

# Intraductal papillary mucinous tumors (IPMN)

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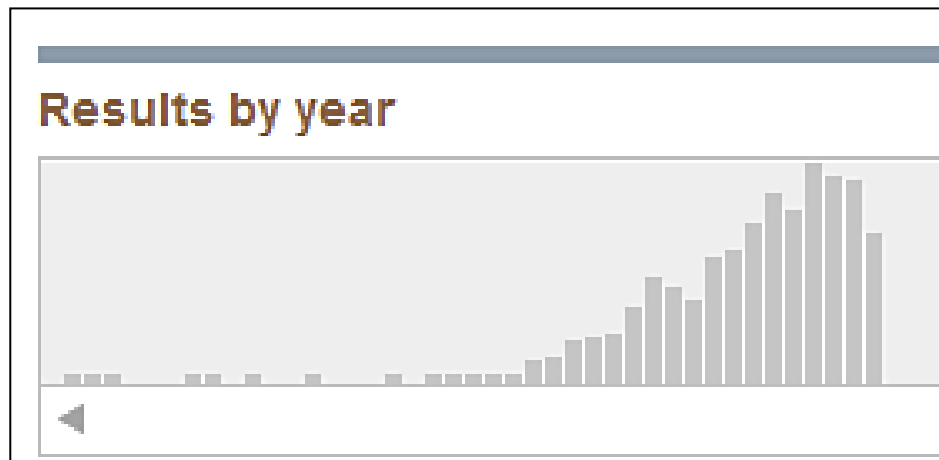


# Disclosures

No

- Despite several hundred of original papers published concerning natural history and management of IPMN, several unanswered issues

> 1600 papers since 1993 (Pubmed)



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# Major questions today

- 1- Risk factors
- 2- Optimal rythm of survey of benign forms
- 3- Imaging technics for survey
- 4- Natural history of IMPN with worrisome features
- 5- Surgery : limited resections ?
- 6- Postoperative survey ?
- 7- IMPN in high risk patients ?

# 1- Risk factors for IPMN

- Tobacco, alcohol: no
- Diet, BMI, fatty pancreas: unknown
- Ethnic origin: unknown
- Common risk factors with PDAC ?
  - Yes for some but not for all

**Table 3.** Risk factors for IPMN on univariate and multivariate analyses

Risk factor	Univariate analysis odds ratio (95% CI); <i>P</i> value	Multivariate analysis odds ratio (95% CI); <i>P</i> value
PDAC 1 <sup>st</sup> degree family history	3.5 (1.41–8.67); 0.007	2.94 (1.17–7.39); 0.022
History of chronic pancreatitis	12.0 (1.56–92.2); 0.017	10.1 (1.30–78.32); 0.027
History of diabetes	1.92 (1.17–3.14); 0.010	1.79 (1.08–2.98); 0.025
Insulin use	4.75 (1.62–13.96); 0.005	6.03 (1.74–20.84); 0.019

CI, confidence interval; IPMN, intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm.

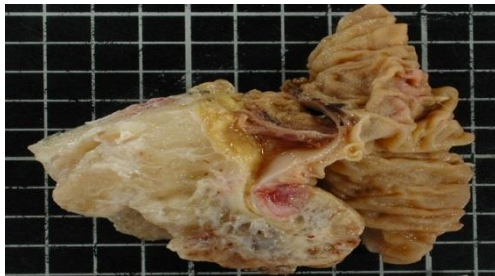
# **GNAS (G-protein $\alpha$ -subunit): activating mutation in McCune-Albright syndrome and 30%-70% of incipient IPMN, but not in PanIN or PDAC without IPMN**



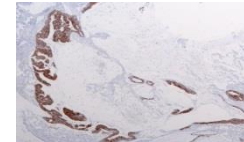
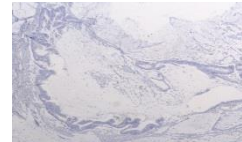
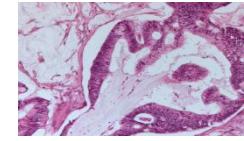
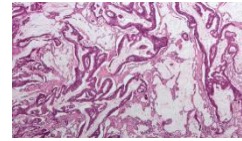
**Polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, puberta precox and café-au-lait spots in a 62-year old man with IPMN**



**CT scan of IPMN**



**IPMN Intestinal phenotype  
Colloid invasive pT3N0M0**

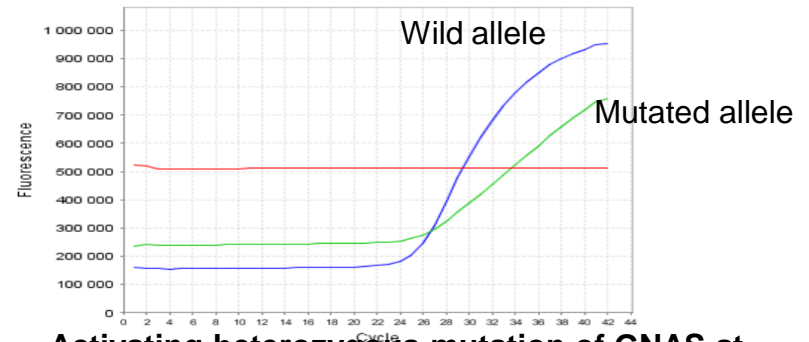


**Ac anti-MUC1**

**Ac anti-MUC2**

**Intestinal phenotype  
(IHC : MUC1 and MUC2 +ve and MUC5A -ve).**

**Génotyping codon 201 of *GNAS* using allelic discrimination**

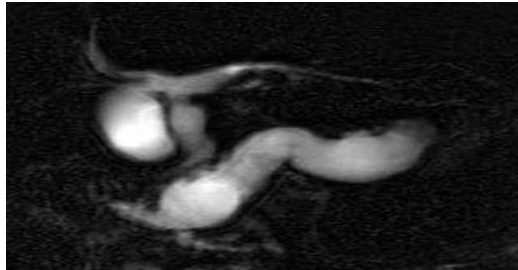


**Activating heterozygous mutation of *GNAS* at codon 201(R201H)**

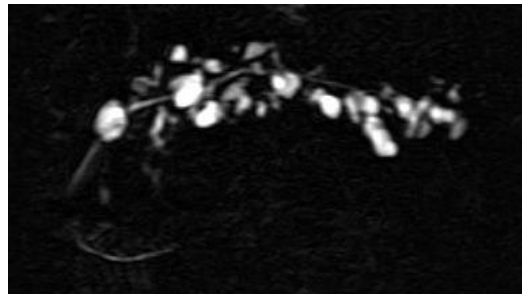


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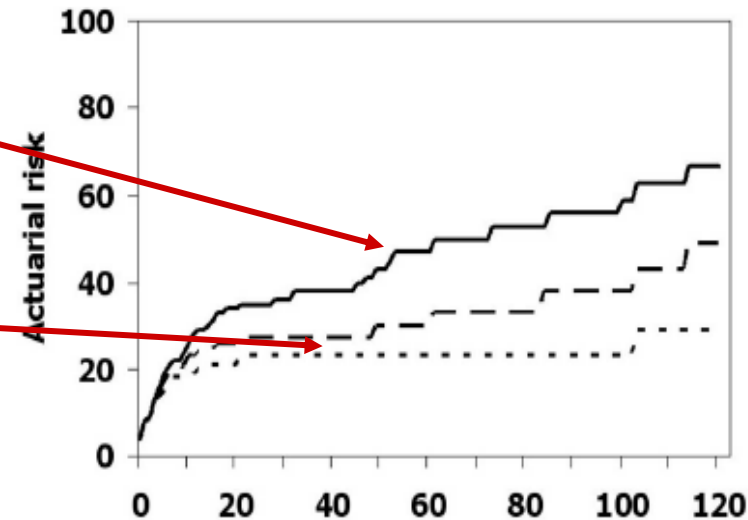
## 5-years risk of invasive carcinoma



MPD: 50%



BD: 3-18%



Khannoussi , Pancreatology, 2012

Lévy P, CGH;2006

Tanno S, Gut.2008

Tanno S, Pancreas.2010

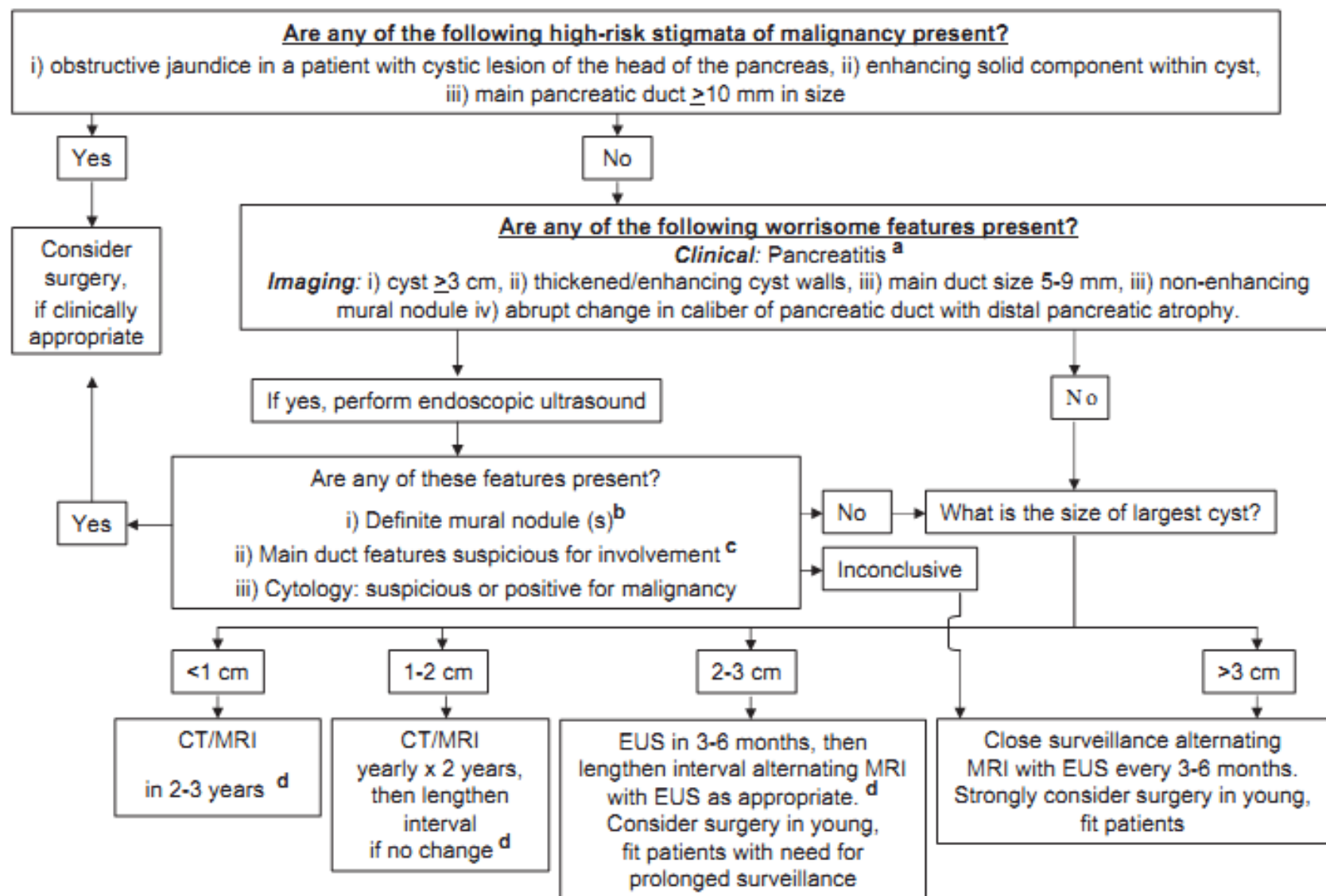
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- Should it be individualized ?
- If yes, on which criteria ?
  - Size
  - Number of cysts
  - Related symptoms
  - Age
  - Duration of follow-up

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**Yes**

Surgical resection (whenever possible)

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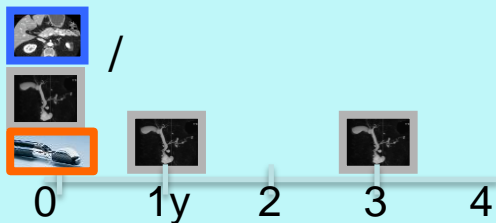
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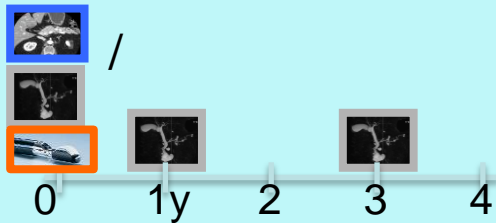
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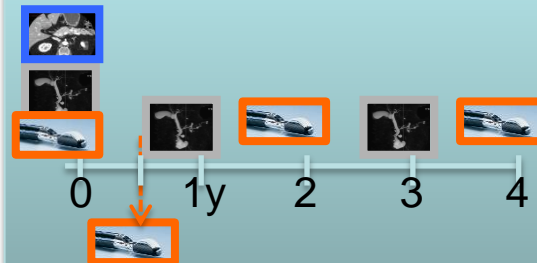


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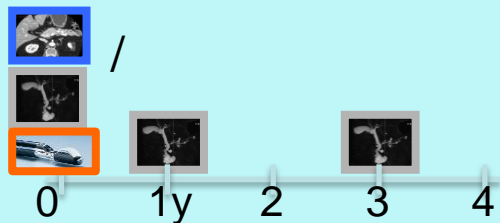
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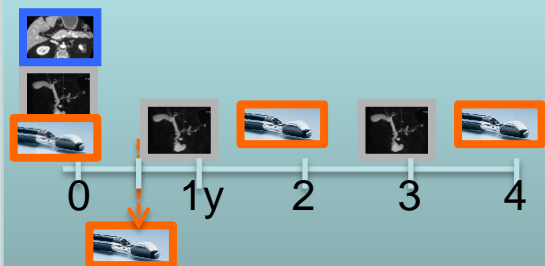


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2-3 cm



> 3 cm



*Take into consideration :*

*Age of patient, localization of IPMN, radiation with repeated CT*



CT



MRI



EUS

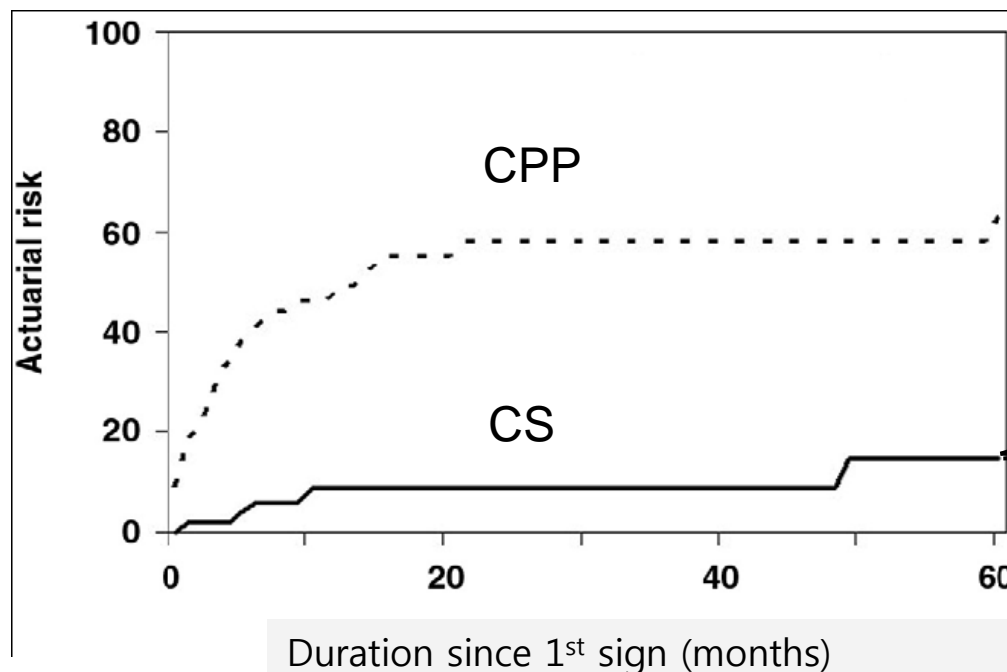
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- Safety and cost-effectiveness not proven
- Knowledge far from that of colic polyps or HCC
- Balance between :
  - *Longer intervals*
    - ↗ risk of missing cancer
  - *Shorter intervals*
    - ↘ compliance,      ↗ morbidity (EUS +/- FNA, CT scan)



## 2- Optimal rythm of survey : yes, but...

- Duration of follow-up: what happens beyond 5 years ?



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➡ Risk of malignant course persists after 5 years  
F/U including invasive carcinomas

➡ Imaging survey required beyond this delay in  
patients who still remain operable

### 3- Imaging technics for survey

Exam	Advantage	Limit
CT-scan	parenchyma	irradiation
MRI	ductal system	availability
PET 18FDG	malignant component	low sensitivity
EUS +/- FNA	the best but ...	invasive (general anesthesia, FNA)

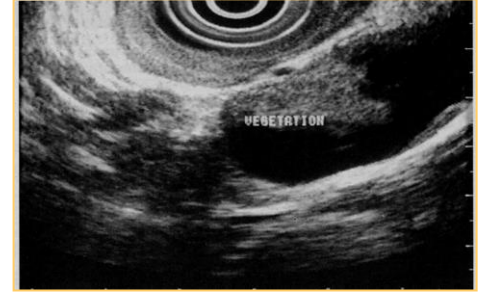
# 3- Imaging technics for surveillance

- Cost-effective?
- How many CT-scan, MRI and EUS to save one life ?
  - The comparative cost and effectiveness of various approaches for screening and surveillance of individuals needs further evaluation

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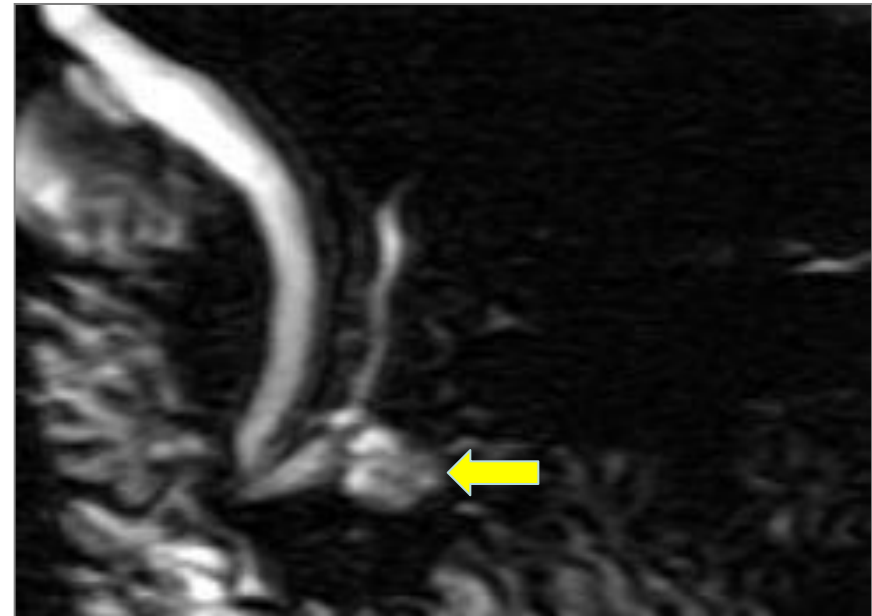
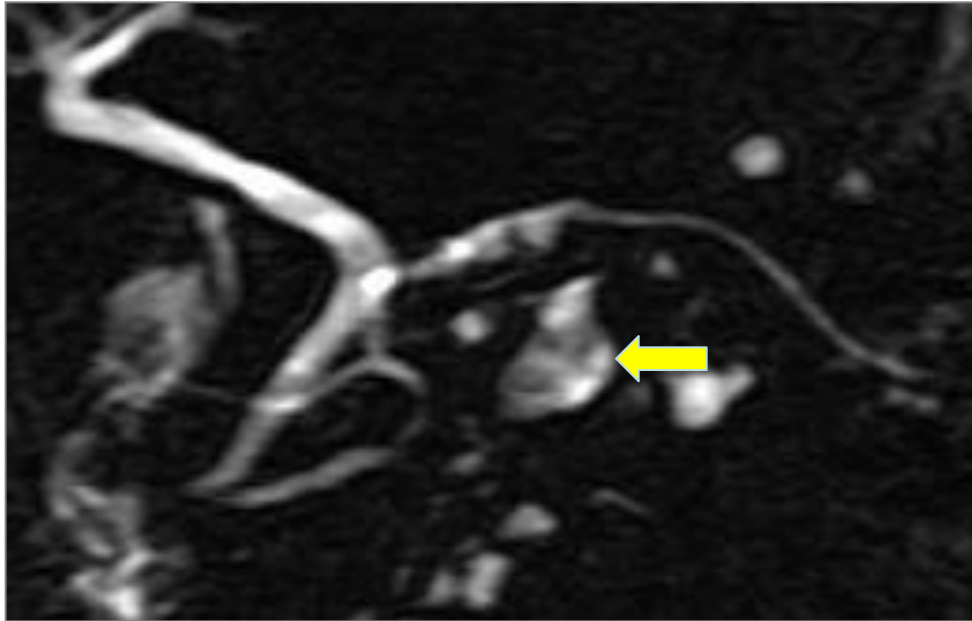
- Follow-up of patients *without* worrisome features (no nodules, thick wall, cyst > 3 cm) is safe :
  - 92% patients followed : no need of surgery at 4 years<sup>1</sup>
  - No morphological change in 73% of cases at 3 years<sup>2</sup>

## 4- Natural history of IMPN with « worrisome » features ?



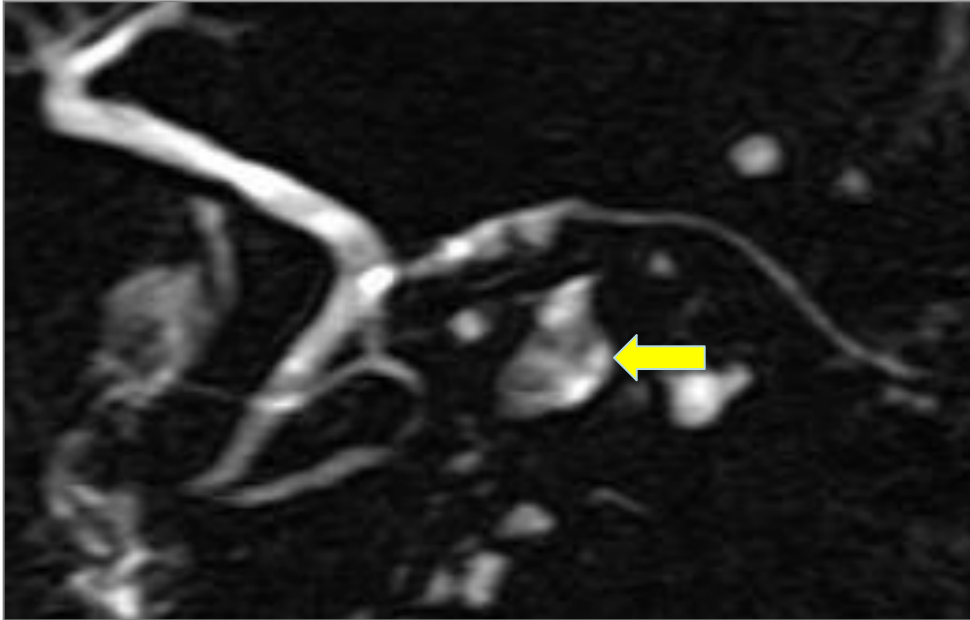
- Definition : IMPN with nodules, thick wall and/or BD > 3 cm
- Most studies that have established the value of worrisomes are surgical ones

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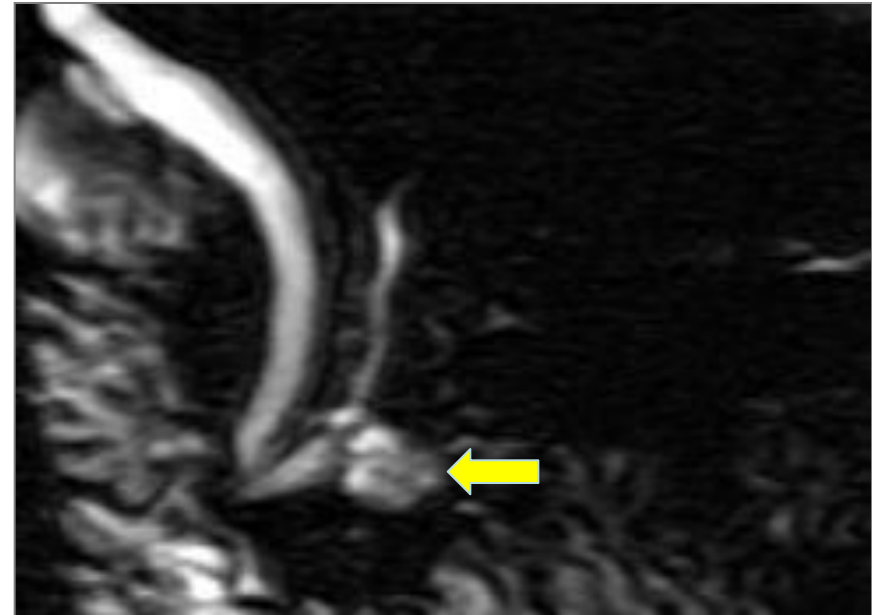




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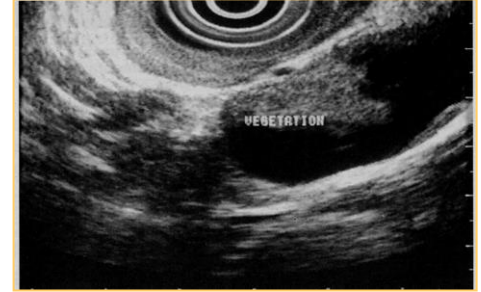


Nodule with  
high grade  
dysplasia



Mucus

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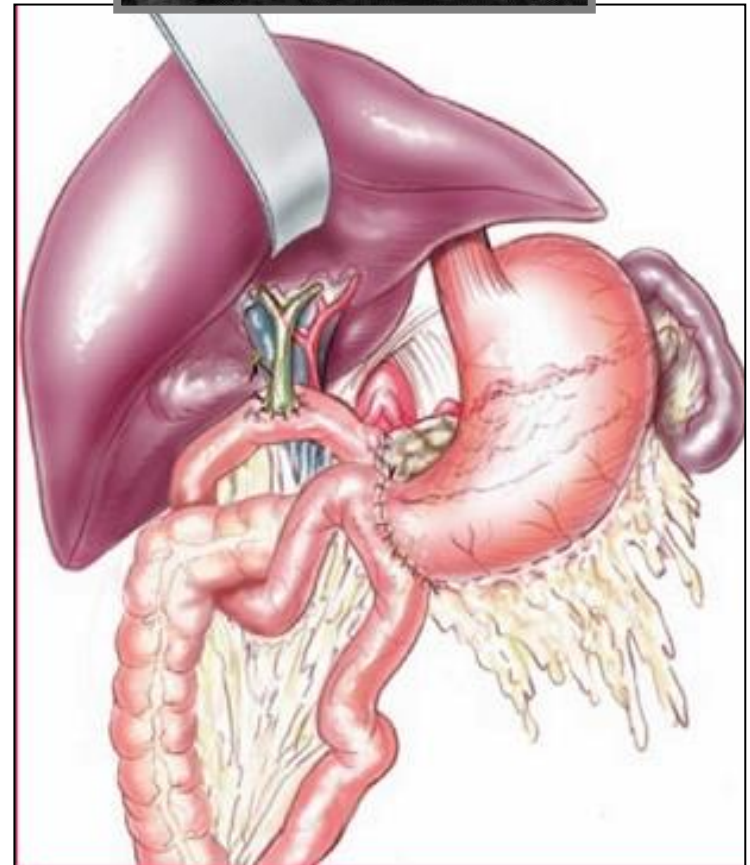
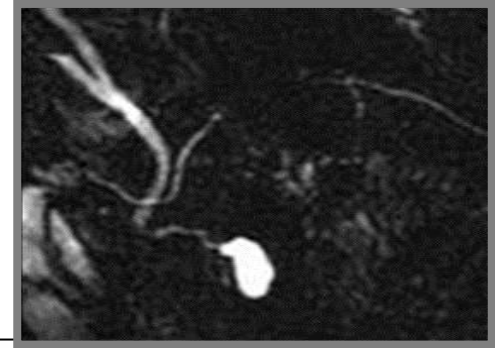


- Natural history not known as most patients have been operated on !

➡ Need of studies including patients unfit for (or who refuse) surgery and pooled data

## 5- Surgery : parenchyma-sparing resections?

- Whipple procedure or left pancreatectomy
  - Many non-invasive IPMN are over-treated
  - Mortality (1-3 %) and morbidity (pancreatic insufficiency, diabetes)

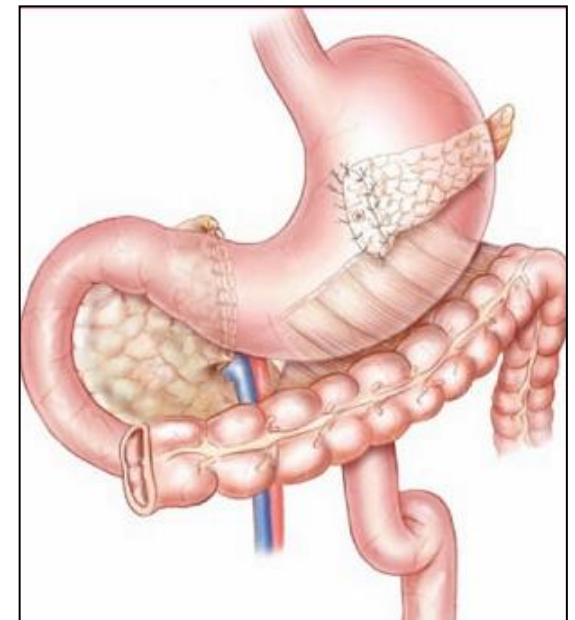


# 5- Surgery : parenchyma-sparing resections?

- Limited pancreatectomy or enucleation ?
  - Feasibility rate: 89%
  - Postoperative mortality: 1.3%
  - Overall morbidity: 61%
  - Median F/U of 50 months, endocrine/exocrine functions preserved in 92%
  - Low rate of recurrence



enucleation



Median pancreatectomy

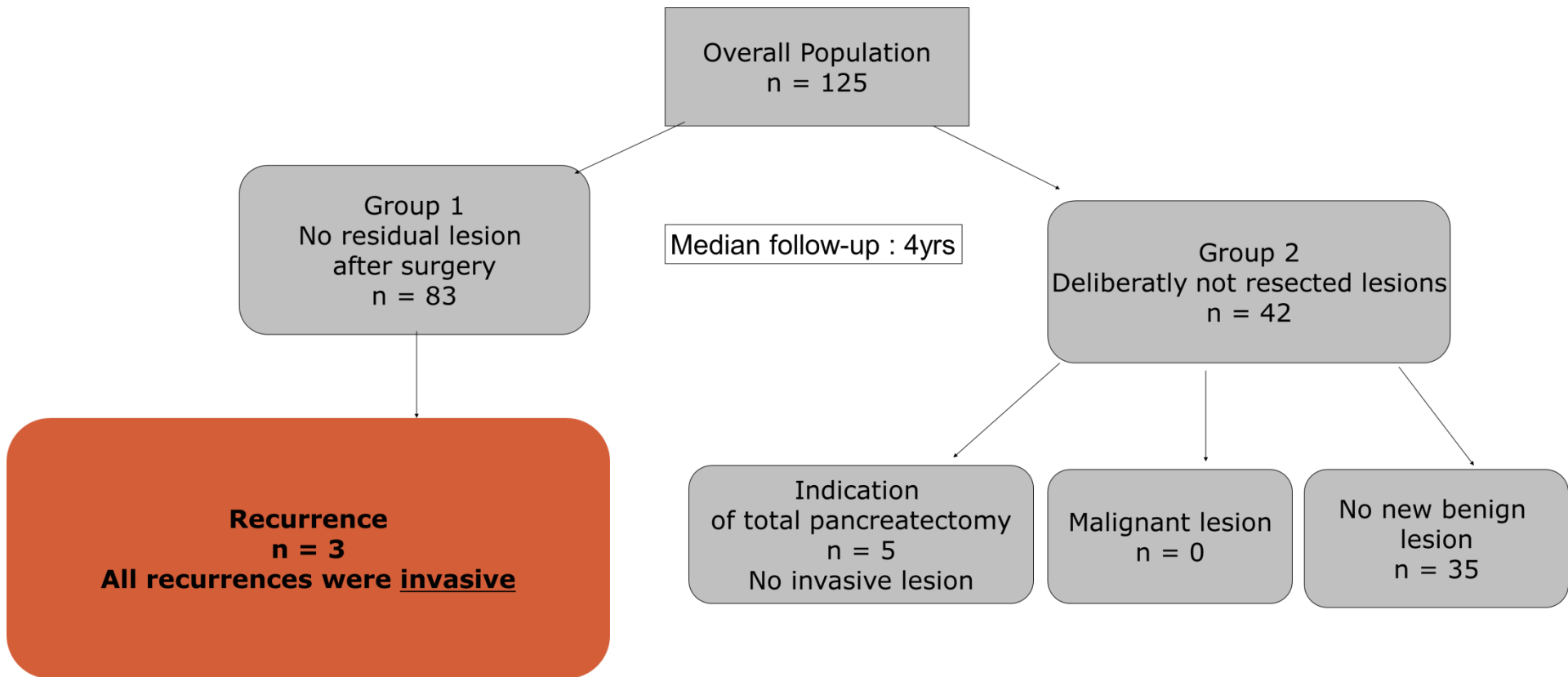
## 6- Postoperative surveillance

- In the literature, benign and malignant IPMN often mixed !
- Only two studies focusing on benign IPMN

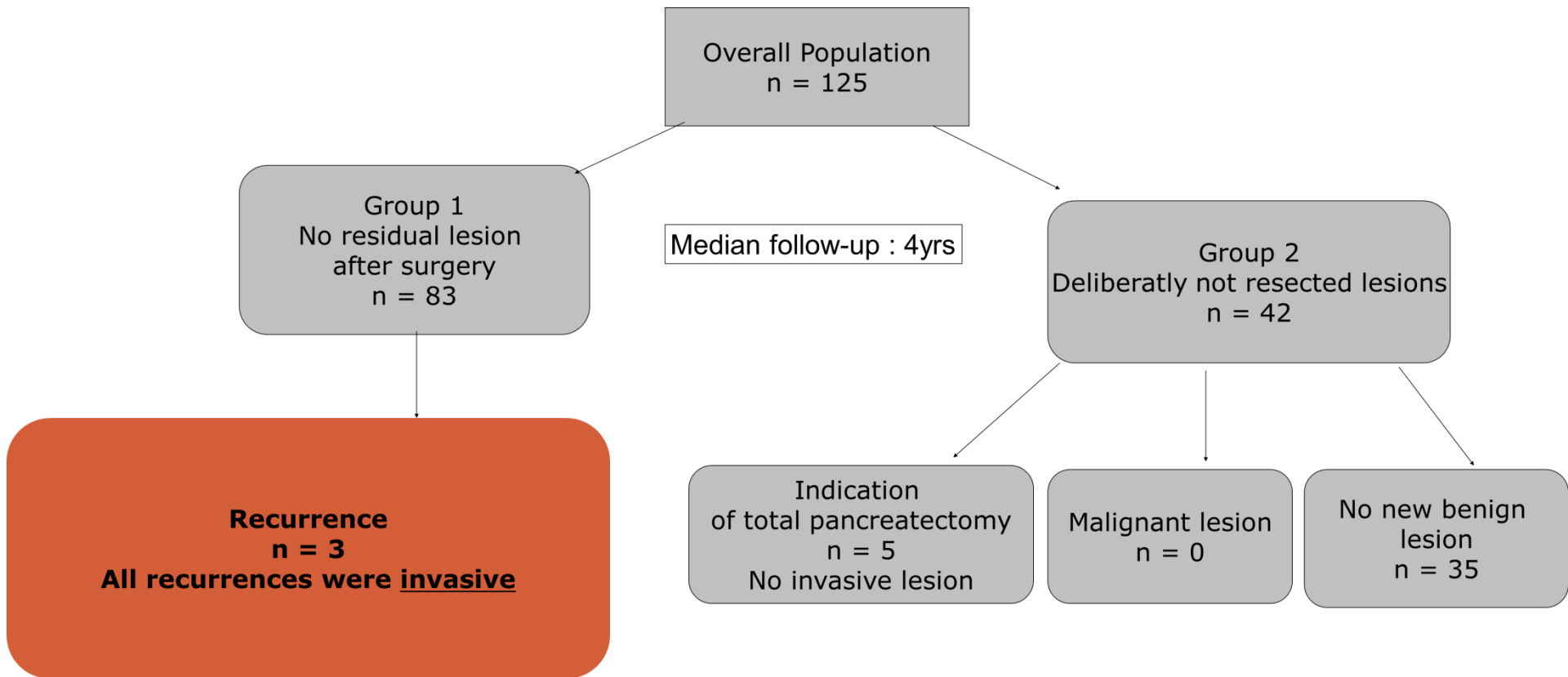
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- 186 patients operated for benign IPMN
- Median follow up : 46 months
- Recurrence in 40 patients (21%)
  - 31 new cysts
  - 6 re-resection for IPMN
  - 3 PDAC
- Margin dysplasia associated with a 3-fold increased recurrence risk
- No relationship between dysplasia grade and development of PDAC

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Low risk (5% ?) and no predictive factor of recurrence

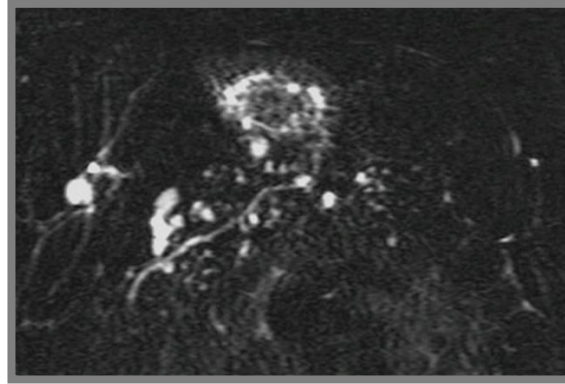


## 6- Postoperative surveillance

- Known IPMN in the remaining pancreas  
→ follow as non-resected IPMNs
- No residual lesions and negative margin  
→ follow at 2 and 5 years ?

Not evidence-based

## 6- Postoperative surveillance



- “Distinct” PC development at distance of BD-IPMN : IPMN = marker of risk !
  - 0.7-0.9% yearly risk of cancer development
  - CT or MRI at 6-month intervals : is it really feasible (compliance...) ?


## 6- Postoperative surveillance

- Low- or moderate-grade dysplasia on resection margin :
  - ➡ No evidence to modify the frequency and type of surveillance
  - ➡ History/physical examination and MRI surveillance suggested twice a year
- Not evidence-based !

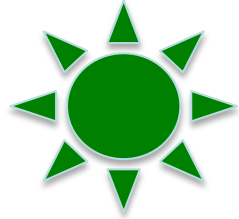
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- Pathologically confirmed PanIN-3 lesions in pancreas of high-risk patients who had resections of IPMNs <1 cm
- High-grade dysplasia and main pancreatic duct involvement at resection of BD-IPMNs < 3 cm
- However, insufficient evidence to lower the threshold criteria for surgery in these patients with lesions identified by screening

## 7- Patients at high risk (genetic) of PDAC

- What happens after surgery depending on pathology ?  
 We don't know !
- Follow-up imaging recommended < 6 months after surgery if any PanIN-3 in the resected pancreas without PDAC

# Management of IMPN?



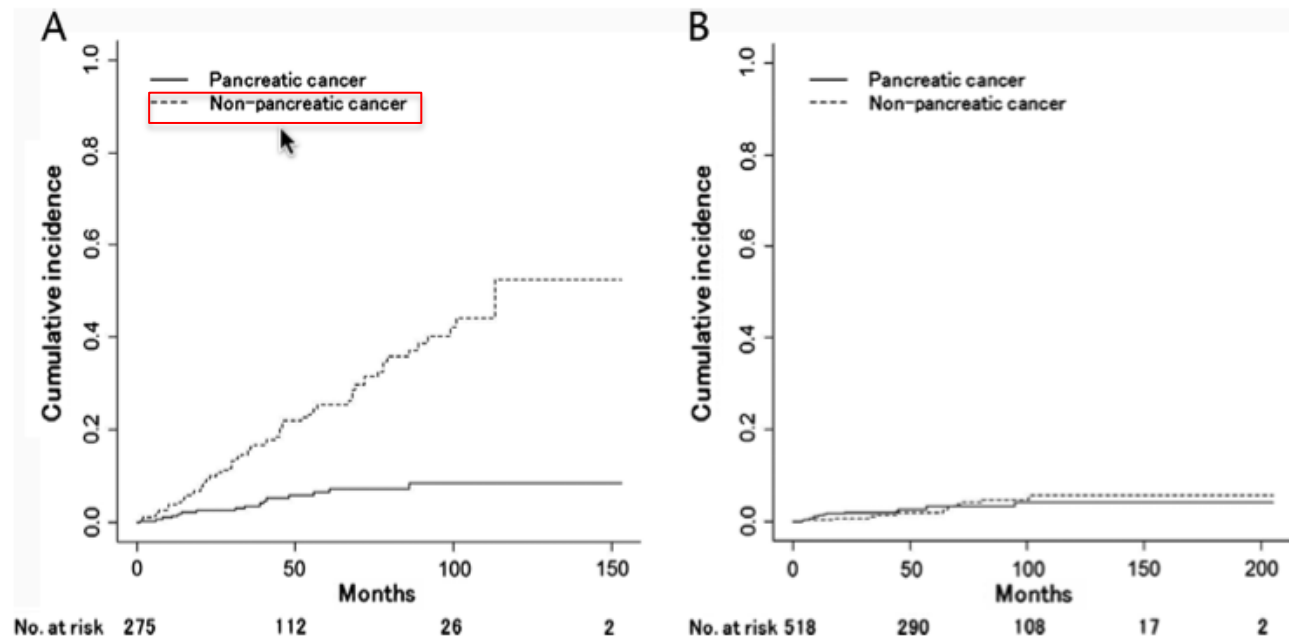
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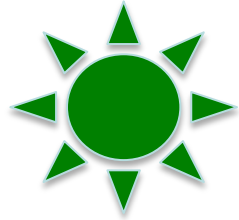
**Favour surgery**

# Patients with IPMN have other risk than PC....



**FIGURE 1.** Cumulative incidences of nonpancreatic cancer–specific and pancreatic cancer–specific mortality in patients with high/moderate (A) and low/no (B) comorbidity.

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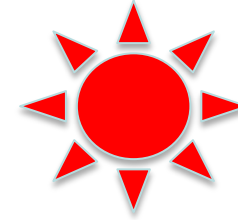


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**Digestive morbidity (functional)**

Diabetes, hypoglycemia\*

Operative mortality

Life-expectancy

**Favour  
abstinence/observation**

*\* When total pancreatectomy*



# Conclusions

- IMPN : lesion with malignant potential and marker of risk of pancreatic cancer
- Surveillance or surgical decision depend on characteristics of IPMN and... patients
- Modalities of imaging : need further assessment
- Surgery : always evaluate risk/benefit ratio

Thank you for your attention