Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

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DISCLOSURES

• None
CASE

• 63 years old female
• Referred from HPB surgery
• History of obstructive jaundice
HISTORY

• Main complaint: Presented with 2 months history of progressive jaundice associated with dark urine, pale stools and pruritus

• Past medical history: HIV negative. No known comorbidities. No previous surgeries.

• Current pensioner. Previously employed as a domestic worker.

• Social: No history of alcohol consumption or smoking

• Family history: Unremarkable
ON EXAMINATION

• ECOG PS 1
• Scleral jaundice
• Abdomen: Hepatomegally
• Normal systemic examination
WORK UP

- Pancreatic CT Protocol: Impression of a head of pancreas mass 14x8mm in diameter. No obvious vessel infiltration. Peripancreatic lymphadenopathy posterior to the pancreas – Largest 11.1mm. Hepatomegally 16.2cm
- Staging CT chest: No lung metastases.
- ERCP: Done for biliary decompression
- Blood investigations:
  - Hepatitis studies
  - Liver function tests: Total bilirubin ↑↑89 H umol/L
    - Conjugated bilirubin ↑↑ 66 H umol/L
    - Deranged transaminases
  - CA 19-9: 2
  - Albumin: 35
  - Urea, electrolytes & creatinine
  - Full Blood count
The patient was discussed in a multidisciplinary team consisting of a hepatobiliary surgeon, Clinical and radiation oncologist. And the patient was deemed operable.

- A partial Whipple procedure was done
- 45Gy in 1.8Gy fractions with concurrent Capecitabine
- Adjuvant Capecitabine
PREOPERATIVE PARAMETERS

- No tumour contact with SMV or Portal vein
- No arterial tumour contact with SMA, CA and CHA
- No distant metastases
- Stage 1a
- Resectable
PARTIAL WHIPPLE PROCEDURE

Histology:
- HOP mass 1.8X 0.8cm
  Well differentiated Pancreatico-Biliary type adenocarcinoma present on surgical margins.
- No tumour noted in LNs, GB, CBD and Small bowel
POOR PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

• Growth >3cm
• Nodal involvement
• Portal vein infiltration
• Post operative positive margins*
• Liver/Lung metastases
• Ascites/Trousseau’s sign/Left supraclavicular LN spread
• Liver dysfunction*
• Associated pancreatitis and Diabetes Mellitus

• *Present in patient mentioned in case summary*
POSTOPERATIVE ADJUVANT TREATMENT

- Clinical trial preferred or chemotherapy alone
- Induction chemotherapy followed by chemoradiation and subsequent chemotherapy

Surveillance every 3–6 mo for 2 years, then every 6–12 mo as clinically indicated:
- H&P for symptom assessment
- CA 19-9 level (category 2B)
- Chest CT and CT or MRI of abdomen and pelvis with contrast

- Prior neoadjuvant therapy
  - No evidence of recurrence or metastatic disease
  - Consider chemoradiation in the instance of a positive margin R1 resection

- Baseline postoperative CT (chest, abdomen, and pelvis) with contrast CA 19-9 and Germline testing, if not previously done

- Identification of metastatic disease
  - See Metastatic Disease (PANC-8)
# Role of Adjuvant Therapy

## PRO- ADJUVANT CRT

| Trial, Year of Publication; | Treatment Arms | 5-Year Rate OS (Actual or Estimated) |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| GITSG 9173, 1985, 43 Kalser et al | CRT 40Gy+ Concurrent 5FU vs. Observation | 18% vs. 5% |
| Mayo Clinic, 2008, Retrospective, 472 pts | CRT (50.4Gy+ 5FU) vs. Observation | CRT arm did better than observation arm (Median Survival of 25 vs 19 months) |
| RTOG 9704, 2008 451 pts. | Neo-adj Gem x 3, then CRT( 50.4Gy+5FU), followed by Gem x12 vs. Neo-adj 5fu x3, then CRT (50.4Gy+5FU), then 5FU x12 | 31% vs 21% |
### ROLE OF ADJUVANT THERAPY

### ANTI-ADJUVANT CRT

| Trial, Year of Publication; | Treatment Arms | 5-Year Rate OS (Actual or Estimated) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| **UK, ESPAC-1, 2001**      | CRT 40Gy+ Concurrent 5FU + vs. Observation | No difference in OS |
| **EORTC 40891, 1999; 218** | CRT (40 Gy/20 fr, 5FU) vs. Observation | No difference in OS |
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## ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

| Trial, Year of publication | Treatment arms | 5-year rate of OS |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| CONKO-001, 2013, 368 pts   | Adjuvant Gem X6 (No RT) vs. Observation | -20% vs 10% -DFS 13.4 vs 6.7 months |
| ESPAC-3, 2010              | 5-FU vs Gem. No RT | Same Median survival -23 Months |
| ESPAC-4, 2017              | Gem vs Gem+ Capecitabine. No RT | Median survival was 25.5 vs 28 months favoring Gem+ Capecitabine |
POSTOPERATIVE ADJUVANT TREATMENT

• There is no clear consensus on what type of adjuvant therapy should be used for patients with pancreatic cancer.
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Chemoradiation is the favored treatment modality by many in the United States while Gemcitabine based chemotherapy is favored in Europe.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Surgical resection is a prerequisite for cure of pancreatic cancer.

Adjuvant treatment should be started within eight weeks of surgery, if possible.

Enrollment in a clinical trial is encouraged as there are no studies showing significant OS in the adjuvant setting.

Germ line testing is recommended to all patients with confirmed pancreatic cancer.
Thank You