

Targeting KRAS in Pancreatic Cancer: A Long But Successful Climb

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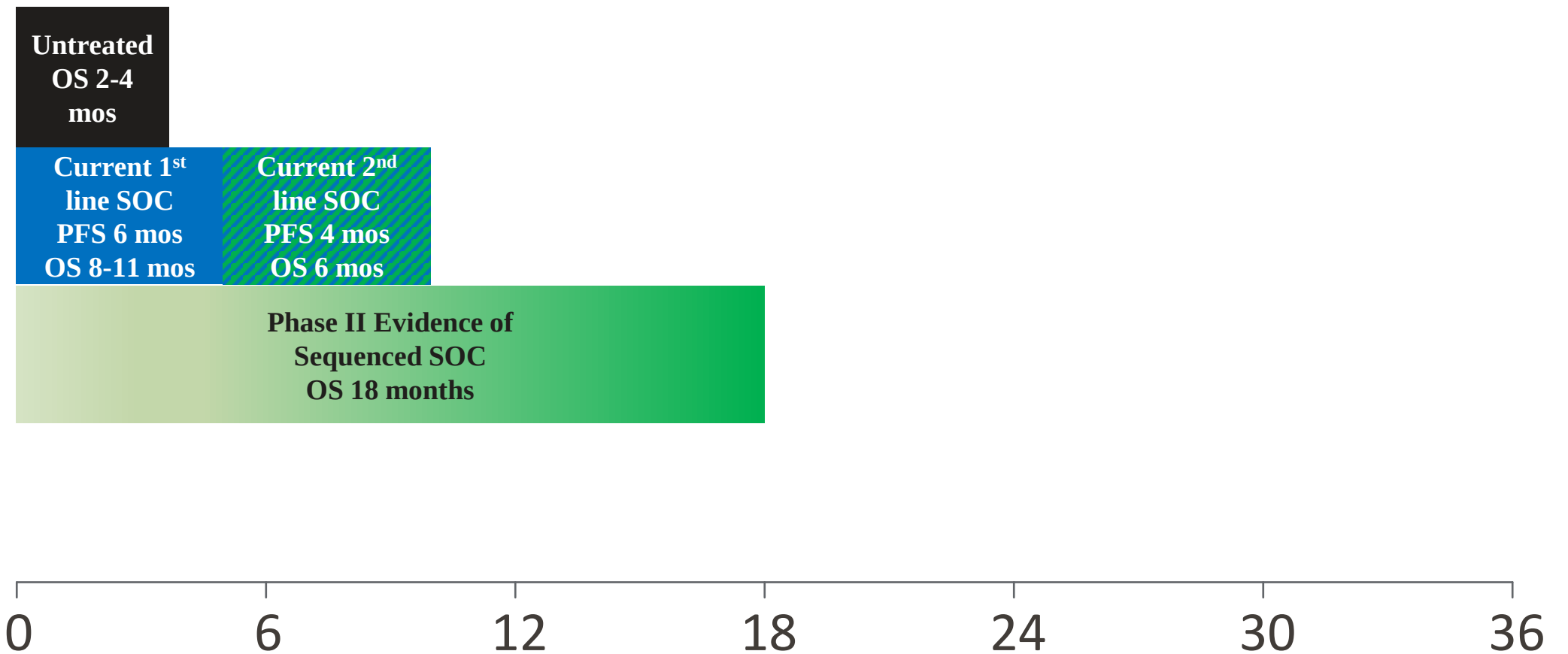
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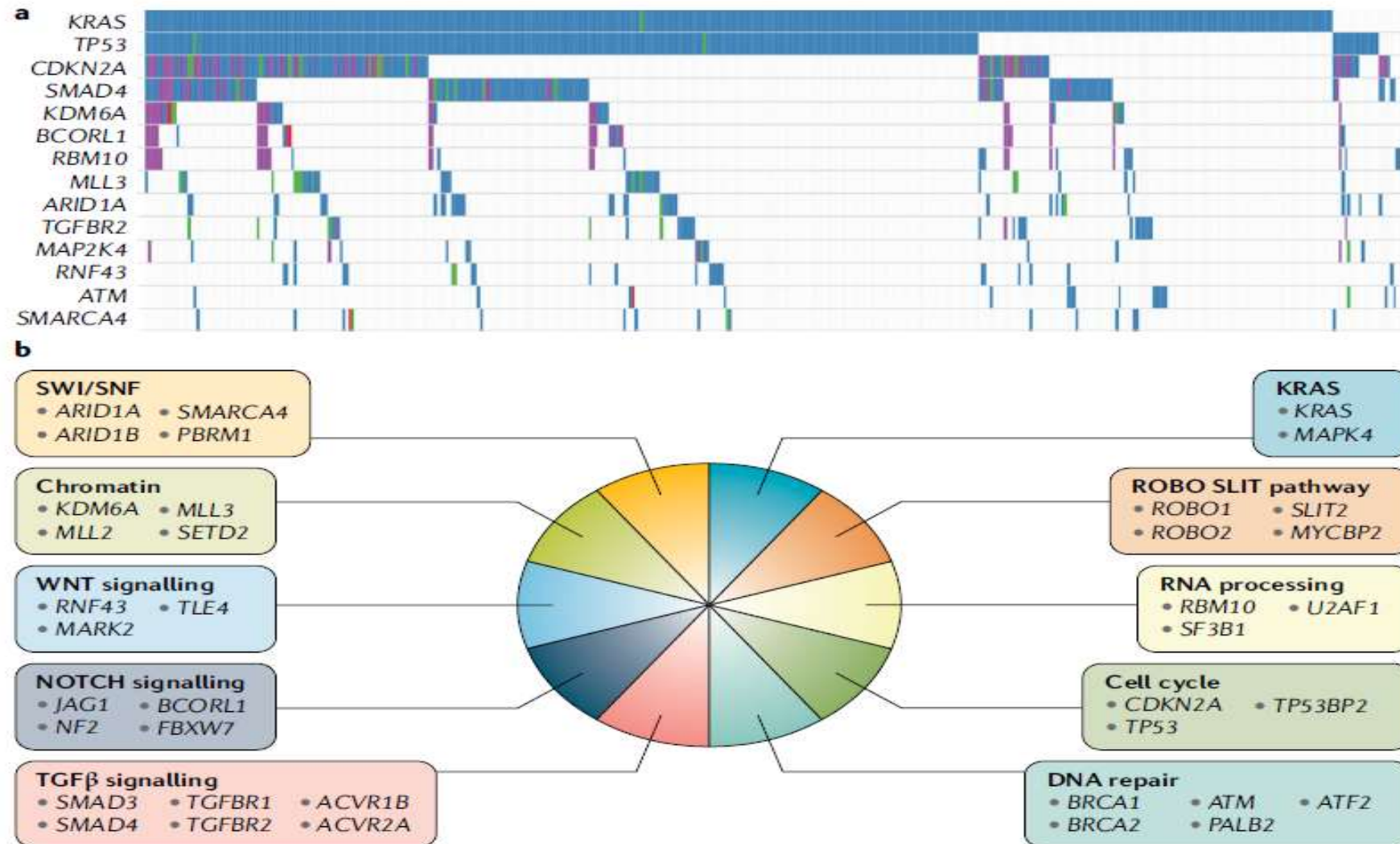
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Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer Survival



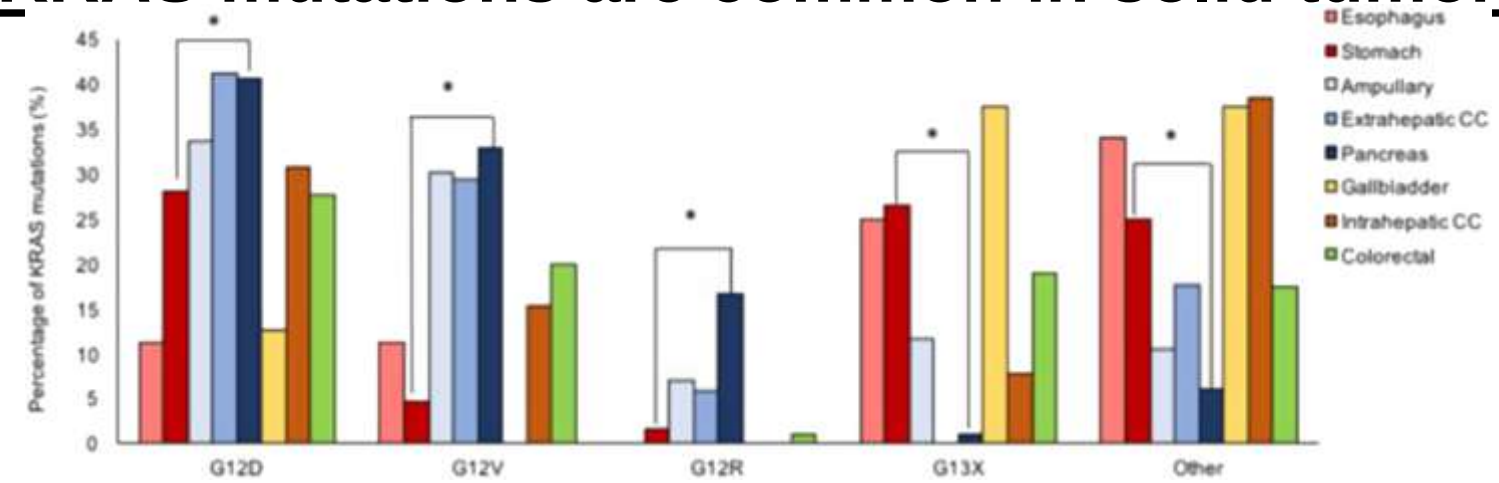
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Molecular profiling has made targeted therapy a reality



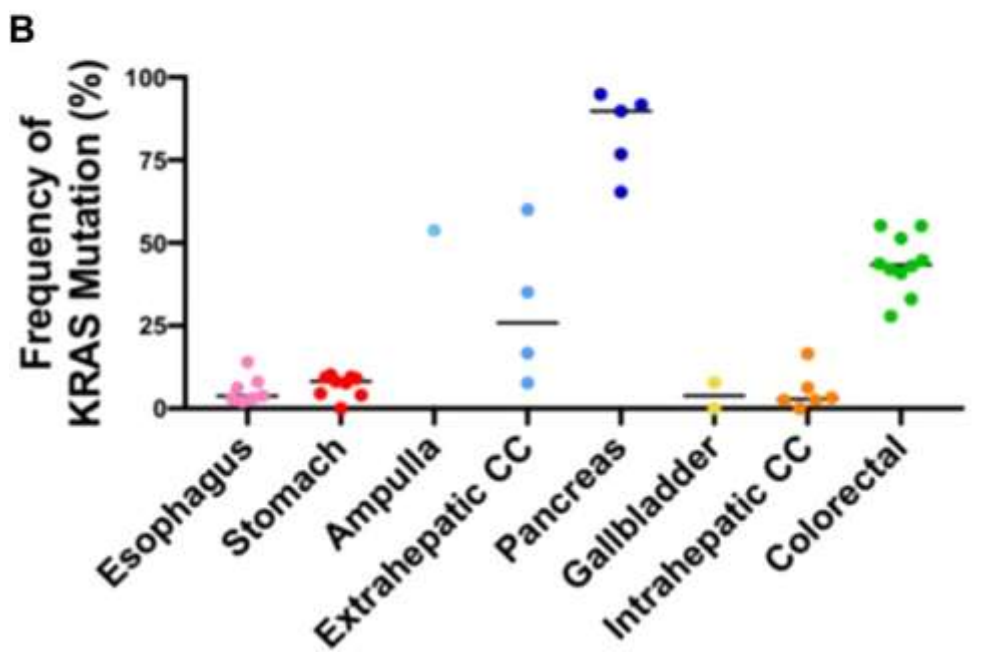
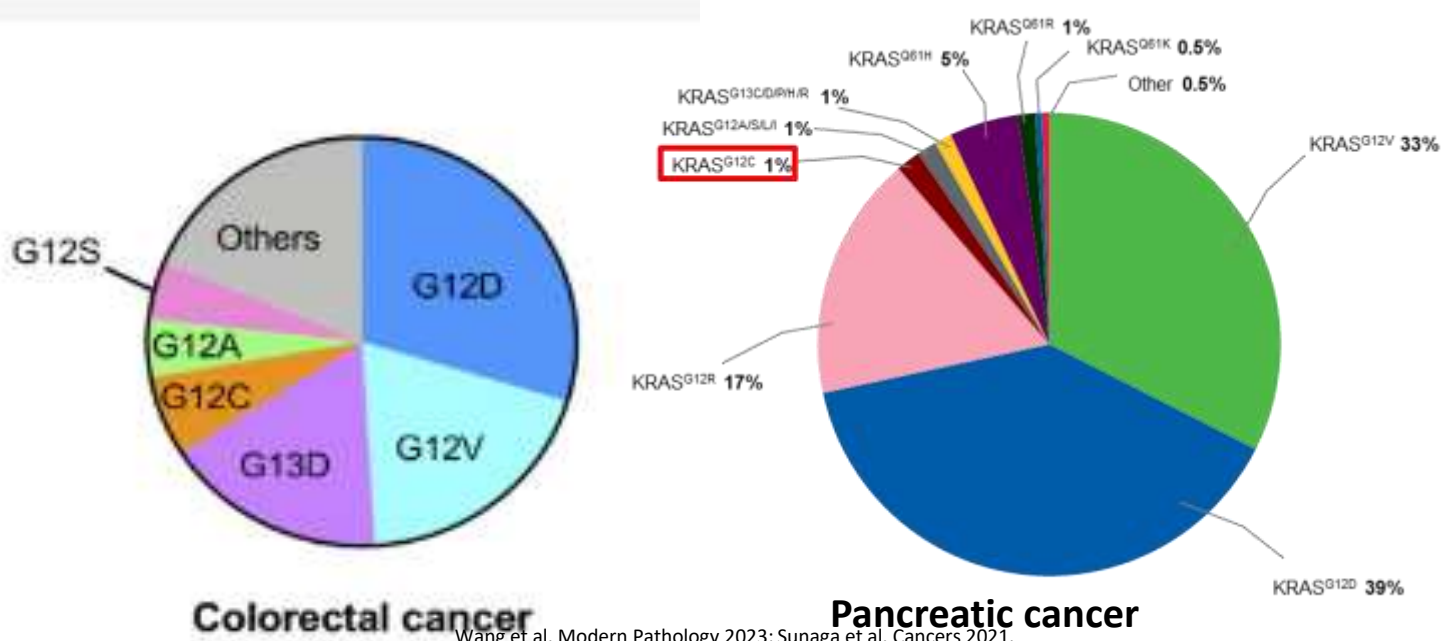
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KRAS mutations are common in solid tumors, especially GI cancers



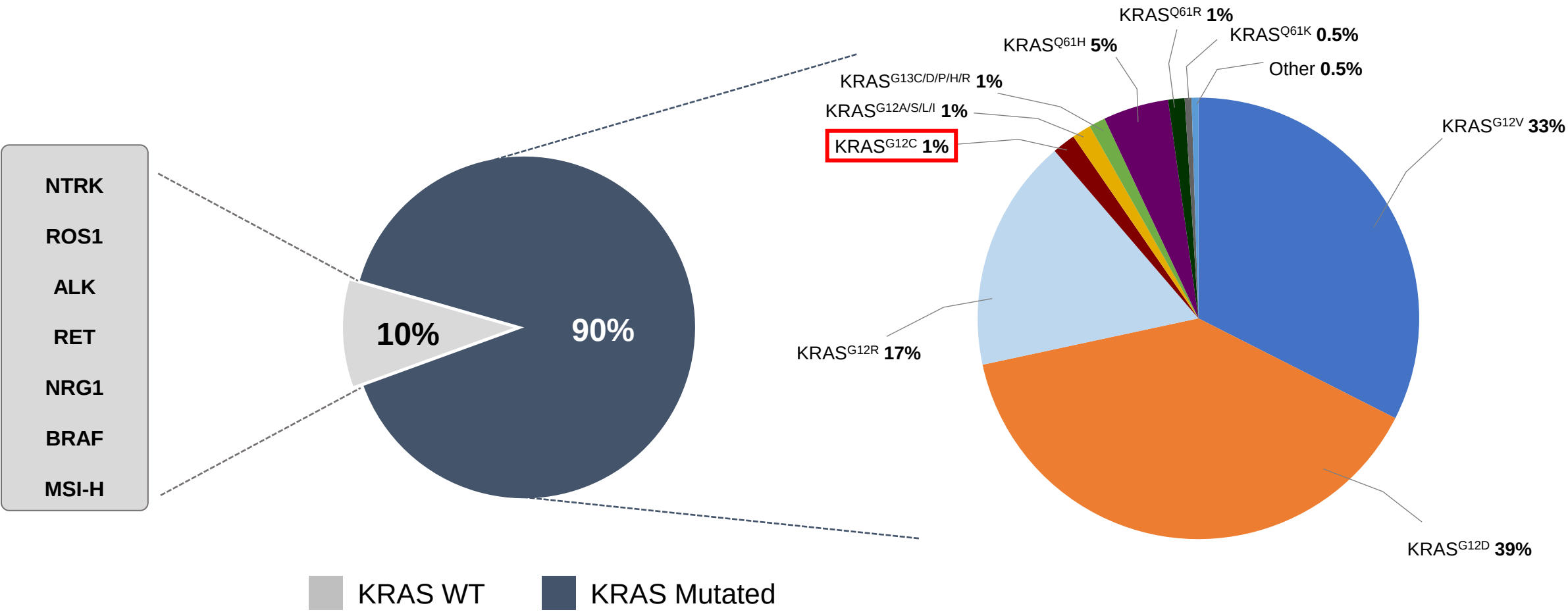
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Organ	# Studies	Total Cases	KRAS Mutant Cases	% KRAS Mutant
Esophagus	7	663	36	5.4%
Stomach	9	1611	140	8.7%
Ampulla	1	160	88	55.0%
Extrahepatic CC	4	61	18	29.5%
Intrahepatic CC	6	380	29	7.6%
Gallbladder	2	135	8	5.9%
Pancreas	7	954	811	85.0%
Colorectal	10	3418	1393	40.8%



Wang et al. Modern Pathology 2023; Sunaga et al. Cancers 2021.

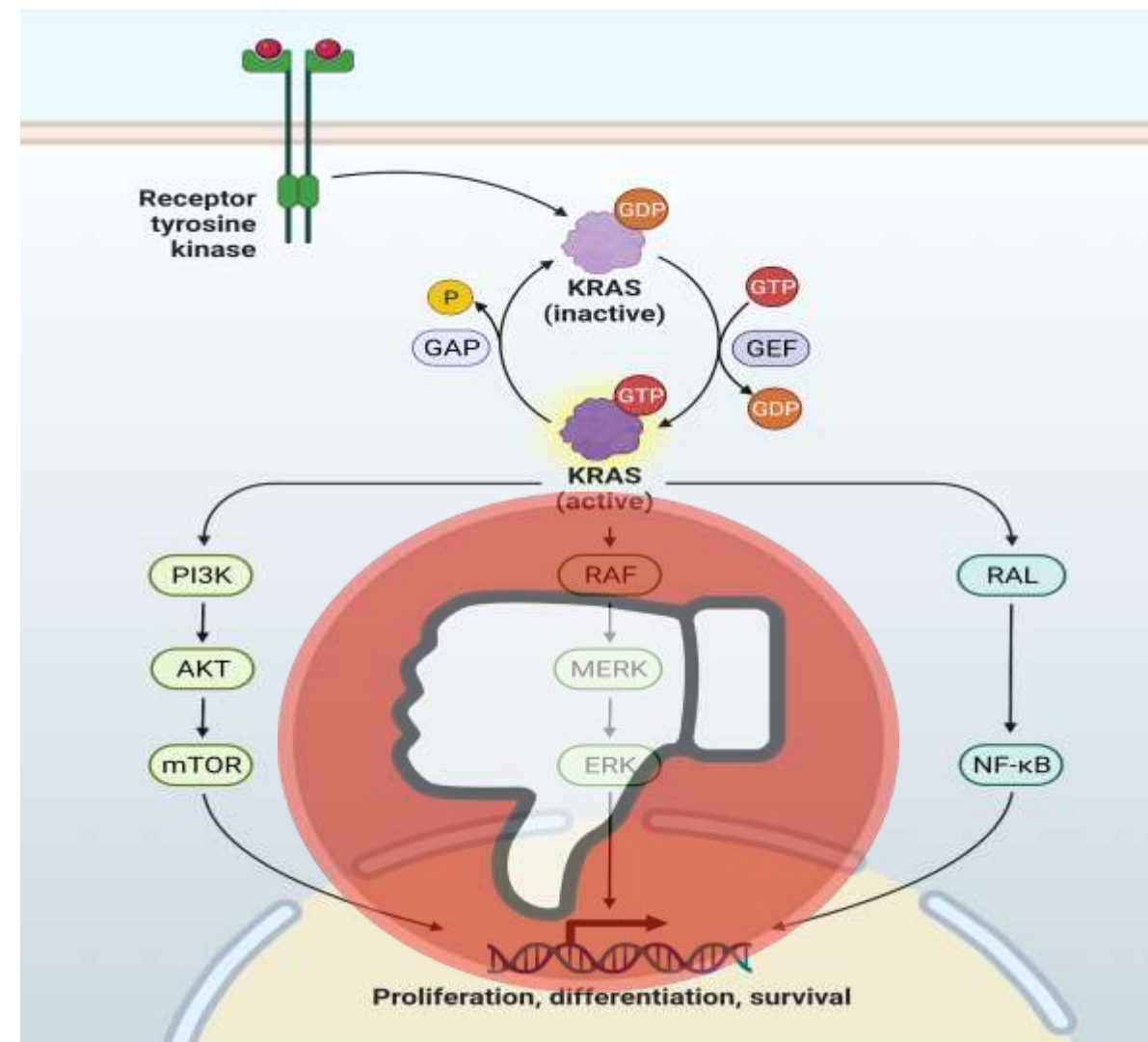
KRAS Mutations are a hallmark of PDAC



Zehir A, et al. Nat Med 2017. Salem ME, et al. JCO Precis Oncol 2022. Luo J. Semin Oncol 2021 [data analyzed using cBio Cancer Genomics Portal (<http://cbioportal.org>)]; Cerami E, et al. Cancer Discov. 2012; Gao J, et al. Sci Signal. 2013]. Hosein AN, et al. Nat Cancer 2022

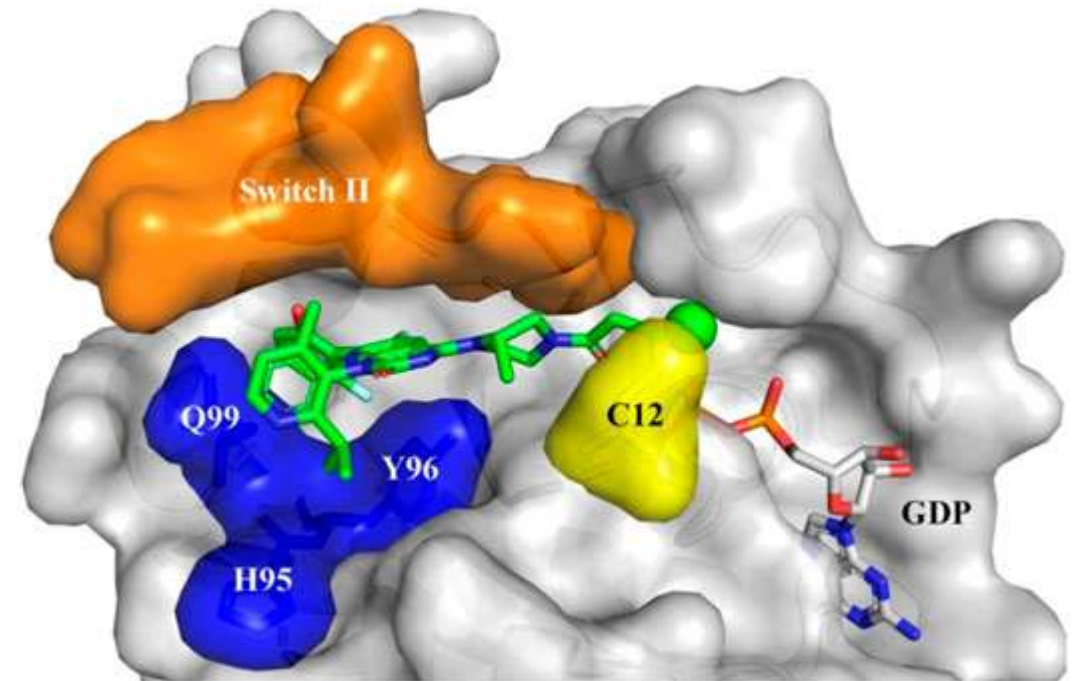
KRAS was considered undruggable for decades

- *KRAS* gene and mutations identified in 1982-3, a GTPase that cycled between active state (GTP-bound) vs inactive state (GDP-bound)
- KRAS mutations resulted in a KRAS protein that was constitutively active with impaired GTPase activity
- 40 years of targeting KRAS downstream and parallel signaling was ineffective

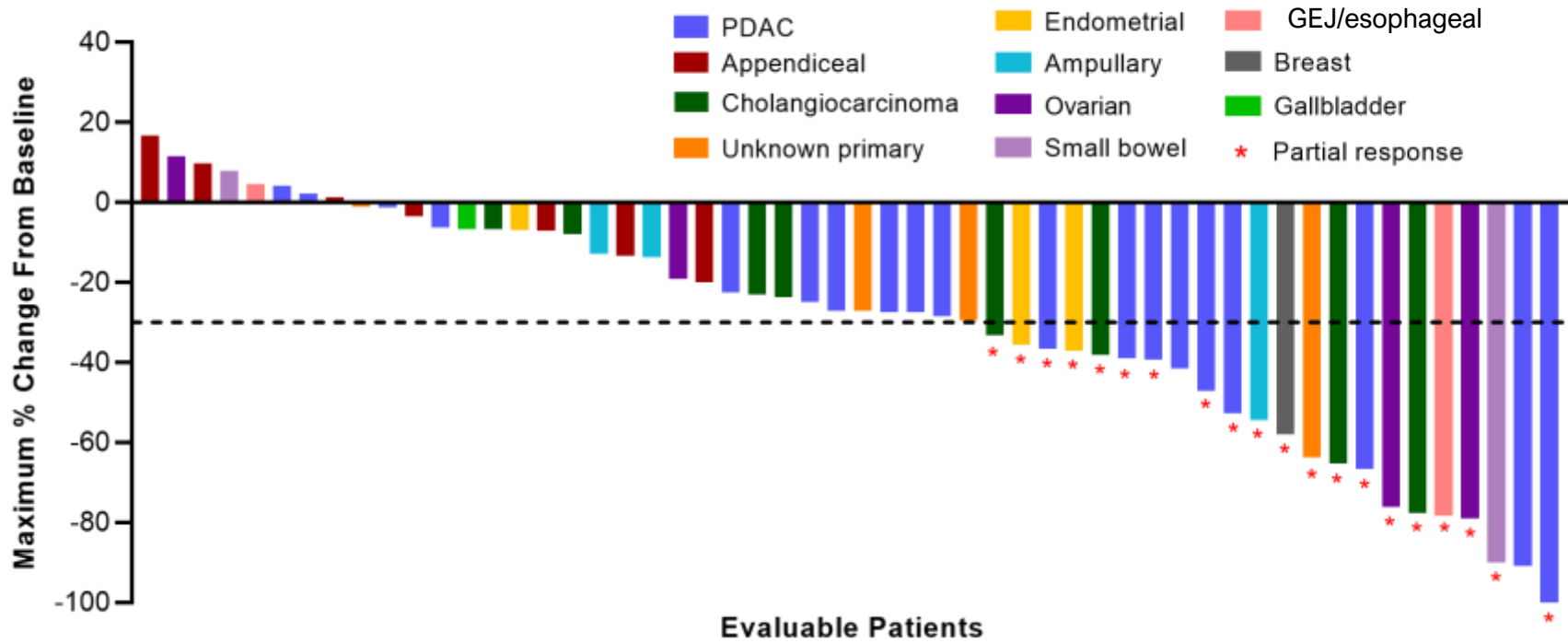


We are in a new era of direct KRAS targeting now

- In 2013, the Shokat lab found that we could target the cysteine residues of the KRAS G12C novel binding pocket in the inactive form
- ~ Prevalence of KRAS G12C mutations
 - NSCLC 9%
 - CRC 3%
 - Appendiceal 4%
 - Pancreatic 1%



G12Ci – first to the party: adagrasib in active in patients with KRAS G12C mutations

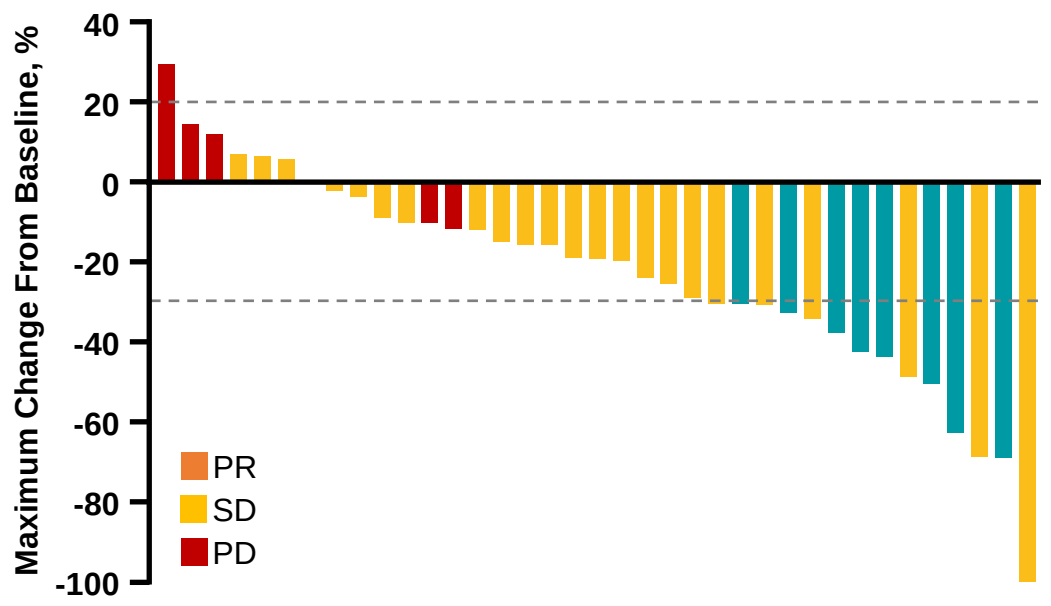


Tumor Type	ORR, n (%)
All patients (n=57)	20 (35)
PDAC (n=21)	7 (33)
BTC (n=12)	5 (42)
Other GI (n=12)	2 (17)
Appendiceal (n=7)	0 (0)
Small bowel (n=2)	1 (50)
GEJ/esophageal (n=3)	1 (33)
Gynecological tumors (n=7)	4 (57)
Ovarian (n=4)	2 (50)
Endometrial (n=3)	2 (67)
Other tumors (n=5)	2 (40)
Unknown primary (n=4)	1 (25)
Breast (n=1)	1 (100)

- Confirmed objective responses were observed in 20/57 patients (35%)
- Disease control was observed in 49/57 patients (86%)

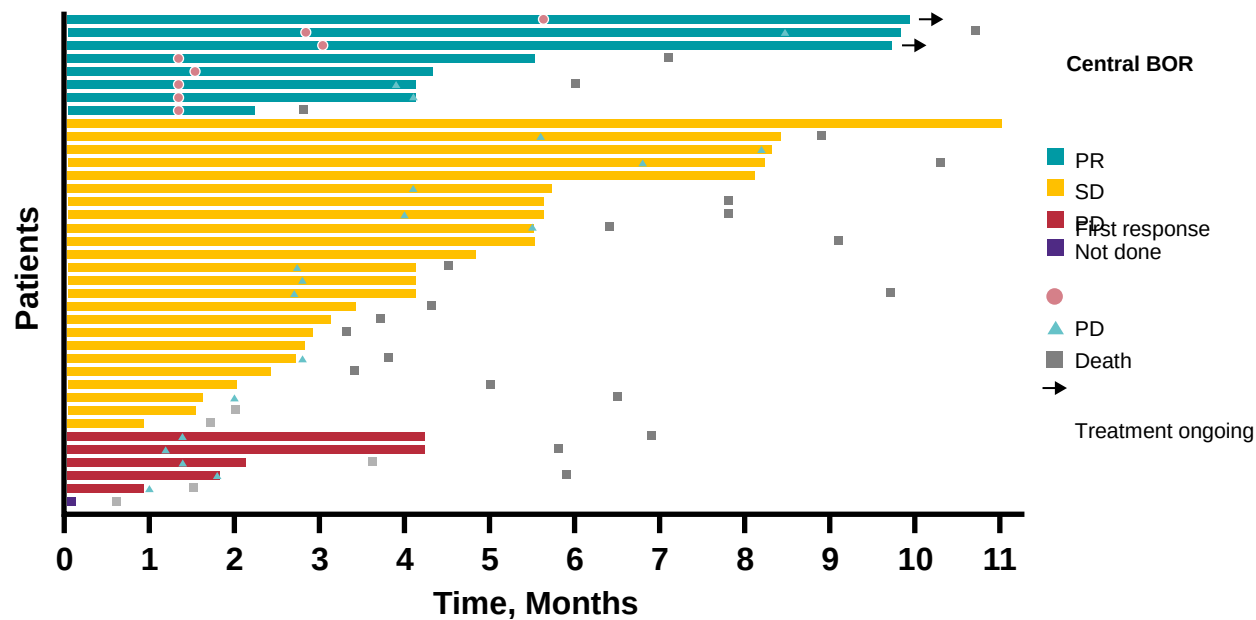
G12Ci – first to the party: sotarasib in active in patients with KRAS G12C mutations

Best Tumor Change (n=38)



ORR: 21% DCR: 84%

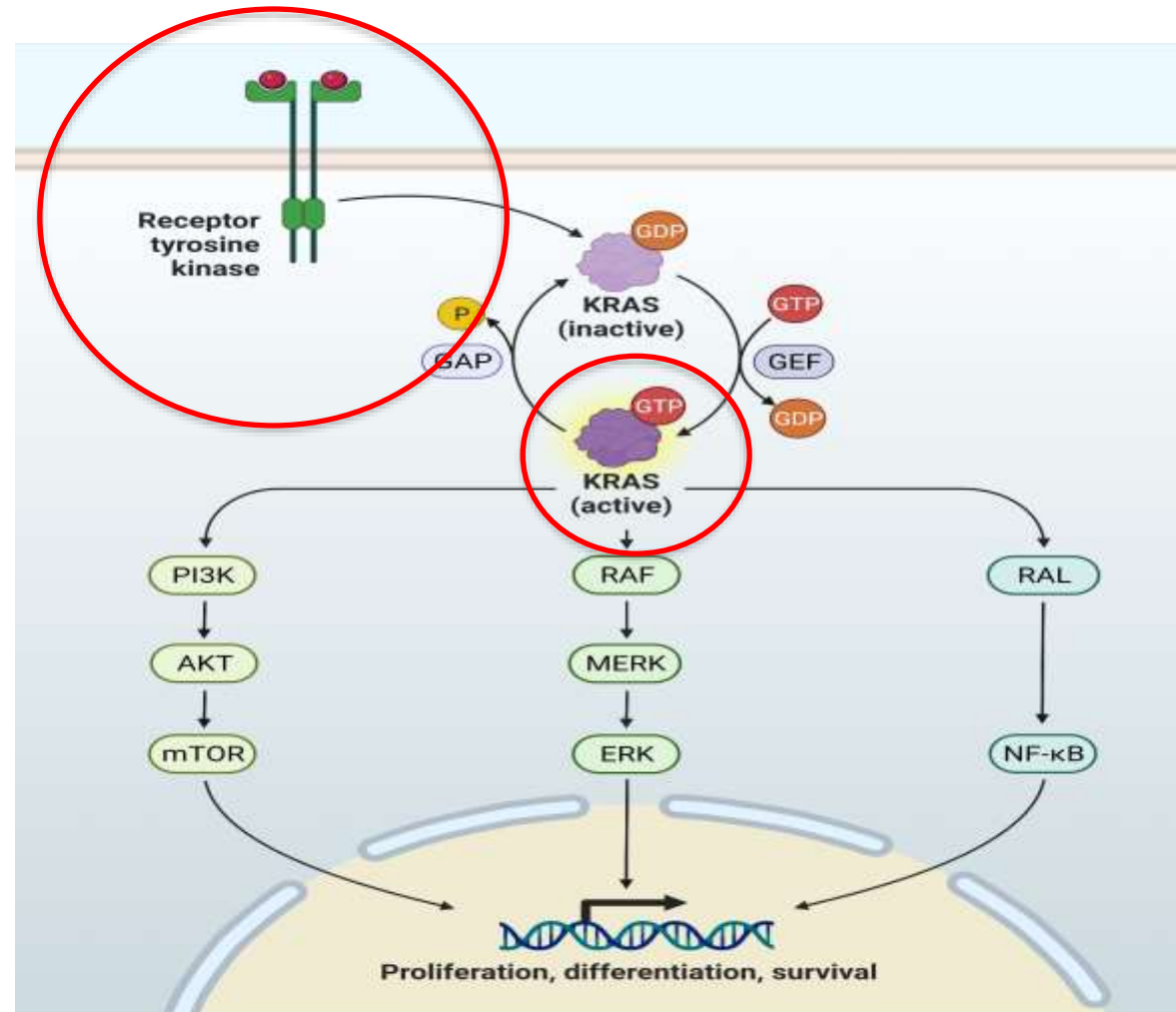
Duration of Response (n=38)



Median DOR was 6 months

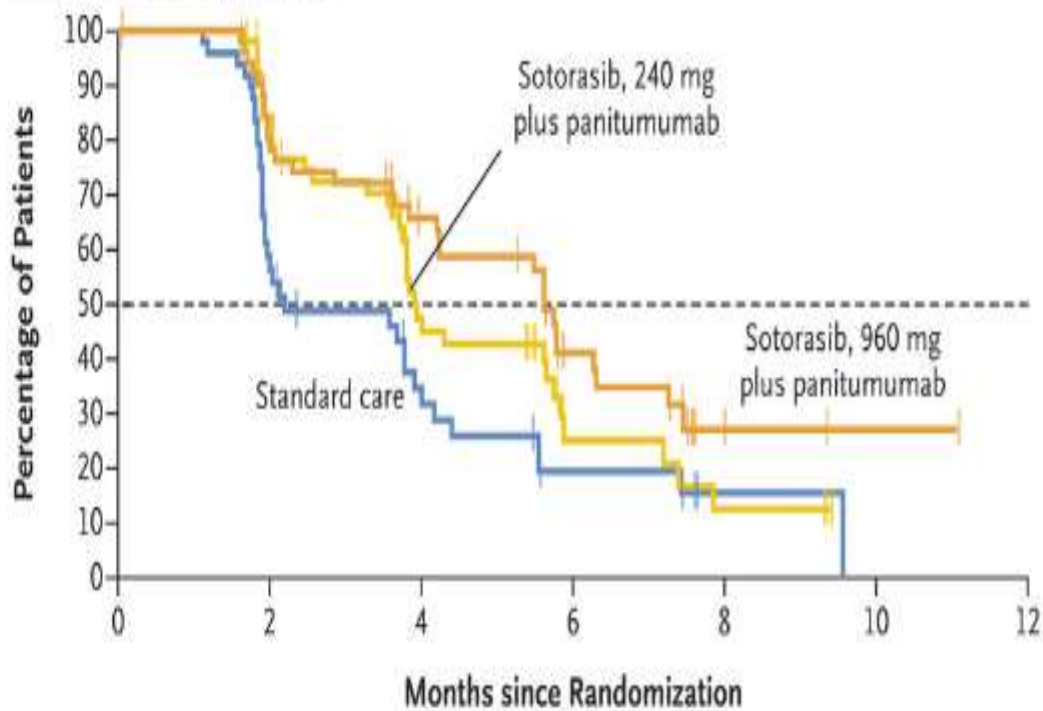
Median PFS = 4.0 m
Median OS = 6 months

Combination strategy: RTKi + mKRASi being explored clinically



Sotorasib activity magnified by addition of an EGFR inhibitor

A Progression-free Survival (Intention-to-Treat Population)



	Median Progression-free Survival <i>mo</i>	Hazard Ratio for Disease Progression or Death (95% CI)	Two-Sided P Value
Sotorasib, 960 mg plus Panitumumab	5.62	0.49 (0.30–0.80)	0.006
Sotorasib, 240 mg plus Panitumumab	3.91	0.58 (0.36–0.93)	0.03
Standard Care	2.20		

No. at Risk

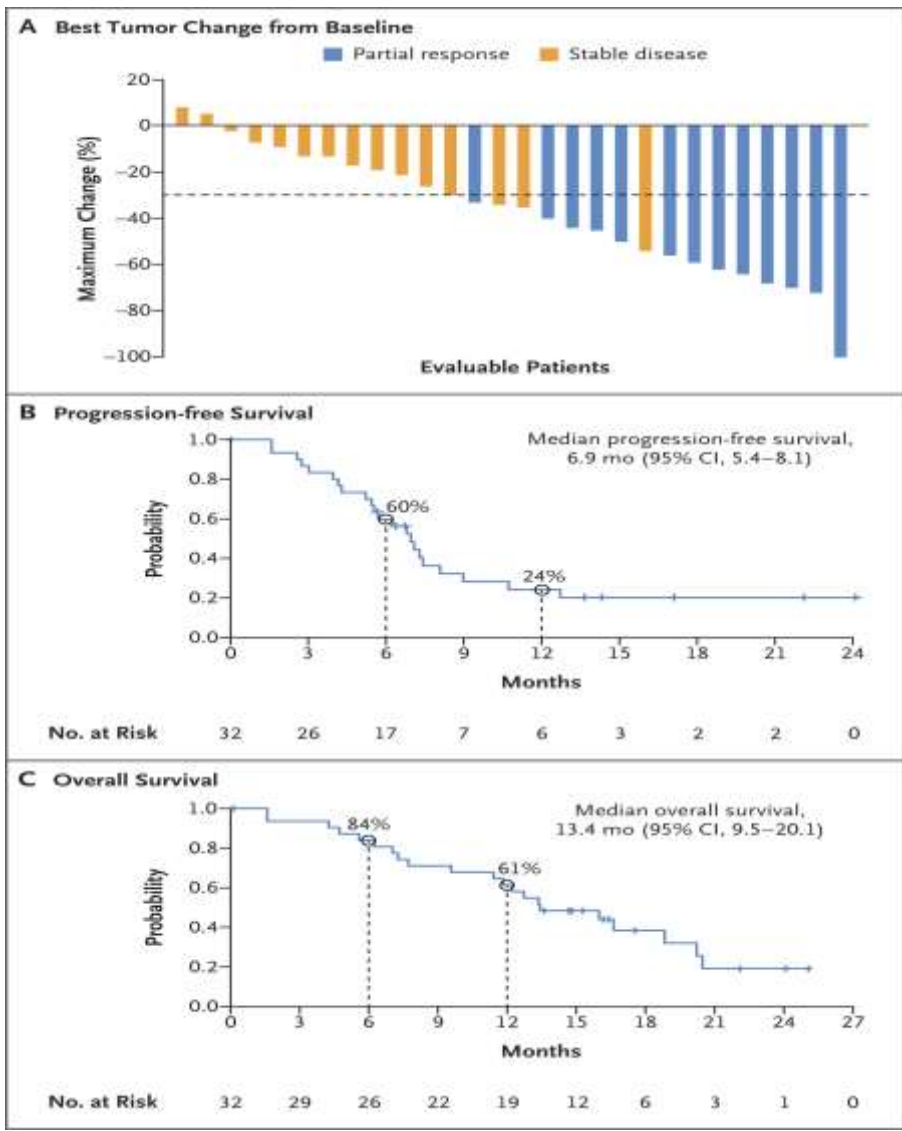
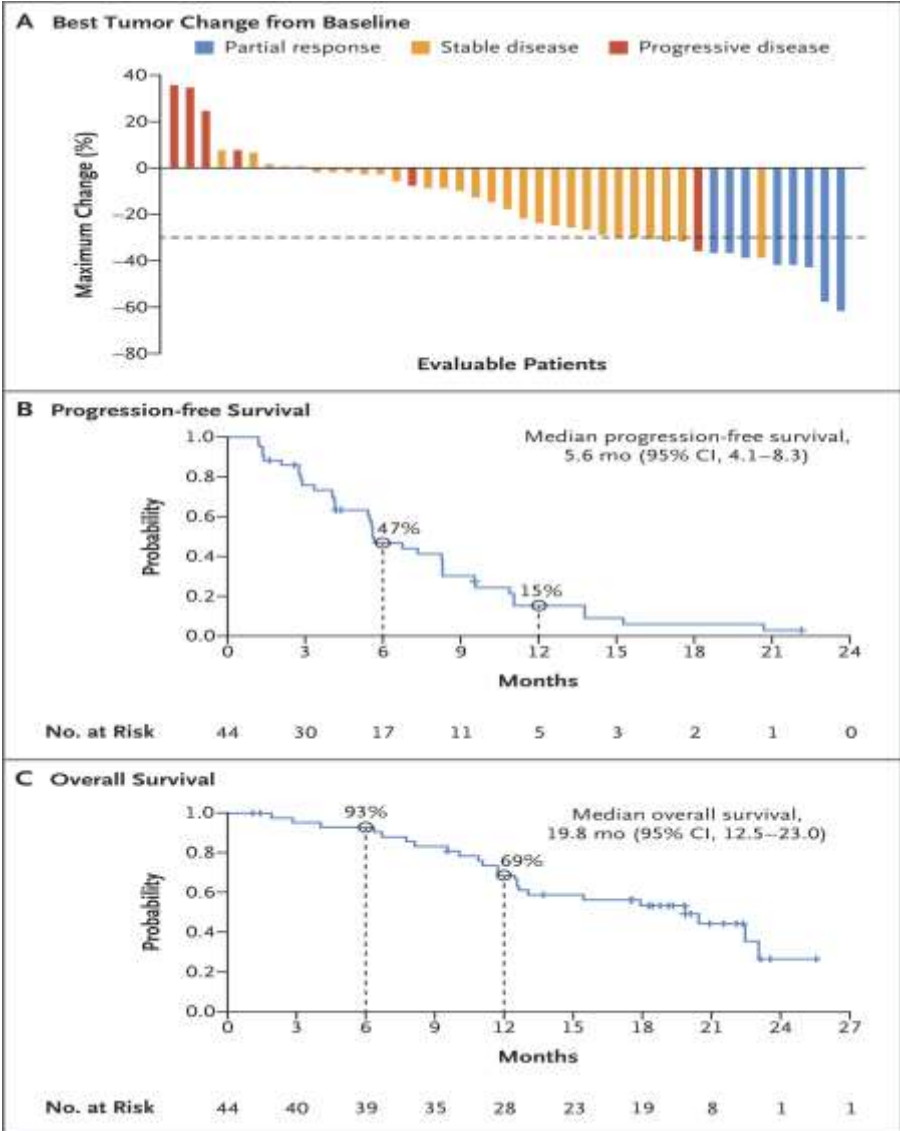
Sotorasib, 960 mg plus panitumumab	53	40	28	13	2	1	0
Sotorasib, 240 mg plus panitumumab	53	43	20	6	3	0	
Standard care	54	24	12	5	1	0	

ORR 26.4% vs 5.7% vs 0%

Phase I expansion 7% ORR single agent

Adagrasib activity magnified by addition of an EGFR inhibitor

- ORR 19% vs 46%
- PFS 5.6 vs 6.9.
- DOR 4.3 vs 7.6m



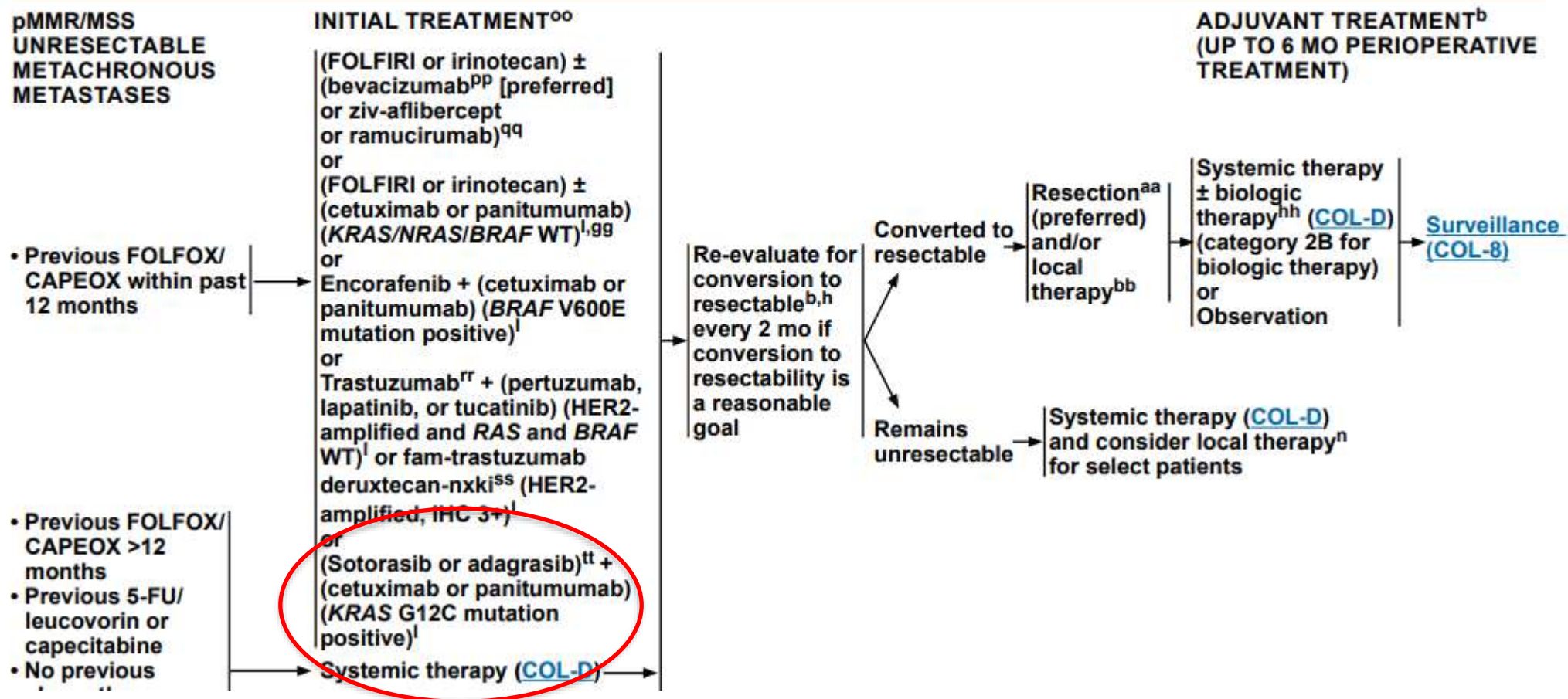
Guidelines now support G12Ci treatment in CRC



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NCCN compendia allow for G12Ci therapy in multiple entities



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Disease Information	
Guideline Name:	Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma 2.2025
Disease:	Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma
Agent:	Adagrasib
Disease:	Appendiceal Adenocarcinoma
Agent:	Adagrasib

☐	Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma - Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma	Sotorasib	Lumakras®	KRAS G12C-directed tyrosine kinase inhibitor	Adenocarcinoma
	Guideline				
	Panel Disclosure				

	Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma - Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma	Sotorasib		Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma 2.2
	Guideline			Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma
	Panel Disclosure			Adagrasib
				Adagrasib is indicated



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Disease Information	
Guideline Name:	Biliary Tract Cancers 6.2024
Disease:	Extrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma
Agent:	Adagrasib
Disease:	Ampullary Adenocarcinoma
Agent:	Adagrasib
Guideline Name:	Biliary Tract Cancers 6.2024
Disease:	Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma
	Adagrasib



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Disease Information	
Guideline Name:	Biliary Tract Cancers 6.2024
Disease:	Gallbladder Cancer
Agent:	Adagrasib

**Combination strategy: does
vertical inhibition of signaling
cascade improve outcomes?**

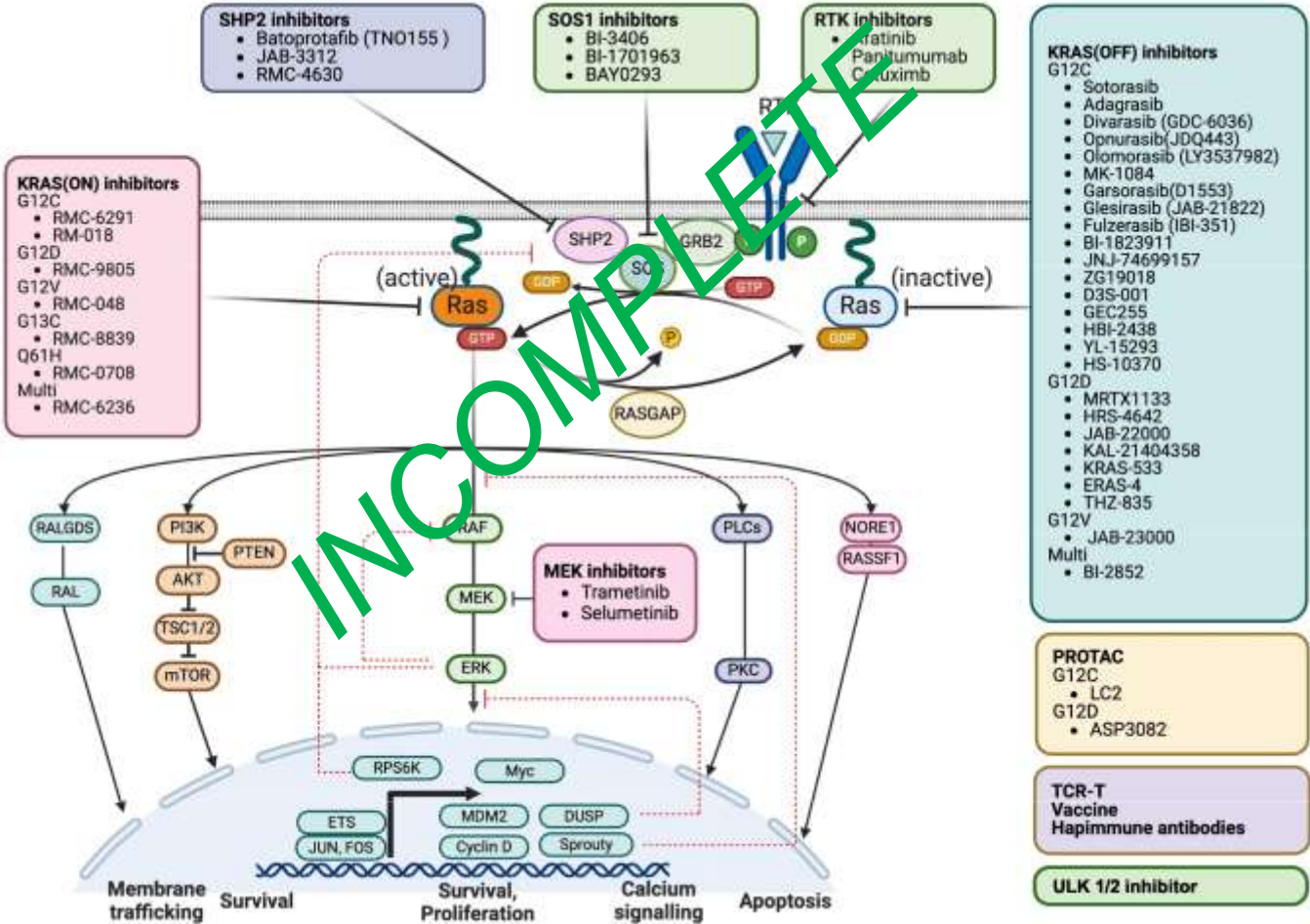
The party becomes a rager: multiple agents for KRAS inhibition

Direct inhibition with small molecules

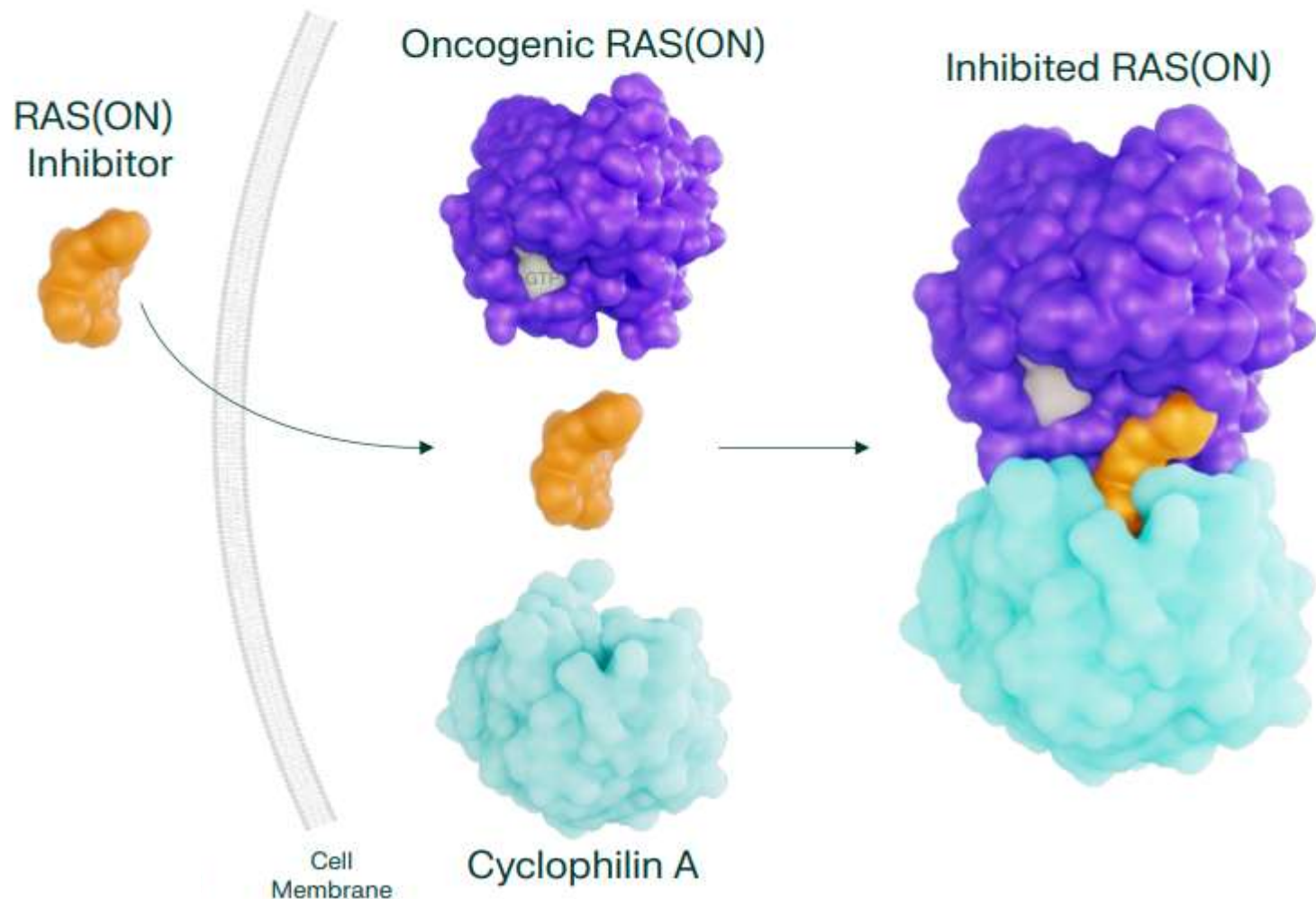
KRAS vaccines

Pan-KRAS degraders (PROTACs)

Indirect inhibition by targeting effector molecules and/or their interaction with KRAS (e.g. SOS1 or SHP2 inhibitors)



Pioneering Tri-Complex RAS(ON) Inhibitors Designed to Deliver Robust and Durable Antitumor Activity



RMC-6236

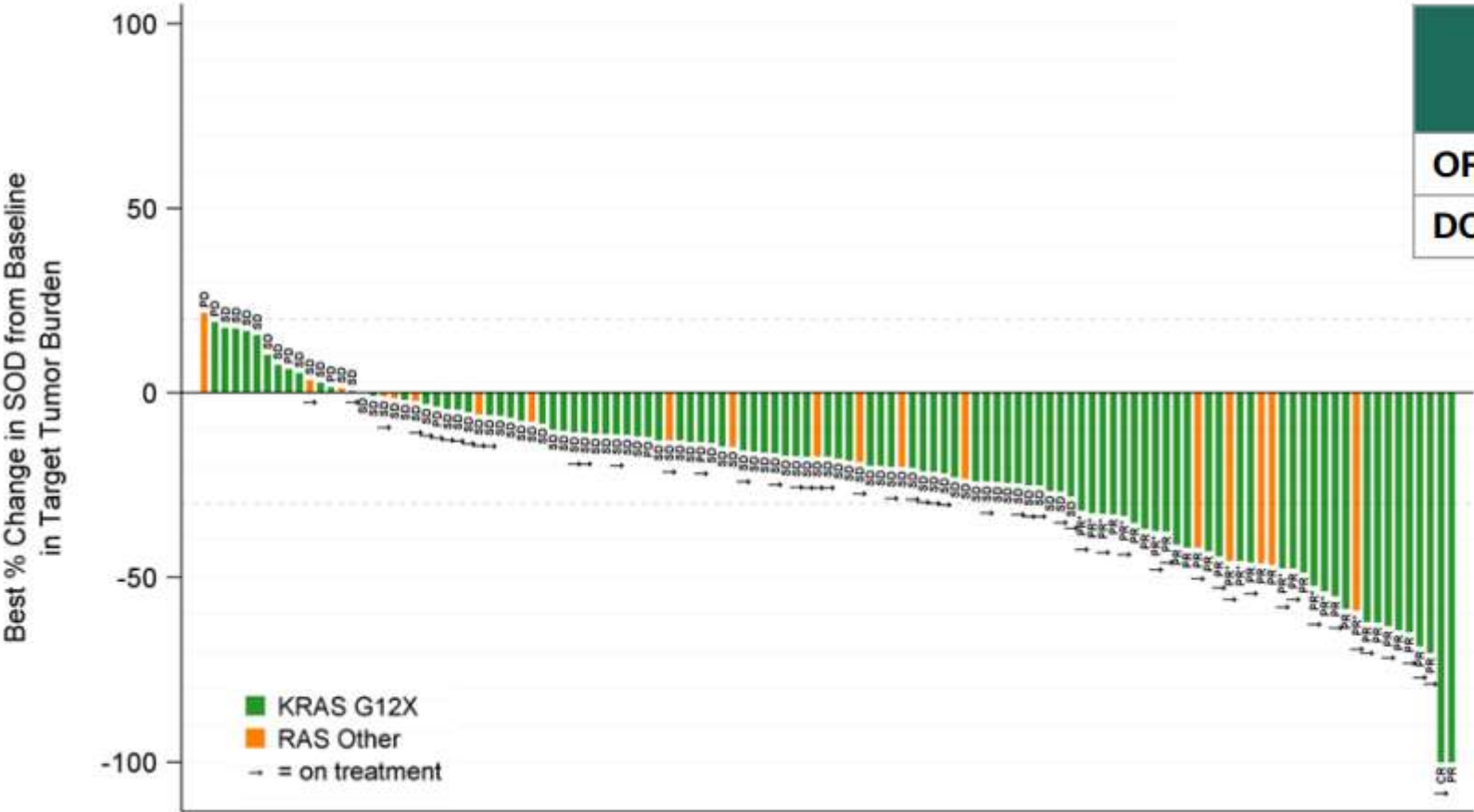
- Oral RAS(ON) multi-selective inhibitor
- Clinically validated across diverse oncogenic RAS variants, including G12D

RMC-9805

- Oral RAS(ON) G12D-selective covalent inhibitor
- Clinically validated against oncogenic RAS G12D

RMC-6236 Current Data

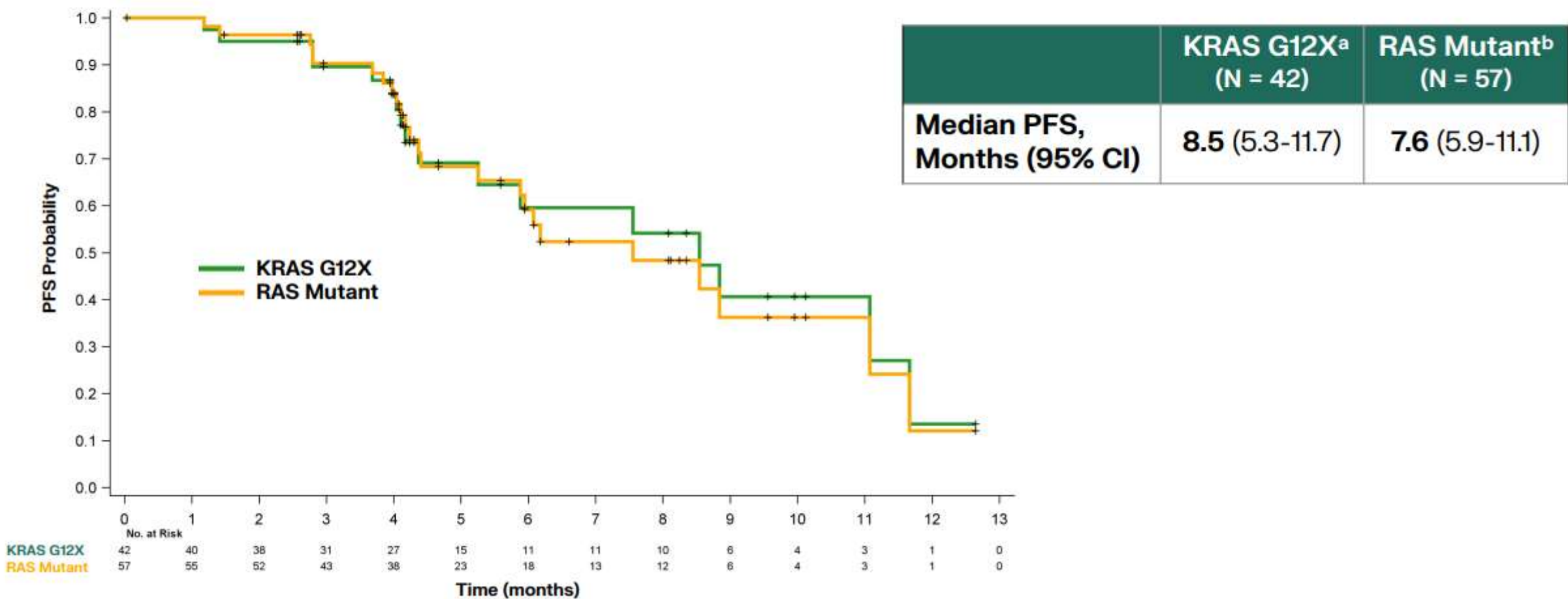
ORR and DCR in PDAC Patients Treated with RMC-6236 160-300 mg



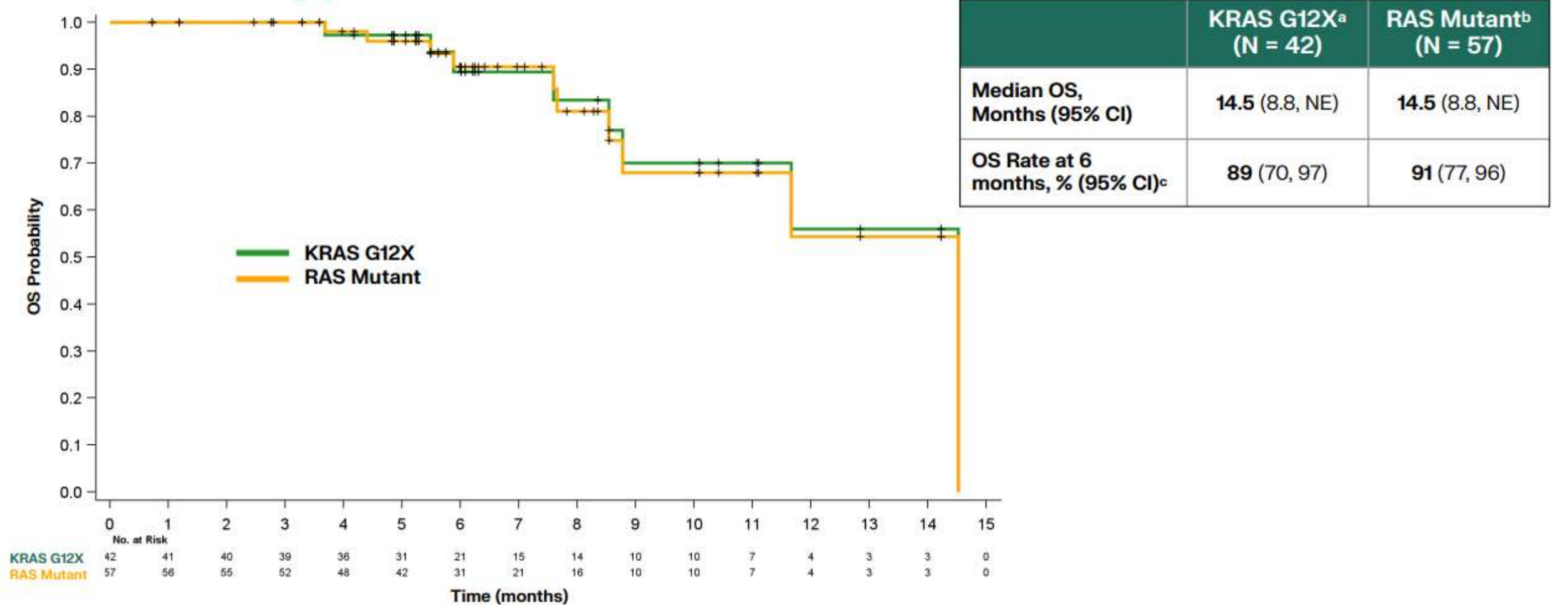
	KRAS G12X ^a , 160-300 mg	
	2L (N = 42)	3L+ (N = 63)
ORR ^b	29%	22%
DCR ^b	91%	89%

Data cutoff: July 23, 2024.
Among patients with an objective response (confirmed or unconfirmed), 50% of initial response occurred after 2 months of RMC-6236 treatment.

Compelling PFS in PDAC Patients Treated with RMC-6236 160-300 mg as 2L Therapy



Compelling OS in PDAC Patients Treated with RMC-6236 160-300 mg as 2L Therapy



Treatment-Related Adverse Events: PDAC (160-300 mg)

	N = 127	
Maximum Severity of Treatment-Related AEs (TRAEs)	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Any TRAE	122 (96%)	28 (22%)
TRAEs occurring in ≥10% of patients, n (%)		
Rash ⁽¹⁾	111 (87%)	8 (6%)
Diarrhea	58 (46%)	2 (2%)
Nausea	54 (43%)	0 (0%)
Stomatitis/mucositis	48 (38%)	3 (2%)
Vomiting	36 (28%)	0 (0%)
Fatigue	21 (17%)	1 (1%)
Paronychia	13 (10%)	0 (0%)
Other select TRAEs, n (%)		
ALT elevation	6 (5%)	0 (0%)
AST elevation	8 (6%)	0 (0%)
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
Neutropenia/neutrophil count decreased	6 (5%)	1 (1%)
Thrombocytopenia/platelet count decreased	14 (11%)	3 (2%)

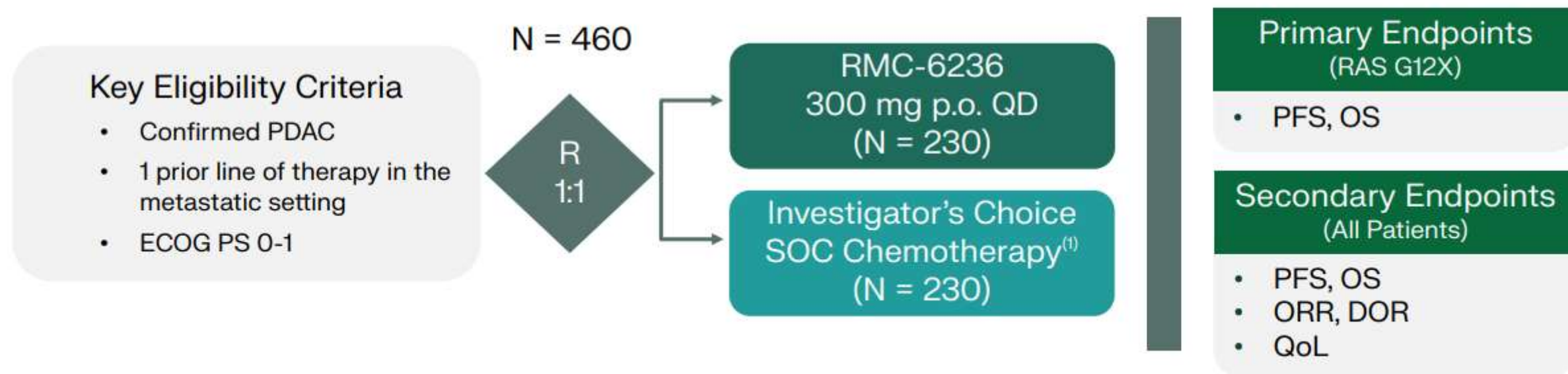
(1) Includes preferred terms of dermatitis acneiform, eczema, erythema, rash, rash erythematous, rash maculopapular, rash pruritic and rash pustular; multiple types of rash may have occurred in the same patient.

ALT: alanine transaminase; AST: aspartate transferase

5/11/24 data cutoff

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Trial Design for RASolute 302: 2L Metastatic PDAC



RMC-9805 Current Data

RMC-9805-001 Phase 1 Study Design (RMC-9805 Monotherapy)

Key Eligibility Criteria

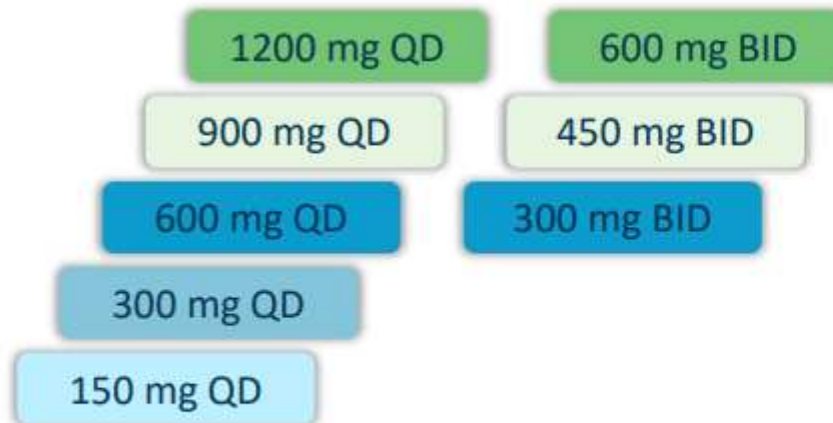
- Advanced solid tumors with KRAS G12D mutations
- Received prior standard therapy appropriate for tumor type and stage
- ECOG PS 0–1
- No active brain metastases

Key Endpoints

- Safety and tolerability
- Pharmacokinetics
- Anti-tumor activity

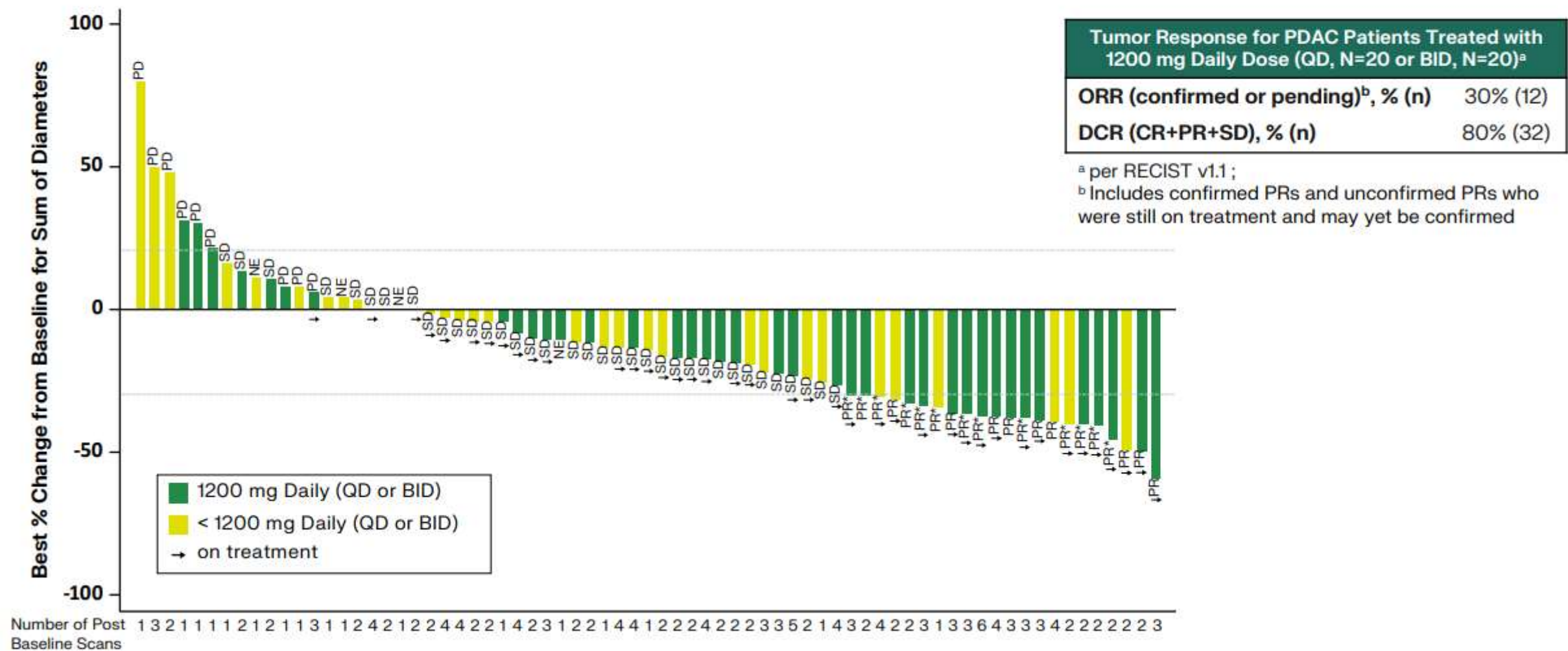
Part 1: Dose Escalation

RMC-9805 administered orally QD or BID,
21-day treatment cycle



Part 2: Expansion and Dose Optimization in PDAC

Encouraging Initial Antitumor Activity in PDAC Patients Treated with RMC-9805



Meaningfully different tolerability between two agents

Maximum severity of treatment-related AEs (TRAEs)	RMC-6236 160-300 mg QD (N =127)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3
Any TRAE	124 (98)	37 (29)
TRAEs occurring in > 10% of patients, n (%)		
Rash ^a	115 (91)	10 (8)
Diarrhea	61 (48)	3 (2)
Nausea ^b	54 (43)	0 (0)
Vomiting ^b	39 (31)	0 (0)
Stomatitis	39 (31)	4 (3)
Fatigue	25 (20)	1 (1)
Paronychia	17 (13)	0 (0)
Mucosal inflammation	16 (13)	1 (1)
Thrombocytopenia/platelet count decreased	14 (11)	3 (2)
Decreased appetite	14 (11)	1 (1)
Peripheral edema	13 (10)	0 (0)
Other select TRAEs, n (%)		
Anemia	11 (9)	7 (6)
ALT elevation	10 (8)	3 (2)
AST elevation	9 (7)	2 (2)
Neutropenia/neutrophil count decreased	7 (6)	2 (2)

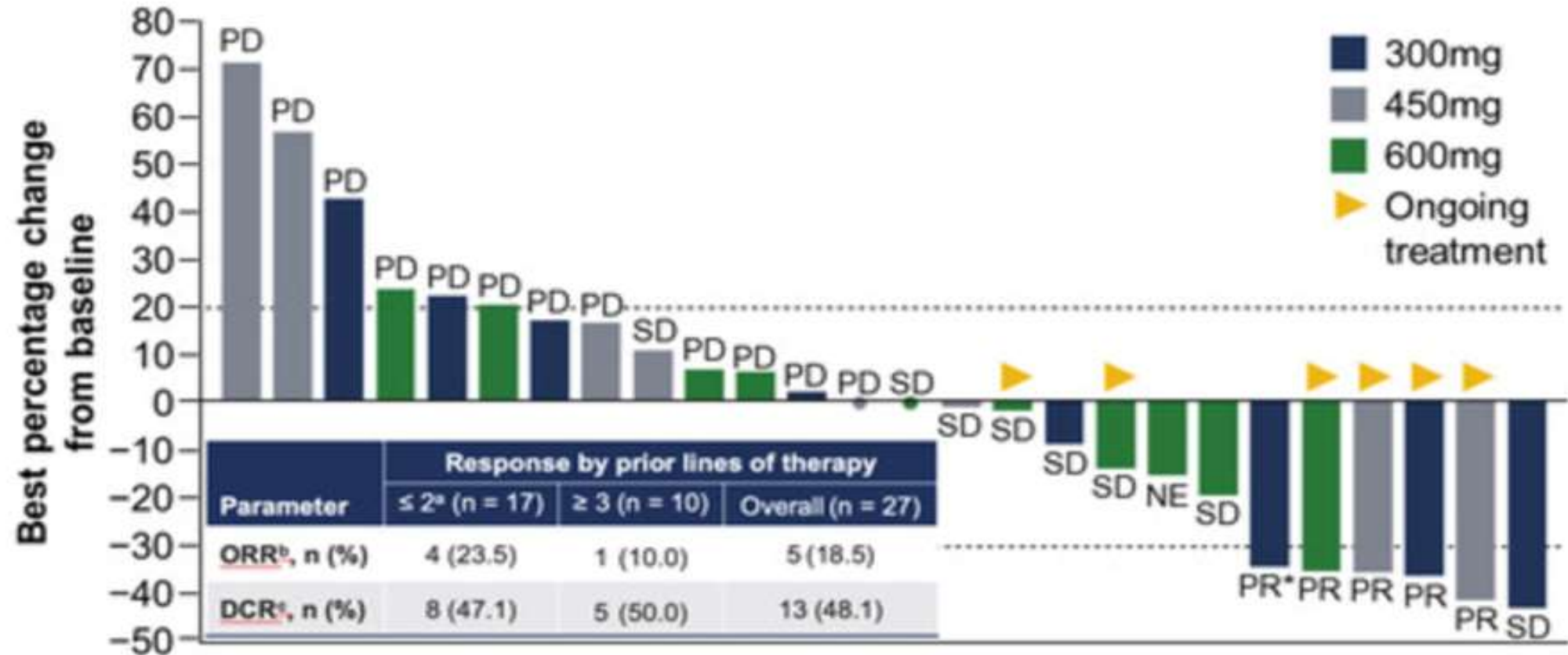
RMC-6236 160-300 mg QD (N = 127)	
TRAEs leading to dose modification, n (%)	
Dose interruption	45 (35)
Dose reduction	43 (34)
Dose discontinuation	24 (19)
	0 (0)
Specific TRAEs leading to dose reduction in >10% patients, n (%)	
Rash ^a	14 (11)
Mean dose intensity	
	92%

Patients Treated with RMC-9805 1200 mg Daily (1200 mg QD, N=60 or 600 mg BID, N=39)				
Maximum Severity of Treatment-Related AEs	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Any Grade
TRAEs occurring in ≥10% of patients, n (%)				
Nausea	23 (23%)	4 (4%)	0	27 (27%)
Diarrhea	16 (16%)	4 (4%)	0	20 (20%)
Vomiting	13 (13%)	2 (2%)	0	15 (15%)
Rash ^a	10 (10%)	0	0	10 (10%)
Other select TRAEs, n(%)				
ALT elevation	5 (5%)	0	1 (1%)	6 (6%)
AST elevation	3 (3%)	1 (1%)	0	4 (4%)
Stomatitis	0	0	0	0
TRAEs leading to dose reduction, n (%)	4 (4%)	0	0	4 (4%)
TRAEs leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)	0	0	0	0

- No treatment-related Grade 4 or 5 AEs or SAEs have been reported

Activity seen in KRAS G12D degrader

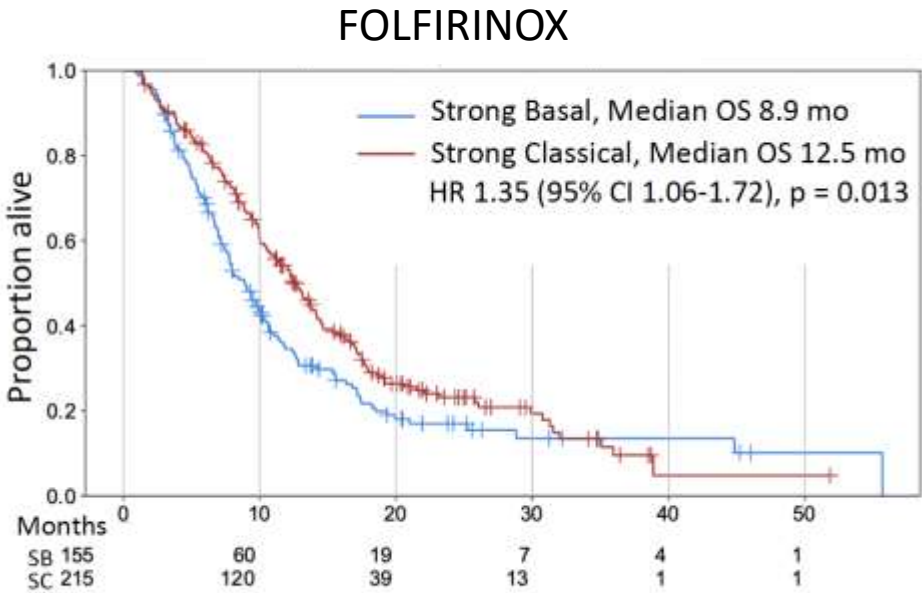
Responses to ASP3082 300–600mg in Patients with PDAC



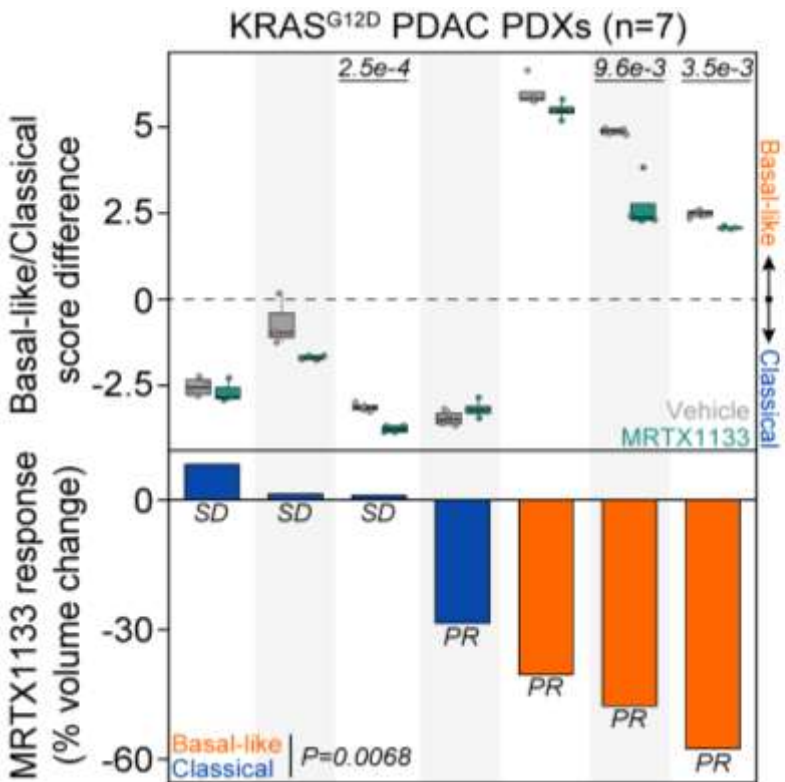
**Combination strategy: is
combining with chemotherapy
additive or synergistic?**

RAS inhibitors may preferentially target a chemo-resistant (basal) phenotype in PDAC

Basal type pancreatic cancer is more chemotherapy resistant



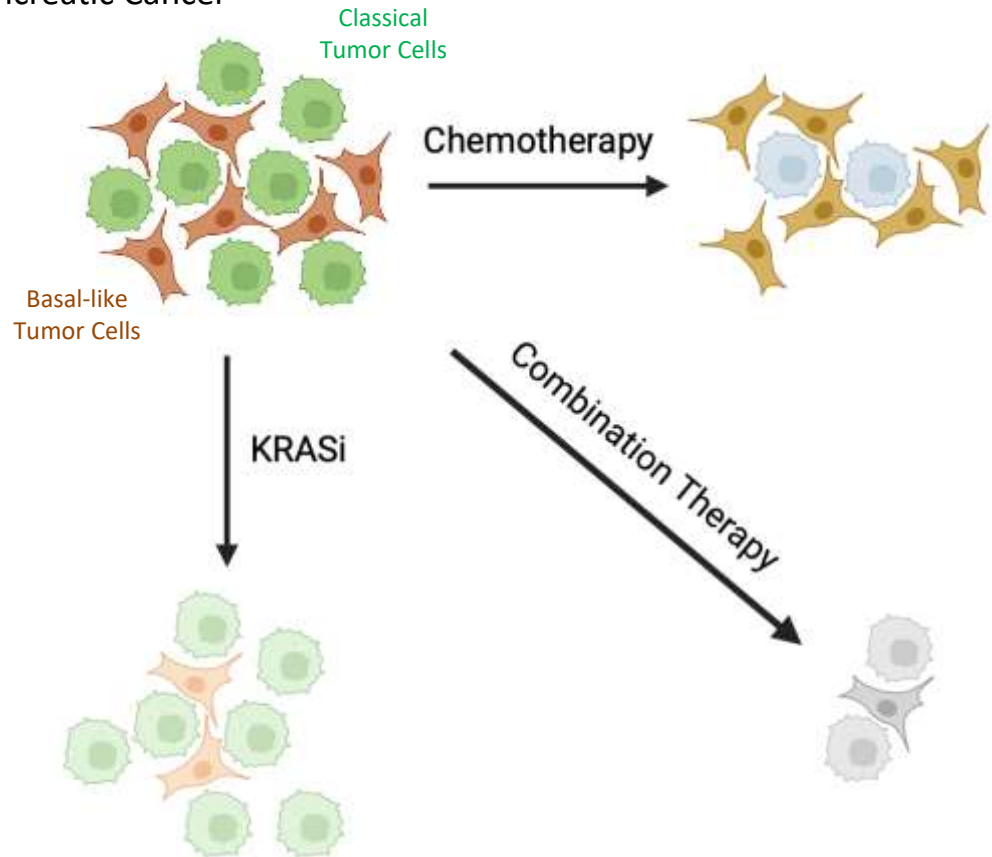
... but responds better to KRAS inhibition.



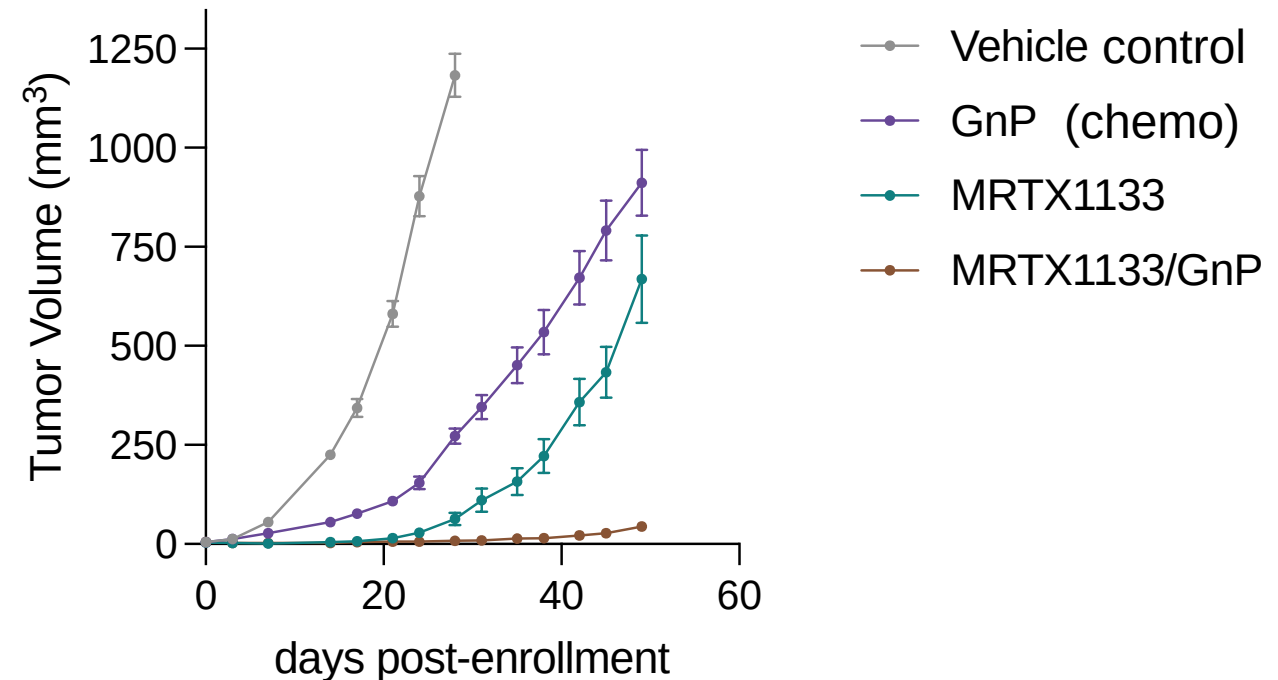
Breakthrough Cancer Foundation: MDACC, DFCI, MSK

Combination chemo+KRASi therapy could target both subtypes of pancreatic cancer

Pancreatic Cancer



Mouse model of pancreatic cancer treated with chemotherapy + KRAS inhibition



Further detail:

AACR Tuesday session: Advances in Organ Site Research - Unwrapping heterogeneity in pancreatic cancer

Mechanisms of resistance of KRAS inhibition in pancreatic cancer

Andy Aguirre

Much more coming in this space

Clinical Development Pipeline

APPROACH	FOCUS	EARLY CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT ⁽¹⁾	REGISTRATIONAL TRIAL
RMC-6236 (MULTI: G12X, G13X, Q61X)			
Monotherapy	PDAC		
	NSCLC		
	Other solid tumors		
Combination	+ Chemotherapy, PDAC and CRC		
	+ Pembrolizumab, NSCLC		
	+ anti-EGFR, CRC		
RMC-6291 (G12C)			
Monotherapy	Solid tumors		
Combination	+ Pembrolizumab, NSCLC		
	+ RMC-6236, solid tumors		
RMC-9805 (G12D)			
Monotherapy	Solid tumors		
Combination	+ RMC-6236, solid tumors		

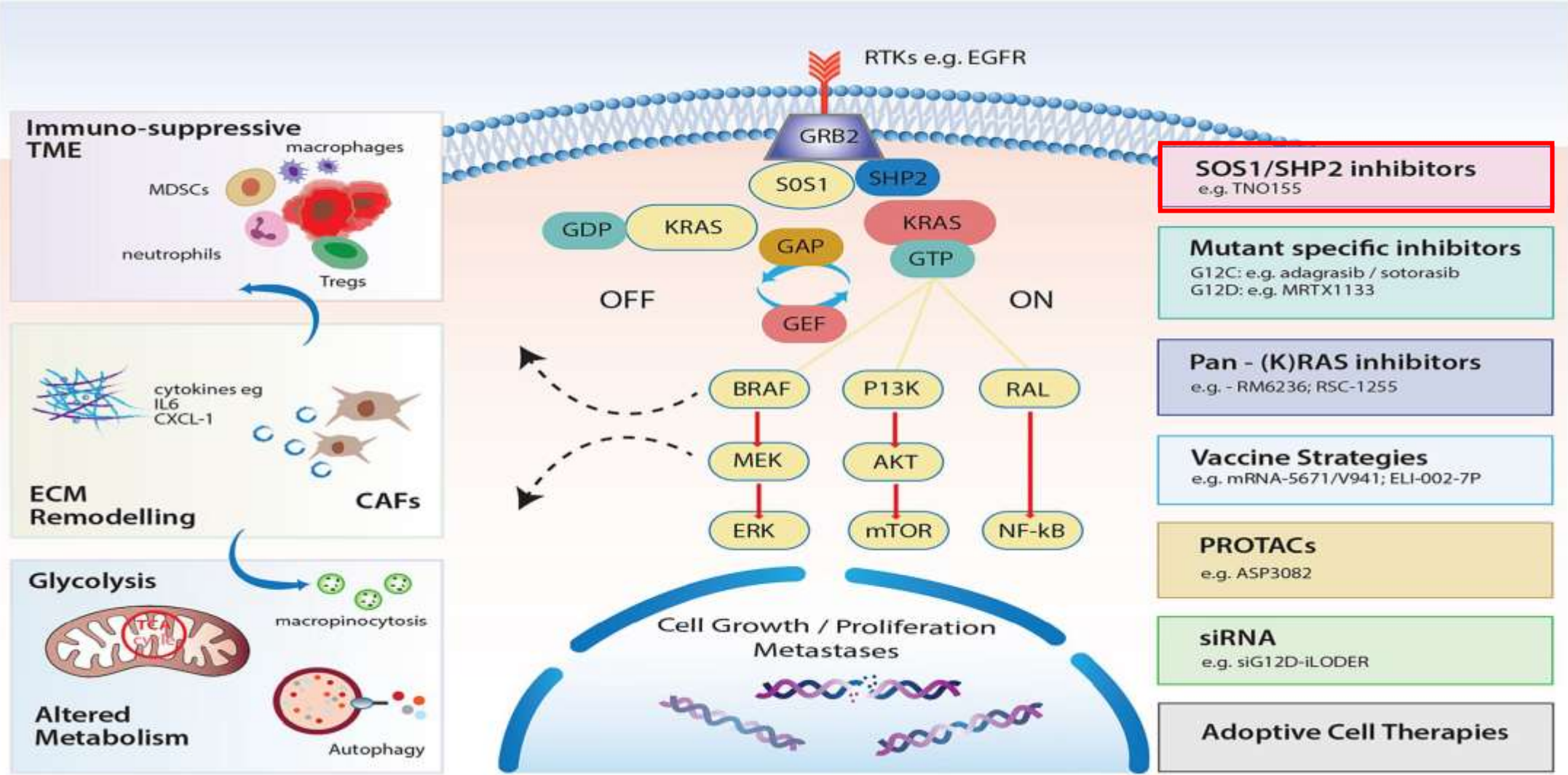
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Phase I this year

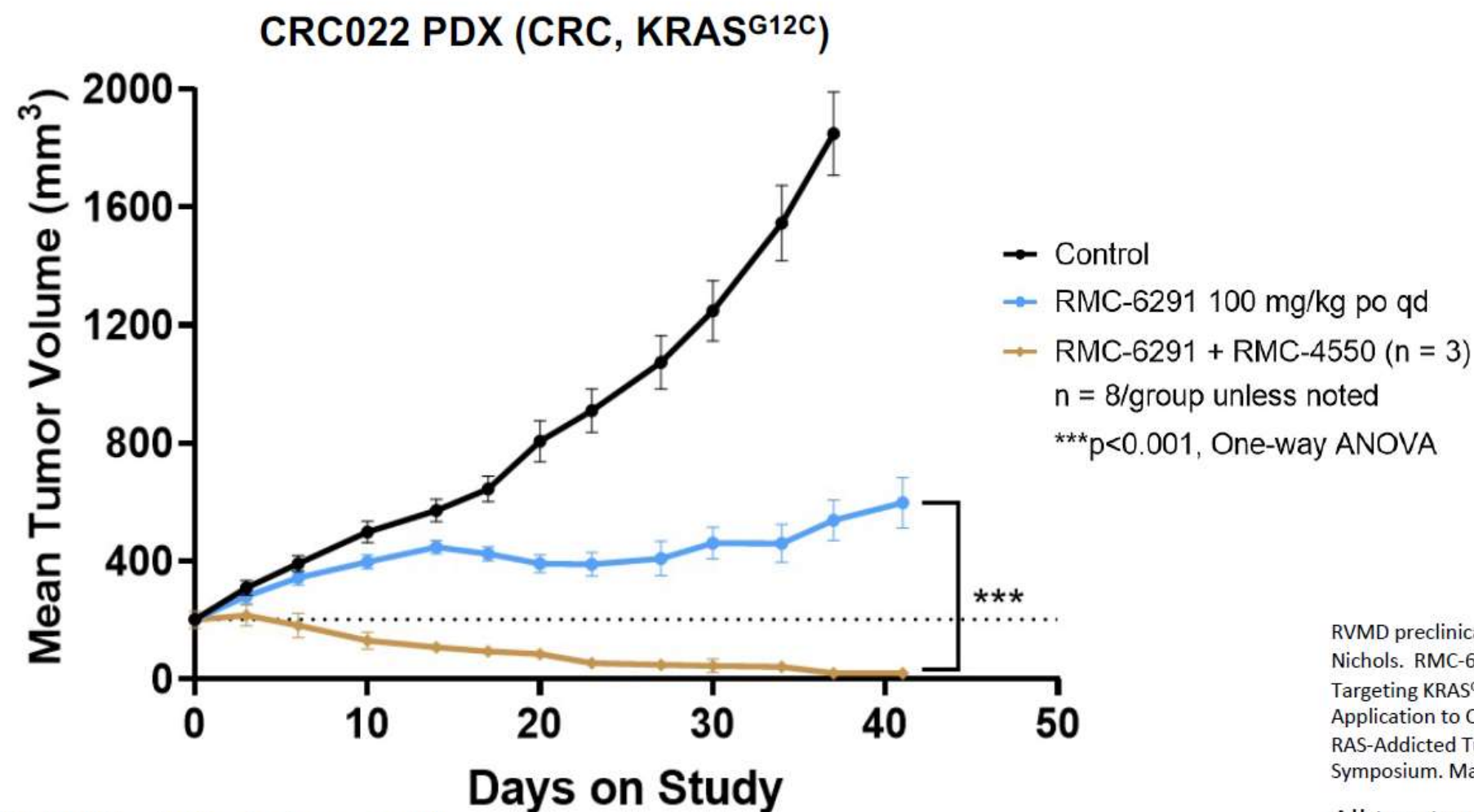
- BMS/Mirati – G12D
- Incyte – G12D
- Beigene – multi-Ras and G12D
- Jazz – multi-RAS
- Pfizer – multi-RAS
- Lilly/Loxo -multi-Ras and G12D
- BI – multi-RAS

**Combination strategy: does
vertical inhibition of signaling
cascade improve outcomes?**

Combination strategy: Vertical inhibition with SOS1/SHP2+KRASi



KRAS G12Ci+SHP2i is active preclinically in resistant CRC models



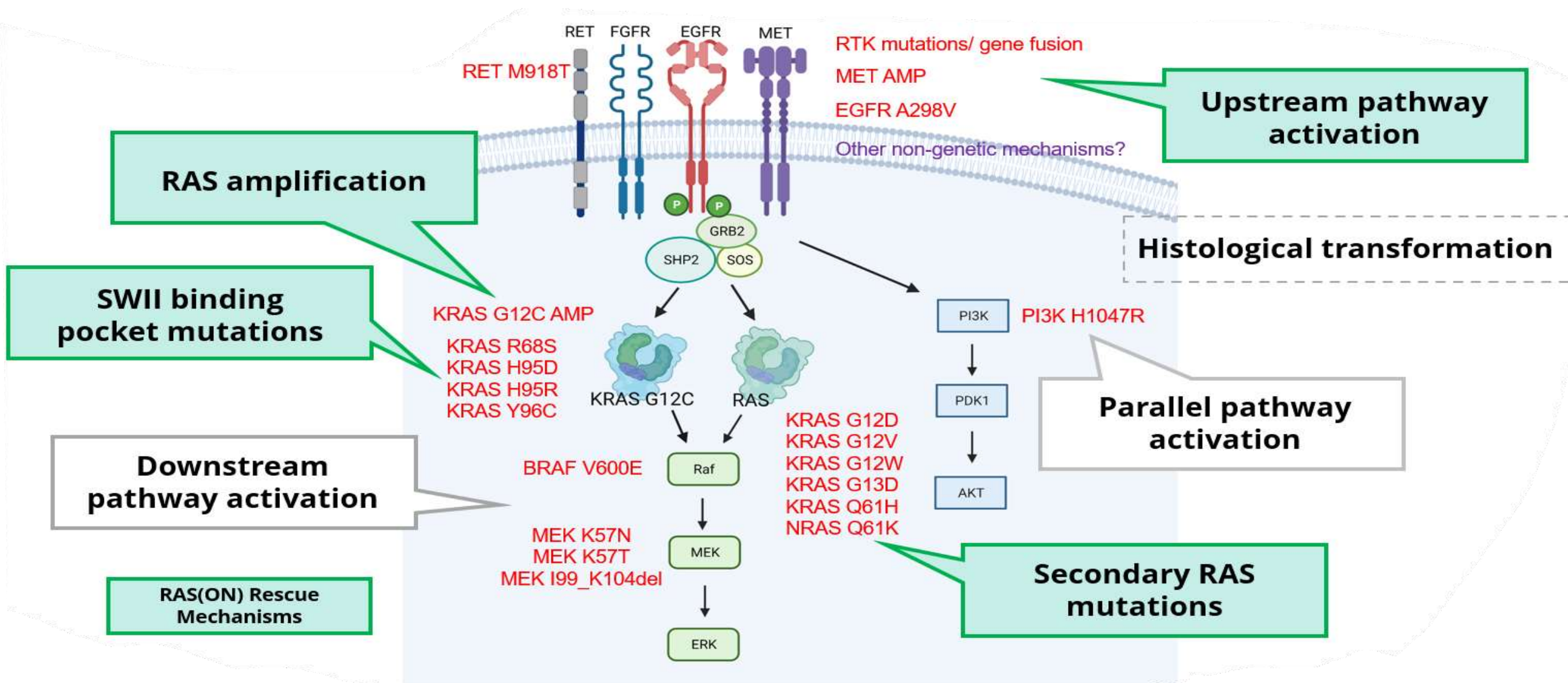
RVMD preclinical research
Nichols. RMC-6291: Biological Features of
Targeting KRAS^{G12C}(ON) and Potential
Application to Overcoming Drug Resistance in
RAS-Addicted Tumors. The Third RAS Initiative
Symposium. May 24 – 26, 2021.

RMC-4550 is a SHP2 inhibitor in vivo tool compound

All treatments well tolerated
Kindly provided by Mallika Singh

**Combination strategy: how do we deal
with suboptimal durability/resistance?**

Many mechanisms of KRASi resistance are emerging



Multiple mechanisms of resistance emerge on therapy with KRASi

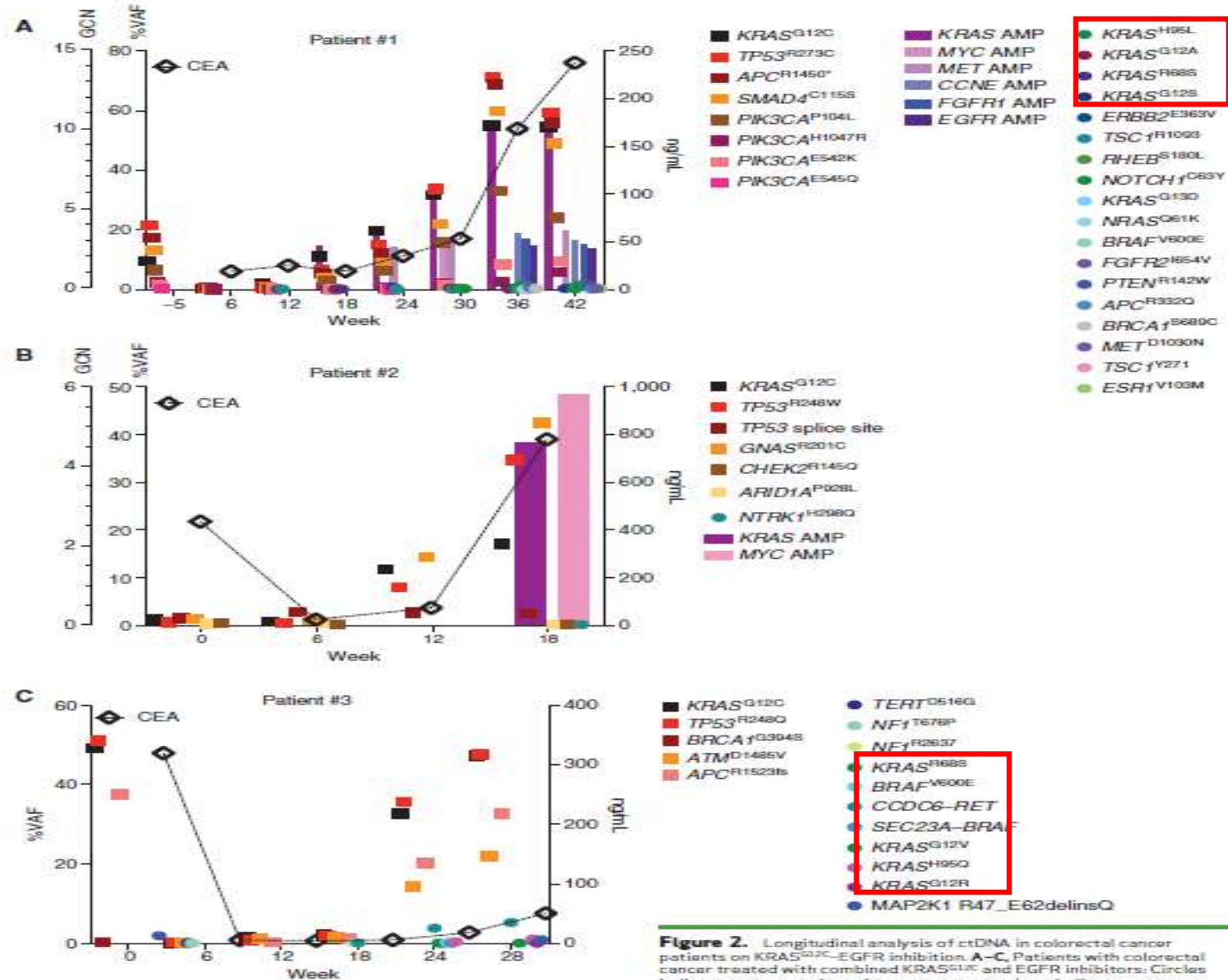


Figure 2. Longitudinal analysis of ctDNA in colorectal cancer patients on KRAS^{G12C}-EGFR inhibition. **A-C.** Patients with colorectal cancer treated with combined KRAS^{G12C} and EGFR inhibitors. Circles indicate emergent alterations on treatment; bars indicate emergent

Multi RAS inhibitors have potency against emerging KRAS mutations

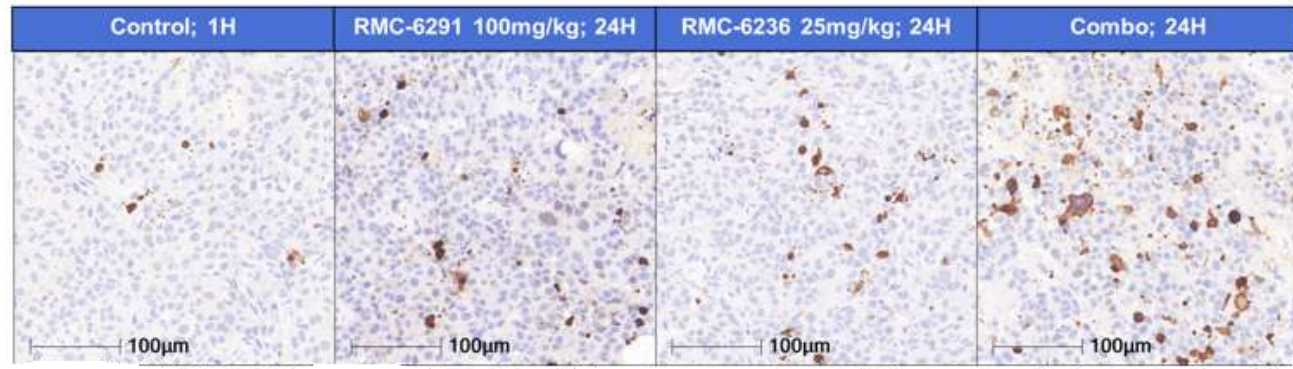
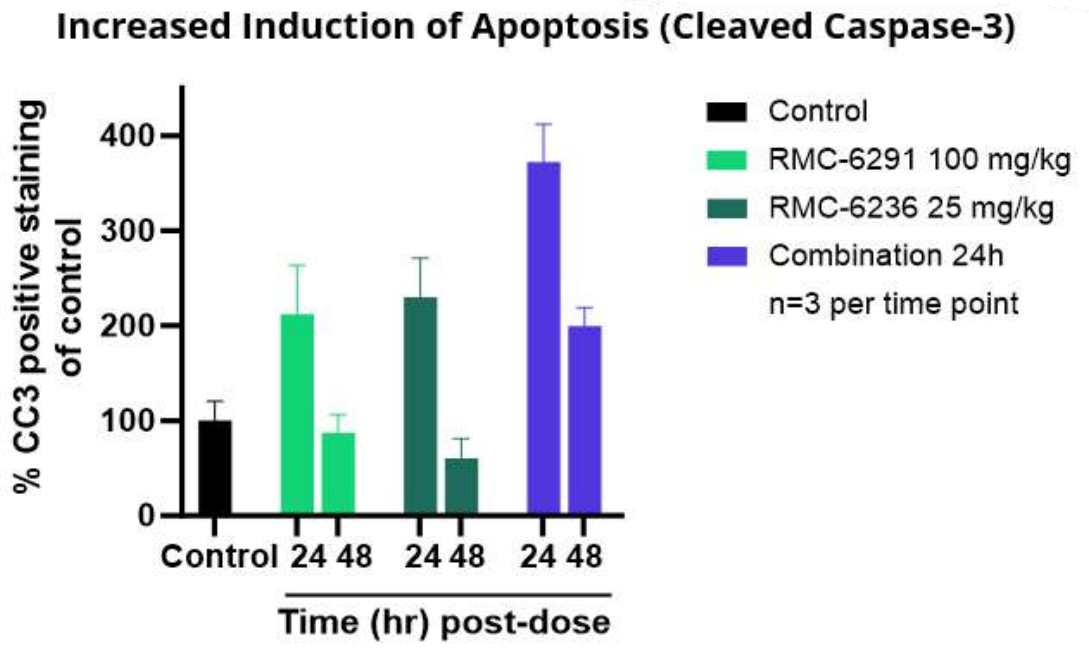
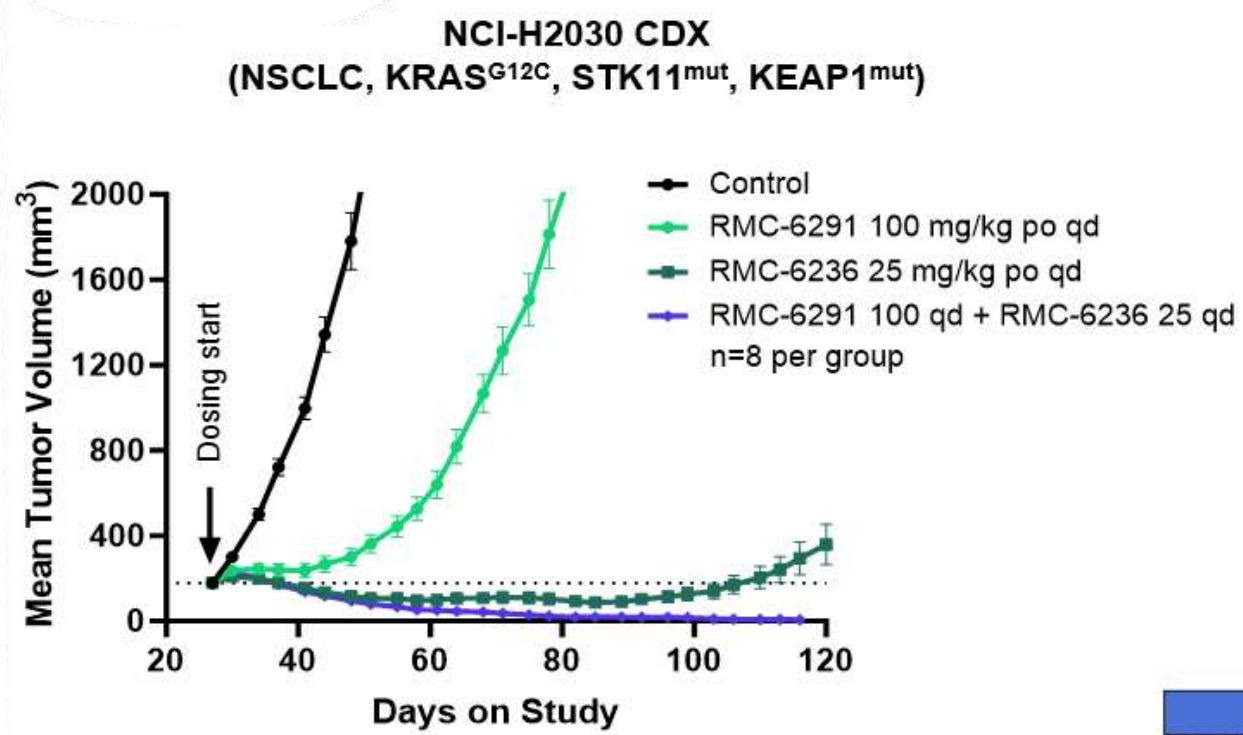
KRAS ^{G12}	G12A	G12C	G12D	G12E	G12F	G12H	G12I	G12K	G12L	G12M	G12N	G12P	G12Q	G12R	G12S	G12T	G12V	G12W	G12Y
Clinical resistance																			
RMC-6236	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

KRAS ^{G13}	G13	G13D
Clinical resistance		
RMC-6236	+	+

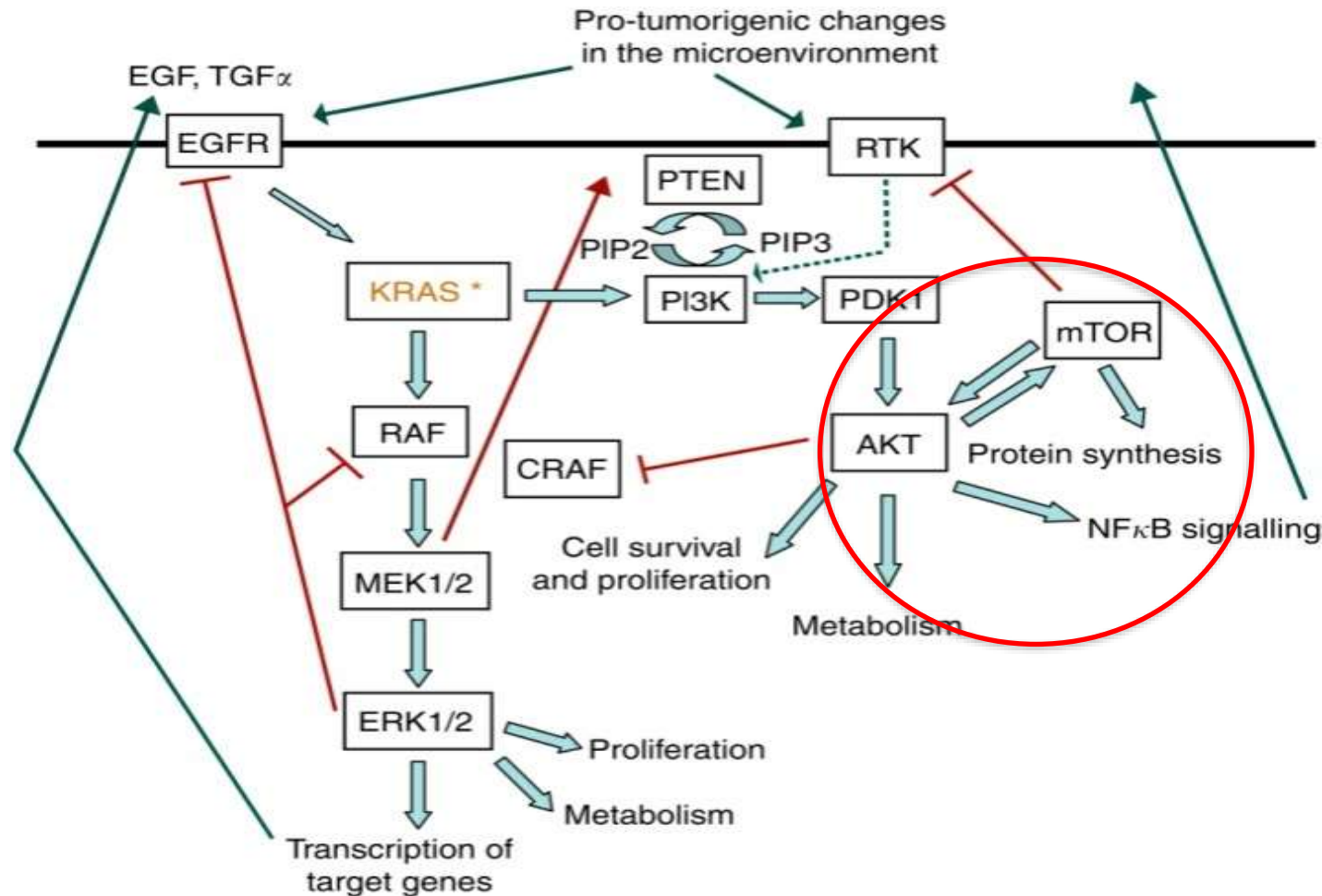
NRAS ^{Q61}	Q61	Q61K
Clinical resistance		
RMC-6236	+	+

+ Active against mutation
Resistance mutation reported in clinic

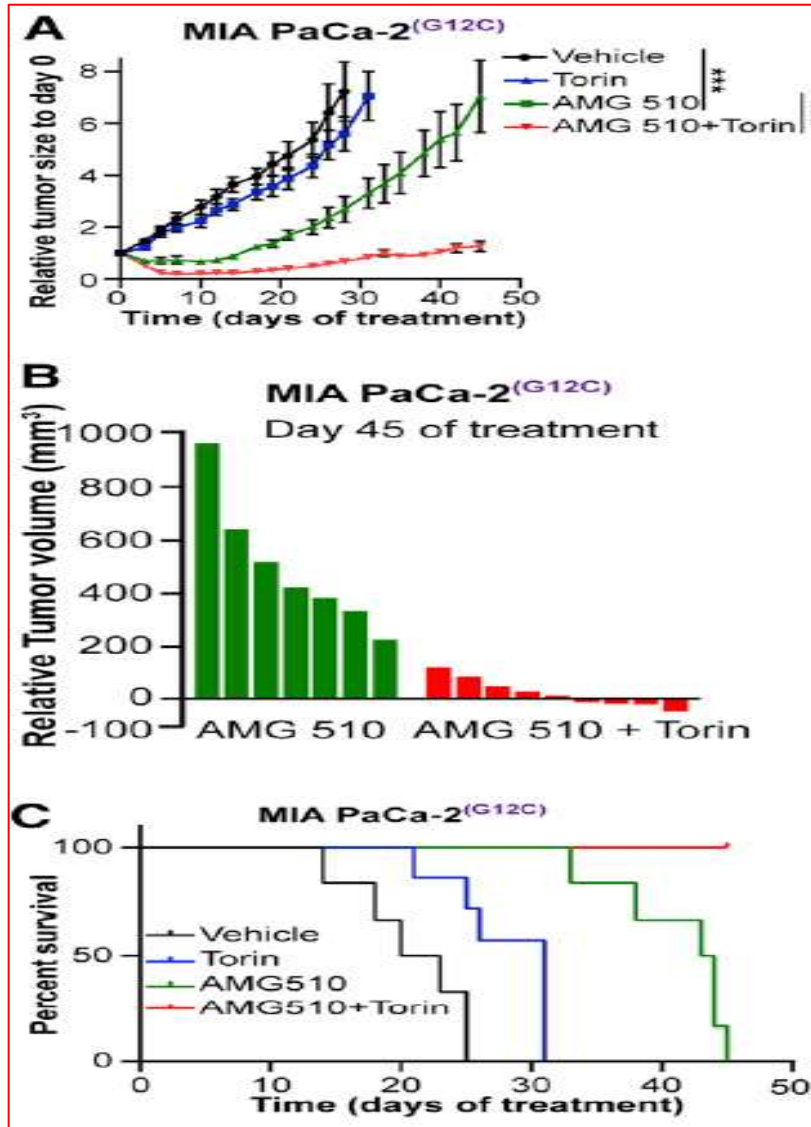
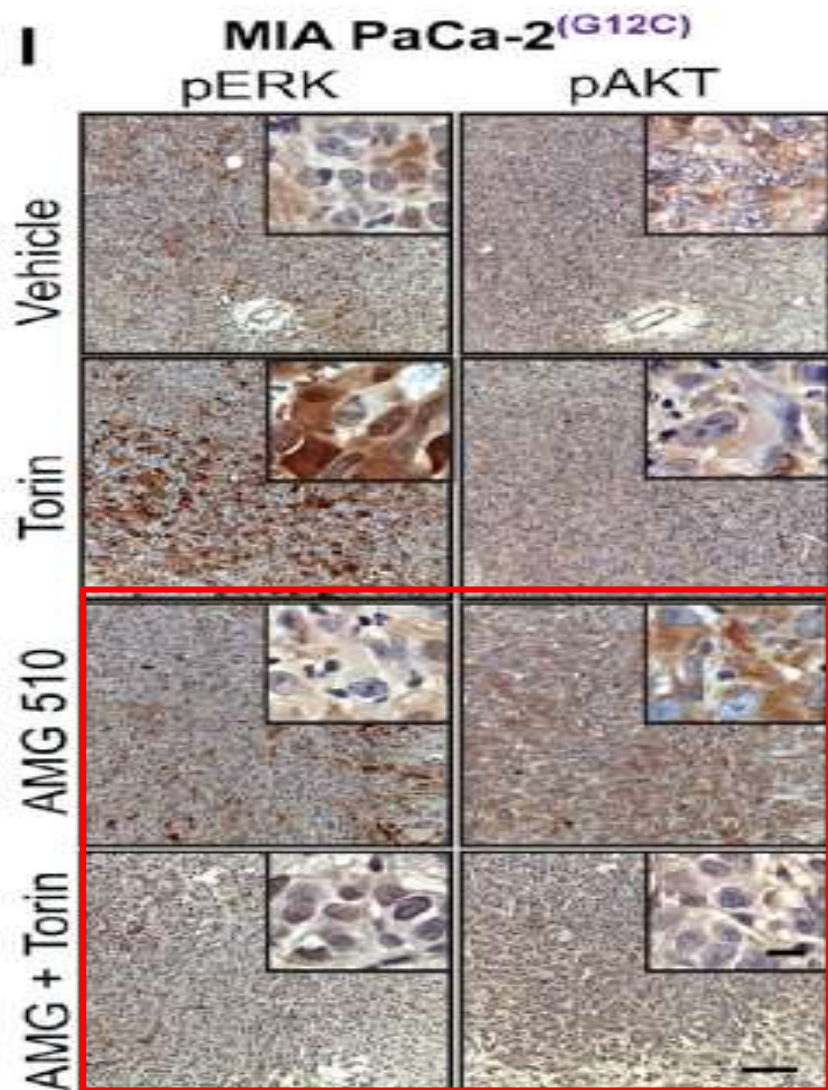
Can combination dual KRAS inhibition overcome resistance?



Example: where would we expect to see compensatory upregulation?



KRASi results in compensatory, therapeutically targetable AKT/mTOR activation

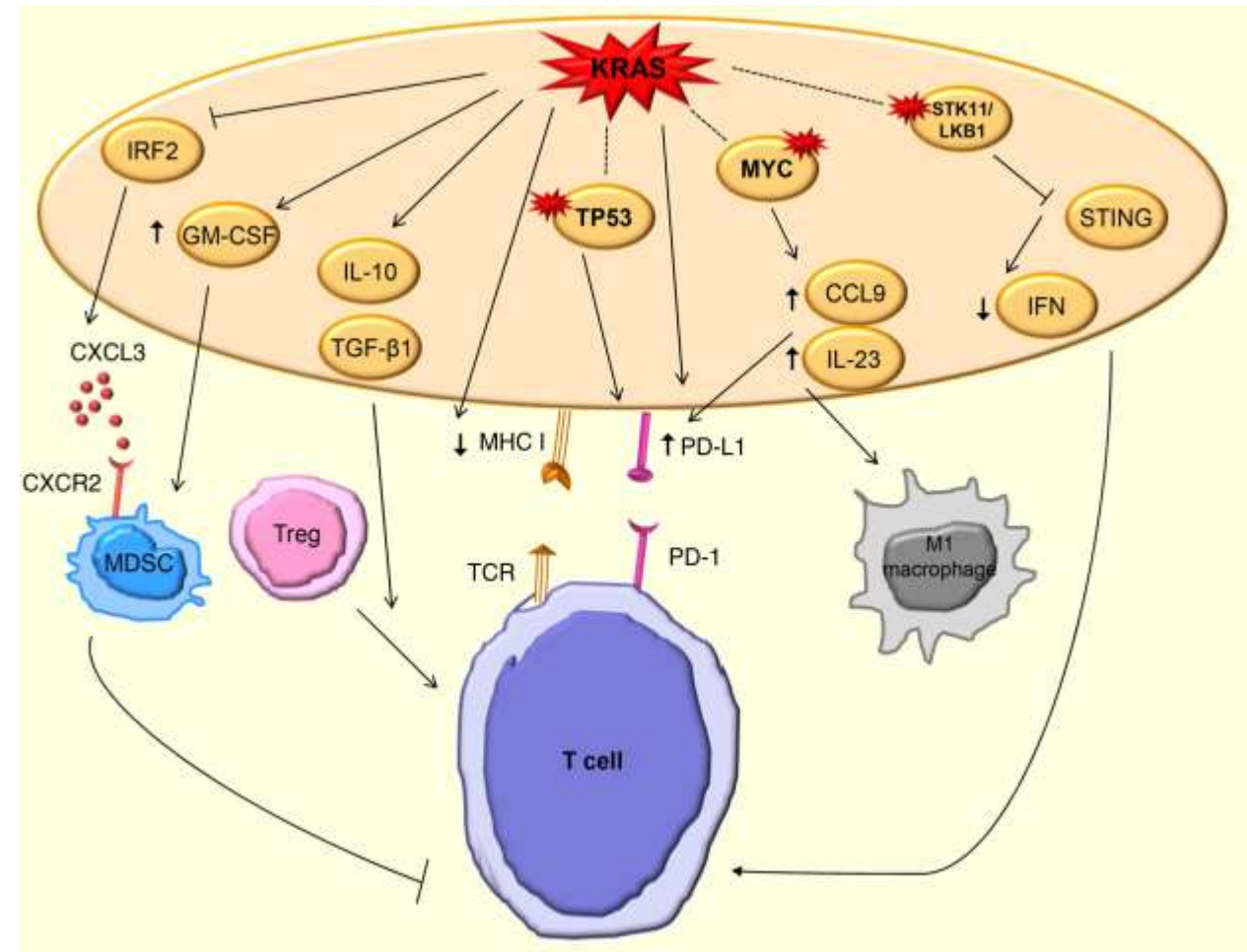


Combination strategy: KRAS inhibitors as immunomodulators

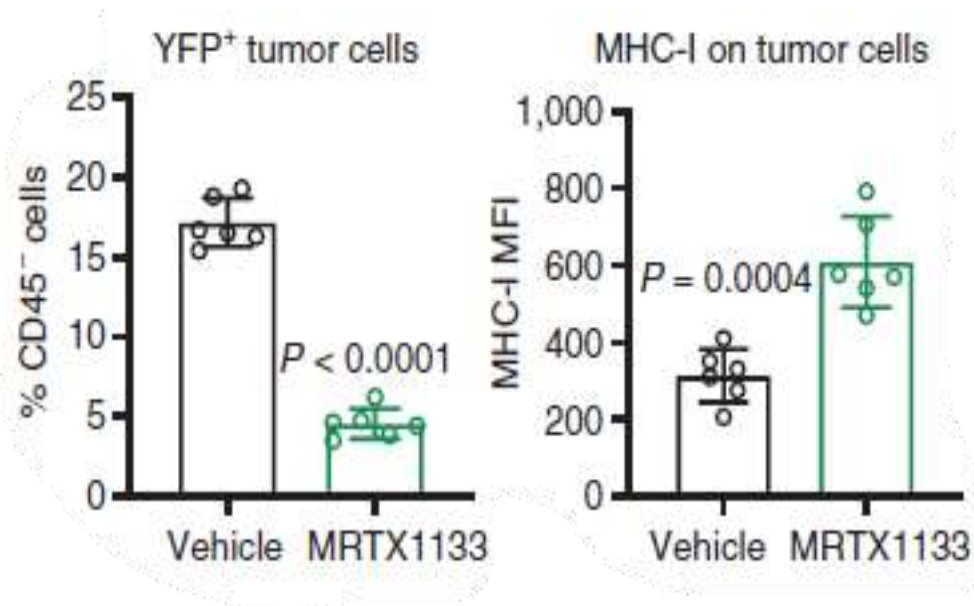
KRAS mutations have known immunosuppressive effects

■ Including:

- Decreased MHC I expression
- Recruitment of MDSCs and Tregs to TME
- Upregulation of PD-L1
- Decreased tumor-specific T cell function

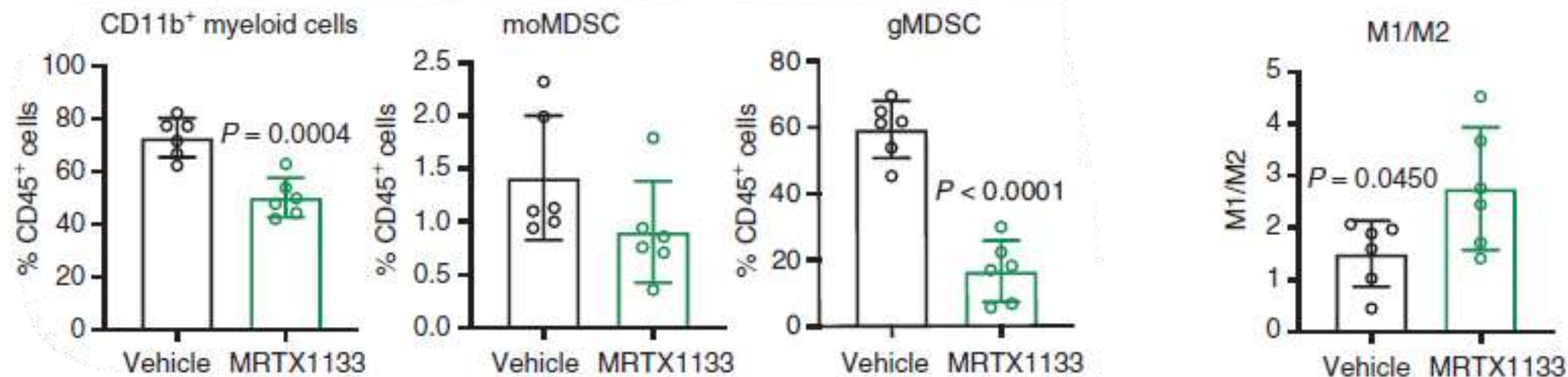


KRAS G12Di has immunomodulatory impact on tumor and immune cell populations



TUMOR CELLS
Decreased viability and increased MHC-1
expression on surviving cells

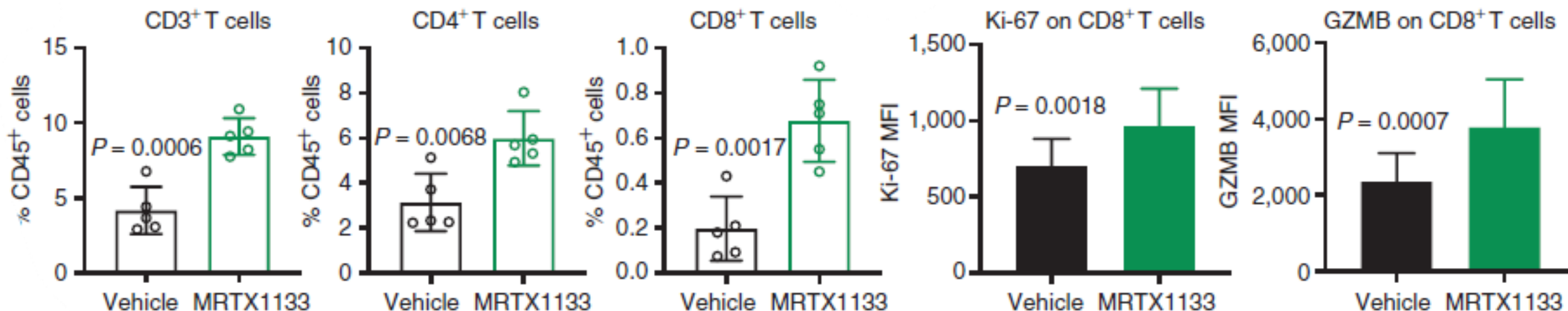
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MYELOID CELLS

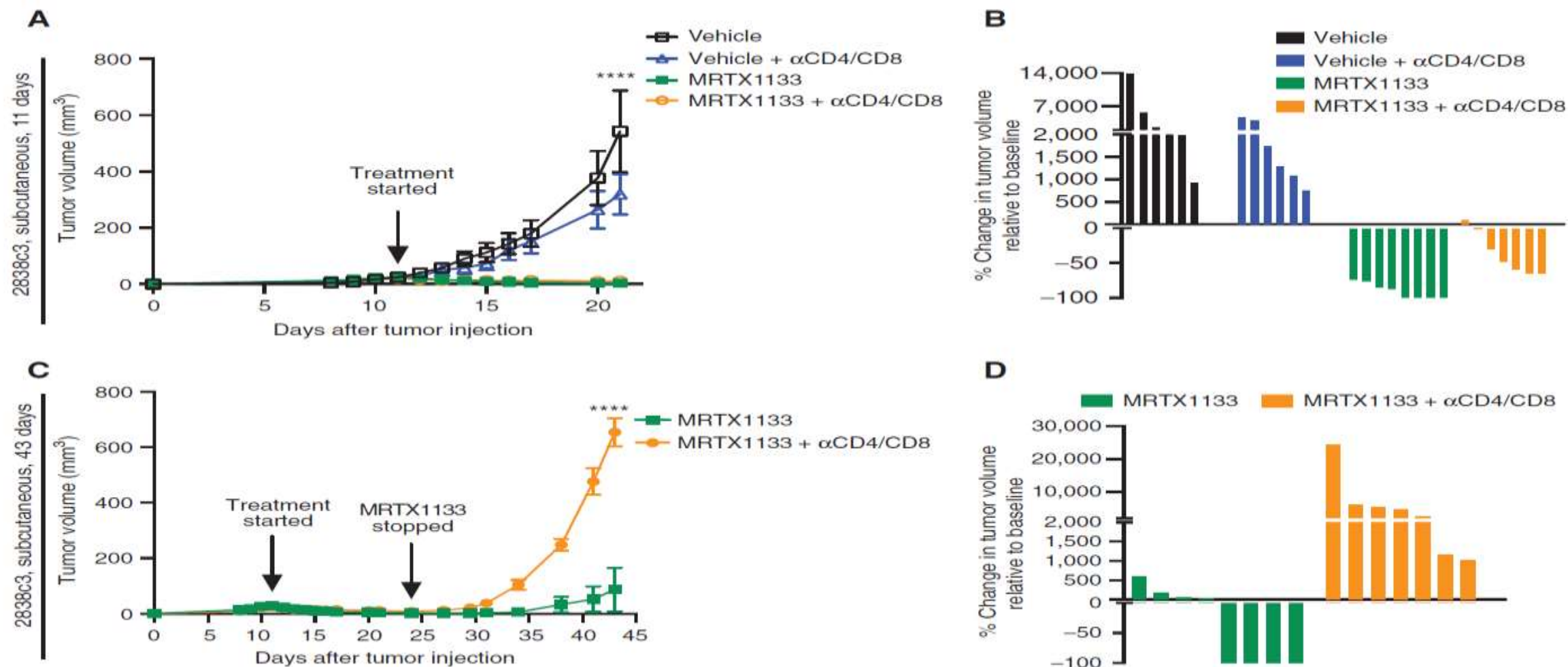
Decreased immunosuppressive myeloid cells

KRAS G12Di has immunomodulatory impact on tumor and immune cell populations

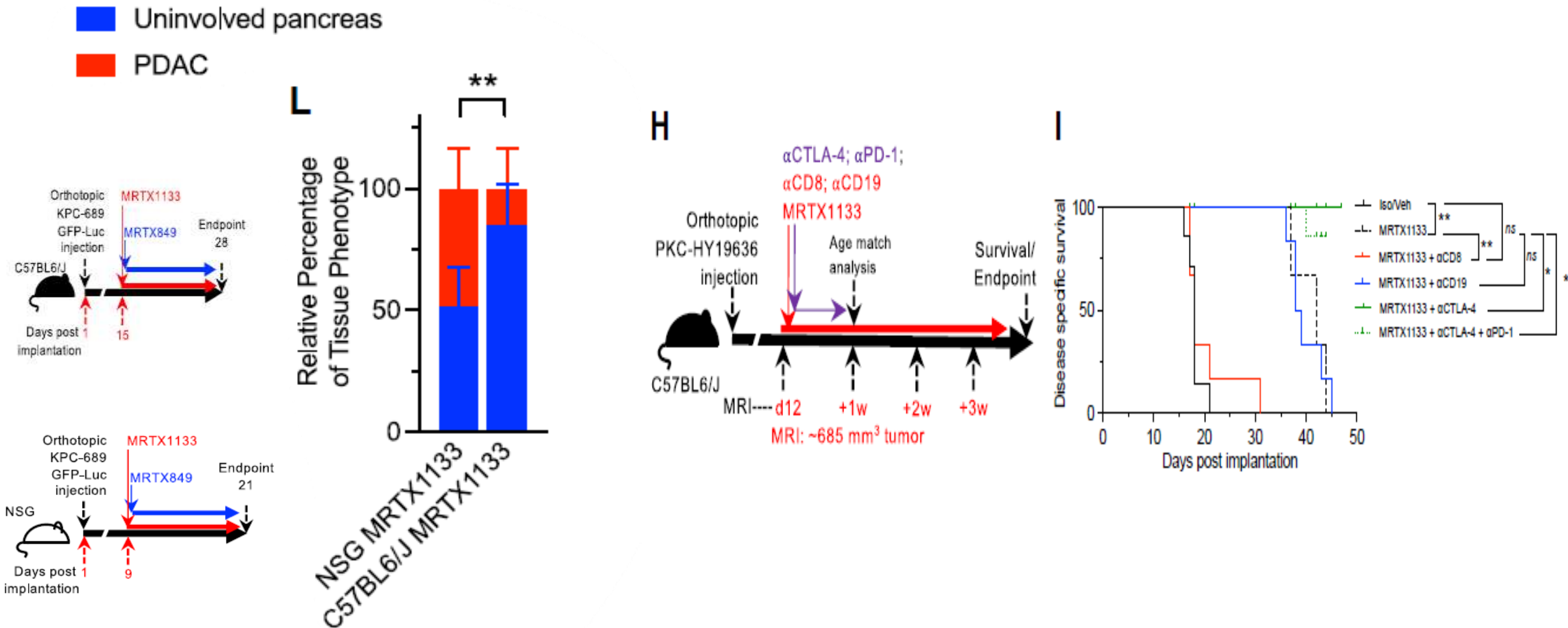


CD8/CD4 cells
Increased cytotoxic CD8+ and CD4+ TILS

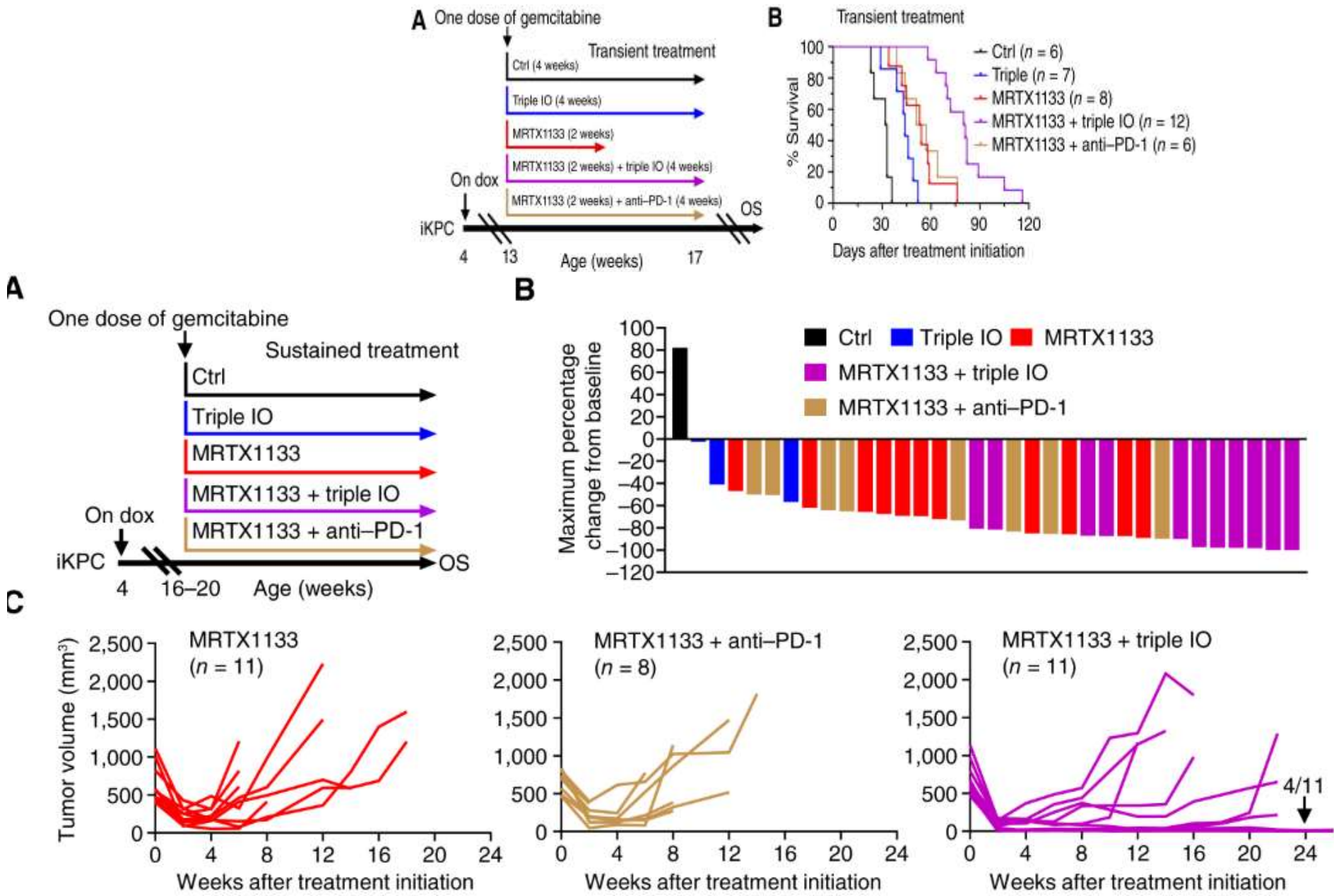
KRAS G12Di requires CD8/CD4 lymphocytes for anti-tumor effect



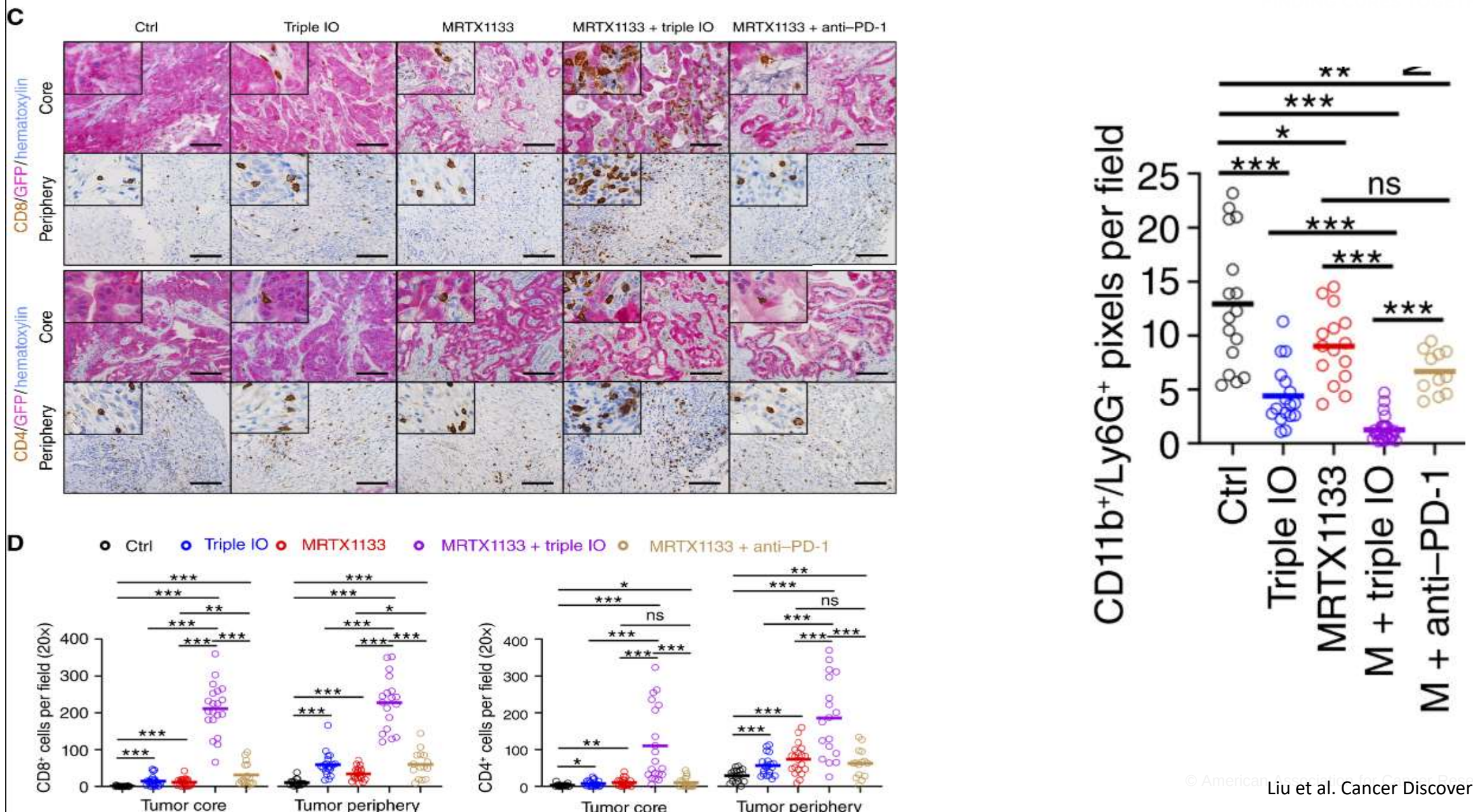
Confirmation: KRAS G12Di requires CD8+ cells for anti-tumor effect



Optimal immune combination therapy may involve multiple IO agents

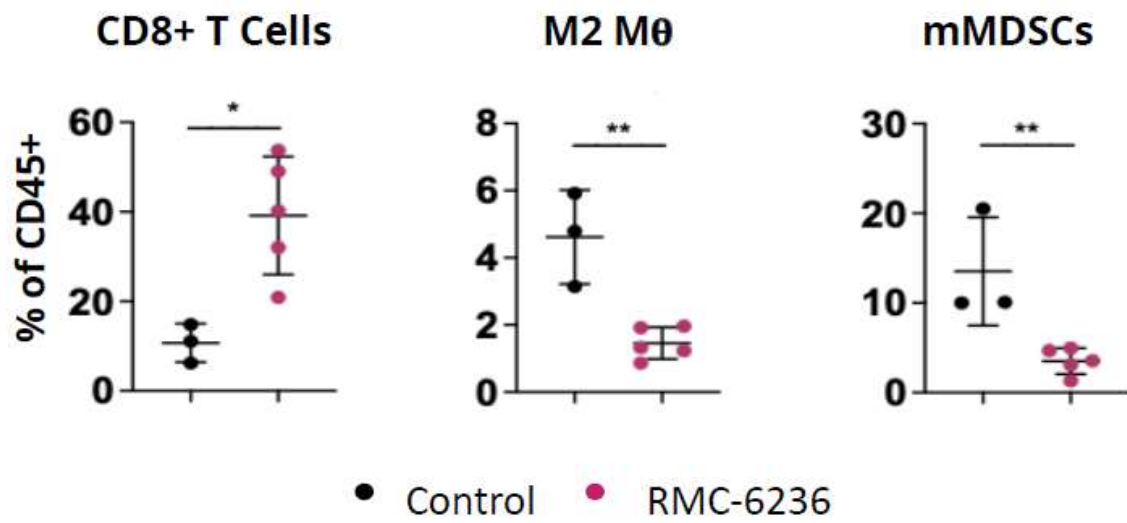


KRASi appears to jumpstart or drive TME remodeling

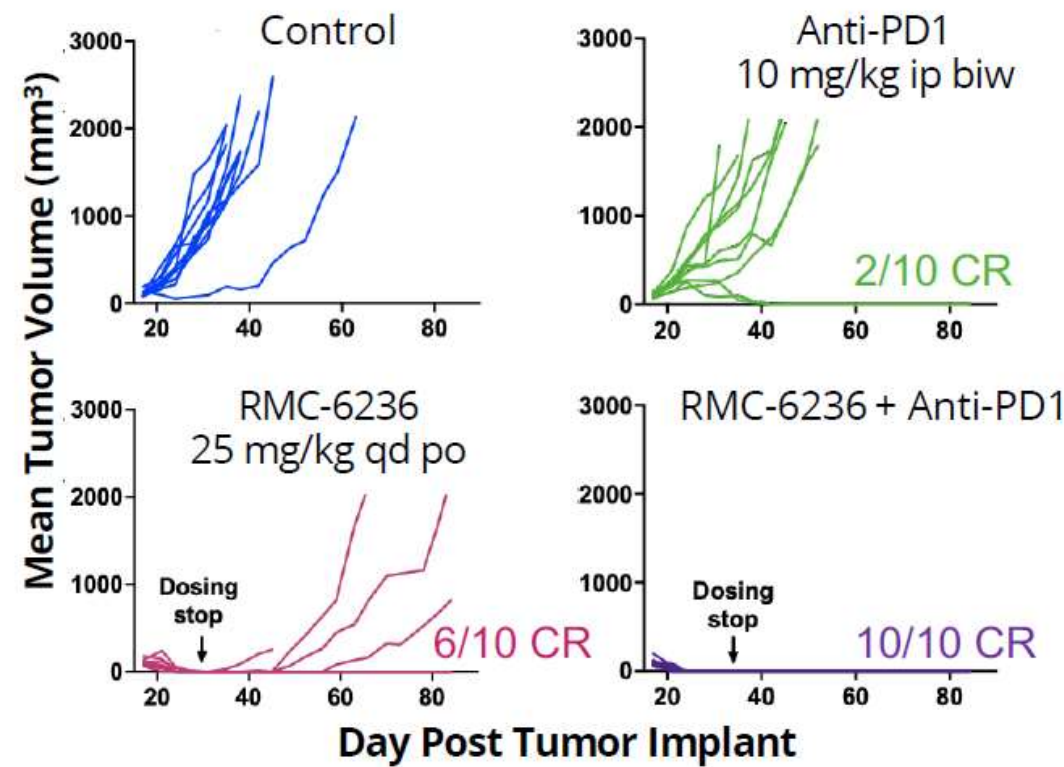


Multi-RASi also alters TME and has benefit with combined with anti-PD1 therapy

Favorable Transformation of
Tumor Immune Microenvironment



Durable Complete Responses
with Checkpoint Inhibitor Combination



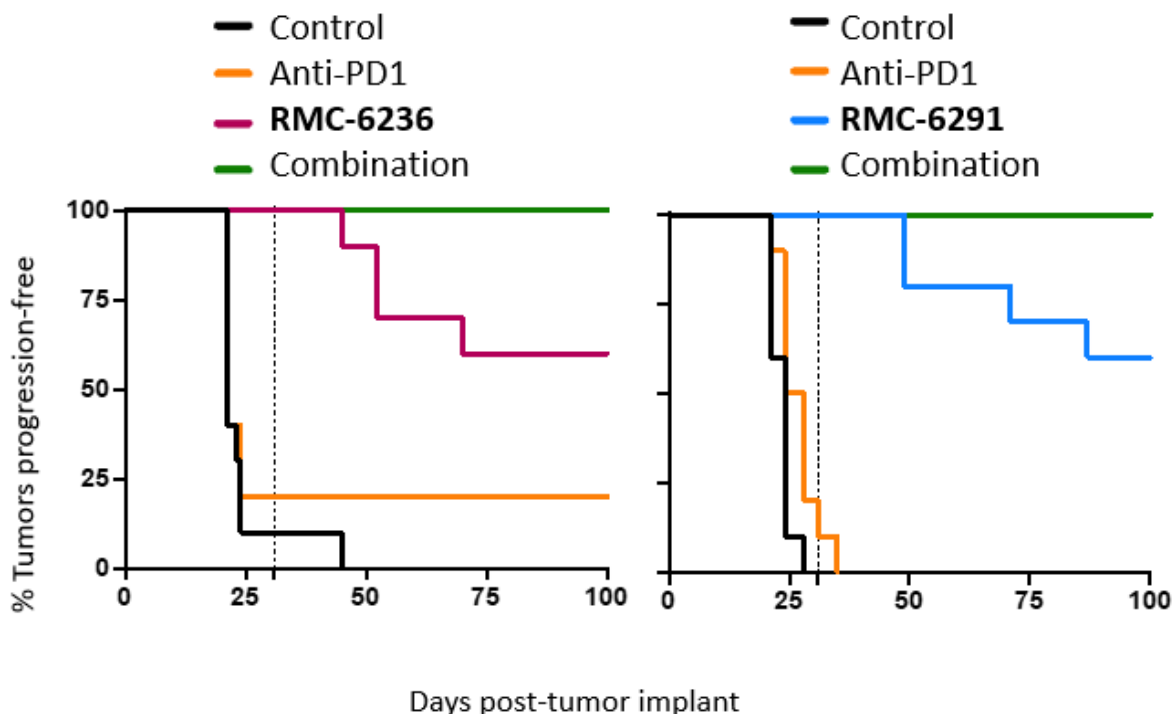
Re-challenge experiments demonstrated RMC-6236 treatment induced long lasting immunological memory

RVMD preclinical research
Syngeneic tumor model with CT26 cell line engineered to express KRAS^{G12C}
M2 Mφ = M2 macrophages; mMDSCs = Monocytic myeloid derived suppressor cells

Combination therapy clinical trial to test the hypothesis now ongoing

Phase 1b Combos: RAS(ON) Inhibitor Combinations with Pembrolizumab to Inform Potential Evaluation in 1L NSCLC

Preclinical Validation⁽¹⁾



RMC-LUNG-101 Clinical Trial: Pembrolizumab⁽²⁾

Objectives: evaluate safety, tolerability and preliminary activity of RMC-6236 and RMC-6291 each combined with pembrolizumab

Patient Population: RMC-6236 in KRAS-mutant NSCLC, RMC-6291 in KRAS G12C NSCLC

Study Status: Recruiting

Vaccines approaches

ELI-002 Personalized mKRAS vaccine (Amplify-201)

nature medicine



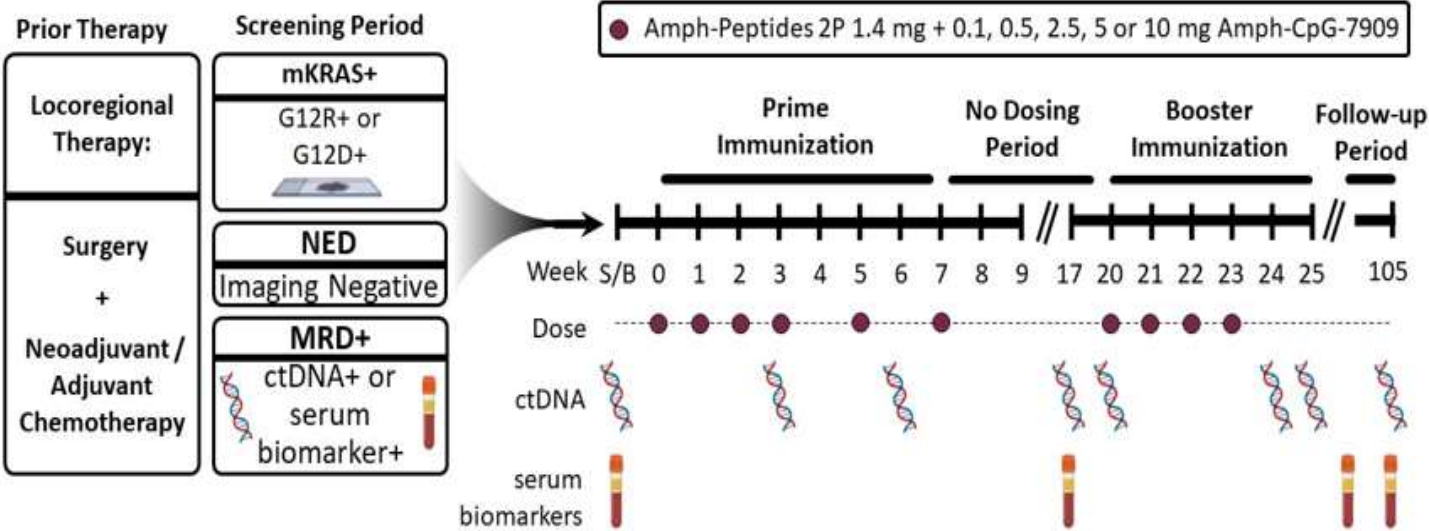
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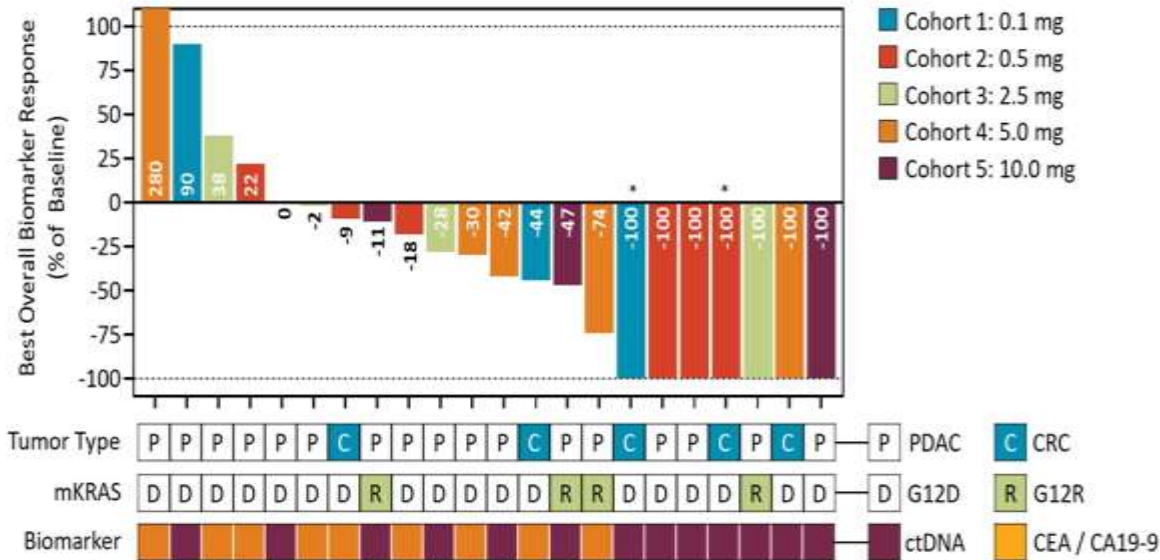
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Pancreatic and colorectal cancers are often KRAS mutated and are incurable when tumor DNA or protein persists or recurs after curative intent therapy



Reduction = % decrease from baseline
➤ 17/22 (77%)

Clearance = 0 MTM/mL on ctDNA assay
➤ 7/22 (32%)



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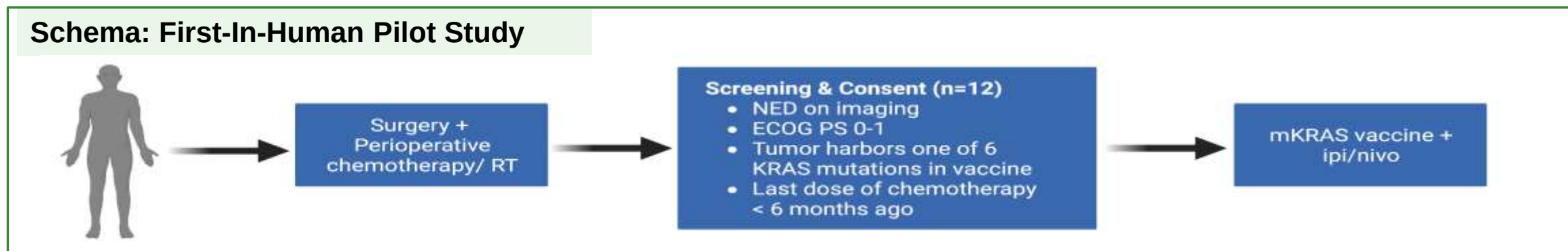
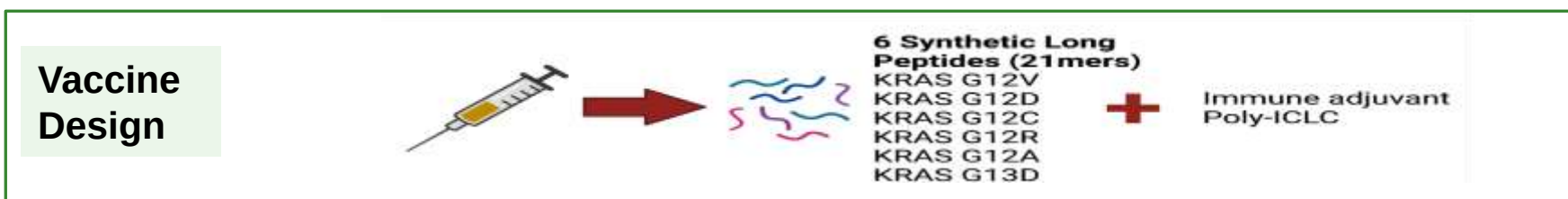


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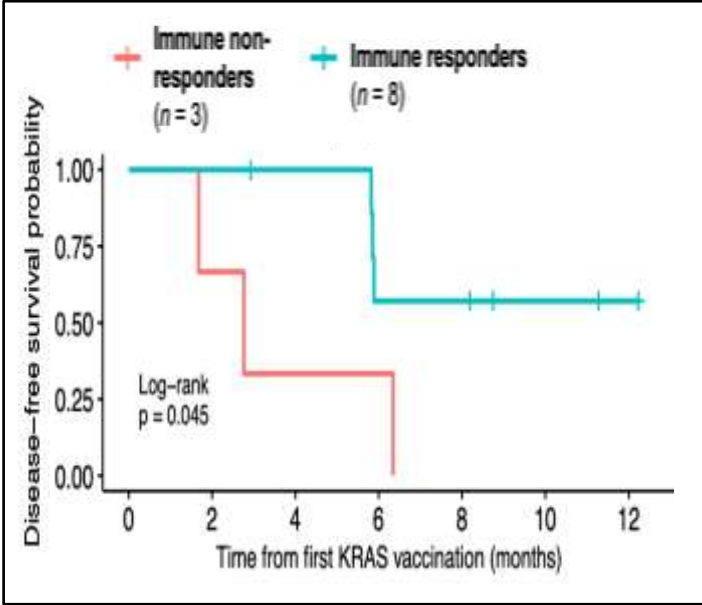
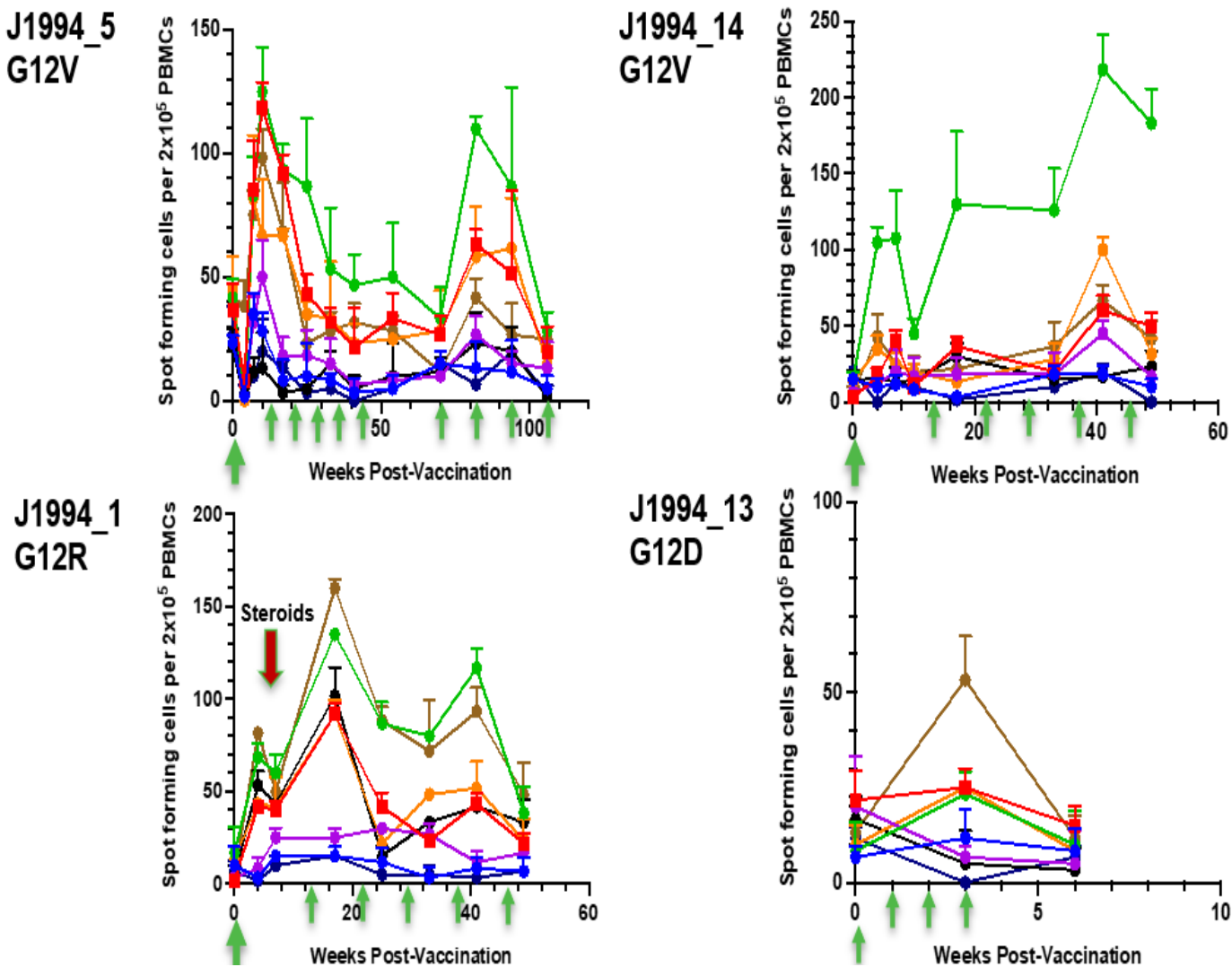


mKRAS vaccines now in clinic

Pooled long peptide mKRAS vaccine + ipilimumab/ nivolumab in resected PDAC and advanced CRC patients



mKRAS-specific immune responses seen and correlated with DFS



ACTIVITY NOTED IN PRETREATED MCRC

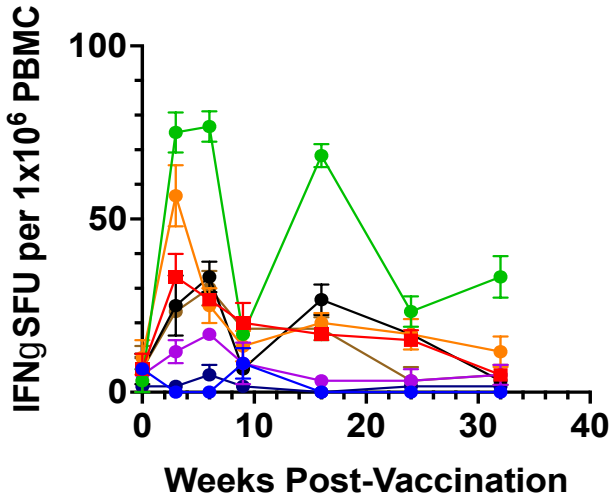
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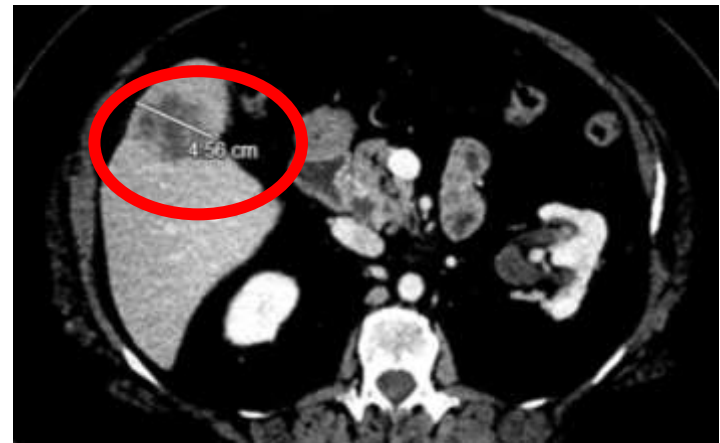
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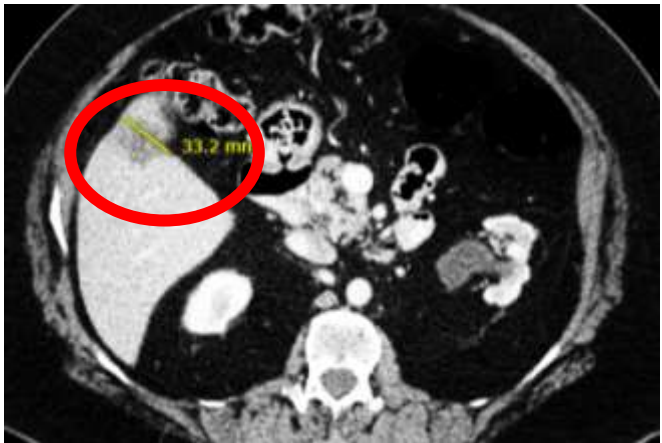
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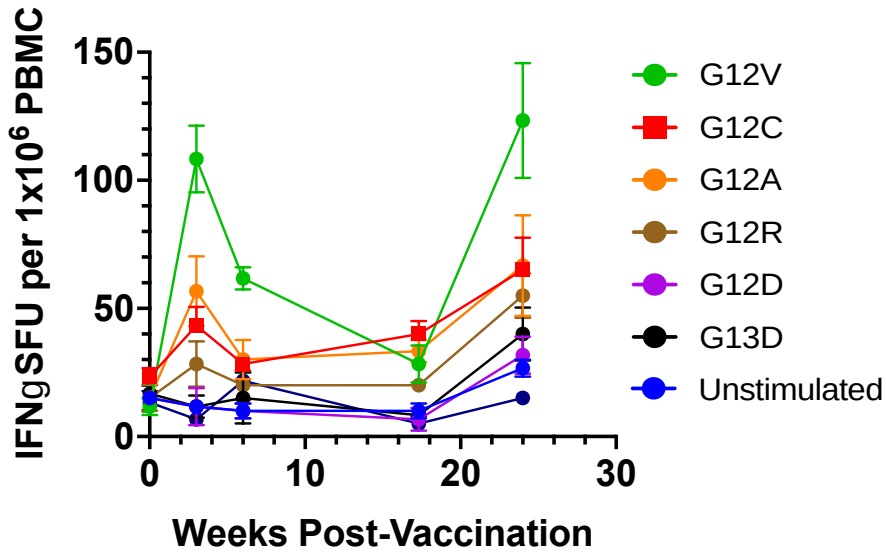
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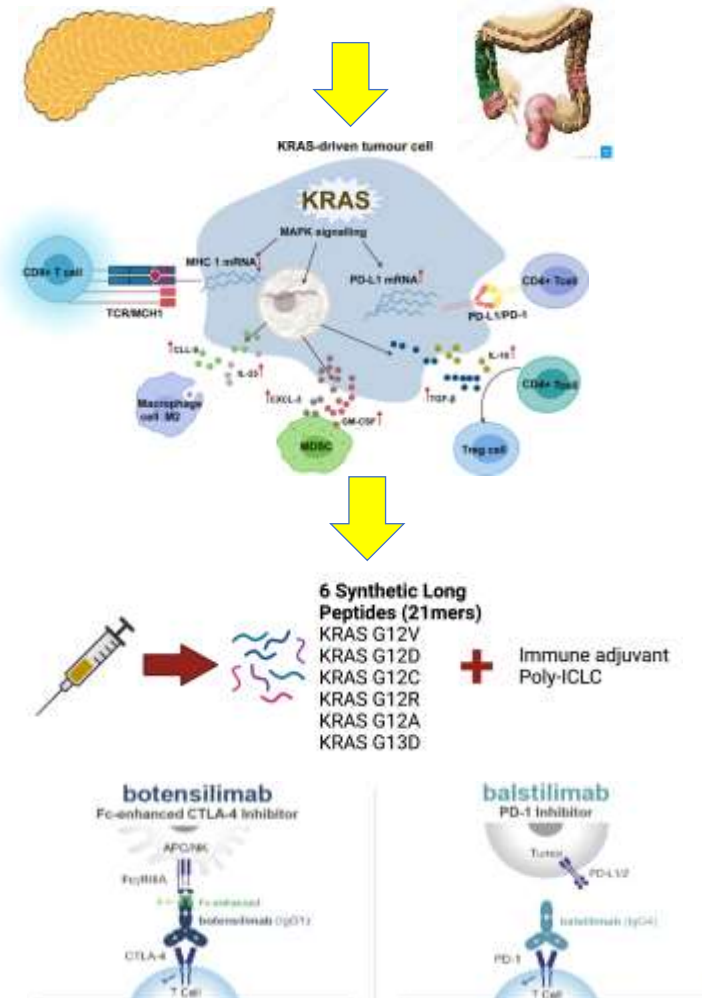
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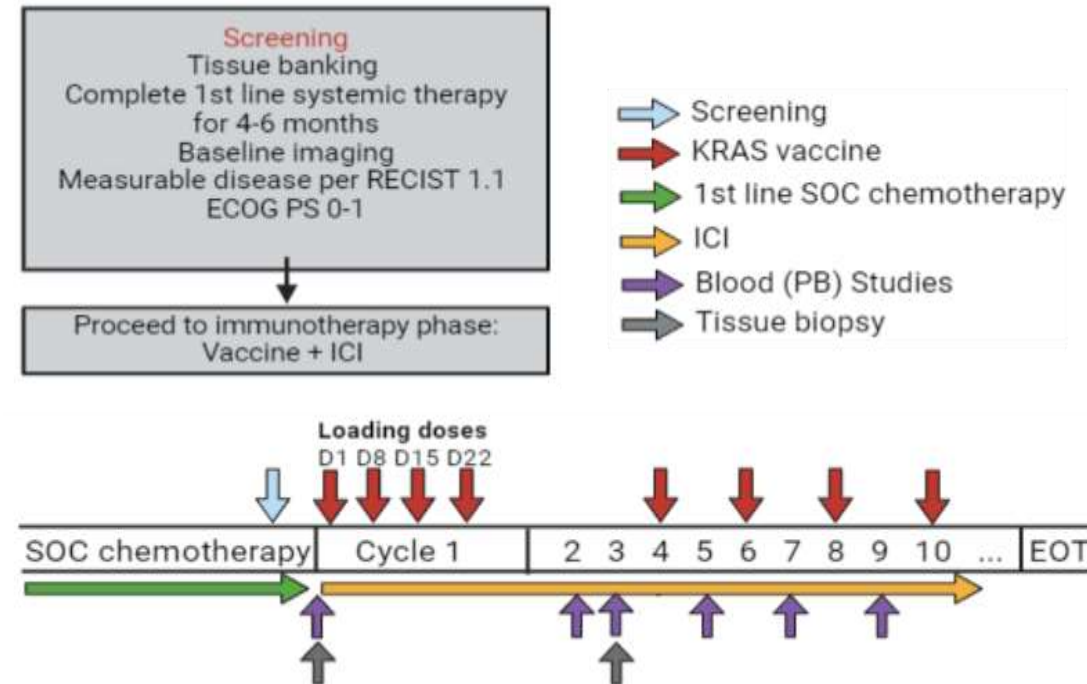
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Moving strategy earlier in care



Eligibility Criteria:

- Histologically or cytologically proven unresectable MSS CRC or PDAC
- Have one of the six KRAS mutations included in the vaccine
- Have received 4-6 months of 1st line chemotherapy +/- VEGFi or EGFRi



Rationale for anti-cancer vaccines + KRAS inhibitors

- KRAS mutations decrease MHC I expression needed for antigen presentation
 - KRAS inhibitors result in increased MHC 1 expression
- KRAS mutations result in T cell inactivation/exhaustion
 - Immune checkpoint inhibitors activate T cells
- Common GI cancers have low #s of TILs and neoantigens
 - We now have mKRAS-specific vaccines

KRAS inhibitor

+

ICI inhibition

+

mKRAS specific
vaccine

=

?Durable
Clinical Benefit?

Prediction: PDAC patients in the next few years will ubiquitously receive KRAS inhibitors as part of their therapy

Conclusions

- We need to be working, now, on trial designs that explore:
 - Sequencing of direct KRAS inhibitors
 - Combination approaches for MAPK signaling and more broadly
 - Understanding and overcoming resistance
 - Exploring the effect of KRASi on the stroma and TME to develop other classes of agents
- Pharmaceutical companies and investigators need to work together to answer these questions quickly and together

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