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# Outline

- **Current biomarkers**

**RAS**

**BRAF**

**MSI**

- **Emergent biomarkers**
  - **Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC**
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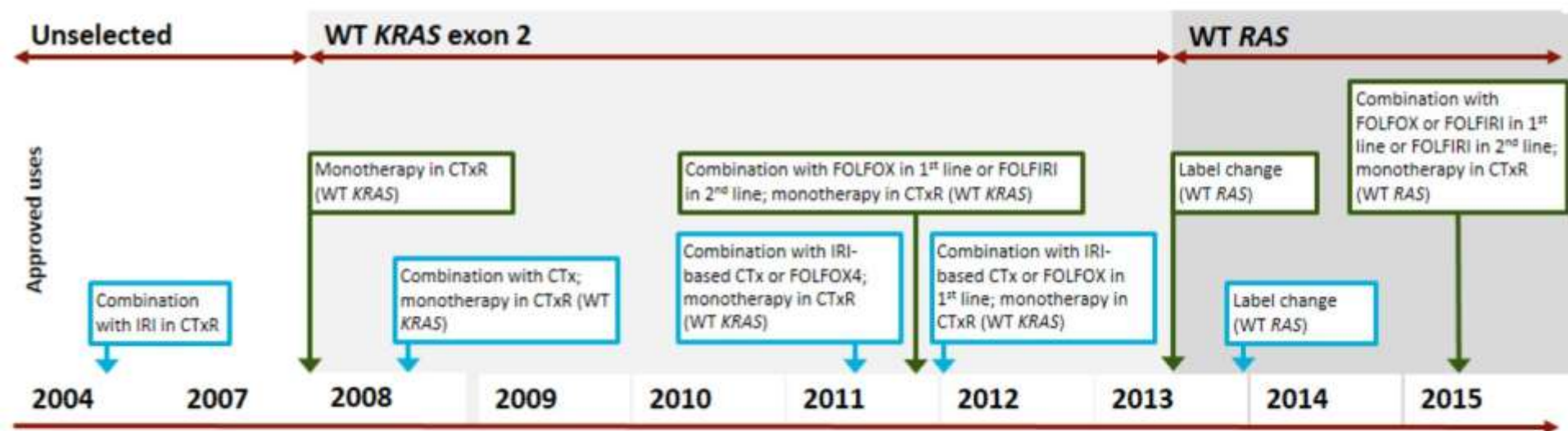
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# RAS Testing and Use of EGFR Antibody Therapy



Cetuximab
  Panitumumab

All

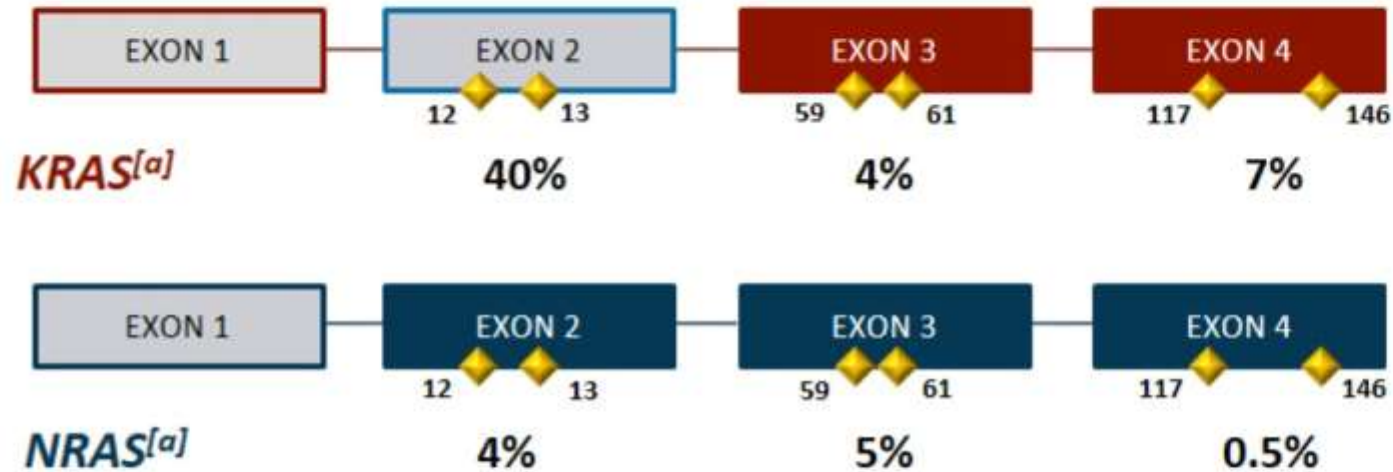


KRAS



RAS

# *KRAS* and *NRAS* Mutation Hotspots

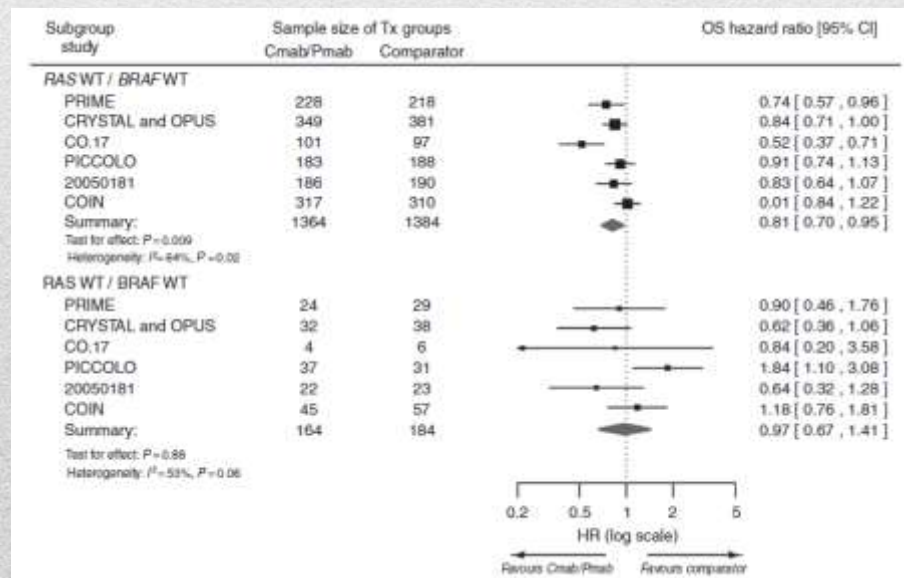
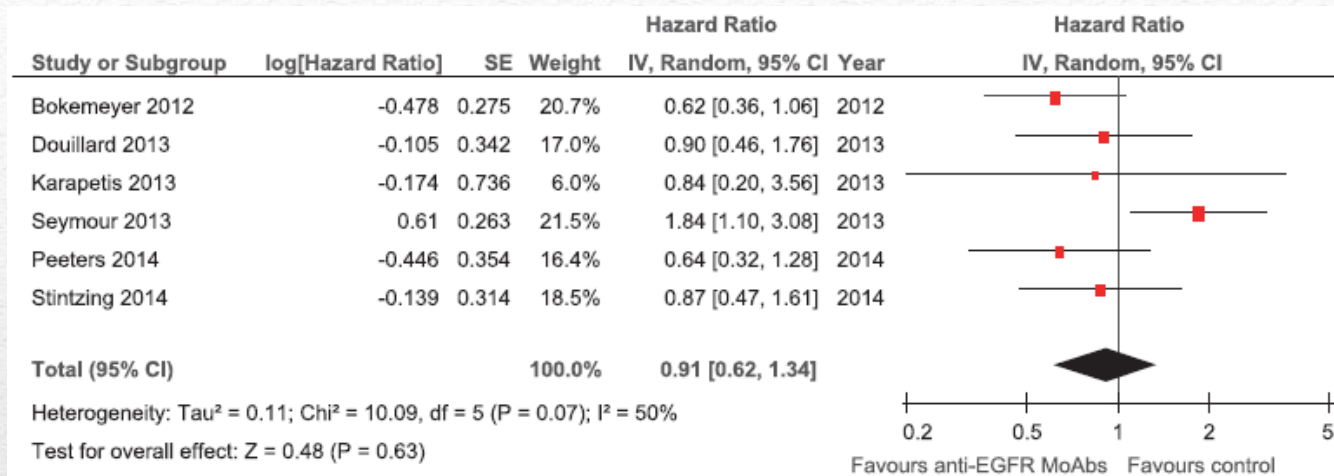


- 17% of WT *KRAS* exon 2 tumors have mutations in other *RAS* exons<sup>[b]</sup>

a. Sorich MJ, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2015;26:13-21.

b. Douillard JY, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:1023-1034.

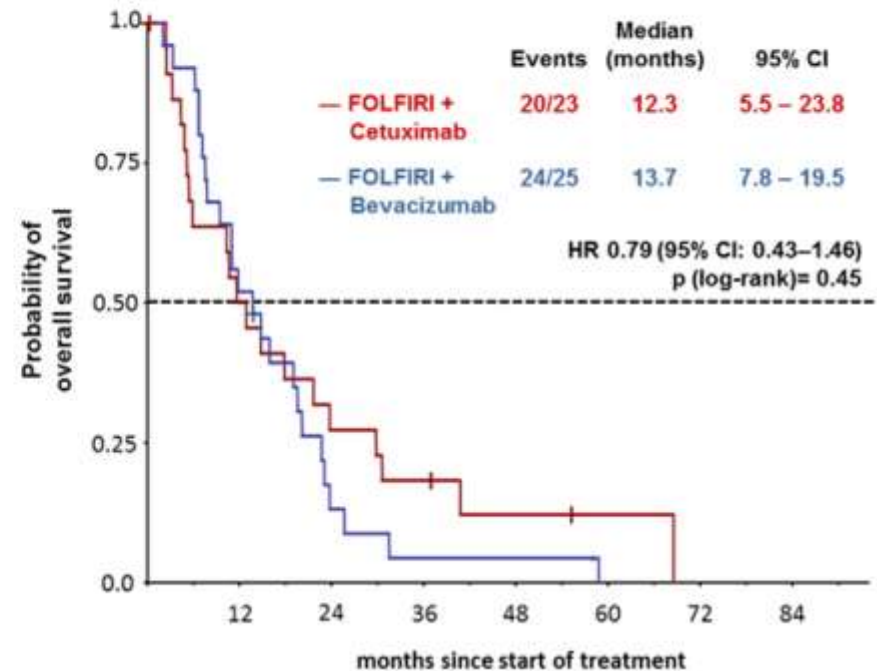
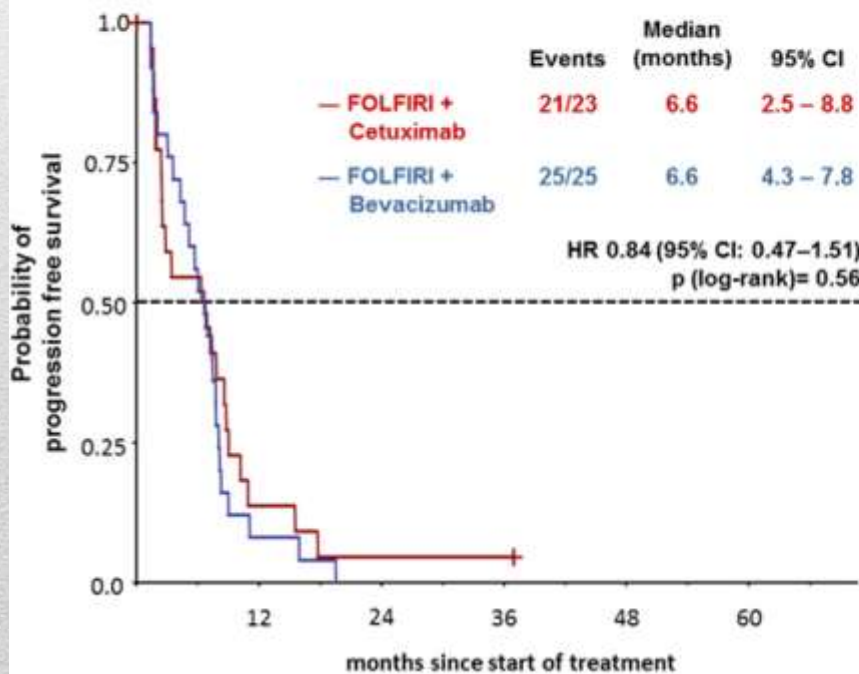
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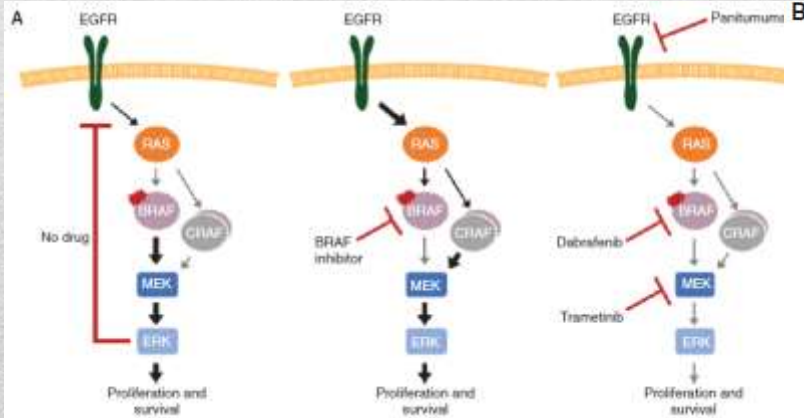
Impact of BRAF and RAS mutations on first-line efficacy of FOLFIRI plus cetuximab versus FOLFIRI plus bevacizumab: analysis of the FIRE-3 (AIO KRK-0306) study

## (B) BRAF mutant population



# Current Biomarkers: BRAF

## Combined BRAF, EGFR, and MEK Inhibition in Patients with $BRAF^{V600E}$ -Mutant Colorectal Cancer



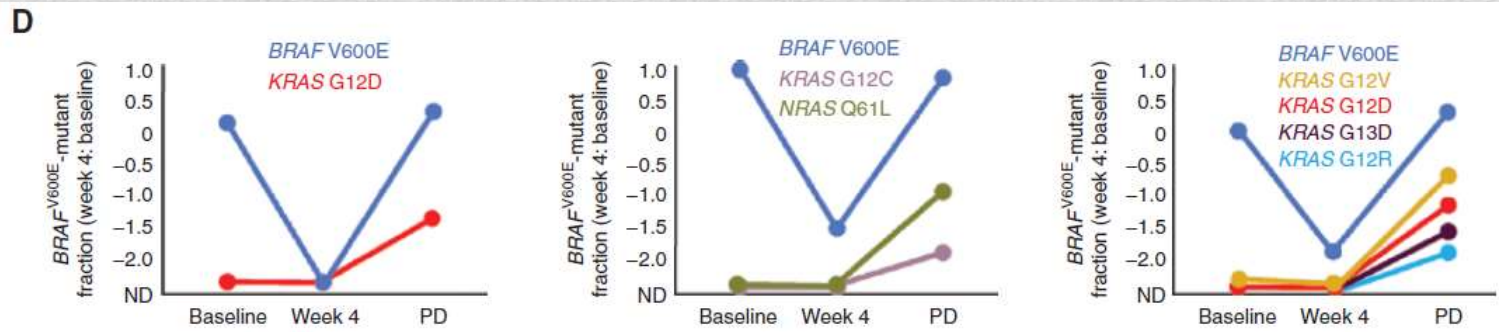
<b>Dabrafenib + panitumumab (D + P)</b> <i>n</i> = 20	D: 150 mg b.i.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 20			
<b>Dabrafenib + trametinib + panitumumab (D + T + P)</b> <i>n</i> = 91	D: 150 mg b.i.d. T: 1.5 mg q.d. P: 4.8 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 3	D: 150 mg b.i.d. T: 1.5 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 4	D: 150 mg b.i.d. T: 2 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 48	D: 150 mg b.i.d. T: 2 mg q.d. P: 4.8 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 36
	T: 2 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 11	T: 1.5 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 10	T: 2 mg q.d. P: 4.8 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 10	
<b>Trametinib + panitumumab (T + P)</b> <i>n</i> = 31	T: 2 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 11			
	T: 1.5 mg q.d. P: 6 mg/kg Q2W <i>n</i> = 10			
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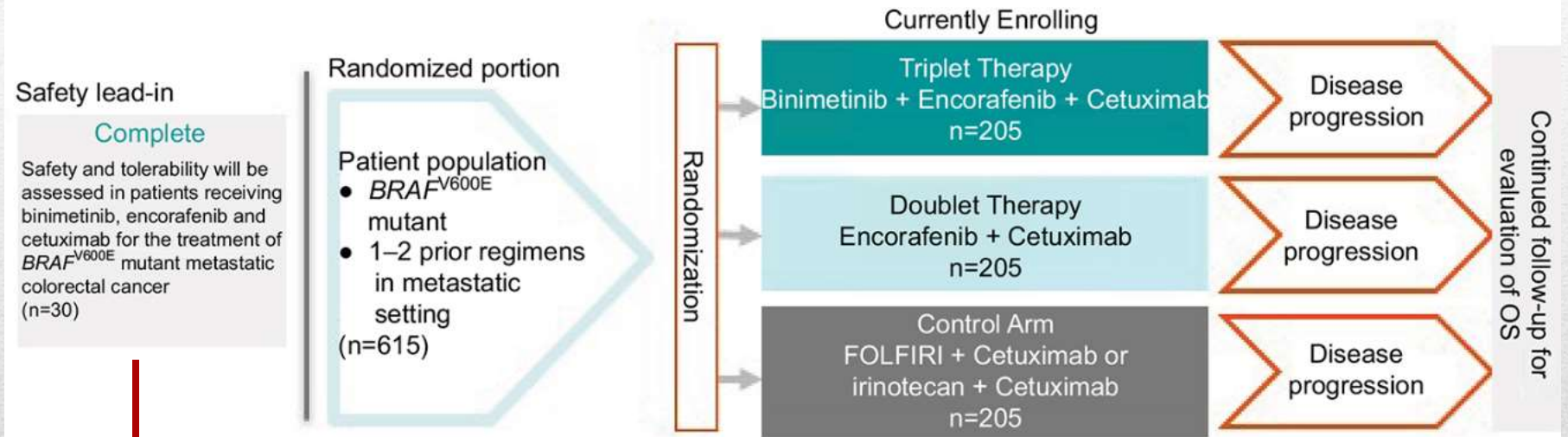
**Table 3. Summary of efficacy by treatment cohort (investigator review)**

Assessment	D+T+P (n= 91)	T+P (n= 31)	D+P (n= 20)	D+T (n= 43) <sup>a</sup>
Best confirmed response, n (%)				
CR	1 (1)	0	1 (5)	1 (2)
PR	18 (20)	0	1 (5)	2 (5)
SD	59 (65)	17 (55)	16 (80)	24 (56)
PD	8 (9)	12 (39)	2 (10)	10 (23)
NE	5 (5)	2 (6)	0	6 (14)
ORR (CR+PR), n (%) (95% CI)	19 (21) (13.1-30.7)	0 (0-11.2)	2 (10) (1.2-31.7)	3 (7)
DOR (95% CI), months	7.6 (2.9-NR)	0	6.9 (5.9-8.0)	-
DCR (CR+PR+SD), %	86	55	90	68
Median PFS, months	4.2	2.6	3.5	3.5
Unconfirmed CR + PR, n (%)	29 (32)	1 (3)	3 (15)	5 (12)



# Current Biomarkers: BRAF

**Figure 2.** Schematic representation of the Phase III study of encorafenib + cetuximab plus or minus binimetinib vs irinotecan/cetuximab or infusional 5-FU/FA/irinotecan (FOLFIRI)/cetuximab with a safety lead-in of encorafenib + binimetinib + cetuximab in patients with BRAFV600E-mutant metastatic CRC (BEACON CRC).

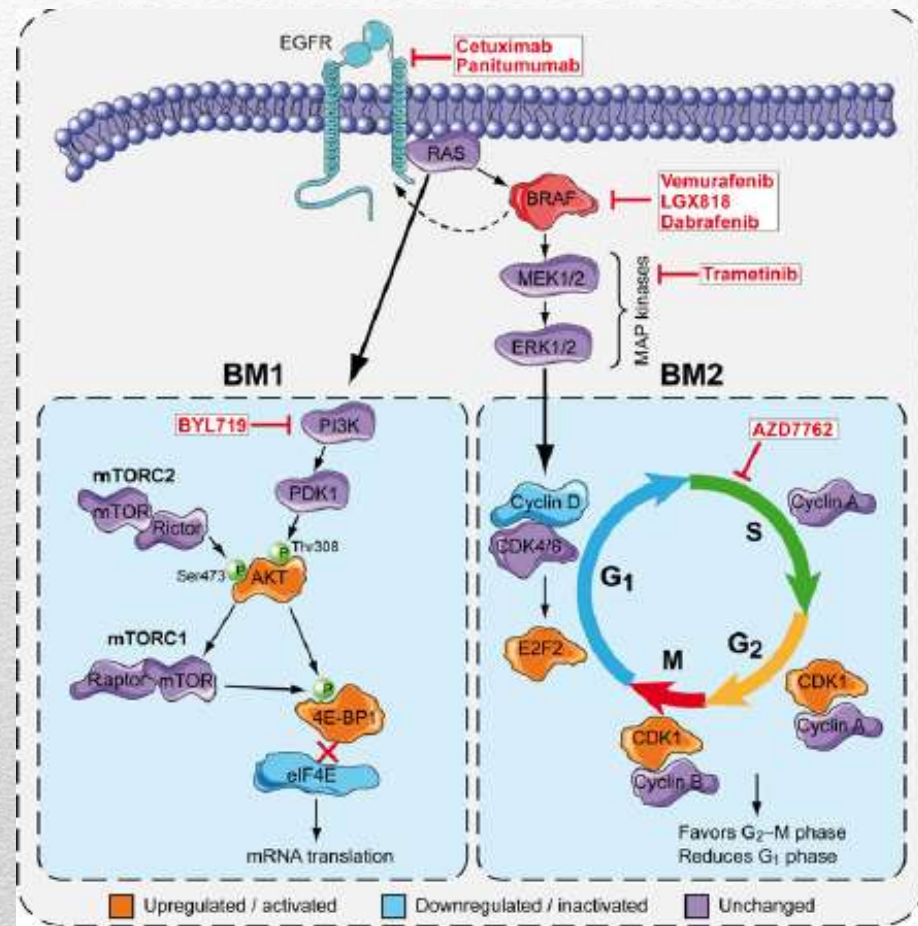


**Abbreviations:** CRC, colorectal cancer; FA, folinic acid; 5-FU, 5-fluorouracil; FOLFIRI, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin and irinotecan.

Confirmed ORR 41%

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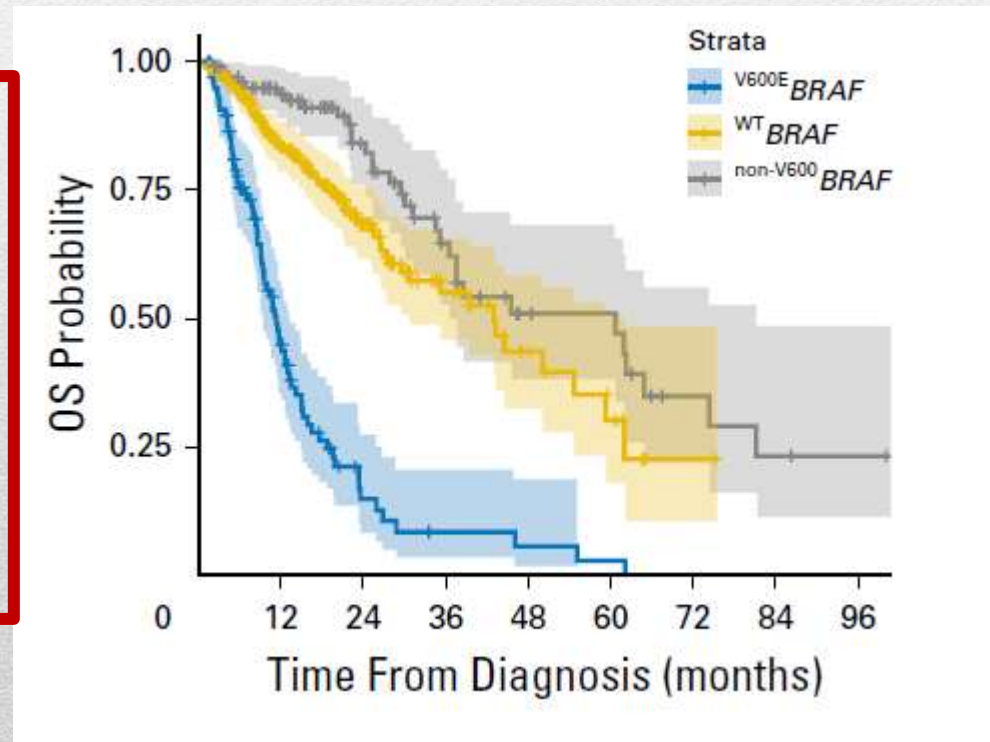
## BRAF V600E Mutant Colorectal Cancer Subtypes Based on Gene Expression



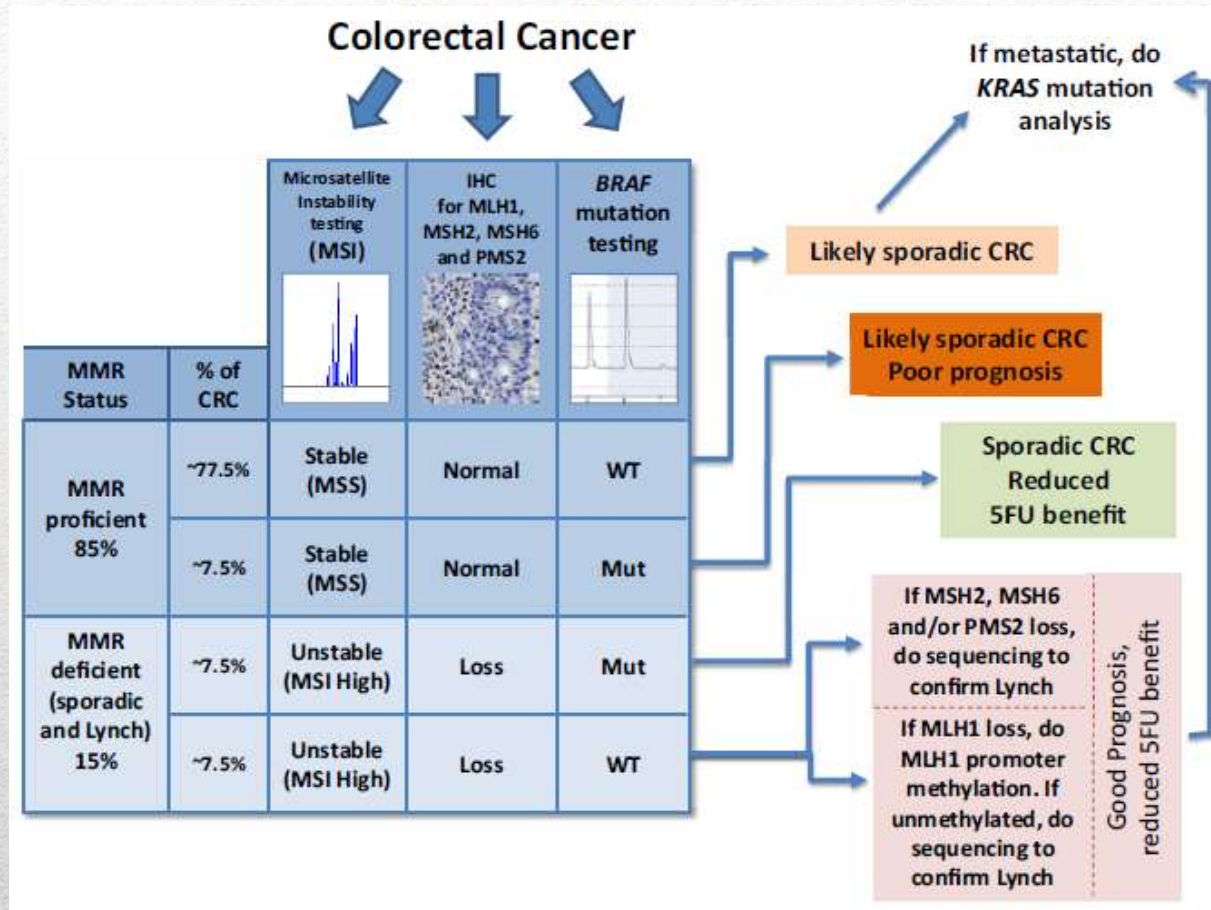
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Non-V600 *BRAF* Mutations Define a Clinically Distinct Molecular Subtype of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

- 2,2% of pts
- 22% of all BRAF mutations
- Compared to BRAF V600:
  - Younger
  - M > F
  - Left-sided
  - MSS
  - > OS
  - possible coexisting RAS mutations



# Current Biomarkers: MSI

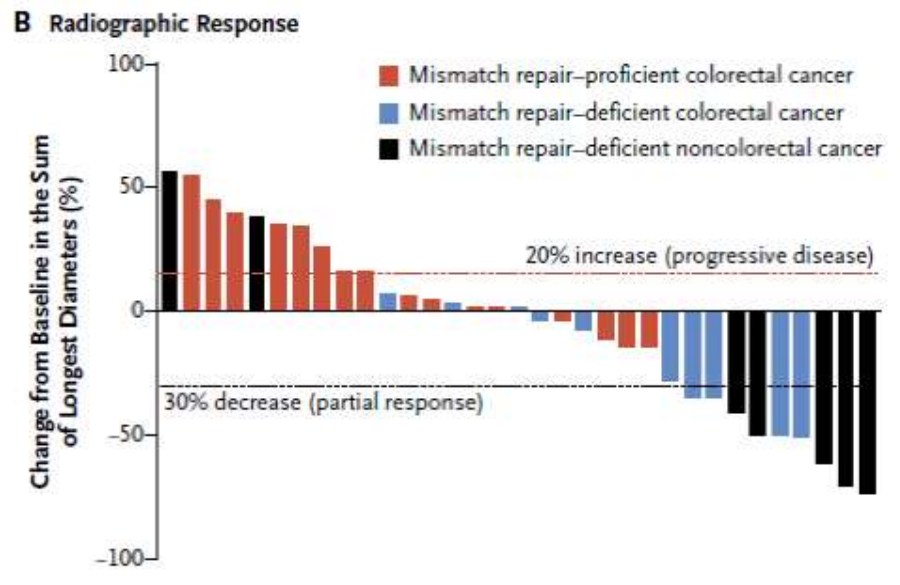


15% all stages → 4% in stage IV

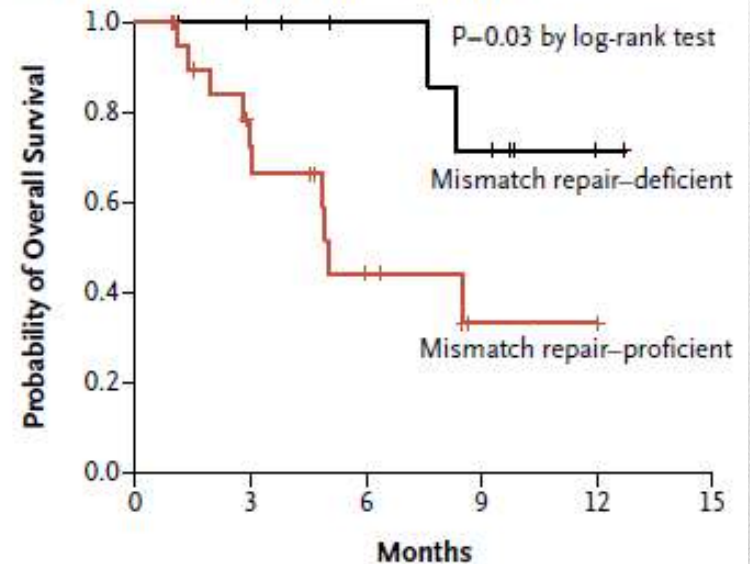
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## PD-1 Blockade in Tumors with Mismatch-Repair Deficiency



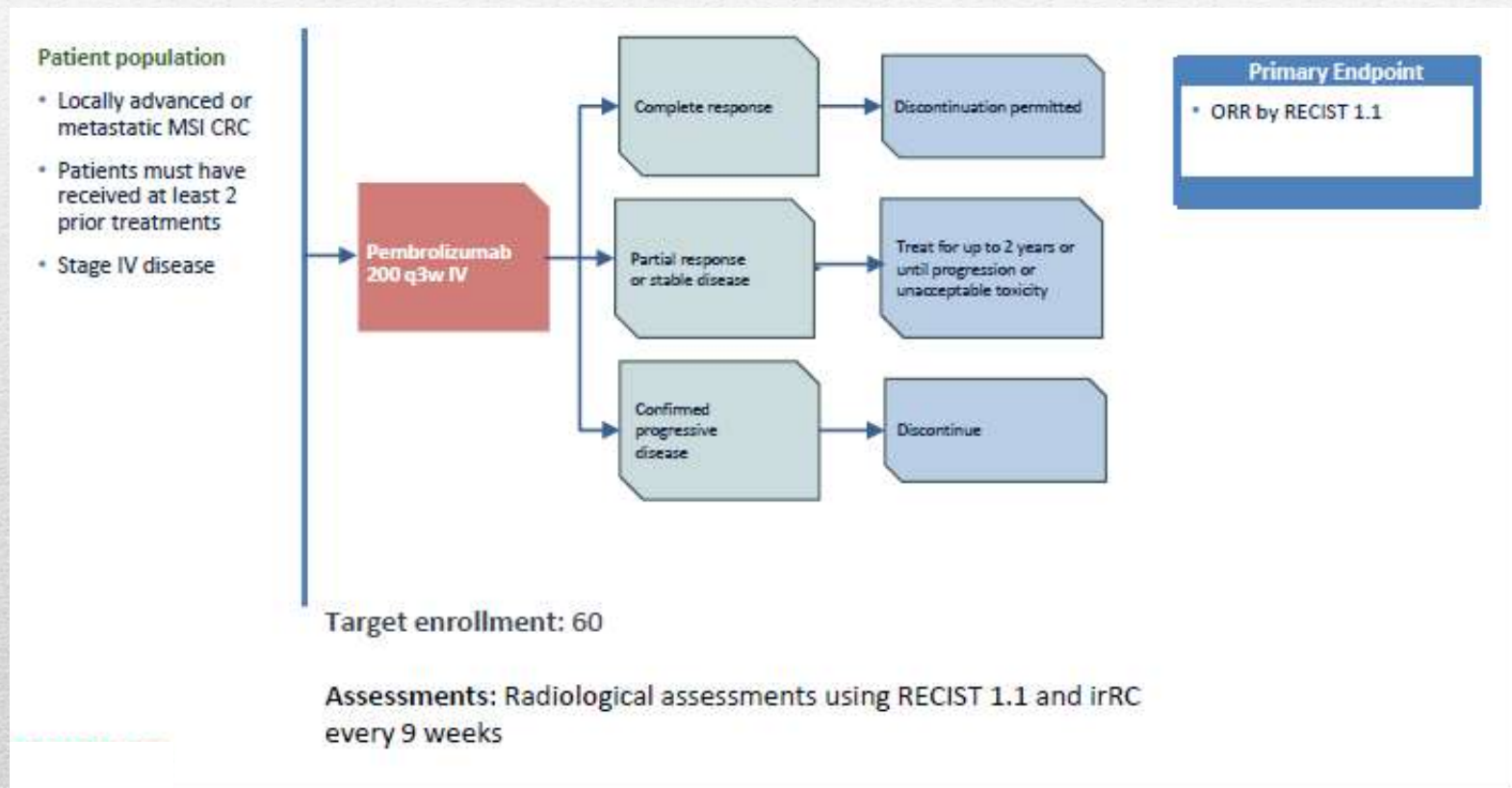
**B Overall Survival in Cohorts with Colorectal Cancer**



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15
Mismatch repair-deficient	11	9	7	5	1	0
Mismatch repair-proficient	21	12	5	1	1	0

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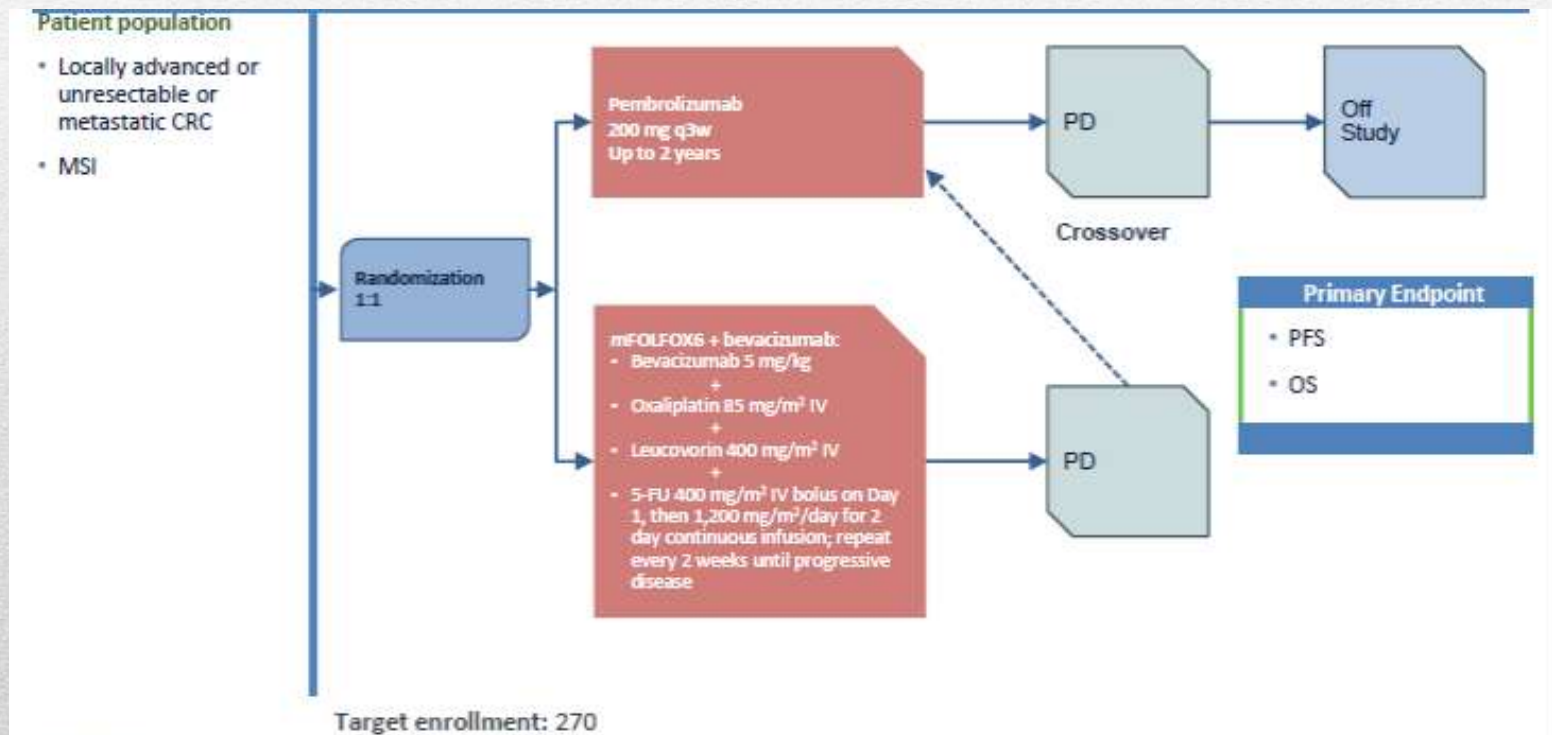
## A phase 2, Single-arm Study of Pembrolizumab in Pretreated patients to Address Significant Patient Unmet Needs



KEYNOTE-164-3rd line (refractory)

# Current Biomarkers: MSI

## A phase 3 Study of Pembrolizumab Monotherapy vs Standard Chemotherapy in 1L MSI CRC





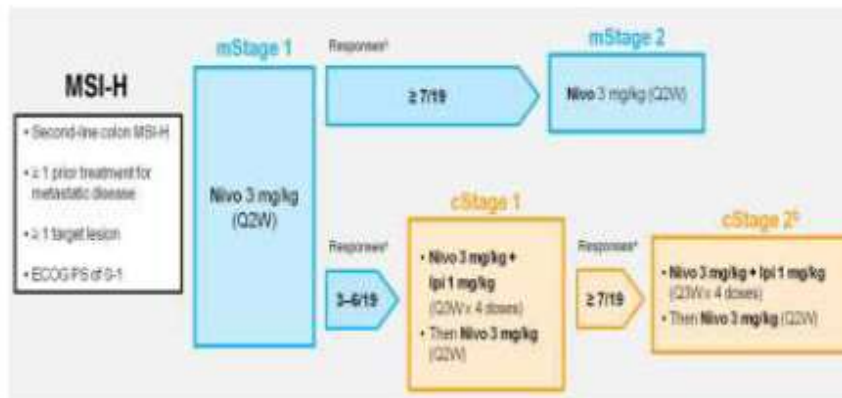
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## Nivolumab +/- Ipilimumab (Checkmate 142)

MSS  
Cohort



MSI  
Cohort



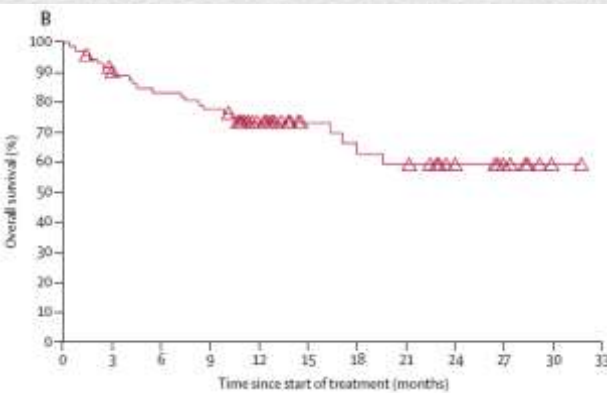
N = 70 (47 evaluable)<sup>1</sup>

N = 30 (27 evaluable)<sup>1</sup>

Primary end-point: Investigator-assessed ORR (RECIST 1.1) in MSI-H pts

# Current Biomarkers: MSI

Nivolumab in patients with metastatic DNA mismatch repair-deficient or microsatellite instability-high colorectal cancer (CheckMate 142): an open-label, multicentre, phase 2 study



	dMMR/MSI-H per local assessment (n=74)		dMMR/MSI-H per central assessment (n=53)	
	Investigator	Blinded independent central review	Investigator	Blinded independent central review
Objective response	23 (31.1%, 20.8–42.9)	24 (32%, 22–44)	19 (36%, 23–50)	19 (36%, 23–50)
Best overall response				
Complete response	0	2 (3%)	0	1 (2%)
Partial response	23 (31%)	22 (30%)	19 (36%)	18 (34%)
Stable disease	28 (38%)	25 (34%)	20 (37%)	19 (36%)
Progressive disease	19 (26%)	21 (28%)	11 (21%)	12 (23%)
Not determined	4 (5%)	4 (5%)	3 (6%)	3 (6%)
Disease control for $\geq 12$ weeks	51 (69%, 57–79)	47 (64%, 52–74)	39 (74%, 60–85)	37 (70%, 56–82)

Data are n (%), 95% CI) or n (%). dMMR/MSI-H=DNA mismatch repair deficient/microsatellite instability-high.

**Table 2: Objective response, best overall response, and disease control per investigator and masked independent central review assessments**

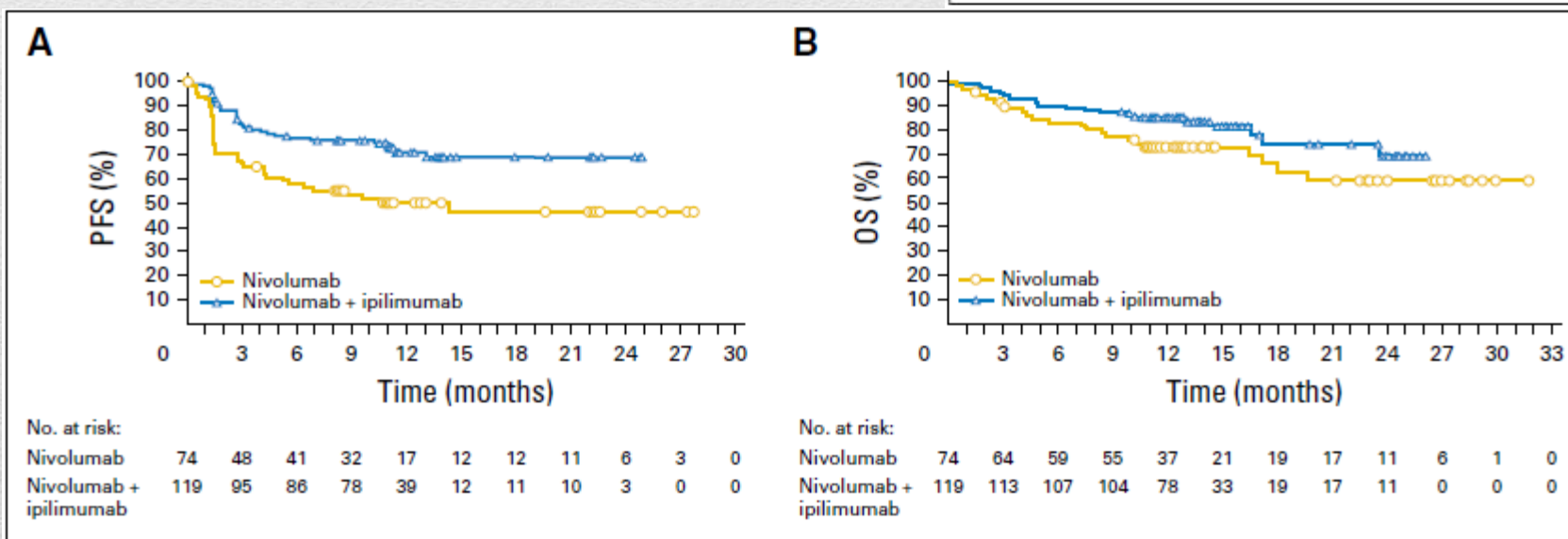
# Current Biomarkers: MSI

Durable Clinical Benefit With Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in DNA Mismatch Repair–Deficient/Microsatellite Instability–High Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

**Table 2.** ORR, Best Overall Response, and DCR per Investigator Assessment (N = 119)

Response	No. (%)	95% CI
<b>ORR</b>	<b>65 (55)</b>	<b>45.2 to 63.8</b>
Best overall response		
Complete response	4 (3)	
Partial response	61 (51)	
Stable disease	37 (31)	
Progressive disease	14 (12)	
Not determined	3 (3)	
Disease control for $\geq 12$ weeks	95 (80)	71.5 to 86.6

Abbreviations: DCR, disease control rate; ORR, objective response rate.



# Current Biomarkers: MSI

Web Exclusives >

## FDA Approves Nivolumab for MSI-H or dMMR Colorectal Cancer

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The FDA has granted an accelerated approval to nivolumab (Opdivo) for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair

deficient (dMMR) metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) that has progressed following treatment with a fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan.

The approval is based on results from the phase II CheckMate-142 trial, in which the overall response rate (ORR) was 28% in mCRC patients who received prior fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan, including 1 complete response (CR) and 14 partial responses (PRs).

The FDA-recommended dose for the PD-1 inhibitor in this setting is 240 mg IV every 2 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. The accelerated approval of nivolumab for

## FDA Approves Pembrolizumab for Microsatellite Instability-High and Mismatch Repair Deficient Cancers

## FDA Approves Immunotherapy Combination for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

*The FDA approved Opdivo plus Yervoy to treat a certain subset of patients with metastatic colorectal cancer.*

BY BRIELLE URCIUOLI

PUBLISHED JULY 11, 2018

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the combination use of intravenous Opdivo (nivolumab) plus Yervoy (ipilimumab) for patients with previously treated microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or DNA mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC), according to Bristol-Myers Squibb, the manufacturer of the drugs.

# Current Biomarkers: MSI



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## Nivolumab e pembrolizumab nel CRCm e MSI-H pretrattato: AIFA nega l'inserimento in 648

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Si comunica che il CTS dell'AIFA, nella seduta del 9-10-11 aprile u.s., ha espresso parere non favorevole alla richiesta AIOM di inserimento di nivolumab e pembrolizumab nell'elenco della legge n. 648/96 per il trattamento del carcinoma del colon metastatico con elevata instabilità micro satellitare (MSI-H) pretrattato.

# Current Biomarkers: MSI

## Polymerase proofreading domain mutations: new opportunities for immunotherapy in hypermutated colorectal cancer beyond MMR deficiency

Analysis of The Cancer Genome Atlas colorectal adenocarcinomas samples. Three types of tumors are identified: hypermutated MSI and MSS and non-hypermutated MSS. All hypermutated MSS tumors harbor POLE mutation.

	Hypermutated (n=35; 16%)		Non-hypermutated (n=189; 84%)	
	MSI(n=28; 80%)% (No.)	MSS(n=7; 20%)% (No.)	MSI(n=0 0%)% (No.)	MSS(n=189)% (No.)
MLH1	14.3% (4)	14.3% (1/7)	NA	0.5% (1)
MSH2	0.0% (0)	71.4% (5)	NA	0.0% (0)
MSH3	42.9% (12)	28.6% (2)	NA	0.5% (1)
MSH6	32.1% (9)	71.4% (5)	NA	0.5% (1)
PMS2	7.1% (2)	14.3% (1)	NA	1.1% (2)
<b>POLE</b>	<b>21.4% (6)</b>	<b>100% (7)</b>	NA	1.1% (2)

MSI; microsatellite instability; MSS; microsatellite stable; NA; not annotated.

POLE mut 0,5-2% of mCRC

Somatic > germline

Germline mut associated with multiple adenoma and CRC (PPAP)

Younger, male, right-sided, BRAF mut (32%), earlier-stage and better prognosis in early-stage

Mutations in exonuclease domain of POLE associated with high mutation rate, multiple

tumoral neo-epitopes and T-Lymphocytes infiltration → **STRONG RATIONALE FOR**

**IMMUNOTHERAPY**

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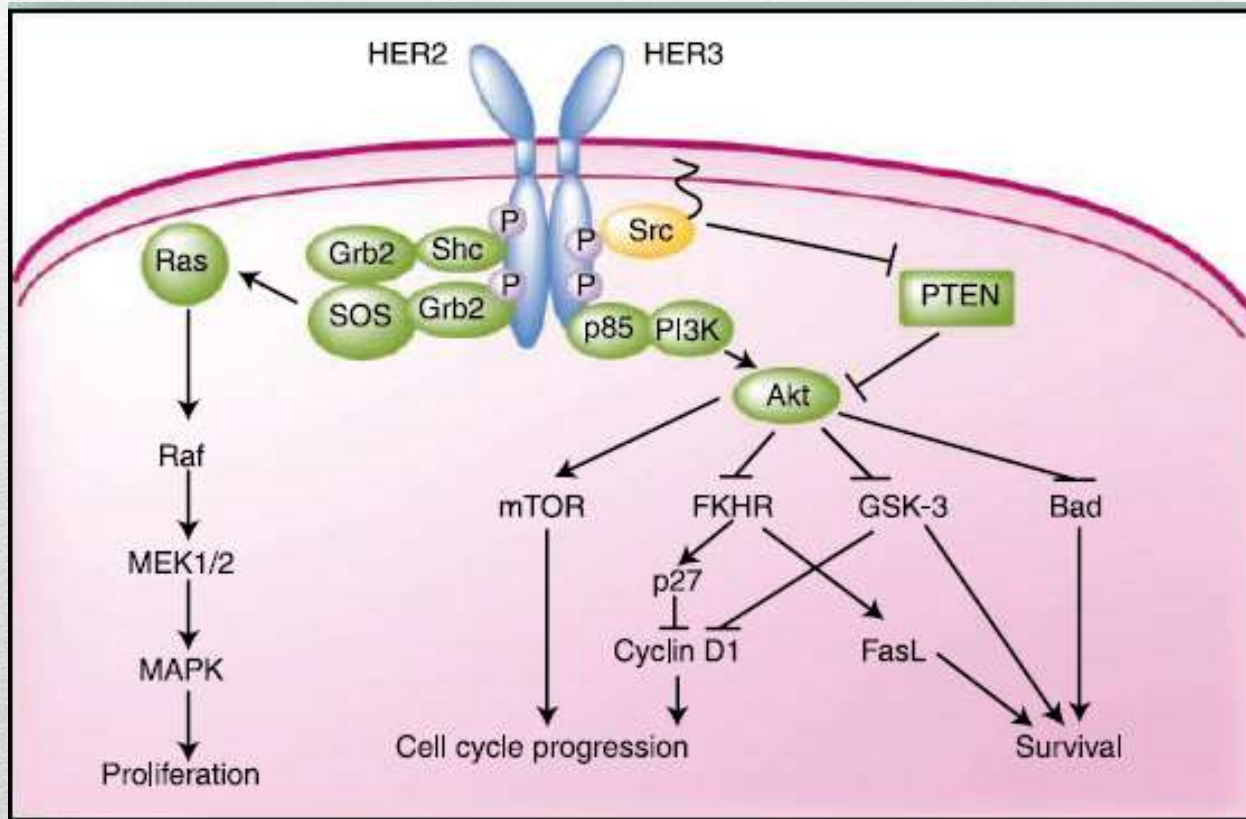
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# Emergent Biomarkers: HER-2

VIEWPOINT

Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2  
as a Molecular Biomarker  
for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



3-5% in KRAS exon  
2 WT stage IV CRC;  
distal > proximal

Lin Nu et al, 2007

Sartore-Bianchi A et al, 2018



# Emergent Biomarkers: HER-2

**Table 1.** Studies investigating *HER2* amplification as a predictor of resistance to anti-EGFR agents.

Reference	Study Design	Population	Main Results
Bertotti et al. [38]	Preclinical	85 xenopatient <sup>a</sup> , expanded in two molecularly unselected cohorts; randomized to receive or not cetuximab	<i>HER2</i> amplification or overexpression in 6 cases out of 44 <i>KRAS</i> wild-type patients resistant to anti-EGFR vs. 0 out of 45 <i>KRAS</i> wild-type patients with objective response to anti-EGFR ( $p < 0.05$ )
Yonesaka et al. [39]	Retrospective	182 <i>KRAS</i> wild-type patients treated with cetuximab-based therapy	Worse outcome (PFS and OS) for patients with <i>HER2</i> -amplified vs. <i>HER2</i> -nonamplified tumors
Martin et al. [40]	Retrospective	162 <i>KRAS</i> wild-type patients treated with anti-EGFR	Worse outcome (RR, PFS and OS) for patients with <i>HER2</i> FISH <sup>+</sup> vs. <i>HER2</i> FISH <sup>-</sup> tumors
Raghav et al. [41]	Retrospective	196 <i>RAS</i> and <i>BRAF</i> wild-type mCRC patients treated with anti-EGFR therapy	Worse outcome (PFS) for patients with <i>HER2</i> -amplified vs. <i>HER2</i> -nonamplified tumors
Sartore-Bianchi et al. [42]	Retrospective	80 patients with <i>HER2</i> -amplified and <i>KRAS</i> wild-type tumors	Worse outcome (RR and PFS) for patients treated with anti-EGFR vs. patient not treated with anti-EGFR
Sawada et al. [43]	Retrospective	11 patients with <i>HER2</i> -amplified and <i>RAS</i> and <i>BRAF</i> wild-type tumors	Worse outcome (RR, PFS and OS) for patients with <i>HER2</i> -amplified and <i>RAS/BRAF</i> wild-type vs. <i>HER2</i> -nonamplified and <i>RAS/BRAF</i> wild-type tumors
Cremolini et al. [44]	Prospective case-control	94 <i>RAS/BRAF</i> wild-type patients: 47 patients resistant and 47 patients sensitive to anti-EGFR-based therapy	<i>HER2</i> amplification in 7 cases out of 47 resistant patients vs. 0 out of 47 sensitive patients ( $p = 0.01$ )

<sup>a</sup> human cancer specimens directly transplanted into mice. FISH: Fluorescent in situ hybridization. RR: Response Rate; PFS: Progression-free survival; OS: Overall survival.

# Emergent Biomarkers: HER-2

## Potential role of HER2 blockade in overcoming resistance to anti-EGFR therapy

Trastuzumab + lapatinib in patients with HER2 amplified, KRAS exon 2 wt mCRC refractory to standard of care (including anti-EGFR therapy)<sup>1</sup>  
N=27\*



Tumor response	N	% (95% CI)
ORR	8	30% (14–50)
SD	12	44% (25–63)

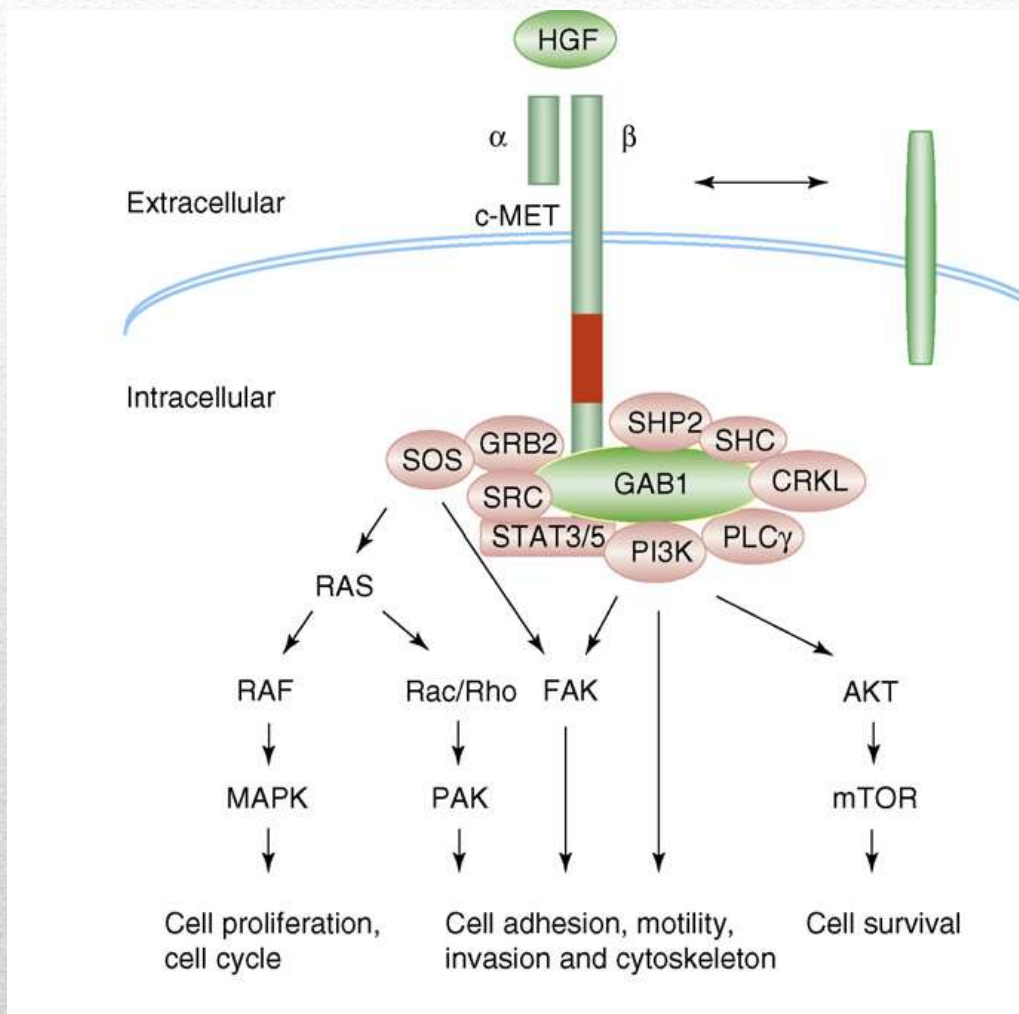
Pertuzumab + trastuzumab in patients with HER2 amplified, unselected mCRC refractory to treatment (including anti-EGFR therapy)<sup>2</sup>  
N=34



Tumor response	N	%
ORR	13	38.2
SD	4	11.8

\*The aim to enroll 27 patients was achieved at data cut-off 15 October 2015

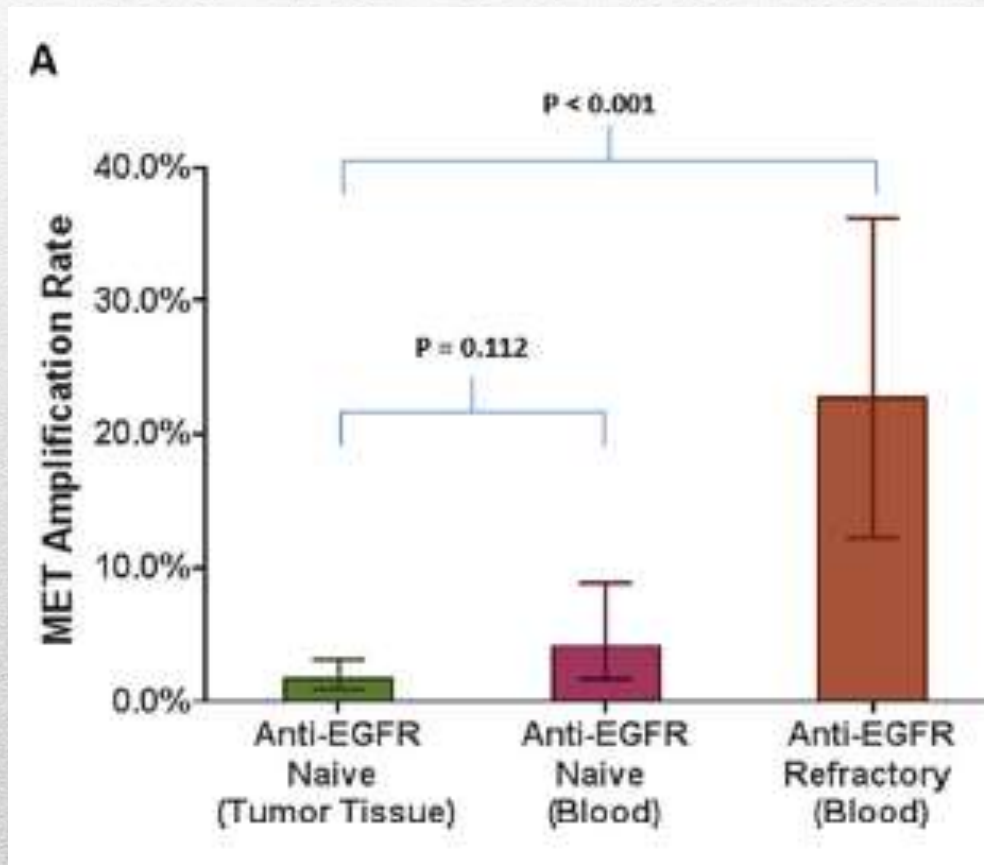
# Emergent Biomarkers: c-MET



1-2% of de novo mCRC

# Emergent Biomarkers: c-MET

**MET amplification in metastatic colorectal cancer: an acquired response to EGFR inhibition, not a *de novo* phenomenon**



# Emergent Biomarkers: c-MET

## Randomized Phase Ib/II Trial of Rilotumumab or Ganitumab with Panitumumab versus Panitumumab Alone in Patients with Wild-type *KRAS* Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

Table 2. Primary endpoint: ORR

	Panitumumab + rilotumumab (AMG 102) ( <i>n</i> = 48)	Panitumumab + ganitumab (AMG 479) ( <i>n</i> = 46)	Panitumumab + placebo ( <i>n</i> = 48)
Patients with baseline measurable disease, <i>n</i> (%)	48 (100)	46 (100)	48 (100)
Objective response, <i>n</i> (%)	15 (31)	10 (22)	10 (21)
Complete response	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Partial response	15 (31)	10 (22)	10 (21)
Stable disease	19 (40)	18 (39)	17 (35)
Progressive disease	11 (23)	15 (33)	16 (33)
Unevaluable/not done	3 (6)	3 (6)	5 (10)
Disease control rate <sup>a</sup> , % (95% CI)	71 (56–83)	61 (45–75)	56 (41–71)
Duration of response, median months (95% CI)	5.1 (3.7–5.6)	3.7 (3.6–5.8)	3.7 (3.6–NE)
Posterior probability of odds ratio > 1 <sup>b</sup>	0.93	0.63	

Abbreviation: NE, not estimable.

# Emergent Biomarkers: c-MET

Phase II trial  
mCRC MET-High ( $\geq +2$  in  $\geq 50\%$  IHC)  
KRAS wt  
 $\geq 1$  prior line with SD or better in Cet or Pan



Tivantinib tablets  
360 mg BID  
+  
Cetuximab 500  
mg/m<sup>2</sup> i.v. 2 weeks

Primary endpoint: ORR. Secondary endpoints: PFS, OS, safety, biomarker evaluation.

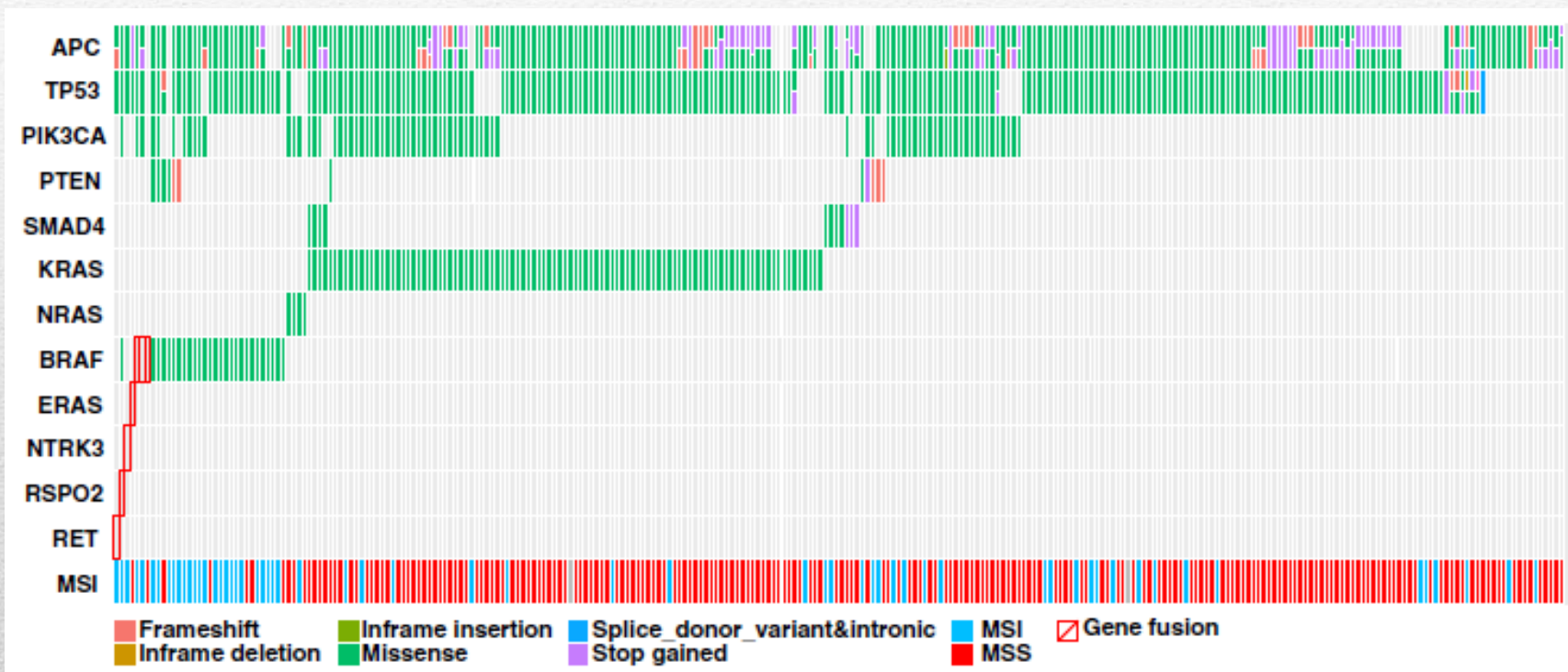
The treatment had to be considered effective if  $\geq 5$  confirmed PR were observed among 41 patients.

## Emergent Biomarkers: c-MET

Endpoint	N= 42 (%)	Median duration months (range)
<b>Best Response</b>		
Complete Response	1 (2.4)	16.6
Partial Response	3 (7.3)	5.5 (1.6-17.8)
Stable Disease	14 (34.1)	3.3 (1.2-7.5)
Progressive Disease	21 (51.2)	-
Not Evaluable	2 (4.9)	-
<b>Overall Response Rate (CR+PR)</b>	4 (9.8)	11 (1.6-17.8)
<b>Disease Control Rate (CR + PR + SD)</b>	18 (43.9)	3.6 (1.2-17.8)

# Emergent Biomarkers: gene fusions

## A Systematic Analysis of Oncogenic Gene Fusions in Primary Colon Cancer

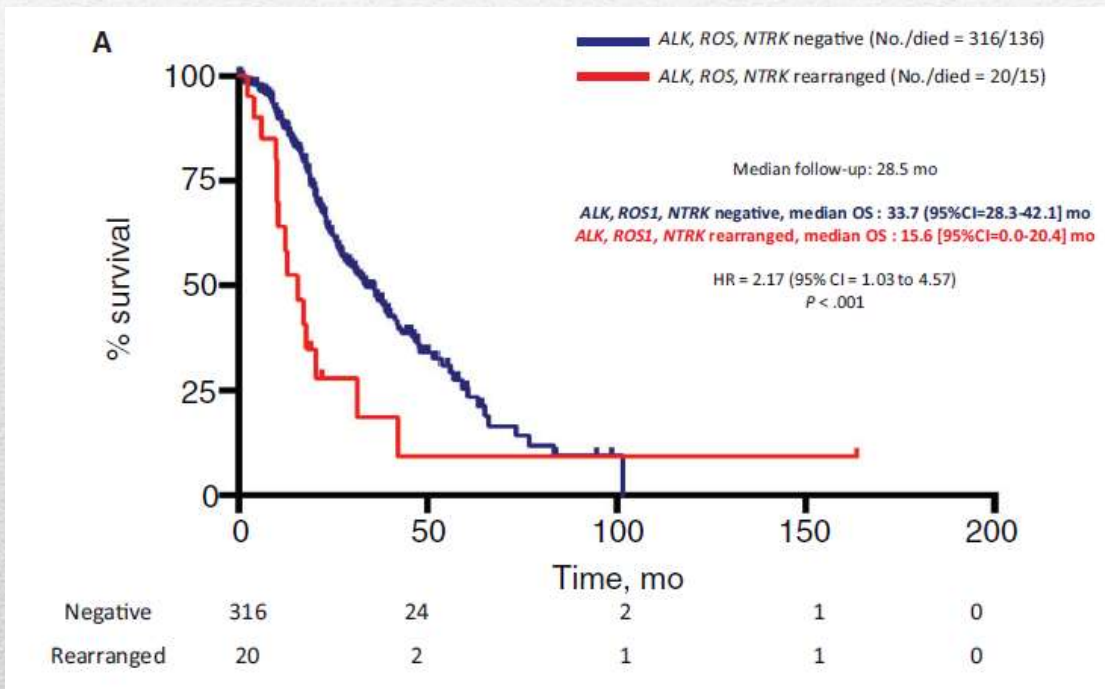


2.5% of CRC



# Emergent Biomarkers: gene fusions

## ALK, ROS1, and NTRK Rearrangements in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



0.2-2.4% of CRC

Elderly

Right-sided

Node-spreading

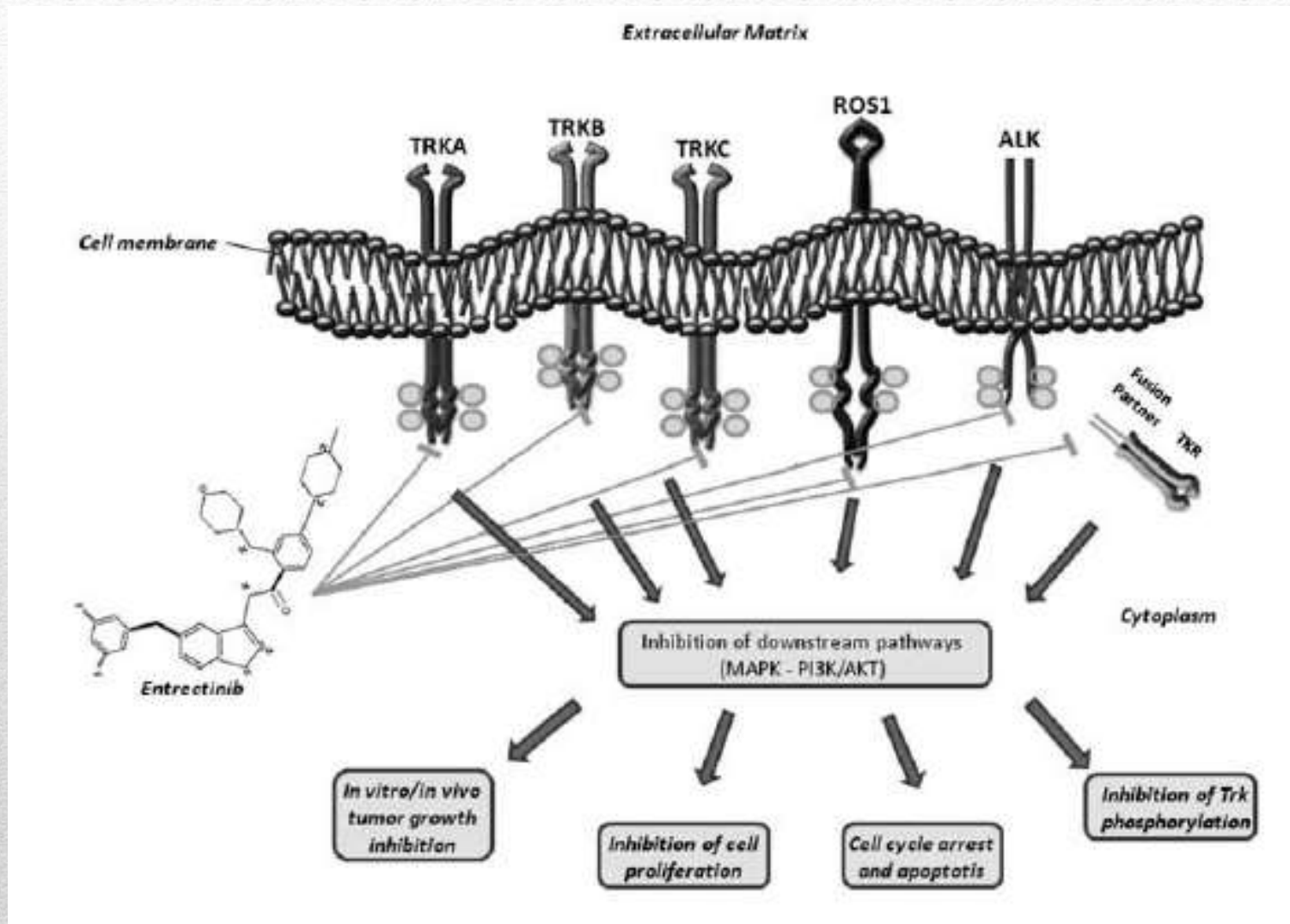
RAS WT

MSI-H

Poor prognosis

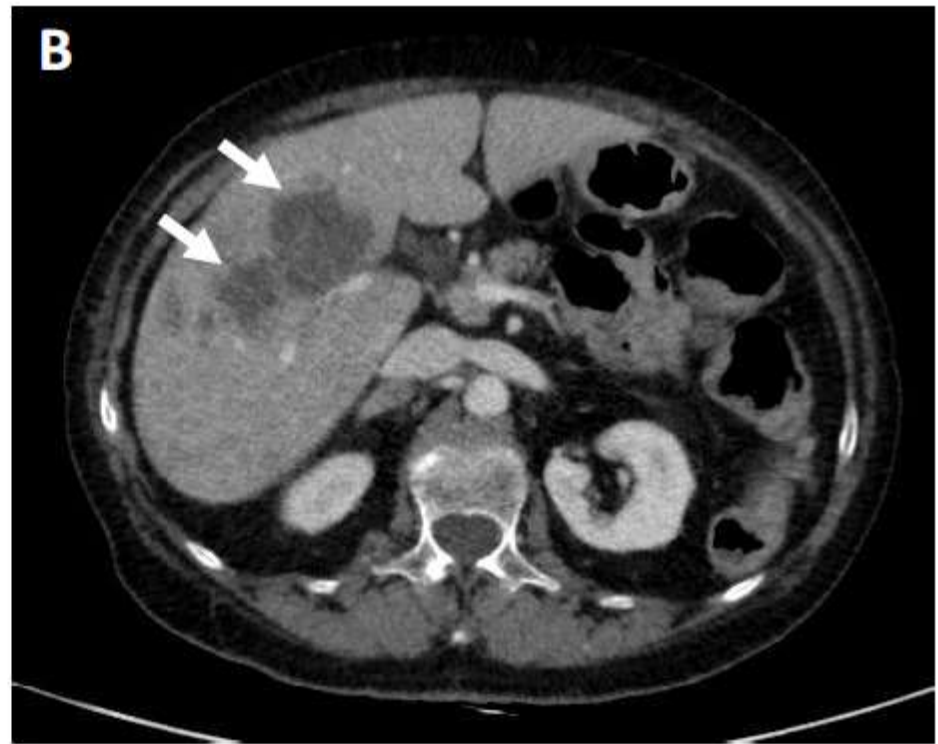
Resistance to anti-EGFR

# Emergent Biomarkers: gene fusions



## Emergent Biomarkers: gene fusions

Sensitivity to Entrectinib Associated With a Novel LMNA-NTRK1 Gene Fusion in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



# Emergent Biomarkers: gene fusions

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## FDA Grants Entrectinib Breakthrough Designation for NTRK+ Solid Tumors

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The FDA has granted a breakthrough therapy designation to entrectinib for use as a treatment for adult and pediatric patients with

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## Basket Study of Entrectinib (RXDX-101) for the Treatment of Patients With Solid Tumors Harboring NTRK 1/2/3 (Trk A/B/C), ROS1, or ALK Gene Rearrangements (Fusions) (STARTRK-2)

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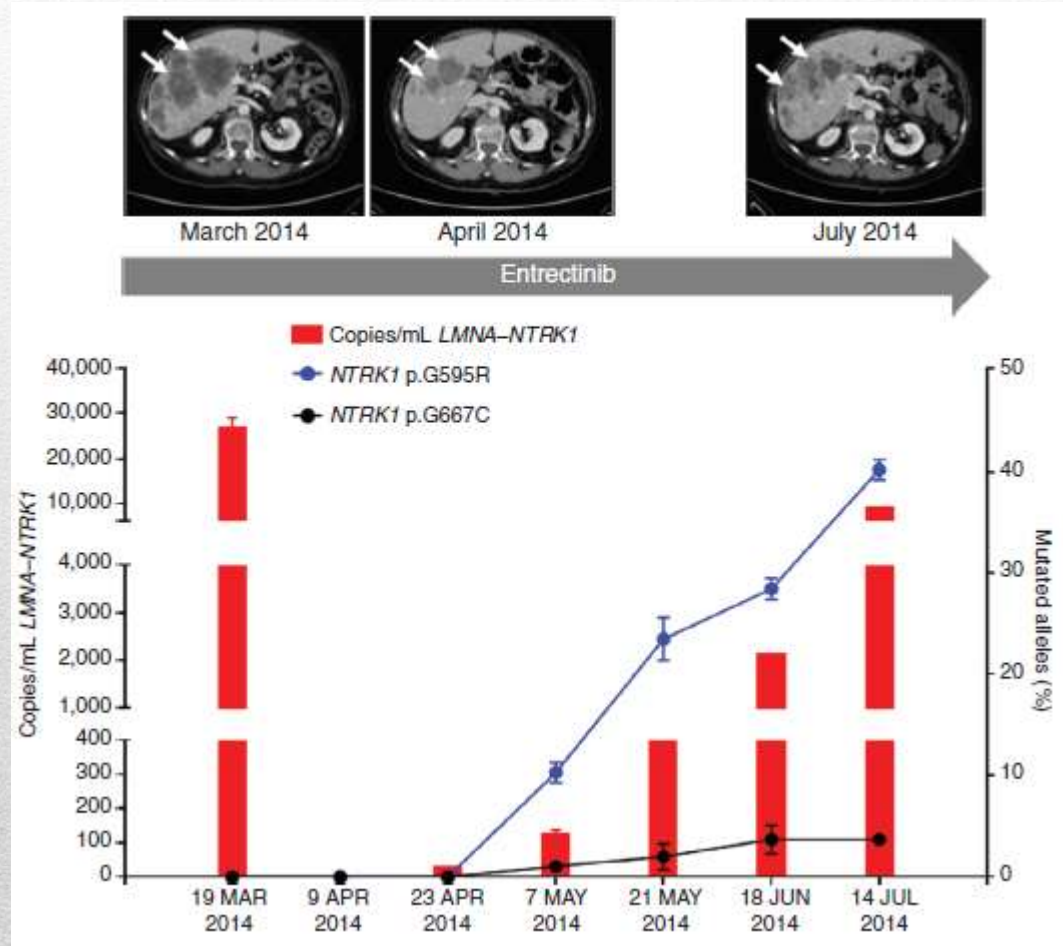
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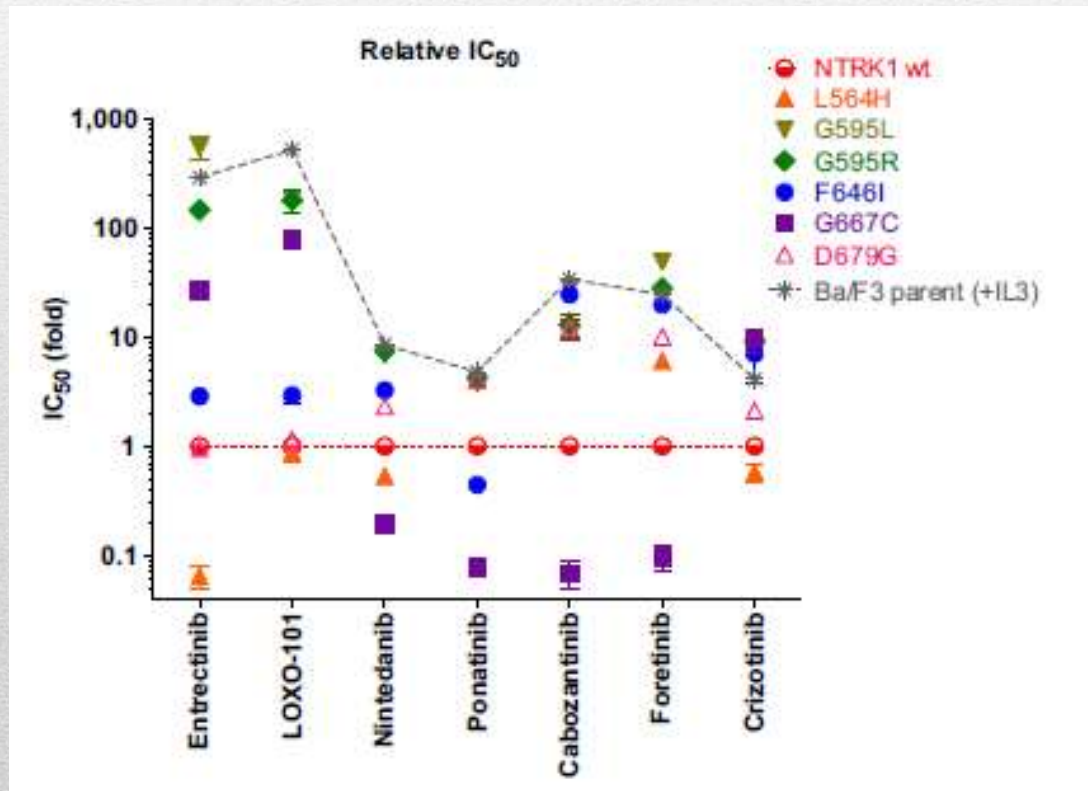
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## Acquired Resistance to the TRK Inhibitor Entrectinib in Colorectal Cancer

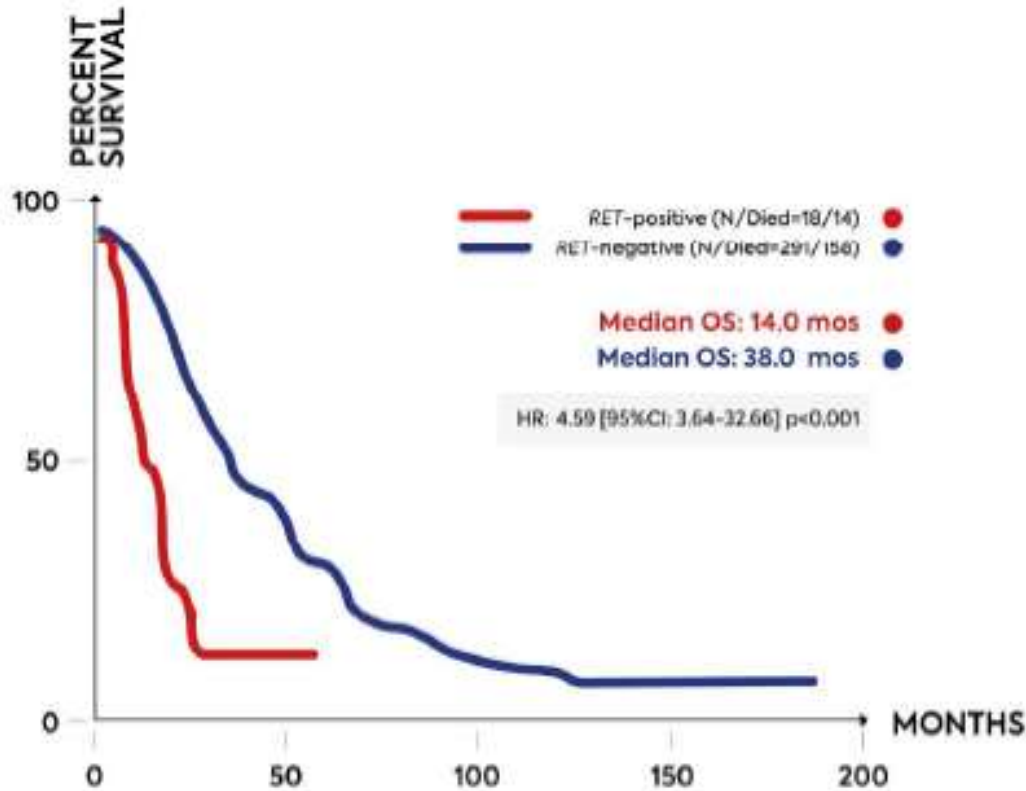


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## Mechanisms of Resistance to NTRK Inhibitors and Therapeutic Strategies in NTRK1-Rearranged Cancers



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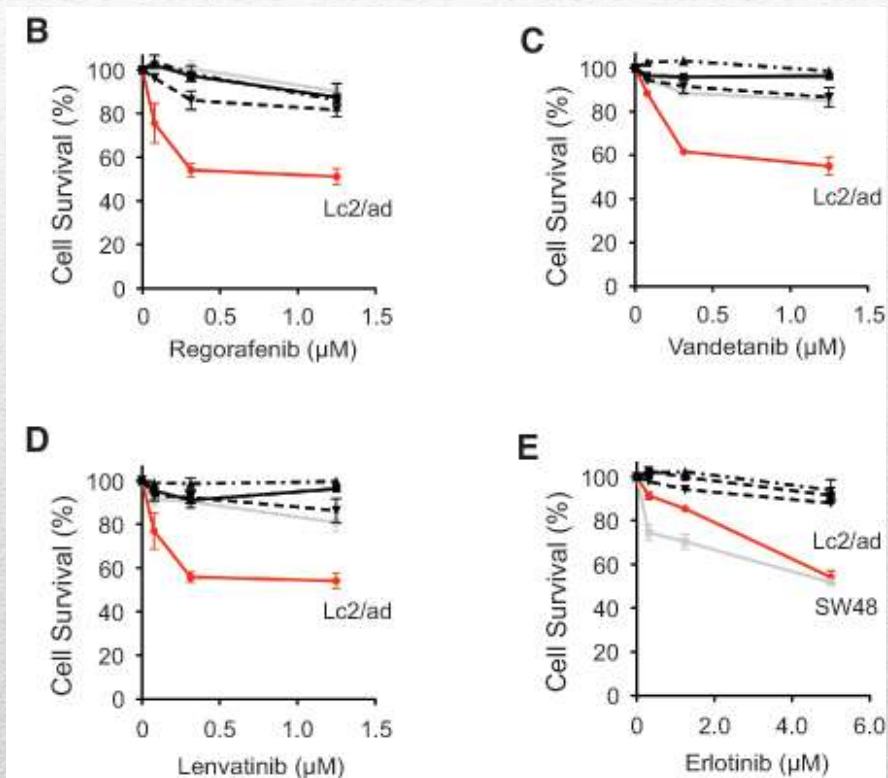


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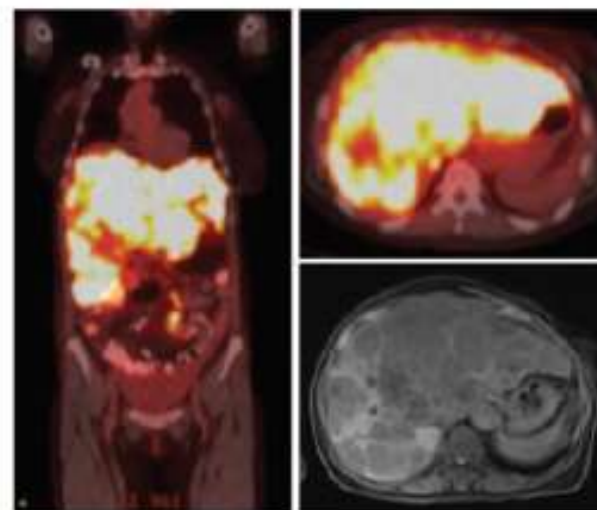
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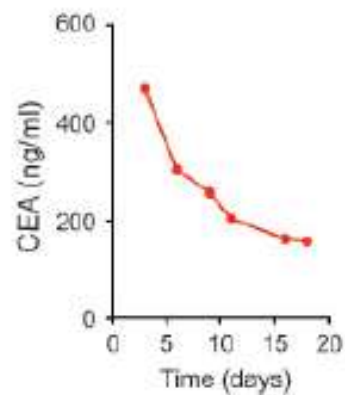
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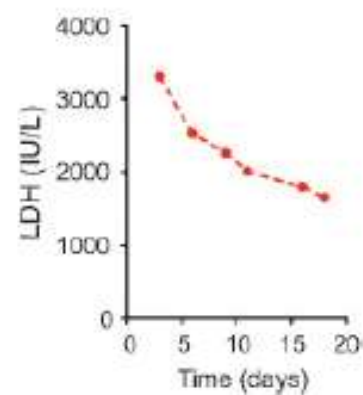
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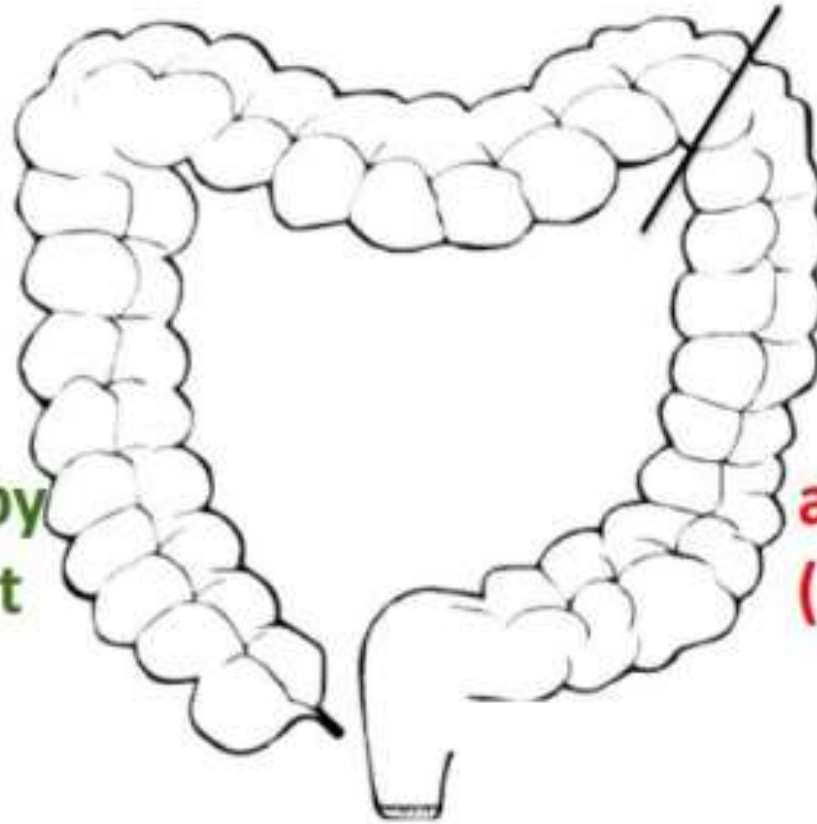
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## Right-sided

Cecum to splenic flexure

**Low activity  
anti-EGFR therapy  
(PFS and OS, but  
not ORR)**

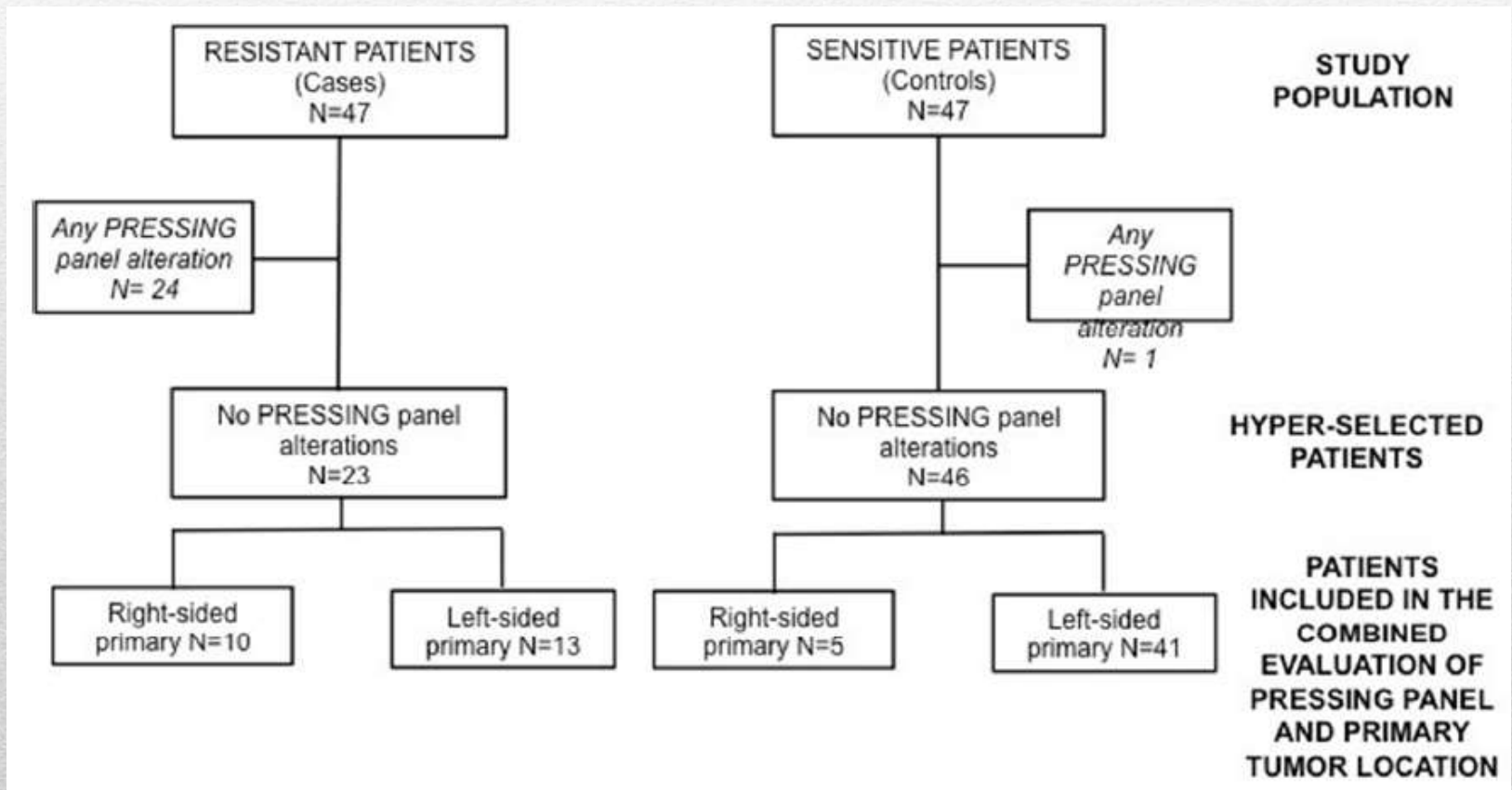


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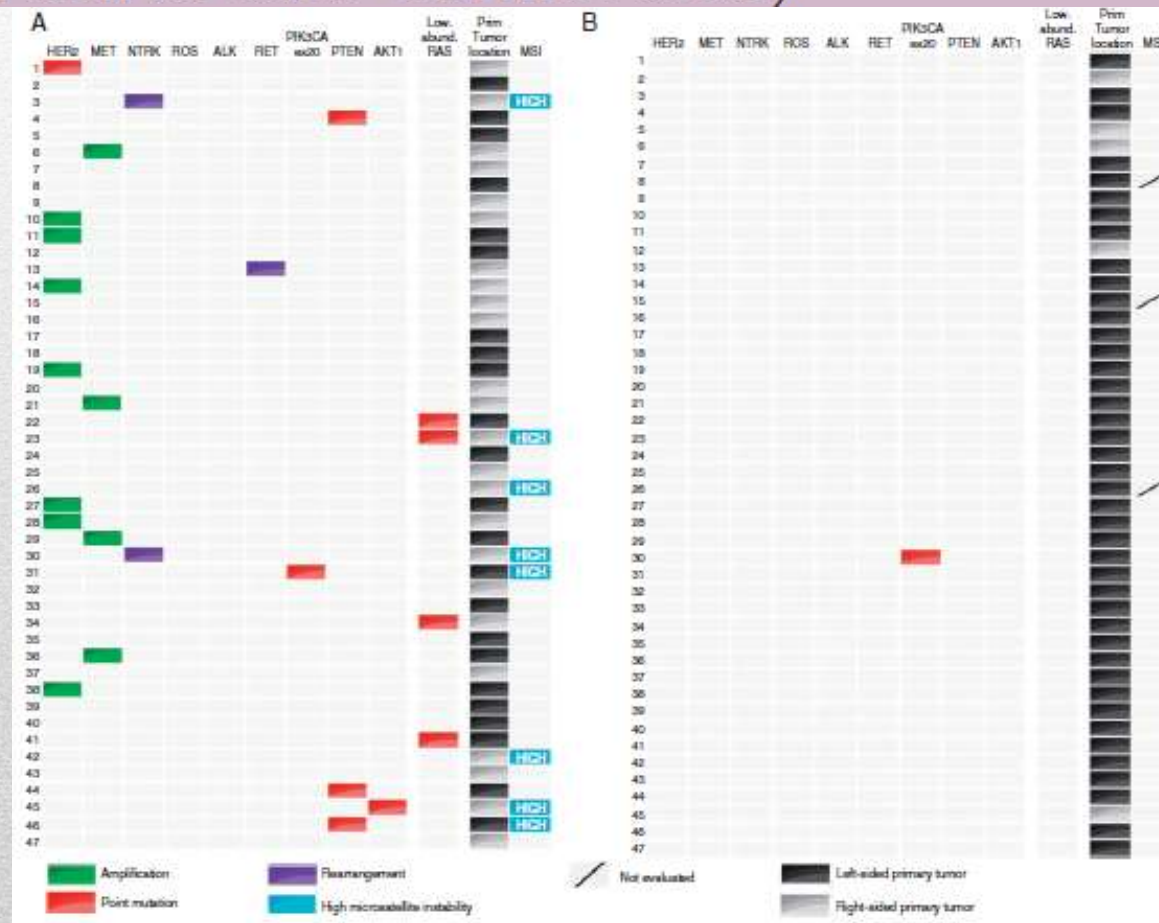
Rectum to splenic flexure

**High activity  
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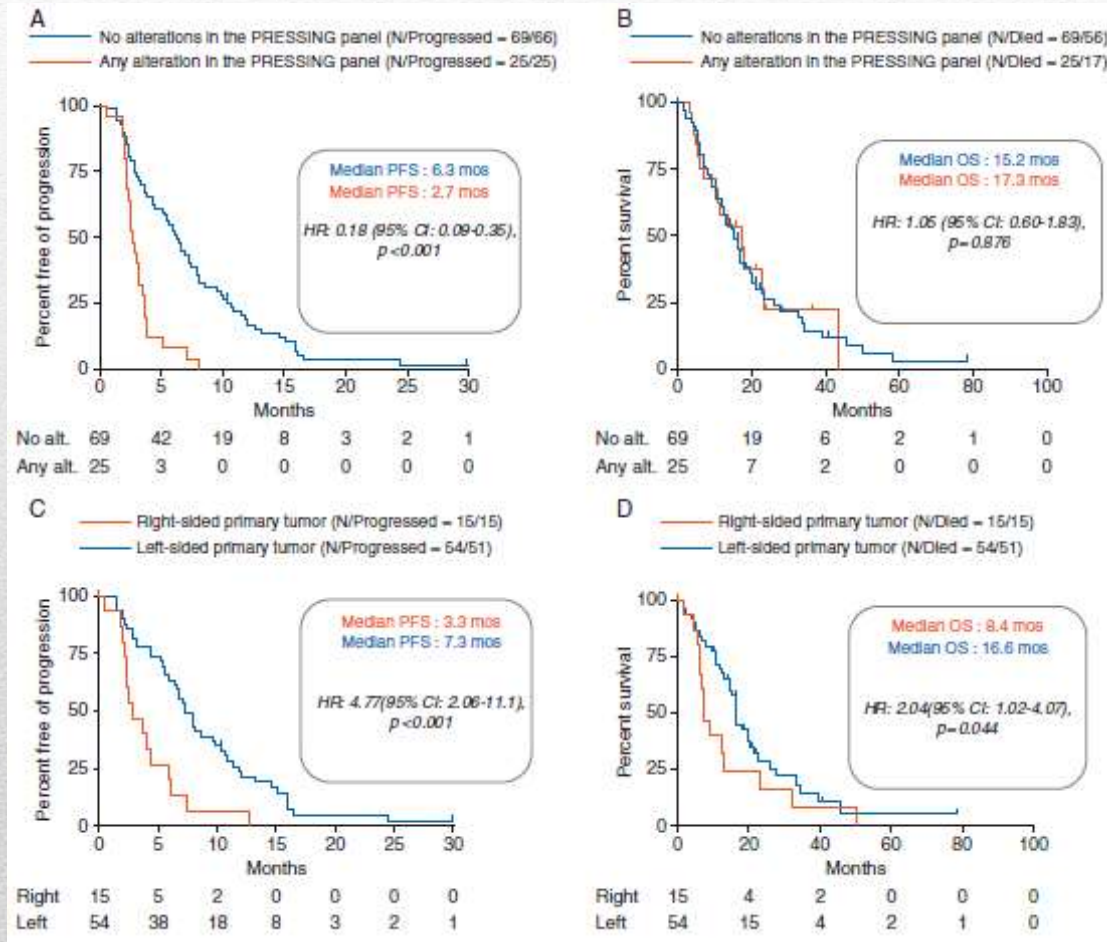
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# Outline

- Current biomarkers

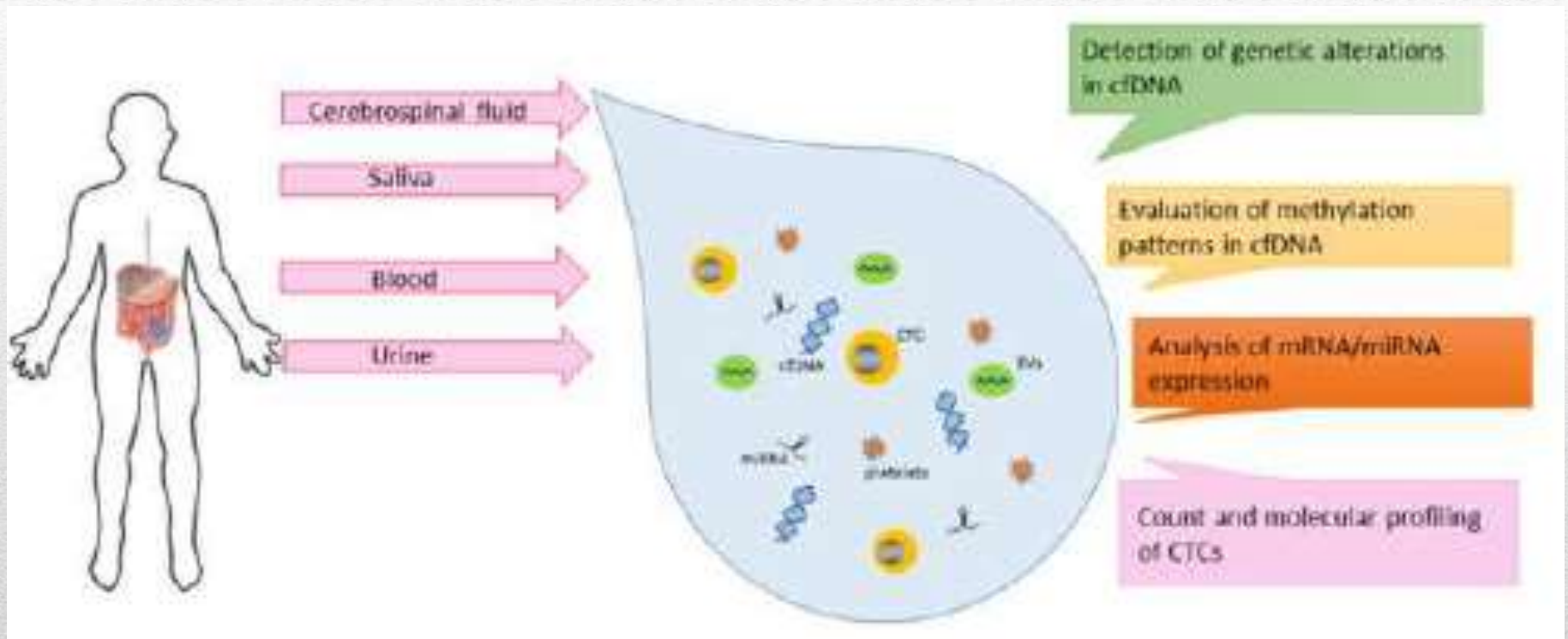
RAS

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MSI

- Emergent biomarkers
  - **Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC**
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# Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC



# Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC

## Tissue-based vs Liquid Biopsy *RAS* Analysis: Pros and Cons

### Tissue biopsy

- Available for primary tumor
- Well-established and validated techniques
- Proven as biomarker
- Morphological control
- Only one site and time

### Liquid biopsy

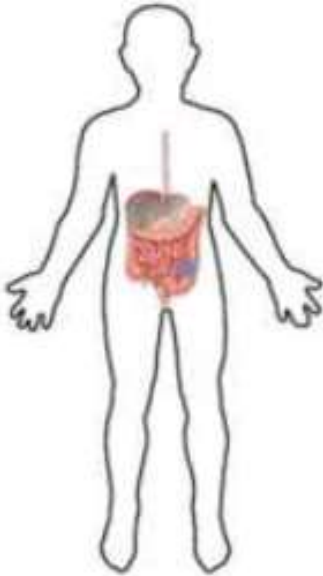
- Less invasive
- More complete assessment of tumor heterogeneity and low-level subclones<sup>[a]</sup>
- Techniques not standardized
- Not proven as biomarker



# Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC

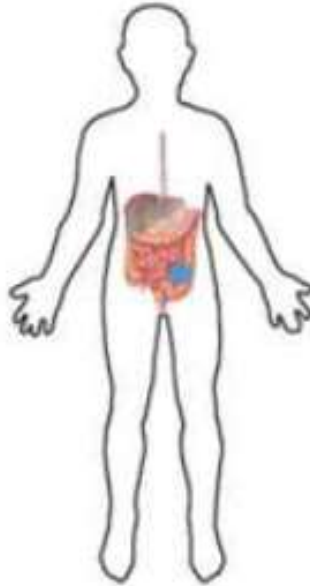
## Applications of liquid biopsy

Early diagnosis of CRC



cfDNA (genetic variants, methylation patterns)  
miRNA signatures

Prognosis in early CRC



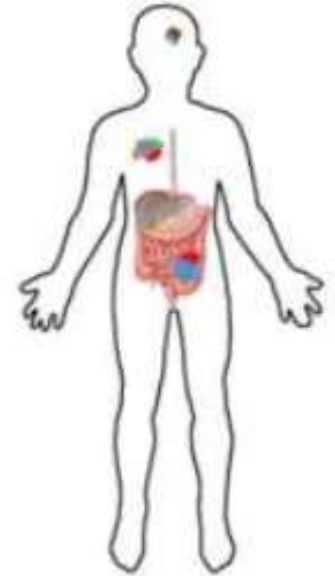
cfDNA (genetic variants)  
CTC  
miRNA signatures

Prognostic/predictive markers in metastatic CRC



cfDNA (genetic variants)  
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Monitoring response to therapy and clonal evolution



cfDNA (genetic variants)  
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Most promising biomarkers

# Monitoring the clonal evolution of CRC

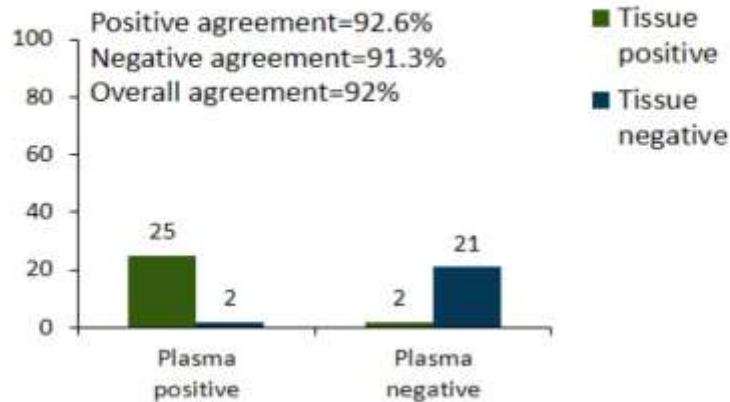
## RAS Mutation Testing Using BEAMing PCR

### Mutation Panel<sup>[a,b]</sup>

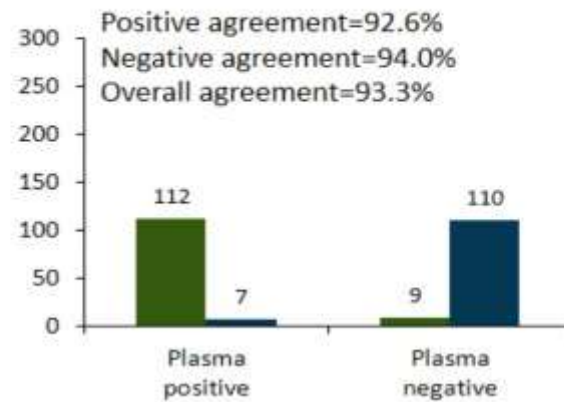
	Exon 2	Exon 3	Exon 4
<b>KRAS</b>	G12S, G12R, G12C, G12D, G12A, G12V, G13D	A59T, Q61L, Q61R, Q61H, Q61H	K117N, K117N, A146T, A146V
<b>NRAS</b>	G12S, G12R, G12C, G12D, G12A, G12V, G13R, G13D, G13V	A59T, Q61K, Q61R, Q61L, Q61H, Q61H	K117N, K117N, A146T

### Concordance of Plasma and Tissue Based Testing

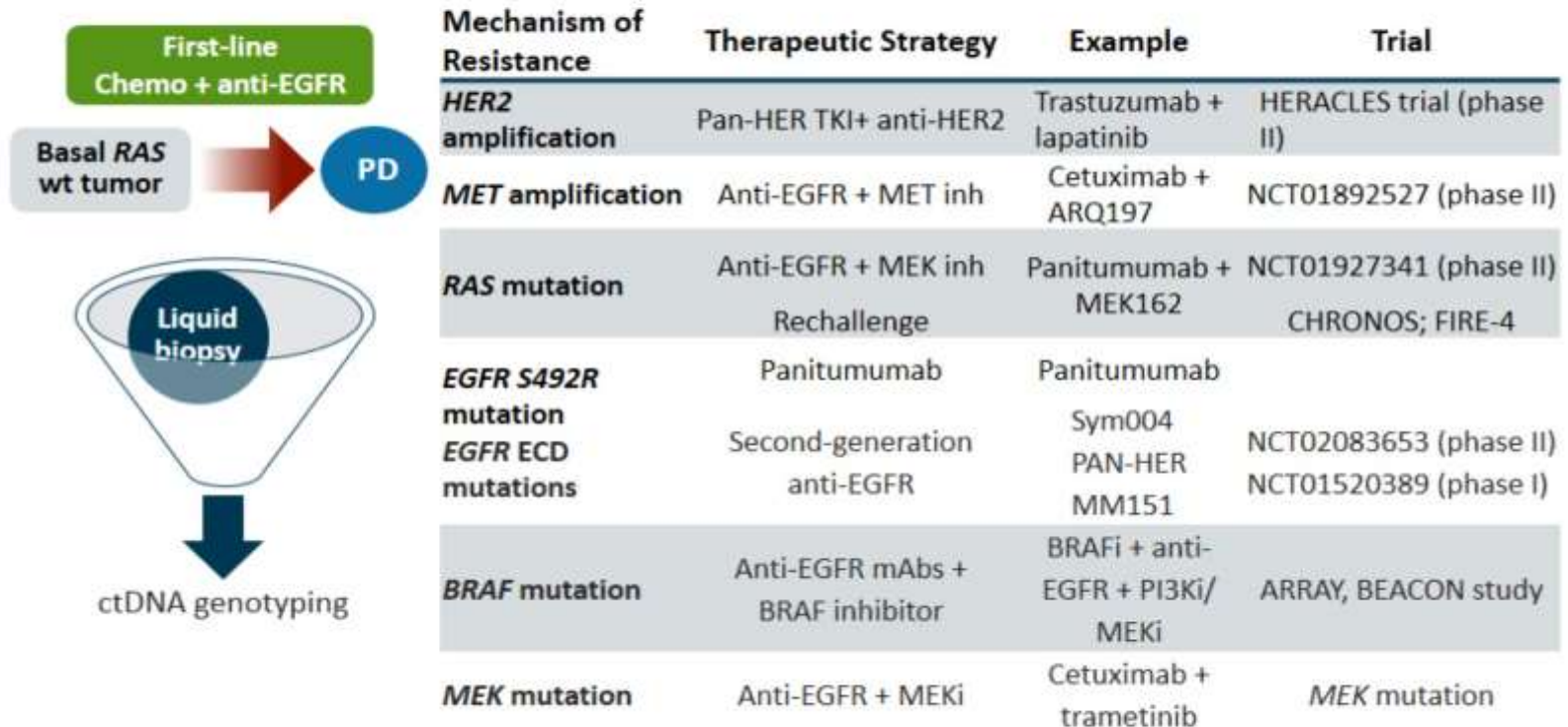
N=50 treatment-naïve patients<sup>[a]</sup>



N=238 treatment-naïve and recurrent patients<sup>[b]</sup>



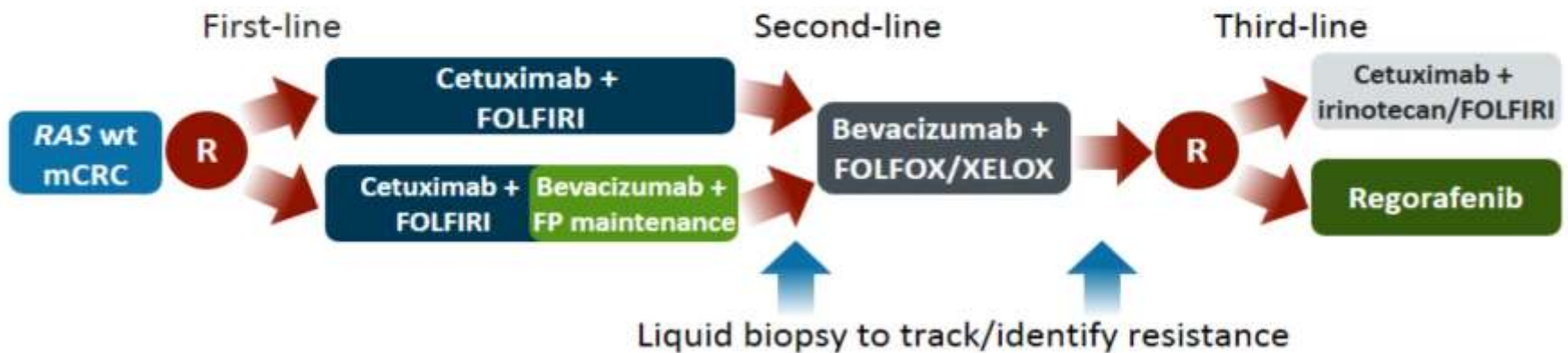
# How Can Liquid Biopsy-Based Biomarker Testing Potentially Guide Treatment Decisions After Anti-EGFR Therapy? Ongoing Trials



# Rechallenge With Anti-EGFR Therapy: FIRE-4 Study

FIRE-4 (phase 3, N=550)

- Primary endpoint: OS after randomization 2
- Results expected: January 2022



# Conclusions

- Only 50% of patients with RAS and BRAF WT CRC achieve a response to anti-EGFR
- A panel uncommon genetic alterations may help to «negatively hyperselect» patients who benefit from anti-EGFR (PRESSING panel)
- HER-2,c-MET, NTRK and RET are not only predictor of resistance to anti-EGFR but druggable targets
- Liquid biopsy is the most intriguing tool to monitor the molecular evolution of the disease, but deserves further validations



*Thanks!!!*

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