



# Kontroverze léčby synchronních metastáz karcinomů tlustého střeva a konečníku Pohled chirurga

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# Treatment controversion in patients with synchronous colorectal liver metastases View of surgeon

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# CRLM - colorectal liver metastases

5-year survival of CRLM patients receiving **surgery** and neoadjuvant therapy has increased to up to 50 %

but:

more than about 70 % patients after liver resection develop recurrence in the remnant liver

➔ surgical resection for resectable CRLM is still a controversial

Hof J et al, Br J Surg 2016; 103: 1055-1062

Omichi K et al, Eur J Surg Oncol 2018; 44: 122-129

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# Development of liver resectability definition for CRLM

**Ekberg H 1986:** < 4 mets, no extrahepatic metastatic disease, resection margin > 1 cm

**van Dam RM 2014:** > 4 mets in both lobes, centrally located, resectable extrahepatic disease

**Viganó L 2015:** > 8 mets, no risk factors including extrahepatic disease, no response to chemotherapy

**Allard MA 2017:** > 10 mets

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Viganó L et al, Br J Surg 2015; 102: 92-101

Allard MA et al, Br J Cancer 2017; 117: 604-611



# Complications and survival

<b>van Dam RM</b> – extended liver resection vs. traditional indication group		
major complications	33.1 % vs 19.5 %	
OS	41.4 mo vs. 68.8 mo	
DFS rates	10.2 mo vs. 22.0 mo	
10-year DFS rates	15.8 % vs. 35.5 %	
<b>Viganó L</b> –	OS	20.1 % vs. 44.2 %
	RFS rates	13.6 % vs. 28.7 %
<b>Allard MA</b> –	5-year OS	30 %
	R0/R1 3 and 5-year	61 % vs. 39 %

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# Current criteria for resectability of CRLM

- any tumor number
- any tumor distribution in the liver
- stable or resectable extrahepatic disease  
(excl. portal lymphadenopathy)
- functional liver remnant > 20 % of total liver volume  
> 30 - 40 % for severe chemotherapy  
associated liver dysfunction
- venous involvement amenable to venous resection or reconstruction
- tumor-free margin (1 mm)

Chakedis J et al, Curr Probl Surg 2017; 54: 554-602

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Avallance AE et al, Colorectal Dis 2018; 20: 486-495

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**In UK 2018: 71.1 % : 14.8 % : 14.2 % (n = 1.830 pts.)**

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**But:** no difference in 5-year OS (54 % vs. 49 %)

Valdimarsson VT et al, HPB (Oxford) 2018; 20: 441-447

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# Synchronous CRLM resectable

## 1 and 3: **staged surgical treatment**

- need of second surgery (median time 4.7 – 7.0, 2.0 – 9.0 mo resp.)
- increasing the length of hospital stay
- 16.3 – 35 % of liver first and bowel first fail to proceed to the second operation (!! ) ... disease progression, complications

But: progression means aggressive tumor biology ➡ avoids extensive resection

Welsh FK et al, Br J Surg 2016; 103: 600-603

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# Synchronous CRLM resectable

Ad 2 - **one stage operation** in selected pts.

- simultaneous operation is safe
- number is increasing from 26.8 % (2010) to 35.6 % (2015)

**But:** no difference in OS a DFS compare to 2 stage operations:

1-year survival 90.5 % vs. 92.6 %

5-year survival 38.5 % vs. 38.9 %

**Criteria for one stage operation:** age < 70 years, LR of no more 3 segments colonic resection (esp. right-sided), excl. other factors

Vallance AE et al, Colorectal Dis. 2018; 20: 486-495

Silberhumer GR et al, Surgery 2016; 160: 67-73



# Synchronous CRLM resectable

Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (neoCTx) – is controversial

Pro: control systemic disease, eliminate micro-metastatic disease,  
downsize LM and primary

3-year DFS 34.2 % vs. 16.8 % (Kim CW 2017)

partial response means better results

better results in R1 resection (esp. K-ras mutation)

**But:** results are very controversial, esp. target therapy

Kim CW et al, Medicine (Baltimore) 2017; 96: e6174

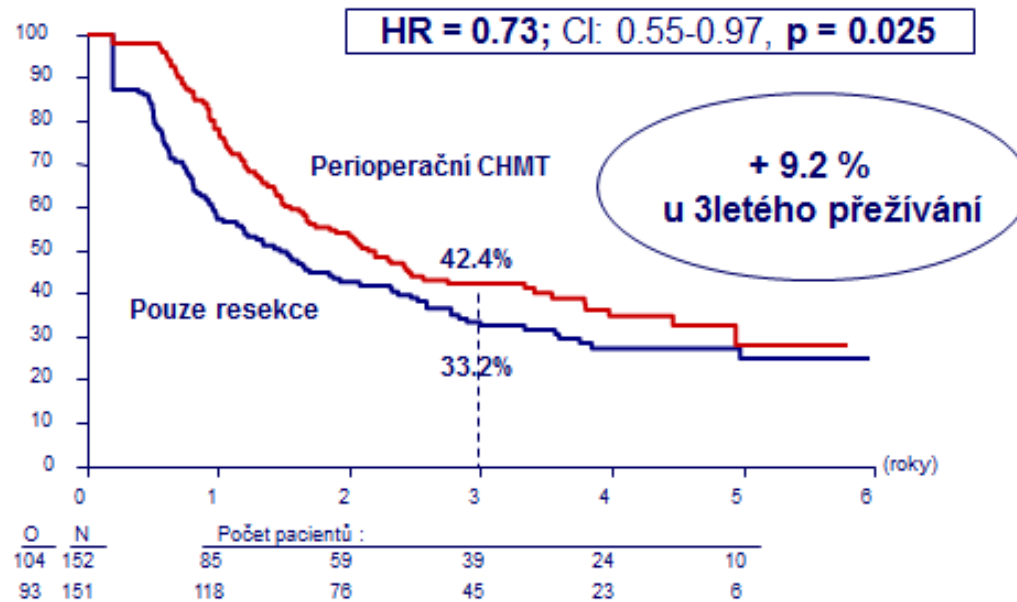
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# Synchronous CRLM resectable

„Progres – free survival“ u resekovaných

(Nordlinger B et al, Lancet 2008)



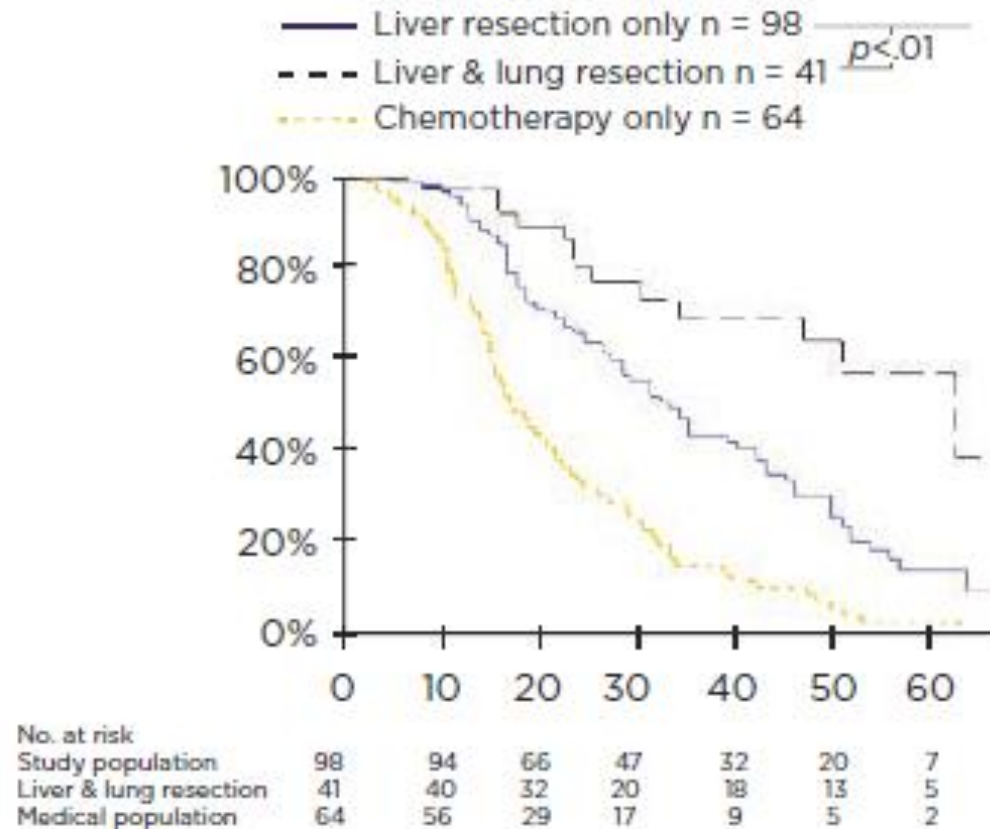
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Nordlinger B et al, The Lancet Oncology 2013; 14: 1208 – 1215

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# Synchronous CRLM + CRLM resectable



Arvide EM et al, J Adv Pract Oncol 2016; 7: 788-792

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# Synchronous CRLM resectable - **summary**

- there is no significant difference in the outcomes between these 3 approaches
- type and timing depends on: patients characteristics  
protocol of center
- neoadj CTx: 4 - 6 wk after chemotherapy  
7- 8 wk after target therapy
- Benefit of perioperative chemotherapy is not proven

Vallance AE et al, Colorectal Dis 2018; 20: 486-495

Berardi G et al, Eur J Surg Oncol 2018; 44: 1069-1077

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# Synchronous CRLM unresectable

## Definition of unresectability:

- multiple bilobar LM requiring  $> 70\%$  resection (untumorous tissue)
- tumour invading all 3 hepatic veins
- both branches of hepatic artery or PV
- extrahepatic mets (excl. pulmonary resectable)

## Solutions – conversion therapy

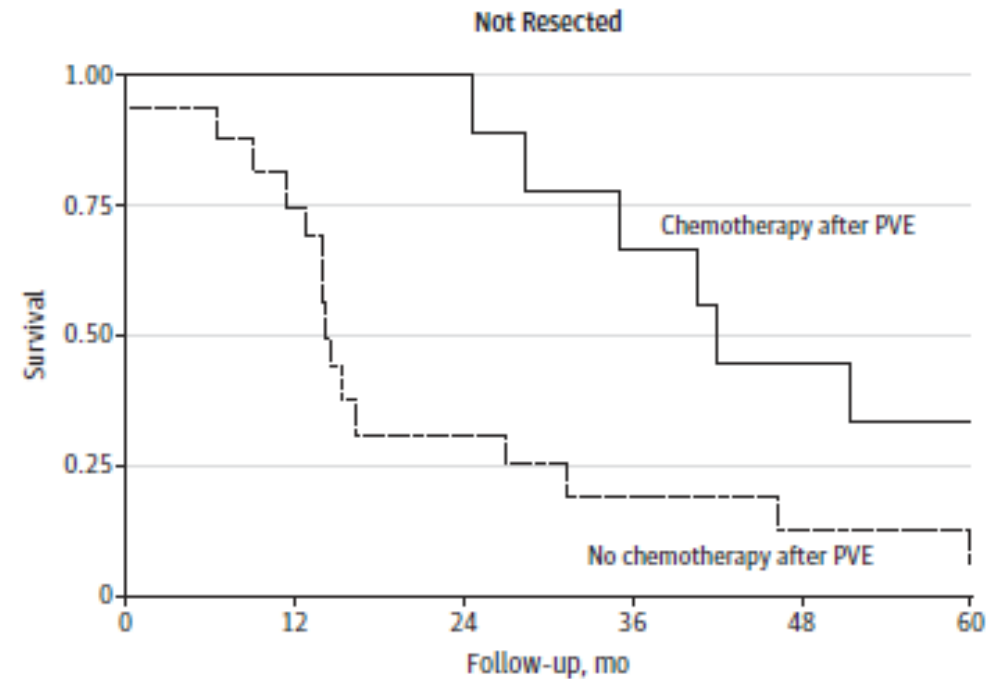
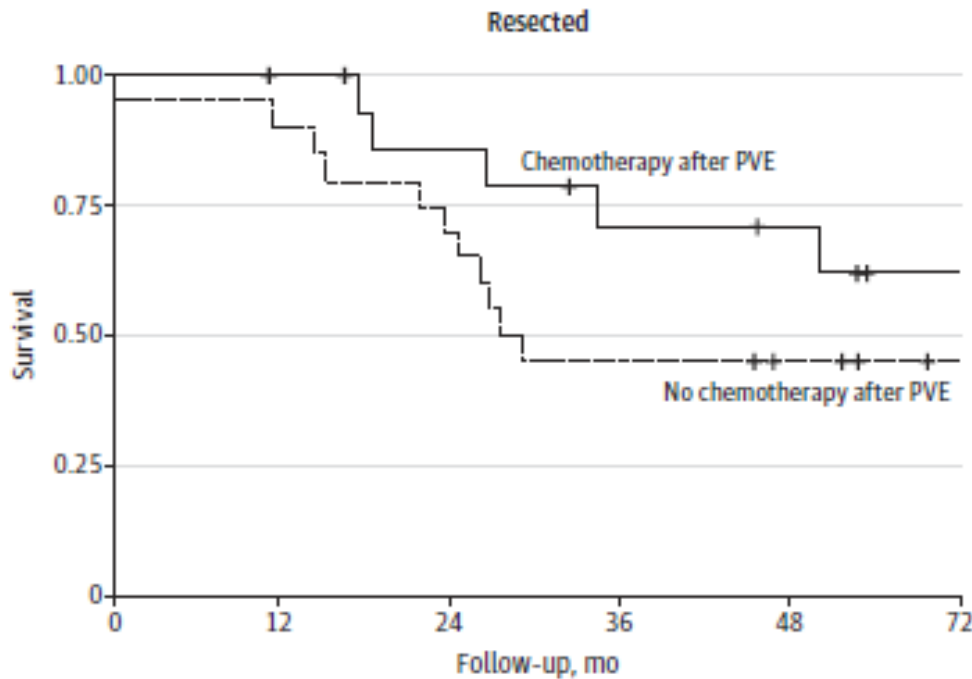
- PVE or PVL (4 – 6 w)
- ALPPS (8 – 11 d)
- conversion chemotherapy
- LTx



PVE  $\Rightarrow$  hypertrofie zdravého parenchymu



# Synchronous CRLM unresectable - PVE



**34 % progression after PVE**

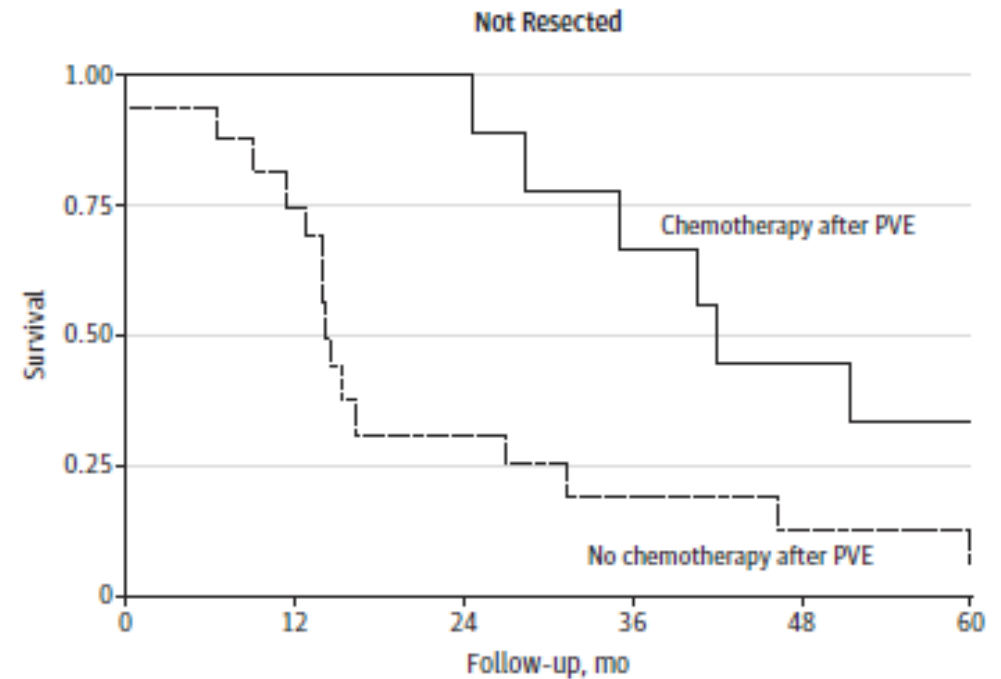
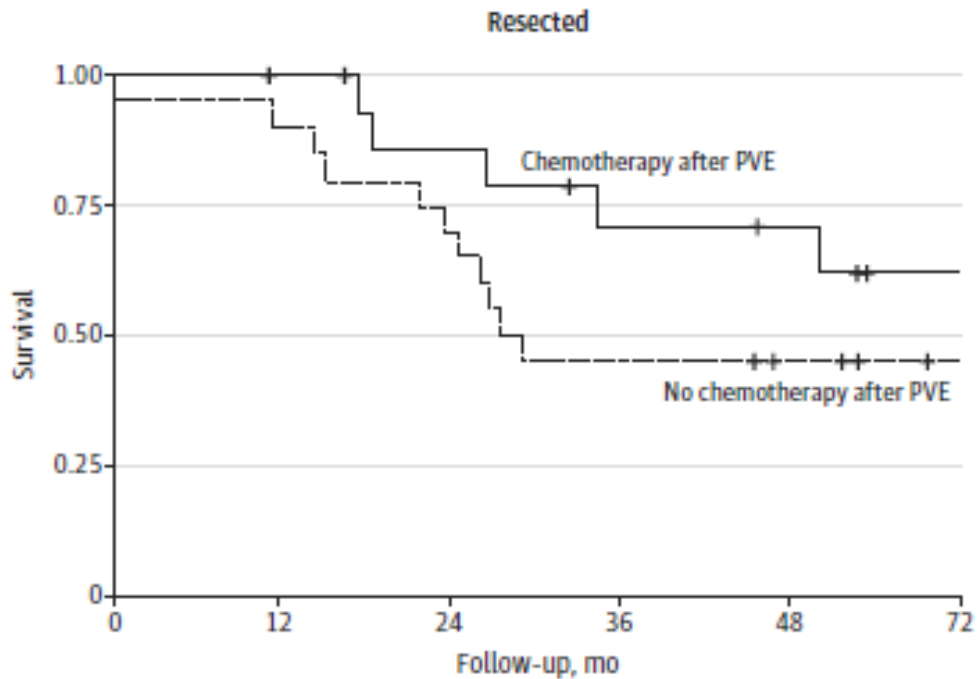
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Spelt L et al, HPB (Oxford) 2015; 17: 529-535

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# Synchronous CRLM unresectable - PVE



**30 % after PVE fail to receive second surgery**

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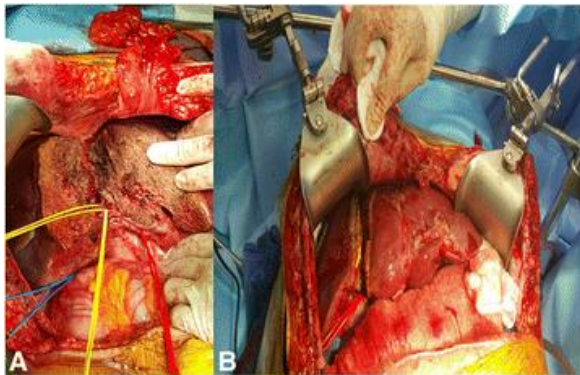


# Synchronous CRLM unresectable - ALPPS

## 2012 – ALPPS - Associating Liver Partition with Portal Vein Ligation for Staged Hepatectomy

2 stages:

- 1.- ligation of right portal vein, splitting of the liver parenchyma, cleaning of FLR
- 2.- RHE



Resection rate ..... 92 % vs. 57 %  
90d mortality ..... 8.3 %  
Dindo > 3a ..... 43 % vs. 43 %

Sandstrom P et al, Ann Surg 2018; 267: 833-840

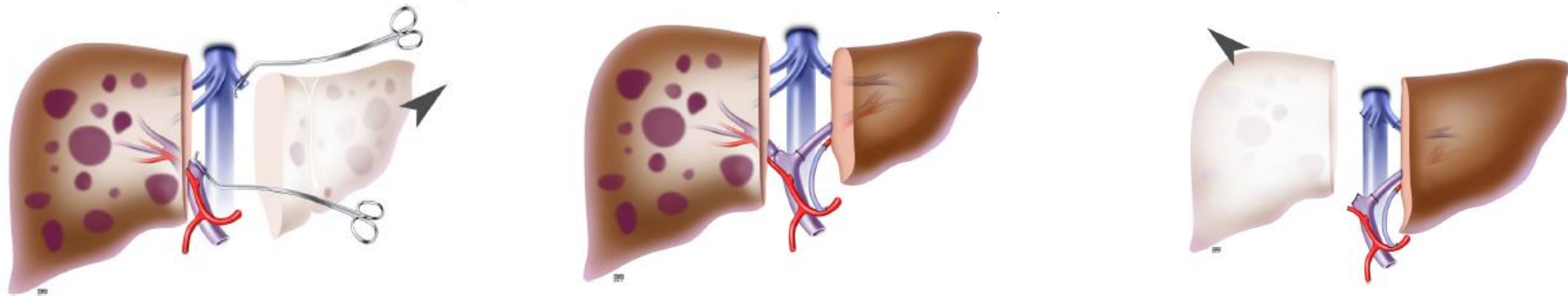


# Synchronous CRLM unresectable – LTx (ultimate)

Pro: LTx – 50 % 5-y survival

Cons: shortage of grafts

selection strategy: LM < 55 mm, time interval > 2y, CEA < 80 ng/l,  
response or stable disease under CTx



Rauchfuß et al. World Journal of Surgical Oncology 2019; 17:11

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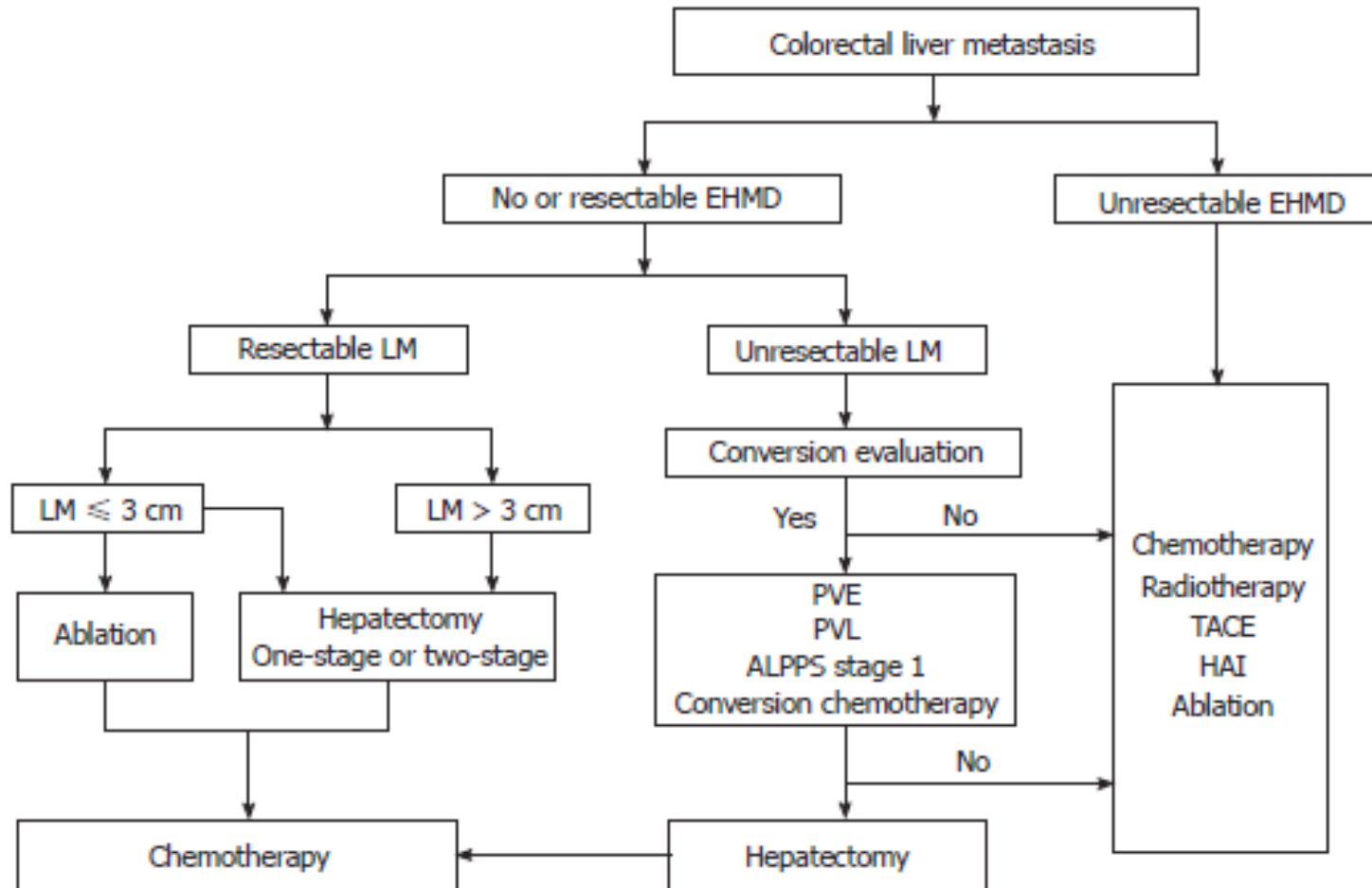
# Synchronous CRLM - conclusion

Suggestions, no evidence-based

- 1 – Simultaneous colorectal and liver metastases whenever possible
- 2 – neoadjuvant chemotherapy for patients with advanced metastatic tumors to assess disease biology and to control lesions
- 3 – liver first (+ radiotherapy before rectal surgery)  
vs. bowel first
- 4 – condition: MDT



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Xu F et al, WJCC 2018; 6: 716-734

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