

Per una vita come prima – VII Edizione

Nab-paclitaxel nella neoplasia pancreaticata

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“Improvements in survival and clinical benefit” – Burris et al, J Clin Oncol 1997

**GEM more effective than 5FU in
alleviating disease-related
symptoms and conferred a modest
survival advantage over 5FU
therapy**

Years later....

where are the improvements ?

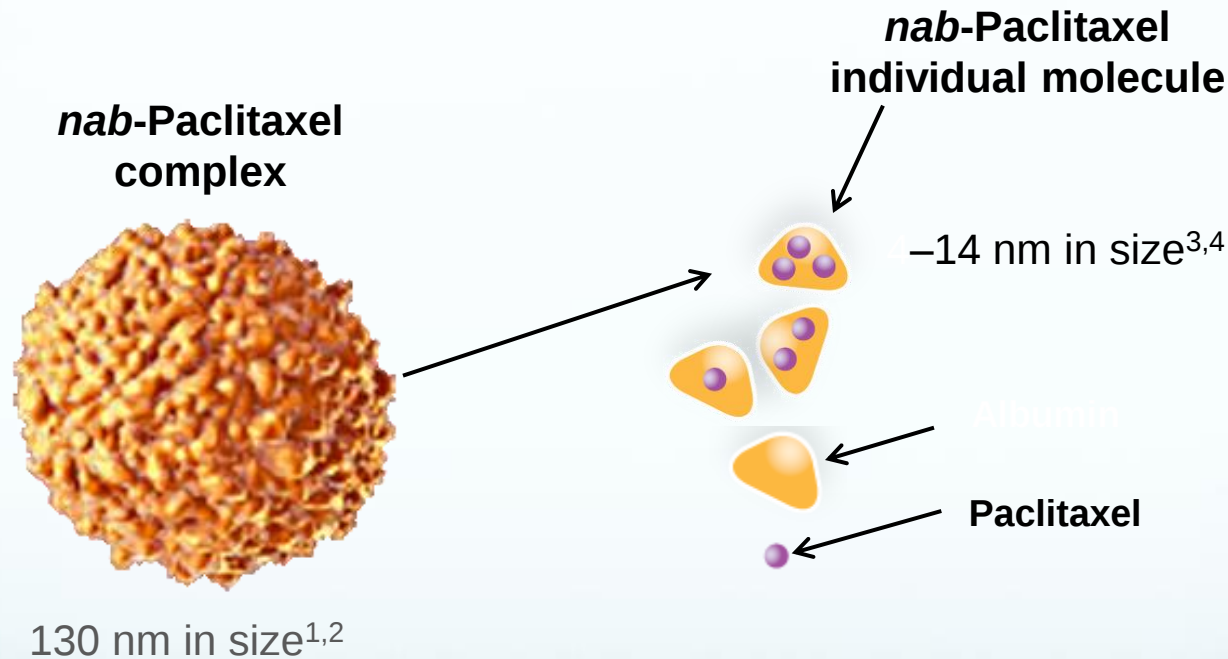
Studi randomizzati con doppiette a base di gemcitabina nel carcinoma del pancreas avanzato

Studio	Regime	Pazienti (No.)	OS (mesi)	p
Berlin, 2002	Gem vs Gem/5FU	322	5,4 vs 6,7	0,09
Cunningham, 2009	Gem vs Gem/Cape	533	6,2 vs 7,1	0,08
Herrmann, 2007	Gem vs Gem/Cape	319	7,2 vs 8,4	0,234
Heinemann, 2006	Gem vs Gem/CDDP	195	6,0 vs 7,5	0,15
Colucci, 2010	Gem vs Gem/CDDP	400	8,3 vs 7,2	0.38
Louvet, 2005	Gem vs GEMOX	313	7,1 vs 9,0	0,13
Poplin, 2009	Gem vs GEMOX	832	4,9 vs 5,7	0,09
Stathopoulos, 2006	Gem vs GEM/IRI	145	6,5 vs 6,4	0,97
O'Reilly, 2004	Gem vs Gem/Exatecan	349	6,2 vs 6,7	0,52
Oettle, 2005	Gem vs Gem/Pemetrexed	565	6,3 vs 6,2	0,85
Ueno, 2013	Gem vs S1 vs Gem/S1	834	8,8 vs 9,7 vs 10,1	0,15

Studi di fase III con gemcitabina vs gemcitabina/ biologici nel carcinoma del pancreas avanzato

Studio	Regime	Pazienti (No.)	OS (mesi)	p
Moore, 2007	Gem vs Gem/Erlotinib	569	5,9 vs 6,2	0,038
Philip, 2010	Gem vs Gem/Cetuximab	745	5,9 vs 6,3	0,23
Kindler, 2010	Gem vs Gem/Bevacizumab	602	5,9 vs 5,8	0,95
Van Cutsem, 2008	Gem/Erlotinib +/- Bevacizumab	607	6,0 vs 7,1	0,208
Kindler, 2011	Gem vs Gem/Axitinib	632	8,3 vs 8,5	0,543
Concalves, 2011	Gem vs Gem/Sorafenib	104	9,2 vs 8,5	0,146

nab-Paclitaxel is The First Tumor-Targeted Nanomedicine to Leverage the Natural Transport Properties of Albumin

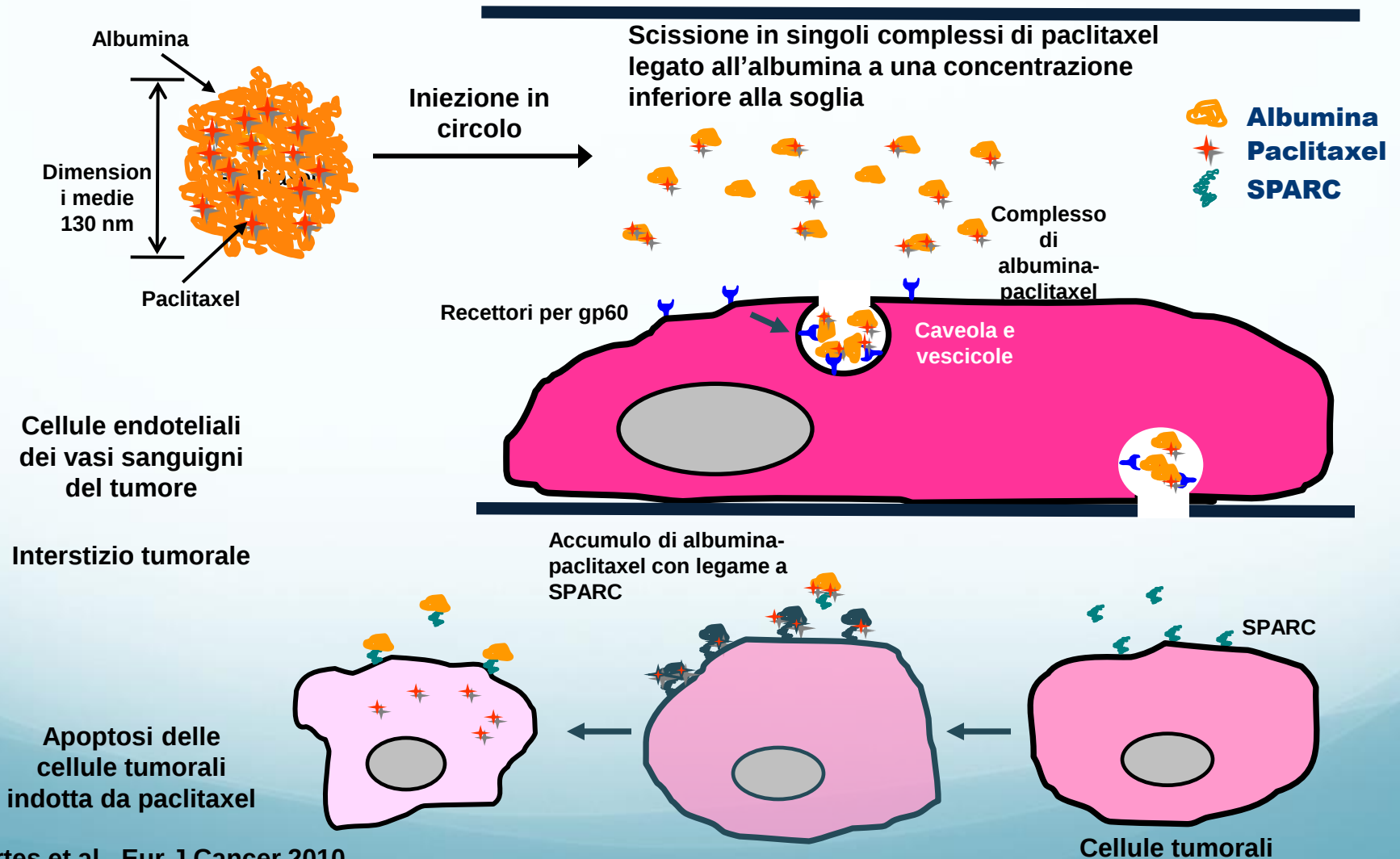


- A single molecule of albumin can bind up to 6 or 7 molecules of paclitaxel⁵

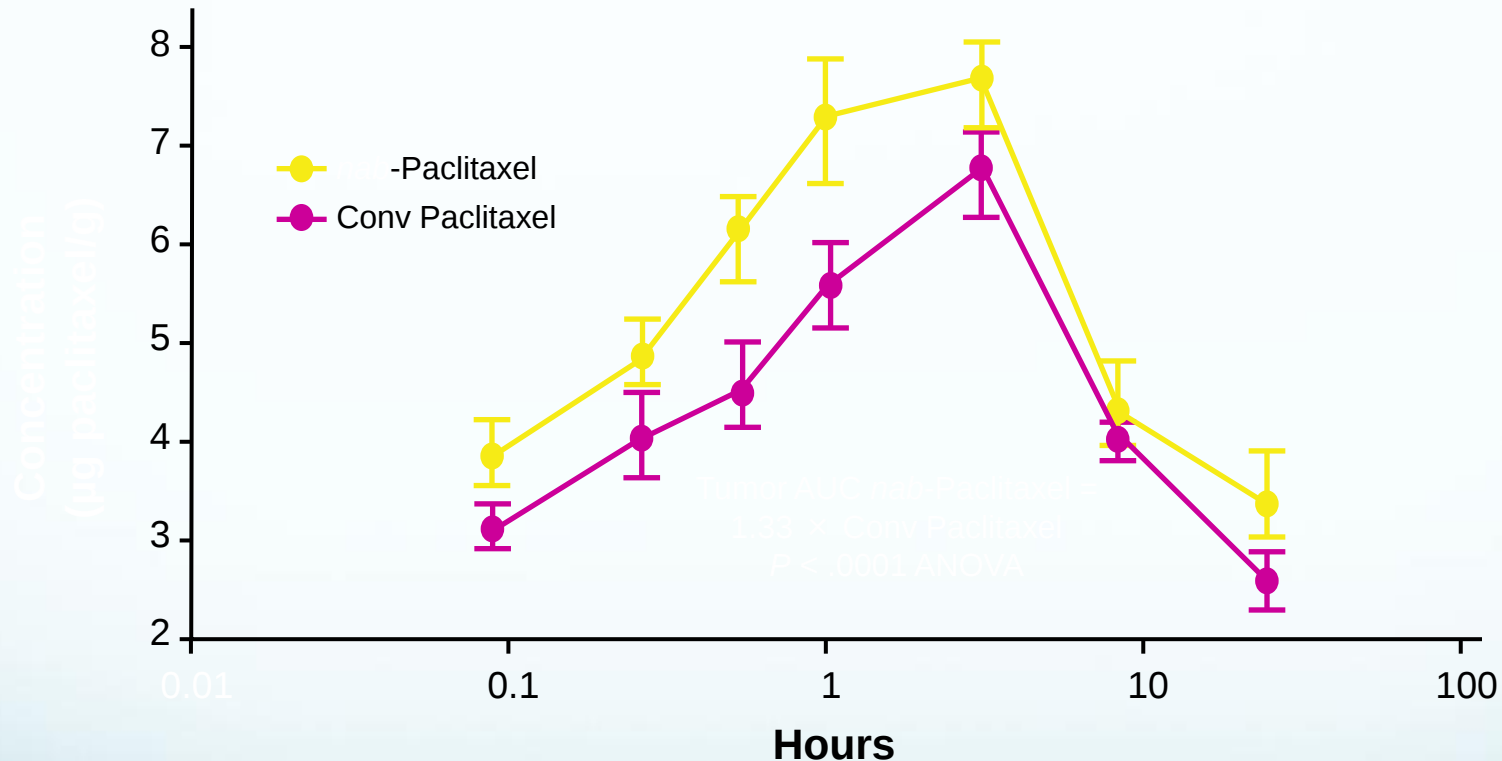
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Meccanismi mediati dalle vie dell'albumina endogena

1. Trasporto attivo mediato dai recettori (transcitosi) tramite gp60 e caveola
2. Legame attivo del complesso di albumina-farmaco tramite SPARC nel tumore



At the Same Dose and Same Duration, Tumor Uptake is 33% Higher for *nab*-Paclitaxel¹



- Dose of both *nab*-paclitaxel and conventional paclitaxel = 20 mg/kg dose of paclitaxel; experiments in human breast tumor xenografts in nude mice.

Gemcitabine Plus *nab*-Paclitaxel Is an Active Regimen in Patients With Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: A Phase I/II Trial

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Open label phase I/II study in chemotherapy-naïve patients with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the pancreas

Phase I

Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m²
Followed by paclitaxel albumin
100, 125 or 150 mg/m² QW 3/4
Dose escalation of paclitaxel
albumin according to a standard 3+3
design



Phase II:

Accrual expanded to ≥42
patients
Treatment at the MTD

Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

	nab-Paclitaxel mg/m ²		
	100 (n = 20)	125 (n = 44)	150 (n = 3)
Age (years), median (range)	62 (30, 86)	61 (28, 78)	69 (53, 72)
<65 years, n (%)	11 (55)	30 (70)	1 (33)
Female	9 (45)	25 (57)	1 (33)
ECOG, n (%)			
0	9 (45)	22 (50)	2 (67)
1	11 (55)	22 (50)	1 (33)
Site of Metastatic Relapse, n (%)			
Lung	5 (25)	18 (41)	1 (33)
Liver	11 (55)	34 (77)	2 (67)
Abdomen	16 (80)	37 (84)	2 (67)
Other	12 (60)	15 (35)	1 (33)
Previous Treatment			
XRT	3 (15)	6 (14)	0
Adjuvant gemcitabine	1 (5)	8 (18)	0
Adjuvant capecitabine	1 (5)	4 (9)	0
Adjuvant 5-FU	2 (10)	1 (2)	0
Adjuvant docetaxel	0	2 (5)	0
Adjuvant erlotinib	0	0	0

Safety

Most common $\geq$ Grade 3 and 4 Adverse Events During Therapy

Adverse Events, n (%)	nab-Paclitaxel mg/m ²					
	100 (n = 20)		125 (n = 44)		150* (n = 3)	
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 4
Fatigue	2 (10)	0	10 (23)	0	1 (33)	0
Neutropenia	7 (35)	2 (10)	14 (36)	9 (23)	1 (33)	0
Thrombocytopenia	4 (20)	1 (5)	5 (11)	4 (9)	0	1 (33)
Sensory Neuropathy	1 (5)	0	4 (9)	0	0	0

There was one grade 5 neutropenic sepsis death.

- Of 67 treated patients, the combination of *nab*-paclitaxel + gemcitabine was well tolerated
- The MTD was 125 mg/m² *nab*-paclitaxel + 1000 mg/m² gemcitabine
- Fifteen of 17 patients with dose reduction had a dose reduced due to AEs: 6, 8, and 1, in the 100, 125, and 150 mg/m² *nab*-paclitaxel arms, respectively

Response Evaluation by PET and CT

	Confirmed CR	Confirmed PR	SD ≥ 16 weeks	PD	DCR ^a
Independent Radiologist Assessment, n (%)					
PET, N = 45	6 (13) ^b	20 (44) ^b	1 (2) ^b	0	27 (60)
CT, N = 58	0	23 (40) ^c	22 (37) ^c	4 (7)	45 (78)
Investigator Assessment, n (%)					
CT, N = 61 ^{d,e}	3 (5)	24 (39)	16 (26)	13 (21)	43 (70)

^a DCR = Disease Control Rate (confirmed CR+PR+SD ≥ 16 weeks)

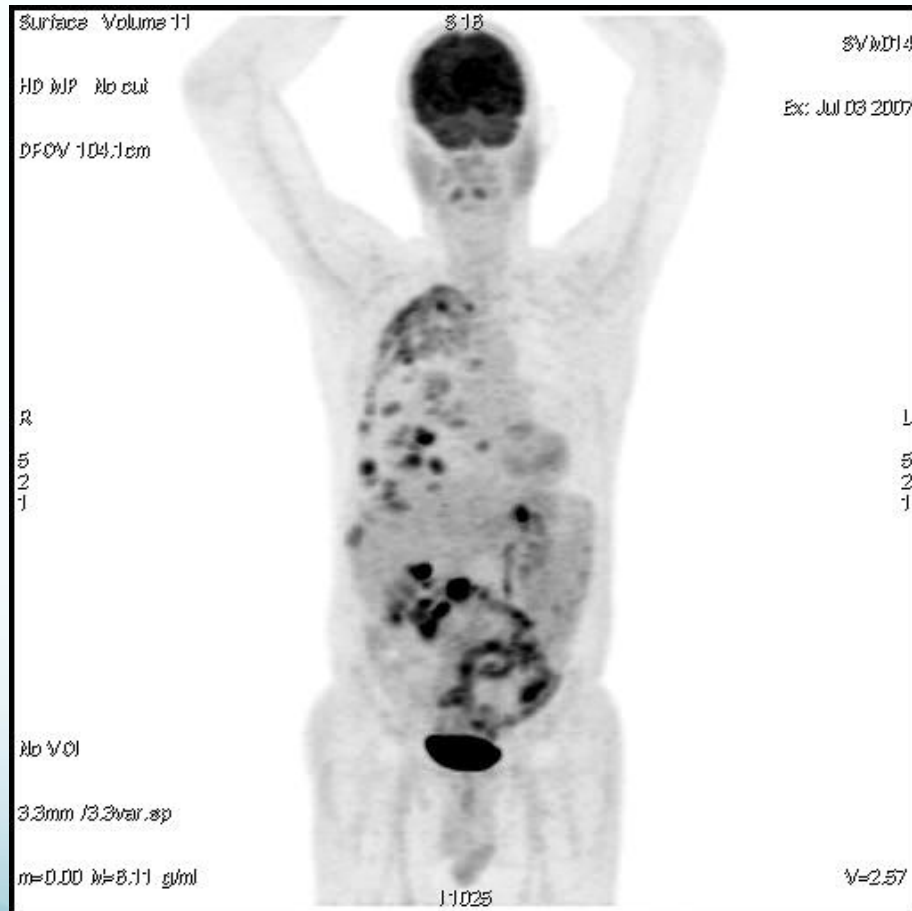
^b There were 6 more unconfirmed CRs, 10 more unconfirmed PRs and 2 more unconfirmed SD

^c There were 5 more unconfirmed PRs and 4 more unconfirmed SD

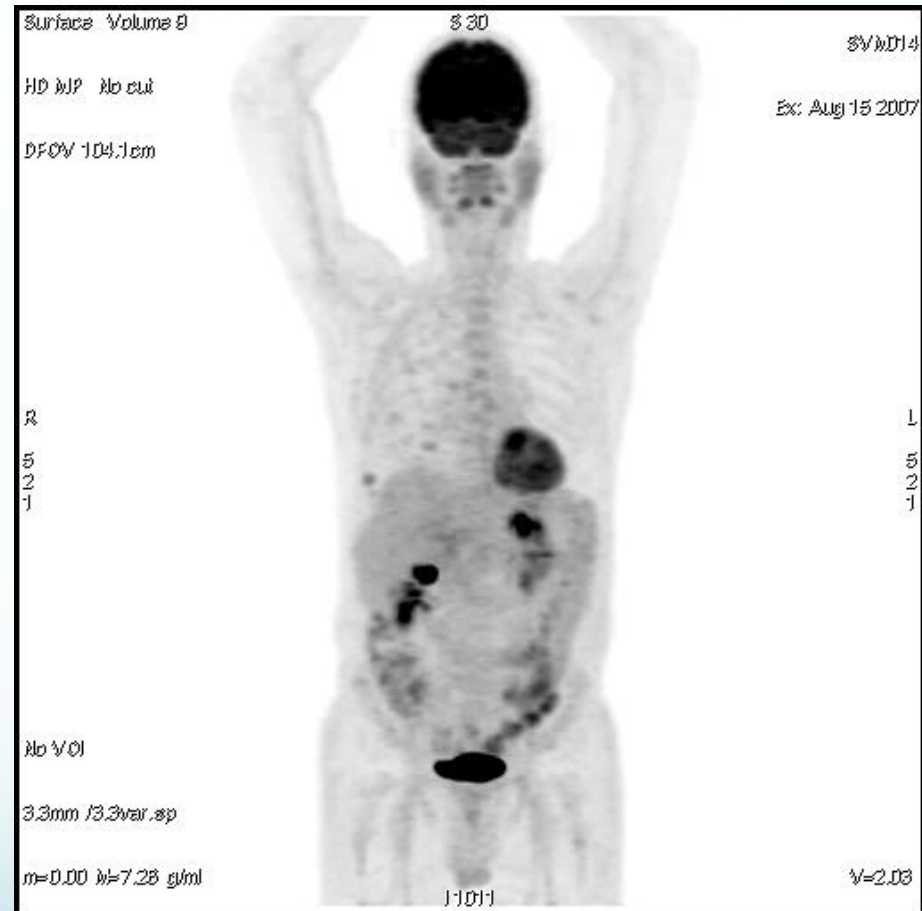
^d Sixty-one of the 67 treated patients had post baseline CT scans (3 off early, patient discretion; 2 off for adverse events; 1 off for other reason)

^e Also includes 3 SD < 16 weeks, 1 unconfirmed PR, and 1 unable to evaluate

PET response



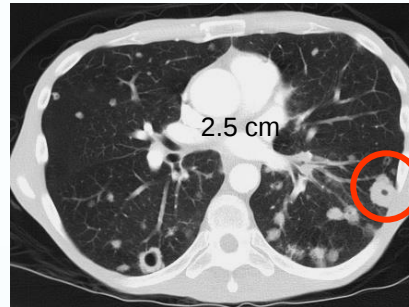
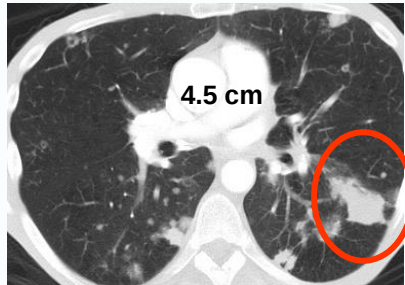
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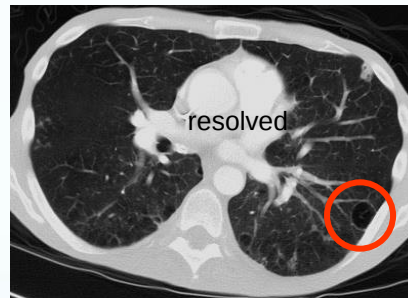
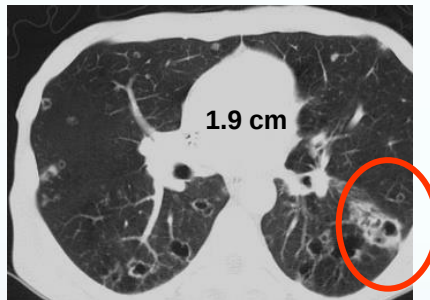
6 weeks

CT response

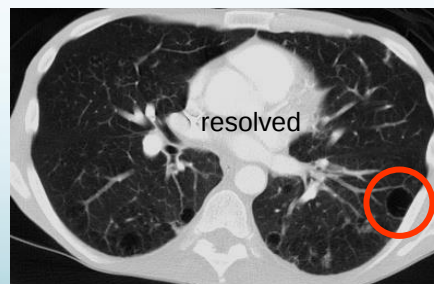
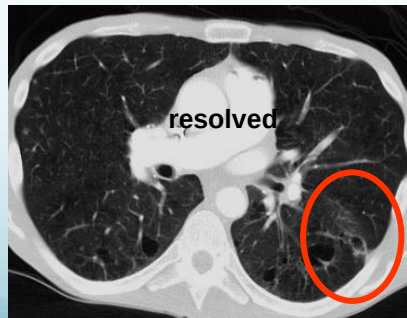
Baseline



2 mo

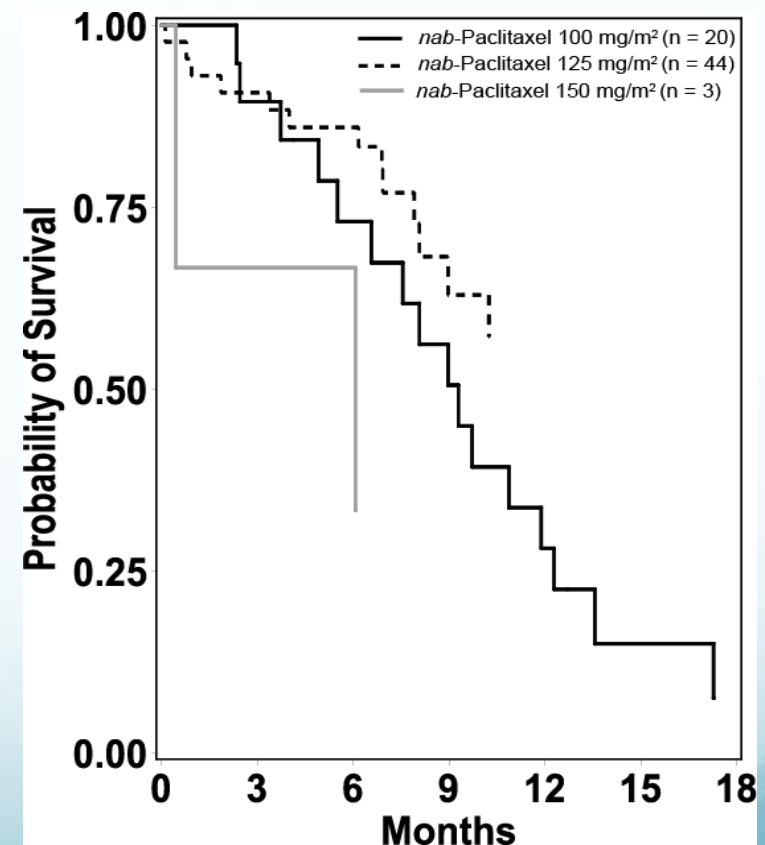
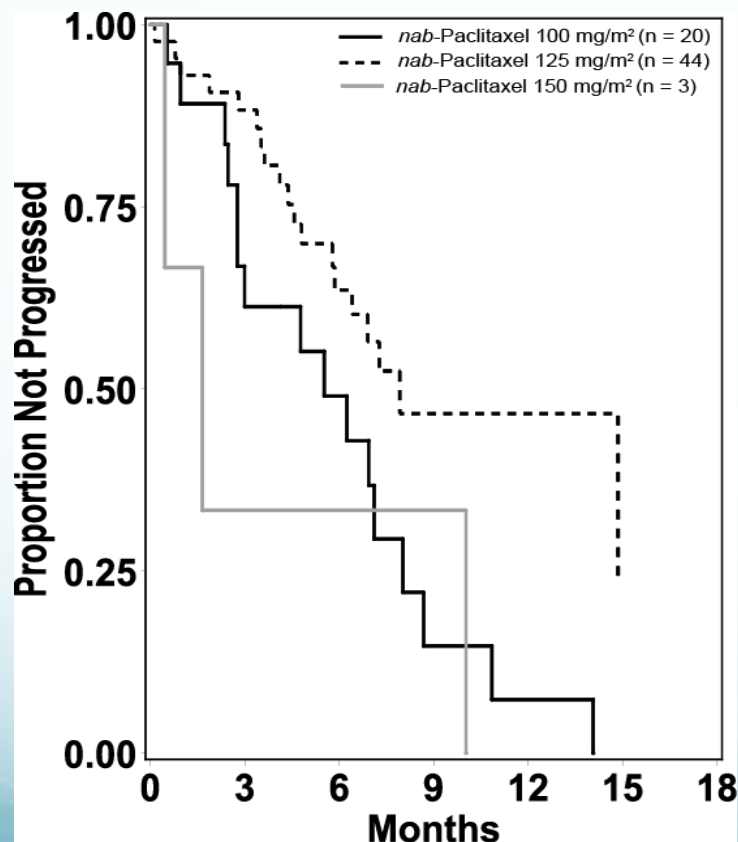


3 mo.



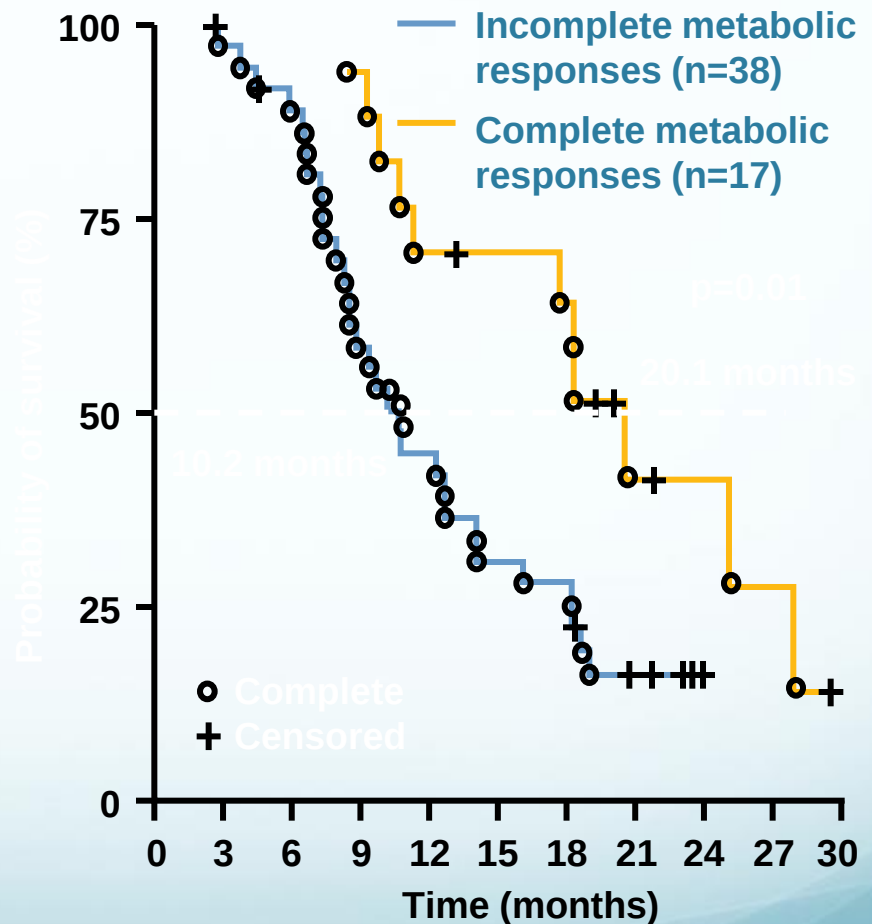
Progression-free Survival and Overall Survival

- For all patients (N = 67), the median time for PFS was 6.9 months, and median time for OS was 10.3 months to date
- For patients at the recommended dose of 125 mg/m² *nab*-paclitaxel, the median PFS was 7.9 months, and the OS time was not yet reached



PET-FDG response

- FDG PET scans were available for 55 patients
- Median decrease in metabolic activity at 12 weeks:
 - 79% (all patients)
- Patients with a metabolic response (defined by EORTC as absence of FDG uptake) had a significantly improved OS:
 - Median OS: 20.1 vs 10.3 mo, $p=0.01$

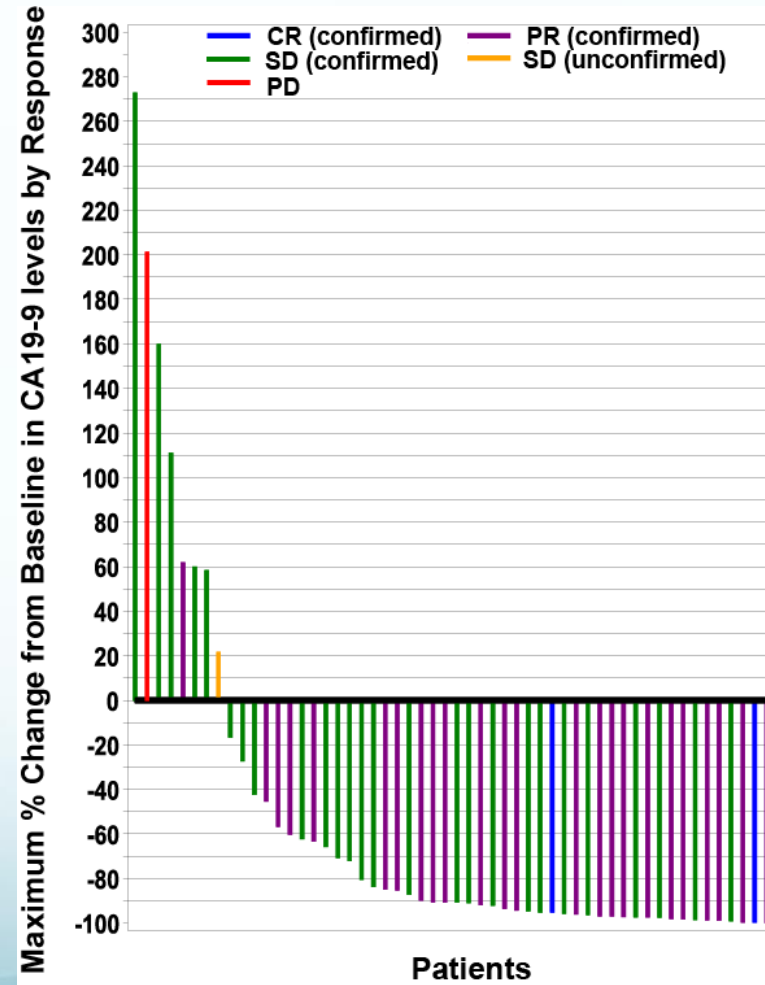


CA19.9 Correlation

- CA19-9 decreases occurred rapidly after treatment initiation
- CA19-9 decrease of $\geq 50\%$ was observed in 42 (78%) of the 54 patients with available CA19-9 levels (CA19-9 decrease of $<50\%$ was 12 [22%])
- Median max % change in 54 patients was 91%

CA19-9 levels correlated strongly with RR, PFS, and OS

CA19-9 Classification	RR, n (%)	Median PFS, mo	Median OS, mo
$\geq 50\%$ Decrease (n = 42)	24 (57)	8.7	12.3
$<50\%$ Decrease (n = 12)	2 (17)	3.6	6.2
P-values	0.021	0.004	<0.001

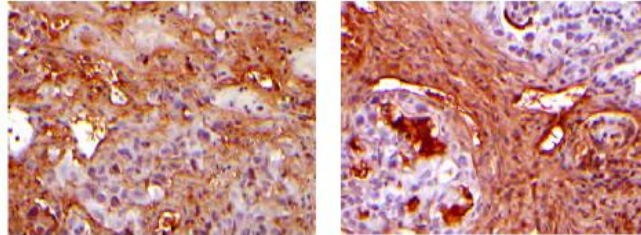


Stroma evaluation

Treatment
group

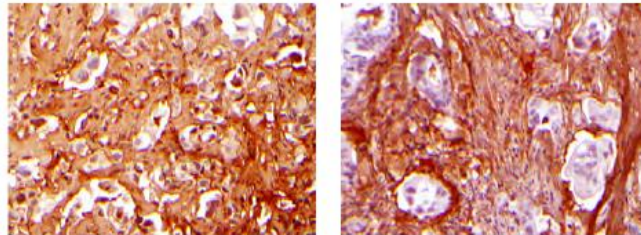
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Control



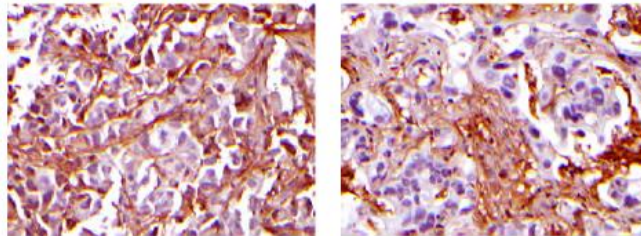
*Profuse
Desmoplastic
Stroma*

Gemcitabine



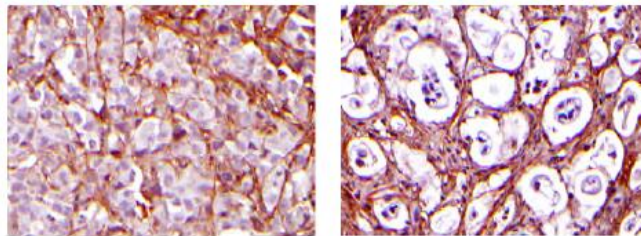
*Persisting
Stroma*

NAB-paclitaxel



***Desmoplastic
Stroma
Depletion***

GEM + NAB-p

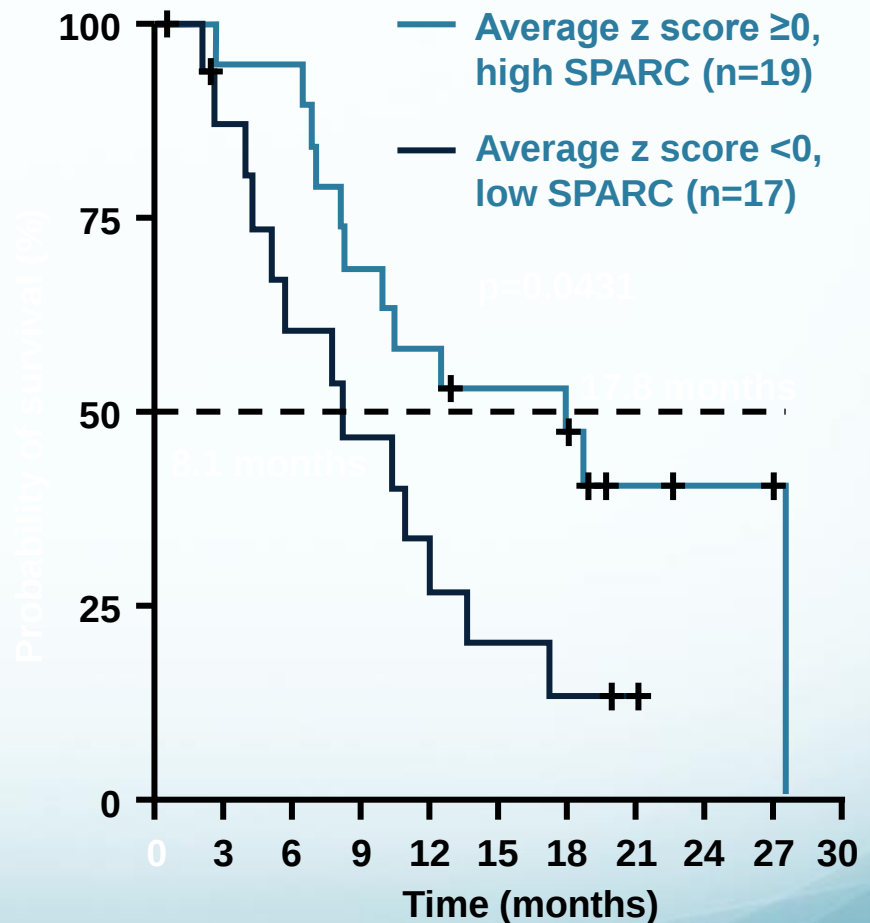


**Dilated blood
vessels x3 increase
in mNestin**

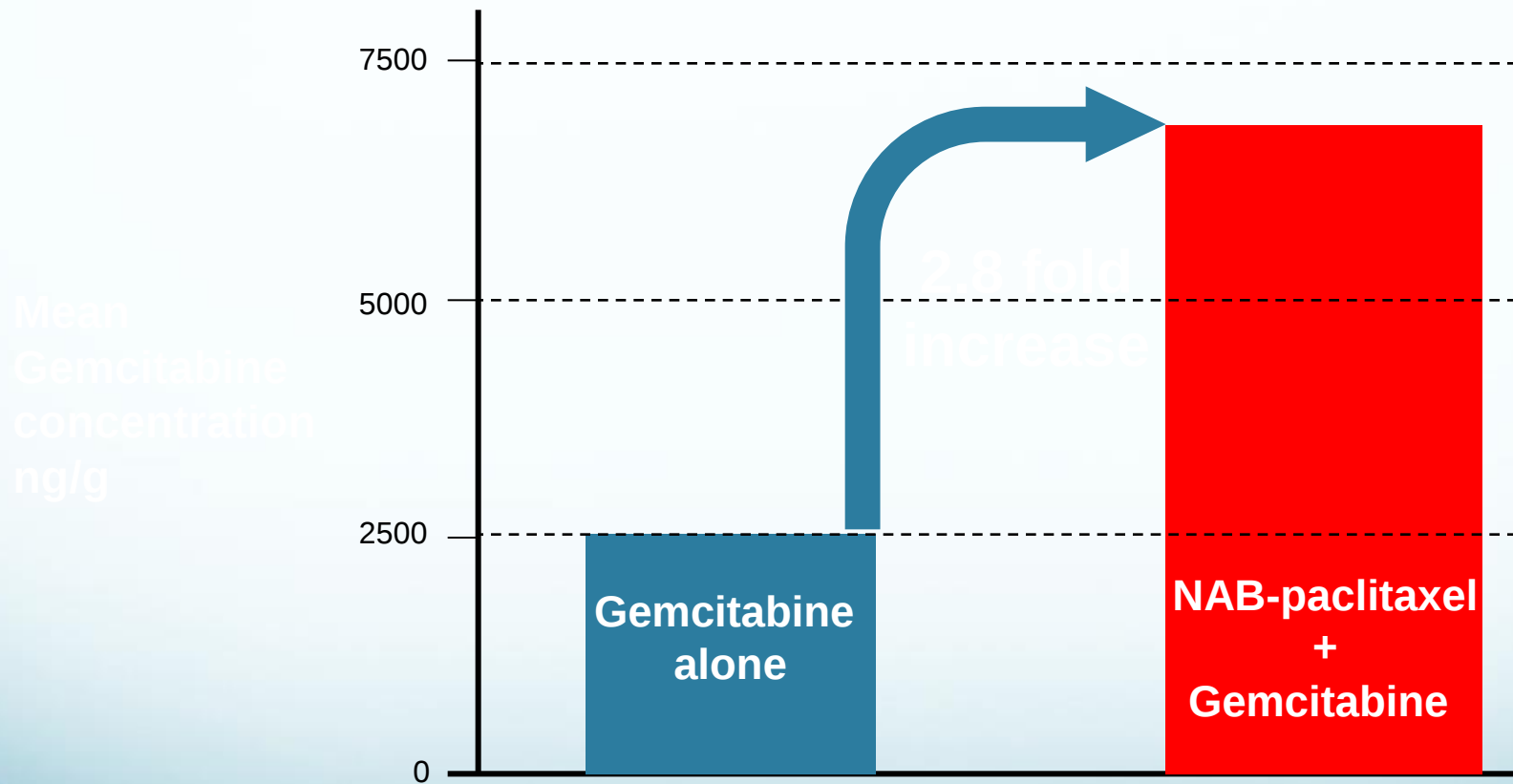


SPARC and NAB-paclitaxel/gemcitabine response

- SPARC status was evaluated in 36 patients
- A significantly longer OS was reported in the high SPARC vs low SPARC group
 - Median OS: 17.8 vs 8.1 mo, $p=0.0431$
- SPARC level remained a significant predictor for OS after adjusting for clinical covariates (eg age, sex, race, baseline CA 19-9) ($p=0.041$)
- Stromal SPARC correlated with OS ($p=0.013$) but SPARC in tumour cells did not ($p=0.15$)



Tumour gemcitabine concentration +/- nab-paclitaxel combination



Dose massima tollerata (MTD) identificata per lo studio di Fase II



Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² iv



NAB-paclitaxel 125 mg/m² iv



Randomized Phase III Study of Weekly *nab*-Paclitaxel plus Gemcitabine vs Gemcitabine Alone in Patients with Metastatic Adenocarcinoma of the Pancreas (MPACT)

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Study Design

Planned N = 842

- Stage IV
- No prior treatment for metastatic disease
- KPS ≥ 70
- Measurable disease
- Total bilirubin $\leq$ ULN

***nab*-Paclitaxel**

125 mg/m² IV qw 3/4 weeks

+

Gemcitabine

1000 mg/m² IV qw 3/4 weeks

1:1, stratified by KPS, region, liver metastasis

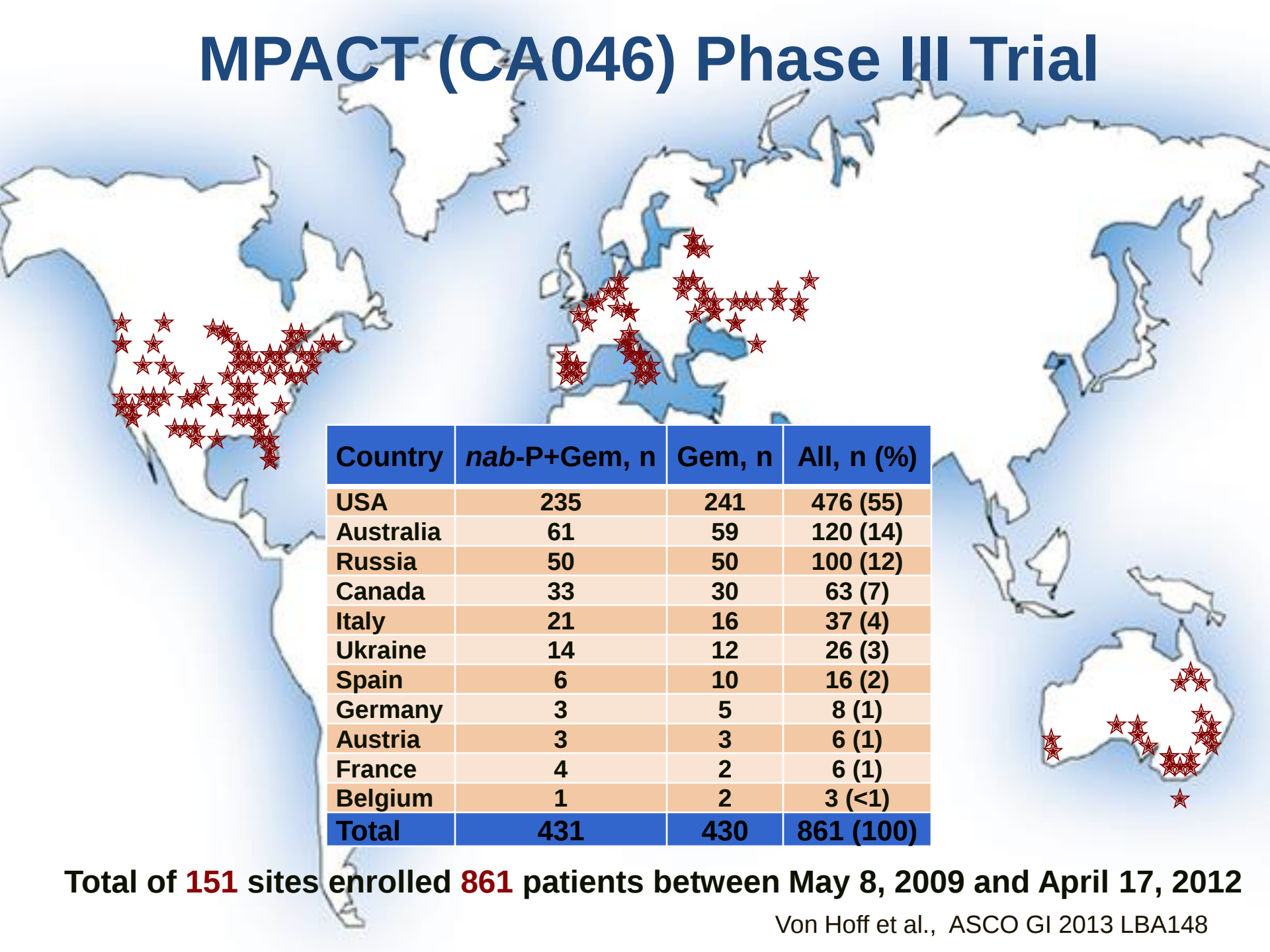
Gemcitabine

1000 mg/m² IV qw for 7/8 weeks
then qw 3/4 weeks

- Primary Endpoint:
 - OS
- Secondary Endpoints:
 - PFS and ORR by Independent Review (RECIST)
- Safety and Tolerability
 - by NCI CTCAE v3.0

- With 608 events, 90% power to detect OS HR = 0.769 (2-sided $\alpha = 0.049$)
- 1 interim analysis for futility
- Treat until progression
- CT scans every 8 weeks

MPACT (CA046) Phase III Trial



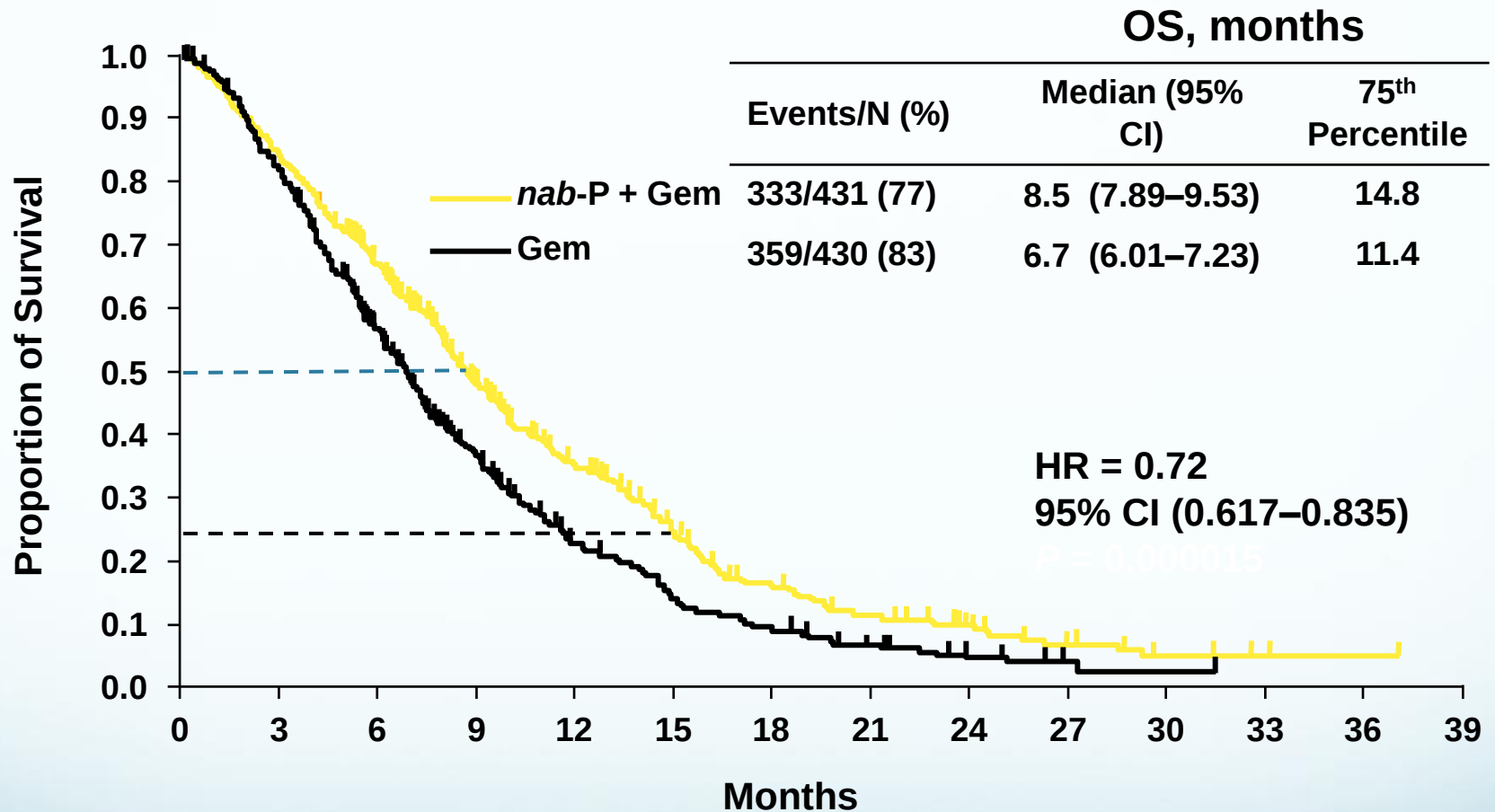
Country	<i>nab</i> -P+Gem, n	Gem, n	All, n (%)
USA	235	241	476 (55)
Australia	61	59	120 (14)
Russia	50	50	100 (12)
Canada	33	30	63 (7)
Italy	21	16	37 (4)
Ukraine	14	12	26 (3)
Spain	6	10	16 (2)
Germany	3	5	8 (1)
Austria	3	3	6 (1)
France	4	2	6 (1)
Belgium	1	2	3 (<1)
Total	431	430	861 (100)

Total of **151** sites enrolled **861** patients between May 8, 2009 and April 17, 2012

Baseline Characteristics

Variable		nab-P + Gem (n = 431)	Gem (n = 430)	All Patients (N = 861)
Age	Median years (min, max)	62 (27, 86)	63 (32, 88)	63 (27, 88)
	≥65 years old, %	41	44	42
Sex	Male, %	57	60	58
KPS	90 – 100, %	58	62	60
	70 – 80, %	42	38	40
Pancreatic Primary Location	Head, %	44	42	43
	Body, %	31	32	31
	Tail, %	24	26	25
Current Site(s) of Metastasis	Lung, %	35	43	39
	Liver, %	85	84	84
# of Metastatic Sites	1, %	8	5	6
	2, %	47	48	47
	≥3, %	45	47	46
Previous Whipple	Yes, %	7	7	7
Biliary Stent	Yes, %	19	16	17

Overall Survival



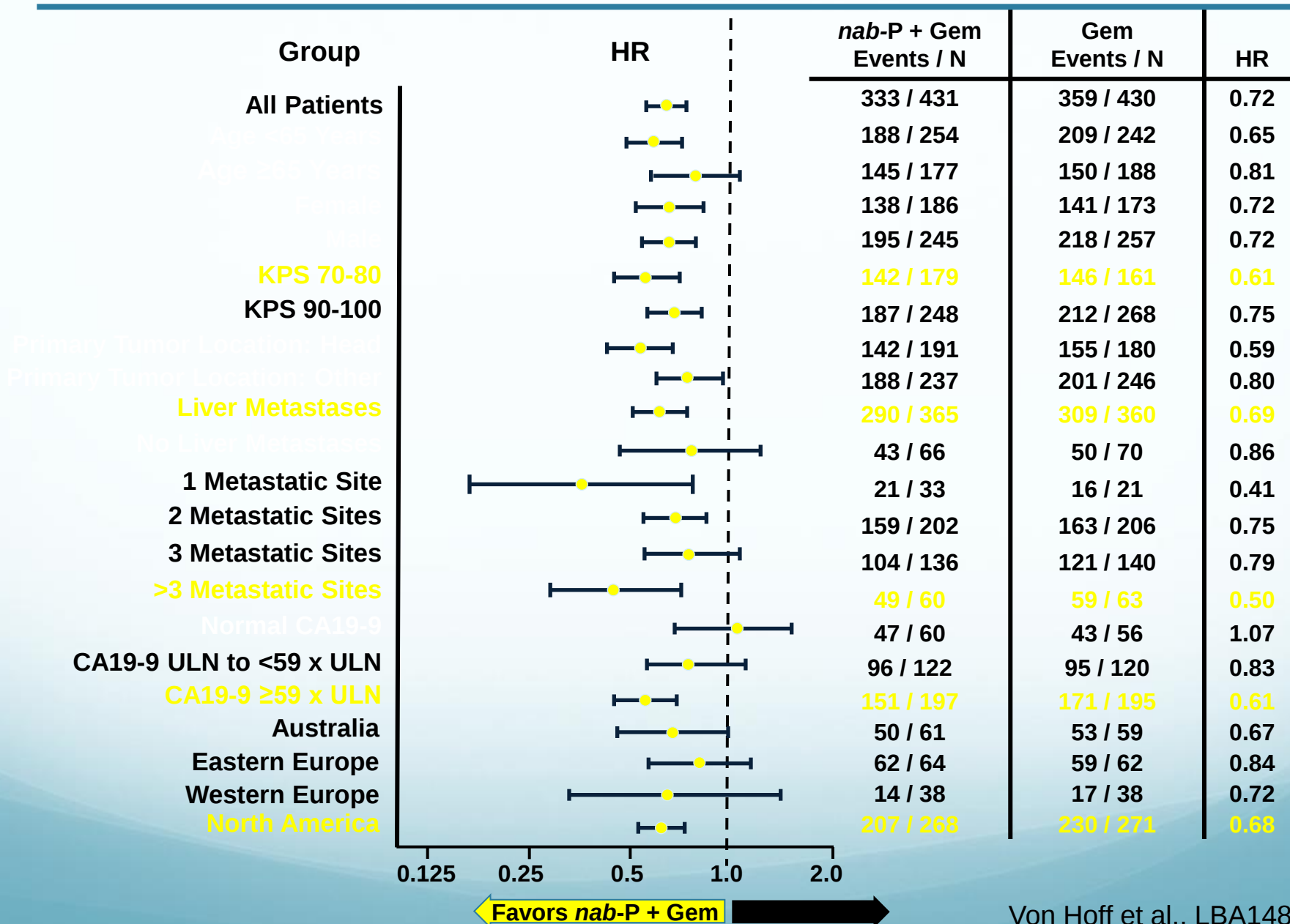
Pts at Risk

<i>nab</i> -P + Gem:	431	357	269	169	108	67	40	27	16	9	4	1	1	0
Gem:	430	340	220	124	69	40	26	15	7	3	1	0	0	0

Survival Rate

nab-P + Gem		Gem		
Time Points, month	Survival, %	Survival, %	Increase, %	P-value
6	67	55	22	0.00074
9	48	36	33	0.00067
12	35	22	59	0.00020
18	16	9	78	0.00803
24	9	4	125	0.02123

OS - Prespecified Subgroups

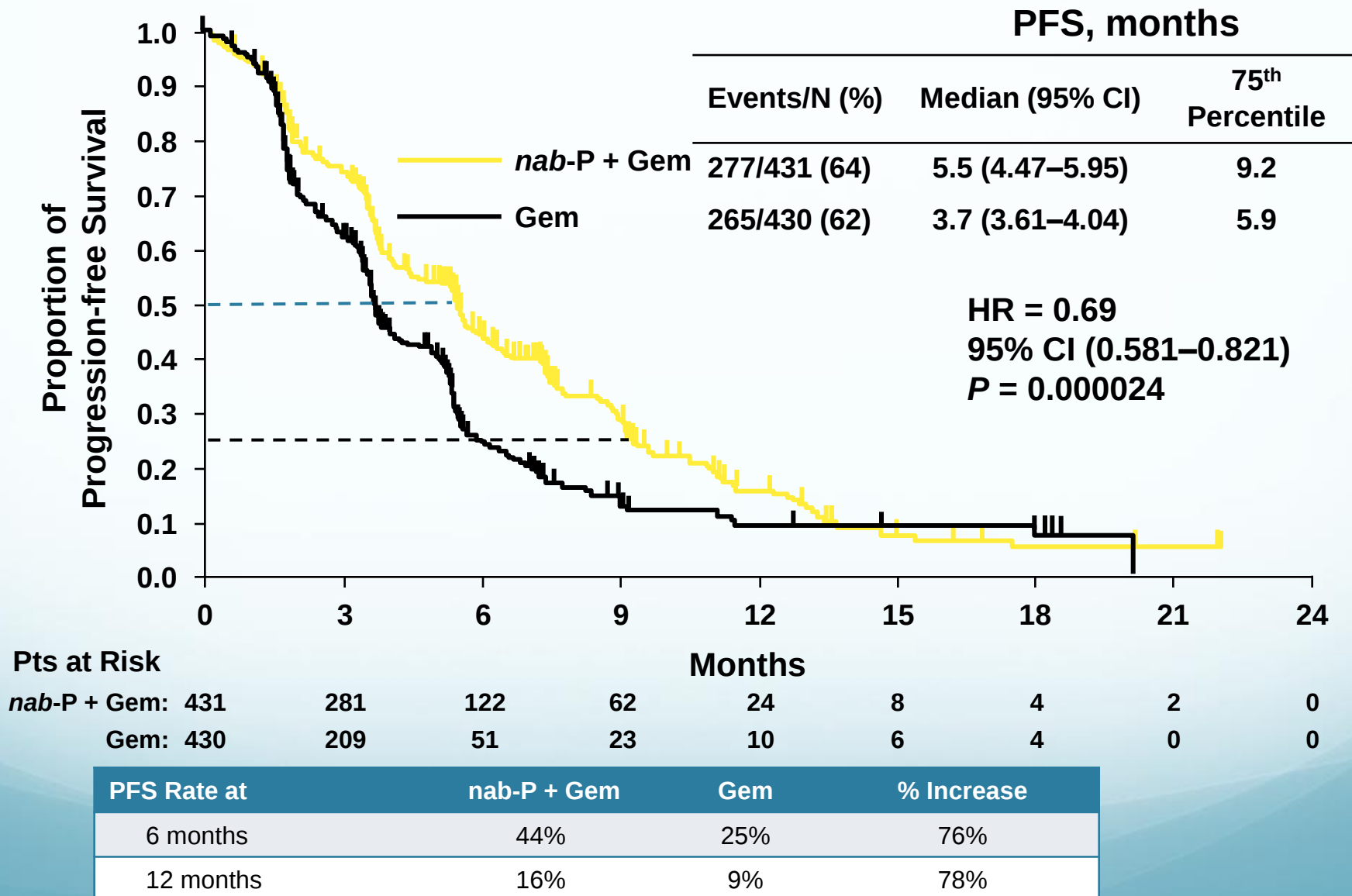


Impact of Subsequent Therapy on OS

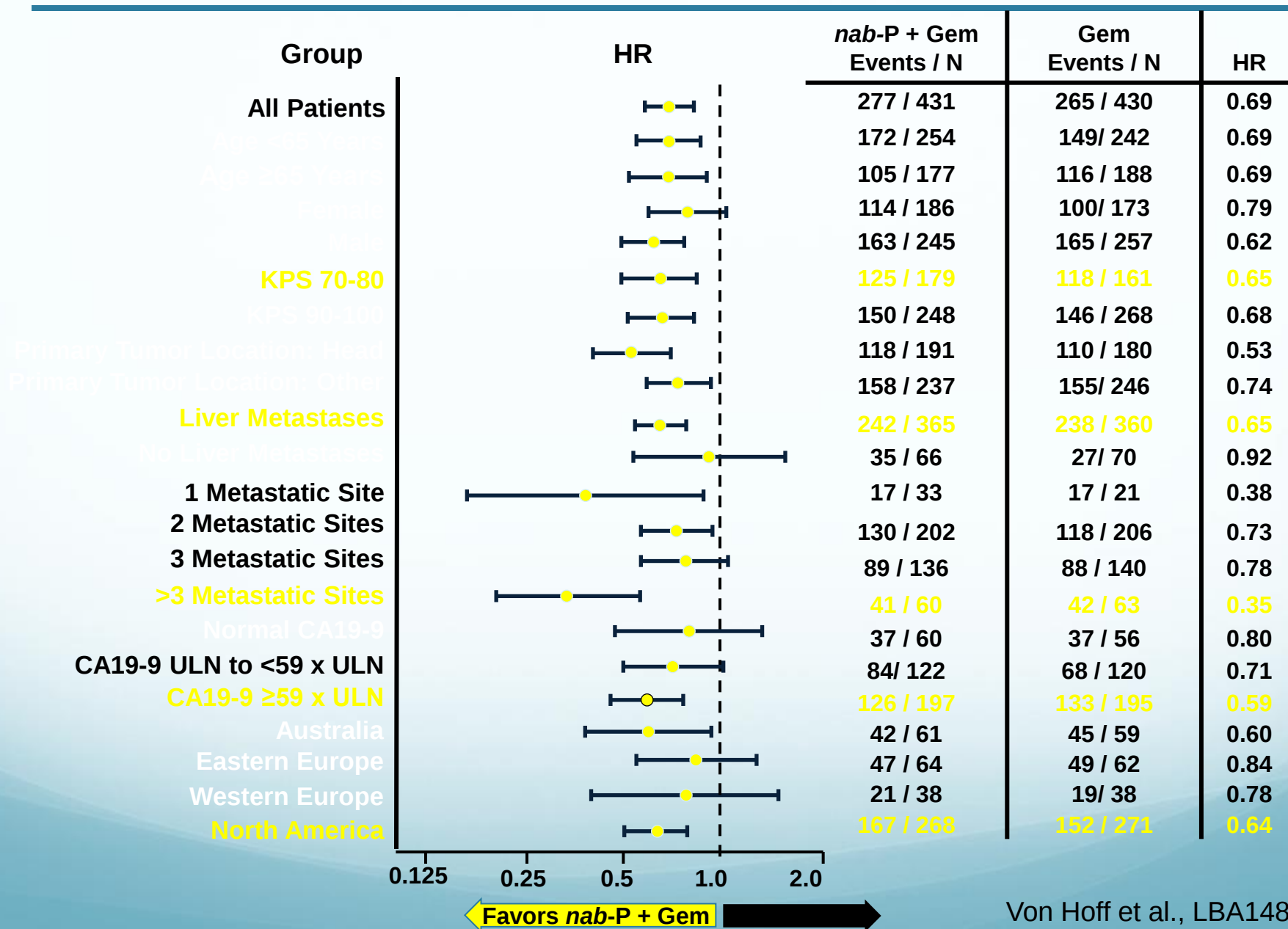
Regimen	nab-P + Gem (n = 431)	Gem (n = 430)
Patients with Subsequent Therapy, %	38	42
5-FU/Capecitabine based, % nab-P+ Capecitabine	26 0	30 <1
Folfirinox (Modified/Unmodified), %	4	6
Erlotinib-based, %	3	3
Other, % nab-P-based	10 0	12 6

Sensitivity Analysis: Censor at Time of 2 nd -line Therapy	nab-P + Gem	Gem	Hazard Ratio (nab-P+G/G)	P-value
Median OS, months	9.4	6.8	0.68	0.000072

PFS by Independent Review



PFS by Independent Review, Subgroups



Response Rates

Variable	nab-P + Gem (n = 431)	Gem (n = 430)	P-value
Overall Response Rate			
Independent Review, % (95% CI)	23 (19.1–27.2)	7 (5.0–10.1)	1.1x10 ⁻¹⁰
Investigator Assessment, % (95% CI)	29 (25.0–33.8)	8 (5.3–10.6)	3.3x10 ⁻¹⁶
Disease Control Rate by Independent Review, ^a % (95% CI)	48 (43.0–52.6)	33 (28.4–37.5)	7.2x10 ⁻⁶

^a Includes CR + PR + SD ≥16 weeks

Treatment Exposure

Variable	nab-P + Gem (n = 421)	Gem (n = 402)
Treatment Duration, median months (min, max) ≥6 months, %	3.9 (0.1, 21.9) 32	2.7 (0.1, 21.5) 15
% Protocol Dose, median (min, max) nab-P Gem	80.6 (16.7, 100.0) 75.2 (14.3, 97.7)	-- 84.6 (14.1, 100.0)
Cumulative Dose, median mg/m ² nab-P Gem	1,425.0 11,400.0	-- 9,000.0
nab-P Doses at 125 mg/m ² , n (%) Gem Doses at 1000 mg/m ² , n (%)	4,116.0 (71) 3,731.0 (63)	-- 3,762.0 (79)

Safety

Preferred Term	nab-P + Gem (n = 421)	Gem (n = 402)
Pt with at least 1 AE Leading to Death, %	4	4
Grade ≥3 Hematologic AE, ^a %		
Neutropenia	38	27
Leukopenia	31	16
Thrombocytopenia	13	9
Anemia	13	12
Pts Who Received Growth Factors, %	26	15
Febrile Neutropenia, ^b %	3	1
Grade ≥3 Nonhematologic AE ^b in >5% Pts, %		
Fatigue	17	7
Peripheral Neuropathy ^c	17	<1
Diarrhea	6	1
Grade ≥3 Neuropathy		
Time to Onset, median days	140	113
Time to Improvement by 1 Grade, median days	21	29
Time to Improvement to Grade ≤1, median days	29	--
Pts Who Resumed nab-P, %	44	--

^a Based on lab values; ^b Based on investigator assessment of treatment-related events; ^c grouped term
 Von Hoff et al., ASCO GI 2013 LBA148

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

FOLFIRINOX versus Gemcitabine
for Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

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Table 1. Demographic and Baseline Characteristics of Patients
in the Intention-to-Treat Population.*

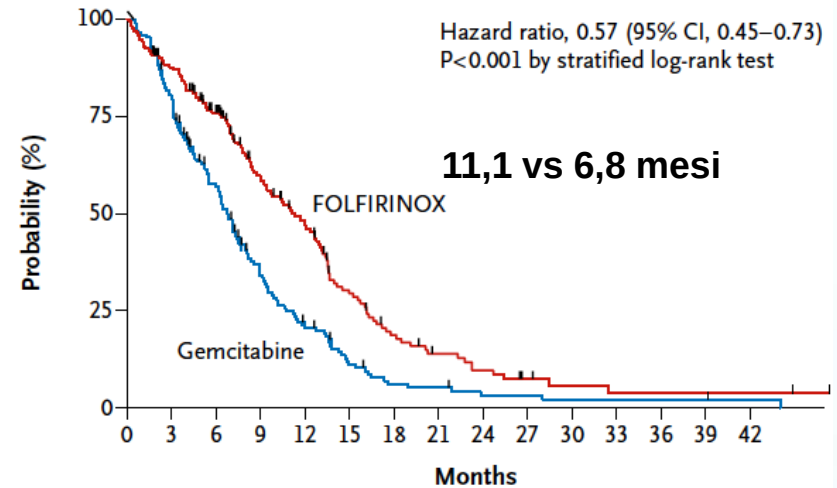
Characteristic	FOLFIRINOX (N = 171)	Gemcitabine (N = 171)
Age — yr		
Median	61	61
Range	25–76	34–75
Sex — no. (%)		
Male	106 (62.0)	105 (61.4)
Female	65 (38.0)	66 (38.6)
ECOG performance status score — no. (%)		
0	64 (37.4)	66 (38.6)
1	106 (61.9)	105 (61.4)
2	1 (0.6)	0
Pancreatic tumor location — no. (%)		
Head	67 (39.2)	63 (36.8)
Body	53 (31.0)	58 (33.9)
Tail	45 (26.3)	45 (26.3)
Multicentric	6 (3.5)	5 (2.9)
Biliary stent — no. (%)		
Yes	27 (15.8)	22 (12.9)
No	144 (84.2)	149 (87.1)
No. of metastatic sites involved		
Median	2	2
Range	1–6	1–6
Level of carbohydrate antigen 19-9 — no./total no. (%)		
Normal	24/164 (14.6)	23/165 (13.9)
Elevated, <59x ULN	72/164 (43.9)	65/165 (39.4)
Elevated, ≥59x ULN	68/164 (41.5)	77/165 (46.7)
Unknown	7/171 (4.1)	6/171 (3.5)
No. of measurable metastatic sites — no. of patients/total no. (%)		
Liver	149/170 (87.6)	150/171 (87.7)
Pancreas	90/170 (52.9)	91/171 (53.2)
Lymph node	49/170 (28.8)	39/171 (22.8)
Lung	33/170 (19.4)	49/171 (28.7)
Peritoneal	33/170 (19.4)	32/171 (18.7)
Other	18/170 (10.6)	29/171 (17.0)

FOLFIRINOX vs gemcitabina nel carcinoma del pancreas avanzato

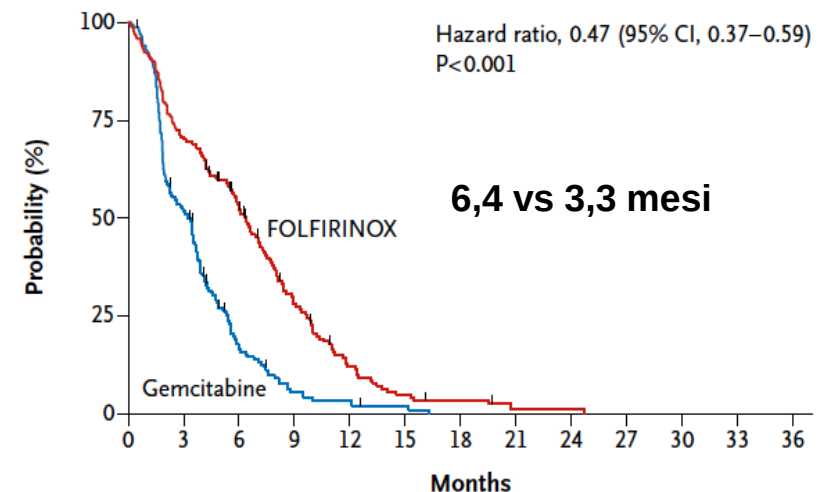
Table 2. Objective Responses in the Intention-to-Treat Population.*

Variable	FOLFIRINOX (N=171)	Gemcitabine (N=171)	P Value
Response — no. (%)			
Complete response	1 (0.6)	0	
Partial response	53 (31.0)	16 (9.4)	
Stable disease	66 (38.6)	71 (41.5)	
Progressive disease	26 (15.2)	59 (34.5)	
Could not be evaluated	25 (14.6)	25 (14.6)	
Rate of objective response†			<0.001
No. (%)	54 (31.6)	16 (9.4)	
95% CI	24.7–39.1	5.4–14.7	
Rate of disease control‡			<0.001
No. (%)	120 (70.2)	87 (50.9)	
95% CI	62.7–76.9	43.1–58.6	
Response duration — mo			0.57
Median	5.9	3.9	
95% CI	4.9–7.1	3.1–7.1	

Overall Survival



Progression-free Survival



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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
Hematologic			
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
Nonhematologic			
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

nab-Paclitaxel/gemcitabina e FOLFIRINOX nel carcinoma del pancreas avanzato

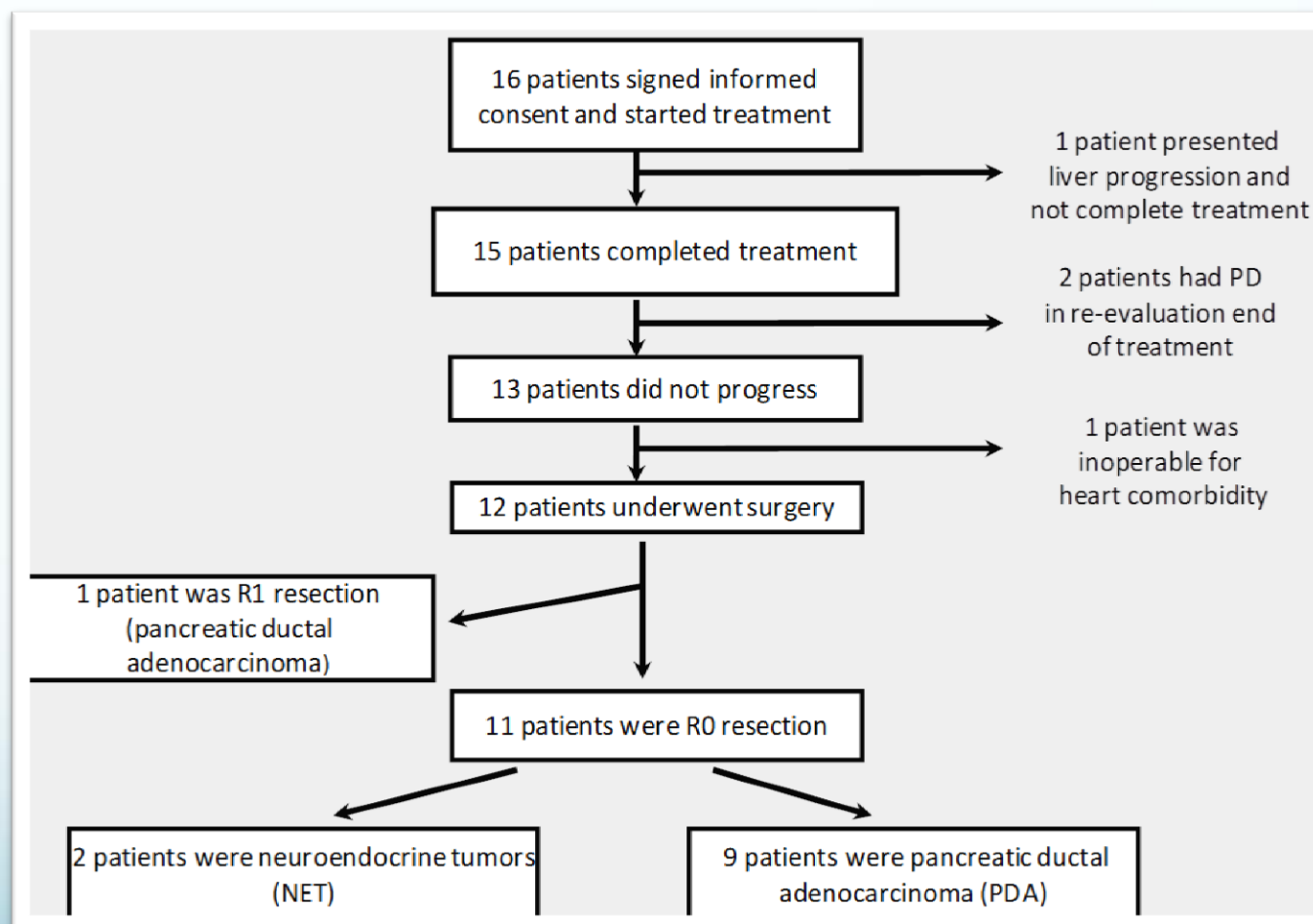
	FOLFIRINOX	nab-Paclitaxel/GEM
N. Pazienti	171	431
Età mediana (anni)	61 (25-76)	62 (27-86)
Sesso M/F (%)	62/38	57/43
PS (%)	ECOG 0/1 37/62	KPS 100-90/80, 70 58/42
Sede testa (%)	39	44
Stent biliare (%)	14,3	19
N. sedi metastatiche	Mediana 2	≥3 nel 45%
RR (%)	31,6	23
OS (mesi)	11,1(HR 0,57), 48% a 1 anno	8,5(HR 0,72), 35% a 1 anno
PFS (mesi)	6,4(HR 0,47), 12% a 1 anno	5,5(HR 0,69), 16% a 1 anno
Neutropenia G3/4 (%)	45,7	38
Neutropenia febbrile (%)	5,4	3
Pastrinopenia G3/4 (%)	9,1	13
Diarrea G3/4 (%)	12,7	6
Neuropatia G3/4 (%)	9	17

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Table 1: Baseline patients characteristics (n 16)

Age (years)	Median	57.8
	Range	41-80
Sex	Men	10
	Women	6
ECOG	0	6
	1	10
Tumor localization	Head	14
	Body	1
	Tail	1
Vein affection ¹	VMS	6
	Splenic vein	2
	Portal	1
Artery affection ¹	AMS	3
	Hepatic	1
	Gastric	1
	Splenic	1

¹-Affection by ecoendoscopy or CT



Results

Table 2: Pre and post-treatment evaluation			
n= 16	PET SUV max (Median; range)	CA 19.9 (Mean; range)	Elastography (Ratio)
pre-treatment	7.2 (2.98-13.4)	2588 (1-36376)	36
post treatment	4.5 (1.9-9)	1056 (0.5- 15199)	18
<i>p</i>	0.005	0.001	0.002
	Partial metabolic response: 8 patients (50%)	50% patients have >70% decrease in tumor marker	Correlated with improvement in SUV max (p=0.494) and CA 19.9 (p=0.019)

Results

Table 3: Clinical response of patients (n=16)

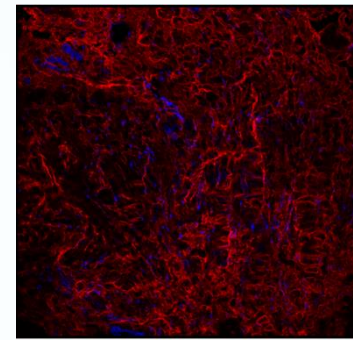
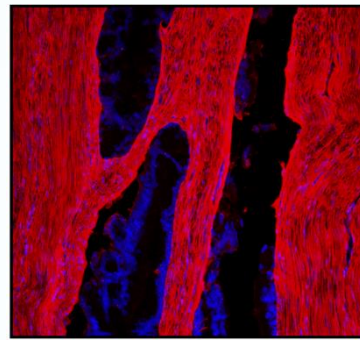
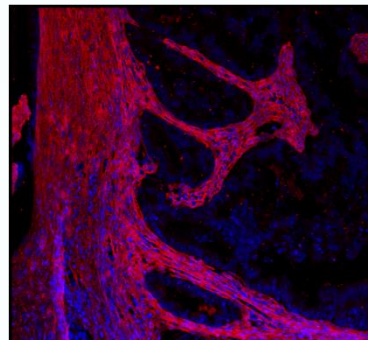
Progressive disease	3
No surgery because heart comorbidity	1
Surgery	12
Neuroendocrine tumor	2
Adenocarcinoma	10
GRT 0	1
GRT 1	6
GRT 2	1
GRT 3	2

GRT-0: Complete Response. GRT-1: Important partial response (only single cells or cell groups); GRT-2: Partial response but large residual tumor; GRT-3: Low/no response. Extensive residual cancer.

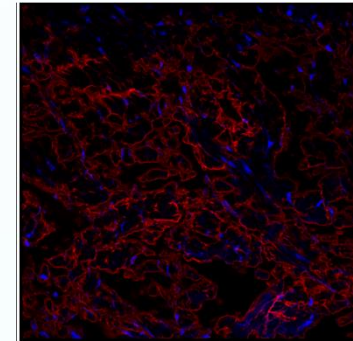
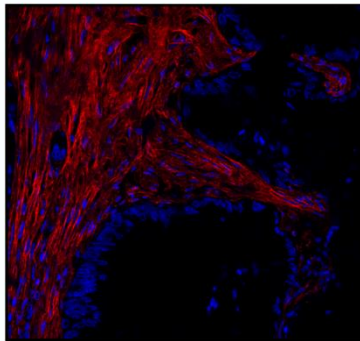
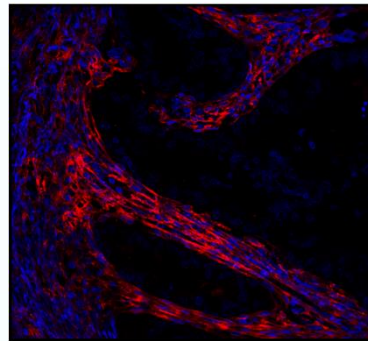
Results

- So far 9 patients have been operated and in 8(89%) a complete resection (R0) was achieved.
- 1 patient had a complete pathological response and 4 patients had near complete responses with only a few(< 5%) residual tumor.
- In-depth analysis of stromal composition after treatment showed, compared to a series of 10 cases untreated and treated with conventional chemoradiation, decreased myofibroblast content, increase vessel density and distorted collagen fibers.

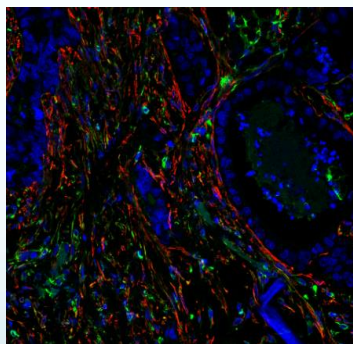
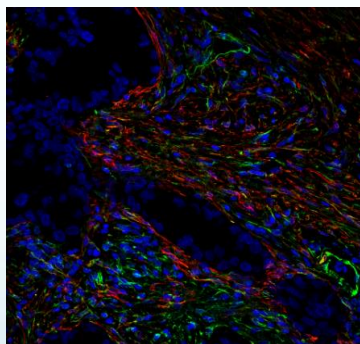
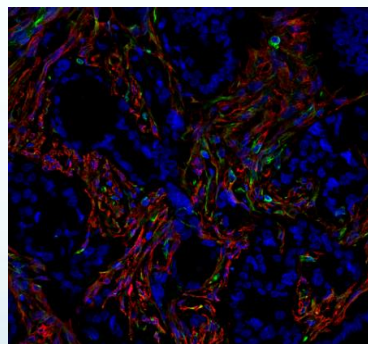
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Long and organized collagen fibers around tumor glands



Amorphous matrix in desmoplastic and tumor regression areas



SMA (red) / Vimentin (green) / Double staining (yellow)

Untreated

Chemo +
Radiotherapy

Nab-paclitaxel

Le prospettive di trattamento nel carcinoma del pancreas avanzato

