

# **New systemic therapies in HCC**

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## **Systemic treatment of HCC**

**10 years**

**One drug**

**2007 – 2017**

**2 years**

**6 drugs!**

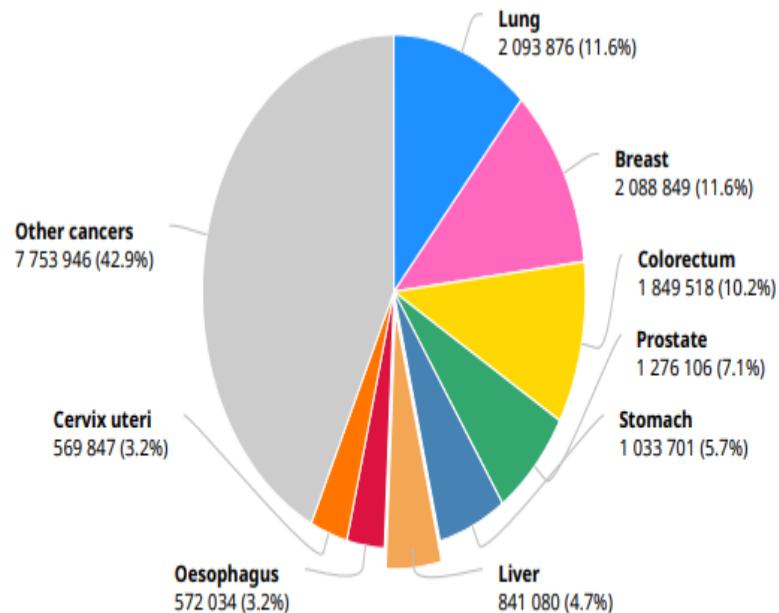
**2016 - 2018**

# Liver

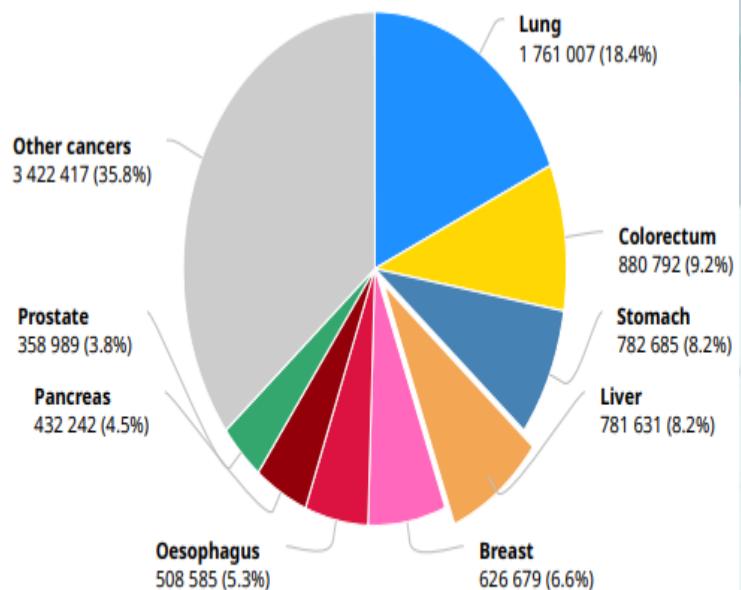
Source: Globocan 2018



Number of new cases in 2018, both sexes, all ages



Number of deaths in 2018, both sexes, all ages



## Incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma in chronic hepatitis B patients receiving nucleos(t)ide therapy: a systematic review.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND & AIMS:** Chronic hepatitis B patients are at increased risk for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). The effect of medium-term nucleos(t)ide analogue therapy on HCC incidence is unclear; therefore, we systematically reviewed all the data on HCC incidence from studies in chronic hepatitis B patients treated with nucleos(t)ide analogues.

**METHODS:** We performed a literature search to identify studies with chronic hepatitis B patients treated with nucleos(t)ide analogues for > or = 24 months.

**RESULTS:** Twenty-one studies including 3881 treated and 534 untreated patients met our inclusion criteria. HCC was diagnosed in 2.8% and 6.4% of treated and untreated patients, respectively, during a 46 (32-108) month period ( $p=0.003$ ), in 10.8% and 0.5% of nucleos(t)ide naive patients with and without cirrhosis ( $p<0.001$ ) and in 17.6% and 0% of lamivudine resistance patients with and without cirrhosis ( $p<0.001$ ). HCC developed less frequently in nucleos(t)ide naive patients compared to those without virological remission (2.3% vs 7.5%,  $p<0.001$ ), but there was no difference between lamivudine resistance patients with or without virological response to rescue therapy (5.9% vs 8.8%,  $p=0.466$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Chronic hepatitis B patients receiving medium-term nucleos(t)ide analogue therapy had a significantly lower incidence of HCC compared to untreated patients, but treatment does not completely eliminate the risk of HCC. Among the treated patients, cirrhosis, HBeAg negative at baseline and failure to remain in virological remission were associated with an increased risk of HCC.

J Hepatol. 2010 May;52(5):652-7. doi: 10.1016/j.jhep.2009.12.028. Epub 2010 Mar 4.

## Impact of peginterferon and ribavirin therapy on hepatocellular carcinoma: incidence and survival in hepatitis C patients with advanced fibrosis.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND & AIMS:** Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) currently represents the major cause of liver-related death in patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV)-related cirrhosis. We assessed the influence of combination therapy on the risk of HCC, liver-related complications (ascites, variceal bleeding), and liver-related death (or liver transplantation).

**METHODS:** Three hundred seven chronic hepatitis C patients with bridging fibrosis (n=127) or cirrhosis (n=180) were evaluated by Cox regression analysis. Sustained virological response (SVR) was defined as undetectable serum HCV RNA at 24 weeks after treatment.

**RESULTS:** SVR developed in 33% of patients. The SVR rates were not different between patients with bridging fibrosis (37%) and those with cirrhosis (30%),  $p=0.186$ . During a median follow-up of 3.5 years (range 1-18 years) after the last treatment, the incidence rates per 100 person-years of HCC, liver-related complications, and liver-related death, were 1.24, 0.62, and 0.61 among SVR patients, respectively, and 5.85, 4.16, and 3.76 among non-SVR patients, respectively (log-rank test,  $p<0.001$ ). According to multivariate analysis, non-SVR was an independent predictor of HCC (HR 3.06; 95% CI=1.12-8.39), liver-related complications (HR 4.73; 95% CI: 1.09-20.57), and liver-related death (HR 3.71; 95% CI=1.05-13.05).

**CONCLUSIONS:** SVR is achieved in one-third of patients with HCV-related cirrhosis treated with peginterferon and ribavirin. SVR has a strong independent positive influence on the incidence of HCC and on the prognosis of these patients.

## Nonalcoholic Fatty liver disease, diabetes, obesity, and hepatocellular carcinoma.

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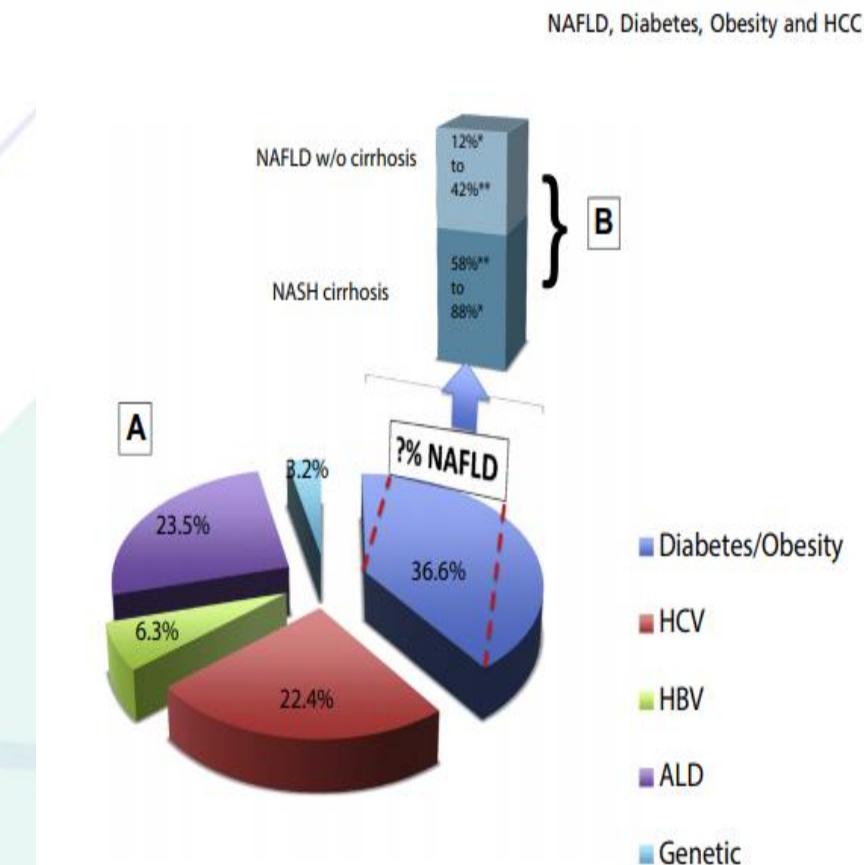
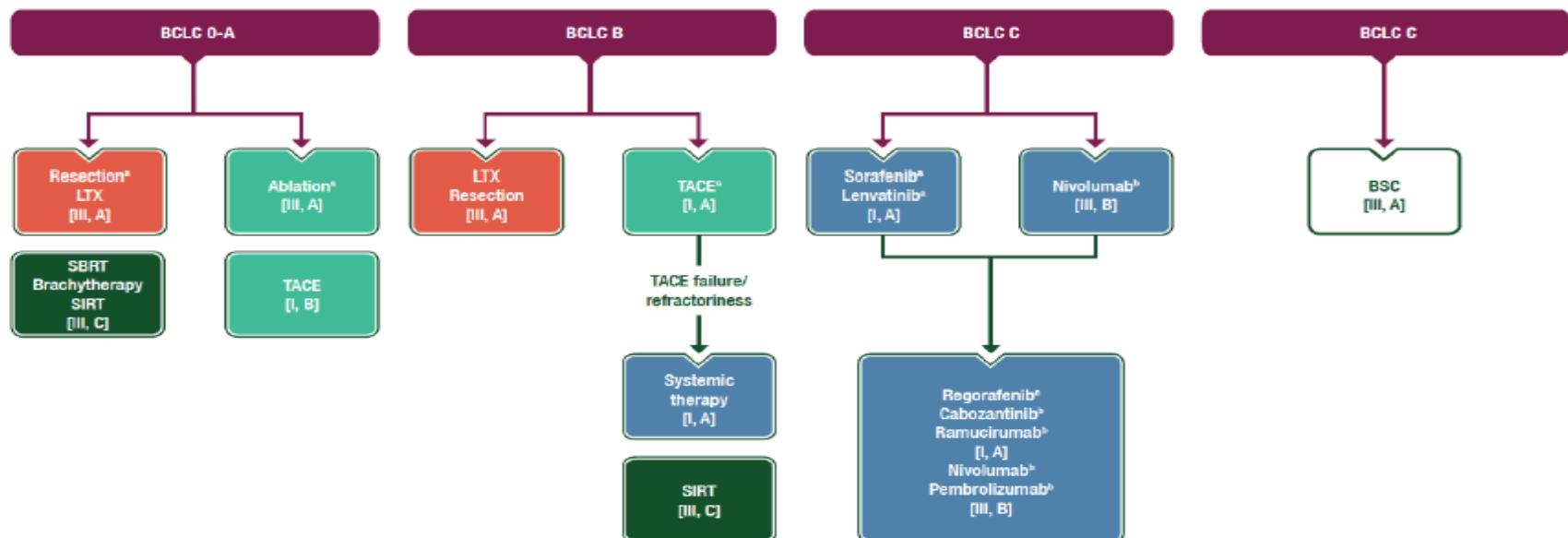
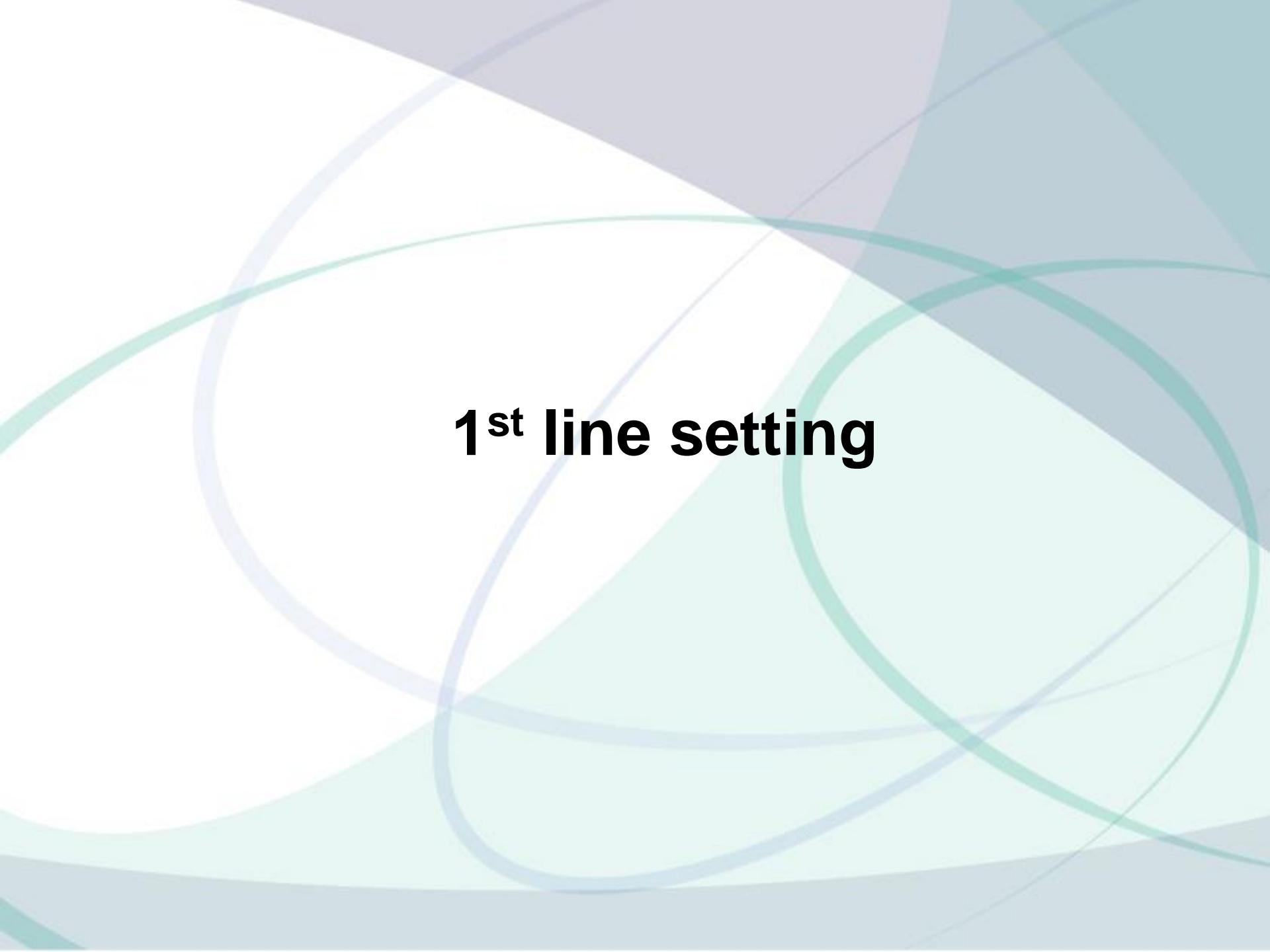


Table 1 - The Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) classification of hepatocellular carcinoma

BCLC stage	Tumour status	Liver function reserve (Child-Pugh)	Performance status
Very early	Single / $\leq$ 2cm	A	0
Early	Single / $\leq$ 5cm or $\leq$ 3 tumours / each $\leq$ 3cm	A or B	0
Intermediate	Multiple / Large	A or B	0
Advanced	Vascular invasion or extrahepatic spread	A or B	1-2
Terminal	Any	C	3-4

## ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline 2018





**1<sup>st</sup> line setting**

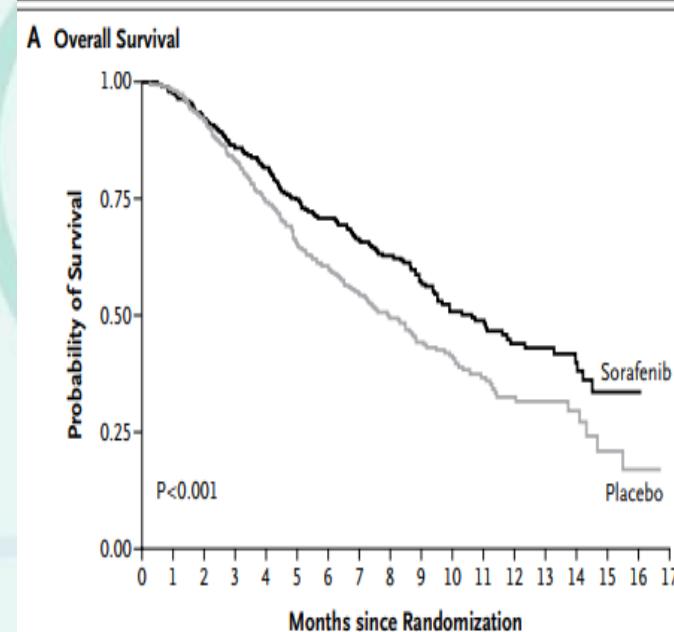
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## Sorafenib in Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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**Table 2.** Summary of Efficacy Measures.\*

Outcome	Sorafenib (N=299)	Placebo (N=303)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Overall survival (mo)			0.69 (0.55–0.87)	<0.001
Median	10.7	7.9		
95% CI	9.4–13.3	6.8–9.1		
1-yr survival rate (%)	44	33		0.009
Time to symptomatic progression (mo)†			1.08 (0.88–1.31)	0.77
Median	4.1	4.9		
95% CI	3.5–4.8	4.2–6.3		
Time to radiologic progression (mo)			0.58 (0.45–0.74)	<0.001
Median	5.5	2.8		
95% CI	4.1–6.9	2.7–3.9		
Level of response (%)‡				
Complete	0	0		NA
Partial	2	1		0.05
Stable disease	71	67		0.17
Disease-control rate (%)§	43	32		0.002

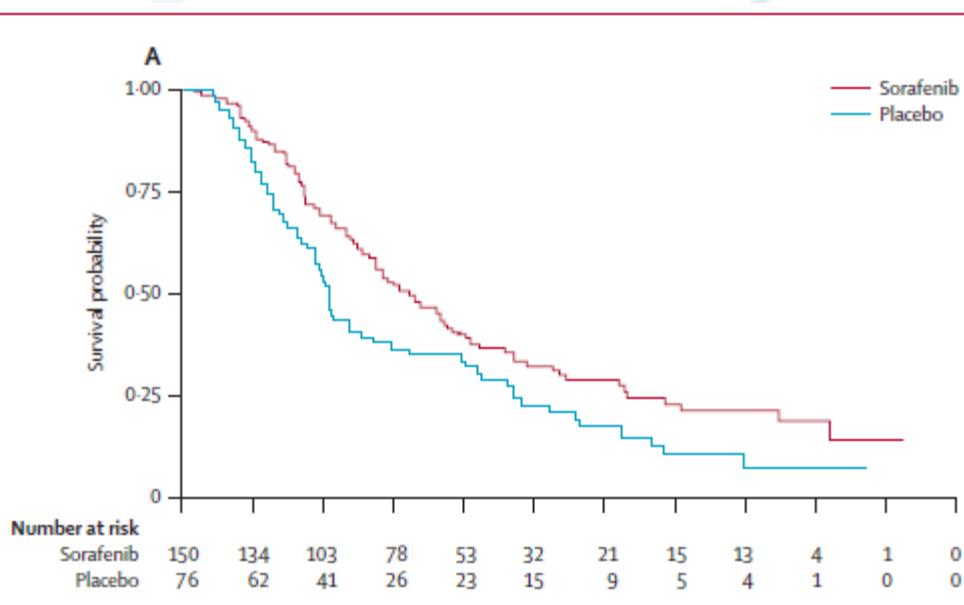


### No. at Risk

	Sorafenib	Placebo
Sorafenib	299 290 270 249 234 213 200 172 140 111 89 68 48 37 24 7 1 0	
Placebo	303 295 272 243 217 189 174 143 108 83 69 47 31 23 14 6 3 0	

# Efficacy and safety of sorafenib in patients in the Asia-Pacific region with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma: a phase III randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

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	Sorafenib group (n=150)	Placebo group (n=76)
Complete response	0 (0)	0 (0)
Partial response	5 (3.3)	1 (1.3)
Stable disease	81 (54.0)	21 (27.6)
Progressive disease	46 (30.7)	41 (54.0)
Not assessable	18 (12.0)	13 (17.1)
DCR, n (%; 95% CI)	53 (35.3; 27.7-43.6)	12 (15.8; 8.4-26.0)

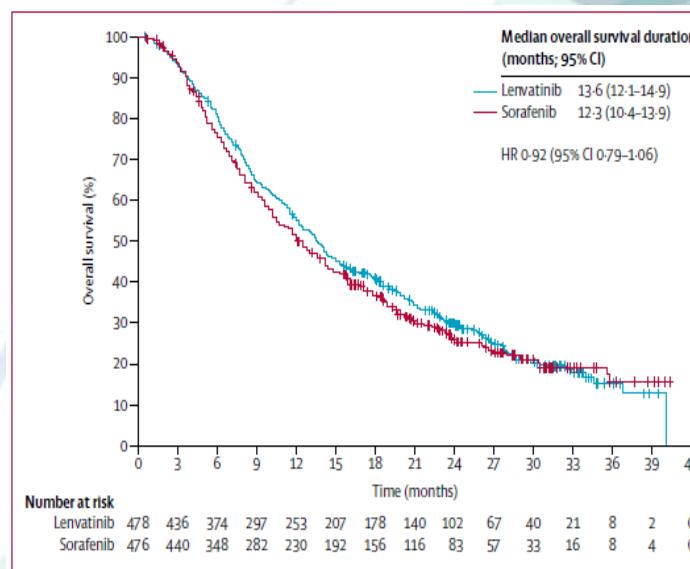
DCR=disease control rate, defined as the proportion of patients who had a best response rating of complete response, partial response, or stable disease, which was maintained  $\geq 4$  weeks from the first manifestation of that rating.

Table 2: Response rates by Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

# Lenvatinib versus sorafenib in first-line treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: a randomised phase 3 non-inferiority trial

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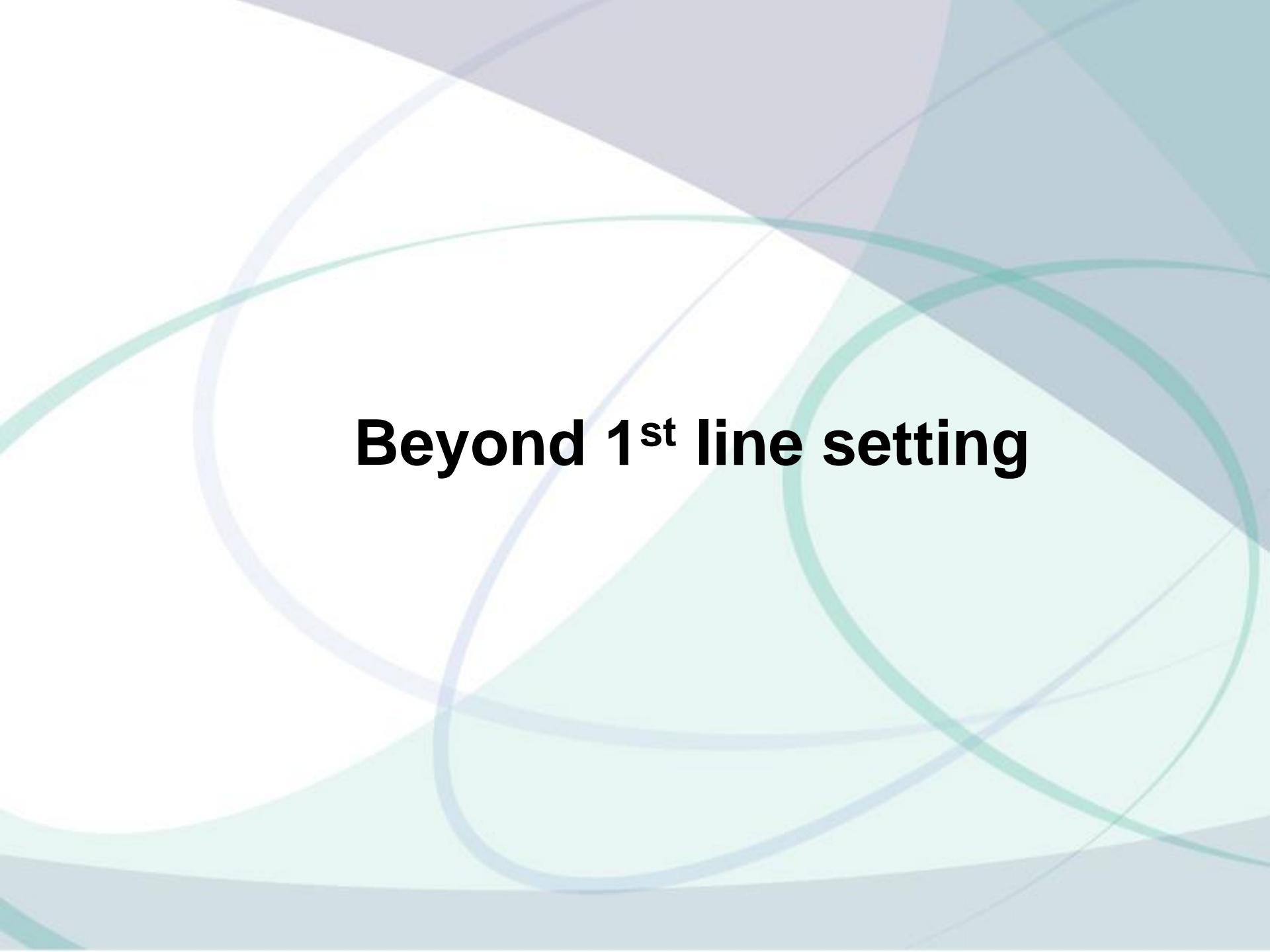
	Lenvatinib (n=478)	Sorafenib (n=476)
Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status		
0	304 (64%)	301 (63%)
1	174 (36%)	175 (37%)
Child-Pugh class		
A	475 (99%)	471 (99%)
B	3 (1%)	5 (1%)
Macroscopic portal vein invasion, extrahepatic spread, or both		
Yes	329 (69%)	336 (71%)
No	149 (31%)	140 (29%)
Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer stage		
B (intermediate stage)	104 (22%)	92 (19%)
C (advanced stage)	374 (78%)	384 (81%)



Excluding: main portal vein invasion, bile duct invasion and > 50% of tumour to total liver volume occupancy

Lenv vs soraf: hypertension (42% vs 30%), diarrhoea (39% vs 45%) and hand–foot skin reaction (27% vs 52%), proteinuria (25% vs 11%), hypothyroidism (16 vs 2%), dysphonia (24 vs 12%)

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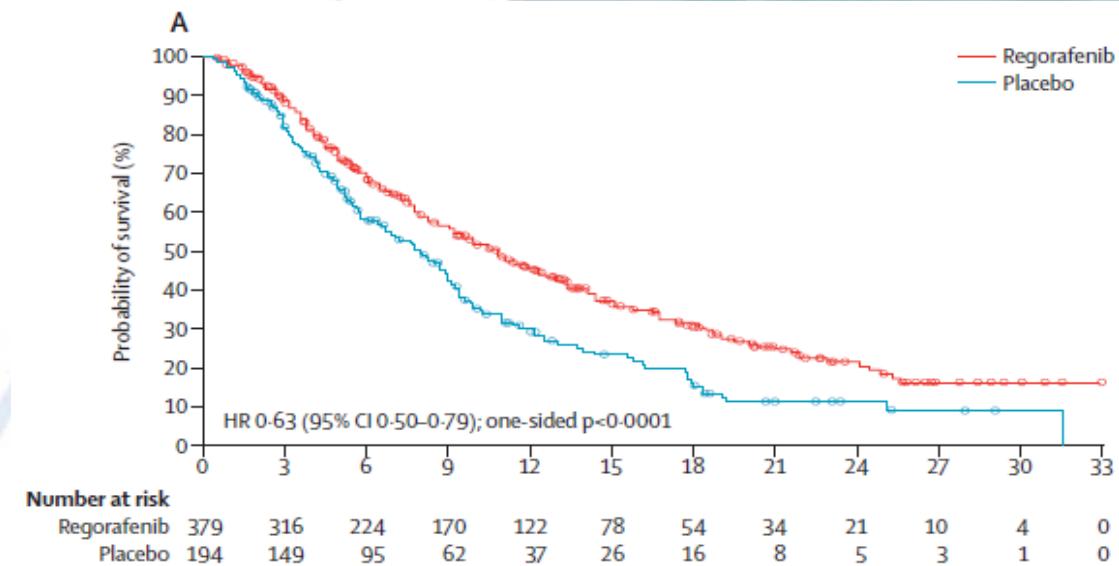


**Beyond 1<sup>st</sup> line setting**

# Regorafenib for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma who progressed on sorafenib treatment (RESORCE): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

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	Regorafenib (n=379)	Placebo (n=194)
ECOG performance status		
0	247 (65%)	130 (67%)
1	132 (35%)	64 (33%)
Macrovascular invasion	110 (29%)	54 (28%)
Extrahepatic disease	265 (70%)	147 (76%)
Macrovascular invasion and/or extrahepatic disease	304 (80%)	162 (84%)
Child-Pugh class‡		
A	373 (98%)	188 (97%)
B	5 (1%)	6 (3%)
BCLC stage		
A (early)	1 (<1%)	0
B (intermediate)	53 (14%)	22 (11%)
C (advanced)	325 (86%)	172 (89%)



mOS: 10.6 vs 7.8 m  
ORR: 11% vs 4%  
DCR: 65% vs 36%  
mRECIST

G3/4: HTN (15%),  
HFS (13%), fatigue  
(9%), diarrhoea  
(3%)

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

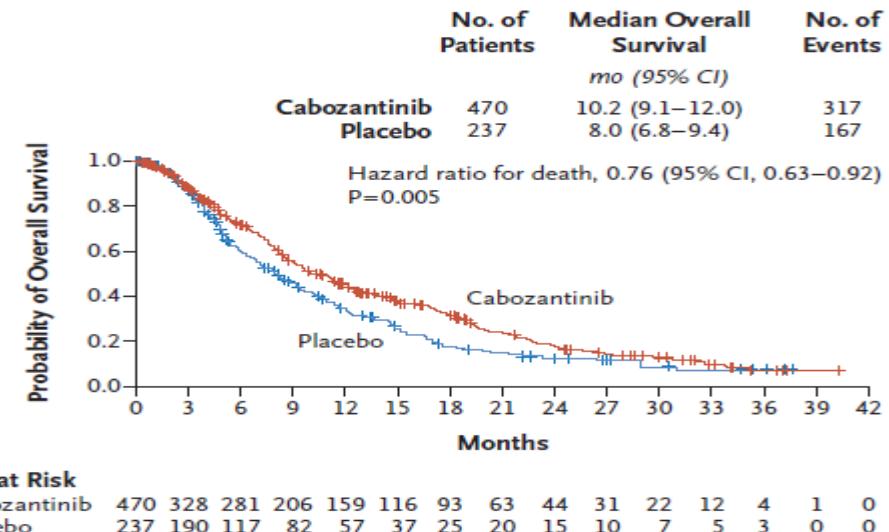
# Cabozantinib in Patients with Advanced and Progressing Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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	<b>Cabozantinib (N=470)</b>	<b>Placebo (N=237)</b>
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)‡		
0	245 (52)	131 (55)
1	224 (48)	106 (45)
2	1 (<1)	0
Etiologic factor — no. (%)§		
HBV	178 (38)	89 (38)
HCV	113 (24)	55 (23)
Dual HBV and HCV infection	8 (2)	4 (2)
Alcohol use	112 (24)	39 (16)
Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis	43 (9)	23 (10)
Other	24 (5)	16 (7)
Unknown	75 (16)	47 (20)
Extrahepatic spread of disease — no. (%)	369 (79)	182 (77)
Macrovascular invasion — no. (%)	129 (27)	81 (34)
Extrahepatic spread of disease, macrovascular invasion, or both — no. (%)	398 (85)	200 (84)

Allowed patients intolerant to sorafenib and with PD on one (100%) or two (27%) systemic Tx.

## A Overall Survival



PFS: 5.2 vs 1.9 m

ORR: 4% vs 1 % (RECIST)

DCR: 64% vs 33%

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G3/4 tox: PPE (22%), diarrhoea (10%), fatigue & HTN (7%), AST (6%)

# Ramucirumab versus placebo as second-line treatment in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma following first-line therapy with sorafenib (REACH): a randomised, double-blind, multicentre, phase 3 trial

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## Ramucirumab (n=283)      Placebo (n=282)

ECOG performance status†

0	159 (56%)	153 (54%)
1	124 (44%)	129 (46%)

Baseline Child-Pugh A†

Macrovascular invasion present

Extrahepatic spread present

Baseline BCLC stage

Stage B

Stage C

Previous sorafenib therapy

Sorafenib only

Sorafenib and other systemic therapy

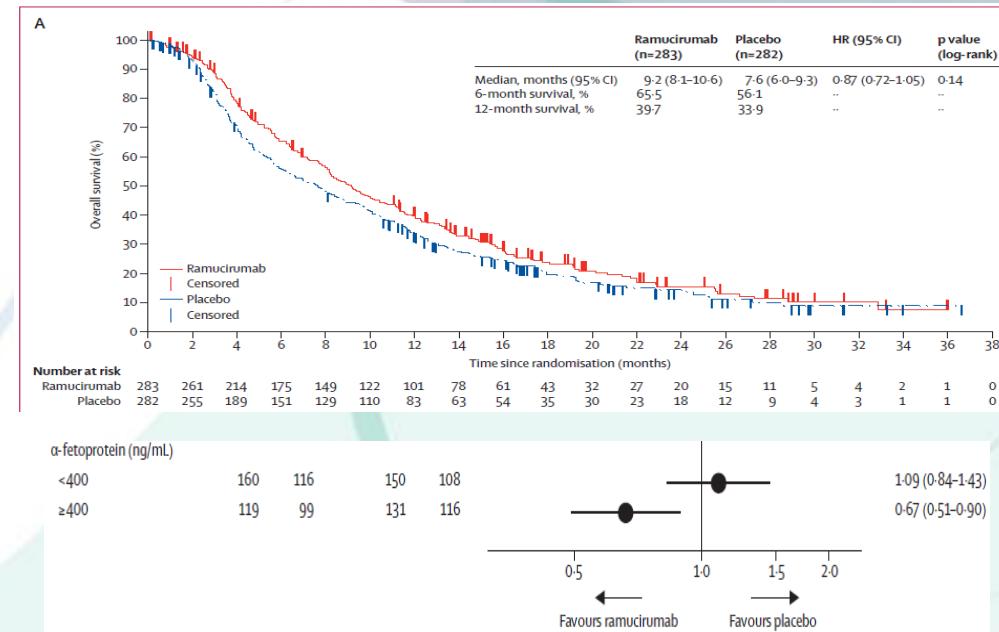
$\alpha$ -fetoprotein (ng/mL)

<400

$\geq 400$

PD on or intolerant of soraf/ Initially included CP B patients

PFS: 2.8 vs 2.1 p sign  
ORR: 7 vs < 1%  
DCR: 56 vs 46%  
RECIST



G3/4 tox: HTN (12%), asthenia (5%), AST (5%), PLT (5%), bilirubin (2%), GI bleed (3%), proteinuria (2%), thrombosis (2%)

# REACH-2: Ramucirumab vs Placebo in HCC With Elevated Baseline AFP

- Randomized, double-blind phase III trial

*Randomized 2:1*

Pts with advanced HCC; Child-Pugh A; BCLC B/C; ECOG PS 0-1; progression on or intolerance to sorafenib; no other systemic therapy; baseline AFP  $\geq 400$  ng/mL  
(Planned N = 399)



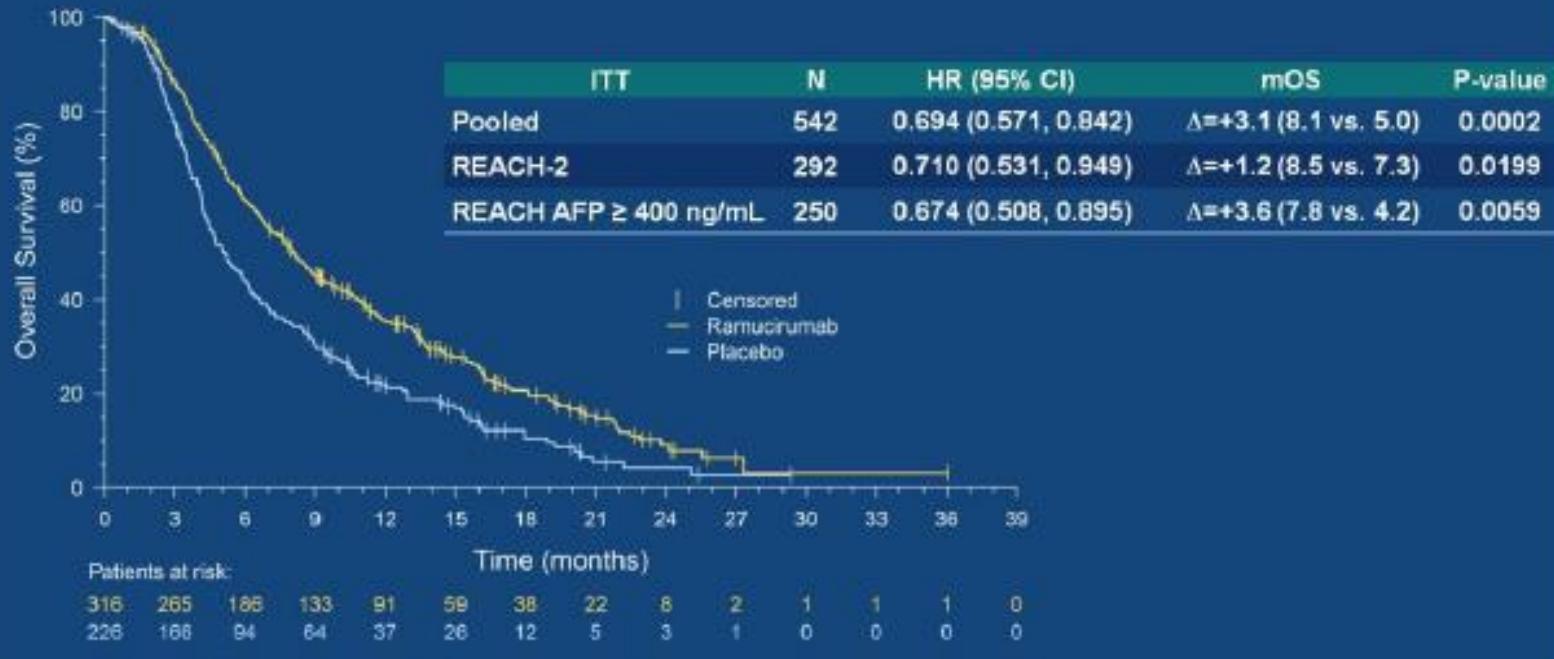
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, time to radiographic progression, best overall response of CR or PR, PK, anti-ramucirumab antibodies, QoL

ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT02435433.

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## Overall Survival in Pooled Population



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REACH-2 -G3/4 TOX:  
HTN(12%), LOW Na  
(5.6%)

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# **IMMUNOTHERAPY**

# Nivolumab in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma (CheckMate 040): an open-label, non-comparative, phase 1/2 dose escalation and expansion trial

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Dose escalation (n=48) 3+3 design						Dose expansion (n=214) 3 mg/kg
Without viral hepatitis	n=6 0·1 mg/kg (n=1)	n=9 0·3 mg/kg (n=3)	n=10 1·0 mg/kg (n=3)	n=10 3·0 mg/kg (n=3)	n=13 10 mg/kg (n=13)	Sorafenib untreated or intolerant (n=56)
HCV infected		0·3 mg/kg (n=3)	1·0 mg/kg (n=4)	3·0 mg/kg (n=3)		Sorafenib progressor (n=57)
HBV infected	0·1 mg/kg (n=5)	0·3 mg/kg (n=3)	1·0 mg/kg (n=3)	3·0 mg/kg (n=4)		HCV infected (n=50)

## Dose escalation

ORR: 15%

DCR: 58%

mOS: 15 months

mDoR: 17 months

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## Dose expansion

ORR: 20%

DCR: 64%

mOS: NR (13.2 m in uninfected progr)

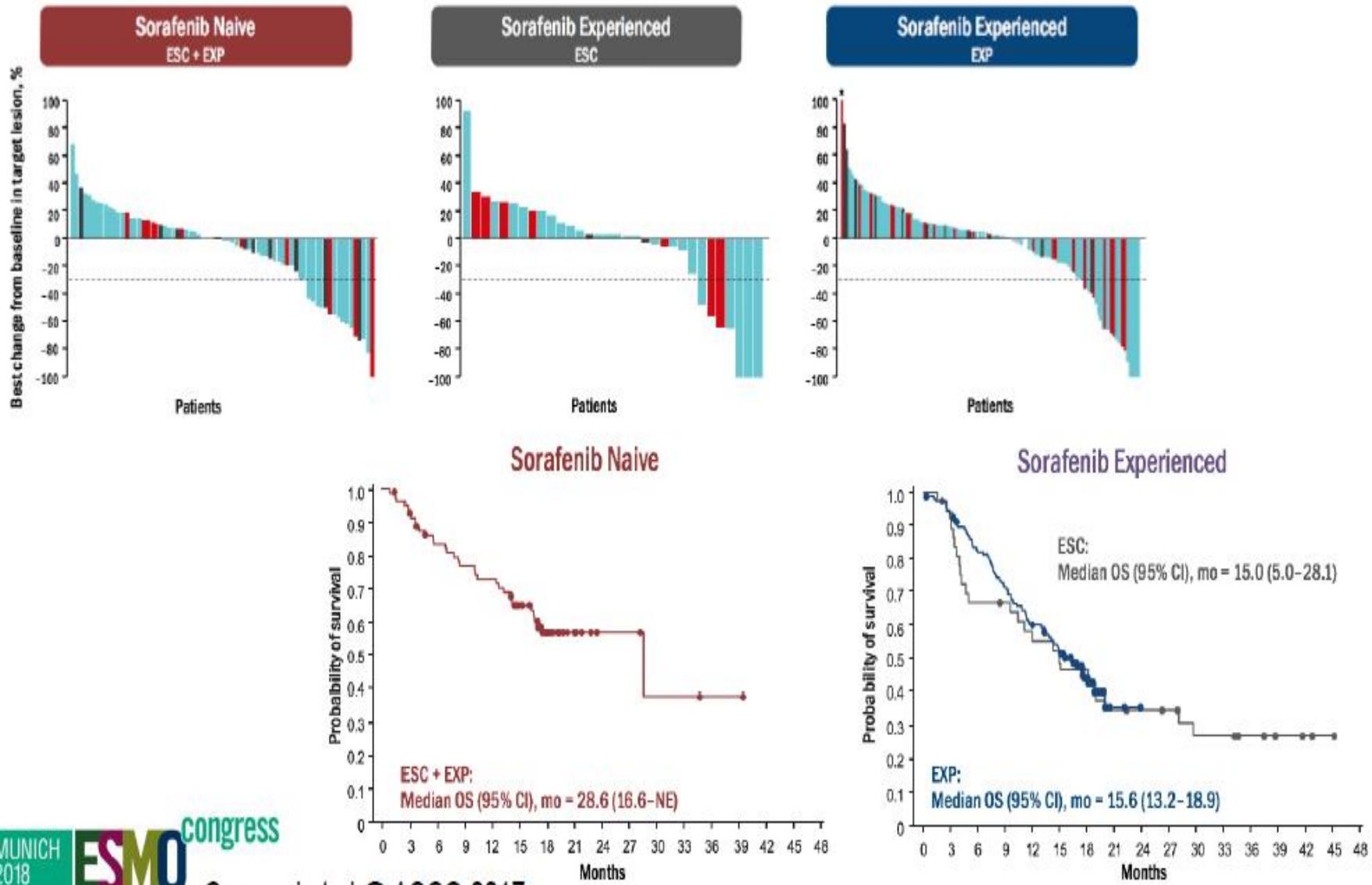
mDoR: 9.9 months

CP A or B7 (dose-escalation) and 6 or less (CP A) (dose-expansion), ECOG PS 0-1

ORR by PDL-1: 26% (>1%)  
vs 19% (<1% TC)

G3/4 tox: AST (4%), ALT (2%)/ most common (all grades): fatigue (23%), rash (15%), pruritus (21%)

# CHECKMATE-040: Nivolumab in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line



# Pembrolizumab in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma previously treated with sorafenib (KEYNOTE-224): a non-randomised, open-label phase 2 trial

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Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

0	63 (61%)
1	41 (39%)

Child Pugh Class

A	98 (94%)
B	6 (6%)

Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer stage

B	25 (24%)
C	79 (76%)

Reason for previous discontinuation of sorafenib

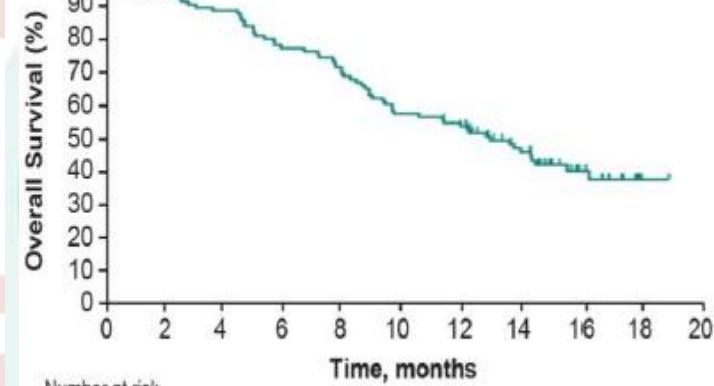
Intolerance	21 (20%)
Progressive disease	83 (80%)

Extrahepatic disease	67 (64%)
Macrovascular invasion	18 (17%)

	All treated participants (n=104)
Objective response*	18 (17%; 11-26)
Best overall response†	
Complete response	1 (1%)
Partial response	17 (16%)
Stable disease	46 (44%)
Progressive disease	34 (33%)
Not assessable‡	6 (6%)
Disease control§	64 (62%; 52-71)
Median time to response, months (IQR)¶	2.1 (2.1-4.1)
Median duration of response, months (range)¶	Not reached (3.1-14.6+)**
Duration of response ≥9 months¶	12 (77%)

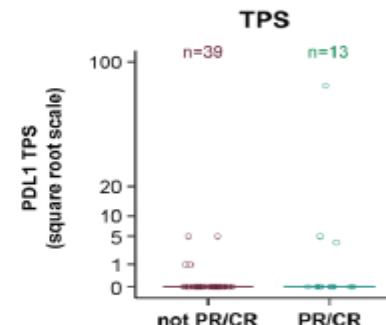
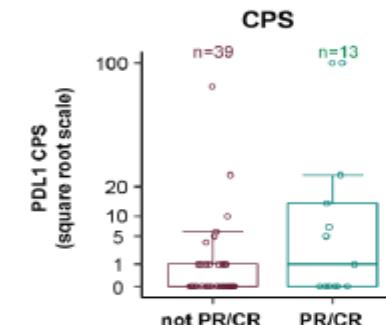
Median (95% CI) mo = 12.9 mo (95% CI 9.7-15.5)

Estimated 12 mo rate = 54%



¶ PFS was assessed per RESIST version 1.1 by central radiology review.

Tox G3/4: fatigue (4%), AST (7%), LOA (1%), ALT (4%) , adrenal (2%), T1DM (1%), rash (1%), hepatitis (3%)



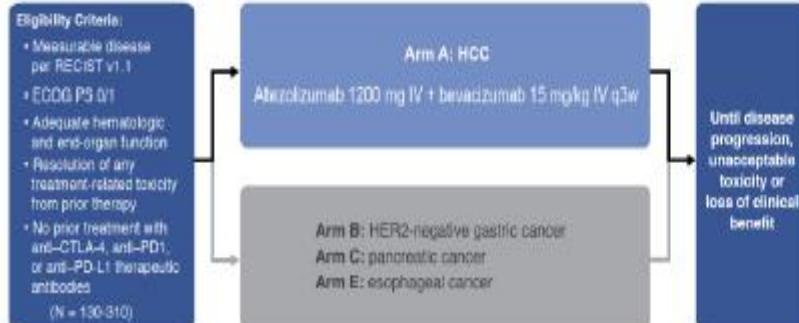
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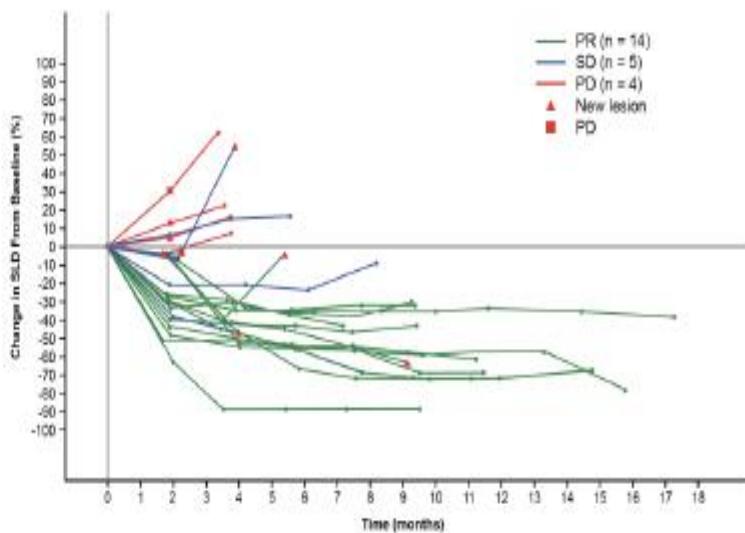
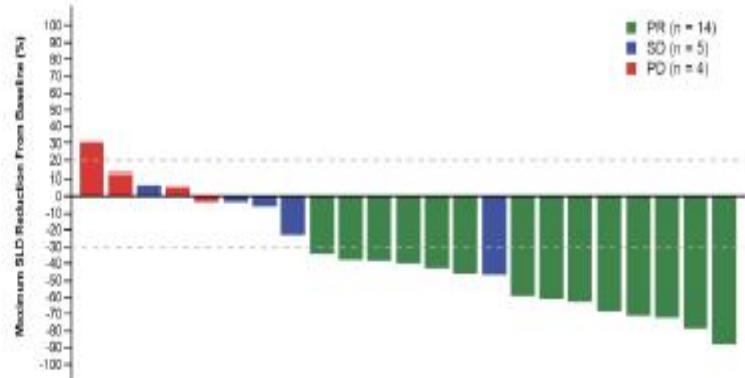
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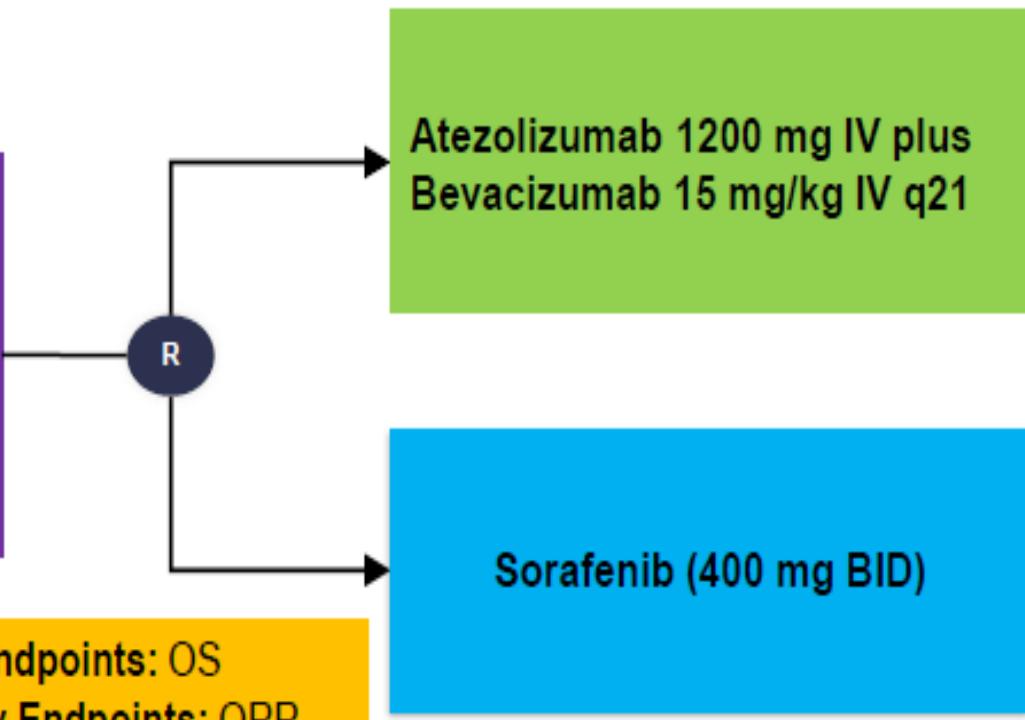
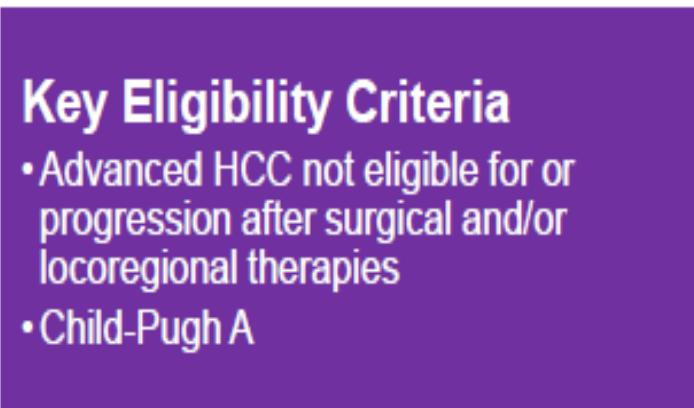
BOR	INV-Assessed per RECIST v1.1 (n = 23)	IRF-Assessed per RECIST v1.1 (n = 23)
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	<b>14 (61%)</b>	<b>15 (65%)</b>
CR	0	1 (4%)
PR	<b>14 (61%)</b>	<b>14 (61%)</b>
SD	<b>5 (22%)</b>	<b>7 (30%)</b>
PD	4 (17%)	1 (4%)
<b>DCR, n (%)</b>		
CR + PR + SD	<b>19 (83%)</b>	<b>22 (96%)</b>
CR + PR + SD ≥ 6 mo	<b>15 (65%)</b>	<b>16 (70%)</b>



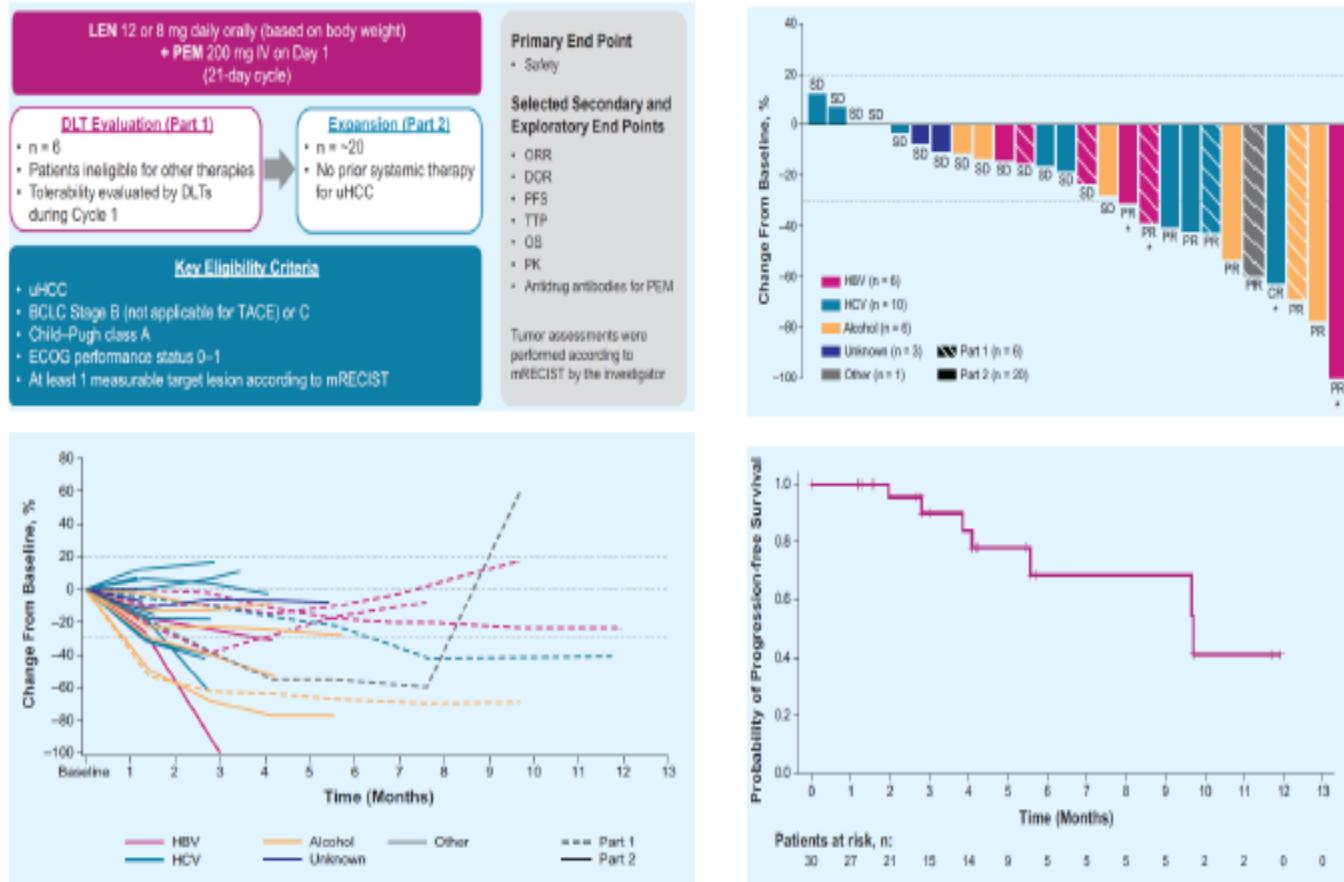
# IMBRAVE150: Atezo und Beva

A Study of Atezolizumab in Combination With Bevacizumab Compared With Sorafenib in Patients With Untreated Locally Advanced or Metastatic Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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# A Phase 1b Trial of Lenvatinib (LEN) Plus Pembrolizumab in Patients With Unresectable HCC

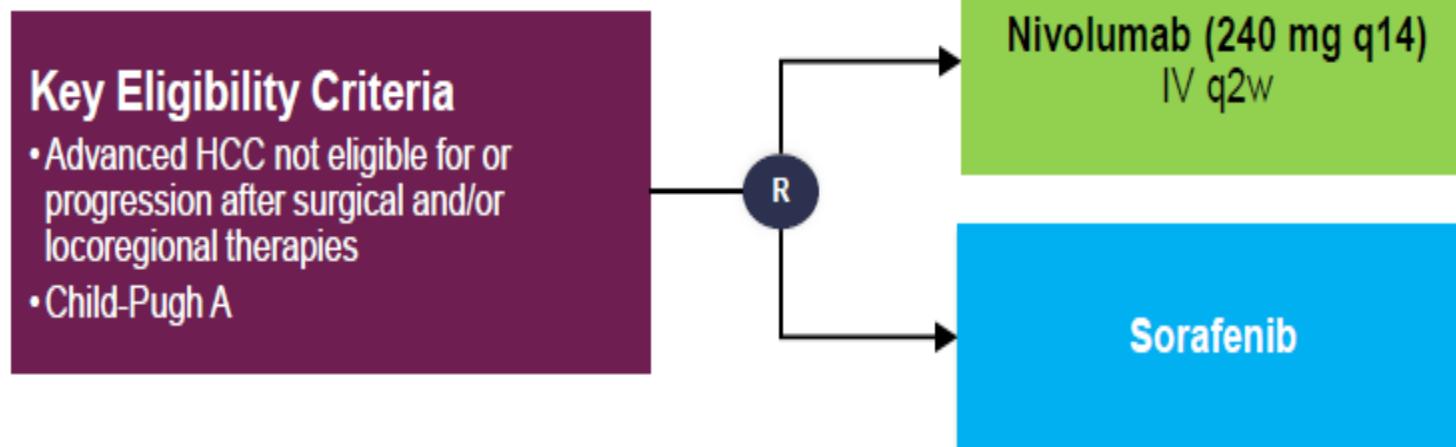


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# CHECKMATE-459: Nivolumab

PHASE 3 TRIAL OF NIVOLUMAB VS SORAFENIB IN PATIENTS WITH PREVIOUSLY UNTREATED ADVANCED HCC

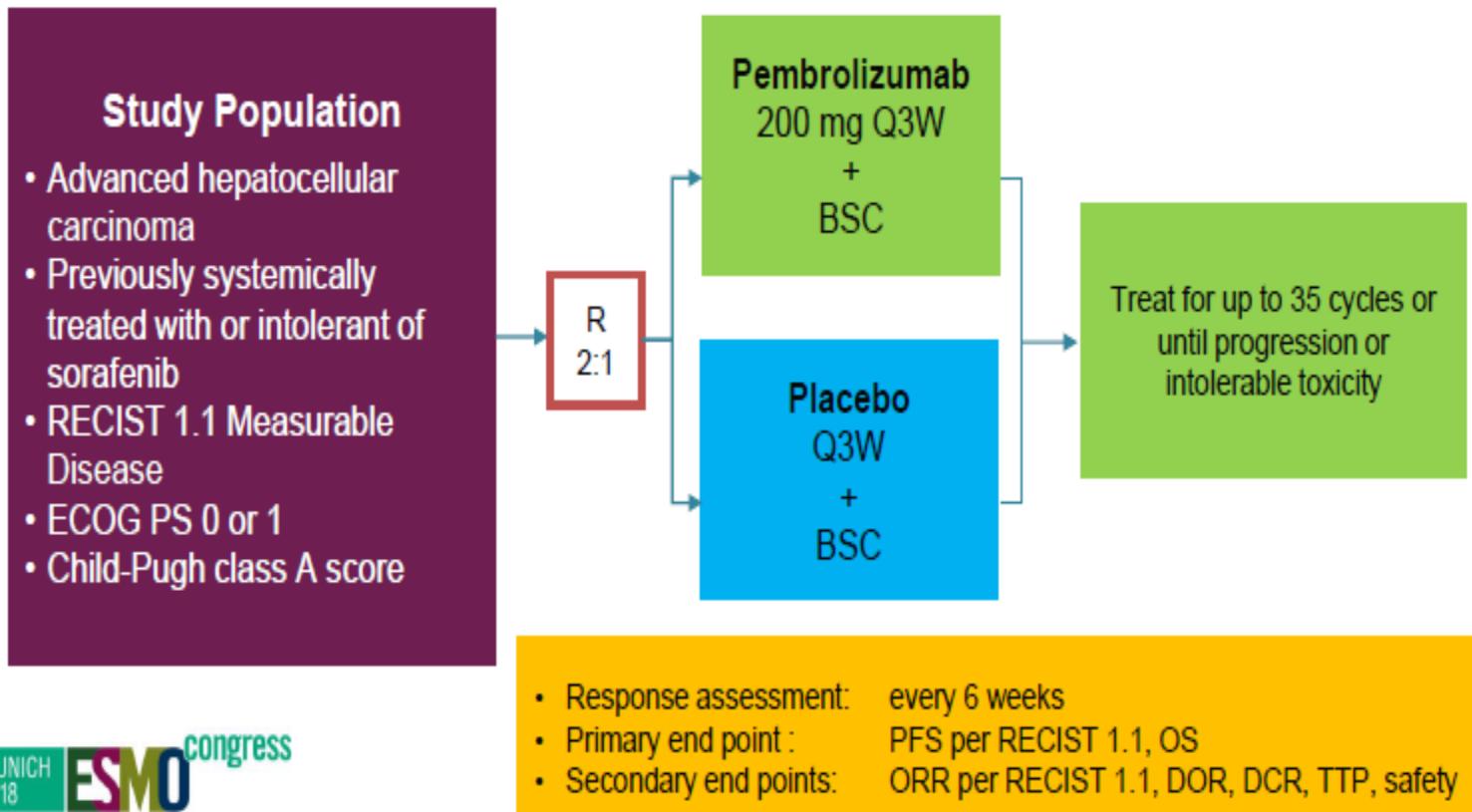
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- Start Date:** November 2015
- Primary Endpoints:** OS
- Secondary Endpoints:** ORR\*, PFS, biomarker analysis (including PD-L1)
- Location:** Multinational
- Status:** Ongoing, not recruiting

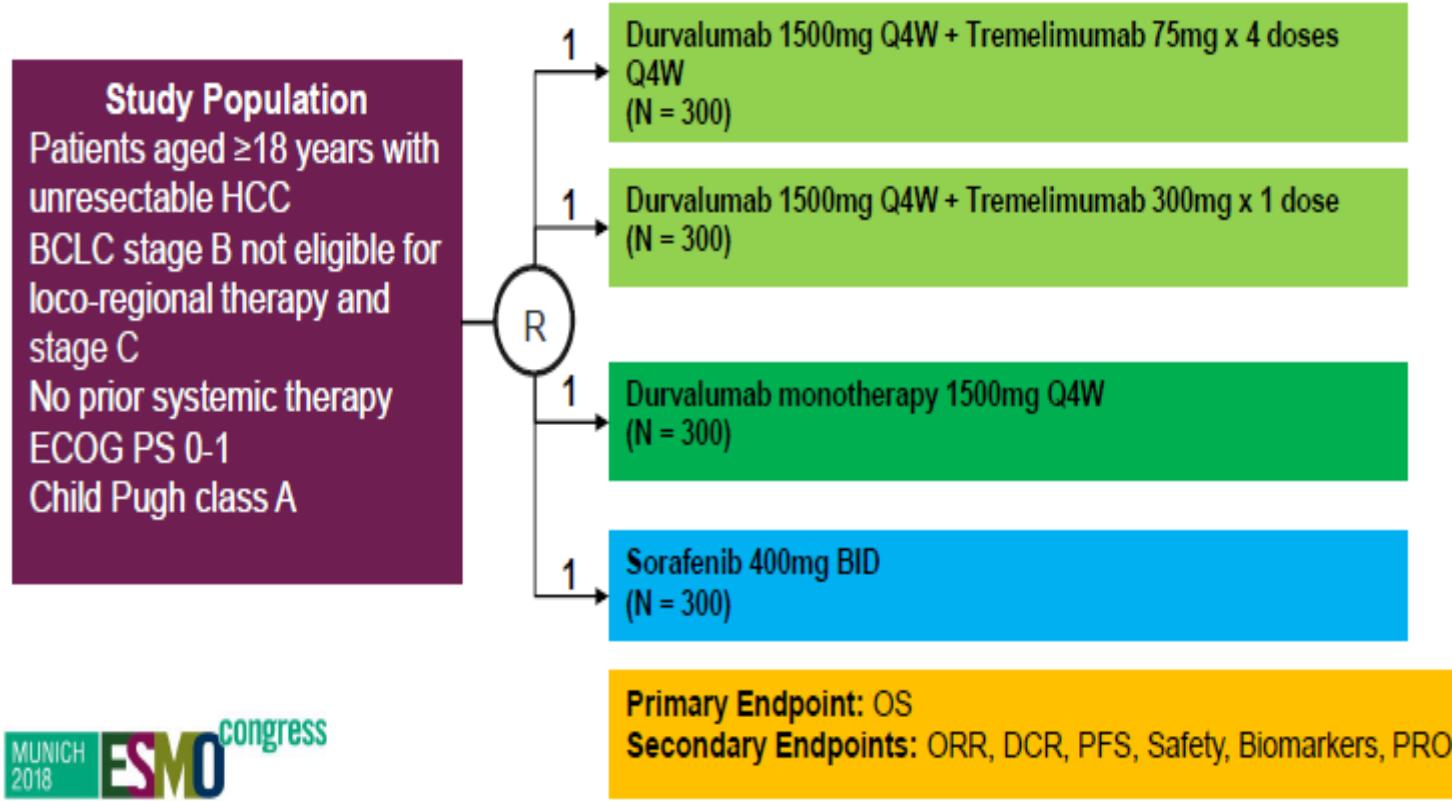
# KEYNOTE-240: Pembrolizumab in 2<sup>nd</sup> line

A Phase III Study of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) vs. Best Supportive Care as Second-Line Therapy in Subjects With Previously Systemically Treated Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma (KEYNOTE-240)

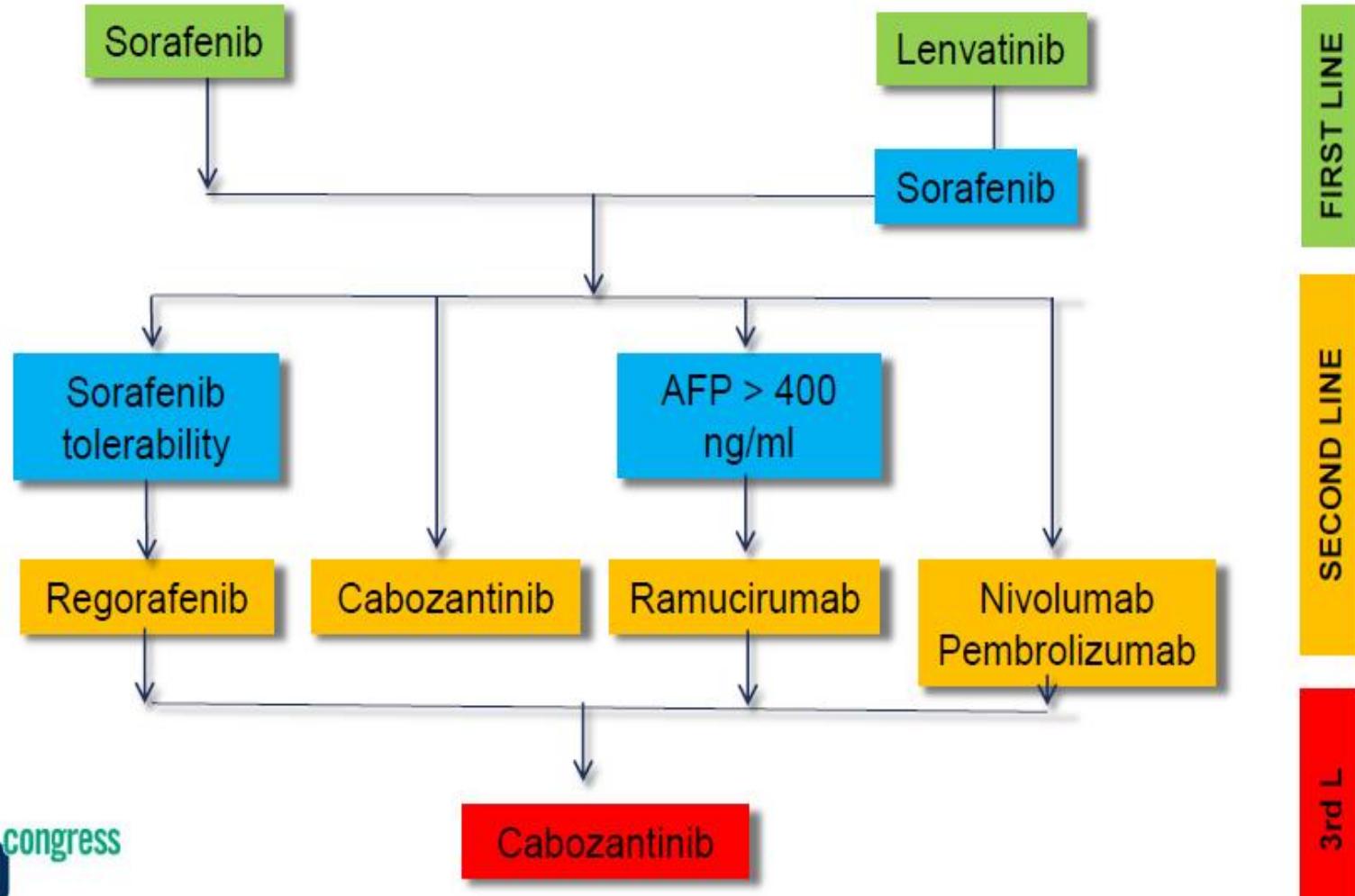


# HIMALAYA: Study Design

A phase 3, randomised, open-label, multi-center study of durvalumab and tremelimumab as first-line treatment in patients with unresectable HCC



# Systemic treatment of HCC 2018/ 2019





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