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## Metastatic Colon Cancer

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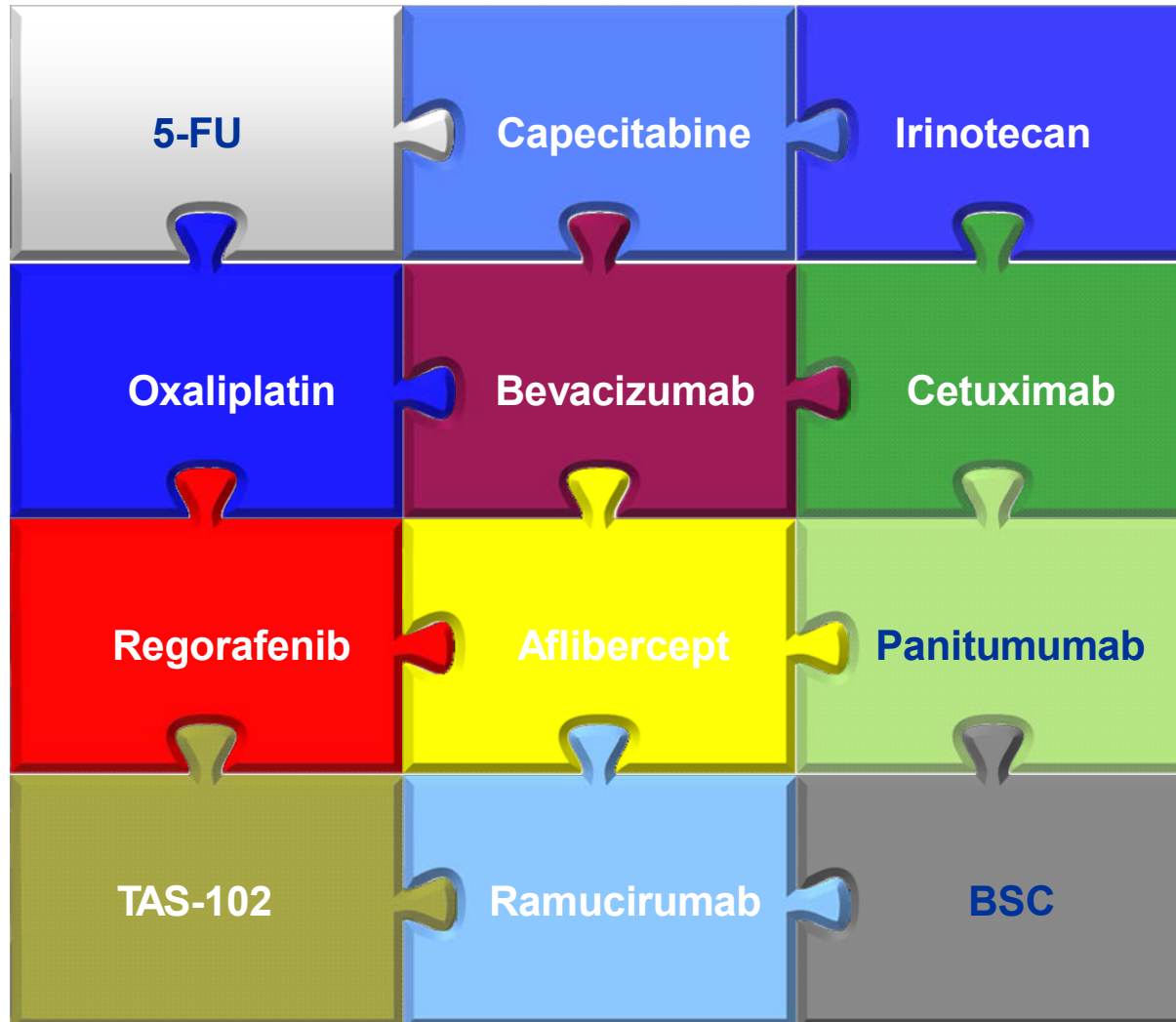
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# Multiple agents in mCRC and multiple opportunities



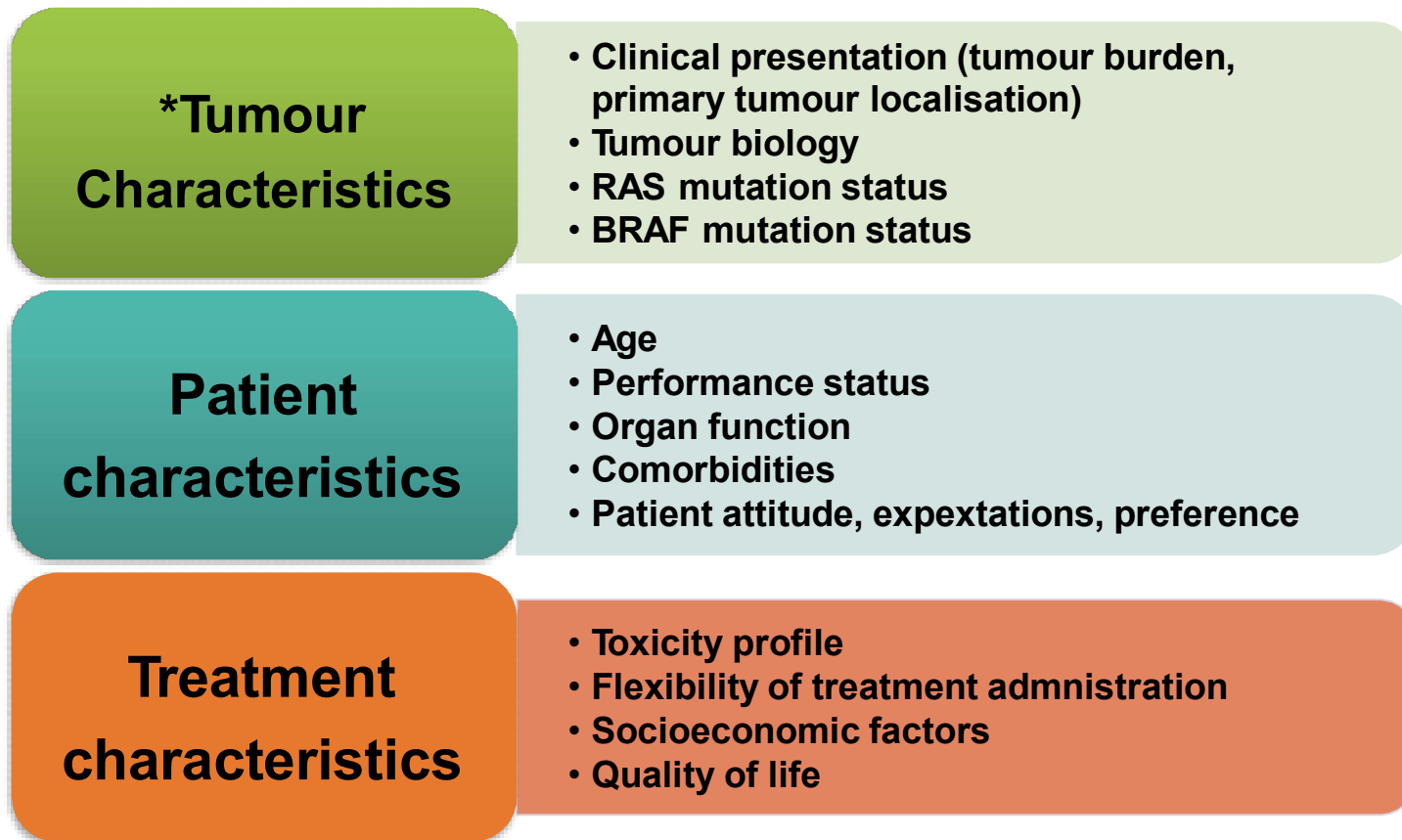
# Cytotoxics in Colon Cancer

- Single agents
  - 5-FU, Capecitabine, Irinotecan, TAS-102, and Oxaliplatin
- FOLFOX = FOLFIRI
- CAPOX = FOLFOX
- Predictors of Efficacy:
  - Not really
- Predictors of Toxicity
  - Irinotecan (UGTA1A), fluoropyrimidines (DPD).

# Biologics in mCRC

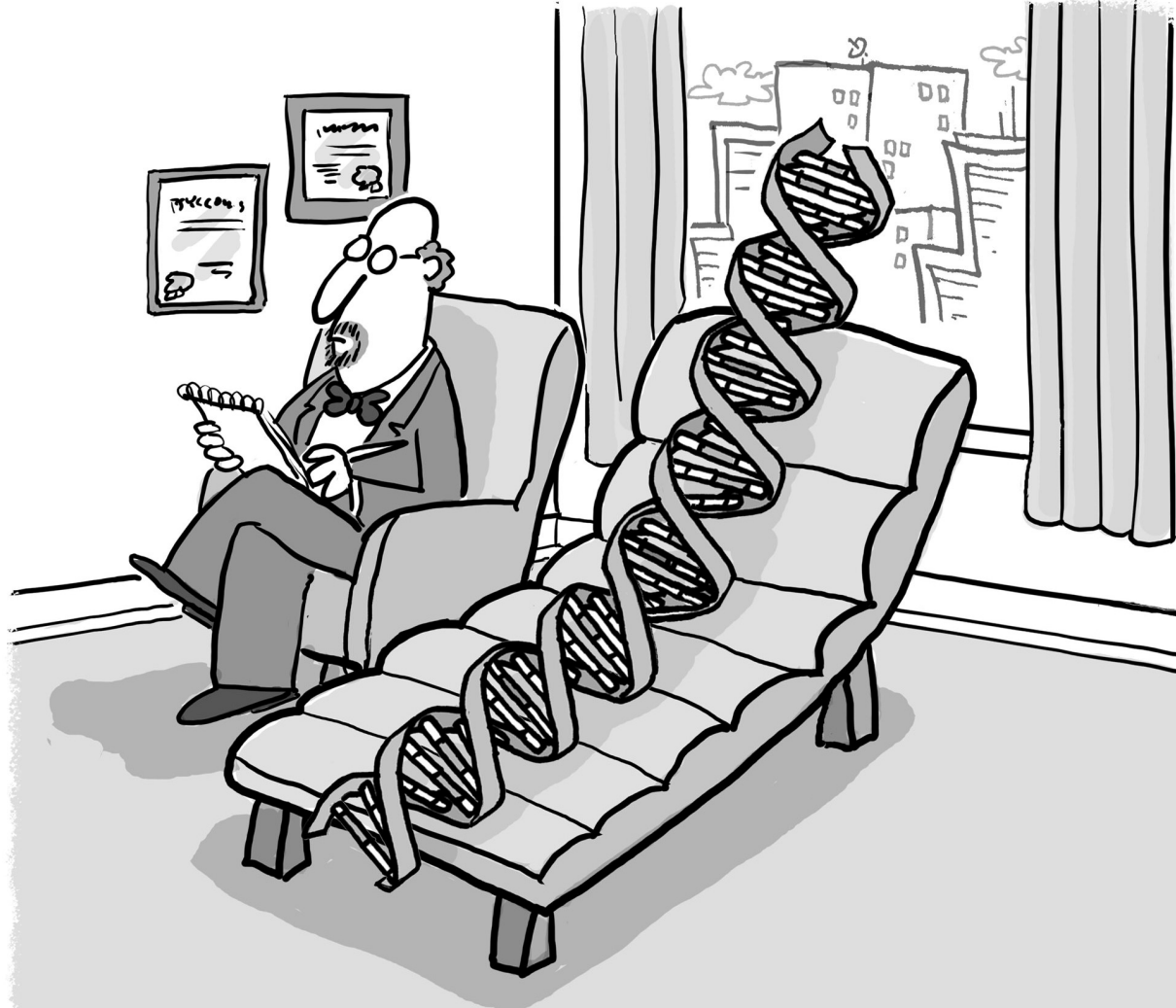
- Bevacizumab or EGFR mAbs in combination with cytotoxic chemotherapy first-line KRAS wt CRC
- Bevacizumab in combination with cytotoxic chemotherapy first-line KRAS Mut CRC
- Bevacizumab, *ramucirumab* , Ziv-Aflibercept, EGFR mAbs in combination with cytotoxic chemotherapy second-line in KRAS wt CRC
- Best sequence of therapies (VEGFi vs EGFRi) still to be established
- Regorafenib and TAS 102 as salvage therapy option
- Braf Inhibitors in BRAF mutant tumors
- HER 2 Inhibitors in HER 2 + tumors
- Immunotherapy In MMRd/MSIh

# Drivers for first line treatment choices in metastatic colorectal cancer



# The Goals of Systemic Therapy

- **Extending OS**
- **Maintaining quality of life as long as possible**
- **Tumour response; especially if the pt is symptomatic or potentially resectable**
  - **Consider intensity of therapy/toxicities**
  - **Consider patient wishes**
  - **Which situation needs more aggressive and which a more gentle therapy?**



DNA ANALYSIS

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# Molecular Pathology and Biomarkers

## RAS testing

- ◆ **RAS is a predictive biomarker for therapeutic choices** involving EGFR antibody therapies in the metastatic disease setting .
- ◆ **RAS testing is mandatory prior to treatment** with EGFR-targeted monoclonal antibodies cetuximab and panitumumab .
- ◆ Primary or metastatic colorectal tumour tissue can be used for *RAS* testing.
- ◆ **RAS analysis** should include at least *KRAS* exons 2, 3 and 4 (codons 12, 13, 59, 61, 117 and 146) and *NRAS* exons 2, 3 and 4 (codons 12, 13, 59, 61 and 117).
- ◆ **Turnaround time for RAS testing** (expanded *RAS* analysis) should be  $\leq 7$  working days from the time of receipt of the specimen by the testing laboratory to the time of issuing of the final report, for >90% of specimens.



# Molecular Pathology and Biomarkers

## BRAF testing

- ◆ Tumour BRAF mutation status should be assessed alongside the assessment of tumour RAS mutational status for prognostic assessment (and/or potential selection for clinical trials)

## MSI testing

- MSI testing in the metastatic disease setting can assist clinicians in genetic counselling
- MSI testing has strong predictive value for the use of immune check-point inhibitors in the treatment of patients with mCRC

## HER 2 Testing

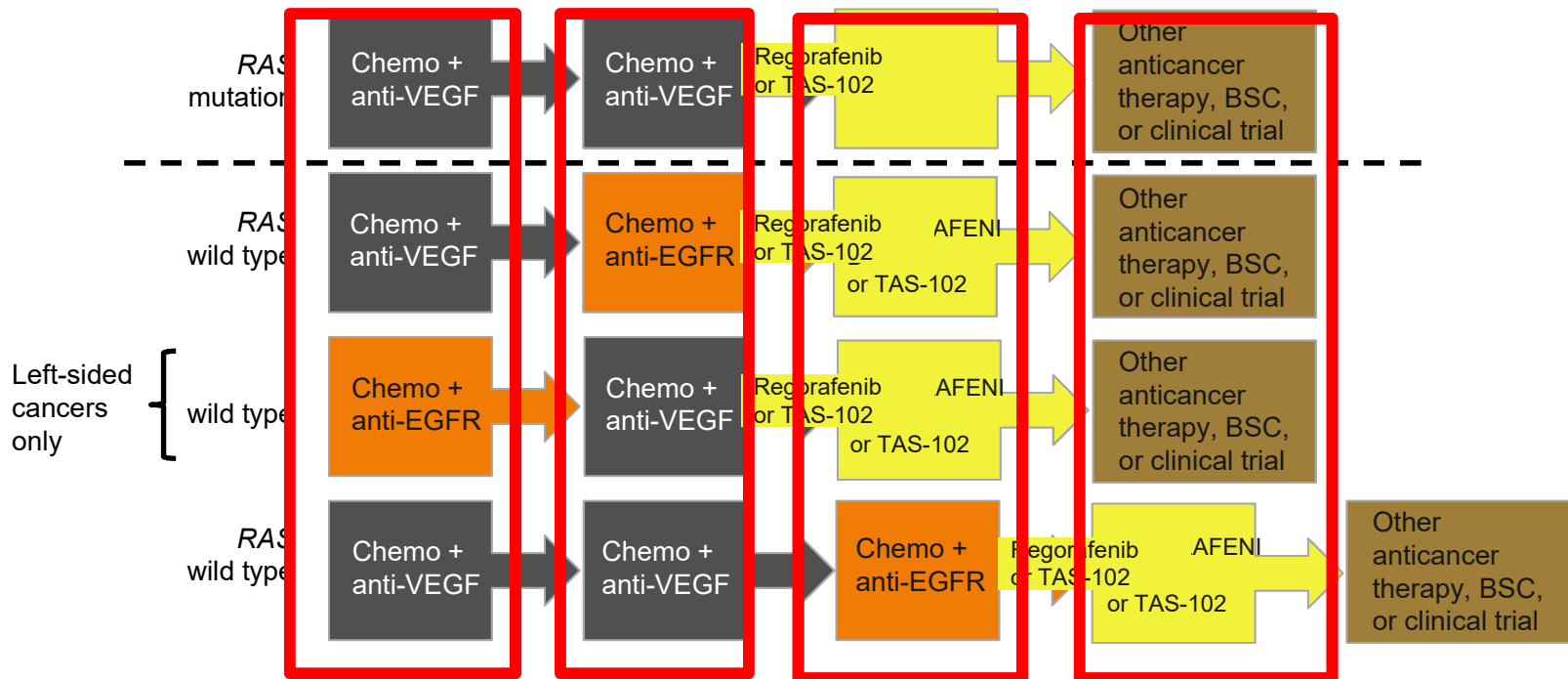
# Molecular Pathology and Biomarkers

## Emerging technologies

- ◆ Although CTC number correlates with prognosis in patients with mCRC, the clinical utility of CTC assessments is not yet clear and therefore cannot be recommended .
- ◆ The utility of liquid ctDNA biopsies to guide treatment decisions may be considered as an alternative when tissue is not available.
  - ◆ Reproducible RAS testing
- ◆ Whole genome, whole exome and whole transcriptome analysis are generally done in the research setting .

# mCRC Treatment Decision Recommendations:

Anti-VEGF    Anti-EGFR  
 Bevacizumab    Cetuximab  
                          Panitumumab

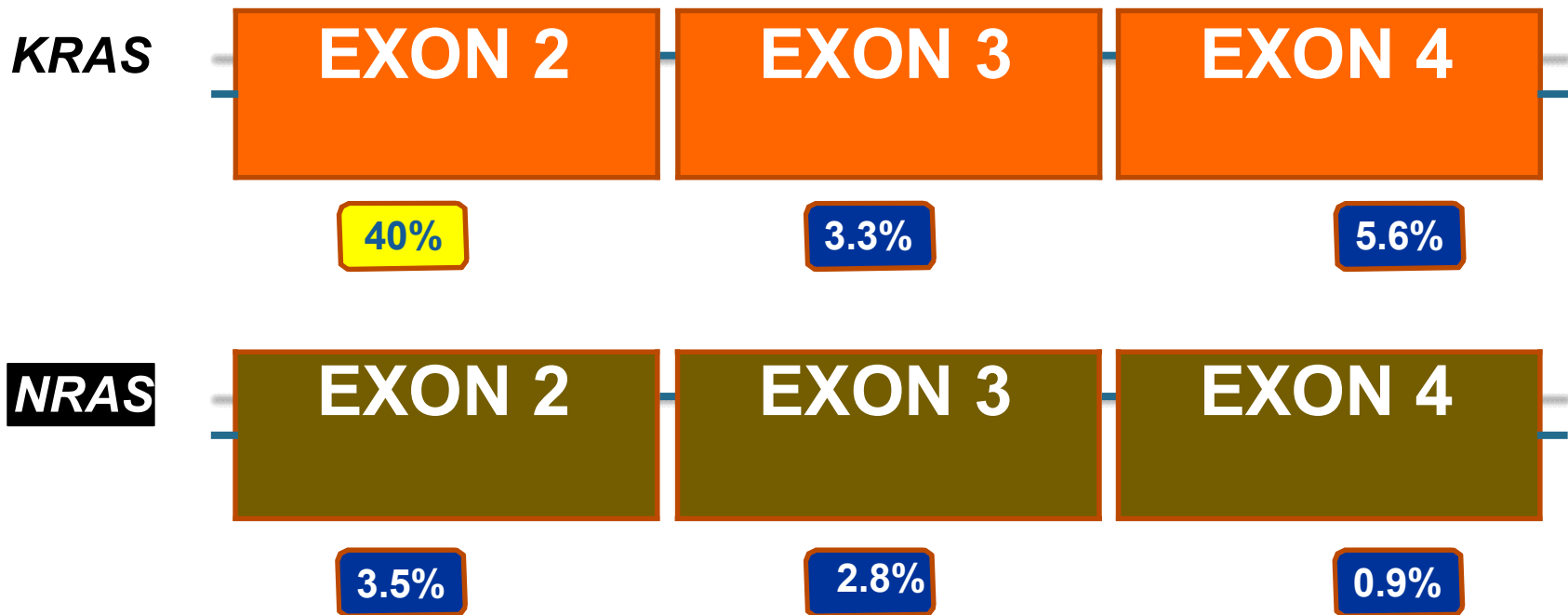


## Bevacizumab added to chemotherapy in metastatic CRC

	PFS months	OS months
IFL	6.8 → 8.8	15.1 → 20.3
FOLFOX <sup>2nd-line</sup>	4.7 → 7.3	10.8 → 12.9
FOLFIRI	7.6 → 11.2	23.1 → NR
FOLFOX/XELOX	8.0 → 9.4	19.9 → 21.3 <sup>NS</sup>

Hurwitz, NEJM, 2006; Giantonia, JCO, 2007; Fuchs, JCO, 2007; Saltz, JCO, 2008

# CRC RAS mutations



# 1<sup>st</sup>-line EGFR: Efficacy

## KRAS *wild type*

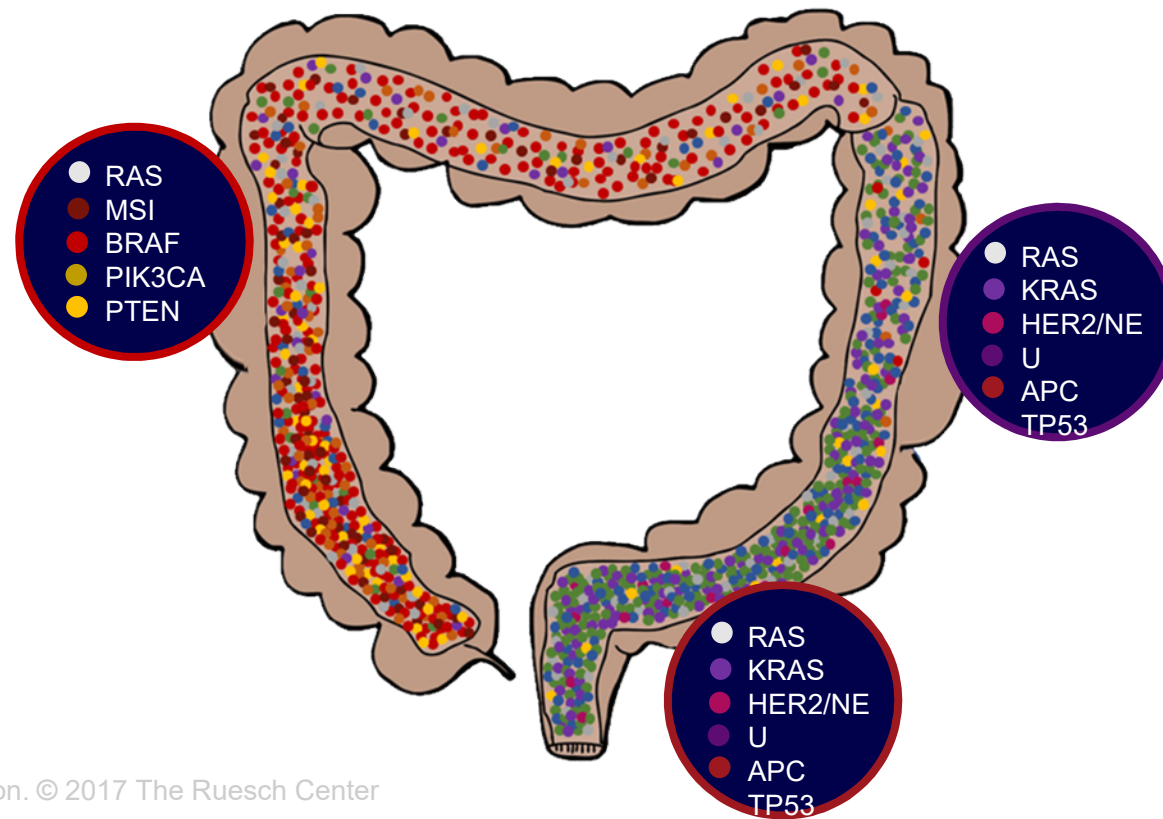
	<b>Comparative Regimens</b>	<b>Median PFS, Mos</b>	<b>Median OS, Mos</b>
CRYSTAL <sup>[1]</sup>	FOLFIRI/Cetux vs FOLFIRI	9.9 vs 8.4	23.5 vs 20.0
OPUS <sup>[2]</sup>	FOLFOX4/Cetux vs FOLFOX4	8.3 vs 7.2	22.8 vs 18.5
PRIME <sup>[3-5]</sup>	FOLFOX4/Pmab vs FOLFOX4	9.6 vs 8.0	23.8 vs 19.4
	FOLFOX4/Pmab vs FOLFOX4 (KRAS/NRAS WT)	10.1 vs 7.9	26.0 vs 20.2
COIN <sup>[6]</sup>	FOLFOX/XELOX/Cetux vs FOLFOX/XELOX	8.6 vs 8.6	17.0 vs 17.9

1. Van Cutsem E, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29:2011-2019. 2. Bokemeyer C, et al. Ann Oncol. 2010;22:1535-1546. 3. Douillard JY, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2010;28:4697-4705. 4. Douillard JY, et al. ASCO 2013. Abstract 3620. 5. Douillard JY, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;369:1023-1034. 6. Maughan TS, et al. Lancet. 2011;377:2103-2114.

# Two Sides Of A Story



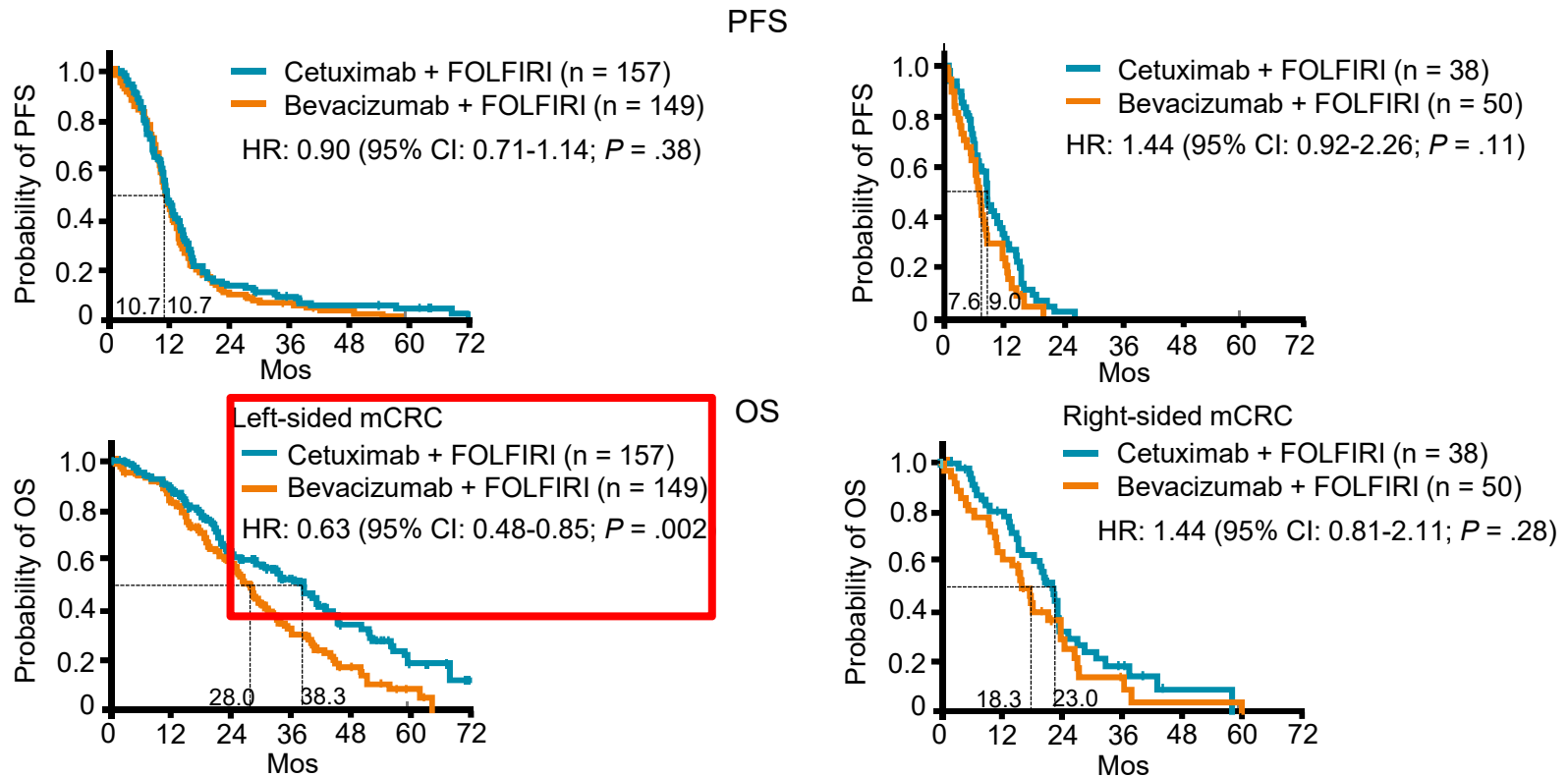
# Molecular Heterogeneity by Sidedness



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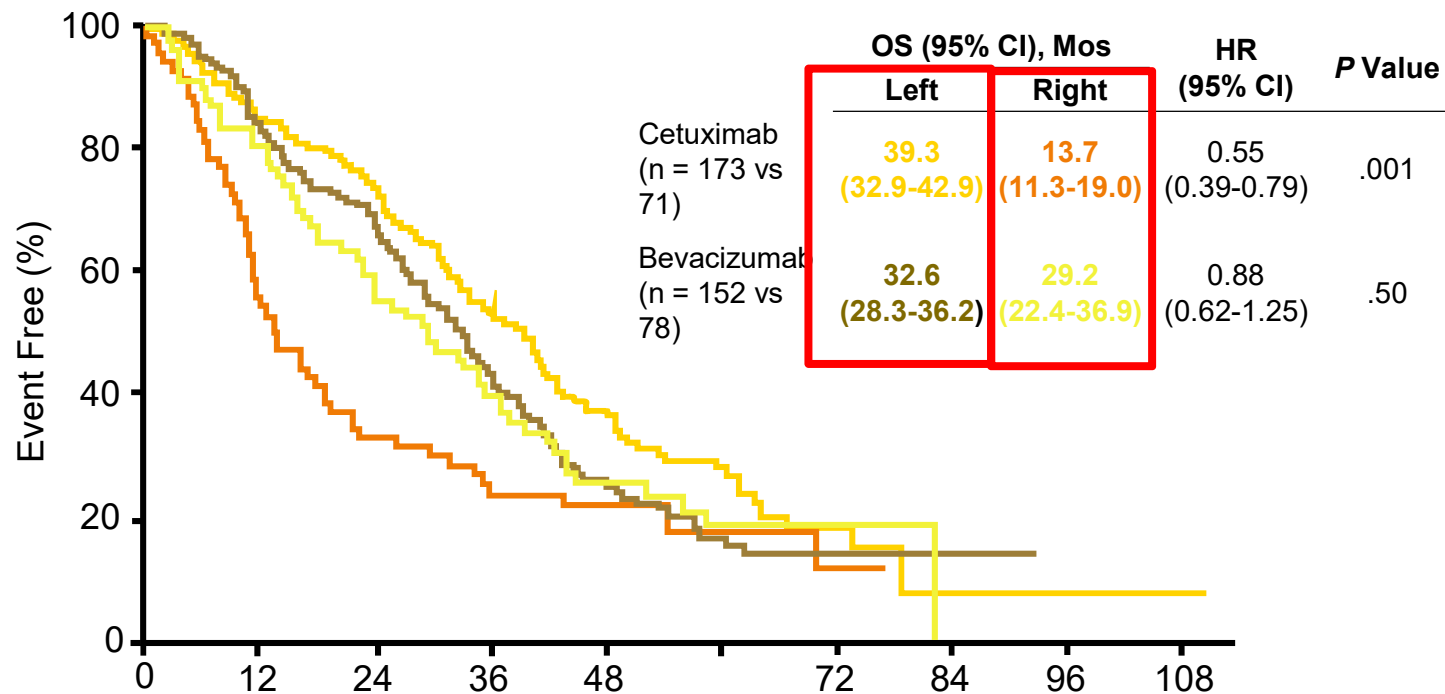


# FIRE-3 (FOLFIRI + Bevacizumab or Cetuximab): PFS and OS by Tumor Location



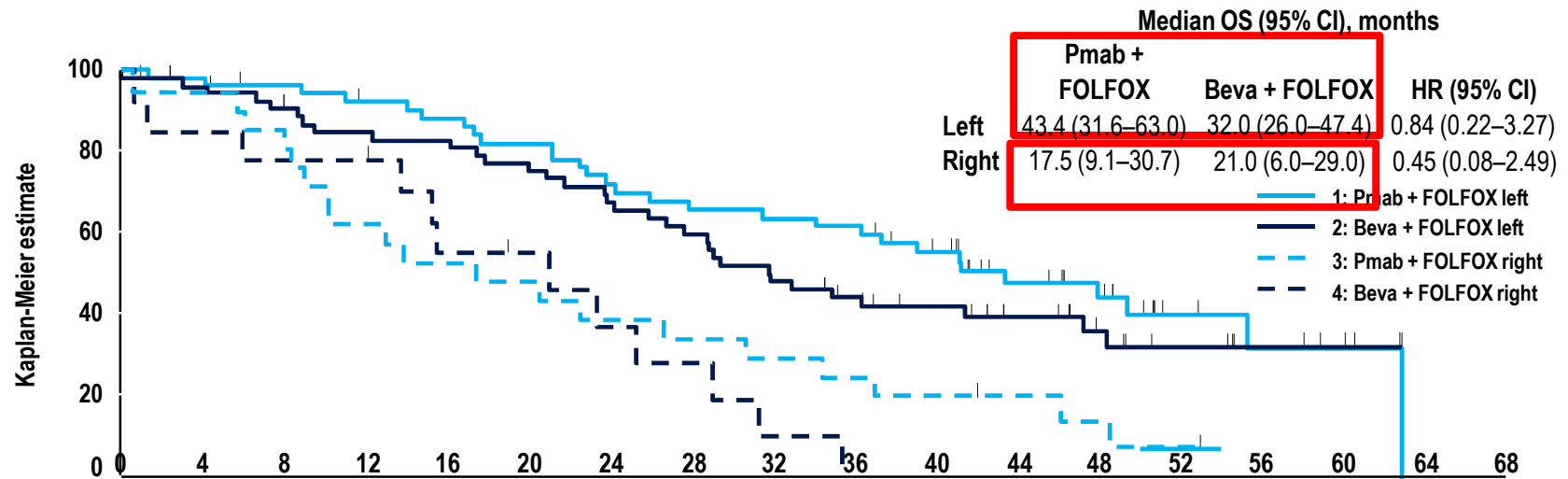
Tejpar S, et al. JAMA Oncol. 2016;3:194-201.

# CALGB/SWOG 80405 (FOLFIRI/FOLFOX + Bev or Cetuximab): OS by Tumor Location (*RAS* WT)



Venook A, et al. ESMO 2016. Abstract.

# Right versus Left: PEAK – OS



No. of subjects:

	Overall survival (months)																
1:	53	51	49	46	44	41	36	33	32	31	25	17	13	6	3	2	0
2:	54	51	48	44	43	40	35	31	26	21	17	13	10	5	3	2	0
3:	22	21	18	13	11	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
4:	14	12	11	11	7	6	4	3	1	0							

Censor indicated by vertical bar

Beva, bevacizumab; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; Pmab, panitumumab

# Take Home Points

- Left sided primary colorectal cancers have better prognosis than right sided colon cancers
- Right sided colorectal cancers do not benefit from anti-EGFR therapy but do benefit from bevacizumab
- Left sided tumors benefit from both bevacizumab and anti-EGFR therapy

# Randomised trials of triplet chemotherapy plus bevacizumab

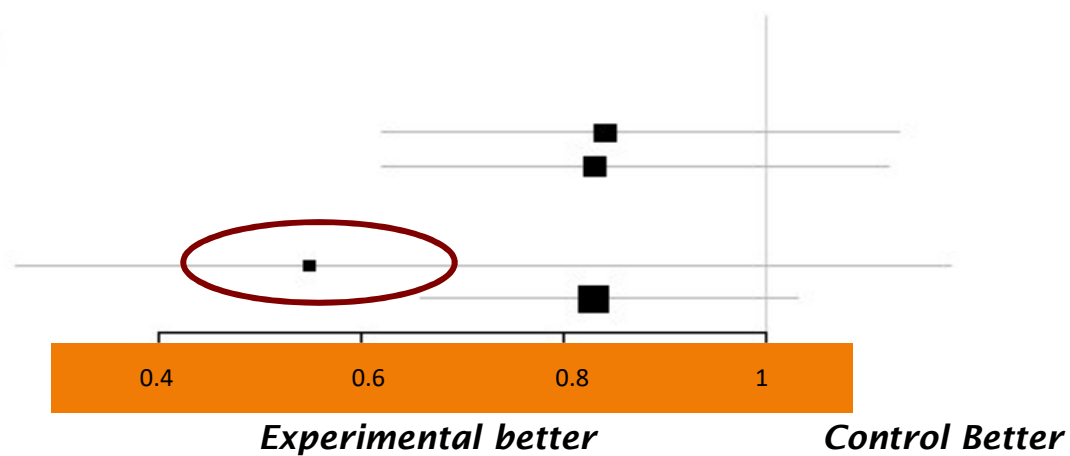
Trial	Setting	n	Treatment arms		mPFS (p value)	mOS (p value)
			Induction	Maintenance		
TRIBE Loupakis, 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> line	508	FOLFOXIRI-Bev vs FOLFIRI-Bev	5FU-Bev	12.1 vs 9.7 (p=0.003)	29.8 vs 25.8 (p=0.03)
OLIVIA Gruenberger, 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> line (unresectable liver only disease)	80	FOLFOXIRI-Bev vs FOLFOX-Bev	NA	18.6 vs 11.5 (not reported)	NR vs 32.2 (not reported)
STEAM Hurwitz, 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> line	280	cFOLFOXIRI-Bev vs sFOLFOXIRI-Bev vs FOLFOX-Bev	5FU –Bev or Capecitabine-Bev	11.86 vs 11.37 vs 9.46 (p=0.01)	34 vs 28 vs 31 n.s.
CHARTA Schmoll, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> line	250	FOLFOXIRI-Bev vs FOLFOX-Bev	5FU-Bev or Capecitabine-Bev	12 vs 10.3 (p=0.19)	28 vs 24 (p=0.21)

# TRIBE: Resection of Metastases (ITT Population)

	FOLFIRI + Bev, % (n=256)	FOLFOXIRI + Bev, % (n=252)	P Value
Secondary surgery with radical intent	21	26	0.210
R0 secondary surgery	12	15	0.327
<b>Liver-only subgroup</b>	<b>(n=46)</b>	<b>(n=59)</b>	
Secondary surgery with radical intent	41	39	1.000
R0 secondary surgery	28	32	0.823

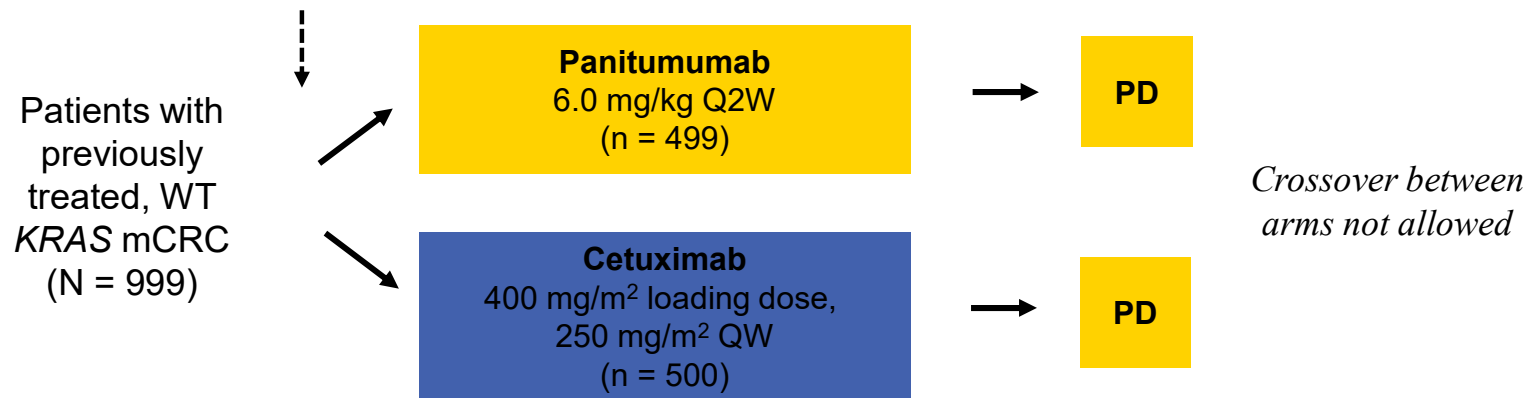
# Subgroup analyses of PFS – molecular characteristics

Factor	N	HR	p
KRAS status			
mut	200	0.84	0.973
wt	193	0.83	
BRAF status			
mut	28	0.55	0.323
wt	365	0.83	



# Phase III ASPECCT: Panitumumab vs Cetuximab in KRAS-WT mCRC

*Stratified by location (North America/Western Europe/Australia vs rest of world), ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2)*

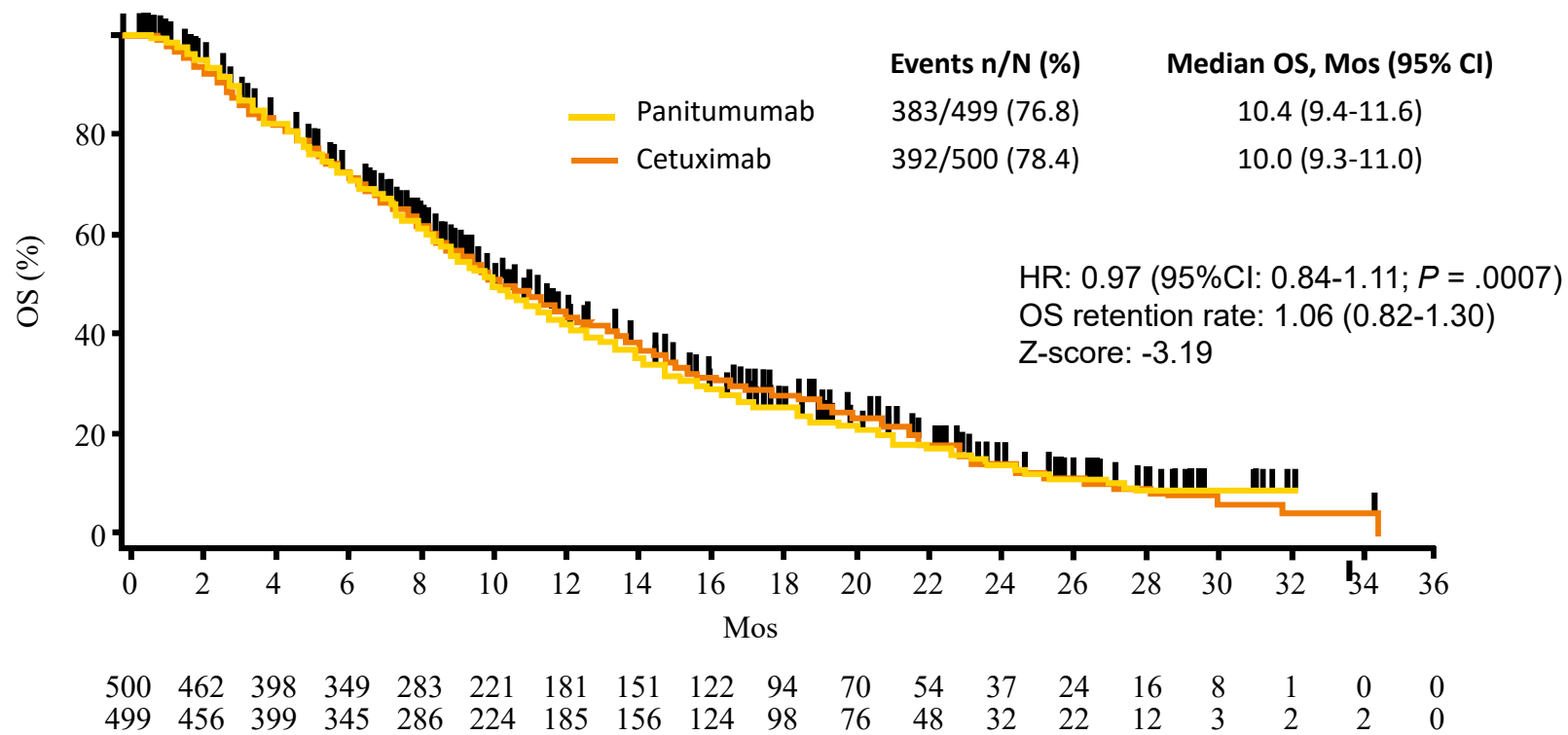


- Primary endpoint: OS

Price TJ, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:569-579.



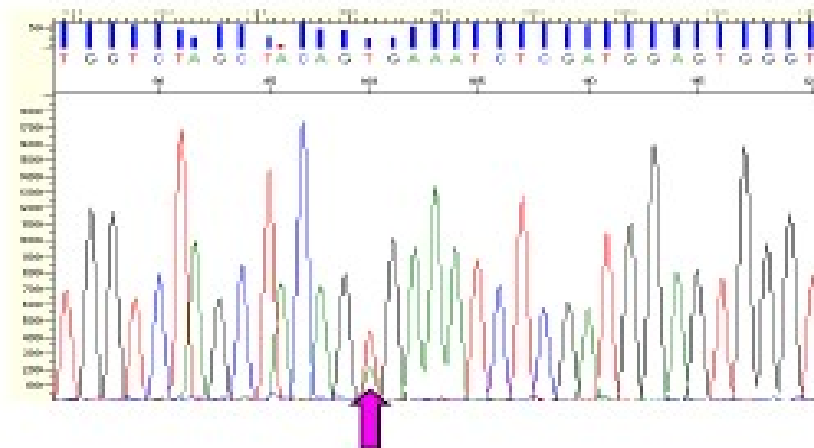
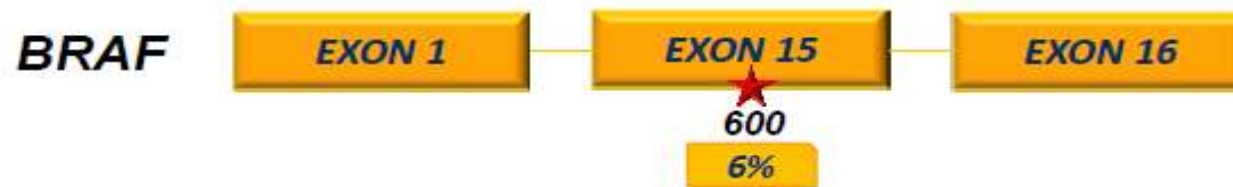
# Phase III ASPECCT: OS



**BRAF**

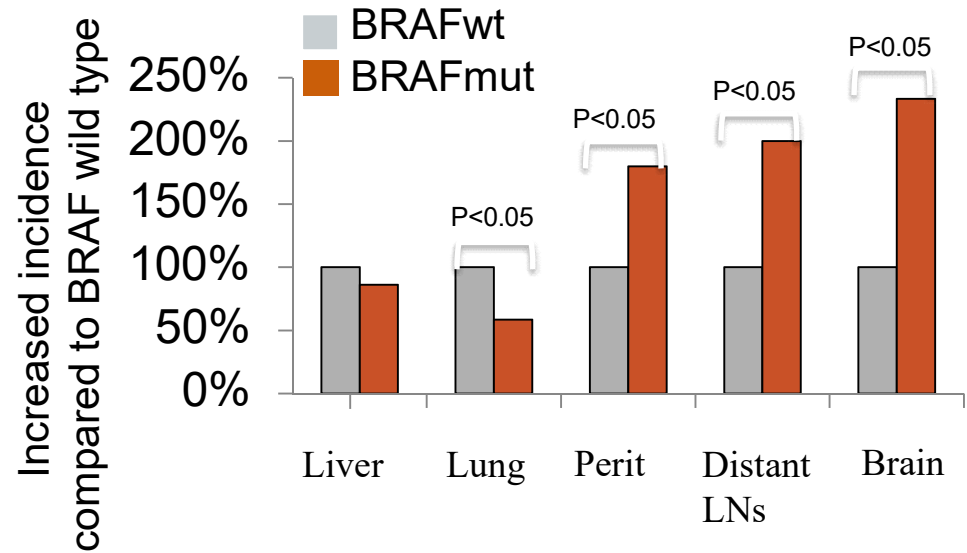
# *BRAF* gene mutations

Exon 15, codon 600 (mutation V600E)



# BRAF Characteristics

- Origin: serrated adenoma
- Hyper-methylated
- ~30% Microsatellite unstable
- RAS wild-type
- Ascites, peritoneal & lymph node metastases



# BRAF MUTATION IN MSI PATIENTS

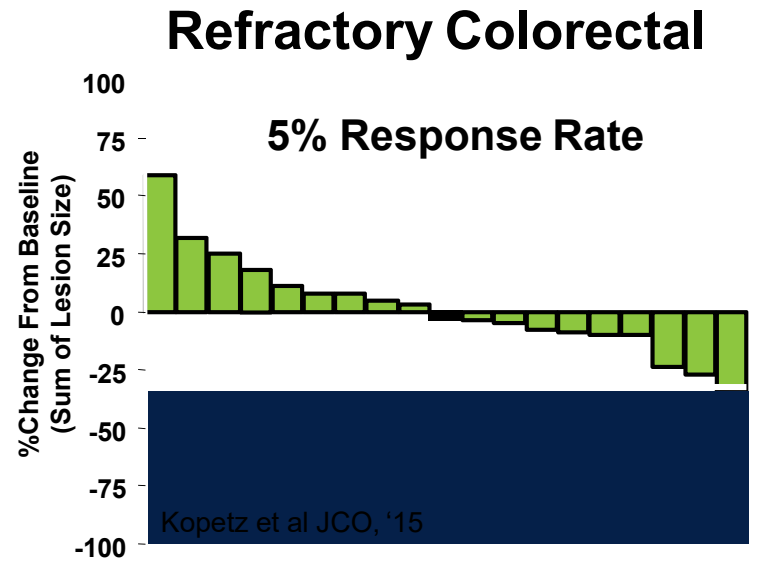
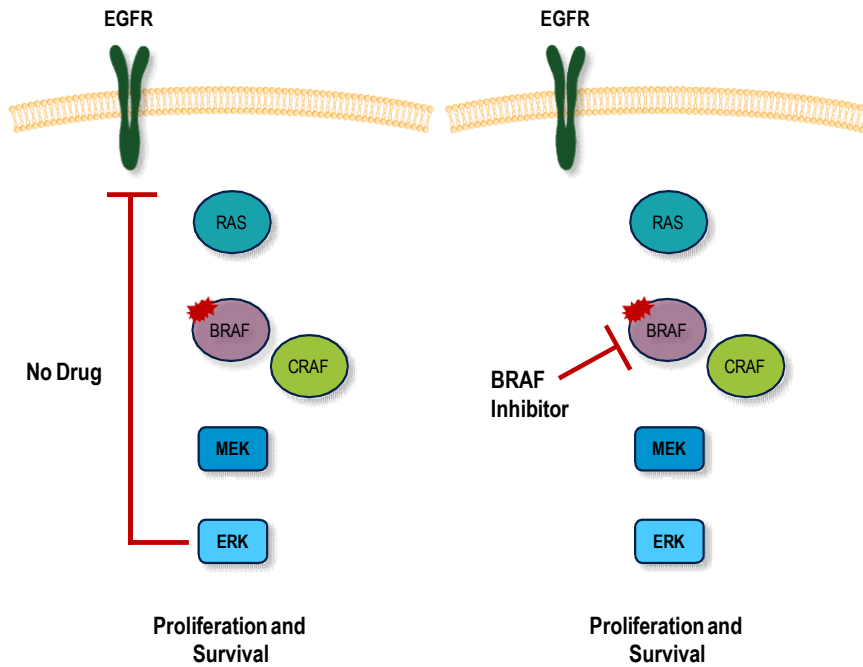
Checkmate 142 study

Mutation status	Objective response	Disease control for $\geq 12$ weeks
BRAF mutant (n=12)	3 (25%)	9 (75%)
KRAS mutant (n=26)	7 (27%)	16 (62%)
Both BRAF and KRAS wild type (n=29)	12 (41%)	23 (79%)

- No effect of *BRAF* mutation tumour growth control with nivolumab
- But completely different population of patients....

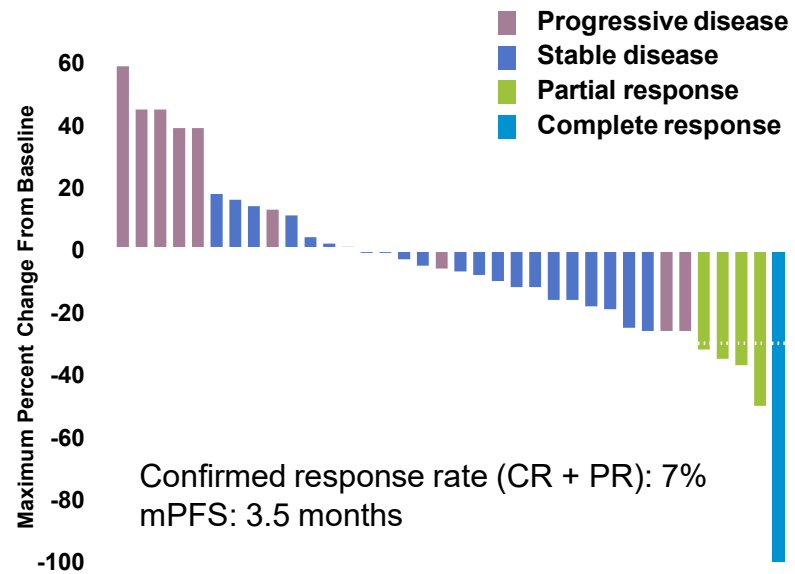
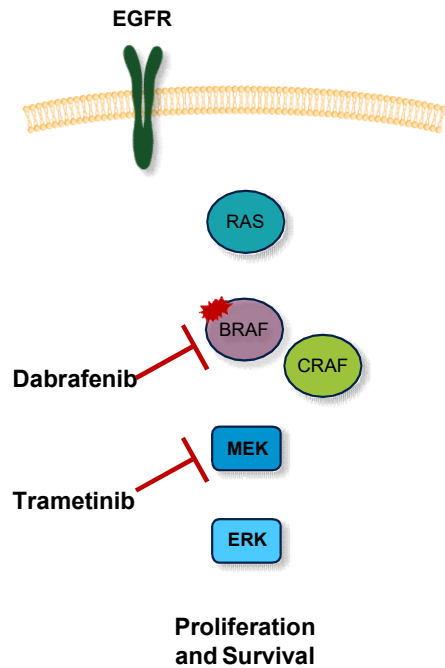
Overman NJ et al. Lancet Oncol 2017; Published online

# 7. Clinical trials with BRAF inhibitors



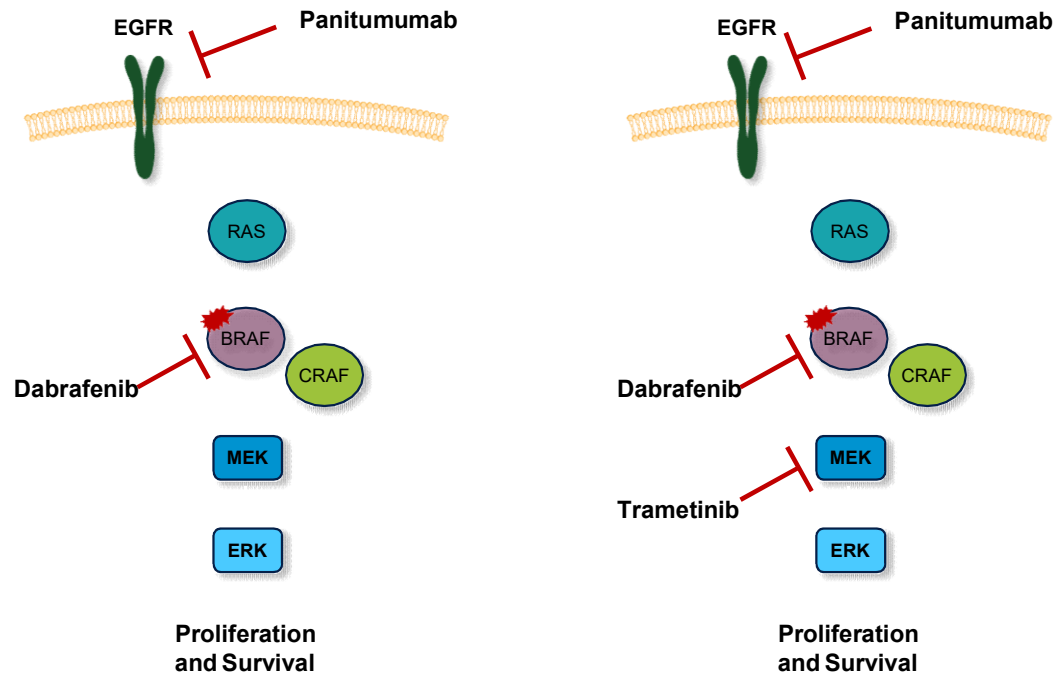
Vemurafenib monotherapy: not effective in BRAF(V600E) mCRC

# Dabrafenib + trametinib: limited activity in BRAFm CRC



Corcoran, Atreya et al, J Clin Oncol 2015

# Can Targeting EGFR Overcome Resistance to BRAF + MEK Inhibitors in *BRAF*-mutant CRC?



Prahallad A, et al. *Nature* 2012;  
Corcoran RB, et al. *Cancer Discov* 2012



# ***BRAF V600E* Mutation: Treatment Outcomes**

Regimen	RR, %	mPFS, mo
Single/Doublet BRAF/MEK		
Vemurafenib <sup>1</sup>	5	2.1
Dabrafenib <sup>2</sup>	11	NR
Encorafenib <sup>3</sup>	6	4
Dabrafenib + Trametinib <sup>4</sup>	12	3.5
Doublet with EGFR		
Vemurafenib + Panitumumab <sup>5</sup>	13	3.2
Vemurafenib + Cetuximab <sup>6</sup>	20	3.2
Encorafenib + Cetuximab <sup>7</sup>	19	3.7
Dabrafenib + Panitumumab <sup>8</sup>	10	3.4
Triplet with EGFR		
Vemurafenib + Cetuximab + Irinotecan <sup>9</sup>	35	7.7
Dabrafenib + Trametinib + Panitumumab <sup>8</sup>	26	4.1
Encorafenib + Cetuximab + Apeelsib <sup>10</sup>	18	4.2

# VIC x IC

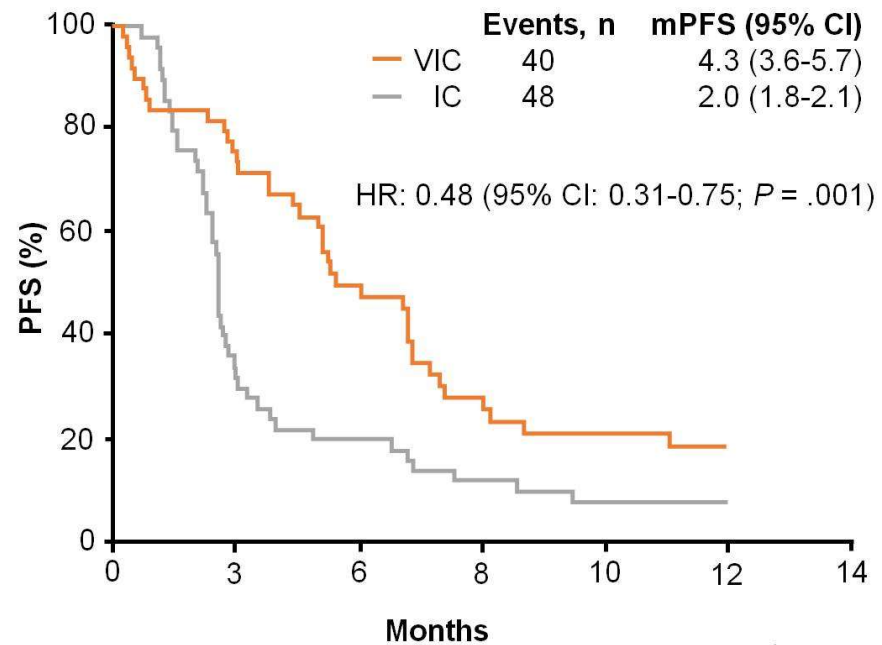
## ***BRAF*<sup>V600E</sup> predictive value in metastatic CRC**

Prevalence ~ 8%

### SWOG S1406

Phase II  
1-2 prior lines  
No prior anti-EGFR/BRAF/MEK

VIC – Vemurafenib, Irinotecan, Cetuximab  
IC – Irinotecan, Cetuximab

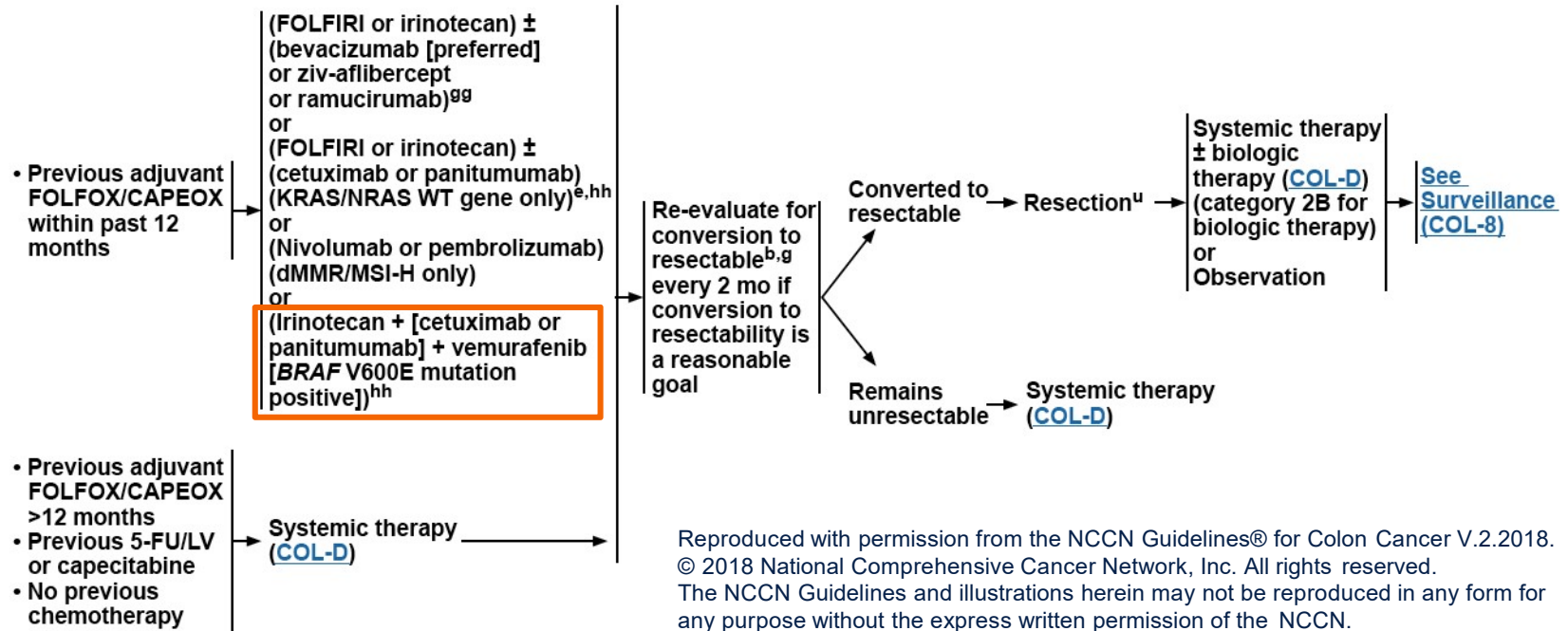


Kopetz S, et al. ASCO 2017

UNRESECTABLE METACHRONOUS METASTASES

PRIMARY TREATMENT

ADJUVANT TREATMENT<sup>b</sup>  
(6 MO PERIOPERATIVE TREATMENT PREFERRED)



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# HER2 Aberrations in CRC:

- Dimerization activates MAPK and PI3K pathways
- Overexpression, amplifications and mutations upregulate HER2 signaling
- Amplification: 5,4% of CRC
- Mutation: 2,8% of CRC
- Resistance to EGFR may lead to higher expression rates.

Yonesaka Sci Trans Med 2011 Bertotti Can Disc 2012

Kavuri Can Disc 2015

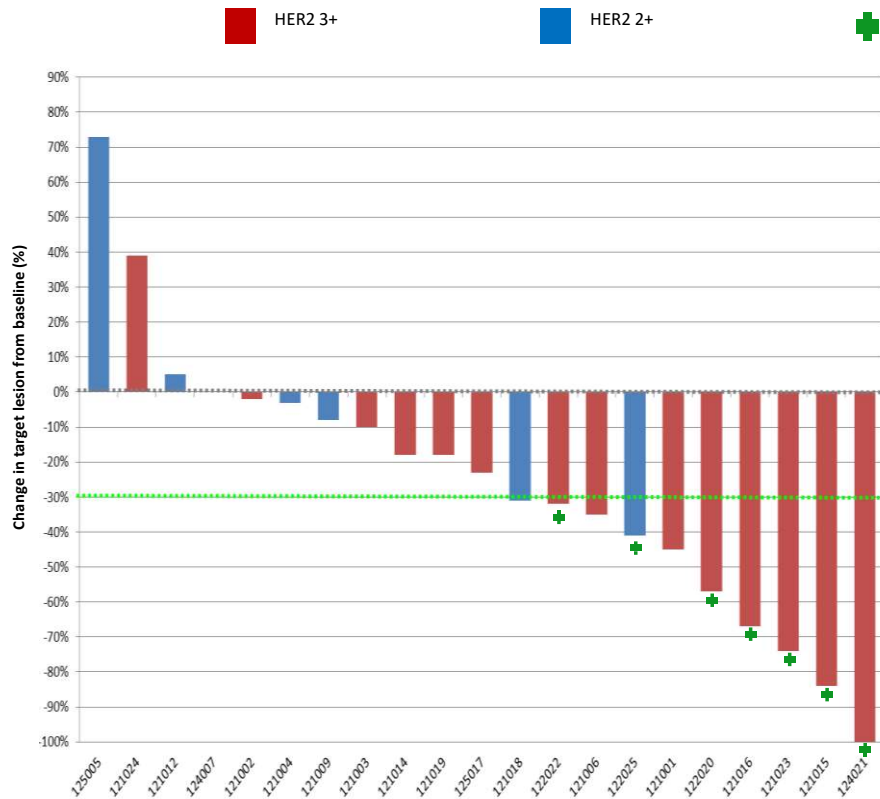
Valtorta et al. Modern Pathology 2017

# Heracles Results

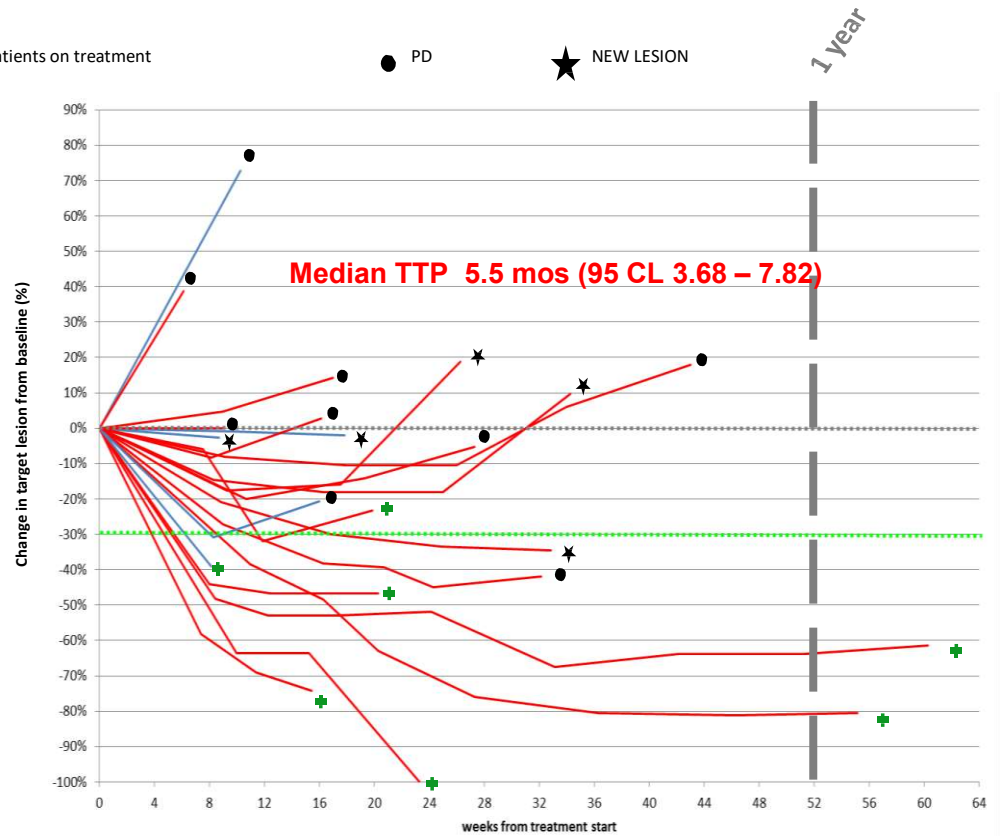
- 23 evaluable pts treated with lapatinid + trastuzumab:
- 2F/21M, median age 63 (r = 40-86), ECOG PS  $\leq 1$ , median prior regimens 5 (r = 3-8).
- Primary endpoint was met with 8/23 Response [ORR = 35% (95% CL 20-55)]; 7/8
- ORs were observed in HER2 IHC3+ pts.
- Responses lasted: 8+, 12+, 14+, 24, 24.5+ 32, 54+ and 55+ weeks. Median time to progression was 5.5 months (95% CL 3.7-9.8).

# Responses by HER2 IHC Score

Waterfall plot



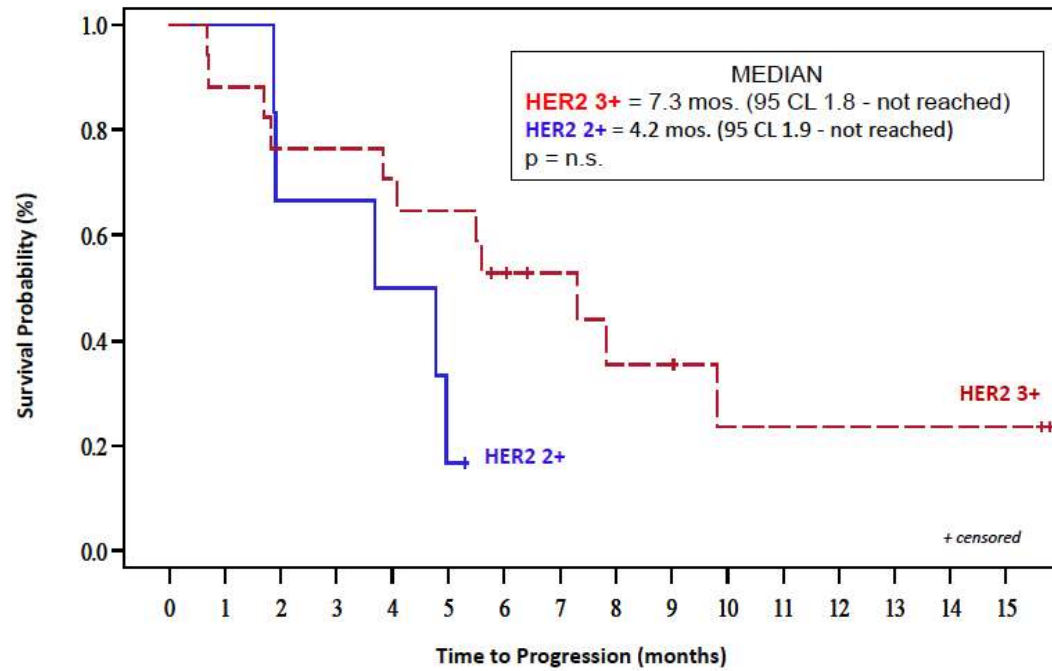
Spaghetti plot



\*3 patients are not shown: 122026 (IHC 2+), not assessed yet; 121011 (IHC 3+) and 121013 (IHC 3+) early clinical PD.

Sartore-Bianchi.: Lancet Onc2016

# Time To Progression



At risk:

<b>HER2 2+</b>	6	6	4	4	3	1	0								
<b>HER2 3+</b>	17	15	13	13	12	11	8	6	4	4	2	2	2	2	2

# Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab

- My pathway: phase II basket trial
- 37 CRC pts with HET2 3+ or 2+ by IHC and ISH +. 14 (38%) PRs
- Ongoing trials:
  - Heracles rescue (TDM-1), Heracles B (pertuzumab +TDM1, Montaineer (Tucatinib + trastuzumab), MODUL (Cape, trastuzumab, pertuzumab)

Hainsworth J et al, JCO 2018

Siena S et al, AACR 2017



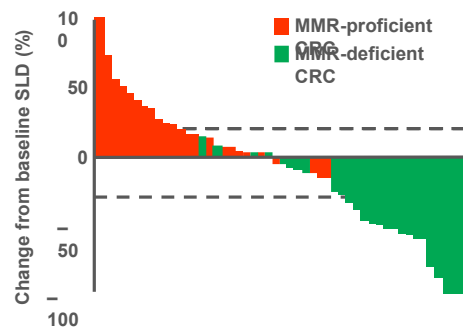
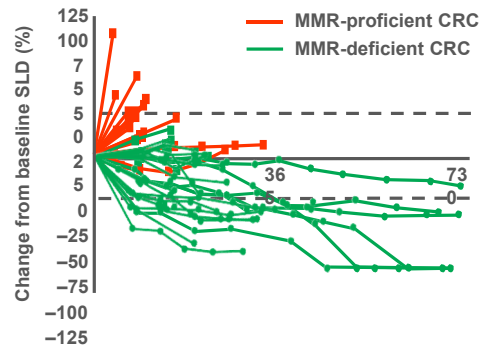
# Other Gene Alterations CRC

- Fusions:
  - ALK, NTRK1, ROS 1, RET
- ATM (and other DNA repair) Mutation
  - Velaparib + Irinotecan
- MET Amplification
  - PF-02341066 + binimetinib

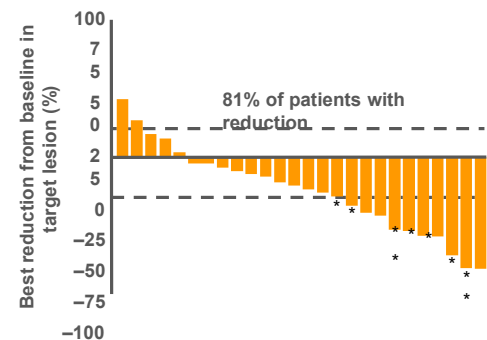
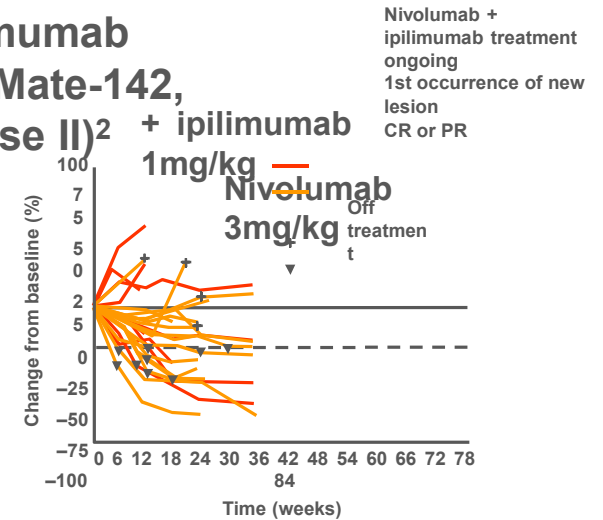
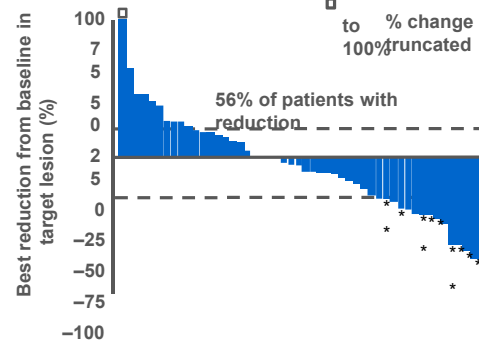
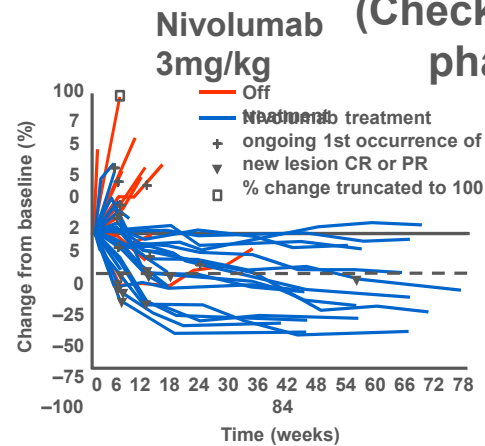
# **CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS**

# MSI-high tumours are responsive to PD-1 inhibitors

## Pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE 016, phase II)<sup>1,\*</sup>



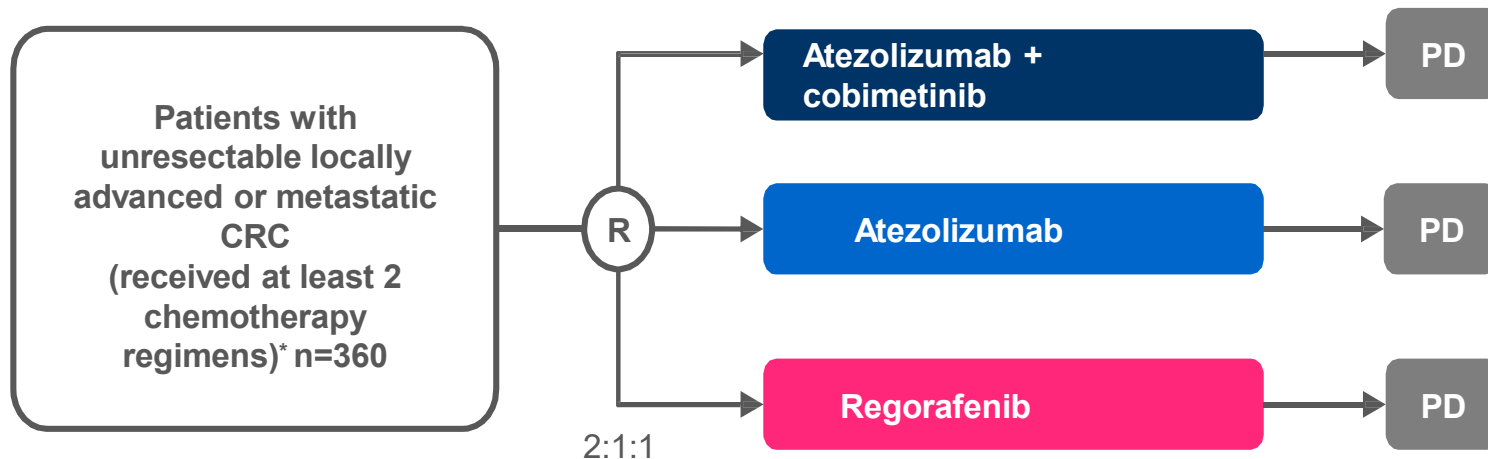
## Nivolumab ± ipilimumab (CheckMate-142, phase II)<sup>2</sup>



\*Lynch Syndrome (yes/no/unknown): MMR-deficient CRC = 54/7/39; MMR-proficient CRC = 0/100/0

1. Le et al. ASCO 2016; 2. Overman et al. ASCO 2016

# Phase III trial of Cobimetinib and Atezolizumab in chemotherapy-refractory mCRC (COTEZO – IMBlaze 370)



- Primary endpoint = OS

\*Experienced disease progression or was intolerant to at least two systemic chemotherapy regimens including fluoropyrimidines, irinotecan, or oxaliplatin

Bendel J, Ann Onc 29, suppl\_5, 2018

## Phase III trial of Cobimetinib and Atezolizumab in chemotherapy- refractory mCRC

- Median OS (363 patients)
  - 8.9 mo atezolizumab+cobimetinib vs 8.5 mo with regorafenib (HR, 1.00 [95% CI: 0.73, 1.38] P = 0.987)
  - 7.1 mo with atezolizumab monotherapy (HR vs regorafenib, 1.19 [95% CI: 0.83, 1.71]).
- No Change PFS

# Conclusions

- Survival of patients with mCRC continues to improve thanks to incremental additional effects of subsequent treatment lines
- Patients should receive all active agents to derive full benefits
- Molecular driven subgroups are leading to individualization of treatment
- Immunotherapy activity in MSI-High tumors is established.
- Targeted Therapy and immunotherapy combo are emerging options
- Biomarkers to predict benefit from IO are desperately needed.

Thank you