

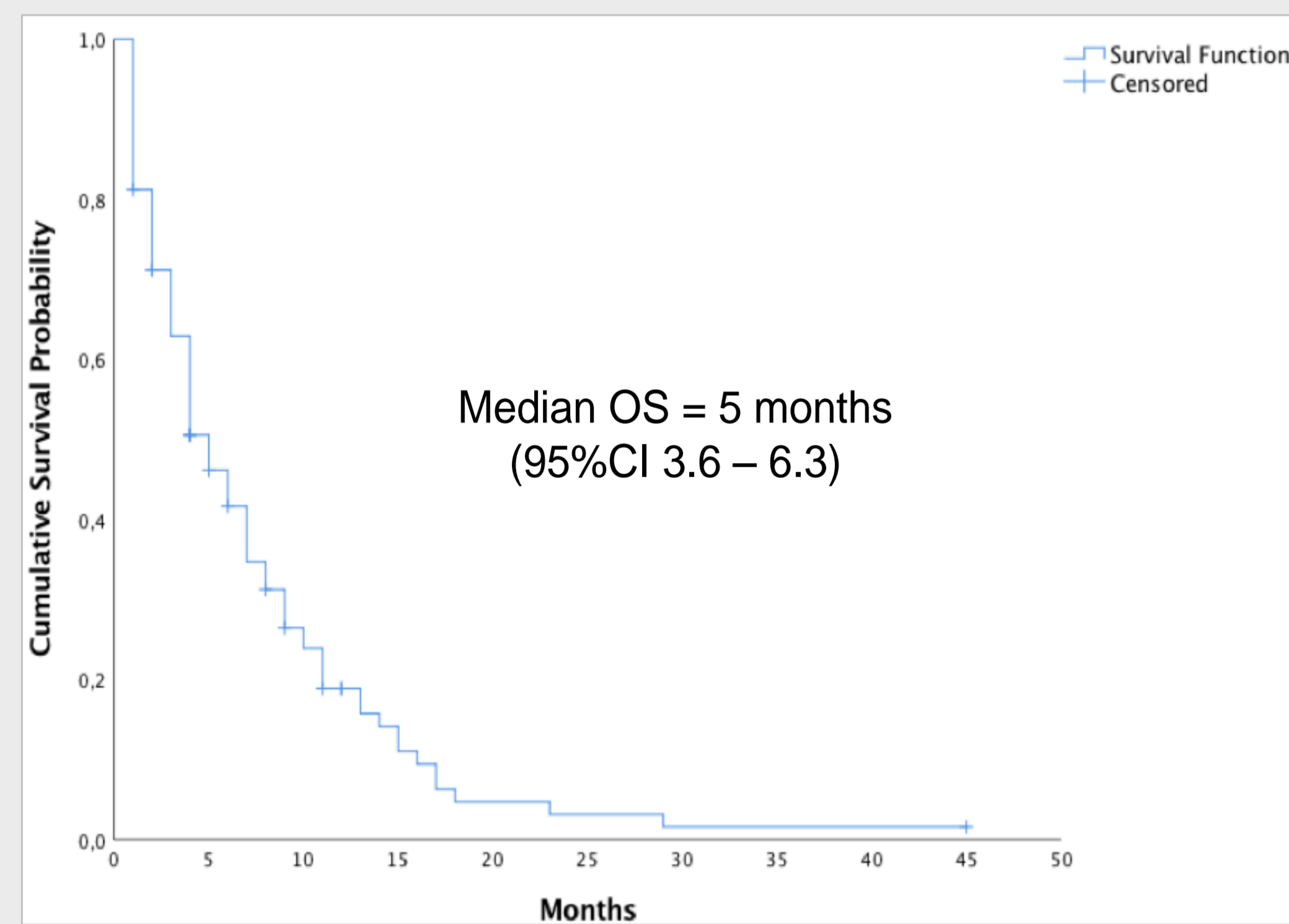
Third-line chemotherapy (3L) in advanced biliary cancers (ABC): pattern of care, treatment outcome and prognostic factors from a multicenter study.

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Background

- While chemotherapy has recently been established as a standard second-line treatment in ABC, its role in the third-line setting is still controversial.
- In this study, we aim at describing the pattern of care, survival outcome and prognostic factors of ABC patients (pts) receiving third-line chemotherapy in a real-world scenario.

Results 2 – Survival Outcomes and Prognostic factors



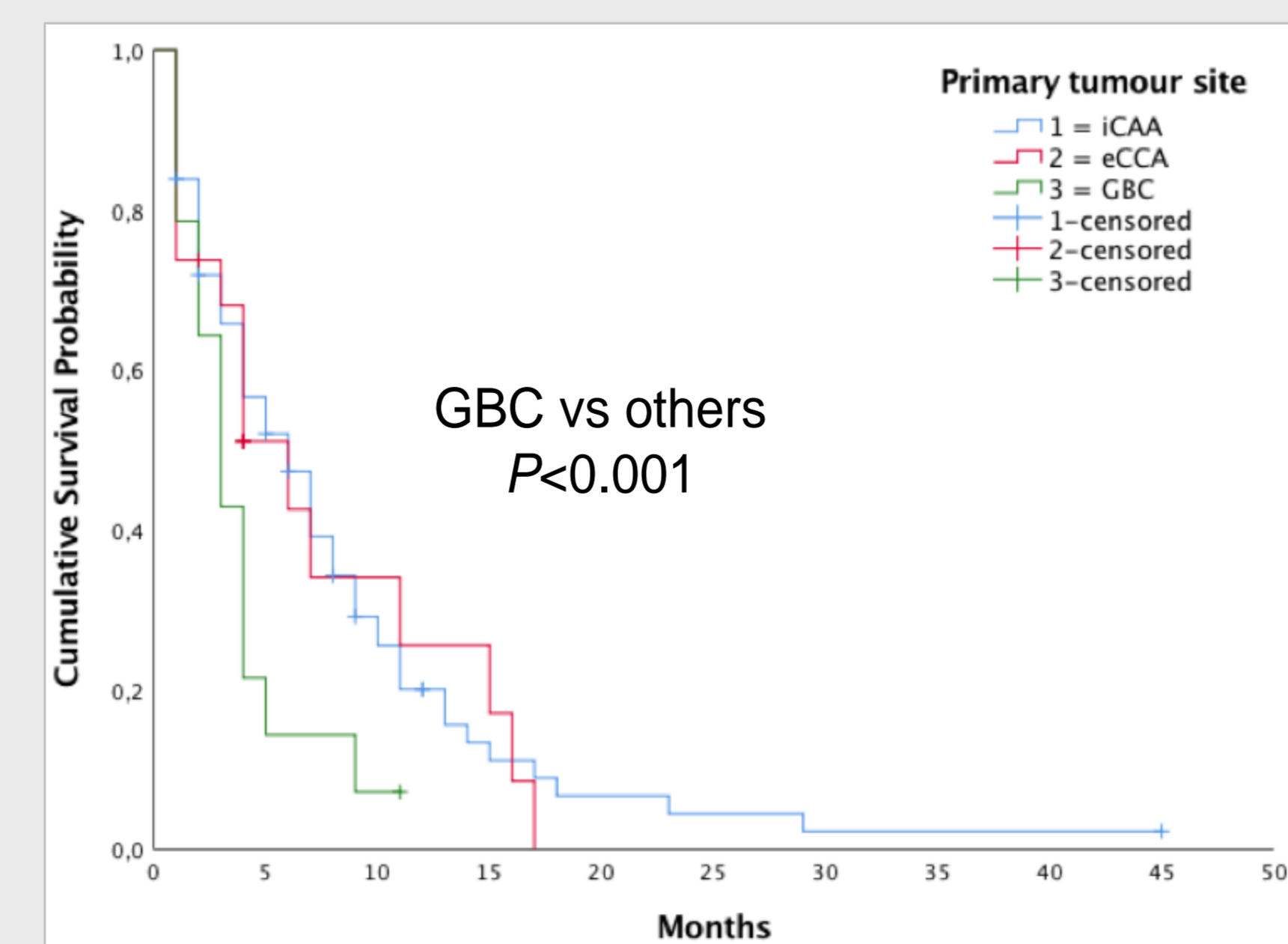
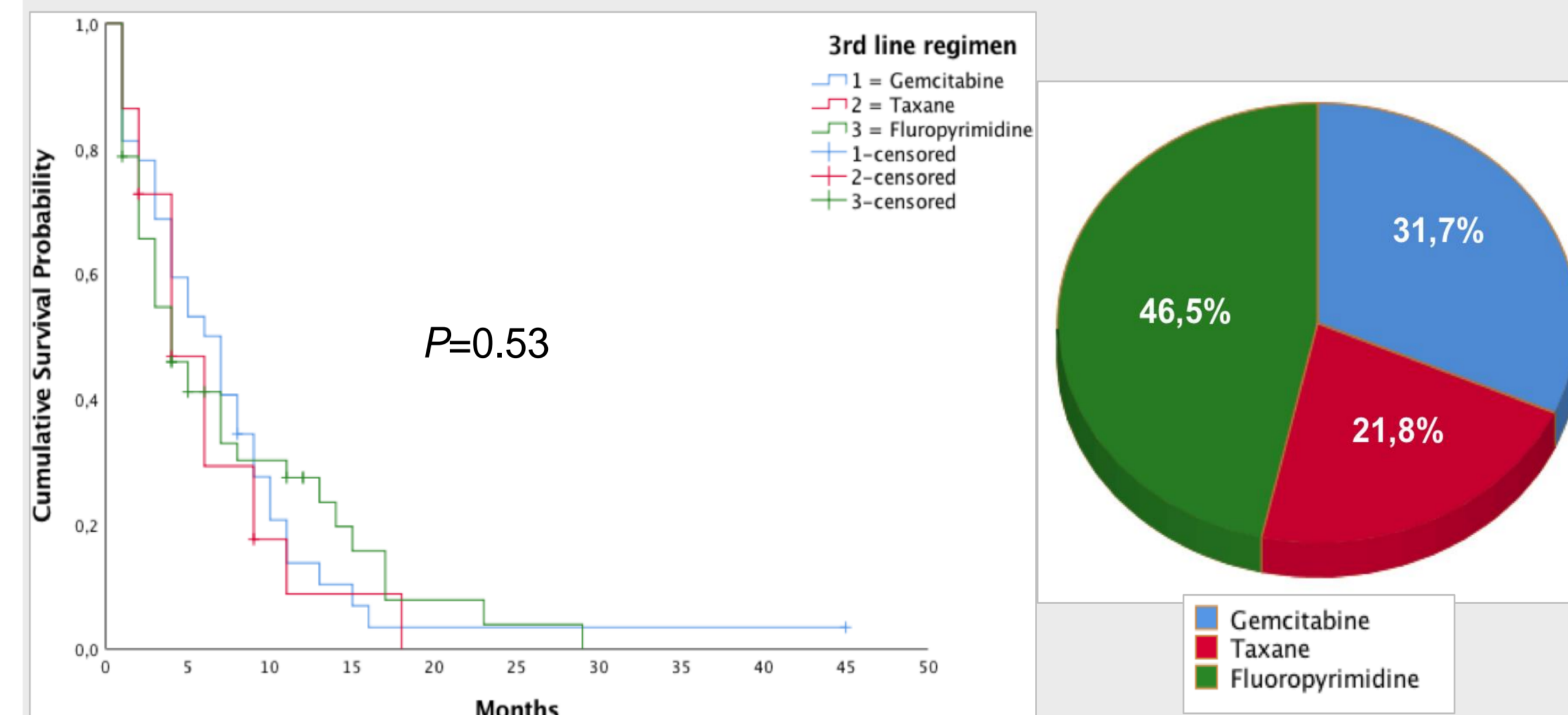
Cox proportional hazard regression model for overall survival (n=101).

Covariate	UNIVARIATE ANALYSIS		MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS	
	HR (95%CI)	p-value	HR (95%CI)	p-value
ECOG PS ≥ 2	2,43 (1,69-3,48)	<0,001	1,88 (1,25-2,84)	<0,001
Low disease burden	0,48 (0,31-0,75)	0,001	0,63 (1,09-1,78)	0,01
Lymphocyte/Monocyte ratio >2,1	0,55 (0,35-0,86)	0,009	0,64 (1,13-1,89)	0,02

Materials and Methods

- Institutional registries across three academic medical centers were retrospectively reviewed to identify ABC pts who had received third-line chemotherapy from September 2005 to January 2020.
- Kaplan-Meier estimators were used to calculate survival, while the log-rank test was implemented to make comparisons. The impact of variables on survival was assessed through univariate and multivariate analysis

Results 3 – 3L by cytotoxic type and primary tumour site



Results 1 – Table 1. Baseline characteristics (n=101)

Variable	N (%)
Age, years median (range)	64 (35-84)
Gender	
Female	58 (57.4)
Male	43 (42.6)
ECOG PS	
0-1	67 (66.3)
≥ 2	34 (33.7)
Primary tumour site	
Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma	68 (67.4)
Extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma	19 (18.8)
Gallbladder cancer	14 (13.8)
Prior surgery on the primary tumour	
Yes	39 (38.6)
No	62 (61.3)
Second-line chemotherapy regimen	
mFOLFIRI	28 (27.7)
mFOLFOX	23 (22.7)
GEMCAP	18 (17.8)
Other	32 (31.6)
Disease burden/n. metastatic deposits	
1-2	42 (41.5)
>2	59 (58.4)
Type of metastatic deposits	
Liver	101 (100)
Distant nodes	59 (58.4)
Peritoneum	47 (46.5)
Lung	38 (37.6)

Conclusions

- Third-line chemotherapy displayed limited activity in this real-world cohort, although prognostic factors have been identified that may assist in treatment decision.
- The results of this multicenter experience, the largest so far, highlight the need for more effective therapies and provide a benchmark for future trials of third-line chemotherapy in ABC.