



# Pancreatic Cancer Academy

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# Pancreatic cancer treatment

## « The L1 dilemma »

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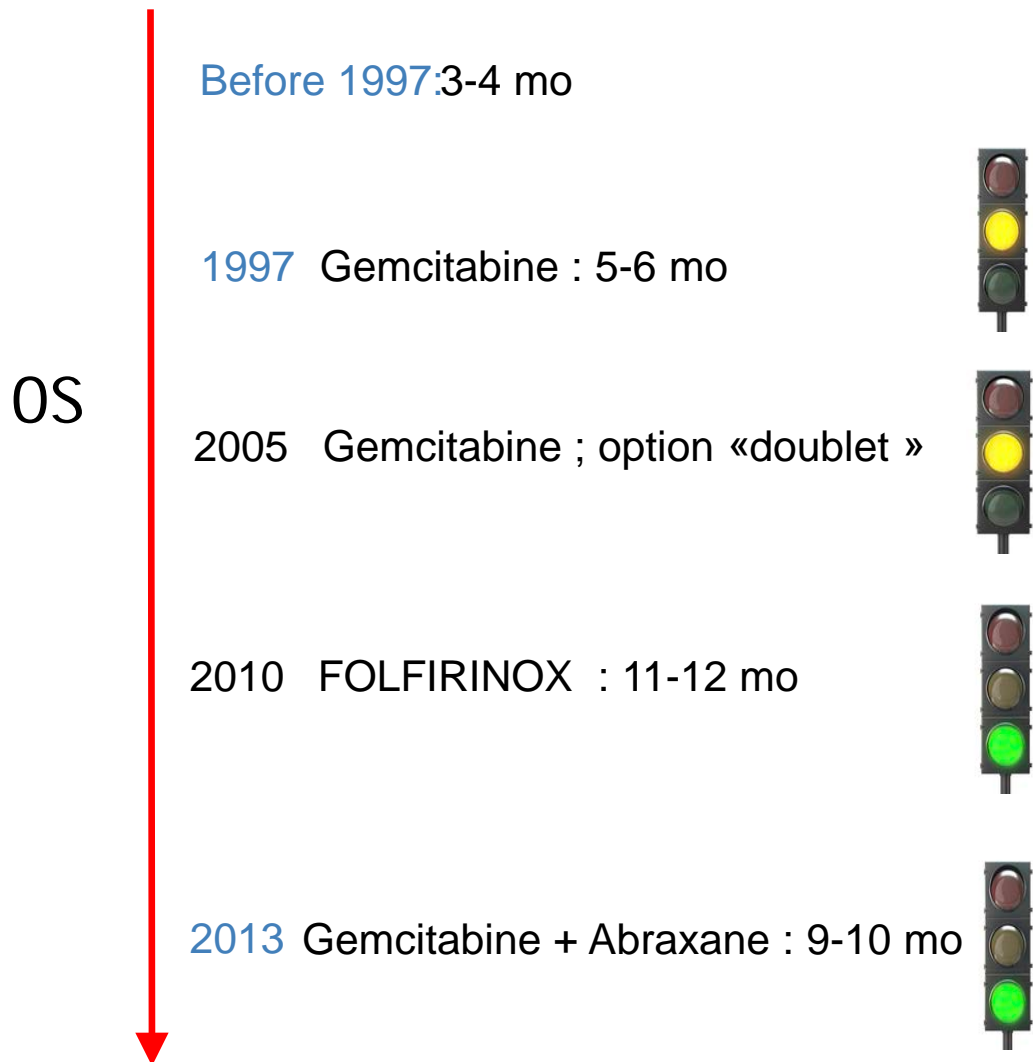
## Honoraria:

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- » Pierre Fabre
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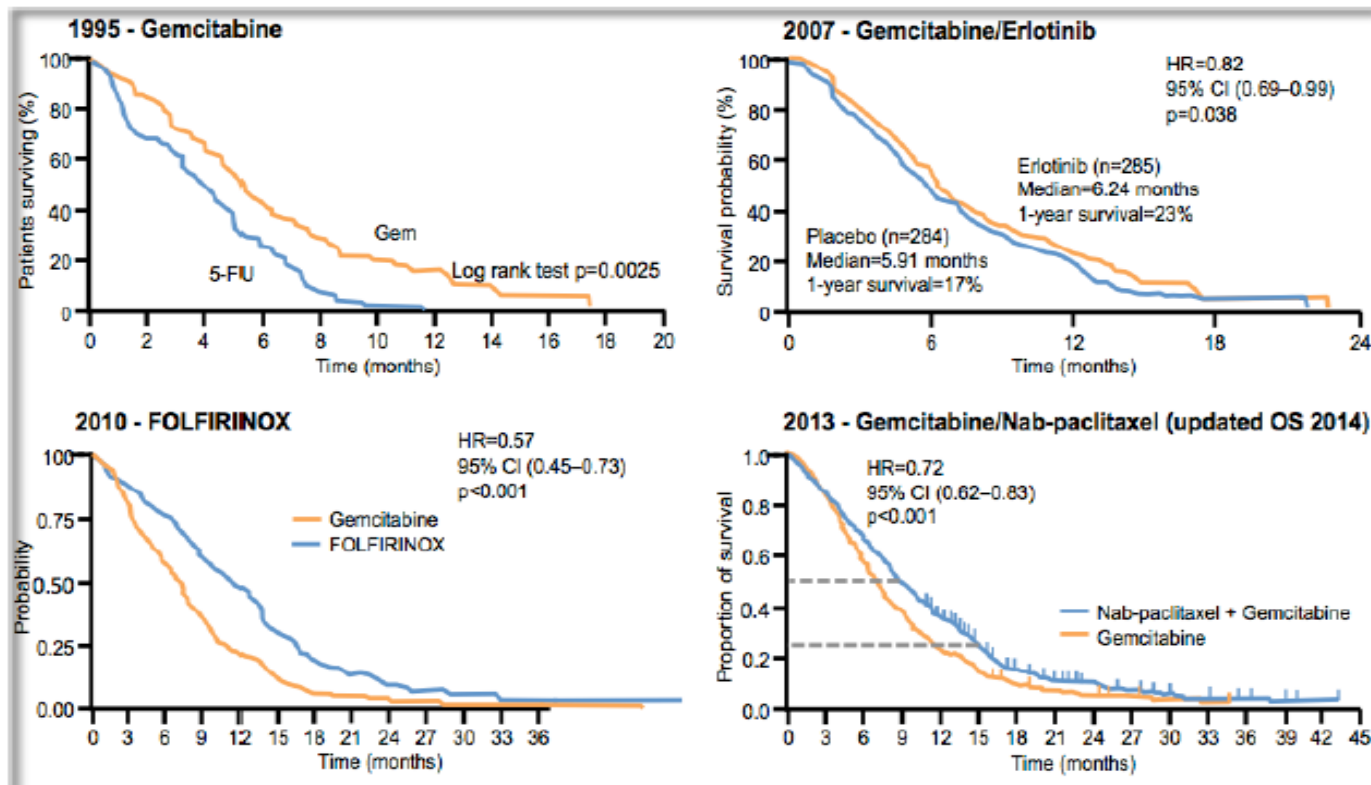
# IMPROVEMENT IN OS SINCE 20 YEARS

However OS remains poor for metastatic pancreatic cancer



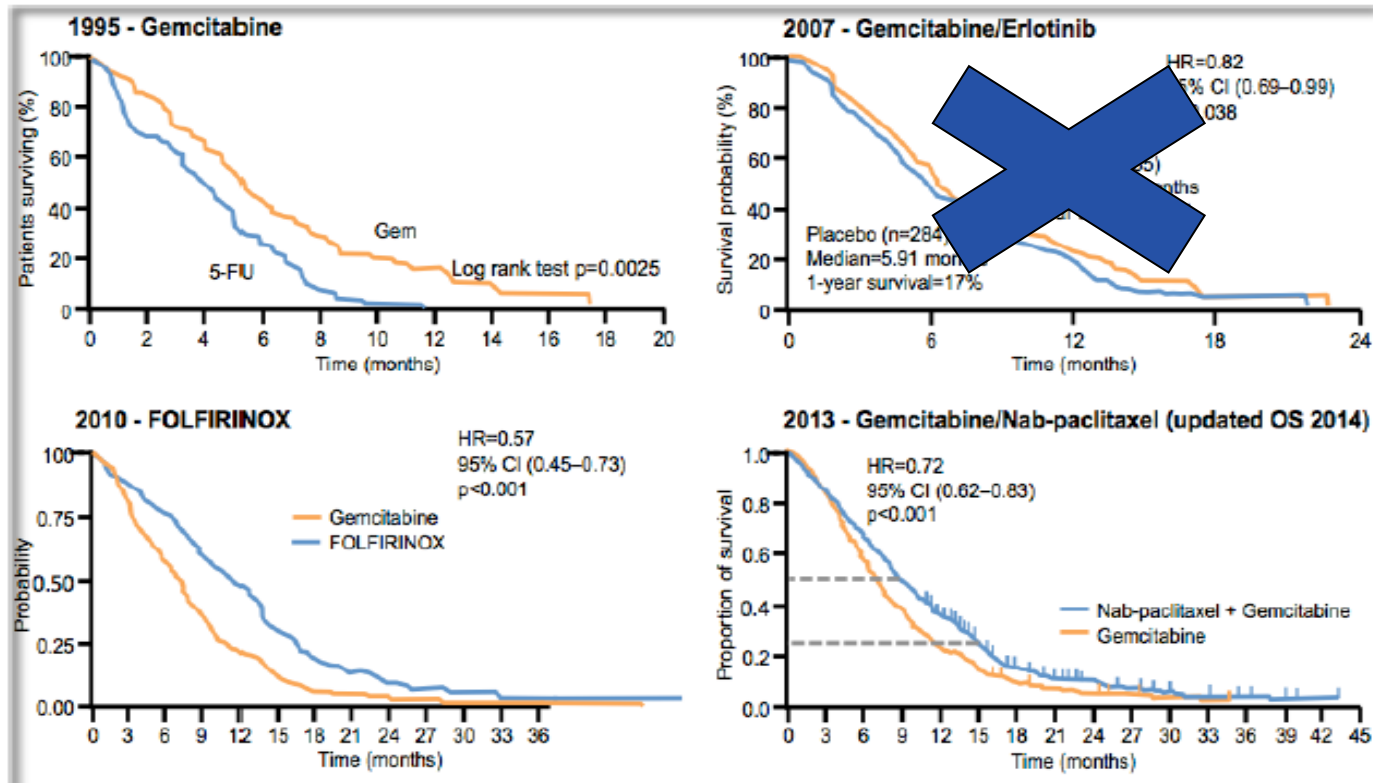
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## Small incremental benefits with frontline cytotoxic therapies over the last 2 decades



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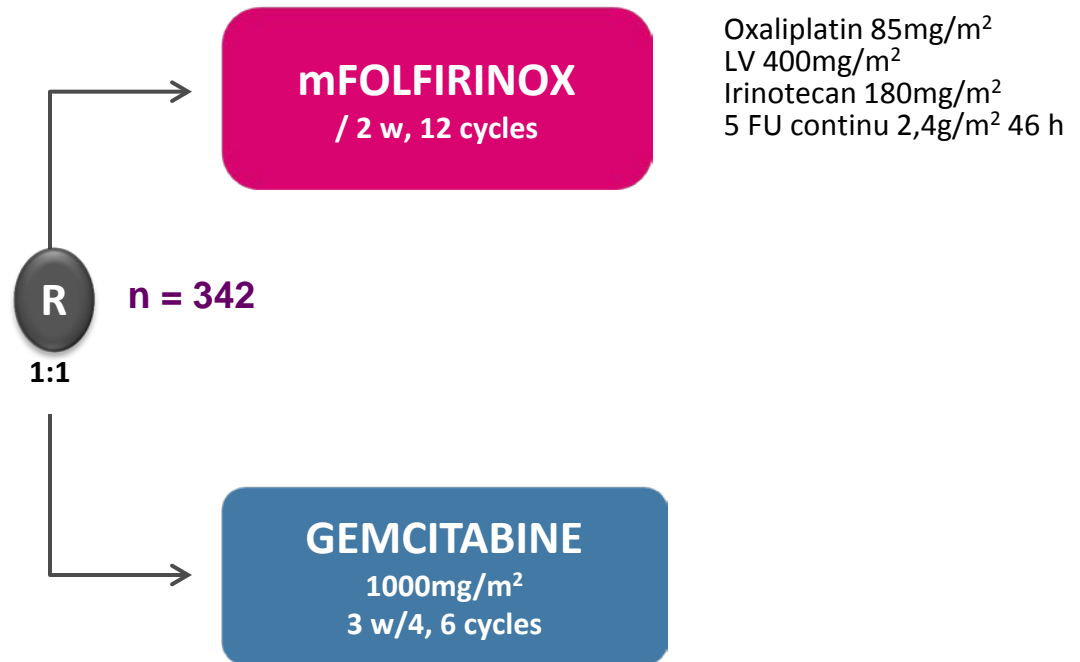
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# First line treatment for metastatic disease

FOLFIRINOX the PRODIGE 4 study

- metastatic
- chemotherapy naïve
- PS 0 or 1
- 18-75 year old
- Bilirubinemia < 1.5 xN



**Primary Objective : OS**



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Conroy et al, *N Engl J Med* 2019

# FIRST LINE TREATMENT FOR METASTATIC DISEASE

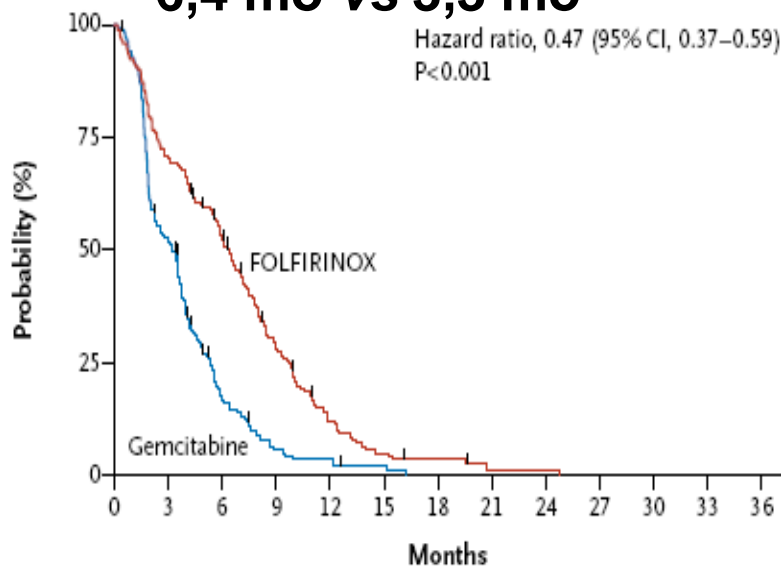
## FOLFIRINOX the PRODIGE 4 study

- ORR= 31% vs 9%- DCR= 70% vs 51%

### PFS

**6,4 mo vs 3,3 mo**

Hazard ratio, 0.47 (95% CI, 0.37–0.59)  
P<0.001



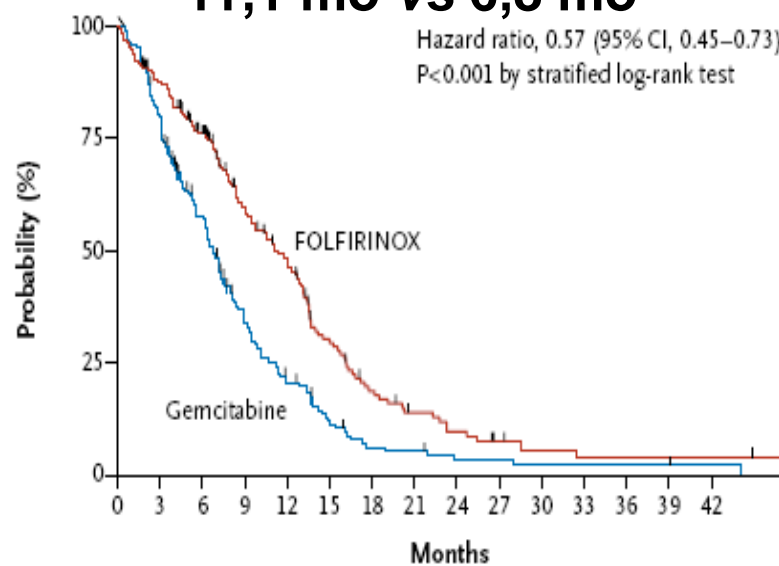
**No. at Risk**

Gemcitabine	171	88	26	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
FOLFIRINOX	171	121	85	42	17	7	4	1	1	0	0	0

### OS

**11,1 mo vs 6,8 mo**

Hazard ratio, 0.57 (95% CI, 0.45–0.73)  
P<0.001 by stratified log-rank test



**No. at Risk**

Gemcitabine	171	134	89	48	28	14	7	6	3	3	2	2	2	1
FOLFIRINOX	171	146	116	81	62	34	20	13	9	5	3	2	2	2

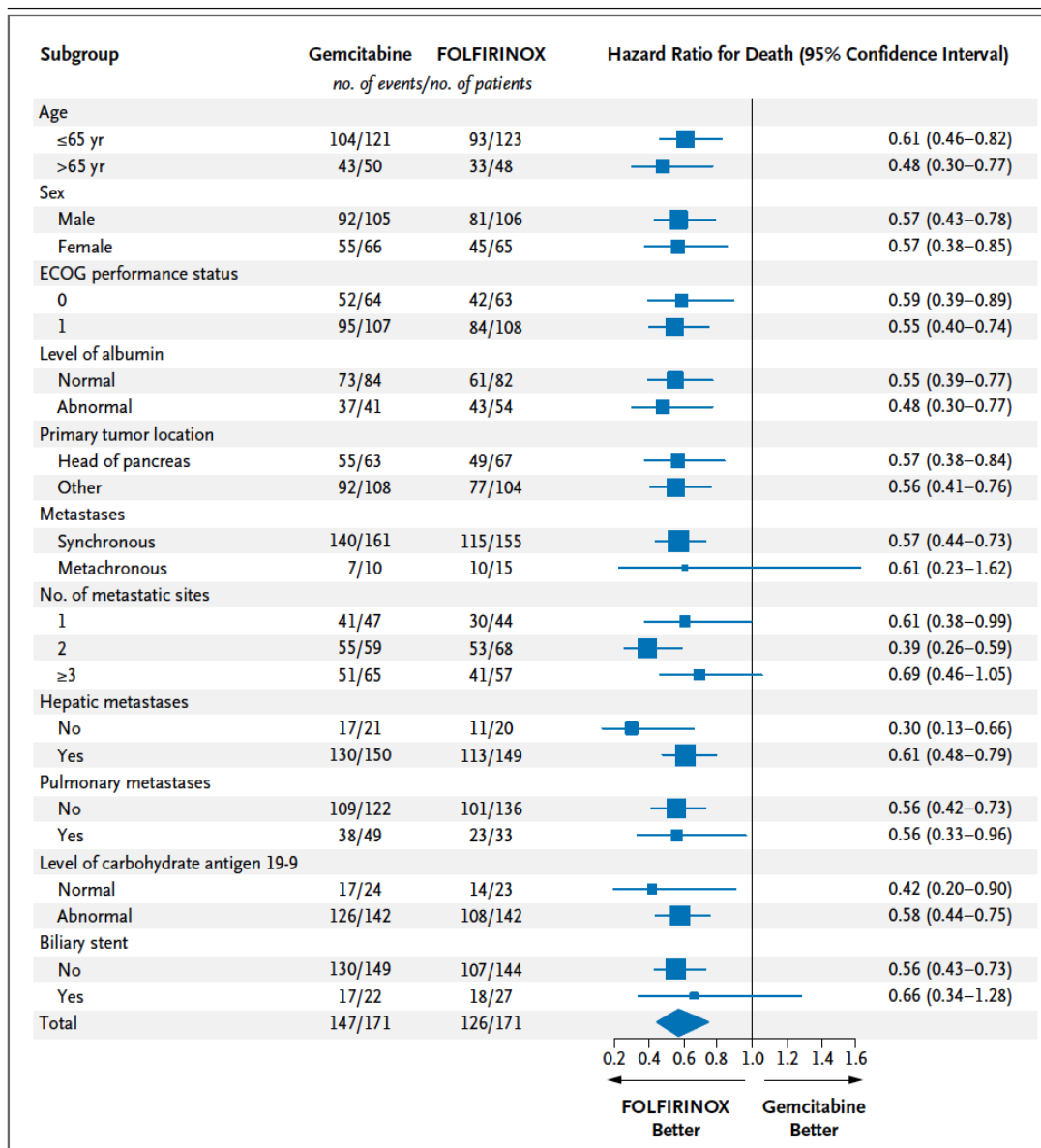


# FIRST LINE TREATMENT FOR METASTATIC DISEASE

## FOLFIRINOX

the PRODIGE 4 study

The FOLFIRINOX regimen  
Was favoured in all subgroups



# Tolerability

**Table 3. Most Common Grade 3 or 4 Adverse Events Occurring in More Than 5% of Patients in the Safety Population.\***

Event	FOLFIRINOX (N=171) <i>no. of patients/total no. (%)</i>	Gemcitabine (N=171)	P Value
<b>Hematologic</b>			
Neutropenia	75/164 (45.7)	35/167 (21.0)	<0.001
Febrile neutropenia	9/166 (5.4)	2/169 (1.2)	0.03
Thrombocytopenia	15/165 (9.1)	6/168 (3.6)	0.04
Anemia	13/166 (7.8)	10/168 (6.0)	NS
<b>Nonhematologic</b>			
Fatigue	39/165 (23.6)	30/169 (17.8)	NS
Vomiting	24/166 (14.5)	14/169 (8.3)	NS
Diarrhea	21/165 (12.7)	3/169 (1.8)	<0.001
Sensory neuropathy	15/166 (9.0)	0/169	<0.001
Elevated level of alanine aminotransferase	12/165 (7.3)	35/168 (20.8)	<0.001
Thromboembolism	11/166 (6.6)	7/169 (4.1)	NS

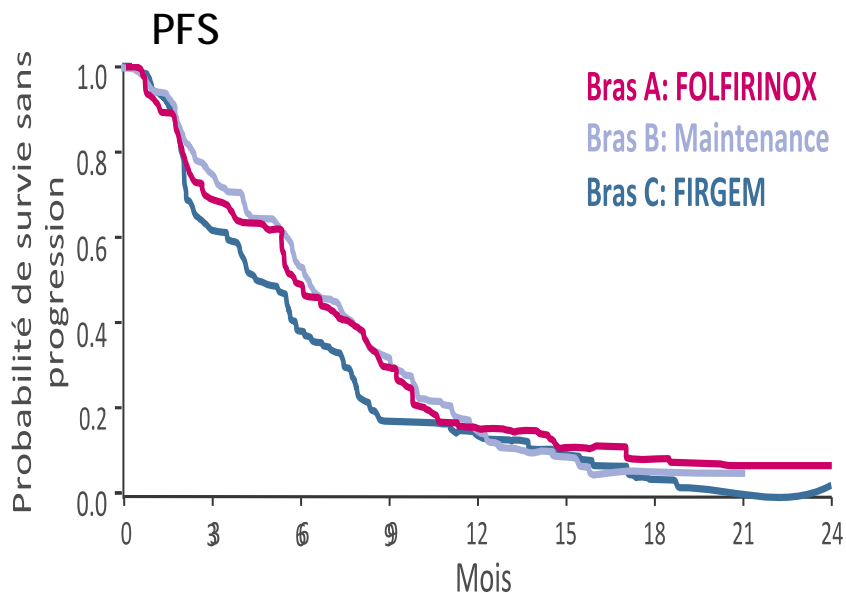
\* Events listed are those that occurred in more than 5% of patients in either

# IS MAINTENANCE POSSIBLE WITH FOLFIRINOX?

## The PRODIGE 35 study

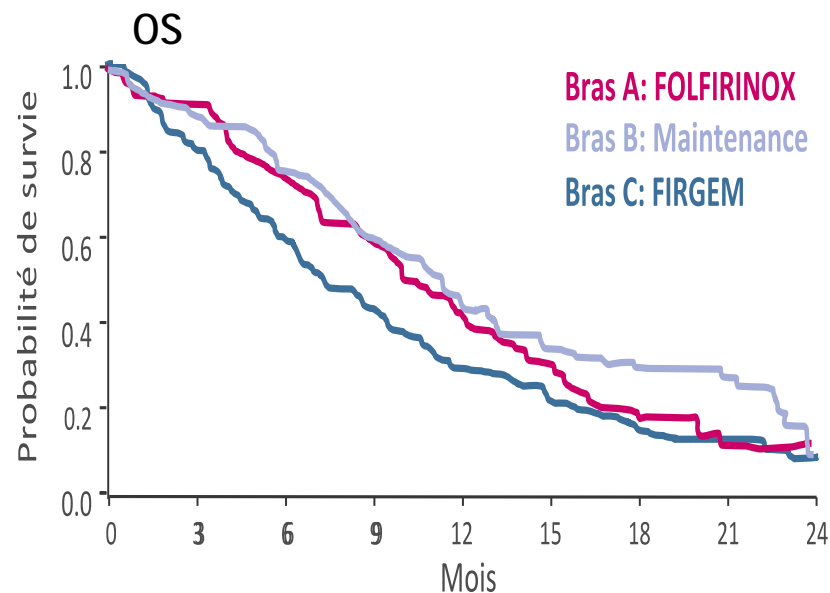
### Survie sans progression

Population ITT	Bras A (n = 91)	Bras B (n = 92)	Bras C (n = 90)
<b>SSP (mois)</b>	<b>6,3</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>4,5</b>
IC 95%	5,3 – 7,6	5,3 – 7,5	3,5 – 5,7
<b>SSP 9 mois (%)</b>	<b>31,9</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>16,4</b>
<b>SSP 12 mois (%)</b>	<b>14,7</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>12,9</b>



### Survie globale

Population ITT	Bras A (n = 91)	Bras B (n = 92)	Bras C (n = 90)
<b>SG (mois)</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>7,3</b>
IC 95%	8.5-12.2	8.7-13.1	5,7 – 9,5
<b>SG 9 mois (%)</b>	<b>73,6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>SG 12 mois (%)</b>	<b>43,3</b>	<b>44,1</b>	<b>28,5</b>



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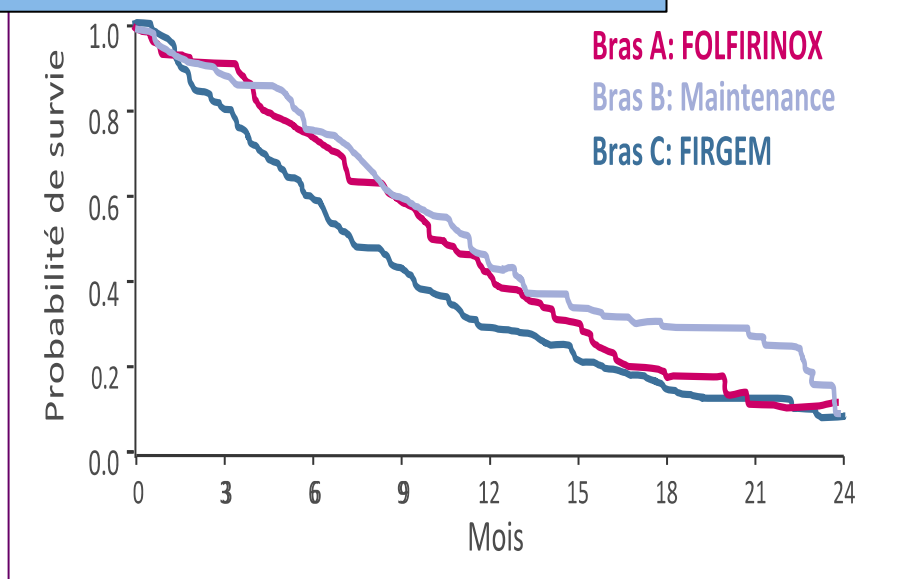
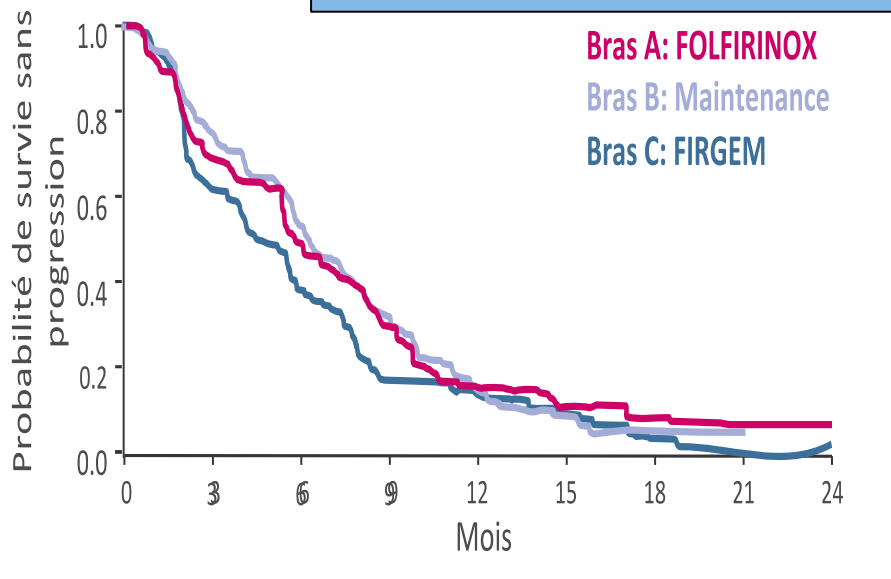
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OS (mois)	10,1	11,0	7,3
			5,7-9,5
			60
			28,5

**De-escalation, « stop & go » is feasible, safe and good for our patients QoL**



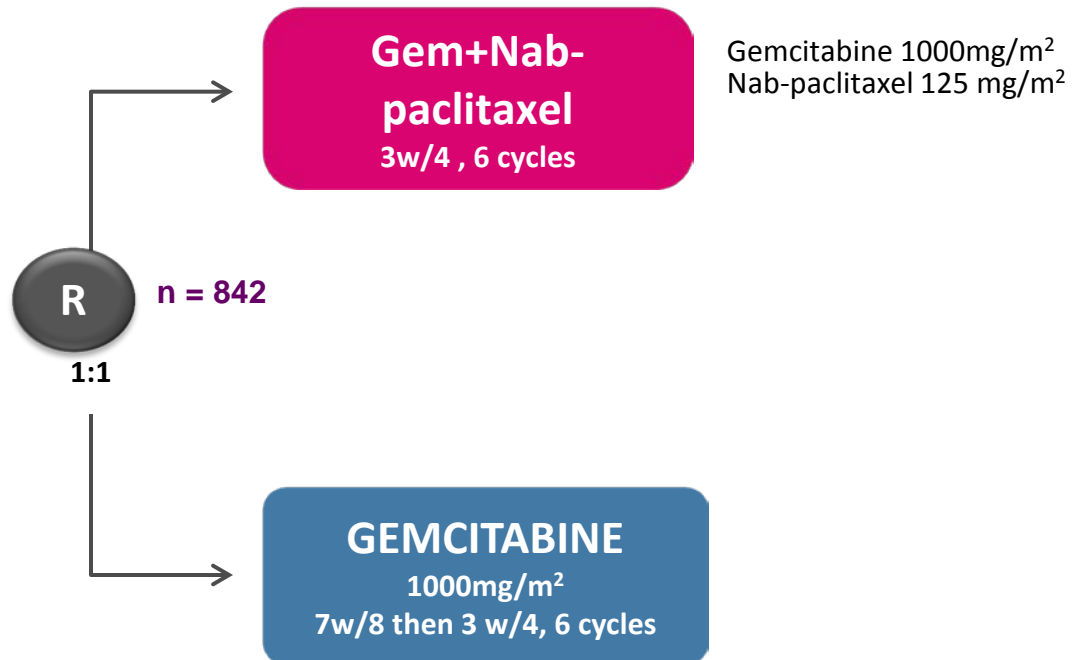
# First line treatment for metastatic disease

Gem+ Nab-paclitaxel the MPACT study

- metastatic
- chemotherapy naive
- KPS  $\geq 70$
- measurable tumor
- Bilirubinemia normal

## Stratification:

PS  
Liver metastases  
Country



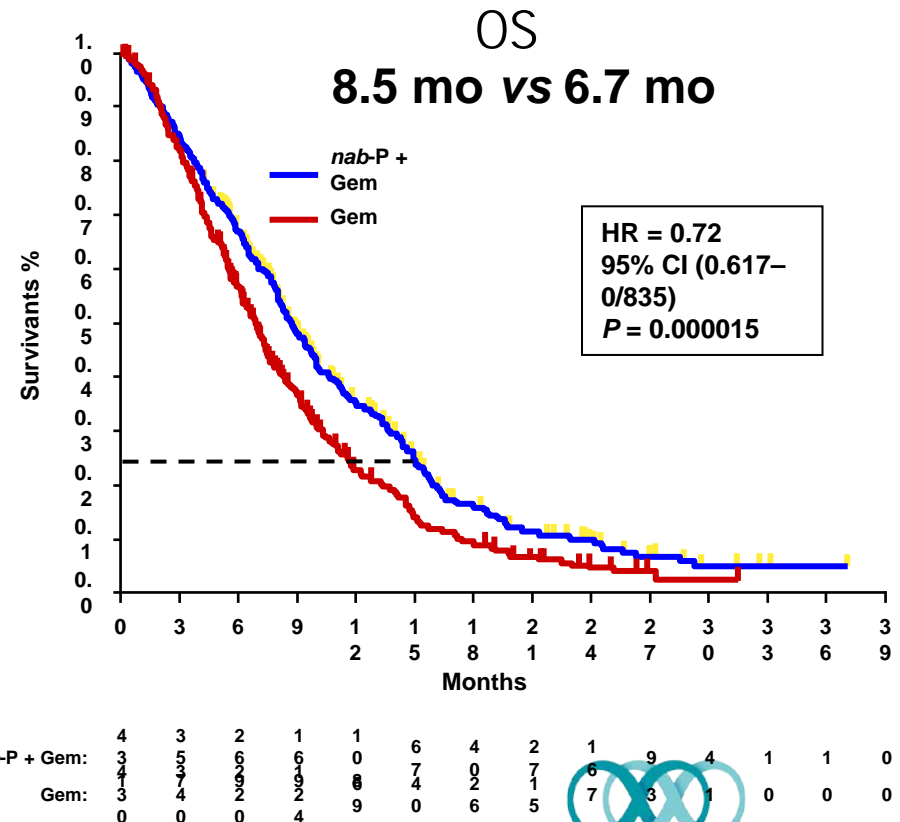
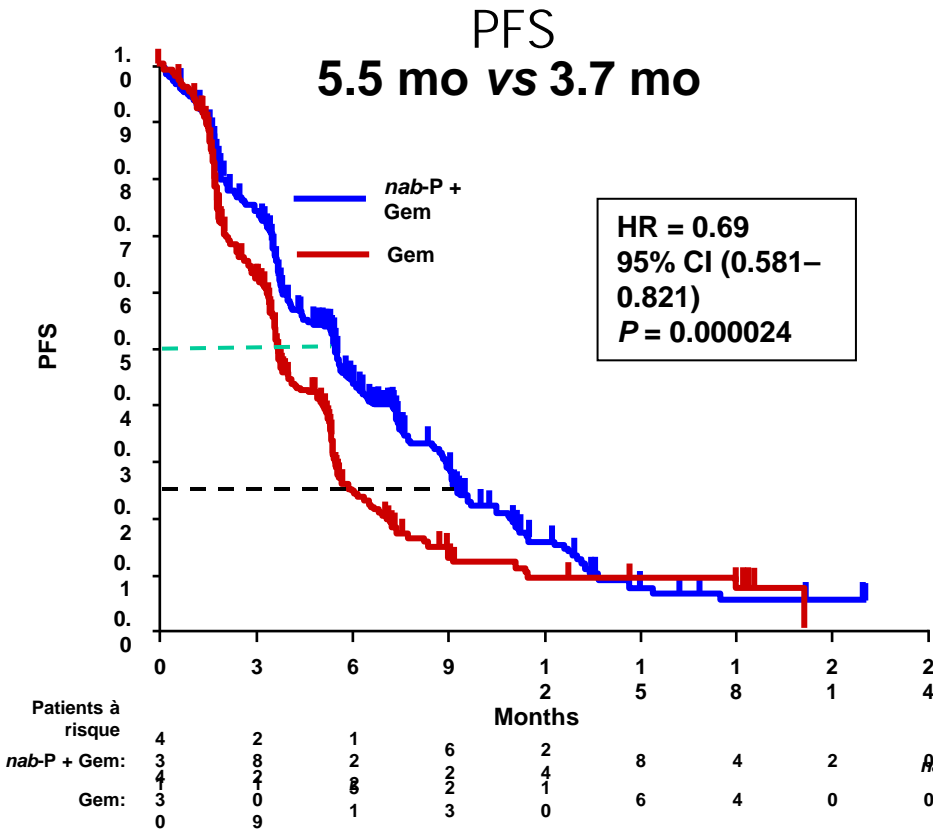
**Primary Objective : OS**

*Von Hoff et al., N Engl J Med 2013*

# FIRST LINE TREATMENT FOR METASTATIC DISEASE

Gem+ Nab-paclitaxel the MPACT study

- ORR= 29% vs 8%- DCR= 48% vs 33%

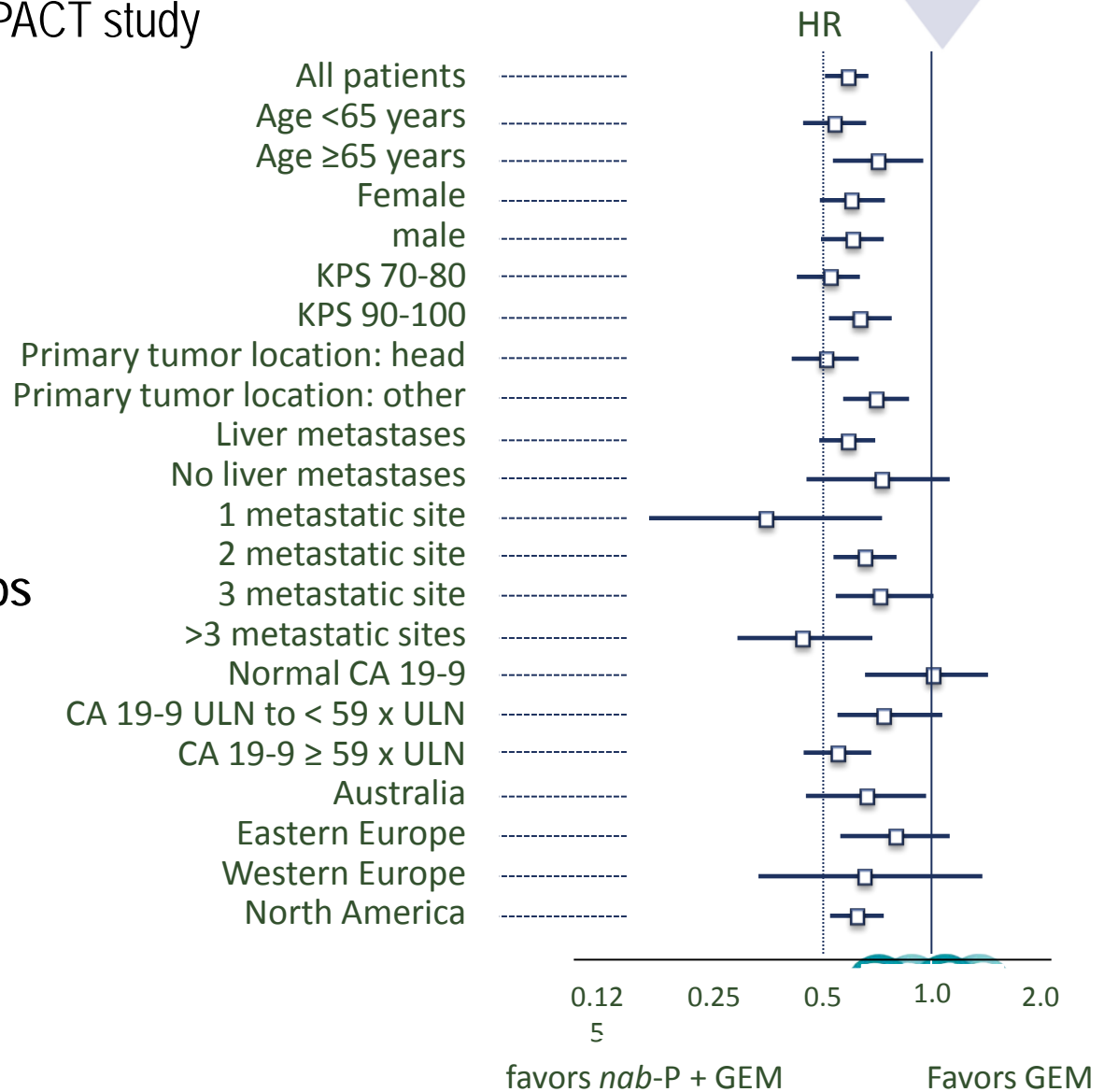


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# FIRST LINE TREATMENT FOR METASTATIC DISEASE

Gem+ Nab-paclitaxel the MPACT study

The combination  
Gem+ Nab-paclitaxel  
Was favoured in all subgroups  
Except normal CA 19.9



Von Hoff et al., N Engl J Med 2013

# Tolerability

**Table 3. Common Adverse Events of Grade 3 or Higher and Growth-Factor Use.\***

Event	nab-Paclitaxel plus Gemcitabine (N = 421)	Gemcitabine Alone (N = 402)
Adverse event leading to death — no. (%)	18 (4)	18 (4)
Grade $\geq 3$ hematologic adverse event — no./total no. (%) <sup>†</sup>		
Neutropenia	153/405 (38)	103/388 (27)
Leukopenia	124/405 (31)	63/388 (16)
Thrombocytopenia	52/405 (13)	36/388 (9)
Anemia	53/405 (13)	48/388 (12)
Receipt of growth factors — no./total no. (%)	110/431 (26)	63/431 (15)
Febrile neutropenia — no. (%) <sup>‡</sup>	14 (3)	6 (1)
Grade $\geq 3$ nonhematologic adverse event occurring in $>5\%$ of patients — no. (%) <sup>‡</sup>		
Fatigue	70 (17)	27 (7)
Peripheral neuropathy <sup>§</sup>	70 (17)	3 (1)
Diarrhea	24 (6)	3 (1)
Grade $\geq 3$ peripheral neuropathy		
Median time to onset — days	140	113
Median time to improvement by one grade — days	21	29
Median time to improvement to grade $\leq 1$ — days	29	NR



# METASTATIC PANCREATIC CANCER

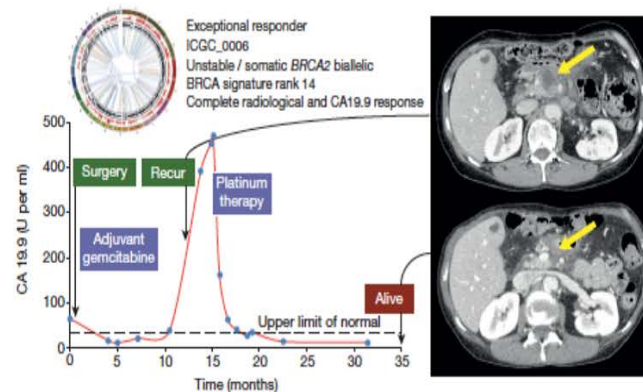
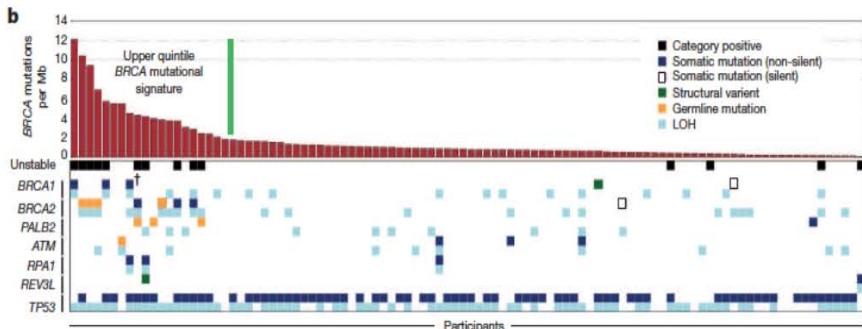
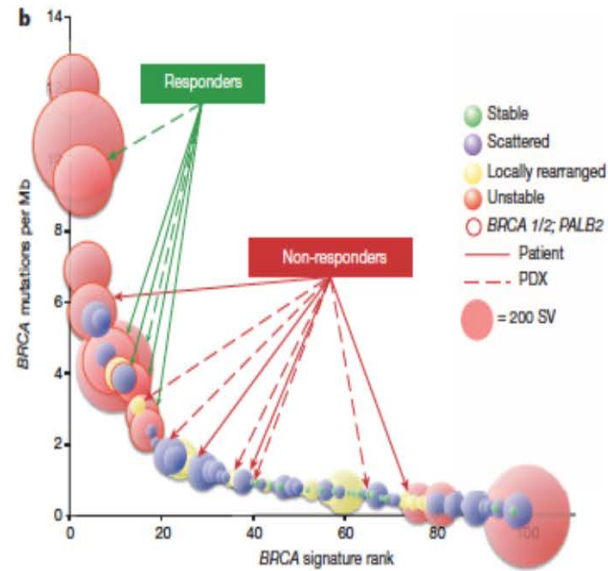
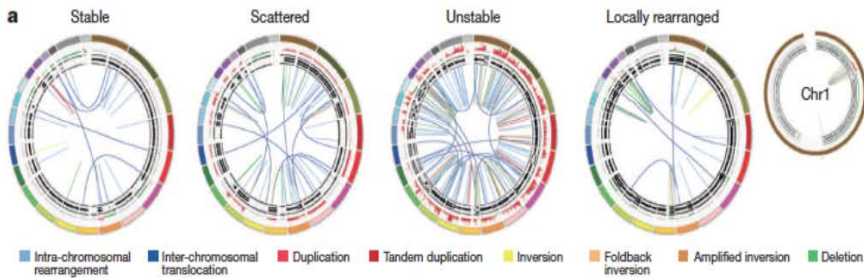
Rare subtypes: BRCAness

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Waddell et al, *Nature* 2015

doi:10.1038/nature14169

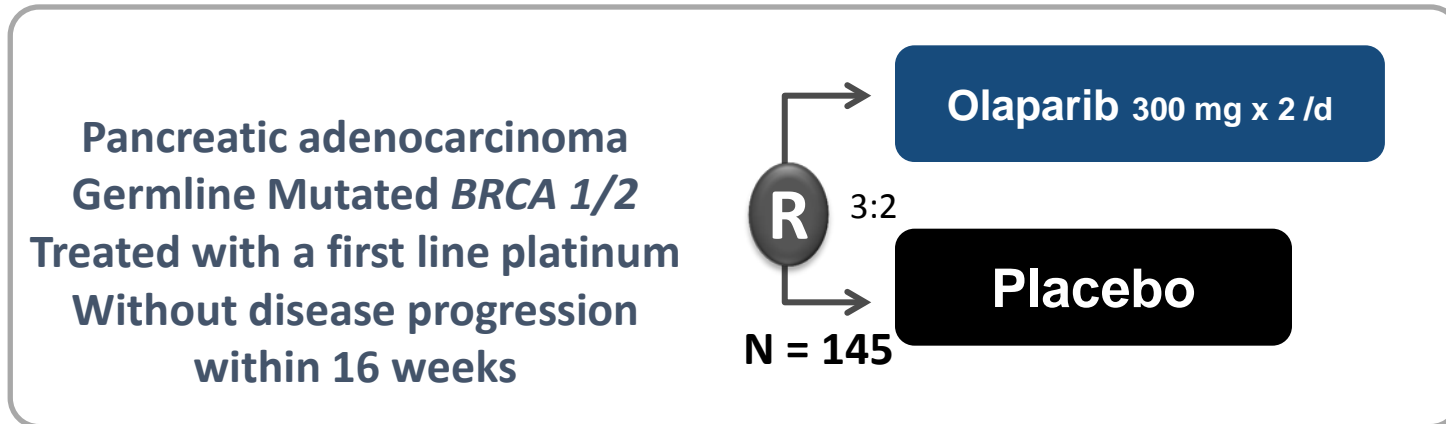
## Whole genomes redefine the mutational landscape of pancreatic cancer



**POLO study**  
NCT02184195  
**Phase III**  
**Maintenance**  
**Olaparib**

# GERMLINE BRCA2 MUTATED PANCREATIC CANCER

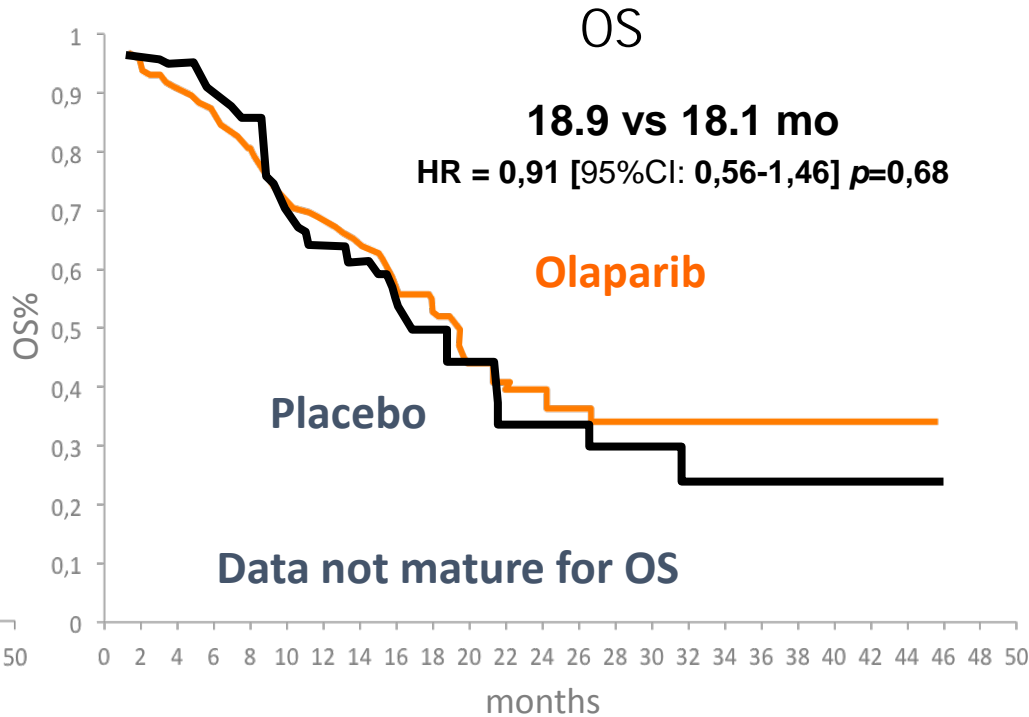
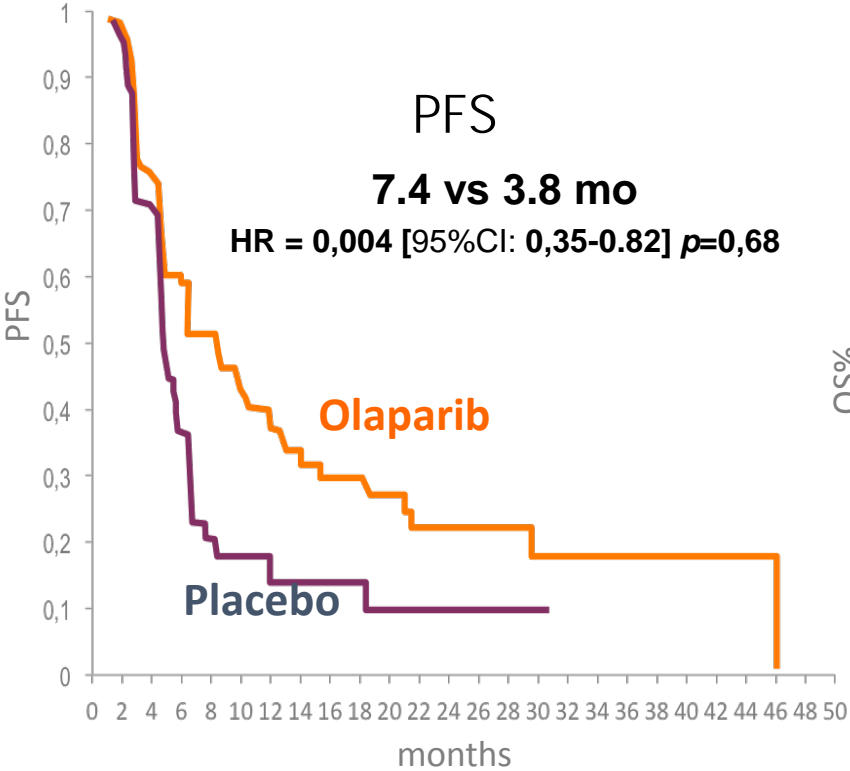
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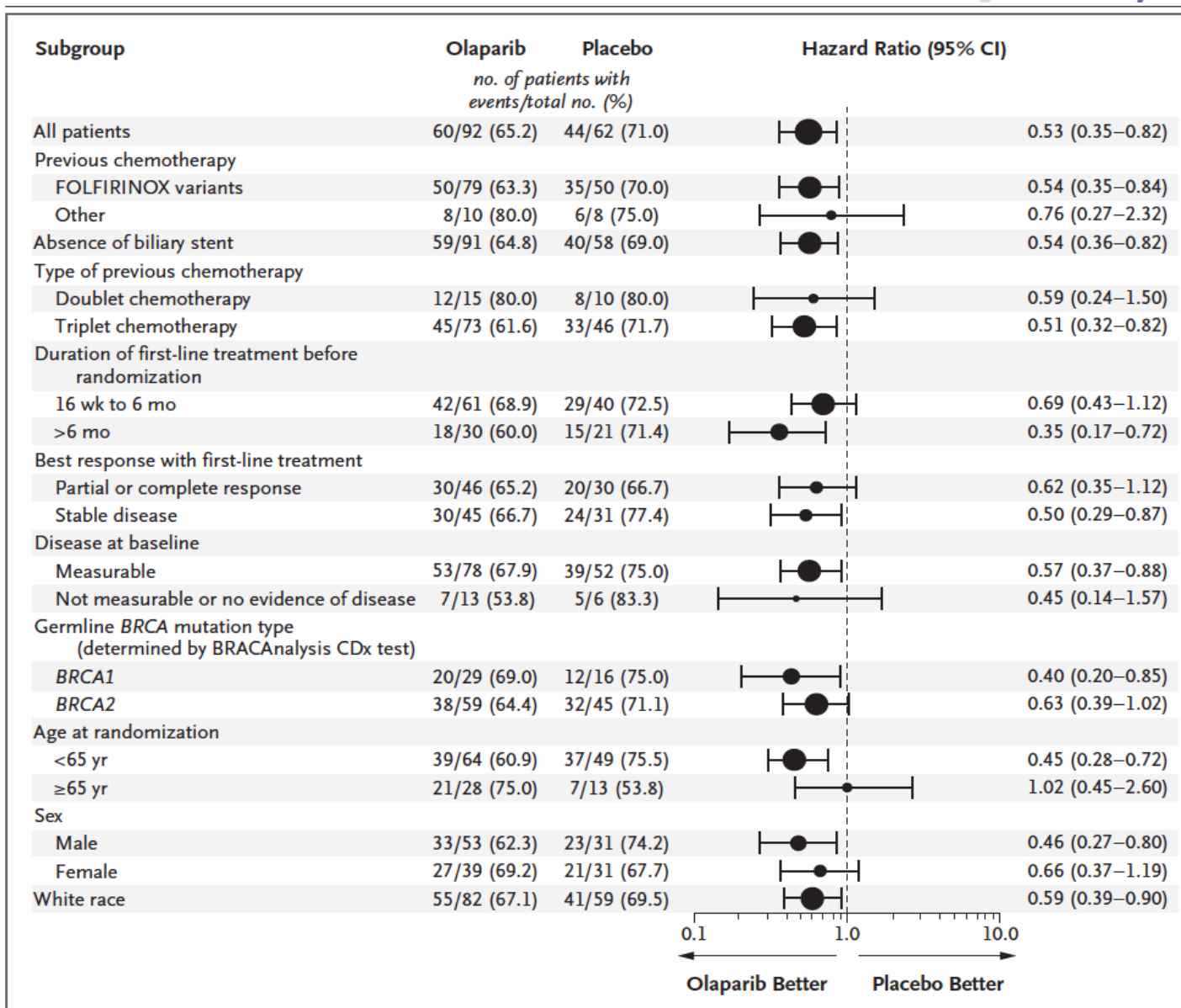
Primary objective: Progression free survival

# GERMLINE BRCA2 MUTATED PANCREATIC CANCER

## The POLO study



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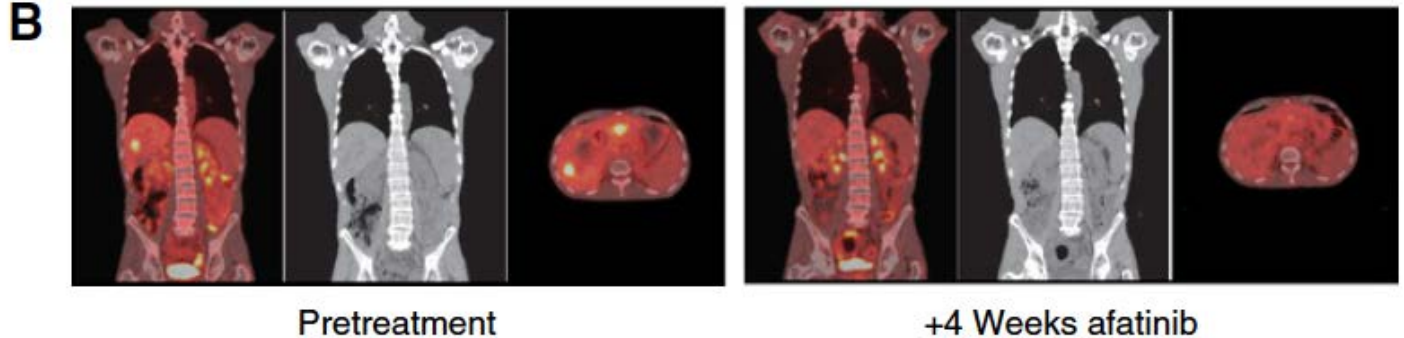
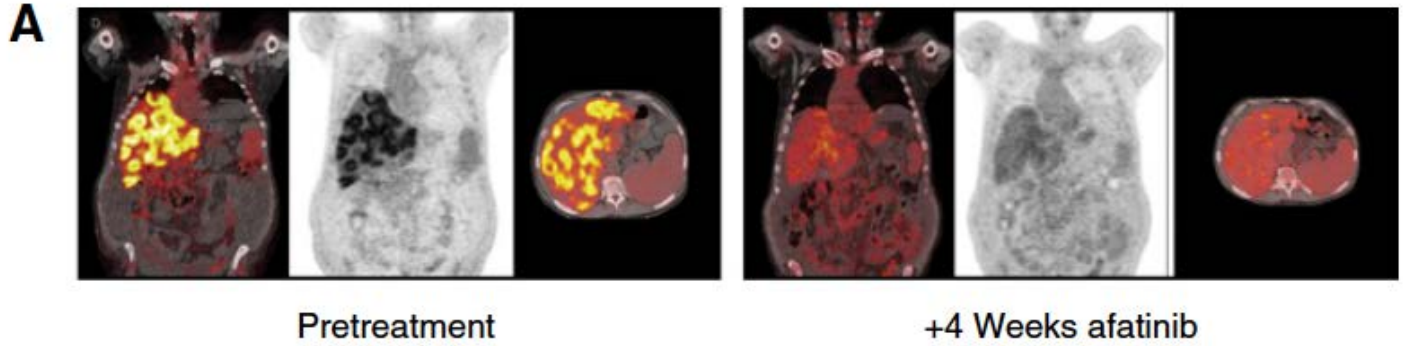
Golan, NEJM 2019

# NRG1 Gene Fusions Are Recurrent, Clinically Actionable Gene Rearrangements in KRAS Wild-Type Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

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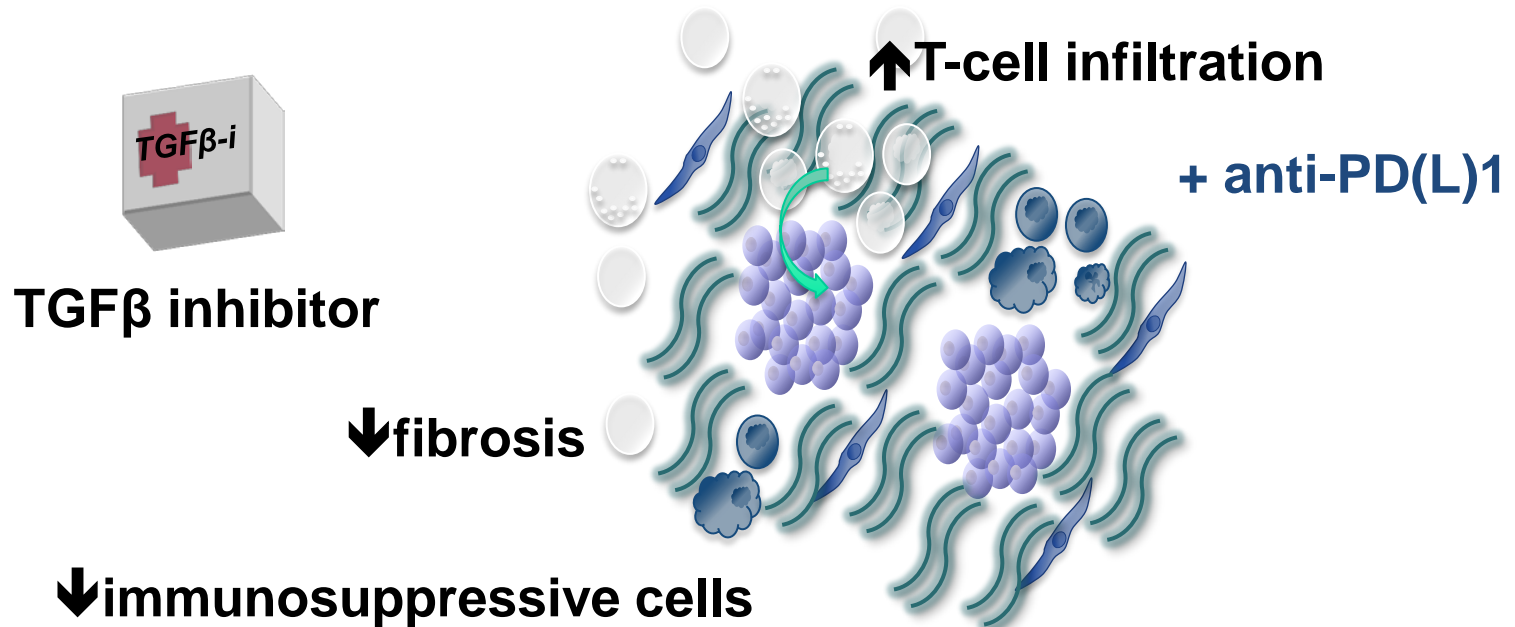
Martin R. Jones<sup>1</sup>, Laura M. Williamson<sup>1</sup>, James T. Topham<sup>2</sup>, Michael K.C. Lee<sup>3</sup>,

Occurrence not well documented but <5%



# Immune checkpoint inhibitors (PD(L)1 ): a way to improve ?

Currently some small patients cohort MSI+ with positive results  
Otherwise:



Combinations with Vaccines



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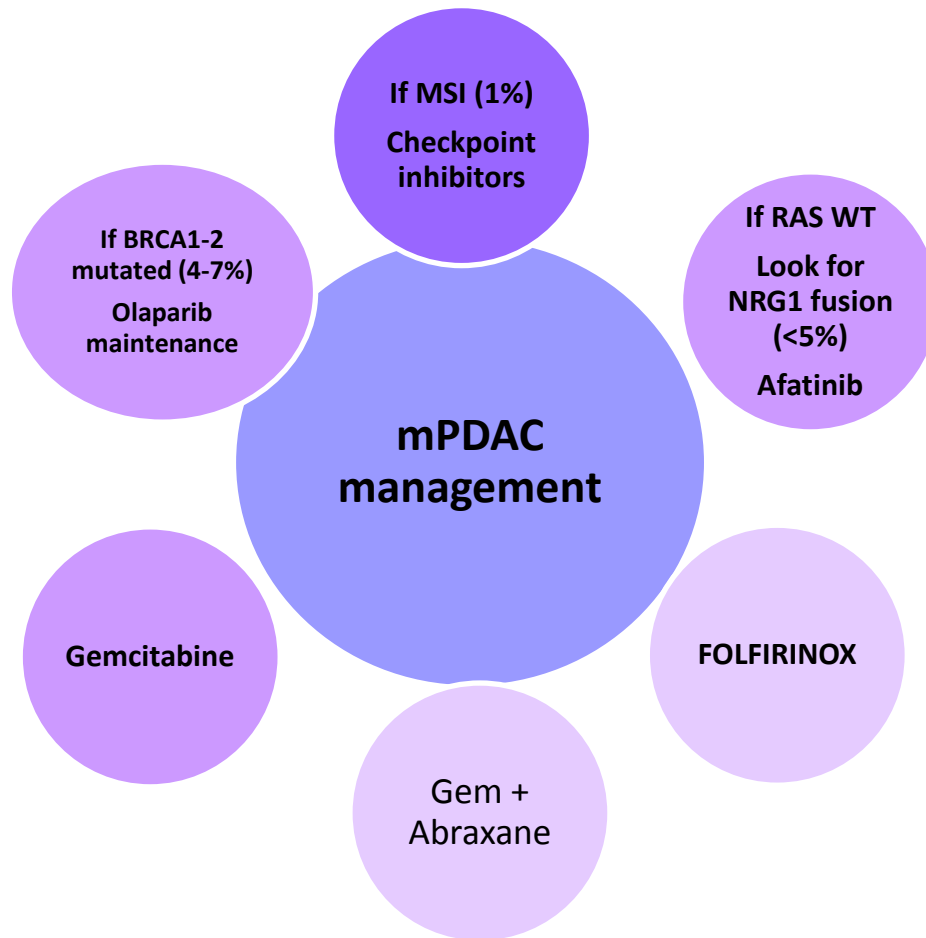
**How can we chose the best treatment for  
each individual patient?**



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# In an expert center

## Molecular profiling





# FOLFIRINOX VS GEM+ NAB-PACLITAXEL

## Efficacy

	FOLFIRINOX	Gem+NP
<b>PS</b>	PS2 < 1%	KPS 70-80: 40%
<b>ORR</b>	31,6%	29%
<b>DCR</b>	70%	50%
<b>PFS</b>	6.4 mo	5.5 mo
<b>OS</b>	11.1 mo	8.5 mo
<b>OS with gem</b>	6.8 mo	6.7 mo
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> line Ttt</b>	38%	47%

# FOLFIRINOX VS GEM+ NAB-PACLITAXEL

## Safety

	FOLFIRINOX	Gem+NP
<b>Plt</b>	9.1%	13%
<b>PMN</b>	45%	38%
<b>febrile</b>	3%	5.4%
<b>Anemia</b>	8%	13%
<b>Neuropathy</b>	9%	17%
<b>Diarrhea</b>	13%	6%
<b>Alopecia</b>	11%	50%

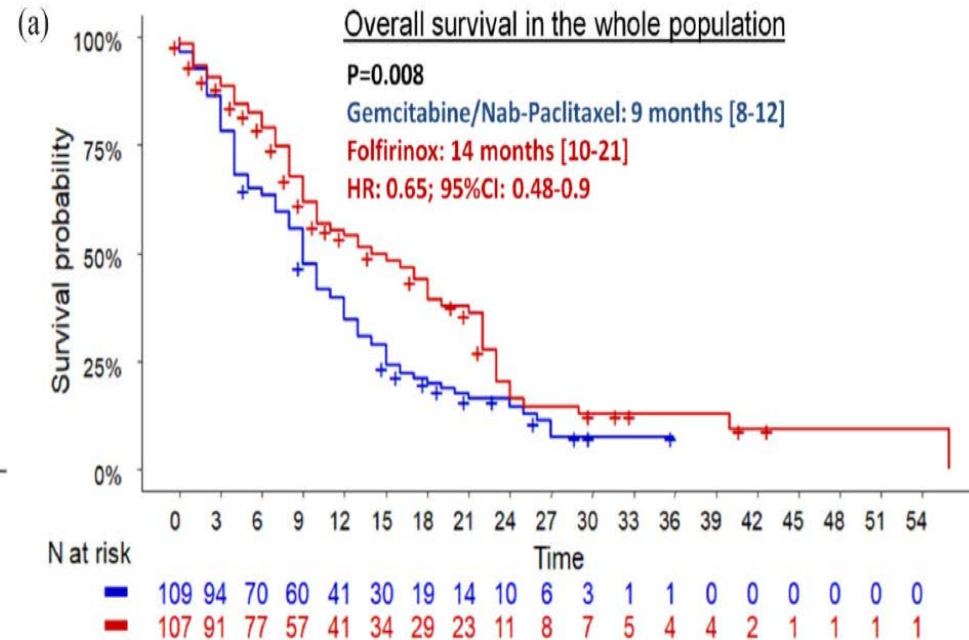
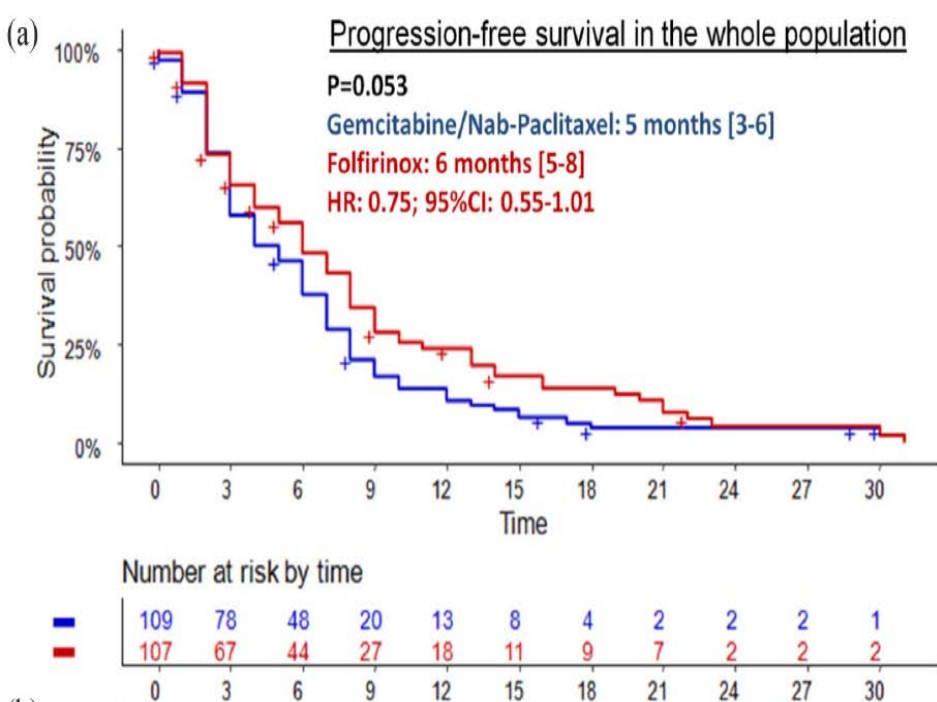
Conroy T et al. N Engl J Med 2011

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# Folfirinox versus gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel as first-line therapy in patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer: a comparative propensity score study

Williet et al. *ther adv in gastroenterol* 2019

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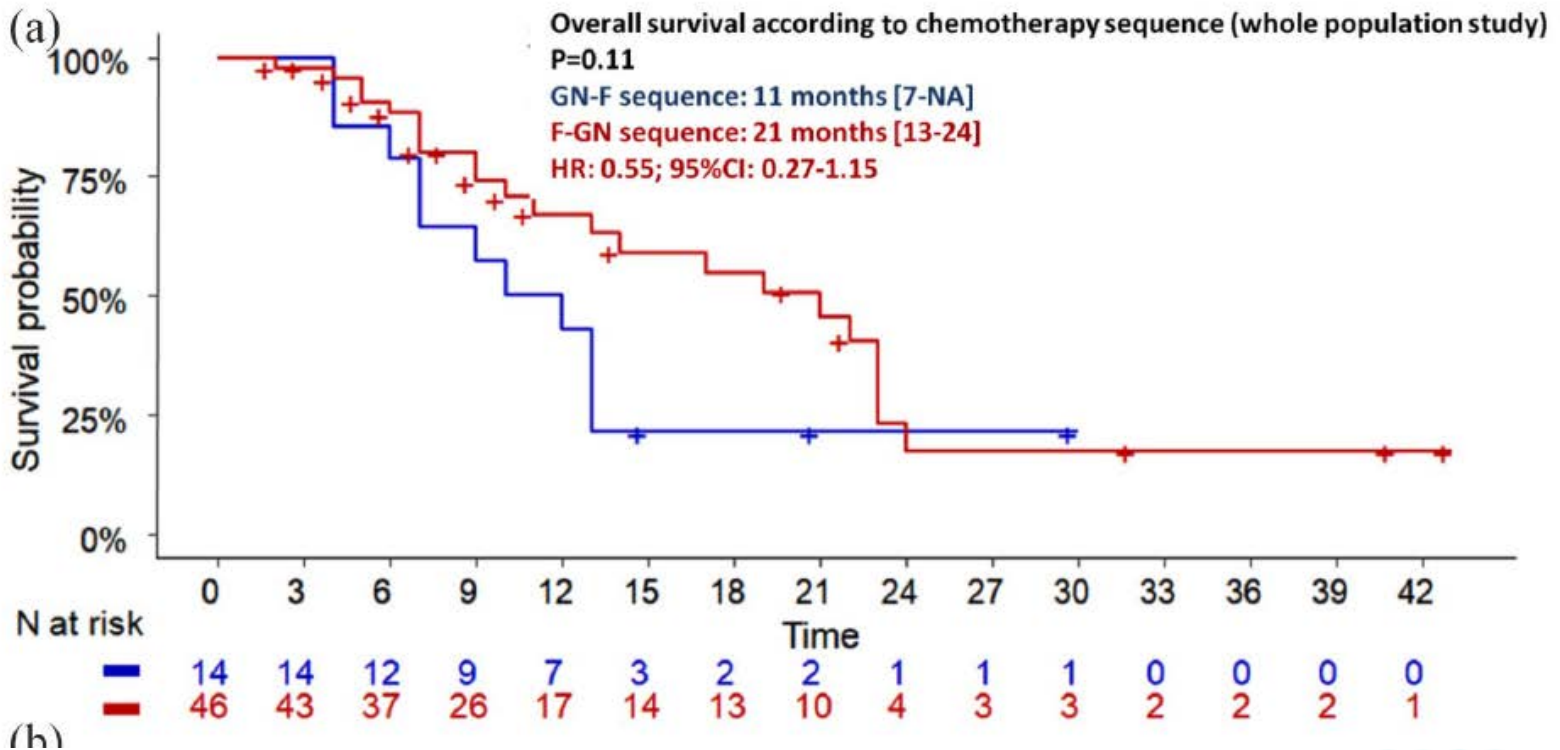


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## The good sequence? FFX=> GN or GN=> FFX?

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# European Chart review

Physicians recruited from nine European countries



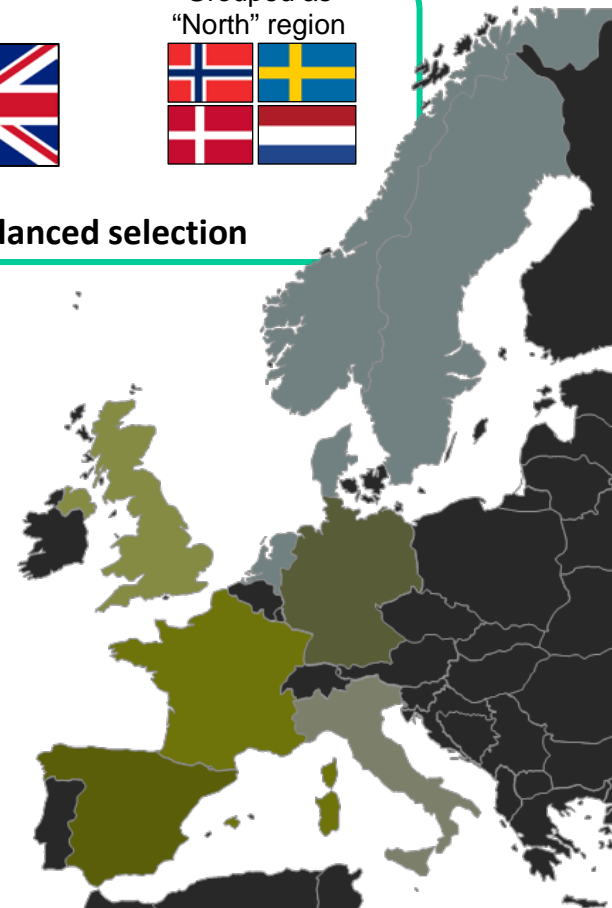
Recruitment from different regions and clinical settings\* to ensure a balanced selection

## Inclusion criteria

Completed first-line treatment for mPAC  
between July 2014 and January 2016; age  
≥18 years

## Patient record

- General disease information and patient characteristics
- Disease characteristics at diagnosis
- Initial treatment for pancreatic cancer
- Details of first/second/third-line treatment

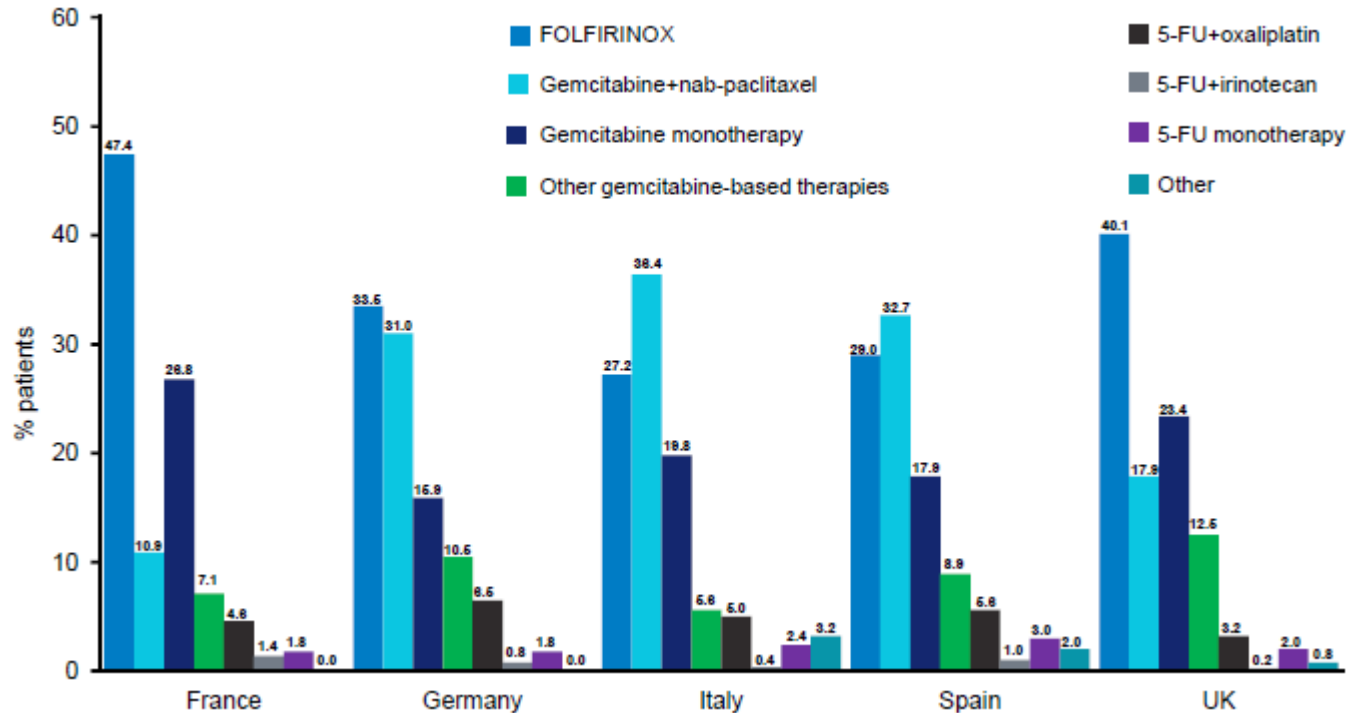


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\*University and general hospitals, cancer and reference centres, office-based specialists.  
mPAC, metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma

# European Chart review

> 2500 patients

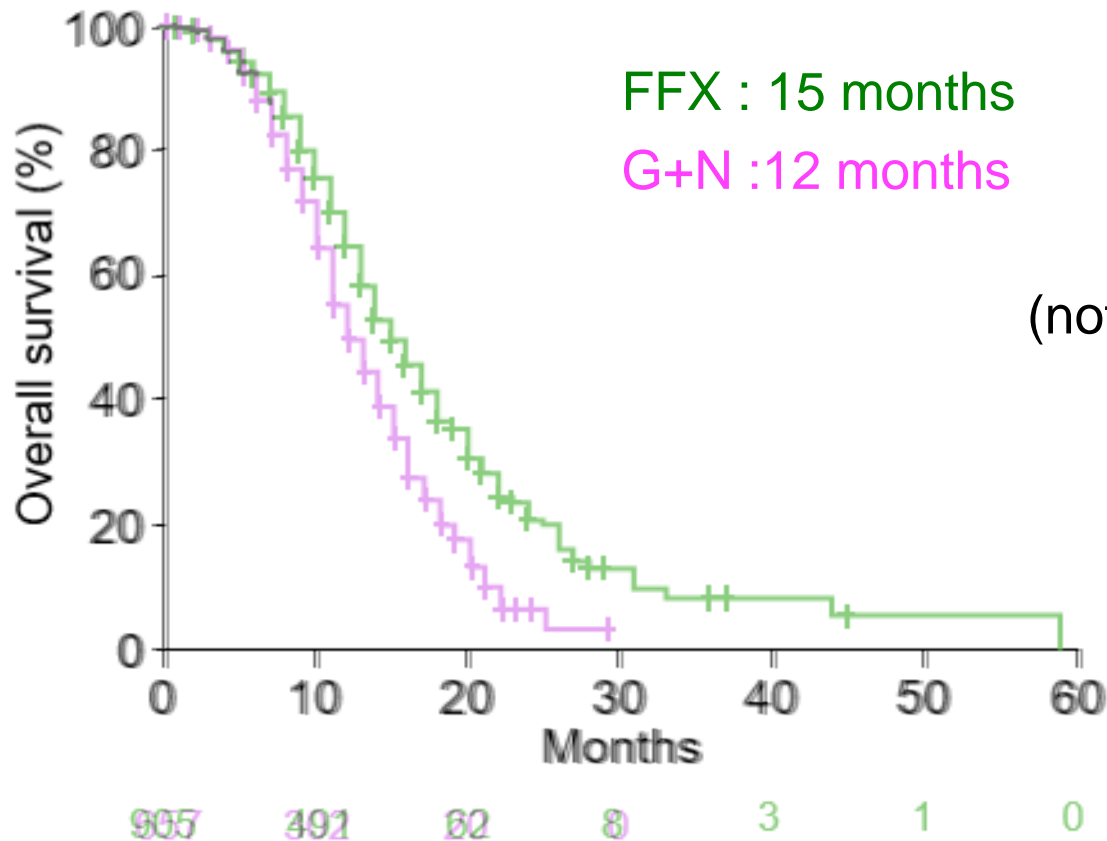


More than 70% received a second line (but biased)



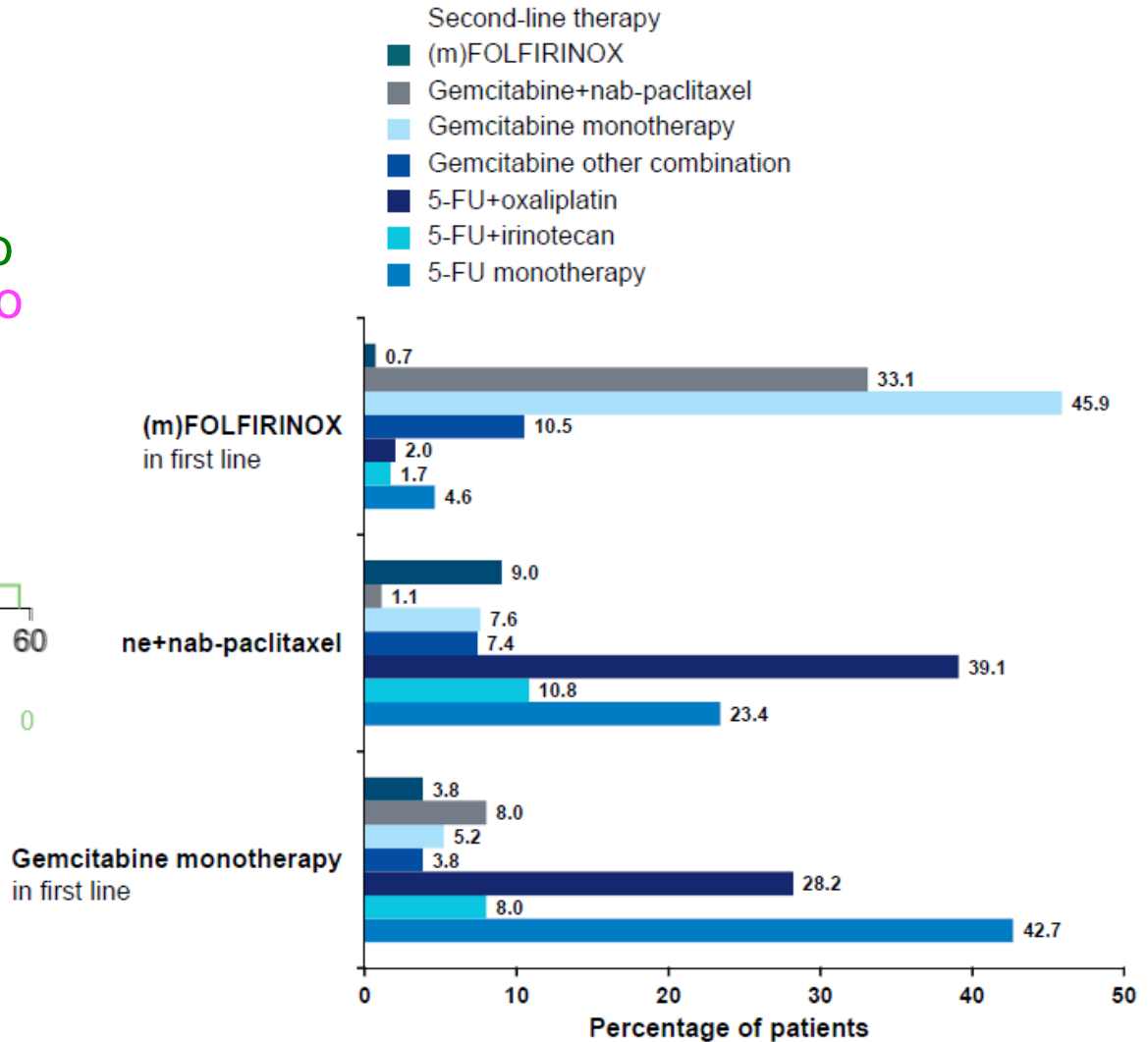
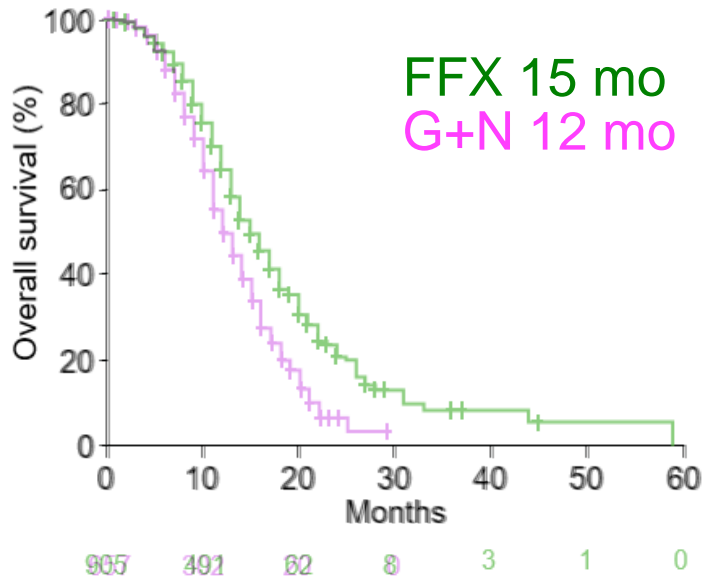
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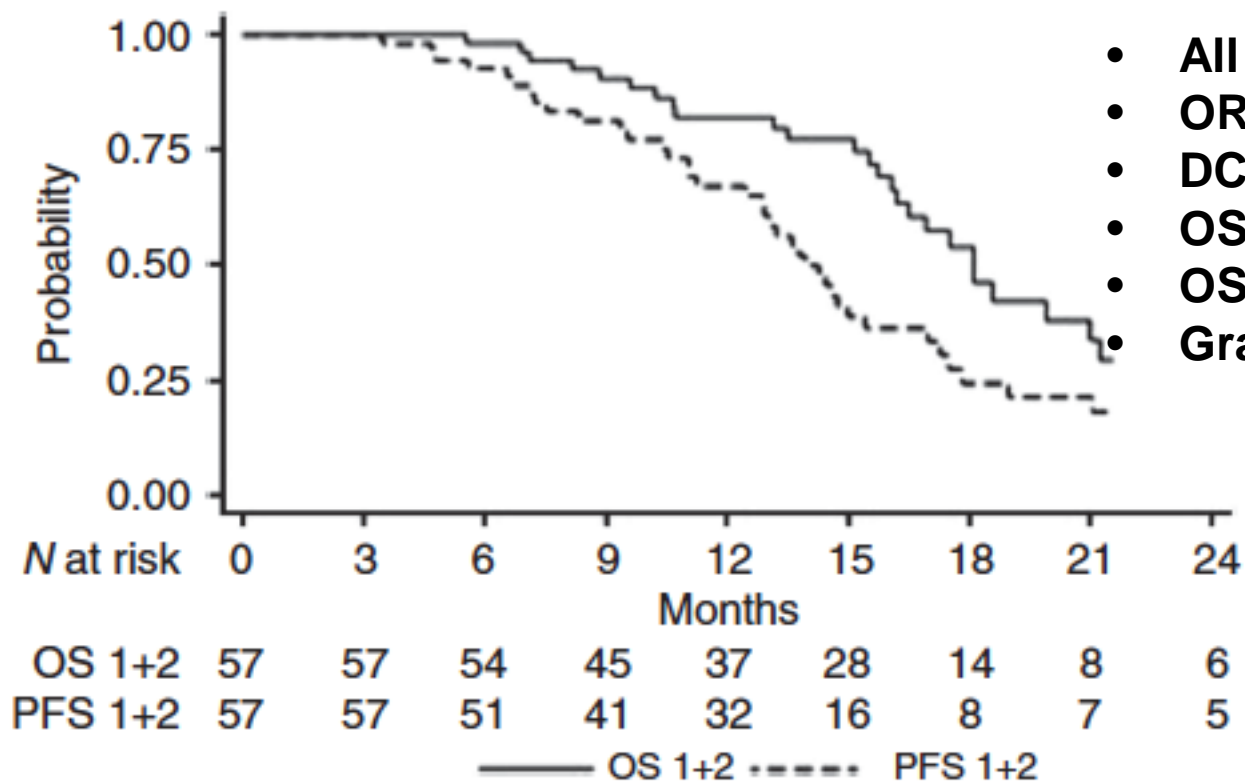
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## Nab-paclitaxel plus gemcitabine for metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma after Folfirinox failure: an AGEO prospective multicentre cohort

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### Overall and progression-free survival since the beginning of first-line chemotherapy



- All patients eligible for L2
- ORR=17%
- DCR=58%
- OS= 9 mo
- OS from L1 = 18 mo
- Grade 3-4 AE = 40%



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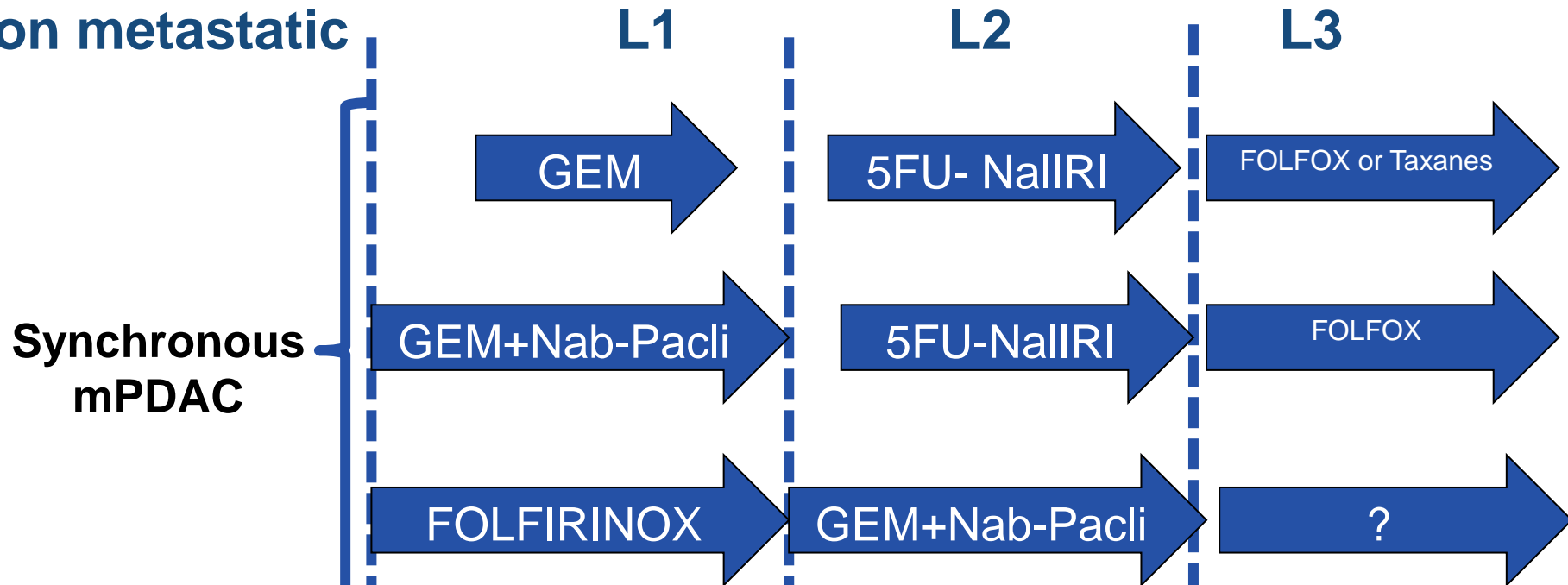
## Three fluoropyrimidine-based regimens in routine clinical practice after nab-paclitaxel plus gemcitabine for metastatic pancreatic cancer: An AGEO multicenter study

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Table 3 Patient survival and tumor response rate.

	Overall population <i>n</i> = 61	FOLFOX <i>n</i> = 24	FOLFIRI 1/3 <i>n</i> = 21	FOLFIRINOX <i>n</i> = 16	<i>P</i>
<b>Best Response (RECIST v1.1 criteria) (<i>n</i>, %)</b>					
Complete response	0	0	0	0	0.17
Partial response	3 (4.9)	0	2 (9.5)	1 (6.3)	
Stable disease	25 (40.9)	7 (29.2)	11 (52.4)	7 (43.8)	
Progressive disease	30 (49.2)	16 (66.7)	8 (38.1)	6 (37.5)	
Not assessable	3 (4.9)	1 (4.2)	0	2 (12.5)	
Disease control rate	28 (45.9)	7 (29.2)	13 (61.9)	8 (50.0)	
<b>Survival (median, 95% CI) (months)</b>					
PFS 1	6.0 (4.1-6.8)	5.5 (2.8-6.6)	6.8 (6.0-9.0)	4.2 (2.9-8)	0.10
OS 1	12.7 (10.4-15.1)	10.4 (7.6-14.5)	18.4 (11.7-24.1)	12.3 (6.8-15.7)	0.02
PFS 2	2.95 (2.3-5.4)	2 (1.5-2.3)	6.6 (2.5-9.4)	3.4 (2-6.9)	0.08
OS 2	5.97 (4.0-8.0)	3.5 (2.3-6)	9.7 (4.5-11.2)	6.1 (2.8-8.8)	0.13

## Non metastatic



- After FOLFIRINOX, gem+nab-paclitaxel seems to give promising results in good condition patients though randomized data are still lacking
- After Gem+nab-paclitaxel FOLFIRINOX is rarely feasible
- Issue : access to nab-paclitaxel L2

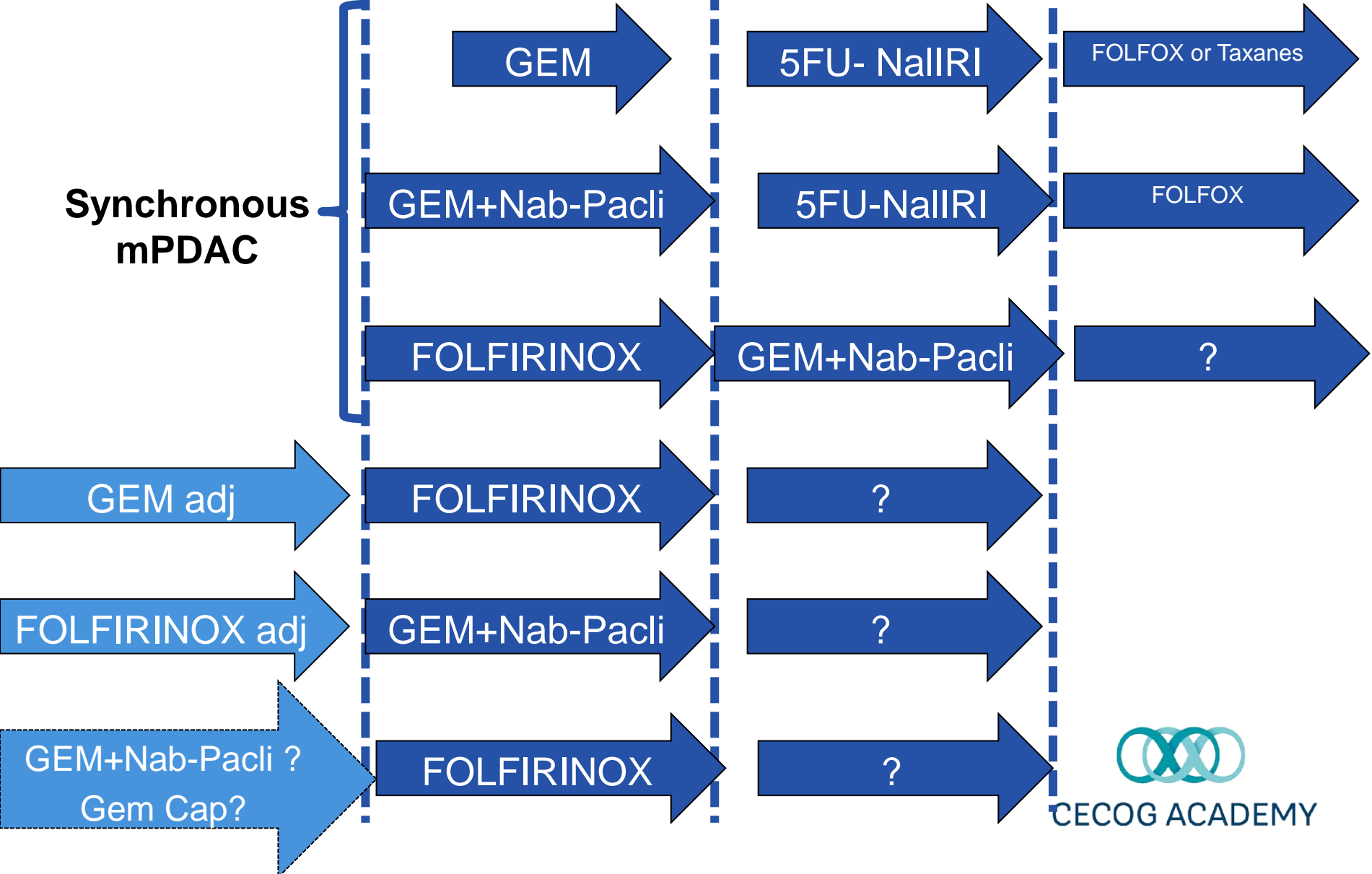
# Non metastatic

## L1

## L2

## L3

### Synchronous mPDAC

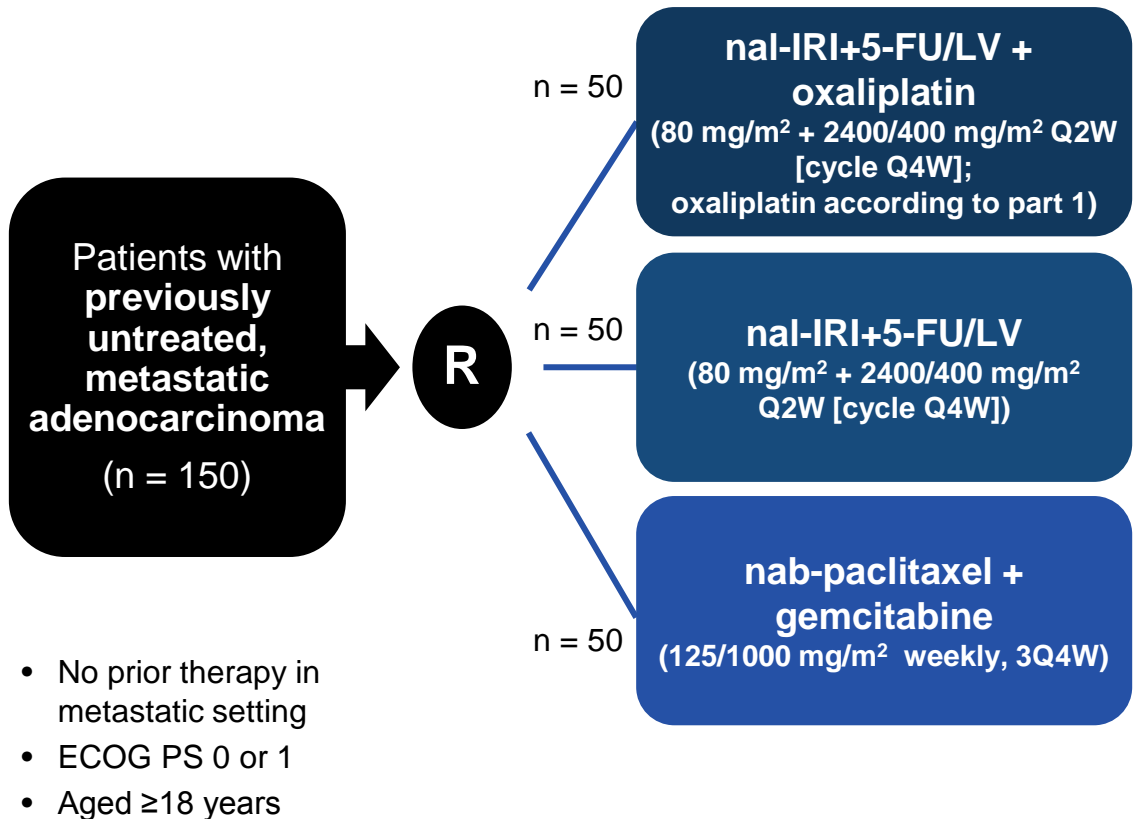


# A randomised, open-label phase II study of 1<sup>st</sup>-line nal-IRI-containing regimens vs. nab-paclitaxel + gemcitabine in metastatic pancreatic cancer

**Study endpoints:** HR PFS (1<sup>o</sup>), OS, PFS, ORR, CA19-9 response, HRQoL, safety and toxicity

## 2-part study:

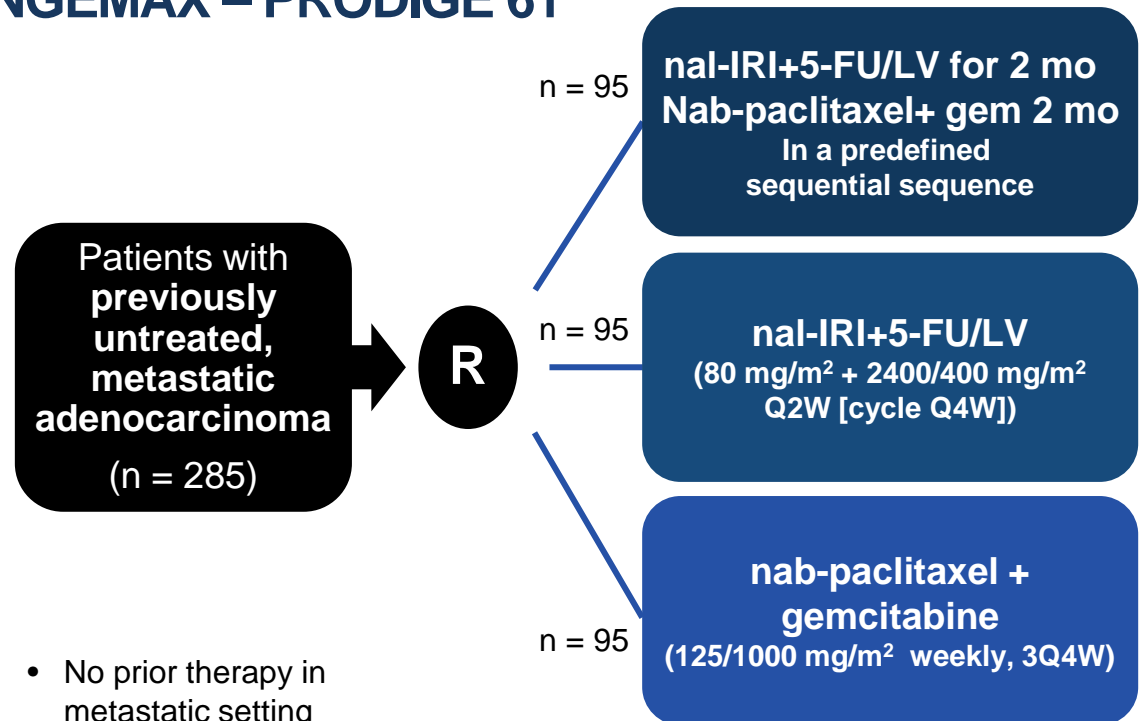
1. Safety run-in of nal-IRI+5-FU/LV + oxaliplatin
2. Randomised efficacy/safety study of nal-IRI+5-FU/LV ± oxaliplatin vs. nab-paclitaxel + gemcitabine



# A randomised, open-label phase II study of 1<sup>st</sup>-line nal-IRI-containing regimens vs. nab-paclitaxel + gemcitabine in metastatic pancreatic cancer

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**Study endpoints:** HR PFS (1°), OS, PFS, ORR, CA19-9 response, HRQoL, safety and toxicity



- No prior therapy in metastatic setting
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Aged ≥18 years
- Normal bilirubine level



# Conclusion



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- **First line treatment of mPDAC depends mainly on patients conditions and drugs availability in different countries**
- **Both FOLFIRINOX and G+N are standards but no ransomized comparative trials available**
- **The landscape of mPDAC treatment is moving, with second line options that may be influenced by L1 choices**
- **Gem or Gem+ nab-paclitaxel are good options after FOLFIRINOX (registration issues?)**
- **Sequential trials are now mandatory to move forward and give patients the best sequence to improve their OS**
- **Think about rare subtypes (MSI, BRCA2, fusion ...) for specific treatments/trials.**





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