



Cholangiocarcinoma

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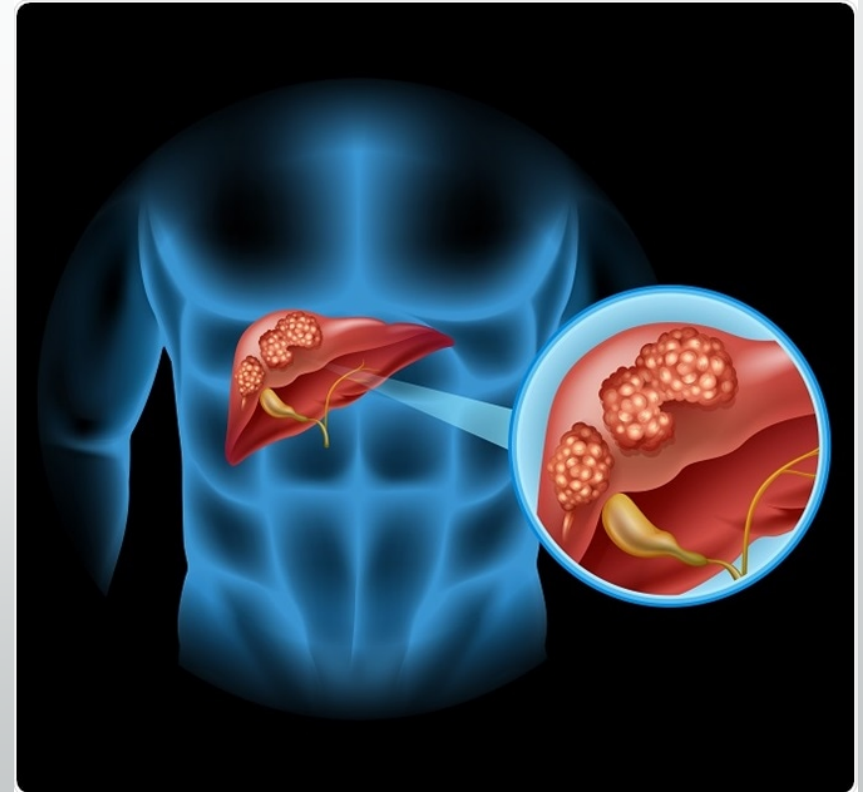
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Disclosures

- None

Cholangiocarcinoma

- Outline
 - Introduction
 - Resectable Disease
 - Metastatic Disease
 - Future Directions



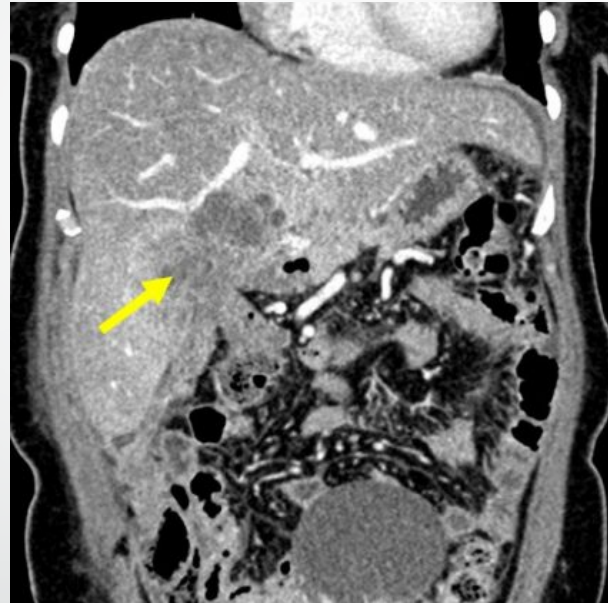
Cholangiocarcinoma: Risk Factors

- No predisposing factors are identified in most patients diagnosed with CCA, although there is evidence that particular risk factors may be associated with the disease in some patients. These risk factors, like those for gallbladder cancer, are associated with the presence of chronic inflammation. Primary sclerosing cholangitis, chronic calculi of the bile duct (hepatolithiasis), choledochal cysts, and liver fluke infections are well-established risk factors for CCA.



Cholangiocarcinoma: Signs and Symptoms

- jaundice
- dark urine
- clay colored stool
- pain in the abdomen
- fever
- itchy skin
- nausea and vomiting
- weight loss for an unknown reason

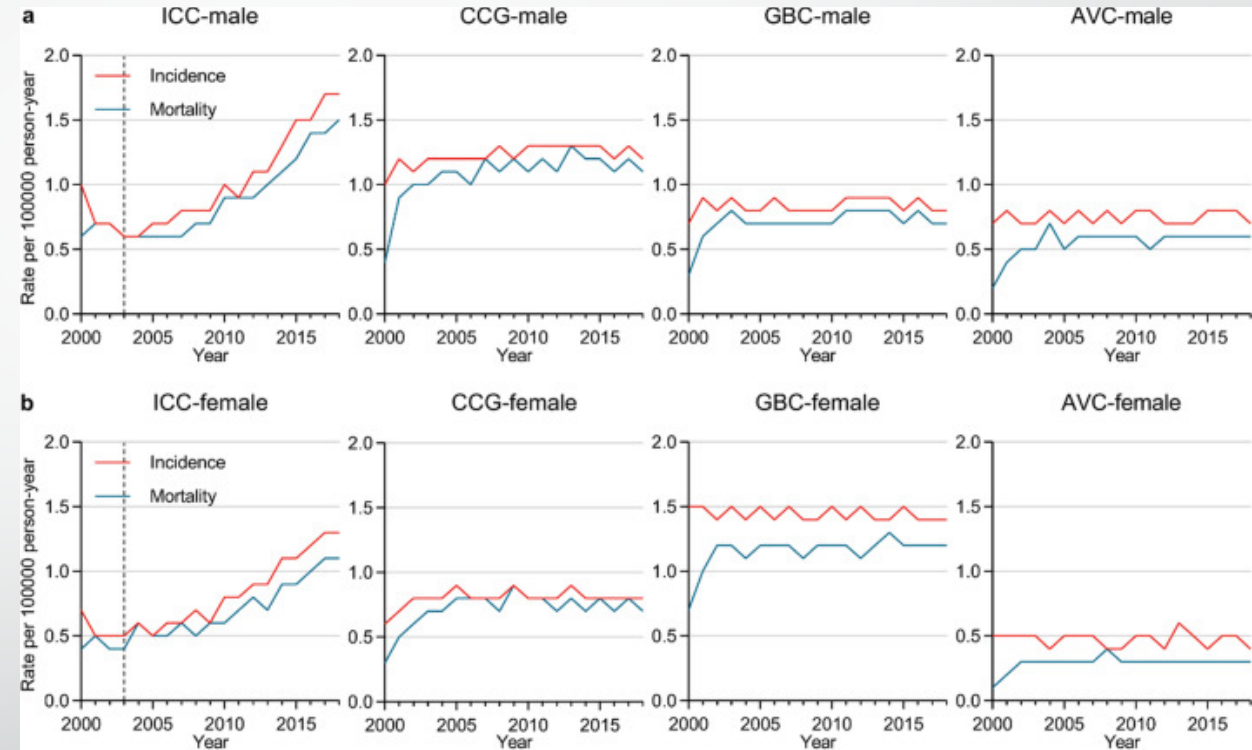


Molecular pathology

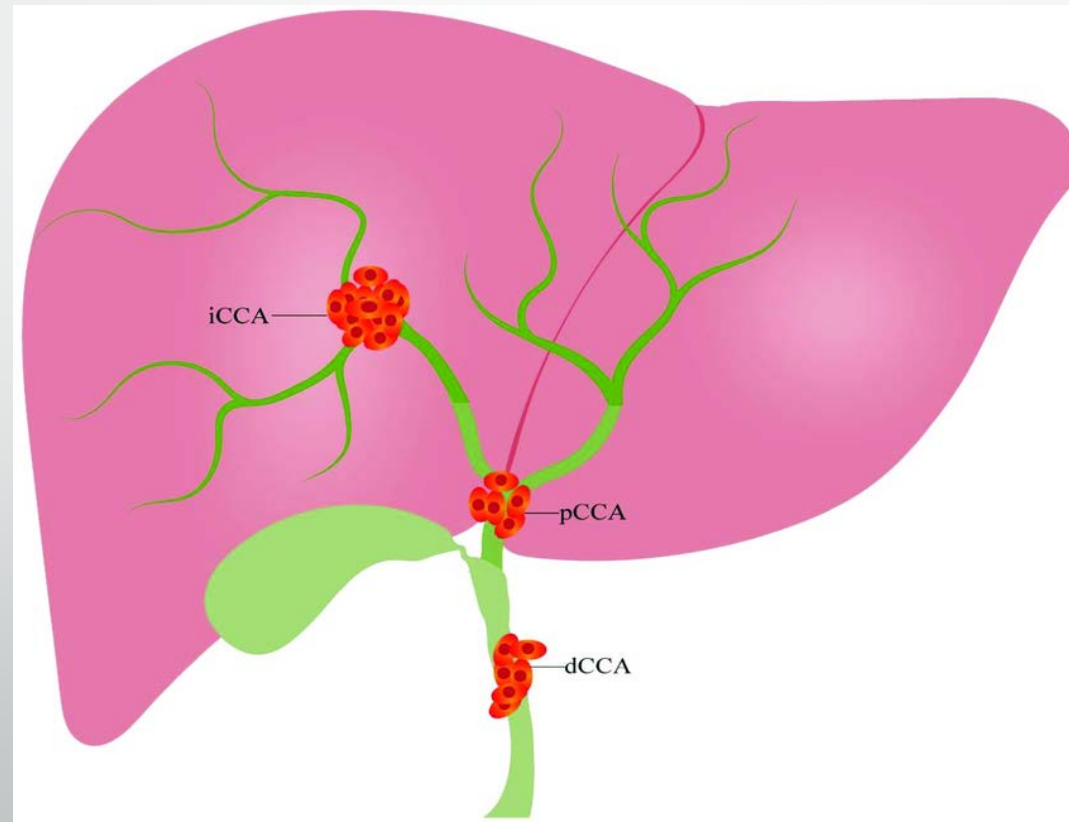
- Precursors to cholangiocarcinoma
 - Biliary intra-epithelial neoplasia (BilN) – more common
 - Intra-ductal papillary neoplasm (IPMN)
- Precursors harbor mutations in p53 & loss of SMAD4
- Molecular defects involves oncogenes & tumor suppressor genes
 - Oncogenes
 - K-ras, c-erbB-2, BRAF, PIK3CA, CTNNB1, EGFR
 - Tumor suppressor genes
 - p53, SMAD4, CDKN2A

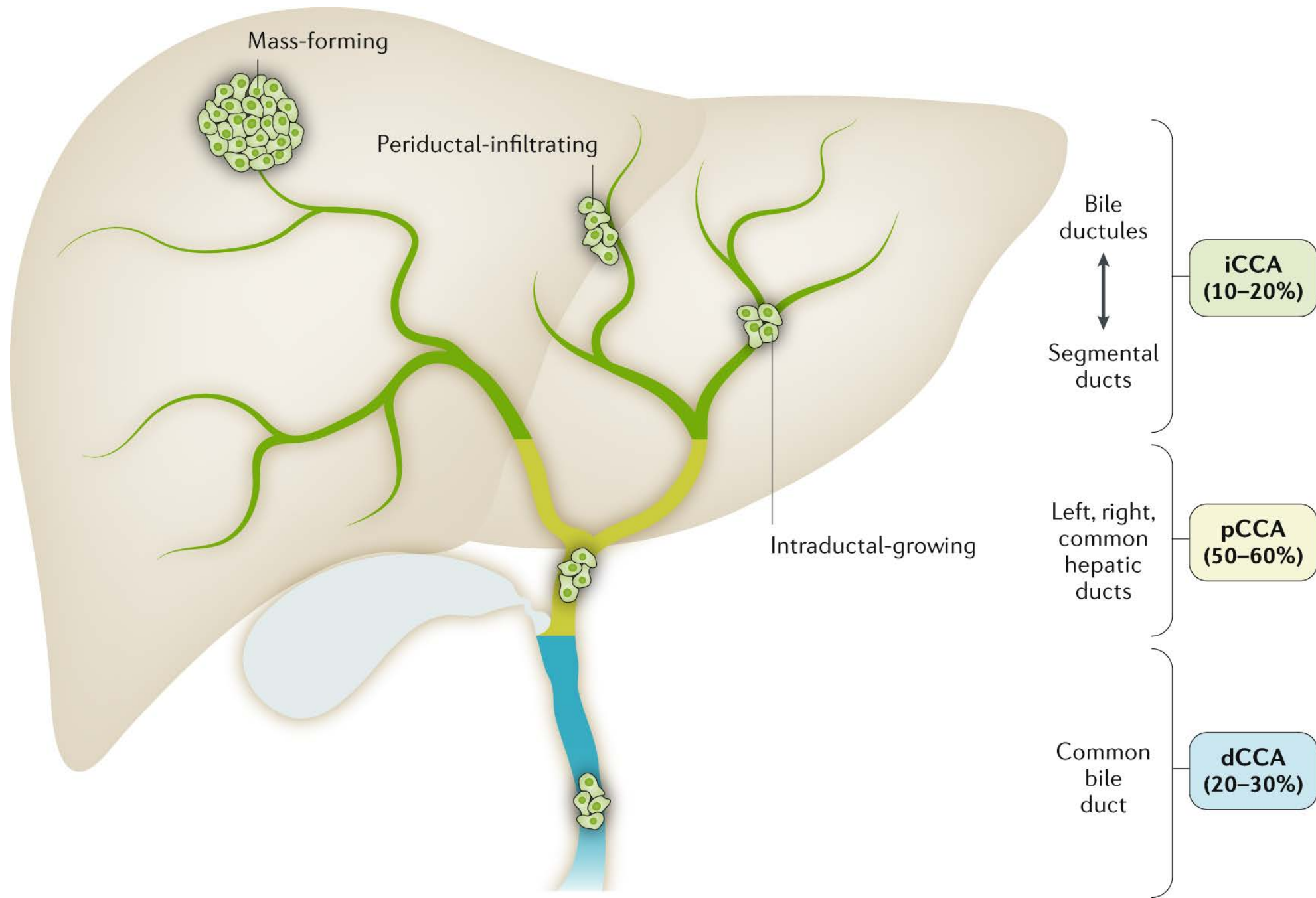
Biliary Tract Cancers

- Incidence:
 - ~2% of all cancer-related deaths worldwide yearly
 - 5 yr survival 7-20%



Cholangiocarcinoma: Location, location, location





Mass-forming

Periductal-infiltrating

Intraductal-growing

Bile ductules

Segmental ducts

Left, right, common hepatic ducts

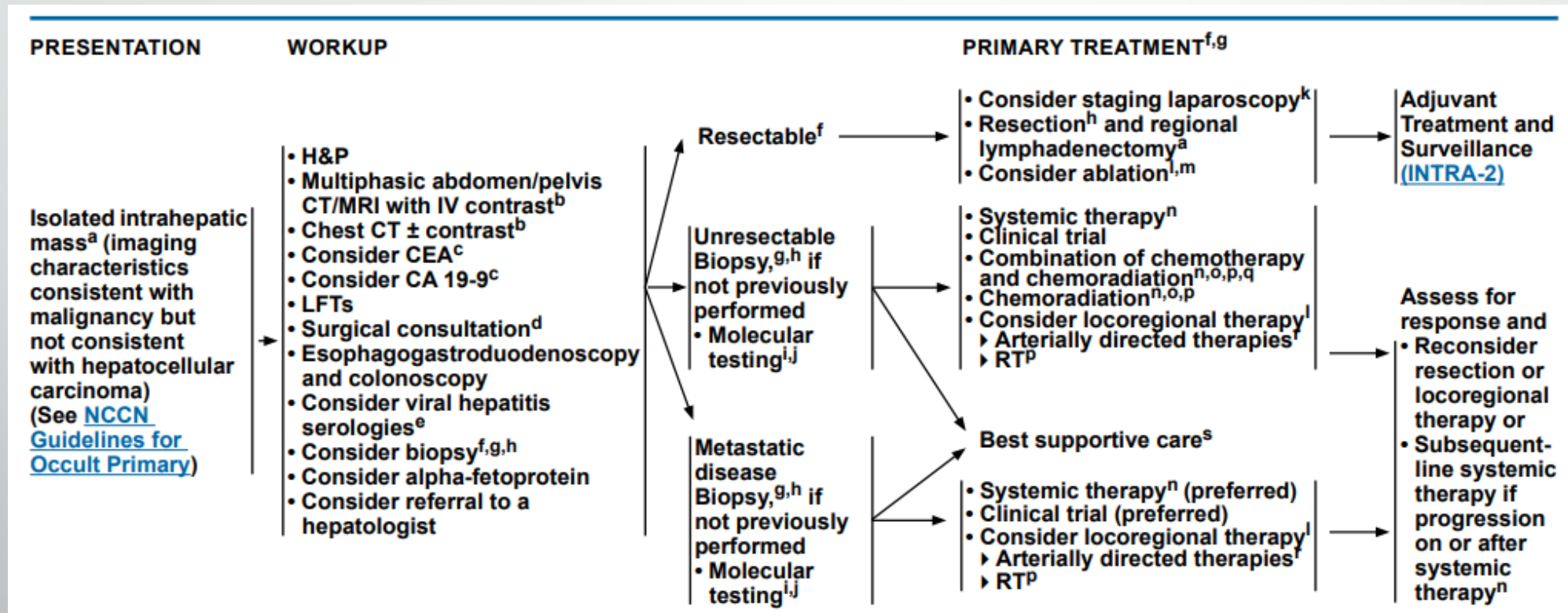
Common bile duct

iCCA
(10–20%)

pCCA
(50–60%)

dCCA
(20–30%)

Cholangiocarcinoma: workup



CCA type	Gross pattern	Precancerous lesion	Underlying disease	Tissue markers ^a	Frequent mutations
iCCA — CLC	Mass-forming	None	Viral, cirrhosis	NCAM	<i>IDH1/2, FGFR2</i> fusions, <i>BAP1, BRAF, ARID1A, KRAS, TP53, SMAD4</i> Increased <i>IDH1</i> and <i>TP53</i>
iCCA — small duct type	Mass-forming	None	Viral, cirrhosis	NCAM, N-cadherin, SMAD4, <i>BAP1</i> ^{loss}	<i>IDH1/2, FGFR2</i> fusions, <i>BAP1, BRAF, ARID1A, KRAS, TP53, SMAD4</i> Increased <i>IDH1/2, FGFR2</i> fusion
iCCA — large duct type	Periductal infiltrating (±mass-forming) or intraductal growing	Biliary epithelial neoplasia, IPNB, ITPN, mucinous cystic neoplasm	Primary sclerosing cholangitis, liver flukes	Mucin ^b , MUC5AC, MUC6, S100P, SMAD4 ^{loss} , <i>BAP1</i>	<i>IDH1/2, FGFR2</i> fusions, <i>BAP1, BRAF, ARID1A, KRAS, TP53, SMAD4</i> Increased <i>KRAS</i> and <i>TP53</i>
pCCA–dCCA	Periductal infiltrating or intraductal growing	Biliary epithelial neoplasia, IPNB, ITPN, mucinous cystic neoplasm	Primary sclerosing cholangitis, liver flukes	Mucin ^b , MUC5AC, MUC6, S100P, SMAD4 ^{loss} , <i>BAP1</i>	<i>KRAS, TP53, SMAD4, ERBB3, PRKACA–PRKACB</i> fusions, <i>ELF3</i>



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TNM Staging for Intrahepatic Bile Duct Tumors (8th ed., 2017)

Table 5. Definitions for T, N, M

T	Primary Tumor
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	Carcinoma <i>in situ</i> (intraductal tumor)
T1	Solitary tumor without vascular invasion, ≤5 cm or >5 cm
T1a	Solitary tumor ≤5 cm without vascular invasion
T1b	Solitary tumor >5 cm without vascular invasion
T2	Solitary tumor with intrahepatic vascular invasion or multiple tumors, with or without vascular invasion
T3	Tumor perforating the visceral peritoneum
T4	Tumor involving local extrahepatic structures by direct invasion
N	Regional Lymph Nodes
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1	Regional lymph node metastasis present
M	Distant Metastasis
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis present

Table 6. AJCC Prognostic Groups

	T	N	M
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0
Stage IA	T1a	N0	M0
Stage IB	T1b	N0	M0
Stage II	T2	N0	M0
Stage IIIA	T3	N0	M0
Stage IIIB	T4	N0	M0
	Any T	N1	M0
Stage IV	Any T	Any N	M1

Histologic Grade (G)

GX	Grade cannot be assessed
G1	Well differentiated
G2	Moderately differentiated
G3	Poorly differentiated

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Table 7. Definitions for T, N, M

T	Primary Tumor
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	Carcinoma <i>in situ</i> /high-grade dysplasia
T1	Tumor confined to the bile duct, with extension up to the muscle layer or fibrous tissue
T2	Tumor invades beyond the wall of the bile duct to surrounding adipose tissue, or tumor invades adjacent hepatic parenchyma
T2a	Tumor invades beyond the wall of the bile duct to surrounding adipose tissue
T2b	Tumor invades adjacent hepatic parenchyma
T3	Tumor invades unilateral branches of the portal vein or hepatic artery
T4	Tumor invades main portal vein or its branches bilaterally, or the common hepatic artery; or unilateral second-order biliary radicals bilaterally with contralateral portal vein or hepatic artery involvement
N	Regional Lymph Nodes
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1	One to three positive lymph nodes typically involving the hilar, cystic duct, common bile duct, hepatic artery, posterior pancreaticoduodenal, and portal vein lymph nodes
N2	Four or more positive lymph nodes from the sites described for N1

M	Distant Metastasis
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis

Table 8. AJCC Prognostic Groups

	T	N	M
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0
Stage I	T1	N0	M0
Stage II	T2a-b	N0	M0
Stage IIIA	T3	N0	M0
Stage IIIB	T4	N0	M0
Stage IIIC	Any T	N1	M0
Stage IVA	Any T	N2	M0
Stage IVB	Any T	Any N	M1

Histologic Grade (G)

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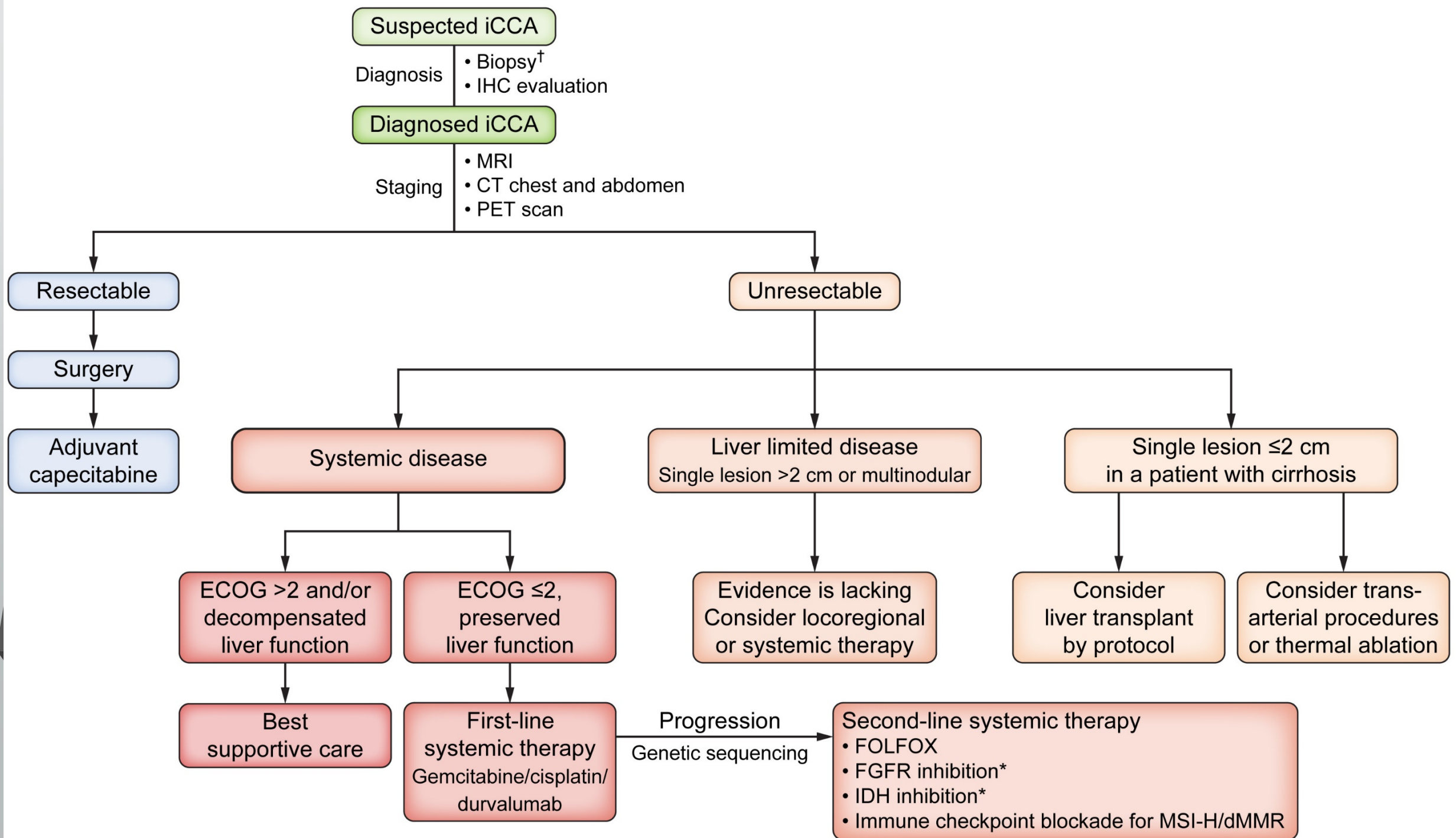
T	Primary Tumor
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
Tis	Carcinoma in situ/high-grade dysplasia
T1	Tumor invades the bile duct wall with a depth less than 5 mm
T2	Tumor invades the bile duct wall with a depth of 5–12 mm
T3	Tumor invades the bile duct wall with a depth greater than 12 mm
T4	Tumor involves the celiac axis, superior mesenteric artery, and/or common hepatic artery
N	Regional Lymph Nodes
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1	Metastasis in one to three regional lymph nodes
N2	Metastasis in four or more regional lymph nodes
M	Distant Metastasis
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis

Table 10. AJCC Prognostic Groups

	T	N	M
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0
Stage I	T1	N0	M0
Stage IIA	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N0	M0
Stage IIB	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N0	M0
	T3	N1	M0
Stage IIIA	T1	N2	M0
	T2	N2	M0
	T3	N2	M0
Stage IIIB	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	N2	M0
Stage IV	Any T	Any N	M1

Histologic Grade (G)

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Cholangiocarcinoma: Resectability

Bilateral hepatic duct involvement up to secondary radicals.

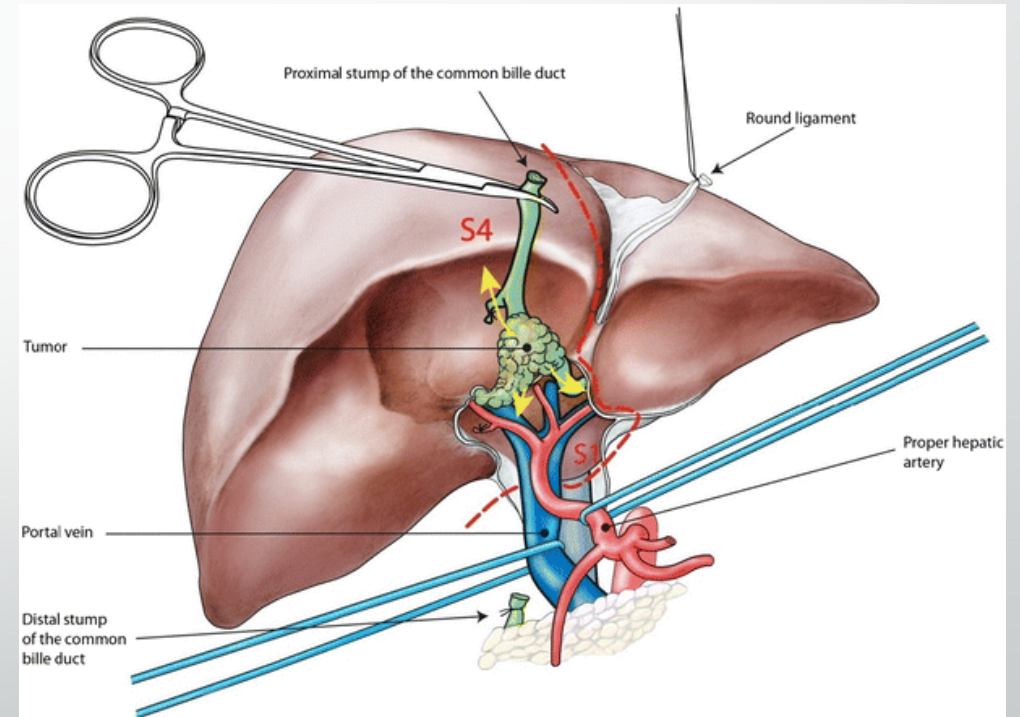
Bilateral hepatic artery involvement.

Encasement of the portal vein proximal to its bifurcation.

Atrophy of one hepatic lobe with contralateral portal vein encasement.

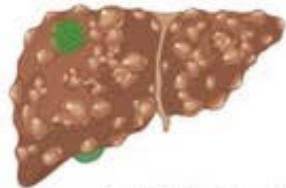
Atrophy of one hepatic lobe with contralateral biliary radical involvement.

Distant metastasis.



Cholangiocarcinoma: Transplantation

WHO: Patients with unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma⁹



Decompensated cirrhosis with portal hypertension

- Single tumors ≥ 2 cm (very early)
- No extrahepatic disease
- No vascular invasion



Locally advanced iCCA

- Large or multiple tumors
- No extrahepatic disease
- No vascular invasion
- No lymph node involvement
- ≥ 6 mo stability with systemic chemotherapy and/or LRT.

WHEN: Patient selection strategies to improve outcomes after LT^{3, 8, 81}



Systemic Chemotherapy^{30, 48} ●●●

- Gemcitabine + Cisplatin + Durvalumab/Pembrolizumab (1^oL)
- Gemcitabine + Cisplatin (1^oL)
- FOLFOX (2^oL)



Ablation³¹ ●●○

- Radiofrequency, microwave, Cryoablation, IE. (response rate 94%, OS 30 months)



Intra-arterial treatments³¹ ●○○

- TACE (26.3% RR, OS 15.9 months)
- TARE (23.4% RR, OS 14.9 months)
- HAI (41.3% RR, OS 21.3 months)



External beam radiotherapy³¹ ●○○

(69.1% local control, OS 18.9 months)



Future treatments^{40, 52}

- ctDNA guided
- Target therapies (2^oL)
- Molecular profile

●●● Level of evidence

HOW: Strategies to increase liver grafts availability for transplant oncology patients^{6, 67}

Living Donor Livers^{57, 34}



- ▲ Excellent quality organs,
- ▲ Facilitates sequencing of treatment
- ▼ Donor risks.
- ▼ High technical complexity

Marginal Grafts⁶⁷



- ▲ Doesn't affect the waiting list mortality
- ▲ Whole livers
- ▼ Low-quality grafts, may increase complications
- ▼ Oncological risk?

RAPID Transplantation⁷⁵



- ▲ Doesn't affect the waiting list mortality
- ▼ Very high complexity
- ▼ Scarcity of split organs
- ▼ Increased biliary complications

Domino Transplantation⁷⁴



- ▲ Good quality organs
- ▲ Scarcity of domino organs
- ▼ May affect the waiting list mortality
- ▼ Risk of getting the donor's disease

Machine perfusion^{68, 70}



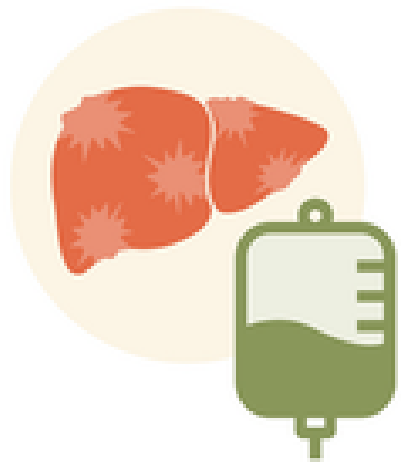
- ▲ Reduces cold ischemia time
- ▲ Allows organ testing and selection
- ▲ Increased preservation time for staging
- ▼ High cost, low availability

▲ ▼ PROS and CONS

iCCA: Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma; LT: Liver Transplantation; TACE: trans-arterial chemoembolization; TARE: Trans-arterial radioembolization; HAI: Hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy; ctDNA: Circulating tumor DNA; Irreversible Electroporation; RR: Response Rate.

Survival following liver transplantation for locally advanced, unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

What are the outcomes for liver Tx after neoadjuvant therapy in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (iCCA)?



Single-center study (2010-2021)

Criteria for liver Tx:

- Locally advanced, unresectable iCCA
- Demonstrate disease stability for 6 months on neoadjuvant therapy
- No extrahepatic disease



18 candidates underwent liver Tx

Liver Tx recipients overall survival:

1-year 100%

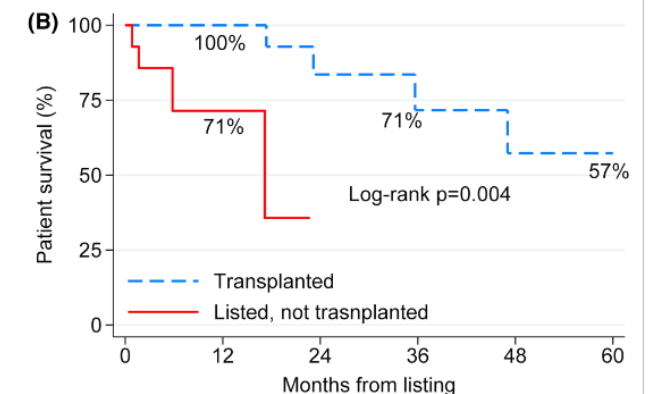
3-years 71%

5-years 57%

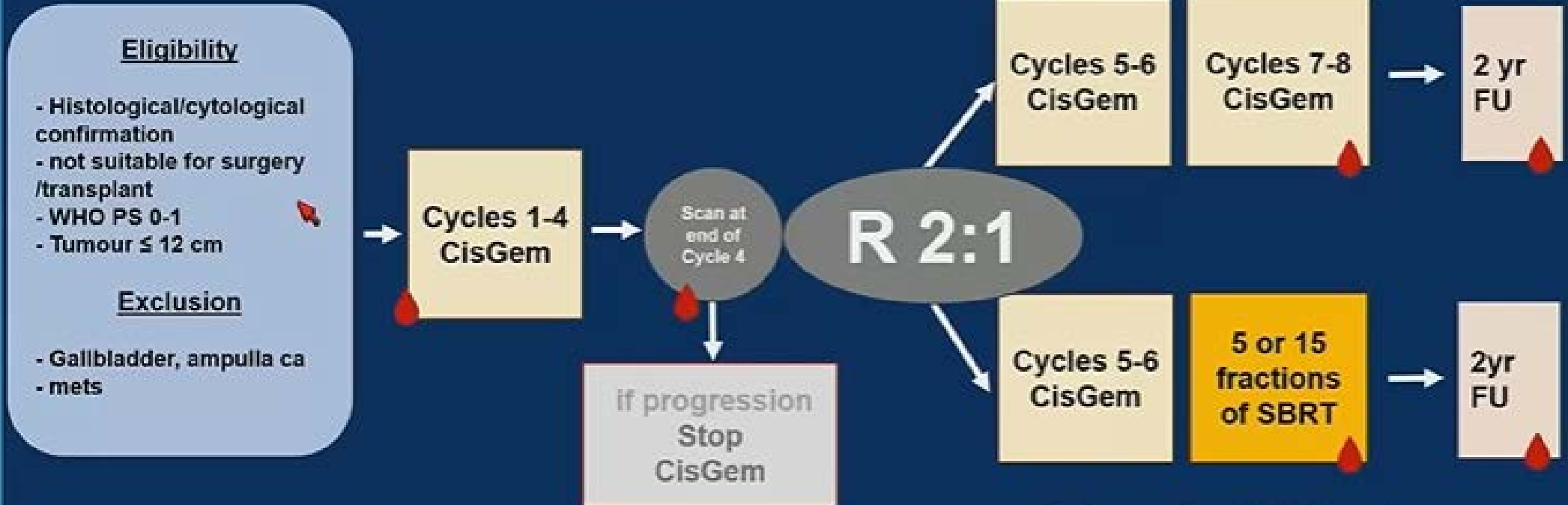
7 patients had recurrences

and were treated with systemic therapy and resection

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ABC-07 Study Design



CisGem: Cisplatin 25 mg/m² plus gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² on D1 and 8 of a 21-D cycle

SBRT: Tumours ≤ 6 cm: 50Gy/5 fractions

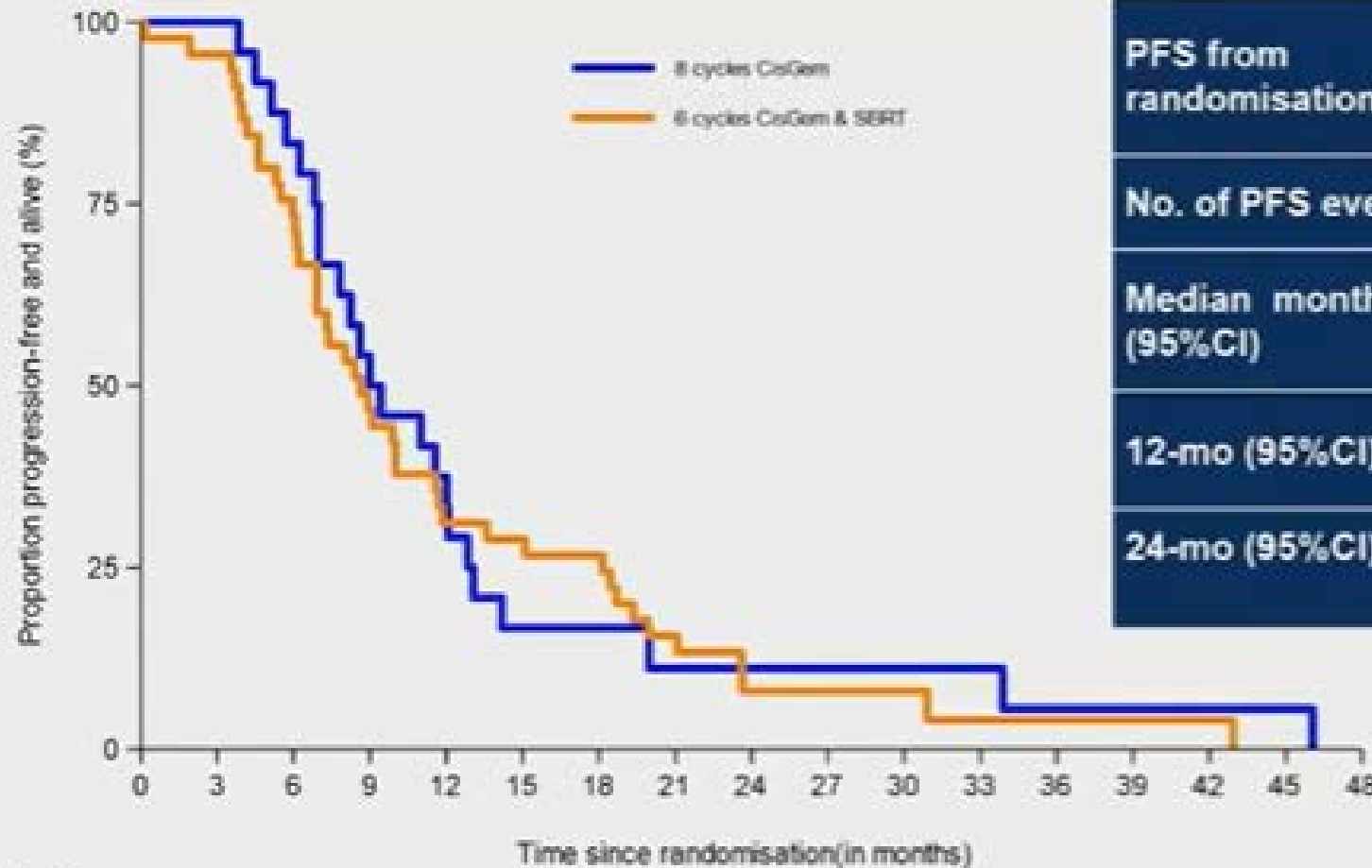
Tumours >6 cm and ≤ 12 cm: 67.5Gy /15 fractions

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

- Independent RTQA - all

- Independent image review - all

1^o - Progression Free Survival (PFS) from randomisation



PFS from randomisation	6 CisGem + SBRT N=45	8 CisGem N=24
No. of PFS events	43 (96%)	23 (96%)
Median months (95%CI)	8.6 (6.9 to 11.6)	9.0 (7.0 to 12.1)
12-mo (95%CI)	31.1% (18.4% to 44.7%)	37.5% (19.0% to 56.0%)
24-mo (95%CI)	8% (2.2% to 18.7%)	11.1% (2.3% to 28.0%)

HR: 1.1 95% (CI 0.7 to 1.8)
p = 0.731

Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
8 cycles CisGem	24	24	20	13	9	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0
6 cycles CisGem & SBRT	45	43	33	21	14	13	12	7	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0


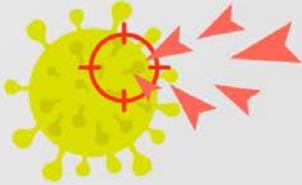
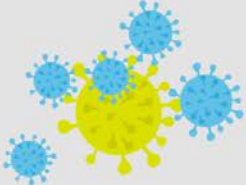
Histotripsy: Using ultrasound to treat liver tumors



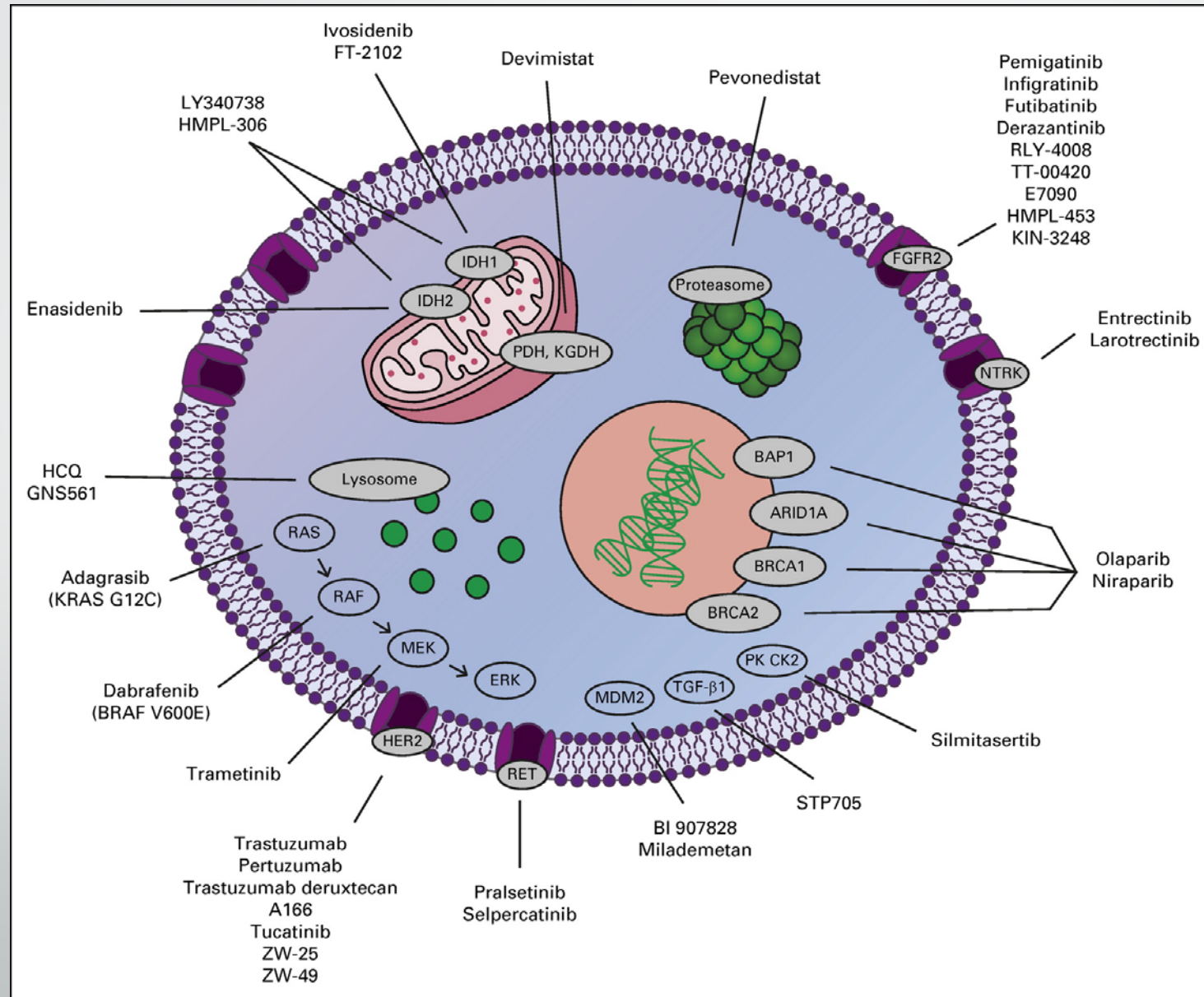
CANCER TREATMENT OPTIONS



Chemotherapy vs. Targeted Therapy vs Immunotherapy

	 Chemotherapy	 Targeted Therapy	 Immunotherapy
How does it work?	Targets rapidly dividing cells (mostly cancer cells)	Targets Proteins required for cancer growth	Uses our immune system against cancer
Side Effects	Hair loss, intestinal damage, nausea	Liver problems, diarrhea, skin rash	Autoimmune effects
Limitations	Cancer cells develop resistance to chemotherapy, not specific	Cancer cells develop resistance	Tailored and expensive

Targeted Agents



PRINCIPLES OF MOLECULAR TESTING

Table 1: Recommendations for Molecular Testing in Unresectable or Metastatic Biliary Tract Cancers^{a-d}

Recommended Molecular Testing	Anatomic Subsite		
	Gallbladder	Intrahepatic CCA	Extrahepatic CCA
<i>NTRK</i> gene fusion	X	X	X
MSI-H/dMMR	X	X	X
TMB-H	X	X	X
<i>BRAF</i> V600E mutation	X	X	X
<i>FGFR2</i> fusion or rearrangement	–	X	X
<i>IDH1</i> mutation	–	X	X
HER2 (<i>ERBB2</i>) overexpression and/or amplification	X	X	X
<i>RET</i> gene fusion	X	X	X
<i>KRAS</i> G12C mutation	X	X	X

MSI-H: microsatellite instability-high

dMMR: mismatch repair deficient

TMB-H: tumor mutational burden-high



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Biliary Tract Cancers

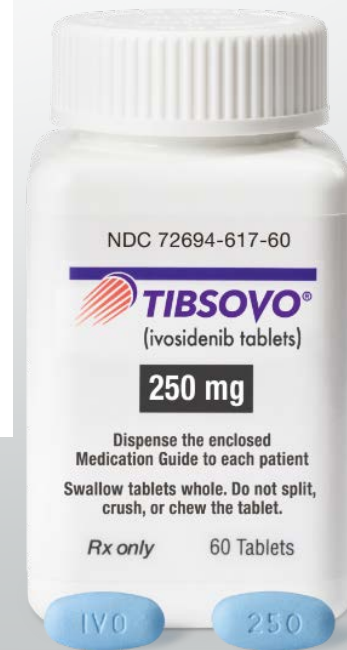
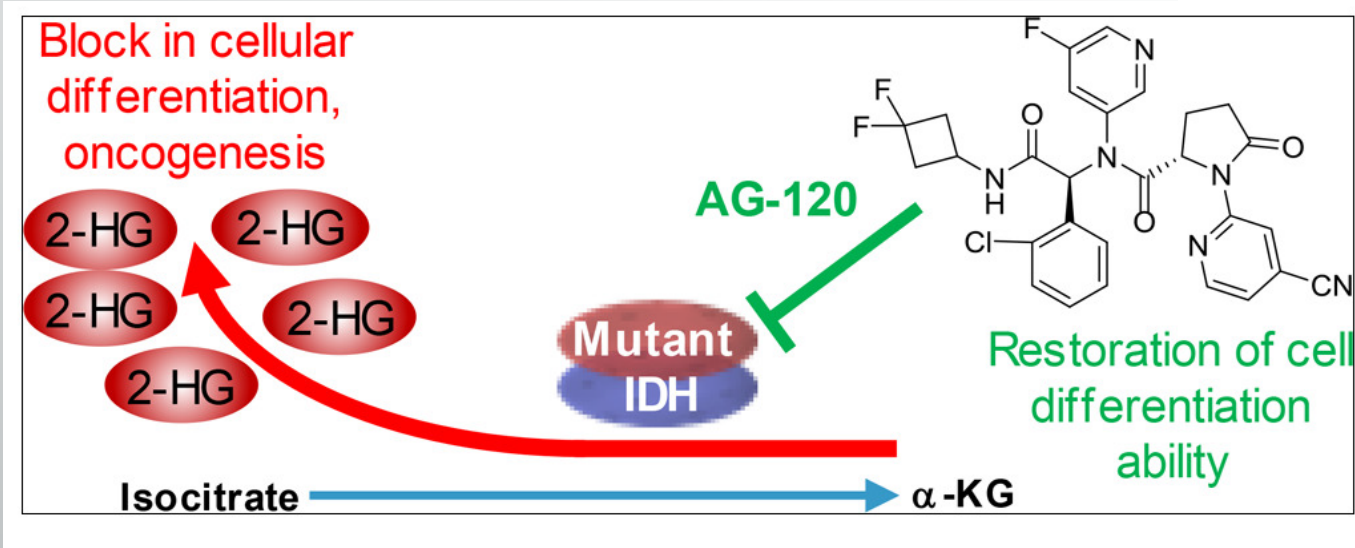
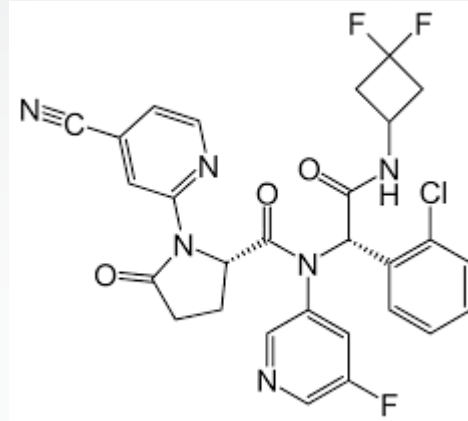
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Table 2: Incidence of Therapeutic Targets in Advanced Biliary Tract Cancers

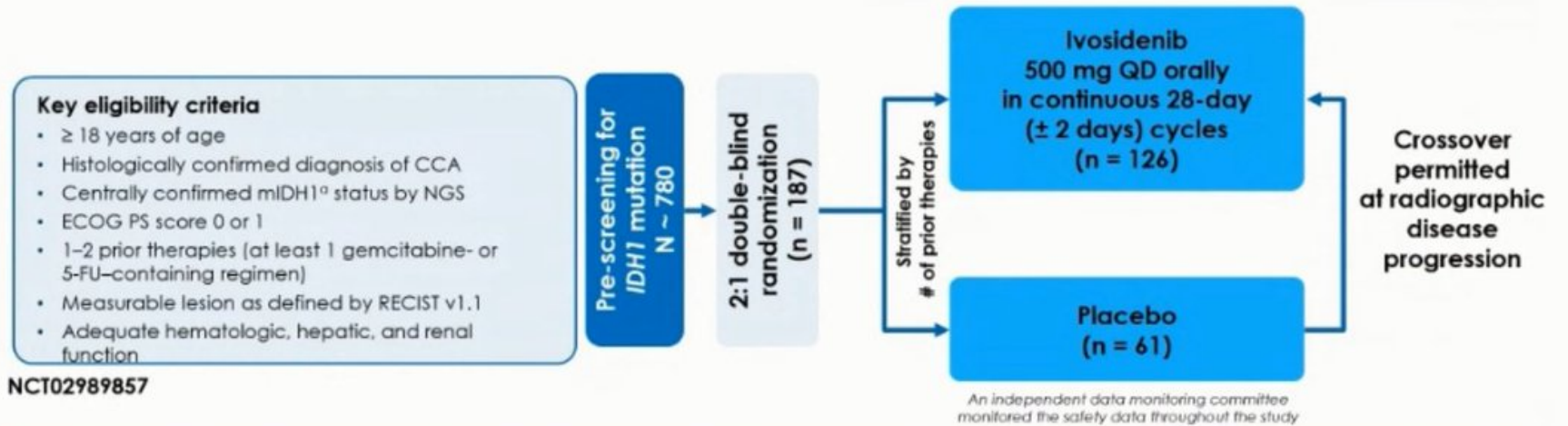
Aberration	Approximate Incidence^e
<i>NTRK</i> fusion	<1%
MSI-H/dMMR	1%–3%
TMB-H	<5%
<i>BRAF</i> V600E mutation	1%–5%
<i>FGFR2</i> fusion or rearrangement	9%–15% of intrahepatic CCAs and rare in other subsites
<i>IDH1</i> mutation	10%–20% of intrahepatic CCAs and rare in other subsites
HER2 (<i>ERBB2</i>) overexpression and/or amplification	5%–20% of CCAs, 15%–30% of gallbladder cancer
<i>RET</i> fusion	<1%
<i>KRAS</i> G12C mutation	1%

Targeted Agents

Gene alterations	ESCAT score	Available or potential targeted therapy ^a
<i>IDH1</i> mutations	IA	Ivosidenib
<i>FGFR2</i> fusions	IB	Infigratinib, pemigatinib, futibatinib, derazantinib, erdafitinib
dMMR/MSI	IC	Pembrolizumab, nivolumab
<i>NTRK</i> fusions	IC	Entrectinib, larotrectinib
<i>BRAF</i> ^{V600E} mutations	IIB	Encorafenib, dabrafenib, vemurafenib
<i>ERBB2</i> (<i>HER2</i>) amplifications, mutations	IIIA	Trastuzumab, pertuzumab, tucatinib, lapatinib, neratinib, trastuzumab deruxtecan, trastuzumab emtansine, afatinib, dacomitinib
<i>PIK3CA</i> hotspot mutations	IIIA	Alpelisib, copanlisib
<i>BRCA 1/2</i> mutations	IIIA	Olaparib
<i>MET</i> amplification	IIIA	Crizotinib, capmatinib
<i>KRAS</i> G12C	–	Adagrasib
<i>RET</i>	–	Selpercatinib, pralsetinib



Phase 3 ClarIDHy study: Study design and endpoints



- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by blinded independent radiology center (IRC)
- **Key secondary endpoints:** OS; objective response rate; PFS by local review; pharmacokinetics/ pharmacodynamics; health-related quality of life (HRQOL);^b safety and tolerability

Reprinted from The Lancet Oncology, 21, Abou-Alfa et al, Ivosidenib in IDH1-mutant, chemotherapy-refractory cholangiocarcinoma (ClarIDHy): a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study, 796–807, Copyright 2021, with permission from Elsevier

^aIDH1 mutation status prospectively confirmed by NGS-based OncoPrint™ Focus Assay on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor tissue in a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments–certified laboratory

^bAssessed using EQ-5D-5L, EORTC QLQ-C30, EORTC QLQ-BIL21, and PGI questions

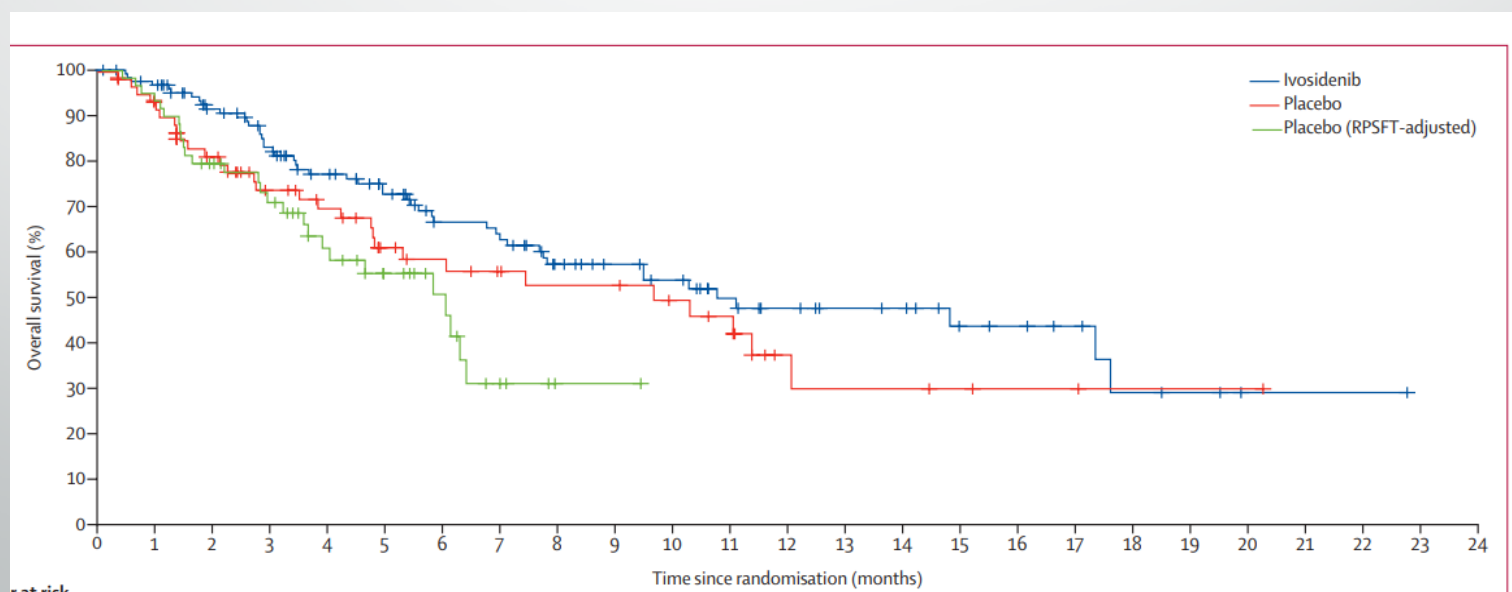
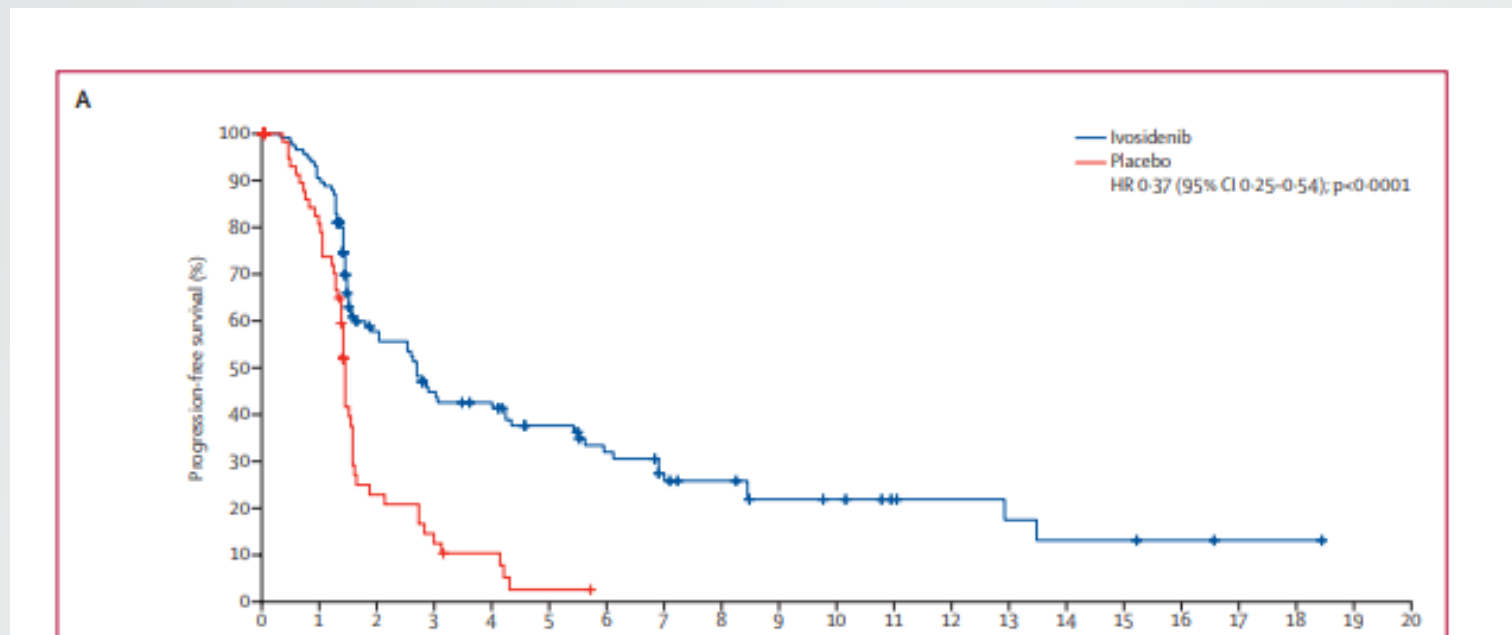
CCA = cholangiocarcinoma; ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; EORTC = European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; EQ-5D-5L = 5-level EuroQoL-5 Dimension questionnaire; FU = fluorouracil; NGS = next-generation sequencing; PGI = Patient Global Impression; QD = once daily; QLQ-BIL21 = Cholangiocarcinoma and Gallbladder Cancer module;

QLQ-C30 = Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30; RECIST = Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

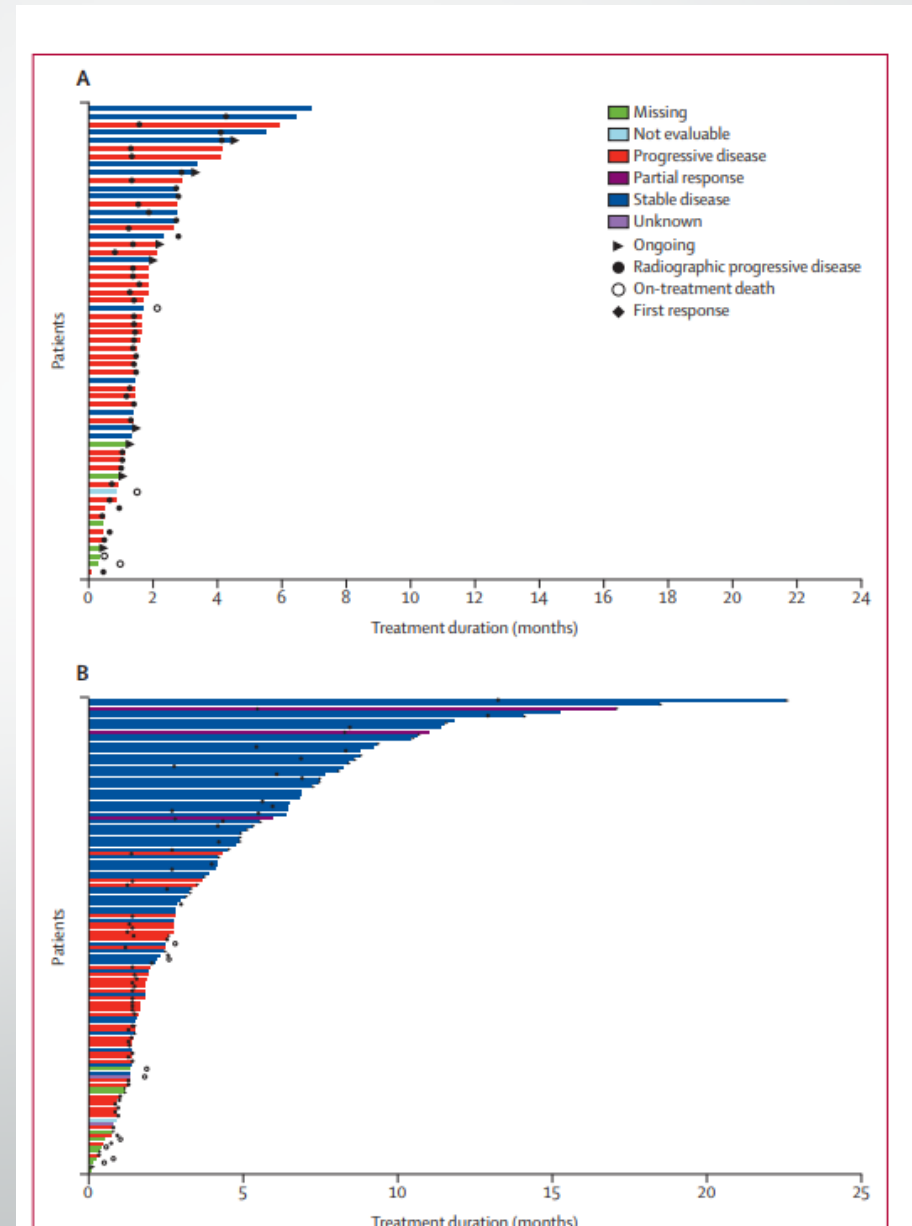
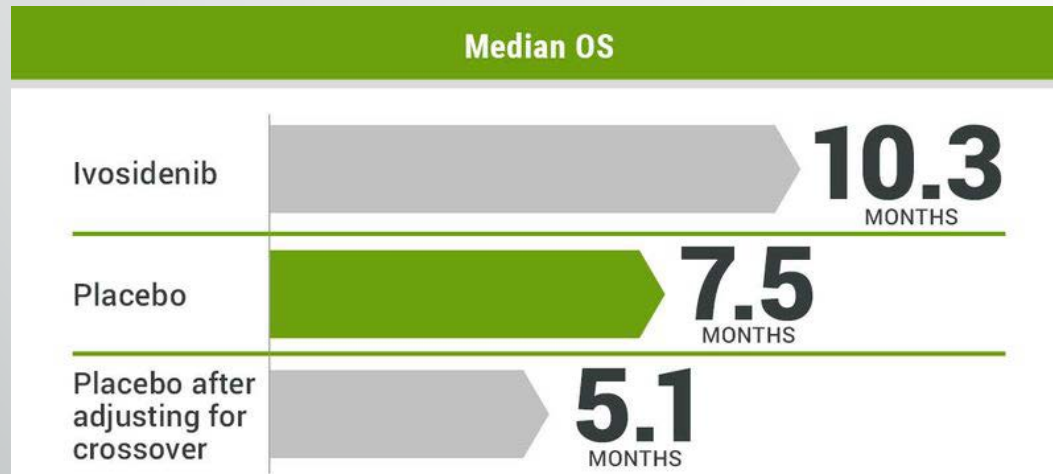
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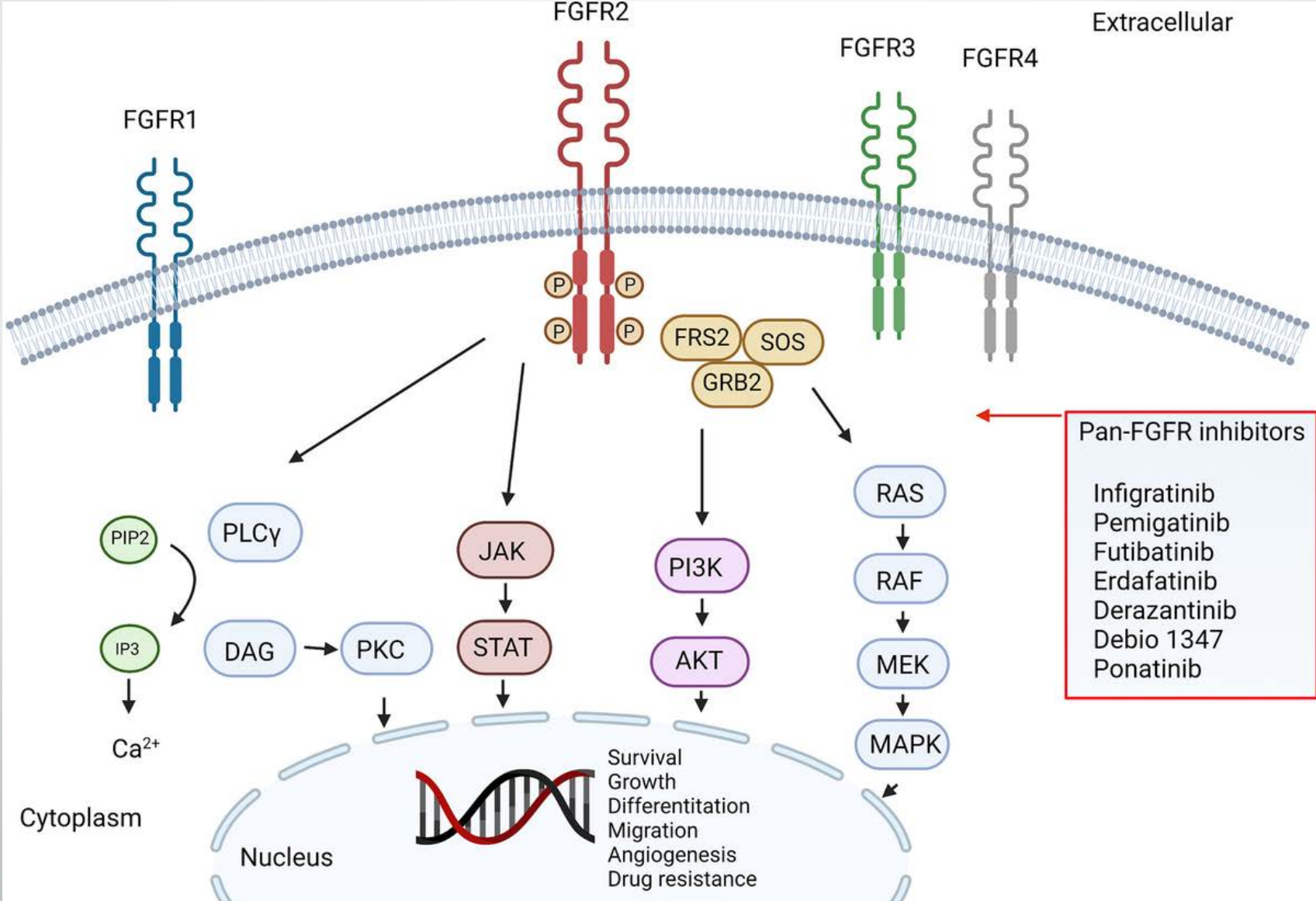
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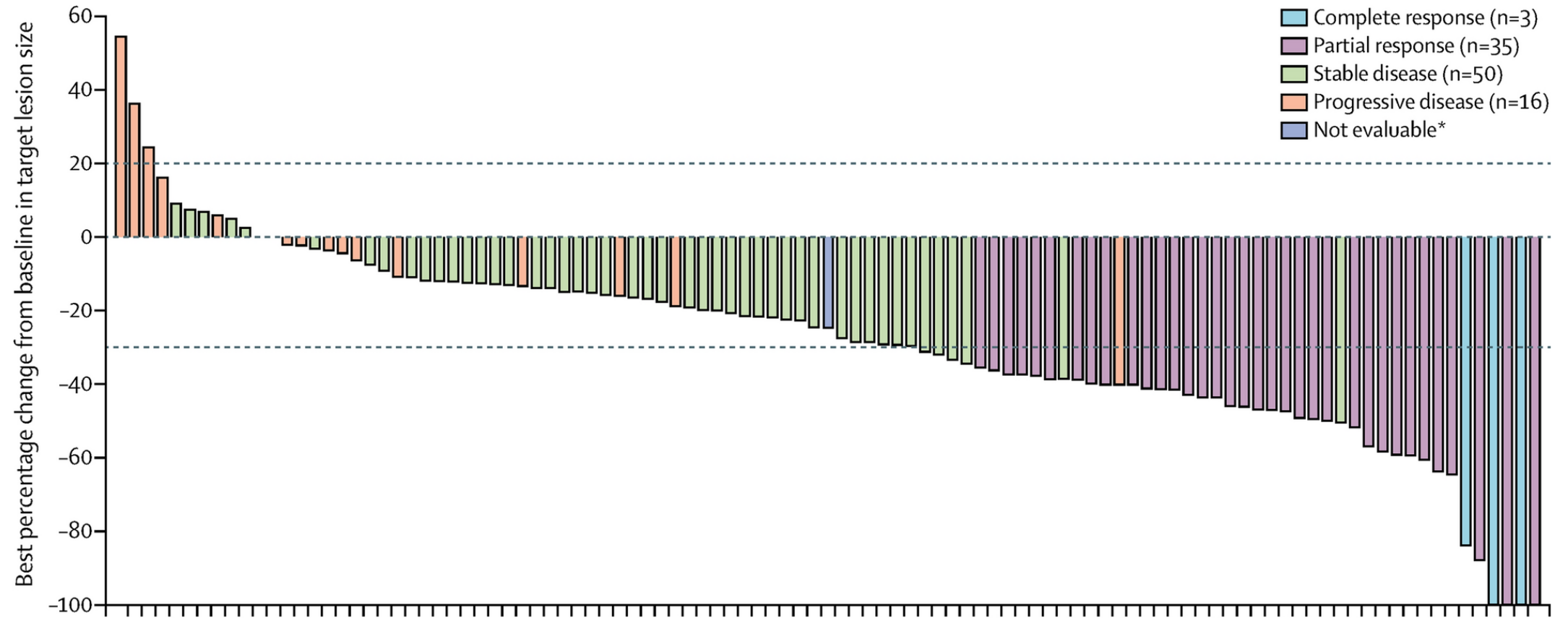
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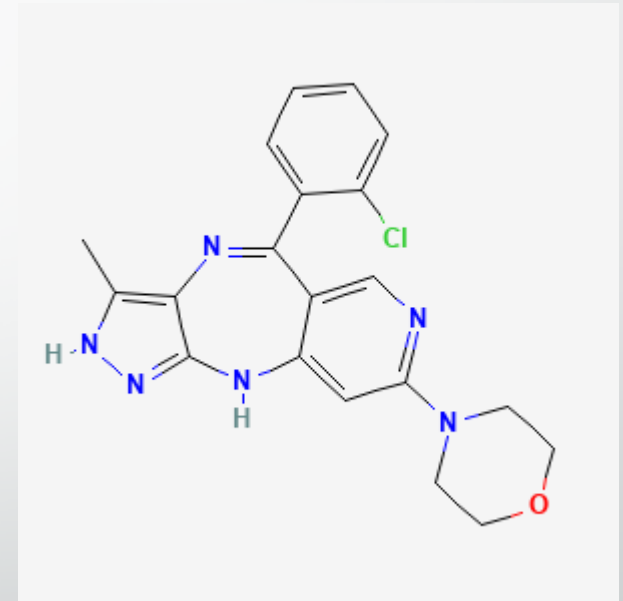
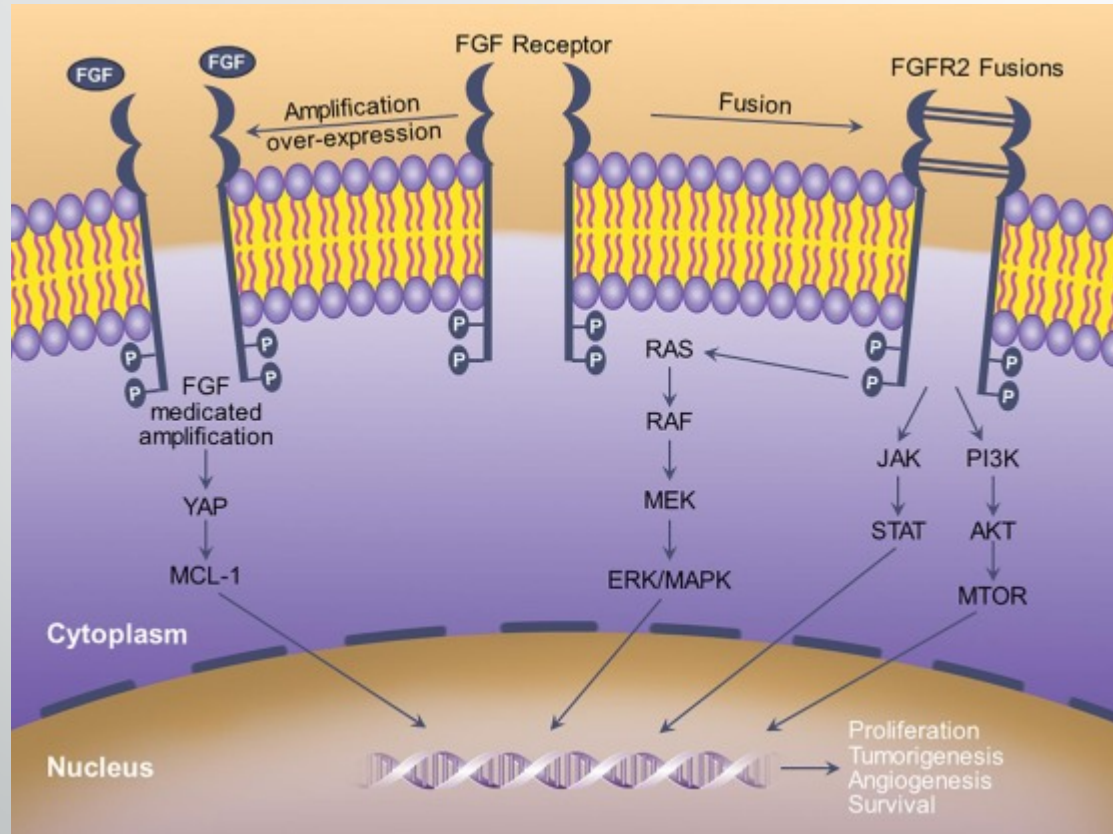
Cholangiocarcinoma: FGFR



Pemigatinib



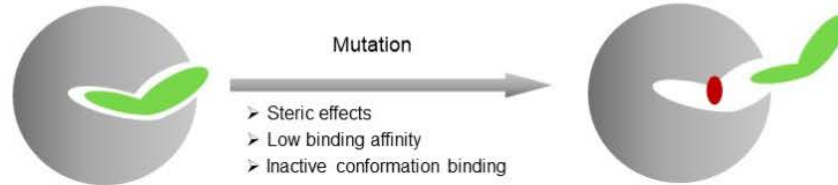
Tinengotinib: Second Generation FGFR



Tinengotinib: The Next Generation FGFR Inhibitor

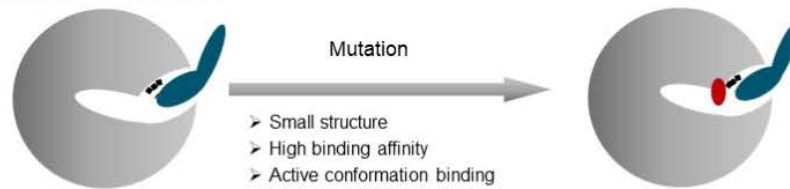
Tinengotinib Binds to FGFR2 in a Unique Mode

Pemigatinib (r), Infigratinib (r), Futibatinib (ir) approved for CCA patients with FGFR2 fusion/rearrangement



67% of FGFRi-treated iCCA patients developed FGFR2 KD mutations at progression[#]

Tinengotinib (r) has unique binding to FGFR2, overcoming acquired resistance mutations



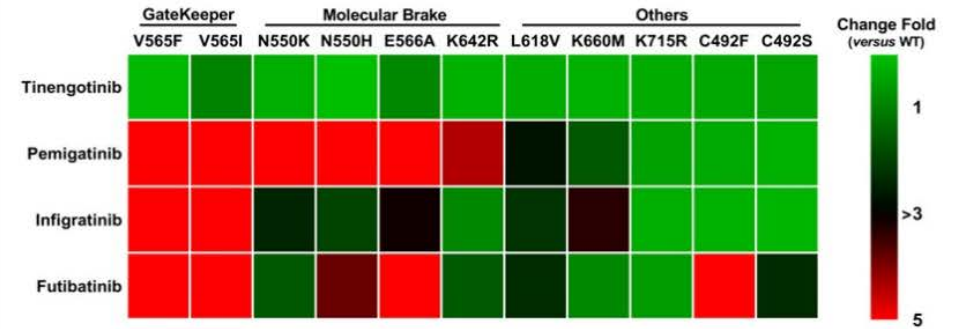
r: reversible, ir: irreversible



Characteristics of tinengotinib binding mode to FGFR2:

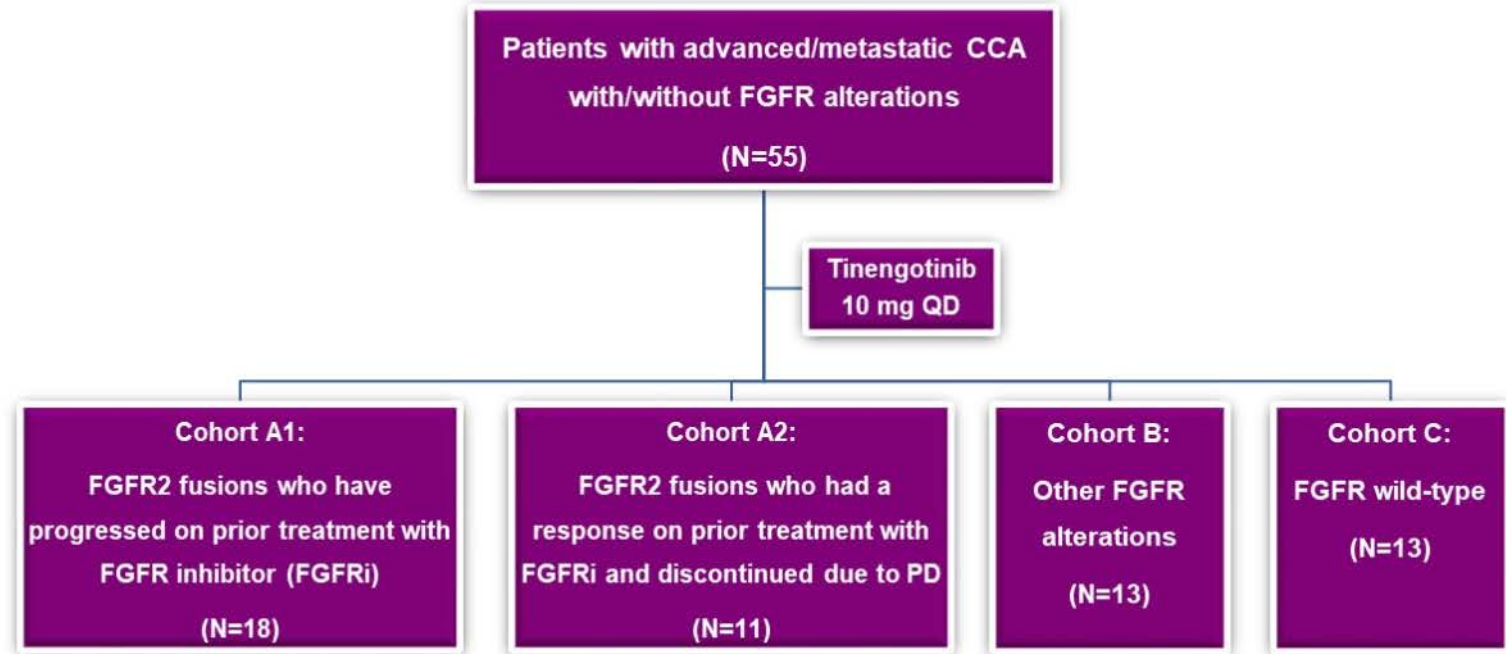
- Targets an FGFR2 binding site away from the inner pocket to avoid an impact by mutations.
- Binds distinctly to the active configuration of FGFR2 with high affinity by 3 H-bond.
- Overcomes resistance mutations acquired from treatment with 1st generation FGFR inhibitors.

Tinengotinib Shows Excellent Potency to FGFR2 KD* Mutations



* Kinase domain

Study Design



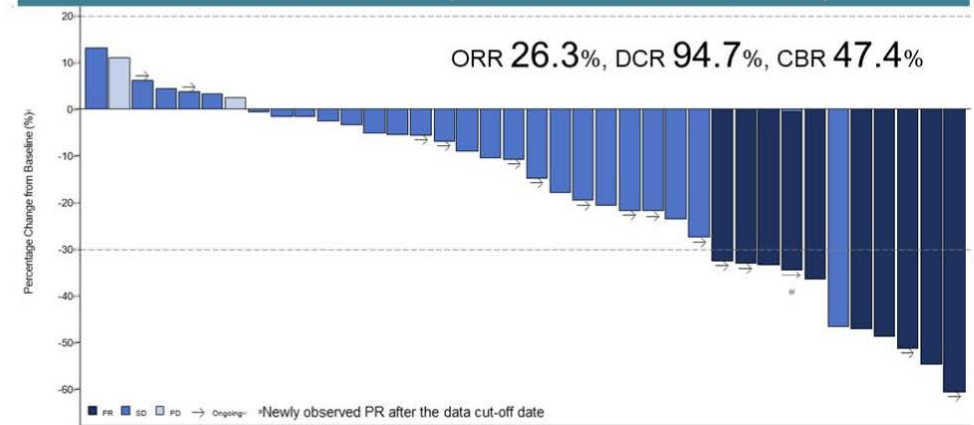
Treatment until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, or other discontinuation criterion was met

Endpoints

- **Primary** : ORR
- **Secondary**: Safety, DCR, PFS, OS

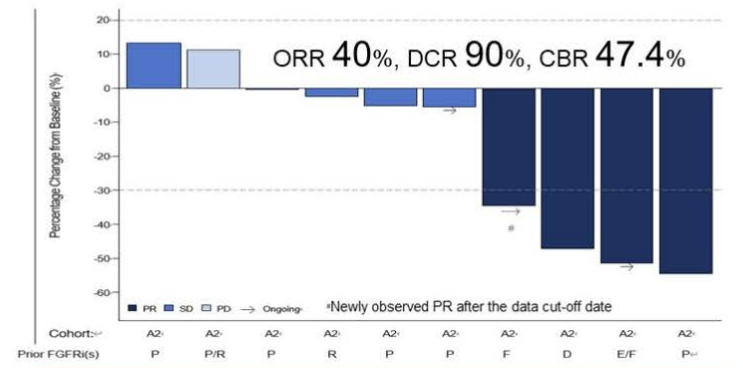
Tinengotinib- Best Overall Response (CCA with FGFR alteration)

FGFR Altered CCA (Cohorts A1+A2+B, N=38)

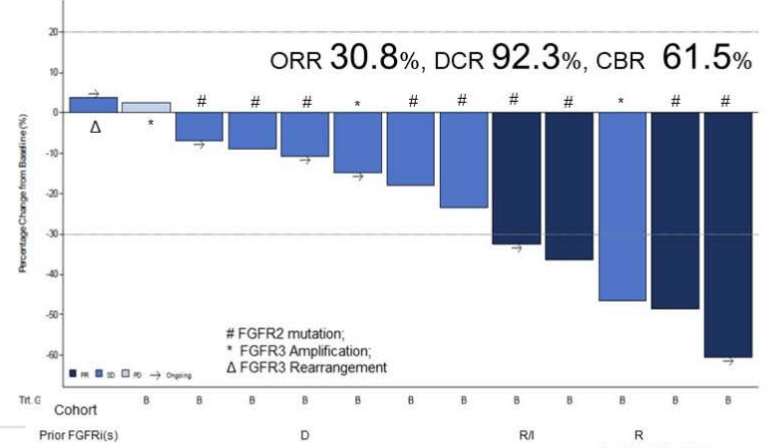


ORR: overall response rate, DCR: disease control response, CBR: clinical benefit rate, CR + PR + SD >= 24 weeks.
P- Pemigatinib; R- RLY-4008; F- Futibatinib; D-Derazantinib; I- Infigratinib; E- Erdafitinib;

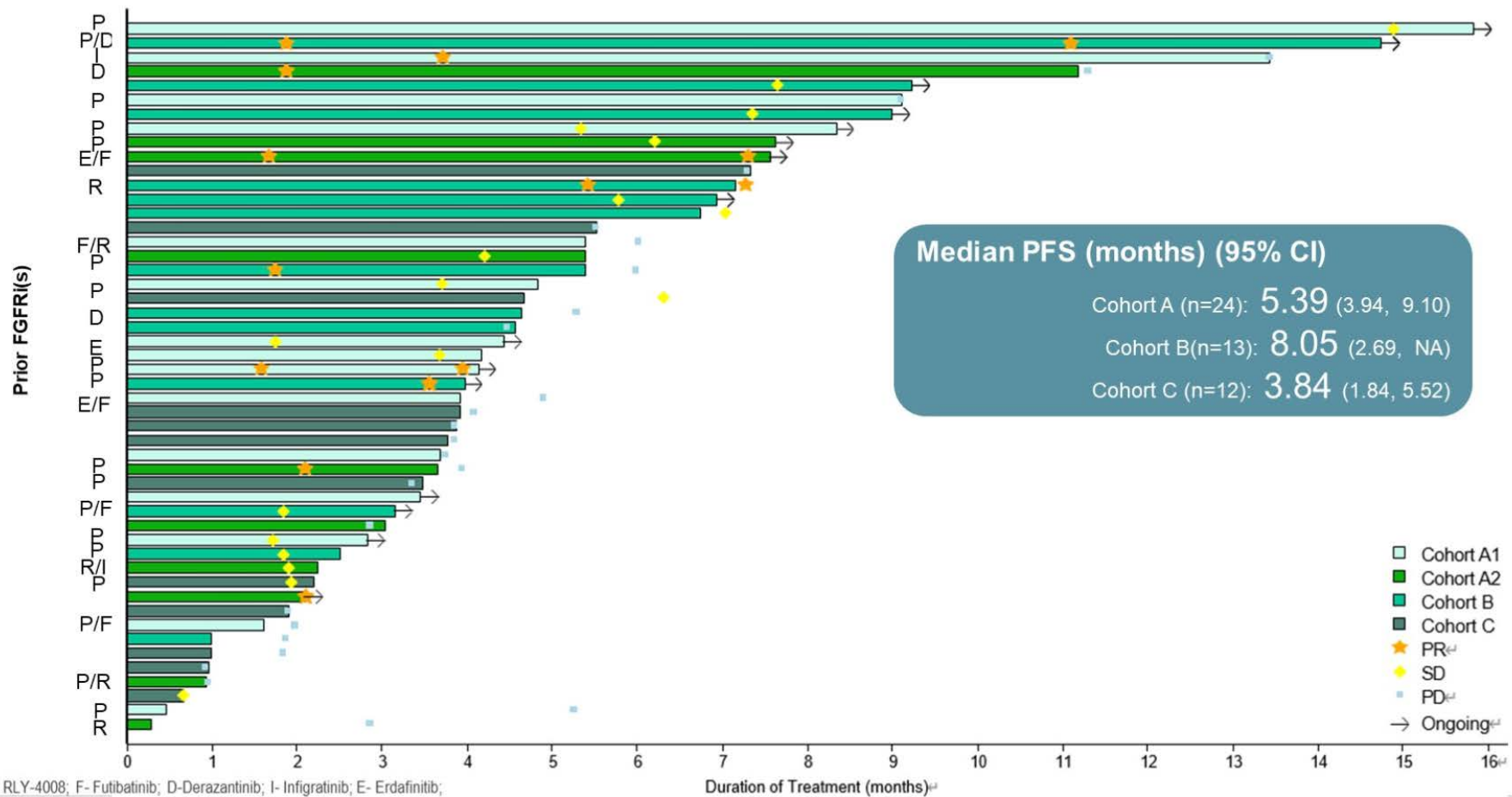
Acquired Resistance to Prior-FGFRi in CCA (N=10)



Other FGFR-Altered CCA (N=13)



Tinengotinib- Duration of Treatment (N=50, EAS)

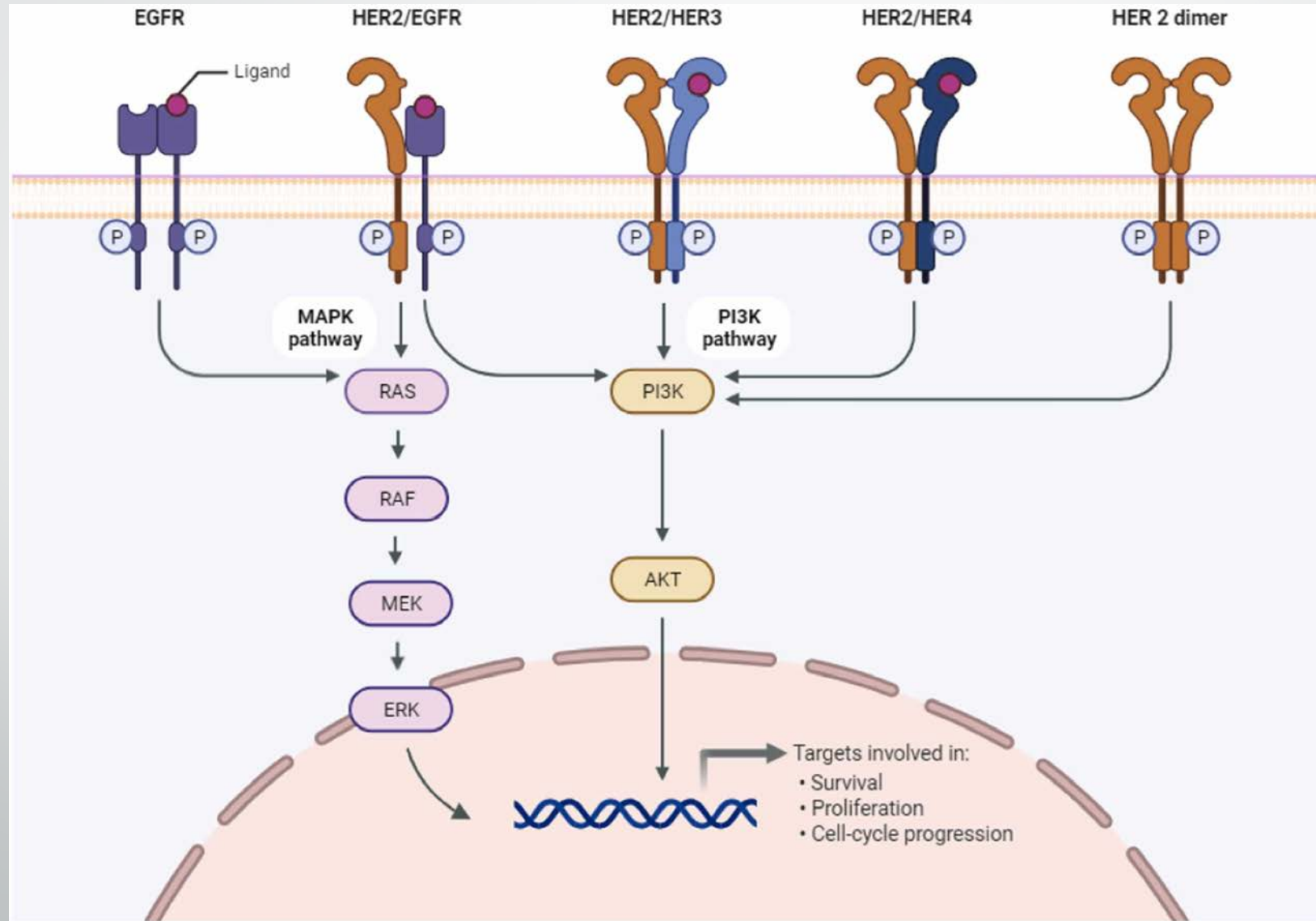


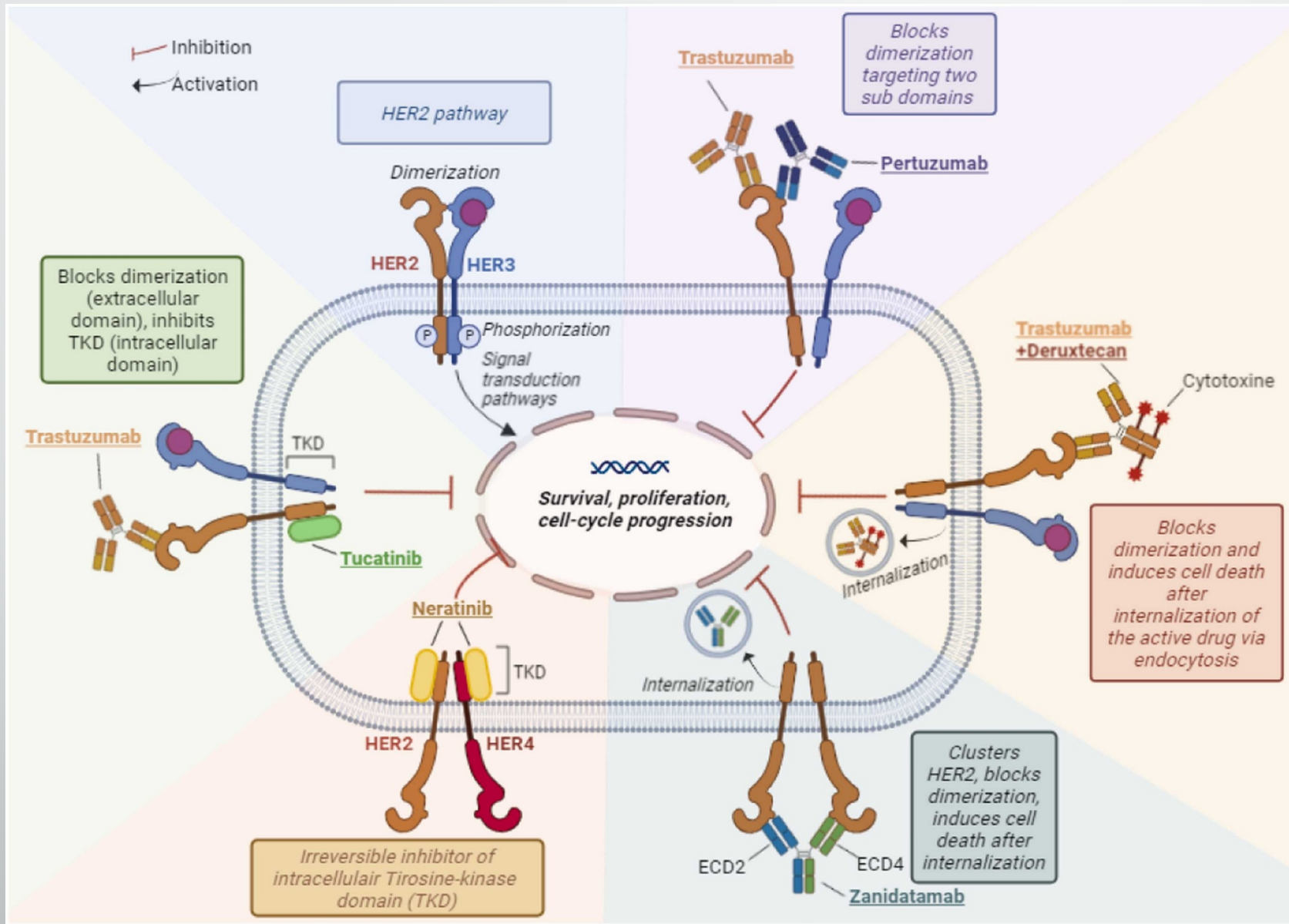
tinengotinib; R- RLY-4008; F- Futibatinib; D-Derazantinib; I- Infigratinib; E- Erdafinitib;

Conclusions

- **Tinengotinib is a next-generation FGFR inhibitor with promising efficacy in CCA with FGFR alterations that is refractory to current FGFR targeted therapy**
- **Promising efficacy was shown:**
 - 26.3% ORR, 94.7% DCR, 47.4% CBR in CCA patients harboring FGFR alterations (Cohort A1+A2+B).
 - 40% ORR, 90% DCR, 47.4% CBR in CCA patients with acquired resistance to prior-FGFRi (s) (Cohort A2).
 - 30.8% ORR, 92.3% DCR, 61.5% CBR, 8.05 months of mPFS in CCA patients with other FGFR-alteration (Cohort B).
 - 75% DCR, 8.3% CBR, 3.84 months of mPFS in CCA patients FGFR wide-type patients (Cohort C).
- Tinengotinib shows promising efficacy in CCA patients with other FGFR alterations (e.g. point mutations), who are not eligible for FGFR2 targeted therapies under approved indications.
- Tinengotinib was well-tolerated and side effects were manageable.
- **A phase III, randomized, controlled, global multicenter study is currently enrolling to further evaluate the efficacy and safety of tinengotinib versus physician's choice in patients with FGFR-altered, chemotherapy and FGFR-inhibitor refractory/relapsed cholangiocarcinoma (NCT05948475, ASCO GI 2024 Abstract #TPS575).**

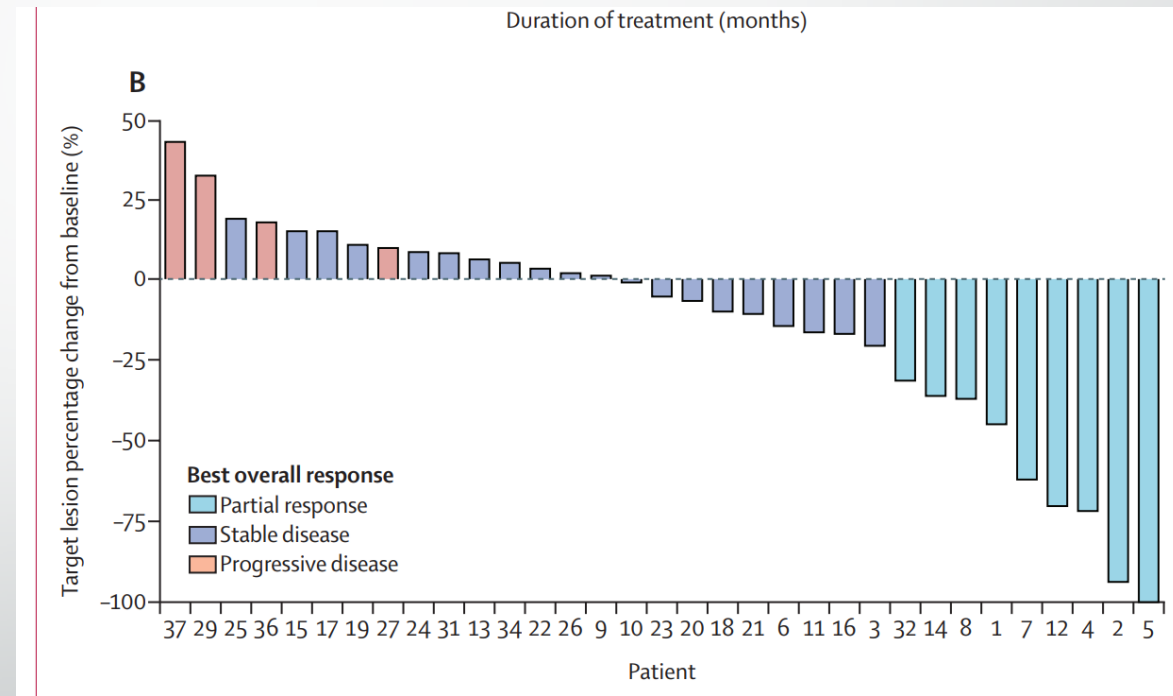
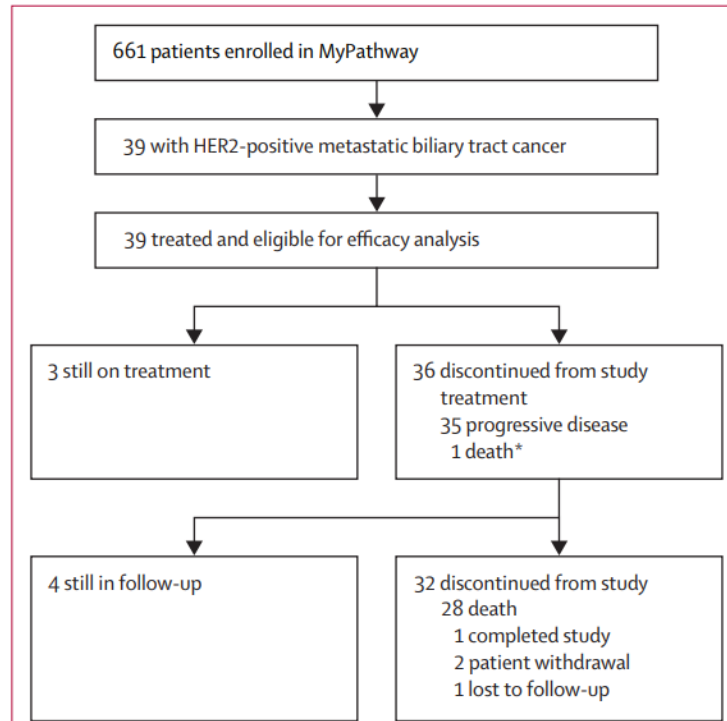
Cholangiocarcinoma: HER2



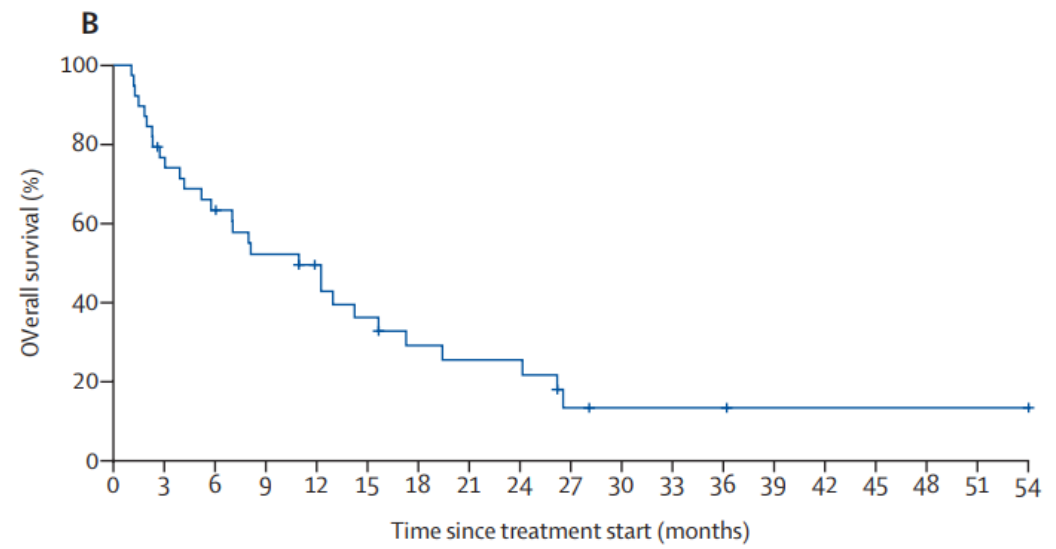
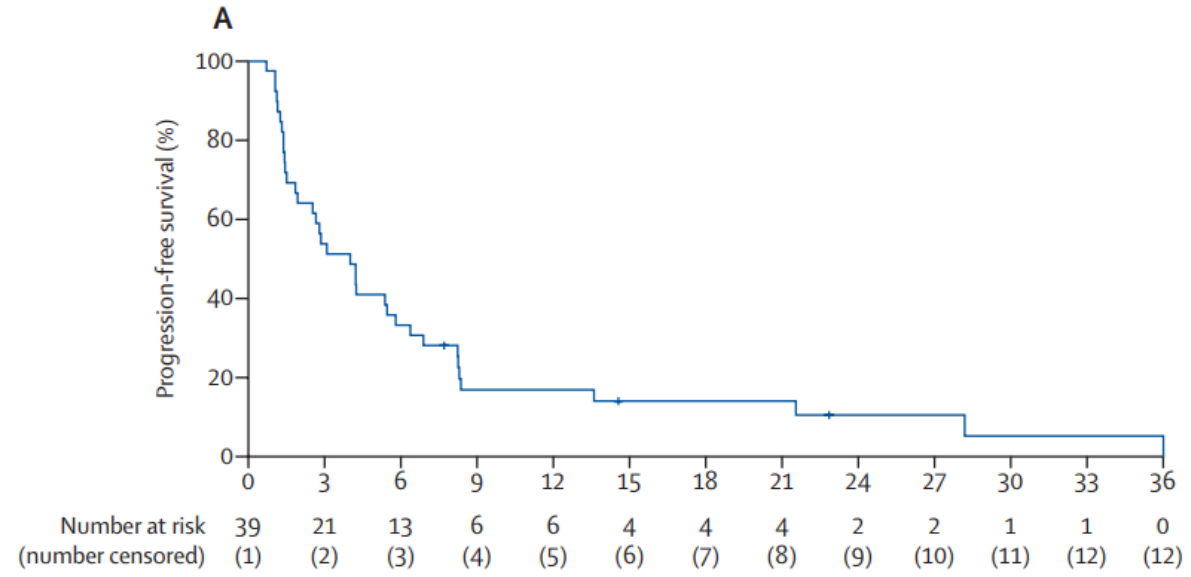


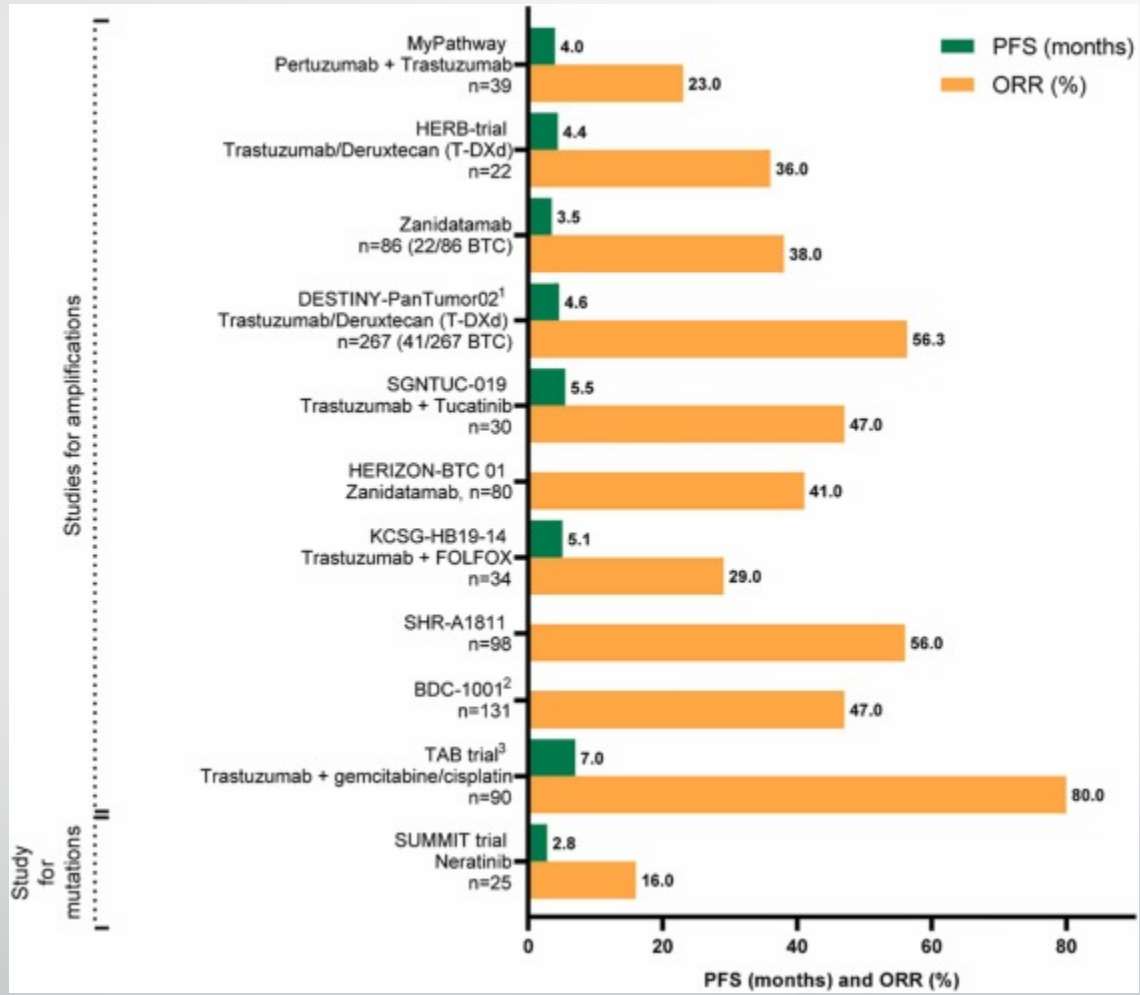
Pertuzumab and trastuzumab for HER2-positive, metastatic biliary tract cancer (MyPathway): a multicentre, open-label, phase 2a, multiple basket study

Milind Javle, Mitesh J Borad, Nilofar S Azad, **Razelle Kurzrock**, Ghassan K Abou-Alfa, **Ben George**, John Hainsworth, Funda Meric-Bernstam, Charles Swanton, Christopher J Sweeney, Claire F Friedman, Ron Bose, David R Spigel, Yong Wang, Jonathan Levy, Katja Schulze, Vaikunth Cuchelkar, Arisha Patel, Howard Burris



Cholangiocarcinoma:HER2





PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY^a TARGETED THERAPY

Primary Treatment for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- For *NTRK* gene fusion-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Entrectinib^{12,13}
 - ▶ Larotrectinib¹⁴
 - ▶ Repotrectinib¹⁵
- For MSI-H/dMMR tumors:
 - ▶ Pembrolizumab^{f,1,16,17,18}
- For TMB-H tumors:
 - ▶ Nivolumab + ipilimumab (category 2B)^{f,19}
- For *RET* gene fusion-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Pralsetinib (category 2B)²⁰
 - ▶ Selpercatinib (category 2B)²¹



Subsequent-Line Therapy for Biliary Tract Cancers if Disease Progression^h

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- For *NTRK* gene fusion-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Entrectinib^{12,13}
 - ▶ Larotrectinib¹⁴
 - ▶ Repotrectinib¹⁵
- For MSI-H/dMMR tumors:
 - ▶ Pembrolizumab^{f,g,i,16,17,18}
 - ▶ Dostarlimab-gxly (category 2B)^{f,g,j,22}
- For TMB-H tumors:
 - ▶ Nivolumab + ipilimumab^{f,g,k,19}
 - ▶ Pembrolizumab^{f,g,i,23}
- For *BRAF* V600E-mutated tumors
 - ▶ Dabrafenib + trametinib^{24,25}
- For CCA with *FGFR2* fusions or rearrangements:
 - ▶ Futibatinib²⁶
 - ▶ Pemigatinib²⁷
- For CCA with *IDH1* mutations
 - ▶ Ivosidenib (category 1)^{28,29}
- For HER2-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki (IHC3+)³⁰
 - ▶ Trastuzumab^l + pertuzumab³¹
 - ▶ Tucatinib + trastuzumab^{l,32}
- For *RET* gene fusion-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Selpercatinib²¹
 - ▶ Pralsetinib (category 2B)²⁰
- For *KRAS* G12C mutation-positive tumors:
 - ▶ Adagrasib³³



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PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY^a

Neoadjuvant Therapy^b (for gallbladder cancer only)

Preferred Regimens

- None

Other Recommended Regimens

- See [Principles of Systemic Therapy, Primary Treatment for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease \(BIL-C 2 of 5\)](#)

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- None

Adjuvant Therapy^{c,1}

Preferred Regimens

- Capecitabine (category 1)^{d,2}

Other Recommended Regimens

- Gemcitabine + capecitabine³
- Gemcitabine + cisplatin
- Single agents:
 - ▶ 5-fluorouracil
 - ▶ Gemcitabine

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- None

Agents Used with Concurrent Radiation

- 5-fluorouracil
- Capecitabine

^a Order does not indicate preference.

^b The decision to use neoadjuvant therapy needs to be individualized and in close consultation with surgical oncologist and multidisciplinary team. A period of 2 to 6 months with reassessment every 2 to 3 months is reasonable. There are limited clinical trial data to define a standard regimen or definitive benefit. Clinical trial participation is encouraged. The listed regimens are extrapolated from the metastatic setting.

^c Adjuvant therapy up to 6 months. Adjuvant chemotherapy or chemoradiation has been associated with survival benefit in patients with BTC, especially in patients with lymph node-positive disease.

^d The phase III BILCAP study shows improved overall survival for adjuvant capecitabine in the per-protocol analysis, and the overall survival did not reach statistical significance in the intent-to-treat analysis. Primrose JN, Fox RP, Palmer DH, et al. Capecitabine compared with observation in resected biliary tract cancer (BILCAP): a randomised, controlled, multicentre, phase 3 study. *Lancet Oncol* 2019;20:663-673.

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



PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY^a

Primary Treatment for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease

Preferred Regimens

- Durvalumab + gemcitabine + cisplatin (category 1)^{e,f,g,4}
- Pembrolizumab + gemcitabine + cisplatin (category 1)^{f,g,5}

Other Recommended Regimens

- Gemcitabine + cisplatin (category 1)⁶
- Capecitabine + oxaliplatin
- FOLFOX
- Gemcitabine + albumin-bound paclitaxel
- Gemcitabine + capecitabine
- Gemcitabine + oxaliplatin
- Single agents:
 - 5-fluorouracil
 - Capecitabine
 - Gemcitabine

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- Targeted therapy ([BIL-C 3 of 5](#))

Subsequent-Line Therapy for Biliary Tract Cancers if Disease Progression^h

Preferred Regimens

- FOLFOX⁷

Other Recommended Regimens

- FOLFIRI⁸
- Liposomal irinotecan + fluorouracil + leucovorin (category 2B)⁹
- Regorafenib (category 2B)¹⁰
- See also: Preferred and Other Recommended Regimens for Unresectable and Metastatic Disease above

Useful in Certain Circumstances

- Targeted therapy ([BIL-C 3 of 5](#))
- Nivolumab (category 2B)^{f,g,11}

TOPAZ-1 study design

TOPAZ-1 is a double-blind, multicenter, global, Phase 3 study

Key eligibility

- Locally advanced or metastatic BTC (ICC, ECC, GBC)
- Previously untreated if unresectable or metastatic at initial diagnosis
- Recurrent disease >6 months after curative surgery or adjuvant therapy
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

Stratification factors

- Disease status
 - (initially unresectable versus recurrent)
- Primary tumor location
 - (ICC versus ECC versus GBC)

R (1:1)
N=685

Durvalumab 1500 mg Q3W
+ GemCis (up to 8 cycles)

Durvalumab 1500 mg
Q4W until PD

Placebo Q3W
+ GemCis (up to 8 cycles)

Placebo
Q4W until PD

Primary objective

- Overall survival

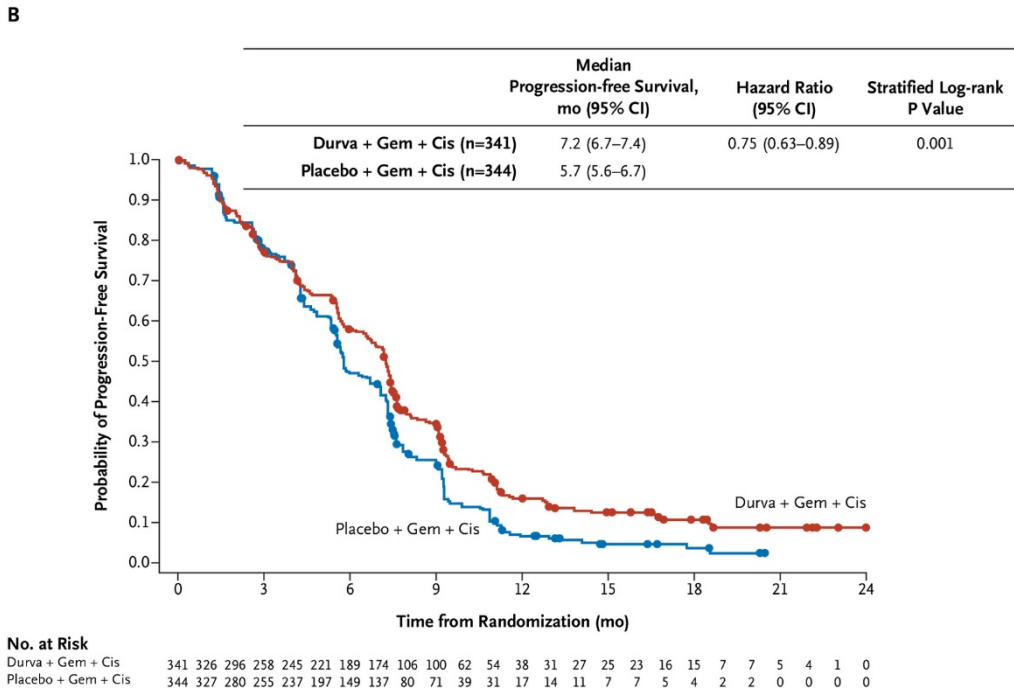
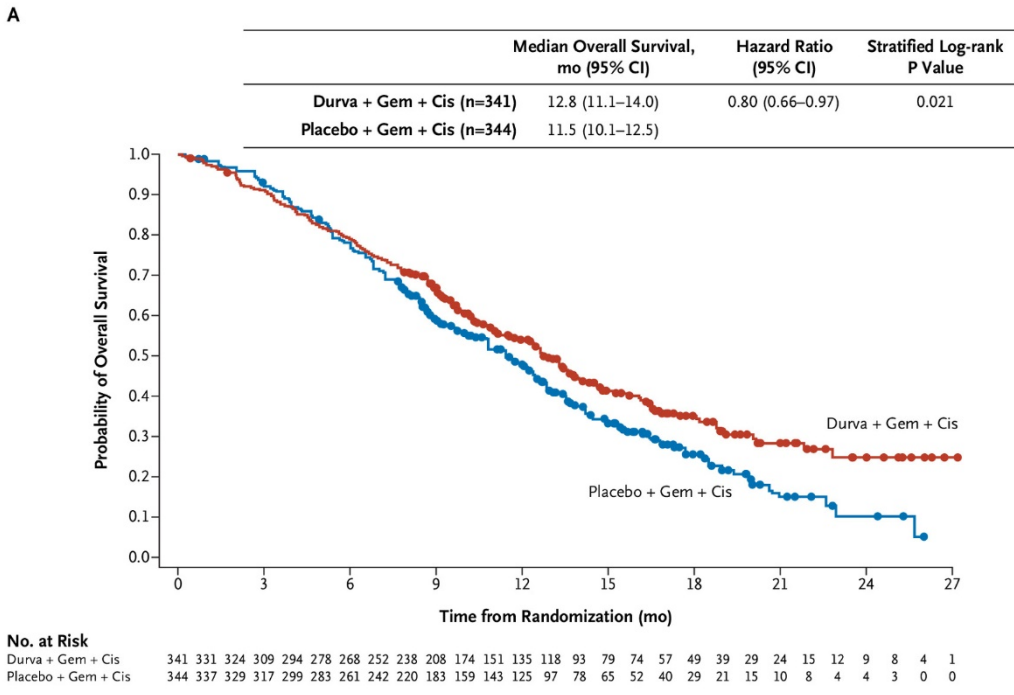
Secondary objectives

- Progression-free survival
- Objective response rate
- Duration of response
- Efficacy by PD-L1 status
- Safety

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.

Cholangiocarcinoma: TOPAZ-1 Trial



Cholangiocarcinoma: TOPAZ-1 Trial

Parameter	Durvalumab plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin (n=341)	Placebo plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin (n=343)
Objective response rate — no. (%)†	91 (26.7)	64 (18.7)
Complete response	7 (2.1)	2 (0.6)
Partial response	84 (24.6)	62 (18.1)
Disease control rate — no. (%)‡	291 (85.3)	284 (82.6)
Median duration of response (IQR) — mo§	6.4 (4.6–17.2)	6.2 (3.8–9.0)
Patients with continued response — %		
≥3 mo	88.9	89.0
≥6 mo	59.3	54.2
≥9 mo	32.6	25.3
≥12 mo	26.1	15.0
Median time to response (IQR) — mo¶	1.6 (1.3–3.0)	2.7 (1.4–4.1)

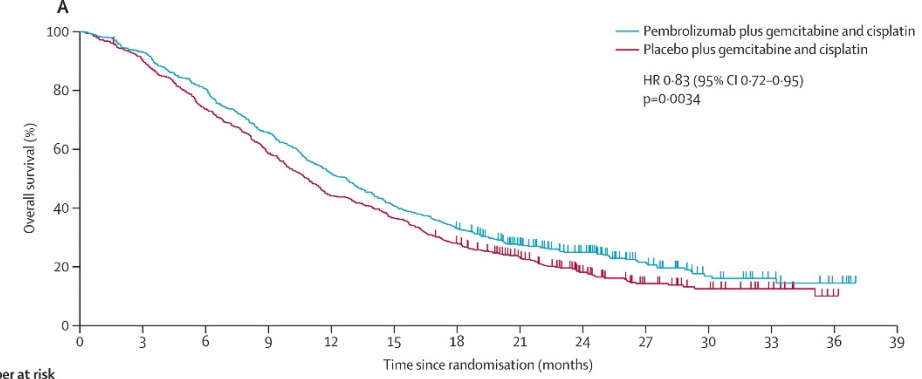
Cholangiocarcinoma: TOPAZ-1 Trial

Parameter	Durvalumab plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin (n=338)	Placebo plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin (n=342)
Adverse events — no. (%)		
Any grade	336 (99.4)	338 (98.8)
Serious	160 (47.3)	149 (43.6)
Grade 3 or 4	256 (75.7)	266 (77.8)
Leading to discontinuation of any study treatment	44 (13.0)	52 (15.2)
Leading to death	12 (3.6)	14 (4.1)
Treatment-related adverse events — no. (%)		
Any grade	314 (92.9)	308 (90.1)
Serious	53 (15.7)	59 (17.3)
Grade 3 or 4	212 (62.7)	222 (64.9)
Leading to discontinuation of any study treatment	30 (8.9)	39 (11.4)
Leading to death*	2 (0.6)	1 (0.3)

*

Treatment-related adverse events leading to death were ischemic stroke and hepatic failure in the durvalumab treatment group and polymyositis in the placebo treatment group.

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



Number at risk (number censored)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Pembrolizumab plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	533 (0)	496 (0)	430 (0)	350 (0)	275 (0)	217 (0)	175 (1)	122 (26)	88 (50)	46 (83)	21 (100)	11 (109)	5 (114)	0 (119)
Placebo plus gemcitabine and cisplatin	536 (0)	483 (1)	394 (1)	313 (1)	236 (1)	195 (1)	148 (3)	97 (30)	59 (49)	32 (65)	20 (74)	10 (84)	1 (92)	0 (93)

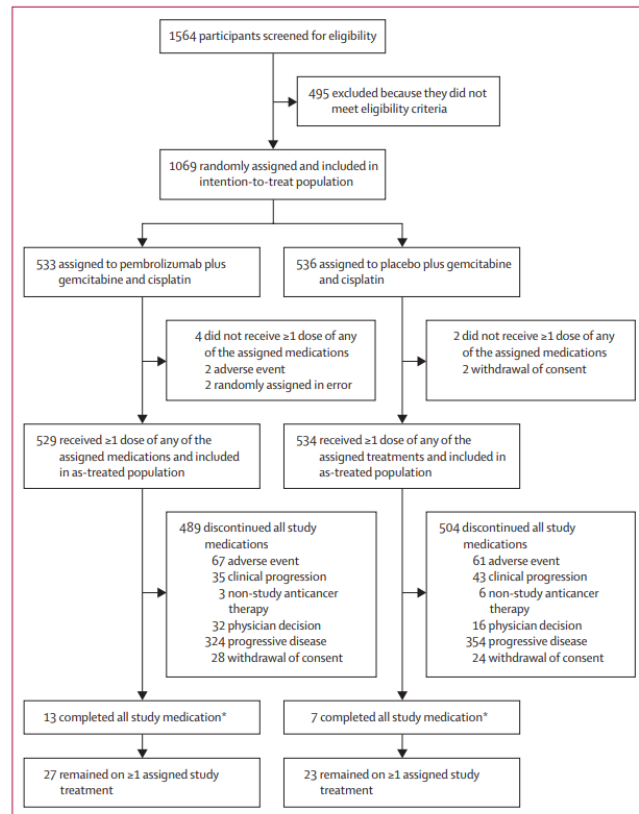
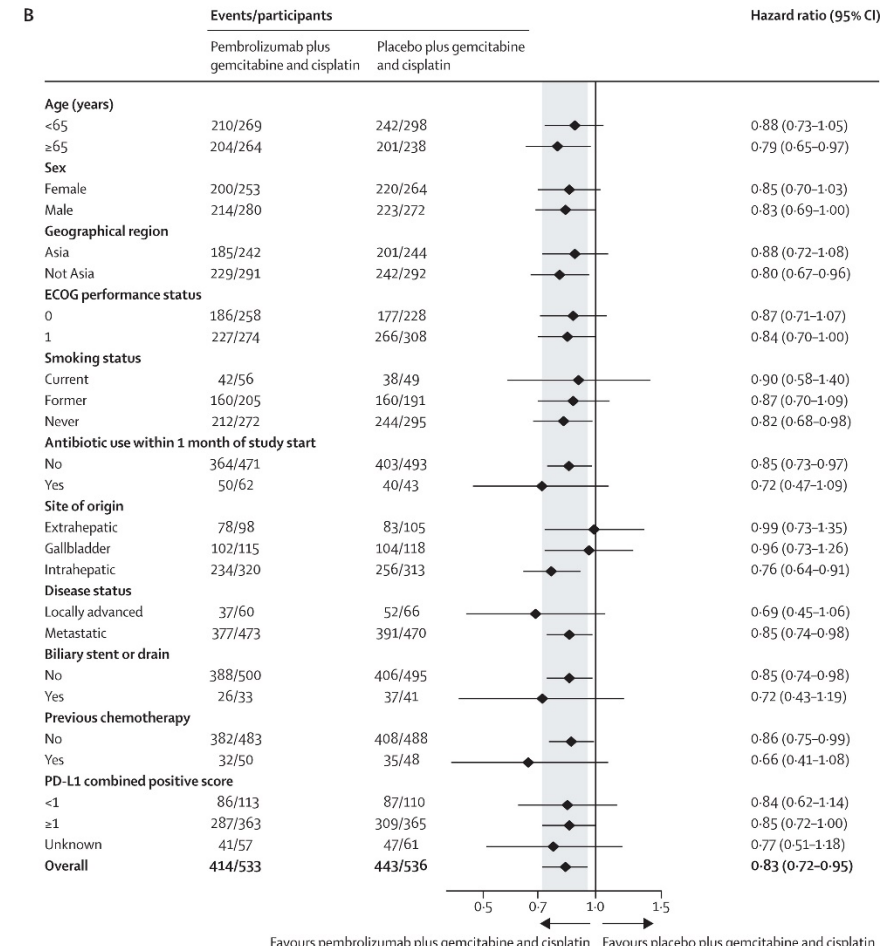
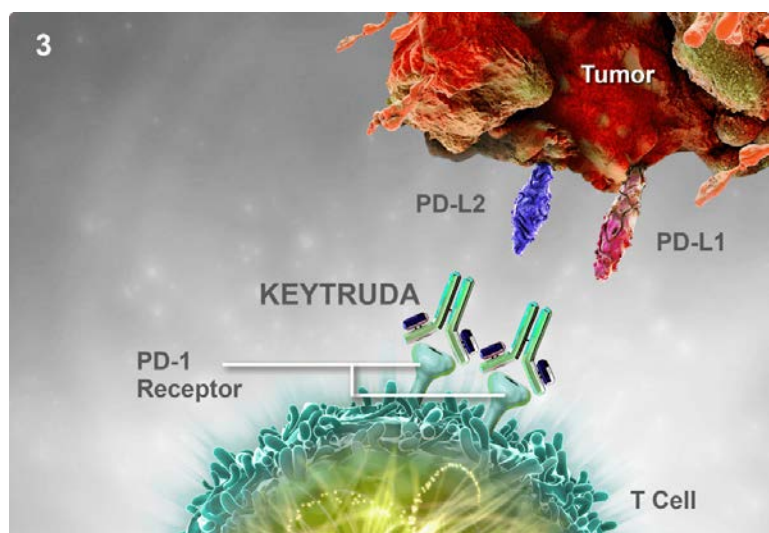
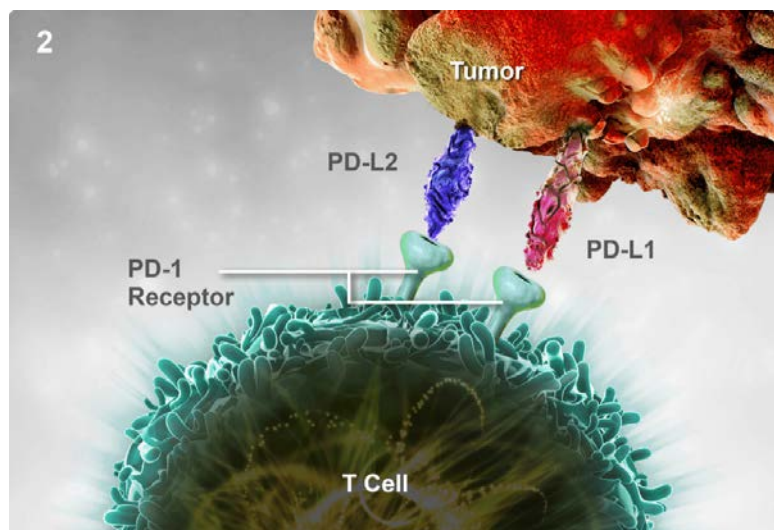


Figure 1: Trial profile

*Completed includes participants who received 35 cycles of pembrolizumab or placebo without alternative reason



Cholangiocarcinoma: KEYNOTE 966

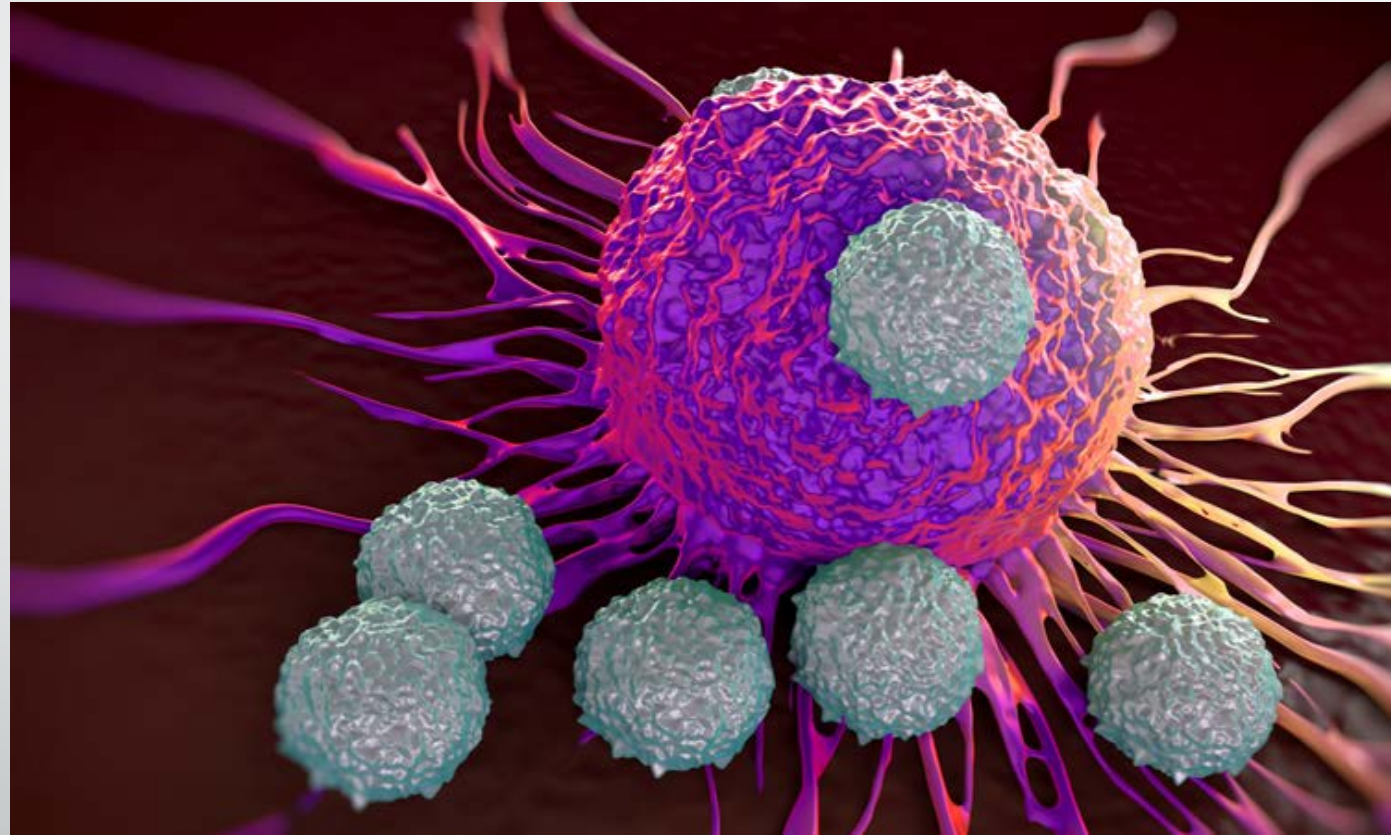


	Pembrolizumab plus gemcitabine and cisplatin group (n=533)	Placebo plus gemcitabine and cisplatin group (n=536)
Objective response rate	153 (29% [95% CI 25-33])	153 (29% [95% CI 25-33])
Disease control rate	399 (75% [95% CI 71-79])	407 (76% [95% CI 72-80])
Best overall response		
Complete response	11 (2%)	7 (1%)
Partial response	142 (27%)	146 (27%)
Stable disease*	246 (46%)	254 (47%)
Progressive disease	102 (19%)	96 (18%)
Not evaluable†	8 (2%)	9 (2%)
Not assessed‡	24 (5%)	24 (4%)
Time to response, months	2.8 (IQR 1.5-4.1)	2.8 (IQR 1.5-4.2)
Duration of response,§ months	9.7 (95% CI 6.9-12.2)	6.9 (95% CI 5.7-8.2)
Extended duration of response§		
≥3 months	93% (95% CI 88-96)	91% (95% CI 85-95)
≥6 months	67% (95% CI 57-74)	56% (95% CI 46-64)
≥9 months	51% (95% CI 41-60)	39% (95% CI 29-48)
≥12 months	41% (95% CI 30-51)	28% (95% CI 19-39)

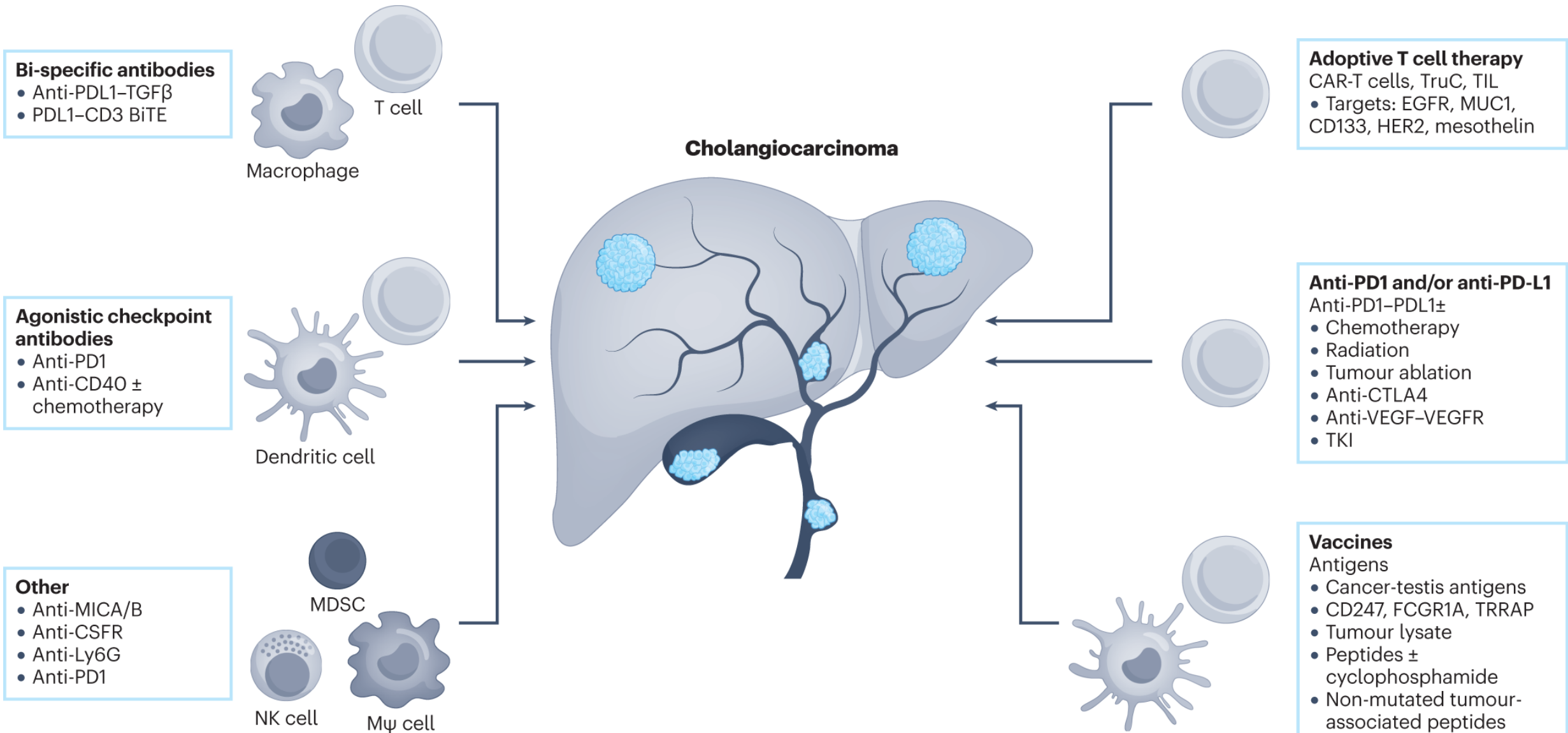
Data are n (% [95% CI]), n (%), median (IQR) for time to response, median (95% CI) for duration of response, or % (95% CI) for extended duration of response. *Stable disease includes participants with stable disease, non-complete response or non-progressive disease, and no evidence of disease. †Not evaluable includes participants whose post-baseline imaging assessments were not evaluable for best overall response. ‡Not assessed includes participants for whom no post-baseline imaging assessments were available. §Estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method.

Table 2: Summary of response in the intention-to-treat population at the first interim analysis

Cholangiocarcinoma: Future Directions



Cancer Immunotherapy in Cholangiocarcinoma

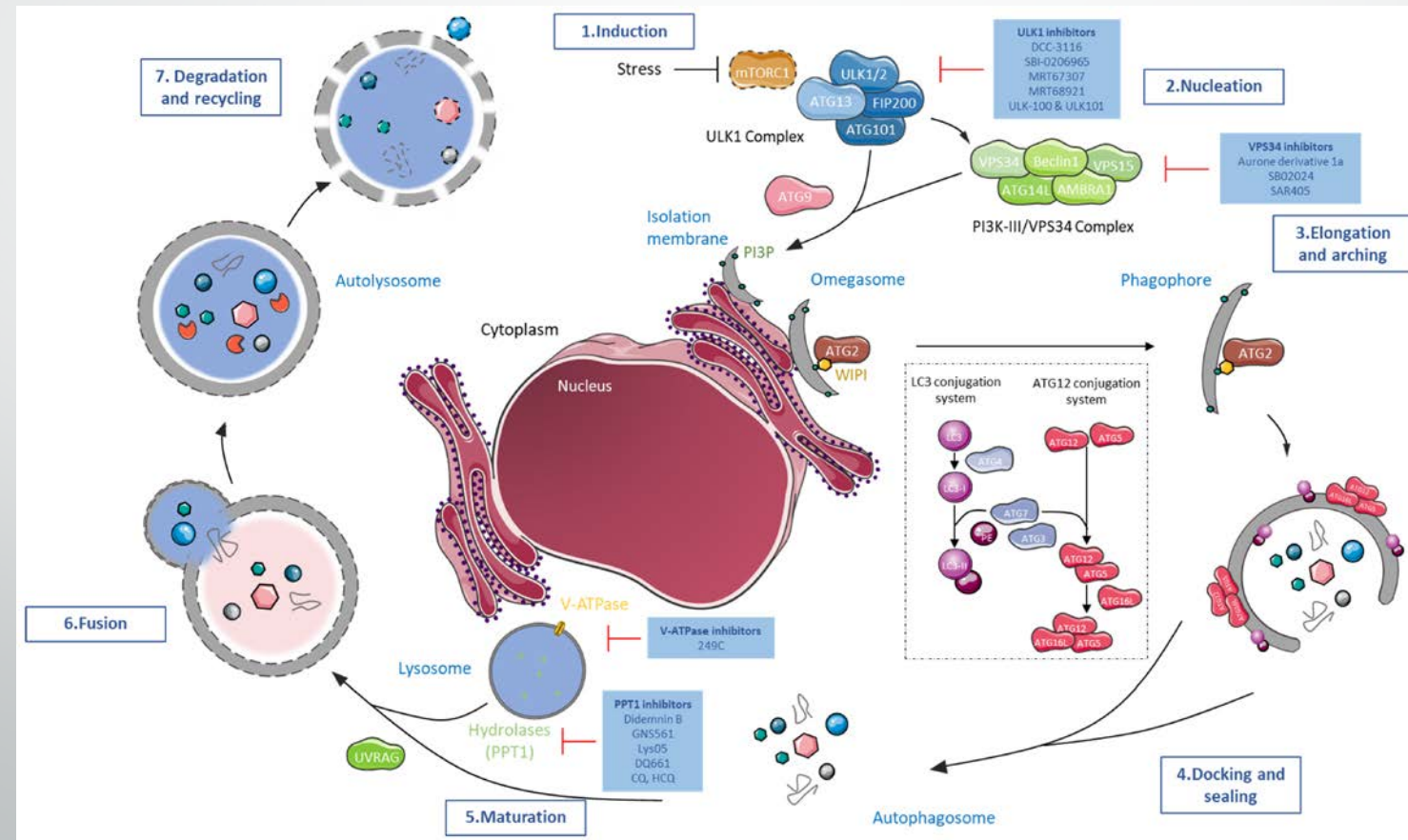


Cholangiocarcinoma: Combination Trials

Study details	Phase	N	Drug	Drug target	Patient population	NCT number
Yoo et al. 2020 [165]	2	159	Bintrafusp alpha (M7824)	PD-L1 + TGF- β R	BTC	NCT03833661
Baretti et al. 2018 [166]	2	44	Entinostat + nivolumab	PD-1 + HDAC1/3	CCA and pancreatic cancer	NCT03250273
LEAP-005 Lwin et al. 2020 [167]	2R	187	Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib vs. lenvatinib	PD-1 + multi-kinase	Various solid tumors including BTC	NCT03797326
NCT04550624	2	40	Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib	PD-1 + multi-kinase	CCA	NCT04550624
NCT04976634	2	400	Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib + belzutifan	PD-1 + multi-kinase + HIF-2 α	Various solid tumors including BTC	NCT04976634
IMMUNO-BIL Boilève et al. 2021 [168]	2	106	Durvalumab + tremelimumab with or without paclitaxel	PD-L1 + CTLA-4	BTC	NCT03704480
NCT04720131	2	39	Camrelizumab + apatinib + capecitabine	PD-L1 + multi-kinase	BTC	NCT04720131
NCT03092895	2	152	SHR-1210 + apatinib vs. FOLFOX or GemOx	PD-L1 + multi-kinase	Primary liver cancer or BTC	NCT03092895

Cholangiocarcinoma: Clinical Trials

- [A Phase 1b/2a Study of GNS561 in Combination with Trametinib in Advanced KRAS Mutated Cholangiocarcinoma](#)



Cholangiocarcinoma: Conclusion

- Rapid Advances in both Targeted Therapies and Immunotherapy
- Combination Therapies being explored
- New Targets
- Immune Therapy: CAR-T, T-Cell engagers, bispecific antibodies, immune conjugates

