



Liver Metastases: A year in review 2020

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Disease Related: Focus CRC

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Prospective Swedish registries:

CRC registry (SCRCR) with diagnosis between 2009-2013 cross checked for the presence of liver tumor (SweLiv):

1325 Patients: 300 (22.6%): 75 yo or older.

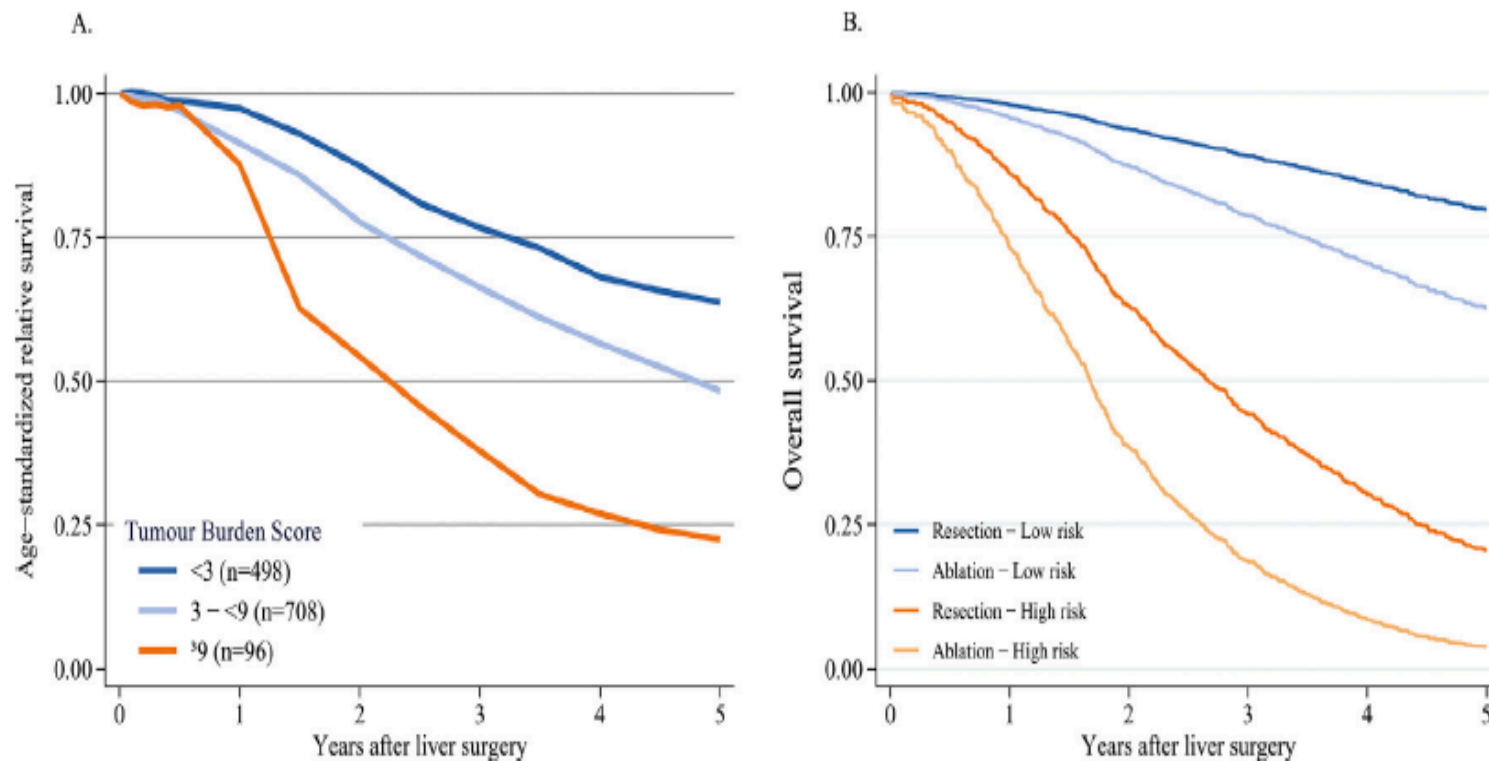
1098 (82.9%) treated by surgery only, 125 (9.4%) ablation only and 102 (7.7%) by Resection and ablation.

731/1325 (55.2%): synchronous and 594/1325 (44.8%) metachronous.

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No Margin Assessment and stratification

Increasing age-related survival gap among patients with colorectal cancer: a population-based retrospective study

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The Surveillance, Epidemiology and end Results (SEER) 9 registries for CRC diagnosis between 1975-2009

SEER 18: CRC diagnosis: 1973-2014:

CSS for patients < 54, 55-64, 65-74 and 75-84: Robust Increase in survival

BUT: for patients > 85 yo: No difference in OS between 1990-99 and 2000-12

Despite improved outcomes in OS during last 40 years this did not change in elderly patients.

PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY

CRITERIA FOR RESECTABILITY OF METASTASES AND LOCOREGIONAL THERAPIES WITHIN SURGERY

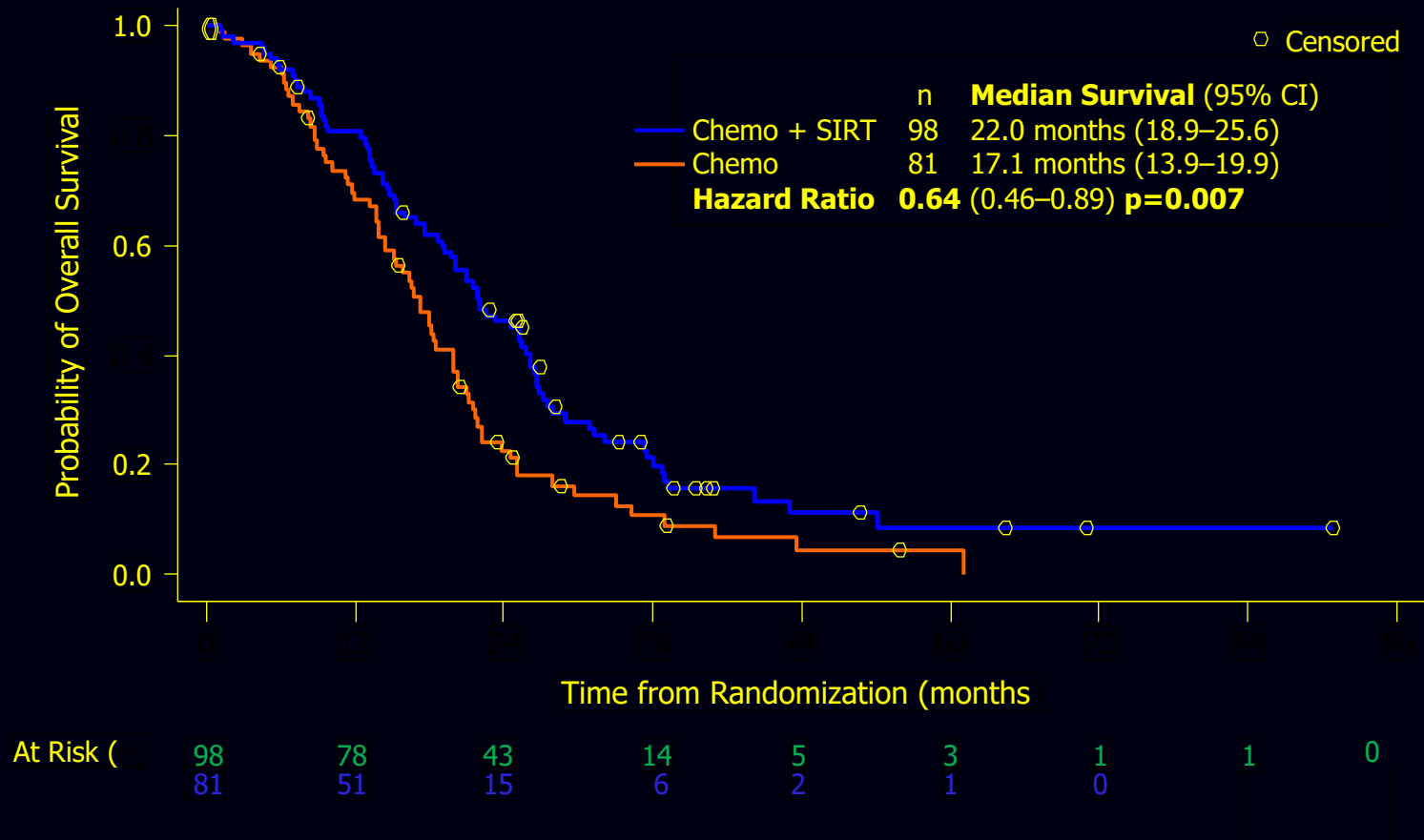
- When hepatic metastatic disease is not optimally resectable based on insufficient remnant liver volume, approaches utilizing preoperative portal vein embolization¹³ or staged liver resection¹⁴
- Ablative techniques may be considered alone or in conjunction with resection. All original sites of disease need to be amenable to ablation or resection.
- Arterially directed catheter therapy, and in particular yttrium 90 microsphere selective internal radiation, is an option in highly selected patients with chemotherapy-resistant/-refractory disease and with predominant hepatic metastases.
- In highly selected cases or in the setting of a clinical trial and should not be used indiscriminately in patients who are potentially surgically resectable.
- Re-resection can be considered in selected patients.¹⁵



Y90

OS for RCP/ mCRC Patients with Right-Sided Primary Tumours

For the 179/739 patients (24.2%) with a RSP tumor, OS was improved with the addition of SIRT (median, 22.0 vs. 17.1 months HR, 0.641; P: .008).

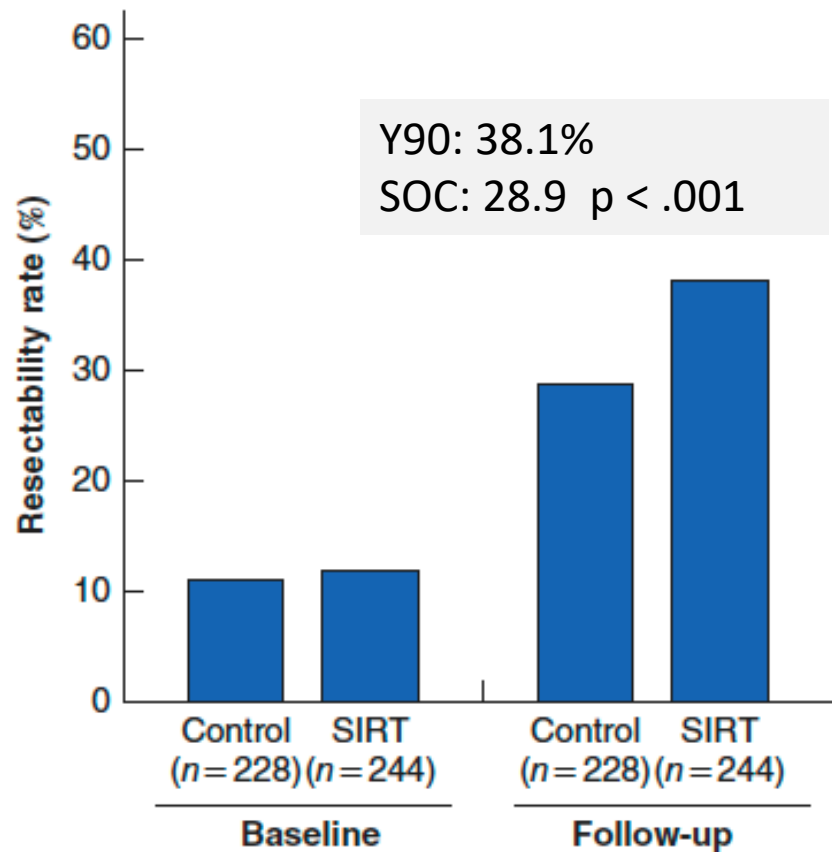


5 months prolongation of Median Survival and 36% protective effect against death

Secondary technical resectability of colorectal cancer liver metastases after chemotherapy with or without selective internal radiotherapy in the randomized SIRFLOX trial

Fig. 3 Resectability of colorectal liver metastases

a Whole cohort





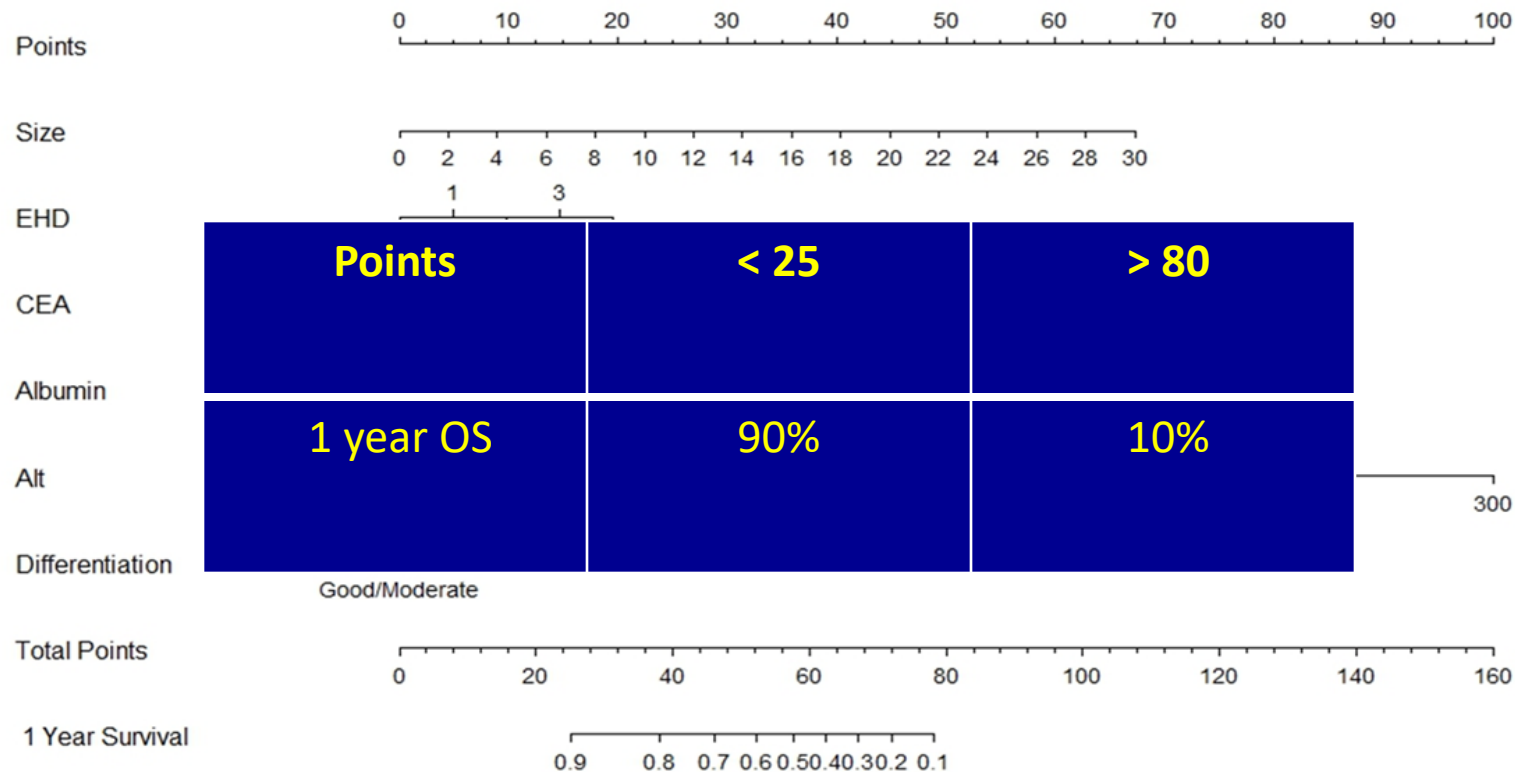
Contralateral liver hypertrophy and oncological outcome following Y90 TARE

- Systematic literature search using the MEDLINE, EMBASE, and Cochrane libraries for studies published between 2008-2020 identified 16 studies, comprising 602 patients.
- Median kinetic growth rate per week of the contralateral liver lobe: 0.7%
- Local tumor control was 84%.
- Surgical resection after Y90 was carried out in 109/362 patients (30%).

Further work needed for the Role of Y90 as a means of Local control and liver remnant Hypertrophy in borderline resectable patients

Factors Affecting Oncologic Outcomes of 90Y Radioembolization of Heavily Pre-Treated Patients With Colon Cancer Liver Metastases

103 patients; 77% EHD, Median OS: 11.4 months



NOMOGRAM: 1-year OS of patients with total points of **<25 vs. >80 was 90% and 10%**, respectively

Bootstrap resampling showed **good discrimination** (optimism corrected c-index=0.745) and **calibration** (mean absolute prediction error=0.299) of the nomogram

Thermal Ablation

A new sequential treatment strategy for multiple colorectal liver metastases: Planned incomplete resection and postoperative completion ablation for intentionally-untreated tumors under guidance of cross-sectional imaging[☆]

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Multiple CLM undergoing planned incomplete resection and Post-operative percutaneous image guided completion TA

Completion percutaneous TA: 23 vs IOP TA: 92 MWA more common in percutaneous Group (p: .001)

Complication rate PercTA vs IOP ablation: 21% vs 48% (p: 0.033)

5 year LTP: 31.7% vs 62.4% (p: 0.03)

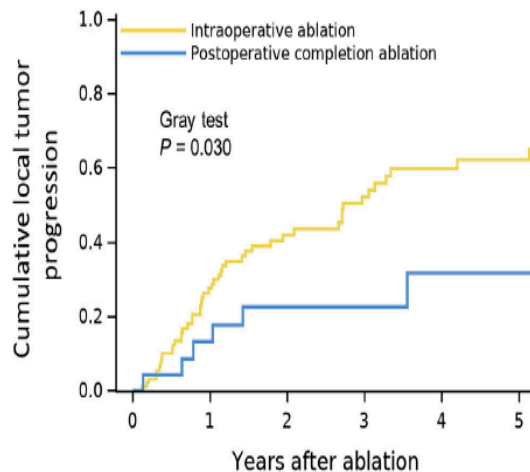
5 year OS : PercTA; 53% vs 42% (P:.407)

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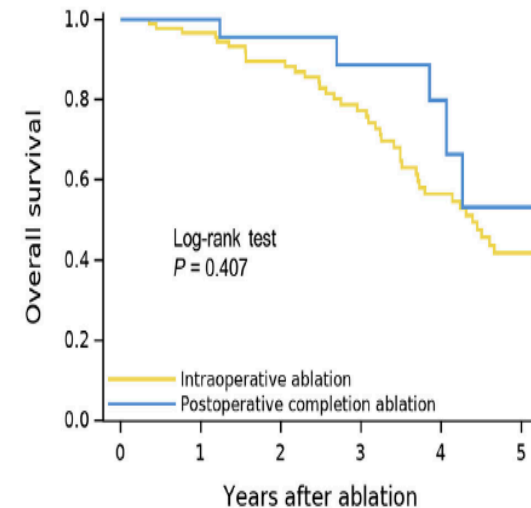
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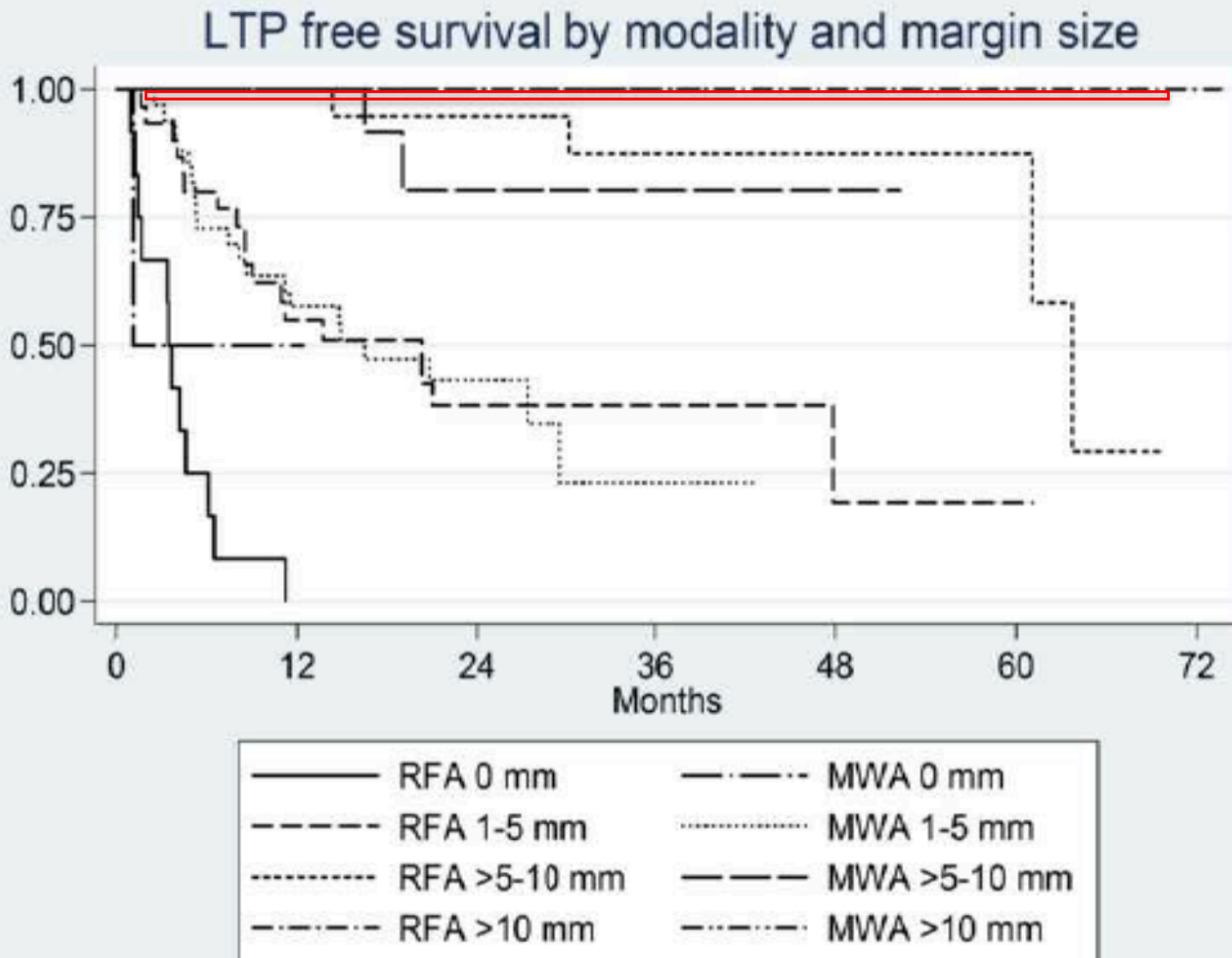


Patients at risk							5-year cumulative local recurrence rate
Intraoperative ablation	92	60	36	26	16	13	
							62.4%
Postoperative completion ablation	23	19	12	10	5	1	
							31.7%



Patients at risk							5-year OS rate
Intraoperative ablation	92	87	69	53	33	20	
							41.8%
Postoperative completion ablation	23	22	18	13	6	3	
							53.2%

NO LTP FOR MARGIN OVER 10 mm!



77 CLM RFA vs 60 MWA; Up to 5 cm

Factors Associated with Local Tumor Control and Complications after Thermal Ablation of Colorectal Cancer Liver Metastases: a 15-year Retrospective Cohort Study

2003-2017: 286 patients 415 CLM treated within 378 session (RFA: 213 and MWA: 165)

HAC 140/286

Post Liver Resection: 275/378: 73%

Recurrence after hepatectomy: (100), Hepatectomy+HAC (175)

Median F-U: 31 months

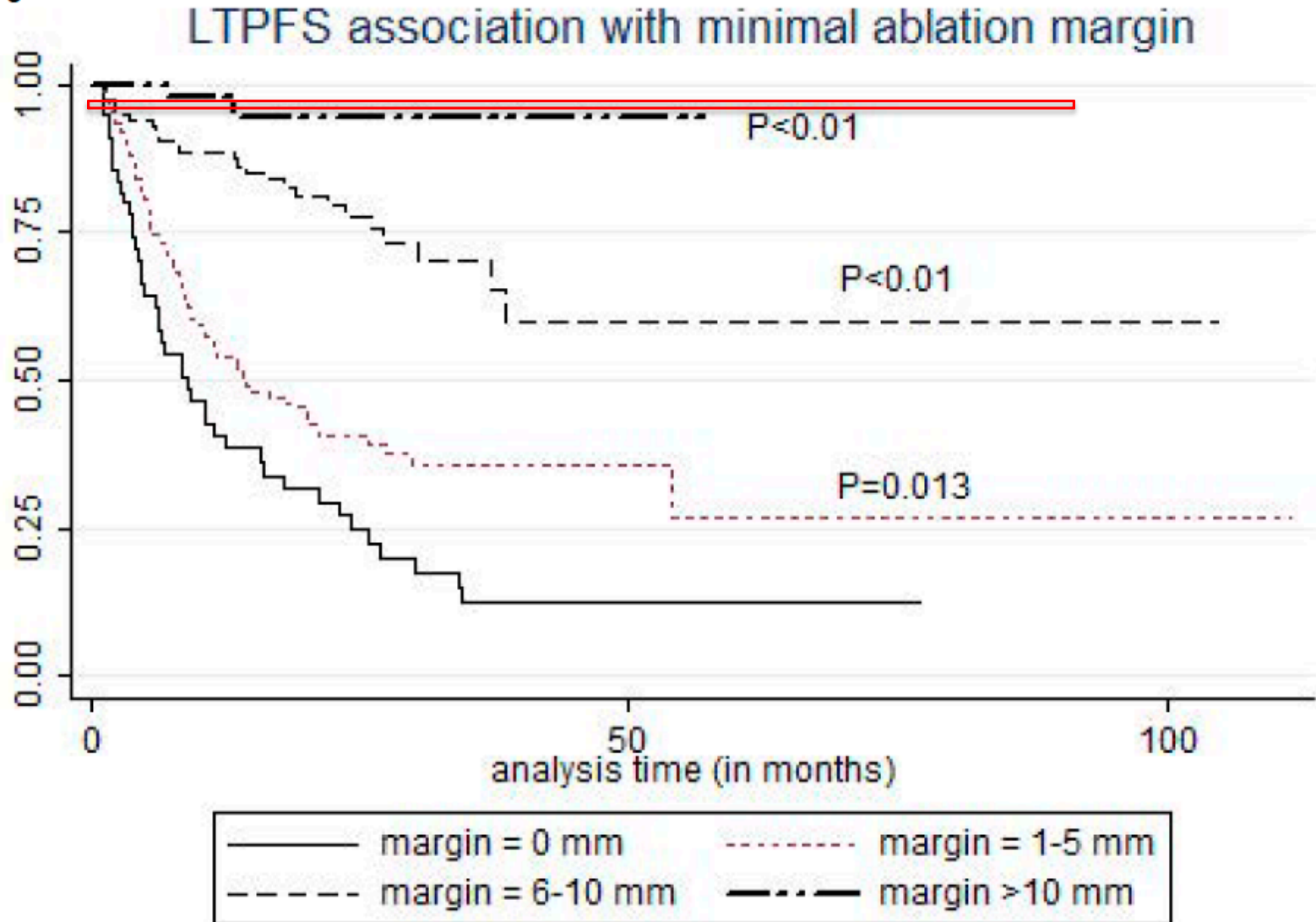
NO LTP for MM >10mm

Total Major Complications: 7.4%

Biliary complications ONLY in patients with Prior Hepatic Arterial Chemotherapy (HAC).

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Major complications post-liver thermal ablation	
Complication type/description (n=378 procedures)	Incidence
<i>Biliary</i>	15 (4%)
Intrahepatic biloma, requiring drainage with additional sequelae: abscess (1) / abscess+ secondary biliary stricture + biliary leak (1)/ bacteremia (1)/ biliary fistula to abdominal wall (1) or biliary fistula to m. ileopsoas (1)	6
Secondary biliary stenosis, requiring intervention	3
Hyperbilirubinemia, requiring stenting (1)/ requiring intervention and prolonged hospitalization (1)/ resulting in bacteremia, requiring drainage (1)	3
Bilioenteric/biliogastric fistula with recurrent bacteremia or requiring intervention	2
Extrahepatic biloma + infection + bile leak, requiring intervention	1
<i>Liver vascular complications</i>	7 (1.9%)
Arterioportal fistula, requiring embolization	2
Hepatic pseudoaneurysm ± hematoma, requiring embolization	3
Retroperitoneal hematoma, requiring drainage	1
Bleeding into biliary tree	1
<i>Pulmonary complications</i>	9 (2.4%)
Pulmonary embolism ± pneumonia/bronchiolitis	2
Pneumothorax ± pleural effusion, requiring prolonged admission	2
SVC thrombosis/syndrome + pulmonary vein thrombosis + pulmonary embolism	1
Hemothorax, requiring thoracostomy and prolonged hospitalization	1
Pleural effusion + desaturation, requiring thoracentesis + prolonged hospitalization	1
Diaphragm injury + abscess + hydropneumothorax, requiring >48 h hospitalization	1
Pneumothorax + pneumomediastinum + pneumoperitoneum + subcutaneous emphysema due artificial hydropneumoperitoneum, requiring >48h hospitalization	1
<i>Other</i>	2 (0.5%)
In alcohol abuse patient SIADH+ Alcohol withdrawal syndrome + epistaxis, requiring intervention and prolonged hospitalization	1
Grade 3 abdominal pain + opioid-induced agitation/delirium with prolonged hospitalization	1
Total number of major complications	33
Total number of procedures with major complication(s)*	28 (7.4%)

*After five procedures patients developed two different major complications per procedure, this is why

Table 3. Factors associated with biliary and hepatic vascular complications

Complication risk factors	Biliary complications				Vascular complications		Local tumor progression			
	UVA		MVA		UVA		UVA		MVA	
	<i>p</i>	OR	<i>p</i>	OR	<i>p</i>	OR	<i>p</i>	SHR	<i>p</i>	SHR
Prior HAI therapy	0.003	20.0**	-	-	0.2	2.0	0.032	0.7	0.86	0.96
Pre-existing biliary dilatation*	0.002	7.2	0.005	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bevacizumab within 1 month*	0.001	9.5	0.017	14	0.07	4.6	-	-	-	-
Minimal ablation margins*	0.007	2.1	0.015	2.1	0.24	1.5	<0.001	0.38	<0.001	0.37
Treatment modality*	0.18	1.03	-	-	0.77	1.16	0.18	0.79	-	-
Tumor size (cm)*	0.33	1.25	-	-	0.57	0.82	<0.001	1.39	0.001	1.3
Tumor number *	0.63	1.19	-	-	0.24	1.62	-	-	-	-
History of liver resection*	0.14	0.40	-	-	0.86	0.90	0.017	0.67	0.039	0.64
Number of FUDR infusions* (range, 1-40)	0.37	1.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KRAS mutation status	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.49	1.15	-	-

*These factors association with biliary complications analysis was made only for the HAI patients' subgroup, since biliary complications occurred only in HAI patient population. **Result is based on exact logistic regression analysis. In bold-statistically significant values. UVA - univariate analysis, MVA - multivariate analysis, HAI - hepatic artery infusion pump therapy; FUDR – fluoxuridine, OR - odds ratio; SHR - sub-hazard ratio.

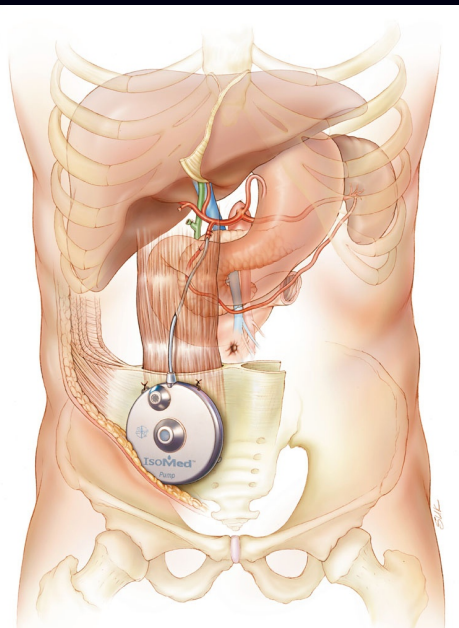
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Table 4. Biliary complications and local tumor progression rate, stratified based on minimal ablation margin size and HAI history.

Minimal ablation margin	0 mm	1-5 mm	6-10 mm	>10 mm
<i>Whole patients cohort*</i>				
Minor biliary complications	0/50 (0%)	4/128 (3%)	0/96 (0%)	3/40 (8%)
Major biliary complications	0/50 (0%)	6/128 (5%)	2/96 (2%)	6/40 (15%)
Total biliary complications incidence	0/50 (0%)	8/128 (6%)**	2/96 (2%)	9/40 (23%)
Local tumor progression rate	41/52 (79%)	79/132 (60%)	25/98 (26%)	0/39 (0%)
<i>Prior-HAI patients subgroup analysis</i>				
Minor biliary complications	0/22 (0%)	4/71 (6%)	0/53 (0%)	3/29 (10%)
Major biliary complications	0/22 (0%)	6/71 (8%)	2/53 (4%)	6/29 (21%)
Total biliary complications incidence	0/22 (0%)	8/71 (11%)**	2/53 (4%)	9/29 (31%)
Local tumor progression rate	18/22 (82%)	38/72 (53%)	13/54 (24%)	0/28 (0%)
<i>HAI-naïve patients subgroup analysis</i>				
Total biliary complication incidence	0/28 (0%)	0/57 (0%)	0/43 (0%)	0/11 (0%)
Local tumor progression rate	23/30 (77%)	41/60 (68%)	12/44 (27%)	0/11 (0%)

* Total of 64 procedures were excluded from analysis: 33 due absence of imaging for minimal ablation margin assessment (contrast-enhanced CT within 6 weeks before treatment and/or at 4-8 weeks after treatment), 22 - due to multiple differing minimal ablation margins present following ablation of multiple tumors per procedure, 5 – due to coalescent ablation zones, 4 - due no follow-up).** patient(s) had both minor and major complications per procedure. HAI-hepatic artery infusion

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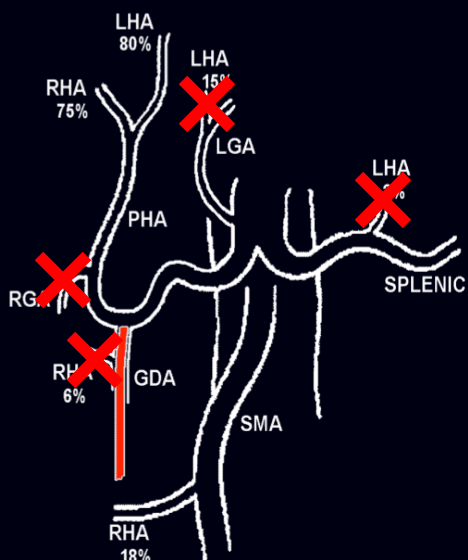


Hepatic Arterial Chemotherapy Group

MM	LTP	Biliary Complications
6-10 mm	24%	4%
> 10 mm	0	21%
P value	.0033	.0011

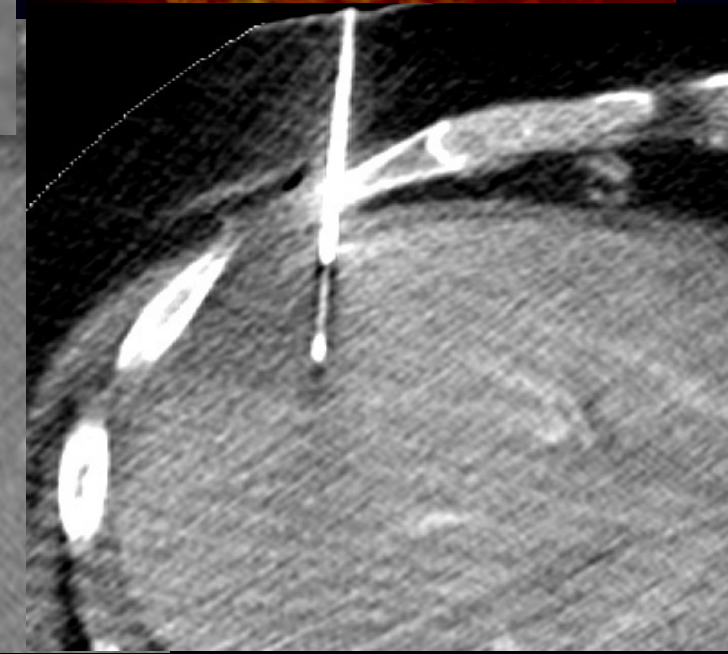
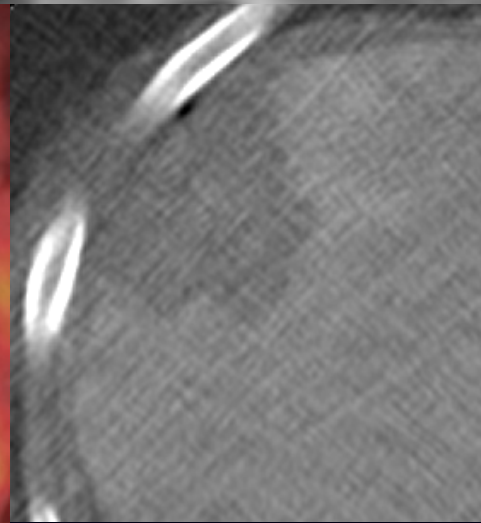
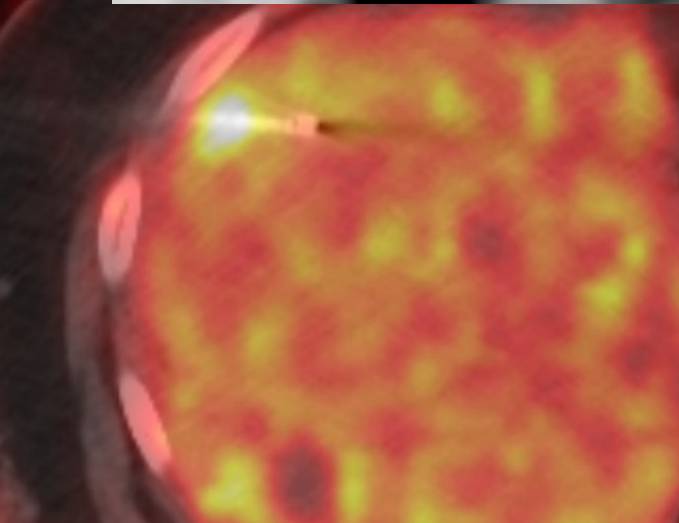
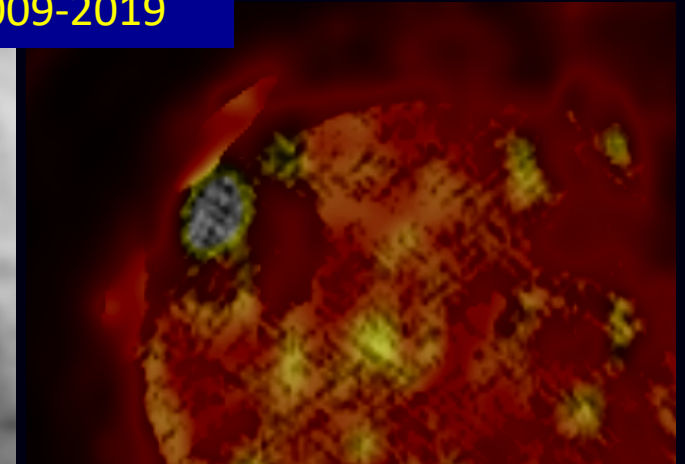
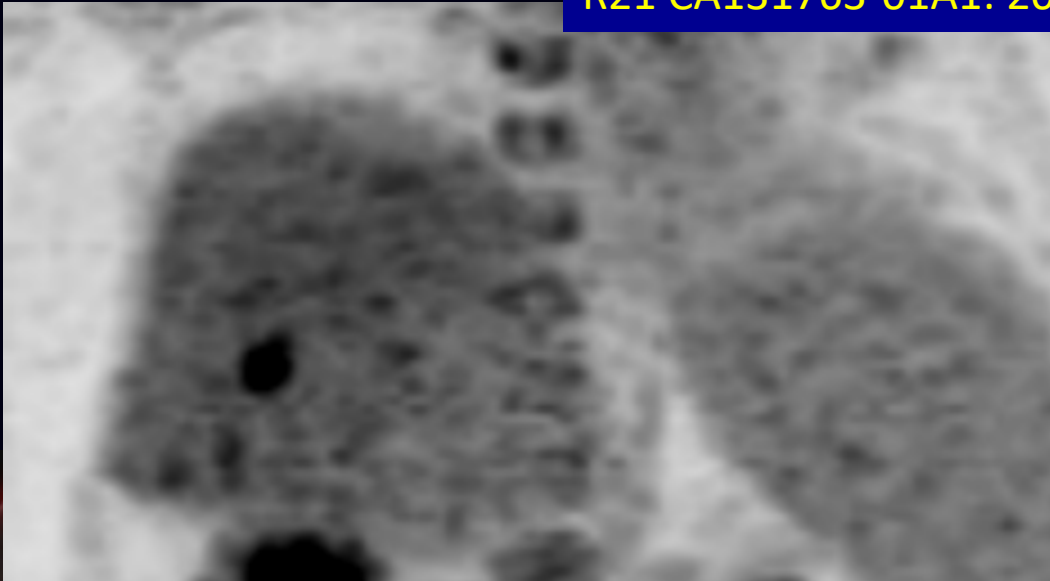
Hepatic Arterial Chemotherapy Group Predictors of Complications

Prior Bevacuzimab,
Pre-existing Biliary Dilatation
MM > 10mm



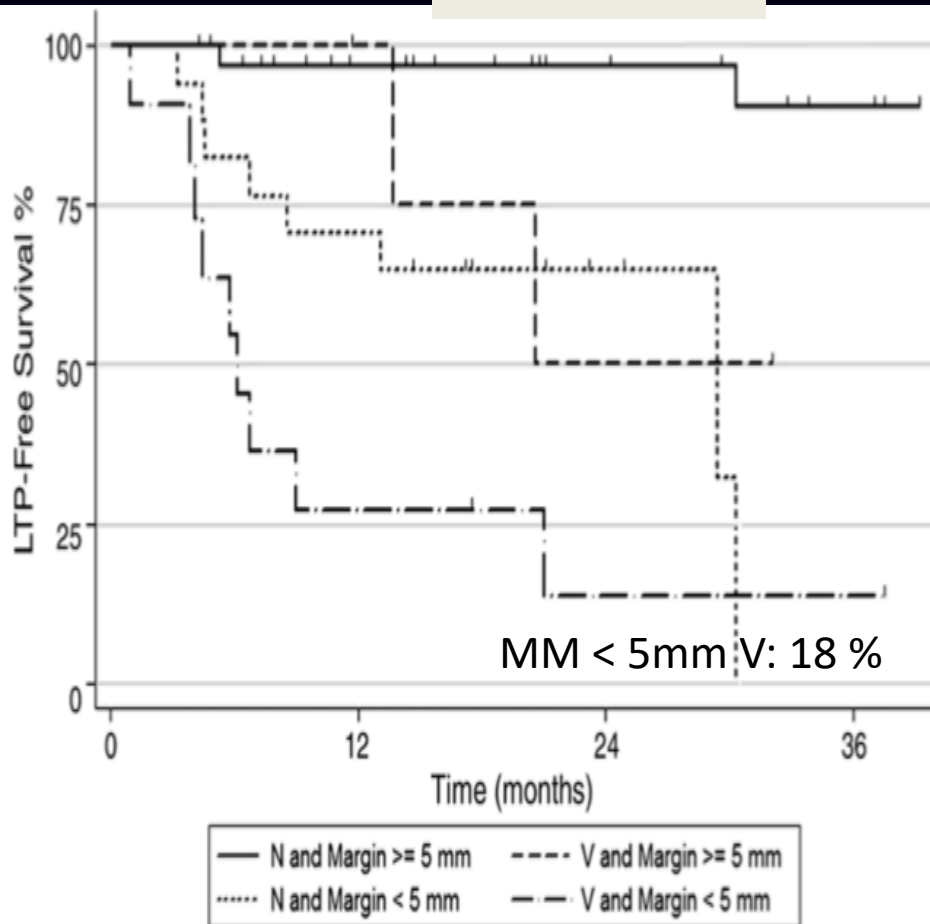
PET /Fusion capabilities improve targeting and can be used to demonstrate and Biopsy the minimal Margin

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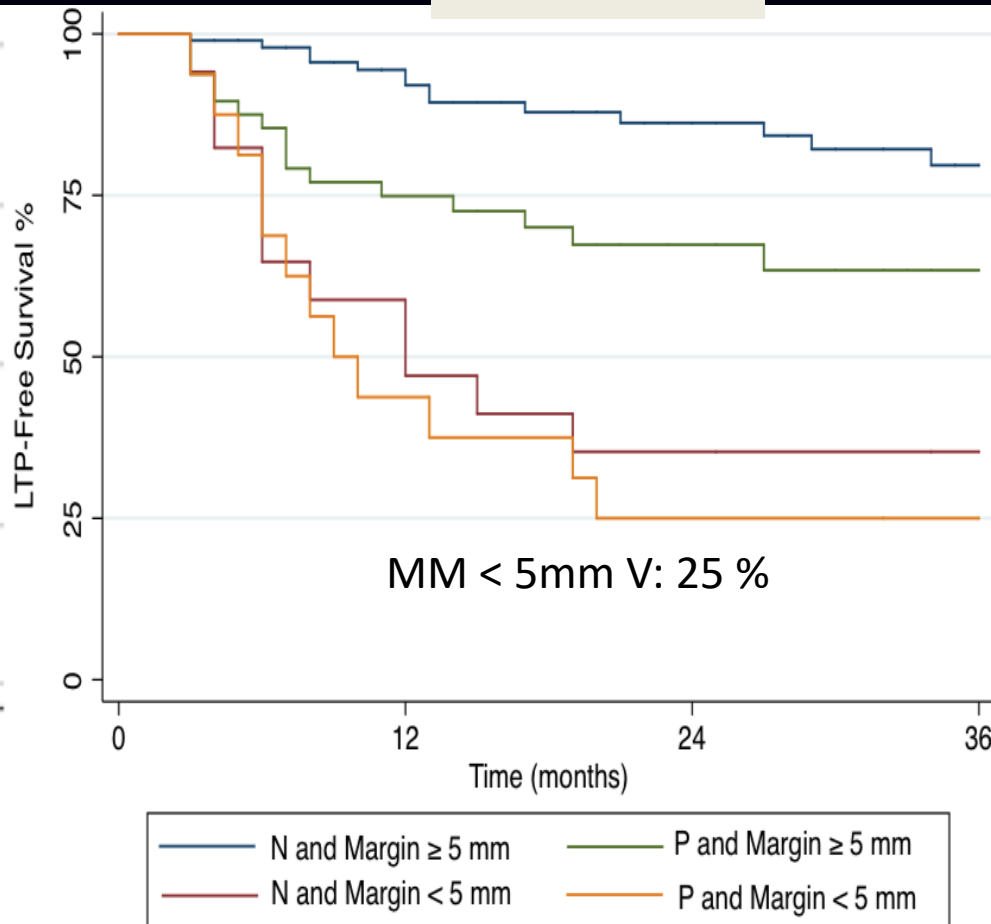


12 month-LTP of tumor-negative biopsy and margins ≥ 5 mm: 7%

MM > 5 CN 97%



MM > 5 CN 93%



Sotirchos VS et al: Radiology. 2016 Sep;280(3):949-59

New data Vasiniotis Kamarinos N et al: ASCO 2020

HR of LTP for narrow margins and positive tissue biopsy was 20.3



Optimizing Thermal Ablation for Colon Cancer Liver Metastases:

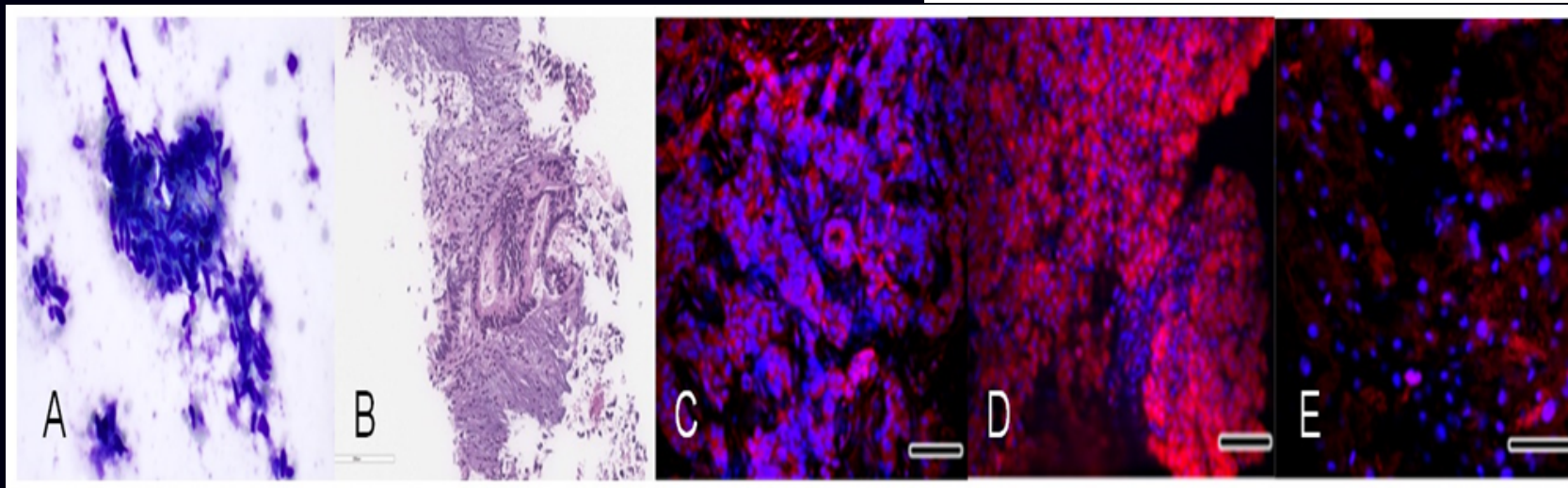
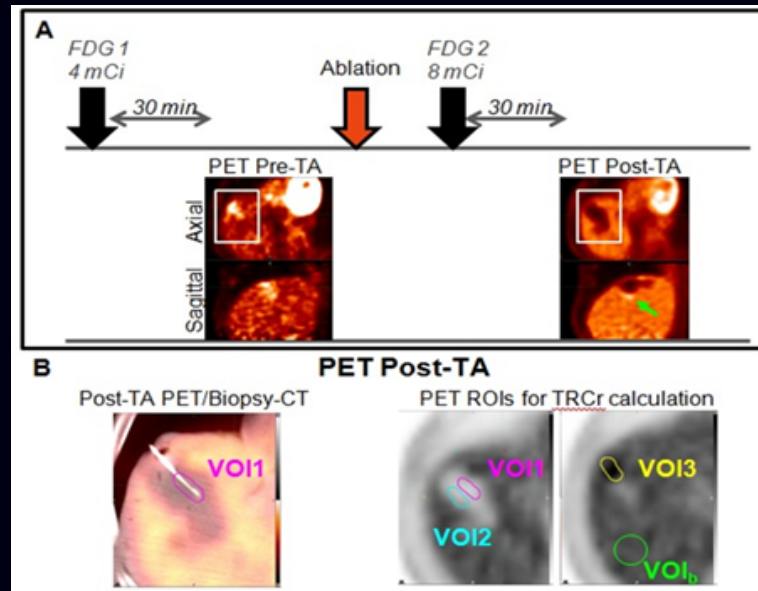
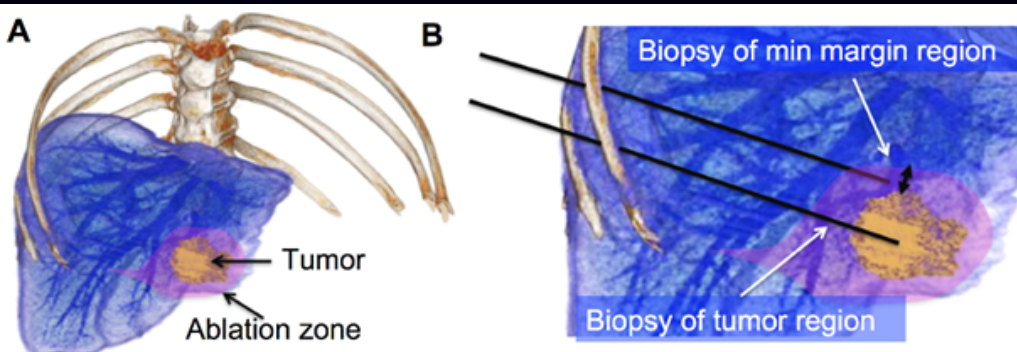
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Liver Metastases Year in Review 2020

- Disease Biology critical Factor Impacting Outcomes after IO for CLM
- Y90 may prolong Survival in those CLM with Right Side primary Origin
- Y90 may provide liver remnant hypertrophy in addition to local control
- MM >10 mm (A0) is established as the optimal goal for CLM ablation, offering over 95% local tumor control
- A MM > 5 mm is the absolute minimum Requirement for acceptable Local Tumor Control
- When Combined with biopsy proven complete tumor necrosis a MM of 6-10 mm may provide same control as a 10 mm MM .
- For patients at high risk for biliary complications:

A 6-10 MM margin, biopsy proven complete ablation and close follow-up may provide the safest strategy for long term Local tumor control