



**Aspirin for everyone?
Aspirin for no one?**



Gut feelings or an evidence-based medicine?

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A Quick Reminder

1. Preventive benefits occur later and under-appreciated
2. Failure to prevent is an act of omission- less regret
3. Should start at age 40-50 year
4. Benefits seen after >5 years
5. Benefit unrelated to dose!!!! **100mg=600mg, 325?**
6. Low dose aspirin is sufficient
7. Effect is maximized after 10-15 years
8. Should not initiated in the elderly (>75 year) (ASPREE)
9. Protects from Alzheimer disease!!!!
10. Reduces overall mortality
11. Low profile of side effects
12. Genomic molecular signature predict efficacy and toxicity
13. Cancer incidence decrease as do major bleeding events with extended aspirin use



43 CAPP2 recruiting centres: 1009 Lynch syndrome recruits

UK

Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Leeds
Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Cardiff,
Belfast, Oxford, Bristol, St Marks, St Georges, Guys-London
Southampton, Exeter, Guildford, Worthing

Rest of Europe

Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany,
Belgium, Poland, Netherlands, France,
Hungary, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Italy



Australia

Melbourne
Brisbane
Newcastle
Perth

600mg aspirin /day versus placebo
Average for 29 months
Mean age 45 years
1999 - 2007

CaPP2: Planned 10 yr review PLUS national registry data

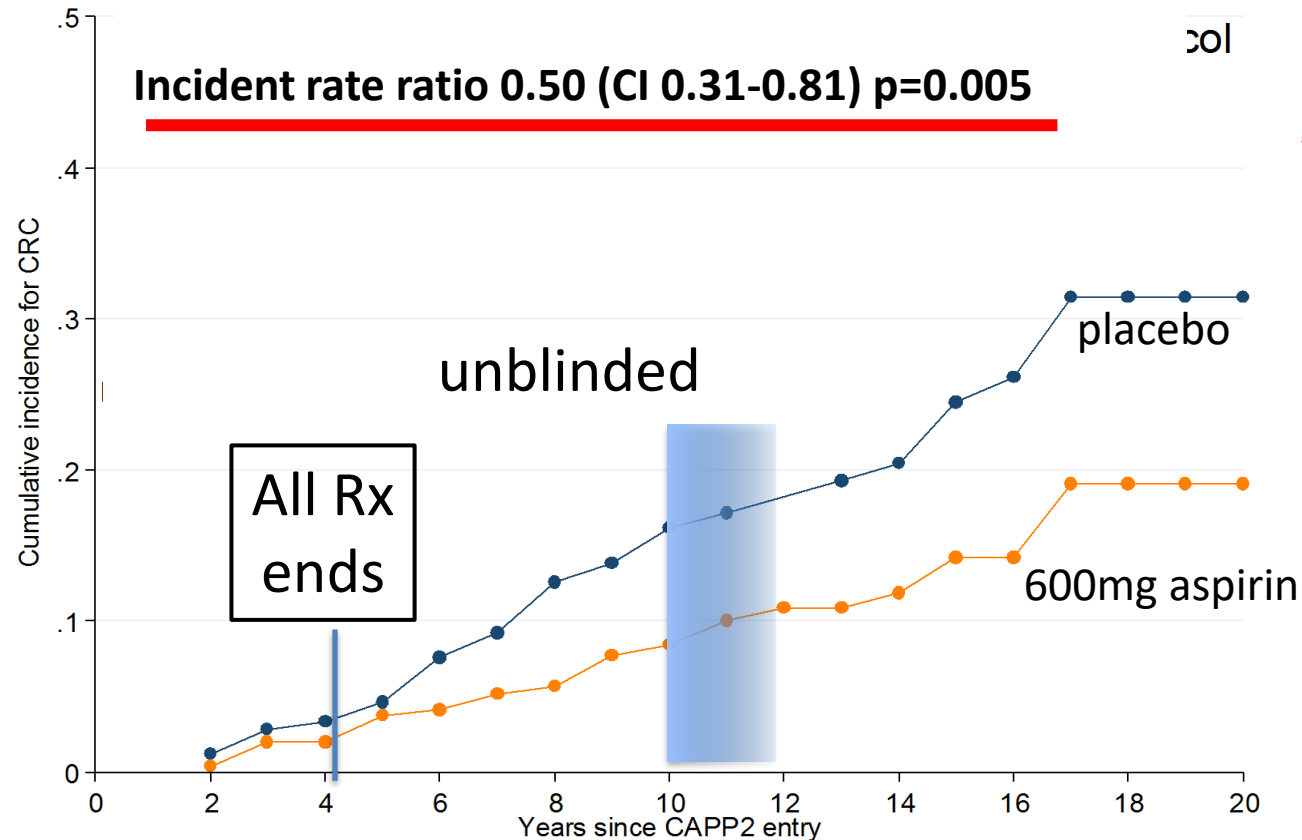
aspirin cancer prevention persists for over a decade

Articles

Intention to treat HR 0.65 (95% CI 0.43-0.97) $p=0.04$

Per Protocol HR 0.56 (95% CI 0.34-0.91) $p=0.02$

Incident rate ratio 0.50 (CI 0.31-0.81) $p=0.005$



HR = Hazard Ratio (counts first cancer). IRR = Incident Rate Ratio (counts all cancers)

Lancet 2020; 395: 1855-63

Cancer prevention with aspirin in hereditary colorectal cancer (Lynch syndrome), 10-year follow-up and registry-based 20-year data in the CAPP2 study: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

John Burn, Harsh Sheth*, Faye Elliott*, Lynn Reed, Finlay Macrae, Jukka-Pekka Mecklin, Gabriela Möslein, Fiona E McDonald, Lucio Bertario, D Gareth Evans, Anne-Marie Gerdes, Judy W C Ho, Annika Lindblom, Patrick J Morrison, Jem Rashbass, Raj Ramesar, Toni Seppälä, Huw J W Thomas, Kirsi Pylvänäinen, Gillian M Borthwick, John C Mathers, D Timothy Bishop, on behalf of the CAPP2 Investigators



For every 25 LS patients treated with 600mg aspirin, one colorectal cancer is prevented over ~15 years (effect starts from 5 years).

No signif. Difference in side effects

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Offer daily aspirin to those with inherited genetic condition to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer

Aspirin taken daily for 2 years or more could reduce the risk of colorectal cancer

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Israel Joins CaPP3



Centre for Life
Newcastle University

CaPP3 International Collaboration

CaPP3 Statistical Analysis Plan 2014

“.....a non-inferiority studybaseline 600mg aspirin/day compared separately to two lower trial doses; non-inferiority will be declared if ... effect on cancer incidence is less than 1.5 times worse than the standard 600 mg dose.

Jones, B., P. Jarvis, J. A. Lewis, and A. F. Ebbutt. 1996.

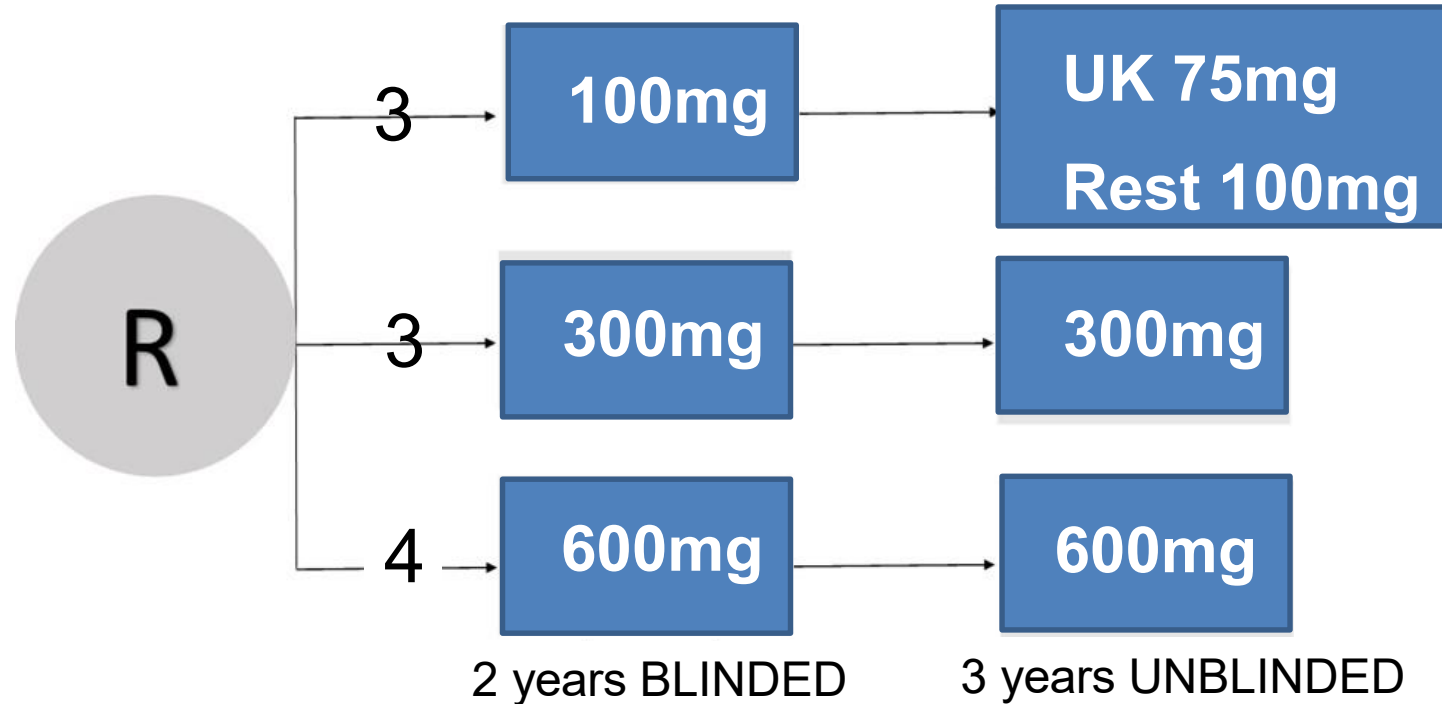
'Trials to assess equivalence: the importance of rigorous methods', *BMJ*, 313: 36-9.

“To compare the overall cumulative incidence of **LS cancers** using **Cox proportional hazards for time to first LS cancer**and **negative binomial regression (NBR)** to allow for multiple primaries

Incidence Rate Ratios (IRR) for the effect of aspirin will be estimated from log-linear models **for the number of primary cancers...**”

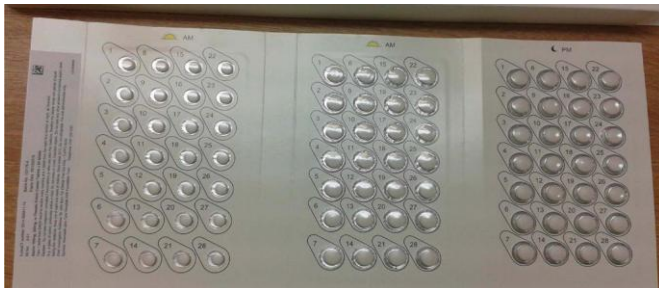
1866 Lynch syndrome gene carriers

Dose non-inferiority randomised trial



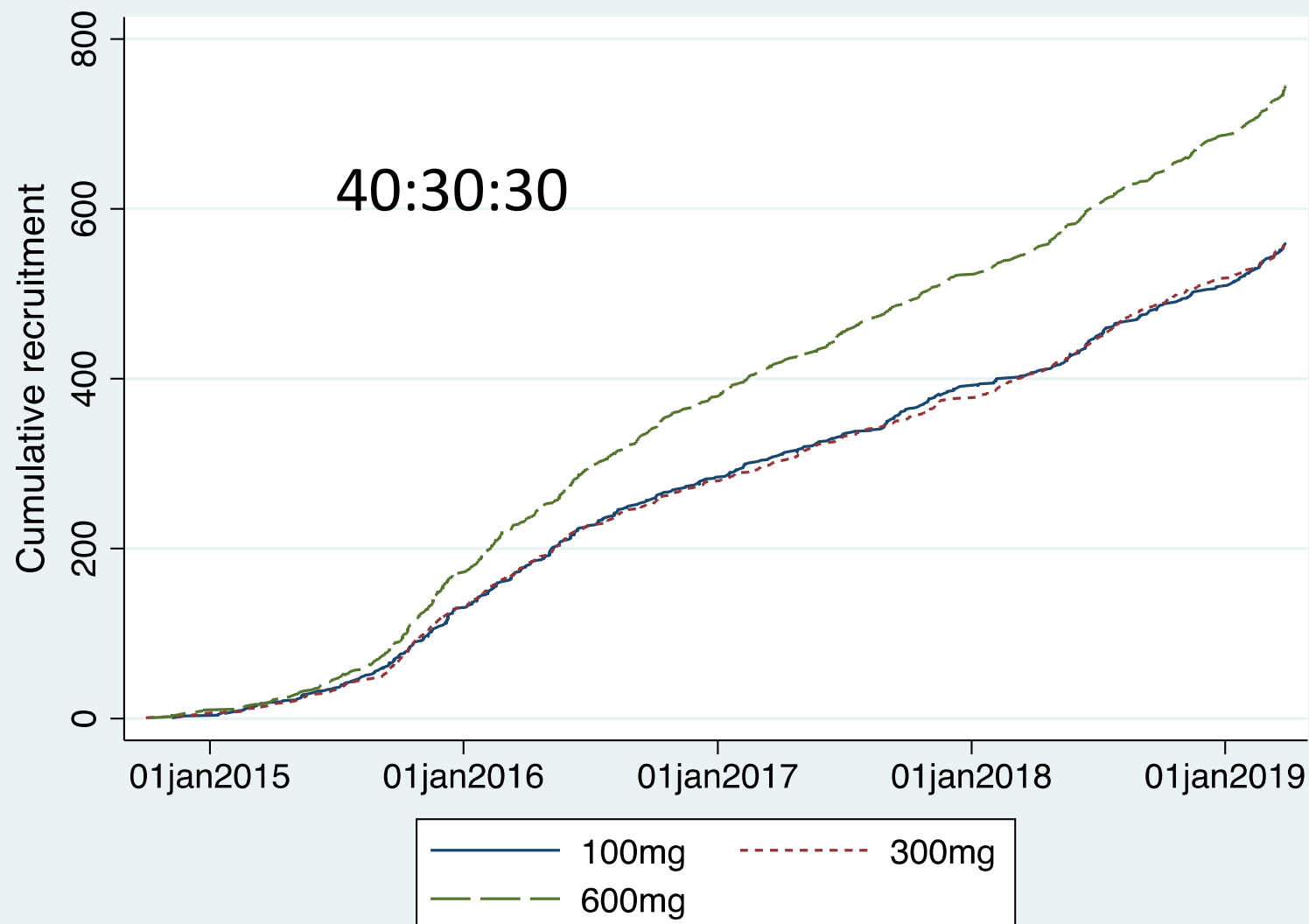
Open Phase: maintain equivalent dose

FPFV 2014
End blinded stage 2021
LPLV 2024



recruitment

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1866 Eligible recruits

%

MSH2	39.4%
MLH1.	32.4%
MSH6	19.5%
PMS2	7.6%
EPCAM	1.0%
Epimut	0.1%

Mean age 46.3 years

Prevention trials take a long time

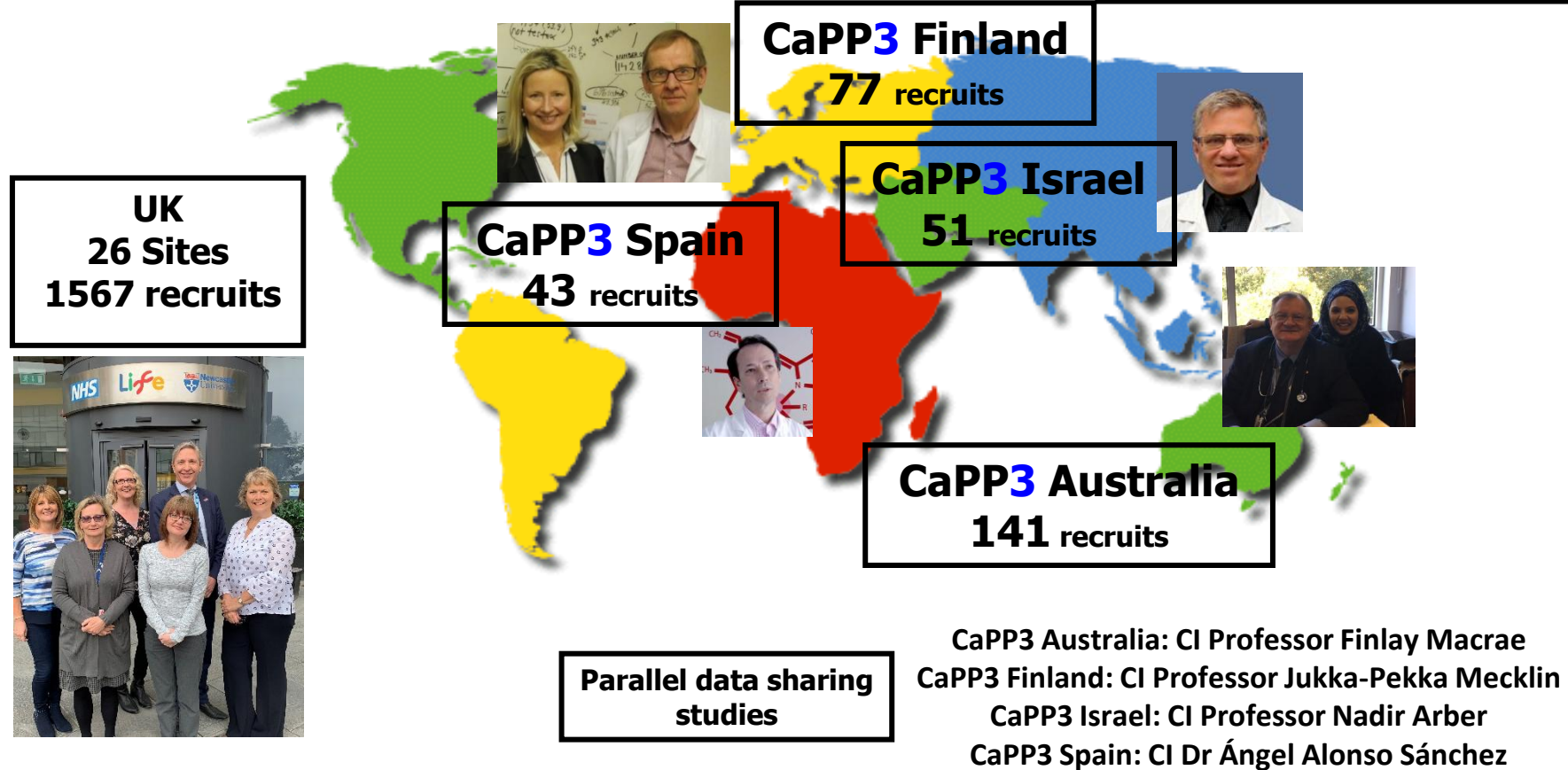
What aspirin dose?

- Recruitment started 1st October 2014
- Recruitment finished 31st March 2019
- International total **312**
- Israel **51**
- **Total 1879** recruits
- Initial analysis of cancer incidence @ 5 years 2024/25
- Long term cancer follow up – 10 years

Total recruitment 1879
31 March 2019

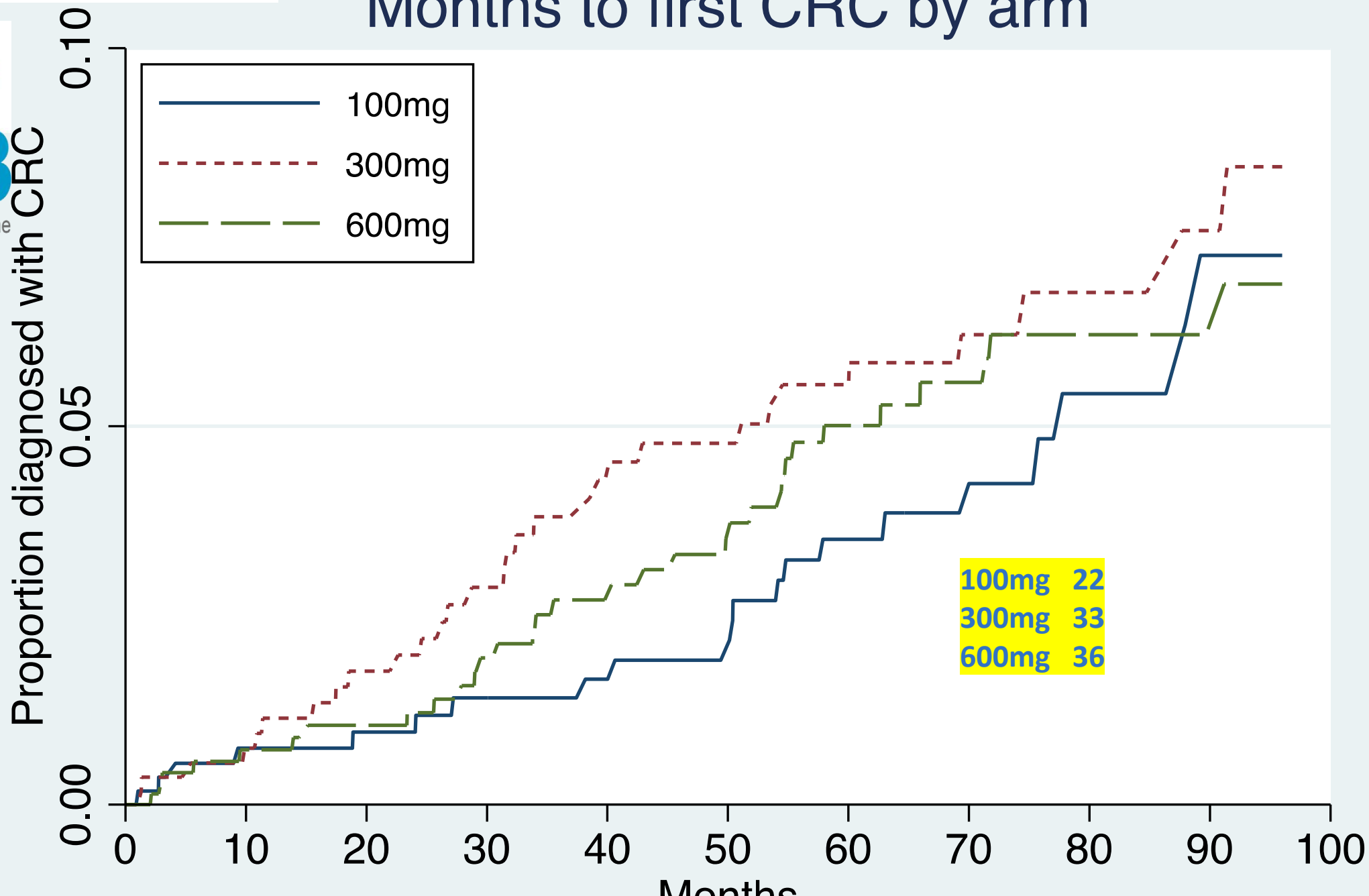
Recruitment closed 31.03.19

Participant follow up ongoing
Remaining open during COVID
Initial analysis in 2024_25 (NCRAS)

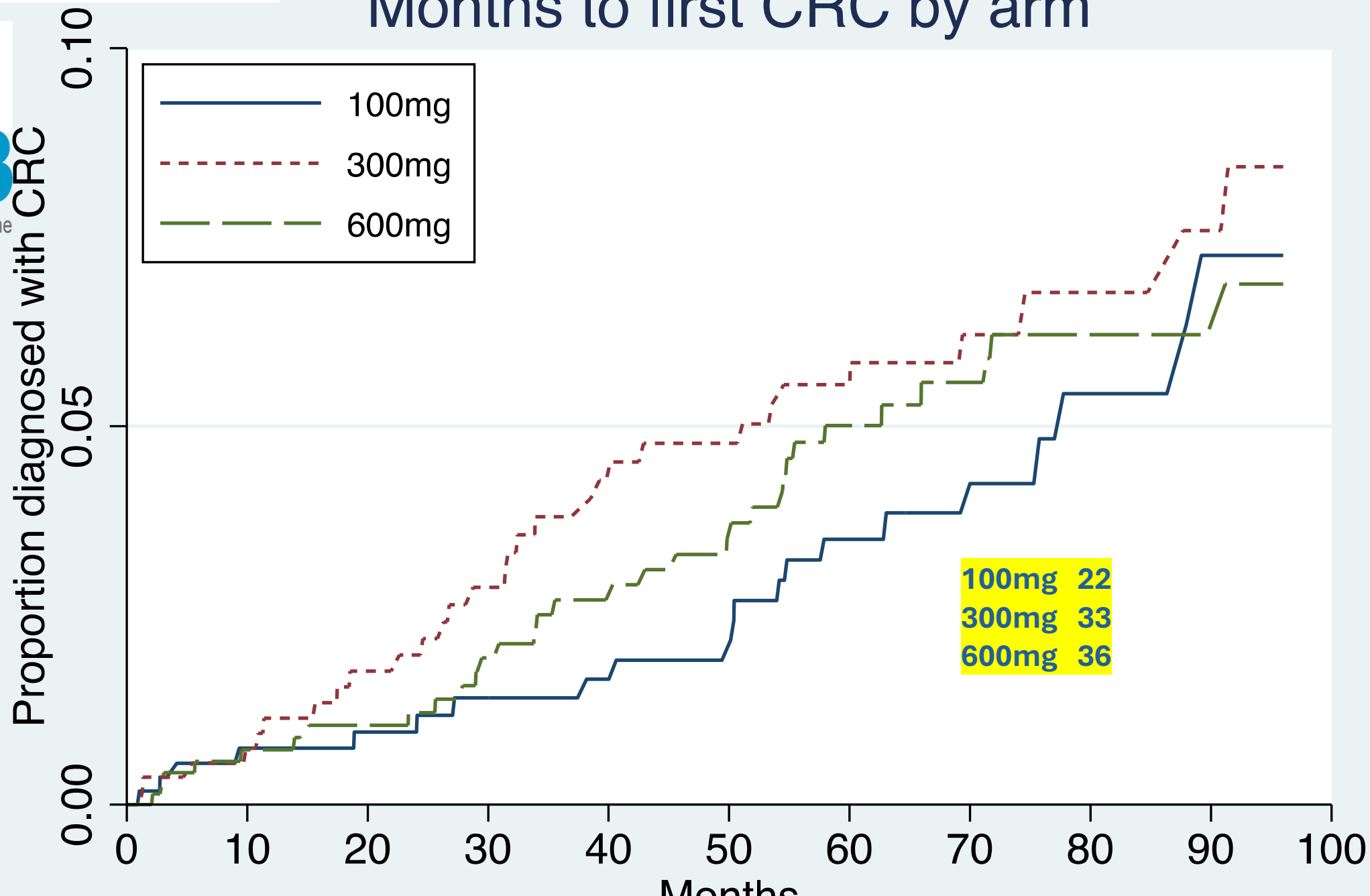


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Months to first CRC by arm

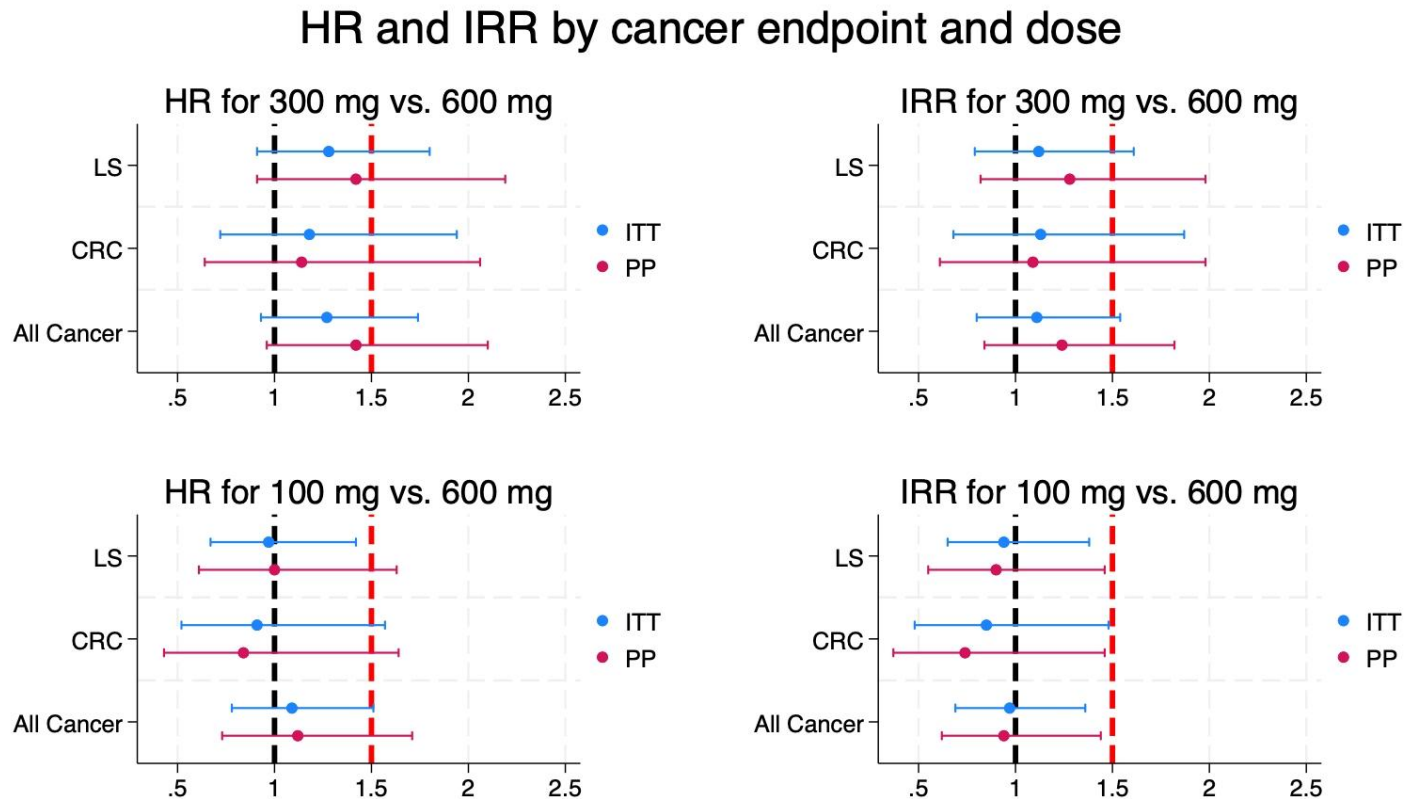


Months to first CRC by arm



Cancer Prevention with aspirin in hereditary cancer due to MisMatch Repair deficiency (Lynch syndrome): first results from the CaPP3 Dose Non-Inferiority randomised clinical trial.

Figure 4



For non-inferiority, upper 95% CI to left of dashed red 1.5 line

Hazard Rate 100mg aspirin versus 600mg.

CaPP3 HR (95% CI)

CAPP2
Placebo ◆

All LS Cancers ITT 0.97 (0.67-1.42)

All LS Cancers PP 0.94 (0.61-1.63)

Colorectal Cancers ITT 0.91 (0.52-1.57)

Colorectal Cancers PP 0.84 (0.43-1.64)

All Cancers ITT 1.09 (0.78-1.51)

All Cancers PP 1.12 (0.73-1.71)

Hazard Rate

0.2

0.5

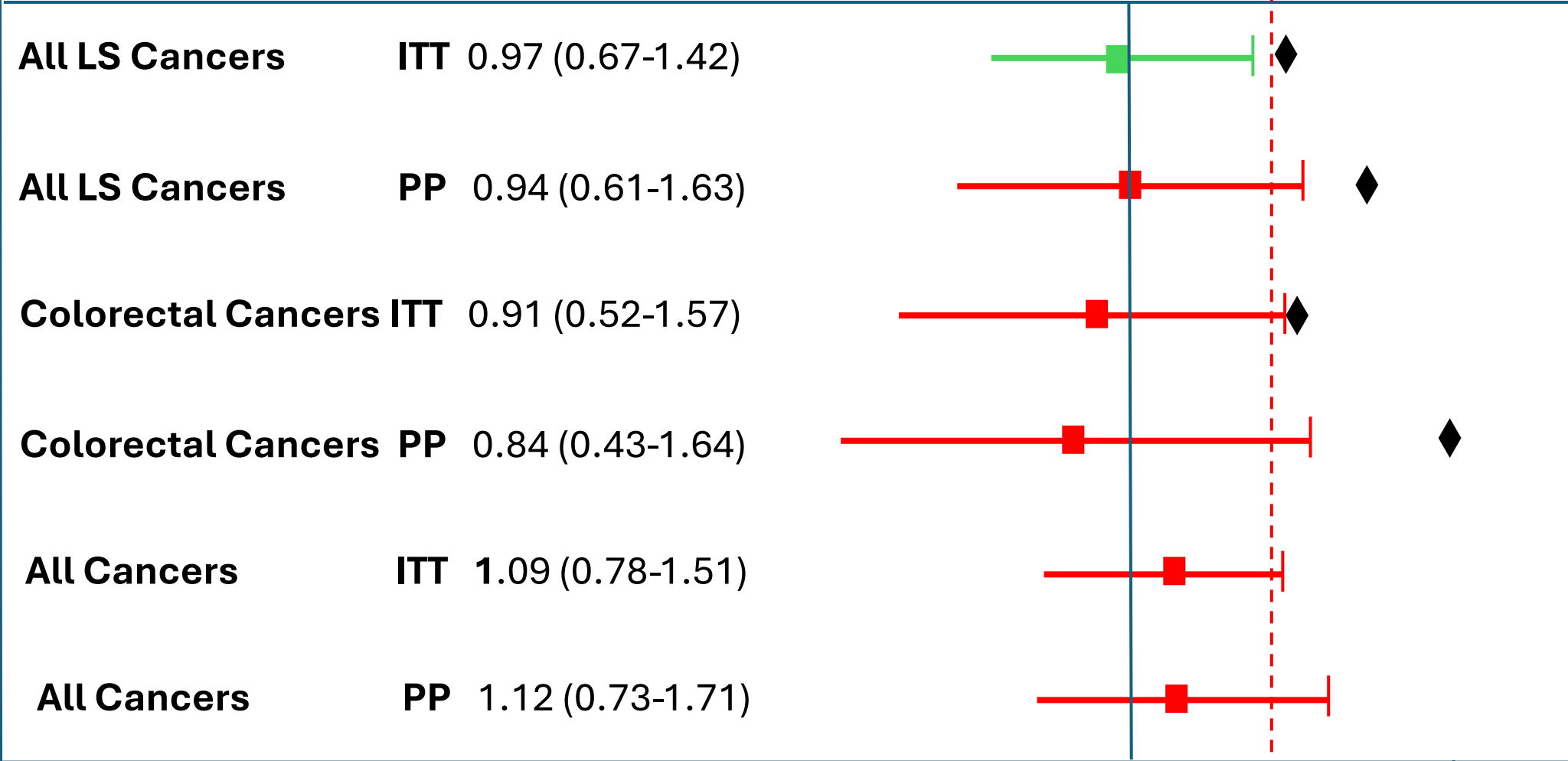
1.0

1.5

2.44

100mg=600mg

Chosen NI limit



Incidence Rate Ratio 100mg aspirin versus 600mg

CaPP3IRR (95% CI)

CAPP2
placebo



CaPP3

Cancer Prevention Programme

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All LS Cancers ITT 0.95 (0.65-1.38)

All LS Cancers PP 0.94 (0.55-1.46)

Colorectal Cancers ITT 0.84 (0.48-1.48)

Colorectal Cancers PP 0.74 (0.37-1.46)

All Cancers ITT 0.97 (0.69-1.36)

All Cancers PP 0.94 (0.62-1.44)

Incidence Rate Ratio 0.2

0.5

1.0

1.5

2.0

2.7

100mg=600mg

Chosen NI limit

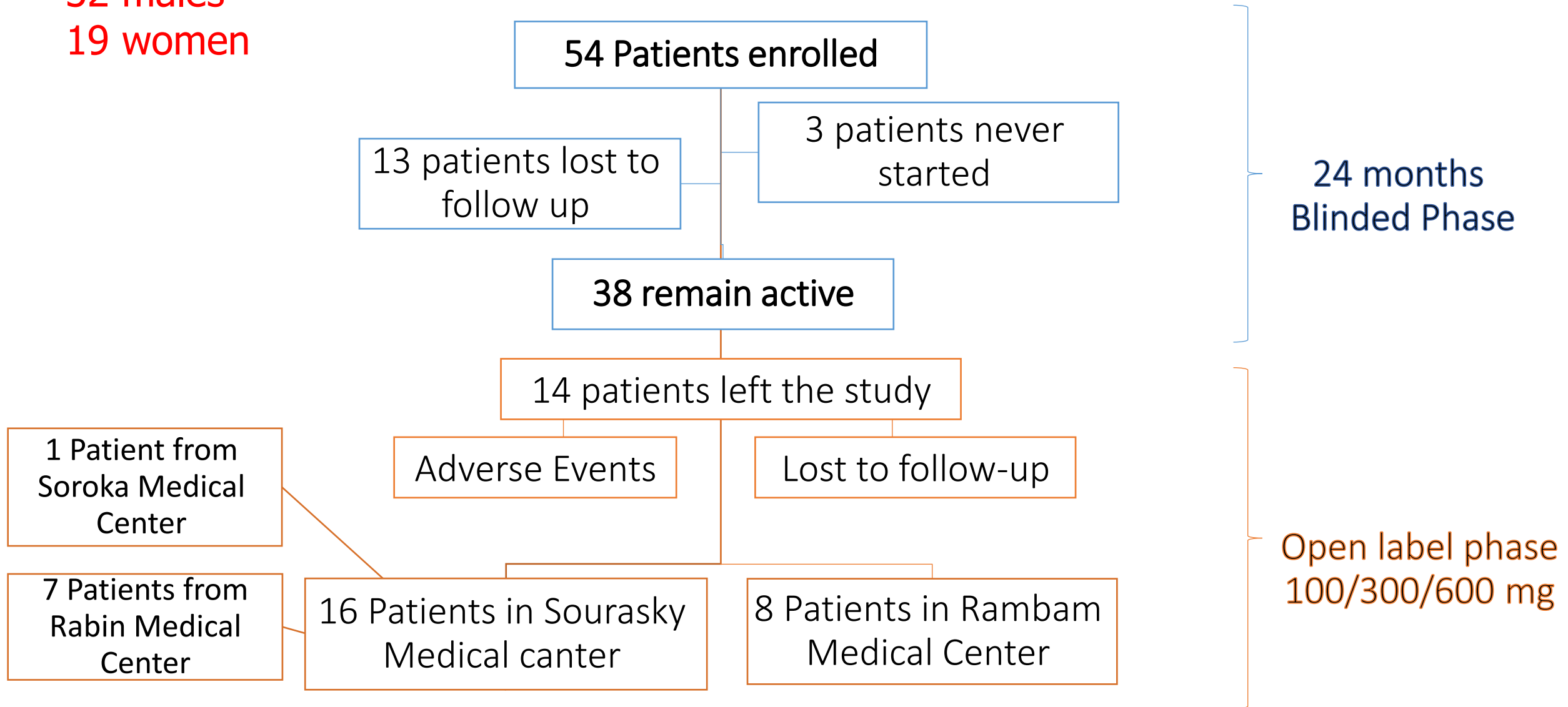
Serious Adverse Events: 96 months

	100mg	300mg	600mg
Total	26	30	47
Bleeds.	0 (0%)	3 (0.5%)	11 (1.5%)

Fisher's exact test, $p=0.004$

CAPP3 participants

Mean age - 46yr
32 males
19 women

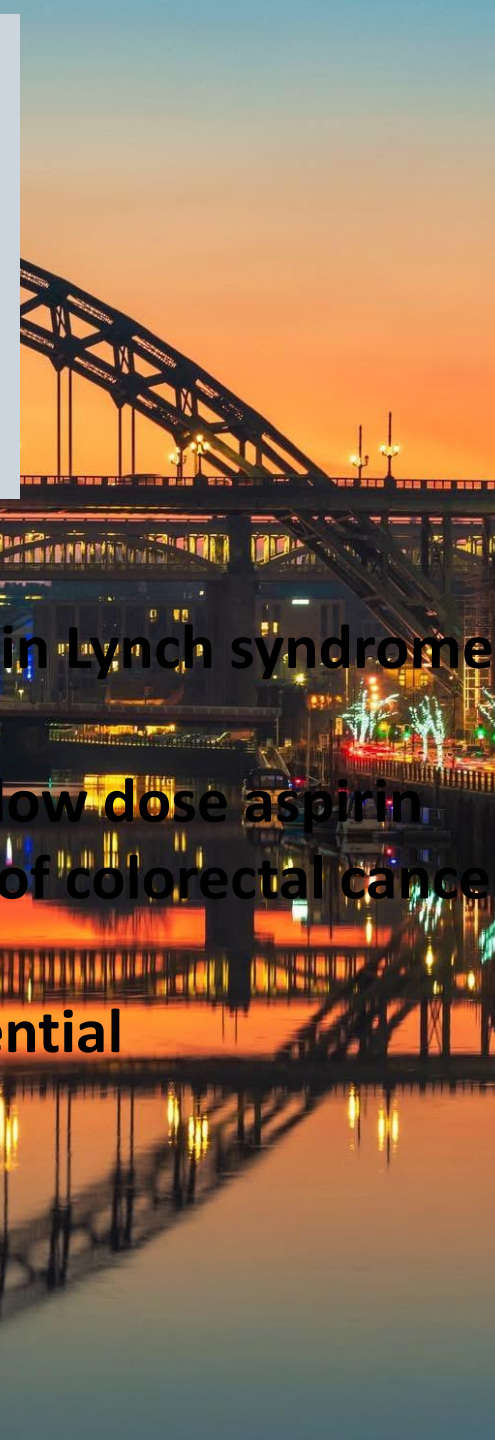


Outcomes

- One death
- One CRC (100mg)
- One prostate cancer (300mg)
- No SAEs
- 11 with AEs
 - GI (1, 2, 2)
 - Bleeding (2, 2, 1)

“Regular aspirin use, at doses similar to those recommended for the prevention of cardiovascular disease, substantially reduces the risk of colorectal cancer” **in Lynch syndrome. The benefit becomes statistically significant after five years.**

- **Anti-platelet doses of aspirin reduce the cancer burden in Lynch syndrome**
- **People with Lynch syndrome should be advised to take low dose aspirin**
- **The benefit outweighs the risk for people at higher risk of colorectal cancer.**
- **H Pylori eradication and blood pressure control are essential**
- **Double the dose for obese people**
- **Discontinuation in “old age” is recommended**



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