

## Supplement 2

### Estimation of the expected mean survival time

First, we defined the expected MOST as 13.65 months. This is a well-established point confirmed either by official SEER data and a reliable retrospective analysis.<sup>1</sup> Then, we defined that median progression-free survival after 1<sup>st</sup>-line treatment, based on the data of 9 cohorts of 6 independent trials (Table S1), equals 7.5 months, and it well corresponds with general opinion that GBM relapses in 6-9 months after diagnosis. To define the most problematic final parameter MST since relapse, we studied the inner structure of the survival time, namely time-proportions between MOST, PFS and MST, on eight cohorts for which this information was available simultaneously (Table S2). Finally, we translated these data on the established MOST and MPFS and calculated the expected MST as 4.775 months (95%CI: 3.9 – 5.6) (Table S3).

*Table S1. Median progression-free survival after standard 1-2 line treatment of GBM (WHO IV).*

| Study                          | Tumor, state               | Treatment          | MPFS m |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Jungk (2016) <sup>2</sup>      | GBM, recurrent/progressive | 2M (mainly no CTX) | 6,10   |
| Reithmeier (2010) <sup>3</sup> | GBM, recurrent/progressive | 3M (mainly TMZ)    | 8,72   |
| Hamza (2014) <sup>4</sup>      | GBM, recurrent/progressive | 3M                 | 8,10   |
| Hamza (2014) <sup>4</sup>      | GBM, recurrent/progressive | 3M                 | 7,60   |
| Strik (2008) <sup>5</sup>      | GBM, recurrent/progressive | 3M Stupp           | 7,53   |
| Chinot (2014) <sup>6</sup>     | GBM, newly diagnosed       | 3M Stupp           | 6,20   |
| Gilbert (2014) <sup>7</sup>    | GBM, newly diagnosed       | 3M Stupp           | 7,30   |
| Gilbert (2013) <sup>8</sup>    | GBM, newly diagnosed       | 3M Stupp           | 7,50   |
| Gilbert (2013) <sup>8</sup>    | GBM, newly diagnosed       | 3M ddTMZ           | 8,80   |
| Average                        |                            |                    | 7,56   |

Note: CTX: chemotherapy; TMZ: temozolomide; 3M – trimodal (SRG + XRT + CTX); 2M: bimodal (no CTX); Stupp: 3M SRG + (XRT 60 Gy X6w + TMZ 5/7d X 6w) + TMZ 5/28d X 6m; ddTMZ: dose-dense TMZ.

Table S2. Inner structure of survival time.

| Study              | Cohort          | NOP | MOST | MPFS | MST  | MST%             | PFS+            | PFS+ |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------|-----------------|------|
|                    |                 |     |      |      |      |                  | MST             | MST% |
| Varkoniy<br>(2003) | HGG             | 24  | 22,0 | 12,2 | 6,5  | 30%              | 18,7            | 85%  |
| Sahinbas<br>(2007) | GBM (all)       | 76  | 20,0 | 8,5  | 7,6  | 38%              | 16,1            | 80%  |
|                    | GBM (mEHT)      | 18  | 14,8 | 8,0  | 6,4  | 43%              | 14,4            | 97%  |
|                    | GBM mEHT+TMZ)   | 58  | 20,9 | 9,3  | 7,6  | 36%              | 16,9            | 81%  |
| Jungk<br>(2016)    | GBM             | 34  | 15,7 | 6,1  | 8,7  | 56%              | 14,8            | 94%  |
| Hamza<br>(2014)    | GBM (early BEV) | 112 | 20,8 | 8,1  | 11,0 | 53%              | 19,1            | 92%  |
|                    | GBM (late BEV)  | 133 | 25,9 | 7,6  | 9,9  | 38%              | 17,5            | 68%  |
| Strik<br>(2008)    | GBM             | 18  | 17,9 | 8,2  | 9,1  | 51%              | 17,3            | 97%  |
| Weighted average   |                 |     | 21,5 | 8,2  | 9,1  | 43%              | 17,3            | 82%  |
| 95%CI              |                 |     |      |      |      | 36,9% –<br>48,8% | 75,3%–<br>88,8% |      |

Note: NOP: number of patients; MOST: median overall survival time; MPFS: median progression-free survival; MST: median survival time since relapse; PFS: progression-free survival; HGG: high-grade gliomas; GBM: glioblastoma; mEHT: modulated electro-hyperthermia; TMZ: temozolomide; BEV: bevacizumab; CI: confidence interval.

Table S3. Calculation of estimated mean survival time since relapse.

|  | Mean  | 95% CI      |             | SE |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|----|
|  |       | Lower limit | Upper limit |    |
| MOST, months                             | 13,65 |             |             |    |
| MPFS, months                             | 7,5   |             |             |    |
| MPFS+MST (%)                             | 82,0% | 75,3%       | 88,8%       |    |
| MPFS+MST, months                         | 11,2  | 10,3        | 12,1        |    |
| mST (1 <sup>st</sup> estimation), months | 3,7   | 2,8         | 4,6         |    |
| MST (%)                                  | 42,9% | 36,9%       | 48,8%       |    |

|  | Mean         | 95% CI      |             | SE           |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|  |              | Lower limit | Upper limit |              |
| MST (2 <sup>nd</sup> estimation), months | 5,9          | 5,0         | 6,7         |              |
| <b>mST (average), months</b>             | <b>4,775</b> | <b>3,9</b>  | <b>5,6</b>  | <b>0,443</b> |

Note: MOST: median overall survival time; MPFS: median progression-free survival; MST: median survival time since relapse.

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