Definitive liver radiotherapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma with extrahepatic metastases



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Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma is associated with a median survival of ~12 months



Source: Brindley, P.J., Bachini, M., Ilyas, S.I. et al. Cholangiocarcinoma. Nat Rev Dis Primers 7, 65 (2021).

For **localized disease**, ICC is treated with systemic therapy +/- local therapies



Source: NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology; Hepatobiliary Cancers; Version 2.2022 (July 15, 2022) Kubo et al. Liver Cancer Study Group of Japan Clinical Practice Guidelines for Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma. Liver Cancer 2022;11:290-314.

For **localized disease**, RT is used to reduce the risk of tumor-related liver failure (TRLF)

Source: Banales, J.M., Marin, J.J.G., Lamarca, A. et al. Cholangiocarcinoma 2020: the next horizon in mechanisms and management. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 17, 557–588 (2020).

For <u>localized disease</u>, ablative radiotherapy (A-RT) with $BED_{10} \ge 80.5$ Gy is associated with more durable LC and longer OS

Sources: Tao et al. Ablative radiotherapy doses lead to a substantial prolongation of survival in patients with inoperable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a retrospective dose response analysis. Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2016 Jan 20;34(3):219. De et al. Ablative liver radiotherapy for unresected intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: Patterns of care and survival in the United States. Cancer. 2022.

The standard of care for ICC <u>with extrahepatic</u> <u>metastases</u> is systemic therapy alone

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Can local therapy to the liver benefit patients with metastatic ICC?

N=220

Source: De et al. Definitive liver radiotherapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma with extrahepatic metastases. In revision at Liver Cancer. Figure created by Matthew Landry.

Chemo followed by RT to <u>dominant liver lesion</u> is associated with substantially longer survival

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Liver RT is associated with shifts in causes of death

Involved disease site responsible for death

Attribute	Chemo alone	Chemo + RT	
Median OS	Median 9 months	Median 21 months (个)	
Causes of death	Liver failure: 82% Lung: 17% Peritoneum: 12%	Liver failure: 47% (↓) Lung: 30% (个) Peritoneum: 25% (个)	
Latency to liver failure	9 months	18 months	

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Comparison with selected other disease sites with benefit shown for primary site-only RT

	Prostate	Nasopharynx	Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
Study	STAMPEDE (Arm H)	You et al. (China)	Present study
Subgroup deriving benefit	Low metastatic disease burden	Responsive to upfront chemotherapy	At risk for TRLF
OS benefit with primary site RT	81% at 3 years (vs. 73%)	76% at 2 years (vs. 55%)	Median 21 months (vs. 9 months)
Proposed <u>primary</u> mechanism	Immune modulation and eradication of resistant subclones	Eradication of resistant subclones	Mitigation of TRLF

Source: Ryckman et al. Local Treatment of the Primary Tumor for Patients With Metastatic Cancer (PRIME-TX): A Meta-Analysis. IJROBP, 2022.

Key conclusions and unmet needs in M1 ICC

Conclusions:

 Primary site RT for M1 ICC may mitigate risk of death due to liver failure and ↑ OS

Unmet needs:

- There currently is no way to identify those patients at risk for death due to liver failure
- No prospective evidence yet exists for primary site RT

RT to the dominant liver lesion warrants prospective validation

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