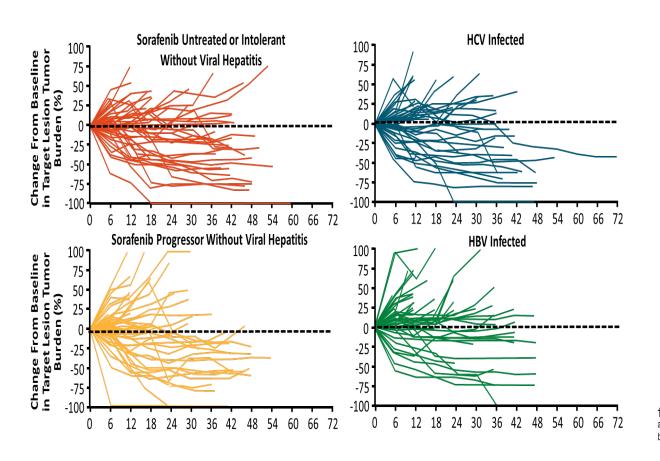


# Hepatocellular and Biliary Cancers: Recent Advances

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### Single Agent Immune checkpoint Inhibitors in HCC

#### **Checkmate 040: Nivolumab**



#### **Keynote 224: Pembrolizumab**

### **Anti-tumor Activity**

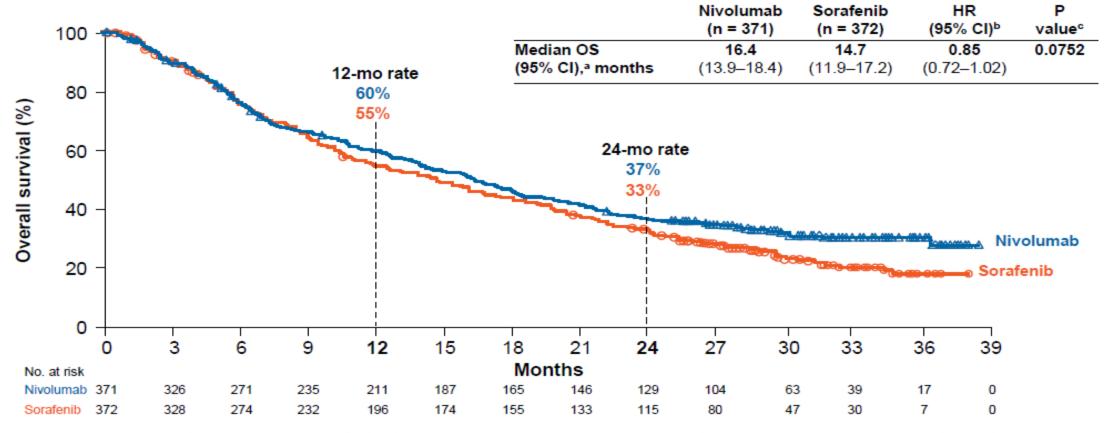
Response <sup>†</sup>	Total N=104 n (%)	95% CI‡
ORR (CR+PR)	17 (16.3)	9.8 - 24.9
Disease control (CR+PR+SD)	64 (61.5)	51.5 - 70.9
Best overall response		
CR	1 (1.0)	0.0 - 5.2
PR	16 (15.4)	9.1-23.8
SD	47 (45.2)	35.4 - 55.3
PD	34 (32.7)	23.8 - 42.6
No Assessment§	6 (5.8)	2.1-12.1

†Confirmed best response by independent central review per RECIST v1.1. \*Based on binomial exact confidence interval method. §Subjects who had a baseline assessment by investigator review or central radiology but no post-baseline assessment on the data cutoff date including discontinuing or death before the first post-baseline scan. Data cutoff date: Aug 24, 2017.

### Checkmate 459: First line Nivolumab vs. Sorafenib

CheckMate 459

### **Overall Survival**



 The predefined threshold of statistical significance for OS with nivolumab was not met, although nivolumab demonstrated clinical benefit

<sup>a</sup>Based on Kaplan–Meier estimates; <sup>b</sup>Stratified Cox proportional hazards model. HR is nivolumab over sorafenib; <sup>c</sup>P value from log-rank test; final OS boundary: 0.0419 for a 2-sided nominal P value.

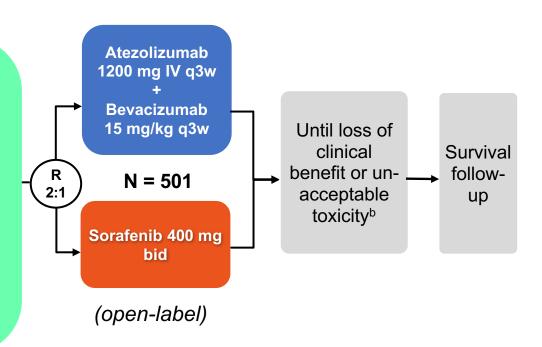
### **IMBRAVE150 STUDY DESIGN**

#### Key eligibility

- Locally advanced or metastatic and/or unresectable HCC
- No prior systemic therapy
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Child-Pugh class A liver function

#### **Stratification**

- Region (Asia excluding Japan<sup>a</sup>/Rest of world)
- ECOG (0/1)
- Macrovascular invasion and/or extrahepatic spread (Presence/Absence)
- Baseline AFP (<400/≥400 ng/mL)



### **Co-primary endpoints**

- OS
- IRF-assessed PFS per RECIST 1.1

### Secondary endpoints included:

- IRF-assessed ORR, DOR per RECIST 1.1 and HCC mRECIST<sup>b</sup>
- PROs: TTD<sup>c</sup> of QOL, physical and role functioning (EORTC QLQ-C30)
- Safety and tolerability assessed based on the nature, frequency and severity of AEs per NCI CTCAE version 4.0

a Japan is included in rest of world. <sup>b</sup> Tumor assessment by computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging was done at baseline and every 6 weeks until 54 weeks, then every 9 weeks thereafter. <sup>c</sup> Time from randomization to first decrease from baseline of ≥ 10 points maintained for 2 consecutive assessments or 1 assessment followed by death from any cause within 3 weeks.

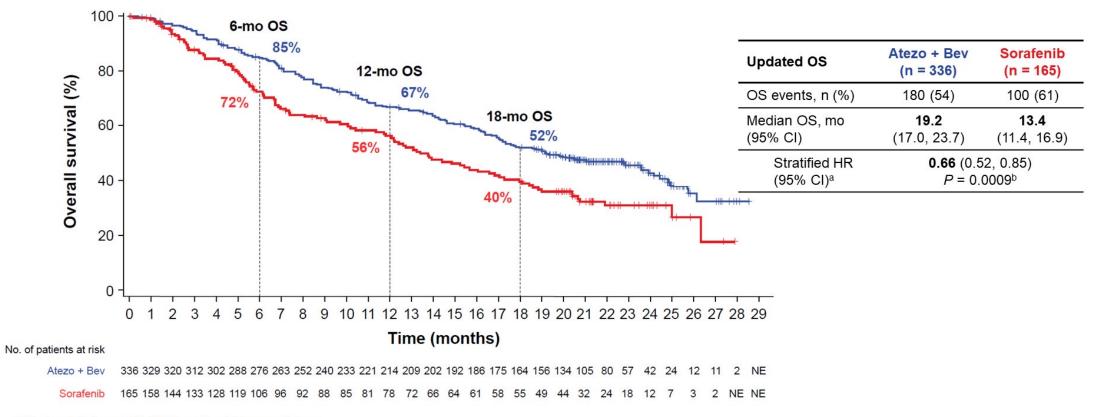
AFP, α-fetoprotein; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; EORTC QLQ-C30, European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer quality-of-life questionnaire for cancer; IRF, independent review facility; mRECIST, modified RECIST; NCI, National Cancer Institute; PRO, patient-reported outcomes; QOL, quality of life; TTD, time to deterioration.

# **IMBRAVE 150 BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS**

Characteristic	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (n = 336)	Sorafenib (n = 165)		
Median age (IQR), years	64 (56, 71)	66 (59, 71)		
Male, n (%)	277 (82)	137 (83)		
Geographic region, n (%)				
Asia excluding Japan	133 (40)	68 (41)		
Rest of the world <sup>a</sup>	203 (60)	97 (59)		
ECOG performance status score, n (%)				
0	209 (62)	103 (62)		
1	127 (38)	62 (38)		
Child-Pugh score				
A5	239 (72)	121 (73)		
A6	94 (28)	44 (27)		
Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer stage				
Α	8 (2)	6 (4)		
В	52 (15)	26 (16)		
С	276 (82)	133 (81)		

Characteristic	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (n = 336)	Sorafenib (n = 165)
AFP at baseline ≥ 400 ng/mL	126 (38)	61 (37)
Macrovascular invasion and/or extrahepatic spread present, n (%)	258 (77)	120 (73)
Macrovascular invasion present, n (%)	129 (38)	71 (43)
Extrahepatic spread present, n (%)	212 (63)	93 (56)
Varices at baseline	88 (26)	43 (26)
Varices treated at baseline	36 (11)	23 (14)
Cause of hepatocellular carcinoma, n (%)		
Hepatitis B	164 (49)	76 (46)
Hepatitis C	72 (21)	36 (22)
Nonvirala	100 (30)	53 (32)
Prior local therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma, n (%)	161 (48)	85 (52)

# **Updated OS**



Clinical cutoff: August 31, 2020; median follow-up: 15.6 mo.

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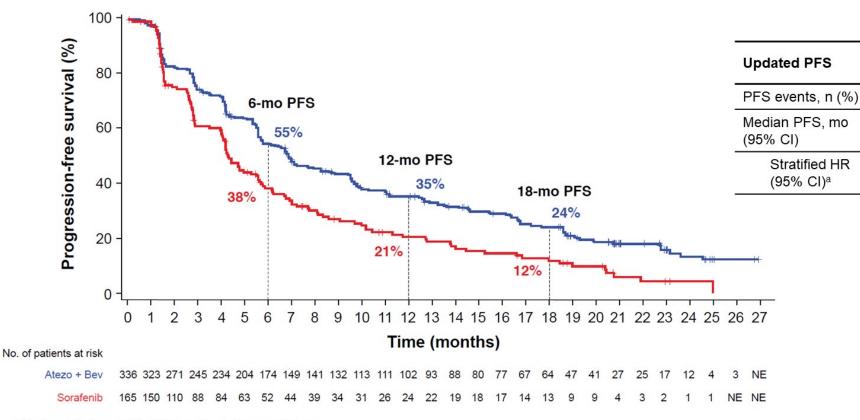
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Stratification factors included in the Cox model are geographic region (Asia excluding Japan vs Rest of World), AFP level (< 400 ng/mL vs ≥ 400 ng/mL) at baseline and MVI and/or EHS (Yes vs No) per interactive voice/web response system (IxRS).<sup>b</sup> P value for descriptive purposes only.

# **Updated PFS by IRF RECIST 1.1**



Clinical cutoff: August 31, 2020; median follow-up: 15.6 mo.

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Sorafenib

(n = 165)

130 (79)

4.3

(4.0, 5.6)

**0.65** (0.53, 0.81)  $P = 0.0001^{b}$ 

Atezo + Bev

(n = 336)

257 (76)

6.9

(5.7, 8.6)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Stratification factors included in the Cox model are geographic region (Asia excluding Japan vs Rest of World), AFP level (< 400 ng/mL vs  $\geq$  400 ng/mL) at baseline and MVI and/or EHS (Yes vs No) per interactive voice/web response system (IxRS). <sup>b</sup> P value for descriptive purposes only.

# **Updated response and duration of response**

	Updated analysis <sup>a</sup>			
	RECIS	ST 1.1	HCC mF	RECIST
	Atezo + Bev (n = 326)	Sorafenib (n = 159)	Atezo + Bev (n = 325)	Sorafenib (n = 158)
Confirmed ORR (95% CI), %	30 (25, 35)	11 (7, 17)	35 (30, 41)	14 (9, 20)
CR, n (%)	25 (8)	1 (< 1)	39 (12)	4 (3)
PR, n (%)	72 (22)	17 (11)	76 (23)	18 (11)
SD, n (%)	144 (44)	69 (43)	121 (37)	65 (41)
DCR, n (%)	241 (74)	87 (55)	236 (73)	87 (55)
PD, n (%)	63 (19)	40 (25)	65 (20)	40 (25)
Ongoing response, n (%)	54 (56)	5 (28)	58 (50)	6 (27)
Median DOR (95% CI), mo <sup>b</sup>	18.1 (14.6, NE)	14.9 (4.9, 17.0)	16.3 (13.1, 21.4)	12.6 (6.1, 17.7)

Clinical cutoff: August 31, 2020; median follow-up: 15.6 mo. DCR, disease control rate.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Only patients with measurable disease at baseline were included in the analysis of ORR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Only confirmed responders were included in the analysis of ORR and DOR.

# HIMALAYA: Tremelimumab and Durvalumab combination rationale

Targeting

PD-1/ PD-L1  Affects differentiated CD8+ T cells in tumor microenvironment

- Does not increase clonal diversity
- Does not move T cells into tumors
- Single agent activity in HCC
  - ORR 15 to 20%

Targeting CTLA-4

- Blocks suppressive T cell signaling in lymph nodes
- Modulates CD4 effector compartment
  - Expands ICOS+Th1 like effector subsets
- Single agent tremelimumab activity
  - ORR 17.6%

STUDY 22



T300+D ORR 24%

J Immunother Cancer. 2018; 6 Wei SC et al, Cell 2017 Rotte A, J Exp Clin Cancer Res 2019 Sangro B et al. J Hepatol. 2013 El-Khoueiry A et al, Lancet 2017 Zhu AX, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2018 Kelley RK et al, J Clin Oncol 2021

# HIMALAYA study design

### HIMALAYA was an open-label, multicenter, global, Phase 3 trial

### **Study population**

- Patients aged ≥18 years with uHCC
- BCLC stage B (not eligible for locoregional therapy) and stage C
- No prior systemic therapy
- ECOG PS 0–1
- Child-Pugh A
- No main portal vein thrombosis
- EGD was not required

# STRIDE (n=393): Tremelimumab 300 mg × 1 dose + durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W\* Durvalumab (n=389): Durvalumab monotherapy 1500 mg Q4W\* Sorafenib (n=389): Sorafenib 400 mg BID\* T75+D (n=153): arm closed † Tremelimumab 75 mg Q4W × 4 doses + durvalumab Q4W\*

#### Stratification factors

- Macrovascular invasion: yes vs no
- Etiology of liver disease: HBV vs HCV vs others
- Performance status: ECOG 0 vs 1

BID, twice a day; EGD, esophagogastroduodenoscopy; Q4W, every 4 weeks; STRIDE, Single Tremelimumab Regular Interval Durvalumab.

<sup>\*</sup>Treatment continued until disease progression. Patients with progressive disease who, in the investigator's opinion, continued to benefit from treatment and met the criteria for treatment in the setting of progressive disease could continue treatment. †The T75+D arm was closed following a preplanned analysis of a Phase 2 study. Patients randomized to this arm (n=153) could continue treatment following arm closure. Results from this arm are not reported in this presentation.

### **Baseline characteristics**

Characteristic	STRIDE (n=393)	Durvalumab (n=389)	Sorafenib (n=389)
Male sex, n (%)	327 (83.2)	323 (83.0)	337 (86.6)
Median age (range), years	65.0 (22–86)	64.0 (20–86)	64.0 (18–88)
Region, n (%) Asia (excluding Japan) Rest of world (including Japan)	156 (39.7) 237 (60.3)	167 (42.9) 222 (57.1)	156 (40.1) 233 (59.9)
Viral etiology,*,† n (%) HBV HCV Nonviral	122 (31.0) 110 (28.0) 161 (41.0)	119 (30.6) 107 (27.5) 163 (41.9)	119 (30.6) 104 (26.7) 166 (42.7)
ECOG PS, n (%) 0 1	244 (62.1) 148 (37.7)	237 (60.9) 150 (38.6)	241 (62.0) 147 (37.8)
MVI,† n (%)	103 (26.2)	94 (24.2)	100 (25.7)
EHS,† n (%)	209 (53.2)	212 (54.5)	203 (52.2)
PD-L1 positive, n (%)	148 (37.7)	154 (39.6)	148 (38.0)
AFP ≥400 ng/ml,† n (%)	145 (36.9)	137 (35.2)	124 (31.9)

Biomarker evaluable samples were collected for all but 20 patients across all treatment arms.

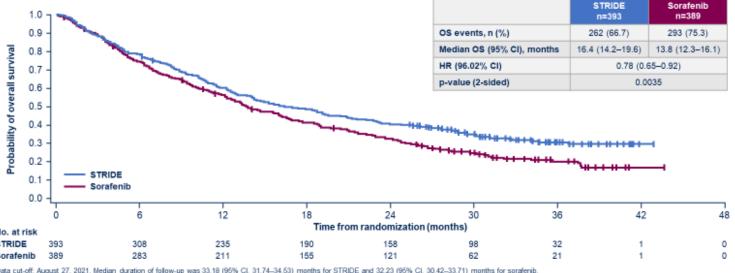
AFP, alfa-fetoprotein; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EHS, extrahepatic spread; HBc, hepatitis B core; HBsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCV, hepatitis C virus; MVI, macrovascular invasion; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PS, performance status; STRIDE, Single Tremelimumab Regular Interval Durvalumab.

<sup>\*</sup>HBV: patients who tested positive for HBsAg or anti-HBc with detectable HBV DNA; HCV: patients who tested positive for HCV or had history of HCV infection; Nonviral: no active viral hepatitis identified. †Determined at screening.

# **Results Summary**

### **Primary Endpoint: OS STRIDE** superior to Sorafenib

### Primary objective: overall survival for STRIDE vs sorafenib



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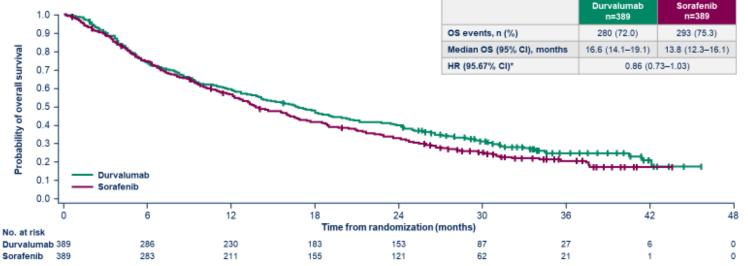
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- No difference in PFS
- ORR 20.1%
  - CR 3.1%
- Median DoR 22.34 mo
  - 65.8% remaining in response at 12 months
- 30.7% OS at 36 months

# **Results Summary**

# Secondary Endpoint: OS Durvalumab non-inferior to Sorafenib





Data cut-off: August 27, 2021. Median duration of follow-up was 32.56 (95% Cl, 31.57–33.71) months for durvalumab and 32.23 (95% Cl, 30.42–33.71) months for soraferib. \*Ni margin=1.08. Cl. confidence interval: HR, hazard ratio: Ni, noninferiority. OS, overall survival: STRIDE. Sincle Translationumab Regular Interval Durvalumab.

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- No difference in PFS
- ORR 17%
  - CR 1.5%
- Median DoR 16.82 mo
  - 57.8% remaining in response at 12 months
- 24.7% OS at 36 months

# **Tumor response**

	STRIDE (n=393)	Durvalumab (n=389)	Sorafenib (n=389)
ORR,* %	20.1	17.0	5.1
CR, n (%)	12 (3.1)	6 (1.5)	0
PR, n (%)	67 (17.0)	60 (15.4)	20 (5.1)
SD,† n (%)	157 (39.9)	147 (37.8)	216 (55.5)
PD, n (%)	157 (39.9)	176 (45.2)	153 (39.3)
DCR, %	60.1	54.8	60.7
Median DoR, <sup>‡</sup> months 25 <sup>th</sup> percentile 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile	22.34 8.54 NR	16.82 7.43 NR	18.43 6.51 25.99
Median TTR (95% CI), months	2.17 (1.84–3.98)	2.09 (1.87–3.98)	3.78 (1.89–8.44)
Remaining in response,‡ % 6 months 12 moths	82.3 65.8	81.8 57.8	78.9 63.2

<sup>\*</sup>By investigator assessment according to RECIST v1.1. Responses are confirmed. †Defined as neither sufficient decrease in sum of diameters to qualify for PR nor sufficient increase to qualify for PD. ‡Calculated using Kaplan-Meier technique.

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; DoR, duration of response; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1; SD, stable disease; STRIDE, Single Tremelimumab Regular Interval Durvalumab; TTR, time to response.

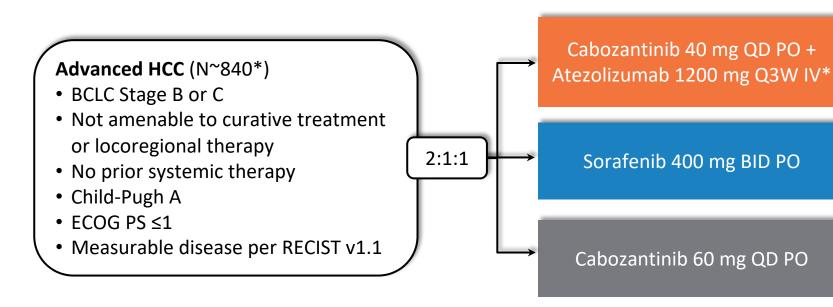
# Immune-mediated adverse events

Event, n (%)		STF	RIDE (n=388)		Durvalumab (n=388)			
	All grades	Grade 3 or 4	Received high- dose steroids	Leading to discontinuation	All grades	Grade 3 or 4	Received high- dose steroids	Leading to discontinuation
Patients with immune-mediated event	139 (35.8)	49 (12.6)	78 (20.1)	22 (5.7)	64 (16.5)	25 (6.4)	37 (9.5)	10 (2.6)
Pneumonitis	5 (1.3)	0	4 (1.0)	1 (0.3)	3 (0.8)	1 (0.3)	3 (0.8)	2 (0.5)
Hepatic events	29 (7.5)	16 (4.1)	29 (7.5)	9 (2.3)	26 (6.7)	17 (4.4)	25 (6.4)	5 (1.3)
Diarrhea/colitis	23 (5.9)	14 (3.6)	20 (5.2)	5 (1.3)	3 (0.8)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.5)	1 (0.3)
Adrenal insufficiency	6 (1.5)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	0	6 (1.5)	3 (0.8)	3 (0.8)	0
Hyperthyroid events	18 (4.6)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.5)	0	4 (1.0)	0	0	0
Hypophysitis	4 (1.0)	0	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)	0	0	0
Hypothyroid events	42 (10.8)	0	1 (0.3)	0	19 (4.9)	0	0	0
Thyroiditis	6 (1.5)	0	1 (0.3)	0	2 (0.5)	0	0	0
Renal events	4 (1.0)	2 (0.5)	3 (0.8)	2 (0.5)	0	0	0	0
Dermatitis/rash	19 (4.9)	7 (1.8)	12 (3.1)	2 (0.5)	3 (0.8)	1 (0.3)	3 (0.8)	1 (0.3)
Pancreatic events	9 (2.3)	7 (1.8)	7 (1.8)	0	2 (0.5)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.5)	0

Includes adverse events with onset or increase in severity on or after the date of the first dose through 90 days following the date of the last dose or the date of initiation of the first subsequent therapy. Patients may have had >1 event. Events include those that occurred in ≥1% of patients in either treatment arm.

STRIDE, Single Tremelimumab Regular Interval Durvalumab.

# **COSMIC-312 Study Design**



Tumor assessment every 6 weeks (RECIST v1.1)<sup>†</sup>

Treatment until loss of clinical benefit or intolerable toxicity<sup>‡</sup>

#### Stratification

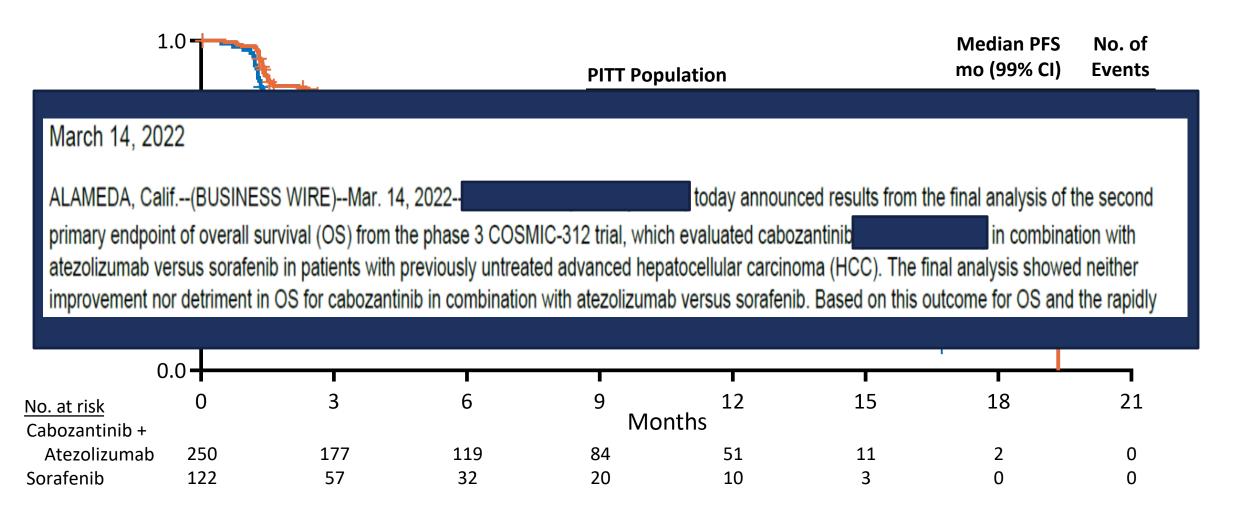
- Disease etiology (HBV, HCV [without HBV], non-viral)
- Region (Asia, other)
- Presence of extrahepatic disease and/or macrovascular invasion (yes, no)

<sup>\*</sup>Doses for the combination were determined from the phase 1b COSMIC-021 trial (NCT03170960)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Every 6 weeks for the first 48 weeks, then every 12 weeks thereafter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>Patients may be treated beyond progression if there is a clinical benefit in the opinion of the investigator

# Primary Endpoint of PFS: Final Analysis Cabozantinib + Atezolizumab vs Sorafenib



Median follow-up (range): 15.8 (12.8-27.0) months PFS per RECIST v1.1 by BIRC

# LEAP-002: First-Line Lenvatinib Plus Pembrolizumab Versus Lenvatinib Plus Placebo in Advanced HCC

Multicenter, double-blind, phase III trial

### Aug 3, 2022

"...the Phase 3 LEAP-002 trial ...did not meet its dual primary endpoints of overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS) as a first-line treatment for patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC).

\*Body weight < 60 kg, 8 mg; body weight ≥ 60 kg, 12 mg.

- Primary endpoints: PFS, OS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR, DCR, TTP, safety

# **First Line Reported Positive Trials**

	IMBRA\ Atezo/Bev	/E 150 Sorafenib	HIMA STRIDE	LAYA Sorafenib
mOS (mo)	19.2 HR 0.66 (0.52,0.85)	13.4	16.4 HR 0.78 (0.65-0.92)	13.8
mPFS (mo)	6.9 HR 0.65(0.53,0.81)	4.3	3.78 HR 0.9 (0.77-1.05)	4.07
ORR (RECIST 1.1)	30%	11%	20.1%	5.1%
CR	8%		3.1%	
PD	39.9%		19%	
Median DoR (months)	18.1	14.9	22.3	18.4
DCR	74%	55%	60.1%	60.7%
IMAEs requiring steroids	12.2%		20.1%	
All grade bleeding events	25%	17.3%	1.8%	4.8%
Grade 3/4 bleeding events	6.4%	5.8%	0.5%	1.6%

Bleeding events less common in HIMALAYA but trial did exclude patients with main PVT who are at highest risk for bleeding

### Is there a role for single agent PD-1/PD-L1 in first line HCC

# HIMALAYA: Durvalumab non-inferior to Sorafenib

- ORR 17%
- Median OS 16.6 mo

Checkmate 459: Nivolumab not superior to Sorafenib

- ORR 16%
- Median OS 16.4 mo

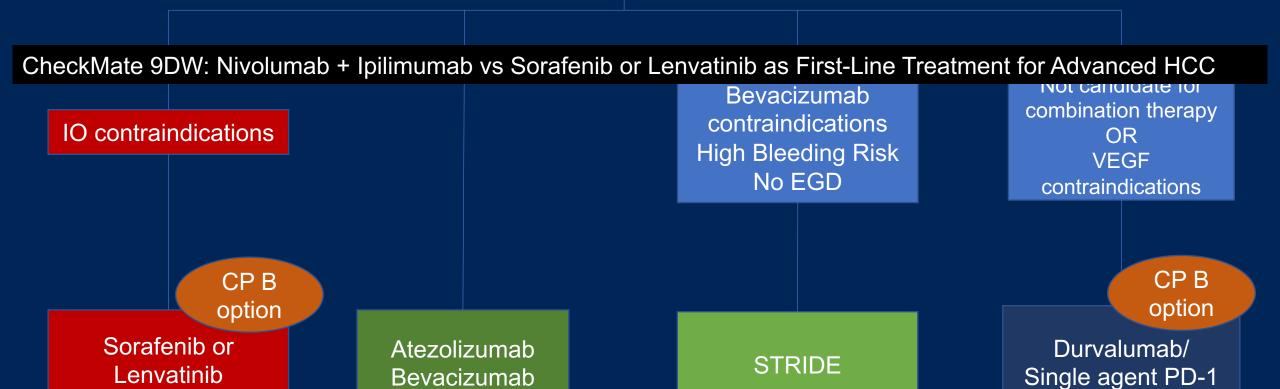
CheckMate 040 cohort 5: A phase I/II study of nivolumab in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma and Child-Pugh B cirrhosis

First line treatment option for select patients:

- Poor candidates for combination therapy
- VEGF contraindications

Consider Child Pugh B patients

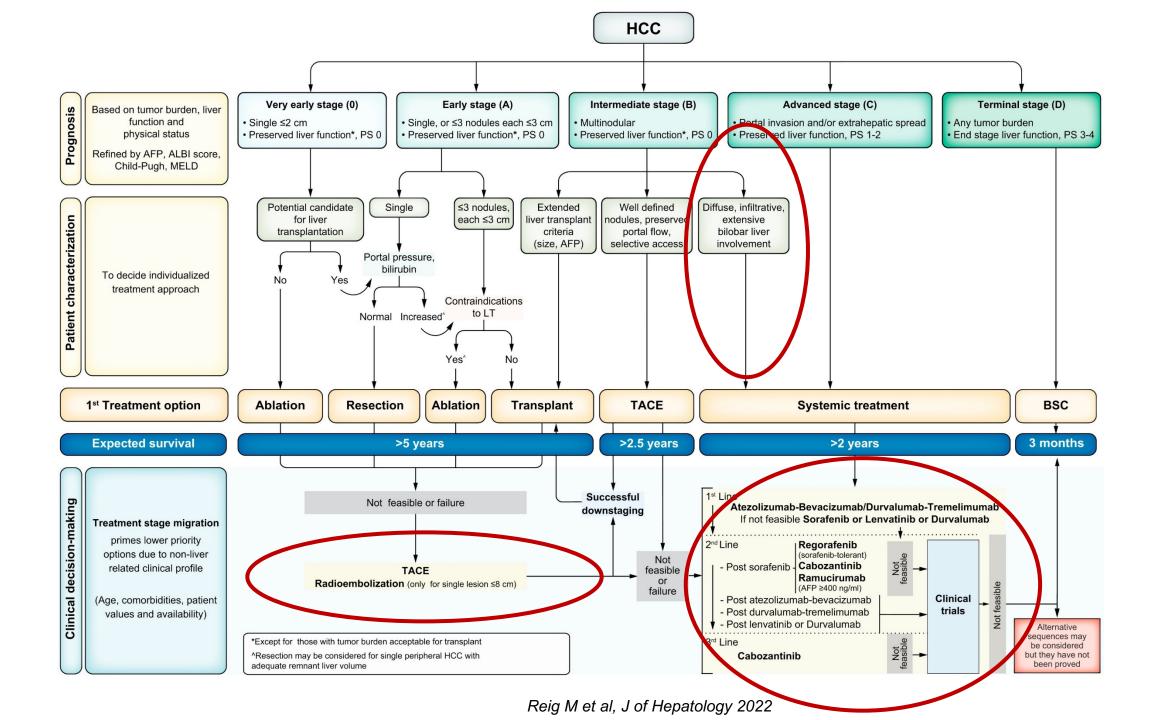
### Patient with advanced HCC Candidate for first line systemic therapy



# Overview of second line and beyond options

AGENT	Study phase	Prior therapy	Primary Endpoint	Comments	
Regorefanib vs. Placebo	Phase 3	Sorafenib	Median OS: 10.6 vs 7.8 mo HR 0.62 (95% CI: 0.50, 0.78)	Eligibility: tolerated sorafenib at 400 mg daily or higher for 20 of last 28 days	
Cabozantinib vs. Placebo	Phase 3	Sorafenib (Up to 2 prior lines)	Median OS: 10.2 vs. 8 mo HR 0.76 (95% CI: 0.76-0.92)	30% of patients had 2 prior lines of therapy No requirement for sorafenib tolerability	
Ramucirumab vs. Placebo AFP≥ 400	Phase 3	Sorafenib	Median OS: 8.5 vs. 7.3 mo HR 0.710 (0.531-0.949)		
Nivolumab/ Ipilimumab	Phase I/II	Sorafenib (Other lines allowed)	ORR: 32% Median OS: 22.8 mo	Accelerated Approval	
Pembrolizumab vs. Placebo	Phase 3	Sorafenib	Keynote 240: 13.9 vs 10.6 mo HR 0.78 (0.61-1.00) Keynote 394: 14.6 vs 13 mo HR 079 (0.63-0.99)	Accelerated Approval	

Bruix J et al, Lancet 2017 Abou-Alfa G et al. N Engl J Med. 2018 Zhu A et al. Lancet Oncol 2019



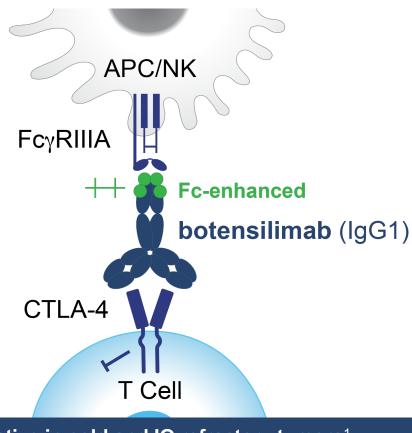


# Novel and Emerging Therapies in HCC

# **Novel Immunotherapy Agents**

### botensilimab

Fc-enhanced CTLA-4 Inhibitor



**Active in cold and IO refractory tumors**<sup>1</sup>:

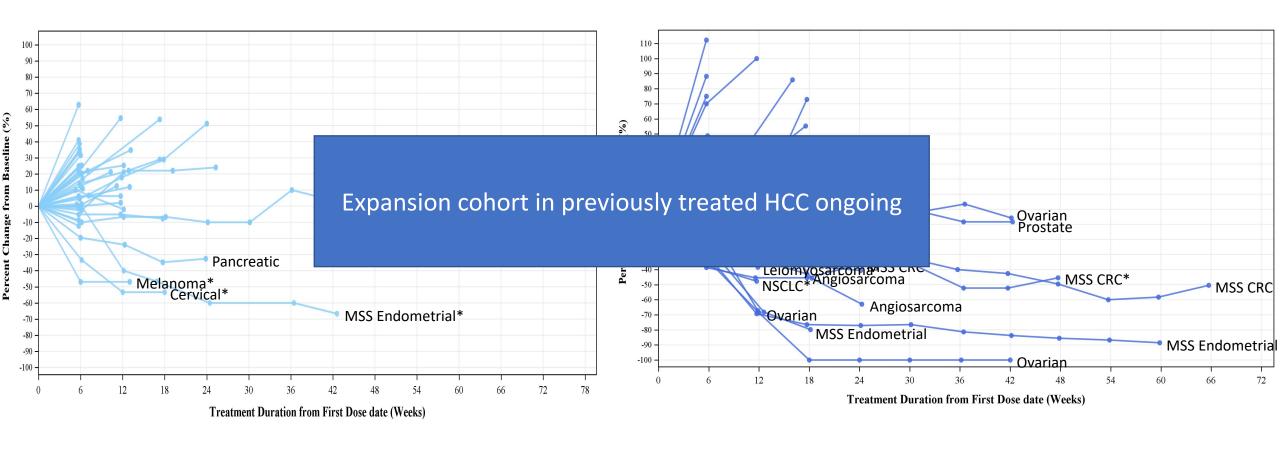
### Design:

- Improved binding to activating FcγRs on APCs and NK cells
- Reduced complement binding

### Function (relative to first-gen CTLA-4)<sup>2,3</sup>:

- † Frequency of activated DCs
- ↑ T cell priming, expansion, memory
- ↑ Treg depletion
- Complement mediated toxicity

# AGEN1181: broad and durable activity as monotherapy and in combination with anti PD-1 antibody



# DUAL PD-1 and LAG-3 inhibition in Melanoma

RELATIVITY-047

#### Rationale for RELA + NIVO

• LAG-3 and PD-1 are distin

RELATIVITY 047 demonstrated superior PFS benefit by BICR for RELA + NIVO FDC vs NIVO

RELATIVITY-047

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LAG-3 and PD-1 are distinched checkpoints, often co-exp tumor-infiltrating lymphocontribute to tumor-mediexhaustion<sup>1,2</sup>

 In preclinical models, LAG blockade demonstrated sy antitumor activity<sup>1</sup>

 RELA + NIVO demonstrate clinically meaningful antifincluding durable objective and was well tolerated in melanoma that was related

melanoma that was relapsed/refractory to anti-PD-1 therapy<sup>3,4</sup>

A Phase 1/2, Safety Confirmation and Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Randomized Study of Relatlimab in Combination with Nivolumab and Bevacizumab in Treatment-naive Advanced/Metastatic Hepatocellular Carcinoma (RELATIVITY-106)



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NIVO	)	359	174	124	94	72	61	57	49	27	6	0

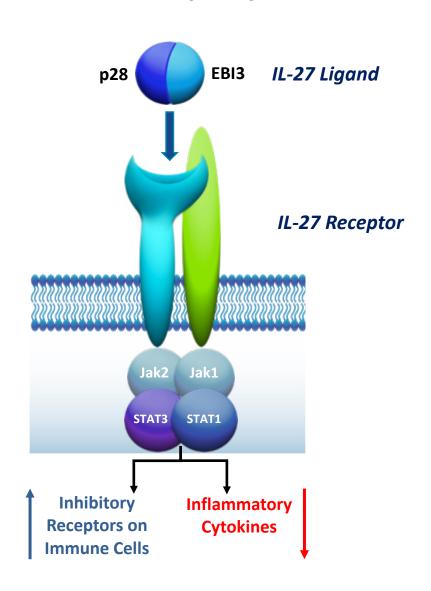
CI, confidence interval; fix, hazard ratio.

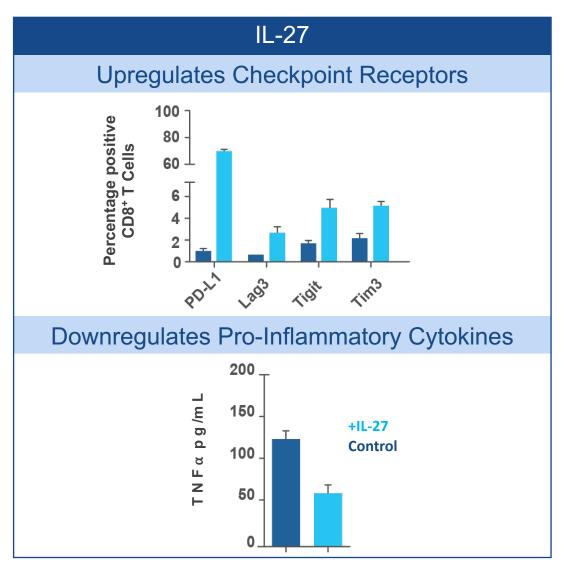
All randomized patients. Statistical model for HR and P value: stratified Cox proportional hazard model and stratified log-rank test. Stratified by LAG-3 (≥ 1% vs < 1%), BRAF (mutation positive vs mutation wild-type), AJCC M stage (M0/M1any[0] vs M1any[1]). PD-L1 was removed from stratification because it led to subgroups with < 10 patients.

APC, antigen-presenting cell; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; TCR, T-cell receptor.

1. Woo S-R, et al. Cancer Res 2012;72:917-927; 2. Anderson AC, et al. Immunity 2016;44:989-1004; 3. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ASCO Annual Meeting; June 2-6, 2017; Chicago, IL. Abstract 9520; 4. Ascierto PA, et al. Oral presentation at ESMO Congress; September 8-12, 2017; Madrid, Spain. Abstract LBA18.

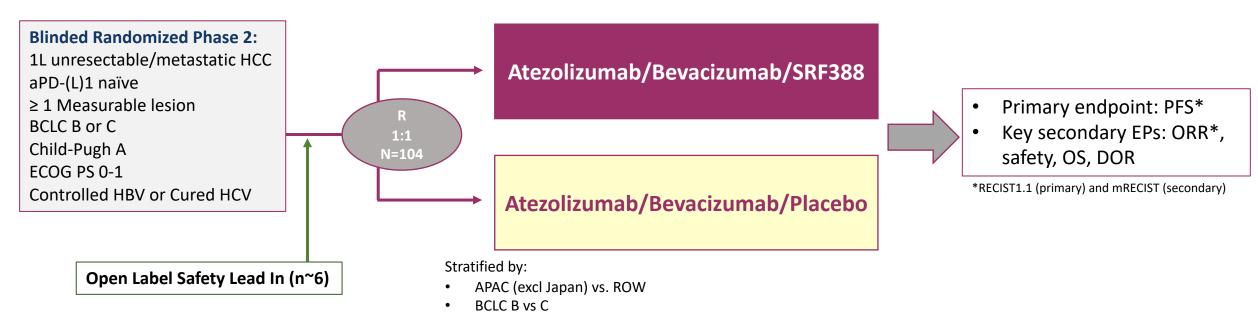
# IL-27 Upregulates Checkpoint Receptors, Downregulates Proinflammatory Cytokines





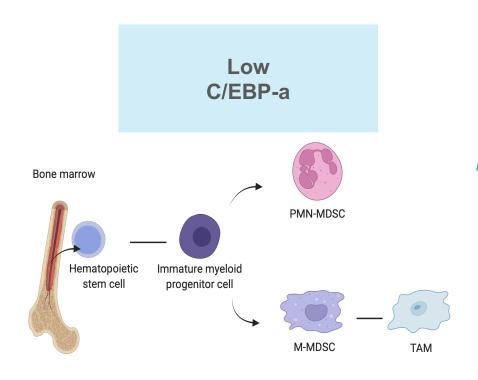
# Robust Randomized Testing of IL-27 Blockade with Atezolizumab/Bevacizumab in IO naïve 1L HCC

#### SRF388-201



# Targeting MDSCs and TAMs through CEBPA

- CCAAT/enhancer binding protein alpha (C/EBPa) is a transcription factor involved in differentiation of myeloid cells as well as in proliferation, metabolism, and immunity
- Deregulation of C/EBPa has been reported in several solid tumors, including liver, breast, and lung
- Upregulation of C/EBPa inhibits tumor growth in rodent liver cancer models



Infiltration of tumor microenvironment and promotion of immune suppression

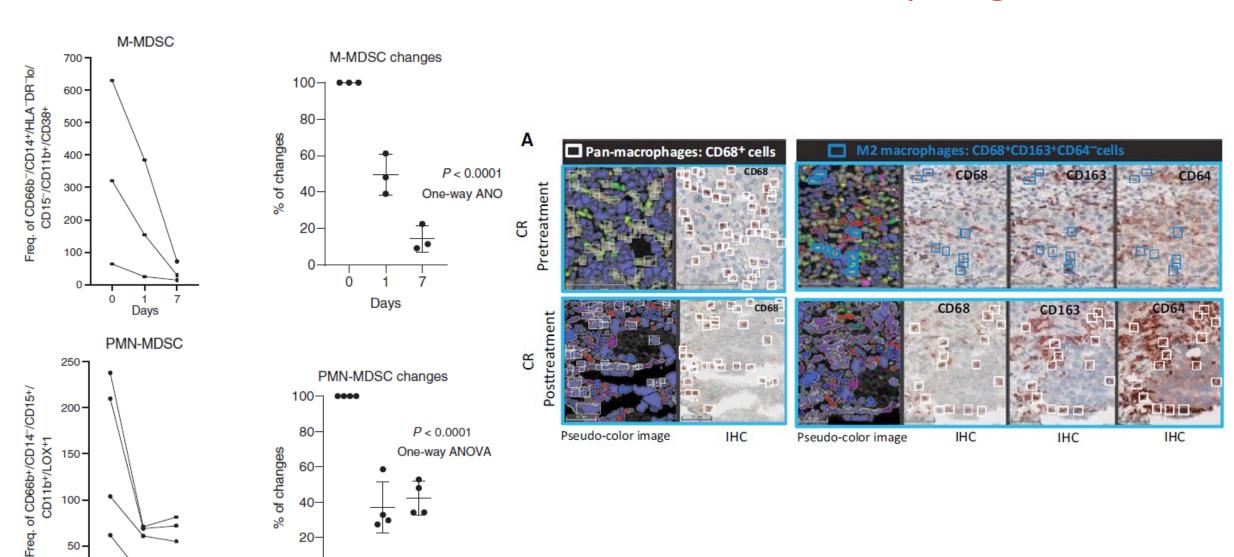
Image courtesy of Prof Nagy Habib Mina Therapeutics

Avellino R et al. Blood 2017 Lourenco AR et al. Oncogene 2017 Yamanaka R et al, PNAS 1997 Hashimoto A, CCR Clin Cancer Res 2021

# MTL-CEBPA effect on MDSCs and macrophages

Days

Days



# OUTREACH-2: Multi-center, Open-label, Randomized Ph 2 Study of MTL-CEBPA and Sorafenib vs. Sorafenib in Advanced Pre-treated HCC



### **Eligibility**

- Progression or recurrence to atezolizumab or bevacizumab
- TKI-naïve
- BCLC B or C

MTL-CEBPA QW 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + Sorafenib BID 400 mg

Sorafenib BID 400 mg`

**Primary endpoint:** PFS

Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR, TTP OS, QoL, PD

Control med PFS	Experimental median PFS	HR	N of events	Appr. number of patients	FPI	Recruitment / FU
4m	7m	0.57	112	150	Q4 2021	18 months / 21-23 months

Drug Safety Monitoring Board; Independent radiology review (BICR)

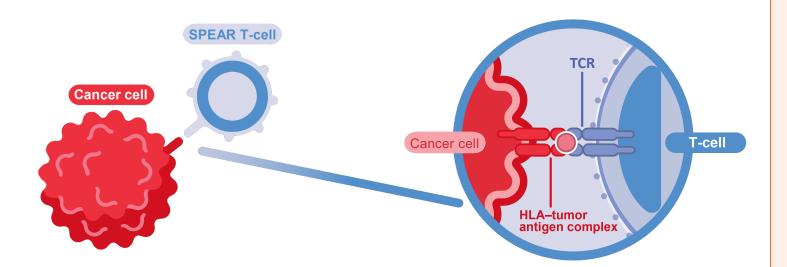
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n=150

Global study: US, Europe and Asia (60 sites overall planned)



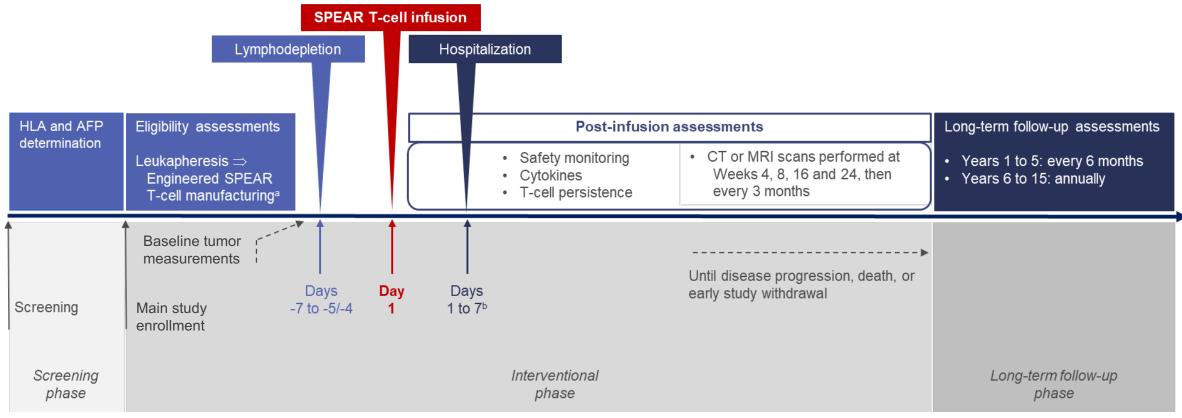
### **SPEAR T-cells**



#### TCR-BASED RECOGNITION

- T-cells scan HLA-peptides with TCRs
- Access to broader spectrum of intraand extracellular proteins
- TCR is T-cell's natural receptor construct
- Ability to target solid tumors

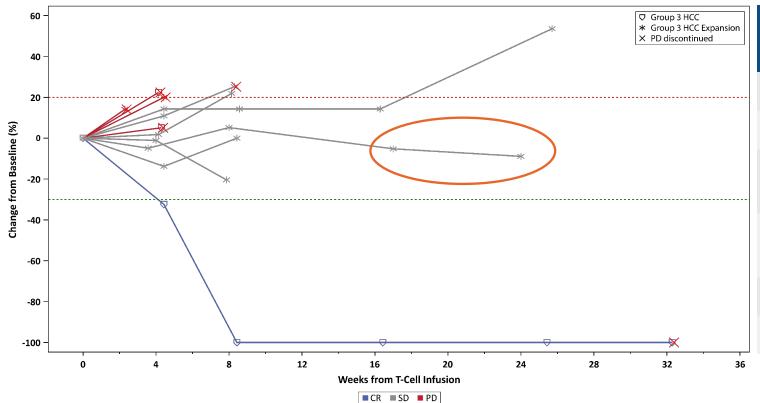
# Phase 1, first-in-human trial (NCT03132792) of ADP-A2AFP SPEAR T-cells in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>T-cell selection; lentiviral gene transfer of affinity-enhanced TCR; T-cell expansion

b14 days in the United Kingdom

# Best overall response: RECIST v1.1



Best overall response	Group 3 and expansion (N=13), n (%)
Complete response	1 (8)
Stable disease (total)	6 (46)
Stable disease (<16 weeks' duration)	4 (31)
Stable disease (≥16 weeks' duration)	2 (15)
Progressive disease	4 (31)
Not evaluated	2 (15)*

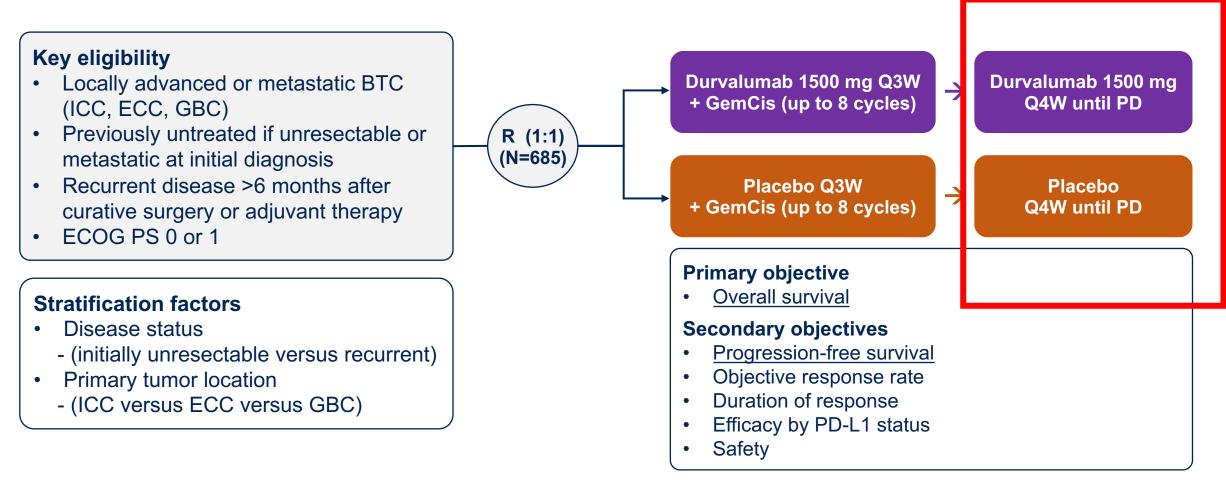
Disease control rate: 7/11 (64%)\*

\*Two patients did not have first scans at the time of the data cut-off



# **Biliary Cancers**

### **TOPAZ Study Design**



GemCis treatment: gemcitabine 1000 mg/m2 and cisplatin 25 mg/m2 on Days 1 and 8 Q3W administered for up to 8 cycles.

BTC, biliary tract cancer; ECC, extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; GBC, gallbladder cancer; GemCis, gemcitabine and cisplatin; ICC; intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma; PD, progressive disease; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PS, performance status; QnW, every n weeks; R, randomization.

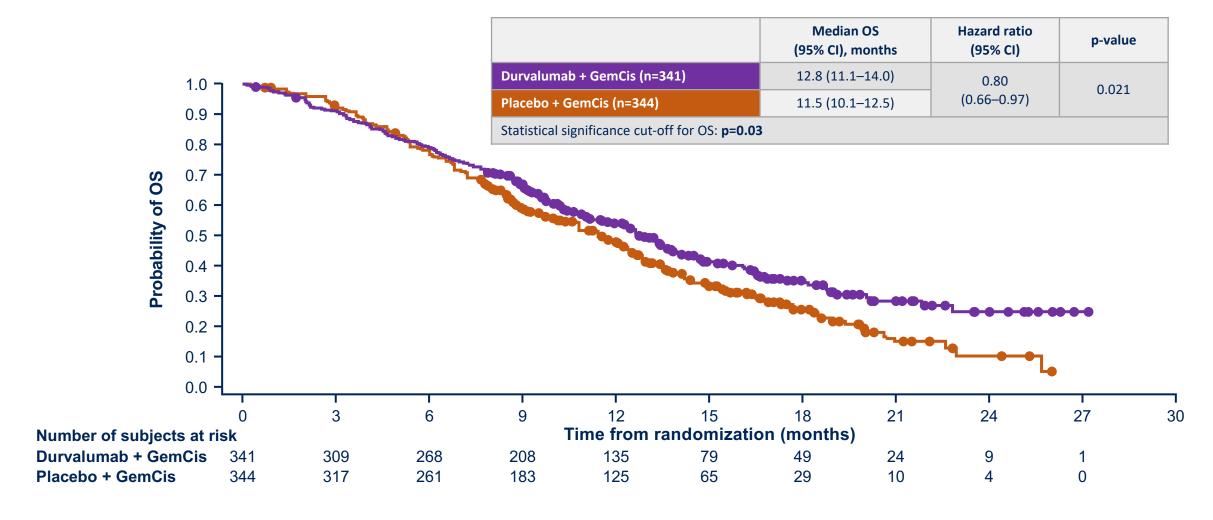
## TOPAZ Demographics

	Durvalumab	Placebo	
	+ GemCis (n=341)	+ GemCis (n=344)	
Median age (range), years	64 (20–84)	64 (31–85)	
Sex, female, n (%)	172 (50.4)	168 (48.8)	
Race, n (%)			
Asian	185 (54.3)	201 (58.4)	
White	131 (38.4)	124 (36.0)	
Black or African American	8 (2.3)	6 (1.7)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 (0.3)		
Other	17 (5.0)	12 (3.5)	
Region, n (%)			
Asia	178 (52.2)	196 (57.0)	
Rest of the world	163 (47.8)	148 (43.0)	
FCOG PS 0 at screening in (%)	173 (50 7)	163 (47 4)	
Primary tumor location at diagnosis, n (%)			
Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma	190 (55.7)	193 (56.1)	
Extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma	66 (19.4)	65 (18.9)	
Gallbladder cancer	85 (24.9)	86 (25.0)	
Disease status at randomization, n (%)			
Initially unresectable	274 (80.4)	279 (81.1)	
Recurrent	67 (19.6)	64 (18.6)	
Disease classification at diagnosis,* n (%)			
Metastatic	303 (88.9)	286 (83.1)	
Locally advanced	38 (11.1)	57 (16.6)	
PD-L1 expression,* n (%)			
TAP ≥1%	197 (57.8)	205 (59.6)	
TAP <1%	103 (30.2)	103 (29.9)	

<sup>\*</sup>Data missing for remaining patients. Unless otherwise indicated, measurements were taken at baseline.

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; GemCis, gemcitabine and cisplatin; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PS, performance status; TAP, tumor area positivity.

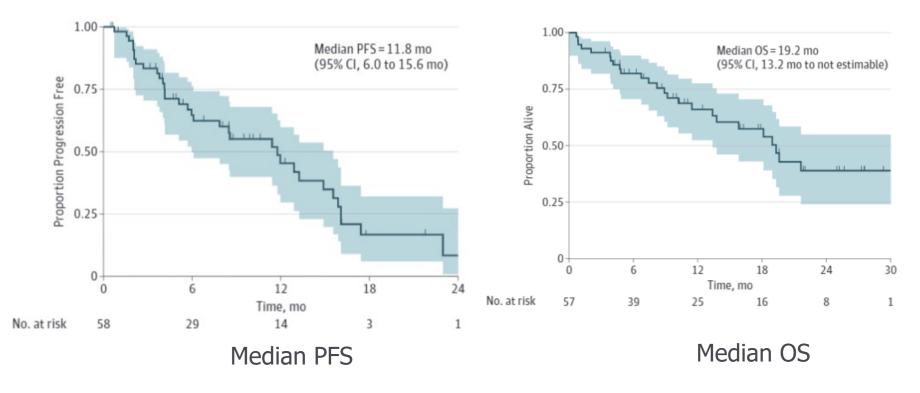
### TOPAZ Primary endpoint: OS



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.

## Gemcitabine, Cisplatin, and Nab-Paclitaxel for Advanced BTC (Phase 2 Clinical Trial)

## Survival Among All Patients in the Intention-to-Treat Population for Whom Data Were Available



- Patients received gemcitabine
   (1000 mg/m²),
   cisplatin (25 mg/m²),
   and nab-paclitaxel
   (125 mg/m²), on
   days 1 and 8 of
   21-day cycles (n = 60)
- Due to hematologic
  AEs among the first
  32 patients enrolled,
  starting doses were
  reduced to 800, 25,
  and 100 mg/m²,
  respectively, for the
  remaining 28 patients

## S1815: Study Design

 $N = 268 \rightarrow NOW 441$ 

CLOSED TO ACCRUAL on 2/15/2021!!

Gemcitabine + Cisplatin + Nab-Paclitaxel

Days 1, 8 of a 21-day cycle

Restage every 3 cycles until progression

\*Prespecified stratifications factors: tumor type, PS, locallyadvanced vs. metastatic

First line, advanced cholangiocarcinoma and gallbladder cancer



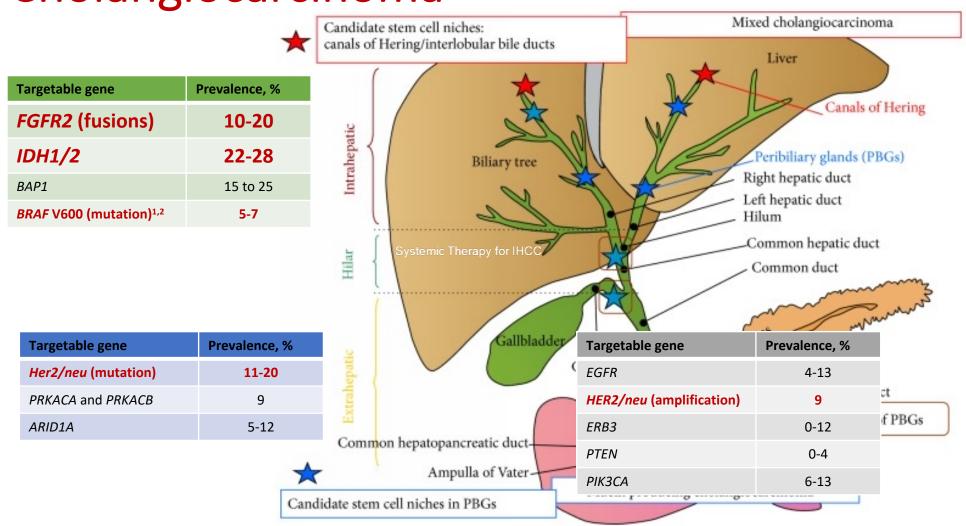
Gemcitabine + Cisplatin IV Days 1, 8 of a 21-day cycle

Primary EP: OS; Target HR 0.7

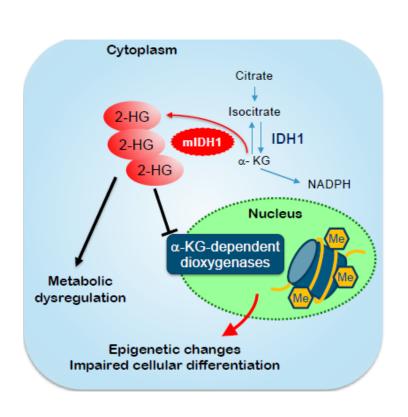
Secondary: ORR, PFS, DCR, safety, CA 19-9 changes

Archival blood and tissue specimens to be banked

The evolving treatment landscape of Cholangiocarcinoma



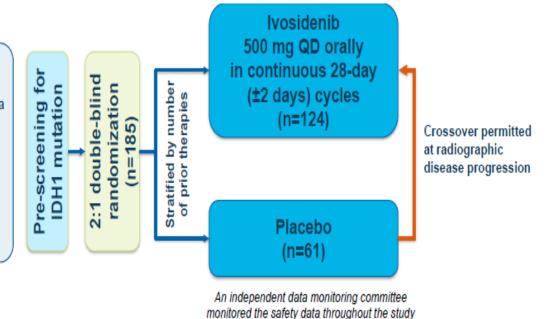
# Targeting IDH1: ClarIDHy phase3 trial



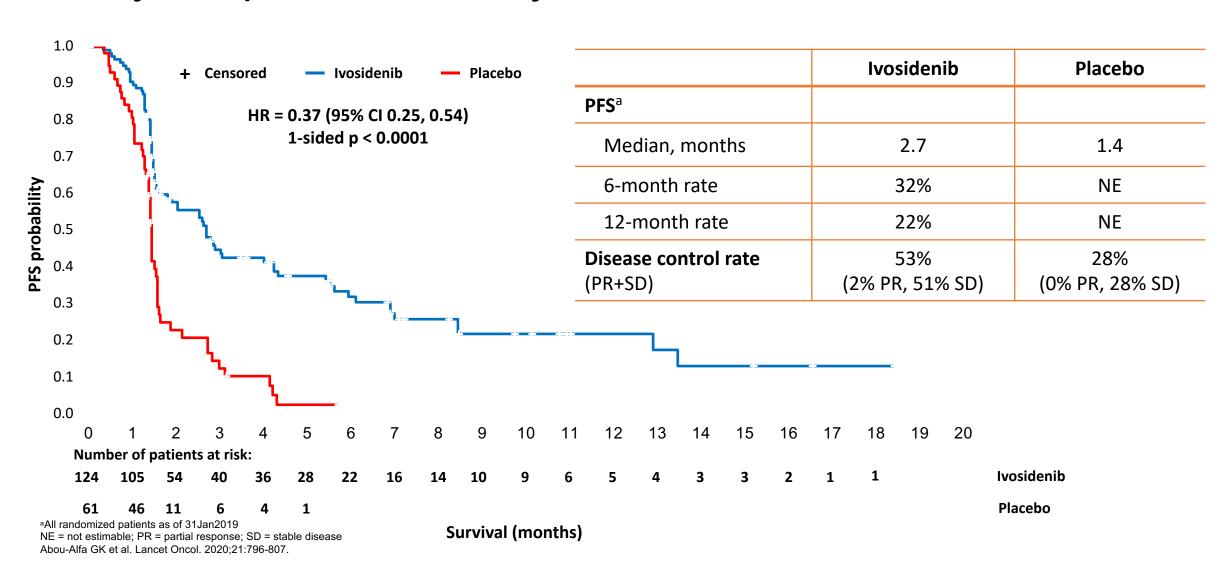
#### Key eligibility criteria

- ≥18 years of age
- · Histologically confirmed diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma
- · Centrally confirmed mIDH1\* status by NGS
- · ECOG PS score 0 or 1
- 1-2 prior therapies (at least 1 gemcitabine- or 5-FUcontaining regimen)
- · Measurable lesion as defined by RECIST v1.1
- Adequate hematologic, hepatic, and renal function

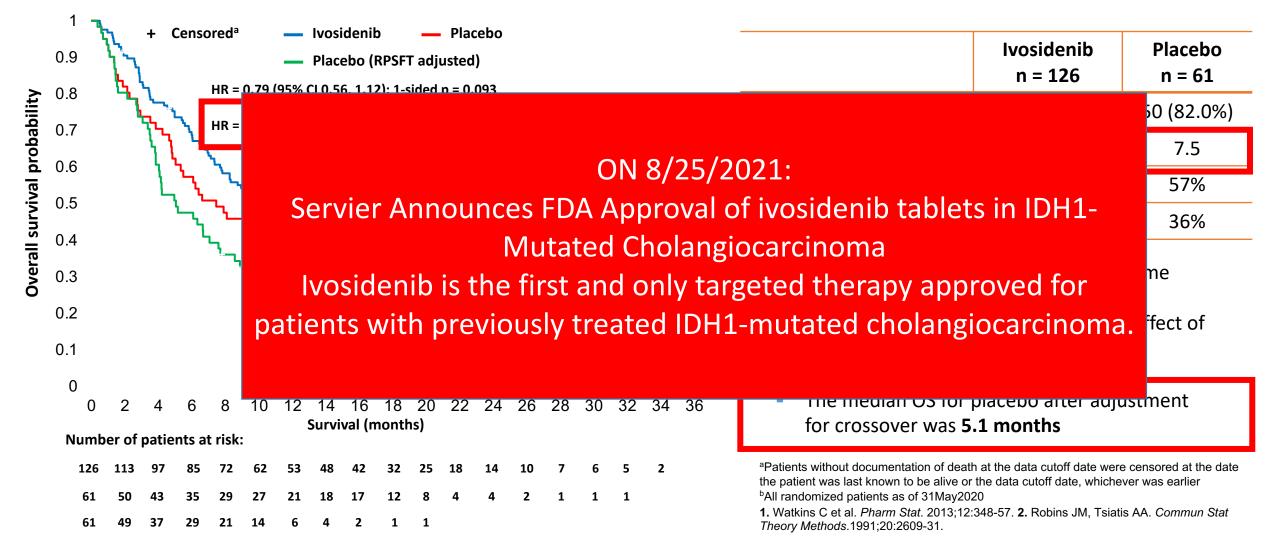
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## Primary endpoint of PFS by IRC was met



## Overall survival (final analysis)



## FGFR Inhibitors in FGFR2 Fusion/Rearrangements in CCA

	Infigratinib <sup>[a]</sup>	Pemigatinib* <sup>,[b]</sup>	Derazantinib <sup>[c]</sup>	Futibatinib <sup>[d]</sup>	Erdafitinib <sup>[e]</sup>
N	108	127	29	67	7
Patient demographics	Prior lines of treatment  1: 46%  2: 30%  3+: 24%	Prior lines of treatment 1: 61% 2: 27% 3+: 12%	Prior lines of treatment 1: 52% 2: 35% 3+: 13%	Prior lines of treatment 1: 45% 2: 28% 3+: 27%	Prior lines of treatment 1: 36% 2: 36% 3+: 27%
ORR (confirmed), %	30.6	35.5	20.7	37.0	57.1
mPFS, mo	7.3	6.9	5.7	7.2	5.6 (includes 4 nonfusion patients)
mOS, mo	12.2	21.1	NR	NR	NR

FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; NR, not reached; mPFS, median progression free survival; mOS, median overall survivial.

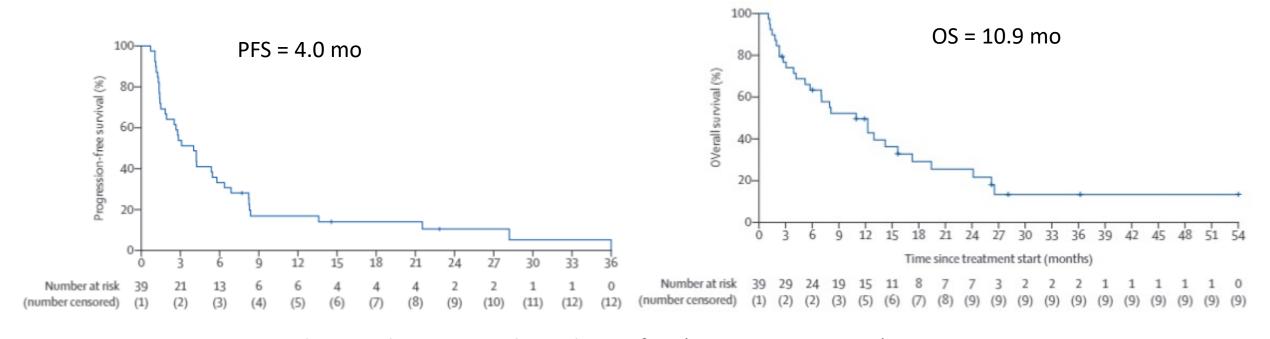
Data presented for FGFR2 fusion patients only, unless otherwise noted.

a. Javle M, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021;39(3\_suppl):265; b. Abou-Alfa GK, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21(5):671-684; c. Saleh M, et al. Cancer Res. 2017;77(13 suppl):CT111; d. Mazzaferro V, et al. Br J Cancer. 2019;120:165-171; e. Goyal L, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(15\_suppl):108.

<sup>\*</sup>Pemigatinib received accelerated FDA approval (along with companion diagnostic) in April 2020.

# Pertuzumab and Trastuzumab for HER2-Positive, Metastatic BTC (MyPathway)

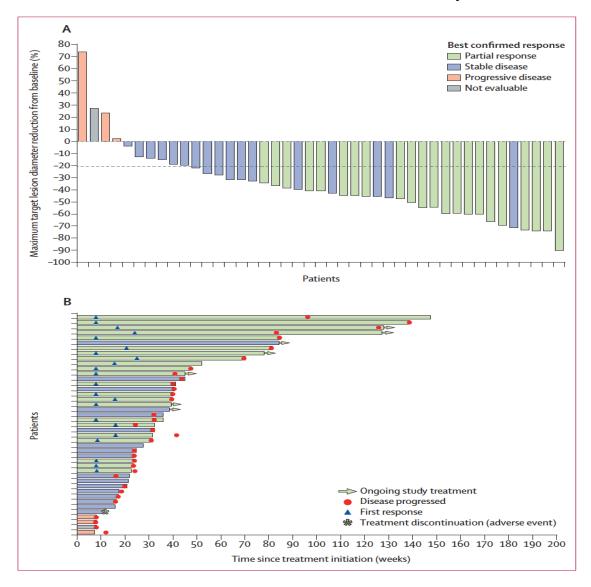
Multicenter, Open-Label, Phase 2a, Multiple Basket Study (n = 39)

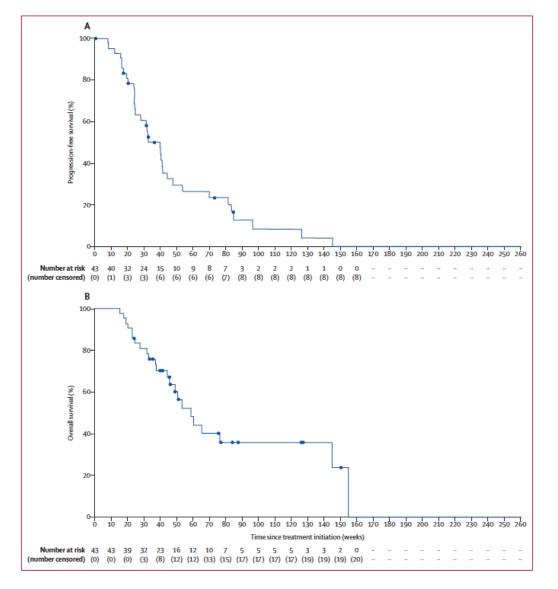


- ORR in this population was achieved in 9 of 39 (23%; 95% CI: 11, 39)
- Disease control rate was achieved in 20 patients (51%; 95% CI: 35, 68)
- Although median PFS was modest, 6 patients had prolonged PFS > 1 year
- Grade 3–4 trAEs were reported in 46% of patients, most commonly increased alanine aminotransferase and increased aspartate aminotransferase (each 13%)

Javle M, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2021;22:1290-1300.

## ROAR: Dabrafenib/Trametinib for BRAF V600E





## Biliary Cancers Summary and Conclusions

- First line therapy evolving
  - TOPAZ: gemcitabine, cisplatin and durvalumab
  - Triplet chemotherapy? Awaiting results of SWOG 1815
- Heterogeneous disease with molecular subsets and actionable mutations
  - Biliary cancers should be offered tumor profiling early
  - Targeted therapies moving into first line (ongoing trials with FGFR2 agents and IDH1 in first line)
  - Therapies to target FGFR2, IDH1, Her2 and RAF are now available!