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# IS IT TIME TO RE-CHALLENGE ANTI-EGFR IN MCRC?

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#### CURRENT EVIDENCE: PFS AFTER CETUXIMAB TREATMENT AND RE-CHALLENGE





#### TUMOR RESPONSE AFTER CETUXIMAB TREATMENT AND RE-CHALLENGE IN IRINOTECAN-REFRACTORY MCRC



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Approximately half the patients showed a partial or complete tumor

response to cetuximab re-challenge

Response to cetuximab re-challenge after previous benefit from cetuximab (n=39)		
	% patients (95% CI)	
ORR	53.8 (39.1–63.7)	
PR	48.7	
CR	5.1	
SD	35.9 (24.7–51.6)	
DCR	89.8	
PD	10.2	

- **Primary endpoint:** ORR
- Tumor response (both during cetuximab treatment and re-challenge, prior or further treatments) was evaluated every 8 weeks by consistent imaging techniques (CT or MRI)
- RECIST evaluations performed centrally by two radiologists, confirmed by investigators

### LIQUID BIOPSIES: PLASMA DNA-ANALYSIS





## **BEAMing\* TECHNOLOGY**





\*beads, emulsion, amplification, magnetics Diehl-F et al. Nat Med 2008;14(9):985-990



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#### **EARLY DETECTION OF ANTI-EGFR RESISTANCE**





Misale S et al. Nature 2012; 486(7404):532-536





#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

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#### Detection of Circulating Tumor DNA in Early- and Late-Stage Human Malignancies

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#### **CONCORDANCE BETWEEN TUMOR TISSUE ASSESSMENT AND ctDNA-ANALYSIS (n=95)**



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Accuracy	KRAS	Mutante	WT	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
cfDNA -Analyse	Mutante	36	1	92%	98%	96%
	WT	3	55			
	Total	39	56			
	BRAF	Mutante	WT	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
cfDNA -Analyse	Mutante	5	0	100%	100%	100%
	WT	0	90			
	total	5	90			
	All Mutationen	Mutante	WT	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
cfDNA -Analyse	Mutante	41	1	93%	98%	96%
	WT	3	50			
	total	44	51			

#### RE-CHALLENGE OF ANTI-EGFR IS FEASIBLE IF REAL-TIME MOLECULAR ANALYSIS IS PERFORMED





"the most surprising observation was the fact that during anti-EGFR-blockage a high number of tumors developed mutations in codon 61 of either KRAS or NRAS

- 15 out of 24 patients (62,5%) developed a Codon 61- mutation
- *31 mutationen in 15 patients accounted for 45% of all observed 69 detected mutations*
- 48% of Codon 61-mutations were found in NRAS, the other in KRAS"



#### **EGFR EPITOPE MUTATION:** In 16% of cetuximab and in 1% of panitumumab treated patients a S492R mutation is detected





## S492R MUTATION LEADS TO RESISTANCE TOWARDS CETUXIMAB







## With Regorafenib (taken off market in Germany) and TAS102, two options with limited activity beyond combination therapy available



Approximately every second patient with metastatic colorectal cancer receives third/last-line therapy. Therefore a high need for clinical meaningful treatment options can be presumed

### TREATMENT EFFICACY IN THE CONTINUUM OF CARE



Parameter*	1 <sup>st</sup> line	2 <sup>nd</sup> line	Later lines
Response rate	<b>38-64%</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>10-35%</b> <sup>5,6</sup>	1-13% <sup>8,9,11</sup>
Progression-free survival	8–11 months <sup>3,4</sup>	4–7 months <sup>5,7</sup>	2–3 months <sup>8,11</sup>
*Range of results for targeted treatment arms of key Phase II and III trials (KRAS wt exon 2 for EGFR inhibitor trials)			

# Conclusion: for later-line therapies, tumor shrinkage cannot be expected

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## FIRE-4 (AIO KRK-0114)



primary tumor tissue liquid biopsy	liquid biopsy	liquid biopsy	tumor biopsy liquid biopsy	liquid biopsy

Primary Endpoint: OS3 after randomisation 2 (R2)

Co-primary Endpoint: PFS in 1<sup>st</sup>-line



#### WHEN *KRAS* CLONES DECLINE IN BLOOD, RE-CHALLENGE WITH ANTI-EGFR ANTIBODIES CAN BE CLINICALLY EFFECTIVE



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## ONGOING STUDIES OF RECHALLENGE WITH ANTI-EGFR IN MCRC



Study (Study ID)	Anti-EGFR agent or combination	Main selection criteria
<i>CRICKET</i> (NCT02296203)	Cetuximab	<i>RAS</i> and <i>BRAF</i> wild-type; First-line irinotecan-based (FOLFIRI or FOLFOXIRI) cetuximab- containing therapy producing at least a partial response
<i>REGAIN</i> (NCT02316496)	Cetuximab + irinotecan	<i>RAS</i> and <i>BRAF</i> WT; First line chemotherapy regimen with a fluoropyrimidine and Irinotecan (FOLFIRI) + cetuximab with initial PR/CR and PD with PD >6 weeks after the last administration of cetuximab
<i>FIRE-4</i> (EudraCT 2014-003787-21)	Cetuximab	<i>RAS</i> WT First-line FOLFIRI + cetuximab therapy producing at least a partial response
A PHASE II TRIAL OF RE <u>CH</u> ALLENGE WITH PANITUMUMAB D <u>R</u> IVEN BY RAS CL <u>ON</u> AL-MEDIATED DYNAMIC <u>O</u> F RE <u>S</u> ISTANCE: <i>CHRONOS</i> (EudraCT 2016- 002597-12)	Panitumumab	<i>RAS</i> and <i>BRAF</i> WT; First-line anti-EGFR-containing therapy producing at least a partial response; Predefined criteria of <i>RAS</i> mutational load measured on plasma ctDNA at progression of first-line and before rechallenge



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