

The Role of Radiotherapy In the Management of Massive Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

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Background

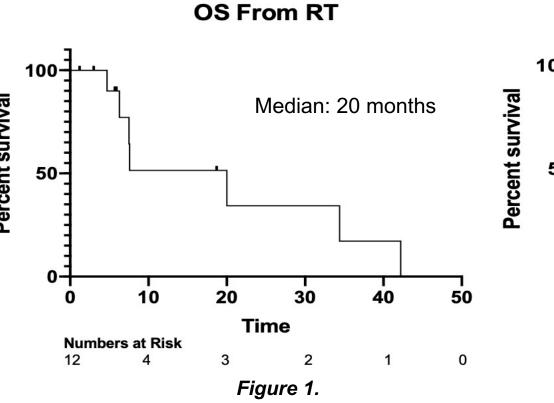
- Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (IHCC) often presents as large tumors with limited role for local therapy.
- Higher radiation therapy (RT) doses may improve outcomes in this patient population.
- We present our experience with RT treatment in patients with large IHCC.

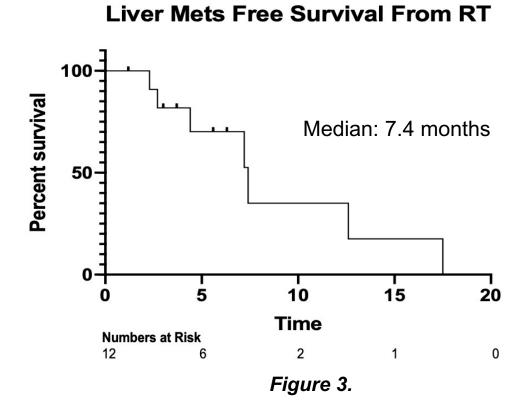
Methods

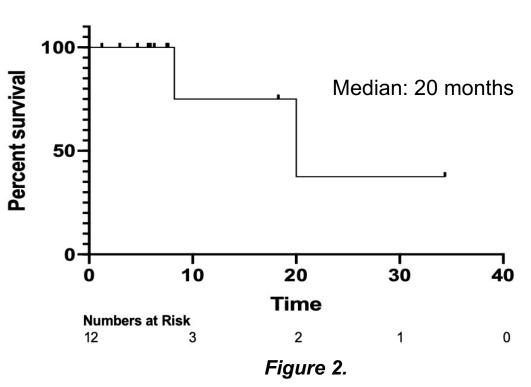
- We performed a retrospective review of patients with IHCC treated with RT at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.
- Patients with a gross tumor volume (GTV) of 800cc or more were eligible for inclusion.
- The main outcomes were overall survival (OS), local progression- (LPFS), and distant metastasis- free survival (DMFS) from the beginning of RT.
- Treatment toxicity was assessed by regularly documented CTCAE criteria.

Table 1: Patient and Tumor Characteristics		
	N=12	
Age	60.0 (55.0-66.8)	
Sex		
Female	4 (33.3)	
Male	8 (66.7)	
T Stage		
2	7 (58.3)	
3	4 (33.3)	
4	1 (8.3)	
N Stage		
0	5 (41.7)	
1	7 (58.3)	
M Stage		
0	8 (66.7)	
1	4 (33.3)	

Table 2: Treatment Characteristics	
	N=12
Chemotherapy pre-RT	
Yes	11 (91.7)
No	1 (8.3)
RT Technique	
IMRT	8 (66.7)
Proton	4 (33.3)
RT Dose	67.5 (60-73.1)
RT fractions	15 (15-15)
Concurrent ChemoRT	
Yes	9 (75.0)
No	3 (25.0)
Chemotherapy post-RT	
Yes	7 (58.3)
No	5 (41.7)







LRFS From RT

Median: 11.3 months

100

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200

300

400

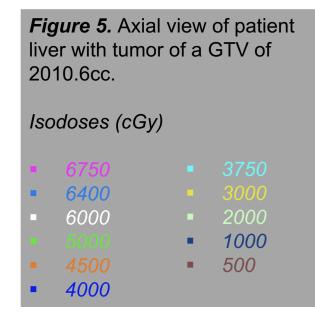
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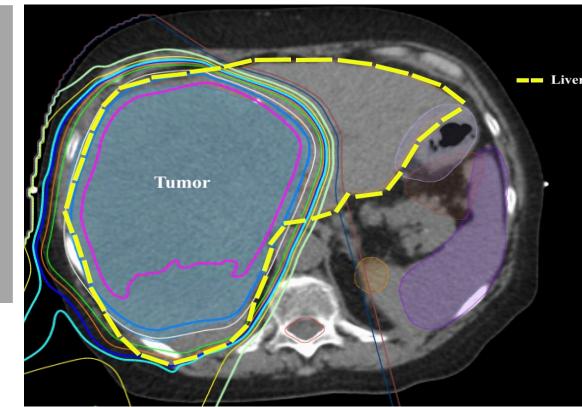
Time

Numbers at Risk
12 4 1 1 1 0

Figure 4.

Distant Mets Free Survival From RT





Results

- GTV/Liver Volume: 43.9% (31.1-61.8).
- The median GTV was 1277.7cc (IQR 900.0-1929.4).
- Only 2 patients (16.7%) died from tumorrelated liver failure.
- The main adverse events noted were grade 1 fatigue (9, 75.0%), nausea (6, 50.0%) and abdominal pain (6, 50.0%).

Conclusions

- Patients with large IHCC showed excellent clinical outcomes in response to high dose RT, within minimal toxicity.
- Future prospective studies are needed to better define the role of RT and possibly systemic treatments in this patient population.