

# Colangitis biliar primaria (CBP) no respondedora a AUDC y síndrome de “overlap” CBP-HAI: Alternativas actuales.

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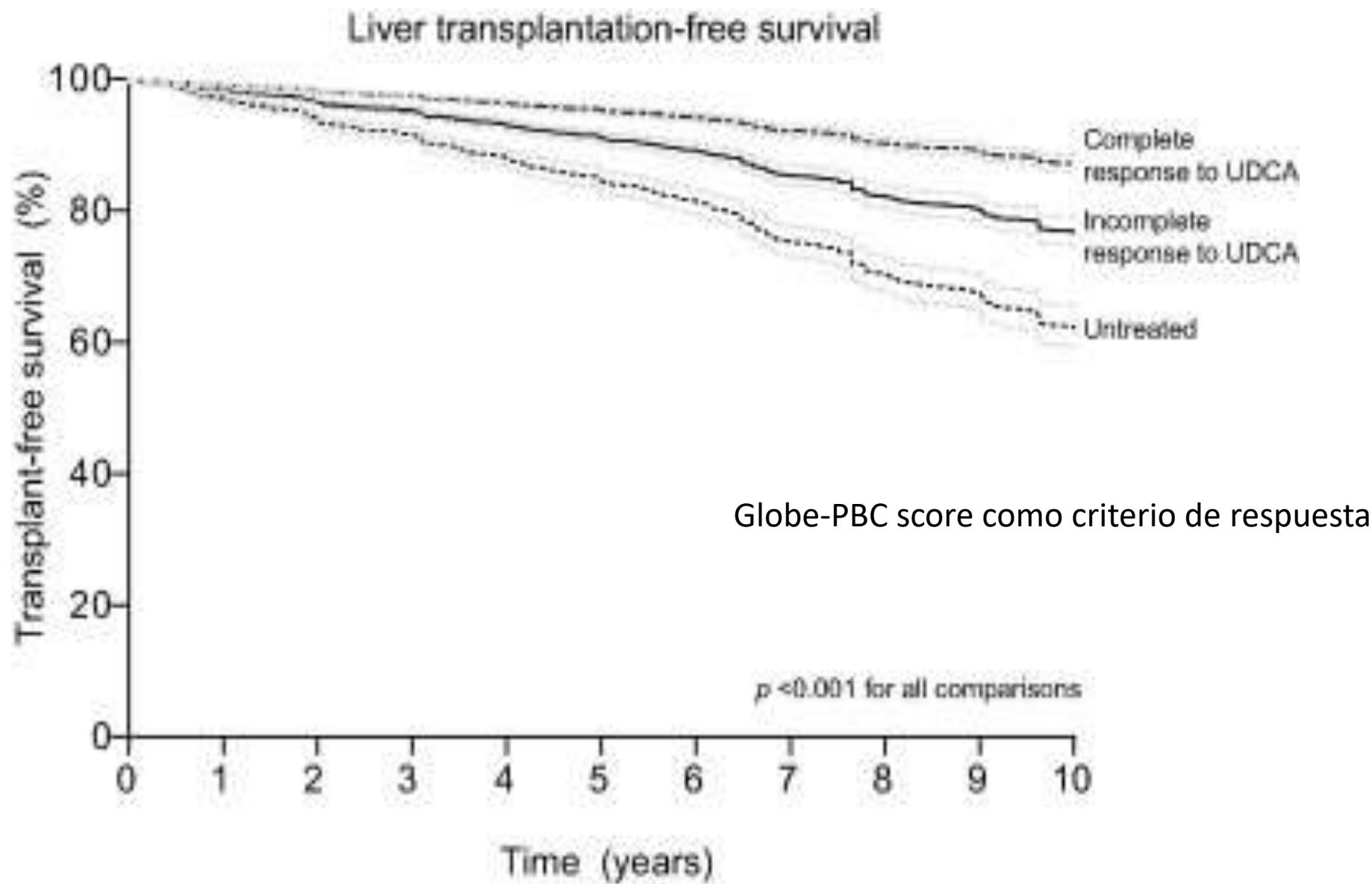
# Sinopsis.

- 1.Criterios de no respuesta al AUDC.
- 2.Tratamientos de segunda línea.
- 3.Triple terapia.
- 4.Manejo del síndrome de solapamiento CBP-HAI.

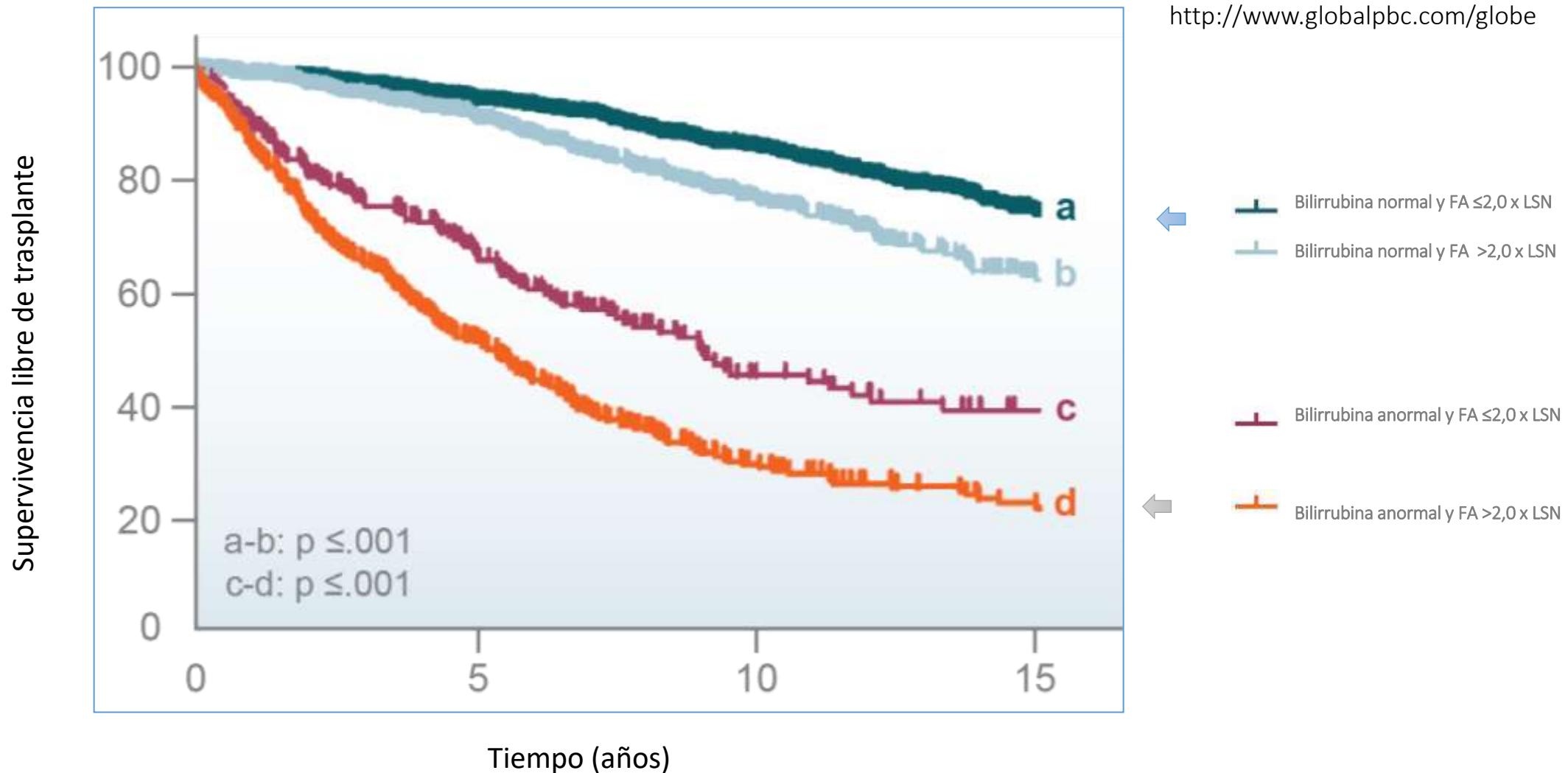
# Acido Ursodeoxicólico (AUDC)

- Las guías de la EASL recomiendan la administración de ácido ursodesoxicólico (AUDC) a dosis de 13-15 mg/kg/día en pacientes con CBP <sup>1</sup>.
- En un estudio de cohorte (n=3902) el tratamiento con AUDC redujo el riesgo de trasplante de hígado o fallecimiento independientemente del estadio ([HR] 0,46 (IC95% 0,40–0,52; p<0,001)<sup>2</sup>.
- Estos hallazgos se confirmaron en un meta-análisis de siete ensayos controlados aleatorios y seis de seguimiento<sup>3</sup>. Los efectos secundarios comunes del AUDC incluyen debilitamiento del pelo, aumento de peso y flatulencia <sup>4</sup>.
- Hasta un 30-40% de los pacientes no responden al AUDC<sup>5</sup>.

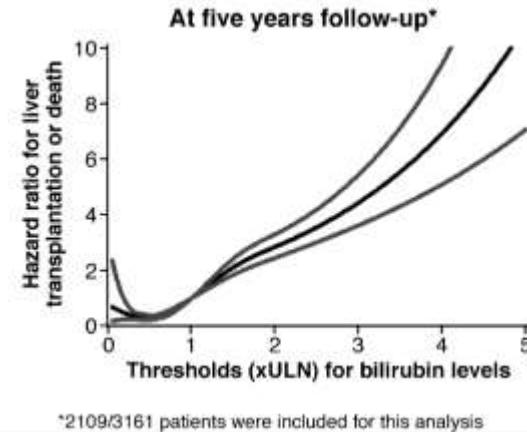
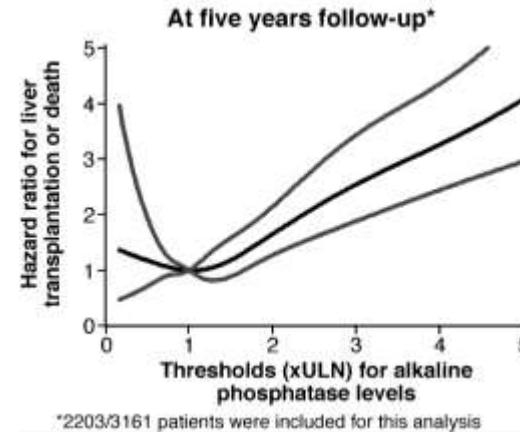
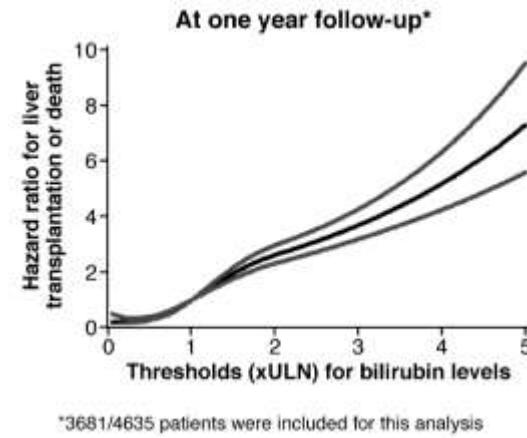
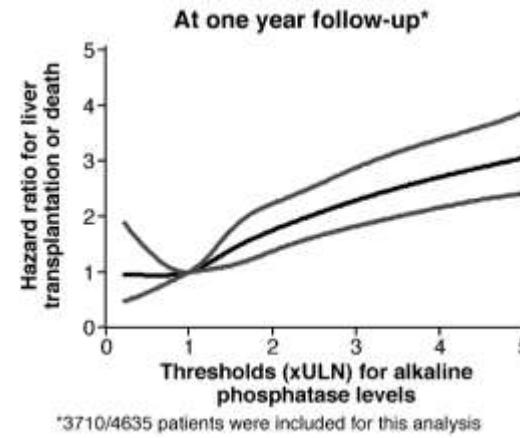
1. EASL clinical practice guidelines: the diagnosis and management of patients with primary biliary cholangitis. *J Hepatol.* 2017;67:145–172; 2. Harms MH et al. *J Hepatol.* 2019;71:357–365; 3. Shi J et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2006;101:1529–1538; 4. Onofrio FQ et al. *Gastroenterol Hepatol (N Y).* 2019;15:145–154.; 5. Goel A, Kim WR. *Clin Liver Dis.* 2018;22:563–578



# Capacidad pronóstica reforzada de la combinación FAL y Bilirrubina a 10 años de seguimiento.



# Evaluar la respuesta al AUDC al año...Cuanto mas bajas son la FA y bilirrubina, mayor supervivencia.



HR: Hazard Ratio; LSN: Límite Superior de la Normalidad; FA: Fosfatasa Alcalina; BILI total: Bilirrubina total; AUDC: ácido ursodesoxicólico

Criterios	Meses después de empezar AUDC	Criterios de respuesta incompleta
<b>Escalas binarias</b>		<b>Variables</b>
Rochester	6	ALP> 2XULN
Barcelona	12	ALP>ULN or less than 40% decrease in ALP
Paris-I	12	ALP >3ULN, AST >2 ULN, or T.Bili>ULN
Paris-II	12	ALP>1.5XULN, AST>1.5XULN or TB>1 mg/dl
Rotterdam	12	TB>ULN or Albumin<LLN
Toronto	24	ALP>1.67 X ULN
<b>Escalas continuas</b>		<b>Variables</b>
GLOBE-PBC	12	TB, ALP, Albumin and platelet count after 12 months of ursodiol. Age at baseline
UK-PBC	12	TB, ALP, and AST (or ALT) after 12 months of ursodiol use. Albumin and platelets at baseline

Criteria <sup>a</sup>	Derivation cohort (n = 2488)					Validation cohort (n = 1631)				
	HR	95% CI	P value	C-statistic	95% CI	HR	95% CI	P value	C-statistic	95% CI
Barcelona	1.69	1.39–2.06	<.0001	0.58	0.55–0.61	1.84	1.42–2.38	<.0001	0.57	0.54–0.61
Paris-1	3.64	3.03–4.36	<.0001	0.69	0.66–0.71	4.61	3.61–5.90	<.0001	0.70	0.67–0.73
Rotterdam	4.11	3.32–5.08	<.0001	0.69	0.66–0.71	4.10	3.11–5.42	<.0001	0.68	0.65–0.71
Toronto	2.13	1.76–2.56	<.0001	0.61	0.58–0.63	2.46	1.90–3.18	<.0001	0.62	0.59–0.65
Paris-2	2.82	2.29–3.47	<.0001	0.63	0.61–0.65	2.89	2.17–3.85	<.0001	0.63	0.61–0.66
GLOBE score	—	—	—	0.81	0.79–0.83	—	—	—	0.82	0.79–0.84

**Table 4.** Multivariable analyses of risk prediction scores at 1 year of UDCA therapy (N = 905)

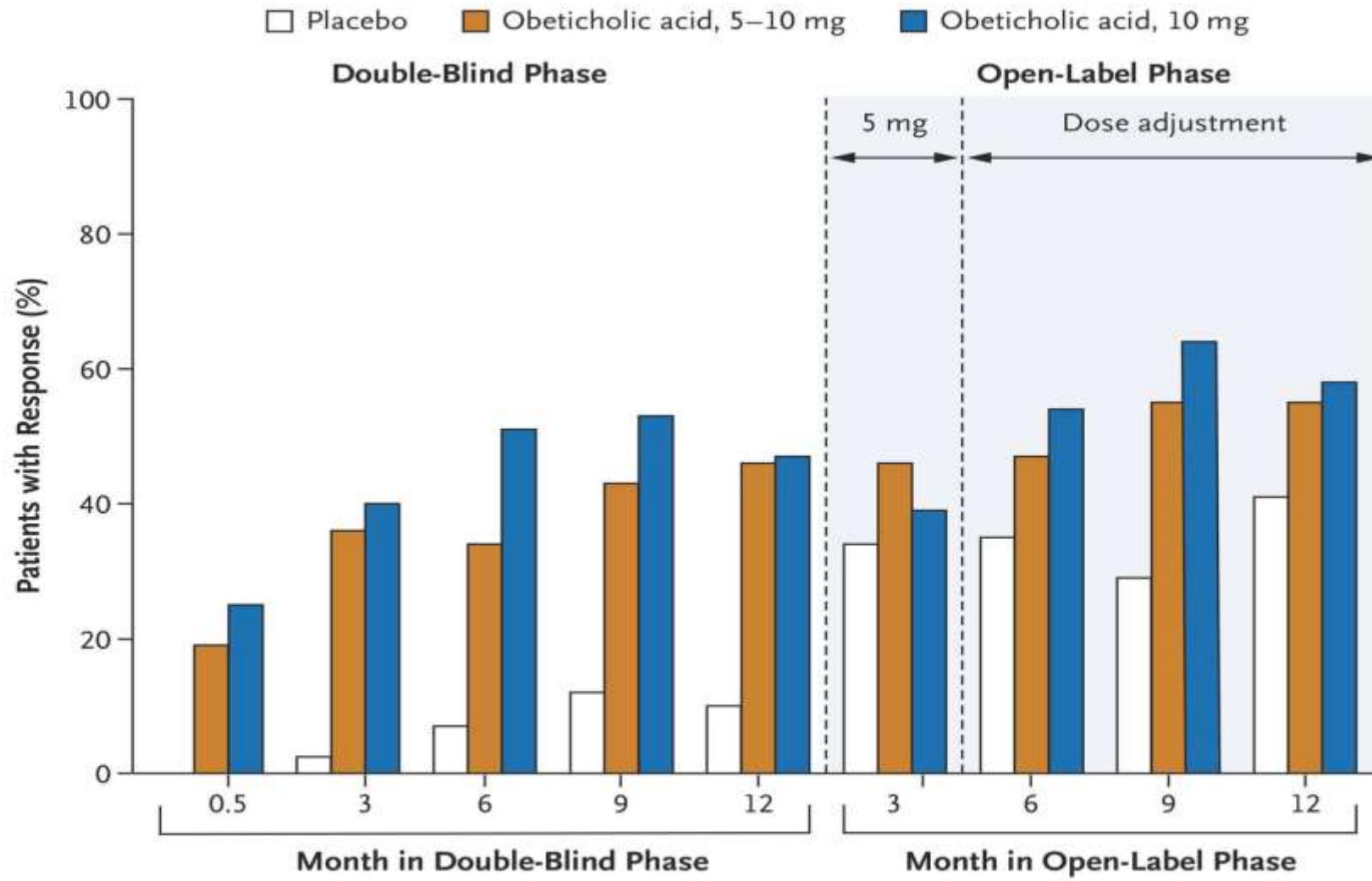
Prognostic score	Univariate analyses			Multivariable analyses		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P value	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P value
MRS 1989	2.40	3.14-2.70	<0.001			
MRS 1994	1.98	1.81-2.17	<0.001	1.28	1.06-1.55	0.01
MELD	1.15	1.12-1.18	<0.001	1.02	0.97-1.07	0.37
UK-PBC	2.10	1.86-2.37	<0.001	0.99	0.82-1.21	0.99
GLOBE	3.34	2.83-3.95	<0.001	2.36	1.71-3.27	<0.001

CI, confidence interval; MELD, Model for End-stage Liver Disease; MRS, Mayo Risk Score; UDCA, ursodeoxycholic acid.

# Tratamientos de segunda linea

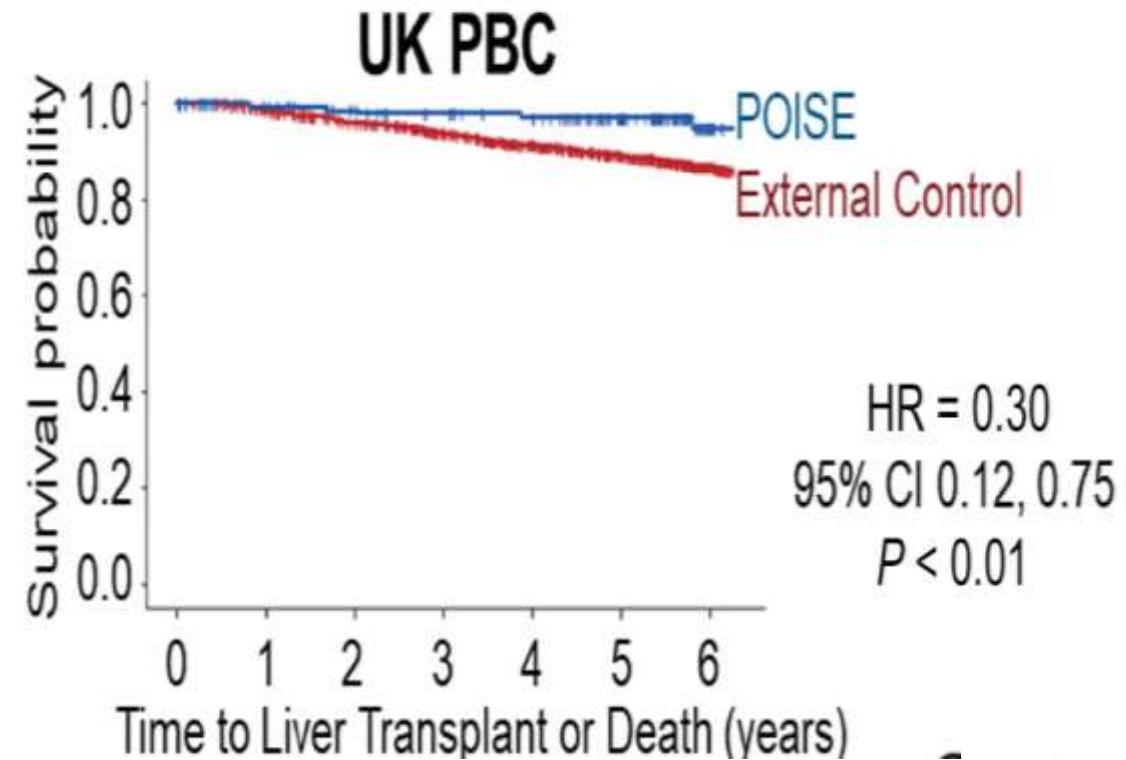
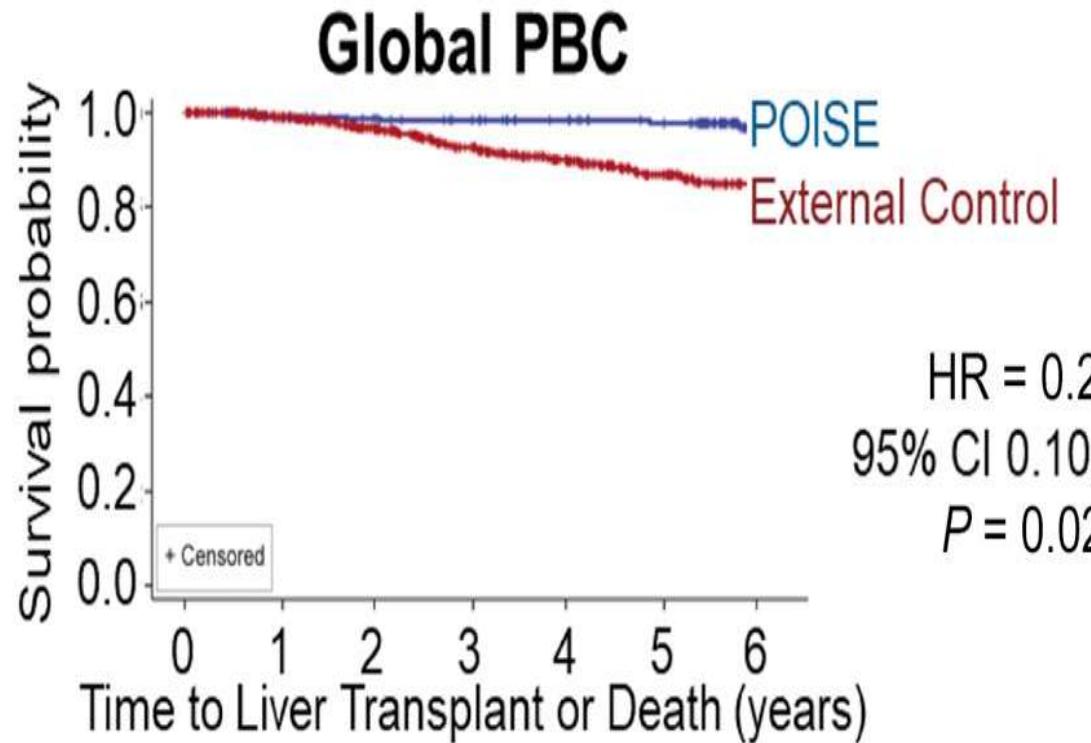
1. Agonistas FxR: Acido Obeticólico (OCA)
2. Agonistas PPAR: Bezafibrato
3. Nuevos agonistas PPAR (Elafibranor y Seladelpar)
4. Inhibidores de al NADPH Oxidasa (NOX1 y NOX4):  
Senataxib (Fase 2b-3).
5. Triple terapia.

Descenso de FA a  
 $\leq 1,67$  LSN y  $\Delta-15\%$   
 Bilirrubina normal



#### No. of Patients

	0.5	3	6	9	12	3	6	9	12
Placebo	73	73	73	73	73	64	60	59	59
Obeticholic acid, 5–10 mg	70	70	70	70	70	63	62	62	60
Obeticholic acid, 10 mg	73	73	73	73	73	64	59	61	59



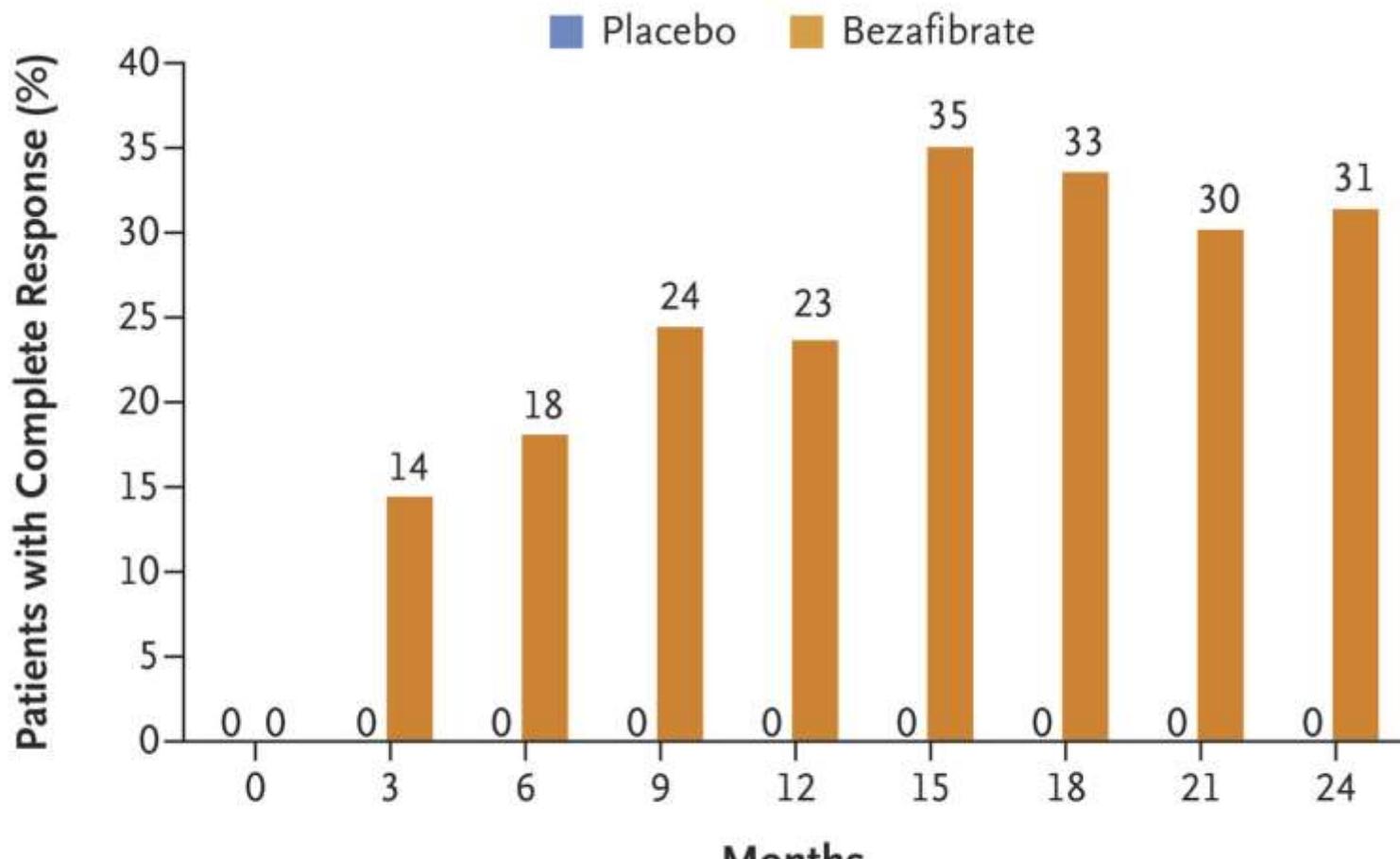
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# Efectos adversos.

- El prurito es el EA mas frecuente con OCA<sup>1</sup>. El mecanismo de acción es desconocido, y dosis dependiente. Afectó al 68% del grupo de 10 mg y 56% en el de 5-10 mg en el ensayo POISE<sup>1</sup>.
- La hepatotoxicidad secundaria a OCA parece dosis-dependiente en pacientes con hepatopatia mas avanzada<sup>2,3</sup>. Por lo que OCA esta contraindicada en cirrosis CPT-B y existe una advertencia de la FDA<sup>4</sup>.
- Se recomienda monitorizacion estrecha en estos pacientes<sup>5</sup>.

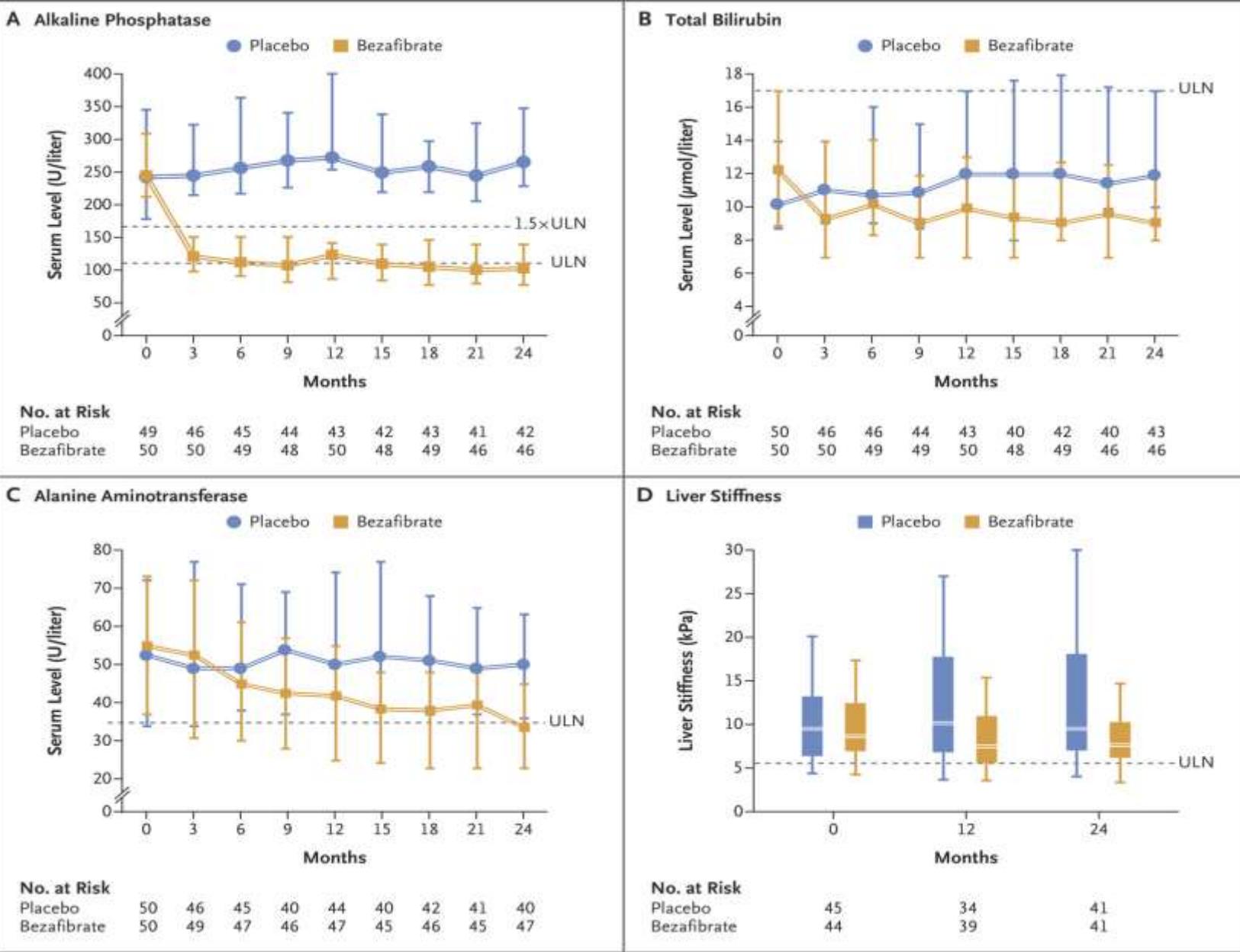
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4. US Food and Drug Administration. *FDA Adds Boxed Warning to Highlight Correct Dosing of Ocaliva (Obeticholic Acid) for Patients with a Rare Chronic Liver Disease*. US Food and Drug Administration; 2018;  
5. Siddiqui MS et al. *J Hepatol*. 2020;72:25–33



#### No. at Risk

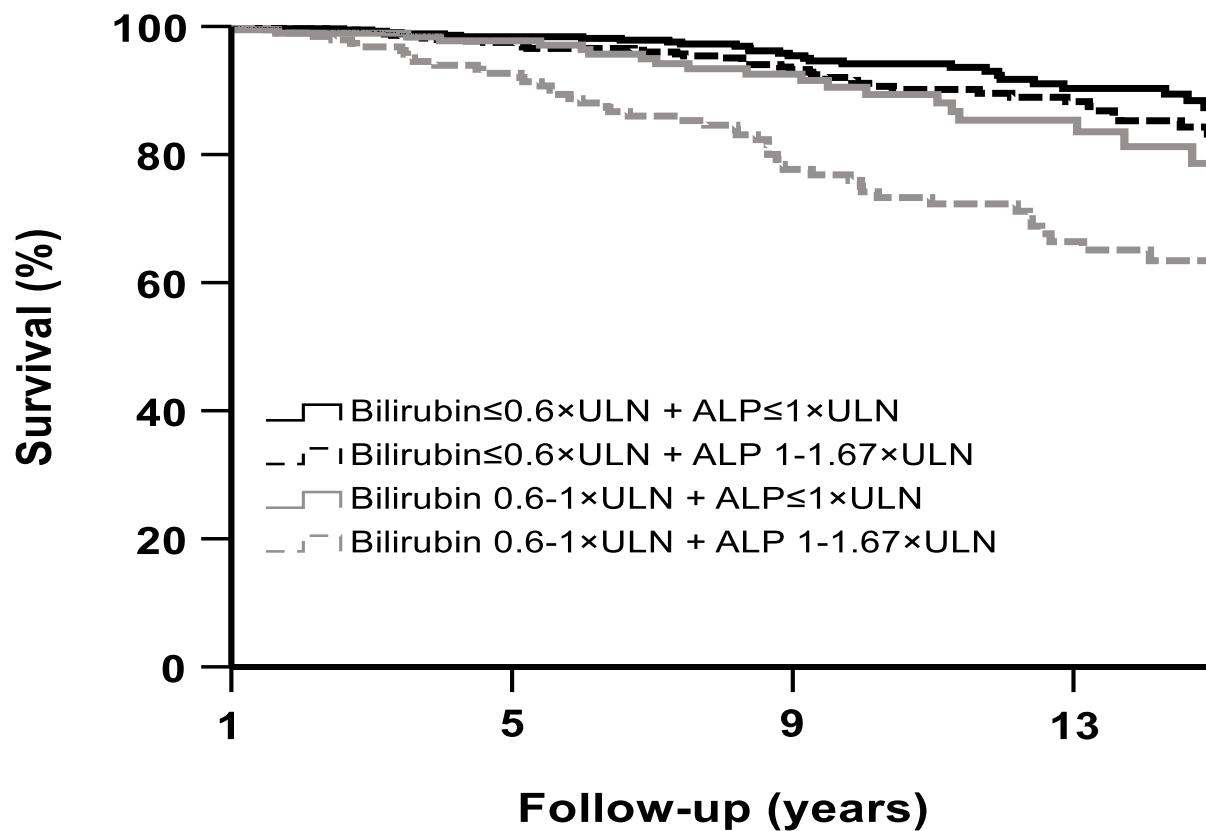
Placebo	46	41	41	39	41	36	36	36	39
Bezafibrate	47	49	45	41	47	43	45	40	45



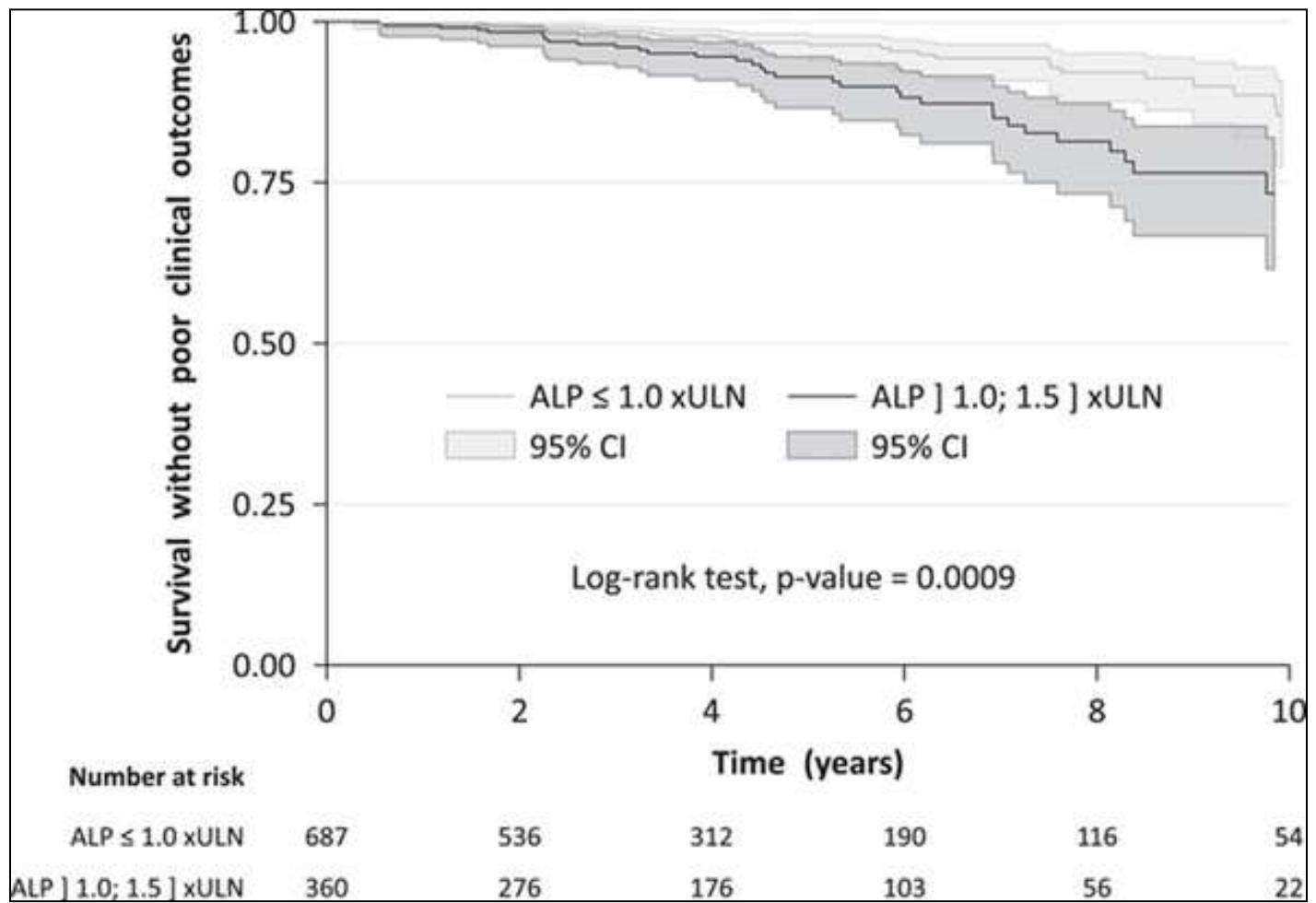
## Drugs Currently in Phase 2-3 Clinical Trials for the Management of PBC

Drug	NCT	Mechanism of Action	Primary Endpoint/Comments
Seladelpar	<a href="#">NCT04620733</a>	PPAR- $\delta$ agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ALP&lt;1.67 ULN</li> <li>•&gt;15% reduction in ALP</li> <li>•Total bilirubin &lt;ULN</li> </ul>
Saroglitzazar	<a href="#">NCT05133336</a>	PPAR $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ALP&lt;1.67 ULN</li> <li>•&gt;15% reduction in ALP</li> <li>•Total bilirubin &lt;ULN</li> </ul>
Elafibranor	<a href="#">NCT04526665</a>	PPAR- $\alpha$ and $\delta$ agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ALP&lt;1.67 ULN</li> <li>•&gt;15% reduction in ALP</li> <li>•Total bilirubin &lt;ULN</li> </ul>
Setanaxib	<a href="#">NCT05014672</a>	NOX 1 and 4 inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ALP&lt;1.67 ULN</li> <li>•&gt;15% reduction in ALP</li> <li>•Total bilirubin &lt;ULN</li> </ul>
Linerixibat	<a href="#">NCT04950127</a>	ASBT inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Monthly itch scores over 24 weeks</li> </ul>
Non-bile FXR agonists	<a href="#">NCT02943447</a>	FxR agonists	No data on GLOBE scores. It is likely that the real impact on long-term survival is not reflected by GLOBE scores because of the ability of FXR agonists to induce ALP transcription
Aldafermin	<a href="#">NCT02026401</a>	Subcutaneously administered analog of FGF-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No data on GLOBE scores, but will likely improve it based on improvement in the ALP levels noted</li> </ul>

## Nuevos objetivos bioquímicos.

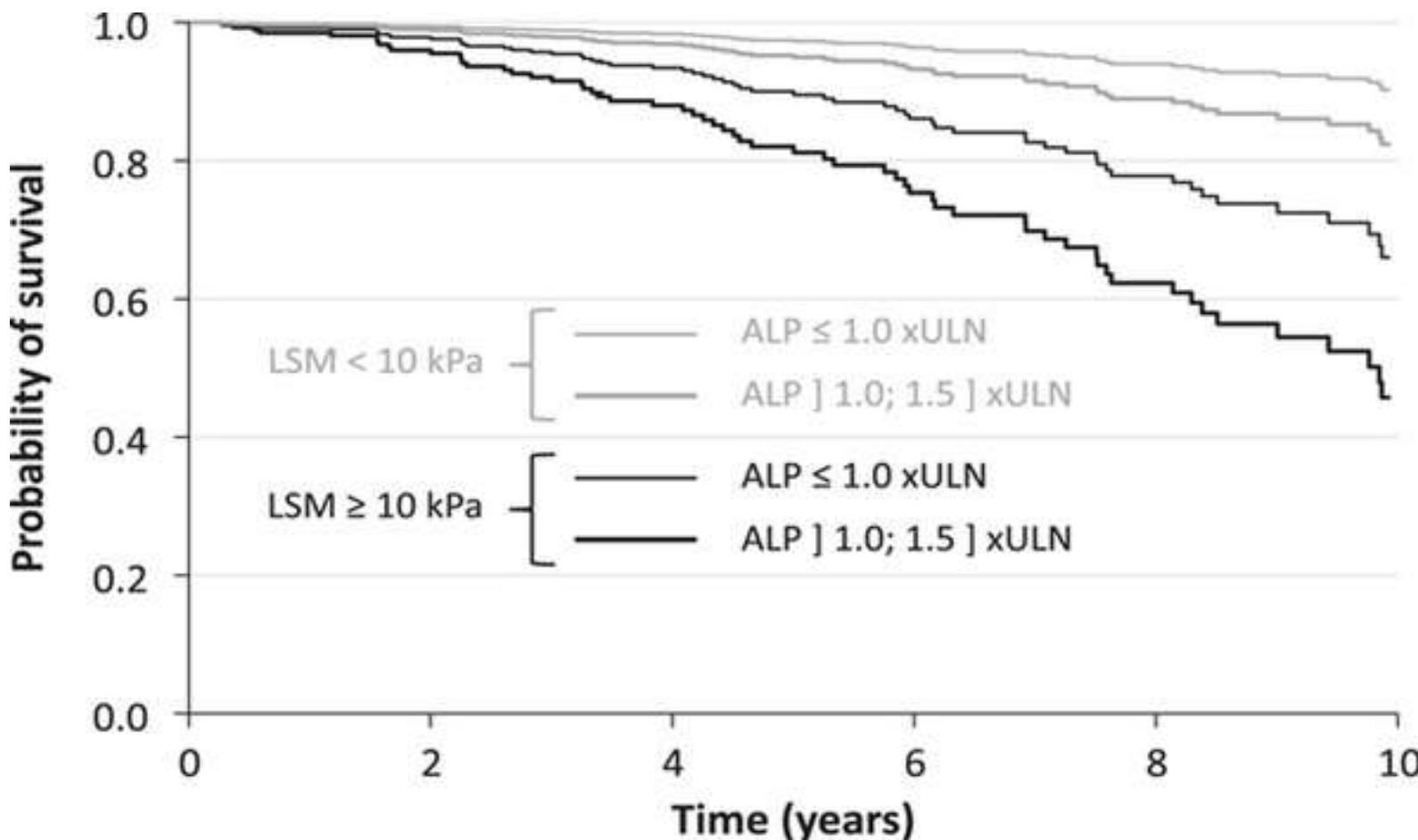


a	579	407	243	123
b	552	416	238	126
c	194	148	97	48
d	198	143	97	51



Adequate versus deep response to ursodeoxycholic acid in primary biliary cholangitis: To what extent and under what conditions is normal alkaline phosphatase level associated with complication-free survival gain?.

N=1047 pacientes que cumplían criterios de respuesta al AUDC (Paris II)



Normal serum ALP values (but not normal GGT, ALT, AST or total bilirubin  $< 0.6 \times \text{ULN}$ , were associated with a significant absolute complication-free survival gain at 10 years (mean 7.6 months, 95% CI: 2.7 - 12.6 mo.;  $p = 0.003$ ). In subgroup analysis, this association was significant in patients with a LSM  $\geq 10 \text{ kPa}$  and/or age  $\leq 62$  years, with a 10-year absolute complication-free survival gain of 52.8 months (95% CI: 45.7-59.9,  $p < 0.001$ ) when these 2 conditions were met.

Corpechot Ch et al Hepatology. 2024; 79:39-48.

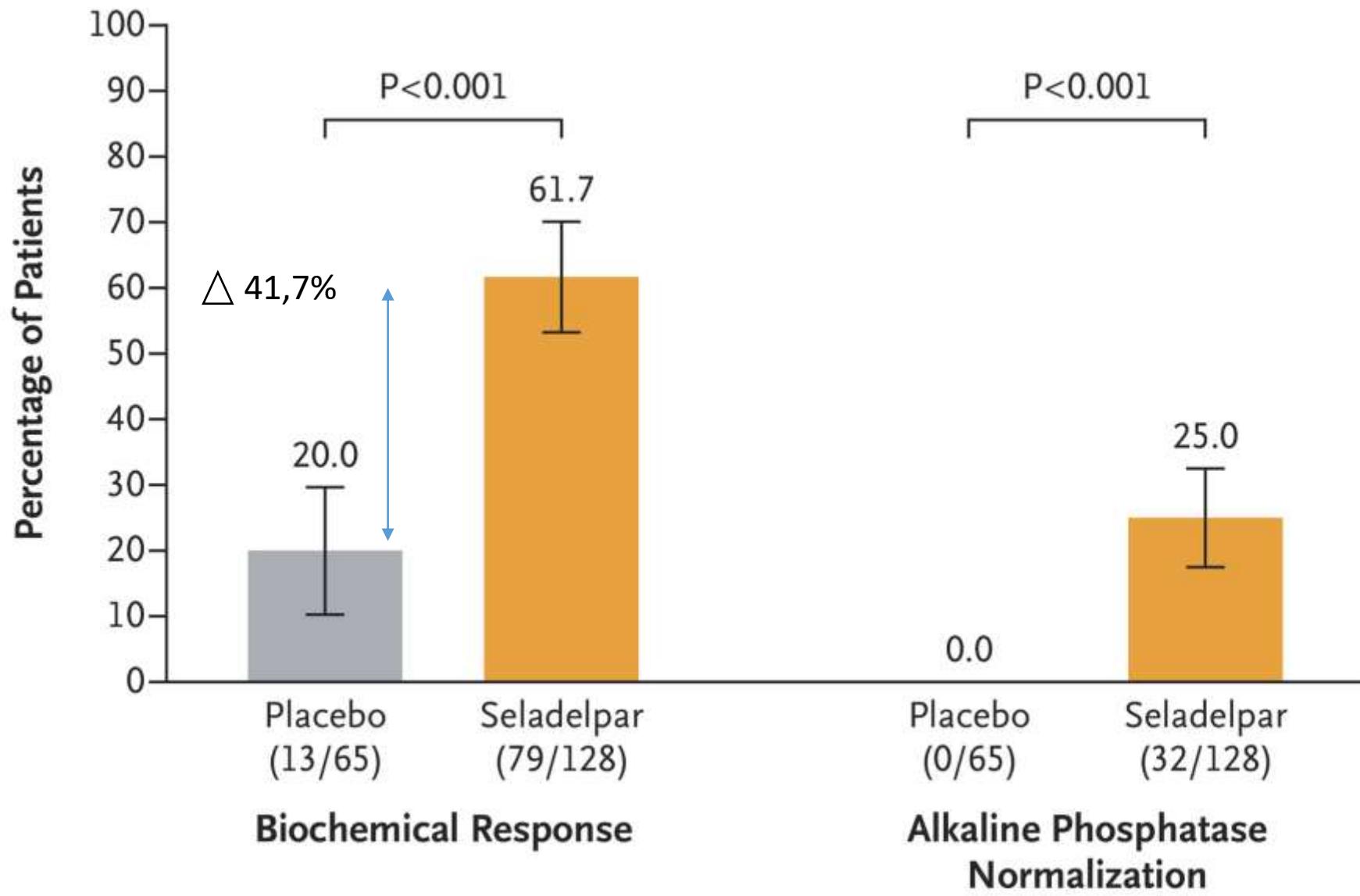
## RESEARCH SUMMARY

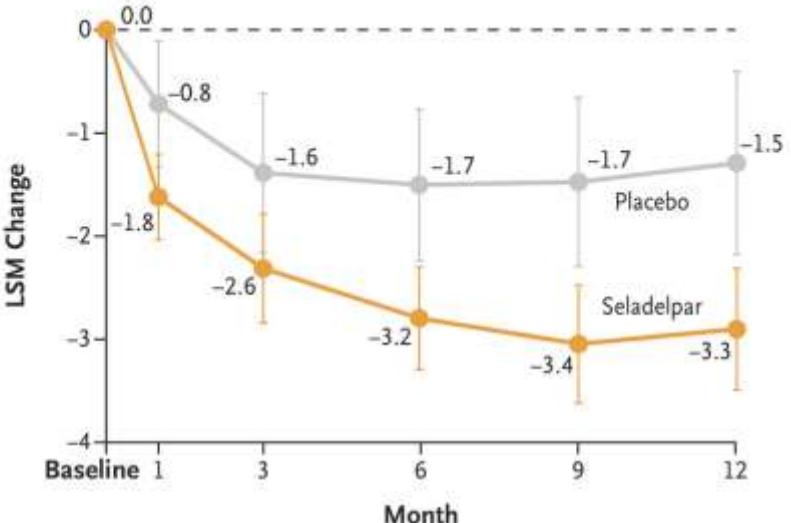
**A Phase 3 Trial of Seladelpar in Primary Biliary Cholangitis**

Hirschfield GM et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2312100

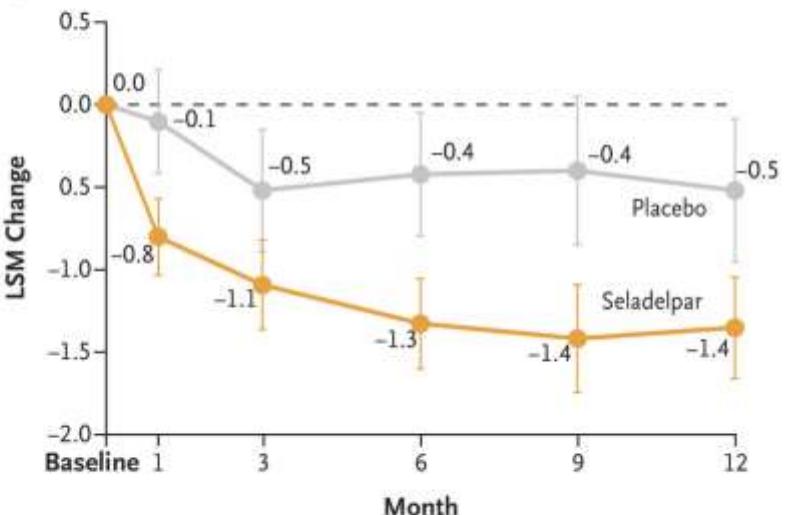
Characteristic	Placebo (N = 65)	Seladelpar (N = 128)
Age — yr	57.0±9.2	56.6±10.0
Age at diagnosis — yr	49.3±10.9	49.2±9.9
Female sex — no. (%)	60 (92.3)	123 (96.1)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†		
White	56 (86.2)	114 (89.1)
Asian	4 (6.2)	7 (5.5)
Black	2 (3.1)	2 (1.6)
American Indian or Alaska Native	3 (4.6)	3 (2.3)
Hispanic or Latino	27 (41.5)	29 (22.7)
Duration of disease — yr	8.6±6.5	8.2±6.7
Positive for antimitochondrial antibodies — no. (%)‡	55 (84.6)	106 (82.8)
Ursodeoxycholic acid		
History of unacceptable side effects — no. (%)	4 (6.2)	8 (6.2)
Daily dose — mg/kg§	14.9±3.3	15.0±3.1
Alkaline phosphatase level — U/liter¶	313.8±117.7	314.6±123.0
≥350 U/liter 3×ULN — no. (%)	18 (27.7)	35 (27.3)
Total bilirubin level — mg/dl	0.74±0.3	0.77±0.3
>ULN — no. (%)	5 (7.7)	20 (15.6)
ALT level — U/liter**	48.2±22.8	47.4±23.5
AST level — U/liter††	41.7±16.0	39.6±16.1
γ-glutamyltransferase — U/liter‡‡	287.5±249.6	269.0±240.0
Albumin level — g/dl	4.1±0.2	4.2±0.3
Platelet count — ×10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup> ¶¶	241.9±84.5	241.7±78.9
History of pruritus — no. (%)	48 (73.8)	91 (71.1)
Pruritus NRS score¶¶	3.0±3.0	3.0±2.8
≥4 — no. (%)	23 (35.4)	49 (38.3)
≥4 — mean score	6.6±1.4	6.1±1.4
Liver stiffness — kPa	8.7±4.2	9.8±6.2
Cirrhosis — no. (%)***	9 (13.8)	18 (14.1)
Portal hypertension	3 (4.6)	0

**RESPONSE Trial (Fase III) Baseline Demographic and Clinical Characteristics.\***Hirschfield GM, Bowlus CL, Mayo MJ, et al. A phase 3 trial of seladelpar in primary biliary cholangitis. *N Engl J Med* 2024;390:783-794.



**A Patients with a Baseline Pruritus NRS Score  $\geq 4$** **No. at Risk**

Placebo	23	22	22	20	20	16
Seladelpar	49	48	46	45	36	39

**B Overall Population****No. at Risk**

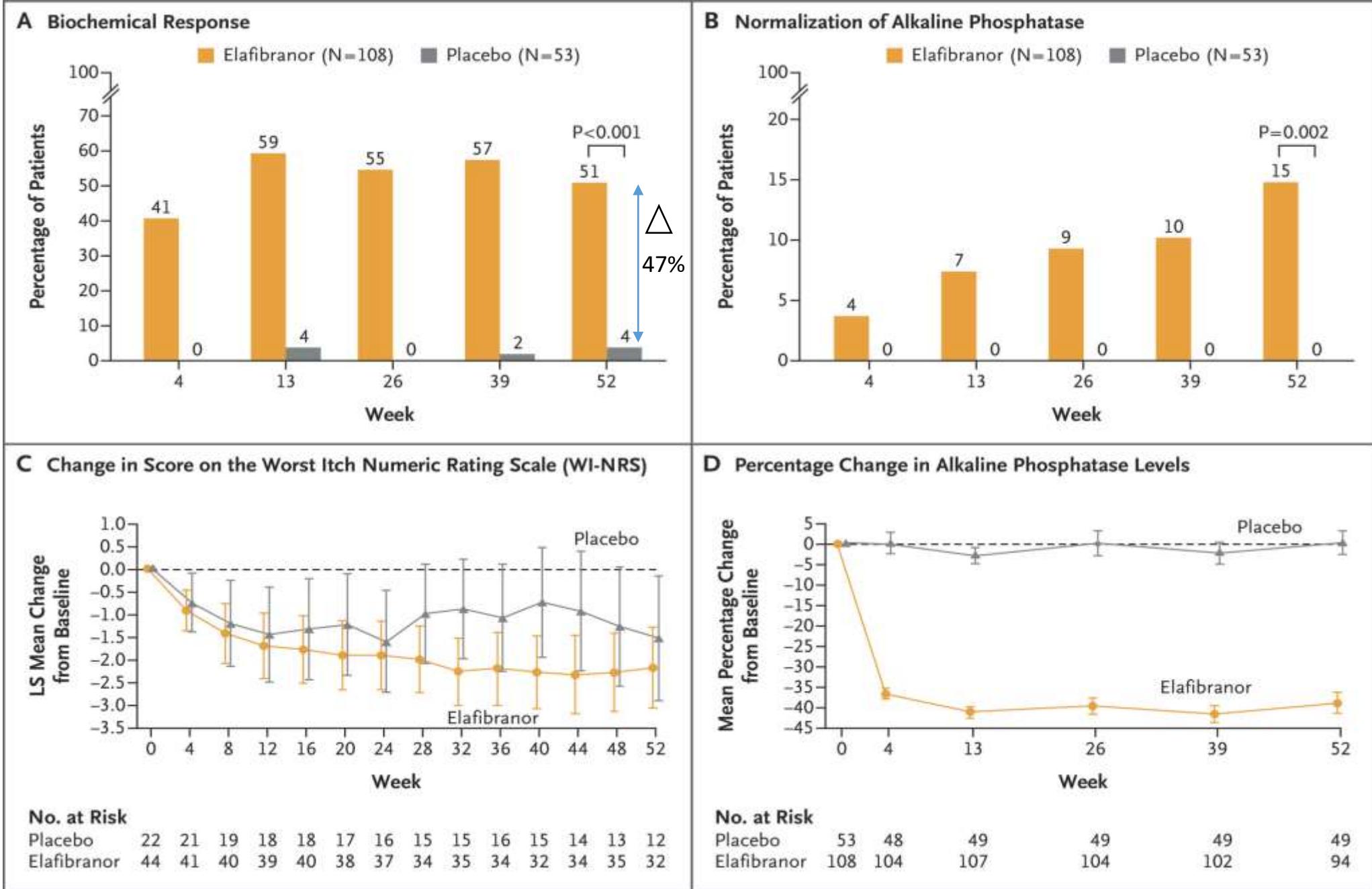
Placebo	65	64	63	61	56	48
Seladelpar	128	127	124	121	108	105

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Efficacy and Safety of Elafibranor  
in Primary Biliary Cholangitis**Table 1.** Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.\*

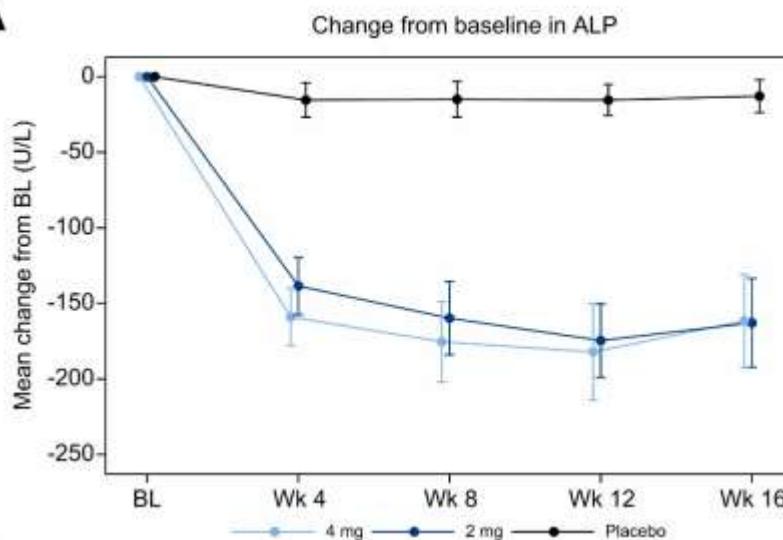
Characteristic	Elafibranor Group (N=108)	Placebo Group (N=53)	Total (N=161)
Age — yr	57.5±8.4	56.4±9.3	57.1±8.7
Female sex — no. (%)	102 (94)	52 (98)	154 (96)
White race — no. (%)†	101 (94)	46 (87)	147 (91)
Time since diagnosis — yr	7.9±5.9	8.3±6.8	8.0±6.2
Alkaline phosphatase			
Mean — U/liter	321.3±121.9	323.1±198.6	321.9±150.9
>3× ULN — no. (%)‡	43 (40)	20 (38)	63 (39)
Total bilirubin — µmol/liter§	9.7±5.1	9.4±5.0	9.6±5.1
Aspartate aminotransferase — U/liter	45.0±24.2	47.2±32.8	45.7±27.2
Alanine aminotransferase — U/liter	49.3±29.4	50.3±38.7	49.6±32.6
γ-Glutamyltransferase — U/liter	213.3±186.1	220.0±220.3	215.5±197.4
Concurrent ursodeoxycholic acid — no. (%)	102 (94)	51 (96)	153 (95)
WI-NRS score¶			
Mean	3.3±2.8	3.2±2.9	3.3±2.8
Moderate-to-severe pruritus — no. (%)	44 (41)	22 (42)	66 (41)
Liver stiffness**			
Mean — kPa	9.9±7.8	10.7±8.9	10.1±8.2
>10.0 kPa — no./total no. (%)	31/104 (30)	17/50 (34)	48/154 (31)
Bridging fibrosis or cirrhosis — no./total no. (%)††	12/31 (39)	8/16 (50)	20/47 (43)
Liver stiffness >10 kPa or bridging fibrosis (or both) or cirrhosis — no./total no. (%)***††	35/104 (34)	19/50 (38)	54/154 (35)

## ELATIVE Trial (Fase III) Baseline Demographic and Clinical Characteristics.\*

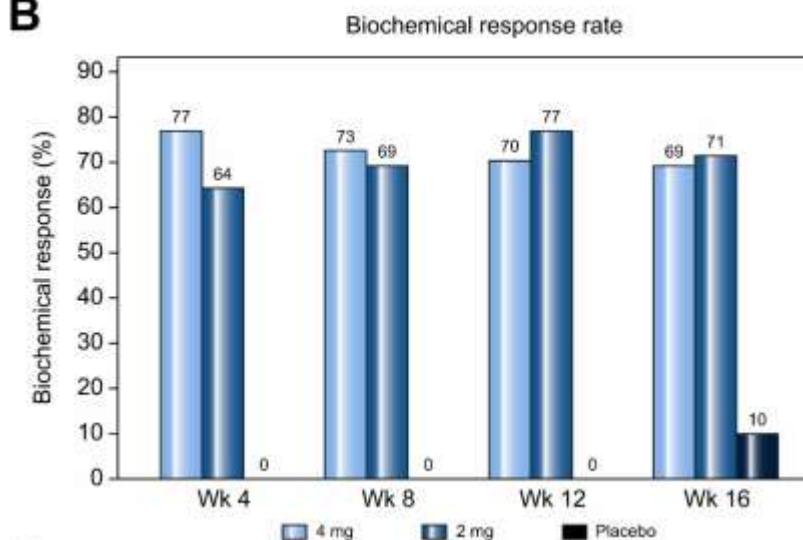


## Saroglitazar

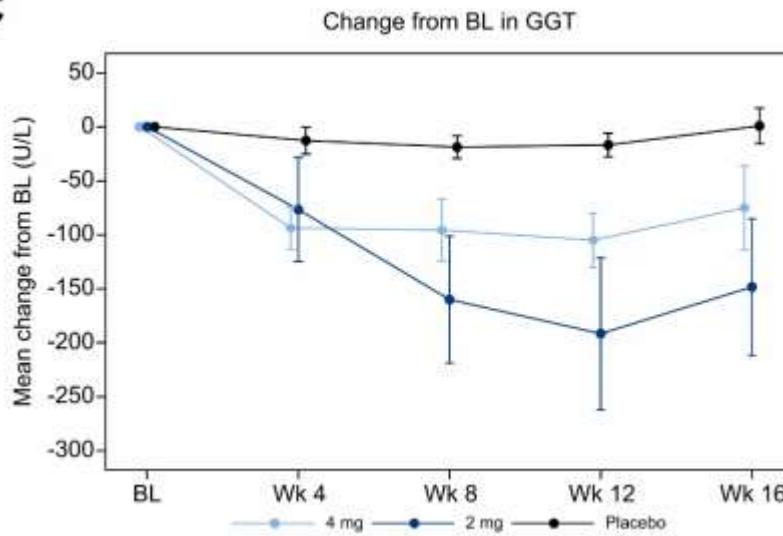
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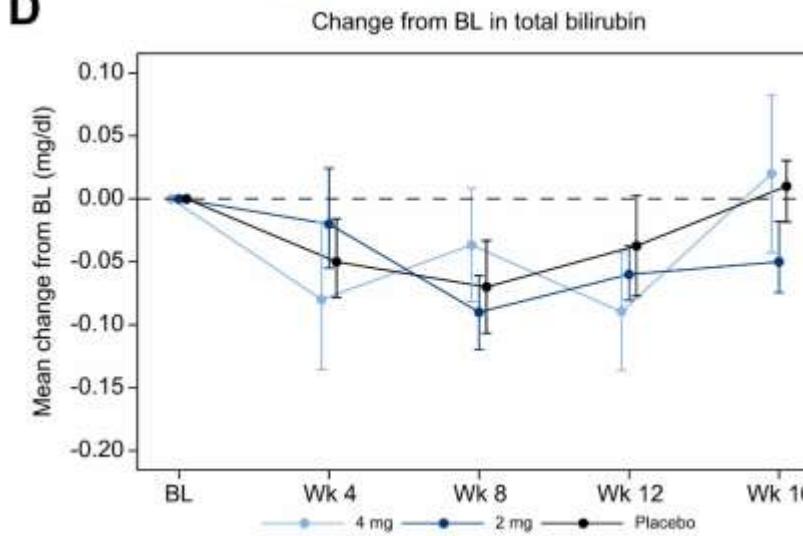
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**D**



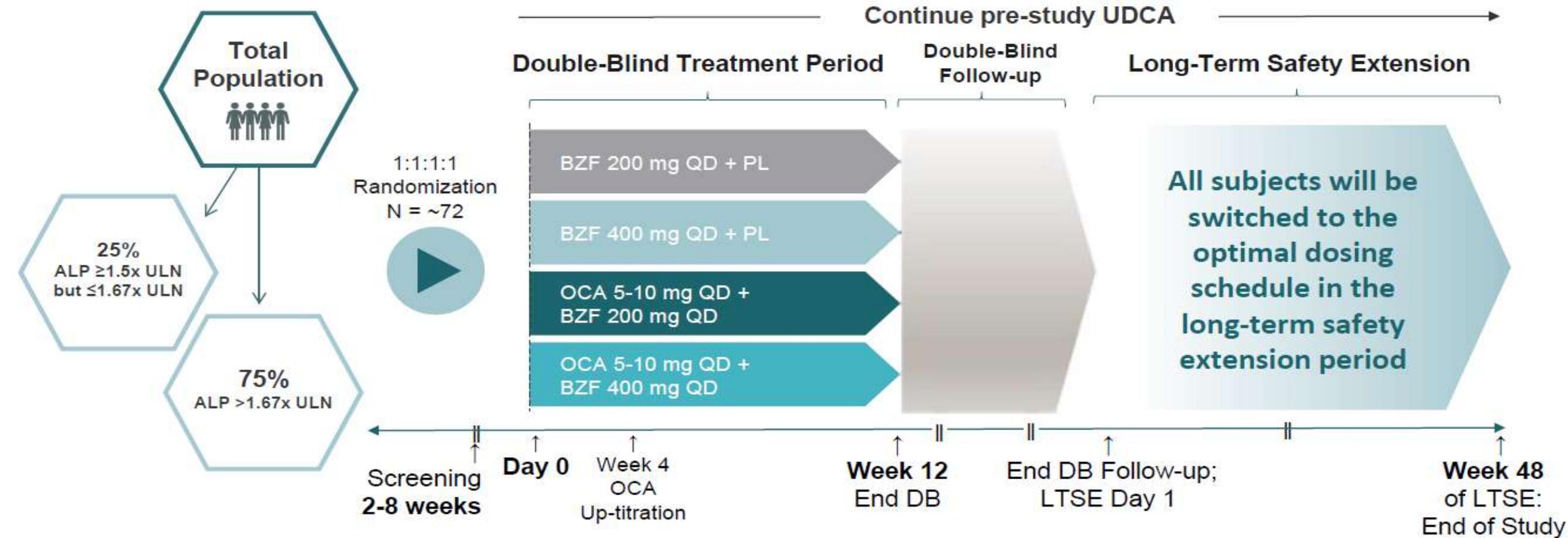
Results from a planned interim analysis of a randomized, double-blind, active-controlled trial evaluating the effects of obeticholic acid and bezafibrate on serum biomarkers in primary biliary colangitis  
Hejda V et al EASL Vienna, 2023.

## Dose-Range Exploration for the Fixed-Dose Combination of Obeticholic Acid and Bezafibrate

The global research program to date includes:

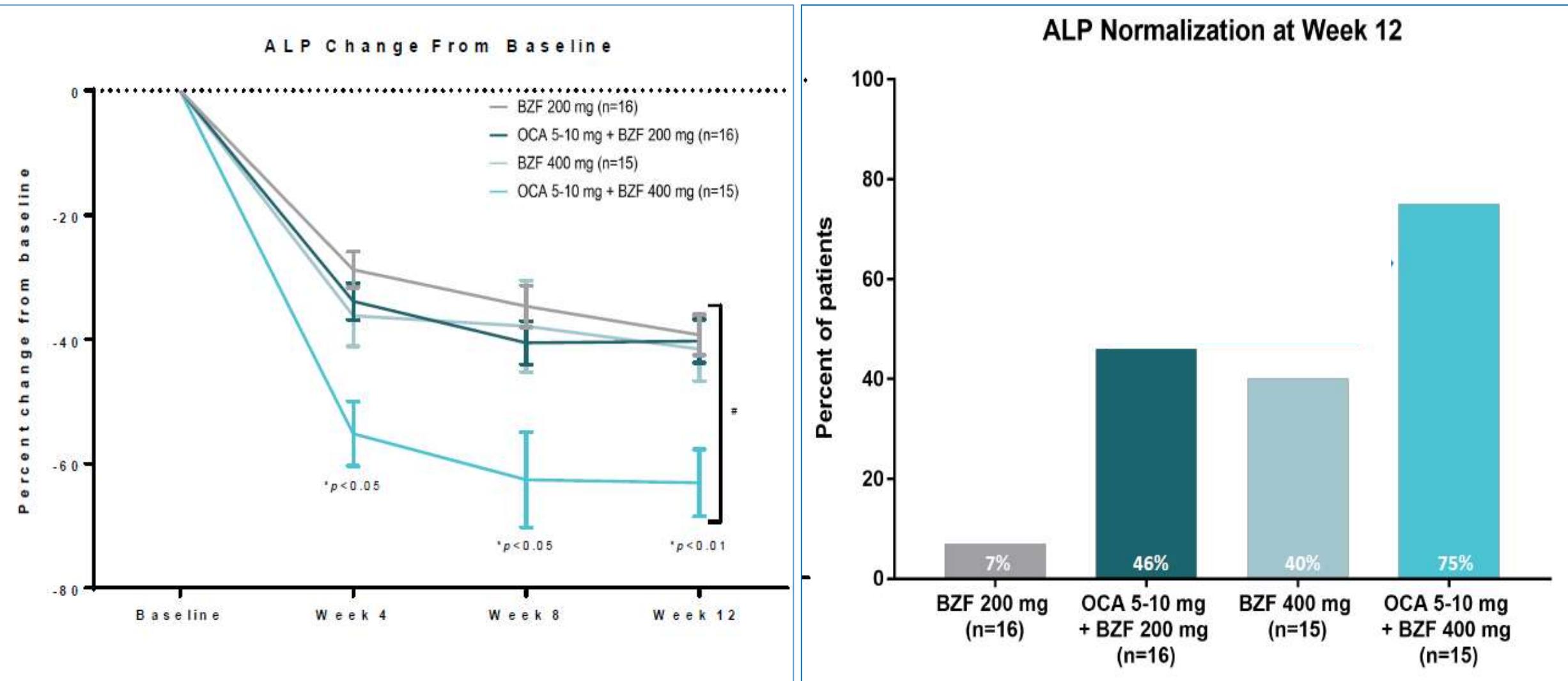
- Study 123: explored a range of doses of obeticholic acid and bezafibrate in healthy adult subjects using cross-over methodology
- Study 213: Phase 2 ( $n=$ ~72 patients), predominantly in Europe
- Study 214: Phase 2 ( $n=$ 62 patients), predominantly in the United States, Argentina, and Turkey

# Study 213 Design: Active Comparator



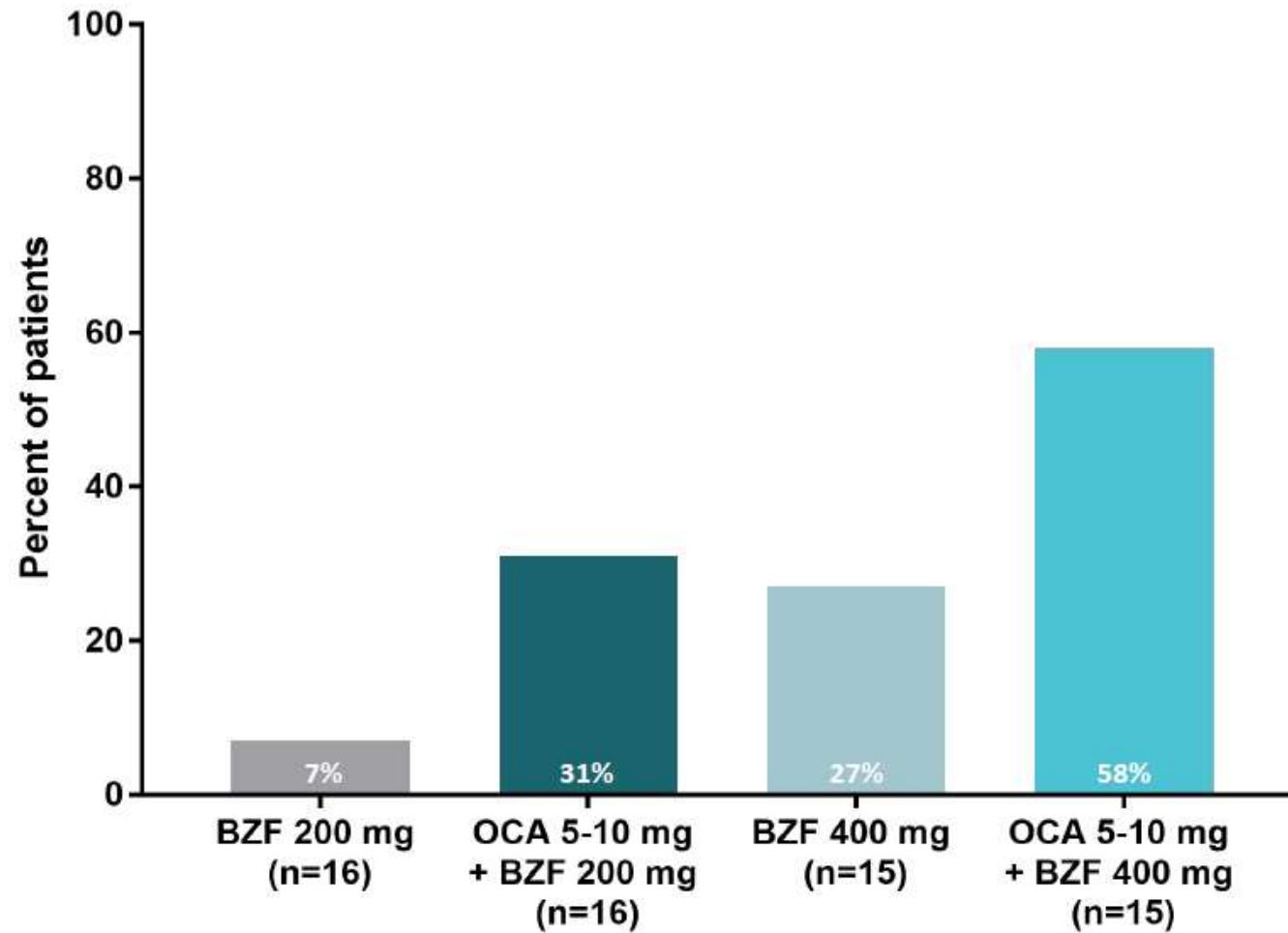
Abbreviations: ALP, alkaline phosphatase; BZF, bezafibrate; DB, double-blind; PL, placebo; LTSE, long-term safety extension; OCA, obeticholic acid; QD, daily; UDCA, ursodeoxycholic acid; ULN, upper limit of normal.

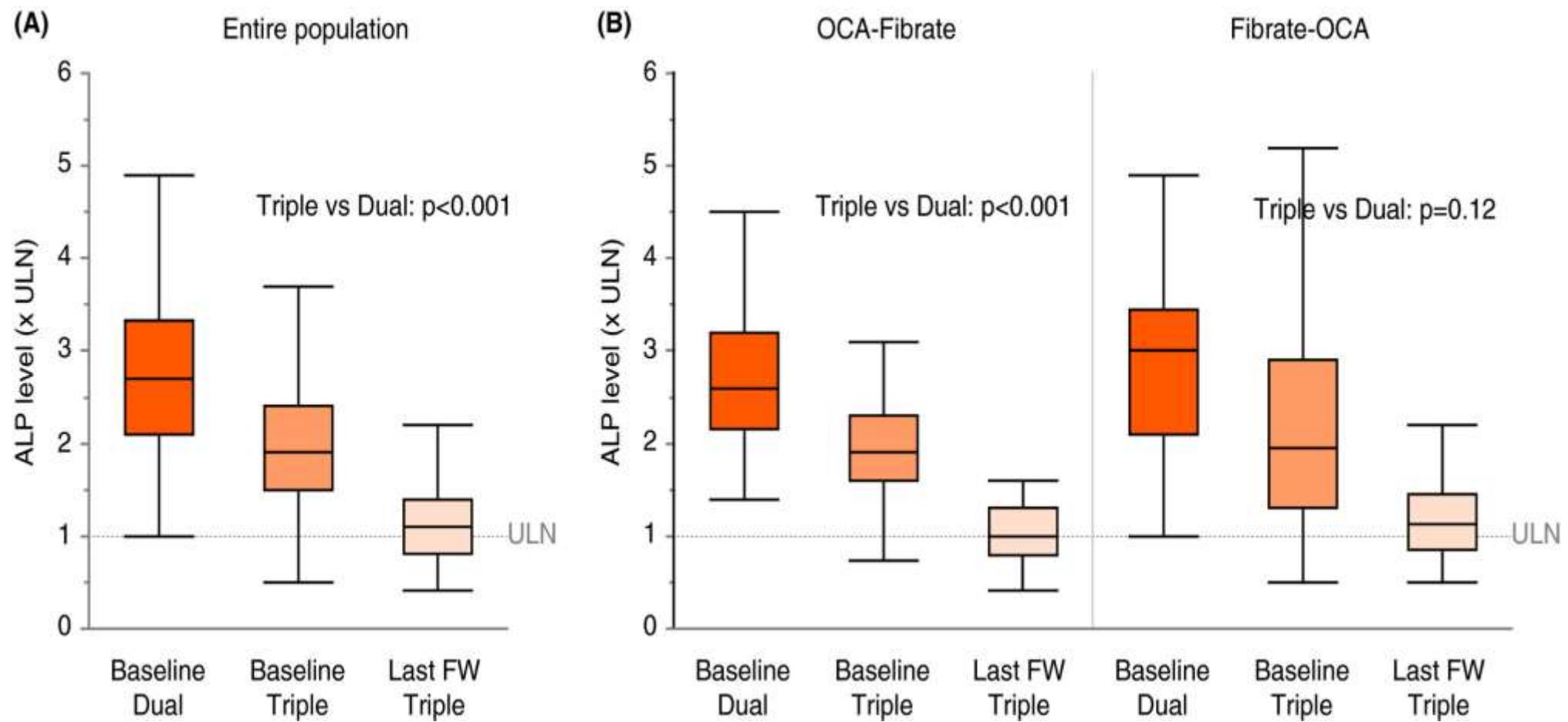
# Normalización de la FA con triple terapia



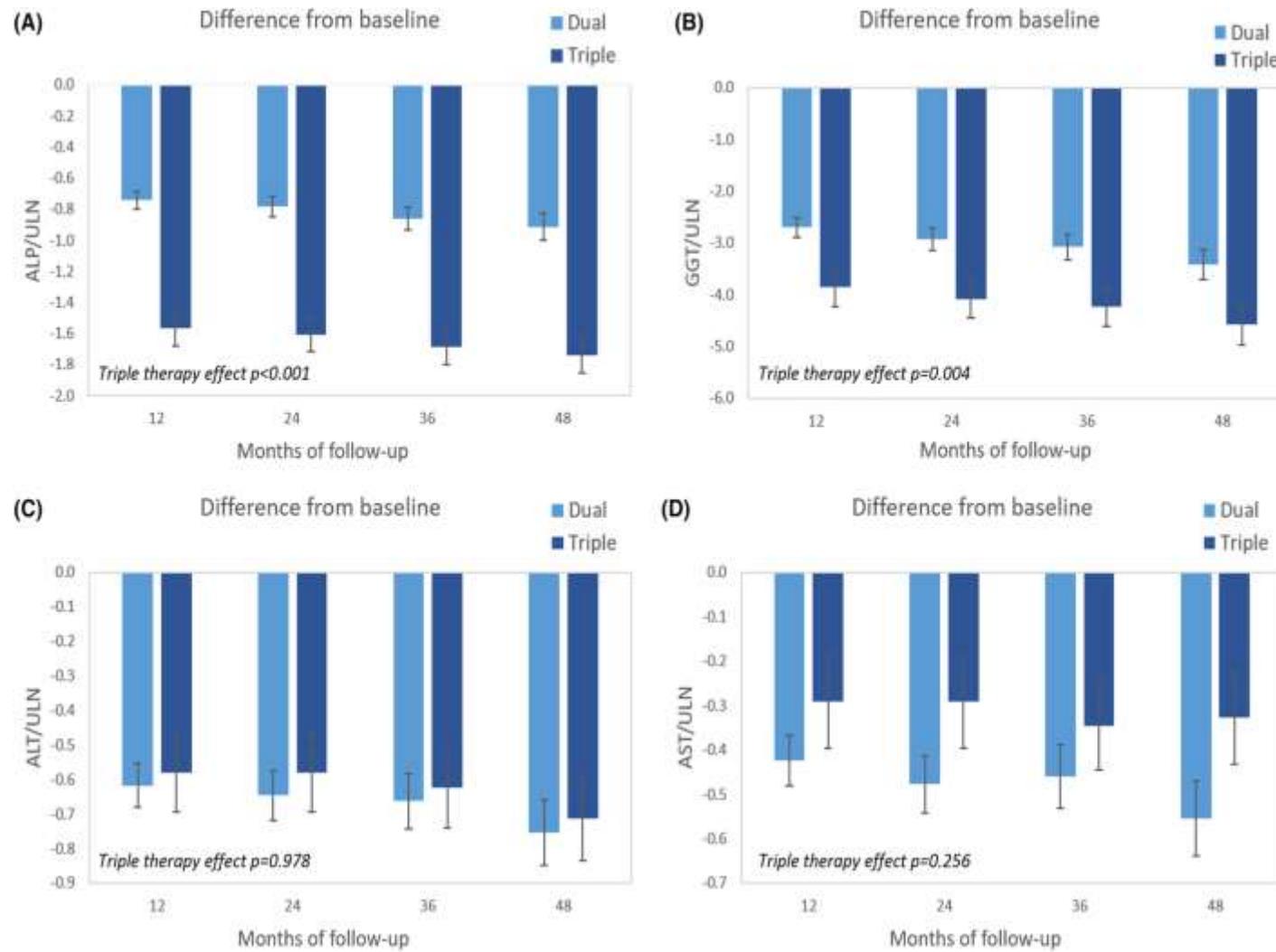
# OCA 5-10mg + BZF 400mg mostraron una Remisión Bioquímica en el 58% de los pacientes

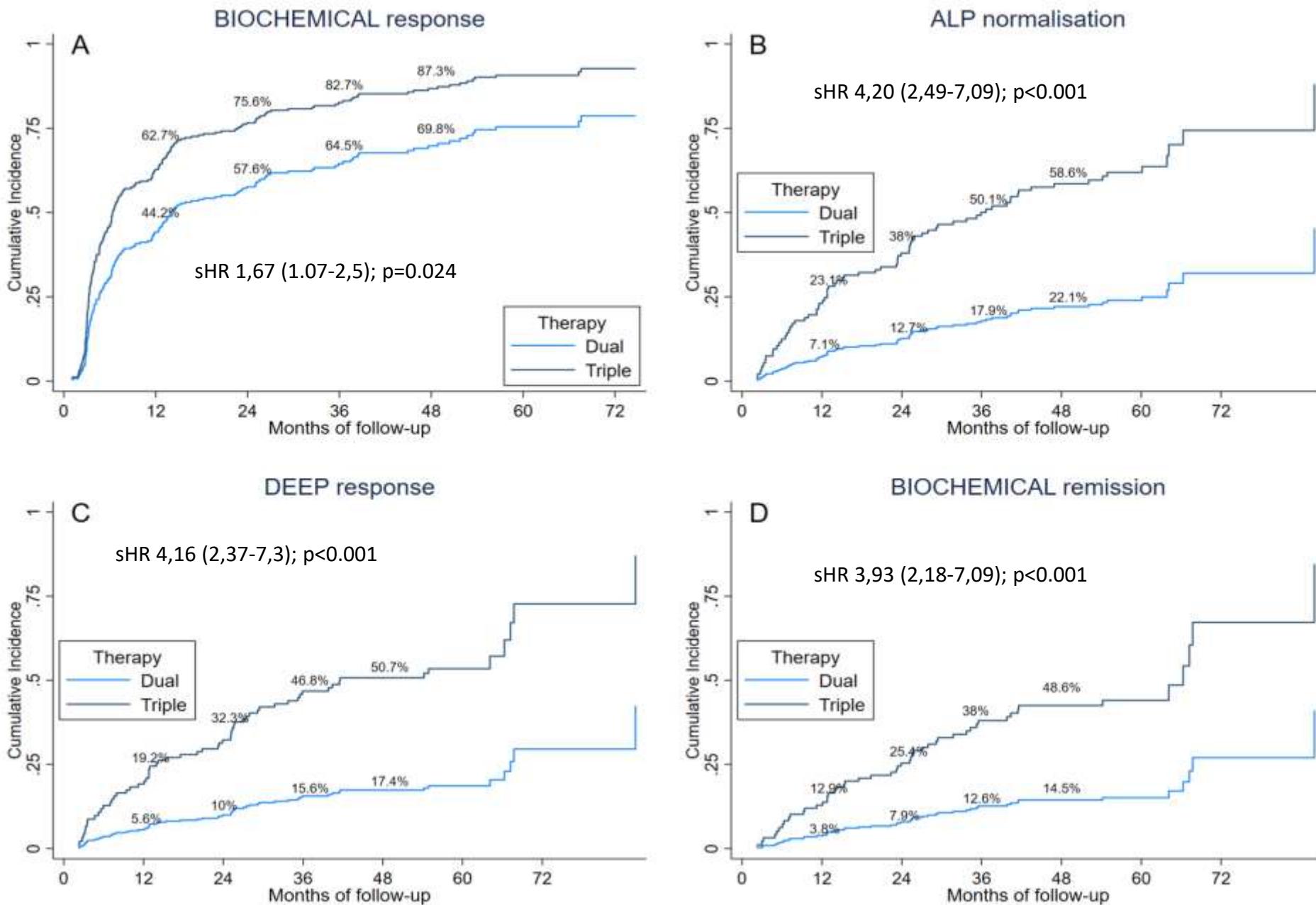
Normalization Across All Surrogates





Longitudinal outcomes of obeticholic acid therapy in ursodiol-nonresponsive primary biliary cholangitis: Stratifying the impact of add-on fibrates in real-world practice





# Síndrome de solapamiento CBP-HAI

## Criterios diagnosticos de Paris, 2 de 3:

1. ALT >5x LSN
2. IgG al menos x 2 LSN y/o Ac ML +.
3. BH con hepatitis de la interfase moderada o severa<sup>1</sup>

# Caso Clínico.

Mujer de 38 años sin AP de interés, 2 embarazos normales. No bebe alcohol, ni toma fármacos. Derivada por alteración de la bioquímica hepática y HBsAg y Ac VHC negativos con ANA +

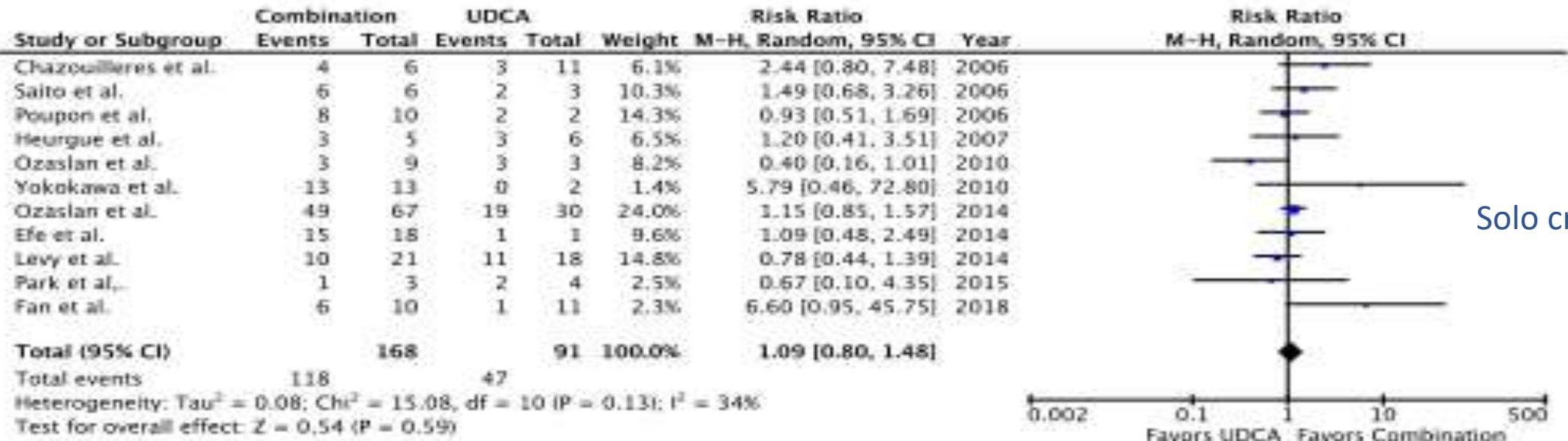
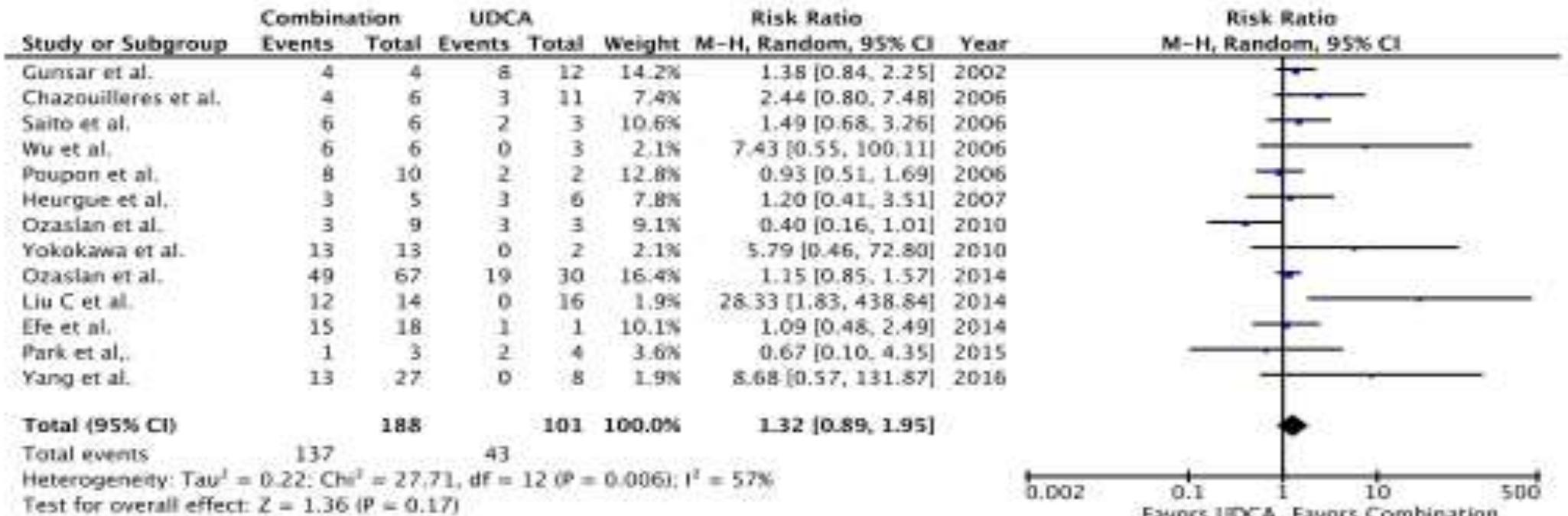
ALT	110 U/ml( $\leq$ 30)
FA	240 ( $\leq$ 104 U/mL)
ANA	+ 1:160 (Ac-gp210)
AMA	Negativos
IgG	2000 mg/dl ( $\leq$ 1600 mg/dL)
A <sub>1</sub> AT	Normal
Ceruloplasmina y Ferritina	Normales
BH	11 espacios porta. Infiltrado linfoplasmocitario portal y lobulillar. Sin lesión ductal florida.

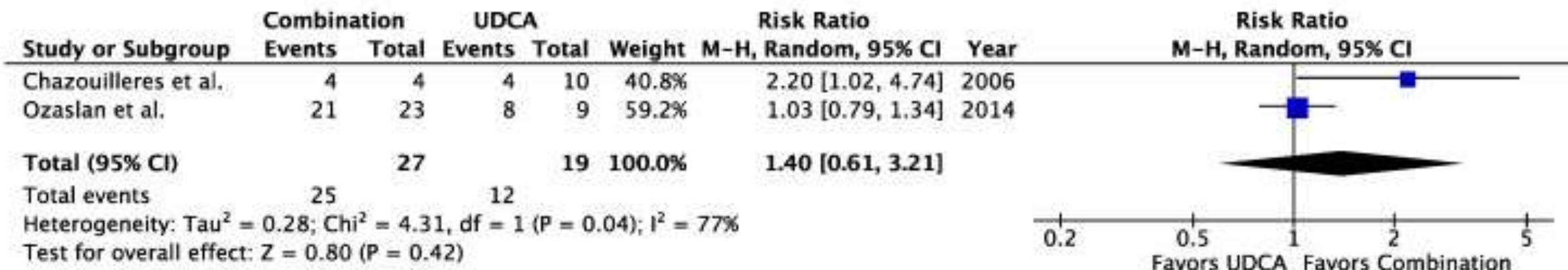
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Biochemical category		
AST or ALT above ULN	>2	+3
	1.5-2	+2
	1-1.5	+1
	<1	0
ALP above ULN	>1	+2
	0.75-1	+1
	<0.75	0
Serum globulin above ULN	>1.5	+2
	1-1.5	+1
	<1	0
Immunologic category		
ANA, ASMA, or LKM1	>1:80	+3
	1:80	+2
	1:40	+1
	<1:40	0
or		
Anti-SLA, pANCA	Positive	+2
AMA	Positive	+3
Histologic category		
	Interface hepatitis	+3
	Lymphoplasmacytic	+1
	Hepatic rosettes	+1
	Biliary damage	
	Granulomas	+3
	Florid ductal lesion	+1
	Ductular proliferation	+1
	Bile duct loss	+1
Others category		
Viral markers	Positive	-3
	Negative	+3
Drugs	Yes	-4
	No	+1
Alcohol	<25 g/day	+2
	>60 g/day	-2
Interpretation of scores	Definitive	≥21
	Probable	19 or 20
	Rejected	<19

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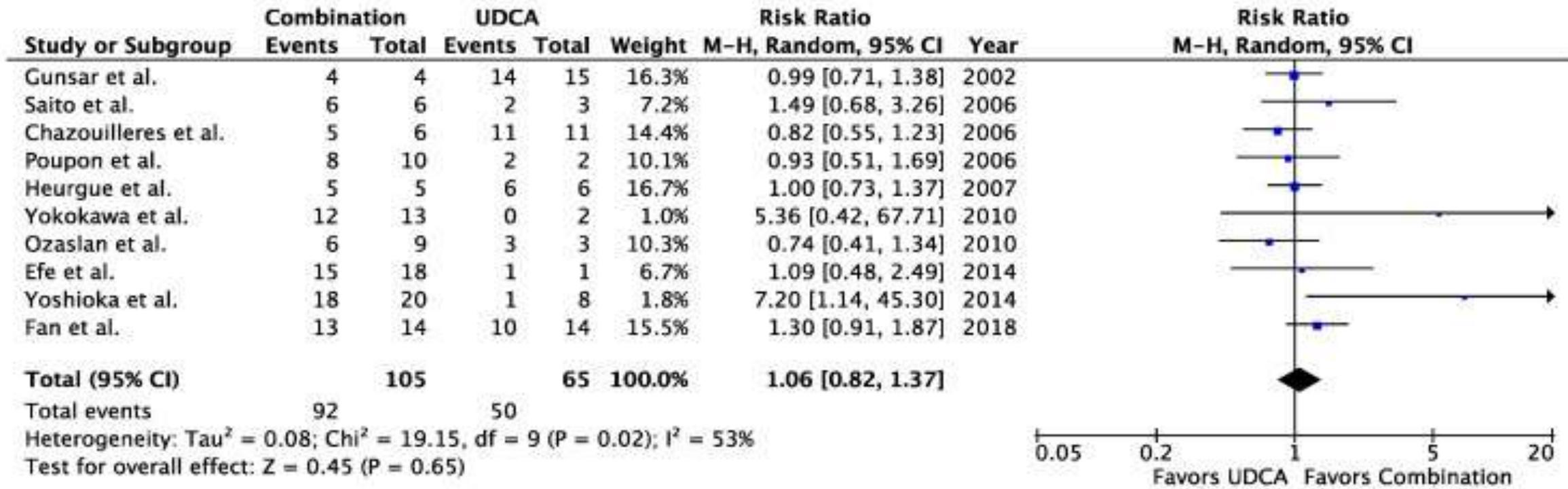
Proposed Scoring Classification for Overlap Syndrome (Zhang W, et al Hepatol Commun. 2018 20:2:245-253.

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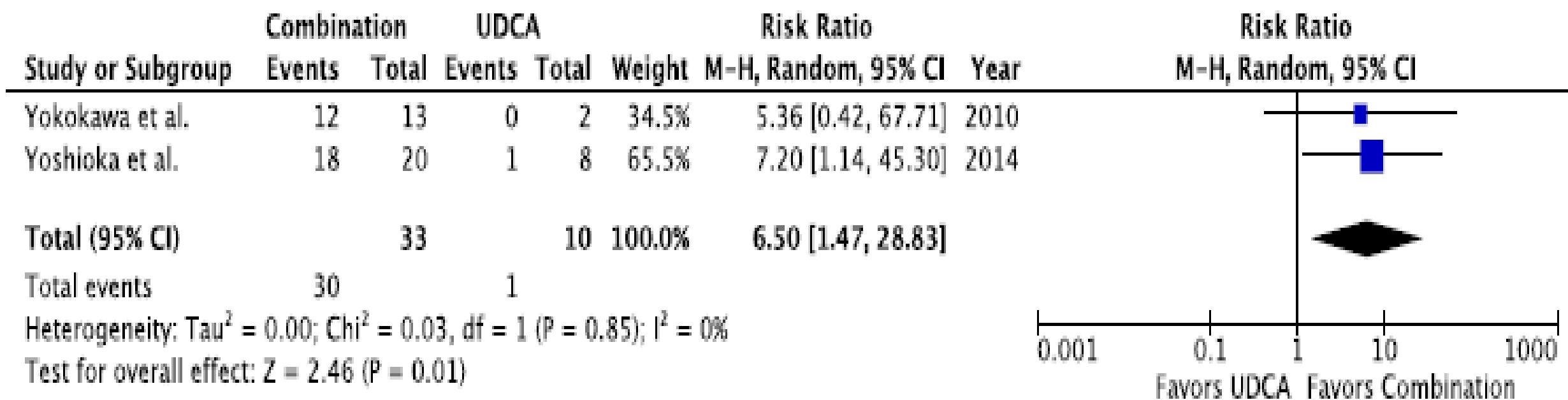




Non-progression of liver fibrosis in AIH-PBC. Combination therapy vs. UDCA alone, Combination = UDCA + corticosteroids ± AZA



Transplant-free survival in AIH-PBC patients treated with combination therapy vs. UDCA alone. UDCA = ursodeoxycholic acid, Combination = UDCA + [corticosteroids and/or antimetabolites]



SLT en CBP-HAI tratados con combinación frente a AUDC, incluyendo solo estudios con mediana de seguimiento > 90 meses. Combinacion: Corticosteroides ± Azatioprina

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Clearly, there is a need for better long-term analysis regarding the natural history of PBC with features of AIH in order to determine whether PBC/AIH overlap is a distinct clinical entity.

In addition, the clinical benefit and harm of adding immunosuppressive medications to PBC patients with AIH features require further study.

# Conclusiones.

1. La terapia de segunda línea actual en CBP mejora los marcadores indirectos de supervivencia.
2. La baja respuesta en marcadores más restrictivos refuerza la necesidad de nuevos tratamientos, estudios sobre combinaciones incluyendo triple terapia, y deberá individualizarse, considerando la edad, la fibrosis y la intensidad de la colestasis.
3. En el síndrome de solapamiento CBP-HAI, no hay diferencias claras entre los regímenes de tratamiento (AUDC vs AUDC+ Corticoides ± inmunosupresores, aunque se necesita evidencia de mayor calidad).
4. Mientras tanto, se deben seguir las recomendaciones de las sociedades científicas y opiniones de expertos.