable disease (sometimes for a defined period), a partial response, or a complete response divided by the number of evaluable patients	Might be a better reflection of the population deriving true benefit, assuming stabilisation is beneficial to the patient	Inclusion of individuals with CNS disease that is not measurable or listed as non-target lesions might bias readings towards high perceived clinical benefit rate, in comparison to if only target lesions are included; does not evaluate duration of benefit unless only stable disease for more than a defined period is specified	Unlikely to ever be a primary endpoint in phase 2 or 3 trials but could be used in early-phase studies
CNS PFS or CNS TTP	CNS PFS is the time from randomisation to CNS disease progression or death (specified as either death from CNS disease or death from any cause); CNS TTP is the time from randomisation to the time of CNS disease progression (does not include death)	Addresses duration of benefit; permits bicompartamental assessment with overall or extracranial PFS or TTP readouts	Might be influenced by underlying biology or previous local therapies; death from CNS disease alone is very hard to assess; influenced by frequency of surveillance	Best addressed within randomised trials, ideally stratified by the presence or absence of CNS disease and by previous local therapy exposure; because of the impact of potential confounders, this endpoint is often required to be supported by other endpoints (eg, neurocognitive outcomes, neurological symptoms, and quality of life)
CNS duration of benefit or CNS duration of response	The time from CNS tumour response or first non-progression scan to CNS disease progression	Can be assessed in single-arm studies; adds to objective response data alone	Influenced by frequency of surveillance	Might be an appropriate primary endpoint in early-phase studies
Overall PFS or TTP	PFS is the time from randomisation to disease progression or death; TTP is the time from randomisation to the time of disease progression (does not include death)	Addresses duration of benefit; permits bicompartamental assessment with intracranial PFS or TTP readouts	Might be influenced by underlying biology; influenced by frequency of surveillance	Might be an appropriate primary endpoint in trials of drugs considered very unlikely to have CNS activity or efficacy (however, when untreated CNS disease is included in trials, a bicompartamental model for PFS or TTP should be considered); best addressed in randomised trials, ideally stratified by the presence or absence of CNS disease and by previous local therapy exposure; because of the impact of potential confounders, this endpoint is often required to be supported by other endpoints
Overall objective response	The proportion of patients with a reduction in the size of target lesions by a predefined amount using standard criteria, eg, RECIST	Can be assessed in single-arm trials	Because of the potential for both CNS under-responsive and CNS over-responsive scenarios, the overall response can be manipulated depending on whether CNS or extra-CNS lesions are chosen as the target disease	Use the bicompartamental RANO-BM approach to capture the CNS and extra-CNS overall objective response and duration of benefit separately; if the overall dataset is presented, provide information on the proportion of CNS and extra-CNS lesions within data
Overall survival	Time from randomisation until death from any cause	Gold standard for demonstration of benefit; precise; easy to measure	Requires larger sample size and longer follow-up time than other endpoints; should be evaluated in randomised trials because of the major impact of underlying biology; confounded by subsequent therapies; subject to the effects of extracranial disease	Most reliable endpoint but may be complicated by crossover in randomised trials; should be the primary endpoint in most phase 3 trials, when CNS disease is expected to portend a poor prognosis
Neurocognitive, neurological, functional, or health-related quality-of-life outcomes	Multiple	Evaluates benefits that are difficult to detect with basic neurological exams (ie, neurocognitive); evaluates benefits that might only be detected or described by the patient (ie, health-related quality of life); captures the effects of adverse events	Magnitude of benefit might be difficult to understand; optimally evaluated in randomised trials as the presence of relatively less historical control data limits their interpretability in studies without a comparison group; ideally requires pretreatment baseline assessment and longitudinal assessment	Randomised studies required for definitive trials; can be considered as a primary endpoint in single-arm phase 2 trials under specific circumstances, including to assess the feasibility and operational issues in preparation for a phase 3 trial, to refine effect size estimates to power future trials, to provide a qualitative description of the time course of recovery from treatment-related toxic effects or of symptom improvement, and to allow studies designed to explore the relation between correlative biomarkers (eg, early imaging findings or germline polymorphisms) and neurological or neurocognitive outcomes



# Goal

- Need clarity by end of meeting what trials and endpoints should be performed to develop new therapies for brain metastases
- Identify issues that still need to be addressed
- Develop road map to address these issues
- Summarize the meeting in a paper



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