

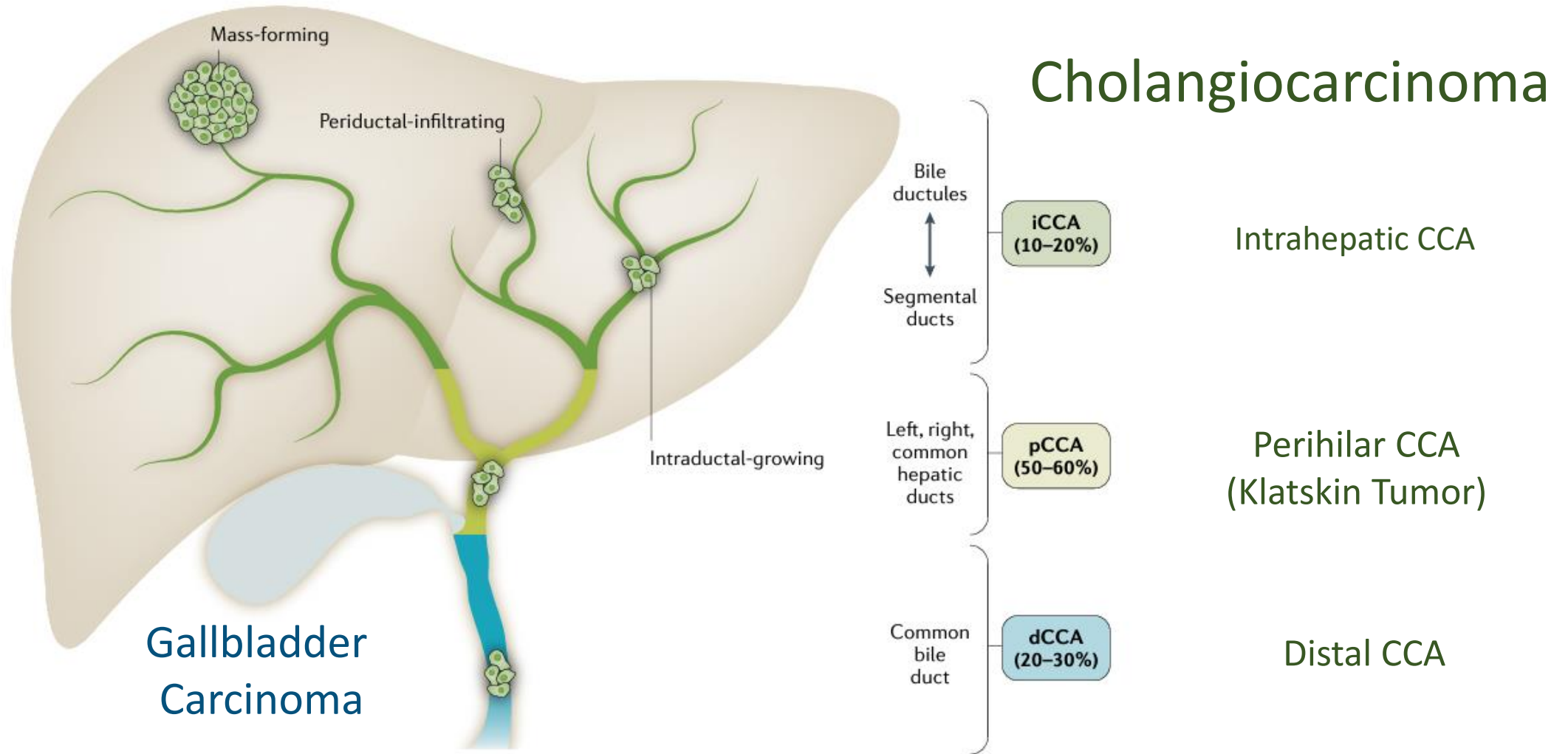
Oncology Review 2024: Biliary Tract Cancers

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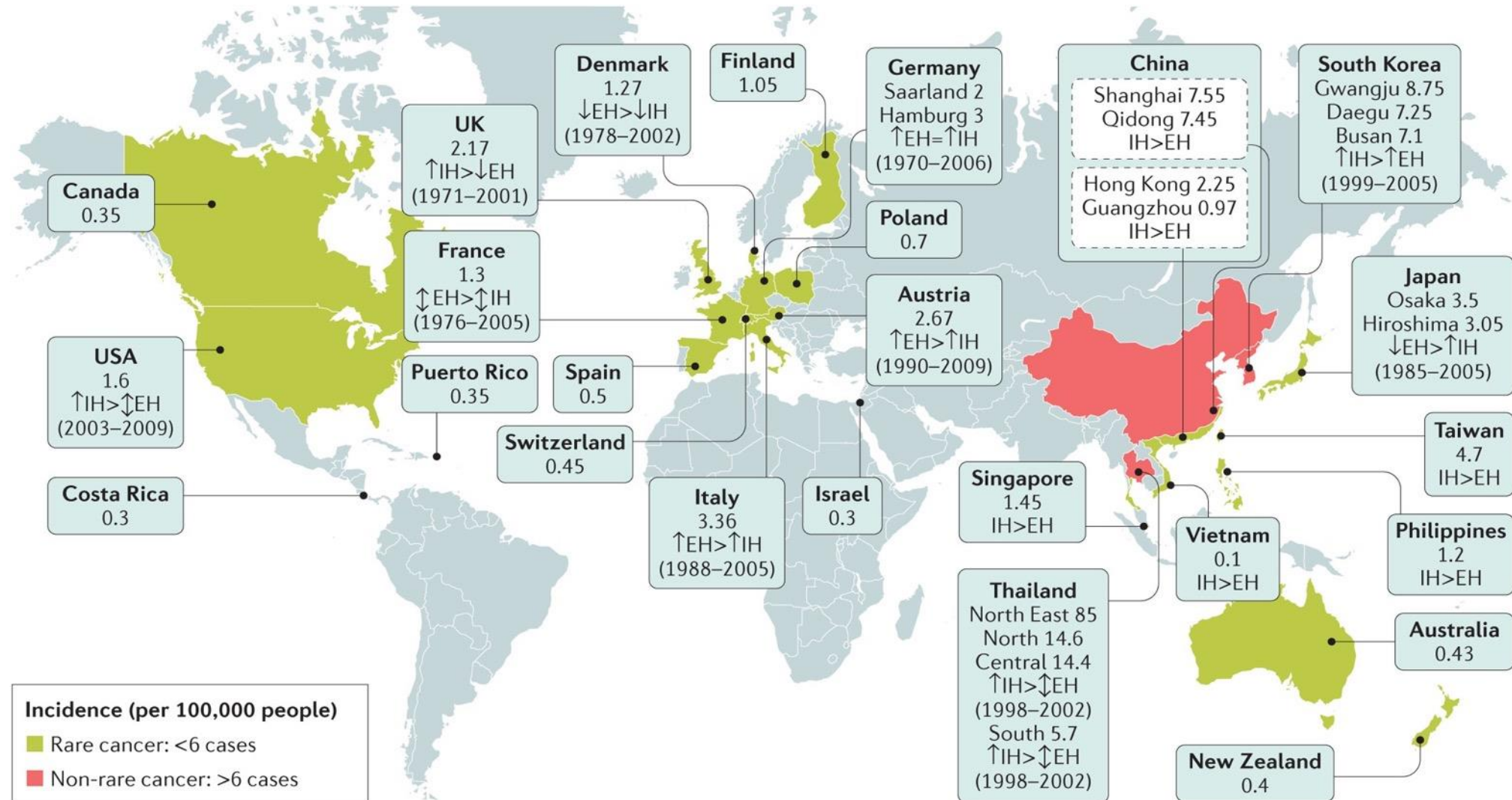
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Distinct Anatomic Subtypes



Cholangiocarcinoma: Low Incidence in West, Higher in East



Cholangiocarcinoma Risk Factors: East vs West

Great for clinical vignettes

West

Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (pCCA)

(15% lifetime risk)

Congenital Fibropolycystic Disease (Caroli Syndrome, choledochal cyst) (pCCA)

(15% lifetime risk)

Cirrhosis / Hepatitis, Obesity, DM, Etoh

East

Liver Fluke infestation

**Opisthorchis viverrini*

**Clonorchis sinensis*

Schistosoma japonicum

Hepatolithiasis (SEA, Taiwan)

Recurrent Cholangitis

**Group 1: definite human carcinogen*

GBC Risk Factors: Chronic Inflammation

Chronic Cholecystitis

Chronic Salmonella Typhi

CCA Clinical Presentation: Depends on Location

- **Intrahepatic CCA:**

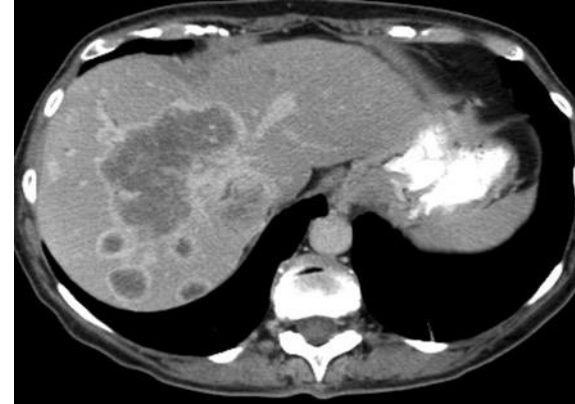
- **Mass-forming tumor**
- **Incidental finding, tumor of uncertain primary**
- Abd pain, anorexia, weight loss
- Alk Phos high, Bili often normal

- **Perihilar / Extrahepatic CCA:**

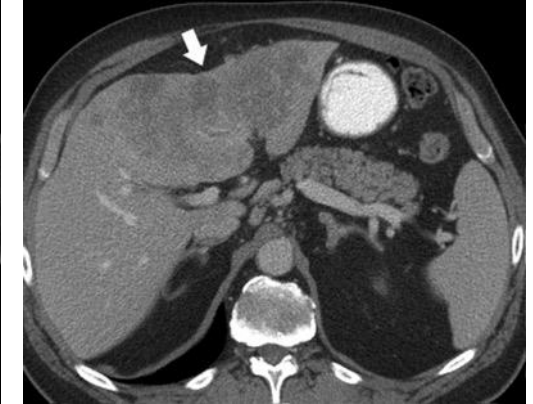
- **Biliary obstruction:** jaundice, cholangitis
- Perihilar mass or stricture (pCCA)
- Sometimes initially thought to be pancreas cancer (distal CCA)
- **PSC patients: rising CA 19-9**

One of the GI cancers that present as hypercalcemia of malignancy (hypercalcemia, hypophosphatemia, low parathyroid hormone levels, and low vitamin D levels)

Mass forming: fibrotic enhancement



Capsular retraction



Klatskin tumor, bilateral bil dil



Intraductal growth



Clinical Presentation: Depends on Location

- **Gall Bladder Carcinoma:**
 - Most common presentation is **incidental** cancer found on routine cholecystectomy (1-2% of cholecystectomies)
 - Otherwise, typically advanced on presentation
 - **Porcelain gall bladder:** risk of GB CA



BTC Staging (AJCC 8th): Depends on type

	Intrahepatic	Perihilar	Extrahepatic	Gallbladder
T1	1 tumor w/o vascular invasion and is , T1a = ≤5 cm, T1b = ≥5 cm	Confined to bile duct	Bile duct wall invasion <5 mm	T1a: Invade lamina propria T1b: Invade muscularis propria
T2	One tumor w/ vascular invasion or Multiple tumors +/- vascular invasion	T2a/b: Invades adipose or liver tissue	Bile duct wall invasion 5-12 mm	T2a/b: Invades perimuscular connective tissue
T3	Any tumor perforating visceral peritoneum	Invades unilateral branches portal v or hepatic aa	Bile duct wall invasion >12 mm	Involvement of serosa or invasion of liver or adjacent organs
T4	Any tumor with direct invasion of local extrahepatic structures	Invades main PV or bilateral branches or CHA	Involves celiac axis, SMA, and/or CHA	Invades portal v, hepatic aa, or two or more extrahepatic organs
N1	Any + regional nodes	1-3	1-3	1-3
N2	N/A	≥4	≥4	≥4

Surgical Management

- **Intrahepatic:** Hepatic resection +/- portal LN dissection
- **Perihilar CCA:** Bile duct resection or **liver transplant**
- **Distal CCA:** Bile duct resection + cholecystectomy + **Whipple**
- **Gallbladder:** Cholecystectomy + **hepatic segmental resection (IVB/V), lymphadenectomy**, possible bile duct excision.

Resectable GBC: T1b and above is high risk

- **T1a:** no invasion of muscularis propria:
 - 75-100% long term survival
 - **Only simple cholecystectomy** needed, no adjuvant therapy
- **T1b:** muscle invasive disease
 - High risk of recurrence
 - **Cholecystectomy + hepatic segmental resection (segments IVB/V), lymphadenectomy, possible bile duct excision + adjuvant chemo**

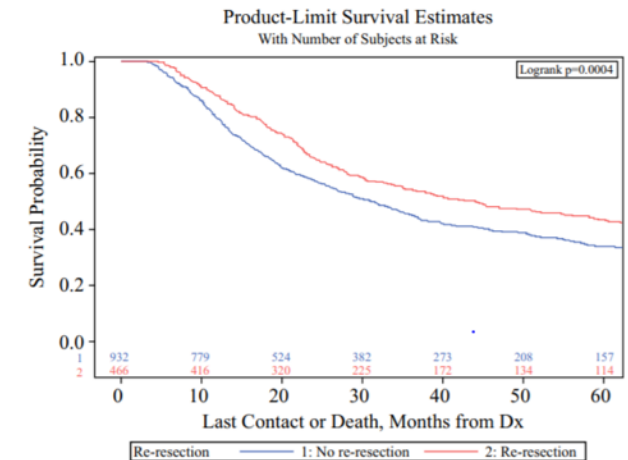
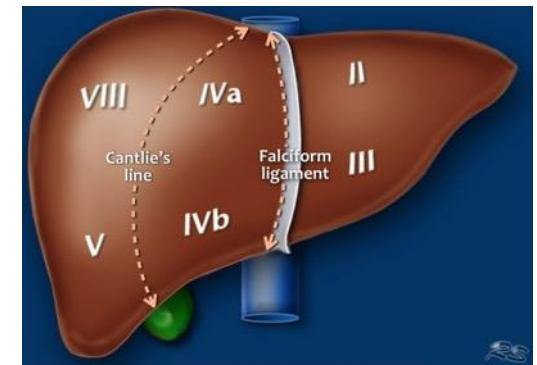


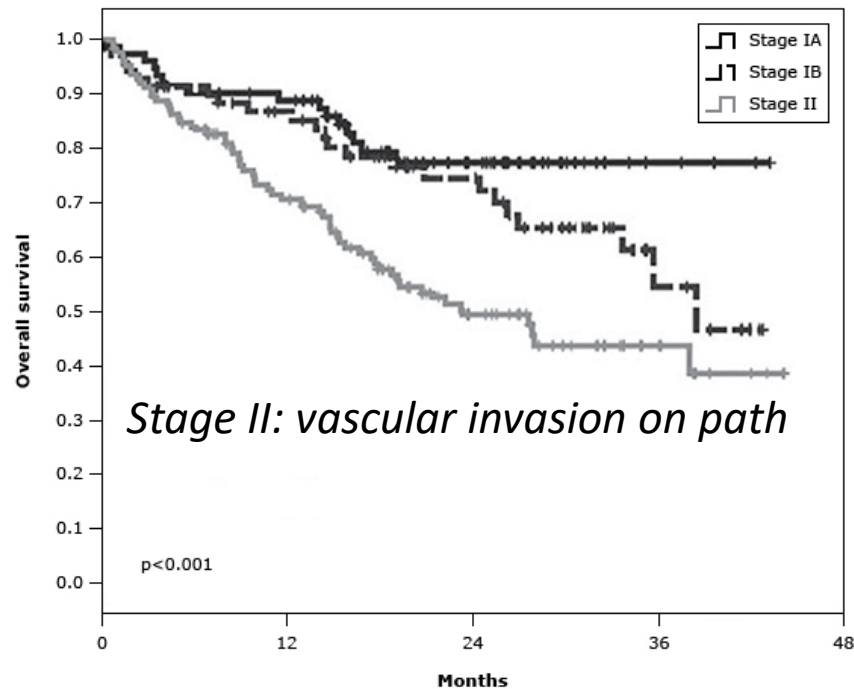
FIG. 5 Kaplan-Meier survival curves for gallbladder adenocarcinoma patients who did and did not undergo re-resection after matching



High Risk Features for Recurrence

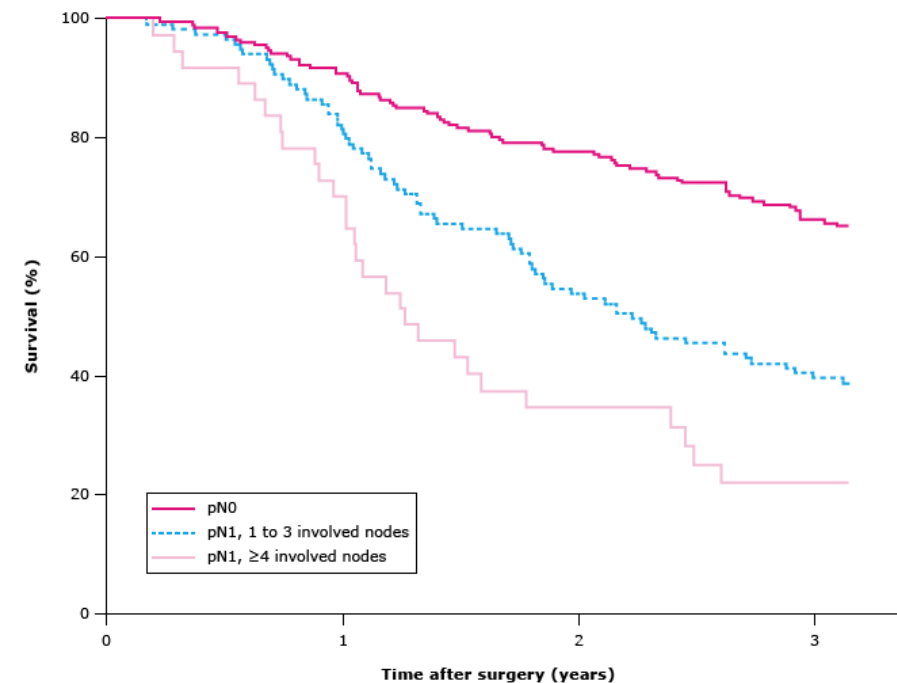
Main factors are stage, **nodal** involvement and **margin**

Stratification for survival in a series of 861 patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma based on revised AJCC/UICC 8th edition definitions for stage IA, IB, and II disease



AJCC 8th Ed

Survival after potentially curative resection in a multi-institutional series of 370 patients undergoing pancreaticoduodenectomy for a distal bile duct cancer



Kiriyama M, Ebata T, Aoba T, et al. Br J Surg 2015; 102:399.

Adjuvant Therapy: BILCAP

something is better than nothing

- Randomized open-label multi-center UK ph III trial: Cape vs Obs
- Took 10 years to complete

CCA or muscle-invasive GBC cancer
macroscopic complete resection
ECOG 0-2
Within 16 weeks of surgery

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N=447

Observation

Capecitabine 1250 mg/m² BID
D1-14q3 wk
8 cycles N=51

Primary: Overall survival (OS) by **intention-to-treat**

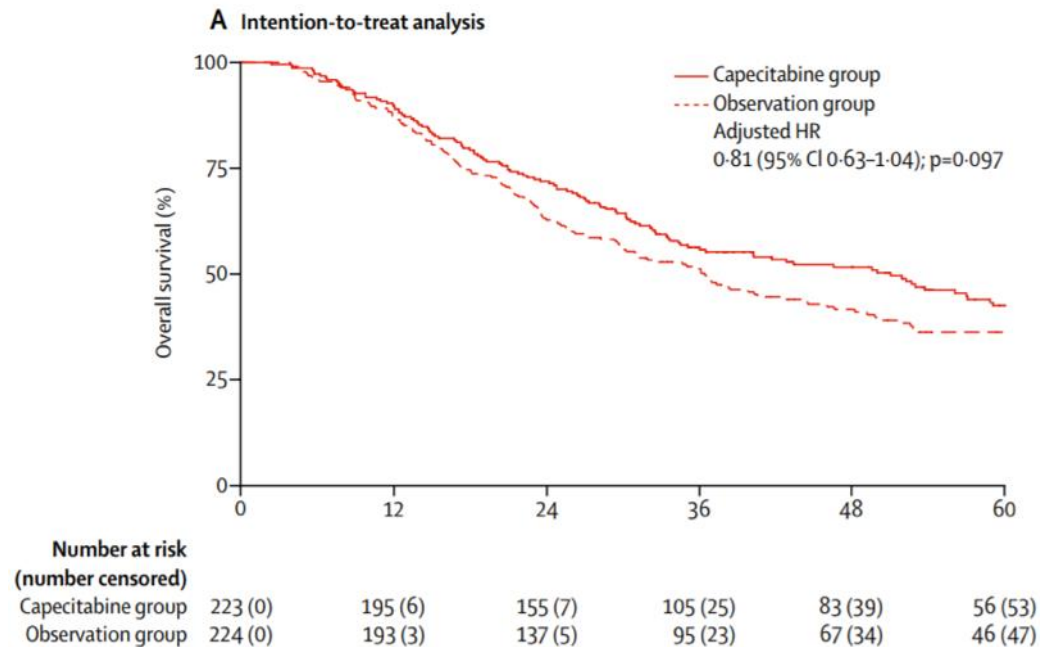
Secondary: Outcome by **per-protocol analysis**

Relapse free survival (RFS)

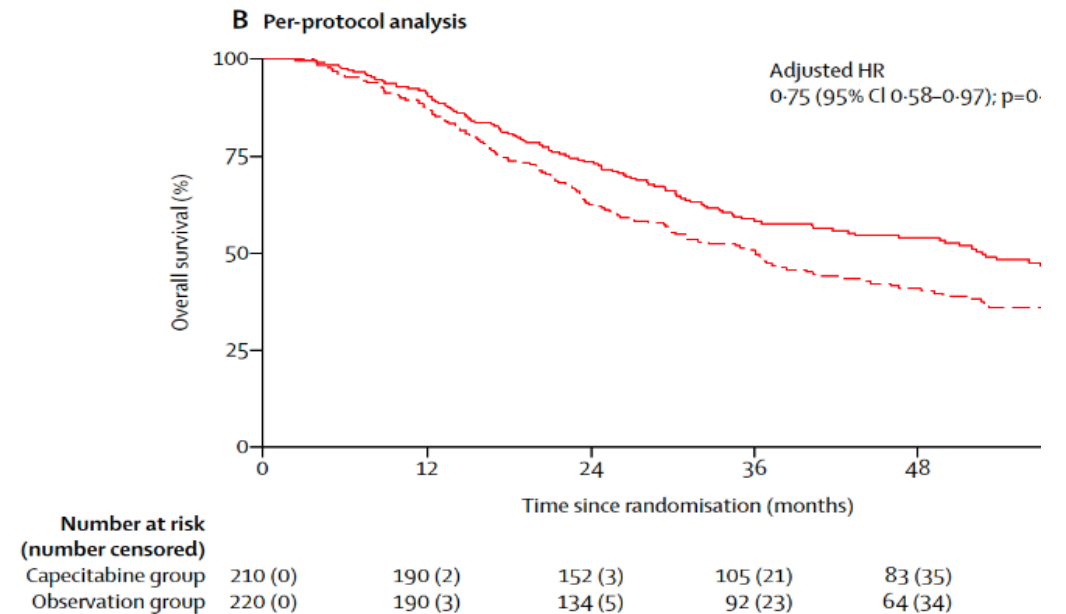
Toxicity, Quality of life, Health economics

BILCAP: Highest level of evidence in adjuvant tx

Intention-to-treat analysis

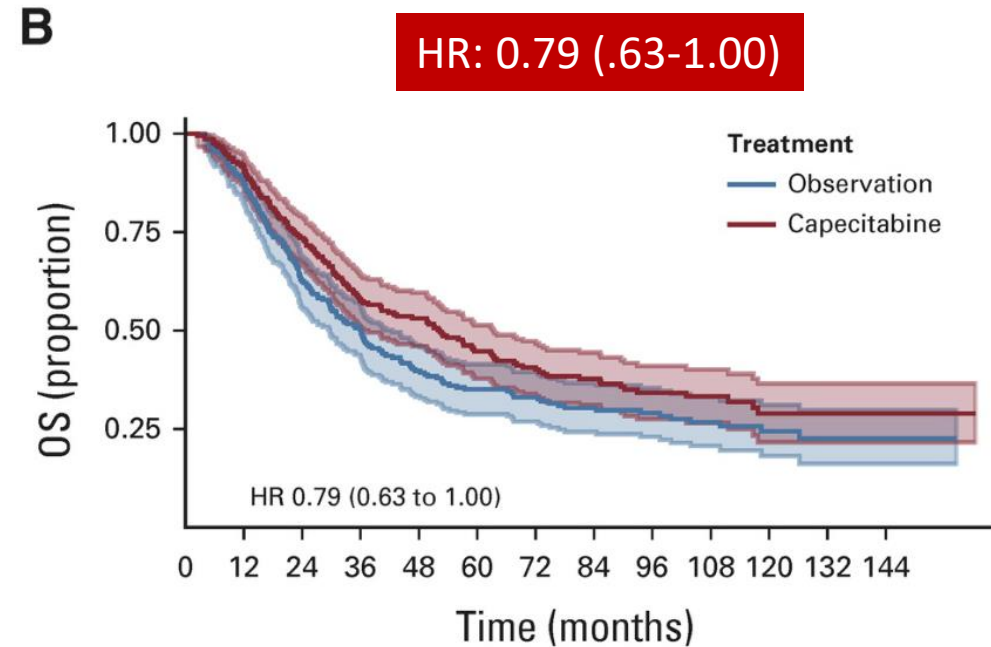
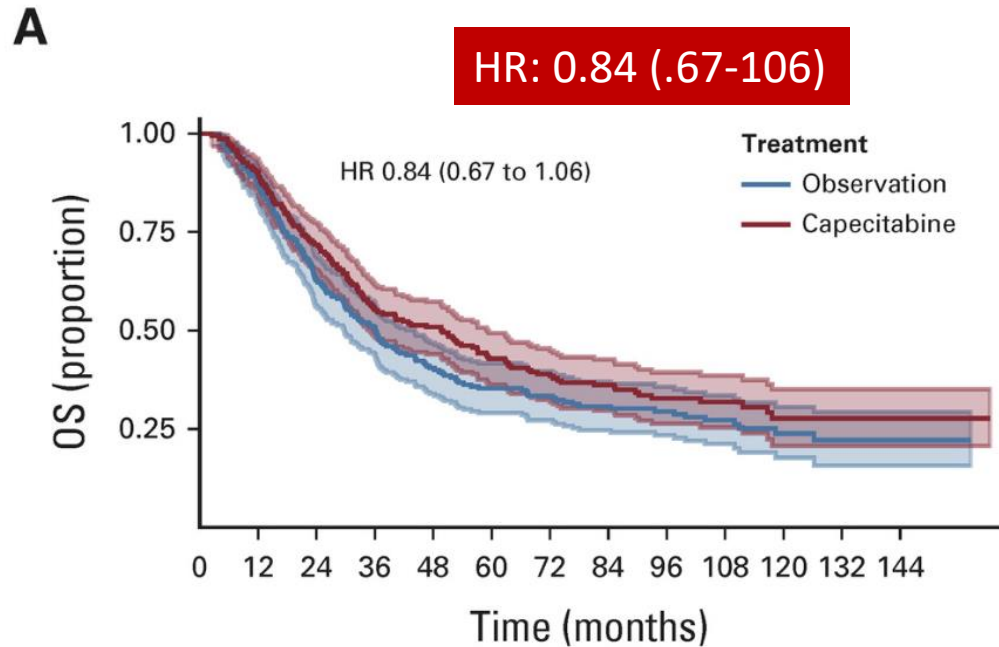


Per-protocol analysis



- No OS benefit in ITT analysis, but **OS benefit seen in Per-protocol Analysis**
- Difference of 17 patients ineligible/withdrawal of consent prior to starting treatment
- **Median OS: 53 mo vs 36 months**
- **Median RFS: 25.9 mo vs 17.5 mo (similar for both ITT and per-protocol analysis)**

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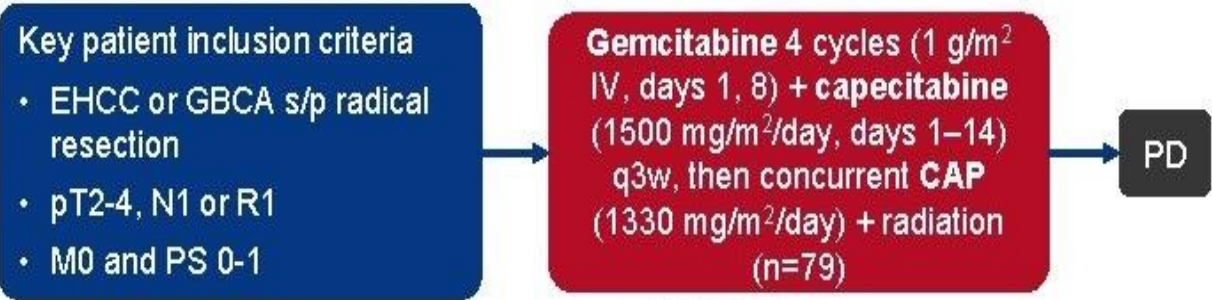
- **IIT:** OS 49.6 months (95% CI, 35.1 to 59.1) for capecitabine vs 36.1 months (95% CI, 29.7 to 44.2) in obs
- **PP:** OS 52.3 months (36.5 to 63.3) for capecitabine vs 36.1 (29.6 to 42.5) in obs)
- Adjusted RFS HR was 0.74 (0.57 to 0.96) in the first 24 months, with insufficient evidence of a difference from 24 months onward: HR 1.47 (0.86 to 2.52)

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Prospective Data: SWOG 0809 for eCCA / GBC

Phase II trial, single arm trial attempted to establish a standard practice (2014) for adjuvant therapy of **eCCA & GBC**, N=79 pT2-4 AND either N+ or R1 resection

4 cycles Gem/Cape → cape chemoradiation 54-59 Gy



Primary endpoint: OS
Secondary Endpoints: DFS, Safety

	All pts (% , 95% CI)	Extrahepatic	Gallbladder
2-yr OS	65 (53-74)	68 (54-79)	56 (35-73)
2-yr DFS	54 (40-66)	54 (39-66)	48 (28-66)
2-yr LR	11 (4-18)	13 (4-22)	8 (0-19)

86% completed therapy
mOS 34 months
Applicability limited due to single arm

STAMP: More Adjuvant Chemo not better for eCCA

Multicenter, open-label, randomized Ph II, 3 Korean centers

Extrahepatic CCA (pCCA,dCCA)
Adenocarcinoma histology
Macroscopic Resection (R0, R1)
 ≥ 1 regional LN met
ECOG 0-1

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N=101

Gemcitabine 1000mg/m²
Cisplatin 25mg/m², D1,8
8 cycles N=50

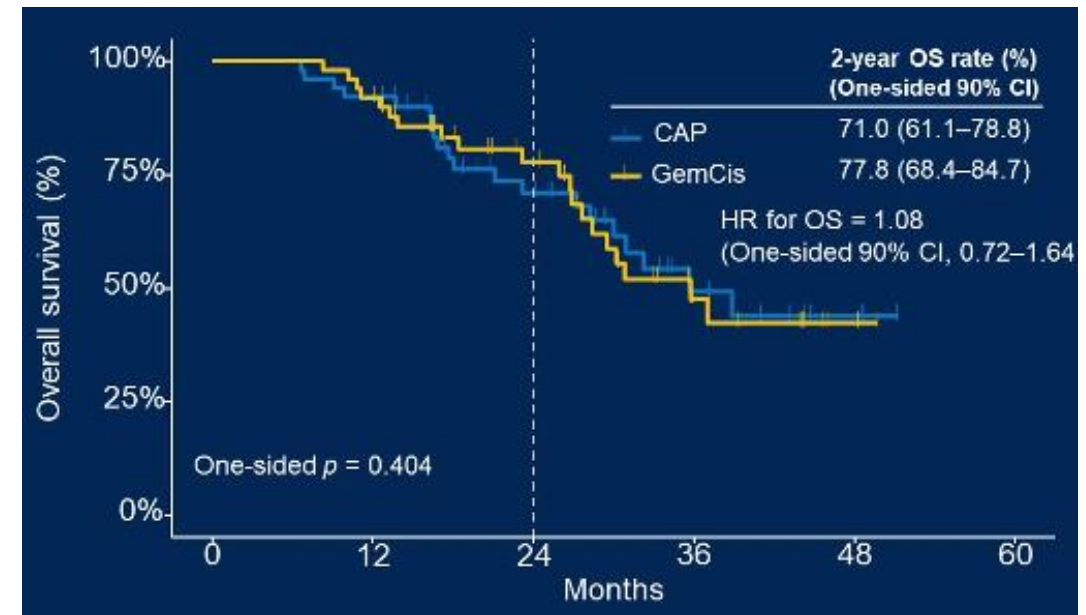
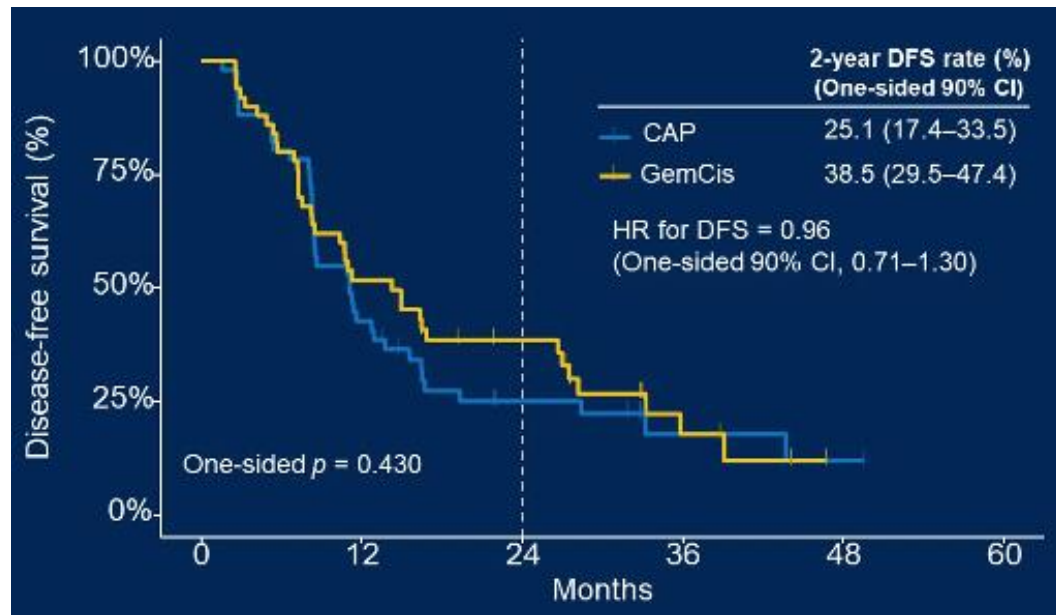
Capecitabine 1250 mg/m² BID
D1-14q3 wk
8 cycles N=51

Primary Endpoint: DFS

Secondary Endpoint OS, Safety, EORTC QLQ

Adjuvant Therapy: More not Better for eCCA

STAMP: Multicenter, open-label, randomized Ph II, 3 Korean centers



Negative study: no statistical difference in PFS or OS
No trends in subgroup analysis
More grade 3 AE with GemCis (42%) vs Cape (16%), mostly cytopenias

Unknown for iCCA

Systemic Therapy for BTC: Rapidly Evolving

First-line

Gemcitabine Cisplatin
ABC-02 (included ampullary)
ORR: 26% (vs 21%), mOS: 11mo

2010

**Gemcitabine Cisplatin
Durvalumab**
TOPAZ-1
ORR: 26.7% (vs 18.7%), mOS 12.8mo

2022

**Gemcitabine Cisplatin
Pembrolizumab**
Keynote 966
ORR: 29%, mOS 12.7mo

2023

*Gemcitabine Cisplatin
Nab-Paclitaxel ? SWOG 1815 was negative*

Second-line

No Targets

FGFR2 fusion

IDH-1 mutation

BRAF V600E

ERBB2 amplification
HER 2 “positive”

MSI-H

NTRK fusion

RET Fusion

FOLFOX

ABC-06
ORR: 5%, mOS 6.2mo

2018

***Pemigatinib**

FIGHT-302
ORR: 35.5%, mOS 21.2mo

2020

Ivosidenib

ClarIDHy
ORR: 2%, mOS 10.3

2022

Dabrafenib/Trametinib

ROAR tissue agnostic, ORR: 36%, DCR 76%

2022

+Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab

MyPathway, ORR: 40%

T-Dxd (Enhertu)

DESTINY Pan-Tumor02 ORR:22%, mOS 7mo

Pembrolizumab

KEYNOTE cohorts ORR:39.6%

2017

Larotrectinib

LoxoTRK, SCOUT, NAVIGATE ORR: ~60-70%

2018

+Pralsetinib

BLU-667, tumor agnostic, 2B rec

2022

5-FU NaI-IRI

Nifty
ORR: 14.8%, mOS 8.6mo

2021

***Futibatinib**

FOENIX-CCA2
ORR: 42%, mOS 21.7mo

2022

Dostarlimab-glyx

GARNET ORR: 41.6%

2021

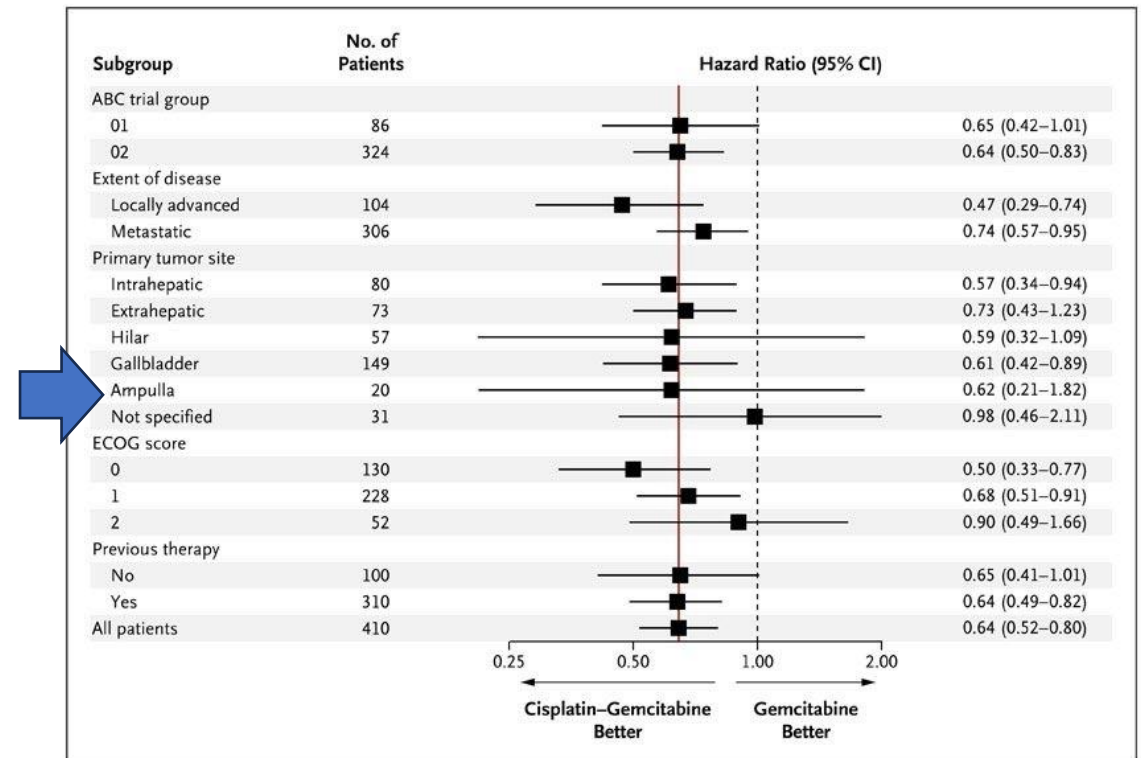
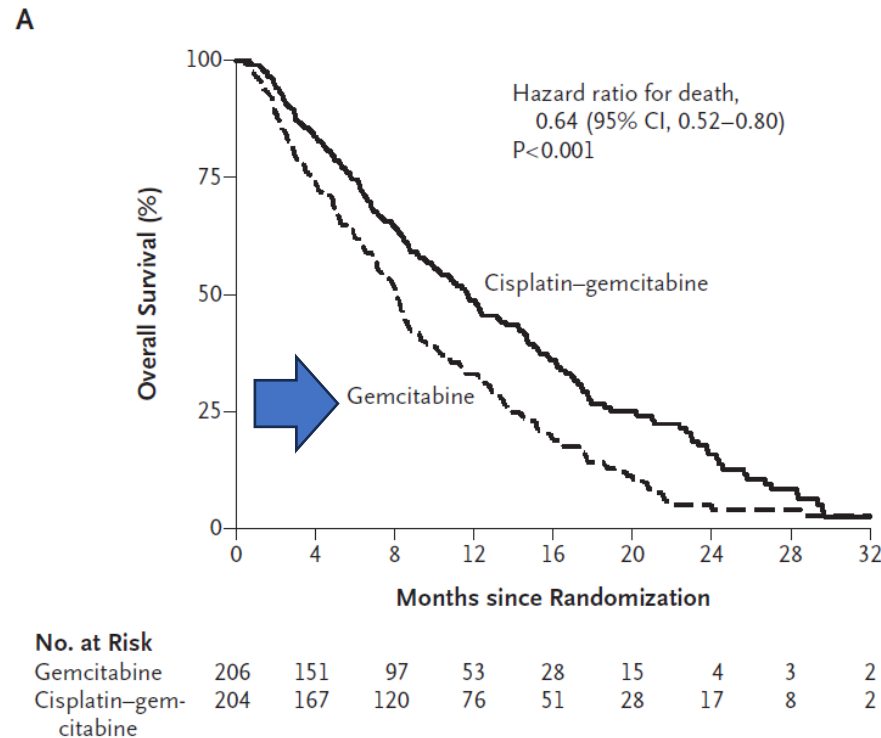
Entrectinib

STARTRK1,2 ORR: 57%

2019

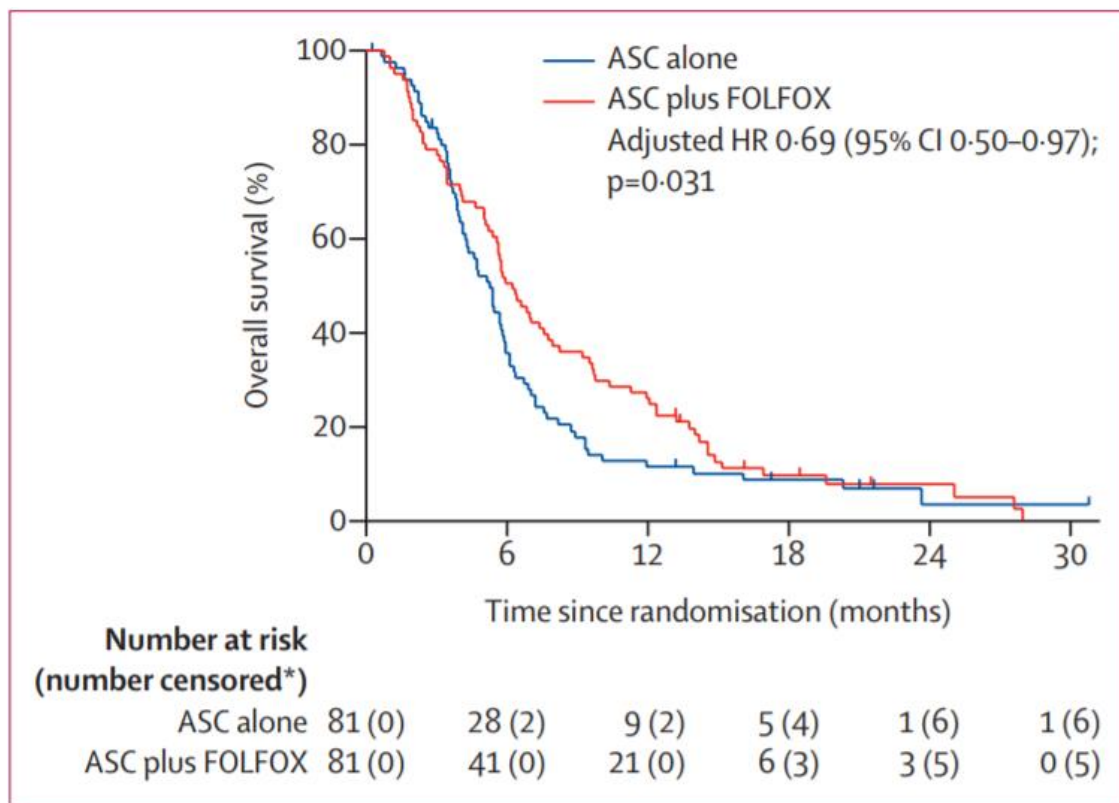
Systemic Therapy for BTC: The Early Days

ABC-02 trial: Randomized Ph III trial Gemcitabine vs Gemcitabine + Cisplatin in **first-line BTC**



Improved DCR: 81.4% vs. 71.8% (p=0.049), ORR: 26% vs 21 %
mOS 11.7 vs. 8.1 months (p<0.001), Treatment compliance better with Gem Cis

ABC-06: FOLFOX is 2L option for Metastatic CCA

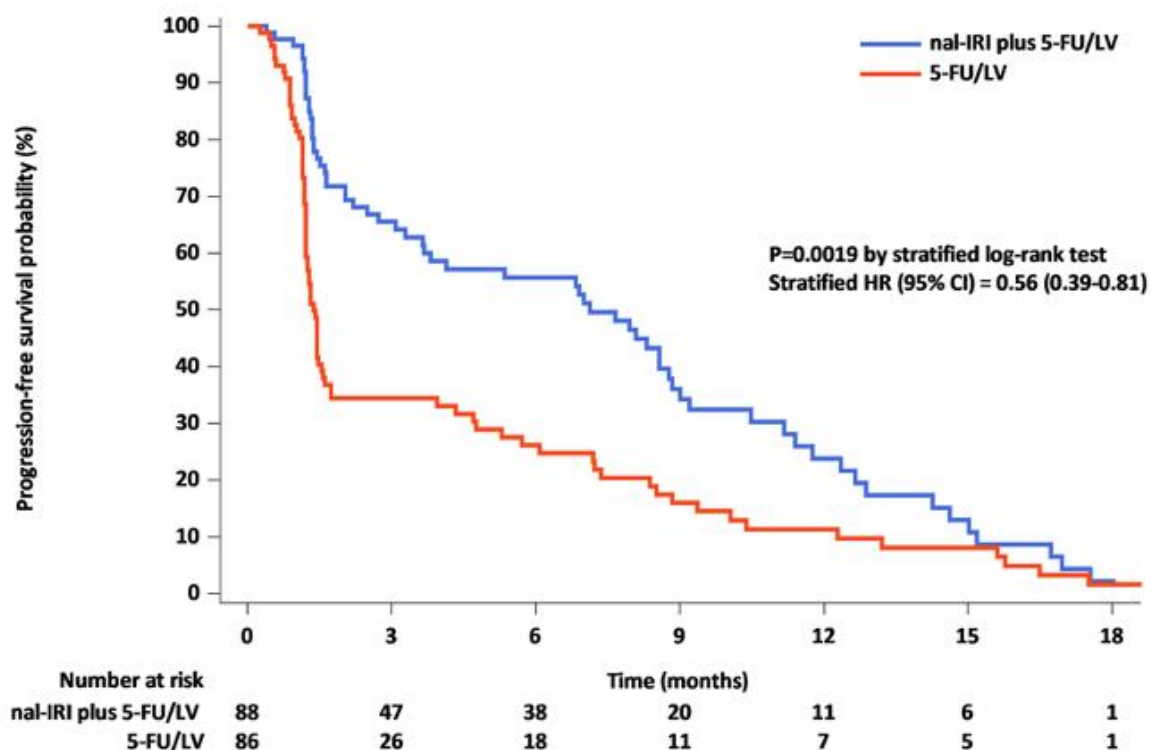


*ASC: Active Supportive Care

	FOLFOX	ASC
Median OS	6.2 mo	5.3 mo
1-year OS rate	25.9%	11.4%
Median PFS	4.0 mo	N/A
6-month PFS rate	32.1%	N/A
ORR	5%	N/A

*Benefit seen regardless of platinum sensitivity

NIFTY: 5-FU + NAL-IRI is a 2nd Line Option



HR 0.56 95% CI 0.39-0.81, p=0.0019

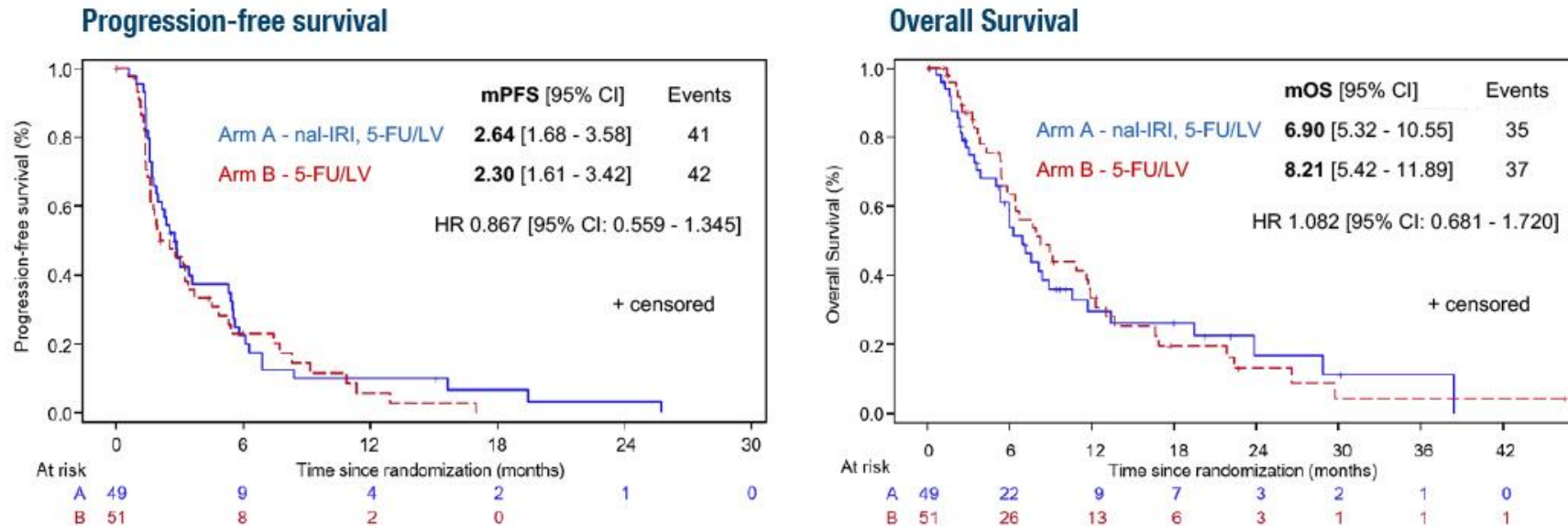
Multicenter, Open-label, randomized Ph IIB study (Korean Centers)

	Nal-IRI + 5-FU/LV	5-FU-/LV
Investigator median PFS	3.9 mo	1.6 mo
Investigator 6-month PFS rate	30.6%	11.6%
Median OS	8.6 mo	5.5 mo
1-year OS rate	35.4%	22.4%
BICR ORR	14.8%	5.8%
Investigator ORR	19.3%	2.3%

NALIRICC: Different results in Germany

NALIRICC | Efficacy Results

Response was evaluated per RECIST v1.1, every 6 weeks



		CR Complete remission	PR Partial remission	SD Stable disease	PD Progressive disease	Missing value	ORR	DCR
Arm A - Nal-IRI, 5-FU/LV	N = 49	1 (2.0%)	6 (12.2%)	18 (36.7%)	12 (24.5%)	12 (24.5%)	7 (14.3%)	25 (51.0%)
Arm B - 5-FU/LV	N = 51	1 (2.0%)	1 (2.0%)	21 (41.2%)	20 (39.2%)	8 (15.7%)	2 (3.9%)	23 (45.1%)

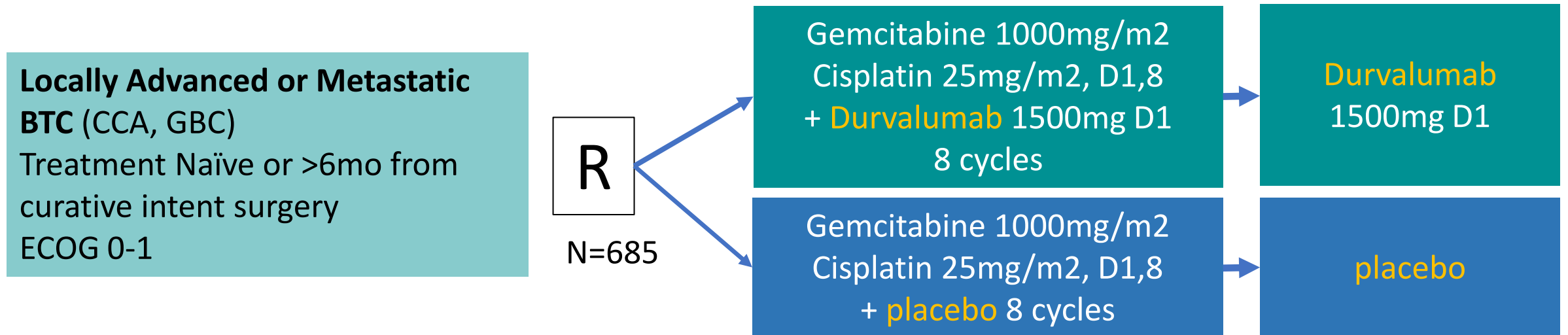
X-trial Comparison of 2L Treatments for Advanced BTC

	Nal-IRI + 5-FU/LV ¹	5-FU-/LV ¹	FOLFOX ²	Best Supportive Care ²
Median OS (mo)	8.6	5.5	6.2	5.3
1 year OS rate (%)	35.4	22.4	25.9	11.4
Median PFS (mo)	7.1	1.4	4.0	N/A
6-month PFS rate (%)	55.7	26.2	32.1	N/A
Investigator median PFS (mo)	3.9	1.6	N/A	N/A
Investigator 6-month PFS rate (%)	30.6	11.6	N/A	N/A
ORR (%)	14.8	5.8	5.0	N/A

- **Second line options not that good, low ORRs**
- **Combination therapy is more active** than monotherapy chemotherapy regimens
- Nal-IRI + 5-FU/LV appears more active than FOLFOX, but Korean population limits applicability in west

TOPAZ-1: ICI now in front-line treatment of BTC

Randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled, global, multi-center Ph III study



Stratification:

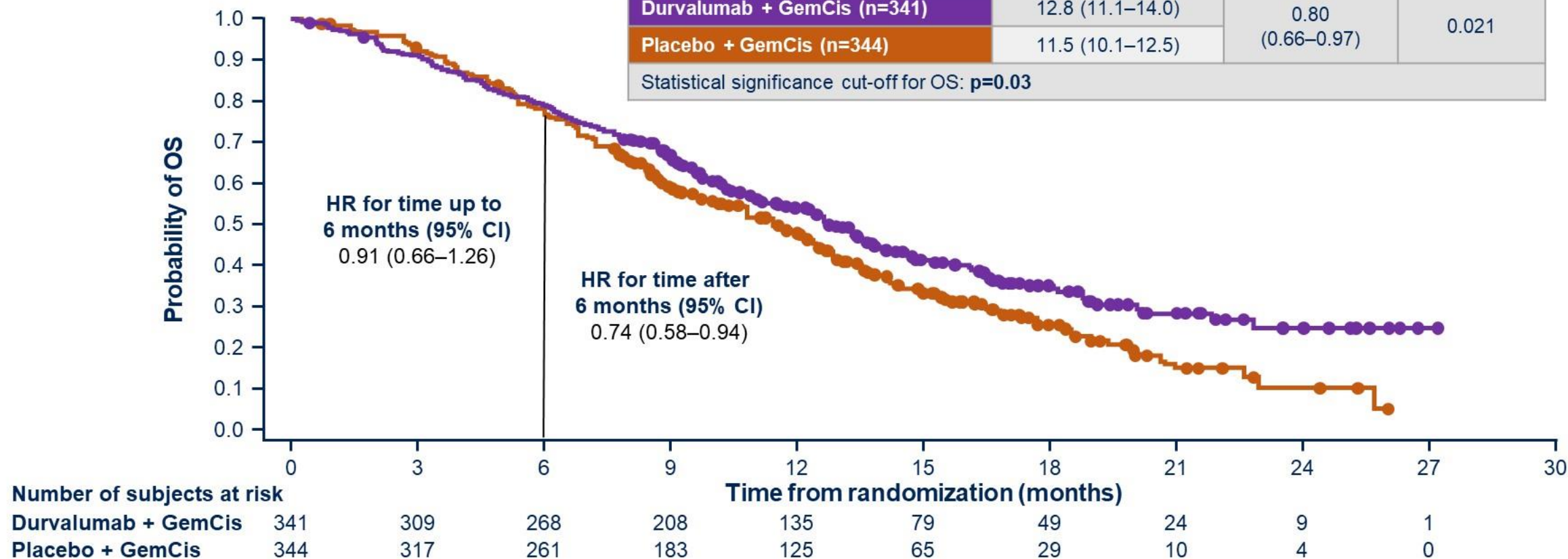
- Anatomy: iCCA vs eCCA vs GBC
- Locally advanced vs metastatic

Primary Endpoint: OS

Secondary Endpoints: PFS, ORR, DoR, Safety, ORR by PD-L1

Primary endpoint: OS

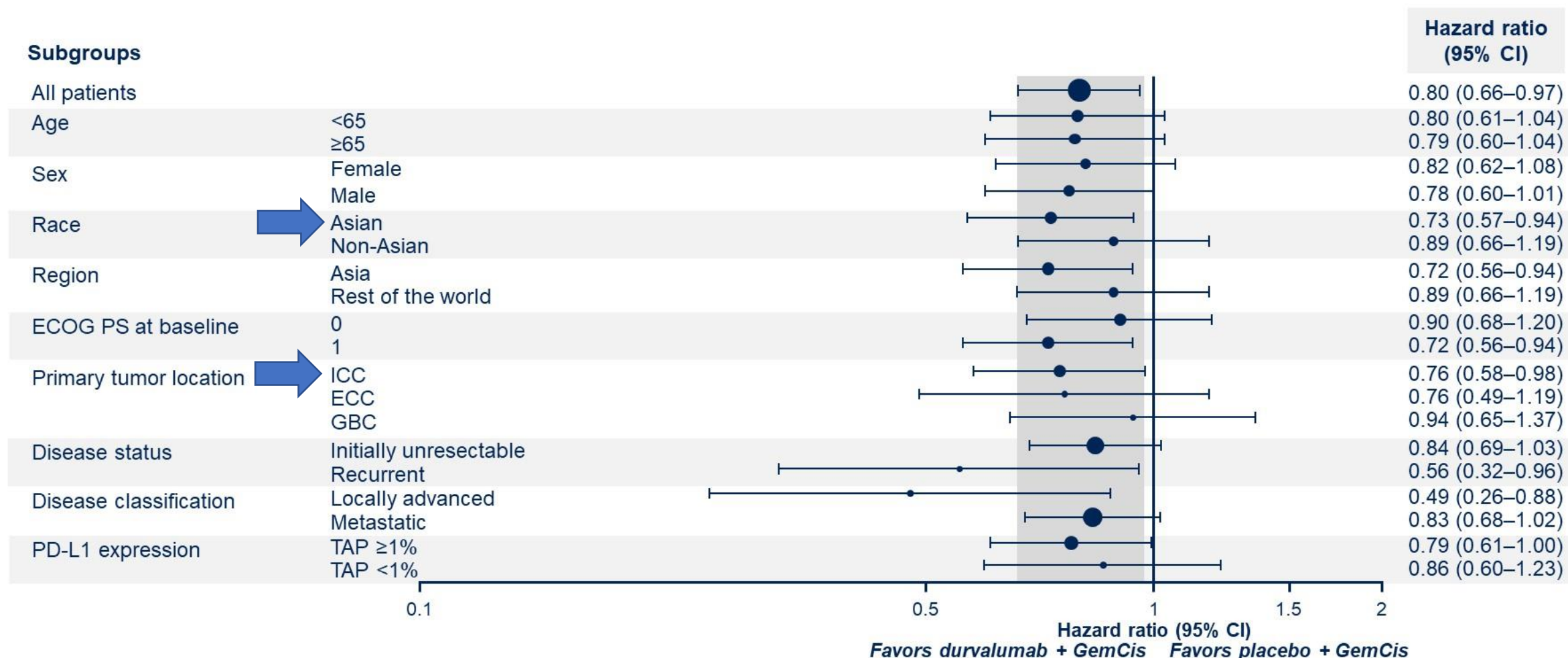
	Median OS (95% CI), months	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Durvalumab + GemCis (n=341)	12.8 (11.1–14.0)	0.80 (0.66–0.97)	0.021
Placebo + GemCis (n=344)	11.5 (10.1–12.5)		
Statistical significance cut-off for OS: p=0.03			



Median duration of follow-up (95% CI) was 16.8 (14.8–17.7) months with durvalumab + GemCis and 15.9 (14.9–16.9) months with placebo + GemCis.

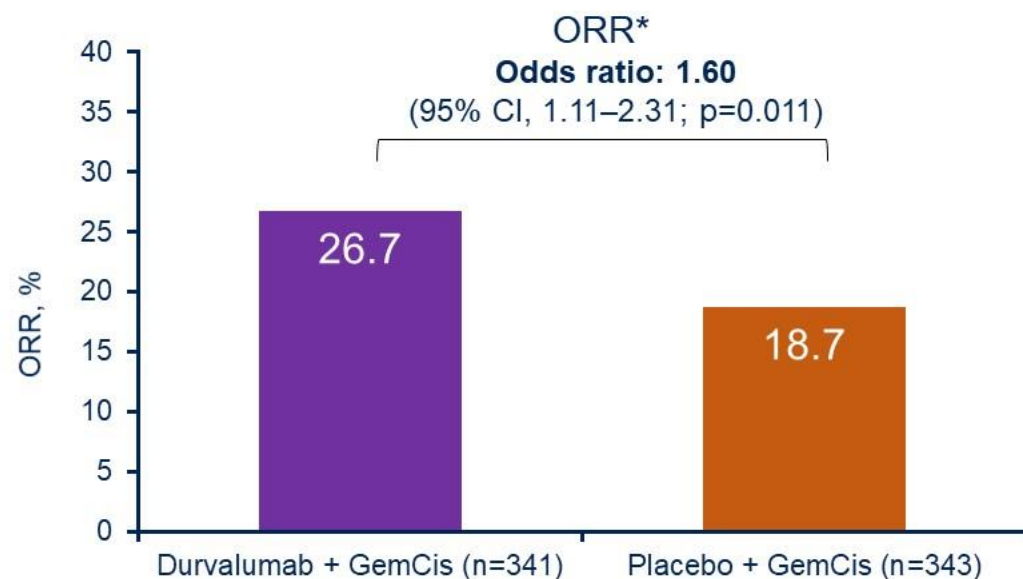
CI, confidence interval; GemCis, gemcitabine and cisplatin; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; OS, overall survival.

Subgroup analysis of OS

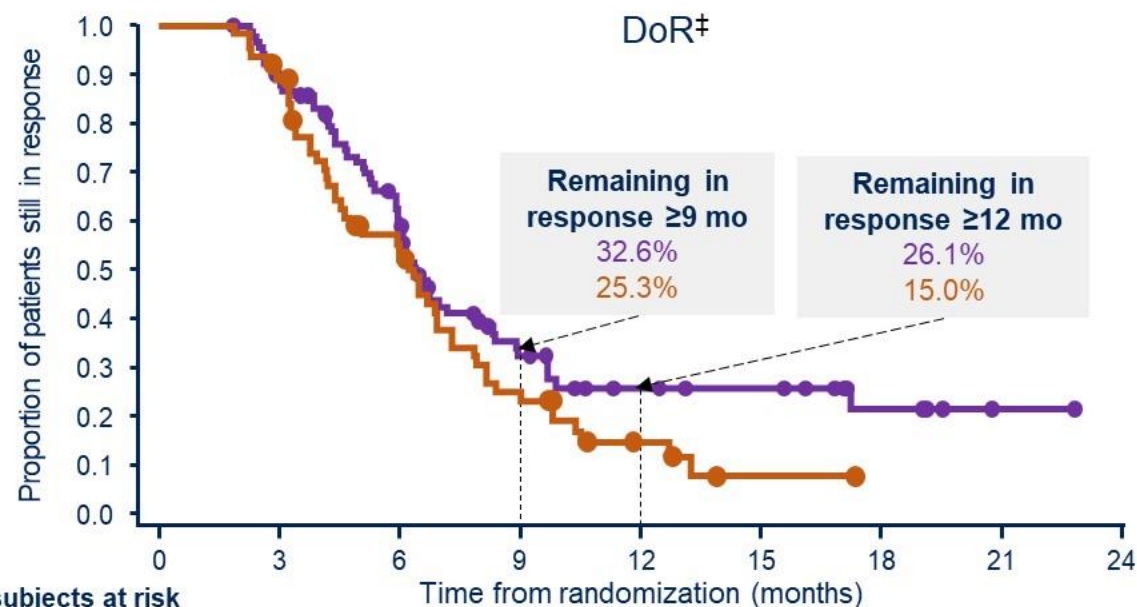


CI, confidence interval; ECC, extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; GBC, gallbladder cancer; GemCis, gemcitabine and cisplatin; ICC, intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PS, performance status; TAP, tumor area positivity.

Secondary endpoint: Tumor response



	Durvalumab + GemCis (n=341)	Placebo + GemCis (n=343)
ORR, n (%)	91 (26.7)	64 (18.7)
CR, n (%)	7 (2.1)	2 (0.6)
PR, n (%)	84 (24.6)	62 (18.1)
DCR, n (%) [†]	291 (85.3)	284 (82.6)



Number of subjects at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Durvalumab + GemCis	91	79	49	22	13	11	5	1	
Placebo + GemCis	64	56	31	14	5	1	0	0	

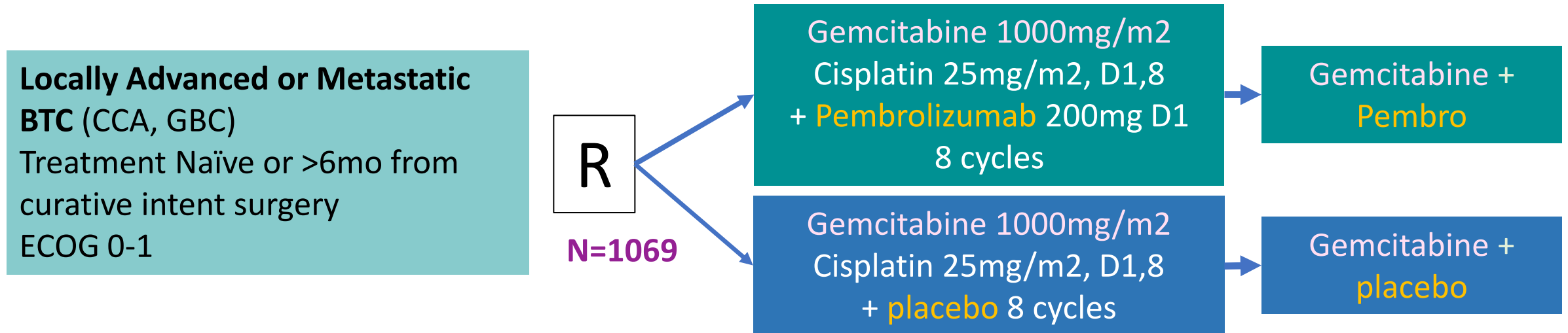
	Durvalumab + GemCis (n=91)	Placebo + GemCis (n=64)
Median DoR (quartile 1–3), months	6.4 (4.6–17.2)	6.2 (3.8–9.0)
Median time to response (quartile 1–3), months	1.6 (1.3–3.0)	2.7 (1.4–4.1)

*By investigator assessments using RECIST v1.1 based on patients in the final analysis set who had measurable disease at baseline. [†]Analysis of DCR was based on all patients in the full analysis set. [‡]Analysis of DoR was based on patients in the full analysis set who had an objective response and measurable disease at baseline.

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; DoR, duration of response; GemCis, gemcitabine and cisplatin; mo, month; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response.

Keynote 966: Another Confirmation for ICI

Randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled, global, multi-center Ph III study



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- **Region: Asia vs non-Asia**

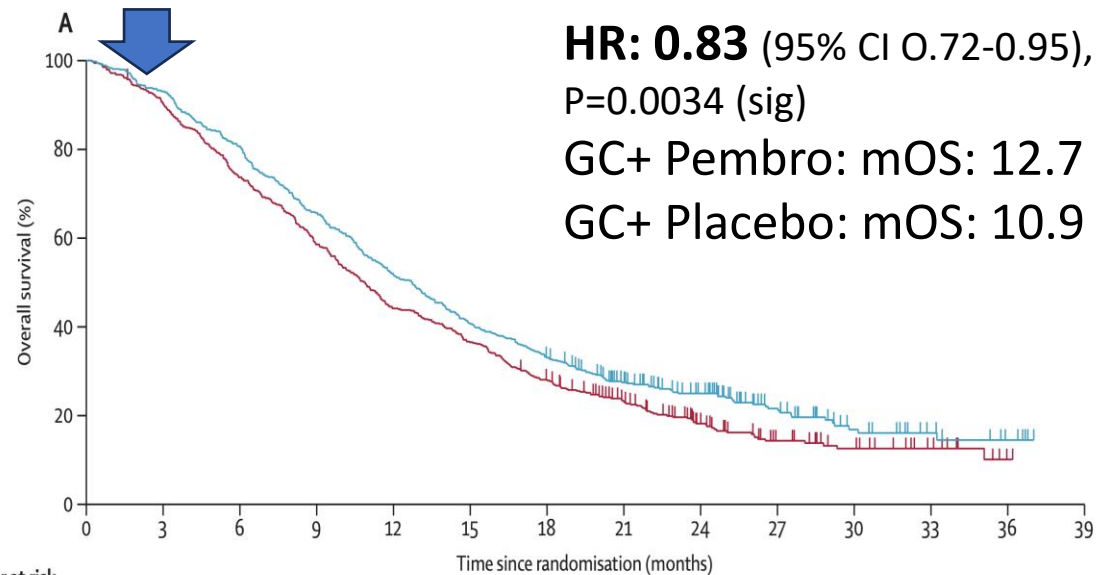
Primary Endpoint: OS

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Blinded independent central review

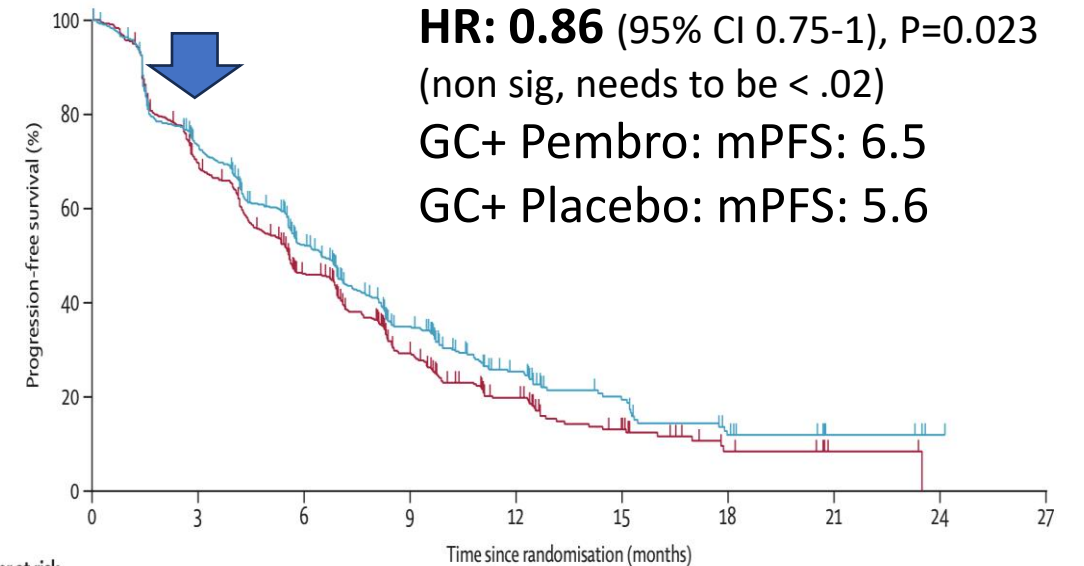
1^o endpoint OS and 2^o endpoint PFS

OS: stat sig (+), separated early



	Number at risk (number censored)													
	533	496	430	350	275	217	175	122	88	46	21	11	5	0
Pembrolizumab plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(26)	(50)	(83)	(100)	(109)	(114)	(119)
Placebo plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	536	483	394	313	236	195	148	97	59	32	20	10	1	0
	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(30)	(49)	(65)	(74)	(84)	(92)	(93)

PFS: not stat sig (-), trend, separated early, sustained



		Time since randomisation (months)								
Number at risk (number censored)										
Pembrolizumab plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	533 (0)	368 (27)	238 (55)	121 (101)	62 (131)	29 (153)	14 (158)	5 (167)	1 (171)	0 (172)
Placebo plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	536 (0)	352 (25)	211 (50)	99 (94)	51 (113)	21 (130)	7 (139)	2 (144)	0 (145)	0 (145)

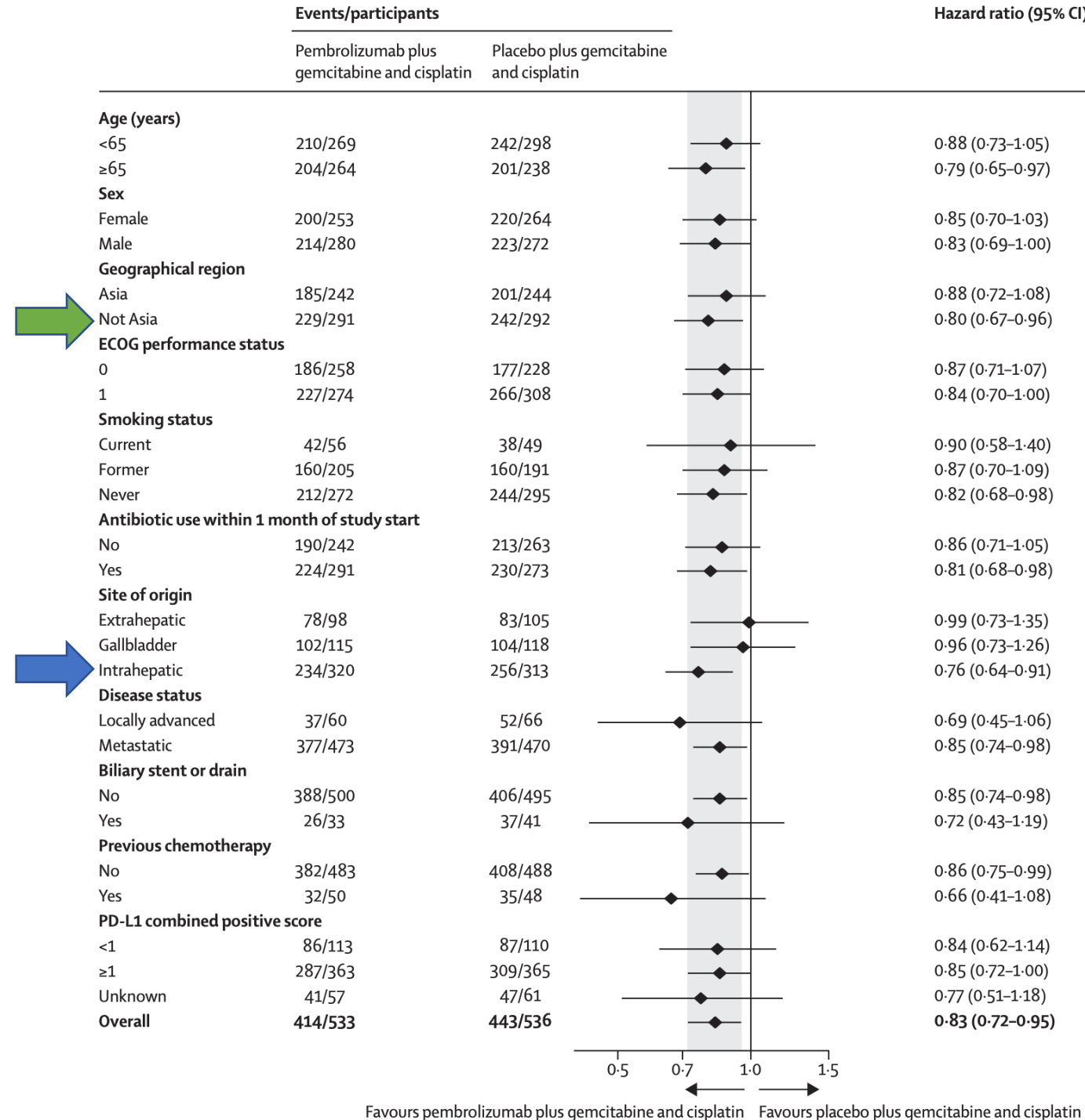
Keynote 966: Subgroup Analysis

- Geographic: more benefit non-Asian
- Type: iCCA benefits more, GBCA and eCCA not really
- PD-L1 useless

Response Rate:

	GC + Pembro	GC + Placebo
ORR	29%	29%
DoR	9.7	6.9
24mo ongoing RR	18%	6%

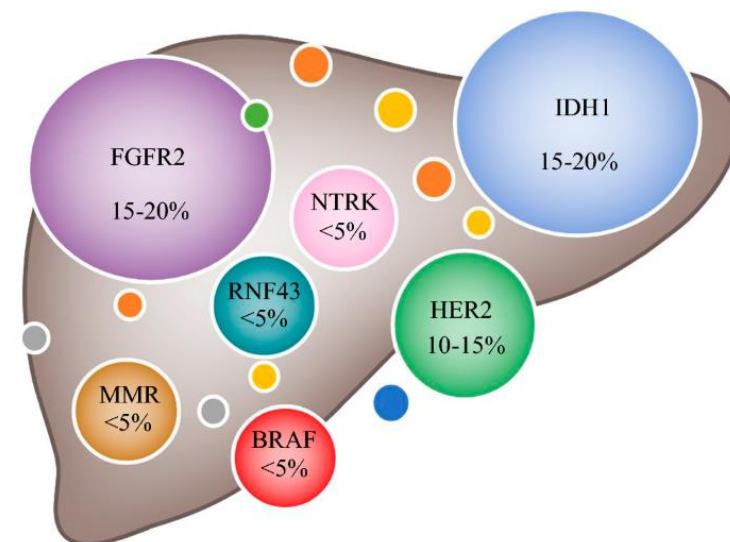
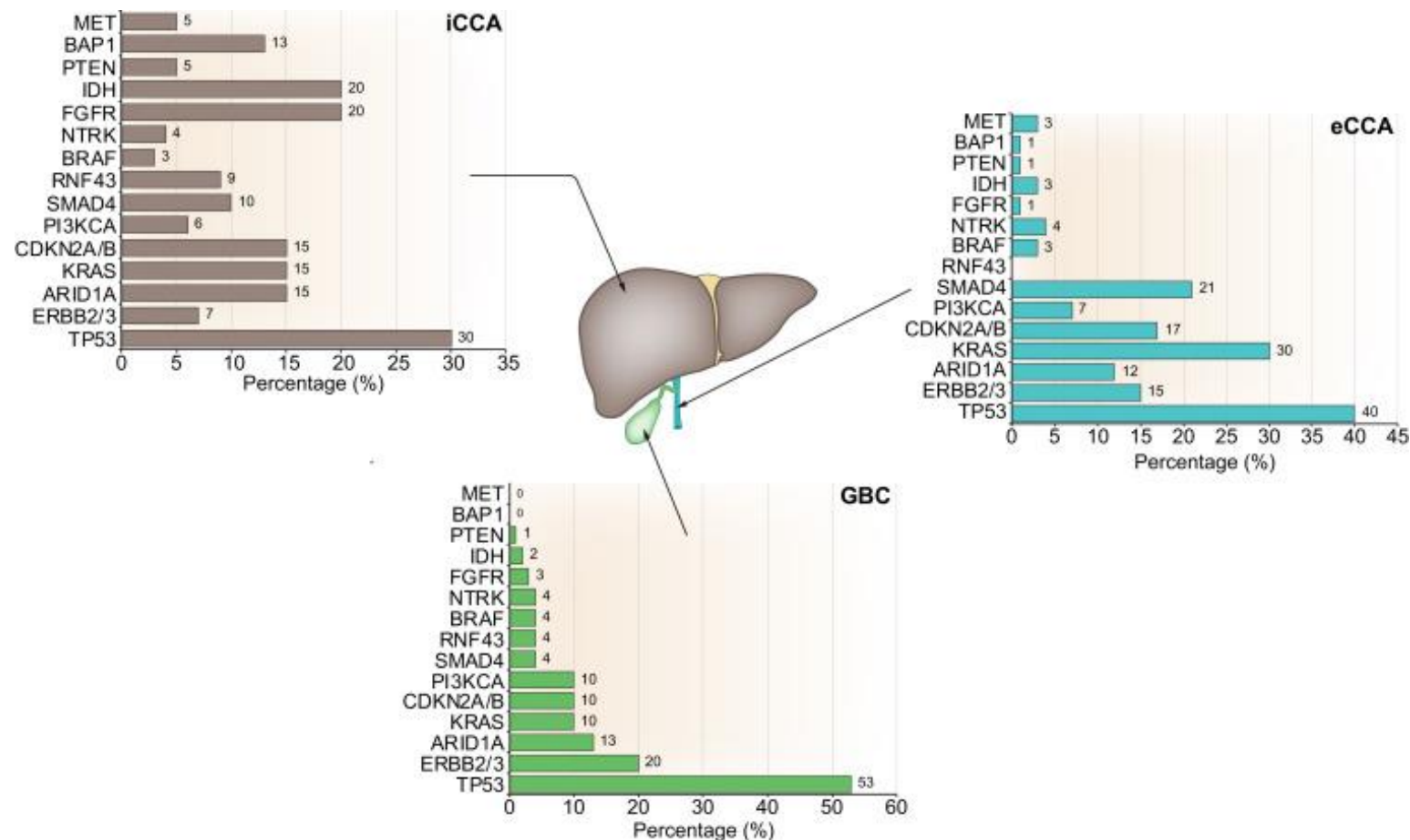
Blinded central review



TOPAZ vs Keynote 966

	TOPAZ (GC+D)	KEYNOTE 966 (GC+P)
Maintenance	ICI vs placebo	G+ICI vs G+placebo
Demographics		
Asia	52%	45%
Intrahepatic CCA	56%	60%
HBV infection	22.5%	31%
Response Review	Investigator	Blinded Central
ORR vs Control	26.7% vs 18.7%	29% both

Molecular Targets for Therapy in BTC



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2022

Dabrafenib/Trametinib

ROAR tissue agnostic, ORR: 36%, DCR 76%

2022

+Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab

MyPathway, ORR: 40%

T-Dxd (Enhertu)

DESTINY Pan-Tumor02 ORR:22%, mOS 7mo

Pembrolizumab

KEYNOTE cohorts ORR:39.6%

2017

Larotrectinib

LoxoTRK, SCOUT, NAVIGATE ORR: ~60-70%

2018

+Pralsetinib

BLU-667, tumor agnostic, 2B rec

2022

5-FU NaI-IRI

Nifty
ORR: 14.8%, mOS 8.6mo

2021

***Futibatinib**

FOENIX-CCA2
ORR: 42%, mOS 21.7mo

2022

Dostarlimab-glyx

GARNET ORR: 41.6%

2021

Entrectinib

STARTRK1,2 ORR: 57%

2019

Low Hanging Fruit Board Questions/Tips

- **Peculiar Toxicities of targeted therapies**
 - **FGFR2 Inhibitors (Pemigatinib, Futibatinib):** Hyperphosphatemia, Retinal (Central Serous Retinopathy / Retinal Pigment Epithelium Detachment CSR/RPED)
 - **IDH inhibitors (Ivosidenib):** myositis, QT prolongation
 - **Dabrafenib/Trametinib:** pyrexia, CSR/RPED
 - **Pertuzumab:** diarrhea
 - **Enhertu:** ILD
- What to avoid with liver dysfunction
 - Irinotecan
 - Targeted therapies (FGFR2i, IDHi, NTRKi): no data in severe liver dysfunction
- Avoid ICI: autoimmune disease
- Targeted therapies only indicated in 2nd line, chemo still 1st line

Low Hanging Fruit Board Questions/Tips

- Chemotherapy vignettes:
 - Avoid cisplatin in patients with significant kidney dysfunction
 - LATE Anaphylactic reactions can happen in patients who are receiving oxaliplatin or carboplatin for many months
 - 5-FU cardiac vasospasm
 - Gemcitabine associated HUS
 - All sorts of potential toxicity with cisplatin: kidney, hearing, hemorrhagic cystitis etc.

Good Luck!

Think like a question maker (not necessarily a clinician) for the boards