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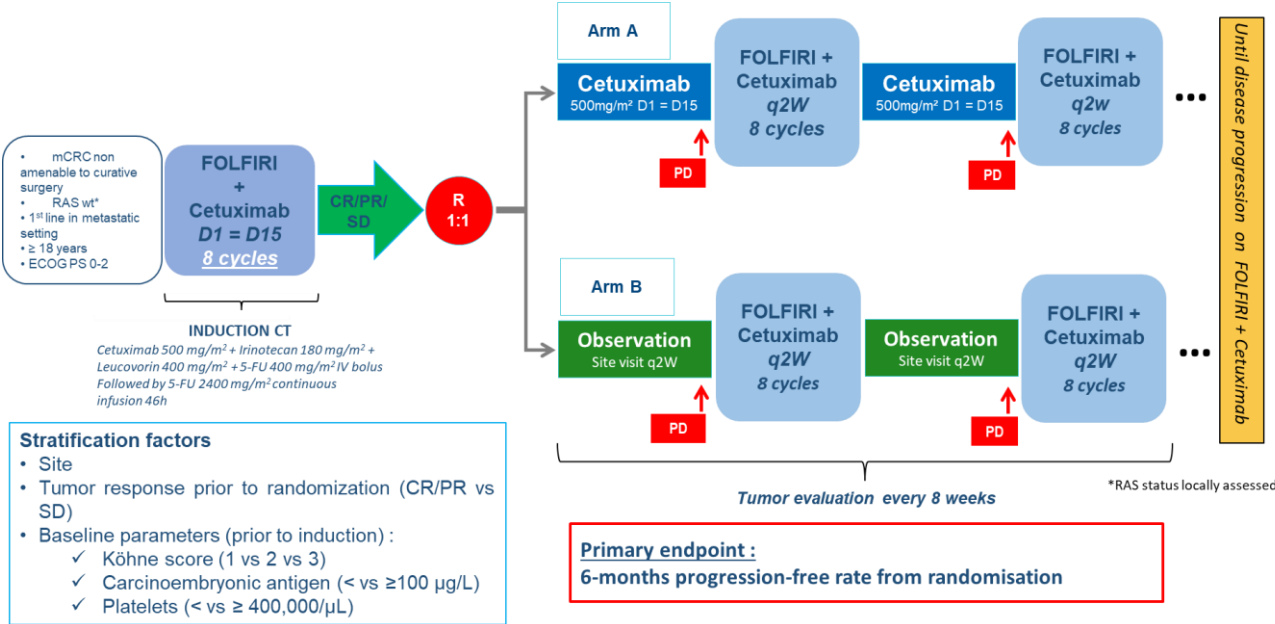
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eFigure 1. Study Design



CR, complete response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FOLFIRI, fluorouracil, folinic acid, and irinotecan; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; PS, performance status; q2w, biweekly; R, random assignment; SD, stable disease; wt, wild type.

eTable 1. Stratification Factors in Patients Randomized (ITT2 Population)

	Arm A Cetuximab n=67	Arm B Observation, n=72
Baseline CEA ($\mu\text{g/l}$)		
< 100, %	59.7	59.7
\geq 100, %	40.3	40.3
Baseline platelets ($/\mu\text{l}$),%		
< 400,000, %	77.6	77.8
\geq 400,000, %	22.4	22.2
Köhne score		
Low, %	35.8	34.7
Intermediate, %	46.3	50.0
High, %	17.9	15.3

CEA, carcinoembryonic antigen

eTable 2. Number of FOLFIRI Plus Cetuximab Sequence Reintroductions in Patients Randomized (ITT2 Population)

	Arm A Cetuximab maintenance (n = 67)	Arm B Observation (n = 72)
Number of FOLFIRI-cetuximab sequence reintroductions Median [Range]	1 [0-3]	1 [0-6]
0, No. (%)	19 (28.4)	17 (23.6)
1, No. (%)	34 (50.7)	29 (40.3)
2, No. (%)	9 (13.4)	17 (23.6)
≥ 3, No. (%)	5 (7.5)	9 (12.5)

FOLFIRI, fluorouracil, folinic acid, and irinotecan

eTable 3. Summary of Outcomes in *RAS* and *BRAF*^{V600} Wild-Type Randomized Patients (ITT3 Population)

	Patients randomized			
	Arm A (Cetuximab)		Arm B (observation)	
	ITT2 n = 67	ITT3 <i>BRAF</i> ^{V600} + <i>RAS</i> WT n = 60 (90%)	ITT2 n=72	ITT3 <i>BRAF</i> ^{V600} + <i>RAS</i> WT n = 66 (92 %)
ORR during induction CT, (% evaluable patients)	75	78	69	68
6-month PFR, % (95%CI)	39 (27; 52)	42 (29; 55)	6 (2; 14)	6 (2; 15)
Median PFS from randomization, months (95%CI)	5.3 (3.7; 7.4)	5.7 (3.7; 7.7)	2.0 (1.8; 2.7)	2.0 (1.8; 2.8)
Median OS from randomization, months (95%CI)	24.8 (18.7; 30.4)	25.6 (19.4; 31.1)	19.7 (13.3; 24.4)	19.7 (13.4; 24.4)
Median OS from inclusion, months (95%CI)	28.6 (22.8; 35.0)	29.6 (24.1; 35.1)	24.4 (17.2; 28.6)	24.4 (17.2; 28.6)
Median TSF, months (95%CI)	8.7 (7.5; 15)	9.4 (7.7; 15.9)	10.1 (7.3; 10.9)	10.3 (7.4; 11)

ORR, objective response rate; PFR, progression-free rate; CT, chemotherapy; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; TSF, time to strategy failure

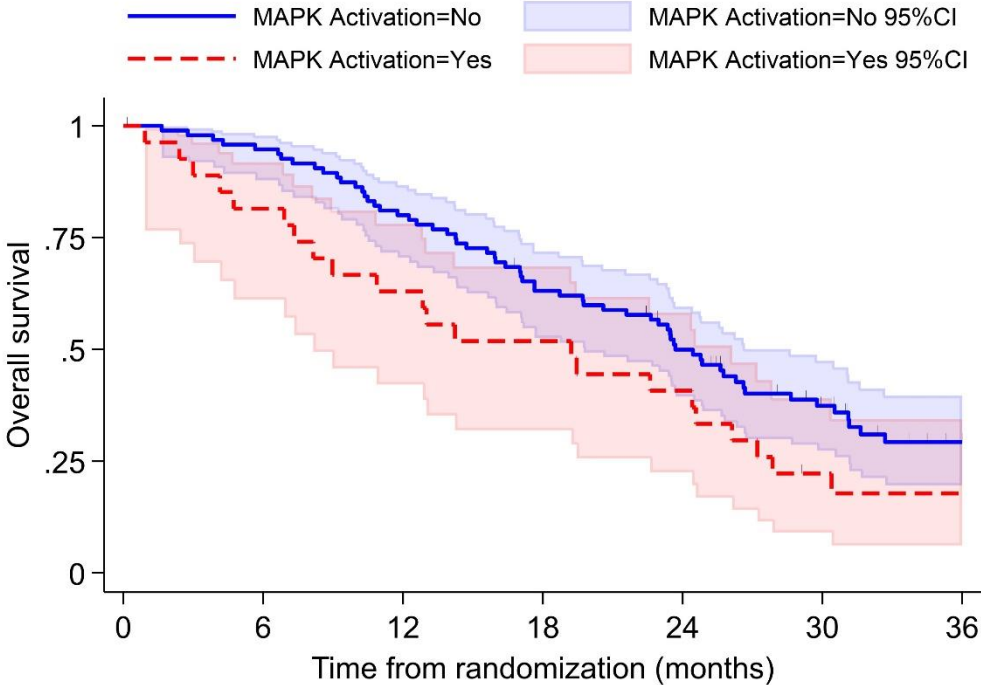
eTable 4. Detailed Tumor NGS Data Available in the ITT1 Population (n=189)
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eTable 5. Summary of *TP53*, MAPK or *PIK3CA* Pathway Activating Mutations (ITT1 Population)

		Patients not randomized n=75	Patients randomized			Overall population n=214
			Cetuximab N=67	Observation N=72	Total, n=139	
<i>TP53</i>	wt, No. (%)	27 (40.9)	22 (36.1)	24 (38.7)	46 (37.4)	73 (38.6)
	Mutated, No. (%)	39 (59.1)	39 (63.9)	38 (61.3)	77 (62.6)	116 (61.4)
	<i>Missing, No.</i>	9	6	10	16	25
MAPK	wt, No. (%)	39 (59.1)	47 (77.0)	49 (79.0)	96 (78.0)	135 (71.4)
	Mutated, No. (%)	27 (40.9)	14 (23.0)	13 (21.0)	27 (22.0)	54 (28.6)
	<i>Missing, No.</i>	9	6	10	16	25
<i>PIK3CA</i>	wt, No. (%)	54 (81.8%)	49 (80.3%)	50 (80.6%)	99 (80.5%)	153 (80.9%)
	Mutated, No. (%)	12 (18.2%)	12 (19.7%)	12 (19.4%)	24 (19.5%)	36 (19.1%)
	<i>Missing, No.</i>	9	6	10	16	25

MAPK, Mitogen-activated protein kinase; wt, wild-type

eFigure 2. Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Overall Survival From Randomization According to MAPK Pathway Activation (ITT2 Population)

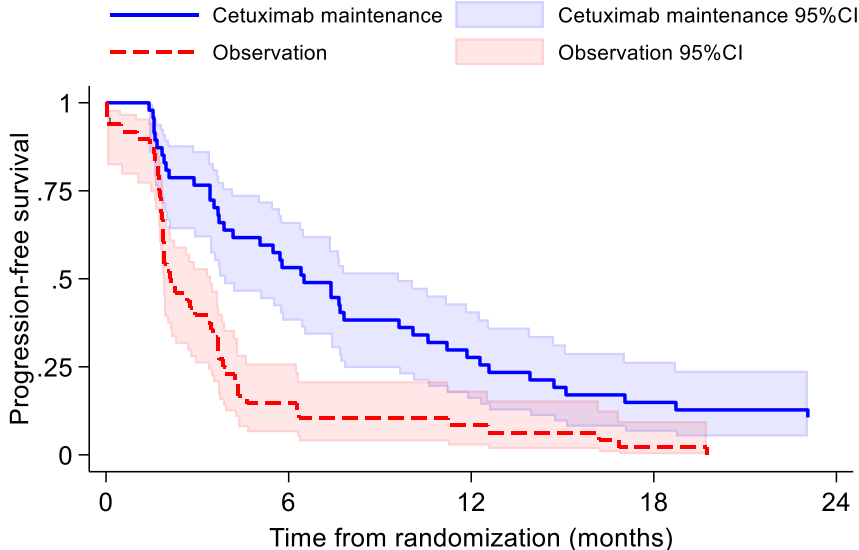


Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36
MAPK Activation - No	96	90	76	59	44	26	14	
MAPK Activation - Yes	27	22	17	14	11	5	4	

MAPK, Mitogen-activated protein kinase

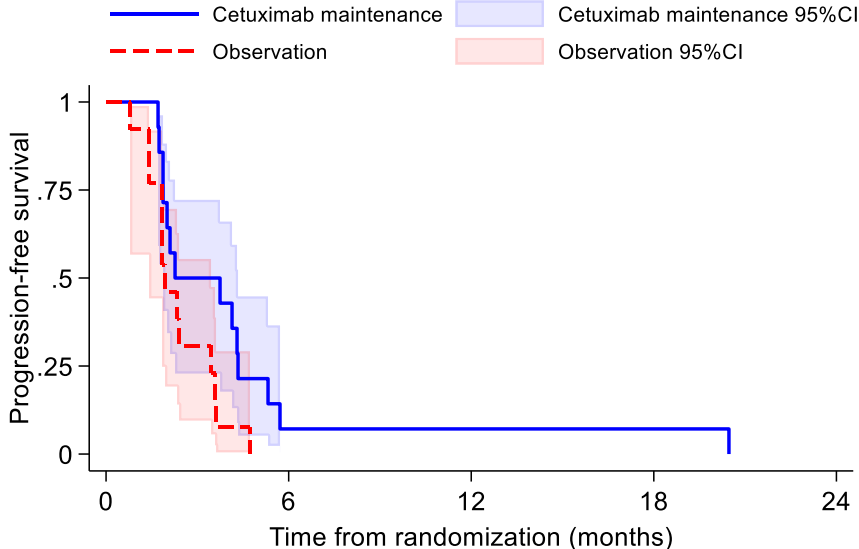
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MAPK pathway non activated by treatment arm



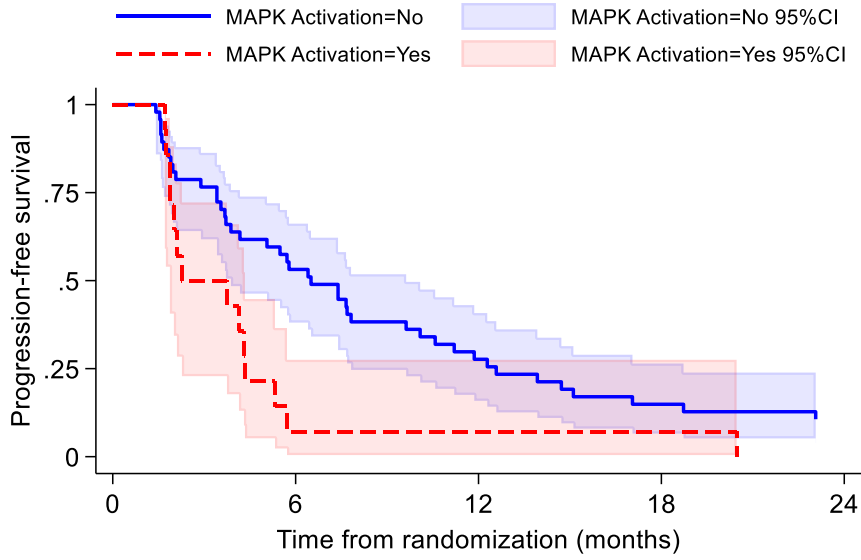
Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24
Cetuximab maintenance	47	25	13	7	5	
Observation	49	7	4	1	0	

MAPK pathway activated by treatment arm



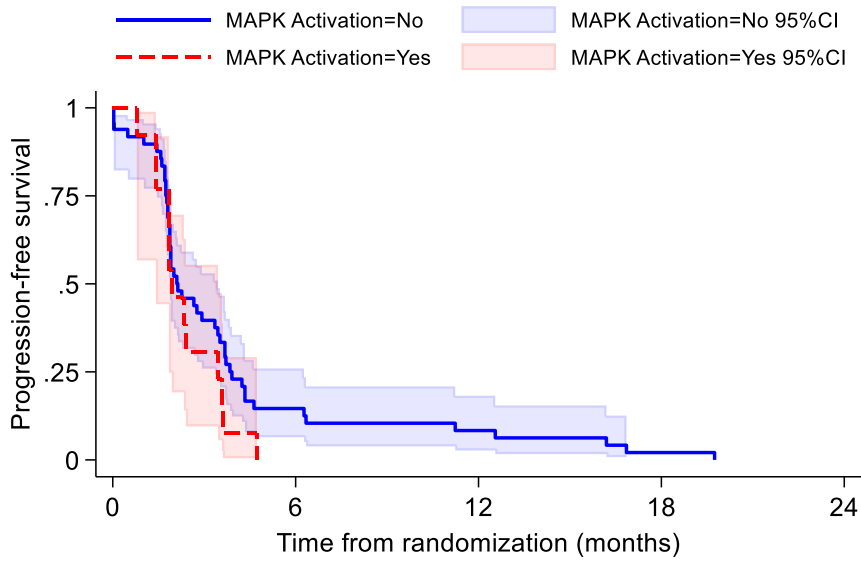
Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24
Cetuximab maintenance	14	1	1	1	0	
Observation	13	0	0	0	0	

Cetuximab arm by MAPK pathway activation



Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24
MAPK Activation - No	47	25	13	7	5	
MAPK Activation - Yes	14	1	1	1	0	

Observation arm by MAPK pathway activation



Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24
MAPK Activation - No	49	7	4	1	0	
MAPK Activation - Yes	13	0	0	0	0	

MAPK, Mitogen-activated protein kinase

eTable 6. Exploratory Multivariate Analysis: Factors Significantly Associated With Progression-Free (A) and Overall Survival (B) in Patients Randomized (ITT2 Population)

A)

	Progression-free survival N = 122, Events = 119	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)^{Cox}	p-value
Arm			<.0001
Cetuximab		0.36 (0.24-0.53)	
Observation		Reference	
Baseline platelet count			0.0397
< 400 x 10 ⁹ /L		Reference	
≥ 400 x 10 ⁹ /L		1.64 (1.03-2.63)	
Köhne Score			0.0368
1		Reference	
2		1.52 (1.00-2.29)	
3		0.81 (0.46-1.45)	
Site of primary tumor			0.0014
Right		2.33 (1.39-3.92)	
Left		Reference	
MAPK pathway activation			0.0437
No		Reference	
Yes		1.63 (1.01-2.62)	

B)

	Overall survival N=138, Events = 104	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)^{Cox}	p-value
Baseline platelet count			0.0289
< 400 x 10 ⁹ /L		Reference	
≥ 400 x 10 ⁹ /L		1.66 (1.05-2.61)	
Site of primary tumor			0.0011
Right		2.13 (1.35-3.36)	
Left		Reference	

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eTable 7. Adverse Events of Interest During Induction FOLFIRI Plus Cetuximab and During First Chemotherapy-Free Interval

	Induction FOLFIRI plus cetuximab		First chemotherapy free interval			
	Safety set N = 208		Arm A (Cetuximab) N = 67		Arm B (Observation) N = 72	
	All grade	Grade ≥ 3	All grade	Grade ≥ 3	All grade	Grade ≥ 3
Anemia	123 (59.1%)	4 (1.9%)	25 (37.3%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (30.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Leucopenia	86 (41.3%)	6 (2.9%)	5 (7.5%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Neutropenia	85 (40.9%)	33 (15.9%)	7 (10.4%)	1 (1.5%)	4 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Febrile neutropenia	9 (4.3%)	9 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Lymphopenia	73 (35.1%)	7 (3.4%)	15 (22.4%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (25.0%)	2 (2.8%)
Pancytopenia	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Thrombocytopenia	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Conjunctivitis	16 (7.7%)	1 (0.5%)	10 (14.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)
Constipation	44 (21.2%)	1 (0.5%)	8 (11.9%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (6.9%)	2 (2.8%)
Diarrhea	119 (57.2%)	19 (9.1%)	22 (32.8%)	4 (6.0%)	6 (8.3%)	1 (1.4%)
Abdominal pain	37 (17.8%)	8 (3.8%)	14 (20.9%)	3 (4.5%)	12 (16.7%)	5 (6.9%)
Gastroenteritis	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Mucositis	63 (30.3%)	6 (2.9%)	2 (3.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Nausea	92 (44.2%)	7 (3.4%)	13 (19.4%)	1 (1.5%)	5 (6.9%)	1 (1.4%)
Pancreatitis	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Gastrointestinal obstruction	12 (5.8%)	10 (4.8%)	2 (3.0%)	1 (1.5%)	3 (4.2%)	3 (4.2%)
Vomiting	41 (19.7%)	8 (3.8%)	7 (10.4%)	1 (1.5%)	2 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)
General physical health/deterioration	10 (4.8%)	8 (3.8%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)	4 (5.6%)	4 (5.6%)
Fatigue	115 (55.3%)	10 (4.8%)	28 (41.8%)	2 (3.0%)	18 (25.0%)	2 (2.8%)
Fever	20 (9.6%)	2 (1.0%)	3 (4.5%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	1 (1.4%)
Malaise	5 (2.4%)	2 (1.0%)	2 (3.0%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Edema	13 (6.3%)	1 (0.5%)	6 (9.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Allergic reaction	20 (9.6%)	9 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Infection	37 (17.8%)	13 (6.3%)	11 (16.4%)	3 (4.5%)	4 (5.6%)	2 (2.8%)
ALT/AST increased	88 (42.3%)	2 (1.0%)	21 (31.3%)	0 (0.0%)	20 (27.8%)	2 (2.8%)
Gama GT increased	110 (52.9%)	42 (20.2%)	36 (53.7%)	12 (17.9%)	28 (38.9%)	14 (19.4%)
Alkaline phosphatase increased	104 (50.0%)	8 (3.8%)	27 (40.3%)	2 (3.0%)	23 (31.9%)	4 (5.6%)
Hypophosphatemia	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	1 (1.4%)
Anorexia	40 (19.2%)	8 (3.8%)	5 (7.5%)	2 (3.0%)	6 (8.3%)	1 (1.4%)
LDH increased	27 (13.0%)	0 (0.0%)	16 (23.9%)	1 (1.5%)	9 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Dehydration	3 (1.4%)	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hyperglycemia	20 (9.6%)	1 (0.5%)	8 (11.9%)	2 (3.0%)	4 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Hyperkalemia	6 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	10 (14.9%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (8.3%)	1 (1.4%)
Hypoalbuminemia	25 (12.0%)	3 (1.4%)	5 (7.5%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypocalcemia	52 (25.0%)	1 (0.5%)	9 (13.4%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypokalemia	28 (13.5%)	5 (2.4%)	5 (7.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypomagnesemia	70 (33.7%)	1 (0.5%)	31 (46.3%)	3 (4.5%)	7 (9.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypophosphoremia	4 (1.9%)	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)

	Induction FOLFIRI plus cetuximab		First chemotherapy free interval					
	Safety set N = 208		Arm A (Cetuximab) N = 67		Arm B (Observation) N = 72			
	All grade	Grade ≥ 3	All grade	Grade ≥ 3	All grade	Grade ≥ 3		
Malnutrition	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	1 (1.4%)		
Intercranial hypertension	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)		
Renal and urinary disorders	16 (7.7%)	2 (1.0%)	5 (7.5%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	1 (1.4%)		
Dyspnea	8 (3.8%)	3 (1.4%)	8 (11.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.8%)	1 (1.4%)		
Rash/Erythema	123 (59.1%)	9 (4.3%)	50 (74.6%)	8 (11.9%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)		
Alopecia	38 (18.3%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (10.4%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)		
Nail damage	27 (13.0%)	1 (0.5%)	18 (26.9%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)		
Erythroderma	17 (8.2%)	2 (1.0%)	10 (14.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)		
Palmoplantar erythrodysesthesia	31 (14.9%)	1 (0.5%)	13 (19.4%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)		
Skin crack	39 (18.8%)	0 (0.0%)	21 (31.3%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)		
Mycosis	5 (2.4%)	1 (0.5%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)		
Pruritus	25 (12.0%)	1 (0.5%)	8 (11.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)		
Dry skin	75 (36.1%)	0 (0.0%)	21 (31.3%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (6.9%)	0 (0.0%)		
Thromboembolic event	24 (11.5%)	11 (5.3%)	2 (3.0%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.4%)	1 (1.4%)		
Hypertension	11 (5.3%)	1 (0.5%)	2 (3.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)		
Cardiac disorder	8 (3.8%)	3 (1.4%)	3 (4.5%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)		

eMethods. Sequencing

Samples were characterized for molecular alterations by targeted NGS (Ion AmpliSeq™ Colon-Lung Cancer Research Panel v2, Life Technologies™). Briefly the multiplex barcoded libraries are generated from 30-10ng of DNA following manufacturer's recommendations (Ion ampliseq library kit V2) and are normalized using the Ion Library Equalizer™ Kit. The pooled libraries (max 96) are processed on Ion Chef™ System for template preparation and chip loading (Ion PI HI-Q Chef Kit, Ion PI Chip V3), and sequenced on the Ion Proton™ System (Life Technologies™). The FASTQs sequencing data are aligned to the human genome (hg19) and processed using IonTorrent Suite. This package included the Torrent Variant Caller using the built-in "Somatic - low stringency" with optimized parameters to automatically call variants with allelic ratio >2%. Minimal depth used was 300X.