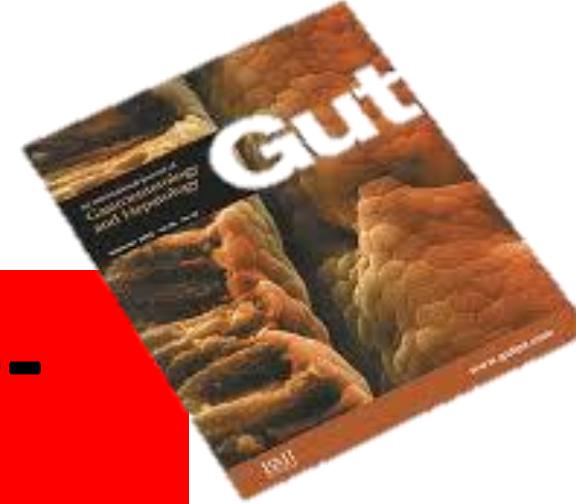


# Aspirin for everyone? Aspirin for no one?



**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



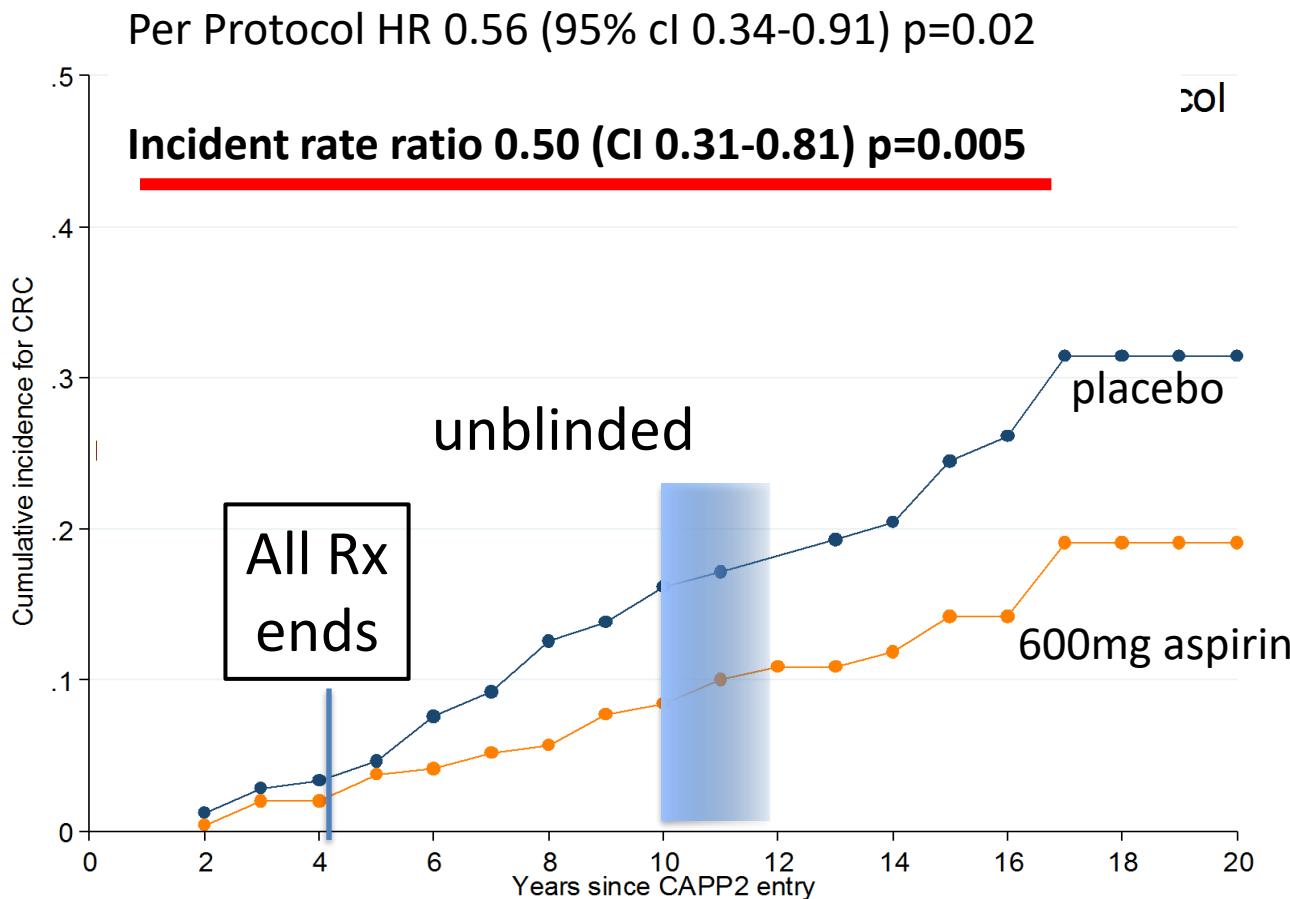
600mg aspirin /day versus placebo  
Average for 29 months  
Mean age 45 years  
1999 - 2007

**Australia**  
Melbourne  
Brisbane  
Newcastle  
Perth

# 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



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 Mösllein, 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, Kirsilä Pylyvänäinen, Gillian M Borthwick, John C Mathers, D Timothy Bishop, on behalf of the CaPP2 Investigators



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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

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

# Israel Joins CaPP3



Centre for Life  
Newcastle University

CaPP3 International Collaboration

## CaPP3 Statistical Analysis Plan 2014

“.....a **non-inferiority** study .....baseline 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.

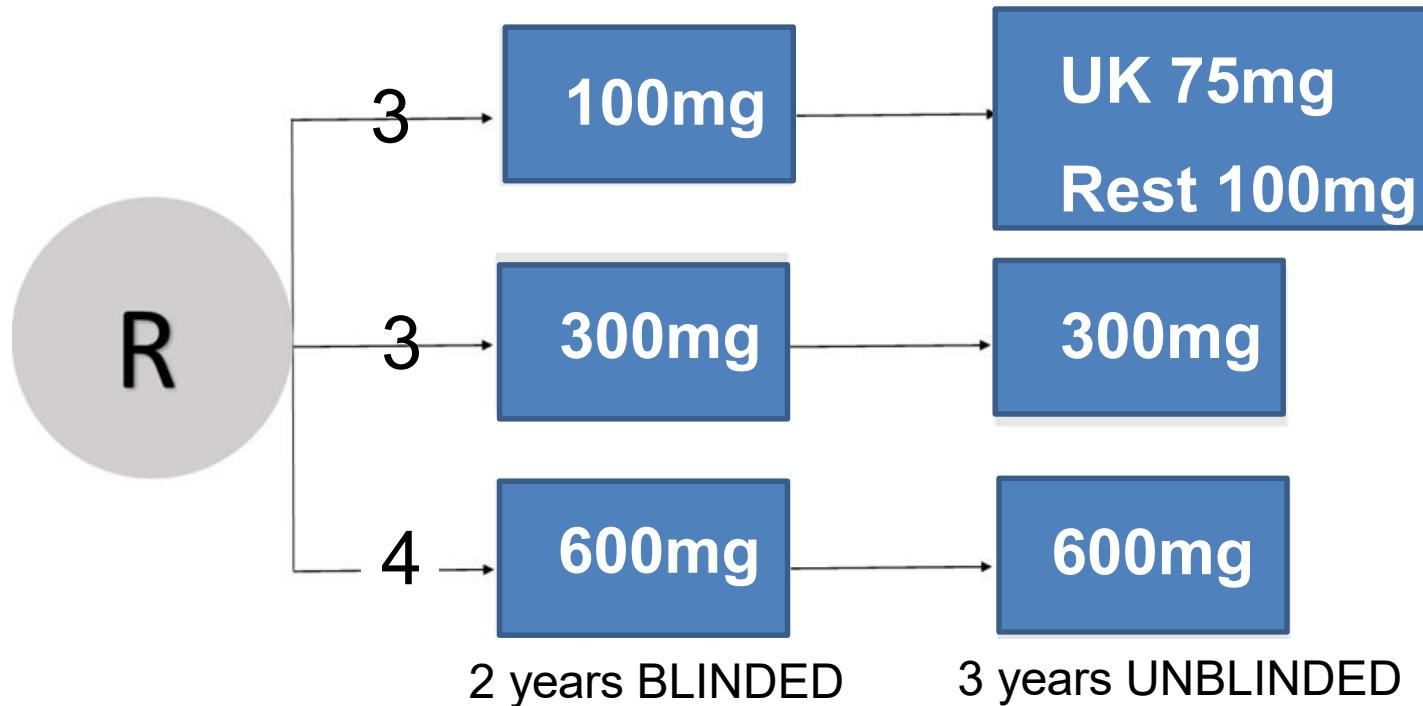
'Trials to assess equivalence: the importance of rigorous methods', *BMJ*, 313: 36-9.

“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



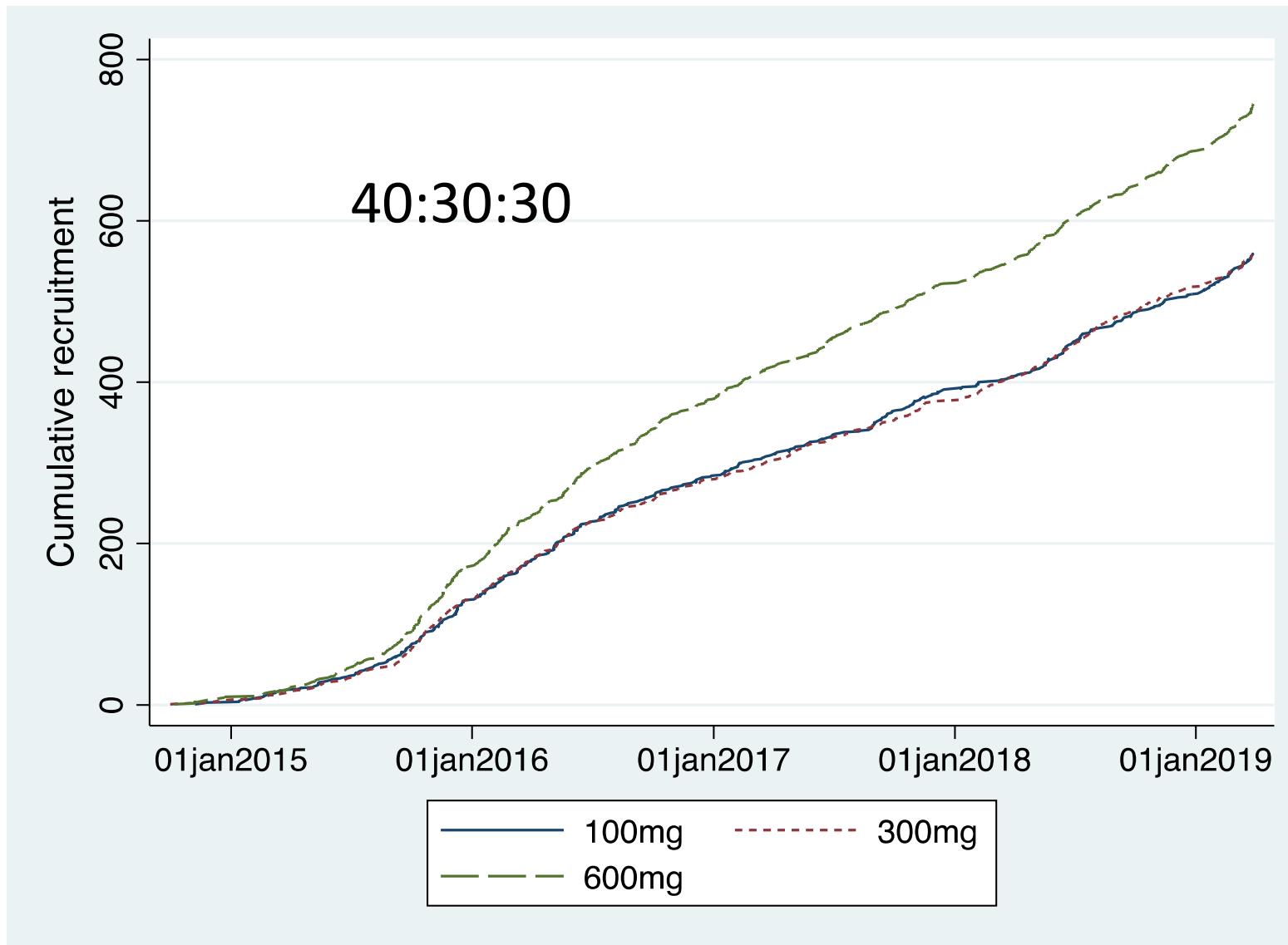
**Open Phase: maintain equivalent dose**

**FPFV 2014  
End blinded stage 2021  
LPLV 2024**



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# recruitment



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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014
- Recruitment finished 31<sup>st</sup> 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

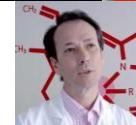
**Recruitment closed 31.03.19**

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

**UK**  
26 Sites  
1567 recruits



**CaPP3 Spain**  
43 recruits



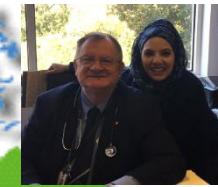
**CaPP3 Finland**  
77 recruits



**CaPP3 Israel**  
51 recruits



**CaPP3 Australia**  
141 recruits



**Parallel data sharing  
studies**

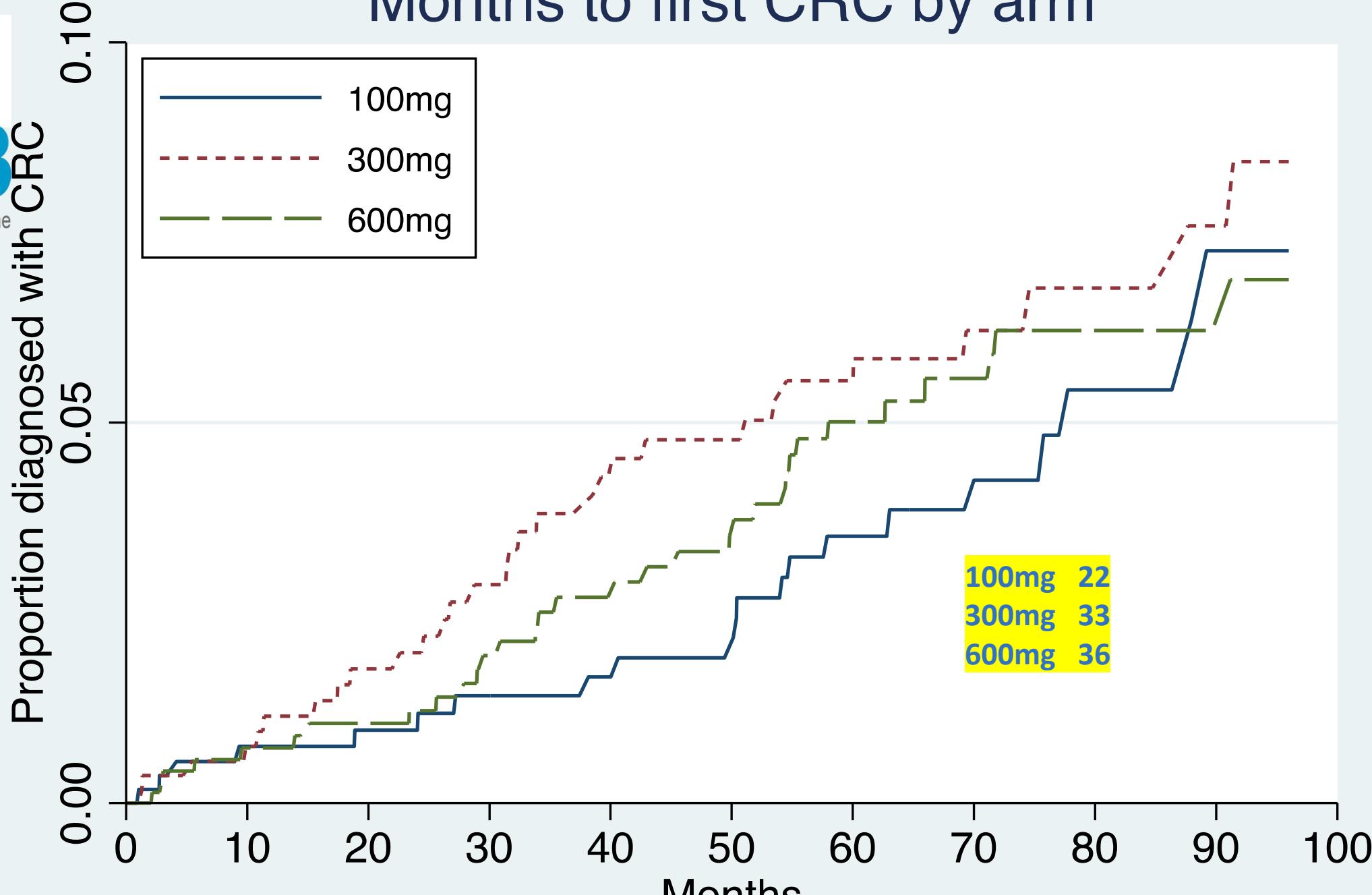
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# CaPP3<sup>C</sup>

Cancer Prevention Programme

## Months to first CRC by arm

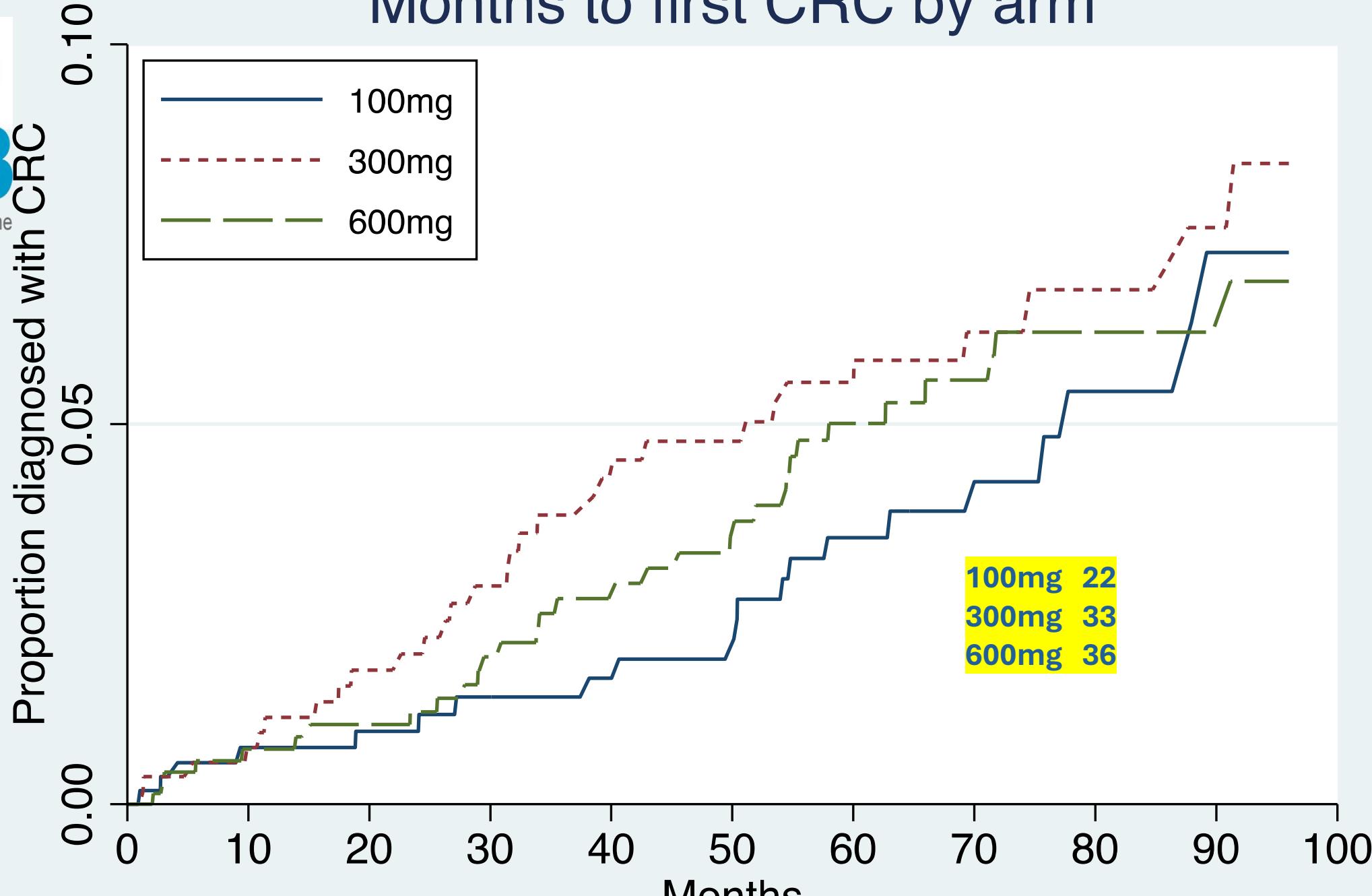




# CaPP3<sup>C</sup>

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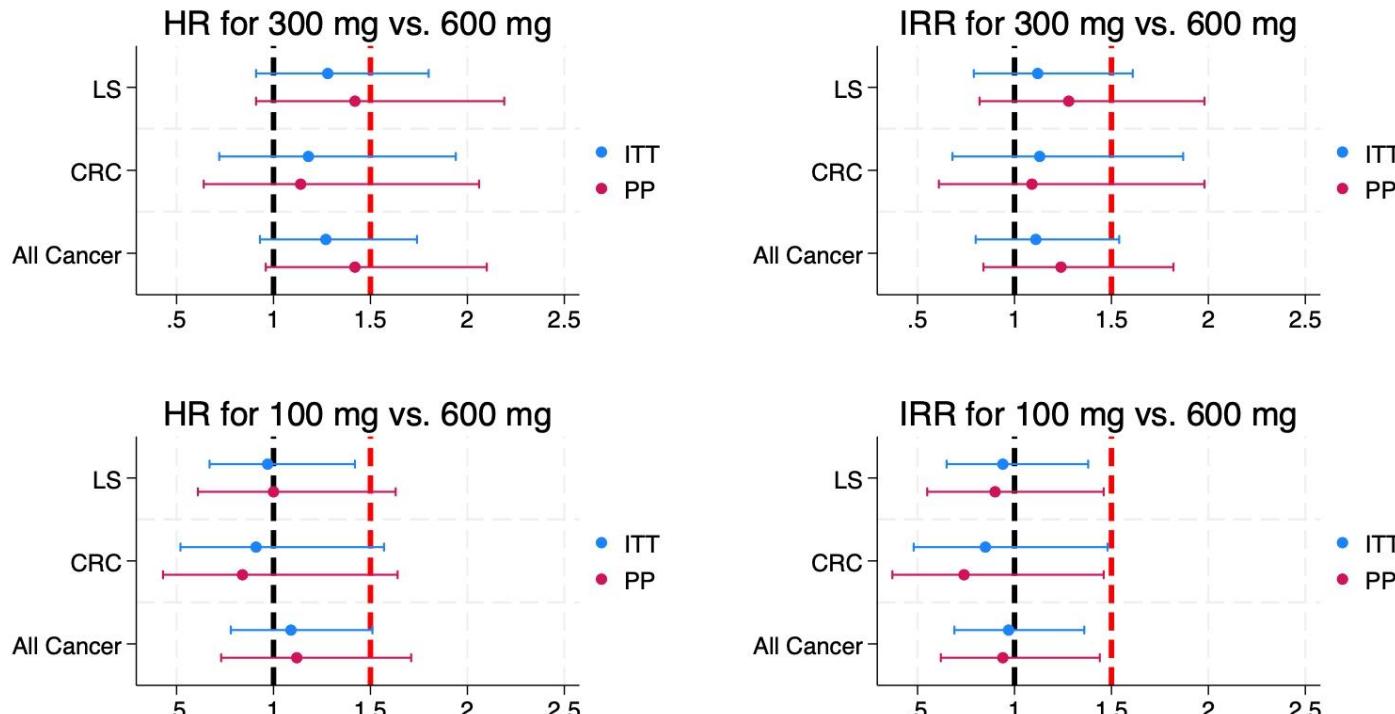
## Months to first CRC by arm



# 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

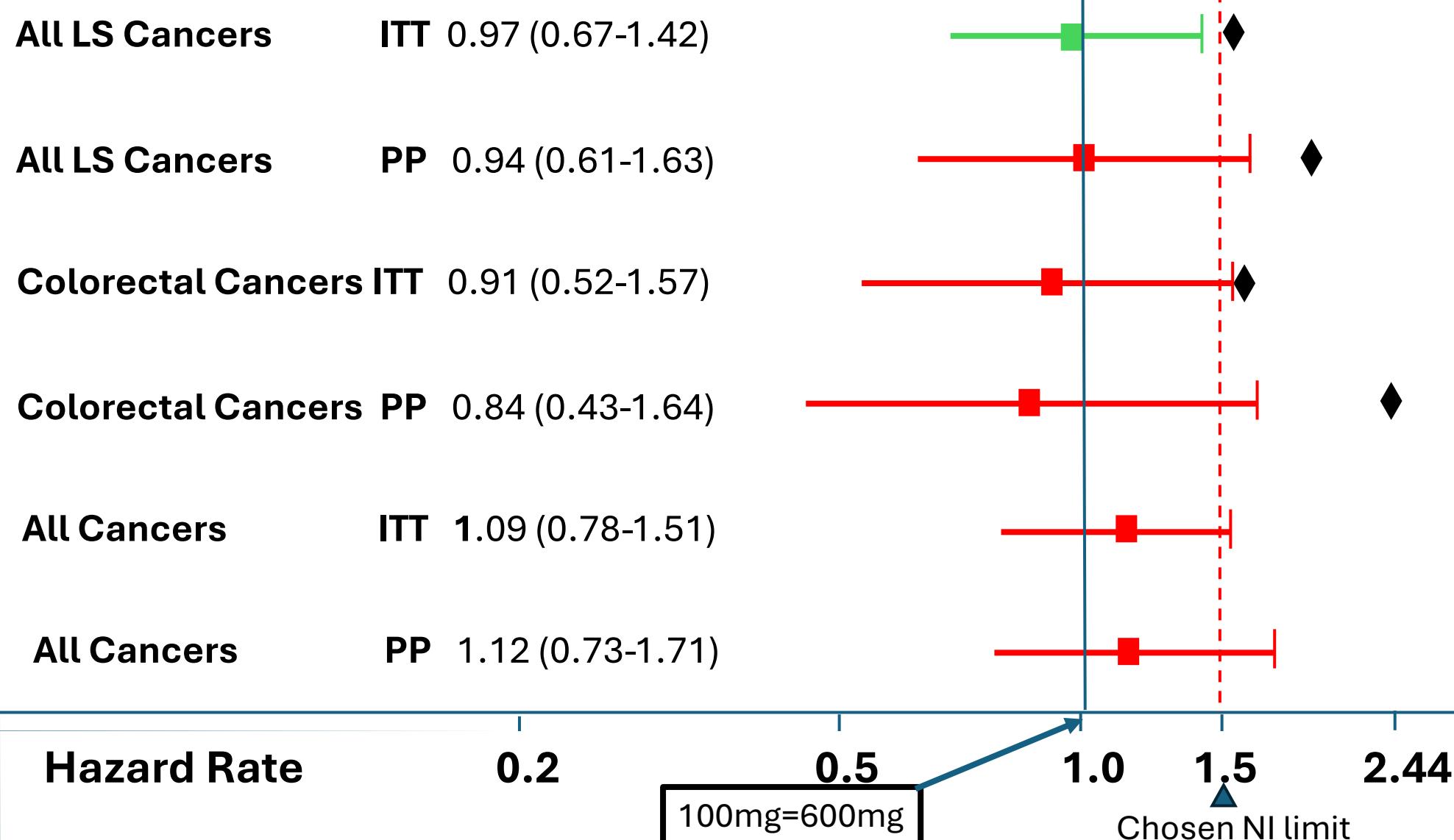
HR and IRR by cancer endpoint and dose



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

# Hazard Rate 100mg aspirin versus 600mg.

## CaPP3 HR (95% CI)



# Incidence Rate Ratio **100mg** aspirin versus 600mg

CaPP3IRR (95% CI)

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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 0.5 1.0 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.7

100mg=600mg

Chosen NI limit

CAPP2  
placebo

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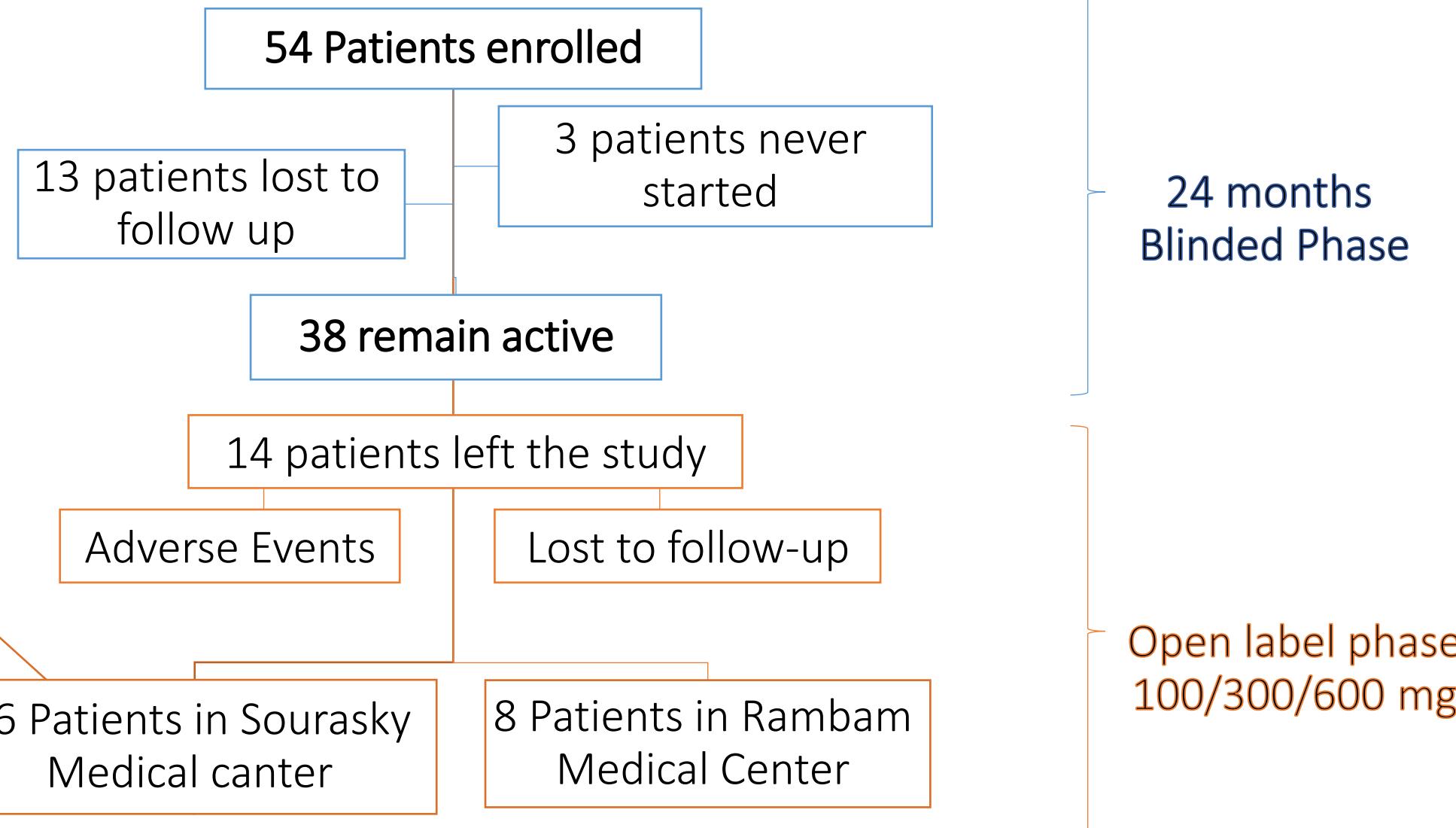
# Serious Adverse Events: 96 months

	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

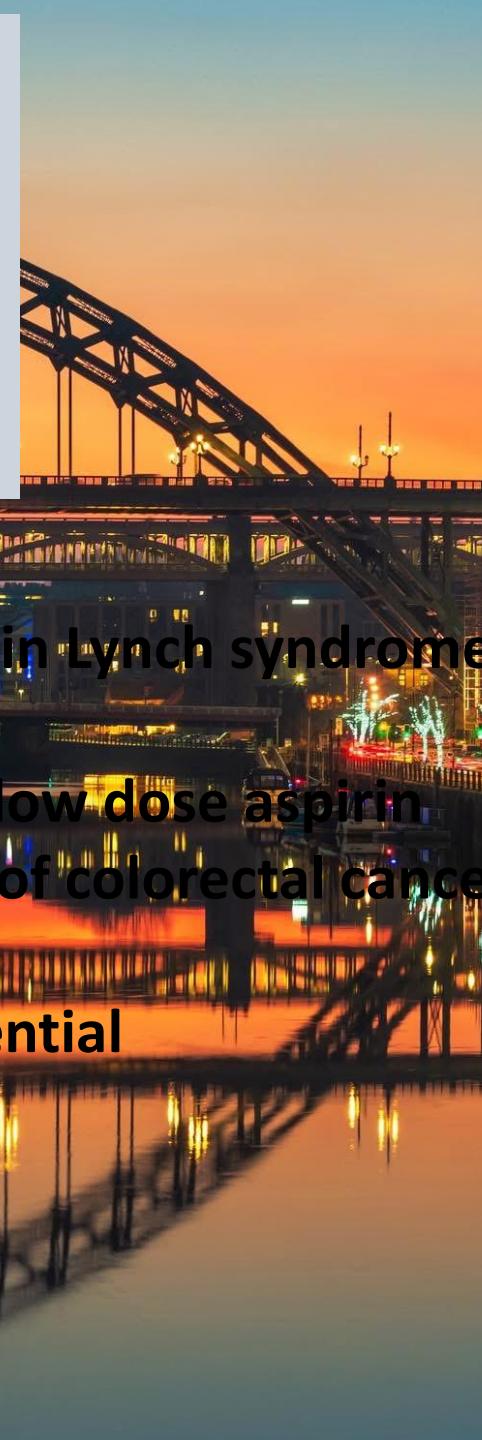
Mean age - 46yr  
32 males  
19 women



# 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**

# CaPP3

Cancer Prevention Programme



## UK PIs

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