



TERAPIAS LOCALES EN EL CARCINOMA DE VÍAS BILIARES: ESTRATEGIAS EN ENFERMEDAD IRRESECABLE AVANZADA

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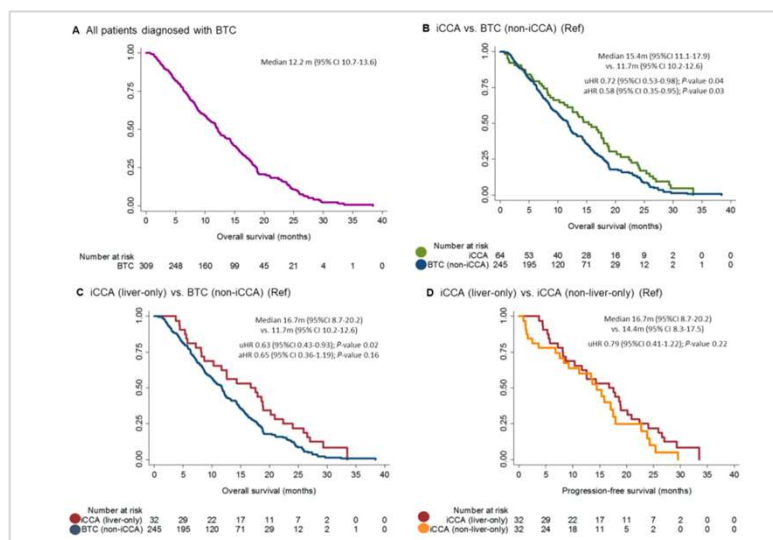


WHY CONSIDER LOCAL THERAPIES IN ADVANCED UNRESECTABLE DISEASE?

Is valid for the different subtypes?

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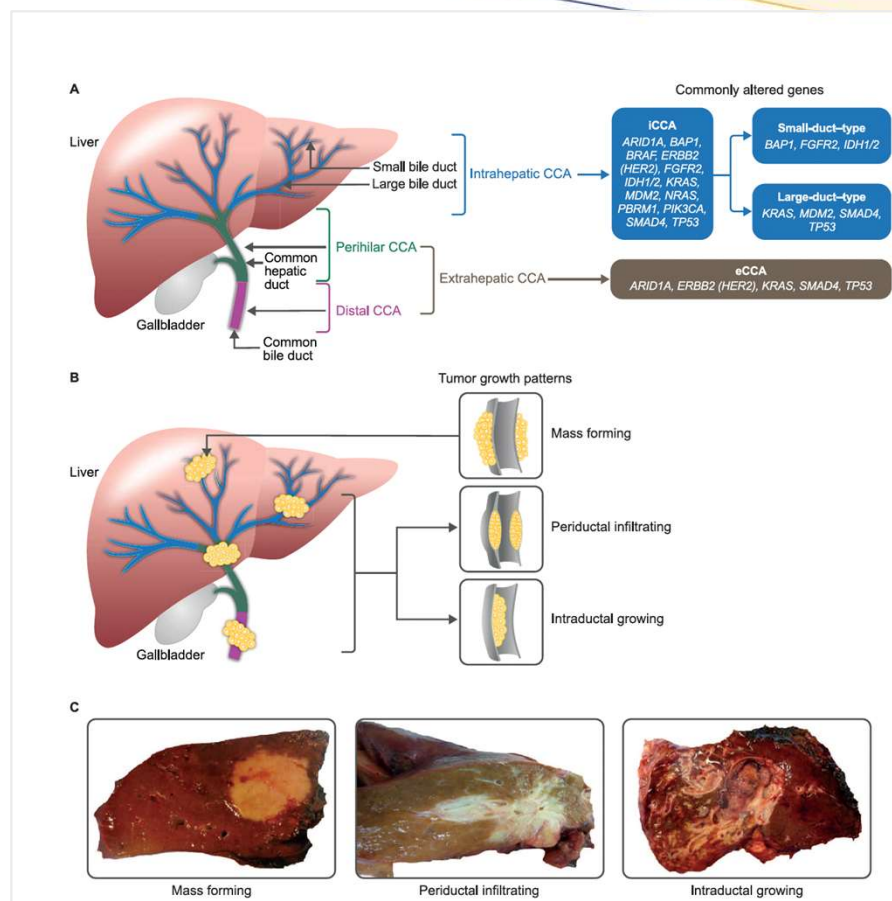
Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Post Hoc Analysis of the ABC-01, -02, and -03 Clinical Trials



- Liver-confined iCCA
- Median OS: 16.7m

iCCA- liver represent a specific subgroup

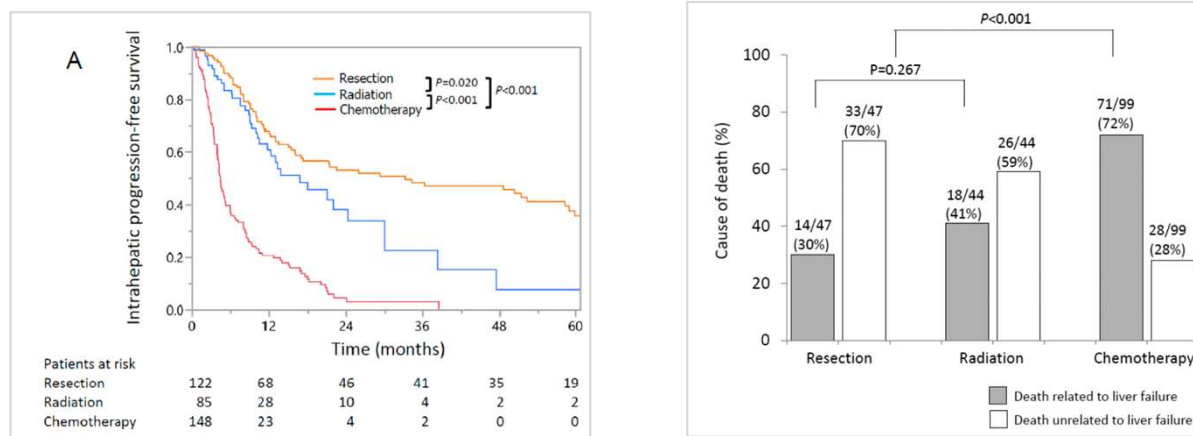
Lamarca A. J Natl Cancer Inst (2020) 112.



Purva Gopal. Arch Pathol Lab Med—Vol 148, March 2024



Local Therapy Reduces the Risk of Liver Failure and Improves Survival in Patients with Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: a Comprehensive Analysis of 362 Consecutive Patients



The most common cause of death in patients with ICC is liver failure secondary to local tumor progression

Multivariable analysis identified local therapy (resection or radiation) as a sole predictor of death without liver failure



Management of iCCA is complex and must be tailored to specific patient and tumor characteristics.



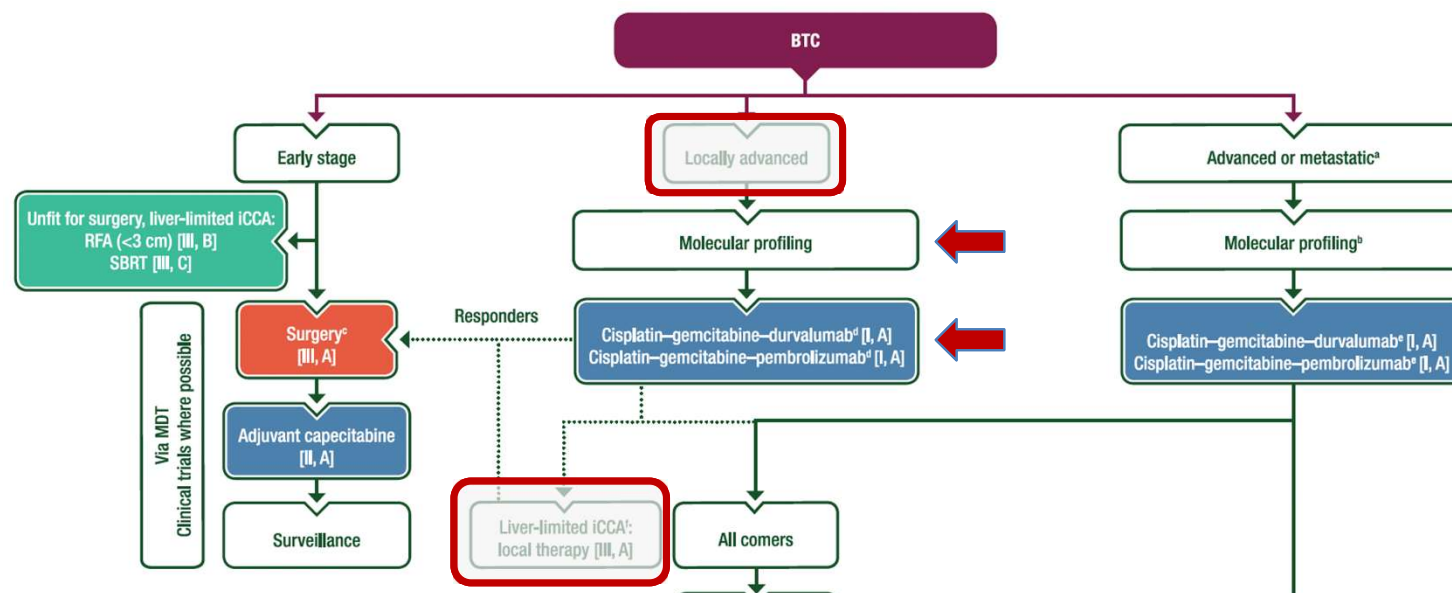
Multidisciplinary team



Centers of expertise in BTC

Surgical resection
Systemic therapies
Local treatments

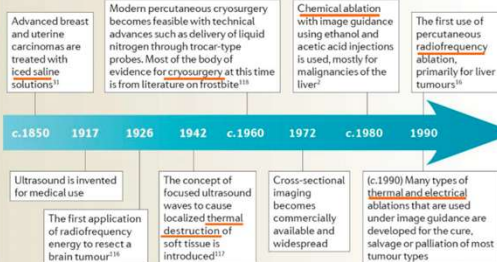
IT SHOULD BE NOTED that current guidelines recommend **systemic therapy** as the preferred initial management for patients with locally advanced (LA) unresectable ICC.



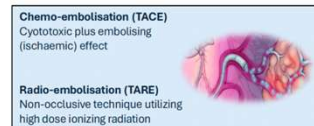
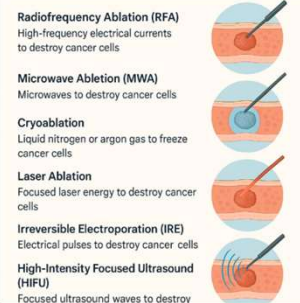
LOCAL THERAPY: POTENTIAL BENEFITS IN PATIENTS
WITH iCC AND LIVER-ONLY DISEASE.

Interventional Oncology has evolved

Timeline | Development and evolution of image-guided thermal ablation

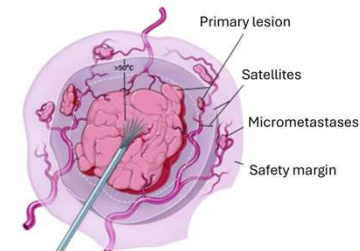


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Nat Rev Cancer. 2014 Mar;14(3):199-208.

Many techniques, one mission

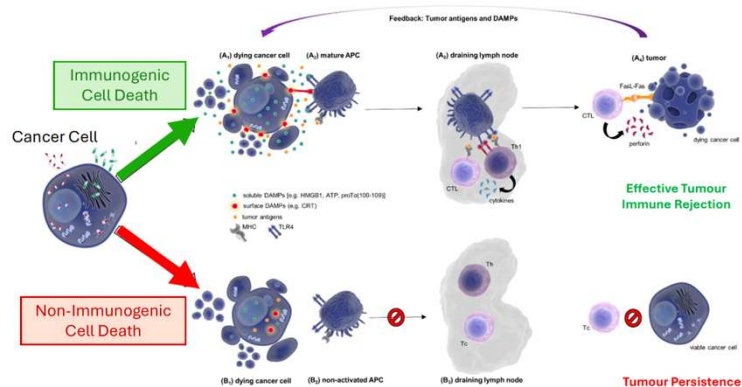


Complete Local Necrosis

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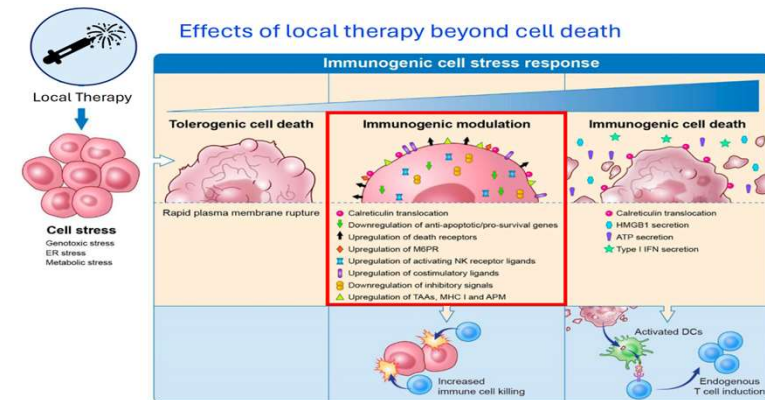
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Not all deaths are born equal



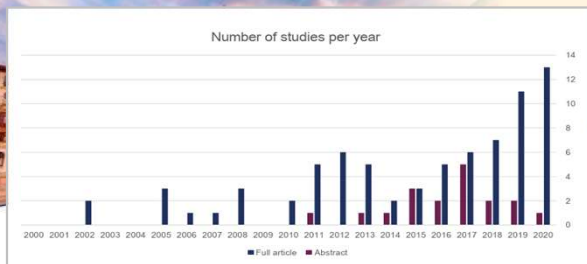
Cells 2022, 11(9), 1415

Effects of local therapy beyond cell death



Front Oncol. 2021 Aug 23;11:728018.

- Local ablative therapies are potent instruments to modulate the TME even beyond cancer cell death.



Review

Locoregional Therapy for Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Mackenzie Owen ¹, Mina S. Makary ² and Eliza W. Beal ^{3,*}

Review

Advancements in Locoregional Therapies for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Conor D. J. O'Donnell ¹, Umair Majeed ¹, Michael S. Rutenberg ², Kristopher P. Croome ³, Katherine E. Poruk ⁴, Beau Toskich ⁵ and Zhaohui Jin ^{6,*}

Review

Locoregional Treatment in Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Which Treatment for Which Patient?

Héloïse Bourien ^{1,*}, Chiara Carlotta Pircher ², Boris Guin ³, Angela Lamarca ^{4,5,6}, Juan W Valle ^{5,6}, Monica Niger ² and Julien Edeline ¹

REVIEW

Locoregional Treatment Options for Locally Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Alex B. Blair, MD¹; Wilson M. Alcobuia, MD, MS¹; Manisha Palta, MD²; Steven S. Raman, MD³; Matthew H. Levine, MD, PhD⁴; Al B. Benson III, MD⁵; Michael I. D'Angelica, MD⁶; and Jordan M. Cloyd, MD¹

Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

Table 1
Characteristics of the studies included.

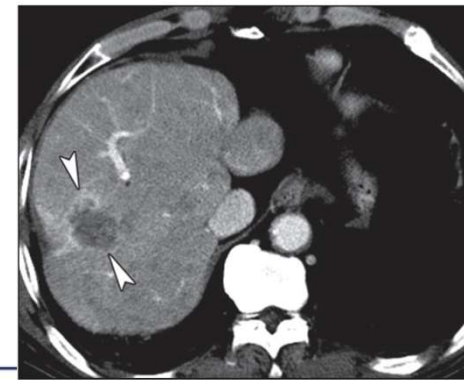
	All studies (n = 93)	EBRT (n = 17)	Ablation (n = 14)	SIRT (n = 25)	TACE (n = 20)	HAI (n = 14)
Prospective trial	16 (17%)	3 (18%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	3 (15%)	7 (50%)
Prospective cohort	8 (9%)	1 (6%)	2 (14%)	3 (12%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)
Retrospective study	69 (74%)	13 (77%)	12 (86%)	20 (80%)	15 (75%)	7 (50%)
Multicentre	23 (25%)	4 (24%)	1 (7%)	6 (24%)	9 (45%)	3 (21%)
No or inadequate control group	86 (93%)	15 (88%)	12 (86%)	25 (100%)	18 (90%)	13 (93%)
Adequate not randomised	6 (7%)	2 (12%)	2 (14%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	1 (7%)
Randomised	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)
Clearly Defined Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	55 (59%)	9 (53%)	10 (71%)	12 (48%)	12 (60%)	10 (71%)
Clear definition of outcomes	59 (63%)	12 (71%)	11 (79%)	12 (48%)	14 (70%)	8 (57%)
Available only as abstract	18 (19%)	1 (6%)	1 (7%)	9 (36%)	5 (25%)	2 (14%)
Risk of bias Low	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Risk of bias Intermediate	14 (15%)	3 (18%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	3 (15%)	5 (36%)
Risk of bias High	79 (85%)	14 (82%)	14 (100%)	23 (92%)	17 (85%)	9 (64%)

EBRT: external beam radiotherapy, SIRT: selective internal radiation therapy, TACE: transarterial chemo-embolisation, HAI: Hepatic arterial infusion



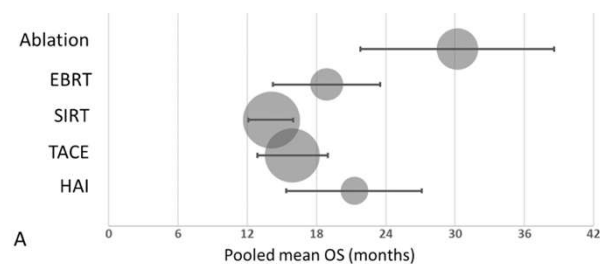
Ablative therapies

Radiofrequency (RFA)
Microwave (MWA)

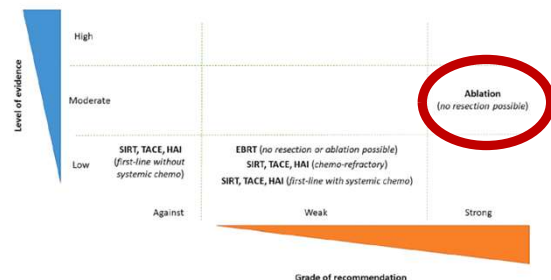


Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

15 cohorts (645 patients)



OS 30.2 month

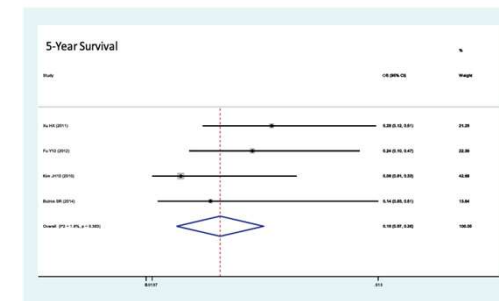


Edeline J, Cancer Treatment Reviews 2021

Ablative Therapy for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Ali Yousaf, Journal of Clin. and Exp. Hepatology 2019

OS 3 años: 33%

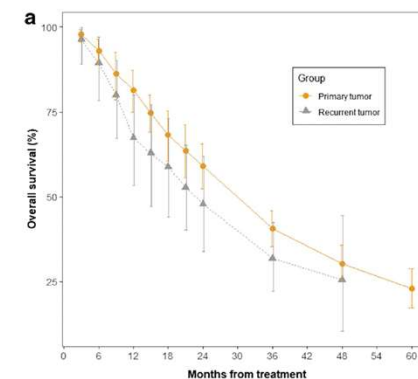


INTERVENTIONAL

Thermal ablation in the treatment of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Kim, G.H. Eur. Radiol. 2022, 32, 1205–1215

OS 3 años: 42%

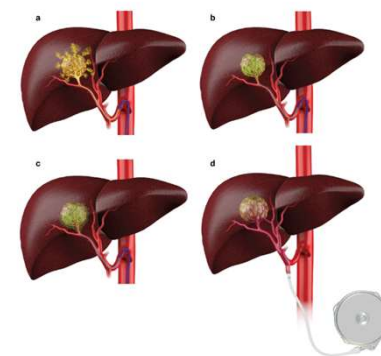


Ablation can be considered in patients with an iCCA ≤ 3 cm who have contraindications to surgery



INTRA-ARTERIAL THERAPIES

Chemoembolization
Radioembolization
HAI



Chemoembolization

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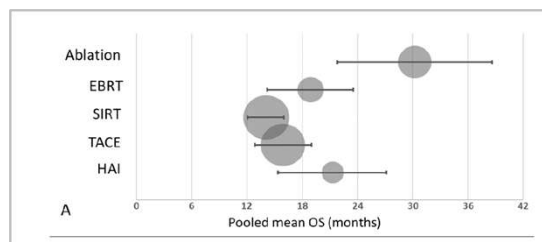
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DELTIC

Drug-Eluting Bead, Irinotecan Therapy of Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (DELTIC) with Concomitant Systemic Gemcitabine and Cisplatin

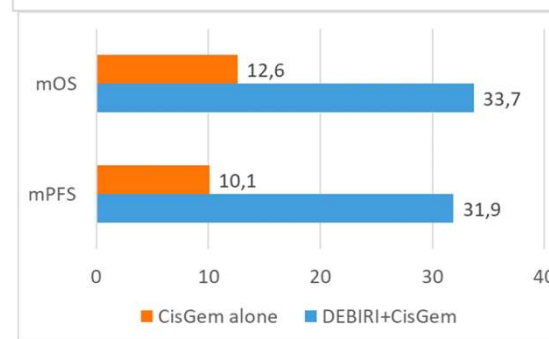
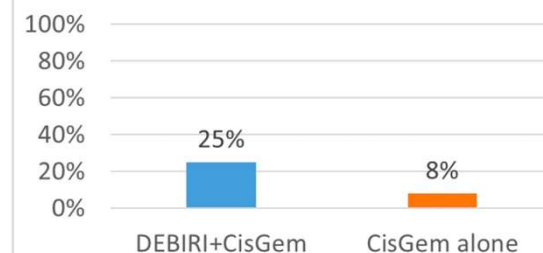
Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

N= 1145
OS 15,9 m



Edeline J, Cancer Treatment Reviews 2021

Downsizing to resection



Martin, R.C.G. Ann. Surg. Oncol. 2022, 29, 5462

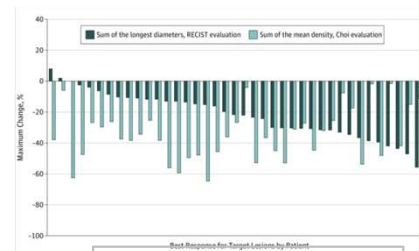


Radioembolization

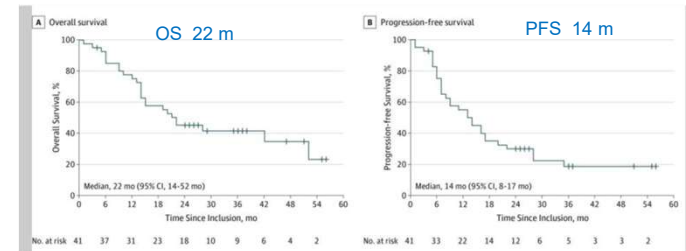
MISPHEC

Radioembolization Plus Chemotherapy for First-line Treatment of Locally Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

A Phase 2 Clinical Trial



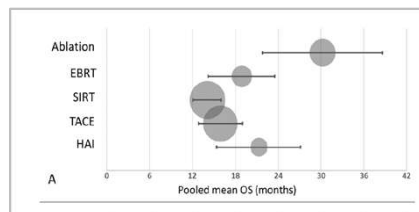
Downsizing 22%



Edeline J. Jama Oncol 2019

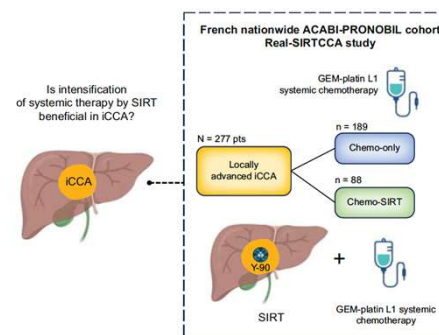
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OS 14,1 m

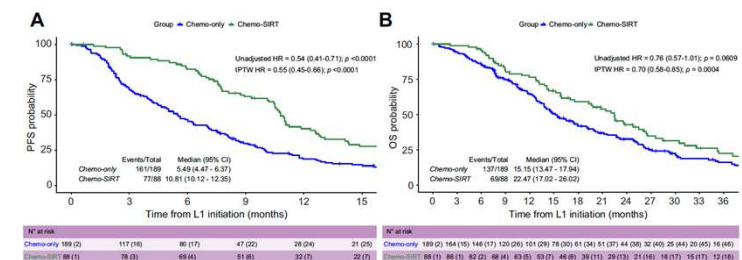


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First-line chemotherapy with selective internal radiation therapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: The French ACABi GERCOR PRONOBIL cohort



ORR: 58.3% vs 28.5%
Cx: 18.7% vs 8.8%

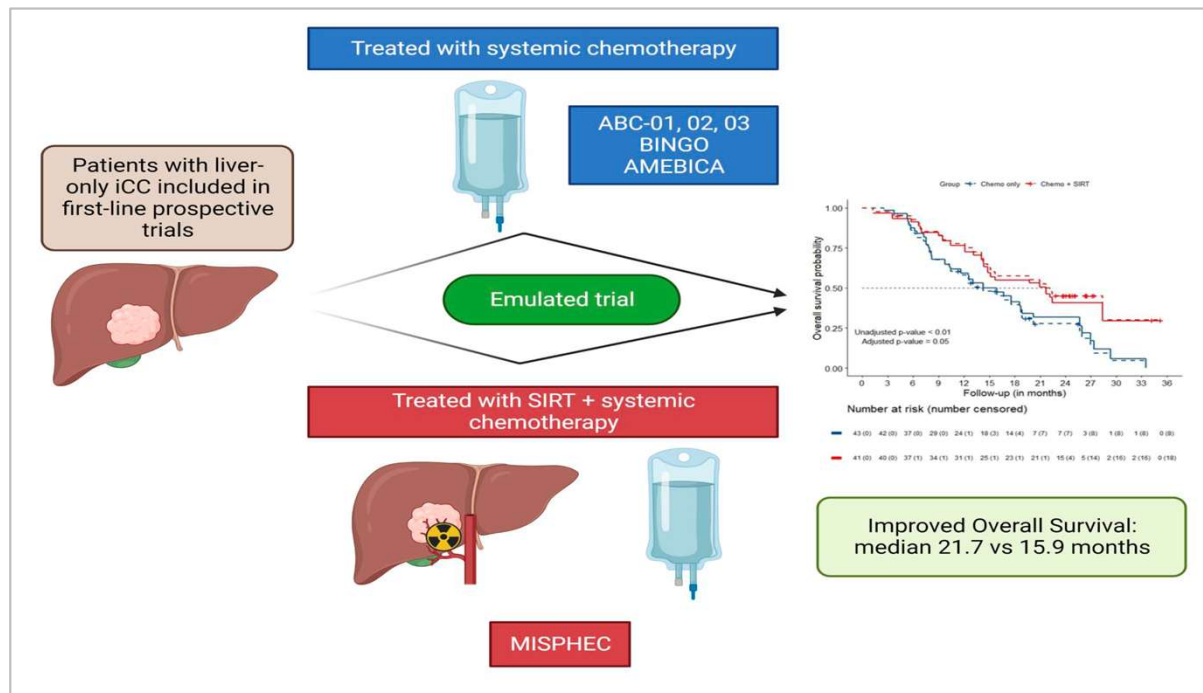


Nicolas Adamus, JHEP Reports, February 2025



Radioembolization

Chemotherapy with or without selective internal radiation therapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:
Data from clinical trials



Edeline, Hepatology 2024

SIRCCA (NCT02807181)

Terminated ⓘ
Slow enrollment

SIRT Followed by CIS-GEM Chemotherapy Versus CIS-GEM Chemotherapy Alone as 1st Line Treatment of Patients With Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (SIRCCA)

HEPATIC ARTERIAL INFUSION CHEMOTHERAPY



Liver tumors derive blood from hepatic artery.
Floxuridine has >95% first-pass effect with 200-fold exposure.

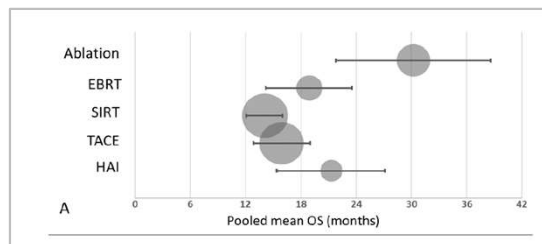
HAI

PUMP II

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Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

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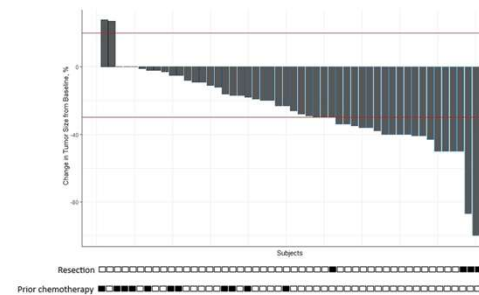


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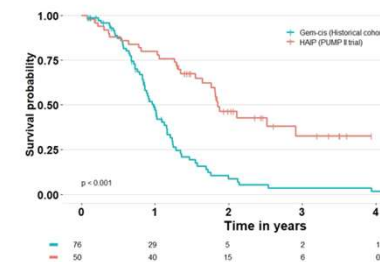
	Jarnagin	Kemeny	Cercek
Year	2009	2011	2020
N	26	18	42
Response rate	54%	39%	58%
3-year OS	29%	31%	43%

Hepatic arterial infusion pump chemotherapy in patients with unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

PUMP II trial



- 46% partial response
- 88% disease control at 6 months
- 8% resection
- 1 patient complete pathologic response



	PUMP-2	Gem-cis	P-value
Median OS	22	12	<0.001
1-year OS	80%	47%	<0.001
2-year OS	46%	9%	<0.001
3-year OS	33%	3%	<0.001

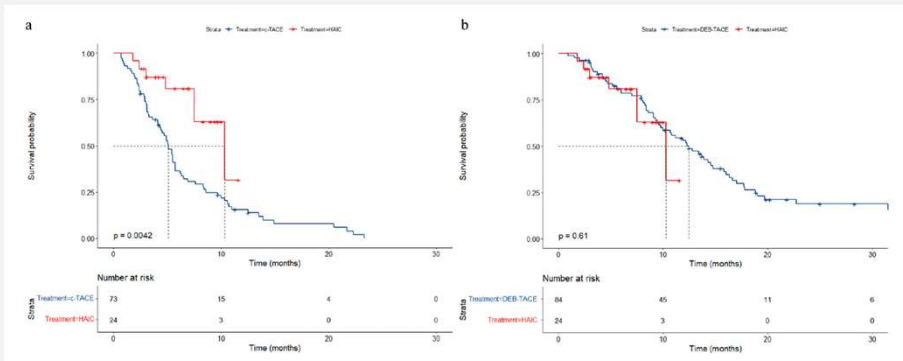
Follow up
Median 29 months
No loss to follow-up

Jarnagin, Ann Oncol 2009;20(9):1589
Kemeny, Oncology 2011;80:153
Cercek, JAMA Oncol 2020;6(1):60
Groot Koerkamp, ASCO-GI 2024

HAI vs

HAI vs TACE

Hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy versus transarterial chemoembolization in patients with unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a multicenter retrospective cohort study



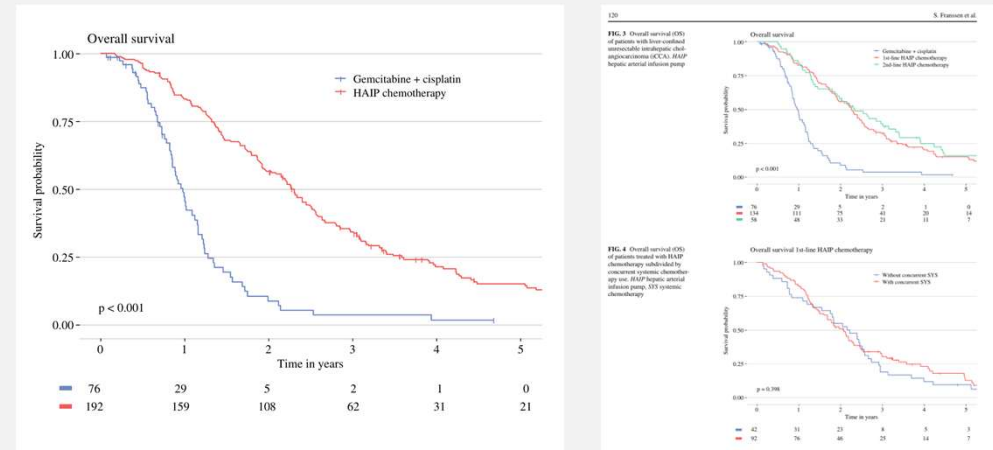
HAIC significantly improves OS and tumor response in patients with unresectable ICC compared to c-TACE, but HAIC shows no significant difference from drug-eluting bead-TACE

Yi Zhang. Eur Radiol 2025

HAI vs CIS-GEM

ORIGINAL ARTICLE – HEPATOBIILIARY TUMORS

Gemcitabine with Cisplatin Versus Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Chemotherapy for Liver-Confined Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma



Franssen S. Ann Surg Oncol 2024; 31:115–124



RADIODTHERAPY

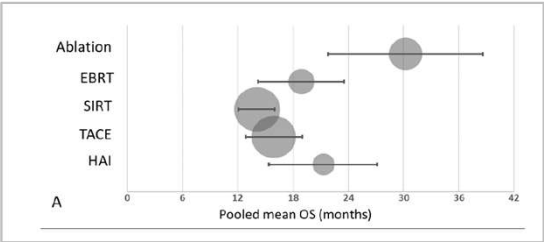


Radiotherapy

Role of Radiation Therapy for Biliary Tract Cancers

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N= 541
OS 18,9 m



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Table 2. Selected studies of non-operative management of IHCC that include RT.

Study	Type	n	Population	Treatment	Key Results
Bouras et al. (2002) [42]	Single-institution Retrospective	23	Patients with locally advanced CCA	RT (45–50 Gy, with a boost up to 60 Gy for R1 and R2 groups) +/- concurrent CT	Actuarial 1, 3, 5, year survival: 75%, 28%, 7%, respectively Median survival: 16.5 months
Válek et al. (2007) [39]	Prospective randomized trial	42 total; 21 received RT	Patients with malignant biliary strictures	Ir-192 brachytherapy (mean dose 30 Gy) + stent placement or stent placement only	Mean survival in RT group: 387.9 days Mean survival in no-RT group: 298 days
Tse et al. (2008) [36]	Prospective Phase I Clinical Trial	41 total; 10 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	SBRT in 6 fx (median dose 36 Gy)	Median OS for IHCC patients: 15 months 20% of IHCC patients developed transient biliary obstruction
Kopek et al. (2010) [37]	Prospective	27	Patients with unresectable CCA	SBRT (45 Gy in 3 fx)	Median PFS: 6.7 months Median OS: 10.6 months
Hong et al. (2016) [31]	Prospective Phase II Clinical Trial	83 total; 37 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	Proton therapy (58.0 GyE/15 fx for central tumors, 67.5 GyE/15 fx for peripheral tumors)	2-year local control for IHCC: 94.1% 2-year OS for IHCC: 46.5%
Tao et al. (2016) [35]	Single-institution Retrospective	79	Patients with unresectable IHCC	Photon or proton RT (median dose 58.05 Gy)	Median OS: 30 months 3-year OS: 44% Higher RT dose correlated with improved local control ($p = 0.009$) and OS ($p = 0.004$)
Smart et al. (2020) [33]	Single-institution Retrospective	66; 51 were treated with definitive intent	Patients with unresectable/locally recurrent IHCC	Hypofractionated RT (median dose 58.05 Gy), delivered in 15 fx	2-year OS and local control for patients treated with definitive intent: 62% and 93%, respectively Trend towards improved survival seen with proton therapy (HR 0.5, $p = 0.05$)
Parzen et al. (2020) [32]	Prospective	63 total; 25 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	Hypofractionated proton RT (median dose 58.05 GyE)	1-year local control for IHCC: 90.9% 1-year OS for IHCC: 81.8% Patients receiving a BED > 75.2 Gy had better local control
Zhu et al. (2024) [34]	Prospective Phase II Clinical Trial	36	Patients with unresectable IHCC	RT (at least 45 Gy in 2–2.5 Gy/fx) followed by Anti-PD-1 therapy	1-year PFS: 44.4% Median PFS: 12 months Median OS: 22 months

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● = ctDNA at 4 timepoints prior to treatment at cycle 4, end of treatment, at progression or 2 yr FU

Evaluate if adding liver-directed radiation (Ablative RT) to chemotherapy improved overall survival

Maria A Hawkins. ASCO 2024



HOW TO SELECT PATIENTS FOR LRT?

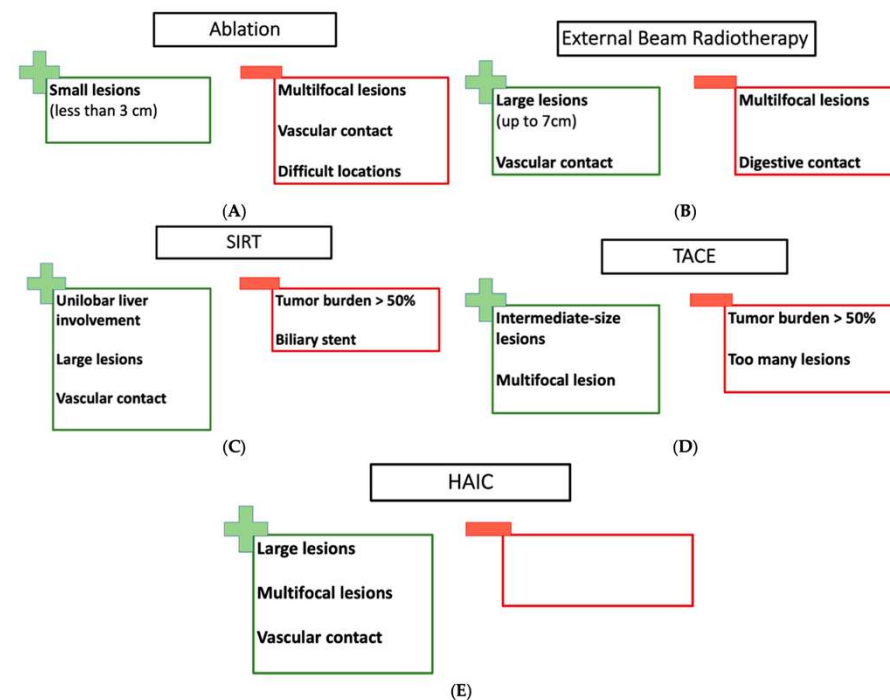


Review

Locoregional Treatment in Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Which Treatment for Which Patient?

Factors that will influence the choice of the LRT

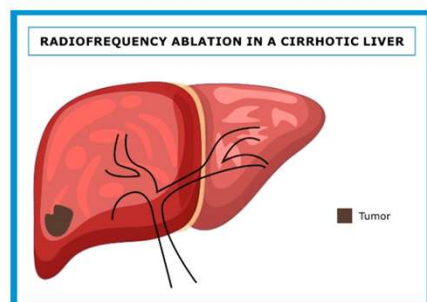
- Patient-related factors (age, comorbidities, PS, ..).
- Background liver-related factors (cirrhosis).
- Disease-related factors (proximity to vessels (blood and/or biliary)), the maximal size, of the lesions, number of lesions and unilobar vs. bilobar disease).
- Local expertise.



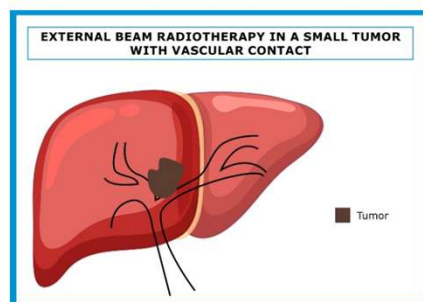
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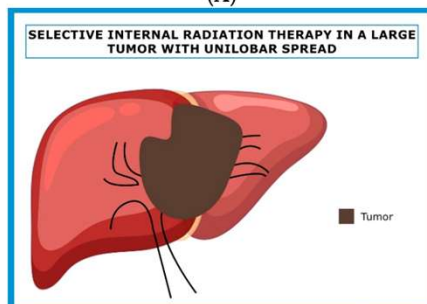
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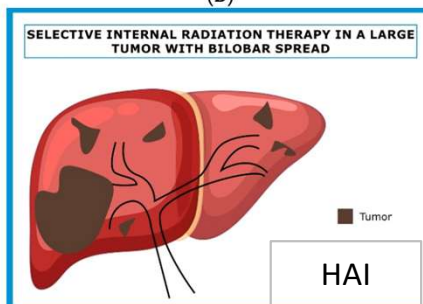
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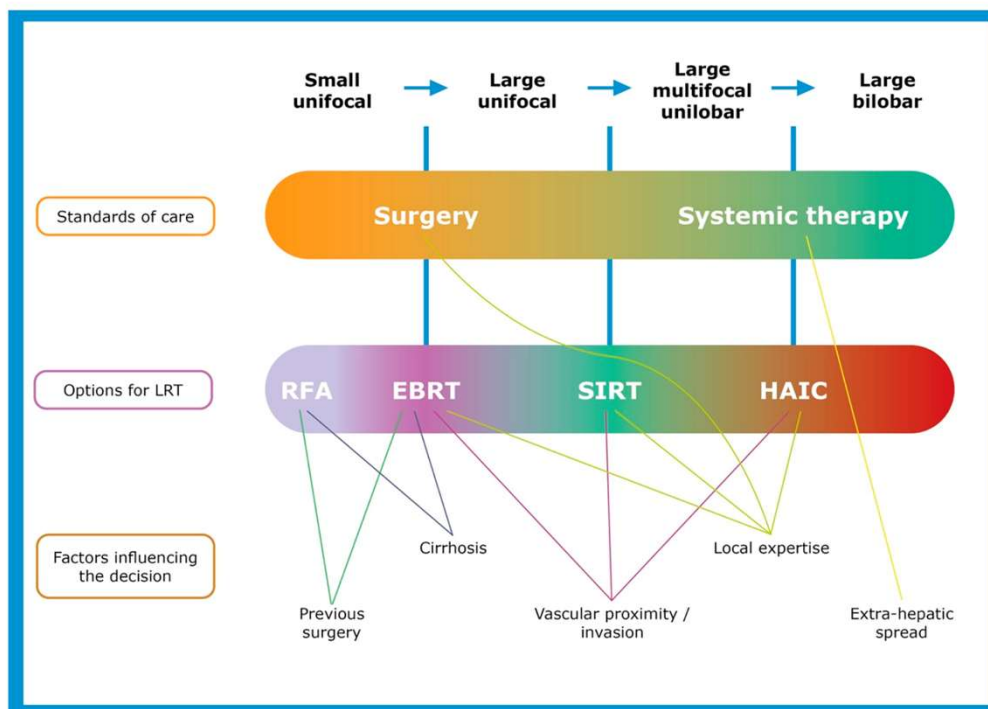
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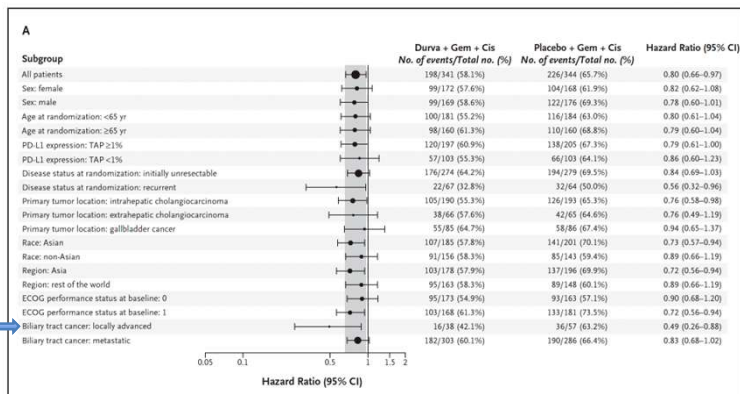


Is the impact of Locoregional Treatments the same in the era of Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy?

*Optimal timing between LRT and systemic therapy
(sequences and combinations)*

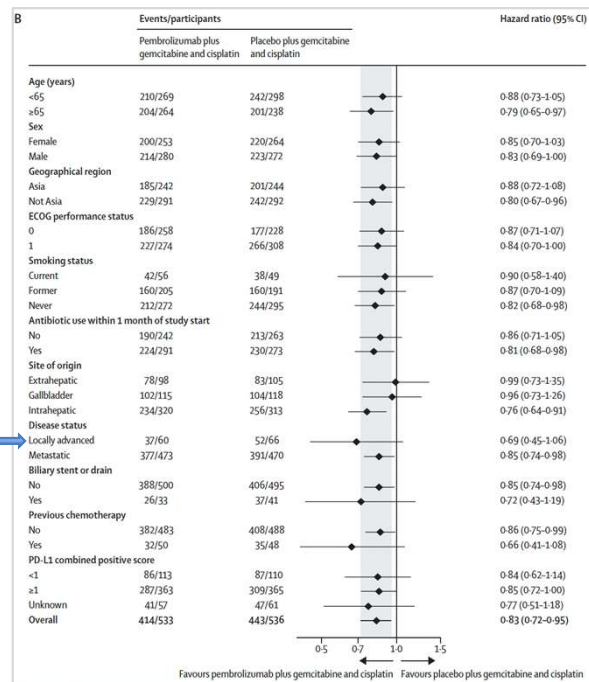
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Durvalumab plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin in Advanced Biliary Tract Cancer



Do-Youn Oh, NEJM Evid 2022

Pembrolizumab in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin compared with gemcitabine and cisplatin alone for patients with advanced biliary tract cancer (KEYNOTE-966): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



Robin Kate Kelley. The Lancet 2023

Moving IO and Targeted Therapy up Earlier for Biliary Tract Cancer



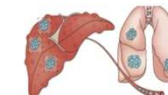
Perioperative Therapy for Early Stage

Adjuvant Trial

ARTEMIS-BTC:
Phase III trial of chemotherapy +
Rilivestomig (PD-1/TIGIT
bispecific)/Placebo

Neoadjuvant Trial

DurGAP:
Phase II trial of durvalumab +
gemcitabine, cisplatin, nab-paclitaxel
for resectable BTC



First line for Advanced Biliary Tract Cancer

Biomarker Unselected

Phase III trial of
AK112 (PD-1/VEGF bispecific)/
Gemcitabine/Cisplatin vs
Durvalumab/ Gemcitabine/Cisplatin

HER2 Overexpressing

Phase III Trial of T-DXd and Rilivestomig Versus SoC
DESTINY-BTC01

Phase III trial of Zanidatamab + SoC vs Versus SoC

IDH1 Mutation

Phase 1b/2 Trial of Ivosidenib in Combination With
Durvalumab and Gemcitabine/Cisplatin

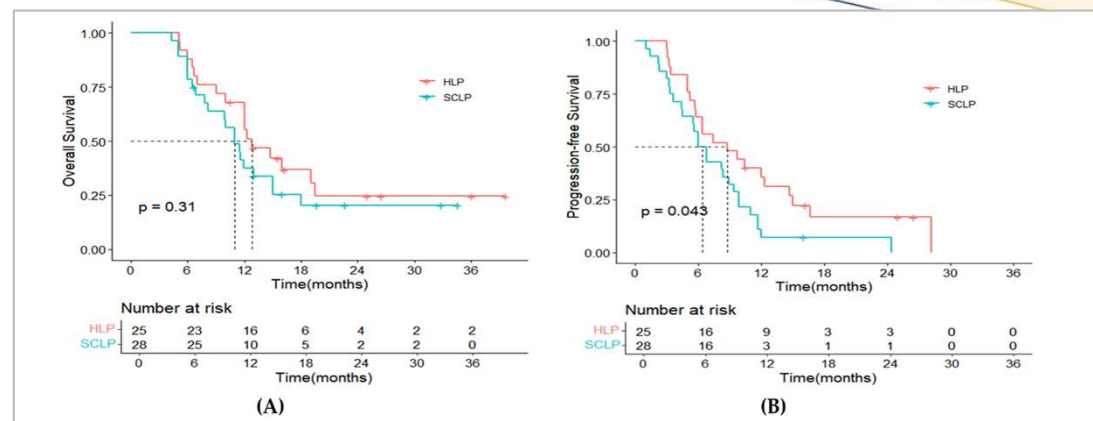
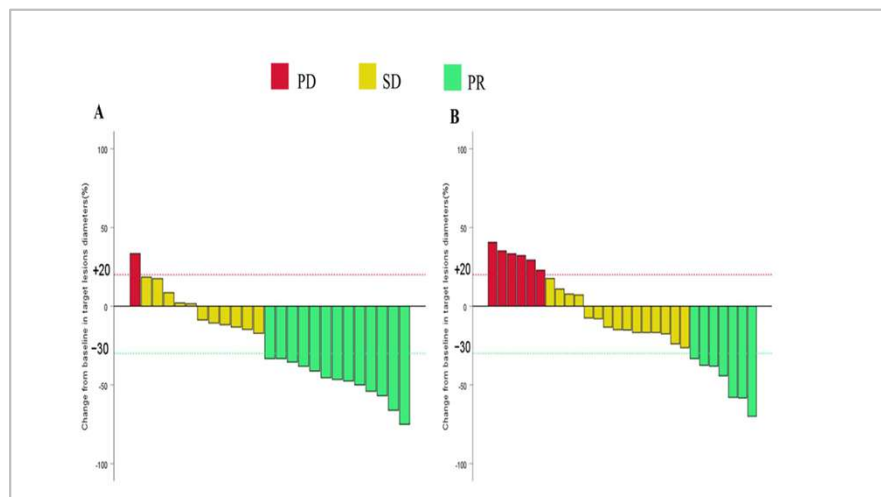
FGFR2 fusion/rearrangement

Phase III trial of Pemigatinib vs Gemcitabine/Cisplatin
(Futbatinib and Infigratinib studies with similar design have been terminated)



Article

The Efficacy and Safety of Hepatic Artery Infusion Chemotherapy Combined with Lenvatinib and Programmed Death (PD)-1 Inhibitors for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: A Retrospective Study

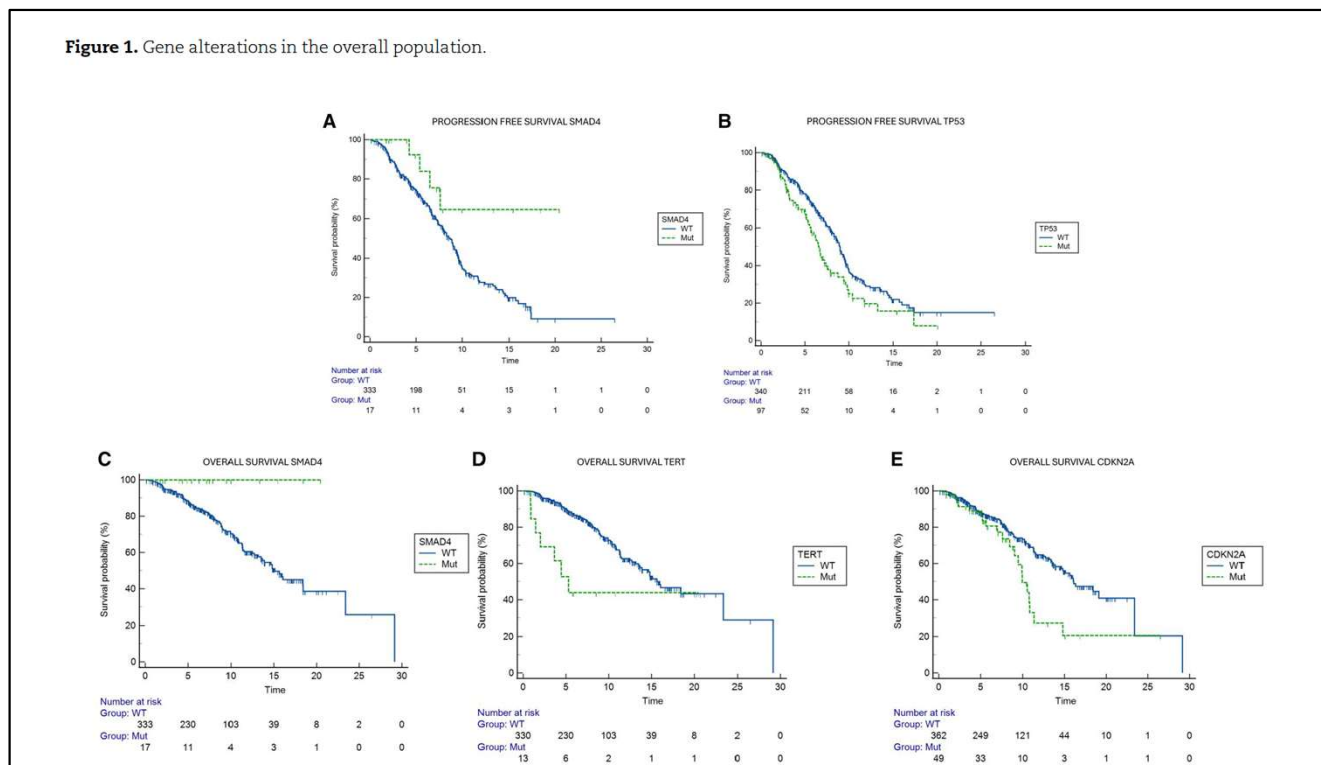


Adverse Events	Any Grade			Grade 3-4		
	HLP Group n = 25	SCLP Group n = 28	p-Value	HLP Group n = 25	SCLP Group n = 28	p-Value
Treatment-related AEs, n (%)						
Fatigue	3 (12.0%)	11 (39.3%)	0.025	0	0	-
Fever	4 (16.0%)	4 (14.3%)	1.000	1 (4.0%)	0	0.954
Vomiting	9 (36.0%)	20 (71.4%)	0.010	1 (4.0%)	8 (28.6%)	0.044
Abdominal pain	10 (40.0%)	5 (18.9%)	0.074	2 (8.0%)	0	0.422
Rash	5 (20.0%)	7 (25.0%)	0.664	0	0	-



The impact of molecular alterations in patients with advanced biliary tract cancer receiving cisplatin, gemcitabine, and durvalumab: a large, real-life, worldwide population

Figure 1. Gene alterations in the overall population.





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Local treatments impact local control and survival in selected patients

Combination strategies with newer systemic therapy:
Immune-checkpoint inhibitors, targeted therapies and locoregional therapies ?

Molecular data and biomarkers will further improve patient selection.

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