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## Pancreatic and Biliary Cancers: Moving the Bar Up

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# Pancreas Cancer

# RESECTABLE PDAC

## Phase 3 trials

Trial	n	Treatment Arms	Primary endpoint	Results Survival in mos	HR
CONKO-001	368	Gemcitabine x observation	DFS	13.4 x 6.7 (median OS 22.8x 20.2)	HR 0.76, p= 0.01
ESPAC-3	1088	5-FU x Gemcitabine	OS	23.0 x 23.6	HR 0.94, p=0.39
ESPAC-4	730	Gem/Capecitabine versus Gemcitabine	OS	28 x 25	HR 0.82 p=0.032
Prodige24-ACCORD	481	FOLFIRINOX x Gemcitabine	DFS	21.6 x 12.8	HR 0.58 p <0.001
			OS	54.4 x 35	HR 0.64 p =0.003

<sup>1</sup>Klinkenbijl JH et al Ann Surg 1999; <sup>2</sup>Neoptolemos JP et al N Engl J Med 2004;

<sup>3</sup>Neoptolemos JP et al JAMA 2010;

<sup>4</sup>Oettle H et al JAMA 2013; <sup>5</sup>Neoptolemos JP et al Lancet 2017

# Adjuvant Therapy Pancreas Cancer



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## NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2021 Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

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### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

#### Adjuvant Therapy

- The CONKO 001 trial demonstrated significant improvements in DFS and OS with use of postoperative gemcitabine as adjuvant chemotherapy versus observation in resectable pancreatic adenocarcinoma.<sup>1</sup>
- ESPAC-3 study results showed no significant difference in OS between 5-FU/leucovorin versus gemcitabine following surgery. When the groups receiving adjuvant 5-FU/leucovorin and adjuvant gemcitabine were compared, median survival was 23.0 months and 23.6 months, respectively.<sup>2</sup>
- Data from ESPAC-4 support the use of gemcitabine combined with capecitabine (1,660 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day days 1–21 every 4 weeks) with superiority demonstrated compared to gemcitabine alone (HR, 0.82; 95% CI, 0.68, 0.98; P = .032).<sup>3</sup>
- No significant differences were observed in the RTOG 97-04 study comparing pre- and post-chemoradiation 5-FU with pre- and post-chemoradiation gemcitabine for postoperative adjuvant treatment.<sup>4</sup>
- Recommended adjuvant therapy options apply to patients who did not receive prior neoadjuvant therapy. For those who received prior neoadjuvant therapy, the adjuvant therapy options are dependent on the response to neoadjuvant therapy and other clinical

Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modified FOLFIRINOX (category 1)<sup>a</sup></li><li>Gemcitabine + capecitabine (category 1)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gemcitabine (category 1)</li><li>5-FU + leucovorin (category 1)</li><li>Continuous infusion 5-FU</li><li>Capecitabine (category 2B)</li><li>Induction chemotherapy (gemcitabine, 5-FU + leucovorin, or continuous infusion 5-FU) followed by chemoradiation<sup>b,c</sup></li><li>Induction chemotherapy (gemcitabine, 5-FU + leucovorin, or continuous infusion 5-FU) followed by chemoradiation<sup>b,c</sup> followed by subsequent chemotherapy:<sup>4</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gemcitabine followed by chemoradiation<sup>b,c</sup> followed by gemcitabine</li><li>Bolus 5-FU + leucovorin followed by chemoradiation<sup>b,c</sup> followed by bolus 5-FU + leucovorin</li><li>Continuous infusion 5-FU followed by chemoradiation<sup>b,c</sup> followed by continuous infusion 5-FU</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>

<sup>a</sup>FOLFIRINOX or modified FOLFIRINOX should be limited to those with ECOG 0-1.

# NEOADJUVANT THERAPY

# Background

Study	Randomization	Resectability	# Patients	OS in months	Other Endpoints
<b>PREOPERATIVE</b>					
PREOPANC-1 Versteijne E JCO Jan, 2022	G+XRT-S S- G	Resectable or borderline resectable	119 x 127	15.7 (N) x 14.3 (S) (HR 0.78. p=0.025)	R0 71% (N) x 40% (S) (p<.001) 5 year: 20.5% x 6.5%
Preop-02/JSA 05 JCO 37 S4;A189, 2019	GS1 x 2-S –GS1 x 6 S- GS1 x 6	Resectable	182 x 180	36.7 (9N) x 26.6(S) HR 0.72 p=0.015	No reported change in resection rates

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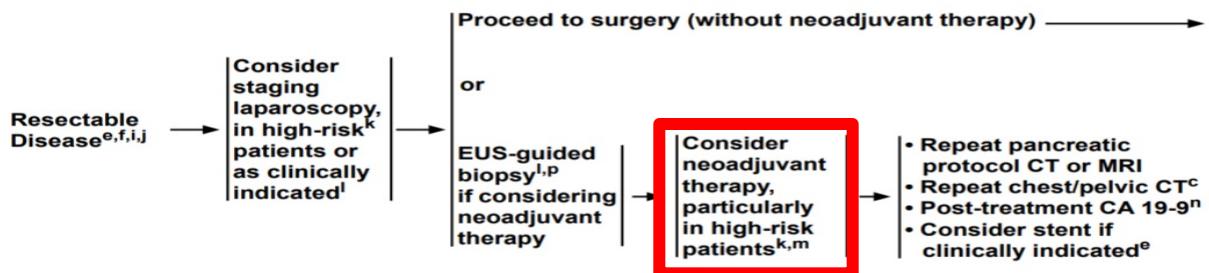


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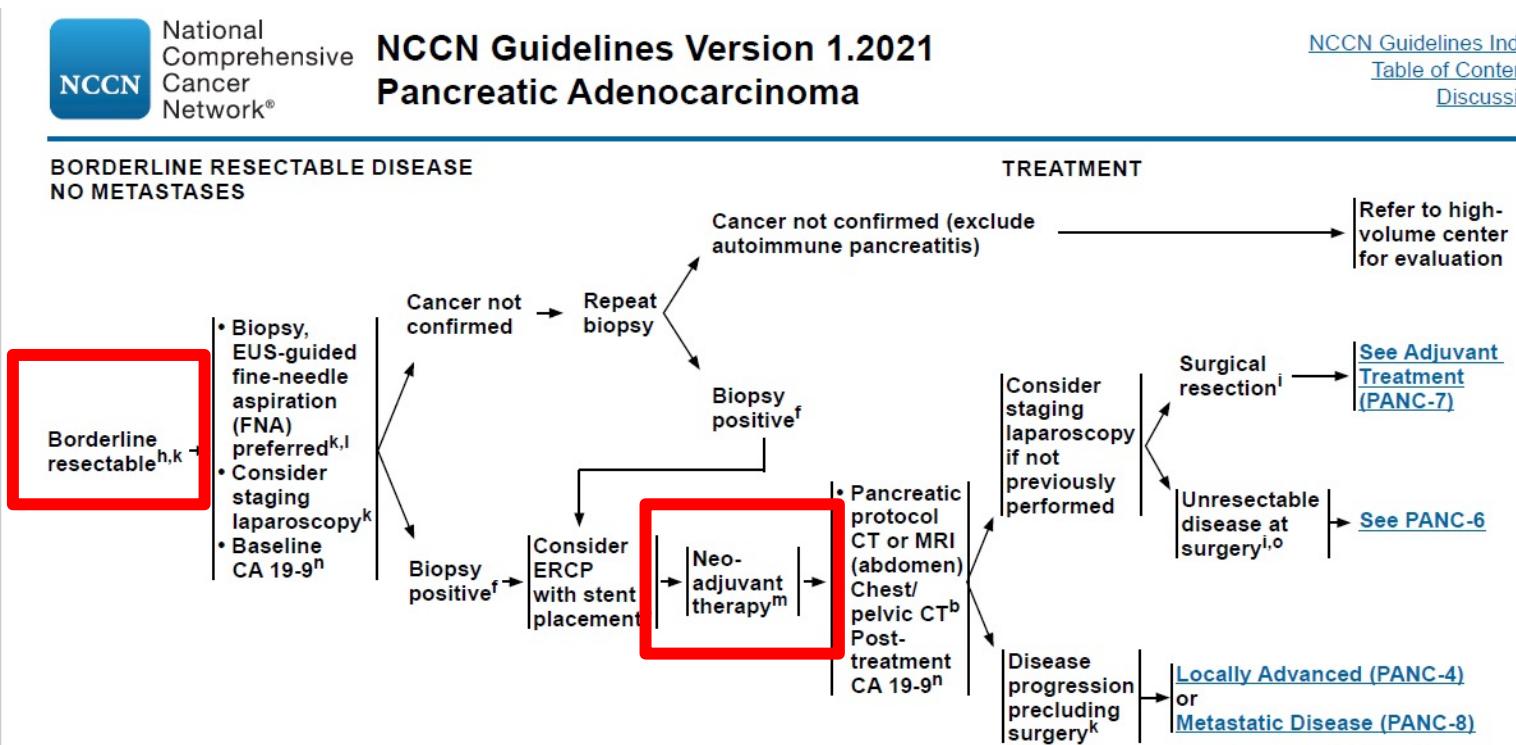
### RESECTABLE DISEASE

### TREATMENT



<sup>k</sup> High-risk features include imaging findings, very highly elevated CA 19-9, large primary tumors, large regional lymph nodes, excessive weight loss, extreme pain.

<sup>m</sup> There is limited evidence to recommend specific neoadjuvant regimens off-study, and practices vary with regard to the use of chemotherapy and chemoradiation.



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# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

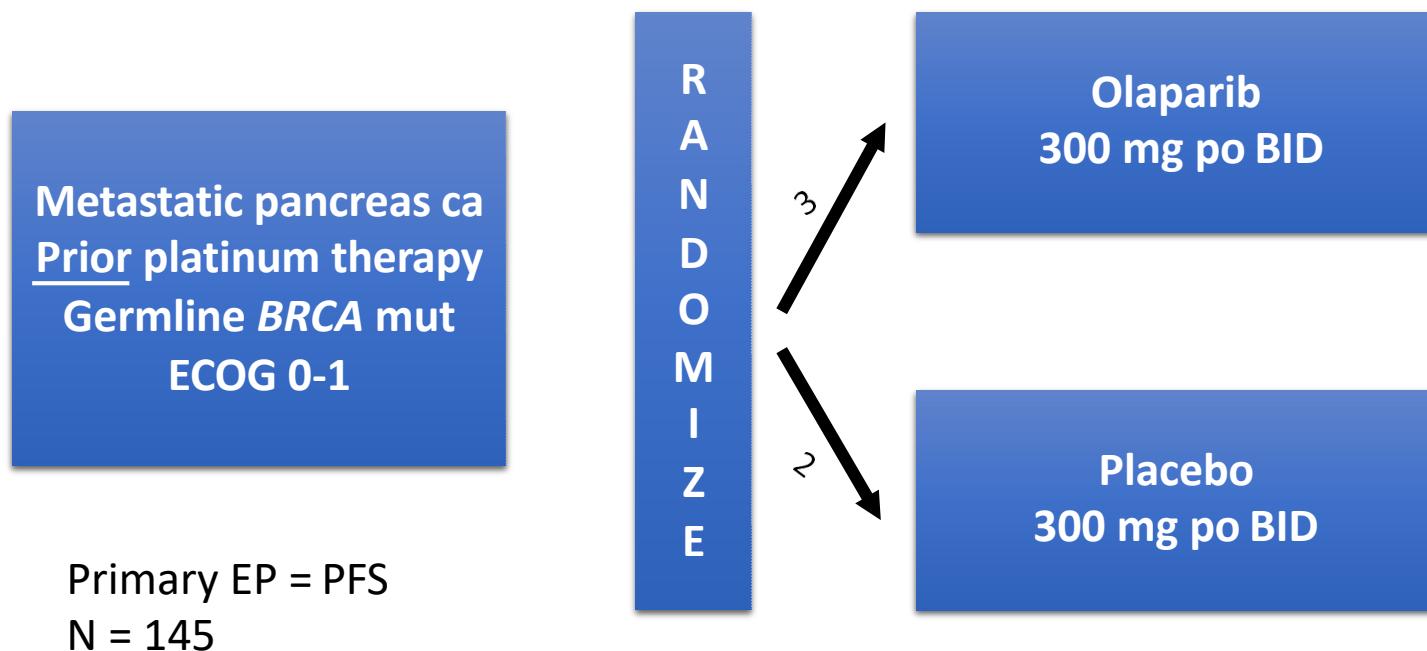
- Neoadjuvant treatment in resectable pancreas cancer is an attractive option for many patients with resectable tumors
- Neoadjuvant treatment should be considered for borderline resectable tumors.
- Alliance 021806 will address the role of FOLFIRINOX in the neoadjuvant setting

# We Have Made Progress in the 1<sup>st</sup>-Line Metastatic Setting

Trial <sup>1</sup>	Date	Patients (n)	Treatment	Median survival (mo)	P value
Burris et al <sup>2</sup>	1997	126 (unresectable, LA or metastatic pancreatic cancer)	5-FU vs. gemcitabine	4.41 5.65*	Log-Rank Test 0.0025
NCIC <sup>3</sup>	2007	569 (unresectable, LA or metastatic pancreatic cancer)	gemcitabine vs. gemcitabine + erlotinib	5.91 6.24	0.038 (HR = 0.82 [95% CI, 0.69–0.99])
PRODIGE <sup>4</sup>	2011	342 (metastatic)	gemcitabine vs. FOLFIRINOX	6.8 11.1	<0.001 (HR = 0.57 [95% CI, 0.45–0.73])
Ueno, et al <sup>5</sup>	2013	834 (LA, or metastatic pancreatic cancer)	gemcitabine vs. S-1 vs. gemcitabine + S-1	8.8 9.7 10.1	gemcitabine vs. S-1: <0.001 (non-inferiority; HR = 0.96 [97.5% CI, 0.78–1.18]) gemcitabine vs. gemcitabine + S-1: 0.15 (superiority; HR = 0.88 [97.5% CI, 0.71–1.08])
MPACT <sup>6</sup>	2013	861 (metastatic)	gemcitabine vs. gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel	6.7 8.5	<0.001 (HR = 0.72 [95% CI, 0.62–0.83])

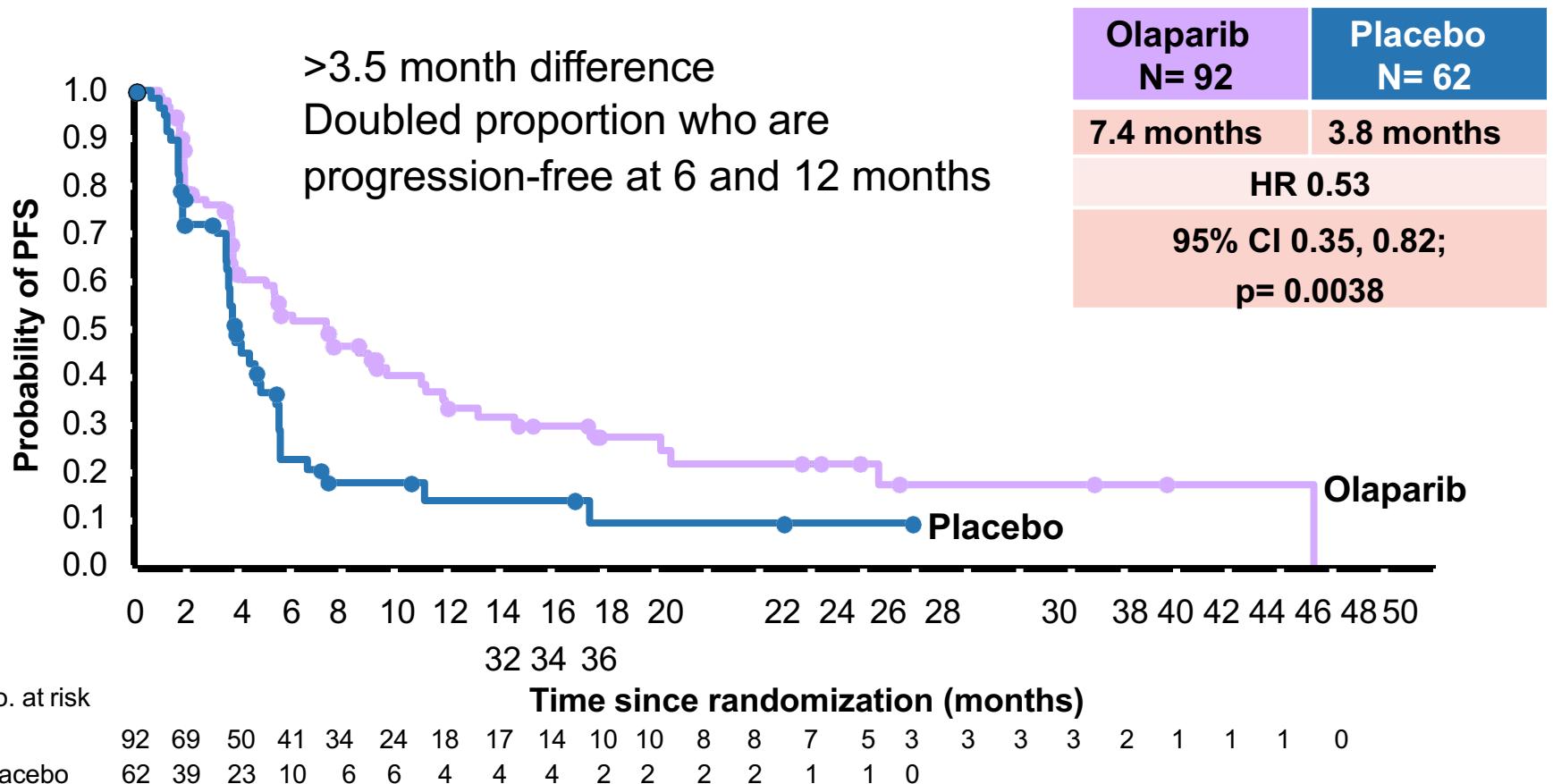
1. Ryan DP, et al. N Engl J Med 2014;371:1039;
2. Burris HA, et al. J Clin Oncol 1997;15:2403;
3. Moore MJ, et al. J Clin Oncol 2007;25:1960; 4. Conroy T, et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364:1817;
5. Ueno H, et al. J Clin Oncol 2013;31:1640;
6. Von Hoff DD, et al. N Engl J Med 2013;369:1691.

# POLO: Phase 3 international PARPi maintenance study in gBRCA mutated patients

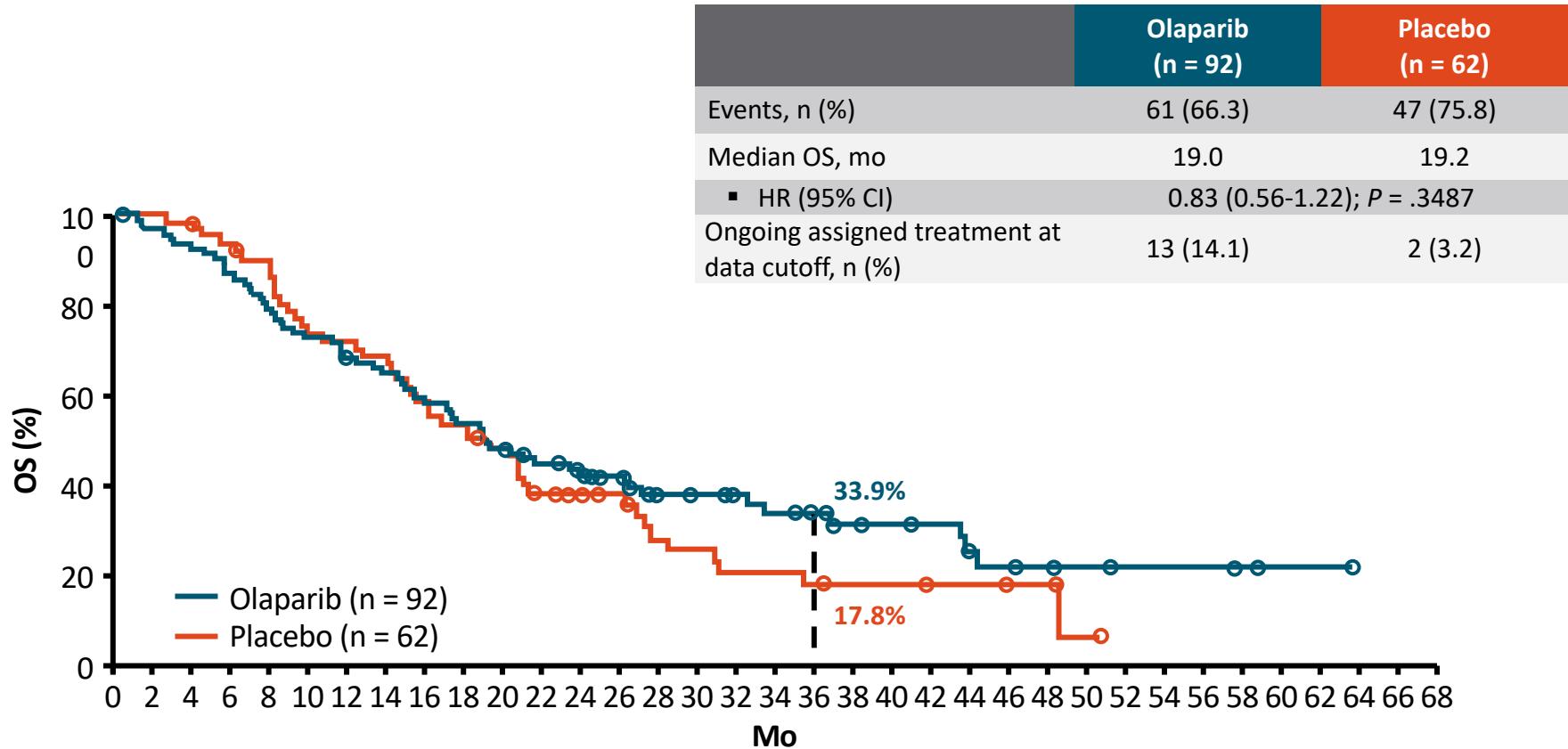


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# Primary Endpoint: Blinded Central Review

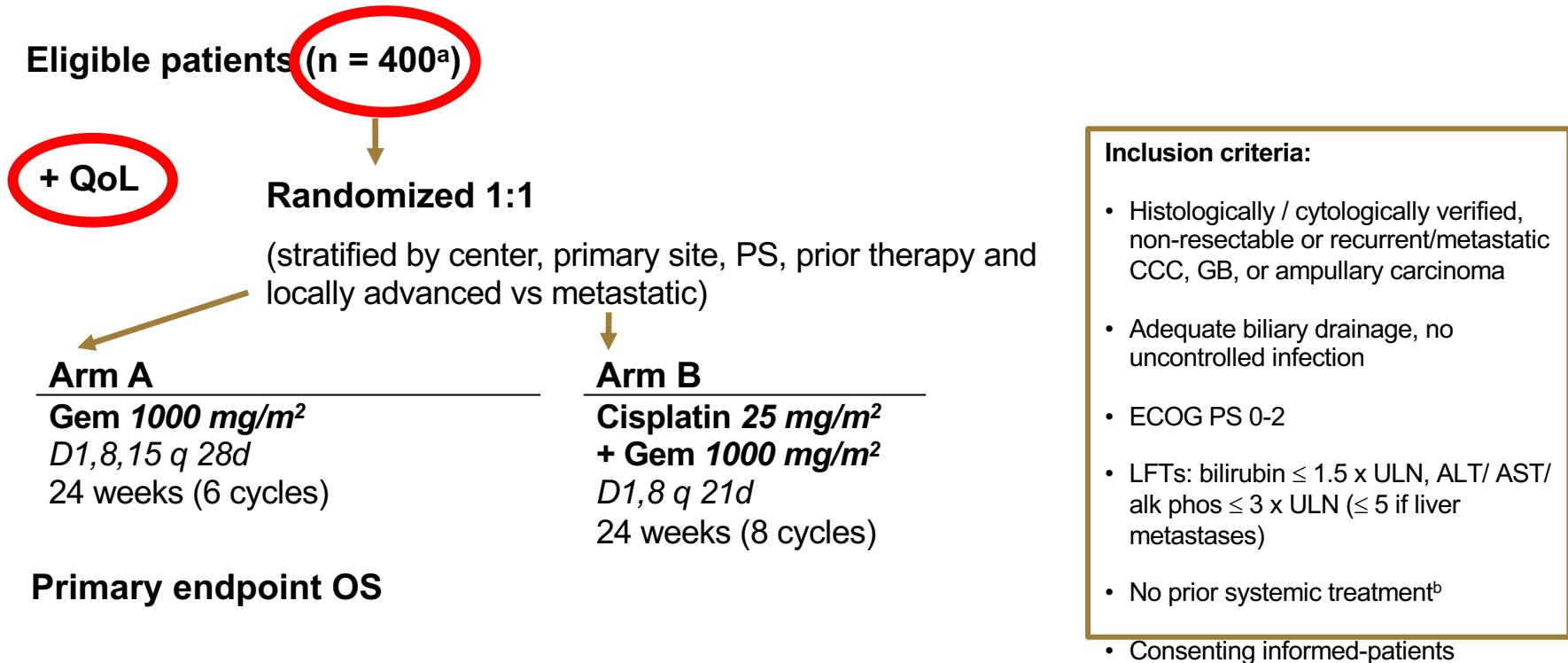


# POLO: Final OS



# Biliary Cancer

# Prospective, National, Multicenter Phase 3 Study: ABC-02 Schema



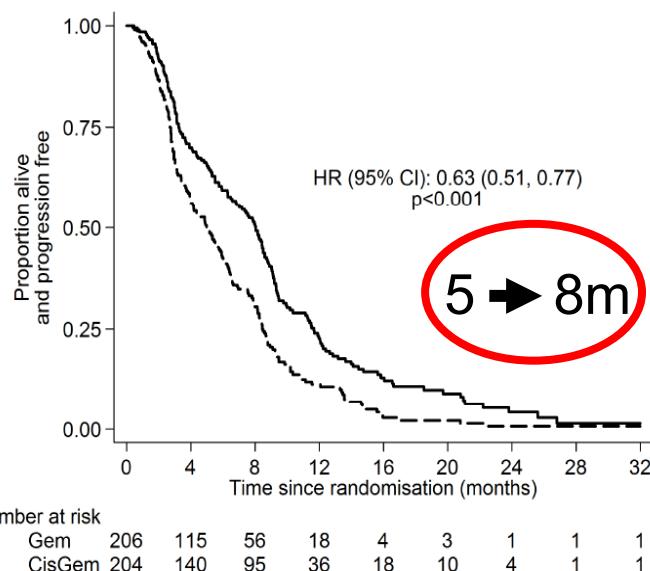
<sup>a</sup> Including 86 patients in ABC-01.

<sup>b</sup> Allowed: palliative surgery, relapse following curative surgery, PDT, radiotherapy with documented progression.

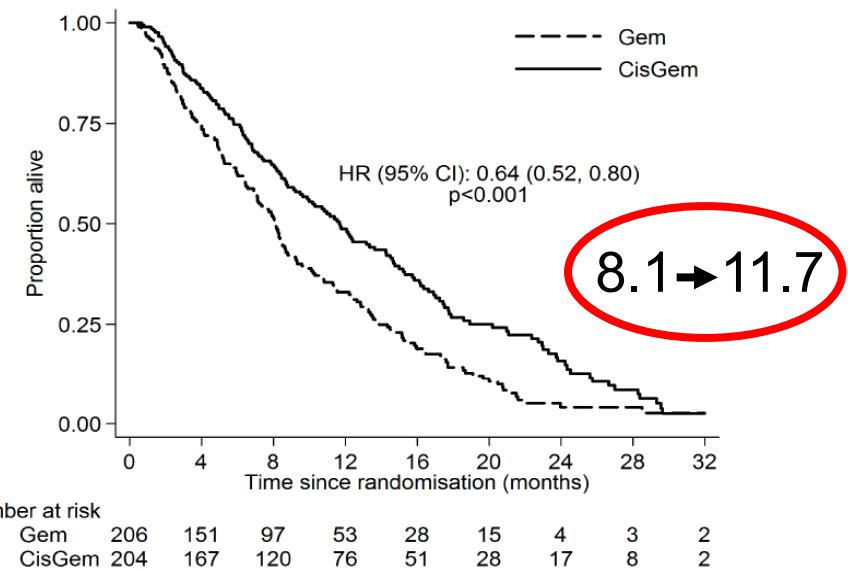
Valle J, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;362(14):1273-1281.

# ABC-02 Results

## Progression-free Survival (ITT)



## Overall Survival (ITT)



Valle J, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;362(14):1273-1281.

# ABC-02 Conclusions

- Cisplatin and gemcitabine for advanced biliary cancer significantly improved overall survival (by 3.6 m)
- Reduced risk of death by 36% (HR 0.64,  $P <0.001$ )
- Significantly improved progression-free survival and tumour control
- CisGem is recommended as a standard of care and the backbone for future studies

# Gemcitabine/DDP/Nab-paclitaxel

## GCN regimen

**Gem/Cis/nab-paclitaxel<sup>1</sup>**

[NCT02392637]

USA (MDA and Mayo)

Single-arm, phase 2

N =61

Schedule | gemcitabine 800mg/m<sup>2</sup> + cisplatin 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; D1,8 q21d

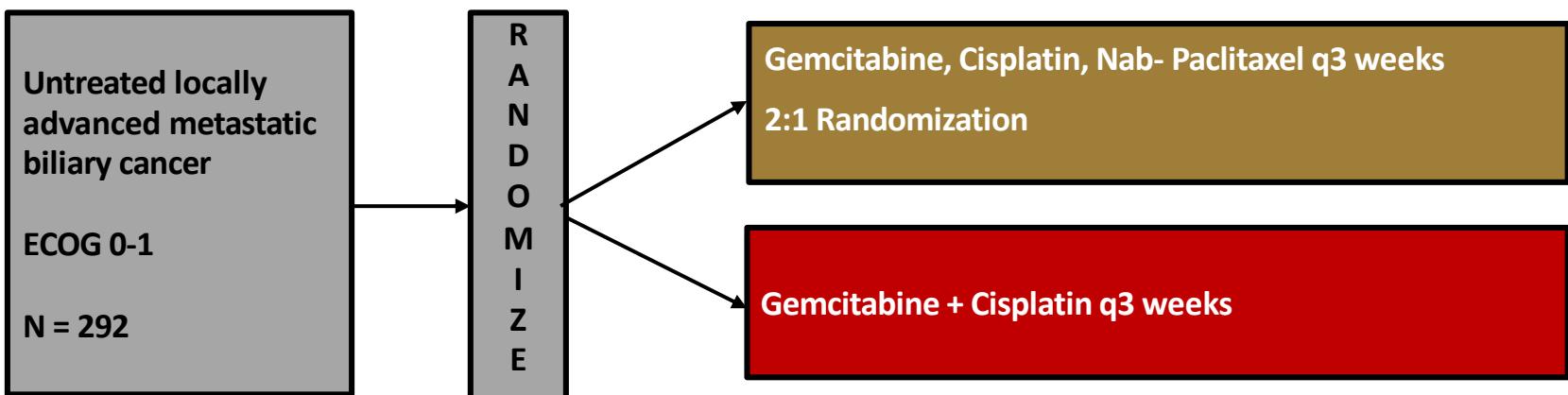
8 (63%) ICC, 9 (15%) ECC, 13 (22%) GBC, 47 (78%) had metastatic disease, and 13 (22%) had locally advanced disease

PFS: 11.8 months

PR: 45%

OS: 19.2 months

# Phase 3 SWOG 1815



Primary endpoint: overall survival

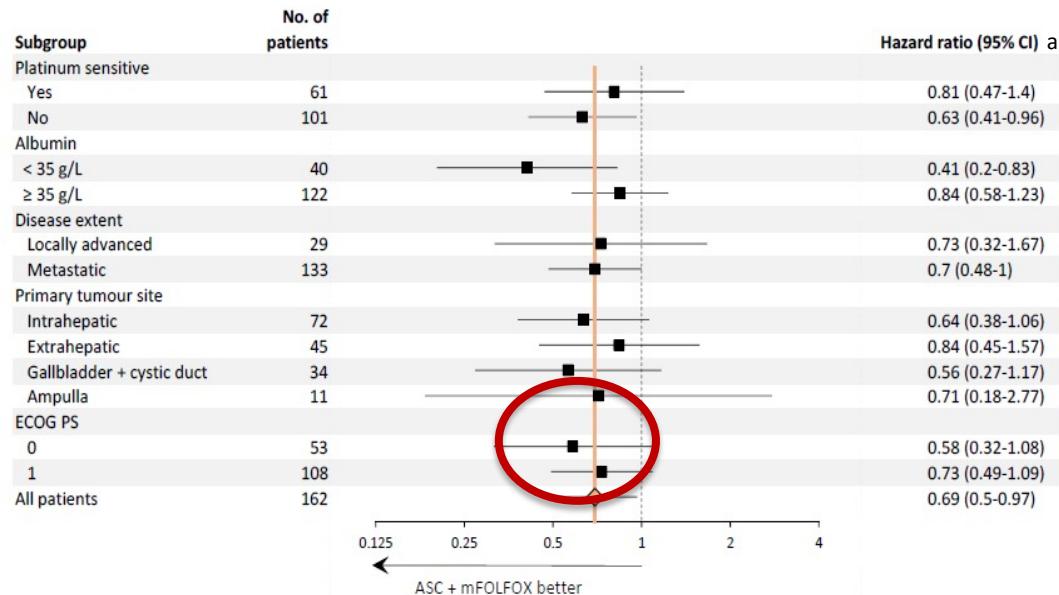
Secondary: ORR, PFS, DCR, Safety, Ca 19-9 response

<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03768414>. Accessed October 7, 2019.

# ABC-06: Active Symptom Control ± mFOLFOX

- ASC ± mFOLFOX in ABC after prior gemcitabine/cisplatin therapy
- 162 patients were randomized (1:1)
  - 44% intrahepatic, 28% extrahepatic, 21% gallbladder, and 7% ampullary
- Median OS: 5.3 mo ASC vs. 6.2 mo combo (adjusted HR 0.69 [95% CI 0.50-0.97];  $P = 0.031$ )
  - 6-month survival rate: 35.5% vs 50.6%
  - 12-month survival rate: 11.4% vs 25.9%
- Grade 3/4 toxicities were reported in 32 (39%) and 48 (59%) patients in the ASC alone and combination groups, respectively

## Supgroup Analyses All Favor the Combination Over ASC Alone

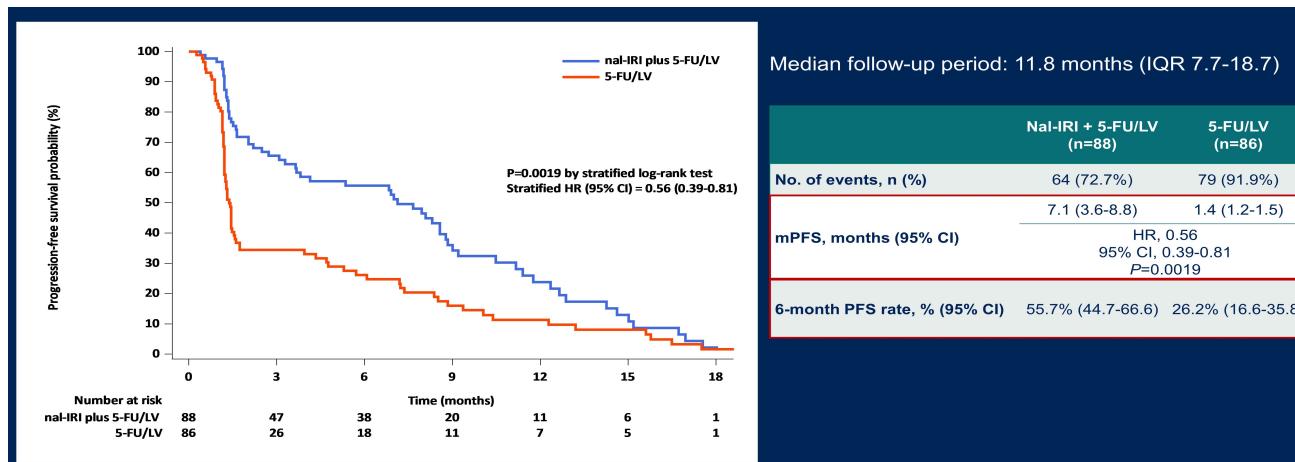


<sup>a</sup> HRs are adjusted for platinum sensitivity, albumin and stage.

ASC, active symptom control.

# Liposomal Irinotecan + 5FU

- NIFTY Phase IIb study: second-line biliary tract cancer, after progression to CisGem: 88 pts Nal-IRI/5FU vs 86 5FU
- Benefit in PFS



- Partial response rate: 14.8% vs 5.8%
- OS 8.6 vs 5.5 (HR 0.68 (0.48-0.98); p-value 0.039)

Yoo et al ASCO 2021

# Potential Targets

## The Phase 2 Dabrafenib and trametinib: BRAF V600E-mutated BTC Rare Oncology Agnostic Research (ROAR) basket trial

- *BRAF* mutations have been reported in approximately 5%-7% of iCCAs; these mutations may be enriched in iCCA vs other types of biliary cancers
- **Phase 2 study in 43 pts**
  - **ORR 47% (95% CI, 31–62)** – central review
  - Duration of response: 9 months (95% CI, 6–14)
  - PFS: 9 months (95% CI, 5–10)
  - OS: 14 months (95% CI, 10–33)

# Ivosidenib Phase 1 and Phase 3 Studies

## Phase 1 Study

CCA, chondrosarcoma, glioma, others

[NCT02073994]

**CCA cohort<sup>1</sup>:** n = 73 [dose escalation (n = 24); dose-expansion 500 mg QD (n = 49)]

No DLTs; drug-related AEs: fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting

### Activity:

Median PFS 3.8 months

6-month PFS: 40.1%

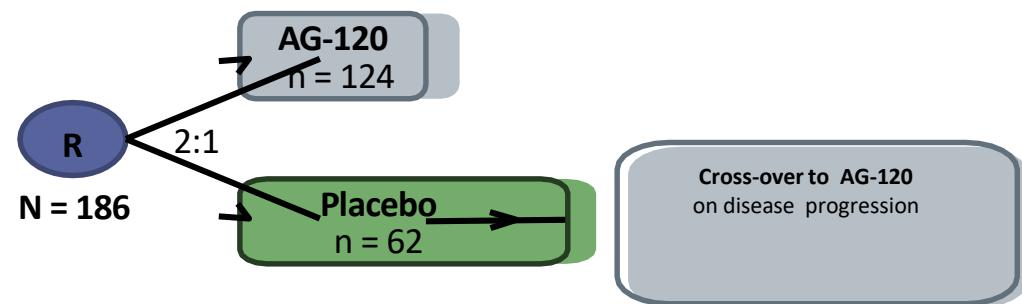
12-month PFS: 21.8%

RR 5% (4 PRs)

OS: 13.8 m

## Phase 3 Study (ClarIDHy)

Second-line, placebo- controlled  
[NCT02989857]<sup>2</sup>



AG-120 is a first-in-class, potent, oral inhibitor of the mutant IDH1 enzyme

## IDH1 Mutations

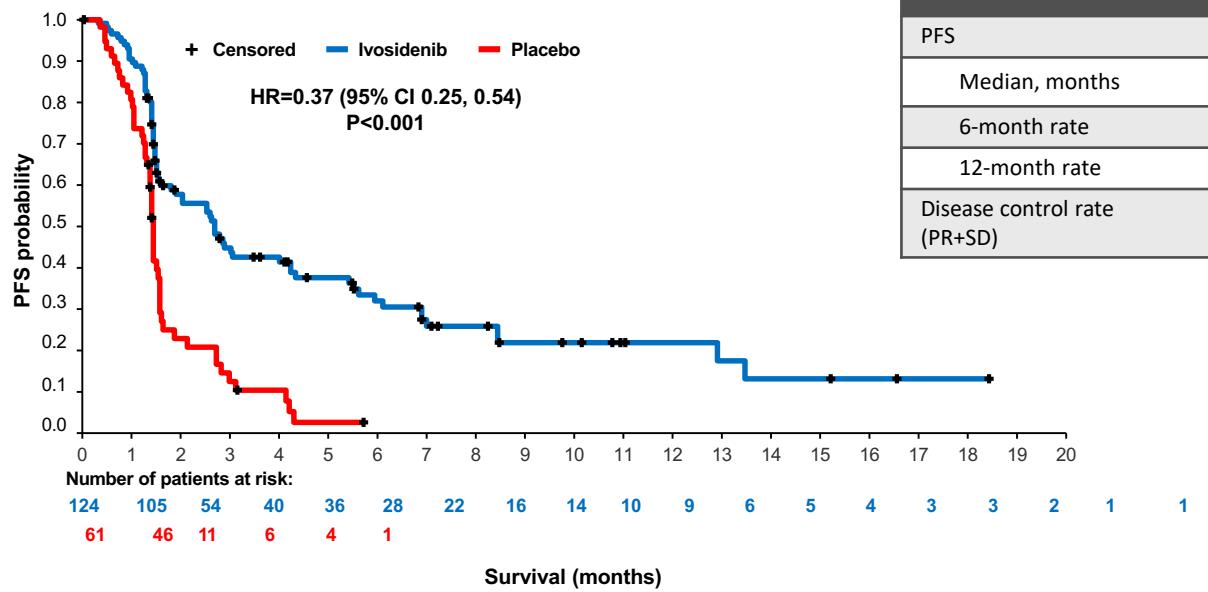
IHCCA (22%)

Chondrosarcoma (50%)

Glioma (80%)

Abou-Alfa, GK. Lancet Oncol, 2020

## ClarIDHy: PFS by IRC



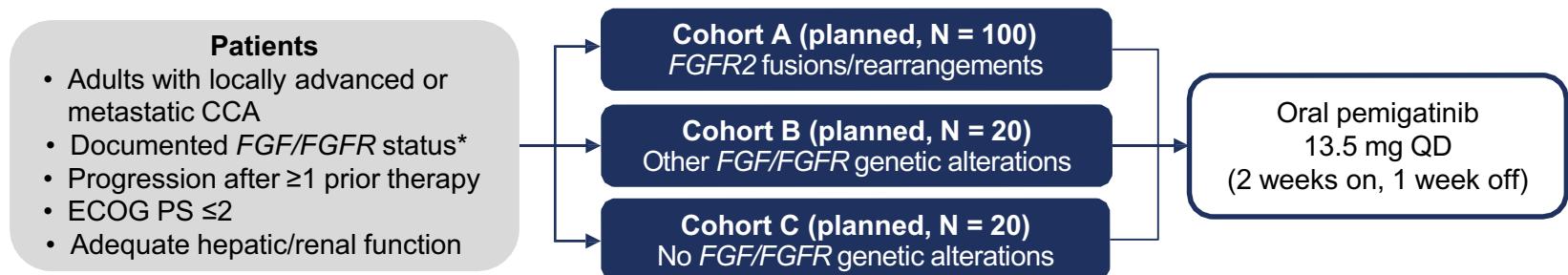
NE = not estimable; PR = partial response; SD = stable disease.

- mOS (months; adjusted for cross-over): 10.8 vs 6 months (9.7 months unadjusted)

Abou-Alfa, GK. Lancet Oncol, 2020

# FIGHT-202 STUDY DESIGN

- Phase 2 open-label, single-arm study evaluating the efficacy and safety of pemigatinib in patients with previously treated locally advanced or metastatic CCA (NCT02924376)
  - Sites opened in the United States, Europe, Middle East, and Asia



## FGFR2

- Physiologic roles: cell proliferation, differentiation, migration, angiogenesis
- Approx. 10-15% IHCCA
- FGFR fusions: ligand independent activation of FGFR

# RESPONSE

Variable	Cohort A (n = 107) <i>FGFR2 Fusions/ Rearrangements</i>	Cohort B (n = 20) <i>Other FGF/FGFR Genetic Alterations</i>	Cohort C (n = 18) <i>No FGF/FGFR Genetic Alterations</i>
ORR (95% CI), %	<b>35.5 (26.50–45.35)</b>	0	0
Best OR,* n (%)	3 (2.8)	0	0
CR	35 (32.7)	0	0
PR	50 (46.7)	8 (40.0)	4 (22.2)
SD	16 (15.0)	7 (35.0)	11 (61.1)
PD	3 (2.8)	5 (25.0)	3 (16.7)
Not evaluable†			
Median DOR (95% CI), mo	7.5 (5.7–14.5)	—	—
DCR (CR + PR + SD) (95% CI), %	82 (74–89)	40 (19–64)	22 (6–48)

\* Assessed and confirmed by independent central review.

† Postbaseline tumor assessment was not performed owing to study discontinuation (2 participants in cohort A, 4 participants in cohort B, 3 participants in cohort C) or was performed prior to the minimum interval of 39 days for an assessment of SD (1 participant in cohort A, 1 participant in cohort B).

# ADVERSE EVENTS OCCURRING IN $\geq 25\%$ OF PATIENTS

Any AEs (N = 146)\*

	Count	Percentage (%)
<b>Hyperphosphatemia†</b>	<b>88 (60)</b>	<b>0</b>
Alopecia	72 (49)	0
Diarrhea	68 (47)	4 (3)
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>62 (42)</b>	<b>7 (5)</b>
Nail toxicities†	62 (42)	3 (2)
Dysgeusia	59 (40)	0
Nausea	58 (40)	3 (2)
Constipation	51 (35)	1 (1)
<b>Stomatitis</b>	<b>51 (35)</b>	<b>8 (5)</b>
Dry mouth	49 (34)	0
Decreased appetite	48 (33)	2 (1)
Vomiting	40 (27)	2 (1)
Dry eye	37 (25)	1 (1)
Arthralgia	36 (25)	9 (6)

- **Hyperphosphatemia†** managed with a low phosphate diet, phosphate binders, and diuretics, or dose reduction/interruption

- All grade 1 or 2
- Few (n = 3) required dose reductions/interruptions

- **Hypophosphatemia†** occurred in 23% of patients

- Most common grade  $\geq 3$  AE (12%)
- None clinically significant/serious; none led to discontinuation/dose reduction

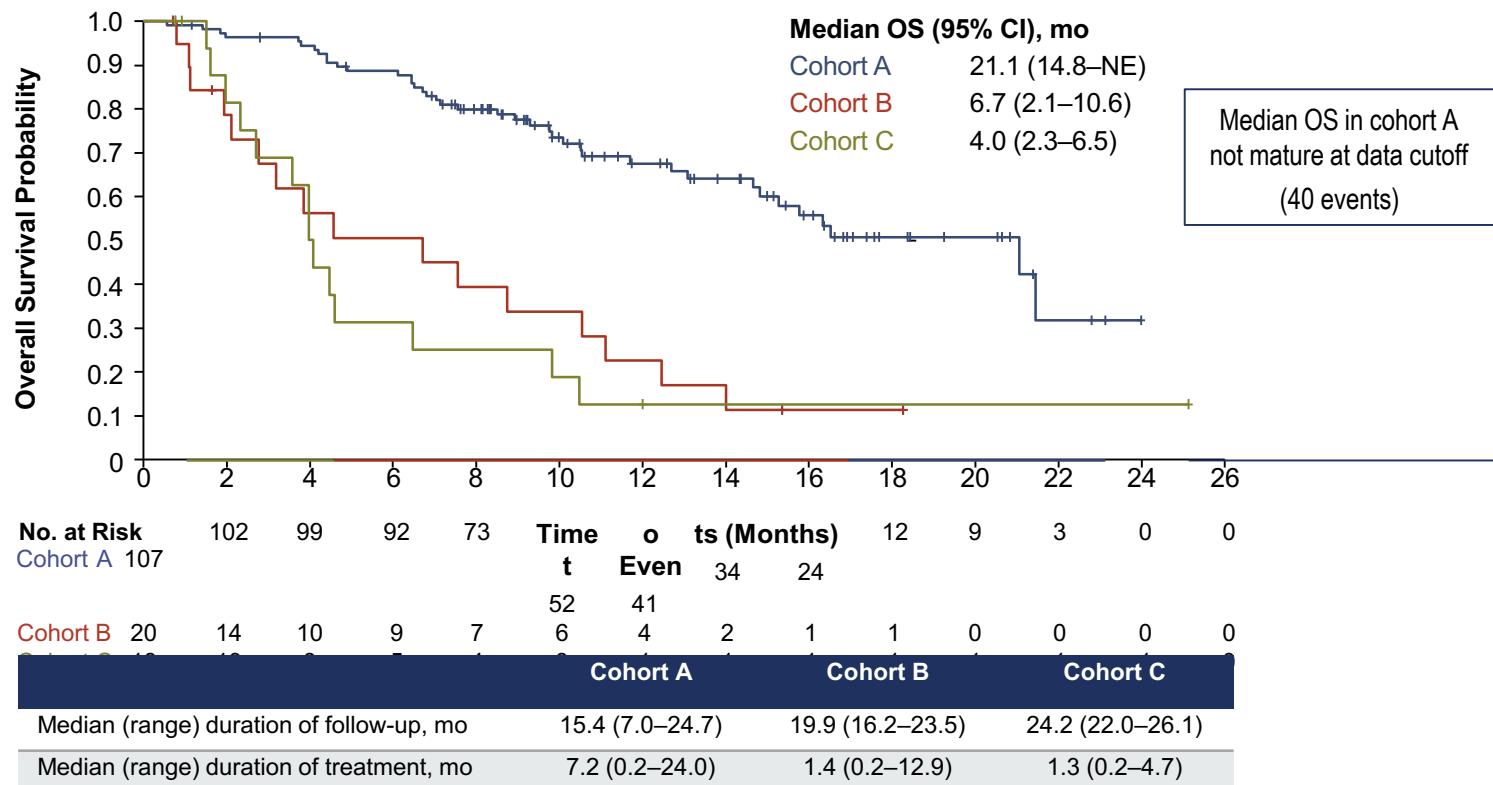
- **Serous retinal detachment†** occurred in 4% of patients

- Mostly grade 1/2 (grade  $\geq 3$ , 1%)
- None resulted in clinical sequelae

\* Safety analysis includes 1 patient who did not have confirmed FGF/FGFR status by central laboratory and was not assigned to any cohort.

† Combined MedDRA Preferred Terms.

# OVERALL SURVIVAL



*The study was not designed to compare cohorts.*

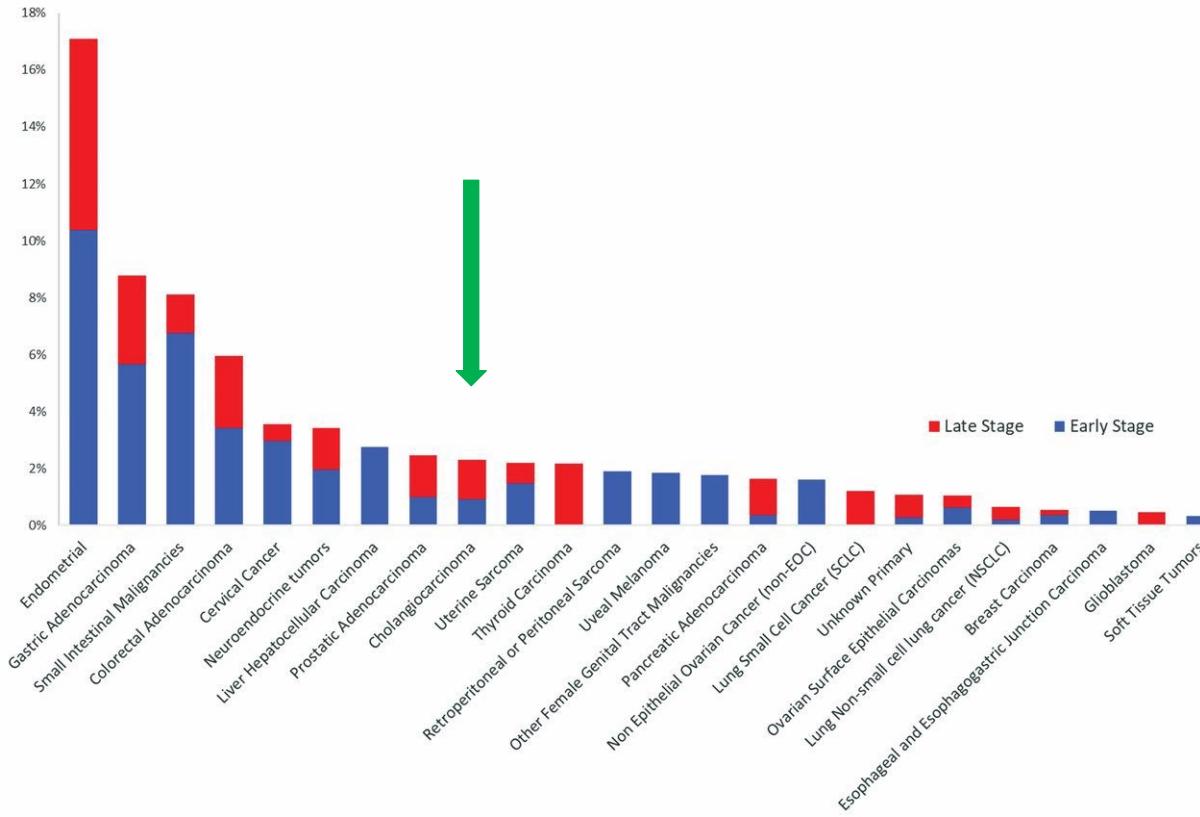
## CONCLUSIONS

- 56 unique *FGFR2* fusion genes were observed in cohort A (*FGFR2* fusions or rearrangements).
- In cohort A, pemigatinib treatment resulted in
  - ORR of 35.5% with durable responses
  - Median PFS of 6.9 months
- A phase 3 study is ongoing in the first-line setting to evaluate pemigatinib versus gemcitabine plus cisplatin in patients with CCA and *FGFR2* fusions or rearrangements (NCT03656536)

## Phase II study of infigratinib cholangio *FGFR2* gene fusion/rearrangement

- 108 pts advanced/metastatic CCA post ≥1 line of systemic therapy
- Infigratinib 125 mg orally for 21 days of each 28-day cycle
  - ORR 23.1% (1 CR/24PRs). DOR 5 months
  - TEAEs any grade: hyperphosphatemia (76.9%), eye disorders (67.6%), stomatitis (54.6%), and fatigue (39.8%).
  - A phase III infigratinib versus gem/DDP is ongoing in the front-line setting

# MSI-High Frequency: Multiple Cancers



Le, D et al. Science, 2017

# Immune Biomarkers in Biliary Cancers

- MMR deficiency
  - KEYNOTE-16: Biliary tract cancers; RR 53%, 21% CR
  - KEYNOTE-158: Cholangiocarcinoma RR 37% (N= 9 )
- Tumor mutation burden (TMB)
  - >10 mutations/Mb 3.5- 5.5% - highest in gallbladder cancer

Le, DT. NEJM, 2015. Silva, VW. CCO, 2016. Lee, H. Ther Adv Gastroenterol, 2017. Diaz, L. ESMO, 2017, Abstr 386P

# TOPAZ-1 Study

- 685 chemo naïve for met, locally advanced or metastatic BTC (ICC, ECC, and GBC)
- ECOG PS 1
- Randomized 1:1 Gem/DDP +/- Durvalumab or Placebo up to 8 cycles. Follower by D or P to progression

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# TOPAZ-1 Efficacy Results

	GEM/DDP/D (n=341)	GEM/DDP/P (n=343)	HR (C.I.) [P Value]
mOS (months)	12.8	11.5	0.8 (0.66-0.97) [0.021]
PFS (months)	7.2	5.7	0.75(0.63-0.89) [0.001]
ORR (%)	26.7	18.7	
DCR	85.3	82.6	

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# TOPAZ-1 Toxicity

- No clear additional Non-immune Toxicity
- Immune mediated toxicity G 3 or G4 were infrequent;
  - Pneumonitis (0.3%), Dermatitis (.9%), hepatic (0.6 %).

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### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

#### Primary Treatment for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease

##### Preferred Regimens

- Gemcitabine + cisplatin<sup>4</sup> (category 1)

##### Other Recommended Regimens

- 5-fluorouracil + oxaliplatin
- 5-fluorouracil + cisplatin (category 2B)
- Capecitabine + cisplatin (category 2B)
- Capecitabine + oxaliplatin
- Gemcitabine + albumin-bound paclitaxel
- Gemcitabine + capecitabine
- Gemcitabine + oxaliplatin
- Gemcitabine + cisplatin + albumin-bound paclitaxel<sup>1</sup> (category 2B)
- Single agents:
  - 5-fluorouracil
  - Capecitabine
  - Gemcitabine

##### Useful in Certain Circumstances

- For *NTRK* gene fusion-positive tumors:
  - Entrectinib<sup>5-7</sup>
  - Larotrectinib<sup>8</sup>
- For MSI-H/dMMR tumors:
  - Pembrolizumab<sup>d,e,9</sup>

#### Subsequent-Line Therapy for Biliary Tract Cancers if Disease Progression

##### Preferred Regimens

- FOLFOX<sup>10</sup>

##### Other Recommended Regimens

- FOLFIRI<sup>11</sup> (category 2B)
- Regorafenib<sup>12</sup> (category 2B)
- See also: Preferred and Other Recommended Regimens for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease above<sup>f</sup>

##### Useful in Certain Circumstances<sup>f</sup>

- For *NTRK* gene fusion-positive tumors:
  - Entrectinib<sup>5-7</sup>
  - Larotrectinib<sup>8</sup>
- For MSI-H/dMMR tumors/TMB-H tumors:
  - Pembrolizumab<sup>d,e,g,9,13,14</sup>
- For cholangiocarcinoma with *FGFR2* fusions or rearrangements:
  - Pemigatinib<sup>15</sup>
  - Infigratinib<sup>16</sup>
- For cholangiocarcinoma with *IDH1* mutations
  - Ivosidenib<sup>17</sup>
- For *BRAF*-V600E mutated tumors
  - Dabrafenib + trametinib<sup>18,19</sup>
  - Nivolumab<sup>e,g,20</sup> (category 2B)
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>e,g,21</sup> (category 2B)
- For MSI-H/dMMR tumors
  - Dostarlimab-gxly<sup>e,g,h,22,23</sup> (category 2B)

<sup>d</sup> There are limited clinical trial data to support pembrolizumab in this setting. Sicklick JK, Kato S, Okamura R, et al. Molecular profiling of cancer patients enables personalized combination therapy: the I-PREDICT study. Nat Med 2019;25:744-750.

<sup>e</sup> See [NCCN Guidelines for Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities](#).

<sup>f</sup> Treatment selection depends on clinical factors including previous treatment regimen/agent and extent of liver dysfunction.

<sup>g</sup> For patients who have not been previously treated with a checkpoint inhibitor because there is a lack of data for subsequent use of immunotherapy in patients who have previously been treated with a checkpoint inhibitor.

<sup>h</sup> Dostarlimab-gxly is a recommended treatment option for patients with MSI-H/dMMR recurrent or advanced tumors that have progressed on or following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options.

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

# Summary

- Advanced or metastatic Biliary Cancers
  - Clinical trials are paramount
  - Tissue is the issue:
    - MSI testing and NGS routine to direct therapy
      - IDH mutation, FGF fusions/re-arrangements, BRAF, HER-2. MSI-H, TMB, PD-LI(+)
    - Gem/DDP + Durvalumab (?) (a first-line standard)
      - Gem/DDP+Nabpaclitaxel in selected pts?
      - FOLFOX (is it a second line standard in pt with no targetable mutations?)
      - 5FU + Nanoliposomal Irinotecan (?)

Thanks for the attention!  
Questions???