



**TARGETING THE ELIMINATION OF BRAIN  
TUMOR INITIATING CELLS  
BY DISRUPTING THE PI3K PATHWAY**

**FINAL REPORT**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Brain tumours are the most common type of solid tumour in children. The principal issue affecting survival is that brain tumours often recur, and in many instances children with malignant brain tumours have less than a 50% chance of surviving one year after their initial diagnosis. There is research suggesting that one reason why brain tumours are so difficult to treat is that a unique stem cell type, the brain tumour initiating cell (BTIC), makes the tumours drug and/or radiation resistant. One challenge with past research is that non-human (animal model) brain tumours are not necessarily representative of human brain tumours. Our study examines, using human pediatric brain tumour preparations, new treatment approaches with the goal of improving patient cure rates. If our study is successful, we plan to block a specific mechanism of growth of BTICs that we believe is responsible for the progression of those tumours. Once this mechanism is shut down, the cells will be deprived of necessary growth signals and they will die. We then plan to combine these inhibitors with classic agents used to treat brain tumours so that we are able to eliminate the cancer cells and improve cure rates.

Our overall goal is to produce a research platform which will allow the testing of treatment agents against human brain tumour cell cultures, and human brain tumour stem cells in particular. We hypothesise that BTIC's can be eliminated using agents that interfere with the PI3K pathway.

## 2. APPROVALS STATUS

The approval status for BC Children's Hospital (BCCH) is shown below in Table 1. The latest ethics approvals are also included in the appendices of this report.

*Table 1. Study Approvals for BC Children's Hospital*

Name of the Hospital	Date of Approval	Approval Expiry Date
<b>BC Children's Hospital - Vancouver</b>	May 13, 2010	May 13, 2011
<b>BC Children's Hospital - Vancouver</b>	March 8, 2011	March 8, 2012
<b>BC Children's Hospital - Vancouver</b>	February 14, 2012	February 13, 2013
<b>BC Children's Hospital - Vancouver</b>	January 25, 2013	January 25, 2014

### 3. IDENTIFYING STUDY PARTICIPANTS

The responsibility of patient identification and enrolment rest on the Clinical Research Coordinator, who monitors the operating room schedule and non-scheduled admissions to Pediatric Neurosurgery list for high-grade tumours. Figure 1 demonstrates the recruitment and identification process. The inclusion and exclusion criteria for eligible patients follow:

#### Inclusion Criteria

Pediatric patients (0-18 years) presenting to Neurosurgery for resection of the following brain tumour types will be eligible for participation in the BTIC study:

- Anaplastic Astrocytoma
- Malignant Germ Cell Tumor or Germinoma
- Glioblastoma
- Medullablastoma (PNET in Post Fossa)
- Ependymoma
- Anaplastic Pleomorphic Xanthoastrocytoma
- Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor
- Other malignant tumor form

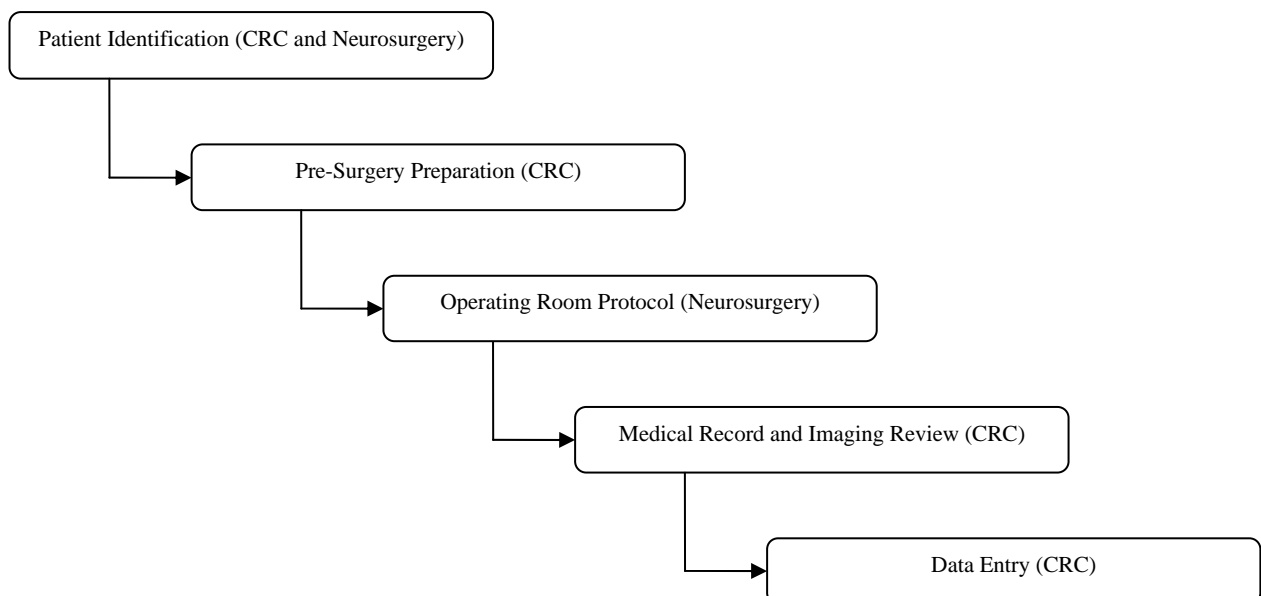
BCCH treats an average of 30 brain tumour patients annually, half of whom will present with a high-grade form described above. Thus, it is paramount that every eligible patient is identified and captured by the study coordinator to reach the study's target enrollment number.

#### Exclusion Criteria

Patients will be excluded from the study under the following conditions:

1. Specimen not capable of cultivating BTICs in the laboratory.
2. Contamination of specimen by external environment or poor sterile technique.
3. Resected tumor is adequate for clinical purposes, but insufficient for study; see ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS, page 14).
4. Low-grade gliomas

Figure 1. Patient Screening and Recruitment



## **4. DEVELOPMENT OF STUDY DOCUMENTATION**

### **4.1. Data Collection Forms**

The BTIC Study began in May 2010. Since that time, a data collection form and a study database have been created to support and document the study subjects. The initial data collection form (DCF) contains the following information:

1. Demographics and Background
2. Tumour Characteristics
3. Surgery Procedure
4. Adjuvant Therapy

In addition, a DCF was designed for patients with recurrent tumours. This DCF contained information on the following:

1. Patient Background
2. Progression Characteristics
3. Progression Surgery and Post-op Characteristics
4. Adjuvant Therapy
5. Status at Last Follow-up

Once the DCFs are complete, data is entered into the study database, which is an excel database found at BCCH that contains all of the de-identified information as an electronic file for the purpose of data analysis.

### **4.2. Standard Operating Procedures**

Included in the BTIC Study documents are the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), which contain instructions for the coordination, management and implementation of the BTIC Study at BC Children's Hospital. In addition to outlining the purpose and overall work process of the study, the SOPs provide a detailed description of the procedures, and serve as a guide and manual for the research staff.

The SOPs are included in the appendices of this report.

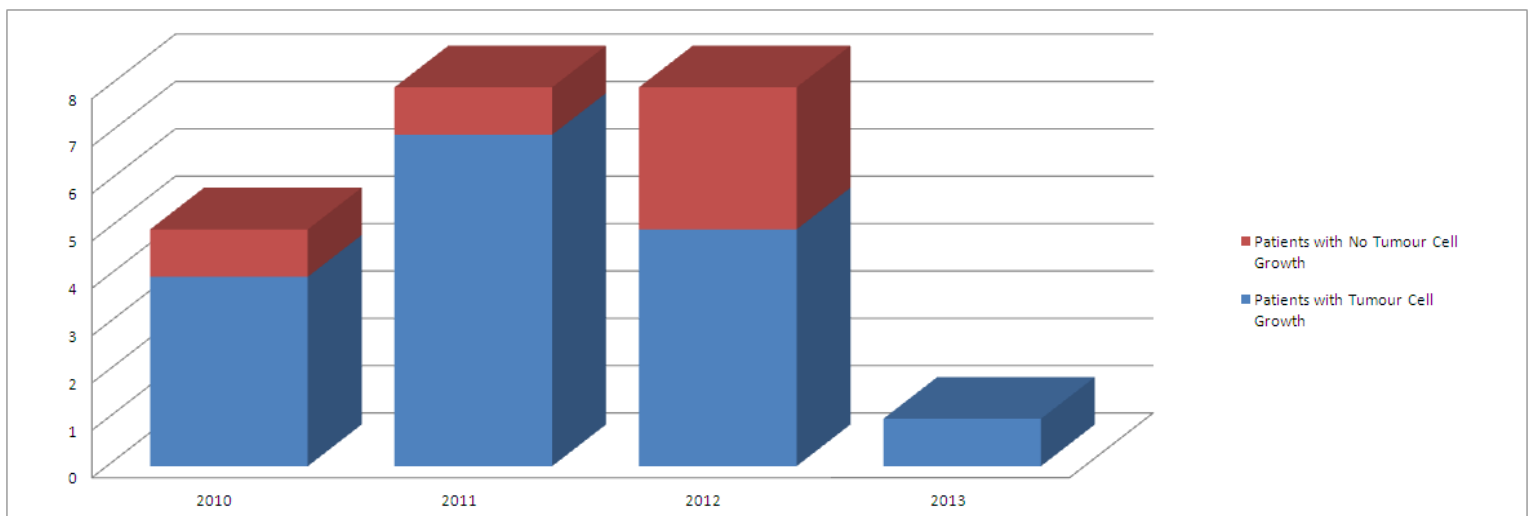
## 5. STUDY OVERVIEW

Study progression and enrolment have been stable since the beginning of the study. Currently, there are 22 subjects enrolled in the study. Moreover, one of these patients has required 2 subsequent surgeries for tumour relapse. Tumour samples from both of this patient's relapse surgeries were successfully collected into the study. Of all the eligible patients approached to participate in the study, only one family has declined enrolment. Thus, we have an excellent patient capture rate. Unfortunately, however, 5 subjects have been lost to study due to their tissue samples being unable to grow in the laboratory. At the beginning of the study, we expected an average cultivation rate of tumour samples in the lab to be around 85%. Factoring in the 5 uncultivated tumour samples, the study cultivation rate, this far, is 79%, which is in keeping with the expected cultivation rate. As demonstrated in Figure 2, recruitment rates can fluctuate over time. This year (2013) has had a particularly low number of high-grade brain tumours present to BCCH. Please see Figure 2 for more details about study enrolment.

The support from the Brain Tumour Foundation has been an indispensable resource in making this project successful over the last year. As mentioned earlier in this report, patient identification and enrolment is the most crucial step to the success of this project. The support provided by the Brain Tumour Foundation has allowed the Study Coordinator to successfully screen and approach 100% of families of children diagnosed with high-grade brain tumours. In our grant application, we expected to enrol between 8-10 patients. As expected, 8 patients presented to BCCH with high-grade tumours, with only one family declining participation in the study.

Unfortunately, because this is a long-term study, the findings of the study cannot be determined at this time. Work must continue to reach our target sample size and complete the data collection on all patients. At this time, there have been 2 abstracts and 1 manuscript submitted on information from the BTIC Study (see appendix 4 for more details). Additionally, the Brain Tumour Foundation will be mentioned as a key contributor in any future publications and presentations of the BTIC Study. We will be sure to forward any future publications and presentations to the Brain Tumour Foundation for consideration.

*Figure 2. Patients Recruited Per Year*







# APPENDIX 2: Standard Operating Procedures



*NEUROSCIENCES PROGRAM*

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*BTIC Study*

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**Instructions for  
Coordination, Management and Implementation**

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**Version 4: July 3, 2012**

## DOCUMENT CHANGE HISTORY

Version Number	Effective Date	Description of Revisions
Version 1	August 9, 2010	N/A
Version 2	November 15, 2010	Change to communication protocol
Version 3	March 8, 2011	Certificate of Approval – Renewal March 8, 2011
Version 4	July 3, 2012	New CRC, Study Renewal February 13, 2012

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## INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This documents serves as an introduction and guide for the management, coordination and implementation of the *BTIC STUDY*.

It describes the *BTIC STUDY*, its purpose, its overall work process and the established procedures within the *Neurosciences Program* of *British Columbia Children’s Hospital*.

The purpose of this document is to provide a detailed description of the *BTIC STUDY* workflow, and to serve as a guide and manual for the *Neurosciences Program* research staff working on the *BTIC STUDY*.

## DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Some abbreviations used in this document are explained below:

<i>AP</i>	Anteroposterior (orientation used to calculate tumour volume)
<i>BCCH</i>	British Columbia Children’s Hospital
<i>BTIC</i>	Brain Tumor Initiating Cell
<i>CRC</i>	Clinical Research Coordinator
<i>CRF</i>	Case Report Form
<i>DCF</i>	Data Collection Form
<i>EHR</i>	Electronic Health Record
<i>ICF</i>	Informed Consent Form
<i>OR</i>	Operating Room
<i>PI</i>	Principal Investigator
<i>SOP</i>	Standard Operating Procedures
<i>XRT</i>	Radiation Therapy (acronym)

## STUDY IMPLEMENTATION

### GENERAL STUDY INFORMATION

Study Title:	<b>BTIC STUDY</b>
Full Study Title:	<b>Targeting the Elimination of Brain Tumor Initiating Cells by Disrupting the PI3K Pathway</b>
Study PI:	Dr. Ash Singhal (Pediatric Neurosurgeon)
Co-investigators at BCCH site:	Dr. Juliette Hukin (Pediatric Neurologist), local 2121; Department: Oncology, K3-147  Dr. Rod Rassekh (Pediatric Oncologist), local 7878; Department: Oncology, Room A119B  Dr. Christopher Dunham (Neuropathologist), local 3639; Department: Pathology, Room L218
Co-investigators at other sites:	Dr. Sandra Dunn (Molecular Biologist) Dr. Abbas Fotovati (Research Associate, Oncology)
Research Manager (RM):	Dr. Vesna Popovska, local 5157; Room K3-175
Research Coordinator:	Mr. Ross Hengel, local 7132; Room K3-167
Study Purpose:	The purpose of this study is to test the hypothesis that brain tumor initiating cells (BTICs), a stem cell line responsible for tumor resistance to drug and radiation therapy, can be eliminated using agents that interfere with the P13K pathway. This project will implement procedures for isolating and culturing primary BTICs using flow cytometry and immunostaining of CD133, a unique cell surface marker of BTIC cell lines. These cell lines will be treated with a library of P13K pathway inhibitors, and their effectiveness will be reflected by curbed BTIC proliferation and tumor growth, and will be quantified by reductions in neurosphere formation and decreases in CD133 expression. If successful, the results of this study may have applications towards creating novel treatments for brain tumor patients in the future.

## ***PATIENT INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA***

### **Inclusion Criteria**

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- Other malignant tumor form

BCCH treats an average of 30 brain tumour patients annually, half of whom will present with a high-grade form described above. Thus, it is important that every eligible patient is captured to reach the study's **target enrollment number** (n=10-15).

### **Exclusion Criteria**

Patients will be excluded from the study under the following conditions:

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3. Resected tumor is adequate for clinical purposes, but insufficient for study; see ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS, page 14).
4. Low-grade gliomas



## PROCEDURES

### ***STUDY TEAM***

The BTIC Study team at BC Children's Hospital consists of:

- PI and Co – investigators:
  - Dr. Ash Singhal
  - Dr. Juliette Hukin
  - Dr. Rod Rassekh
  - Dr. Christopher Dunham
- Research Manager: Dr. Vesna Popovska
- CRC: Mr. Ross Hengel

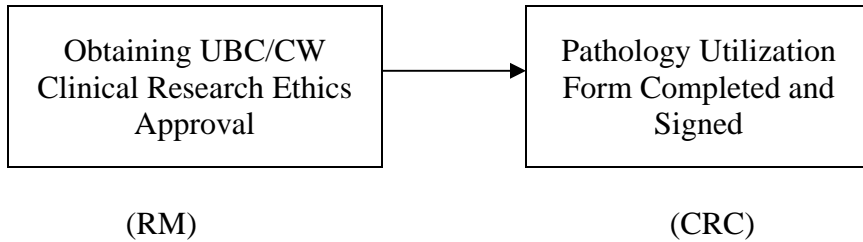
#### ***Applicable to all study staff:***

The staff involved in this study is encouraged to read the *Standard Operating Procedures for Neurosciences Program Research* (hard copy provided in the CRC's office), and behave according to those procedures.

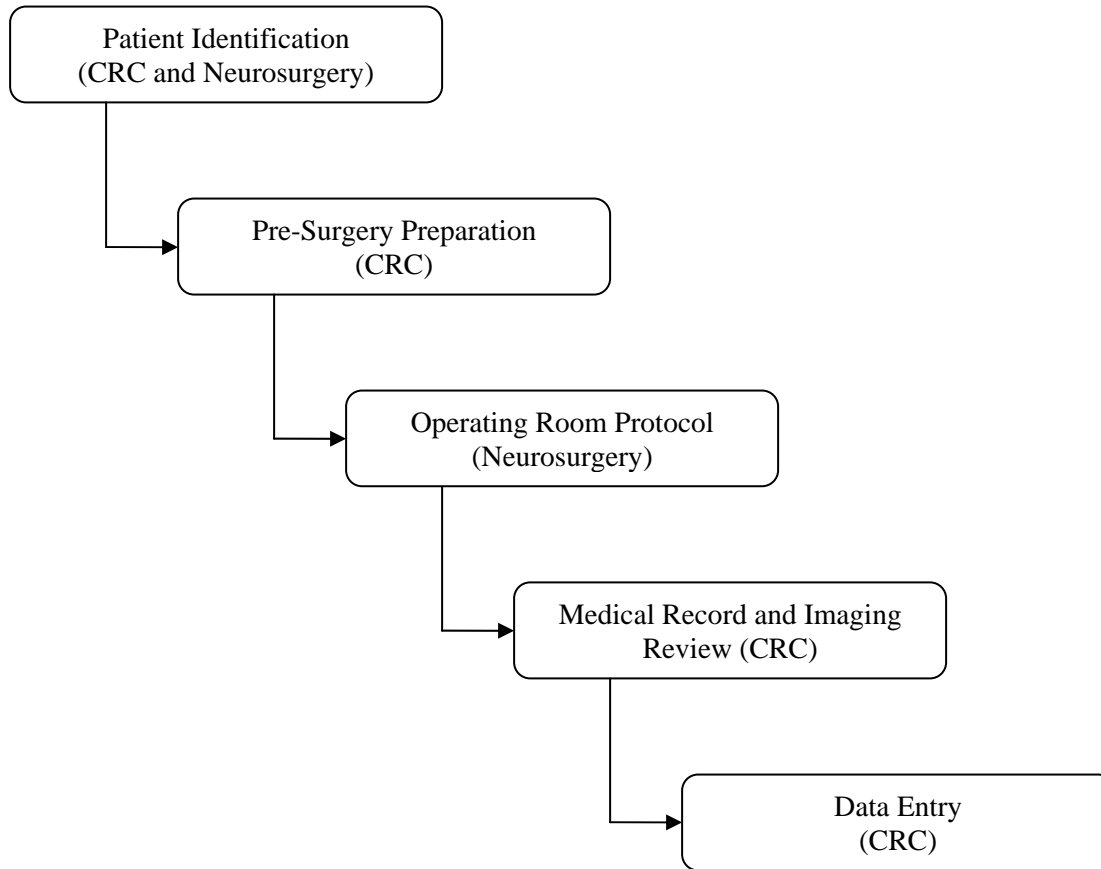
The staff involved in the study is also encouraged to familiarize themselves with the study protocol which is located on the U:\ Drive: \ Research Coordinator (personal drive to the CRC) and X:\ (shared drive): \ Neurosurgery Research \ BTIC protocol-May 10, 2010. A hard copy can be found in the CRC's office (Ross Hengel, Room K3-167) or in the Research Manager's office (Dr. Vesna Popovska, Room K3-175) in the BTIC Study file folder located in the second drawer of the grey filing cabinet.

### WORK FLOW DIAGRAM

Following study design by the PI, the **pre-approval** study implementation scheme takes place in the two phases diagramed below:



The **post-approval** on-site study implementation consists of the following phases:



## **OBTAINING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL**

The Research Manager is responsible for obtaining ethics approvals from both the UBC/CW Research Ethics Boards. Adhering to the Neurosciences Research Program’s Standard Operation Procedures and maintaining ethical renewals are also responsibilities of the research manager (table 1).

Originals and copies of the Certificates of Approval are filed by the RM and can be obtained from **Dr. Vesna Popovska’s office; Room: K3-175; local: 5157**

- ❖ Ethics approvals are in both:
  - BTIC Ethics Folder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> drawer of filing cabinet or
  - Blue binder (Neurosurgery ethics approvals) on the top shelf above computer
  
- ❖ Electronic versions can be found under My Computer on the following drives:
  - U:\ All Current Studies \ BTIC Study \ Ethics
  - X:\ Neurosurgery \ Research \ BTIC study\Approvals

Table 1. Most recent ethics approvals

<b>Certificate of Approval from UBC Clinical Research Ethics</b>		
Date Obtained	Period Covered	
	From	To
May 13, 2010	February 14, 2012	February 14, 2013

<b>Certificates of Approval from C&amp;W Research Ethics Board</b>		
Date Obtained	Period Covered	
	From	To
May 13, 2010	February 14, 2012	February 13, 2013

## ***POST-APPROVAL STUDY IMPLEMENTATION***

### **Patient Screening and Identification of Eligible Study Subjects**

Patient screening for the BTIC study is performed by the CRC with the support of the pediatric neurosurgeons at BCCCH. This task is the chief responsibility of the CRC, and is one of the most crucial steps to ensuring that all eligible study candidates have been considered.

There will be two approaches to patient screening. The first approach involves the CRC identifying eligible patients through active surveillance of surgical appointments. This task is performed in the neurosurgery out-patient clinic (room K3-160) by examining the OR slate for upcoming brain tumour resection operations. The OR schedule, located adjacent to the unit clerk's work desk, lists surgeries scheduled during regular OR hours of operation (Tuesday and Friday) and does not take into account evening or weekend cases. Patients presenting to the OR for unscheduled tumor resections during the evening or weekend hours will be recruited by the attending on-call neurosurgeon. Once eligible patients are identified, the CRC will confirm their eligibility with the attending neurosurgeon, or Dr. Ash Singhal who is the principal investigator of the BTIC study.

The second method involves following-up with the neurosurgical team for patient referrals. The CRC will be responsible for sending monthly e-mail reminders to the neurosurgeons requesting that they refer any of their patients that match the inclusion criteria of the BTIC study (included in the email) to the CRC by providing the patient's name, date of birth and anticipated time/date of surgery. It is recommended that the CRC add this task to their outlook express calendar and save the e-mail message for use at later months.

## Pre-Surgery Preparation

### ***Obtaining Informed Consent***

Upon identifying eligible patients for the BTIC study, the CRC will ask the attending Neurosurgeon to introduce him/her to the patient and the family. The CRC then explains the study to the family. If the parent or primary caregiver agrees to participate, the CRC will have them carefully read and sign the ICF. If the patient is 7 years of age or older and deemed competent, s/he signs an accompanying assent form. If the patient is 14 years of age or older, s/he signs the separate consent page on the consent form. Consent and assent forms for the BTIC study will be stored in pre-made study instructions packages (see below). After the consent/assent forms are signed, the CRC then proceeds to preparing the rest of the study team for specimen retrieval and transfer to Dr. Dunn's laboratory.

### ***Team Preparation***

Once informed consent has been obtained, the CRC will be responsible for contacting the Dunn laboratory and Drs. Dunham or Hendson with the approximate time/day of the patient's surgery at least 48 hours prior to the procedure (if possible). Early notification to both parties will ensure proper preparation for sample collection, and increase the likelihood of successful specimen transfer to the Dunn laboratory.

Prior to the surgery, the CRC will ensure that study specific instructions packages are stored in the "Neurosurgery Research" slot in room #3R51 of the 3R ward. Each package contains the following items placed in a 9 x12 inch envelope:

- BTIC Study Instructions (*U:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Study Package\BTIC Study Instructions.doc*)
- Study Consent Form (*U:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Forms\Consent\BTIC Study Consent Form*)
- Study Assent Form (*U:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Forms\Consent\BTIC Study Assent Form*)

- Pathology Study Utilization Form (*U:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Forms\BTIC Requisition\_revised September 23,2010.doc*)
  - With patient addressograph and specimen site, date of surgery, and time of BTIC specimen removal highlighted in green)
- The BTIC study Instructions and checklist labels will be affixed to the front of the envelope for easy recognition and consistency in following operating room protocol (*U:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Study Package\Labels/Checklist 2.doc*)

The consent/assent forms are to be taken from these packages when obtaining informed consent. The BTIC study instructions envelope is then clipped to the front of the patient's surgical chart (located on the 3R ward) for the attending surgeon to consult when carrying out the study protocol.

### ***Assigning the Patient ID***

After the study team has been prepared for surgery, the CRC creates a *Patient Template* for the recruited patient. This serves as a reference sheet for the patient and includes the patient's name, MRN, date of birth, study identification and contact information.

Recruited patients will be assigned a study ID by Pathology to protect their confidentiality. The patient study ID will include the prefix "BT", followed by the patient's three digit enrollment number (i.e. the first enrolled patient=BT001, second enrolled patient=BT002). The Neuropathologist attending to the case will attach patient ID labels to the sterile specimen container and pathology study utilization to de-identify patient information. Study ID labels are stored in the BTIC study section of the Pathology Log (to be kept in L233 of the Shaugnessy Building, Department of Anatomical Pathology).

## Surgical Protocol

In the event of an unscheduled evening or weekend procedure, the attending Neurosurgeon will obtain informed consent using the consent/assent forms provided in the BTIC study instructions packages. After removing the tumour sample, the OR nurse will contact the on-call neuropathologist. Sandy Dunn's lab will be notified by the on-call Neuropathologist (refer to call list protocol in study procedures) to prepare for sample pick-up. Neuropathologist to notify Ross Hengel of any new patients that underwent an evening/weekend surgery and relay the study # used.

Intra-operative procedures are provided in the study procedures manual (at the end of the study protocol) and study instructions sheet of the BTIC instructions package.

## Medical Record and Imaging Review

Once a pathology diagnosis is available (typically 2-3 days following tumour resection), the CRC will review the patient's health records and medical imaging to obtain the data needed to complete the *BTIC Case Report Form-DIAGNOSIS* located on the U:\Drive:\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study\Forms\Case Report Forms. There is a separate CRF (*Case Report Form-PROGRESSION*) to be completed for patients that have relapsed, as it requires additional information about the tumour progression since the initial surgery and any subsequent surgeries the patient received. The CRC may use iStentor or EVE (see *Orientation to Hospital Computer Programs*, U:\Drive\Neurosurgery Research\Training Resources) to access electronic patient health records, as well as the Neurosurgery charts (located in the office of the neurosurgery clinic) and Oncology charts (located in the Oncology/Haematology clinic on the far East wing of the main building on floor level).

### ***Measuring AP, Transverse and Craniocaudal Dimensions to Calculate Tumour Volume (Diagnosis, Post-Surgery, Post-XRT, Post-Chemotherapy)***

To calculate tumour volume, the CRC will review patients' medical images electronically to measure the anteroposterior (AP), transverse, and craniocaudal axes of the patient's

tumour. This **must** be done with the assistance of Neurooncologist Dr. Hukin to ensure that the measurements are accurate. Occasionally, these measurements will already be provided in the radiology report of the patient's medical images, and can be used to calculate the volume of the tumour at any of the given stages of treatment listed above. Therefore, it is best to check the radiology report first before contacting Dr. Hukin for assistance.

### ***Adjuvant Therapy***

Not all of the data required in the CRF will be available immediately or even soon after surgery. The adjuvant therapy section in particular contains many sections that cannot be completed until months or even a year following surgery. The CRC will have to wait at least one year after surgery to calculate tumour volume post-XRT (if applicable), due to the fact that maximum response to radiotherapy is observed within a year following the therapy completion date. Thus, a series of assessment scans will take place following completion of therapy to identify the best response of the tumour to radiotherapy. Although follow-up imaging takes place shortly after completion of chemotherapy treatment, many treatment regimens take a considerable length of time to complete, and calculating the best response of the tumour to chemotherapy (if applicable) may not be possible until several months following surgery.



## Data Entry

Upon completion of the CRF, the CRC enters the data collected into the *BTIC database.xls* located on the U: Drive\Neurosurgery Research\BTIC Study. The spreadsheet workbook contains the following sheets:

- Patient Summary
- Diagnosis
- Progression 1
- Progression 2

Additional sheets may need to be added to the *BTIC database* if patients are enrolled with a third or higher progression order.

## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is the prerogative of the attending Neuropathologist to reject the use of any tumor specimen for the use of research if, after all samples are collected, there isn't an adequate amount of tissue available for clinical purposes. All study specimens sent for review by pathology must be accompanied by a completed **study requisition form** in order for the tissue to be transferred off-site to the Dunn laboratory following frozen section analysis.

# APPENDIX 3: Ethics Approvals



**CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HEALTH  
CENTRE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Email: [cwreb@cw.bc.ca](mailto:cwreb@cw.bc.ca)  
Website: [http://www.cfri.ca/research\\_support](http://www.cfri.ca/research_support) >  
Research Ethics

## ETHICS CERTIFICATE OF DELEGATED APPROVAL: RENEWAL

<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:</b> Ash Singhal	<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> UBC/Medicine, Faculty of/Surgery	<b>UBC C&amp;W NUMBER:</b> H09-02812
<b>INSTITUTION(S) WHERE RESEARCH WILL BE CARRIED OUT:</b>		
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Site</b>	
Children's and Women's Health Centre of BC (incl. Sunny Hill) <b>Other locations where the research will be conducted:</b> N/A	Child & Family Research Institute	
<b>CO-INVESTIGATOR(S):</b> Christopher Dunham Juliette Hukin Sandra E. Dunn Abbas Fotovati Rod Rassekh		
<b>SPONSORING AGENCIES:</b> - Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada - "Targeting the elimination of brain tumour initiating cells by disrupting the P13K pathway" - Child & Family Research Institute - "Targeting the elimination of brain tumor initiating cells by disrupting the P13K pathway"		
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> Targeting the elimination of Brain Tumor Initiating Cells by disrupting the PI3K pathway		

**REMINDER: The current UBC Children's and Women's approval for this study expires: January 25, 2014**

**APPROVAL DATE: January 25, 2013**

**CERTIFICATION:****In respect of clinical trials:**

1. The membership of this Research Ethics Board complies with the membership requirements for Research Ethics Boards defined in Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations.
2. The Research Ethics Board carries out its functions in a manner consistent with Good Clinical Practices.
3. This Research Ethics Board has reviewed and approved the clinical trial protocol and informed consent form for the trial which is to be conducted by the qualified investigator named above at the specified clinical trial site. This approval and the views of this Research Ethics Board have been documented in writing.

The Chair of the UBC Children's and Women's Research Ethics Board has reviewed the documentation for the above named project. The research study, as presented in the documentation, was found to be acceptable on ethical grounds for research involving human subjects and was approved for renewal by the UBC Children's and Women's Research Ethics Board.

*Approved by one of:*

**Dr. Marc Levine, Chair    Dr. Caron Strahlendorf, Associate Chair**



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Research Ethics Board  
(UBC C&W REB)

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Website: [www.cfri.ca/Research Ethics](http://www.cfri.ca/Research Ethics)  
RISe: <https://rise.ubc.ca>

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## C&W Institutional Certificate of Approval -- RENEWAL --

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR Singhal, Ash	DEPARTMENT Surgery	NUMBER CW09-0268 / H09-02812
CO-INVESTIGATORS: Hukin, Juliette; Dunn, Sandra E.; Fotovati, Abbas; Rassekh, Rod; Dunham, Christopher;		
C&W DEPARTMENTS, PATIENT BASED PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTIONS IMPACTED BY THIS STUDY: Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; Records Management;		
SPONSORING AGENCIES: Child & Family Research Institute;		
TITLE Targeting the elimination of Brain Tumor Initiating Cells by disrupting the PI3K pathway		
TERMS OF RENEWAL Jan 25 2013 - Jan 24 2014		
CERTIFICATION:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ethical approval has been granted for the above-referenced research project. I am pleased to inform you that all necessary hospital program/resource approvals and institutional agreements/contracts are now in place and that you have permission to begin your research.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Dr. Stuart MacLeod Vice President, Academic Liaison and Research Coordination, Provincial Health Services Authority</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Certificate of Approval is valid for the above term provided there is no change in the research protocol</p>		

## **APPENDIX 4: Publications**

### **Abstracts**

Fotovati A, Radloff D, Coute N, Triscott J, Chen J, Yip S, Louis D, Toyota B, Hukin J, Rassekh SR, Singhal A, Dunham C, and Dunn SE. The Y-Box binding protein-1 conveys temozolomide resistance by the inhibiting DNA damage response pathway through the polycomb repressor BMI-1. 2013 Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 2013. Platform presentation by S. Dunn.

Lee C, Triscott J, Foster C, Manoranjan B, Pambid MR, Fotovati A, Berns R, Venugopal C, O'Halloran K, Narendran A, Northcott P, Taylor MD, Singh SK, Singhal A, Rassekh R, Maxwell CA, Dunham C, and Dunn SE. Personalizing the treatment for medulloblastoma: Polo-Like Kinase 1 (PLK1) as a molecular target for the sonic hedgehog (SHH) subtype. 2013 Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 2013. Platform presentation by J. Triscott.

### **Manuscripts**

Triscott J, Lee C, Foster C, Manoranjan B, Pambid MR, Berns R, Fotovati A, Venugopal C, O'Halloran K, Narendran A, Hawkins C, Ramaswamy V, Bouffet E, Taylor MD, Singhal A, Hukin J, Rassekh SR, Yip S, Northcott P, Singh SK, Dunham C, and Dunn SE. Personalizing the treatment for medulloblastoma: Polo-Like Kinase 1 (PLK1) as a molecular target for high-risk patients. Preparation for submission to Journal of Clinical Oncology.

# APPENDIX 5: Finance Report



# CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## RESEARCH INSTITUTE FINANCE

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**Date:** July 22, 2013

**C&W Account No.#(s):** CRG74190

**Brain Tumour Fdn-P13K Pathways: Targeting the elimination of brain tumour initiating cells by disrupting the P13K pathway**

### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

**For the period May 30, 2012 to Jun 30, 2013**

**Opening Balance**

**Funding received to date**

24,900

**Total funds available for expenditure**

24,900

**Expenditures**

Salary

24,900

**Total expenditures**

**24,900**

**Unexpended amount**

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