

# PHARMACOGENETIC-GUIDED TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH DYHYDROPIRYMIDINE DEHYDROGENASE (DPD) DEFICIENCY

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## BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANCE

In 2020, the European Medicines Agency recommended that patients should be tested for the deficiency of DPD prior to treatment with fluorouracil, capecitabine or tegafur.

## AIM AND OBJECTIVES

- To assess the prevalence of *DPYD* variants in cancer patients treated with fluoropyrimidines.
- To evaluate the safety of pharmacogenetic guided treatment in patients with DPD deficiency.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS



### Study design and inclusion criteria

- Prospective, observational study at a third level hospital.
- Cancer patients who underwent genotyping test for DPD deficiency between 1 November 2021 and 15 September 2022 were included.



### Data collection

Both Demographic and clinical data were obtained from electronic medical records.



### DPYD genetic testing

DNA was obtained from peripheral blood samples.

Four *DPYD* polymorphisms were analyzed:

- rs3918290
- rs55886062
- rs67376798
- rs75017182



### DPD deficiency and clinical outcomes assesment

- Patients were classified as normal, intermediate or poor metabolizers according to the result of pharmacogenetic test.
- Grade 3-4 toxicities in intermediate and poor metabolizers were screened during the first two cycles of treatment.

## RESULTS



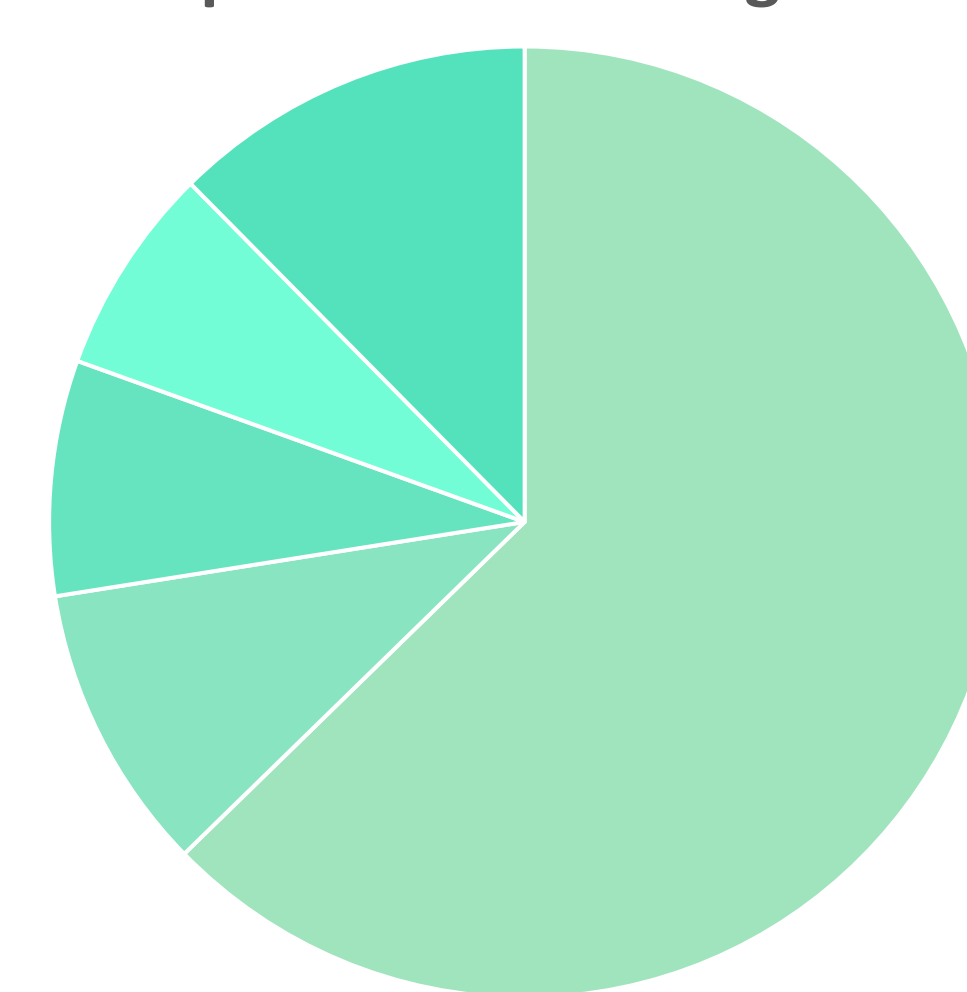
### Patients

- N = 345 (52.6% male)
- Age (mean) 68.3 (SD 11.7)

### DPD deficiency prevalence

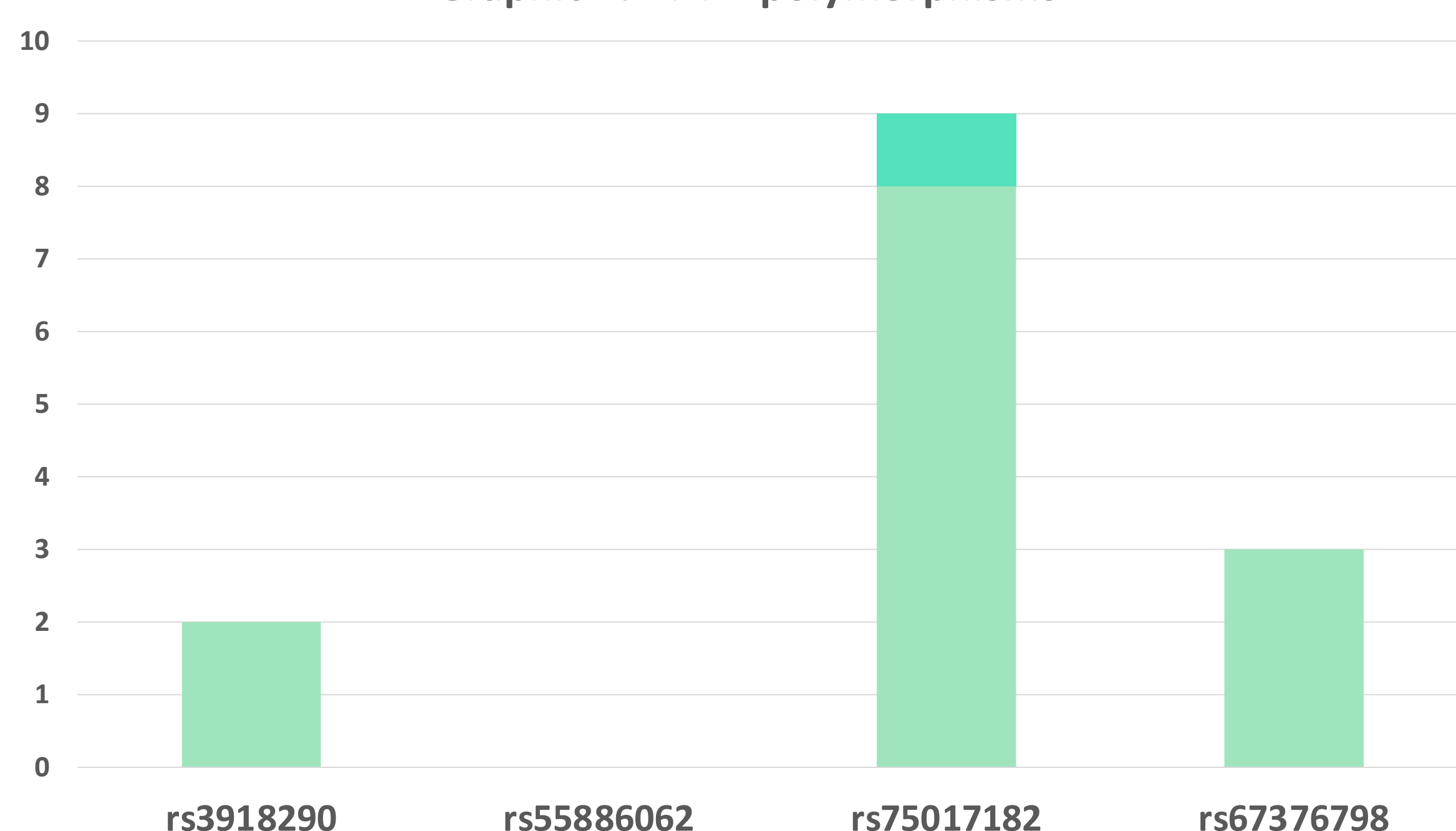
- Fourteen patients were classified as intermediate metabolizers.
- No poor metabolizers were identified.

Graphic 1. Cancer diagnoses



■ Colorectal cancer ■ Pancreatic cancer ■ Breast cancer ■ Gastric cancer ■ Other

Graphic 2. *DPYD* polymorphisms



### Clinical outcomes

- Eleven of the intermediate metabolizers received fluoropyrimidine based chemotherapy with an initial 50% dose reduction.
- Patients underwent treatment without suffering any severe adverse event.
- No further dose reduction or treatment delays were required in these patients.

## CONCLUSION AND RELEVANCE

- Overall, 4.1% of the patients of our cohort had partial DPD deficiency.
- Treatment individualization based on *DPYD* genotyping can be useful to avoid severe adverse events in patients treated with fluoropyrimidines.

