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# LOCOREGIONAL TREATMENTS ON COLORECTAL CANCER LIVER METASTASES

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# **ABLATION TECHNIQUES**



#### **Local ablation**

Radiofrequency ablation has emerged as a safe technique (2% major morbidity and <1% mortality rate) that may provide for long-term tumor control.[18-24] Radiofrequency ablation and cryosurgical ablation [25-28] remain options for patients with tumors that cannot be resected and for patients who are not candidates for liver resection.

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# MULTIMODALITY IMAGE FUSION

# IMPROVES NODULES IDENTIFICATION



























# ALLOWS THE TREATMENT OF MISSING METASTASIS





### **Before systemic CT**

## After 6 cycles of CT Wait for it to come back?



## COMPLETE RESPONSE OF COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASES AFTER CHEMOTHERAPY: DOES IT MEAN CURE?













Alineación arrastrar y colocar está activa.

























#### 3 months control



## **DRUG ELUTING BEADS INFUSION**

# Hepatic arterial infusion versus systemic therapy for hepatic metastases from colorectal cancer: a randomized trial of efficacy, quality of life, and molecular markers (CALGB 9481)



## **CALGB 9481**

- 135 prospective patients
- M1 liver, non resectable
- First line
- HAI: Floxuridine (0.18 mg · kg · 30 mL) + Leucovorin (4 mg · m2 · 30 mL)
- Systemic: Fluorouracil (425 mg/m2) + Leucovorin (20 mg/m2)



	HAI	Systemic	р
OS	24 months	20 months	.0034
Response	47 %	24 %	.012
Time hepatic progression	9.8 months	7.3 months	.034
Time extrahepatic progression	7.7 months	14.8 months	.029
Neutropenia: grade > 3	2 %	45 %	<.01
Estomatitis	0 %	24 %	<.01
Rise Brb	18.6 %	0 %	< .01



#### Conclusion

HAI therapy increased overall survival, response rate, THP, and was associated with better physical functioning compared with systemic therapy. Additional studies need to address the overall benefit and cost of new chemotherapy agents versus HAI alone or the combination of HAI with new agents.

J Clin Oncol 24:1395-1403. © 2006 by American Society of Clinical Oncology



Kemeny NE et al. J Clin Oncol. 2006 Mar 20;24(9):1395-403.

## Hepatic arterial infusion combined with oral UFT/ UZEL systemic chemotherapy for unresectable liver metastasis of colorectal cancer



## **TSUTSUMI S ET AL.**

- 16 patients
- M1 hepatic non resectable
- First line
- HAI 5-FU (1000 mg/m2) and Leucovorin (50 mg/m2)
- Together with systemic Uracil/Tegafur (UFT) (300 mg/m2) and Leucovorin (75 mg)



## **TSUTSUMI S ET AL.**

- Response rate: 87.5% (14 RPR and 2 DE)
- Free progression survival: 9.2 months
- Mean Survival: 22 months.
- No side effects grade > 2







# Conversion to resectability using hepatic artery infusion plus systemic chemotherapy for the treatment of unresectable liver metastases from colorectal carcinoma



Kemeny NE et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009 Jul 20;27(21): 3465-71. Epub 2009 May 26.

## **KEMENY NE ET AL.**

- 49 prospective patients
- 24 of them 1<sup>st</sup> line
- M1 liver non resectable
- HAI floxuridine (0.12 mg/kg · 30/flujo) and dexametasone (1 mg/kg · 30/flujo)
- Plus oxaliplatine (85-100mg/m2) and irinotecan (100-200mg/m2)


### **KEMENY NE ET AL.**

- 45 patients (92%): PR (84%) or CR (8%)
- 47% resectable
- Survival mean: 39,8 m
  - Among those 1<sup>st</sup> line:
    - Response rate 100%
    - Resectability 57%
    - Mean of survival 50,8 m





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# Comparison of Adjuvant Systemic Chemotherapy With or Without Hepatic Arterial Infusional Chemotherapy After Hepatic Resection for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



**Results:** The median follow-up for all patients was 43 months. There were no differences in clinical risk score, disease-free interval, size of largest CRLM, number of CRLM, or prehepatectomy CEA level between the 2 groups. Adjuvant HAI-FUDR was associated with an improved overall and liver recurrencefree survival (liver RFS) and disease-specific survival (DSS). For the adjuvant HAI-FUDR group, the 5-year liver RFS, overall RFS, and DSS were 75%, 48%, and 79%, respectively, compared to 55%, 25%, and 55% for the systemic alone group (P < 0.01). On multivariate analysis, adjuvant treatment including HAI-FUDR was independently associated with improved liver RFS (HR = 0.34), overall RFS (HR = 0.65), and DSS (HR = 0.39), P < 0.01. Conclusions: Adjuvant HAI-FUDR combined with modern systemic chemotherapy is independently associated with improved survival compared to adjuvant systemic chemotherapy alone. A randomized clinical trial between these 2 regimens is justified.

(Ann Surg 2011;00:1-6)



## **SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY LIMITATIONS**

- Do not reach the target site in optimal quantities
- Not effective enough in tumour microenvironment
- Non functioning lymphatic system allows drug escaping



### **SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY LIMITATIONS**

Several reasons contribute to this failures:

- Unfavourable pharmacokinetics of drugs (rapid clearance and biodegradation determining a short plasma life)
- Large biodistribution and non-intended extravasation of chemotherapy agents induce severe toxicity in non-targeted lesion
- Poor tumour selectivity
- Susceptibility to induce drug resistance in tumour cells
- Unfavourable physiological properties (ex: hydrophobicity) promotes unsuccessful drug accumulation at desired region



## **SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY**

#### Possible solutions:

- Biodegradable polymeric particles
- Hydrogels
- Vesicular systems: liposomes and niosomes
- Magnetic drug delivery systems
- Lipoproteins
- Clay minerals and anionic clays
- Metals
- Ion exchange resins



### IA DEB ADVANTAGES

- 1. Lesion/organ targeting (tumour selectivity)
- 2. Anoxia to the tumor
- Prolonged chemotherapy release
  (high exposure and high drug dose to metastases)
- 4. Low systemic exposure



## **NON DESIRED EFFECTS OF TACE**

- Increased circulating cells and metastases
- Increased HIF 1  $\alpha$
- Increased release of factors promoting angiogenesis
- Increased interstitial pressure
- Low pH environment
- Hypoxia



WHAT DO YOU PREFER? NORMOXIA, HYPOXIA OR ANOXIA?

### **HYPOXIA AND ANOXIA**





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### **HYPOXIA AND ANOXIA**

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#### 100 mg irinotecan en LHD







100 mg irinotecan en LHI

# SEGMENTAL OR LOBAR DEB TACE FOR METASTASES?

### **SEGMENTAL OR LOBAR**







Dezso K et al. Am J Pathol. 2009 August; 175(2): 835-843.

### **SEGMENTAL OR LOBAR**

Vessel co-option

- Unresponsive to VEGF family blocking
- Perfect target for DEB-TACE while controlling angiogenesis?



### **SEGMENTAL OR LOBAR**

 Jones RP et al. Segmental and lobar administration of drug-eluting beads delivering irinotecan leads to tumour destruction: a case-control series. HPB (Oxford). 2013 Jan; 15(1):71-7.











### Bruixola G, García-Marcos R, Gómez FM, Montalvá E, SEOM 2013:

- December 2011 April 2013: 22 DEBIRI en 9 patients
- Mean time from diagnosis to 1st DEBIRI: 17 months
- Response: RECIST 1.1
- Toxicity: CTCAE v3.0 and VAS



Patient characteristics	Frequency
Age (median)	62 years (range 42-67)
Sex male/female	7 (78%)/2 (22%)
ECOG PS 0/ 1	8 (89%)/1 (11%)
KRAS mutated/native	5 (56%)/ 4 (44%)
Primary tumor Colon/Recto	8 (89%)/1 (11%)
Metastasis chronology synchronic/methacrhonous	8 (89%)/1 (11%)
Previous metastasectomy	6 (67%)
CEA pre-DEBIRI (mean)	65 ng/mL
CEA post-DEBIRI (mean)	22 ng/mL



Patients characterstics	Frecuency
Lines of CT before (mean)	2 (range 1-4)
DEBIRI 2nd line CT DEBIRI en 3rd line CT DEBIRI en 4th line CT	2 ( 22%) 6 (67%) 1 (11%)
Administration Bevacizumab	8 (89%)
Nº cycles Bevacizumab (mean)	8 (range 4-24)
Anti-EGFR - Cetuximab - Panitumumab	4 (44,4%) 2 (22,2%) 2 (22,2%)
Mean cycles anti-EGFR	8 (range 1-16)



### RESULTS

- Median DEBIRIs: 3 (range: 1-6)
- Irinotecan dose: 255,5 mg (range:100-600 mg)
- Follow-up: 17'5 months
- *PFS: 5 months (IC 95%= 3-6)*
- 12 months OS: 89%





Acute Toxicity (24h): n=22			
Effect	G3	G1-2	
Hyperbilirrubinemia	2 (9%)	0	
Emesis	1 (4,5%)	2 (9%)	
Haemorrhage	0	1 (4,5%)	
Pain	1 (4,5%)	8 (36,3%)	







Late toxicity (30 days): n=22			
Effect	G3	G1-2	
Hypertransaminasemia	0	1 (4,5%)	
Liver failure	1 (4'5%)	0	



### **NEOADJUVANT DEBIRI FOR RFA?**





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### **DEBIRI IN OTHER LOCATIONS**






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# INTRA-ARTERIAL RADIATION THERAPY (<sup>90</sup>Y)





# **TS-102 EPOCH STUDY DESIGN**

### Study Design

- A phase III, open label, prospective, multi-center, randomized clinical trial
- 24 months accrual and 12 months additional follow- up (with up to a maximum of 33 months accrual based on sample size re-estimation)
- 340 patients with up to a maximum of 500 patients based on sample size re-estimation
- 100 sites in US, Canada, EU and Asia



# **TS-102 EPOCH STUDY DESIGN**

Randomization 1:1 between treatment and control group

Stratified according to:

- unilobar or bilobar disease
- first-line chemotherapy
- KRAS status



# TS-102 EPOCH STUDY OBJECTIVES/PRIMARY ENDPOINT

### **Study Objective:**

To evaluate the efficacy and safety of TheraSphere<sup>®</sup> in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer of the liver scheduled to receive second line chemotherapy

### **Primary Endpoint:**

Progression-Free Survival (PFS) according to RECIST Criteria v1.1 from time of randomization



# TS-102 EPOCH SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

### **Overall Survival (OS) Time**

Calculated from randomization to death

### Hepatic Progression-Free Survival (HPFS):

The time from randomization to the date of disease progression in the liver according to RECIST 1.1

### Time to symptomatic progression (TTSP)

- From the time of randomization to assessment of ECOG performance status >2
- Deterioration in performance status is to be confirmed at one subsequent evaluation 8 weeks later



# TS-102 EPOCH SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

### **Disease Control Rate**

Per RECIST criteria v1.1 for all targeted [liver] tumors

### **Quality of Life**

Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy colorectal cancer (FACT-c)

### Adverse events and reportable serious adverse events

Defined by the study protocol (NCI Common Toxicity Criteria for Adverse Events; CTCAE v. 4.0)



# TS-102 EPOCH





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