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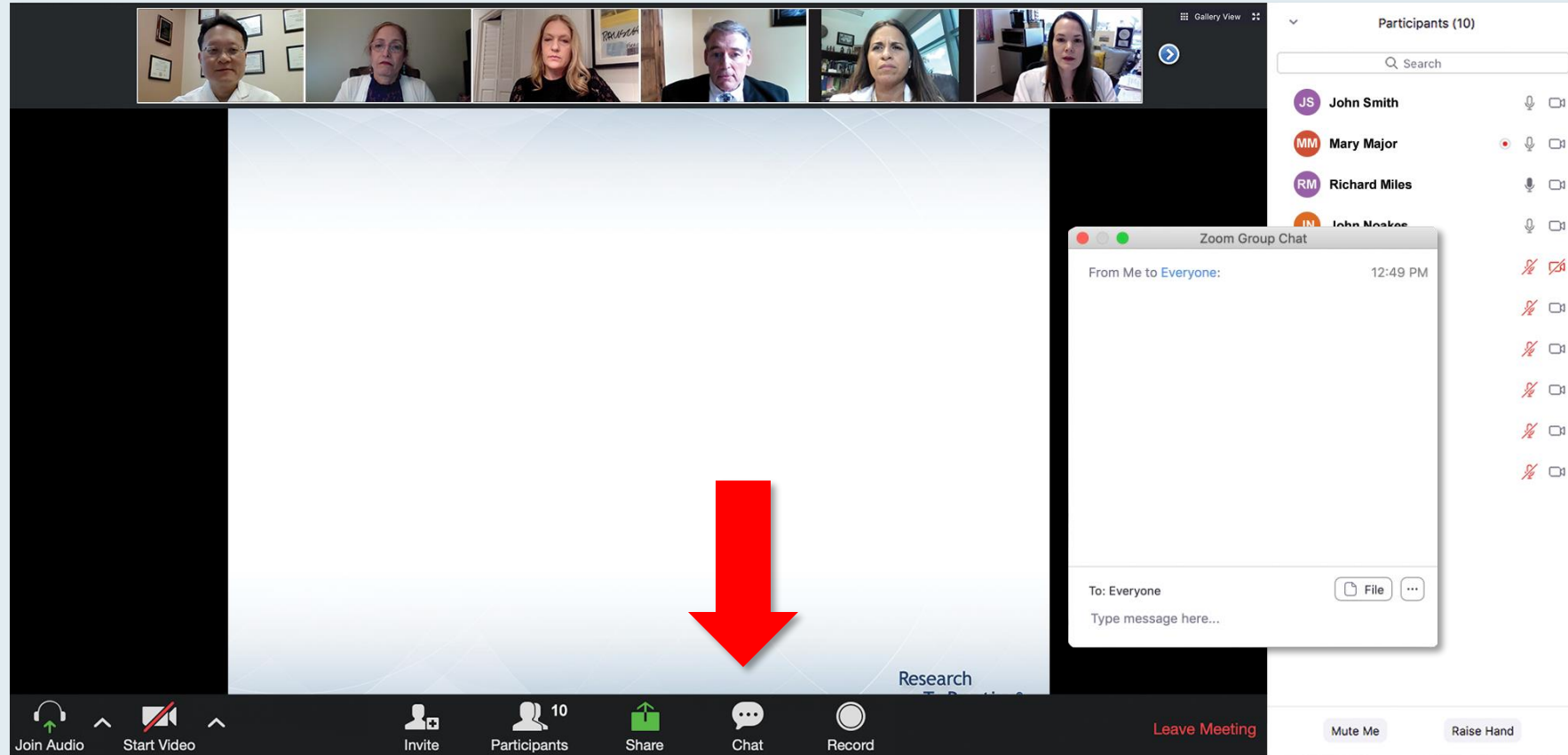
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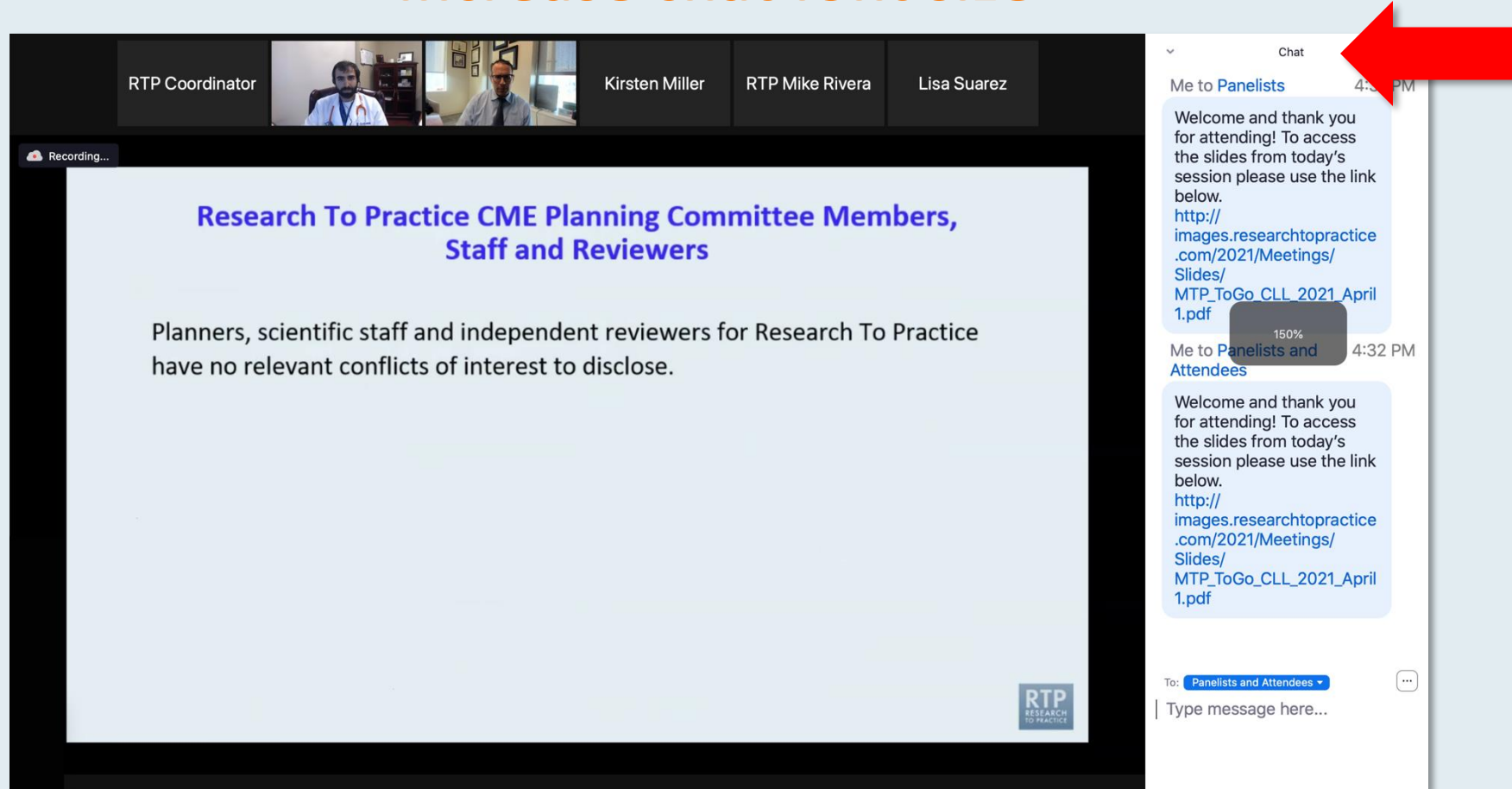
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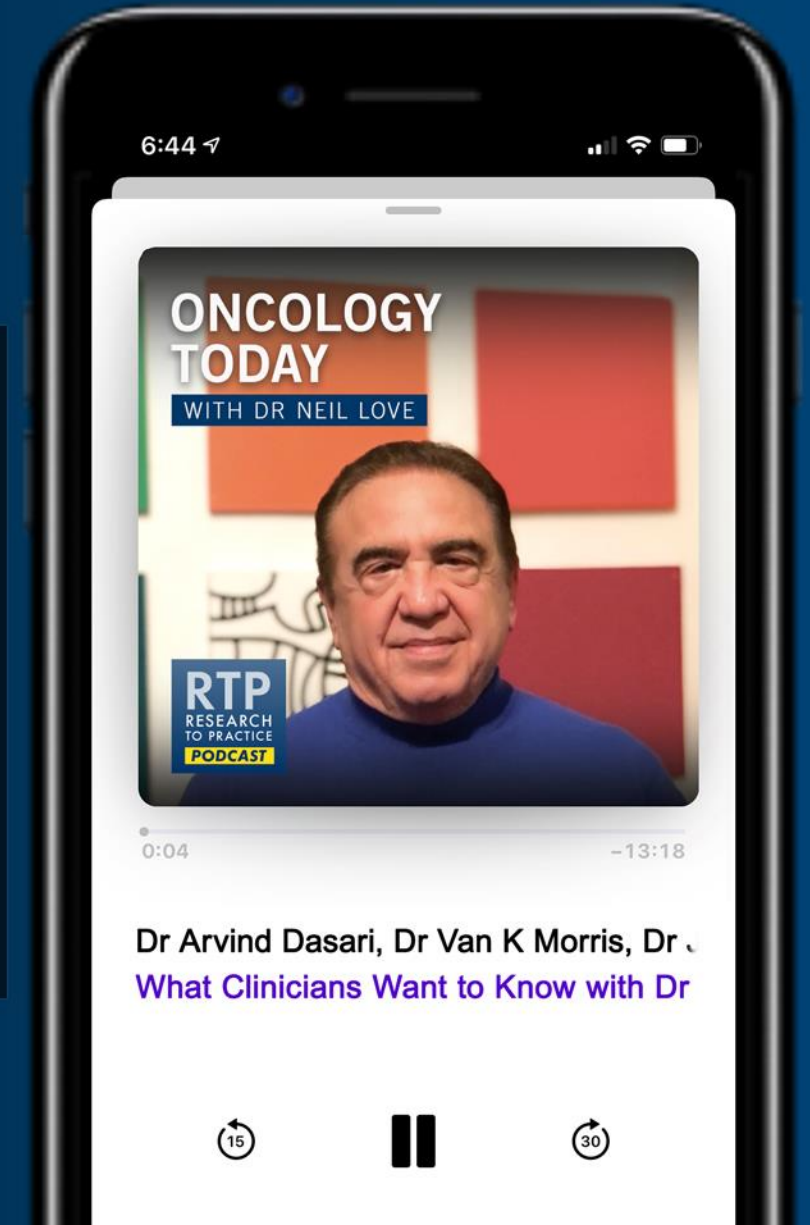
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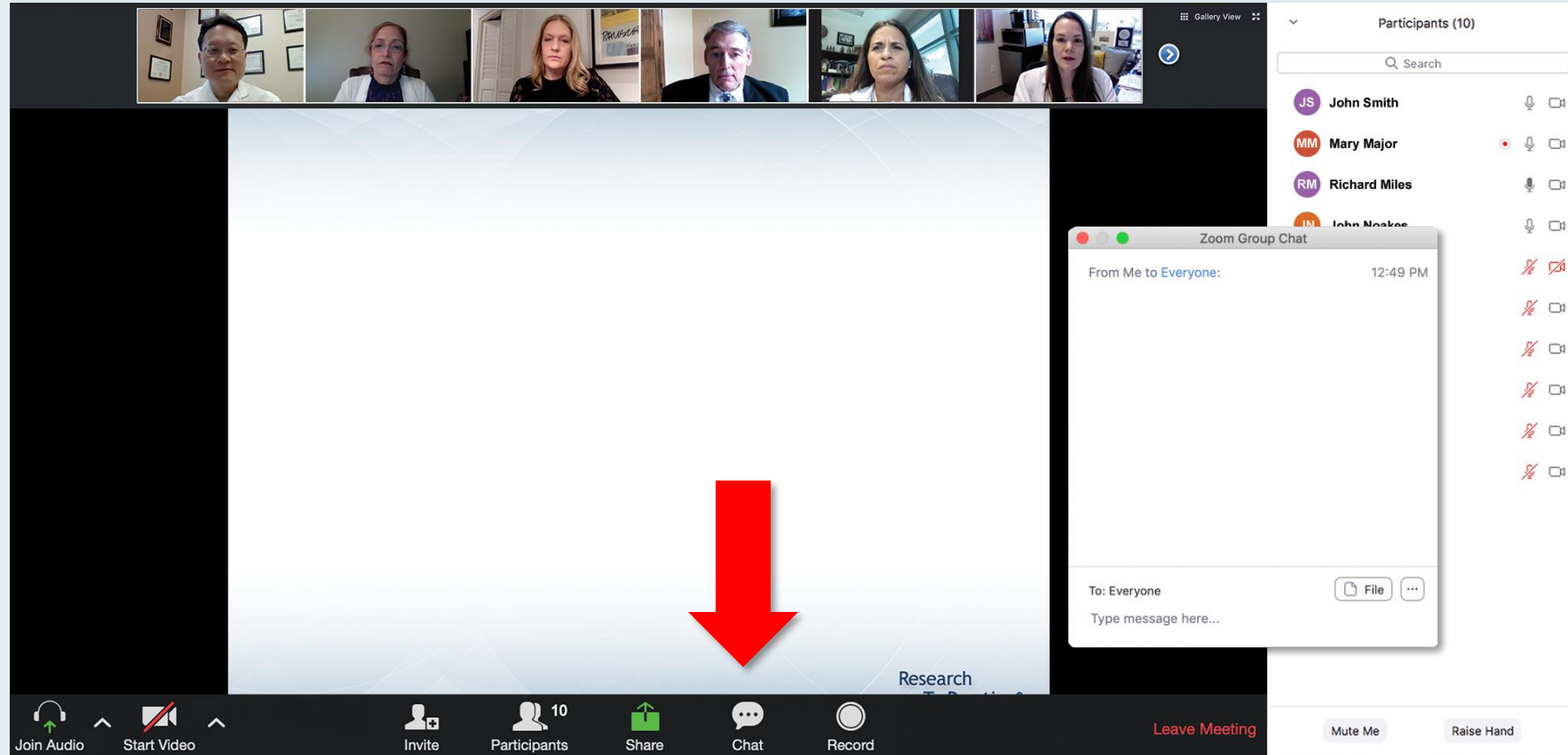
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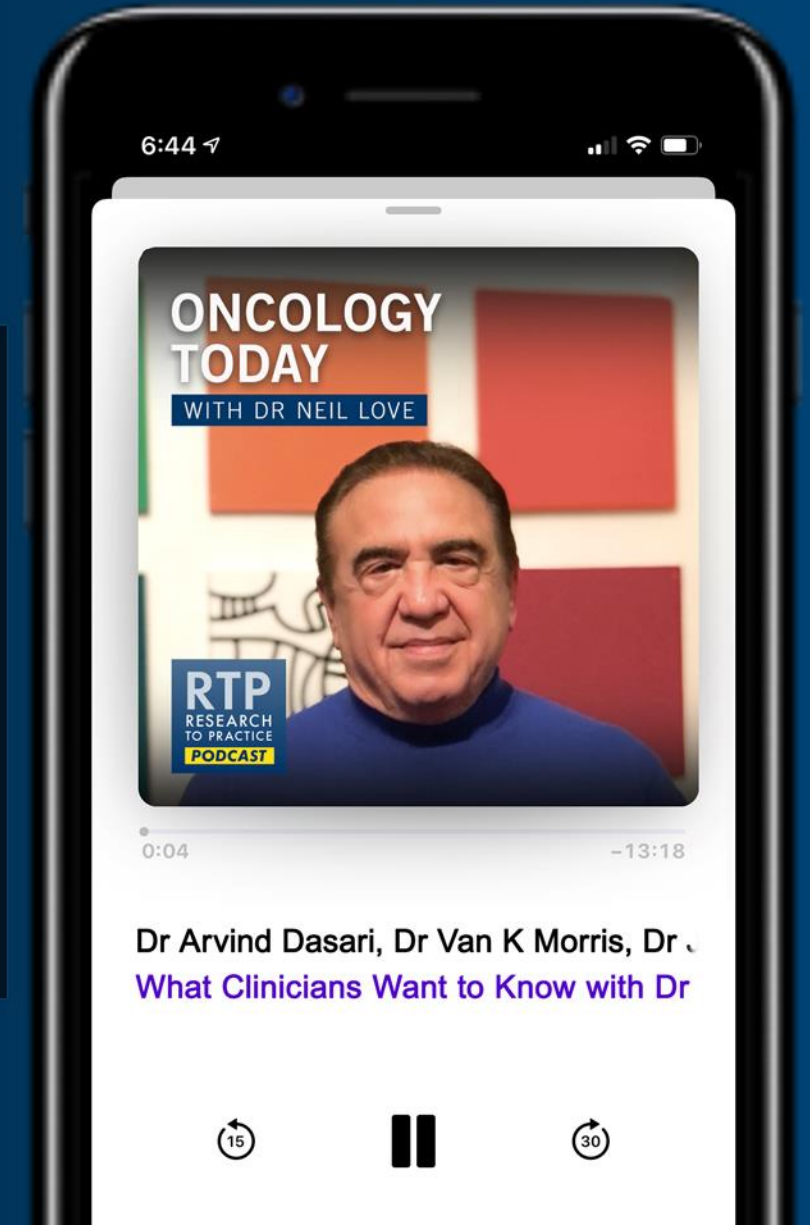
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Key Datasets

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- Shah PK et al. **Circulating tumor DNA** for detection of molecular residual disease (**MRD**) in patients (pts) with **stage II/III** colorectal cancer (CRC): **Final analysis** of the **BESPOKE CRC sub-cohort**. Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium 2025;Abstract 15.
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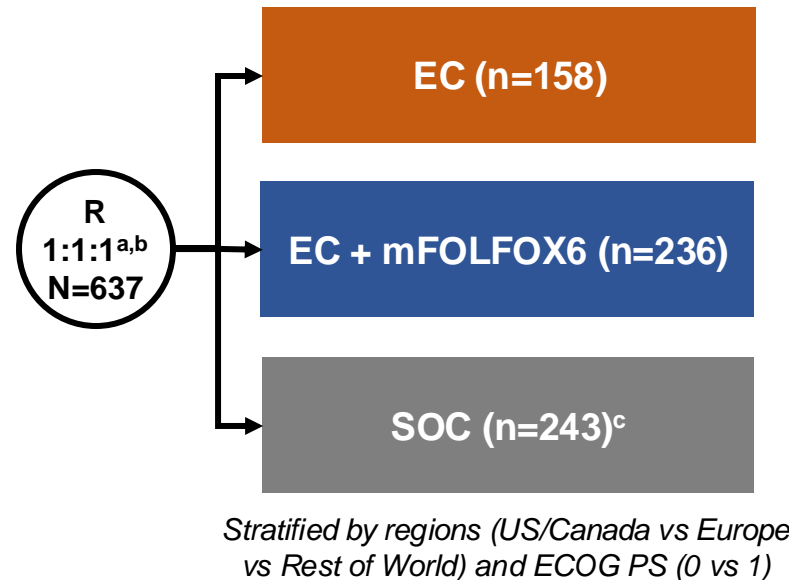
Discussion Question: First-Line Treatment of BRAF V600E-Mutant mCRC

- **Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, what would be your most likely first-line treatment recommendation for a clinically stable 60-year-old patient with left-sided, pan-RAS wild-type, microsatellite stable (MSS), HER2-negative mCRC with a BRAF V600E mutation?**

BREAKWATER: Study Design

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

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Dual primary endpoints:
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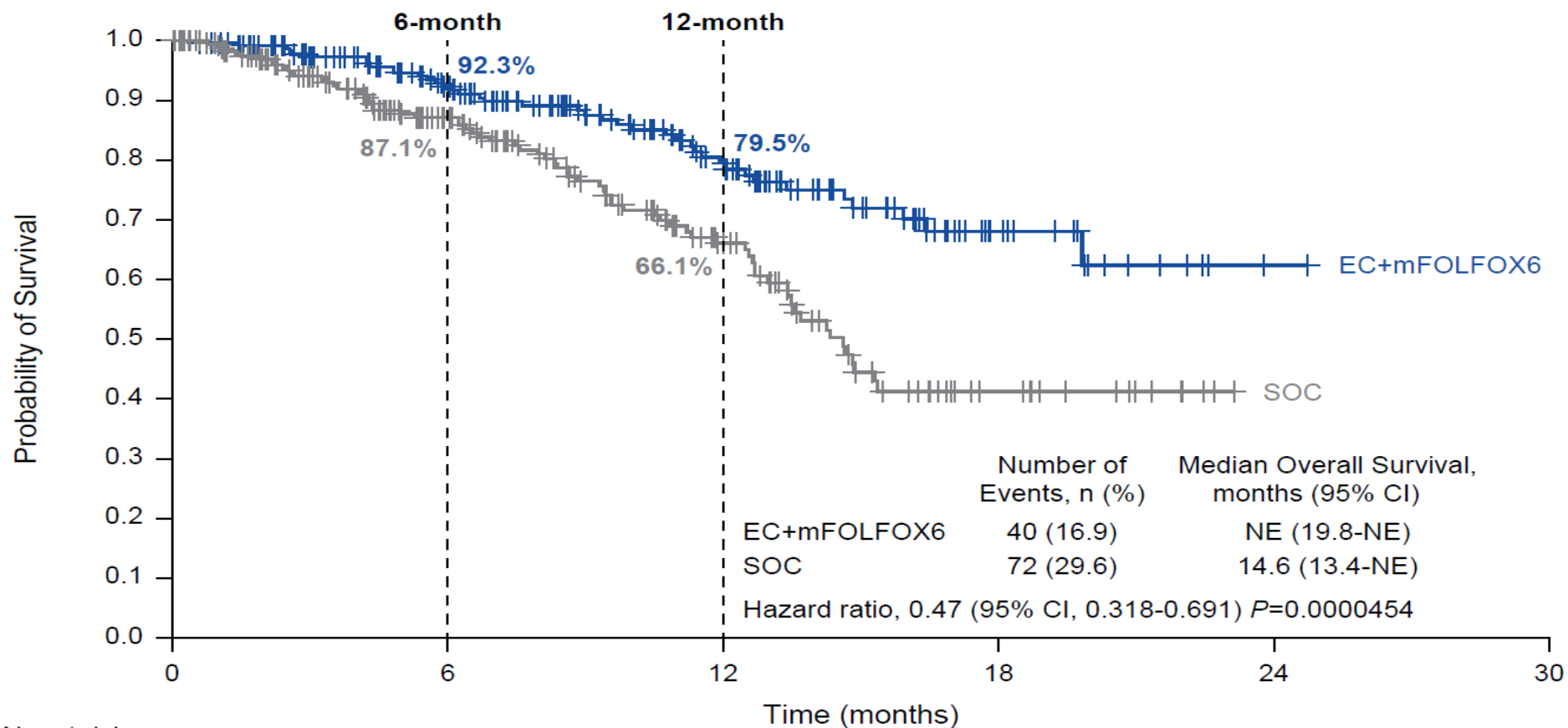
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OS (EC + mFOLFOX6 vs SOC)

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

^aFollowing 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. ^bPatients were enrolled between November 16, 2021, and December 22, 2023. ^cmFOLFOX6/FOLFOXIRI/CAPOX \pm bevacizumab. ^dIn 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, metastatic colorectal cancer; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high cancer; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

Interim Overall Survival^a



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30
EC+mFOLFOX6	236	156	81	20	1	0
SOC	243	138	64	14	0	0

Data cutoff: December 22, 2023.

^aOS was tested following the prespecified plan with one-sided alpha of 0.00000083, 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.

Positive Topline Results Announced from Pivotal Phase III BREAKWATER Study

Press Release: February 3, 2025

“Positive topline results [were announced] from the progression-free survival (PFS) analysis of the Phase 3 BREAKWATER study of encorafenib in combination with cetuximab and mFOLFOX6 (fluorouracil, leucovorin and oxaliplatin) in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) harboring a *BRAF V600E* mutation. The trial showed a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS, one of its dual primary endpoints, as assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR) compared to patients receiving chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab. Further, the encorafenib combination regimen demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in overall survival (OS), a key secondary endpoint in the trial.

‘We are extremely pleased with the clinically meaningful progression-free survival and overall survival results from the BREAKWATER study, which have the potential to be practice-changing for this patient population that has historically had limited treatment options and poor outcomes,’ said [the company’s chief oncology officer]. ‘The encorafenib regimen is emerging as a new standard of care as the first targeted therapy approved for use as early as first-line for patients with mCRC with a *BRAF V600E* mutation. We look forward to discussing these data with global health authorities to bring this treatment to more patients around the world, as soon as possible.’”

EC+FOLFOX is the new standard of care for first-line
BRAF^{V600E} CRC

Results appear synergistic and may follow improved
understanding of tumor plasticity

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Discussion Questions: Cell-Free DNA MRD Assays in Clinical Practice

- **How would you capsule the current available data with cell-free DNA in the adjuvant setting? If cell-free DNA is evaluated, when should the assay be ordered? What is your global conclusion on the clinical relevance? (Other issues: CALGB/SWOG-80702 trial – celecoxib and ctDNA)**

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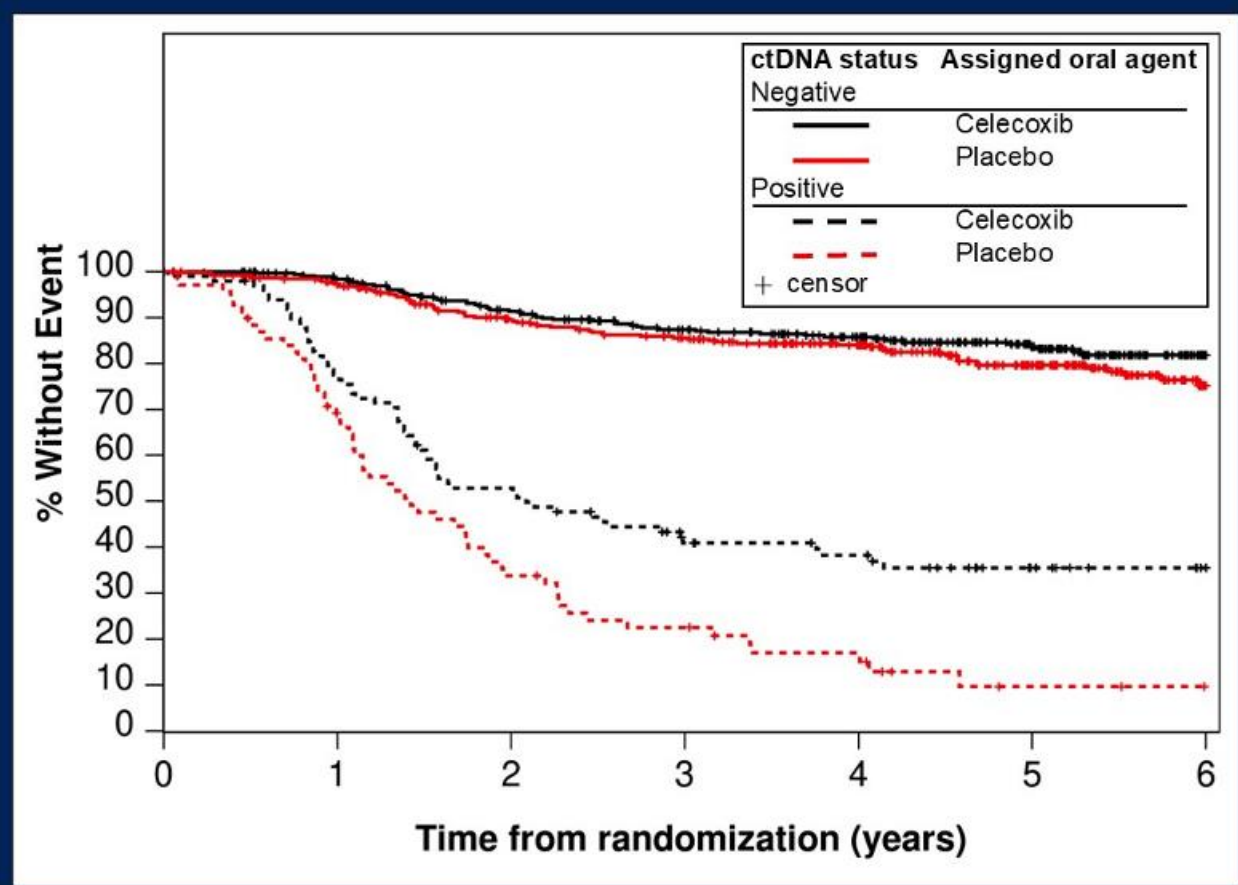


Prognostic and predictive role of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in stage III colon cancer treated with celecoxib: Findings from CALGB (Alliance)/SWOG 80702

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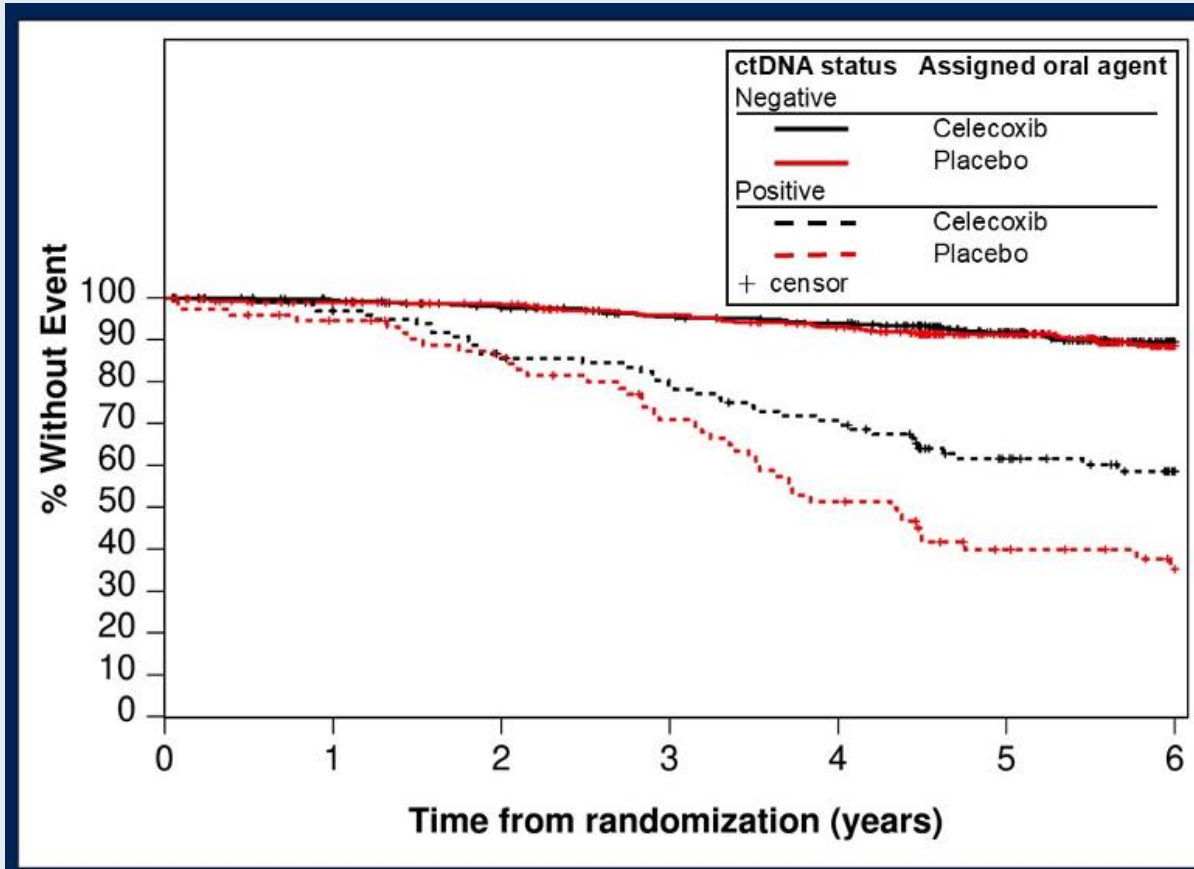
CALGB/SWOG-80702 Trial: Disease-Free Survival by ctDNA Status and Celecoxib Use



Assigned Oral Agent by ctDNA status	Events / Total	Hazard Ratio (95% CI) ¹	3 Year Survival Estimate (95% CI) ²	P-value
Negative				
Celecoxib	58/375	0.76 (0.54-1.08)	87.4 (84.0-91.0%)	0.1293 ⁴
Placebo	73/392	Reference	85.6 (82.0-89.4%)	
Positive				
Celecoxib	61/99	0.55 (0.39-0.80)	41.0 (32.2-52.2%)	0.0013 ⁴
Placebo	57/74	Reference	22.6 (14.3-35.5%)	
Interaction P-value: 0.1359 ³				

¹ Unadjusted Cox model, ² Kaplan-Meier method, ³ Likelihood-ratio test, ⁴ Log-rank test

CALGB/SWOG-80702: Overall Survival by ctDNA Status and Celecoxib Use



Assigned Oral Agent by ctDNA status	Events / Total	Hazard Ratio (95% CI) ¹	5 Year Survival Estimate (95% CI) ²	P-value
Negative				
Celecoxib	36/375	0.86 (0.55-1.35)	91.8 (88.9-94.7%)	0.5098 ⁴
Placebo	41/392	Reference	91.3 (88.4-94.3%)	
Positive				
Celecoxib	41/99	0.58 (0.38-0.90)	61.6 (52.4-72.4%)	0.0135 ⁴
Placebo	44/74	Reference	39.9 (29.6-53.8%)	
Interaction P-value: 0.2061 ³				

¹ Unadjusted Cox model, ² Kaplan-Meier method, ³ Likelihood-ratio test, ⁴ Log-rank test

CALGB/SWOG-80702: Celecoxib and ctDNA

- ctDNA is highly prognostic
- Celecoxib seemed to benefit patients with ctDNA-positive status, but the interaction *p*-value was not significant
- Benefit was observed for patients with PIK3CA wild-type and mutated tumors
- Data are suggestive but not definitive for using celecoxib when ctDNA-positive

Discussion Questions: Cell-Free DNA MRD Assays in Clinical Practice

- **Should all patients with localized CRC undergo cell-free DNA testing?**
- **How, if at all, do you currently use this strategy in the adjuvant setting outside of a clinical trial protocol? Treatment escalation and/or de-escalation? If you opt to not order a cell-free DNA assay but another clinician does, do you consider the results when deciding on treatment?**

Stage II/III BESPOKE CRC Study

- ctDNA positivity is highly predictive of outcome – both immediately after surgery (MRD) and during surveillance
- ctDNA MRD influences 16.3% of decisions on adjuvant therapy – 60% de-escalated and 36% escalated
- ctDNA clearance is associated with improved outcomes (HR 0.43)
- ctDNA MRD (+) had superior DFS (HR 0.48) with adjuvant therapy compared to observation; ctDNA MRD (-) did not have significant benefit (HR 0.93) for adjuvant therapy compared to observation
- This is an observational study – not randomized and decision for therapy not controlled and likely confounded

DYNAMIC Trial: Stage II Colon Cancer

- Noninferiority of standard (non-ctDNA approach) to ctDNA-guided management can be interpreted either as checking MRD does not change outcome or as checking MRD reduces the use of chemotherapy among patients with Stage II disease
- Fewer patients on ctDNA-guided management received chemotherapy (15% vs 28%), but more received oxaliplatin (9.5% vs 2.7%)
- Median time from surgery to start of therapy increased by 30 days with ctDNA-guided management (53 vs 83 days)

Discussion Questions: Cell-Free DNA MRD Assays in Clinical Practice

- **Beyond localized disease, in what clinical settings do you currently order a cell-free DNA assay? Surgically resectable liver metastases? Other sites of metastatic disease? Determining duration of immunotherapy for MSI-high CRC?**
- **Which ongoing trials will be most helpful in further delineating the clinical application of cell-free DNA assays (eg, NRG-GI008/CIRCULATE-North America)?**

NRG-GI008: Colon adjuvant chemotherapy based on evaluation of residual disease (CIRCULATE-NORTH AMERICA).



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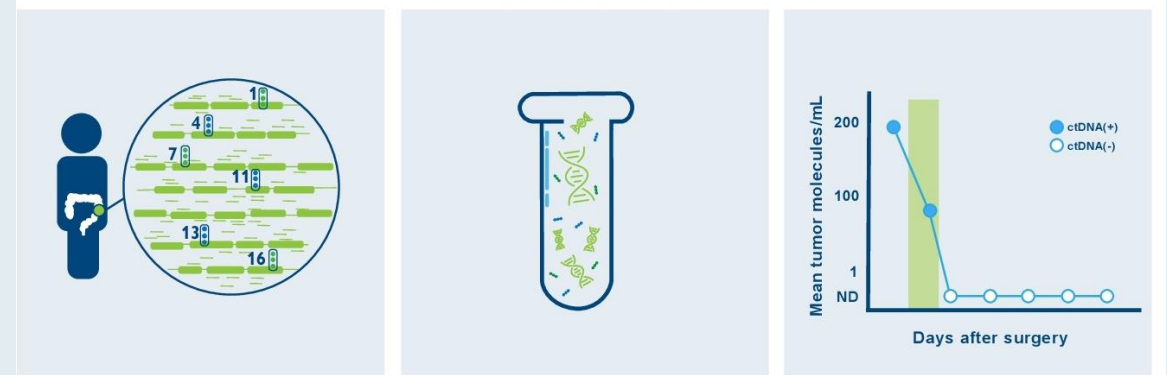
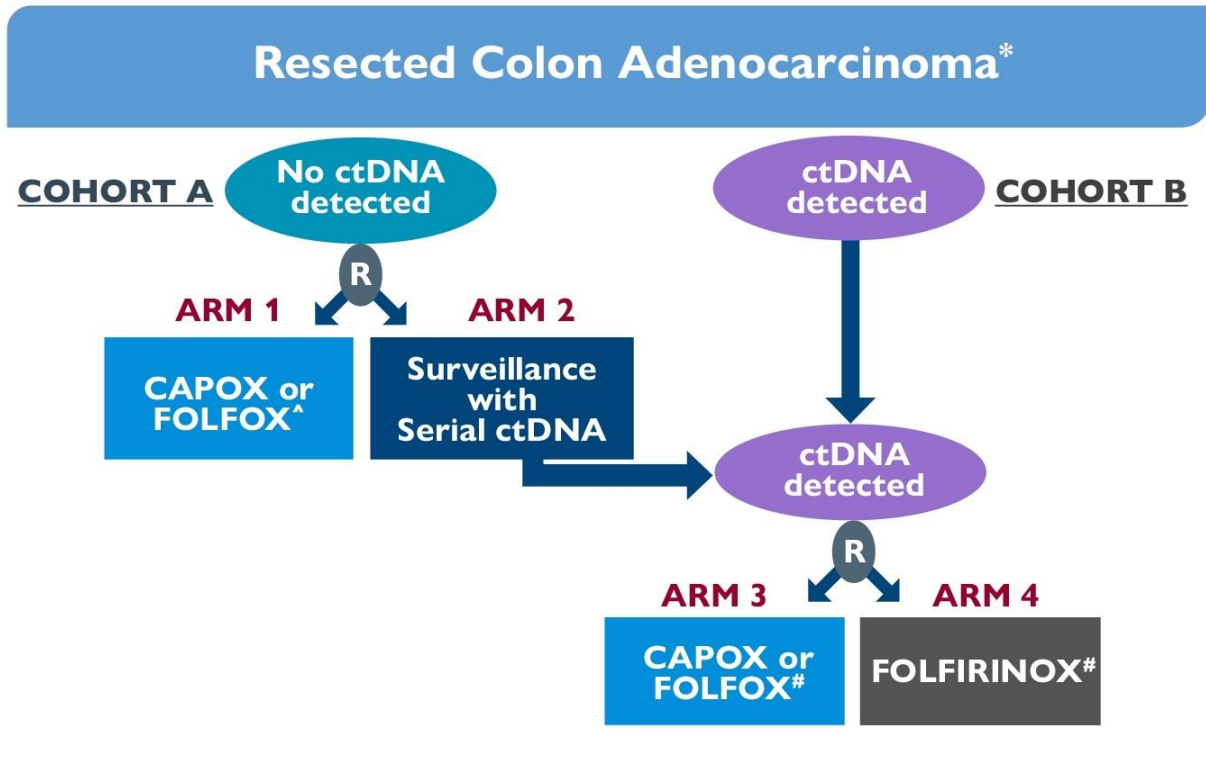


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Phase II/III NRG-GI008 Study Design and ctDNA Testing

STUDY DESIGN



- Whole exome sequencing of matched tumor and normal blood samples to identify clonal tumor-specific single nucleotide variants (SNV) while excluding clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential.
- Personalized PCR primers targeting SNVs used for testing for ctDNA in plasma samples via barcoded sequencing methods at baseline and serially during surveillance.
- Test positive if ≥ 2 SNVs above threshold and reported as positive / negative plus mean tumor molecules / mL plasma.

Primary endpoints (**cohort A, ctDNA-**):

- Time to ctDNA-positive status (Phase II)
- Disease-free survival (Phase III)

Primary endpoint (**cohort B, ctDNA+**):

- Disease-free survival (Phase II/III)

Phase II/III NRG-GI008 — CIRCULATE-North America

- As of February 2025, ~1/3 accrued
- Stage IIB, IIC and III, microsatellite stable, colon only
- Several questions are addressed in this trial:
 - To compare disease-free survival (DFS) in the ctDNA(-) cohort after resection of colon cancer treated with immediate versus delayed chemotherapy (based on serial ctDNA surveillance)
 - To compare DFS in the ctDNA(+) cohort after resection of colon cancer treated with FOLFOX versus FOLFIRINOX

CIRCULATE-Japan GALAXY CRC Study

- In this expanded cohort of 2,240 patients with Stage I to IV colorectal cancer, a majority of the cohort did not receive chemotherapy
- ctDNA MRD highly prognostic of outcome
- Clearance also prognostic – 181 ctDNA(+) received adjuvant therapy
 - 38% sustained clearance, 31% transient clearance, 31% no clearance
- Observational study – decision on who received chemotherapy and who did not likely confounded by other factors

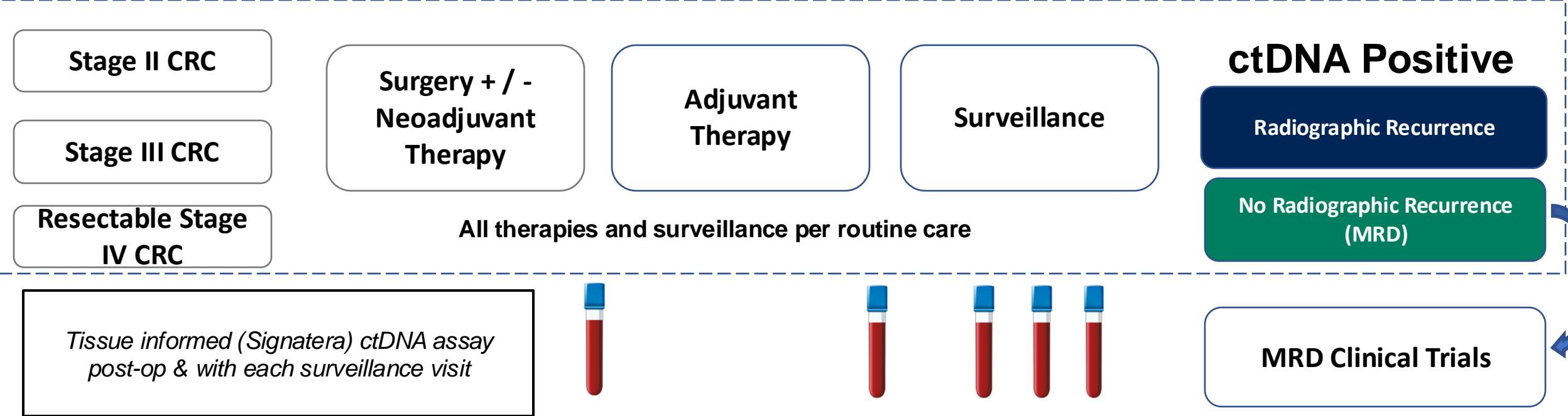
CIRCULATE-Japan GALAXY Resected Liver Met Subset

- 190 patients with surgically resected colorectal liver metastases without any preoperative chemotherapy were included
- 32% MRD-positive; only 25% received adjuvant chemotherapy
- MRD-negative not statistically different between chemotherapy and observation but absolute 10% difference at 2 years
- Observational and small numbers

Discussion Question: Cell-Free DNA MRD Assays in Clinical Practice

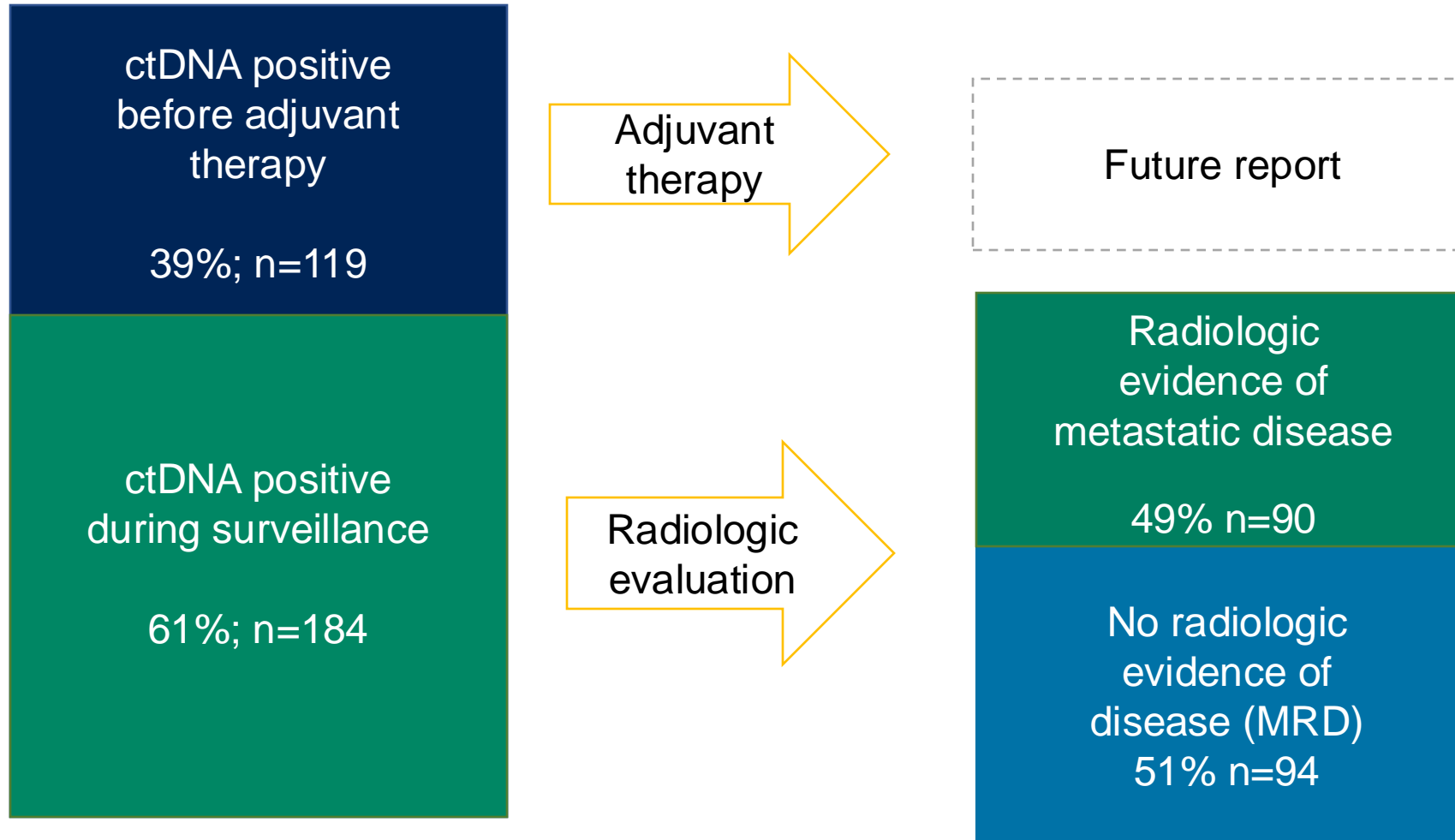
- **What is the future clinical relevance of the INTERCEPT basket trial evaluating cell-free DNA-positive CRC (personalized mRNA vaccines, immunotherapy, BRAF V600E mutation-positive disease, etc)?**

INTERCEPT Study: Positive ctDNA-based Minimal Residual Disease Assays During Surveillance Are Associated with High Rates of Undiagnosed Concomitant Radiographic Recurrences in Colorectal Cancer (CRC)

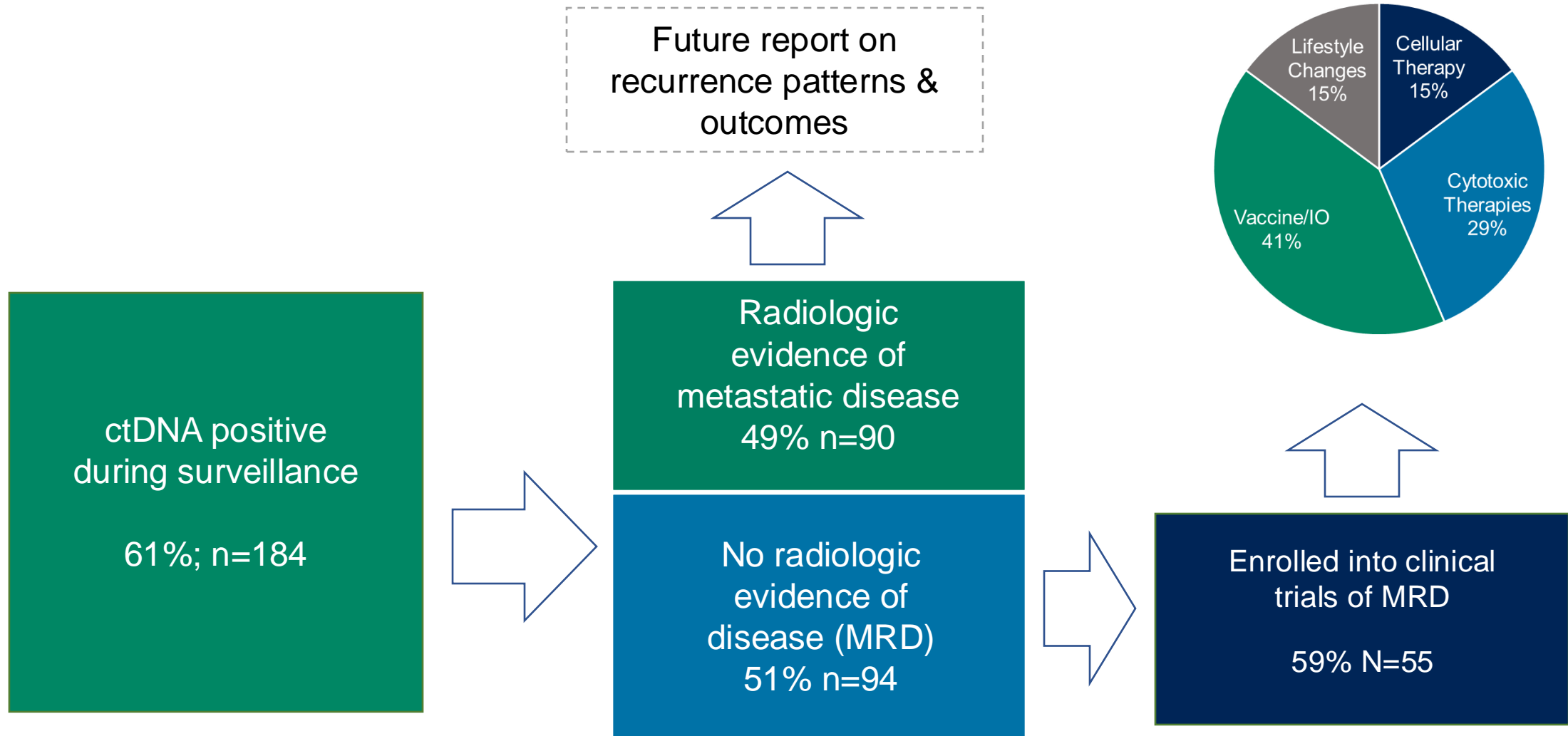


1,115 patients stages II-IV
Signatera, Natera, Inc (tumor informed) assay used

Clinical Utility: Radiographic Findings of Patients ctDNA+ During Surveillance, n = 184



Clinical Utility: Enrollment onto MRD Trials



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Discussion Questions: Immunotherapy for Localized and Metastatic MSI-High CRC

- What are the pitfalls, if any, in MSI testing? How frequently do false-positive results occur and what is the cause of these results?**
- In what clinical situations should immunotherapy be administered as initial treatment for patients with localized MSI-high CRC? Which immunotherapy should be used and for how long in this setting? When should patients undergo surgery and/or other local therapy relative to receiving immunotherapy?**

Discussion Question: Immunotherapy for Localized and Metastatic MSI-High CRC

- **Based on the data from the NICHE-1 and NICHE-2 studies in addition to the results with dostarlimab as neoadjuvant treatment for rectal cancer, should MSI testing be conducted for all patients with localized CRC prior to initiating treatment?**

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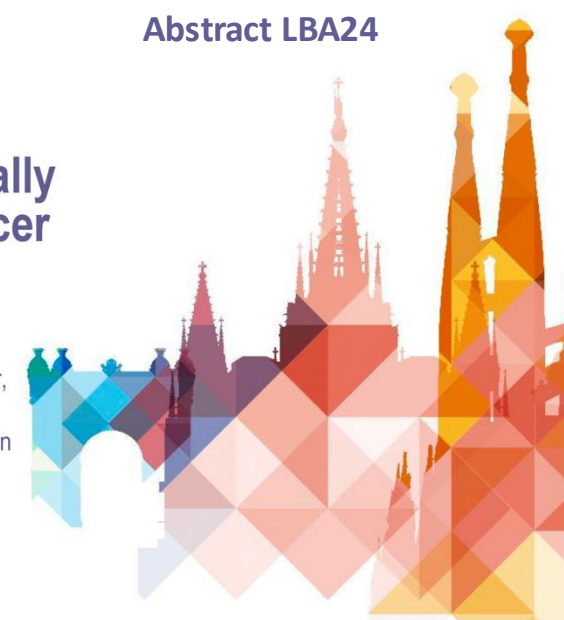
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Neoadjuvant immunotherapy in locally advanced MMR-deficient colon cancer

3-year disease-free survival from NICHE-2

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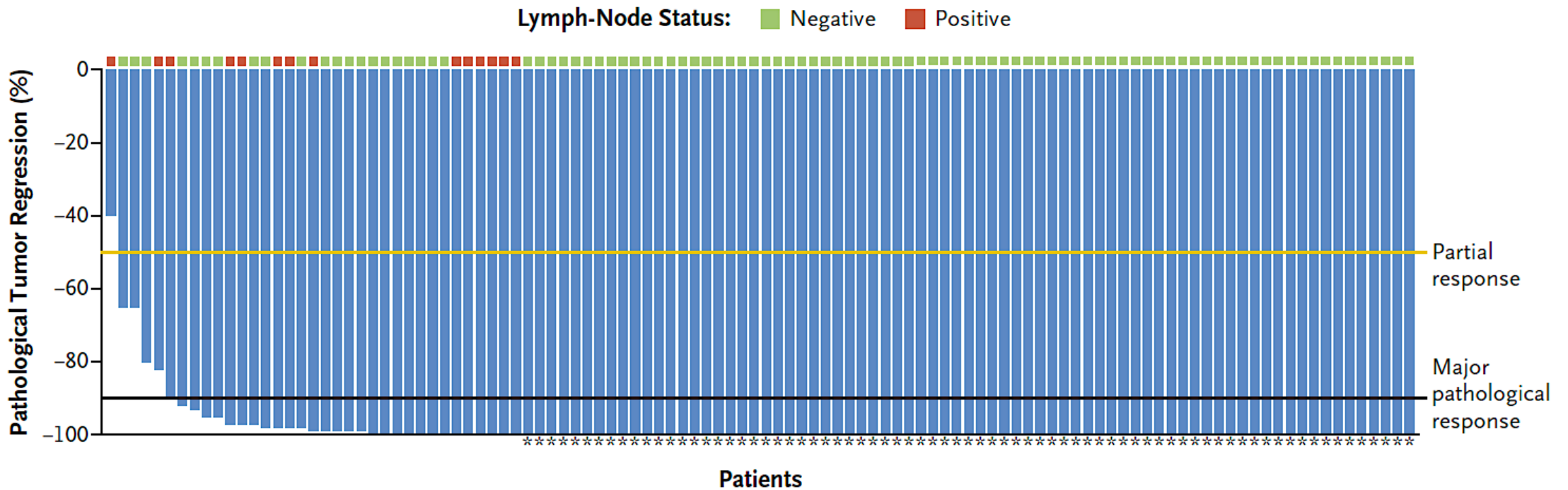


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NICHE-2 Trial: Pathologic Response

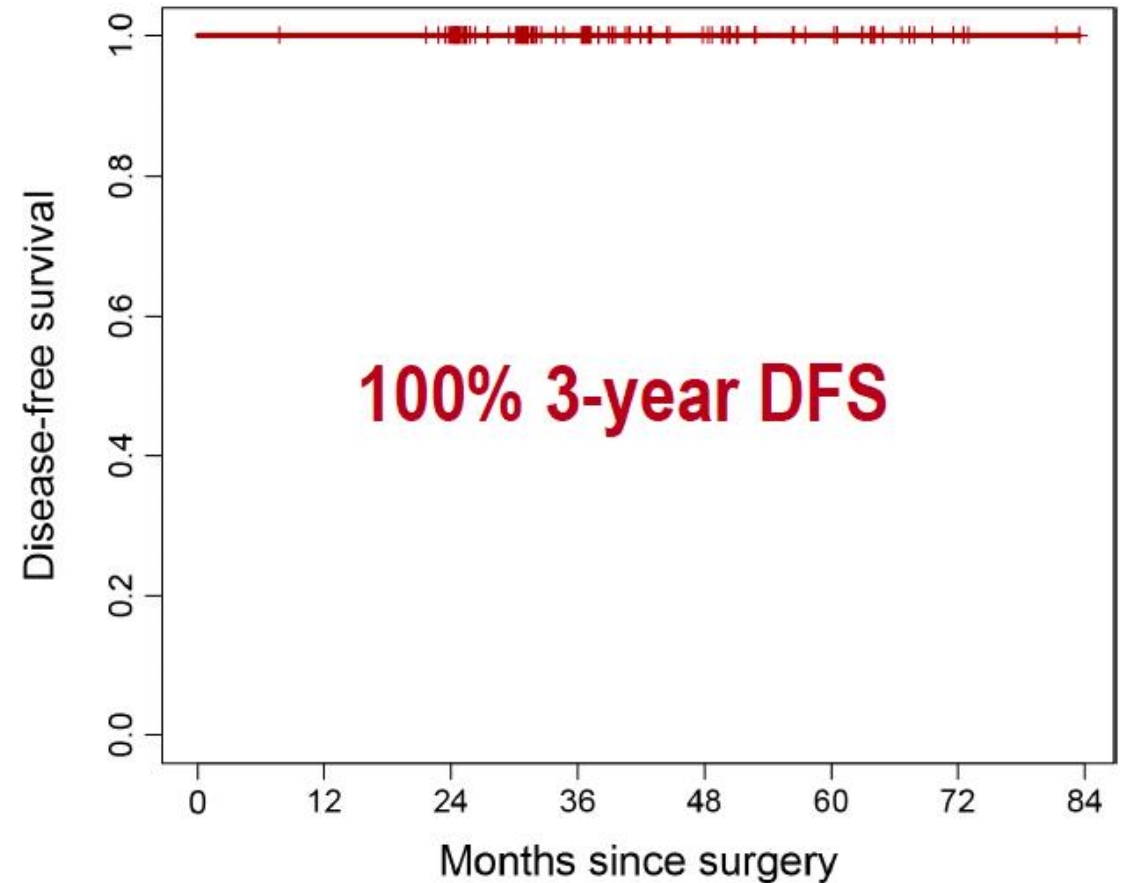
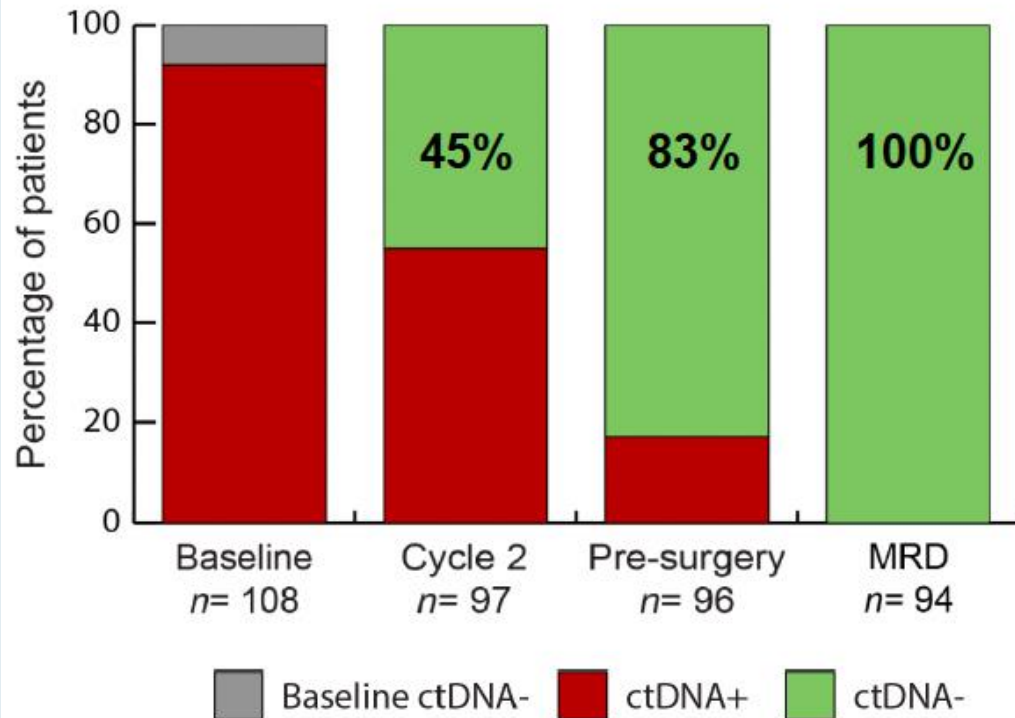
Pathologic response in **98%** of 111 patients in efficacy analysis

- Major pathologic response ($\leq 10\%$ residual viable tumor): **95%**
- Pathologic complete response: **68%**



NICHE-2: Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)

All patients were ctDNA negative at the MRD time point (3 weeks after surgery)



NICHE-2: Author Conclusions and Future Perspectives

Unprecedented 3-year DFS of 100% in patients with high-risk, locally advanced dMMR colon cancer with only two cycles of neoadjuvant immunotherapy

All patients were ctDNA negative at MRD time point, in line with 0% recurrences

Association of (early) clearance with pCR: ctDNA may aid in organ preservation

Collaboration between regulatory authorities, pharmaceutical companies and academic researchers is essential to bring this highly effective treatment to patients

dMMR = mismatch repair deficient; pCR = pathologic complete response

NICHE-1 and NICHE-2 Studies in Colon Cancer

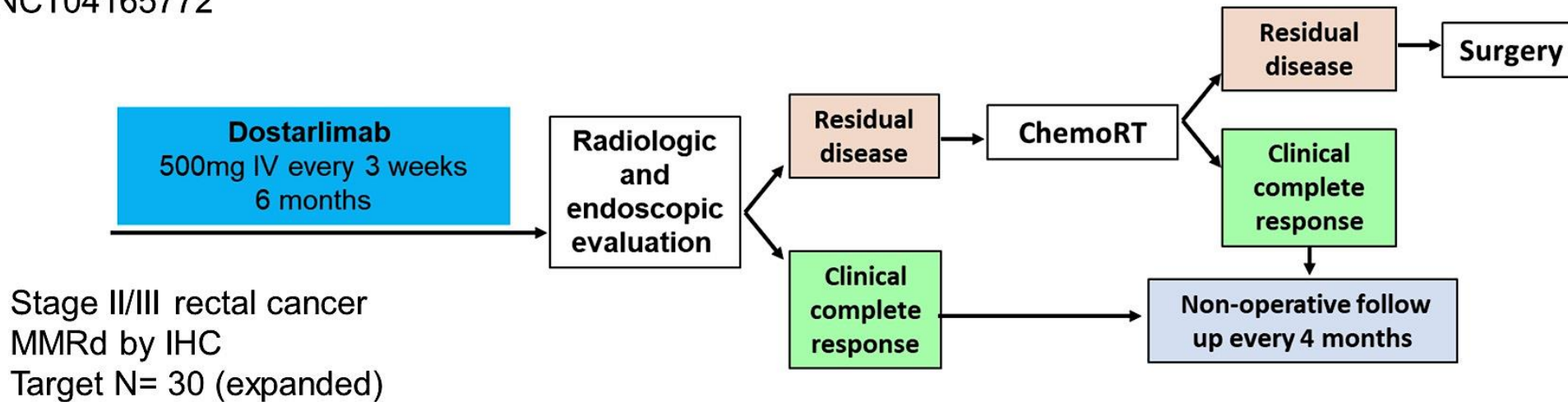
- Patients received 2 doses of nivolumab and 1 dose of ipilimumab
- Only 2.7% received chemotherapy after surgery (3/14 with positive nodes – 1 had 60% residual tumor in specimen)
- Very few patients had delay of surgery beyond 6 weeks from study enrollment
- Radiographic response only seen in 2 of 75 with pCR
- Identifying the patients (both stages – NICHE-2 was limited to clinical Stage II and III) and MMR status is the challenge to implementation
- Difference in response and duration of response for localized disease compared to metastatic disease (71% PFS at 2 years with combination in mCRC)

Durable complete responses to PD-1 blockade alone in dMMR locally advanced rectal cancer

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Neoadjuvant PD-1 blockade in dMMR locally advanced rectal cancer

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Primary Endpoints:

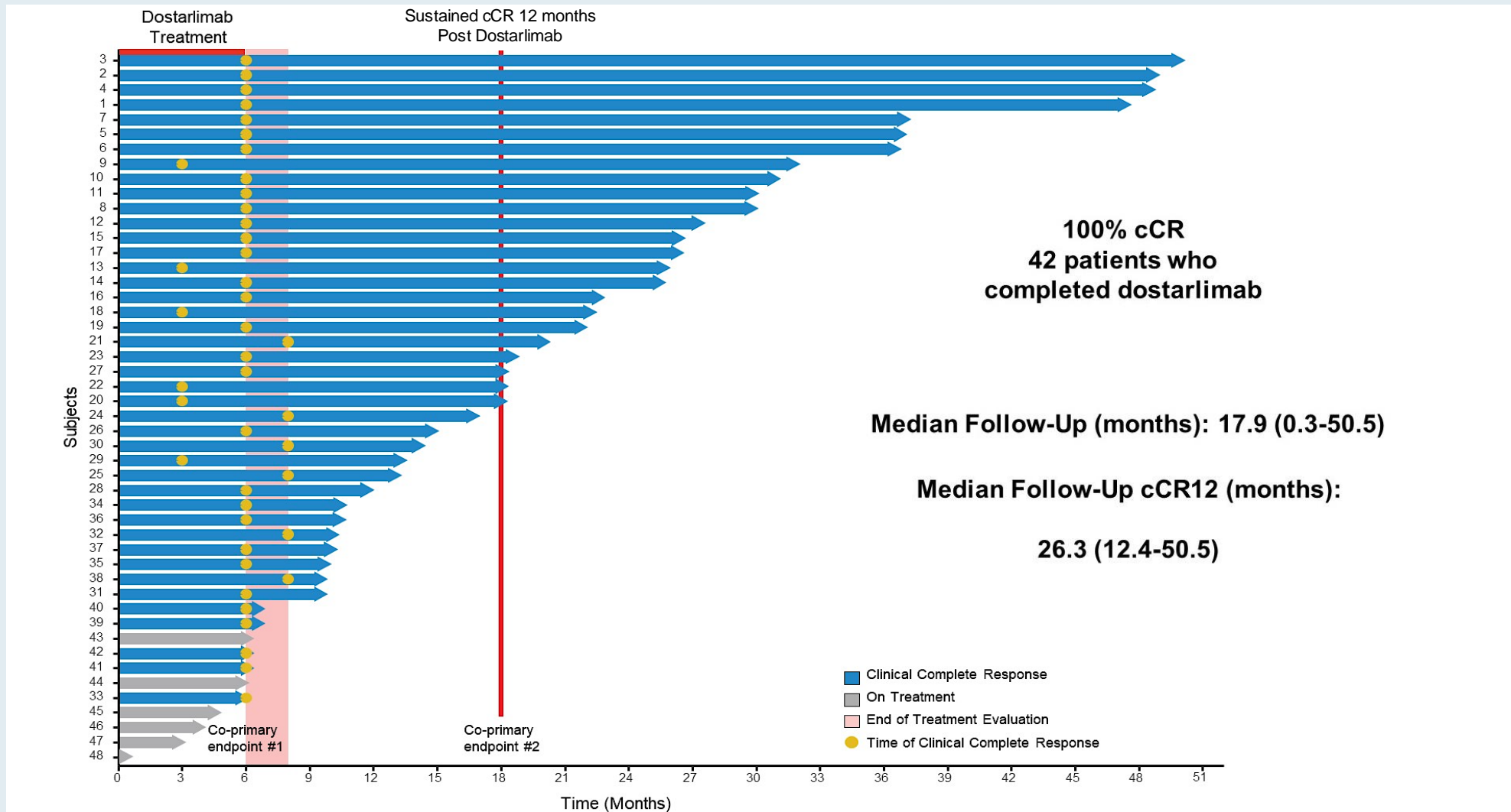
- ORR after completion of PD-1 alone or in combination with chemoRT
- pCR or sustained cCR for 12 mo after completion of PD-1 alone or in combination with chemoRT

Sample Collection: ctDNA, biopsy, imaging

Baseline, 6 weeks, 3 mo, 6 mo and q4 mo during NOM

Cercek, et al. NEJM 2022

Dostarlimab: Clinical Complete Response (cCR) Rates After PD-1 Blockade



Neoadjuvant Therapy for MSI-H Rectal Cancer

- 5% to 10% of rectal cancers are microsatellite instability high (MSI-H)
- To date, no patient has received standard chemotherapy, radiation or surgery
- Sample size is still modest, but it is continuing to hold up
- Is this applicable to all checkpoint inhibitors? How many doses are needed? Will there be late recurrences?

Key Ongoing Studies of (Neo)Adjuvant Dostarlimab for Patients with Resectable MSI-H/dMMR CRC

Study	N	Phase	Eligibility	Randomization	Estimated primary completion
China AZUR-1 (NCT06640049)	23	II	Stage II-III dMMR rectal adenocarcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dostarlimab 	December 2028
AZUR-2 (NCT05855200)	711	III	T4N0 or Stage III dMMR colon adenocarcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dostarlimab Standard of care – CAPOX or FOLFOX 	December 2028
AZUR-4 (NCT06567782)	120	II	T4N0 or Stage III dMMR colon adenocarcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dostarlimab CAPOX 	September 2028
NAIO (NCT05239546)	25	II	Stage II-III dMMR CRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dostarlimab 	April 2026

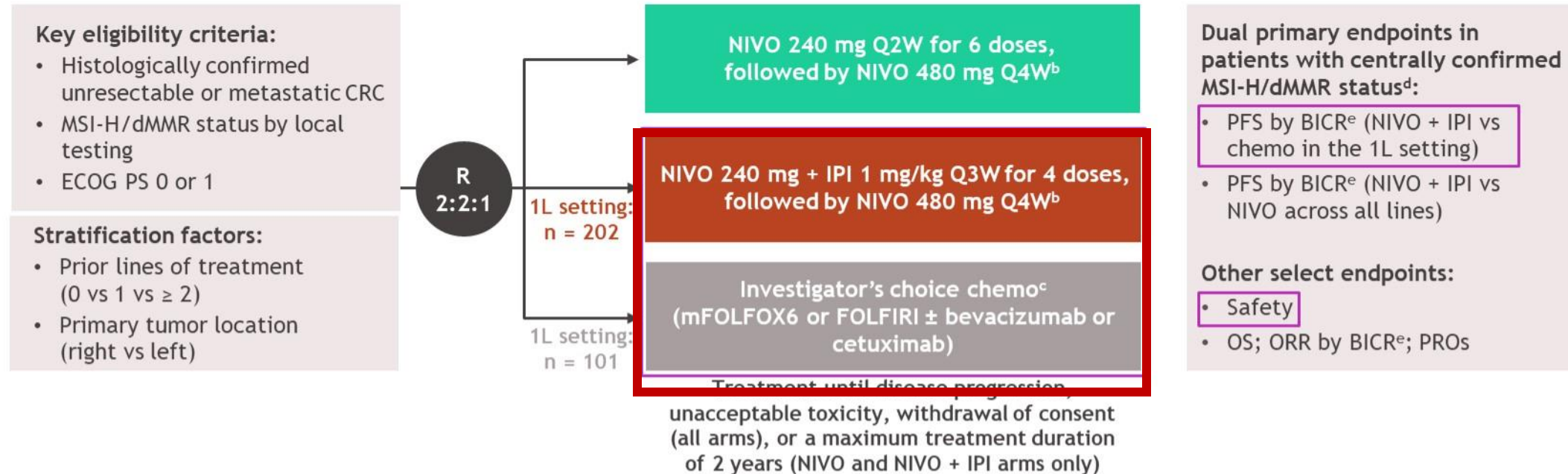
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- **What is the optimal first-line treatment for metastatic MSI-high CRC? What is the ideal duration of immunotherapy in this setting? For which patients should dual immunotherapy be considered (eg, as in the CheckMate 8HW trial)?**

CheckMate 8HW study design

- CheckMate 8HW is a randomized, multicenter, open-label phase 3 study^a

**16% of pts not
MSI-H confirmed**

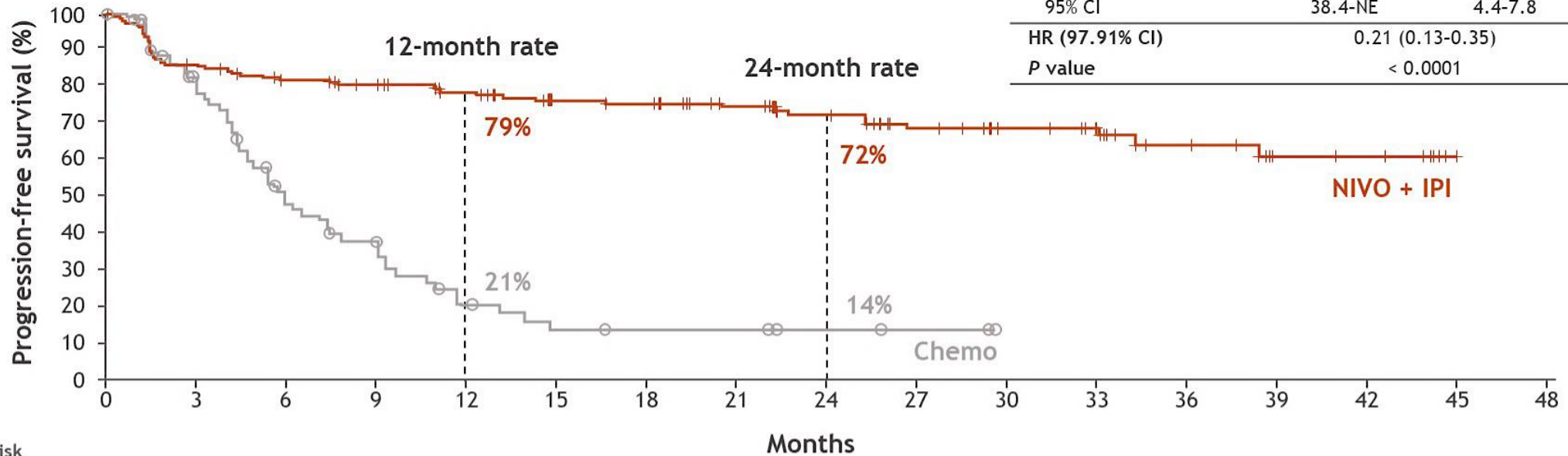


- At data cutoff (October 12, 2023), the median follow-up^f was 24.3 months

^aClinicalTrials.gov. NCT04008030. ^bPatients with ≥ 2 prior lines are randomized only to the NIVO or NIVO + IPI arms. ^cPatients receiving investigator's choice of chemotherapy are eligible to receive NIVO + IPI upon progression (crossover treatment). ^dConfirmed using either immunohistochemistry and/or polymerase chain reaction-based tests. ^eEvaluated using RECIST v1.1. ^fTime between randomization and last known date alive or death.

CheckMate 8HW: Progression-Free Survival with Nivo/Ipi versus Chemotherapy

1L centrally confirmed MSI-H/dMMR	NIVO + IPI (n = 171)	Chemo (n = 84)
Median PFS, ^{a,b} mo	NR	5.9
95% CI	38.4-NE	4.4-7.8
HR (97.91% CI)	0.21 (0.13-0.35)	
P value	< 0.0001	



No. at risk

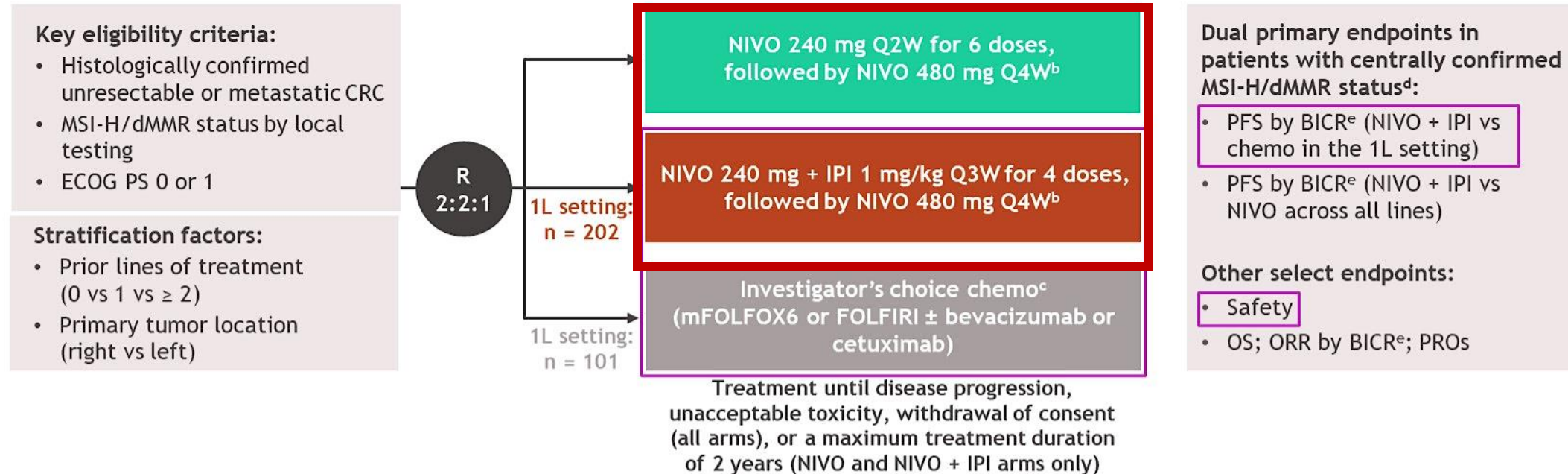
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
NIVO + IPI	171	144	132	122	108	95	92	77	64	53	42	37	22	10	9	1	0
Chemo	84	53	29	20	10	6	5	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Safety (1L; All Treated), n (%)	NIVO + IPI (n = 200)	Chemo (n = 88)
Any grade/grade 3-4 TRAEs	160 (80)/46 (23)	83 (94)/42 (48)
Any grade/grade 3-4 serious TRAEs	38 (19)/32 (16)	17 (19)/14 (16)
Any grade/grade 3-4 TRAEs leading to discontinuation	33 (17)/23 (12)	28 (32)/9 (10)
Treatment-related deaths	2 (1)	0 (0) ^a

Myocarditis and pneumonitis

CheckMate 8HW study design

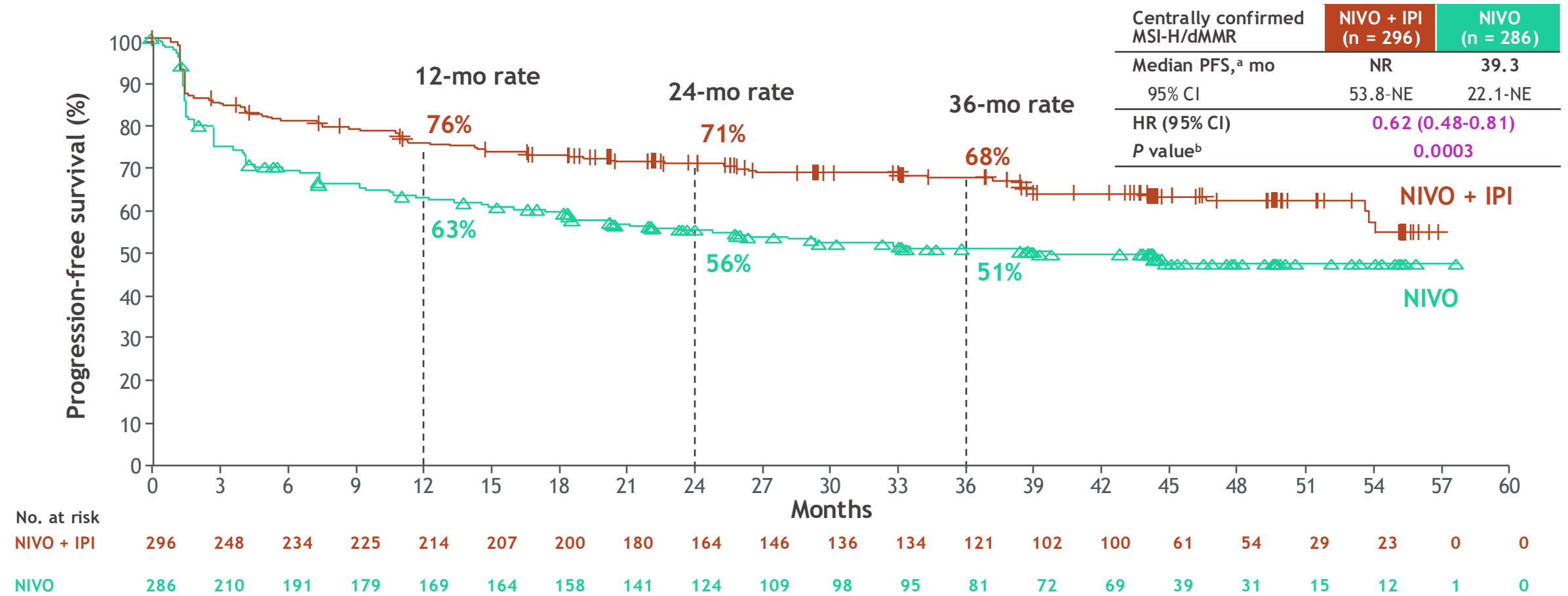
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CheckMate 8HW: Progression-Free Survival with Nivo/Ipi versus Nivo



- NIVO + IPI demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful PFS benefit vs NIVO in patients with centrally confirmed MSI-H/dMMR mCRC across all lines of therapy
 - PFS benefit with NIVO + IPI vs NIVO was consistent in all randomized patients (median PFS: 54.1 vs 18.4 months; HR, 0.64 [95% CI, 0.52-0.79])

^aPer BICR. ^bBoundary for statistical significance, p < 0.0095.

PD-1 + CTLA-4 is the new standard of care
for first-line MSI-H CRC

This is likely improving *CURE* rates for this population

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Discussion Question: Hepatic Transplant for Liver-Limited mCRC

- **What, if any, is the current clinical role of hepatic transplant for liver-limited mCRC?**

Liver transplantation plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy alone in patients with permanently unresectable colorectal liver metastases (TransMet): results from a multicentre, open-label, prospective, randomised controlled trial



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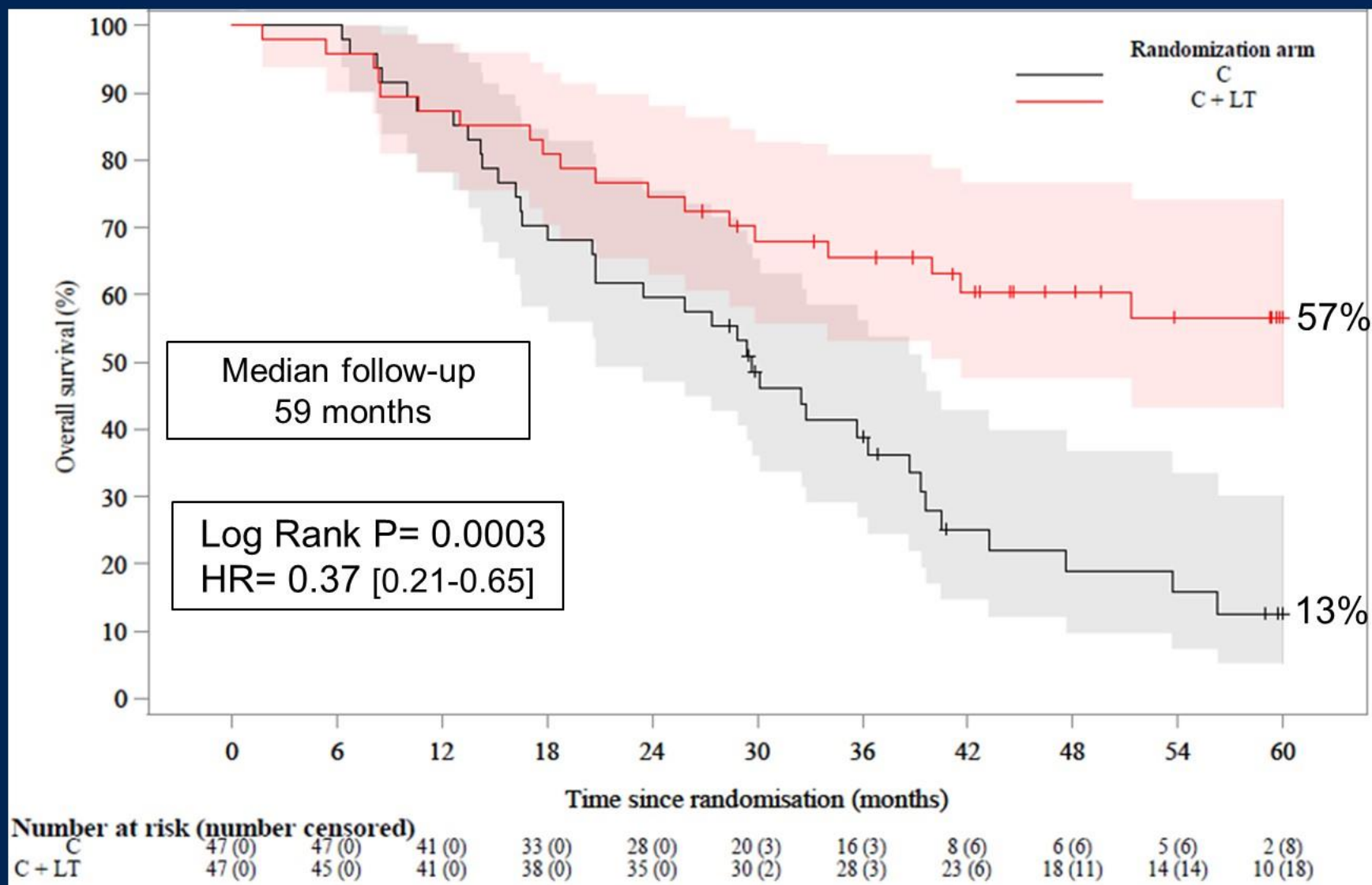
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TransMet Trial : Primary Endpoint 5-Yr OS (ITT)



Impressive results for liver transplant in selected patients

But required high priority for livers on the donor list, which is currently not feasible in the US

Access to living related donor may improve feasibility in US in the future

Discussion Question: HER2-Positive mCRC

- **What is your current approach to sequencing tucatinib/trastuzumab and trastuzumab deruxtecan for patients with HER2-positive mCRC?**

Trastuzumab and Tucatinib remains a standard of care for 2L+ RAS/BRAF^{wt} HER2^{amp}

Trastuzumab deruxtecan remains a standard of care
for 2L+ HER2^{amp} without regard for RAS/BRAF

Resistance is *NOT* through loss of HER2^{amp} or
acquired RAS mutations, so no concerns about
sequencing T+T vs T-DXd

Discussion Question: KRAS G12C-Mutant mCRC

- **What is the practical application of the data evaluating the combinations of adagrasib/cetuximab and sotorasib/panitumumab for patients with KRAS G12C-mutant CRC?**

Both Adagrasib + Cetuximab and Sotorasib + Panitumumab are standard of care options for KRAS^{G12C} tumors

But efficacy may differ between KRAS^{G12C} inhibitors

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