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- **Why did we perform this research?**
  - People with advanced colorectal cancer that has too much of a protein called HER2 often have a short life expectancy and limited treatment options when first diagnosed
- **How did we perform this research?**
  - This study looked at whether a medicine called zanidatamab, which targets HER2, added to standard chemotherapy (a mix of 5-fluorouracil [5-FU], oxaliplatin, and leucovorin), could help treat these patients
- **What were the results of this research?**
  - After 2 years of follow-up, the study showed that patients may benefit from the addition of zanidatamab to their treatment
  - Nearly all patients who received treatment in the study had their tumours shrink and survived for many months without any extra safety concerns
  - Side effects were usually manageable and did not cause any of the patients to stop zanidatamab treatment

- HER2 is amplified and/or overexpressed in approximately 2%–6% of colorectal cancer (CRC) cases and is a treatment target<sup>1-3</sup>
- Although HER2 testing is encouraged, ESMO guidelines only recommend HER2-directed therapy, such as trastuzumab, for the treatment of HER2-positive metastatic CRC (mCRC) in second-line and beyond<sup>4</sup>; in separate studies, trastuzumab plus tucatinib and trastuzumab deruxetan each demonstrated a confirmed objective response rate (cORR) of 38% in patients with pretreated HER2-positive mCRC<sup>5,6</sup>
- With promising results in later lines of treatment, there is justification for broader incorporation of HER2-targeted therapies in the first-line (1L) setting for patients with HER2-positive mCRC

- This study evaluated zanidatamab plus 5-FU plus oxalipatin and the folinic acid leucovorin (mFOLFOX6) ± bevacizumab for the 1L treatment of patients with HER2-expressing mCRC
  - At an earlier data cutoff (31 October 2023), the cORR was 91%; 23% of patients experienced dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs), and grade 3–4 treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) were reported in 38% of patients<sup>12</sup>

- To present updated (2 years of follow-up) antitumour activity and safety of 1L zanidatamab combined with mFOLFOX6-2 with or without bevacizumab in patients with HER2-expressing mCRC

- This is a global, open-label, phase 2 trial (NCT03929666) evaluating zanidatamab plus standard combination chemotherapy for HER2-expressing gastrointestinal cancers, including gastro-oesophageal adenocarcinoma,<sup>13</sup> BTC,<sup>14</sup> and CRC

<p><b>Eligibility criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged ≥18 years at the time of signing informed consent</li> <li>• Unresectable, locally advanced, recurrently or metastatic HER2-expressing CRC</li> <li>• HER2: IHC 3+ or IHC 0, 1+ or 2+ with gene amplification (FISH+) per central assessment</li> <li>• Extended RAS (KRAS and NRAS) and BRAF wild-type based on local or central assessment</li> <li>• Baseline ECOG PS of 0 or 1</li> <li>• No prior HER2-targeted treatment</li> <li>• No more than 1 prior cycle of any standard 5-FU-based chemotherapy regimen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Zanidatamab</b></p> <p>1200 mg (patients &lt;70 kg) or 1600 mg (patients ≥70 kg) IV Q2W</p> <p>Patients were required to receive prophylaxis for potential infusion-related reactions: before every zanidatamab infusion and antiemetic prophylaxis for at least the first 7 days during the first treatment cycle.</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>mFOLFIRX-2</b></p> <p>Leucovorin 400 mg and oxaliplatin 85 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1 and 15; 5-FU 2400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day continuous IV infusion over 48 hours on days 1 and 15</p> <p>±</p> <p><b>Bevacizumab (or biosimilar)</b></p> <p>5 mg/kg IV on days 1 and 15</p> <p>28-day treatment cycles</p>	<p><b>CT/MRI scans QSW per RECIST v1.1</b></p> <p>→</p>	<p><b>Select primary endpoints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DLTs</li> <li>• AEs and SAEs</li> <li>• Laboratory abnormalities</li> <li>• Dose reductions</li> </ul> <p><b>Select secondary endpoints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR by investigator assessment per RECIST v1.1</li> <li>• DCR</li> <li>• DOR by investigator assessment per RECIST v1.1</li> <li>• PFS by investigator assessment per RECIST v1.1</li> <li>• OS</li> </ul>
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	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 (n = 6)	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab (n = 7)	Total (N = 13)
<b>Age, median, years (range)</b>	50.5 (35–64)	58.0 (36–83)	55.0 (35–83)
<65 years, n (%)	6 (100)	5 (71)	11 (85)
≥65 years, n (%)	0	2 (29)	2 (15)
<b>Male, n (%)</b>	3 (50)	6 (86)	9 (69)
<b>Race, n (%)</b>			
Asian	4 (67)	6 (86)	10 (77)
White	2 (33)	1 (14)	3 (23)
<b>Ethnicity, n (%)</b>			
Hispanic or Latino	1 (17)	0	1 (8)
Not Hispanic or Latino	5 (83)	7 (100)	12 (92)
<b>ECOG PS, n (%)</b>			
0	2 (33)	2 (29)	4 (31)
1	4 (67)	5 (71)	9 (69)
<b>Primary diagnosis, n (%)</b>			
Colon adenocarcinoma	3 (50)	4 (57)	7 (54)
Rectal adenocarcinoma	3 (50)	3 (43)	6 (46)
<b>Disease stage at initial diagnosis, n (%)</b>			
IIB	0	1 (14)	1 (8)
IIIA	0	1 (14)	1 (8)
IV	6 (100)	5 (71)	11 (85)
<b>Centrally confirmed HER2 status, n (%)</b>			
IHC 2+/FISH+	2 (33)	3 (43)	5 (38)
IHC 3+	4 (67)	4 (57)	8 (62)
<b>Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1, n (%)</b>	6 (100)	6 (86)	12 (92)

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX6-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours version 1.1.

- The trial enrolled patients at investigational sites in 4 countries (Canada, Chile, Republic of Korea, and the US)
- Between 3 May 2022 and 21 August 2023, 13 patients with mCRC were enrolled and treated (zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2, n = 6; zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab, n = 7)
- As of the last patient last visit (30 August 2025), the median (range) duration of follow-up was 39.2 (24.3–40.0) months for zanidatamab in combination with mFOLFOX6-2 and 33.6 (26.8–39.5) months for zanidatamab in combination with mFOLFOX6-2 and bevacizumab
  - Nine (69%) patients were still on study at time of termination by the sponsor; prior to study end, 3 (23%) patients withdrew consent and 1 (8%) patient from the zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 group died
- The median (range) duration of zanidatamab treatment was 22.7 (8.1–39.6) months for the zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 group and 10.2 (0–34.7) months when bevacizumab was included; the median (range) number of zanidatamab treatment cycles was 23.5 (9–42) for the zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 group and 11.0 (1–37) when bevacizumab was included

	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 (n = 6)	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab (n = 5)	Total (n = 11)
<b>Confirmed objective response rate, n (%)</b>	6 (100)	5 (100)	11 (100)
(95% CI)	(54–100)	(48–100)	(72–100)
<b>Confirmed best overall response, n (%)</b>			
Partial response	6 (100)	5 (100)	11 (100)
<b>Disease control rate,<sup>b</sup> n (%)</b>	6 (100)	5 (100)	11 (100)
(95% CI)	(54–100)	(48–100)	(72–100)

<sup>a</sup>All treated patients who had  $\geq 1$  measurable target lesion (per RECIST v.1.1) at baseline and  $\geq 1$  evaluable postbaseline disease assessment (per RECIST v.1.1) or discontinued study treatment due to death or clinical progression. <sup>b</sup>Disease control was defined as a best overall response of stable disease, partial response, or complete response. HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX6-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; RECIST v.1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1.

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Treatment Group	Change in sum of diameters of target lesions (%)
IHC FISH	-100
2+ (IHC)	-50
2+ (FISH)	-50
3+ (IHC)	-50
3+ (FISH)	-50
3+ (IHC)	-50
2+ (IHC)	-50
2+ (FISH)	-50
3+ (IHC)	-50
3+ (FISH)	-50
3+ (IHC)	-50
3+ (FISH)	-50

\*All treated patients who had  $\geq 1$  measurable target lesion (per RECIST v1.1) at baseline and  $\geq 1$  evaluable postbaseline disease assessment (per RECIST v1.1) or discontinued study treatment due to death or clinical progression.

Horizontal lines indicate thresholds for progressive disease (20% increase in sum of diameters of target lesions) and partial response (30% decrease in sum of diameters of target lesions) per RECIST v1.1.

FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX6-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours version 1.1.

- All response-evaluable patients (100%) achieved a partial response

**IHC FISH**

Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2      Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab

3+ +

3+ +

2+ +

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Time from treatment start (months)

Median DOR (95% CI)  
NE (6.9 months-NE)

PR SD PD Death

\*All treated patients who had  $\geq 1$  measurable target lesion (per RECIST v1.1) at baseline and  $\geq 1$  evaluable postbaseline disease assessment (per RECIST v1.1) or discontinued study treatment due to death or clinical progression.  
DOR, duration of response; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX6-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; NE, not estimable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours version 1.1; SD, stable disease.

• The overall median duration of response was not reached (median [range] duration of follow-up: 36.2 [24.3–40.0] months)

**Median PFS (95% CI):**

Zanidatamab + mFOLFOXG-2	NE (8.2 months-NE)
Zanidatamab + mFOLFOXG-2 + bevacizumab	NE (NE-NE)
Overall	NE (11.0 months-NE)

**Number of patients at risk:**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
Zanidatamab + mFOLFOXG-2	6	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	
Zanidatamab + mFOLFOXG-2 + bevacizumab	7	6	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0		
Overall	13	12	11	10	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	3	2	0	

HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOXG-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; NE, not estimable; PFS, progression-free survival.

- The estimated overall 18- and 24-month (95% CI) progression-free survival (PFS) rates were both 80% (39–95)

	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 (n = 6)		Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab (n = 7)		Total (N = 13)	
Any TRAE, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	6 (100)		7 (100)		13 (100)	
Grade 1–2	3 (50)		4 (57)		7 (54)	
Grade ≥3	3 (50)		3 (43)		6 (46)	
Serious TRAE, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	1 (17)		1 (14)		2 (15)	
AEs leading to zanidatamab dose reduction, n (%)	1 (17)		0		1 (8)	
AEs leading to zanidatamab dose discontinuation, n (%)	0		0		0	
AESi, n (%)	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3
Infusion-related reaction	3 (50)	0	2 (29)	0	5 (38)	0
Noninfectious pulmonary toxicities	1 (17)	0	0	0	1 (8)	0
Left ventricular dysfunction	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*TRAEs could be related to zanidatamab and/or mFOLFOX6-2 and/or bevacizumab.  
AE, adverse event; AEsI, AE of special interest; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX6-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; TEAE, treatment-emergent AE; TRAE, treatment-related AE.

- No new safety concerns were observed with longer-term follow-up
- No serious TRAEs occurred in more than 2 patients
- There were no zanidatamab discontinuations due to AEs of any cause, and 1 patient received a reduced zanidatamab dose due to AEs

Preferred term, n (%)	Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 (n = 6)		Zanidatamab + mFOLFOX6-2 + bevacizumab (n = 7)		Total (N = 13)	
	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3
Diarrhoea	3 (50)	1 (17)	5 (71)	2 (29)	8 (62)	3 (23)
Nausea	4 (67)	0	4 (57)	1 (14)	8 (62)	1 (8)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	5 (83)	0	3 (43)	1 (14)	8 (62)	1 (8)
Ejection fraction decreased	2 (33)	0	2 (29)	1 (14)	4 (31)	1 (8)
Infusion-related reaction	3 (50)	0	2 (29)	0	5 (38)	0
Stomatitis	3 (50)	0	2 (29)	0	5 (38)	0
Fatigue	1 (17)	0	2 (29)	1 (14)	3 (23)	1 (8)
Vomiting	2 (33)	0	1 (14)	1 (14)	3 (23)	1 (8)
Neutrophil count decreased	0	1 (17)	1 (14)	1 (14)	1 (8)	2 (15)

HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; mFOLFOX-2, modified dose of 5-fluorouracil and leucovorin and oxaliplatin; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

- Diarrhoea was the most common grade  $\geq 3$  TRAE, occurring in 1/6 (17%) patients receiving zanidatamab + mFOLFOX-2 and in 2/7 (29%) patients receiving zanidatamab + mFOLFOX-2 + bevacizumab

- After 2 years of additional follow-up, zanidatamab plus chemotherapy ± bevacizumab continued to demonstrate encouraging antitumour activity and a generally manageable safety profile as 1L treatment for patients with HER2-positive mCRC
  - No patients discontinued zanidatamab due to TRAEs
  - At the last patient last visit, the cORR was 100%, with an additional partial response since the previously reported data cutoff (31 October 2023)<sup>12</sup>
  - Median PFS and duration of response were not reached; there was 1 death reported
- Clinical investigation of zanidatamab monotherapy in previously treated, HER2-positive mCRC is ongoing in the phase 2 tumour-agnostic DiscovHER PAN-206 study<sup>15</sup>

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