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*What is the optimal continuum of care in 2021 in metastatic colorectal cancer?*

**What are best treatment choices  
for the remaining majority of patients?**

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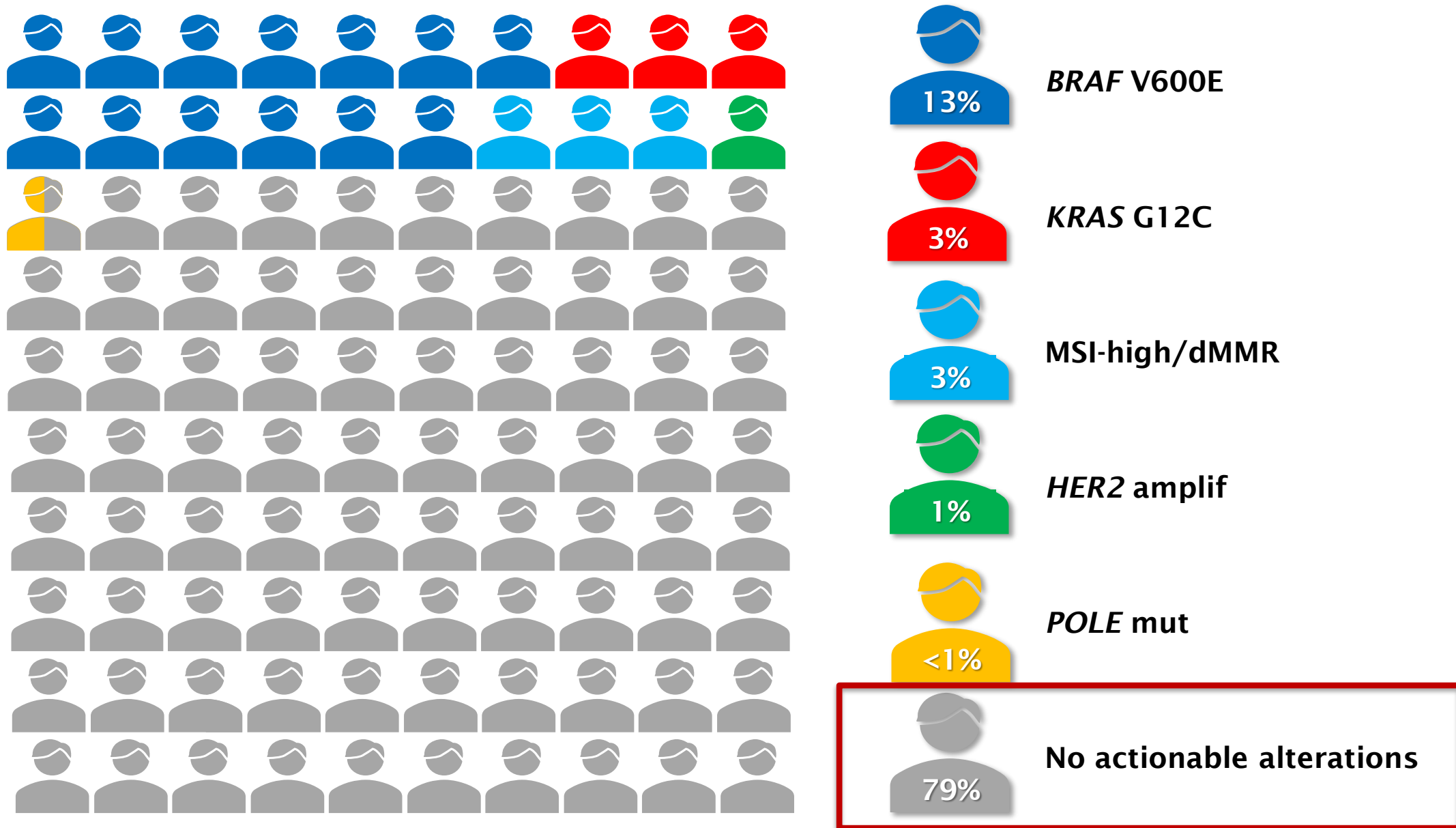
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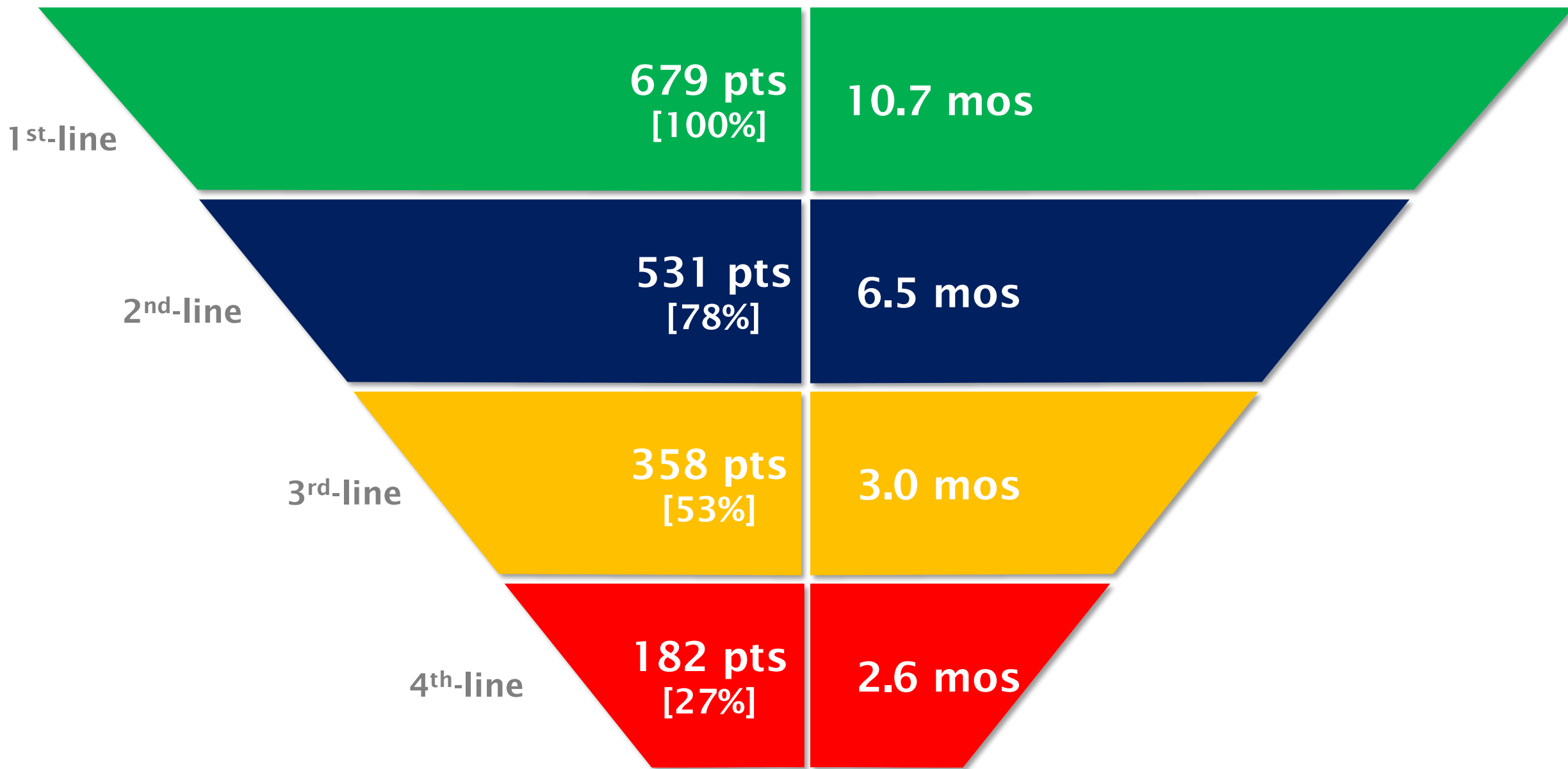
# CGP analysis of samples from patients enrolled in the TRIBE2 study



*adapted from Antoniotti et al, Eur J Cancer 2021*

Number of treated patients

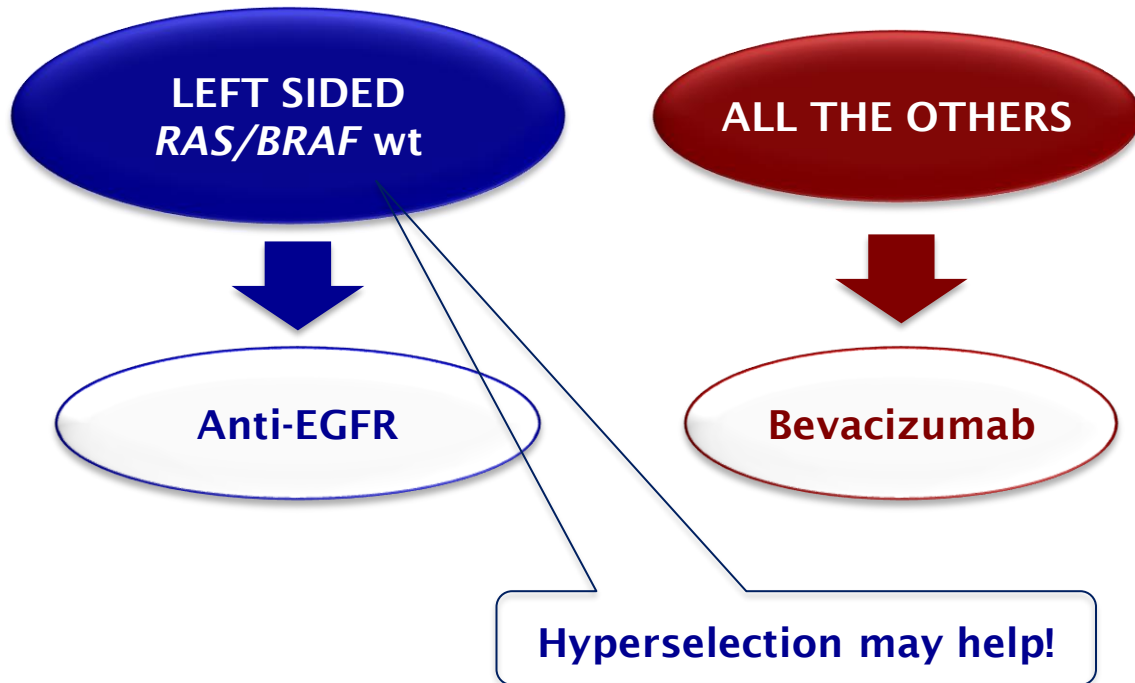
Median PFS



*TRIBES2 study - unpublished data*

# Choosing the upfront therapy in MSS mCRC

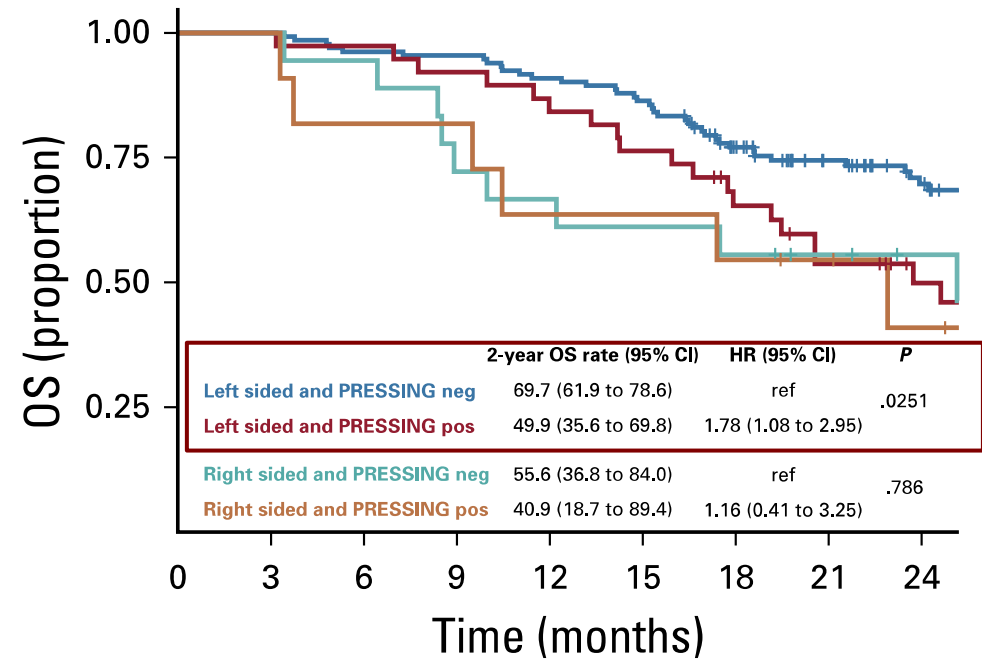
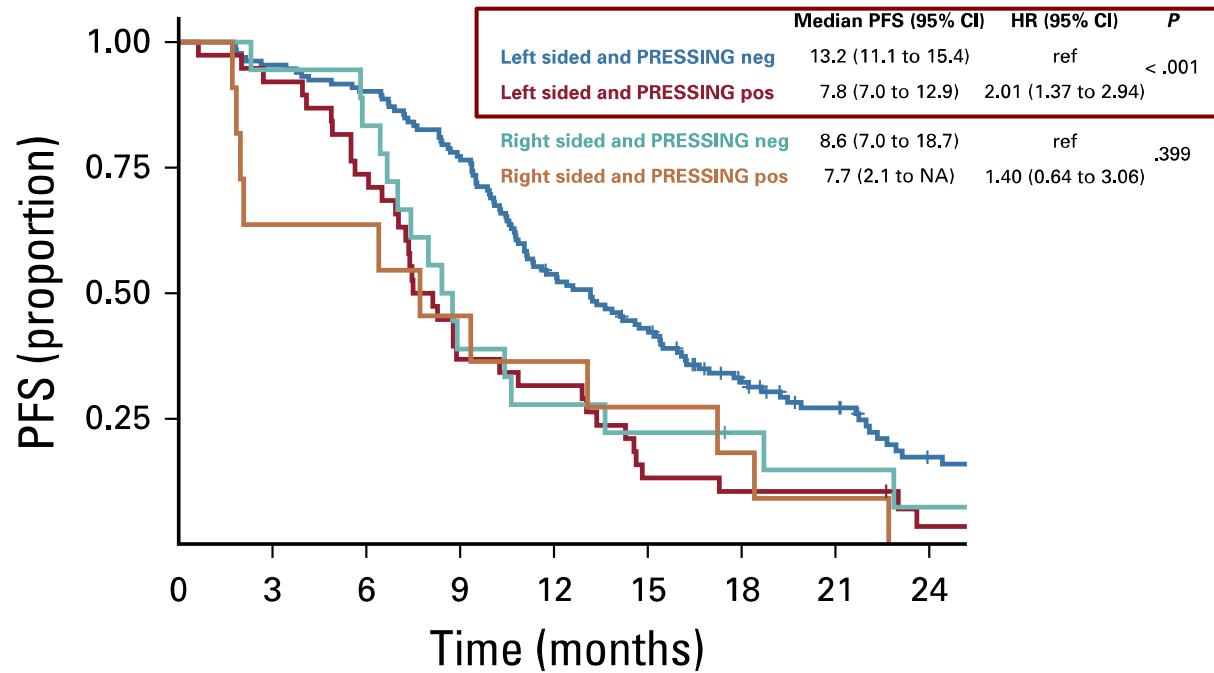
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The «best» chemotherapy  
(intensity)

# Prognostic impact of tissue PRESSING panel according to primary side

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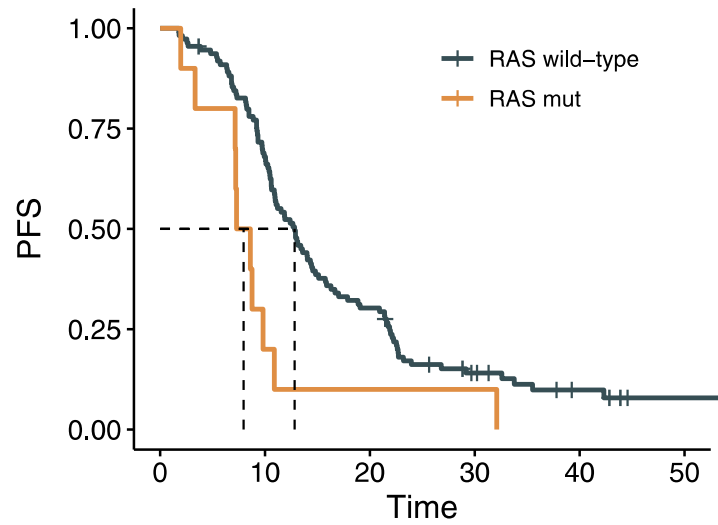


**PRESSING panel:** *HER2* amplification or mutations;  
*MET* amplification; *ALK/ROS1/NTRKs* and *RET* fusions;  
*PI3K/PTEN/Akt* and *MAPKs* pathways' activating mutations

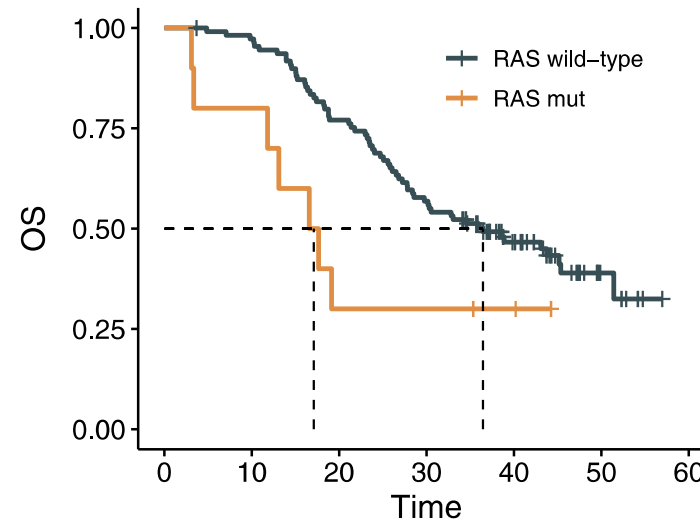
*Morano et al, J Clin Oncol '19*

# Prognostic impact of ctDNA *RAS* mutations in left-sided *RAS/BRAF* wt HER2-neg MSS mCRC

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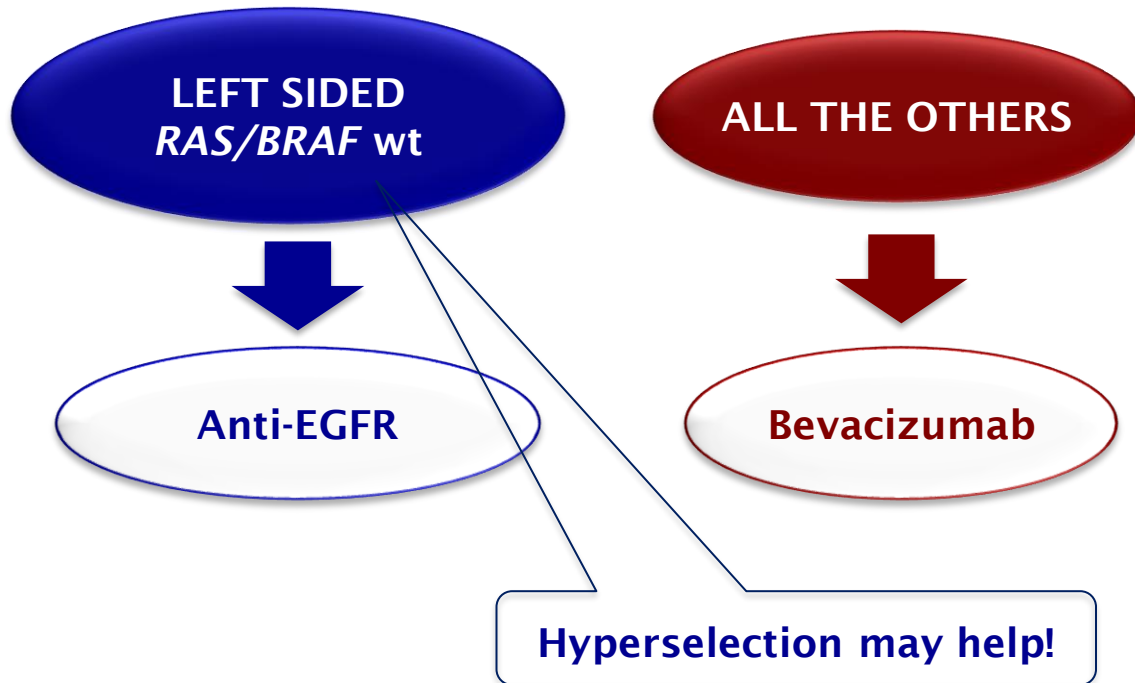
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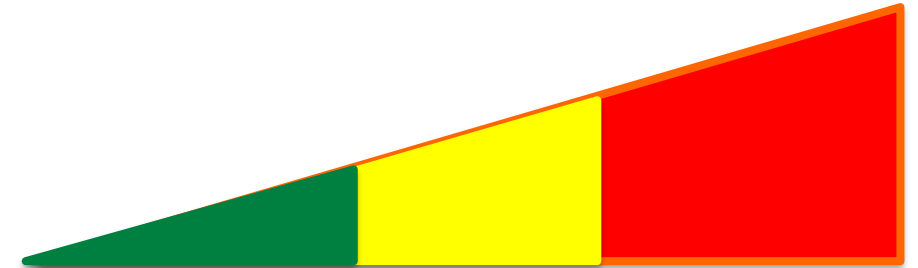
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0	10	20	30	40	50	60

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## The «best» targeted agent



## The «best» chemotherapy (intensity)





# Low intensity CT: monotherapy



- More a «need» according to patients' tumor-unrelated conditions than a choice based on disease indolence
- Capecitabine + bevacizumab : for long the most evidence-based standard

*Cunningham et al, Lancet Oncol '13*

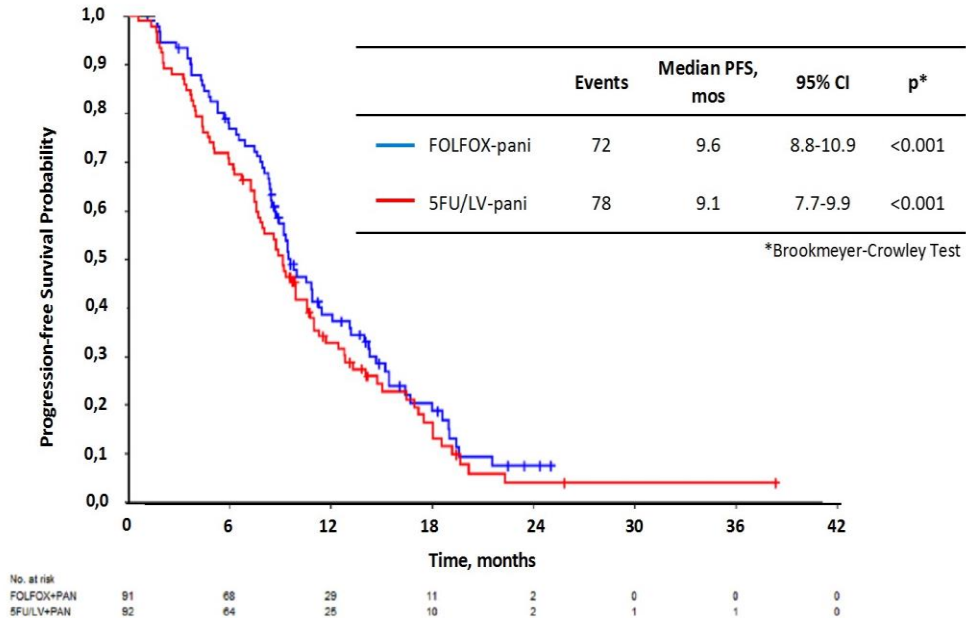
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*Lonardi et al, ASCO Ann Meet '20*

# PANDA: 5FU/LV+pan vs «light» FOLFOX+pan

Age > 75 with ECOG PS 0 or 1 or 70-75 with ECOG PS >0

Median follow up: 20.5 mos (Data Cutoff: 04 Feb 2020)



Grade 3-4 toxicities	ARM A FOLFOX + PANI N= 92	ARM B 5FU/LV + PANI N= 91
Neutropenia	9.8 %	1.1 %
Diarrhea	16.3 %	1.1 %
Stomatitis	9.8 %	4.4 %
Neurotoxicity	3.3 %	-
Fatigue	6.5 %	4.4 %
Skin rash	25.0 %	24.2 %
Hypomagnesemia	3.3 %	7.7 %

ORR: 65% (arm A) and 57% (arm B)  
 DCR: 88% (arm A) and 86% (arm B)



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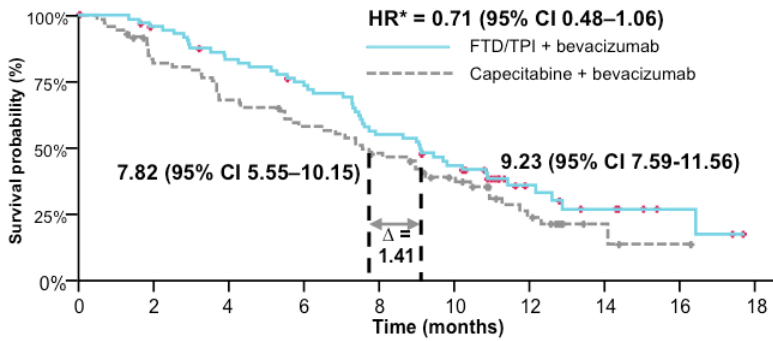
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- News on the horizon: FTD/TPI + bev?

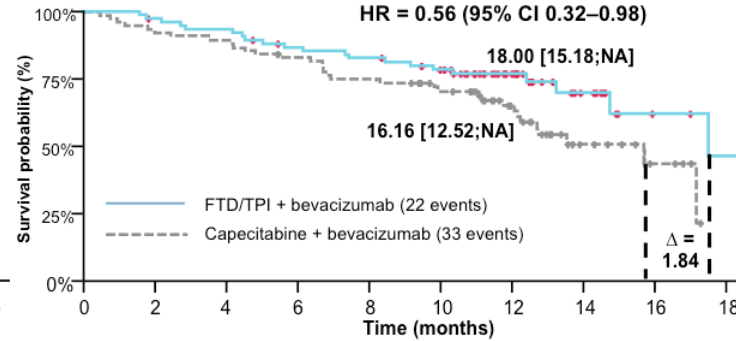
# On the horizon...from TASCO-1 to SOLSTICE

## Phase II TASCO-1

### Progression-free survival



### Overall survival



Van Cutsem et al, *Ann Oncol* '20

## Phase III SOLSTICE – accrual completed

### Key inclusion criteria

- Histologically confirmed adenocarcinoma of the colon or rectum
- $\geq 1$  measurable metastatic lesion (defined by RECIST)
- Not a candidate for standard full dose combination chemotherapy with irinotecan or oxaliplatin
- Not a candidate for curative resection of metastatic lesions
- RAS status available
- ECOG  $\leq 2$

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N=854

n=427

Arm A  
Trifluridine/tipiracil 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
BID in a 28-day cycle  
+  
Bevacizumab 5 mg/kg IV,  
every 2 weeks

n=427

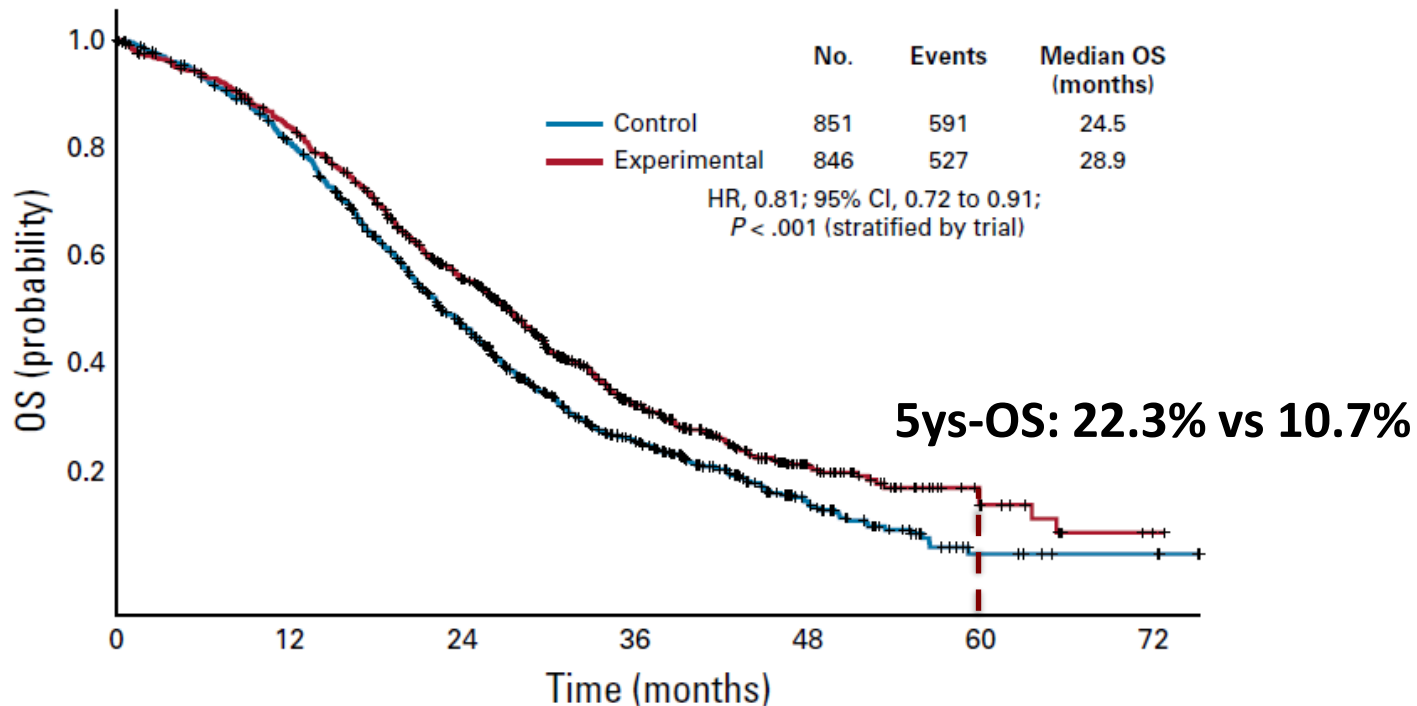
Arm B  
Capecitabine (1250–1000 mg/  
m<sup>2</sup>) BID in a 21-day cycle  
+  
Bevacizumab 7.5 mg/kg IV,  
every 3 weeks

André et al, *Fut Oncol* '20

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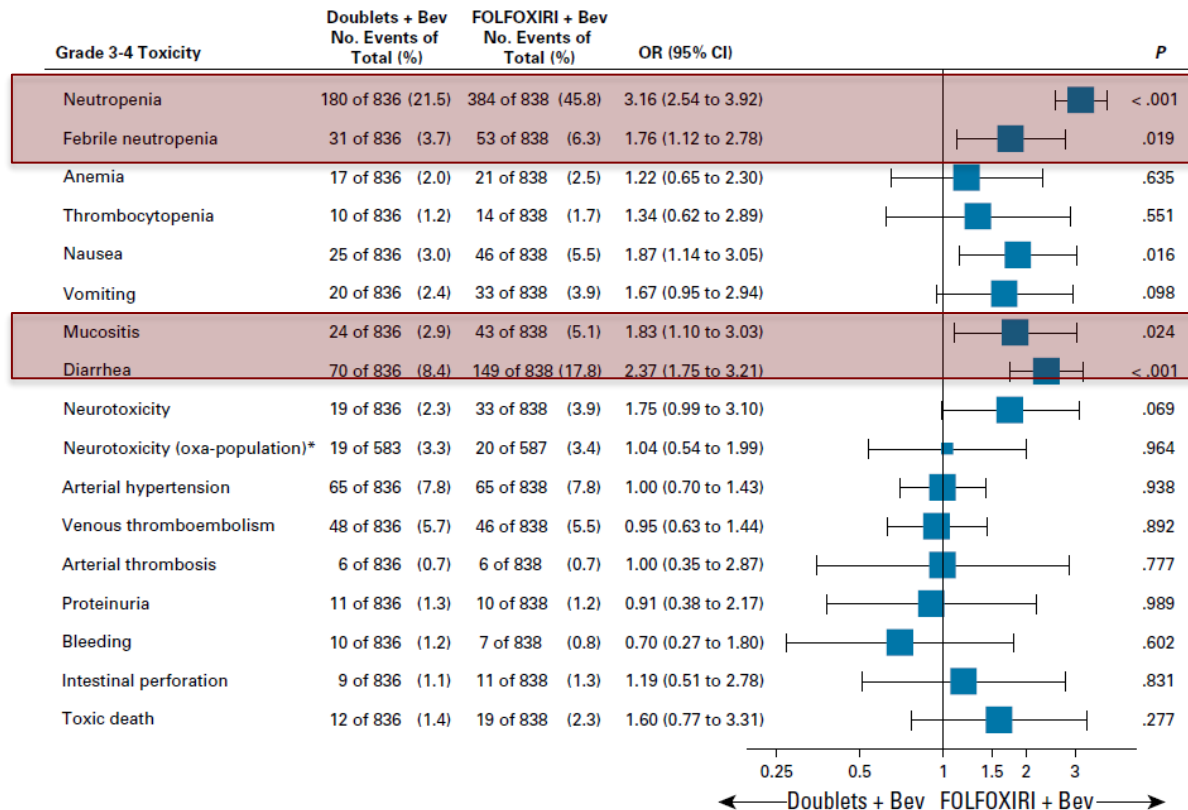
IPD-metanalysis of 5 random trials - Age < 70 with ECOG PS 0-2 or 70-75 with ECOG PS 0



No. at risk:							
Control	851	677	377	169	55	9	4
Experimental	846	704	446	190	60	15	2

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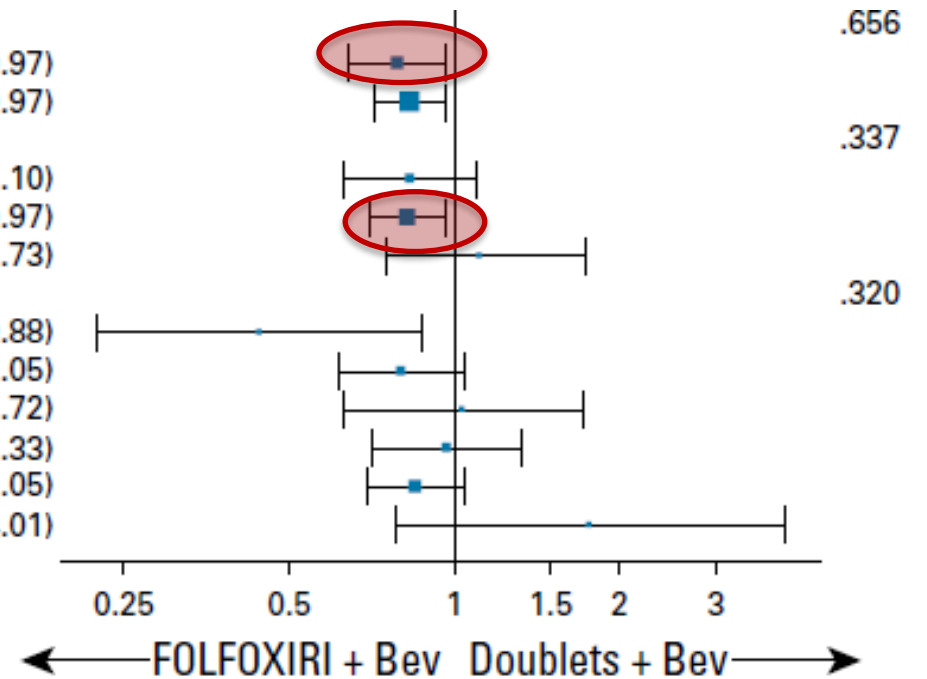


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Tumor site	FOLFOXIRI + Bev	Doublets + Bev	OR (95% CI)
Right	185 of 255 (72.5)	193 of 295 (65.4)	0.79 (0.64 to 0.97)
Left/rectum	367 of 535 (68.6)	317 of 496 (63.9)	0.83 (0.72 to 0.97)
RAS and BRAF status			
RAS-BRAF wt	107 of 172 (62.2)	99 of 177 (55.9)	0.83 (0.63 to 1.10)
RAS mut	316 of 430 (73.5)	289 of 422 (68.5)	0.82 (0.70 to 0.97)
BRAF mut	43 of 54 (79.6)	53 of 61 (86.9)	1.11 (0.75 to 1.73)
Site-RAS/BRAF			
Right-RAS/BRAF wt	21 of 31 (67.7)	21 of 44 (47.7)	0.44 (0.22 to 0.88)
Right-RAS mut	110 of 149 (73.8)	113 of 168 (67.3)	0.80 (0.62 to 1.05)
Right-BRAF mut	33 of 40 (82.5)	34 of 39 (87.2)	1.04 (0.63 to 1.72)
Left-RAS/BRAF wt	79 of 134 (59.0)	78 of 132 (59.1)	0.97 (0.71 to 1.33)
Left-RAS mut	199 of 273 (72.9)	173 of 250 (69.2)	0.85 (0.69 to 1.05)
Left-BRAF mut	9 of 13 (69.2)	19 of 22 (86.4)	1.77 (0.78 to 4.01)



# Triplet/pan : VOLFI trial

- mCRC pts:
- ✓ Unresectable disease
  - ✓ Previously untreated for mts disease
  - ✓ RAS wt

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mFOLFOXIRI\* +  
Panitumumab  
up to 12 cycles

Arm  
A

FOLFOXIRI  
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Arm  
B

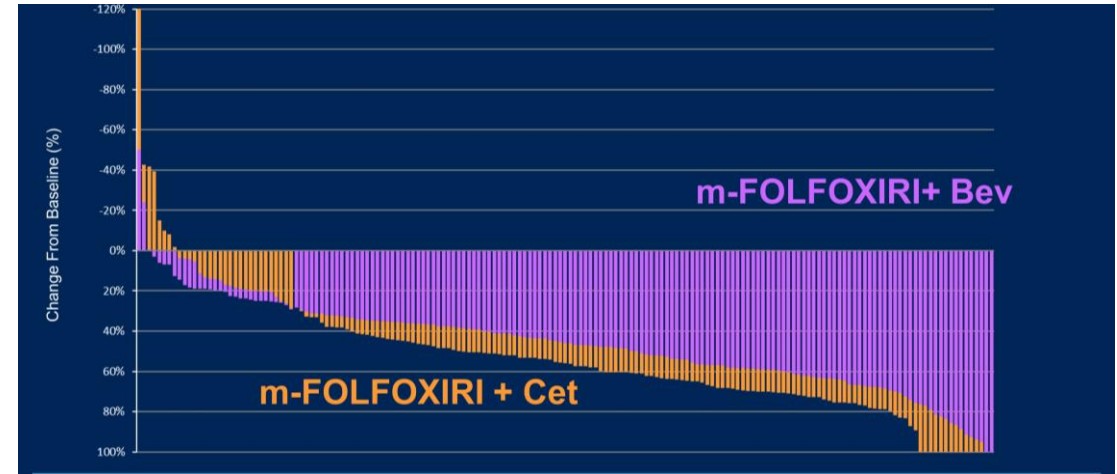
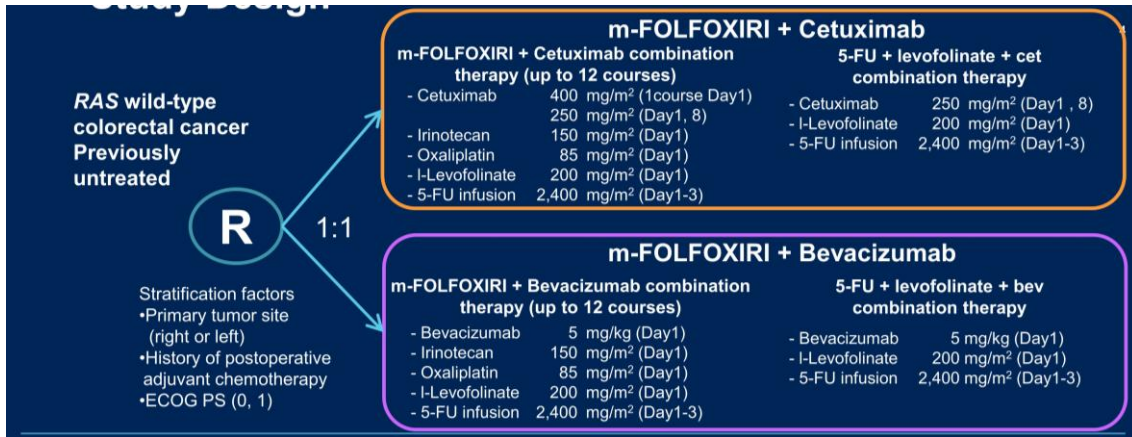
\*irinotecan 150mg/sqm; oxaliplatin 85 mg/sqm; LV 200 mg/sqm; 5FU: 3000 mg/sqm

Primary endpoint: Objective Response Rate

	mFOLFOXIRI+pan N=63	FOLFOXIRI N=33	OR	p
Response Rate	85.7%	60.6%	3.90	0.0096
<i>RAS/BRAF</i> wt	N=43 86.0%	N=17 64.7%	3.36	0.0806
Left-sided tumors	N=53 90.6%	N=25 68.0%	4.52	0.0210
Right-sided tumors	N=10 60.0%	N=8 37.5%	2.50	0.64
Progression-free Survival	10.8 mos	10.5 mos	1.11	0.66
Resection Rate (potentially resectable cohort, n=31)	70.0%	36.4%	-	0.13

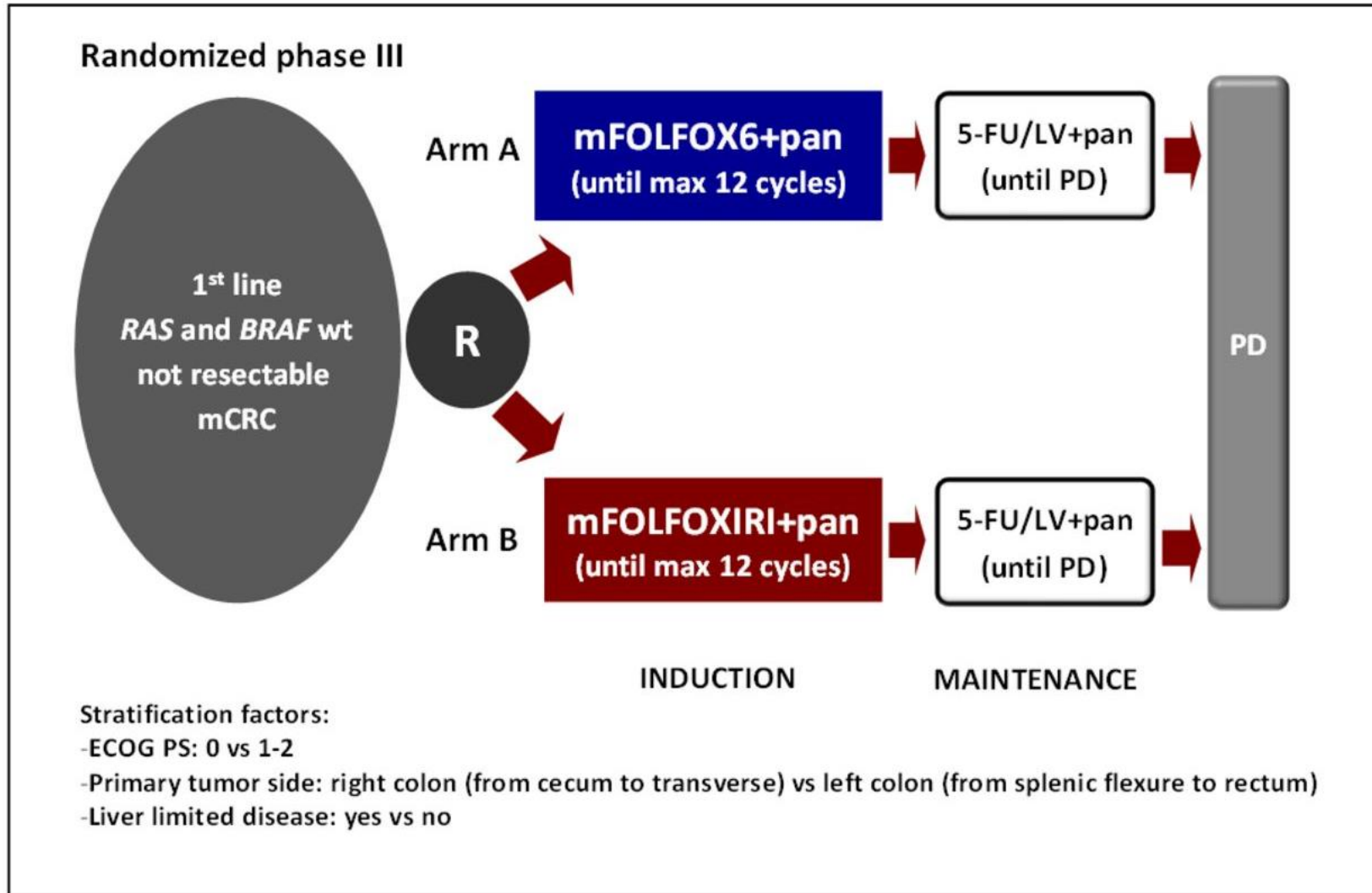


# Triplet/cet : DEEPER trial



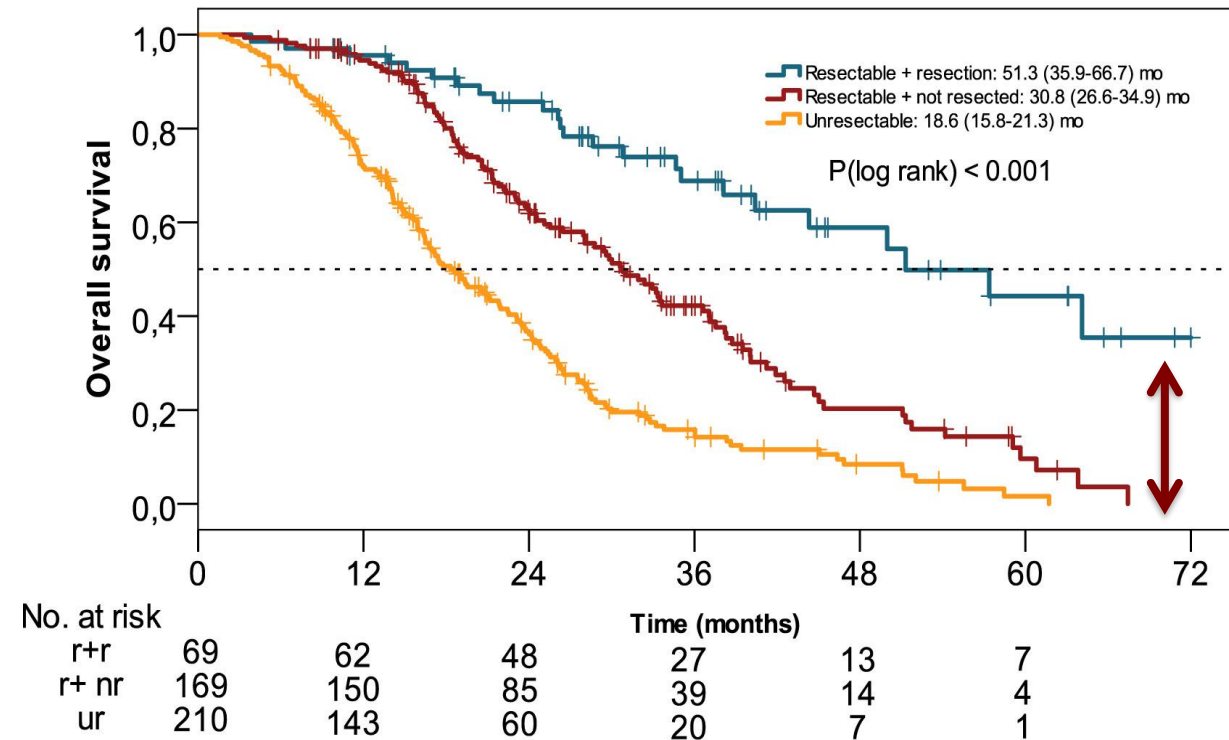
	<b>mFOLFOXIRI+cetux</b> <b>N=158</b>	<b>mFOLFOXIRI + bev</b> <b>N=162</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>Depth of response (median)</b>	57.4%	46%	0.0010
<b>Left-sided subgroup (N= 131/137)</b>	60.3%	46.1%	0.0007
<b>Right-sided subgroup (N=27/25)</b>	50.0%	41.2%	0.466
RECIST Response Rate	69.1%	71.7%	0.605
Disease Control Rate	90.9%	95.4%	0.096
R0 resection rate	28.6%	30.6%	0.673
Progression-free Survival (mos)	12.7	10.5	-
Overall Survival (mos)	37.6	36.4%	-

# Is there any added value for intensified chemo with anti-EGFRs? TRIPLETE study



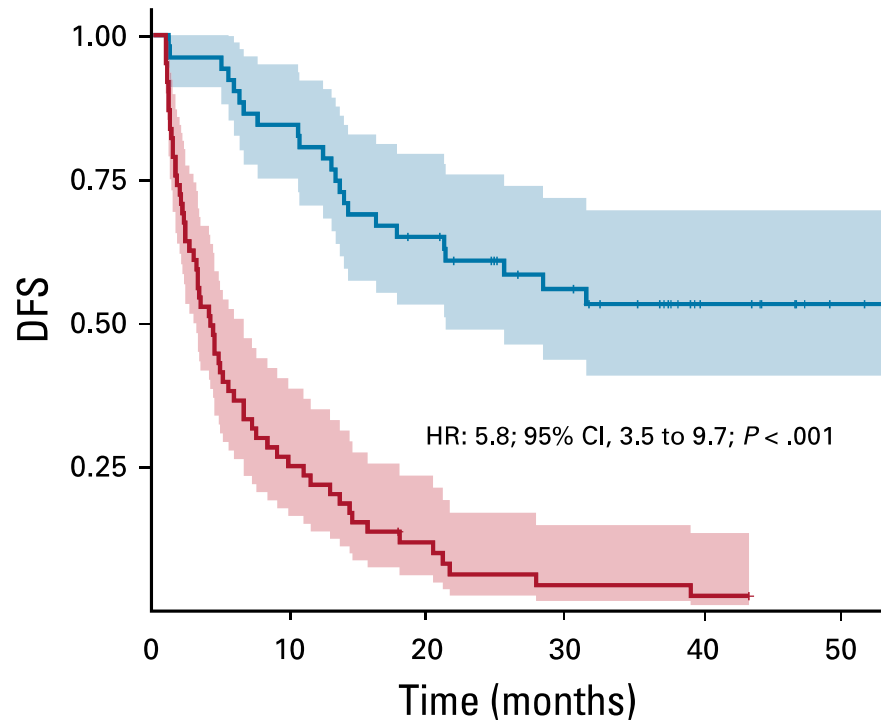
# At the time of best response

Is surgery technically feasible and oncologically sound?

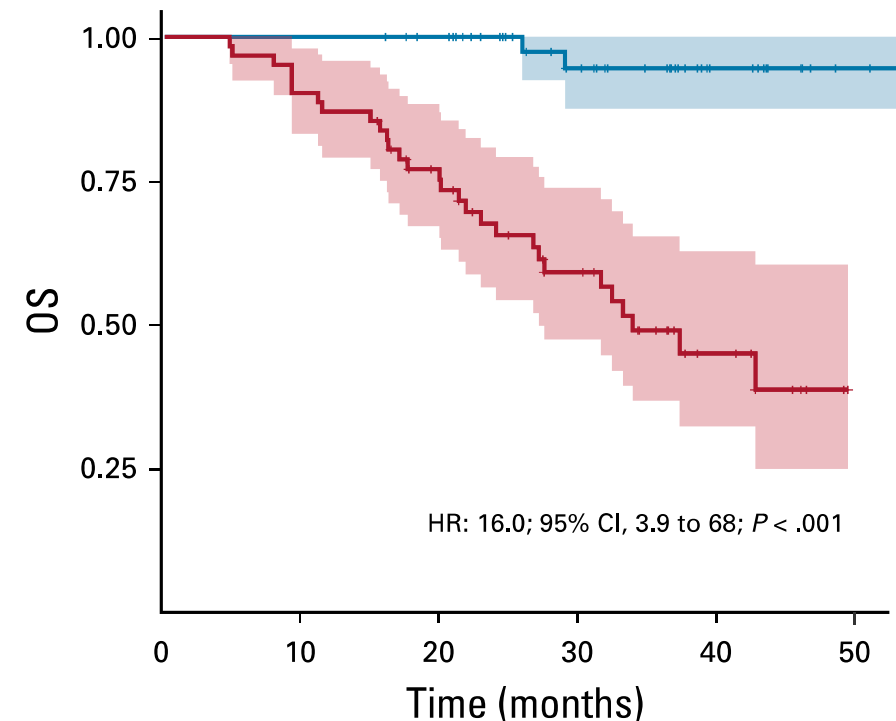


# Throwing light on the «adjuvant» therapy

## Detection of ctDNA in 112 radically resected mCRC patients



ctDNA-negative	51	43	32	22	9	2
ctDNA-positive	61	15	6	2	1	0



ctDNA-negative	51	51	48	32	13	3
ctDNA-positive	61	55	41	25	9	0

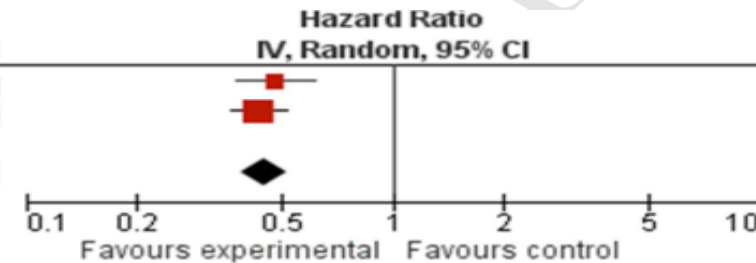
# Treatment de-intensification in unresectable pts

Fluoropyrimidine/bev better than holiday

(AIO KRK0207 - CAIRO 3)

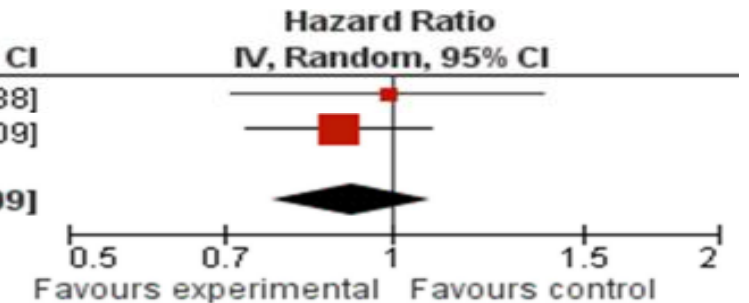
Study or Subgroup	log[Hazard Ratio]	SE	Weight	Hazard Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI
AIO KRK 0207 - Combi	-0.7381	0.1242	34.8%	0.48 [0.37, 0.61]
CAIRO 3	-0.84397007	0.09065533	65.2%	0.43 [0.36, 0.51]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.45 [0.39, 0.51]</b>

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 0.47, df = 1 (P = 0.49); I<sup>2</sup> = 0%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 11.02 (P < 0.00001)



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AIO KRK 0207 - Combi	-0.01005034	0.16961535	26.2%	0.99 [0.71, 1.38]
CAIRO 3	-0.11653382	0.10111254	73.8%	0.89 [0.73, 1.09]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.92 [0.77, 1.09]</b>

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 0.29, df = 1 (P = 0.59); I<sup>2</sup> = 0%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 1.02 (P = 0.31)



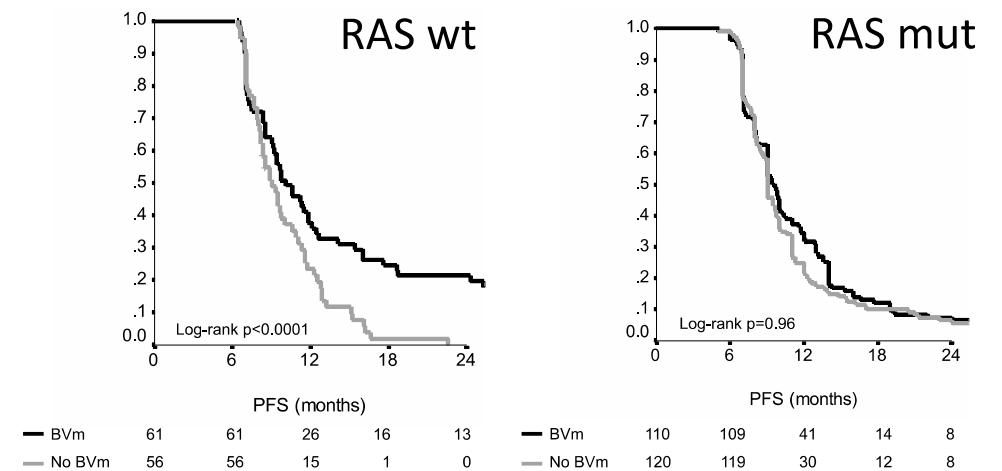
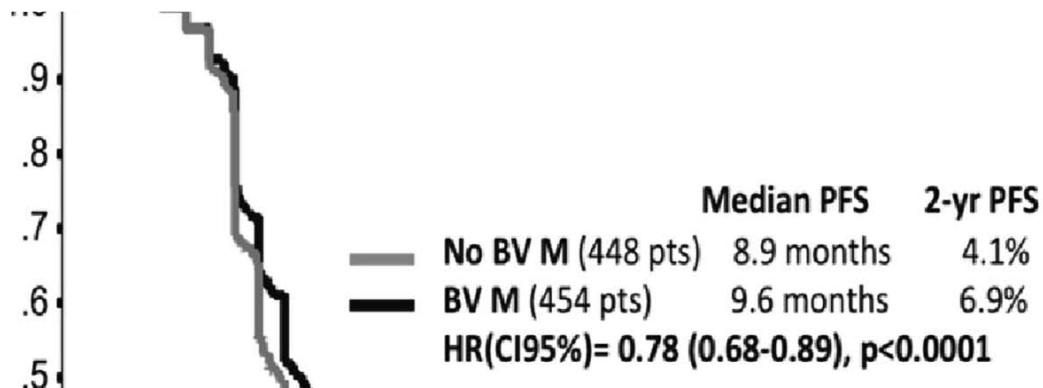
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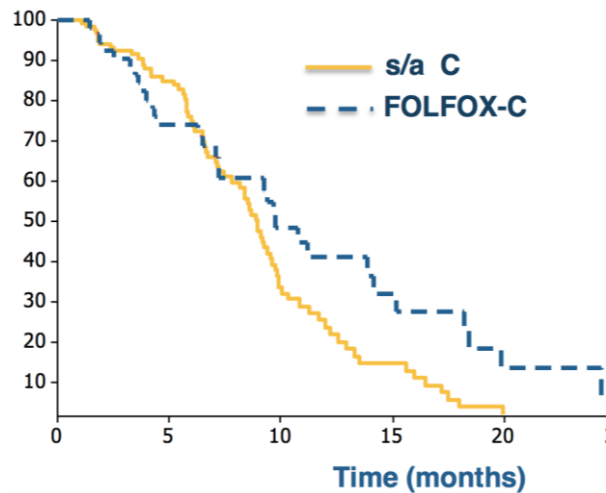
Limited/No impact of bev alone versus holiday

(AIO KRK0207 - PRODIGE-9 - SAKK-41/06)



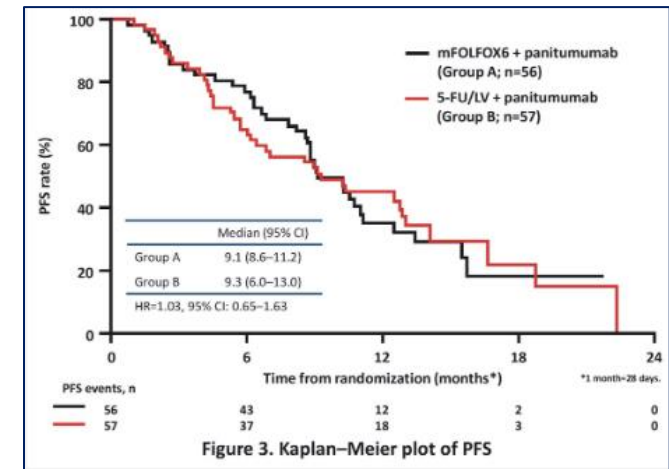
# Maintenance after 1st-line anti-EGFR: what we already knew

Anti-EGFR maintenance not inferior to combined treatment until PD



**MACRO2:**  
Cet = FOLFOX/cet  
(KRAS ex2 wt!)

**SAPPHIRE:**  
FU/pan =  
FOLFOX/pan

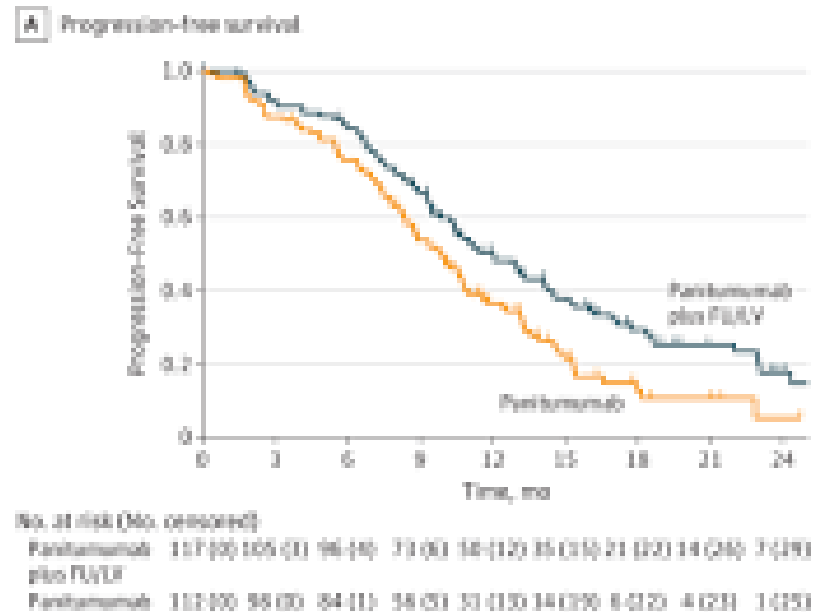


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**VALENTINO:**  
Pan < FU/pan



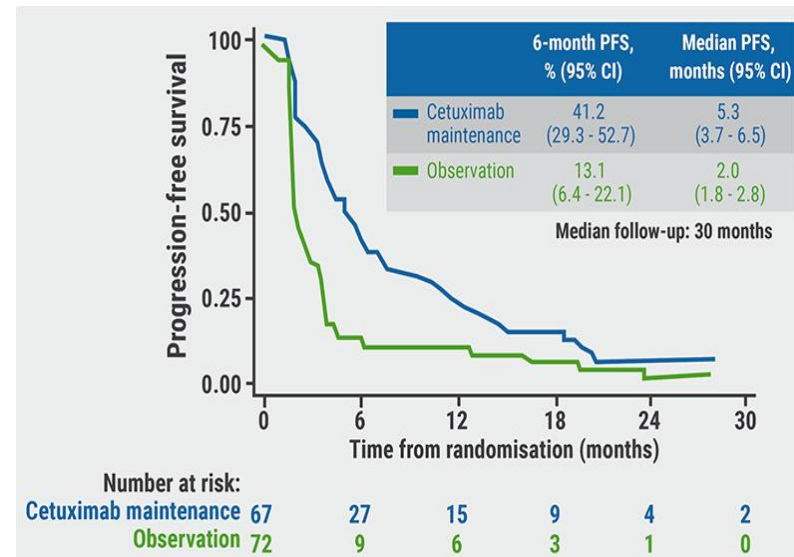


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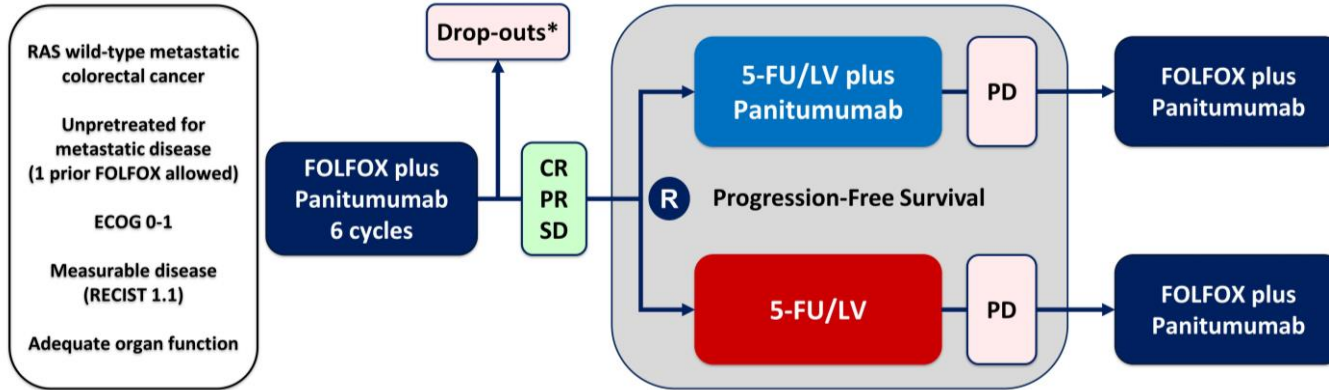
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Cetuximab better than observation

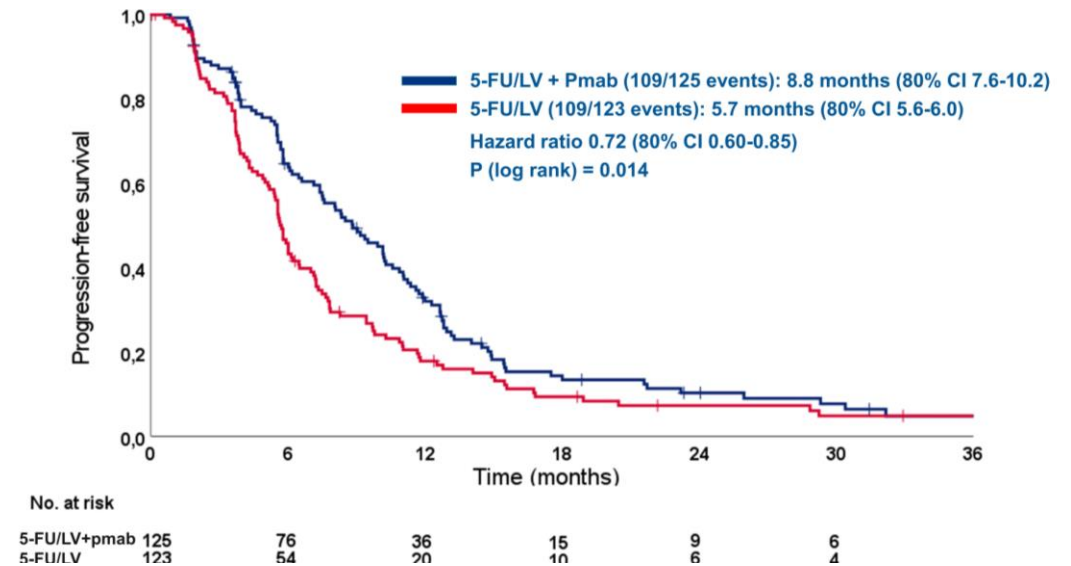


**PRODIGE28:**  
Full holiday < cet

# Another piece in the puzzle: PANAMA

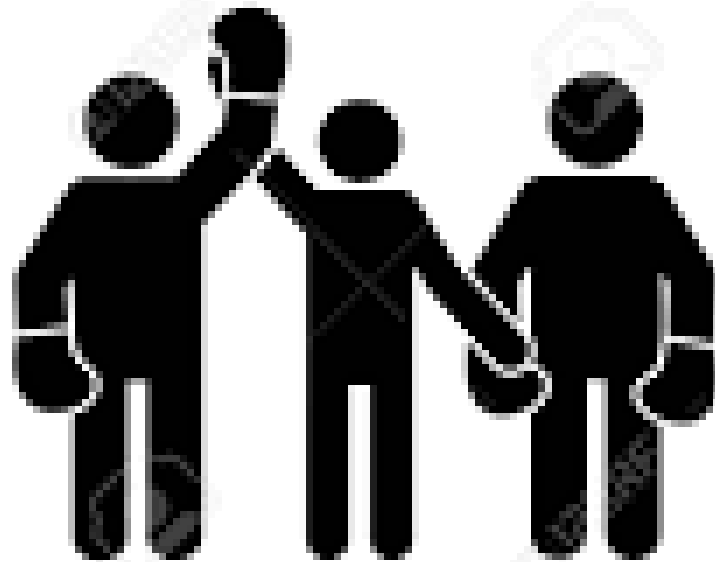


## Primary endpoint: PFS

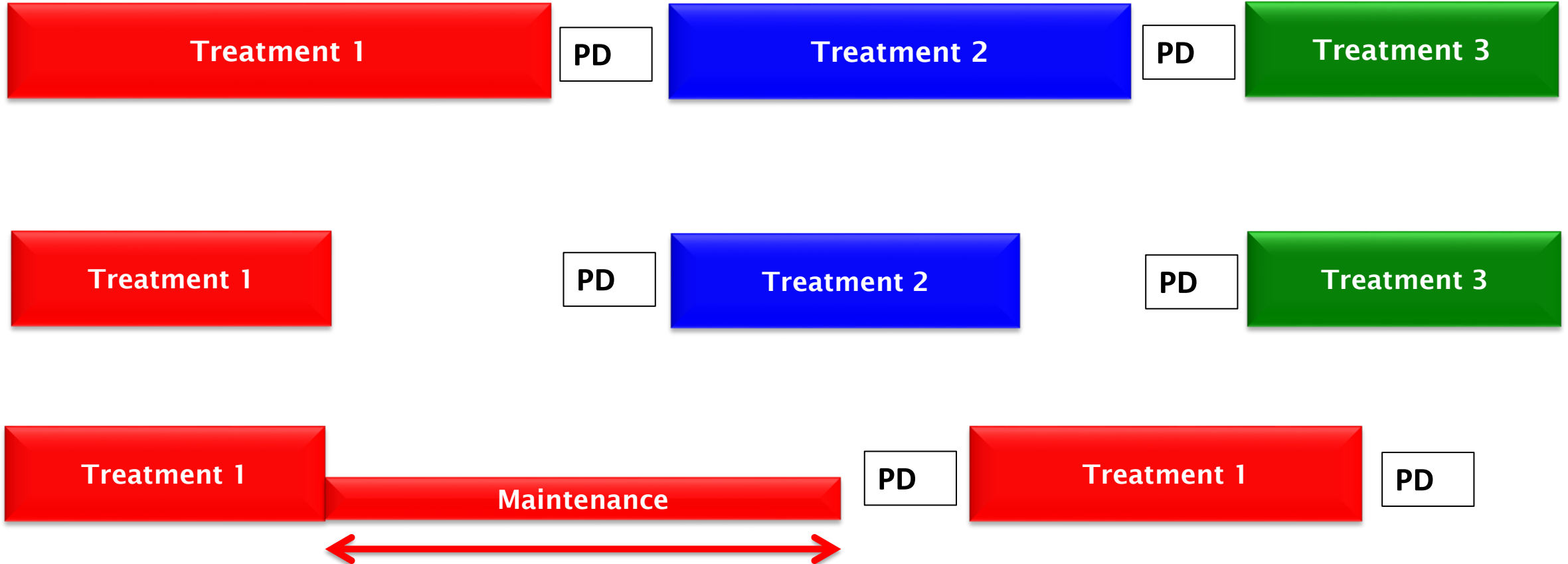


...and the winner is...

**Fluoropyrimidine  
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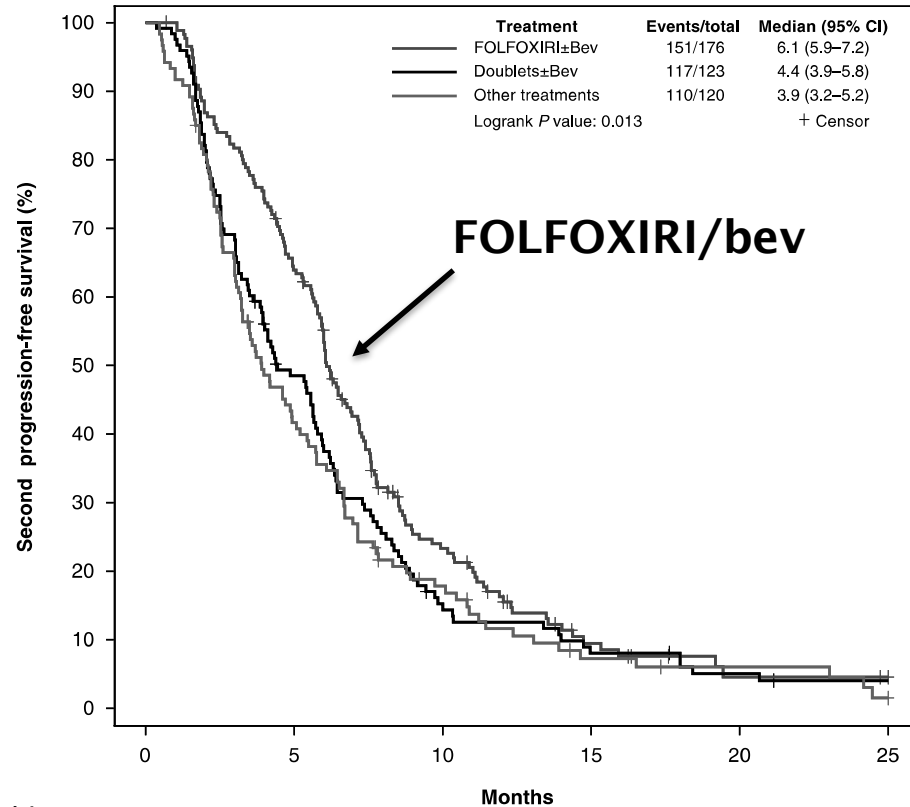


# Treatment strategies in mCRC



# Treatments after progression to FOLFOXIRI/bev

Pooled analysis of TRIBE and TRIBE2  
 Pts treated with FOLFOXIRI/bev who experienced 1<sup>st</sup> PD (N=524)



**80%** received a treatment after PD

Better **FOLFOXIRI/bev reintro** if:

- PR/CR during FOLFOXIRI/bev
- OIFI > 4 mos

No. at risk	Months					
	0	5	10	15	20	25
FOLFOXIRI±Bev	176	111	34	10	3	2
Doublets±Bev	123	57	17	9	5	3
Other treatments	120	48	18	6	4	1

# Later lines of tx: Which is the best option?

## Phase III options



# Anti-EGFR Re-treatment in mCRC

Study	Study type	N	Tx line	RR, %	Median PFS	Median OS
Santini et al, 2012	Retrospective	39	3-7	53.8	6.6	NR
Nogueira et al, 2016	Retrospective	15	3	13.3	3.5	NR
Tanioka et al, 2018	Retrospective	14	3-6	21.4	4.4	NR
TRECC	Retrospective	68	3+	42.6	6.6	24.4
Rossini et al, 2020	Retrospective	86	3+	19.8	3.8	10.2
CRICKET	Phase II	28	3	21.4	3.4	9.8
E-RECHALLENGE	Phase II	33	3+	15.6	2.9	8.6
JACCRO CC-08	Phase II	34	3	2.9	2.4	8.1
CAVE (cetuximab + avelumab)	Phase II	77	3	7.8	3.6	11.6
WJOG8916G (panitumumab + FTD/TPI)	Phase II	56	3+	3.6	2.4	9.8

*Santini et al, Ann Oncol '12, Nogueira et al, Ann Oncol '16, Tsuji et al, ESMO '16, Tanioka et al, Oncol Lett '18, Cremolini et al, JAMA Oncol '18, Karani et al, ASCO '19, Takahashi et al, ESMO WCGI '21*

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*Cremolini et al, JAMA Oncol '18, Karani et al, ASCO '19, Nakamura et al, ESMO '19, Ohhara et al, ASCO GI '19, Takahashi et al, ESMO WCGI '21; Masuishi, ESMO WCGI '21; Mariani et al., ASCO '21, Sartore-Bianchi et al., ASCO '21*



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Mariani et al, 2021 (ctDNA RAS/BRAF wt)	Prospective	14	3+	<b>27.3</b>	3	7
CHRONOS (ctDNA RAS/BRAF/EGFR wt)	Phase II	27	3+	<b>30</b>	16.4	NR

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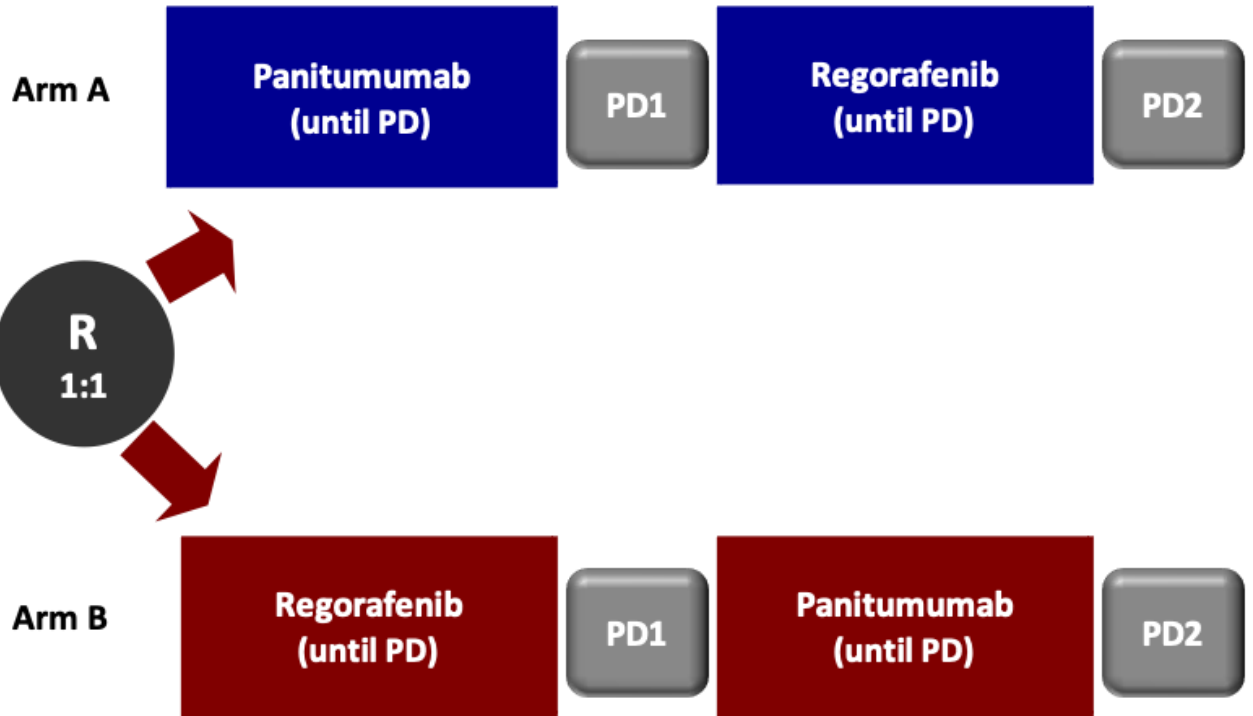


# PARERE

214 mCRC patients  
✓ RAS / BRAF wt  
✓ previous treatment with 5FU, Oxa and Iri, and anti-angiogenic agent  
✓ CR/RP/SD to anti-EGFR I line

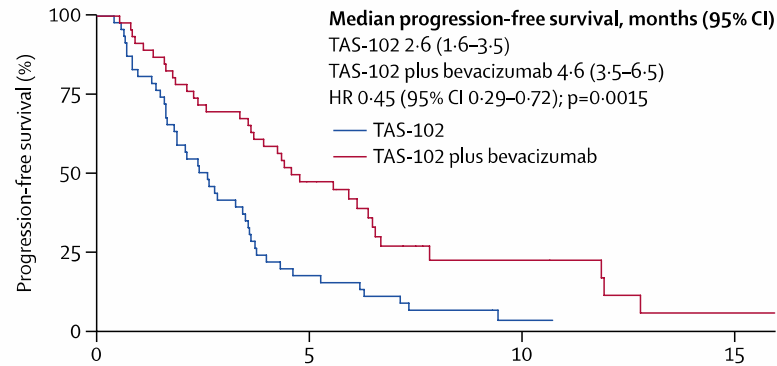
**Primary endpoint: overall survival**

 RAS/BRAF wt



# On the horizon...from Danish trial to SUNLIGHT

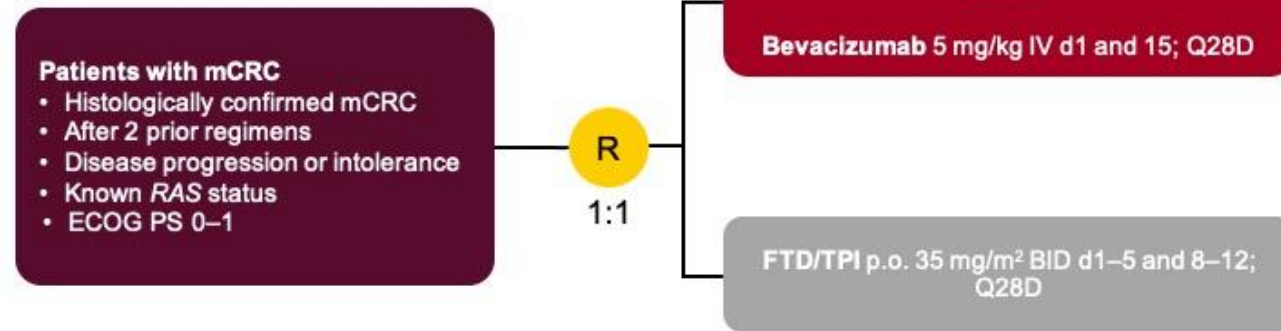
## Phase II Danish trial



	0	5	10	15
<b>Number at risk (number censored)</b>				
TAS-102	47 (38)	8 (6)	1 (0)	0
TAS-102 plus bevacizumab	46 (24)	20 (8)	5 (3)	1

*Pfeiffer et al, Lancet Oncol '20*

## Phase III SUNLIGHT – Accrual completed



**Primary endpoint:** Overall survival

**Secondary endpoints:** PFS, DCR, ORR, Safety, QoL

*Taberero et al, Fut Oncol '21*

Thank you!

