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Nasopharynxkarzinome: Neue Therapiekonzepte



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Epidemiologie

DACH-Region

ASR: 0.3 pro 100.000

Europa

5000 Neudiagnosen

4% aller Fälle

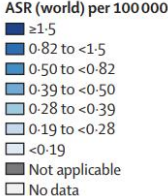
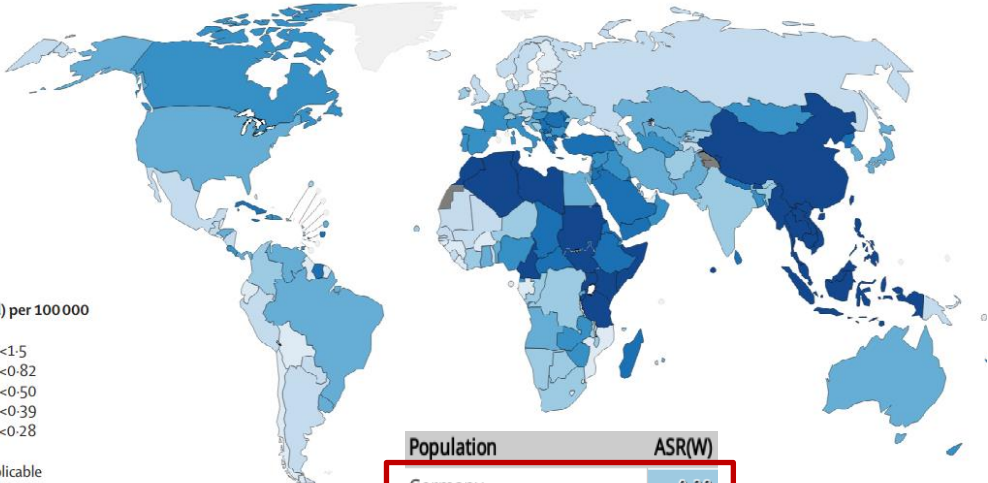
Global

ca. 80% der Fälle in Asien

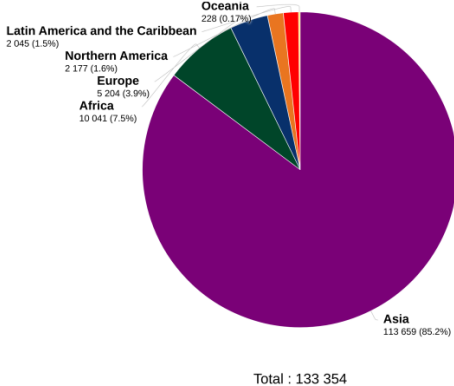
Hotspots Südostasien

133.000 Neudiagnosen

80.000 Todesfälle



Estimated number of new cases in 2020, nasopharynx, both sexes, all ages

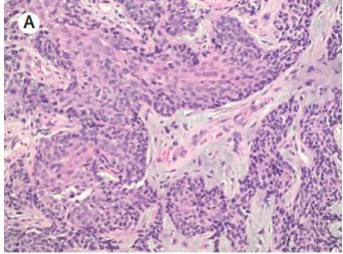


Population	ASR(W)
Germany	0.28
United Kingdom	0.28
Austria	0.28
Denmark	0.26
Lithuania	0.25
Switzerland	0.38
Slovenia	0.25
Croatia	0.37
Belarus	0.24
Estonia	0.35
Sweden	0.22
Latvia	0.34
Luxembourg	0.21
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.33
Montenegro	0.16
Ireland	0.33
Norway	0.16
Cyprus	0.32
Finland	0.14
The Netherlands	0.30
Iceland	0
Czechia	0.29

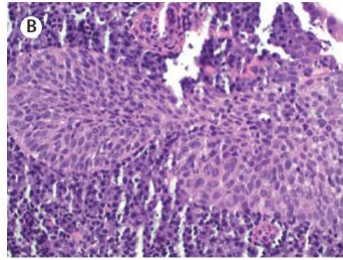


Histologische Subtypen

WHO Typ I:
Verhornendes
Plattenepithelkarzinom

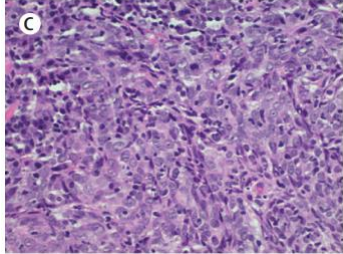


WHO Typ II:
Nicht-verhornendes Karzinom,
differenzierter Subtyp

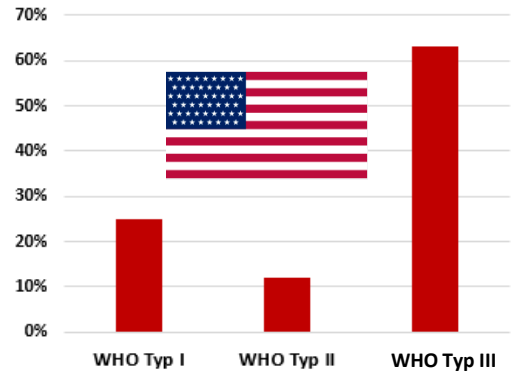
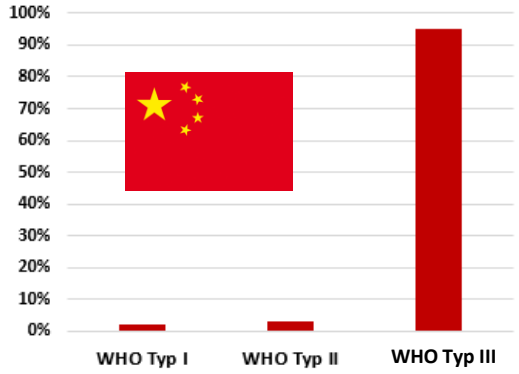


>95% EBV

WHO Typ III:
Nicht-verhornendes Karzinom,
undifferenzierter Subtyp



>98% EBV

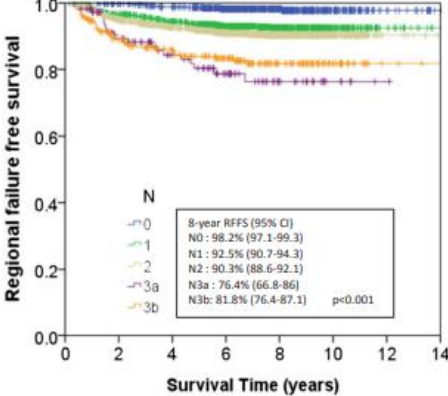
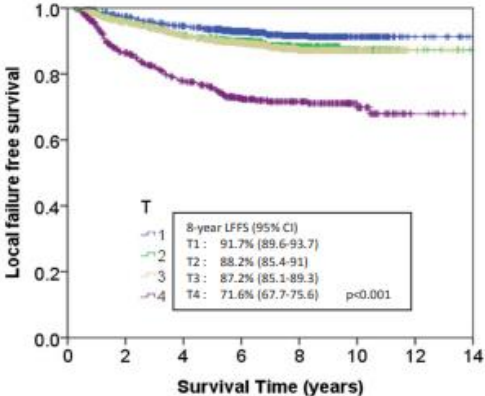


Early Stage NPC

Stadium I

alleinige IMRT

5-Jahres OS: 93%



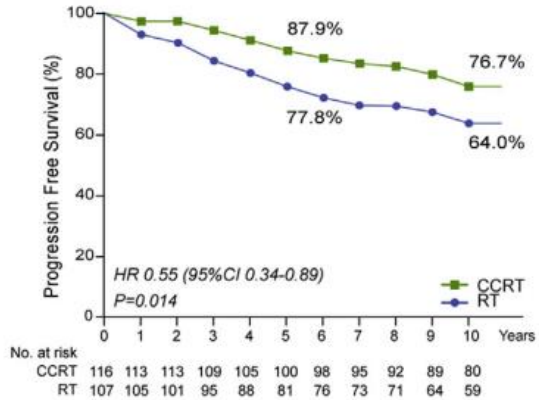
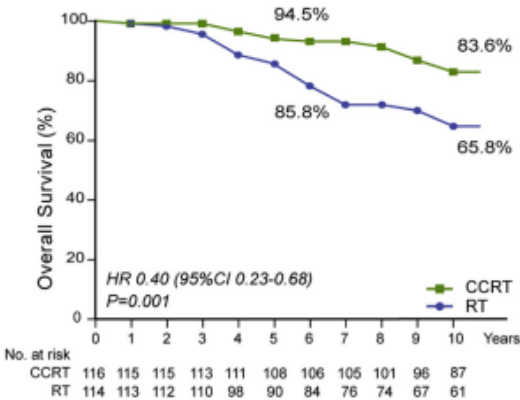
Stadium II + T3N0

Risiko-adaptierte Therapie

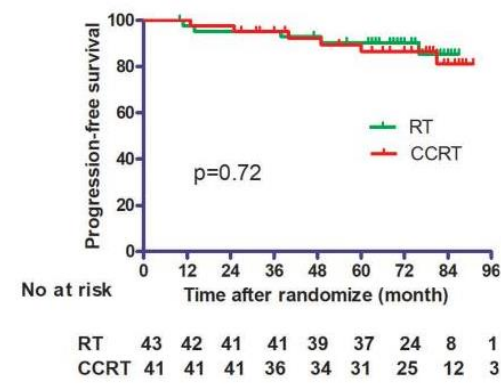
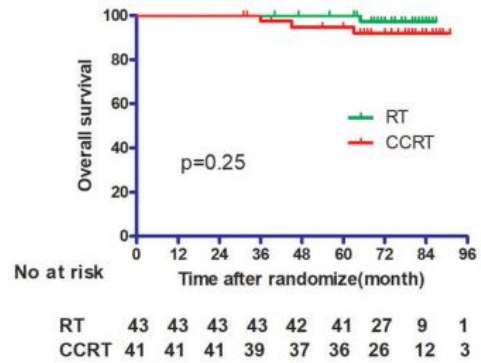


Stadium II NPC

CCRT vs. RT
Phase III
2D-RT



IMRT vs. CCRT
Phase II



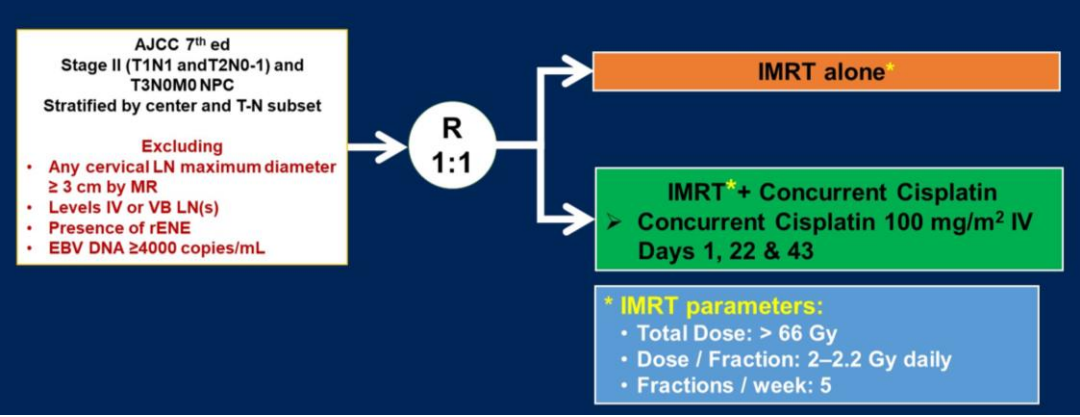
Low-risk NPC Stadium II + T3N0M0

„Low-risk“ NPC Stadium II oder T3N0M0

Phase III
Ausschluss

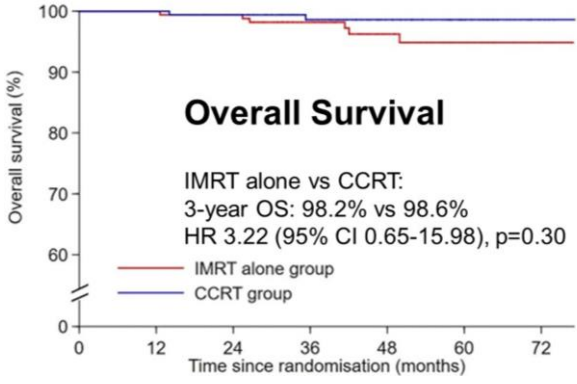
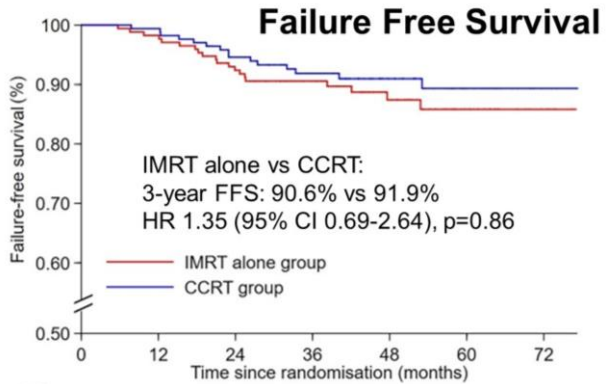
- Max. Durchmesser cervikale LK ≥ 3 cm
- Positive LK Level IV oder VB
- EBV DNA ≥ 4.000 copies/ml

Non-inferiority: IMRT vs. CRRT

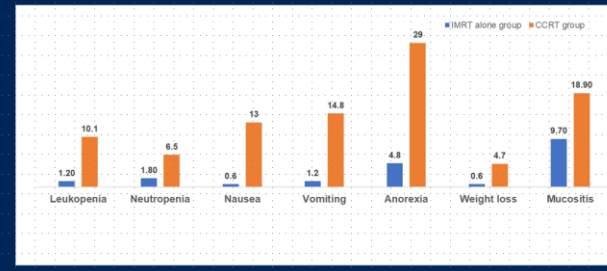


Low-risk NPC NPC Stadium II + T3N0M0

IMRT vs. CCRT Phase III



Adverse events (AEs): Grade 3-4*



EORTC QLQ-C30	ITEMS	Mean difference 95% CI	P-value
General quality of life (the higher the better)	Global health status*	12.20 (10.64 to 13.76)	<0.0001
	Physical functioning	8.07 (6.98 to 9.17)	<0.0001
	Role functioning	5.03 (3.30 to 6.77)	<0.0001
	Emotional functioning	5.67 (4.28 to 7.06)	<0.0001
	Cognitive functioning	7.03 (5.69 to 8.38)	<0.0001
Symptom Burden (the lower the better)	Social functioning*	10.78 (8.72 to 12.83)	<0.0001
	Fatigue*	-11.79 (-13.43 to -10.16)	<0.0001
	Nausea and vomiting*	-12.78 (-14.46 to -11.10)	<0.0001
	Pain*	-10.18 (-11.68 to -8.68)	<0.0001
	Dyspnoea	-6.82 (-8.29 to -5.36)	<0.0001
	Insomnia*	-10.35 (-12.48 to -8.23)	<0.0001
	Appetite loss*	-15.23 (-17.38 to -13.08)	<0.0001
	Constipation*	-17.83 (-19.76 to -15.89)	<0.0001
Diarrhoea	-0.80 (-2.00 to 0.40)	0.19	
Financial difficulties	-1.89 (-4.18 to 0.41)	0.11	



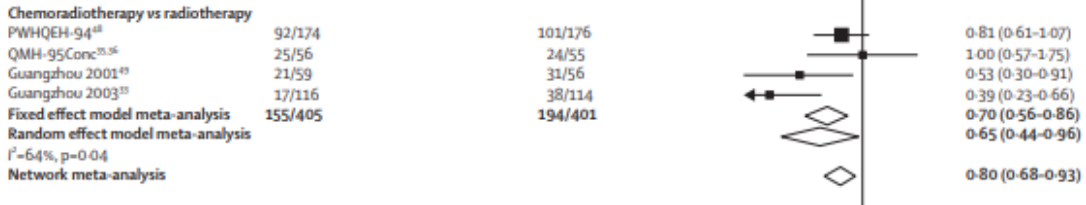
Lokal-fortgeschrittenes NPC

Stadium III-IV (T3-4 N+ bzw. N2-3)

Multimodale Therapiekonzepte

Kernelement der Therapie: **CCRT**
 Studien: Cisplatin 100mg/m² q3
 Kumulativdosis ≥ 200mg/m²

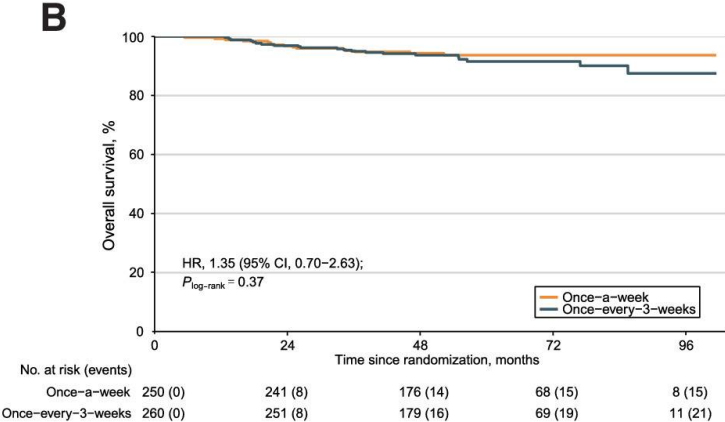
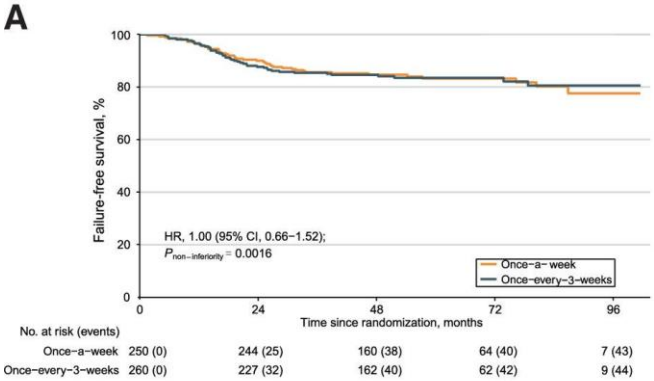
MAC-NPC Meta Analyse



CCRT

Cisplatin 40 mg/m² weekly vs. Cisplatin 100mg/m² q3

Phase III



NW: Ototoxizität häufiger im weekly Arm

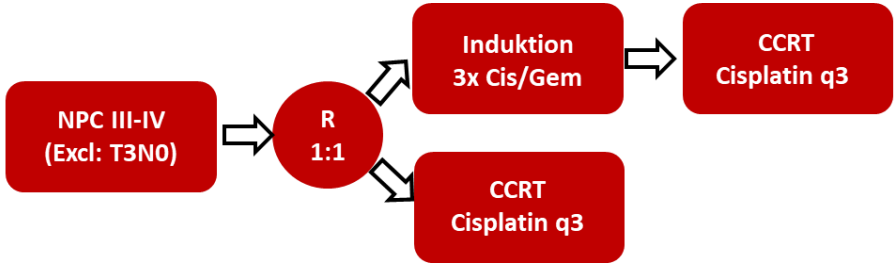


Induktionschemotherapie

Stadium III-IV

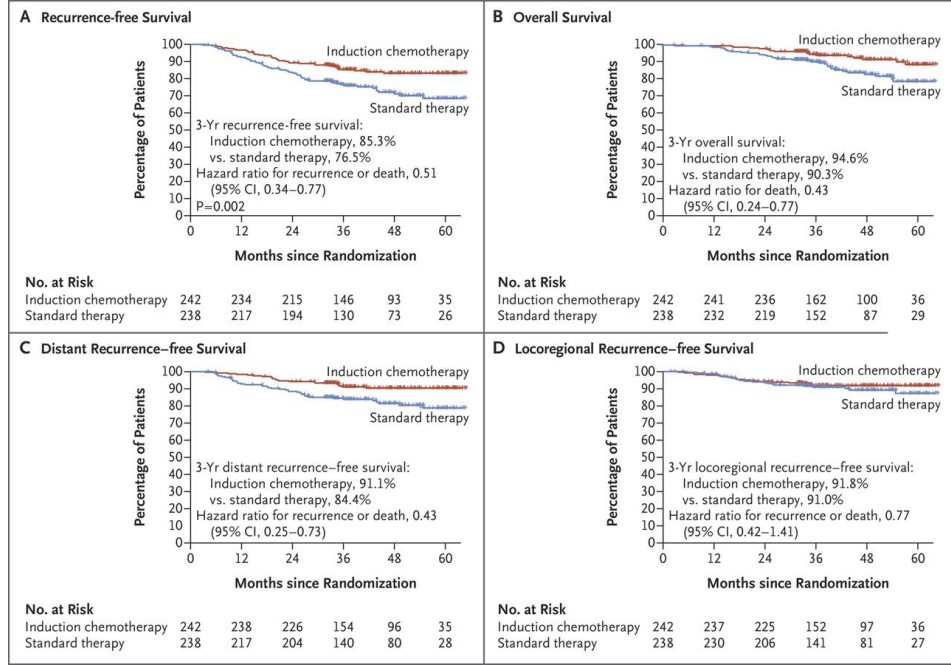
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Phase III



3 Zyklen Induktion: 97%

ORR Induktion: 94%

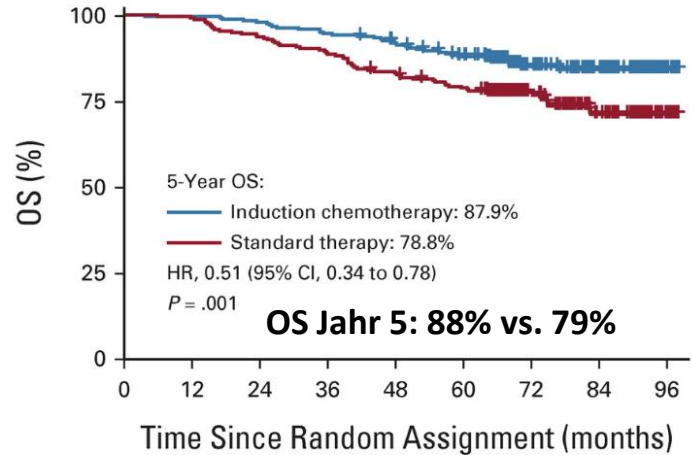


Induktionschemotherapie

Stadium III-IV

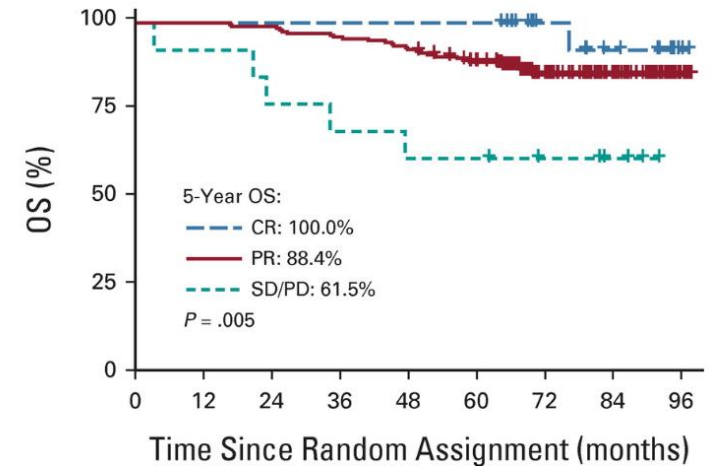
(ohne T3N0)

Phase III



No. at risk:

Induction chemotherapy	242	241	236	228	217	202	114	69	10
Standard therapy	238	234	221	209	195	183	105	53	10



No. at risk:

CR	24	24	24	24	24	2	13	9	2
PR	202	202	199	192	182	168	93	55	8
SD/PD	13	12	10	9	8	8	6	3	0

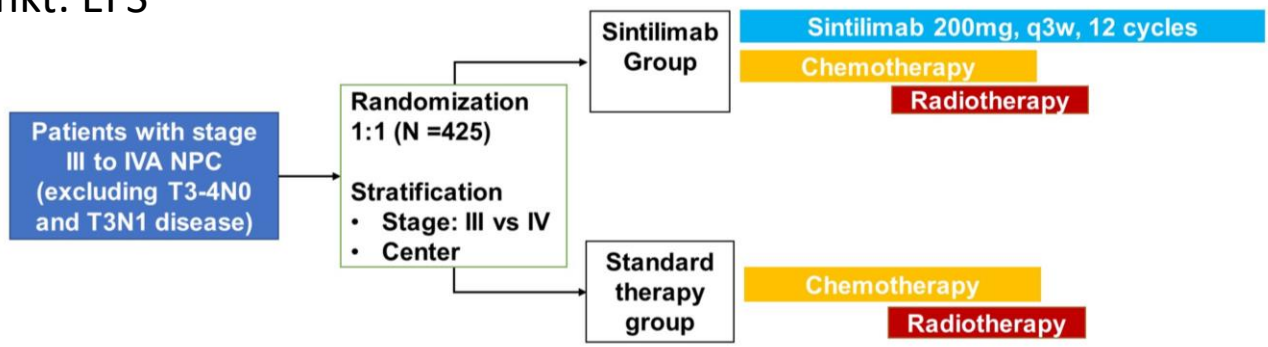



Induktionschemotherapie + ICI

CONTINUUM Trial

Phase III

Primärer Endpunkt: EFS



 = GP IC, q3w * 3 cycles (Gemcitabine 1g/m2, d1 & 8; DDP 80mg/m2, d1) + CCRT (DDP 100mg/m2, d1 q3w * 2 cycles)

 = Intensity modulated radiotherapy, 70Gy in 33 fractions, once per day, Monday to Friday in each week

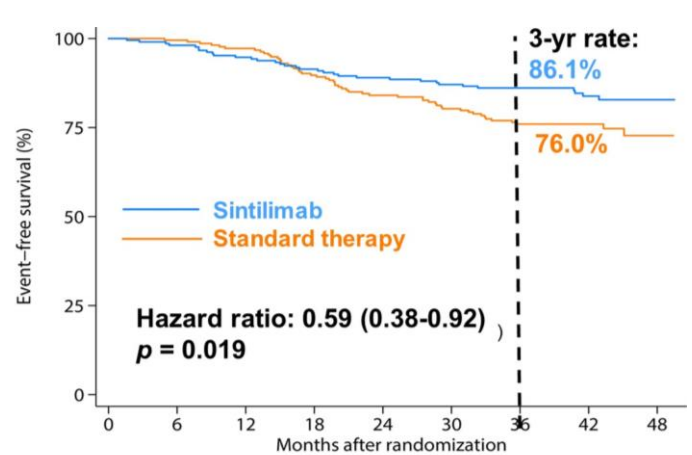


Induktionschemotherapie + IO

CONTINUUM Trial

Phase III

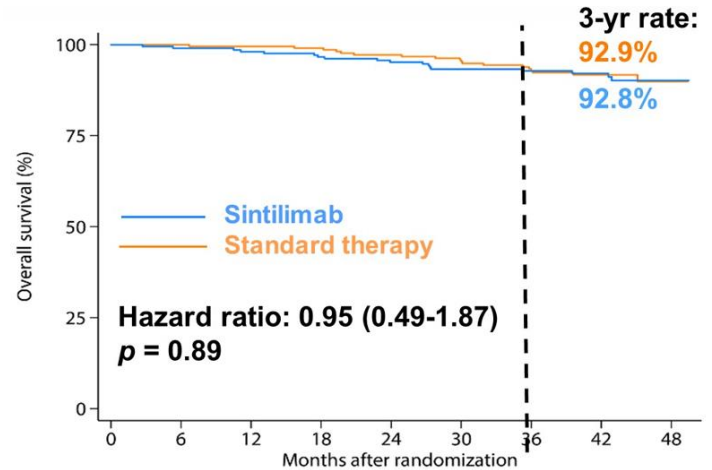
EFS



Number at risk

Sintilimab	210	205	198	191	186	181	175	97	14
Standard therapy	215	214	208	191	178	169	152	87	9

OS



Adjuvante Therapie nach CCRT

Capecitabine vs. Observation

Phase III

Capecitabine metronomisch

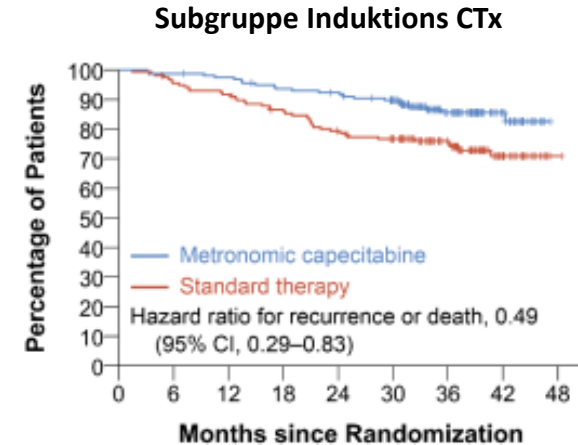
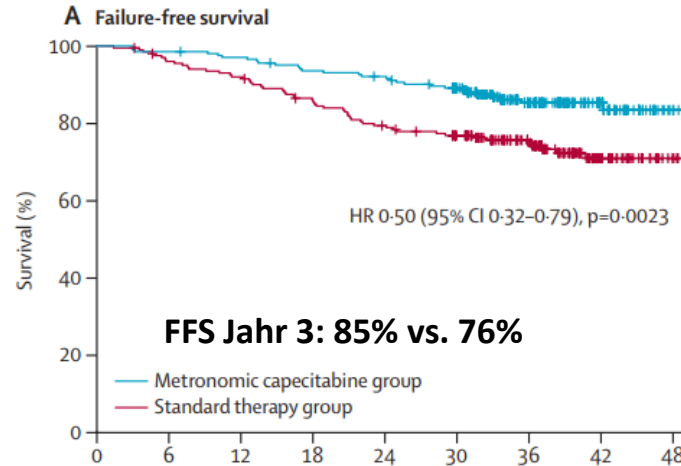
1 Jahr (650mg/m² BID)

77% Induktions CTx

Prim. Endpunkt: FFS Jahr 3

1 Jahr Capecitabine: 74%

Dosisreduktion: 18%



Adjuvante Therapie nach CCRT

Capecitabine vs. Observation

Phase III

Capecitabine Standard

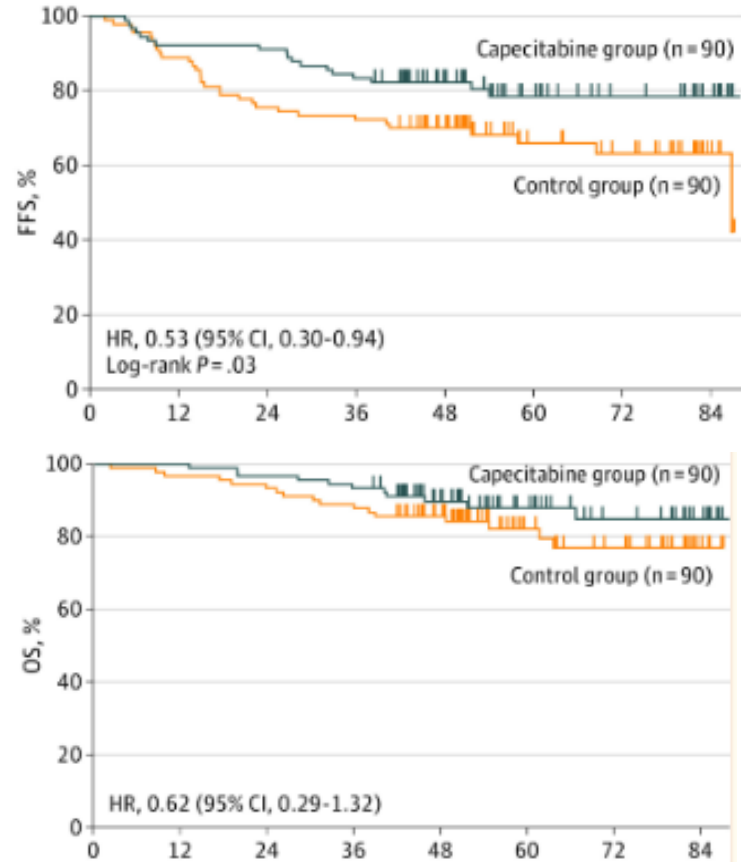
8 Zyklen (1000mg/m² BID, d1-14)

Ausschlusskriterium: Induktions CTx

Prim. Endpunkt: FFS Jahr 3

8 Zyklen Capecitabine: 78%

Dosisreduktion: 21%



Adjuvante Therapie nach CCRT

Cis/Gem vs. Cis/5-FU

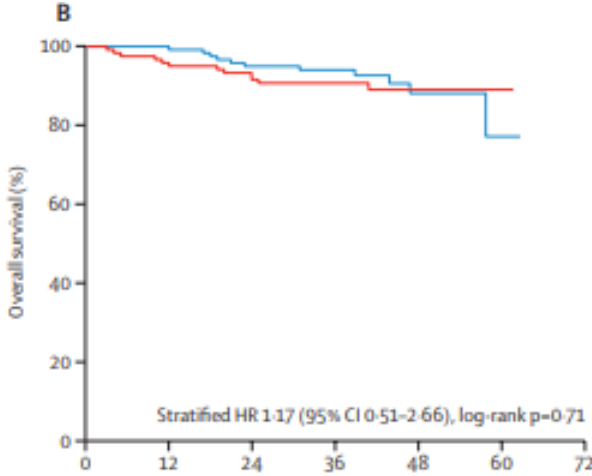
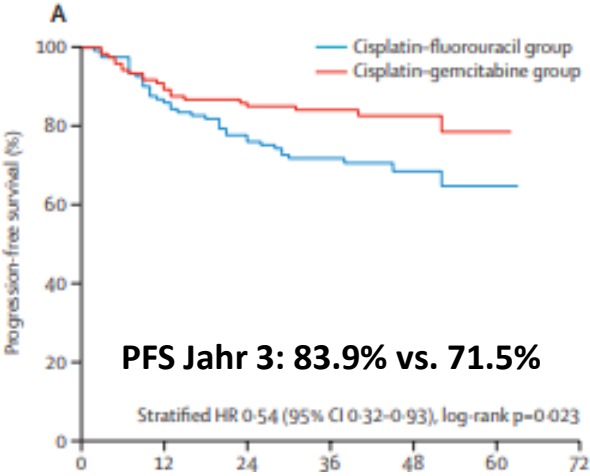
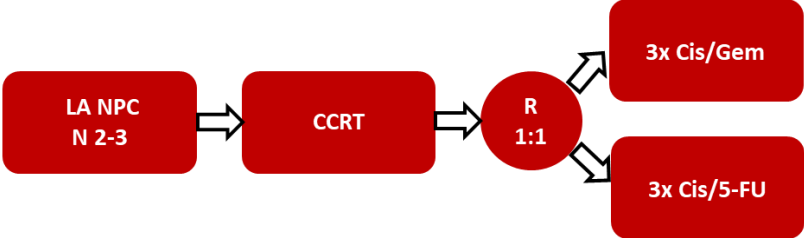
Phase III

Ausschlusskriterium: Induktions CTx

Primärer Endpunkt: 3 Jahres PFS

3 Zyklen Platin: 55% vs. 60%

Dosisreduktion: 53% vs. 40%

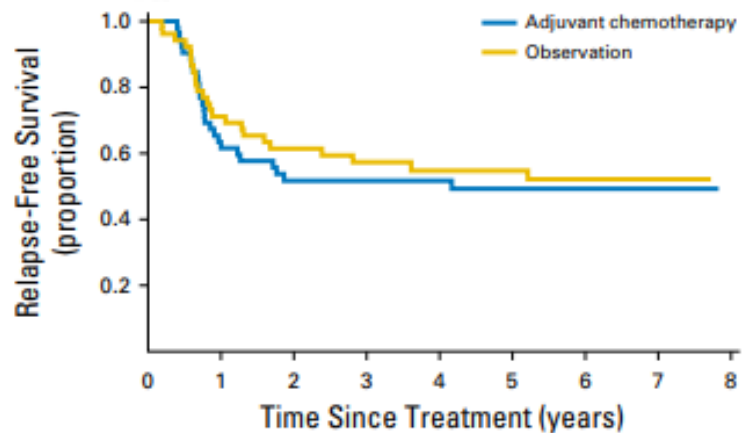
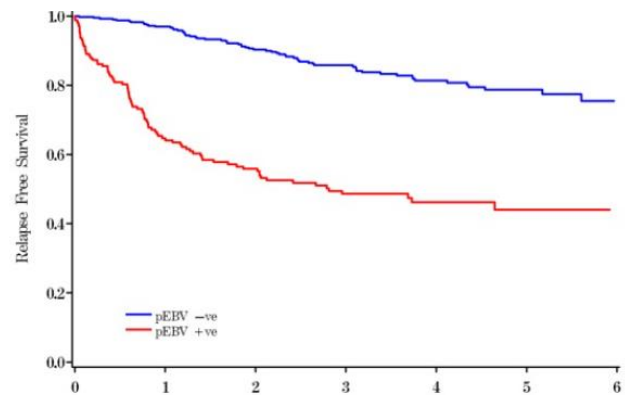
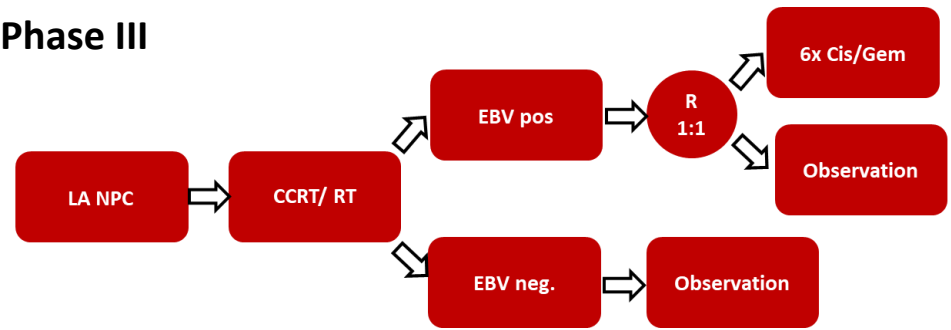


Adjuvante Therapie nach CCRT

EBV als Stratifikationsmarker?

Plasma EBV DNA post RT → wichtigster prognostischer Faktor

Phase III



Zusammenfassung early/ locally-advanced NPC

Stadium II, T3N0

- Low-Risk → alleinige IMRT vermutlich ausreichend
- High Risk → CCRT

Stadium III-IV

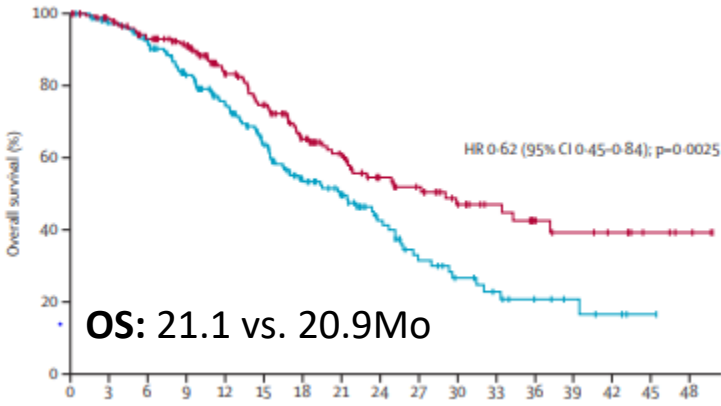
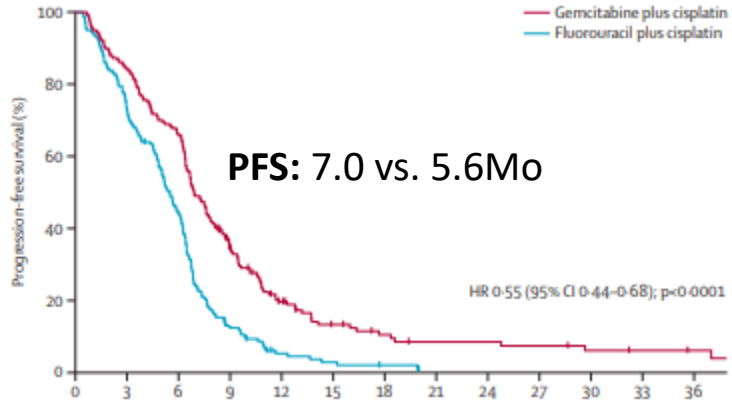
- CCRT → Kernelement der Therapie (Cis weekly gleich effektiv wie q3)
- Induktions CTX mit Cis/Gem → Standardvorgehen (hohe ORR, gute Therapieadhärenz, OS Verbesserung)
 - Sintilimab Zugabe verlängert FFS (OS noch unreif)
- Adjuvante Therapie → Stellenwert bei vorheriger Induktions CTx unklar
 - keine Induktions CTx: Cis/Gem 3x bzw. metronomisches Capecitabin 1 Jahr



Metastatic NPC First Line

Cis/Gem vs. Cis/5-FU

Phase III



ORR: 64% vs. 42%



Metastatic NPC First Line

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Tislelizumab plus chemotherapy as first-line treatment for recurrent or metastatic nasopharyngeal cancer: A multicenter phase 3 trial (RATIONALE-309)

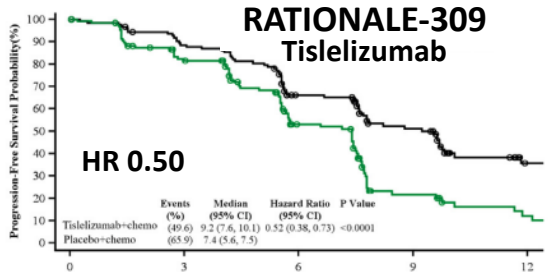
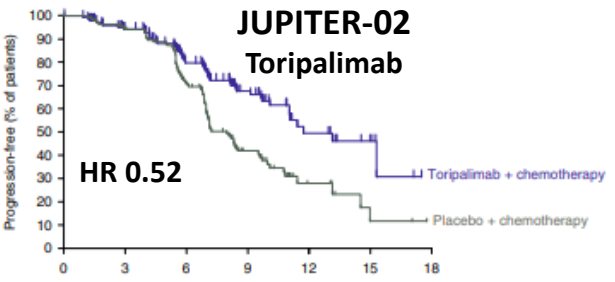
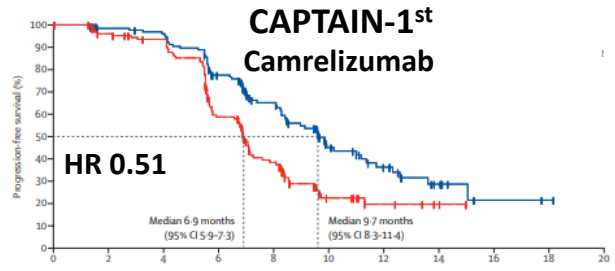
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Metastatic NPC

CIS/GEM + ICI
Phase III



	Schema	N	ORR (%)	mDOR Monate	mPFS Monate	mOS, Monate
GC Arm Phase III 2016	GC x 6, keine ET	181	64	-	7.0	21.1
CAPTAIN-1st Phase III 2021	Camrelizumab + GC → Camrelizumab	134	87	8.5	10.8 (8.5-13.6)	NR
	Placebo + GC → Placebo	129	81	5.6	6.9 (5.9-7.9)	22.6 (19.2-NR)
JUPITER-02 Phase III 2021	Toripalimab + GC → Toripalimab	146	79	10	11.7 (11.0-NR)	NR
	Placebo + GC → Placebo	143	67	5.7	8.0 (7.0-9.5)	NR (22.8-NR)
RATIONALE-309 Phase III 2022	Tislelizumab + GC → Tislelizumab	131	79	8.5	9.6 (7.6-11.7)	NR
	Placebo + GC → Placebo	132	55	6.1	7.4 (5.6-7.5)	23.0 (19.8-NR)

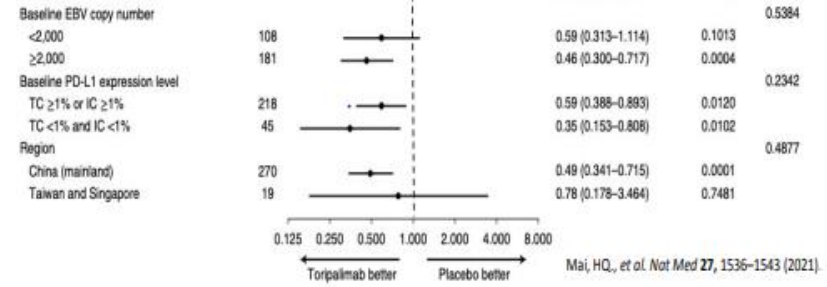


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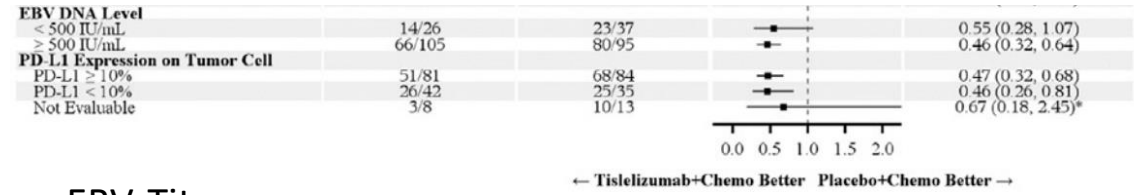
PD-L1 Expression

- CAPTAIN-1st: keine Information
- JUPITER-02: keine Korrelation mit Outcome
- RATIONALE-309: keine Korrelation mit Outcome

JUPITER-02



RATIONALE-309



Plasma EBV-DNA

Trend zu besserem Response bei niedrigeren EBV-Titern
frühe EBV-Clearance korreliert mit Response



NPC Guidelines

ESMO Guideline Update 2022

MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCED AND METASTATIC DISEASE

Treatment of metastatic disease or locoregional recurrences not amenable to curative approaches

Recently, two randomised phase III trials showed an increase in progression-free survival (PFS) when immunotherapy (camrelizumab or toripalimab) was added to first-line treatment with cisplatin and gemcitabine followed by maintenance immunotherapy (camrelizumab or toripalimab) for recurrent and/or metastatic disease. The addition of immunotherapy should therefore be considered, pending long-term results of overall survival benefit and the assessment of the role of maintenance therapy (Figure 2).^{4,5} This recommendation is based on data from two phase III trials of East-Asian populations.^{4,5} At the time of publication, camrelizumab and toripalimab are neither European Medicines Agency (EMA)- nor US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved for NPC and the applicability of the results to NPC patients in non-endemic areas warrants further investigation. Details on the ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit (MCBS) scores for these treatments are included in Table 1.

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Recurrent, Unresectable, Oligometastatic, or Metastatic Disease (with no surgery or RT option)

Preferred Regimens

- First-Line^d
- Cisplatin/gemcitabine (category 1)^{16,17}

Other Recommended Regimens

- | | |
|--|--|
| First-Line ^d | Subsequent-Line |
| • Combination Therapy | • Immunotherapy |
| ▶ Cisplatin/5-FU ^{18,19} | ▶ Nivolumab if previously treated, recurrent or metastatic non-keratinizing disease (category 2B) ^{33,34} |
| ▶ Cisplatin or carboplatin/docetaxel ²⁰ or paclitaxel ¹⁸ | ▶ Pembrolizumab if previously treated, PD-L1–positive, recurrent or metastatic disease (category 2B) ³⁵ |
| ▶ Carboplatin/cetuximab ²¹ | |
| ▶ Gemcitabine/carboplatin ¹ | |
| ▶ Cisplatin/gemcitabine + PD-1 inhibitor (eg, pembrolizumab or nivolumab) ^{22,23} | |



ICI mono, Platin vorbehandelt

Single Arm Studien

	Phase	ICI	N	ORR (%)	mPFS Monate	mOS, Monate
KEYNOTE-028	Ib	Pembrolizumab	27	25.9%	6.5	16.5
NCI-9742	II	Nivolumab	44	20.5%	2.8	17.1
Fang et al.	II	Camrelizumab	91	32%	5.6	NR
POLARIS-02	II	Toripalimab	190	20.5%	1.9	17.4

ICI mono

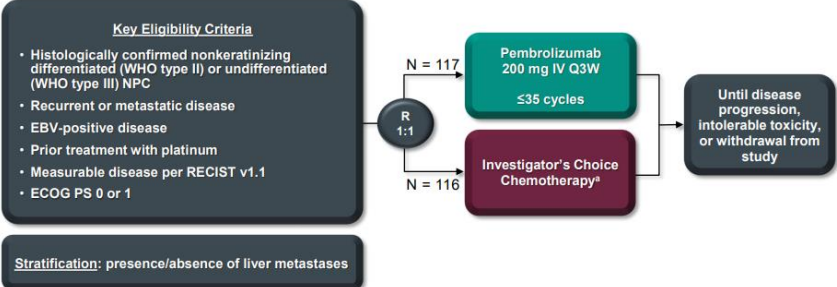
ICI mono, Platin vorbehandelt

Phase III, KEYNOTE 122

Prim. Endpunkt: OS

Baseline Characteristics

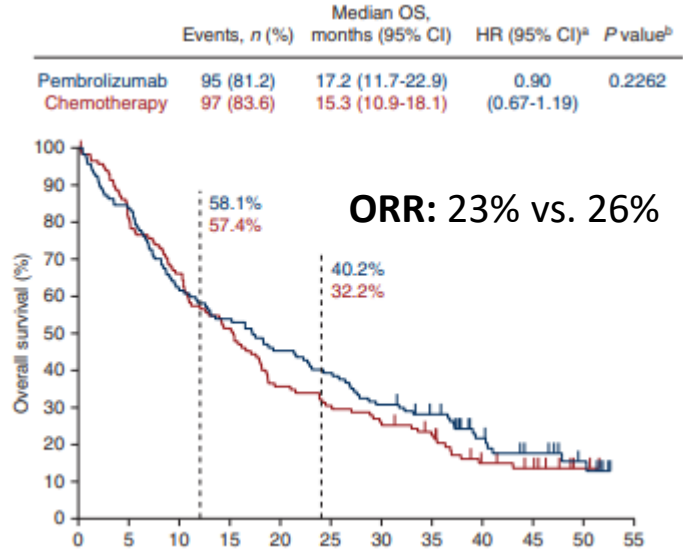
	Pembro n = 117	Chemo n = 116		Pembro n = 117	Chemo n = 116
Age, median (range), years	51.0 (21-76)	53.0 (23-78)	Overall cancer stage, ^a n (%)		
Male, n (%)	98 (83.8)	95 (81.9)	IV	114 (97.4)	113 (97.4)
Region, n (%)			Metastasis stage, n (%)		
North America	22 (18.8)	11 (9.5)	M0	12 (10.3)	10 (8.6)
Asia	95 (81.2)	105 (90.5)	M1	105 (89.7)	106 (91.4)
ECOG PS 1, n (%)	81 (69.2)	77 (66.4)	Presence of liver metastasis, n (%)	57 (48.7)	56 (48.3)
PD-L1, n (%)			Prior radiation, n (%)	103 (88.0)	95 (81.9)
CPS <10	54 (46.2)	62 (53.4)	Prior therapy with curative intent, ^b n (%)	17 (14.5)	14 (12.1)
CPS ≥10	55 (47.0)	46 (39.7)	Prior lines of therapy, n (%)		
Missing	8 (6.8)	8 (6.9)	1	54 (46.2)	48 (41.4)
Disease status, n (%)			2	28 (23.9)	24 (20.7)
Recurrent	12 (10.3)	10 (8.6)	3	11 (9.4)	16 (13.8)
Metastatic	41 (35.0)	29 (25.0)	4	3 (2.6)	10 (8.6)
Recurrent and metastatic	64 (54.7)	77 (66.4)	≥5	4 (3.4)	4 (3.4)
Current or former smoker, n (%)	59 (50.4)	58 (50.0)			



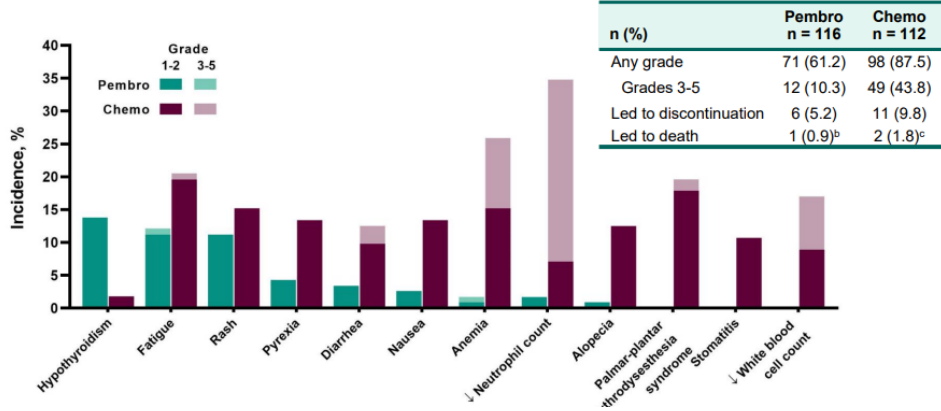
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Treatment-Related AEs^a (≥10% in either arm)



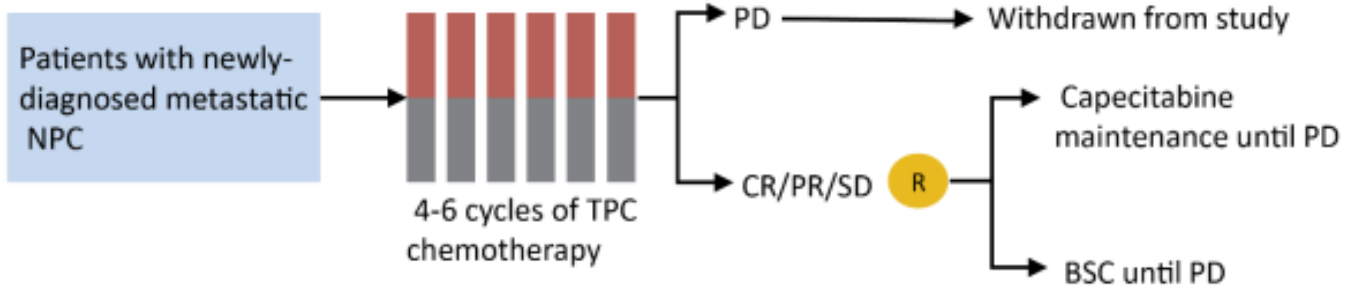
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Capecitabine ET vs. BSC

Prim. Endpunkt: PFS



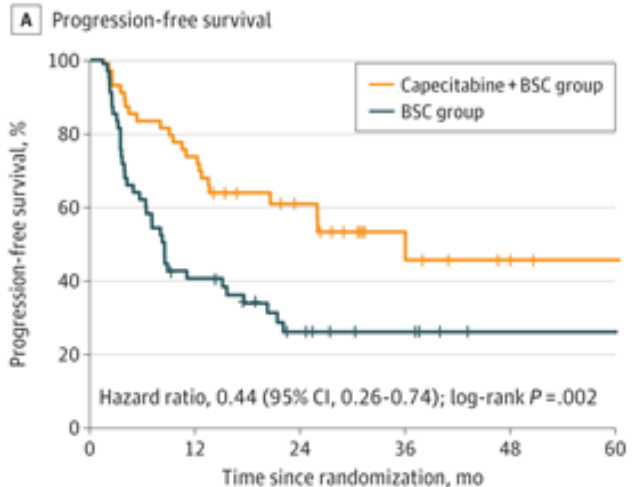
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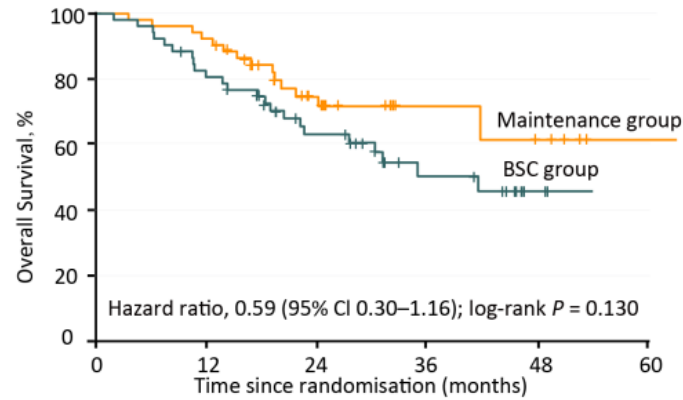
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Capecitabine ET vs. BSC

Prim. Endpunkt: PFS



No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Maintenance group	52	38	19	6	4	1
BSC group	52	20	9	5	3	0



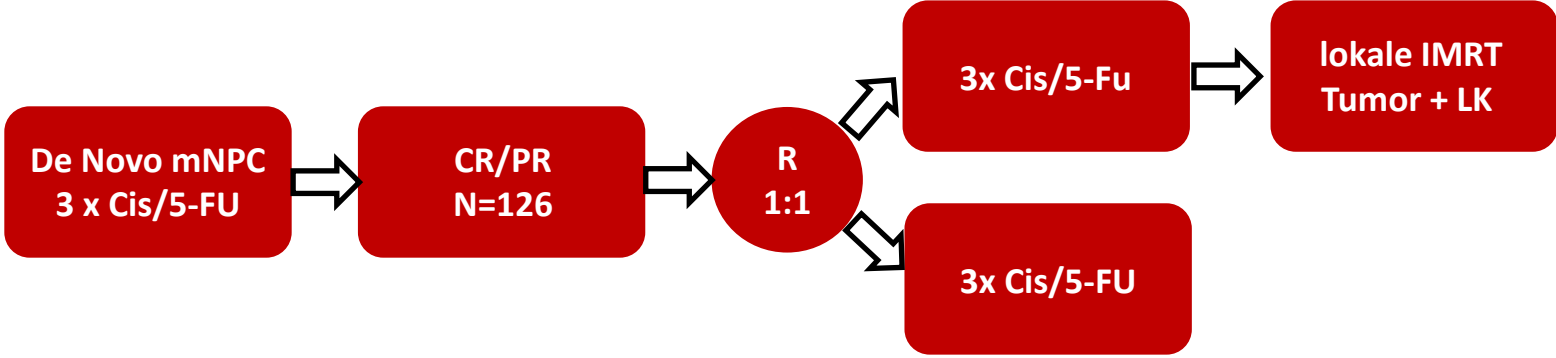
No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Maintenance group	52	48	28	15	6	1
BSC group	52	41	26	12	6	0



RT Konsolidierung

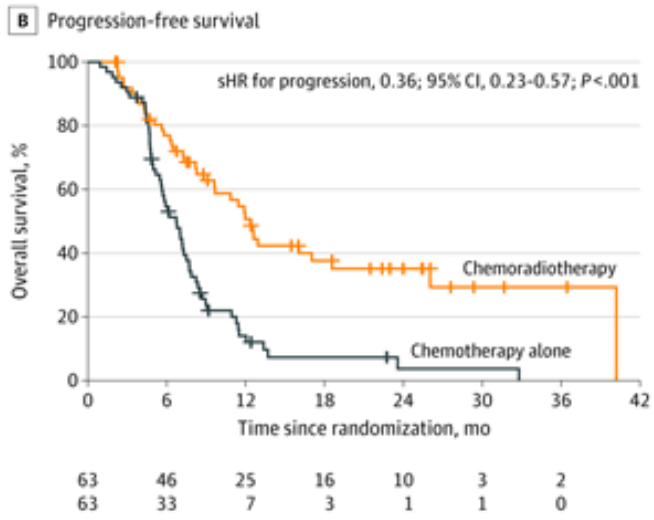
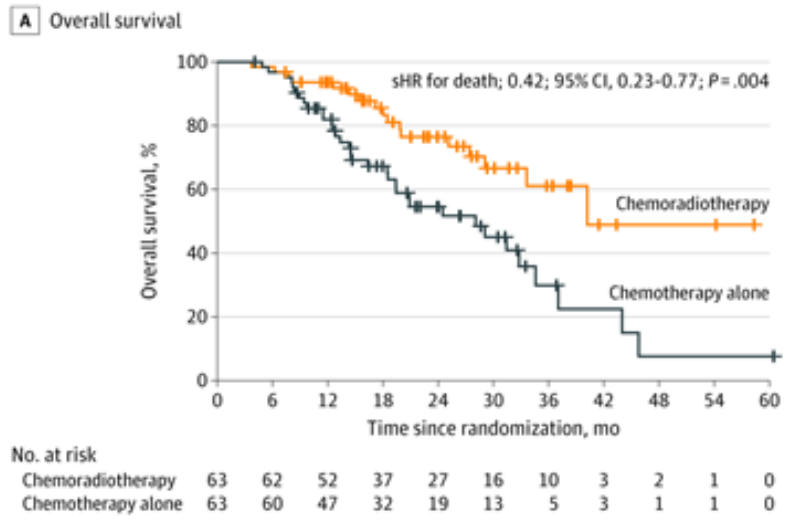
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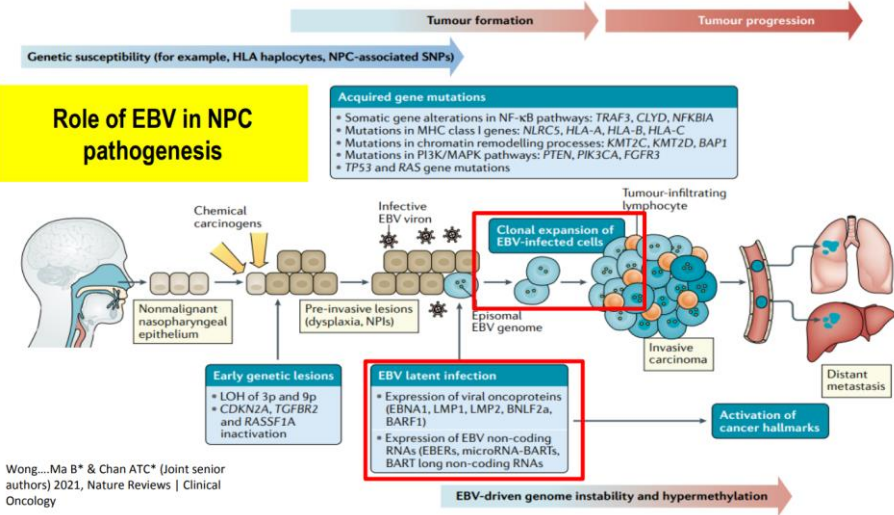


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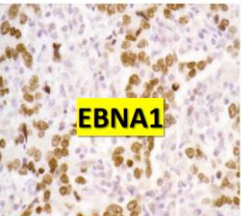
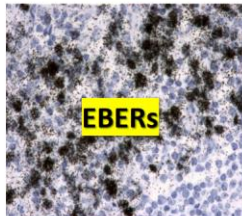


Targeting EBV



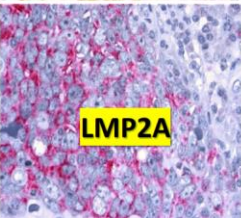
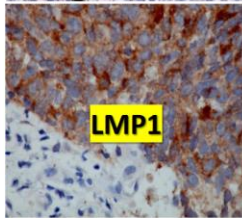
Wong...Ma B* & Chan ATC* (Joint senior authors) 2021, Nature Reviews | Clinical Oncology

highly abundant latent non-coding RNAs, innate immunity. Diagnostic utility



Ubiquitous in all EBV infected cells. Essential for Maintenance of the EBV episomal genome & latency. [Druggable](#)

Classic Oncogene: activates NF- κ B, PI3K/AKT signaling, induce cancer stem cells. 25-30% of NPC



Promote proliferation, angiogenesis, cell invasion, metastasis, anti-apoptotic. Heterogeneous expression



Autologe EBV-spezifische CTLs

VANCE Trial

Phase III, First Line

Cis/Gem +/- EBV CTLs

Multicenter, randomized, open-label, Phase III clinical trial

Study Population

Patients with EBV+ NPC:

- ≥18 years old
- Metastatic or locally recurrent, not amenable to further curative chemoradiation or surgery.
- ECOG performance status ≤2
- >6 months since last chemotherapy/adjuvant immunotherapy



Study Treatment

(Arm A: n = 165, Arm B: n = 165)

Arm A

- Gemcitabine and carboplatin (4 cycles)
- EBV-CTL (6 cycles; 1×10^8 cells/m²)*

Arm B

- Gemcitabine and carboplatin (6 cycles)

Gemcitabine = 1000 mg/m²; carboplatin = AUC2



Endpoints

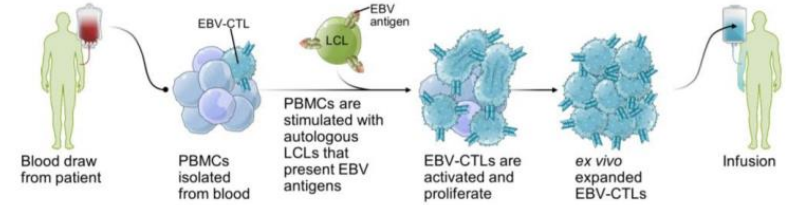
Primary

- Overall Survival

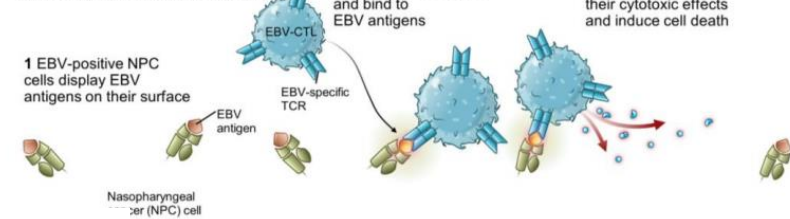
Secondary

- 2, 3 and 5-year OS
- PFS
- ORR, CBR, QoL
- Safety

EBV-CTLs are Selected and Expanded From Patient's Blood



EBV-CTLs Eliminates NPC Cells



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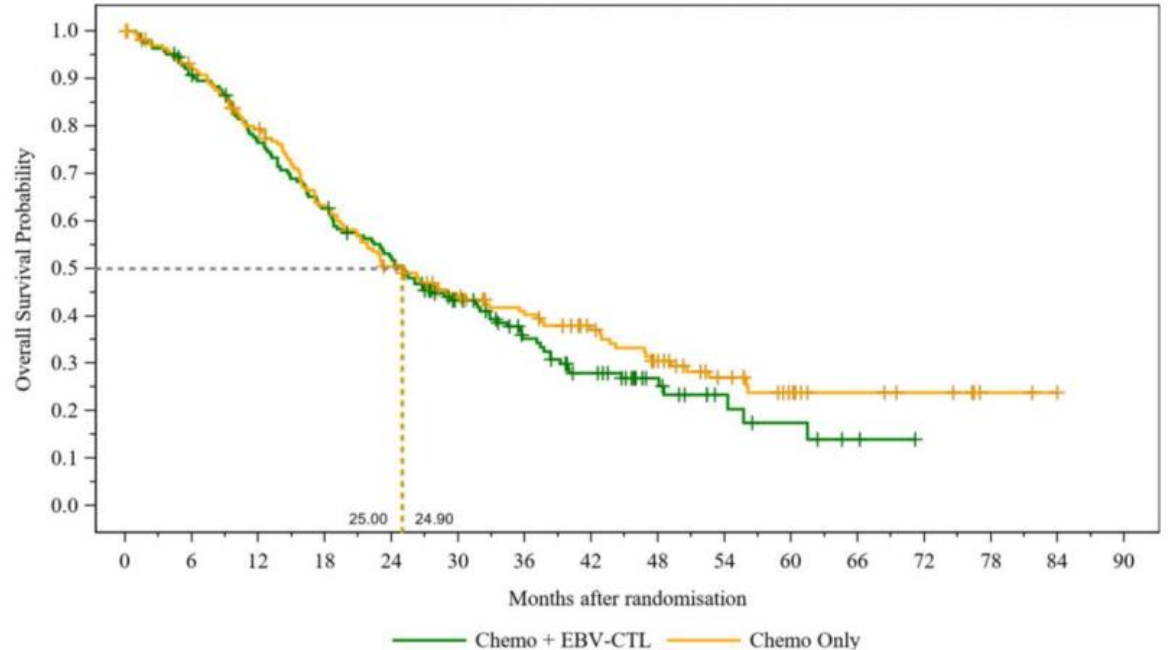
Median OS (months; 95% CI)

Chemo + EBV-CTL: 25.0 (19.7, 31.8)

Chemo Only: 24.9 (19.7, 32.8)

Hazard ratio (95% CI): 1.19 (0.91, 1.56)

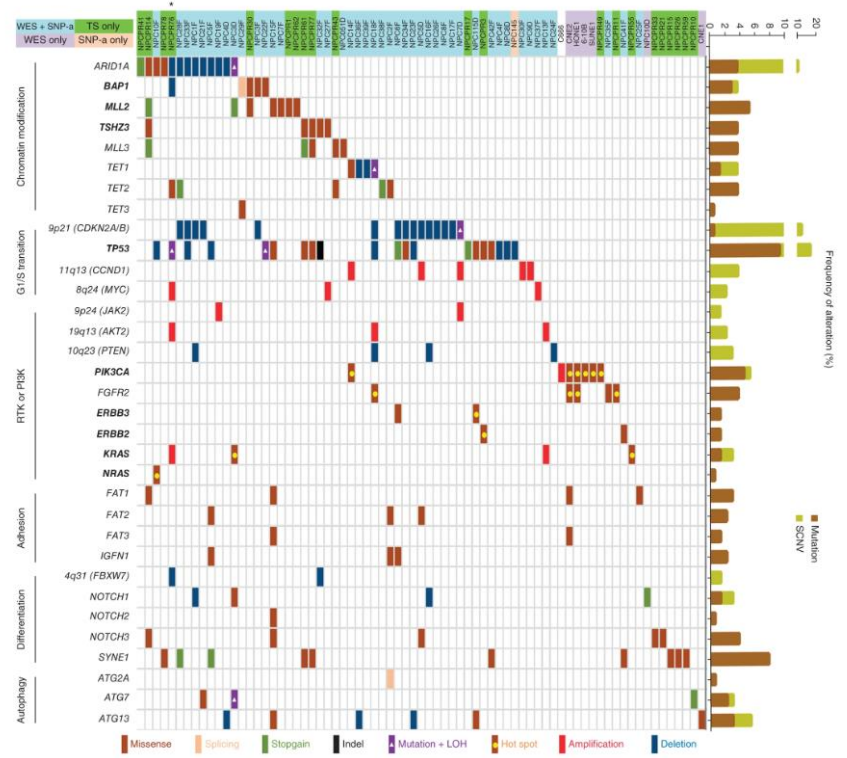
$p = 0.1942$



Zielgerichtete Therapien

NPC
 Niedrige Mutationslast (<1/MB)
 PI3K Alterationen → vorwiegend Passenger Mutationen
 Häufig Mutationen Chromatin Regulatoren/HR-Genen
 - ARID1A, BAP1, KMT2D3, TSHZ3

POINT-Study
 Olaparib + Pembrolizumab, Phase II (NCT04825990)



Zusammenfassung metastatic NPC

First Line

- Cisplatin/Gemcitabine → Standardvorgehen
- Cis/Gem + ICI → verlängert PFS, OS noch unklar
- Capecitabine Erhaltungstherapie → Verlängert PFS, nach TPC
→ Effekt nach Cis/Gem nicht geprüft
- Konsolidierende RT → bei de novo mNPC sinnvoll
→ verlängert OS

Second Line

Pembrolizumab → weniger NW als mono CTx





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