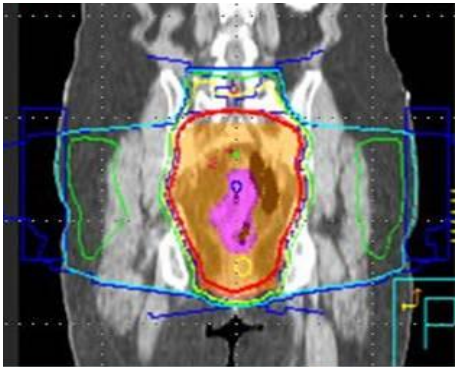


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# CAO/ARO/AIO-04

*According to CAO/ARO/AIO-94:*

**RT 50.4 Gy + 5-FU**

1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1-5 + 29-33

**5-FU**

500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1-5, q29

**4 Cycles (4 Months)**

*Experimental Arm of CAO/ARO/AIO-04*

**RT 50.4 Gy + 5-FU/OX**

Ox: 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1, 8, 22, 29

5-FU: 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1-14+22-35

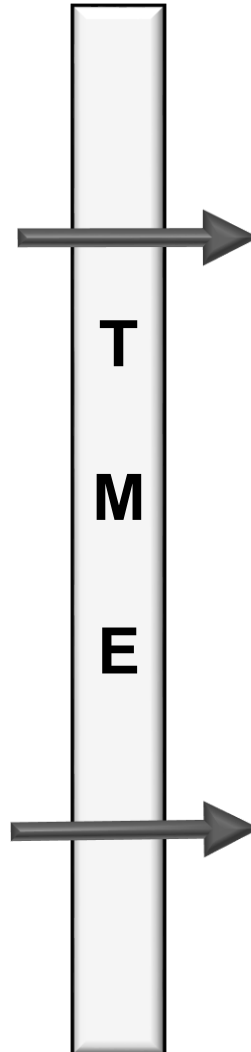
**mFOLFOX6**

Oxaliplatin: 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1,q15

Folinsäure: 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1

5-FU: 2400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-2

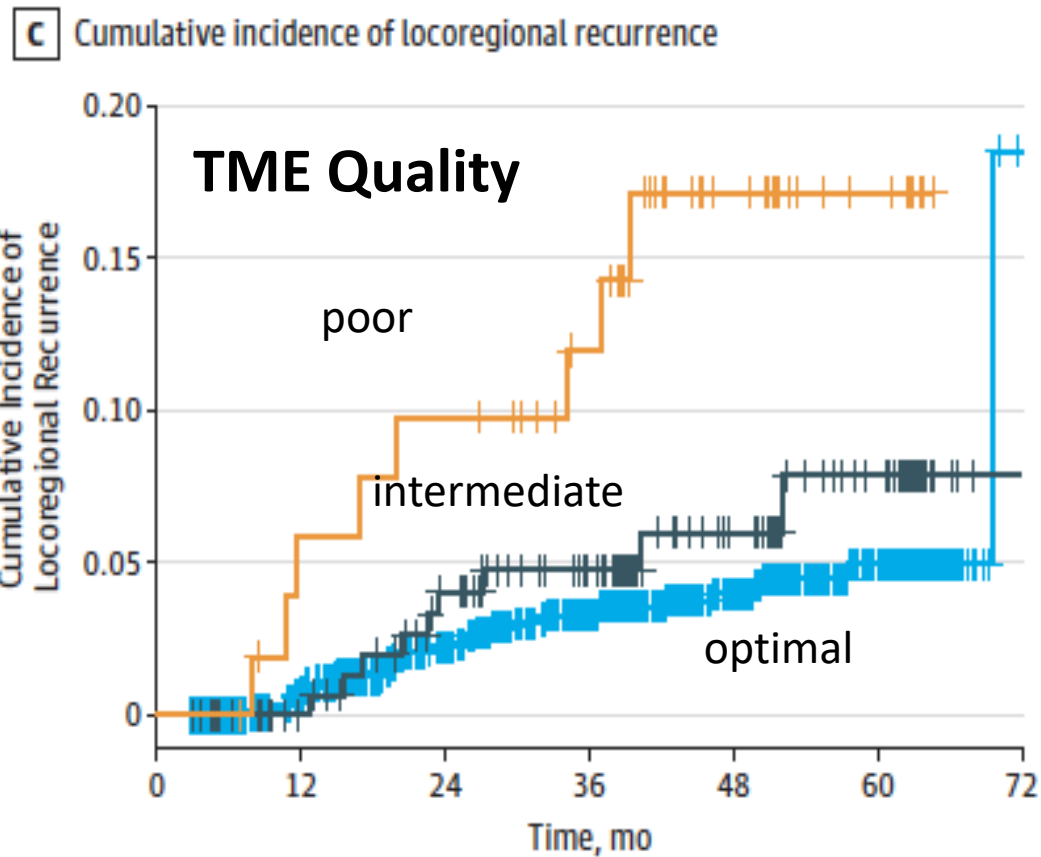
**8 Cycles (4 Months)**



# CAO/ARO/AIO-04: Update published results

Rödel et al. <b><i>Lancet Oncol 2012</i></b>	Initiale Ergebnisse: pCR, Tox, Compliance
Rödel et al. <b><i>Lancet Oncol 2015</i></b>	Primärer Endpunkt: DFS verbessert!!
Fokas et al. <b><i>J Nat Cancer Inst 2017</i></b>	TRG als Surrogat-Endpunkt
Fokas et al. <b><i>Ann Oncol 2018</i></b>	NAR Score als Surrogat-Endpunkt
Von der Grün et al. <b><i>Radiother Oncol 2018</i></b>	Lymphknotenbefall bei ypT0-2
Kitz et al. <b><i>JAMA Surg 2018</i></b>	Chirurgische Qualität (TME)
Hofheinz et al. <b><i>Ann Oncol 2018</i></b>	Altersabhängigkeit
Diefenhardt et al. <b><i>Int J Cancer 2019</i></b>	Leukozytose als prädiktiver Marker
Diefenhardt et al. <b><i>JAMA Oncol 2019</i></b>	Geschlecht, Toxizität und onkologische Ergebnisse
Diefenhardt et al. <b><i>2020, submitted</i></b>	Therapie-Compliance und onkologische Ergebnisse
Kosmala et al. <b><i>2020 submitted</i></b>	Patient reported outcomes

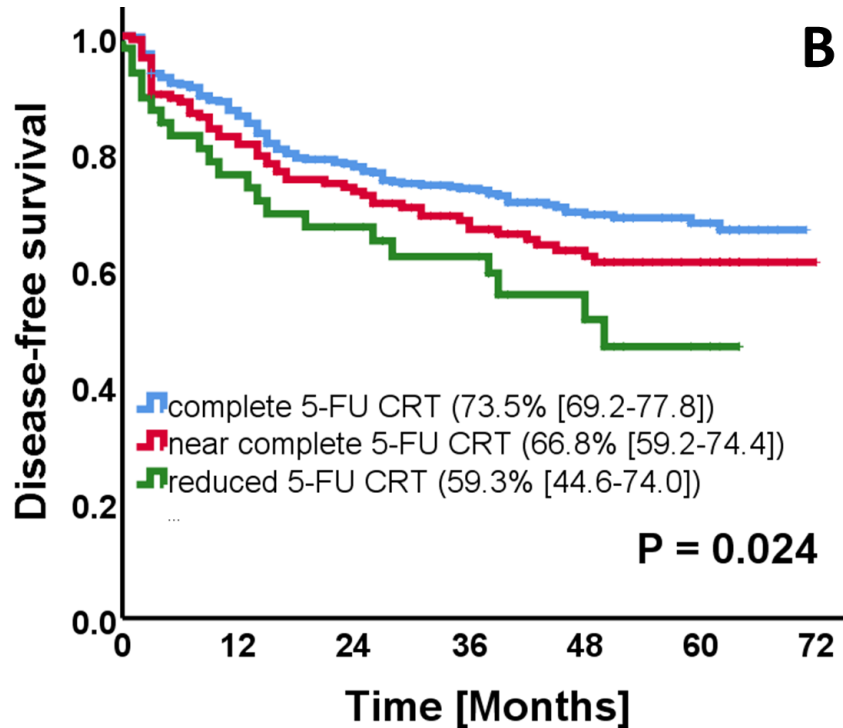
# CAO/ARO/AIO-04: TME-Qualität



No. at risk							
Mesorectal	930	864	790	669	428	193	1
Intramesorectal	169	154	138	112	68	40	1
Muscularis propria	53	48	46	38	18	7	0

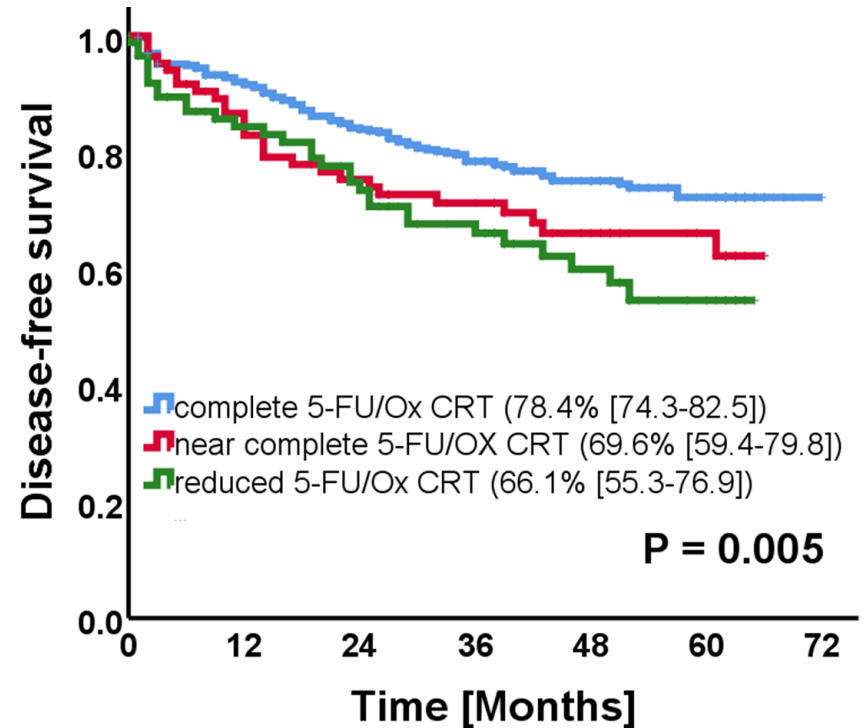
# CAO/ARO/AIO-04: Compliance to CRT

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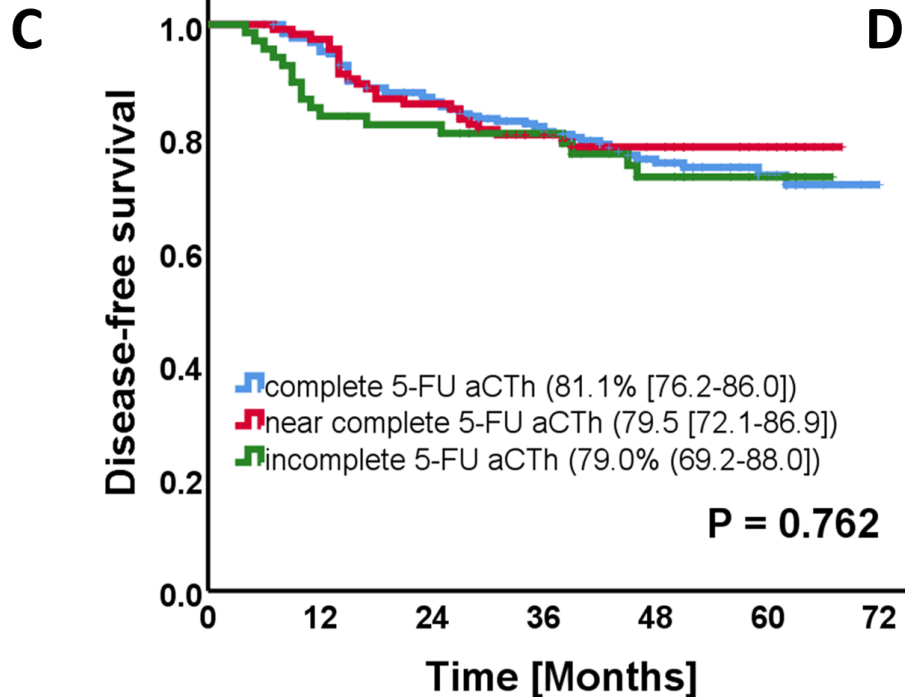
<b>N risk:</b>	419	349	302	248	156	67	0
	159	122	107	87	61	38	0
	47	33	28	22	11	5	0

**B**

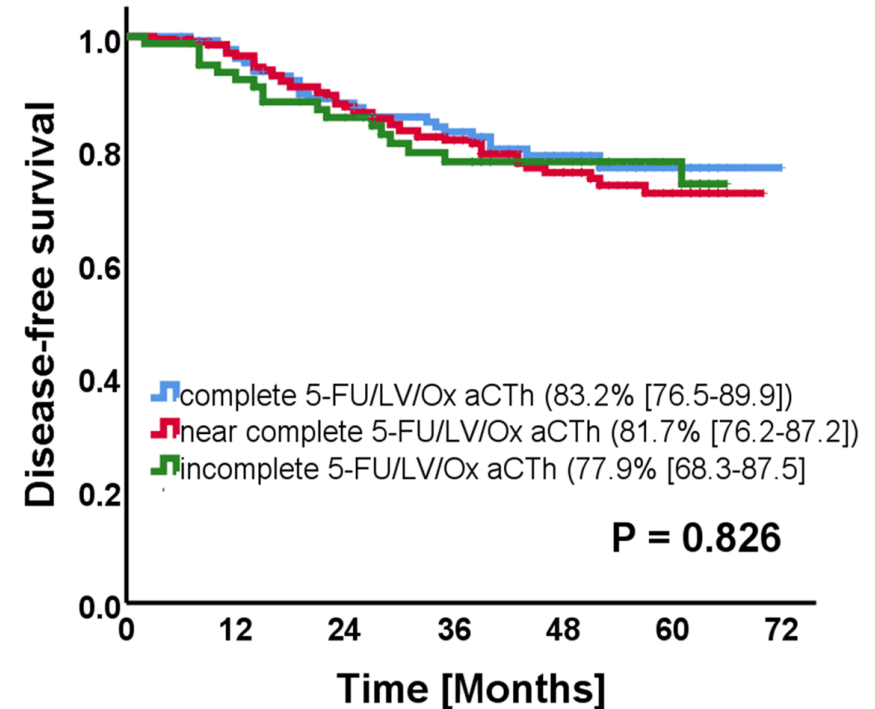


<b>N risk:</b>	434	382	327	268	164	78	0
	85	66	58	46	30	16	0
	88	63	53	42	26	10	0

# CAO/ARO/AIO-04: Compliance to CRT



<b>N risk:</b>	253	241	208	173	109	48	0
	117	111	97	79	54	25	0
	69	56	53	46	33	19	0



<b>N risk:</b>	134	124	110	94	60	23	0
	205	195	173	140	85	45	0
	80	73	60	47	34	19	0

# Disease-free Survival

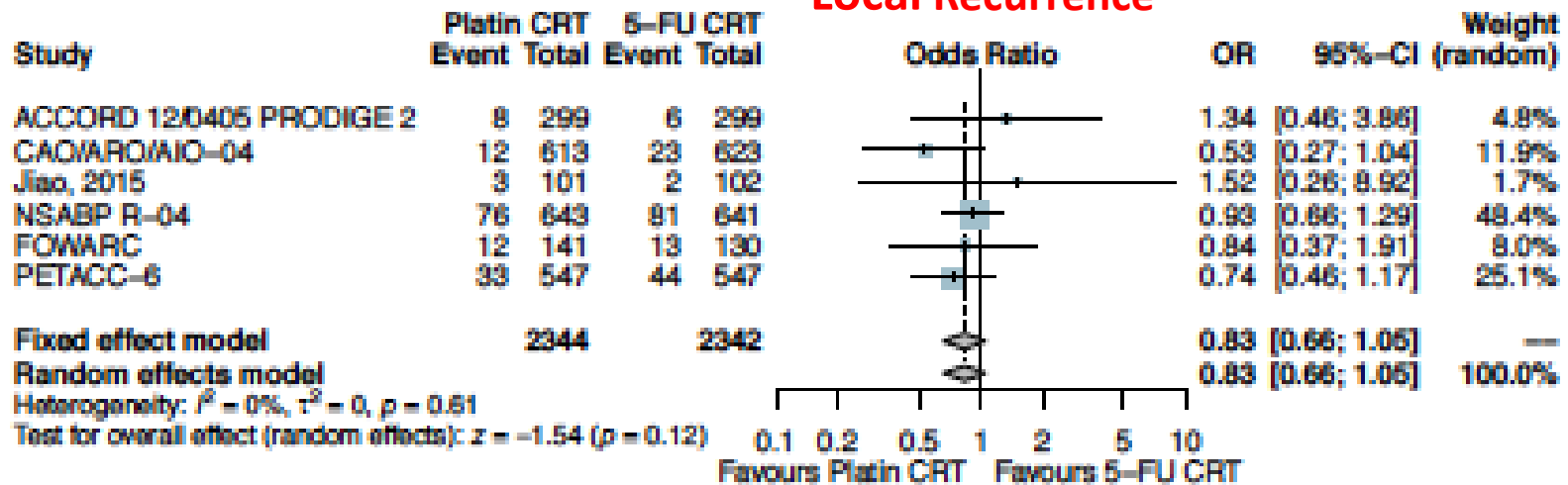
<i>Rectal Cancer Stage II/III Neoadjuvant oxaliplatin-CRT</i>	n	Absolute Difference	HR	P-value
ACCORD 12	584	<b>4.3% (5y)</b>	0.86	0.25
NSAPB R-04	1284	<b>5% (5y)</b>	0.91	0.34
STAR-01	739	<b>3.6% (3y)</b>	0.89	0.37
CAO/ARO/AIO-04	1236	<b>4.7% (3y)</b>	0.79	0.03
Chinese	206	<b>10.6% (3y)</b>	n.g.	0.08
PETACC-6	1094	<i>Full paper pending</i>		
FORWARC	475	<i>Follow-up continues</i>		

<i>Colon Cancer Stage II/III</i>	n	Absolute Difference	HR	P-value
MOSAIC	2246	<b>5% (3y)</b>	0.77	.002
NSABP C-07	2407	<b>4% (3y)</b>	0.80	.003



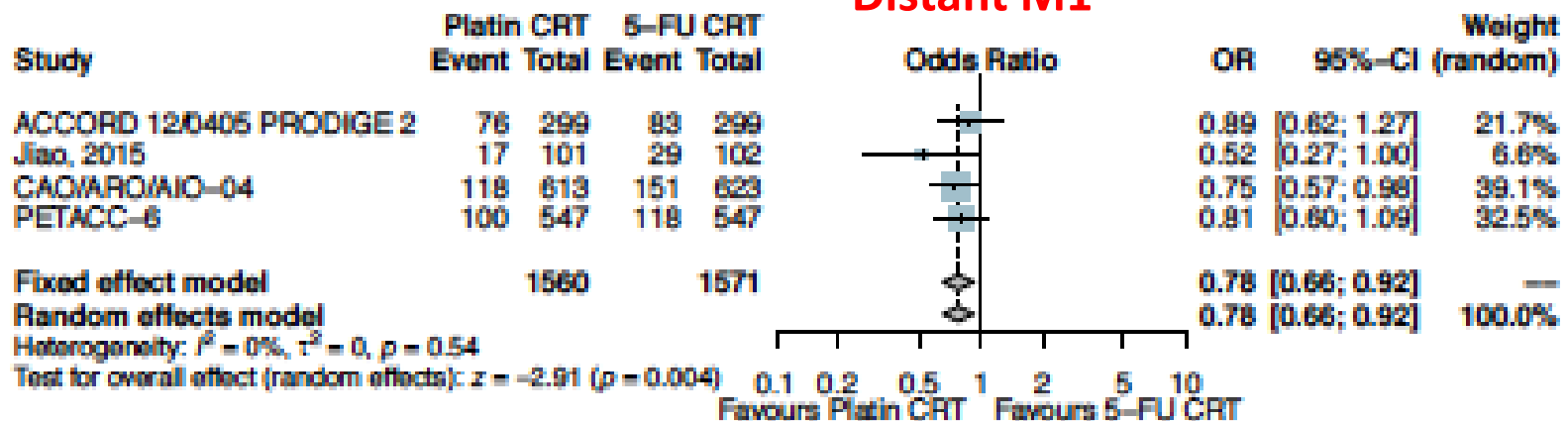
# Evidence from Meta-Analysis

## Local Recurrence



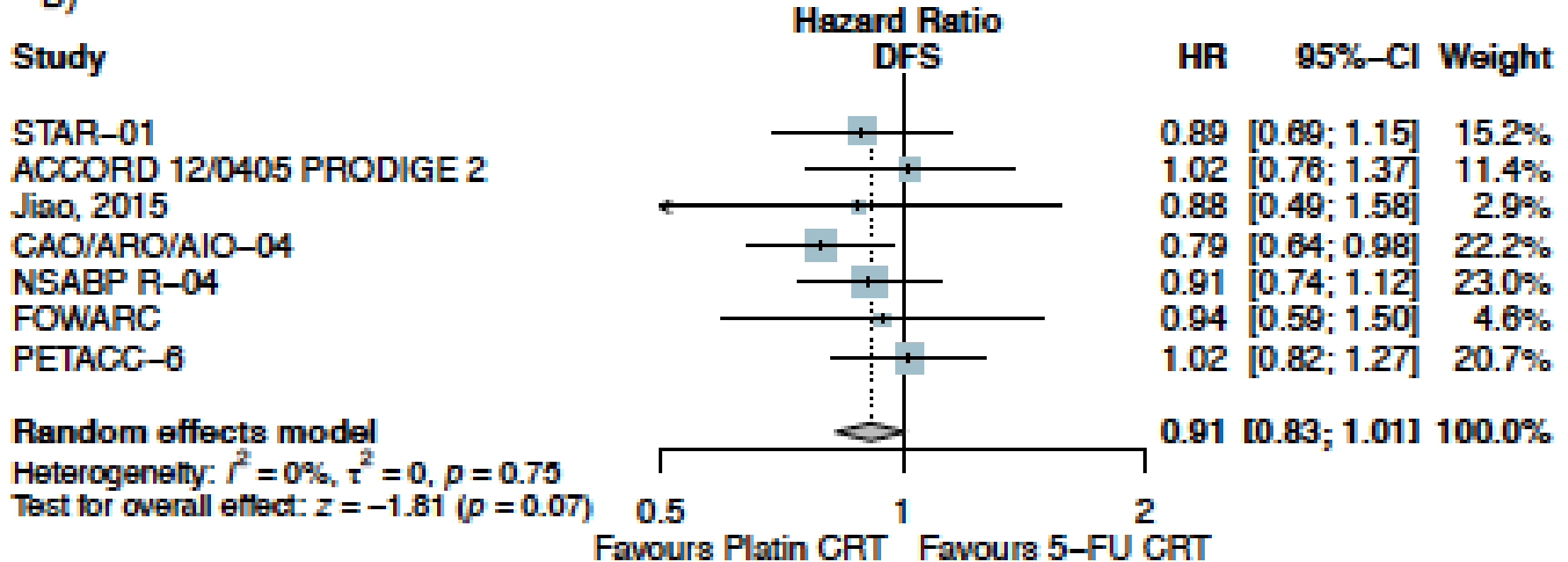
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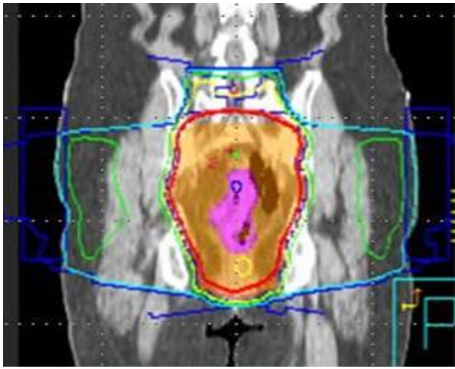
## Distant M1



# Evidence from Meta-Analysis: DFS

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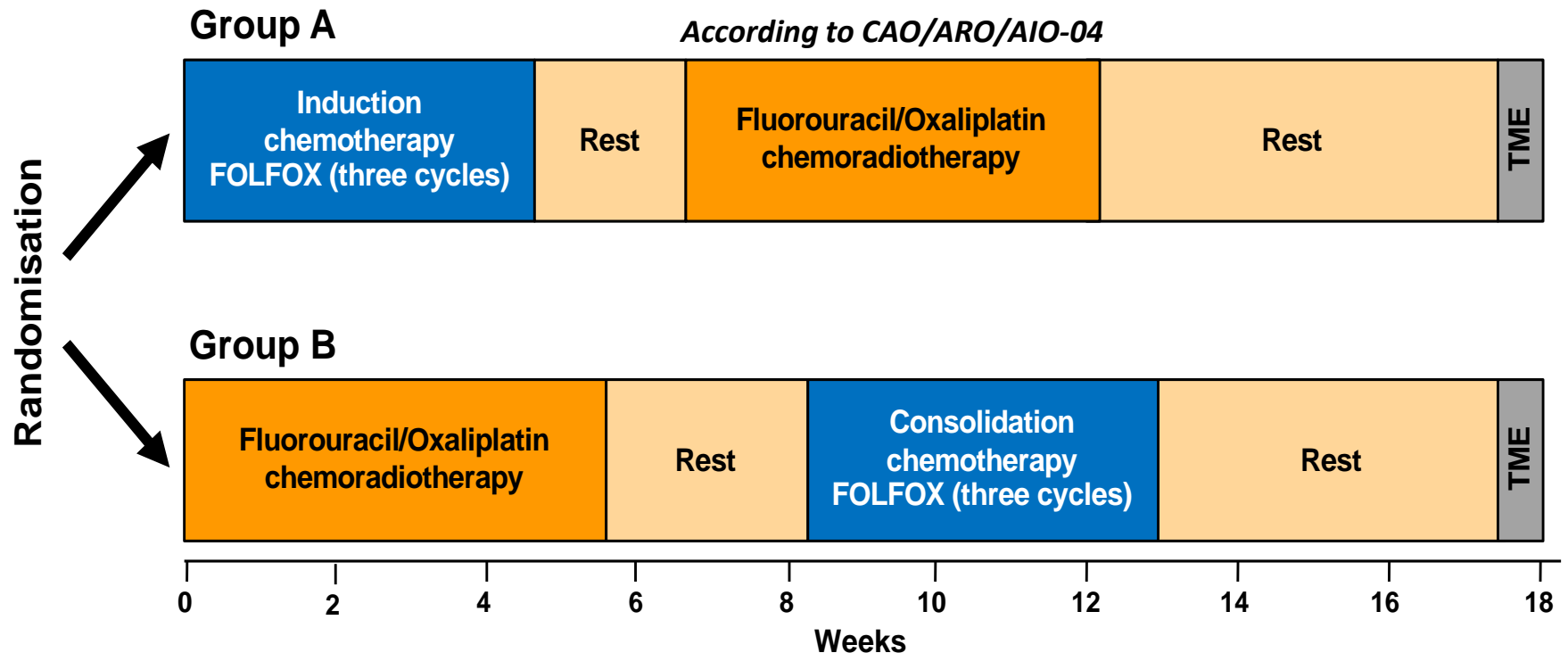


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# Total neoadjuvant Treatment (TNT) sequence: CAO/ARO/AIO-12

MRI-defined intermediate/high-risk rectal cancer

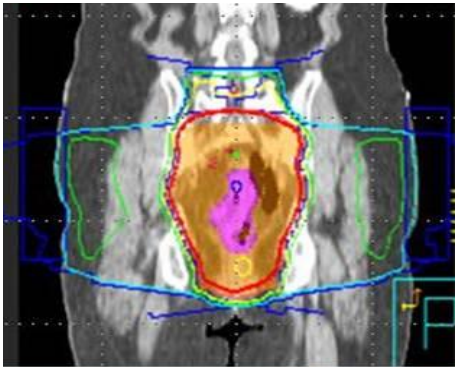


# Total neoadjuvant Treatment (TNT) sequence: CAO/ARO/AIO-12

MRI-defined intermediate/high-risk rectal cancer

<i>Main results</i>	CT/CRT/S (n=156)	CRT/CT/S (n=150)
Full dose RT/concurrent 5-FU/OX	91%/76%	97%/93%
Completed 3 cycles of FOLFOX	92%	85%
pCR*	17% (P=0.210)	25% (P=0.0002)
Clavien-Dindo classification		
None	54%	66%
Grade 1-2	25%	18%
Grade 3-5	17%	16%

\*Statistical calculation: each group versus 15% expected after standard CRT



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# CAO/ARO/AIO-16

(Phase II, Tübingen, Erlangen, Würzburg, FFM)

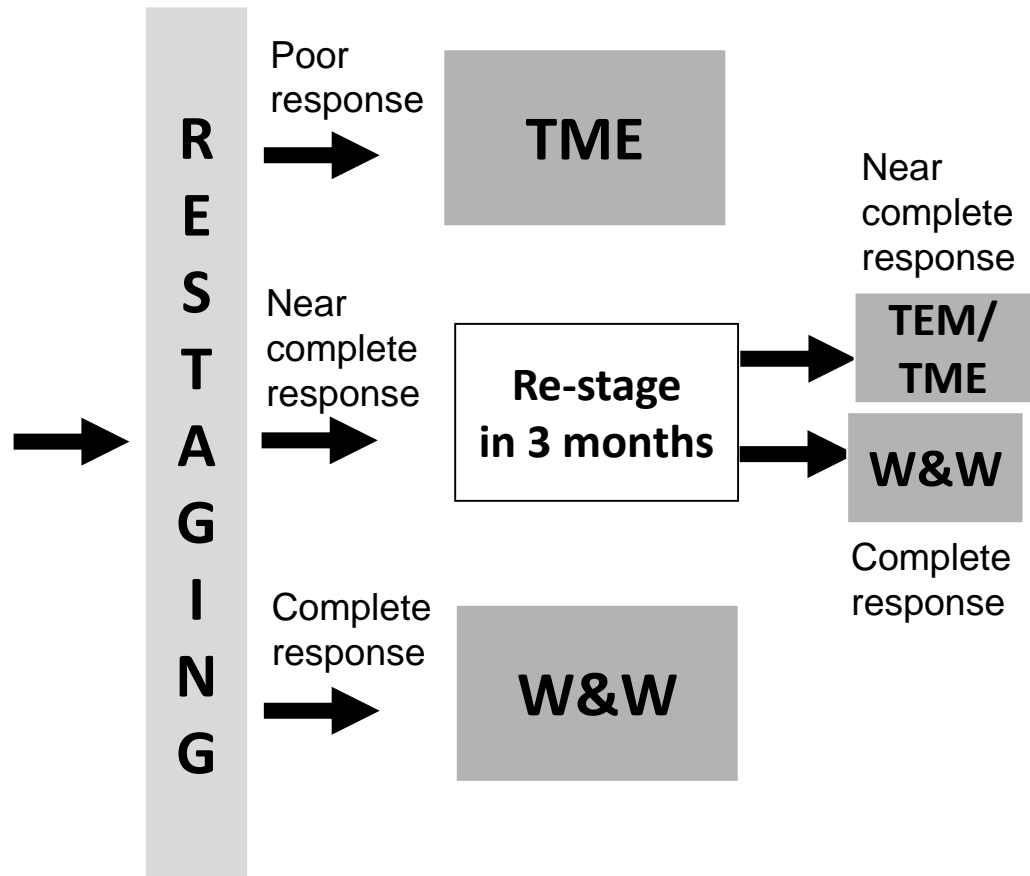
## Organ preservation

*TNT According to  
CAO/ARO/AIO-12*

RT 50.4 Gy +  
5-FU/Oxaliplatin

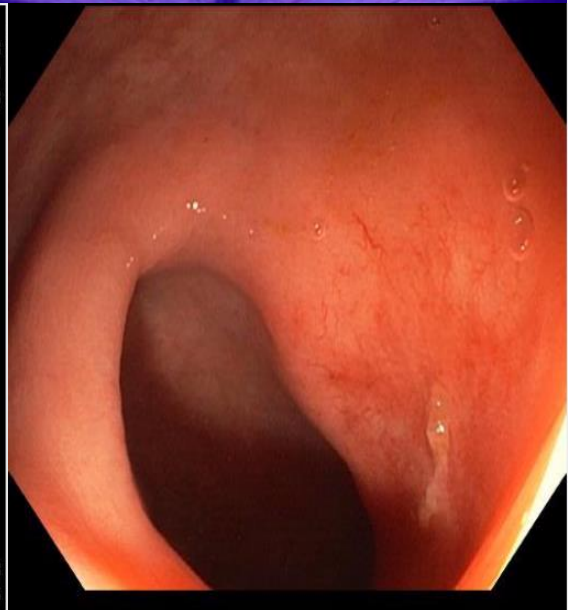
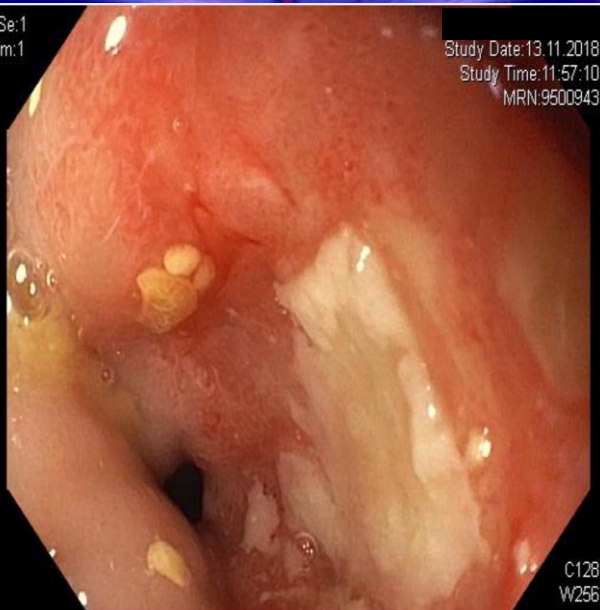
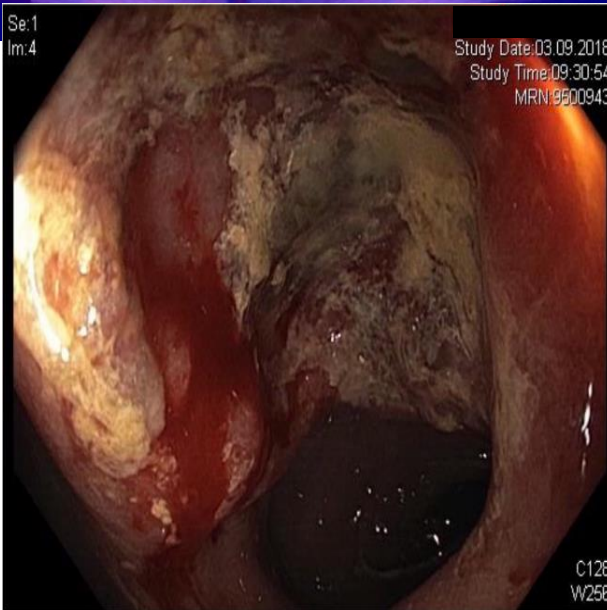
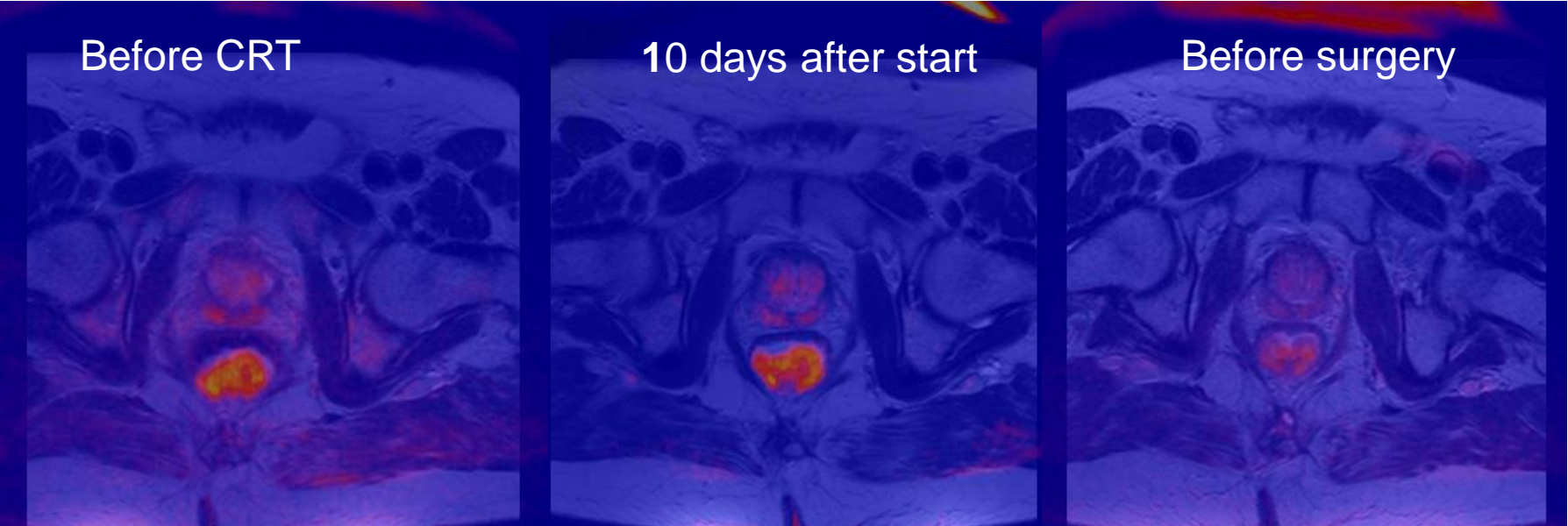
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Primary endpoint: cCR (n=89),  
3y loco-regional control





# Monitoring tumor response

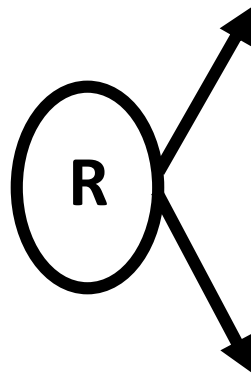




# ACO/ARO/AIO-18.1

## MRI criteria: Intermediate/High-risk

- Any cT3 if low rectal (0-6 cm)
- cT3c/d mid rectal (> 6-12 cm)
- any T3 with clear cN+
- cT4
- mrCRM+ (<1 mm)
- EMVI+



## **Control arm**

*According to current S3 guidelines:*

CAP/5-FU-RT – Surgery (or selected W&W) – optional adjuvant Chemo

TNT: 5-FU/OX-RT – FOLFOX (3 cycles) – Surgery (or selected W&W)

## **Investigational arm**

*Preferred arm of CAO/ARO/AIO-12  
Currently tested in CAO/ARO/AIO-16 for W&W approach*

# Inclusion Criteria

## Intermediate/High-risk based on MRI criteria:

- Any cT3 if low rectal (0-6 cm)
- cT3c/d mid rectal (<6-12 cm)
- any T3 with clear cN+
- cT4
- mrCRM+ (<2mm)
- EMVI+
  
- ERUS if MRI is not definitive to exclude T1/T2 in low, T3a/b in mid RC
- CT abdomen/chest to exclude M1
- Age > 18, no upper age limit
- ECOG 0-1
- Adequate hem, hep, renal function

## Control Arm

- **IMRT** 28 x 1.8 Gy with differential PTV concepts based on risk factors (sphincter; upper border)
- **Concurrent chemotherapy:**
  - 225 mg/sqm 5-FU civ d1-38 of RT
  - 825 mg/sqm bid Capecitabine d1-38 of RT
- **Interval** completion of CRT to Surgery: 6-8 weeks
- **Adjuvant** chemotherapy after R0 resection: optional (according to S3 guidelines)

# Control Arm

- **Adjuvant chemotherapy: Recommendations**

<b>ypTNM stage</b>	<b>&lt; 70 years</b>	<b>≥70 years</b>
<b>0/I/II (low risk)</b>	No adjuvant treatment (or Capecitabine, 5 cycles)	No adjuvant treatment (or Capecitabine, (5 cycles)
<b>II high risk (V1, L1, G3, T4, ...)</b>	Capecitabine, 5 cycles	Capecitabine, 5 cycles
<b>III</b>	XELOX (5 cycles) FOLFOX4 (8 cycles) mFOLFOX6 (8 cycles)	Capecitabine, 5 cycles

# Experimental Arm

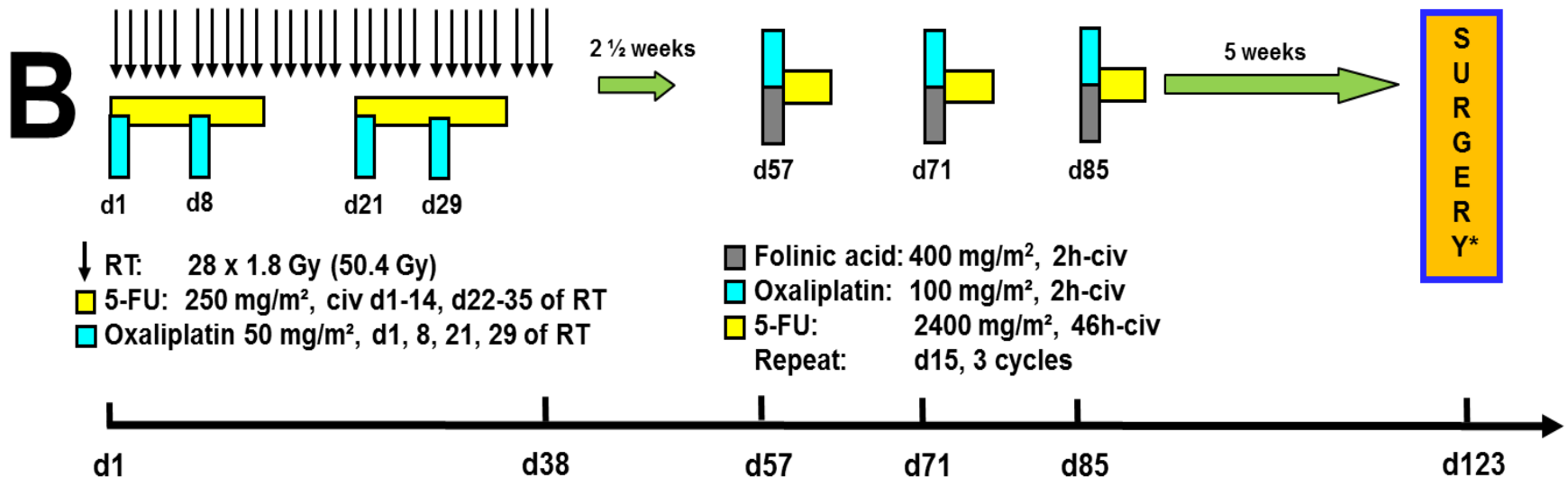
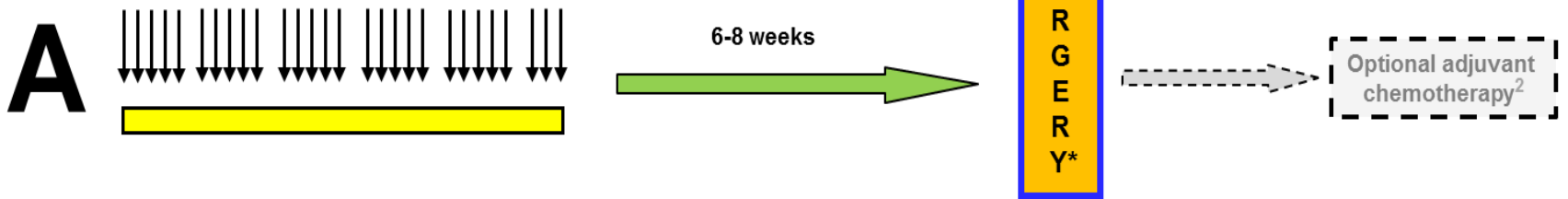
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- **Consolidation chemotherapy**
  - Folinic acid 400 mg/sqm, 2h-civ
  - Oxaliplatin 100 mg/sqm, 2h-civ
  - 5-FU 2400 mg/sqm, 46-civ, q d15, 3 cycles

# Experimental Arm

- **Interval completion of CT to surgery/W&W:  
5 weeks (d123)**
- **No adjuvant chemotherapy**

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↓ RT: 28 x 1.8 Gy (50.4 Gy)  
 ■ 5-FU<sup>1</sup>: 225 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, civ, d1-38 of RT



<sup>1</sup>Instead of 5-FU, capecitabine can be given with RT as follows:  
 Capecitabine: 825 mg/m<sup>2</sup> bid, po, d1-38 of RT

<sup>2</sup>Optional adjuvant chemotherapy as described in trial protocol

\*Optional Watch&Wait management in case of clinical complete response

# Primary Endpoint: DFS

(more details: *Fokas E. et al., Lancet Oncol 2020 in press*)

Event	DFS	Time from randomization until
No resection of primary tumor due to local progression or patient unfit for surgery	E	Date of scheduled, but not performed surgery
No resection of primary tumor due to clinical complete response (endoscopy/MRI) + patient opts for W&W management	I	—
Non-radical resection of primary tumor (R2-resection)	E	Date of surgery
Locoregional recurrence after R0/1 resection of the primary tumor	E	Date of locoregional recurrence
Local re-growth after initial complete response followed by curative salvage operation (R0/1)	I	—
Non-salvageable local regrowth in case of W&W management (no operation or R2 salvage resection)	E	Date of diagnosis of non-salvageable re-growth or date of R2 salvage surgery



# Primary Endpoint: DFS (continued)

Event	DFS	Time from randomization until
Any distant metastatic disease before, at, or after surgery or W&W management	E	Date of distant metastases
Second primary colorectal cancer	E	Date of second colorectal primary
Second primary, other cancer	E	date of second primary, other cancer
Death from same cancer	E	Date of death
Death from other cancer	E	Date of death
Non-cancer related death	E	Date of death
Lost to follow-up	C	Date last follow-up

## Sample Size

We hypothesized that the **3-year DFS** survival probabilities would improve from **70% in the control arm to 78% in the investigational arm** (hazard ratio of 0.7). With a power of 90% and a two-sided type I error of 5%, the sample size required to obtain a statistically significant difference is **822 patients (322 events) in total.**

# Secondary Endpoints

- **Acute and late toxicity** assessment according to NCI CTCAE V.4.0
  - Surgical morbidity and complications
  - Rate of sphincter-sparing surgery
  - Pathological TNM-staging
  - R0 resection rate; negative circumferential resection rate
  - Tumor regression grading according to Dworak, NAR score
  - Quality of TME according to MERCURY
- **Rate of W&W with or without local regrowth**
  - Cumulative incidence of local and distant recurrences
  - Overall survival
- **Quality of life, functional outcome (PROMS)**
  - Translational / biomarker studies (**FCI Frankfurt**)