



Phase III Study of trifluridine/tipiracil in combination with bevacizumab vs trifluridine/tipiracil single agent in patients with refractory metastatic colorectal cancer

Effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutations on overall survival in patients with refractory metastatic colorectal cancer: a post-hoc analysis of the phase 3 SUNLIGHT trial

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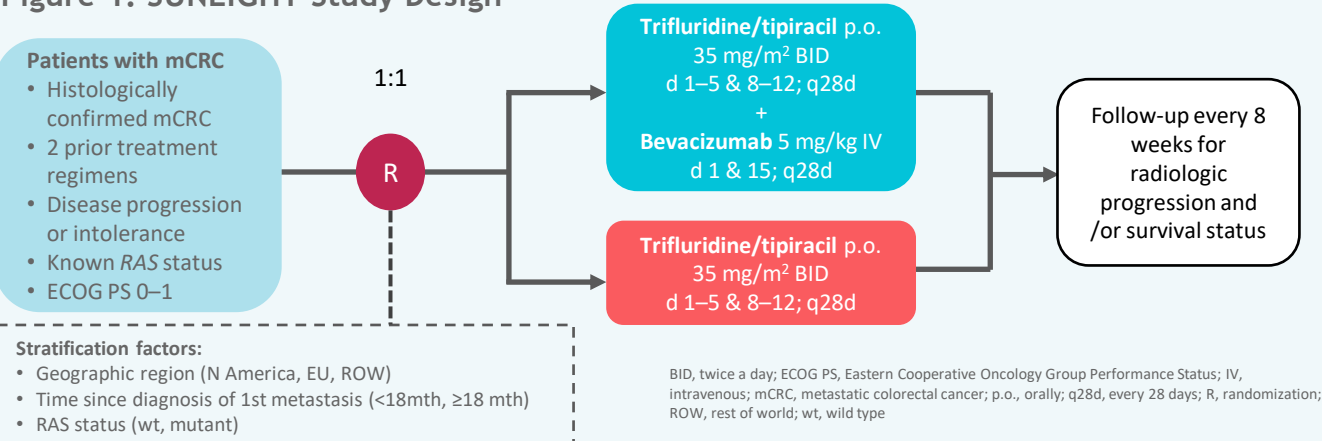
Background

- SUNLIGHT was an international, open-label, randomized, phase 3 study comparing trifluridine/tipiracil (FTD/TPI) in combination with bevacizumab versus FTD/TPI monotherapy, as third-line treatment in patients with refractory metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC)¹
- In SUNLIGHT, median overall survival (OS) was improved by 3.3 months with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab (10.8 months with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab vs. 7.5 months with FTD/TPI, HR: 0.61 [95% CI: 0.49,0.77] P<0.001)¹
- This has led to the approval of this combination for the treatment of previously treated mCRC by the European Medicines Agency,² and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration³
- 44% of mCRC patients harbor mutations in *KRAS*, with mutations occurring most frequently at codon G12 (*KRAS*^{G12})⁴
- A meta-analysis reported no effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutations on OS in patients treated with FTD/TPI monotherapy⁵
- The aim of this analysis was to investigate the effects of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status on OS in patients with mCRC treated with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab, utilizing data from the SUNLIGHT study

Methods

- This was a post-hoc analysis of data from the SUNLIGHT trial (NCT04737187; trial design overview shown in Figure 1)

Figure 1: SUNLIGHT Study Design



- OS was compared between patients with and without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation in the SUNLIGHT population
- A subgroup analysis according to *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status was conducted to assess the effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutation on the treatment benefit associated with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab vs FTD/TPI monotherapy on OS

Results

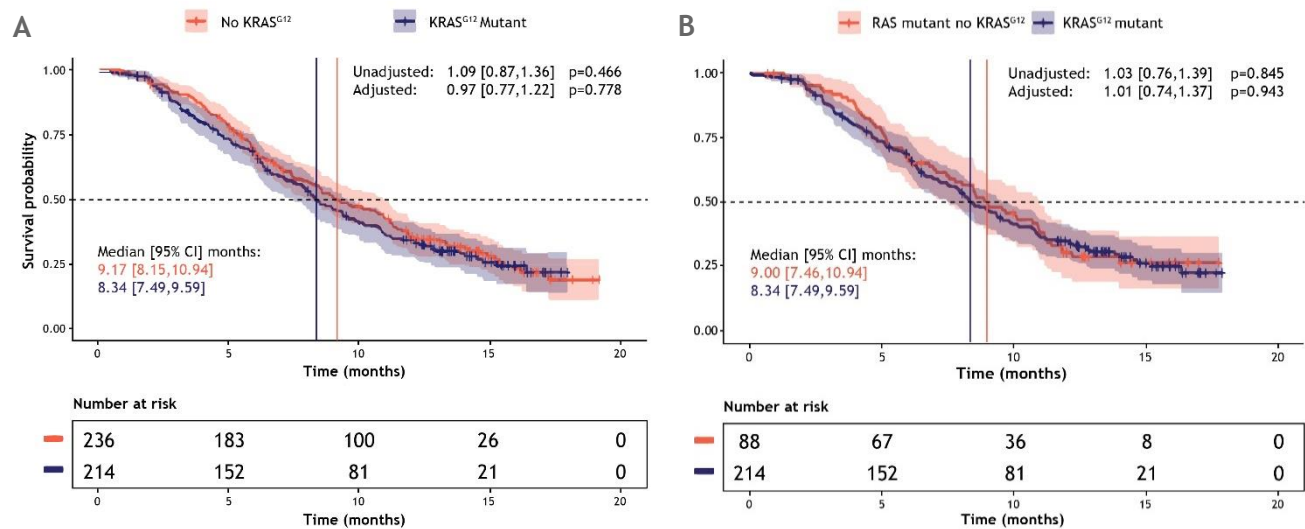
Effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status on OS in total SUNLIGHT population (treated with combination therapy or with monotherapy)

- In the overall population, a similar OS trend was observed in patients regardless of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status (Figure 2A)
- Patients with a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation had a median OS of 8.34 months [95% CI: 7.49,9.59], while patients without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation had median OS of 9.17 months [95% CI: 8.15,10.94]
- A non-detrimental effect on OS was observed in patients with a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation compared with patients without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation, shown by an OS HR of 1.09 [95% CI: 0.87,1.36]

Effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status on OS in RAS mutant patients

- In a subgroup analysis of patients with a RAS mutation, patients had a similar OS trend independent of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status (Figure 2B)
- RAS mutant patients without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation has a median OS of 9.00 months [95% CI: 7.46,10.94], while median OS for RAS mutant patients with mutated *KRAS*^{G12} was 8.34 months [95% CI: 7.49,9.59]

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier analysis of OS in the A) overall SUNLIGHT population, with or without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation, and in a B) RAS mutant patient subgroup, with or without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation

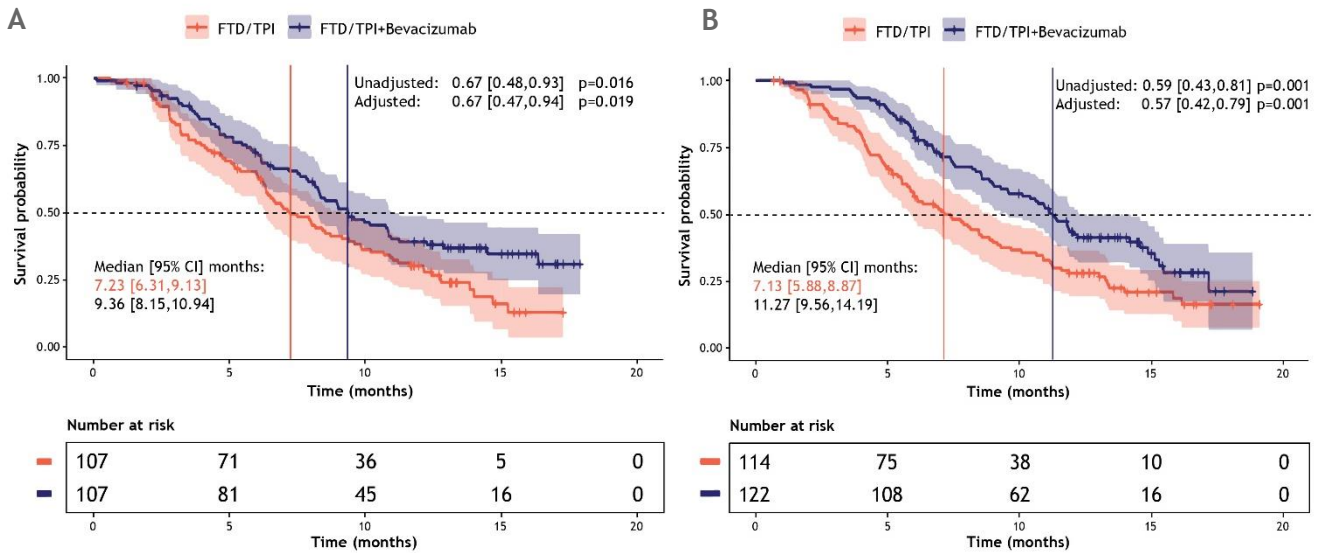


A) With *KRAS*^{G12} mutation N = 214; Without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation N=236 B) With RAS mutation, no *KRAS*^{G12} mutation N=88; With *KRAS*^{G12} mutation N = 214

Effect of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status on treatment benefit associated with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab vs FTD/TPI monotherapy on OS

- Patients treated with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab had prolonged OS compared with patients that received FTD/TPI monotherapy, regardless of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status (Figure 3)
- In the *KRAS*^{G12} mutant subgroup, mOS was 9.36 months (95% CI: 8.15,10.94) with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab vs 7.23 months [95% CI: 6.31,9.13] with FTD/TPI monotherapy (HR, 0.67; [95% CI: 0.48,0.93])
- In the subgroup without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation, median OS was 11.27 months (95% CI: 9.56 - 14.19) with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab vs 7.13 months [95% CI: 5.88,8.87] with FTD/TPI monotherapy (HR, 0.59; [95% CI: 0.43,0.81])

Figure 3: Kaplan-Meier analysis of OS in patients treated with FTD/TPI + bevacizumab or FTD/TPI monotherapy (A) with *KRAS*^{G12} mutation or (B) without a *KRAS*^{G12} mutation



A) Treated with FTD/TPI + Bevacizumab N=107; Treated with FTD/TPI N=107 B) Treated with FTD/TPI + Bevacizumab N=122; Treated with FTD/TPI N=114

Conclusions

- KRAS*^{G12} mutational status has no detrimental effect on OS in patients with mCRC who are receiving FTD/TPI (as a monotherapy or in combination with bevacizumab) as third-line treatment
- Patients receiving a combination of FTD/TPI + bevacizumab showed an increase in OS compared to FTD/TPI monotherapy, independently of *KRAS*^{G12} mutational status

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