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## Highlights: Colorectal Cancer

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# AGENDA

- **Early stages:**

- adjuvant CT**

- molecular signature**

- neoadjuvant CT**

- **mCRC:**

- triplet/bev vs doublet/bev**



# **Re-evaluating Disease-Free Survival as an Endpoint versus Overall Survival in Stage III Adjuvant Colon Cancer Trials with Chemotherapy +/- Biologics: An Updated Surrogacy Analysis Based on 15,719 Patients from the ACCENT Database**

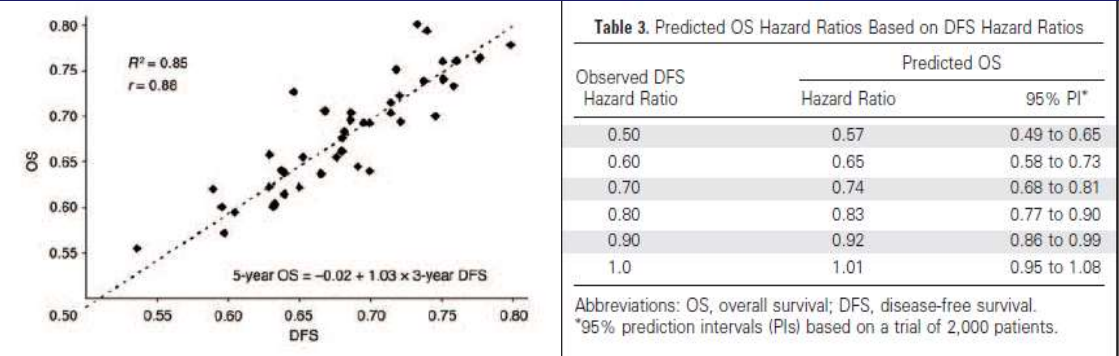
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on behalf of Adjuvant Colon Cancer Endpoints (ACCENT) Group

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The standard end point 5y OS is a long period to wait before concluding that a regimen is effective

**Is 3y DFS really a surrogate endpoint for OS in the current era?**

**It was already established that 3y DFS is a valid surrogate marker for 5y OS**



Sargent et al. JCO 2005 ; Sargent et al. JCO 2007; Sargent et al. EJC 2011

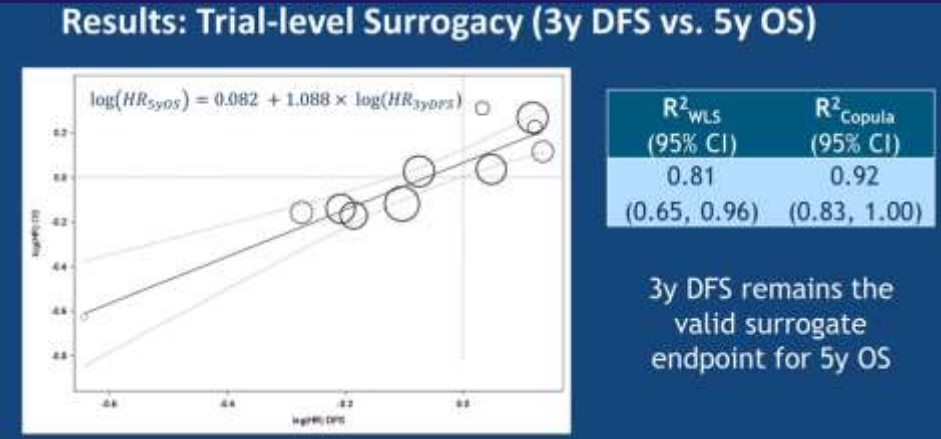
**This analysis was needed because...**

- Extended survival after recurrence reduces reliability of 3y DFS as surrogate of 5y OS in a simulation study

(de Gramont et al. JCO 2010)

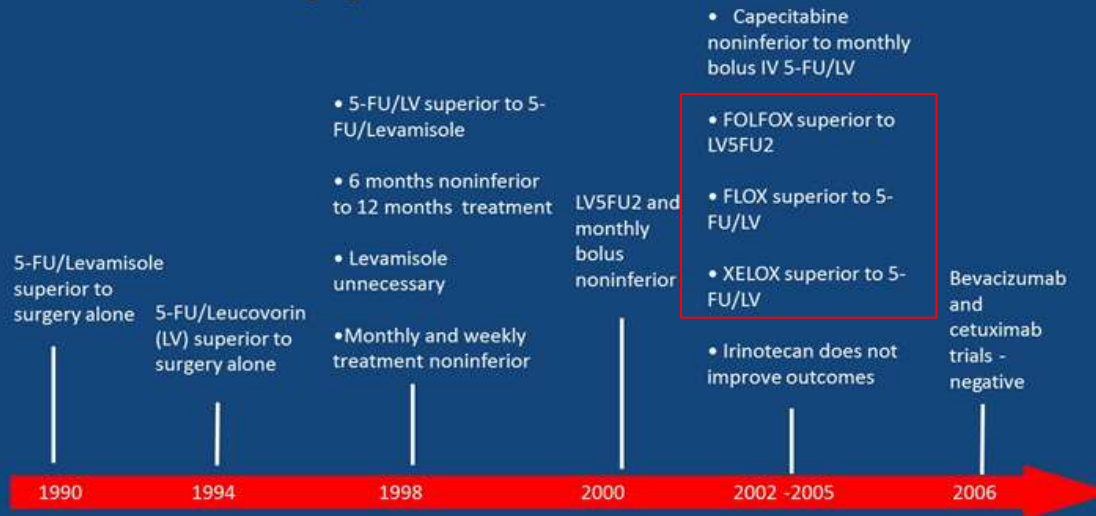
- FOLFOX treated colon cancer showed improved survival after recurrence and OS for stage III colon cancer patients over years

(Salem et al. ASCO GI 2018)





# Adjuvant Therapy for Colon Cancer



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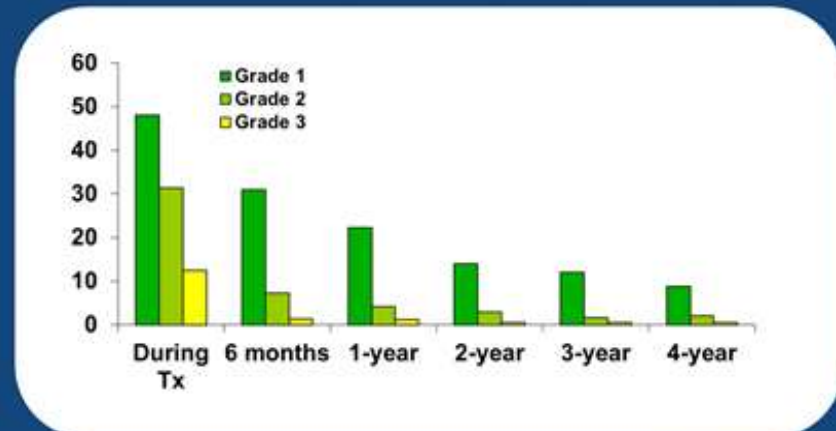
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## Incidence of Neurosensory Symptoms during Treatment and Follow-up after FOLFOX



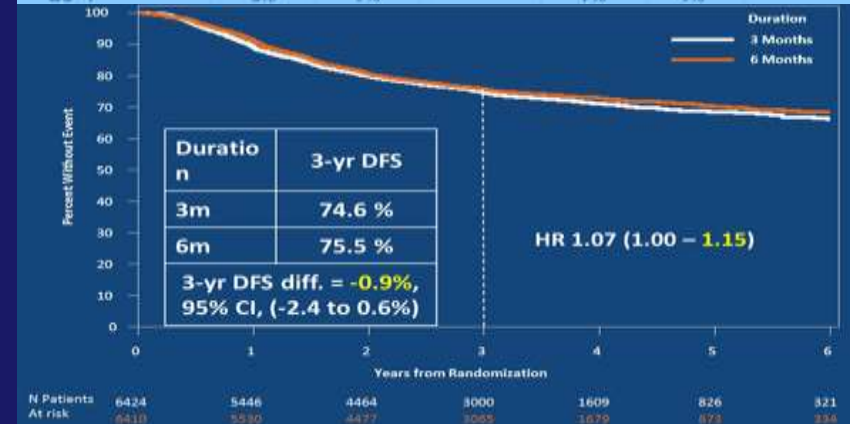
# International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant Therapy Study (IDEA)

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C80702	mFOLFOX6	2440	US, Canada
HORG	CAPOX or FOLFOX4	708	Greece
ACHIEVE	CAPOX or mFOLFOX6	1291	Japan



\*Several trials included additional features (e.g., the inclusion of patients with stage II or rectal cancers)

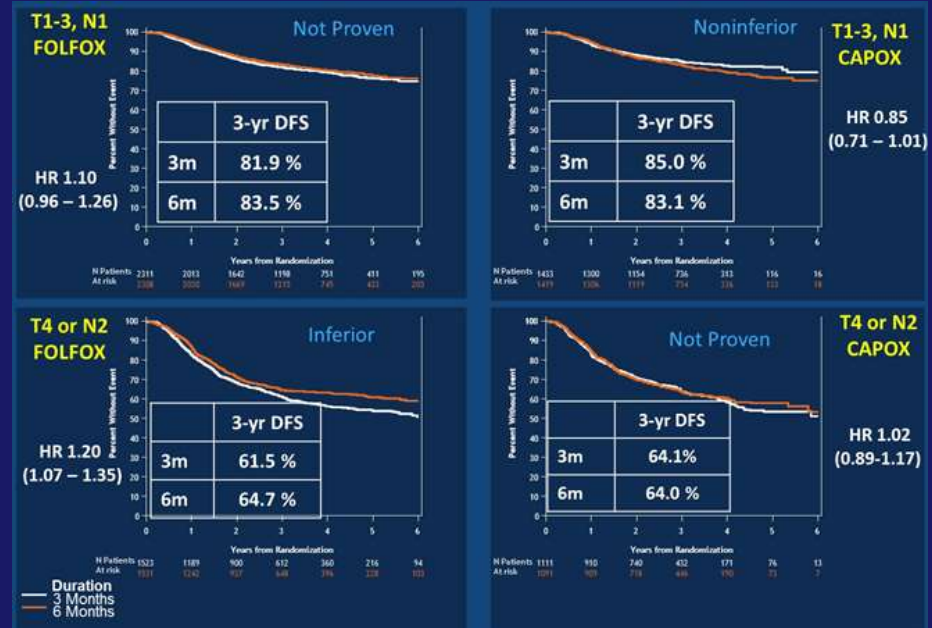
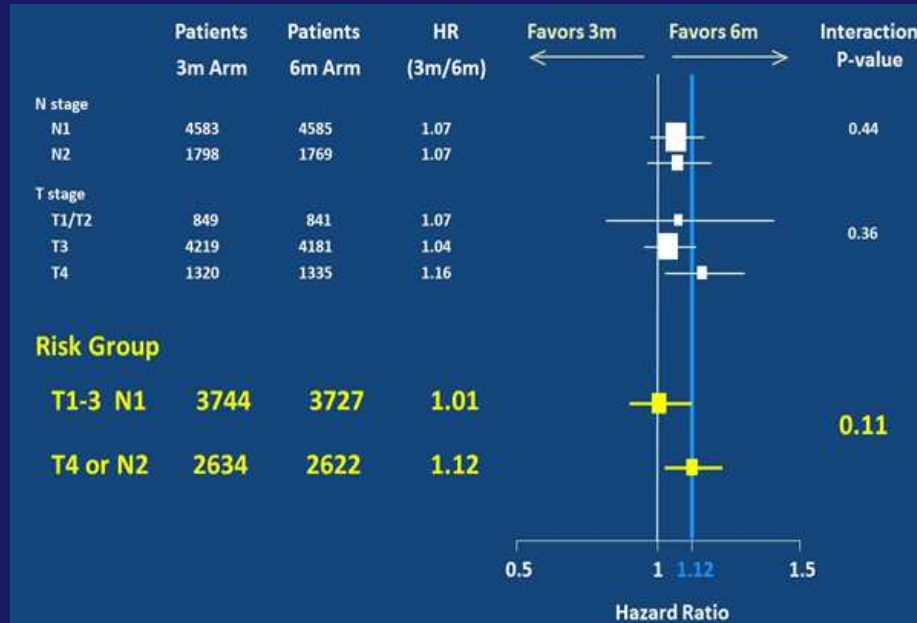
	FOLFOX			CAPOX		
Adverse Events	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value†	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value†
Overall						
G2	32%	32%	<.0001	41%	48%	<.0001
G3-4	38%	57%		24%	37%	
Neurotoxicity						
G2	14%	32%	<.0001	12%	36%	<.0001
G3-4	3%	16%		3%	9%	
Diarrhea						
G2	11%	13%	<.0001	10%	13%	0.0117
G3-4	5%	7%		7%	9%	



- Noninferiority of 3m vs 6m could be claimed if the upper limit of the two-sided 95% CI of the HR did not exceed 1.12

# International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant Therapy Study (IDEA)

## DFS Comparison by Risk Groups



IDEA was not able to compare CAPOX and FOLFOX



**Three versus six months adjuvant FOLFOX or CAPOX for  
high risk stage II and stage III colon cancer patients:  
efficacy results of Hellenic Oncology Research Group (HORG)  
participation to**

**International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant chemotherapy (IDEA)**

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Michael Vaslamatzis, Alexandros Ardavanis, Athanasios Athanasiadis, Nikolaos Androulakis,  
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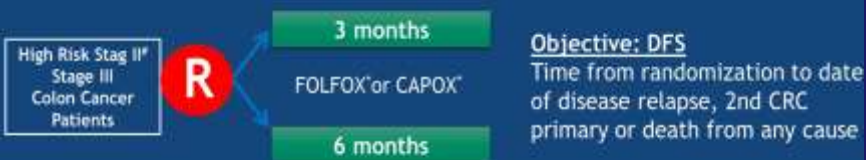
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## Study Design



Accrual goal 1,000 patients

Accrual Period: April 2009 to October 2015

\*Investigator's choice, no randomization

\* T4, obstruction/perforation, EMVI, undifferentiated carcinomas

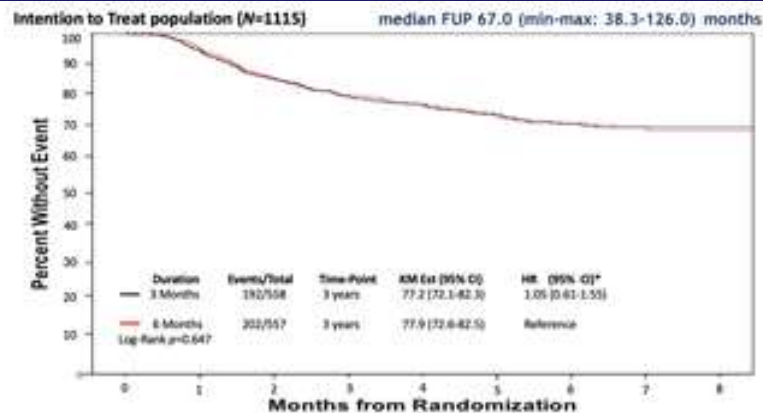
## Statistical Considerations

- HORG-IDEA had a target accrual of 1,000 patients within the IDEA collaboration
- No formal statistical calculation for number of patients was applied
- Due to lack of statistical power of HORG-IDEA for non-inferiority analysis, current report focuses on superiority analysis using a non prespecified, descriptive methodology

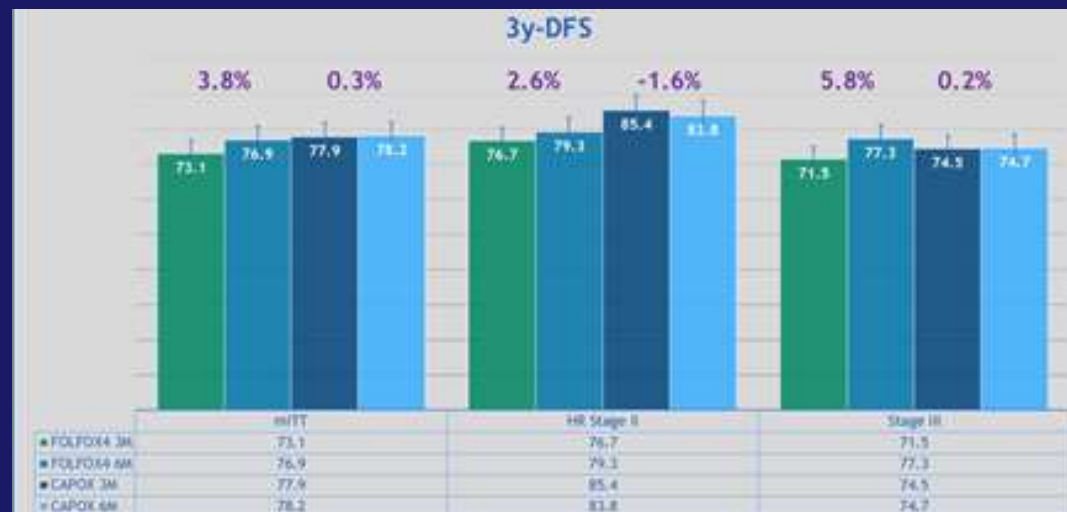
## Adverse Events

	3M (%)	6M (%)	p-value
Any	20	32	0.037
Neutropenia	11	14	0.482
Febrile Neutropenia	1.4	1.2	0.517
Fatigue	2.8	6.0	0.002
Nausea	1.4	1.8	0.603
Diarrhea	5	8	0.019
Maximum Neuropathy During Treatment			
0-1	70	44	0.004
2	24	35	
3-4	6	21	
Residual Neuropathy at last follow-up visit			
2	1.3	4	<0.001
3	0.2	1.1	<0.001

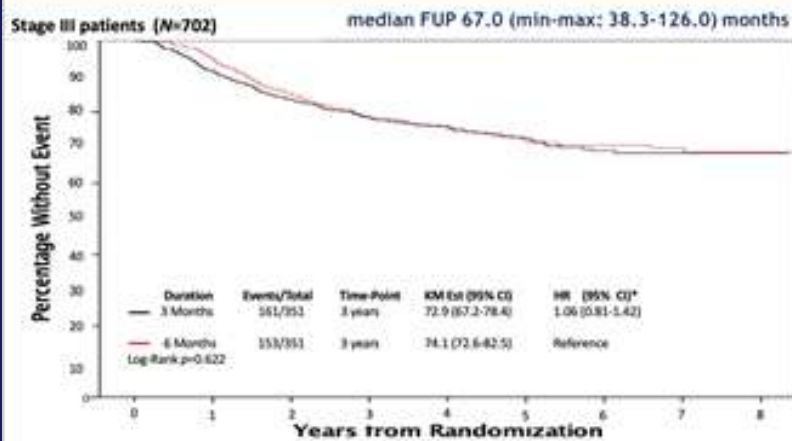
### 3y-DFS for the mITT population (N=1115)



### 3y-DFS according to stage and regimen



### 3y-DFS for Stage III (N=413)



### Results consistent with IDEA:

- 3m of CAPOX appears to be as good as 6m of CAPOX
- 3m of FOLFOX carries too much risk of inferiority



**Prospective pooled analysis of four randomised trials investigating duration of adjuvant oxaliplatin-based therapy (3 vs 6 months) for patients with high-risk stage II colorectal cancer:**  
**The IDEA (International Duration Evaluation of Adjuvant Chemotherapy) Collaboration**

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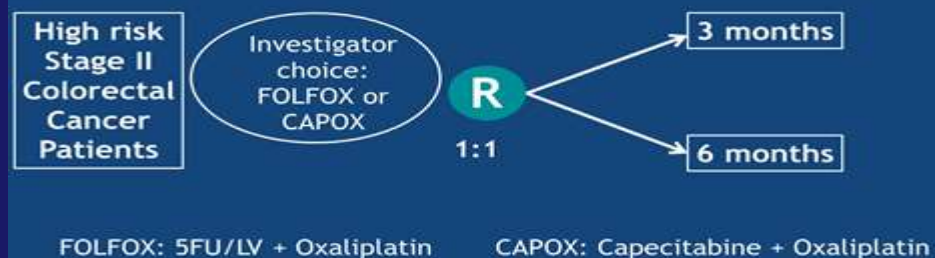
**IDEA: Would we be able to extend the same observations to patients with high risk stage 2 disease?**



Trial	Regimen(s)	HR stage II Colorectal Cancer Patients	Enrolling Country
TOSCA	CAPOX or FOLFOX4	1268	Italy
SCOT	CAPOX or mFOLFOX6	1078*	UK, Denmark, Spain, Australia, Sweden
HORG	CAPOX or FOLFOX4	413	Greece
ACHIEVE2	CAPOX or mFOLFOX6	514	Japan

\*Included 130 rectal patients

## Study Schema



## Definition of High Risk Stage II Disease

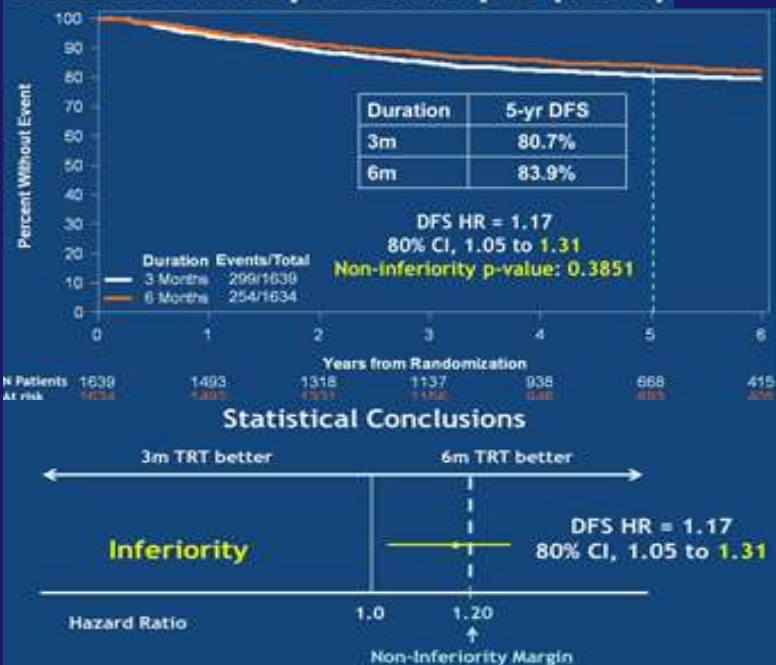
- T4
- Poorly differentiated
- Invasion (vascular/lymphatic/perineural)
- Inadequate nodal harvest (<10 SCOT, <12 TOSCA, HORG, ACHIEVE)
- Obstruction
- Perforation

## Adverse Events

Adverse Events	FOLFOX			CAPOX			Overall		
	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value	3m Arm	6m Arm	p-value
Overall									
G2	33%	36%	<0.0001	35%	47%	<0.0001	34%	42%	<0.0001
G3-5*	31%	51%		22%	32%		26%	40%	
Neurotoxicity									
G2	9%	26%	<0.0001	14%	29%	<0.0001	12%	28%	<0.0001
G3-4	1%	9%		2%	8%		1%	8%	
Diarrhea									
G2	7%	12%	0.0031	7%	12%	0.0026	7%	12%	0.0002
G3-5*	4%	6%		5%	7%		5%	7%	



## Results: Primary DFS Analysis (mITT)

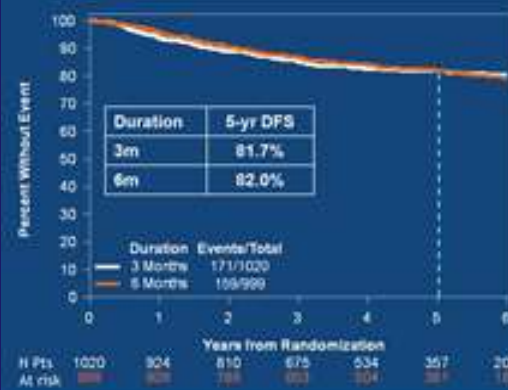


## Rationale for Non-Inferiority Margin

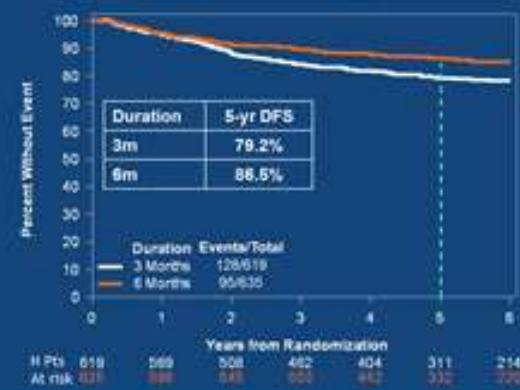
- MOSAIC study: 5yr DFS in high risk stage II colon cancer patients was improved from 74.6% to 82.3% by adding oxaliplatin to LV5FU2
  - HR = 0.72, 95% CI, 0.50 to 1.02
  - Absolute increase: 7.7%
- Clinically meaningful inferiority in patients with stage II disease: HR  $\geq 1.2$  (i.e. Non-inferiority margin = 1.2 – equivalent to maintaining 60% of benefit from adding oxaliplatin to LV5FU2)

## Results: DFS Comparison by Regimen

### CAPOX



### FOLFOX



- Overall non-inferiority not shown for 3m treatment for high risk stage II disease
- Similar regimen effect seen as in stage III disease

# **Association of Colon Cancer Molecular Signatures with Prognosis and Oxaliplatin Prediction-Benefit in the MOSAIC Trial**

**(Multicenter International Study of Oxaliplatin/  
5FU-LV in the Adjuvant Treatment of Colon Cancer)**

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Rim S. Kim, Huichen Feng, Patrick G. Gavin, Jean-Luc Van Laethem,  
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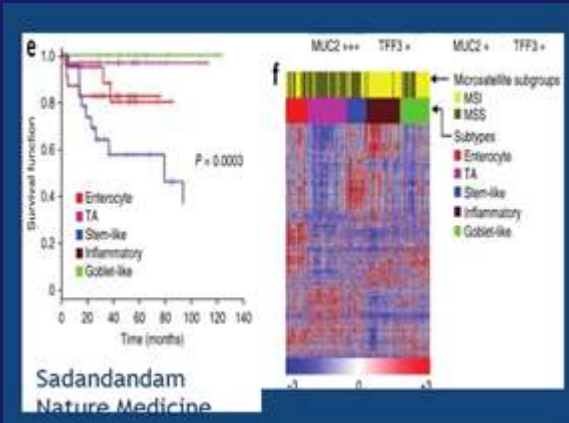


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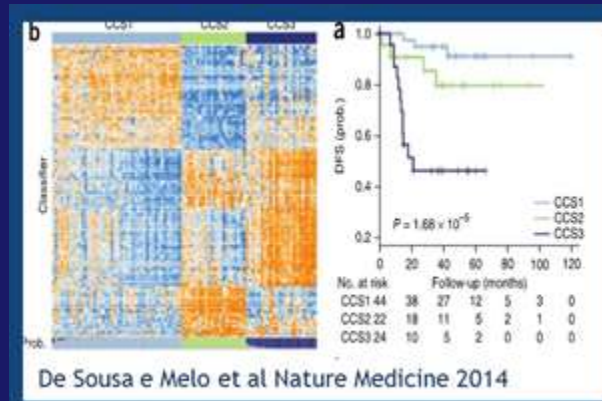
**Surrogate markers are desperately needed in adjuvant therapy**

**Should we move to a new era of molecularly defined subsets?**

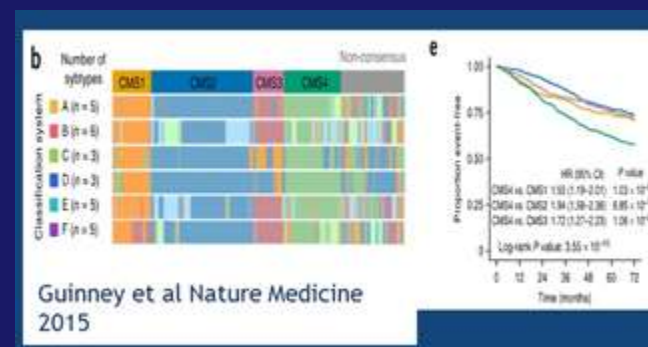
## CRC Amplifier Subsets: Gene Expression Profiling



## CSS: Colon Cancer Subtypes: CCS1-3



## Consensus Molecular Subtypes: CMS1-4

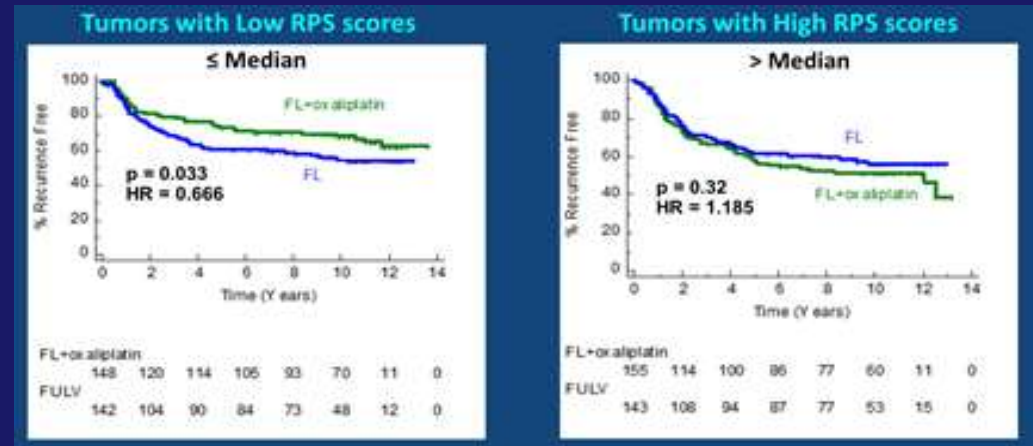


- The current gene expression profiles may be good prognostic tools but they are an inconsistent predictive tool
- These tools were developed independent of the mechanisms of action of 5-FU and Oxaliplatin

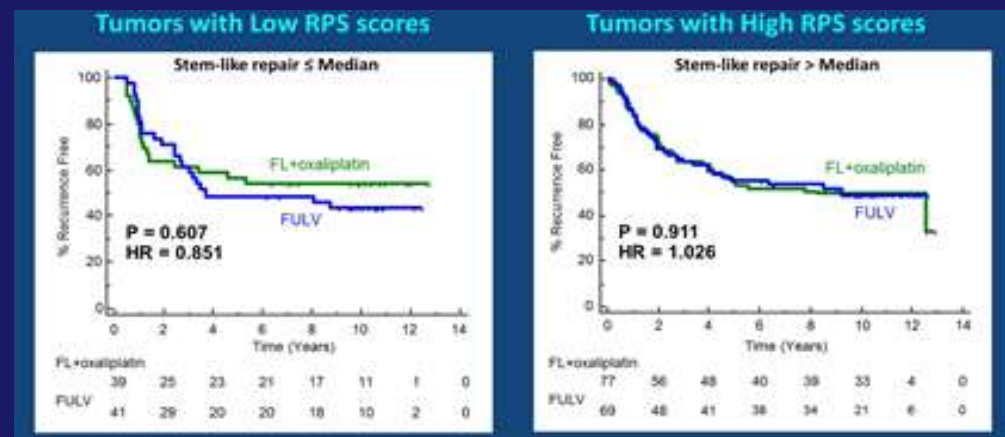


## Stage III with low RPS scores received oxaliplatin benefit

- **Recombination Proficiency Score (RPS):** uses expression of 4 genes involved in DNA repair pathway presence (RF1, PAR1, RAD51 and Ku80). Pitroda et al. STM 2014
- High expression yields low RPS signaling error-prone repair processes and lethality to DNA damaging agents i.e. predictive for platinum



## Stem-like tumors with low RPS scores did not receive oxaliplatin benefit







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# FOxTROT:

an international randomised controlled trial  
in 1052 patients evaluating neoadjuvant  
chemotherapy for colon cancer.



On behalf of the FOxTROT collaborative group

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**Should be considered neoadjuvant therapy in localized colon cancer?**

# Why consider neoadjuvant therapy in localized colon cancer

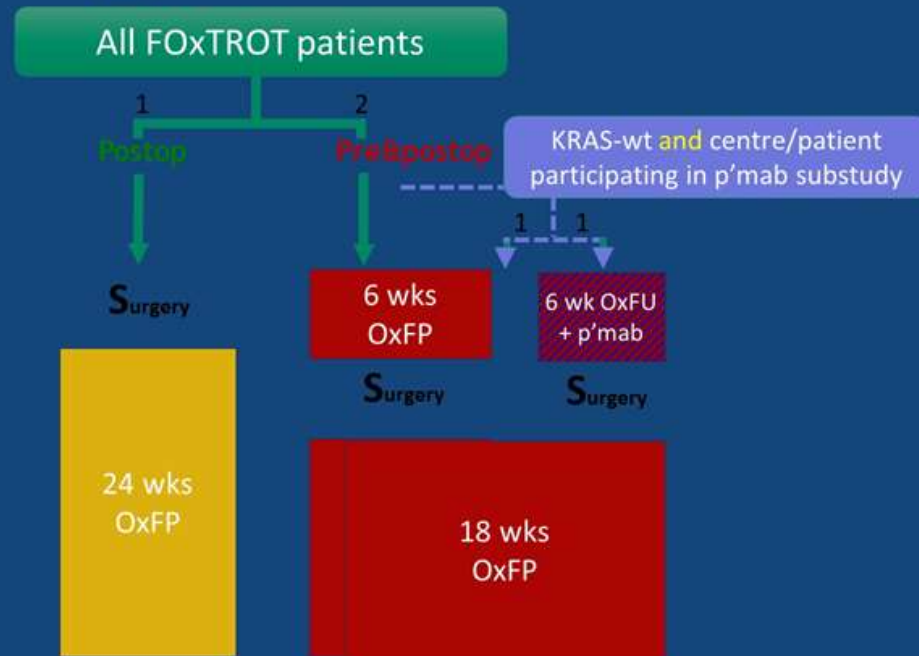
## Advantages

- **Response might reduce the risk of incomplete surgical resection**
- **Address micrometastatic disease early**
- **Pathologic response may be early surrogate endpoint for survival and opportunity to personalise**
- **Facilitates translational studies**

## Disadvantages

- **Delay surgery**
- **Risk of progression prior to surgery**
- **Potential for increased surgical complications**
- **Potential for overtreatment**

# Trial Design



- **Primary question: does preoperative chemotherapy increase the cure rate?**

- Primary outcome: relapse/persistent disease out to 2 yrs
  - 1050 patients, 80% power for a 25% reduction at  $p < 0.05$  (eg 32% to 24%)

- Secondary outcomes: downstaging; tumour regression; curative (R0) resection rate; perioperative safety

## The patients

All baseline characteristics were well-balanced between treatment arms

	n=1052
Age	Median 65 yrs (IQR 57-70); 28% ≥70yrs
Sex M:F	64:36
WHO PS 0 : 1 : 2	76% : 22% : 1%
Primary location in colon	49% right : 51% left
Predicted T-stage from CT scan	75% rT4/T3 <sub>≥5mm</sub> : 25% rT3 <sub>&lt;5mm</sub>

## The in-trial choices

	pre&post n=698	post n=354	total n=1052
<b>Chemotherapy schedule</b>			
OxMdG (= mFOLFOX)	72%	72%	72%
OxCap (= XelOx)	28%	28%	28%
<b>Planned total chemotherapy duration</b>			
24 weeks	94%	94%	94%
12 weeks	6%	6%	6%

## Perioperative Complications

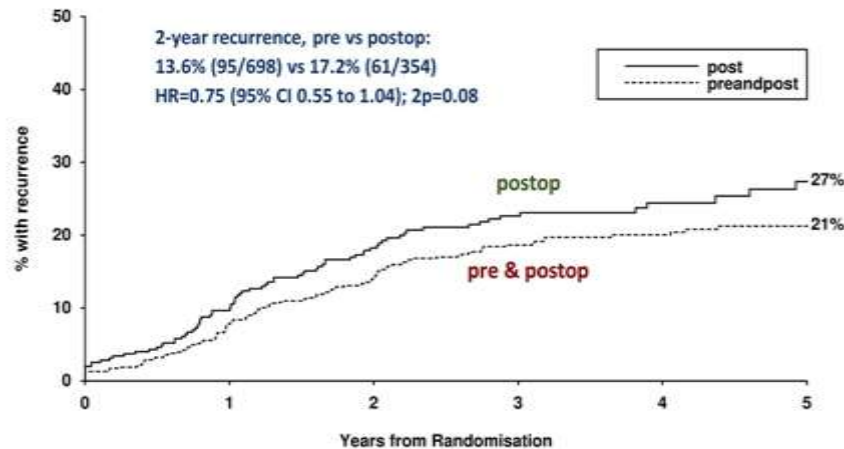
	Pre&post n=682	Post n=350	
Wound infection	8.5%	8.9%	p=0.85
Bronchopneumonia	1.8%	3.1%	p=0.16
PE ± DVT	1.6%	0.6%	p=0.18
Anastomotic leak or intra-abdo abscess	4.7%	7.4%	p=0.07
complication requiring further surgery	4.3%	7.1%	p=0.05
complication prolonging hospital stay	11.6%	14.3%	p=0.22
Death within 30 days	0.6%	0.6%	p=0.98

Safety conclusion: Preop chemotherapy did not increase surgical morbidity:  
in fact there were fewer major surgical complications.



## Primary outcome: 2-year efficacy

### Recurrence – by treatment allocation



At risk:

Years from Randomisation	0	1	2	3	4	5
postop	354	303	245	180	107	64
pre & postop	698	618	541	375	224	144

## Completeness of resection

Local pathologist score*	neoadjuvant chemotherapy n=689	Straight to surgery n=353
Did not undergo surgery		
R2 – microscopically incomplete		
R1 – microscopically incomplete	4.2%	8.8%
R0 – microscopically complete	93.1%	88.4%

Risk of undergoing surgery without achieving R0:

R1, R2 or no resection: 4.8% vs 11.1%

\*concordance of local vs central assessment of resection margins = 99% (n=904)

## Tumour stage/size at surgery

Local pathology	neoadj. chemo n=682	Straight to surgery n=347
pT0	4.1%	0%
pT1 / pT2	11.7%	5.8%
pT3	63.7%	64.5%
pT4	20.5%	29.8%

p<0.0001 (MH)

## Nodal stage at surgery

Local pathology	Neoadjuvant chemotherapy n=682	straight to surgery n=346
pN0	59.4%	48.8%
pN1 (1-3 nodes)	25.4%	25.1%
pN2 (≥4 nodes)	15.2%	25.9%
Apical node positive	3.8%	7.5%

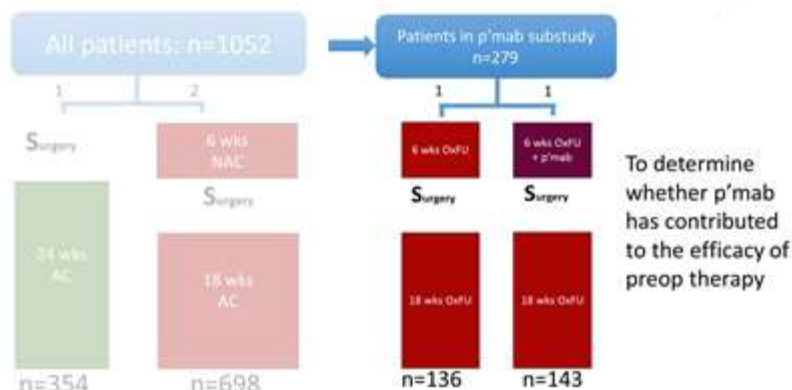
p<0.0001 (MH)  
p=0.013

## Efficacy conclusion:

- Trend toward improved 2-year relapse rate, which reached target HR but not predetermined significance:  
HR=0.75 (0.55-1.04), p=0.08
- Significant down-staging and reduced risk of incomplete resection

This is not practice changing in terms of standard of care, but promising as a treatment option

## Sensitivity analysis - to assess impact of panitumumab



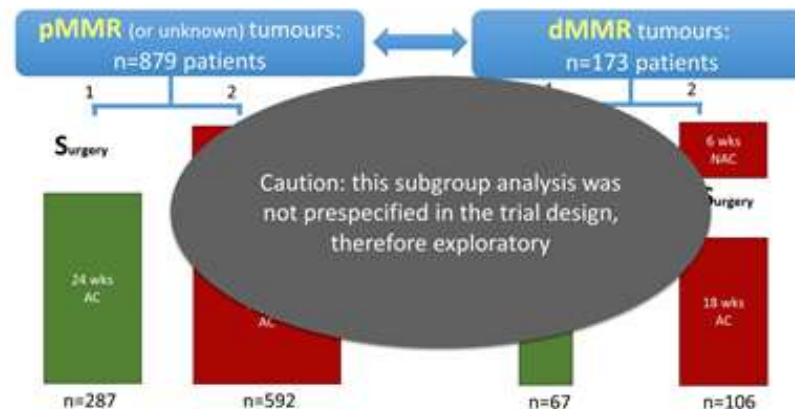
## Effect of panitumumab

### Adding panitumumab to NAC did not increase the observed rate of tumour regression

91% scored blind by central pathologist; 9% by local pathologists

	Preop OxFU alone n=134	Preop OxFU + p'mab n=140	
Complete Response (TRG4)	3.7%	0.7%	p=0.30 MH
Marked Regression (TRG3)	4.5%	2.2%	
Moderate Regression (TRG2)	14.3%	13.9%	
Little Regression (TRG1)	39.8%	48.2%	
No regression (TRG0)	37.6%	35.0%	

## Key subgroup analysis: MMR



### Subgroup analysis conclusion:

- **dMMR tumours:** no regression in most (but some pCRs); no benefit seen at 2 years.
- **pMMR tumours:** borderline significant impact on 2-year endpoint.

NB exploratory analysis; interaction not significant: interpret with caution.

# Neoadjuvant Checkpoint Inhibition in Localized Colon Cancer

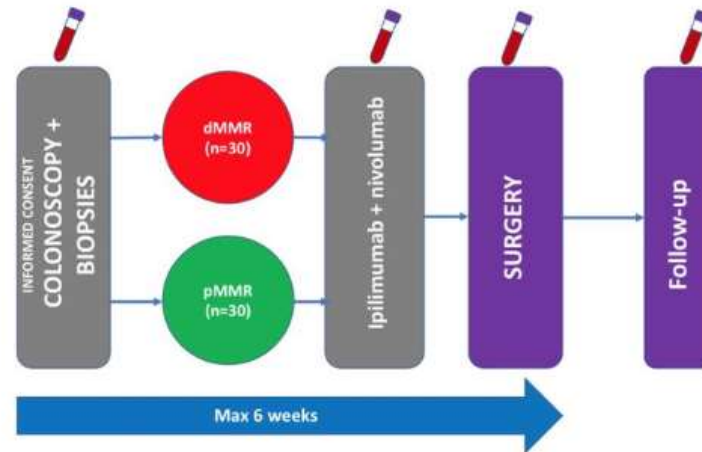
## NICHE – pre-operative adaptive design

### Primary objective:

- safety/feasibility

### Secondary objectives:

- efficacy
- associations between response and
  - tumor mutational burden (TMB)
  - interferon (IFN)<sub>γ</sub> gene signatures
  - T-cell infiltration
  - TCR clonality



## efficacy - major response in 100% of dMMR tumors

dMMR (n=7)		
Pre-treatment clinical stage	Pathological stage at resection	Residual vital tumor
cT2N2a	ypT0N0	0 %
cT2N0	ypT0N0	0 %
cT2N0	ypT0N0	0 %
cT3N0	ypT0N0	0 %
cT3N2a	ypT1N0	1 %
cT4aN2a	ypT2N0	2 %
cT4aN1a	ypT3N1	2 %

pMMR (n=8)		
Pre-treatment clinical stage	Pathological stage at resection	Residual vital tumor
cT3N1a	ypT3N2	85 %
cT3N0	ypT3N0	90 %
cT2N0	ypT3N1	90 %
cT2N0	ypT3N0	90 %
cT3N1b	ypT3N1	90 %
cT3N1b	ypT3N2	95 %
cT3N0	ypT3N0	100%
cT2N0	ypT2N0	100 %

# Neoadjuvant Checkpoint Inhibition in Localized Colon Cancer



NICOLEE (Nivolumab in Locally Advanced COLOn Cancer)



“Preoperative Nivolumab in patients with locally advanced colon cancer (T3 or T4): a window-of-opportunity study.”

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## Objectives

### PRIMARY

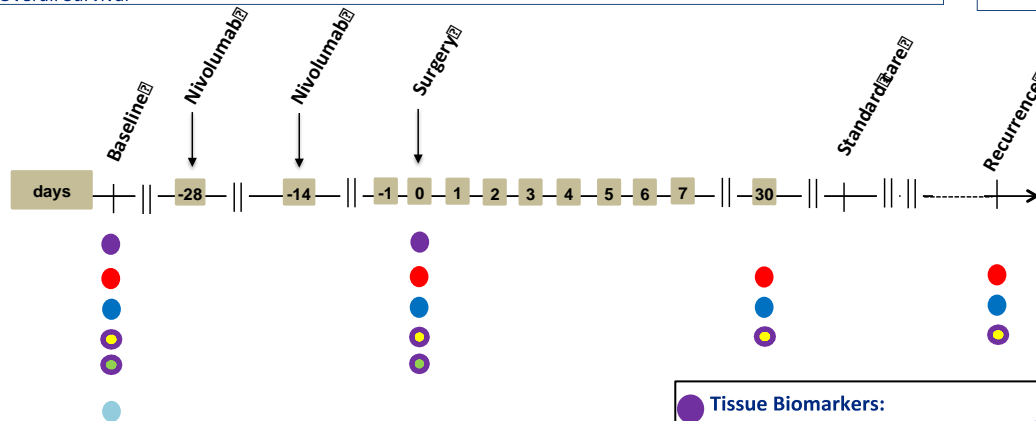
- To determine the feasibility of Nivolumab in the preoperative setting in patients with T3-T4 colon cancer.
- To determine the degree of pathologic regression.
- To determine molecular and immunophenotypic changes in tumor and peripheral blood evaluating several biomarkers.

### SECONDARY

- Objective Tumor Response Rate (ORR)
- Metabolic Response by FDG-PET
- Postoperative complications (within 60 days from surgery)
- Relapse-Free Survival
- Overall Survival

## Eligibility

Patients diagnosed with histologically confirmed adenocarcinoma of colon with staging of locally advanced (T3 or T4) and no prior treatments (chemotherapy, radiation or surgery). Locally advanced colon cancer must be documented by spiral or multidetector computed tomography (CT) scan.



- Tissue (tumor and normal)
- Blood for Biomarkers
- Blood count, Biochemistry, electrolyte, coagulation and Urinalysis
- TAC t.b.
- PETFDG.
- Faeces collection (Microbiome and Metabolomic profiling)

### Tissue Biomarkers:

Immunoscore; PD-L1 expression; Inflammatory response; T-cell receptor (TCR) Sequencing/Gene Expression analysis. Colorectal cancer immune gene signature by Nanostring MSI and RAS/Braf status; Tumor mutational burden

### Blood Biomarkers:

Circulating cytokines and chemokines profiling; Myeloid-derived suppressors cells and immune cell subtypes expression and lymphocyte activation; Metabolomic profiling;

- A total of 22 patients will receive nivolumab at a flat dosage of 240 mg every two weeks prior to planned surgery.
- Postoperatively, standard adjuvant chemotherapy will be administered in pathological III-stage and at investigator discretion in pathological II-stage.





# **NRG-GI002: A Phase II Clinical Trial Platform using Total Neoadjuvant Therapy (TNT) in Locally-advanced Rectal Cancer: First Experimental Arm Initial Results**

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Abstract 3505

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**Locally advanced rectal cancer comprises a heterogeneous group of tumors in which outcomes vary significantly.**

**Does intensified neoadjuvant therapy offer advantage in high risk rectal cancer?**



# AGENDA

- **Early stages:**
  - adjuvant CT**
  - surrogate markers**
  - neoadjuvant CT**
- **mCRC:**
- **triplet/bev vs doublet/bev**

# Randomized Phase III Study comparing FOLFOX + Bevacizumab vs FOLFOXIRI + Bevacizumab as 1st line treatment in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer with $\geq 3$ baseline circulating tumor cells

## The VISNU 1 trial

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**Abstract 3507** On behalf of the Spanish Cooperative Group for the Treatment of Digestive Tumors (TTD)

## What is the ideal population to use FOLFOXIRI + Bevacizumab?



# Rationale

- FOLFOXIRI plus bevacizumab has demonstrated a PFS and OS benefit compared with FOLFIRI plus bevacizumab<sup>1,2</sup> in first-line mCRC.
- The ideal population to use triplet drug + bevacizumab combination is not well defined.
- Baseline CTC count  $\geq 3$  has been defined as a poor prognostic factor<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>.
- In the MACRO trial<sup>5</sup>, patients with  $\geq 3$  CTCs at baseline treated with CAPOX + Bevacizumab had a PFS of 7.8 mo.

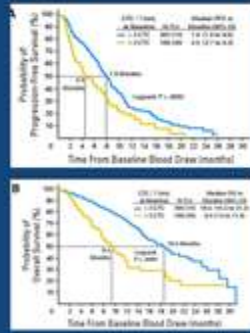
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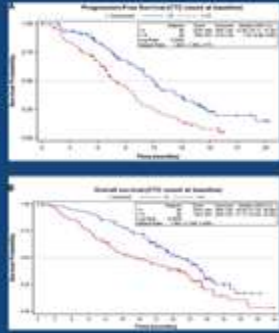
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<sup>6</sup>Tal J, et al. Ann Oncol 2010

## $\geq 3$ Circulating Tumor Cells is an Adverse Feature

Cohen prospective cohort mCRC



MACRO Trial: CapeOX-bev



	$\geq 3$ vs $< 3$ CTC at Baseline	
	HR PFS	HR OS
Cohen cohort (n=413)	1.74 (1.33-2.26)	2.45 (1.77-3.39)
MACRO trial (n=180)	1.94 (1.38-2.77)	1.62 (1.15-2.35)

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## VISNU-1: Study Design

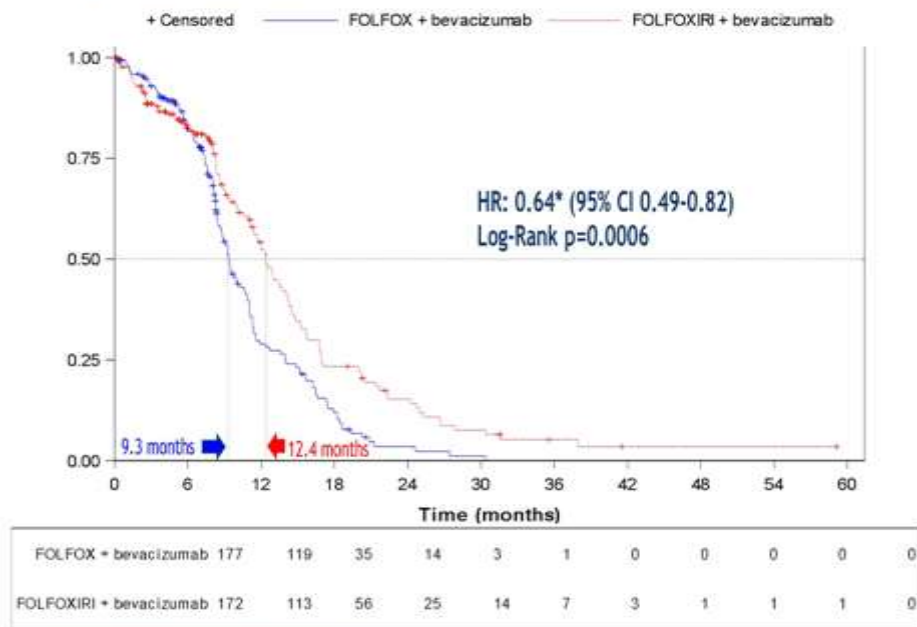
- Open, multicenter phase III trial in mCRC patients with  $\geq 3$  CTCs at baseline.



- Accrual: 50 months. October 2012-November 2016.
- Data base cut-off: November 2018.
- Tumor evaluations every 12 weeks.
- Protocol amended to add recommended prophylactic GCS-F in the FOLFOXIRI+BEV arm (after 63 pts included).

Primary endpoint: efficacy in terms of PFS.  
Secondary endpoints: OS; ORR; Resection rate and safety analysis

# PFS by treatment arm

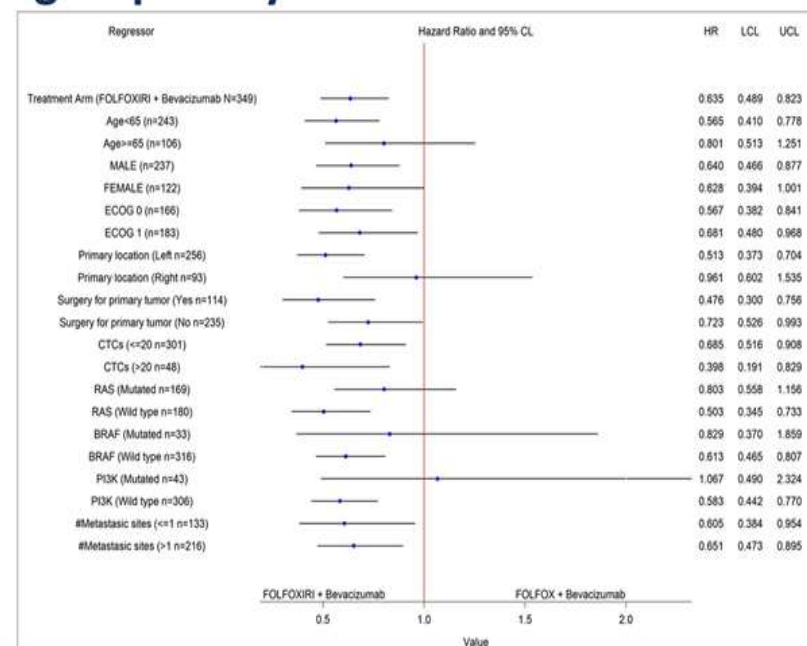


\* Cox model proportional hazard assumption is not met

	FOLFOXIRI-bev N=172	FOLFOX-bev N=177	HR, 95% CI
PFS	12.4m	9.3m	0.64 (.49-.82)
OS	22.3m	17.6m	0.84 (.66-1.06)
RR	59%	52%	

- Survival shorter in pts with high CTCs
- Benefit from FOLFOXIRI consistent with other studies
- CTCs are prognostic, not predictive of greater benefit from FOLFOXIRI

# PFS Subgroup analysis



# Safety analysis

- Safety analysis was presented at ASCO 2018.

Grade ≥3 treatment-related AEs N (%)13	FOLFOX+BEV (N=177)	FOLFOXIRI+BEV (N=170)	X <sup>2</sup> p value
Grade ≥3	119 (67)	133 (78)	0.022
Asthenia	12 (7)	27 (16)	0.007
Diarrhea	10 (6)	35 (21)	<0.001
Febrile neutropenia	4 (2)	16 (9)	0.004
Neutropenia	46 (26)	59 (35)	0.077
Mucositis	7 (4)	15 (9)	0.063
Neurotoxicity	42 (24)	32 (19)	0.265
Hypertension	8 (4)	7 (4)	0.854
Bowel perforation	7 (4)	4 (2)	0.396
Deaths associated to treatment-related AEs	6 (3)	8 (5)	0.553

Grade ≥3 treatment related AEs (asthenia, diarrhea, and febrile neutropenia) were more frequent in the FOLFOXIRI+BEV group.

# 2019 ASCO Annual Meeting

Chicago, 31st May – 4th June 2019

## Updated results of TRIBE2, a phase III, randomized strategy study by GONO in the 1st- and 2nd-line treatment of unresectable mCRC

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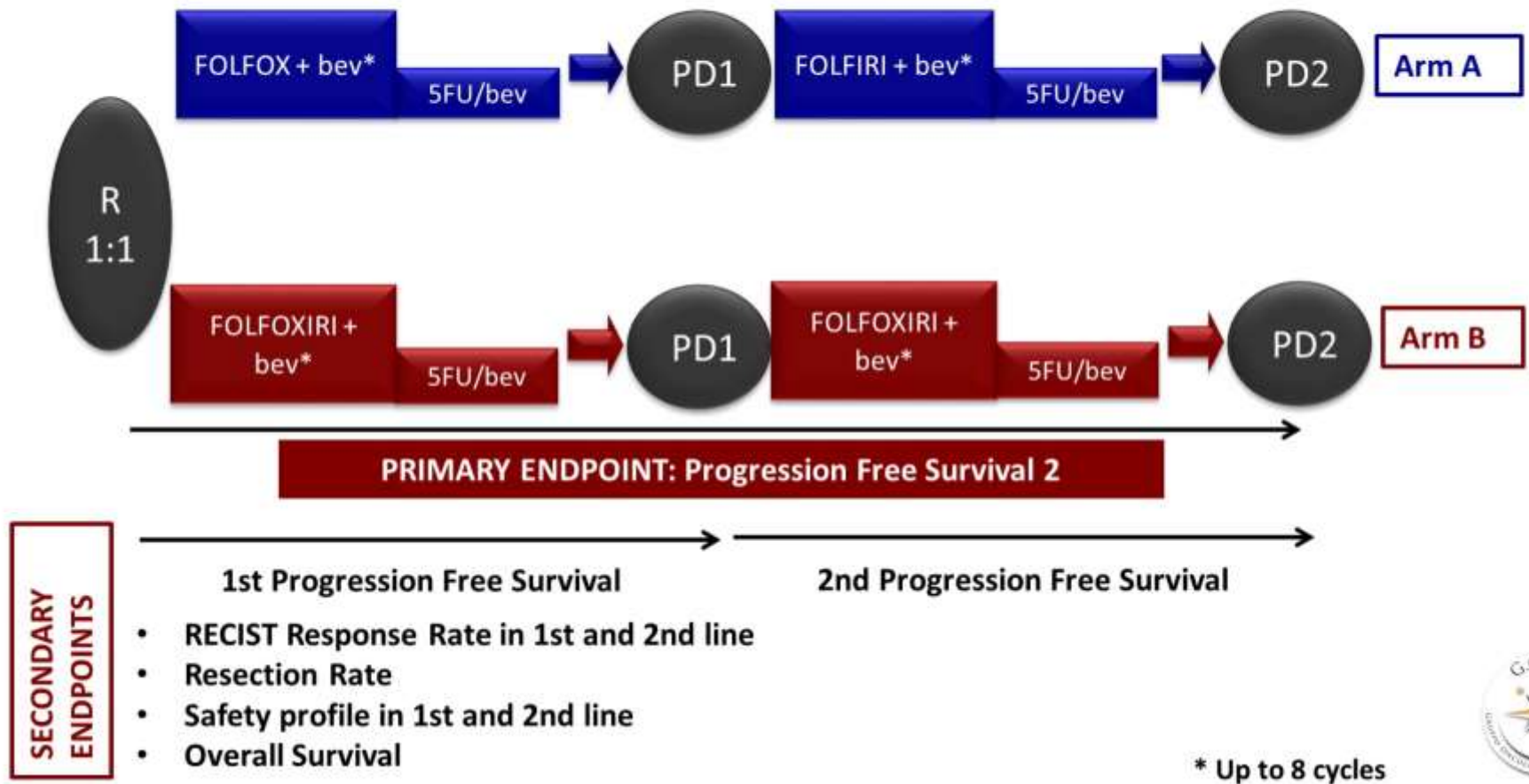
*on behalf of the GONO Investigators*



**What is the advantage of Triplet/Bevacizumab versus a sequential strategy of doublet/Bevacizumab?**



## TRIBE2: Study design





## Key eligibility criteria

- Histologically proven adenocarcinoma
- Unresectable (locally assessed) mCRC not pre-treated for mets
- Measurable disease according to RECIST v1.1
- **Age 18-75**
- **ECOG PS ≤ 2 (ECOG PS = 0 if age = 71-75 years)**
- **Adjuvant oxa-containing chemotherapy NOT allowed**
- Adjuvant fluoropyrimidine monotherapy allowed if more than 6 months elapsed between the end of adjuvant and first relapse
- Adequate bone marrow, liver and renal functions



## Patients' characteristics – ITT population

Characteristic, % patients	N=679	
	Arm A N = 340	Arm B N = 339
Sex (M / F)	61 / 39	54 / 46
Median Age (range)	61 (30 – 75)	60 (33 – 75)
ECOG PS (0 / 1-2)	85 / 15	86 / 14
Synchronous Metastases (Y / N)	89 / 11	89 / 11
Prior Adjuvant CT (Y / N)	2 / 98	2 / 98
Number Metastatic Sites (1 / >1)	38 / 62	45 / 55
Liver Only Disease (Y / N)	29 / 71	32 / 68
Primary Tumor Side (right / left)	38 / 62	38 / 62
RAS/BRAF (RAS mut / BRAF mut / wt / NE)	65 / 10 / 20 / 5	63 / 10 / 22 / 5
<b>Right AND/OR RAS/BRAF mut / Left AND RAS/BRAF wt / NA</b>	<b>79 / 16 / 5</b>	<b>78 / 17 / 5</b>

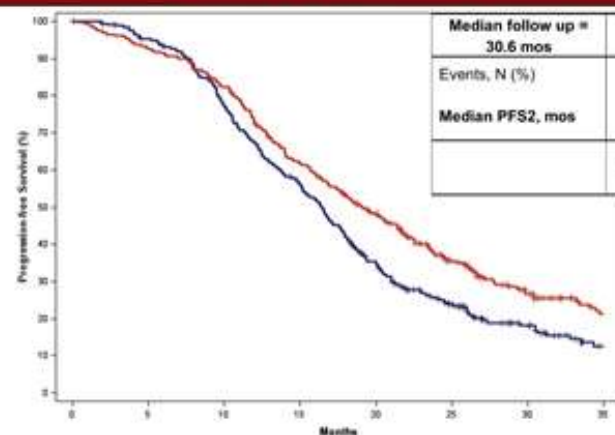


## 1st line – Response and Resection Rate

	FOLFOX + bev N = 340	FOLFOXIRI + bev N = 339	OR [95%CI], p
Complete Response	4%	3%	
Partial Response	46%	59%	
<b>Response Rate</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>1.61 [1.19-2.18], p=0.002</b>
Stable disease	40%	29%	
Progressive Disease	7%	4%	
Not Assessed	3%	5%	
<b>R0 Resection Rate</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>1.55 [1.00-2.39], p=0.047</b>
<b>Liver-limited subgroup</b>	<b>N=97</b>	<b>N=108</b>	
<b>R0 Resection Rate</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1.59 [0.88-2.86], p=0.124</b>



## Primary endpoint: Progression Free Survival 2



Median follow up = 30.6 mos	Arm A N = 340	Arm B N = 339
Events, N (%)	272 (80%)	242 (71%)
Median PFS2, mos	17.5	19.1
HR = 0.74 [95% CI: 0.62-0.88] p<0.001		

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PFS2 events, n=514

76%

## 1st line - Safety Profile

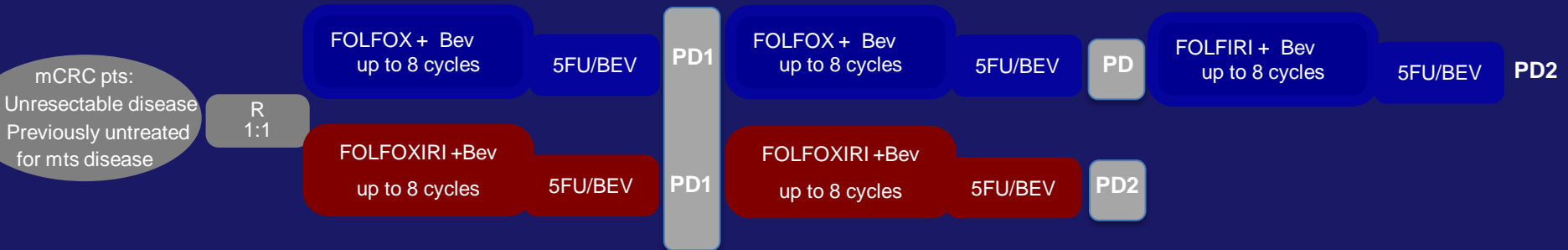
G3/4 adverse events, % patients	FOLFOX + bev N = 336	FOLFOXIRI + bev N = 336	p
Nausea	3	6	0.140
Vomiting	2	3	0.419
Diarrhea	5	17	<0.001
Stomatitis	3	5	0.299
Neutropenia	21	50	<0.001
Febrile neutropenia	3	7	0.050
Neurotoxicity	1	2	0.505
Asthenia	6	7	0.633
Hypertension	10	7	0.223
Venous thromboembolism	6	4	0.204



- The primary endpoint was met!
- Reproducibly efficacy
- Not appropriate for all patients  
(older , less robust pts, previous adjuvant oxaliplatin)

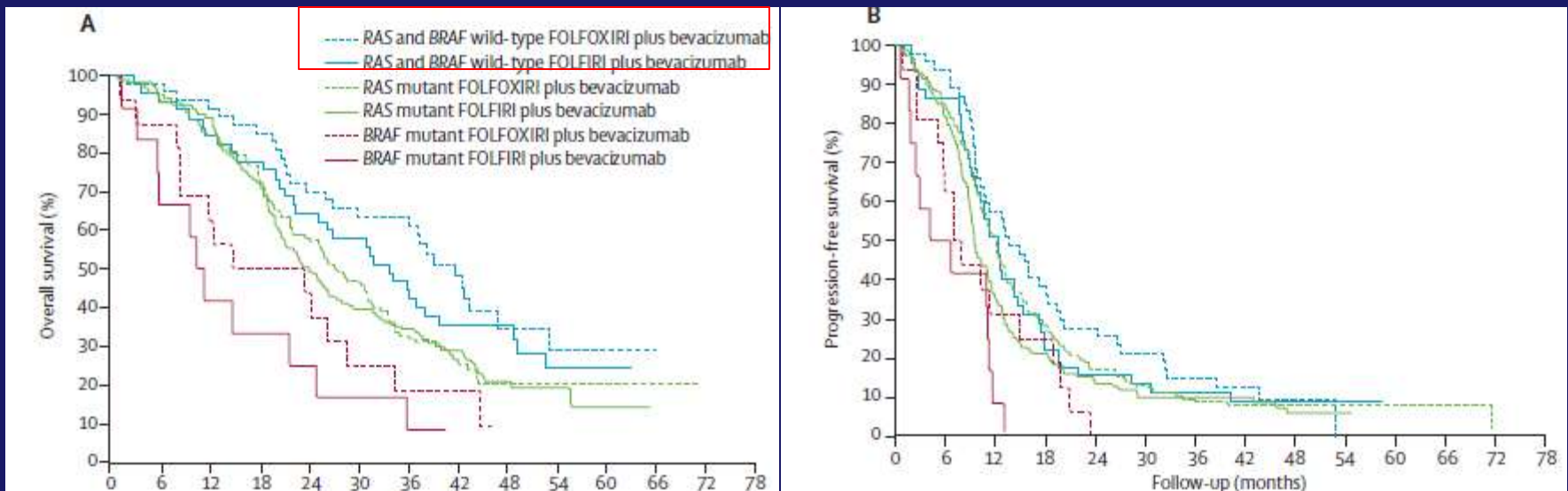
	FOLFOXIRI-bev N=339	Sequential doublet-bev N=340	
PFS2	19.1m	17.5 m	HR 0.74 (.62-.88)
PFS1	12.0m	9.8 m	HR 0.75 (.63-.88)
OS	27.6m	22.6 m	HR 0.81 (.67-.98)
RR	62%	50% (FOLFOX-bev)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> line RR	19%	12%	
2 <sup>nd</sup> line PFS	6.2 m	5.6 m	HR .87 (.73-1.04)

# Would have been the results the same if...



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## TRIBE TRIAL



Thank You  
for your attention

