

## Treatment Landscape of metastatic Colorectal Cancer Heinz-Josef Lenz

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## **Genomic Markers in CRC**



CRC = colorectal cancer.

Dienstmann R, et al. Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2018;38:231-238.

Novel Approaches 1.RAS (G12C) 2. Pan Ras Inhibitors



# RAS mutation in various cancers



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Hunter et al., Mol Cancer Res 2015 Moore et al., Nat Rev Drug Disc 2020

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**Relative levels** 

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# ASP3082 – KRAS G12D targeted protein degrader (Park, ESMO 2024)



## RMC-6236



- Inhibitor recruits and binds to chaperone protein Cyclophilin A
- Tri-complex tailored to bind different RAS(ON) proteins
- Conformation change and steric inhibition of oncogenic activity

Schulze et al., Science 2023

## Activity of RMC-6236 in 2<sup>nd</sup>+ Line mPDAC



Revolution Medicines, Update from AACR 2024, 5/11/24 data cut-off

# Phase 1b/2 Trial Rationale and Study Design: Adding Onvansertib to Standard-of-Care

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#### **Efficacy Endpoints:**

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### Lenz et al CCR 2022, Lenz et al JCO 2024 in press



# Patients achieved a strong, durable response with onvansertib + SoC

Best Radiographic Response\* - all doses (as of July 25, 2022)



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# **KRAS G12C Inhibitors (3-4% of mCRC)**





EGFR signaling is implicated in feedback reactivation, providing a rational co-targeting strategy for KRAS-mutant CRC

Liu et al, Cancer Gene Therapy 2021

# CodeBreaK 300 Phase 3 Study Design

Global, randomized, open-label, active-controlled study of sotorasib + panitumumab in mCRC (NCT05198934)



### Primary endpoint: PFS by BICR (measured by CT / MRI and assessed by RECIST v1.1) Key secondary endpoints: OS, ORR

\*Patients deemed by the investigator not to be candidates for fluoropyrimidine, irinotecan, or oxaliplatin may still be eligible if ≥ 1 prior line of therapy was received for metastatic disease and trifluridine and tipiracil and/or regorafenib were deemed appropriate next line of therapy. <sup>†</sup>Patients with prior treatment with trifluridine and tipiracil and with regorafenib were excluded, where the investigator's choice would be these agents. 2QW, every 2 weeks; BICR, blinded independent central review; CT, computed tomography; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; OS, overall survival; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

# **Primary Endpoint: PFS in Intent-to-Treat Population**



# After a median follow-up of 7.8 months, sotorasib (240 mg and 960 mg) in combination with panitumumab significantly improved PFS by BICR versus investigator's choice

PFS was tested using stratified log-rank test. \*HR is sotorasib 960 mg + panitumumab / investigator's choice therapy, or sotorasib 240 mg + panitumumab / investigator's choice therapy. BICR, blinded independent central review; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

# **Activity Outcomes**

Response by BICR	Sotorasib 960 mg + Panitumumab (n = 53)	Sotorasib 240 mg + Panitumumab (n = 53)	Investigator's Choice (n = 54)
ORR, % (95% CI)*†	26 (15.3–40.3)	6 (1.2–15.7)	0 (0–6.6)
Complete response, n (%)	1 (2)	0	0
Partial response, n (%)	13 (25)	3 (6)	0
Stable disease, n (%)	24 (45)	33 (62)	25 (46)
Progressive disease, n (%)	12 (23)	13 (25)	17 (31)
Not evaluable / not done, n (%)	3 (6)	2 (4)	11 (20)
DCR, % (95% CI)*	72 (57.7–83.2)	68 (53.7-80.1)	46 (32.6–60.4)

# ORR and DCR by BICR were higher with sotorasib (960 mg and 240 mg) + panitumumab versus investigator's choice

The intention-to-treat analysis set included all patients who underwent randomization.

\*95% CIs were estimated using the Clopper-Pearson method. BICR, blinded independent central review; DCR, disease control rate; ORR, objective response rate

<sup>+</sup>Two patients (4%) in the 240 mg arm and 1 patient (2%) in the investigator's choice arm had non-complete response/non-progressive disease; these patients had BICR assessed non-target disease only

## Adagrasib + Cetuximab in Patients With Advanced CRC: Best Overall Response



Best Tumor Change From Baseline (n=28)<sup>a,b</sup>

- Response rate was 43% (12/28), including 2 unconfirmed PRs
- SD was observed in 57% (16/28) of patients
- Clinical benefit (DCR) was observed in 100% (28/28) of patients
- No apparent association between response rate and molecular status was shown in an exploratory analysise

<sup>a</sup>All results are based on investigator assessments. <sup>b</sup> Evaluable population (n=28) excludes 4 patients who withdrew consent prior to the first scan. <sup>c</sup>At the time of the 9 July 2021 data cutoff, 2 patients had uPRs. <sup>e</sup>Molecular status (BRAF V600E mutation, MSI-H or dMMR, EGFR amplification, TP53 mutation, PIK3CA mutation) includes patients with conclusively evaluable test results. Data as of 9 July 2021 (median follow-up: 7 months).

# Divarasib in metastatic KRAS G12C mCRC (n = 55)





Sacher et al. *N Engl J Med* 2023.

## **Tumor Response with Sotorasib and FOLFIRI**



Data cutoff, April 13, 2023.

<sup>†</sup>Patients whose disease progressed on prior irinotecan include those with clinical or radiographic progression.

<sup>‡</sup>42 patients enrolled at least 7 weeks before analysis cutoff were included for response summary; 1 patient with no post-baseline scan is not shown in figure but is included in the denominator.

Reduction in RECIST target lesions was observed in 86% of patients<sup>‡</sup>



Awas et al NEJM 2021

# **Take Home Points:**

• KRAS G12C is present in approximately 3% of all patients with mCRC

• Emerging data with G12C inhibitors + anti EGFR antibodies show significant response rates and promising progression-free survival

 Promising results seen with pan ras and pankras inhibitors, and the field is becoming increasingly crowded

 Combinations are well-tolerated, but dermatologic toxicity is seen in over half the patients treated

• Early data with chemotherapy (FOLFIRI) show impressive response rates

# NCCN Colon Cancer Update 2023



### NCCN Guidelines Colon Cancer v3.2023

### **Onvansertib with FOLFIRI shows promising efficacy**

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# New Updates on Targeting Her2

## 1. Tucanitib (new kid on the block)

# Key Clinical Trials in *HER2*+ mCRC

Trial	Regimen	Ν	ORR, %	Median PFS, mo	Median OS, mo
HERACLES-A <sup>1</sup>	Trastuzumab + lapatinibª	27	30 (14-50)	4.8 (3.7-7.4)	10.6 (7.6-15.6)
MyPathway ( <i>KRAS</i> wt subgroup) <sup>2</sup>	Trastuzumab + pertuzumab <sup>a</sup>	43	40 (25-56)	5.3 (2.7-6.1)	14 (8-NE)
TRIUMPH <sup>3</sup>	Trastuzumab + pertuzumab <sup>a</sup>	17 (tissue)	35 (14-62)	4 (1.4-5.6)	_
TAPUR <sup>4</sup> (no <i>RAS</i> data)	Trastuzumab + pertuzumab <sup>a</sup>	28	25 (11-45)	4 (2.6-6.3)	25 (6-NE)
MOUNTAINEER <sup>5</sup> (Cohorts A + B)	Trastuzumab + tucatinib	86	38 (28-39)	8.2 (4.2-10.3)	24.1 (20.3-36.7)
DESTINY-CRC01 <sup>6,b</sup> (Cohort A)	T-DXd	54	45 (32-60)	6.9 (4.1-8.7)	15.5 (8.8-20.8)
HERACLES-B <sup>7,c</sup>	T-DM1 + pertuzumab	30	10 (0-28)	4.8 (3.6-5.8)	_

<sup>a</sup> In NCCN guidelines. <sup>b</sup> ORR in subgroup with prior HER2 rx 43.8% (19.8-70.1); without prior HER2 rx 45.9% (29.5-63.1). <sup>c</sup> Did not meet primary endpoint. T-DM1 had 0% response rate in MATCH Arm Q<sup>8</sup> and MSKCC Basket Trial.<sup>9</sup>

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## T-DXd in Patients with HER2-Overexpressing/Amplified (HER2+) Metastatic Colorectal Cancer (mCRC): Primary Results from the Multicenter, Randomized, Phase 2 DESTINY-CRC02 Study

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Raghav K, et al. Presented at: ASCO;2023.

## Best Percentage Change in Sum of Diameters by BICR for T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg



BICR, blinded independent central review; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RAS, rat sarcoma; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan.

Only patients with measurable disease at baseline and at least one postbaseline tumor assessment were included in the waterfall graphs. <sup>a</sup>HER2 status was assessed by central laboratory.

#### Raghav K, et al. Presented at: ASCO;2023.

## MOUNTAINEER: Global, Open-Label, Phase 2 Trial



MOUNTAINEER began as a US Investigator-Sponsored Trial and initially consisted of a single cohort (Cohort A) and was expanded globally to include patients randomised to receive tucatinib + trastuzumab (Cohort B) or tucatinib monotherapy (Cohort C)

Data cut-off for current analysis, March 28, 2022

a Each treatment cycle is 21 days; b Patients remained on therapy until evidence of radiographic or clinical progression, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or study closure; c Stratification: Left sided tumor primary vs other, d Patients were allowed to cross over and receive tucatinib and trastuzumab if they experienced radiographic progression at any time point or if they had not achieved a PR or CR by week 12; e Patients had HER2+ tumors as defined by one or more protocol required local tests: IHC 3+ (n=46), amplification by ISH (n=36), or amplification by NGS (n=69)

2L+, second line and later; BICR, blinded independent central review; BID, twice a day; C1D1, cycle 1 day 1; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; HER2, human epidermal growth receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ISH, in situ hybridization; mAb, monoclonal antibody; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; NGS, next-generation sequencing; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; Q3W, every 3 weeks; PR, partial response; R, randomisation; RAS, rat sarcoma virus; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; US, United States; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor. https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03043313

## Tucatinib + Trastuzumab: Change in Tumor Size



a Four patients who did not have baseline and/or post-baseline target lesion measurements are excluded CR, complete response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease. Data cutoff: 28 Mar 2022

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### Tucatinib + Trastuzumab: PFS and OS



Progression-free Survival per BICR

**Overall Survival** 

Median follow-up for Cohorts A+B was 20.7 months (IQR, 11.7, 39.0)

BICR, blinded independent central review; IQR, interquartile range; OS, overall survival; PFS, progressive-free survival. Data cutoff: 28 Mar 2022

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## Anti-HER2 Therapies: FDA approved for HER2+ mCRC

FDA grants accelerated approval to tucatinib with trastuzumab for colorectal cancer

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On January 19, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted accelerated approval to tucatinib .) in combination with trastuzu type HER2-positive unresectable or metastatic colorectal cancer that has refollowing fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemother /.



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## Zanidatamab – bispecific antibody



54.1, 100

Median (range) duration of response:

Not reached (2.9+-16.7+) months

47.8, 100

95% CI

Rha et al., ESMO 2024

Dotted lines indicate 20% increase or 30% decrease in sum of diameters of target tumours

3+

IHC

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71.5, 100

## How I treat HER2+ MSS Metastatic CRC



# **TARGETING BRAF V600E**

# **BREAKWATER: Study Design**

• BREAKWATER (NCT04607421) is an open-label, multicenter, phase 3 study in first line BRAF V600E-mutant mCRC



Here we present the primary analysis of ORR by BICR (one of the dual primary endpoints), an interim analysis of OS, and safety in the EC + mFOLFOX6 and SOC arms

<sup>a</sup>Following a protocol amendment, enrollment to the EC arm was stopped and patients were randomized 1:1 to the EC+mFOLFOX6 or SOC arms; data in the EC arm will be reported at a later date. <sup>b</sup>Patients were enrolled between November 16, 2021, and December 22, 2023. <sup>c</sup>mFOLFOX6/FOLFOXIRI/CAPOX ± bevacizumab. <sup>d</sup>In the first 110 patients in each of the EC+mFOLFOX6 and SOC arms.

CAPOX, capecitabine/oxaliplatin; BICR, blinded independent central review; dMMR, deficient mismatch repair; EC, encorafenib plus cetuximab; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; mFOLFOX6, modified fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin; FOLFOXIRI, fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin/irinotecan; mCRC, metas tatic cobrectal cancer; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high cancer; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.
#### **BREAKWATER: Statistical Analysis**



<sup>a</sup>PFS by BICR in all randomized patients will be analyzed once the required number of events has been observed.

<sup>b</sup>Following a prespecified hierarchical testing procedure to control the family-wise type I error rate, based on the proportion of information fraction observed at the time of the OS interim analysis.

BICR, blinded independent central review; EC, encorafenib plus cetuximab; H<sub>0</sub>, null hypothesis; H<sub>1</sub>, alternative hypothesis; mFOLFOX6, modified fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin; OR, odds ratio for objective response of EC+mFOLFOX6 vs SOC; SOC, standard of care.

#### **Overview of Response by BICR**

#### **Confirmed ORR by BICR**



Confirmed Best Overall Response, TTR, and DOR by BICR

	EC + mFOLFOX6 n=110	SOC n=110
Confirmed best overall response, n (%)		
CR	3 (2.7)	2 (1.8)
PR	64 (58.2)	42 (38.2)
SD	31 (28.2)	34 (30.9)
Non-CR/non-PD	3 (2.7)	4 (3.6)
PD	3 (2.7)	9 (8.2)
NE	6 (5.5)	19 (17.3)
	n=67	n=44
TTR, median (range), weeks	7.1 (5.7-53.7)	7.3 (5.4-48.0)
Estimated DOR, median (range), months	13.9 (8.5-NE)	11.1 (6.7-12.7)
Patients with a DOR of ≥6 months, n (%)	46 (68.7)	15 (34.1)
Patients with a DOR of ≥12 months, n (%)	15 (22.4)	5 (11.4)

Data cutoff: December 22, 2023.

BICR, blinded independent central review; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; EC, encorafenib plus cetuximab; mFOLFOX6, modified fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin; NE, not estimable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SOC, standard of care; TTR, time to response.

#### Interim Overall Survival<sup>a</sup>



Data cutoff: December 22, 2023.

<sup>a</sup>OS was tested following the prespecified plan with one-sided alpha of 0.000000083, calculated as a portion of the nominal one-sided alpha of 0.001. Statistical significance was not achieved at this time.

EC, encorafenib plus cetuximab; mFOLFOX6, modified fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin; NE, not estimable; SOC, standard of care.

#### Conclusions

- BREAKWATER showed a statistically significant and clinically meaningful benefit in ORR by BICR, one of the dual primary endpoints, with EC + mFOLFOX6 vs SOC that was rapid and durable
  - Data showed a trend for OS improvement with EC + mFOLFOX6 vs SOC; follow-up is ongoing, with planned additional interim and final analyses
- EC + mFOLFOX6 was generally tolerable
  - There was no substantial increase in chemotherapy dose reduction or discontinuation due to AEs compared with the SOC arm
  - The most frequently reported TEAEs were consistent with those expected for each of the study drugs
- Prespecified analyses of mature PFS and OS data are planned
- The BREAKWATER study supports EC + mFOLFOX6 as a new first-line SOC for patients with BRAF V600E-mutant mCRC

These results also formed the basis for the accelerated approval by the FDA (as part of Project FrontRunner) of EC + mFOLFOX6 for the treatment of patients with BRAF V600E-mutant mCRC—including in the first line setting

## **TARGETING C-MET**

# **Bispecific AB**



1.Epcoritamab.

#### EGFR-MET Bispecific Antibody: Amivantamab

- MET alterations are associated with poor prognosis in CRC and are common mechanisms of resistance to EGFR inhibitors
- Amivantamab is a bispecific EGF receptor-directed and mesenchymal epithelial transition (MET) receptor-directed antibody
- FDA Approved in NSCLC with EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations



#### Pietrantonio et al., ESMO 2024

#### Amivantamab: Single Agent Activity in CRC

- OrigAMI-1: Open-label phase 1b/2 study
- 93 patients with refractory mCRC
- RAS/ BRAF wild-type, HER-2 negative

Cohort	N	RR (%)	mDOR (mo)	mPFS (mo)
Left-sided, no prior EGFR mAb	17	41	7.5	5.7
Left-sided, prior EGFR mAB	54	24	7.4	3.75
Right-sided	18	6	NE	3.5

#### ABBV-400: Observed responses across all doses in 3L+ CRC



Includes 9 patients who received dose >3 mg/kg in dose escalation; The maximum tolerated dose was established as 3.0 mg/kg.

CBR12/24, clinical benefit rate at 12/24 weeks (complete response plus partial response plus stable disease); DOR, duration of response; NE, not evaluable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; ORR, overall response rate: SD, stable disease.

#### Amivantamab: Combination with Chemo

Dose escalation identified amivantamab 1050 mg IV (1400 mg if ≥80 kg) weekly for the first 4 weeks, then every 2 weeks in combination with standard mFOLFOX6 or FOLFIRI dosing as the RP2D



· ORR was 64% among patients on 1L therapy and 44% among patients on 2L therapy

Pietrantonio et al., ESMO 2024

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Nivo/Ipi in first line

#### **MSI-high CRCs are responsive to PD-1 inhibitors**

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#### **Overall survival**



- Median OS was 44.2 months in cohort 1 and not reached in cohorts 2 and 3
  - 48-month OS rates were 49% (cohort 1), 71% (cohort 2), and 72% (cohort 3)

- 60-month OS rates were 46% (cohort 1), 68% (cohort 2), and not available for cohort 3 as 47.6 months.



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- Dual-primary endpoints: PFS per RECIST v1.1, BICR; OS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR per RECIST v1.1 by BICR, PFS2, HRQoL, safety
- Tumor response assessed at week 9 and Q9W thereafter per RECIST v1.1 by BICR

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## **Progression-Free Survival**



#### **Overall Survival**









#### Nivolumab plus ipilimumab vs chemotherapy as first-line treatment for microsatellite instability-high/mismatch repair-deficient metastatic colorectal cancer: expanded efficacy analysis from CheckMate 8HW

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#### **Progression-free survival**



• PFS benefit with NIVO + IPI vs chemo was robust and consistent across the sensitivity analyses, including PFS by BICR in 1L all randomized patients (HR, 0.32; 95% CI, 0.23-0.46)

Lenz et al ASCO 2024

<sup>a</sup>Per BICR. <sup>b</sup>Median follow-up, 24.3 months.

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#### PFS2: progression-free survival after subsequent therapy



 PFS2<sup>a</sup> favored NIVO + IPI vs chemo with a 73% reduction in the risk of death or disease progression after first subsequent therapy

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<sup>a</sup>Defined as time from randomization to progression after subsequent systemic therapy, initiation of second subsequent systemic therapy, or death. <sup>b</sup>Per investigator. <sup>c</sup>Median follow-up in patients with centrally confirmed MSI-H/dMMR, 31.6 months.

#### PFS benefits across all subgroup

Category (1) centrally		Median	PFS,ª mo	Unstratified	
confirmed MSI-H/dMMR)	Subgroup	NIVO + IPI	Chemo	HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
Overall (N = 255)		NR	5.9	0.21	I
Age, years	< 65 (n = 138)	NR	5.7	0.19	!
	≥ 65 (n = 117)	NR	5.9	0.24	
Sex	Male (n = 117)	NR	5.9	0.19	
	Female (n = 138)	NR	6.2	0.22	
Region	US/Can ada/Europe ( $n = 167$ )	NR	5.7	0.27	
	Asia (n = 28)	NR	7.4	0.03	
	Rest of world $(n = 60)$	NR	6.2	0.16	
ECOG PS	0 (n = 142)	NR	9.0	0.22	i
	1 (n = 113)	NR	4.2	0.20	
Tum or sided ness	Left (n = 70)	NR	4.4	0.22	
	Right (n = 185)	NR	7.1	0.21	
Liver metastases <sup>a</sup>	Yes (n = 87)	NR	5.9	0.11	
	No (n = 166)	NR	5.4	0.28	
Lung metastases <sup>a</sup>	Yes (n = 53)	13.2	4.9	0.40	
	No (n = 200)	NR	6.2	0.16	
Peritoneal metastases <sup>a</sup>	Yes (n = 115)	NR	4.4	0.19	
	No (n = 138)	NR	7.4	0.23	
Tumor cell PD-L1 expression	≥ 1% (n = 55)	NR	3.4	0.11	· · · ·
	< 1% (n = 191)	NR	6.5	0.22	
BRAF/KRAS/NRAS	BRAF/KRAS/NRAS wild type (n = 58)	34.3	5.4	0.08	
mutation status	BRAF mutant (n = 72)	NR	9.2	0.37	
	KRAS or NRAS mutant ( $n = 45$ )	NR	5.7	0.24	
	Unknown (n = 74)	NR	4.9	0.17	
Lynch syndrome	Yes (n = 31)	NR	7.4	0.28	
	No (n = 152)	NR	6.2	0.25	
	Unknown (n = 66)	NR	5.5	0.13	0.02 0.03 0.06 0.13 0.25 0.50 1.00 2.00
					NIVO + IPI

#### **PFS by Liver mets**



<sup>a</sup>Median follow-up in patients with centrally confirmed MSI-H/dMMR, 31.6 months. <sup>b</sup>Per BICR.



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#### **Progression-free survival**



Note: PFS curves separate early and flatten nicely

Andre et al, GI Symposium 2025

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#### Progression-free survival subgroup analysis

		Median PFS,ª mo		المحمد من الم		
confirmed MSI-H/dMMR)	Subgroup	NIVO + IPI	NIVO	HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)	
Overall (N = 582)	•	NR	39.3	0.63		
Age, years	< 65 (n = 321)	NR	NR	0.60	_ <b>-</b>	
	≥ 65 (n = 261)	NR	29.4	0.66		
Liver metastases <sup>a,b</sup>	Yes (n = 210)	NR	NR	0.68	+	
	No (n = 368)	NR	33.2	0.60	_ <b>→</b> _ ¦	
Peritoneal metastasesa.b	Yes (n = 226)	54.1	24.8	0.55	I	
	No (n = 352)	NR	NR	0.67	↓	
Tumor cell PD-L1 expression	≥ 1% (n = 133)	NR	NR	0.77		
	< 1% (n = 427)	NR	24.8	0.57	- <b>+</b>	
BRAF/KRAS/NRAS mutation	BRAF/KRAS/NRAS all wild type (n = 156)	NR	44.3	0.64		
status	<i>BRAF</i> mutant (n = 179)	NR	25.9	0.62	¦	
	KRAS or NRAS mutant (n = 125)	NR	NR	0.76		
	Unknown (n = 114)	54.1	38.1	0.48		
Clinical history of Lynch	Yes (n = 83)	53.8	38.1	0.90		
syndrome	No (n = 334)	NR	44.3	0.56	<b></b>	
	Unknown (n = 156)	NR	33.2	0.71	i	
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• PFS consistently favored NIVO + IPI vs NIVO in prespecified subgroups across all lines of therapy

## Benefit seen across subgroups:

+/- Liver metastases\* +/- Peritoneal metastases +/- BRAF mutation +/- PD-L1

\* Lack of responses with botensilimab (CTLA-4) plus balstilimab (PD-1) in patients with liver metastases in MSS mCRC (Bullock, Nat Med 2024) Andre et al, GI Symposium 2025

#### What we know in MSS mCRC about IO

- Checkpoint inhibitors targeting PD-1/PD-L1 as single agents have no activity in microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancer
- Limited activity noted with anti PD-1/PD-L1 and "first generation" CTLA4 antibodies
  - Durvalumab+tremelimumab:
    - $_{\odot}$  ORR 1%; DCR 22.7%; median PFS 1.8 mo; median OS 6.6 mo
  - Nivolumab+ipilimumab
    - $\circ$  mPFS 1.4 mo

Chen EX et al, JAMA Oncol 2020 Overman MJ et al, J Clin Oncol 2016

#### Botensilimab: multifunctional Fc enhanced anti-CTLA-4 antibody

**Botensilimab** Multifunctional Fc-enhanced Anti-CTLA-4 Antibody

- Enhances T cell priming, expansion, memory
- Activates APCs/myeloid cells
- Enhances Treg depletion
- **Improves** safety by reducing complementmediated toxicities (eg, hypophysitis)



Bullock A, et al. Nature Medicine. 2024; Chand C, et al. Cancer Discov. 2024

#### Botensilimab+Balstilimab: Phase I expansion in MSS CRC



Median OS 20.9 months (95% CI, 10.6 months–NR) 12-month OS rate 60% (95% CI, 49–69%)

Bullock A, et al. Nature Medicine. 2024; Chand C, et al. Cancer Discov. 2024

#### **Botensilimab+Balstilimab Global Phase 2**



Immunomodulatory effects of epigenetic therapy



# Combined anti-PD-1, HDAC inhibitor and anti-VEGF for MSS/pMMR colorectal cancer: a randomized phase 2 trial



Increasing engagement of various cellular compartments in TME Bispecifics Cell engagers

# Bispecific antibodies: tumor cell binding mediated immune co-stimulation

REGN7075: binds EGFR on tumors and CD28 on cytotoxic T cells

Facilitate T cell activation through endogenous tumor antigens



All MSS CRC patients (N=51) ORR: 5.9%

MSS CRC patients without liver metastases (N=15) ORR 20%

Tumor response*, n (%)	Patients (n=15)
ORR (CR+PR), 95% CI	3 (20.0), 4.3–48.1
CR	1 (6.7)
PR	2 (13.3)
SD	9 (60.0)
NE	3 (20.0)
DCR (CR+PR+SD), 95% CI	12 (80.0), 51.9–95.7

Peak serum IFN-y during combo (pMMR/MSS CRC)



Segal N et al, ASCO 2024

#### Bispecific antibodies: co-targeting a checkpoint and a cytokine

#### IBI 363: PD-1/IL2<sup>αbias</sup> bispecific antibody



Specifically activated PD1<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> tumor specific T cells Activates peripheral regulatory T cells

#### Phase I N=68; MSS 84%; 16% unknown



Shi W et al, Acta Pharmaceutica Sinica B 2024; Chen Y et al, poster presentation ASCO 2024

# Combinatorial Approaches: cell engager with a bispecific: two signals to enhance anti cancer immunity

Cibisatamab, T cell engager targeting CEA on tumor cells and CD3 on T cells + EAR 4 1881 bispecific fusion protein

FAP-4-1BBL, bispecific fusion protein carrying 4-1BB ligand and  $\alpha$ FAP binding site



Combination leads to superior T cell activation in peripheral blood with increase in IFNy, soluble CD25, and interleukin 6

Combination results in Superior Intratumoral CD8+ T cell infiltration



Melero I et al, ESMO 2024

## **Combination with chemotherapy**

#### Can cytotoxic chemotherapy potentiate the effect of checkpoint inhibitors in MSS CRC

#### Checkmate 9X8 mFOLFOX6+Bev with and without nivolumab



Did not meet primary endpoint of mPFS improvement Higher PFS rates at 15 and 18 months and higher ORR



Lenz HJ et al, J Immunother Cancer 2024 Antoniotti C et al, J Clin Oncol 24
## Conclusions

Various emerging, innovative approaches will soon lead to major advances in IO treatment options for colorectal cancer

- Targeted Therapies moving into 11: G12C inhibitor, pan ras inhibitor, her2 and Braf V600E inhibitors
- MSI
  - PD1/CTL4 shows high efficacy in 1L and should be considered SOC
  - Novel inhibitors develop to overcome innate resistance
- MSS
  - IO moving in combination into 1L with chemo/beva
  - Bot/Bal promising efficacy in extrahepatic disease (toxicity)
- Augmented Immunotherapy
  - Combination of IO agents, bispecific mAbs (e.g. T-cell engagers)
- Cellular Therapies
  - Developing



## Missing

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- 2. Evanthia Torres
- 3. Yan Yang
- 4. Priya Jayachandran
- 5. Unnati Shah
- 6. Francesca Battaglin



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