

# PROMETCO: real-world characteristics and safety outcomes of patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) after two disease progressions, including patients with ECOG PS ≥2

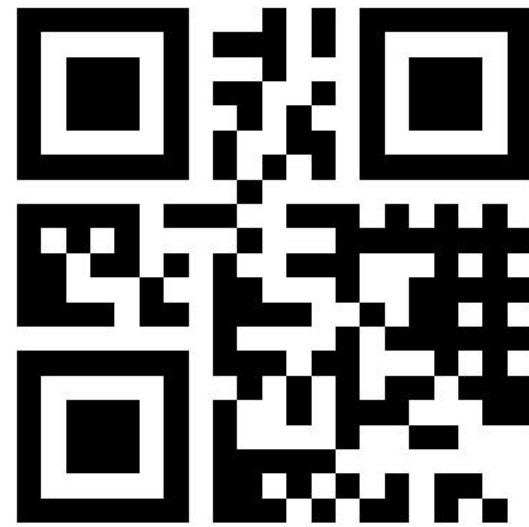
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## INTRODUCTION

- Median overall survival (OS) for patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) has been improved to 30 months in clinical trials<sup>1</sup> and data on third-line and beyond treatments suggest OS can be prolonged further.<sup>2,3</sup>
- Data on real-world treatment of mCRC in third-line and beyond is available; however, studies with a follow-up of recruited patients were limited to specific agents or to a single country.
- PROMETCO (NCT03935763) is the first international, prospective, real-world study of treatment in patients with mCRC after two disease progressions since diagnosis.
- PROMETCO provides an opportunity to assess safety outcomes at third-line treatment and beyond in the real-world setting.

## METHODS

- Enrolment in PROMETCO started in March 2019 and all eligible patients at recruiting centres were included. Inclusion/exclusion criteria have been described previously.<sup>4</sup>
- Inclusion criteria were: ≥18 years of age, confirmed diagnosis of mCRC, two disease progressions, and willingness to receive subsequent treatment.
- Electronic case report forms and the ClinInfo electronic data capture system<sup>4</sup> were used to collect retrospective data for all patients at enrolment.
- Patients were then assessed prospectively for up to 18 months or until withdrawal or death.
- Data were analysed in the overall population and in the subgroup of patients with the most frequently administered treatment schedule (FTD/TPI mainly in monotherapy, before FTD/TPI + bevacizumab was recognized as standard of care in third-line)
- Data were also stratified by Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status (ECOG PS) at FTD/TPI initiation (0-1 or ≥2).
- Baseline data at diagnosis, including patient and disease characteristics, and safety data, including adverse events (AEs) are presented here. Disease progression was presented as an AE.

## TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

- Safety outcomes in the real-world were consistent with expected outcomes for patients with refractory mCRC.**
- No new safety signals were observed in patients treated with FTD/TPI (the most frequent 3L treatment). Less neutropenia was observed in this real-world population compared to clinical trials.**
- Patients with an ECOG PS ≥2 at FTD/TPI initiation showed a safety profile consistent with the known safety profile of FTD/TPI.**
- The high incidence of anaemia observed in FTD/TPI-treated patients with ECOG PS ≥2 can likely be explained by older age and more advanced disease.**

## RESULTS

### Patient and disease characteristics at baseline

- 736 patients from 18 countries were included in this analysis, most patients (59.0%) were ≥65 years old, most had ECOG PS 0-1 (89.9%), 65.5% of patients had synchronous disease, and median time since first metastasis was 22 months.
- In the total population, 560 patients received FTD/TPI, of whom 469 had ECOG PS 0-1, 50 had ECOG PS ≥2 at FTD/TPI initiation, and ECOG PS for 41 patients was not recorded.
- Patients with ECOG PS ≥2 at FTD/TPI initiation were older and were more likely to have a right-sided primary tumour, had a numerically higher median number of metastases, and were more likely to have metastases located in the liver, than FTD/TPI-treated patients with ECOG PS 0-1 (**Table 1**).

**Table 1. Patient and disease characteristics at PROMETCO enrolment**

Baseline characteristic	Overall (n=736)	FTD/TPI* (n=560)	FTD/TPI ECOG PS 0-1 (n=469)	FTD/TPI ECOG PS ≥2 (n=50)
<b>Age, years, n (%)</b>				
Mean (SD)	65.9 (10.7)	65.9 (10.5)	65.9 (10.4)	68.9 (9.5)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>				
Female	303 (41.2)	229 (40.9)	191 (40.7)	22 (44.0)
Male	433 (58.8)	331 (59.1)	278 (59.3)	28 (56.0)
<b>Number of metastatic sites, n (%)</b>				
Median (Q1-Q3)	1.0 (1.0-2.0)	1.0 (1.0-2.0)	1.0 (1.0-2.0)	2.0 (1.0-3.0)
<b>Time since CRC initial diagnosis to enrollment, months</b>				
Median (Q1-Q3)	25.0 (17.0-40.0)	25.0 (17.0-40.0)	24.0 (17.0-40.0)	26.0 (16.0-47.0)
<b>CRC stage at initial diagnosis, n (%)</b>				
Localized or resectable	183 (24.9)	146 (26.1)	127 (27.1)	9 (18.0)
Locally advanced or potentially resectable disease after downsizing	71 (9.6)	53 (9.5)	39 (8.3)	7 (14.0)
Metastatic or non-resectable	482 (65.5)	361 (64.5)	303 (64.6)	34 (68.0)
<b>Metastatic site location, n (%)</b>				
Liver	545 (74.0)	426 (76.1)	353 (75.3)	42 (84.0)
Lung	187 (39.0)	230 (41.1)	186 (39.7)	27 (54.0)
Peritoneal carcinomatosis	106 (14.4)	69 (12.3)	53 (11.3)	9 (18.0)
Bone	29 (3.9)	23 (4.1)	16 (3.4)	6 (12.0)
<b>Disease sidedness, n (%)</b>				
Left	535 (72.7)	413 (73.8)	353 (75.3)	31 (62.0)
Right	207 (28.1)	151 (27.0)	120 (25.6)	19 (38.0)
<b>RAS/BRAF status, n (%)</b>				
RAS mut	370 (50.3)	302 (53.9)	259 (55.2)	23 (46.0)
RAS wild-type	296 (40.2)	207 (37.0)	171 (36.5)	17 (34.0)
BRAF mut	47 (6.4)	29 (5.2)	25 (5.3)	3 (6.0)
BRAF wild-type	464 (63.0)	355 (63.4)	297 (63.3)	28 (56.0)
<b>MSI/MSS status, n (%)</b>				
MSI high	12 (1.6)	6 (1.1)	4 (0.9)	1 (2.0)
MSS	405 (55.0)	297 (53.0)	243 (51.8)	30 (60.0)

\*All patient's who received FTD/TPI (+ bevacizumab) at least once. Abbreviations: FTD/TPI, trifluridine/tipiracil; SD, standard deviation; CRC, colorectal cancer; Q, quartile; MSI, microsatellite instability; MSS, microsatellite stable; RAS, rat sarcoma; BRAF, B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase.

### Summary of AEs

- Most patients experienced at least one AE during follow-up, with 96.1% and 97.3% of patients experiencing AEs in the overall and FTD/TPI populations, respectively (**Table 2**).

**Table 2. AEs in the overall population and in patients who received FTD/TPI**

	Overall (N=736)	FTD/TPI* (n=560)
Any AE, n (%)	707 (96.1)	545 (97.3)
Any grade ≥3 AE, n (%)	640 (87.0)	504 (90.0)
Any serious AE**, n (%)	602 (81.8)	471 (84.1)
AE with causal relationship with FTD/TPI, n (%)	282 (38.3)	282 (50.4)
Grade ≥3 AE with causal relationship with FTD/TPI, n (%)	126 (17.1)	126 (22.5)
Serious AE with causal relationship with FTD/TPI, n (%)	35 (4.8)	35 (6.3)
AE with causal relationship with another medicinal product, n (%)	280 (38.0)	189 (33.8)
Grade ≥3 AE with causal relationship with another medicinal product, n (%)	69 (9.4)	49 (8.8)
Serious AE with causal relationship with another medicinal product, n (%)	25 (3.4)	19 (3.4)

\*All patient's who received FTD/TPI (+ bevacizumab) at least once. \*\*Defined as a medical occurrence that results in death, is life-threatening, requires hospitalization, causes significant disability, leads to a birth defect, or necessitates medical intervention to prevent serious outcomes. Abbreviations: FTD/TPI, trifluridine/tipiracil; N, number of patients; AE, adverse event.

- The most frequently reported AEs were disease progression (reported as an AE), diarrhoea, fatigue, nausea, anaemia, asthenia, and neutropenia (**Table 3**).

**Table 3. Most frequently occurring AEs overall**

	Overall (N=736)	
	Any AE	Serious AE
<b>Patients with any AE</b>	707 (96.1)	602 (81.8)
<b>Haematologic</b>		
Neutropenia*	165 (22.4)	15 (2.0)
Anaemia	159 (21.6)	12 (1.6)
<b>Non-haematologic</b>		
Disease progression	426 (57.9)	420 (57.1)
Fatigue	181 (24.6)	0 (0.0)
Nausea	179 (24.3)	7 (1.0)
Diarrhoea	189 (25.7)	7 (1.0)
Asthenia	160 (21.7)	9 (1.2)
Decreased appetite	140 (19.0)	0 (0.0)
Abdominal pain	119 (16.2)	16 (2.2)
Vomiting	101 (13.7)	11 (1.5)

\*Some patients may have received granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF), however G-CSF prophylaxis was not recorded in the electronic case report form. Abbreviations: N, number of patients; AE, adverse event.

### AEs in patients treated with FTD/TPI according to ECOG PS

- Patients with ECOG PS ≥2 had a numerically higher incidence of AEs during FTD/TPI treatment and within 30 days after, compared to patients with ECOG PS 0-1 (**Table 4**), in alignment with previous studies in solid tumours that indicated that a poorer performance status is associated with an increased likelihood of experiencing AE.
- Patients treated with FTD/TPI with ECOG PS ≥2 had a higher incidence of AE's compared to patients treated with FTD/TPI with ECOG PS 0-1, including anaemia (**Table 4**).
- In FTD/TPI-recipients, 184 (39.2%) and 26 (52%) had serious AE on FTD/TPI therapy + 30 days, in patients with ECOG PS 0-1 and ≥2, respectively (**Table 4**).
- There were no AEs related to FTD/TPI that lead to death.
- The most frequently occurring AE (≥15%) were disease progression, neutropenia, anaemia, fatigue, nausea and diarrhoea (**Table 4**).

**Table 4. AEs in patients who received FTD/TPI, by ECOG PS**

	FTD/TPI* (N=560)	FTD/TPI with ECOG PS 0–1 (n=469)	FTD/TPI with ECOG PS ≥2 (n=50)
Any AE, n (%)	545 (97.3)	455 (97.0)	50 (100.0)
Any AE on FTD/TPI + 30 days, n (%)	490 (87.5)	411 (87.6)	47 (94.0)
AE with causal relationship with FTD/TPI, n (%)	282 (50.4)	236 (50.3)	28 (56.0)
Any serious AE on FTD/TPI + 30 days, n (%)	227 (40.5)	184 (39.2)	26 (52.0)
Serious AEs with causal relationship with FTD/TPI, n (%)	35 (6.3)	28 (6.0)	5 (10.0)
<b>Haematologic</b>			
Neutropenia**	139 (24.8)	118 (25.2)	9 (18.0)
Anaemia	125 (22.3)	102 (21.7)	16 (32.0)
<b>Non-haematologic</b>			
Disease progression	112 (20.0)	95 (20.3)	11 (22.0)
Fatigue	107 (19.1)	99 (21.1)	5 (10.0)
Nausea	100 (17.9)	86 (18.3)	9 (18.0)
Diarrhoea	86 (15.4)	81 (17.3)	3 (6.0)
Asthenia	78 (13.9)	65 (13.9)	6 (12.0)
Decreased appetite	74 (13.2)	63 (13.4)	6 (12.0)
Abdominal pain	66 (11.8)	57 (12.2)	3 (6.0)
Vomiting	61 (10.9)	53 (11.3)	4 (8.0)

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