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Nuove Prospettive COLON - RETTO

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Conflict of Interest

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Travel, Accommodations, Expenses: Takeda Pharmaceutical Co.



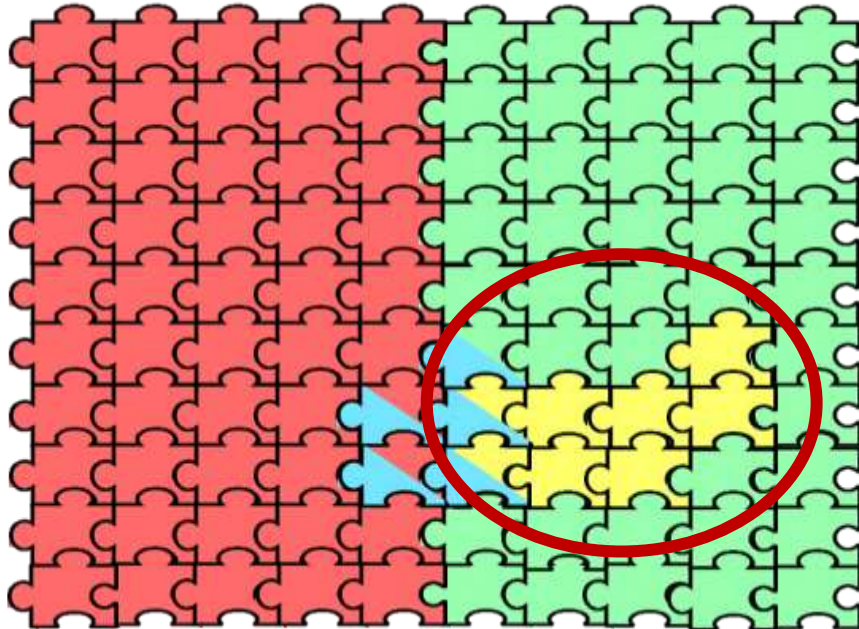
A story of MOSAIC

Palazzo Massimo – National Roman Museum (I sec A.D.), Rome



Genomic markers in mCRC

What guidelines recommend to test



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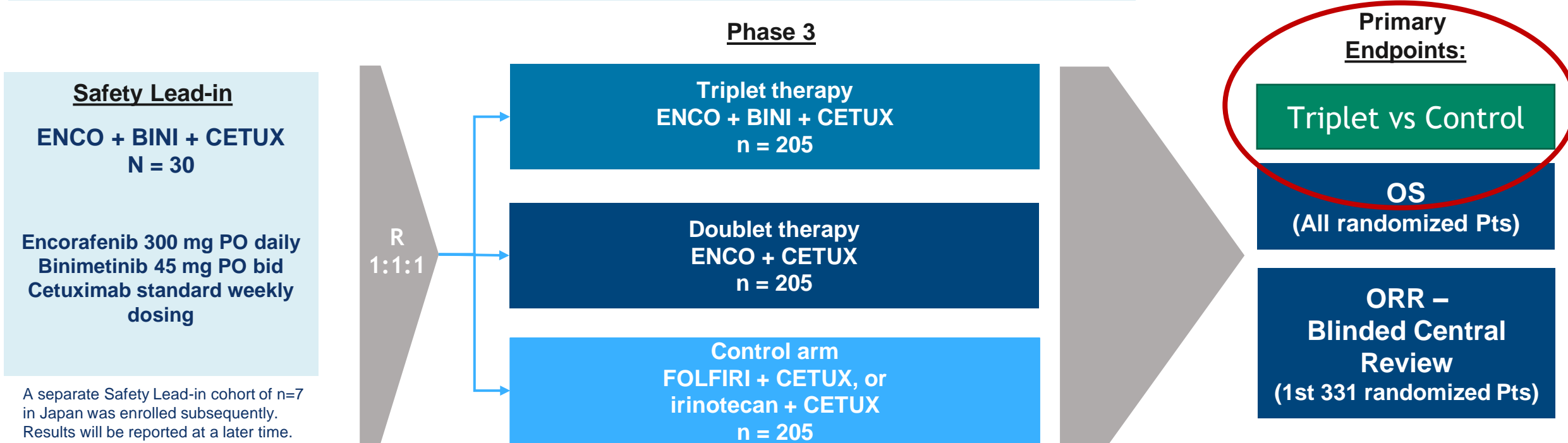
- BRAF V600E occurs in **8-12%** of patients with a mCRC
- BRAF V600E are associated with **resistance** to anti-EGFRs
- BRAF mutations were observed in **34.6%** of patients with MSI tumours, whereas among BRAF-mt tumours **21.2%** showed MSI
- Patients that are right-sided primary, female and mucinous had an **81%** chance to bear a *BRAF V600E*-mutant tumour

How to target *BRAF*?



BEACON: Study Design

Patients with *BRAF*^{V600E} mCRC with disease progression after 1 or 2 prior regimens; ECOG PS of 0 or 1; and no prior treatment with any RAF inhibitor, MEK inhibitor, or EGFR inhibitor



Randomization was stratified by ECOG PS (0 vs. 1), prior use of irinotecan (yes vs. no), and cetuximab source (US-licensed vs. EU-approved).

Secondary Endpoints: Doublet vs Control and Triplet vs Doublet - OS & ORR, PFS, Safety

QOL Assessments: EORTC QOL Questionnaire (QLQ C30), Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Colon Cancer, EuroQol 5D5L, and Patient Global Impression of Change).

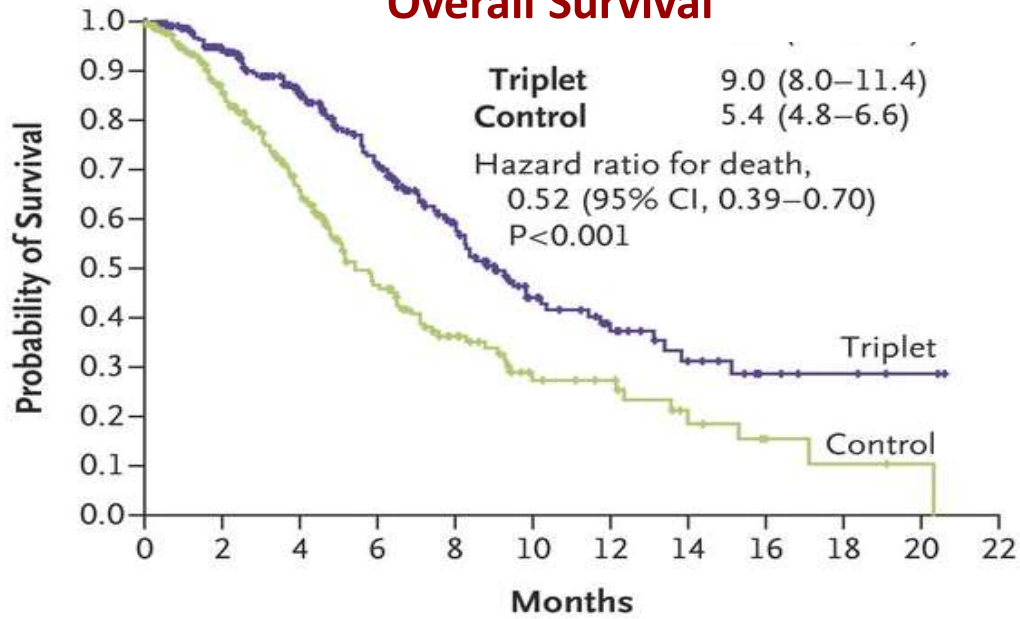
OS analysis conducted in all patients; ORR analysis conducted in the first 331 randomized patients.

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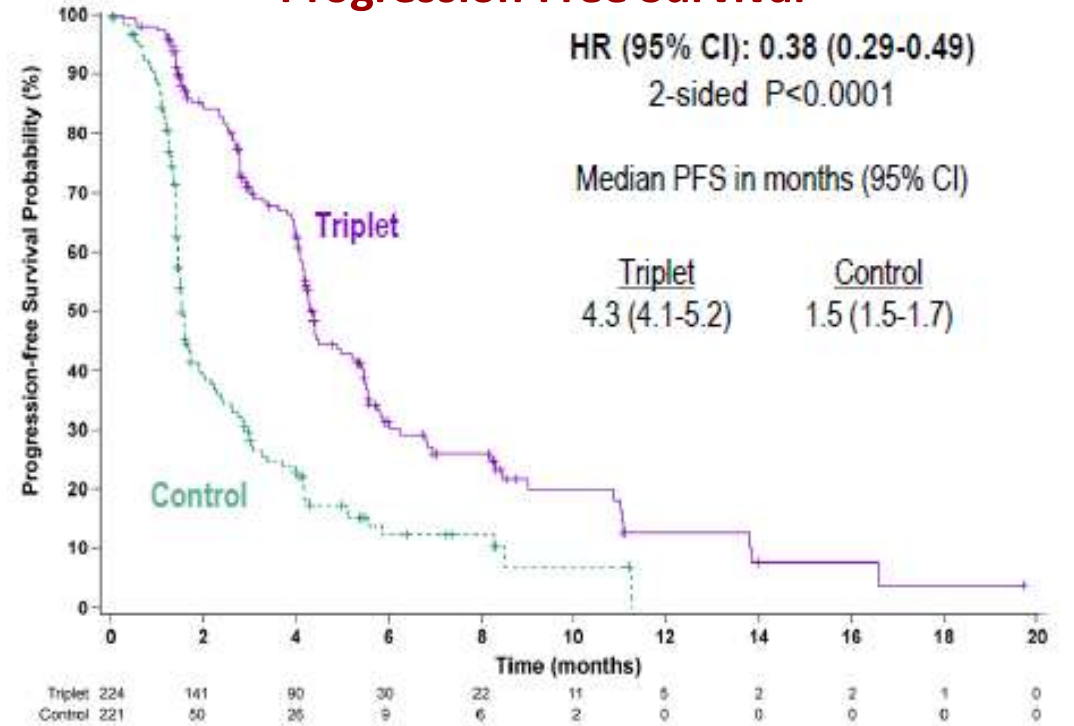
Results

Triplet vs Control

Overall Survival

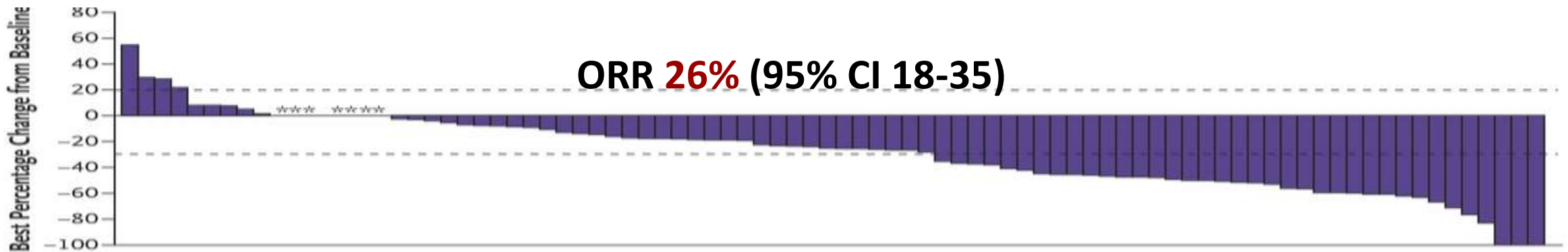


Progression Free Survival



No. at Risk

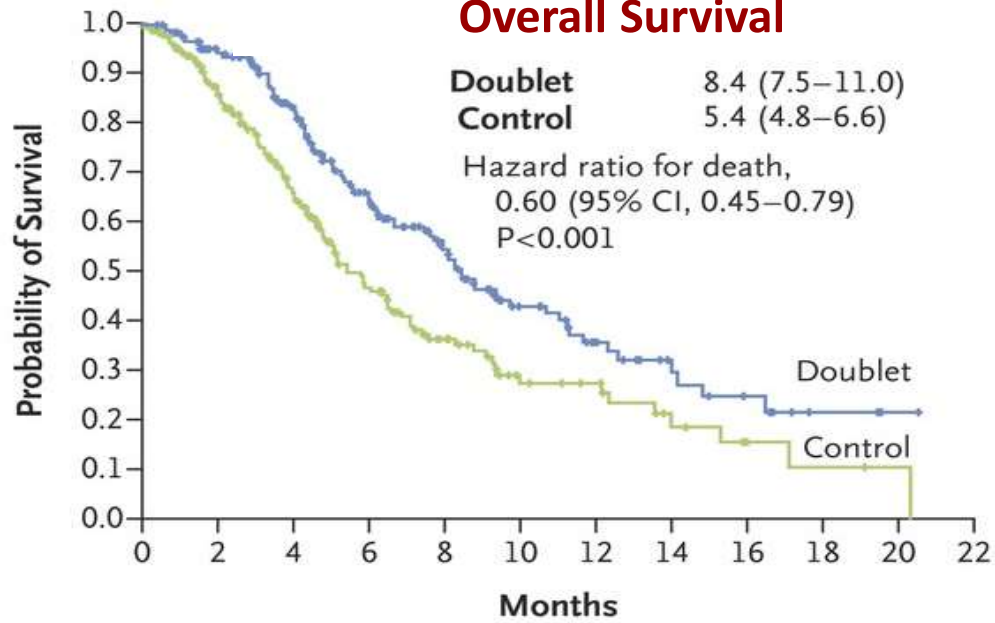
Triplet	224	186	141	103	69	37	24	14	6	4	2	0
Control	221	158	102	60	34	18	15	7	4	2	1	0



Results

Doublet vs Control

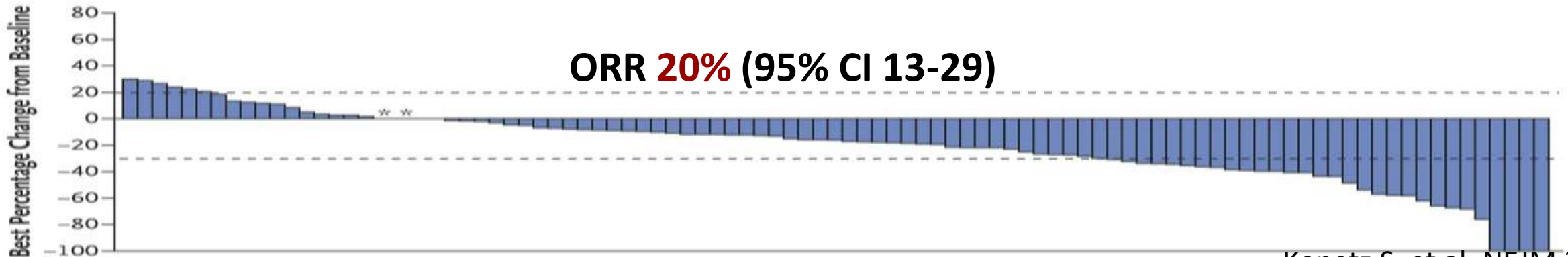
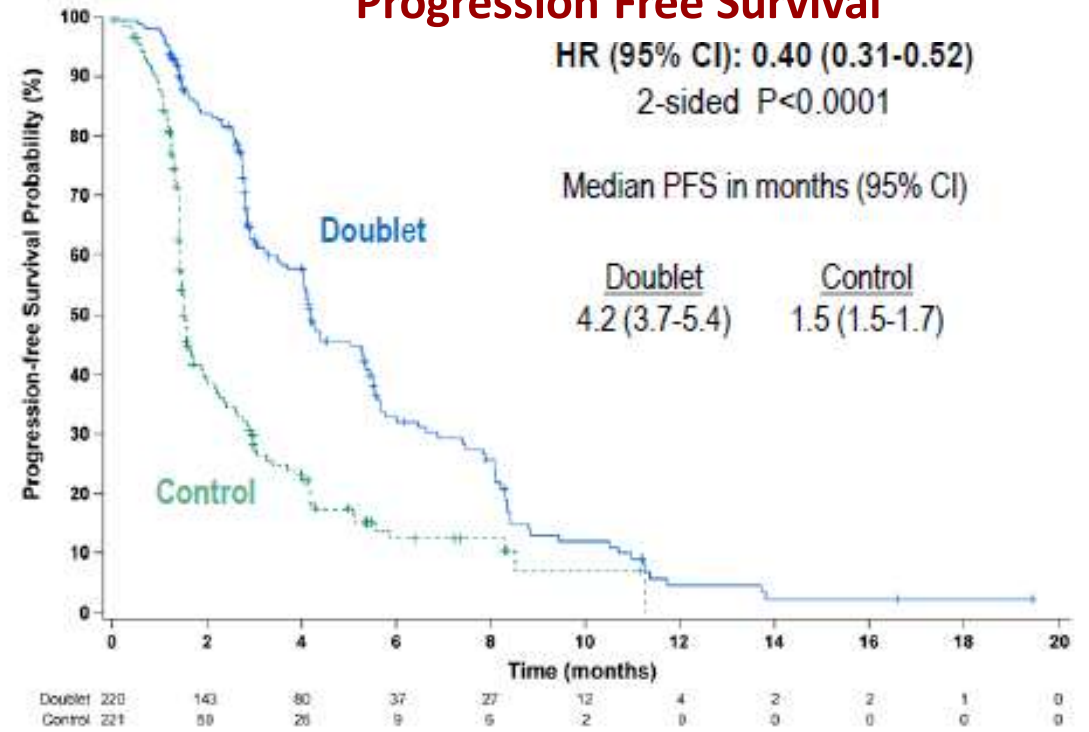
Overall Survival



No. at Risk

Doublet	220	184	133	87	57	33	21	12	8	3	1	0
Control	221	158	102	60	34	18	15	7	4	2	1	0

Progression Free Survival



Results: ORR Doublet vs Control

Confirmed Response by BICR	Triplet N=111	Doublet N=113	Control N=107
Objective Response Rate	26%	20%	2%
95% (CI)	(18, 35)	(13, 29)	(<1, 7)
p-value vs. Control	<0.0001	<0.0001	
Objective Response Rate			
1 prior line of therapy	34%	22%	2%
>1 prior line of therapy	14%	16%	2%
Best Overall Response			
Complete Response	4%	5%	0
Partial Response	23%	15%	2%
Stable Disease	42%	54%	29%
Progressive Disease	10%	7%	34%
Non Evaluable by RECIST	22%	19%	36%
Clinical progression or adverse event ^a	14%	17%	16%
Insufficient information to assess response ^b	8%	2%	20%

What's New?



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TRIPLET vs DOUBLET



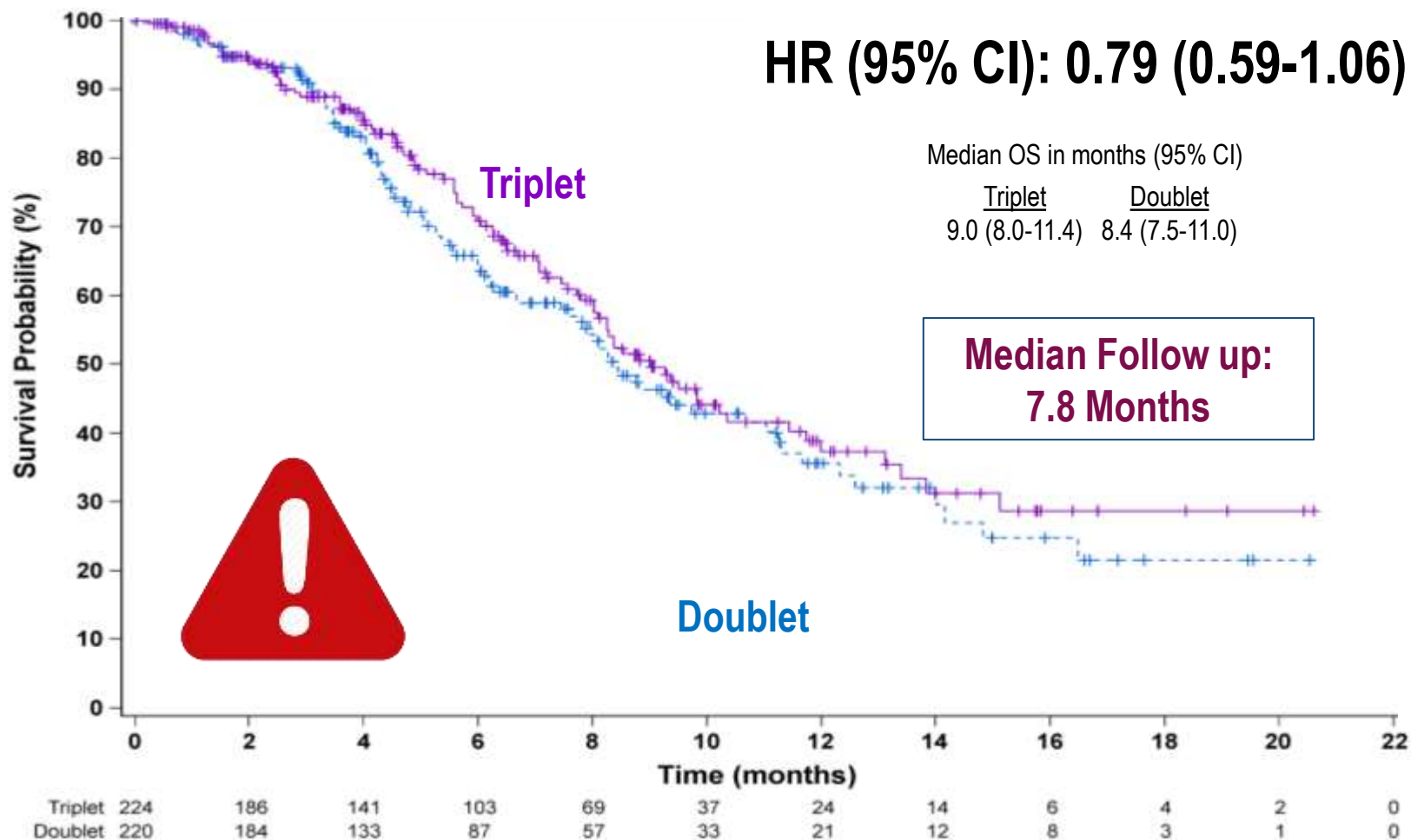
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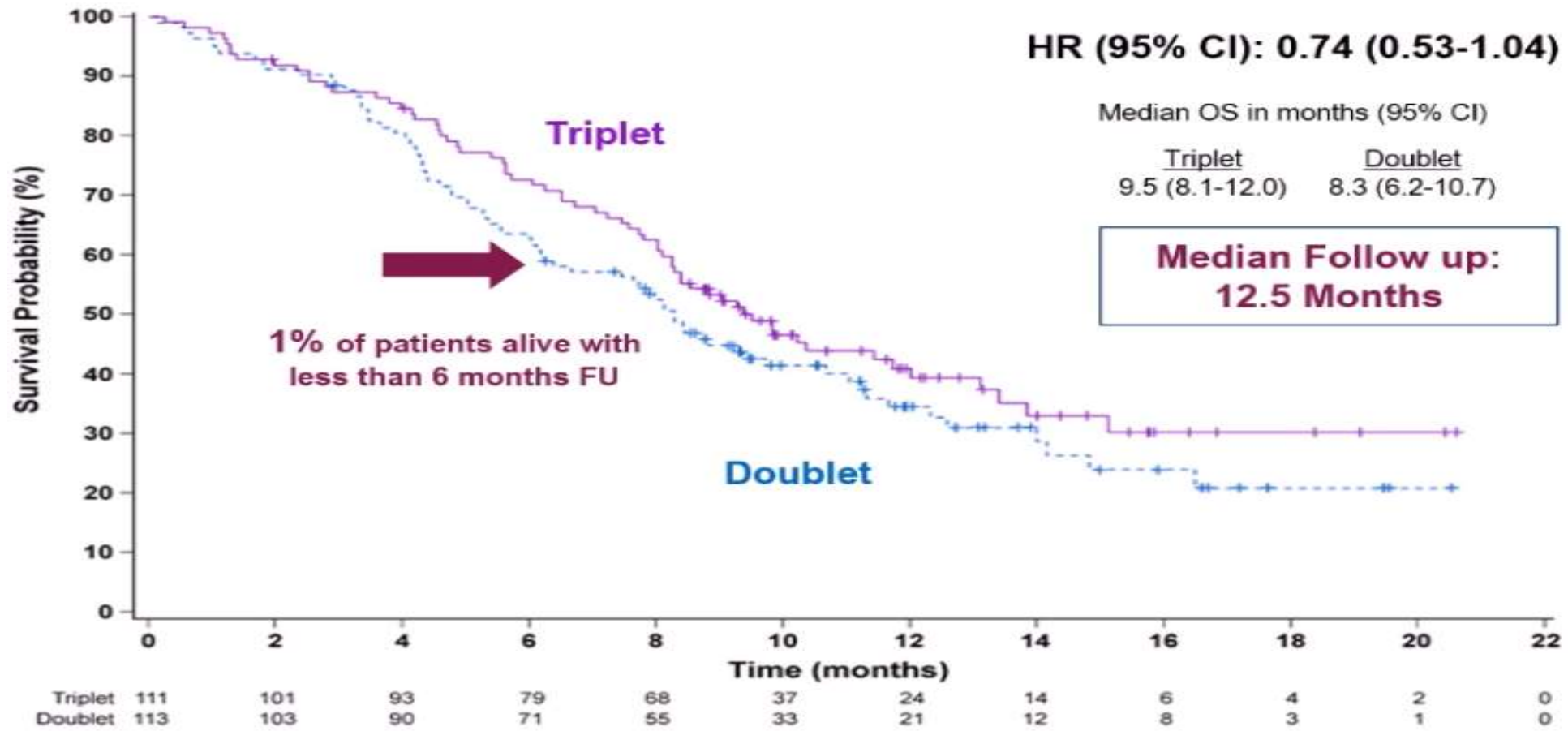
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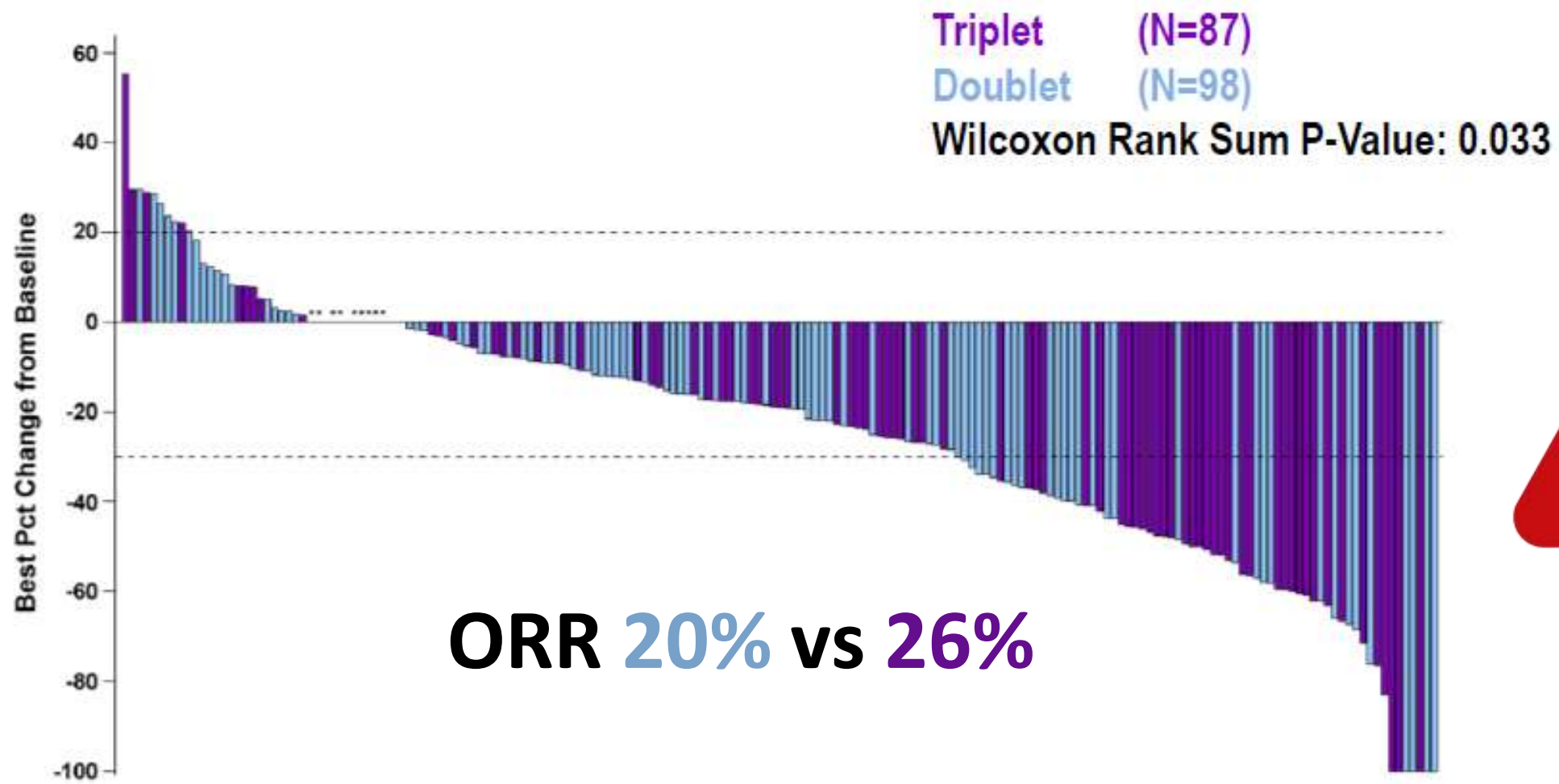
Overall Survival: Triplet vs Doublet (All Randomized Patients)



Overall Survival: Triplet vs Doublet



Results: RR Doublet vs Control



Safety Results

Doublet vs Control

Adverse events of grade 3 or higher were observed in **58%** of patients in the triplet-therapy group, in **50%** in the doublet-therapy group, and in **61%** in the control group.

Preferred Term	ENCO + BINI + CETUX N = 222		ENCO + CETUX N = 216		Difference in Percent Incidence (All Grades) (%)
	All Grades n (%)	Grade 3+ n (%)	All Grades n (%)	Grade 3+ n (%)	
Diarrhea	137 (62)	22 (10)	72 (33)	4 (2)	28
Anemia	80 (36)	37 (17)	35 (16)	10 (5)	20
Dermatitis acneiform	108 (49)	5 (2)	63 (29)	1 (<1)	19
Vomiting	85 (38)	9 (4)	46 (21)	3 (1)	17
Nausea	100 (45)	10 (4)	74 (34)	1 (<1)	11
Dry skin	46 (21)	2 (1)	24 (11)	0	10
Constipation	55 (25)	0	33 (15)	0	9
Blood CK increased	20 (9)	8 (4)	1 (<1)	0	8
Stomatitis	31 (14)	1 (<1)	12 (6)	0	8
PPE syndrome	28 (13)	0	9 (4)	1 (<1)	8
Vision blurred	25 (11)	0	8 (4)	0	8
Rash	42 (19)	1 (<1)	25 (12)	0	7
Abdominal pain	65 (29)	13 (6)	49 (23)	5 (2)	7
Muscle spasms	17 (8)	1 (<1)	3 (2)	0	6
Blood creatinine increased	18 (8)	5 (2)	4 (2)	1 (<1)	6

Abbreviations: BINI = binimetinib; CETUX = cetuximab; CK = creatine phosphokinase; ENCO = encorafenib; PPE = palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia;

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Skin papilloma	0	0	11 (5)	0	-5
Myalgia	18 (8)	0	29 (13)	1 (<1)	-5
Insomnia	11 (5)	0	24 (11)	0	-6
Skin hyperpigmentation	1 (<1)	0	16 (7)	0	-7
Infusion related reaction	5 (2)	1 (<1)	20 (9)	2 (1)	-7
Skin lesion	1 (<1)	0	17 (8)	0	-7
Arthralgia	23 (10)	0	41 (19)	2 (1)	-9
Musculoskeletal pain	6 (3)	0	27 (12)	0	-10
Headache	16 (7)	0	42 (19)	0	-12
Melanocytic naevus	1 (0)	0	31 (14)	0	-14

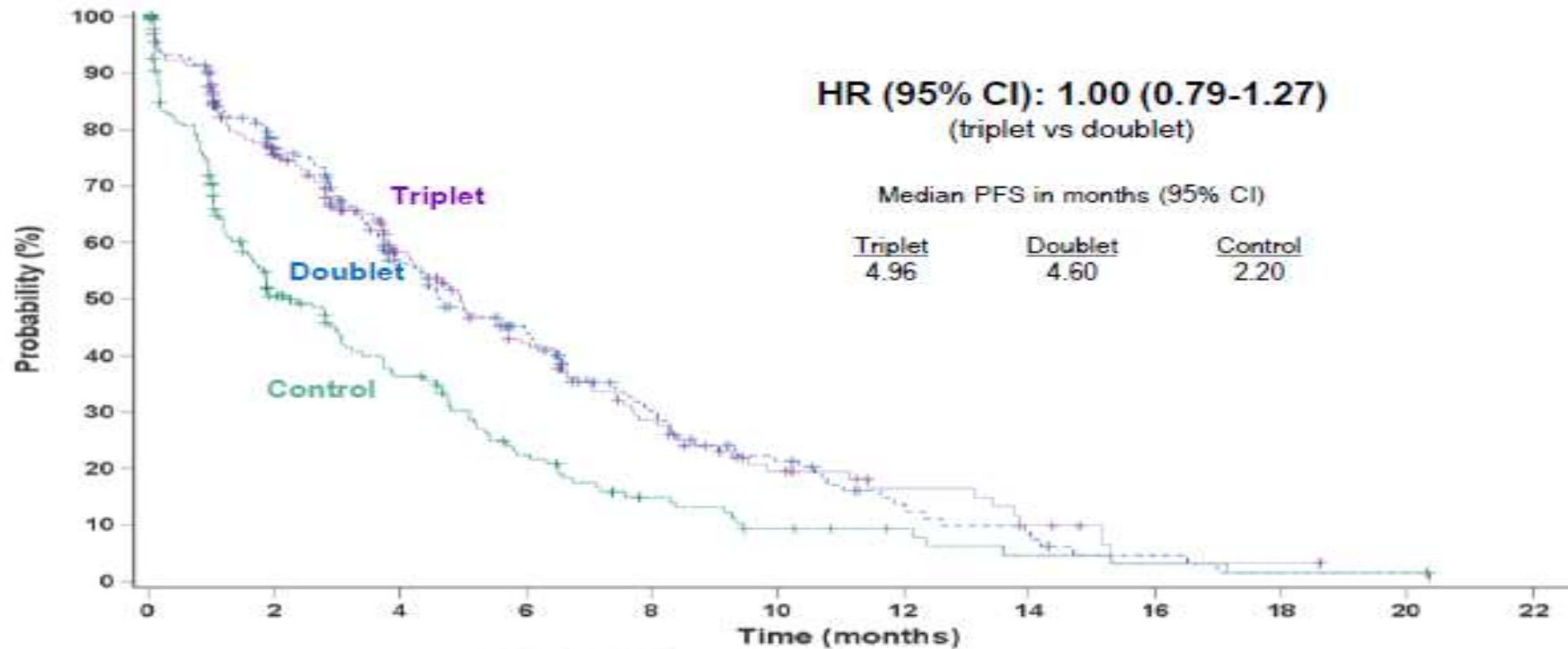
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Safety Results

Doublet vs Control

Time to Definitive 10% Deterioration in EORTC QLQ-c30
Global Health Status







Recapping & Consideration

- Data suggest that the Triplet (Encorafenib+Binimetinib+Cetuximab) vs the Doublet (Encorafenib+Cetuximab) has some improved efficacy with a modest increase in toxicity and no detrimental effect in QoL
- The Triplet will become the new standard in previously treated mCRC BRAF^{V600E} mut pts
- Probably we need a deeper insight on:
 - MSI-H Pts
 - BM1 and BM2

ANYWAY

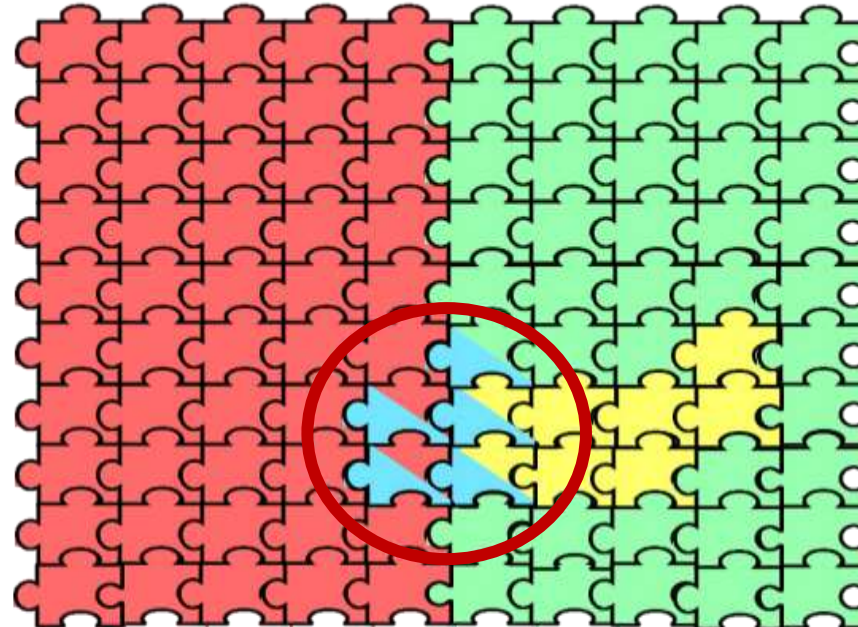
The «story» of BEACON represents a good example of
«*bench to bedside*»

BRAF inhibition in first-line or with immunotherapy

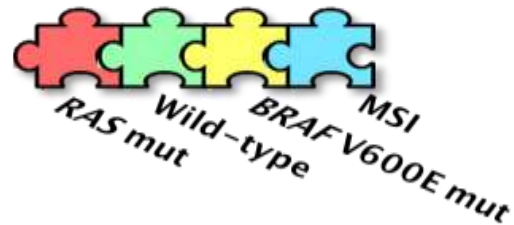
Study	Phase	N pts	Line of therapy	Microsatellite status	Drugs	Primary endpoint	Country
NCT03693170 Anchor-CRC	II	90	previously untreated	unselected	Encorafenib Binimetinib Cetuximab	ORR	
NCT03668431	II	25	previously untreated and treated	unselected	Dabrafenib Trametinib Spartalizumab*	ORR and safety	
NCT04017650	I/II	38	previously treated (at least one therapy before)	MSS/pMMR	Encorafenib Cetuximab Nivolumab	ORR and safety	
NCT04044430	I/II	38	previously treated (at least one therapy before)	MSS/pMMR	Encorafenib Binimetinib Nivolumab	ORR and safety	

Genomic markers in mCRC

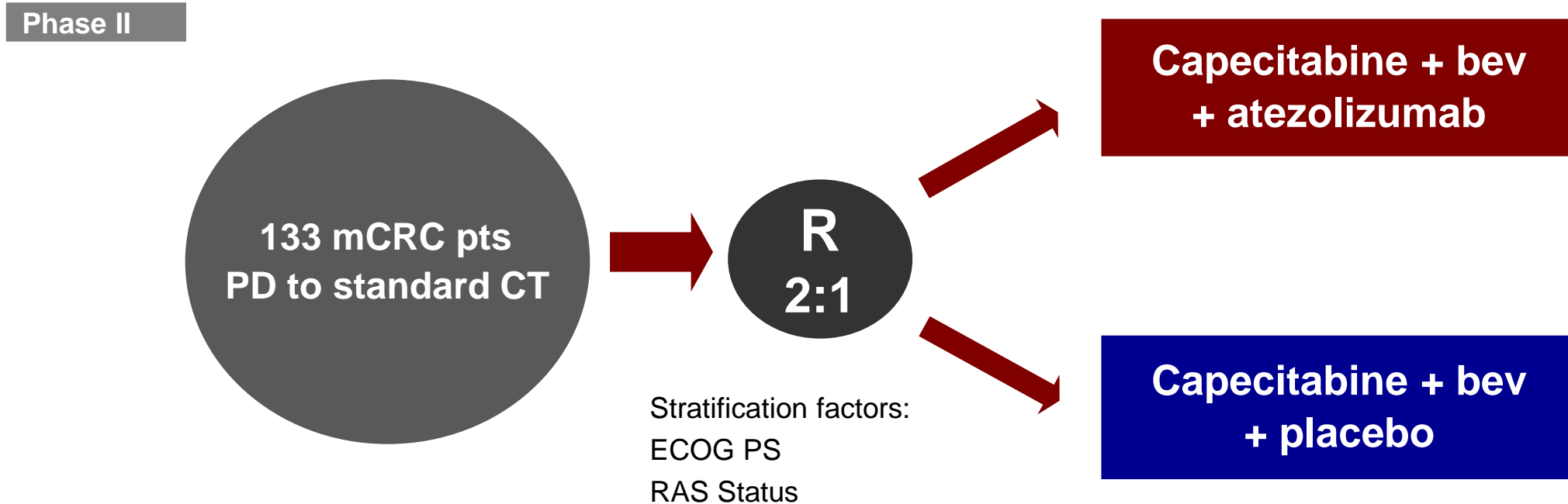
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Immunotherapy: BACCI Trial



Dosage:

- Capecitabine 850 or 1000 mg/m² d1-14
- Bevacizumab 7.5 mg/kg d1
- Atezolizumab 1200 mg d1

Cycle Length: d1 in 21 day cycles.

Primary End-Point:

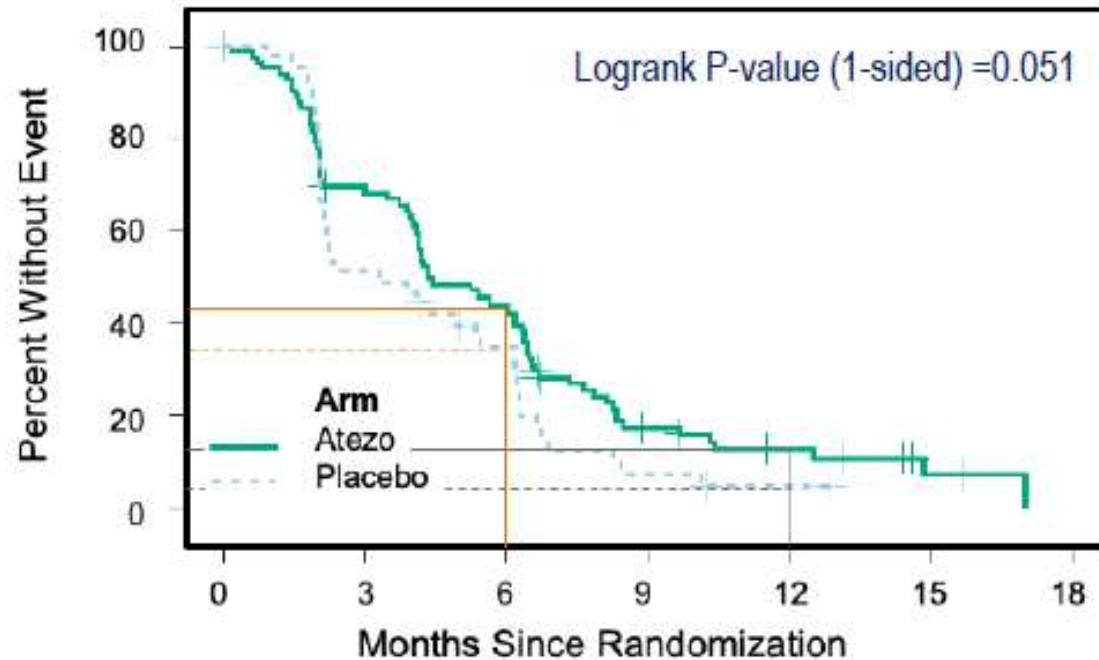
- Progression free survival (PFS)

Secondary End-Point:

- Overall survival (OS)
- Safety/tolerability.

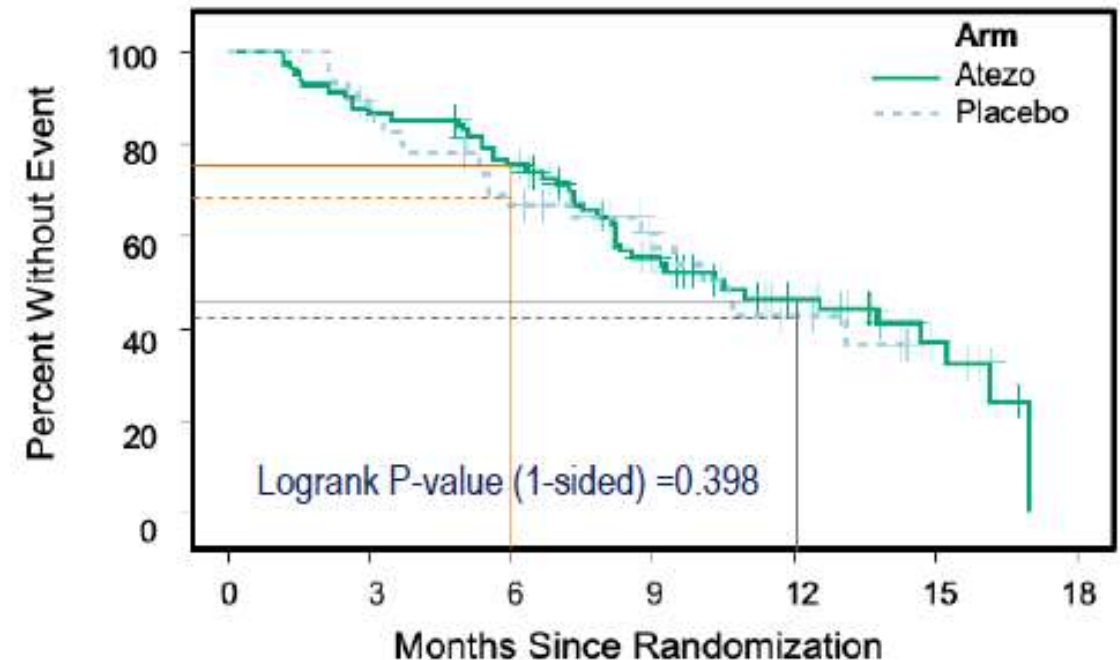
BACCI TRIAL: PFS & OS

PROGRESSION FREE SURVIVAL



Arm	Event / Total	Median (95% CI)	Survival Estimates (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
Atezo	72/82	4.4 (4.1-6.4)	6 mo: 43.4 (33.9-55.7%) 12 mo: 12.9 (7.1-23.5%)	0.73 (0.49-1.07)
Placebo	41/46	3.3 (2.1-6.2)	6 mo: 34.8 (23.2-52.2%) 12 mo: 5.0 (1.3-19.1%)	

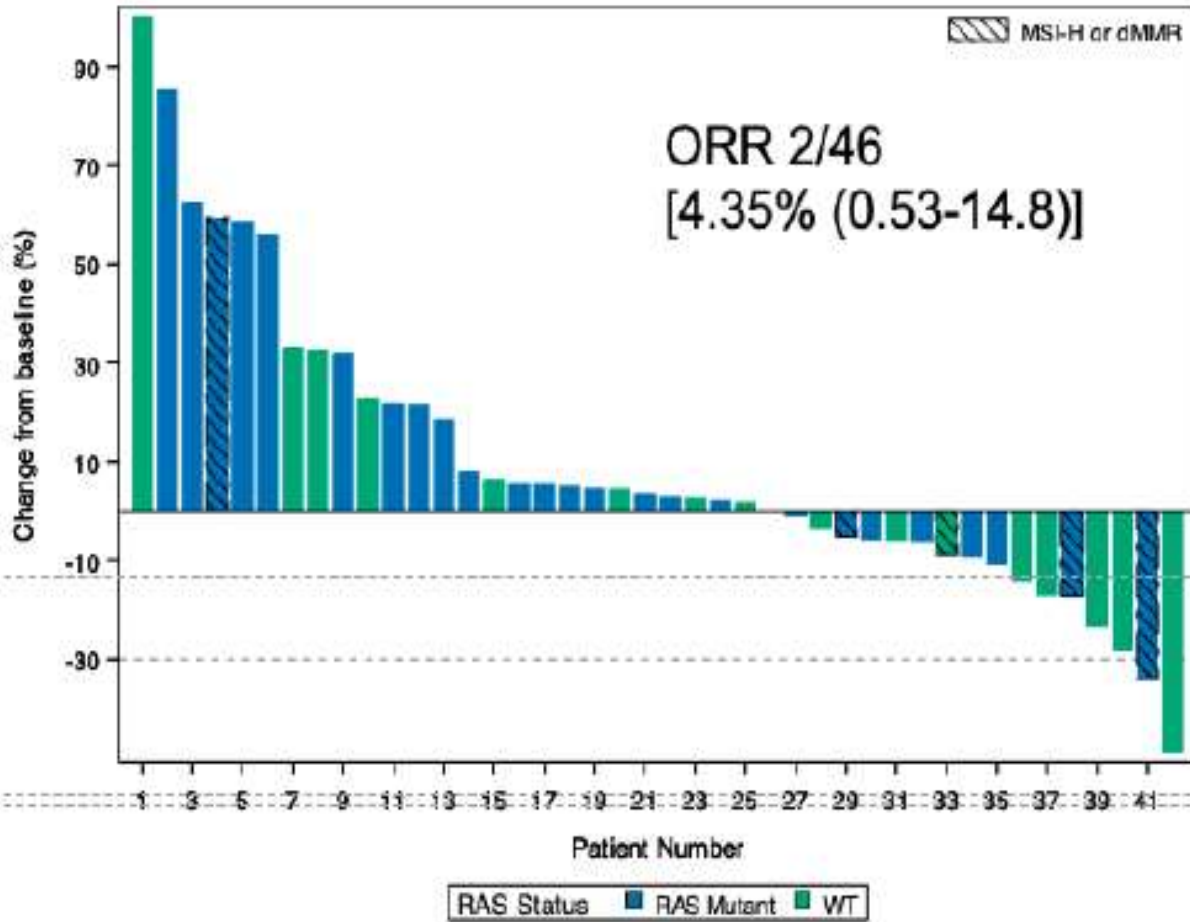
OVERALL SURVIVAL



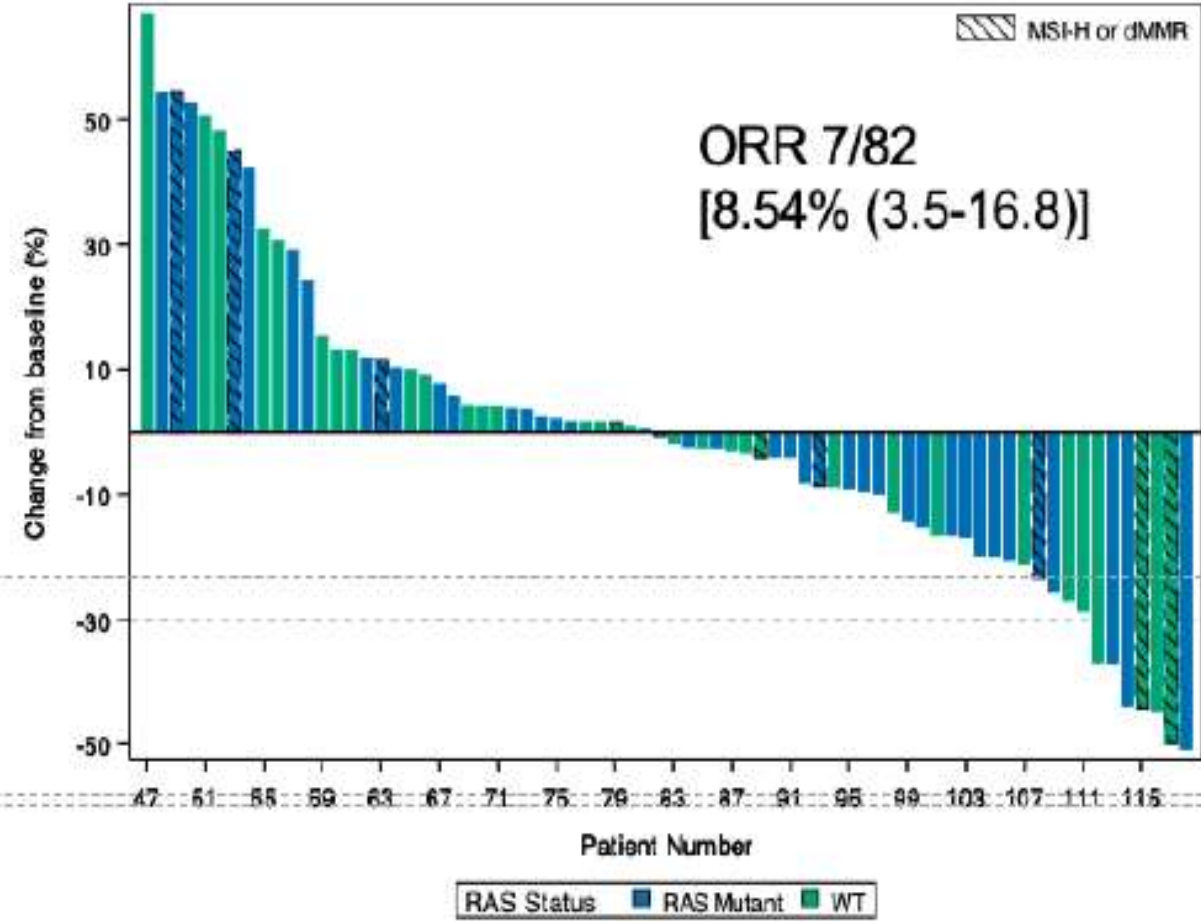
Arm	Event / Total	Median (95% CI)	Survival Estimates (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
Atezo	45/82	10.5 (8.2-17.0)	6 mo: 75.2 (66.3-85.3%) 12 mo: 46.4 (35.9-60.0%)	0.94 (0.56-1.56)
Placebo	23/46	10.6 (8.8-NE)	6 mo: 68.8 (56.5-83.8%) 12 mo: 42.7 (28.7-63.5%)	

BACCI TRIAL: Overall Response Rate

Placebo



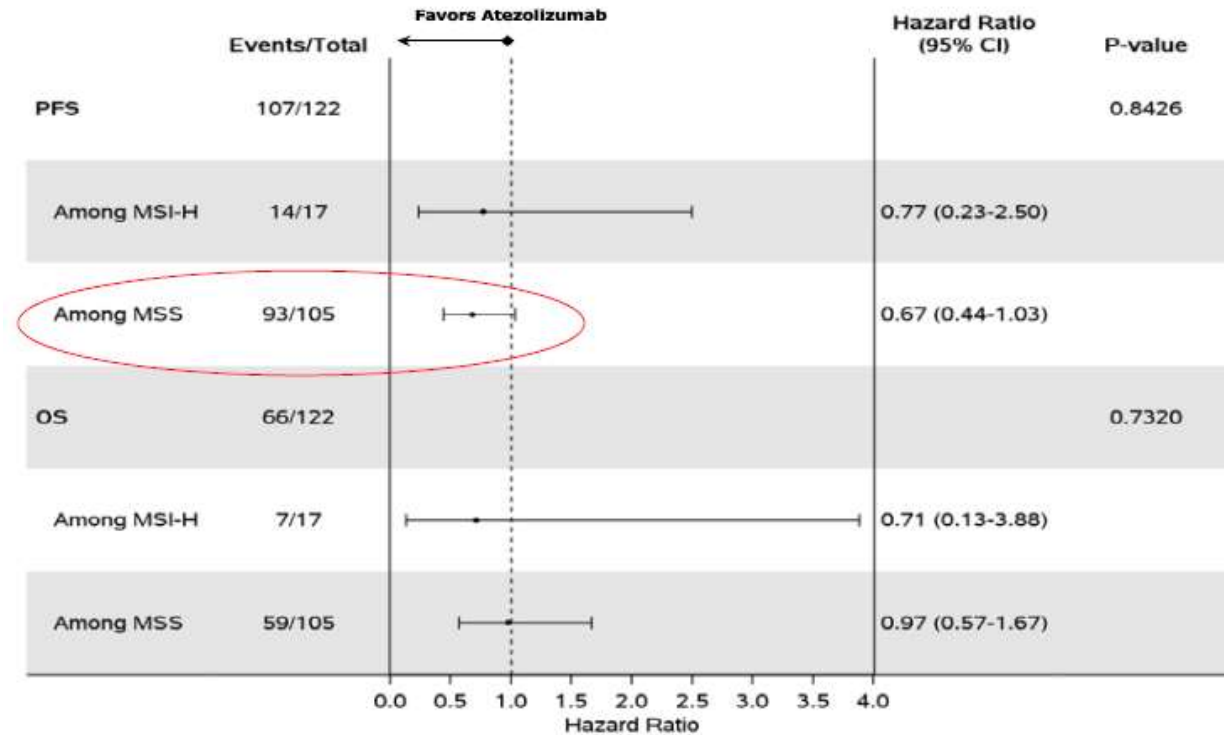
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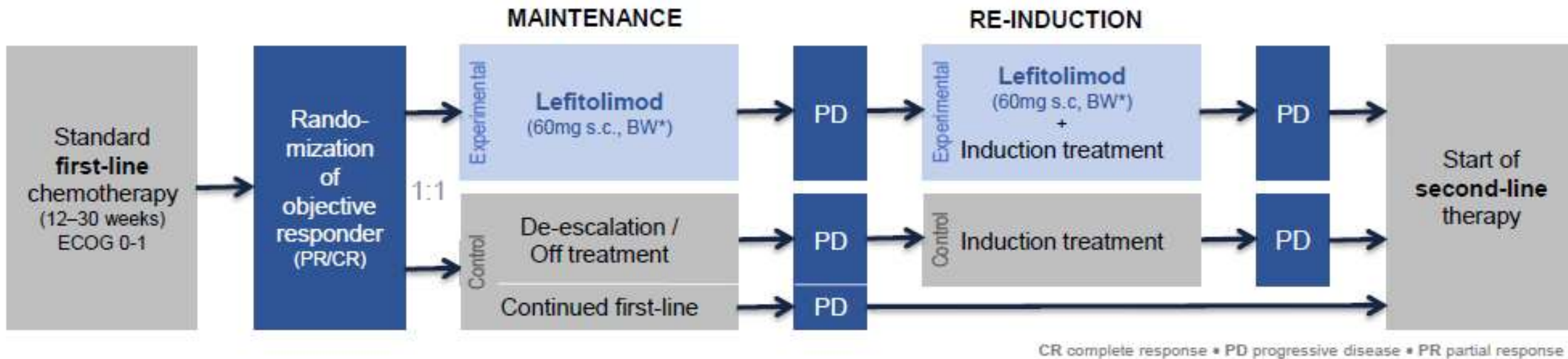
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BACCI Trial: The Role of Microsatellite

Characteristic	Cape/Bev + Placebo (n=46)	Cape/Bev + Atezo (n=82)	Total (n=128)
Mean Age (yrs)	56.5	59.6	58.5
Male Gender	30 (65.2%)	47 (57.3%)	77 (60.2%)
White Race	36 (78.3%)	66 (80.5%)	102 (79.7%)
ECOG 0	21 (45.7%)	39 (47.6%)	60 (46.9%)
Colon	27 (58.7%)	57 (69.5%)	84 (65.6%)
Rectum	19 (41.3%)	25 (30.5%)	44 (34.4%)
RAS mutant	25 (54.3%)	49 (59.8%)	74 (57.8%)
RAS wildtype	21 (45.7%)	33 (40.2%)	54 (42.2%)
MSI Missing	1	5	6
MSS/pMMR	39 (86.7%)	66 (85.7%)	105 (86.1%)
MSI-H/dMMR	6 (13.3%)	11 (14.3%)	17 (13.9%)



IMMUNOTHERAPY: Lefitolimod

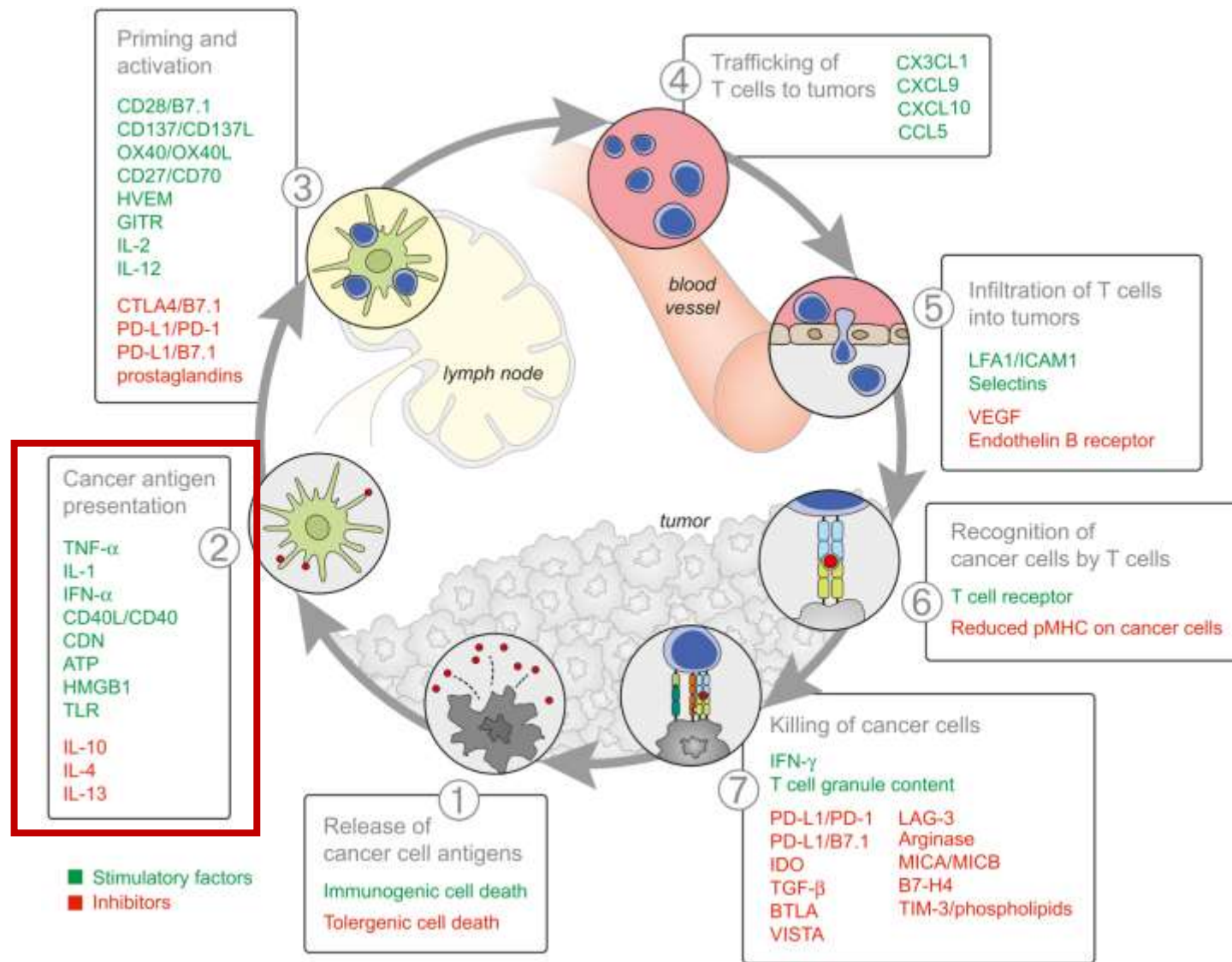


- Open-label, randomized, controlled, two-arm, multinational phase III trial
- 549 patients randomized in 121 sites in 8 European countries
- Supported by AIO, TTD and GERCOR

→ Phase III trial evaluating maintenance therapy with lefitolimod for prolongation of overall survival (OS)

Lefitolimod: attractive new mechanism of action

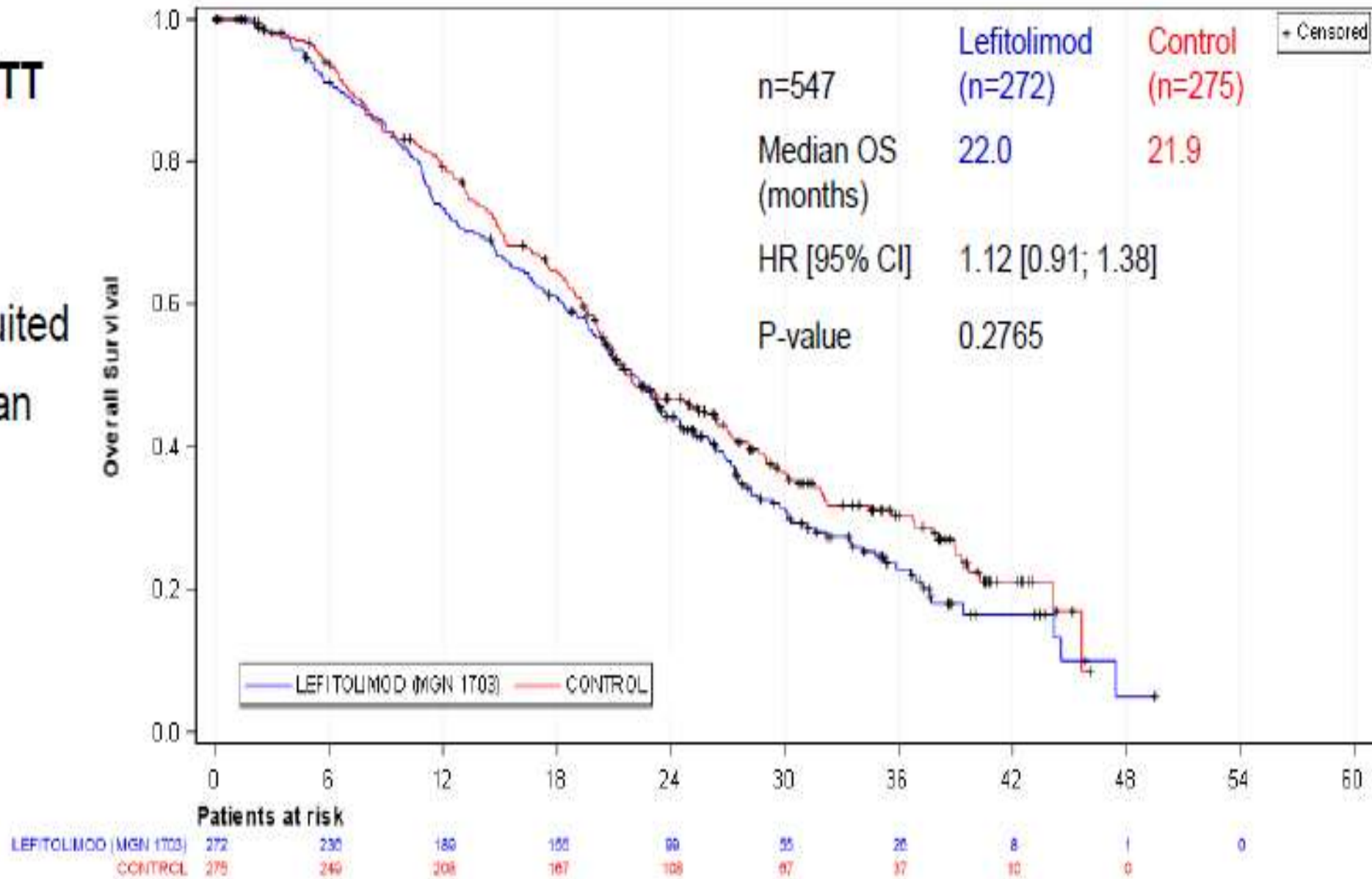
DNA-based TLR9 agonist
Positive regulator of innate and adaptive immune response



IMPALA Trial: Overall Survival Results

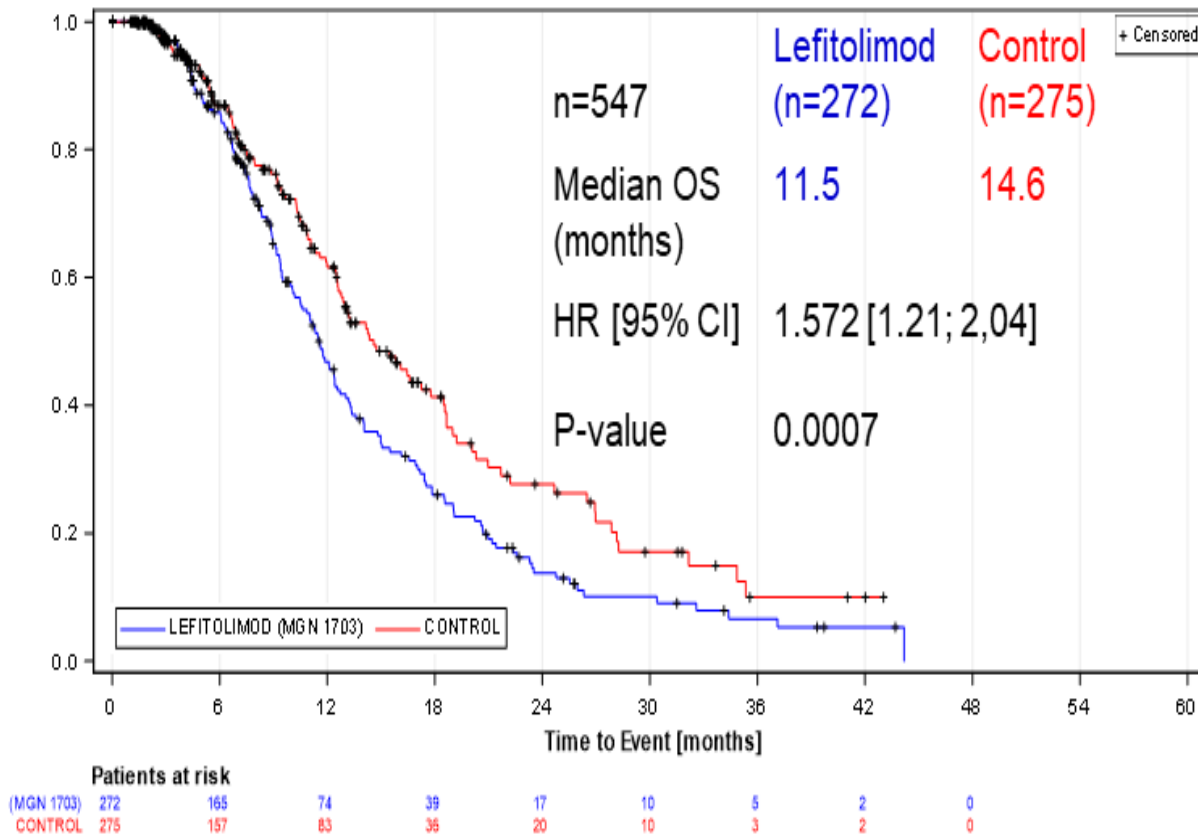
OS from randomization (ITT study population)

- Data mature
 - 547 Patients recruited
 - 365 events (median follow-up 35 mo)

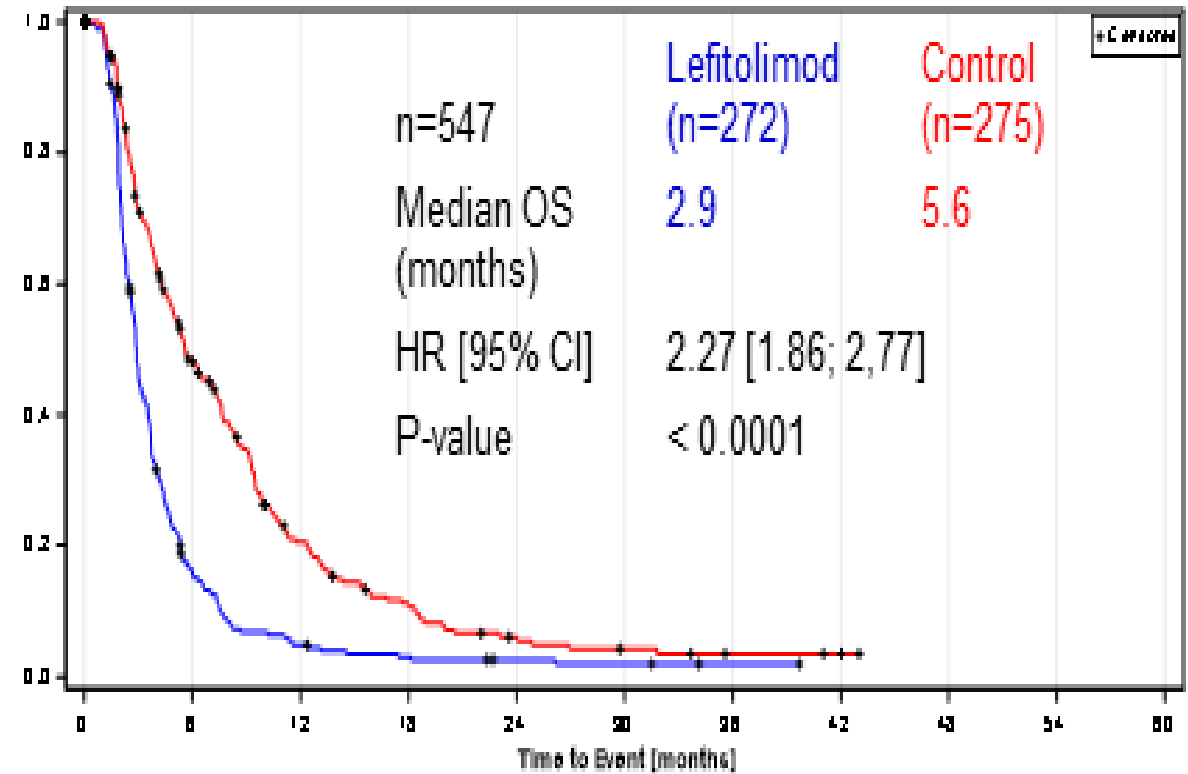


IMPALA study: PFS– secondary endpoint

PFS on study (Time to second progression)



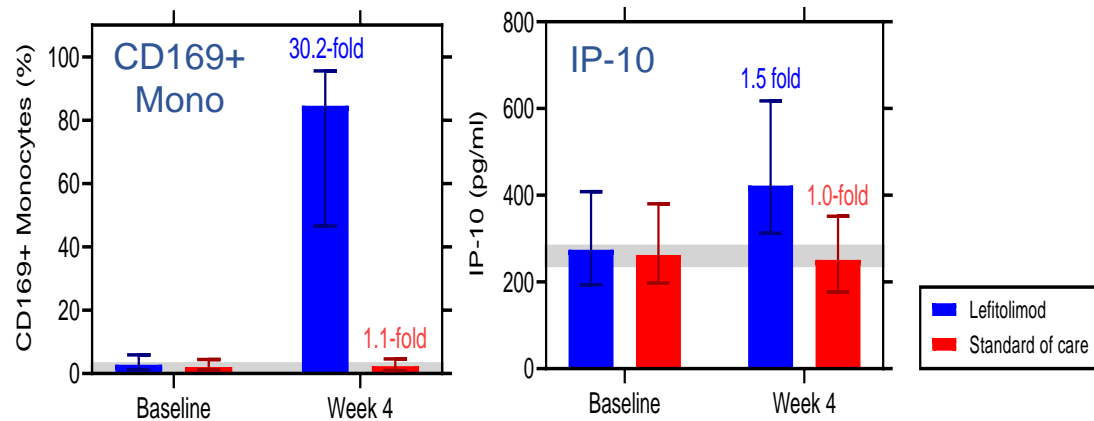
PFS in maintenance (Time to first progression)



... however immunological effects are observed

Assessment of pharmacodynamic parameters:

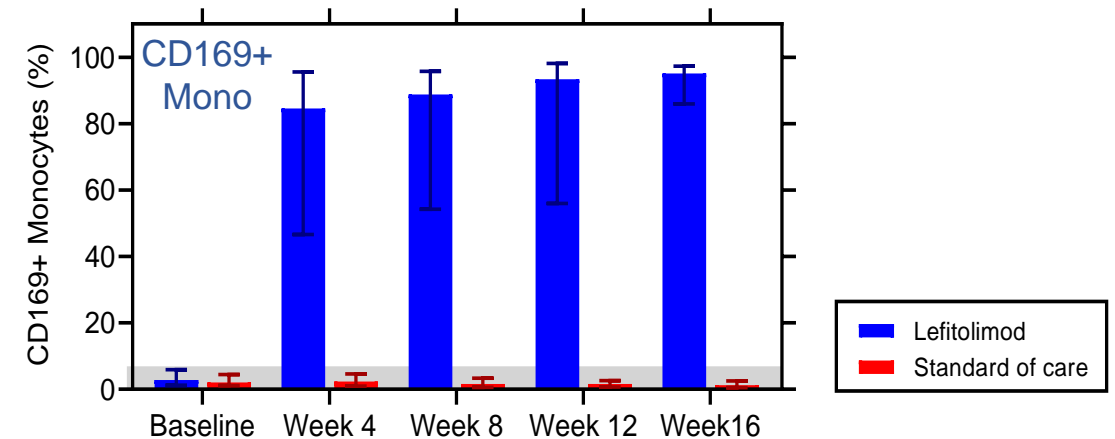
- Activation of CD169+ monocytes and IP-10 chemokine in patients treated with lefitolimod
- Analysis of peripheral blood samples



→ Pharmacodynamic data confirm the immunological mode-of-action of lefitolimod

Assessment of continuous immune activation:

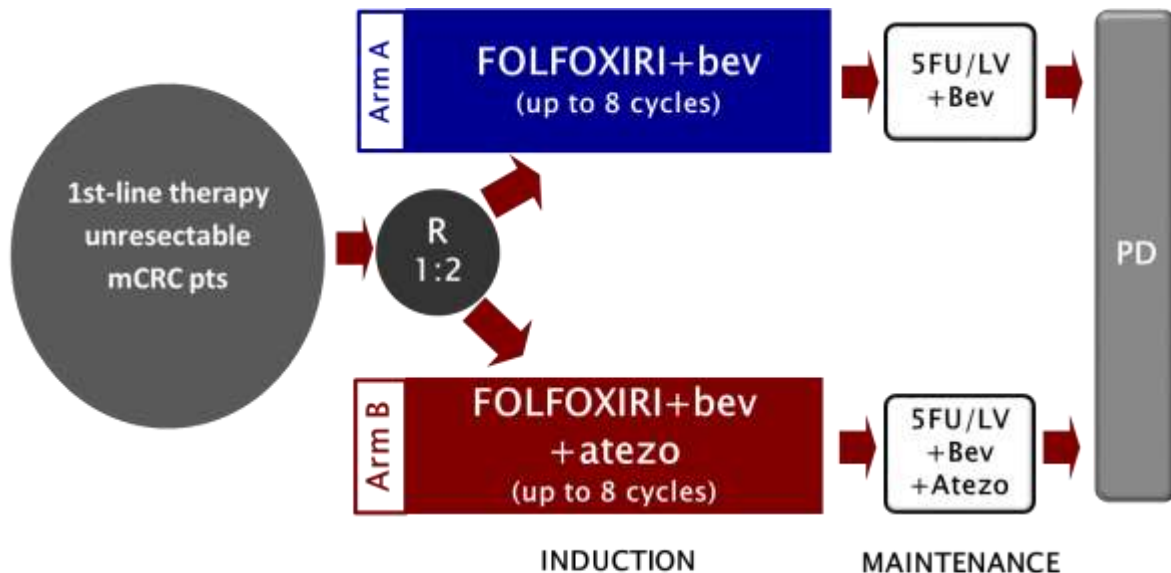
- Activation of CD169+ monocytes
- Analysis of peripheral blood samples
- Samples taken over course of study



→ No decrease of immune activation during the study

We do not have to give-up to study immunotherapy in MCRC: some ongoing studies

Phase II AtezoTRIBE study (GONO group PI: Cremolini)

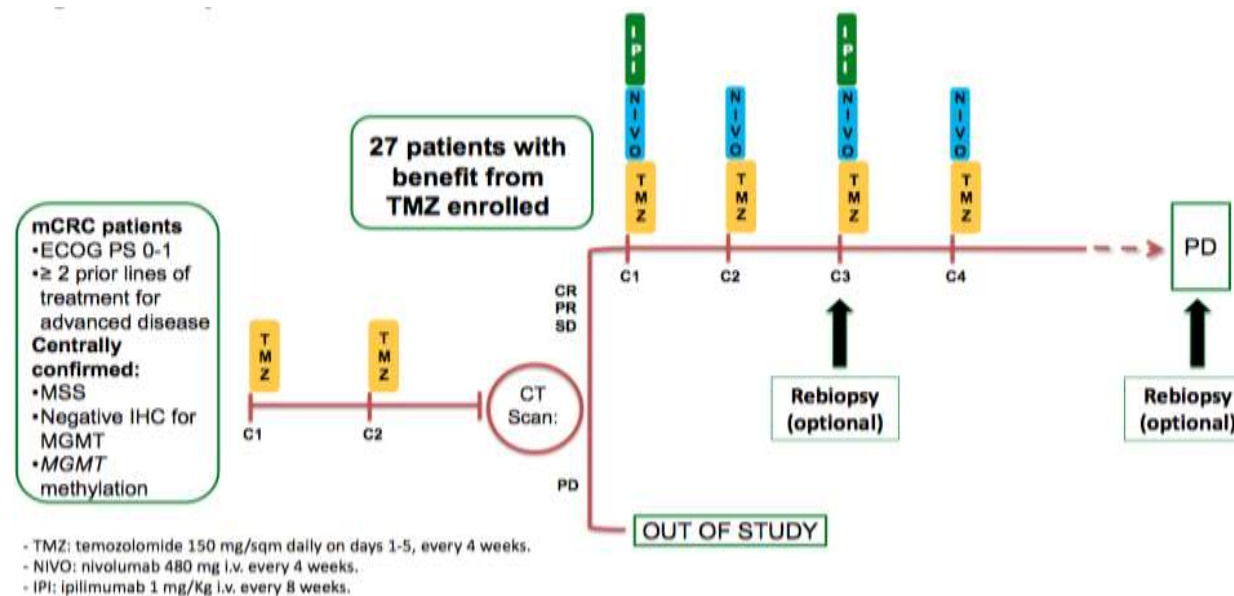


Stratification factors:

- Site
- ECOG PS 0 versus 1-2;
- Primary tumour location (right colon versus left colon/rectum);
- Previous adjuvant therapy (yes versus no)

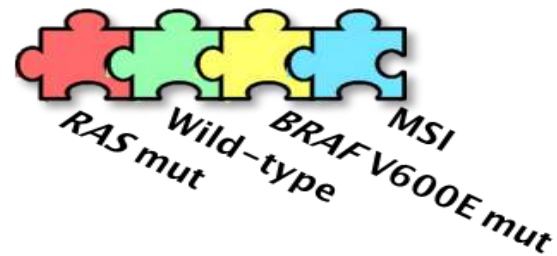
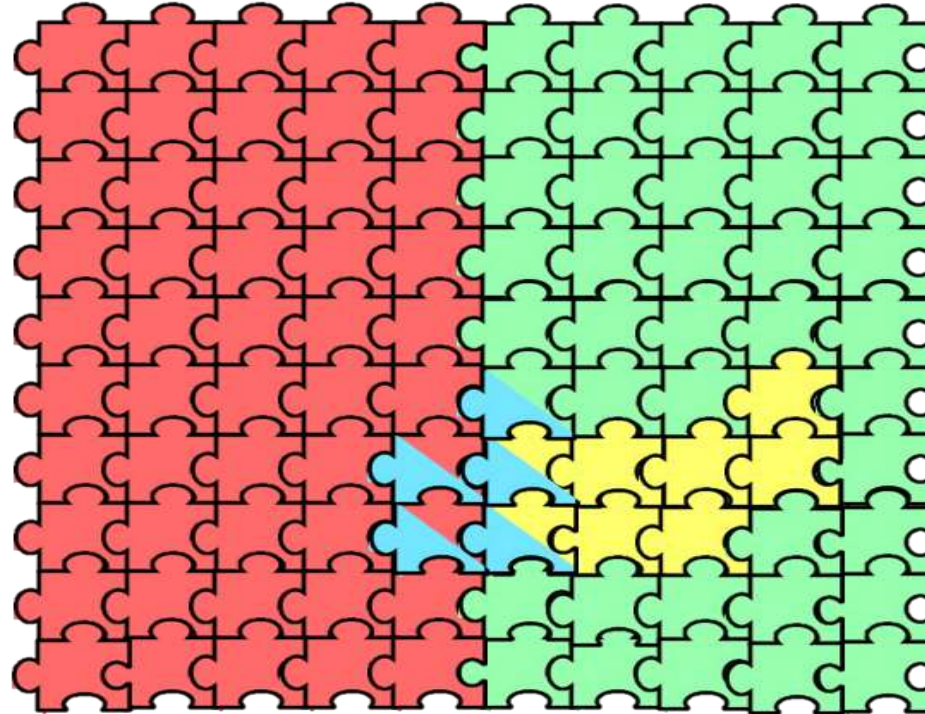
Primary endpoint: PFS
Target accrual: 201 patients

Phase II MAYA study (INT Milan PI: Pietrantonio)



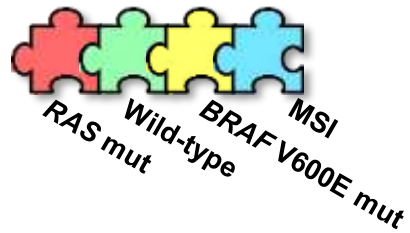
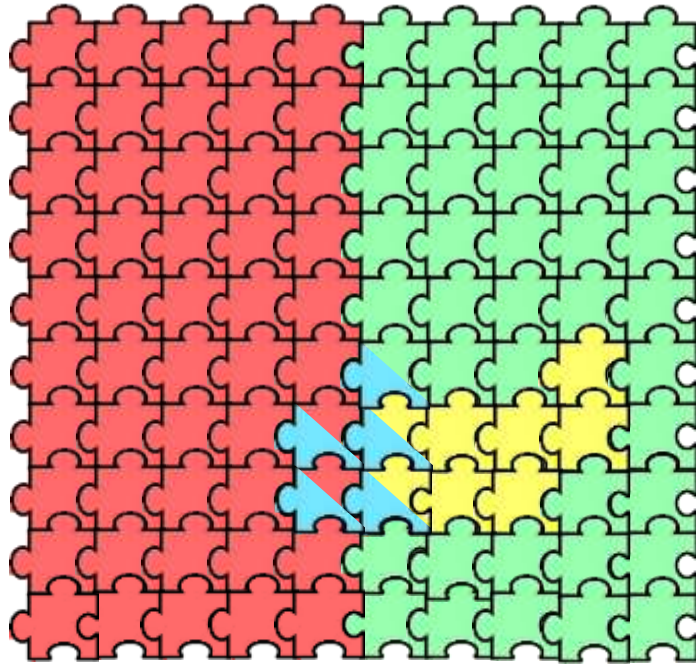
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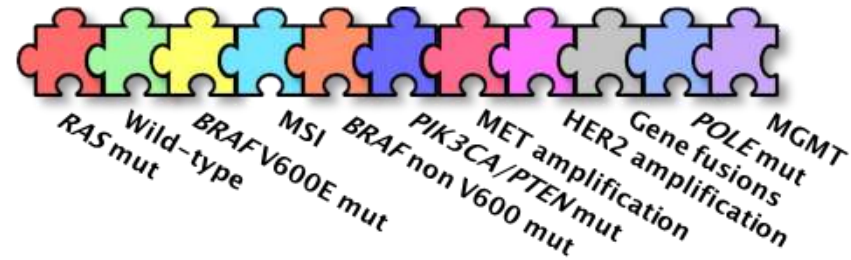
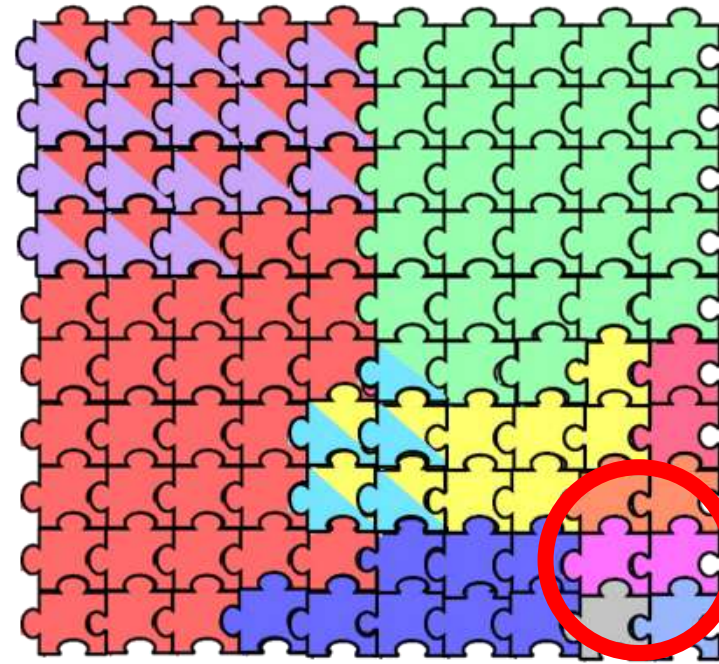


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The most updated molecular puzzle



HER2: a successful story

Prevalence: ~2-5%



HERACLES TRIAL

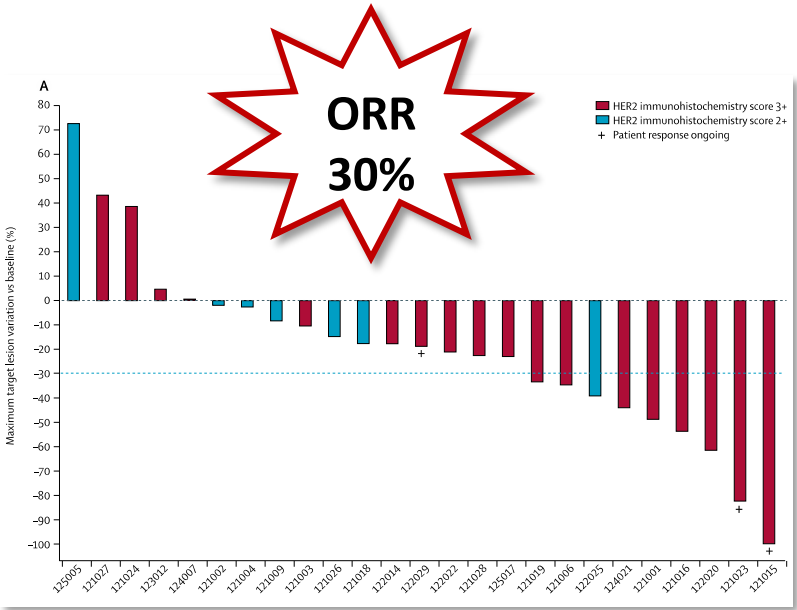
Trastuzumab + Lapatinib

HER-2+ mCRC pts

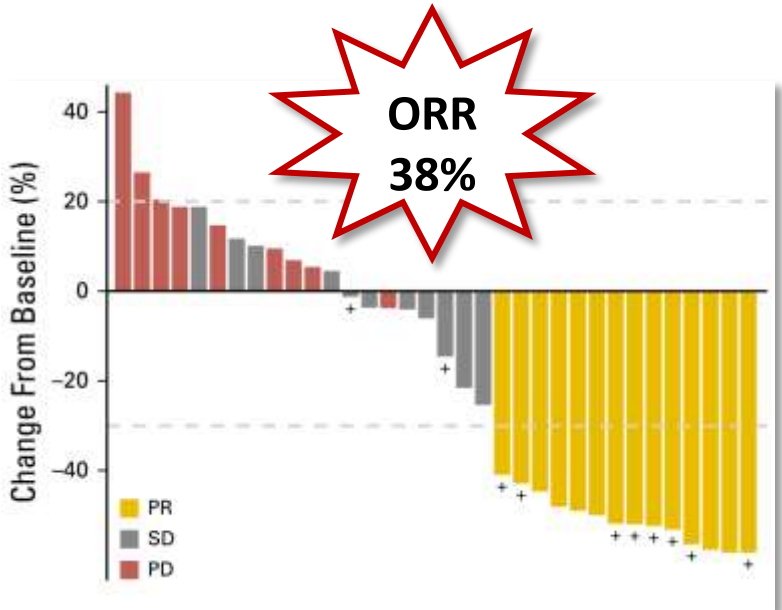


MyPATHWAY TRIAL

Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab



Sartore Bianchi et al, Lancet Oncology 2016



Hainsworth et al, J Clin Oncol 2018

HER-2: ESMO 2019

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Phase II Study of Pertuzumab and Trastuzumab-emtansine (T-DM1) in Patients with HER2-positive Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: the **HERACLES-B** (HER2 Amplification for Colo-rectal cancer Enhanced Stratification - cohort B) Trial



#526PD

TRIUMPH: Primary Efficacy of a Phase II Trial of Trastuzumab (T) and Pertuzumab (P) in Patients (pts) with Metastatic Colorectal Cancer (mCRC) with HER2 (*ERBB2*) Amplification (amp) in Tumor Tissue or Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA): A GOZILA Sub-study (EPOC1602)









#527PD - Trastuzumab and tucatinib for the treatment of HER2 amplified metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC): Initial results from the MOUNTAINEER trial



Sartore-Bianchi A. et al. ESMO 2019
Nakamura Y. et al, ESMO 2019
Strickler J.H. et al., ESMO 2019

ESMO 2019: HER-2

	 HERACLES n=30 	 TRIUMPH n=19 	 ANTANIEER n=26 
Study Type	Phase II	Phase II	Phase II
Regimen	Pertuzumab 420 mg+ TDM-1 3.6 mg/kg 1q21	Pertuzumab 420 mg+ Trastuzumab 6 mg/kg 1q21	Tucatinib 300 mg+ Trastuzumab 6 mg/kg 1q21
Selection	IHC=3+ IHC=2+ and FISH/SISH Ampl RAS/RAF Wild-Type	IHC=3+ IHC=2+ and FISH/SISH Ampl RAS/RAF Wild-Type	IHC=3+ IHC=2+ and FISH/SISH Ampl HER2 ampl by NGS RAS Wild-Type
Methods	TISSUE	TISSUE Liquid Biopsy	TISSUE
ORR	10 % (0-28)	35% (14 – 62)	52% (31 – 73)
DCR	80% (50-85)	65% (38 -86)	64 %
Secondary endpoint	PFS 4.9 mos (1.2-12.0)	PFS 4.0 mos (1.4 – 5.6)	PFS 8.1 mos (3.8-NE) OS 18.7 mos (12.3-NE)

Umbrella & Basket Clinical Trials (IIT Only to be listed) based on NGS-Based Liquid Screening

GOZILA Project

Guardant Originates in Zipangu Liquid biopsy Arrival

Nationwide Genome Screening Project
SCRUM-Japan GI-SCREEN
 26 sites

Organ-Specific approach



CRC cohort, N = 1,500

- Before anti-EGFR, N = 500
- Refractory to anti-EGFR, N = 500

CRC Only

ctDNA analysis (Guardant360)

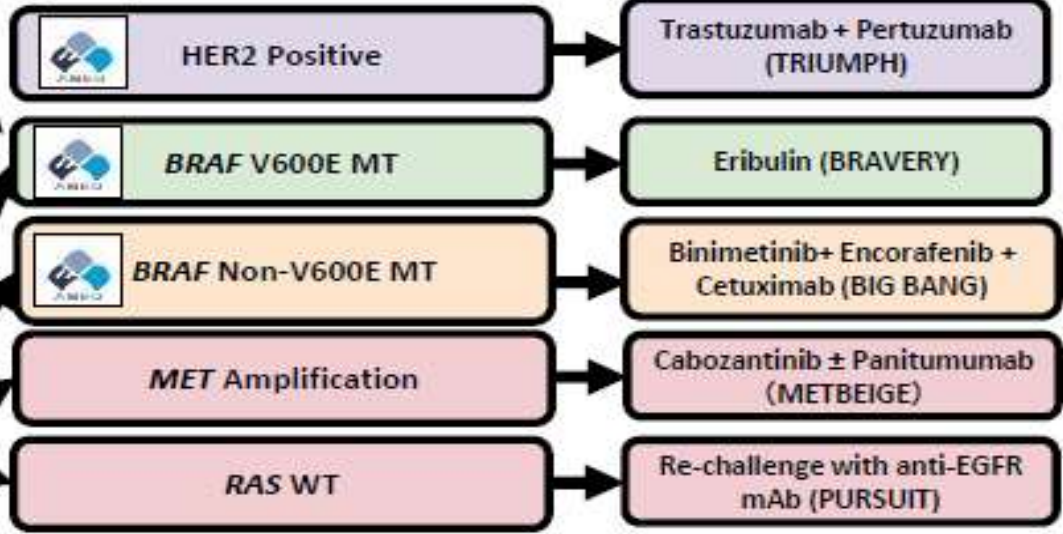
Non-CRC cohort, N = 1,500

- Gastric cancer, N = 300
- Esophageal cancer, N = 150
- Hepatocellular carcinoma, N = 100
- Biliary tract cancer, N = 150
- Pancreatic cancer, N = 100
- Neuroendocrine tumor/carcinoma, N = 50
- GIST, N = 100
- Others, N = 50

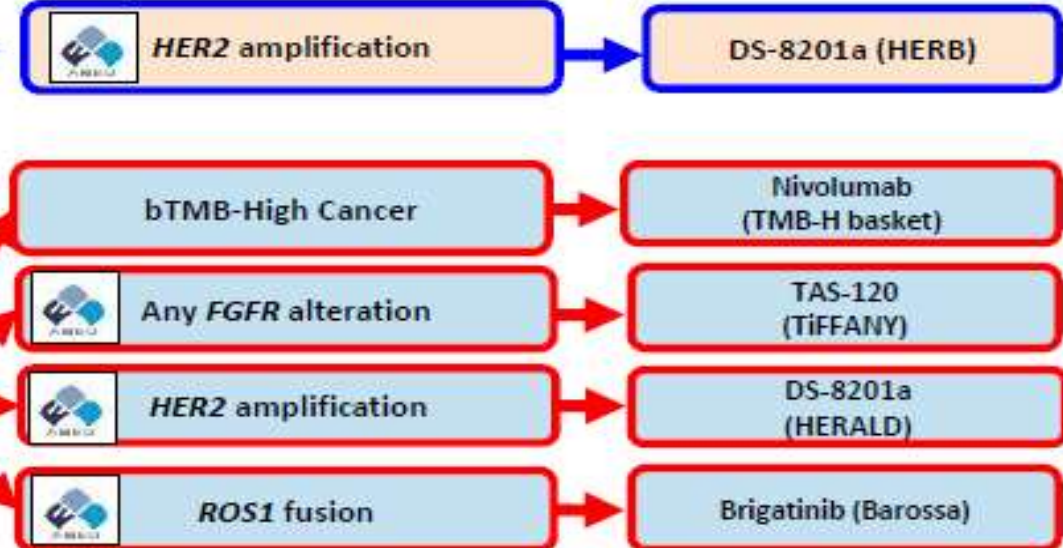
Pan cancer

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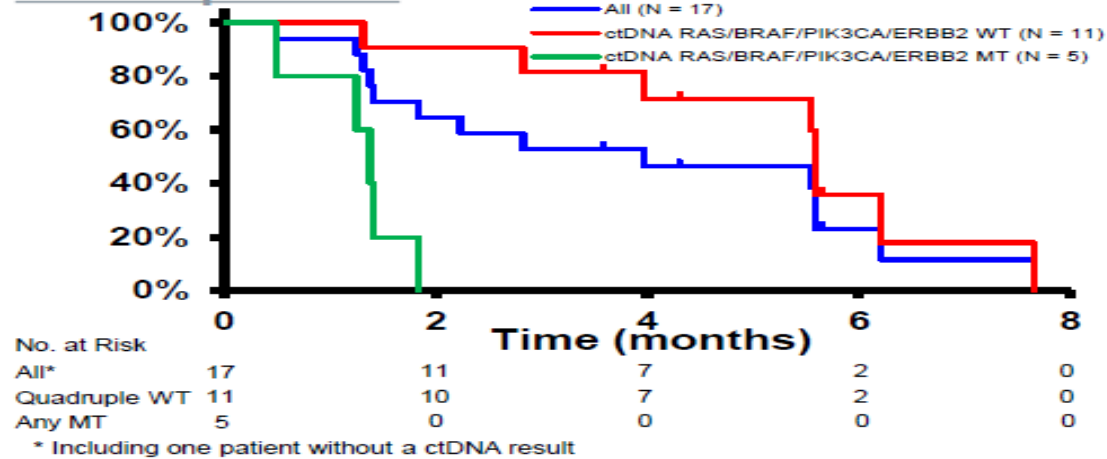


Tumor-agnostic approach



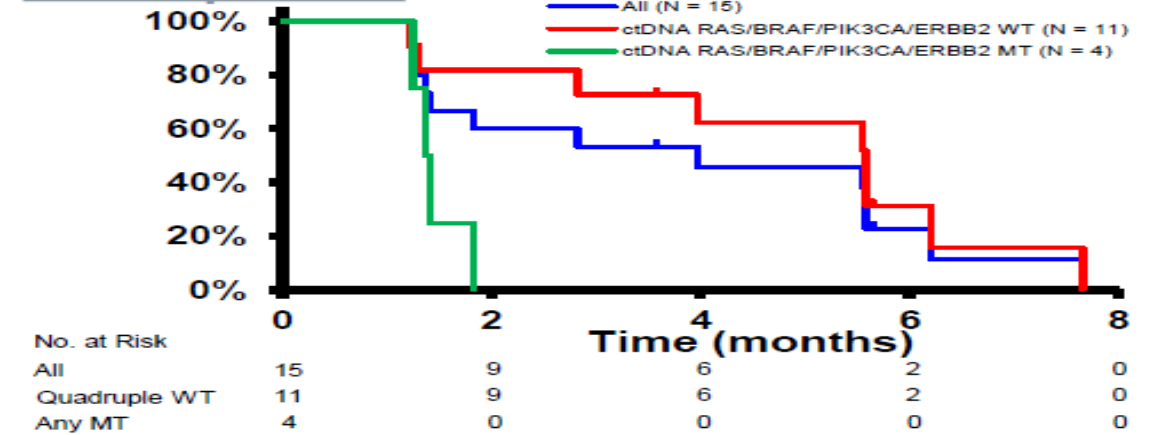
ESMO 2019: TRIUMPH Trial Results

Tissue positive



	Median PFS, months (95% CI)
All	4.0 (1.4-5.6)
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/BRAF</i> WT	5.6 (2.8-7.7)
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/BRAF</i> MT	1.4 (0.5-1.8)

ctDNA positive



	Median PFS, months (95% CI)
All	4.0 (1.3-5.6)
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/BRAF</i> WT	5.6 (1.3-6.2)
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/BRAF</i> MT	1.4 (1.2-1.8)

	ORR N (% [95% CI])	DCR N (% [95% CI])
Tissue positive group (N = 17)		
All	6 (35.3 [14.2-61.7])	11 (64.7 [38.3-85.8])
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/ERBB2</i>*		
WT (N = 11)	6 (54.5 [23.4-83.3])	10 (90.9 [58.7-99.8])
MT (N = 5)	0 (0.0 [0.0-52.2])	0 (0.0 [0-52.2])
ctDNA positive group, N = 15		
ctDNA <i>RAS/BRAF/PIK3CA/ERBB2</i>		
WT (N = 11)	5 (45.5 [16.7-76.6])	9 (81.8 [48.2-97.7])
MT (N = 4)	0 (0.0 [0.0-60.2])	0 (0.0 [0.0-60.2])

anti-HER2 strategies in HER2+ mCRC: ongoing trials

Study	Phase	N pts	Drugs	Primary endpoint	Country
HERACLES RESCUE	II	13	T-DM1	ORR	Italy
MODUL - maintenance	II	-	Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab + Capecitabine	PFS	worldwide
NSABP FC-11	II	35	Neratinib + Trastuzumab vs Neratinib + Cetuximab	ORR	USA
NCT03384940	II	90	Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201a)	ORR	worldwide
NCT03843749	Interventional	30	Pyrotinib + Trastuzumab	ORR	China
NCT03185988	II	100	Trastuzumab + CT (CPT-11 +/- Cape)	ORR	China
NCT03821233	I	69	ZW49	DLTs AE	USA

Conclusions



- The "bench to bedside" studies are now reality and are increasing in number (MGMT, ALK / ROS, PoIE, KRAS, MSI)
- We are progressively adding tesserae to a complex mosaic
 - Trials on HER-2 confirmed the possibility of a new strategies
 - The triplet will become the new standard in previously treated mCRC BRAF^{V600E} mut pts
- We need further study to understand the correct use of these treatments

Thank you!



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