

2025 John Hopkins Updates in Gastrointestinal Cancers

Management of Advanced Pancreas Cancer

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Agenda

Current standards

KRAS Wild-Type

DNA damage repair-directed therapy

Immunotherapy

Other targets in PDAC

Current State of Therapy Advanced PDAC 2024

First & Second-Line Practice-Changing Phase III Trials for Unselected Disease

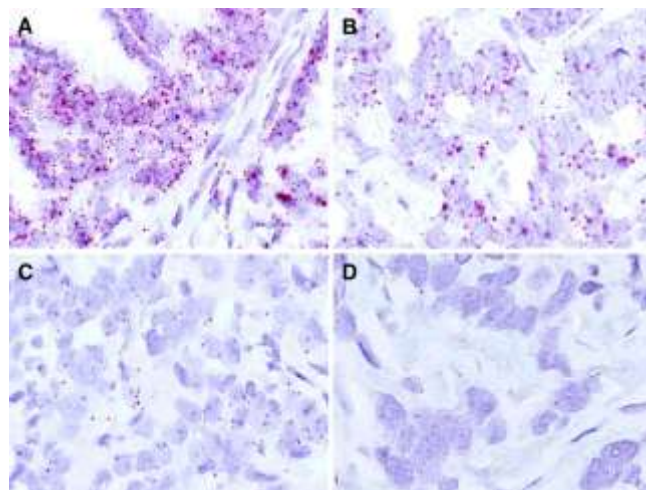
	N	Median OS	Median PFS	Response Rate	Reference
First-Line					
mFOLFIRINOX (vs Gem) PRODIGE/ ACCORD 11	171	11.1 m	6.4 m	31.6%	2011
Gemcitabine, nab-Paclitaxel (vs Gem) MPACT	431	8.5 m	5.5 m	23%	2013
NALIRIFOX (vs Gem/Nab-P) NAPOLI-3	383	11.1m	7.4 m	41.8%	2024
Second-Line					
Liposomal irinotecan/5-FU vs 5-FU NAPOLI-1	117	6.1 m	3.1 m	16%	2016

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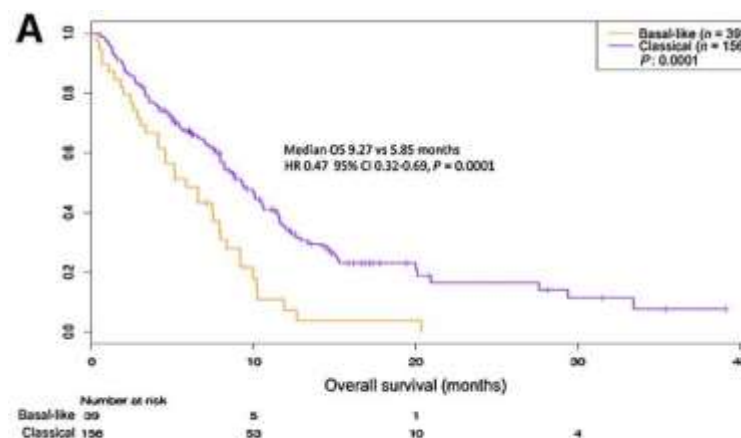
Subtype PDAC: COMPASS Non-Randomized, Met 1st Line Opportunity for Therapy Selection?

Overall Survival **Classical** vs **Basal**

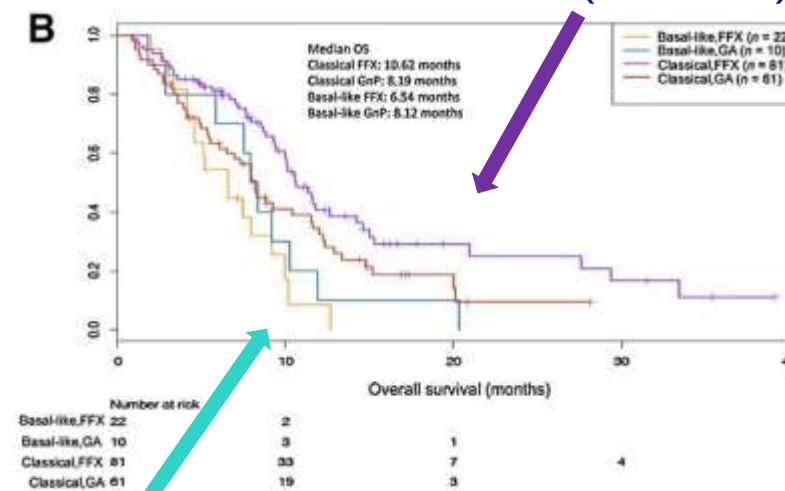
Panels A, B: Classical Moffit



Panels C, D: Basal-type



FOLFIRINOX (classical)



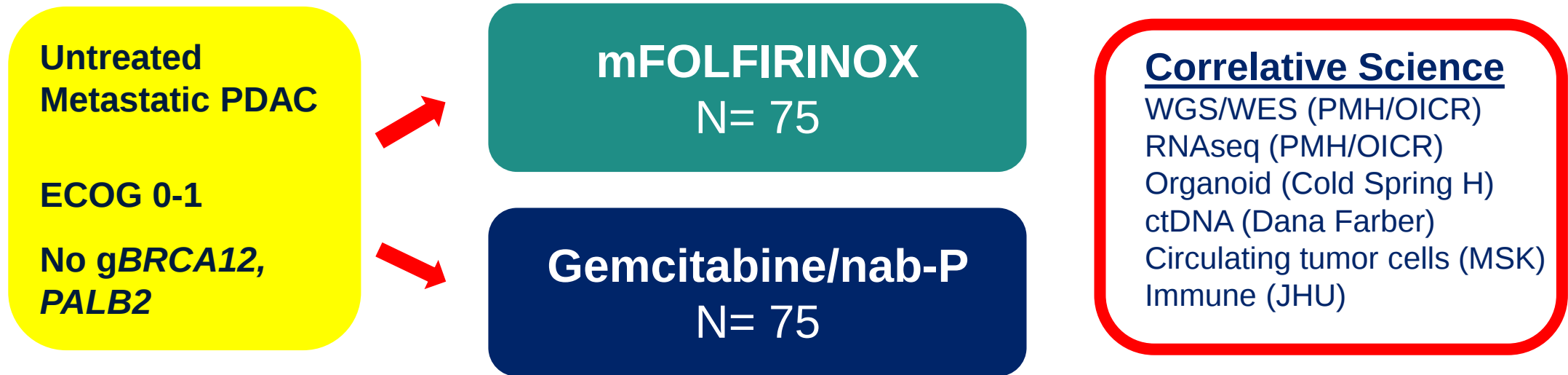
FOLFIRINOX (basal)

Med OS 9.3m **Classical** vs 5.9m **Basal**, HR 0.47, p= 0.0001

GATA6 expression RNA ISH: Biomarker for classical vs basal and outcomes

PASS-01 Trial: Rand Phase II Advanced PDAC

Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Signature Stratification for Treatment



Randomization 1: 1

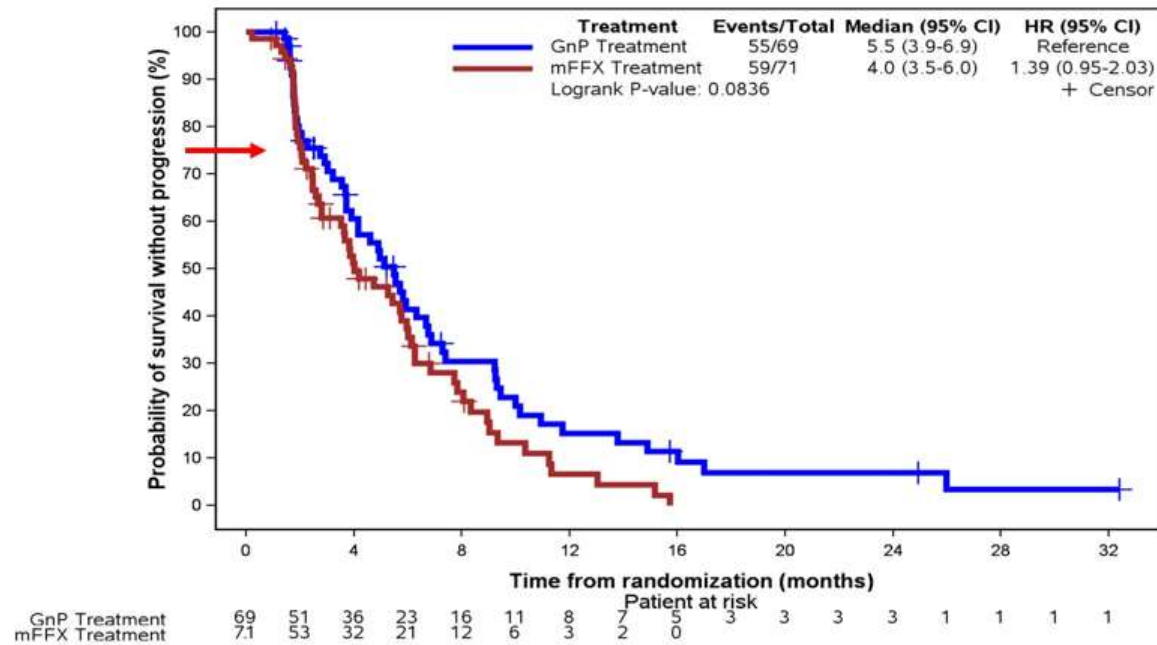
Primary: PFS superiority of mFFX over Gem/nabP (mFFX 7m, Gem/nab-P 5m; HR 0.7; 80% power)

Secondary: OS, RR, GATA6 (ISH, IHC)

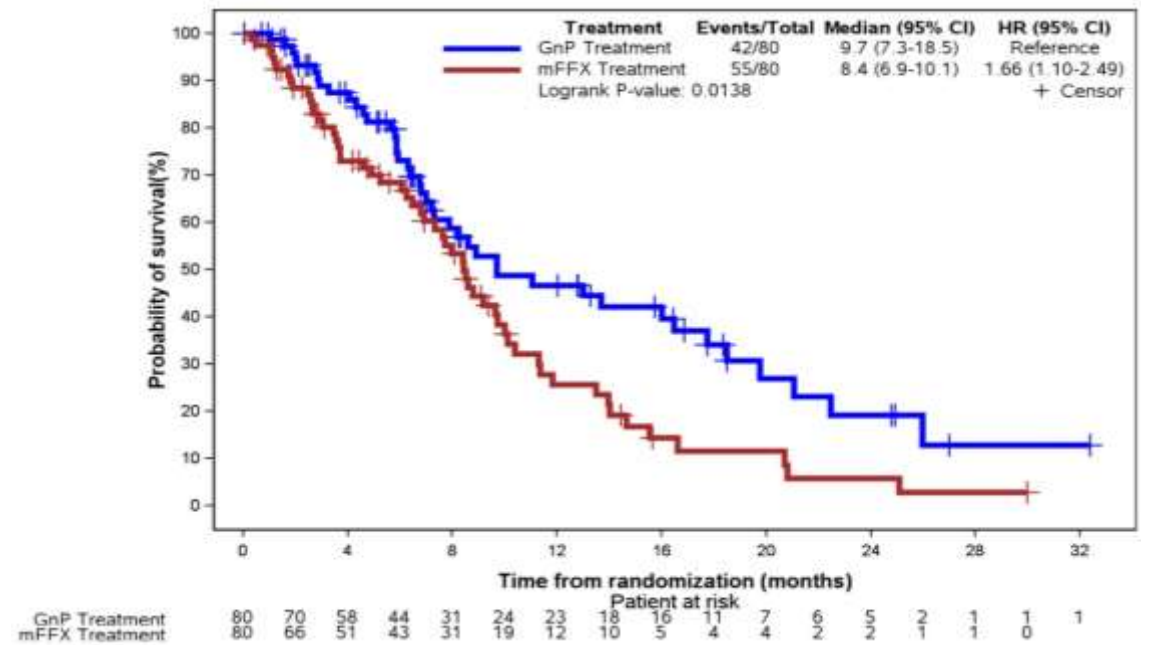
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PASS-01: mFOLFIRINOX vs Gem/nab-Paclitaxel (N= 160) First-Line Metastatic PDAC (unselected)

Primary: Progression-Free Survival



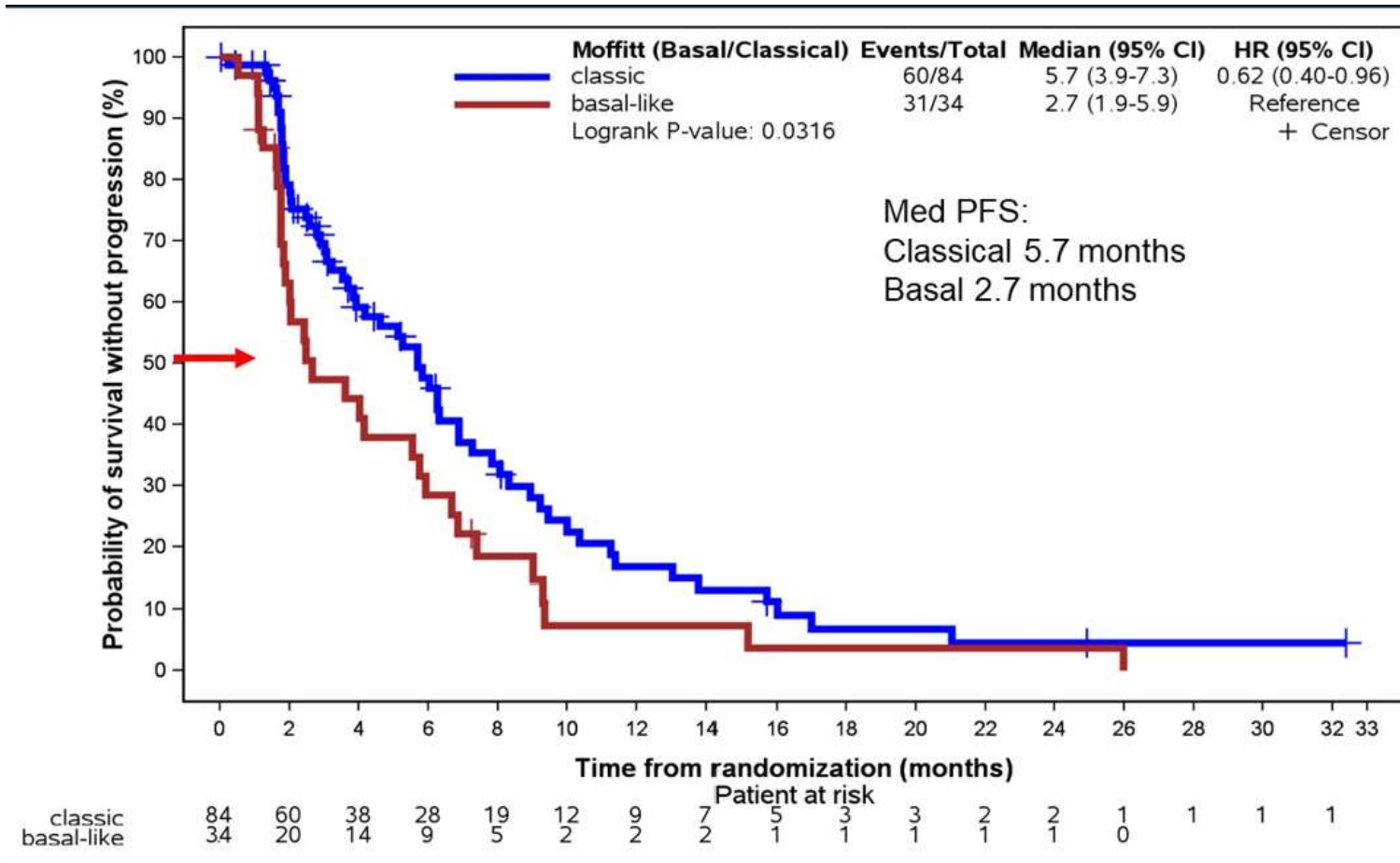
Secondary: OS (early)



*Excludes gBRCA1/2, PALB2; includes only de novo metastatic (biopsiable) disease, imbalance *KRAS*^{WT}

- PASS-01 favors gemcitabine/nab-P...
- More equipoise for drug development backbones

PASS-01: Classical, Basal Subtypes Prognostic in PDAC

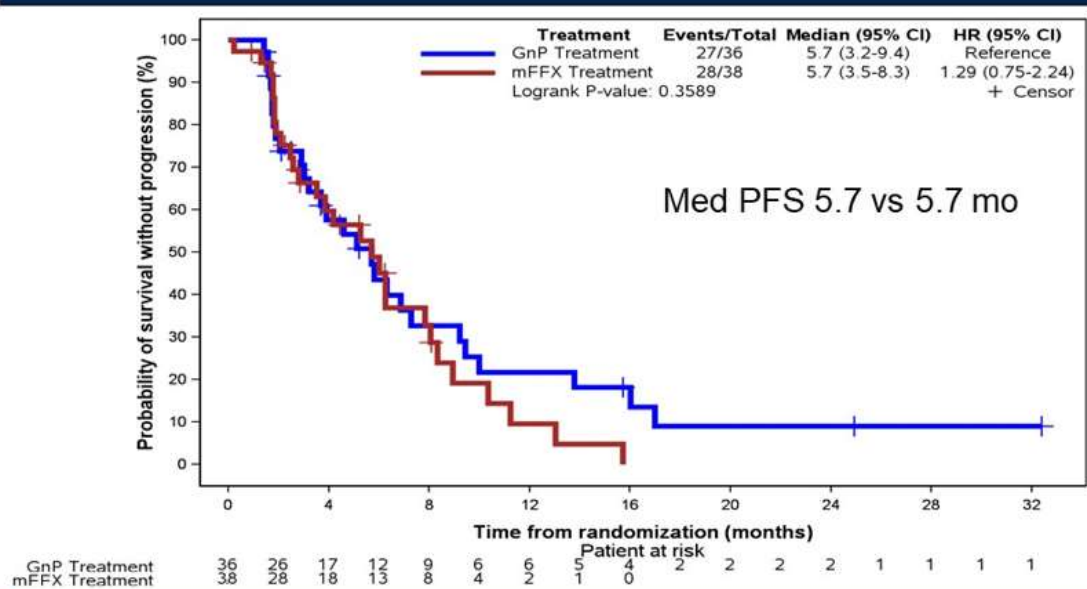


➤ Increasing evidence for molecular subtypes to inform therapy in PDAC

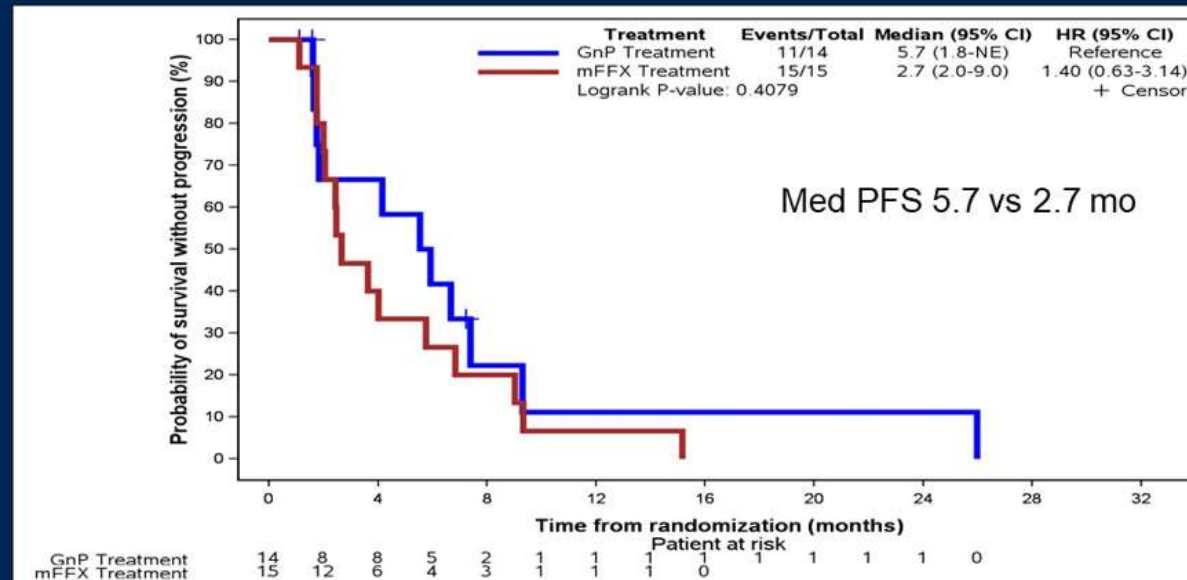
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PASS-01: Differential Treatment Response Therapy Selection 2025?

Classical Sub-Type

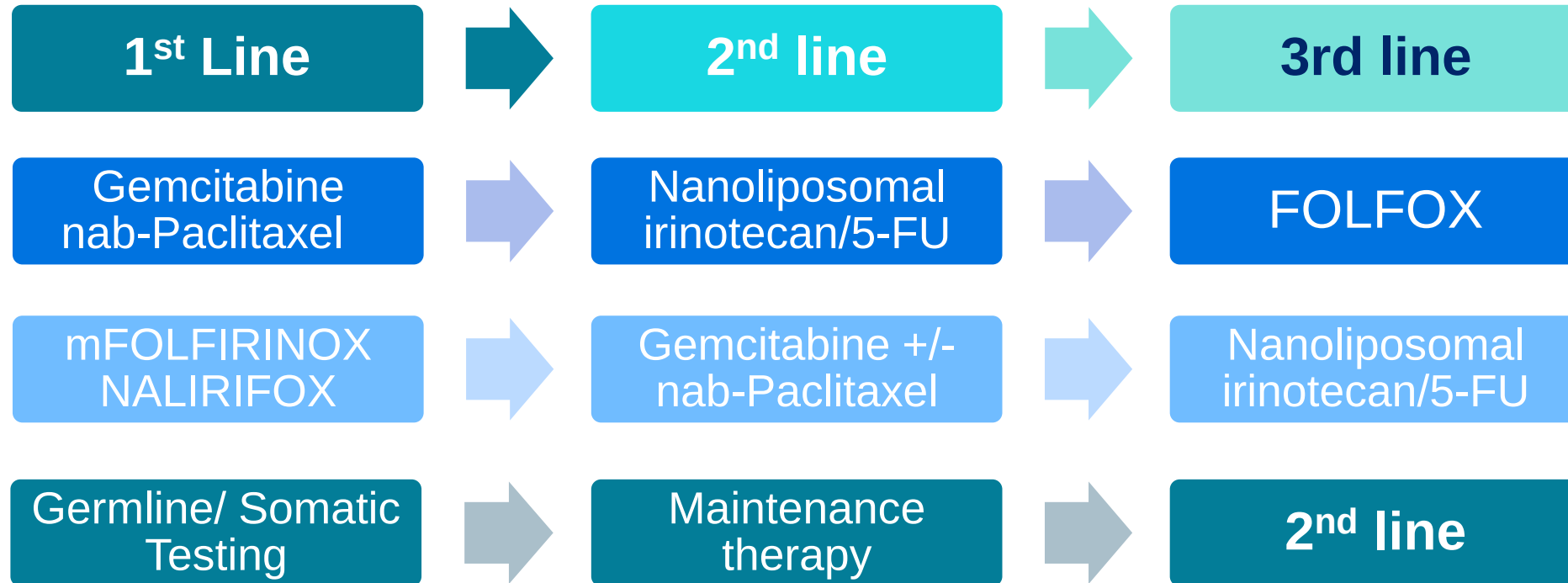


Basal Sub-Type



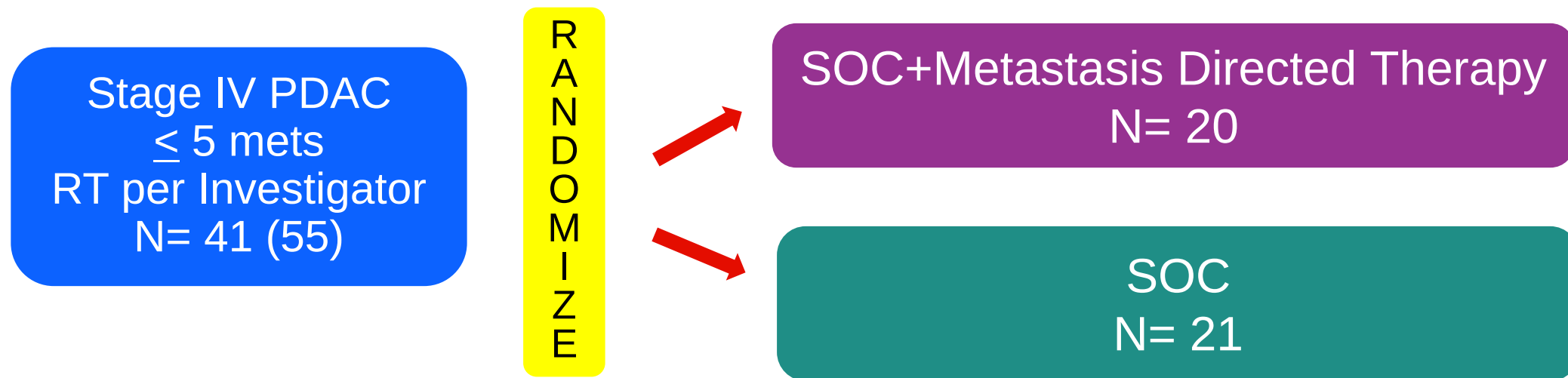
Blue: GnP, Red: mFFX

Sequencing Therapy in Advanced PDAC 2025



EXTEND Trial: Rand Phase II SOC +/- Metastasis-Directed Therapy (MDT) for Oligometastatic Pancreas Cancer

EXTEND: EXTERNAL beam Radiation to ELIMINATE Nominal Metastatic DISEASE



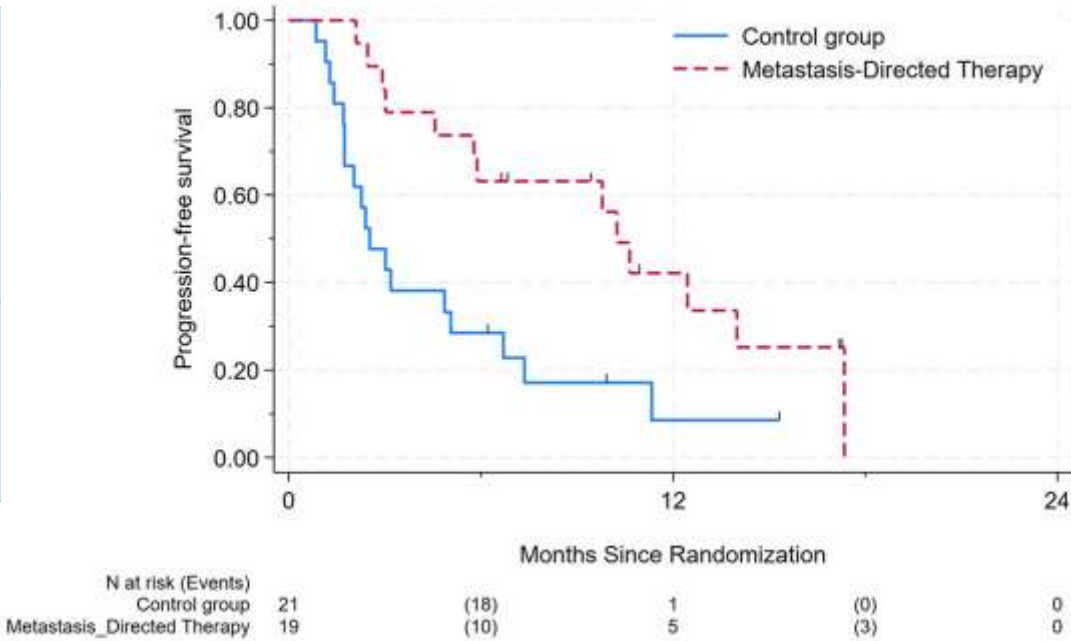
Stratify: Mets 1-2 vs 3-5; Lines of therapy 0-1 vs ≥ 2 ; Ca 19-9 <90 vs ≥ 90

Primary endpoint: median PFS ($\sim N=40$; HR 0.47)

Secondary endpoint: median OS

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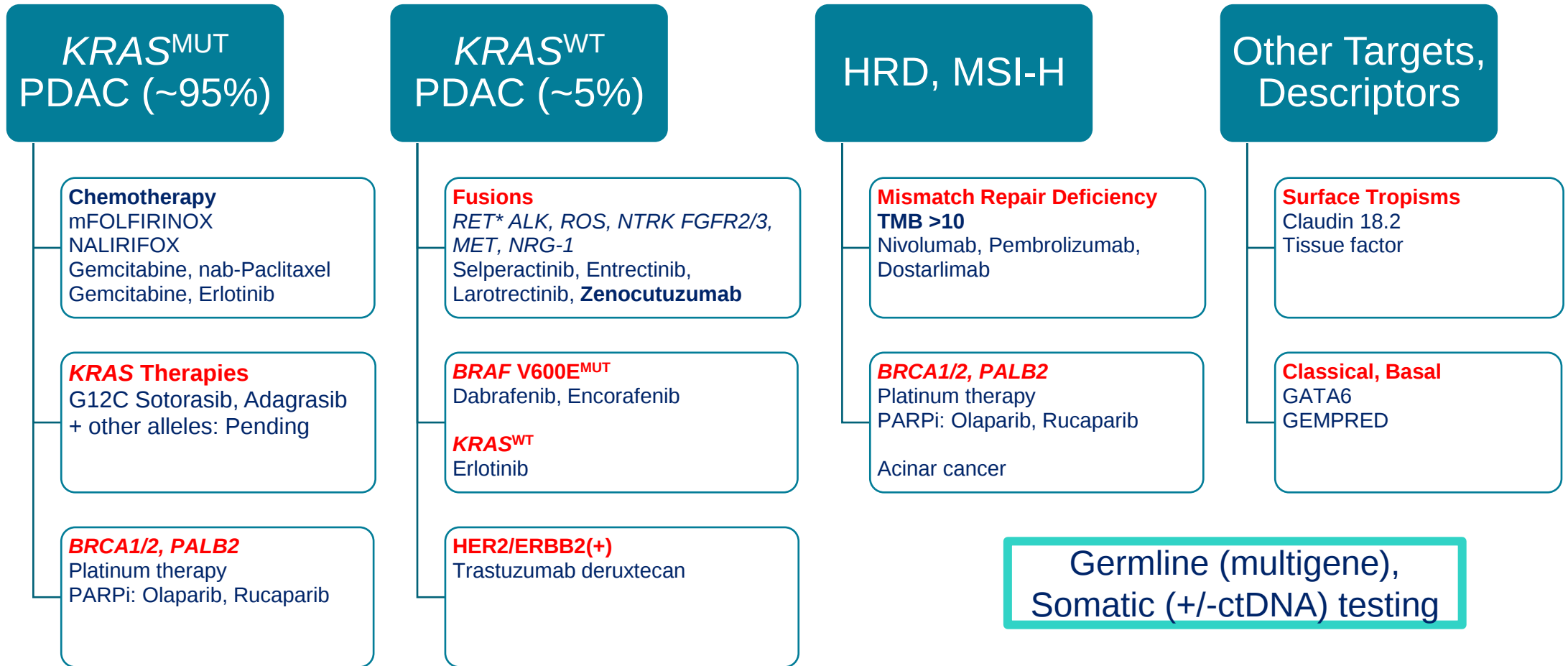
	SOC + MDT	SOC	Statistic
Med PFS	10.3 m	2.5 m	HR 0.43 (0.2- 0.94), p= 0.03
Med OS	12 m	10 m	HR 0.25 (0.25- 0.21), p= 0.21
Exploratory	CD8+ T cells PD1+ T cells CD25+ T cells IL-15		All significant in SOC + MDT arm



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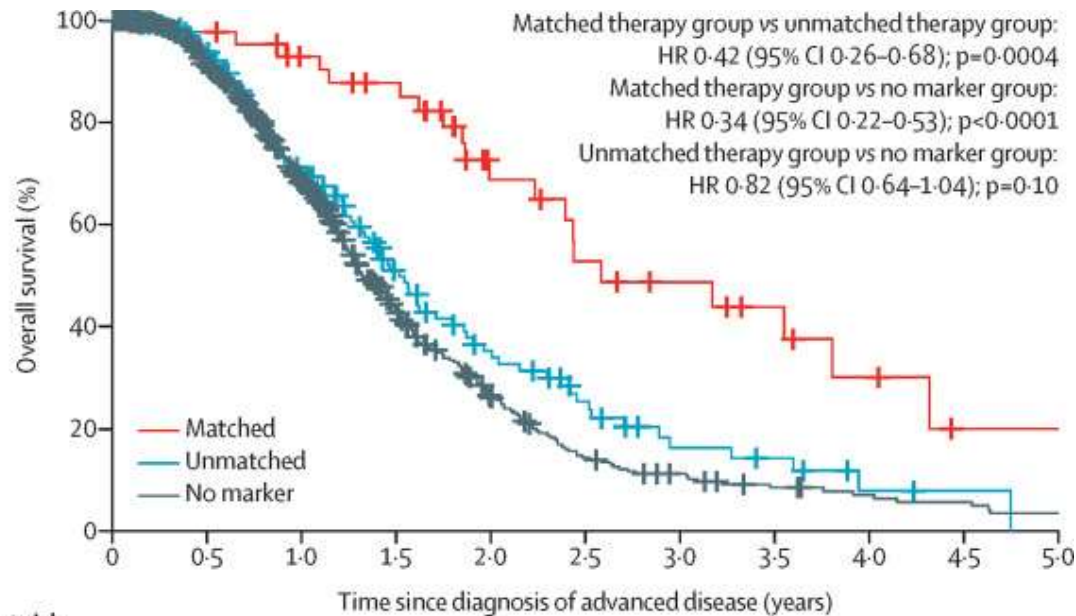
Genomic Subsets for Therapeutic Actionability: 2025

Increasing Biomarker Selected Options for PDAC



Targeted Therapeutics May Improve Outcomes in PDAC

Hints for Subsets of Patients



➤ **Genomic alteration and matched therapy in PDAC improve outcome**

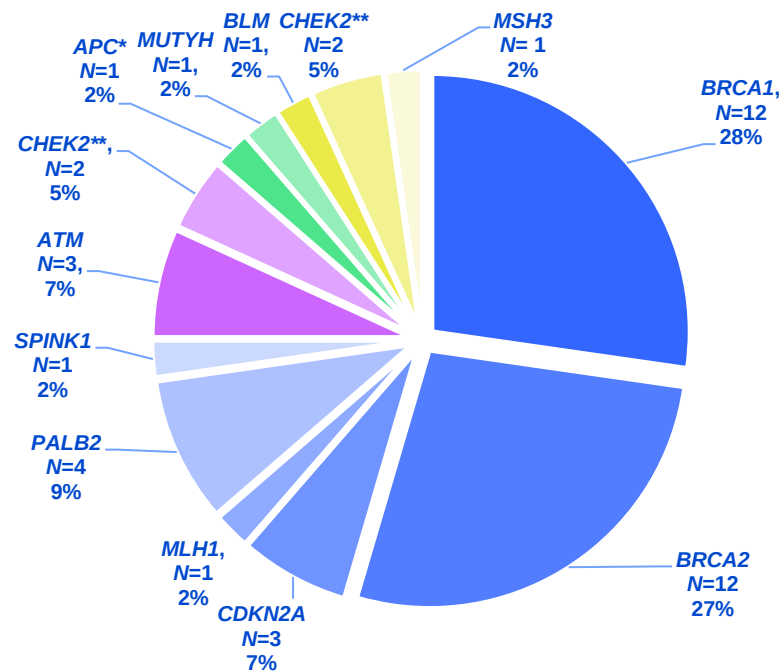
(retrospective, non-randomized)

Number at risk (number censored)										
Matched therapy	46 (0)	42 (3)	36 (4)	32 (2)	18 (8)	13 (1)	10 (2)	7 (2)	4 (1)	1 (2)
Unmatched therapy	143 (0)	116 (19)	78 (11)	44 (15)	27 (4)	16 (4)	8 (3)	6 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)
No marker	488 (0)	384 (66)	241 (55)	124 (39)	63 (15)	33 (4)	22 (4)	14 (3)	10 (2)	8 (0)

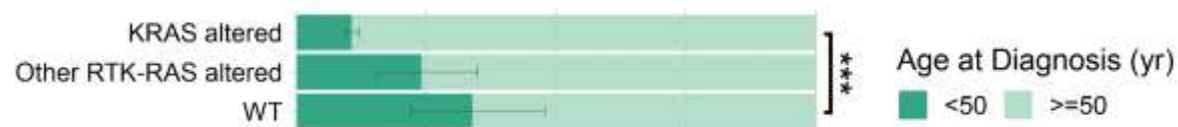
***KRAS* Wild-Type PDAC**

Early Onset Pancreas Cancer: Germline & *KRAS* Status

N= 450 $\leq$ 50 years



KRAS	N	Percent
KRAS Alterations	110	83%
RAS wild-type	21	16%



Early onset PDAC (< 55 years)

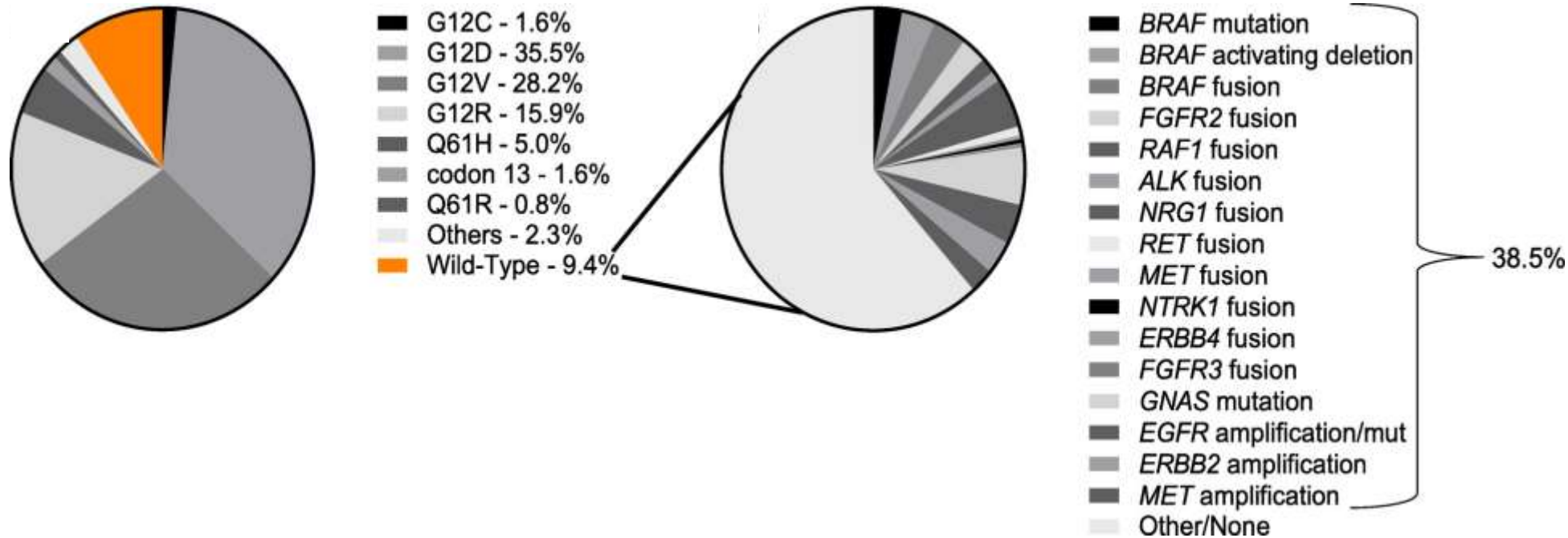
- More likely to be *KRAS*^{WT} (15-20%)
- More likely to have germline alteration

➔ **32% (44/138) Genetic predisposition**

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Early Onset PDAC: *KRAS*^{WT} PDAC (~5-8%)

Rare but Important Oncogenic Drivers beyond *RAS*



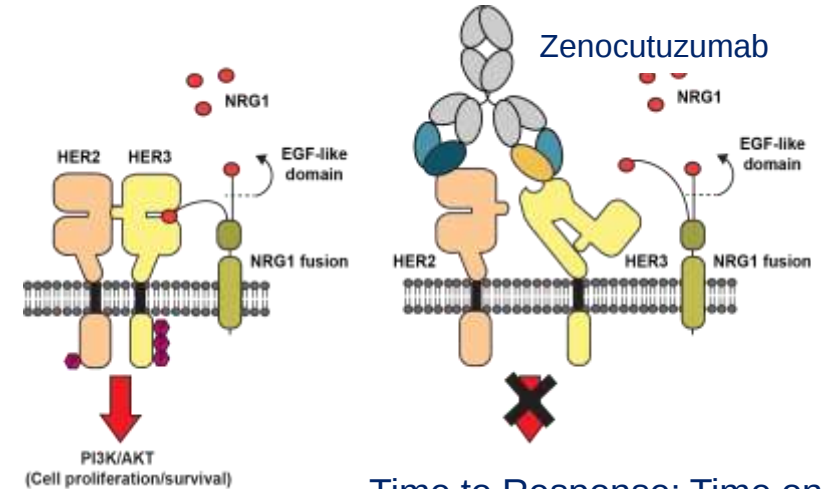
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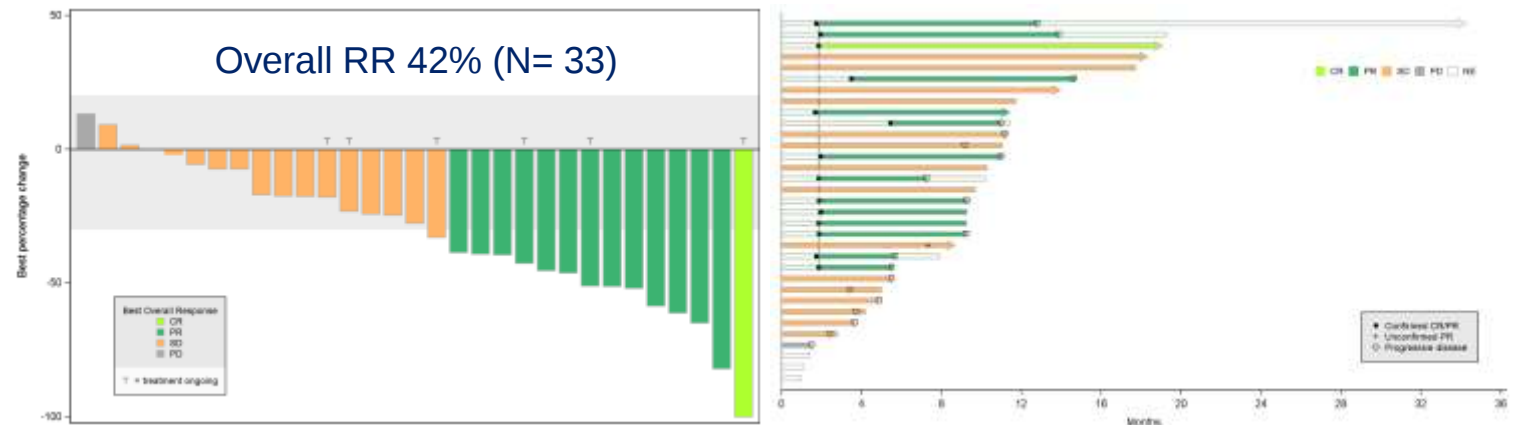
Zenocutuzumab: Bispecific Ab Targets HER2/HER3 *NRG1* Fusion(+) PDAC

- Neuregulin 1 (*NRG1*) ligand binds HER3 → HER2/HER3 heterodimerization, oncogenesis
- Zenocutuzumab binds extracellular domains HER2, HER3, blocks anti-tumor activity; ADCC

- *NRG1*(+) PDAC (N= 33)
 - ORR 42% (39% PR; 3% CR)
 - Tumor reduction 82%
 - Med duration response 9.1 m
 - FDA approval 12 2024
 - *NRG1*(+) NSCLC, PDAC



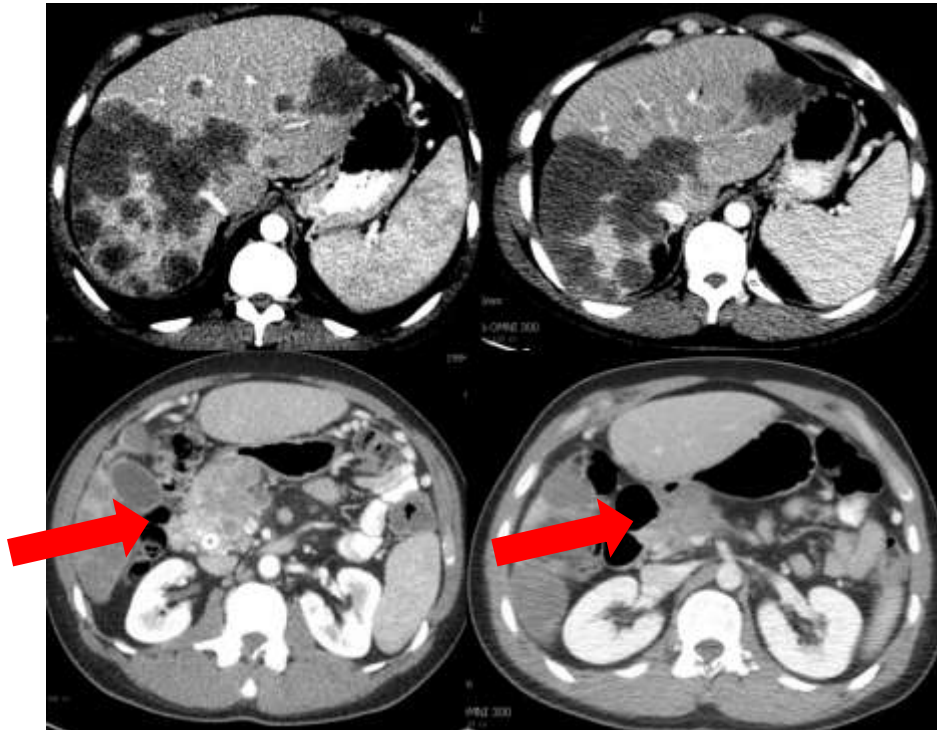
Time to Response; Time on Therapy



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Young Man PDAC *KRAS*-WT *NRG1*(+) Fusion

Bispecific, IgG1 mAb ADCC inhibits HER2, HER3



Baseline
Ca 19-9 ~450

T+ 2 m
Ca 19-9 <50

Features *NRG1*(+) PDAC Tumors

Younger patients/ early onset PDAC
KRAS wild-type
Low Ca 19-9, disease bulk

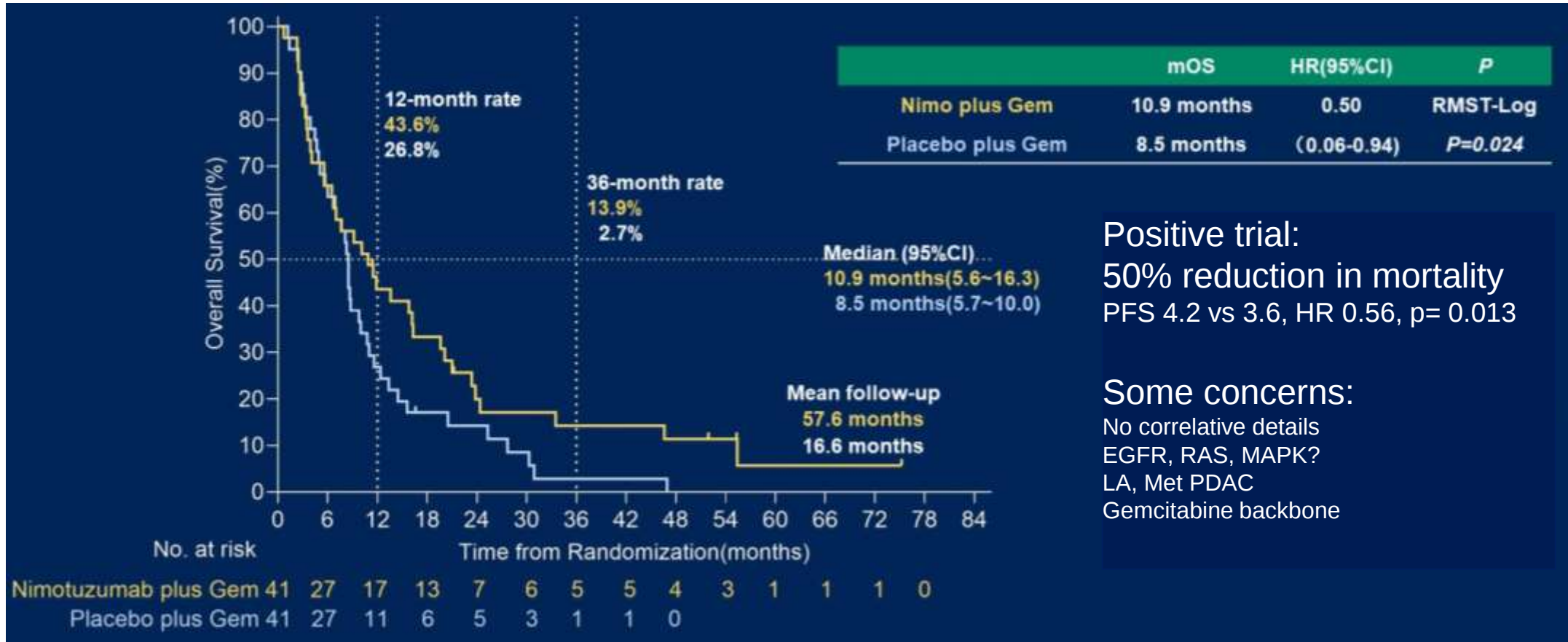
Can respond well to chemotherapy

Testing methodology key
DNA, RNA

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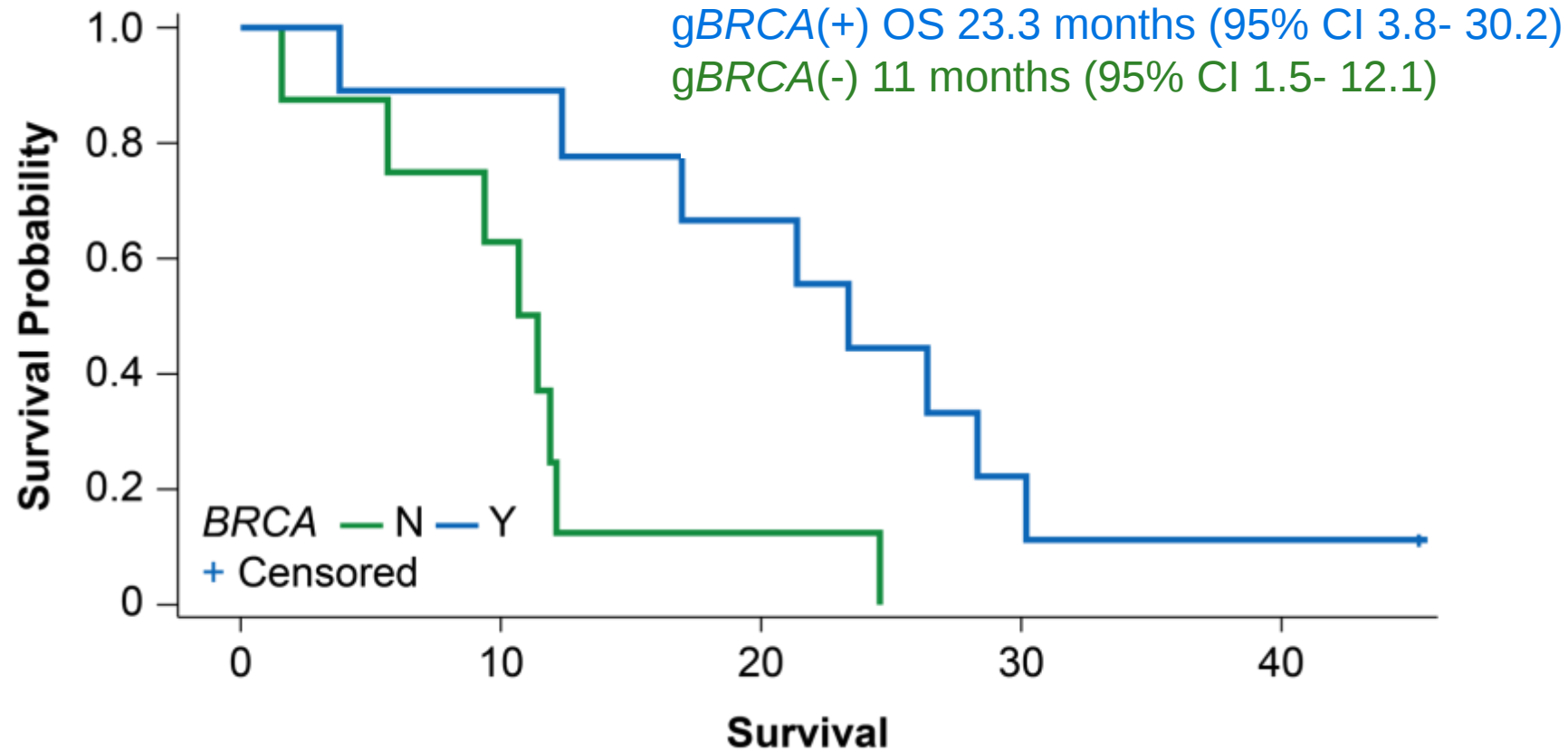
Phase III NOTABLE Trial in $KRAS^{WT}$ PDAC (N= 82) Gemcitabine +/- Nimotuzumab (Anti-EGFR mAntibody)



DNA Damage Repair Directed Therapy



Prospective Platinum-Based Therapy gBRCA vs Wild-Type gBRCA1/2, PALB2: Improved Outcome

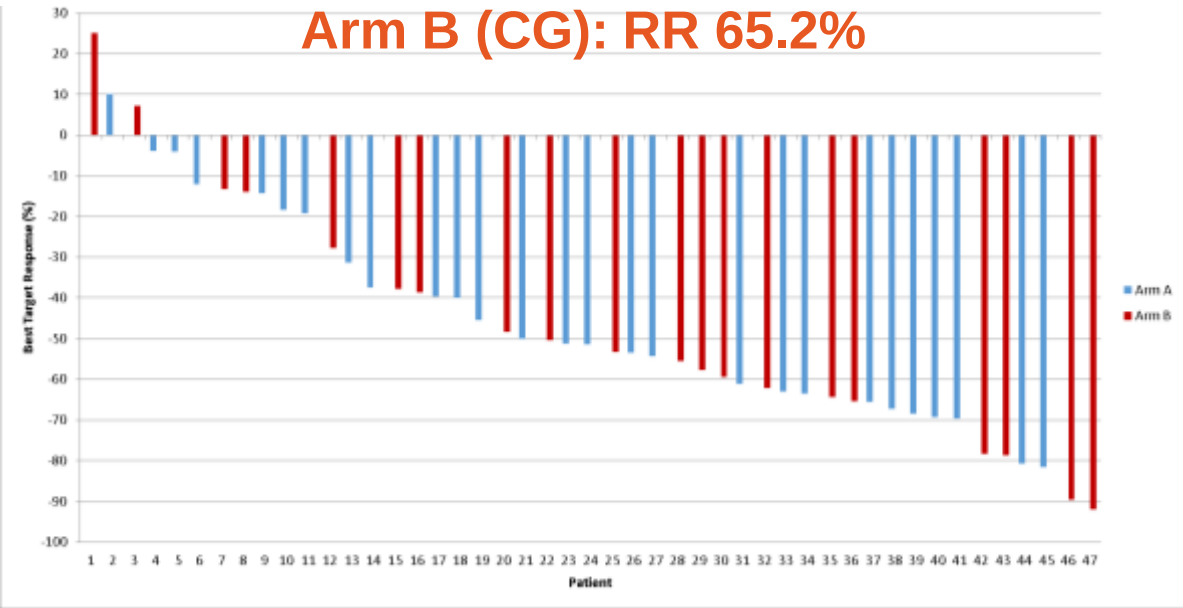


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Cisplatin/Gem +/- Veliparib g*BRCA1/2*, *PALB2*: Randomized Phase II Advanced PDAC

Arm A (CGV): RR 74.1%

Arm B (CG): RR 65.2%

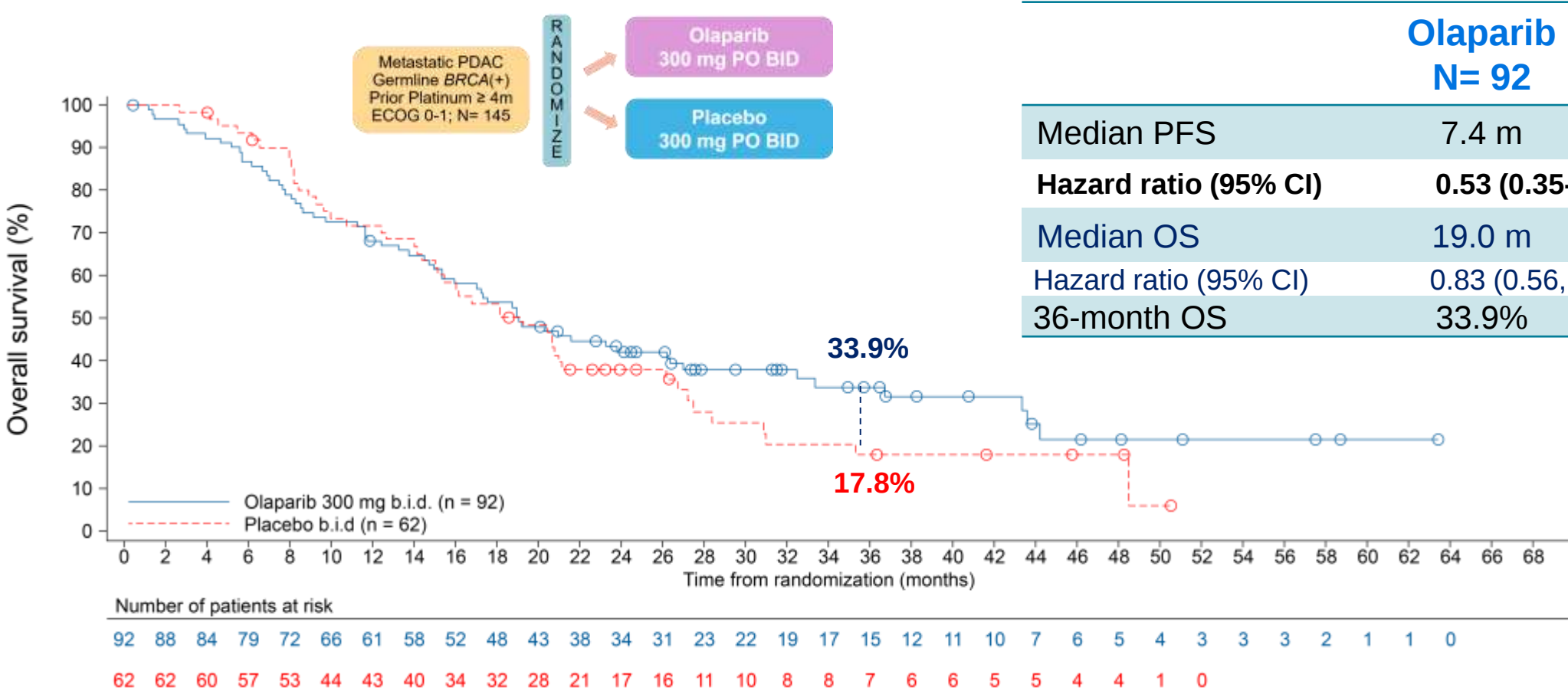


	Cis, Gem, V N= 27	Cis, Gem N= 23
Response Rate	74%	65%
Overall Survival	15.5 m	16.4 m
Combined Arms (N= 50)		
2-Year OS	31% (CI 17.8%- 44.4%)	
3-Year OS	18% (CI:8.1%- 30.7%)	
Platinum → PARPi	23 m (CI: 6.5- 53.9)	

➤ Defines a standard regimen *BRCA1/2*, *PALB2*

POLO gBRCA: Maintenance Olaparib vs Placebo

PFS Positive; No Overall Survival Benefit



	Olaparib N= 92	Placebo N= 62
Median PFS	7.4 m	3.8 m
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.53 (0.35- 0.82); p= 0.004	
Median OS	19.0 m	19.2 m
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.83 (0.56, 1.22); p= 0.3487	
36-month OS	33.9%	17.8%

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POLAR: Pembrolizumab OLApRib

Phase II Maintenance 1L/2L Trial – Building on POLO, PARPVAX



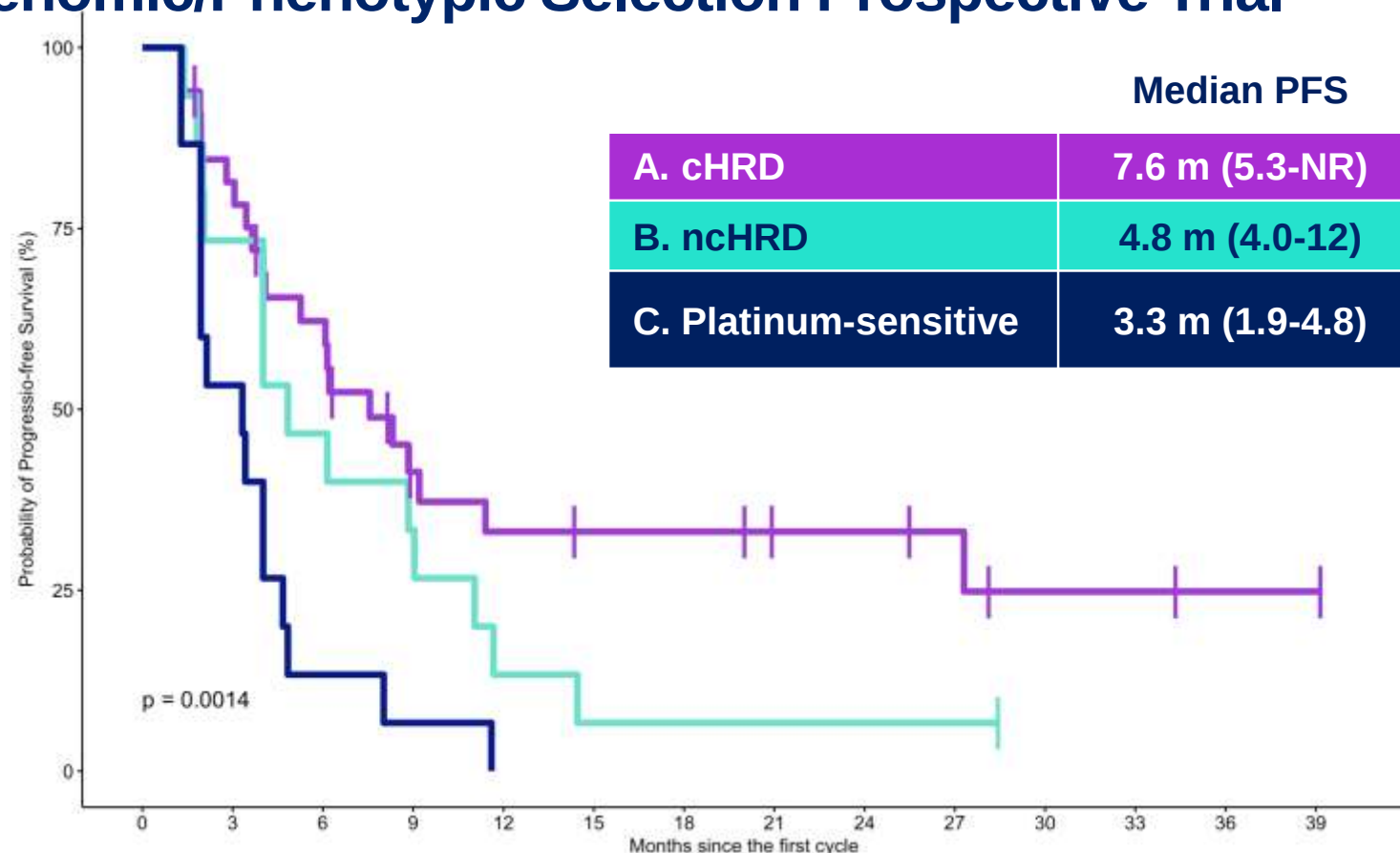
Cohort A: Co-Primary ORR or PFS @6M; Simon-2 stage

Cohort B, C: Exploratory single arm design ORR

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POLAR: Maintenance Olaparib/Pembrolizumab (N= 63) Genomic/Phenotypic Selection Prospective Trial



*Measurable

➤ Ability to stratify patients based on core vs non-core vs platinum-sensitive

Acinar Cancer: *BRCA*/HR-Related Cancer

High Frequency of Homologous Repair Deficiency

MSK cohort N= 49 (MSK-IMPACT 2015- 2022)

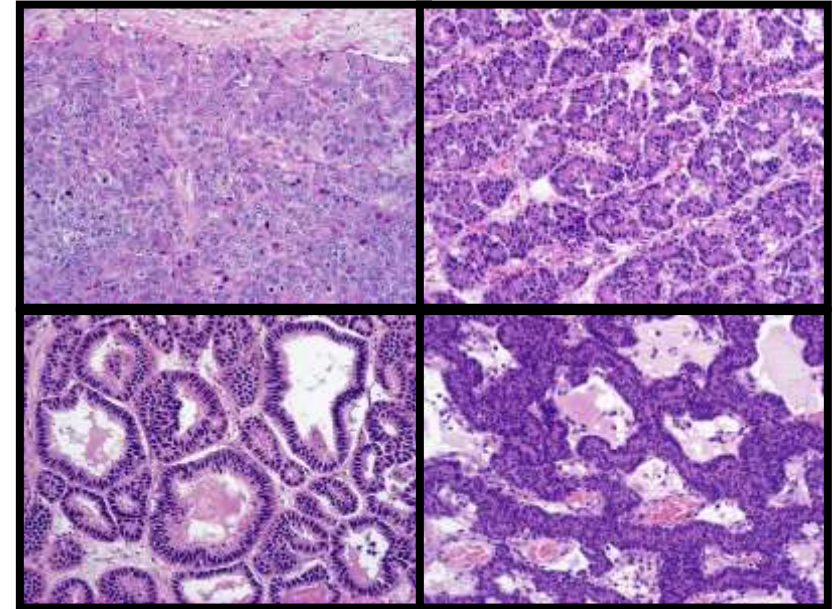
Pathogenic variant HR/DDR gene in 37%

BRCA1 (N= 1); *BRCA2* (N= 12); *PALB2* (N= 2); *ATM* (N= 2); *CHEK2* (N= 1)

WGS acinar with DDR gene variant: 100% HRD

Higher level of neoantigens relative to PDAC

Classify *BRCA*-related cancer?



Selected Ongoing Trials in HRD/ *BRCA*/*PALB2* in PDAC

APOLLO EA2192: Adjuvant Olaparib vs Placebo

- Resected; completed all standard therapy
- N= 152; Primary endpoint: RFS (22 → 44 months; 90% power, HR 0.5)

SWOG/Alliance S2001: Maintenance Olaparib +/- Pembrolizumab

- *BRCA1/2*, *PALB2* germline/somatic > 4 m platinum therapy
- N= 88; Primary endpoint: PFS (HR 0.6; 7→ 11.7 m)

PLATINUM A022106 Randomized phase II/III 2L: Cisplatin/gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel vs Gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel

- g/s*BRCA1/2*, *PALB2*
- N= 100; Primary endpoint ORR (phase II); OS (phase III)

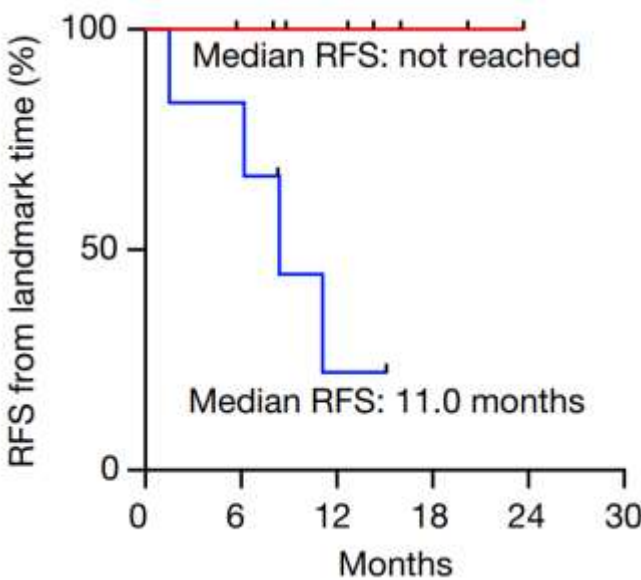
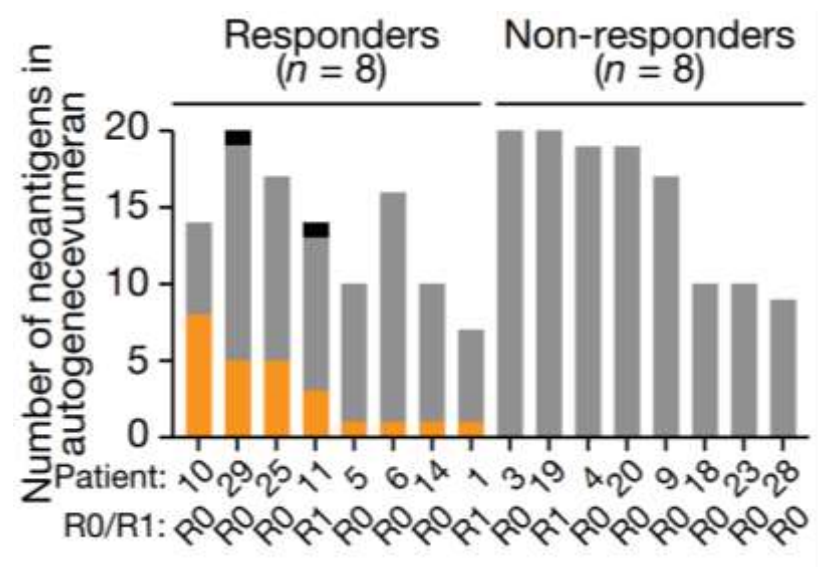
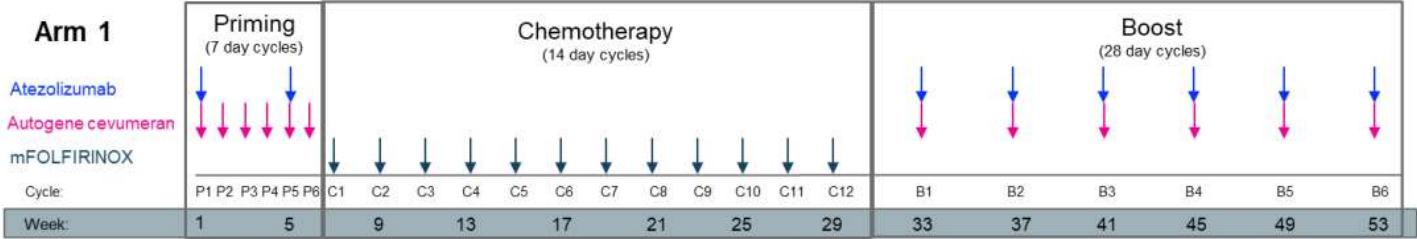
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Immunotherapy – Emerging Promise



Phase I Adjuvant Autogene Cevumaren, Atezolizumab, mFFX Resected Pancreas Cancer: Immune Response Correlates with RFS

N= 16 treated (28 screened)
50% immune responders



Randomized Phase II Resected PDAC

mFOLFIRINOX +/- mRNA Neoantigen Vaccine (Autogene cevumaren) + anti-PDL1



Primary endpoint: Disease-free survival (investigator)

Secondary: DFS @12, 24, 26 m; OS, OS @3, 5 years; Safety

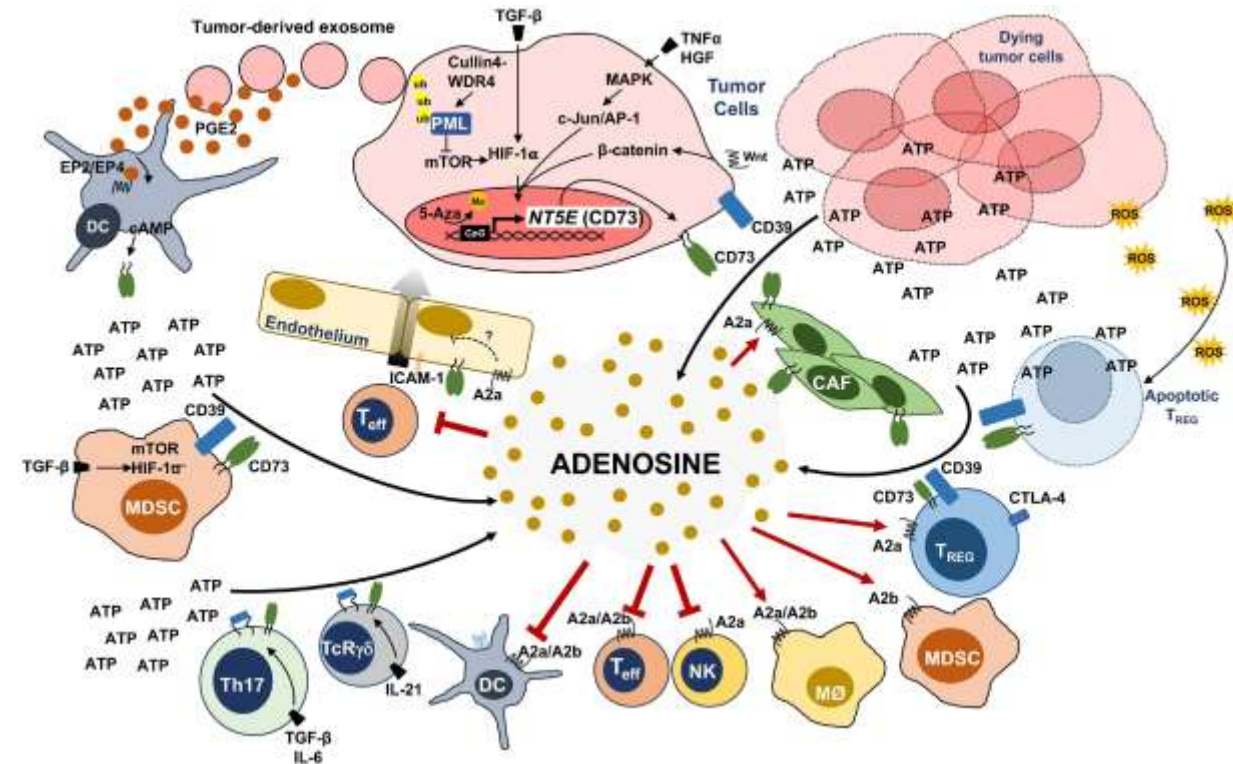
Exploratory: QoL; QLQ-C30, EORTC PAN-26, PRO-CTCAE; PK; Immunogenicity

Stratification: R0 vs R1, N0 vs N1

Elevated CD73 Expression and Adenosine Mediated Immune Suppression

PDAC tumor immune microenvironment:

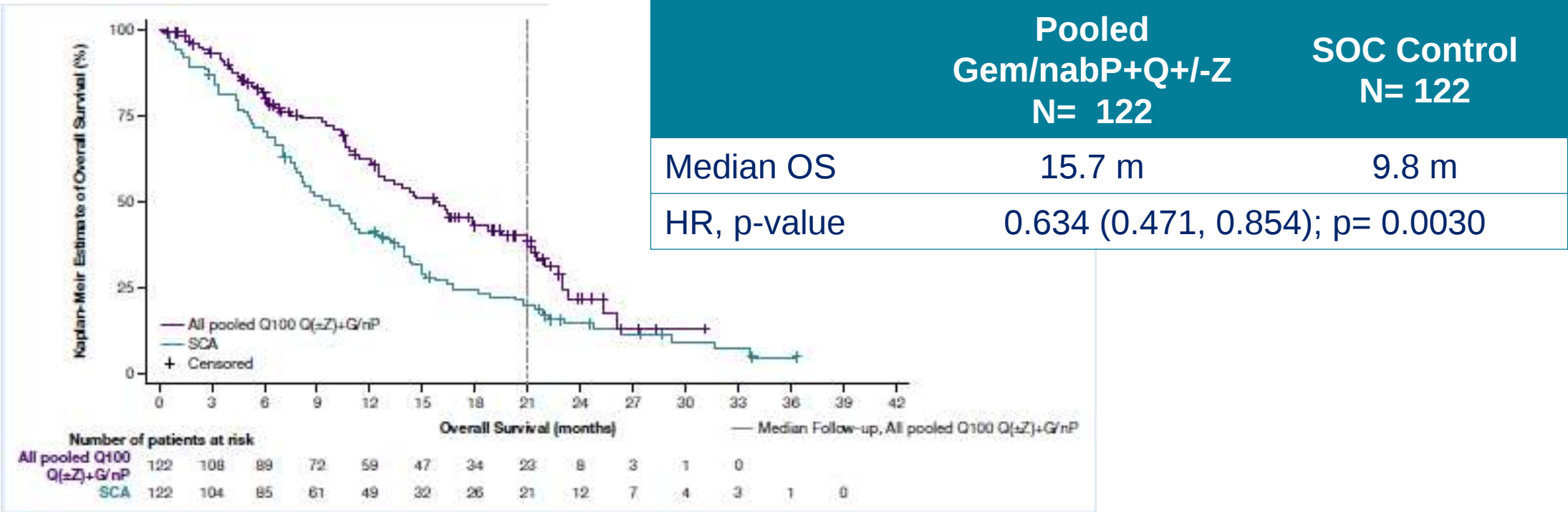
- High levels CD73
- CD73 expression associated with *KRAS* mutant phenotype
- High CD73 expression associated with worse outcome



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ARC-8: Phase I/IB: Gem/Nab-P + Quemliclustat (anti-CD73)

Promising Early Signal – Phase III Ongoing



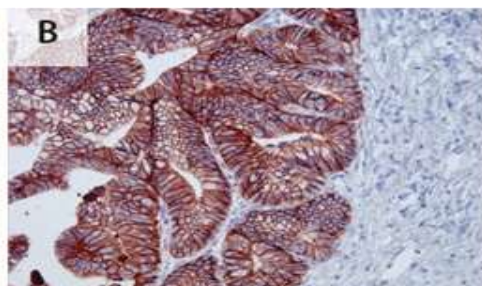
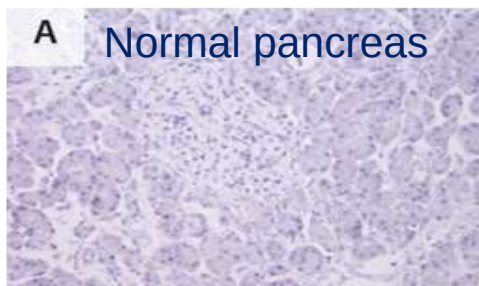
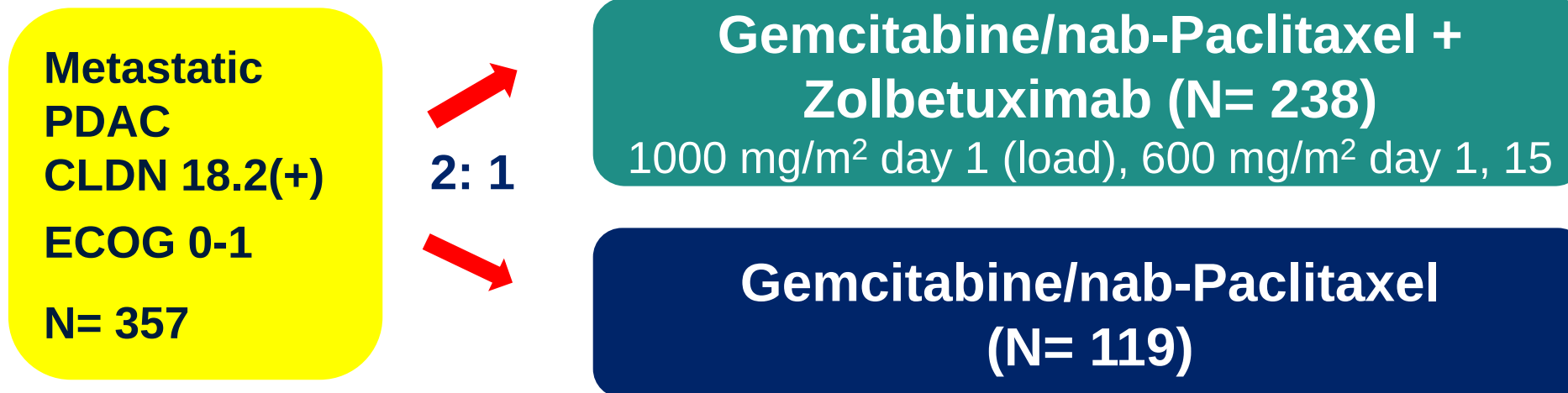
PRISM 1: Randomized phase III gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel +/- quemliclustat/placebo (N= 610; 2: 1)
Opened late 2024

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Other Biomarker Based Approaches in PDAC

Claudin 18.2: Promising Target in PDAC

Rand. Phase II Gemcitabine/nab-Paclitaxel +/- Zolbetuximab



Zolbetuximab: mAb IgG1 CLDN 18.2: ADCC, CDC
Primary endpoint: OS
10.5 m → 15.0; 80% power, 2-sided 0.05, HR 0.776

ACCruED: Awaiting outcome

Eligibility: CLDN 18.2 mod/strong $\geq$ 75% tumor cells (IHC)

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IBI389: Bispecific Ab Targets CD3, Claudin 18.2 PDAC

IBI389

Anti-CD3/ anti-CLDN 18.2, IgG-like

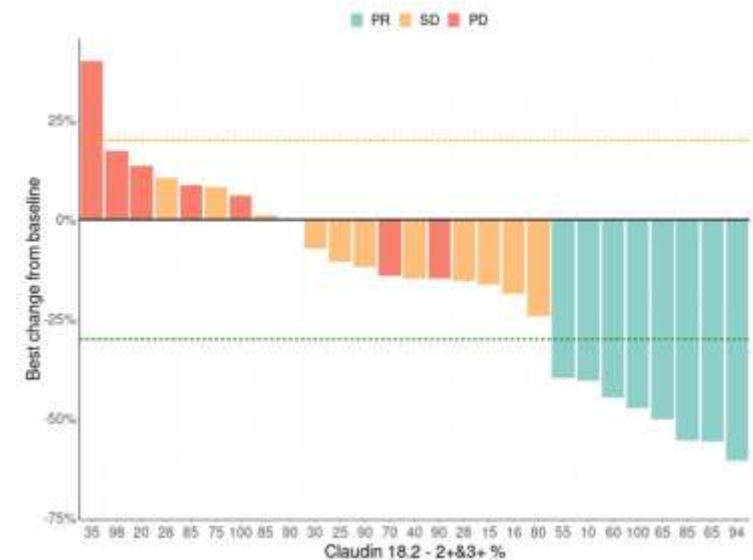
Cross-links CD3+ T cells, CLDN 18.2+ cells, CTL's

Phase I advanced PDAC N= 72

- Recommended phase II (RP2D) 600 ug/kg
- IHC 2/3+ $\geq 10\%$ (N= 27) $\rightarrow$ RR 29.6%
- IHC 2/3+ $\geq 40\%$ (N= 18) $\rightarrow$ RR 38.9%
- 1 CRS/tocilizumab
- Ongoing trials: IBI-389 + sintilimab (anti-PD1)

Other agents/mechanisms targeting CLDN:

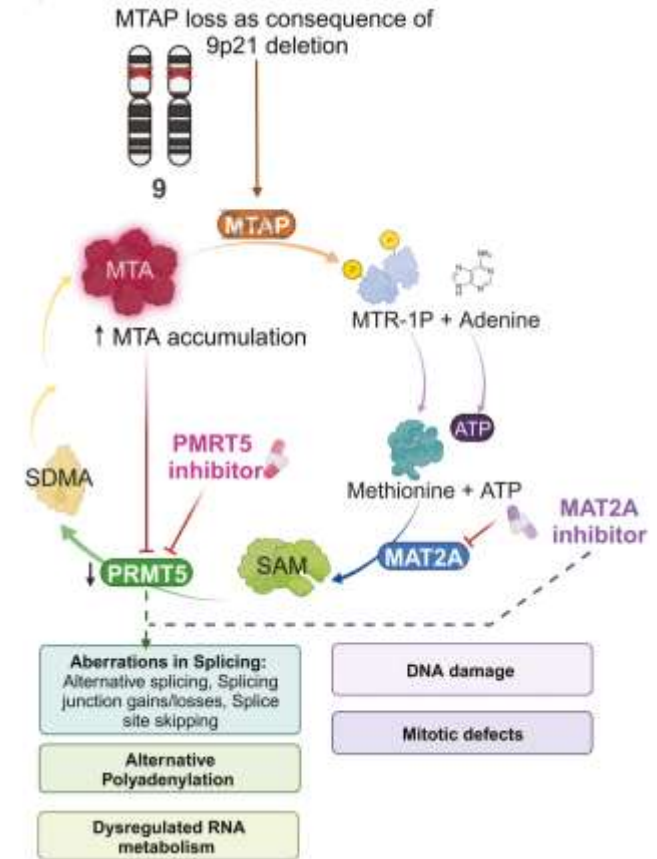
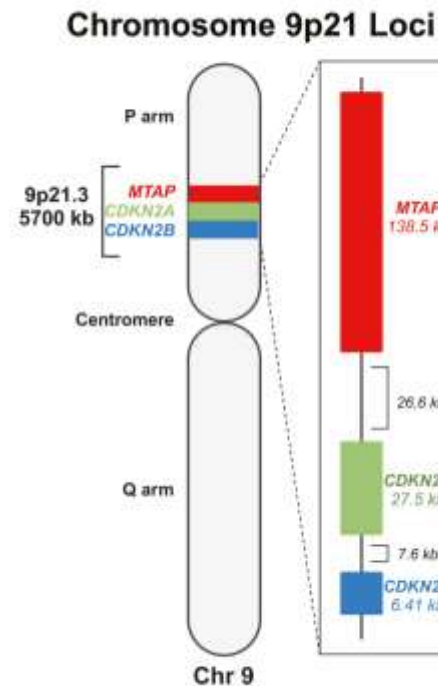
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Synthetic Lethality: New Approach – PRMT5, MTA Inhibition

- Methylthioadenosine phosphorylase (*MTAP*)
- *MTAP* deletion/loss ~15% multiple solid tumors; 8% GI cancers; **PDAC 15- 25%**
- *MTAP* adjacent, often co-deleted *CDKN2A* (9p21)
- *MTAP*, *CDKN2A* associated with resistance to IO therapies ('cold' TME)
- *MTAP*-loss novel biomarker for agents inhibiting MAT2A and PRMT5
- *MTAP* associated with resistance to ICB



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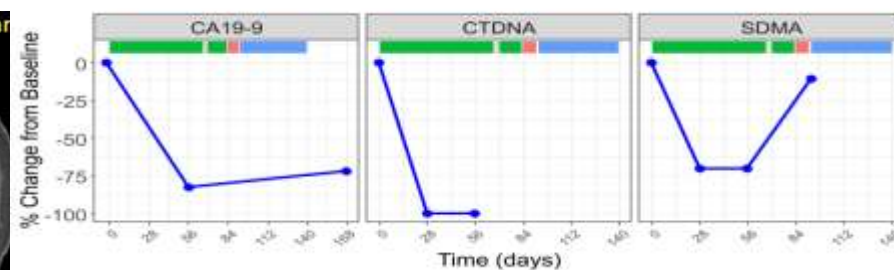
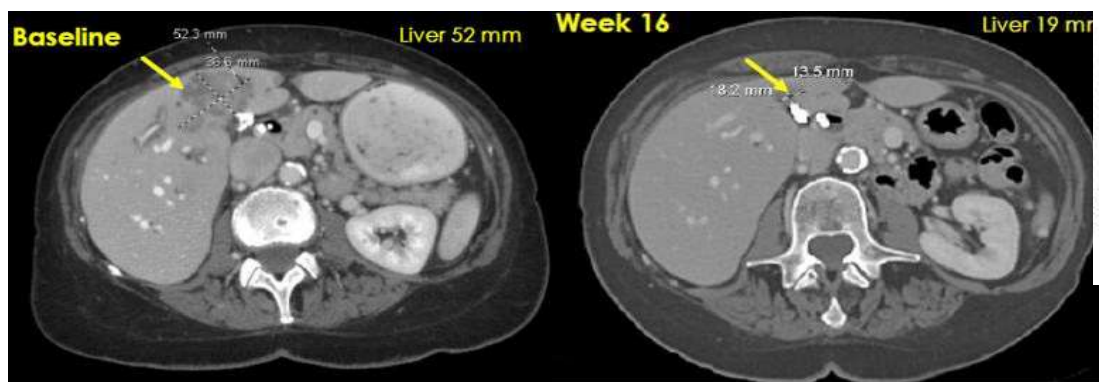
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MTAP-Deleted Solid Tumors: Phase I AMG 193 (5 PR's)

RP2D 1200 mg PO

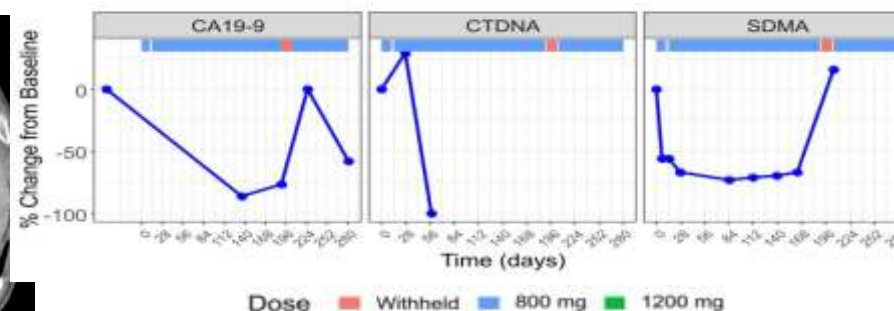
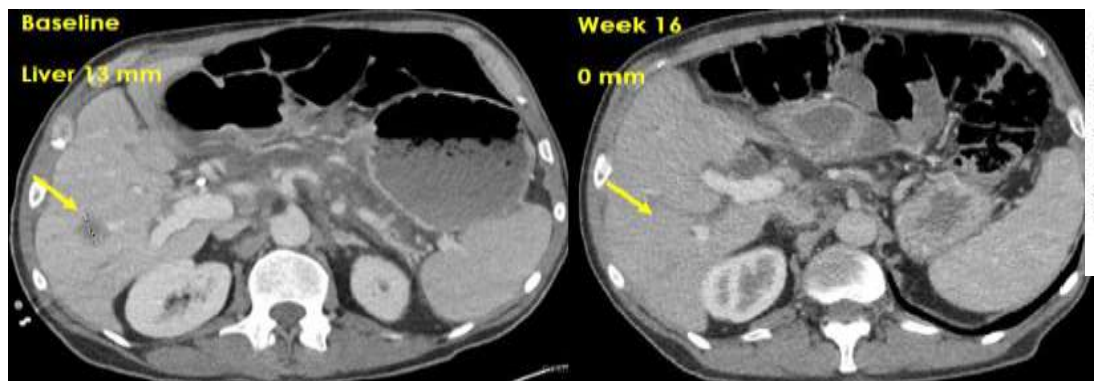
Gallbladder

- 76 y/o Female
4 prior lines
- *TP53m*
 - *ERBB2* amplification
 - *CDKN2A/2B* loss
 - *MTAP*-loss



Pancreas Cancer

- 65 y/o male
2 prior lines
- *TP53m*
 - *CDKN2A/2B*-loss,
 - *MTAP*-loss
 - *KRAS*



- ESMO 2024 PDAC sub-cohort N= 23: 5 PR's (2 confirmed); 4 SD
- Multiple PRMT5, MAT2A agents/combinations in development

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Antibody Drug Conjugates in Development in PDAC

NCT	Therapeutic	Mechanism/Target	N	Study Design
NCT0591535	Enfortumab vedotin	NECTIN-4, MMAE	28	Phase II, single arm, two-stage; ORR
NCT04843709	MRG004A	Tissue factor/CD142	181	Phase I, II
NCT06131840	SGN-CEACAM5C	CEA, Topo-1	410	Phase I, II
NCT06219941	AZD0901	Claudin 18.2, MMAE	390	Phase II, multiple arms

Many other targets

EGFR, mesothelin, Trop 2, HER3, MUC1, Gypican-1 (GPC-1), CD71, DR5, C-MET, EphA2

DESTINY PanTumor02 Biliary, PDAC

Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd: HER2(+)) IHC 1-3 (mostly
Response rate 4%; mFS 3.2 m



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Conclusions: Best Oncologic Therapies for PDAC 2025

Standard Therapy - Selection

- ECOG 0-1: (m)FOLFIRINOX, Gemcitabine/nab-P, NALIRIFOX
- Transcriptomic classifiers to inform first-line choice?

Biomarker Selected Subsets

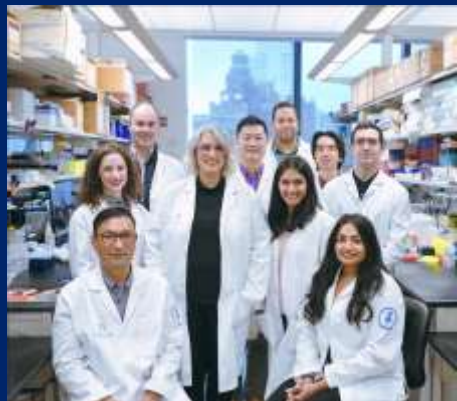
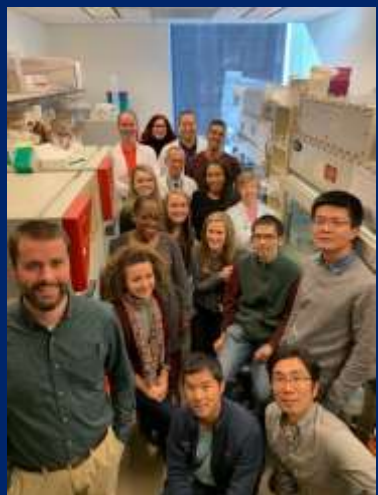
- Germline, somatic testing; DNA, RNA (fusions)
- Increasing subsets biomarker directed opportunities
g/sBRCA1/2, PALB2, KRAS wild-type, MSI-H, *KRAS* G12C, fusions

Emerging Approaches (beyond RAS)

- Claudin: Antibody, bispecifics, ADC's
- *MTAP* – multiple agents – single/combo
- Novel immune therapies, anti-CD73, vaccines

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