

The Rise and Rise of Cellular Immunotherapy for Multiple Myeloma

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GRIFFIN 4 yr follow up

MAIA update

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AGENDA

- 1. What is the preferred Induction therapy for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma**
- 2. Is Maintenance important and for how long? Doublets?**
- 3. What is the role of Upfront Bone Marrow Transplant for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma?**
- 4. How do I treat relapsed Myeloma?**
- 5. How do I choose between CAR T and Bispecifics?**



What is the ideal Induction therapy for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

Standard Risk
High Risk
Transplant Eligible
Transplant Ineligible

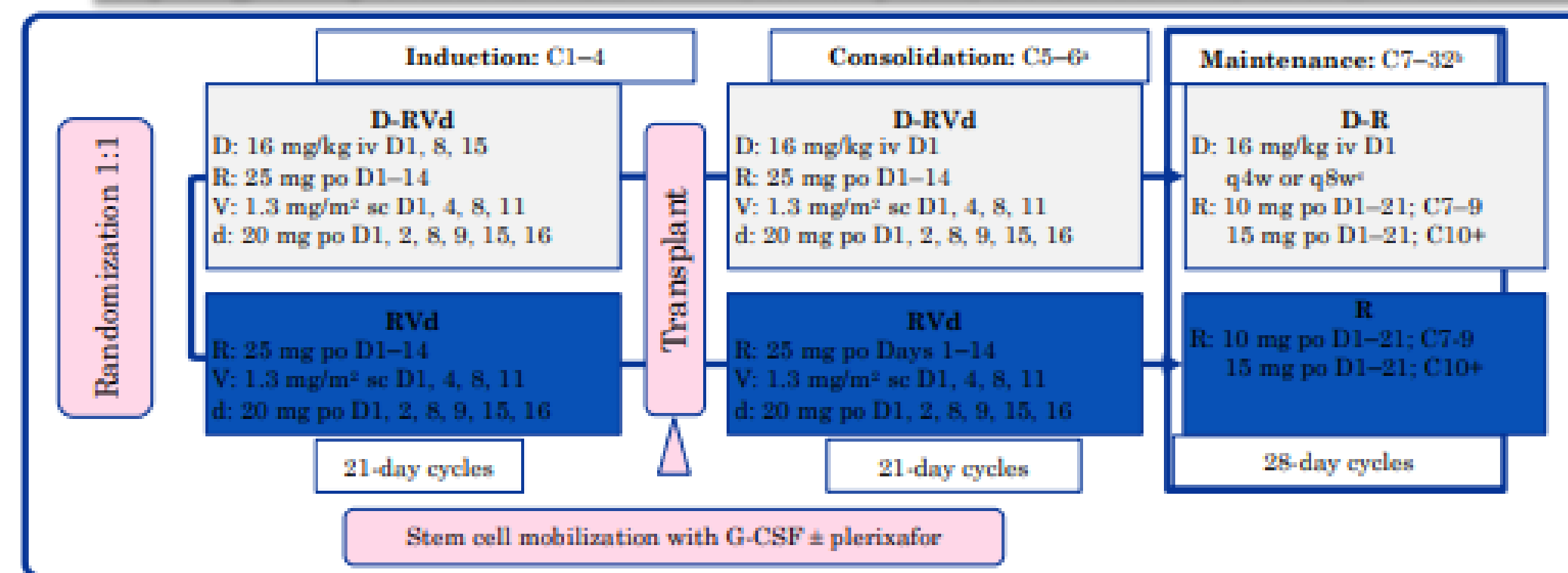


GRIFFIN 4-Yr follow up Update: Dara + VRd With Dara-R Maintenance vs VRd With R Maintenance for ASCT-Eligible Patients With Newly Diagnosed MM

GRIFFIN: Phase 2 -Daratumumab Plus Lenalidomide, Bortezomib, and Dexamethasone in Transplant-Eligible NDMM – 24 Months of Maintenance

Study design

Key eligibility criteria: TE NDMM; 18–70 years; ECOG PS 0–2; CrCl ≥ 30 mL/min²



- **Primary endpoint:** sCR by end of consolidation
- **Secondary endpoints:** MRD negativity (NGS 10^{-5}), ORR, \geq VGPR, CR, PFS, OS

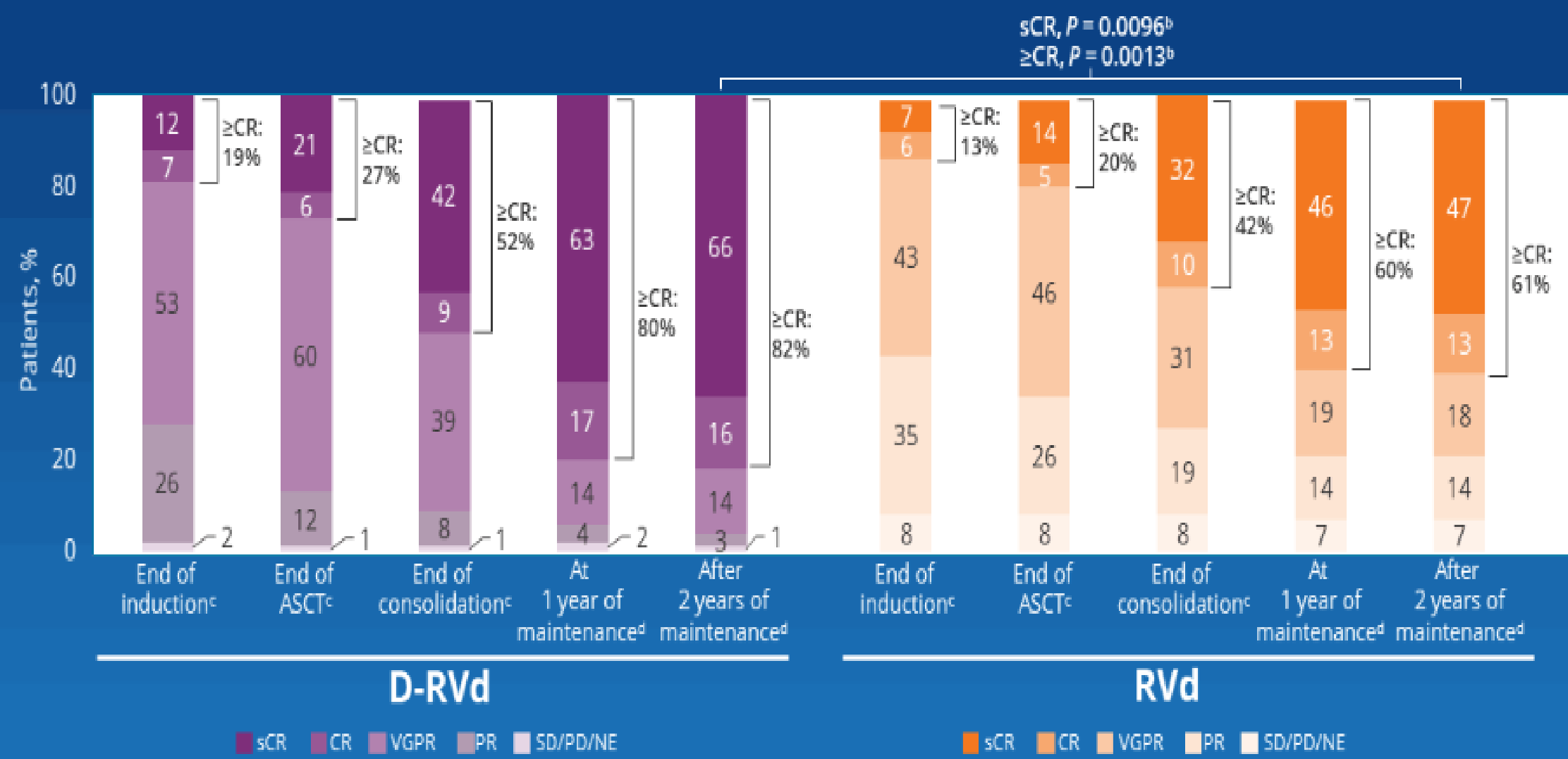
^aConsolidation initiated 60–100 days post transplant; ^bPatients who complete maintenance cycles 7–32 may continue single-agent lenalidomide thereafter; ^cProtocol amendment allowed q4w dosing option. Phase 2 trial – patient enrollment between December 2016 and April 2018.

Patient disposition

n (%)	D-RVd (n=104)	RVd (n=103)
Treated with maintenance therapy	90 (87)	70 (68)
Completed maintenance therapy	67 (64)	44 (43)
Discontinued treatment during maintenance therapy	21 (20)	21 (20)
Adverse event	8 (8)	7 (7)
Progressive disease	3 (3)	7 (7)
Patient withdrawal	2 (2)	4 (4)
Lost to follow-up	2 (2)	0
Death	1 (1)	1 (1)
Other	5 (5)	2 (2)

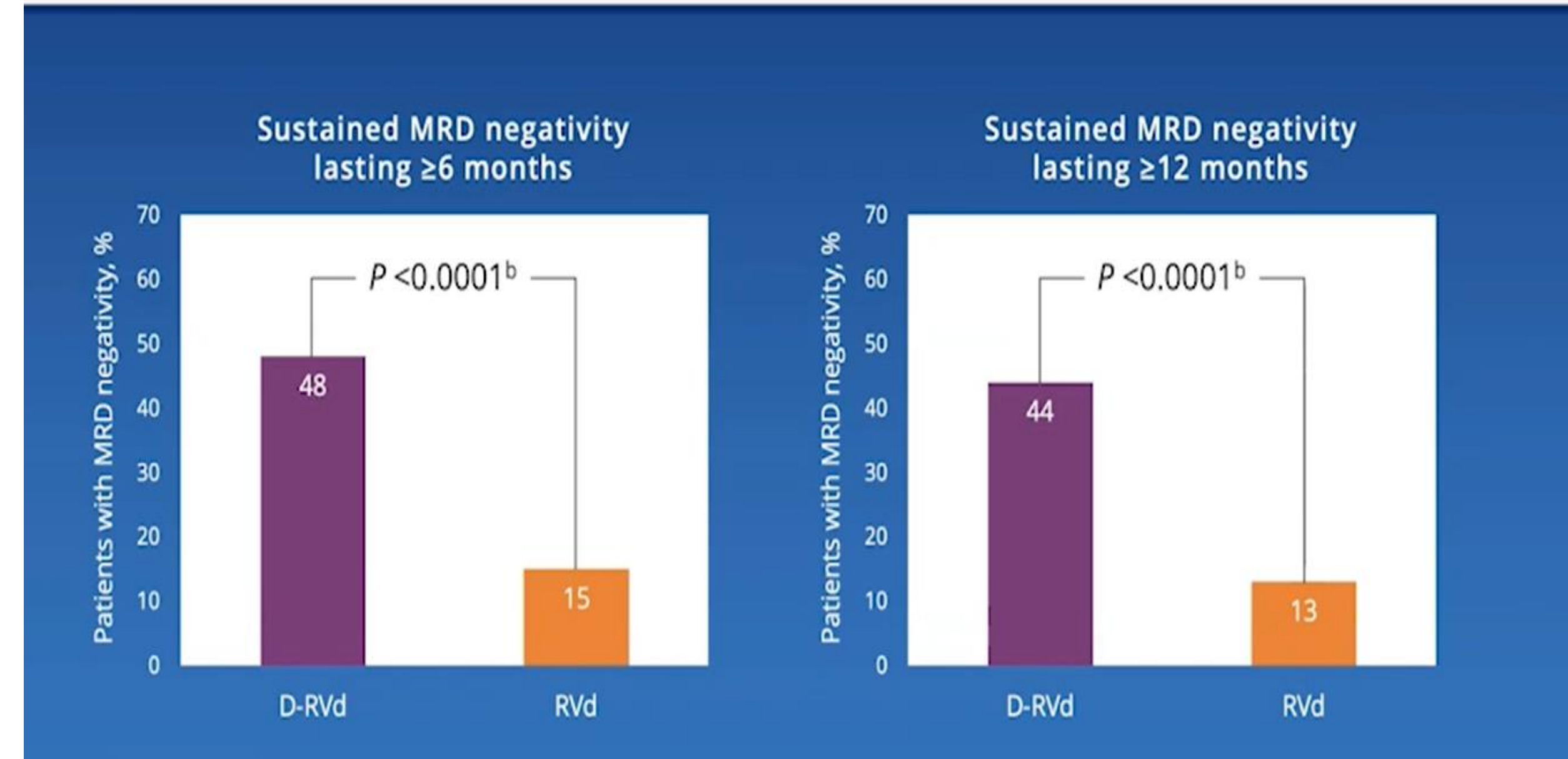
Laucbach JP, et al. ASH 2021

GRIFFIN: Responses Deepened Over Time^a



- Response rates for sCR and $\geq CR$ were greater for D-RVd versus RVd at all time points, with the deepest responses occurring after 2 years of maintenance therapy

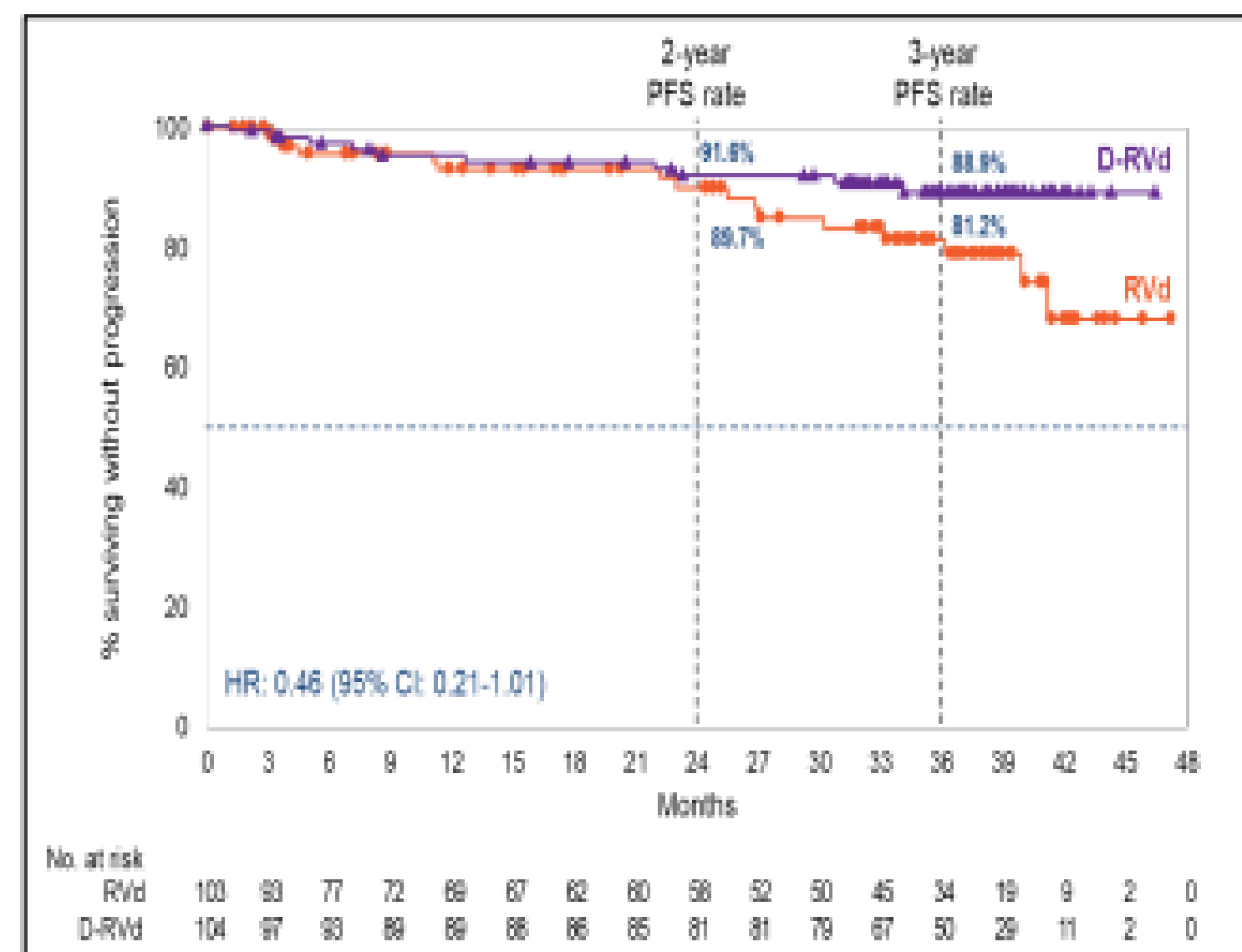
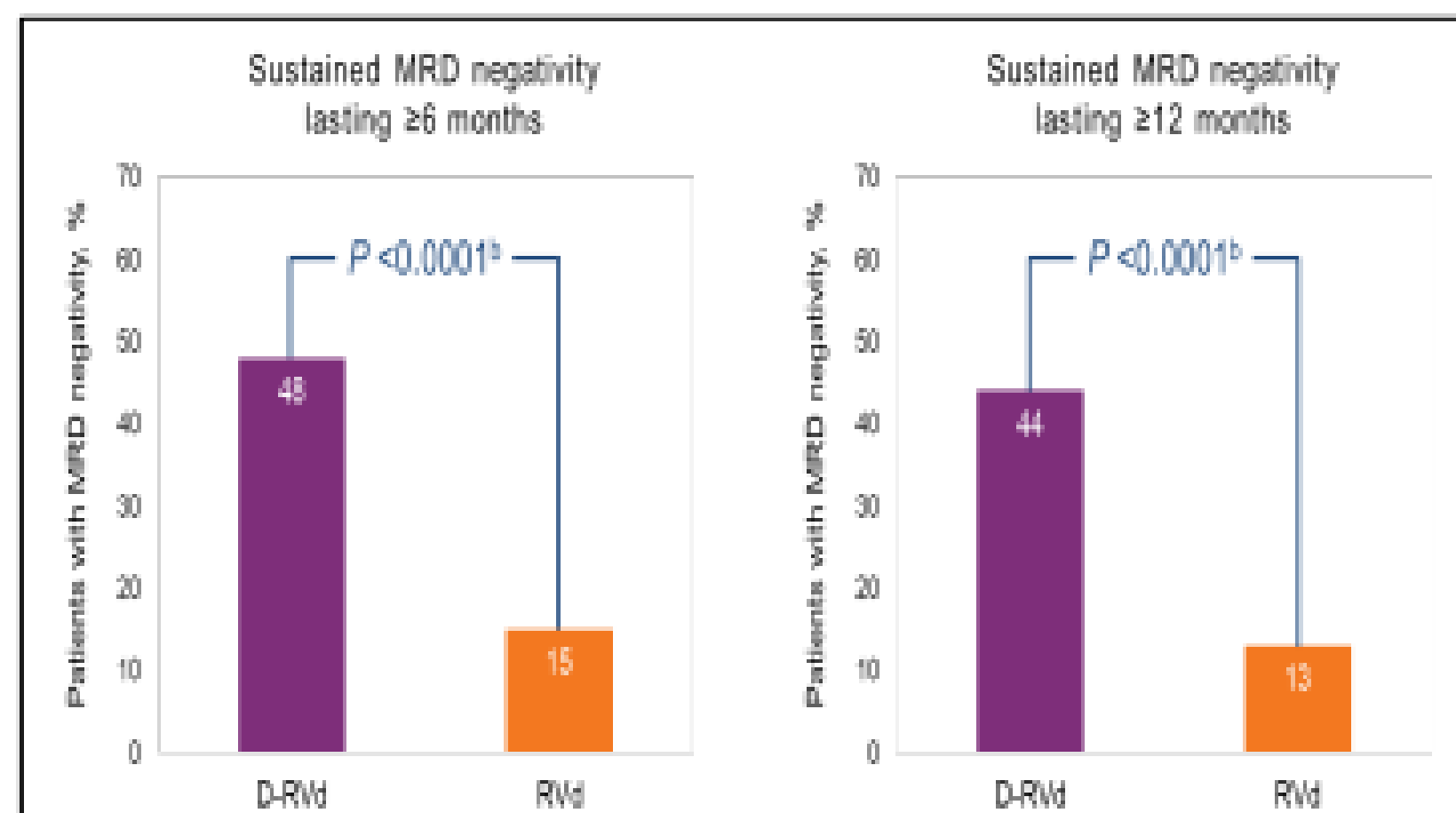
GRIFFIN: D-RVd Improved Rates of Durable MRD Negativity^a (10^{-5}) Lasting ≥ 6 Months or ≥ 12 Months Versus RVd



Laubach. ASH 2021.

GRIFFIN Update: MRD and PFS Data

D-RVd Improved Rates of Durable MRD Negativity^a
(10⁻⁵) Lasting ≥6 Months or ≥12 Months Versus RVd



^aThe threshold of MRD negativity was defined as 1 tumor cell per 10⁵ white cells. MRD status was based on BM aspirates by NGS per IMWG. ^bP values calculated by Fisher's exact test.

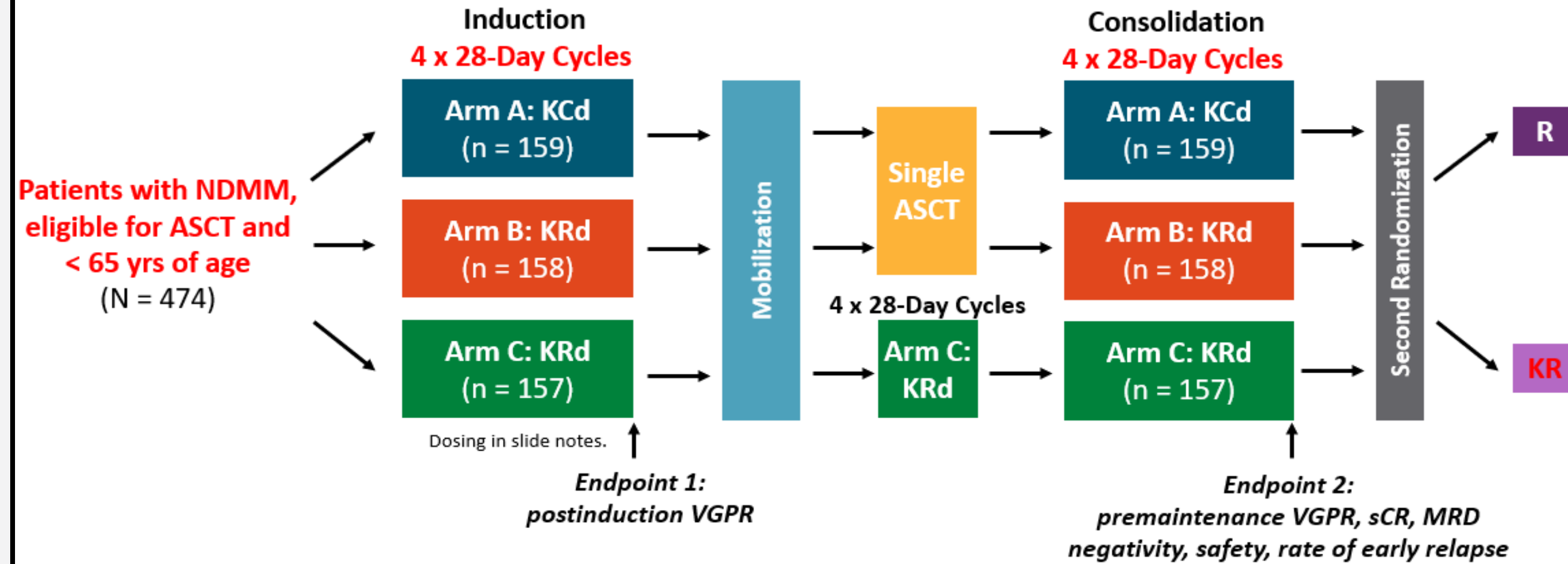
After 2 years of maintenance: MRD negativity rate continued to favor daratumumab/RVd vs RVd (64% vs 30%, $P = <.0001$).

Median follow-up of 49.6 months: estimated 48-month PFS rate of 87.2% was observed in the daratumumab/RVd arm, compared to 70% in the RVd arm.

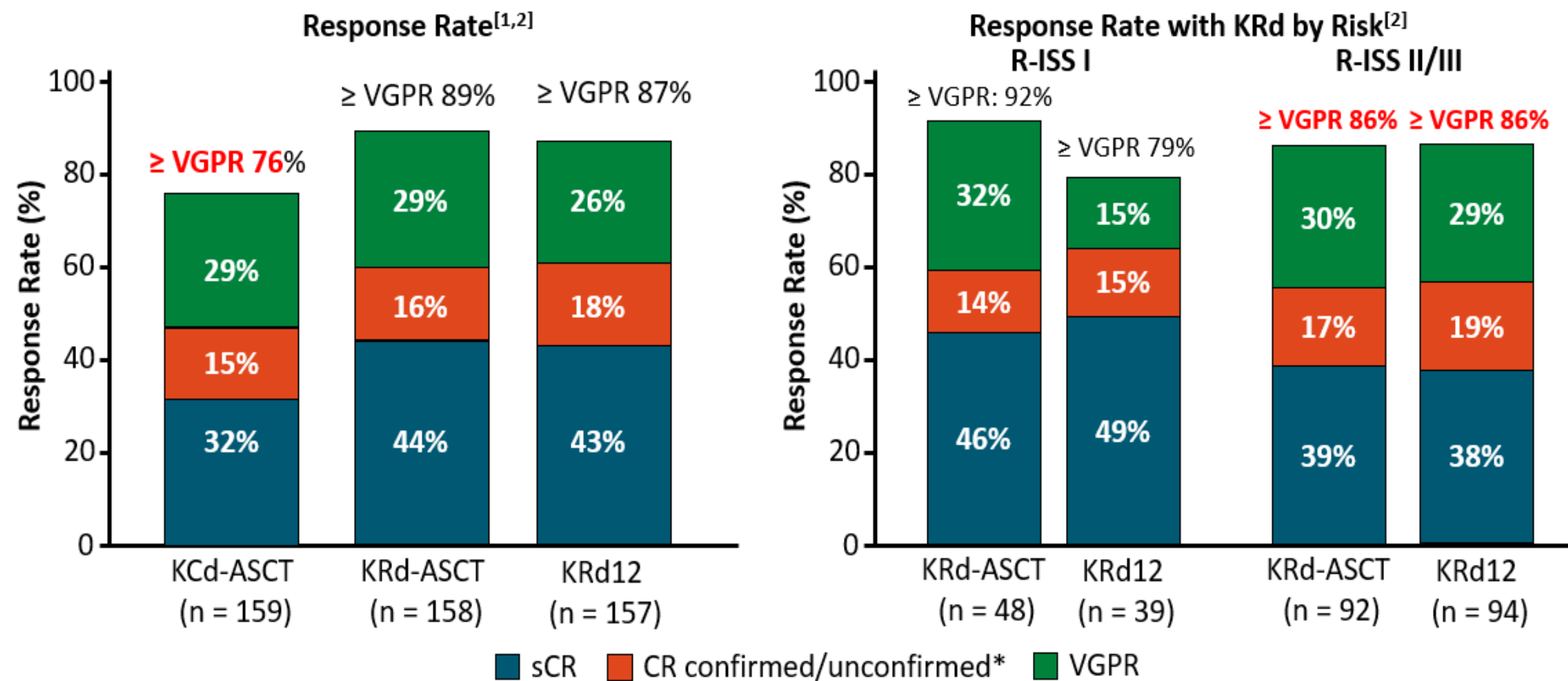
Median PFS was not reached in either treatment arm.

FORTE: Carfilzomib + Cyclo/Dex vs Carfilzomib + Len/Dex, With or Without ASCT in NDMM

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase II study



FORTE: Premaintenance Response Rates



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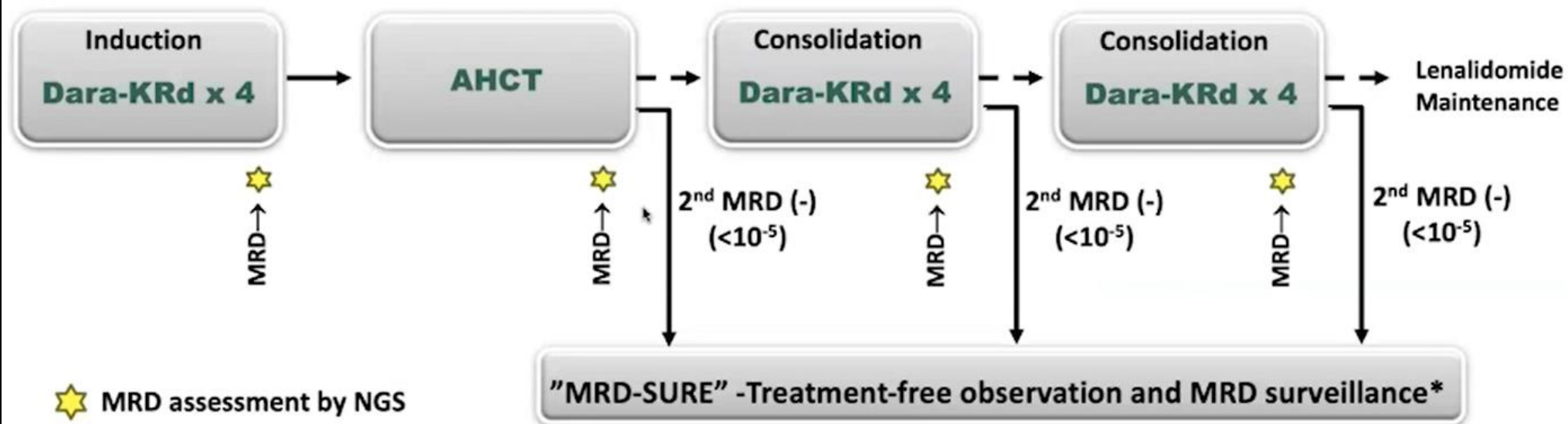


Daratumumab, Carfilzomib, Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone (Dara-KRd), Autologous Transplantation and MRD Response-Adapted Consolidation and Treatment Cessation-Final Primary Endpoint Analysis of the MASTER Trial

Treatment

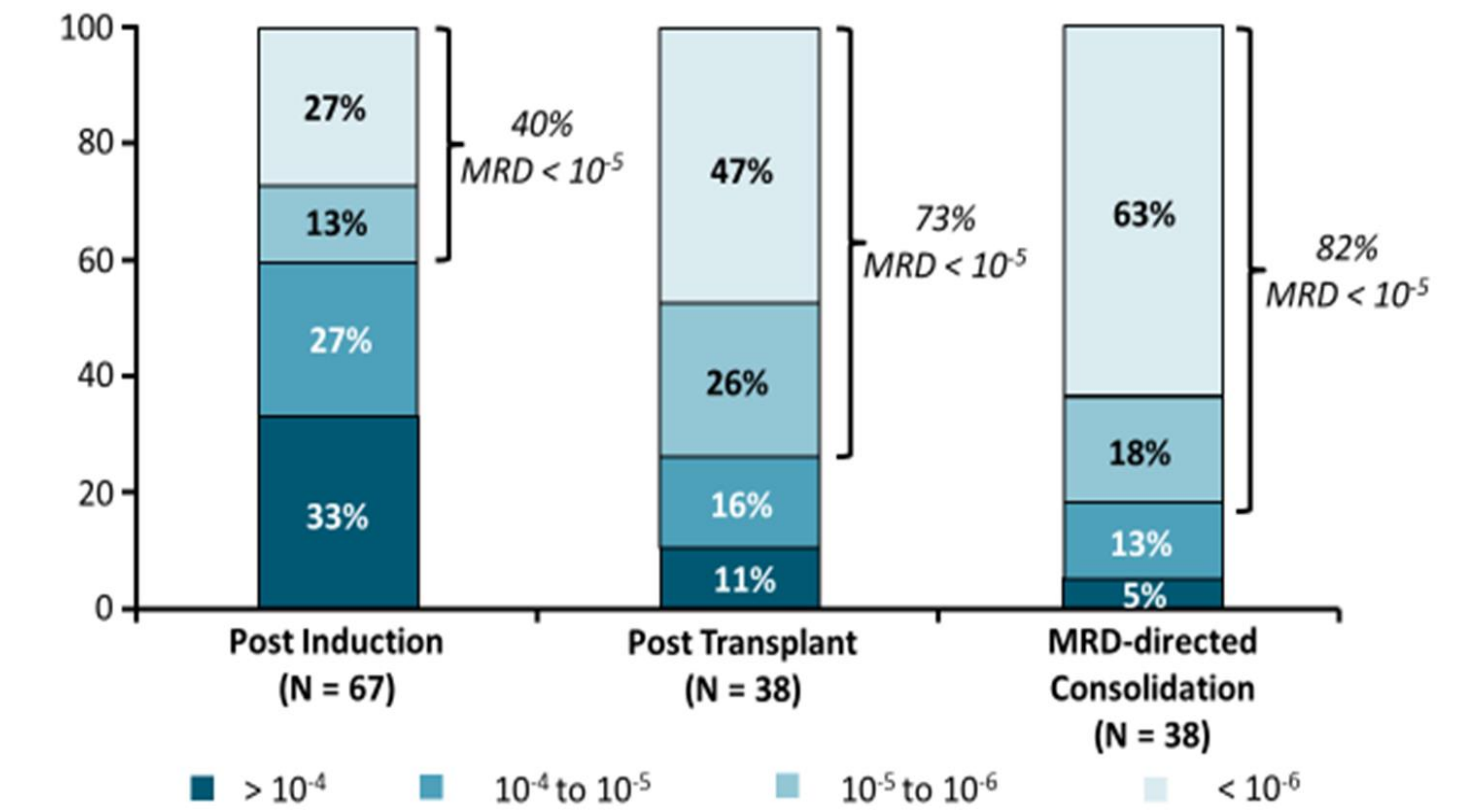
Dara-KRd

- Daratumumab 16 mg/m² days 1,8,15,22 (days 1,15 C 3-6; day 1 C >6)
- Carfilzomib (20) 56 mg/m² Days 1,8,15
- Lenalidomide 25 mg Days 1-21
- Dexamethasone 40mg PO Days 1,8,15,22
- 123 patients enrolled across 5 sites
- 118 (96%) with MRD trackable by ClonoSEQ®
- Median follow-up of 23.8 months

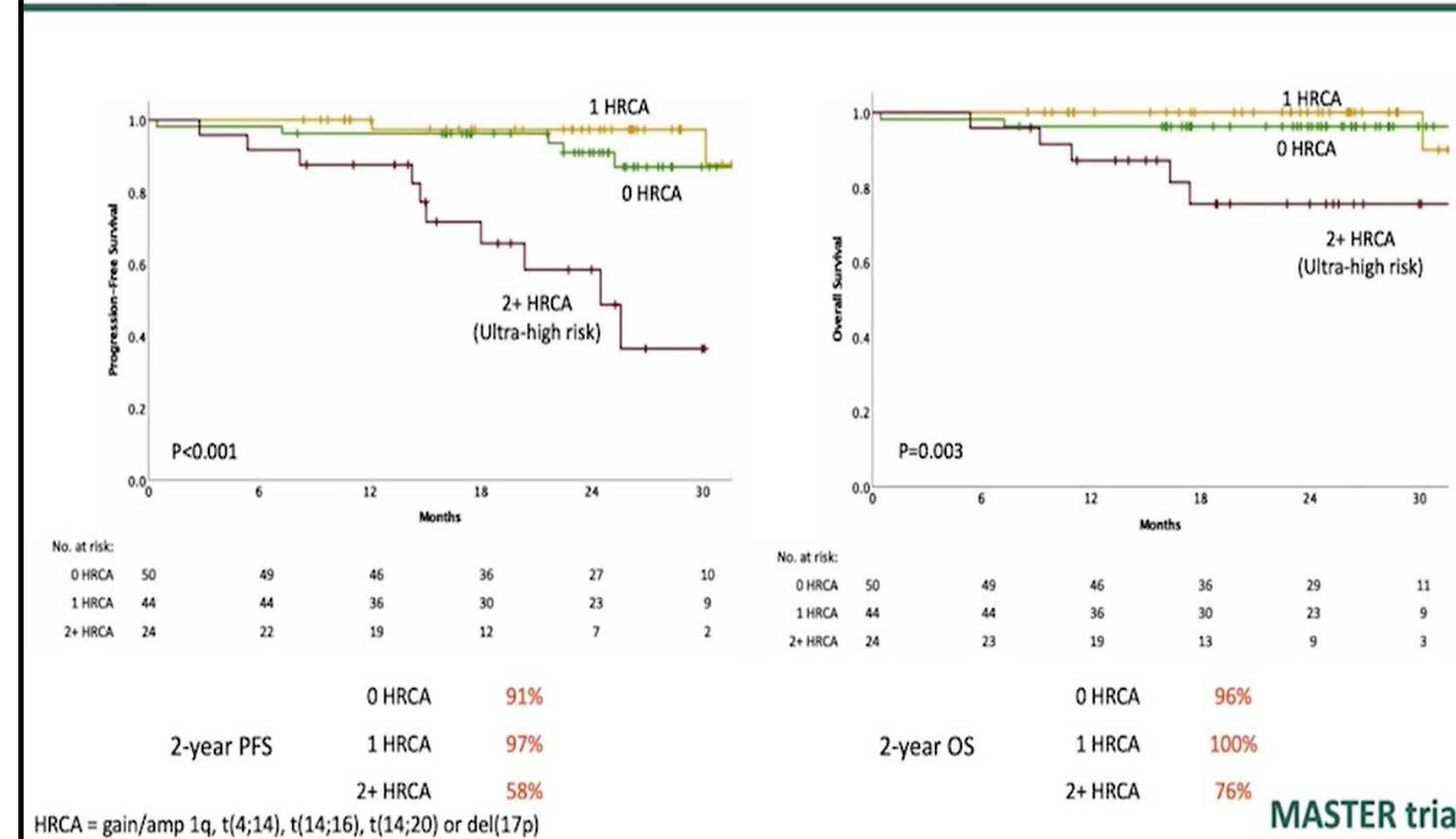


*24 and 72 weeks after completion of therapy

MASTER: MRD Response by Treatment Phase



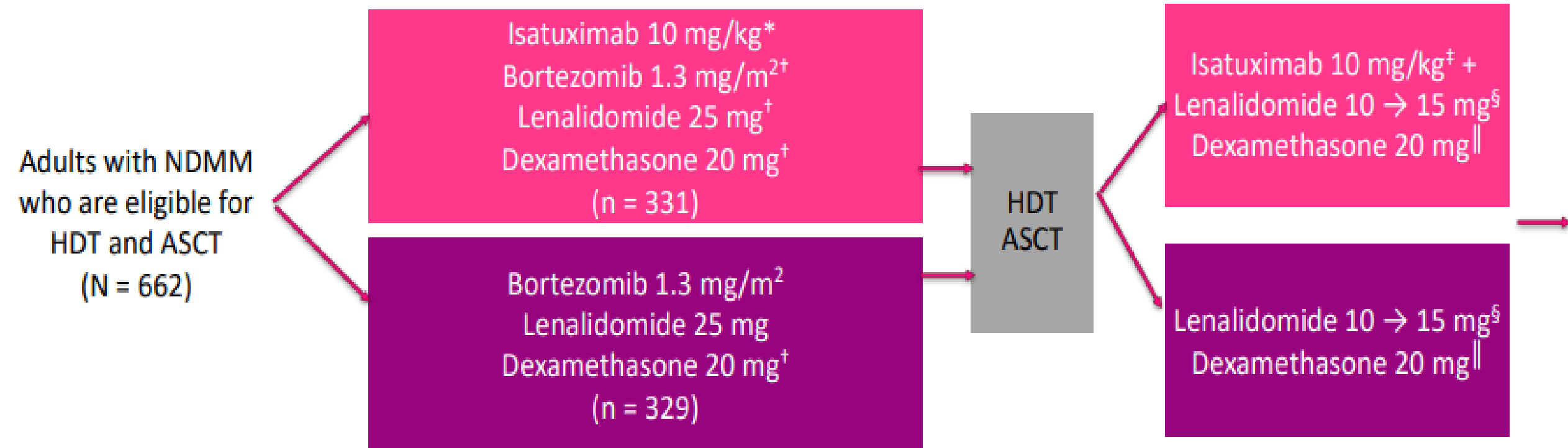
Progression-Free and Overall Survival



Courtesy Luciano J Costa

Phase III GMMG-HD7

- Open-label, randomized, multicenter phase III trial



*Cycle 1: D1, 8, 15, 22, 29; cycles 2-3: D1, 15, 29.

†Bortezomib D1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, 32; lenalidomide Days 1-14 and 22-35; dexamethasone D1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33.

Data cutoff: April 2021.

‡Cycle 1: D1, 8, 15, 22;

Cycles 2-3: D1, 15; Cycle 4+: D1.

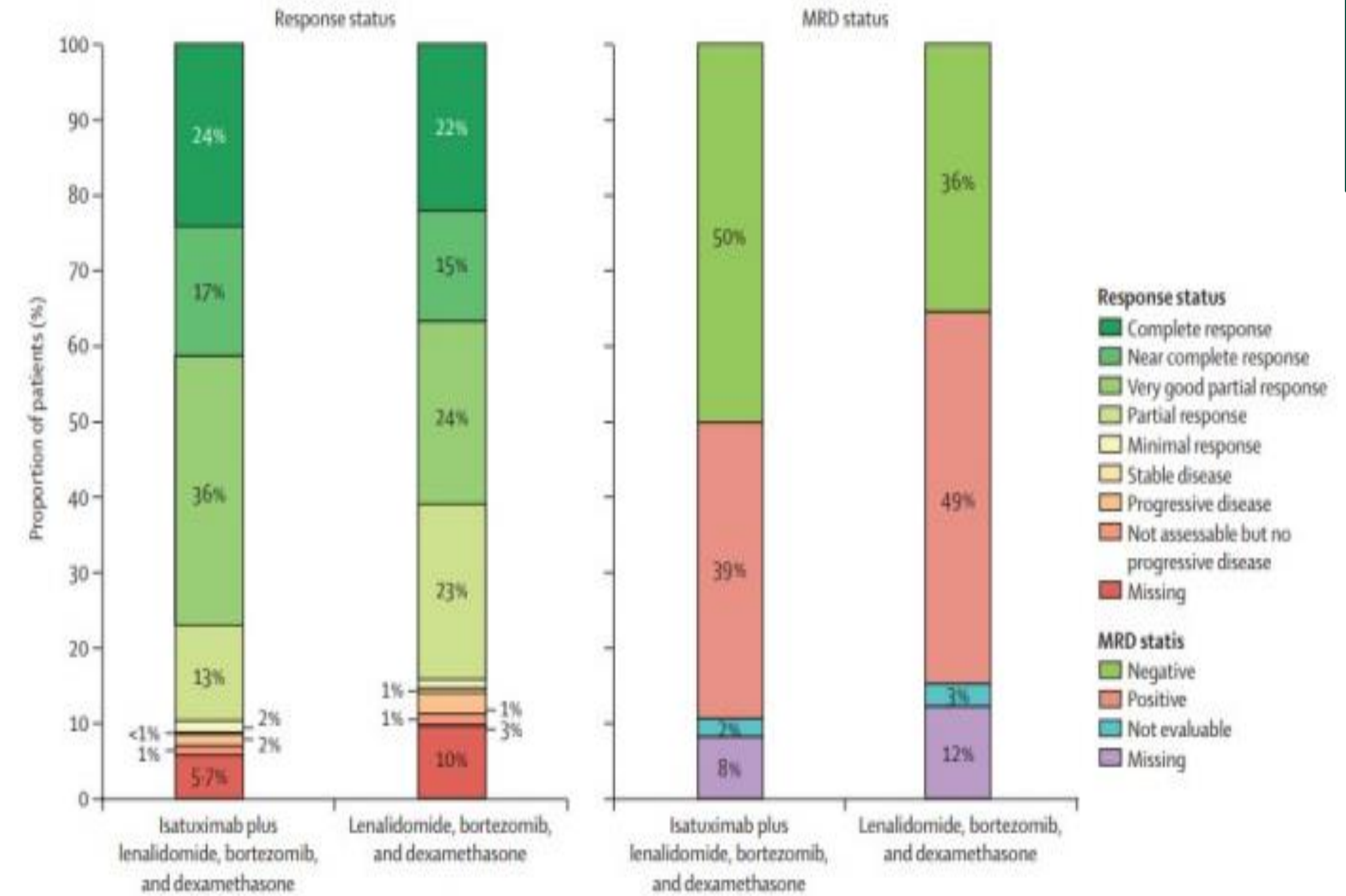
§Days 1-28. Increase dose to 15 mg after 3 mos

¶Dexamethasone D1, 8, 15, 22 in C1.

Primary endpoint: MRD negativity at end of induction (NGF, sensitivity 10^{-5}) stratified according to R-ISS

Secondary endpoints: CR after induction, safety

MRD negativity assessed after cycle 3, HDT, 12 mos, and 24 mos as well as at end of study



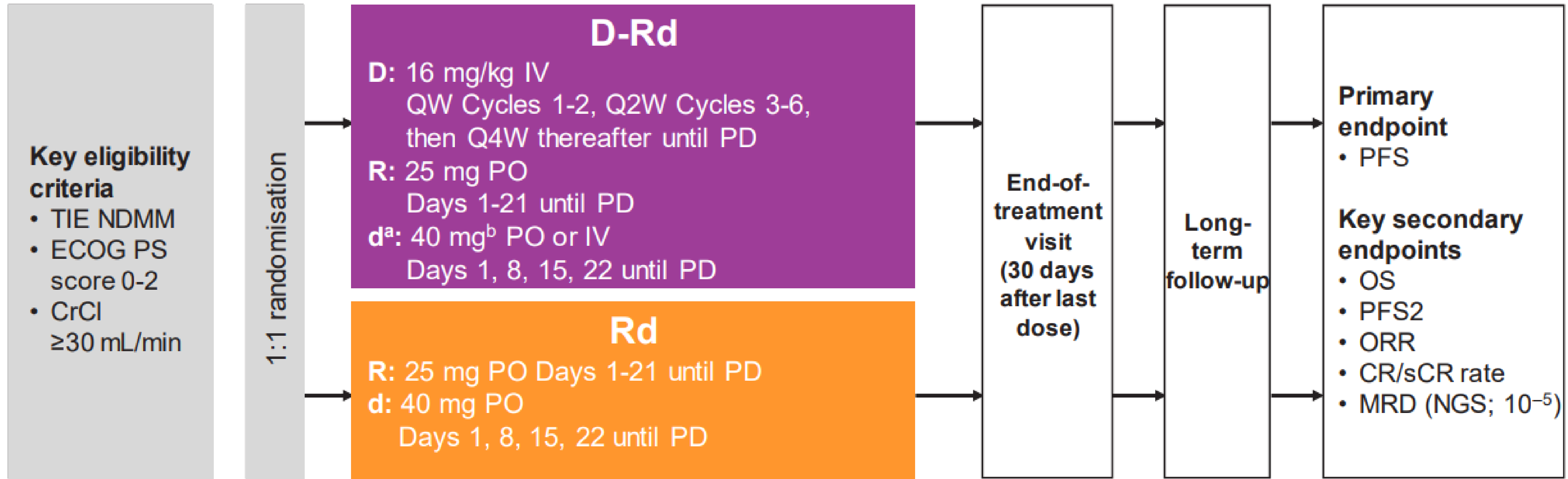
Goldschmidt et al. Lancet Haemat 2022





MAIA

– Patients were enrolled in MAIA from March 2015 through January 2017



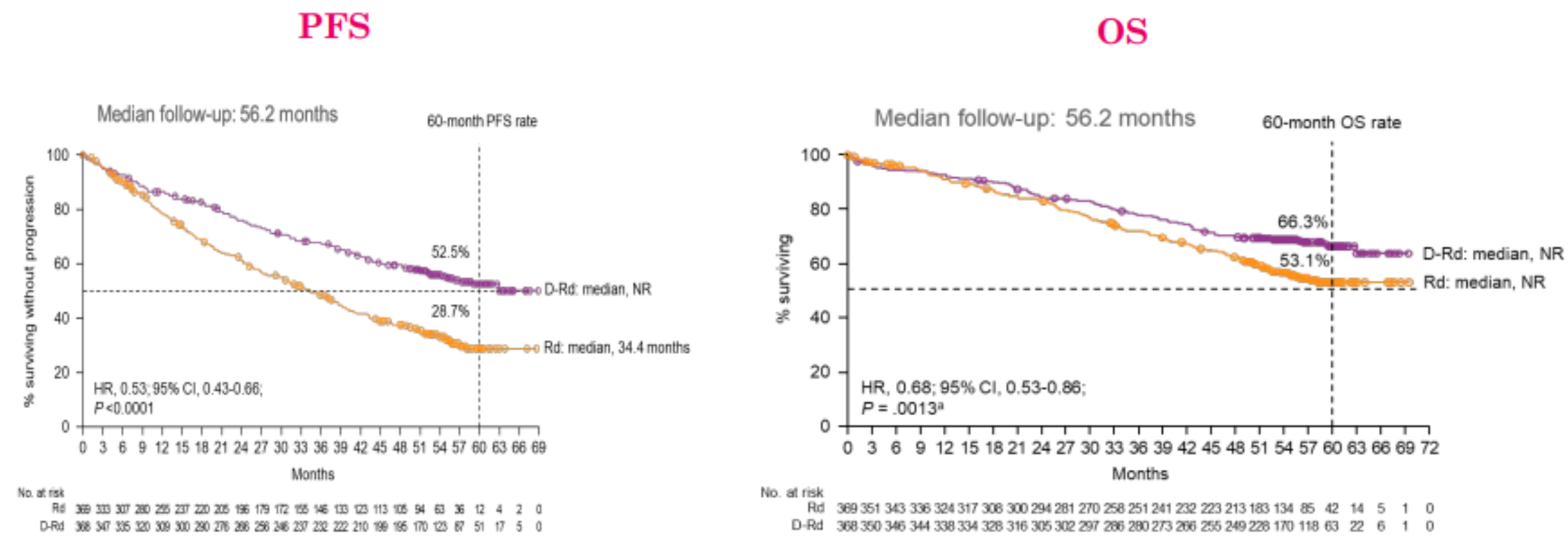
Cycles: 28 days

MAIA is a multicentre, randomised, open-label, active-controlled, phase 3 study of D-Rd versus Rd alone in patients with NDMM who are transplant ineligible

Kumar et al ASH 2022



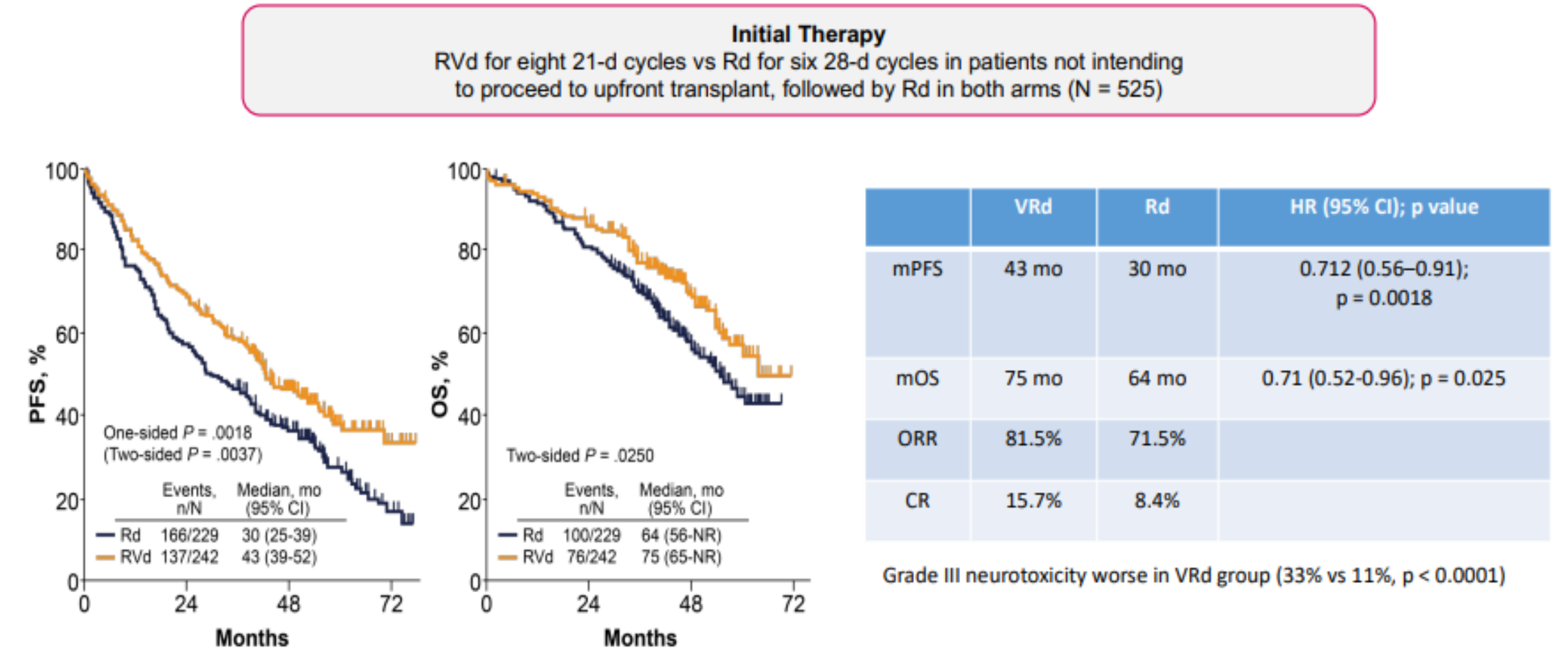
MAIA updated PFS/OS



D-Rd demonstrated a significant benefit in OS, with a 32% reduction in the risk of death, in patients with NDMM who are transplant ineligible

Kumar et al ASH 2022

SWOG S0777: RVd Versus Rd Pts Without Immediate Intent for ASCT



Durie B et al. Lancet. 2017

Elderly/Frail - Phase 2 RVd-Lite

Induction 35-day cycle x 9C

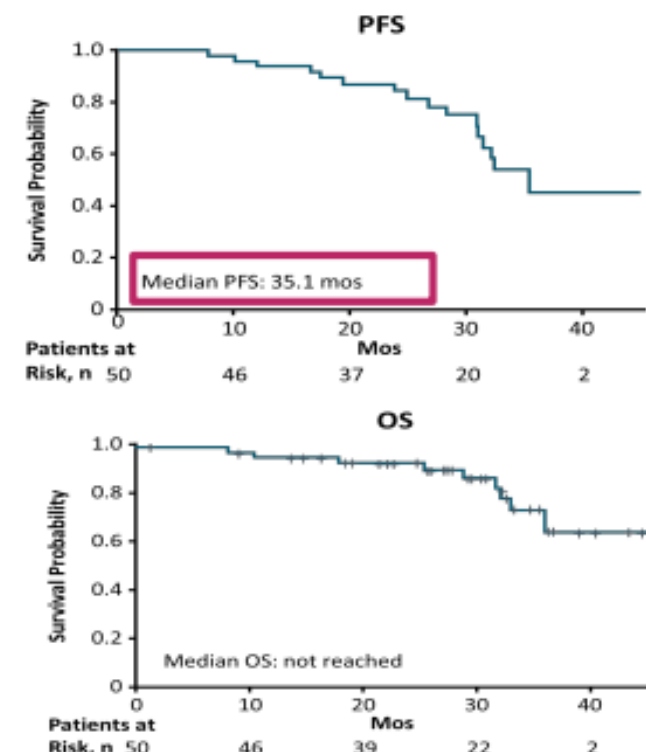
Len 15mg po D1-21
Bort 1.3mg/m² SC D1, 8, 15, 22
Dex 20mg po
D1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 (<=75yo)
D1, 8, 15, 22 (>75yo)

Consolidation 35-day cycle x 6C

Len 15mg po D1-21
Bort 1.3mg/m² SC D1, 15

Results:

- 86% ORR, 66% ≥VGPR
- Median follow-up: 30 mo
- Median PFS: 35.1 mo
- Median OS: NR
- Median age: 73 yo (65-91yo)
- Peripheral neuropathy: 62%
- Only 1 patient had grade 3 symptoms



O'Donnell et al. Br J Haematol 2018

DRVd 'Lite'?

Dara qw x 8w > q2 wks x 16wks > q4wks
R 10-15 mg 21/28 days
Velcade D 1,8,15 every 28 days
Dex 20 mg weekly

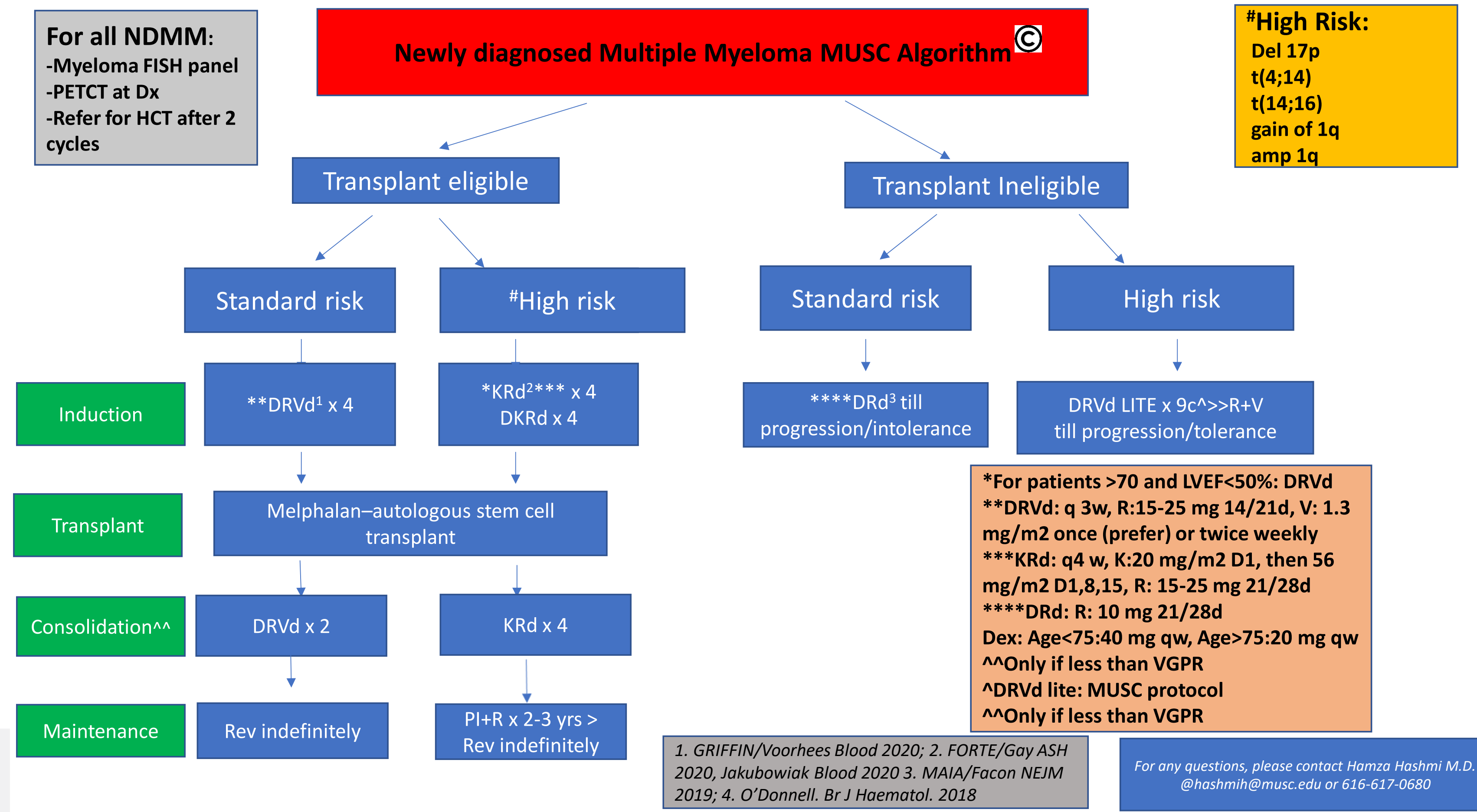


TAKE HOME MESSAGE

-Dara RVd is the new SOC induction regimen for Newly Diagnosed Transplant Eligible Myeloma

-KRd may be preferred regimen for young and high-risk patients (FORTE)

-DRd is the crowned emperor for Newly Diagnosed Transplant Ineligible Myeloma, DRVd 'lite' is a protocol of choice for high-risk patients



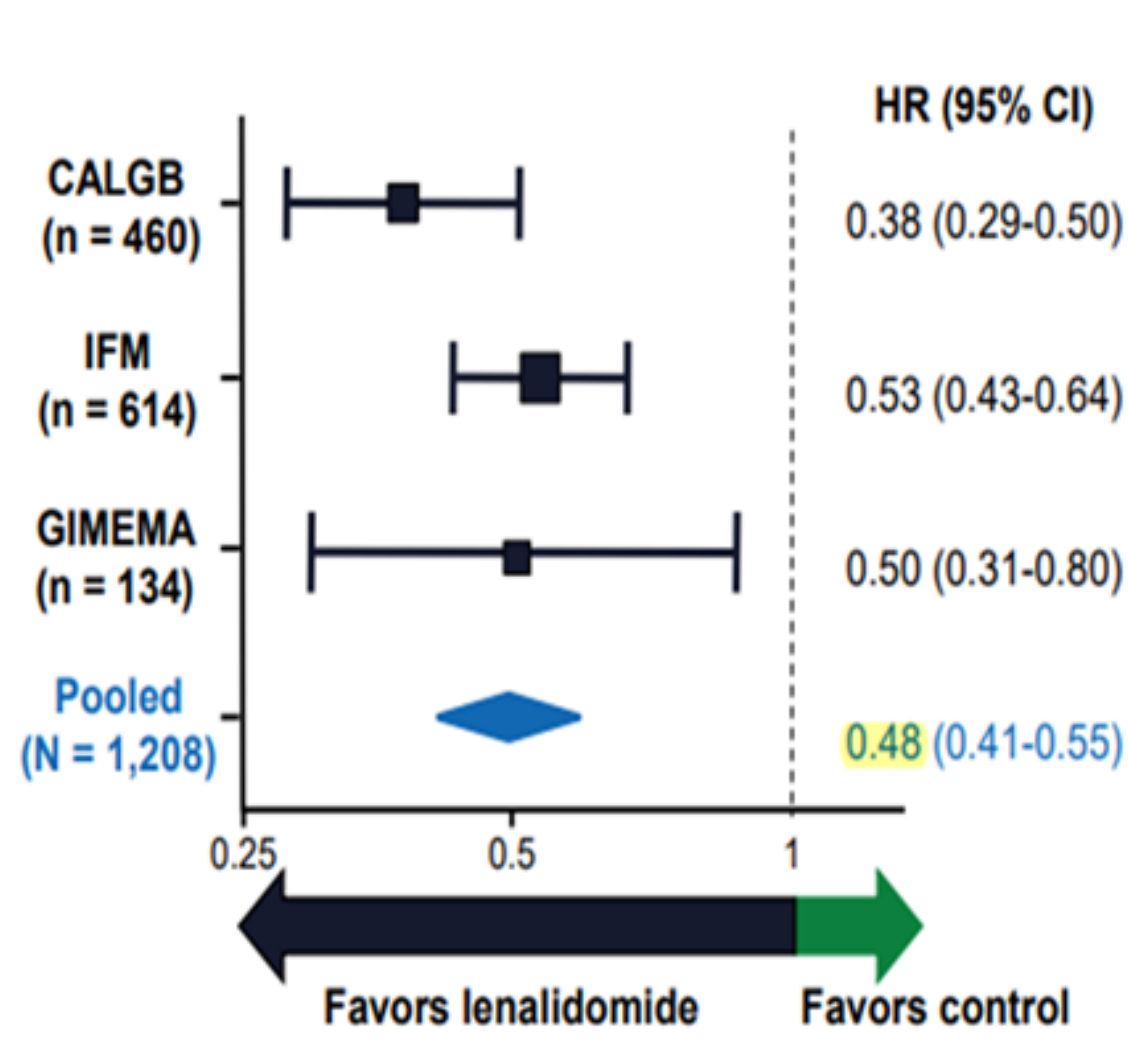
What is the Ideal Maintenance Therapy?

Single agent Lenalidomide
Lenalidomide + Proteasome inhibitors?
Daratumumab + Lenalidomide
Duration of Maintenance chemotherapy?

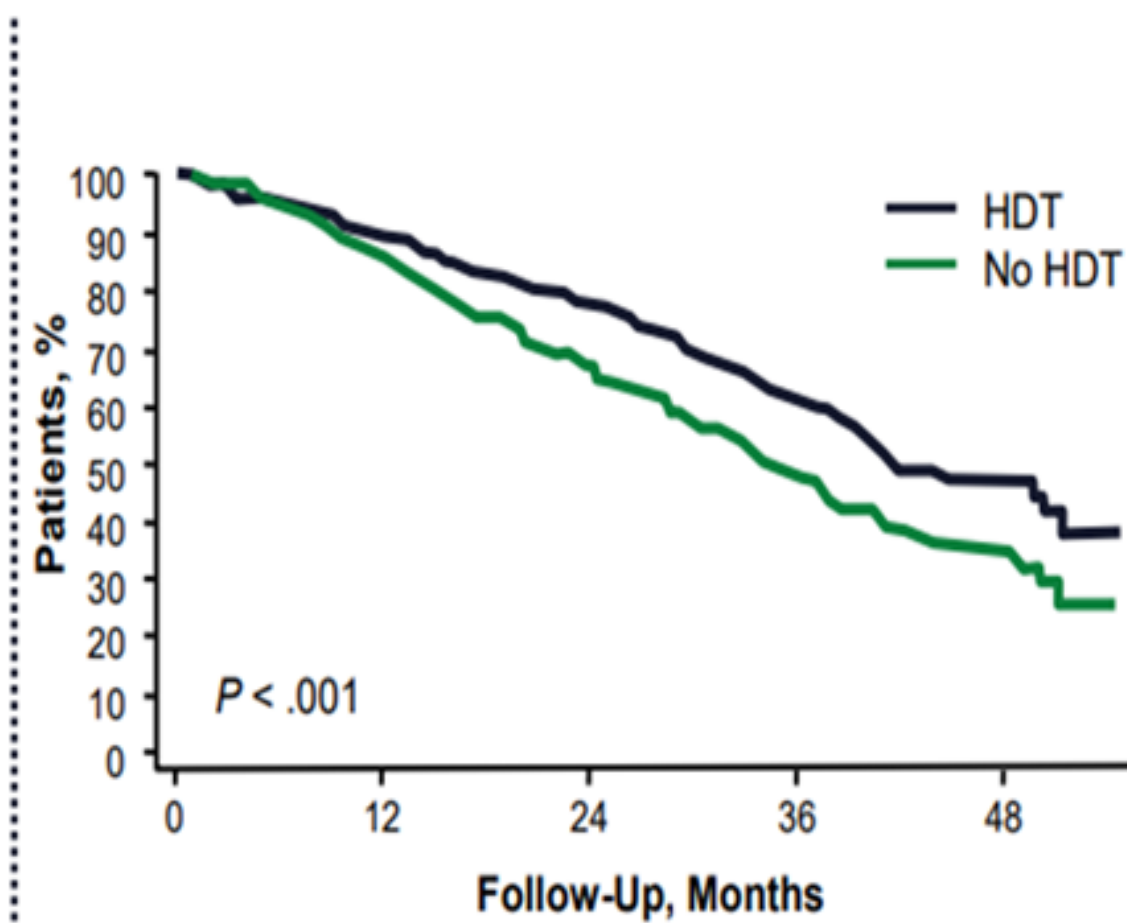


Summary of Lenalidomide Maintenance

Meta-Analysis of Lenalidomide Maintenance¹



PFS With Early ASCT and Lenalidomide Maintenance²



McCarthy et al. JCO 017



	Continuous n = 58, (%)	Intermittent n = 14, (%)	Continuous to intermittent n = 24, (%)			
Dose modification*	31 (54)	4 (30)	2 (8)			
Reduction	27 (47)	1 (7)	2 (8)			
Interruption	4 (7)	3 (21)	0 (0)			
Discontinuation	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)			
*p value for any dose modification = 0.076						
Median time to dose modification (interquartile range: IQR), months	6 (3-16)	7 (5-12)	- (21-30)			
Median duration of exposure (IQR), months	25 (19-39)	15 (9-20)	33 (23-41)			
Hematologic	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3
Neutropenia	18 (31)	10 (17)	3 (22)	-	2 (8)	1 (4)
Infections	11 (19)	9 (16)	1 (7)	1 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Thrombocytopenia	2 (3)	-	2 (15)	-	0 (0)	0 (0)
Anemia	3 (5)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (8)	1 (4)
	2 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Non-hematologic	Any grade	Any grade	Any grade	Any grade	Any grade	Any grade
Thrombosis	18 (31)	1 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Rash	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fatigue	5 (9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Diarrhea	6 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
	3 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

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Practice Issues

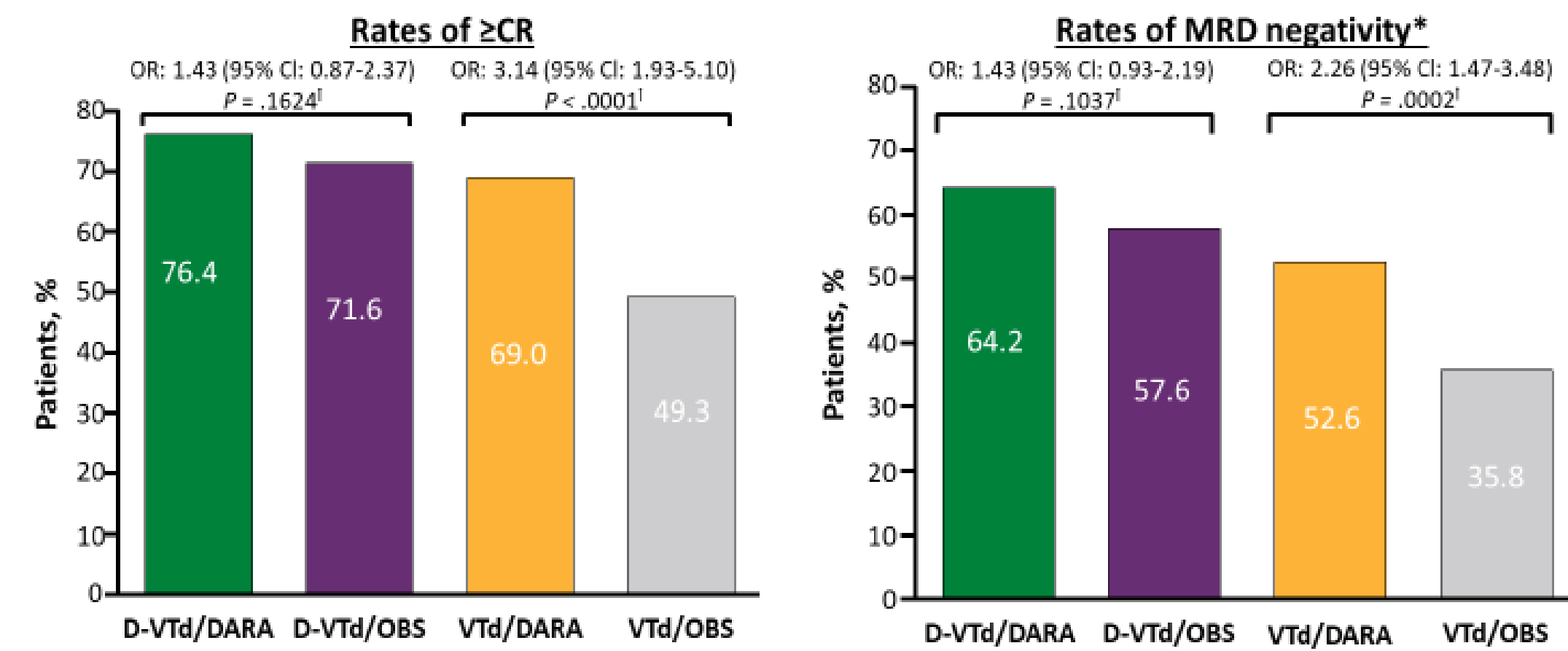
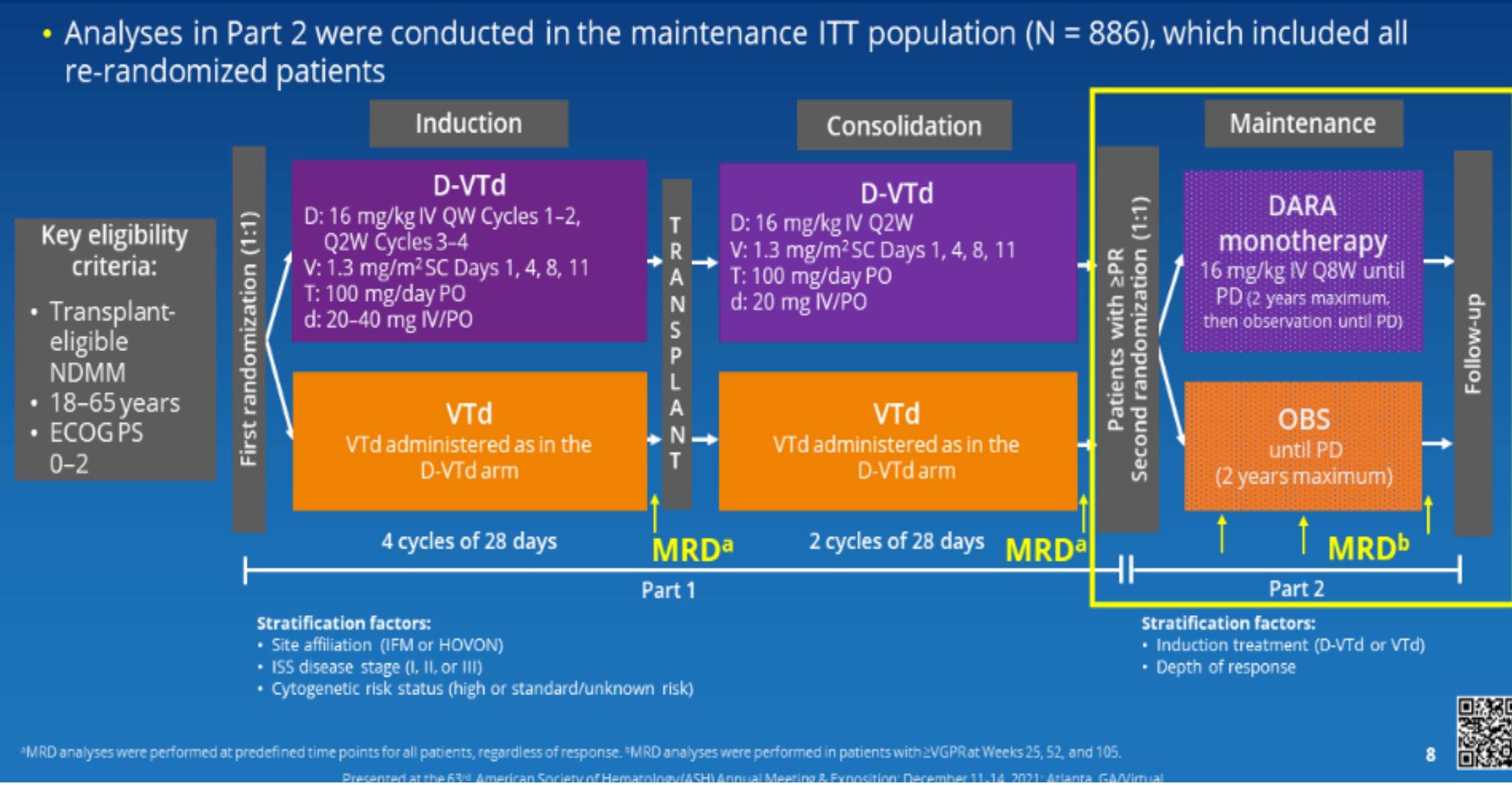
Safety and tolerability of lenalidomide maintenance dosing in patients with multiple myeloma post-autologous stem cell transplant

Abigail Shockley ¹, James A Davis ¹, Kelly J Gaffney ¹, Deidra Smith ¹, Erin Weeda ², and Hamza Hashmi ³

- The higher incidence of lenalidomide dose modifications in the continuous arm suggests that majority of patients are not able to tolerate continuous lenalidomide maintenance.
- A more tolerable option for maintenance may be an intermittent schedule, as reflected by the favorable safety outcomes in this group

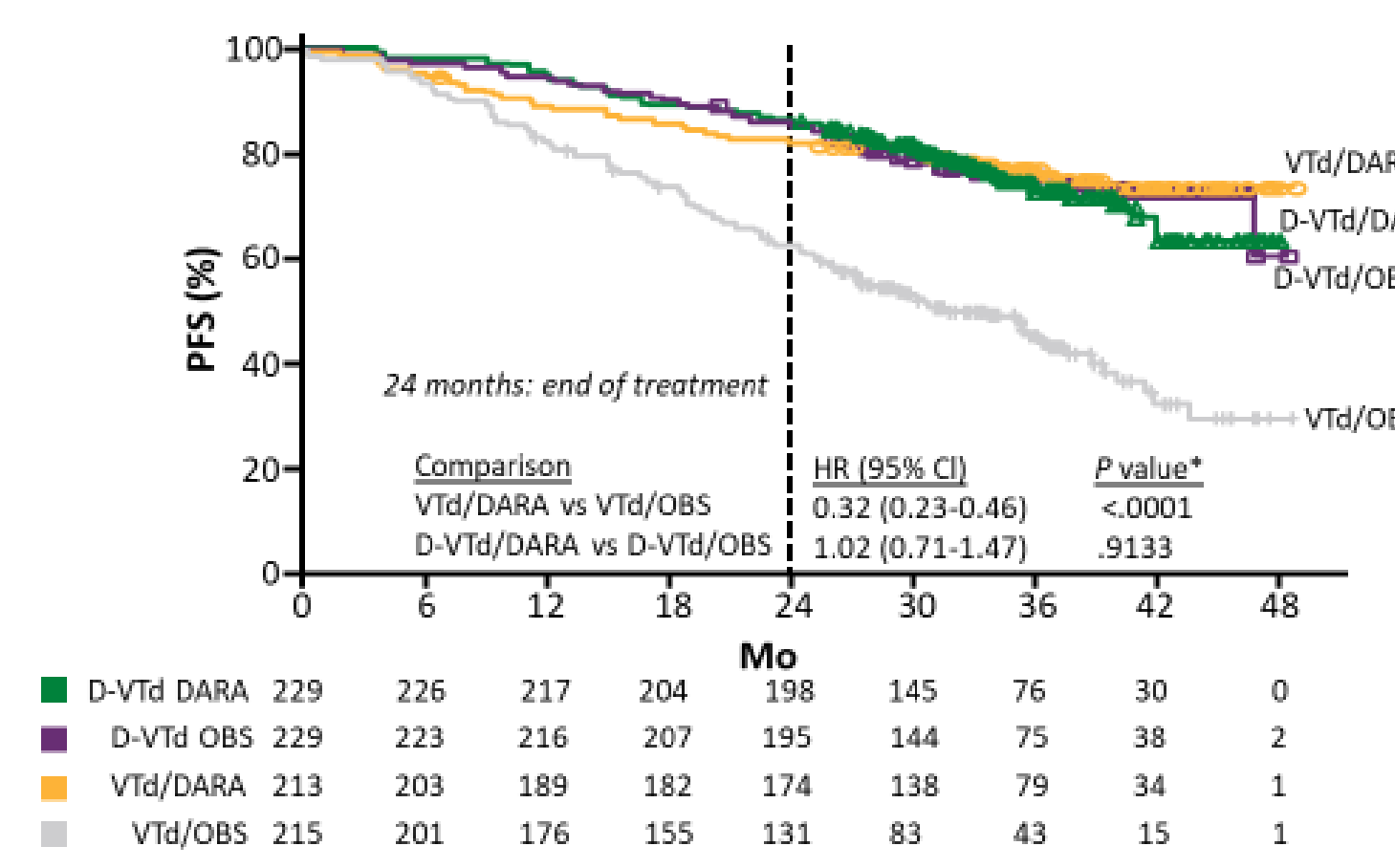


CASSIOPEIA Part 2: Response by Combination of Induction/Consolidation and Maintenance Therapy



*MRD negativity at 10^{-5} by next-generation sequencing. [†]Nominal P values. Moreau. ASCO 2021. Abstr 8004. Reproduced with permission.

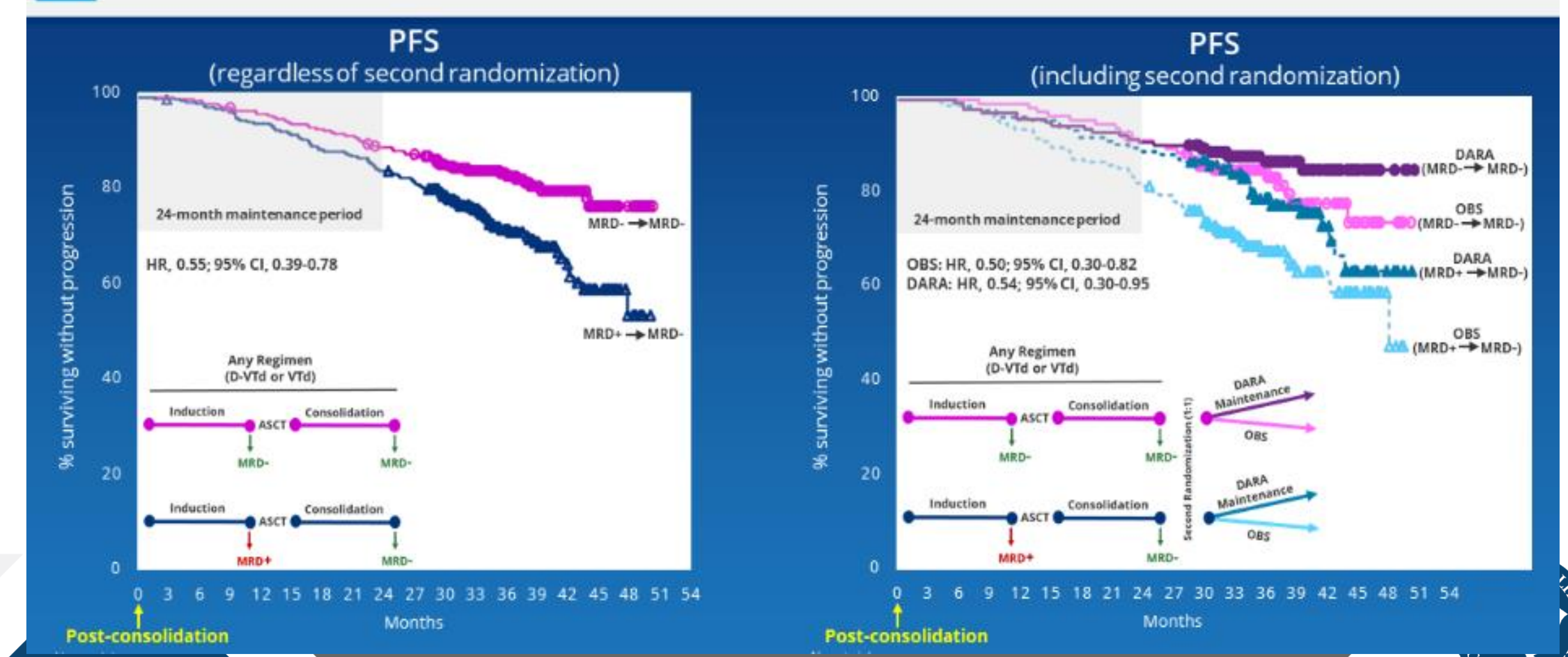
CASSIOPEIA Part 2: PFS by Combination of Induction/Consolidation and Maintenance Therapy



- Significant interaction between maintenance and consolidation in prespecified analysis
- PFS benefit for VTd/DARA vs VTd/OBS
- Comparable PFS for D-VTd/DARA vs D-VTd/OBS

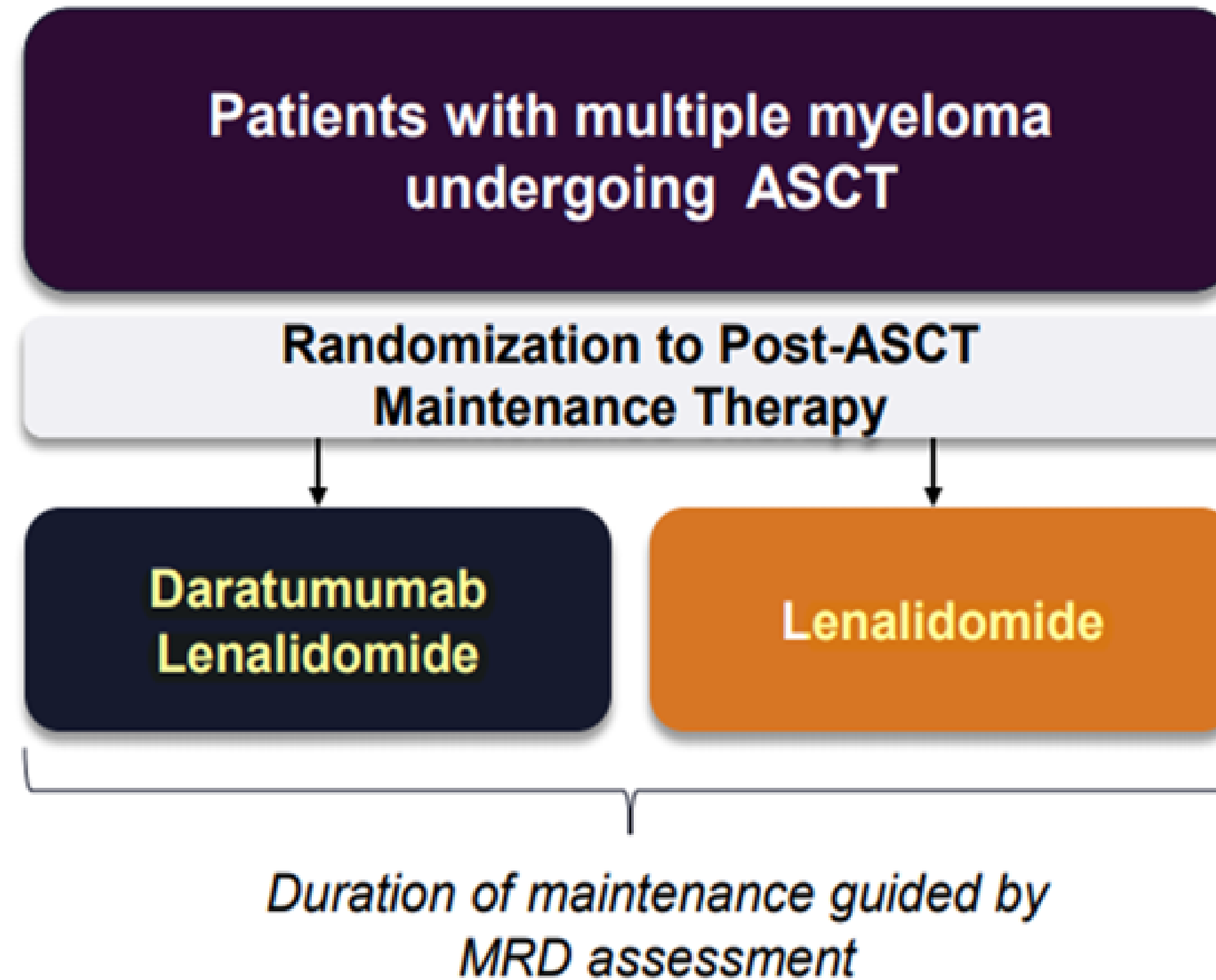
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CASSIOPEIA: PFS Based on MRD-negativity (MFC; 10^{-5}) Status Post-induction and Post-consolidation



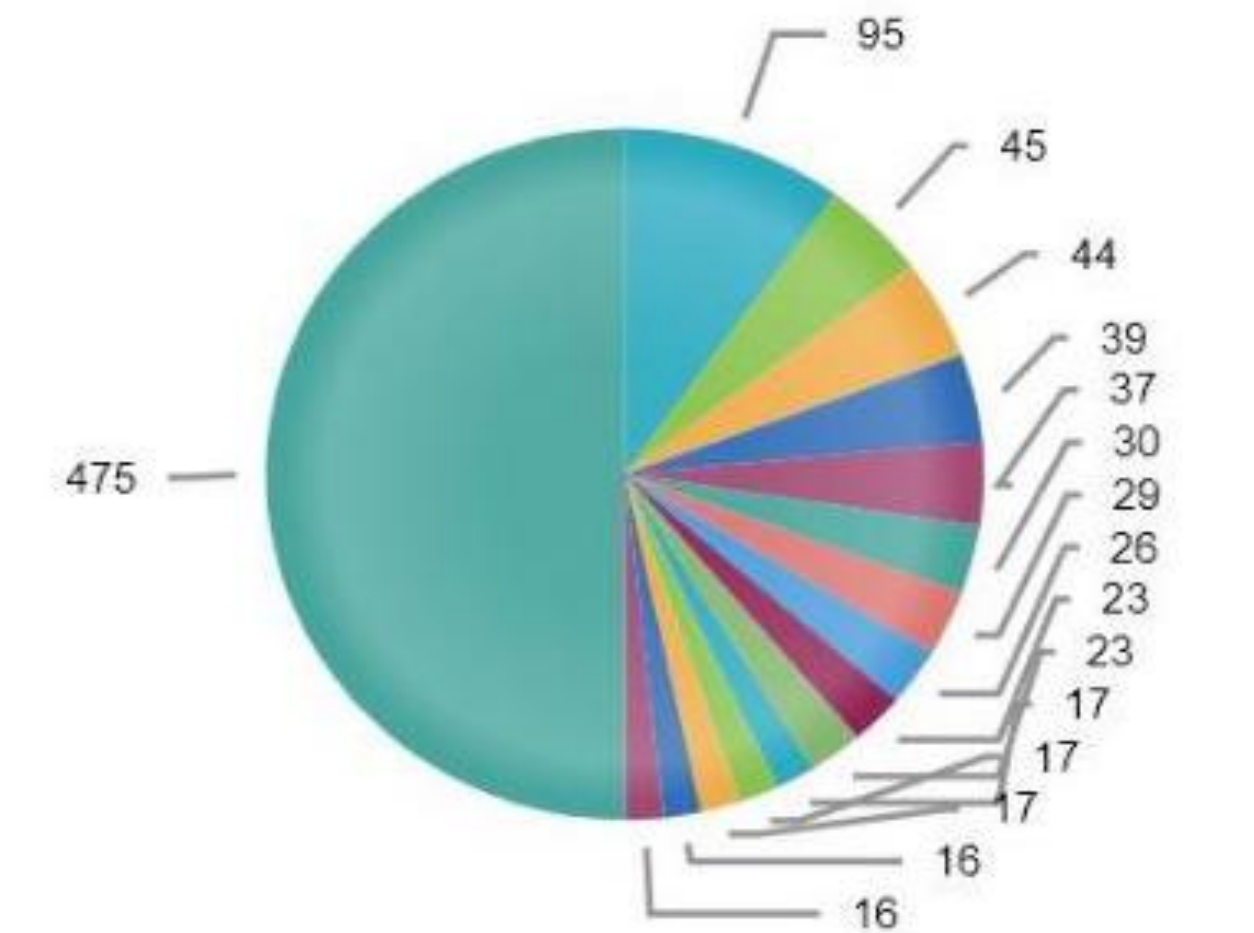
SWOG S1803: Daratumumab + Lenalidomide as Post-ASCT Maintenance¹

- **Phase 3 Study**
- Daratumumab + lenalidomide or lenalidomide as post-ASCT maintenance
- MRD will be used to direct duration of treatment
 - At 2 years, patients randomized to discontinue or continue maintenance if MRD-negative
 - MRD-positive patients all continue maintenance



Courtesy BMT CTN

Patient Intervention Accrual by site

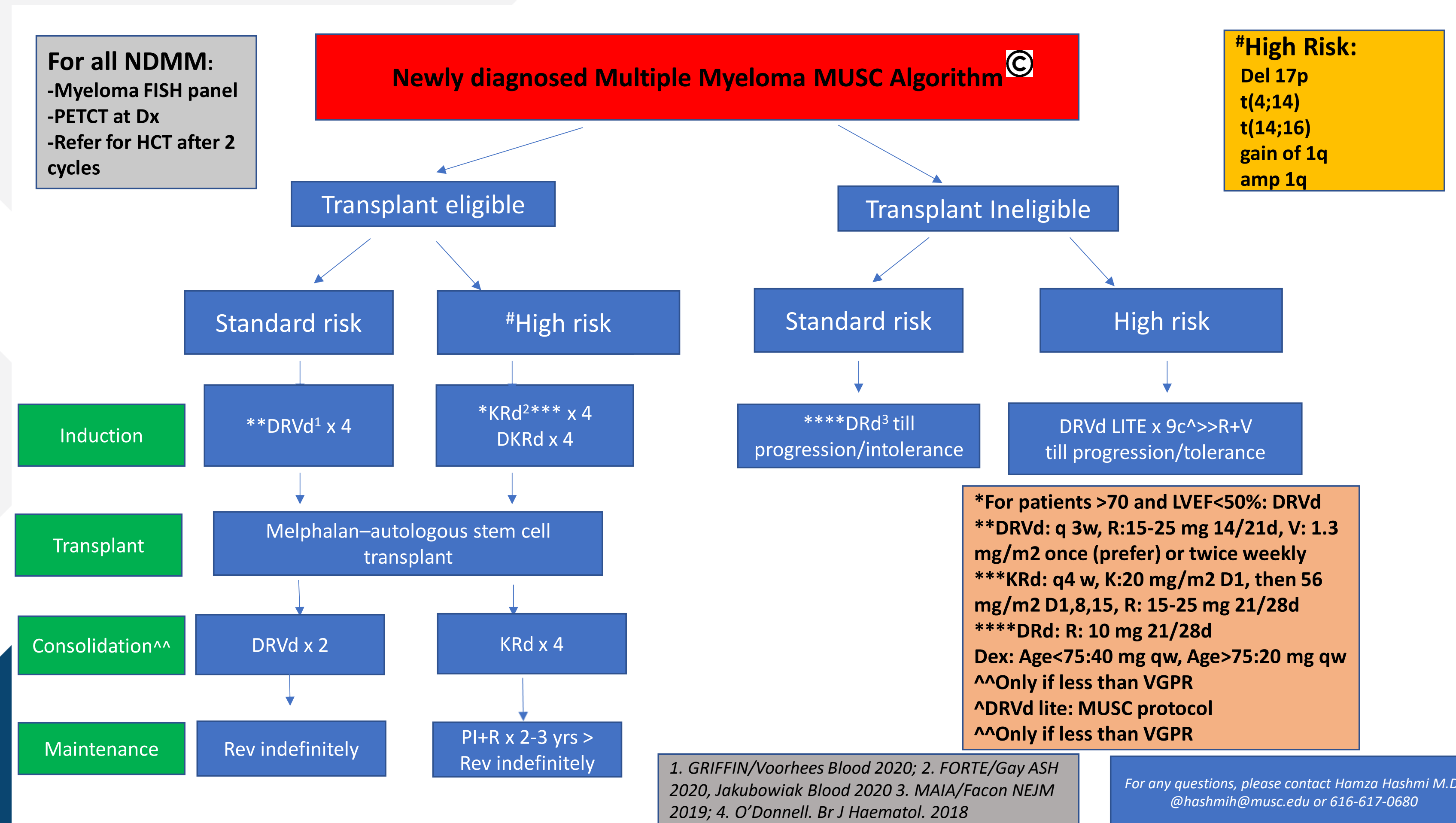


Site	Accrual
1 City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center (CA)	95
2 Medical College of Wisconsin (WI)	48
3 Washington University School of Medicine (MO)	48
4 Moffitt Cancer Center (FL)	39
5 Medical University of South Carolina (SC)	37
6 University of Pennsylvania/Abramson Cancer Center (PA)	30
7 Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center (OH)	29
8 University of Kansas Hospital-Westwood Cancer Center (KS)	26
9 Loyola University Medical Center (IL)	23
10 M D Anderson Cancer Center (TX)	23
11 Mayo Clinic Rochester (MN)	19
12 University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center (WI)	18
13 Oregon Health Sciences University (OR)	17
14 Levine Cancer Institute (NC)	17
15 University of California Davis (CA)	16
XX CANADIAN SITES activated (n=3)	3



TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Whether patients who receive Dara in induction need Dara for maintenance remains unknown
- Observation alone for maintenance is a cardinal sin
- SWOG S1803 trial [D-R vs R for post HCT maintenance] will answer many important questions



What is the role of Upfront Bone Marrow Transplant for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma?

OR

Why is Bone Marrow Transplant the *TOM BRADY* of Myeloma



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DETERMINATION

DFCI 10-106 / IFM DFCI 2009 / BMT CTN 1304

Delayed vs. Early Transplant with Revlimid Maintenance and Antimyeloma Triple therapy

Objectives

- 1) Compare progression-free survival between Arm A and Arm B for patients with newly diagnosed symptomatic MM
- 2) Evaluate the impact of lenalidomide maintenance given until progression

Eligibility

- Multiple myeloma diagnosis based on IMM 2003 Diagnostic Criteria
- Diagnostic assessments within 21 days of protocol therapy
- Age 18 to 85 years

REGISTRATION

INITIAL THERAPY

Lenalidomide + bortezomib + dexamethasone (RVD)
1 Cycle (21 days)

RANDOMIZATION

Stratify according to:

- ISS stage (stage I, II or III)
- Cytogenetics: standard vs. high-risk vs FISH failures. High-risk is defined as presence of del(17p), or t(4;14), or t(4;16) using FISH.

ARMA

- RVD q 21 days (2 cycles)
- Collection of peripheral blood stem cells (PBSCs) using cyclophosphamide and filgrastim or G-CSF type Granocyte® or equivalent

- RVD q 21 days (5 cycles)
- Maintenance Lenalidomide q28 days (until disease progression)

ARMB

- RVD q 21 days (2 cycles)
- Collection of peripheral blood stem cells (PBSCs) using cyclophosphamide and filgrastim or G-CSF type Granocyte® or equivalent
- Autologous stem cell transplant
- Melphalan: infused over two days or as a single infusion
- Re-infusion of PBSCs

- RVD q 21 days (2 cycles)
- Maintenance Lenalidomide q28 days (until disease progression)

> Study treatment provided free of charge to all study participants

> BMT CTN accrual credit provided to all BMT CTN centers

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To view the entire protocol, go to www.bmtctn.net. Posted to <http://clinicaltrials.gov/> as NCT01266882

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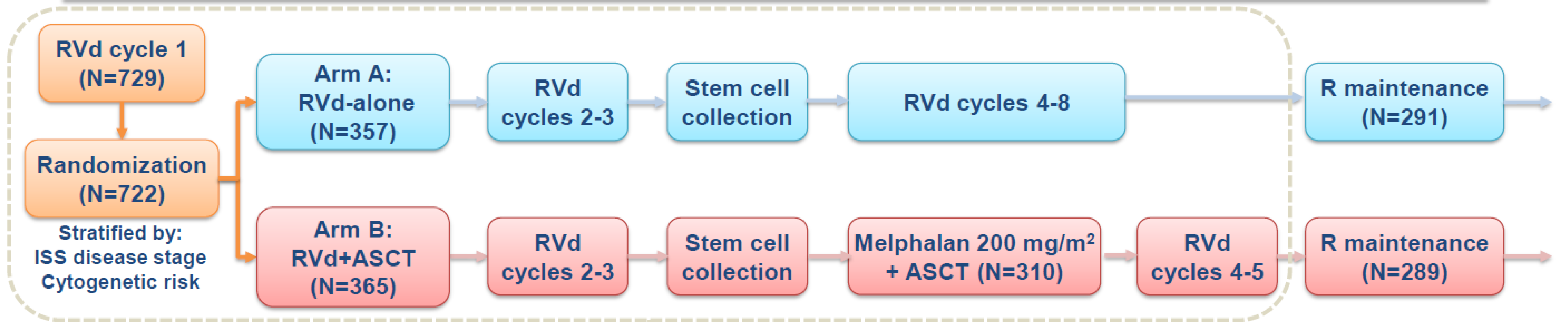
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DETERMINATION: study design and patient disposition

DETERMINATION: **D**elayed vs **E**arly **T**ransplant with **R**evlimid **M**aintenance and **A**ntimyeloma **T**riple Therapy



Each RVd cycle (21 days):
 R 25 mg/day PO, days 1-14
 V 1.3 mg/m² IV/SC, days 1, 4, 8, 11
 Dex 20/10 mg PO, days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12

Induction ± ASCT +
 consolidation treatment
 duration = ~6 months

Lenalidomide maintenance
 Months 1-3: 10 mg/day
 Month 4 onwards: 15 mg/day

Primary endpoint: PFS

Secondary endpoints: response rates; DOR; TTP; OS; QoL; safety

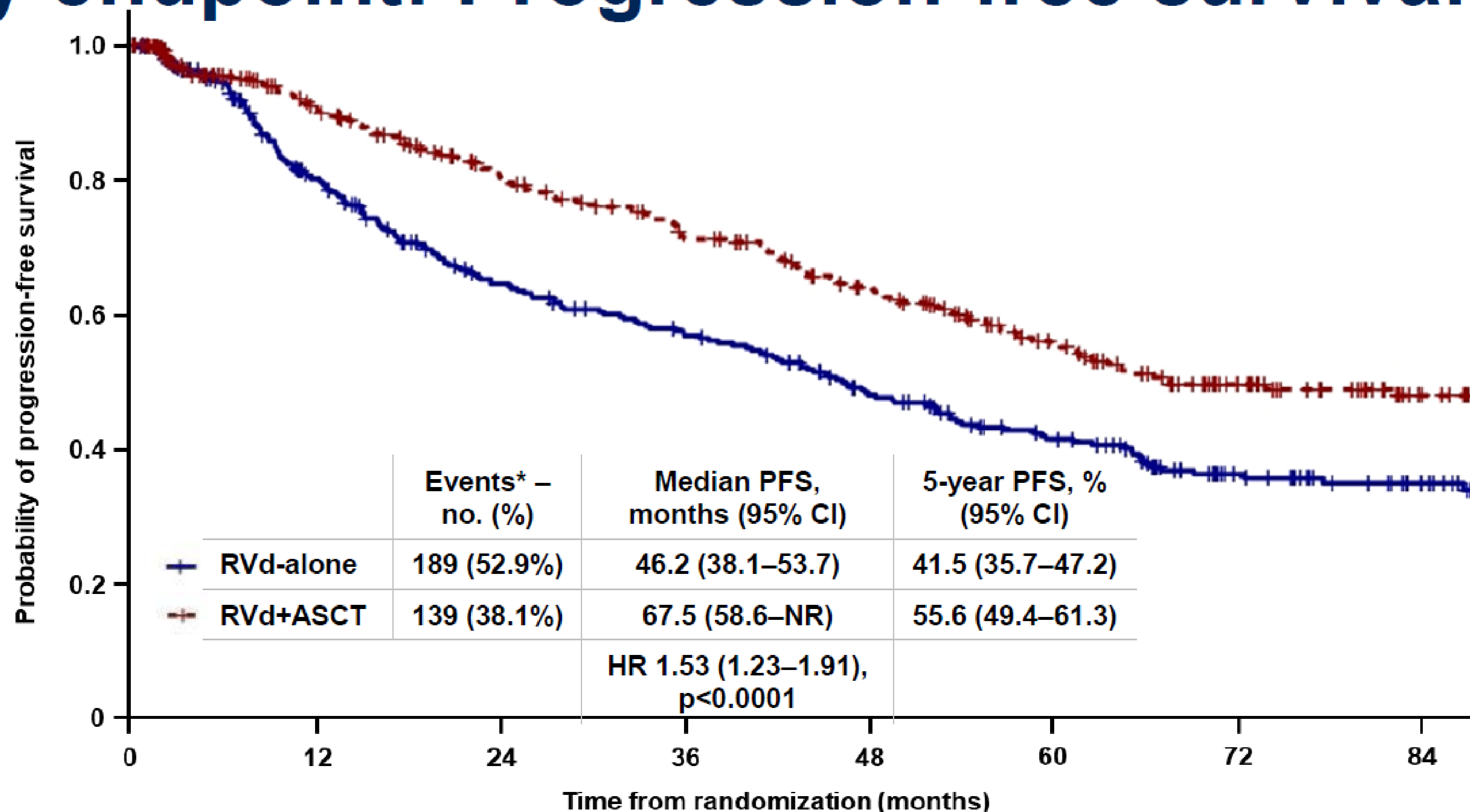
d/Dex, dexamethasone; DOR, duration of response; ISS, International Staging System; IV, intravenous; PO, orally; R, lenalidomide; SC, subcutaneous; TTP, time to progression; V, bortezomib

Patient demographics and disease characteristics

Characteristic	RVd-alone (N=357)	RVd+ASCT (N=365)
Median age (interquartile range) – years	57 (25–66)	55 (30–65)
Male/female, %	56.6 / 43.4	58.9 / 41.1
Race: White, Caucasian / Black, African-American / Other, %	76.4 / 18.8 / 4.8	75.8 / 18.4 / 5.8
ECOG performance status: 0 / 1 / 2, %	42.9 / 49.6 / 7.6	45.1 / 44.2 / 10.7
BMI: <25 / 25 to <30 / ≥30, %	22.4 / 39.5 / 38.1	22.2 / 34.8 / 43.0
MM disease type: IgG / IgA / Light chain only / Other, %	66.7 / 21.8 / 10.3 / 1.2	59.3 / 28.2 / 12.2 / 0.3
ISS disease stage: I / II / III, %	49.9 / 36.4 / 13.7	50.4 / 36.7 / 12.9
Elevated lactate dehydrogenase (≥225 U/L), %	27.0	25.4
Cytogenetics: high-risk* / standard-risk, %	19.8 / 80.2	19.4 / 80.6
Cytogenetics: t(4;14) / t(14;16) / del 17p, [†] %	9.6 / 3.0 / 11.4	8.2 / 4.4 / 10.0
Revised-ISS disease stage: [‡] I / II / III, %	30.9 / 60.7 / 8.4	31.2 / 62.6 / 6.2

BMI, body mass index; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. *High-risk includes t(4;14), t(14;16), and deletion 17p. [†]Cutoff threshold for positivity per institutional standards. [‡]Classified using ≥225 U/L cutoff for elevated lactate dehydrogenase level. Patients registered between October 1, 2010, and January 30, 2018.

Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival (PFS)

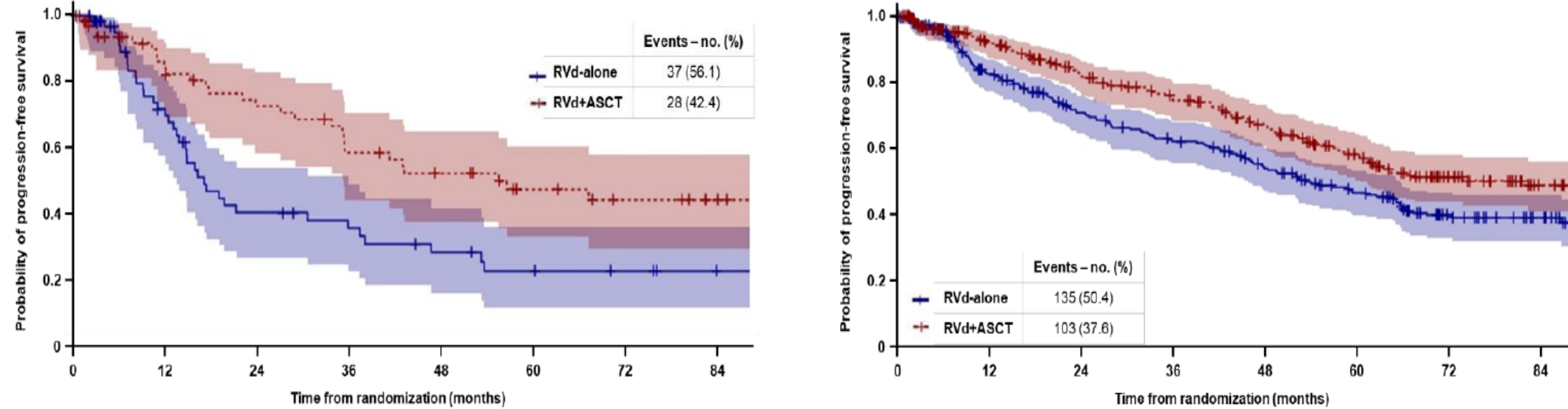


Patients at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVd-alone	357	250	187	160	126	96	60	40
RVd+ASCT	365	276	226	191	160	118	77	42

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; Data cutoff: 12/10/21. *PFS events: disease progression or death.

PFS by stratification factor – cytogenetic risk



Patients at risk

Time (months)	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVd-alone	65	36	19	16	11	8	6	3
RVd+ASCT	65	45	37	29	24	16	12	8

Shaded areas indicate 95% CIs

Median PFS, months	RVd-alone	RVd+ASCT
High-risk	17.1	55.5
HR 1.99 (95% CI 1.21–3.26)		

Median PFS, months	RVd-alone	RVd+ASCT
Standard-risk	53.2	82.3
HR 1.38 (95% CI 1.07–1.79)		

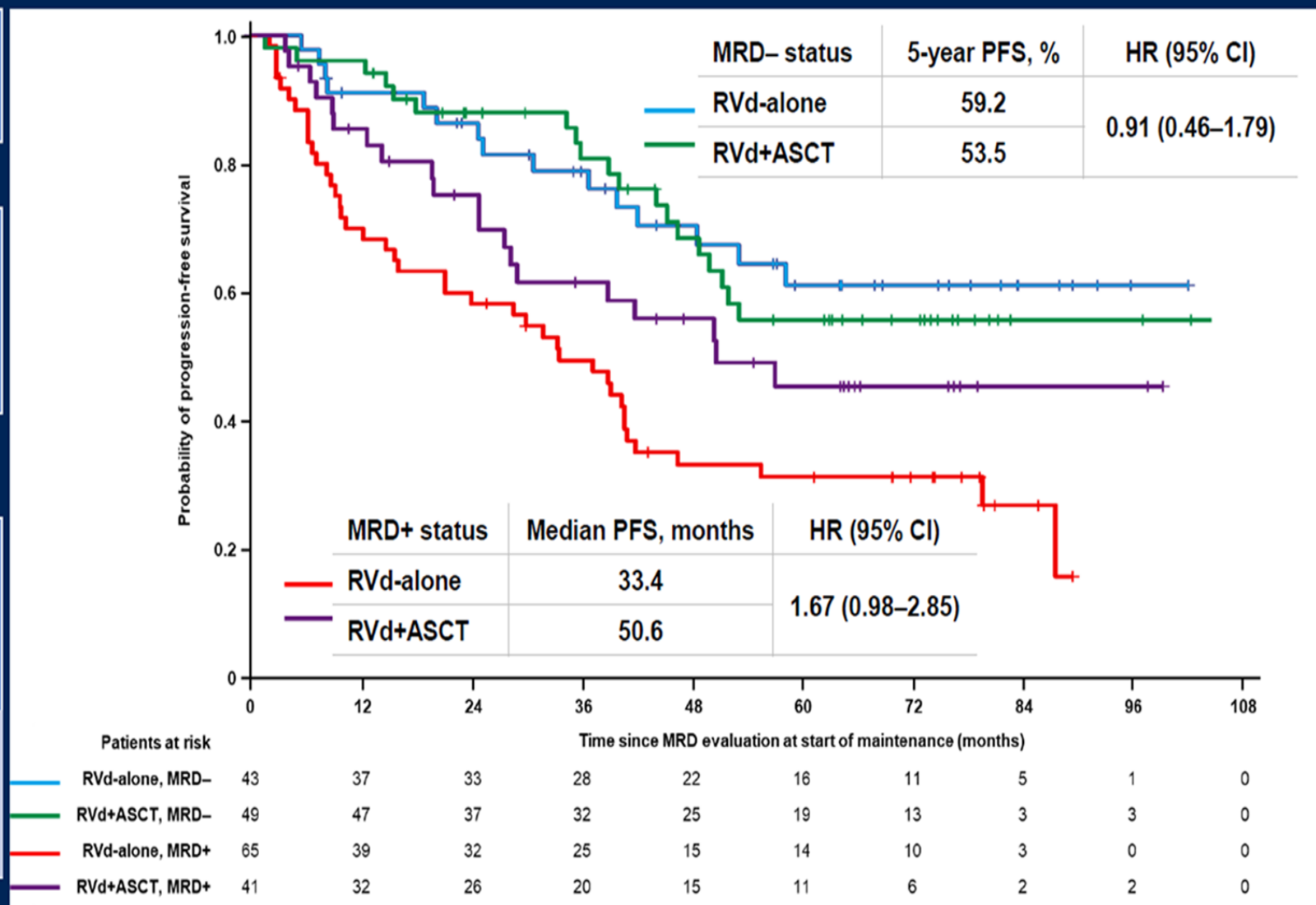
MRD / PFS by MRD status

Preliminary analysis

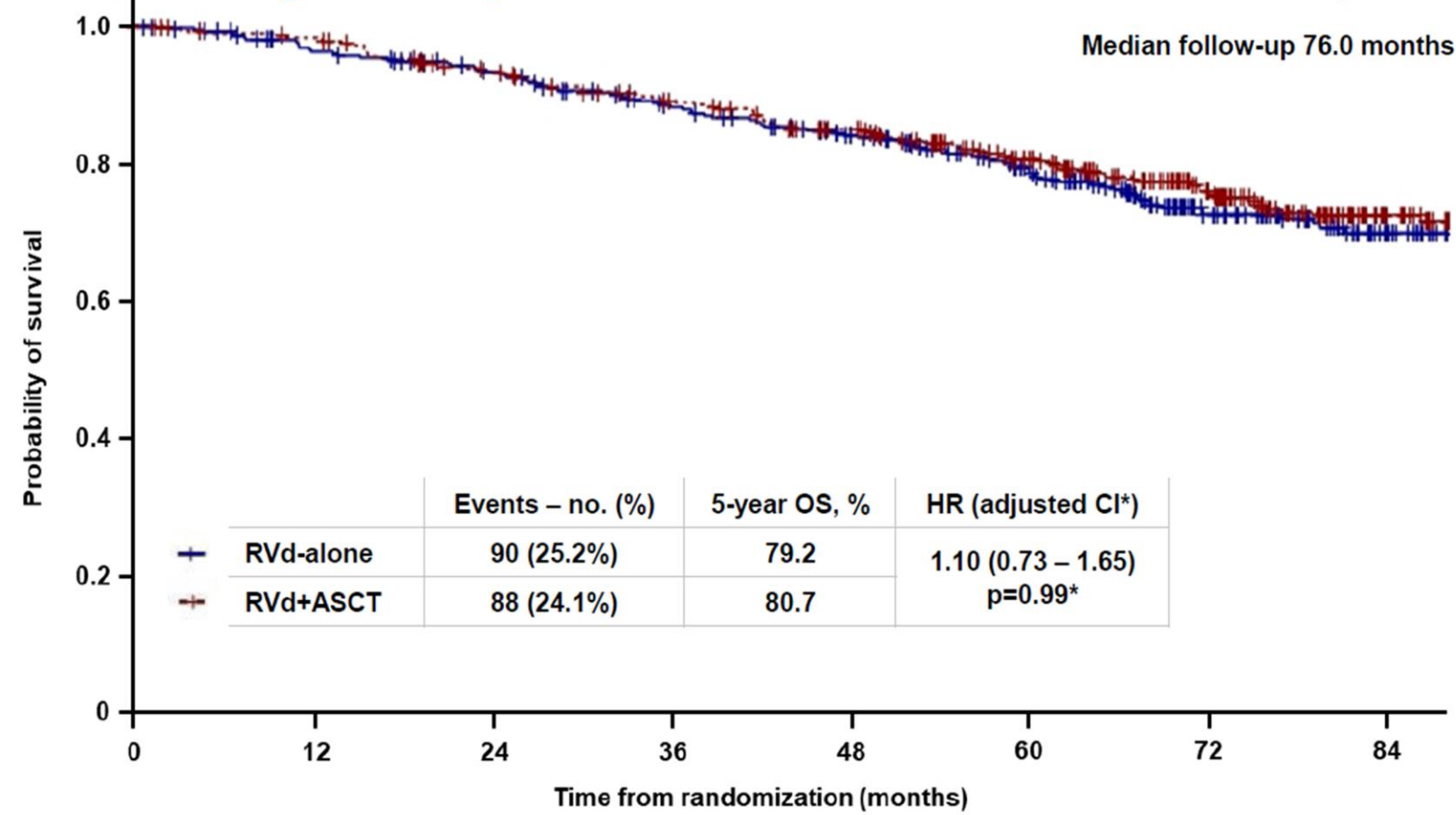
108 RVd-alone, 90 RVd+ASCT patients with samples from start of maintenance

Rate of MRD-negative status (NGS, 10⁻⁵): 39.8% vs 54.4%

Odds ratio 0.55 (unadjusted 95% CI 0.30–1.01)



Key secondary endpoint: Overall survival (OS)



Patients at risk

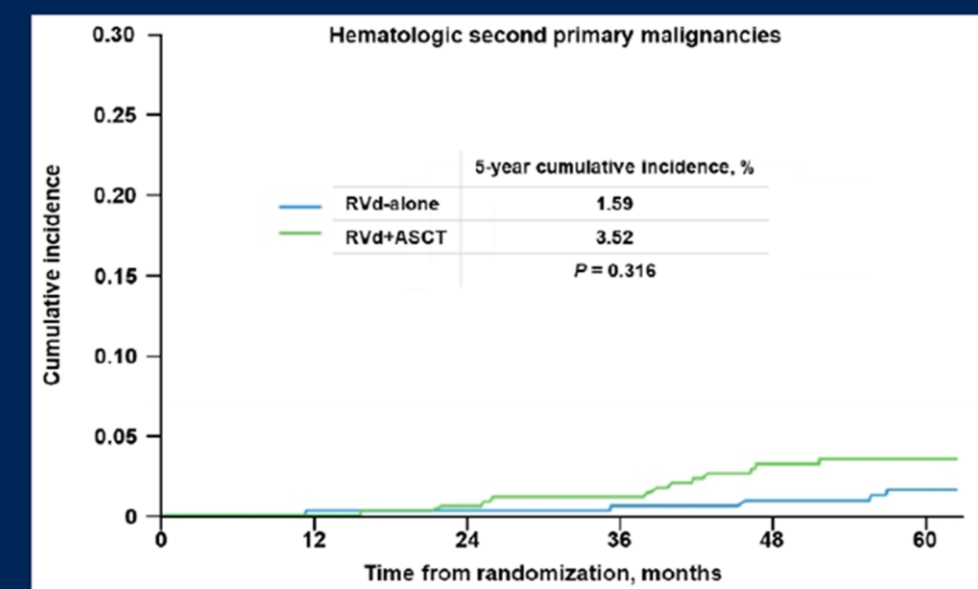
Time (months)	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVd-alone	357	332	313	285	258	214	143	88
RVd+ASCT	365	353	324	300	275	228	165	95

Data cutoff: 12/10/21

*CIs and p-value adjusted using Bonferroni's correction to control overall family-wise error rate for secondary outcomes. Therefore, CIs use an α level of 0.05/7.

Second primary malignancies

- 5-year cumulative incidence of SPMs (RVd-alone vs RVd+ASCT):
 - All : 9.7% vs 10.8%
 - Invasive: 4.9% vs 6.5%
 - Hematologic: 1.59% vs 3.52%



SPMs, %	RVd-alone (N=357)	RVd+ASCT (N=365)
Any	10.4	10.7
Any invasive SPM	5.3	6.8
Any hematologic SPM	2.5	3.6
ALL, n	7	3
AML/MDS, n	0*	10*
CLL/CML, n	2	0
Any solid tumor SPM	3.4	3.3
Any non-invasive solid tumor SPM	0	0.5
Any non-melanoma skin cancer	5.9	4.1

* p=0.002

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Editorial

'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine': Early stem cell transplant continues to improve outcomes in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma

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 Check for updates

- Upfront ASCT remains the *TOM BRADY* of Myeloma
- All HIGH-RISK patients should be offered upfront ASCT
- OS benefit may emerge over longer follow up, remember median follow up has not been reached!!
- Trial not applicable to older patients who may grow frail(er) over time
- Stem cell storage and collection is not a luxury all patients have
- A young fit patient with a STANDARD risk Myeloma and a cooperative insurance may be offered 'delayed' ASCT



How Do I treat Relapsed Refractory Multiple Myeloma?

CD38 antibody + Pomalyst + Dex

VS

CD38 antibody + Carfilzomib + Dex

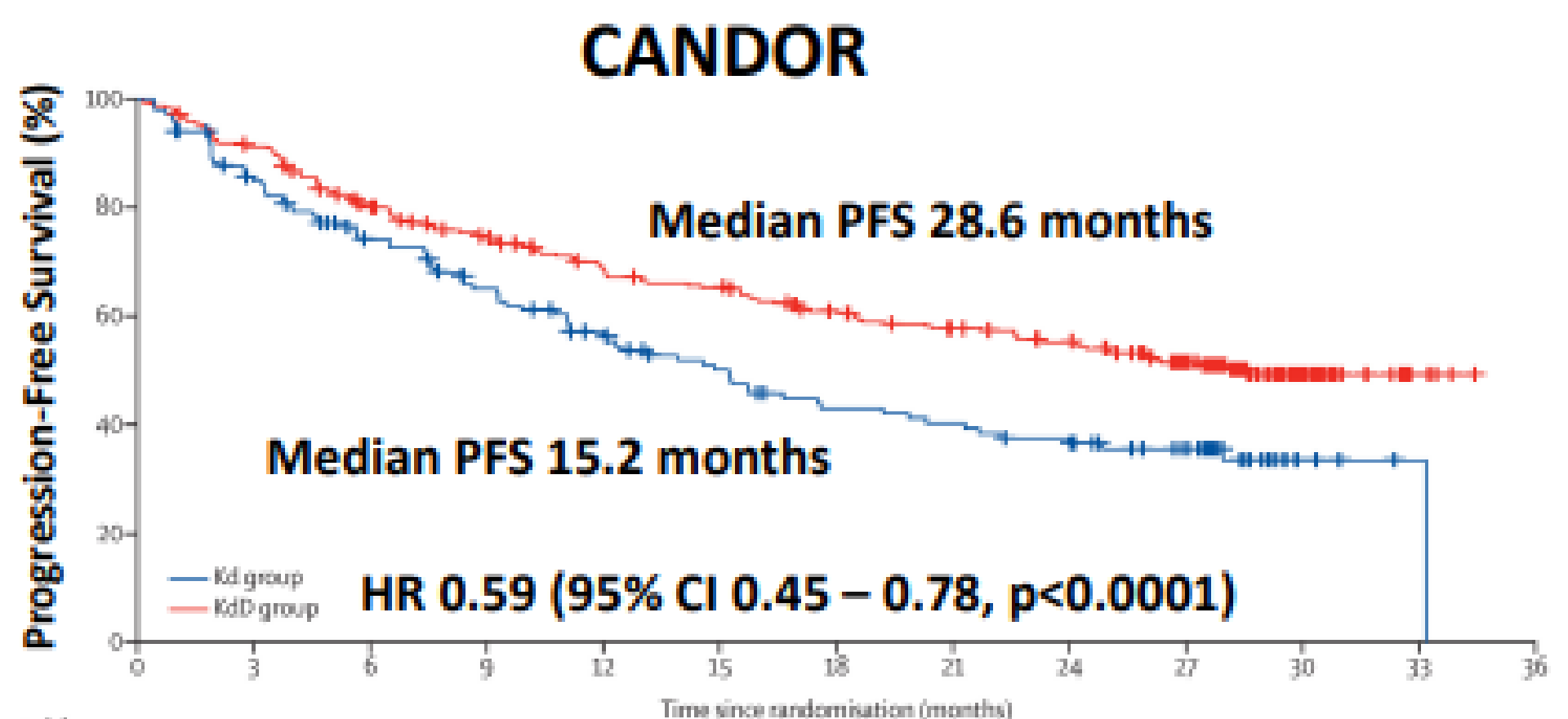
When do I use Venetoclax based therapy

Role of Selinexor based combinations

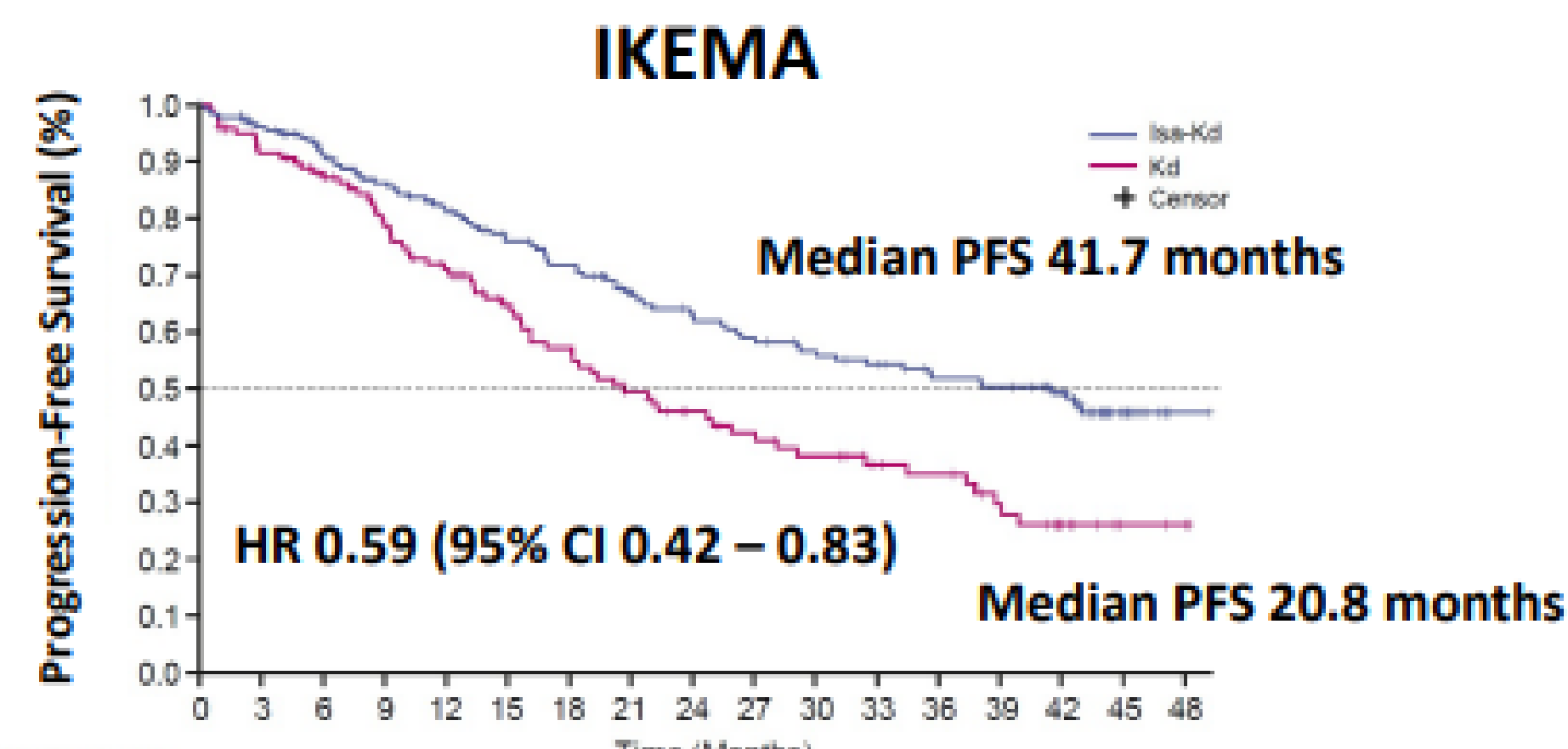


CD38 mAbs + Carfilzomib and Dexamethasone in Early Relapsed Myeloma

- **CANDOR:** Phase III study of carfilzomib and dexamethasone ± daratumumab
- **IKEMA:** Phase III study of carfilzomib and dexamethasone ± isatuximab
- 1 – 3 prior lines of therapy, treatment until disease progression
- Median prior lines of therapy (experimental / control): CANDOR 2 / 2; IKEMA: 2 / 2
- Lenalidomide refractory (experimental / control): CANDOR 32% / 36%; IKEMA: 32% / 34%



Number at risk (number censored)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Kd group	154 (0)	120 (12)	99 (18)	83 (22)	69 (26)	57 (30)	47 (32)	44 (32)	39 (33)	28 (43)	4 (66)	1 (69)	0 (69)
KdD group	312 (0)	279 (6)	235 (16)	210 (25)	189 (31)	178 (32)	159 (39)	146 (44)	136 (48)	105 (70)	30 (143)	6 (166)	0 (172)



Number at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
Isa-Kd	179	163	150	136	127	113	106	92	86	79	74	70	63	61	49	18	1
Kd	123	106	98	83	72	60	52	43	36	32	28	23	21	16	10	3	2

	CANDOR		IKEMA	
Regimen	DKd	Kd	Isa-Kd	Kd
MRD-	18%	4%	33.5%	15.4%

Dimoupolos, M, et al. Lancet 2020;396:186-97.
 Usmani, SZ, et al. Lancet Oncol 2022;23:65-76.

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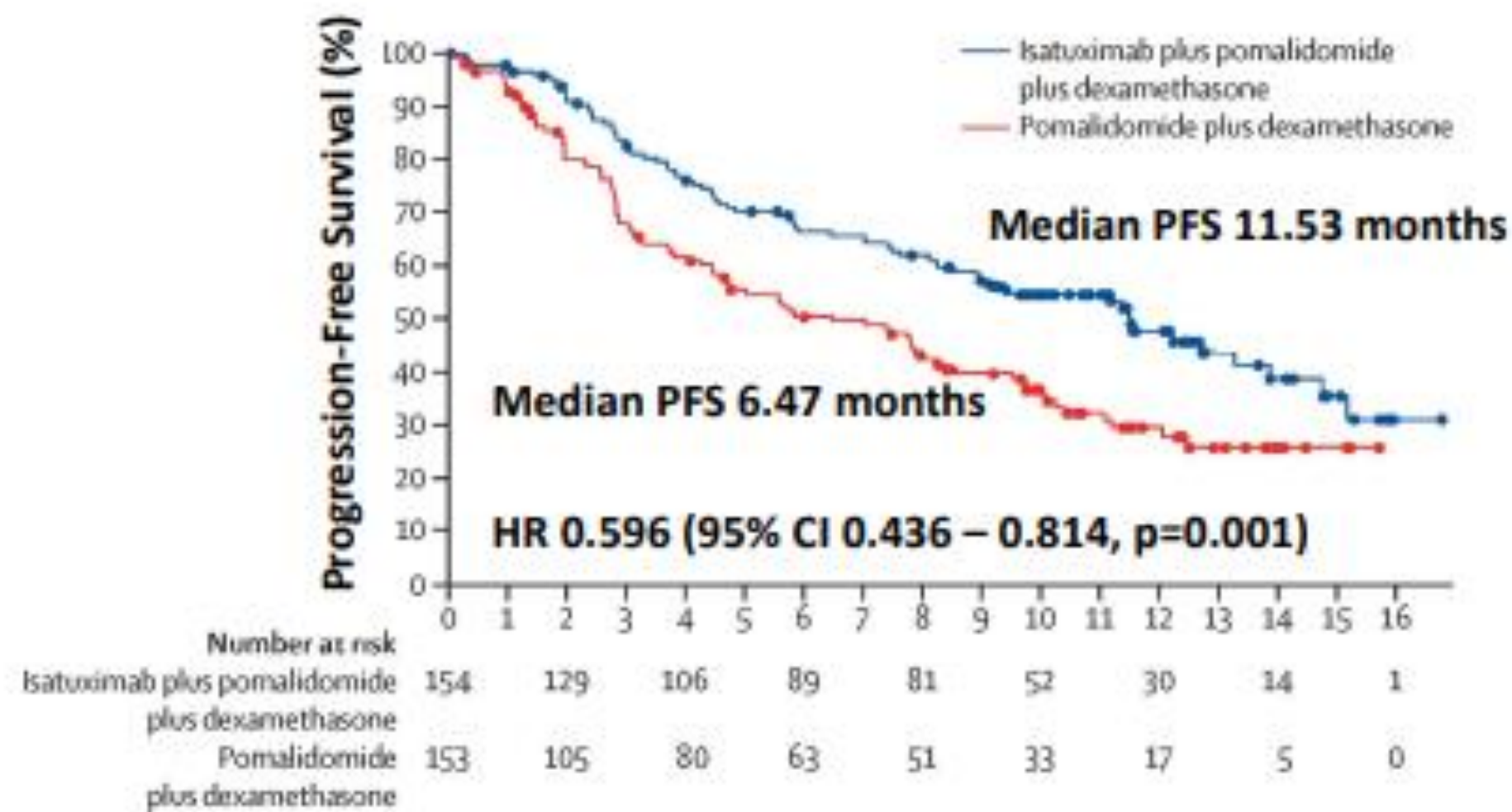
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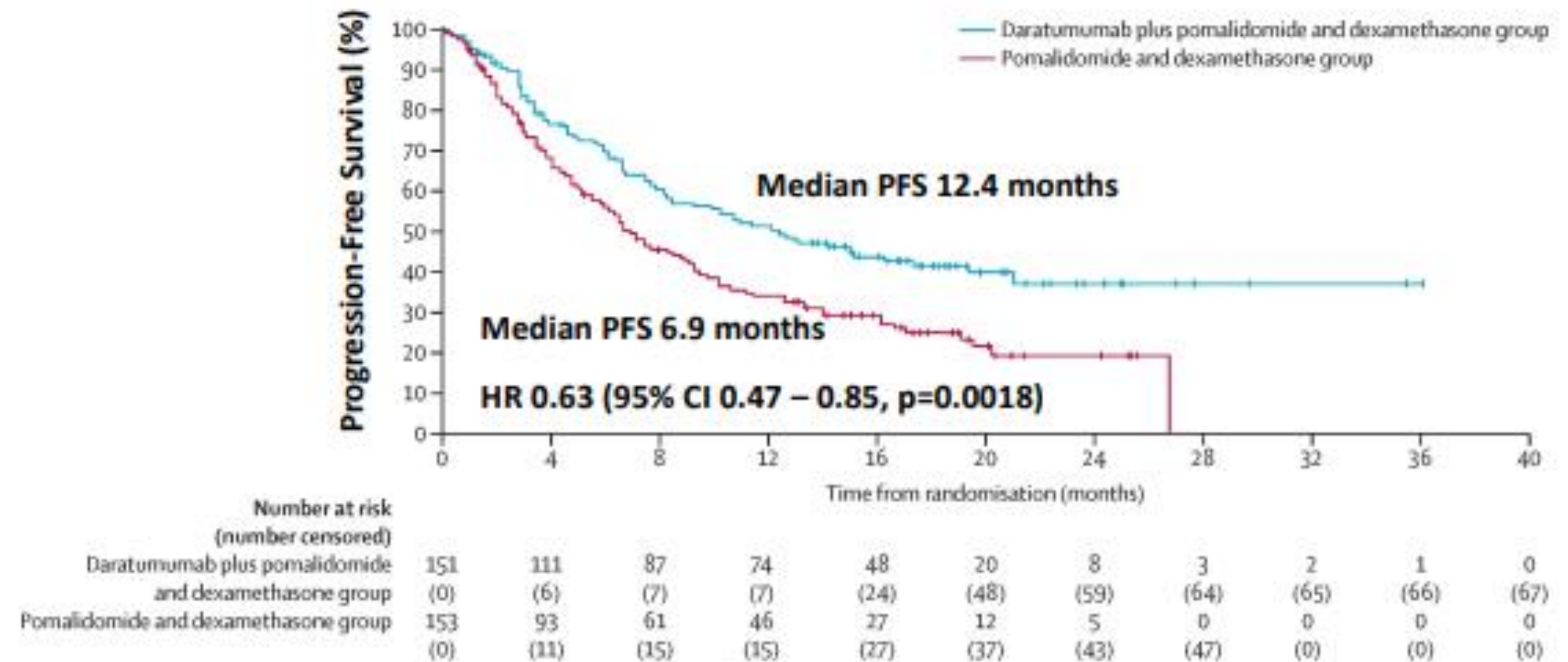
CD38 mAbs + Pomalidomide and Dexamethasone in Early Relapsed Myeloma

- APOLLO: Phase III study of pomalidomide and dexamethasone ± daratumumab
- ICARIA: Phase III study of pomalidomide and dexamethasone ± isatuximab
- APOLLO: 1 – 3 prior lines of therapy, ICARIA ≥2 prior lines of therapy; treatment until disease progression
- Median prior lines of therapy (experimental / control): ICARIA 3 / 3; APOLLO: 2 / 2
- Lenalidomide refractory (experimental / control): ICARIA 94% / 92%; APOLLO 79% / 80%
- Lenalidomide and PI refractory (experimental / control): ICARIA 72% / 70%; APOLLO 42% / 42%

ICARIA



APOLLO



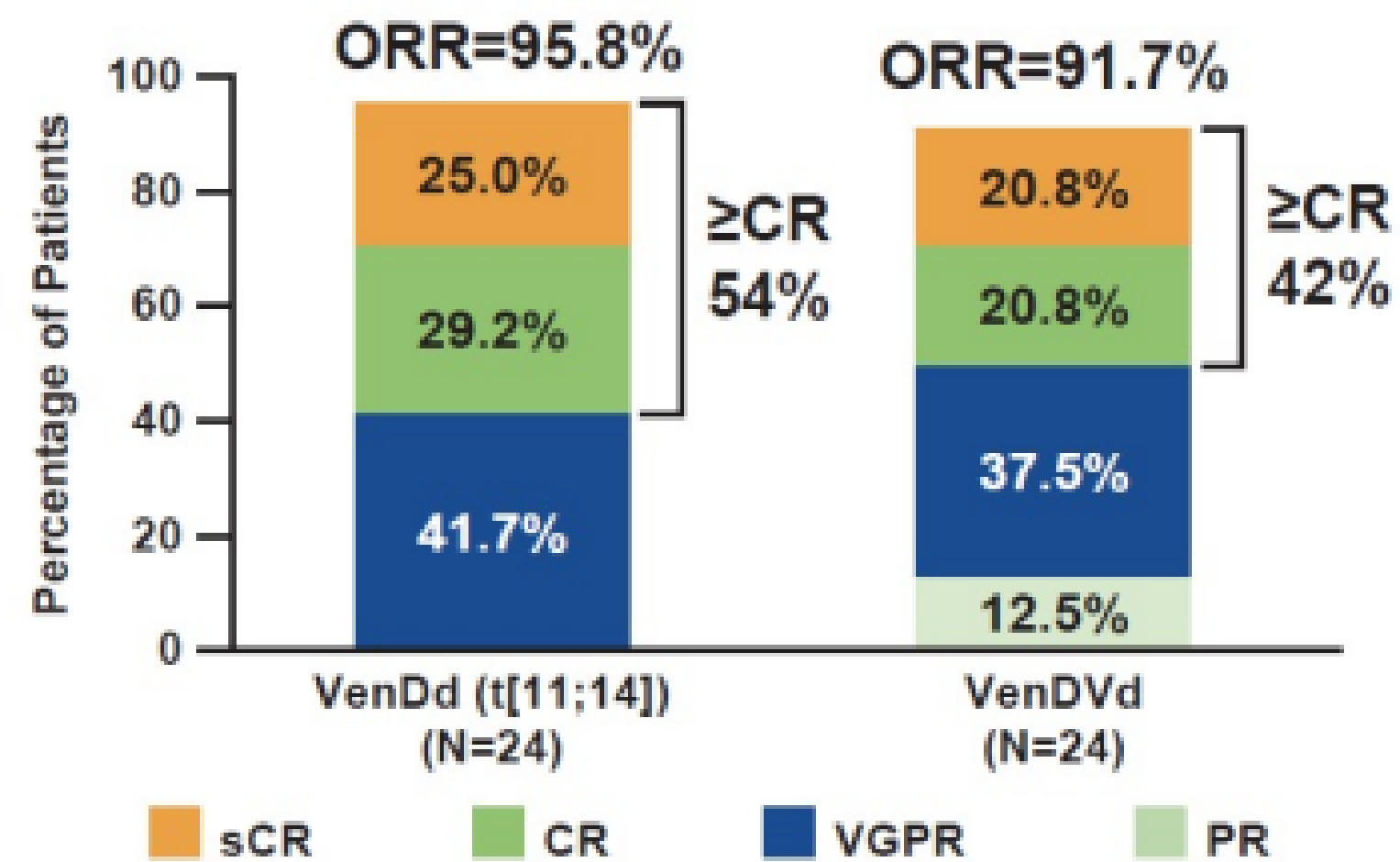
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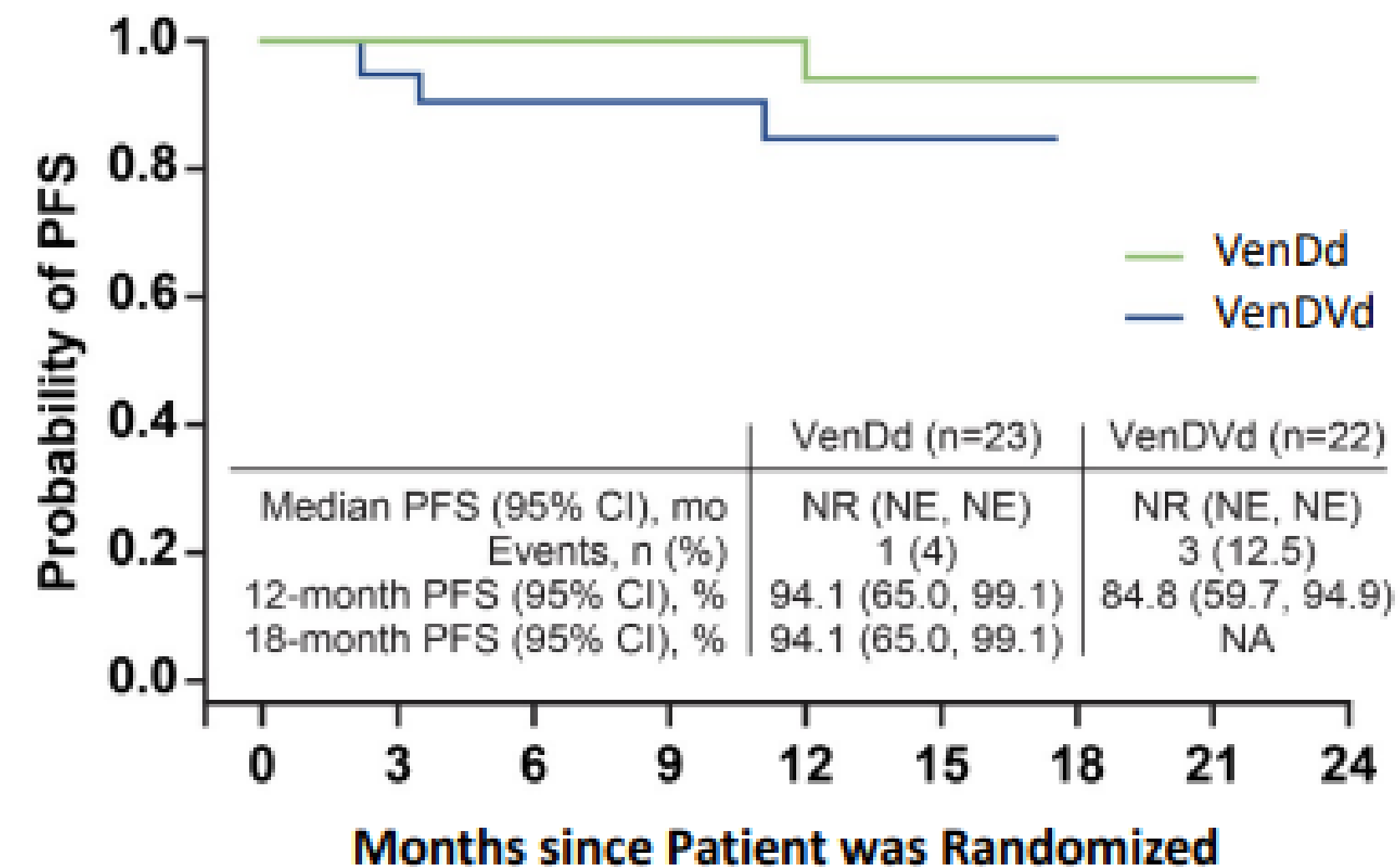


Daratumumab, Venetoclax and Dexamethasone in Relapsed, t(11;14)+ Myeloma

Overall Confirmed Responses



Progression-Free Survival



Patients at Risk

VenDd	24	23	22	22	15	8	3	1
VenDVd	24	20	19	18	8	3		

Kaufman, J et al. ASH 2020.



Selinexor-Based Triplets

	SVd (N = 40)		SKd (N = 24)	SPd (N = 32)	Dara-Sd (N = 30)
Study Phase	I		I	I	I
Pt Population	50% PI refractory, 3 median prior lines of therapy		Carfilzomib naïve, 50% bort refractory, 3 median prior regimens	Len Refractory, Pom Naïve, 3 median prior regimens	Dara Naïve, 85%/76% PI/IMiD Refractory, 3 median prior regimens
ORR	PI Sens / Naïve	PI Refractory	70.8%	56%	73%
	84%	43%			
≥CR	11%	5%	16.7%	3%	0%
VGPR	26%	19%	33.3%	15.2%	37%
PR	47%	19%	20.8%	39.4%	37%
Median PFS, mos	17.8	6.1	Not reported	12.2	12.5

Bahlis NJ et al. Blood 2019;132:2546-54.

Gasparetto C et al. ASCO 2020 (SKd and Dara-Sd)

Chen C et al. ASH 2020



How do I treat **TRIPLE / PENTA CLASS** **REFRACTORY MULTIPLE MYELOMA**

CAR T vs Bispecific: A Sophie's Choice



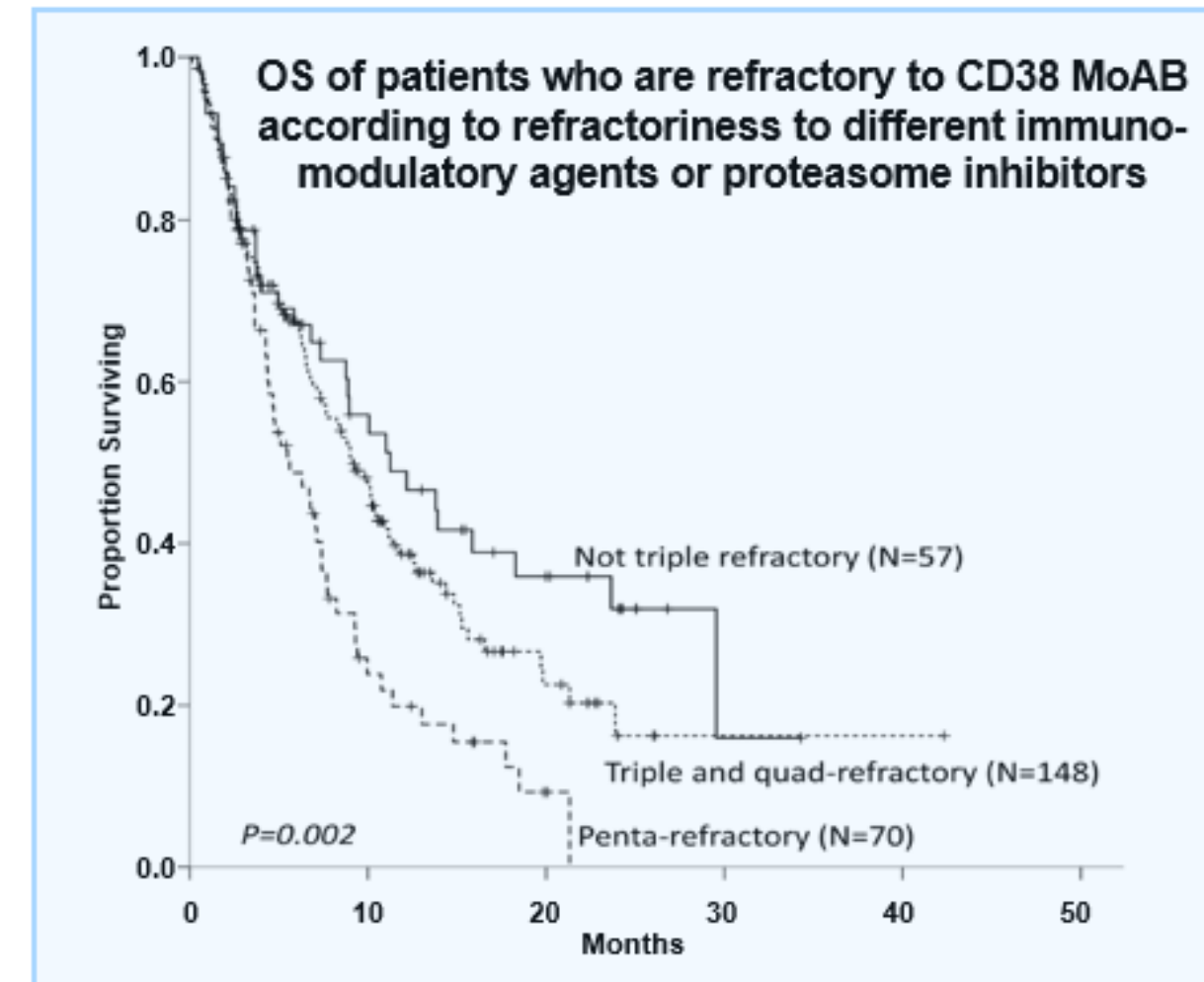
Patients With MM Refractory to CD38-Targeting Monoclonal Antibodies Have a Poor Prognosis

The MAMMOTH study

- Retrospective study of 275 patients from 14 academic centers in the US who had MM refractory to CD38 monoclonal antibodies (MoAB)
- Median number of prior therapies = 4 (range 1-16)
- Prior autologous stem cell transplantation = 72%

Efficacy

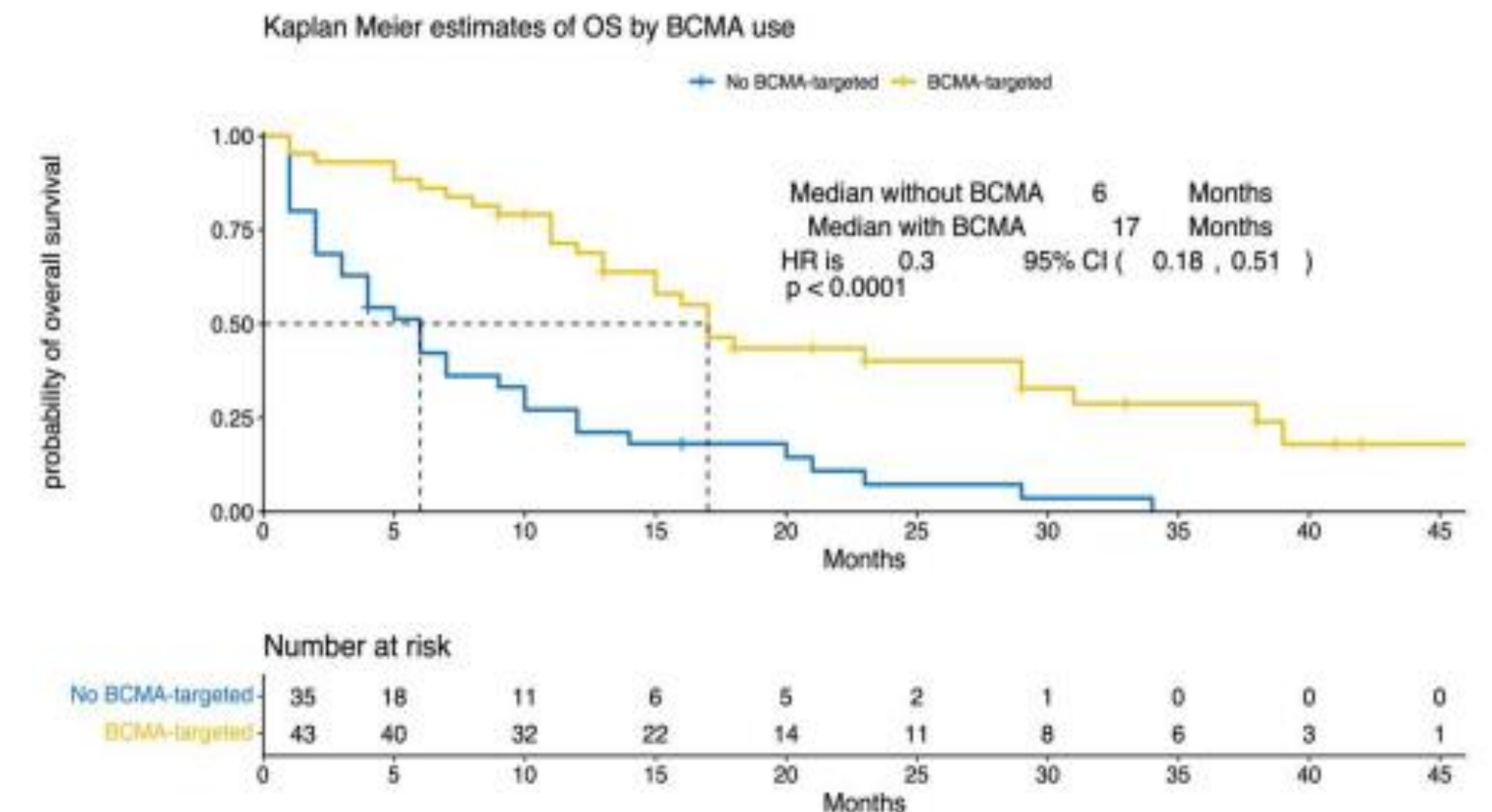
- mOS from T₀ for the entire cohort: 8.6 months (95% CI 7.5-9.9)
- At least 1 subsequent treatment regimen was given post T₀ in 249 (90%) patients
 - ORR to first regimen after T₀ = 31%
 - mPFS = 3.4 months
 - mOS = 9.3 months



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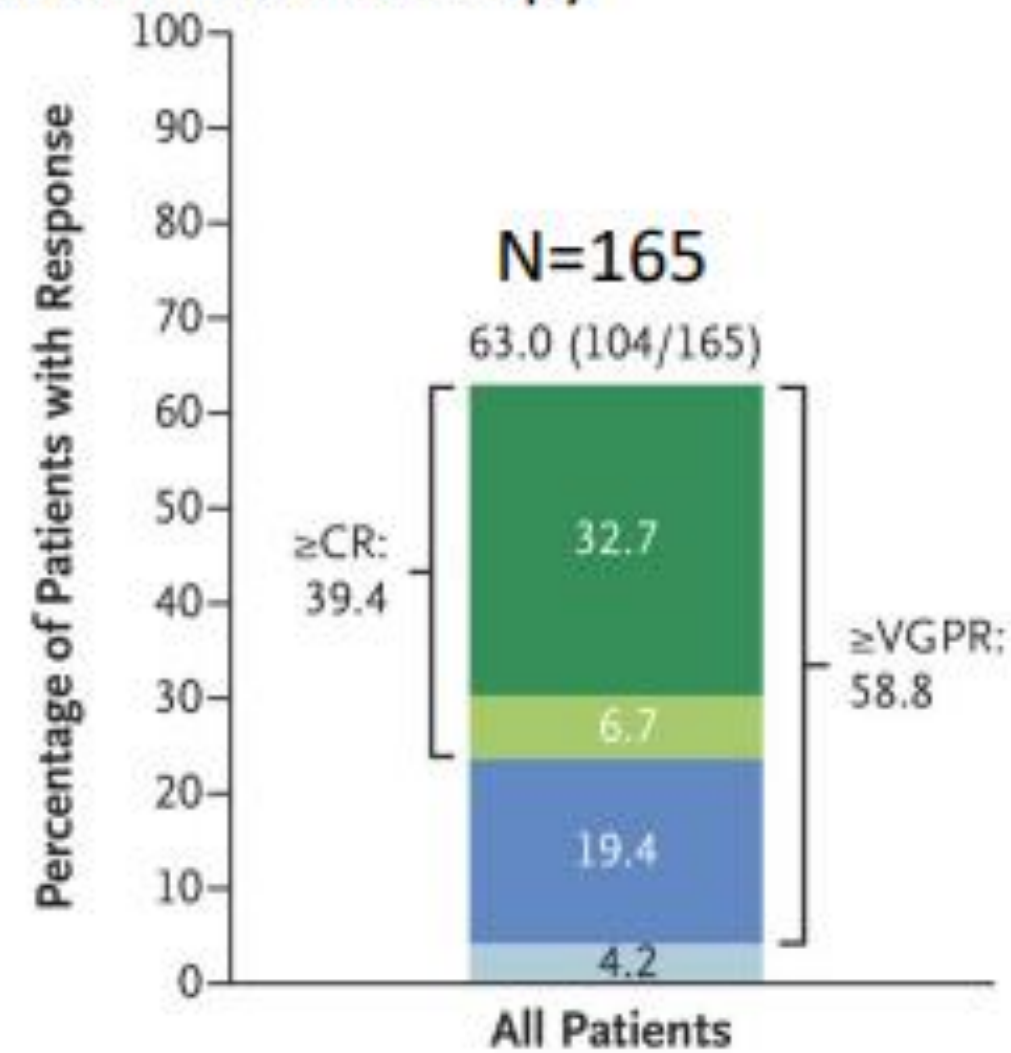
Outcomes of Penta-Refractory Multiple Myeloma Patients Treated with or without BCMA-Directed Therapy

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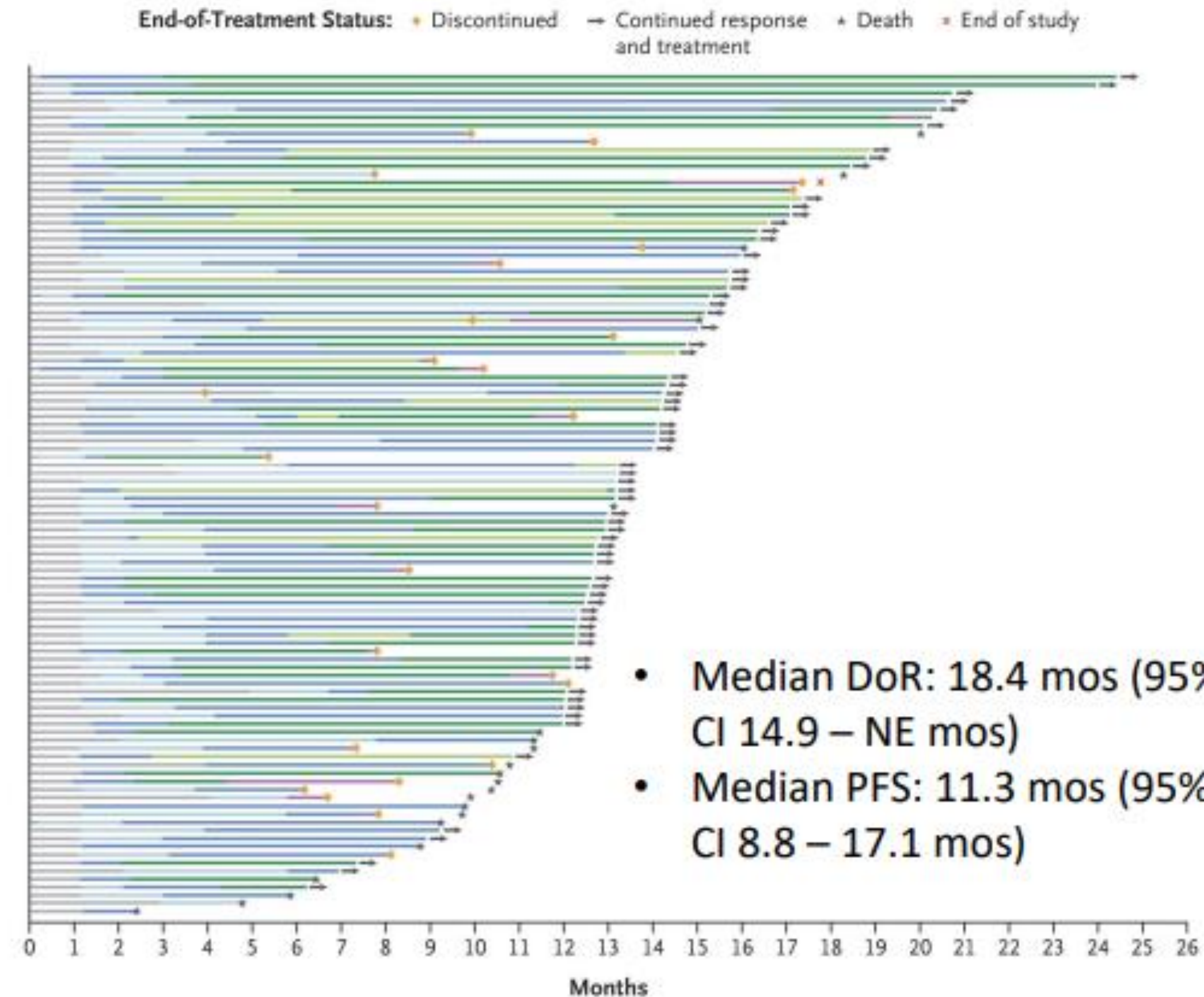


MajesTEC-1: Phase I/II Study of Teclistamab in RRMM

- 17% with EMM, 25.7% with HRCGs
- Median Prior Lines of Therapy: 5 (2 – 14)
- 77.6% triple class refractory, 89.7% refractory to last line of therapy



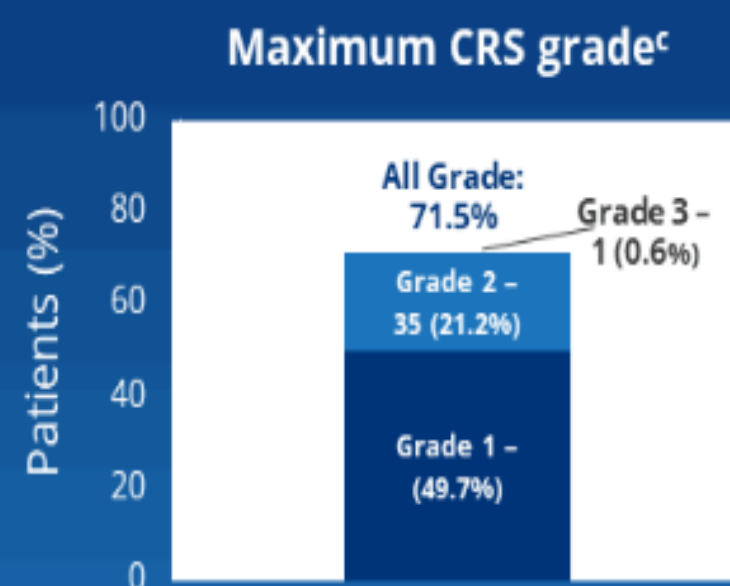
- Neutropenia 70.9% (64.2% ≥grade 3), hypogammaglobulinemia 74.5%
- Infections 76.4% (44.8% ≥grade 3)
- 12 COVID-19 deaths



Moreau P, et al NEJM 2022

MajesTEC-1: Cytokine Release Syndrome

Parameter	Safety Analysis Set N=165
Patients with CRS, n (%)	118 (71.5)
Patients with ≥2 CRS events	54 (32.7)
Time to onset (days), median(range)	2 (1-6)
Duration (days), median (range)	2 (1-9)
Patients who received supportive measures ^a , n (%)	109 (66.1)
Tocilizumab	60 (36.4)
Low-flow oxygen by nasal cannula ^b	21 (12.7)
Steroids	13 (7.9)
Single vasopressor	1 (0.6)



- All CRS events were grade 1/2, except for 1 transient-grade 3 CRS event that fully resolved, and 97% of events were confined to step-up and cycle 1
- All CRS events resolved, with no treatment discontinuations due to CRS
- Over the course of their treatment, 2.4% of patients received >1 dose of tocilizumab for a single CRS event

MajesTEC-1: Neurotoxicity

Parameter	Safety Analysis Set N=165
Patients with neurotoxicity, n (%)	21 (12.7)
Headache	14 (8.5)
ICANS ^a	5 (3.0)
Encephalopathy	2 (1.2)
Tremor	2 (1.2)
Patients with grade ≥3 events	0
Time to onset, median(range) days	2.5 (1-7)
Duration, median(range) days	3.0 (1-37)
Patients requiring supportive measures for neurotoxicity, n (%)	12 (7.3)
Tocilizumab	3 (1.8)
Dexamethasone	3 (1.8)
Levetiracetam	1 (0.6)

- The overall incidence of neurotoxicity was low
- The most commonly reported neurotoxicity event was headache (14 patients [8.5%])
- All events were grade 1/2
- There were no treatment discontinuations or dose reductions due to neurotoxicity^b
- 12 patients (7.3%) required supportive measures for neurotoxicity
- There were 5 patients with ICANS events at the RP2D
 - All were grade 1/2
 - Most (7/9) ICANS events were concurrent with CRS; all resolved

MajesTEC-1: Overall Safety Profile

Safety Analysis Set N=165		
AEs ≥20%, n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Hematologic		
Neutropenia	108 (65.5)	94 (57.0)
Anemia	82 (49.7)	57 (34.5)
Thrombocytopenia	63 (38.2)	35 (21.2)
Lymphopenia	56 (33.9)	53 (32.1)
Nonhematologic		
CRS	118 (71.5)	1 (0.6)
Injection site erythema	42 (25.5)	0 (0)
Fatigue	41 (24.8)	3 (1.8)
Nausea	40 (24.2)	1 (0.6)
Headache	36 (21.8)	1 (0.6)
Diarrhea	34 (20.6)	4 (2.4)

Teclistamab was well tolerated; no patients required dose reduction

- Only 1 patient discontinued due to an AE (adenoviral pneumonia)
- Serious AEs occurred in 88 patients (53.3%)
 - Teclistamab-related serious AEs^a occurred in 33 patients
- Injection-site reactions occurred in 58 patients (35.2%; all grade 1/2)
- Infections occurred in 104 (63%) patients (grade 3/4: 35.2%)
 - 9 (5.5%) patients had opportunistic infections^b
- 119 patients (72.1%) had evidence of hypogammaglobulinemia^c
 - 41 of these patients received IVIG at any time during the study (at physician discretion)
- There were 9 deaths due to AEs; none were related to teclistamab
 - COVID-19 (n=7)
 - Pneumonia (n=1)
 - Hemoperitoneum (n=1)

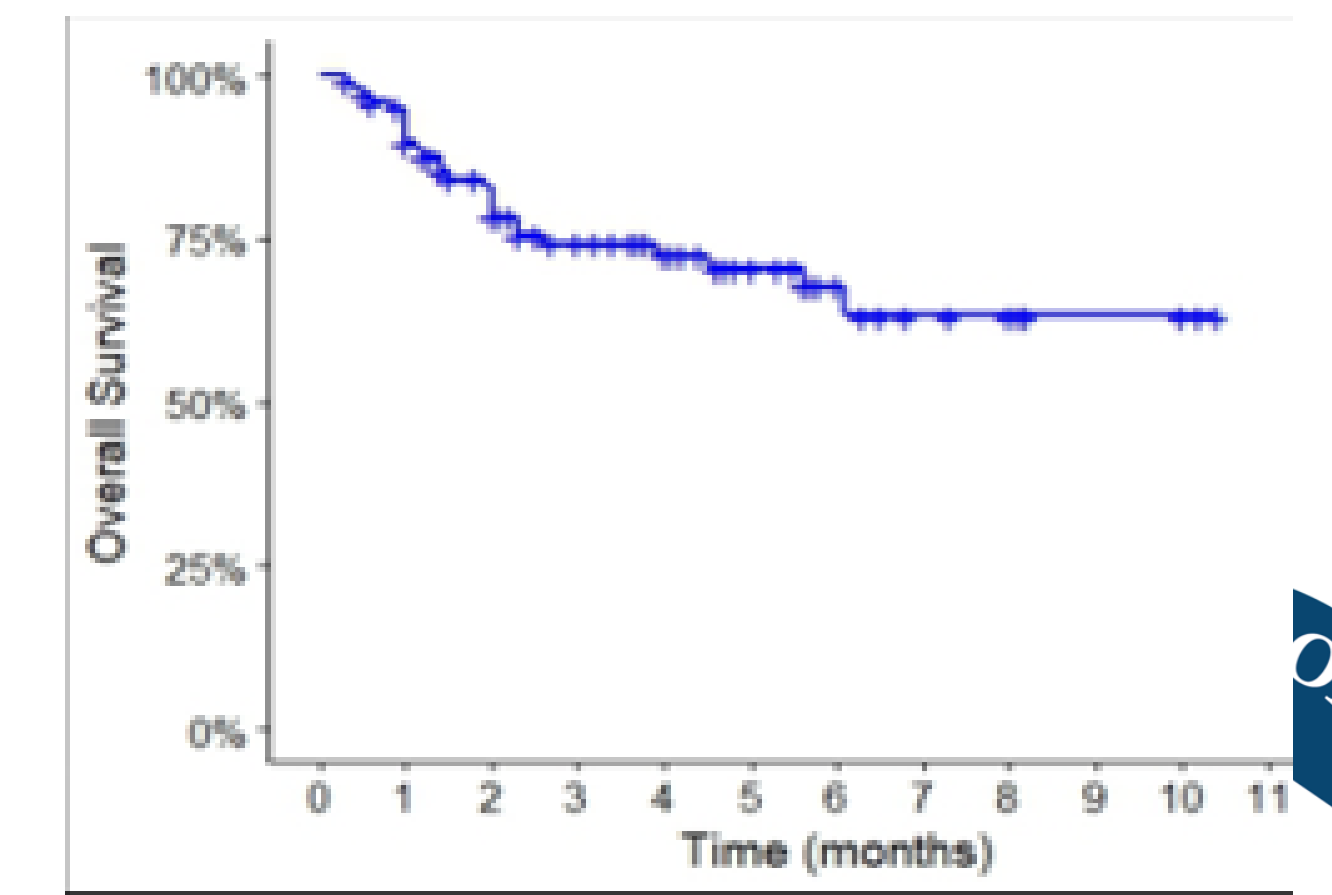
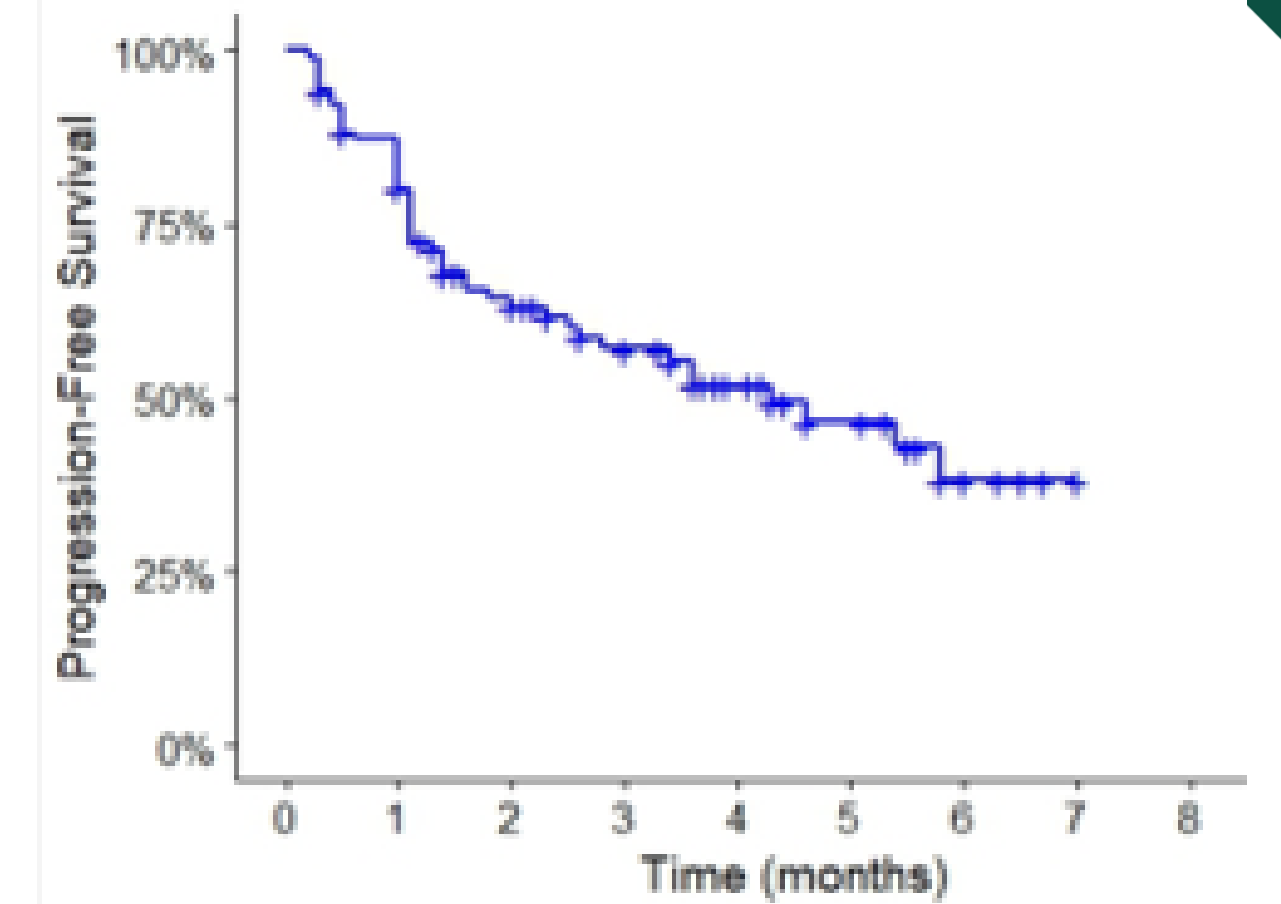
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REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE with TECLISTAMAB for RRMM

Characteristic	N (%)
Female: Male ratio	1.17
Age, years, median (range)	66.5 (35–87)
IgG subtype	54 (53%)
R-ISS III	25 (25)
High risk cytogenetics	55 (54)
EMD	45 (44)
Prior LOT (median, range)	6 (–17)
Refractory to PI	102 (100)
Refractory to IMiDs	102 (100)
Refractory to anti-CD38 MoAb	102 (100)
Prior ASCT	60 (59)
Double refractory	94 (92)
Triple Refractory	94 (92)
Penta refractory	67%
BDT refractory	56 (55%)

Characteristic	Best ORR n (%)
Full cohort (n=102)	65 (64)
PR	18 (18)
VGPR	18 (18)
CR/sCR	29 (28)
Age>70 (n=33)	23 (70)
Non-Hispanic Black (n=25)	17 (68)
Ineligible for MajesTEC-1 trial (n=83)	49 (59)
RISS III (n=25)	13 (52)
High-risk cytogenetics (n=55)	34 (62)
EMD (n=44)	20 (45)
CrCl < 40 mL/min (n=13)	7 (54)
Refractory status	
Four or less prior LOT (n=23)	18 (78)
>4 lines of prior therapy (n=79)	47 (59)
Double refractory (n=94)	58 (62)
Triple Refractory (n=94)	58 (62)
Penta refractory (n=68)	45 (66)
BCMA refractory	38 (64%)
Prior belantamab mafodotin (n=17)	12 (71)
Prior BCMA directed CAR T (n=33)	20 (61)
≥ 2 prior BCMA directed therapies (n=9)	6 (67)

ORR 65%, VGPR or better 45%
60% Ineligible for MajesTEC-1
6 mo PFS 40%, 6 mo OS 65%



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BCMA x CD3 Targeted Antibodies

Bispecific Antibody	Teclistamab (JNJ-64007957)	Elranatamab (PF-06863135)	Linvoseltamab (REGN5458)	ABBV-383	Alnuctamab BMS-93269	HPN217
Structure/Function	Humanized antibody	Humanized antibody	Veloci-Bi* platform fully human antibody	Low CD3 affinity fully human antibody	Humanize antibody 2 BCMA + 1 CD3	Trispecific 50kDa (albumin)
Treatment	Weekly SC	Weekly SC	Weekly IV	IV q3w	Qwk -> Q4wk SQ	Q2wk IV
Patients	n= 165	n= 123	n= 252	n= 174	n= 68	n= 62
Median prior lines	5	5	5	5	4	6
Triple-class refractory	78%	97%	81%	80%	63%	76%
ORR at RP2d	63%	61%	64%	58-61%	65%	73%
RP2D (n)	1.5 mg/kg SC (n=165)	76 mg SQ (n=123)	200 mg IV (n=58)	40 to 60 mg IV (n=52 n=59)	30 mg SQ (n=26)	?12 or 24 mg (n=13)
PFS	11.3 mos (8.8-17.1)	NE @ 12 mos	NR	13.7 or 11.2 mos	NR	NR
DOR	18.4 mos (14.9-NE)	NE @12 mos	89% @ 6 mos	NE	NE	NR
Median f/u	14.1 mos	10.4 mos	3.2 mos	6.8	4.6 mos	
AEs, (All/(Gr 3+);						
CRS	72% (0.6%)	58% (0%)	44% (1%)	60% (1%)	53% (0%)	27 (0%)
Infections	76% (45%)	67% (35%)	54% (29%)	(22%)	34% (9%)	45% (16%)
Neutropenia	71% (64%)	48% (48%)	25% (23%)	34% (26%)	37%(32%)	16% (13%)
Anemia	52% (37%)	48% (37%)	36% (31%)	37% (16%)	38%(25%)	44% (34%)
Thrombocytopenia	40% (21%)	26% (24%)	18% (6%)	29% (11%)	24%(9%)	NR
Neuro	Neurotoxicity 15% (0.1)	NR/ PN?	ICANS 2% (1%)	5% (0.1%)	ICANS 3 (0%)	16% (0%)
# Deaths	68/(41 due to PD)	21 (/11 due to PD)	NR	46	1	NR
Hypogamm/IVlg	75%/39%	75%/40%	NR	NR		

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First Results From the RedirecTT-1 Study With Teclistamab + Talquetamab Simultaneously Targeting BCMA and GPRC5D in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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Bispecific Antibody	Talquetamab (JNJ-64407564) Phase 1/2 MonumentAL-1 Study GPRC x CD3	Forimtamig (RG6234) Phase 1 GPRC X CD3 (2:1)	Cevostamab (GO39775) Phase 1 FcRH5 X CD3		
Treatment	0.4 mg/kg SQ QW	0.8 mg/kg SC Q2W	Either dose	SQ q 2wk *12 mos	IV q3w * 12 mos
Patients	n=143	n=145	n=51	n=57	n=161
Median prior lines	5	5	6	5	6
Triple-class refractory	74%	69%		63%	85%
ORR @RP2D	74%	73%	63% (prior CART/bisp 72%/44%)	64% (at 30-7200 ug)	132-198 mg: (56.7%)
PFS	7.5 mos	11.9 mos	NR		
DOR	9.3 mos	13 mos	12.7+ mos	12.5 mos	
AEs, (All/(Gr 3+)					prophylactic toci (+/-)
CRS	79% (2%)	72% (0.7%)		79% (2%)	
Infections	57% (17%)	50% (12%)		46% (26%)	80% (2%) -> 36% (2.3%) /90%(3.6%)
Neutropenia	34% (31%)	28% (22%)		18% (16%)	43% (19%)
Anemia	45% (32%)	39% (25%)		49% (39%)	18% (16%) -> Gr3+ 64% vs 39%
Thrombocytopenia	27% (20%)	27% (17%)		26% (19%)	32% (22%)
ICANS	11% (1.6%)	10% (1.8%)		12% (4%)	% not reported
# Deaths	0 due to AEs	0 due to AEs		2 (1 due to AEs)	6 (3.7%)
Hypogamm/IVlg	NR/13%	NR/10%		NR	Diarrhea 26% (1%)
Other	Dysgeusia 48% (N/A) Skin 56% (0%) Nail 52% (0%)	Dysgeusia 46% (N/A) Skin 67% (0.7%) Nail 43% (0%)		Mucosal 77% (5%) Skin 86% (23%) Hair/nail 28% (0%)	

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Talquetamab + Daratumumab in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Updated TRIMM-2 Results

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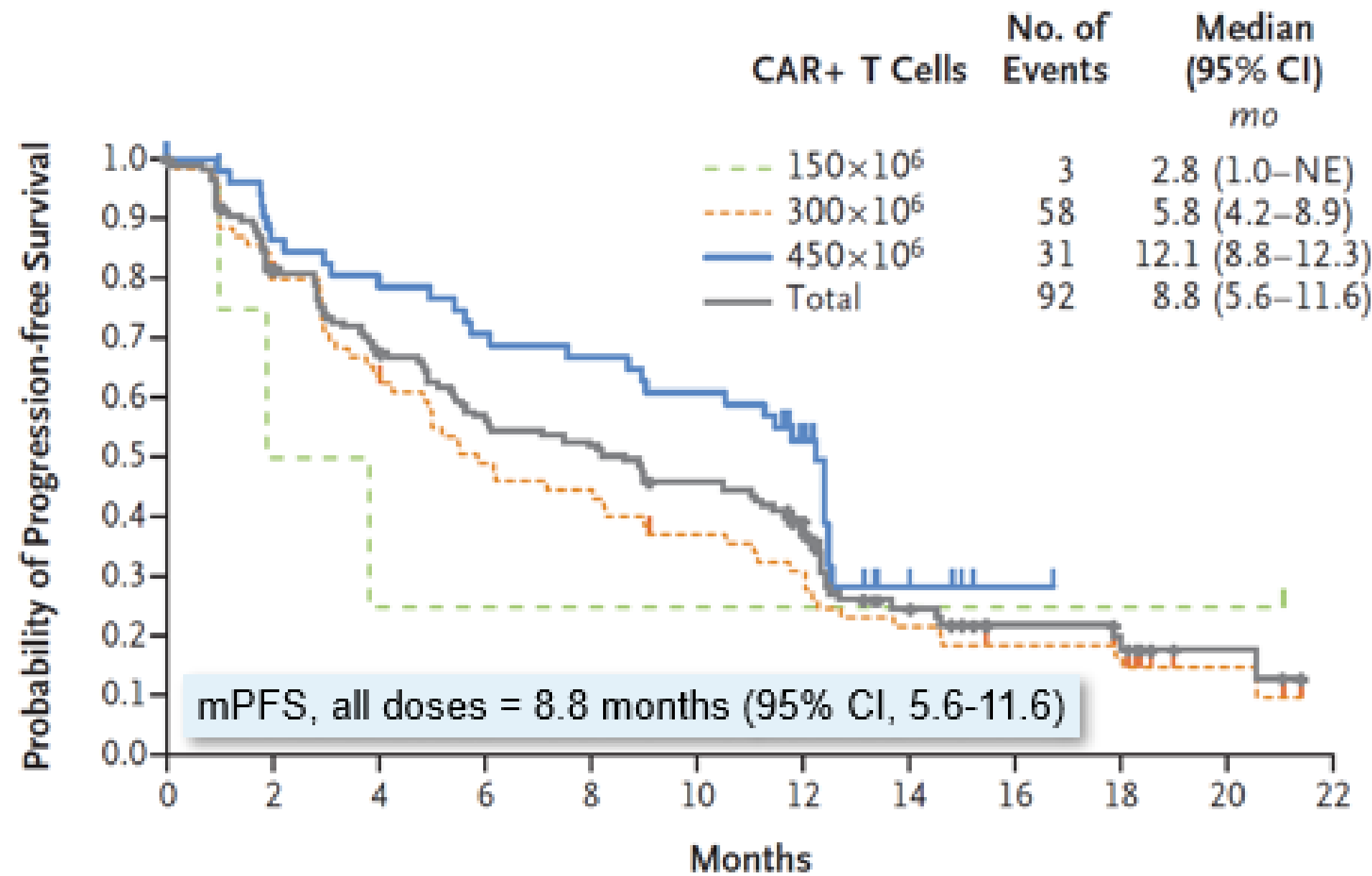
TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Teclistamab is off the shelf readily available
- Can be given day 1, 3, 5 inpatient settings and then outpatient (? Q2-4 weeks)
- CRS is common but manageable
- Infections remain a major and need mitigation with antimicrobials & IVIG
- Efficacy is very similar to CAR T cell therapy (?EMD, high risk Disease)
- Teclistamab vs CAR T choice depends on how soon the patients need therapy



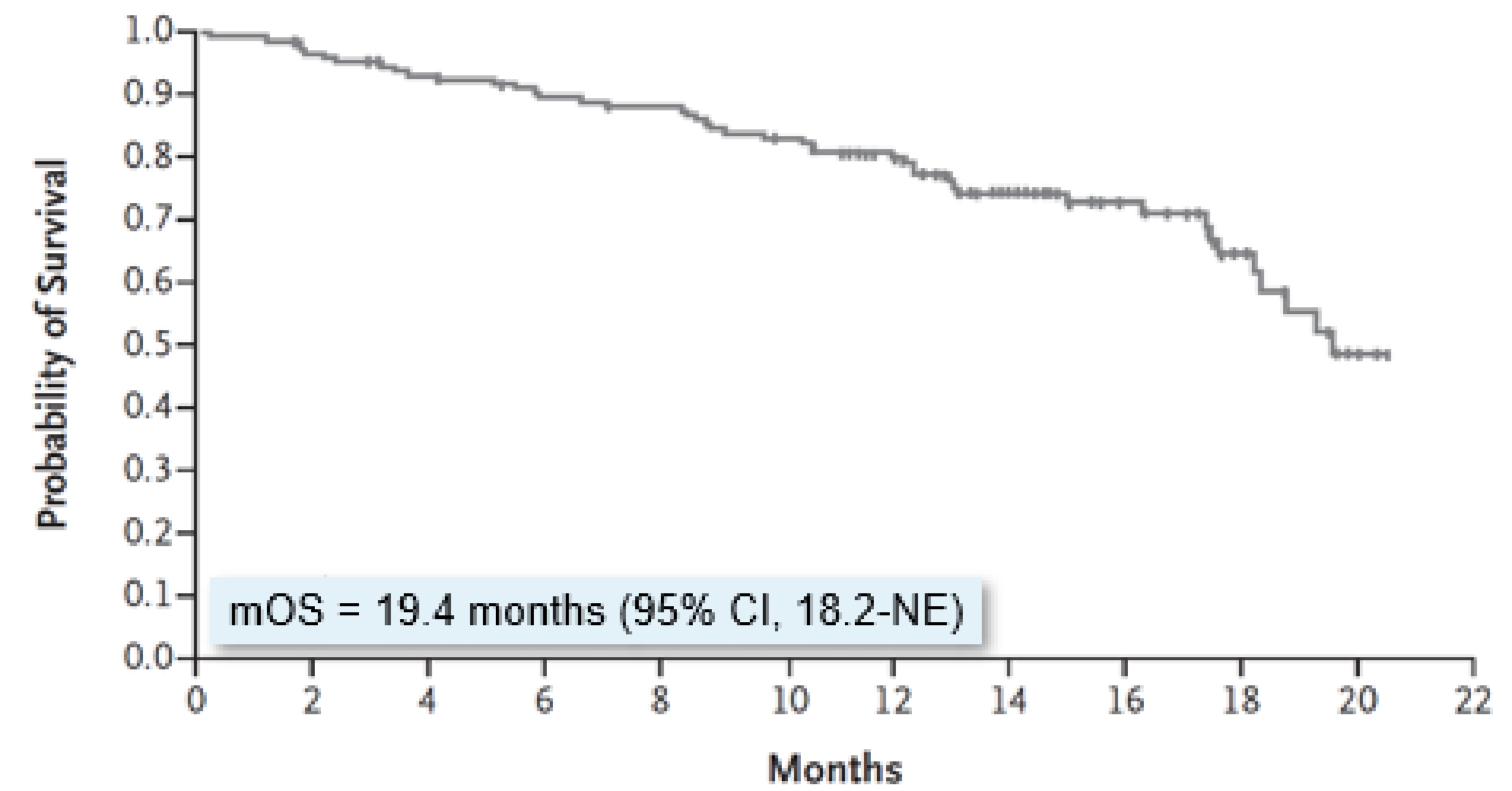
KarMMa Trial: Efficacy in the Treated Population (n = 128)

IRC-Assessed PFS



No. at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
150×10 ⁶	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
300×10 ⁶	70	56	42	33	29	24	17	14	11	7	3	0
450×10 ⁶	54	44	40	36	34	31	17	4	1	0	0	0
Total	128	102	83	70	64	56	35	19	13	8	4	0

IRC-Assessed OS



No. at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
128	128	122	114	108	104	97	82	55	38	27	12	0

ORR = 73% **sCR = 33%**

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Idecabtagene Vicleucel for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Real-World Experience from the Myeloma CAR T Consortium

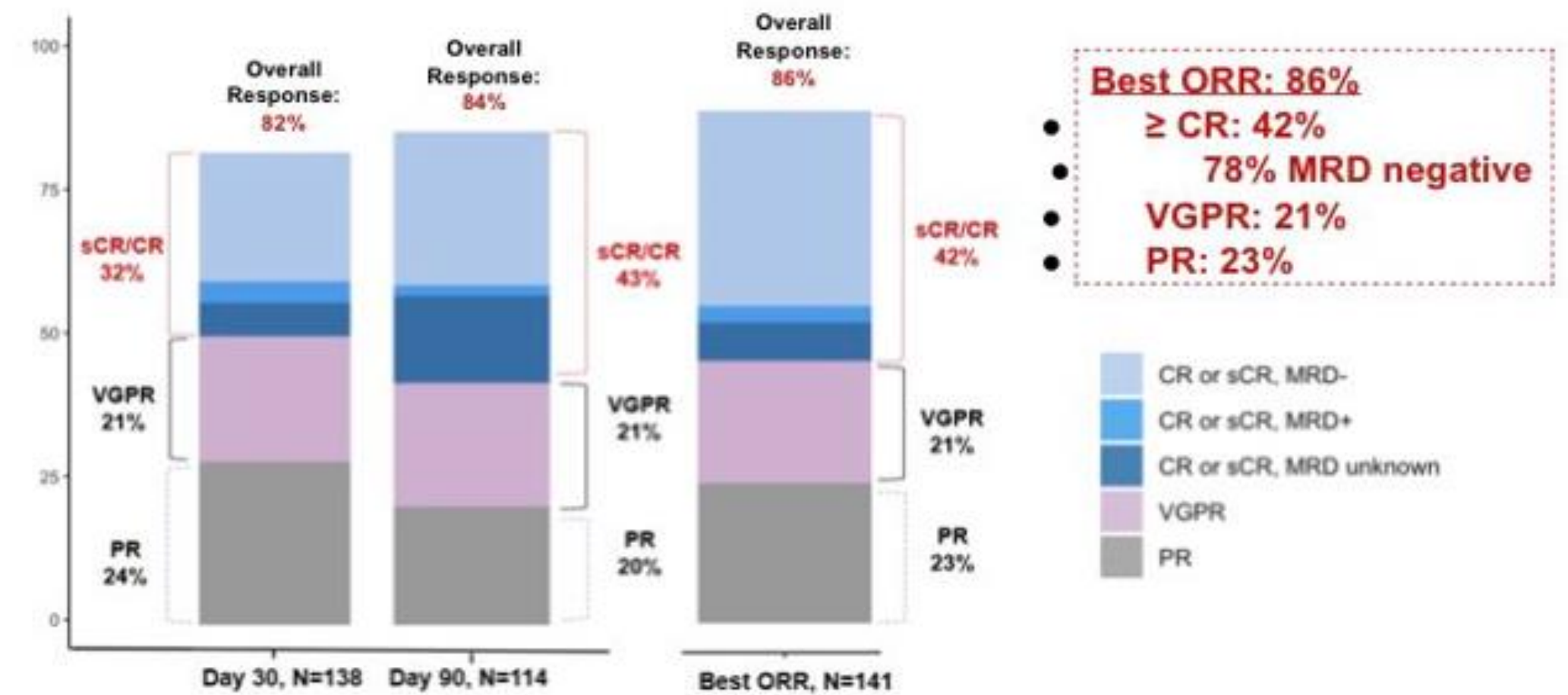
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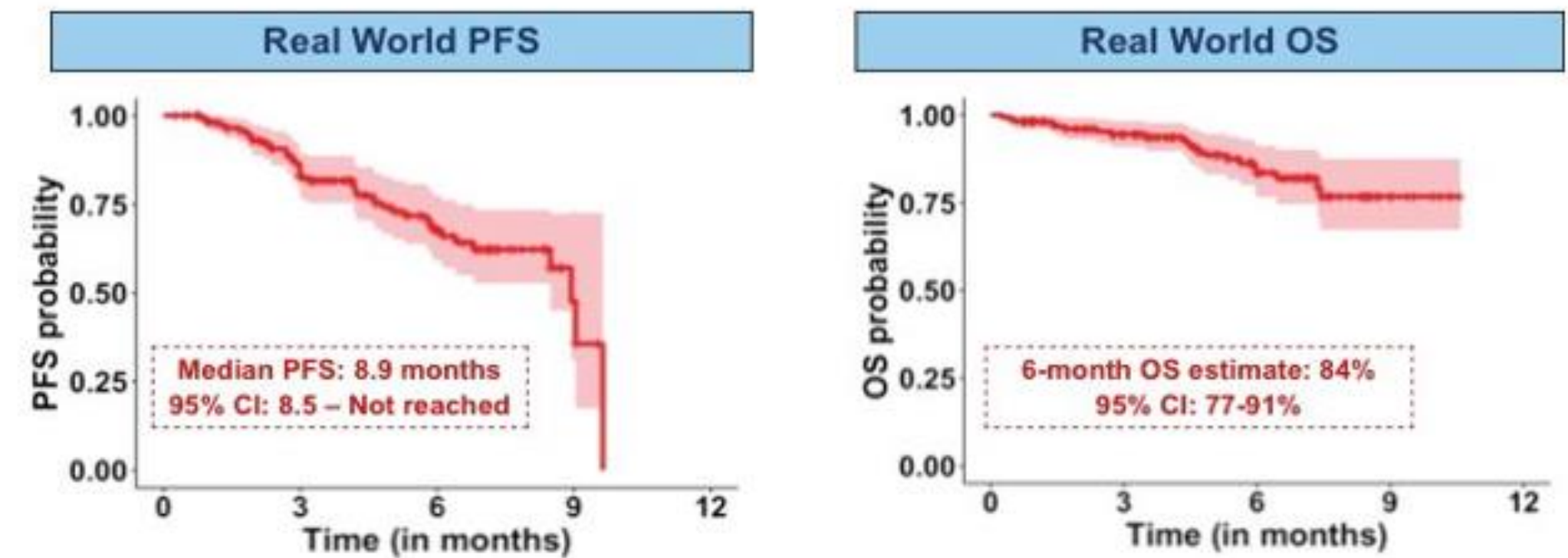
Baseline Characteristics: 77% KarMMa Ineligible

Characteristic	SOC Ide-cel (N=196)	KarMMa (N=128)
Age, median (range)	64 (36,83)	61 (33,78)
Male Sex, n (%)	113 (53)	76 (59)
Extramedullary disease, n (%)	92 (47)	50 (39)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0-1	132 (80)	125 (98)
2-4	33 (20)	3 (2)
R-ISS, n (%)		
I	25 (18)	14 (11)
II	73 (54)	90 (70)
III	38 (28)	21 (16)
Unknown	60	3
High-risk cytogenetics, n (%)		
Any high-risk cytogenetics	64 (38)	45 (35)
del (17p)	43 (25)	23 (18)
t(4;14)	25 (15)	23 (18)
t(14;16)	9 (5)	6 (5)
*Patients with unknown ECOG PS and cytogenetics are not included in the table		
Bridging therapy, n (%)	150 (77)	112 (88)
Prior BCMA therapy, n (%)	43 (22)	0
Prior lines of therapy, median (range)	7 (4-19)	6 (3-16)

Day 30, Day 90, and Best Overall Tumor Responses

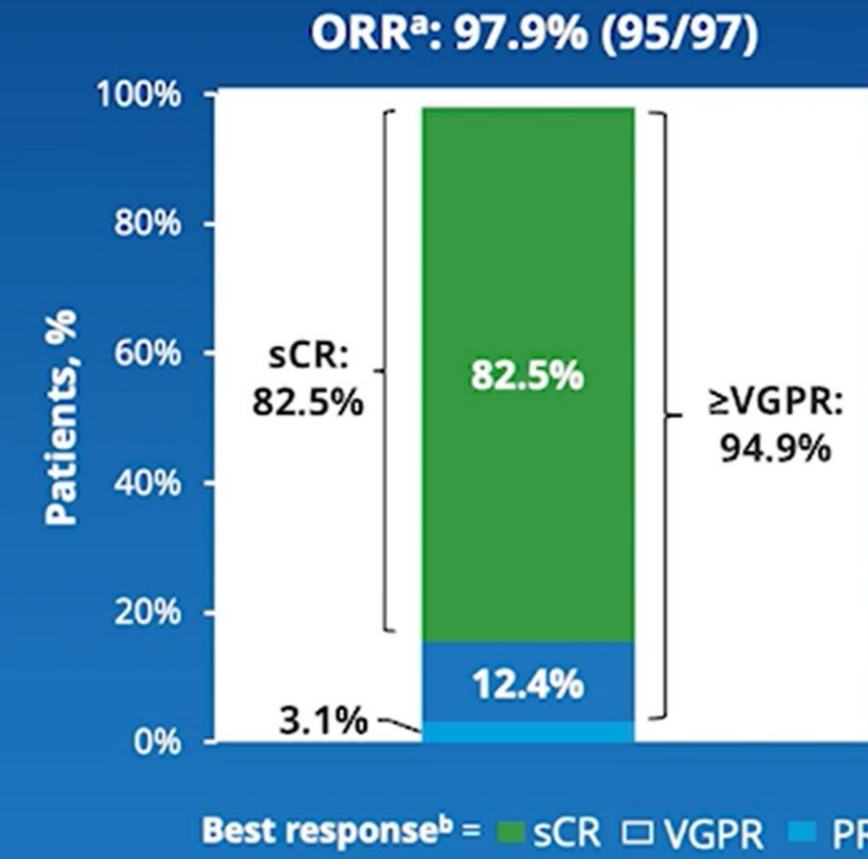


Real World PFS and OS: Median F/U 5.3 months



CARTITUDE-1: Efficacy Response

- Med prior lines =6
- No new safety signals; MNT incidence has decreased to 0.5% in CARTITUDE program



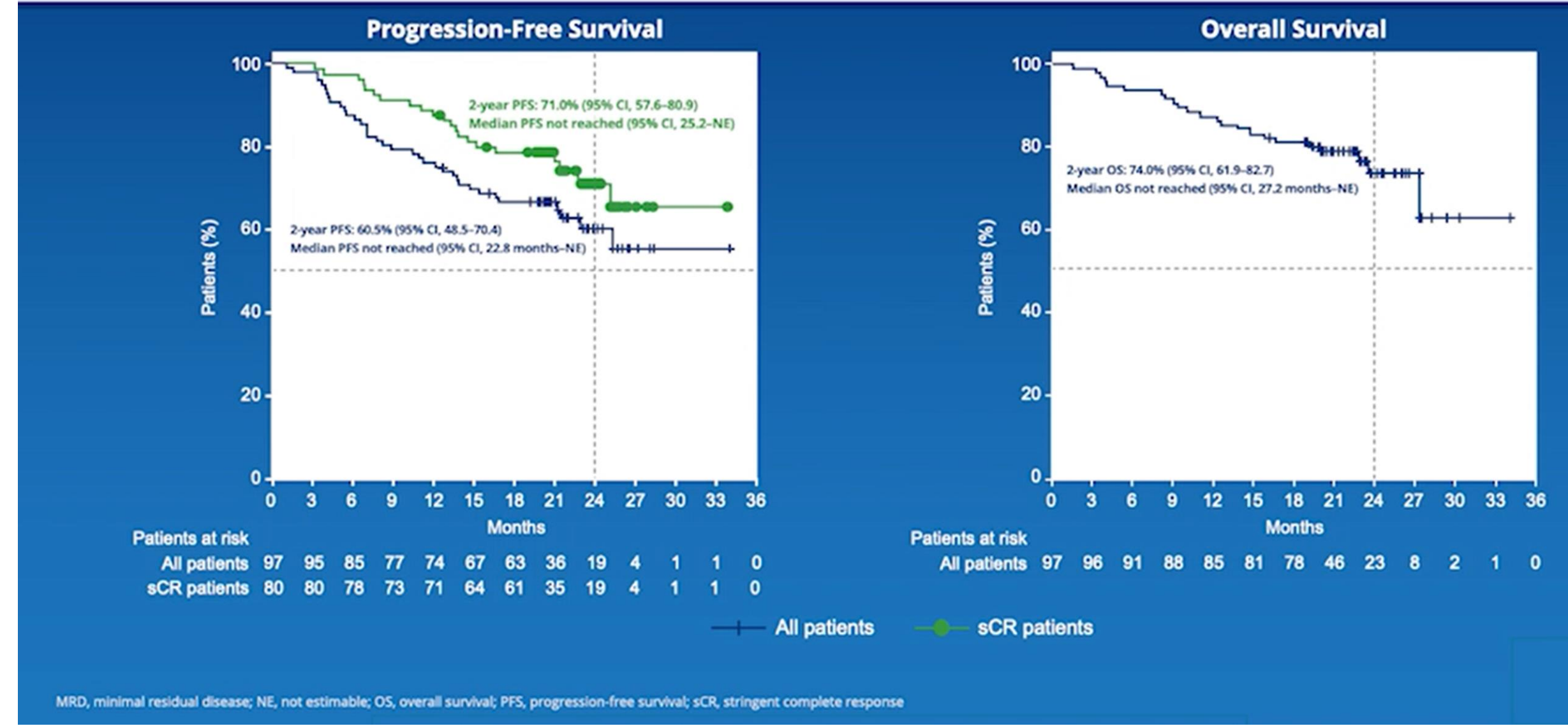
Responses deepened over time from the 1-year follow-up

Best response at any time	Median-1 year follow-up	Median-2 years follow-up
sCR, %	67	83

- Median time to first response was 1 month (range, 0.9–10.7)
- Median time to best response was 2.6 months (range, 0.9–17.8)
- Median time to CR or better was 2.9 months (range, 0.9–17.8)
- Median duration of response was not estimable (21.8 months–NE)

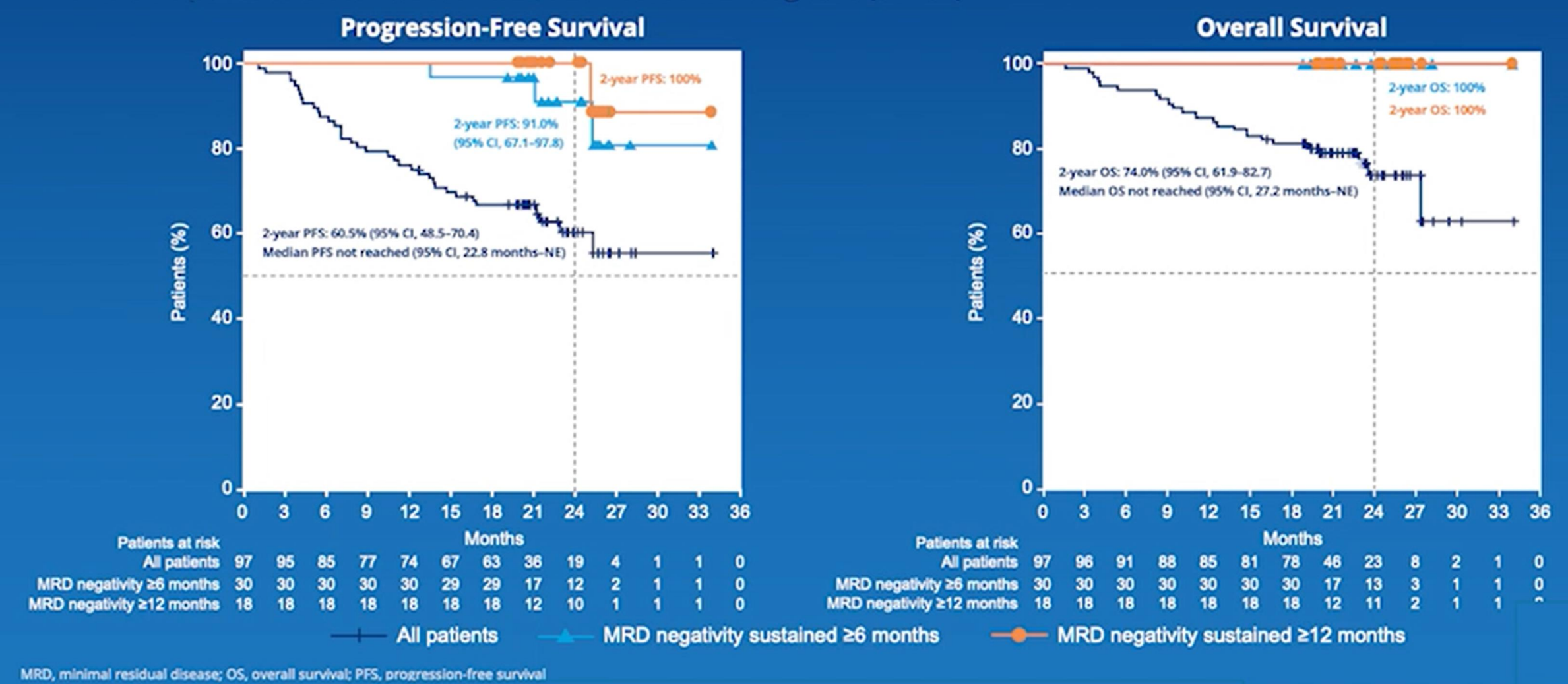
^aORR assessed by independent review committee; ^bNo patient had CR or stable disease as best response. CR, complete response; NE, not estimable; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response

CARTITUDE-1: Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival



CARTITUDE-1: Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival by MRD Negativity (10⁻⁵) sustained for ≥ 6 and 12 months

- Of the 61 patients evaluable for MRD, 92% were MRD-negative (at 10⁻⁵)



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If Ide-Cel is Yahoo, Cilta-Cel is Google

Comparable baseline features and toxicity, except timing of CRS and delayed neurotoxicity with cilta-cel

Baseline Features	Cilta-cel ¹	Ide-cel ³
N	97	128
Target CAR-T Dose	0.75 million/kg	300-450 million
Median age	61 years	61 years
Median prior lines	6	6
Triple Class Refractory	88%	84%
Penta Refractory	42%	26%

Toxicity	Cilta-cel ^{1,2}	Ide-cel ³
CRS (all; grade 3 or 4)	95% (5%)	84% (5%)
Median onset of CRS	7 days	1 day
ICANS (all; grade 3 or 4)	17% (2%)	18% (3%)
Infections (all; grade 3 or 4)	58% (20%)	69% (22%)
Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia > 1 month*	10%	41%
Grade 3 or 4 thrombocytopenia > 1 month*	25%	48%
Delayed neurotoxicity (all; grade 3 or 4)	12% (9%)	None**

Efficacy	Cilta-cel ¹	Ide-cel ³
ORR; CR rate	98%;80%	73%;33%
MRD negativity rate (10 ⁻⁵)	58%	26%
PFS	Median NR, 18 m PFS: 66%	Median: 8.8 months
OS	Median NR, 18 m OS: 81%	Median: 19 months

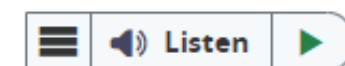
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Factors associated with refractoriness or early progression after Idecabtagene Vicleucel (Idecel) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma (RRMM): U.S. Myeloma CAR T consortium Real World Experience

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INTRODUCTION

- Idecel, a B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA) directed CAR T-cell therapy, has been approved for the treatment of RRMM after 4 prior lines of therapy.
- While response rates and survival outcomes have been very promising, there is a significant number of patients who do not respond or relapse early after Idecel.
- Understanding the characteristics of these patients is important to help guide patient selection and development of novel strategies to improve outcomes.
- We evaluated factors associated with refractoriness or early progression (≤3 months after CAR T infusion) for patients treated with standard of care Idecel.

METHODS

Eleven U.S. centers contributed data. At the time of data cut off (5/2022) with median follow up of 6.4 months, 240 patients were leukapheresed, 215 patients were infused, 154 patients had at least 3 months follow up available and were the focus of this analysis. Of those, 67 patients had progressed with a progressive event defined as progression or death due to myeloma.

We investigated differences in patient, disease, and CAR-T related characteristics by time to progression (≤3 months, >3 months, did not progress) using chi-square or Kruskal-Wallis tests (Table A).

For factors identified as associated with progression, a multivariable Cox proportional hazard regression analysis was performed to examine the association between these factors and OS and PFS (Table B and C).

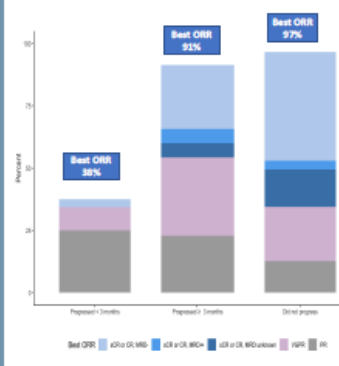
Association of number of early progression risk factors (0, 1, 2, or 3 factors) with OS and PFS was examined using Kaplan-Meier survival curves and log-rank tests (Figure A and B).

RESULTS

Table A. Baseline patient, disease, and CAR T related characteristics by time to progression (≤3 months, >3 months, did not progress)

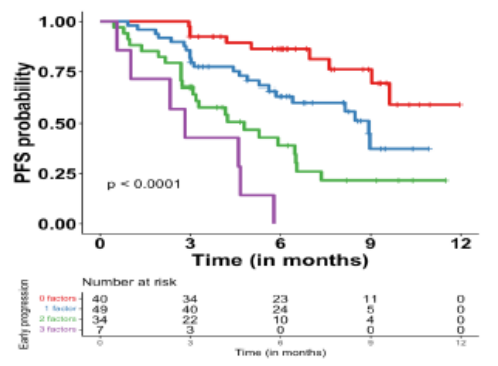
Characteristics	Progressed <=3m N=32	Progressed >3m N=35	Non Progressors N=87	P value
Age < 65 years	19 (59%)	23 (66%)	40 (46%)	0.1
Male Sex	21 (66%)	18 (51%)	52 (60%)	0.5
IgG Kappa subtype	12 (38%)	7 (20%)	34 (39%)	0.12
Extramedullary disease, n (%)	20 (62%)	19 (54%)	35 (40%)	0.069
Marrow Burden >= 50%, n (%)	8 (31%)	10 (29%)	22 (27%)	>0.9
ECOG 0-1 at LD, n (%)	25 (81%)	25 (74%)	74 (87%)	0.2
R-SS III at infusion, n (%)	9 (35%)	11 (37%)	15 (23%)	0.6
High-risk cytogenetics, n (%)	13 (48%)	13 (42%)	19 (26%)	0.079
Prior LOT, median (range)	7.0 (4.0, 18.0)	5.0 (4.0, 15.0)	7.0 (4.0, 17.0)	0.068
t(4;14) at infusion, n (%)	8 (30%)	5 (16%)	5 (6.9%)	0.015
Bridging Therapy	30 (94%)	30 (86%)	61 (71%)	0.014
Prior BCMA	15 (47%)	8 (23%)	14 (16%)	0.002
Belantamab Mafodotin, n (%)	10 (34%)	9 (26%)	10 (12%)	0.016
Ferritin-U/LN at LD, n (%)	17 (53%)	21 (60%)	28 (32%)	0.008

EFFICACY IN EARLY PROGRESSION

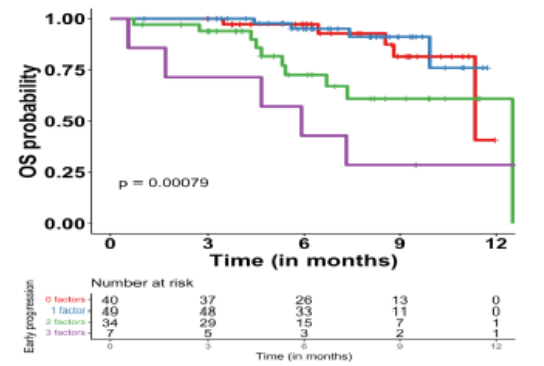


SAFETY	Progressed <=3m N=32	Progressed >3m N=35	Non Progressors N=87	P value
Max CRS, n (%)				<0.001
No CRS	13 (41%)	4 (11%)	11 (13%)	
1-2	17 (53%)	31 (89%)	75 (86%)	
3+	2 (6.2%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	
Max ICANS, n (%)				0.7
No ICANS	25 (81%)	26 (84%)	65 (78%)	
1-2	3 (9.7%)	4 (13%)	14 (17%)	
3+	3 (9.7%)	1 (3.2%)	4 (4.8%)	
Tocilizumab, n (%)	11 (35%)	23 (66%)	65 (79%)	<0.001
Steroids, n (%)	6 (19%)	6 (17%)	25 (29%)	0.3
Anakinra, n (%)	3 (9.4%)	2 (5.7%)	2 (2.3%)	0.2

A. Progression-free survival by no. of early progression risk factors i.e. High Risk Cytogenetics, Prior BCMA Therapy, Elevated Ferritin at LD



B. Overall survival by no. of early progression risk factors i.e. High Risk Cytogenetics, Prior BCMA Therapy, Elevated Ferritin at LD



B. *Progression Free Survival (Multivariable Cox PH Models)

Characteristic	N	Event N	HR	95% CI	p-value
High-risk cytogenetics	45	27	1.71	0.99, 2.94	0.053
Prior BCMA	35	23	3.42	1.81, 6.49	<0.001
Baseline Ferritin U/LN at LD	58	39	2.77	1.57, 4.88	<0.001

C. *Overall survival (Multivariable Cox PH Models)

Characteristic	N	Event N	HR	95% CI	p-value
High-risk cytogenetics	45	12	1.41	0.57, 3.46	0.5
Prior BCMA	35	11	4.45	1.72, 11.6	0.002
Baseline Ferritin U/LN at LD	58	16	2.26	0.92, 5.56	0.077

*For the multivariable analyses, we additionally adjusted for age, extramedullary disease, bridging therapy, and number of prior lines of therapy in all models.

DISCUSSION

Patients with prior BCMA therapy, high-risk cytogenetics, elevated ferritin at LD were more likely to have progressed early (≤3m).

Of the variables associated with progression in univariate analysis, multivariable analyses showed that patients with younger age (HR=0.96), prior BCMA therapy (HR=3.42), elevated ferritin at LD (HR=2.77), and high-risk cytogenetics (HR=1.71) were associated with worse PFS (Panel A). For OS, only patients with prior BCMA therapy had significantly inferior OS (HR 4.45).

Considering high-risk cytogenetics, prior BCMA therapy, and elevated ferritin at LD as modifiable factors associated with early progression, patients with 2 or 3 of these risk factors had inferior PFS (1 vs 2 vs 3: 8.9 vs 4.8 vs 2.8 m, respectively) and OS (1 vs 2 vs 3: NR vs 12.5 vs 5.9 m, respectively) vs patients with no early progression risk factors (PFS=NR, OS=11.3 m).

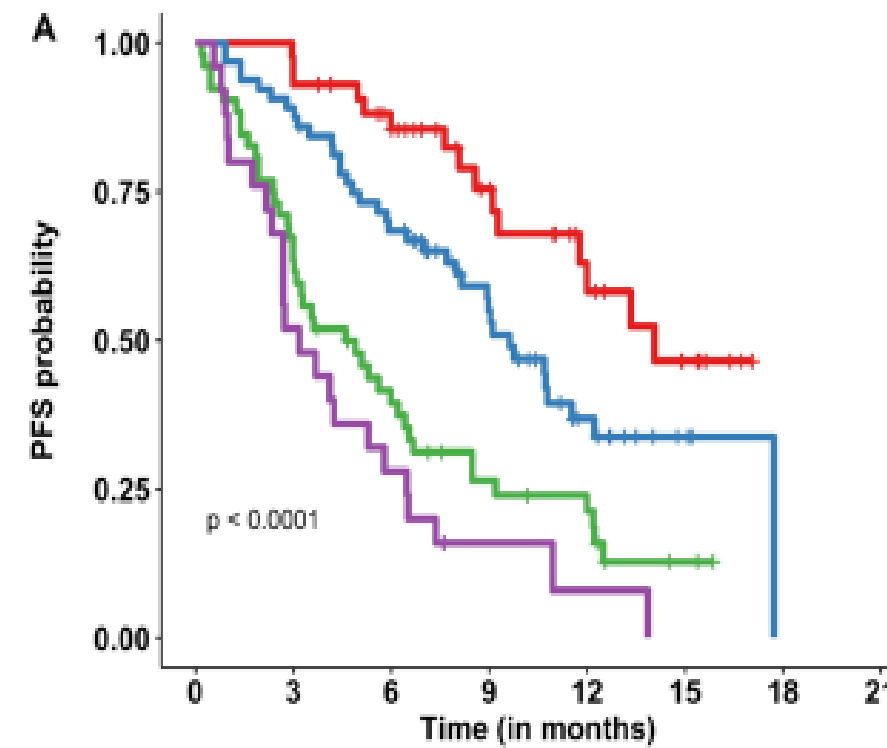
CONCLUSIONS

Per this multicenter retrospective study, potential predictors of early progression after CAR T-cell therapy for RRMM included:

- Prior BCMA directed therapy
 - High-risk cytogenetics
 - Elevated ferritin at lymphodepletion
- Presence of two of three of these factors negatively impact PFS and OS.

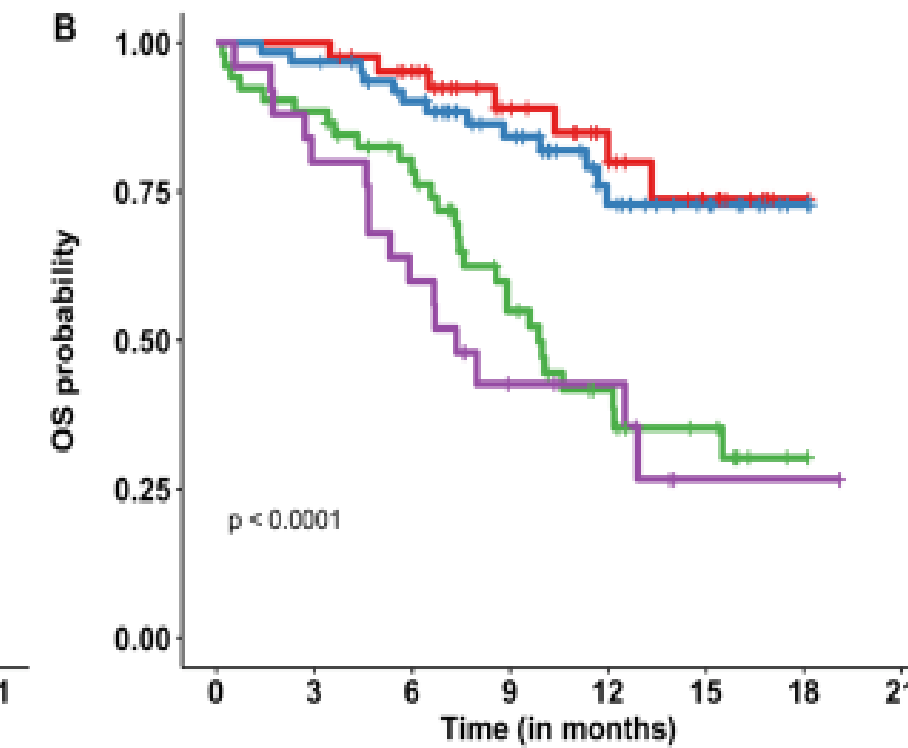
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Early progression	0 factors	1 factor	2 factors	≥ 3 factors
0 factors	43	40	33	21
1 factor	64	57	43	27
2 factors	52	33	19	11
≥ 3 factors	25	13	7	2

Early progression risk factors	N (Events)	Median PFS (95% CI)
0 factors	43 (15)	14.1 (11.8, NR)
1 factor	64 (37)	9.6 (8.2, NR)
2 factors	52 (42)	4.6 (3.0, 6.5)
≥ 3 factors	25 (23)	3.2 (2.7, 6.5)



Early progression	0 factors	1 factor	2 factors	≥ 3 factors
0 factors	43	43	37	24
1 factor	63	61	53	39
2 factors	52	46	37	22
≥ 3 factors	25	20	15	7

Early progression risk factors	N (Events)	Median OS (95% CI)
0 factors	43 (7)	NR (NR, NR)
1 factor	63 (13)	NR (NR, NR)
2 factors	52 (29)	9.9 (8.6, NR)
≥ 3 factors	25 (16)	7.4 (5.3, NR)

Are these risk factors Modifiable, Actionable, Avoidable??

- History of Extramedullary Disease
- Elevated Ferritin at lymphodepletion
- Prior BCMA directed therapy
- Plasma Cell Leukemia
- Fusion (4;14)
- Hispanic Ethnicity
- Use of Bridging Therapy

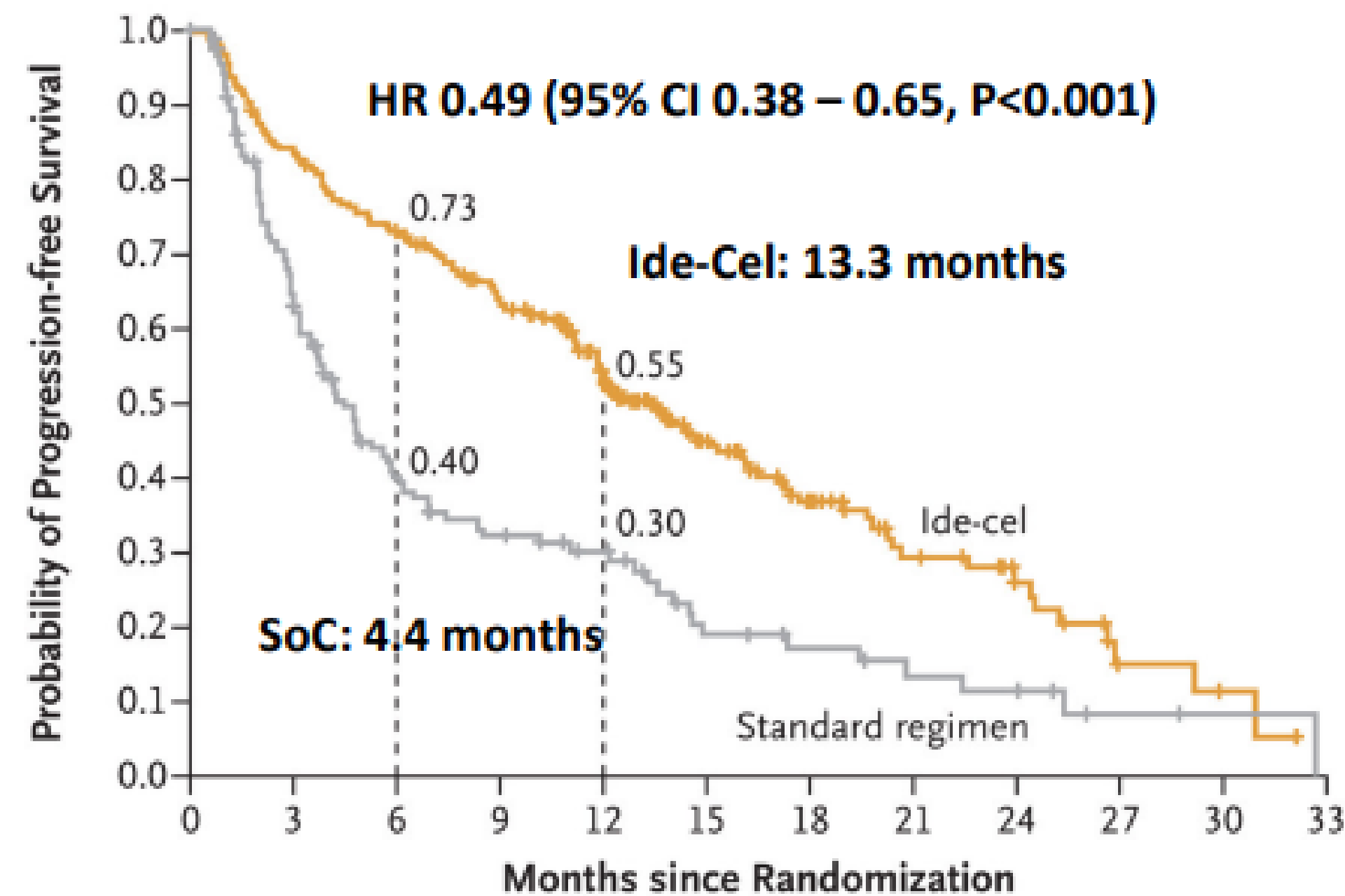
- Avoid use of BCMA therapy prior
- Close surveillance
- Initiation of Salvage at earliest signs of relapse
- Maintenance chemotherapy?
- Earlier lines of Therapy



KarMMA-3: Phase III Study of Idecabtagene Vicleucel vs Investigators Choice for RRMM

- 2:1 randomization
- 2 – 4 prior lines of therapy, dara/IMiD/PI exposed, PD within 60 days of last regimen
- SoC regimens: Dara-Pom-Dex (43), Elo-Pom-Dex (30), Dara-Bortezomib-Dex (7), Ixa-Len-Dex (22), Car-Dex (30)
- Median prior lines of therapy: 3 (range 2 – 4)
- 90% IMiD refractory, 95% dara refractory, 74% PI refractory, 65% - 67% triple class refractory disease
- 42% - 46% HRCGs

	Ide-Cel	SoC
ORR	71%	42%
sCR	35%	5%
CR	3%	1%
VGPR	22%	10%
PR	11%	27%



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Ide-cel	254	206	178	149	110	62	40	22	14	4	2	0
Standard regimen	132	75	42	32	25	13	10	7	6	2	1	0

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Phase 3 Results From CARTITUDE-4: Cilta-cel Versus Standard of Care (PVd or DPd) in Lenalidomide-Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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CARTITUDE-4 : Baseline Demographics and Disease Characteristics

Baseline characteristic	ITT population	
	Cilta-cel (n=208)	SOC (n=211)
Age, median (range), years	61.5 (27-78)	61.0 (35-80)
Male, n (%)	116 (55.8)	124 (58.8)
White, n (%)	157 (75.5)	157 (74.4)
ECOG PS ≤1, n (%) ^{a,b}	207 (99.5)	210 (99.5)
ISS stage, n (%)		
I	136 (65.4)	132 (62.6)
II	60 (28.8)	65 (30.8)
III	12 (5.8)	14 (6.6)
Bone marrow plasma cells ≥60%, ^c n (%)	42 (20.4)	43 (20.7)
Presence of soft tissue plasmacytomas, ^d n (%)	44 (21.2)	35 (16.6)
Years since diagnosis, median (range)	3 (0.3-18.1)	3.4 (0.4-22.1)
Prior LOT, median (range)	2 (1-3)	2 (1-3)
1 prior LOT, n (%)	68 (32.7)	68 (32.2)
2 or 3 prior LOT, n (%)	140 (67.3)	143 (67.8)

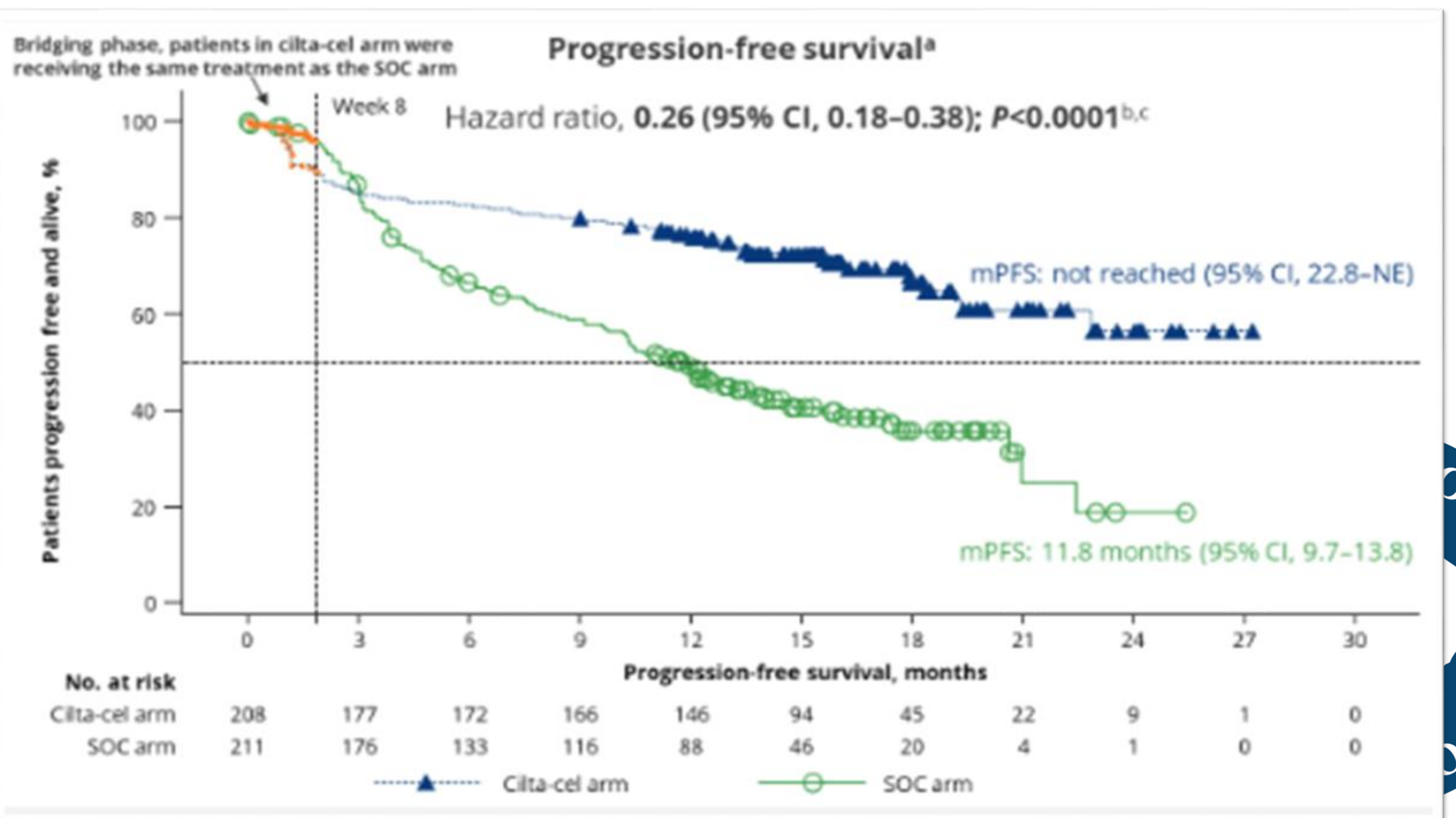
Baseline characteristic	ITT population	
	Cilta-cel (n=208)	SOC (n=211)
Cytogenetic high risk, n (%) ^e	123 (59.4)	132 (62.9)
del(17p)	49 (23.7)	43 (20.5)
t(14;16)	3 (1.4)	7 (3.3)
t(4;14)	30 (14.5)	30 (14.3)
gain/amp(1q)	89 (43.0)	107 (51.0)
2 or more high-risk cytogenetic features	43 (20.8)	49 (23.3)
del(17p), t(14;16), or t(4;14)	73 (35.3)	69 (32.9)
Triple-class ^f exposed, n (%)	53 (25.5)	55 (26.1)
Penta-drug ^g exposed, n (%)	14 (6.7)	10 (4.7)
Refractory status, n (%)		
Triple-class refractory ^h	30 (14.4)	33 (15.6)
Bortezomib	55 (26.4)	48 (22.7)
Pomalidomide	8 (3.8)	9 (4.3)
Daratumumab	48 (23.1)	45 (21.3)
Any PI	103 (49.5)	96 (45.5)

^a1 patient in each arm had ECOG PS of 2. ^bLatest nonmissing ECOG PS score on or prior to apheresis/cycle 1 day 1 is used. ^cIn 206 (cilta-cel arm) and 208 (SOC arm) patients, maximum value from bone marrow biopsy and bone marrow aspirate is selected if both results are available. ^dIncluding extramedullary and bone-based plasmacytomas with measurable soft tissue component. ^eIn 207 (cilta-cel arm) and 210 (SOC arm) patients. ^fIncluding 1 PI, 1 IMiD, and 1 anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody. ^gIncluding ≥2 PI, ≥2 IMiDs, and 1 anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody. ^h2 patients (cilta-cel arm) and 1 patient (SOC arm) were penta-drug refractory, including ≥2 PI, ≥2 IMiDs, and 1 anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody. cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ISS, International Staging System; ITT, Intent-to-treat; LOT, line of therapy; PI, proteasome inhibitor; SOC, standard of care.

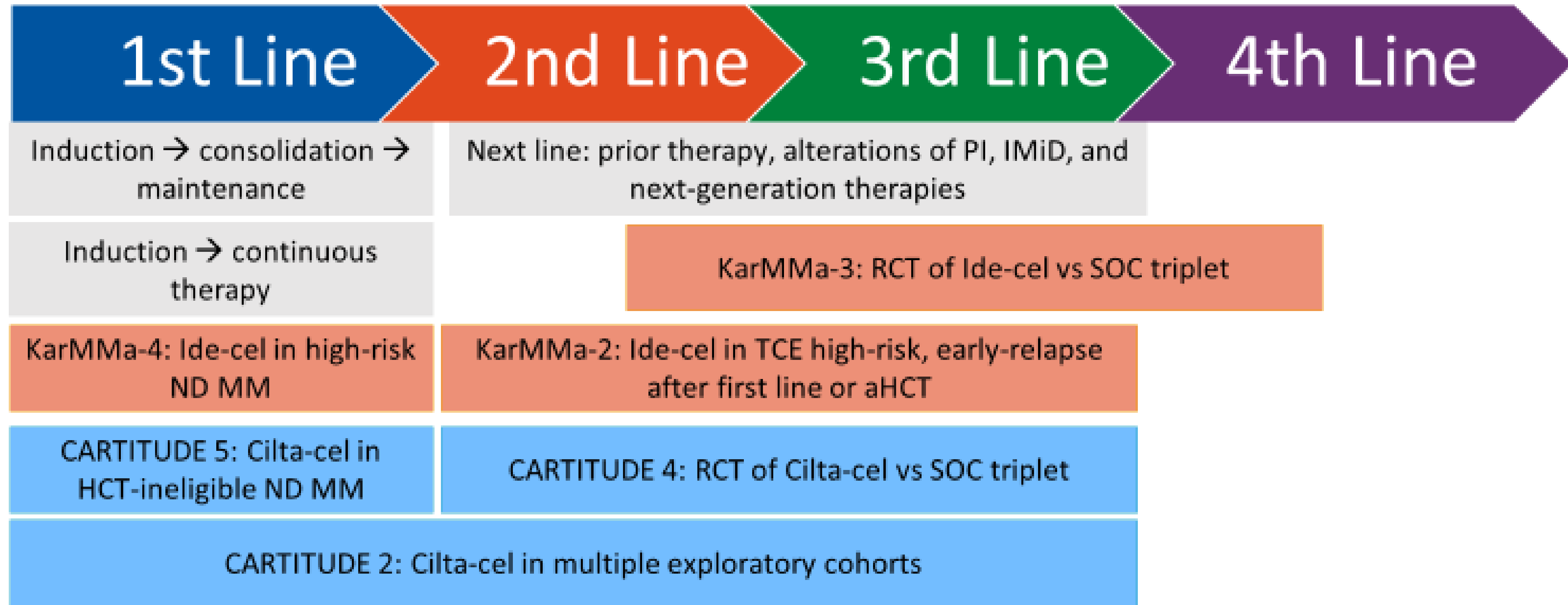


	Cilta-cel (n=208)	SOC (n=211)	HR ^a	Odds ratio
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	NE (23-NE)	12 (10-14)	0.26 (0.18-0.38)	
			(<i>P</i> <0.0001)	
12-mo PFS, % (95% CI)	76 (69-81)	49 (42-55)		
ORR, n (%) ^b	176 (85)	142 (67)		3 (<i>P</i> <0.0001)
≥CR ^b	152 (73)	46 (22)		10 (<i>P</i> <0.0001)
10 ⁻⁵ MRD negative, ^c n (%)	126 (61)	33 (16)		9 (<i>P</i> <0.0001)

^aPer computerized algorithm by constant piecewise weighted log-rank test. ^bIn 176 pts who received cilta-cel as study tx: ORR, 175 (99%); ≥CR, 152 (86%). ^cFor MRD-evaluable pts: cilta-cel, 88% (126/144); SOC, 33% (33/101).



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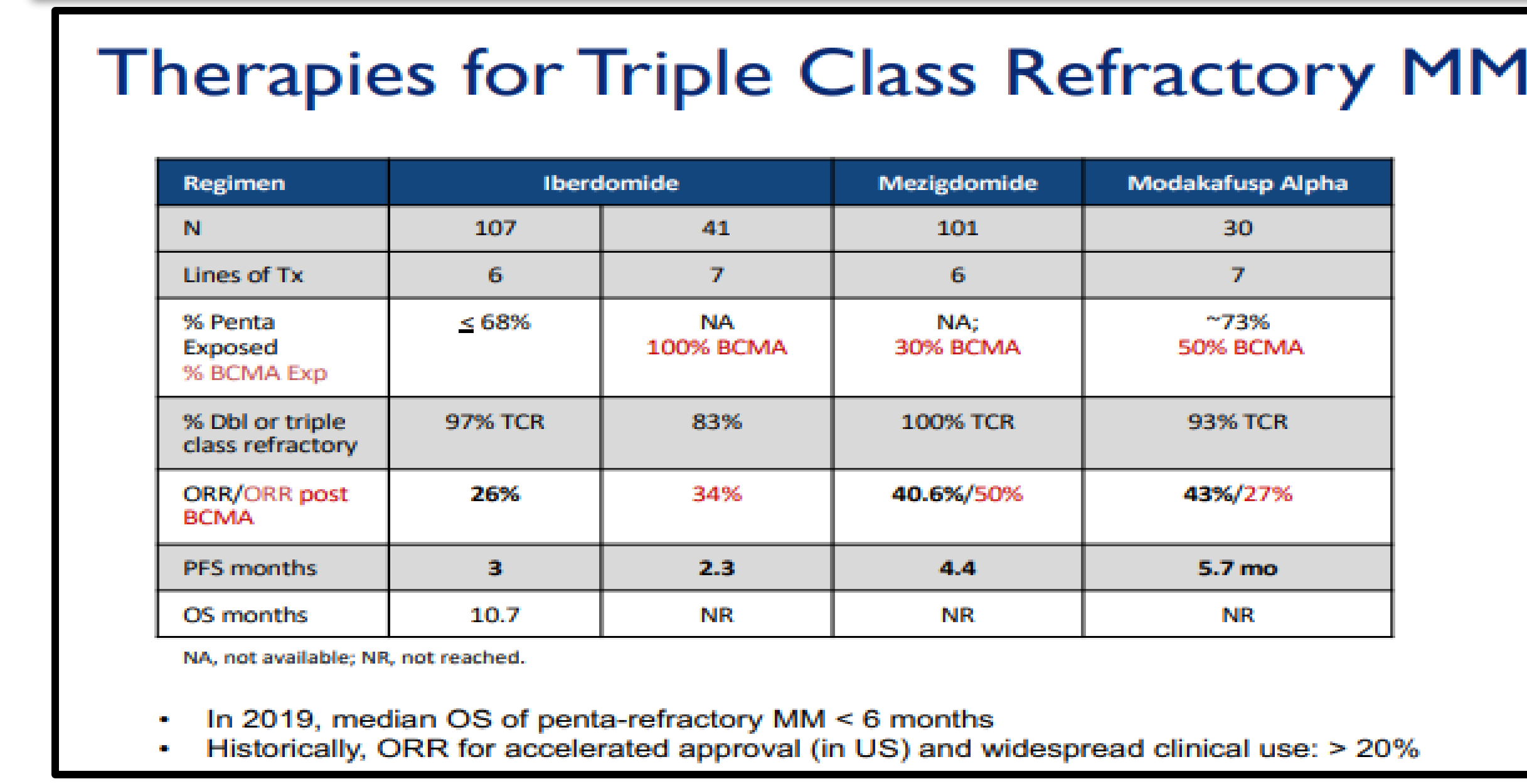
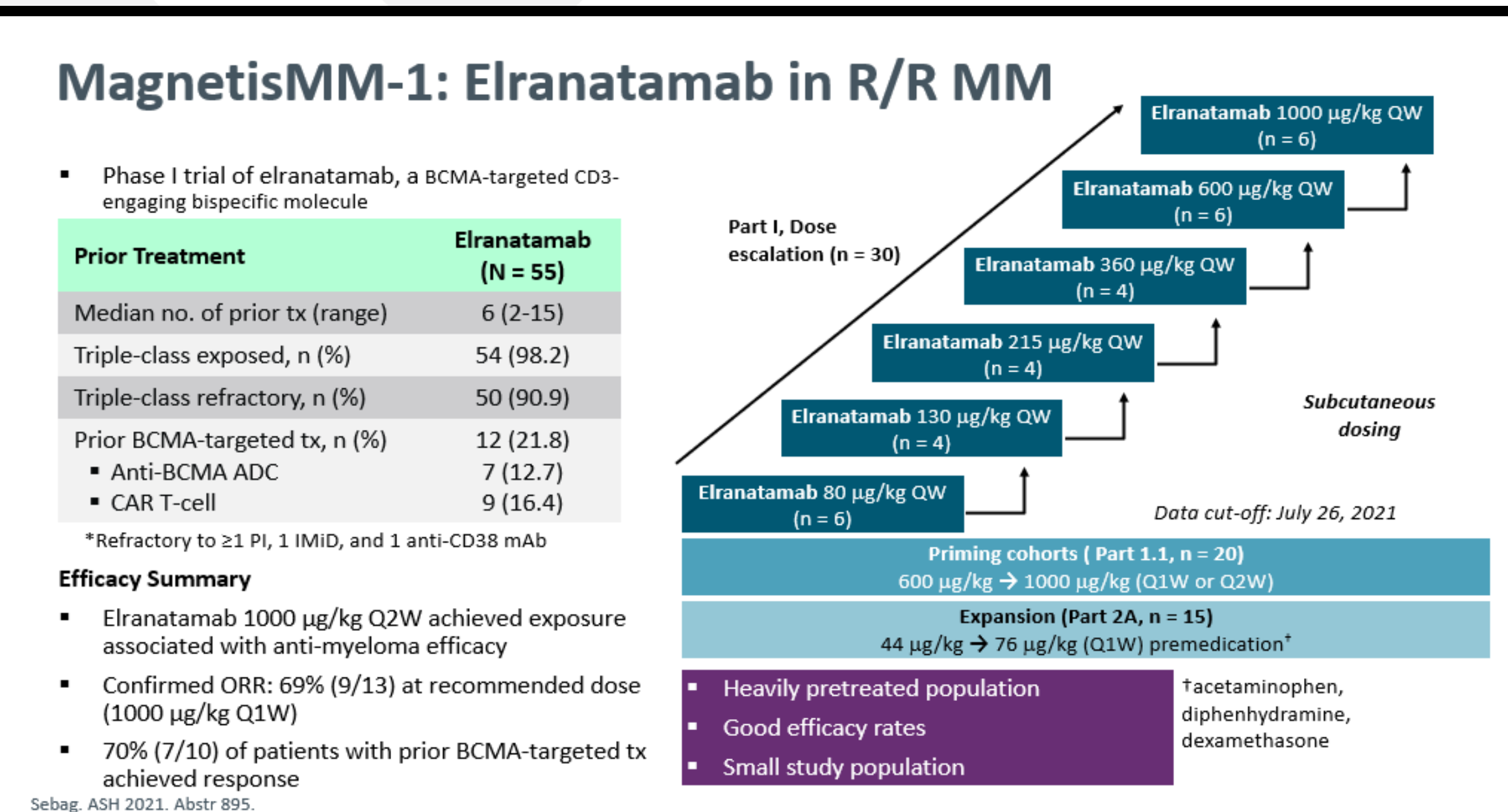
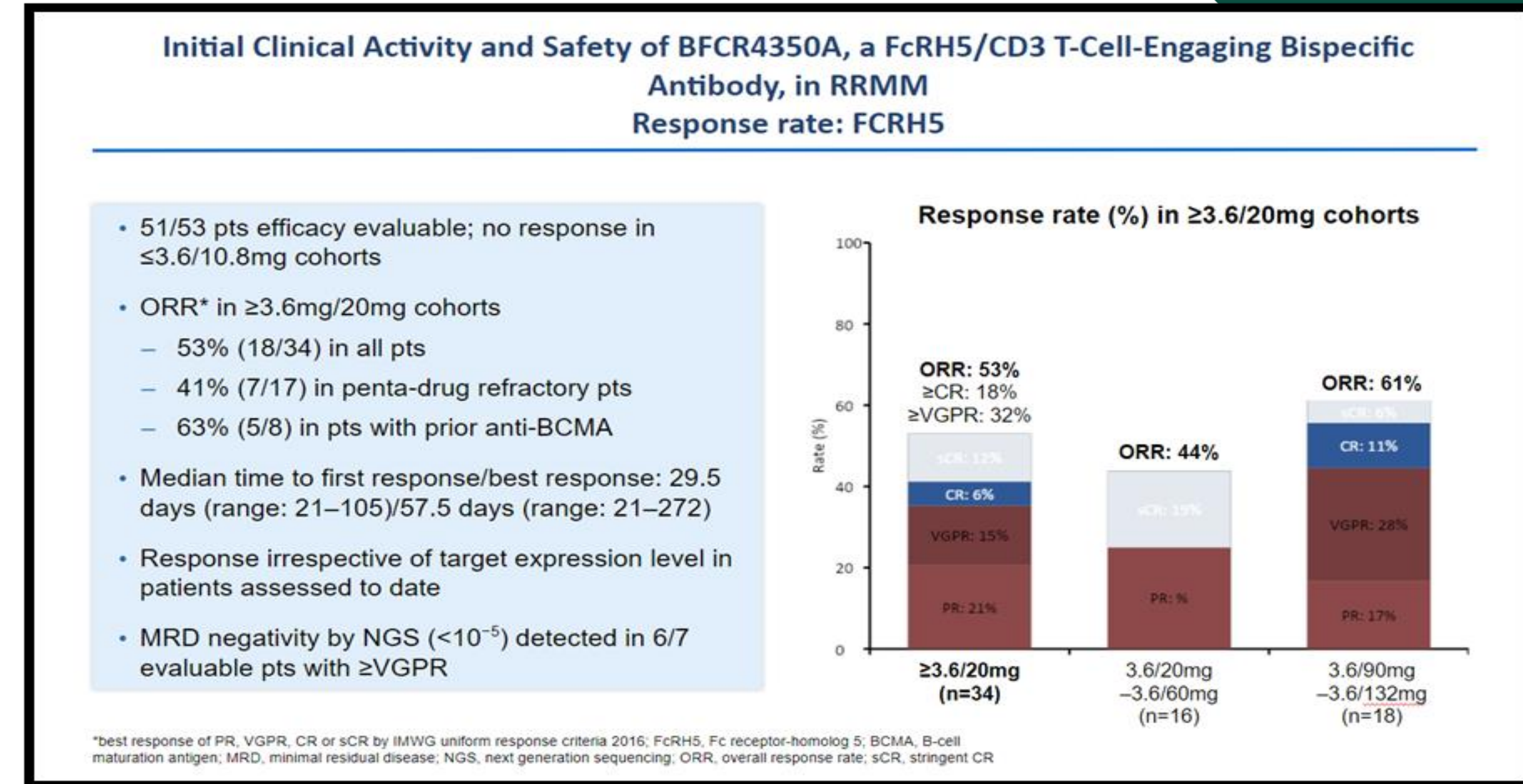
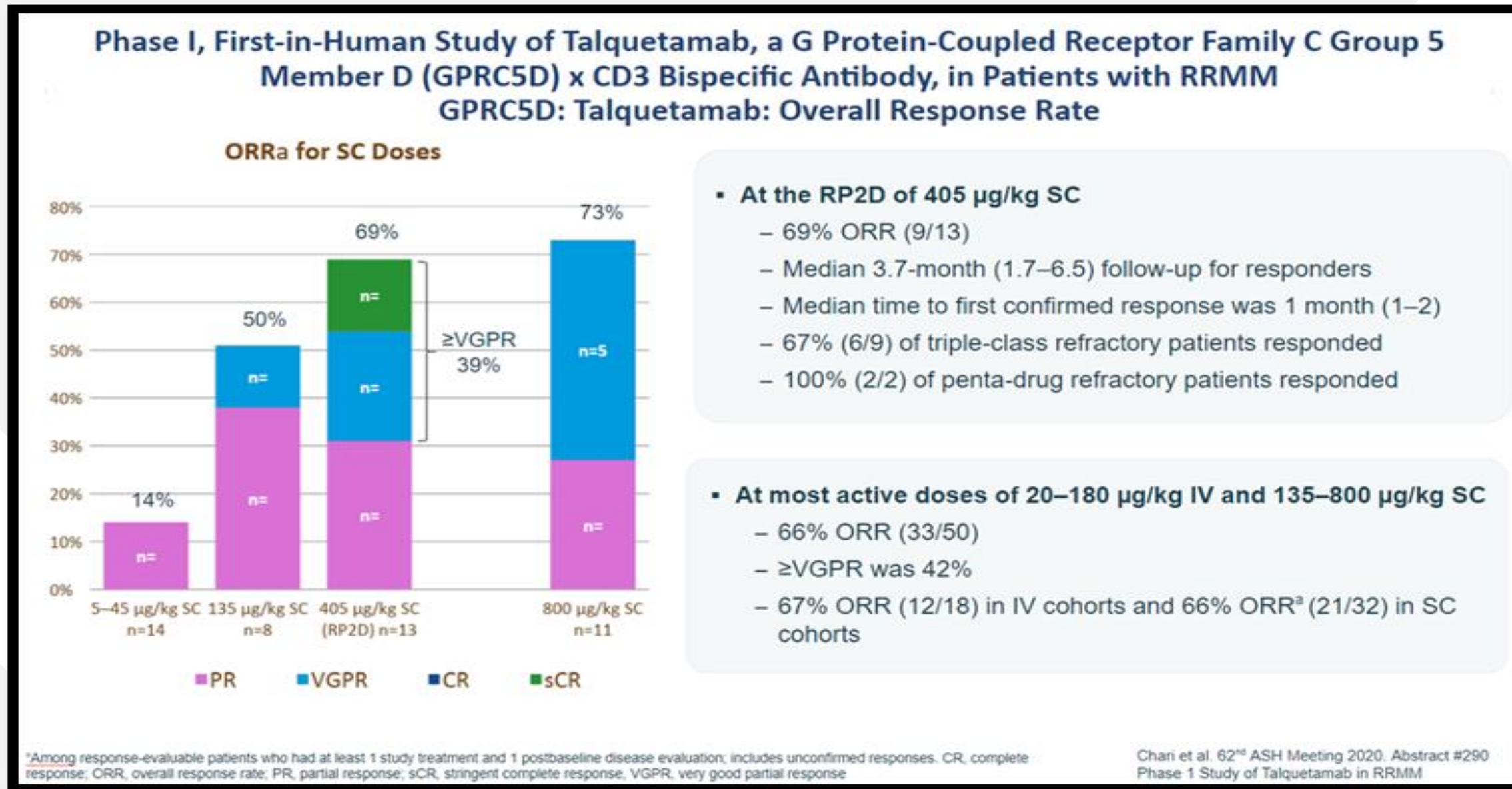
TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- CAR T is going to move in earlier lines of therapy
- Access to leukapheresis will be critical
- Refer early for CAR T (at the time of second relapse)
- CAR T may replace ASCT for high-risk Myeloma



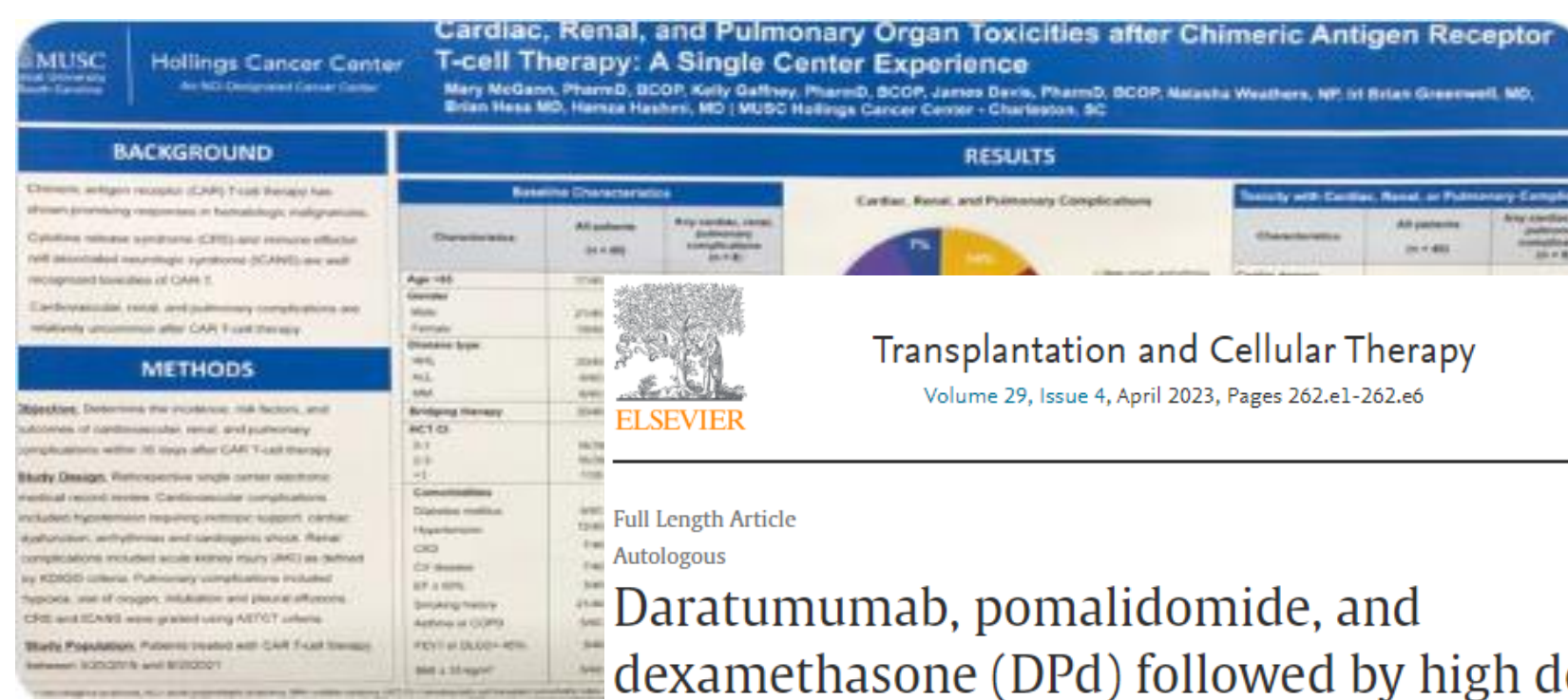
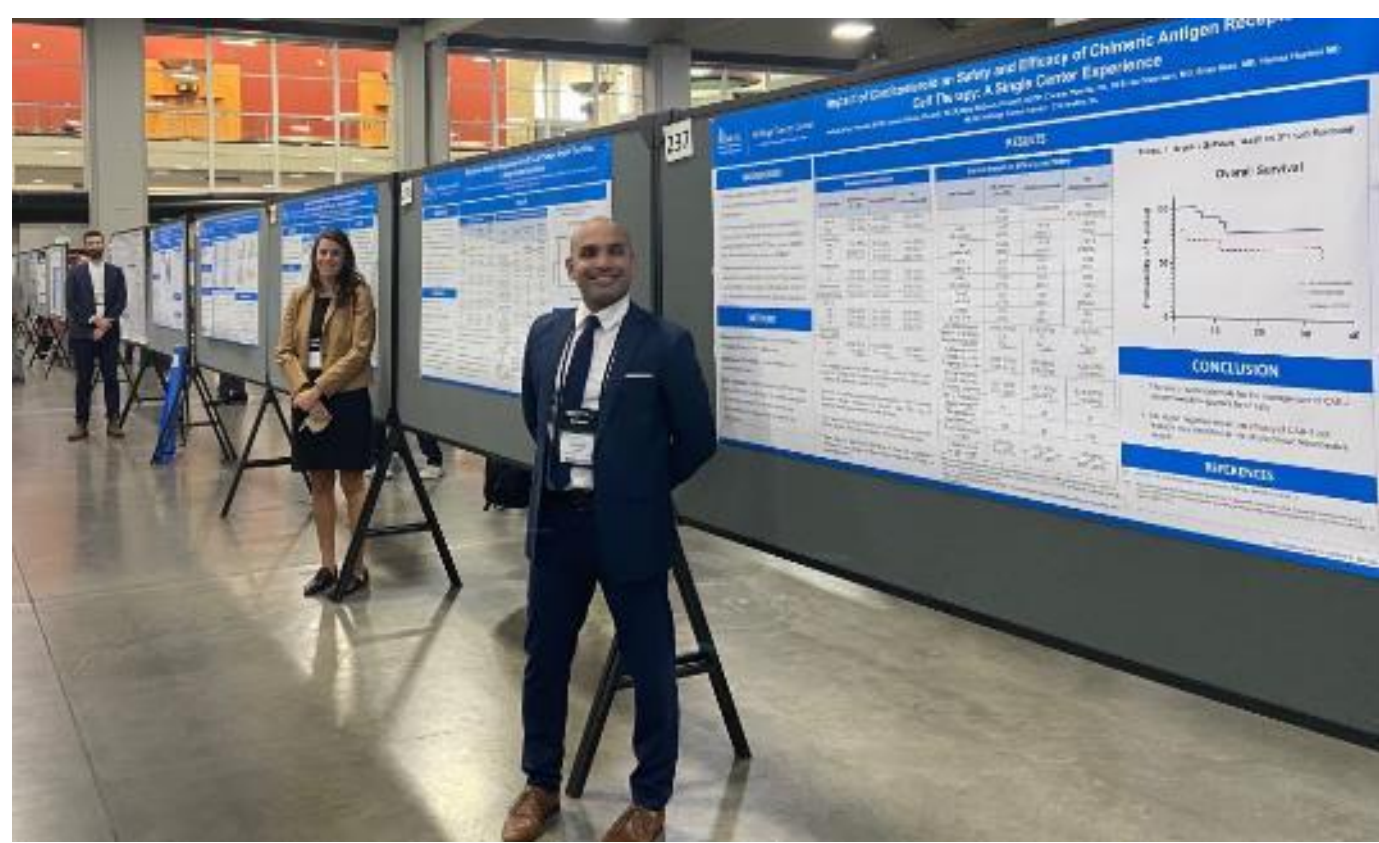
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SUMMARY

- **Four-Drug induction should be the new SOC for all NDMM**
- **Control is the goal, Cure remains an illusion [not yet ready to stop maintenance early]**
- **BiTE versus CAR-T: Uber versus Lyft?**
- **Sequencing is more of an ART than SCIENCE**
- **Stem cell Transplant is here to stay!!**



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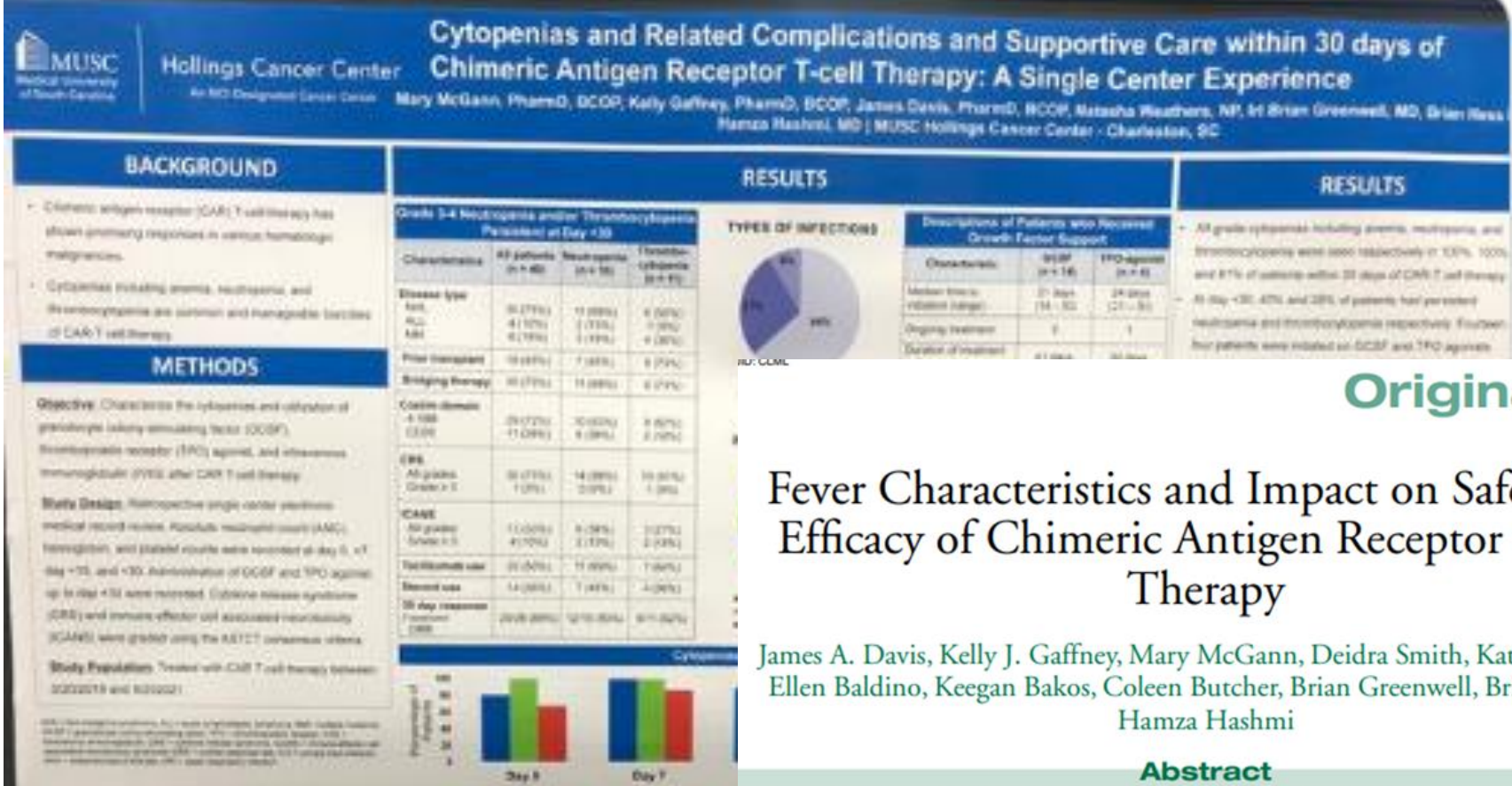
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Fever Characteristics and Impact on Safety and Efficacy of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy

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Abstract

Fever is a common adverse effect of CAR T-cell therapy, but the impact of fever on safety and efficacy are not well understood. The study sought to the impact of fever and its characteristics on safety and efficacy post CAR T-cell therapy. A total of 40 patients were included. While early-onset and higher magnitude fever do not appear to affect safety or efficacy of CAR T, absence of fever may reduce efficacy. Background: Fever is a hallmark symptom of cytokine release syndrome (CRS) after chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy. Fever characteristics and the impact of fever on safety and efficacy post CAR T are not well understood. We sought to explore the impact of fever and its characteristics on safety and efficacy post CAR T-cell therapy. Patients and Methods: We reviewed 40 patients with various hematologic malignancies (non-Hodgkin lymphoma, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, multiple myeloma) treated with CAR T-cell therapy between March 2019 and March 2022. We evaluated all patients who developed fever after CAR T infusion and analyzed the association of fever with toxicity (CRS and neurotoxicity) and efficacy (overall response (ORR) and complete response (CR) at day +90 post CAR T infusion). Fever was defined as per Lee criteria (equal to or greater than 38°C). CRS and immune-effector cell associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) were graded using American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy grading system. Results: Fever occurred in 75% (30/40) of patients. Rates of all grade and grade 3+ CRS and ICANS were 75%, 2%, 33% and 10%, respectively. Fever occurred within 24 and 72 hours after CAR T infusion in 40% and 53% of patients, respectively. Fifty percent of patients received tocilizumab (toc) for CRS. After the first dose of toc, fever recurred in 38% of the patients, of which 67% had recurrence within 24 hours. Day +90 CR rates were 43% and 10% in patients with and without fever, respectively (Table 3). Conclusion: While fever is common after CAR T-cell therapy, early-onset and higher magnitude do not appear to affect safety or efficacy of CAR T. Absence of fever may affect response to CAR T.

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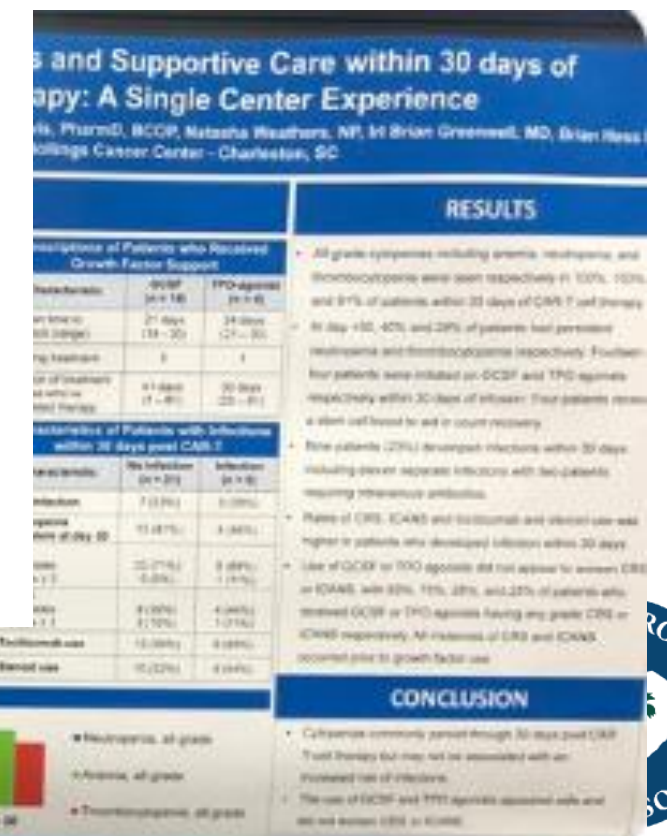
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is both a safe and cost-effective strategy

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Subcutaneous daratumumab has less infusion related reactions (IRR) than the intravenous formulation, but requires post-injection observation. The study sought to demonstrate safety and costs benefits associated with differing observation periods of subcutaneous daratumumab. A total of 66 patients were included. Short post-injection observation was safe and resulted in reduced infusion chair time as well as administration related cost and resources. Background: Daratumumab, an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody, is a key component in the treatment paradigms of multiple myeloma and AL amyloidosis in both the newly diagnosed and relapsed and/or refractory setting. Intravenous (IV) daratumumab administration requires extended infusion times and is associated with higher rates of infusion related reactions (IRRs) when compared to the subcutaneous (SC) formulation. We report real world safety outcomes and infusion chair time savings associated with SC administration in daratumumab naive patients. Methods: We retrospectively analyzed medical records at our institution for the incidence and severity of IRRs following differing observation periods post SC daratumumab administration. Infusion chair time was calculated to quantify chair time savings with SC administration. Results: Sixty-six daratumumab naive patients were included. Nine percent of patients developed IRRs with SC daratumumab with all reactions occurring within six hours of the first dose. All reactions were grade ≤ 2 in severity and were reversible with supportive care. Over the 18 month study period, a total of 904 SC doses were administered, amounting to a potential 1785 hours of infusion chair time savings when compared to IV administration. Conclusion: SC daratumumab may be given safely with a short initial observation period and without observation for subsequent doses, resulting in reduced infusion chair time as well as administration related cost and resources.

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