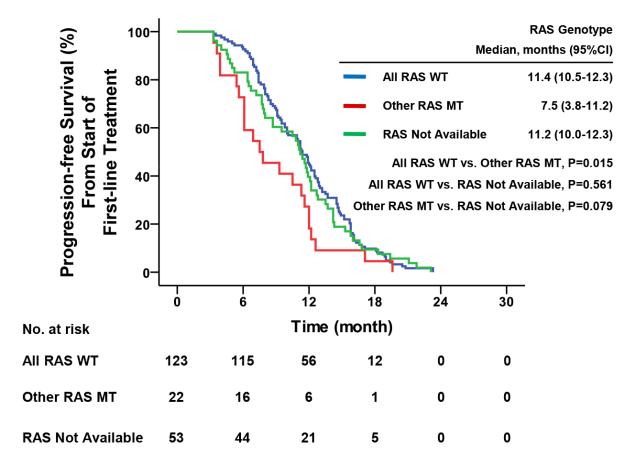
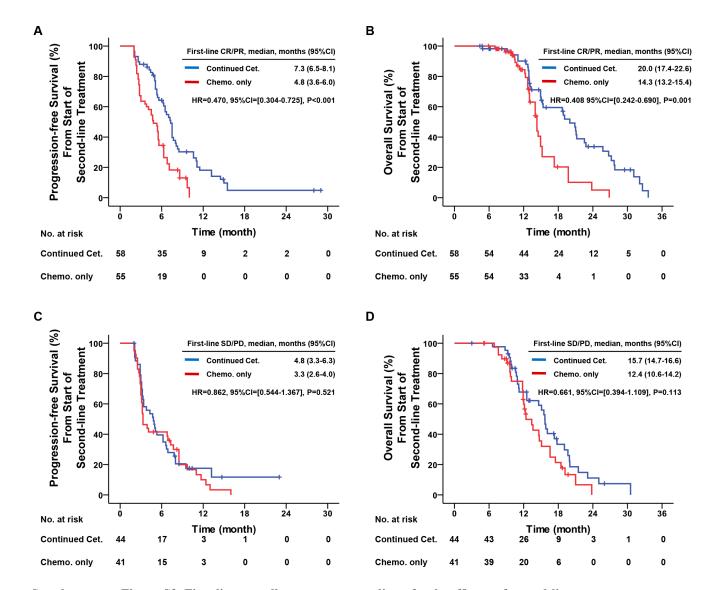
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Supplementary Materials



Supplementary Figure S1: Patients with other RAS mutation had poorer first-line PFS. Kapian-Meier curves of first-line progression- free survival with standard first-line cetuximab-based treatment. Patients with all RAS wild type had significantly better first-line progression-free survival than patients with other RAS mutation. WT: wild type; MT: mutant type. P: log-rank test.



Supplementary Figure S2: First-line overall response as a predictor for the efficacy of second-line treatment. (A) Kaplan-Meier progression-free survival and (B) overall survival curves for patients reached CR/PR in first-line treatment, (C) progression-free survival and (D) overall survival curves for patients with first-line SD/PD, comparing the continued cetuximab plus changed chemotherapy and changed chemotherapy only as second-line treatment. Cet.: Cetuximab; Chemo.: chemotherapy; CR: complete response; PR: partial response; SD: stable disease; PD: progressive disease; HR hazard ratio; Cl: confidence interval. *P* value: by log-rank test.

Supplementary Table S1: Univariate and multivariate analysis for second-line progression-free survival

	Second-line median PFS (month)	Univariate analysis			Multivariate analysis		
		HR	95% CI	P value	HR	95% CI	P value
Age - year							
≤ 55	5.4	1	-	-	1	-	-
> 55	5.3	1.183	0.872-1.605	0.280	1.269	0.915–1.761	0.154
Sex							
Male	5.6	1	-	-	1	-	-
Female	5.0	1.274	0.927-1.750	0.135	1.331	0.932-1.901	0.116
ECOG performance status							
0	5.5	1	-	-	1	-	-
1–2	5.3	1.123	0.826-1.528	0.459	1.098	0.421-1.056	0.586
Primary tumor site							
Right-sided colon	4.8	1	-	-	1	-	-
Left-sided colon	7.1	0.660	0.442-0.987	0.043*	0.667	0.421-1.056	0.084
Rectum	5.3	1.016	0.714–1.446	0.928	1.051	0.702-1.574	0.808
Organs with metastases							
Liver only	5.5	1	-	-	1	-	-
Liver plus others	5.3	1.030	0.711-1.494	0.874	0.925	0.622-1.376	0.701
Non-liver	5.1	0.973	0.493-1.921	0.937	0.817	0.399-1.674	0.581
Other RAS genotype							
Wild type	6.3	1	-	-	1	-	-
Mutant type	3.3	1.807	1.124-2.906	0.015*	2.141	1.285–3.569	0.003*
Not available	3.9	1.178	0.832-1.669	0.355	1.221	0.837-1.782	0.299
BRAF genotype							
Wild type	5.6	1	-	-	1	-	-
Mutant type	3.2	2.859	1.615-5.063	< 0.001*	3.001	1.639-5.494	< 0.001*
Primary tumor resection							
No	4.7	1	-	-	1	-	-
Yes	5.5	0.964	0.685-1.357	0.834	0.813	0.566-1.170	0.265

In first-line cetuximab-based treatment							
Chemotherapy regimen							
mFOLFOX6	5.6	1	-	-	1	-	-
FOLFIRI	4.8	1.058	0.778-1.439	0.721	0.903	0.635-1.284	0.570
Maintenance treatment							
No	5.3	1	-	-	1	-	-
Yes	5.5	1.015	0.732-1.407	0.929	1.086	0.693-1.702	0.719
Early tumor shrinkage							
No	4.8	1	-	-	1	-	-
Yes	6.3	0.709	0.522-0.963	0.028*	0.682	0.473-0.984	0.041*
Overall response							
SD or PD	4.1	1	-	-	1	-	-
CR or PR	5.6	0.852	0.629-1.155	0.303	0.809	0.504-1.298	0.379
Acne-like rash, grade							
0–1	5.3	1	-	-	1	-	-
≥ 2	5.5	1.002	0.733-1.370	0.991	1.125	0.782-1.617	0.527
Second-line continued cetuximab							
No	4.5	1	-	-	1	-	-
Yes	6.3	0.646	0.476-0.877	0.005*	0.675	0.491-0.930	0.016*

HR: hazard ratio; CI: confidence interval.

ECOG: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group.

Other RAS including KRAS exons 3 (codon 59 and 61) and exon 4 (codon 117 and 146), NRAS exons 2 (codon 12 and 13), exon 3 (codon 59 and 61) and 4 (codon 117 and 146).

P values were calculated using Cox regression.

Bold font for P < 0.10; * for P < 0.05.