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# Actualización del tratamiento del hepatocarcinoma

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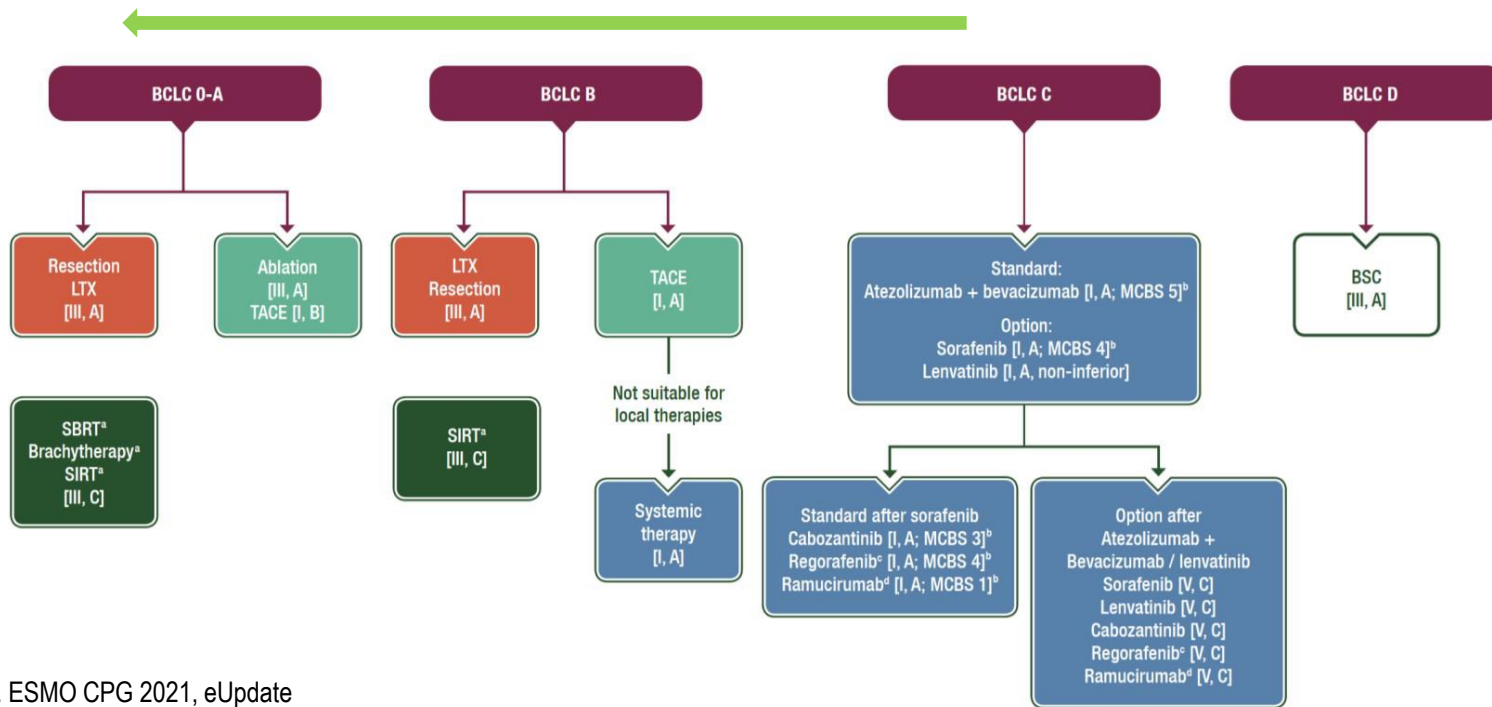
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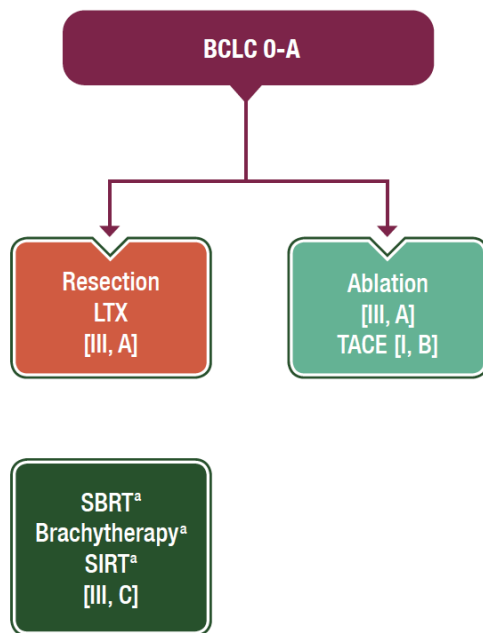
# ESMO CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE HCC

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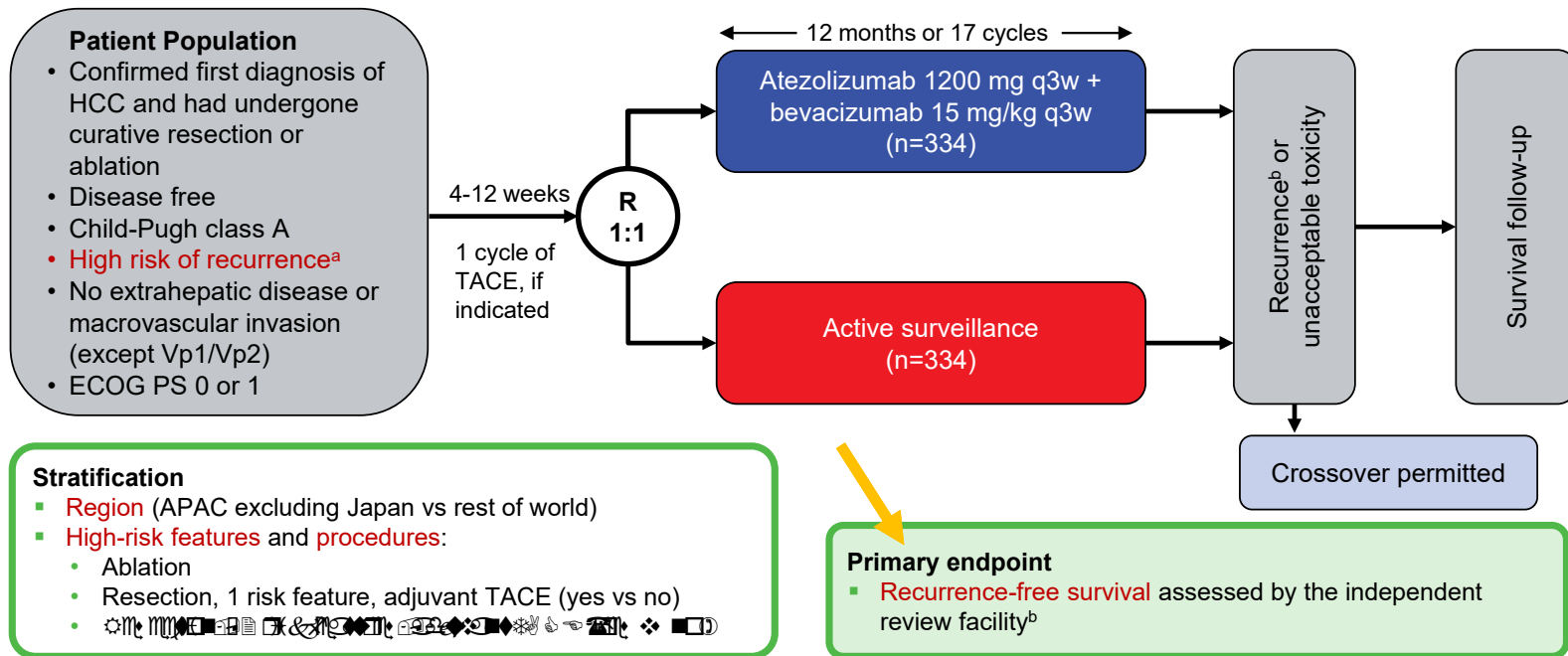


## What is on the horizon in early stage?



- **KEYNOTE-937:**  
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- **IMbrave050**  
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- **EMERALD-2:**  
Durvalumab/Bevacizumab vs placebo

## IMbrave050 study design



ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT04102098. ECOG PS; Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; Q3W, every three weeks; R, randomization; TACE, transarterial chemoembolization.

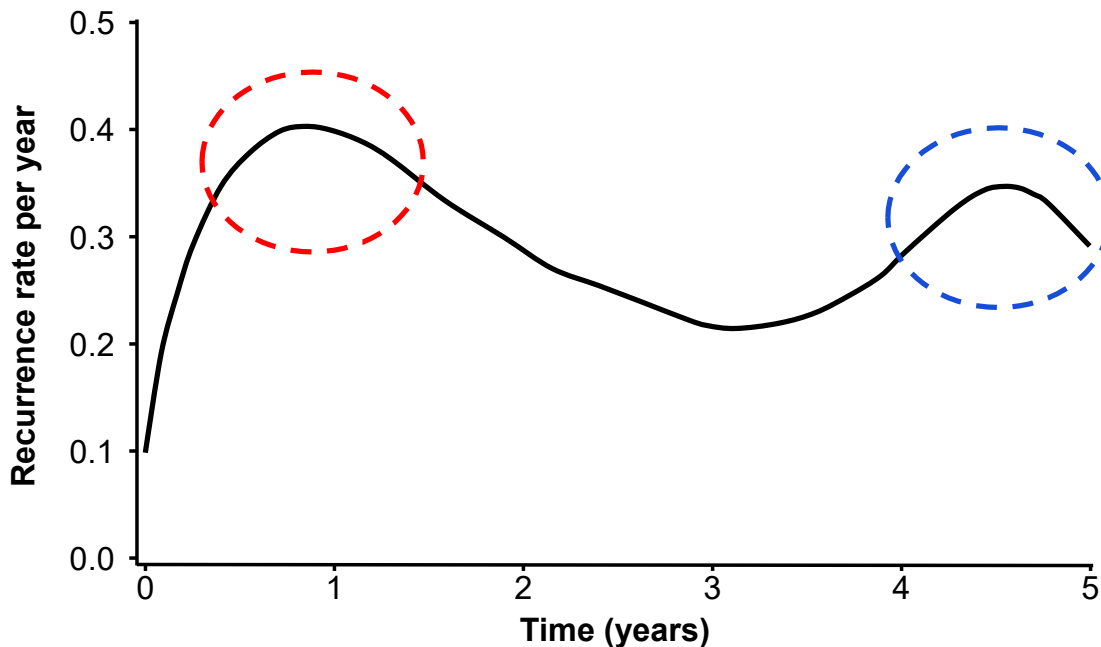
<sup>a</sup> **High-risk features** include: tumor >5 cm, >3 tumors, microvascular invasion, minor macrovascular invasion Vp1/Vp2, or Grade 3/4 pathology.

<sup>b</sup> Intrahepatic recurrence defined by EASL criteria. Extrahepatic recurrence defined by RECIST 1.1.

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## Bimodal recurrence after HCC resection



- Recurrence rate after resection peaks at around **1 year**, then gradually decreases over the next 2 years.<sup>1</sup> Current consensus is that these recurrences are from **micro-metastases**
- A second lower postoperative recurrence peak occurs at **4-5 years**<sup>1</sup>
- The second peak is currently understood to be due to **de novo tumors** associated with underlying liver disease<sup>2</sup>



## Study endpoints and testing hierarchy

### Study endpoints

#### Primary endpoint

- Recurrence-free survival (RFS) assessed by independent review facility (IRF)

#### Secondary endpoints

- RFS assessed by investigator (INV)
- Time to recurrence assessed per IRF
- Overall survival (OS)

#### Other endpoints

- Safety

### Overall Type I error 0.05 (2-sided) hierarchical testing

IRF-assessed RFS  
(interim analysis)

Number of events = 243  
Stopping boundary ( $P$  value) = 0.0195  
Target HR = 0.73

If RFS is positive:

OS

(1st interim analysis)  
Information fraction = 14.7%  
Expected<sup>a</sup> information fraction = 33.5%

<sup>a</sup> Per protocol.



# Baseline characteristics were balanced across treatment arms

Characteristic	Atezo + bev (n=334)	Active surveillance (n=334)
Median age (range), years	60 (19-89)	59 (23-85)
Male sex, n (%)	277 (82.9)	278 (83.2)
Ethnicity, n (%)		
Asian	276 (82.6)	269 (80.5)
White	35 (10.5)	41 (12.3)
Other	23 (6.9)	24 (7.2)
Geographic region, n (%)		
Asia Pacific excluding Japan   rest of world	237 (71.0)   97 (29.0)	238 (71.3)   96 (28.7)
ECOG PS score, n (%)		
0   1	258 (77.2)   76 (22.8)	269 (80.5)   65 (19.5)
PD-L1 status, n (%) <sup>a,b</sup>		
	154 (54.0)   131 (46.0)	140 (50.2)   139 (49.8)
Etiology, n (%)		
Hepatitis B	209 (62.6)	207 (62.0)
Hepatitis C	34 (10.2)	38 (11.4)
Non viral   unknown	45 (13.5)   46 (13.8)	38 (11.4)   51 (15.3)
BCLC stage at diagnosis, n (%)		
0	2 (0.6)	3 (0.9)
A	287 (85.9)	277 (82.9)
B	25 (7.5)	32 (9.6)
C	20 (6.0)	22 (6.6)

Clinical cutoff: October 21, 2022; median follow-up duration: 17.4 mo. BCLC; Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer.

<sup>a</sup> n=285 for atezo + bev and 279 for active surveillance. <sup>b</sup> PD-L1 expression is defined as the total percentage of the tumor area covered by tumor and immune cells stained for PD-L1 using the SP263 immunohistochemistry assay (VENTANA).

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## Baseline characteristics—curative procedures

Characteristic	Atezo + bev (n=334)	Active surveillance (n=334)
→ <b>Resection</b> , n (%)	293 (87.7)	292 (87.4)
Longest diameter of the largest tumor at diagnosis, median (range), cm <sup>a</sup>	5.3 (1.0-18.0)	5.9 (1.1-25.0)
Tumors, n (%)		
1	266 (90.8)	260 (89.0)
2	20 (6.8)	29 (9.9)
3	4 (1.4)	2 (0.7)
4+	3 (1.0)	1 (0.3)
→ Adjuvant TACE following resection, n (%)	32 (10.9)	34 (11.6)
→ Any tumors >5 cm, n (%)	152 (51.9)	175 (59.9)
Microvascular invasion present, n (%)	178 (60.8)	176 (60.3)
Minor macrovascular invasion (Vp1/Vp2) present, n (%)	22 (7.5)	17 (5.8)
Poor tumor differentiation (Grade 3 or 4), n (%)	124 (42.3)	121 (41.4)
→ <b>Ablation</b> , n (%)	41 (12.3)	42 (12.6)
Longest diameter of the largest tumor at diagnosis, median (range), cm	2.5 (1.2-4.6)	2.6 (1.5-4.6)
Tumors, n (%)		
1	29 (70.7)	31 (73.8)
→ 2	11 (26.8)	8 (19.0)
3	1 (2.4)	3 (7.1)

Solitary tumor 526 patients (90%)

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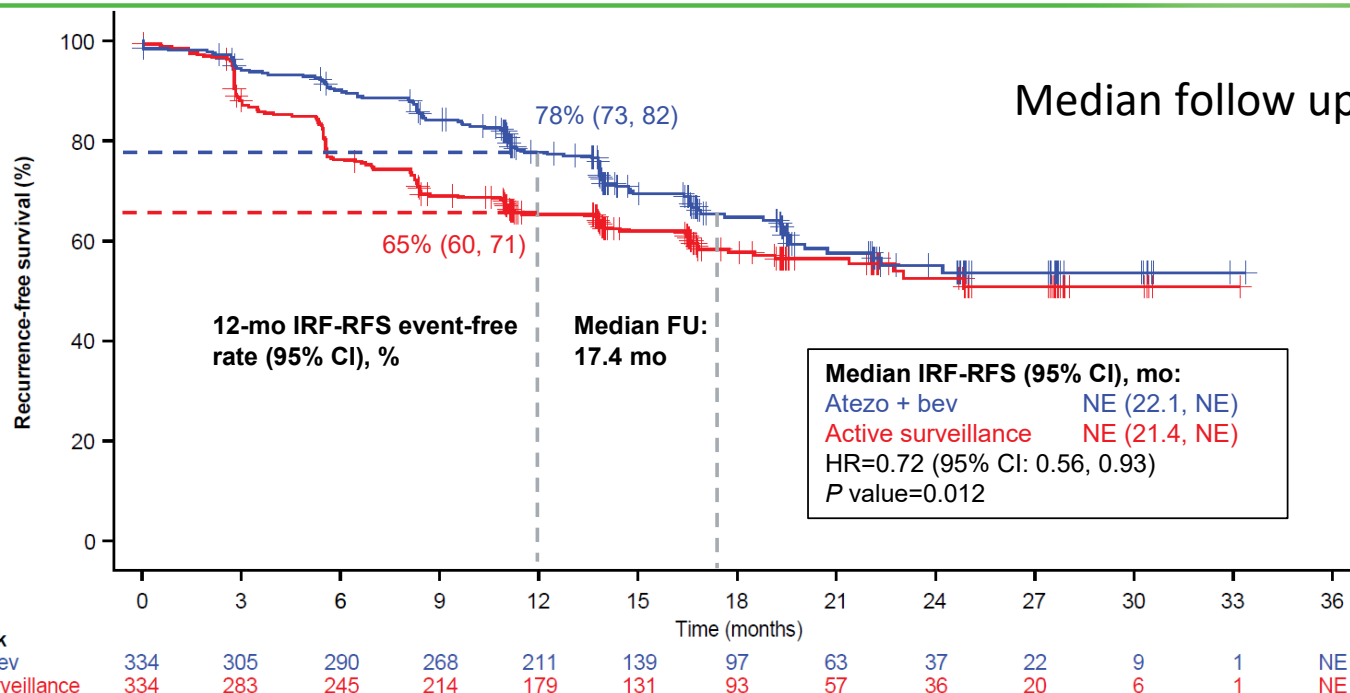
<sup>a</sup> 1 patient in the atezo + bev arm was excluded from the calculation due to data entry error.

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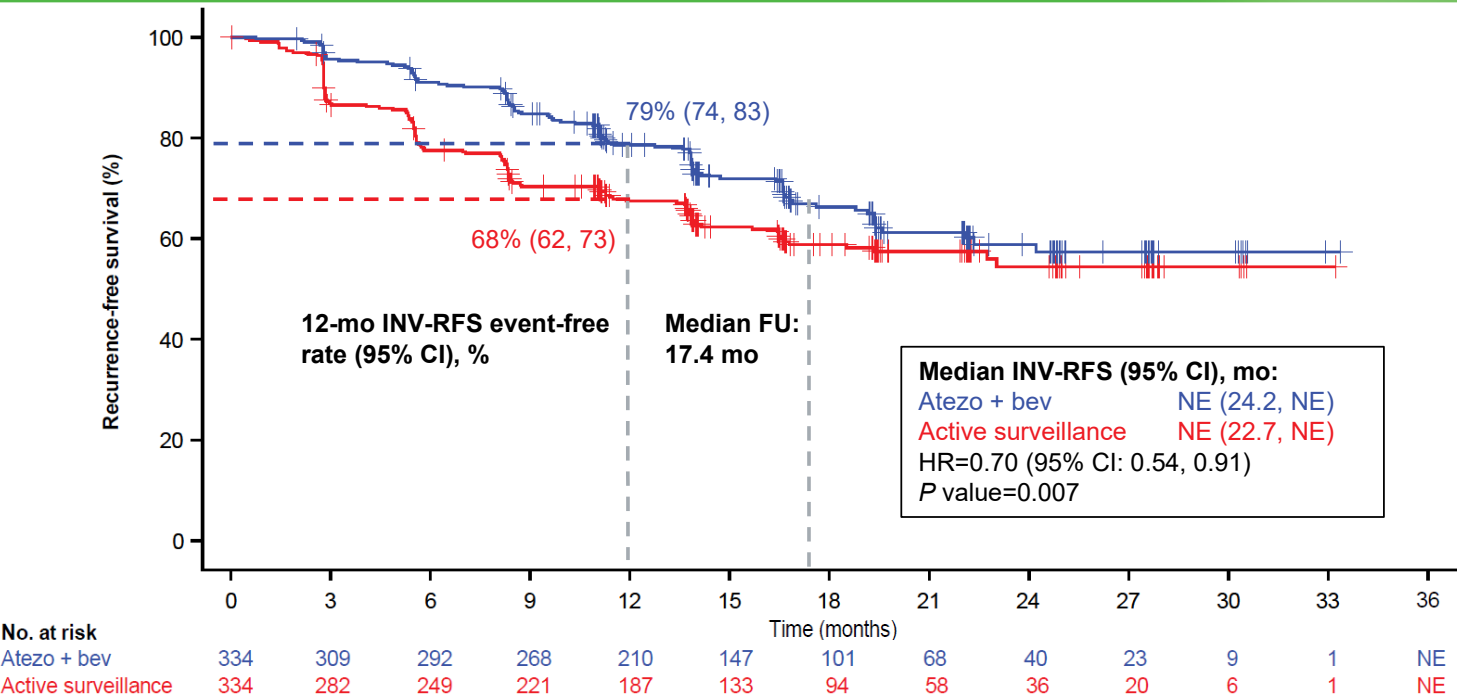


## Primary endpoint: IRF-assessed RFS was significantly improved with atezo + bev vs active surveillance



Clinical cutoff: October 21, 2022; median follow-up duration: 17.4 mo. At clinical cutoff, 110 of 334 patients (33%) in the atezo + bev arm and 133 of 334 (40%) in the active surveillance arm experienced disease recurrence or death.  
FU, follow-up; NE, not estimable. HR is stratified. P value is a log rank.

# INV-assessed RFS results were consistent with those of IRF-assessed RFS

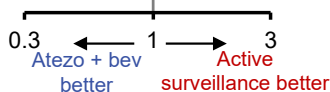


Clinical cutoff: October 21, 2022; median follow-up duration: 17.4 mo. At clinical cutoff, 103 of 334 patients (31%) in the atezo + bev arm and 128 of 334 (38%) in the active surveillance arm experienced disease recurrence or death. HR is stratified. *P* value is a log rank.

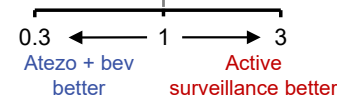


## IRF-assessed RFS subgroups

Baseline risk factors	No. of patients	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
All patients	668	0.74 (0.57, 0.95)
	427	0.80 (0.58, 1.08)
	241	0.64 (0.41, 1.00)
Male	555	0.74 (0.56, 0.98)
Female	113	0.73 (0.38, 1.40)
Asian	545	0.75 (0.56, 0.99)
White	78	0.59 (0.28, 1.25)
Other race	45	0.91 (0.36, 2.29)
ECOG PS 0	527	0.65 (0.48, 0.87)
ECOG PS 1	141	1.13 (0.67, 1.91)
PD-	294	0.82 (0.55, 1.20)
PD-	270	0.62 (0.43, 0.91)
Unknown PD-L1	104	0.82 (0.39, 1.71)
1 high-risk feature <sup>a</sup>	311	0.74 (0.48, 1.14)
≥2 high-risk features <sup>a</sup>	274	0.77 (0.55, 1.08)
BCLC 0/A	569	0.78 (0.59, 1.04)
BCLC B	57	0.44 (0.18, 1.08)
BCLC C	42	0.73 (0.31, 1.73)



Baseline risk factors	No. of patients	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
Hepatitis B etiology	416	0.87 (0.63, 1.20)
Hepatitis C etiology	72	0.65 (0.30, 1.40)
Non-viral etiology	83	0.70 (0.34, 1.42)
Unknown etiology	97	0.45 (0.23, 0.89)
Resection	585	0.75 (0.58, 0.98)
Ablation	83	0.61 (0.26, 1.41)
In patients who underwent resection		
1 tumor	526	0.77 (0.58, 1.03)
>1 tumors	59	0.60 (0.28, 1.27)
Tumor size >5 cm	327	0.66 (0.48, 0.91)
	258	1.06 (0.65, 1.74)
mVI present	354	0.79 (0.56, 1.10)
mVI absent	231	0.69 (0.45, 1.06)
Poor tumor differentiation	245	0.76 (0.51, 1.12)
No poor tumor differentiation	340	0.74 (0.52, 1.07)
Received TACE	66	1.21 (0.57, 2.59)
Did not receive TACE	519	0.71 (0.53, 0.94)



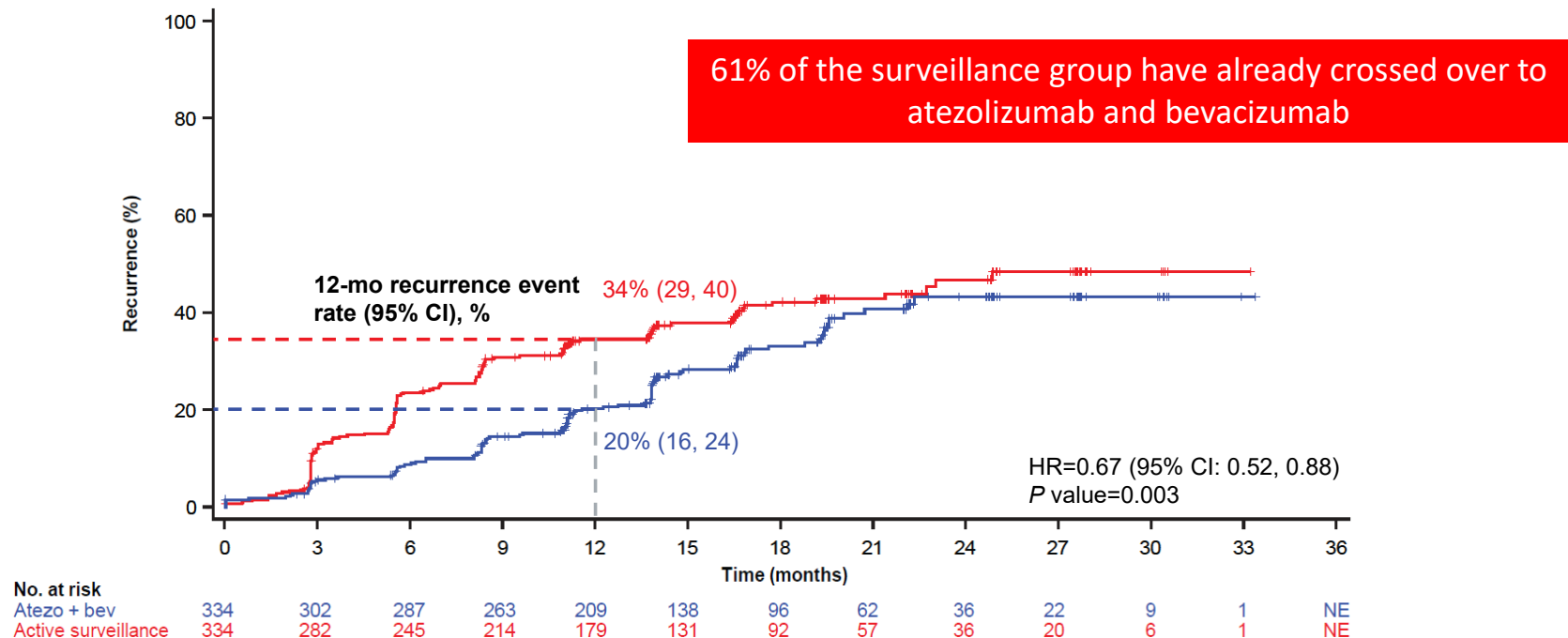
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mVI, microvascular invasion. <sup>a</sup> Patients who underwent ablation were categorized as "not applicable."

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## IRF-assessed disease recurrence was 33% lower in the atezo + bev group than the active surveillance group



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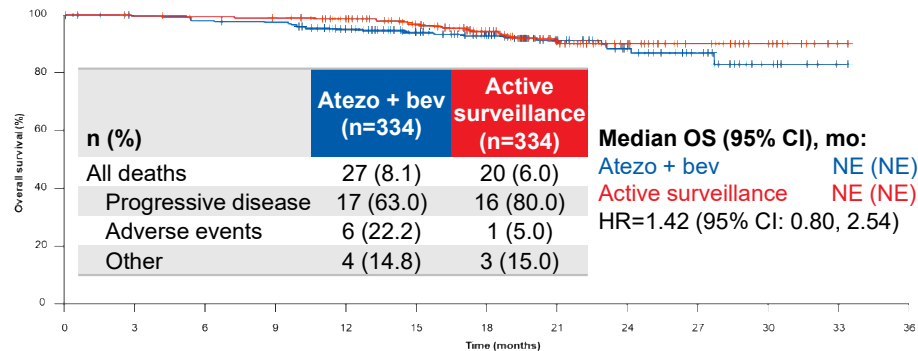
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## Overall survival was highly immature

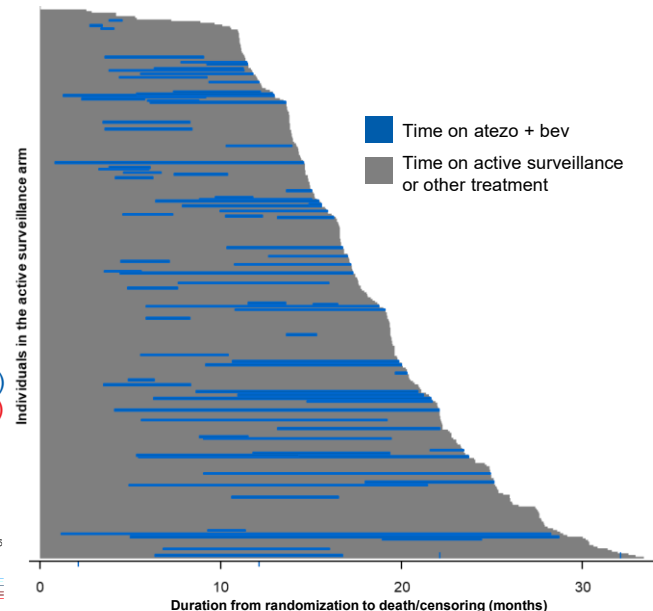
- OS is highly immature, with a **7% event-patient ratio** (n=47). There were:
  - 7 more deaths in the atezo + bev arm (27 vs 20)
  - Similar number of deaths due to HCC recurrence
  - 3 COVID-19-related deaths within 1 year of randomization, all in the atezo + bev arm
- Patients in the active surveillance arm were allowed to **cross over** to receive atezo + bev either directly after **IRF-confirmed recurrence** or following a **second resection or ablation**

Of the 133 patients with an RFS event during active surveillance, **81 (61%) crossed over to atezo + bev**



No. at risk  
 Atezolizumab + bevacizumab  
 Active surveillance

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## Safety summary

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	Atezo + bev (n=332)	Active surveillance (n=330)	IMbrave150 <sup>1,2</sup> (n=329)
Treatment duration, median, mo	Atezo: 11.1 Bev: 11.0	NA	Atezo: 7.4 Bev: 6.9
→  n (%)	326 (98.2)	205 (62.1)	323 (98.2)
Treatment-related AE	293 (88.3)	NA	276 (83.9)
→ Grade 3/4 AE, n (%)	136 (41.0)	44 (13.3)	186 (56.5)
→ Treatment-related Grade 3/4 AE	116 (34.9)	NA	117 (35.6)
Serious AE, n (%)	80 (24.1)	34 (10.3)	125 (38.0)
→ Treatment-related serious AE	44 (13.3)	NA	56 (17.0)
Grade 5 AE, n (%)	6 (1.8)	1 (0.3)	15 (4.6)
→ Treatment-related Grade 5 AE	2 (0.6) <sup>a</sup>	NA	6 (1.8)
AE leading to dose interruption of any study treatment, n (%)	155 (46.7)	NA	163 (49.5)
AE leading to withdrawal from any study treatment, n (%)	63 (19.0)	NA	51 (15.5)

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<sup>a</sup> Esophageal varices hemorrhage and ischemic stroke; 1 was related to atezo and bev and the other was related to bev only.

1. Finn et al. NEJM 2020. 2. Data on file.

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treatment group by preferred term

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Event, n (%)	Atezo + bev (n=332)		Active surveillance (n=330)	
	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4
Proteinuria	154 (46.4)	29 (8.7)	12 (3.6)	0
Hypertension	127 (38.3)	61 (18.4)	10 (3.0)	3 (0.9)
Platelet count decreased	66 (19.9)	15 (4.5)	22 (6.7)	4 (1.2)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	52 (15.7)	3 (0.9)	18 (5.5)	2 (0.6)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	47 (14.2)	2 (0.6)	18 (5.5)	3 (0.9)
Hypothyroidism	47 (14.2)	0	1 (0.3)	0
Arthralgia	40 (12.0)	1 (0.3)	8 (2.4)	1 (0.3)
Pruritus	40 (12.0)	1 (0.3)	3 (0.9)	0
Rash	40 (12.0)	0	1 (0.3)	0
Blood bilirubin increased	34 (10.2)	1 (0.3)	23 (7.0)	1 (0.3)
Pyrexia	34 (10.2)	0	7 (2.1)	0

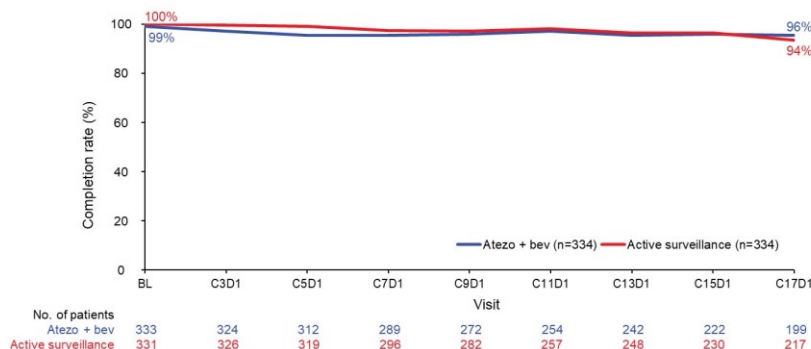
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# **Efficacy, safety and patient-reported outcomes from the Phase III IMbrave050 trial of adjuvant atezolizumab + bevacizumab vs active surveillance in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma at high risk of disease recurrence following resection or ablation**

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## **IL42–EORTC QLQ-C30 completion rates**



- IL42–EORTC-C30 completion rates remained >93% in both arms from baseline through Cycle 17 of treatment or surveillance<sup>a</sup>
- Interpretation of analyses focused on data through Cycle 17, when over half of the population in each arm remained in the study

<sup>a</sup>Includes responses with ≥1 question completed.  
Clinical cutoff: October 21, 2022; median follow-up duration: 17.4 mo.

## **IL42–EORTC QLQ-C30 baseline scale scores**

- Mean scores at baseline in both arms were high and similar

Baseline scale score, mean (SD)	Atezo + Bev (n=334)	Active surveillance (n=334)	General population <sup>1</sup>
GHS/QoL	81.2 (16.7)	79.1 (18.6)	71.2 (22.4)
Physical functioning	92.4 (10.7)	92.1 (11.3)	89.8 (16.2)
Role functioning	92.7 (13.9)	92.1 (15.4)	84.7 (25.4)
Emotional functioning	88.8 (14.9)	88.8 (15.4)	76.3 (22.8)
Social functioning	88.2 (17.7)	87.3 (19.0)	87.5 (22.9)

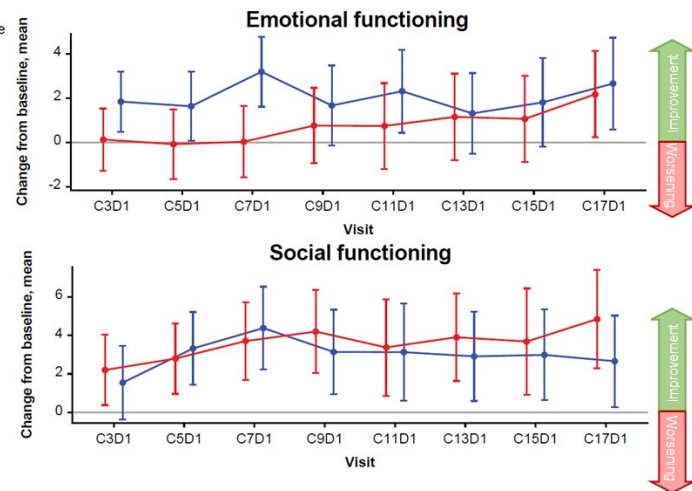
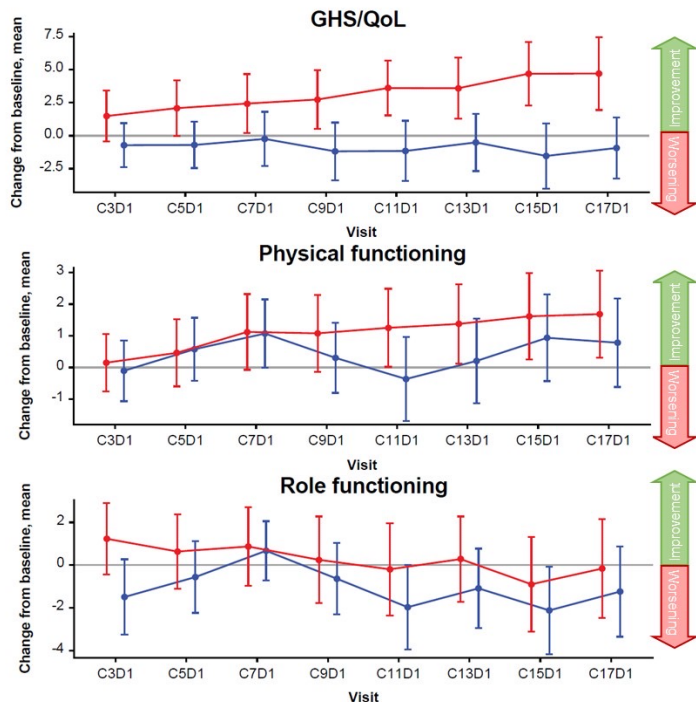
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# Change from baseline in IL42–EORTC QLQ-C30 scales

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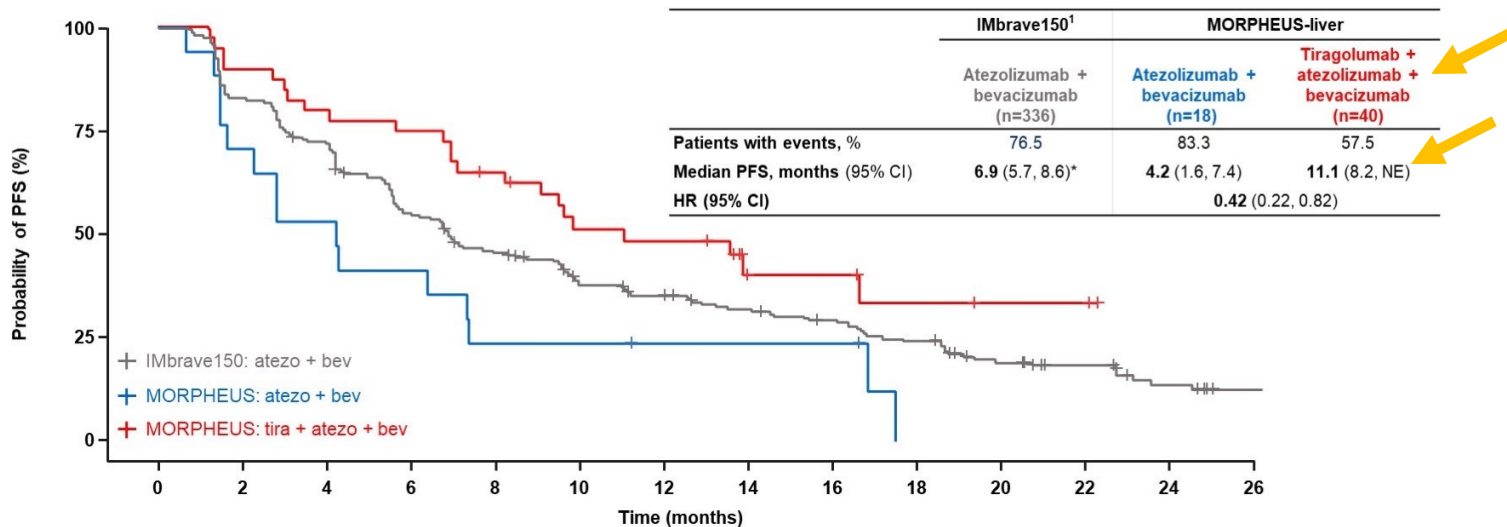
- Mean changes from baseline in GHS/QoL, and physical, role, emotional and social functioning were not considerable through Cycle 17 and were similar between arms, as evidenced by overlapping 95% CIs
- GHS/QoL, and physical, role, emotional and social functioning were maintained through Cycle 17, with no clinically meaningful deterioration ( $\geq 10$ -point decrease)<sup>1</sup> observed at any time

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- PRO analysis showed that patients started the trial with high baseline scores in both arms for health-related QoL and physical, role, emotional and social functioning, and did not experience any clinically meaningful deterioration at any time during the treatment period
- Health-related QoL and functioning scores between atezo+bev and active surveillance were comparable throughout treatment



# Investigator-assessed PFS per RECIST v1.1



IMbrave150: atezo + bev	336	271	234	174	141	113	102	88	77	64	41	25	12	3
MORPHEUS: atezo + bev	18	12	9	7	4	4	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
MORPHEUS: tira + atezo + bev	40	36	32	30	25	17	16	7	7	5	2	2	0	0

Efficacy evaluable population. Data cut-off: 28 November 2022

\*Independent-review facility assessed PFS

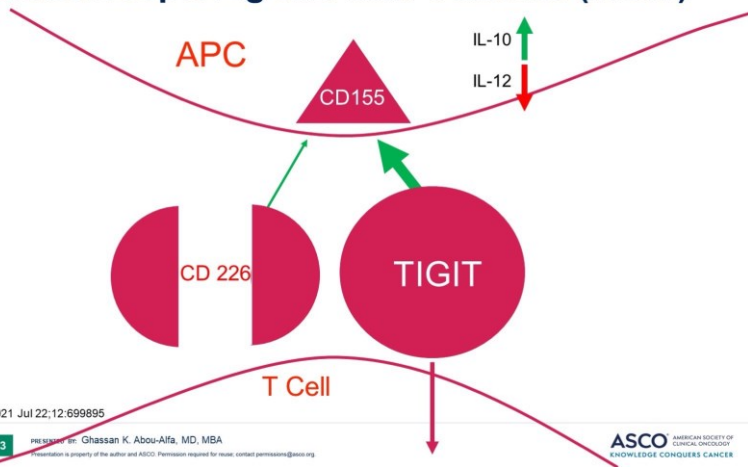
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# Anti-TIGIT in HCC

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## T cell Immunoreceptor Ig and ITIM domains (TIGIT)



Ge Z, et al. Front Immunol. 2021 Jul 22;12:699895

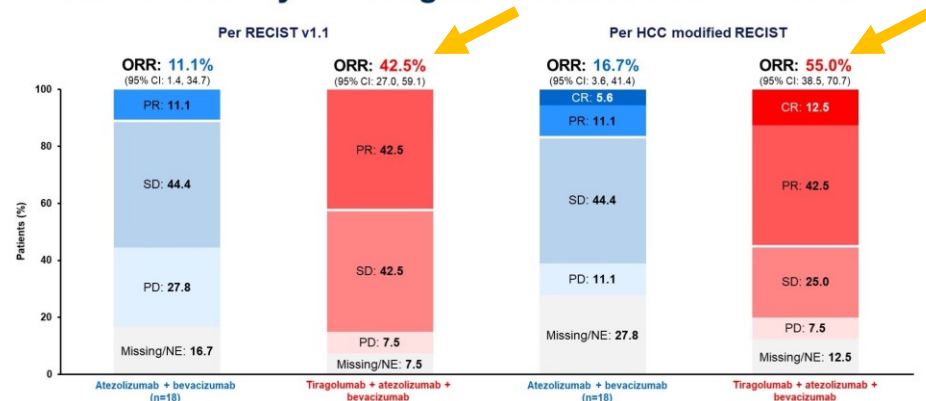
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## Antitumor activity: investigator-assessed confirmed ORR



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CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; NE, not evaluable; ORR, objective response rate; PD, disease progression; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

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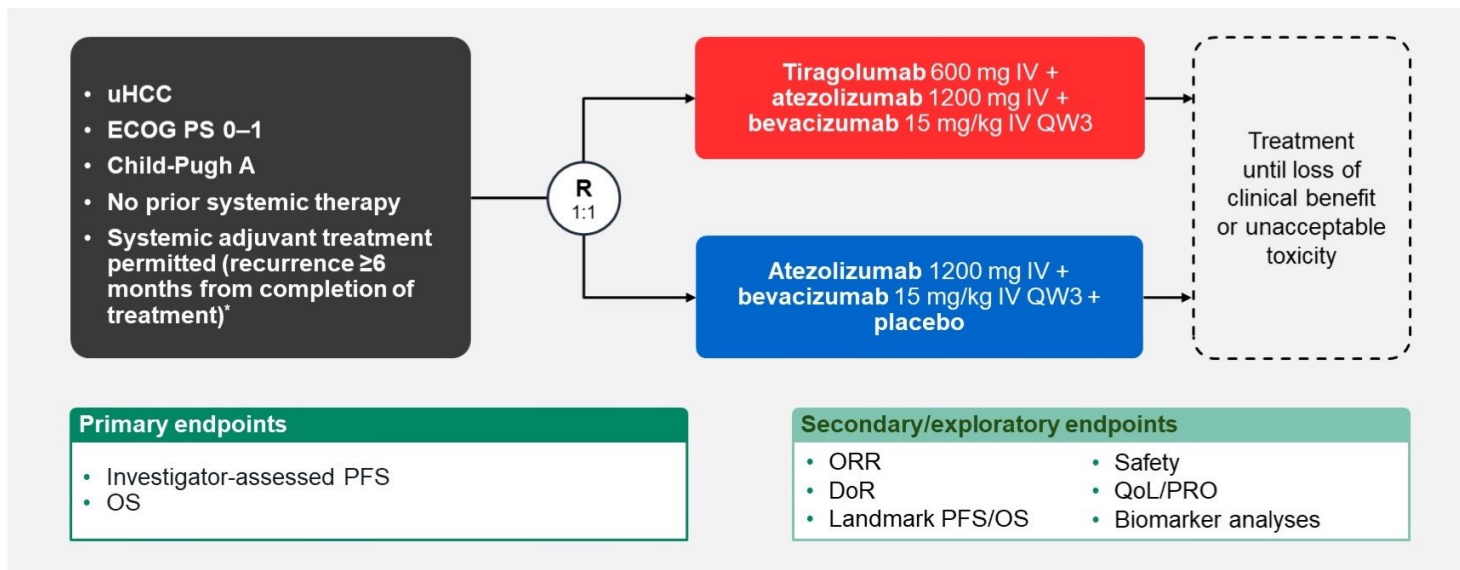
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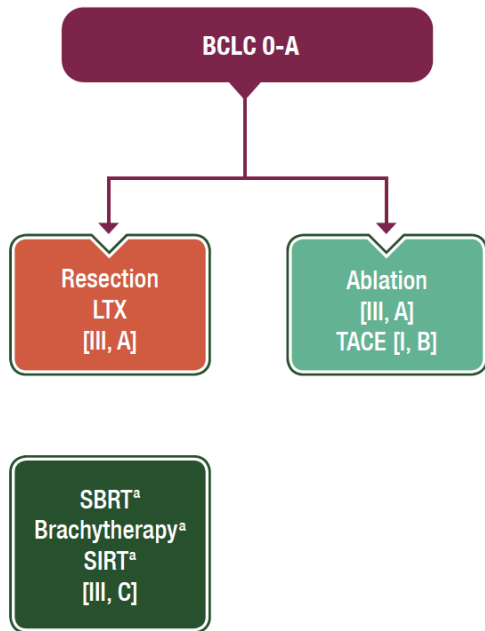


\*Allows for adjuvant atezolizumab + bevacizumab which may be approved during the course of the study  
DoR, duration of response; OS, overall survival; PRO, patient reported outcomes; QoL, quality of life



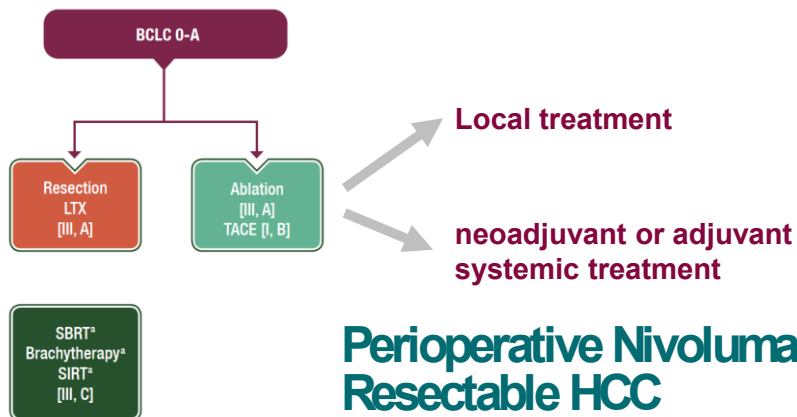
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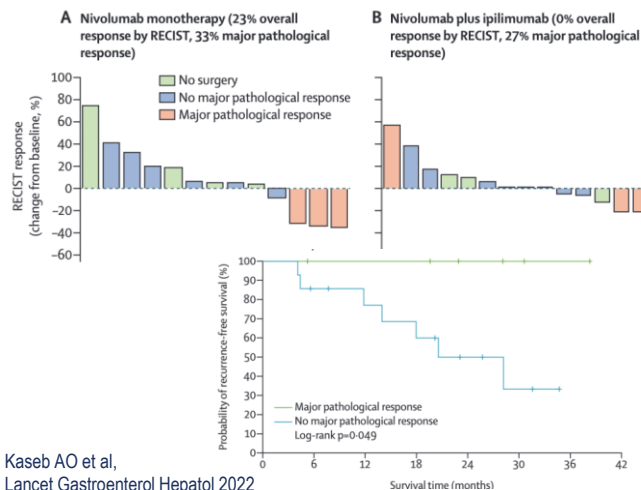


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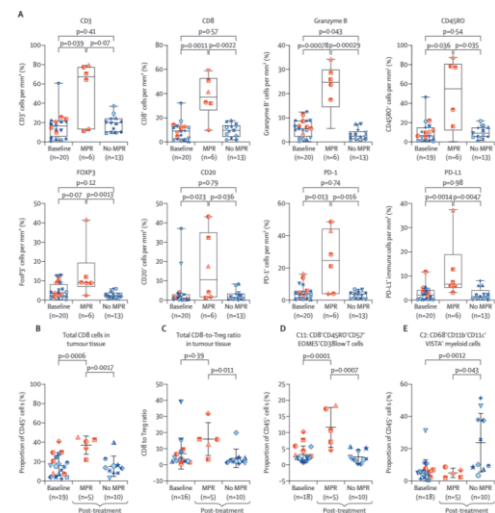


## Perioperative Nivolumab vs Nivolumab+Ipilimumab in Resectable HCC



Kaseb AO et al, Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol 2022

Biomarker: Immune cell density box plots

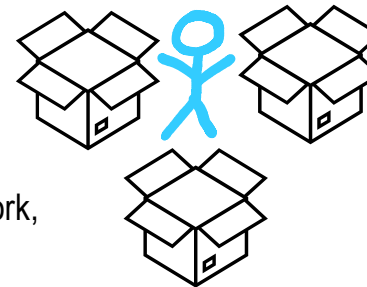




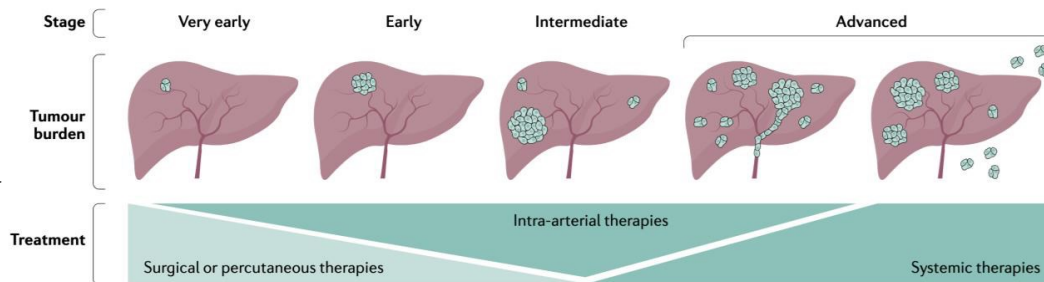
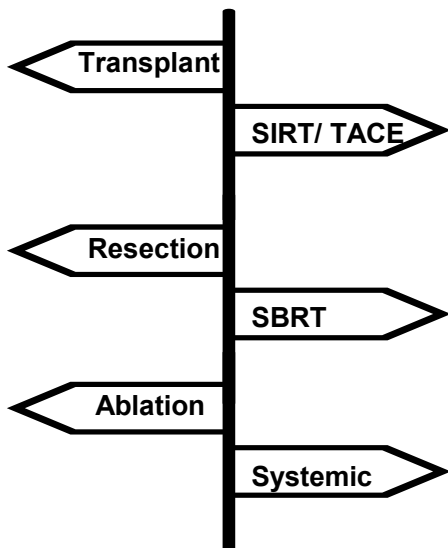


# Stage BCLC B patients are a heterogeneous population: Challenge for care givers

We have options....



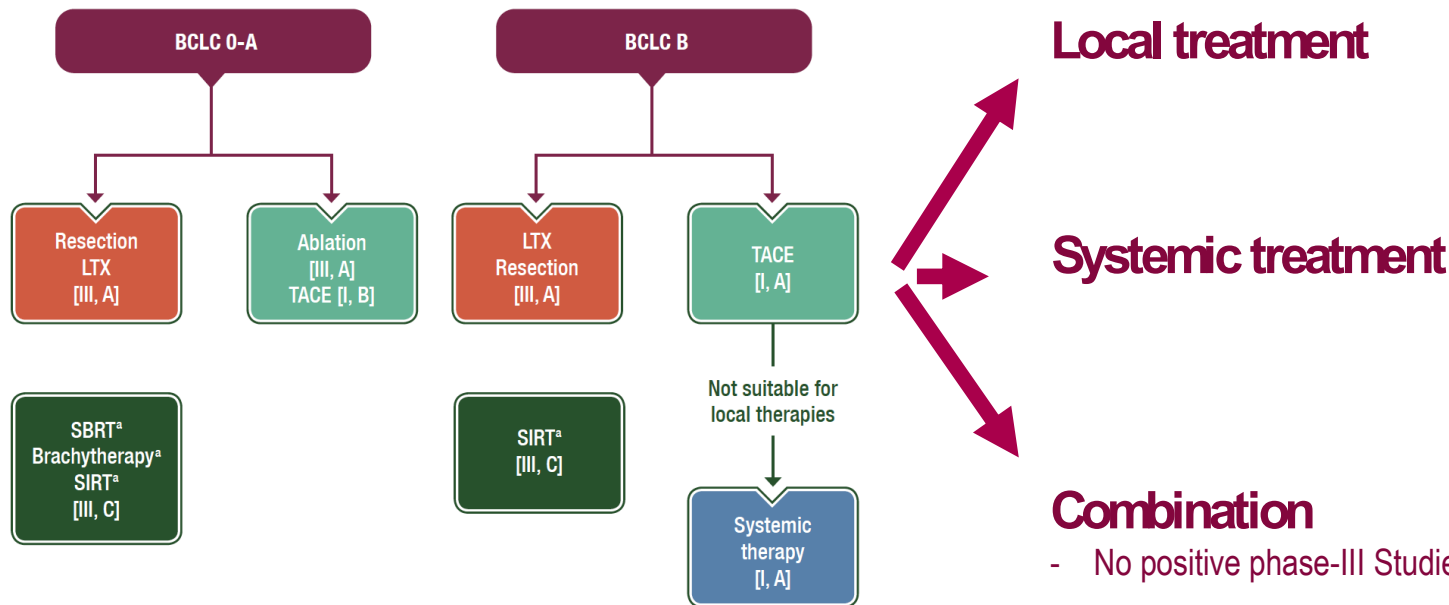
Existing categories define a therapeutic framework, but do not allow for extrapolation to single therapeutic options.



...but what is the best option?



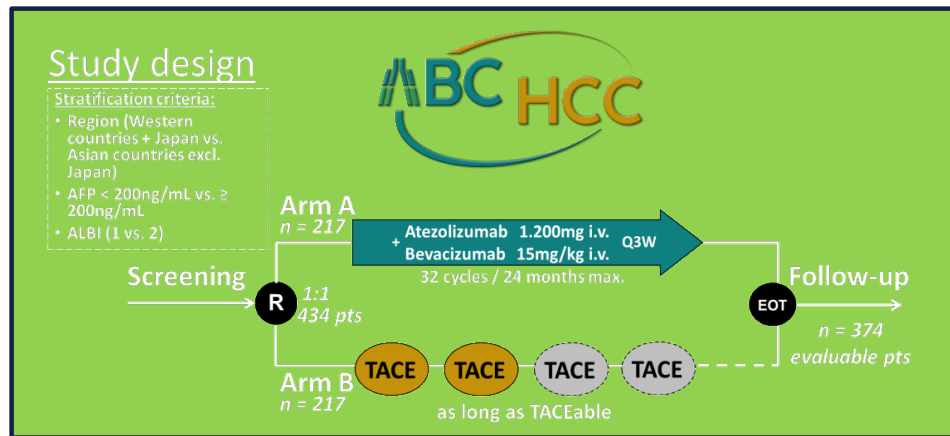
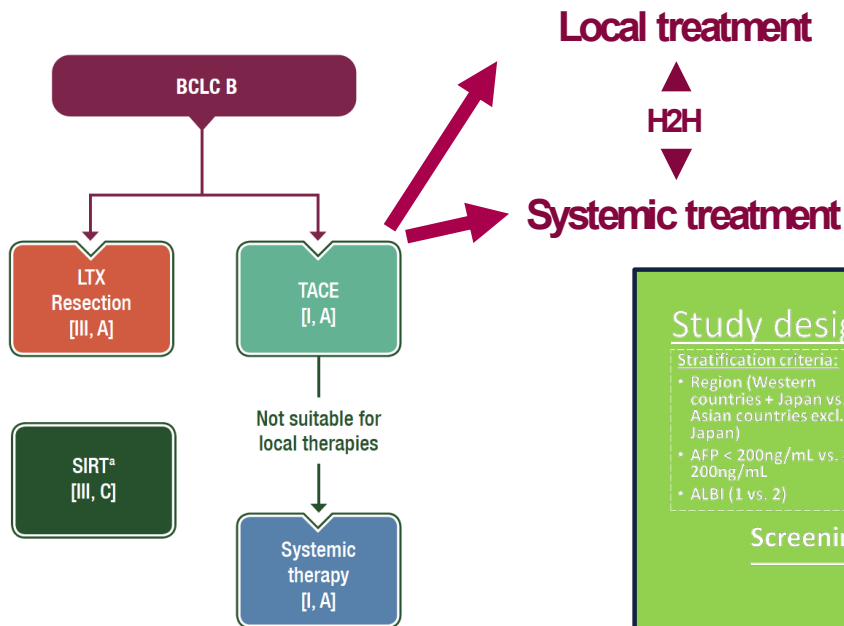
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# Local vs. systemic Head-to-head

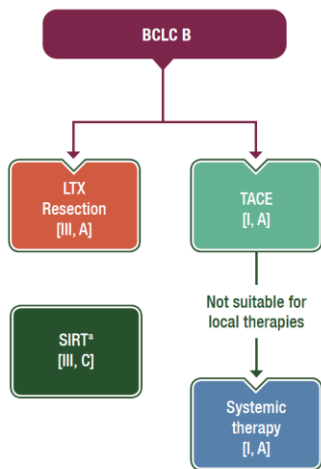


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# On the Horizon: TACE / IO combinations

## Phase III, Intermediate stage HCC



- **TACE-3:**

TACE ± Nivolumab

- **TALENTACE:**

TACE ± Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab

- **EMERALD-1:**

TACE ± Durvalumab + Bevacizumab

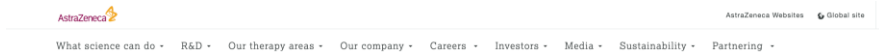
- **LEAP-012:**

TACE ± Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib

- **EMERALD-3:**

TACE ± Durvalumab/Tremelimumab ± Lenvatinib

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*Imfinzi plus bevacizumab met primary endpoint for progression-free survival in liver cancer eligible for embolisation in EMERALD-1 Phase III trial*

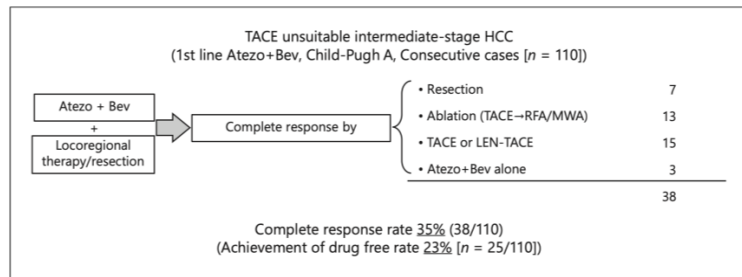
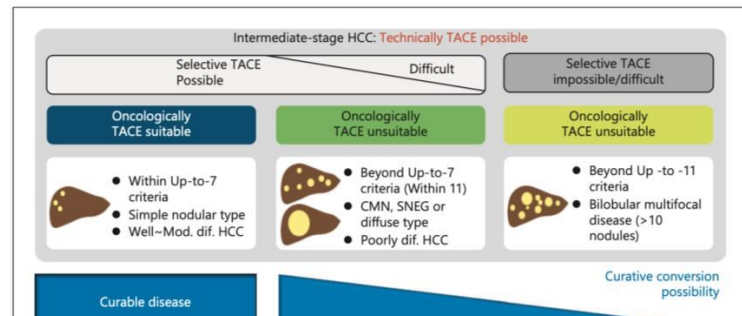
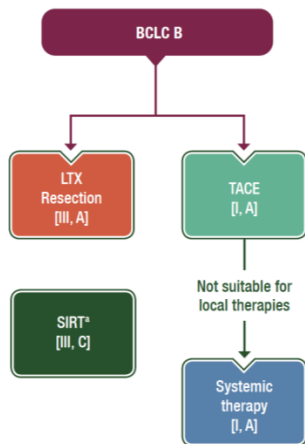
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*First global Phase III trial to show improved clinical outcome for systemic therapy in combination with transarterial chemoembolisation (TACE) in this setting*



# New avenues?

## PROOF-OF-CONCEPT: “CURATIVE” CONVERSION





Muchas gracias por la atención

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