



### HCC illuminated: Exploring future frontiers with systemic immunotherapies

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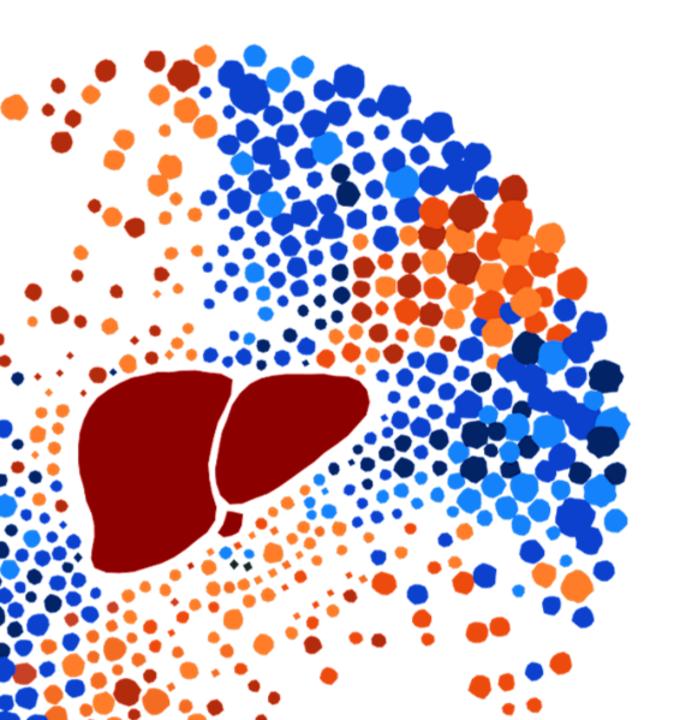
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# Welcome and opening remarks

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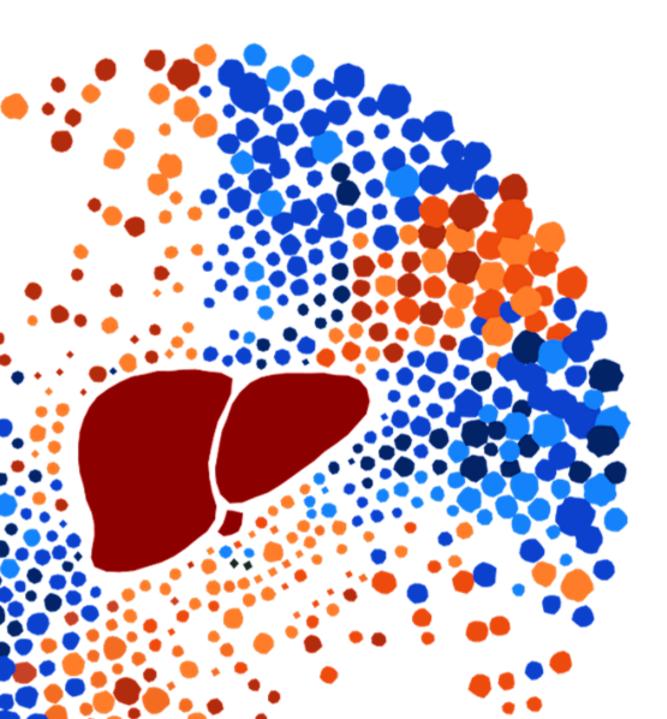
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16:00 – 16:05	Welcome and opening remarks	Han Chong Toh
16:05 – 16:25	Plenary presentation: Expanding role of systemic immunotherapy in the management of HCC	Ann-Lii Cheng
16:25 – 16:40	Case discussion: Systemic therapy, locoregional therapy or both?	Hui-Chuan Sun
16:40 – 16:55	Case discussion: Adjuvant therapy in HCC, who and how?	Pierce Chow
16:55 – 17:00	Audience Q&A and closing remarks	Han Chong Toh





### Plenary presentation: Expanding role of systemic immunotherapy in the management of HCC

Ann-Lii Cheng



# **Expanding Role of Systemic Immunotherapy** in the Management of HCC

Roche Symposium, Dec. 1, 2023, Singapore

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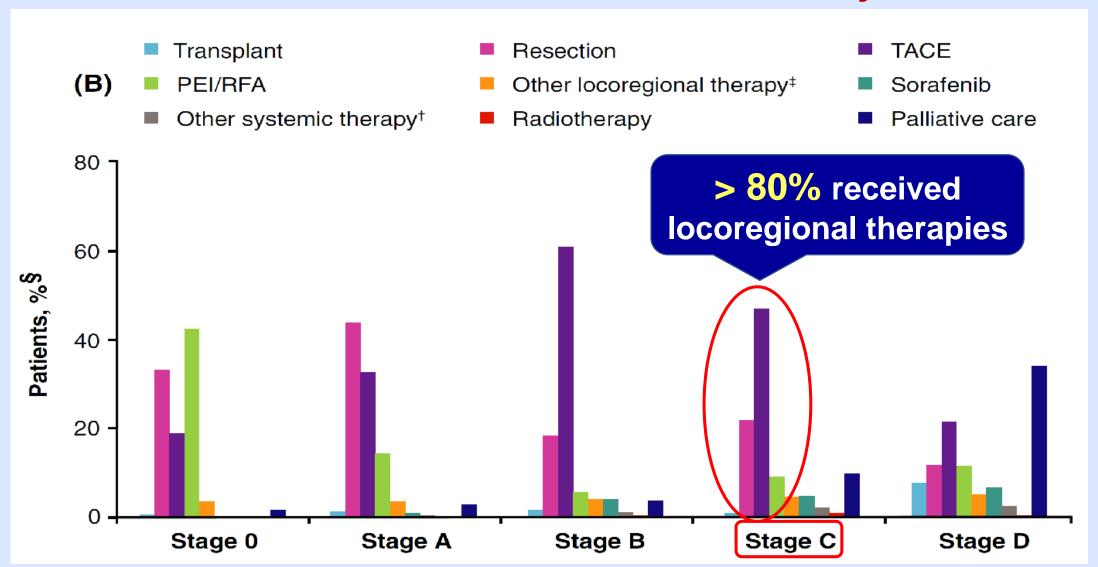
# Atezolizumab + bevacizumab vs sorafenib in patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: Phase 3 results from IMbrave150

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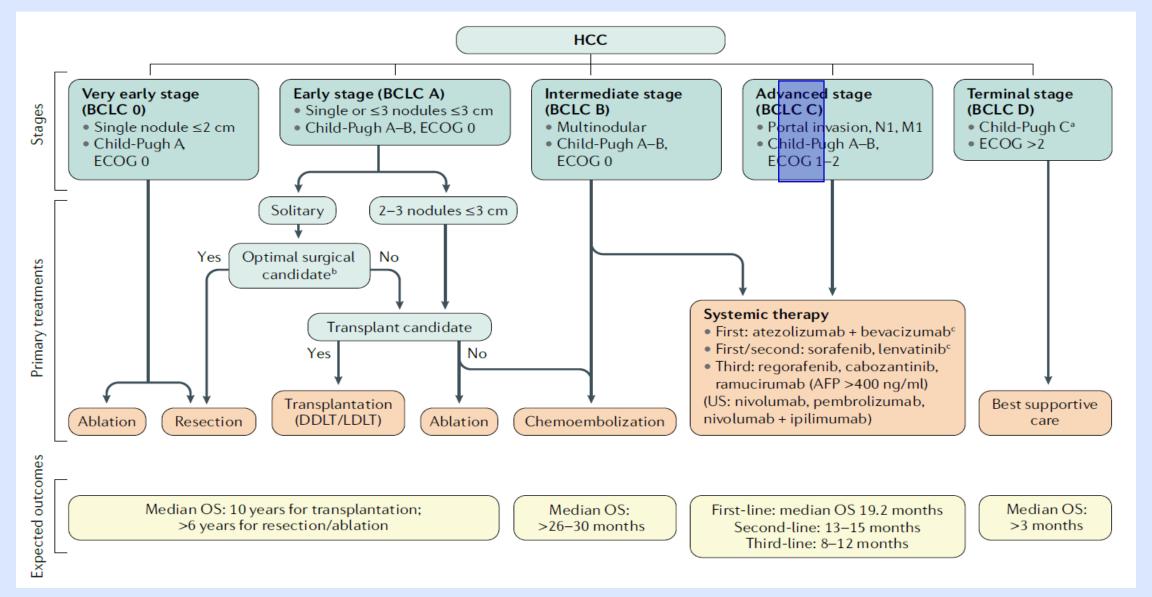
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### First HCC treatment -- BRIDGE Study



Park JW, et al. Liver Int. 2015; 35(9): 2155–2216.

### **Evolving Treatment Strategy for Locally-advanced HCC**

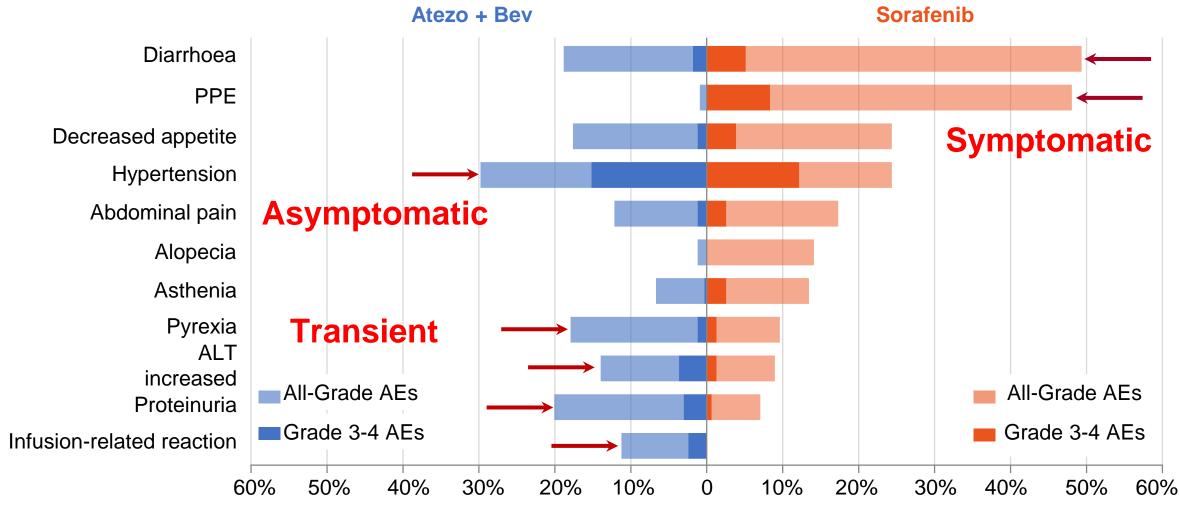


Llovet JM et al. Nat Rev Dis Primers. 2021;7(1):6.



### Safetya

#### ≥ 10% frequency of AEs in either arm and > 5% difference between arms



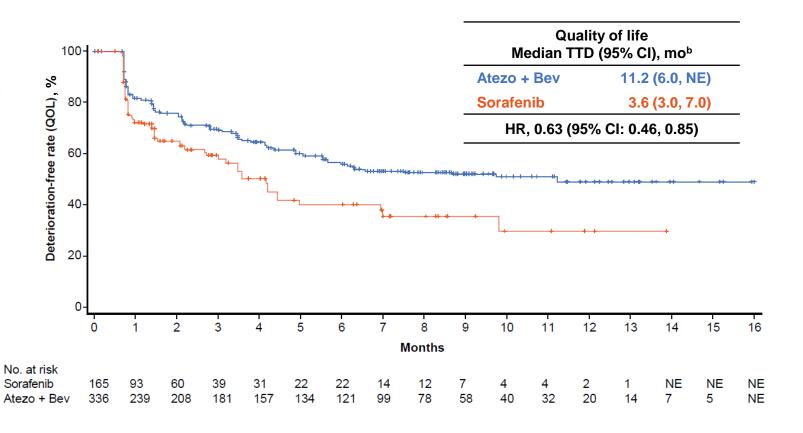
AE, adverse event, ALT, alanine aminotransferase; PPE, palmar-plantar erythrodysaesthesia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Safety-evaluable population.



### Patient-reported outcomes<sup>a</sup>

 Atezolizumab + bevacizumab delayed the time to deterioration of patient-reported quality of life compared with sorafenib

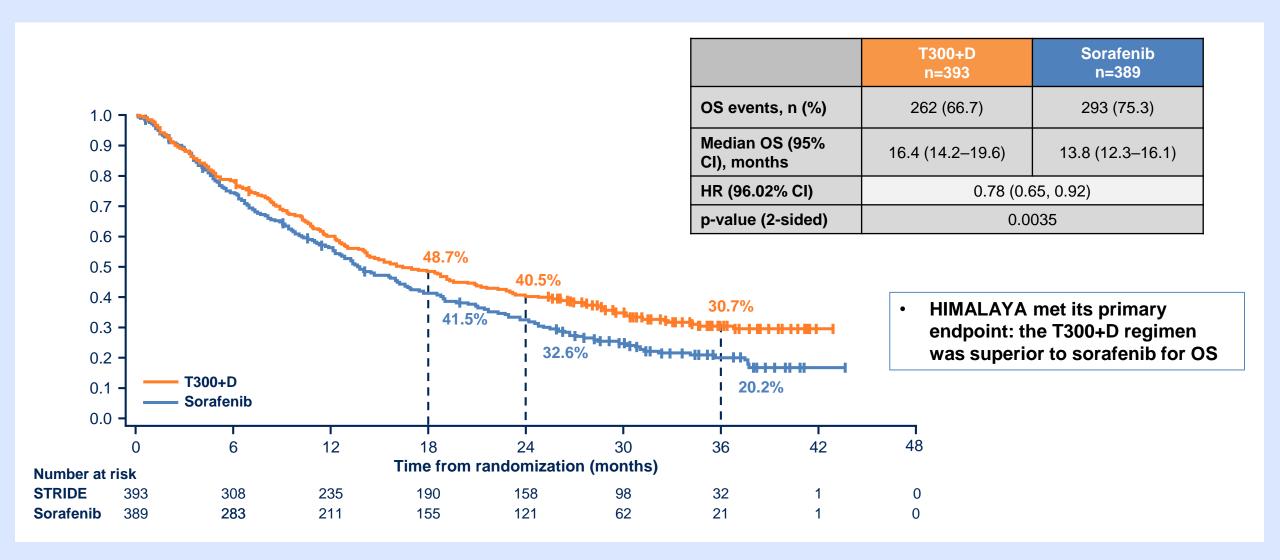


EORTC QLQ-C30, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality-of-Life Questionnaire for Cancer; TTD, time to deterioration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Pre-specified secondary endpoint that was not formally tested; EORTC QLQ-C30 administered every 3 weeks on treatment and every 3 months after treatment discontinuation or progression. <sup>b</sup> Time to deterioration defined as first decrease from baseline of ≥ 10 points¹ in the patient-reported health-related global health status/quality of life (GHS/QoL) scale of the EORTC QLQ-C30 maintained for 2 consecutive assessments or 1 assessment followed by death from any cause within 3 weeks.

<sup>1.</sup> Osoba D, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 1998.

### HIMALAYA: Primary Endpoint – OS for T300+D vs Sorafeniba

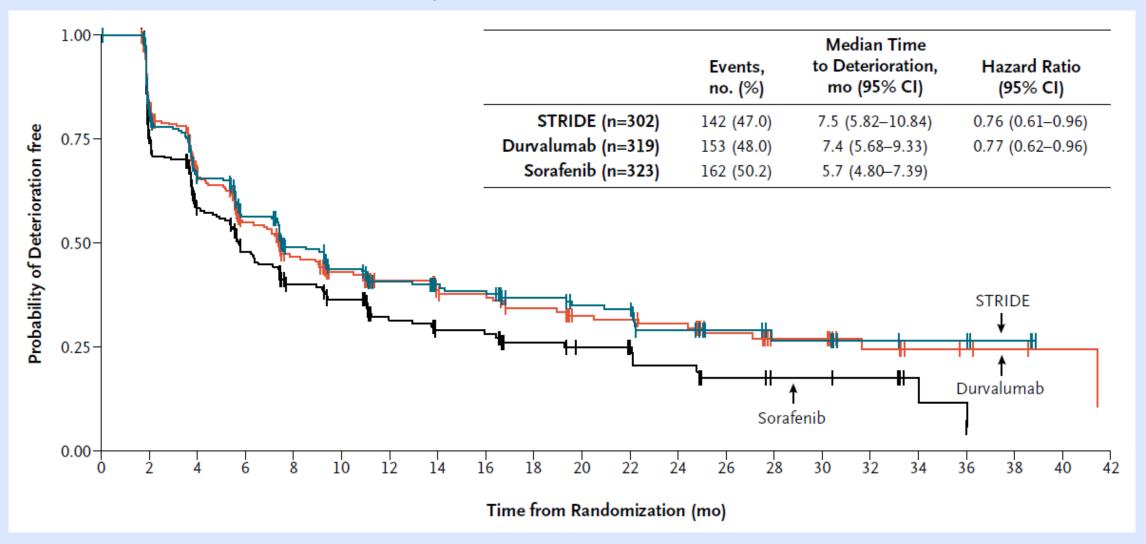


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Data cut-off: August 27, 2021. Median duration of follow-up was 33.18 (95% CI, 31.74–34.53) months for T300+D and 32.23 (95% CI, 30.42–33.71) months for sorafenib.

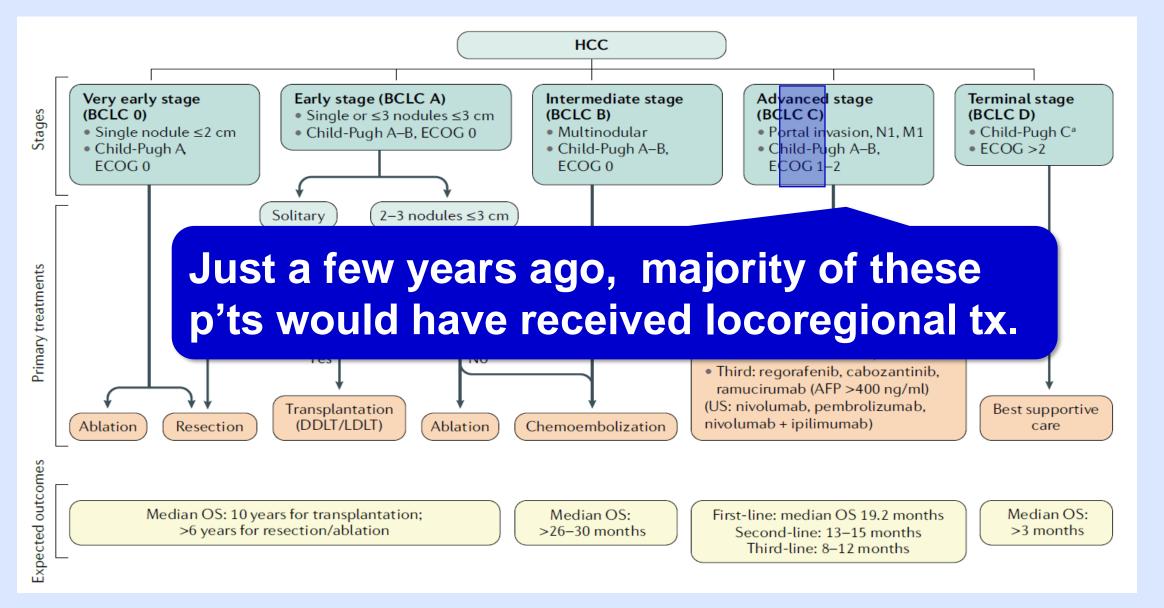
CI, confidence interval; CT, chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; OS, overall survival; T300+D, tremelimumab 300 mg × 1 dose + durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W; Q4W, every 4 weeks; vs, versus.

Abou-Alfa GK et al. ASCO GI 2022. Abou-Alfa GK et al. NEJM Evid. 2022;1(8).

# HIMALAYA: Time to Deterioration of Global Health Status or Quality of Life (EORTC QLQ-C30)

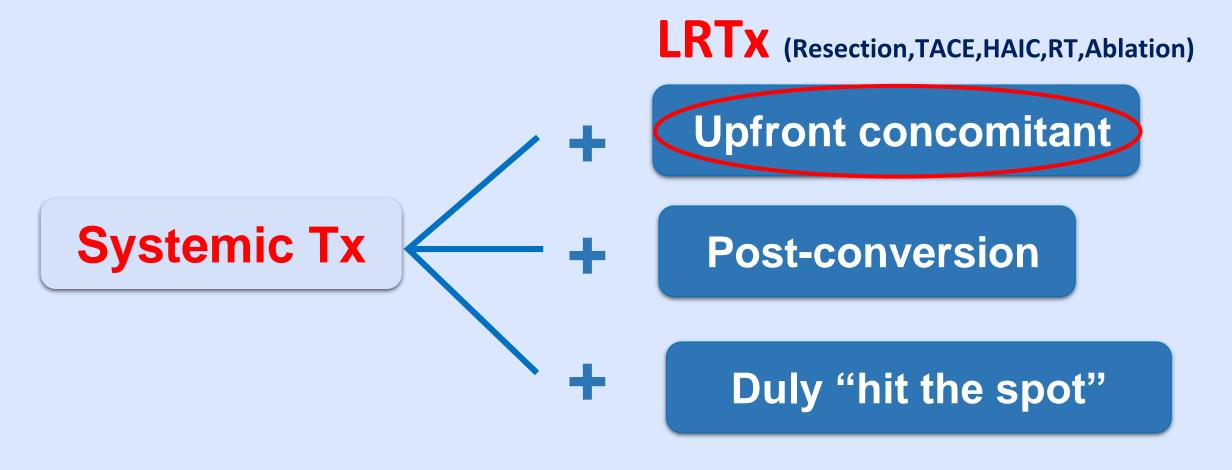


### **Evolving Treatment Strategy for Locally-advanced HCC**



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### Versatile SysTx / LRTx in BCLC-C



# Lenvatinib plus TACE versus lenvatinib alone as 1L treatment for advanced HCC: phase III, randomized (LAUNCH study)

- N=336, BCLC-C (with TACEable primary lesions)
- Single lesion size < 10cm</li>
   Number of lesions < 10</li>
   Tumor burden < 50%</li>
- Primary endpoint = OS

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	LEN-TACE	LEN	P
ORR (RECIST1.1) (CR)	45.9% (0.6%)	20.8%	<0.001
mOS	17.8m	11.5m	<0.001
mPFS	10.6m	6.4m	<0.001

Peng ZW et al. J Clin Oncol. 2023;41(1):117-127.

# Sorafenib plus FOLFOX-HAIC vs Sorafenib for HCC with Portal Vein Invasion — A randomized trial

N = 247

#### FOLFOX-HAIC

Oxa 85 mg/m², D1 5-FU bolus 400mg/m², then 2400 mg/m², 46hrs Leucovorin 400mg/m², D1

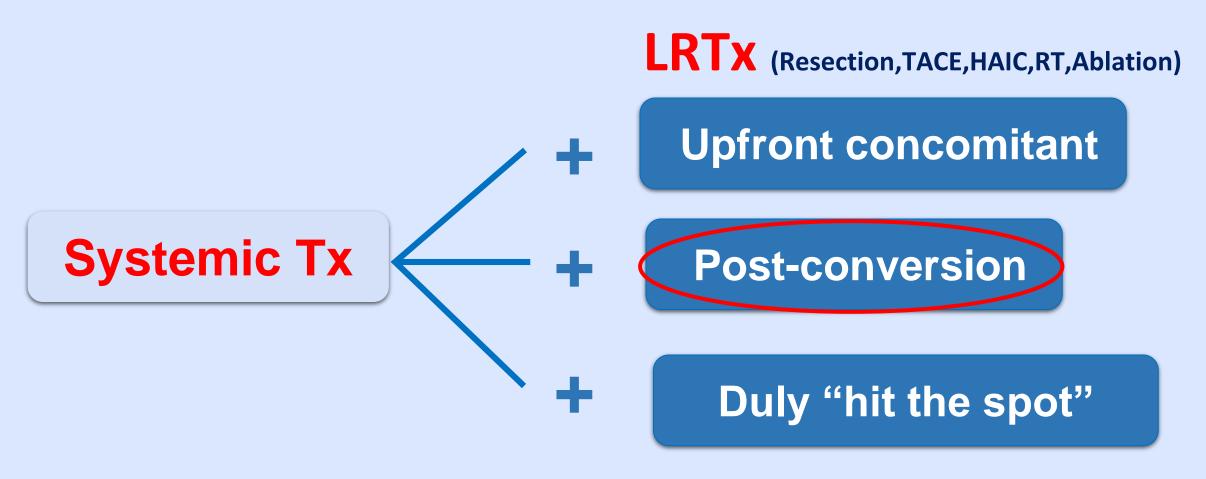
Results:

	mOS(m)	PFS(m)	RR(%)
HAIC + Sor	13.4	7.0	40.8
Sor	7.1	2.6	2.5
Р	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

# Adding Radiation to Systemic Therapy Extends OS for Advanced Liver Cancer (Phase III NRG/RTOG 1112 study)

- N = 177, not suitable for resection or locoregional Tx
- SBRT+Sorafenib vs Sorafenib
- OS 15.8 vs 12.3 months (P=0.042, adjusted)
   PFS 9.2 vs 5.5 months (P < 0.001)</li>

### Versatile SysTx / LRTx in BCLC-C



#### Atezolizumab+Bevacizumab Curative Conversion Therapy (ABC Conversion Therapy) Atezo+ Beva combination therapy was performed in 73 cases (follow-up period>12 months) 1st line therapy 1st line therapy ≥ 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy (IMbrave150 enrolled cases) (real-life practice) (real-life practice) n=16 (Intermediate n=9) n=16 (Intermediate n=8) n=41 Cancer free by Atezo+Beva ntermediate-stage High tumor burden n=1 CMN type 1st line therapy Poorly dif. HCC n=32 (Intermediate n=17) ABC conversion n=1 (Op 1) ABC conversion ABC conversion (Scheduled) n=3 (9 %) n=3 (9%) (Op 1, RFA 1, TACE 1) (Op 2, TACE 1) Cancer free, Drug free

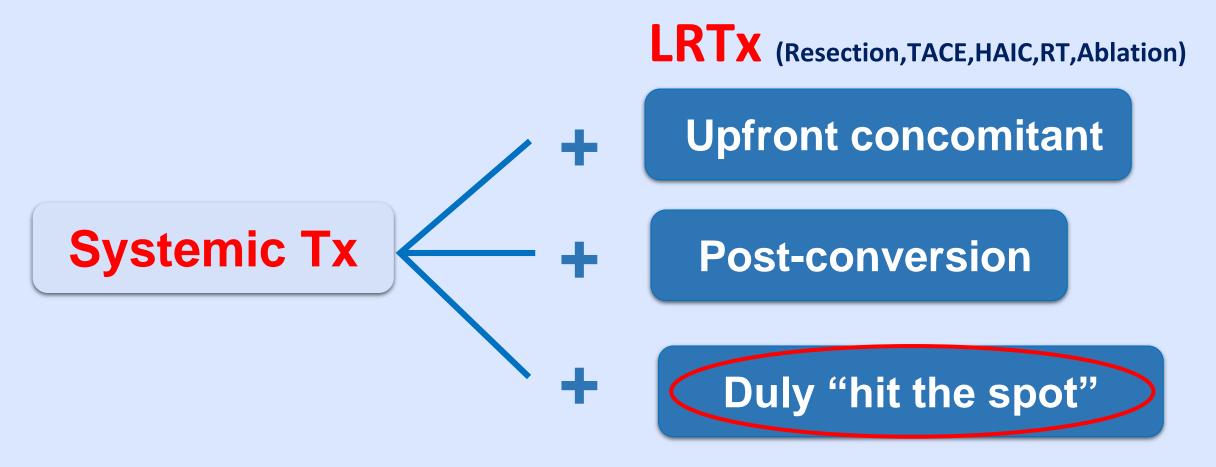
ABC Conversion rate 19 % (6/32) (Intermediate-stage 24% [4/17] (advanced stage 13% [2/15])

ABC Conversion; Atezo/Bev Curative Conversion

Data cut-off date: 2021/7/31

Kudo M, Liver Cancer 2021;10:539-544. Kudo M, KanTanSui 2021;83(3):475-483.

### Versatile SysTx / LRTx in BCLC-C

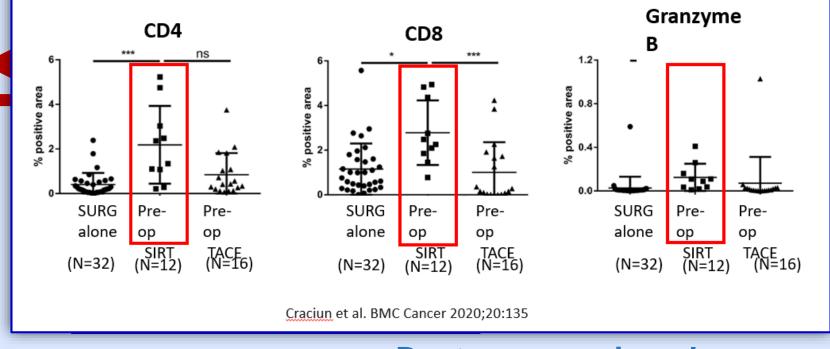


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# **Immune Elimination**

# SIRT increased T cell recruitment and CD8 T cell activation

IHC analysis of hepatectomy specimens with or without pre-operative SIRT or TACE



- Destroy escaping clones.
- Push immune balance toward tumor elimination.

### Versatile SysTx / LRTx in BCLC-C

LRTX (Resection, TACE, HAIC, RT, Ablation)

**Systemic Tx** 

**Upfront concomitant** 

**Post-conversion** 

Harbinger of a future trend?

**Duly "hit the spot"** 

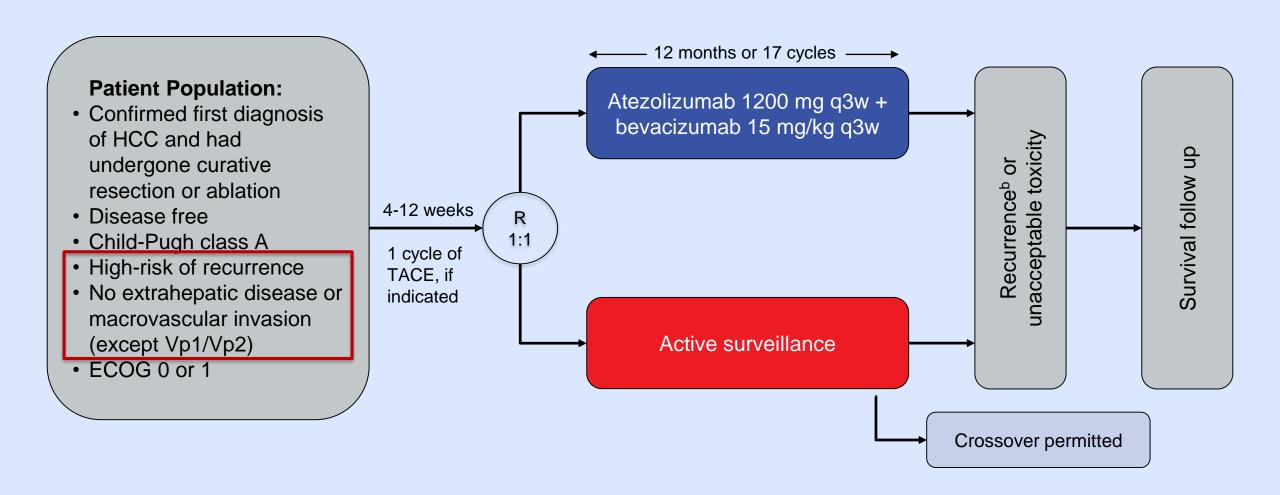
Resectio / Ablation

(VP1/VP2 and BCLC-B)

**Systemic Tx** 

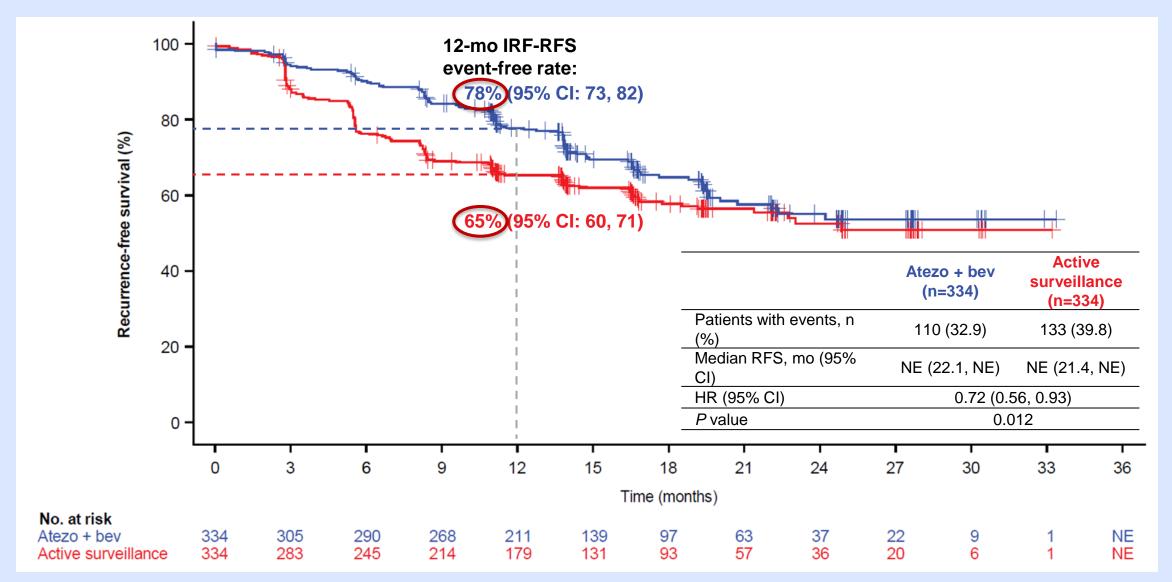
Adjuvant

### IMbrave050 Study Design



Qin S et al. Lancet. 2023;402(10415):1835–1847.

### Primary Endpoint: IRF-assessed RFS

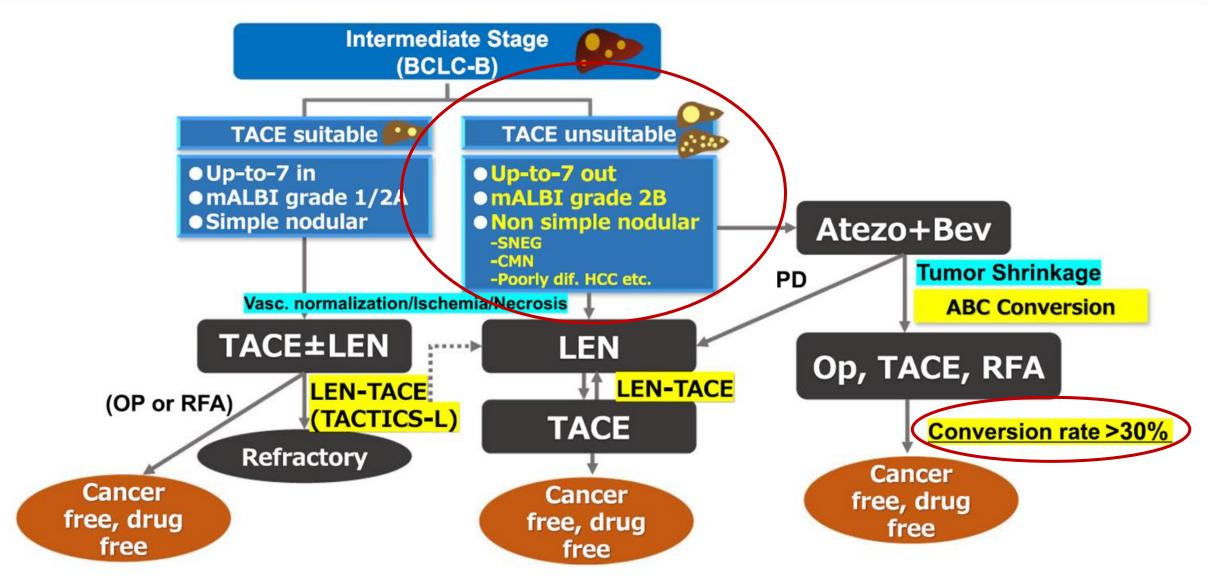


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## Intermediate-stage HCC

Effective systemic therapy discourages low-yield LRTx.

### Treatment Strategy of Intermediate-stage HCC



Kudo M. Int J Clin Oncol. 2022;27(7):1110-1119.

# To treat more intermediate-stage HCC with upfront systemic therapy alone?

Phase IIIb, randomized, open-label trial of Atezo-Bev vs TACE in intermediate-stage HCC with high disease burden

(IKF002-ABC-HCC study)

ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04803994

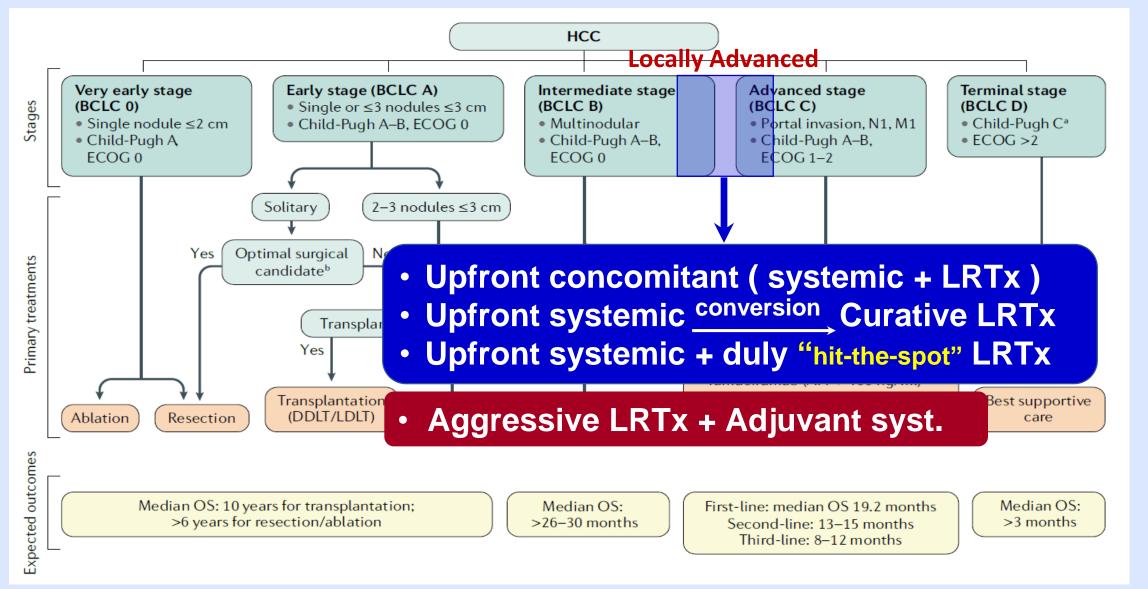
Phase III, randomized, open-label trial of Regorafenib plus Pembrolizumab vs TACE in intermediate-stage HCC with beyond Up-to-7 criteria

(REPLACE study)

ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04777851

All locally advanced (non-metastatic BCLC-C and TACE-unsuitable BCLC-B) are treated by a similar strategy.

### **Evolving Treatment Strategy for Locally-advanced HCC**



### Versatile SysTx / LRTx in Locally-Advanced HCC

Trials?

LRTX (Resection, TACE, HAIC, RT, Ablation)

**Upfront concomitant** 

**Systemic Tx** 

**Post-conversion** 

Ongoing Phase III

(IMbrave 050: Positive)

**LRT**x

(VP1/VP2 and BCLC-B)

Duly "hit the spot"

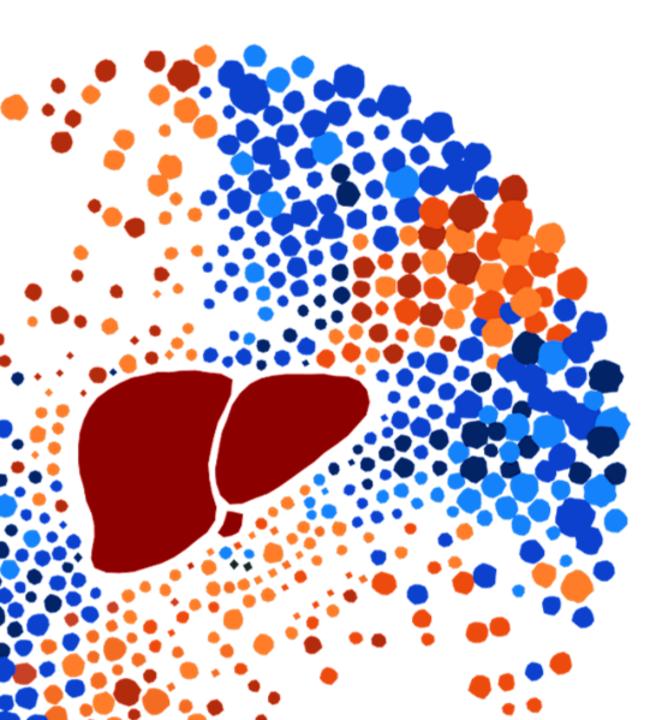
**Systemic Tx** 

**Adjuvant** 

# Summary

- Effective systemic immunotherapy is changing our practice in the majority of HCC patients.
- Sophisticated planning are necessary for the treatment of locally advanced HCC.
- Search for solid evidence for each of the possible systemic + locoregional therapy is mandatory.





# Case discussion: Systemic therapy, locoregional therapy or both?

Hui-Chuan Sun



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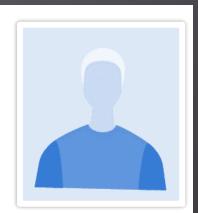
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## Patient Disease Characteristics: May 2021

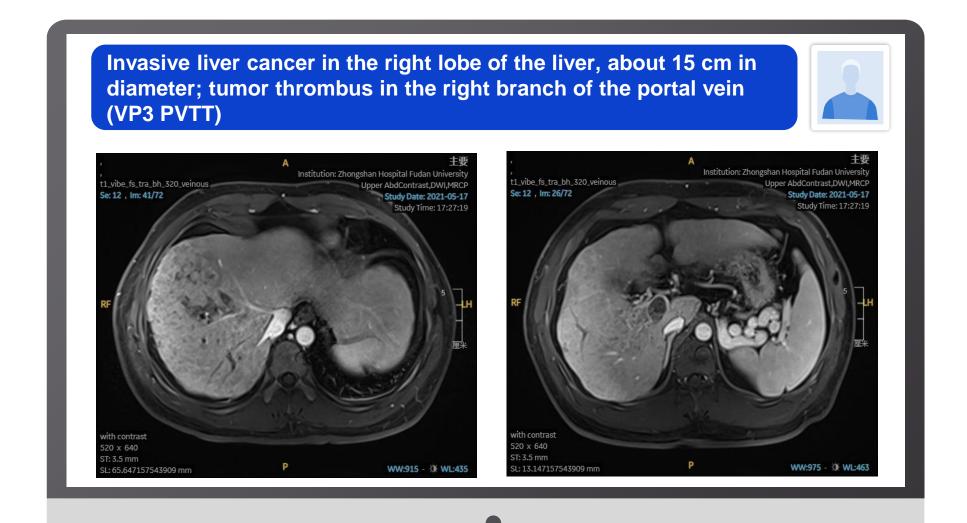
#### Male Patient aged 34

- Had been infected with hepatitis B virus, antiviral therapy with entecavir for half a year
- Liver function: Child-Pugh class was A5
- AFP: 7481 ng/ mL
- PIVKA-II: 53348 mAU/ mL
- MRI: Invasive liver cancer in the right lobe of the liver, about 15 cm in diameter, tumor thrombus in the right branch of the portal vein (VP3 PVTT)

Diagnosis: Hepatocellular Carcinoma, BCLC Stage C (PVTT)



## MRI Image at Baseline: 17 May 2021



### What would be your initial treatment of choice for this patient?

- 1. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-VEGF
- 2. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-CTLA-4
- 3. TKI monotherapy
- 4. Locoregional therapy (TACE/TARE/SIRT with Y-90)
- 5. Combination of locoregional & systemic therapy



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# Poll: What would be your initial treatment of choice for this patient?

### The development of immunotherapy has driven a change in overall strategies for HCC and provided new ideas for combination/conversion therapy



Outcome of Phase III Study on Advanced First Line Treatment of HCC

		2020	2021	2022			
		Atezolizumab + bevacizumab <sup>1-3</sup>	Sintilimab + bevacizumab <sup>4</sup>	Durvalumab + Tremelimumab <sup>8</sup>	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib <sup>5</sup>	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib <sup>6</sup>	Cabozantinib + Atezolizumab <sup>7</sup>
	Study	IMbrave150	ORIENT-32	HIMALAYA	SHR-1210-III-310	LEAP-002	COSMIC-312
F	Patients (n)	336	380	393	272	395	432
r	mOS (mo.)	19.2	NE	16.4	22.1	21.2	15.4
m	nPFS (mo.)	6.9	4.6	3.78	5.6	8.2	6.8
RECIST 1.1	ORR (%)	30	21	20.1	25.4	26.1	11
	CR (%)	8	0	3.1	1.1	1.5	<1
	PD (%)	19	27	39.9	16.2	12.2	14
	mDoR (mo)	18.1	NE	22.34	14.8	16.6	10.6
	TTR	2.8	/	2.17	1.9	/	4.0
	Any grade	45%	35.3%	25.8%	80.9%	62.5%	76%
≥3 grade TRAE	AST	7.0%	<3%	2.3%	16.5%	22.0%	9%
	ALT	3.6%	<2%	1.0%	12.9%	19.2%	9%

<sup>\*</sup> LEAP-002 and COSMIC-312 are negative results, and different studies have heterogeneity. The data is not of comparative significance and is for reference only.

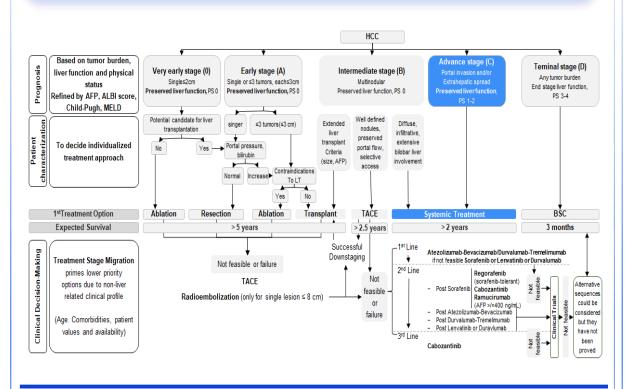
AST, Aspartate transaminase; ALT, Alanine transaminase; PFS; progression free survival; mo; months; mDoR, median duration of response; ORR, overall response rate; CR, complete response; PD, partial disease; TTR, time to response; TRAE; treatment-related adverse event

- 1. Finn RS et al. ASCO GI 2021. Abstract #267.
- 2. Finn RS et al. J Clin Oncol 2020;38(26):2960–2970.
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- 4. Ren Z et al. Lancet Oncol. 2021;22(7):977–990.

- 5. Qin S et al. ESMO 2022. Abstract #LBA35.
- 6. Finn RS et al. ESMO 2022, Abstract #LBA34
- 7. Kelley RK et al. Lancet Oncol. 2022;23(8):995–1008.
- 8. Abou-Alfa GK et al. ASCO GI 2022. Abstract #TPS379.

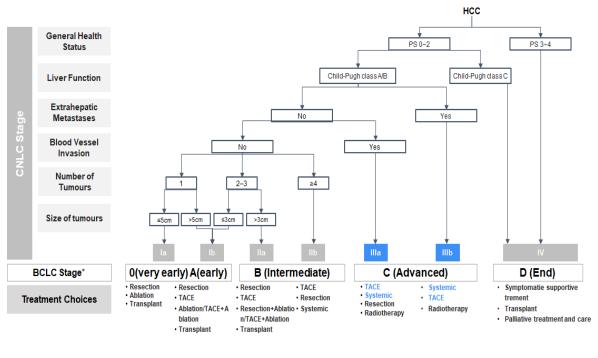
## For advanced liver cancer with BCLC stage C, there are differences in treatment recommendations between Chinese and international guidelines

BCLC Strategy for prognosis prediction and treatment recommendation: The 2022 update<sup>1</sup>



The preferred option for HCC patients with BCLC stage C is systemic therapy

"Primary Liver Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Guidelines" 2022 Edition, China<sup>2</sup>

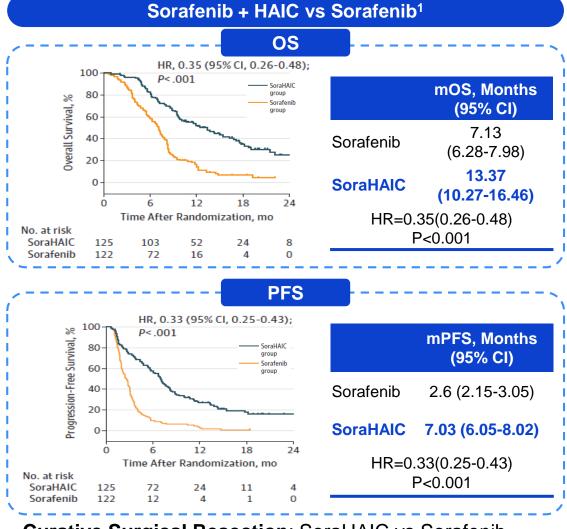


For HCC patients with CNLC Stage Illa-IIIb (BCLC stage C), locoregional therapy or systemic therapy is recommended.

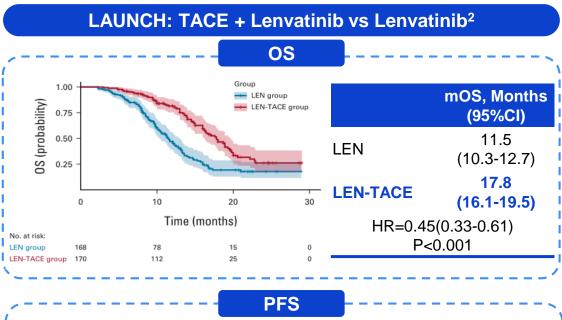
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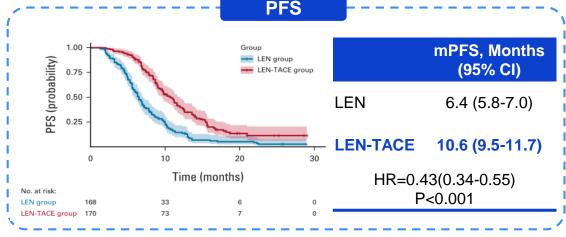
<sup>\*</sup>Corresponding BCLC stage has been added for ease of comparison.

## Two Phase III studies demonstrated that the combination strategy significantly improved PFS and OS in patients with advanced HCC and increased the rate of curative surgical resection



Curative Surgical Resection: SoraHAIC vs Sorafenib = 12.8% (16/125) VS. 0.8% (1/122)





**Curative Surgical Resection**: LEN-TACE vs LEN = 15.3% (26/170) VS. 1.8% (3/168)

<sup>1.</sup> He M et al. JAMA Oncol. 2019;5(7):953–960. 2. Peng Z et al. J Clin Oncol. 2023;41(1):117–127. PFS, progression free survival, OS, overall survival, HAIC, hepatic artery-infusion chemotherapy, HR, hazard ratio.

## **Treatment Option: May 2021 to November 2021**

#### May 19 2021

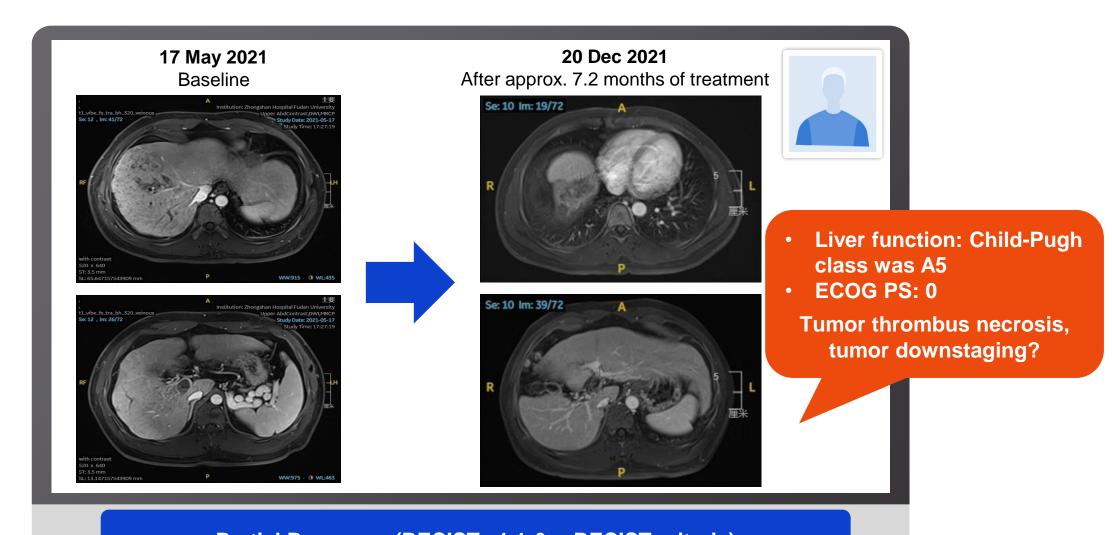
TACE-HAIC



#### 25 May 2021 to 30 November 2021

 Atezolizumab 1200 mg + Bevacizumab 900 mg, q3w

## **Efficacy Assessment: After 7.2 months of treatment**



Partial Response (RECIST v1.1 & mRECIST criteria)

### What would be your next treatment for this patient?

- 1. Resection
- 2. Ablation
- 3. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-VEGF
- 4. Locoregional therapy (TACE/TARE/SIRT with Y-90)



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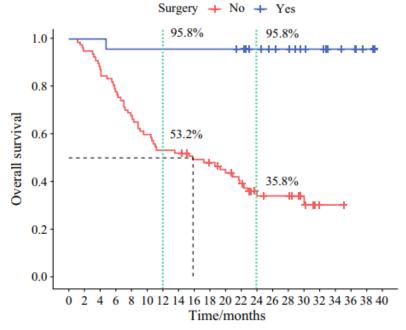
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# Poll: What would be your next treatment for this patient?

## Conversion-surgery is associated with better survival benefit than palliative care or direct surgery in patients with intermediate/advanced-stage HCC

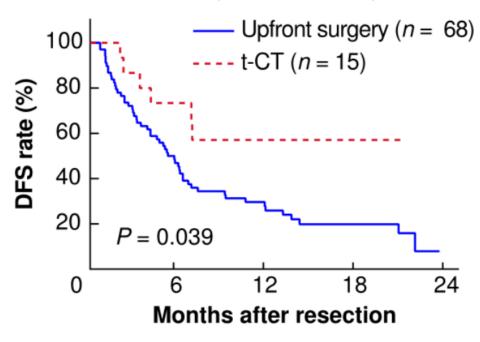
The survival of conversion-surgery was significantly better than non-surgical palliative care

24-month survival rates were 95.8% vs 35.8% for patients who underwent vs did not undergo conversion surgery



 The study enrolled 101 patients who received combined TKI/anti-PD-1 antibodies as 1L treatment for initially uHCC, including 24 patients (23.8%) who underwent R0 resection after initiation of systemic therapy The DFS of conversion-surgery was significantly higher than upfront surgery

mDFS was not reached vs 5.4 months for patients with conversion-surgery vs upfront surgery



 30 patients with initially uHCC receiving triple combination therapy (t-CT) were enrolled, 15 of whom underwent conversion-surgery

- Zhu XD et al. Ann Surg Oncol. 2023;30(5):2782–2790.
- 2. Qu WF et al. BJS Open. 2022;6(5):zrac114.

## HCC conversion therapy has made great progress in recent years after long-term development



#### 1990s

Many studies have reported 5-year survival rates of 50-60% in patients undergoing 'conversion and resection', **preliminarily demonstrating the benefit of conversion therapy** 

2019

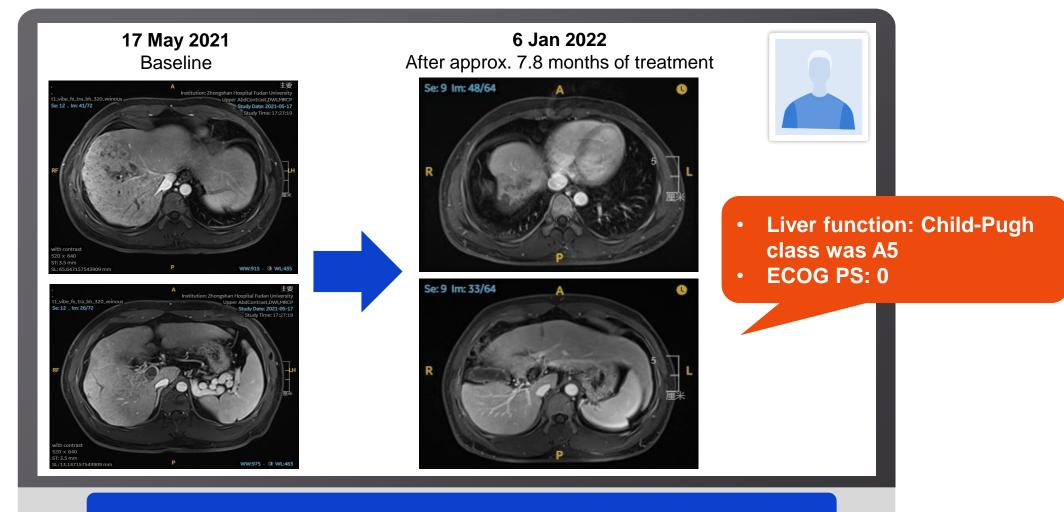
Conversion therapy was first listed as one of the treatment options for unresectable HCC by Chinese guidelines



#### 2021

The Chinese expert consensus on conversion therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma was published<sup>1</sup>

## **Preoperative Assessment: After approx. 7.8 months of treatment**

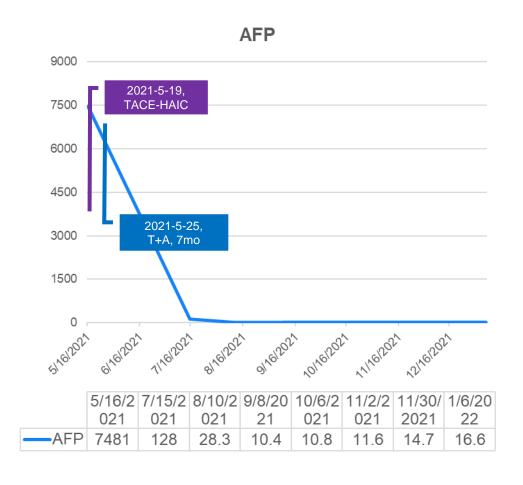


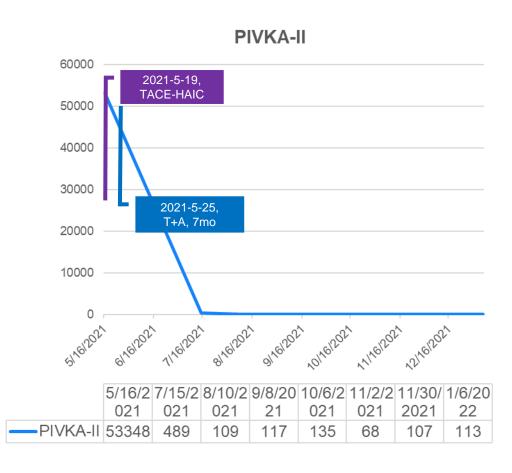
**Efficacy Assessment: PR Ongoing (RECIST v1.1 & mRECIST criteria)** 

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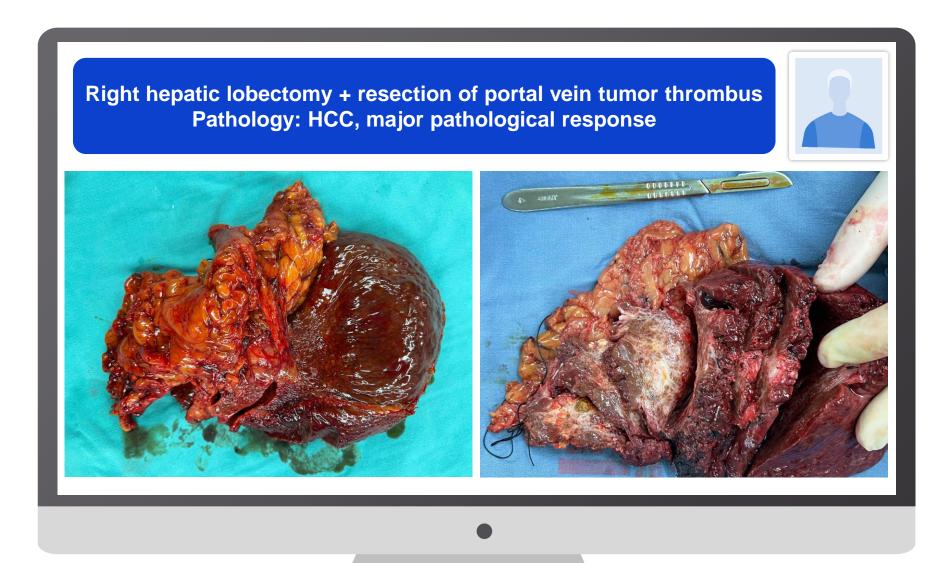
AFP, alpha fetoprotein; PIVKA-II, protein induced by vitamin K absence-II; PR, partial response; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; mRECIST, modified Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

## Tumor marker changes during preoperative treatment





## **Surgical Resection: 13 January 2022**



## **Postoperative Treatment and Assessment**

#### February 2022 to January 2023

Adjuvant treatment with atezolizumab + bevacizumab



#### February 2023

 Atezolizumab + bevacizumab therapy was withdrawn for observation

#### 19 Jul 2023

MRI: No tumor recurrence

AFP: 2.1 ng/mL

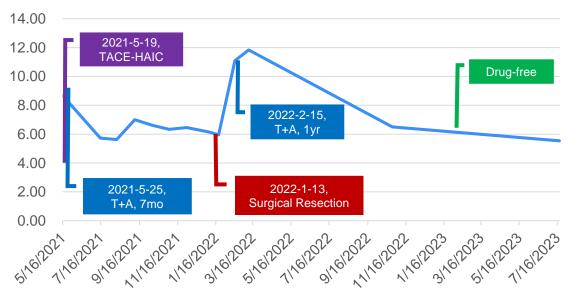
PIVKA-II: 2.2 mAU/mL



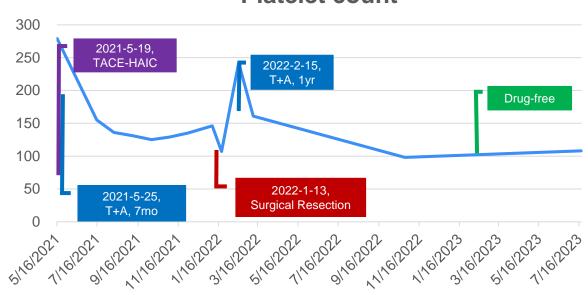
## **Safety**

- > During the perioperative period, only Grade 1 or 2 adverse events occurred;
- > There were no Grade 3 or higher complications after surgical resection.

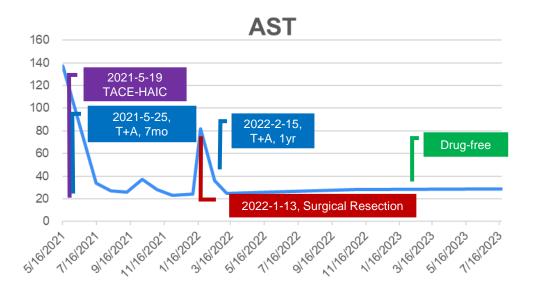
#### White blood cell count

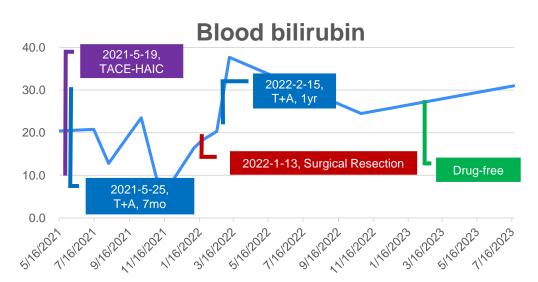


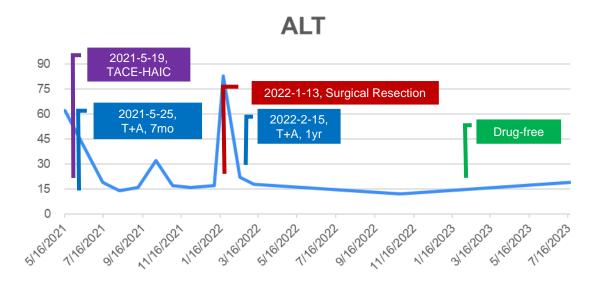
#### Platelet count

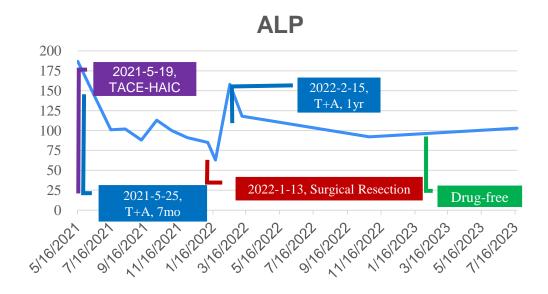


## **Safety**









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## **Summary**

#### Male patient, with hepatitis B virus infection

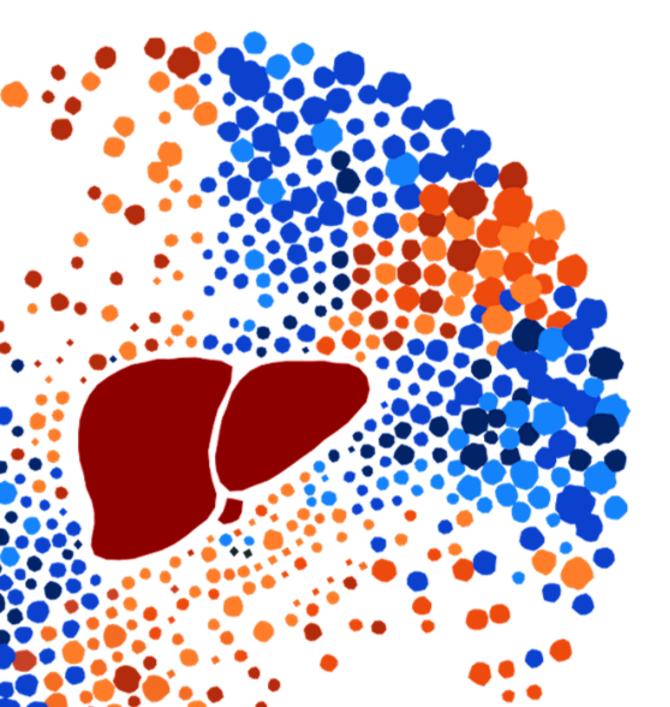
BCLC-C stage HCC, PVTT VP3, w/o extrahepatic metastasis



- TACE-HAIC was used once, followed by atezo + bevious treatment for 7 months
- Partial response per RECIST v1.1 & mRECIST
- surgical resection and the pathology was MPR
- Atezo + bev adjuvant therapy for one year, remains tumor free in 1.5 years
- No serious adverse events and liver function

OS >2.4 years, DFS >1.5 years, drug-free >9 mo





## Case discussion: Adjuvant therapy, who and how?

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## Please participate in the polling!

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tap the session titled
"Roche - HCC illuminated:
Exploring future frontiers
with systemic
immunotherapies"

## **Patient History**

#### 64- year-old gentleman, retired banker

- Known case of chronic Hep B, on Tenofovir
- Background liver cirrhosis and fatty liver
- With family history of Hep B +ve HCC

#### Oct Year 1: On 6-monthly HCC surveillance program

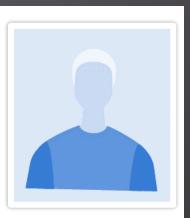
- **US abdomen:** no suspicious lesion
- **AFP**: normal

#### Feb Year 2: Visit 2

- **US abdomen:** hepatic steatosis; no suspicious lesion
- **AFP**: normal (2.7 ug/L)

#### Aug Year 2: Visit 3

- **US abdomen:** no suspicious lesion
- AFP: 24.4 ug/L elevated up trending

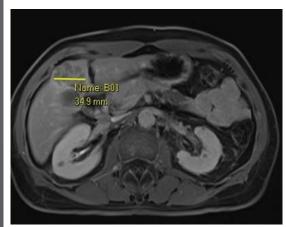


## **Investigation: August Year 2**

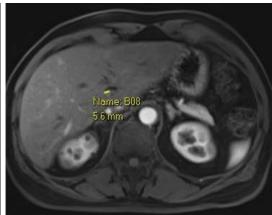
## MRI Liver was performed with Gadovist for further assessment August Year 2



- 3.5cm Seg 4b/5 and 0.7cm Seg 8 lesions are suspicious for multifocal HCC
- 0.6cm Caudate enhancement indeterminate
- No extra-hepatic metastases







## **Investigation: September Year 2**

#### Case was discussed in the Comprehensive Liver Cancer Clinic, NCCS MDT discussion

• **Recommendation:** MRI with Primovist to adequately evaluate all the liver lesions including caudate lobe lesion



#### **MRI Primovist:**

- Seg 4B/5 HCC increase from 3.5 to 3.9cm, Seg 4A/8 HCC stable at 0.7cm.
- Caudate lobe lesion was not seen, likely perfusion anomalies.

#### **Blood tests**

• **AFP**: 24.4

LFT: Normal

· Child Pugh A

• ICG @ 15min 15.0%

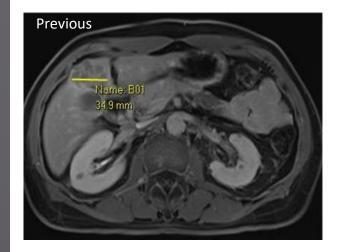
Protein Total, serum	*	74
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Bilirubin Total, serum	×	11
Alkaline Phosphatase, serum	*	94
Alanine Transaminase, serum	*	15
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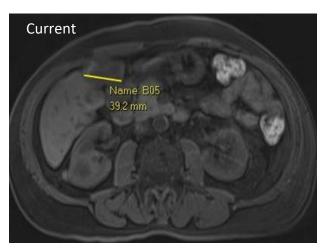
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- Seg 4B/5 HCC increase from 3.5 to 3.9cm, Seg 4A/8 HCC stable at 0.7cm.
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## What would be your initial treatment of choice for this patient?

- Resection of 3.9cm Seg 4b/5 + RFA of 0.7cm Seg 8 lesions
- 2. RFA/MWA of both lesions
- 3. TACE + RFA
- 4. SIRT with Y-90 + RFA
- 5. Liver transplantation
- 6. Systemic therapy



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# Poll: What would be your initial treatment of choice for this patient?

## Management and Follow-up: October Year 2

#### **October Year 2**

- Surgical resection of Seg 4b/5 HCC
- Segment 4A/8 7mm lesion: interventional radiologist unable to locate identify the lesion by intra-op CEUS
- Also unable to locate with intra-op ICG localization



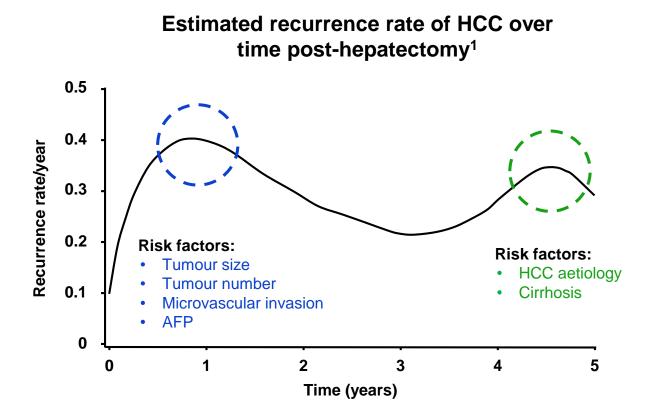
- Poorly differentiated (Edmondson grade 3) HCC
- 5.2cm in maximum dimension
- Microvascular invasion (pT2)
- Margins clear (R0 resection)

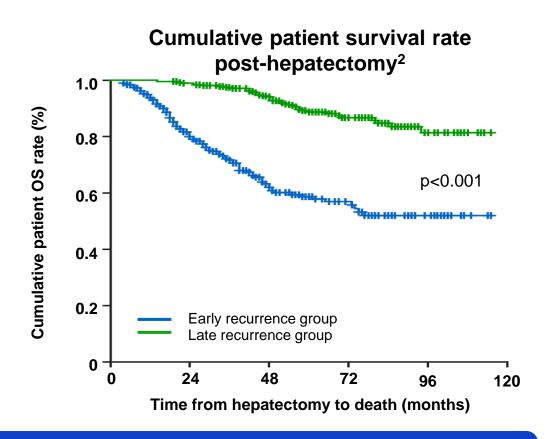
#### DIAGNOSIS

- (A) Liver, segment 4B and 5 tumour; wedge resection: Poorly differentiated (Edmondson grade 3) hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC);
- measures 5.2cm in maximum dimension,
- with vascular invasion (pT2),
- 0.3cm away from hepatic resection margin,
- background cirrhosis with chronic hepatitis B clinically.



## For patients who undergo resection, early recurrence of disease (within 2 years) can significantly impact OS





Adjuvant treatment may overcome the risk of early HCC recurrence and improve patient prognosis. However, there are currently no approved agents in this setting for HCC, representing an urgent unmet need<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Imamura et al. J Hepatol 2003; Copyright (2023), with permission from Elsevier.
- 2. Jung et al. J Gastrointest Surg 2019; Copyright (2023), with permission from Springer.
- 3. Hack et al. Future Oncol 2020; 16(15):975-989.

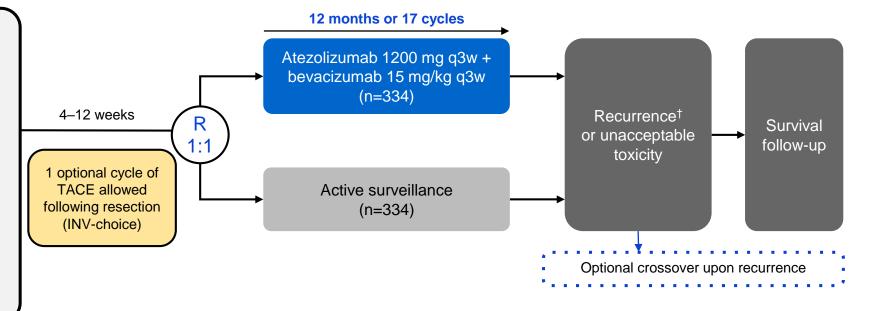
## IMbrave050: study design<sup>1</sup>

Phase III, multicenter, randomized, open-label study

#### Key eligibility criteria:

- Confirmed first diagnosis of HCC who have undergone curative resection or ablation (complete resection or RFA/MWA)
  - R0 on pathology report (resection)
  - CR by imaging (ablation)
- · Child-Pugh A
- High risk of recurrence\*
- No extrahepatic spread or macrovascular invasion (except Vp1/Vp2)
- ECOG 0/1

(N=668)



#### Stratification:

- Region (APAC excl Japan vs RoW+Japan)
- · High-risk features and procedures:
  - Ablation
  - Resection, 1 risk feature, adjuvant TACE (yes vs no)
  - Resection, 2+ risk features, adjuvant TACE (yes vs no)



#### Primary endpoint

IRF-assessed RFS



#### Secondary endpoints

- OS
- INV-assessed RFS
- RFS and OS according to PD-L1 status
- Time to recurrence
- Time to EHS and/or MVI.
- Safety

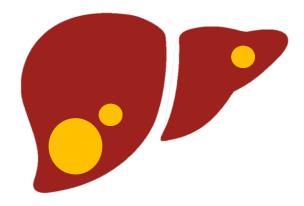


†Per EASL criteria for intrahepatic lesions or RECIST for extrahepatic lesions.
ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EHS, extrahepatic spread; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IRF, independent review facility;

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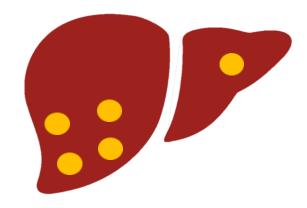
## IMbrave050: Definition of 'high-risk of early recurrence' after resection<sup>1</sup>

#### **Tumor size**



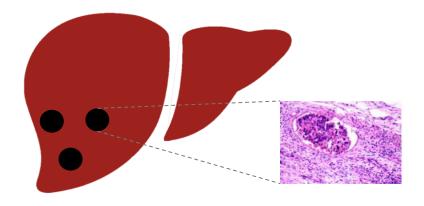
Largest tumor >5 cm
AND
≤3 tumors

#### **Multiplicity**



≥4 tumors AND largest tumor ≤5 cm

#### Clinicopathology



Vascular invasion\* and/or
poor tumor differentiation (Gr 3/4)

AND
largest tumor ≤5 cm

AND

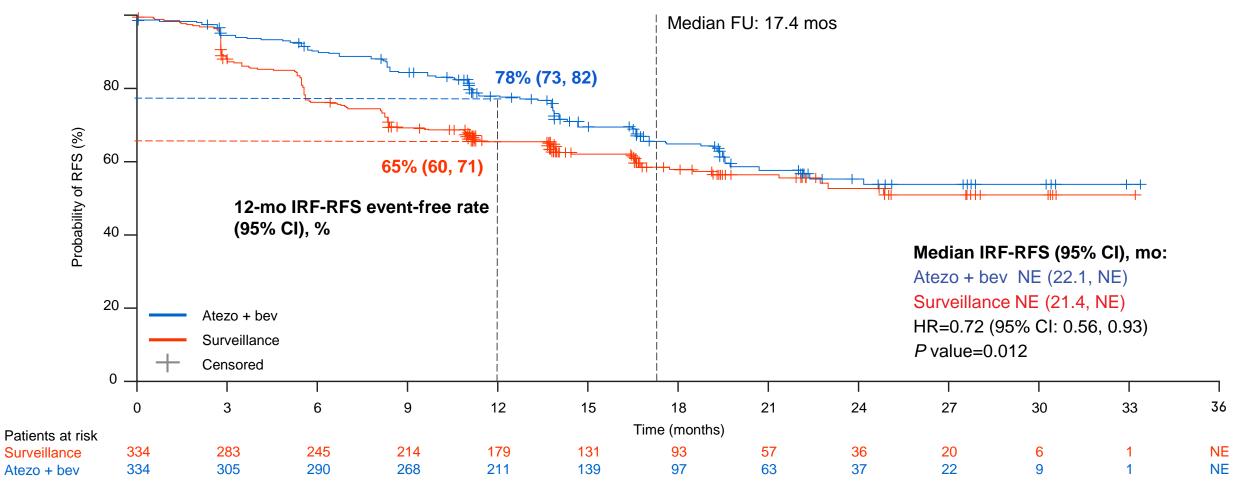
≤3 tumors

<sup>\*</sup>Microvascular invasion or minor macrovascular portal vein invasion of the portal vein—Vp1/Vp2. Criteria based on published literature and feedback from clinical practice.

<sup>1.</sup> Qin S et al. Lancet. 2023;402(10415):1835–1847.

### IMbrave050: IRF-assessed RFS<sup>1</sup>

#### Primary endpoint



CCOD: 21 October 2022. Minimum follow-up time: 10.8 months; median follow-up time: 17.4 months.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; INV, investigator; IRF, independent review facility; NE, not estimable; RFS, recurrence-free survival

.1. Qin S et al. Lancet. 2023;402(10415):1835-1847.

### What would be your post-surgery strategy?

- 1. Close follow-up
- 2. Adjuvant immunotherapy (anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-VEGF)



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## Poll: What would be your post-surgery strategy?

## Post-operation Follow-up: February Year 3

#### February Year 3 (3 months post-op)

• MRI Liver Primovist: New innumerable bilobar hepatic lesions suspicious for multifocal HCC recurrence. For example:



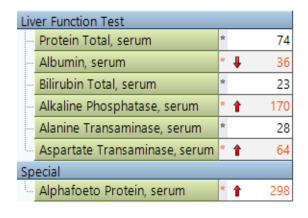
- Seg 7 (1.1 cm)
- Seg 2 (1.2 cm)

CT Thorax: lungs clear

#### **Bloods:**

AFP uptrend elevated

 $13.2 \rightarrow 63 \rightarrow 298$ 







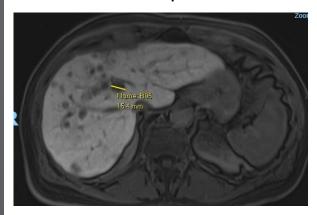


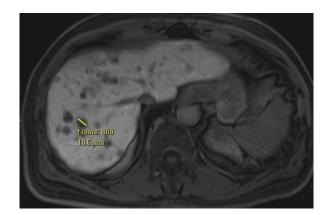
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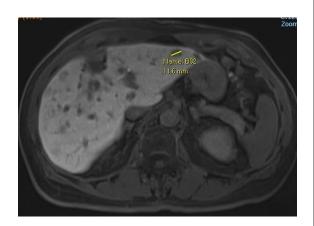
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- Largest Seg 8 (1.5 cm)
- Seg 7 (1.1 cm)
- Seg 2 (1.2 cm)
- No extra-hepatic metastases

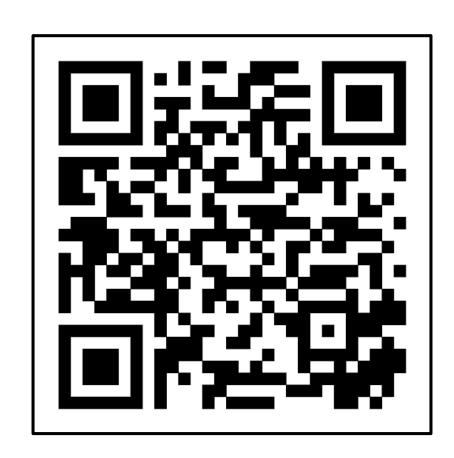






### What would be your treatment option for this patient?

- 1. TACE
- 2. SIRT with Y-90
- 3. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-VEGF
- 4. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + anti-CTLA-4
- 5. TKI monotherapy





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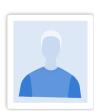
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# Poll: What would be your treatment option for this patient?

## Post-operation Follow-up: February Year 3

#### March Year 3 (4 months post-op)

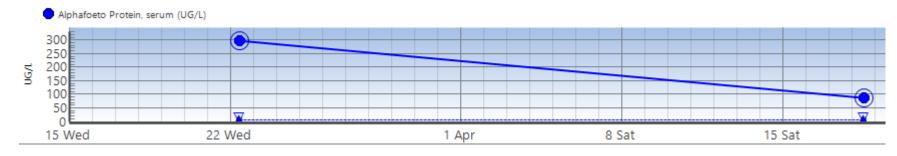
- OGD: no varices.
- Started Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab



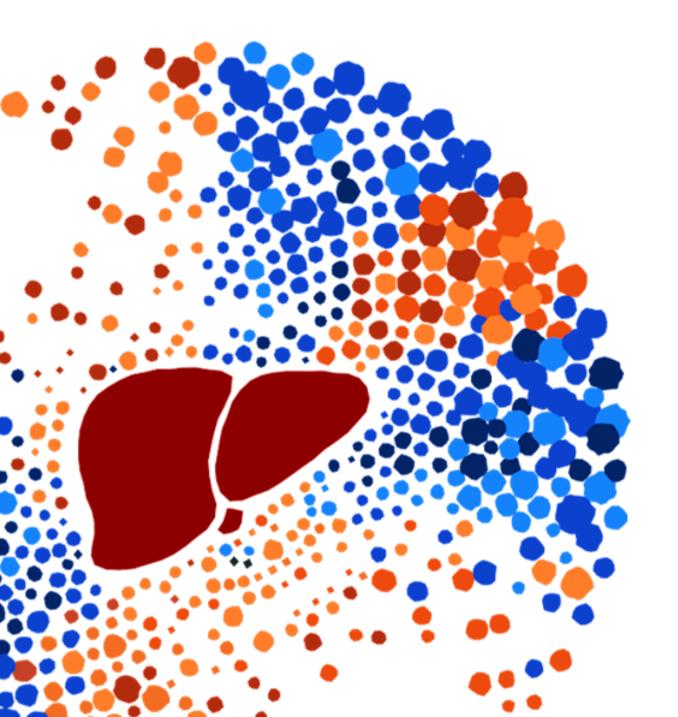
#### April Year 3 (5 months post-op)

- Underwent cycle 2
- AFP: 298 → 88.3, downtrending
- Planning for cycle 3

#### Alphafoeto Protein, serum







# Audience Q&A / Closing Remarks

Han Chong Toh



## **Key summary points**



**Combination immunotherapies**, including atezolizumab and bevacizumab, have demonstrated **high response rates** and are now considered **standard of care** for patients with unresectable HCC. The role of immunotherapies continues to expand. Treatment decisions are likely to become more complex, requiring **MDT support**.



Most HCC patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage. **Downstaging conversion therapy** may provide patients with an opportunity for curative treatment (resection/ablation) and **prolong survival time for patients with advanced HCC**.

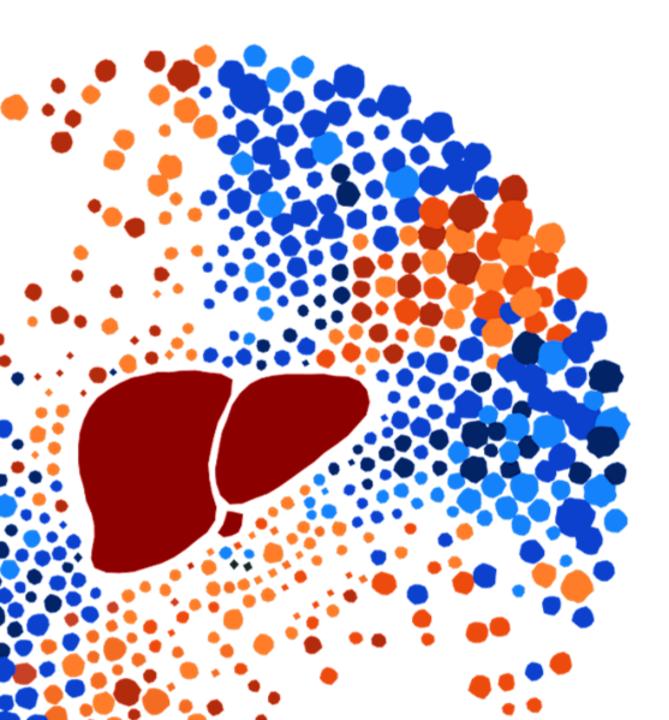


For patients with HCC eligible for curative intent treatment, surgical interventions remain the best opportunity for cure. However, recurrent disease still poses a significant risk. The positive results of IMBrave050 has shown that immunotherapy can be an efficacious adjuvant therapy in HCC.



Research is ongoing to determine whether **combining systemic immunotherapy with locoregional therapy** can provide a better prognosis with minimal side effects for patients with HCC.





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