

A prognostic marker for stage II colorectal cancer combining analyses of DNA ploidy and tumour stroma



# ColoProg workflow steps 1–6:



- Patient receives surgery
- Formalin fixed paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue used for pathology



- Treatment discussed with patient
- ColoProg test requested by clinician
- FFPE slide sent to OCB laboratory

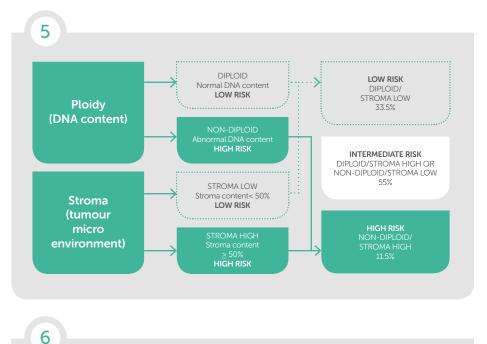


- Sample and requisition form received and logged by laboratory
- Tumour sample processed for stroma and ploidy analysis



- Digital image analysis carried out for
  - Stroma (tumour image analysis)
  - Ploidy (DNA content determination)
- Stroma and ploidy data combined to produce risk category designation
- Final data set approved by pathologist







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a prognostic marker for Stage II colorectal cancer recurrence

# What is ColoProg?

- A clinical digital pathology tool that combines analyses of Stage II DNA ploidy and tumour stroma content
- Initially validated using the QUASAR2 clinical trial<sup>(1,2)</sup> and two other studies providing over 1000 Stage II patients for analysis<sup>3</sup>

### What does ColoProg do?

- Uses the proprietary ColoProg algorithm to determine patient risk category
- Stratifies patients into low, intermediate and high-risk groups<sup>3</sup>



## Why use ColoProg?

- Difficult to identify which Stage II colorectal cancer tumour patients require adjuvant chemotherapy<sup>4</sup>
  - About 50% Stage II patients are given chemotherapy in UK<sup>3</sup>
- ColoProg enables clinicians to determine risk of recurrence, potentially sparing overtreatment of patients who would not benefit from adjuvant chemotherapy<sup>5</sup>
  - 33.5% of Stage II tumours are low risk according to ColoProg validation<sup>3</sup>
  - Long term effects of unnecessary chemotherapy can be avoided
  - May provide healthcare cost savings by avoiding unnecessary chemotherapy
- ColoProg combines DNA and tumour microenvironment markers to stratify patients into groups of high and low risk of recurrence with a hazard ratio of 2.95 (P<0.001) compared to the leading competitor (HR = 1.47, P=0.046)<sup>3</sup>
- Meets patient safety and enhanced patient experience standards (NHS Outcomes Framework)<sup>6</sup>

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