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# **Clinical and palliative care considerations for the patient with progressive mCRC**

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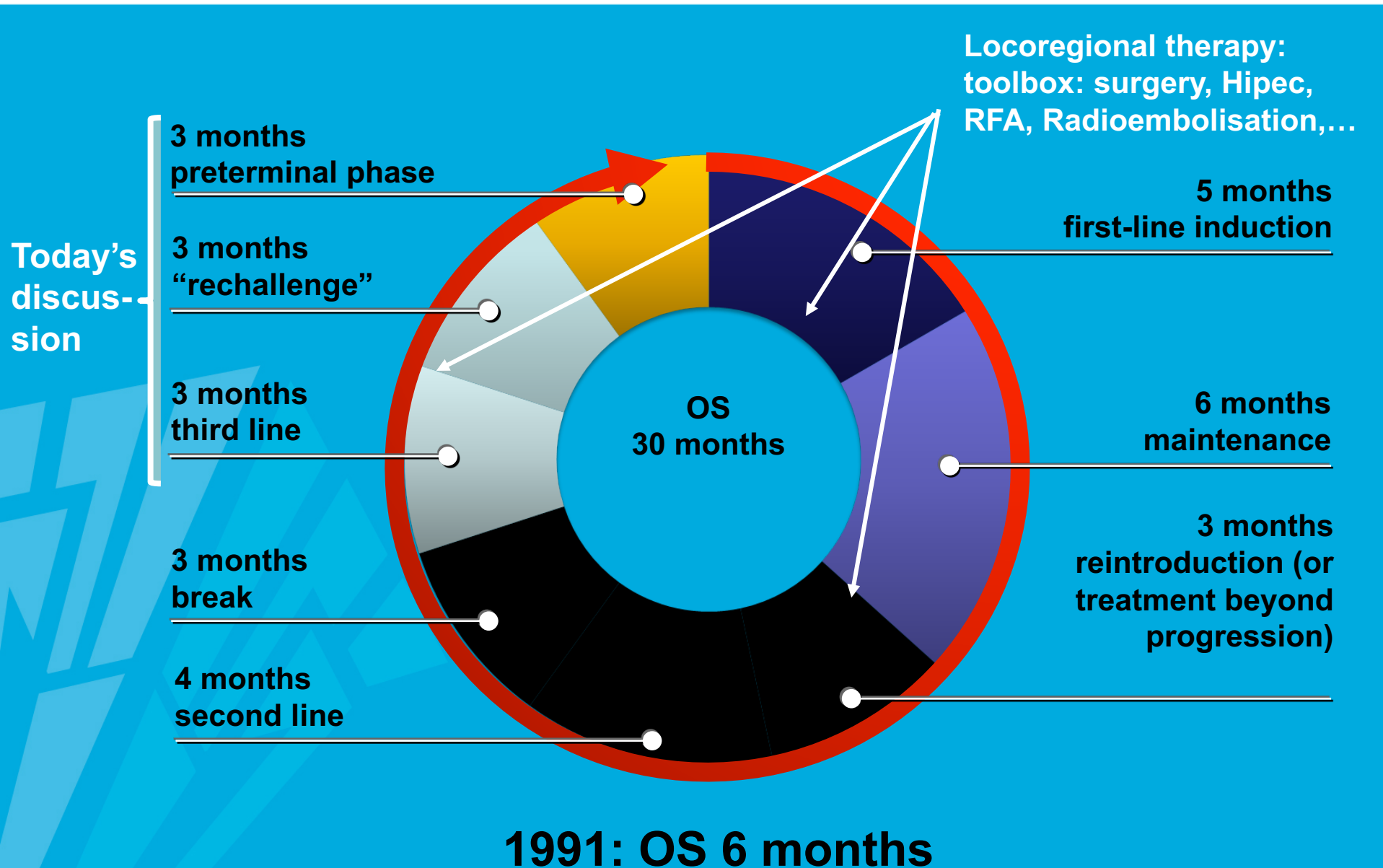
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# A classical case of mCRC in 2017

## CONTINUUM OF CARE



## ❑ CHEMOTHERAPY: combination of cytotoxic and biological targeted drugs

### Cytotoxic agents

- ✓ 5-FU/capecitabine (S1)
- ✓ irinotecan
- ✓ oxaliplatin
- ✓ raltitrexed
- ✓ mitomycine
- ✓ trifluridine/tipiracil

### Biological agents

- ✓ bevacizumab
- ✓ cetuximab
- ✓ panitumumab
- ✓ aflibercept
- ✓ ramucirumab
- ✓ regorafenib
- ✓ early: Sym004, dabrafenib, vemurafenib, encorafenib, trametinib, binimetinib, nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, cobimetinib, napabucasin, alpelisib, bispecific antibodies (eg: RO6958688: antiCD3-CEA, crossMab RG7716 ...), vantictumab, cabozantinib (nintedanib, MABp1, tremelimumab ....)

## ❑ Other contributing factors to improved outcome: surgery,...

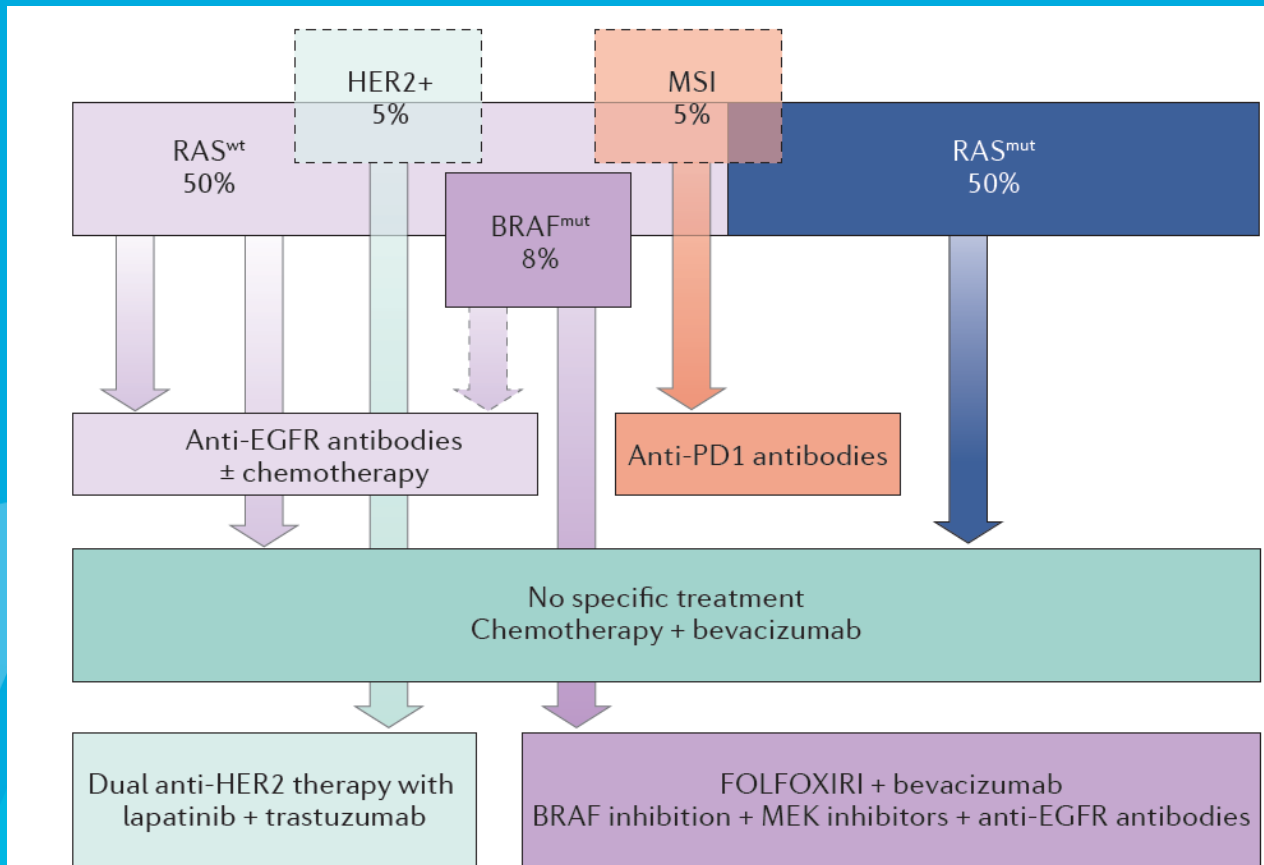


Figure 1| **Proposed landscape of molecularly targeted treatments for metastatic colorectal cancer.** The schematic summarizes the biomarker-based treatment options available and the typical proportions of patients in each biomarker subgroup. FOLFOXIRI, 5-fluorouracil, folinic acid, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan; MSI, microsatellite instability; mut, mutant, PD-1, programmed cell-death protein 1; wt, wild type.

## Or clinical trial

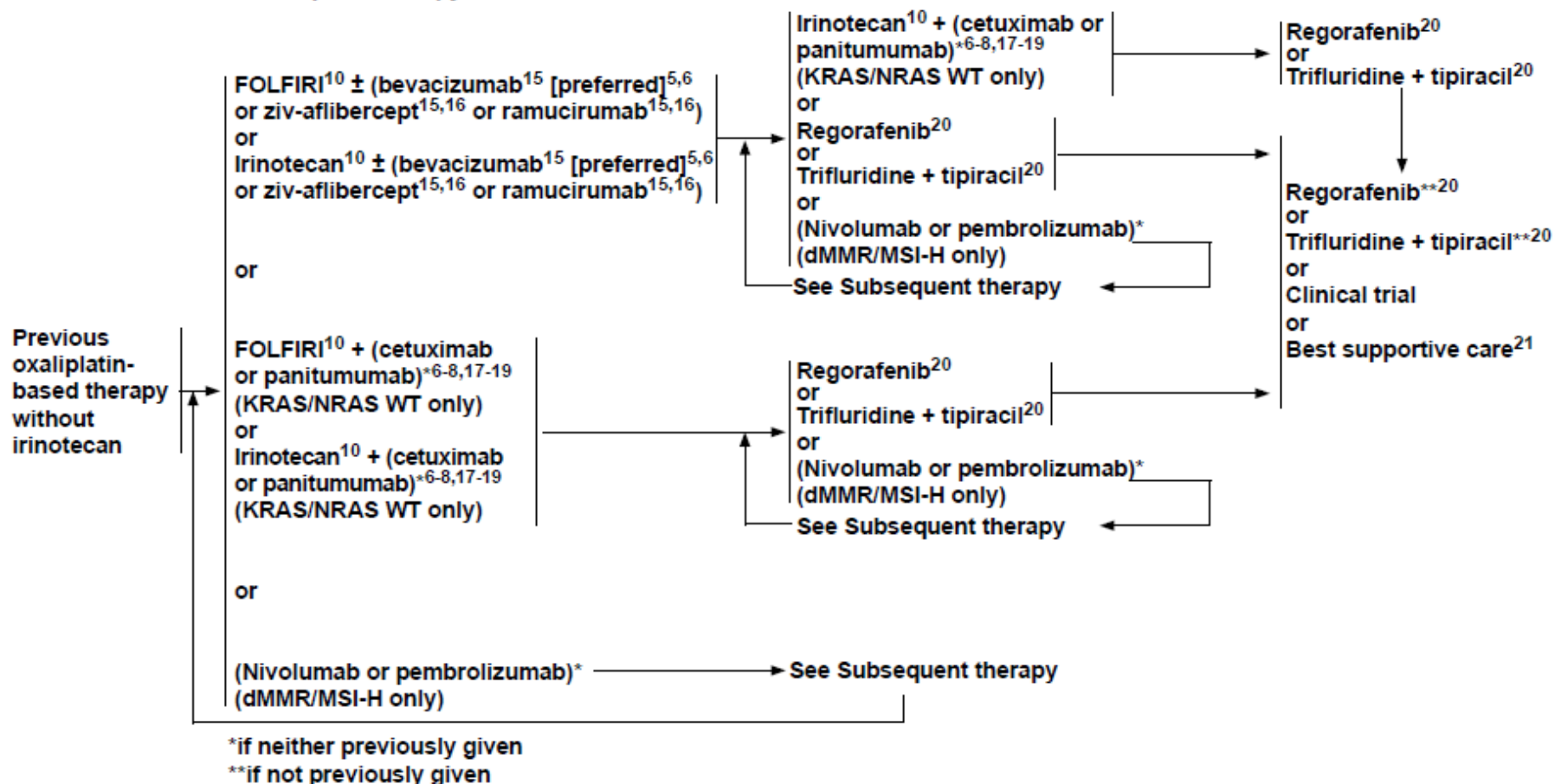
# Treatment of metastatic disease

**Table 7.** Systemic therapy choices according to the Zurich treatment algorithm for patients with unresectable metastatic disease (excluding those with oligometastatic disease)

Category	Fit patients					
	Cytoreduction (tumour shrinkage)			Disease control (control of progression)		
Molecular profile	RAS wt	RAS mt	BRAF mt	RAS wt	RAS mt	BRAF mt
<b>Third line</b>						
Preferred choice (s)	CT doublet + EGFR antibody or irinotecan + cetuximab	Regorafenib or trifluridine/ tipiracil	Regorafenib or trifluridine/ tipiracil	CT doublet + EGFR antibody or irinotecan + cetuximab	Regorafenib or trifluridine/tipiracil	Regorafenib or trifluridine/tipiracil
Second choice	EGFR antibody monotherapy			EGFR antibody monotherapy		
Third choice	Regorafenib or trifluridine/ tipiracil			Regorafenib or trifluridine/ tipiracil		

CONTINUUM OF CARE - CHEMOTHERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE:<sup>1</sup> (PAGE 2 of 10)

Subsequent Therapy



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**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.  
**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.



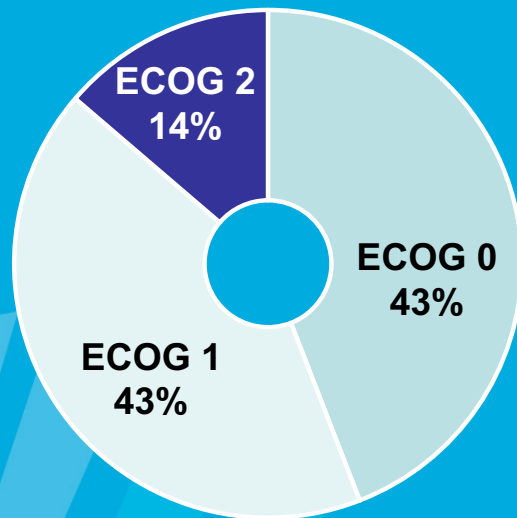
## Table 4: Drivers for first-line treatment

<b>Tumour characteristics</b>	<b>Patient characteristics</b>	<b>Treatment characteristics</b>
Clinical presentation:		
Tumour burden	Age	Toxicity profile
Tumour localisation		
Tumour biology	Performance status	Flexibility of treatment administration
<i>RAS</i> mutation status	Organ function	Socio-economic factors
<i>BRAF</i> mutation status	Comorbidities, patient attitude, expectation and preference	Quality of life

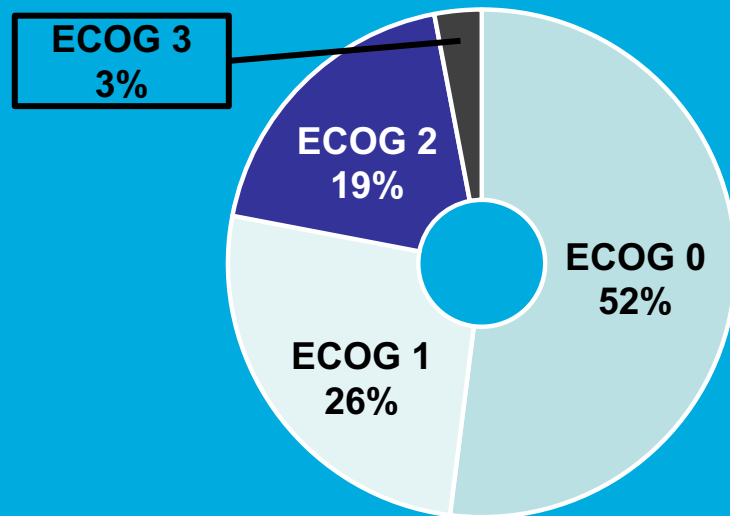
**Patient and treatment characteristics become even more relevant in later lines**



3rd line treatment ECOG PS (%) patients



4th line treatment ECOG PS (%) patients



- A significant number of patients progressing beyond the 2nd or 3rd line of treatment are still fit for further therapy
- An Italian study assessed oncologists’ clinical practice in the management of Italian mCRC patients, with a focus on the 3rd, 4th, and later lines of therapy.

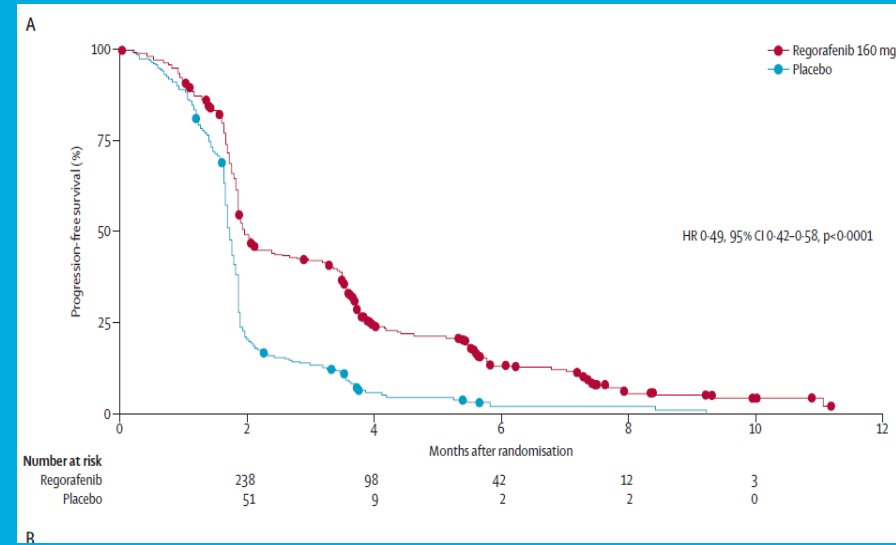
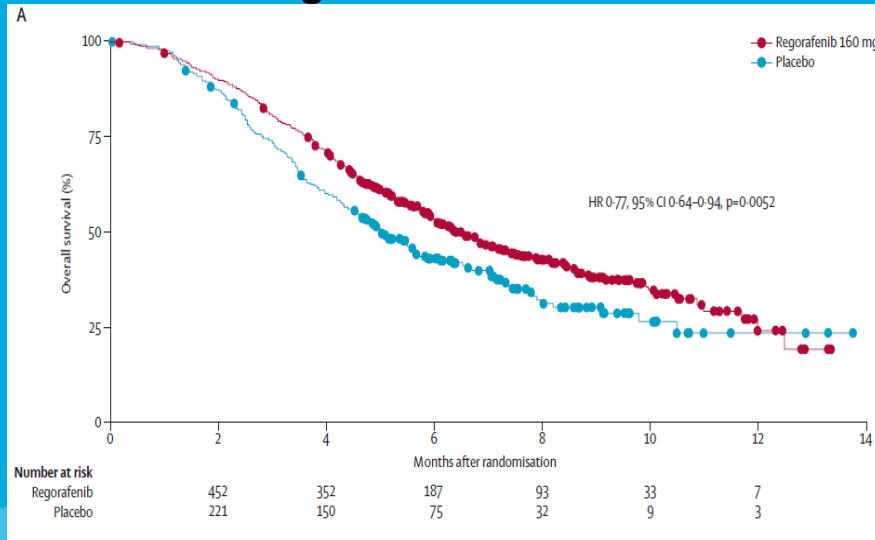
**Active treatment in later lines primarily reserved for “fit” (ECOG 0-1) patients**

# Later lines of treatment: Which benefit?

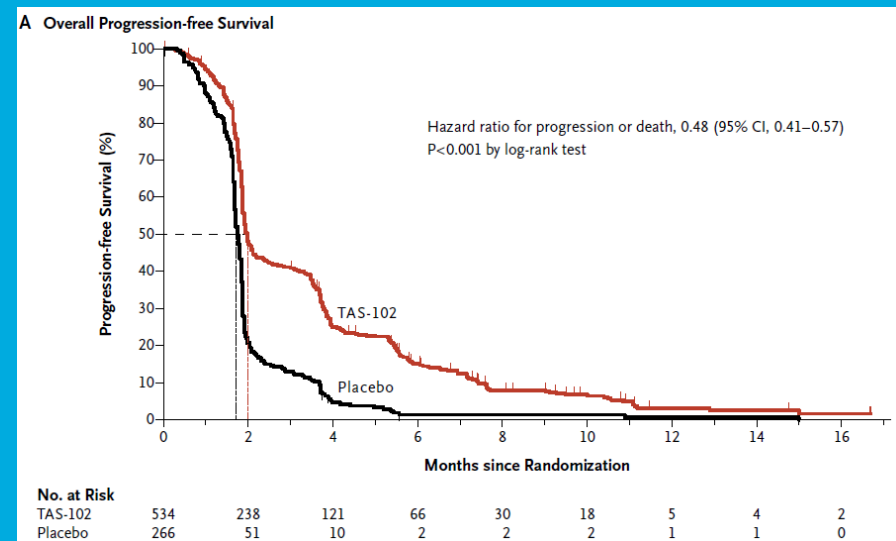
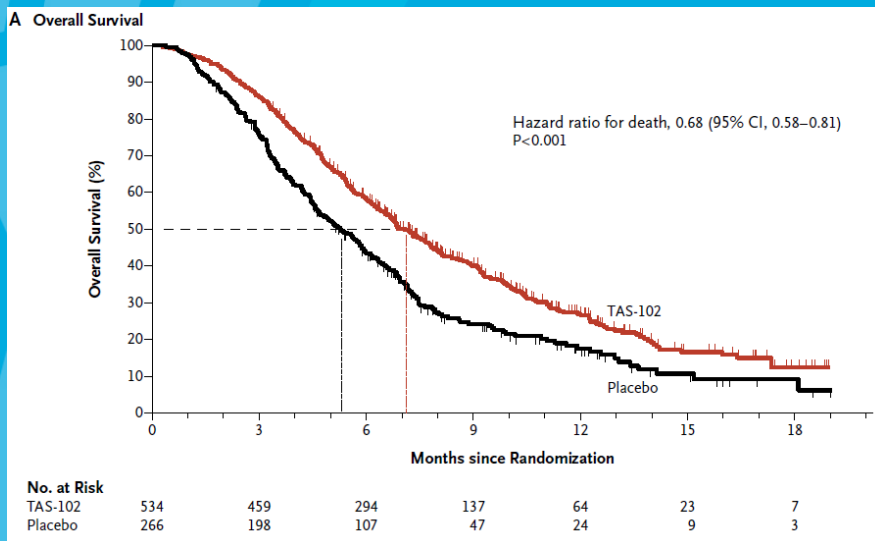
	CORRECT		CONCUR		CON-SIGN	RECOURSE		JAPANESE TRIAL		TERRA	
	Regora-fenib n=500	Plac n=253	Regora-fenib n=136	Plac n=68	Regora-fenib n=2864	TAS-102 n=533	Plac n=265	TAS-102 n=113	Plac n=57	TAS-102 n=271	Pla n=135
<b>PFS</b>	1.9	1.7	3.2	1.7	2.7	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.8
HR	0.49		0.31			0.48		0.41		0.43	
<b>OS</b>	6.4	5.0	8.8	6.3	NA	7.1	5.3	9.0	5.6	7.8	7.1
HR	0.77		0.55			0.68		0.56		0.79	

TAS-102 = trifluridine/tipiracil

## CORRECT: regorafenib



## RECOURSE: trifluridine/tipiracil



# Later lines of treatment:

## Grade $\geq 3$ adverse events (%)



	CORRECT		CONCUR		CONSIGN	RECOURSE	
	Rego (n=505)	Placebo (n=255)	Rego (n=136)	Placebo (n=68)	Rego (2872)	TAS- 102 (533)	Placebo (265)
HFS	17	<1	16	0	14	0	0
Fatigue	10	5	3	1	13	4	6
HT	7	1	11	3	15	NS	NS
Diarrhea	7	1	1	1	5	3	<1
Anemia	4	<1	7	0	5	18	3
Rash	6	0	4	0	<5	7	1
Bilirubin	13	8	11	4	13	9	12
Neutropenia	<1	0	4	0	1	38 (4*)	0

Rego = regorafenib; \* Febrile neutropenia

**Regorafenib**  
**Trifluridine/tipiracil**



**or**

**Trifluridine/tipiracil**  
**Regorafenib**



## **Clinical characteristics to decide upon regorafenib & trifluridine/tipiracil**

- Selection criteria:
  - good PS, lower tumor burden, adequate organ function & bone marrow function
- Larger benefit in less heavily pretreated patients
- Markers of benefit: post-treatment:
  - Regorafenib: cavitation
  - Trifluridine/tipiracil: HFS, Neutropenia
- Biomarkers for regorafenib: not validated
  - CMS

# CORRECT: Which Characteristics Correlate with Long PFS?

	All Patients (n = 505, 100%)	Long PFS* (n = 98, 19.4%)
<b>Median age, years (range)</b>	<b>61 (22–82)</b>	<b>61 (34–82)</b>
<b>ECOG PS, %</b>		
0	52	63
1	48	37
<b>Primary tumor, %</b>		
Colon	64	52
Rectum	30	37
<b>Tumor metastatic sites, %</b>		
1	19	30
2	36	38
3	27	16
<b>KRAS status, %</b>		
Mutant	54	47
Wild type	41	44
<b>Time from diagnosis of metastatic disease, %</b>		
<18 months	18	11
≥18 months	82	89
<b>Mean treatment duration, months</b>	<b>2.8 ± 2.3**</b>	<b>6.3 ± 2.0</b>
<b>Mean planned dose, % ± SD</b>	<b>78.9 ± 19.9</b>	<b>81.4 ± 16.3</b>
<b>Mean daily dose, mg ± SD</b>	<b>147.1 ± 18.6</b>	<b>138.7 ± 22.0</b>
<b>Treatment modifications, % patients</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>91</b>

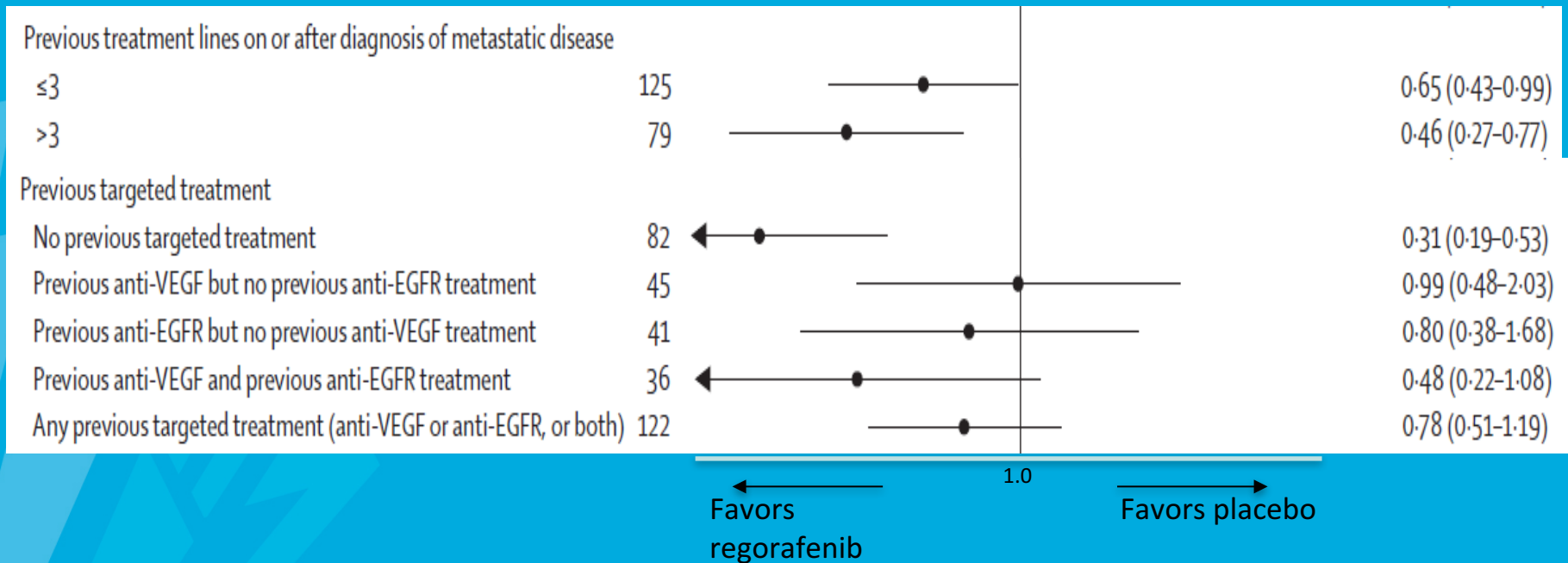
\*Long-PFS: >4 months; median of 6 cycles regorafenib, 92% ≥5 cycles, and 20% >8 cycles; \*\*Treated patients (n = 500).



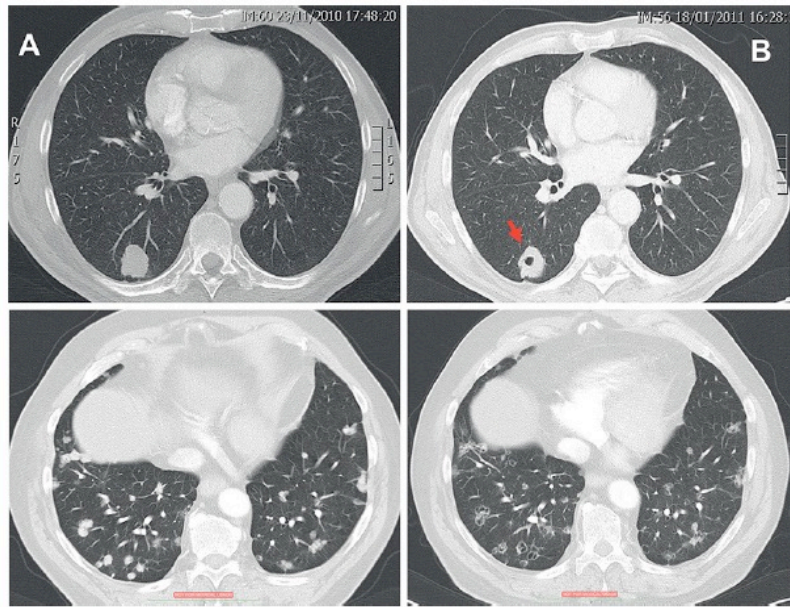
# CONCUR Subgroup Analysis Further Suggests Greater Benefit in Less Heavily Pretreated Patients

Overall 204

OS HR: 0.55 (0.40–0.77)



## Importance of Imaging in Measuring Clinical Outcomes: Lung Metastasis Cavitation with Regorafenib



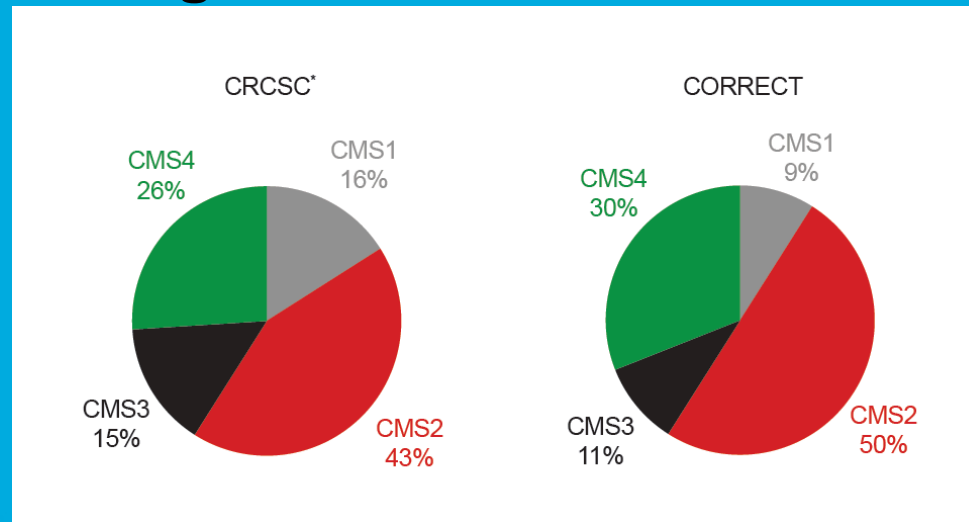
**Figure 1** Baseline (A) and week 8 (B) CT displaying the onset of cavitation at week 8 in two patients treated with regorafenib. Upper: the arrow highlights single tumour metastases with cavitation. Lower: cavitation in multiple lung metastases.

**Table 2 Overall Survival**

Survival	n	Months	P
Response on size criteria	3	10.60	.45
Stable disease or progressive disease on size	39	8.38	
Response or stable disease on size criteria	25	9.89	<.0001
Progressive disease on size criteria	17	6.44	
Response on density criteria	24	9.59	<.0001
No response on density criteria	18	7.04	
Response on corrected density criteria	22	9.09	.0016
No response on corrected density criteria	20	7.16	

## Preliminary Analysis Suggests Greater Benefit with Regorafenib in CMS2 and CMS4

**CMS4:**  
Mesenchymal,  
CIN, MSI,  
TGF-β/ VEGF,  
NOTCH3

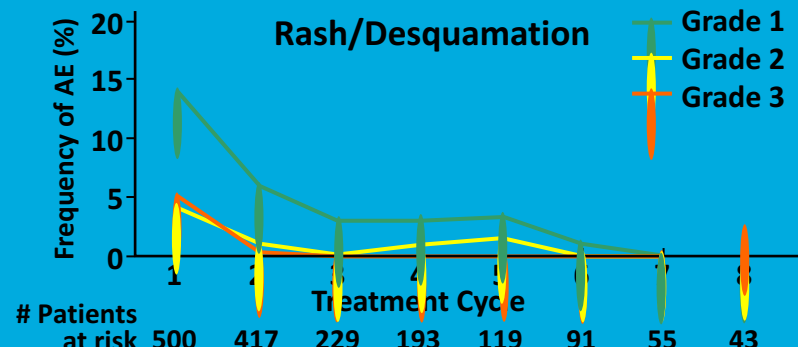
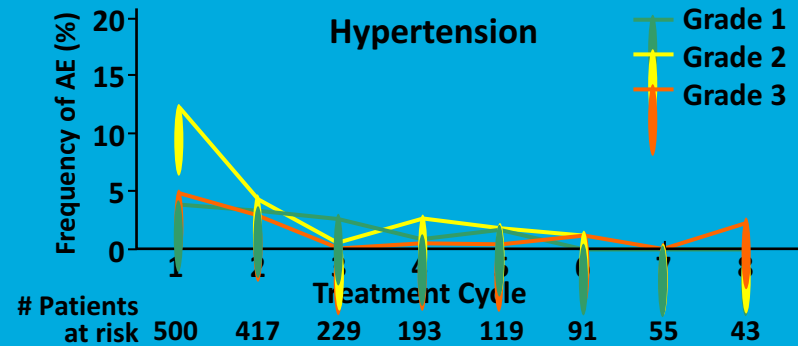
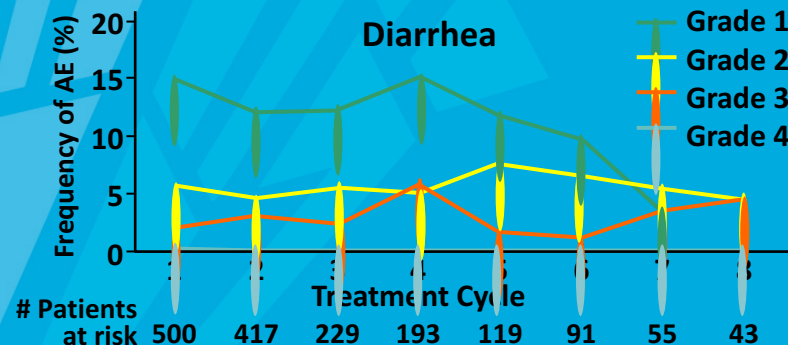
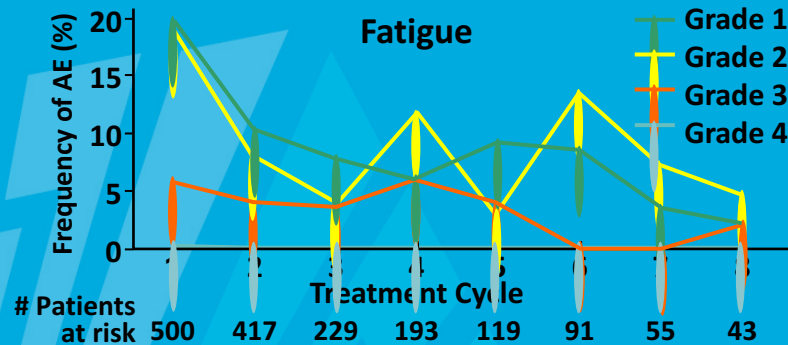
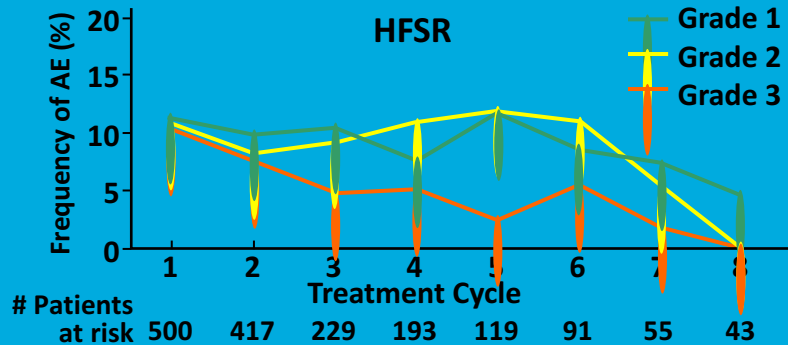


**CMS2:**  
Epithelial,  
MSS, high  
CIN, p53  
mut,  
WNT/MYC

Molecular subtype	n	Overall survival		Progression-free survival	
		Hazard ratio	95% CI	Hazard ratio	95% CI
CMS1	24	1.116	0.290–4.690	0.850	0.321–2.252
CMS2	140	0.779	0.486–1.249	0.571	0.387–0.842
CMS3	32	1.047	0.399–2.749	0.287	0.112–0.737
CMS4	85	0.672	0.358–1.261	0.483	0.286–0.814
All samples	281	0.797	0.572–1.12	0.528	0.401–0.698

Extensive additional research is ongoing seeking biomarkers predictive for regorafenib clinical benefit

# CORRECT study: Incidence of Grade 3 AEs decreases over time



# Trifluridine/tipiracil and onset of AEs

Figure 3. Incidence of treatment-related AEs and hematological abnormalities by cycle during the first 6 cycles

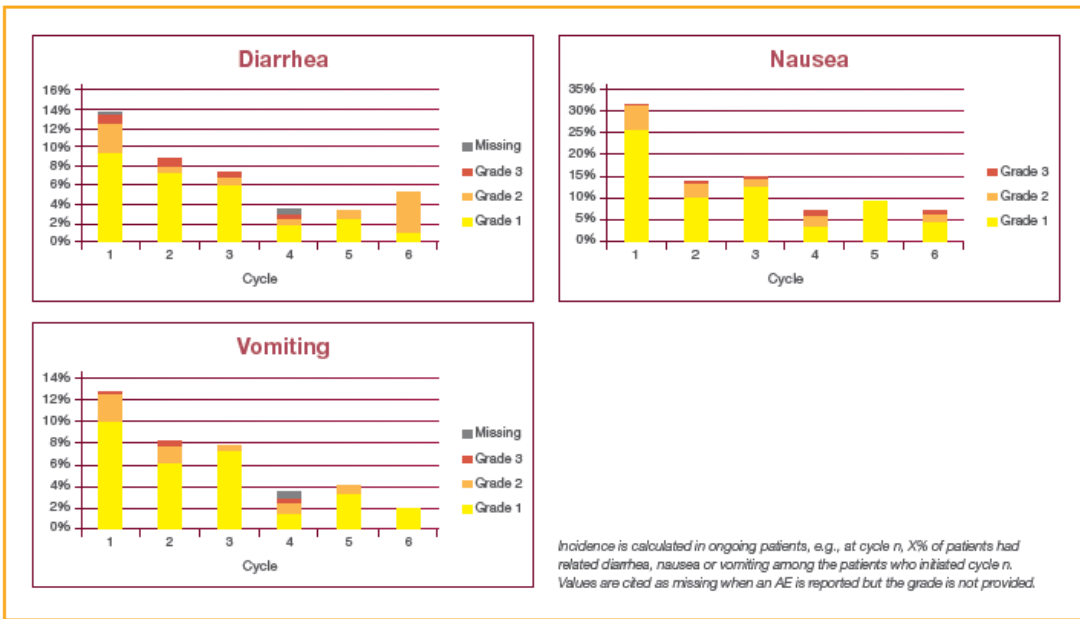
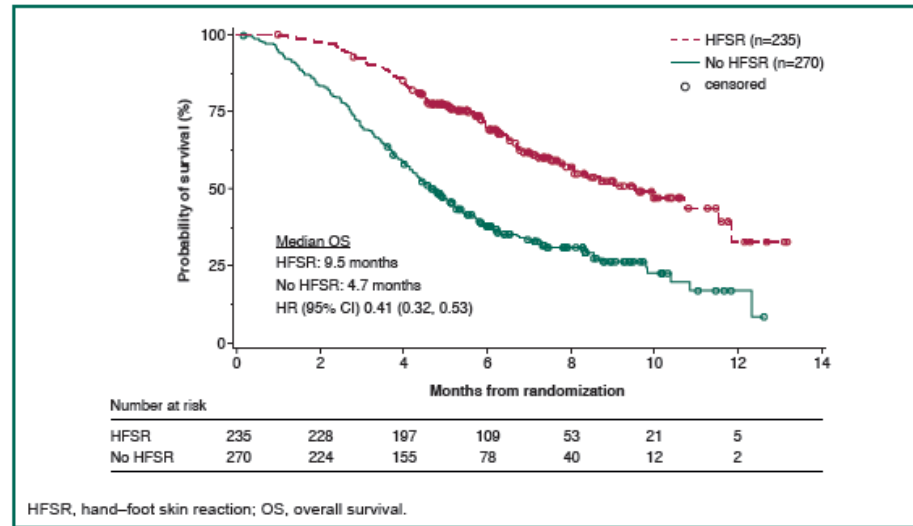


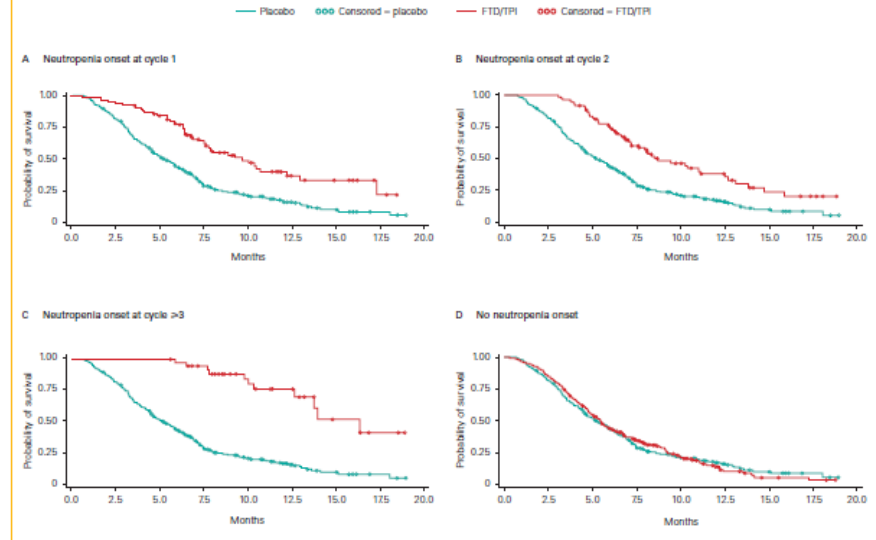
Table 3. Median times to nadir for grade  $\geq 3$  hematological abnormalities and median time to grade  $\geq 3$  non-hematological adverse events in RECURSE (over the whole treatment duration)

Adverse event (grade $\geq 3$ )	Median (range) time to nadir, days
<b>Hematological adverse event</b>	
Anemia	69 (9-442)
Neutropenia	63 (17-446)
Thrombocytopenia	92 (9-388)
<b>Non-hematological adverse events</b>	
Diarrhea	38 (14-74)
Nausea	36 (2-167)
Vomiting	35 (12-36)

**Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier analysis of OS by occurrence of HFSR (all grade) at any time, regorafenib-treated patients**



**Figure 3. OS in the FTI/TPI group with (A, B, C) or without (D) grade 3 or 4 neutropenia in treatment cycles 1 (A), 2 (B), and ≥3 (C) compared with the placebo group**



## Regorafenib and HFSR

## Trifluridine/tipiracil and neutropenia

Grothey A, Van Cutsem E et al, ASCO 2017 - poster

Ohtsu A et al, ASCO GI 2017 poster

## Regorafenib

- ✓ Label: 160 mg/d
- ✓ More optimal: 120 mg/d?

## Trifluridine/tipiracil

- ✓ 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> BID PO  
d1–5, 8–12 q4w
- ✓ More optimal regimen ??
- ✓ In combination towards d1-5, 15-19 q4w ??