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# PARP Inhibition in Pancreatic Cancer; Other Investigational Strategies

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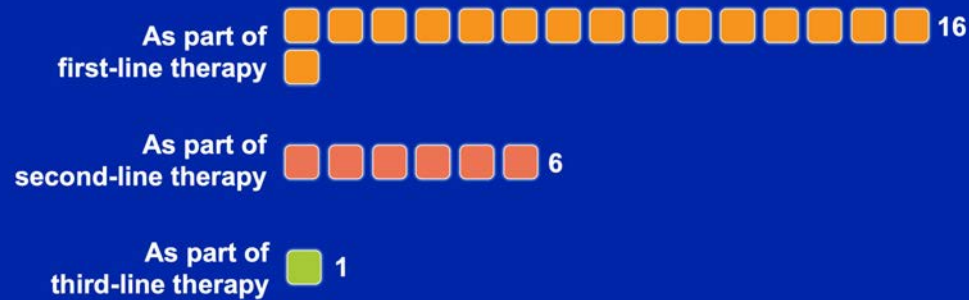


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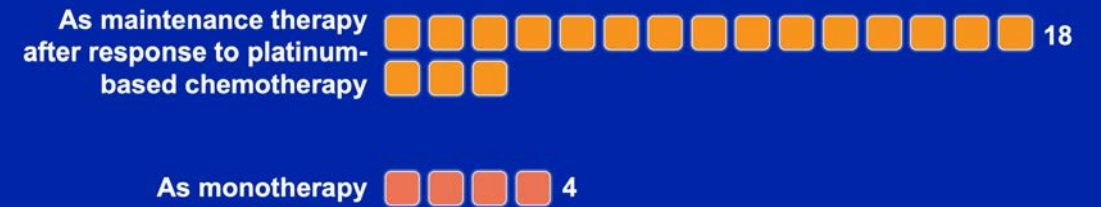
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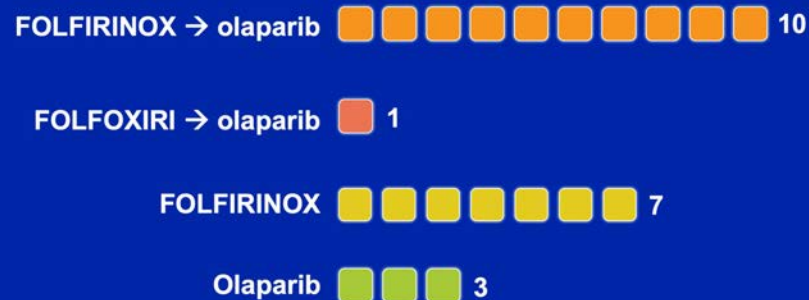
For a patient with metastatic pancreatic cancer and a germline BRCA mutation to whom you would administer a PARP inhibitor, in which line of therapy would you most likely do so?



For a patient with metastatic pancreatic cancer and a germline BRCA mutation to whom you would administer a PARP inhibitor, what treatment strategy would you likely use?



A 65-yo patient is diagnosed with unresectable metastatic pancreatic cancer with a deleterious germline BRCA2 mutation. Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which treatment would you recommend?



*FOLFOX → olaparib (1), mFOLFIRINOX or cis/gem → olaparib (1)*

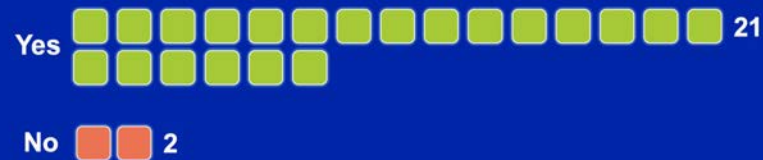
## PARP inhibitors and other novel agents

### Investigational strategies

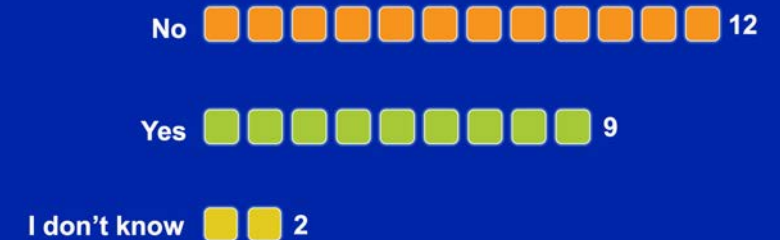
- Multiplex somatic and germline testing
- Advantages and disadvantages of liquid biopsy
- PARP inhibitors as maintenance therapy
- Toxicity of PARP inhibitors



Do you routinely order next-generation sequencing for your patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer and good performance status who have received all approved treatment options?



Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, would you generally administer a PARP inhibitor to a patient with metastatic pancreatic cancer and a germline mutation other than BRCA at some point?



**For which germline mutations other than BRCA would you consider administering a PARP inhibitor?**

- PALB mutation
- I would consider with somatic BRCA as well as potential other DNA damage (eg. ATM)
- PALB2, ATM, etc.
- All "BRCA-ness" conditions are worth considering
- CHEK2, PALB2 , etc...
- Any non-germ line BRCA
- Pathogenic somatic mutations and potentially other HRD mutations

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**Investigational strategies**

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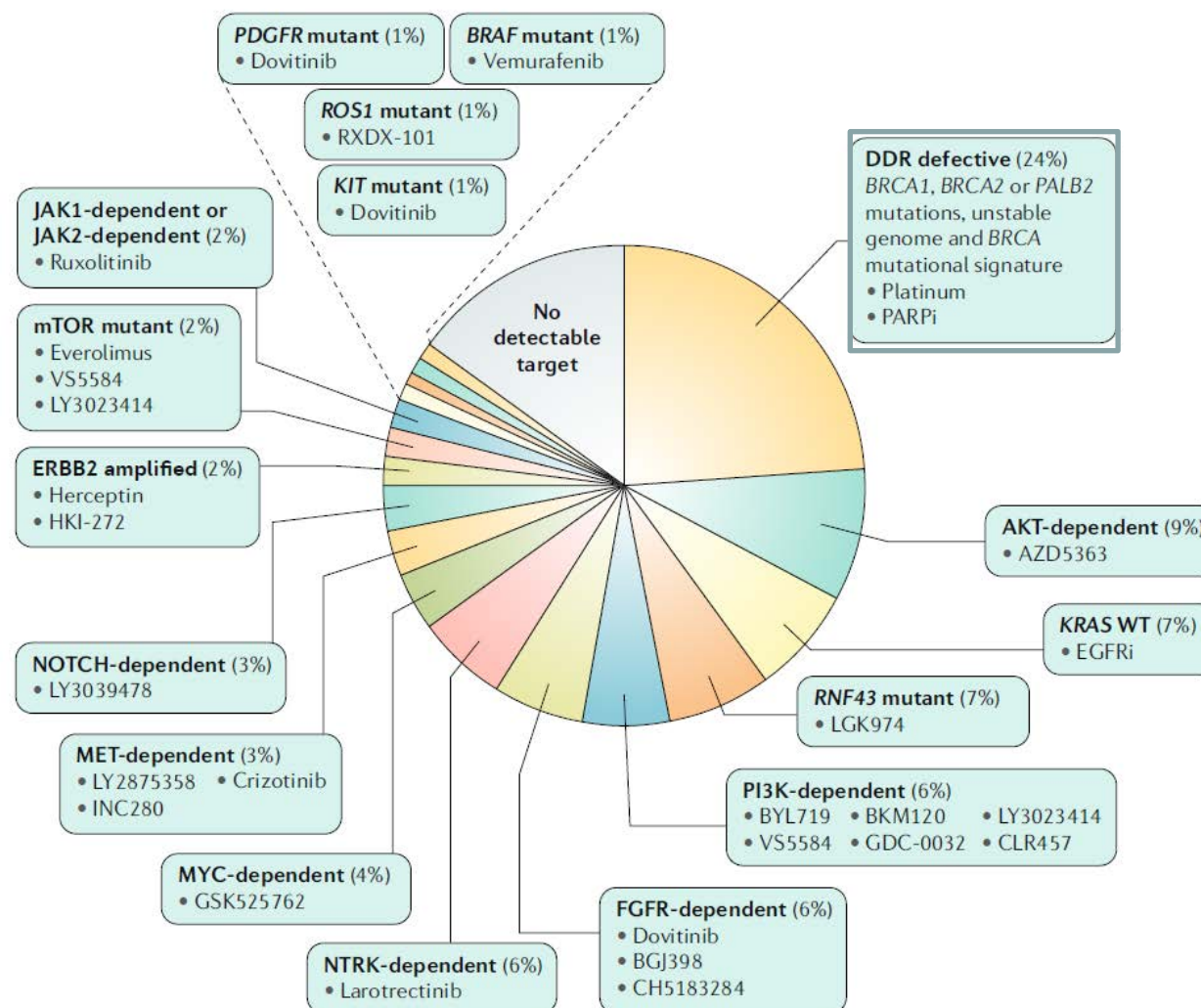
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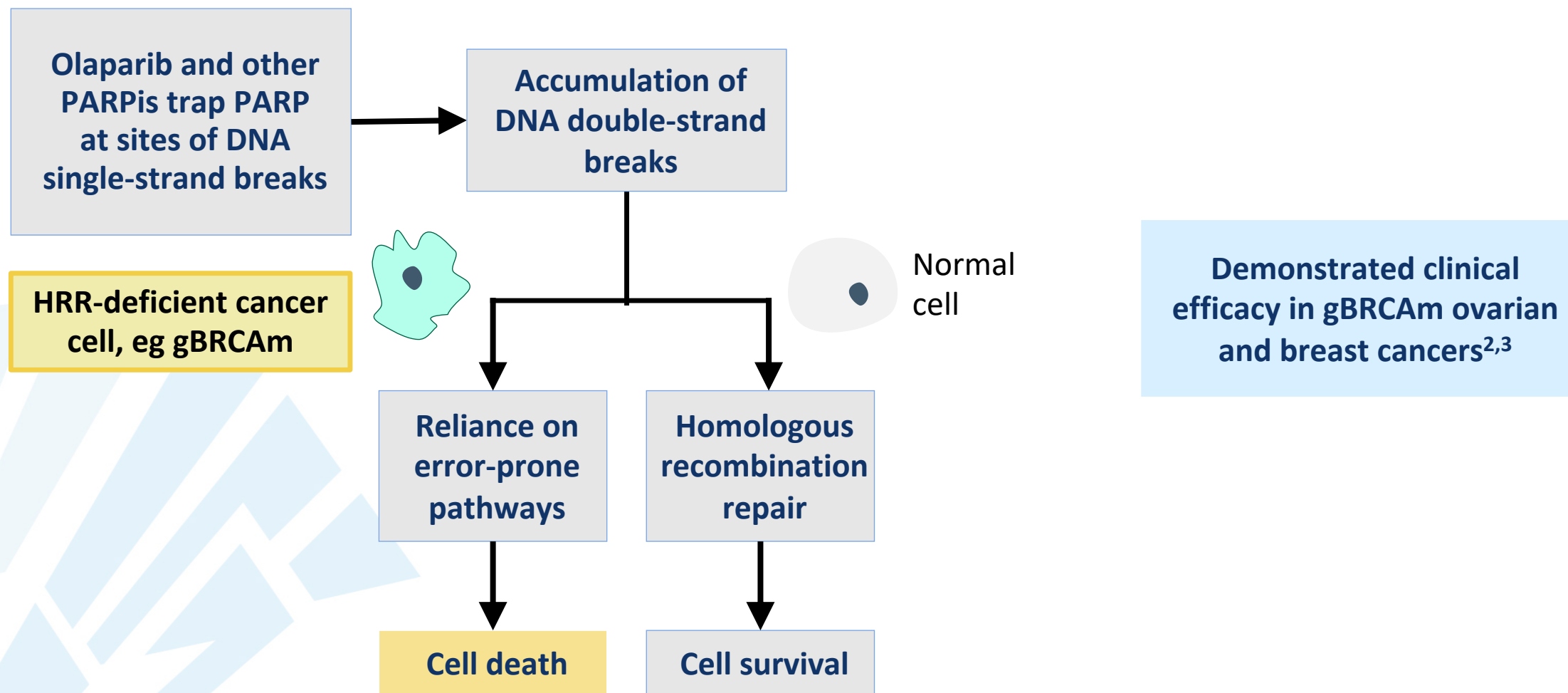


# Many druggable alterations



But only very few with proven clinical activity

# Rationale for PARP inhibition in BRCA-deficient tumours



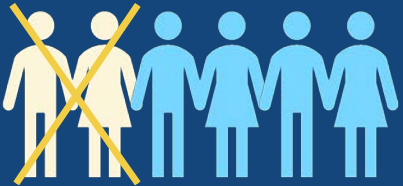
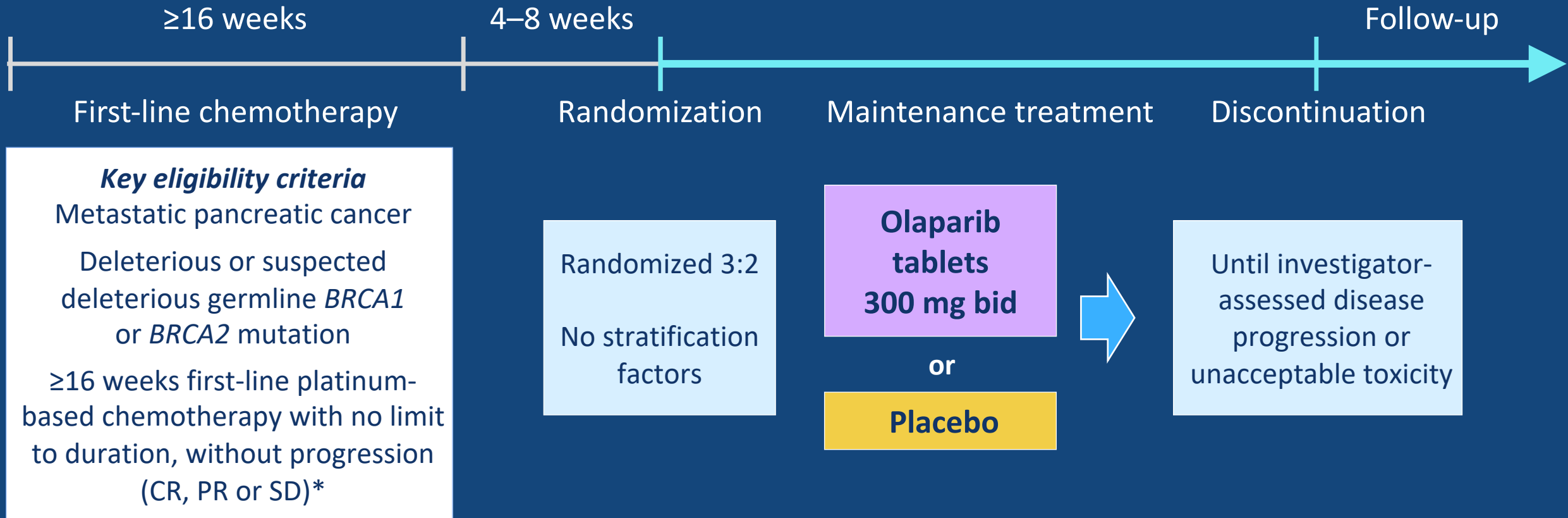
## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Maintenance Olaparib for Germline BRCA-Mutated Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

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# Study design



38% of gBRCAm patients had disease progression, were ineligible, or declined randomization

\*There was no maximum limit to the duration of first-line chemotherapy. bid, twice daily; CR, complete response; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

# Patient characteristics

		Olaparib (N=92)	Placebo (N=62)
Age	Median, years (range)	57.0 (37–84)	57.0 (36–75)
Sex, n (%)	Male	53 (57.6)	31 (50.0)
ECOG performance status, n (%)	0	65 (70.7)	38 (61.3)
	1	25 (27.2)	23 (37.1)
BRCA mutation status, n (%)	<i>BRCA1</i>	29 (31.5)	16 (25.8)
	<i>BRCA2</i>	62 (67.4)	46 (74.2)
	Both	1 (1.1)	0
Time from diagnosis to randomization	Median, months (range)	6.9 (3.6–38.4)	7.0 (4.1–30.2)
Duration of first-line chemotherapy	Median, months (range)	5.0 (2.5–35.2)	5.1 (3.4–20.4)
	16 weeks to 6 months, n (%)	61 (66.3)	40 (64.5)
	>6 months, n (%)	30 (32.6)	21 (33.9)
First-line platinum-based chemotherapy, n (%)	FOLFIRINOX variants	79 (85.9)	50 (80.6)
	Gemcitabine/cisplatin	2 (2.2)	3 (4.8)
	Other	10 (10.9)	8 (12.9)
Best response on first-line chemotherapy, n (%)	Complete or partial response	46 (50.0)	30 (48.4)
	Stable disease	45 (48.9)	31 (50.0)
Disease status following first-line chemotherapy, n (%)	Measurable	78 (84.8)	52 (83.9)
	Non-measurable or no evidence of disease	13 (14.1)	6 (9.7)

# Patient disposition

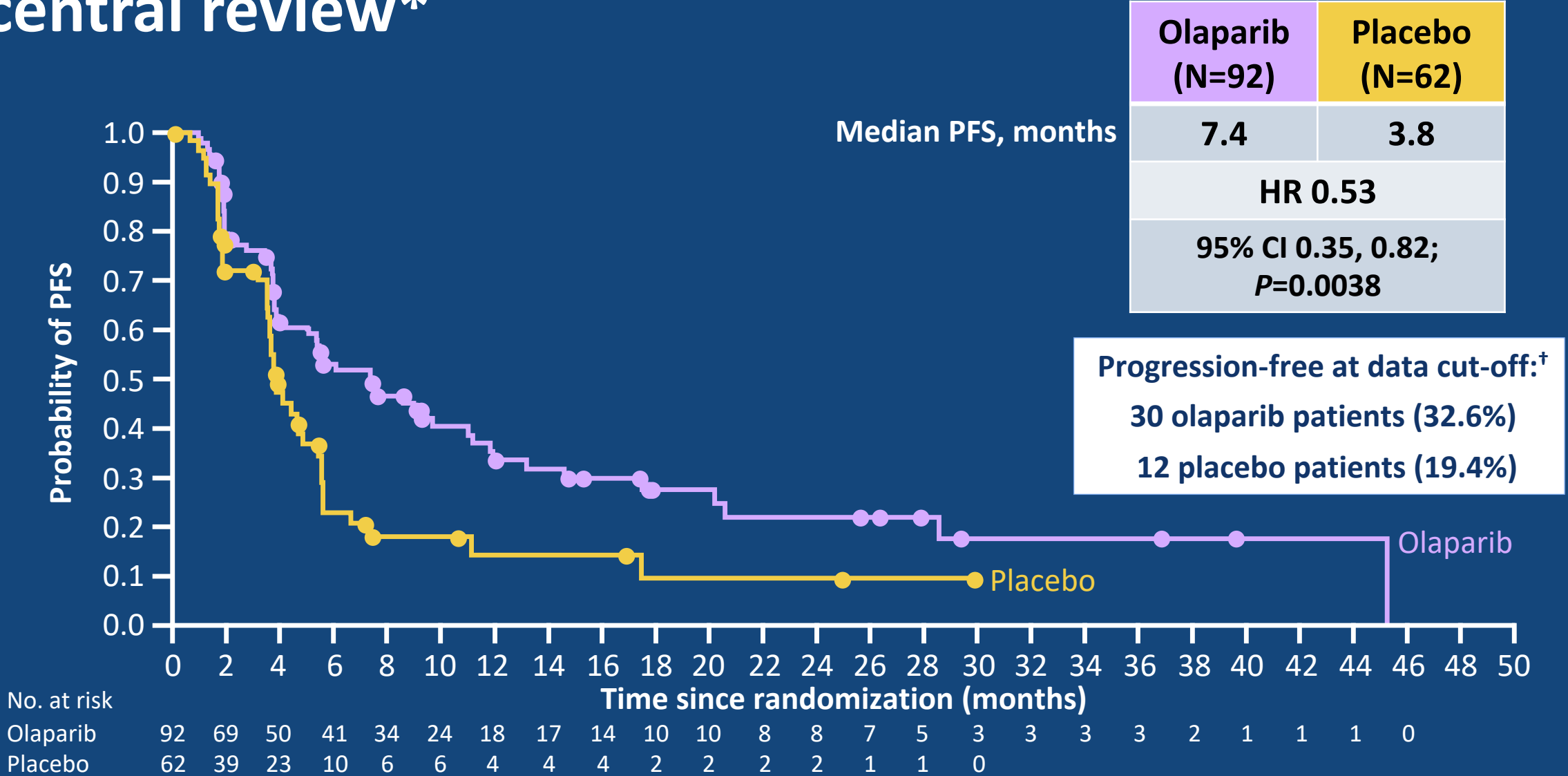
	Olaparib (N=92)	Placebo (N=62)
<b>Screened, n</b>	3315	
<b>Found to have a gBRCAm, n (%)</b>	247 (7.5)	
<b>Excluded, n</b>	93	
Disease progression or death	43	
Ineligible	22	
Patient or physician decision	28	
<b>Randomized, n</b>	92	62
<b>Treated, n</b>	90	61
<b>Discontinued treatment, n (%)</b>	60 (65.2)	53 (85.5)
Disease progression by BICR	43 (46.7)	40 (64.5)
Disease progression by investigator assessment	12 (13.0)	9 (14.5)
Adverse event	4 (4.3)	2 (3.2)
Patient decision	1 (1.1)	1 (1.6)
Ineligible	0	1 (1.6)
<b>Continuing assigned treatment at data cut-off*, n (%)</b>	30 (32.6)	8 (12.9)
<b>Median follow-up for progression, months (range)<sup>†</sup></b>	9.1 (0–39.6)	3.8 (0–29.8)

\*15 January 2019. <sup>†</sup>Censored patients. BICR, blinded independent central review

Kindler HL et al. *Proc ASCO* 2019;Abstract LBA4.

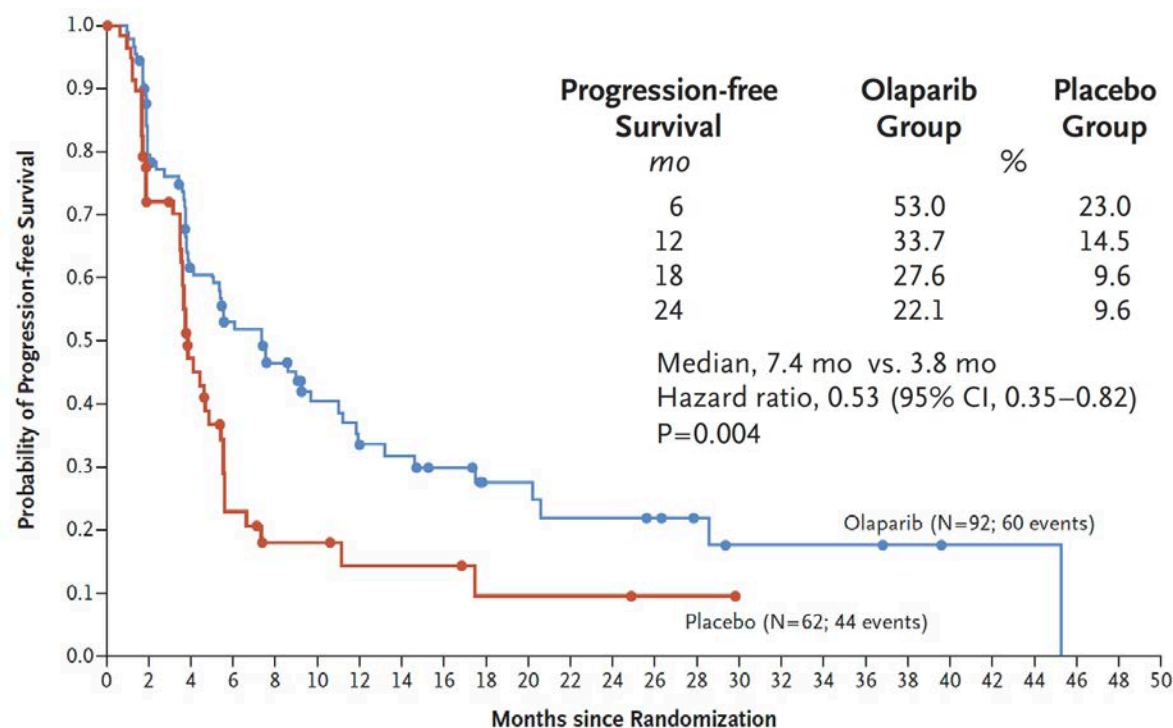


# Primary endpoint: PFS by blinded independent central review\*

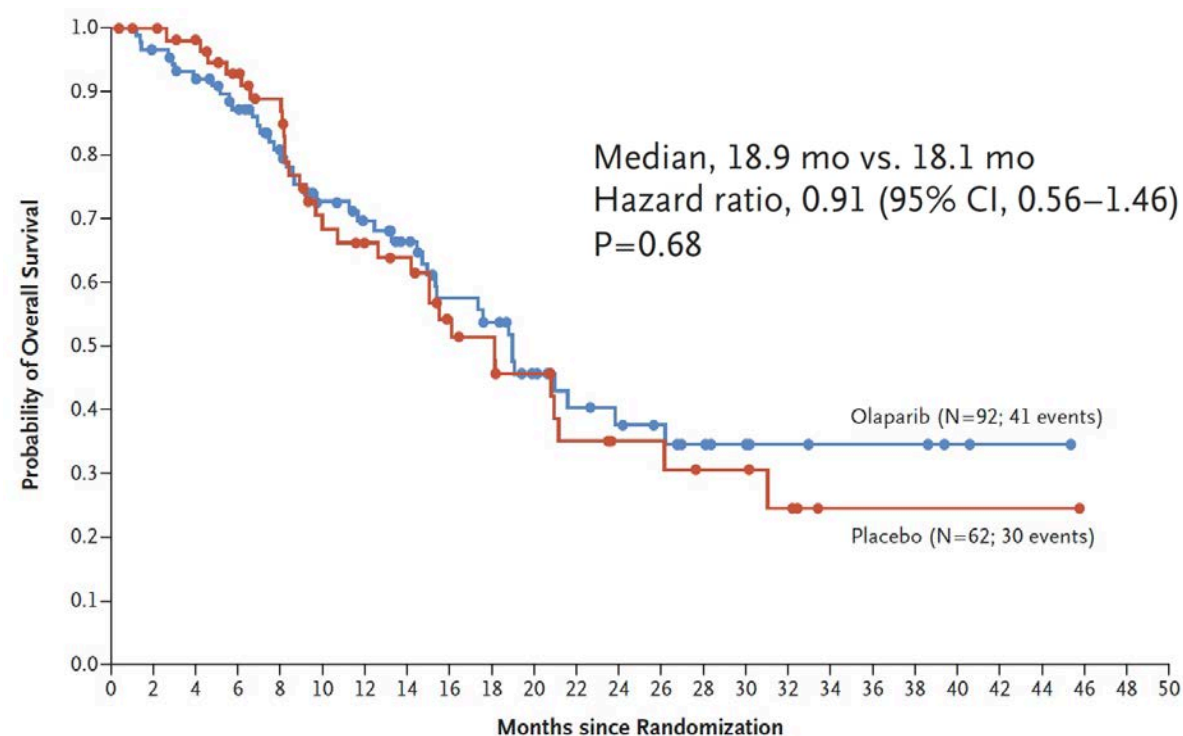


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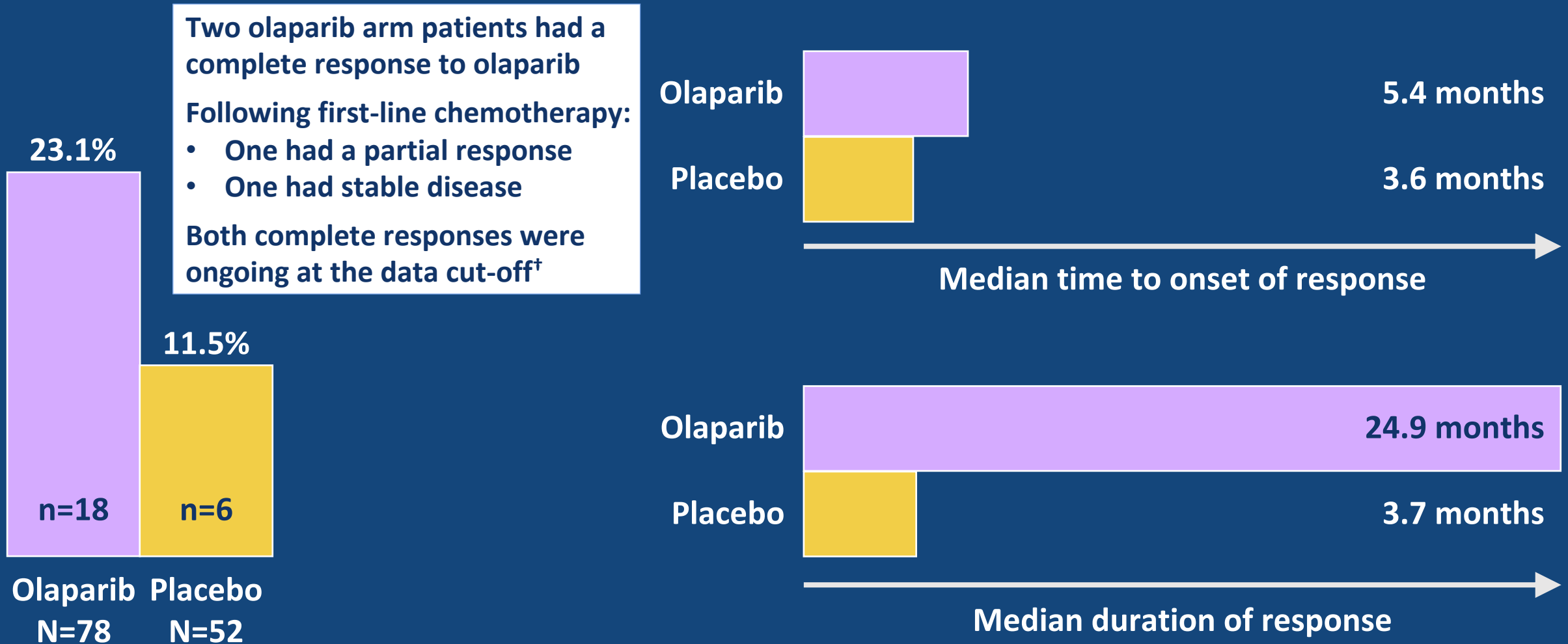
## Progression-Free Survival



## Overall Survival

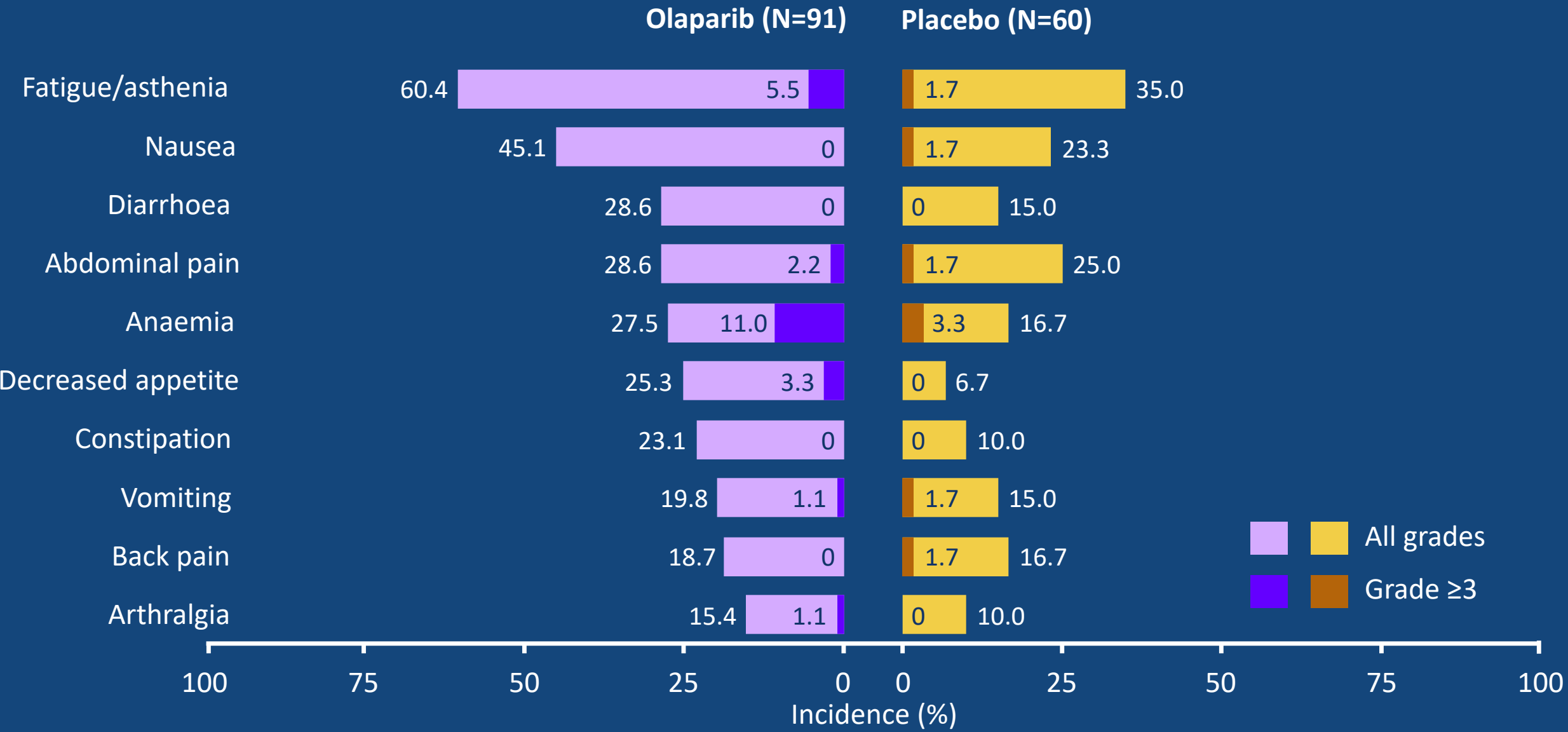


# Objective response\* in patients with measurable disease by blinded independent central review





# Most common AEs



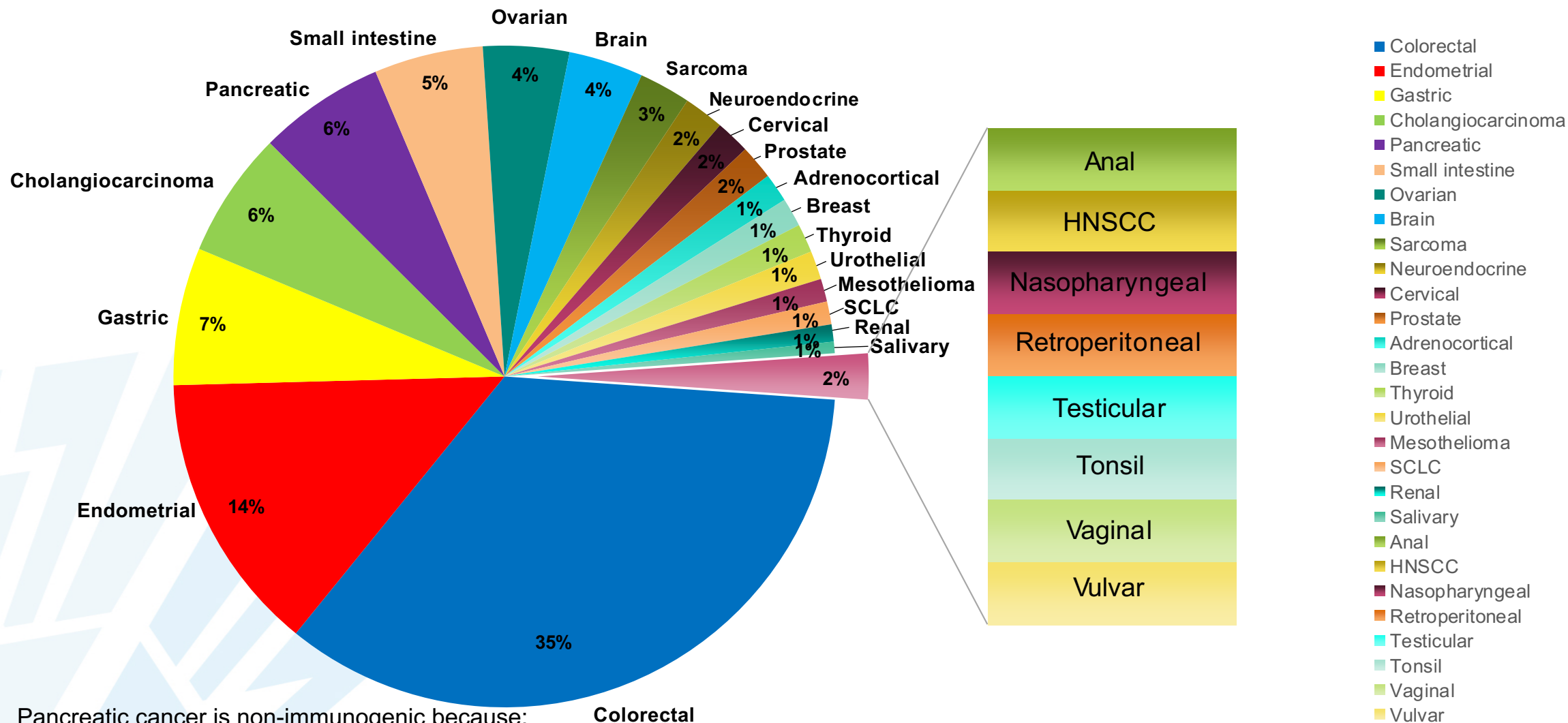
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# Select Ongoing Studies of PARP Inhibitors in Advanced Pancreatic Cancer

Study	Phase	N	Setting	Treatment
NCT03601923	II	32	Germline or somatic HRD DNA repair mutation; ≥ 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niraparib</li> </ul>
NIRA-PANC (NCT03553004)	II	18	Germline or somatic DNA repair mutation; Prior chemotherapy as 1 <sup>st</sup> - and/or 2 <sup>nd</sup> -line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niraparib</li> </ul>
Parpvax (NCT03404960)	I/II	84	Maintenance after platinum-based therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niraparib + Ipilimumab or Nivolumab</li> </ul>
NCT03140670	II	42	Germline or somatic BRCA or PALB2 mutation; Maintenance after platinum-based therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rucaparib</li> </ul>
NCT01585805	II	107	BRCA1 or 2 or PALB2 mutation for patients with no prior therapy; 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> line for patients with previous treatment	<p><b>No prior therapy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veliparib + Gem/Cis</li> <li>Gem/Cis</li> </ul> <p><b>Previously treated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veliparib</li> </ul>

# KEYNOTE-164 and KEYNOTE-158 Studies

## MSI-H Tumor Types



- Pancreatic cancer is non-immunogenic because:
  - immunosuppressive cells and cytokines
  - low tumor mutational burden
  - paucity of T cells in tumor (number and function)
  - ~1% of PDAC are MSI



## Antitumor Activity Across Tumor Types

Tumor type	N	CR,	PR,	ORR,	Median (95% CI)	Median (95% CI)	Median (range)
		n	n	% (95% CI)	PFS, months	OS, months	DOR, months
Endometrial	49	8	20	57.1 (42.2–71.2)	25.7 (4.9–NR)	NR (27.2–NR)	NR (2.9–27.0+)
Gastric	24	4	7	45.8 (25.6–67.2)	11.0 (2.1–NR)	NR (7.2–NR)	NR (6.3–28.4+)
Cholangio- carcinoma	22	2	7	40.9 (20.7–63.6)	4.2 (2.1–NR)	24.3 (6.5–NR)	NR (4.1+–24.9+)
<b>Pancreatic</b>	22	1	3	18.2 (5.2–40.3)	2.1 (1.9–3.4)	4.0 (2.1–9.8)	13.4 (8.1–16.0+)
Small Intestine	19	3	5	42.1 (20.3–66.5)	9.2 (2.3–NR)	NR (10.6–NR)	NR (4.3+–31.3+)
Ovarian	15	3	2	33.3 (11.8–61.6)	2.3 (1.9–6.2)	NR (3.8–NR)	NR (4.2–20.7+)
Brain	13	0	0	0.0 (0.0–24.7)	1.1 (0.7–2.1)	5.6 (1.5–16.2)	–

Efficacy analyses included all patients who received at least one dose of pembrolizumab. Only confirmed responses are included. Response was assessed per RECIST version 1.1 by independent central radiological review. Data cutoff: Sept 4, 2018 (KN164); Dec 6, 2018 (KN158).

Transcriptome  
of resected PDAC samples

Unraveling the PDAC  
transcriptomic landscape

Redefining  
PDAC molecular subtypes

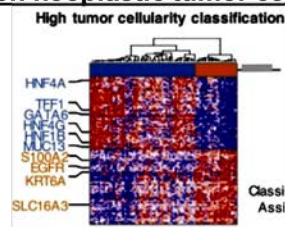
**5 PDAC subtypes**  
**defined by specific characteristics**  
**in tumor & tumor microenvironment**

New classification  
integrating the stromal  
and neoplastic compartments of PDAC  
RNA-determined subtypes can reflect  
patient outcomes → clinical  
applicable setting

## Analysis revealed subtype microenvironment

stromal signatures have opposite  
subtype-depending clinical  
implications :  
negative impact for classical tumors  
& positive for basal-like tumors

## 1<sup>st</sup> classification based on neoplastic tumor cells



2 subtypes:  
basal-like & classical

Prognosis (median overall survival)

Tumor differentiation grade

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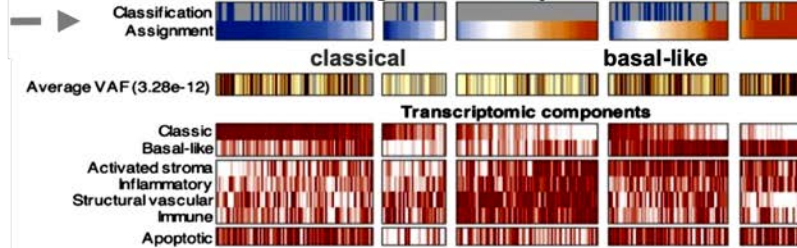
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> classification based on the complete tumor

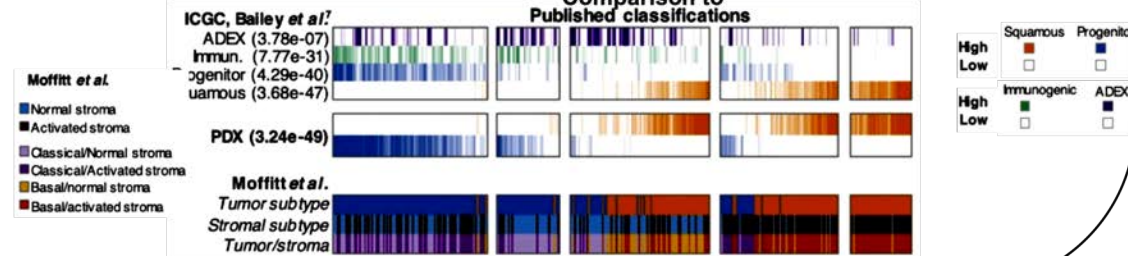
### Whole tumor classification



### High tumor cellularity classification



### Comparison to Published classifications



## Targeting of:

- ✓ **Stroma- and CAF (Cancer-Associated fibroblasts) - derived factors**
- ✓ **Tumor cell-derived factors**
- ✓ **Cytoskeletal regulators**
- ✓ **Structural components of the stroma**
- ✓ **Cellular and other components of the microenvironment**
- ✓ **The stroma-associated immune system**

Puleo F, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2018;155:1999-2013.

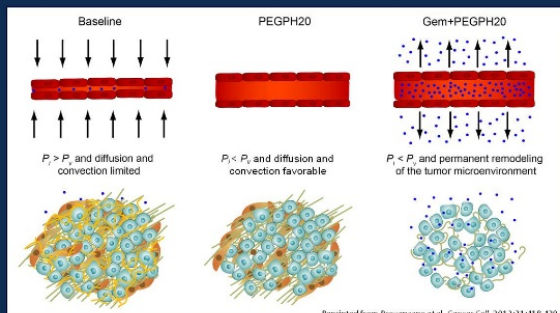
## PEGPH20 Degrades Hyaluronan in the Tumor Microenvironment

### Hyaluronan (HA)

- Naturally occurring, linear, megadalton polysaccharide and major component of the tumor stroma<sup>1</sup>
- HA accumulation increases tumor interstitial gel-fluid pressure, which in turn compresses blood vessels and compromises blood flow<sup>2,3</sup>
- HA accumulation is associated with accelerated tumor growth and is an independent negative predictor of survival in PDA<sup>4</sup>

### PEGPH20 (pegvorhyaluronidase alfa)

- A PEGylated form of recombinant human hyaluronidase PH20, which degrades HA and remodels the tumor stroma



1. Mischak et al. Nat Rev Cancer. 2006;6:580-592. 2. Thompson CB, et al. Mol Cancer Ther. 2010;9:3022-3034. 3. Provenzano PP, et al. Cancer Cell. 2012;21:418-429. 4. Whittett CJ, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2015;21:151.

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## Phase 3 trial

- IL metastatic PDCA**

- High-HA**

**N = 420-570**



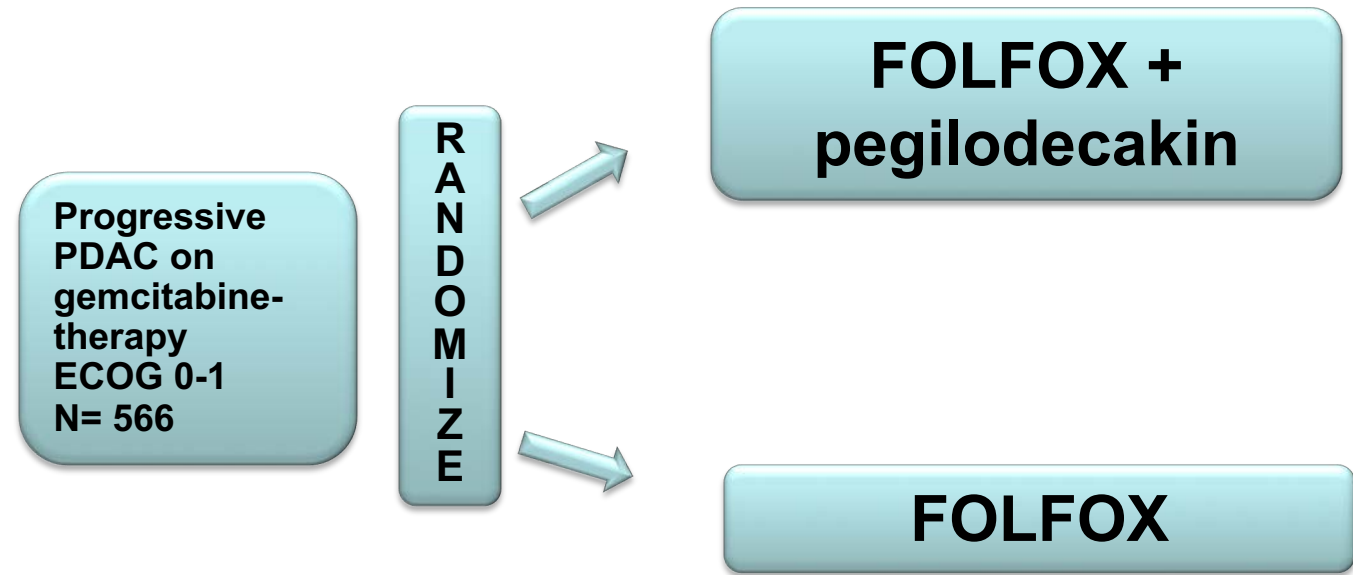
**PAG**  
**PEGPH20 + *nab*-P + Gem**

**AG**  
***nab*-P + Gem**

- Primary endpoints: PFS and OS**
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, DOR, and safety**



- **IL-10**
  - Enhances CD8+ cytotoxicity
  - Suppresses inflammatory cytokines
  - Induces phagocytosis and antigen presentation
  - Induces antigen-specific immunity



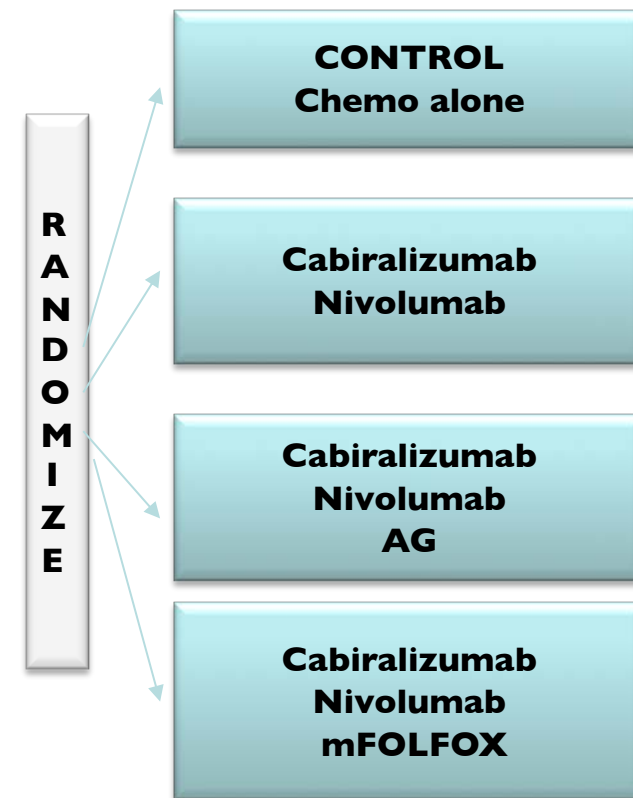
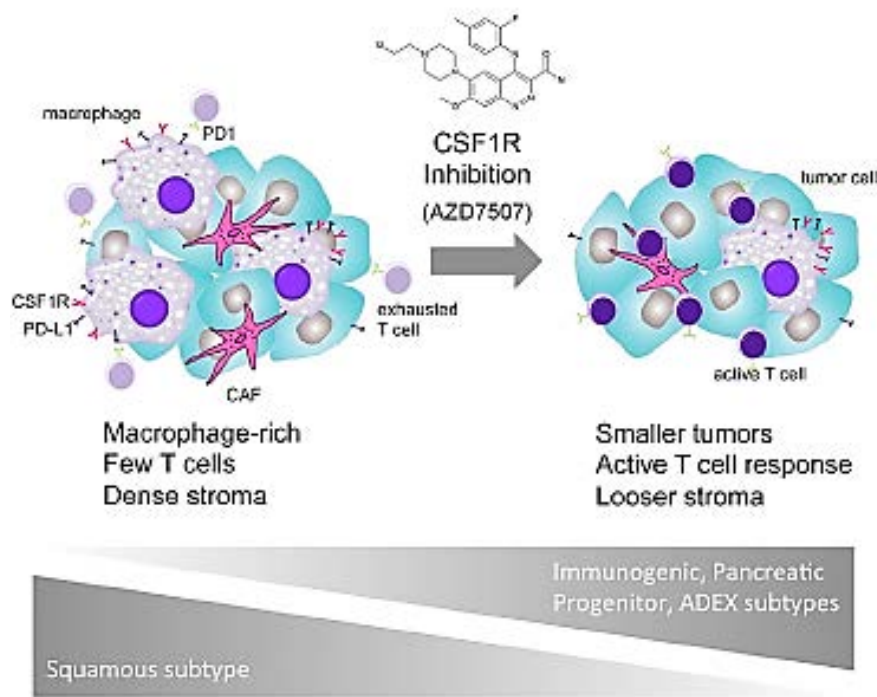
**Primary endpoint = Overall survival**

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02923921>

# Targeting Cellular Components of The Microenvironment:

## CSF1R<sup>+</sup> Macrophages Sustain Pancreatic Tumor Growth Through T-Cell Suppression and Maintenance of Key Gene Programs that Define the Squamous Subtype

- Macrophages contribute to the squamous subtype of PDAC
- Inhibition of CSF1R alters the tumor microenvironment and leads to enhanced T cell immune response
- Loss of macrophages leads to change in PDAC gene expression and switches subtype and results in prolonged survival
- Marked differences between targeting macrophages and neutrophils

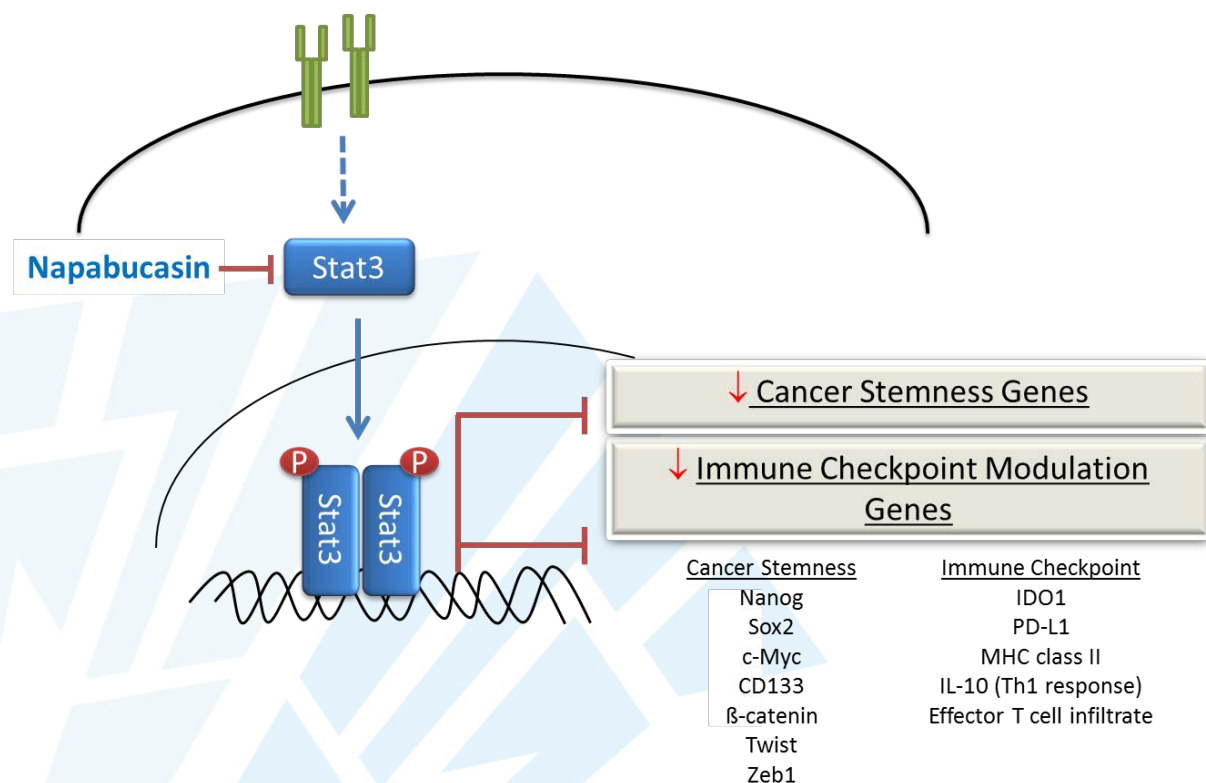


Colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R), also known as macrophage colony-stimulating factor receptor (M-CSFR), and CD115 (Cluster of Differentiation 115)

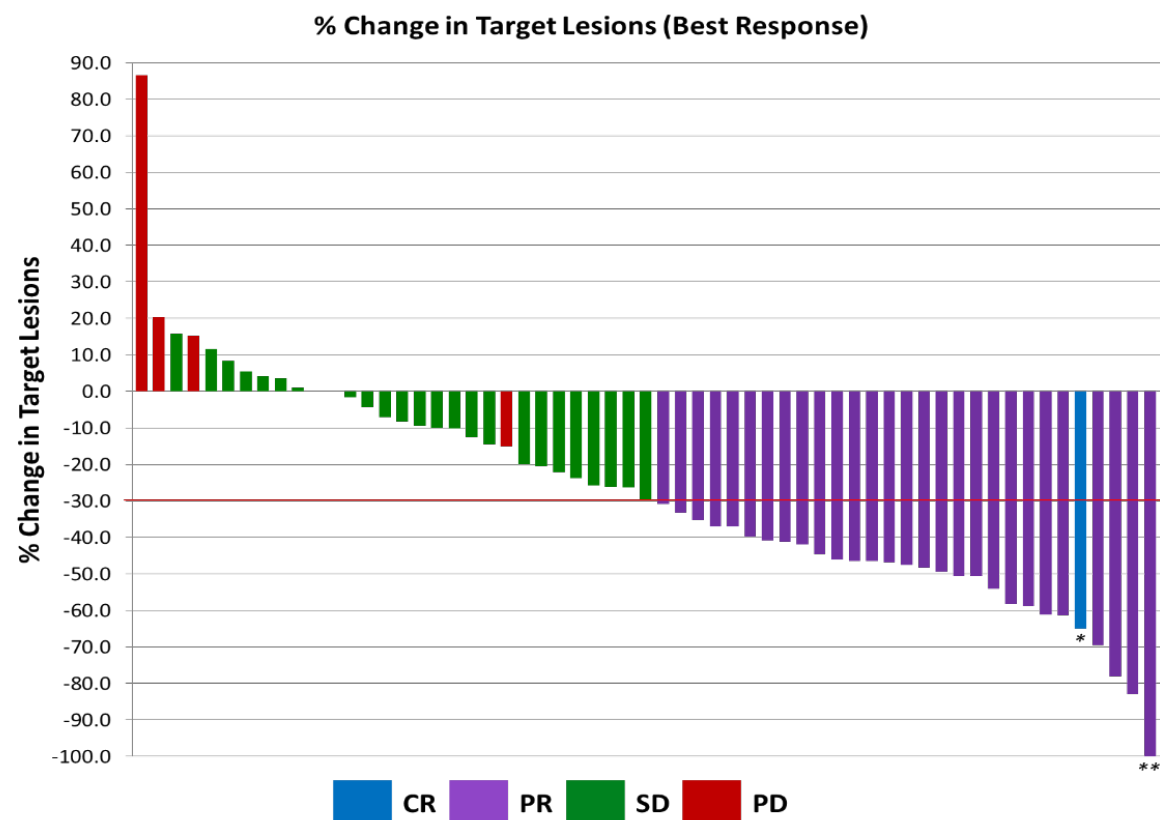
**N = 160**  
**Primary endpoint = PFS**

# Napabucasin Targets STAT3 Signaling in Cancer Stem-Like Cells

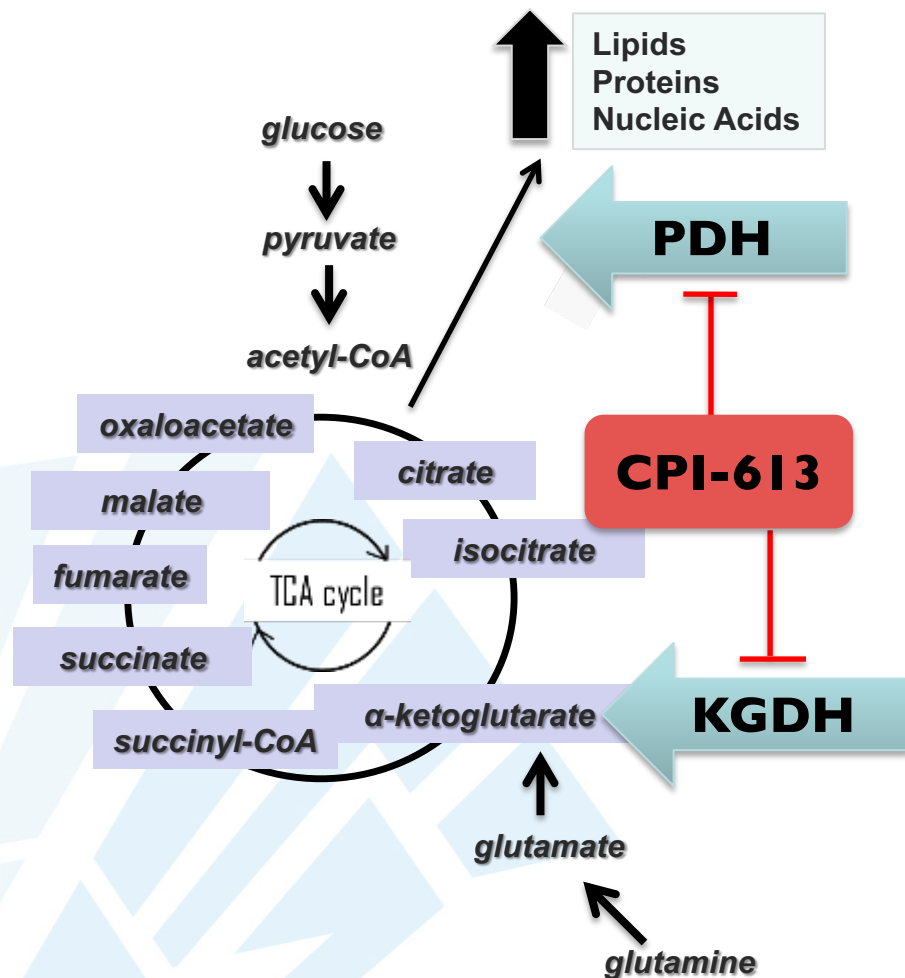
- **Oral**
- **Blocks cancer stem cells self renewal**
- **Kills cancer stem cells, and cancer cells**



Phase Ib/II study of Gemcitabine/*nab*-  
Paclitaxel + napabucasin:  
**N = 66**

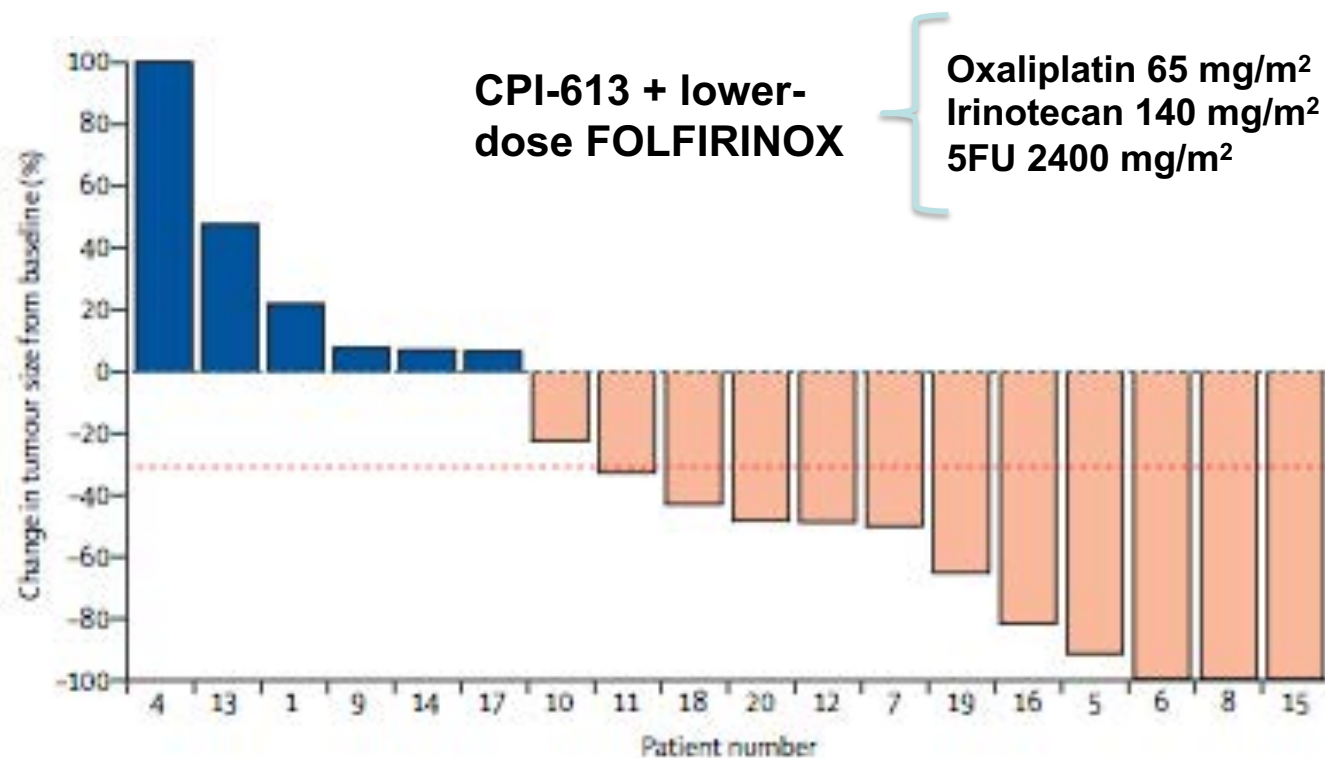


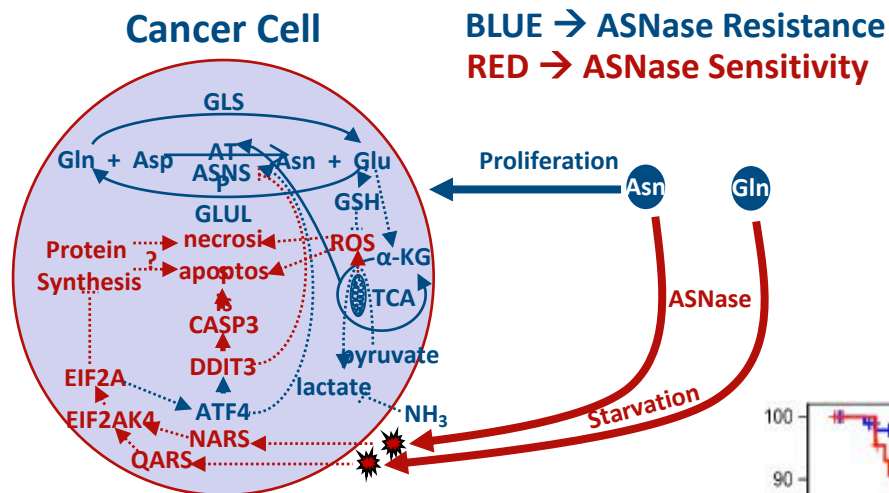
- **Median PFS = 7.1 months**
- **Median OS = 10.7 months**
- **Mainly added GI toxicity**



PDH: pyruvate dehydrogenase  
KGDH: alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase

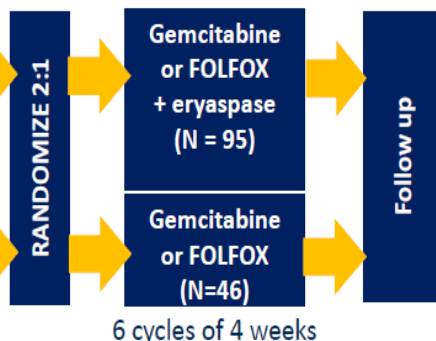
## Pilot clinical trial





## Study design:

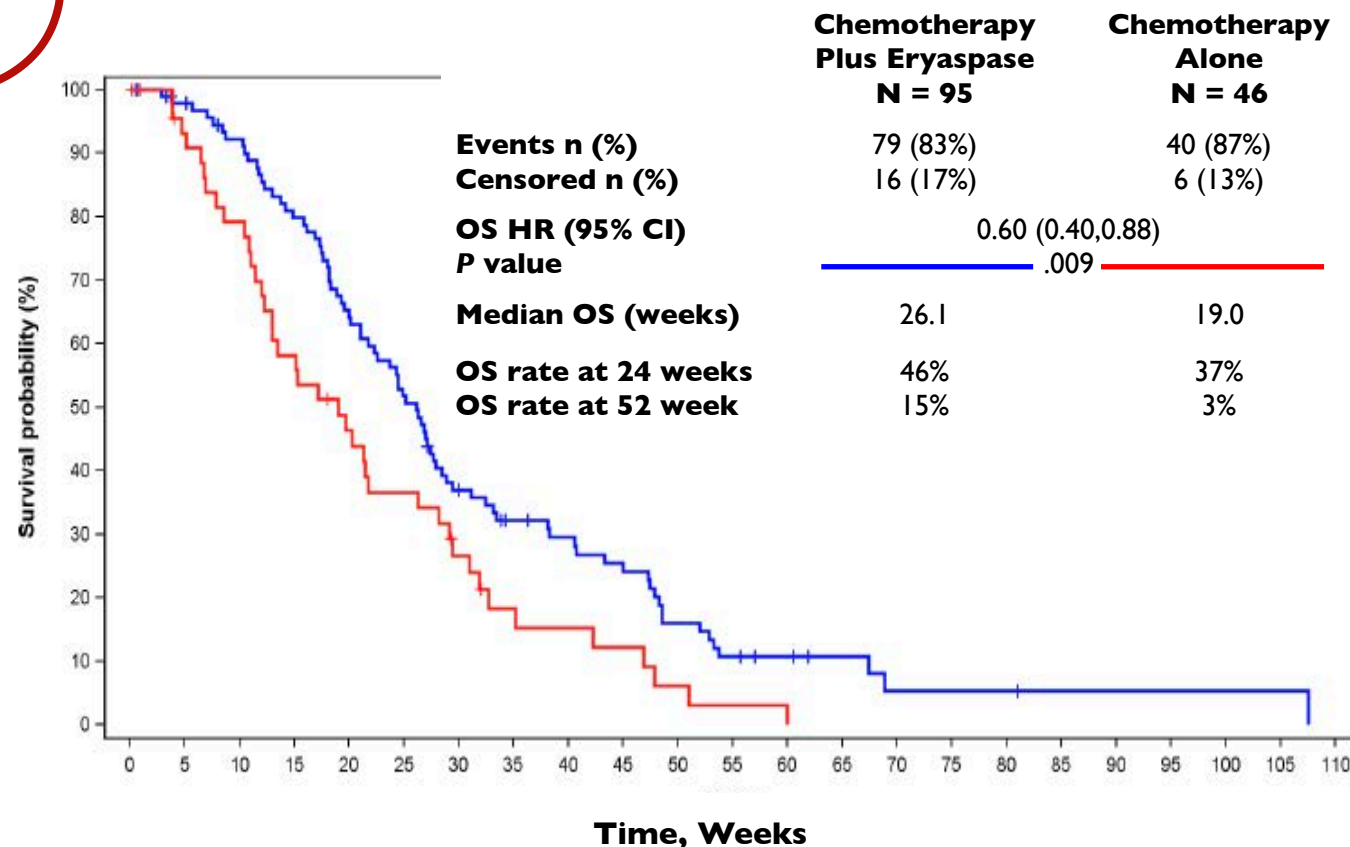
- Metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma
- Second line, previously treated with gemcitabine based chemotherapy or FOLFIRINOX
- Performance status 0 and 1
- N=141 (70% ASNS 0/1, 30% ASNS 2/3)



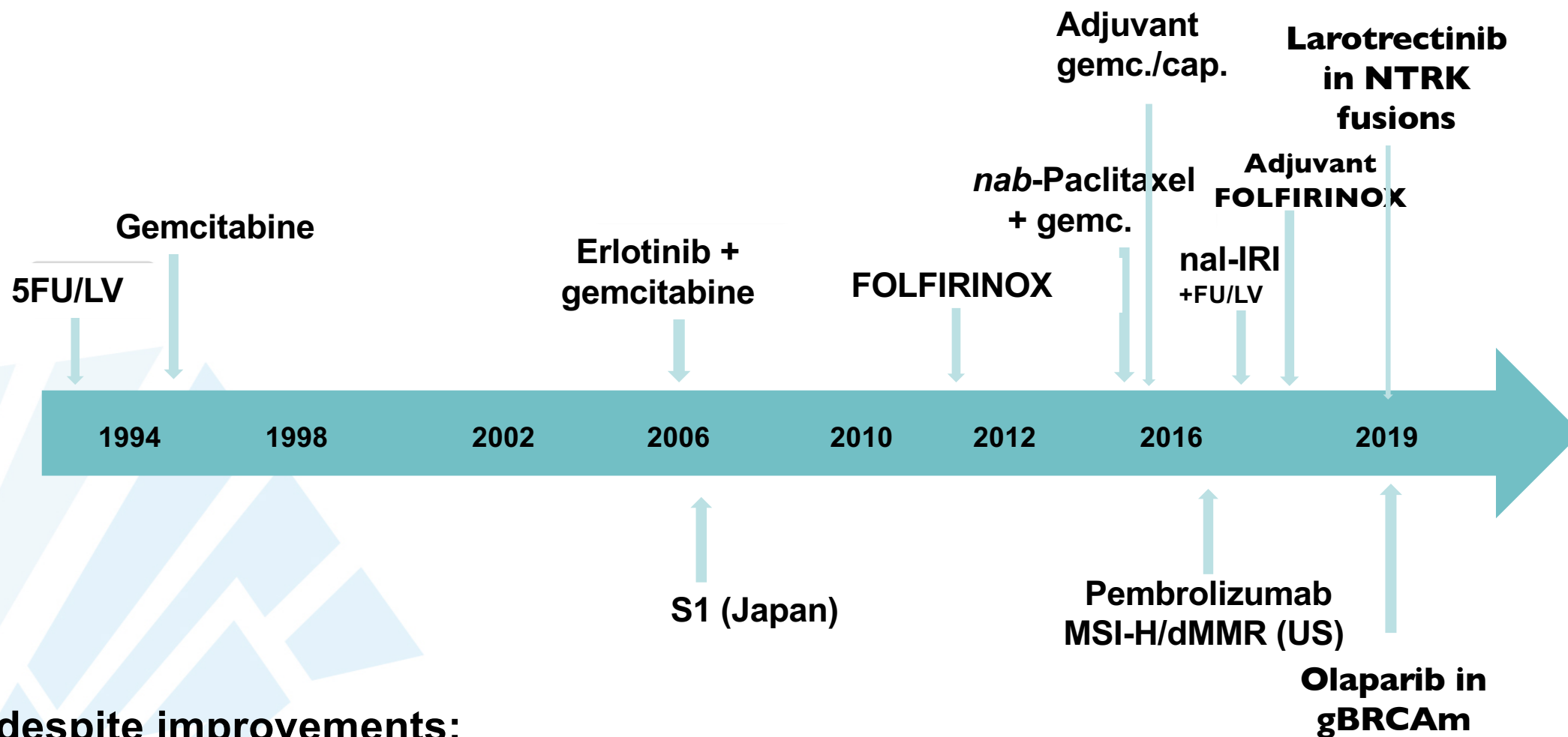
- OS advantage regardless of asparaginase synthetase (ASNS) expression level
- Similar safety profiles in both groups

Eryaspase = L-asparaginase encapsulated in erythrocytes

## Overall Survival







But despite improvements:

- ✓ Median survival remains under 1 year in advanced stage
- ✓ In early stage, 5-year survival rate is only about 20-25%: expertise, high volume, laparoscopic