

# Electro-chimiotherapie des épidurites métastatiques

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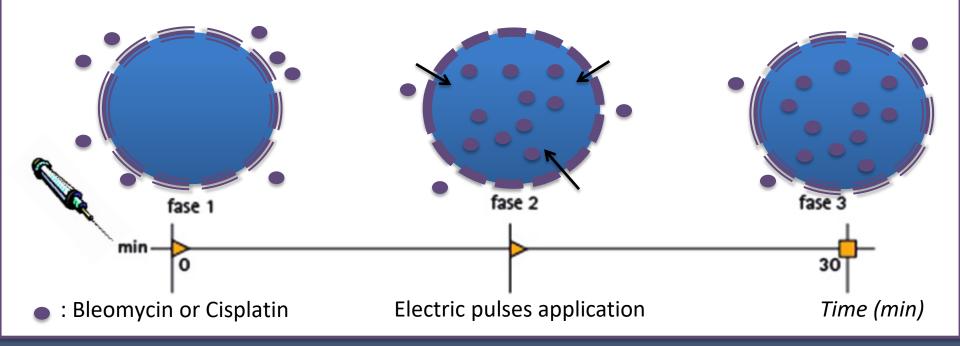




#### Electrochemotherapy (ECT) refers to a combined treatment:

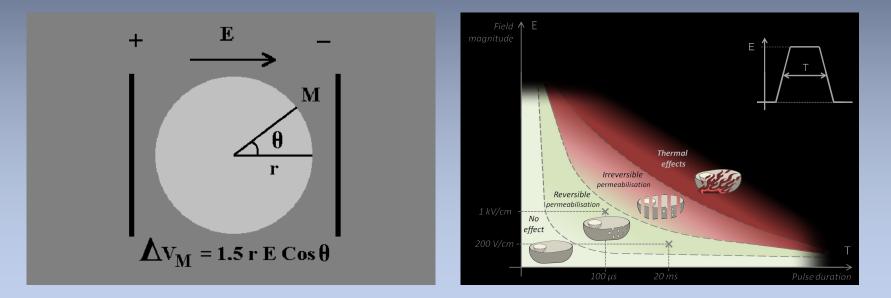
- 1. <u>Reversible electroporation</u>
- 2. IV administration of chemo to enhance its cytotoxic effect locally (up to 1000-fold for bleomycin ).





#### **Electroporation:**

• Phenomenon that occurs when cells are exposed to high-intensity electric pulses



- Depending on electric pulse amplitude and number of pulses applied, electroporation can be reversible, with membrane permeability recovery, or irreversible, with loss of cell homeostasis and cell death.
- The electric field threshold is over 400 V/cm for reversible and over 800-1000 V/cm for IRE

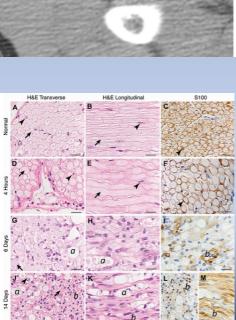
#### **Electroporation close to the nerves???**

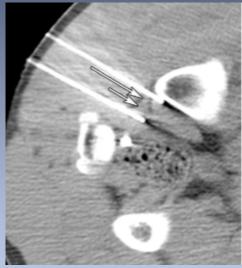
- IRE has the potential to damage nerves and may result in axonal swelling, fragmentation, and distal Wallerian degeneration.
- However, preservation of endoneurium architecture and proliferation of Schwann cells may suggest the potential for axonal

#### regeneration.

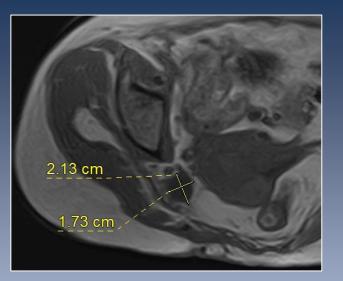
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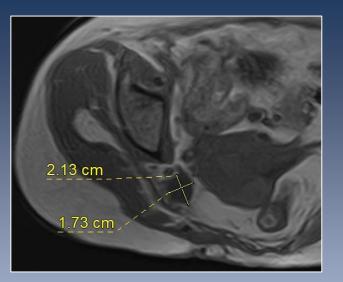
Acute and Subacute Effects of Irreversible Electroporation on Nerves: Experimental Study in a Pig Model<sup>1</sup>



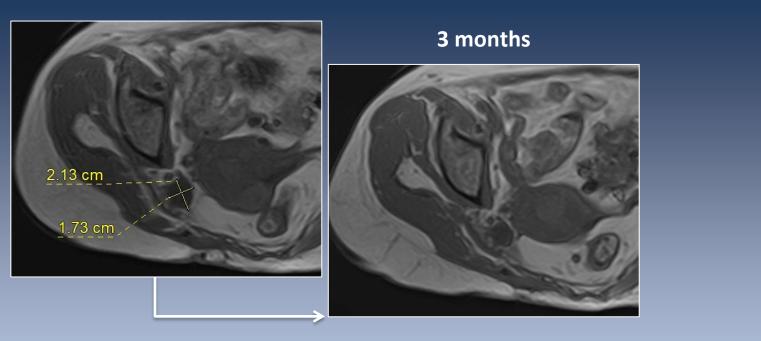


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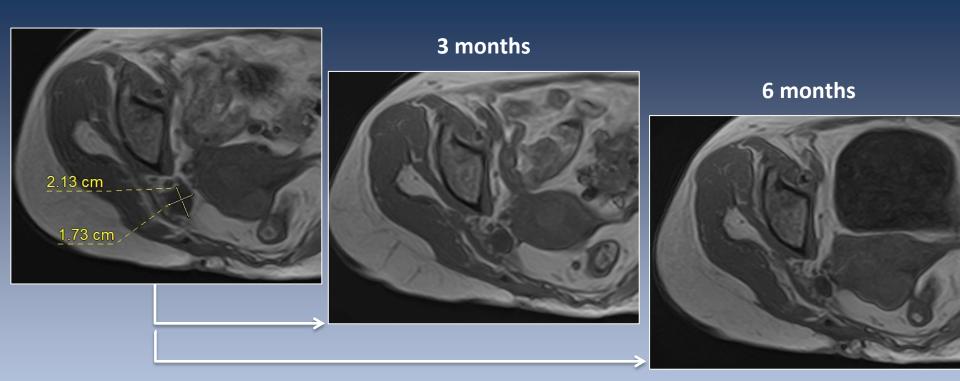




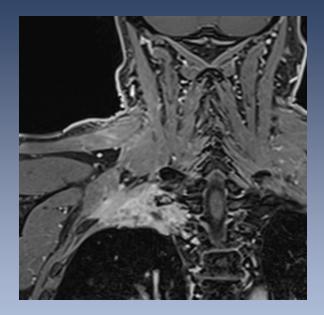


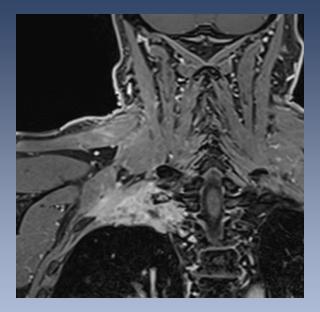




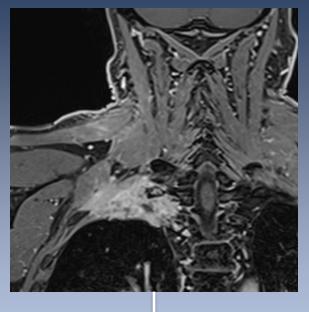














#### 3 months

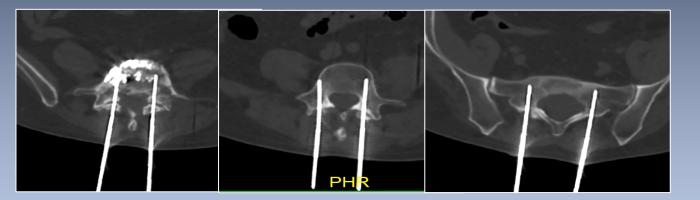




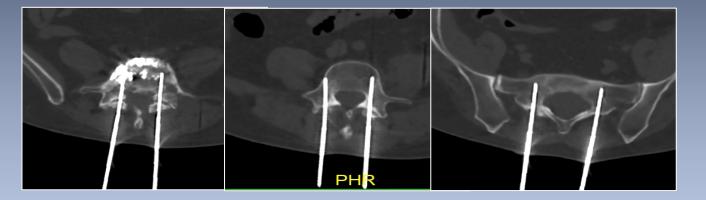




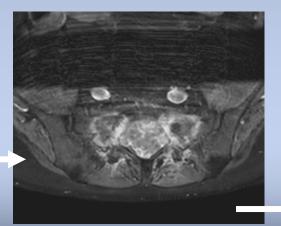


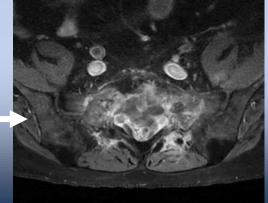










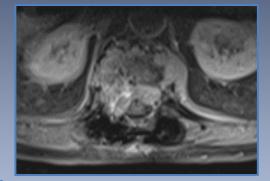


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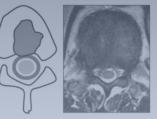
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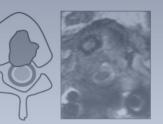
Thermal-ablation (Cryo/ RFA/ MWA)

**SBRT** (Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy)

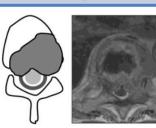
Grade 0 Bone involvement only No canal compromise



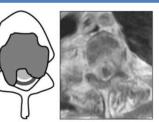
Grade I Involvement of epidural fat



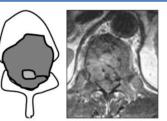
Grade II Impingement of thecal sac



Grade III Impingement of spinal cord



Grade IV Compression and/or displacement of spinal cord Partial block of CSF



Grade V Spinal cord compression and Complete block of CSF

#### **cEBRT +/-** decompressive surgery

(conventional External Beam Radiation Therapy)

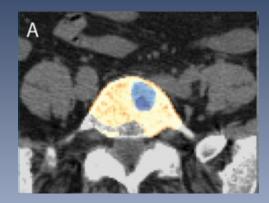
grade 3 : impingement of the spinal cord grade 4 : partial spinal cord compression and displacement grade 5 : spinal cord compression with cerebrospinal fluid not visible

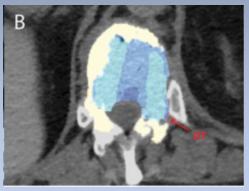
#### Epidural Spinal Cord Compression Scale (ESCCS)

#### **Electroporation close to the spinal cord???**

Electric field distribution in vertebral tumor and surrounding tissues in 3 representative clinical cases of spinal metastases, including one with epidural extension at T6 (c)

- 100% tumor coverage was obtained
- Hypothetical damage to spinal cord and nerves for tumor located in the spinal canal, the spinal cord was covered with electric field above the assumed irreversible threshold (>800 V/cm).



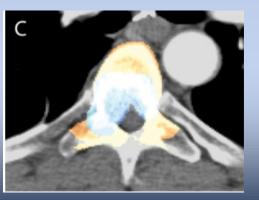


#### Original Article

Electrochemotherapy of Spinal Metastases Using Transpedicular Approach— A Numerical Feasibility Study

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Transient interstitial edema and vacuolization at early experimental times in sheep spinal nerves and spinal cord were noted...

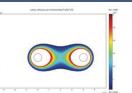
... but there were no permanent functional deficits attributable to the IRE, thus showing the feasibility of electoporation in the spine

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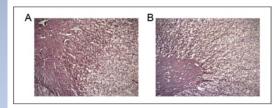
Technology in Cancer Research & Treatment 2015











**Figure 13.** Histological sections of spinal cord (×10 magnification; hematoxylin–eosin staining). A, Untreated spinal cord. B, electro-poration (EP)-treated spinal cord: myelin sheath with increased vacuolation.

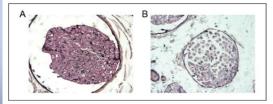
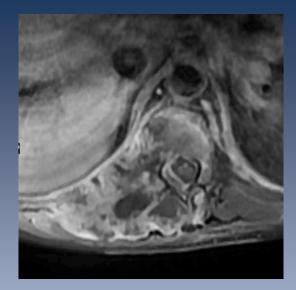
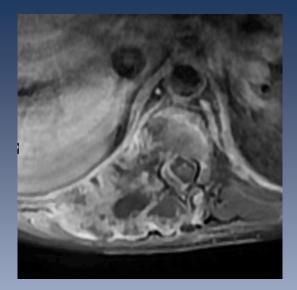


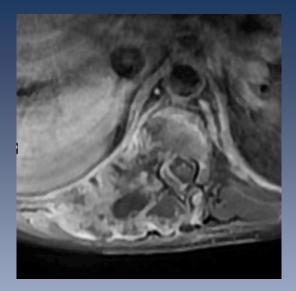
Figure 14. Histological sections of spinal nerve (×40 magnification; hematoxylin–cosin staining. A, Untreated spinal nerve. B, Electroporation (EP)-treated spinal nerve: disorganization of nerve fibres. A large number of myelin sheaths have lost their granular structure. P indicates perineurium; NF, nerve fibres.



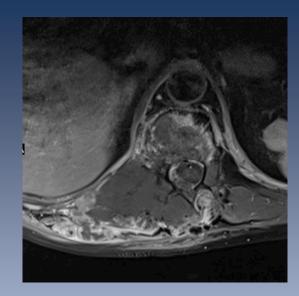


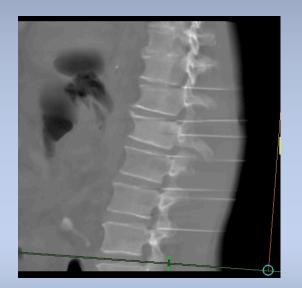


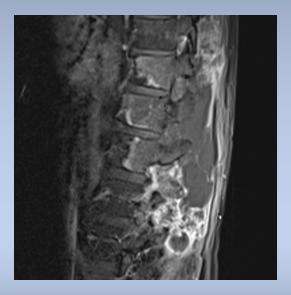














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#### Article

#### Electrochemotherapy Is Effective in the Treatment of Bone Metastases

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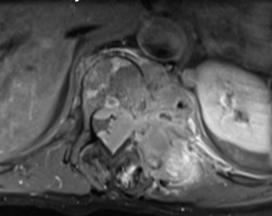
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CASE REPORT

#### **Percutaneous Image-Guided Electrochemotherapy of Spine Metastases: Initial Experience**

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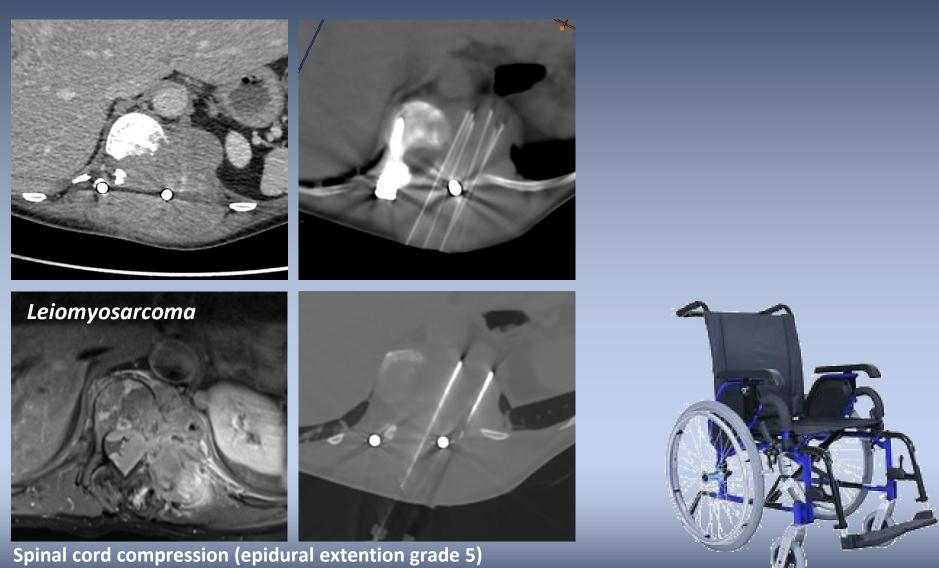
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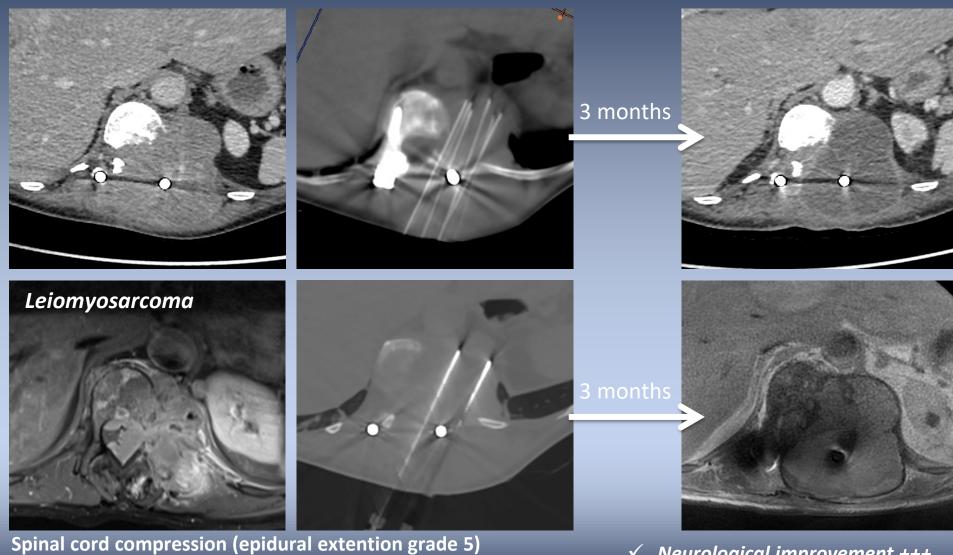
Spinal cord compression (epidural extention grade 5) despites cEBRT and surgical decompression

#### Salvage Electro-CHEMOTHERAPIE???





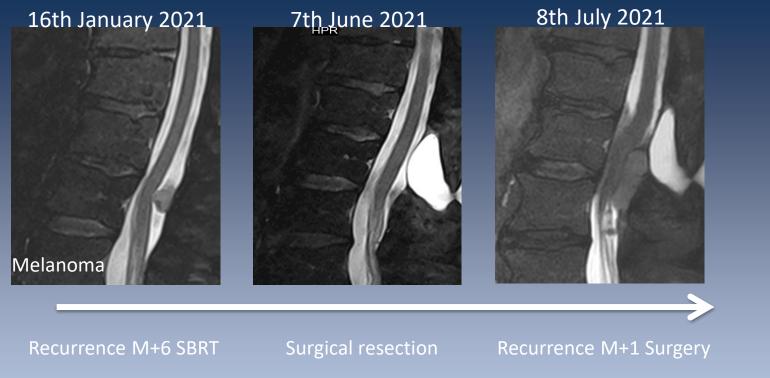
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Neurological improvement +++  $\checkmark$ 

✓ Pain relief +++





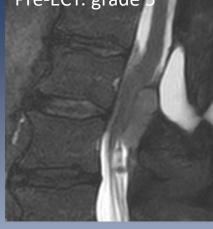
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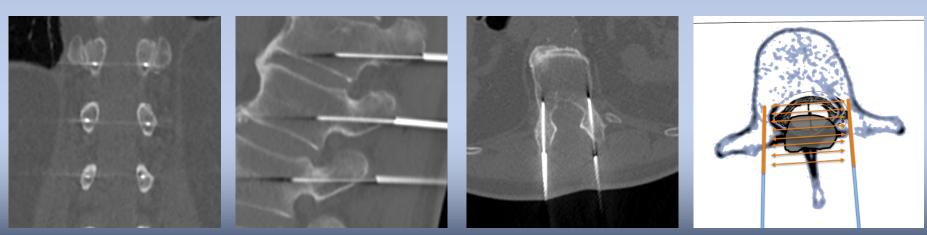
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Recurrence M+6 SBRT

#### Surgical resection

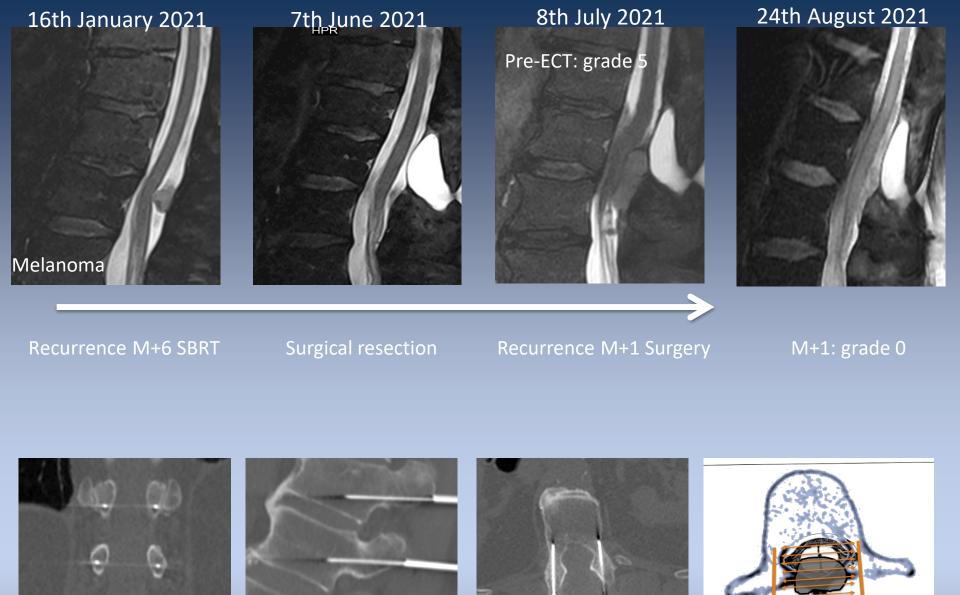


#### Recurrence M+1 Surgery



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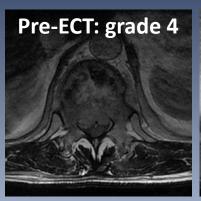
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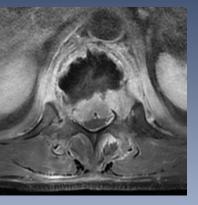


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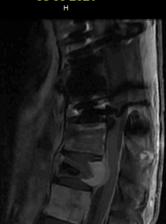
39 yo, ParagangliomaT12, progressive despites cEBCT (and cement)







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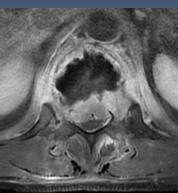
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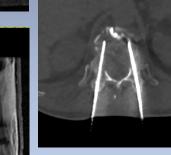
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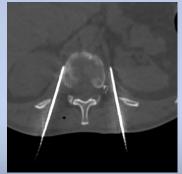
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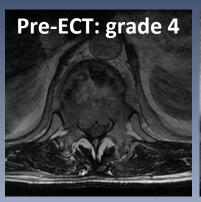


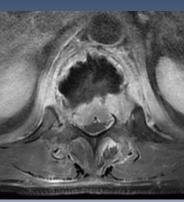


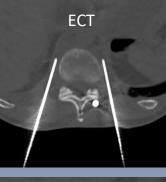
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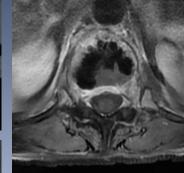
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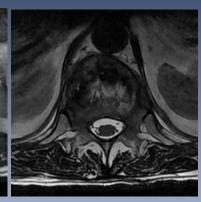




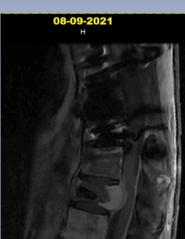




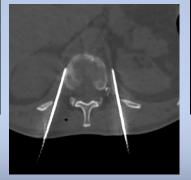
M+1: grade 1











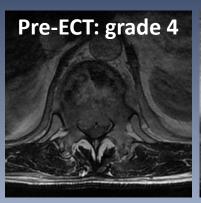




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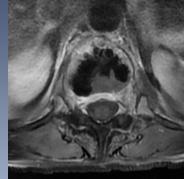
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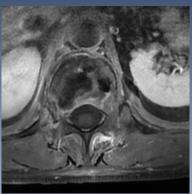




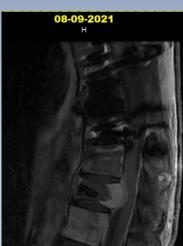


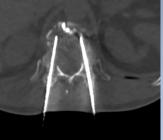
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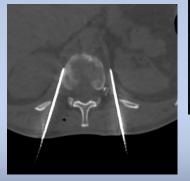
#### M+3: grade 0















25 yo, RhabdomyosarcomaT3 Progression despites cEBCT





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ECT + Vertebroplasty

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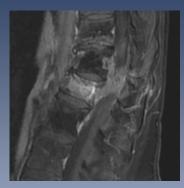
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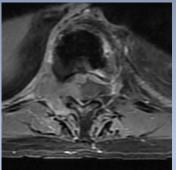


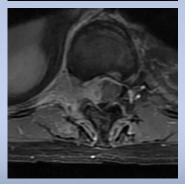




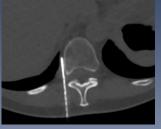
#### 53 yo, Corticosurenaloma T12 progression despites SBRT, RFA and cement

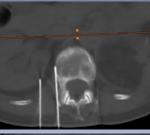






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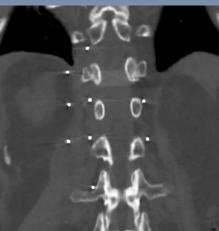






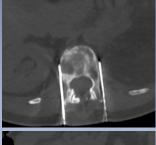


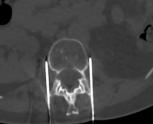






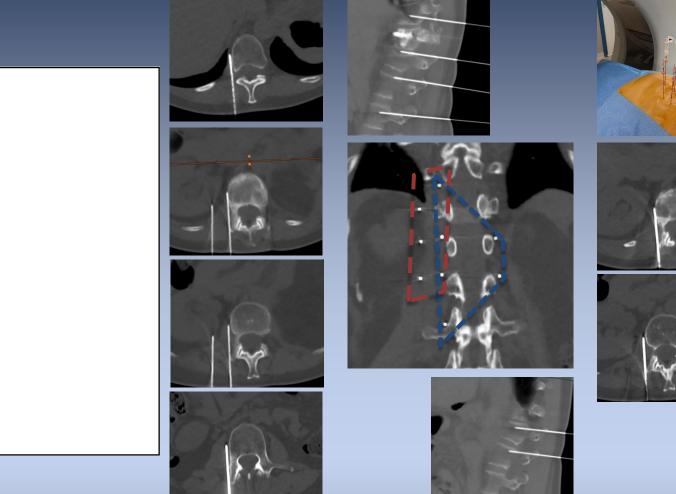




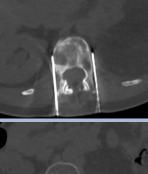


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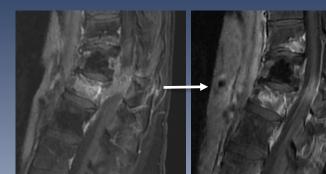




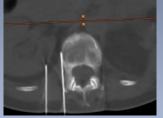


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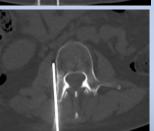
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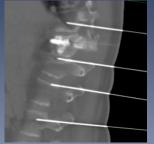








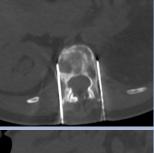


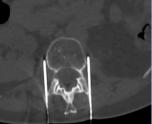






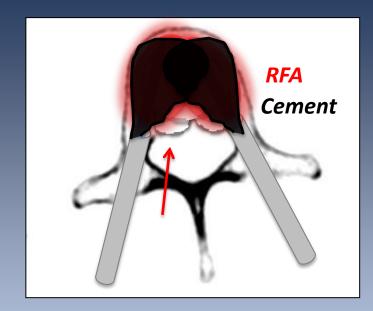


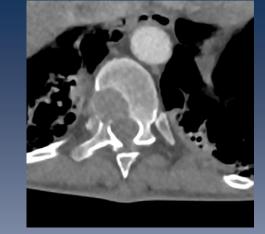


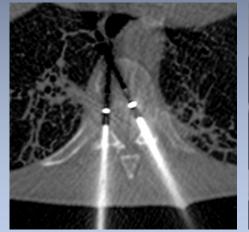


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M+1: grade 2

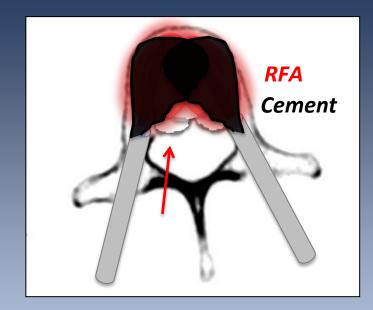


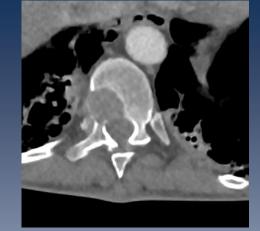


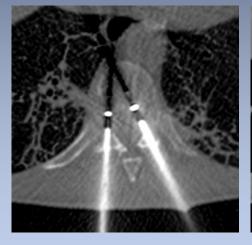












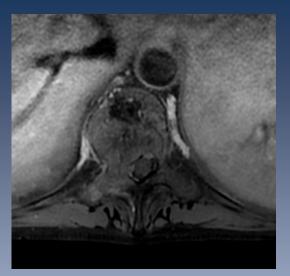




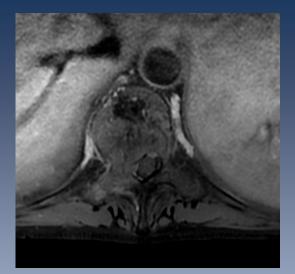


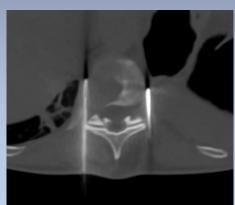




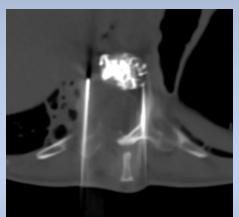






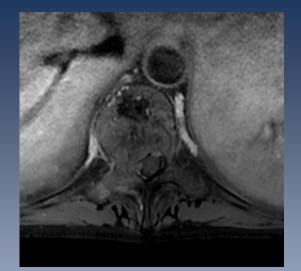




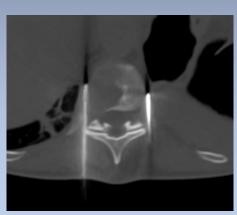




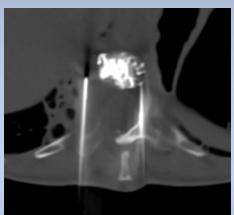


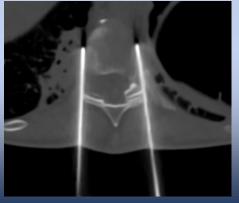




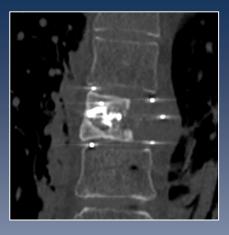




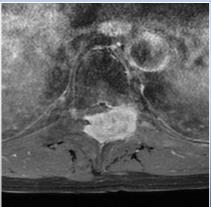




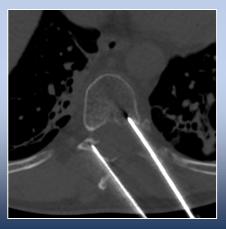


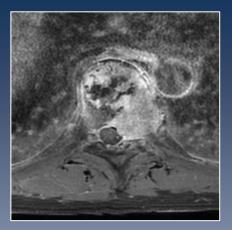


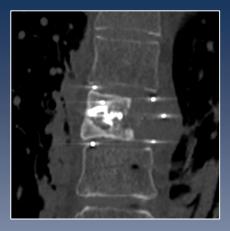




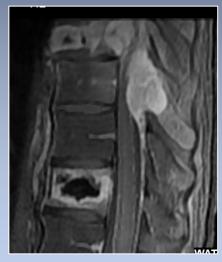
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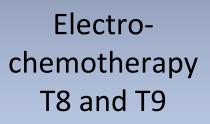


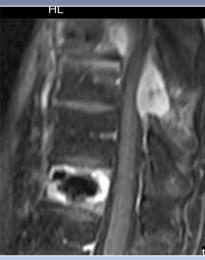


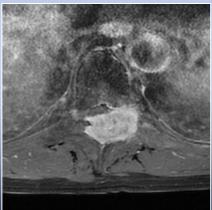




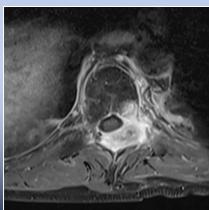




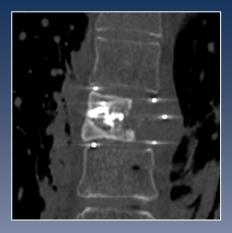




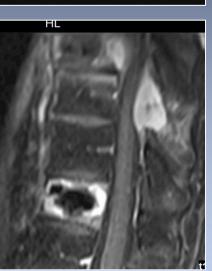






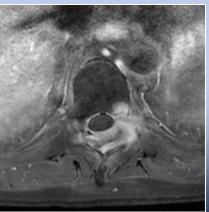






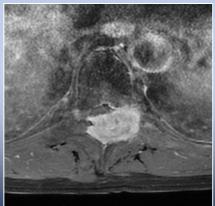




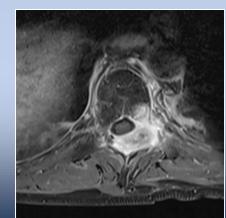




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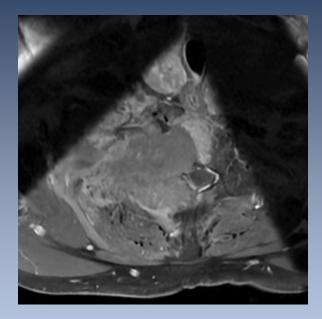


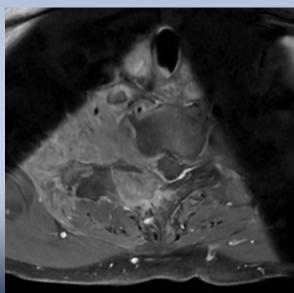


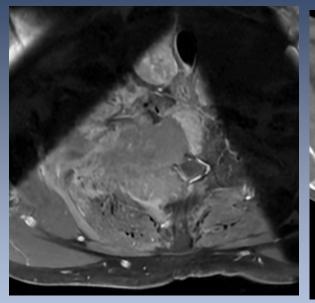


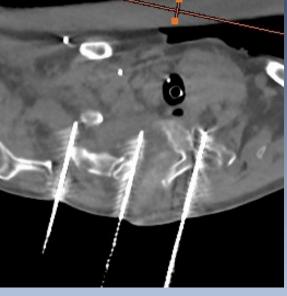
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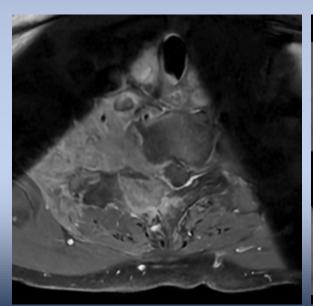
- VM with epidural extension <u>between C5 and L1</u>
- 1 level (n=21), 2 levels (n=9), 3 levels (n=5), 4 levels (n=3) and 5 levels (n=2)
- 9 with limited epidural involvement (grade 2) and <u>with extended epidural</u> <u>involvement</u> (grades 3, 4 and 5)



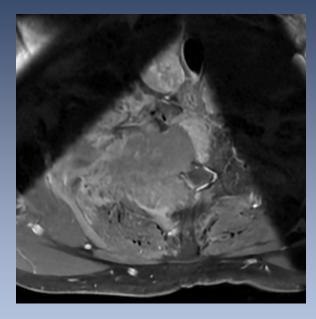




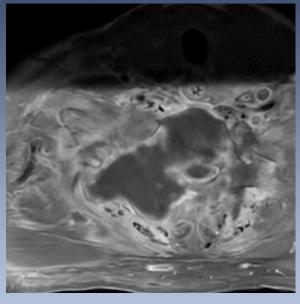


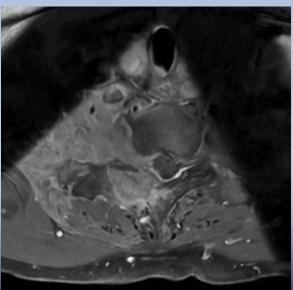




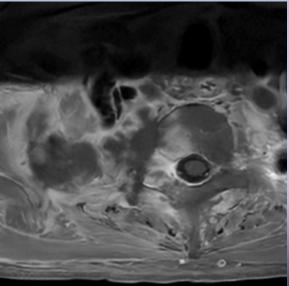






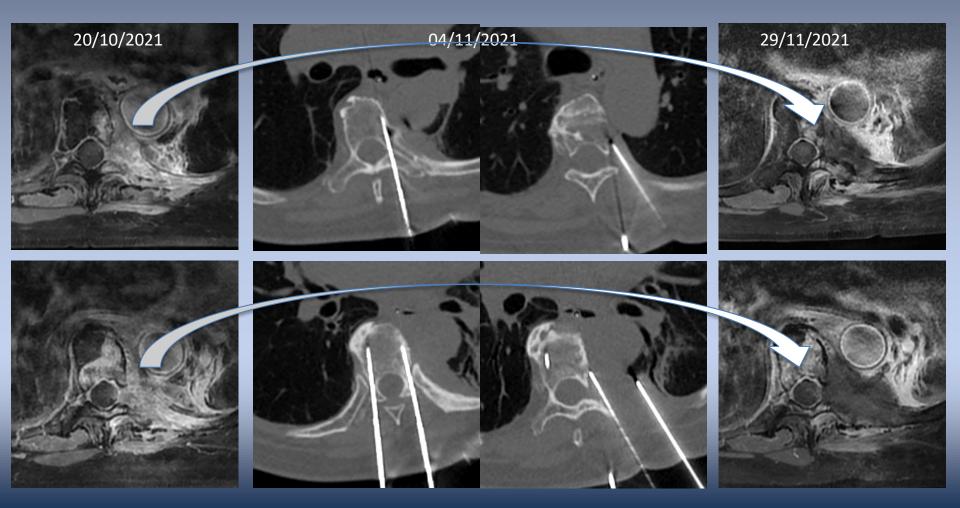






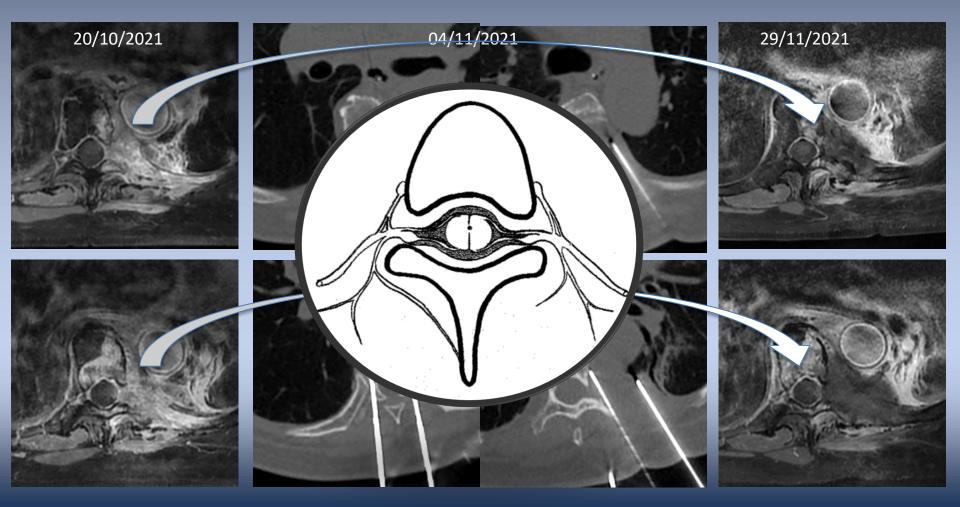
# Complications

 Acute worsening of pain after a few days (25%) and prolong radicular hypoesthesia (10%) probably secondary to acute ECT-induced inflammation of the nerve roots.



# Complications

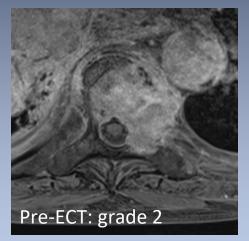
• Acute worsening of pain after a few days (30%) and radicular hypoesthesia (15%), mostly transient and probably secondary to acute ECT-induced inflammation of the nerve roots.

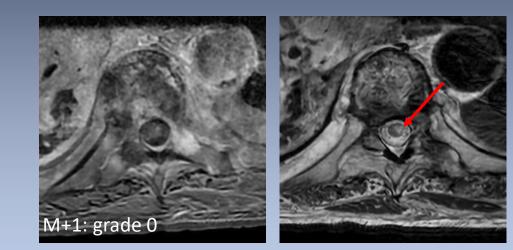


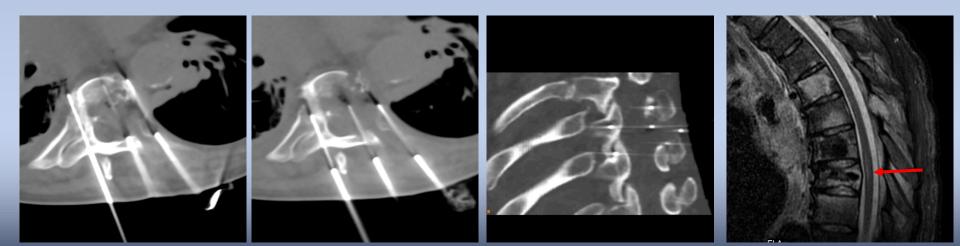
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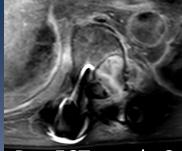
• 3 severe complications (7.5%) related to spinal cord damage:

Brown Sequard sd. (delayed at 2 weeks, persists at 3 months)



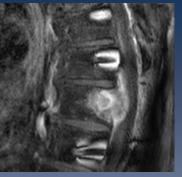






Pre-ECT: grade 3



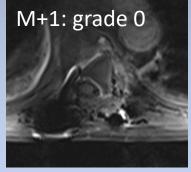


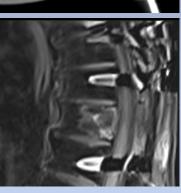
#### At 1 month:

### Follow-up?

<u>VAS:</u> 6.1  $_{\rm +/-3.0}$  to 1.9  $_{\rm +/-2.3}$ 

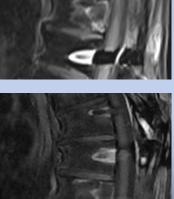


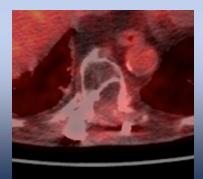




Epidural response at 1 month MRI (n=35) : 46% complète response (grade 0) 31% partial response (-1 point on Epidural sc 23% Stable

M+12: grade 0





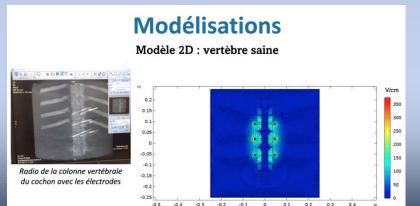
#### Long term follow-up?

# **Electro-CHEMOTHERAPIE**

- New option for mets with epidural extention / compressing nerves
- Preliminary results are very promissing in term of short-term tumour control
- Long term follow-up is needed
- Rate of local complication is high and better understanding of the electric

field across the spinal canal is mandatory





Central Supelec