

# TTD Contribution to the Precision Oncology



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## DISCLOSURE SLIDE

- Advisory role: Amgen, Bayer, Celgene, Merk, Roche, Sanofi

# History and objectives

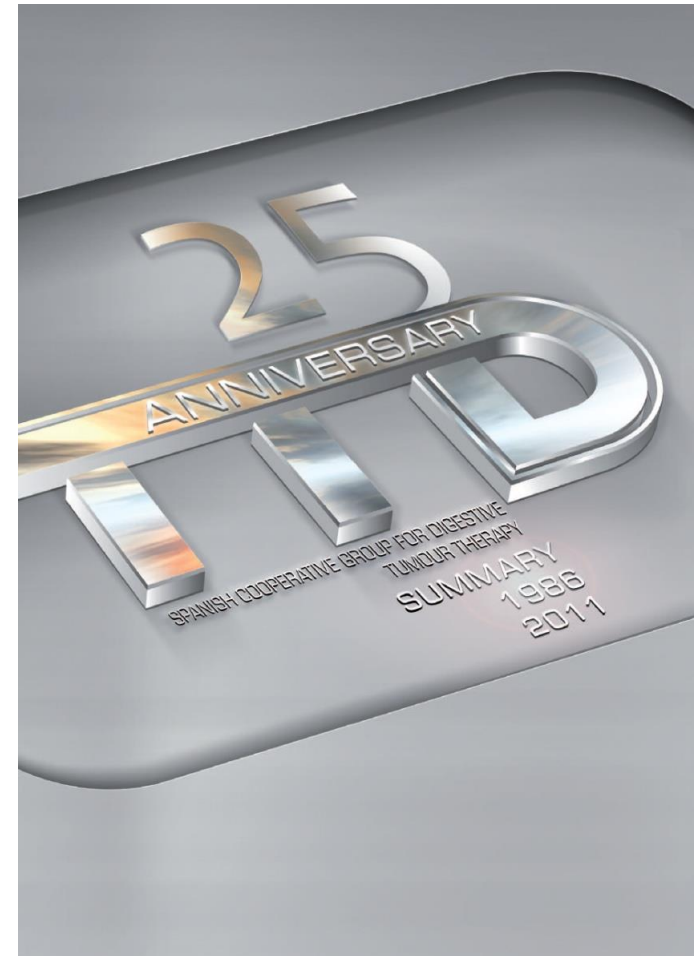
## History

The Spanish Cooperative Group for Digestive Tumour Therapy, has been working in the design and development of protocols in the field of gastrointestinal tumours since 1986.

## Objectives

- Develop clinical research protocols
- Introduce quality into healthcare through the improved oncological training of its members.
- Work at the heart of a cooperative group.
- Publish work on the studies performed to create an international impact

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# Activities

## Research Activity

- Clinical research
- Translational research





## Educational and Training Activity



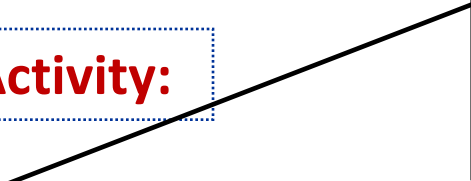
- International and National meetings
- Consensus documents
- Events sponsoring
- Collaboration with patient associations

# The TTD Group in figures

## Research Activity:

- Clinical: 1986-2014  N<sup>o</sup> studies: 83  
N<sup>o</sup> patients\*: 10.173
- Basic: 2008-2014 (n=2.455)
- Publications:  Journals: 75  
Conferences: 167

## Educational and Training Activity:

- Consensus documents : 8 
- Sponsorship of scientific activities (2006-2013): 60
- International meetings: 22
- Collaboration with patients' associations : Europacolon

2006: Adjuvant treat. colon Ca.  
2007: Colorectal Ca. liver Mets.  
2009: Gastric Ca.  
2010: Hereditary colorectal Ca.  
2011: Metastatic colorectal Ca.  
2012: Hereditary pancreatic Ca.  
2013: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis  
2013: Exocrine pancreas

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Survival

1990 1994 1995 1996 1998 2002 2004 2005 2007 2008 2010

### First-Line XELOX Plus Bevacizumab Followed by XELOX Plus Bevacizumab or Single-Agent Bevacizumab as Maintenance Therapy in Patients with Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: The Phase III MACRO TTD Study

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# Summary of efficacy

	<b>XELOX-BEV (N=239)</b>	<b>s/a BEV (N=241)</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
<b>PFS median Events %</b>	10.4 (9.3-12.0) 72%	9.7 (8.3-10.6) 76%	1.098 (0.89–1.35)
<b>OS median Events %</b>	23.2 (20.0-26.0) 73%	20.0 (17.1-23.3) 72%	1.05 (0.85–1.30)
<b>Confirmed OR %</b>	47%	49%	0.95 (0.66-1.36)*

\*Odds Ratio

# Conclusions

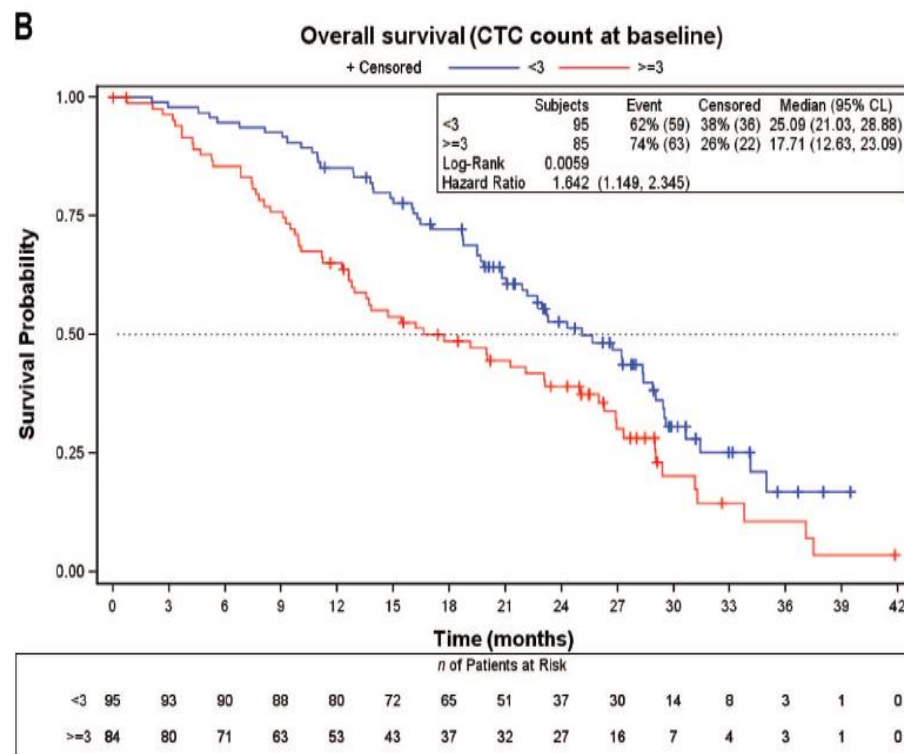
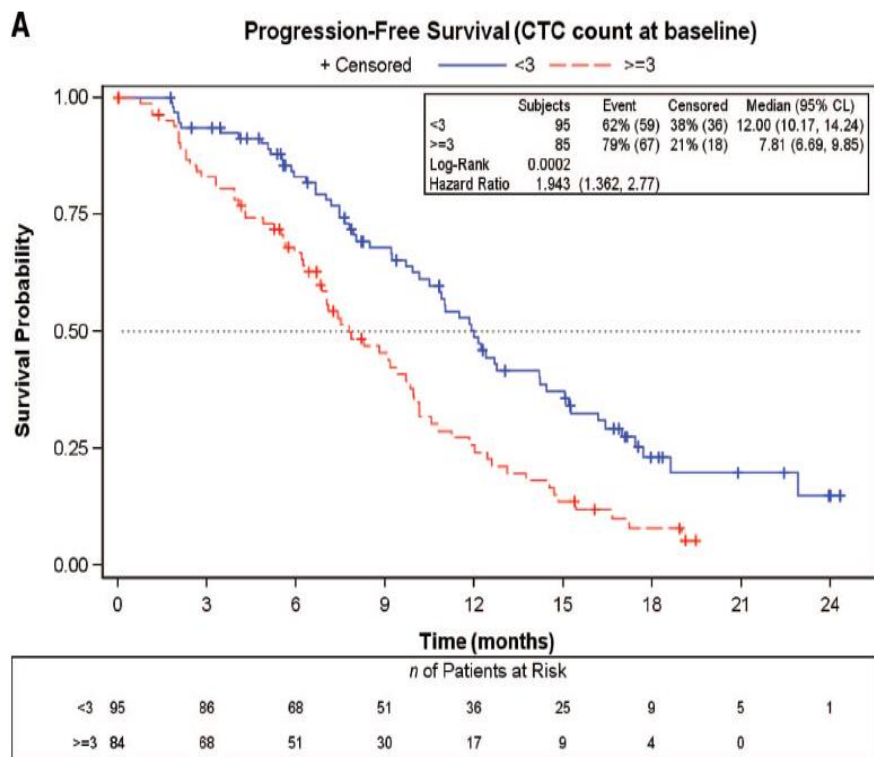
- The results from this study indicate that noninferiority in terms of the PFS interval cannot be confirmed for single-agent bevacizumab maintenance compared withXELOX plus bevacizumab maintenance after induction therapy with six cycles of XELOXplus bevacizumab, because the upper limit of the 95%CI was greater than the prespecified limit of 1.32. However, a detriment in the median PFS duration of 3 weeks can be excluded.
- This study suggests that maintenance strategy with single-agent bevacizumab after induction with XELOX plus bevacizumab for six cycles may be a valid option in this setting, without compromising the PFS interval, OS time, RR, duration of response, or surgical treatment of metastases, with an important lower incidence of certain toxicities, such as neuropathy, hand–foot syndrome, and fatigue.

## Circulating Tumor Cell Count Is a Prognostic Factor in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Patients Receiving First-Line Chemotherapy Plus Bevacizumab: A Spanish Cooperative Group for the Treatment of Digestive Tumors Study

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# Progression free survival and overall survival according CTC count at baseline



# Response rate and PFS and OS times at baseline and at cycle 3

**Table 2.** Response rate and PFS and OS times

Outcome	CTC count at cycle 3			CTC count at baseline		
	<3	≥3	<i>p</i> -value	<3	≥3	<i>p</i> -value
Response rate	53.2%	26.1%	.0168	48.4%	40.0%	.2563
	OR, 3.22 (95% CI, 1.25–9.43)			OR, 1.4 (95% CI, 0.78–2.55)		
Median PFS, mos	10.8	7.5	.005	12.0	7.8	.0002
	HR, 2.06 (95% CI, 1.23–3.46)			HR, 1.94 (95% CI, 1.36–2.77)		
Median OS, mos	25.1	16.2	.0095	25.1	17.7	.0059
	HR, 1.96 (95% CI, 1.17–3.30)			HR, 1.64 (95% CI, 1.15–2.35)		

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CTC, circulating tumor cell; HR, hazard ratio; OR, odds ratio; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

# Conclusions

- These results confirm that the CTC count at baseline is a strong prognostic factor for PFS and OS outcomes in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer and it would be of interest to implement this test in clinical practice.
- These findings are in line with results from the CAIRO2 trial, which suggested a correlation between CTC and survival in patients with mCRC.
- Future studies in patients with mCRC should include assessment of CTCs at baseline and during therapy.

# Macro Study Kras

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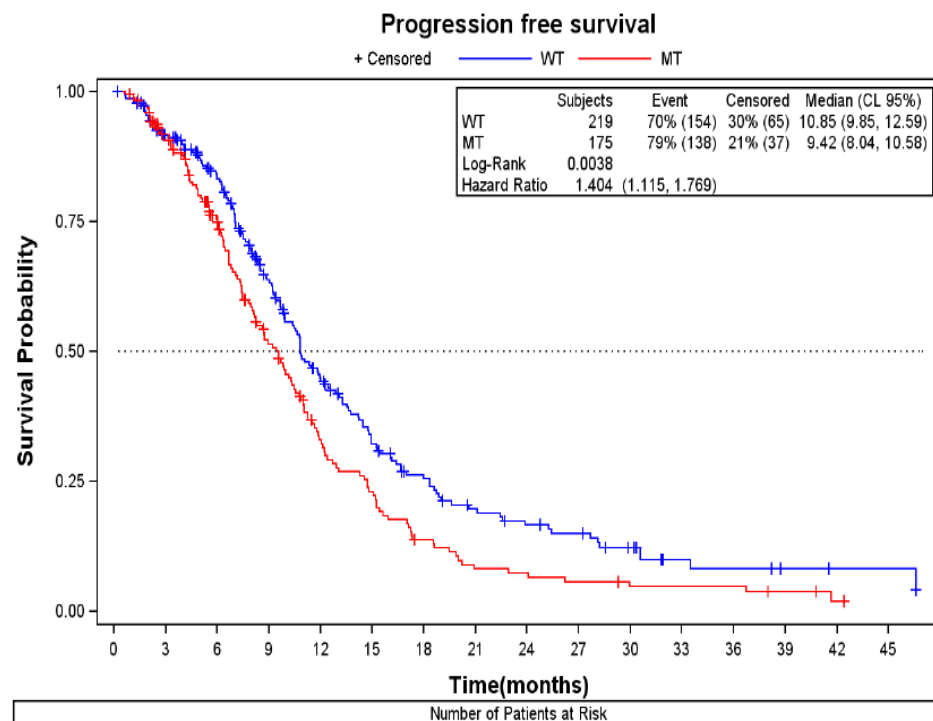
## Role of Kras Status in Patients with Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Receiving First-Line Chemotherapy plus Bevacizumab: A TTD Group Cooperative Study

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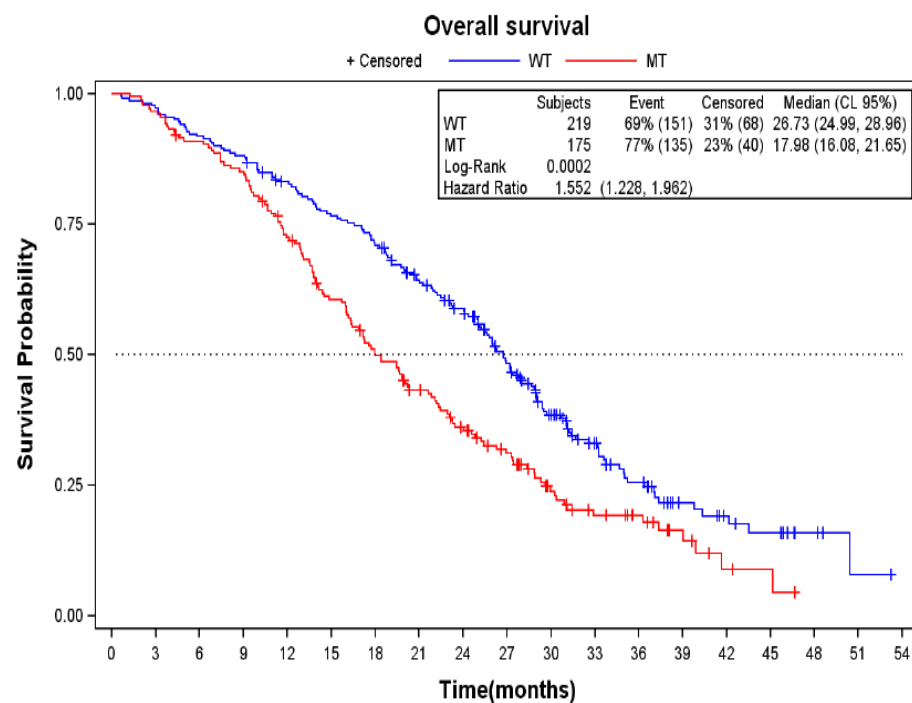
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# Progression free survival and overall survival according KRAS status



Number of Patients at Risk														
WT	219	193	160	111	74	50	37	26	21	18	12	6	5	3
MT	175	149	113	72	43	30	17	10	9	7	5	5	3	1



Number of Patients at Risk														
WT	219	213	201	193	178	164	152	132	117	89	62	42	30	17
MT	175	169	158	148	124	102	83	68	54	42	27	19	14	8



# Conclusions

- This analysis of the MACRO study suggests a prognostic role for tumour KRAS status in patients with mCRC treated withXELOX plus bevacizumab. For both PFS and OS, KRAS status was an independent factor in univariate and multivariate analyses.

# Macro Study CTC + KRAS

## Original Study

### Prognostic Value of the Combination of Circulating Tumor Cells Plus *KRAS* in Patients With Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Treated With Chemotherapy Plus Bevacizumab

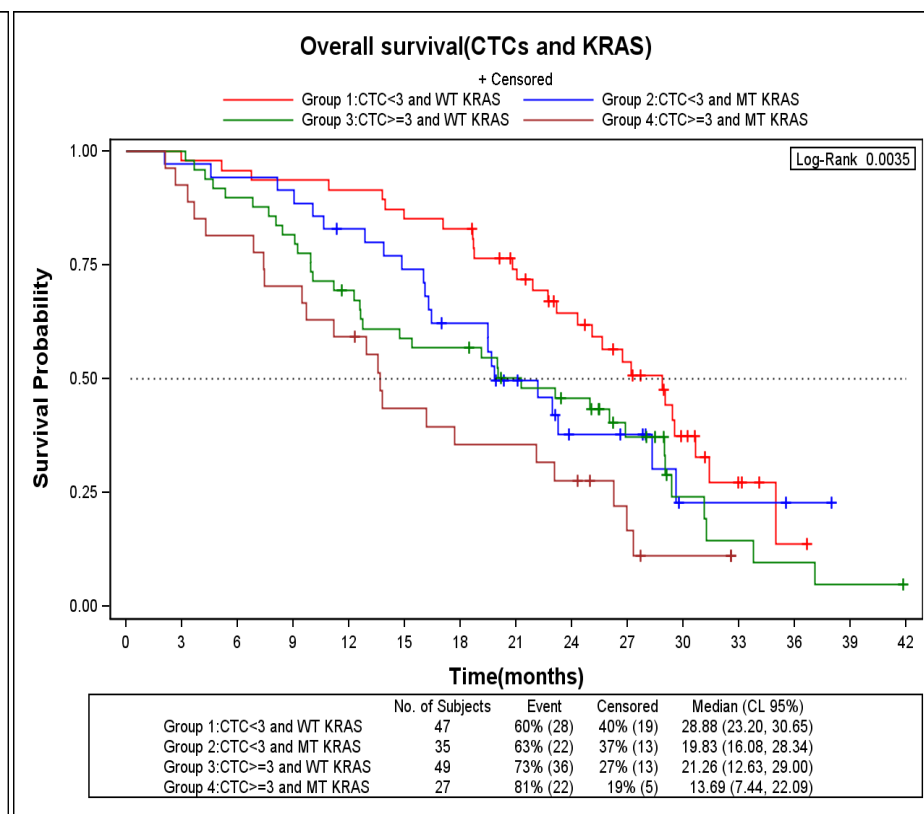
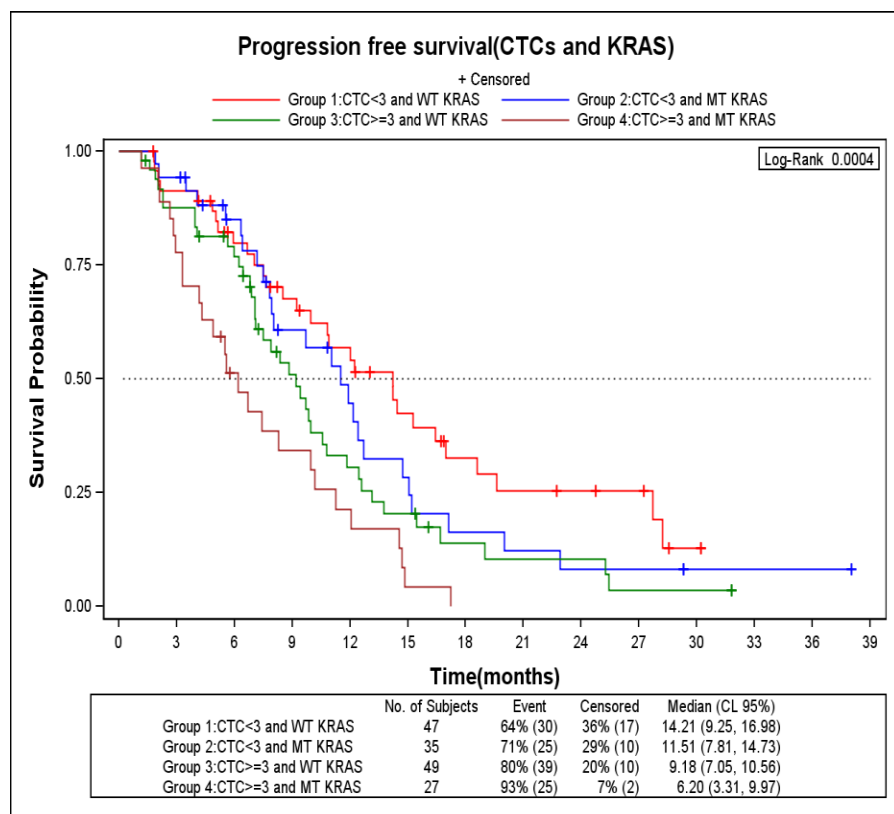
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#### Abstract

**This is a post hoc analysis of biomarkers from a phase III clinical trial in metastatic colorectal cancer. Circulating tumor cell count and v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homolog status were the strongest independent factors for progression-free and overall survivals. Selection of high- and low-risk populations may help to individualize approaches in the future.**

**Objective:** Circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homolog (*KRAS*) status were identified as prognostic factors for progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer treated with chemotherapy and bevacizumab in analyses of the MACRO (Maintenance Treatment in Advanced Colorectal Cancer) trial. In this post hoc analysis of the MACRO trial, the potential additive effect of these 2 factors on patient outcomes was explored. **Methods:** A total of 158 of the 480 patients involved in the MACRO trial were included in the biological marker substudy. CTC isolation and enumeration were centralized and performed using the CellSearch System (Veridex LLC, Raritan, NJ) in 7.5 mL of whole blood. Evaluation of *KRAS* status was performed retrospectively by the standard method used at each center. PFS and OS were analyzed by the Kaplan–Meier method according to CTC count and *KRAS* status. **Results:** Patients with < 3 CTC per 7.5 mL blood at baseline and *KRAS* wild-type tumors had a median PFS of 14.2 months compared with 6.2 months in patients with ≥ 3 CTCs and *KRAS* mutated tumors ( $P < .0001$ ; hazard ratio, 3.0; 95% confidence interval, 1.8–5.2). Similar findings were observed for OS (28.9 and 13.7 months, respectively,  $P = .0004$ ; hazard ratio 2.8; 95% confidence interval, 1.6–4.9). Multivariate analyses showed that CTC count ≥ 3 and *KRAS* status were the only independent prognostic factors for both PFS and OS. **Conclusions:** This post hoc analysis showed that CTC count and *KRAS* status were independent prognostic factors for outcomes in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer treated with bevacizumab ± chemotherapy. These factors should be taken into account in the design of future phase III trials.

# Progression free survival and overall survival according to baseline CTC and KRAS status



# KRAS-CTCs based Risk profiles

Risk profile ( Prevalence rate %) PFS=Median months (2 year PFS rate %) OS=Median months (2 year survival rate %)		CTCs		N=155
		<3	≥ 3	
KRAS	Wild type	Low (28%) PFS= 14.2(27%) OS= 28.9(64%)	Medium(30%) PFS= 9.2(11%) OS= 23.1(48%)	WT (59%) PFS= 10.8(18%) OS= 26.0(56%)
	Mutated	Medium (24%) PFS= 11.5(8%) OS= 19.8(39%)	High (17%) PFS= 6.2(0%) OS= 13.6(24%)	MT (41%) PFS= 8.0(4%) OS= 18.7(32%)
		CTC <3 (52%) PFS= 12.2(18%) OS= 25.1(53%)	CTC ≥3 (48%) PFS=7.9(7%) OS= 17.7(39%)	Total 155 PFS= 9.9(12%) OS= 23(46%)

Low Risk

Medium Risk

High Risk

# Conclusions

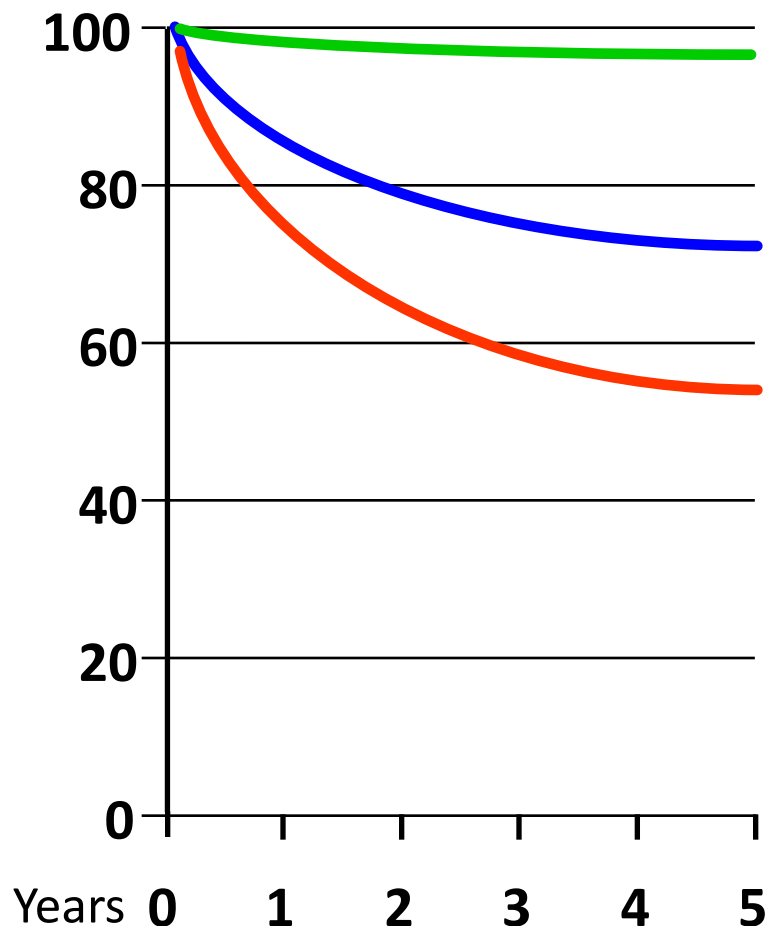
- This post-hoc **analysis showed that CTC count and KRAS status were independent prognostic factors** for outcomes in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer treated with bevacizumab  $\pm$  chemotherapy.
- Baseline CTC count and KRAS status can be used in combination to select different subgroups of patients (i.e. low, intermediate and high risk).
- These factors should be taken into account in the design of future phase III trials.

# Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Colon Cancer

**TTD-RTICC (2009): 500 pts**

**Objectives of the study (III + FOLFOX)**

Overall survival



Good prognosis

All pts

Bad prognosis

## MARKERS

CTC

KRAS

BRAF

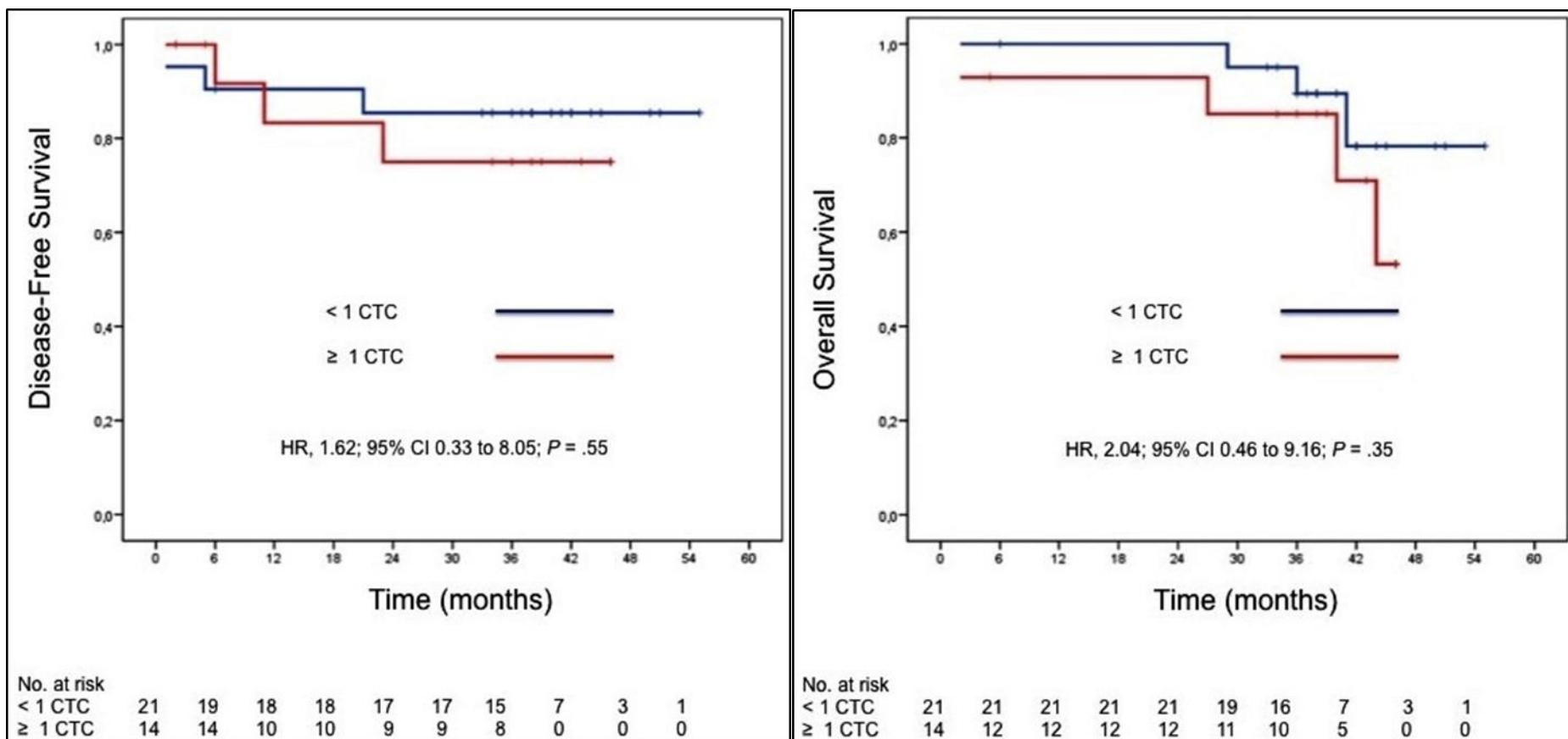
MSI

microRNAs

Good Signature  
(Good prognosis)

Bad signature  
Bad prognosis)

# DFS and OS in patients with stage IIIA CRC according to CTC count using the cutoff-point of 1 CTC



# Conclusions

- CTC presence was more frequent in patients with higher risk of relapse.
- CTC detection was not associated with worse DFS and OS in the overall population, although it might be associated with an increased risk of relapse and death in patients with stage IIIA CC. However, a longer follow-up is needed.
- We suggest  $\text{CTC} \geq 1$  as the optimal cutoff to be used in future studies in the adjuvant setting of CRC



# TTD Contribution

## Recent:

The circulating tumor cell (CTC) count as a prognostic and/or predictive marker for efficacy endpoints

- CTC and KRAS (mCRC treated with bevacizumab+QT): **MACRO1** study
- CTC (resected CRC): **RETICC** study

# TTD recruiting and follow up studies

TRIAL	PHASE	STATUS	CASES
<b>Metastatic colon</b>			
mFOLFOX+Cmab vs mFOLFOX x8 ->Cmab(MACRO-2)	II	FOLLOW-UP	193
XELOX+Bev vs QT personalized+Bev (SETICC)	II	FOLLOW-UP	195
QT (RP/EE) -> axitinib/placebo	II	OPEN	42
CTC $\geq$ 3: FOLFOX+Bev vs FOLFOXIRI+Bev(VISNU-1)	III	OPEN	162
CTC < 3 and BRAF/PI3K status:FOLFIRI+Bev vs FOLFIRI+Cmab (VISNU-2)	II	OPEN	92
KRAS,BRAF, NRAS, PI3K status FOLFIRI+Pmab (ULTRA)	II	OPEN	43
<b>LIVER ONLY METASTASES</b>			
FOLFOX+Pmab vs FOLFIRI+Pmab (mt hp) (PLANET)	II	FOLLOW-UP	80
<b>FRAIL AND/OR UNFIT FOR QT</b>			
Pmab >70 years suboptimal (FRAIL)	II	FOLLOW-UP	33
Regorafenib (REFRAME)	II	OPEN	23
<b>RECTAL</b>			
XEL + RT $\pm$ Bev (rectal) (AVAXEL)	II	FOLLOW-UP	90
<b>SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT LINES</b>			
Regorafenib in RAS/BRAF previously treated FOLFOXIRI+bev (PREVIUM)	II	OPEN	-
CPT-11+Pmab (failure CPT-11) (SPECTRA)	II	FOLLOW-UP	61
<b>Adjuvant colon</b>			
CTC	-	FOLLOW-UP	519
FOLFOX4 $\pm$ Cmab (PETACC-8)*	ADY	FOLLOW-UP	667
<b>Pancreas</b>			
Gem+Erl $\pm$ Xel (GECA)	II	FOLLOW-UP	120
<b>Esophageal</b>			
CF $\pm$ Pmab (POWER) *	III	OPEN	4

\* collaborative trial

## Near future:

- **MACRO2** study (phase II): CTC (mCRC treated with cetuximab+QT)
- **SETICC** study (phase II): Optimizing the selection of patients on the basis of a pharmacogenomic signature (TS-3'UTR and ERCC1-118. genetic polymorphisms)
- RAS, BRAF, Pi3K, Epi/anphireguline, PTEN, EGFR amplification in Pmab treated patients in phase II studies:
  - **PLANET**: FOLFOX+Pmab vs FOLFIRI+Pmab (liver mt.)
  - **FRAIL**: Pmab >70 years suboptimal
  - **SPECTRA**: CPT-11+Pmab (failure CPT-11)

## Future:

- **VISNU** study will screen 750 p previously untreated with mCRC according to CTC count and gene status (RAS, BRAF and PI3K).
  - In VISNU-1 (phase III): 350 p with  $\geq 3$  CTC, will be randomized to receive FOLFOX-6+ bevacizumab or FOLFOXIRI+ bevacizumab.
  - In VISNU-2 (phase II): 240 p with  $< 3$  CTC and RAS WT will be randomized to receive FOLFIRI+ bevacizumab or cetuximab according to the status of BRAF and PI3K.
- **ULTRA** study (phase II): optimizing the selection of patients using ultra-selection technology with next generation high sensitivity genotyping of p with mCRC refractory to irinotecan without any mutation on KRAS, PIK3Ca, BRAF and NRAS genes detected with highly sensitive techniques.