

**Chemosaturation Therapy with  
Percutaneous Hepatic Perfusions of  
Melphalan Versus Standard of Care in  
Patients with Hepatic Metastases from  
Melanoma: A Randomized Multicenter  
Phase 3 Study**

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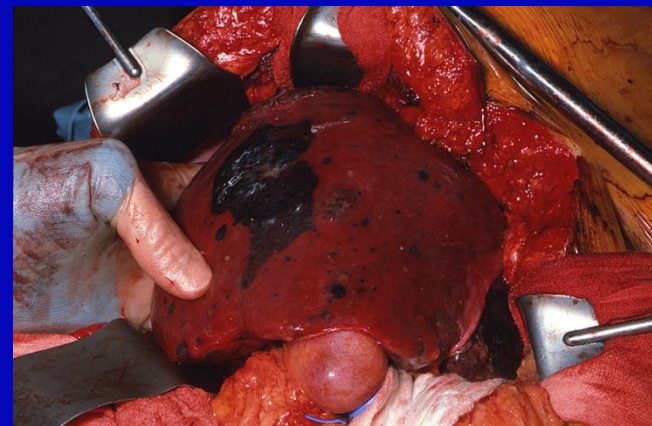
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# Background

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- There is no standard of care for liver-dominant metastatic melanoma; if untreated, the prognosis is dismal
- Recently introduced drugs are limited by tolerability, long induction periods, and applicability
- Regional therapies deliver high chemotherapy doses to the whole organ while limiting unwanted systemic toxicity



# Chemosaturation-PHP\*

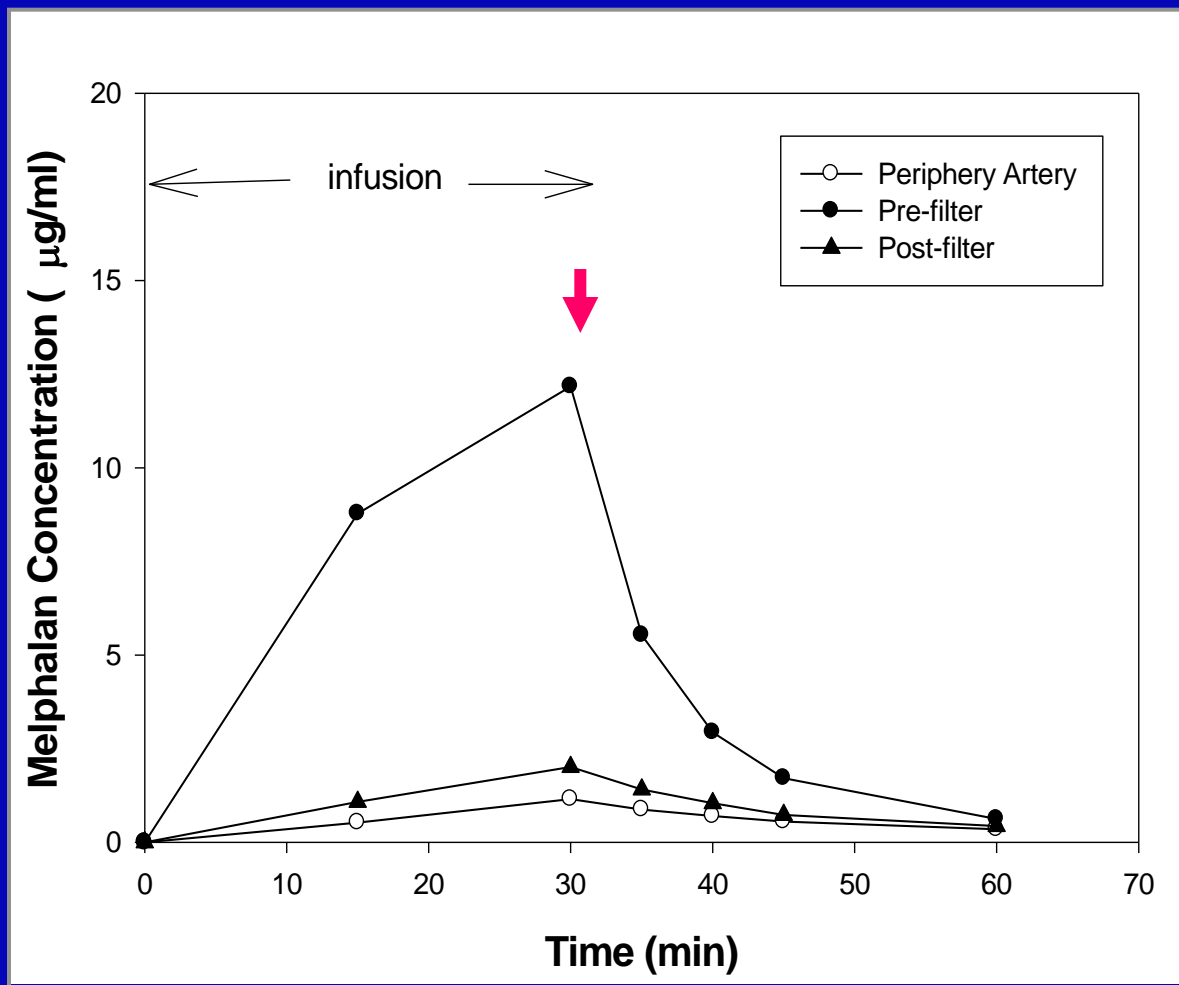
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- Percutaneously isolates the liver from the systemic circulation using a system of special catheters
- Directly infuses high-dose chemotherapy into the liver via the hepatic artery, allowing saturation of the entire organ
- Saturation of the entire organ exposes both visible and invisible (micro)metastases to chemotherapy
- Extracorporeal filtration of the hepatic venous blood reduces systemic exposure to chemotherapy<sup>1</sup>
- The procedure is minimally invasive and repeatable

# Chemotherapy Levels During Therapy

## Chemosaturation with PHP

### Percutaneous Hepatic Perfusion



**3.0 mg/kg**

# Melphalan Dosing Levels

Multiple Myeloma (label)	0.25 mg/kg <sup>1</sup>
Chemoembolization	0.62 mg/kg <sup>2</sup>
Surgical Isolated Hepatic Perfusion	1.5 mg/kg <sup>3</sup>
Percutaneous Hepatic Perfusion (PHP™)	3.0 mg/kg
Myeloablation	2.5-3.5 mg/kg

- Drug dosing 10x higher than FDA approved dose via traditional chemotherapy
- Dose delivered to tumor is estimated at 100x that of systemic chemotherapy
- Filters remove drug from blood, significantly reducing systemic toxicities

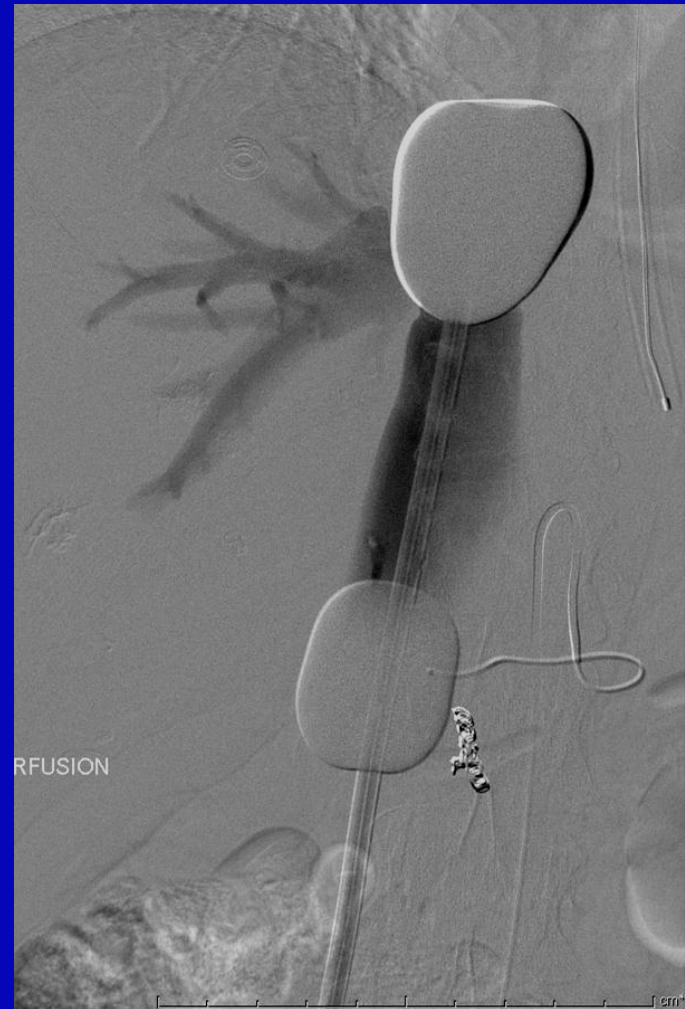
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# Angiographic considerations

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# Patient population

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- Proven ocular or cutaneous metastatic melanoma predominantly in the liver parenchyma
- Limited extra-hepatic disease
- Adequate liver function
  - Total serum bilirubin  $<3.0$  mg/dL
  - Prothrombin time within 2 seconds of ULN
  - Liver function tests  $\leq 10$  x ULN
- No portal hypertension

# Study treatments

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- **CS-PHP with melphalan**
  - 3.0 mg/kg as a 30-minute intra-arterial infusion
  - An additional 30 minutes of extracorporeal filtration at end of infusion (washout)
  - Under general anesthesia
  - Allowed up to 6 treatments, repeated every 4–8 weeks
- **Best alternative care (BAC)**
  - Investigator's choice of systemic, regional or other appropriate therapy
  - Crossover to CS-PHP permitted after hepatic progression (if patients still met eligibility criteria)

# Study design and endpoints

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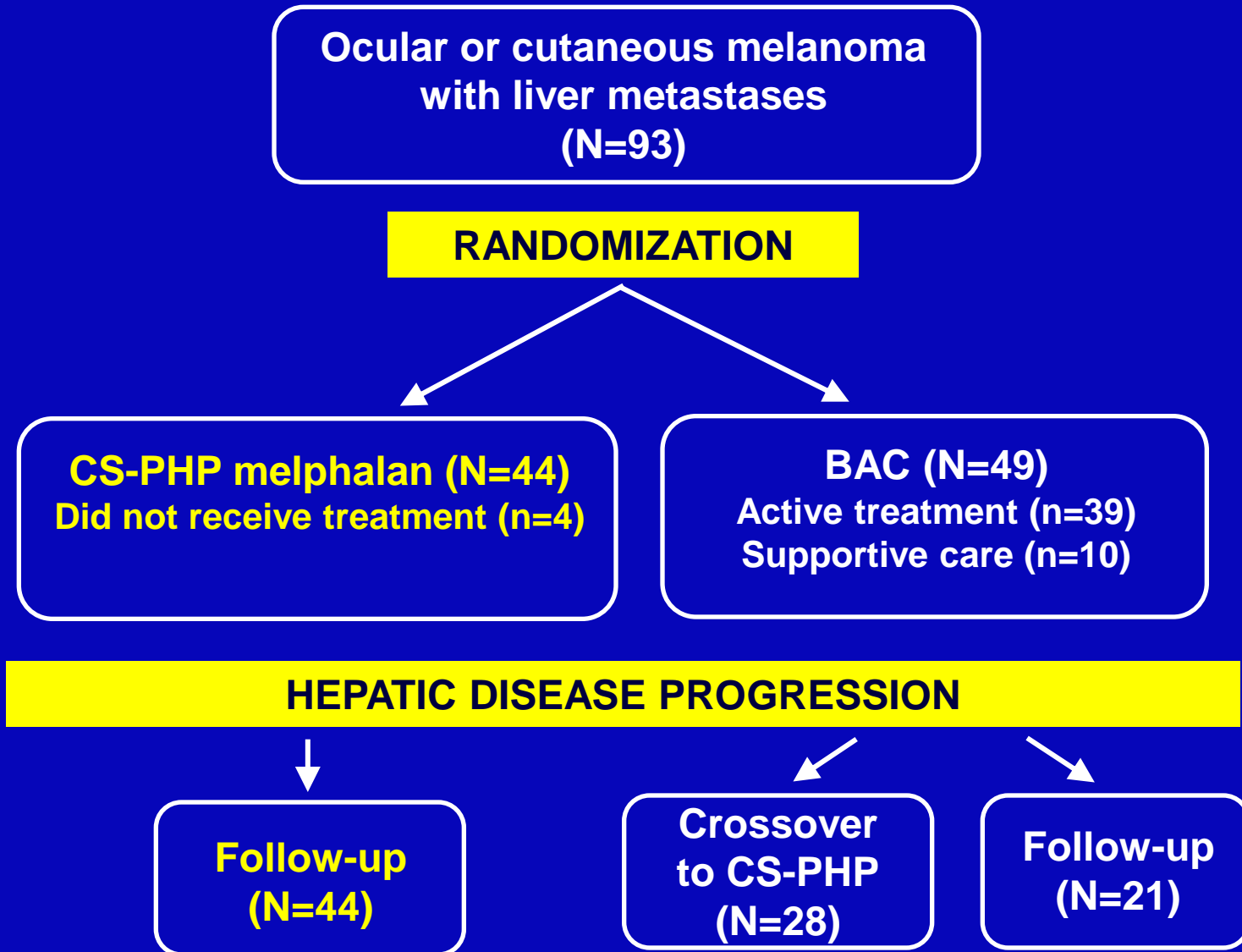
- **Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase 3 study**
- **Study endpoints**
  - **Primary**
    - **hepatic progression-free survival (hPFS) (RECIST)**
    - **defined as time from randomization to hepatic disease progression or death**
  - **Secondary**
    - **hepatic objective response rate**
    - **overall survival**
    - **safety**

# Efficacy analysis

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- **Primary analysis**
  - Conducted after 73 hepatic progression events (per protocol)
  - Performed April 30 2010<sup>1</sup>
- **Survival update**
  - Updated findings as of 31 March 2011 presented
- **Exploratory *post-hoc* analysis**
  - BAC patients who crossed over to CS-PHP vs BAC only

# Patient flowchart



# Results

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## Patient characteristics

- **Between February 2006 and October 2009, 93 patients were enrolled at 10 US centers**
  - **Most (88%) had ocular melanoma**
  - **Metastases were generally confined to the liver (71%)**

# Baseline characteristics (ITT population)

Characteristic	CS-PHP (N=44)	BAC (N=49)
Median age, years	55	56
Primary tumor site, %		
Ocular	86	90
Cutaneous	11	10
Unknown	2	0
Hepatic tumor burden, %		
<50%	82	80
≥50%	18	20
Extrahepatic sites, %	28	33
Previous treatment, %		
Radiation therapy	52	53
Surgery/procedure	55	65
Chemotherapy	16	14

# Baseline characteristics (BAC group, n=49)

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Characteristic	Crossover to CS-PHP (N=28)	Follow-up (N=21)
Median age, years	56	57
Primary tumor site, %		
Ocular	82	95
Cutaneous	18	5
Hepatic tumor burden, %		
<50%	86	67
≥50%	14	33
Extrahepatic sites, %	36	28
Previous treatment, %		
Radiation therapy	54	52
Surgery/procedure	64	67
Chemotherapy	14	14

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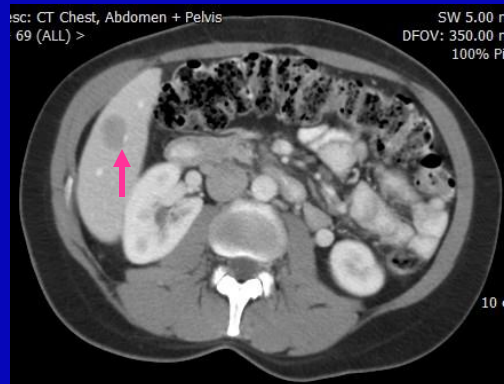
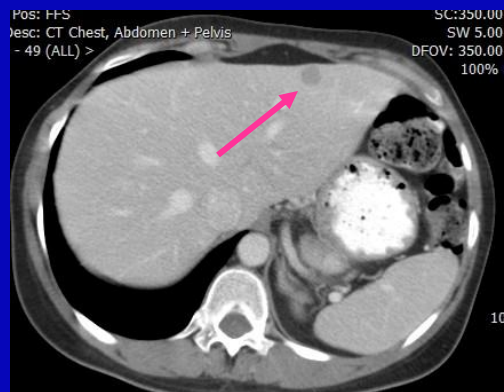
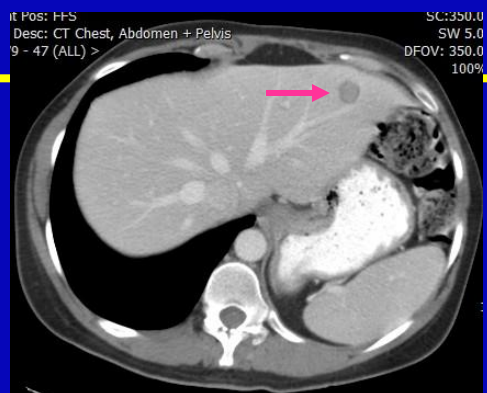


# Treatment exposure

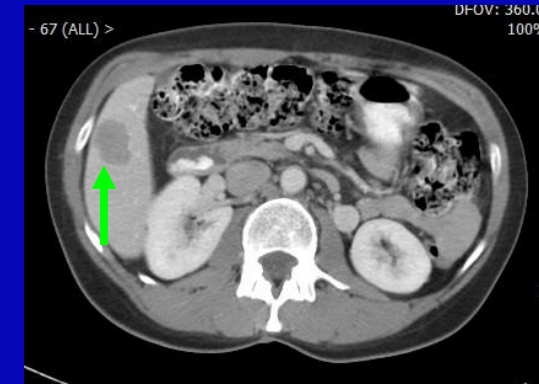
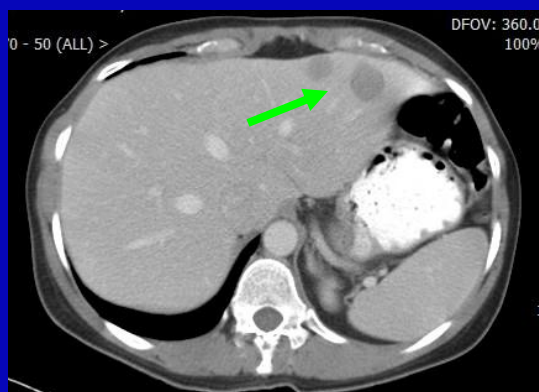
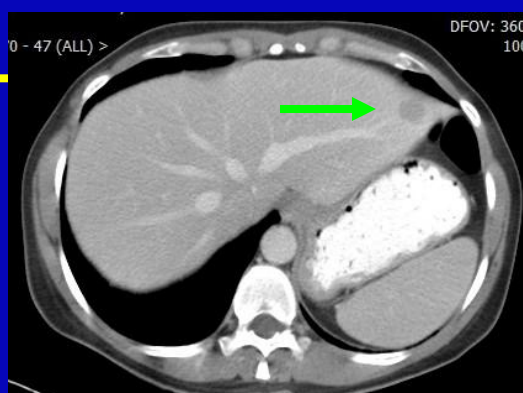
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- Median of 3 (range, 1–6) CS-PHP treatments
- Median melphalan dose 187 mg (range, 85–220 mg)
- BAC constituted active treatment (n=39) or supportive care/watchful waiting (n=10)
- Active BAC treatments
  - Temozolomide (n=20)
  - Chemoembolization (n=10)
  - Yttrium microspheres (n=3)
  - Systemic chemotherapy (n=6)

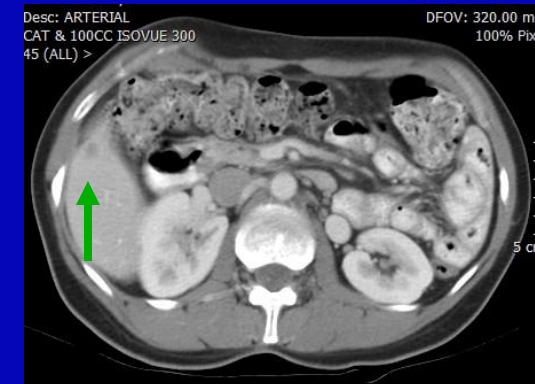
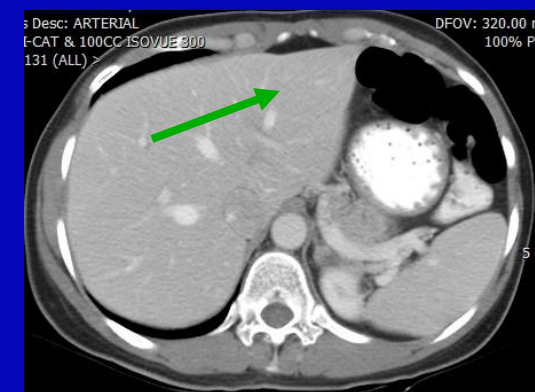
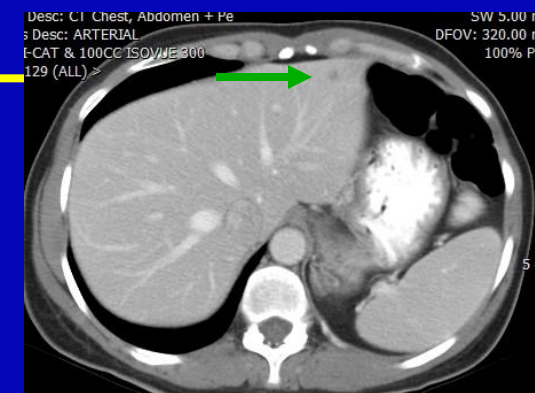
# Phase III PHP results



Baseline (7-24-2006)



Crossover (3-13-2007)



Post treatment (4-11-2008)

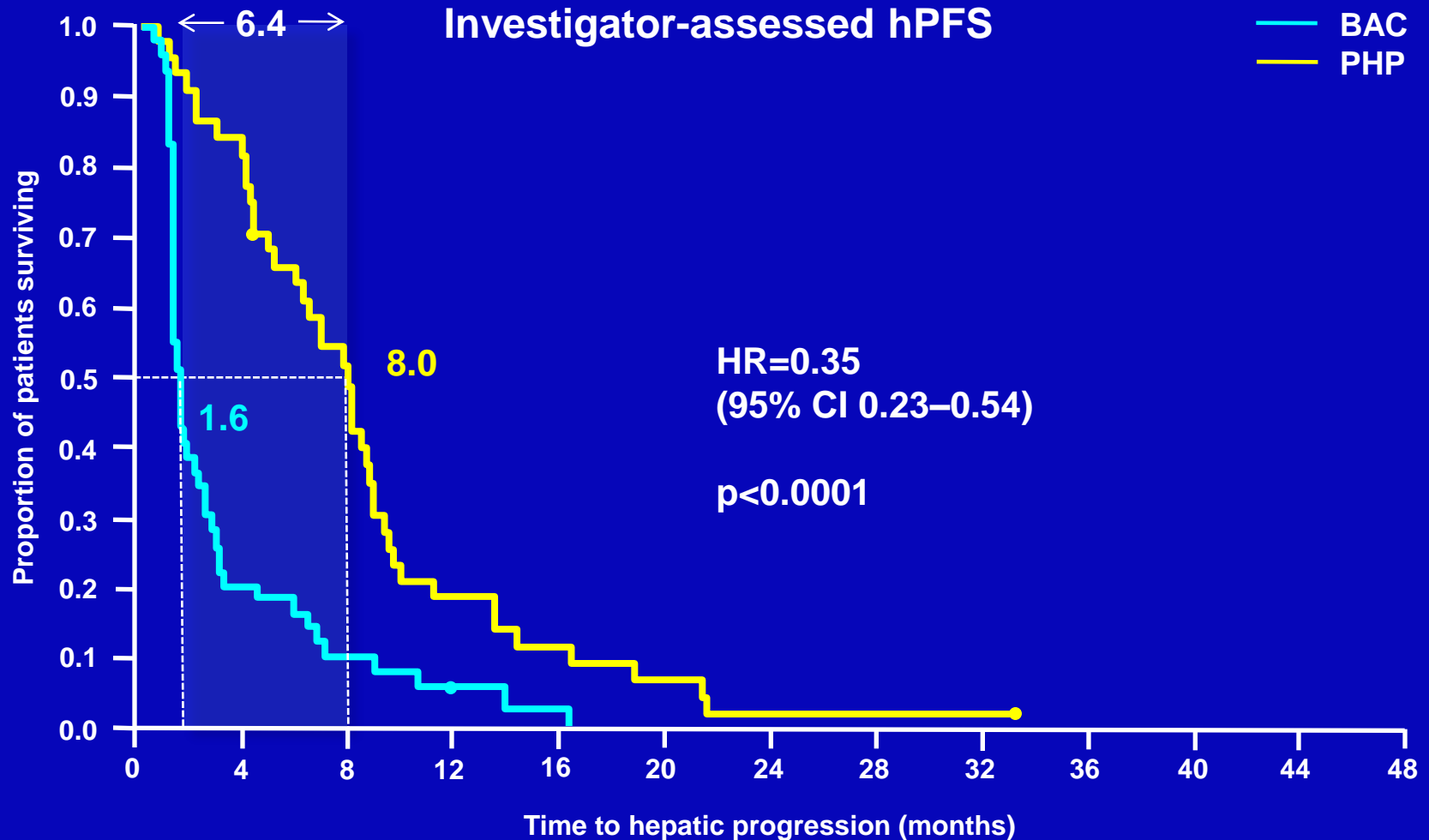
# Efficacy (patients randomized to CS-PHP vs randomized to BAC)

Endpoint	CS-PHP (N=44)	BAC (N=49)	HR (95% CI)	P value
Median hPFS, months	8.0	1.6	0.35 (0.23–0.54)	p<0.0001
Median OS, months	9.8	9.9	1.08 (0.69–1.68)	p=0.7403
ORR, %	32	2	–	p=0.0001

ITT population

Data as of 31 March 2011

# Hepatic progression-free survival



# Efficacy (CS-PHP and by BAC subset)

Endpoint	CS-PHP randomized (N=44)	BAC only (N=21)	BAC-to-PHP crossover (n=28)
<b>Median hPFS, months</b>	8.0	1.6	8.8
HR (crossover vs BAC-only)			0.32
<b>Median overall survival, months</b>	9.8	4.1	15.3
HR (crossover vs BAC-only)			0.33
<b>Still alive as of 31 March 2011</b>	4	3*	7
Follow-up: 9.7–53.5 months			

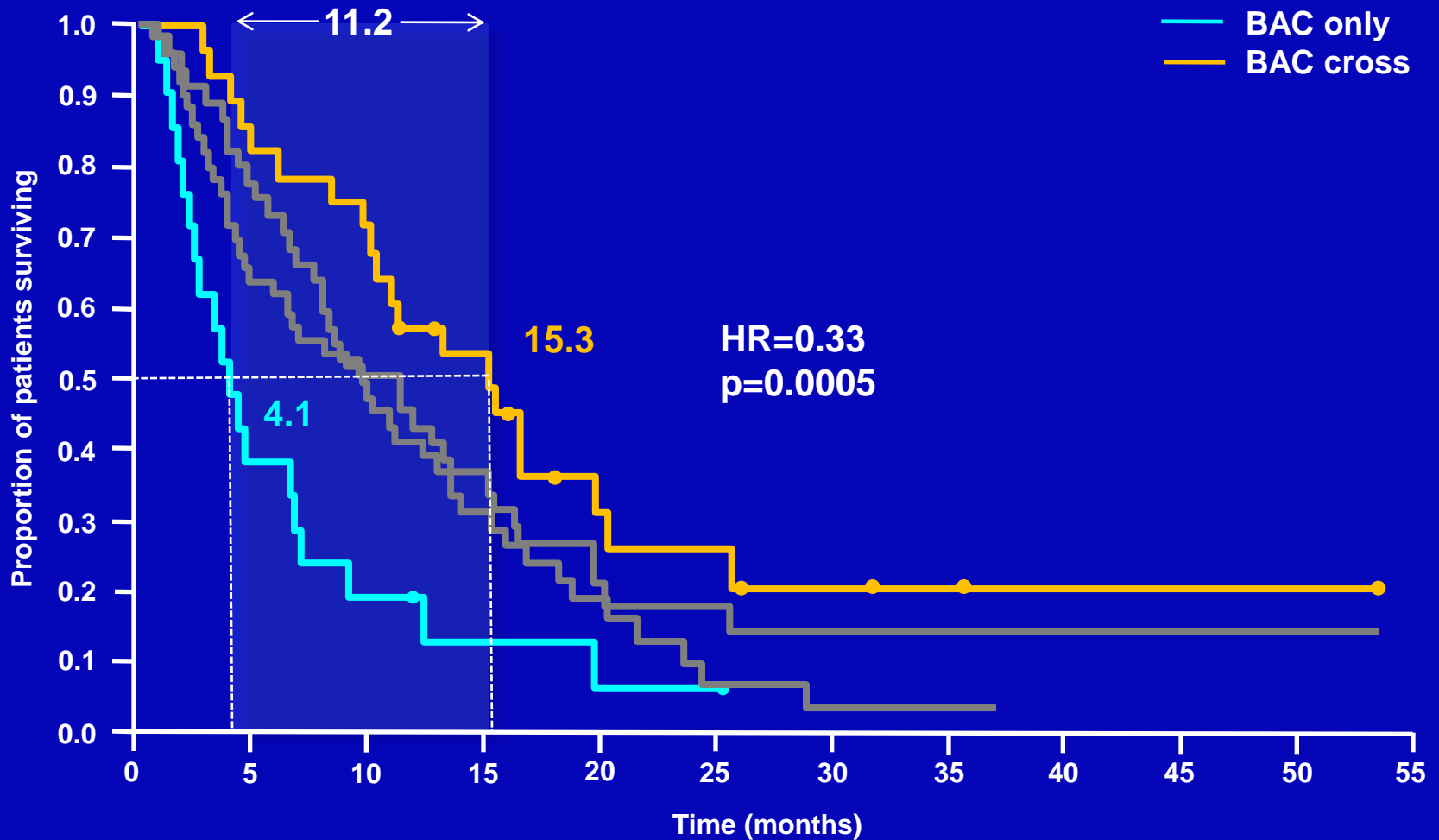
\*1 patient crossed over but never received PHP

BAC-only patients: chemoembolization, HAI nab-paclitaxel, temozolomide

ITT population

Data as of 31 March 2011

# Exploratory cross-over analysis: OS



# Most common peri-procedural\* grade 3/4 AEs (n=40)

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	No. of pts	%
Platelet count decreased	29	73
Hemoglobin decreased	22	55
Blood albumin decreased	15	38
AST increased	12	30
aPTT prolonged	12	30
Blood calcium decreased	8	20
ALT increased	4	10
Blood bilirubin increased	4	10

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\*Day of treatment through to day 3 post-treatment

# Most common in-cycle\* grade 3/4 AEs (n=40)

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	No. of pts	%
Neutrophil count decreased	37	93
Platelet count decreased	33	83
White blood cell count decreased	23	58
Hemoglobin decreased	22	55
Blood bilirubin increased	7	18
Febrile neutropenia	6	15
AST increased	5	13
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	5	13
ALT increased	4	10
Blood albumin decreased	3	8

\*Day 4 post-treatment through to end of treatment cycle



# Safety of CS-PHP melphalan

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- Most common grade 3/4 AEs were thrombocytopenia and anemia
- Low neutrophils, common during in-cycle period
  - febrile neutropenia in 6 patients (15%)
- Hepatic laboratory abnormalities in 10 to 30% of patients
  - Transient peri-procedural transaminitis
  - Hyperbilirubinemia
- Non-hematological toxicities infrequent
- Three treatment-related deaths  $\leq 30$  days of last melphalan dose:
  - hepatic failure in patient with  $>75\%$  liver tumor burden, n=1
  - streptococcal sepsis, n=1
  - gastric perforation, n=1 (BAC-crossover)

# Conclusions

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- **CS-PHP significantly prolonged hPFS compared with BAC in patients with liver-dominant metastatic melanoma**
- **Study primary objective met**
  - Investigator analysis confirmed by IRC and secondary endpoints
- **CS-PHP significantly improved hepatic response rate**
- **Overall survival similar in both groups, as expected**
  - Confounded by crossover
  - Most long-term survivors received CS-PHP
- **Efficacy similar in BAC-crossover and CS-PHP-randomized pts**
- **Hematological AEs managed effectively with supportive care**
- **CS-PHP with melphalan is a new treatment option for unresectable metastatic melanoma in the liver**