

Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

What to do after progression?

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mCRC: what to do after progression

- **Most of patients with mCRC will progress under treatment or after a treatment break**
- **Several drugs and drug combination are available**
- **Anti EGFR have single agent activity and in combination with chemotherapy. They work in all lines in RAS wt mCRC**
- **Bevacizumab has no activity as single agent but improve outcome in combination with chemotherapy.**
- **Most patients will receive multiple lines of treatment**

mCRC: what to do after progression

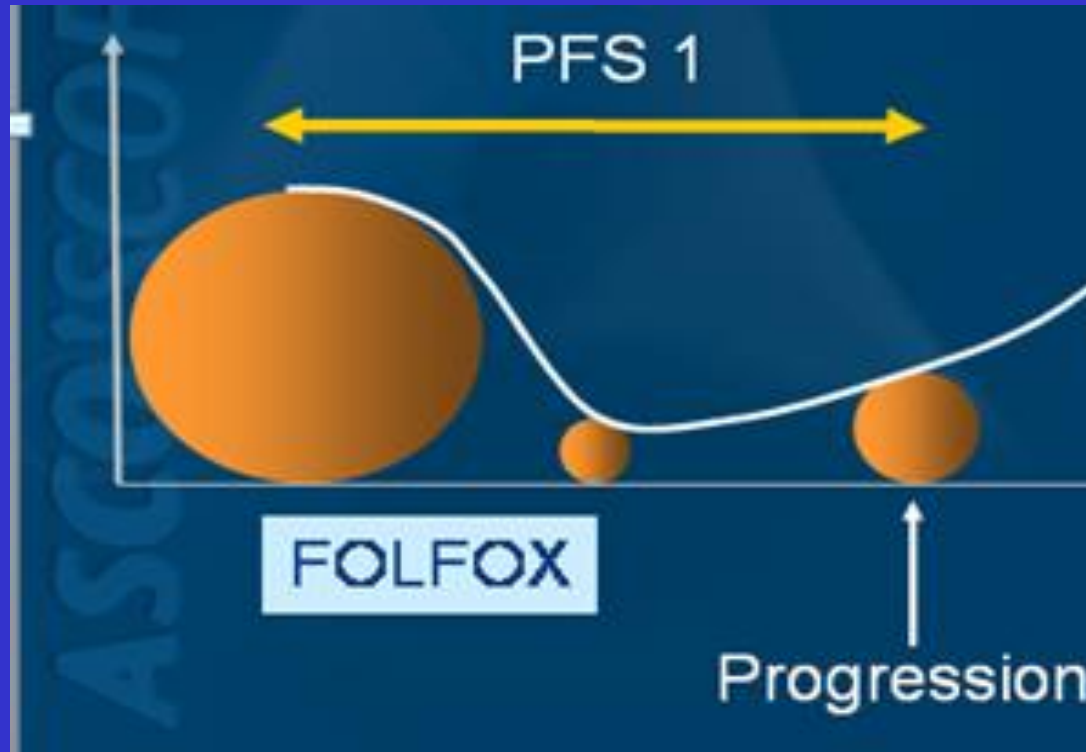
- **Several factors should be considered if an additional line is needed:**
 - **Patient's desire to continue treatment**
 - **Patient's condition (PS) and comorbidities**
 - **Tolerance to last line or residual toxicity**
 - **Safety of the planned combination**
 - **Drugs previously used**
 - **Strategy/schedule use in previous lines**

mCRC: what to do after progression

- The concept of lines should be revised:
 - Drug re-introduction
 - Drug continuation
 - Intercalating other treatment method
 - Surgery (even palliative)
 - Radiation
 - Radio-frequency
 - Radio-immunotherapy
- Adding several treatment modality illustrate the concept of Continuum of care

mCRC: what to do after progression

- HOW TO DEFINE PROGRESSION?
 - In clinical trials: RECIST is the Gold Standard



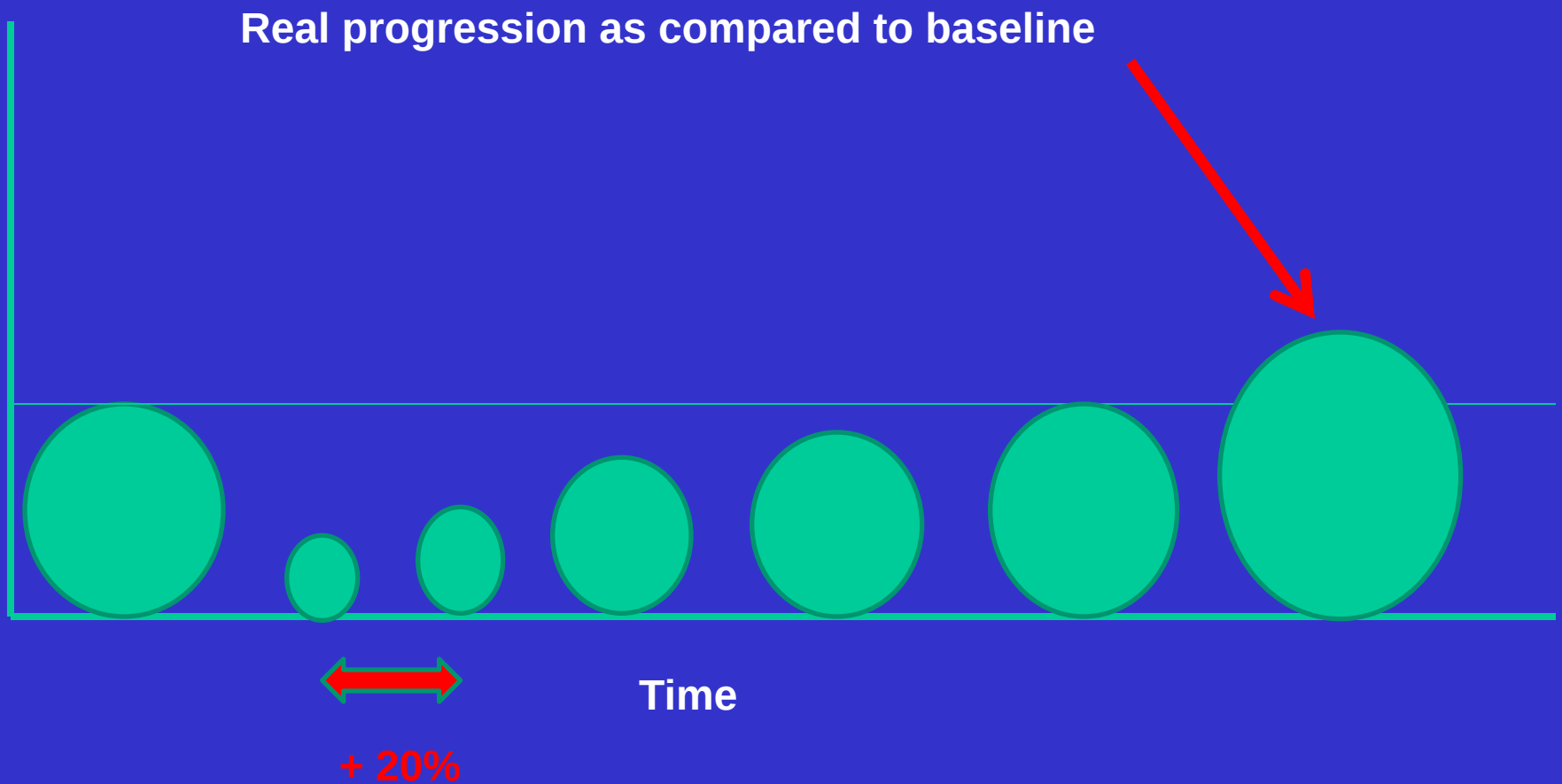
RECIST criteria 1.2

Progressive Disease (PD): At least a 20% increase in the sum of diameters of target lesions, taking as reference the smallest sum on study (this includes the baseline sum if that is the smallest on study). In addition to the relative increase of 20%, the sum must also demonstrate an absolute increase of at least 5 mm. (Note: the appearance of one or more new lesions is also considered progression).

RECIST

- Essentially used for evaluation of new drugs/regimen in clinical trials
- A tool to measure efficacy in a standardized manner
 - To obtain a Response Rate
 - To evaluate Progression-Free Survival
- Not always easy to use
 - Bone lesions
 - Pleural, peritoneal, pericardial effusion
 - Best for round-shaped lesions
- Is it reliable for treatment modification/decision in clinical practice?

RECIST 1.2



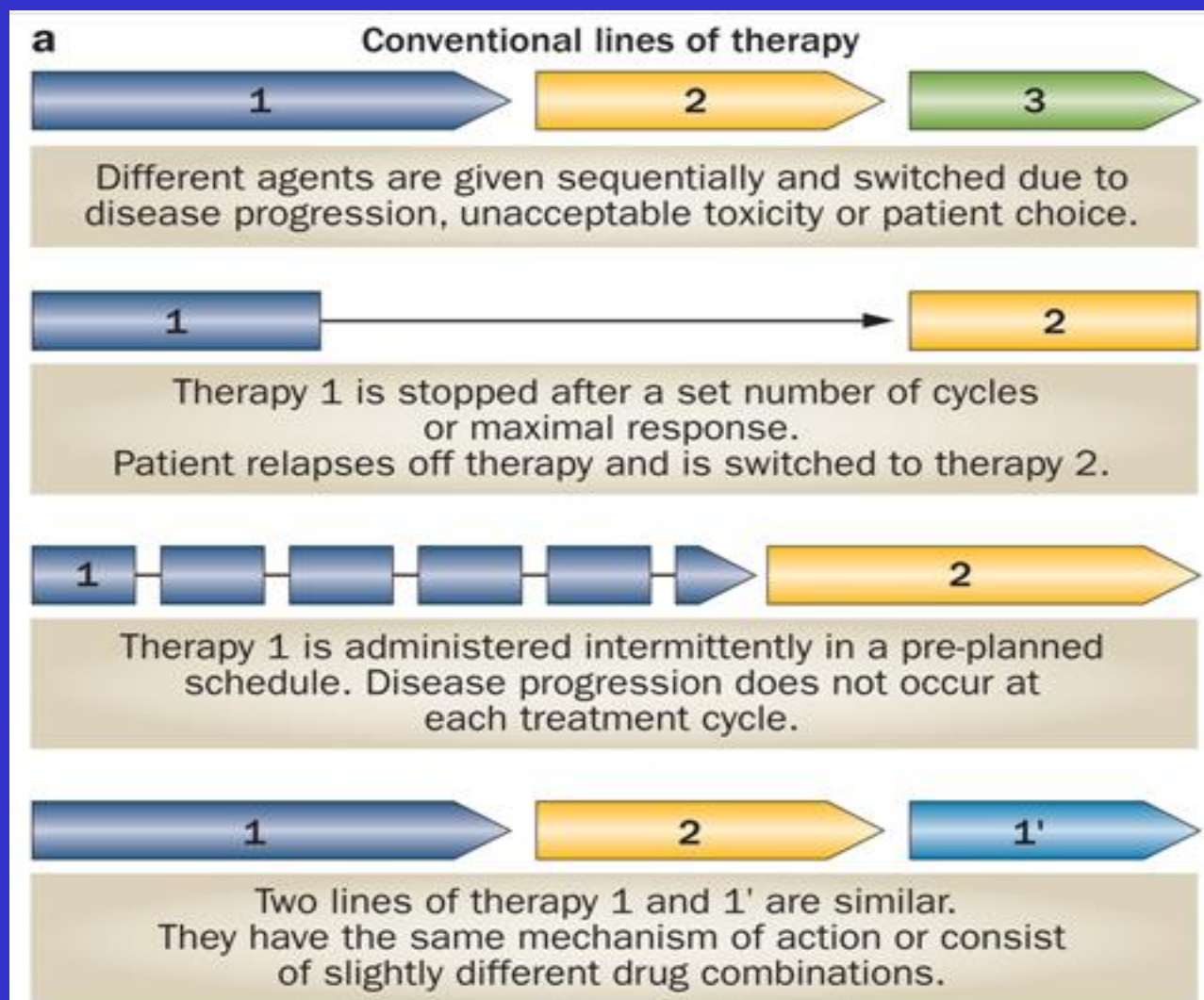
Definition of progression in clinical practice

- Target lesion size should be considered
- Other parameters are important as well:
 - Symptoms/quality of life
 - Clinical examination
 - Tolerance to treatment/acceptability
 - Patient opinion
 - Growth rate
 - Tumor markers (CEA, Ca 19.9)
- Daily clinical practice is not clinical research practice

What to do after progression?

- Progression may be established on multiple parameters
- Once established:
- Multiple options are available

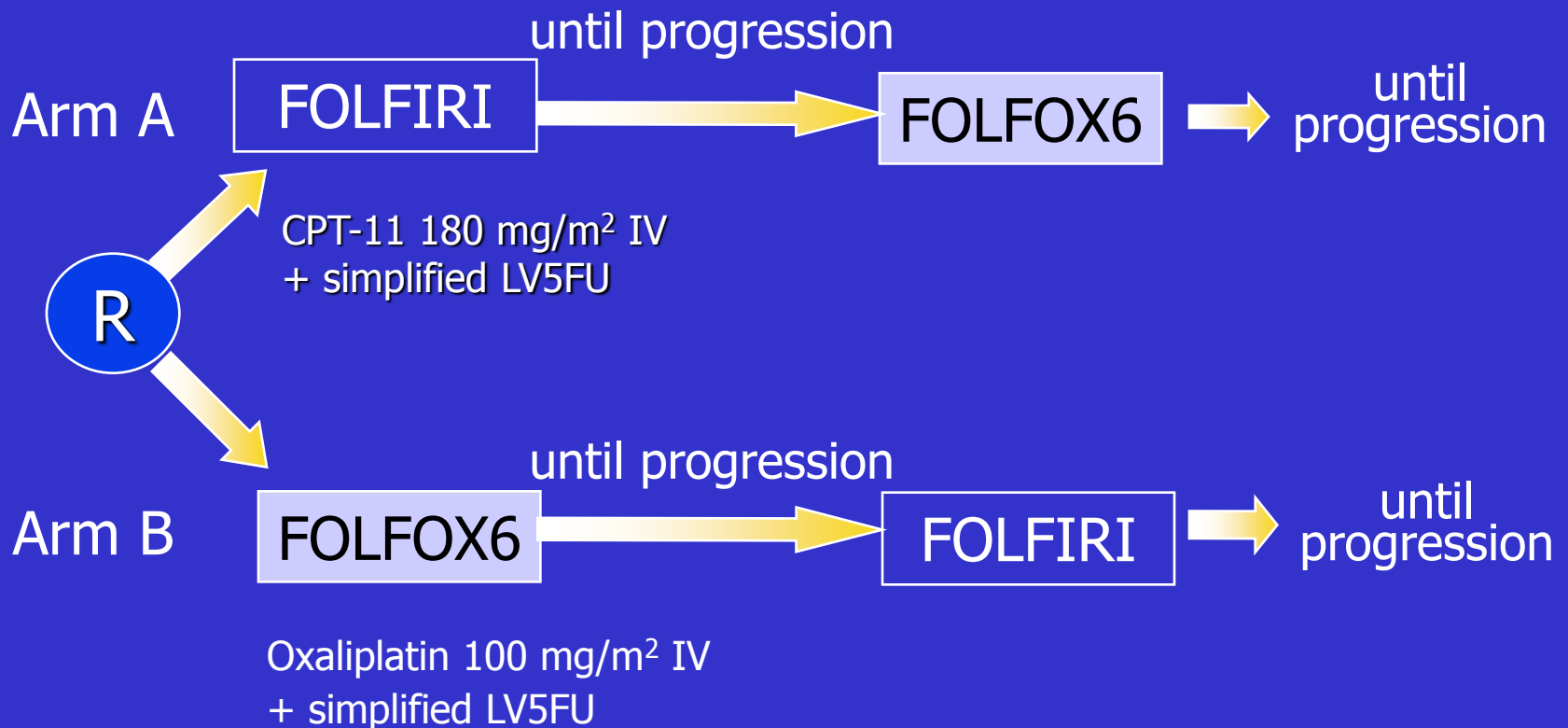
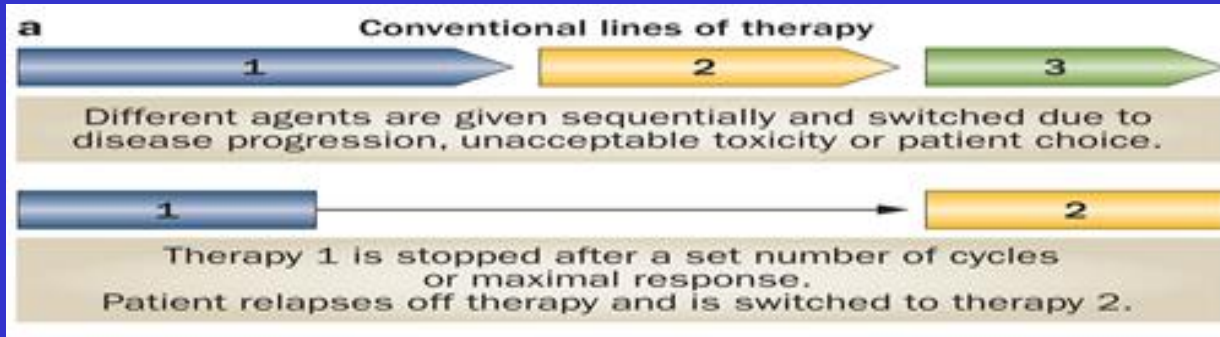
Conventional and nonconventional (drug rechallenge and treatment beyond progression) therapy regimens in medical oncology



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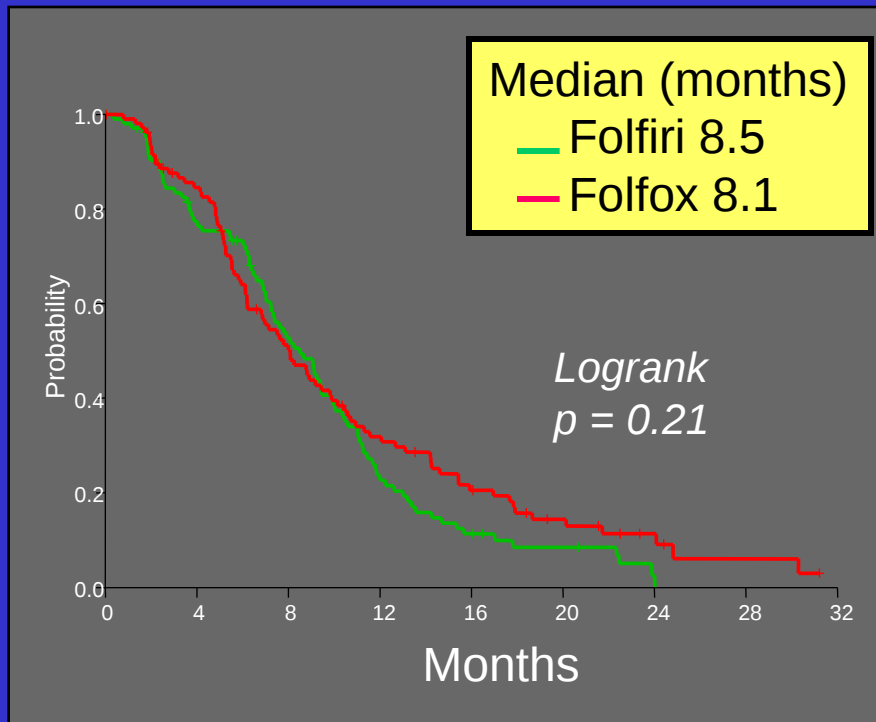
Sequential 1st and 2nd Line Combinations

Randomized, multicentric, open-label, prospective, phase III trial

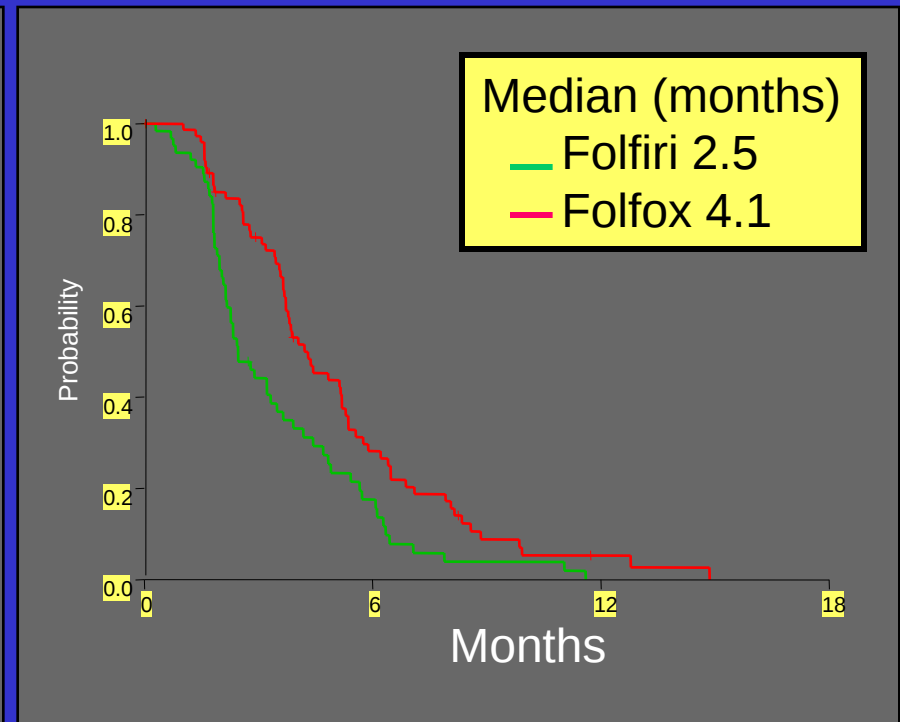


Efficacy Endpoints

Time to progression
in 1st line



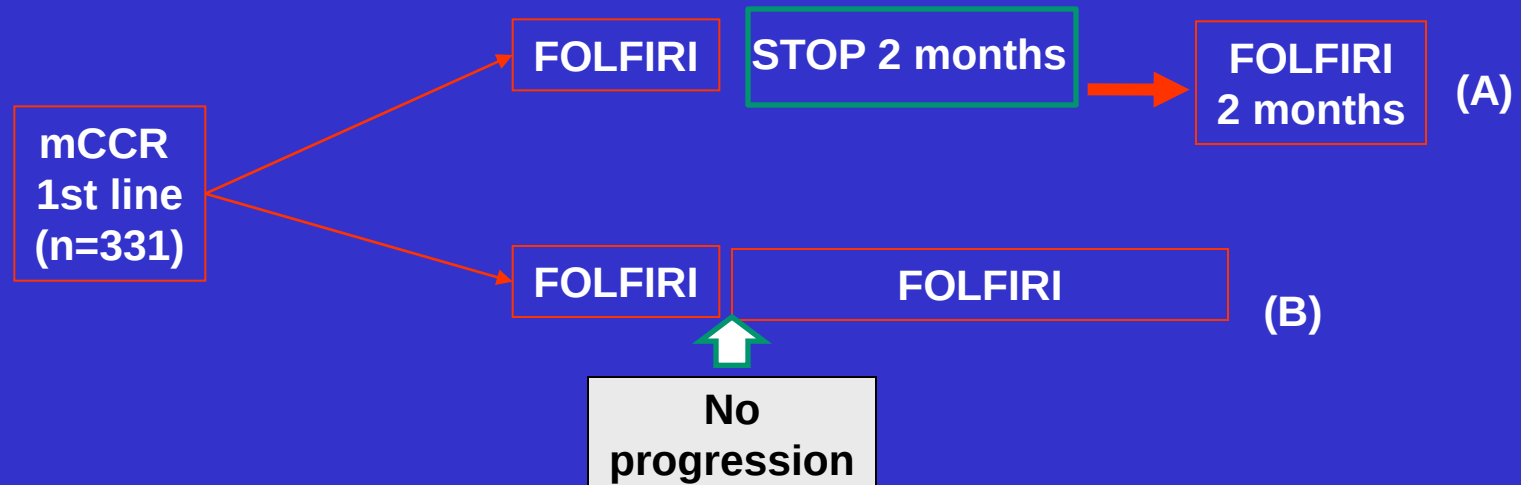
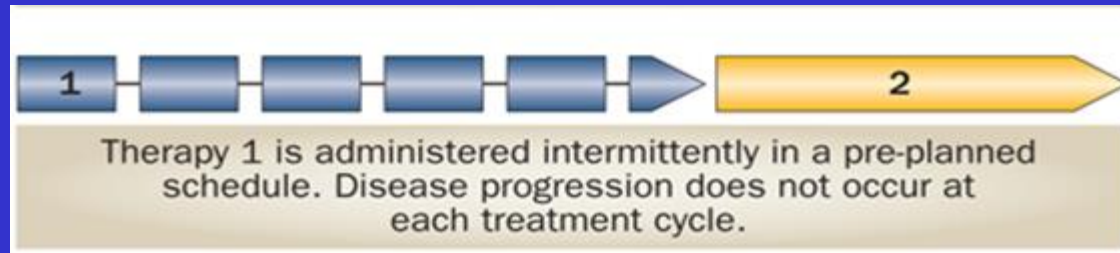
Time to progression
in 2nd line



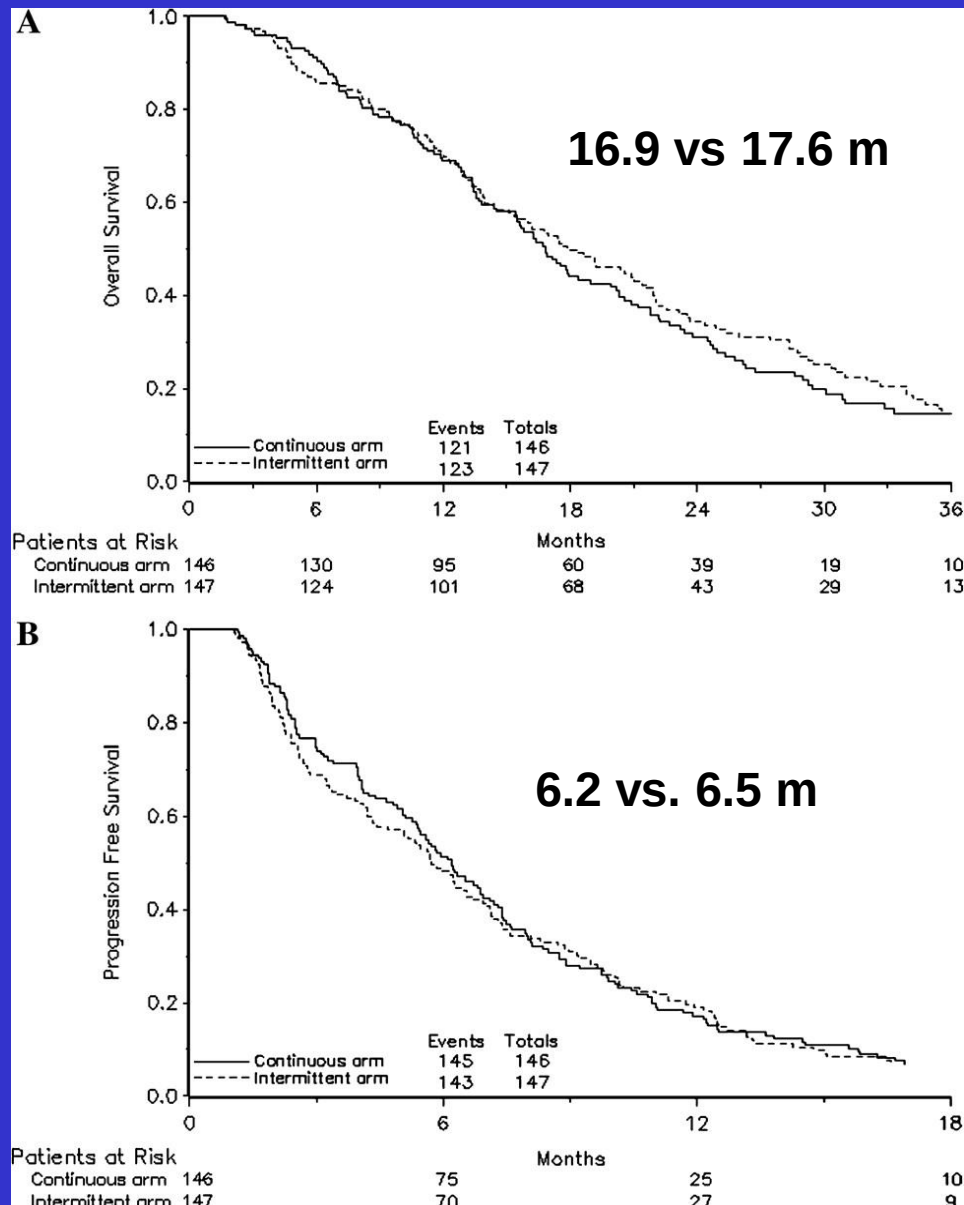
Efficacy

	Arm A		Arm B		
	FOLFIRI	FOLFOX	FOLFOX	FOLFIRI	<i>P</i>
n	109	81	111	69	
ORR (CR) %	53 (3)	15	54 (5)	4	0.68
ORR+SD %	79	63	81	35	
Median TTP	14.4		11.5		0.65
Median surv	20.4		21.5		0.90
Progression-free at 15 mo	49		40		

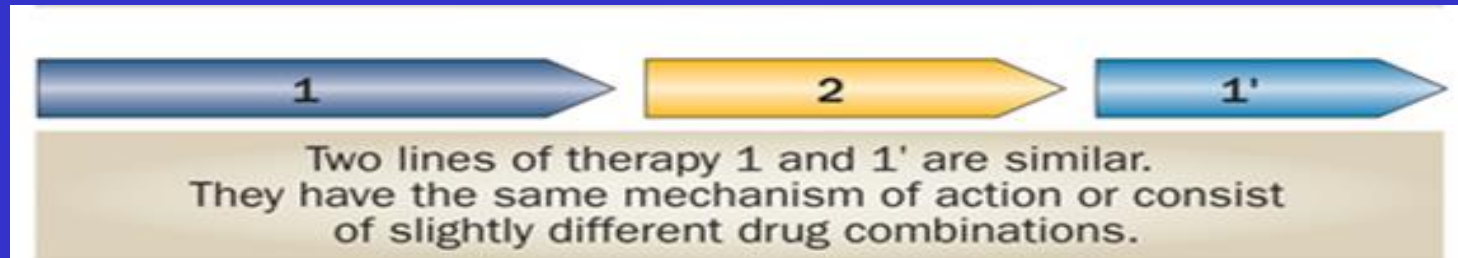
« stop and go » strategy (GISCAD)



Kaplan–Meier curves for overall survival (A) and progression-free survival (B).

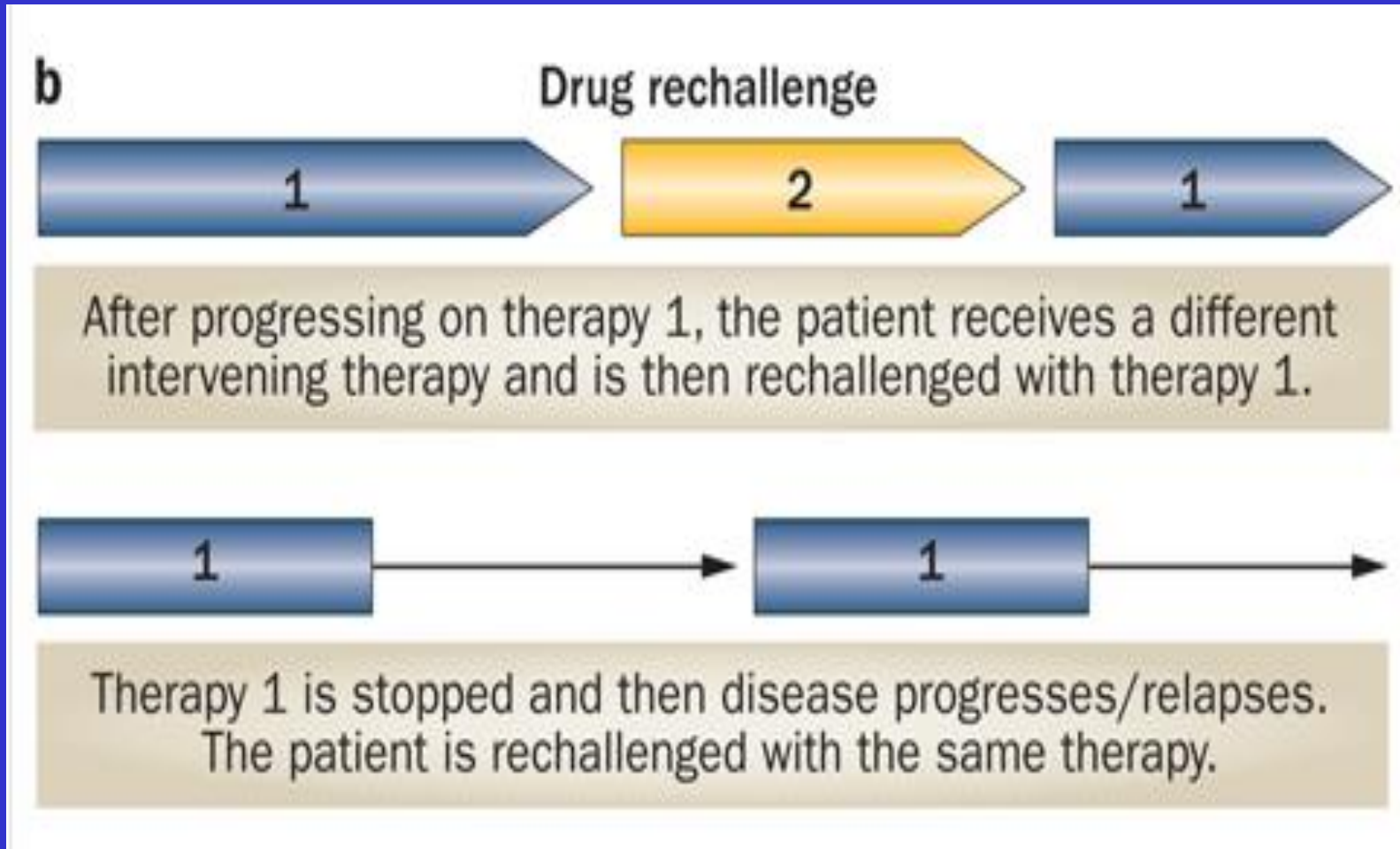


Oxaliplatin reintroduction at progression after FOLFOX 1st line



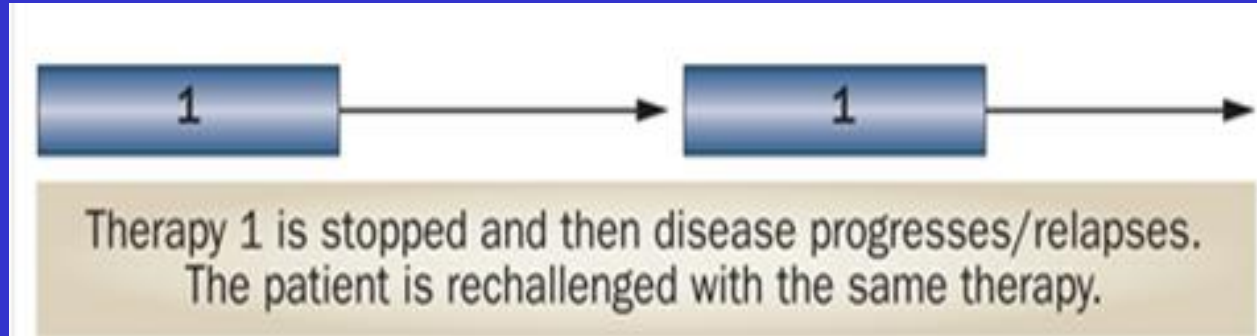
- 29 patients initially treated with Folfox (2, 3, 5, 6, 7)
 - 1st-line ORR: 24/29, SD 4/29, PD 1/29
 - 16 patients receive intervening therapy before Folfox reintroduction
 - 5FU-LV2, Irinotecan
 - Median Oxali-free interval 48 w
 - Median PFS after reintroduction: 11 weeks
 - Median OS after reintroduction: 36 weeks

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Reintroduction of the same regimen after progression following a break

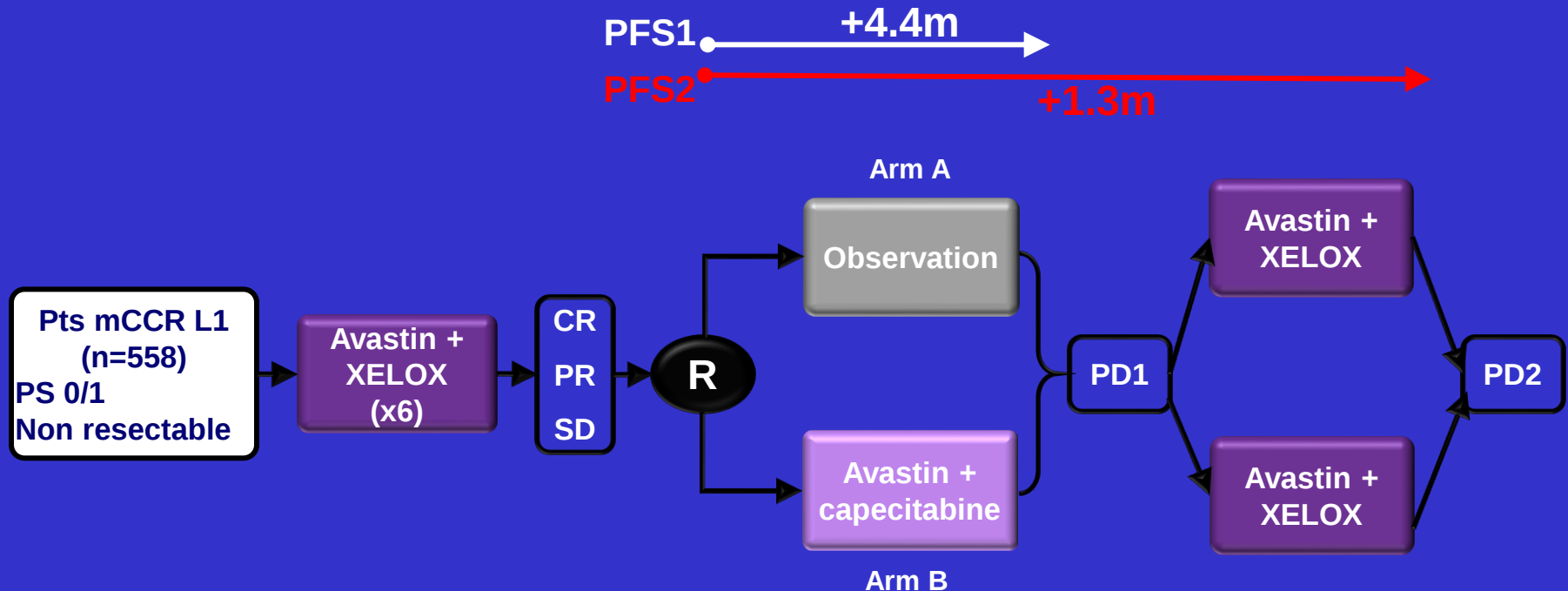


- Relapses may be termed « sensitive » rather than « resistant » after initial control
- Treatment-free interval should be considered
 - The longer the time to progression, the greater the chance of a response to re-treatment with the same regimen

Oxaliplatin reintroduction at progression after FOLFOX in 1st line

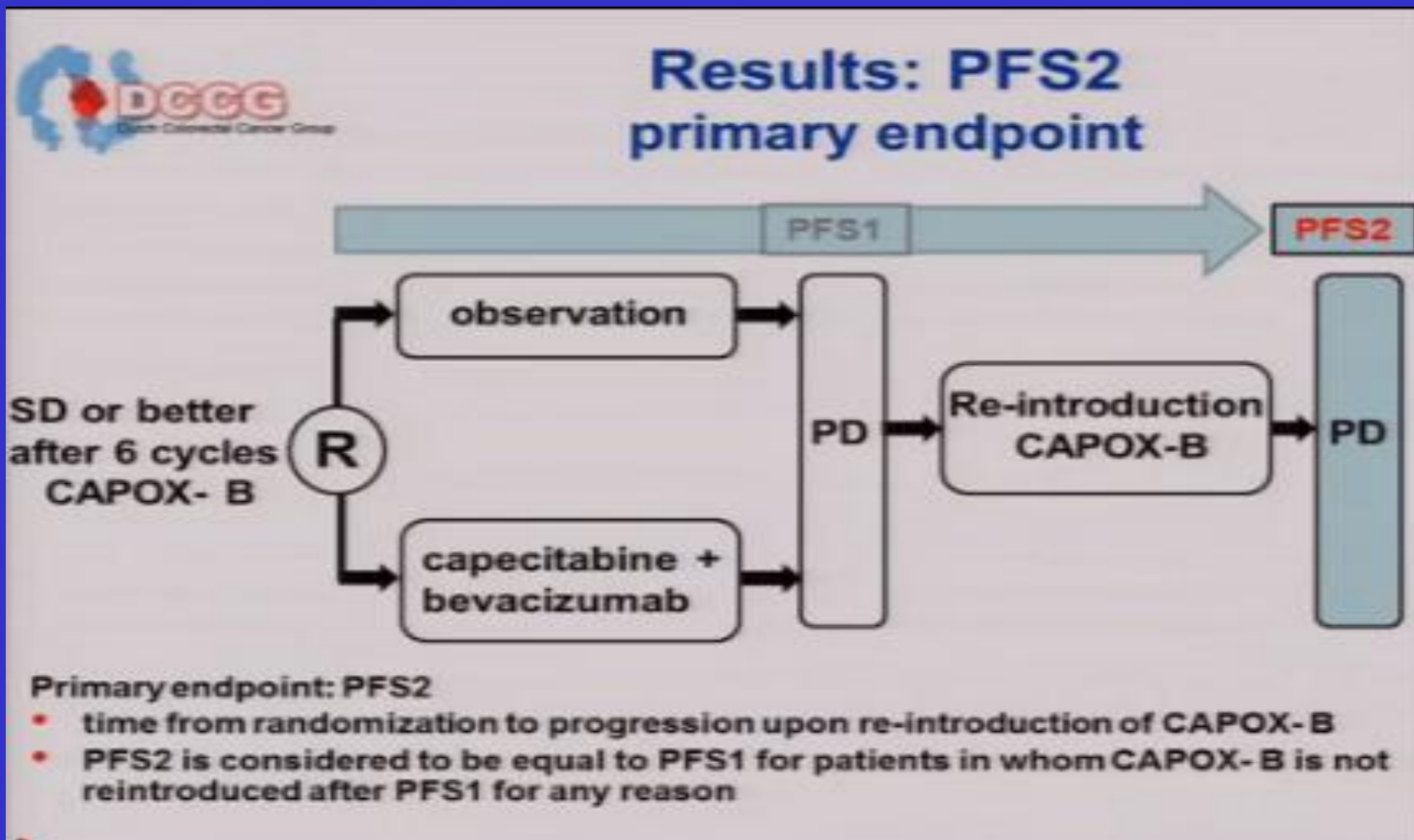
- 29 patients initially treated with Folfox (2, 3, 5, 6, 7)
 - 1st-line ORR: 24/29, SD 4/29, PD 1/29
 - 13 patients did not receive therapy until PD
 - Median treatment-free interval: 12 weeks (3-99w)
 - 12/13 had a disease control after reintroduction
 - Median PFS after reintroduction: 27 weeks
 - Median OS after reintroduction: 58 weeks

CAIRO-3 (phIII) Design

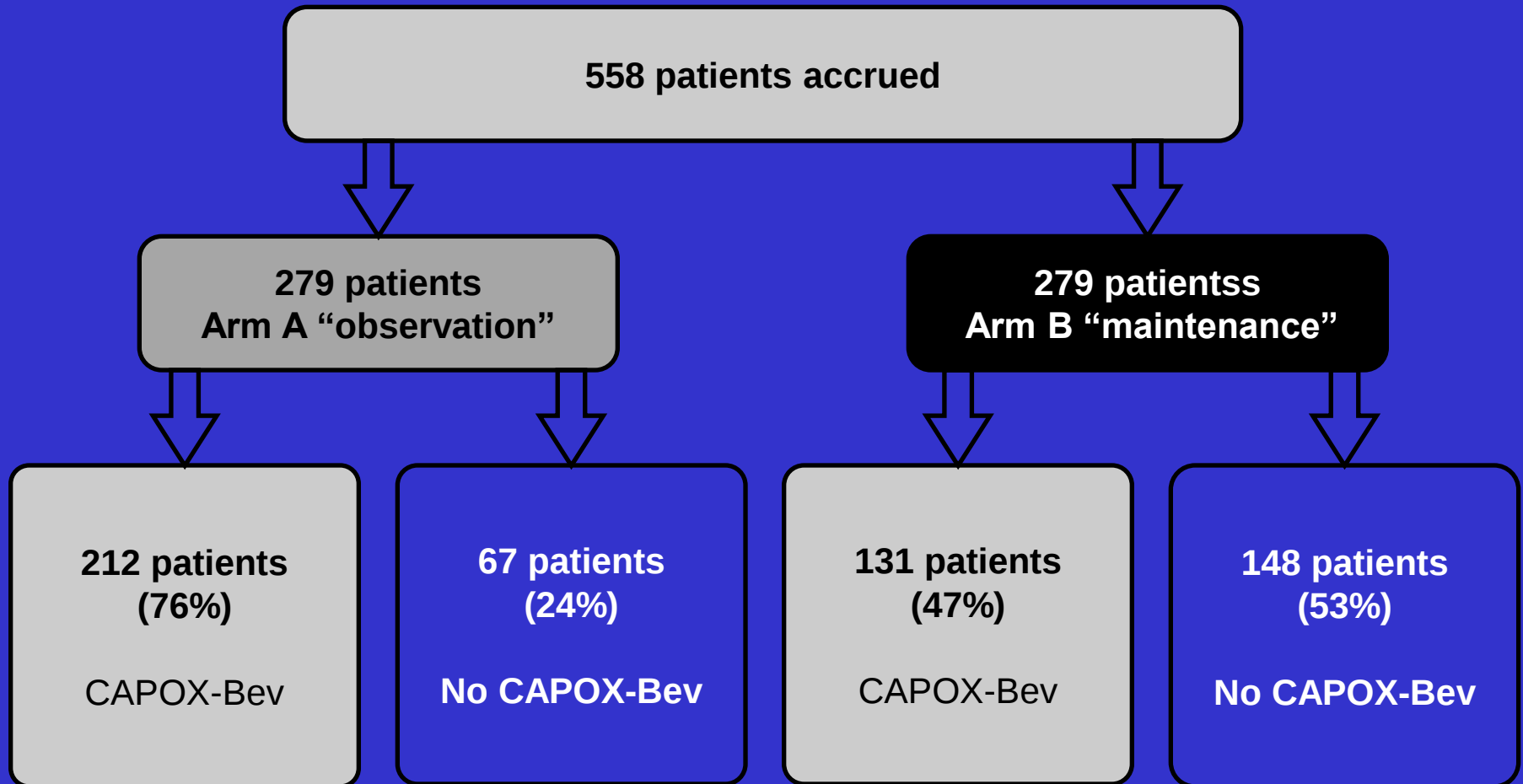


- **Primary Endpoint** : PFS after reintroduction of induction CT (PFS2)
- **Secondary Endpoints** : PFS1, OS, TTP2, ORR, tolerance
- **Sponsor** : Dutch Colorectal Cancer Group (DCCG)
- **Treatments** : bevacizumab : 2,5 mg/kg/week (eq.) / Capecitabine : 625mg/m² x2/d

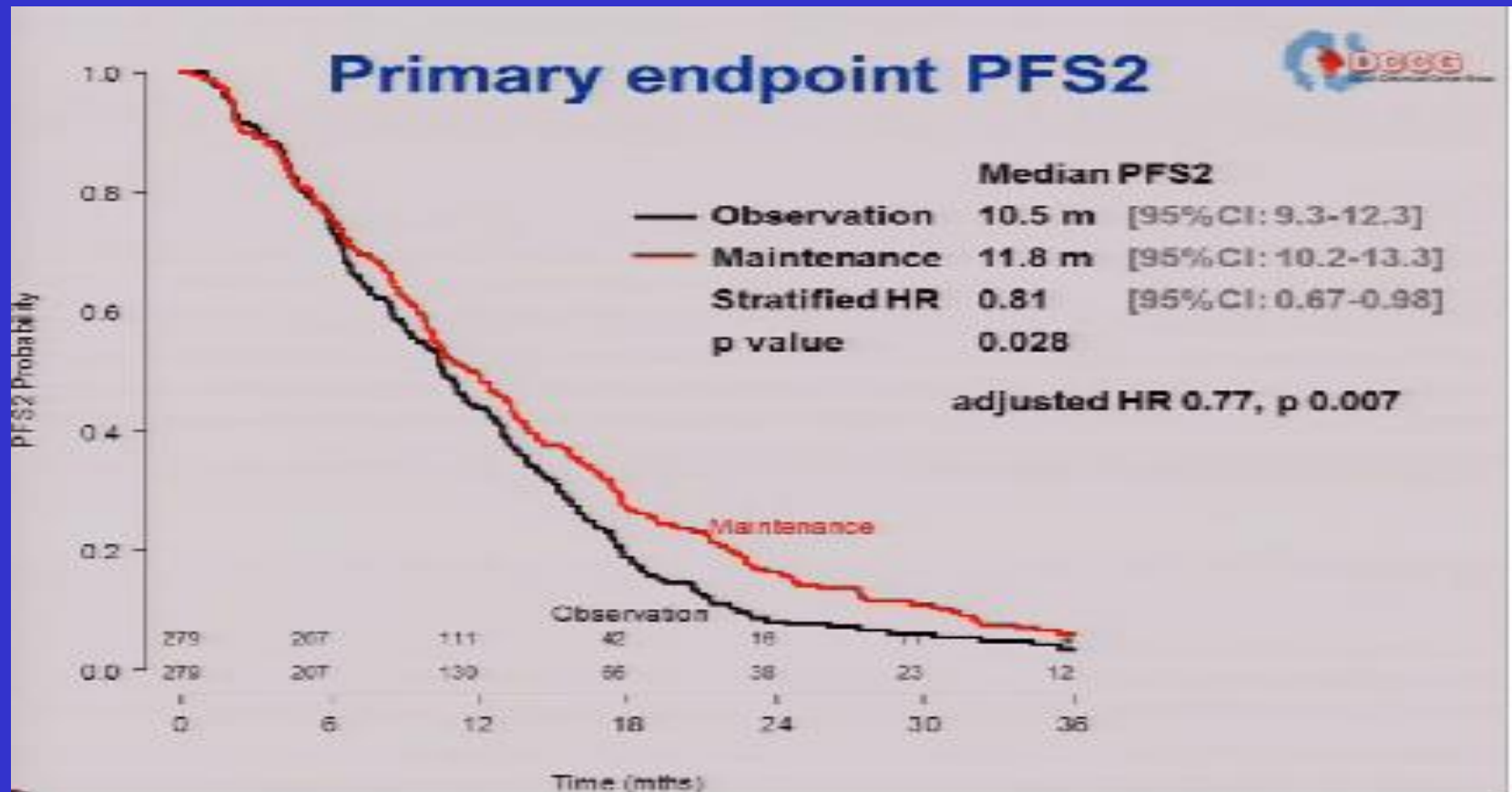
Re-introduction of 1st-line regimen: CAIRO 3



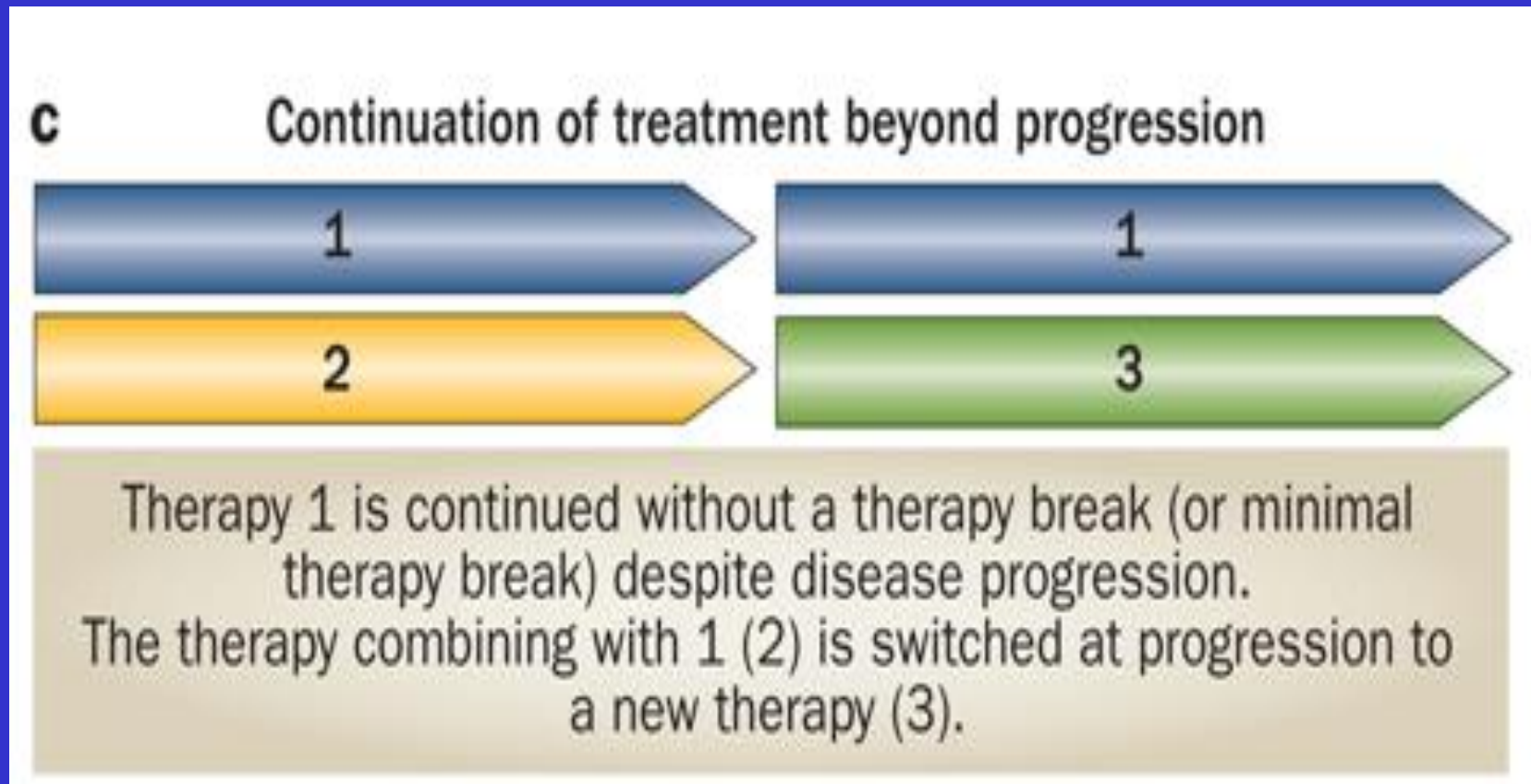
CAIRO-3 (phIII) Patients Disposition



Re-introduction of 1st-line regimen: CAIRO 3



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Continuous Blockade of Angiogenesis

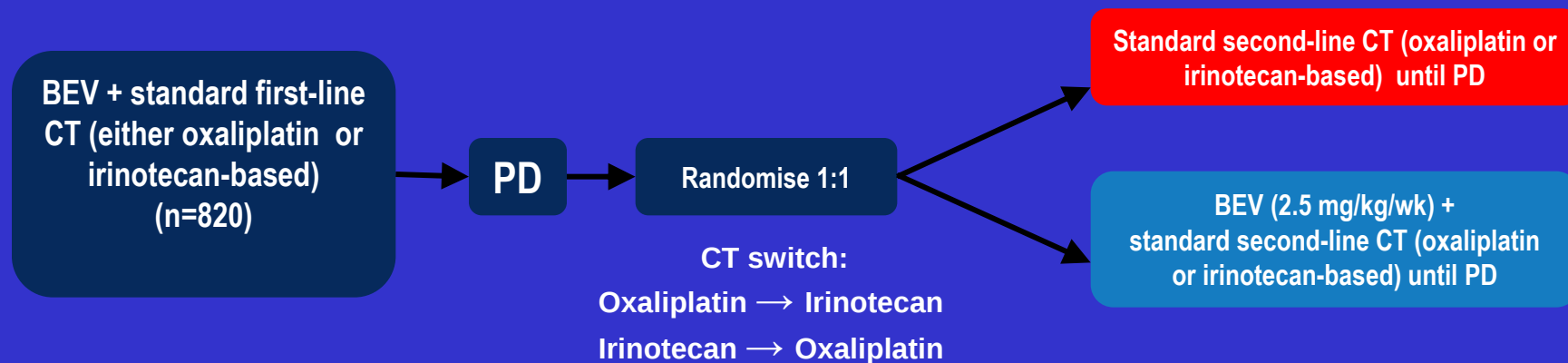
Bevacizumab Beyond Progression (BBP)

- 2 randomized studies:
 - TML¹
 - BEBYP²

1. Bennouna J et al. *The Lancet Oncology*. Jan 2013;14:29-37;

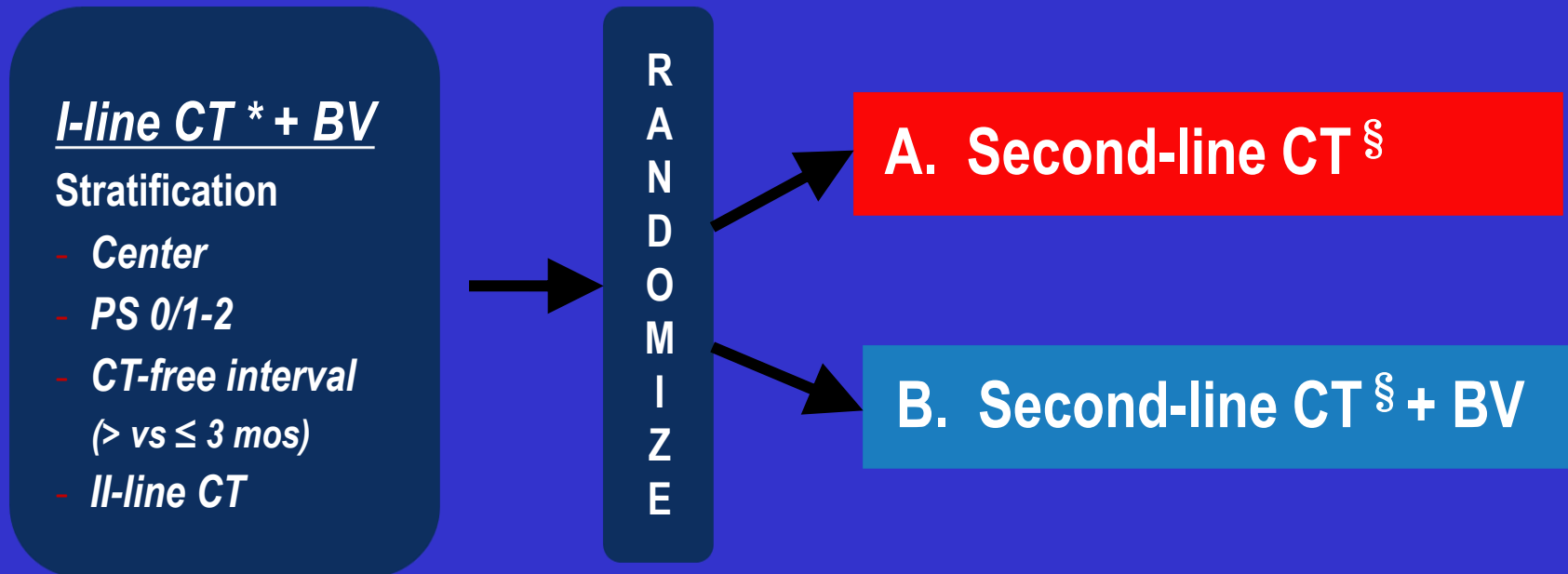
2. Masi G, ESMO Vienna 2012 LBA 17.

ML18147 Study Design (phase III)



Primary endpoint	• Overall survival (OS) from randomisation
Secondary endpoints included	• Progression-free survival (PFS) • Best overall response rate • Safety
Stratification factors	• First-line CT (oxaliplatin-based, irinotecan-based) • First-line PFS (≤ 9 months, > 9 months) • Time from last BEV dose (≤ 42 days, > 42 days) • ECOG PS at baseline (0/1, 2)

BEBYP: Study Design



- * • FOLFIRI
• FOLFOX
• FOLFOXIRI
• Fluoropyrimidine mono-tx

- § • FOLFIRI
• mFOLFOX-6

• Study conducted in 19 Italian centers

Supported by AIFA

How Does BEBYP Compare with TML?

TML

- Randomized phase III
- N= 820
- Complete accrual
- All Bev. Pre-treated 1st line
- 2nd line w/wo Bev
- 1st EP: OS since rando
- 2nd EP:
 - PFS
 - ORR
 - Safety

BEBYP

- Randomized phase II
- N=262 planned
- Terminated early at 184 pt
- All Bev. Pre-treated 1st line
- 2nd line w/wo Be
- 1st EP: PFS since rando
- 2nd EP:
 - OS (immature)
 - ORR
 - Safety

Both studies evaluated the use of Bevacizumab beyond progression

How Does BEBYP Compare with TML?

Patient Populations

TML

- **Exclusion criteria**
 - PD > 3m after last Bev
 - 1st line PFS < 3 m
 - 1st line Bev < 3 consecutive m
- **1st line PFS**
 - ≤ 9m: 55%
 - > 9m: 45%
- **Post-study treatment (C/CB)**
 - Bev: 12%/11%
 - Anti EGFR: 39%/41%

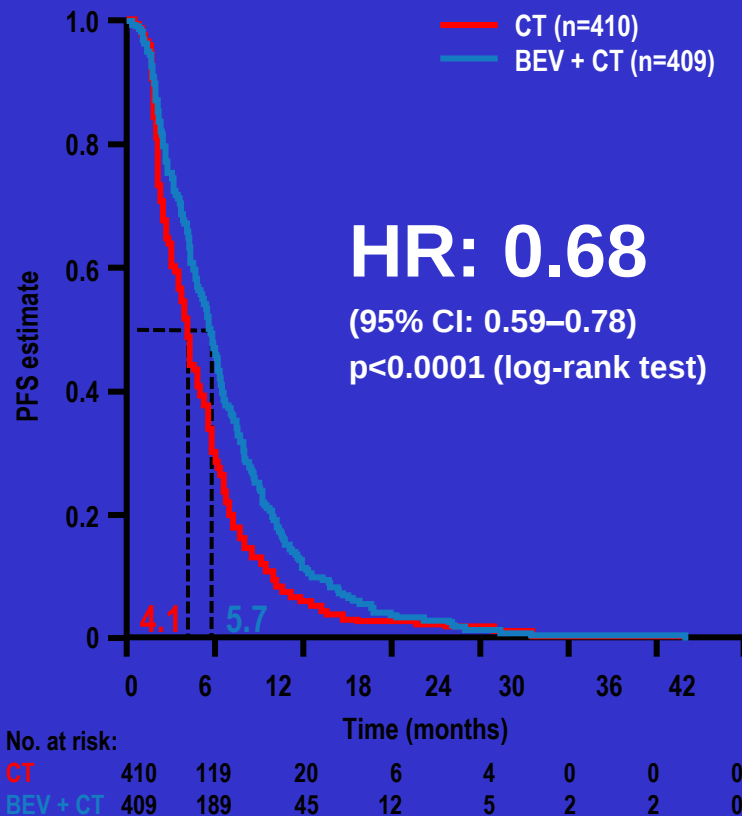
BEBYP

- **Inclusion criteria**
 - PD after 3m or during 1st line CT+Bev
 - Or 3m after Folfoxiri Bev
- **1st line PFS**
 - 10.3 m
- **Post-study treatment (C/CB)**
 - Bev: 1%/3%
 - Anti EGFR: 46%/32%

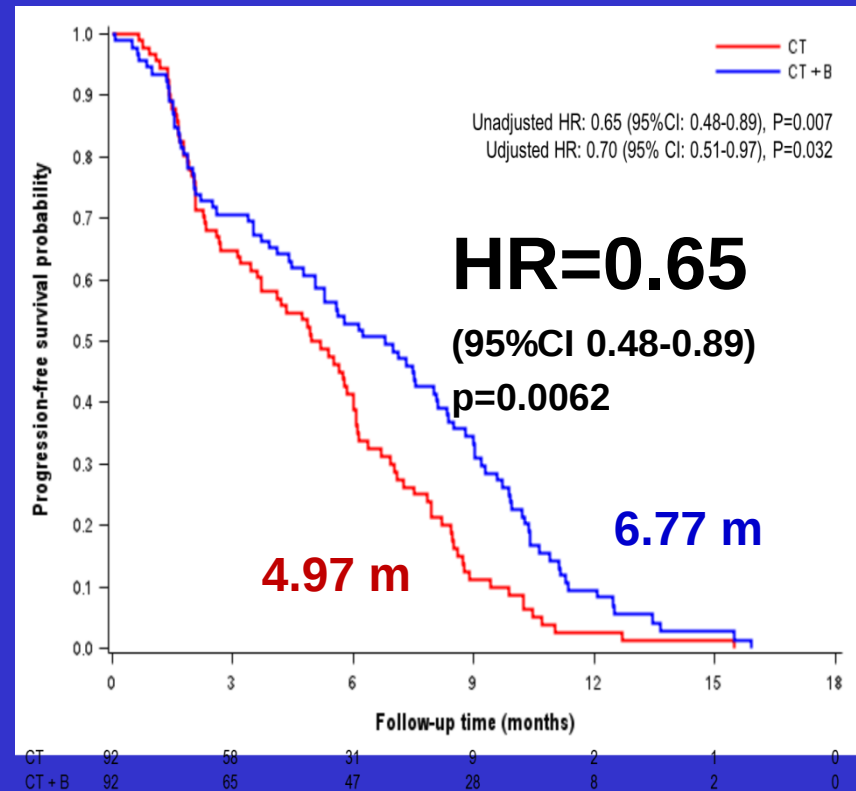
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PFS Analysis

TML (2nd EP)



BEBYP (1st EP)



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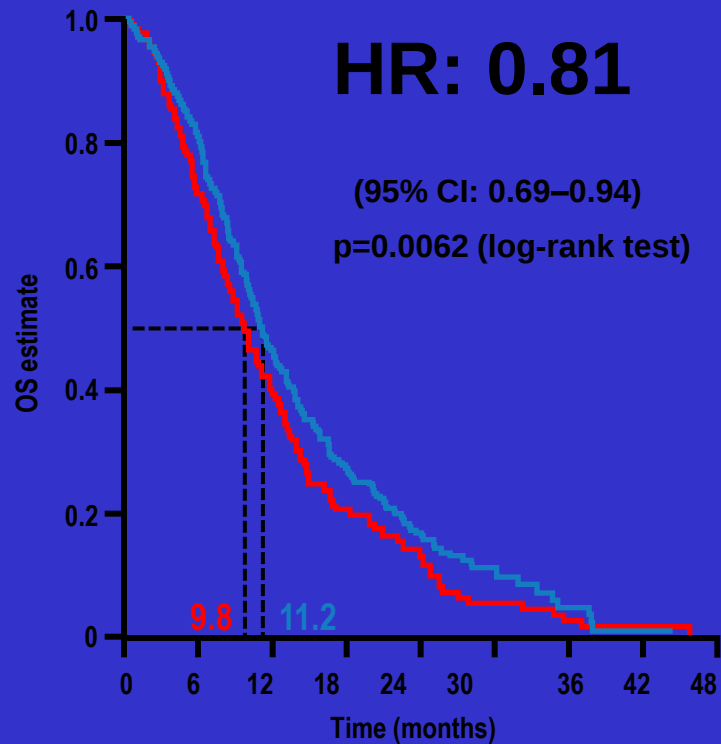
ORR Analysis

	TML			BEBYP		
	CT	p	CT+BEV	CT	p	CT+BEV
ORR %	4	0.31	5	18	ns	21
DCR	54	0.0001	68	62	ns	71

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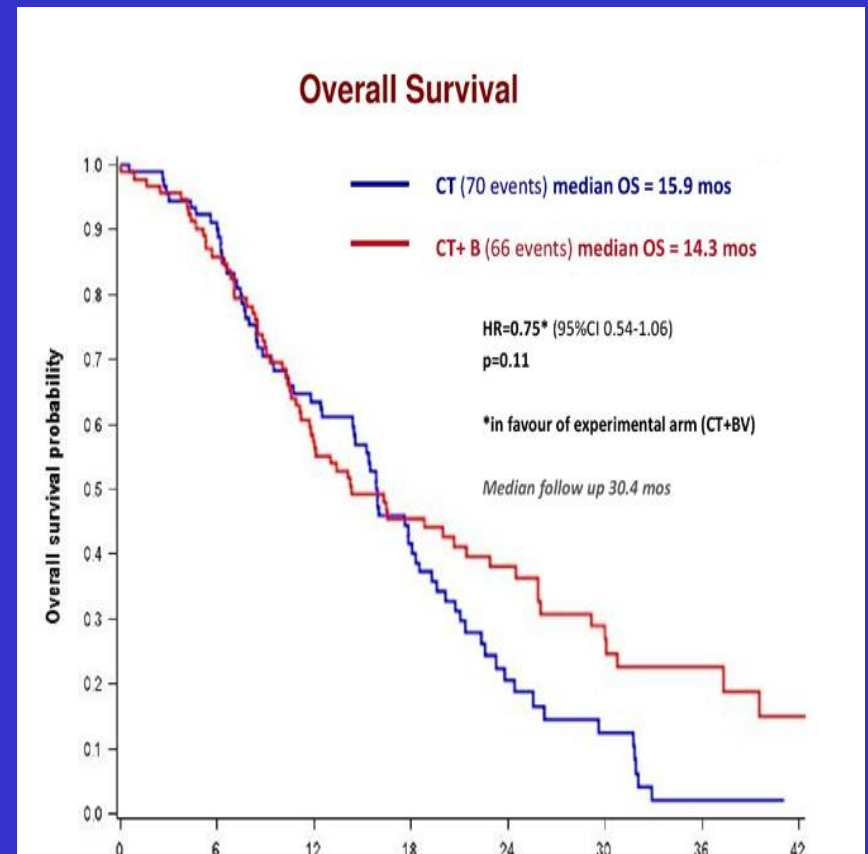
OS analysis

TML



No. at risk									
CT	410	293	162	51	24	7	3	2	0
BEV + CT	409	328	188	64	29	13	4	1	0

BEBYP



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Sub-group Analysis

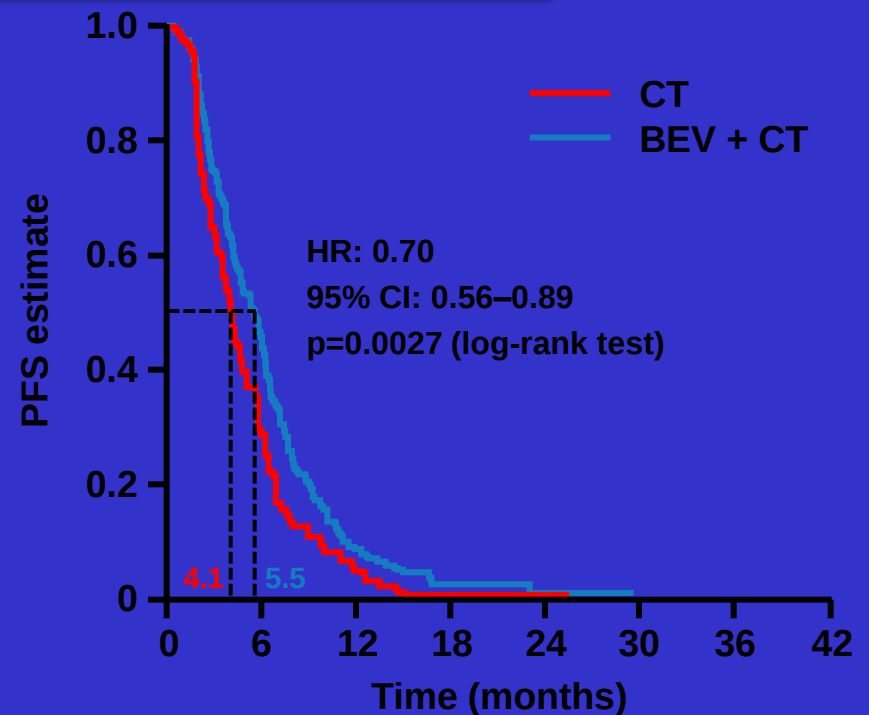
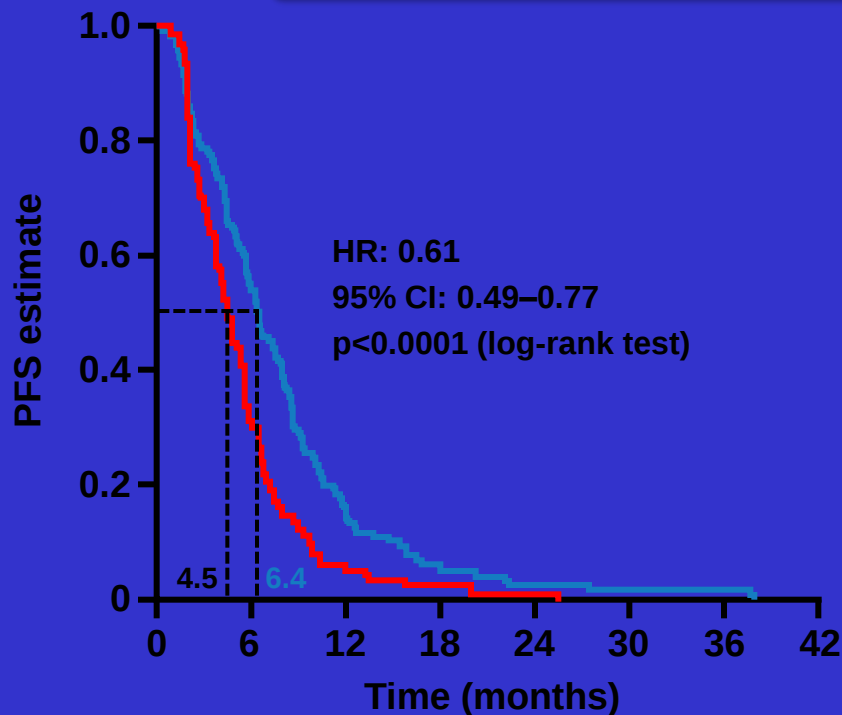
- All sub groups studied in both TML and BEBYP benefited from Bevacizumab continuation on PFS
- No data on OS for BEBYP
- Partial population analysis for Kras:
 - In both TML and BEBYP the benefit of Bev was independent of Kras for PFS
 - but not on OS for Kras mutant as opposed to wild-type (TML only)

TML: PFS in the KRAS Population

KRAS wild type

KRAS mutant

Interaction test by KRAS status is negative ($p=0.4436$)^a

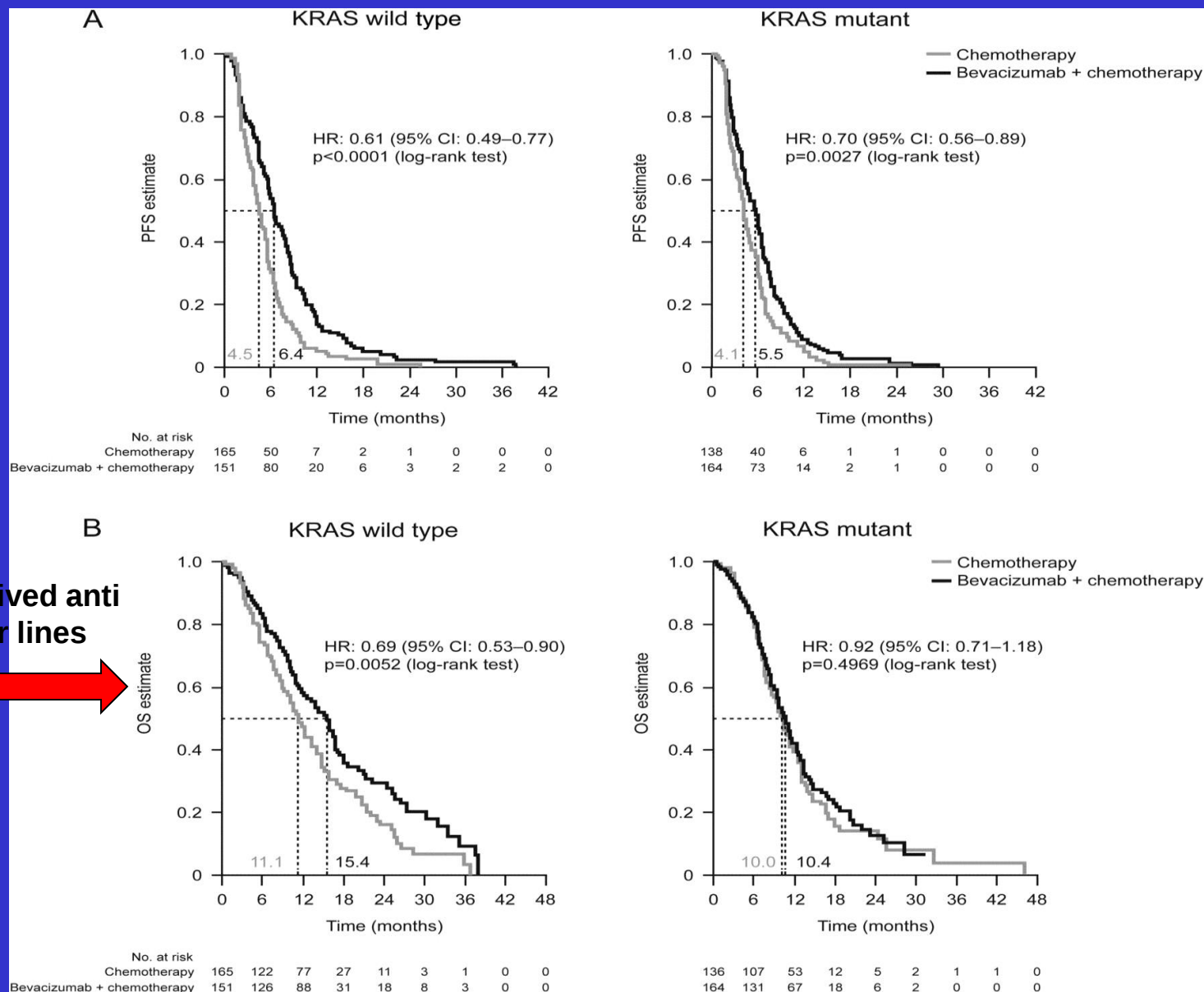


N at risk

CT	165	50	7	2	1	0	0	0
BEV + CT	151	80	20	6	3	2	2	0

CT	138	40	6	1	1	0	0	0
BEV + CT	164	73	14	2	1	0	0	0

Survival according to the treatment group and tumor KRAS mutation status: (A) PFS and (B) OS.



241/316 received anti EGFR in later lines

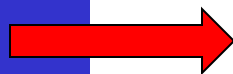
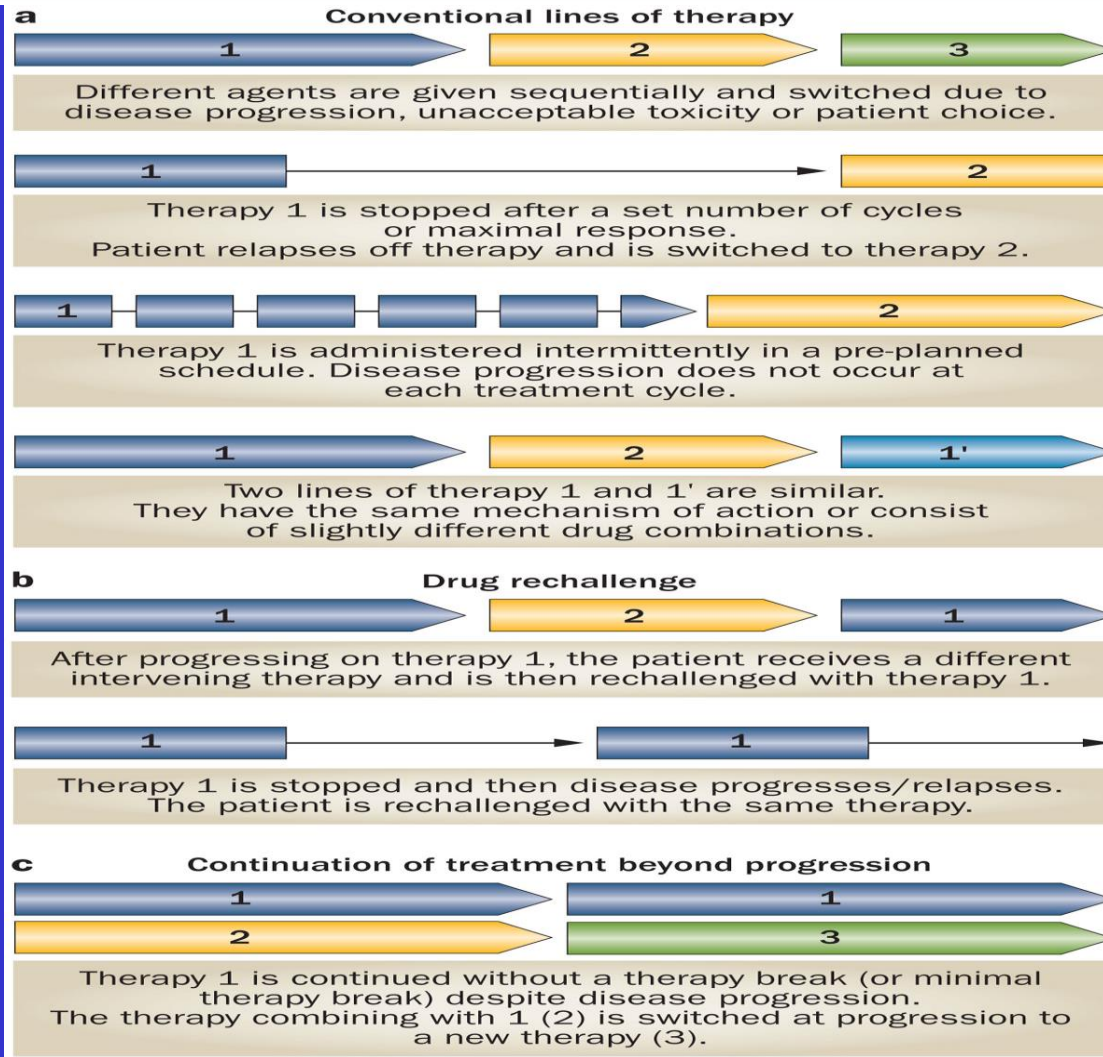
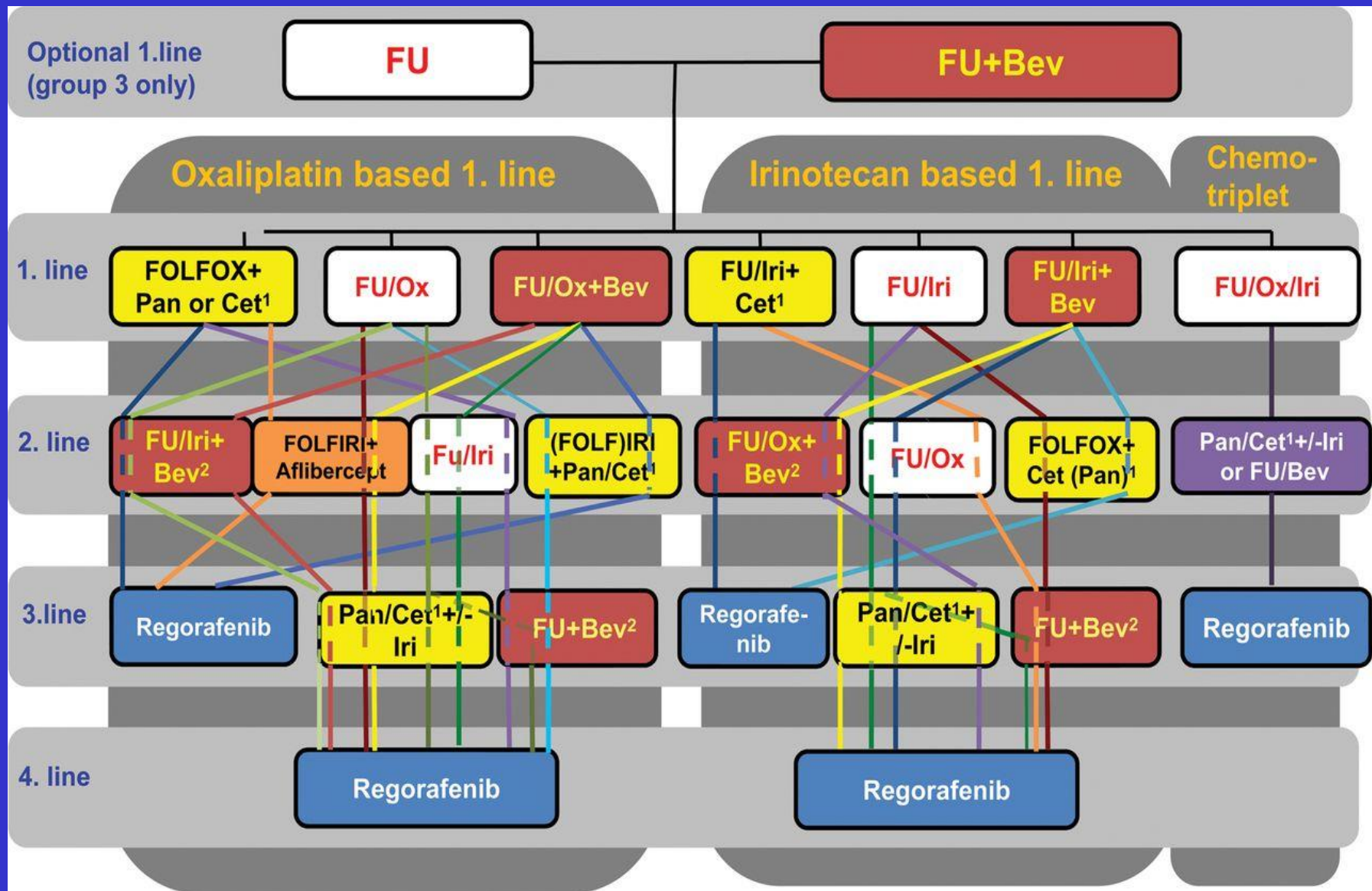


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Proposal for sequence of salvage-chemotherapy.



Schmoll H J et al. Ann Oncol 2012;23:2479-2516

What to do after progression?

- Most of the patients with mCRC are not curable
- Quality of life should be considered as well as quantity
- Continuous exposure during all the surviving time is not feasible due to toxicity and compliance and is not demonstrated to be beneficial on OS
- Numerous alternative strategies are available, most often offering treatment breaks that will benefit to quality of life
- Patient opinion and desires must be considered for decision making