

# Multimodale Therapieansätze: Oligometastasierung

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# S3-Leitlinie Kolorektales Karzinom

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## Definition Oligometastasierung

- 1-5 Metastasen ggf. mehr falls komplette Eradikation möglich
- Bis zu 2 Organmanifestationen
- Primärtumor resektabel oder schon entfernt
- Alle Metastasen müssen einer lokalen Therapie zugänglich sein

# Metastatic colorectal cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>☆</sup>

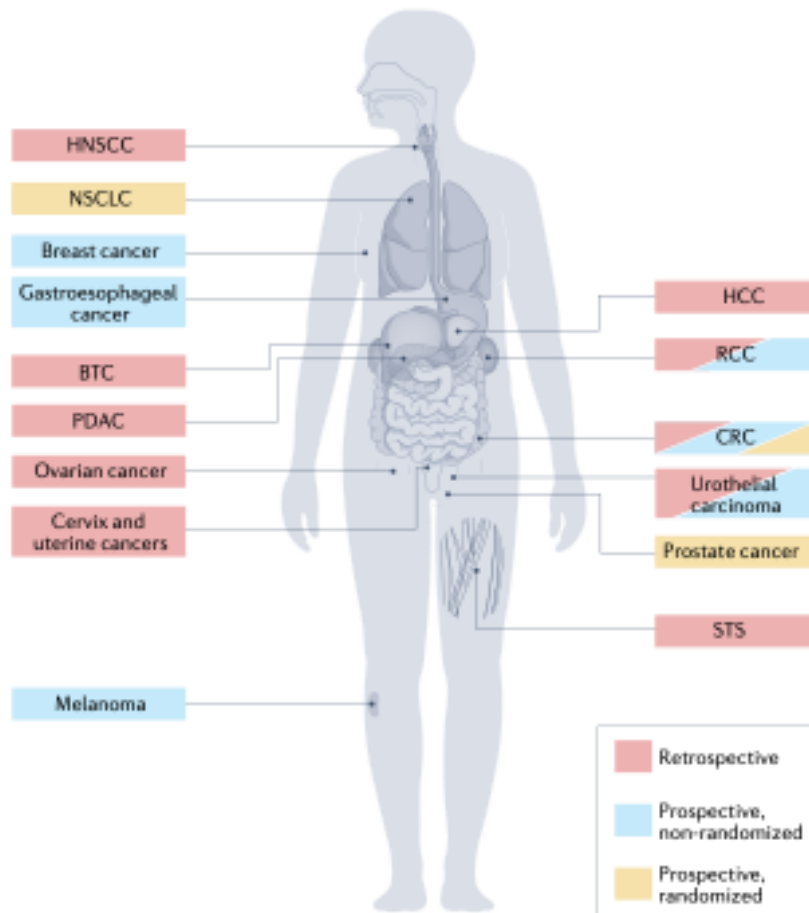


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Generally, a traditional clinical definition of OMD is:

- **One to five** metastatic lesions
  - occasionally more if complete eradication is possible
- Up to **two metastatic sites**
- Controlled primary tumor (optionally resected)
- All metastatic sites must be safely **treatable by LT** .

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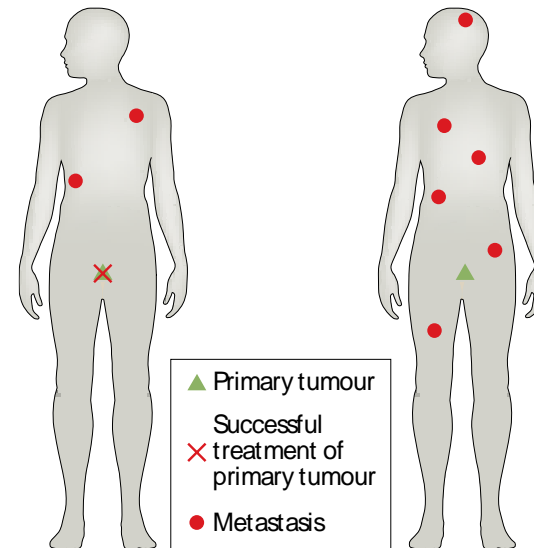
**Clinical and/or molecular  
integrated stage**

Low risk

High risk

**Proposed magnitude of clinical benefit**

Systemic therapy



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- Currently, **biological factors do not contribute** to this definition
  - this may change considering, for example, molecular subtypes with specific prognostic background and/or treatment implications.

# „Characteristics of indolent disease“

## Clinical

- low number (typically 1–5 lesions)
- metachronous presentation
- No involvement of lymph nodes
- Slow rate of progression (<0.6 new lesions per year)
- limited organ sites (typically 1–2 sites)
- Favourable histology (including, but not limited to, breast, prostate and kidney)

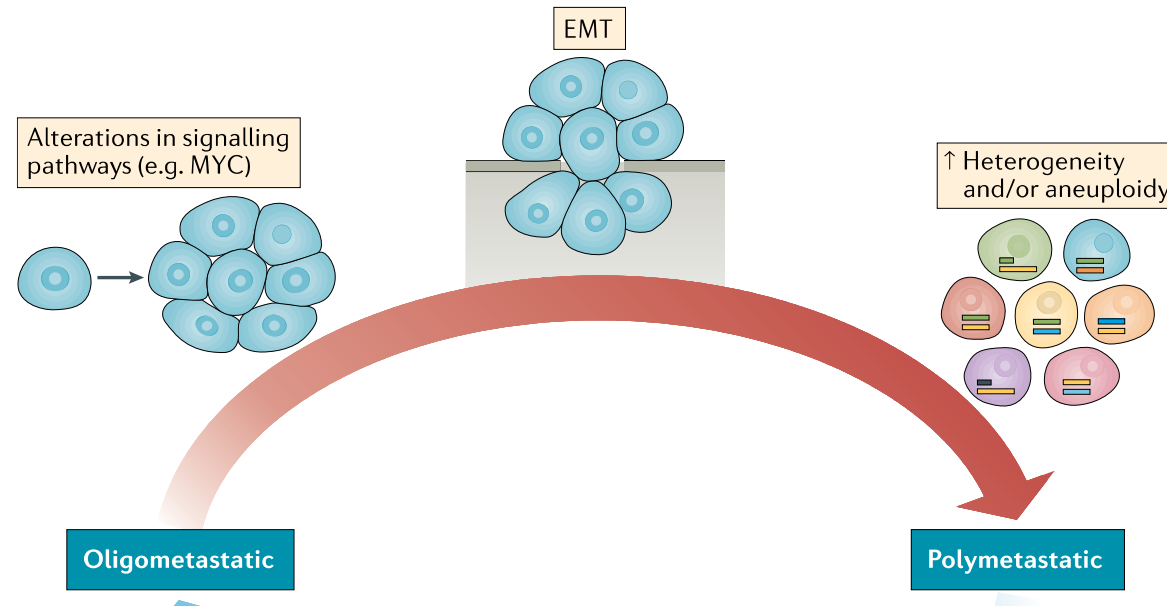
## Biological

- Activation of innate and adaptive immunity
- Absence of mesenchymal features
- low degree of tumour aneuploidy
- low degree of intratumoural heterogeneity
- Intact 14q chromosomal arm
- expression of microRNAs that suppress genes associated with metastasis

## Treatment

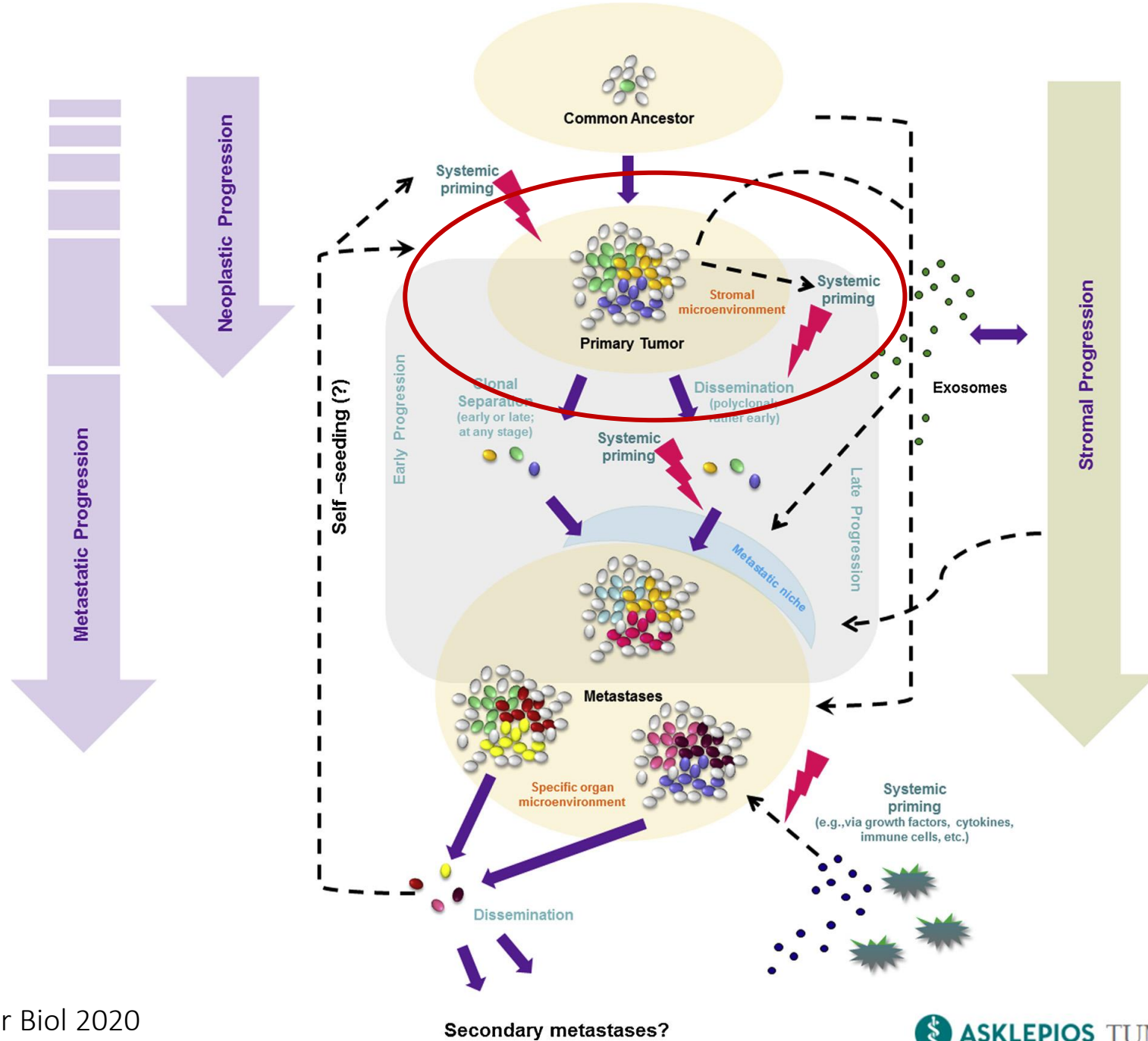
local ablative interventions (with SBRT, RFTA, surgery) tend to be more beneficial than systemic therapy

# Mechanistic determinants of metastatic heterogeneity



# The tumour

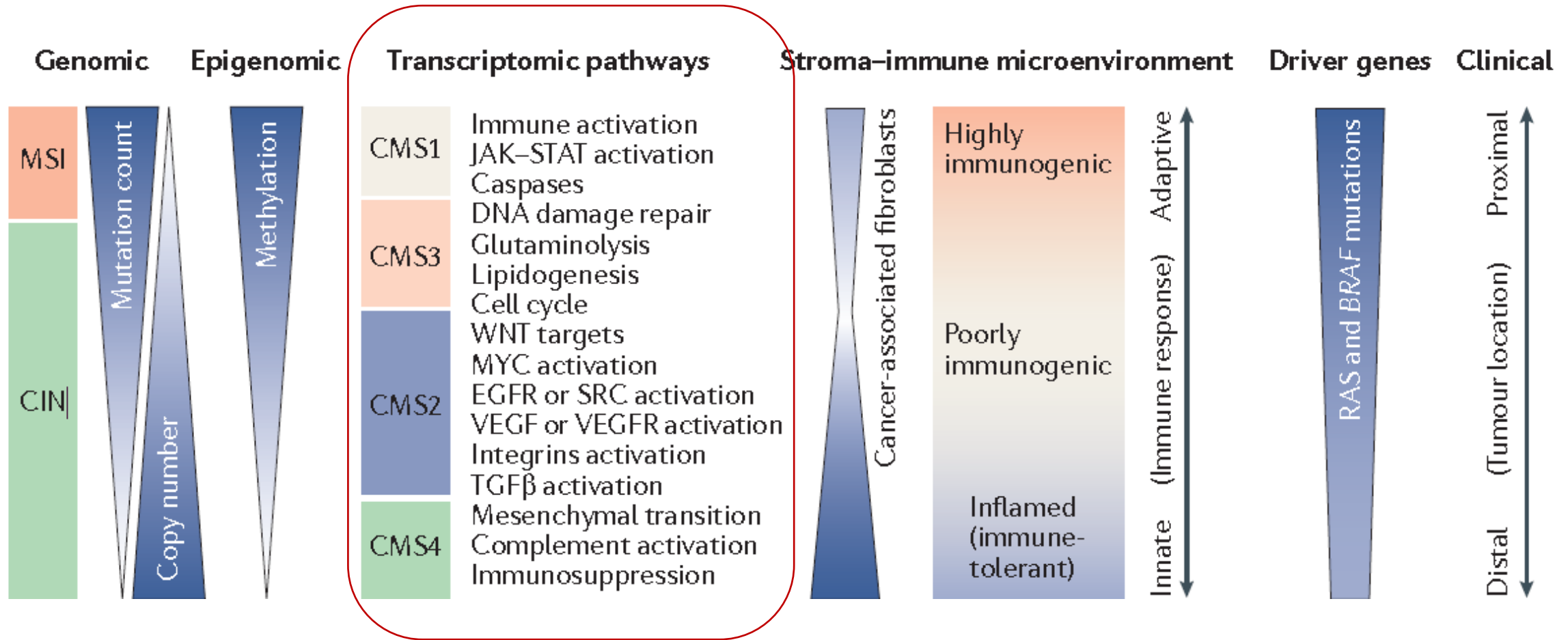
# The oligometastatic phenotype



# Mutational pattern of oligometastatic mCRC

Biomarker	Clinical Significance
Loss of <i>KRAS</i> and <i>SMAD4</i> alterations from primary to metastatic lesions. High granzyme-B+ T-cell infiltration into metastatic tumor.	The patients with these characteristics remain with liver-limited OMD for long time.
Gain in <i>KRAS</i> , <i>PIK3CA</i> and <i>SMAD4</i> alterations. Scarce granzyme-B+ T-cells infiltration.	The patients with these characteristics develop poly-metastatic widely diffusive disease.
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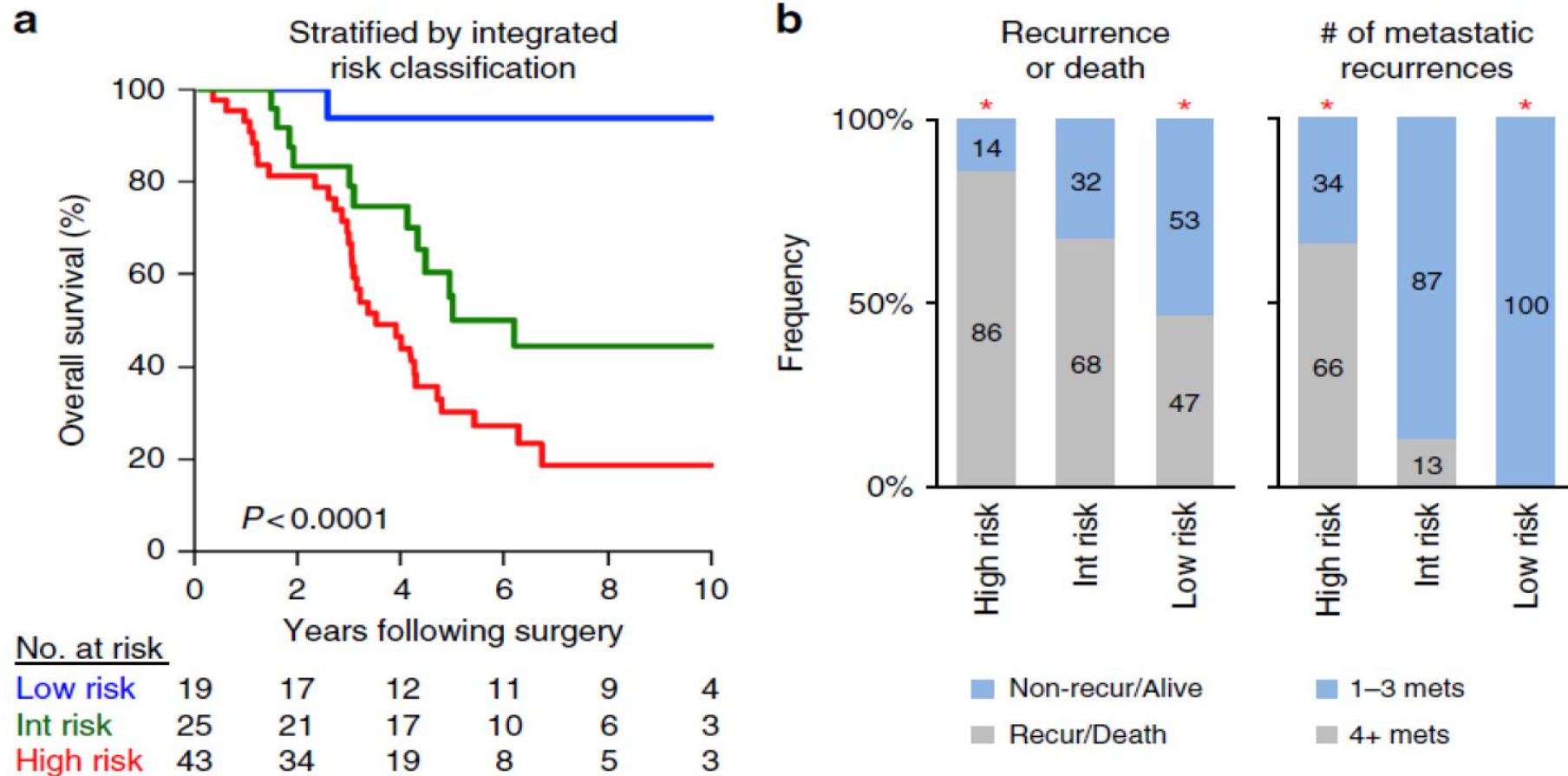
# Factors impacting on „biology“ of mCRC

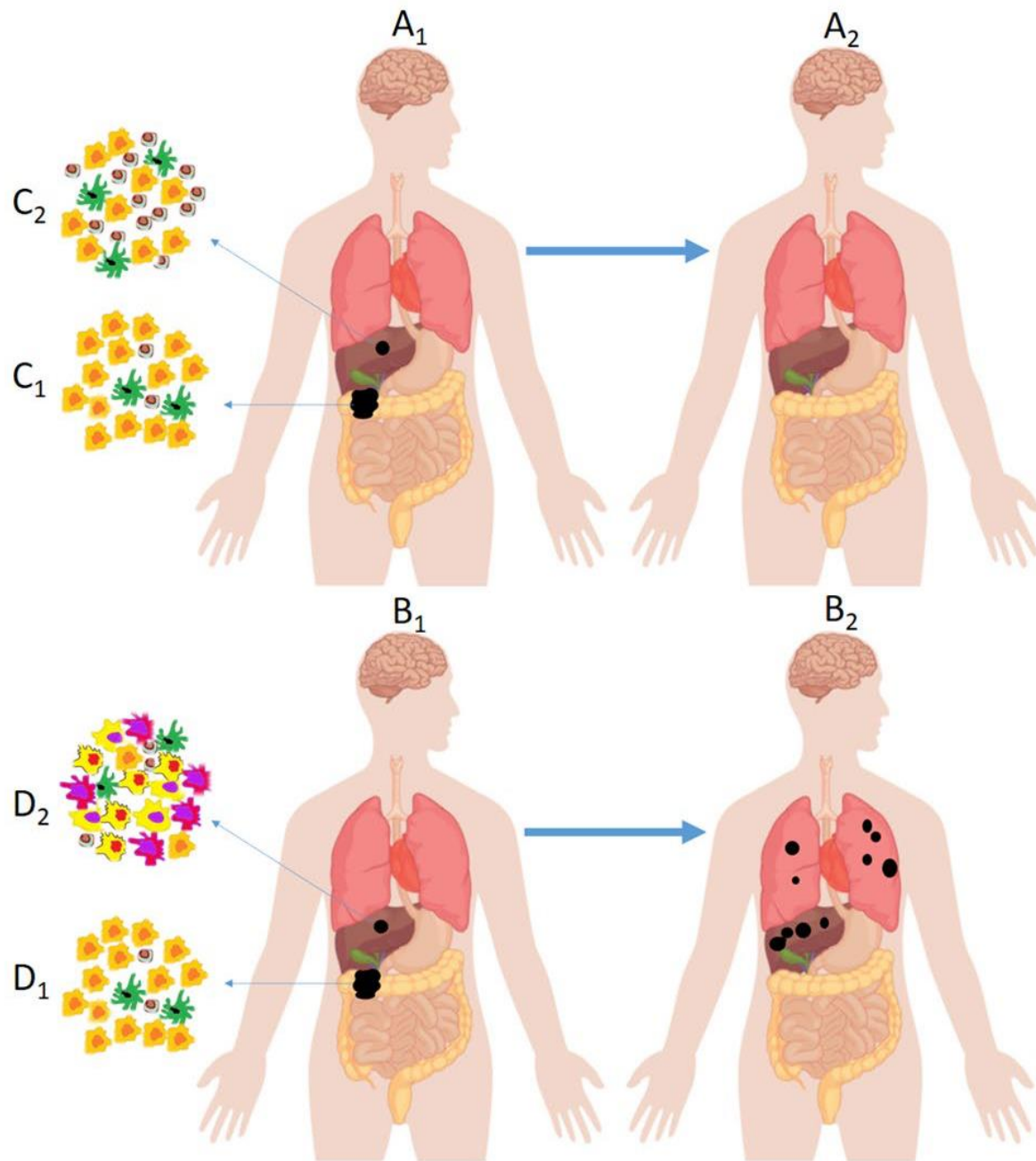








# Integrated molecular subtyping defines a curable oligometastatic state in colorectal liver metastasis

	Subtype 1 Canonical	Subtype 2 Immune	Subtype 3 Stromal
Frequency	33%	29%	39%
Molecular signature	↓Immune and stroma E2F/MYC signaling DNA damage and cell cycle	↑Immune Interferon signaling p53 pathway	↑Stroma KRAS signaling EMT and angiogenesis
Specific mutations	NOTCH1 and PIK3C2B	NRAS, CDK12, and EBF1	MAD3
Met. recurrences	Many	Few	Many
Overall survival	Intermediate	Favorable	Unfavourable

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-  Neoplastic cell with key-driver wild-type genes
-  GrzB+ CD8+ T-cell
- Mutated neoplastic clones:
-  KRAS mut
-  PIK3CA mut
-  Both KRAS and PIK3CA mut
-  Mononuclear phagocyte system cell

Ottaiano et al., Cancers (Basel) 2023

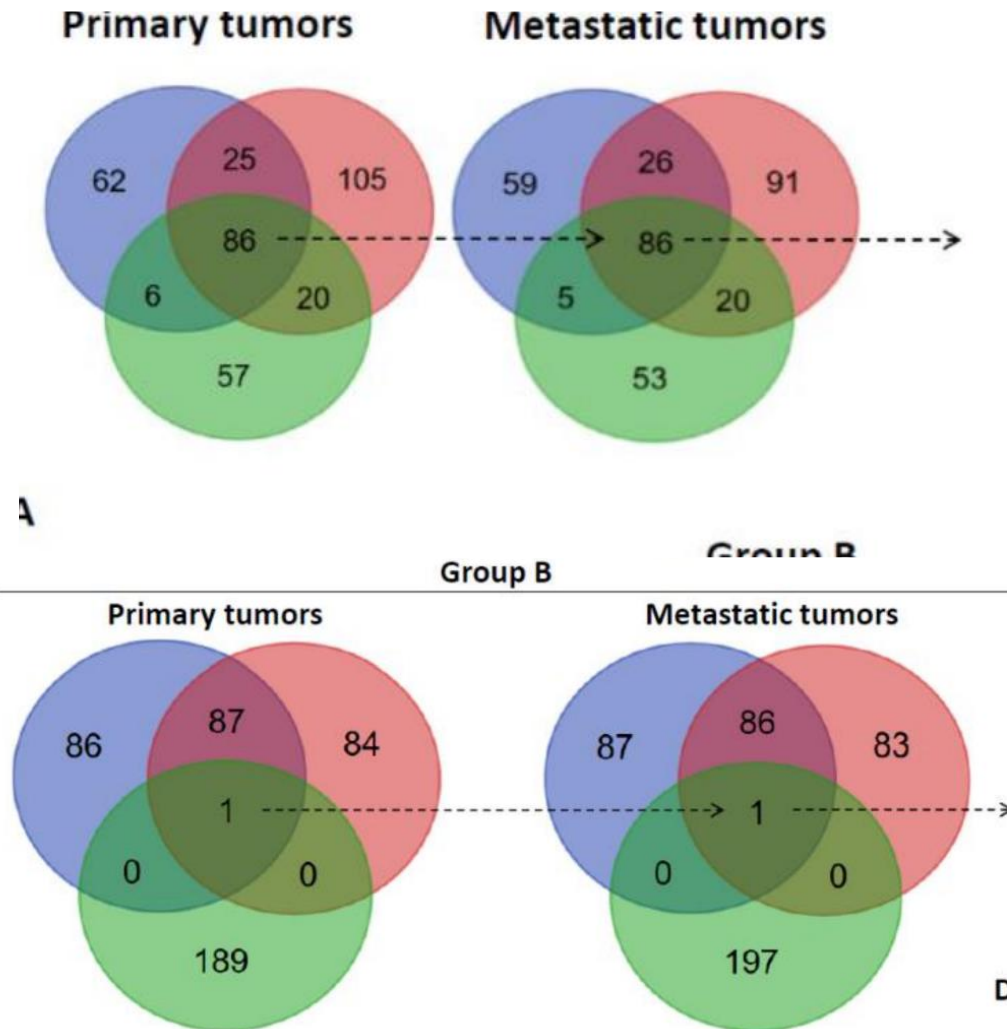
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6 out of 98 patients liver oligometastases

( $\leq 3$  lesions)

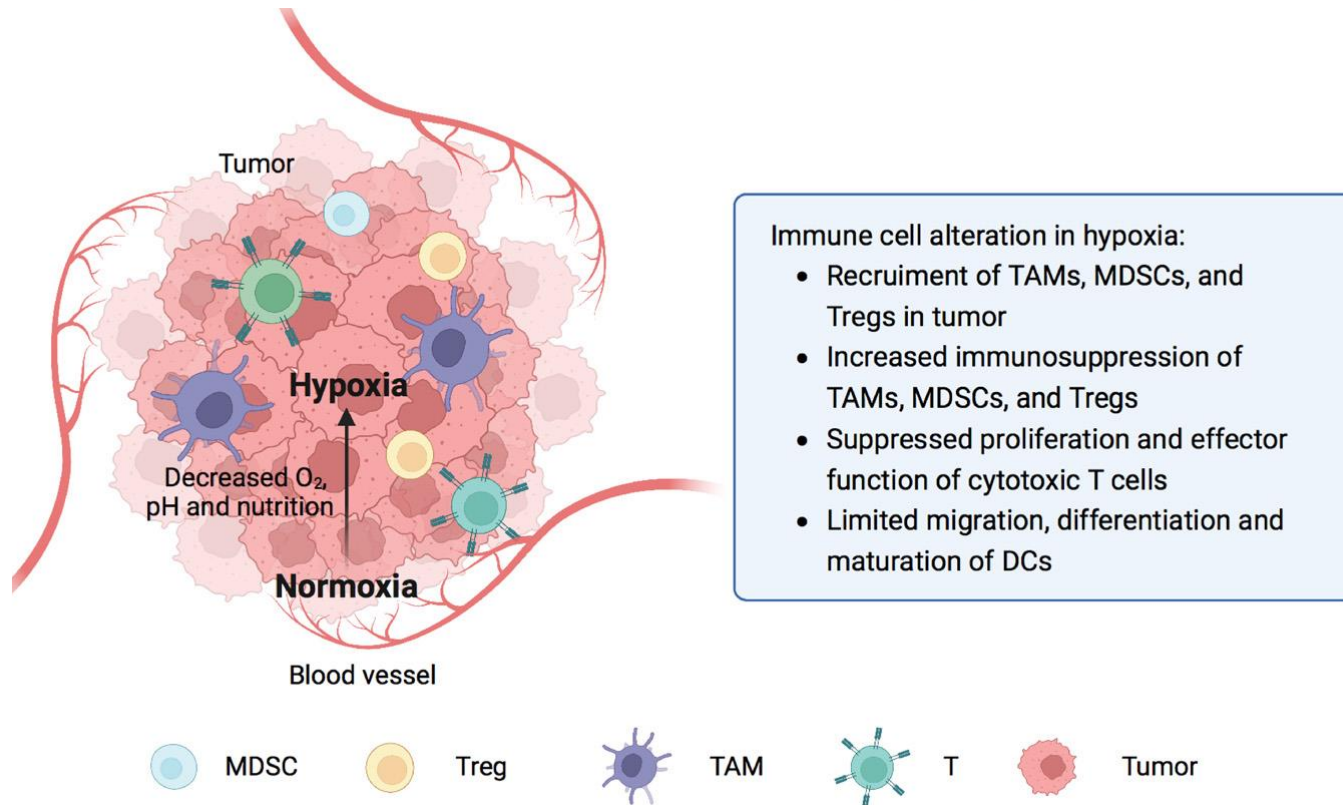
(A) without recurrence  
at 3y follow-up

(B) recurred within 1y



# The environment

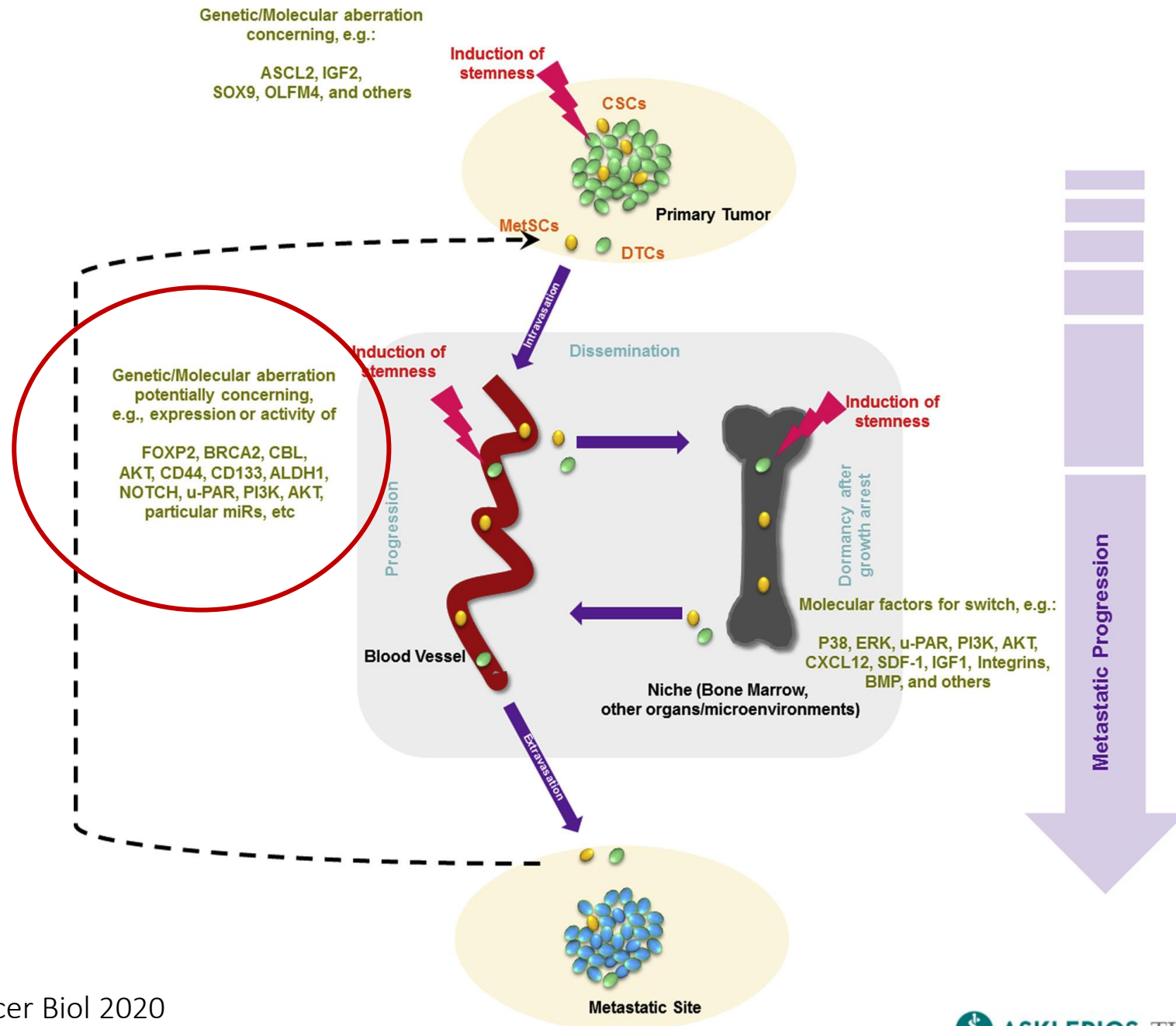
# The environment: Tumour microenvironment (TME)



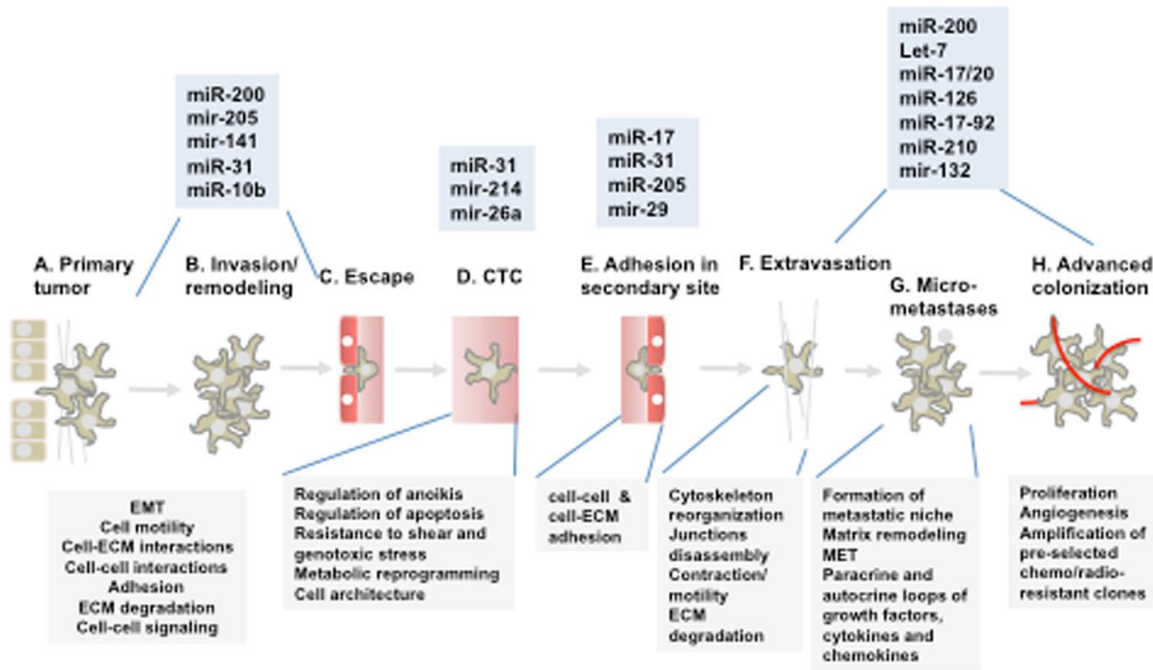
The TME includes

- immune cells,
- extracellular matrix,
- other cells, like fibroblasts
- (blood vessels)

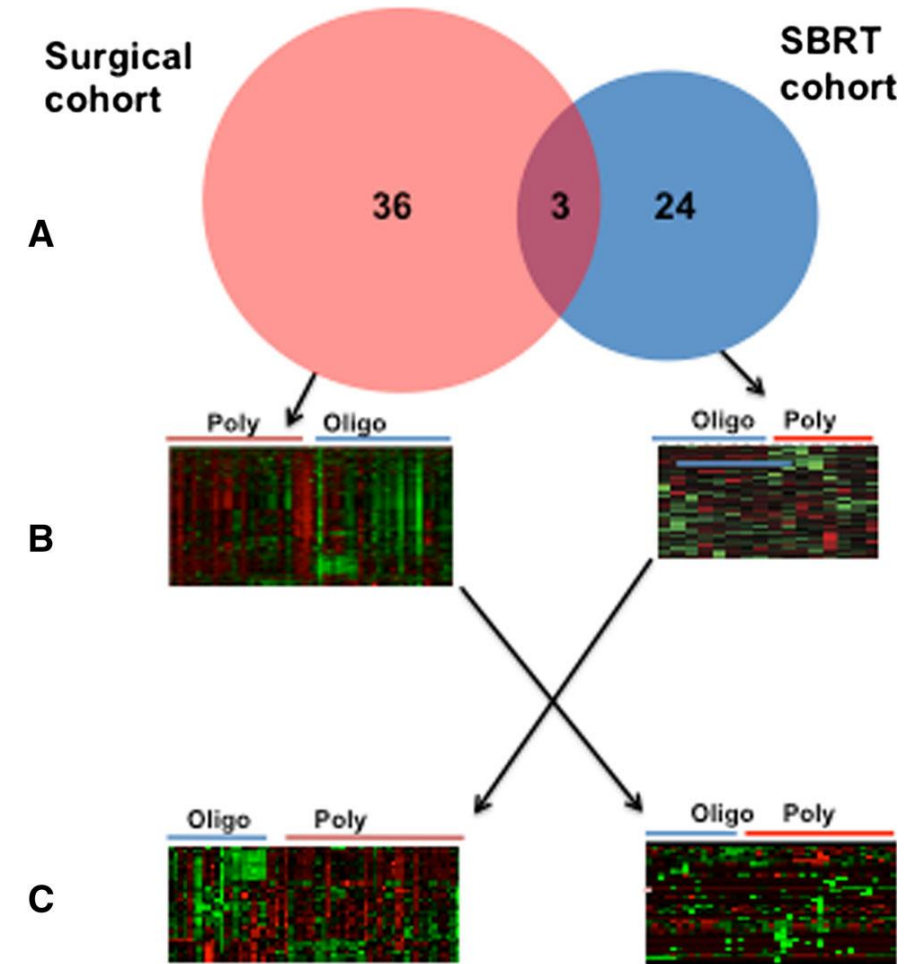
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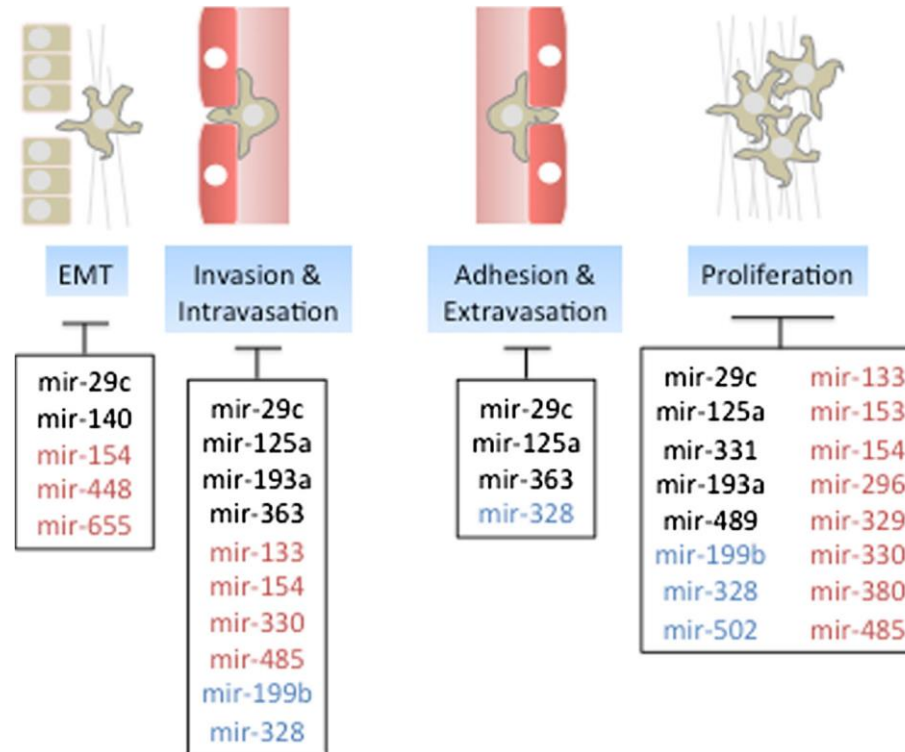
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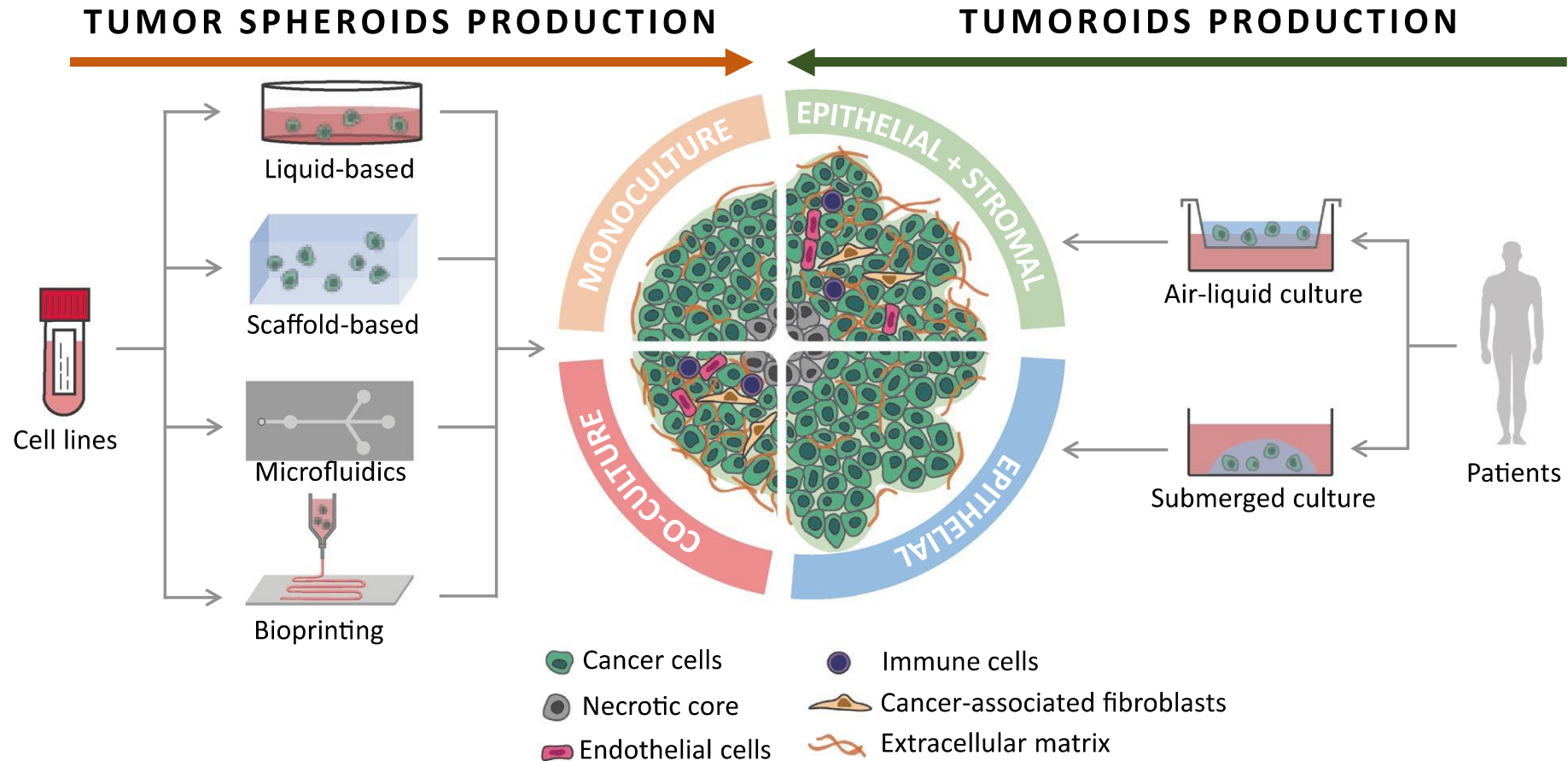


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# TME: Chemokine clusters

	Cluster name	Chemokines	Chemokine receptors	Functions
Major clusters	GRO cluster <sup>a</sup>	CXCL1–8	CXCR1, 2	Neutrophils, inflammation, type 3 immunity, angiogenesis
	MCP/MIP cluster <sup>a</sup>	CCL1, 2, 7, 8, 11–13 CCL3–5, 6, 9, 14–16, 18, 23	CCR1–3, 5, 8	Monocytes, inflammation, type 1 immunity, type 2 immunity
Minor clusters	IP-10 cluster <sup>a</sup>	CXCL9–11	CXCR3	Type 1 immunity
	MDC cluster <sup>a</sup>	CCL17, 22	CCR4	Tolerance, type 2 immunity
	SLC cluster <sup>a</sup>	CCL19, 21	CCR7	Lymphoid tissue
	Eotaxin-like cluster <sup>a</sup>	CCL24, 26	CCR3	Type 2 immunity
	Lymphotactin cluster <sup>a</sup>	XCL1, 2	XCR1	Type 1 immunity
Non-cluster	NA	CCL20	CCR6	Type 3 immunity
	NA	CCL25	CCR9	Gut homing, lymphoid tissue
	NA	CCL27	CCR10	Skin homing
	NA	CCL28	CCR3, 10	Type 2 immunity
	NA	CXCL12	CXCR4	Development, haematopoiesis, lymphoid tissue, angiogenesis

# Three-dimensional in vitro culture models in oncology research



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## LIVERMETSURVEY

Launched by Prof. René Adam in 2006 and sponsored since October 2017 by Fondation A.R.C.A.D- Aide et Recherche en CAncérologie Digestive- LMS Program is a prospective international database with more than 70 participating countries.

It focuses on patients operated for colorectal liver metastasis, whether resected or not.

Its objective is to collect on a multi-institutional basis the most significant data concerning the history, the treatment (chemotherapy, surgery, combined ablation) and the outcome of operated patients.

The final purpose is to evaluate patient outcomes and prognostic factors for resected patients, so as to define guidelines of optimal treatment and strategy.

LMS Program is opened to all centers across the world, whether private or public; no selection criteria will be applied regarding prior surgical experience and/ or size of the center. Investigators are requested to include all their operated patients consecutively and to provide their follow-up at long-term.

LOGIN

### Register a center



To register a center, please send the following information to [info@livermetsurvey-arcad.org](mailto:info@livermetsurvey-arcad.org):

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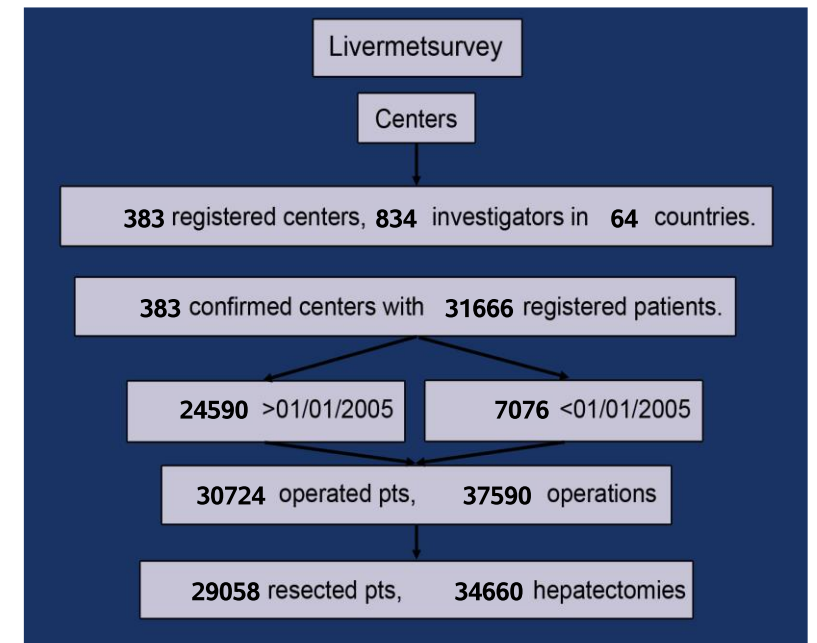
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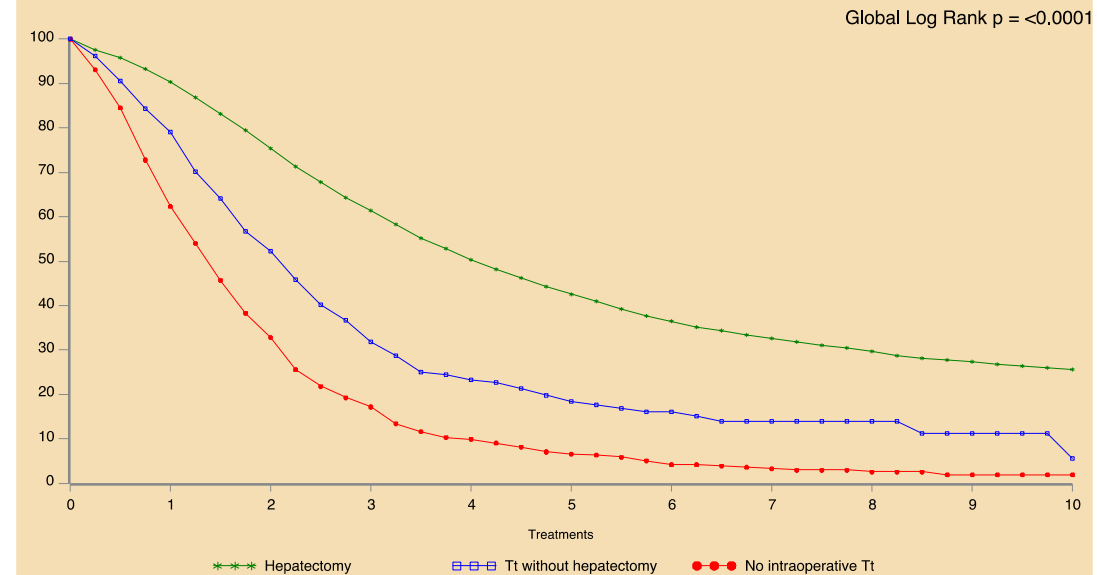
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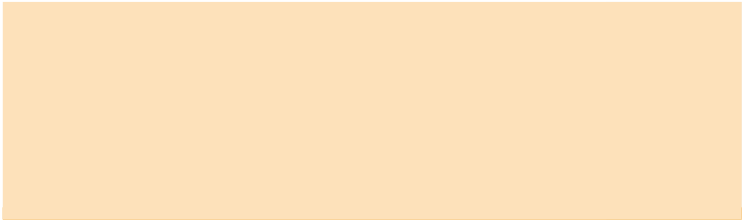
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Patient Survival after a 1st liver operation for Colorectal Metastases : 29717 patients



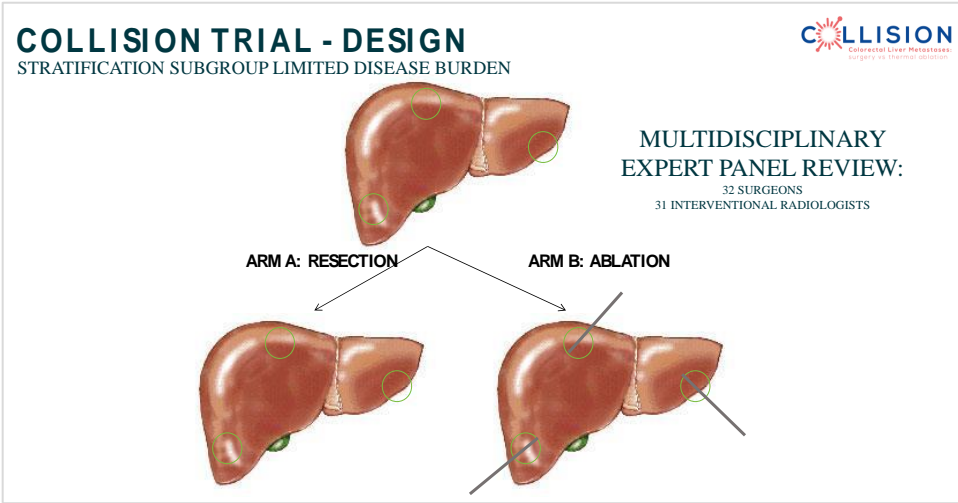
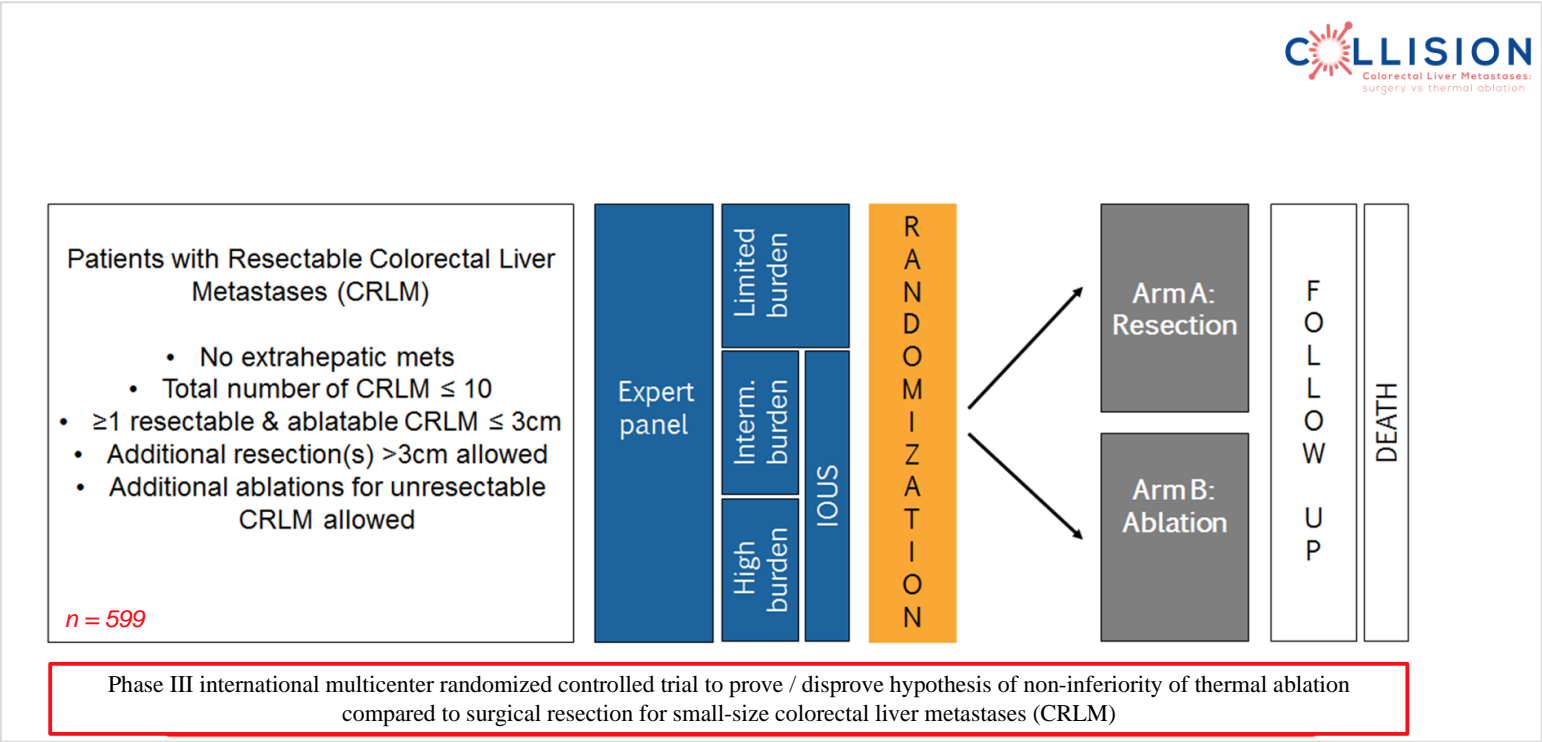
# Kurativ intendierte Therapie: S3 Leitlinie



## 10.2 Resektable Metastasierung

10.8	Konsensbasiertes Statement	neu 2024
EK	Bei primär resektabler Metastasierung (inklusive Oligometastasierung) ist die Anwendung lokaler Therapieverfahren zu prüfen. Neben einer Operation sind andere lokalen Therapieverfahren zu berücksichtigen.	
	Starker Konsens	
10.9	Konsensbasierte Empfehlung	neu 2024
EK	Die Beurteilung der Resektabilität oder des Einsatzes anderer lokaler Therapieverfahren soll unter Beteiligung eines in der Metastasenchirurgie erfahrenen Chirurgen bzw. in der Anwendung lokalen Therapieverfahren (SRBT, RFA, TACE, intraarterielle CTx) erfahrenen Therapeuten erfolgen.	
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10.10	Konsensbasierte Empfehlung	neu 2024
EK	<p>Eine neoadjuvante Therapie von primär resektablen Lebermetastasen kann insbesondere bei prognostisch ungünstiger Tumorbiologie (z. B. kurzes krankheitsfreies Intervall oder synchrone Metastasierung, Anzahl und Lokalisation der Metastasen etc.) erfolgen.</p> <p>Kann durch diese systemische Therapie eine Stabilisierung der Erkrankung erreicht werden, so sollte die Resektion möglichst zeitnah (d. h. nach 2 – 3 Monaten Therapie) angestrebt werden.</p>	

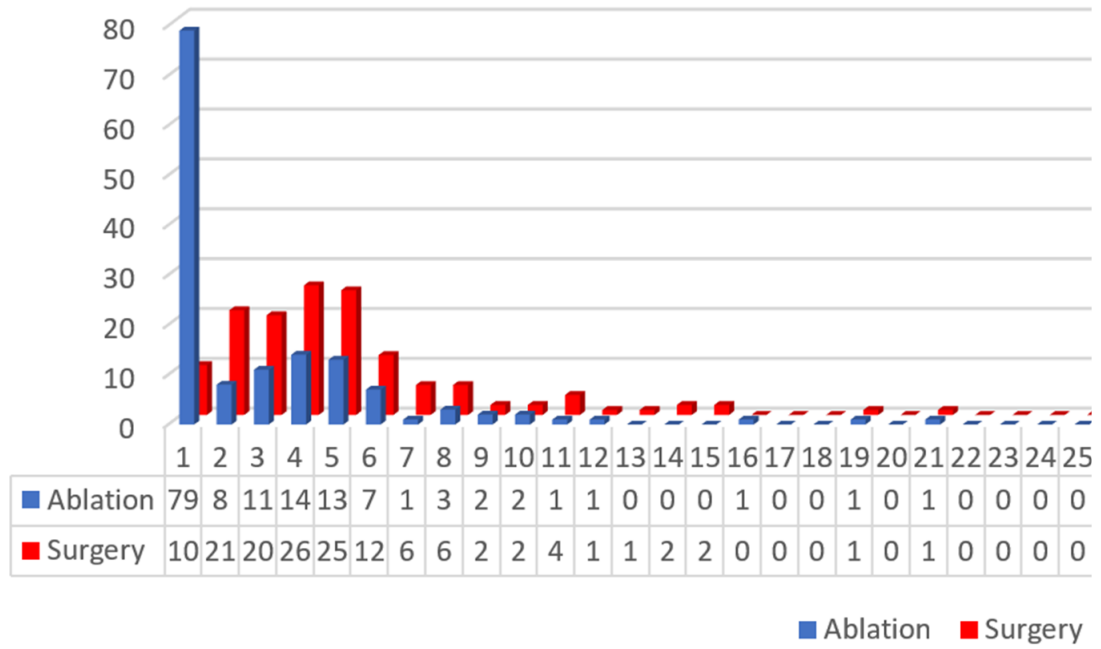
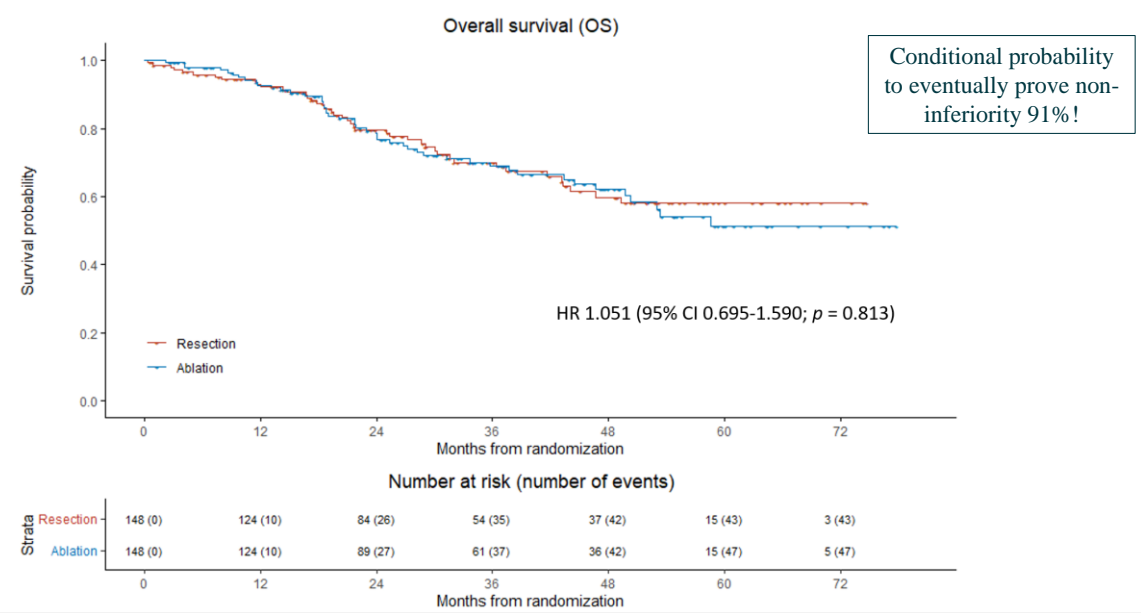
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## RESULTS

### OVERALL SURVIVAL – PRIMARY ENDPOINT



# Statement der interdisziplinären AG GIT der DKG

- .....stellt die thermische Ablation eine onkologisch nicht inferiore Therapiealternative zur chirurgischen Resektion von resektablen Lebermetastasen dar.

Dies gilt für klinische Situationen, in denen max. 10 Metastasen vorhanden und von denen mindestens eine  $\leq 3\text{cm}$  groß ist.

- ... multifokale hepatische Metastasierung mit minimalem Parenchym-Verlust in eine makroskopische Tumorfreiheit...zu bringen.
- ...darf in diesem Zusammenhang auch als Argument für ein kombiniertes Verfahren aus Resektion und Ablation zur Vermeidung großer Parenchymverluste verstanden werden.

# How can we eradicate metastases?

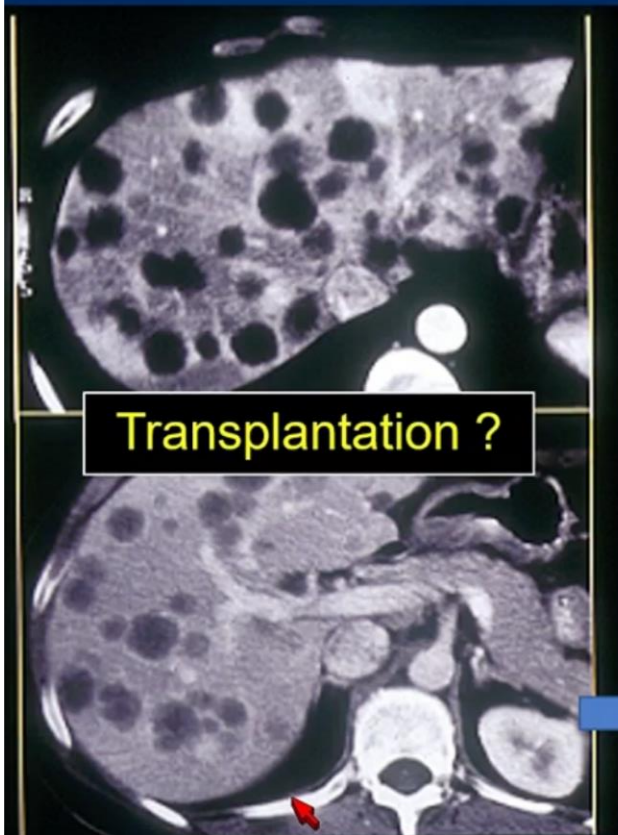
## Local ablative treatments of metastases

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Surgery                   | Eradication rate: 100%    |
| • Local ablation techniques | Eradication rate: >95%*   |
| • SBRT                      | Eradication rate: 70-100% |
| • Intra-arterial therapies  | Eradication rate: 40-90%* |

\*Depends on: size, localisation, physical effects (cooling,...), and: skills and techniques

# Management of liver limited metastases: Transplantation?

## Definitively Non Resectable Liver Metastases : **Rationale**



- Absolute contraindication in the 2000's because of the low 5-year survival (18%)<sup>1</sup>
- More recently : improved outcome with better patient selection and increased efficacy of chemotherapy (C)<sup>2</sup>
- However, strong evidence for clinical benefit : critical
  - Scarcity of organs
  - Perception “no role for local treatment in an advanced metastatic disease”

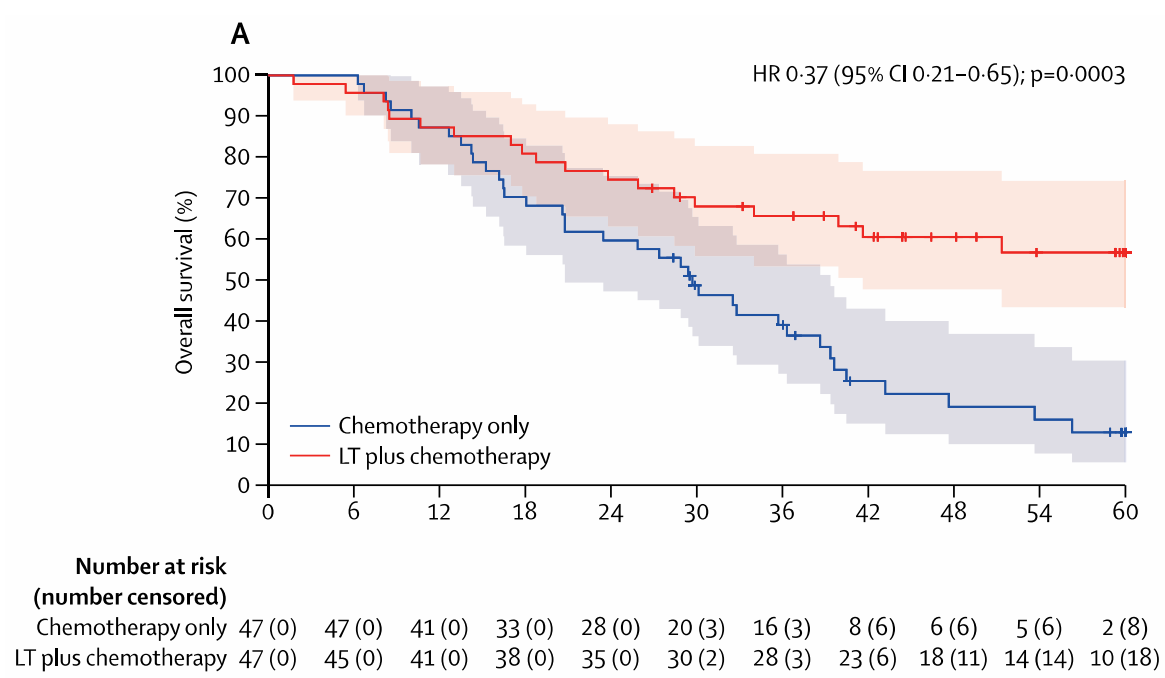
Randomised study to assess the efficacy of LT+C compared to C alone

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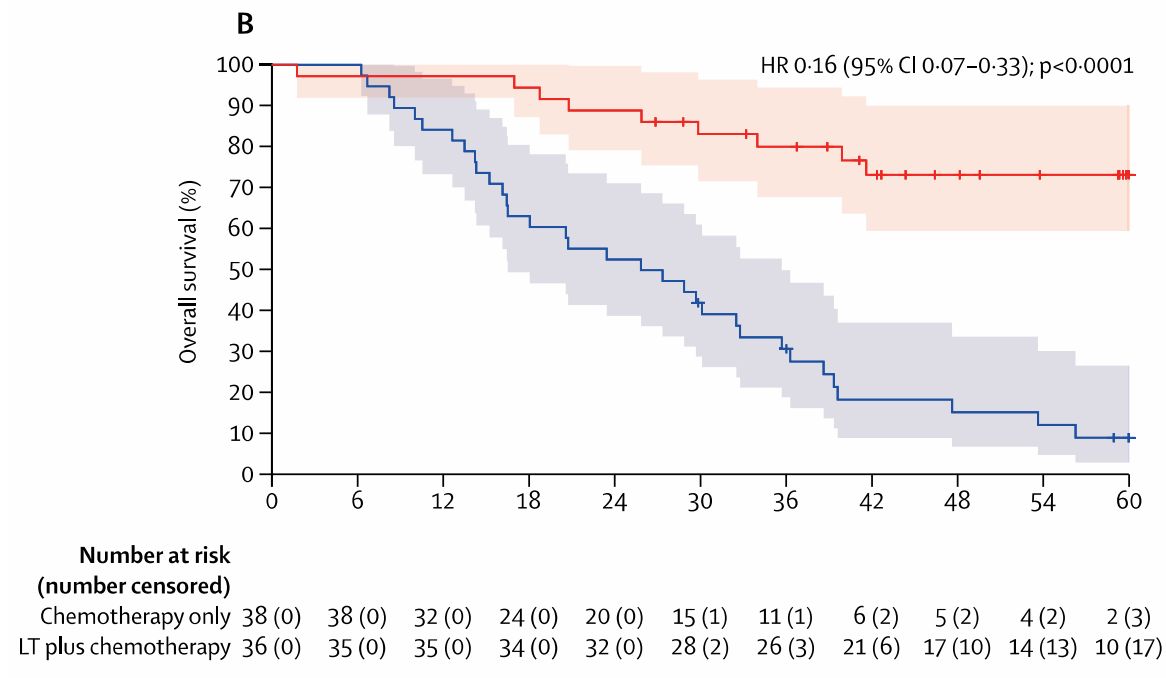
(2) Hagness et al, *Ann Surg* 2013

Adam R et al., ASCO 2024

# Liver transplantation in mCRC: Randomized TRANSMET study



Overall survival, ITT population

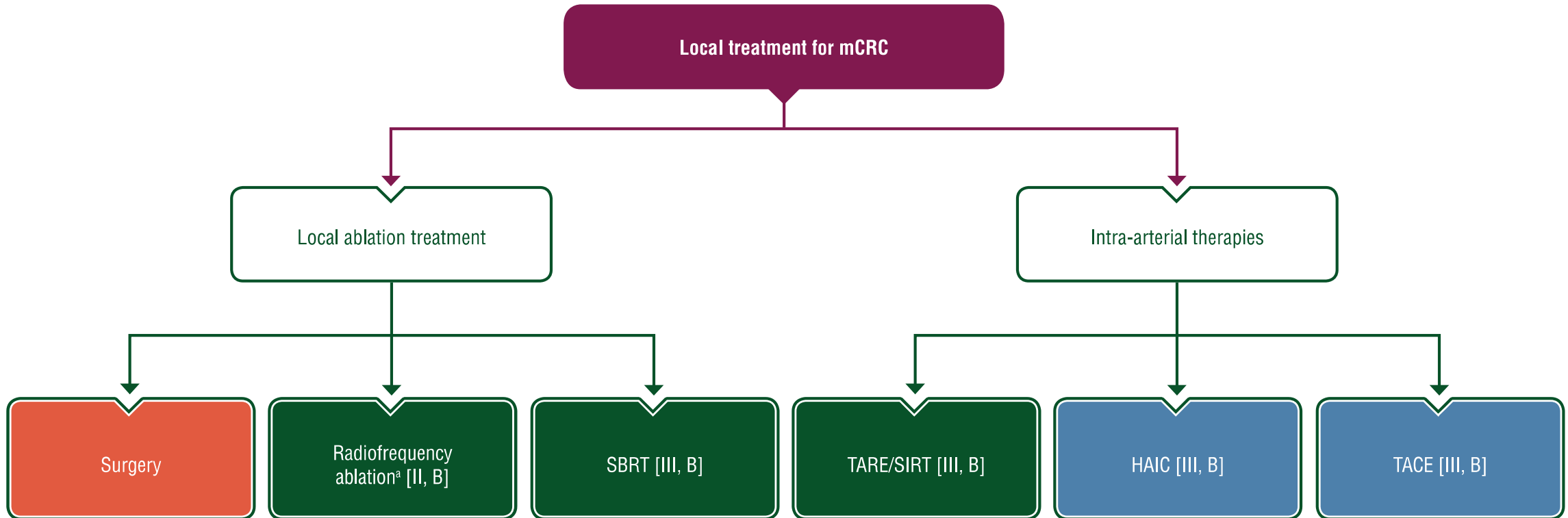


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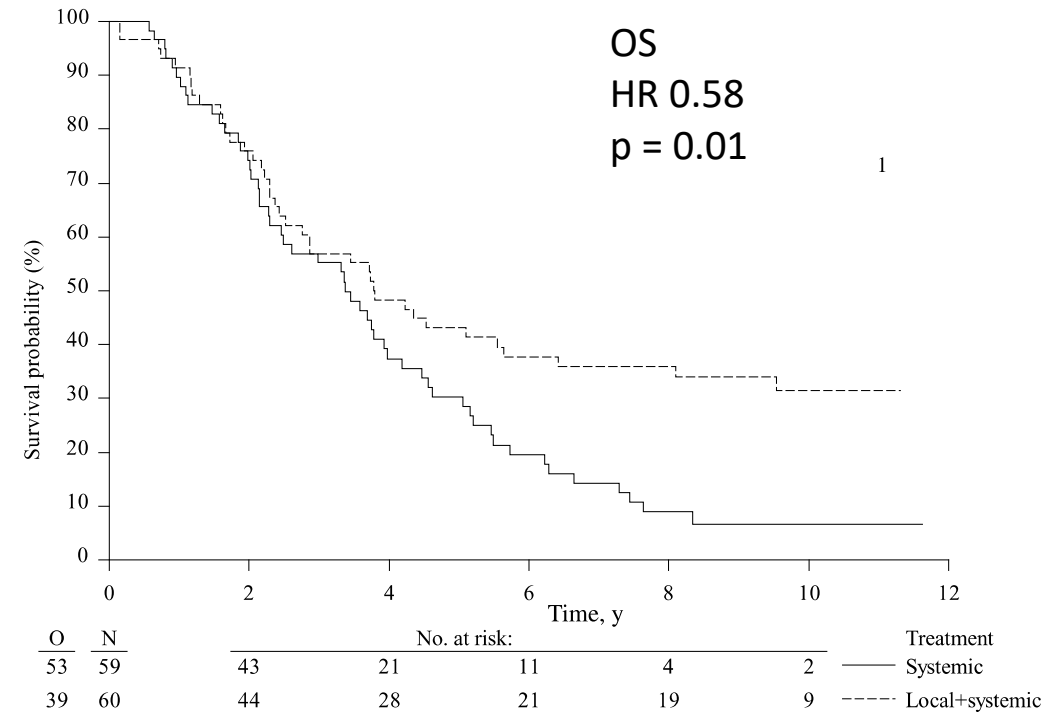
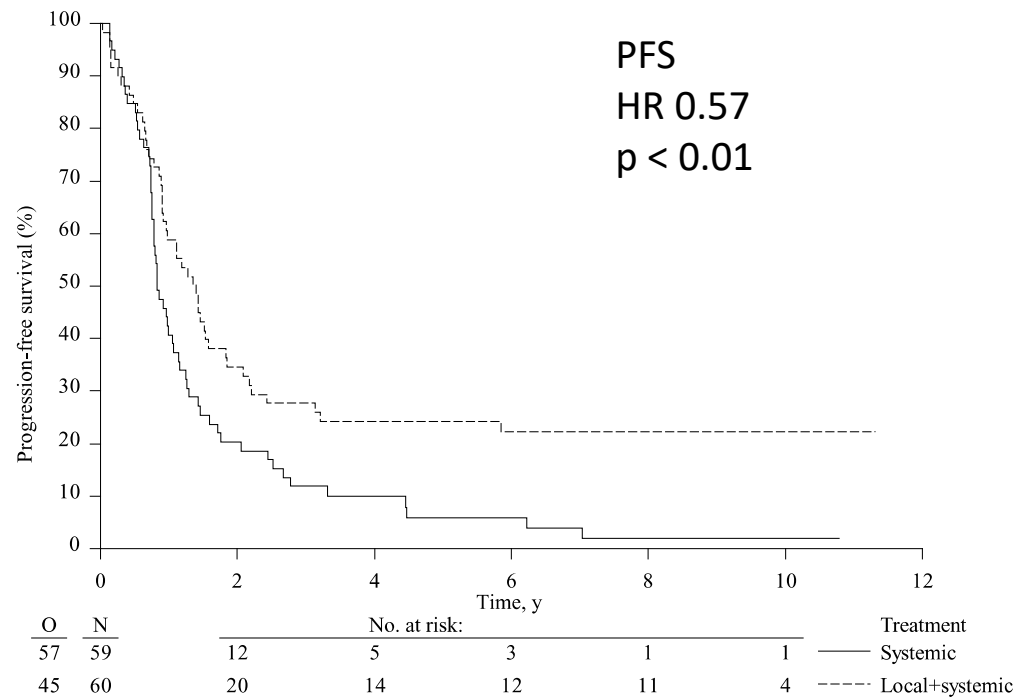


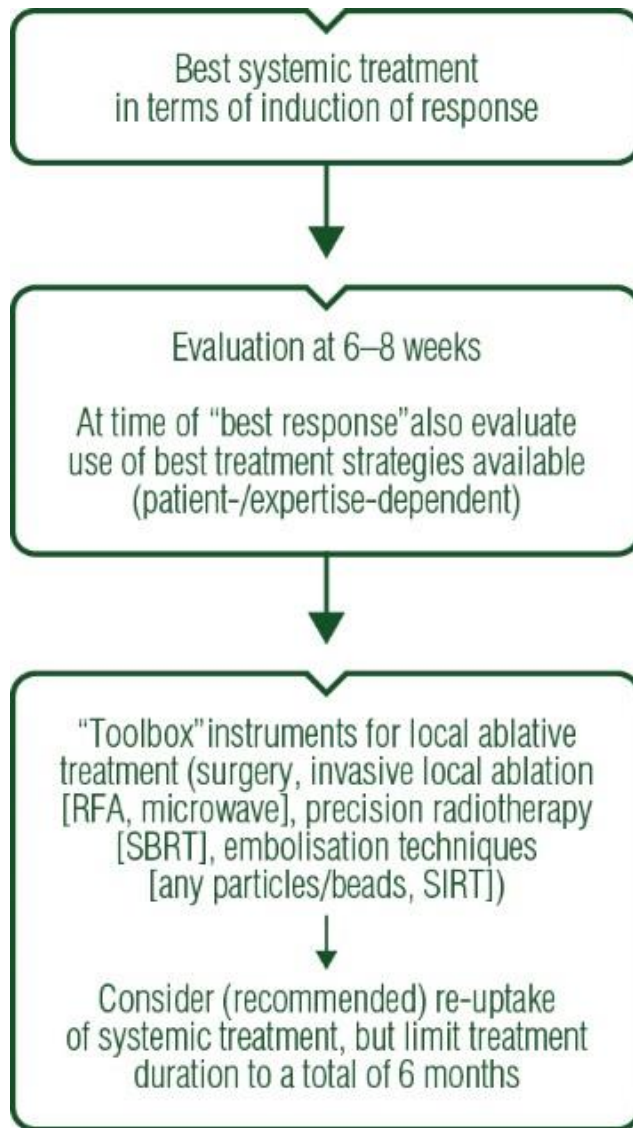
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# Local Treatment of Unresectable Colorectal Liver Metastases: Results of a Randomized Phase II Trial

119 pts., “liver only” met disease; not suitable for resection; <10 lesions





## Local ablative treatments....should be selected.....according to

- Localisation and treatment goal
- ‘the more curative the more surgery’/higher importance of local/complete control),
- treatment-related morbidity,
- local expertise and availability,
- patient-related factors.

# Local vs. systemic control: EORTC CLOCC and EPOC trials

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Follow-up and first progressions.

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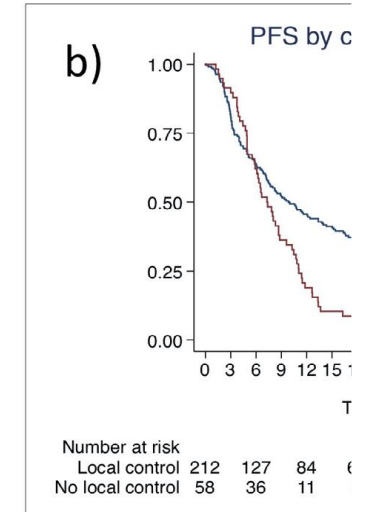
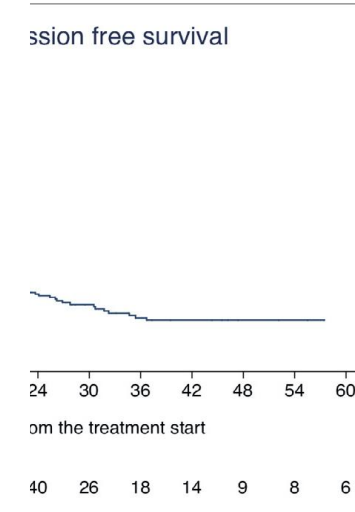
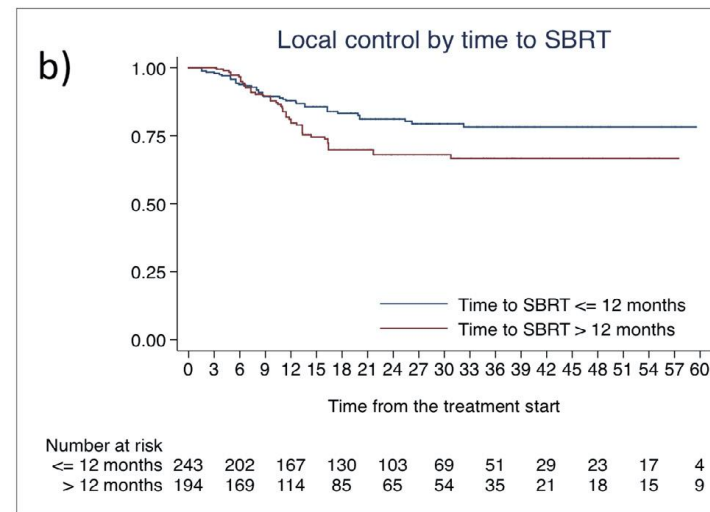
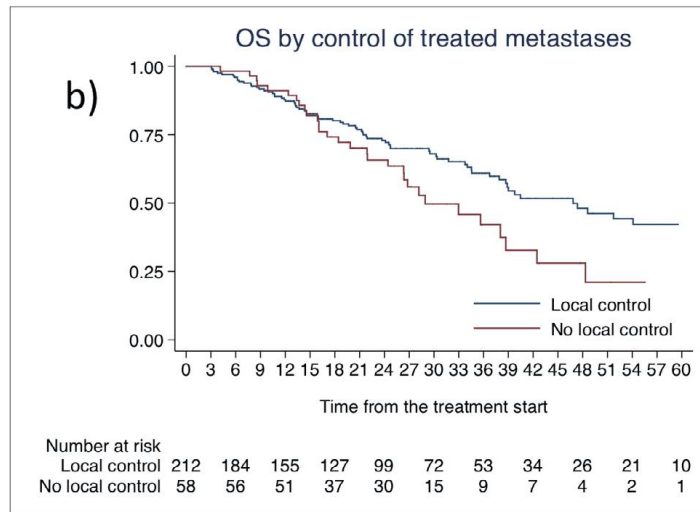
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50-55%

# Known prognostic factors: Control of systemic disease, and completeness of intervention

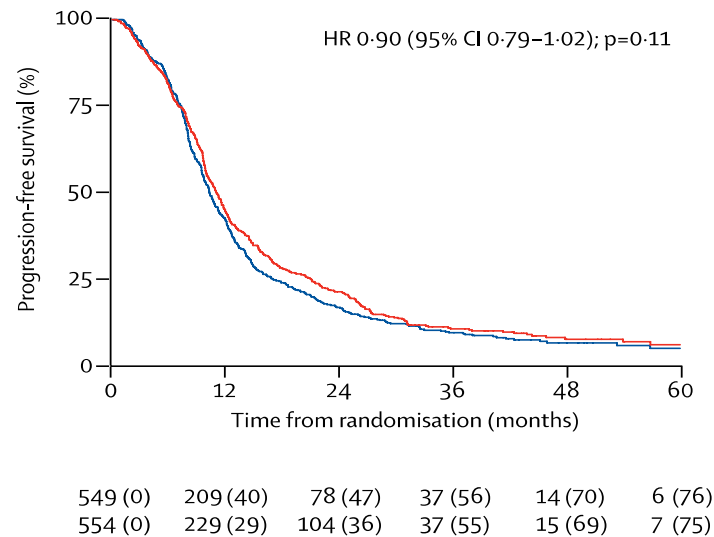
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## Predictive factors for survival of oligometastatic colorectal cancer treated with Stereotactic body radiation therapy



# Beispiel: transarterielle Radioembolisation beim KRK

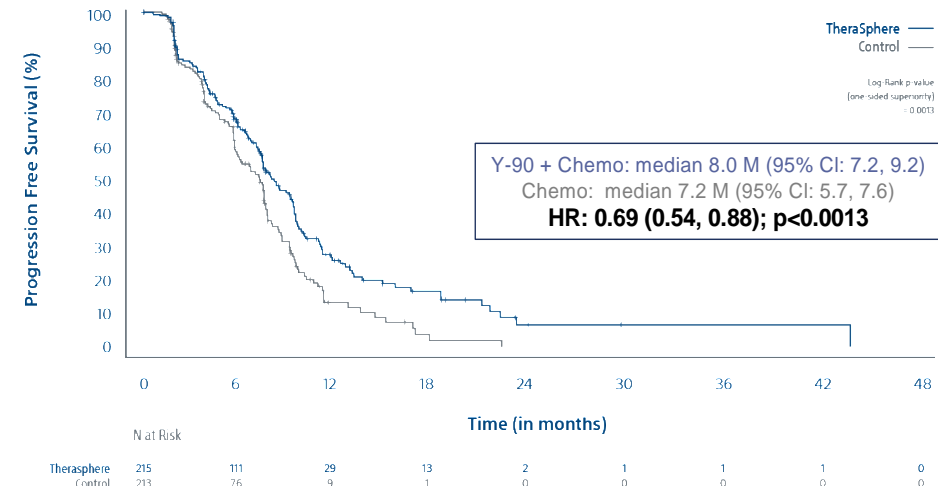
First-line selective internal radiotherapy plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy alone in patients with liver metastases from colorectal cancer (FOXFIRE, SIRFLOX, and FOXFIRE-Global): a combined analysis of three multicentre, randomised, phase 3 trials



1st line, upfront TARE

Radioembolization with Chemotherapy for Colorectal Liver Metastases: a randomized, open-label, international, multicenter, phase 3 trial

EPOCH study



2nd line, oligomets.

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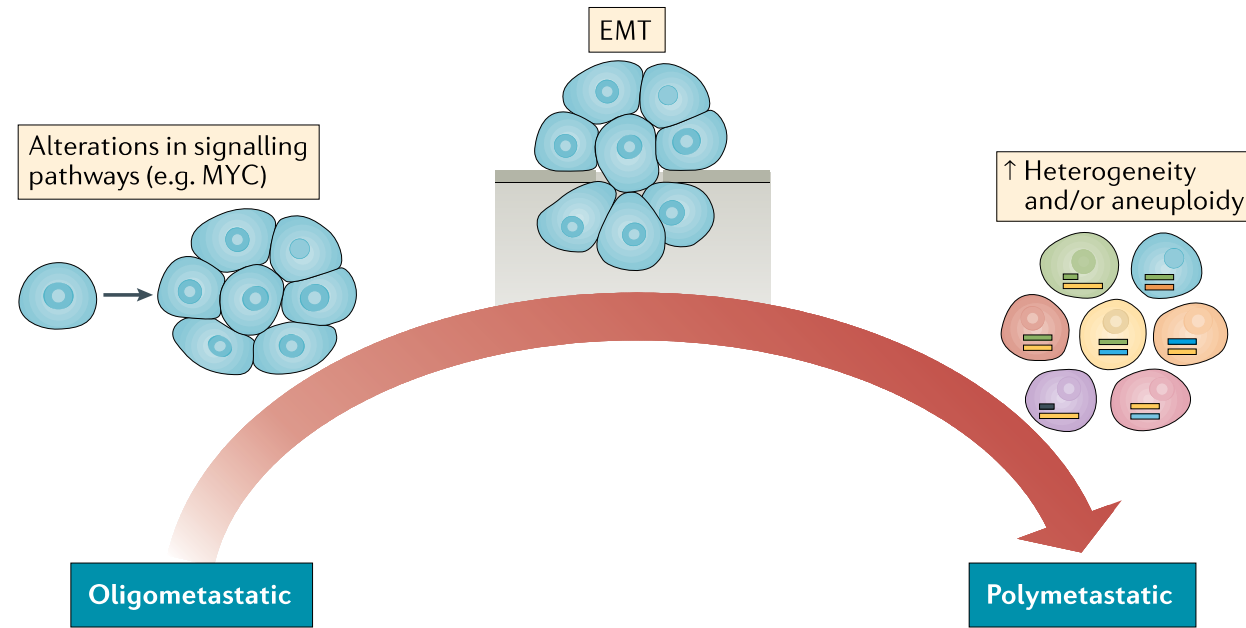
Evaluation of common, but not fully evaluated clinical scenarios

Understanding oligometastatic disease

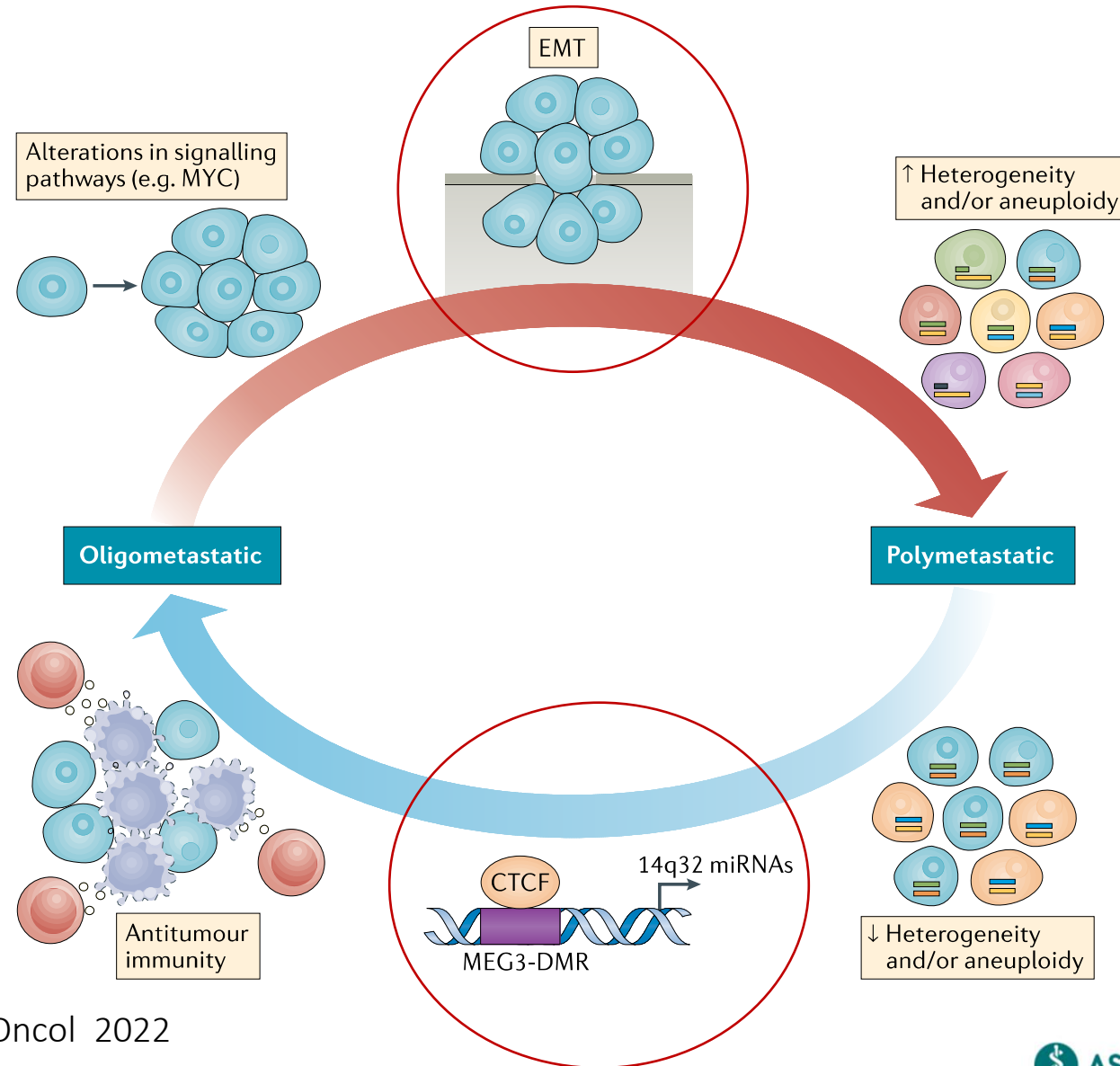
The benefit of local treatment in mCRC

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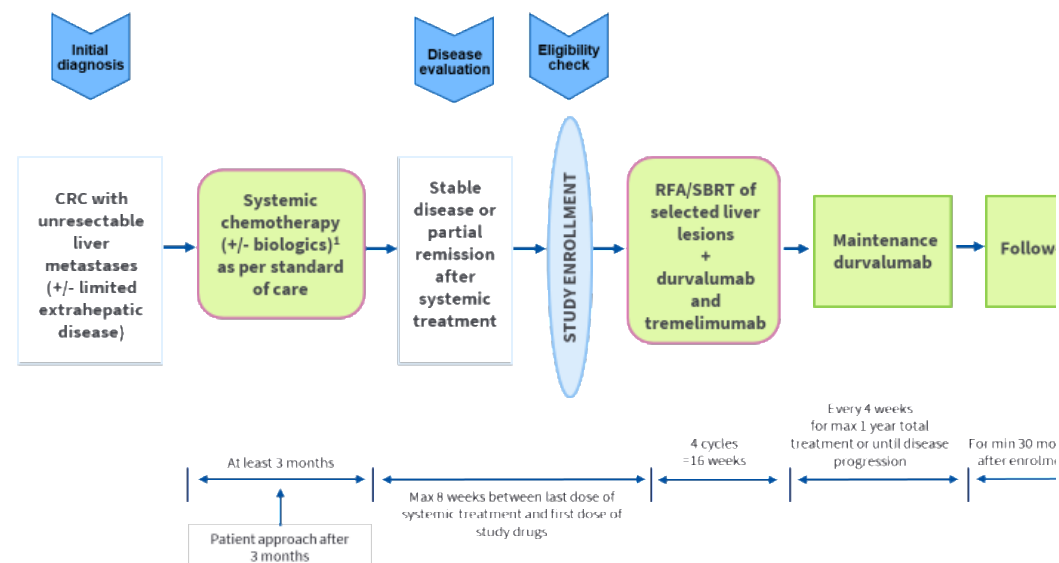


**Controlling EMT**

**Gaining immunogenic control**

Durvalumab and tremelimumab plus local partial tumor ablation (RFA or stereotactic radiotherapy) in patients with unresectable liver metastases from metastatic colorectal cancer: Results of the EORTC-1560-GITCG multicentre single-arm phase II study (ILOC)

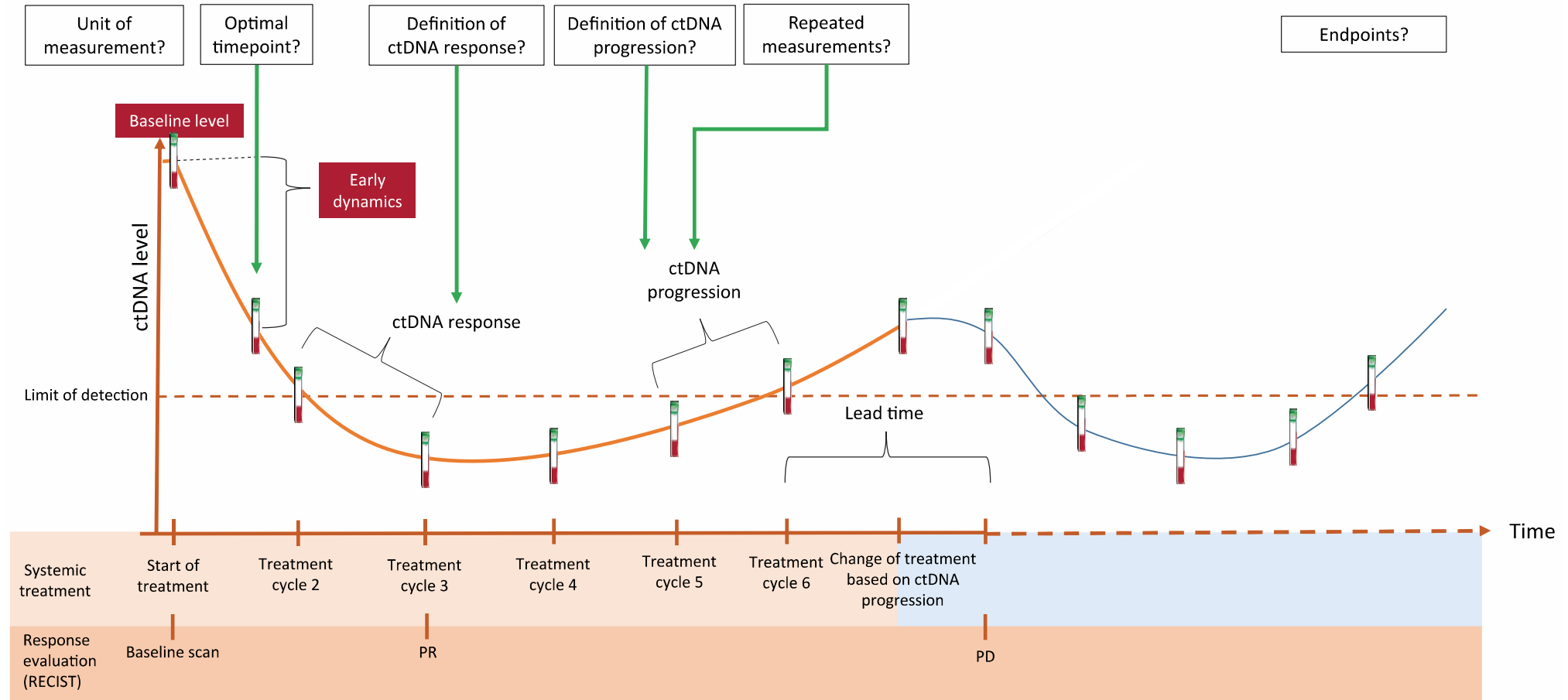
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	Type of local tumor ablation		
	RFA (radiofrequency ablation) (N=12)	SBRT (stereotactic radiotherapy) (N=8)	Total (N=20)
Best Overall Immune Response	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)
iCR+iPR	0	0	0
iSD	5(41.7)	4(50.0)	9(45.0)
iCPD/iUPD	7(58.3)	4(50.0)	11(55.0)

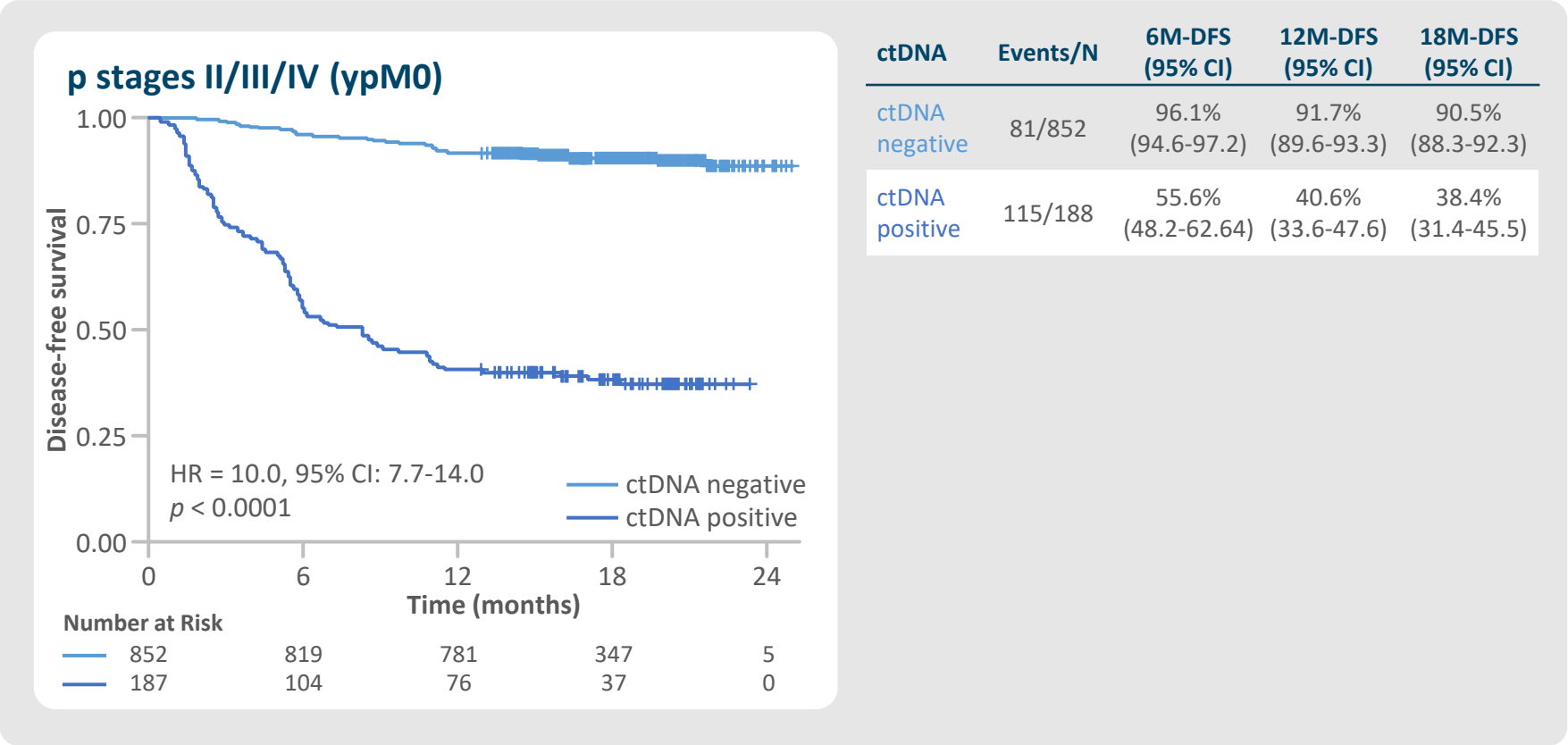
# Opportunity #2: Treatment determination by ctDNA

# Continuous assessment - treatment needs



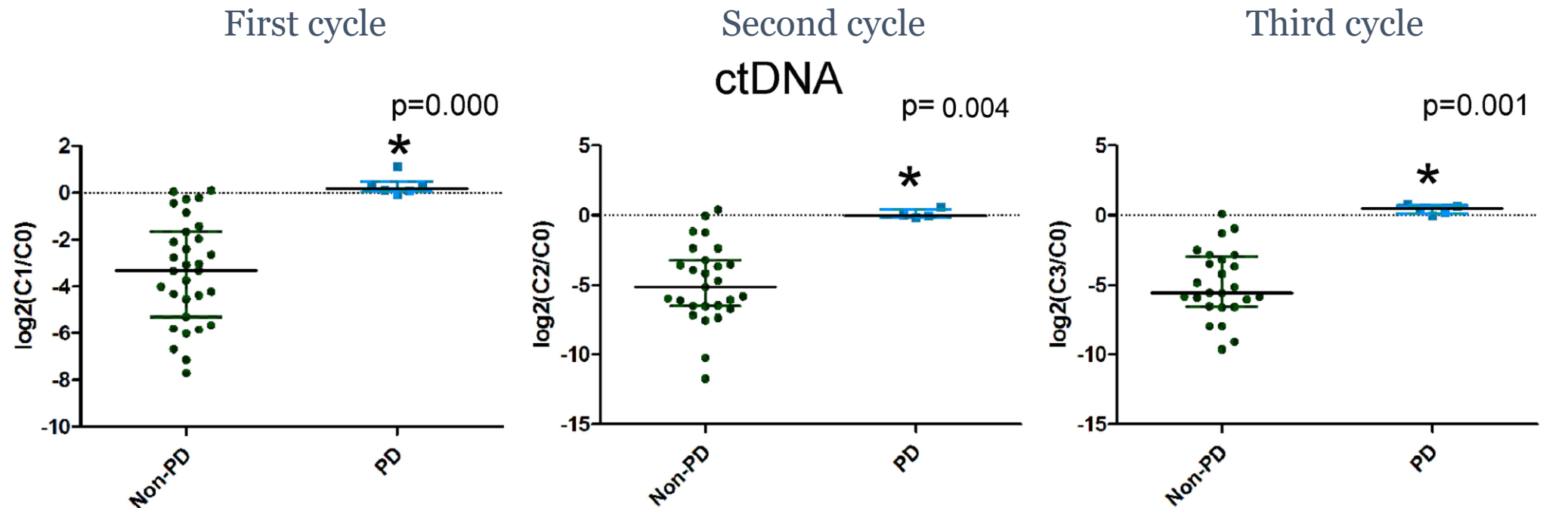
# More than 2,000 pts: Japanese GALAXY / CIRCULATE

Disease free survival (DFS) based on ctDNA status at 4 weeks post-surgery



With a single test at 4w post-op, overall 18M-DFS of 38.4% in the MRD-positive group and 90.5% in the MRD-negative group, including all treated and non-treated patients

# ctDNA dynamics indicating response to systemic tx.

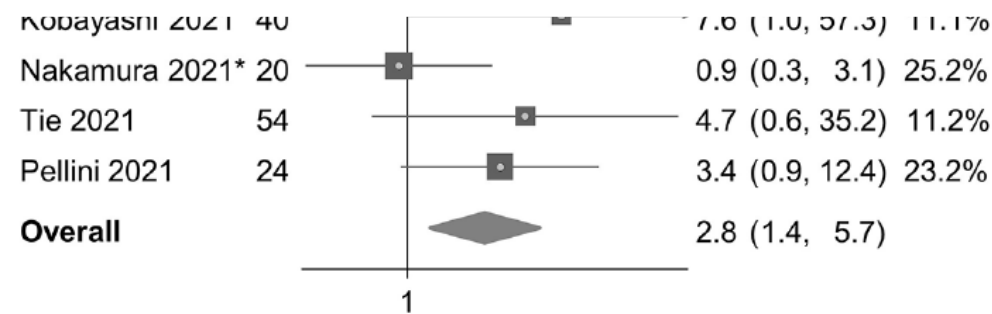


Variable	AUC	p value	Cutoff value	Sensitivity (%) (95% CI)	Specificity (%) (95% CI)	PPV (%) (95% CI)	NPV (%) (95% CI)	Accuracy (%) (95% CI)
ctDNA log <sub>2</sub> (C1/C0)	0.978	0.000	-0.126	100.0 (54.1–100.0)	93.5 (78.6–99.2)	75.0 (34.9–96.8)	100.0 (88.1–100.0)	94.6 (81.8–99.3)
ctDNA log <sub>2</sub> (C2/C0)	0.954	0.004	-0.655	100.0 (39.8–100.0)	92.6 (75.7–99.1)	66.7 (22.3–95.7)	100.0 (86.3–100.0)	93.5 (78.6–99.2)
ctDNA log <sub>2</sub> (C3/C0)	0.992	0.001	-0.471	100.0 (47.8–100.0)	96.0 (79.7–99.9)	83.3 (35.9–99.6)	100.0 (85.8–100.0)	96.7 (82.8–99.9)

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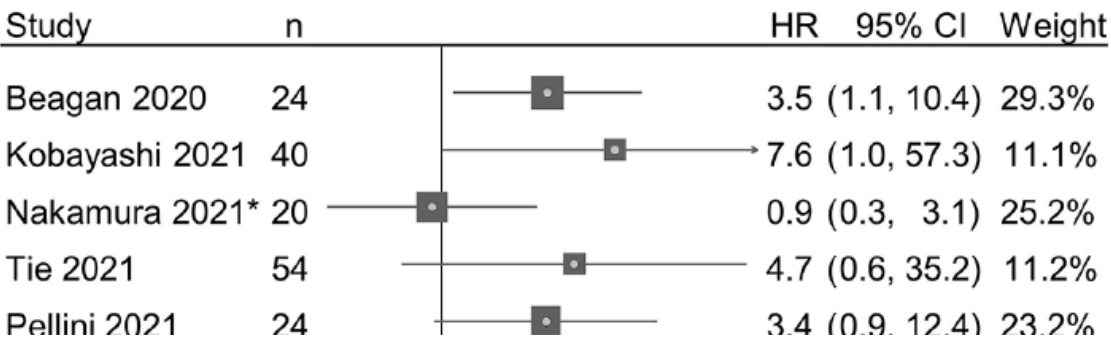
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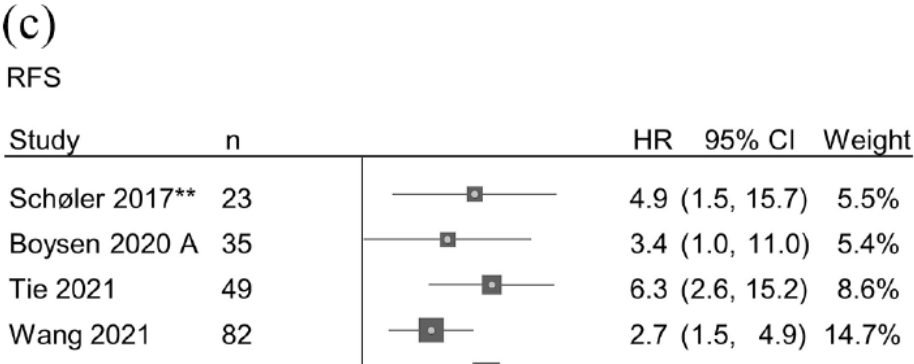
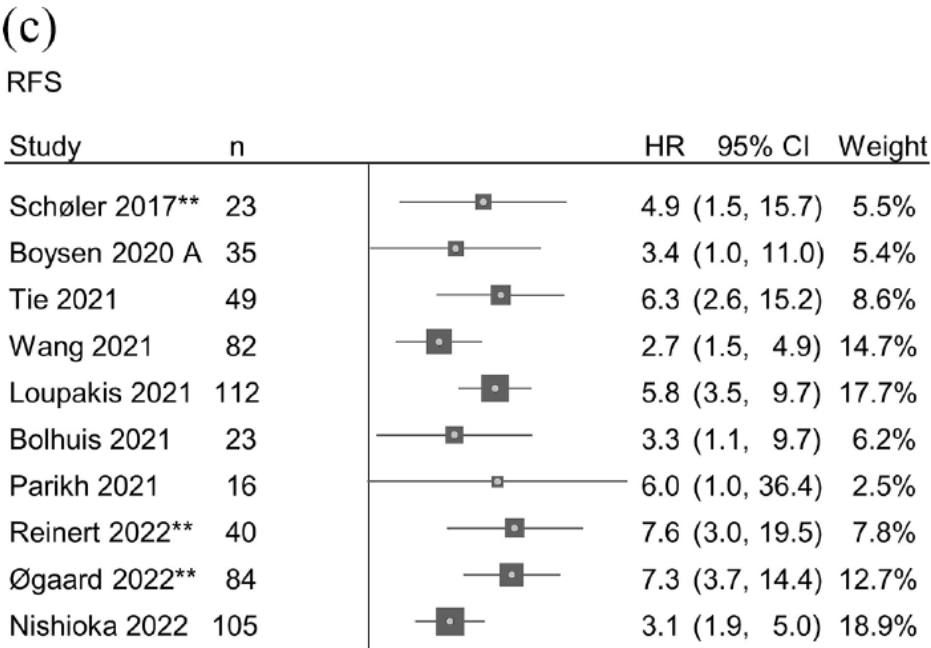
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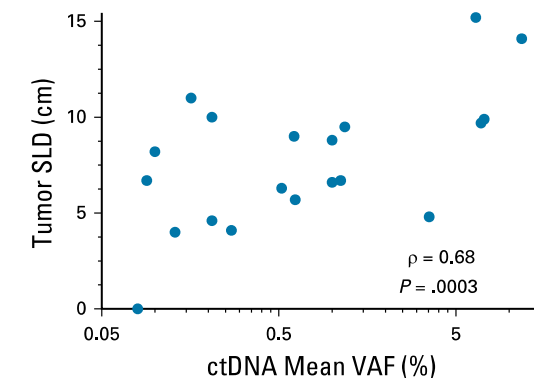
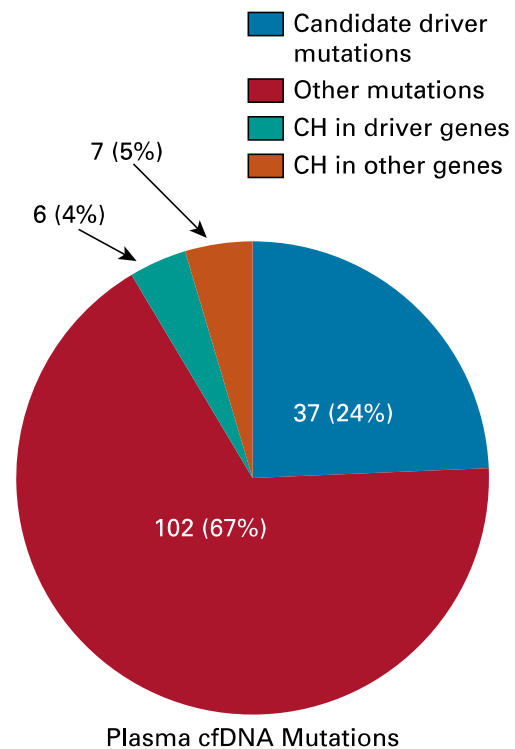
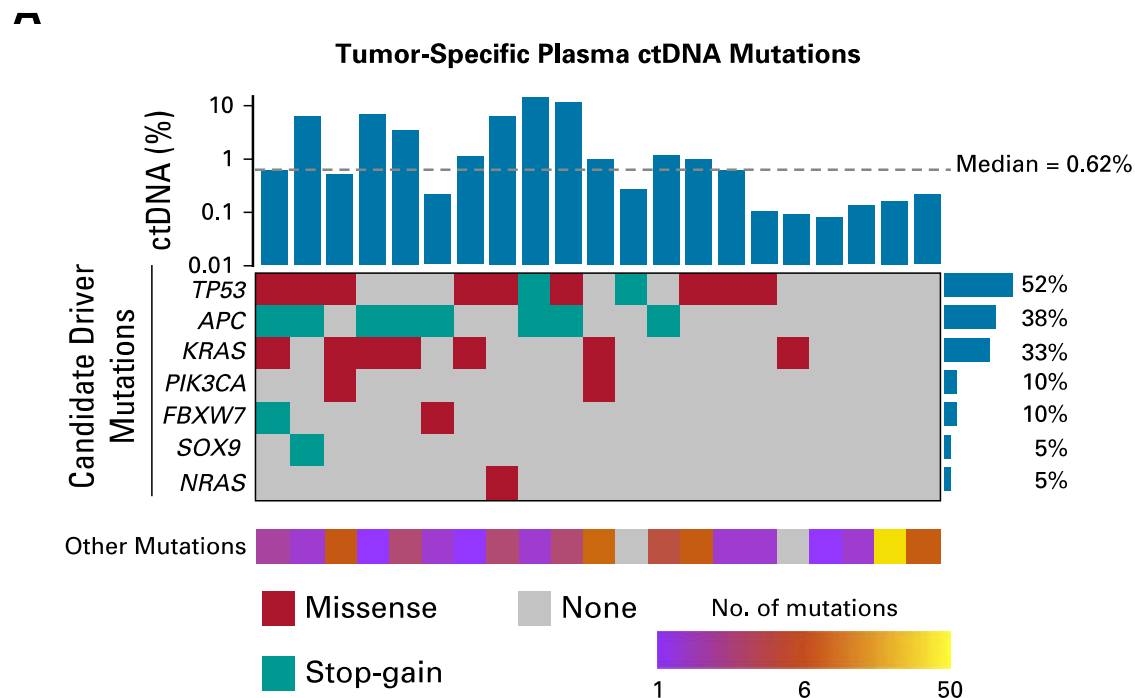
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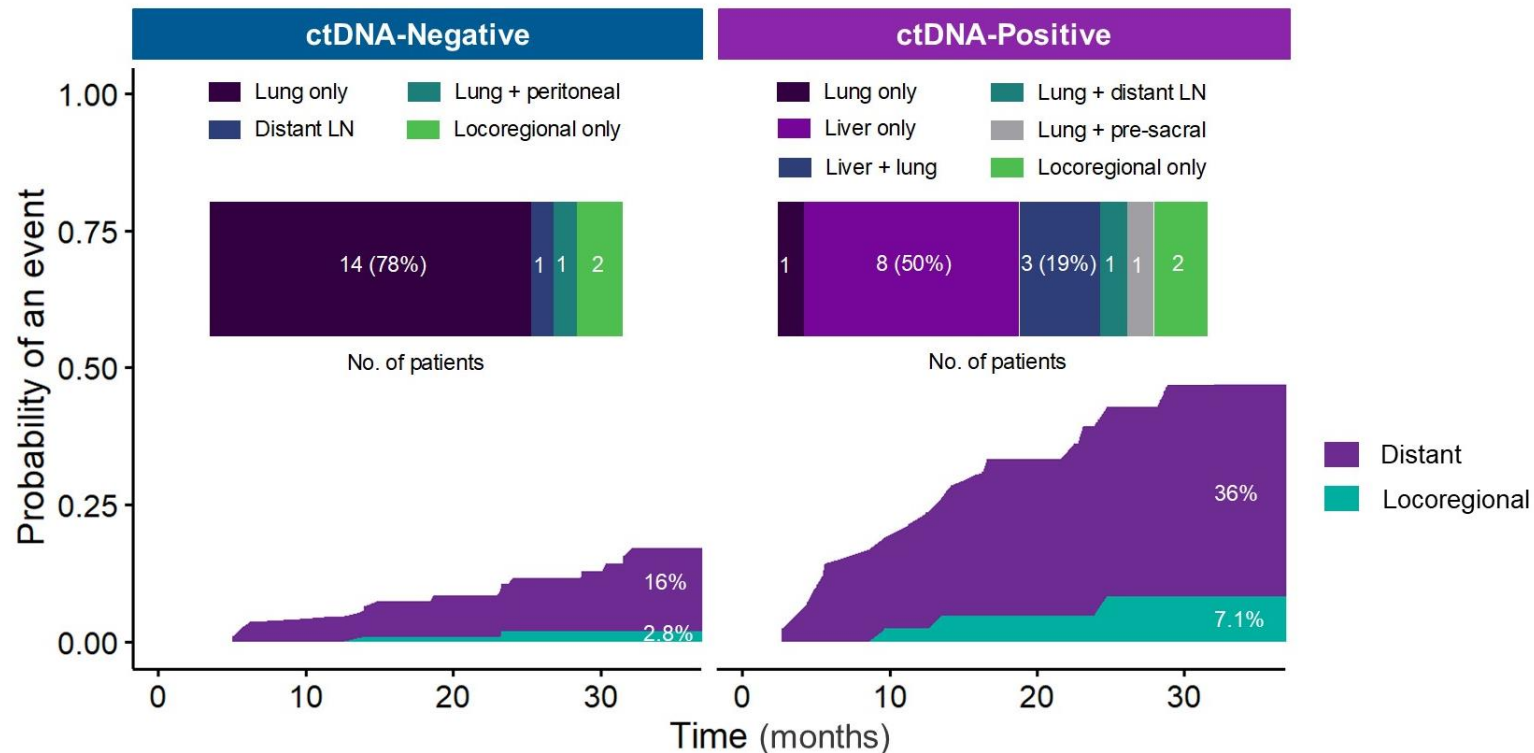
# ctDNA MRD Detection and Personalized Oncogenomic Analysis in Oligometastatic Colorectal Cancer From Plasma and Urine



# ctDNA MRD profile may correlated with site of relapse

Australian DYNAMIC Rectal trial

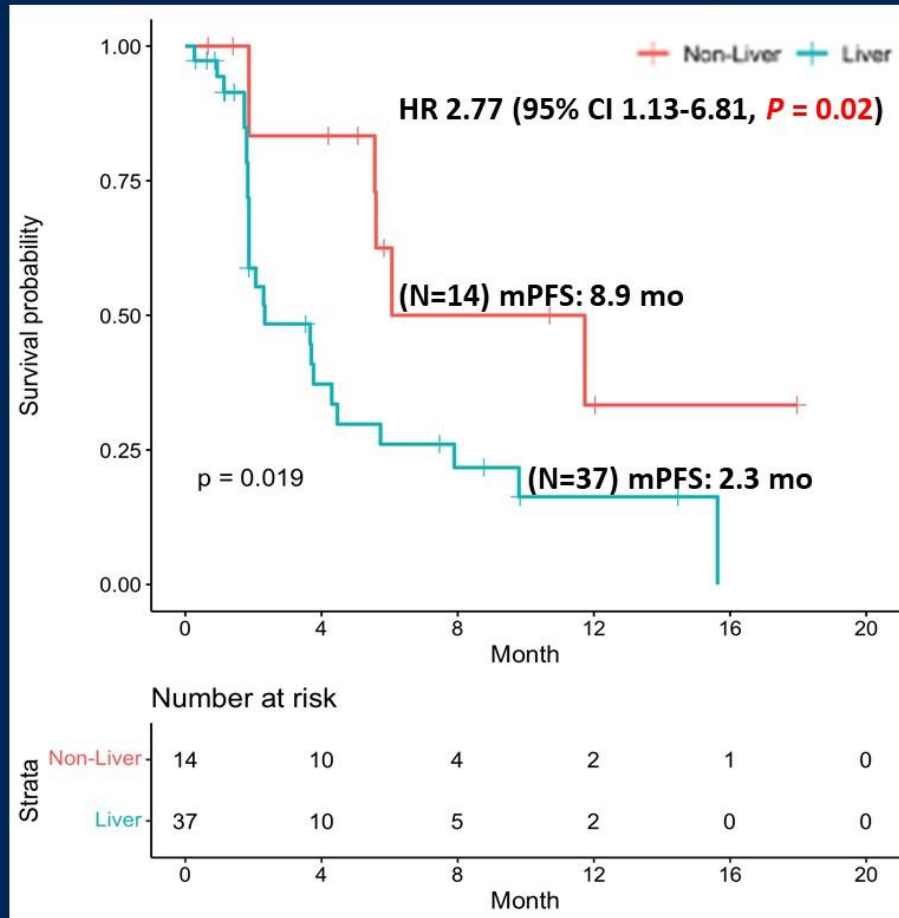
## Sites of Relapse by Post-Op ctDNA Status



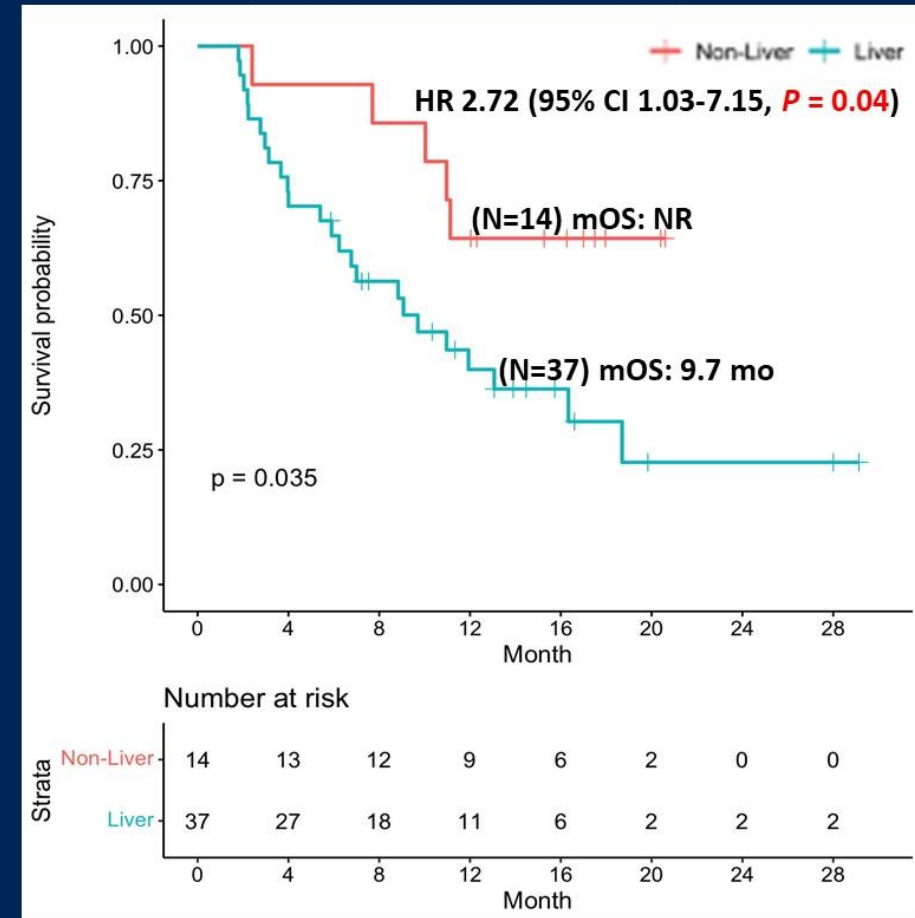
# Opportunity #3: Considering different immunology of different metastatic sites

# PFS and OS by Presence and Lack of Liver Metastases in MSS MCRC

## Progression Free Survival

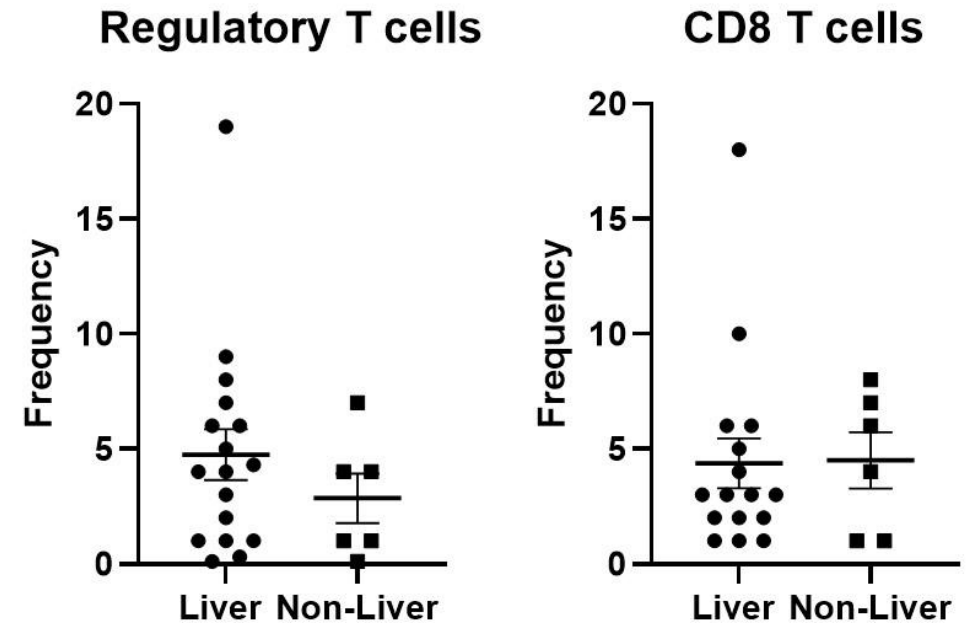
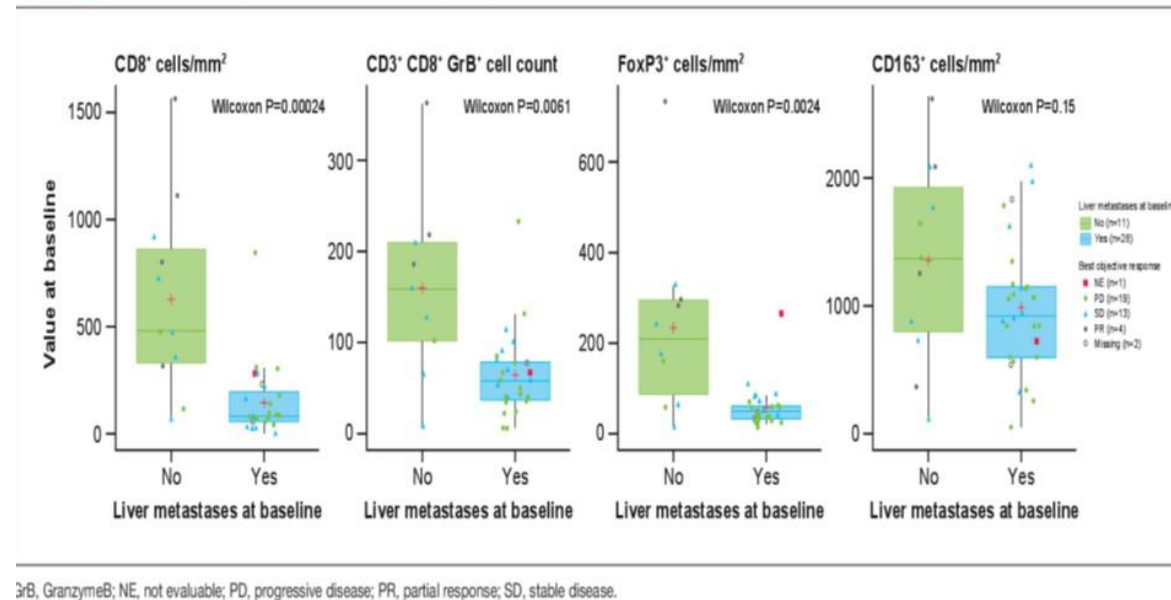


## Overall Survival



# Biological characteristics of colorectal liver metastases

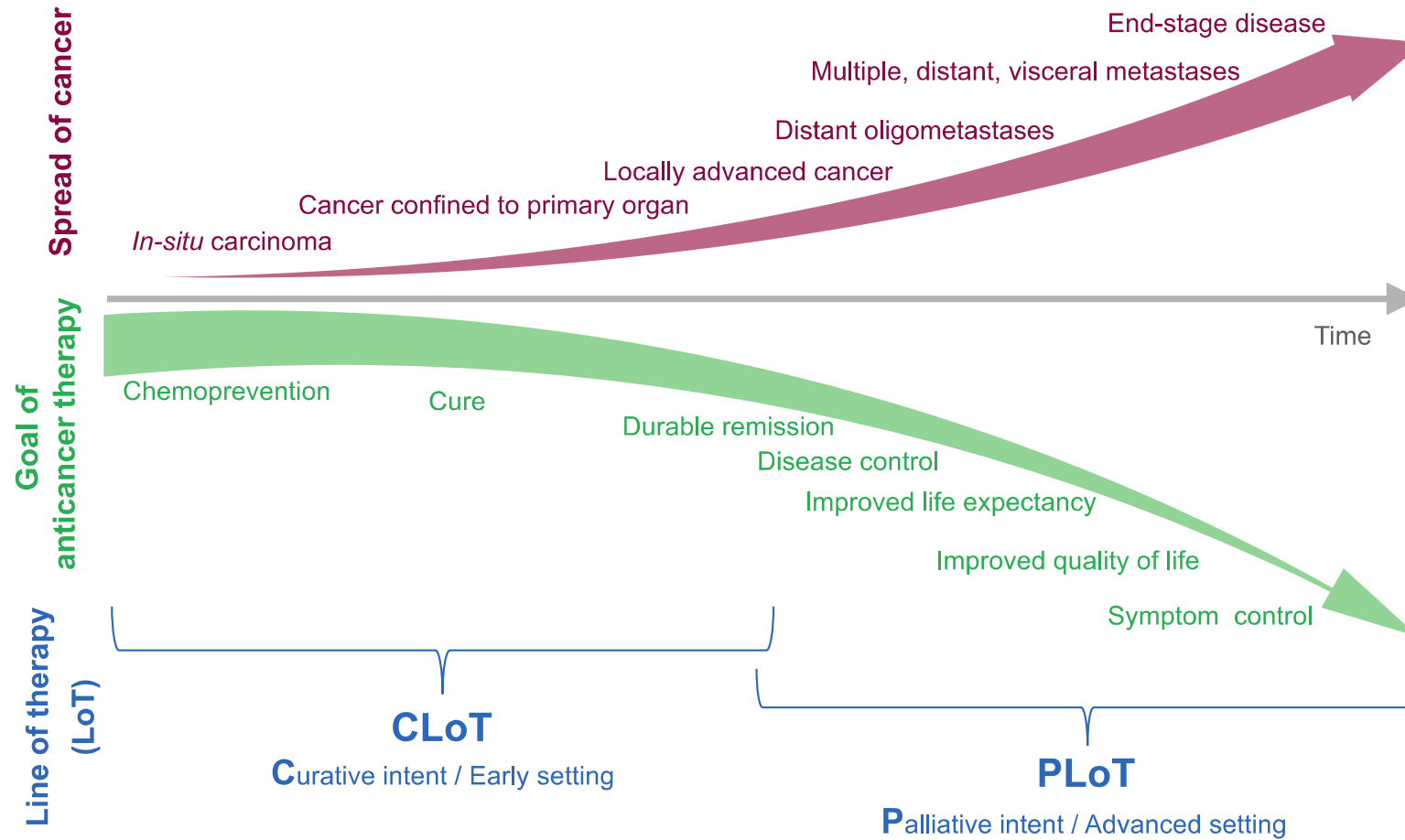
Figure 3. Biomarker expression stratified by the presence of liver metastases



# Summary

- OMD is an established concept in management of mCRC
- Various treatment modalities - with the specific pro's and con's
- Studies have identified specific molecular and genetic features that underlie the oligometastatic phenotype
  - Genes that encode reduced cancer cell migration and invasion ability
  - Factors that indicate enhanced immune response (likely in the metastatic microenvironment).
  - Prognostic and predictive molecular features
  - Site of metastasation
  - ctDNA may help to determine the best clinical scenario
- However – biology is not yet ready for prime time.....more trials!

# OMD in treatment *lines*: Where are we „in“?



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