Current Management of Borderline Resectable & Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer

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Pancreatic Cancer – Burden of Disease





<u>Clinical Staging of Pancreatic cancer</u>





Park, Chawla, and O'Reilly, JAMA 2021 Fathi, Christians, George, et. al, J. Gastrointest Oncol 2015





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FOLFIRINOX vs. Gemcitabine/Nab-Paclitaxel Indirect Evidence – SWOG 1505





Sohal, Duong, Ahmad et. al, JAMA Oncology, 2021

FOLFIRINOX vs. Gemcitabine/Nab-Paclitaxel MDACC Experience

Table 1. Clinical Profile of All 485 Included Patients

	No. (%) of patients			
		First-line chemotherapy	regimen	-
Characteristic	All (N = 485)	FOLFIRINOX (n = 285)	GA (n = 200)	P value
Sex				
Female	219 (45)	125 (44)	94 (47)	50
Male	266 (55)	160 (56)	106 (53)	.50
Age at diagnosis				
Median (range), y	65 (30-89)	61 (30-81)	71 (36-89)	.001
≥75 y				
Yes	67 (14)	11 (4)	56 (28)	001
No	418 (86)	274 (96)	144 (72)	001
BMI, median (range)	27 (16-56)	27 (16-56)	27 (18-50)	.20
ECOG performance status				
2	439 (91)	274 (96)	165 (82)	001
≥2	46 (9)	11 (4)	35 (18)	- 1001
Baseline CA 19-9 level, median (range), U/mL	256 (1-39 800)	256 (1-15 290)	248 (1-39 800)	.90
Tumor site				
Head or neck	367 (76)	211 (74)	156 (78)	20
Body or tail	118 (24)	74 (26)	44 (22)	30
Baseline radiographic stage				
Resectable	181 (37)	91 (32)	90 (45)	
Borderline resectable	133 (28)	88 (31)	45 (23)	.01
Locally advanced	171 (35)	106 (37)	65 (32)	
No. of chemotherapy cycles				
Mean	6	5	6	01
Median (range)	5 (3-21)	5 (3-13)	5 (3-21)	01



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		First-line chemotherapy	First-line chemotherapy regimen		
Characteristic	All (N = 485)	FOLFIRINOX (n = 285)	FOLFIRINOX (n = 285) GA (n = 200)		
Radiographic measures after treat	ment				
Reduction in primary tumor vol	ume				
Yes	324 (67)	189 (66)	135 (67)		
No	161 (33)	96 (34)	65 (33)	80	
%∆vol, Median (range)	20 (-297 to 92)	21 (-297 to 90)	15 (-227 to 92)	.50	
RECIST 1.1					
CR	0	0	0		
PR	55 (11)	37 (13)	18 (9)	-	
SD	382 (79)	219 (77)	163 (82)	40	
PDª	48 (10)	29 (10)	19 (9)	_	
Local tumor downstaging ^b					
Yes ^c	17 (6)	10 (5)	7 (6)	C 0	
Noc	287 (94)	181 (95)	103 (94)	60	

Table 3. Metrics of Response to Chemotherapy Among 280 Matched Patients

	No. (%) of patient	S		
		First-line chemotherapy	-	
Characteristic	All (n = 280)	FOLFIRINOX (n = 140)	GA (n = 140)	P value
Radiographic measures after treatment				
Reduction in primary tumor volume				
Yes	197 (70)	100 (71)	97 (69)	70
No	83 (30)	40 (29)	43 (31)	70
%∆vol, Median (range)	20 (-240 to 90)	30 (-240 to 90)	10 (-150 to 90)	.10
RECIST 1.1				
CR	0	0	0	
PR	35 (13)	27 (19)	8 (6)	
SD	219 (78)	102 (73)	117 (83)	001
PD	26 (9)	11 (8)	15 (11)	
Local tumor downstaging ^a				
Yes ^b	13 (8)	7 (8)	6(7)	70
No ^b	154 (92)	79 (92)	75 (93)	70



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Table 4. Univariate and Multivariate Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Analysis of Overall Survival for All 485 Patients

	Univariable		Multivariable	
Characteristic	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value
Female sex	1.08 (0.86-1.35)	.50	NA	NA
BMI	1.01 (0.98-1.02)	.60	NA	NA
Age ≥75 y	0.98 (0.69-1.37)	.90	NA	NA
ECOG PS ≥2	1.37 (0.95-1.97)	.09	1.47 (1.01-2.13)	.04
First-line chemotherapy regimen				
FOLFIRINOX	1 [Reference]	NA	NA	NA
GA	0.91 (0.72-1.15)	.50	1.14 (0.89-1.44)	.30
Baseline CA 19-9 level	1.01 (1.00-1.01)	.001	1.01 (1.00-1.01)	.001
Tumor site		NA	NA	
Body or tail	1 [Reference]	NA	NA	_
Head or neck	0.96 (0.74-1.25)	.50	NA	_
Baseline radiographic stage		NA	NA	
Resectable	0.70 (0.54-0.91)	.001	0.60 (0.45-0.80)	.001
Borderline resectable	0.86 (0.65-1.15)	.30	0.79 (0.59-1.06)	.10
Locally advanced	1 [Reference]	NA	NA	NA
No. of chemotherapy cycles	0.95 (0.91-0.99)	.03	0.92 (0.88-0.96)	.001

Table 5. Univariate and Multivariate Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Analysis of Overall Survival for 280 Matched Patients

	Univariable		Multivariable	
Characteristic	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value
Female sex	1.19 (0.67-2.13)	.50	NA	NA
BMI	1.01 (0.96-1.07)	.70	NA	NA
First-line chemotherapy regimen				
FOLFIRINOX	1 [Reference]			
GA	1.50 (1.00-2.26)	.05	1.48 (0.97-2.26)	.07
Baseline CA 19-9 level, U/mL	1.01 (0.99-1.03)	.30	NA	NA
Tumor site				
Head or neck	1 [Reference]			
Body or tail	0.78 (0.39-1.56)	.50	NA	NA
No. of chemotherapy cycles	0.72 (0.52-1.01)	.06	0.73 (0.52-1.02)	.06







Eshmuminov, Aminjonov, Palm et. al, Annals of Surgical Oncology, 2023





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Radiologic Response vs. Pathologic Response



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Radiologic Response vs. Pathologic Response





CA 19-9 – Metastatic Disease









George, Kent, Surinach et. al, Frontiers in Oncology, 2021



CA 19-9 – Localized disease



Normal (<=35 U/dL)

Abnormal (>35 U/dL)





Tsai, George, Wittman et. al, Annals of Surgery, 2018





The goal of neoadjuvant systemic therapy is elimination of micro-metastatic disease more than local tumor regression



FOLFIRINOX is the preferred neoadjuvant systemic chemotherapy program

patients with HRD (or high likelihood of HRD and excellent PS)



Gemcitabine/Nab-paclitaxel is a very reasonable neoadjuvant systemic chemotherapy program



Early and frequent response assessment is key



Plasticity of the tumor micro-environment may dictate switching systemic therapy programs in the peri-operative setting



Clinical trials aimed at optimizing systemic therapies in the peri-operative setting is crucial

Less clonally evolved tumors and increased likelihood of cure





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¹Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m², irinotecan 180 mg/m², leucovorin 400 mg/m² and infusional 5-fluorouracil 2400 mg/m² over 46 h

- ² Stereotactic Body RT, 33-40 Gy in 5 fx or hypofractionated image guided RT, 25 Gy in 5 fx
- ³ Segmental pancreatectomy with regional lymphadenectomy +/- vascular resection

⁴ Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m², leucovorin 400 mg/m² and infusional 5-fluorouracil 2400 mg/m² over 46 h



Baseline clinicodemographic profile of all treated patients

Characteristic	Arm A mFOLFIRINOX (n = 65)	Arm B mFOLFIRINOX → RT (n = 55)
Age, yr, median (range)	62 (37 – 83)	64 (40 – 80)
Female gender, n (%)	32 (49)	28 (51)
White race, n (%)	54 (83)	50 (91)
ECOG 0, n (%)	33 (51)	32 (58)
CA 19-9, U/ml, median (range)	167 (1 – 13,220)	260 (0 – 14,010)



Surgery and pathology outcomes

Characteristic, n (%)	Arm A mFOLFIRINOX (n = 32)	Arm B mFOLFIRINOX → RT (n = 19)
Pancreatoduodenectomy	30 (94)	18 (95)
SMV/PV resection	12 (38)	6 (32)
Hepatic artery resection	1 (3)	2 (11)
R0, n (%)	28 (88)	14 (74)
N0, n (%)	15 (47)	9 (47)
pCR	0	2 (11) *

* < 5% viable cancer cells: Arm A 4 (13%); Arm B 5 (26%)









ESPAC-5F: Four arm, prospective, multicentre, international randomised phase II trial of immediate surgery compared with neoadjuvant gemcitabine plus capecitabine (GEMCAP) or FOLFIRINOX or chemoradiotherapy (CRT) in patients with borderline resectable pancreatic cancer.





Baseline patient characteristics

		Immediate Surgery n=32	GEMCAP n=20	FOLFIRINOX n=20	CRT n=16
Age (yrs), median (IQR)		61 (54,66)	64 (59,70)	64 (63,70)	66 (59,69)
Sex, n (%)	Female	19 (59 %)	11 (55 %)	10 (50 %)	9 (56 %)
	Male	13 (41 %)	9 (45 %)	10 (50 %)	7(44 %)
Smoking Status, n (%)	Current	7(22 %)	4 (20 %)	2 (10%)	3 (19%)
	Past	11 (34 %)	8 (40 %)	3 (15 %)	8 (50 %)
	Never	14 (44 %)	8 (40 %)	15 (75 %)	5(31%)
Diabetic Status, n (%)	No	23 (72 %)	14 (70 %)	7 (35 %)	12 (75 %)
	Туре II	5 (16%)	4 (20 %)	8 (40 %)	3 (19%)
	Type II (on insulin)	4 (12%)	2 (10%)	5 (25 %)	1(6%)
WHO PS, n (%)	0	16 (50 %)	7 (35 %)	8 (40 %)	9 (56 %)
	1	16 (50 %)	13 (65 %)	12 (60 %)	7(44 %)
CA19-9 (kU/L), median (IQR)		859 (200, 1847)	493 (181,1298)	659 (130,1366)	322 (67,717)
	No. Unknown	2	1	2	0



Resection details: resected patients n=52

		Immediate Surgery n=21	GEMCAP n=12	FOLFIRINOX n=11	CRT n=8
Extent of resection, n(%)	Resection with extended lymphadenectomy	5(24 %)	5 (42 %)	1(9%)	2 (25 %)
	Standard resection	16 (76 %)	7(58 %)	10 (91 %)	6 (75 %)
Vein resection, n(%)	Yes	14 (67 %)	6 (50 %)	6 (55 %)	6 (75 %)
	Νο	7(33%)	6 (50 %)	5 (45 %)	2 (25 %)
R Status, n(%)	RO	3 (14 %)	2(17%)	2(18%)	3 (37 %)
	R1	17 (81 %)	10 (83 %)	9(82%)	5 (63 %)
	R2	1(5%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
Adjuvant therapy, n(%)	Yes	17 (81%)	10 (83 %)	9 (82 %)	7(87%)
	Νο	4 (19%)	2(17%)	2 (18%)	1 (13 %)



Tumour characteristics: resected patients n=52

		Immediate Surgery n=21	GEMCAP n=12	FOLFIRINOX n=11	CRT n=8
Tumour, n(%)	pT1	0(0%)	0(0%)	3 (27 %)	2 (25 %)
	pT2	4 (19 %)	4 (33 %)	0(0%)	2(25 %)
	рТЗ	17 (81 %)	8 (67 %)	8 (73 %)	4 (50 %)
Nodes, n(%)	Negative	2 (10%)	5 (42 %)	3 (27 %)	6 (75 %)
	Positive	19 (90 %)	7(58 %)	8(73 %)	2(25 %)
Grade, n(%)	Undifferentiated	0(0%)	1(8%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
	Poor	5 (24 %)	1(9%)	4 (36 %)	2 (25 %)
	Moderate	15 (71 %)	4 (33 %)	6 (55 %)	2 (25 %)
	Well	0(0%)	2(17%)	1(9%)	1 (13 %)
	Not reported	0(0%)	4 (33 %)	0(0%)	3 (37 %)
	Unknown	1(5%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
Maximum Tumour Dimension (mm), median (IQR)		36 (32,45)	30 (30,42)	30 (22,35)	32 (22,43)



Primary outcome - resection rate (R0 + R1)

	No of resections	No of patients	Rate* (95% CI)	P-value
Immediate Surgery	20	32	62% (44% , 79 %)	0.668
Neoadjuvant treatment	31	56	55% (41% , 69%)	
Overall	51	88	58% (47% , 68%)	

*Defined as R0 + R1 resections in patients included in the Full Analysis Set



Secondary outcomes - overall survival (I)





Secondary outcomes - overall survival (II)





CONKO-007 Trial – Chemoradiotherapy versus Chemotherapy in Patients with LAPC

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Exclusion from study Experimental arm Gem 300 mg/m^2/d Gem 1000 mg/m^2/d* Irradiation 28 x 1,8 Gy Total dose 50,4 Gy Induction chemotherapy Physician's decision 57 64 7 Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m^2/d* yes R A 57 64 71 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 N 1 1 1 D tabele ' 0 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 M0. E M -Control arm Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m^2/d* 8 second 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 1 1 0 **FOLFIRINOX** N no scan oxaliplatin 85 mg/m² leucovorin 400 ma/m² 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 irinotecan 180 mg/m² 5 5-FU 400 mg/m^2 bolus 1 week after last 2.400 mg/m^2 over 46 hours chemotherapy 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 FOLFIRINOX

RO Resection rate

- **Overall survival; DFS** •
- Rate of resections
- Survival following resection

- First calculation: primary endpoint was overall survival with 830 pts •
- Following interim analysis: due to insufficient recruitment primary • endpoint was changed to R0 resection with 525 pts
- **Evaluation according to ITT**
- Median Follow-up: 55.13 months (Cl: 27.40 80.95)



Resection	Data				
compared	to al	l patients	with i	resection	(60/62

	ст	CT+CRT	p-value
Resection performed, No.	60	62	
pCR, No. (%)	1 (2)	11 (18)	0.0043
R0 resection, No. (%)	30 (50)	43 (69)	0.0418
R1 resection, No. (%)	16 (27)	5 (8)	0.0081
R2, Rx resection, No. (%)	14 (23)	14 (23)	1.0000
CRM negative, No. (%)	15 (25)	29 (47)	0.0147
CRM positive, No. (%)	27 (45)	11 (18)	0.0016
CRM missing data, No. (%)	4 (7)	8 (13)	
Deceased within 30 days after resection, No. (%)	5 (8)	4 (6)	0.7413

definition of CRM status







Overall survival of all 336 randomized patients with/without surgery (T=0 date of randomization)





Overall Survival CT versus CRT



Overall survival (OS) divided by resection status (T=0: date of signed ICF)

CRM - versus CRM + resection status

R0 versus R1 resection status







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<u>Recurrence patterns after surgery</u>







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Local Recurrence alone (in the absence of systemic recurrence) was a rare occurrence in localized pancreas cancer due to the relatively modest mOS of patients treated with curative intent surgery



As the mOS of patients with localized pancreatic cancer continues to improve, there is an increased role for local control in patients treated with systemic therapy + curative intent surgery



In patients with inoperable pancreas cancer, RT can be used to consolidate local control after careful assessment of biology and multidisciplinary discussion



The optimal modality and dose of RT in specific situations – operable vs inoperable pancreas cancer – needs to be prospectively validated





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Adjuvant Chemotherapy after Neoadjuvant Therapy



Rates of Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Treatment Over Time

Olecki, Stahl. Torres et. al, Annals of Surgical Oncology, 2021



<u>Adjuvant Chemotherapy after Neoadjuvant Therapy – NCDB cohort</u>



Kamarajah, White, Naffoujeh et. al, Annals of Surgical Oncology, 2021

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Adjuvant Chemotherapy after Neoadjuvant Therapy - Matched NCDB cohort AC =2061, No AC =2061





Kamarajah, White, Naffoujeh et. al, Annals of Surgical Oncology, 2021

Adjuvant Chemotherapy after Neoadjuvant Therapy N =520; RP, BRPC, and LAPC; at least 2 cycles of neoadjuvant FOLFIRINOX





Roessel, van Veldhuisen, Klompmaker et. al, JAMA Oncology, 2020



Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer in the Precision Medicine Era







Efforts must be maximized to eliminate micro-metastatic disease

V Monitoring/identifying minimal residual disease remains a challenge

The physiologic impact of curative intent, multi-modality therapy necessitates pragmatic adjuvant therapy strategies

Clinical trial participation must be maximized in the peri-operative setting to increase cure rates

