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Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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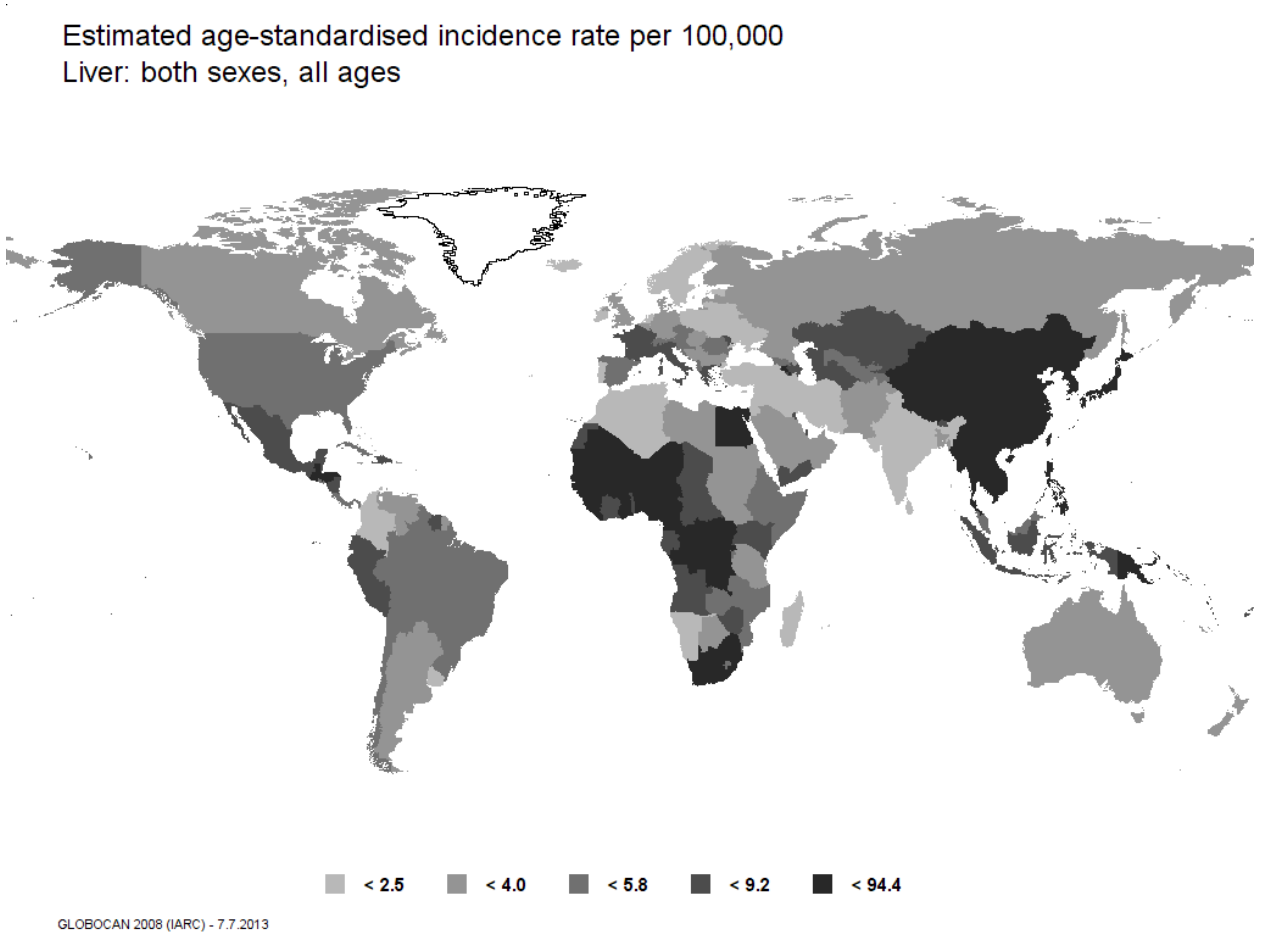
HCC: Global incidence

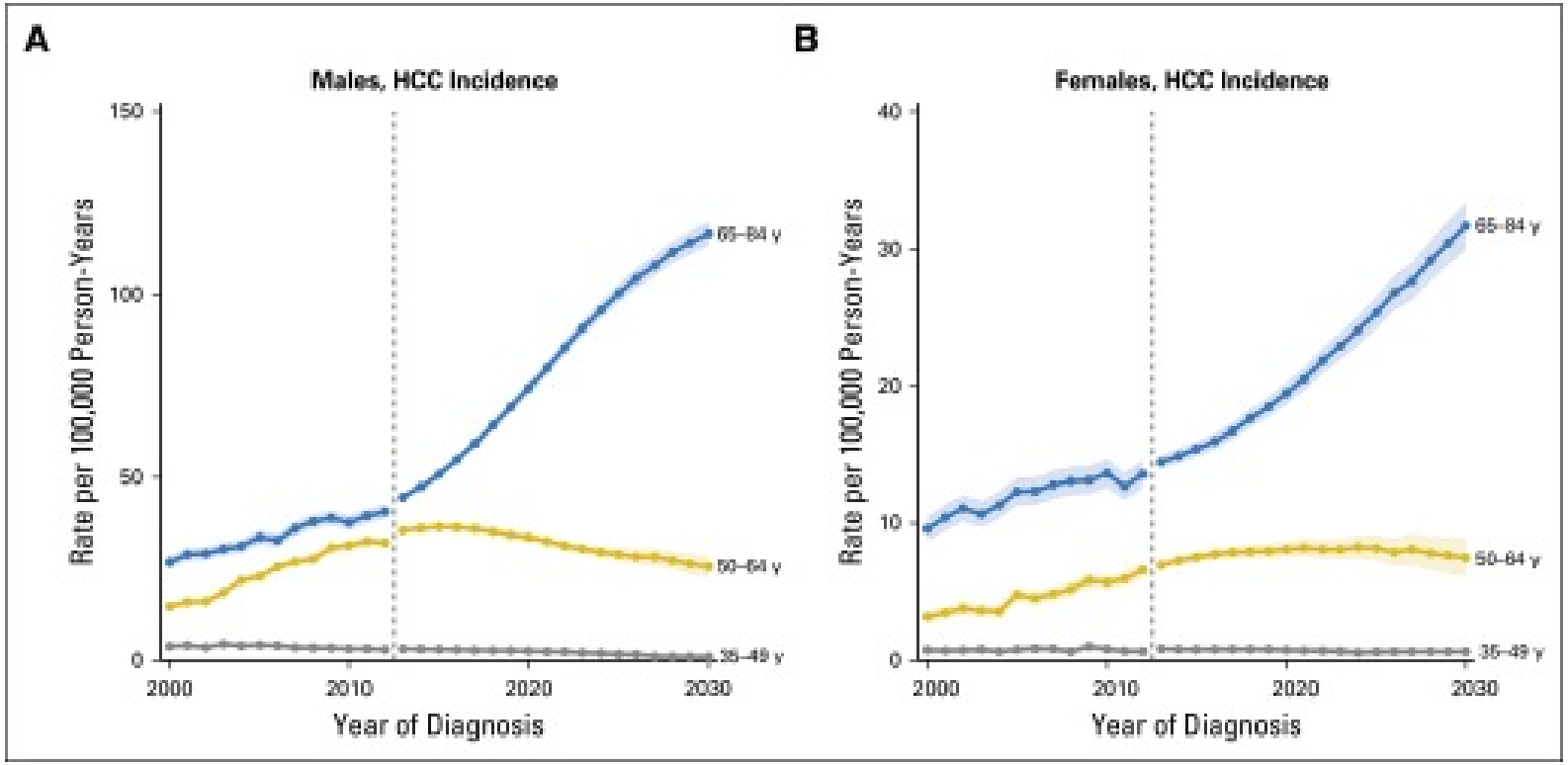


3rd leading cause of global cancer related death
Incidence and mortality is rising in the United States

El-Serag HB. N Engl J Med 2011; 365:1118-1127.

Bray et al. Cancer 2018:68(6) 394-424

HCC: US Incidence Trends



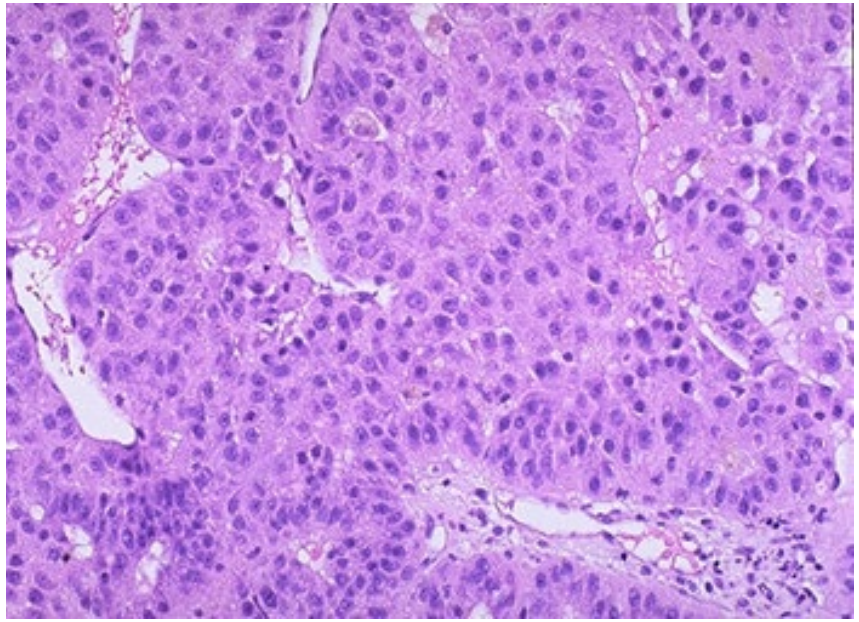
- **Projected increase in HCC incidence until at least 2030**
- **Aging population of patients with HCC**

Petrick et al. Future of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Incidence…*JCO* May 2016 34(15): 1787–1794.

HCC: Risk Factors

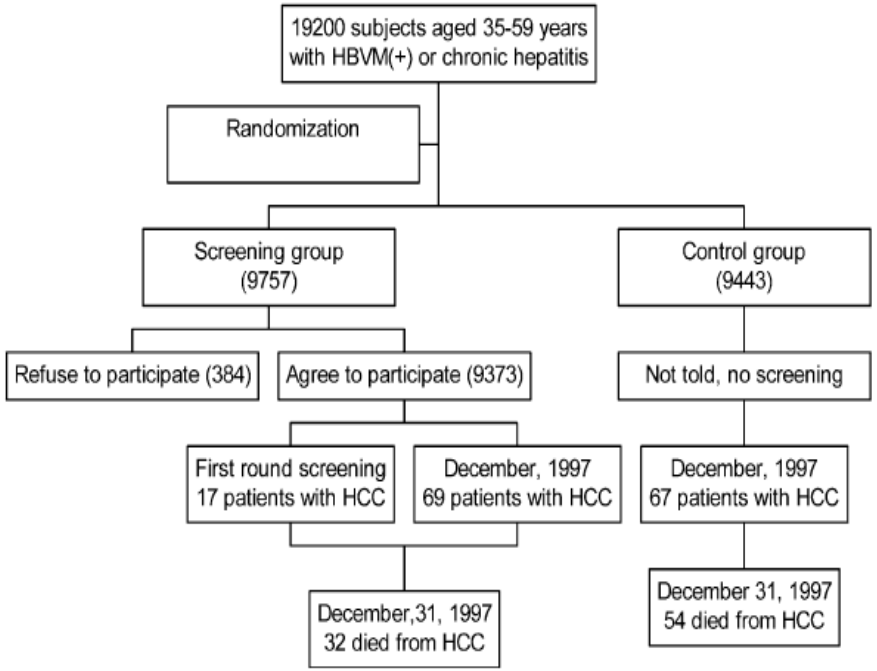
- **Cirrhosis from any cause**
  (3-4%annual risk of HCC)
  - HCV
  - HBV
  - Heavy alcohol consumption
  - Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
  - Aflatoxins
- **HBV Chronic Hepatitis**
  (0.4% annual risk of HCC)
- **Inherited metabolic diseases**
  - Hemochromatosis
  - Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
  - Glycogen storage disease
  - Porphyria cutanea tarda
  - Tyrosinemia
  - Autoimmune hepatitis

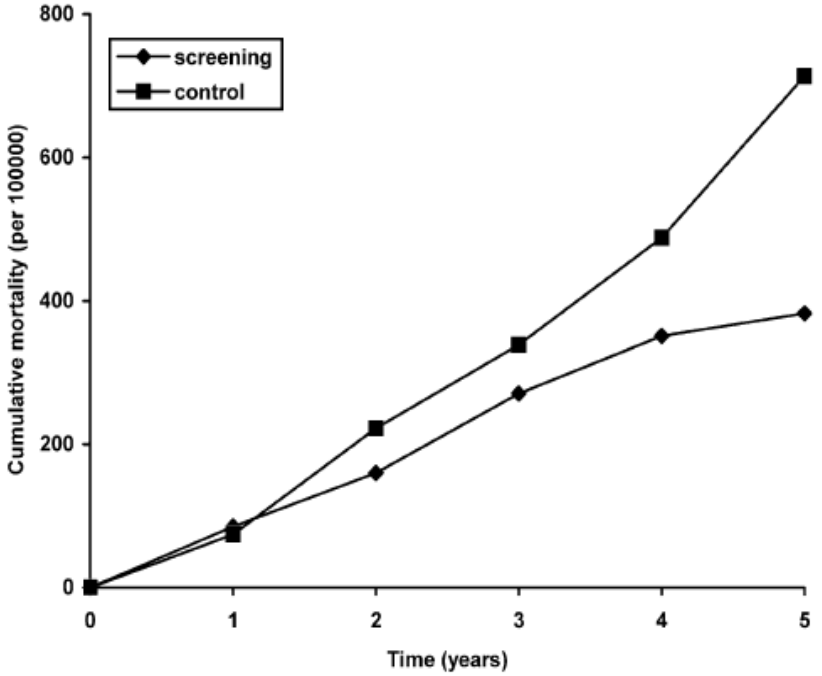
Diabetes Mellitus
Obesity



HCC: Screening and Early Detection

- Approximately 19,000 patients with chronic hepatitis/chronic HBV randomized to: Ultrasound every 6 months and AFP vs. control (no screening)
- **37% HCC mortality reduction** – **mortality rate ratio 0.63** (95% CI 0.41, 0.98)





Zhang BH et al. Randomized controlled trial of screening in hepatocellular carcinoma. *J Can Research Clin Oncol*. July 2004.

Who should be screened for HCC? AASLD Guidelines

TABLE 1. PATIENTS AT THE HIGHEST RISK FOR HCC

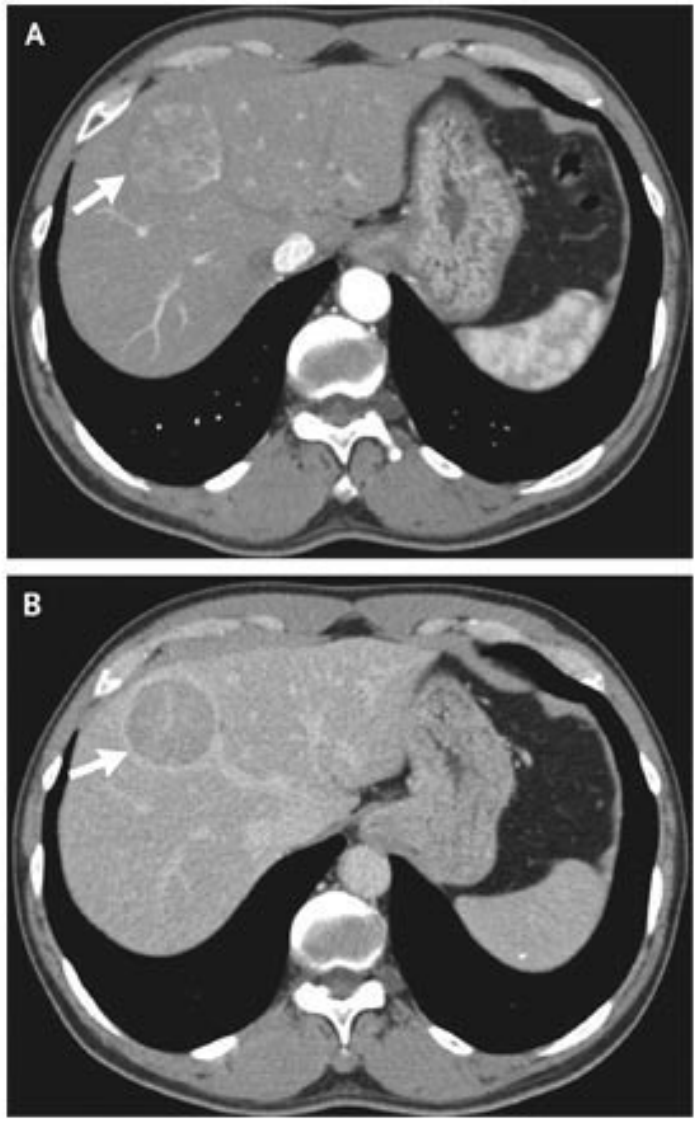
Population Group	Threshold Incidence for Efficacy of Surveillance (>0.25 LYG; % per year)	Incidence of HCC
Surveillance benefit		
Asian male hepatitis B carriers over age 40	0.2	0.4%-0.6% per year
Asian female hepatitis B carriers over age 50	0.2	0.3%-0.6% per year
Hepatitis B carrier with family history of HCC	0.2	Incidence higher than without family history
African and/or North American blacks with hepatitis B	0.2	HCC occurs at a younger age
Hepatitis B carriers with cirrhosis	0.2-1.5	3%-8% per year
Hepatitis C cirrhosis	1.5	3%-5% per year
Stage 4 PBC	1.5	3%-5% per year
Genetic hemochromatosis and cirrhosis	1.5	Unknown, but probably >1.5% per year
Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and cirrhosis	1.5	Unknown, but probably >1.5% per year
Other cirrhosis	1.5	Unknown
Surveillance benefit uncertain		
Hepatitis B carriers younger than 40 (males) or 50 (females)	0.2	<0.2% per year
Hepatitis C and stage 3 fibrosis	1.5	<1.5% per year
NAFLD without cirrhosis	1.5	<1.5% per year

Abbreviation: LYG, life-years gained.

Marrerro et al. Hepatology 68(2) 2018.

Diagnosis

- **Diagnostic** imaging indicated for lesion 1 cm or greater or AFP > 20
- Typically no biopsy required
- LIRADS scoring system used to characterize lesions
  - Applies to patients with cirrhosis or chronic hepatitis B infection and incorporates:
    - Size of arterially enhancing lesion
    - Washout
    - Capsule
    - Threshold growth
- Contrast enhanced **multiphase** MRI or CT



Burrel et al. Hepatology 2003; 38
Marrerro et al. Hepatology 68(2) 2018

LIRADS: Standardized radiology reporting system

LR-1 = definitely benign LR-2 = probably benign

LR-3 = indeterminate LR-4 = suspicious LR-5 = definite

CT/MRI Diagnostic Table

Arterial phase hyperenhancement (APHE)		No APHE		APHE (not rim)		
Observation size (mm)		< 20	≥ 20	< 10	10-19	≥ 20
Count major features: • "Washout" (not peripheral) • Enhancing "capsule" • Threshold growth	None	LR-3	LR-3	LR-3	LR-3	LR-4
	One	LR-3	LR-4	LR-4	LR-4 / LR-5	LR-5
	≥ Two	LR-4	LR-4	LR-4	LR-5	LR-5

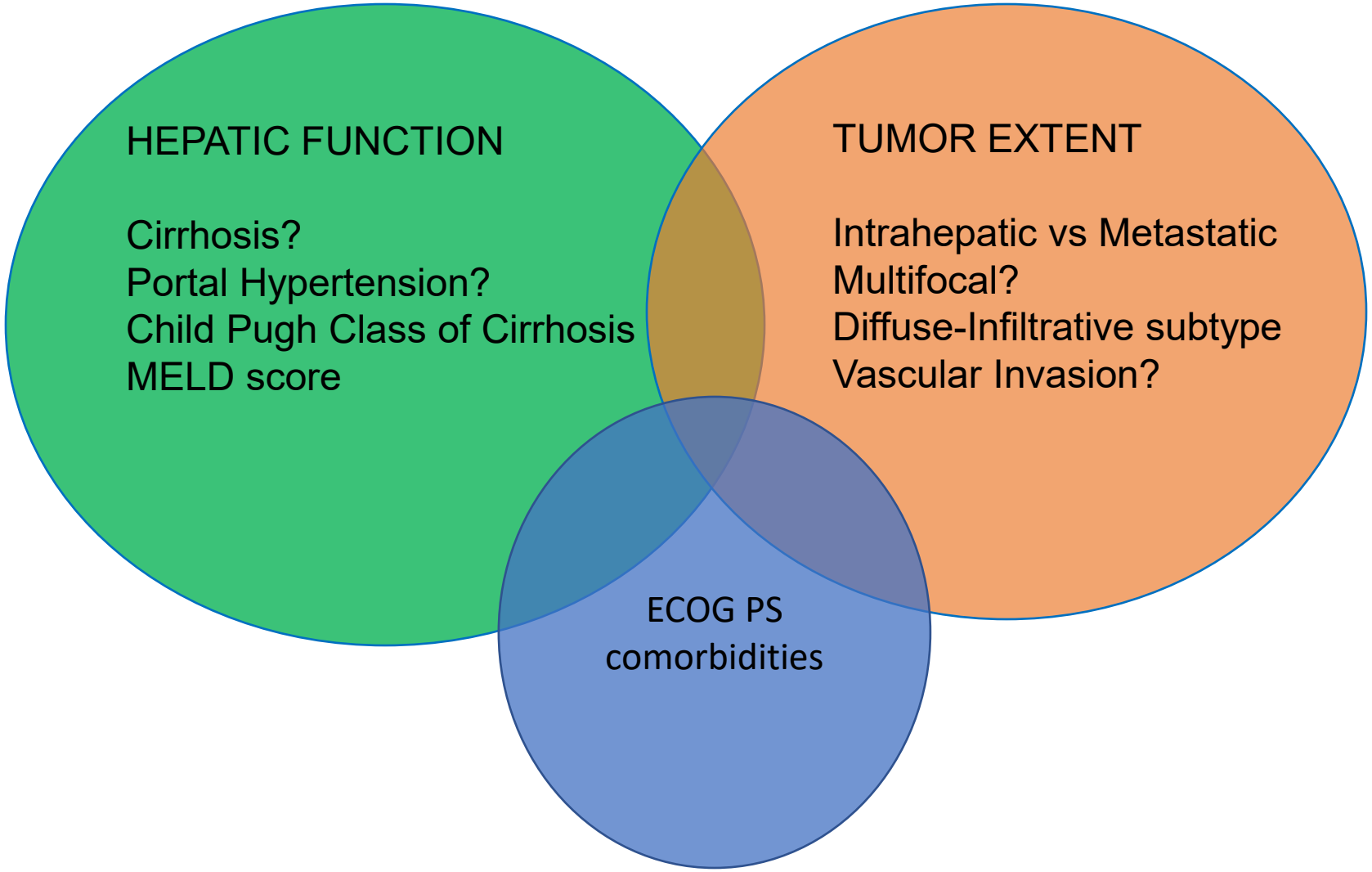
LR-4 / LR-5

Observations in this cell are categorized LR-4, except:
- LR-5g, if ≥ 50% diameter increase in < 6 months (equivalent to OPTN 5A-g)
- LR-5us, if "washout" and visibility at screening ultrasound (per AASLD HCC criteria)

ACR website: derived from LIRADS v2017

Separate LIRADS criteria for Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound exist

HCC: Considerations in staging and selection of therapeutic options



Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Staging

Multiple Complex staging systems incorporate:

- Size
- Multifocality
- Vascular invasion (e.g. portal vein tumor thrombus)
- Underlying liver function (Child-Pugh, MELD)
- Performance status
- Alpha fetoprotein levels

BCLC (Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer) Staging

	BCLC stage				
	Very early stage (0)	Early stage (A)	Intermediate stage (B)	Advanced stage (C)	Terminal stage (D)
Child–Pugh classification	A	A–B	A–B	A–B	C
Performance status	0	0	0	1–2	3-4
Tumor status	1 HCC <2cm *Carcinoma in situ*	1 HCC or 3 nodules <3cm	Multinodular	Portal invasion or N1/ M1	Terminal stage

Llovet, JM et al. Design and Endpoints of Clinical Trials in Hepatocellular Carcinoma. *Journal of National Cancer Institute*. 100: 10, May 21, 2008

Modified BCLC Treatment Algorithm:
Early Stage Disease

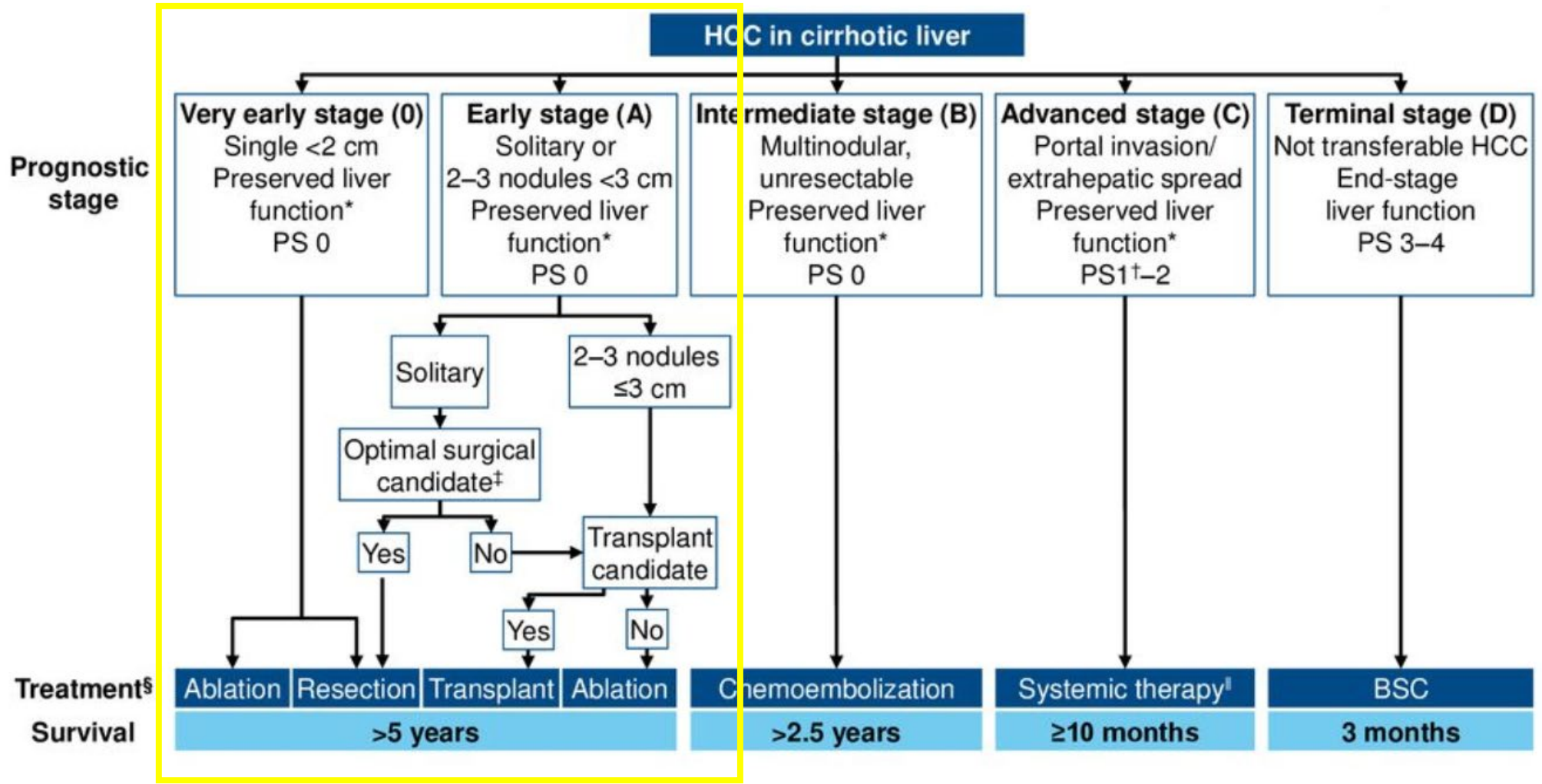


Figure: EASL CPG HCC. J Hepatol 2018

Early Stage Hepatocellular Carcinoma → BCLC Stage 0/A Local Options

Well-preserved liver function (non-cirrhotic, Child-Pugh A amenable to surgery)

- Surgical resection: no specific tumor size cut-off; no vascular invasion
- Accepted surgical outcome goal targets include:
  - Perioperative mortality 2-3%
  - 5-year overall survival of 60%

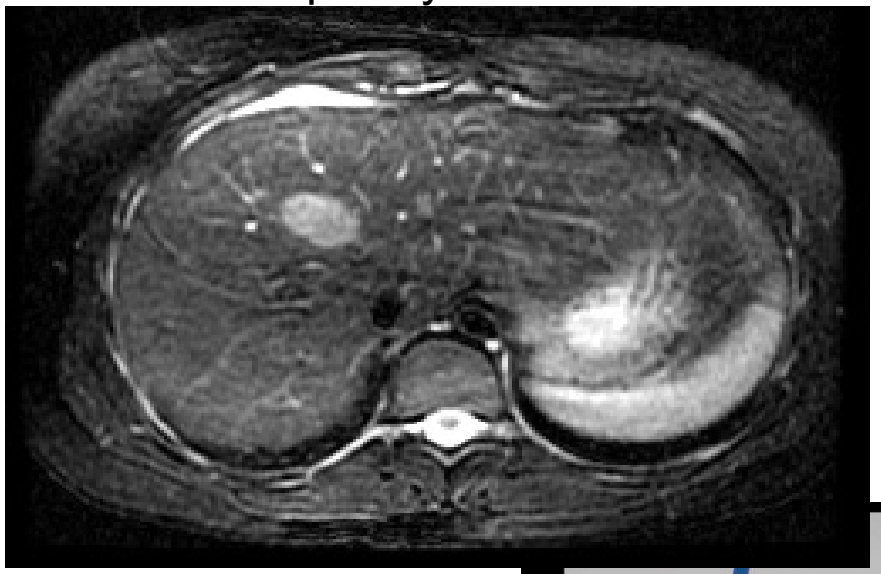
Underlying cirrhosis, poorer baseline liver function

- Liver transplantation: Milan criteria; strict eligibility criteria
- Radiofrequency ablation (RFA): Best in tumors < 3 cm; associated with similar survival to surgery.
- Stereotactic Radiation, focal radioembolization and other local interventions promising in multiple phase II trials

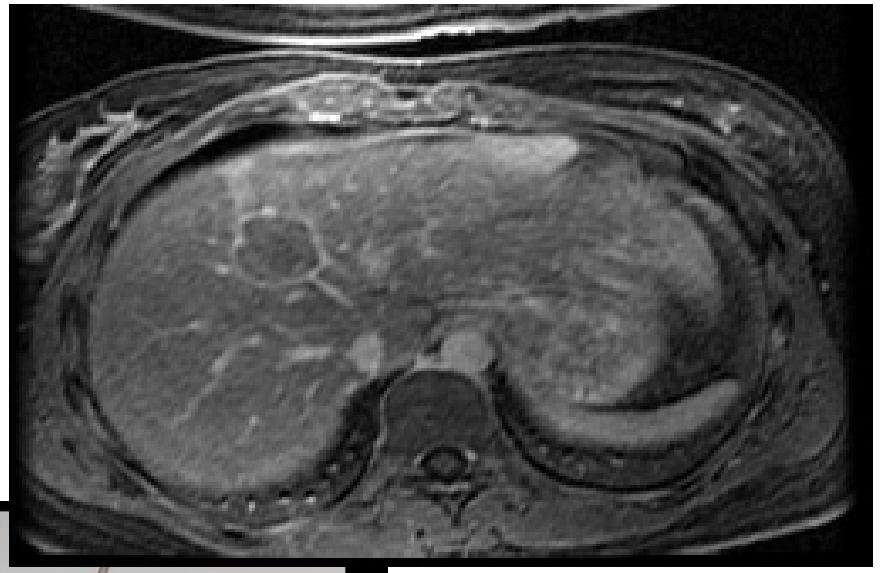
Hong SN, et al. Comparing the Outcomes of Radiofrequency Ablation and Surgery in Patients with a Single Small Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Well-Preserved Hepatic Function

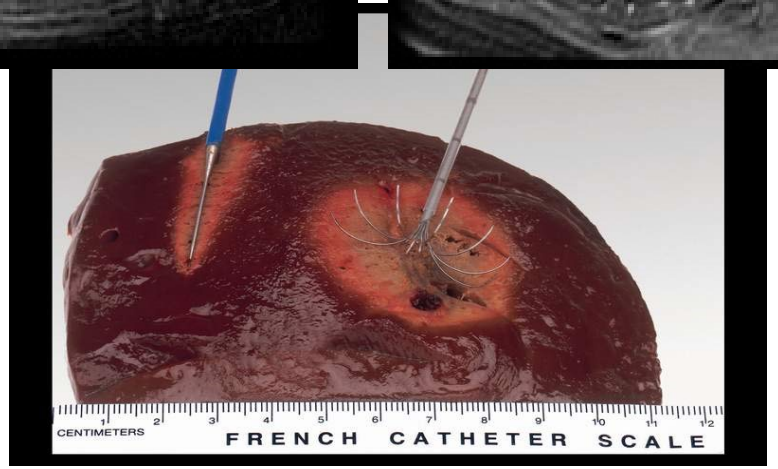
Local Treatment for Early Stage HCC: Radiofrequency Ablation

Pre-Radiofrequency Ablation



1-month post-RFA





Images from Dr. Siddharth Padia, UW Interventional Radiology

Early Stage Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- In well-selected patients with early stage HCC, 5-year survival 60-75% with local treatments.

  (Llovet JM et al. Hepatocellular Carcinoma. *Lancet*. December, 2003)

- No standard adjuvant chemotherapy following surgical resection, radiofrequency ablation (RFA) or other definitive local therapies

Orthotopic Liver Transplant: MELD Exception Points

Milan Transplant Criteria (1996)

- **Strict Criteria**
  - Solitary tumors ≤ 5cm

    or
  - 2-3 tumors all < 1-3 cm

    and
  - No macrovascular invasion/ mets

New Transplant Criteria (2017)

- **Downstaging to Milan allowed**
  - Solitary tumors 5-8 cm
  - 2-3 lesions
    - Each < 5 cm, sum < 8 cm
  - 4-5 lesions
    - Each < 3 cm, sum < 8 cm
- **AFP Criteria**
  - AFP > 1000 within Milan require locoregional therapy to achieve AFP < 500

Transplantation based on these guidelines has been shown to result in a 5-year post-transplant survival of ~80%

1) Llovet JM et al. Liver transplantation for small hepatocellular carcinoma: the tumor-node-metastases classification does not have prognostic power. *Hepatology*. June 1998. 2) Kalra A and Biggins SW. New paradigms for organ allocation and distribution in liver transplantation. Gastroenterology volume 34, 2018

Modified BCLC Treatment Algorithm:
Intermediate/Advanced Stage Disease

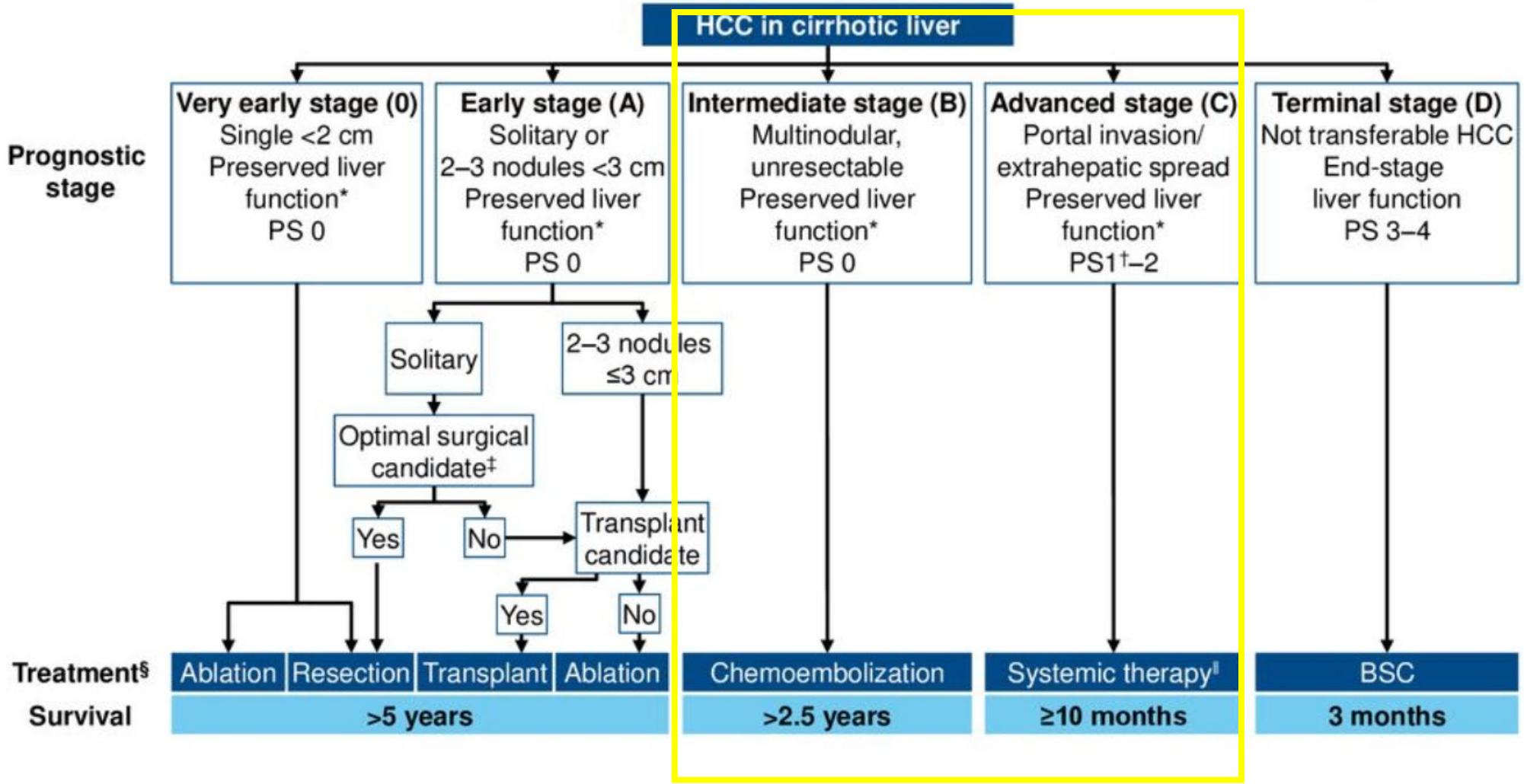


Figure: EASL CPG HCC. J Hepatol 2018

Intermediate/Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Standard Approaches

Liver-confined disease (tumors > 5cm, multifocal):

- Transarterial embolization (TAE/bland embolization) and chemoembolization (TACE)
- Radioembolization with Y^{90} beads (TARE, SIRT)
- External Beam Radiation (SBRT)
- Can be used as ‘bridge’ therapy while awaiting transplant

Metastatic disease or vascular invasion (BCLC C)

- Systemic therapy (boards answer); Y90 a consideration in less extensive portal venous invasion

Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Updated Algorithms

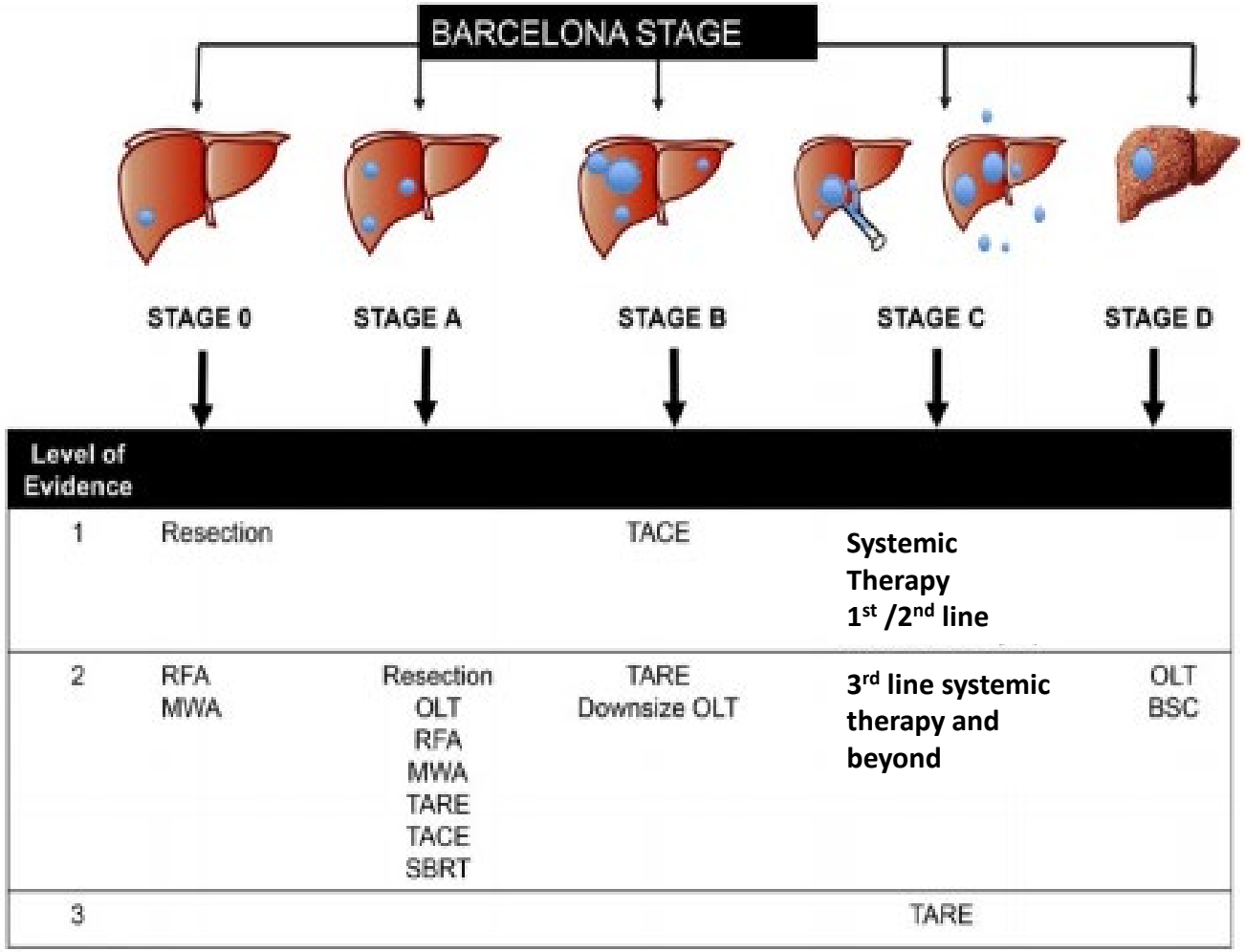


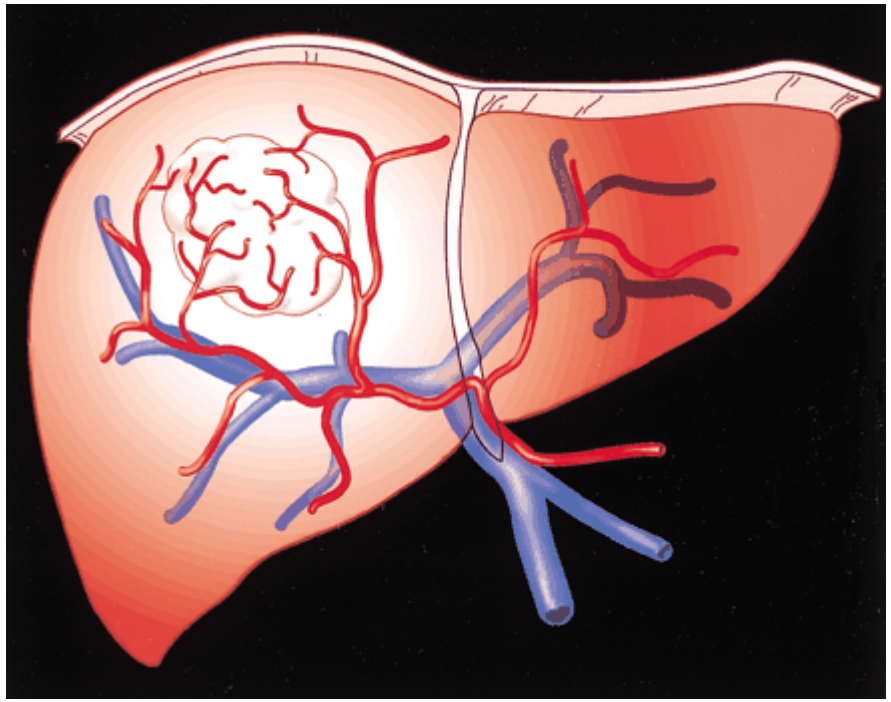
FIG. 3. Treatment recommendations according to BCLC Stage. Abbreviations: MWA, microwave ablation; BSC, best supportive care; 1L, first-line therapy; 2L, second-line therapy.

Modified from Marrero et al. Hepatology 68(2); 2018

Hepatocellular Carcinoma – Blood Supply to Tumor

Hepatocellular carcinomas derive 95% of their blood supply from branches of the hepatic artery.

Normal liver parenchyma: derives 75% of its blood supply from the portal vein

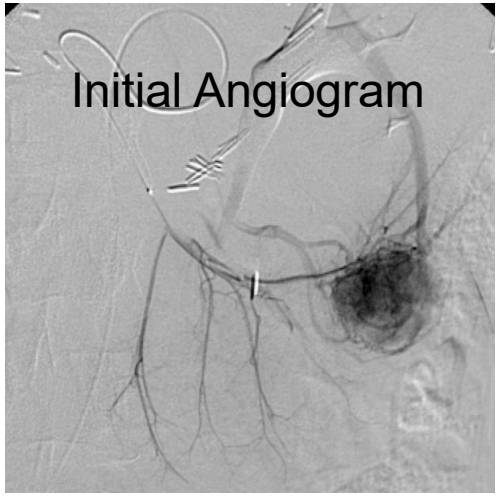


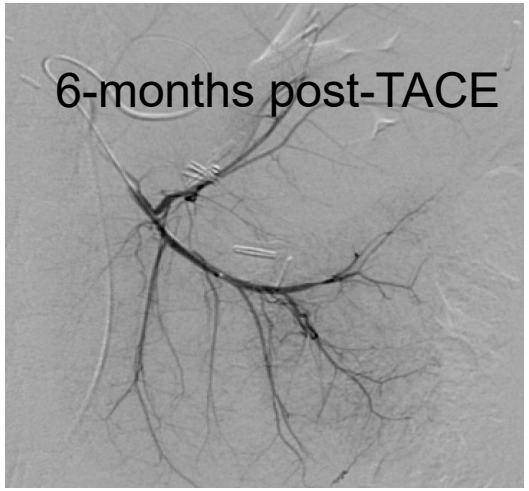
Intermediate/Advanced HCC: Transarterial Embolization

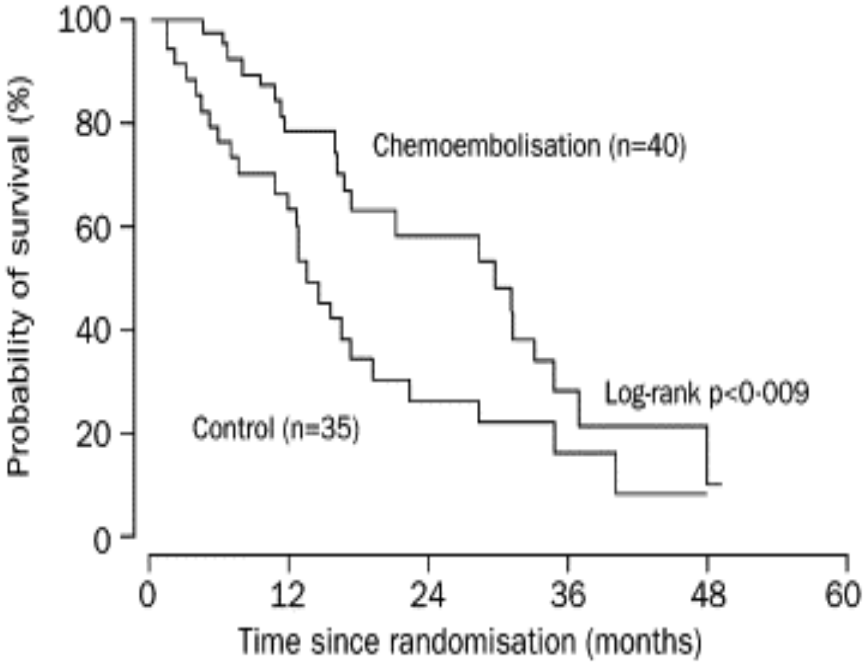
Two components of therapy:

1) Acute arterial obstruction

2) Local arterial administration of chemotherapeutic agents







Llovet et al. Lancet 2002 359(9319)

TACE vs. Best Supportive Care – Asian vs. Western Population

	Lo et al *Hepatology* 2002		**Llovet et al *Lancet* 2002**	
Etiology	80% Hepatitis B		87% Hepatitis C	
Tumor characteristics	60% multinodular, mean tumor size 7cm		71% multinodular, mean tumor size 5cm	
Treatment (TACE)	Cisplatin (chemo) Gelatin sponge (embolic)		Doxorubicin (chemo) Gelatin sponge (embolic)	
Survival	TACE	BSC	TACE	BSC
1 year	57%	32%	82%	63%
2 year	**31%**	**11%**	**63%**	**27%**
3 year	26%	3%	29%	17%
HR for death TACE vs. BSC	**HR 0.49** (95% CI 0.28-0.81), p=0.006		**HR 0.45** (95% CI 0.25-0.81), p=0.02	

Lo C, et al. Randomized controlled trial of transarterial lipiodol chemoembolization for unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma. *Hepatology*. May, 2002.

Llovett JM, et al. Arterial embolisation or chemoembolisation versus symptomatic treatment in patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: a randomised controlled trial. *Lancet*. May, 2002

TACE/TAE: Adverse Events

Expected toxicities:

- Post-embolization syndrome: Fatigue, nausea, pain, liver enzyme elevation, low grade fever
- Chemotherapy side effects: pancytopenia, alopecia, nausea

Contraindications:

- Bilirubin >3 mg/dL
- Main portal vein thrombosis – hepatic ischemia
- Child-Pugh C cirrhosis

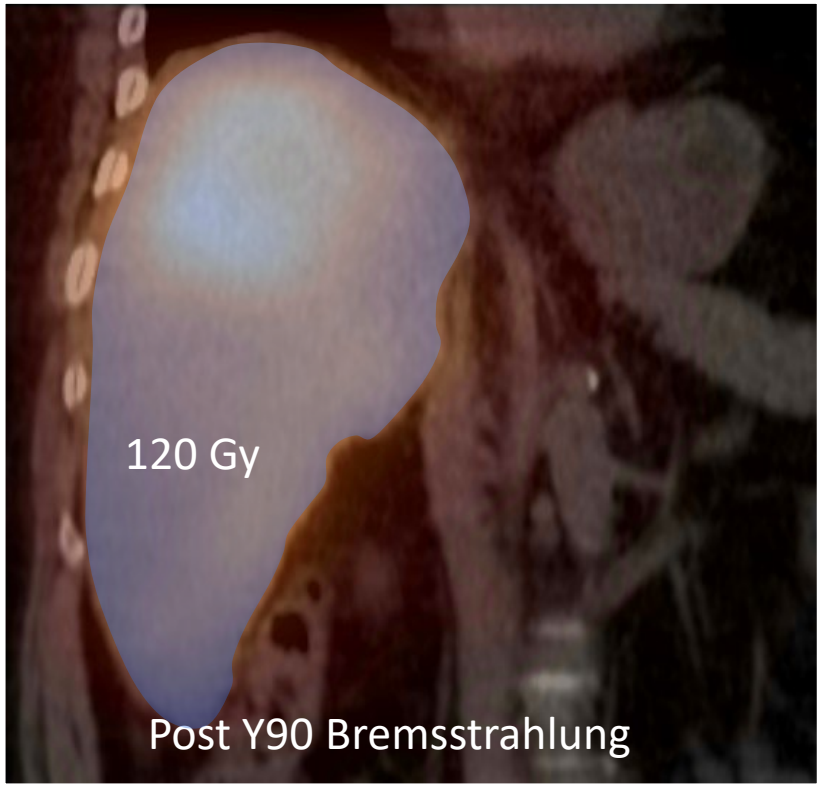
TACE/TAE – Conclusions and Questions

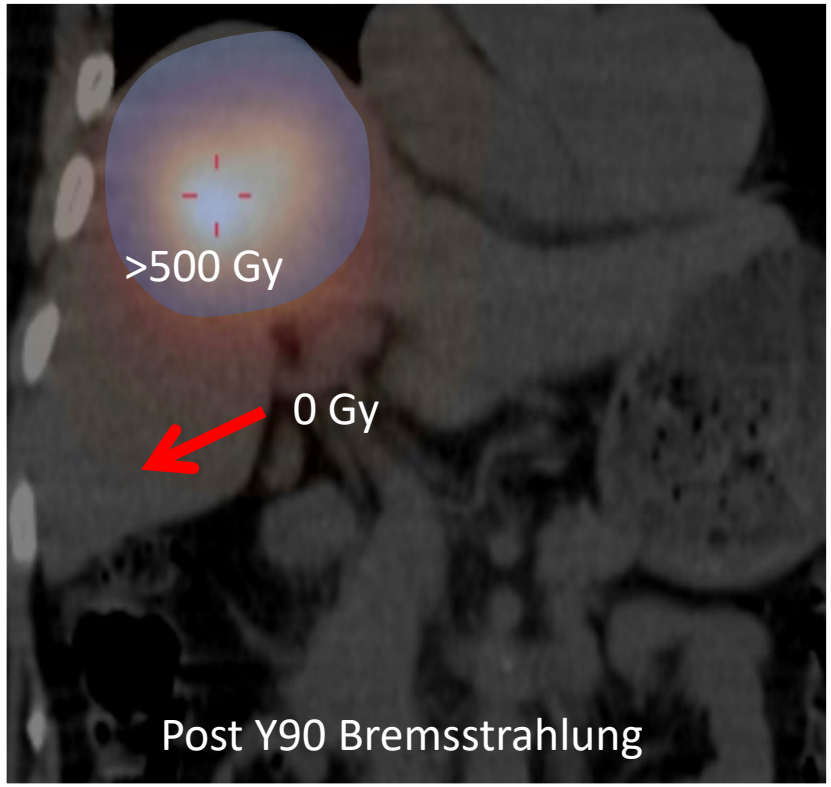
- Large systematic reviews / meta-analyses have demonstrated a benefit from TACE
  - Large contemporary series show median OS of 2.5-3.0 years with catheter-based therapy

(Bruix J et al. Chemoembolization for hepatocellular carcinoma. *Gastroenterology*. November, 2004).

- No definitive advantage of TACE over bland embolization.
- Is TACE/TAE superior to systemic therapy in BCLC B patients?
- How often should TACE/TAE be performed?
- When to move on to systemic therapy?

Y90 Radioembolization: Evolving Segmental Approaches for HCC

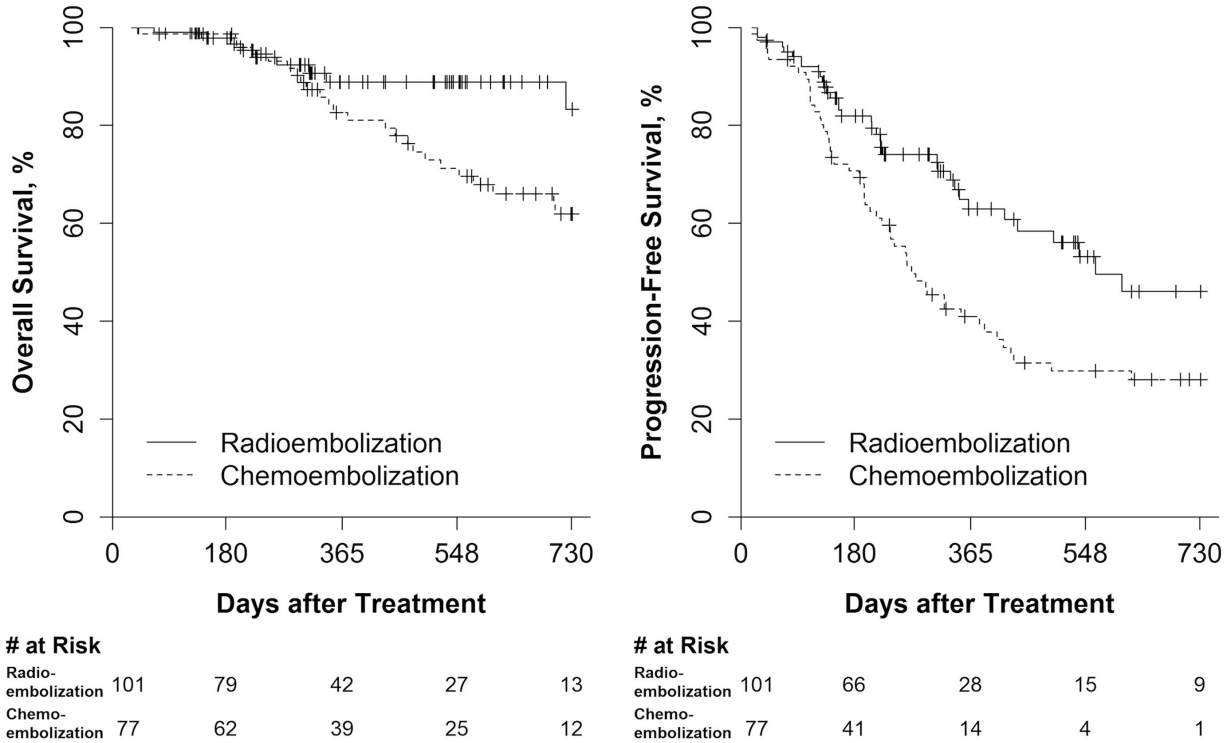




Improved targeting
Higher intra-tumoral radiation doses → Improved response?
Decreased collateral damage

High dose localized radioembolization: (radiation segmentectomy)

Promising data from large UW Retrospective Series: radiation segmentectomy vs. TACE



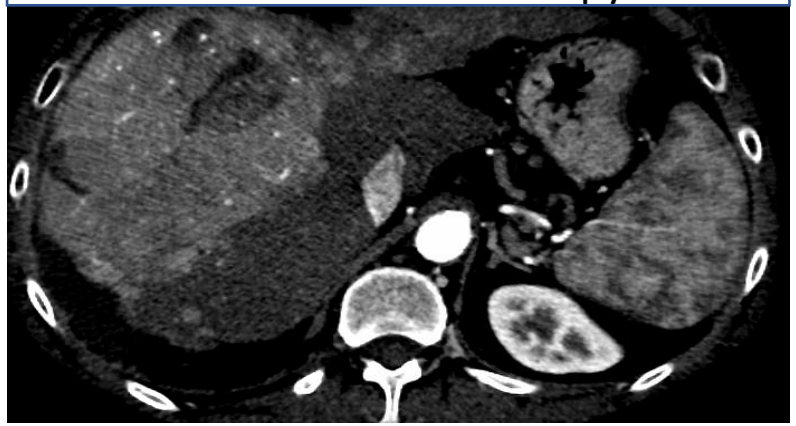
LEGACY STUDY: High-dose radioembolization in single tumors up to 8 cm

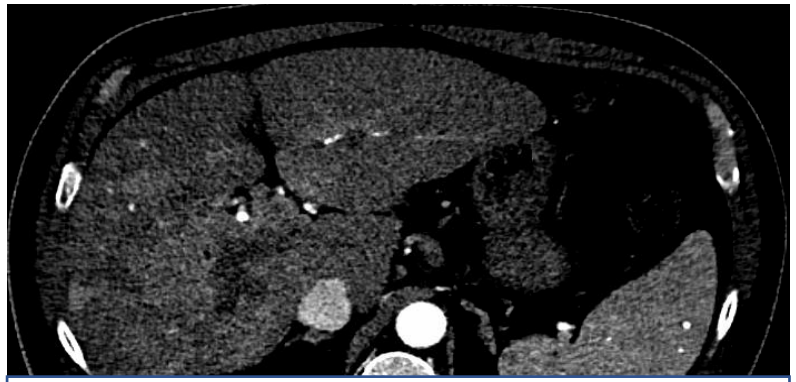
- ORR: 88.3%
- Durable response Rate (>6 months): 62%

Padia et al. *JVIR* Jun 2017, PMID 28365172
Salem et al. *Hepatology* March 2021, PMID 33739462

Background:
Systemic Therapy for Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

BCLC B (ineligible/refractory to catheter-based therapy





BCLC C (Vascular Invasion/Metastatic Disease)

FDA APPROVED AGENTS

1st Line	2nd Line	3rd Line
Sorafenib SHARP/ASIA PACIFIC	Cabozantinib CELESTIAL TRIAL	Cabozantinib CELESTIAL TRIAL
Lenvatinib REFLECT TRIAL	Regorafenib (sorafenib tolerant) RESOURCE	
Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab IMBRAVE150 TRIAL	Ramucirumab (AFP>400) REACH-2	
	~~Nivolumab* CHECKMATE 040~~	
	Pembrolizumab* KEYNOTE 224	
	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CHECKMATE 040	

*Accelerated Approval based upon ORR and DOR

Advanced/Metastatic Hepatocellular Carcinoma: SHARP Trial

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Sorafenib in Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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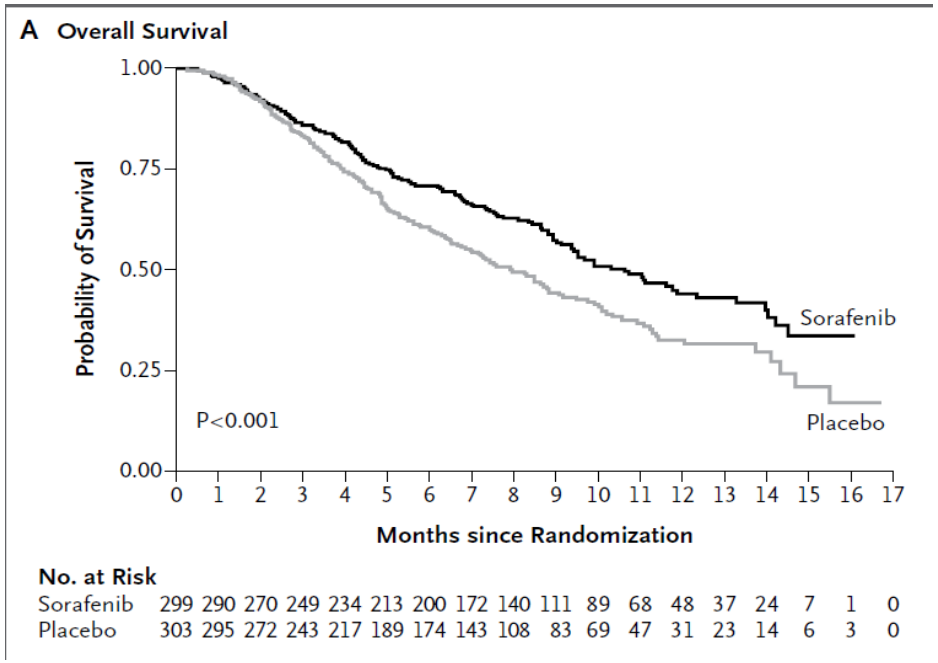
Sorafenib approved by the FDA for advanced HCC in November 2007

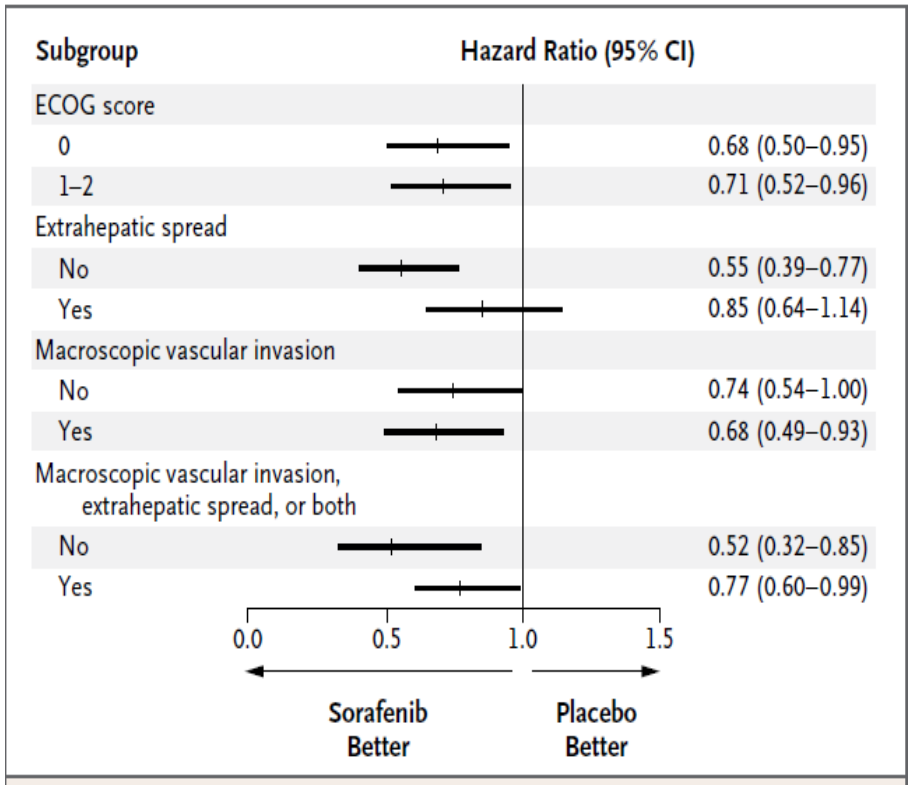
SHARP: Patient Characteristics

	Sorafenib (n=299)	Placebo (n=303)
Age	65	66
Male/Female	87/13	87/13
Region (Europe/N. America/Other %	88/9/3	87/10/3
Etiology (HCV/HBV)	29/19	27/18
(Alcohol/Other)	26/26	26/29
Child Pugh (A/B %)	95/5	98/2
Prior Therapies:		
Surgical resection	19%	21%
Loco-regional therapies	39%	41%
ECOG PS:		
O	54%	54%
1	38%	39%
2	8%	7%
Vascular Invasion/Extrahepatic spread		
Present	70%	70%
Absent	30%	30%

Llovet ASCO 2007

SHARP Trial: Results



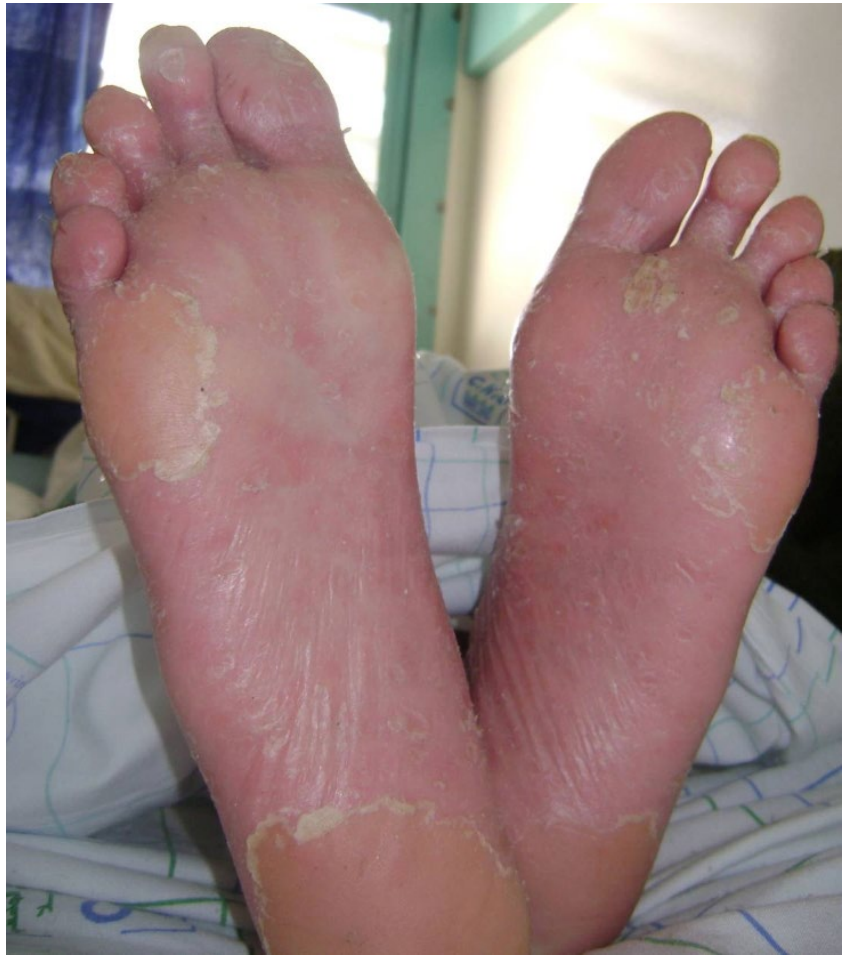


Median survival: 10.7 vs. 7.9 months
(HR 0.69 (95% CI 0.55, 0.87) p<0.001

Disease control rate: 43% vs. 32%
(p=0.002) – largely stable disease

SHARP Trial: Safety

- Overall incidence of any grade adverse event: 80% (sorafenib) vs. 52% (placebo)
- Grade 3-4 toxicities: Hand-foot syndrome, diarrhea.
- Of note, prophylactic urea-based lotions decrease severity of hand-foot syndrome



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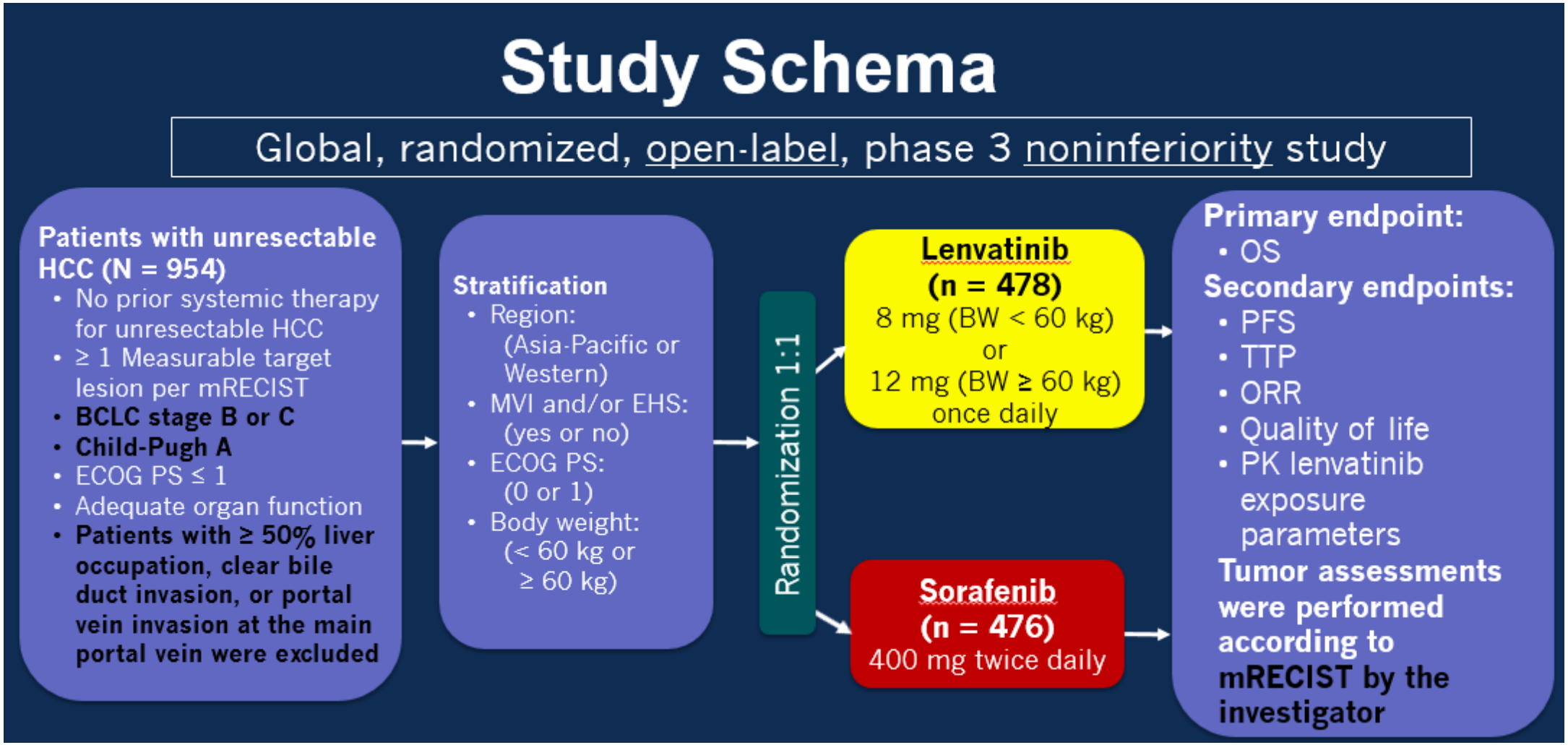
Lenvatinib: First-Line HCC Trial



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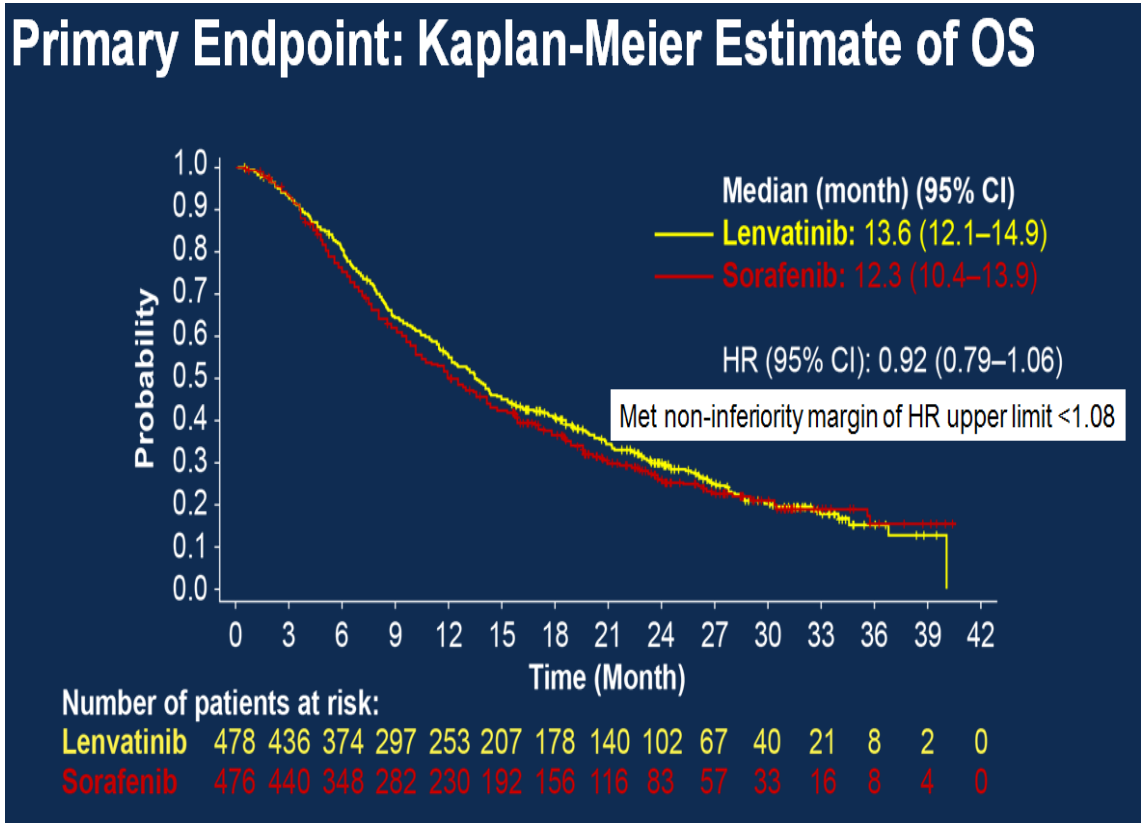
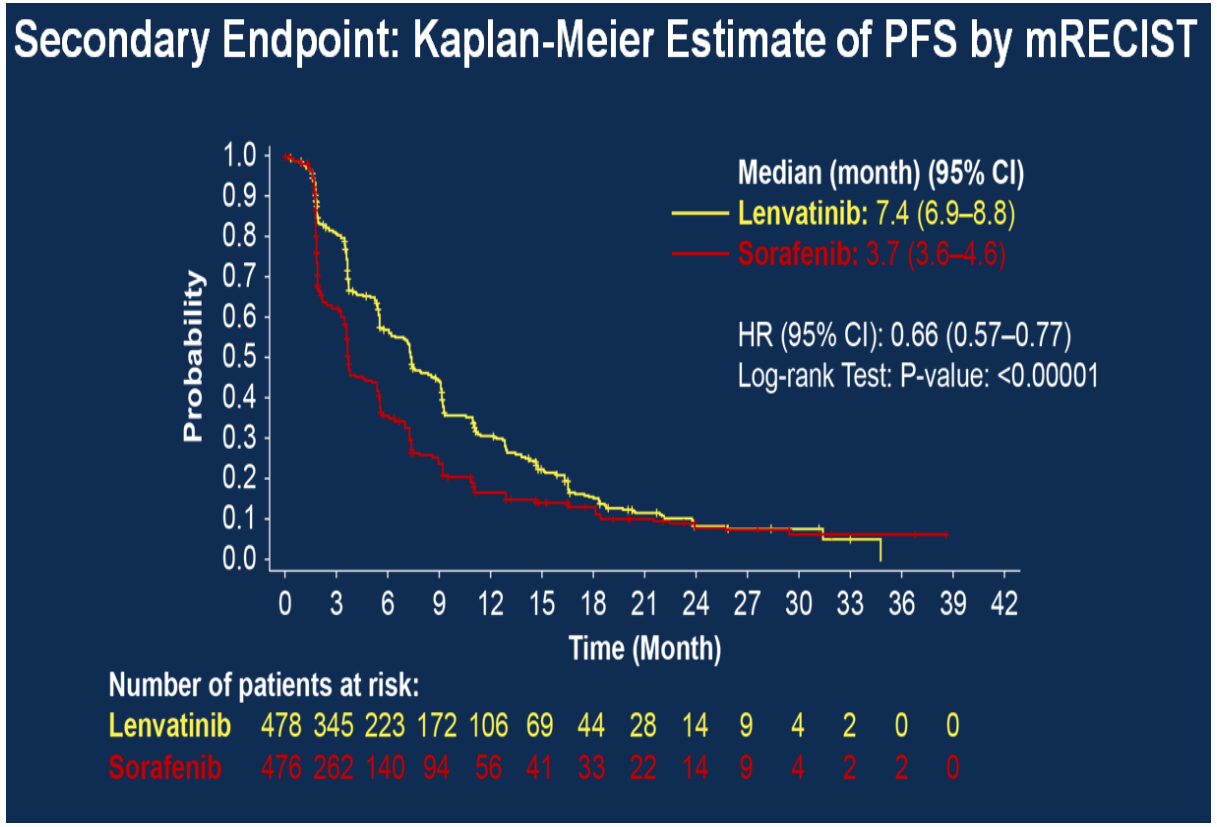




Lenvatinib non-inferior to sorafenib as 1st line therapy

- Multi-TKI: anti VEGF, FGFR, PDGFRα, RET, KIT
- FDA approved August 2018 for Child-Pugh A patients
- ORR: 24% vs 9% by mRECIST

Kudo M, Finn RS, Qin S, et al. Lenvatinib versus sorafenib in first-line treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: a randomised phase 3 non-inferiority trial [published online February 9, 2018]. *Lancet.*

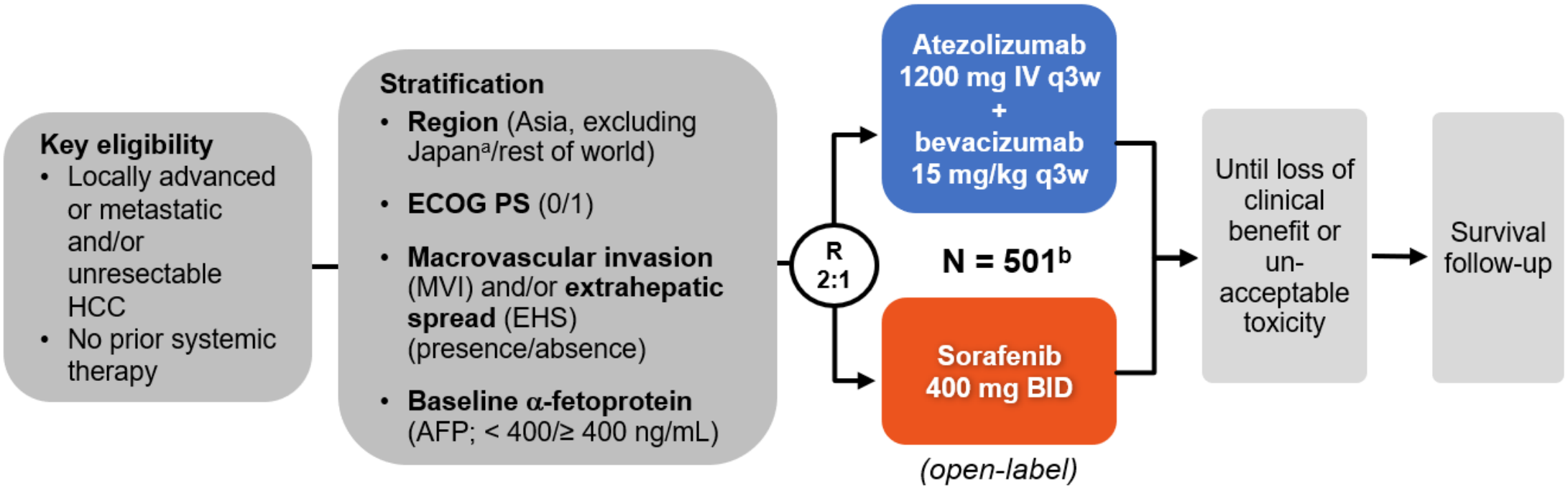
Lenvatinib: First-Line HCC Trial

Adverse event, n (%)	Lenvatinib (n = 476)		Sorafenib (n = 475)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Hypertension	201 (42)	111 (23)	144 (30)	68 (14)
Diarrhea	184 (39)	20 (4)	220 (46)	20 (4)
Decreased appetite	162 (34)	22 (5)	127 (27)	6 (1)
Decreased weight	147 (31)	36 (8)	106 (22)	14 (3)
Fatigue	141 (30)	18 (4)	119 (25)	17 (4)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia	128 (27)	14 (3)	249 (52)	54 (11)
Proteinuria	117 (25)	27 (6)	54 (11)	8 (2)
Dysphonia	113 (24)	1 (0)	57 (12)	0 (0)
Nausea	93 (20)	4 (1)	68 (14)	4 (1)
Decreased platelet count	87 (18)	26 (6)	58 (12)	16 (3)
Abdominal pain	81 (17)	8 (2)	87 (18)	13 (3)
Hypothyroidism	78 (16)	0 (0)	8 (2)	0 (0)
Vomiting	77 (16)	6 (1)	36 (8)	5 (1)
Constipation	76 (16)	3 (1)	52 (11)	0 (0)
Elevated aspartate aminotransferase	65 (14)	24 (5)	80 (17)	38 (8)
Rash	46 (10)	0 (0)	76 (16)	2 (0)
Alopecia	14 (3)	0 (N/A)	119 (25)	0 (N/A)

Kudo M, Finn RS, Qin S, et al. Lenvatinib versus sorafenib in first-line treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: a randomised phase 3 non-inferiority trial [published online February 9, 2018]. *Lancet.* doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(18)30207-1.

Practice Changing Trial: IMBRAVE 150 Trial

Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab for 1st Line HCC



Co-primary endpoints
- OS
- IRF-assessed PFS per RECIST 1.1

Key secondary endpoints (in testing strategy)
- IRF-assessed ORR per RECIST 1.1
- IRF-assessed ORR per HCC mRECIST

Slide modified from Cheng, AL et al. ESMO ASIA 2019 Oral Presentation

Key Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Notable Inclusion Criteria

- Child Pugh A hepatic function
- Advanced HCC (not a candidate for surgery or transplant)
- ECOG 0-1
- Extensive portal vein and hepatic venous invasion allowed
- AST/ALT < 5x ULN
- Platelet count >75,000

Notable Exclusion Criteria

- Untreated/incompletely treated esophageal/gastric varices
- History of autoimmune disease
- Hepatitis B/C co-infection
- Anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy (ASA 81 mg allowed)
- Uncontrolled hypertension (>150/100)
- Recent GI bleeding event

IMBRAVE 150 RESULTS

Comments:

- Trial stopped at first interim analysis due to clear efficacy
- Met both co-primary endpoints
  - **OS HR 0.58 p<.001**
  - **PFS HR .59 p<.001**
- mOS not yet reached, longer follow-up needed
- ORR 27.3% vs 11.9%
- Favorable mPFS of 6.8 months

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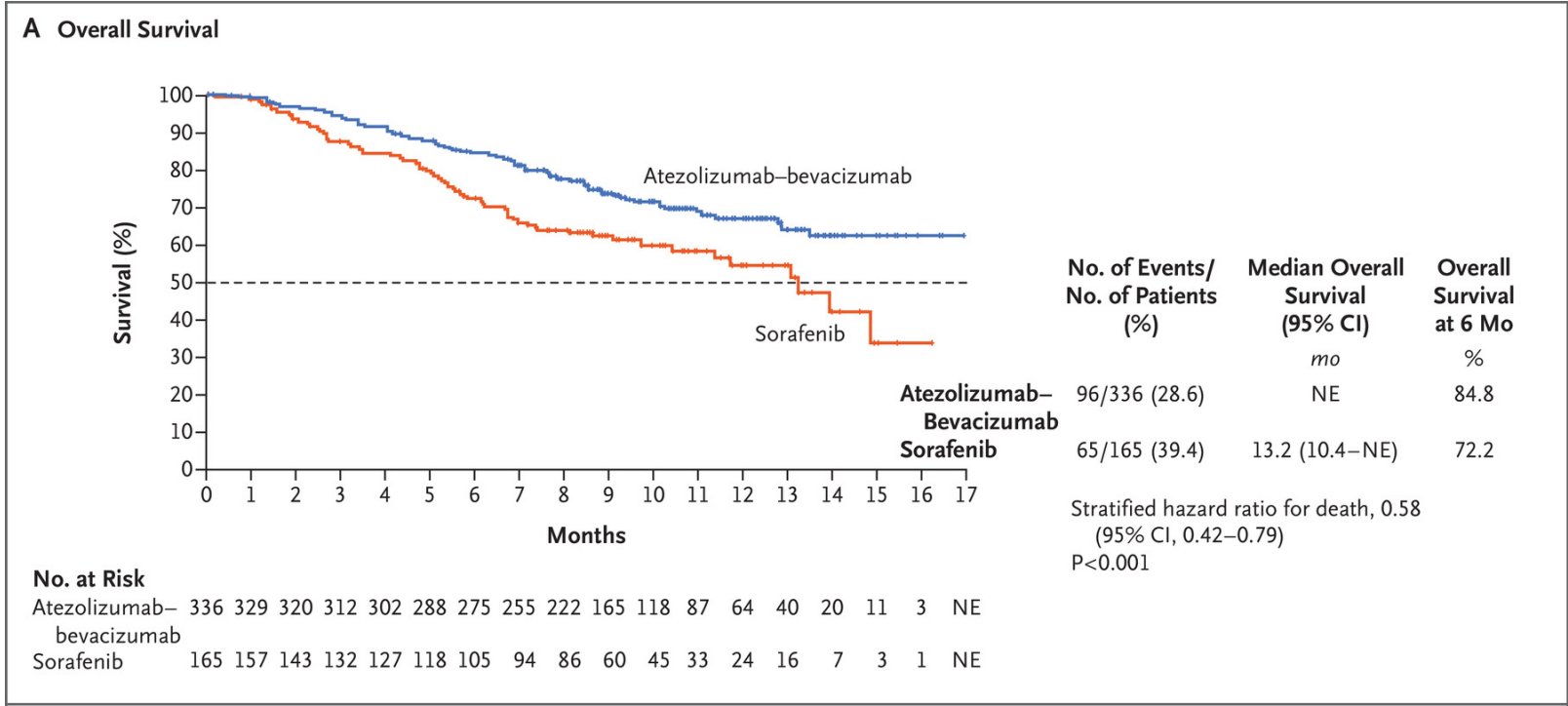
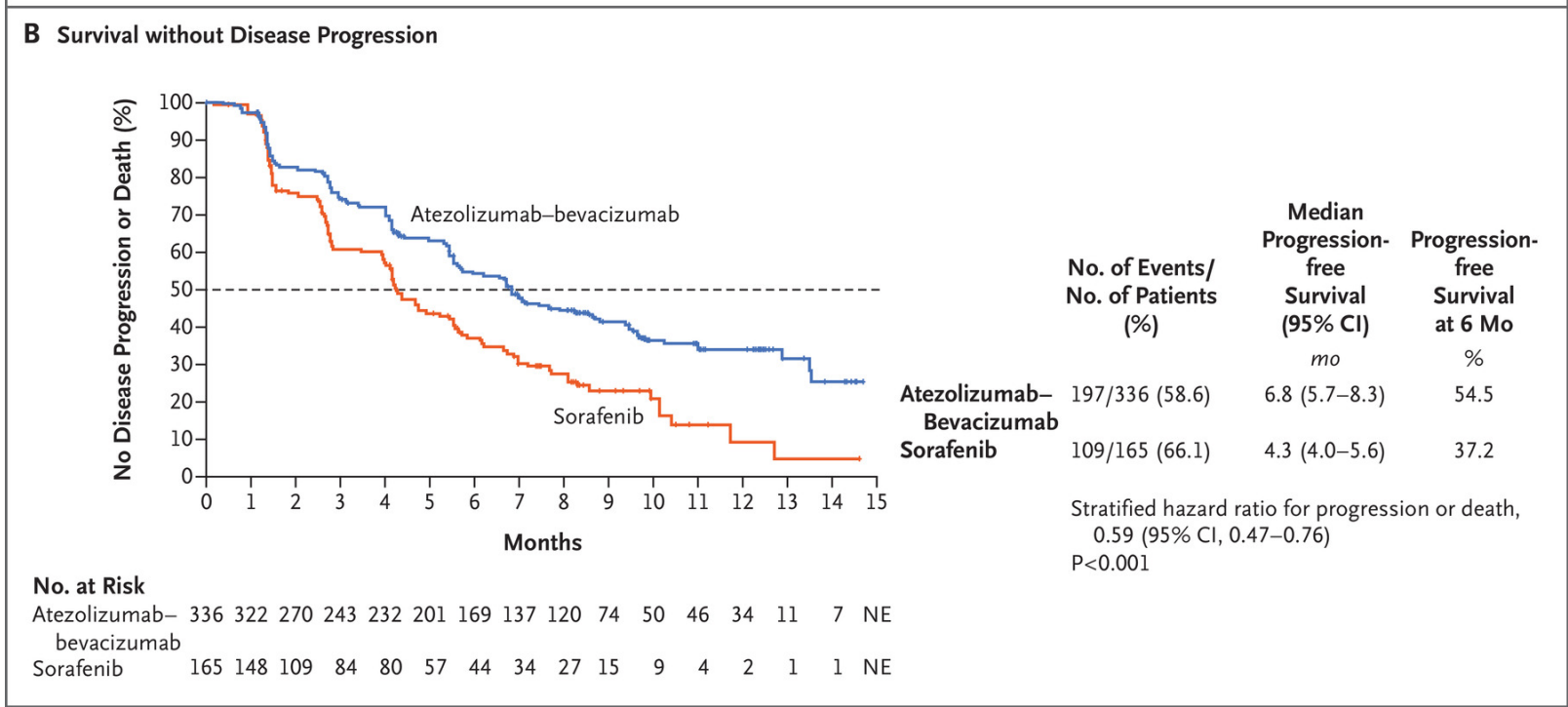
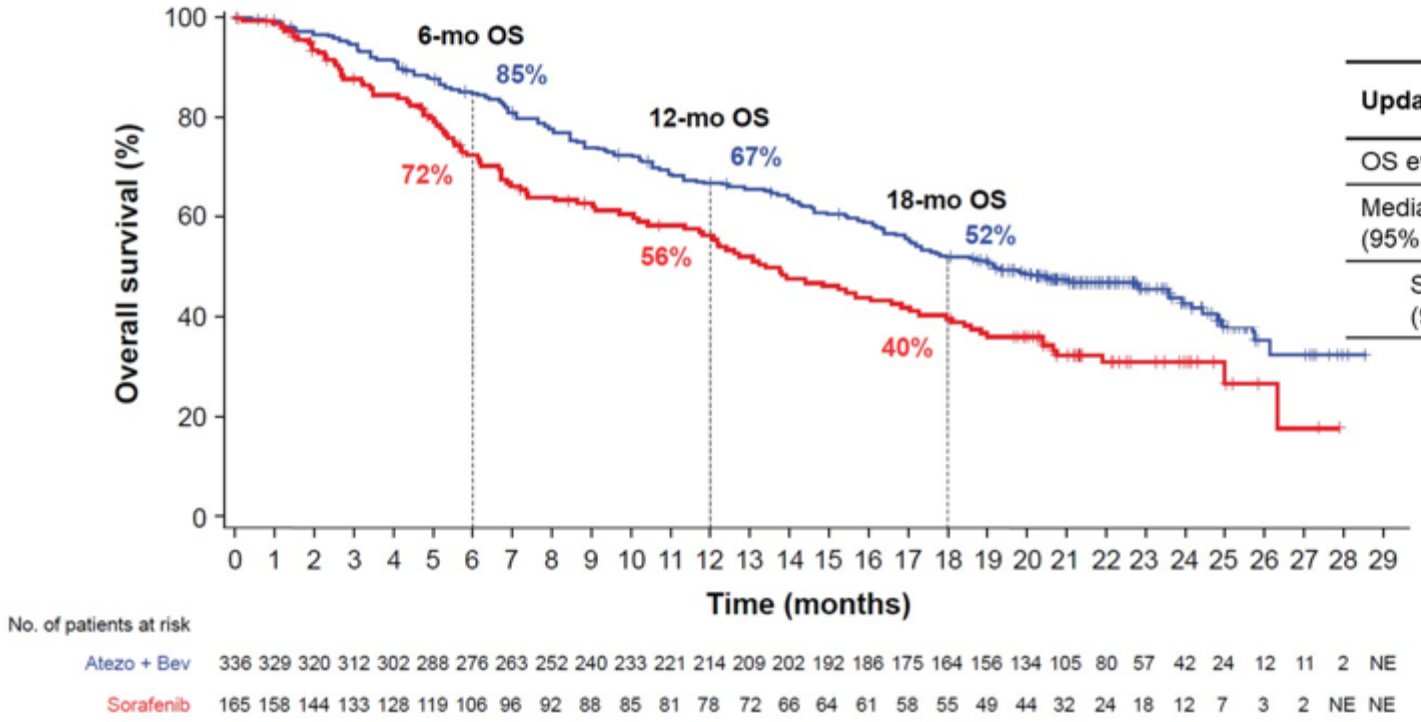




Updated Final Results Atezolizumab/Bevacizumab IMBRAVE 150 Trial

Updated OS



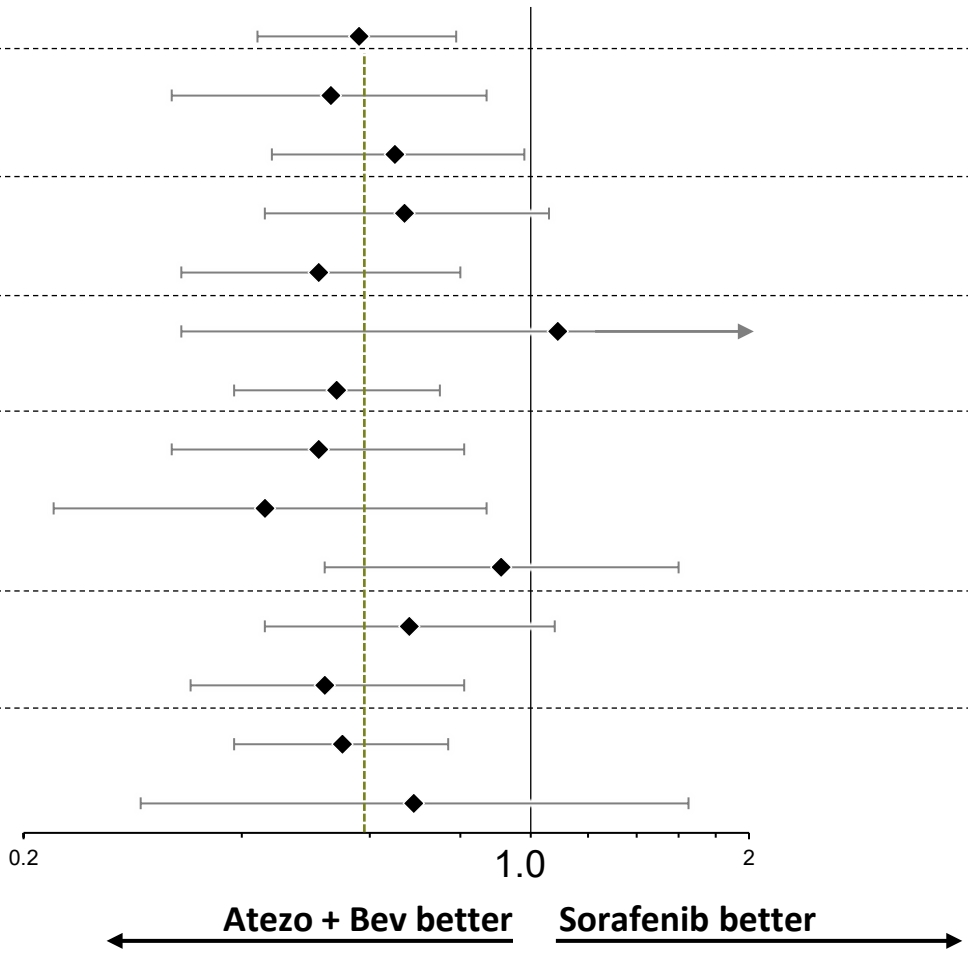
Updated OS	Atezo + Bev (n = 336)	Sorafenib (n = 165)
OS events, n (%)	180 (54)	100 (61)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	**19.2** (17.0, 23.7)	**13.4** (11.4, 16.9)
Stratified HR (95% CI)[a]	**0.66** (0.52, 0.85) *P* = 0.0009[b]	

Median OS: 19.2 months
Response Rate: 30%
Disease Control Rate: 74%
mDOR: ~18 months

Finn et al. GI ASCO 2021, J Clin Oncol 39, 2021 (suppl 3; abstr 267)

OS subgroups

Characteristic (n)	Atezo + Bev mOS, mo (n = 336)	Sorafenib mOS, mo (n = 165)	HR (95% CI)[a]
All patients (501)	NE	13.2	0.58 (0.42, 0.79)
Asia (excluding Japan[b]) (201)	NE	13.1	0.53 (0.32, 0.87)
Rest of world (300)	NE	13.2	0.65 (0.44, 0.98)
ECOG PS 0 (312)	NE	13.9	0.67 (0.43, 1.06)
ECOG PS 1 (189)	NE	7.4	0.51 (0.33, 0.80)
BCLC stage B[c] (78)	NE	14.9	1.09 (0.33, 3.53)
BCLC stage C[c] (409)	NE	11.4	0.54 (0.39, 0.75)
HBV HCC (240)	NE	13.9	0.51 (0.32, 0.81)
HCV HCC (108)	NE	13.1	0.43 (0.22, 0.87)
Non-viral HCC (153)	NE	14.9	0.91 (0.52, 1.60)
AFP ≥ 400 ng/mL (187)	12.8	9.1	0.68 (0.43, 1.08)
AFP < 400 ng/mL (314)	NE	13.9	0.52 (0.34, 0.81)
EHS and/or MVI (378)	NE	10.4	0.55 (0.39, 0.77)
No EHS and MVI (123)	NE	14.9	0.69 (0.29, 1.65)



NE, not estimable.
[a] Unstratified HR shown for all characteristics except for "All patients," where stratified HR is shown. [b] Japan is included in rest of world.
[c] BCLC stage A not shown, as there were only 14 patients; thus, estimation is not meaningful.
Data cutoff, 29 Aug 2019; median survival follow-up, 8.6 mo.

Slide derived from Cheng, AL et al. ESMO ASIA 2019 Oral Presentation

IMBRAVE 150 - AEs

Comments:

- Serious Adverse Events increased in Atezo/Bev arm slightly (38% vs. 30.8%)
    - No one clear toxicity stands out
    - Less PPE, severe diarrhea, asthenia noted
- Gastrointestinal (usually variceal) bleeding rates consistent with known risk
    - 7% vs 4.5% overall
    - Fatal bleeding/Perforation Atezo/Bev (n=6) vs sorafenib (n=1)

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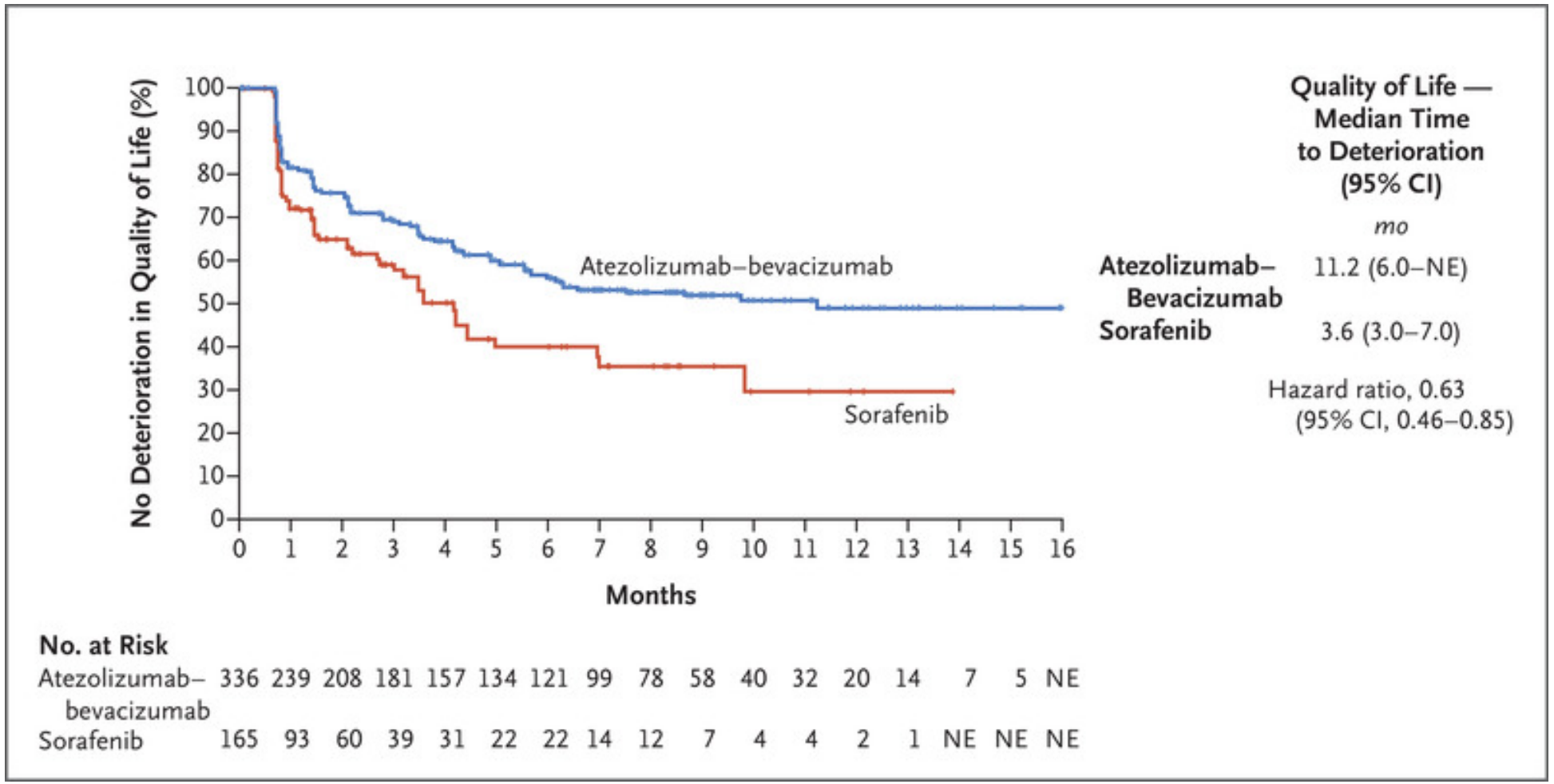
Table 4. Adverse Events with an Incidence of More Than 10% in Either Group.

Event	Atezolizumab–Bevacizumab (N=329)		Sorafenib (N=156)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
	number (percent)			
Hypertension	98 (29.8)	50 (15.2)	38 (24.4)	19 (12.2)
Fatigue	67 (20.4)	8 (2.4)	29 (18.6)	5 (3.2)
Proteinuria	66 (20.1)	10 (3.0)	11 (7.1)	1 (0.6)
Aspartate aminotransferase increase	64 (19.5)	23 (7.0)	26 (16.7)	8 (5.1)
Pruritus	64 (19.5)	0	15 (9.6)	0
Diarrhea	62 (18.8)	6 (1.8)	77 (49.4)	8 (5.1)
Decreased appetite	58 (17.6)	4 (1.2)	38 (24.4)	6 (3.8)
Pyrexia	59 (17.9)	4 (1.2)	15 (9.6)	2 (1.3)
Alanine aminotransferase increase	46 (14.0)	12 (3.6)	14 (9.0)	2 (1.3)
Constipation	44 (13.4)	0	22 (14.1)	0
Blood bilirubin increase	43 (13.1)	8 (2.4)	22 (14.1)	10 (6.4)
Rash	41 (12.5)	0	27 (17.3)	4 (2.6)
Abdominal pain	40 (12.2)	4 (1.2)	27 (17.3)	4 (2.6)
Nausea	40 (12.2)	1 (0.3)	25 (16.0)	1 (0.6)
Cough	39 (11.9)	0	15 (9.6)	1 (0.6)
Infusion-related reaction	37 (11.2)	8 (2.4)	0	0
Weight decrease	37 (11.2)	0	15 (9.6)	1 (0.6)
Platelet count decrease	35 (10.6)	11 (3.3)	18 (11.5)	2 (1.3)
Epistaxis	34 (10.3)	0	7 (4.5)	1 (0.6)
Asthenia	22 (6.7)	1 (0.3)	21 (13.5)	4 (2.6)
Alopecia	4 (1.2)	0	22 (14.1)	0
Palmar–plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	3 (0.9)	0	75 (48.1)	13 (8.3)

IMBRAVE 150 – Quality of Life Assessments



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SUMMARY: FIRST-LINE SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR HCC

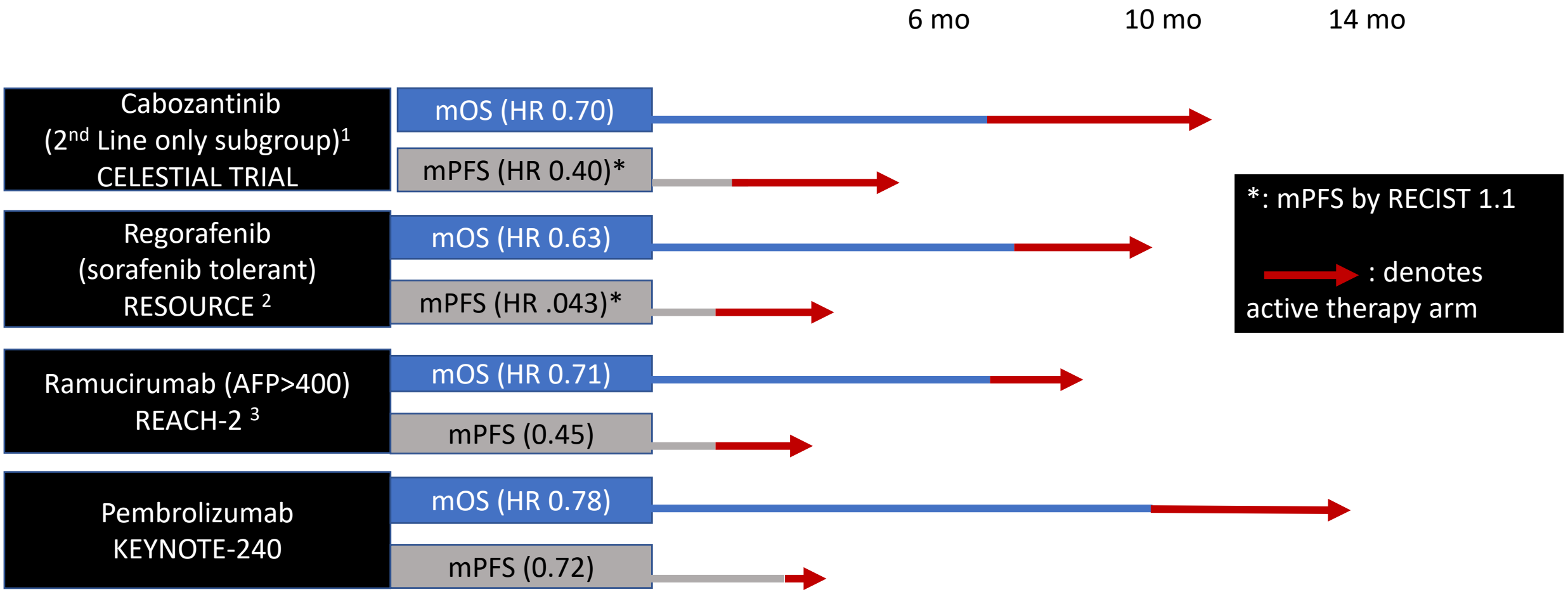
- Atezolizumab and Bevacizumab represents the favored 1st line therapy for advanced HCC for eligible patients
    - **Patients require EGD for variceal screening and treatment as indicated prior to initiation of therapy**

- In patients with advanced, unresectable HCC with Child-Pugh A cirrhosis, treatment with sorafenib resulted in a 3-month survival benefit compared to placebo.

- Lenvatinib demonstrated non-inferiority to sorafenib as 1st line therapy, with superior response rates, TTP and PFS.

- The benefit/safety of current 1st line therapy for routine use in Child-Pugh B cirrhosis is unclear.

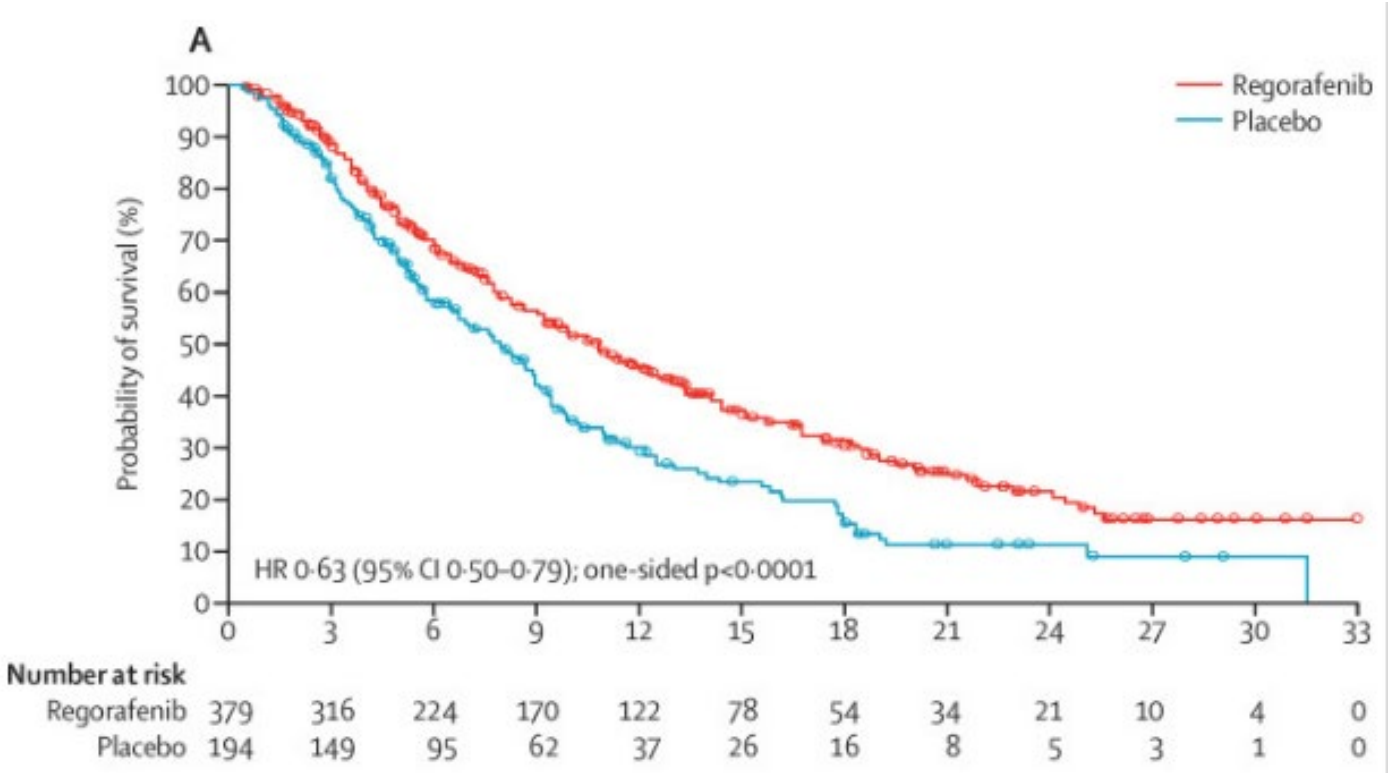
Phase III HCC Trials: Second-Line Therapy Outcomes



1. Kelley et al. ASCO 2018 Abstract 4088
2. Bruix et al. Lancet 2017 389(10064):56-66
3. Zhu et al. Lancet Oncology 2019 20(2):282-292

Regorafenib vs. Placebo (2nd line) Positive Phase III Trial Results

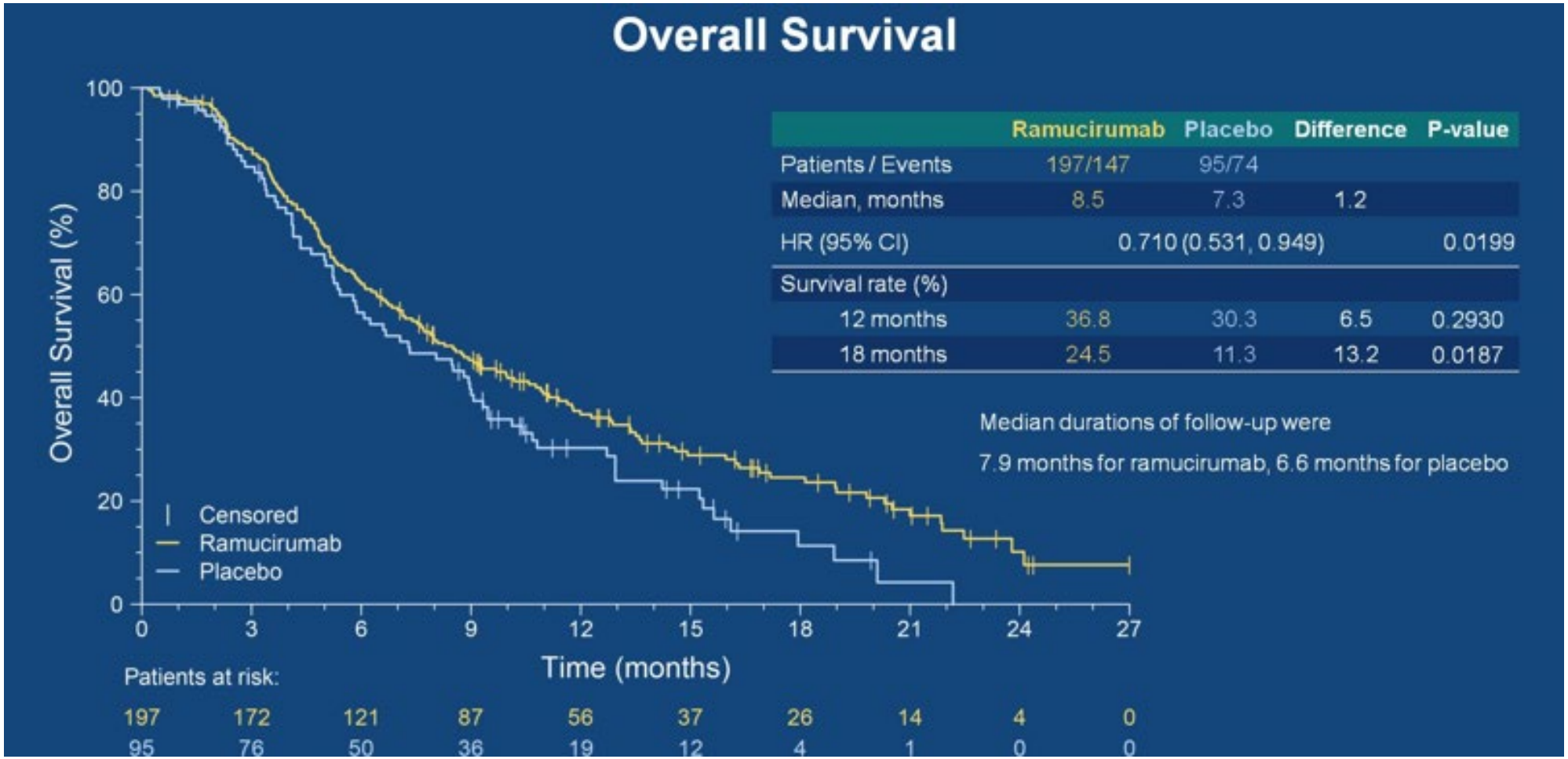
- Multi-TKI with broad activity
  - VEGFR1-3, TIE2
  - FGFR1, PDGFR-B, KIT, RET
  - C-RAF, B-RAF
- Key Patient Characteristics
  - Child Pugh A, ECOG 0-1
  - **Tolerant but progressing on sorafenib**
- Design
  - 2:1 randomized placebo-controlled trial
  - Regorafenib 160 mg days 1-21 monthly
  - Primary endpoint: improved OS
- Outcome
  - **mOS 10.6 vs 7.8 months (HR .63, p<.0001)**
  - Grade >3 Toxicity compared to placebo:
    - 10% increased HTN
    - 12% hand-foot syndrome
    - 4% fatigue
    - 3% diarrhea



FDA approved for second line HCC

Bruix J et al. Lancet Jan 2017. 389(10064):56-66

Ramucirumab as 2L therapy for HCC (in patients with AFP >400)



	Ramucirumab	Placebo	Difference	P-value
Patients / Events	197/147	95/74		
Median, months	8.5	7.3	1.2	
HR (95% CI)	0.710 (0.531, 0.949)			0.0199
Survival rate (%)				
12 months	36.8	30.3	6.5	0.2930
18 months	24.5	11.3	13.2	0.0187

Median durations of follow-up were 7.9 months for ramucirumab, 6.6 months for placebo

FDA approved as second line therapy if AFP > 400

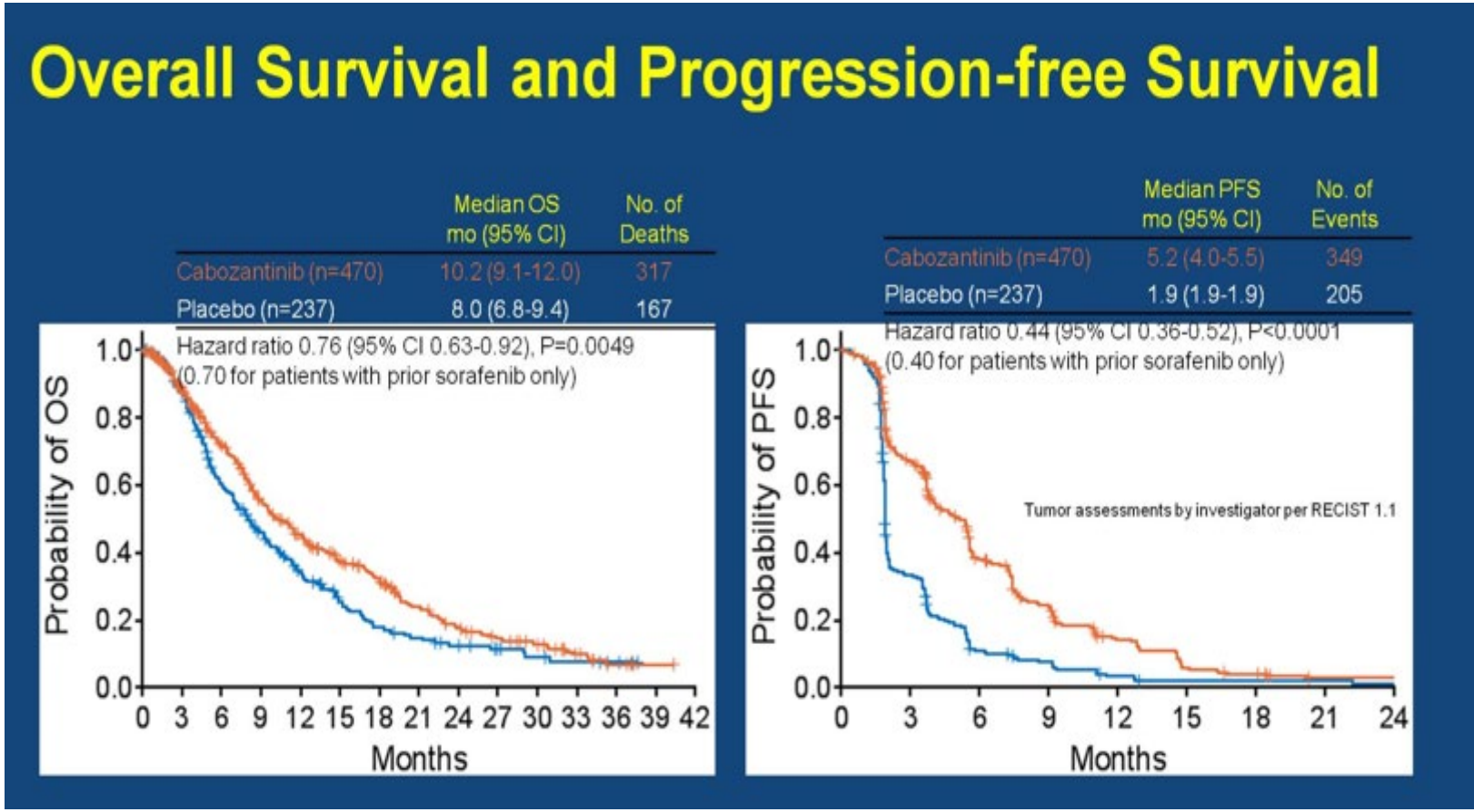
Main Grade 3-4 Toxicities: HTN (12%), Ascites (4%), encephalopathy (3%)

Zhu et al. REACH-2 Trial Oral Presentation, ASCO 2018 Annual Meeting

Cabozantinib in Refractory HCC
Positive Phase III Data in 2nd / 3rd line

Randomized Phase III trial of cabozantinib vs. placebo
→ sorafenib refractory / intolerant patients with HCC

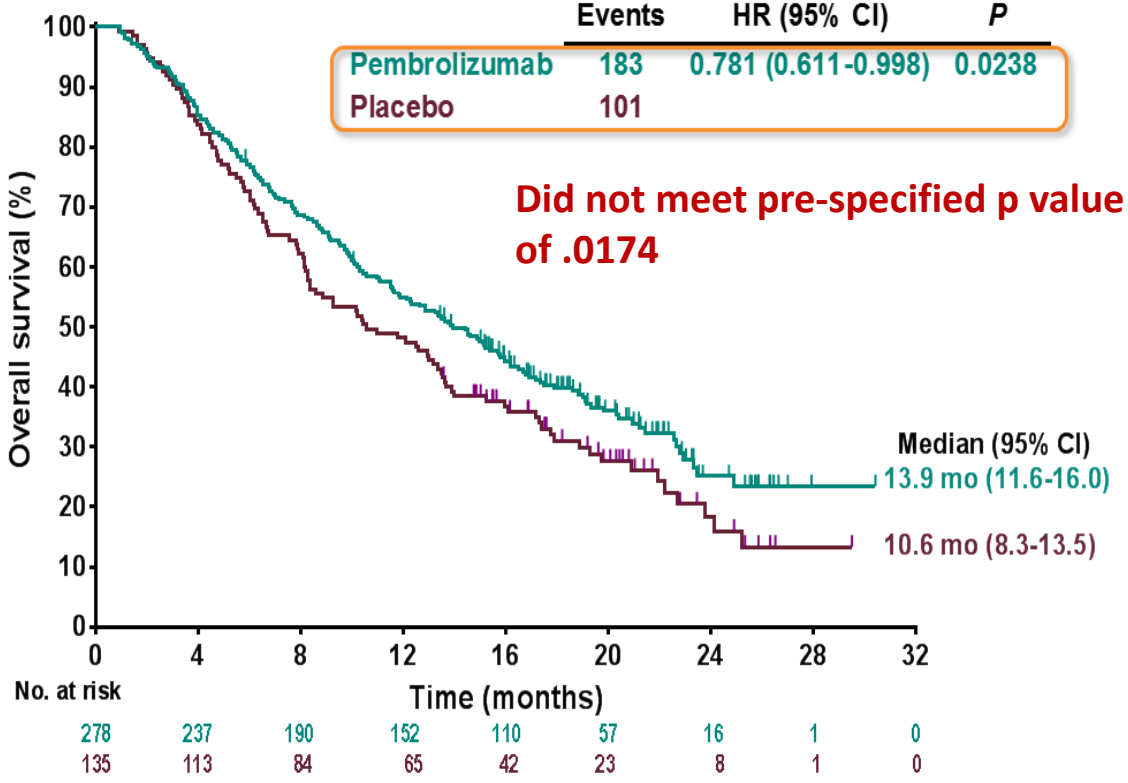
- 707 patients randomized 2:1 against placebo
- 2nd /3rd line therapy; Child-Pugh A
- mOS 10.2 vs 8.0 months (HR .76, p=.005)
- Not selected based upon c-met status
- FDA approved



Abou-Alfa GK et al. GI ASCO 2018 oral presentation; JCO 36:4s Abstr 207

Recent results: KEYNOTE-240 Trial (2nd Line Pembrolizumab vs. Placebo)

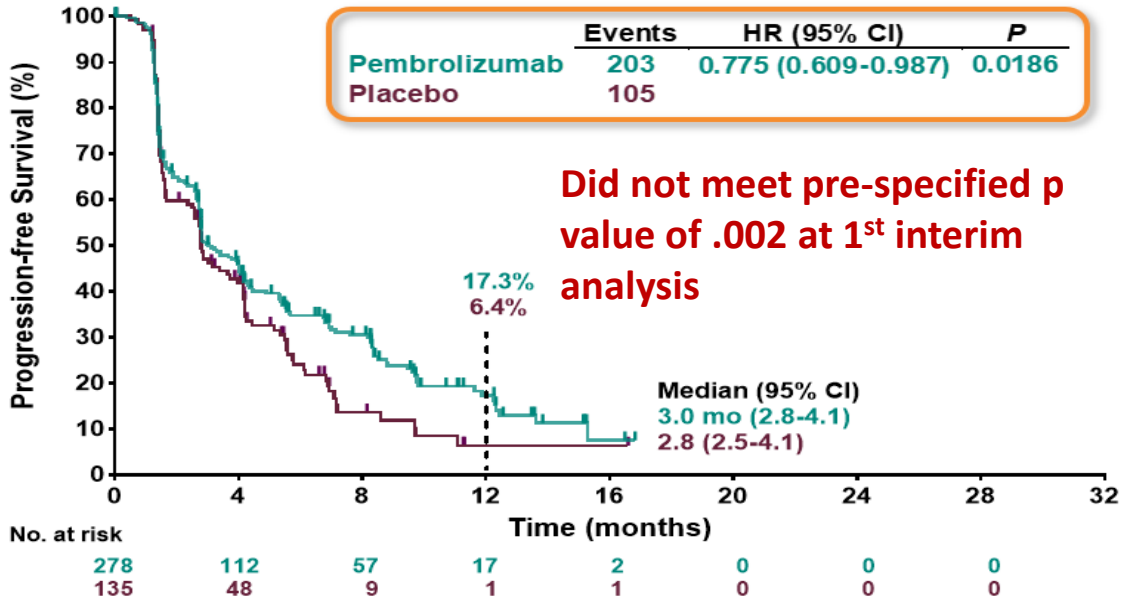
Overall Survival



Did not meet pre-specified p value of .0174

Progression-free Survival

First interim analysis



Did not meet pre-specified p value of .002 at 1st interim analysis

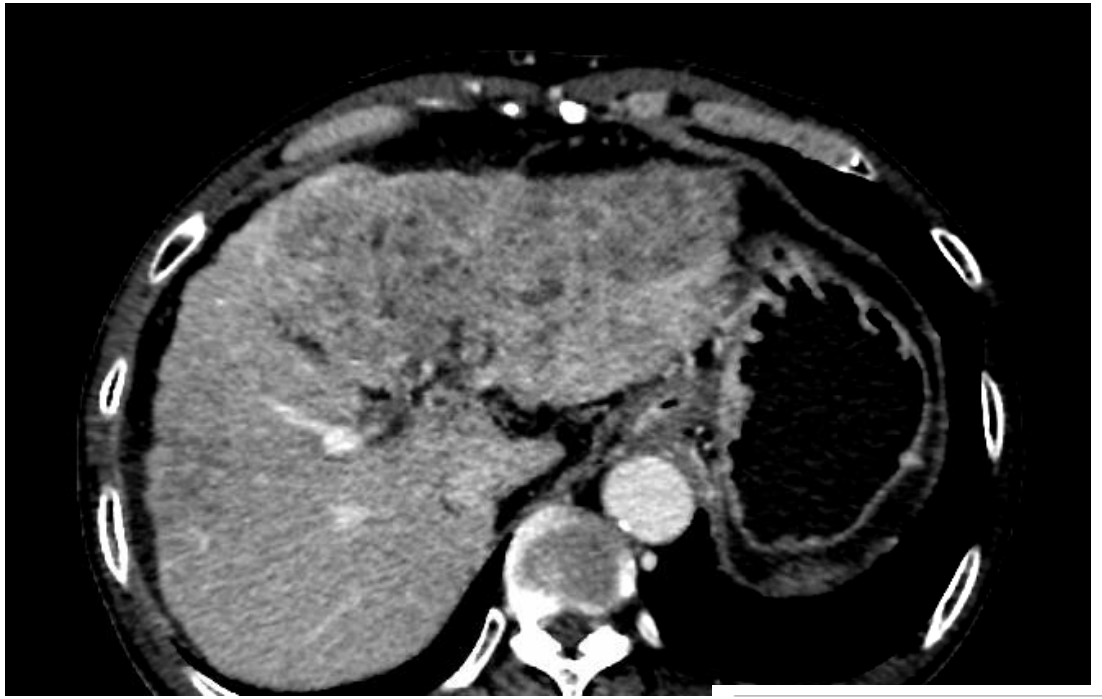
FDA approved 2nd Line irrespective of PD-L1 status despite just missing statistical endpoints in Phase III trial.

ORR 18.3% by RECIST 1.1 **Median DOR 13.8 months** **mOS 13.9 months**

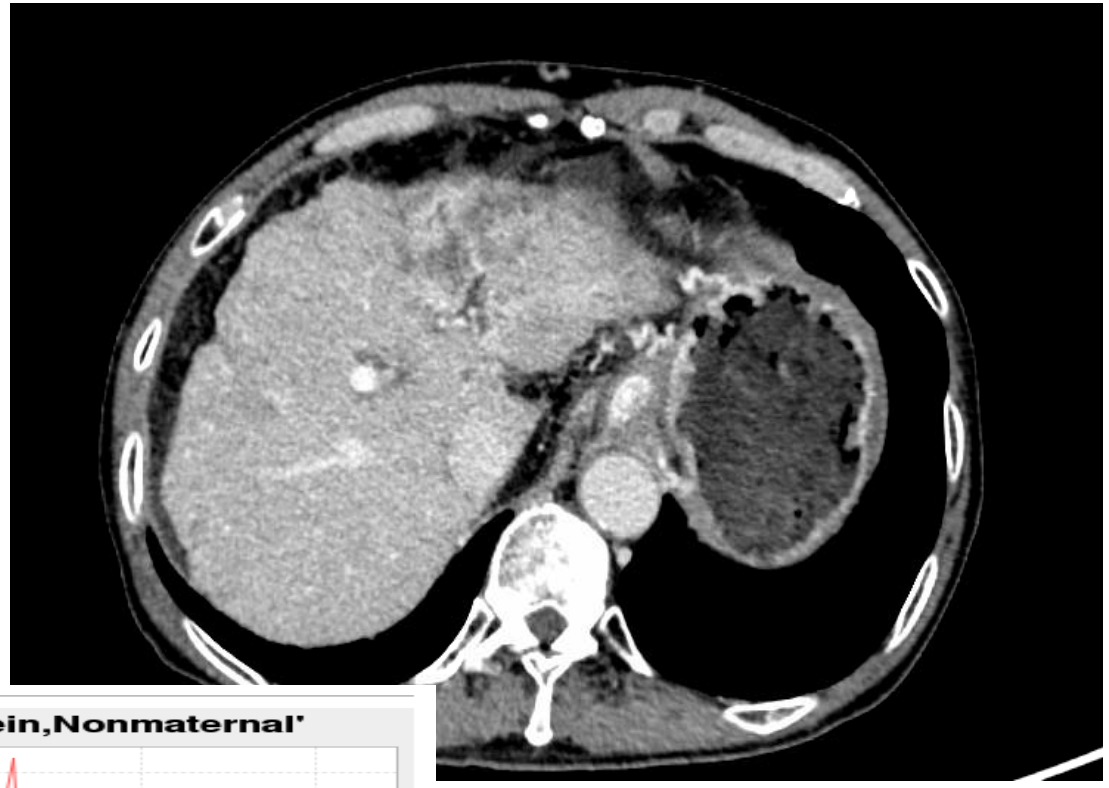
Finn et al. ASCO 2019 JCO 37(suppl; abstr 4004)

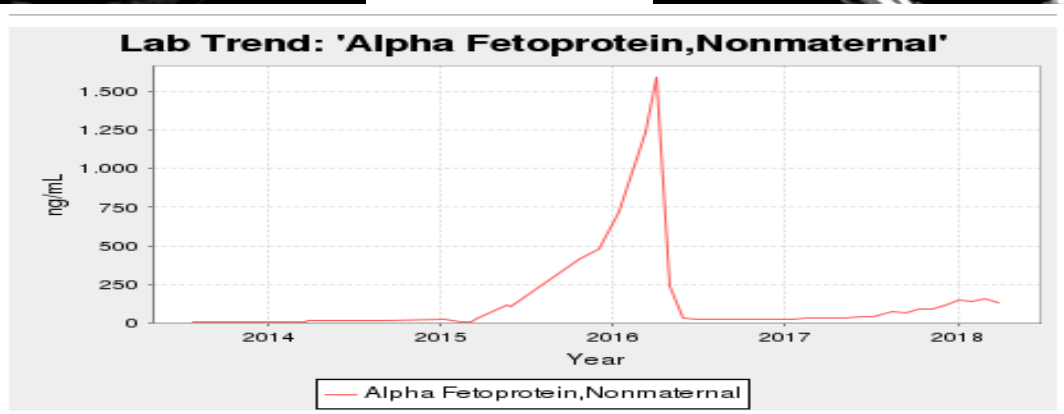
Second-Line Systemic Therapy: Case

Progressive Disease 1 year after sorafenib initiation



Scans 2 years after PD1 inhibition





Future Directions/Questions: HCC

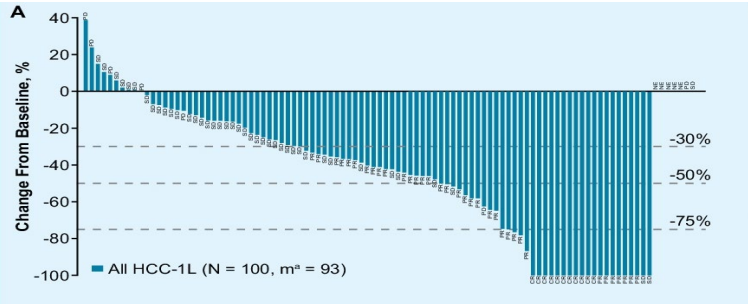
- **Optimal sequencing of currently approved agents unclear**
  - **Especially with no data to guide next steps after atezo/bev 1st line therapy**
- **Optimizing Immunotherapy approaches**

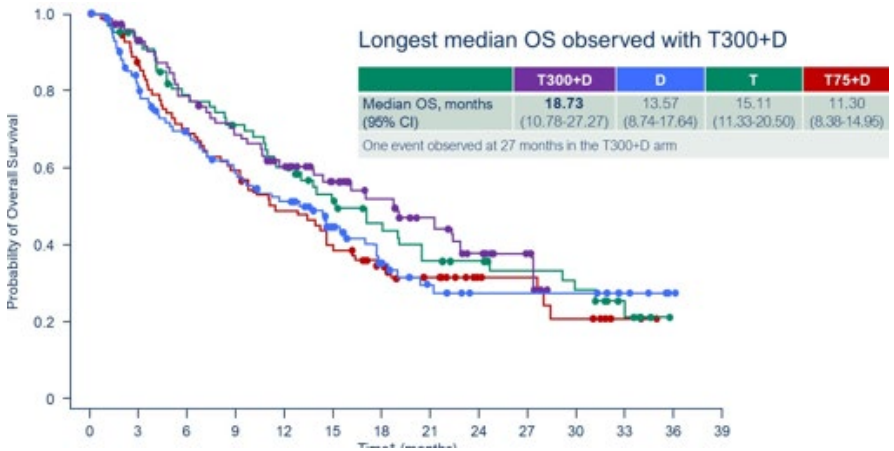
Promising combination strategies show high response rates in early phase trials; Phase III 1st line trials ongoing (results expected in 2022)

TKI + α-PD1/PDL1 (n=100)
Lenvatinib + Pembro: 36% ORR
88% DCR, mPFS 8.6 mo.

α-CTLA4 + α-PD1/PDL1 (2nd Line)
Nivo(1)/Ipi(3): 32% ORR
8% CR; 23-month mOS

One Priming Dose α-CTLA4 + α-PDL1
Tremelimumab + Durvalumab



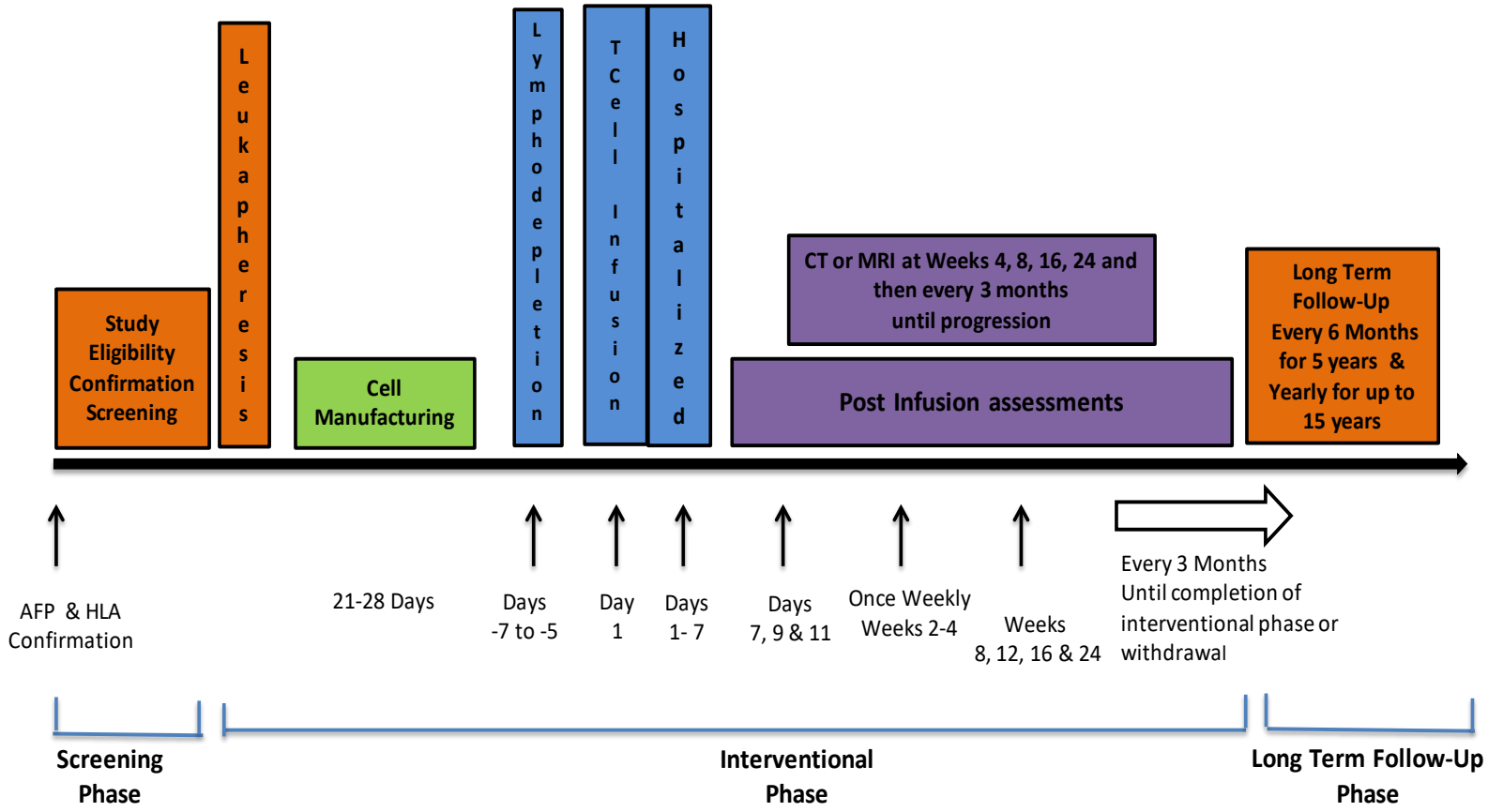


1. Zhu et al. ASCO 2020 Abstr 4519
2. Kelley et al ASCO 2020 Abstr 4508.
3. Yau et al. ASCO 2019 J Clin Oncol. 2019; 37(suppl) Abstr 4012

Future Directions: Adoptive T-cell Therapy
AFP-directed chimeric T-cell Receptor Therapy (TCR)

- Advanced HCC, any-line
- Child Pugh A
- ECOG 0-1
- HLA-A*02:01 + (~35%)
- Tumor AFP + by IHC (~40%) or elevated serum AFP
- Liver Parenchyma AFP – by IHC (most)
- Mandatory biopsies
- Requires chemotherapy conditioning

First in Human Studies, currently accruing



HCC: Final Take-home messages

- Localized therapy and liver transplantation for early-stage disease (BCLC stage A) can be curative
- For Child-Pugh A/B unresectable HCC (without vascular involvement or metastatic disease): TACE has been shown to prolong survival compared with best supportive care
- For vascular involvement/metastatic HCC or select patients with bulky intermediate stage disease (Child-Pugh A), atezolizumab and bevacizumab is standard of care as first-line therapy.
- For advanced/metastatic HCC (Child-Pugh B), the benefit of systemic therapy is less defined but may be considered in select patients.
- Multiple recently FDA approved systemic therapies in the refractory setting, with no current consensus regarding optimal selection. Many GI Oncologists would attempt TKI (Lenvatinib, sorafenib) after atezo/bev.