



# STATO DELL'ARTE SULL'EPATOCARCINOMA 2017-2018

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## *Il treatment plan* nella terapia sistemica dell'epatocarcinoma

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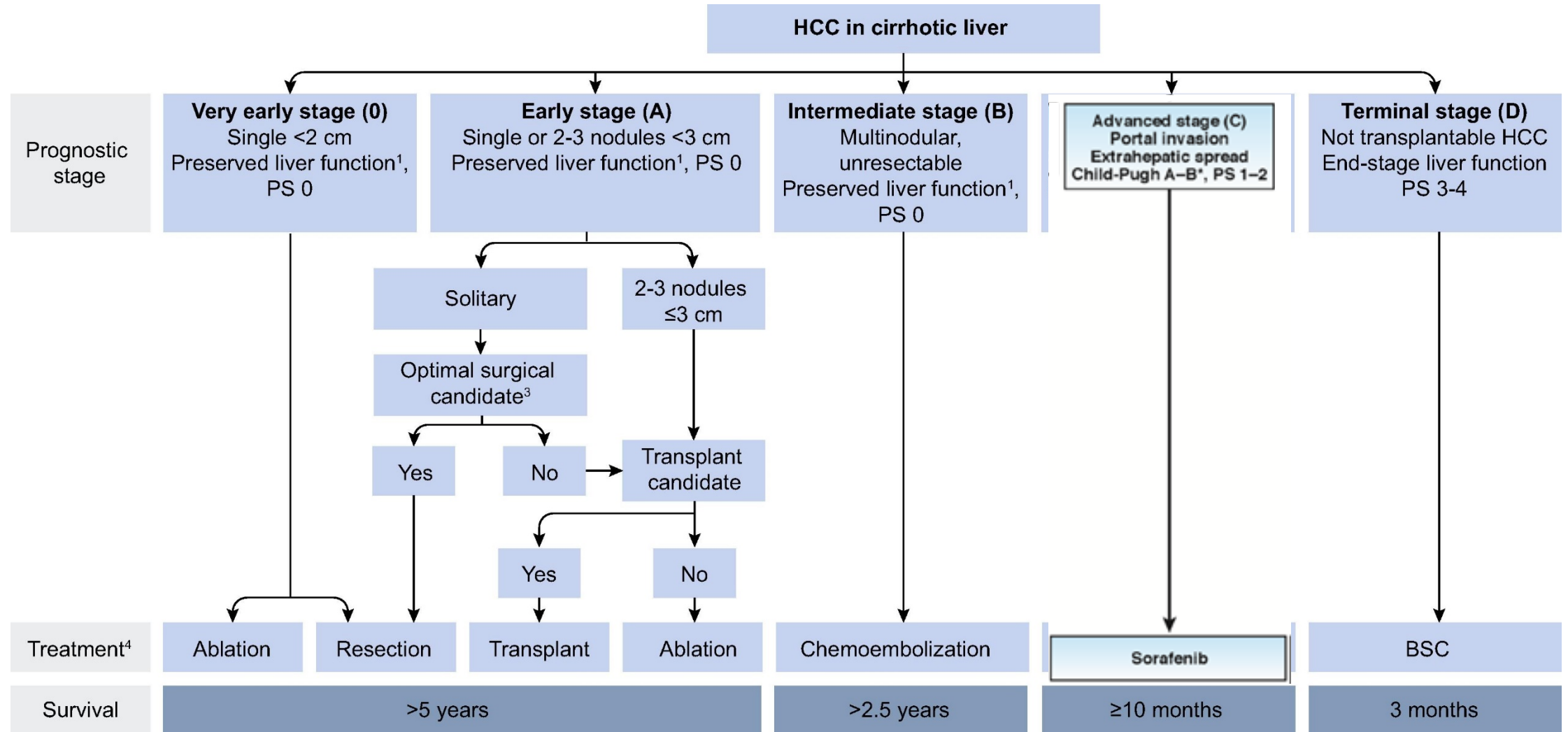
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# Agenda

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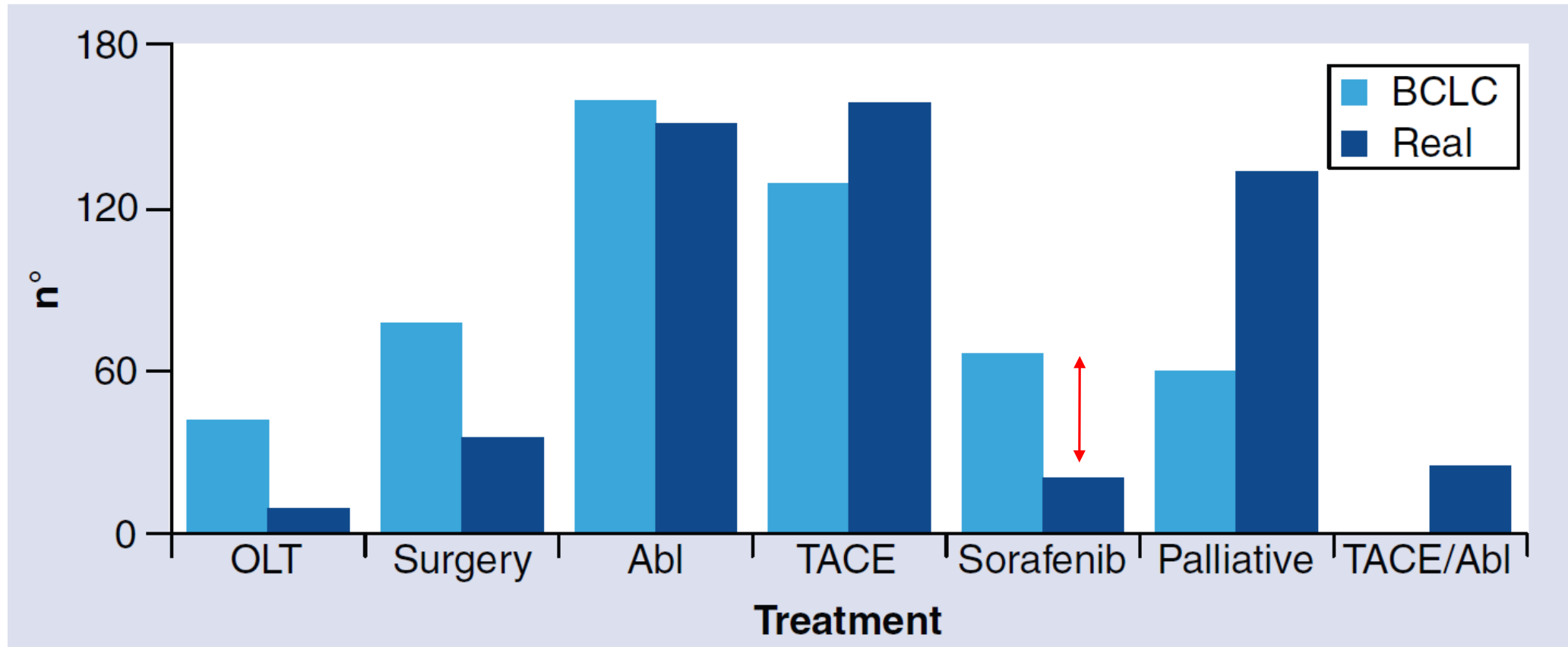
- ✓ Sorafenib: it all started here
  - ✓ New weapons available (soon)
  - ✓ Find the right sequence, always the same story, with new tools (?)
  - ✓ The sorafenib and regorafenib treatment sequence
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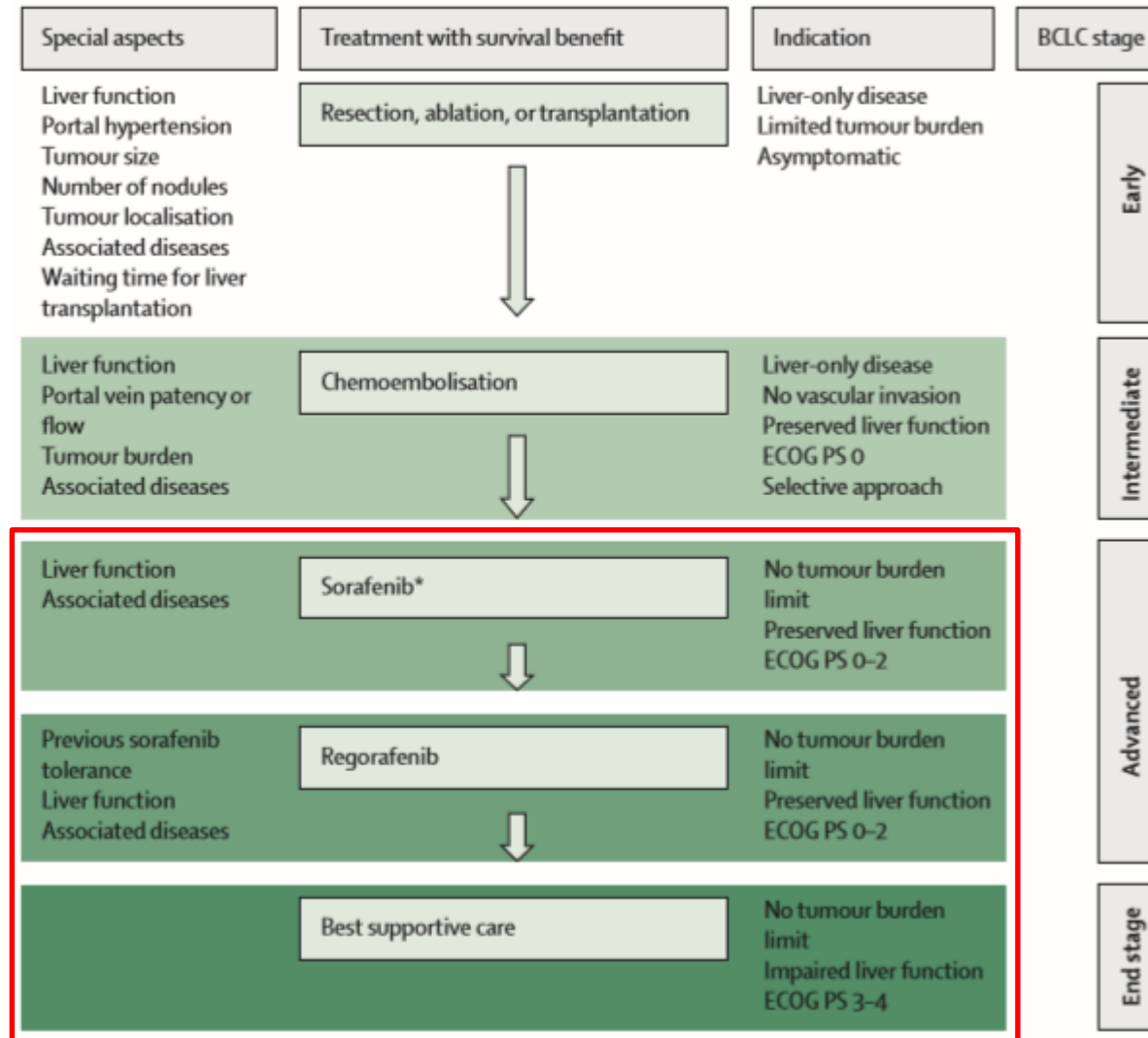
# Adherence to BCLC indications in 30 non-referral centers

2008-2011: 536 HCC patients



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## Treatment approach for HCC: sequential concept



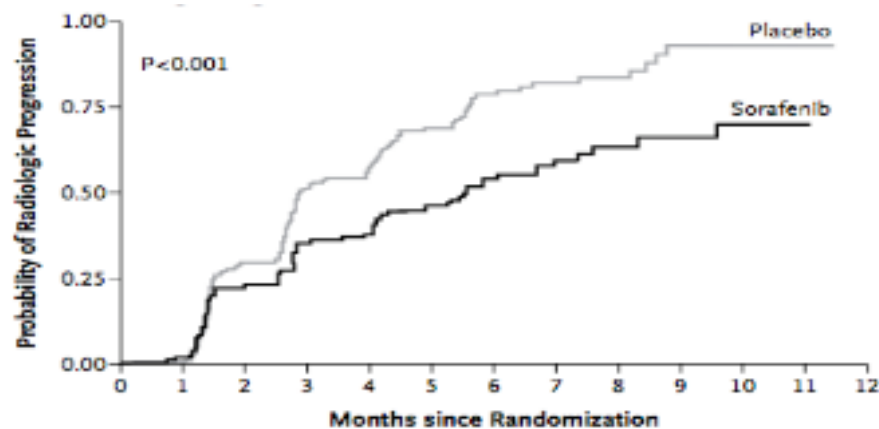
# Sorafenib: the breakthrough in 2007

## Sorafenib in Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Josep M. Llovet, M.D., Sergio Ricci, M.D., Vincenzo Mazzaferro, M.D., Philip Hilgard, M.D., Edward Gane, M.D., Jean-Frédéric Blanc, M.D., Andre Cosme de Oliveira, M.D., Armando Santoro, M.D., Jean-Luc Raoul, M.D., Alejandro Forner, M.D., Myron Schwartz, M.D., Camillo Porta, M.D., Stefan Zeuzem, M.D., Luigi Bolondi, M.D., Tim F. Greten, M.D., Peter R. Galle, M.D., Jean-François Seitz, M.D., Ivan Borbath, M.D., Dieter Häussinger, M.D., Tom Giannaris, B.Sc., Minghua Shan, Ph.D., Marius Moscovici, M.D., Dimitris Voliotis, M.D., and Jordi Bruix, M.D., for the SHARP Investigators Study Group\*

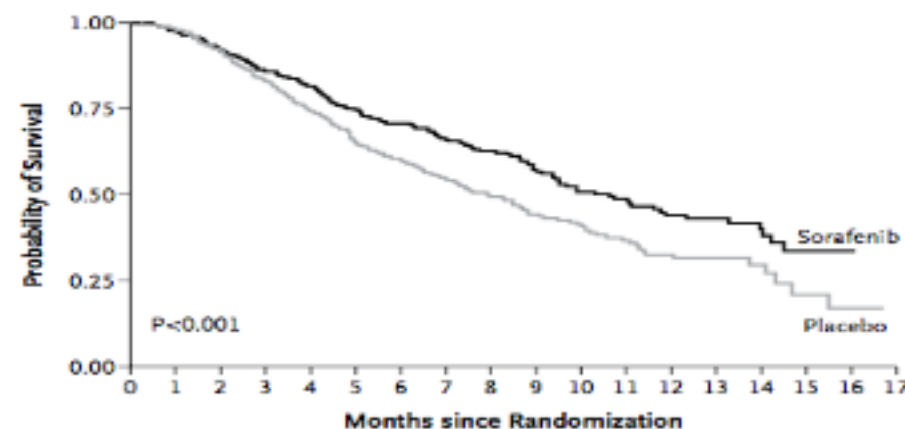
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### Time to Progression



No. at Risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sorafenib	299	267	155	101	91	65	37	23	18	10	4	2	0	
Placebo	303	275	142	78	62	41	21	11	10	3	1	1	0	

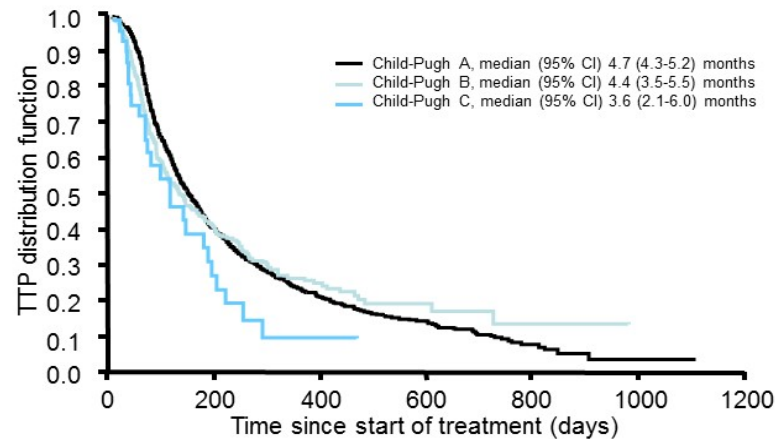
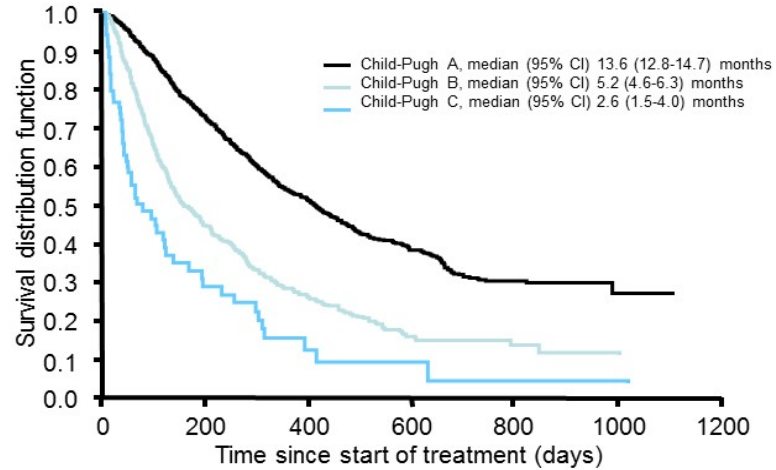
### Overall Survival



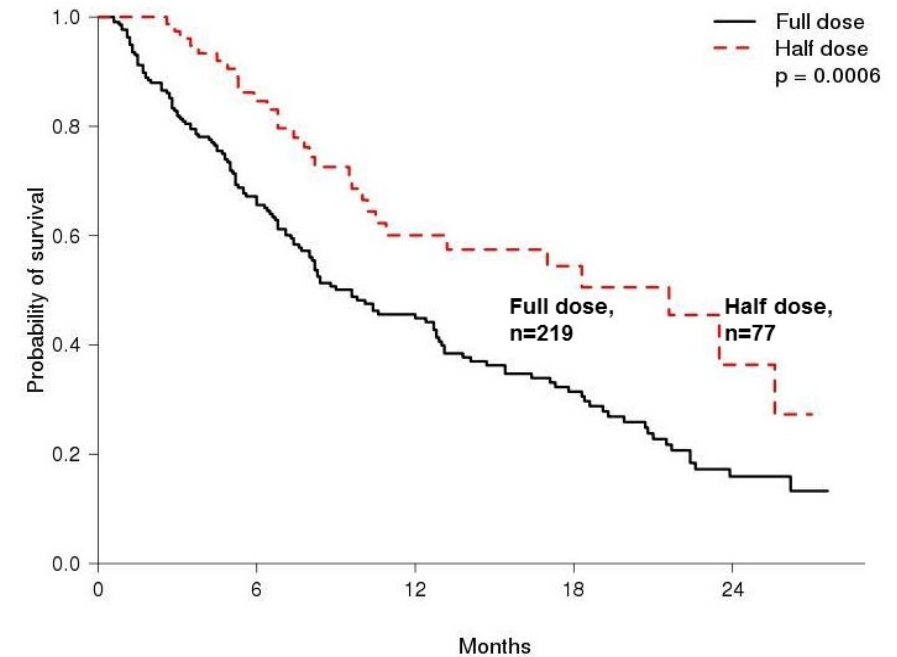
No. at Risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sorafenib	299	290	270	249	234	213	200	172	140	111	89	68	48	37	24	7	1	0	
Placebo	303	295	272	243	217	189	174	143	108	83	69	47	31	23	14	6	3	0	

# Sorafenib: The good use in Clinical Practice

GIDEON Study



SOFIA Study

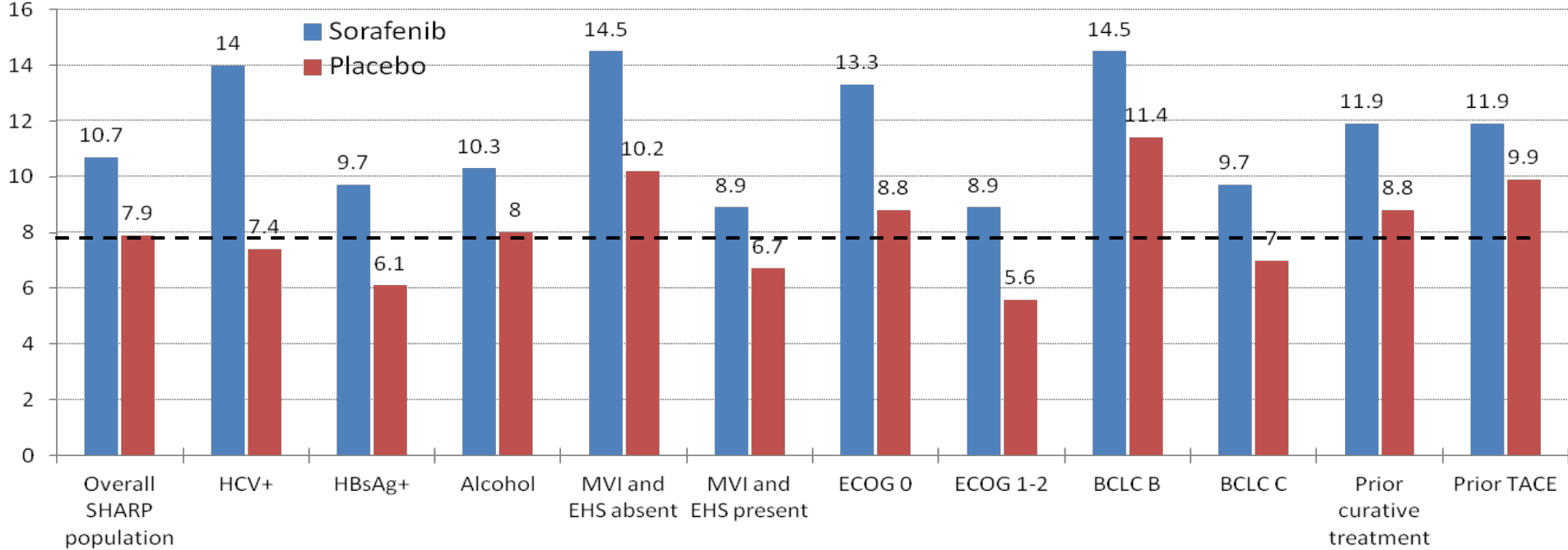


21.6 months (95% CI 13.6-29.6) vs 9.6 months (95% CI 6.9-12.3)



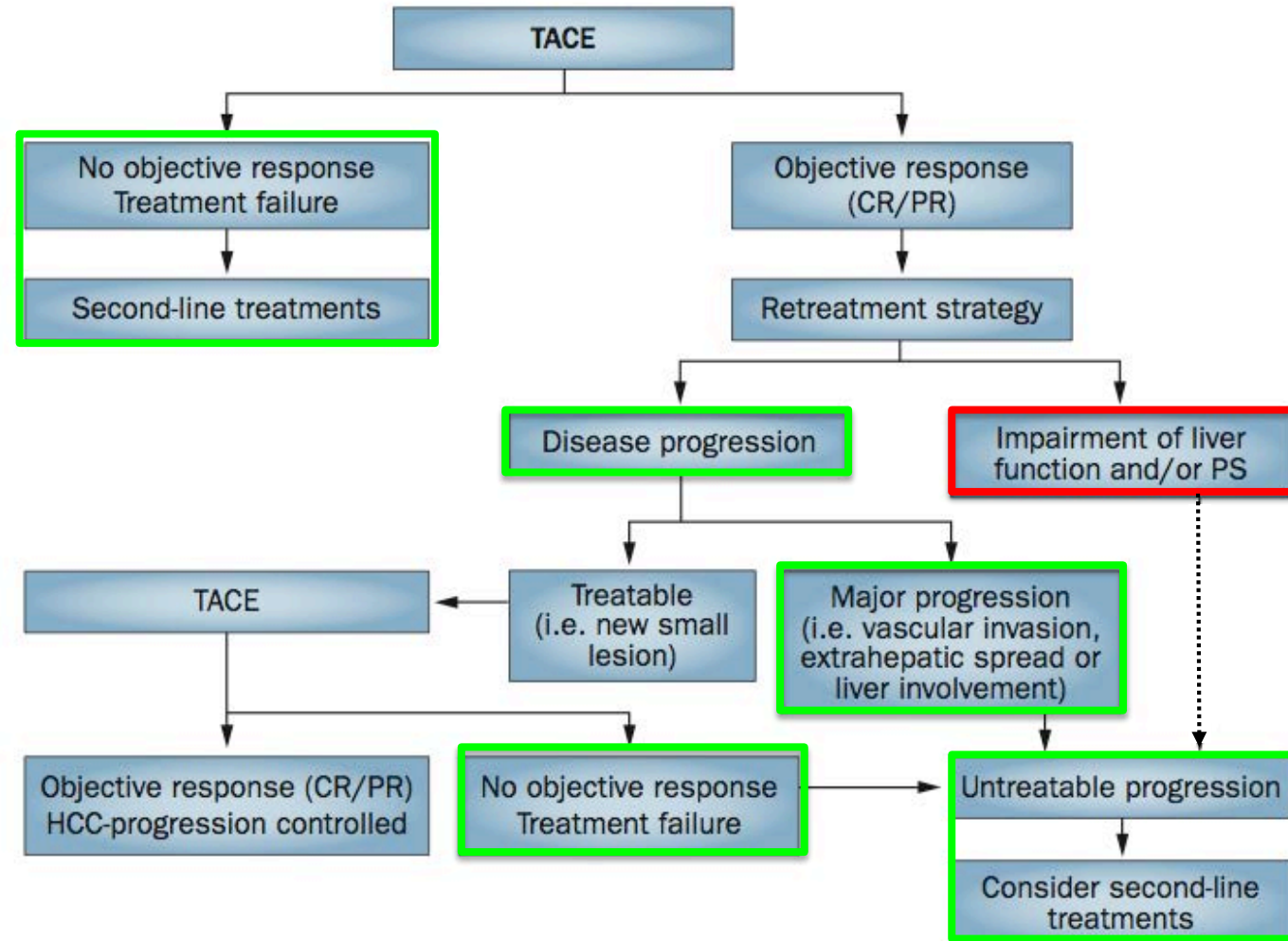
# Survival of BCLB B/C Patients Included in SHARP

Months



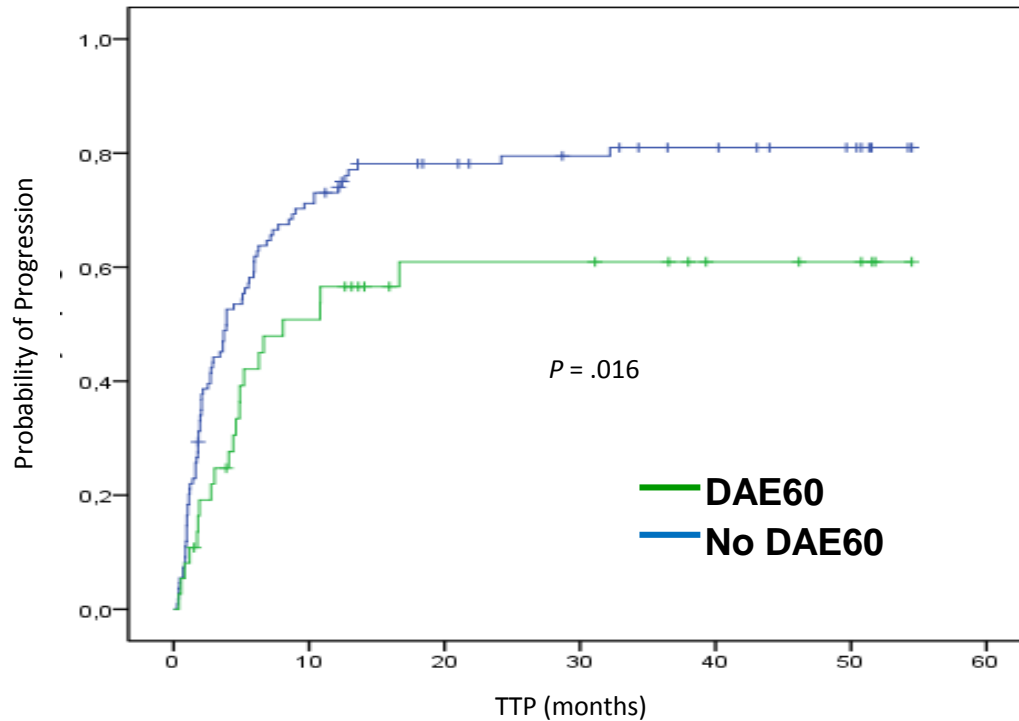
\* Resection/Local ablation, percutaneous ethanol injection or radiofrequency ablation

# TACE: untreatable progression concept



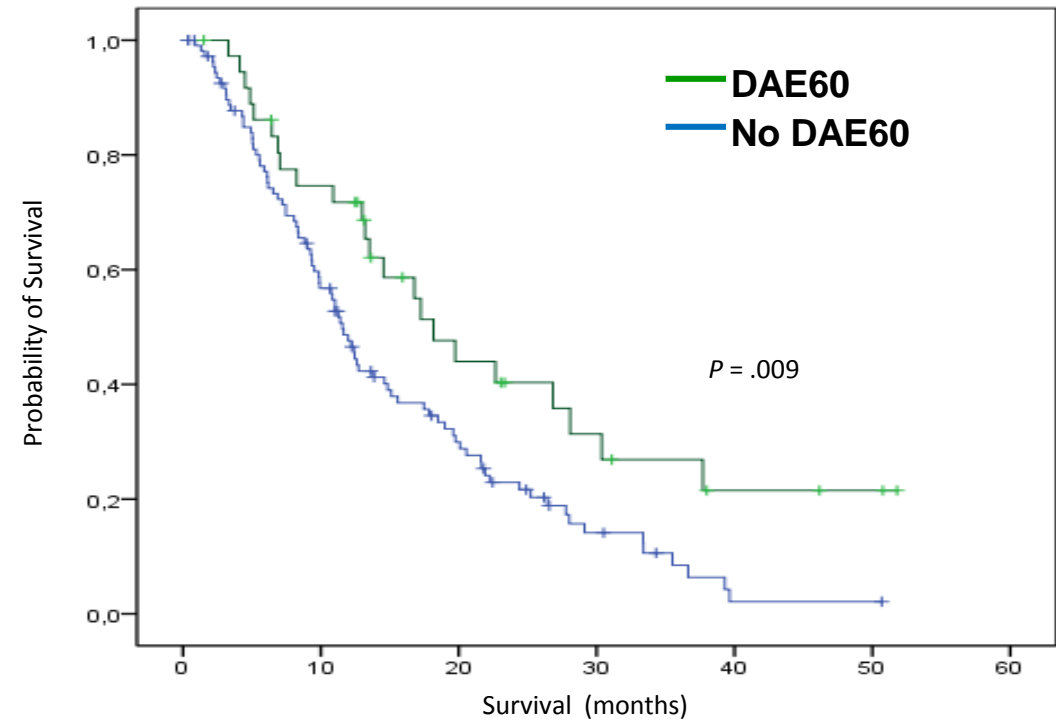
# Early dermatologic adverse events as clinical marker of outcome of sorafenib treatment

## Time to progression



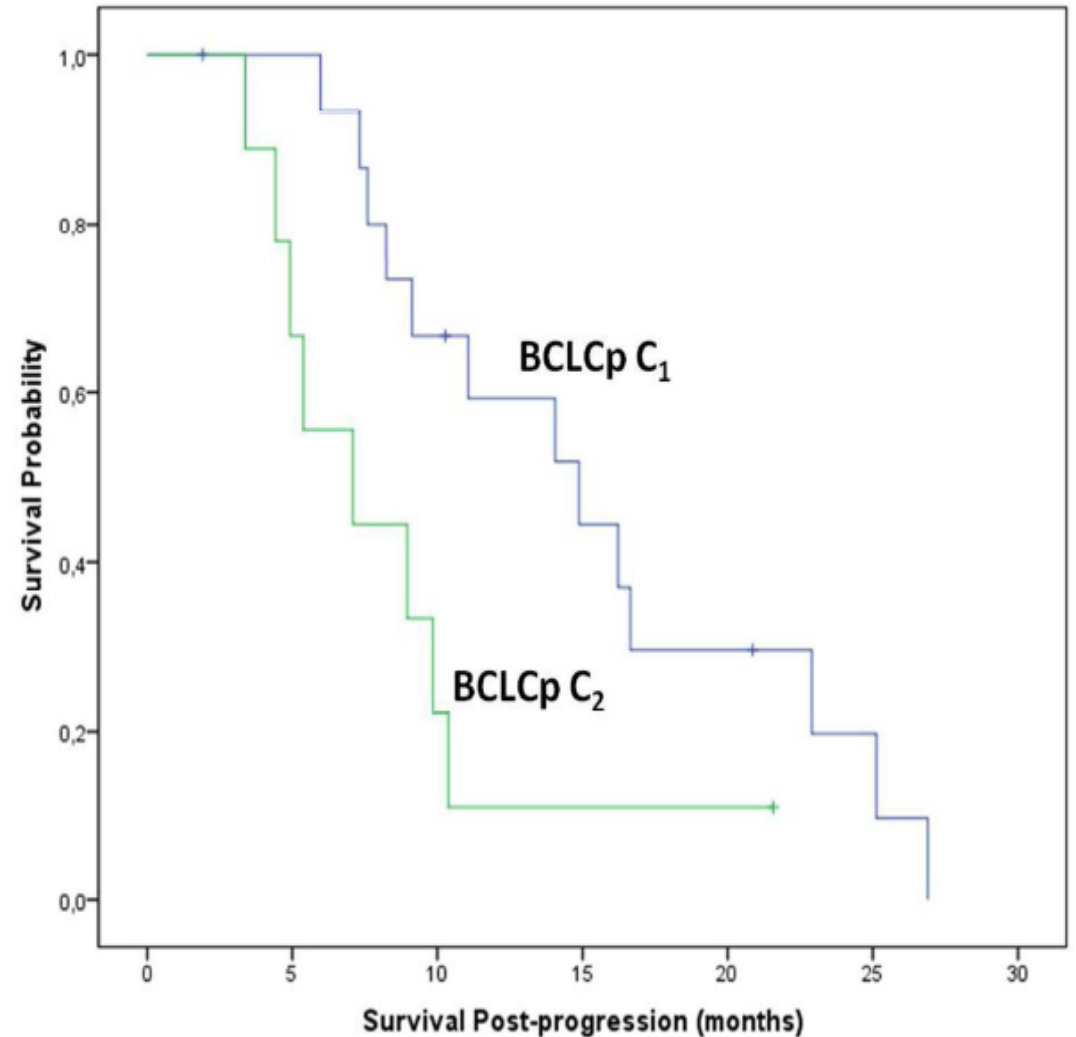
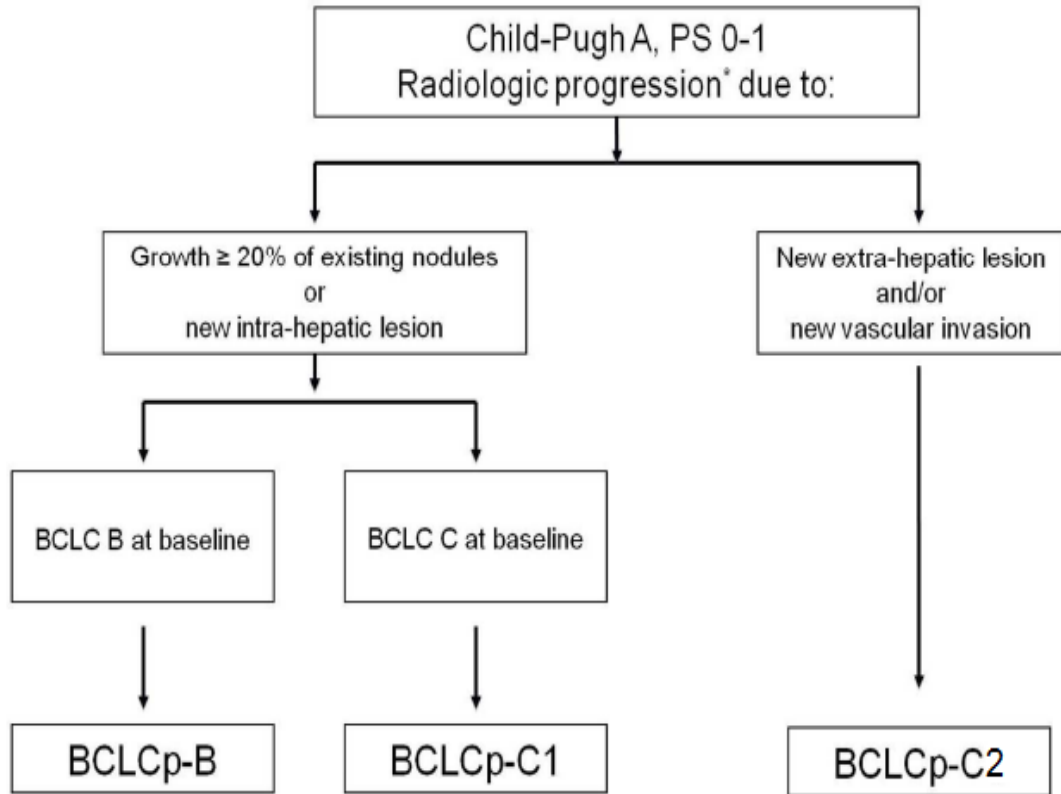
**Yes: 8.1 months (95% CI: 1.6–14.5)**  
**VS**  
**No: 3.9 months (95% CI: 2.08–5.7)**

## Overall survival



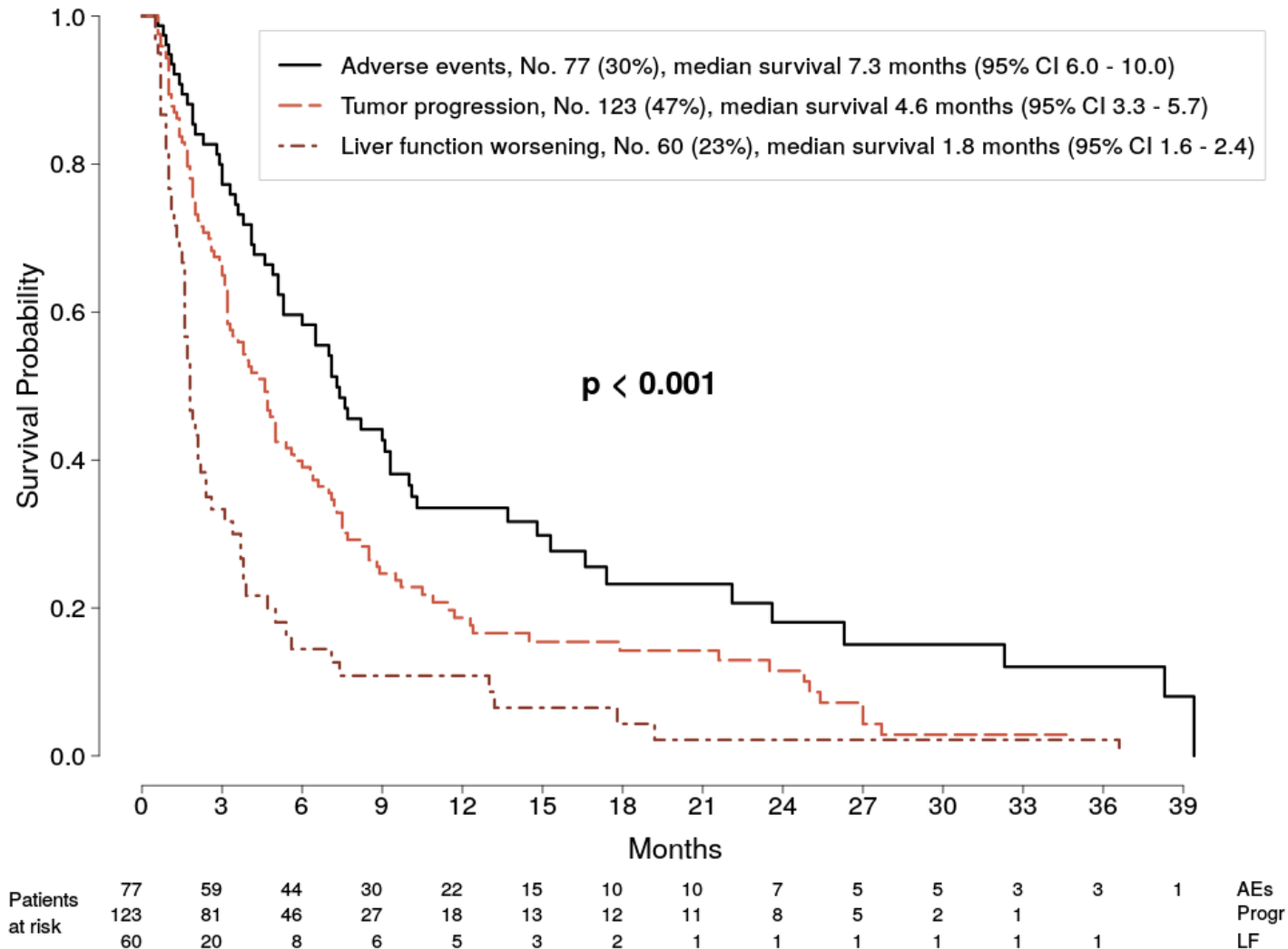
**Yes: 18.2 months (95% CI: 11.9–24.4)**  
**VS**  
**No: 10.1 months (95% CI: 10.1–13.0)**

# Post-progression Survival of Patients with adv. HCC: Rationale for Second Line Trail Design



# Sorafenib Discontinuation in Patients with adv. HCC

## Rationale for Second Line Trial Design



# Sorafenib in Liver Cancer — Just the Beginning

Lewis R. Roberts, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D.

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**SORAFENIB  
APPROVED**

First line therapies

**LENVATINIB  
NON INFERIORITY**

**2007**

**Ten years of negative results in first and second line Phase 3 Trials**

**2017**

Second line therapies

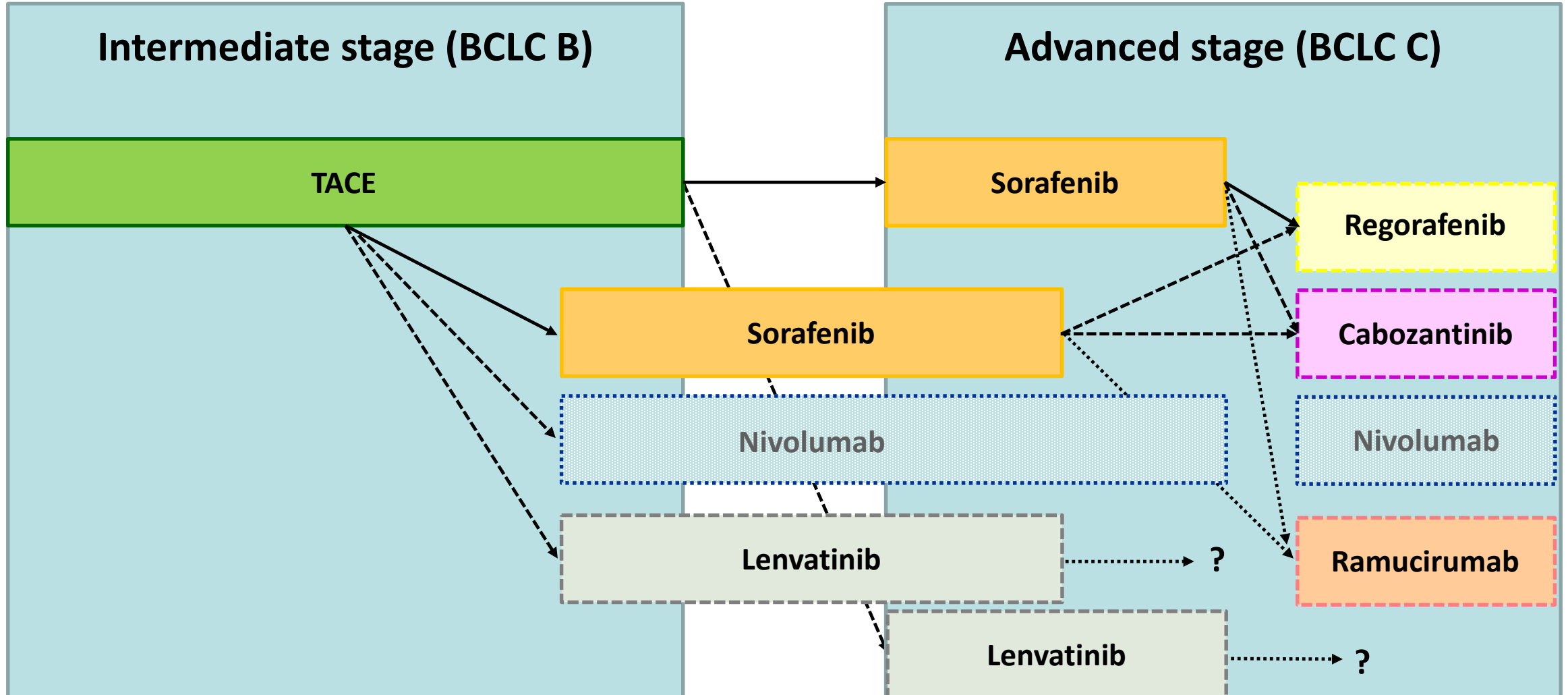
**REGORAFENIB  
APPROVED**

**RAMUCIRUMAB  
AFP>400**

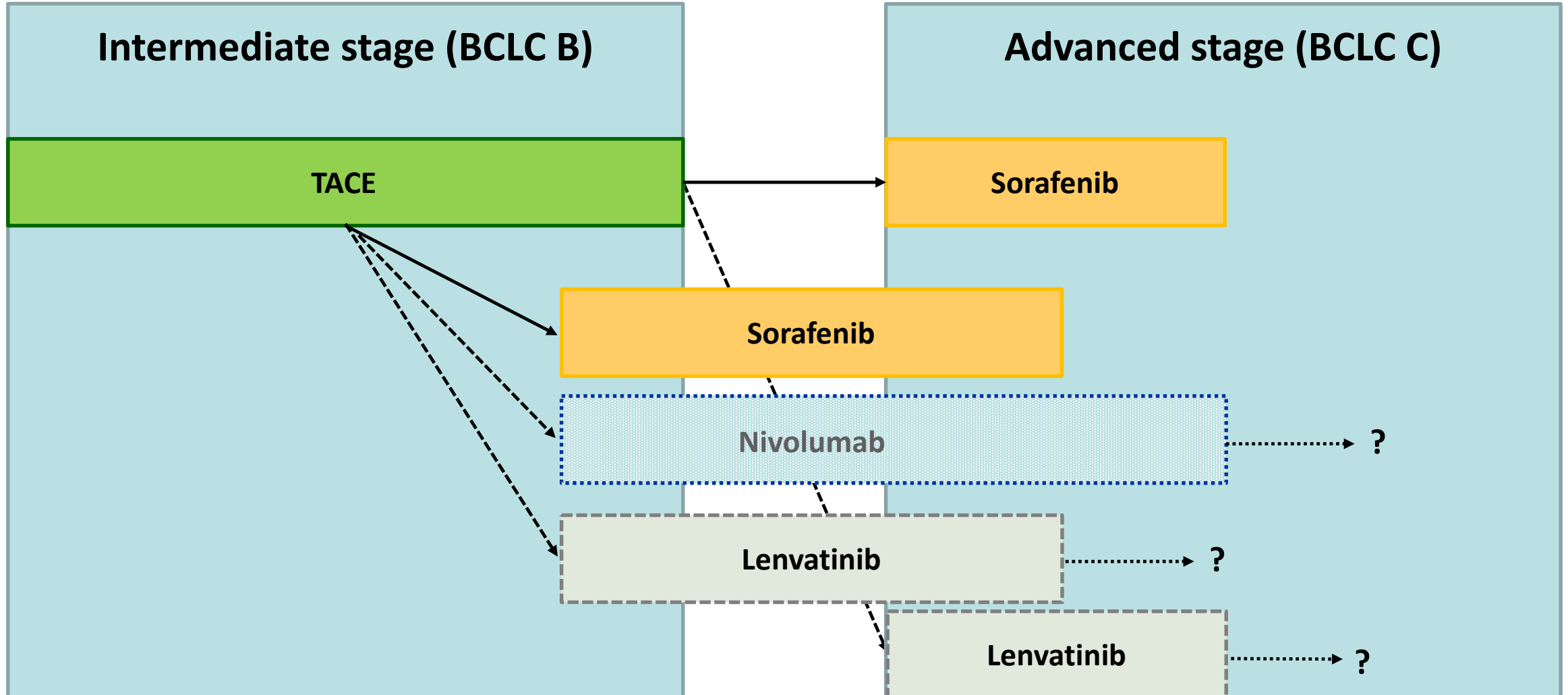
**CABOZANTINIB**

**NIVOLUMAB**

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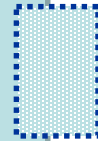
# Phase 3 trial Lenvatinib vs Sorafenib in first-line treatment of patients with unresectable HCC

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- ✓ **The most common TEAEs in the Lenvatinib arm: arterial hypertension, diarrhea, decreased appetite, decreased weight, and fatigue.**
- ✓ The most common TEAEs in the Sorafenib arm: palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, diarrhea, hypertension, and decreased appetite.
- ✓ **Patients who received Lenvatinib had fewer palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, diarrhea and alopecia, and more hypertension, proteinuria, dysphonia, and hypothyroidism, than did patients who received Sorafenib.**
- ✓ Treatment discontinuation for TEAEs: 9% in Lenvatinib arm and 7% in Sorafenib arm.
- ✓ Serious TEAEs: 43% in lenvatinib arm and 30% in sorafenib arm.

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**Intermediate stage (BCLC B)**



**Advanced stage (BCLC C)**

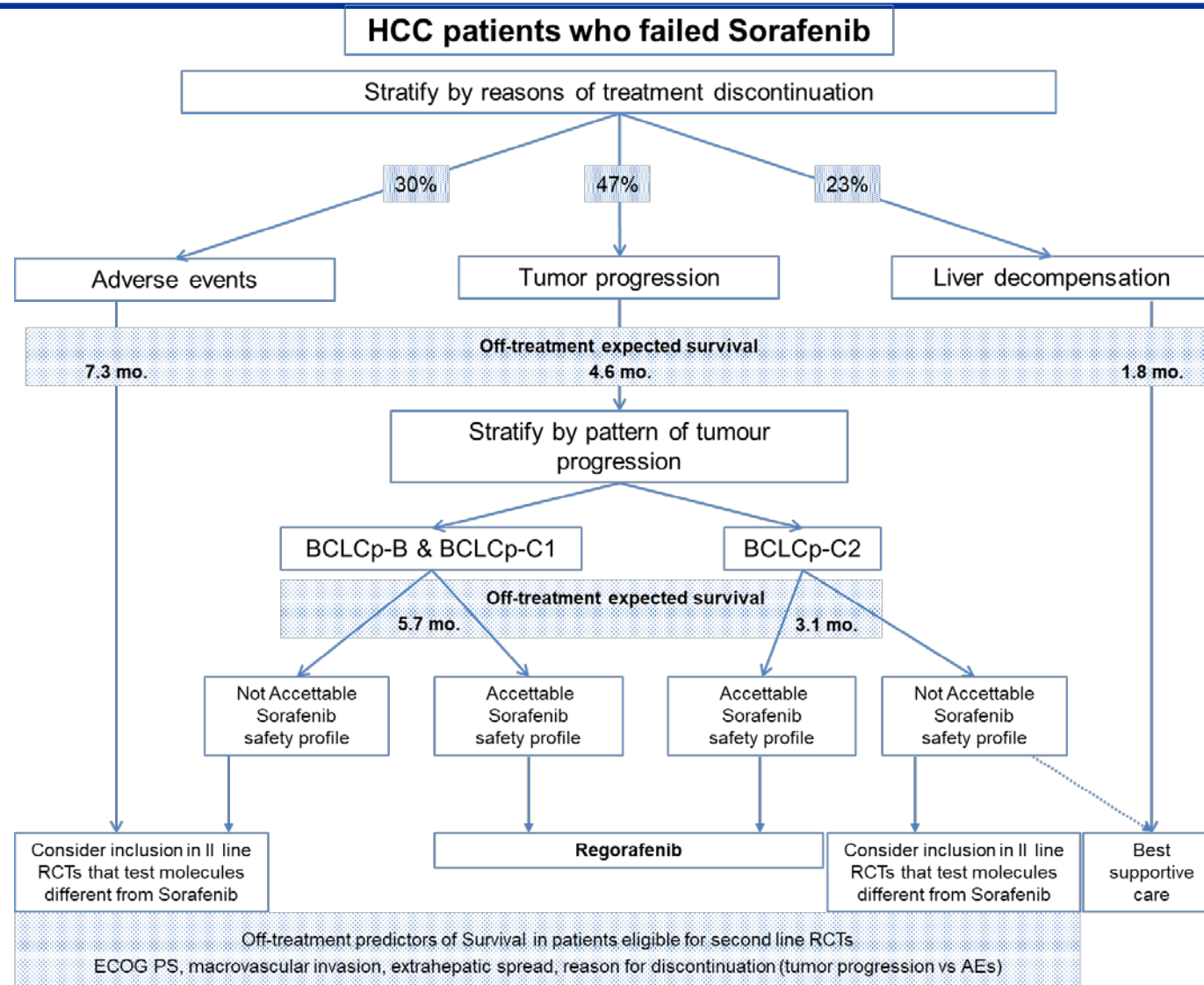
**Regorafenib**

**Cabozantinib**

**Nivolumab**

**Ramucirumab**

# How many patients treated with sorafenib will be suitable for second line treatment?



# Cabozantinib in HCC: Global Phase 3 randomized double-blind placebo-controlled trial

Primary endpoint: OS

Secondary endpoints: ORR, PFS

Exploratory endpoints: patient-reported outcomes, biomarkers and safety.

**760 pts with HCC, not amenable to a curative tx**

PD following  $\leq 2$  systemic treatment, including SOR

Child-Pugh A

ECOG PS 0-1

BCLC B/C

$\geq 1$  target lesion by mRECIST

## Stratification

Etiology (HCV HBV

other

Geographical region

(Asia-Pacific vs Other)

Presence of MVI

and/or MTX (yes/no)

Randomized 2:1

**Cabozantinib + BSC**  
60 mg PO daily

**Placebo + BSC**  
PO daily

All pts treated until PD, death, or unacceptable toxicity

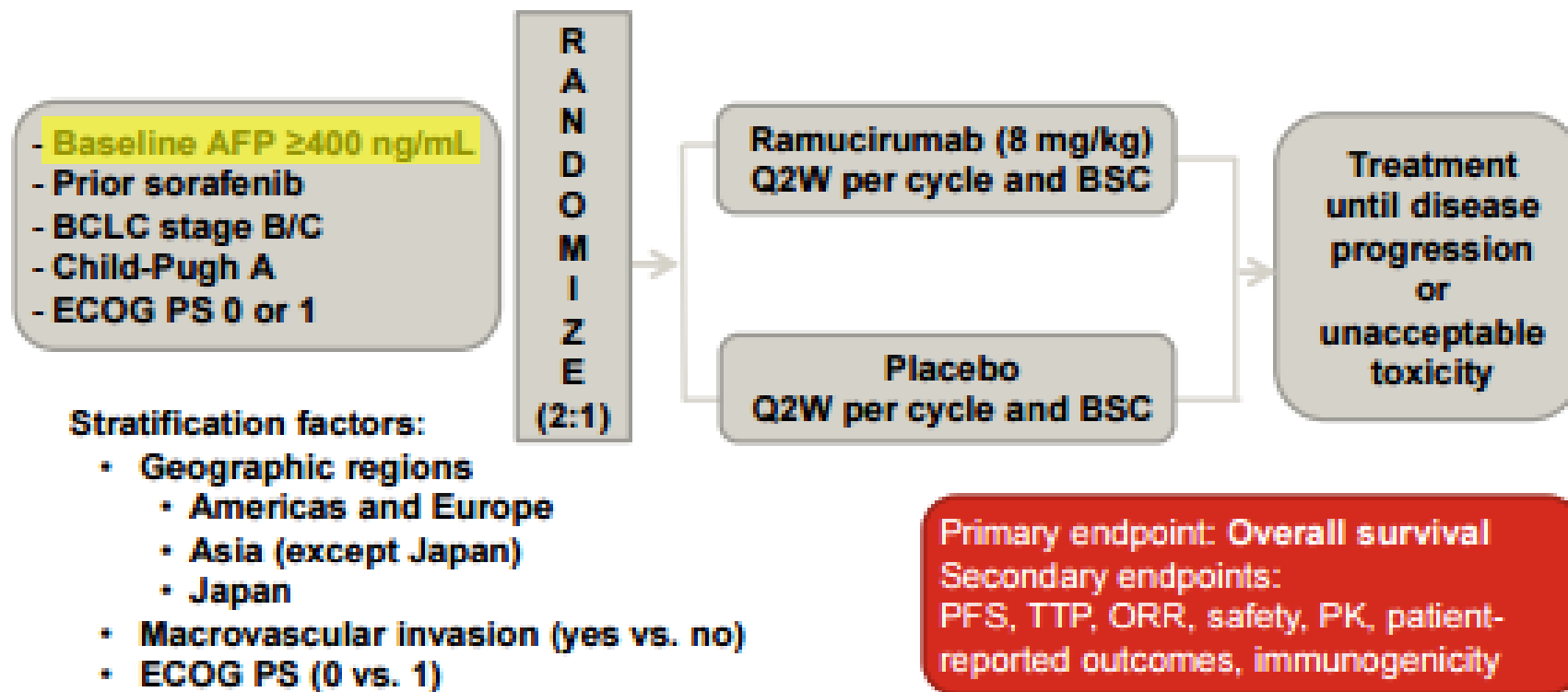
Assumed median OS of 8.2 months for the placebo arm.

A total of 621 events provide the study with 90% power to detect a 32% increase in OS (HR = 0.76).

Two interim analyses were planned to be conducted at 50% and 75% of the planned events.

# Phase 3 Study of Ramucirumab in Second-Line for Patients with HCC and Elevated Baseline AFP

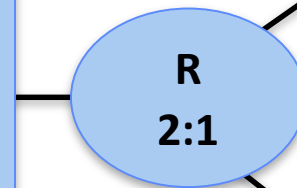
## (REACH-2)



# RESORCE TRIAL: Trial Design

In Phase II trial, the median OS was 13.8 months, and the efficacy was mainly based on disease stabilization with a disease control rate of 72%.

- HCC patients with documented radiological progression during sorafenib treatment
- Stratified by
  - Geographic region (Asia vs ROW)
  - Macrovascular invasion
  - Extrahepatic disease
  - ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
  - AFP (<400 ng/mL vs ≥400 ng/mL)



N = 573

**Regorafenib**  
**160 mg PO once daily**  
**3 weeks on/1 week off**  
**(4-week cycle)**  
**( n =379)**

**Placebo**  
**(n = 194)**

- ✓ Primary endpoint: OS (ITT)
- ✓ Secondary endpoints: PFS, TTP, RR, DCR
- ✓ 152 centers in 21 countries in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Asia
- ✓ All patients received best supportive care
- ✓ Treatment until progression, unacceptable toxicity, or withdrawal

# RESORCE TRIAL: Key Inclusion Criteria

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- ✓ HCC confirmed by histological or cytological analysis, or diagnosed by non-invasive assessment per AASLD criteria in a patient with confirmed cirrhosis
- ✓ BCLC stage B or C patients who could not benefit from resection, local ablation, or chemoembolization
- ✓ Documented radiological progression during sorafenib
- ✓ ***Randomization within 10 weeks after the last sorafenib dose***
- ✓ **Tolerability of prior sorafenib, defined as receiving sorafenib  $\geq 400$  mg daily for at least 20 of the last 28 days of treatment**
- ✓ ECOG PS 0/1
- ✓ Child-Pugh A liver function

**Sorafenib wash-out: minimum 2 weeks**

# RESORCE TRIAL: Baseline pts' characteristics

	REGORAFENIB (N=379)	PLACEBO (N=194)
Sex: Male / female, %	88 / 12	88 / 12
Age, median years (IQR)	64 (54–71)	62 (55–68)
Race, %		
White	36	35
Asian	41	40
Black	2	1
Other/Not Reported	21	24
Geographic region: Rest of world / Asia*, %	62 / 38	62 / 38
ECOG performance status: 0 / 1, %	65 / 35	67 / 33
Macrovascular invasion (MVI), %	29	28
Extrahepatic disease (EHD), %	70	76
MVI and/or EHD, %	80	84
Lung, target lesion <sup>†</sup> , %		
Lymph node, target lesion <sup>†</sup> , %	0.3 / 14 / 86	0 / 11 / 89
Lung, non-target lesion <sup>†</sup> , %		
Lymph node, non-target lesion <sup>†</sup> , %	43	45
Pattern of progression on previous sorafenib treatment, %		
New extrahepatic lesion	40	41
New intrahepatic lesion	44	45
Growth of intrahepatic or extrahepatic lesions, or both	81	80
a-fetoprotein ≥400 ng/mL, %	43	45
Child-Pugh class <sup>‡</sup> : A / B, %	98 / 1	97 / 3



# RESORCE TRIAL: Safety profile

	Treatment-emergent					
	Regorafenib (n=374)			Placebo (n=193)		
	Any grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any adverse event	374 (100%)	208 (56%)	40 (11%)	179 (93%)	61 (32%)	14 (7%)
Hand-foot skin reaction	198 (53%)	47 (13%)	NA	15 (8%)	1 (1%)	NA
Diarrhoea	155 (41%)	12 (3%)	0	29 (15%)	0	0
Fatigue	151 (40%)	34 (9%)	NA	61 (32%)	9 (5%)	NA
Hypertension	116 (31%)	56 (15%)	1 (<1%)	12 (6%)	9 (5%)	0
Anorexia	116 (31%)	10 (3%)	0	28 (15%)	4 (2%)	0
Increased blood bilirubin	108 (29%)	37 (10%)	2 (1%)	34 (18%)	15 (8%)	6 (3%)
Abdominal pain	105 (28%)	13 (3%)	NA	43 (22%)	8 (4%)	NA
Increased AST	92 (25%)	37 (10%)	4 (1%)	38 (20%)	19 (10%)	3 (2%)
Fever	72 (19%)	0	0	14 (7%)	0	0
Nausea	64 (17%)	2 (1%)	NA	26 (13%)	0	NA
Constipation	65 (17%)	1 (<1%)	0	22 (11%)	1 (1%)	0
Ascites	58 (16%)	16 (4%)	0	31 (16%)	11 (6%)	0
Anaemia	58 (16%)	16 (4%)	2 (1%)	22 (11%)	10 (5%)	1 (1%)
Limb oedema	60 (16%)	2 (1%)	NA	24 (12%)	0	NA
Increased ALT	55 (15%)	10 (3%)	2 (1%)	22 (11%)	5 (3%)	0
Hypoalbuminaemia	57 (15%)	6 (2%)	0	16 (8%)	1 (1%)	0
General disorders and administration site conditions, other	53 (14%)	16 (4%)	2 (1%)	29 (15%)	6 (3%)	3 (2%)
Weight loss	51 (14%)	7 (2%)	NA	9 (5%)	0	NA
Oral mucositis	47 (13%)	4 (1%)	0	6 (3%)	1 (1%)	0
Vomiting	47 (13%)	3 (1%)	0	13 (7%)	1 (1%)	0
Investigations, other	40 (11%)	4 (1%)	0	11 (6%)	1 (1%)	0
Back pain	42 (11%)	6 (2%)	1 (<1%)	17 (9%)	2 (1%)	0
Thrombocytopenia	39 (10%)	13 (3%)	1 (<1%)	5 (3%)	0	0
Cough	40 (11%)	1 (<1%)	NA	14 (7%)	0	NA
Hypophosphataemia	37 (10%)	30 (8%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	3 (2%)	0
Hoarseness	39 (10%)	0	NA	1 (1%)	0	NA

Adverse Event	Sorafenib (N=297)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
Overall incidence	80		
Constitutional symptoms			
Fatigue	22	3	1
Weight loss	9	2	0
Dermatologic events			
Alopecia	14	0	0
Dry skin	8	0	0
Hand-foot skin reaction	21	8	0
Pruritus	8	0	0
Rash or desquamation	16	1	0
Other	5	1	0
Gastrointestinal events			
Anorexia	14	<1	0
Diarrhea	39	8	0
Nausea	11	<1	0
Vomiting	5	1	0
Voice changes	6	0	0
Hypertension	5	2	0
Liver dysfunction	<1	<1	0
Abdominal pain not otherwise specified	8	2	0
Bleeding	7	1	0

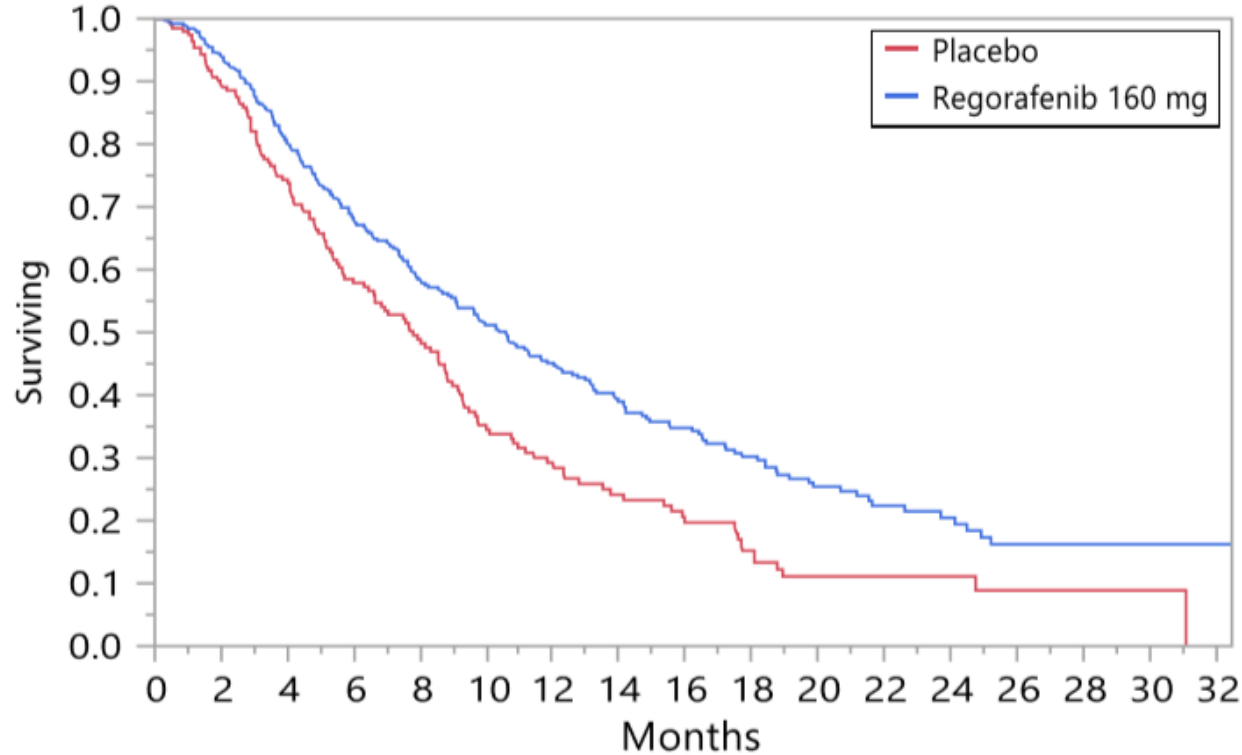
# RESORCE TRIAL: Safety profile

% OF PATIENTS	TREATMENT-EMERGENT AEs		DRUG-RELATED TREATMENT-EMERGENT AEs	
	REGORAFENIB (N=374)	PLACEBO (N=193)	REGORAFENIB (N=379)	PLACEBO (N=193)
Any grade	100	93	93	52
Grade 3	56	32	46	16
Grade 4	11	7	4	1
Grade 5 (death)	13	20	2*	1 <sup>†</sup>
Serious	44	47	10	3
Leading to dose modification <sup>§</sup>	68	31	54	10
Leading to permanent discontinuation	25	19	10	4

	REGORAFENIB (379)	PLACEBO (194)
<b>Median treatment duration, months</b>	<b>3.6 [IQR 1.6-7.6]</b>	<b>1.9 [1.4-3.9]</b>
Mean daily dose, mg	144.1 (SD 21.3)	157.4 (SD 10.4)

# RESORCE TRIAL:

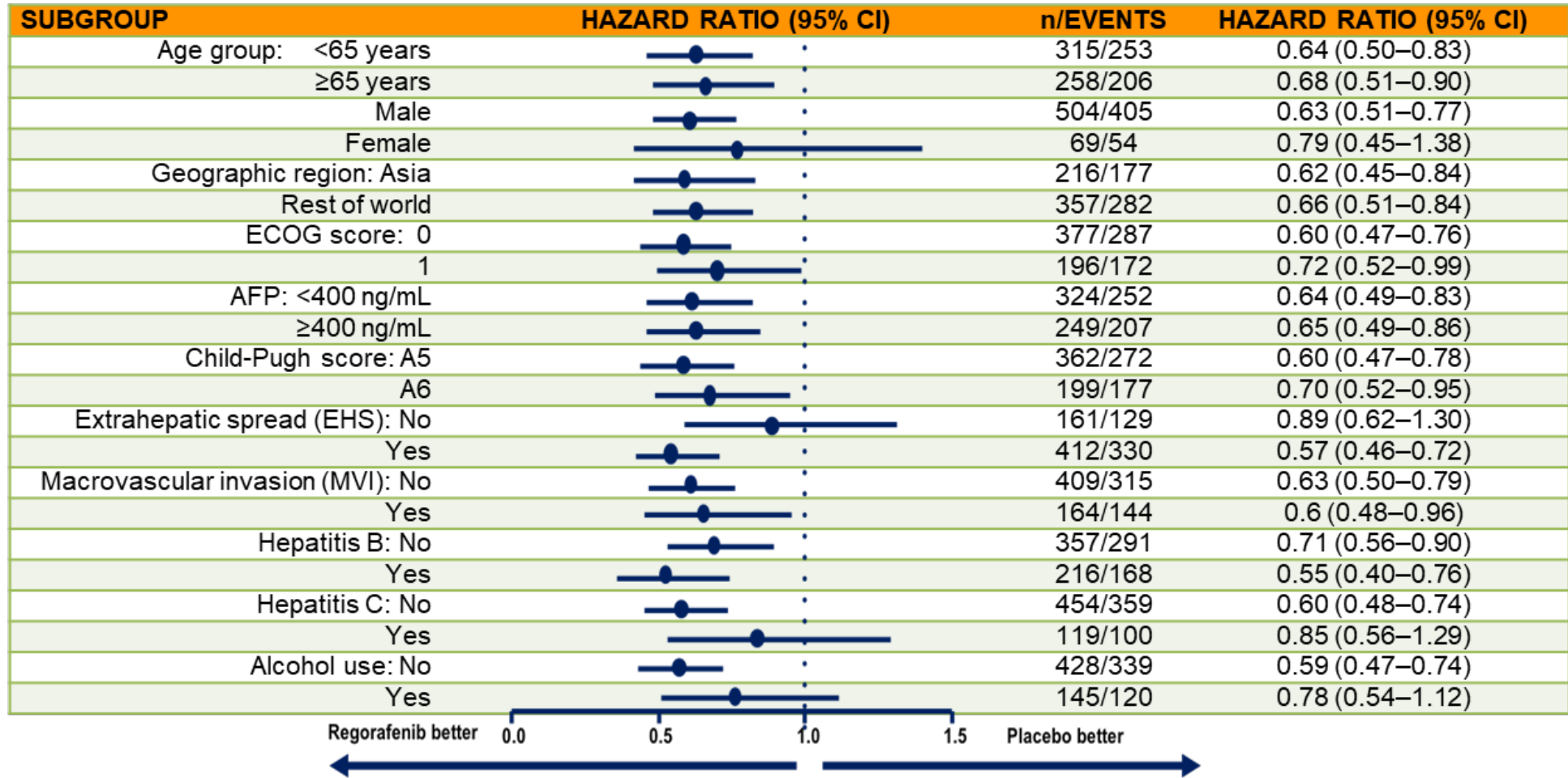
## Efficacy results: primary endpoint, overall survival



Efficacy results	Placebo ( <i>n</i> = 195), <i>n</i> (%)	Regorafenib ( <i>n</i> = 379), <i>n</i> (%)
Alive	54 (28)	146 (39)
Dead	140 (72)	233 (61)
Time to event, months (95% CI)	7.8 (6.3, 8.8)	10.6 (9.1, 12.1)
HR (95% CI)	0.63 (0.50, 0.79)	
<i>p</i> value (unstratified log-rank test)	.00001	

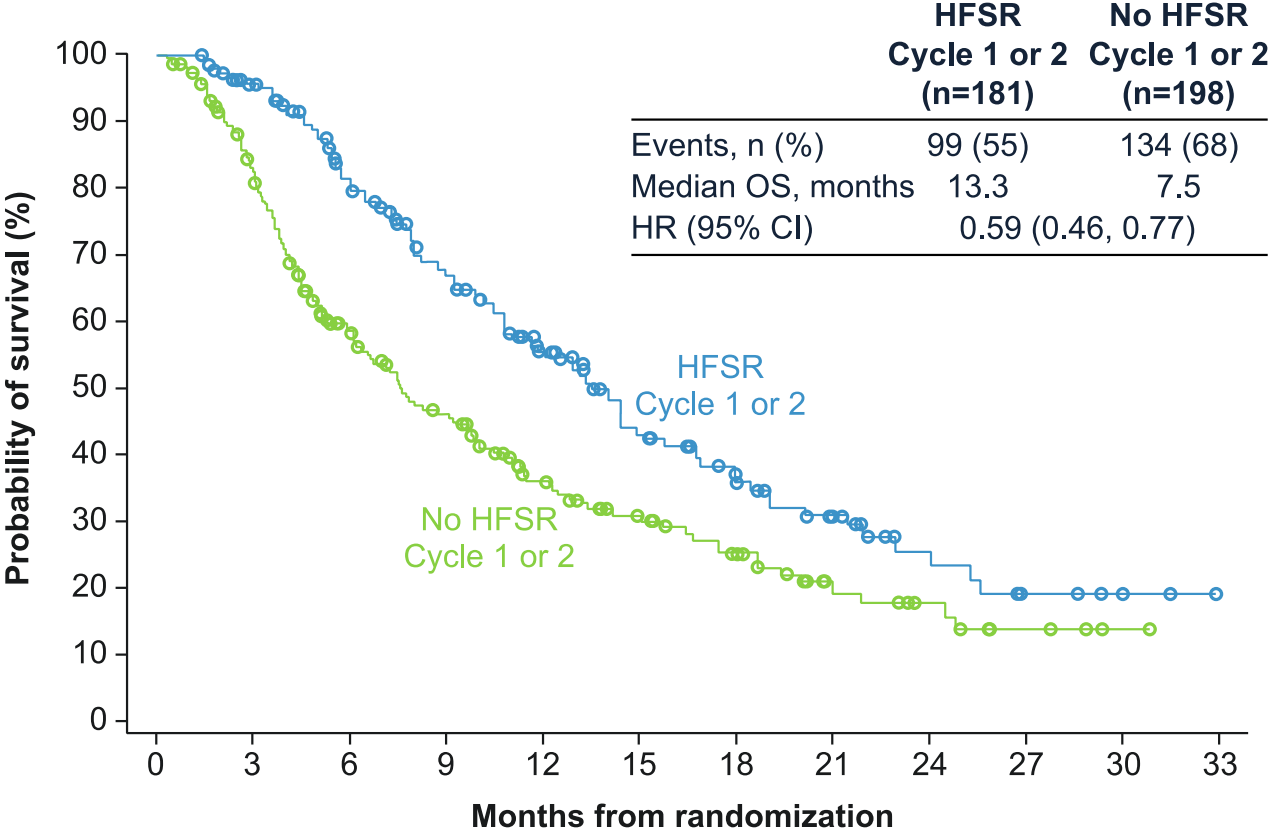
# RESOURCE TRIAL:

## Overall survival across preplanned subgroups



AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; CI, confidence interval; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

# HFSR (first 2 cycles) and OS in REGO-treated patients



Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
HFSR	181	163	127	97	71	45	31	22	12	6	4	0
No HFSR	198	156	98	73	52	35	25	13	9	4	1	0

CI, confidence interval; HFSR, hand-foot skin reaction; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival. Analysis cut-off date: February 29, 2016.

# Additional analyses from the RESORCE TRIAL

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## Outcomes of sequential treatment with sorafenib followed by regorafenib for HCC: Additional analyses from the phase III RESORCE trial

Richard S. Finn<sup>1,\*†</sup>, Philippe Merle<sup>2</sup>, Alessandro Granito<sup>3</sup>, Yi-Hsiang Huang<sup>4</sup>, György Bodoky<sup>5</sup>, Marc Pracht<sup>6</sup>, Osamu Yokosuka<sup>7</sup>, Olivier Rosmorduc<sup>8</sup>, René Gerolami<sup>9</sup>, Chiara Caparelli<sup>10</sup>, Roniel Cabrera<sup>11</sup>, Charissa Chang<sup>12</sup>, Weijing Sun<sup>13,‡</sup>, Marie-Aude LeBerre<sup>14</sup>, Annette Baumhauer<sup>15</sup>, Gerold Meinhardt<sup>16</sup>, Jordi Bruix<sup>17,\*†</sup>

- ✓ This exploratory analyses describe patients' outcomes for the treatment sequence of SOR followed by REGO
- ✓ In the RESORCE study:
  - ✓ Patients must have tolerated sorafenib, defined as having received  $\geq 400$  mg daily for at least 20 of the last 28 days prior to discontinuation
  - ✓ Patients had to be randomized within 10 weeks after their last dose of sorafenib
- ✓ Data on prior sorafenib treatment and radiologic progression on regorafenib were prospectively collected
- ✓ Efficacy and safety on regorafenib were evaluated by prior sorafenib treatment

# Time between sorafenib initiation and relevant timepoints

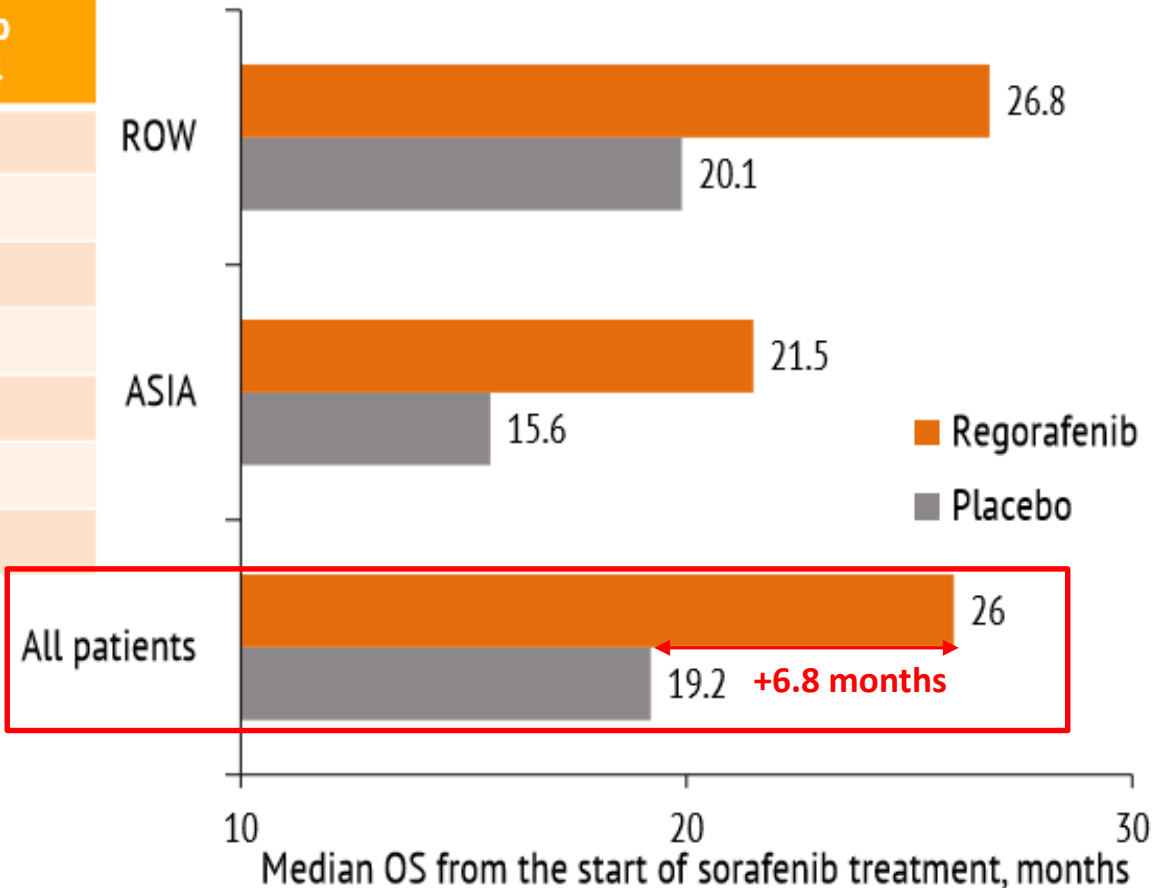
	Regorafenib (n = 374)	Placebo (n = 193)
<b>Time from start of prior sorafenib treatment to start of RESORCE study drug</b> Mean, months (SD) Median, months (IQR)	12.7 (11.3) 8.6 (5.1–15.7)	12.5 (10.7) 9.2 (5.3–15.5)
<b>Time from start of prior sorafenib treatment to progression on sorafenib</b> Median, months (IQR)	7.1 (3.3–14.3)	7.1 (3.7–14.2)
<b>Time from progression on prior sorafenib treatment to start of RESORCE study drug</b> Mean, months (SD) Median, months (IQR)	1.8 (1.4) 1.4 (0.9–2.3)	1.8 (1.7) 1.4 (0.9–2.2)
<b>Time from permanent discontinuation of sorafenib to start of RESORCE study drug</b> Mean, months (SD) Median, months (IQR)	1.0 (0.5) 0.9 (0.7–1.3)	1.0 (0.5) 0.9 (0.7–1.3)

# RESORCE TRIAL:

## Sequential SOR and REGO extended the median OS

Median OS in RESORCE was 10.6 months with regorafenib vs 7.8 months with placebo (HR=0.63, 95% CI 0.50–0.79; p<0.0001), representing a 37% reduction in the risk of death

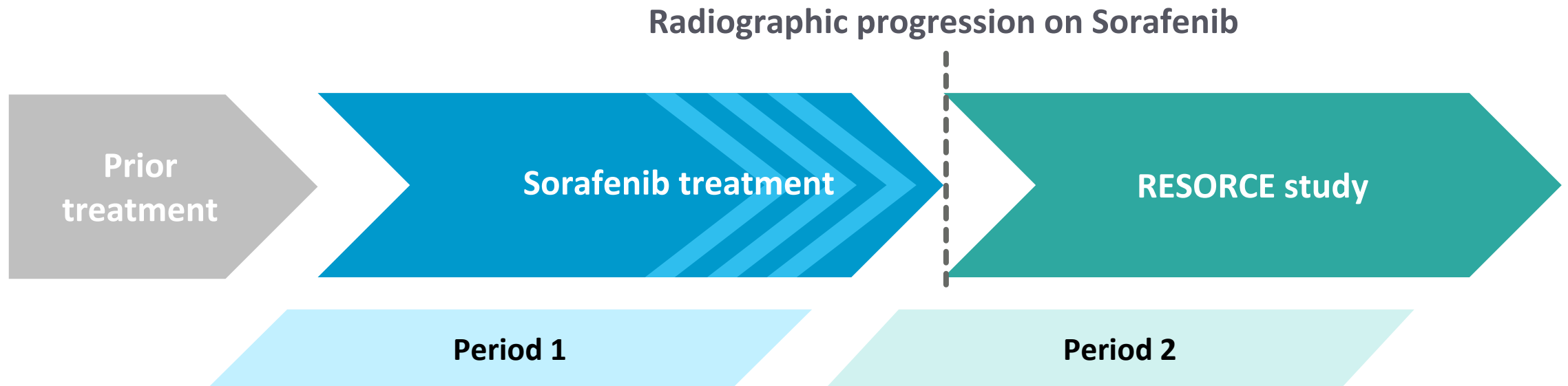
Survival rate	Sorafenib-Regorafenib N=379	Sorafenib-Placebo N=194
6 months	97%	97%
12 months	82%	76%
24 months	53%	42%
36 months	31%	20%
48 months	19%	12%
60 months	16%	3%
72 months	10%	3%





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## Period 2

Overall survival in RESORCE, months<sup>2</sup>

	Regorafenib (n=379)	Placebo (n=194)
Median (95% CI)	10.6 (9.1-12.1)	7.8 (6.3-8.8)

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Overall survival in RESORCE, months<sup>2</sup>

	Regorafenib (n=379)	Placebo (n=194)
Median (95% CI)	10.6 (9.1-12.1)	7.8 (6.3-8.8)

## Period 1

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## Period 2

**HOWEVER, median values cannot be added directly to one another.....**

# How was the RESORCE 26 month survival calculated?

## Simulation: period 1 and 2

Patient	Period 1	Period 2	Sum of Period 1+2
1	10	3	13
2	4	1	5
3	3	4	7
4	5	7	12
5	11	9	20
<b>Median</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>

Median (period 1 + period 2)  $\neq$  (median period 1) + (median period 2)

- ✓ Median in Period 1: 5 months
- ✓ Median in Period 2: 4 months
- ✓ Median in Period 1+2: 12 months > 9 months

# RESOURCE TRIAL:

## Last dose of SOR no impact on tolerability of REGO

Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)\* by last sorafenib dose during prior treatment

TEAEs, n (%)	Last sorafenib dose 800 mg/day		Last sorafenib dose <800 mg/day	
	Regorafenib (n=225)	Placebo (n=115)	Regorafenib (n=139)	Placebo (n=74)
Any	225 (100)	106 (92)	139 (100)	69 (93)
Grade 3	118 (52)	35 (30)	84 (60)	24 (32)
Grade 4	25 (11)	9 (8)	14 (10)	5 (7)
Grade 5	33 (15)	28 (24)	17 (12)	10 (14)
Most common†				
HFSR‡				
Any grade	113 (50)	10 (9)	80 (58)	5 (7)
Grade 3	22 (10)	0	24 (17)	1 (1)
Diarrhea				
Any grade	95 (42)	14 (12)	56 (40)	15 (20)
Grade 3	7 (3)	0	5 (4)	0
Grade 4	0	0	0	0
Fatigue‡				
Any grade	81 (36)	40 (35)	69 (50)	22 (30)
Grade 3	19 (8)	7 (6)	15 (11)	2 (3)
Hypertension				
Any grade	70 (31)	6 (5)	41 (29)	11 (15)
Grade 3	33 (15)	6 (5)	21 (15)	4 (5)
Grade 4	1 (<1)	0	0	0
Anorexia				
Any grade	57 (25)	19 (17)	55 (39)	16 (22)
Grade 3	4 (2)	2 (2)	6 (4)	0
Grade 4	0	0	0	0

Last sorafenib dose is defined as the dose received during the last 24 h period before discontinuation.

\*Regardless of relationship to study drug.

†Occurring in ≥30% of either treatment group in the whole cohort.

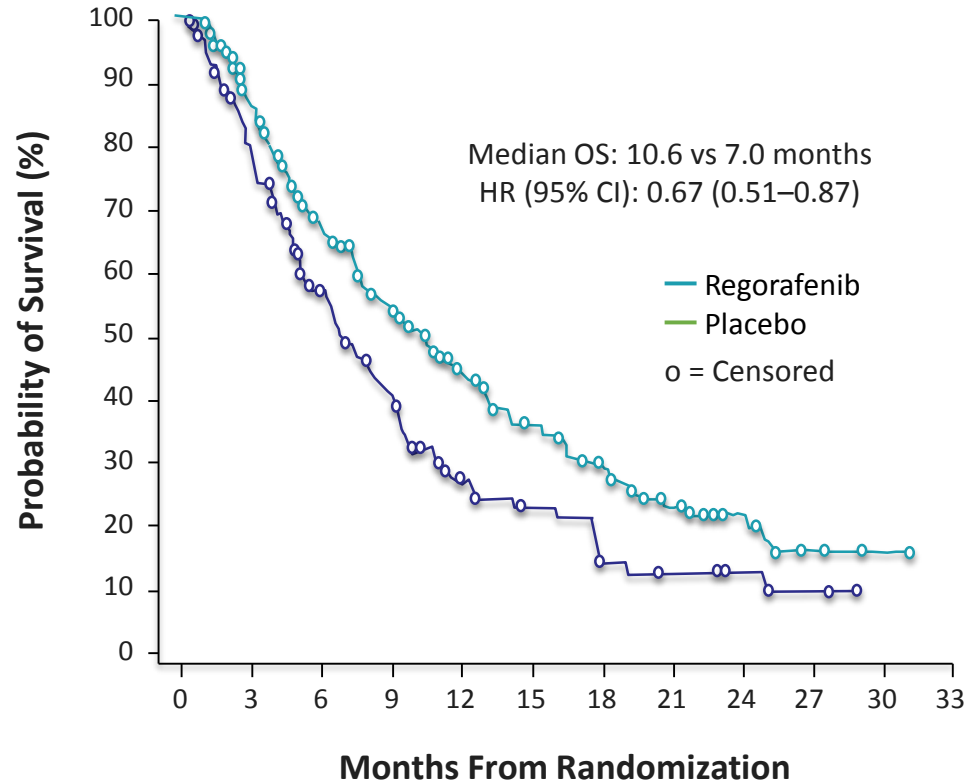
‡Grade 3 is worst severity.

- Tolerated sorafenib (≥400 mg/day for ≥20 of the last 28 days of treatment)

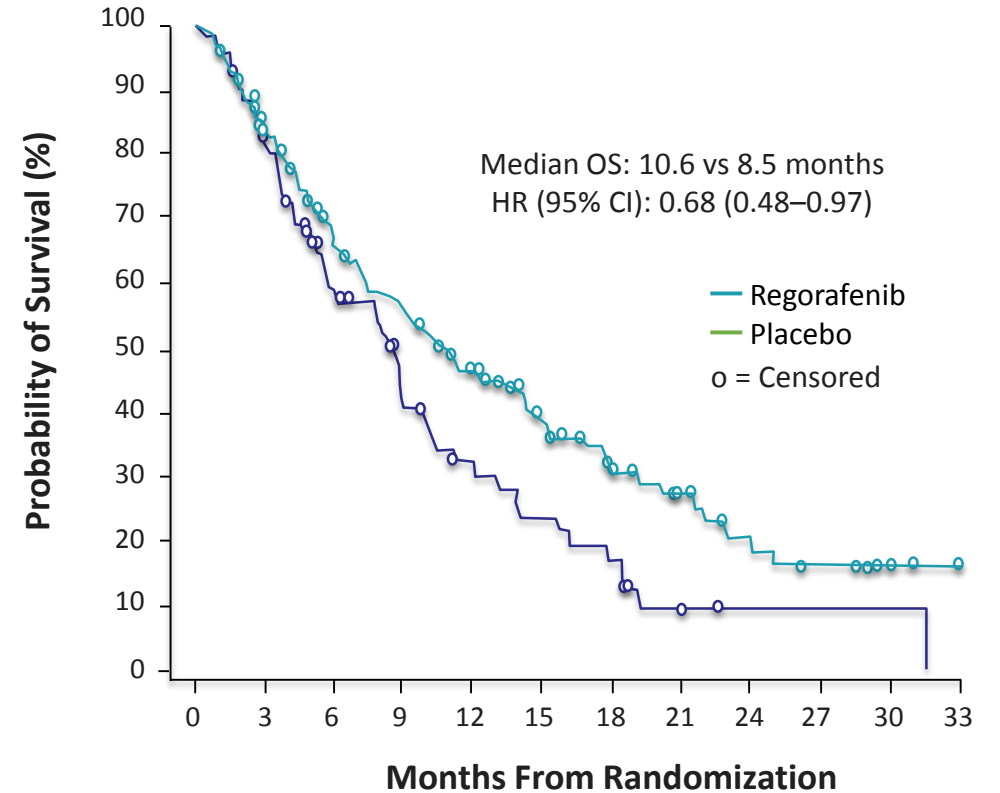
# RESORCE TRIAL:

## Last dose of SOR no impact on efficacy of REGO

Last sorafenib dose 800 mg/day



Last sorafenib dose <800 mg/day



**Number at risk**

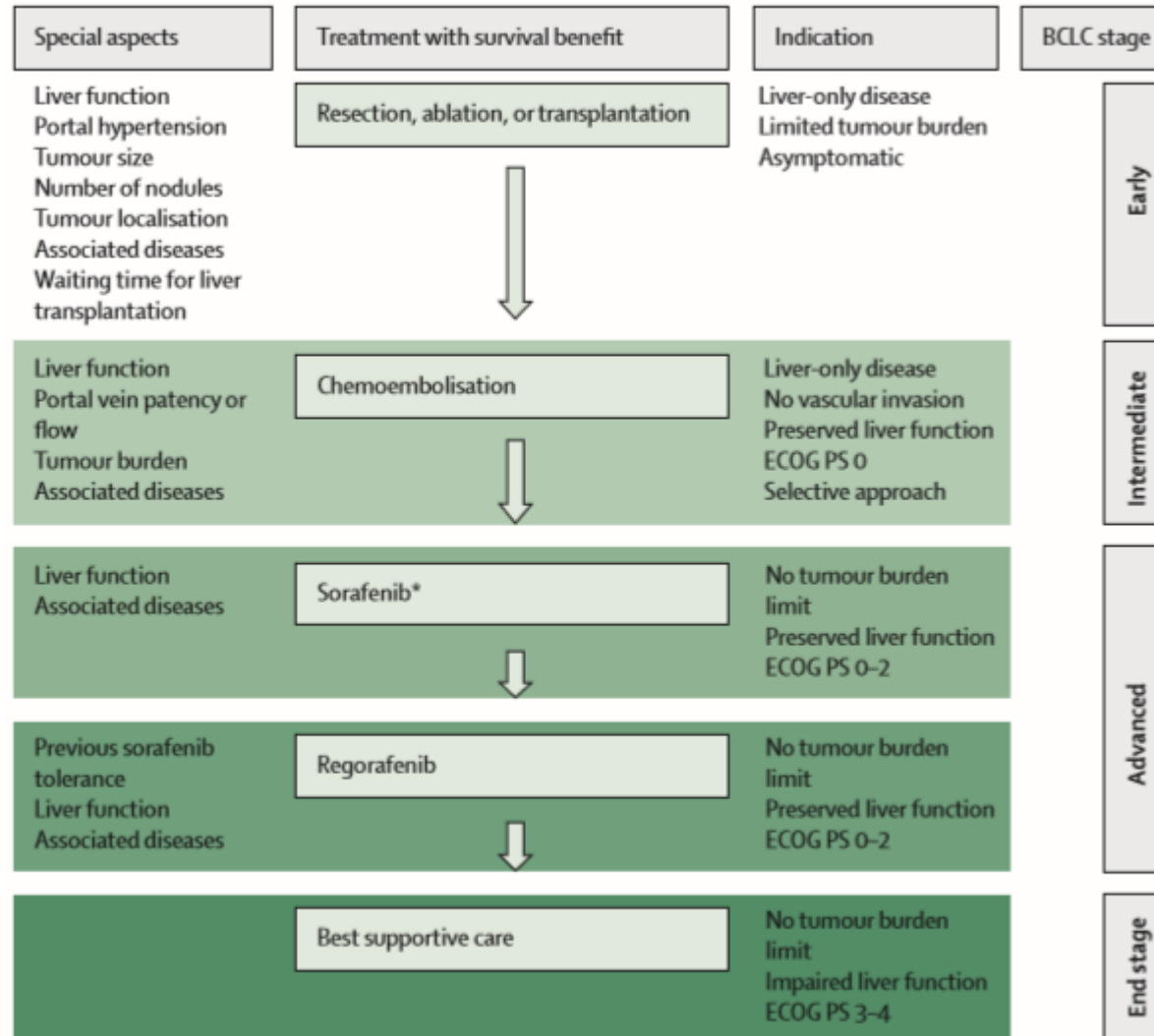
Regorafenib	228	188	130	97	67	44	33	19	12	4	2	0
Placebo	116	89	57	38	21	14	8	6	4	2	0	0

**Number at risk**

Regorafenib	141	118	86	68	52	33	20	14	9	6	2	0
Placebo	74	56	35	21	14	11	8	2	1	1	1	0

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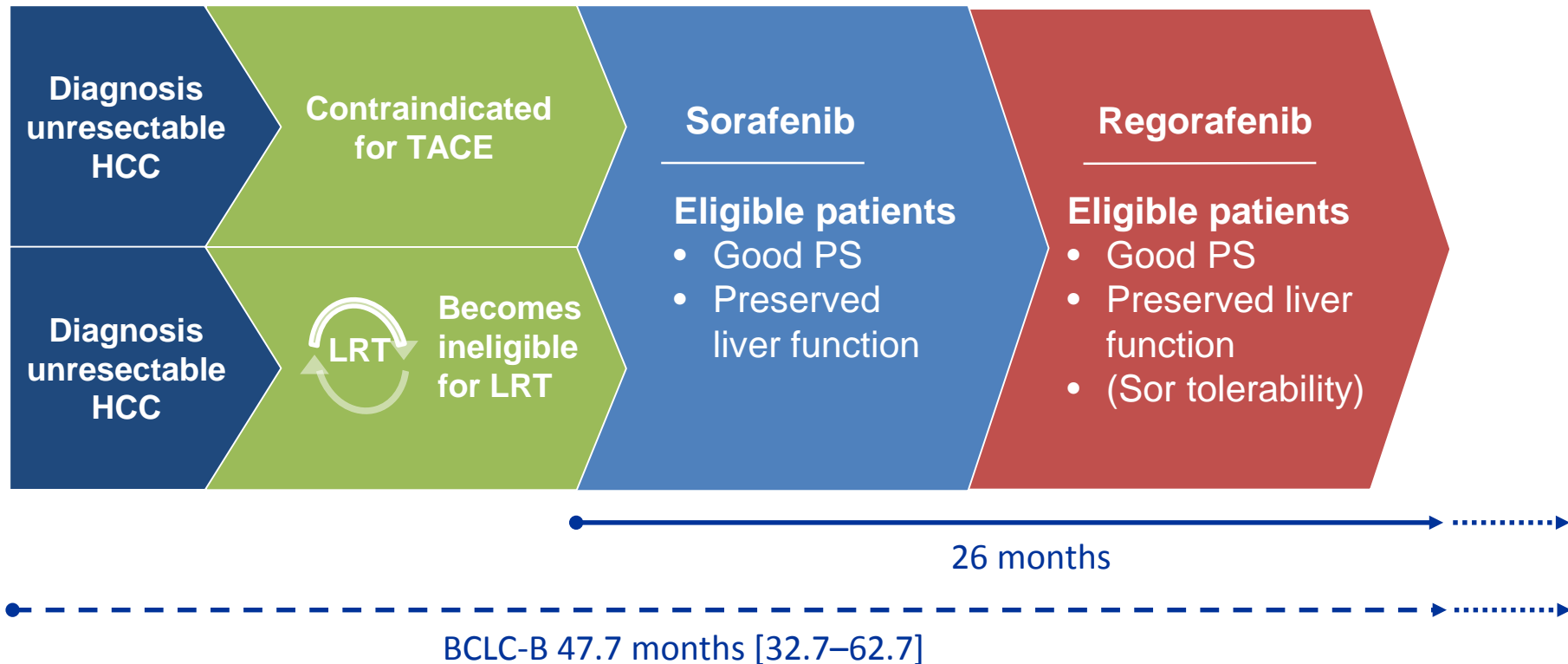
## Treatment approach for HCC: sequential concept





# Treatment Plan to Optimize OS Outcomes in HCC

- ✓ Systemic therapy should be started at the right time, for the right patient
- ✓ Thereafter tailored according to tolerability
- ✓ Second line should be started at the right time, for the right patient



# New paradigm for HCC treatment: Multidisciplinarity, Multimodality, Hierarchy

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