

**Medical history**

# Case / low grade glioma

## Medical history

**Boy, born 2003 (10 years) (in Russia)**

Visual disturbances since many years.

Since three months increasing motoric dysfunction both arms.

Since two months loss of appetite and weight loss (5 kg).

No neurofibromatosis.

**Past medical history :**

Shortly after birth enlargement of both lateral ventricles.

VP-shunt in July 2004. Delayed motoric development.

**Ophthalmology**

Hemianopsie both eyes

**How do you proceed ?**

**Is imaging indispensable ?**

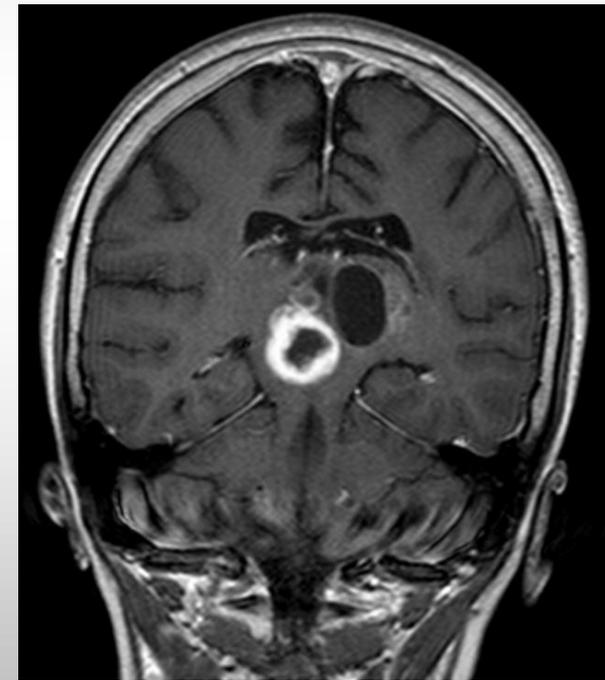
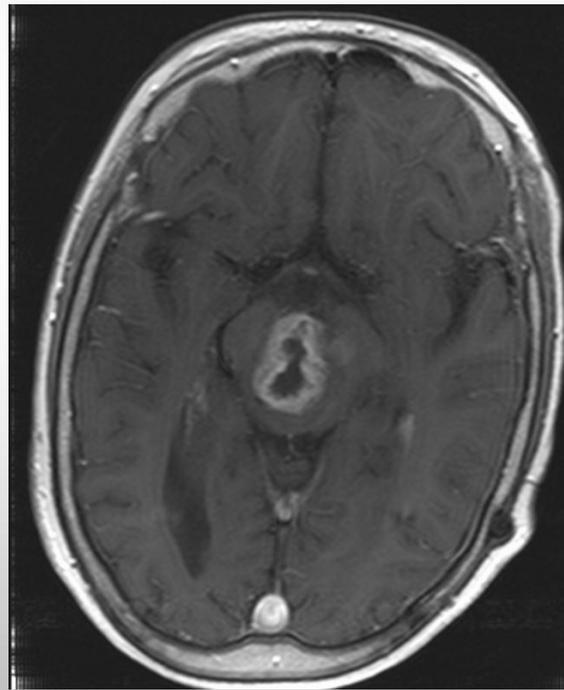
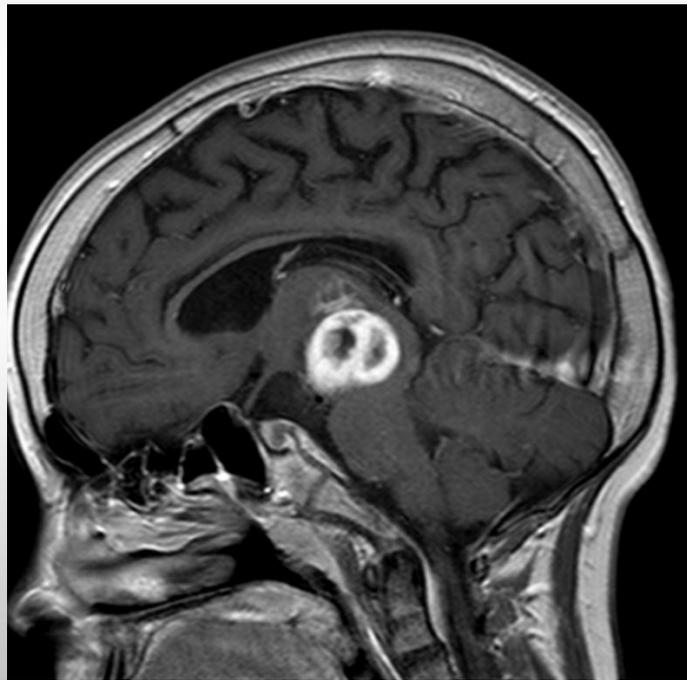
**Where exactly do you suspect a  
(space occupying) lesion ?**

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## MRI at diagnosis

22/10/2012 MRI: centrally localized space occupying lesion 3.3 x 2.9 x 2.6 cm extending into the left thalamus.

Marked contrast enhancement with centrally necrotic (cystic) areas.



**What is your working hypothesis  
for diagnosis ?**

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## Possible questions in general management

**Benign process ?**

**If you suspect a malignant lesion,  
what will be your most likely diagnosis ?**

**Differential diagnosis ?**

**Is a biopsy necessary ?**

**Is a complete resection possible ?**

**Or would you ask the neurosurgeon to attempt  
a complete resection ? If so why ?**

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## Diagnosis and further management

### **Diagnosis:**

low grade glioma, localisation thalamus-mesencephalon left

### **Biopsy:**

pilocytic astrocytoma WHO grade I.

### **Complete resection**

is not possible without risking major neurological deficits

**What would you do next ?**

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## Further management

**Is treatment necessary ?**

**If yes, would you recommend  
radiotherapy or chemotherapy  
or both ?**

**What is your rationale for  
treatment decision ?**

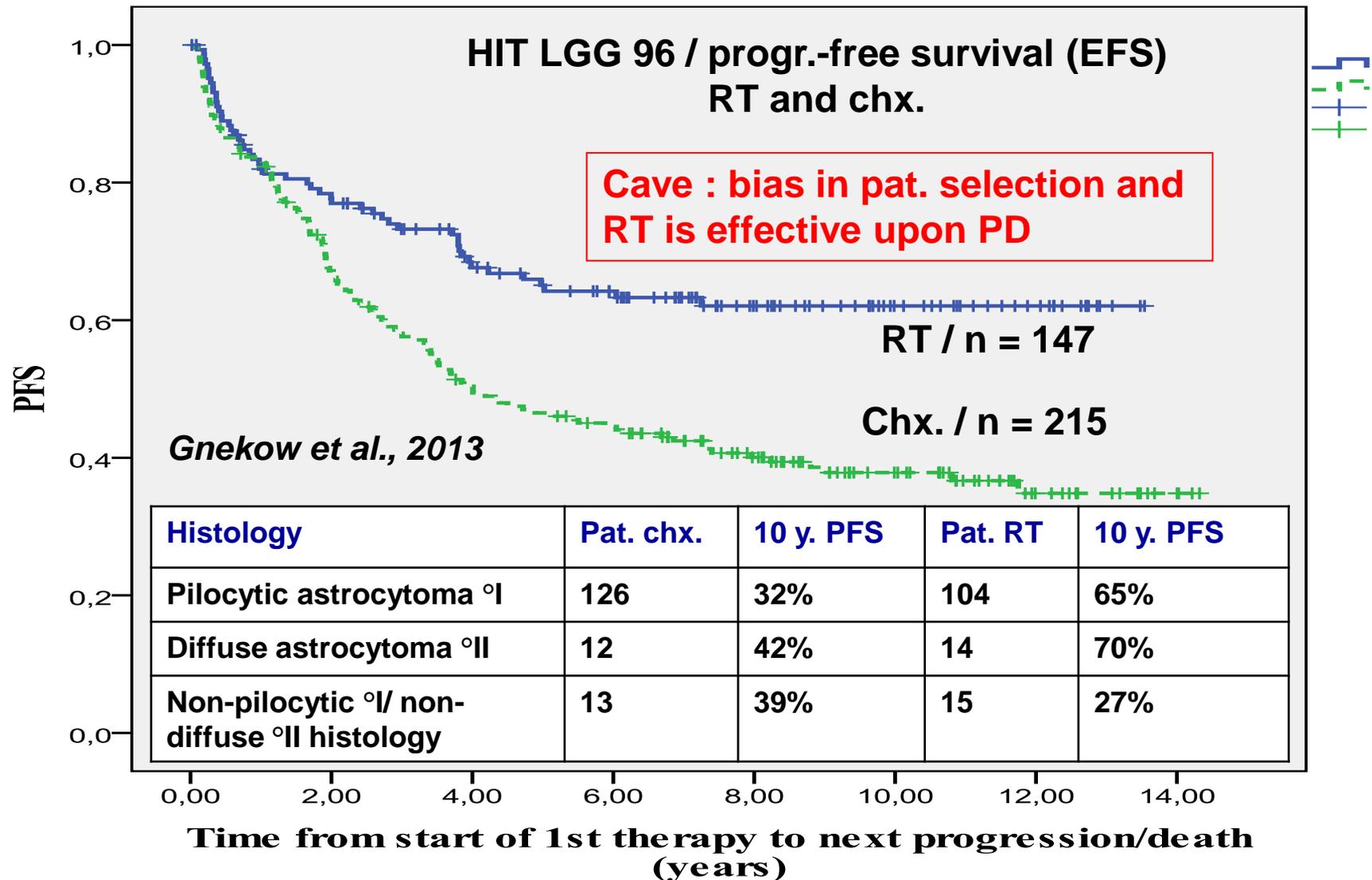
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## Radiotherapy of tumour site / outcome

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Muller et al., 2013	Conventional/3D planning Median 54 Gy/1.8 Gy Margin 1-2 cm	75	Pilocytic astrocytoma 5/10 y. PFS: 76.5 % 5/10 y. OS: 96.2 % Relapse pattern: n.a.	8.4 years												

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## Radiotherapy / chemotherapy / outcome



**Which RT technology  
would you select ?**

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## Further management

**Conventional RT**

**3 D conformal RT**

**Brachytherapy**

**Protontherapy**

**Radiosurgery**



# Brachytherapy

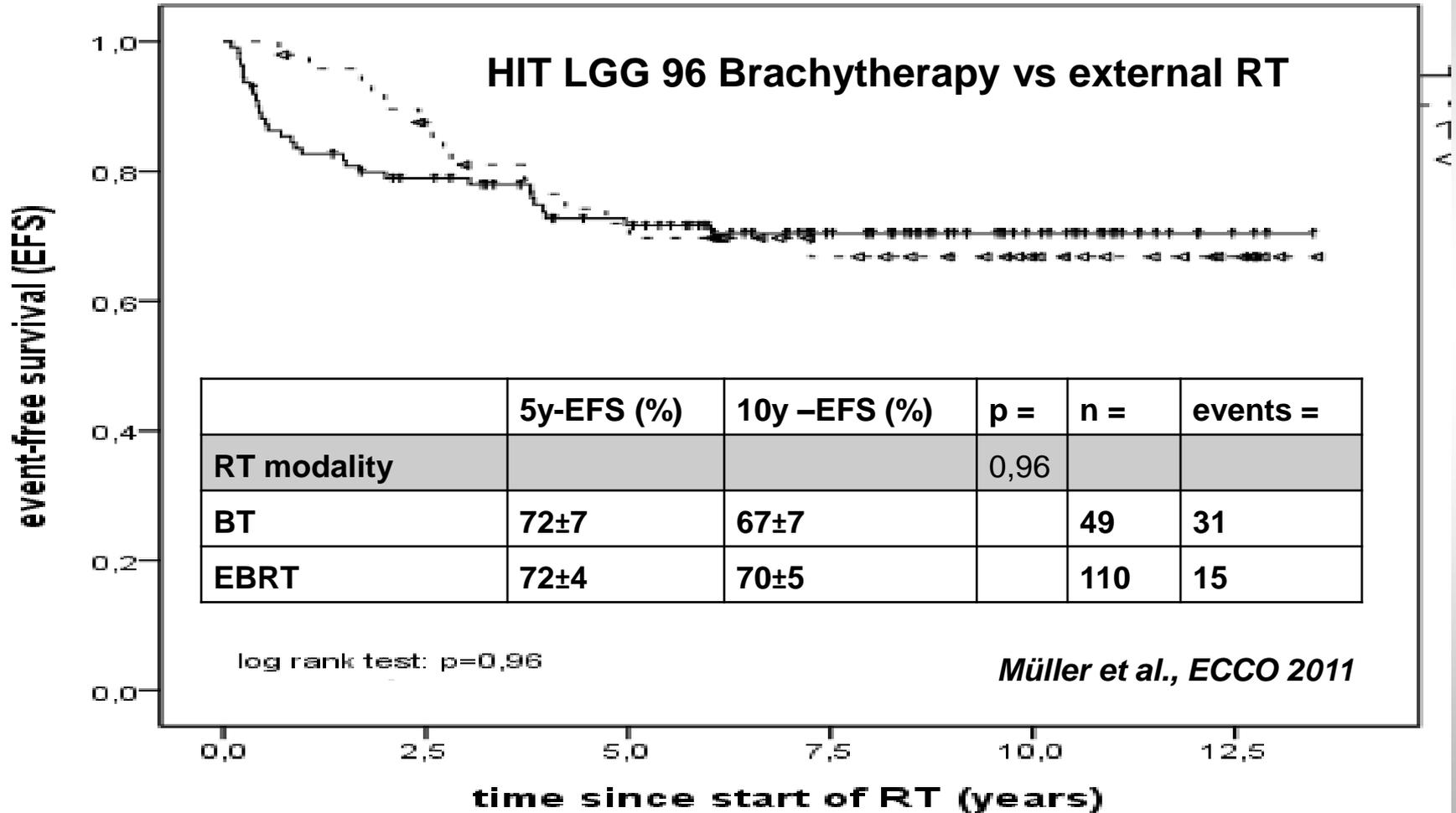
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## Outcome brachytherapy

Author	Technique	Patients	Outcome
Herrera et al. 2007	temporary iodine-125 seeds 60 Gy < 4 cm	n = 12 age range: 8-17 y. (median: 8.7 y.) pilocyt. A. only	OS: 83.3%
Peraud, Kreth et al. 2007	temporary iodine-125 seeds 54 Gy < 4 cm	N = 11 age: 11 m.-16 y. (median: 6.8 y.) astr. I: 6 Pat. Astr. II: 5 Pat.	Initial Vol.: 14.9 ml volume reduction CR: 4 pat. PR: 7 pat. OS: 100%
Korinthenberg et al. 2010	temporary iodine-125 seeds median dose 60 Gy < 5 cm, spherical shape	n = 94 age range: 1-19 y. median age: 9 y. WHO I + II	5y OS: 97 %, 10y OS: 92 % age, sex, histology, size, location, demarcation
Ruge et al., 2011	Permanent iodine-125 seeds. Median 50-65Gy <4-5cm, demarcated lesions	n = 147 age: 1.2-19.9 , median:10.7 years WHO I +II	5, 10, 15 years PFS: 92 %, 74 %, 67 %. OS: 98 %, 93 %, 82 %
Mueller et al., 2013	Permanent and temporary iodine-125 seeds	N= 42	5 years 10 years PFS 65 % 58 % OS 97 % 97 %

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## Outcome brachytherapy



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## Brachytherapy

### Excellent tumour control rates

- reduction of integral dose to organs at risk  
(highly conformal even to irregular tumour shapes)
- excellent preservation of OAR's (steep dose gradient)
- excellent control of symptoms (high rate of improvements)
- identical tumour control rates (external RT)  
(explanation : dose escalation has no benefit)
- In terms of indication and application : surgery
- In terms of tumour control : radiotherapy

### Disadvantages

- limited tumour volumes (< 4-5 cm)
- spherical shapes
- no RT in tumours of within the optic chiasm
- in tumour shrinkage while implant in position  
anatomical shift with high dose exposure to neighbouring OAR  
(hippocampus ?)
- no data concerning neurocognitive function

**Further prospective evaluation of outcome necessary**

# radiosurgery

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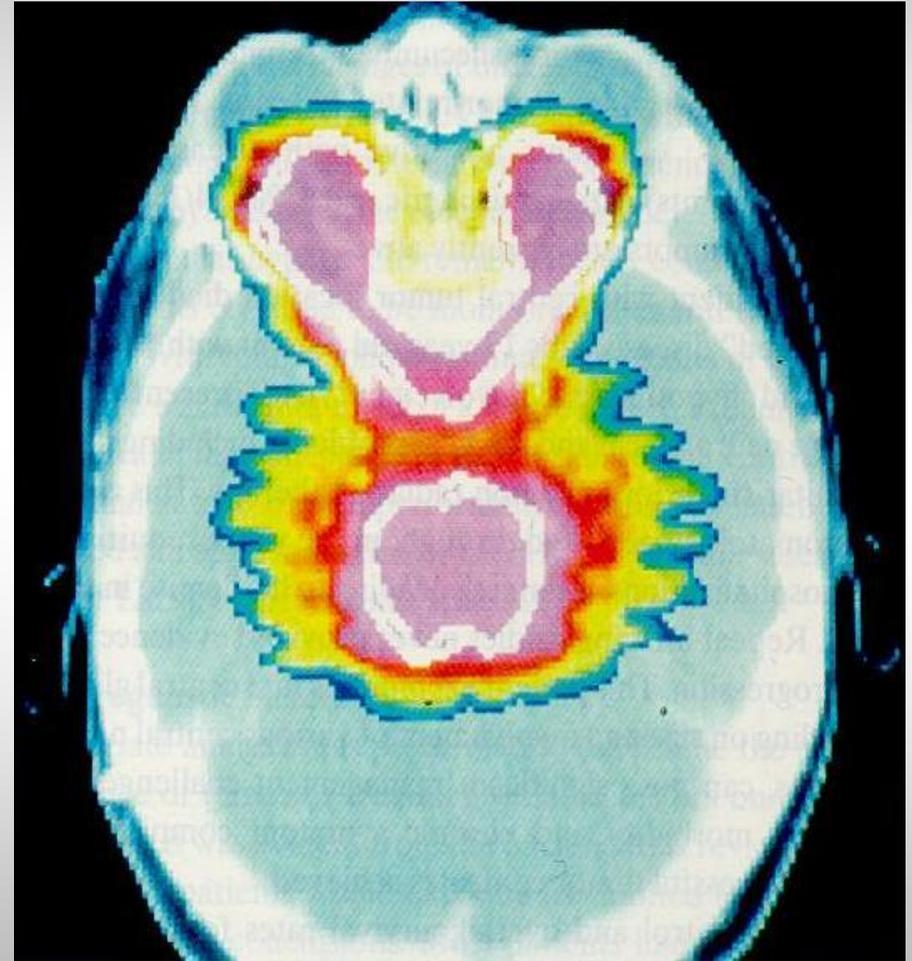
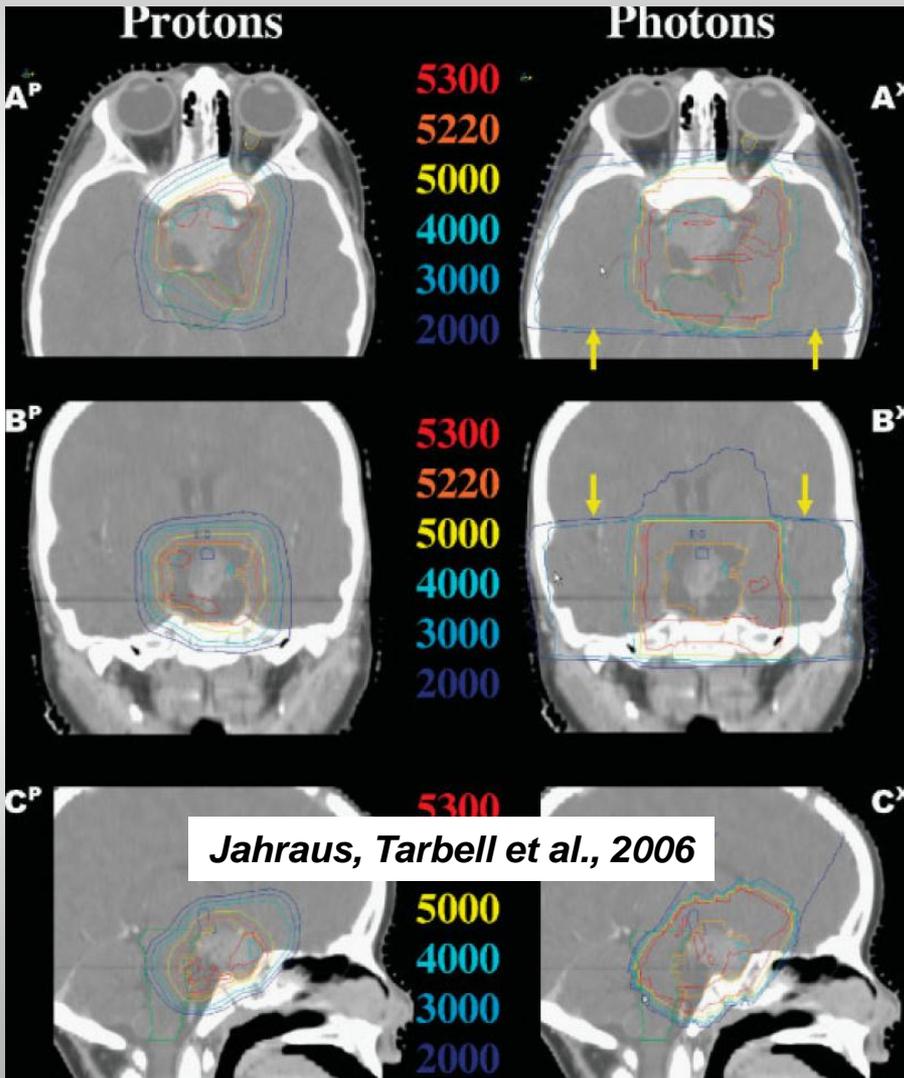
## Radiosurgery / Gamma Knife

<i>Author</i>	<i>Dose</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
Ganz et al., 1994	12 Gy	7 pat. 8 tumours	No acute side effects 1 CR, 4 PR, 3 SD / OS 100%	21 mon.
Grabb et al., 1996	11-20 Gy	13	4 trans. Edema, 4 CR, 5 PR, 2 SD, 2 PD, OS 100%	21 mon.
Somaza et al., 1996	15 Gy	9	PFS 100% Overall survival 100%	19 mon.
Lim et al., 1996	12 – 14.4 Gy	2	No side effects, decrease tumour size both pat.	24 – 43 mon.
Kida et al., 2000	12 Gy	12 (Astro I)	PR :7, SD 4, PD 1	24.8 mon.
Boethius et al., 2002	10-12 Gy	19 (16 childr.)	Control : 18/19 pat. 85% vol.-reduction	5.7 years
Hadjipanais et al.,2002	15 Gy	37	CR 10, PR 8, SD 7 Delayed PD : 12 (32,4%)	28 mon.
Heppner et al.,2005	15 Gy	49 (21 pilocyt. A.)	5 year PFS : 41% 8/49 DOD (16.3%)	63 mon.

# **Protontherapy**

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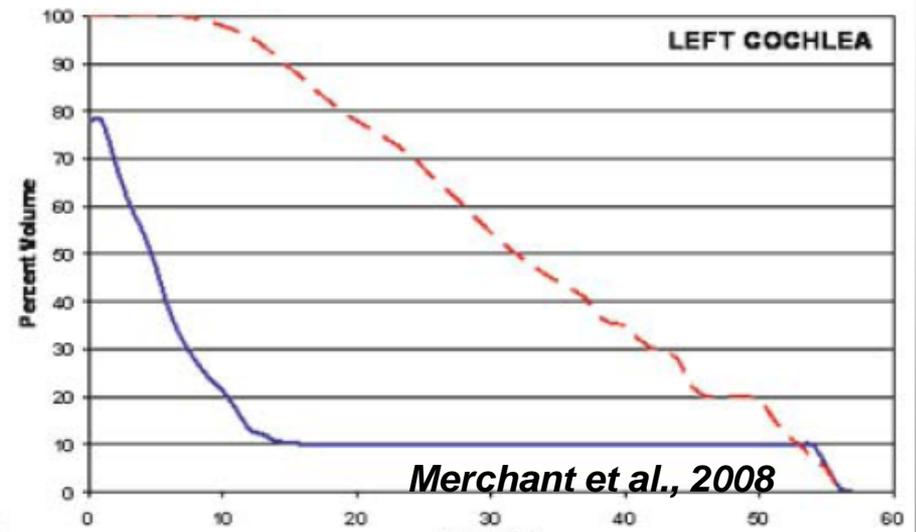
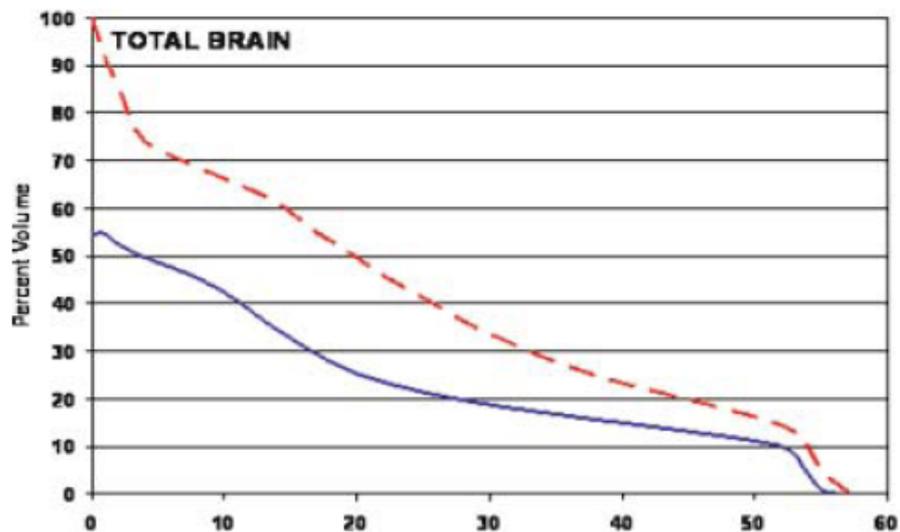
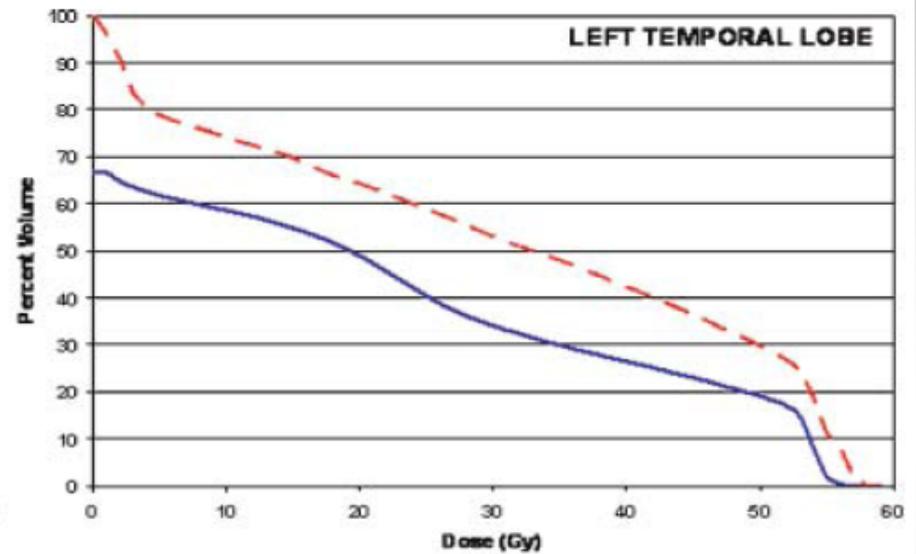
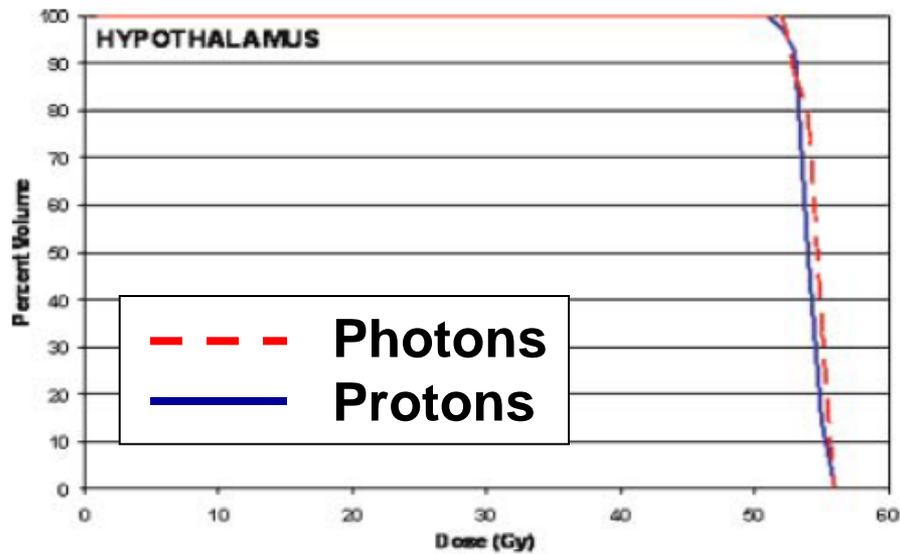
## Proton therapy



*Hug et al., 2002*

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## DVH comparison photons versus protons



*Merchant et al., 2008*

## Protontherapy

### Advantages

- ⇒ reduction of integral dose to organs at risk  
(highly conformal even to irregular tumour shapes)
- ⇒ reduction of late effects is expected  
(neurocog., endocrin., hearing, sec. malignancies..)

### Disadvantages

- ⇒ limited information regarding tumour control rates  
and reduction of late effects
- ⇒ limited access (will change in future)

**Prospective, european wide studies necessary**

**Which dose prescription  
would you select ?**

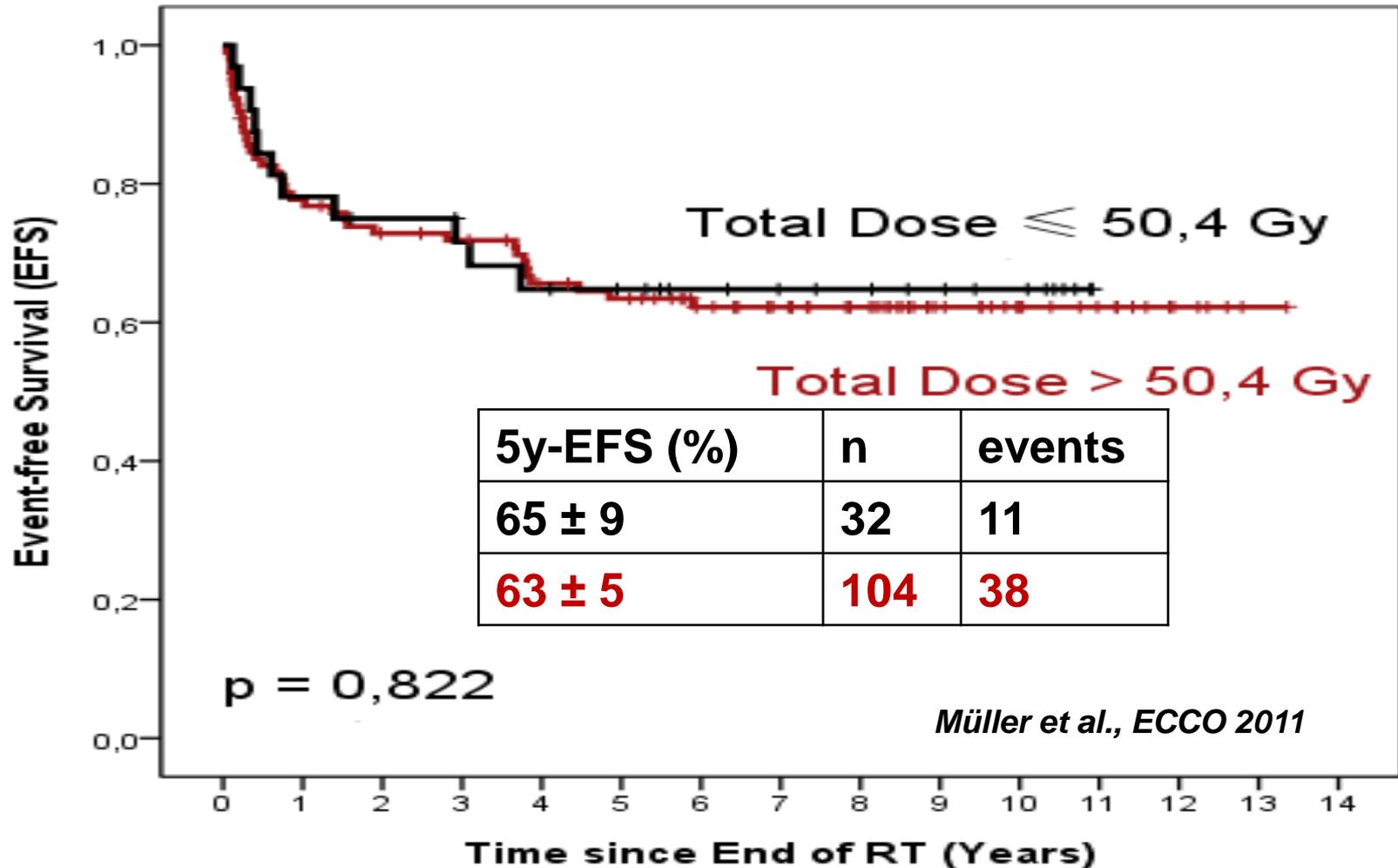
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## Dose – response relationship

Author	Patients	Total dose	Fractionated dose	PFS (5 y.)	PFS (10 y.)	p-value
Karim et al., 1996 (adults)	171 172	45.0 Gy 59.4 Gy	1.8 Gy	47 % 50 %	Not reached	p: n.s.
Montgomery et al., 1977	7 9	</= 42 Gy >/= 50 Gy	n.m.	Overall 43 % 100 %	n.m.	n.m.
Alvord et al., 1988	52 62	> 45.0 Gy < 45.0 Gy	n. m.	80 % 65 %	65 % 55 %	n. m.
Flickinger et al., 1988	12 12	> 45.0 Gy < 45.0 Gy	Calculation according NSD	100 % 75 %		P=0.045
Kovalic et al., 1990	3 30	< 40.0 Gy > 40.0 Gy	n. m.	0 90 %	0 % 79 %	<0.0001
Garcia et al., 1990	8 17	< 40 Gy =/> 40 Gy	n.m.	4/8 recurred 2/17 recurred	n.m.	n.m.
Jenkin et al., 1993	19 15	> 50.0Gy < 50.0 Gy	n. m.	88 % 72 %	88 % 57 %	0.37, n.s.
Grabenbauer et al., 2000	9 16	44-45 Gy 45.1-60 Gy	1.6-2.0 Gy	87 % 90 %	36 % 85 %	0.04
Paulino et al., 2013	29 10	</= 50.4 Gy >50.4 Gy	1.8 Gy	5 years 73.8 % 90.9 %	8 years 95.2 % 88.9%	0.37
Muller et al., 2013	13 52	</= 50.4 Gy >50.4 Gy	1.8Gy	77% 77%	77% 77%	0.941

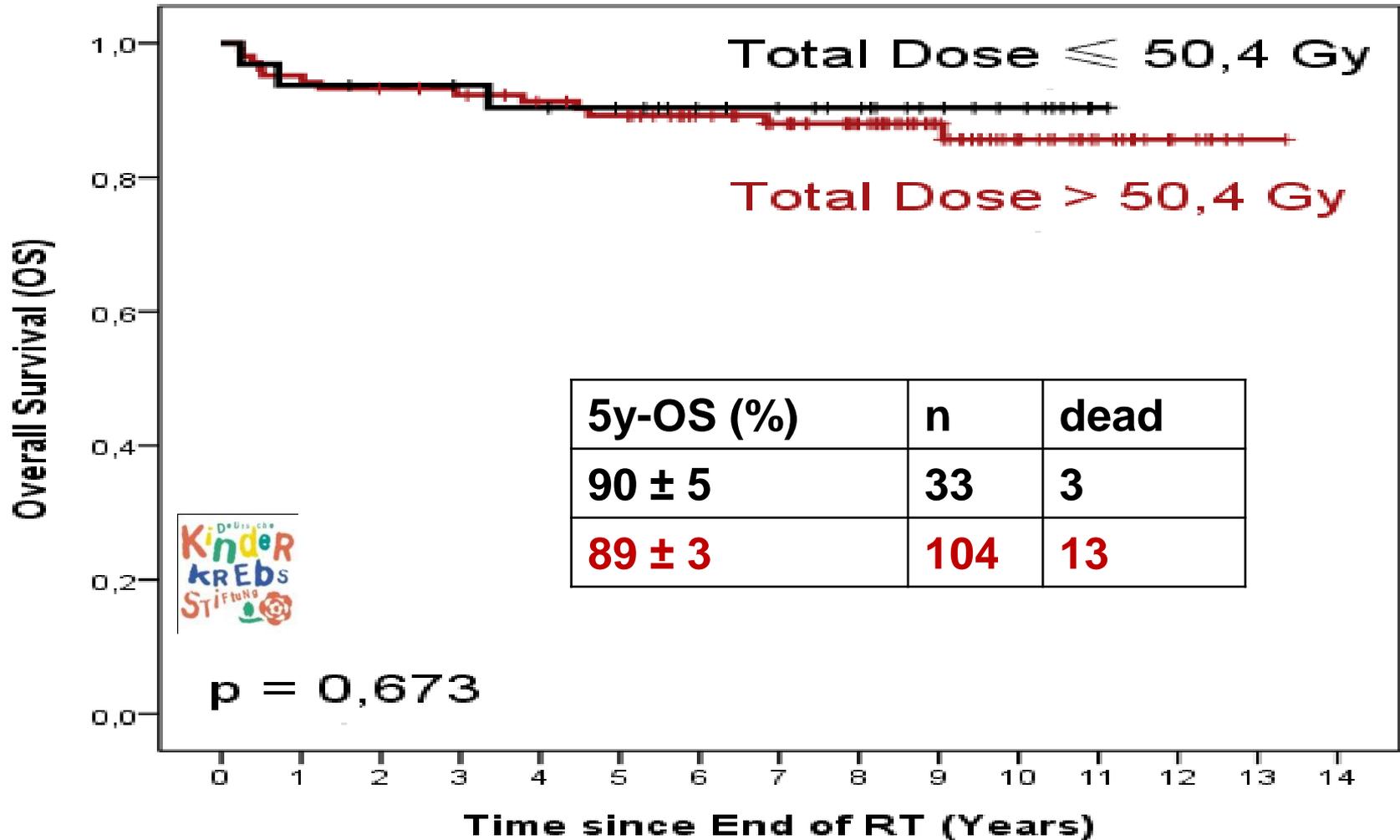
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## HIT LGG 96 dose – response relationship / eventfree survival



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## HIT LGG 96 dose – response relationship / overall survival



**Which margin for CTV  
would you select ?**

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## Outcome after RT with respect to margin / CTV

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Debus et al., 1999	52.4 Gy/1.6-2.0 Gy <b>Margin: 7 mm</b>	10	5 y. PFS: 90 %, 5 y. OS: 100 %	12-72 mon.
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Paulino et al., 2013	IMRT45-60 Gy <b>5 – 10 mm</b>	39	8 y. EFS/OS: 78.2 % and 93.7 % <b>7/7 failures in field</b>	n.a.

**Treatment plan**

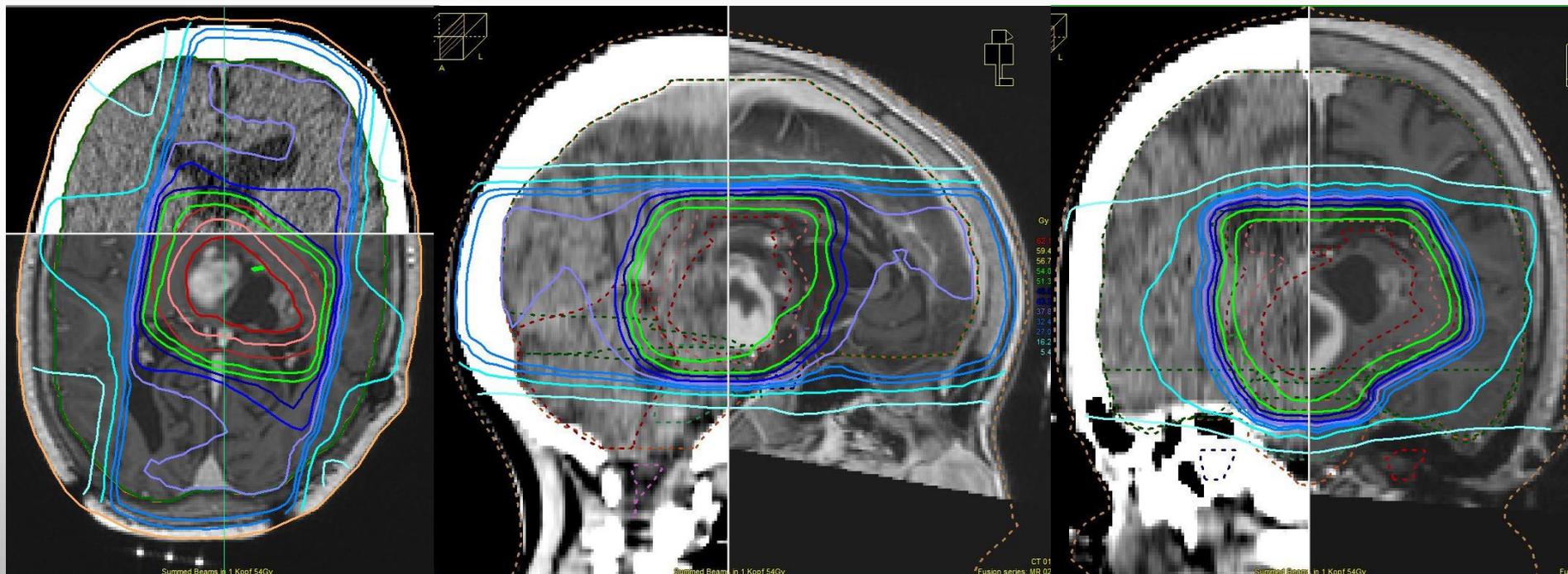
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Image fusion with MRI T1 weighted with contrast and T2 weighted. 3 D conformal technique. Definition GTV on both MRI seq.

CTV = GTV plus 5 mm

PTV = CTV plus 5 mm

Dose prescription : 5 x 1.8 Gy, 54 Gy according to LGG 2004 protocol



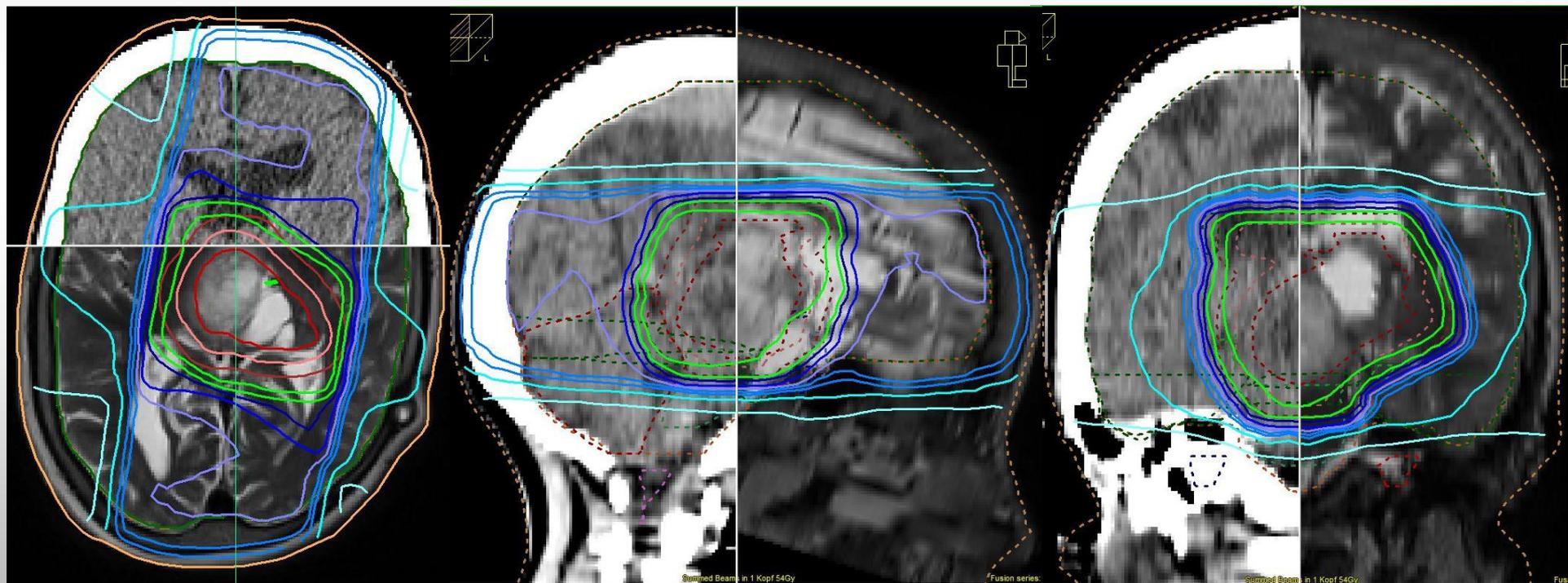
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Impact of safety margin, treatment technology and dose constraints on dose distribution to organs at risk

Dose constraints : hippocampus / temporal lobe

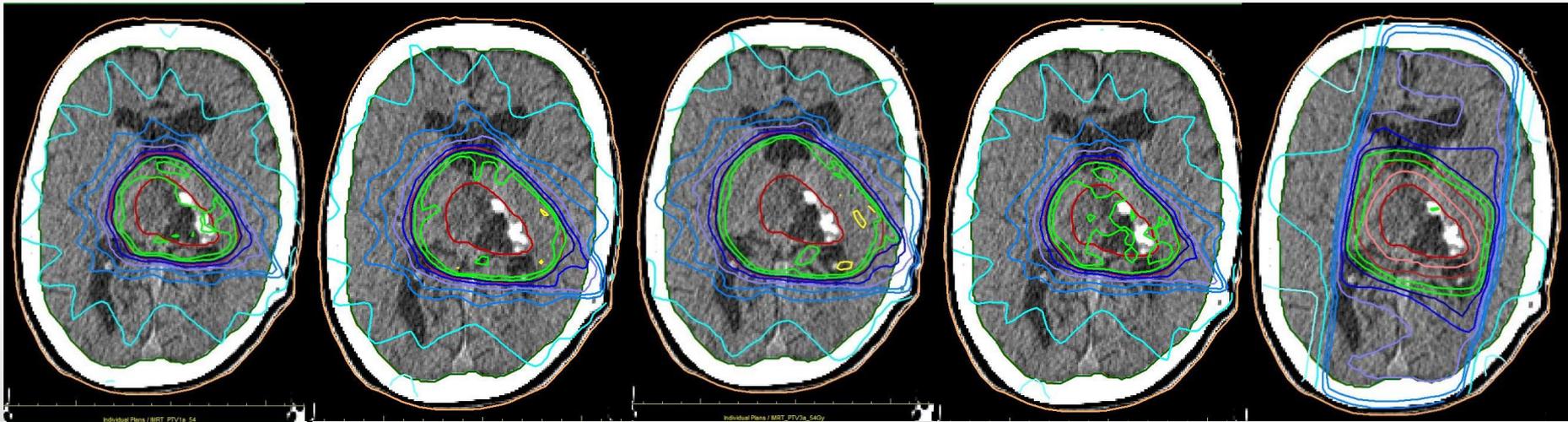
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Central plane

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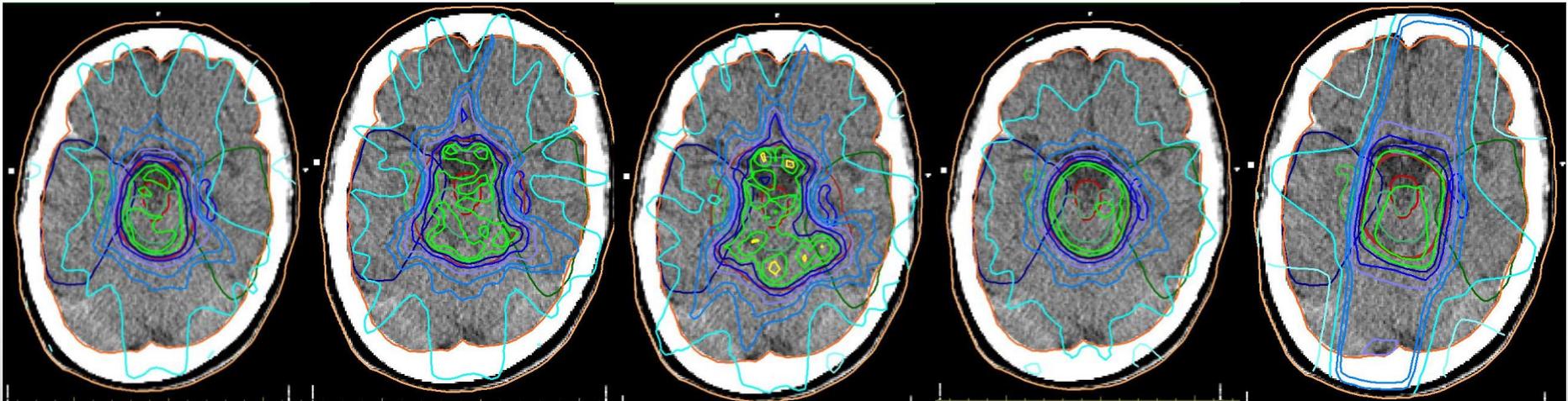
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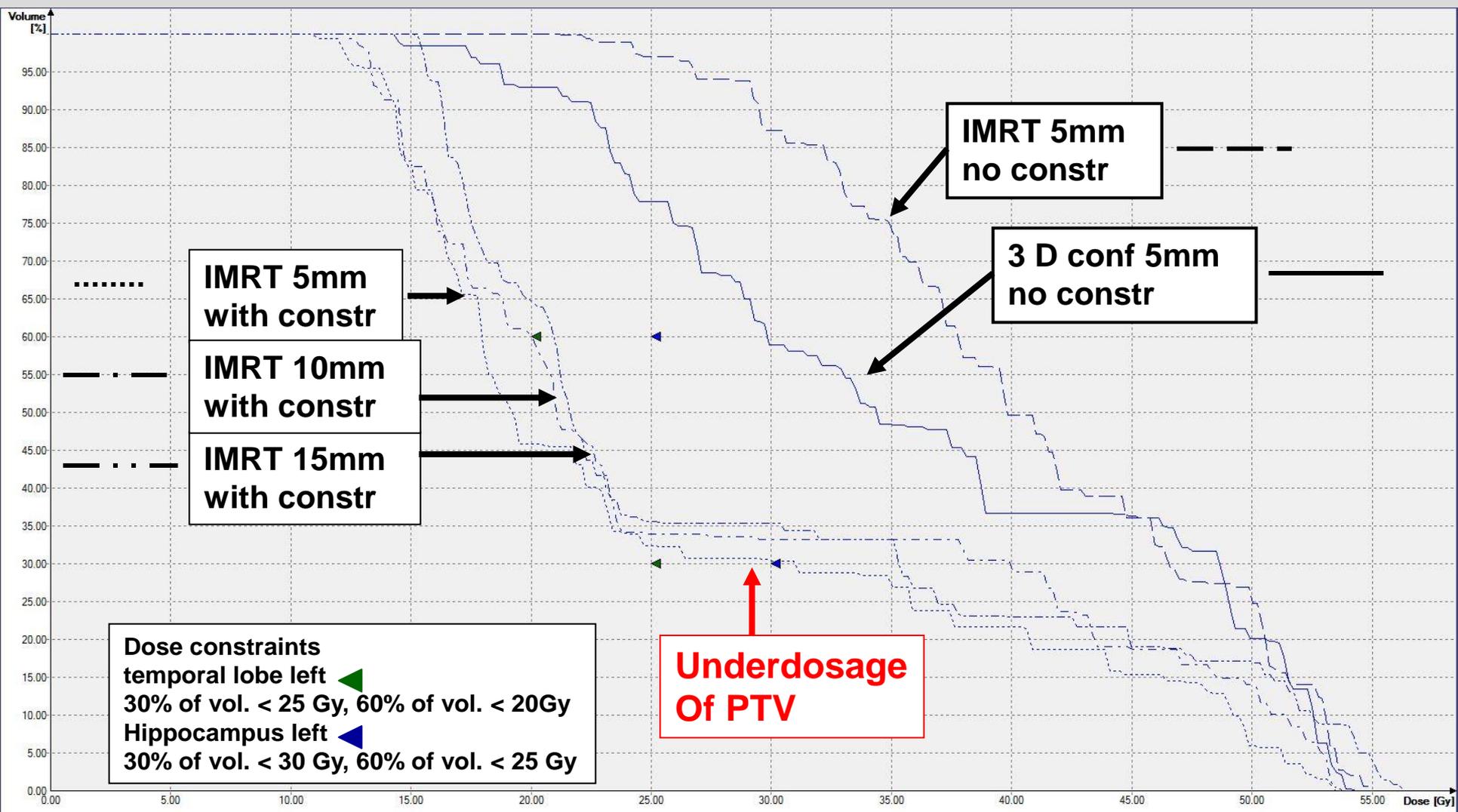


Off central plane / base of skull

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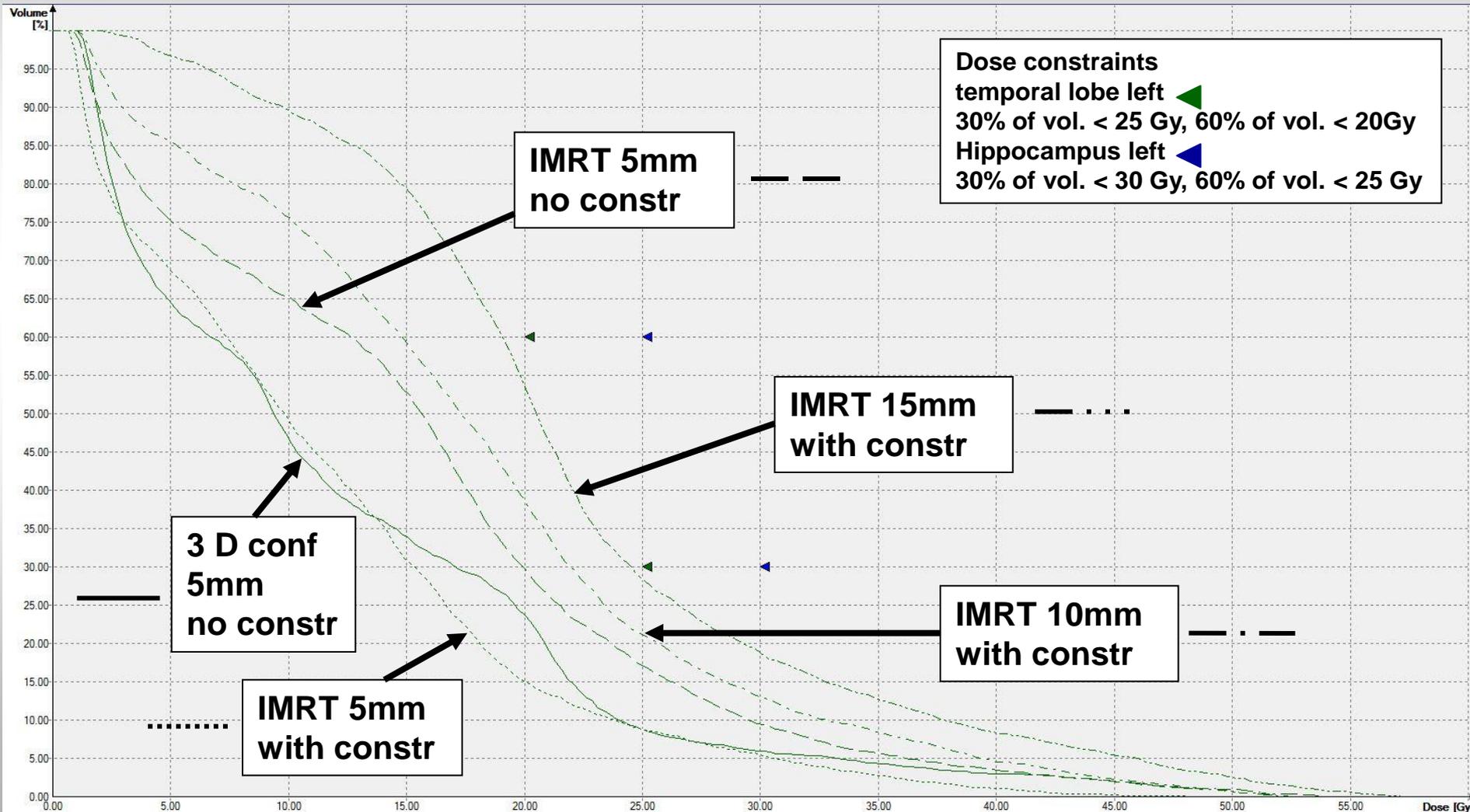
Dose constraints : **hippocampus left / DVH**



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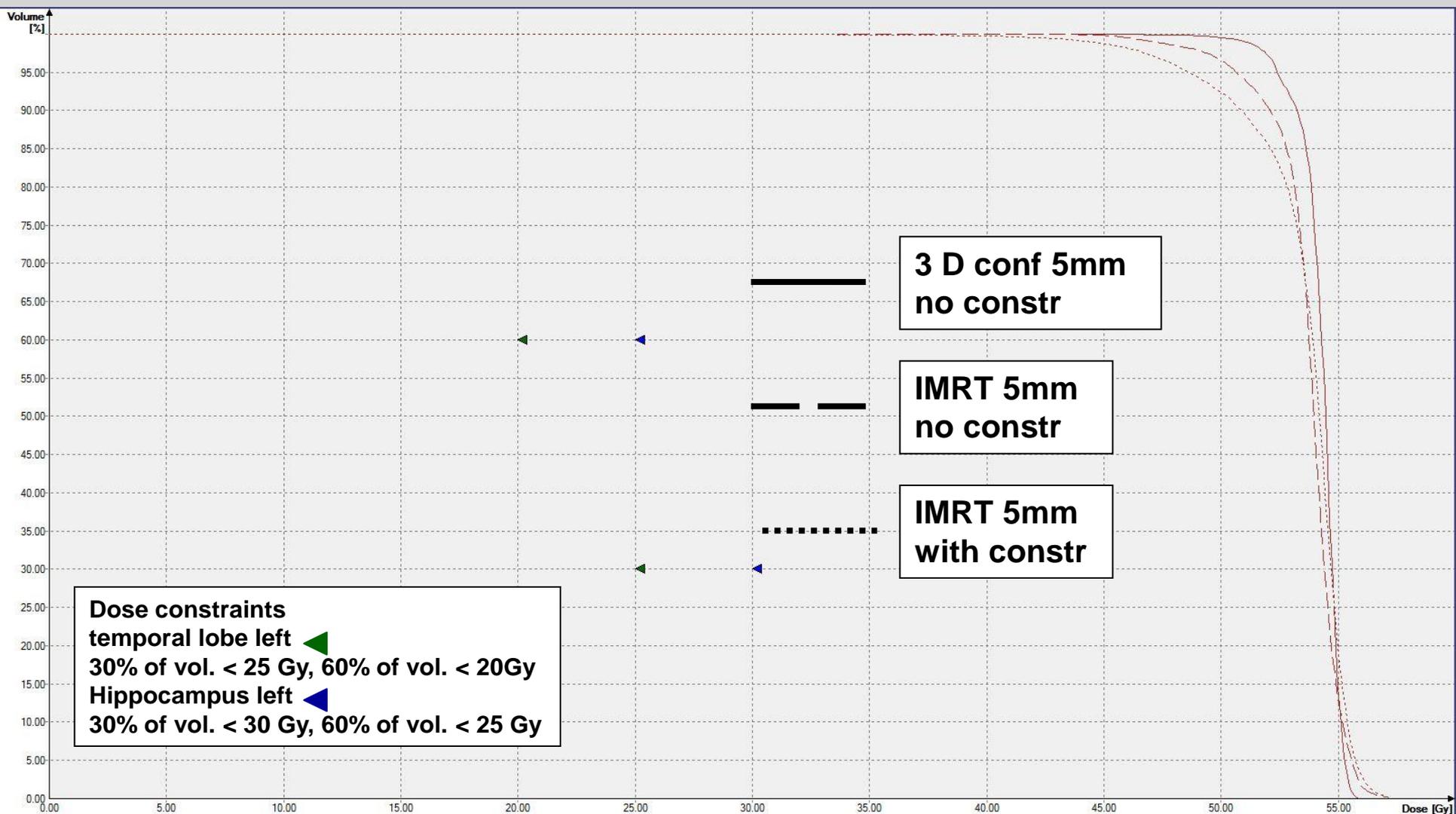
Dose constraints : **temporal lobe left** / DVH



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PTV / DVH



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**Impact of safety margin, treatment technology and dose constraints on dose distribution to organs at risk**

**Dose constraints : hippocampus / temporal lobe**

**Dose constraints in IMRT reduce integral dose to OAR, even if CTV is large  
However, underdosage of PTV**

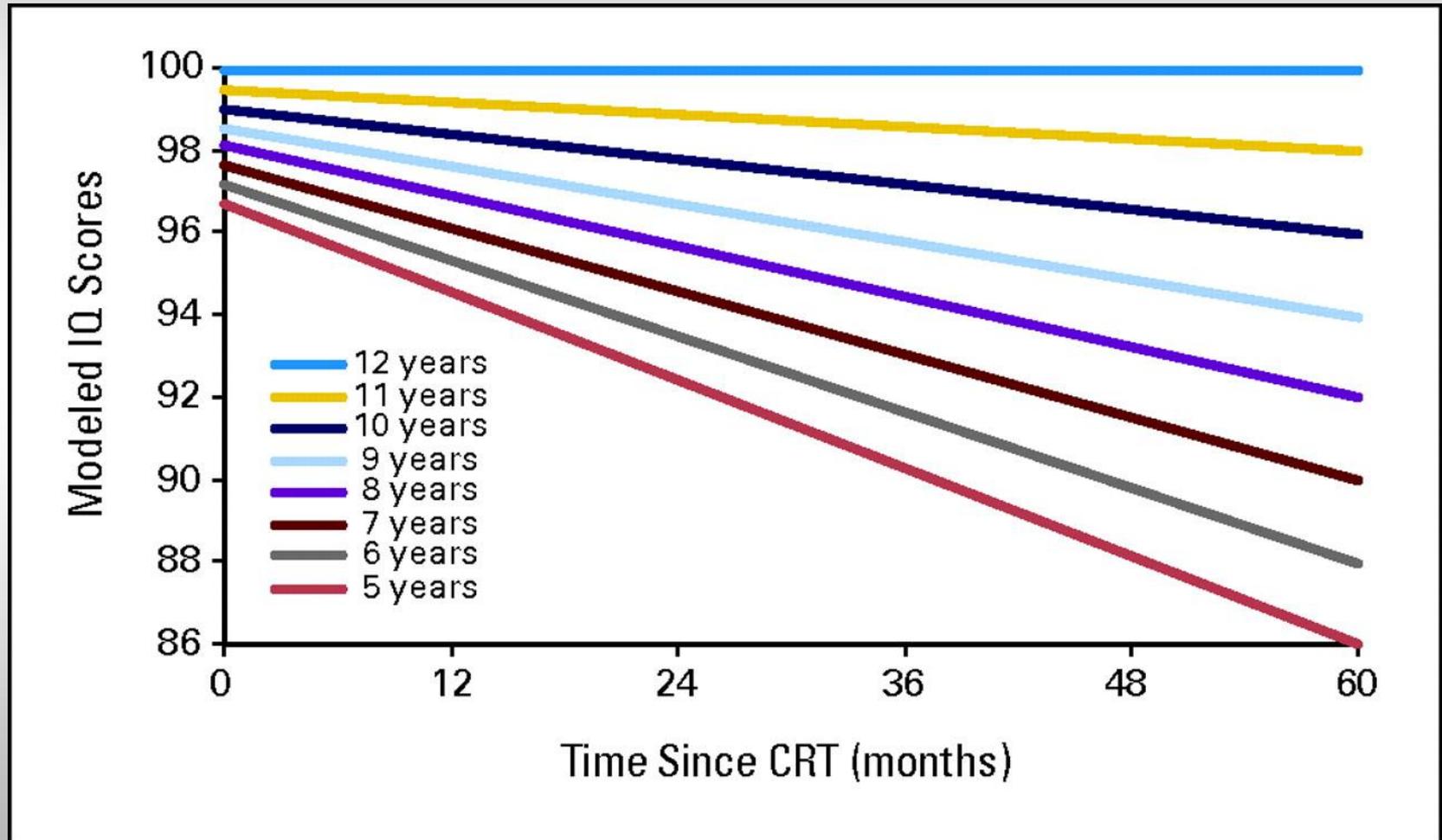
**3 D conformal technique achieve a better preservation of OAR  
as compared with IMRT without dose constraints  
in OAR close to PTV**

**The closer the OAR to PTV the higher the impact of dose constraints  
on the reduction of dose to OAR**

**The extent of CTV impacts the integral dose to OAR**

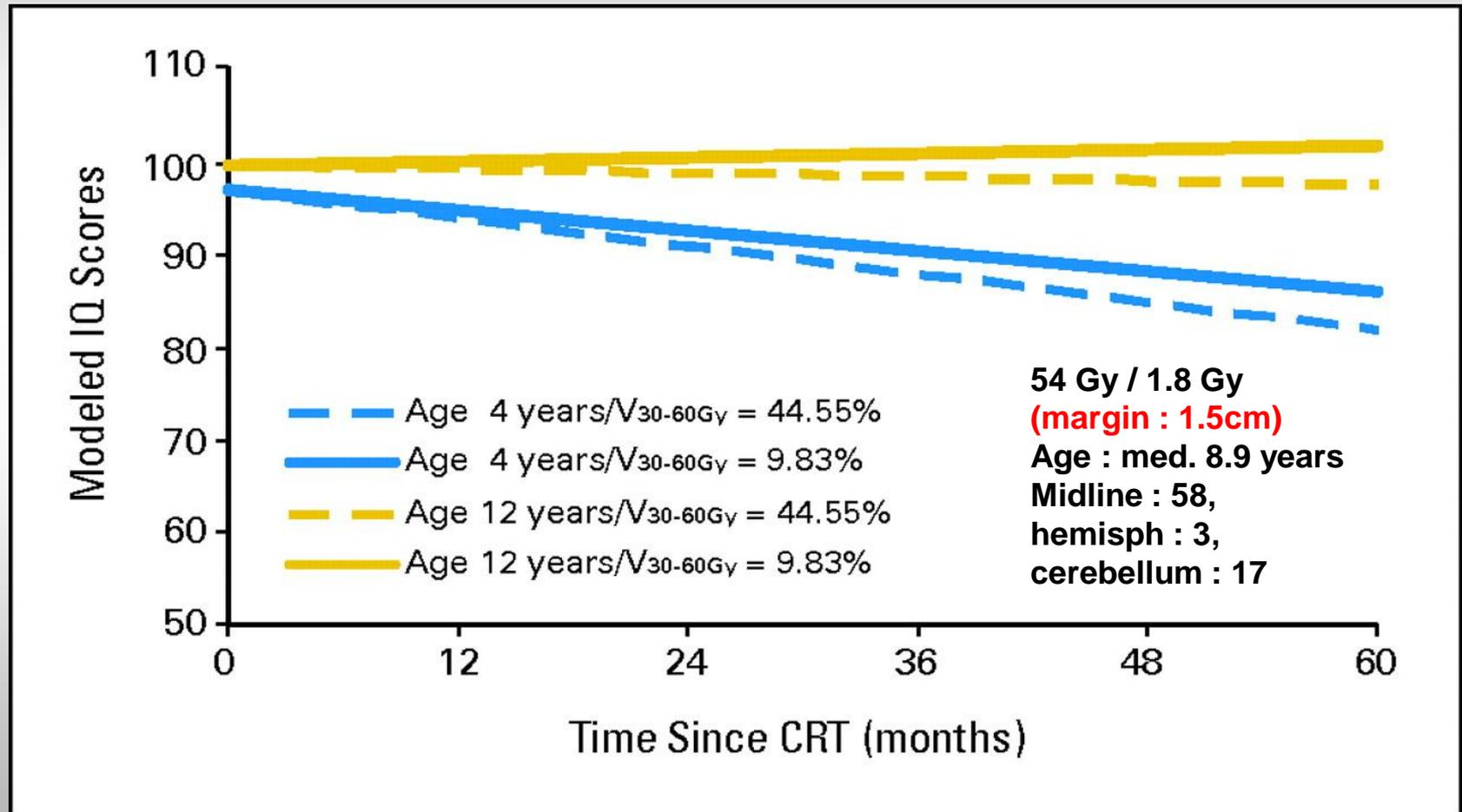
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Modeled intelligence quotient (IQ) scores after conformal RT by age for pediatric low-grade glioma



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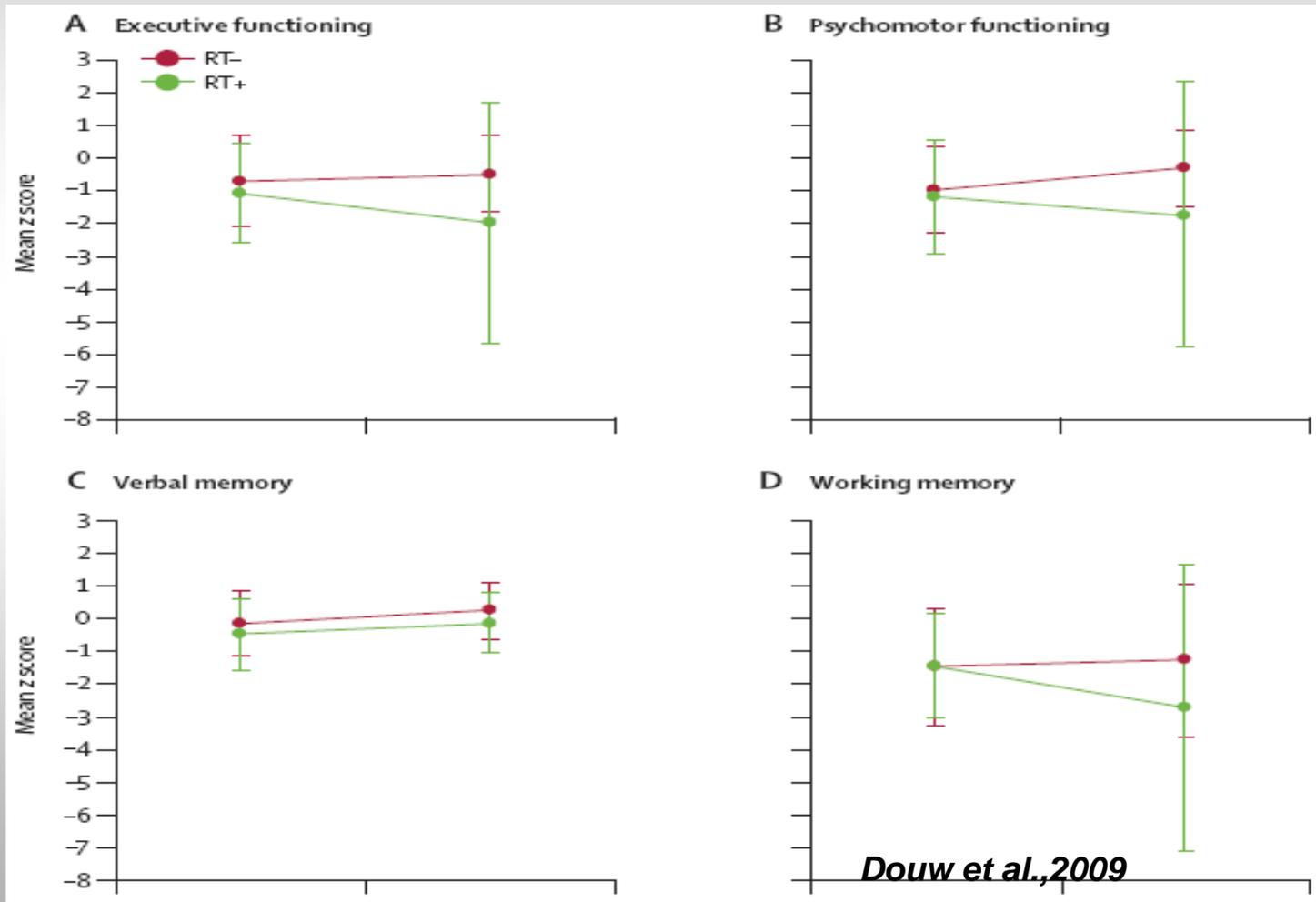
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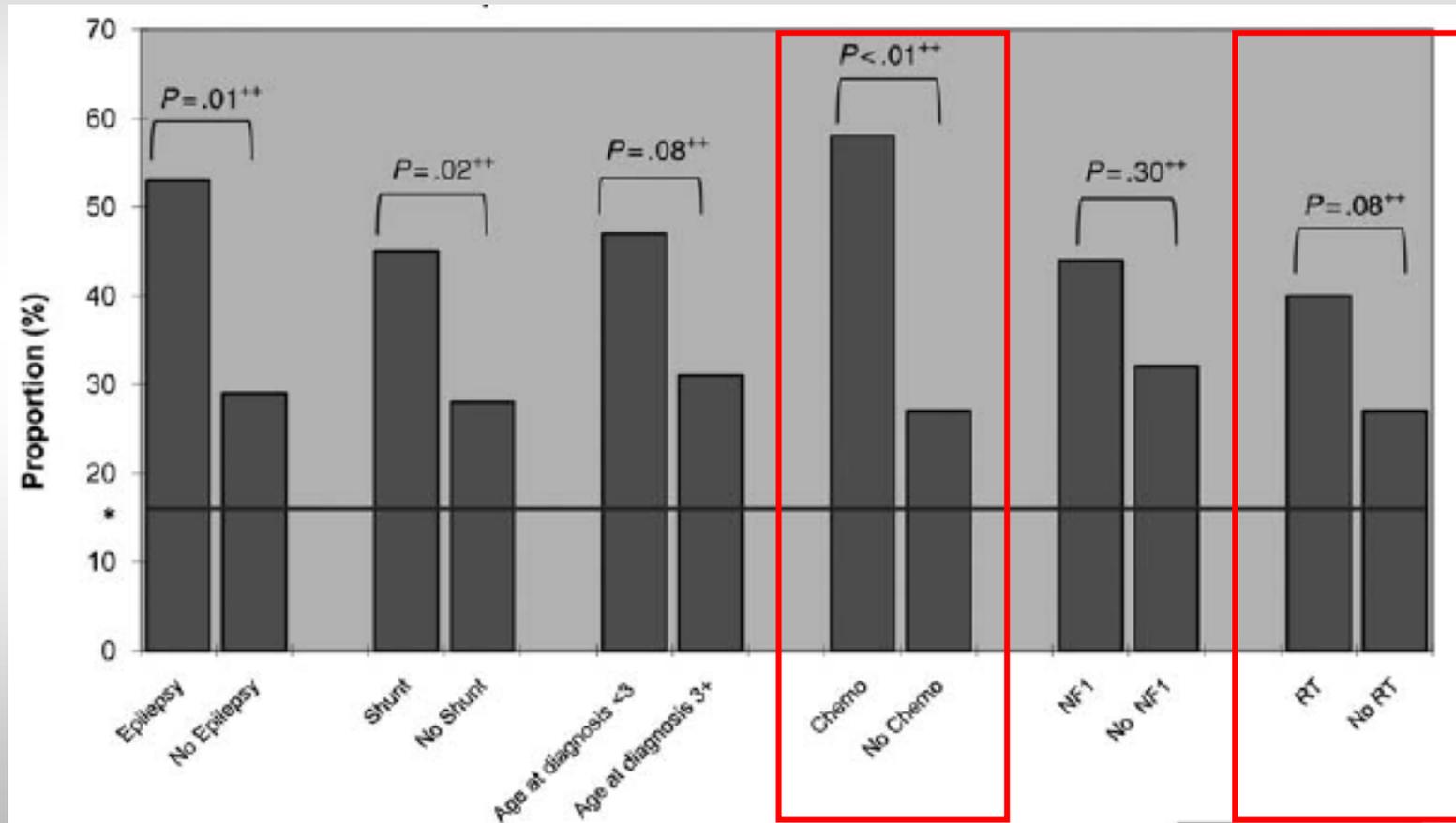
## Neurocog. Function after RT (adults)

65 of 195 pat, age : not mentioned (mean 40 years ?) (32 RT, conv. techniques / margin 2 cm, dose : mean 56.6 Gy (30 (whole brain)-69 Gy)



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Proportions of IQ score lower than 85 / Memphis series  
Multivariate analysis : epilepsy, shunt, young age : neg. predictive



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## Impact of RT on late effects / Memphis series Multivariate analysis of clinical parameters including treatments

Multivariable models demonstrated radiation therapy to be a significant independent predictor of

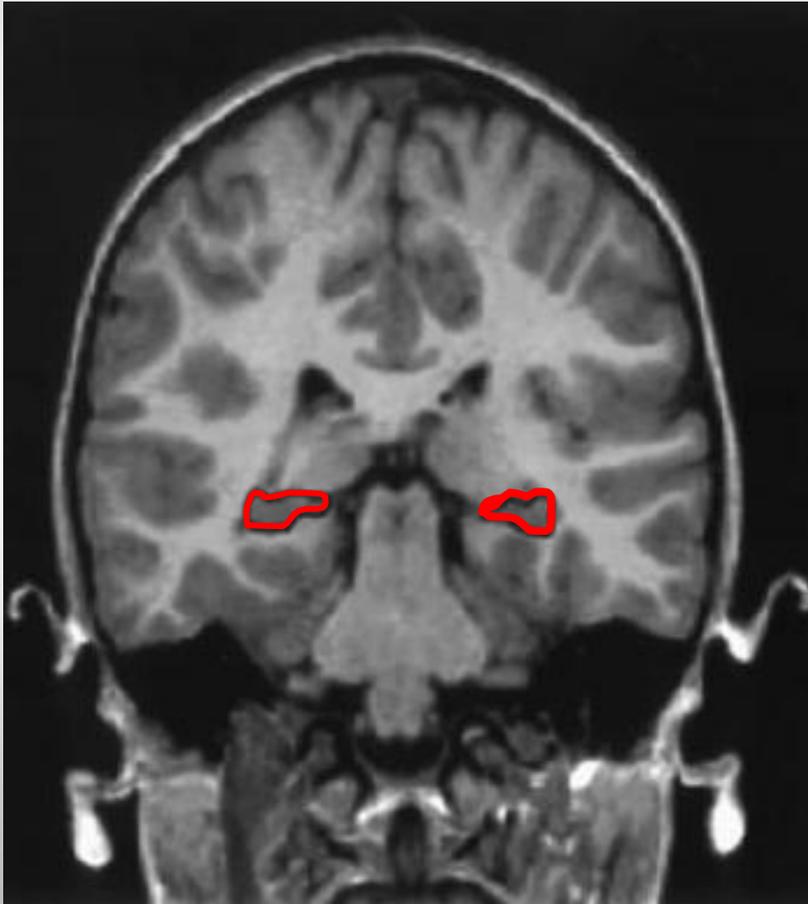
- hearing loss
- growth
- hormone deficiency
- abnormal thyroid function
- ACTH deficiency

<b>Treatments</b>	<b>n</b>
<b>Surgery only</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Surgery + RT</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Surgery + RT + chemo</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Surgery + chemo</b>	<b>31</b>

(but not neurocognitive function)  
(vascular complications were not investigated)

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## Hippocampus



### Major functions

Learning

Memory

Attention / executive functions

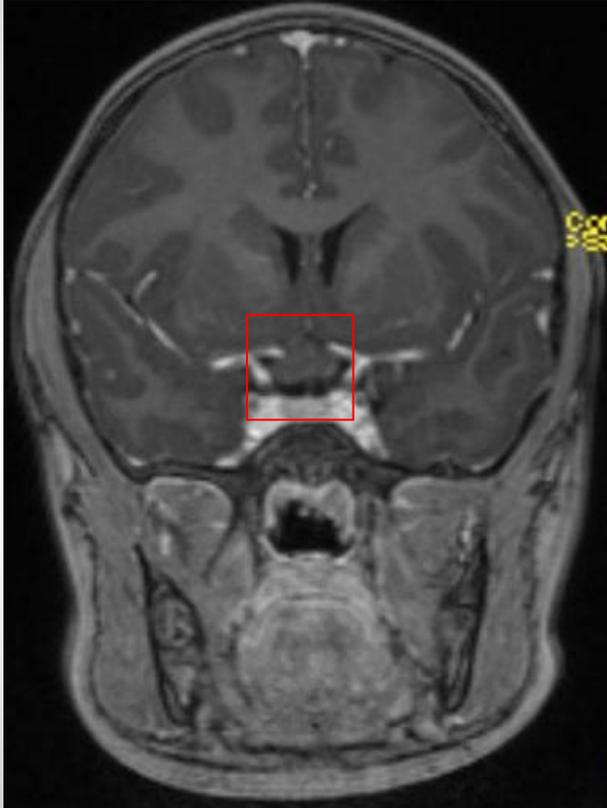
### Neurogenesis

Development

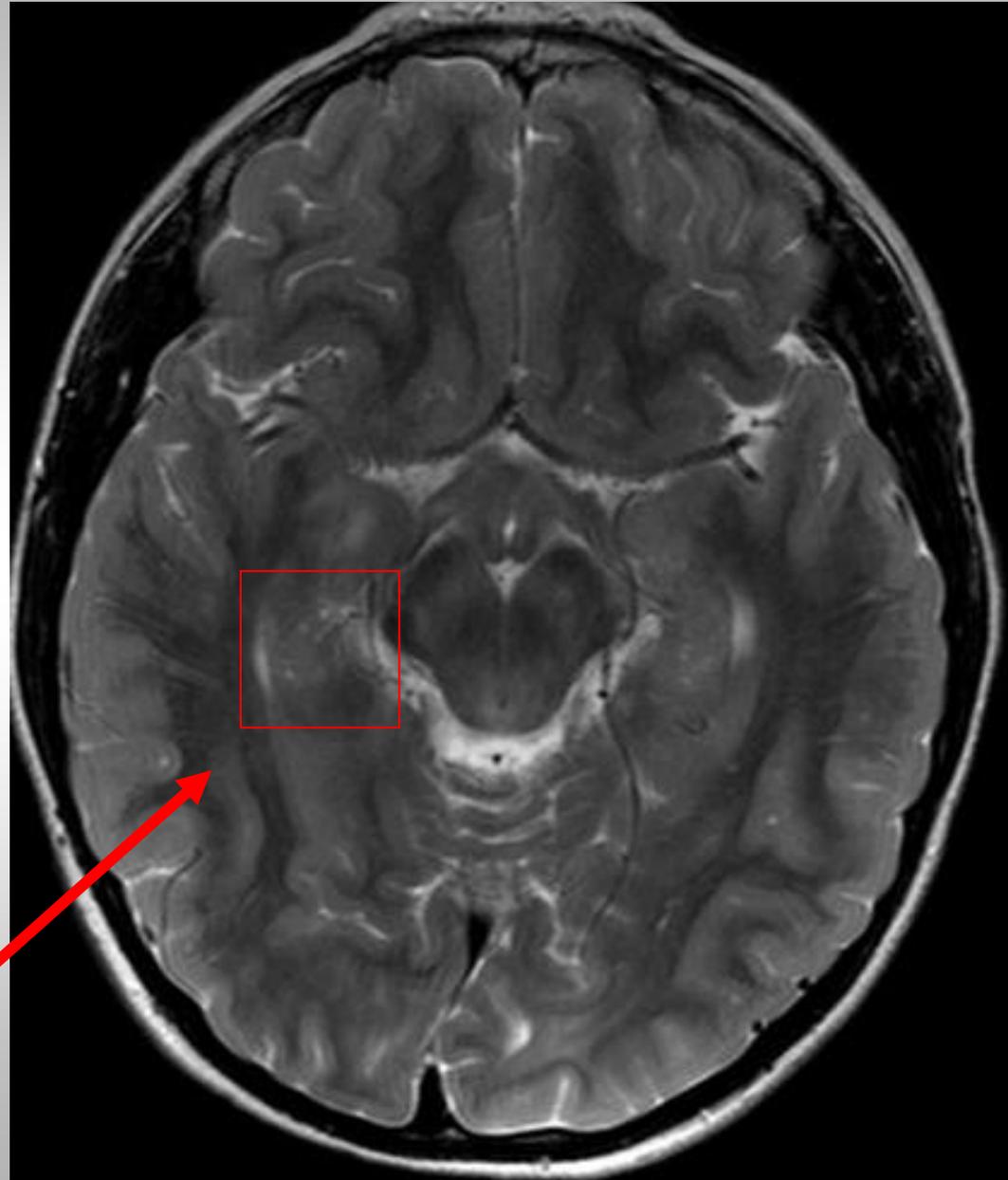
repair

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8 y. / glioma Optic chiasm in NF1  
Heavy mental retardation

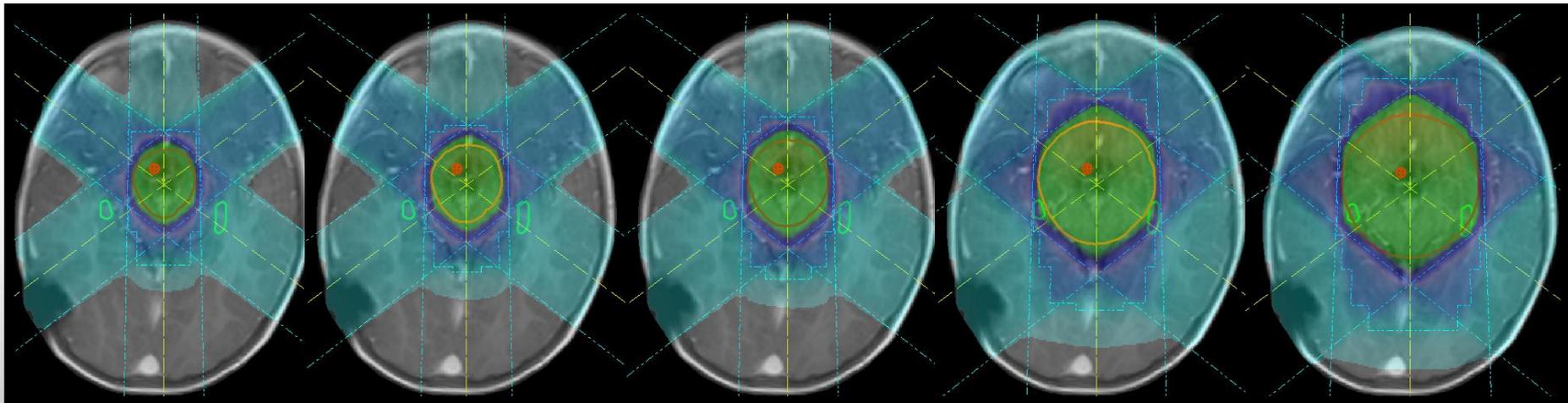
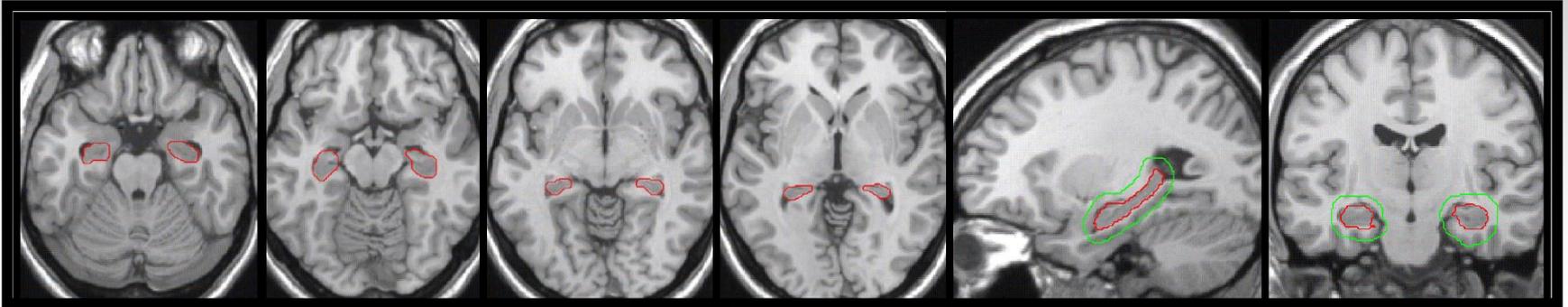


**MRT:**  
In T2-weighted imaging multiple hyperintense white matter and hippocampal changes.



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## 3-D conformal treatment plan - craniopharyngioma



**PTV 1**  
CTV = GTV  
PTV = CTV +3mm  
(=Boston)

**PTV 2**  
CTV= GTV + 2 mm,  
PTV = CTV+ 3mm

**PTV 3**  
CTV= GTV + 2 mm,  
PTV = CTV +5mm

**PTV 4**  
CTV= GTV + 1.0cm  
PTV = CTV plus 5mm  
(=St. Jude)

**PTV 5**  
CTV= GTV + 1.5 cm,  
PTV = CTV + 5mm

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## 3-D conformal treatment plan – craniopharyngioma Dose to organs at risk (med and max dose)

	PTV 1-3 : high precision Stereotactic RT			PTV 4-5 : conventional 3-D- RT	
	PTV 1 med./max. Vol. : 18ml	PTV 2 med./max Vol.: 25 ml	PTV 3 med./max Vol.: 34 ml	PTV 4 med./max Vol.: 100 ml	PTV 5 med./max Vol.: 165 ml
Hippoc. left	16.0 / 20.4	16.7 / 25.2	17.4 / 32.5	48.7 / 52.9	52.7 / 53.3
right	15.6 / 16.0	16.2 / 17.2	17.0 / 19.2	48.3 / 50.3	52.8 / 53.2
Temp. left lobe	5.3 / 46.2	9.4 / 51.0	13.7 / 52.7	25.4 / 55.7	35.3 / 56.5
right	10.1 / 46.5	13.8 / 51.7	14.5 / 53.6	27.0 / 55.3	38.0 / 56.6
Supratent Brain	2.9 / 55.4	4.0 / 55.6	5.6 / 55.7	14.2 / 56.2	20.6 / 56.7

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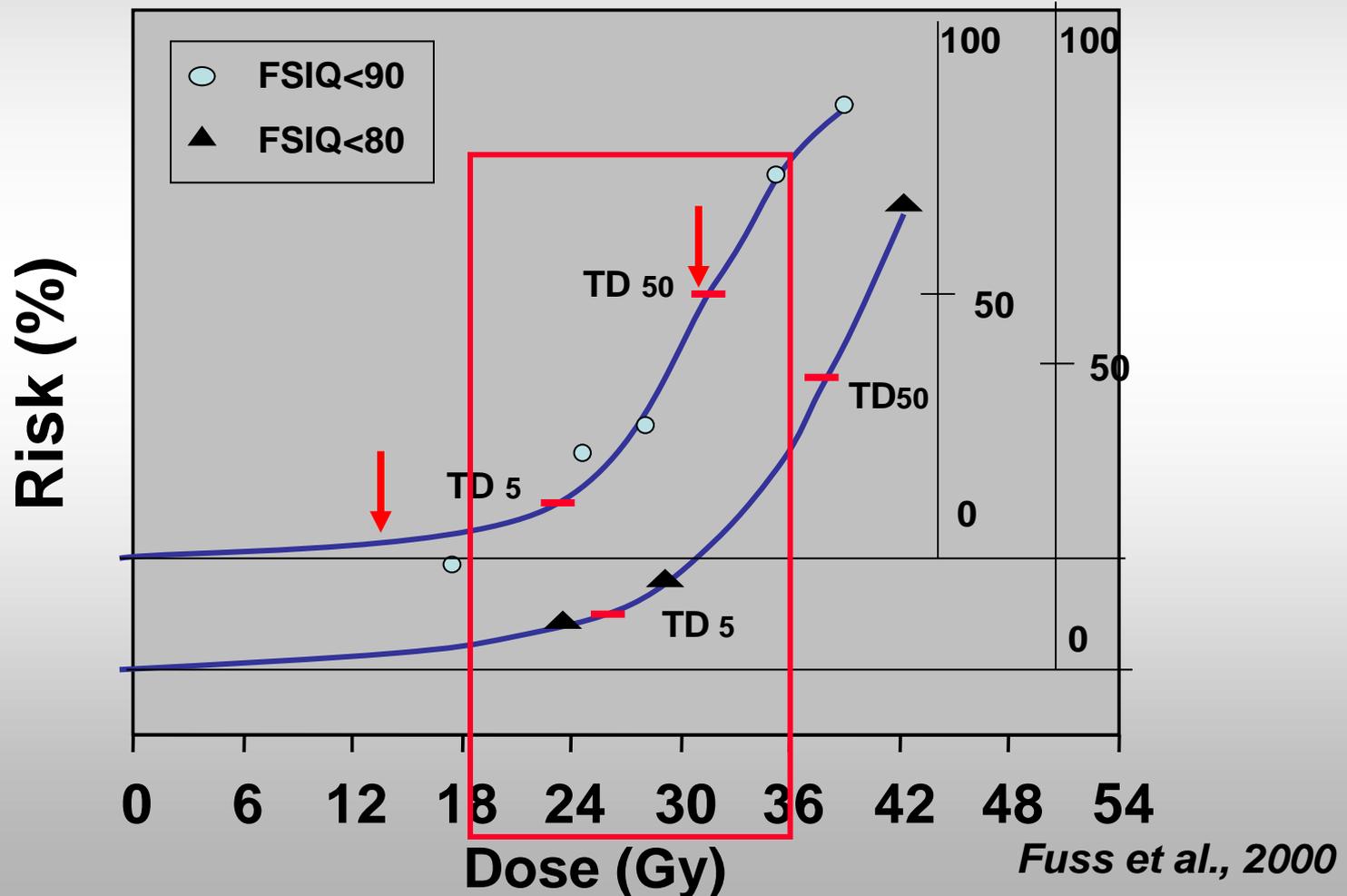
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CTV= GTV + 2 mm,  
PTV = CTV +5mm

**PTV 4**  
CTV= GTV + 1.0cm  
PTV = CTV plus 5mm

**PTV 5**  
CTV= GTV + 1.5 cm,  
PTV = CTV + 5mm

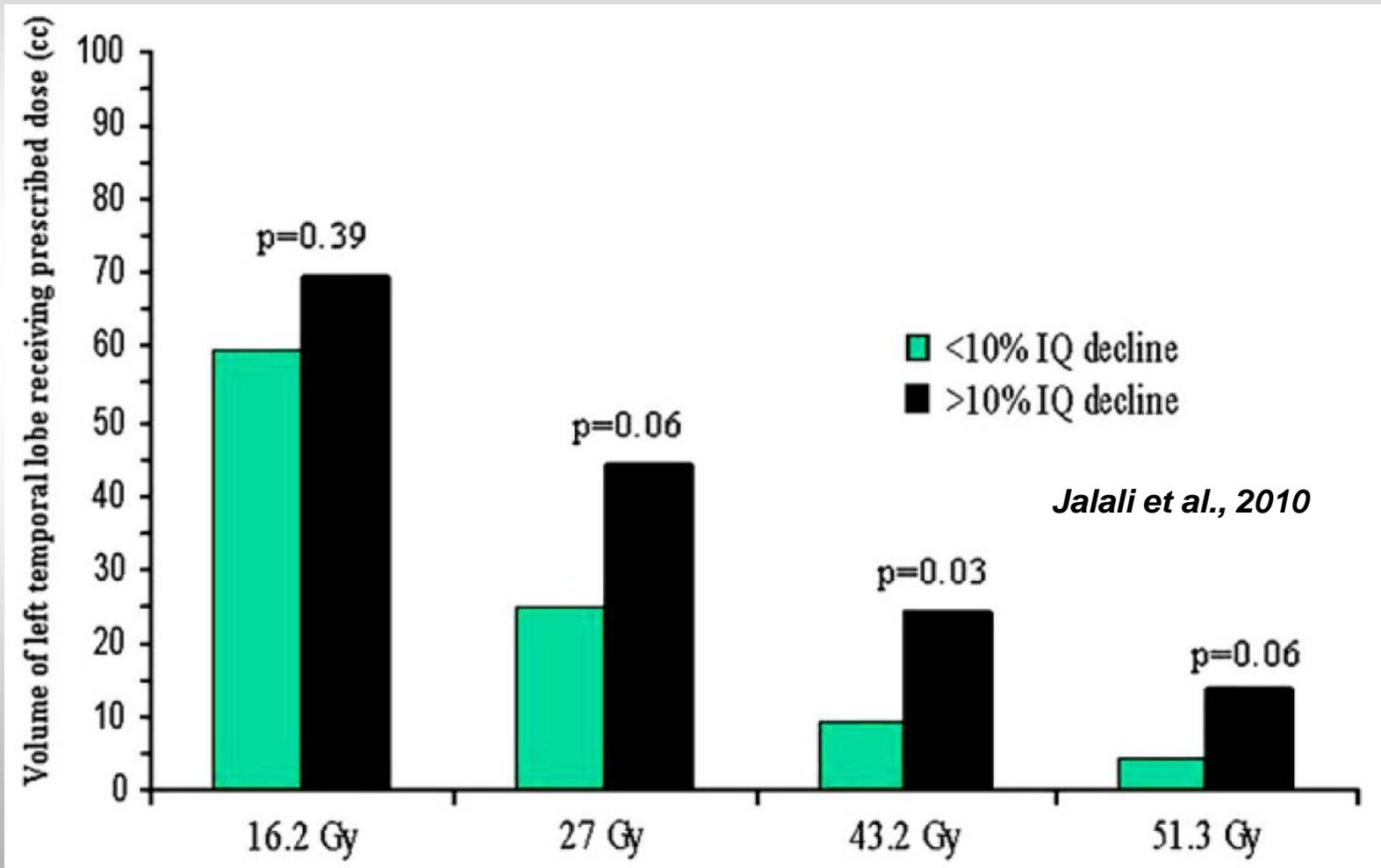
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*Dose response relationships, n=536, children  
16 Publ. (ALL - + MTX)*



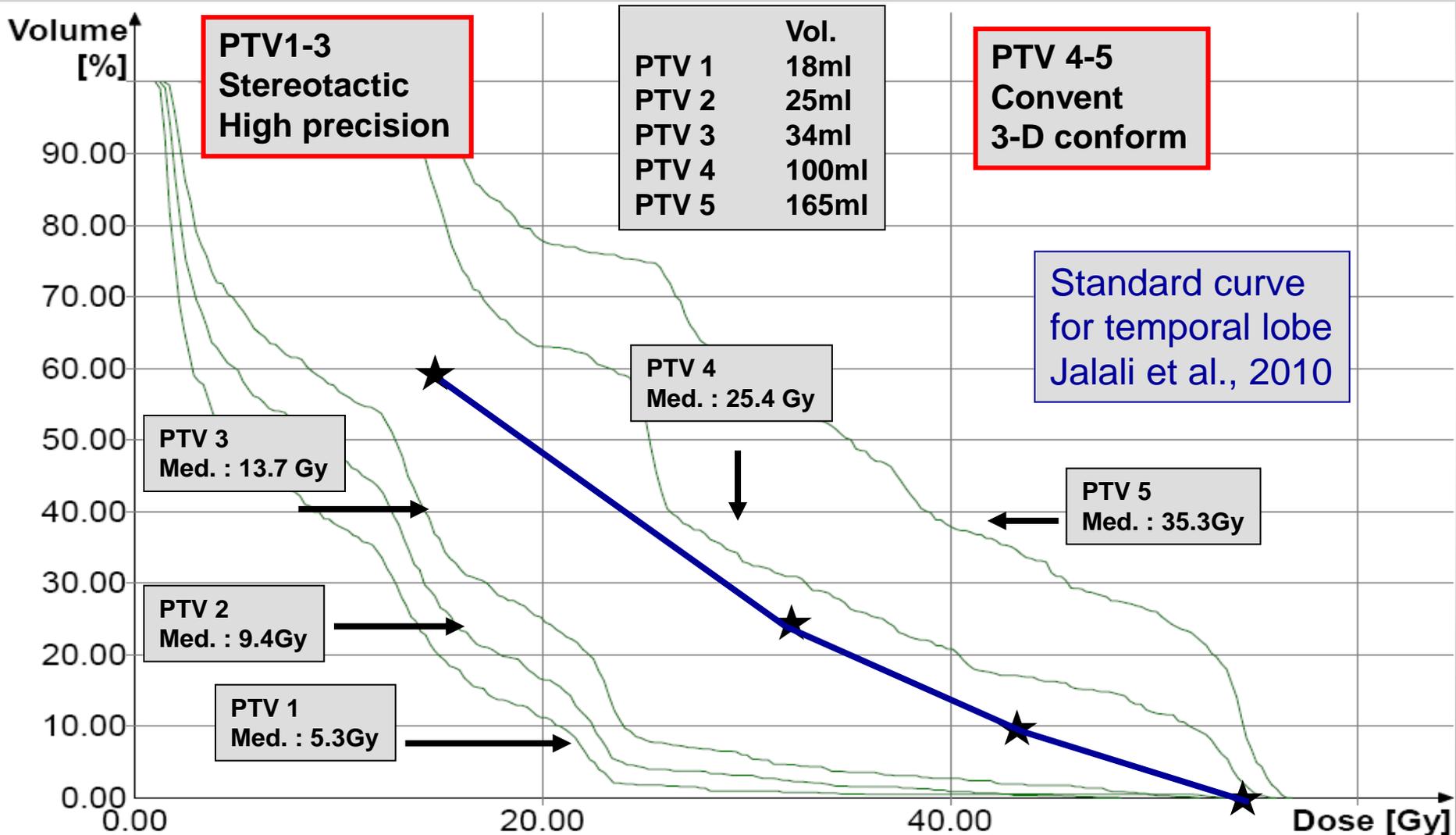
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## 3-D conformal treatment plan – dose to temporal lobe Integral dose distribution / decline in FSIQ



# Case / low grade glioma

3-D conformal treatment plan – craniopharyngioma  
DHV / temporal lobe left according to PTV volume / safety margin



# Thank you very much for your attention

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