

# Where Does IO Stand in the NCCN Guidelines: Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

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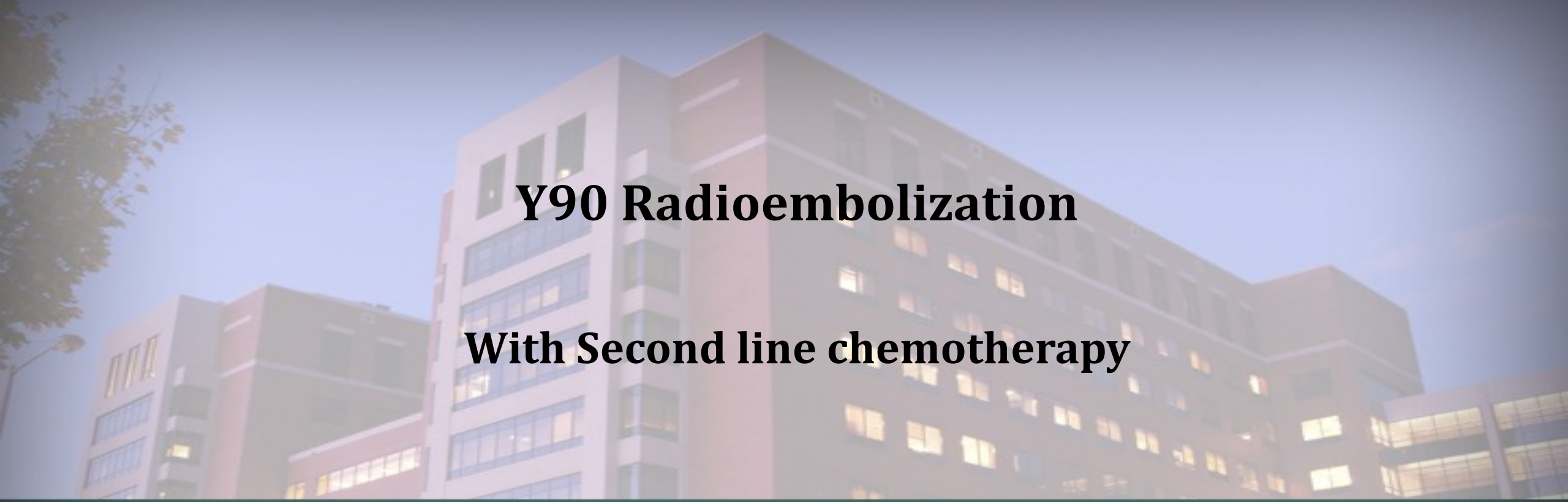
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# Objectives

- The NCCN guidelines for Y90 Radioembolization of CRLM
  - Second line chemotherapy
  - Salvage therapy
- The NCCN guidelines for Ablation of CRLM



# **Y90 Radioembolization**

## **With Second line chemotherapy**



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# Radioembolization With Chemotherapy for Colorectal Liver Metastases: A Randomized, Open-Label, International, Multicenter, Phase III Trial

## **Aim:**

- To investigate the impact of transarterial Yttrium-90 radioembolization in combination with second line systemic chemotherapy for colorectal liver metastases.

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## Study Design:

- Multicenter, open-label phase III trial
- 428 patients
- 95 centers in North America, Europe, and Asia

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## Inclusion criteria:

- Age >18 years,
- Unresectable unilobar or bilobar CLM
- Ability to receive second-line irinotecan- or oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy
- Measurable disease by RECIST 1.1
- ECOG Performance status 0 or 1
- Bilirubin < 1.2 upper limit normal
- Albumin > 3.0 g/dL.

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## Treatments and procedures:

- Treatment was planned for 120 Gy +/- 10% using single-compartment dosimetry to either:
  - One lobe
  - Both lobes in a single setting
- Glass-based TARE (Therasphere) was performed.

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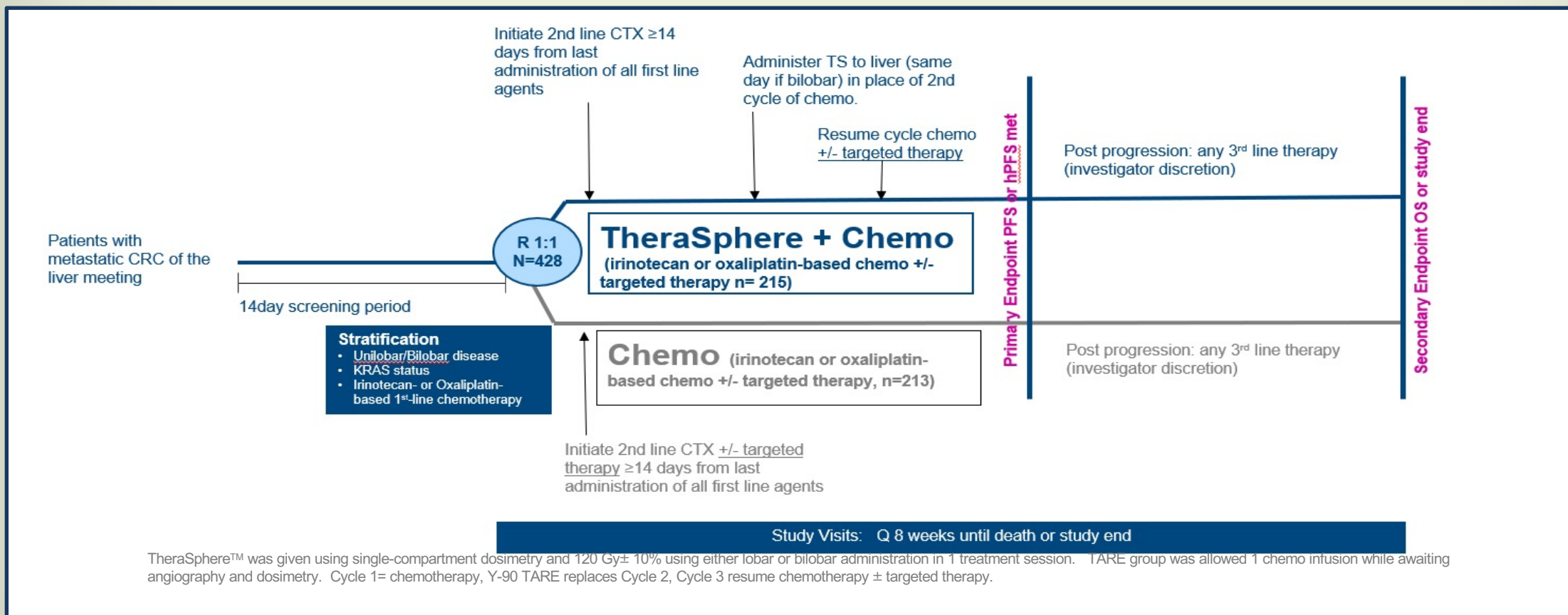
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## End Points:

- **Primary end points:**
  - Progression-free survival (PFS)
  - Hepatic progression-free survival (hPFS)
- **Secondary endpoints:**
  - Overall survival (OS)
  - Objective response rate (ORR)
  - Disease control rate (DCR)

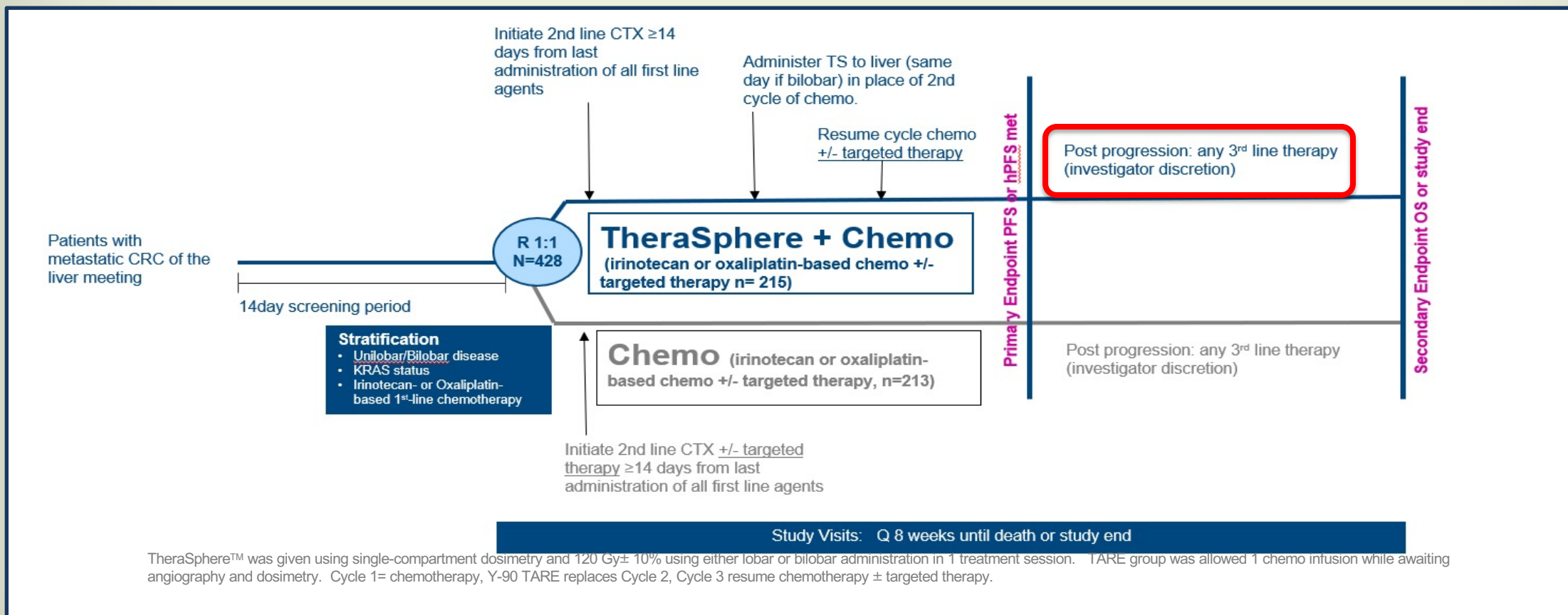
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either PFS or  
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The groups were well balanced

	Y-90 + Chemo (N=215)	Chemo (N=213)
Median Age	63.0 years	60.0 years
Male	135 (62.8%)	138(64.8%)
Region		
North America	63 (29.3%)	56 (26.3%)
Europe	131 (60.9%)	145 (68.1%)
Asia	21 (9.8%)	12 (5.6%)
ECOG 0	119 (55.3%)	133 (62.4%)
Albumin $\geq$ site LLN	182 (84.7%)	177 (83.1%)
CEA $\geq$ 35 ng/mL	116 (54.0%)	105 (49.3%)
KRAS Status (stratification parameter)		
Mutant	100 (46.5%)	101 (47.4%)
Wild type	115 (53.5%)	112 (52.6%)

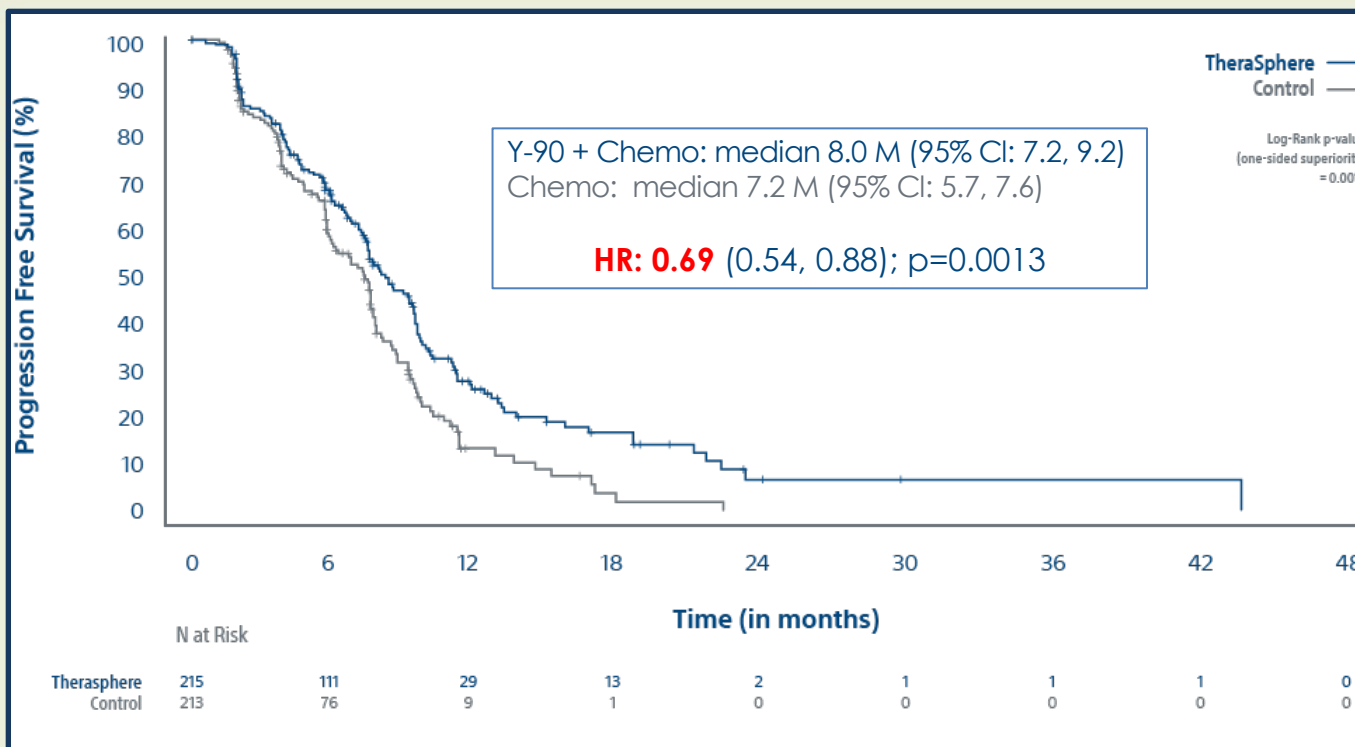
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Bilobar disease (stratification parameter)	176 (81.9%)	173 (81.2%)
Liver Tumor Burden <sup>a</sup>		
<10%	124 (57.7%)	121 (56.8%)
$\geq$ 10% to <25%	54 (25.1%)	47 (22.1%)
$\geq$ 25%	29 (13.5%)	28 (13.1%)
Maximum Liver Lesion Size $\geq$ 40 mm <sup>a</sup>	162 (75.3%)	142 (66.7%)
Primary tumor in situ	83 (38.6%)	69 (32.4%)
Left side primary tumor location	150 (69.8%)	136 (63.8%)
Extrahepatic Lesions at Baseline	113 (52.6%)	95 (44.6%)
Number of Lesions		
<3	25 (11.6%)	21 (9.9%)
3-5	40 (18.6%)	38 (17.8%)
6-10	54 (25.1%)	60 (28.2%)
>10	88 (40.9%)	77 (36.2%)
Missing	8 (3.7%)	17 (8.0%)

Well-balanced patient and disease characteristics between treatment and control arms in this advanced disease patients

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	Y-90 + Chemo (N=215)	Chemo (N=213)
Received Assigned Therapy	187 (87.0%)*	191 (89.7%)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Line Chemo Administered (stratification parameter)	203 (94.4%)	191 (89.7%)
Irinotecan-based	130 (60.5%)	123 (57.7%)
Irinotecan Mean Number of Cycles / Median of Average Dose per Cycle (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	9.0 / 180	9.3 / 180
Oxaliplatin-based	73 (34.0%)	68 (31.9%)
Oxaliplatin Mean Number of Cycles / Median of Average Dose per Cycle (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	8.5 / 85	8.8 / 85
Biological Agent	88 (40.9%)	93 (43.7%)
Aflibercept	9 (4.2%)	11 (5.2%)
Bevacizumab	74 (34.4%)	65 (30.5%)
Cetuximab	5 (2.3%)	10 (4.7%)
Panitumumab / Ramucirumab	2 (0.9%) / 0	6 (2.8%) / 1 (0.5%)
Y-90 Treatment		
Median absorbed dose to perfused volume prior to progression by investigator determination, Gy (range)	117 (61.7, 156)	NA
Median time to Y-90, days (range)	25 (12-90)	NA

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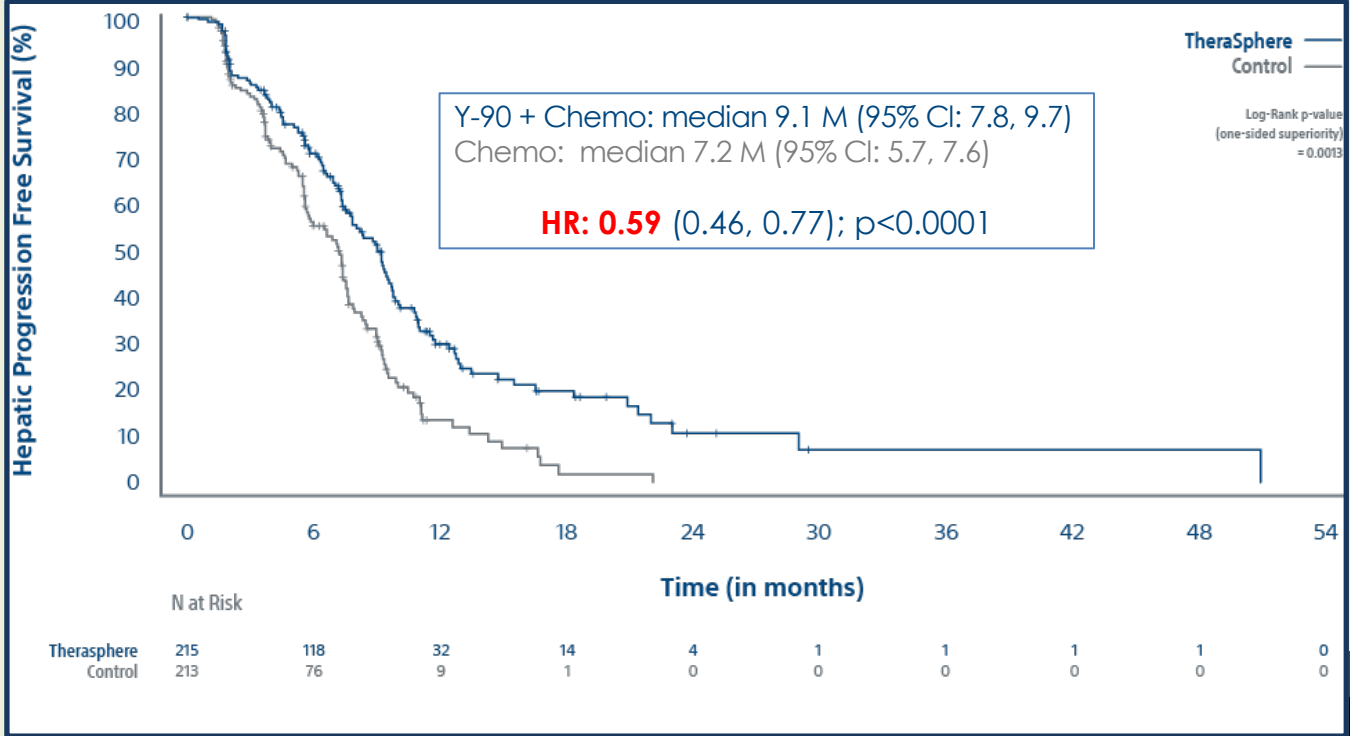


**Positive Outcome**

	% Progression-Free Survival (95% CI)		
	6 M	12 M	18 M
Y-90 + Chemo (N=215)	65.2 (58.0, 71.5)	25.8 (18.9, 33.1)	16.7 (10.6, 23.9)
Chemo (N=213)	55.4 (47.2, 62.8)	13.2 (7.5, 20.5)	1.8 (0.2, 8.1)

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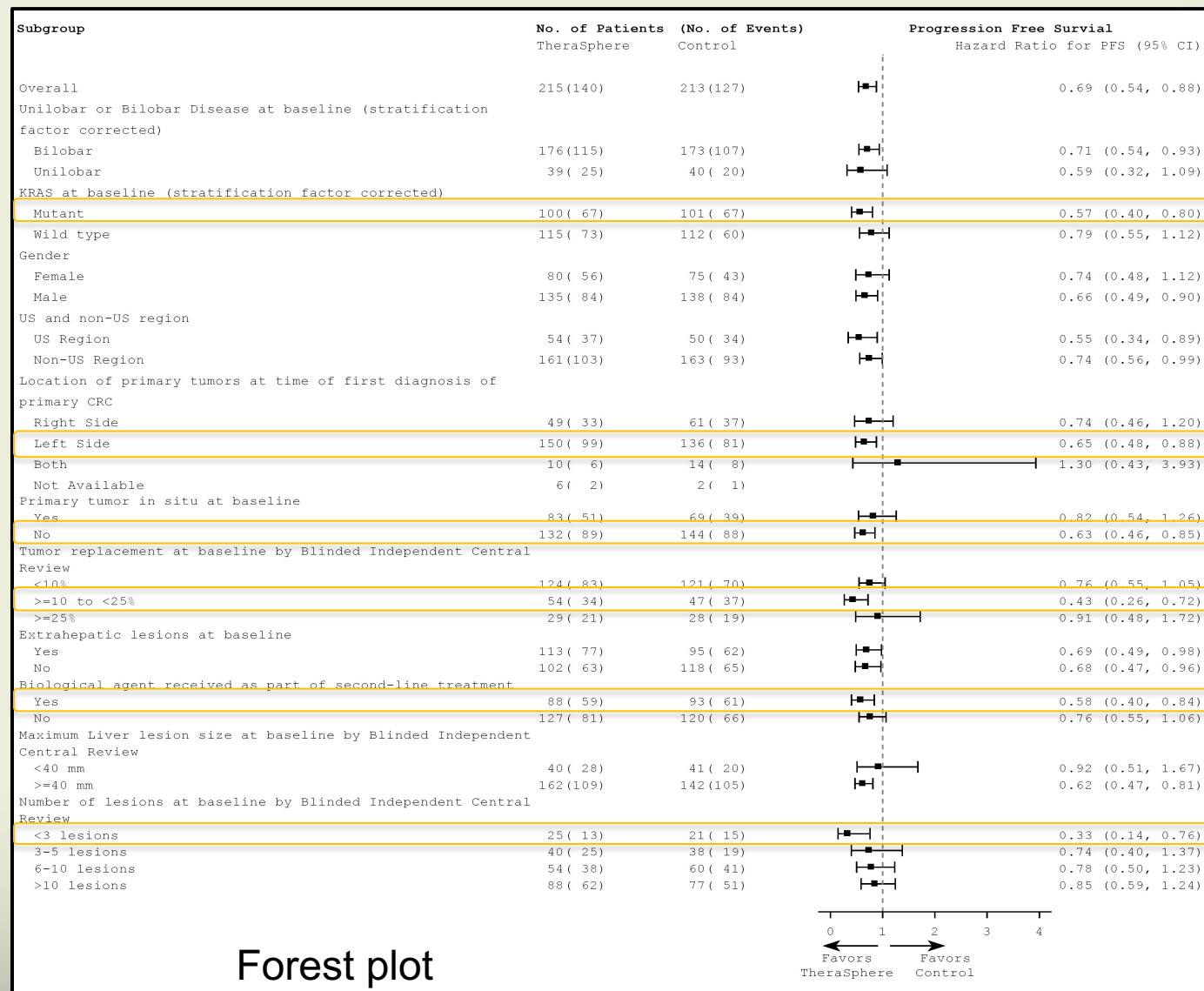
	% Hepatic Progression-Free Survival (95% CI)		
	6 M	12 M	18 M
Y-90 + Chemo (N=215)	70.7 (63.6, 76.6)	29.8 (22.4, 37.6)	19.8 (13.0, 27.6)
Control	55.2 (47.1, 62.7)	13.5 (7.7, 20.9)	1.9 (0.2, 8.3)

**Patients receiving Y90 + chemo were 41% less likely to show hepatic disease progression or death vs. chemo alone**

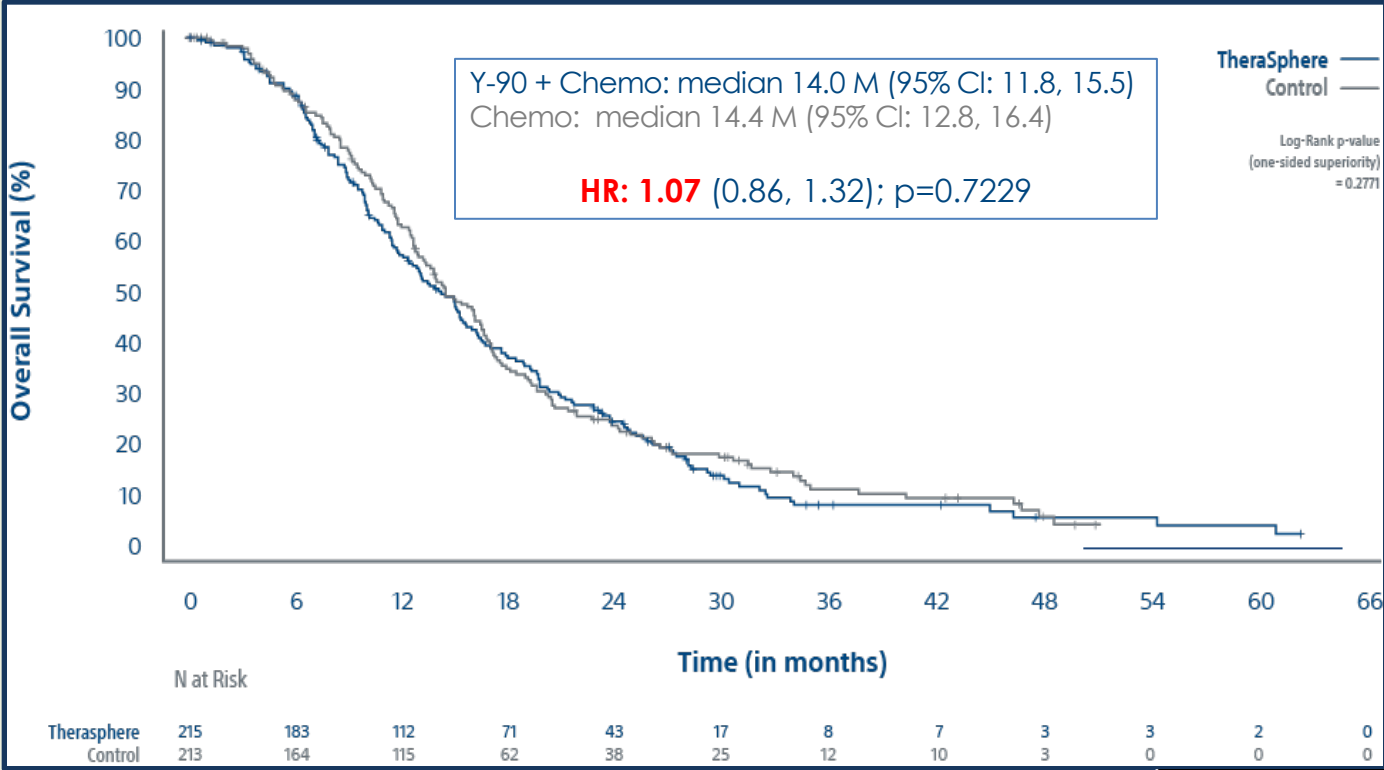
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## PFS benefit with Y-90+chemo include:

- Tumors with KRAS mutation
- Hepatic tumor burden 10 - 25%
- < 3 lesions
- Left sided primary tumor
- Addition of a biologic agent
- Resected Primary



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**Did not meet secondary endpoint**

	% Overall Survival (95% CI)		
	6 M	12 M	18 M
Y-90 + Chemo (N=215)	88.5 (83.3, 92.1)	56.3 (49.2, 62.8)	36.4 (29.7, 43.1)
Control	87.8 (82.3, 91.7)	62.4 (55.0, 68.9)	34.3 (27.5, 41.2)

**PER PROTOCOL OS: TARE+Chemo 15.2 M (95% CI: 12.7-17.7) versus Chemo 14.3 M (95% CI: 12.6, 16.4)  
 HR: 0.96 (0.74, 1.24); p=0.3841**

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Outcome	TARE (n = 215)	Control (n = 213)
Best overall response, <sup>a</sup> No. (%)		
CR	2 (0.9)	3 (1.4)
PR	71 (33.0)	42 (19.7)
SD	98 (45.6)	110 (51.6)
PD	27 (12.6)	27 (12.7)
Not evaluable or missing	0/17 (7.9)	1 (0.5)/30 (14.1)
ORR		
CR plus PR, No. (%) (95% CI)	73 (34.0) (28.0 to 40.5)	45 (21.1) (16.2 to 27.1)
Difference (95% CI)	12.8% (4.0 to 21.4)	
Superiority 1-sided <i>P</i>	.0019	
DCR		
CR plus PR plus SD, No. (%) (95% CI)	171 (79.5) (73.6 to 84.4)	155 (72.8) (66.4 to 78.3)
Difference (95% CI)	6.8% (-1.6 to 15.1)	
Superiority 1-sided <i>P</i>	.0626	

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Any TEAEs (n, %)	181 (96.8%)	194 (93.7%)
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This can be addressed with the NCCN CRC panel

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## Salvage Therapy



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# **Survival Advantage of Yttrium-90 Radioembolization to Systemic Therapy in Patients with Hepatic Metastases from Colorectal Cancer in the Salvage Setting: Results of a Matched Pair Study**

## **Aim:**

- Assess the survival benefit of adding transarterial radioembolization to systemic therapy in the salvage setting.

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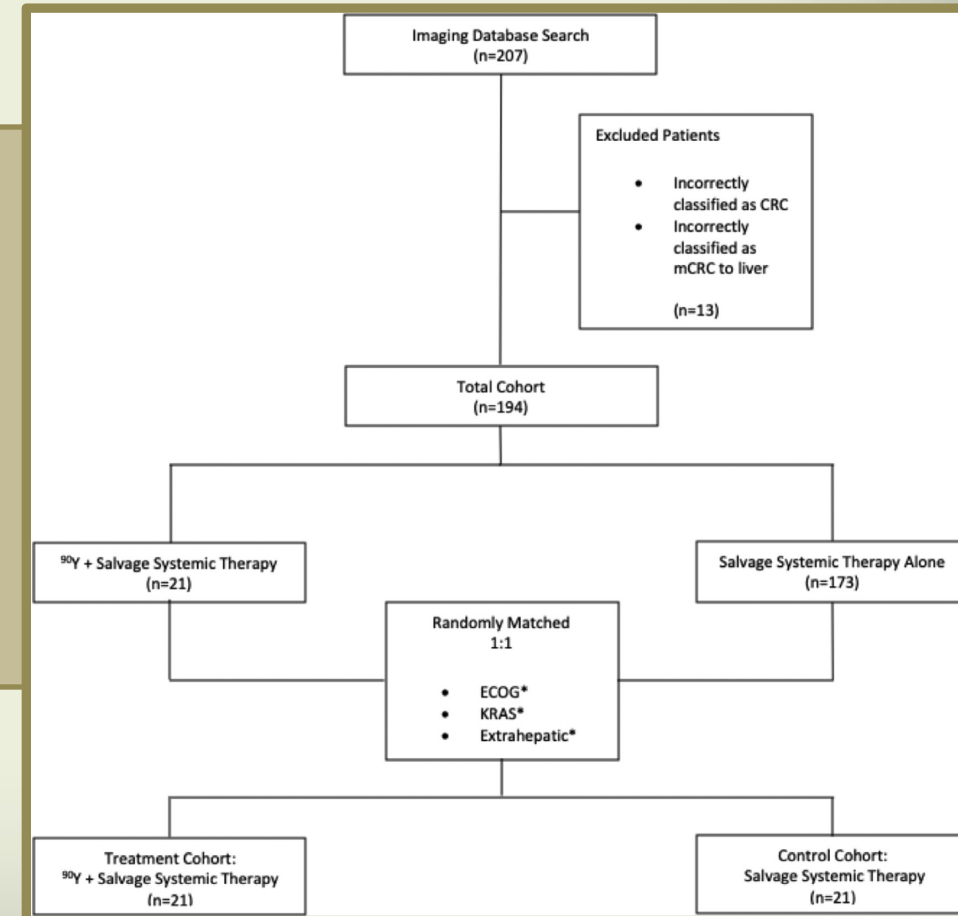
## **Study Design**

- Retrospective, matched-pair study
- Radioembolization plus systemic therapy (n=21)
- Matched cohort received systemic chemotherapy (n=73)
- Salvage setting: progression on at least two regimens of systemic chemotherapy.

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ECOG* <sup>±</sup>		
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KRAS mutation present*	9	9
Extrahepatic disease present*	9	9
<sup>90</sup> Y Microsphere Particle		
Glass	3	
Resin	17	
Combination	1	
Treatment approach		
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	TARE + Salvage systemic therapy	Salvage systemic therapy
FOLFOX <sup>±</sup>	17	12
FOLFIRI <sup>±</sup>	13	10
XELOX <sup>±</sup>	13	12
Bevacizumab	21	21
Regorafenib	4	4
Trifluridine/tipiracil	0	3
Rituximab	1	1
Nivolumab	1	1
Durvalumab	0	1
Monalizumab	0	1
Dabrafenib	0	1
Vemurafenib	0	1
Trametinib	0	1
Aflibercept	0	1

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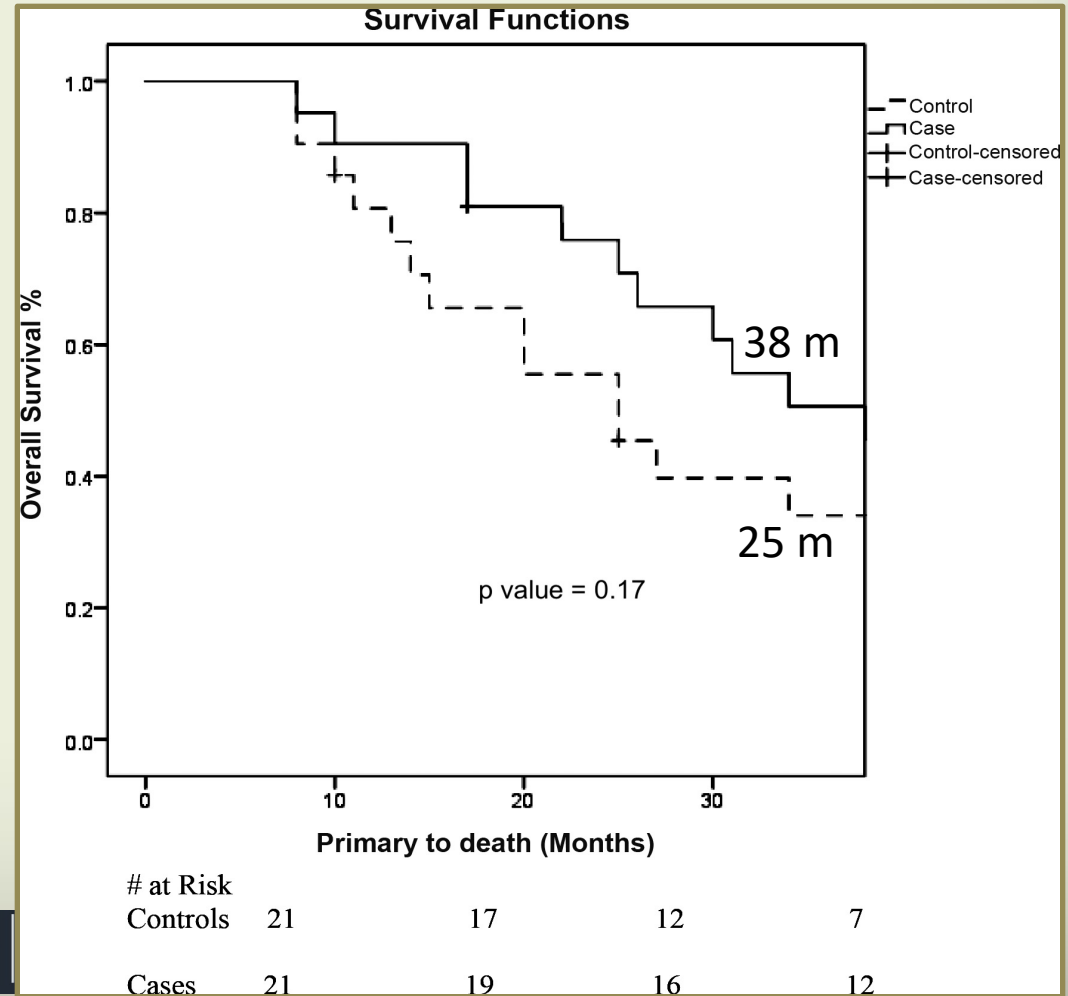
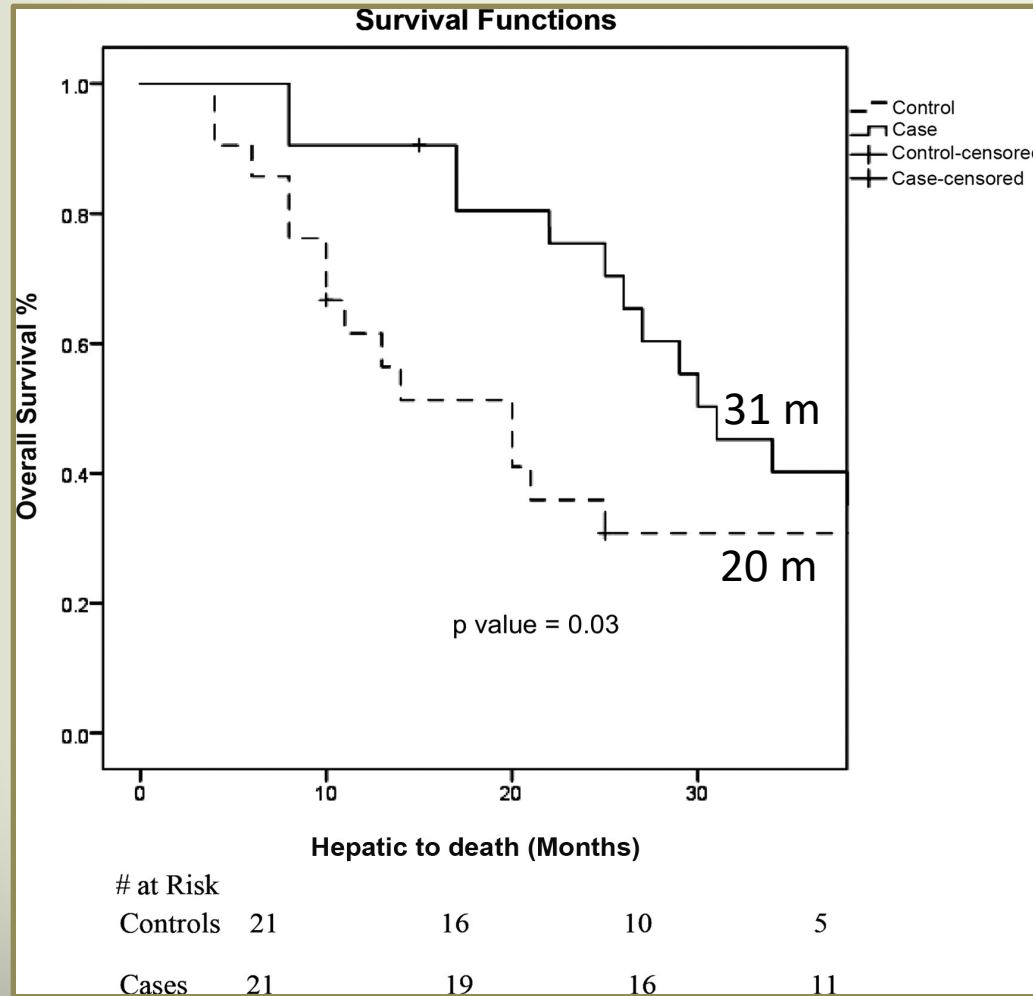
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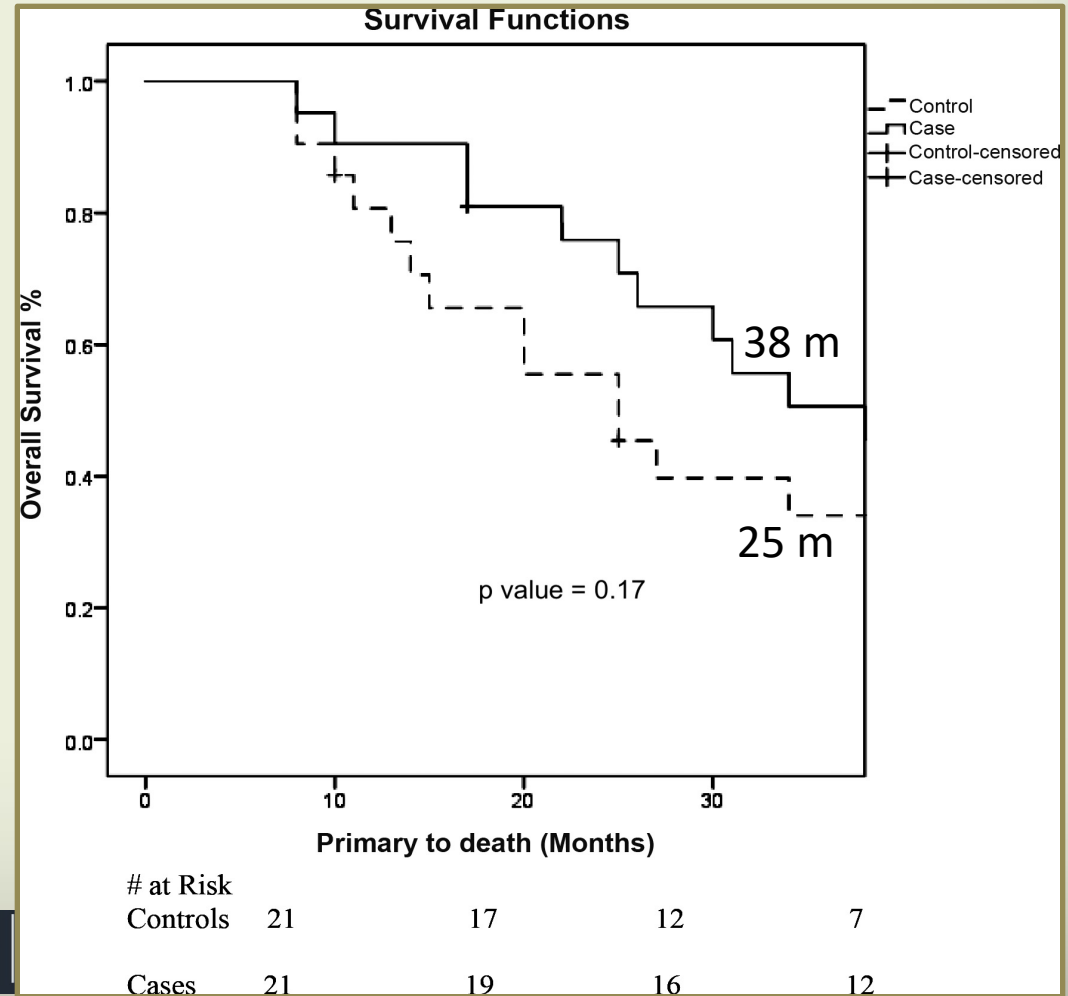
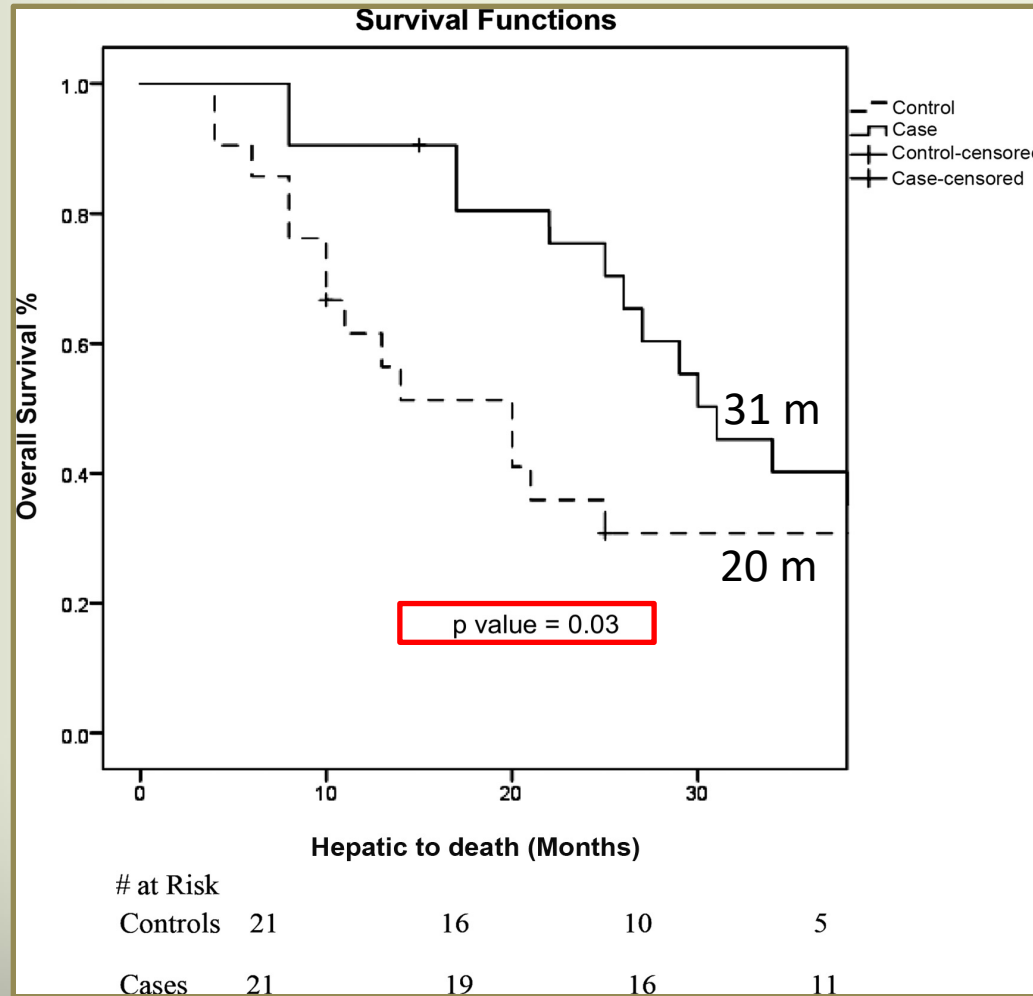
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FOLFIRI <sup>±</sup>	13	10
XELOX <sup>±</sup>	13	12
Bevacizumab	21	21
Regorafenib	4	4
Trifluridine/tipiracil	0	3
Rituximab	1	1
Nivolumab	1	1
Durvalumab	0	1
Monalizumab	0	1
Dabrafenib	0	1
Vemurafenib	0	1
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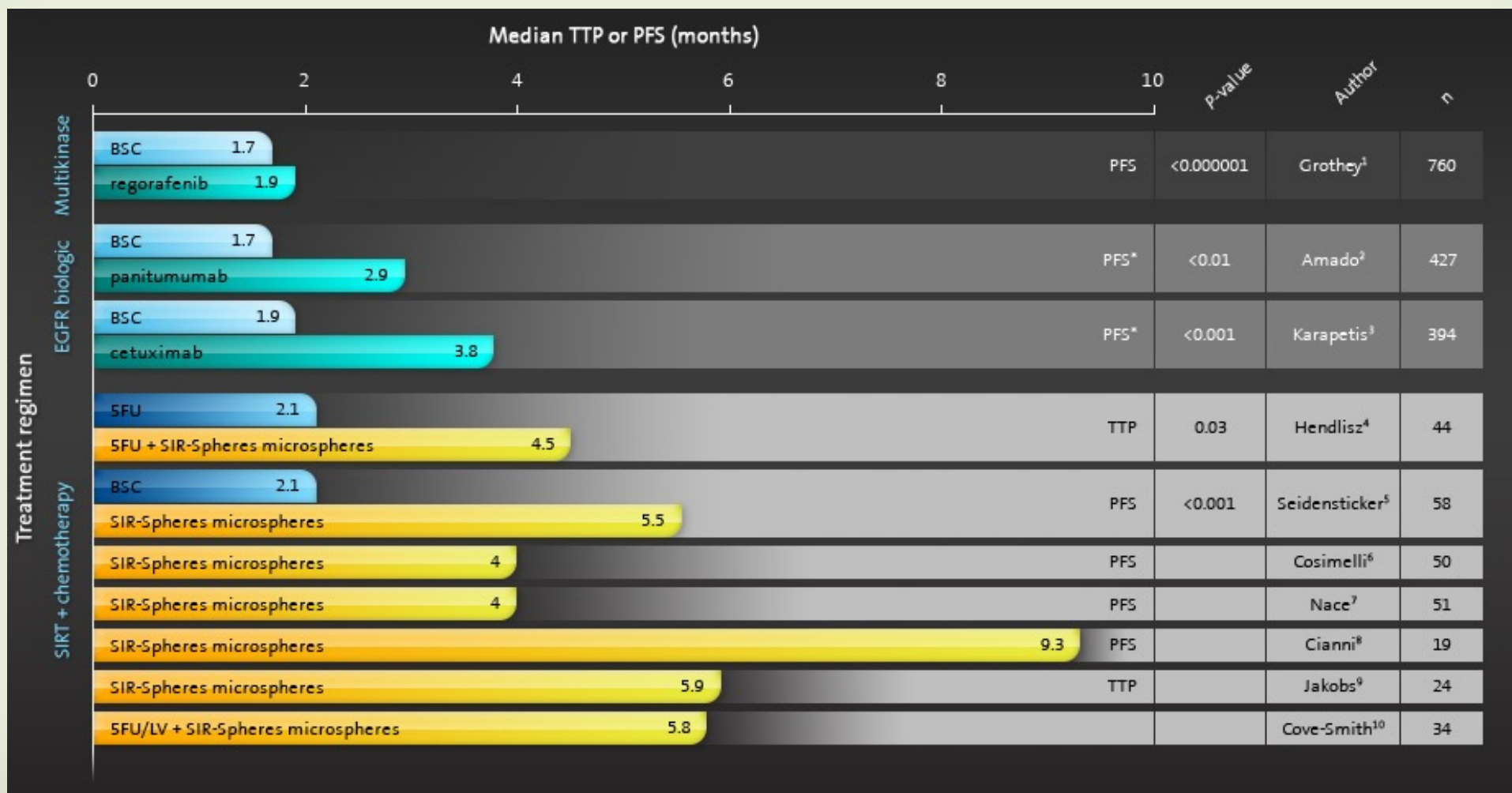


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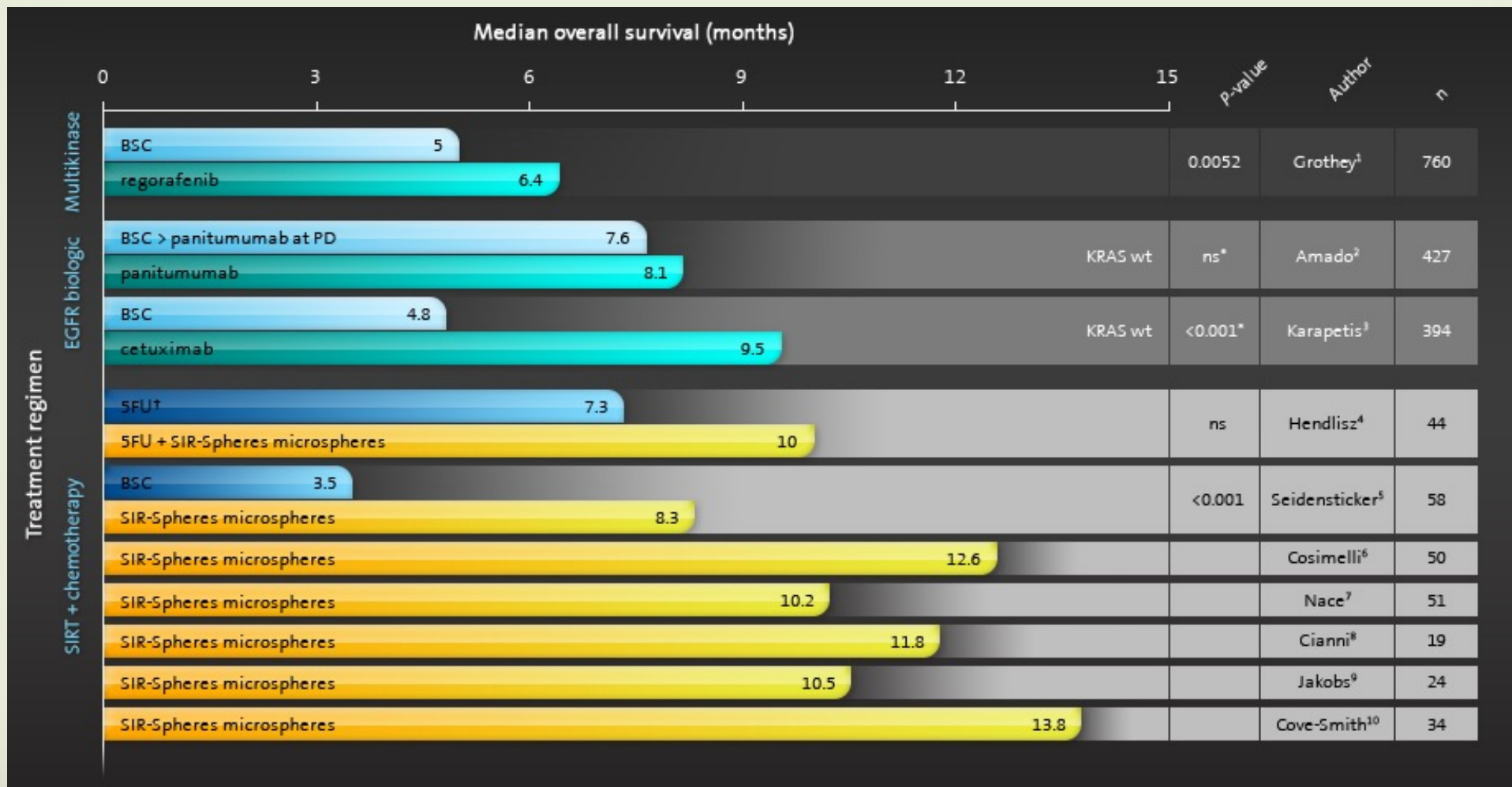
## **Conclusion:**

- The addition of radioembolization to systemic therapy in patients with colorectal cancer metastatic to the liver may improve survival in the salvage setting.

# Salvage therapy of CRC Liver Metastases



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# Salvage therapy of CRC Liver Metastases: Comparative or Prospective Studies

Author	N	Treatment	ORR, %	SD, %	‡TTP or †PFS, mo	Survival, mo
<b>Hendlisz<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>44</b>	<b>SIR-Spheres* + 5-FU</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5.5<sup>‡</sup>/4.5</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Level 1		<b>5-FU</b> (SIR-Spheres* at PD)	<b>0</b> (P=.22)	<b>35</b> (P=.001)	<b>2.1</b> (HR: 0.38 <sup>‡</sup> /0.51, P=.003 <sup>‡</sup> /.03)	<b>7.3</b>
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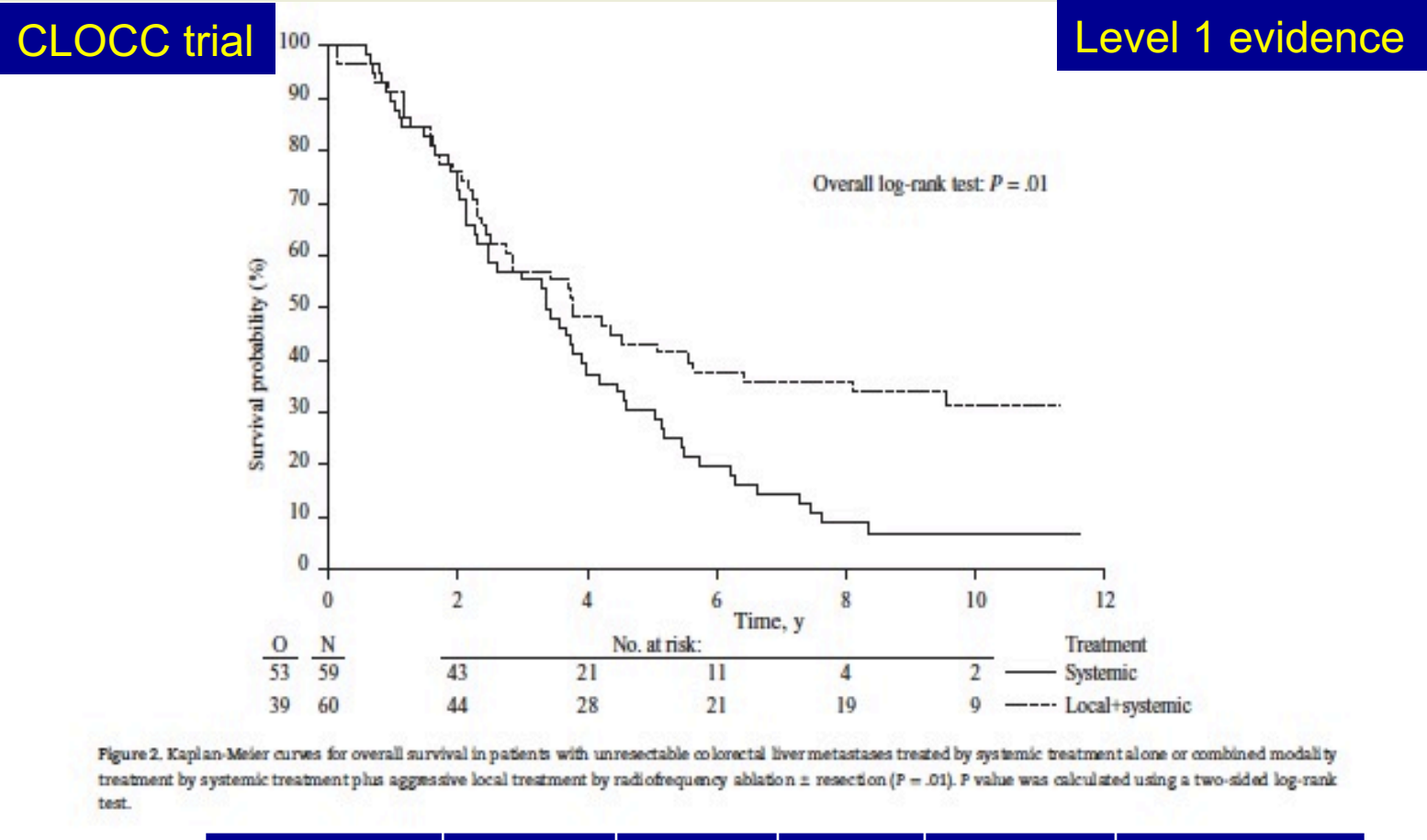
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