Characteristics, Risk Factors and Visual Significance of Blood-Brain Barrier Disruption Maculopathy: A Common Side-effect of a Systemic Therapy

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# Summary:

### <u>Study</u>

 Retrospective review and post-treatment progression analysis of maculopathy in patients treated with osmotic Blood-Brain Barrier Disruption (BBBD) for CNS malignancies.

#### Key Findings

- BBBD associated maculopathy is common, dose dependent, and not related to underlying CNS malignancy or systemic chemotherapy agent.
- Visually significant progression (RPE and outer retinal atrophy or CNV) can occur years after completion of BBBD therapy.
- Transient, recurrent disruption of the outer blood-retinal barrier is a possible mechanism.

# Osmotic blood-brain barrier disruption (BBBD)



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### **Osmotic BBBD** associated Maculopathy



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### Maculopathy Associated With Combination Chemotherapy and Osmotic Opening of the Blood-Brain Barrier

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# **Unanswered Questions:**

- Frequency?
- Predictors?
- Visually Significant Progression?

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• 32 (47.1%) had evidence of a pigmentary maculopathy on imaging or examination





### Predictors of Maculopathy

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### Disease progression after completion of BBBD therapy

#### Time from end of BBBD therapy for Astrocytoma



5 years



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### Mechanism?

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Transient, recurrent disruption of the outer blood-retinal barrier?

Blurry vision in the left eye following BBBD via the left internal carotid artery



7 days after therapy



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1 month after therapy



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- Need for Education and Screening

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