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Search strategy

Grey literature sources searched in this study include Google Scholar (first 150 results), ClinicalTrials.gov, PROSPERO, Scopus, the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform of the World Health Organisation, and the websites of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), and Society for Neuro-oncology (SNO). A sample of the search strategy performed on MEDLINE on June 21, 2021 can be found in Supplementary Table S3.

Data extraction

Four authors (K.G., A.Y.L., A.Z., G.L.) extracted pre-specified study-level data in pairs using predetermined extraction forms, including study characteristics (author, country, design, study design, follow-up), patient characteristics (age, sex, primary cancer type, performance status), and survival (overall survival and progression-free survival as medians and hazard ratios). All data items were pre-specified, collected, and reported; data that are not shown in the manuscript (treatment regimens and associated outcomes) were not reported in the included studies. Only outcomes specific to patients with IMD-SE and IMD-PE were extracted.

Data sharing statement

All study-level data used in this analysis as well as relevant software scripts (R) may be accessed at the following URL: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ili4y7jlbxdus6q/AADfadR6rKH6k728-9yg688Za?dl=0</u>.

eTable 1. Search strategy in MEDLINE (June 21, 2021).

#	Searches	Results
1	exp Central Nervous System Neoplasms/	190498
2	exp Cerebral Cortex/	371952
3	exp Brain/	1242152
4	exp blood-brain barrier/	29084
5	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	1388676
6	exp Neoplasm Metastasis/	210601
7	5 and 6	7199
8	exp Central Nervous System Neoplasms/sc	18431
9	((brain* or intra?cranial or cerebral or cerebrum or crani* or skull* or central nervous system or cns or leptomening* or	24726
	mening* or posterior fossa or frontal lobe or parietal lobe or temporal lobe or occipital lobe or insula* or cortex or cortic* or	
	encephal* or hippocamp* or gyrus or limbic or dentate or white matter or gr\$y matter) adj3 (metasta* or (secondar* adj3	
	(malig* or cancer* or disease* or neoplas* or tumo?r* or carcinoma* or spread*)))).mp.	
10	(metasta* or (secondar* adj3 (malig* or cancer* or disease* or neoplas* or tumo?r* or carcinoma* or spread*))).mp.	640987
11	5 and 10	31603
12	7 or 8 or 9 or 11	43949
13	oligo?met*.mp.	2434
14	(secondar* adj3 (malig* or cancer* or disease* or neoplas* or tumo?r* or carcinoma* or spread*) adj5 (limit* or stable or	851
	isolat* or restrict* or control* or confin* or constrain* or local* or asymptomatic)).mp.	
15	13 or 14	3281
16	12 and 15	298

Study	Definition of controlled ECD	Notes
Armstrong et al., 2019 ²	information unavailable	Binary yes/no for controlled ECD
Chamberlain et al., 1996 ³	information unavailable	Inclusion criteria of systemic disease controlled or treatable with a life expectancy ≥ 6 months in the absence of BrM
Gu et al., 2019 4,*	information unavailable	Binary yes/no for controlled ECD
Mariya et al., 2010 ¹	information unavailable	Binary yes/no for active extracranial metastatic lesions
McTyre et al., 2016 ⁵	information unavailable	Binary stable/progressive for systemic disease status
Mitin et al., 2011 ⁶	information unavailable	Binary yes/no for no ECD progression
Nogi et al., 2013 7	information unavailable	Inclusion criteria of no extracranial tumour progression within
		3 months of treatment
Pessina et al., 2016 ⁸	information unavailable	Inclusion criteria of controlled extracranial metastases
Pessina et al., 2017 9,*	information unavailable	Inclusion criteria of controlled extracranial disease
Rodrigues et al., 2011 ¹⁰	information unavailable	Inclusion criteria for non-rapidly progressive extracranial
		disease OR systemic disease absent or controlled on treatment

eTable 2. Study definitions of controlled ECD.

BrM, brain metastases; CI, confidence interval; ECD, extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable ECD. *Study reports two separate cohorts of patients, including one cohort of patients with IMD and stable or controlled ECD without further detailing extracranial metastases or prior treatment, as well as one cohort of patient that explicitly met our criteria for IMD-SE.

Study	Publication	Study	Primary	IMD-SE Criteria	Median Follow-	IMD-	IMD-PE
-	Туре	Design	Cancer		up (months)	SE (<i>n</i>)	<i>(n)</i>
Alhalabi et al., 2021 ¹¹	Full text	RCS	BC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	74	-
Andrews et al., 2004 ¹²	Full text	RCT	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	-	291	_
Aoyama et al., 2003 ¹³	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	6.3	34	53
Armstrong et al., 2019 ²	Full text	RCS	BC	Controlled ECD	10.33	35	16
Bai et al., 2016 ¹⁴	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	76	-
Balducci et al., 2015 ¹⁵	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	102	47	-
Bates et al., 2015 ¹⁶	Full text	RCS	Melanoma	\leq 2 EC sites	-	10	63
Bilani et al., 2020 17	Full text	RCS	BC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	805	-
Bodor et al., 2019 ¹⁸	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	23	-
Buglione et al., 2020 ¹⁹	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	18	108	-
Chamberlain et al., 1996 ³	Full text	PCS	Mixed	Controlled ECD	-	20	30
Chen et al., 2021 20	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	49	125	127
Cheufou et al., 2014 ²¹	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	17.3	37	-
Churilla et al., 2017 ²²	Full text	RCT	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	26	329	
Collaud et al., 2012 ²³	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	19	-
Congedo et al., 2012 ²⁴	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	28	39	-
D'Agostino et al., 2011 ²⁵	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	95	97	
Della Seta et al., 2019 ²⁶	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	-	13	35
Endo et al., 2014 27	Full text	PCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	54.4	17	-
Ferro et al., 2016 ²⁸	Full text	PCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	76	30	
Frost et al., 2018 29	Full text	RCS	Lung	\leq 2 EC sites	Intervention:	80	-
			_		32.2		
					Control: 18.8		
Gauvin et al., 2021 ³⁰	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	13	50	_
Gorovets et al., 2014 ^{31,*}	Abstract	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	9.4	_	_
Gorovets et al., 2015 ^{32,*}	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	-	78	65
Gorovets et al., 2016 ^{33,*}	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	72.7	255	297
Gray et al., 2014 ³⁴	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	31.9	66	-
Griffioen et al., 2013 ³⁵	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	26.1	36	-
Gu et al., 2019 ⁴	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	48.5	70	91
Guo et al., 2014 ³⁶	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	17.2	53	-
Harat et al., 2020 37	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	9.5	82	-
Hirschmann et al., 2018 ³⁸	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	79.5	-	-
Inoue et al., 2010 39	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	20	24	-
Kaba et al., 2021 40	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	mean ± SD (min-	28	-
					max): 25.71 ±		
					23.47 (4-92)		
Karlovits et al., 2009 ⁴¹	Full text	RCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	13	27	25
Kocher et al., 2010 ⁴²	Full text	RCT	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	49	359	-
Loi et al., 2019 ⁴³	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	42	-
Lopez Guerra et al., 2012	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	27	-
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Macchia et al., 2015 ⁴⁵	Abstract	PCS	-	\leq 2 EC sites	-	27	-
Mariya et al., 2010 ¹	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	Controlled ECD	8.5	21	63
McTyre et al., 2016 ⁵	Full text	RCS	Mixed	Controlled ECD	53.9	399	264
Mitchell et al., 2020 ⁴⁶	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	52.3	86	-
Mitin et al., 2011 ^{6,*}	Abstract	RCS	-	Controlled ECD	-	-	-
Mitin et al., 2013 47,*	Full text	RCS	Mixed	≤ 2 EC sites	16.2	46	123
Naqash et al., 2019 48	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	≤ 2 EC sites	-	42	-
Navarria et al., 2019 ⁴⁹	Abstract	PCS	Mixed	≤ 2 EC sites	25	135	-
Nieder et al., 2020 ^{50,*}	Full text	RCS	Mixed	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	15	89	-
Nieder et al., 2020 ^{51,*}	Full text	RCS	Mixed	≤ 2 EC sites	25	198	-
Niibe et al., 2016 52	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	-	61	-
Nikitas et al., 2020 53	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	9	6	-
Nogi et al., 2013 7	Full text	RCS	Mixed	Controlled ECD	_	59	159
Pessina et al., 2016 ^{8,*}	Full text	RCS	Mixed	Controlled ECD	24	69	-
Pessina et al., 2017 9,*	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	14.8	101	55
Pikin et al., 2011 54,*	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	-	32	-
Pikin et al., 2017 55,*	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	52	82	-
Raez et al., 2019 56	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	$\leq 2 \text{ EC sites}$	-	45	-
Rodrigues et al., 2011 ¹⁰	Full text	RCS	Mixed	Controlled ECD	4.7	-	-
Rogers et al., 2006 57	Full text	PCS	Mixed	\leq 2 EC sites	-	31	-

eTable 3. Characteristics of the 68 included studies.

Study	Publication Type	Study Design	Primary Cancer	IMD-SE Criteria	Median Follow- up (months)	IMD- SE (n)	IMD- PE (n)
Salvador Coloma et al., 2018 58	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	67	-
Sato et al., 2018 59	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	16	19	_
Shibata et al., 2019 60	Full text	RCS	SCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	11	_
Shirasawa et al., 2019 ⁶¹	Full text	RCS	SCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	6	_
Song et al., 2020 62	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	11	5	_
Suzuki et al., 2021 63	Full text	PCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	63	18	_
Wang et al., 2018 64	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	Range: 12-72	74	_
Xu et al., 2018 65	Abstract	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	-	41	-
Yamaguchi et al., 2017 66	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	37.8	13	-
Yegya-Raman et al., 2019 67	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	54.9	18	-
Zhang et al., 2019 68	Full text	RCS	NSCLC	\leq 2 EC sites	20.87	18	_

BC, breast cancer; EC, extracranial; ECD, extracranial disease; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PCS, prospective cohort study; RCS, retrospective cohort study; RCT, randomized controlled trial; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; SD, standard deviation; –, information unavailable.

* Several studies were published by the same primary author across different years. All articles were screened to ensure minimal-to-overlap between study cohorts. Gorovets et al., 2014³¹ and 2015³² were not included in our analysis as they did not report on our pre-specified primary/secondary outcomes. Mitin et al., 2011⁶ and 2014⁴⁷ reported on different outcome measures that were incorporated into our meta-analysis and pooled survival analysis. Nieder et al., 2020⁵⁰ and 2020⁵¹ reported on two different cohorts of patients. Pessina et al., 2016⁸ and 2017⁹ reported on two different cohorts of patients. Pikin et al. 2011⁵⁴ and 2017⁵⁵ report on cohorts of patients with different baseline characteristics.

eTable 4. Median OS as reported by studies and derived based on digitized Kaplan-Meier curves in patients with IMD-SE versus IMD-PE. All studies listed were included in the primary meta-analysis comparing OS of IMD-SE with IMD-PE except Mitin et al., 2013⁴⁷ and Hirschmann et al., 2018³⁸ due to insufficient data.

Study			IMD-SE					IMD-PE			HR			
	No.	Median	OS	Median (OS	No.	Median (OS	Median	OS	HR Rep	orted	HR Deri	ved
	patients	Reported	1	Derived		patients	patients Reported 1		Derived		_			
		Months	95% CI	Months	95% CI		Months	95% CI	Months	95% CI	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI
Gu et al., 2019 ⁴	70	24	-	-		91	13	-	-		0.61	0.4-0.9	-	-
Armstrong et al., 2019 ²	35	21.9	12.6-	21	12-42	16	7.3	4-10.6	7.1	5.1-	-	-	0.33	0.1-0.7
_			31.1											
Bates et al., 2015 ^{16,*}	10	15.2	-	-		63	2.4	-	-		0.34	0.2-0.7	-	-
Chen et al., 2021 20	125	-	-	-		127	-	-	-		0.66	0.5-0.9	-	-
Mitin et al., 2013 47	46	21.7	-	-		123	10.3	-	-		-	-	-	-
Mariya et al., 2010 ¹	21	32	-	32.4	14.9-	63	7	-	7.5	5.6-9.5	-	-	0.18	0.1-0.3
Mitin et al., 2011 ^{6,*}	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		0.64	0.4-1.0	-	-
Hirschmann et al., 2018 38	-	-	-	-		_	-	-	-		-	_	-	-
Karlovits et al., 2009 ⁴¹	27	22	-	22.3	16.3-	25	13	-	12.8	8.3-17.3	-	_	0.42	0.2-0.8
Della Seta et al., 2019 ^{26,*}	13	-	-	-		35	-	-	-		0.56	0.3-1.2	-	-
Pessina et al., 2017 9	101	18.6	13.6-	-		55	12.1	9.7-	-		0.91	0.5-2.3	-	-
			23.6					14.5						
Rodrigues et al., 2011 ¹⁰	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_		0.81	0.5-1.3	_	-

In studies where a univariable HR was not reported, published Kaplan-Meier curves were digitized, from which median OS and HR were derived using the method by Guyot et al. ⁶⁹; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; OS, overall survival; –, information unavailable.

*Median follow-up information was not reported in these studies.

Study	Cor	trolled Extra	acranial Dis	sease (IMD-S	SE)	Unco	ntrolled Ext	racranial D	PE)	HR				
	No. patients	. Median OS ients Reported		Median OS Derived		No. patients	Median OS Reported		Median OS Derived		HR Reported		HR Derived	
	mo 95% CI mo 95% CI		1	mo	95% CI	mo	95% CI	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI			
Gu et al., 2019 ^{4,*}	-	24	-	-	-	-	13.5	-	-	-	0.60	0.4-0.9	-	-
Armstrong et al., 2019 ²	35	21.9	12.6- 31.1	21	12-42	16	7.3	4-10.6	7.1	5.1-	-	-	0.33	0.1-0.7
Mariya et al., 2010 ¹	21	32	-	32.4	14.9-	63	7	-	7.52	5.6-9.5	-	-	0.18	0.1-0.3
Mitin et al., 2011 6,**	_	_	-	—	-	_	—	-	—	-	0.62	0.4-1.0	-	_
Rodrigues et al., 2011 ¹⁰			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.81	0.5-1.3	-	-	

eTable 5. Median OS as reported by studies and derived based on digitized Kaplan-Meier curves of patients with BrM and controlled versus uncontrolled ECD.

In studies where a univariable hazard ratio (HR) was not reported, published Kaplan-Meier curves were digitized, from which median overall survival (OS) and HR were derived using the method by Guyot et al.⁶⁹

BrM, brain metastases; CI, confidence interval; ECD, extracranial disease; HR, hazard ratio; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE,

intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; mo, months; OS, overall survival; –, information unavailable. * Median OS and HRs from the subgroup of patients with BrM and controlled versus uncontrolled ECD were derived for meta-analysis.

** Median follow-up information was not reported in this study.

eTable	6.	Reported	iPFS	of	patients	with	IMD-	SE	versus	IMD	-PE
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Study	•	IMD-SE]	IMD-PE			HR	<i>P</i> -value		
	No.	Media	n iPFS	No.	Media	Median iPFS		Median iPFS		95% CI	
	patients	mo	95% CI	patients	mo	95% CI					
Della Seta et al., 2019 ^{26,*}	13	-	-	35	-	-	0.78	0.3-2.2	0.64		
Rodrigues et al., 2011 ¹⁰	—	-	-	-	-	-	0.74	0.3-2.0	0.55		
Gorovets et al., 2016 ³³	255	13.6	10.2-15	297	5.5	4.9-6.6	0.64	0.5-0.8	< 0.001		
Bates et al., 2015 ^{16,*}	10 5 –		63	1.9 –		0.41	0.2-0.9	0.021			

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; iPFS, intracranial progression-free survival; mo, months; –, information unavailable.

*Median follow-up information was not reported in these studies.



eFigure 1. Random-effects meta-analysis of the primary outcome of OS in patients with IMD-SE versus IMD-PE in studies that do not detail extracranial metastases or prior treatment. AHRQ, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; BC, breast cancer; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; NOS, Newcastle-Ottawa Scale; NR, not reported; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival. The number of patients with IMD-SE and IMD-PE were not reported in three studies and were not included in the total number of patients.^{4,6,10}



eFigure 2. Summary OS curves of patients with IMD-SE. Overall survival (OS) from (A) any first-line treatment, including from treatment of primary cancer and/or brain metastases, (B) treatment of brain metastases only, and (C) diagnosis of brain metastases. Grey lines represent OS curves for individual studies. The red solid lines represent the summary survival curves, and the red dashed lines represent the 95% confidence interval. IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease.

		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	Overall
	Kocher et al., 2010	-	+	+	-	-	-
Study	Churilla et al., 2017	+	+	+	-	-	-
	Andrews et al., 2004	+	+	+	+	+	+
		Domains: D1: Bias ari D2: Bias du D3: Bias du D4: Bias in D5: Bias in s	sing from the e to deviation e to missing o measurement selection of th	Judge n. <mark>-</mark> S + L	ment Some concerns .ow		

eFigure 3. Traffic light plot for risk of bias in RCTs.



eFigure 4. Risk of bias summary plot for RCTs.

						Risk o	of bias				
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	Overall
	Gu et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+
	Armstrong et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
	Bates et al., 2015	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	X
	Chen et al., 2021	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Mitin et al., 2013	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Крг	Mariya et al., 2010	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Sti	Mitin et al., 2011	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X
	Hirschmann et al., 2018	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+
	Karlovits et al., 2009	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+
	Della Seta et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	X
	Pessina et al., 2017	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+
	Rodrigues et al., 2011	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X
		D1: Re	present	ativenes	s of exp	osed co	hort			Judg	gement
	D2: Representativeness of non-exposed cohort D3: Ascertainment of exposure										
		D4: Ou	tcome c	of interes	st not pr	esent at	study s	tart		-	Unclear
		D5: C0 D6: Co	mparab mparab	ility I						+	Good
		D7: As	certainn	nent of c	outcome						
		D8: Me	dian fol	low-up g	reater tl	han 6 m	onths				
		D9. F0	now-up (complet	01055						

eFigure 5. Traffic light plot for risk of bias in observational studies comparing OS between IMD-SE and IMD-PE. IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; OS, overall survival.



eFigure 6. Risk of bias summary plot for observational studies comparing IMD-SE and IMD-PE. IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease.

		D1	D2	D2	Risk of bia	IS DE	De	Overall
	Albalabi et al. 2021						-	Overail
	Aovama et al. 2003							
	Dei et el 0010							
	Dai et al., 2010							
	Balducci et al., 2015							
	Bilani et al., 2020			•				
	Bodor et al., 2019		•	•	•			
	Buglione et al., 2020	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	Chamberlain et al., 1996	•	•	•	•	-		
	Cheufou et al., 2014	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	Collaud et al., 2012	•	•	•	+	-	-	
	Congedo et al., 2012	•	•	•	+	•	+	
	D'Agostino et al., 2011	+	+	•	+	+	-	
	Endo et al., 2014	•	•	+	+	•	-	
	Ferro et al., 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Frost et al., 2018	•	•	+	+	•	•	
	Gauvin et al., 2021	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Gorovets et al., 2014	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Gorovets et al., 2015	+	+	+	+	-	-	
	Gorovets et al., 2016a	•	+	$\mathbf{+}$	+	+	-	
	Gorovets et al., 2016b	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Gray et al., 2014	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Griffioen et al., 2013	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Guo et al., 2014	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Harat et al., 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Inoue et al., 2010	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Kaba et al., 2021	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Study	Loi et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	-	-	
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	Macchia et al., 2015	+	+	+	+	-	-	
	McTyre et al., 2016	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Mitchell et al., 2020	+	+	+	+	+	-	
	Naqash et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	-	-	
	Navarria et al., 2019	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Nieder et al., 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Niibe et al., 2016	+	+	+	+	-	-	
	Nikitas et al., 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Nogi et al., 2013	+	+	+	+	-	-	
	Pessina et al., 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+	
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eFigure 7. Traffic light plot for risk of bias in single-arm observational studies.



eFigure 8. Risk of bias summary plot for single-arm observational studies.



eFigure 9. Baujat plot for the meta-analysis on OS of IMD-SE versus IMD-PE. IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; OS, overall survival.



eFigure 10. Forest plots sorted by (A) I^2 heterogeneity and (B) effect size using leave-one-out meta-analysis.



eFigure 11. GOSH plot for the meta-analysis on OS of IMD-SE versus IMD-PE. GOSH, graphic display of heterogeneity; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; OS, overall survival.

Author	Primary cancer	No. patients (IMD-SE)	No. patients (IMD-PE)	NOS Score	AHRQ	HR	95% CI		OS Ha	zard R	atio	v	Veight
Armstrong et al, ² 2019	BC	35	16	8	Good quality	0.33	[0.15; 0.73]		•	1			4.6%
Bates et al.16 2015	Melanoma	10	63	6	Poor quality	0.34	[0.16; 0.74]			8			5.1%
Karlovits et al.41 2009	Mixed	27	25	7	Good quality	0.42	[0.21; 0.83]	-					6.1%
Della Seta et al,26 2019	Mixed	13	35	6	Poor quality	0.56	[0.26; 1.20]						5.2%
Gu et al,4 2019	Mixed	70	91	7	Good quality	0.61	[0.41; 0.91]		-	77			16.8%
Mitin et al. ⁶ 2011	NR	NR	NR	7	Poor quality	0.64	[0.41; 1.00]			_			13.9%
Chen et al,20 2021	NSCLC	125	127	8	Good quality	0.66	[0.50; 0.87]		-	-			31.0%
Rodrigues et al, ¹⁰ 2011	Mixed	NR	NR	6	Poor quality	0.81	[0.50; 1.30]			-			12.5%
Pessina et al,9 2017	NSCLC	101	55	7	Good quality	0.91	[0.42; 1.98]			•	-		4.8%
Random effects model Prediction interval						0.61	[0.51; 0.73] [0.47; 0.80]	1.0	-			1	00.0%
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 4\%$, τ^2	= 0.0049, p = 0.40								-		1		
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eFigure 12. Random effects meta-analysis of the primary outcome of OS in patients with IMD-SE compared to IMD-PE, excluding cohorts reported in Mariya et al. ¹ AHRQ, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; BC, breast cancer; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the context of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the context of stable extracranial disease; NOS, Newcastle-Ottawa Scale; NR, not reported; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival. The number of patients with IMD-SE and IMD-PE were not reported in two studies and were not included in the total number of patients.^{6,10}



eFigure 13. Funnel plot for the meta-analysis on OS of IMD-SE versus IMD-PE. IMD-PE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of progressive extracranial disease; IMD-SE, intracranial metastatic disease in the setting of stable extracranial disease; OS, overall survival.

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