

# Beyond the horizon

## New treatment strategies for multiple myeloma

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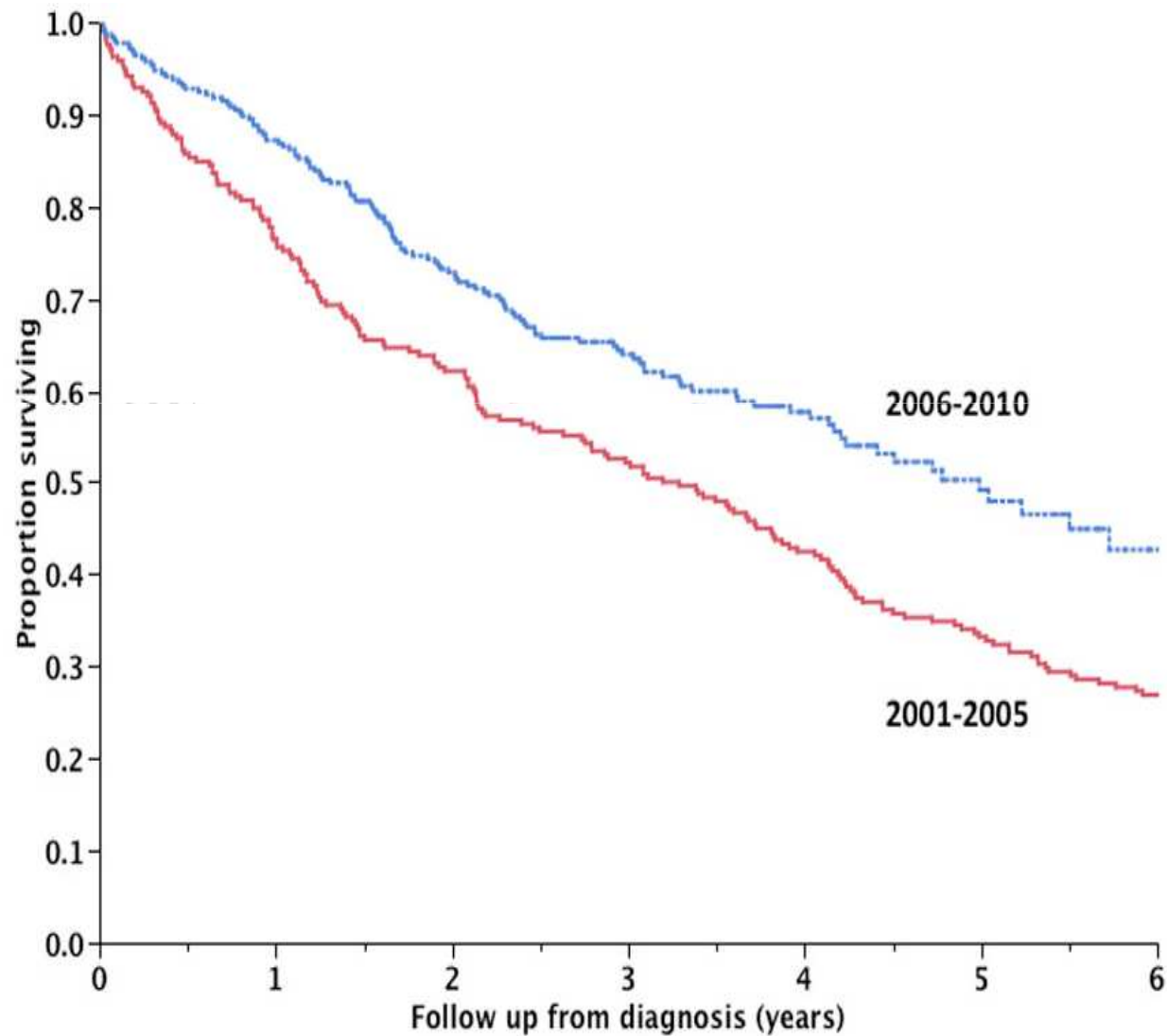


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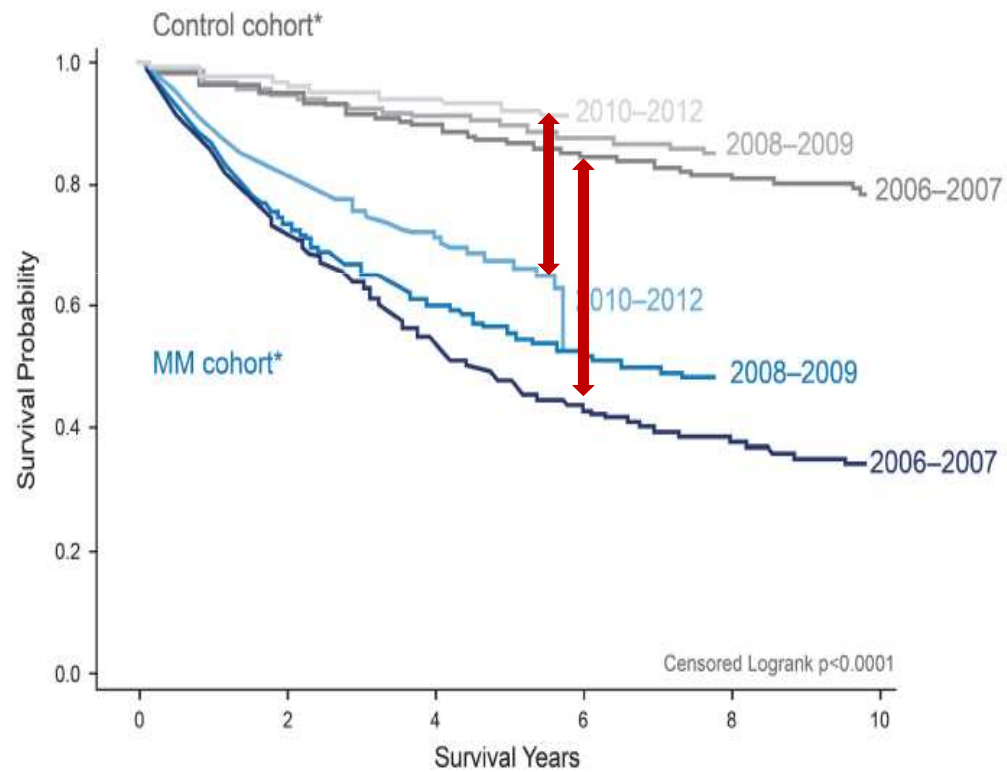
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# Improved outcome after introduction of bortezomib and lenalidomide

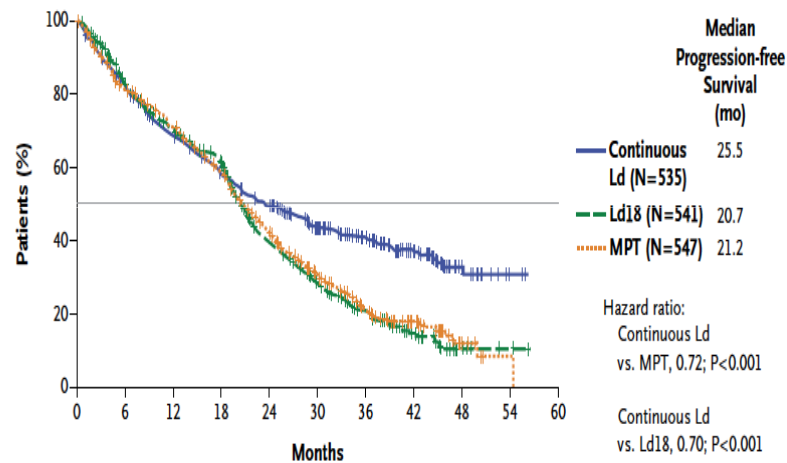


..... but still the there is a **gap**...

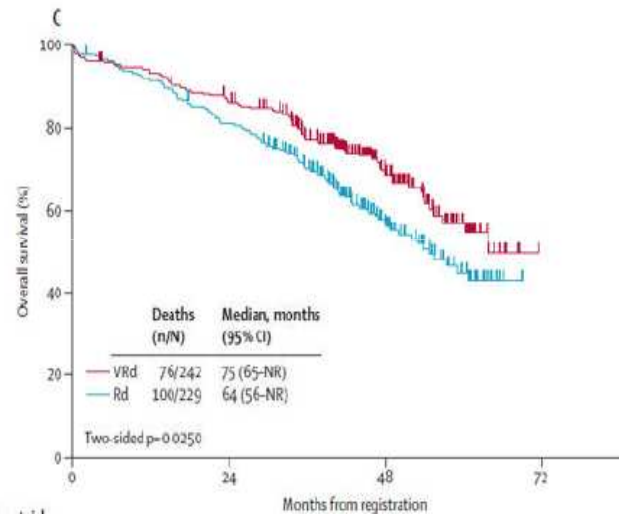


# Further improvement can be achieved by bringing the most **effective** treatment **upfront....**

A Progression-free Survival

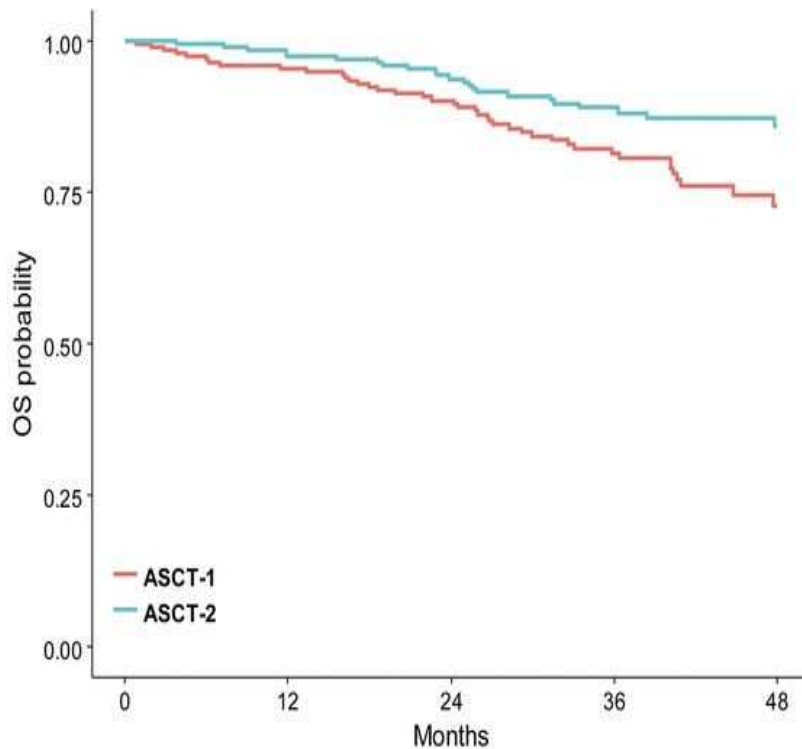


**RD vs MPT vs MP frontline**

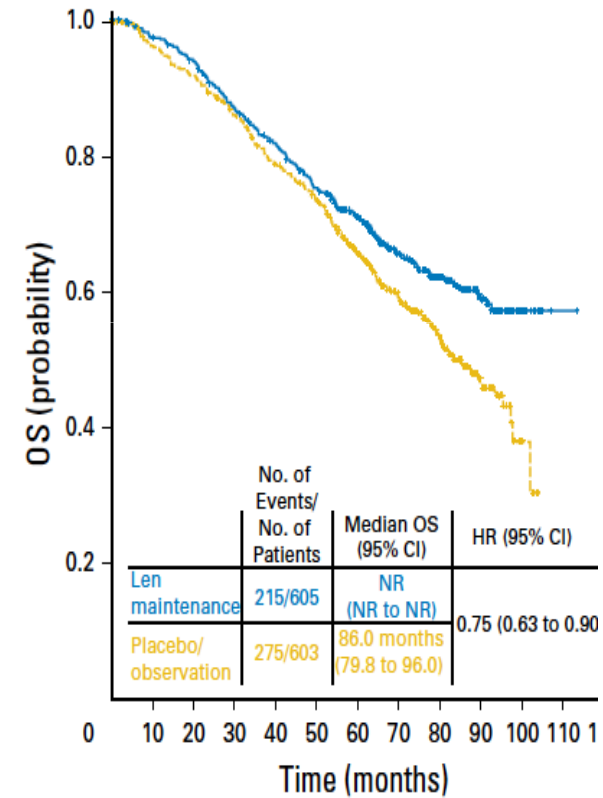


**RVD vs RD frontline**

... and by **intensifying** it and keep it **continuously**



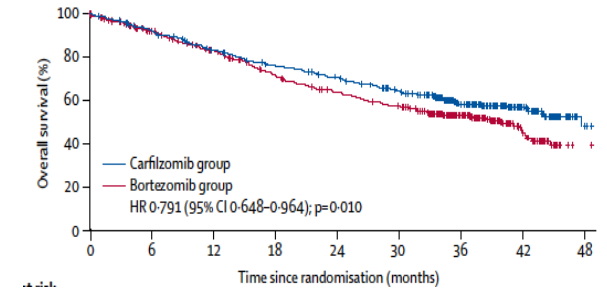
**Double vs single transplant**



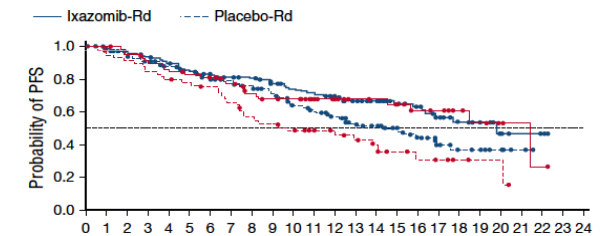
**R maintenance**

# ...and by introduction of **new generations** of existing drugs

**Carfilzomib** 2<sup>nd</sup> generation PI **prolongs survival**

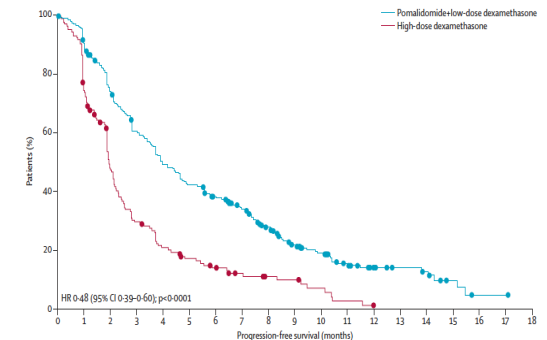


**Ixasomib** first oral PI **breaks high risk**



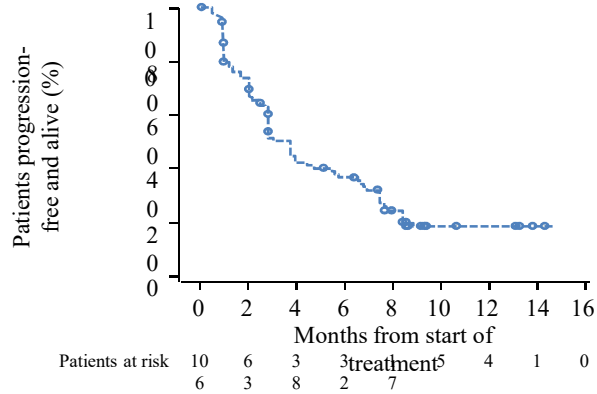
**Pomalidomid** 3<sup>rd</sup> generation IMiD works in **advanced disease**

Dimopoulos, 2014 and 2017  
San Miquel, 2013

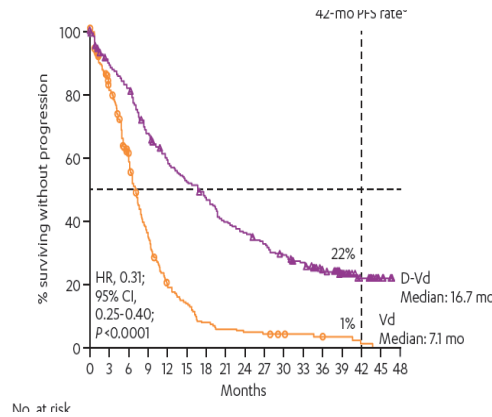


# ...and monoclonal antibodies expected for sooooo long

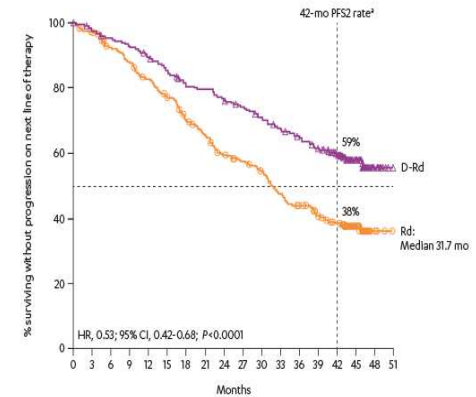
**Daratumumab** works in **monotherapy** and in **combination** with lenalidomide and bortezomib



**Dara mono**

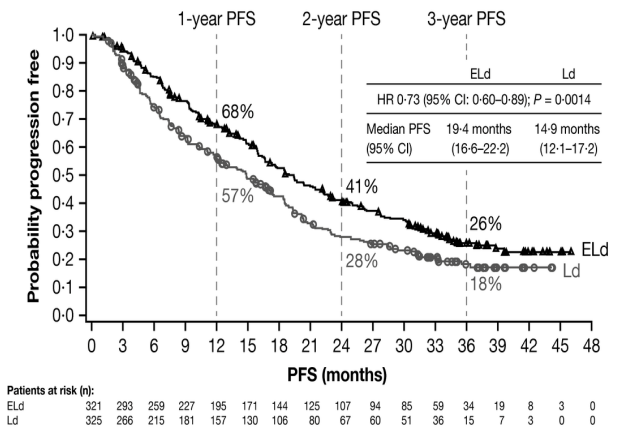


**Dara VD vs VD**



**Dara RD vs VD**

**Elotuzumab** is active in combination only...

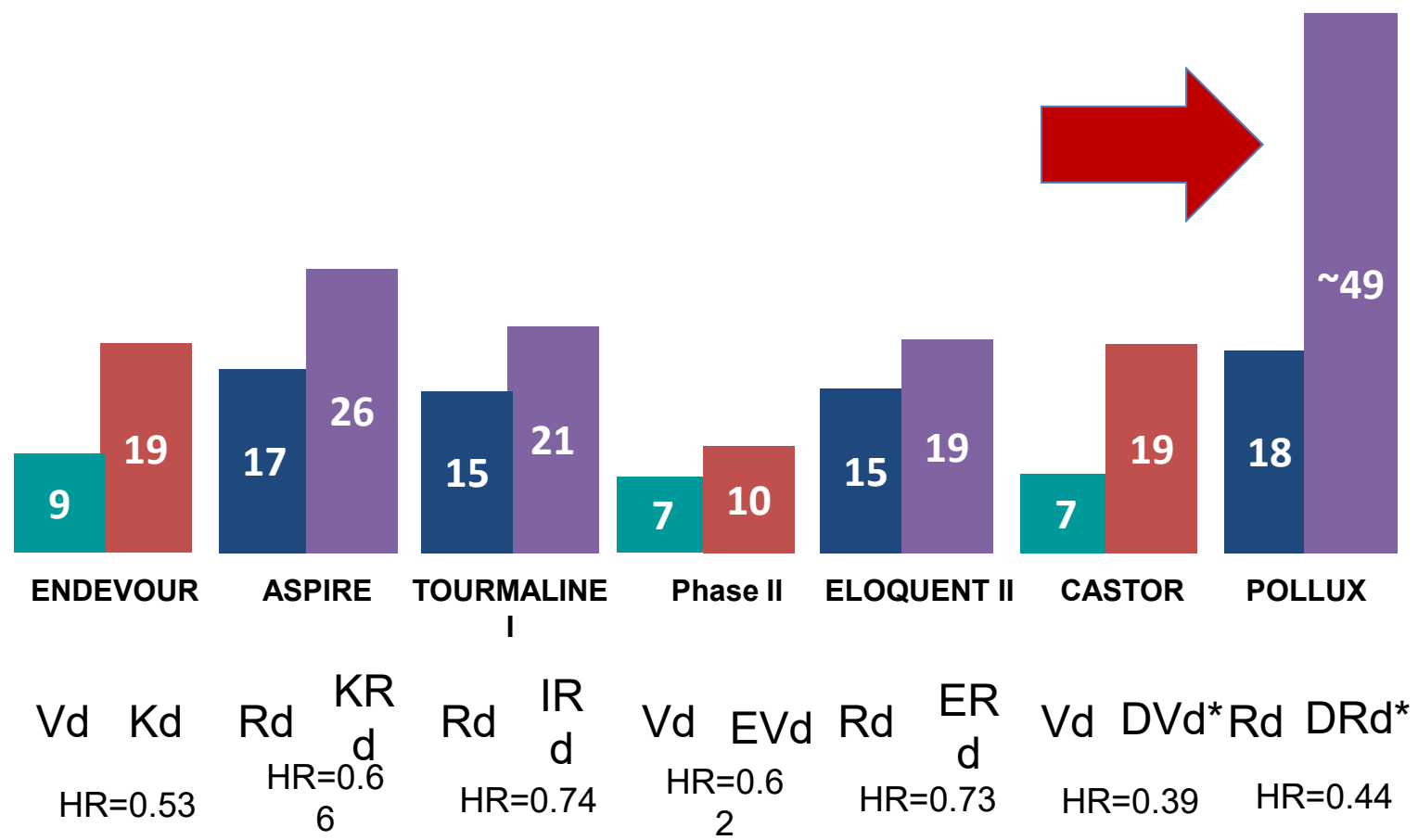


**Elo RD vs VD**

Lonial, 2016  
 Bahlis, 2018  
 Mateos, 2018  
 Dimopoulos, 2017

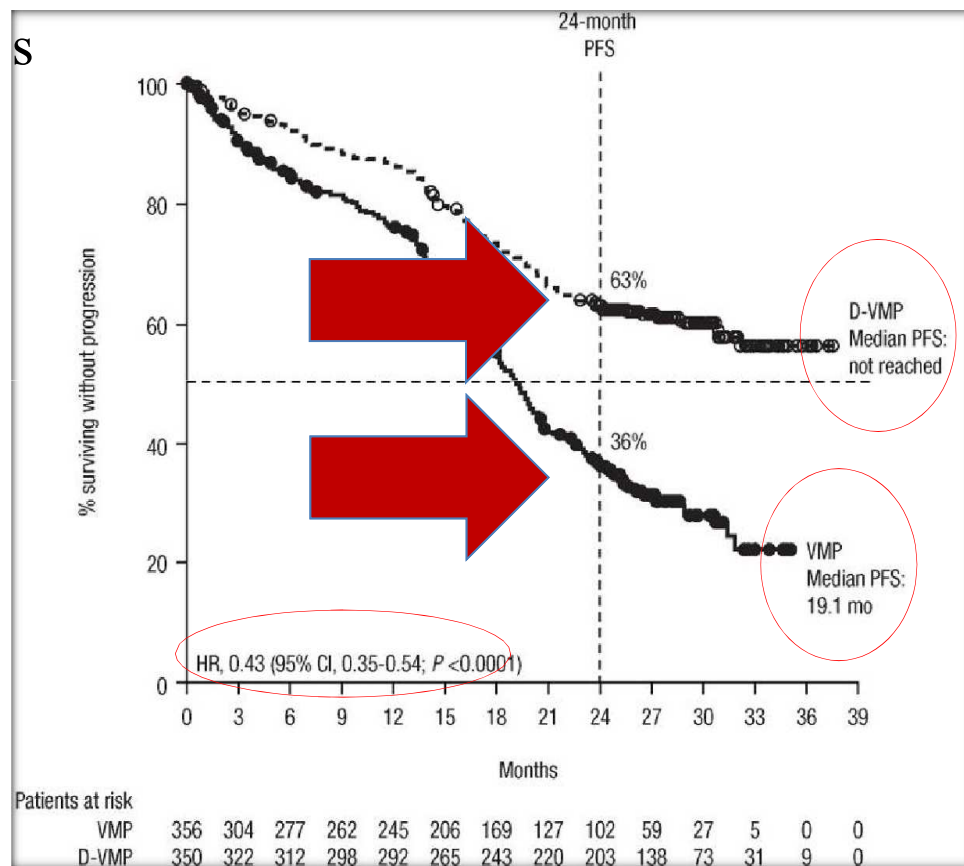


# The best results in refractory myeloma are seen in **daratumumab**-based chemotherapies....

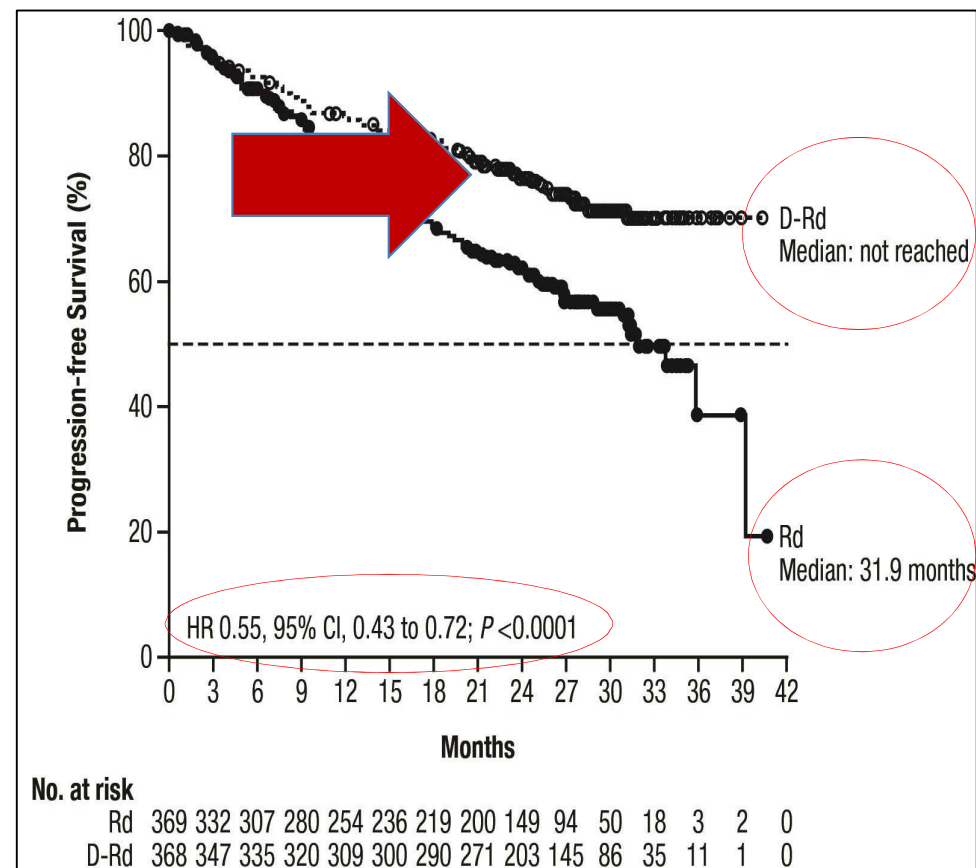


\*Results extrapolated from published data to estimate median PFS

# What holds even more in frontline setting



**Dara VMP vs VMP**



**Dara RD vs RD**

but the game will be lost sooner or later



# Newer molecules might be a solution

**Selinexor**

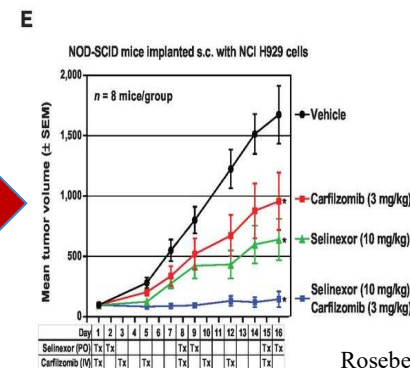
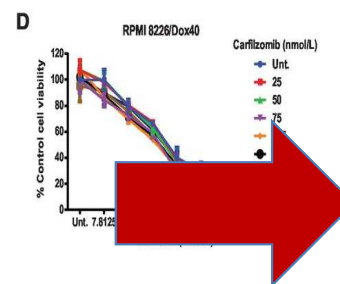
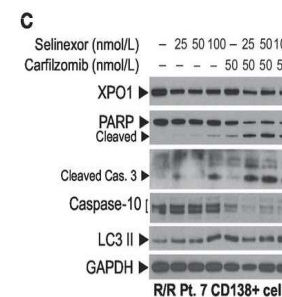
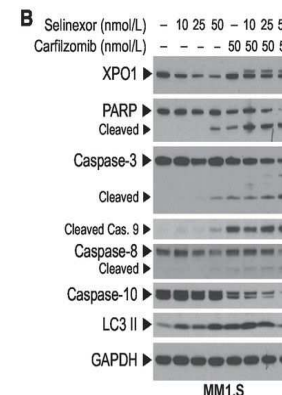
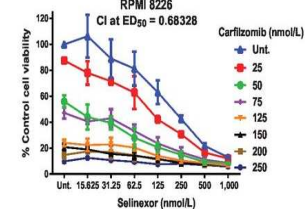
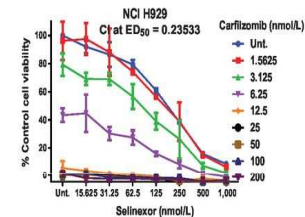
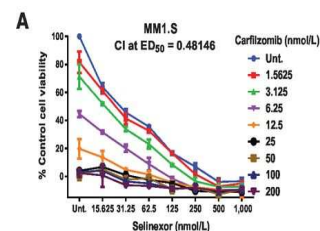
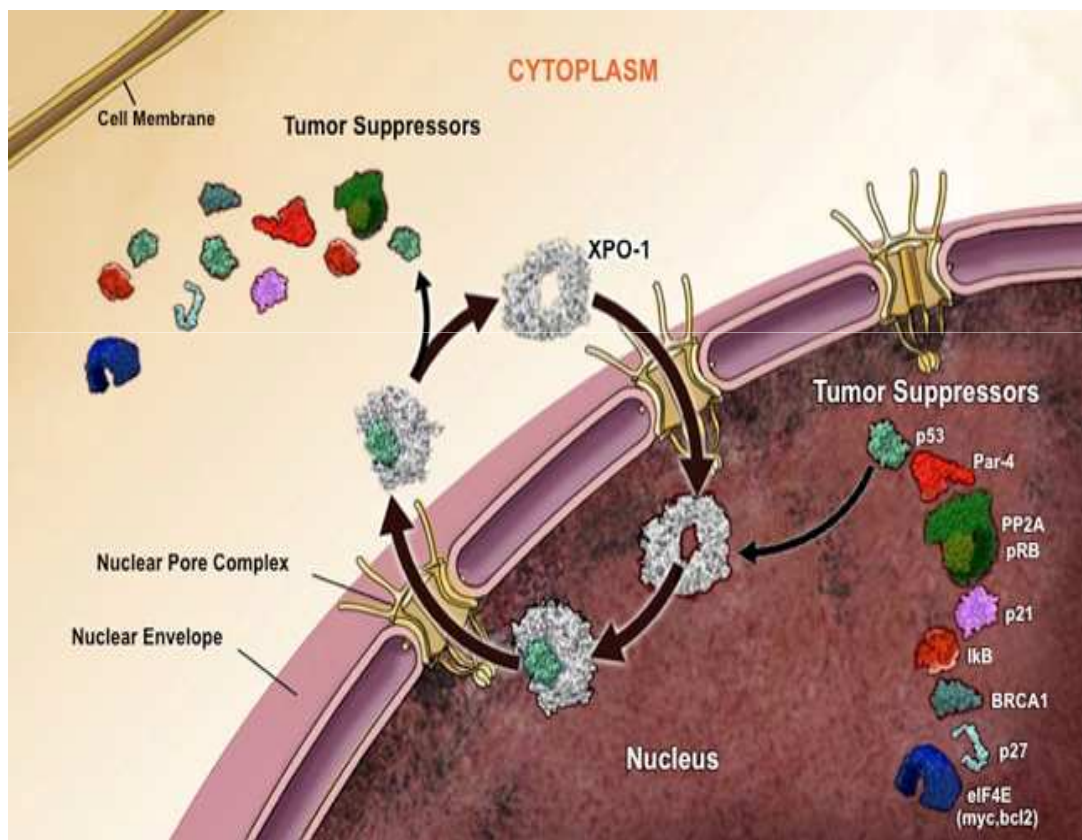


**Melflufen**



# Selinexor

## first-in-class oral XPO-1 inhibitor



## ABSTRACT

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# Results of the Pivotal STORM Study (Part 2) in Penta-Refractory Multiple Myeloma (MM): Deep and Durable Responses With Oral Selinexor Plus Low Dose Dexamethasone in Patients with Penta Exposed and Triple Class-Refractory MM

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# Sd IN PENTA-REFRACTORY MM PATIENTS STUDY DESIGN, PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS, AND RESULTS

**Phase 2 STORM (Part 2)**  
**Penta-refractory MM (N = 122)**  
 Previously treated with BORT, CFZ, LEN, POM, DARA, an alkylator, and glucocorticoids

- Refractory to ≥ 1 PI, ≥ 1 IMiD, DARA, glucocorticoid, and last therapy

**Sd**  
**SEL: 80 mg twice weekly**  
**DEX: 20 mg twice weekly**  
**28-day cycle**

- Primary endpoint:** ORR
- Secondary endpoints:** response duration, CBR, OS, PFS, safety
- 2 patients who progressed on CAR T therapy achieved PR

Patient Characteristics	N =	Efficacy Outcomes	N =
Median age (range), years	122 65 (40–86)	ORR, %	122 26.6
Median time from diagnosis (range), years	6.6 (1.1–23.4)	Stringent CR	2
High risk cytogenetics, n (%)	65 (53)	VGPR	1.6
Median prior treatment regimens (range), n	7 (3–18)	PR	4.9
CFZ, POM, DARA refractory, n (%)	117 (96)	CR, %	19.7
(%) Prior DARA-based therapy n (%)	86 (70)	≥ SD, %	39.
(%) Prior stem cell transplant, n (%)	102 (84)	Median response duration, months	3
(%) Prior CAR T therapy, n (%)	2 (2)	Median OS, months	78.
		Median PFS, months	74.
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Most common (> 10%) grade 3 and 4 treatment-related AEs, respectively, included: thrombocytopenia (22.8% and 30.9%), anaemia (28.5% and 0.8%), neutropenia (15.4% and 3.3%), fatigue (18.7% and 0%), hyponatraemia (16.3% and 0%), and leucopenia (13.0% and 0%)

- AEs were typically reversible and manageable with dose modification and supportive care

**AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS:**

- SEL is the first oral agent with activity in very heavily pretreated, penta-exposed, triple class-refractory MM patients

AE, adverse event; BORT, bortezomib; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; CBR, clinical benefit rate; CFZ, carfilzomib; CR, complete response; DARA, daratumumab; DEX, dexamethasone; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; LEN, lenalidomide; MR, minimal response; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, proteasome inhibitor; POM, pomalidomide; PR, partial response, Sd, selinexor + low-dose dexamethasone; SEL, selinexor; SD, stable disease.

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# **OP-106 HORIZON – Melflufen Therapy for RRMM Patients Refractory to Daratumumab and/or Pomalidomide: Updated Results and**

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# MELF IN RRMM PATIENTS REFRACTORY TO DARA AND/OR POM STUDY DESIGN AND UPDATED

## RESULTS

- Ongoing, single-arm, open-label, multicentre, phase 2 trial to evaluate MELF in pts who have progressed on IMiD and PI and are refractory to POM and/or DARA
- Primary endpoint:** ORR (N = 83) (at data cutoff October 22 2018, 82 patients were response evaluable)
- Secondary endpoints:** OS, PFS, duration of response, CBR, TTR, TTP, safety, and tolerability

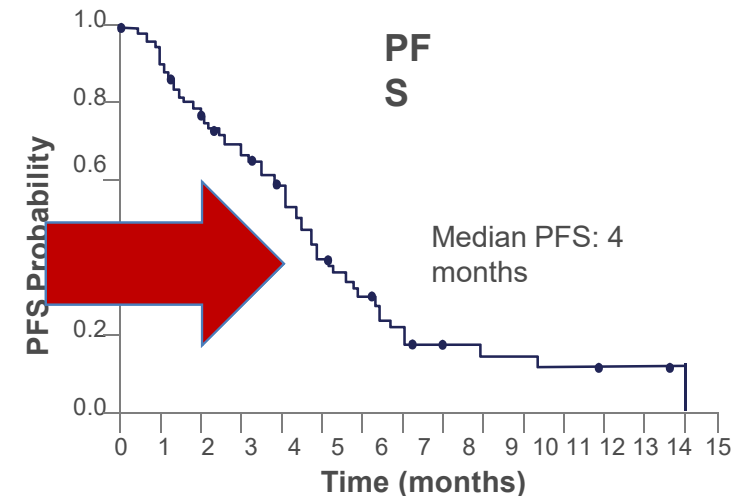
### OP-106 HORIZON

- Refractory to POM and/or DARA
- Measurable disease ( $\geq 1$  of the following):

### MELF + DEX (N = 83<sup>a</sup>)

MELF: 40 mg i.v. on day 1  
 DEX: 20<sup>b</sup> / 40 mg on days 1, 8, 15, 22  
 28-day cycles until PD, withdrawal of consent, or unacceptable toxicity

Response, n (%)	N = 83	Most Common (> Grade 3 or n (%))	N = 83
ORR	27 (33)	Any treatment-related grade 3 or 4 AE in $\geq 2$ patients	62 (75)
sCR	1 (1)	Neutropenia	51 (61)
CR	0	Thrombocytopenia	49 (59)
VGPR	9 (11)	Anaemia	21 (25)
PR	17 (21)	Incidence of non-haematological AEs was low (7.2% infection)	
MR	5 (6)	No treatment-related deaths occurred	
SD	37 (45)		
PD	12 (15)		



### AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS

- MELF shows promising activity in patients with multi-resistant RRMM
- Response was observed irrespective of refractory status
- Treatment was generally well tolerated with a manageable

<sup>a</sup> Enrolment target is N ~ 150, including QoL data for 50 patients. <sup>b</sup> In patients  $\geq 75$  years. AE, adverse event; ANC, absolute neutrophil count; CBR, clinical benefit rate; CR, complete response; DARA, daratumumab; DEX, dexamethasone; FLC, free light chain; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; i.v., intravenous; MELF, melflufen; MR, minimal response; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, proteasome inhibitor; POM, pomalidomide; PR, partial response; QoL, quality of life; RRMM, relapsed / refractory multiple myeloma; sCR, stringent complete response; SD, stable disease; SFCL, serum free light chain; TTP time to progression; TTR, time to response; VGPR, very good partial response.

...or totally different approach  
involving **immunology** of the patient?

**ELOTUZUMAB**  
**POMALIDOMI**



**BiTE**

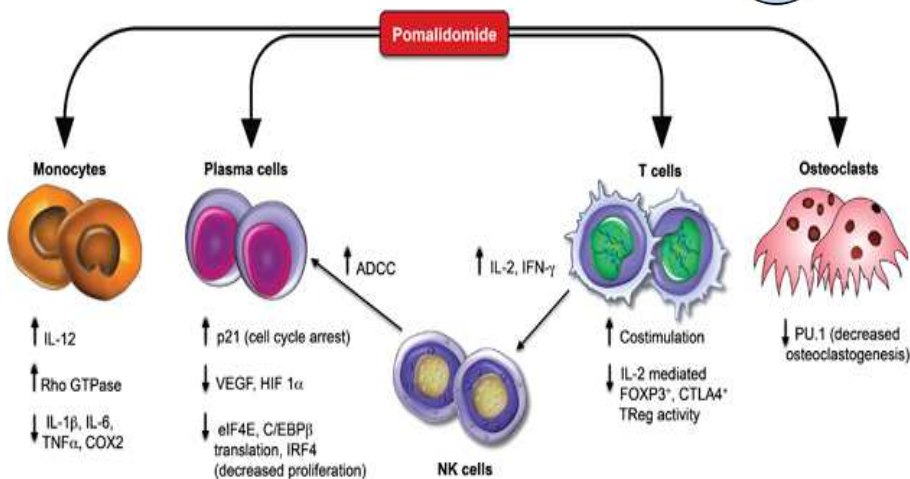
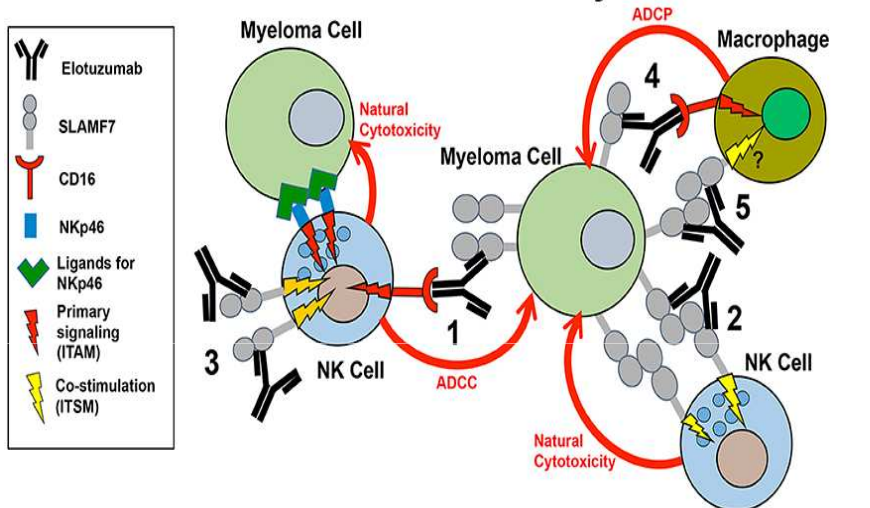


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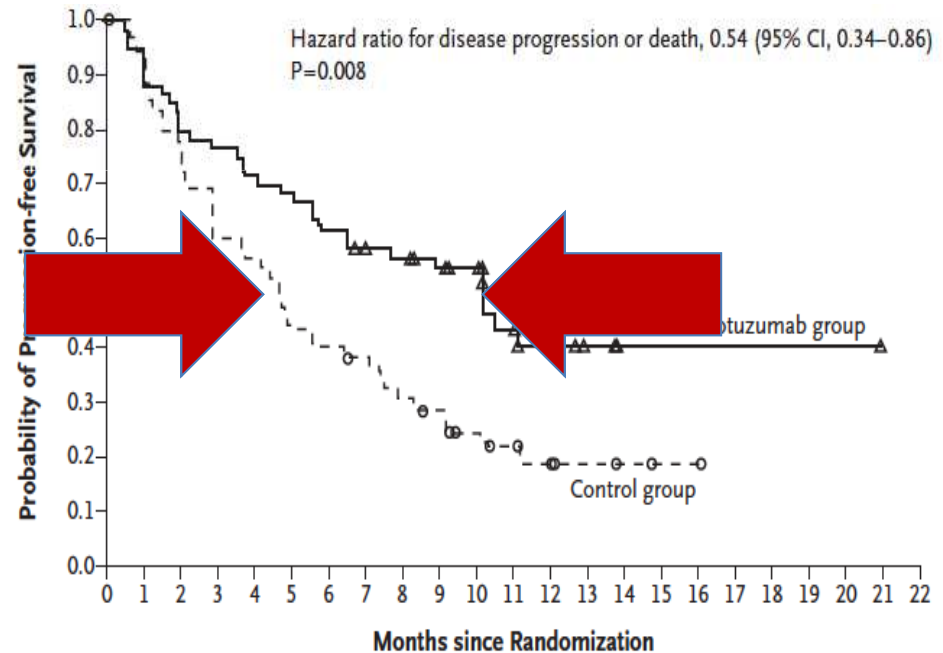


# Stimulation of NKs by (forgotten?) elotuzumab and pomalidomide

## Mechanisms of Immune Activation by Elotuzumab



## ELO POM DEX vs POM DEX



# AMG 420, an Anti-BCMA BiTE<sup>®</sup>, Induces MRD-Negative CRs in Relapsed/Refractory MM Patients: Results of a Dose Escalation FIH Phase 1 Study

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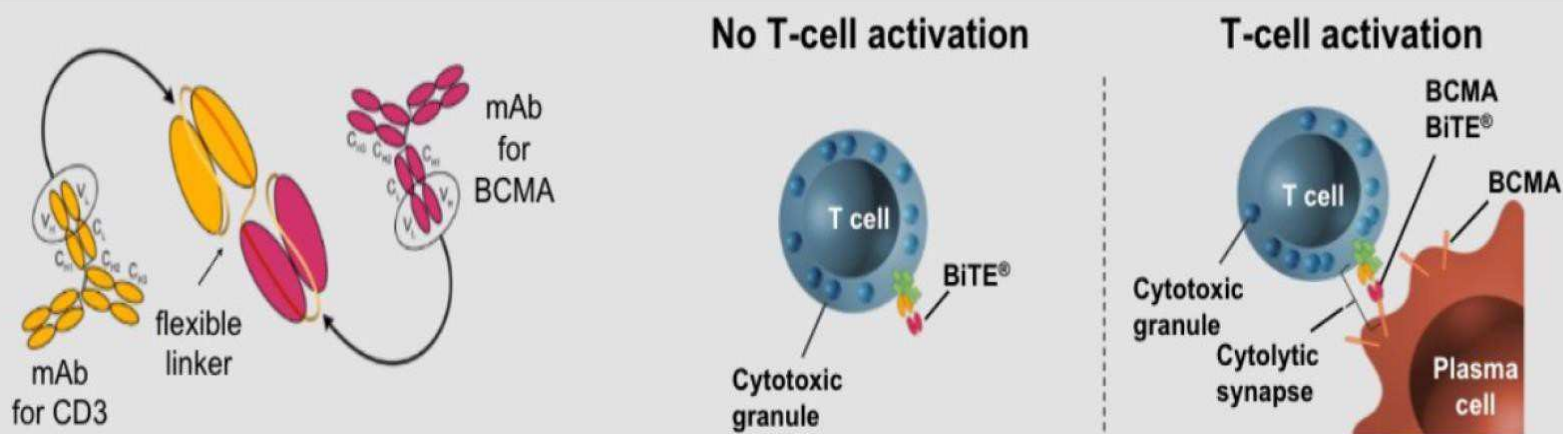
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# Background



- B-Cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA), or TNFRSF17, is expressed on multiple myeloma (MM) cells, plasma cells, and mature B cells.<sup>1-4</sup>
- AMG 420\* binds BCMA on tumor cells and plasma cells and CD3 on T cells, resulting in T-cell mediated lysis of BCMA+ cells<sup>5</sup> at least in part through a Fas-mediated mechanism.<sup>6</sup>

\* Formerly BI 836909. 1. Madry C, et al. *Int Immunol*. 1998;10:1693-1702. 2. Coquery CM, Erickson LD. *Crit Rev Immunol*. 2012;32:287-305. 3. Laabi Y, et al. *Nucleic Acids Res*. 1994;22:1147-54. 4. Gras MP, et al. *Int Immunol*. 1995;7:1093-1106. 5. Topp MS et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2016;34:8067 (Abs). 6. Ross SL, et al. *PLoS One*. 2017;12:e0183390.

## CRS AEs and Serious AEs (SAEs)

		N=42	# Gr 1	# Gr 2	# Gr 3	# Gr 4	# Gr 5
CRS	All treatment-related	16 (38%)	13	2	1	-	-
SAEs in ≥2 patients	Infections	12 (29%)	-	3	7	-	2*
	Peripheral polyneuropathy	2 (5%)	-	-	2	-	-
Treatment-related SAEs	Peripheral polyneuropathy	2 (5%)	-	-	2	-	-
	Edema	1 (2%)	-	-	1	-	-

\*One patient died of aspergillus / flu and one of liver failure secondary to adenovirus infection.

- Of those with serious AEs (n=20, 48%), 17 patients were hospitalized and 4 had prolonged hospitalization (one patient had both on separate occasions).
- No grade 3 or 4 central nervous system toxicities were observed.
- Regarding any neurologic AEs, except for 1 case of worsening asthenia and 2 of peripheral polyneuropathy, all AEs were grade 1 and 2 and were generally nonspecific (eg, headache, fatigue).

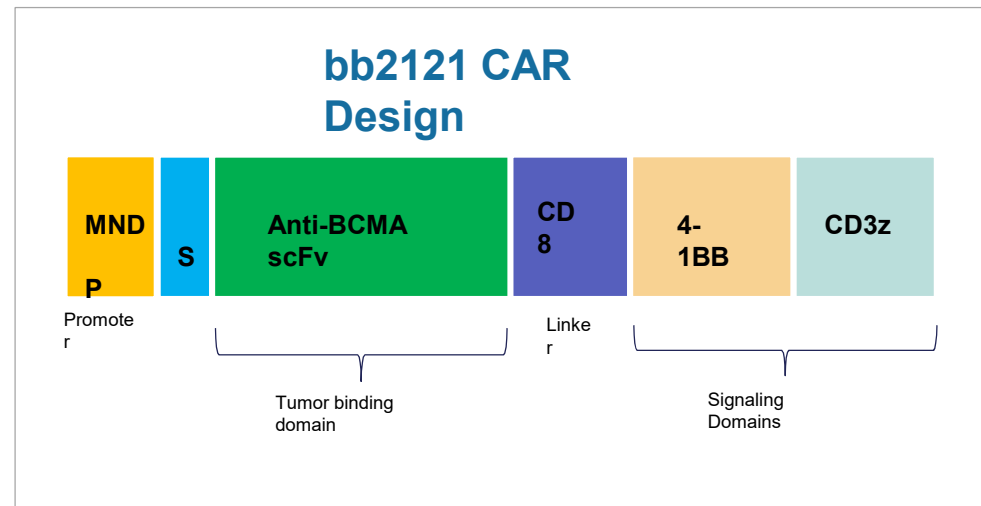
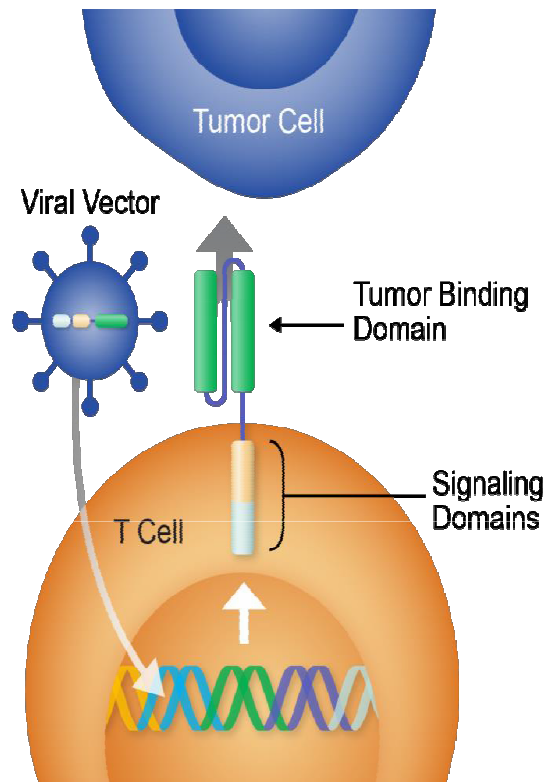
# Conclusions

In this FIH dose escalation study, AMG 420, a short half-life BiTE® targeting BCMA, demonstrated clinical activity in patients with heavily pretreated multiple myeloma:

- No major toxicities prior to DLTs at 800 µg/d of CRS and polyneuropathy; a patient in the subsequent 400 µg/d dose expansion also had a DLT of polyneuropathy, which resolved.
- Careful evaluation of infections should be conducted in future clinical trials to enable development of optimal management guidelines.
- Of doses tested in this study, 400 µg/d was the MTD; other doses may be tested in the future.
- There was encouraging evidence of activity, with 13 responders overall
  - 7/10 (70%) of patients dosed with 400 µg/d had responses, 4 of which were MRD-negative sCRs
  - 3 patients at lower doses attained CRs, one of which was also an MRD-negative sCR
- These data warrant further clinical investigation of AMG 420; a phase 1b trial will be starting in Q1 2019.

31% ORR  
(n=42)

# bb2121: AN OPTIMAL BCMA CAR T CELL DESIGN

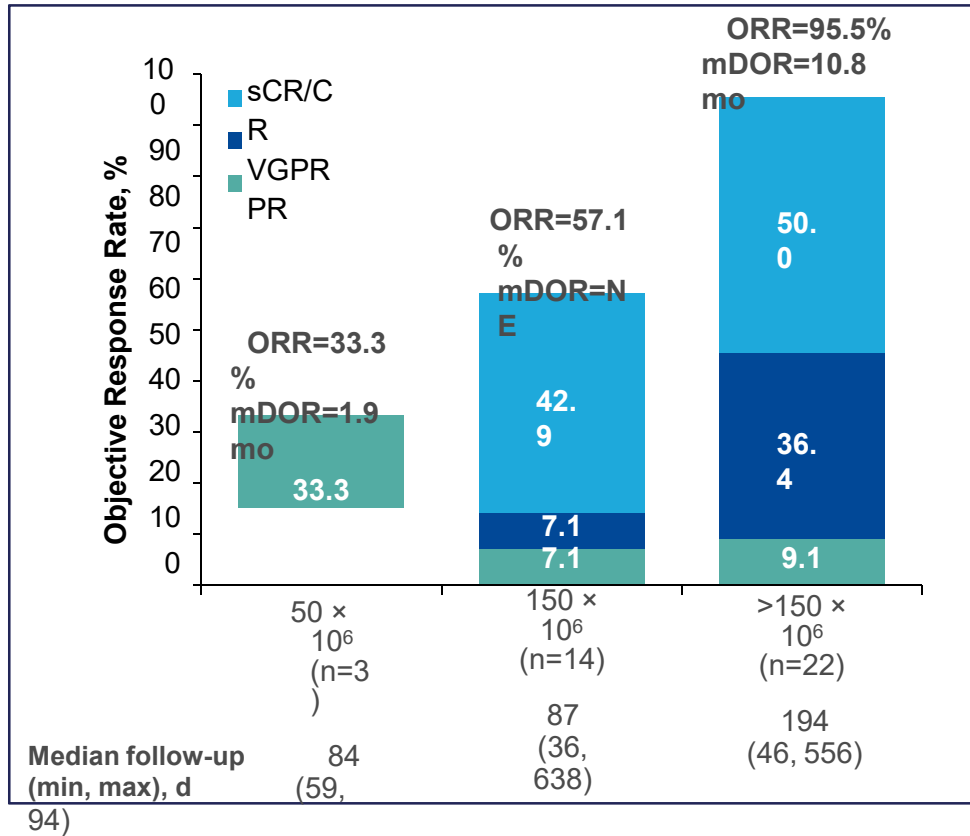


- Autologous T cells transduced with a lentiviral vector encoding a CAR specific for human BCMA
- State of the art lentiviral vector system
- Optimal 4-1BB costimulatory signaling domain: associated with less acute toxicity and more durable CAR T cell persistence than CD28 costimulatory domain<sup>1</sup>

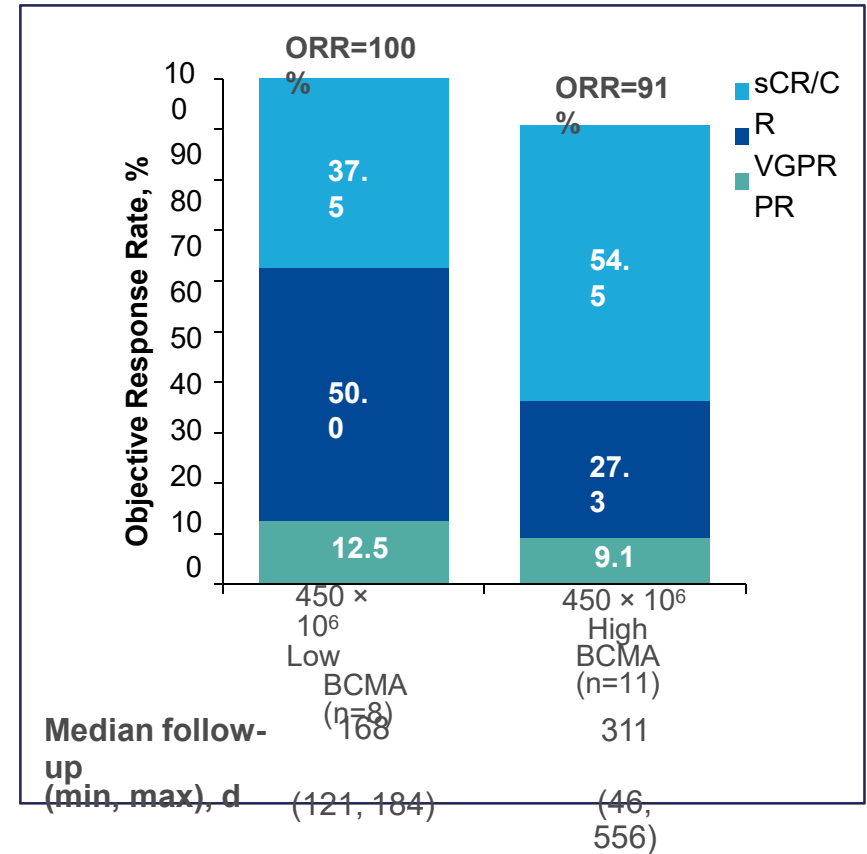


# TUMOR RESPONSE: DOSE-RELATED; INDEPENDENT OF TUMOR BCMA EXPRESSION

## Tumor Response By Dose<sup>a</sup>



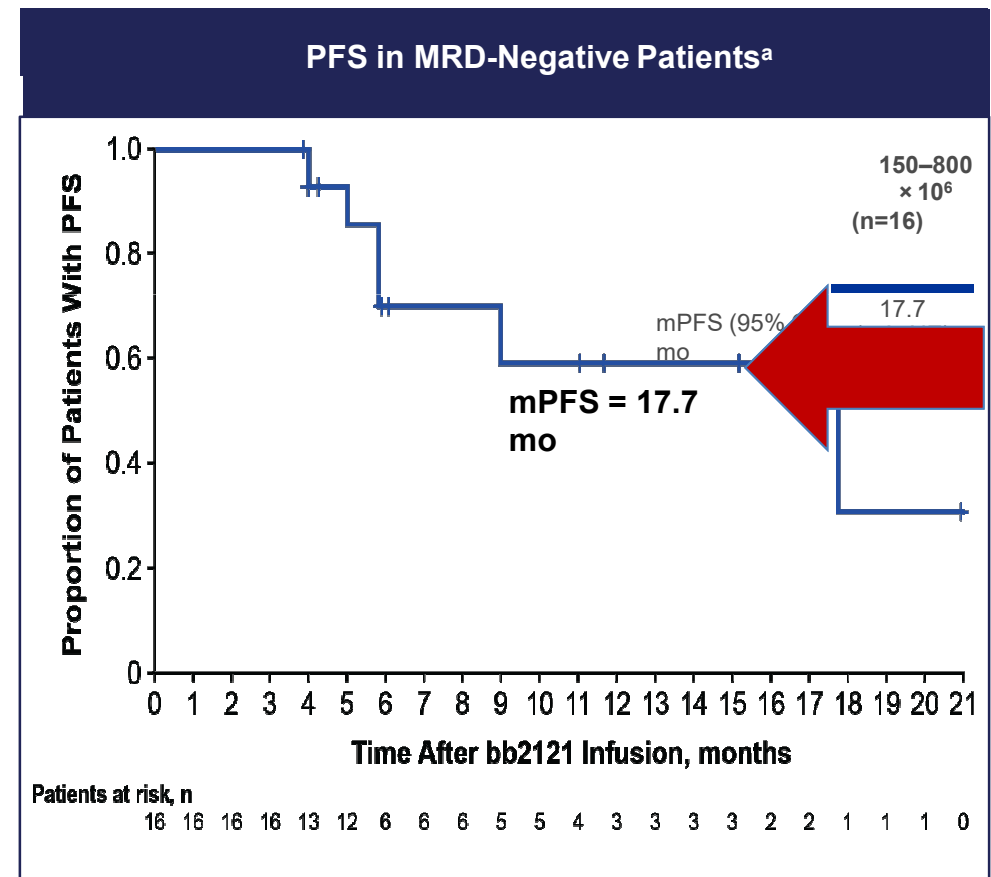
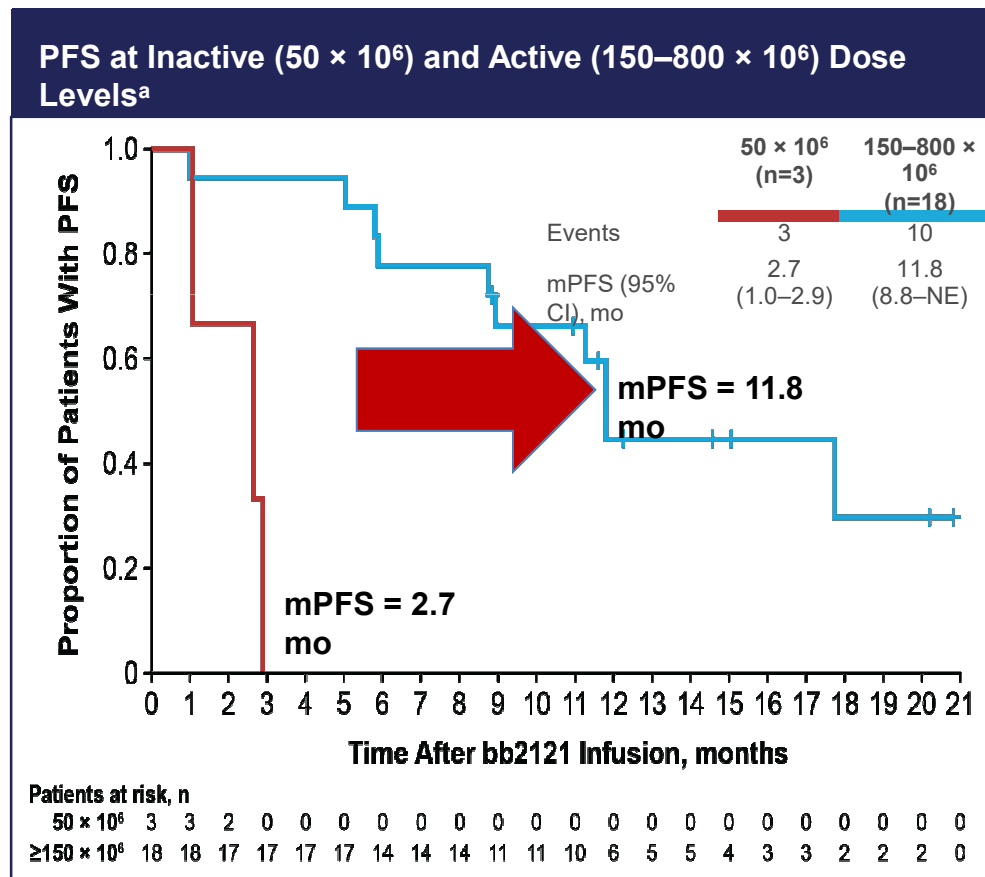
## Tumor Response By BCMA Expression<sup>a</sup>



Data cutoff: March 29, 2018. CR, complete response; mDOR, median duration of response; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent CR; VGPR, very good partial response. <sup>a</sup>Patients with ≥2 months of response data or PD/death within <2 months. ORR is defined as attaining sCR, CR, VGPR, or PR, including confirmed and unconfirmed responses. Low BCMA is <50% bone marrow plasma cells expression of BCMA; high BCMA is defined as ≥50%.

# PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL

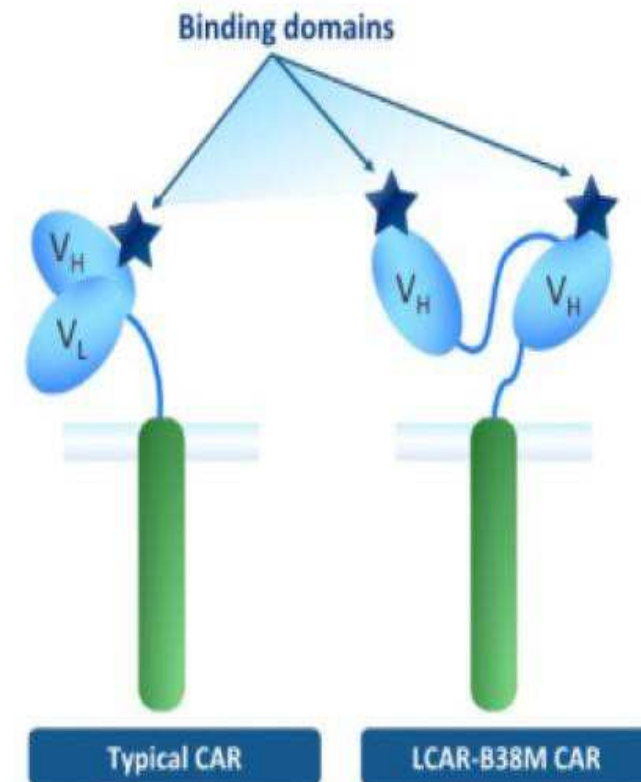
- mPFS of 11.8 months at active doses ( $\geq 150 \times 10^6$  CAR+ T cells) in 18 subjects in dose escalation phase
- mPFS of 17.7 months in 16 responding subjects who are MRD-negative



Data cutoff: March 29, 2018. Median and 95% CI from Kaplan-Meier estimate. NE, not estimable. <sup>a</sup>PFS in dose escalation cohort.

## LEGEND-2 Study

- ❑ **LCAR-B38M is a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy with 2 BCMA targeting domains**
  - Confers high avidity binding and distinguishes LCAR-B38M from other BCMA-targeted CAR T cell therapies
- ❑ **LEGEND-2 (N=74): Phase 1 investigator-initiated study in R/R multiple myeloma (MM) conducted at 4 sites in China**
  - Variable preconditioning regimens (Cy-Flu vs. Cy)
  - Variable CAR T infusion methods (split vs. single infusion)
- ❑ **LEGEND-2 results previously presented**
  - First 35/57 patients at the Xi'an site at ASCO and EHA 2017
  - First 11/17 patients at the 3 other sites at ASH 2017
- ❑ **57 patient experience at Xi'an site as of 25 June 2018 are presented here, with a 12-month (0.7–25.1) follow-up**



BCMA=B-cell maturation antigen; Cy=cyclophosphamide; Flu=fludarabine;  
R/R=relapsed/refractory; V<sub>H</sub>=variable heavy chain; V<sub>L</sub>=variable light chain

# Adverse Events

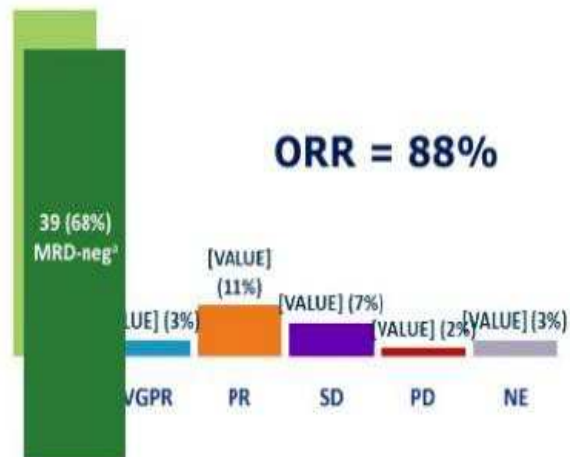
AEs (≥20% in All Patients)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total (N=57)
Pyrexia	14 (25)	27 (47)	10 (18)	1 (2)	52 (91)
Cytokine release syndrome	27 (47)	20 (35)	4 (7)	0	51 (90)
Thrombocytopenia	8 (14)	7 (12)	3 (5)	10 (18)	28 (49)
Leukopenia	3 (5)	7 (12)	15 (26)	2 (4)	27 (47)
Increased AST	7 (12)	3 (5)	12 (21)	0	22 (39)
Anemia	2 (4)	5 (9)	9 (16)	1 (2)	17 (30)
Hypotension	7 (12)	2 (4)	3 (5)	0	12 (21)
<b>Other AE of interest</b>					
Neurotoxicity <sup>a</sup>	1 (2)	0	0	0	1 (2)

<sup>a</sup>Aphasia, seizure-like activity, and agitation reported in one patient dosed at 1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/kg

CRS=cytokine release syndrome

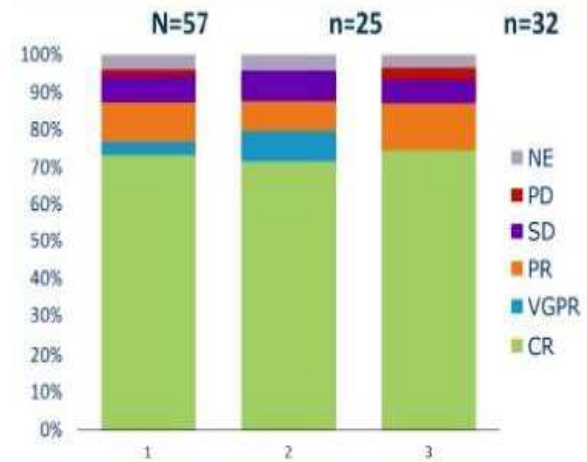
# Efficacy

## Best Overall Response (N=57)



- mDOR = 16 mo (95% CI, 12–NR)
- mDOR for MRD-neg CR = 22 mo (95% CI, 14–NR)
- Median time to initial response = 1 mo (0.4–3.6)

## Best Overall Response by Dose



All Doses	<0.5x10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg	≥0.5x10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg
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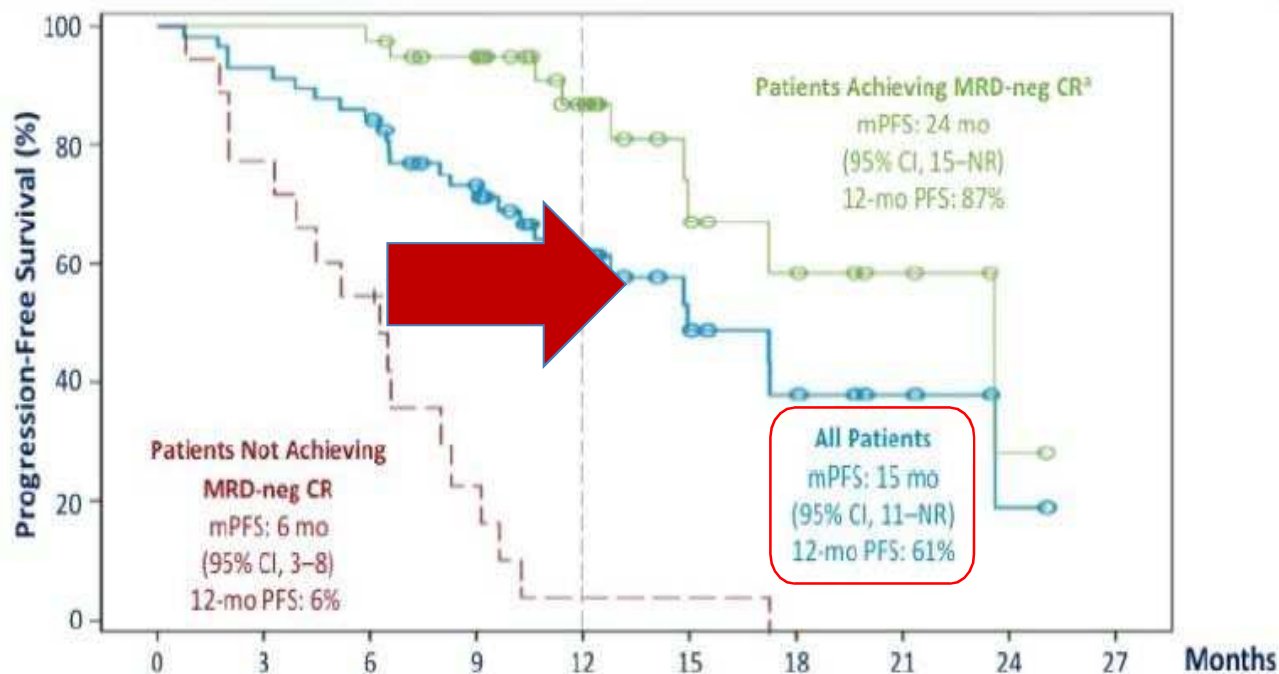
**BCMA <40% (n=26/53)<sup>b</sup> = 92% ORR**  
**BCMA ≥40% (n=27/53)<sup>b</sup> = 82% ORR**

<sup>a</sup>8-color flow cytometry with cell count up to 500,000 cells; <sup>b</sup>BCMA expression data available for 53 patients

CR=complete response; mDOR=median duration of response; MRD-neg=minimal residual disease-negative; NE=not evaluable; ORR=overall response rate; PD=progressive disease; PR=partial response; SD=stable disease; VGPR=very good partial response



# Progression-Free Survival

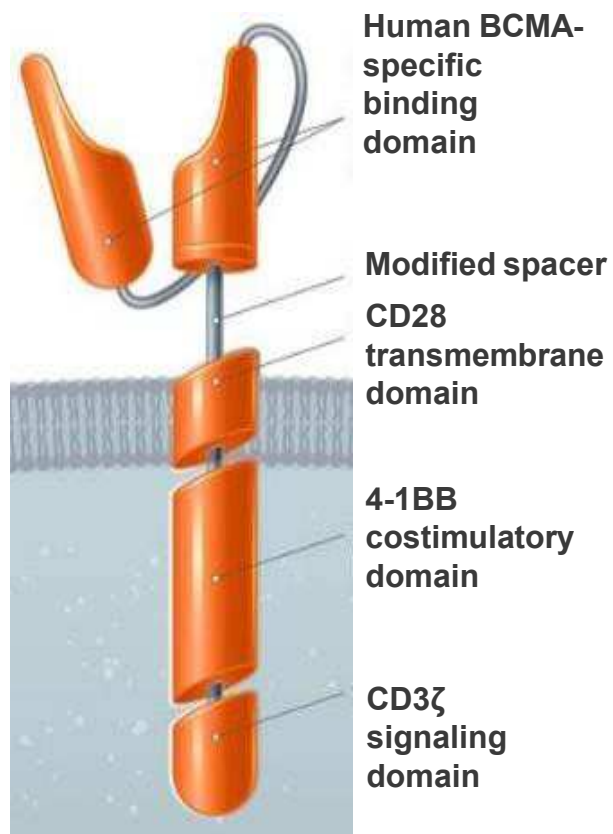


**Patients at risk:**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
All Patients	57	53	48	37	21	11	7	4	1	0
Patients Achieving MRD-neg CR	39	39	38	33	20	10	7	4	1	0
Patients Not Achieving MRD-neg CR	18	14	10	4	1	1	0	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup>30/39 patients still in remission

# JCARH125—DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING FEATURES



- **JCARH125 CAR construct**

- Fully human binder with low affinity for sBCMA<sup>1</sup>
- Modified spacer to enhance binding to BCMA on target cells
- Minimized tonic signaling to reduce antigen-independent exhaustion<sup>2</sup>
- Active on target cells that express low BCMA density

- **Manufacturing process**

Optimized to deliver a defined cell product comprised of purified CD4 and CD8 CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells enriched for central memory phenotype cells, potentially increasing persistence and durability

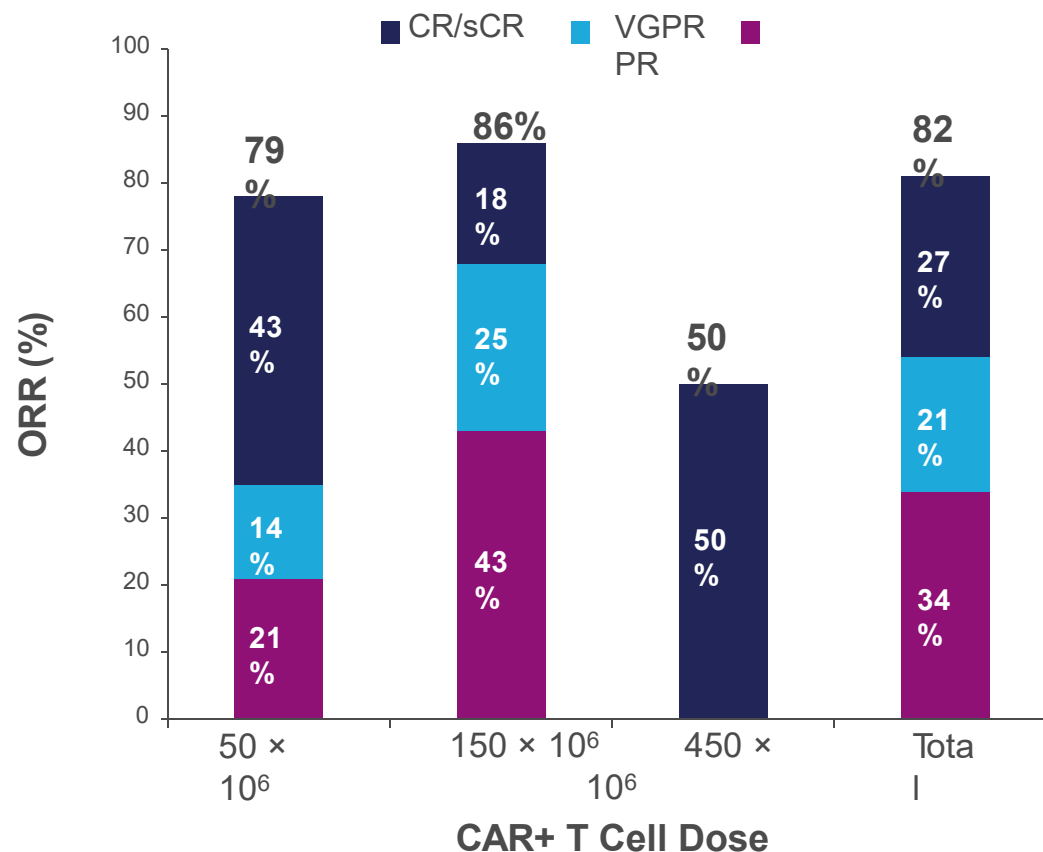
To date, JCARH125 has been successfully manufactured for all patients

1. Smith et al. *Mol Ther.* 2018;26:1447-1456. 2. Long et al. *Nat Med.* 2015;21(6):581-590.

BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; sBCMA, soluble B-cell

# BEST OVERALL RESPONSE

**ORR 82%, with 48% ≥VGPR**

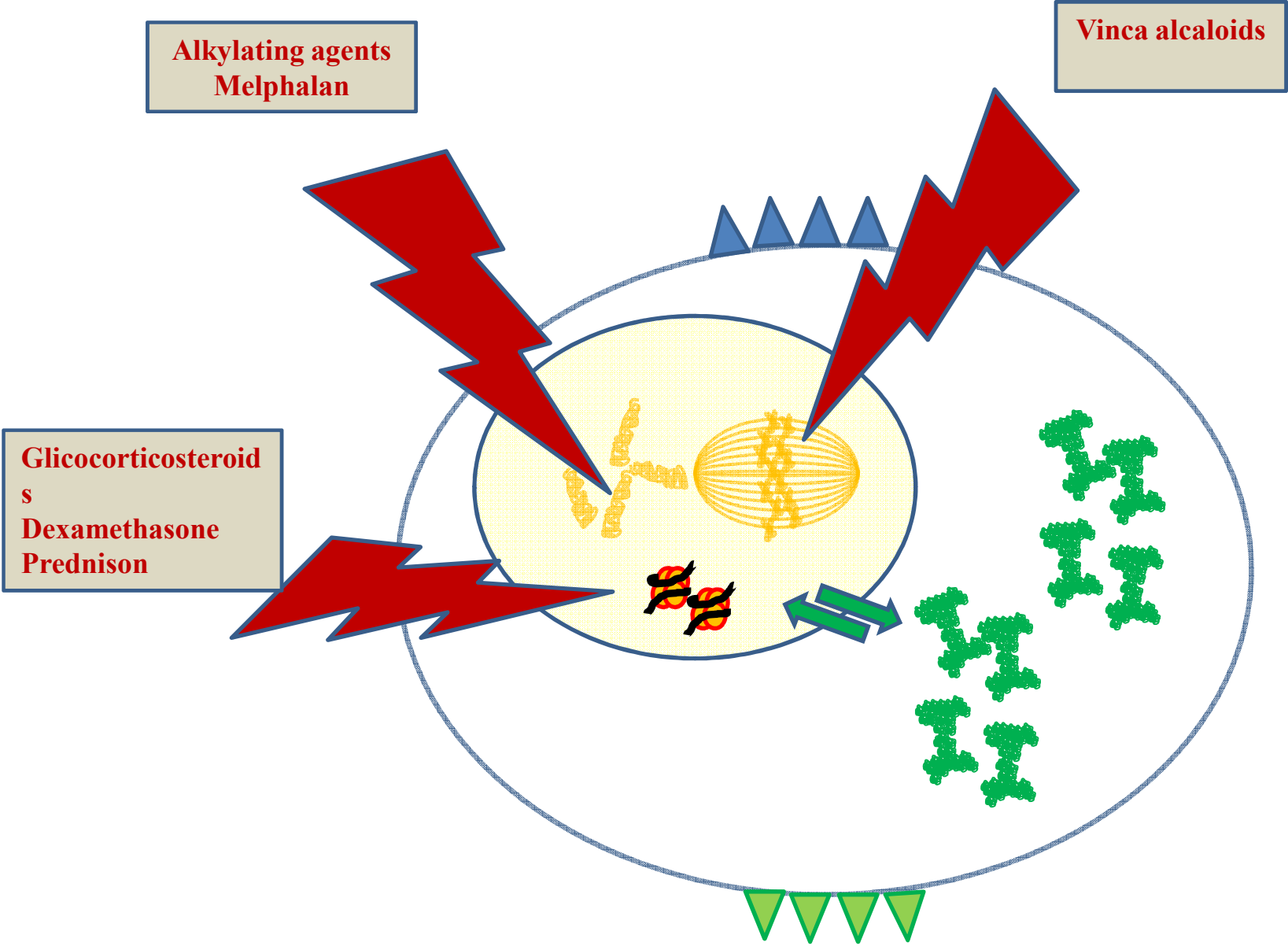


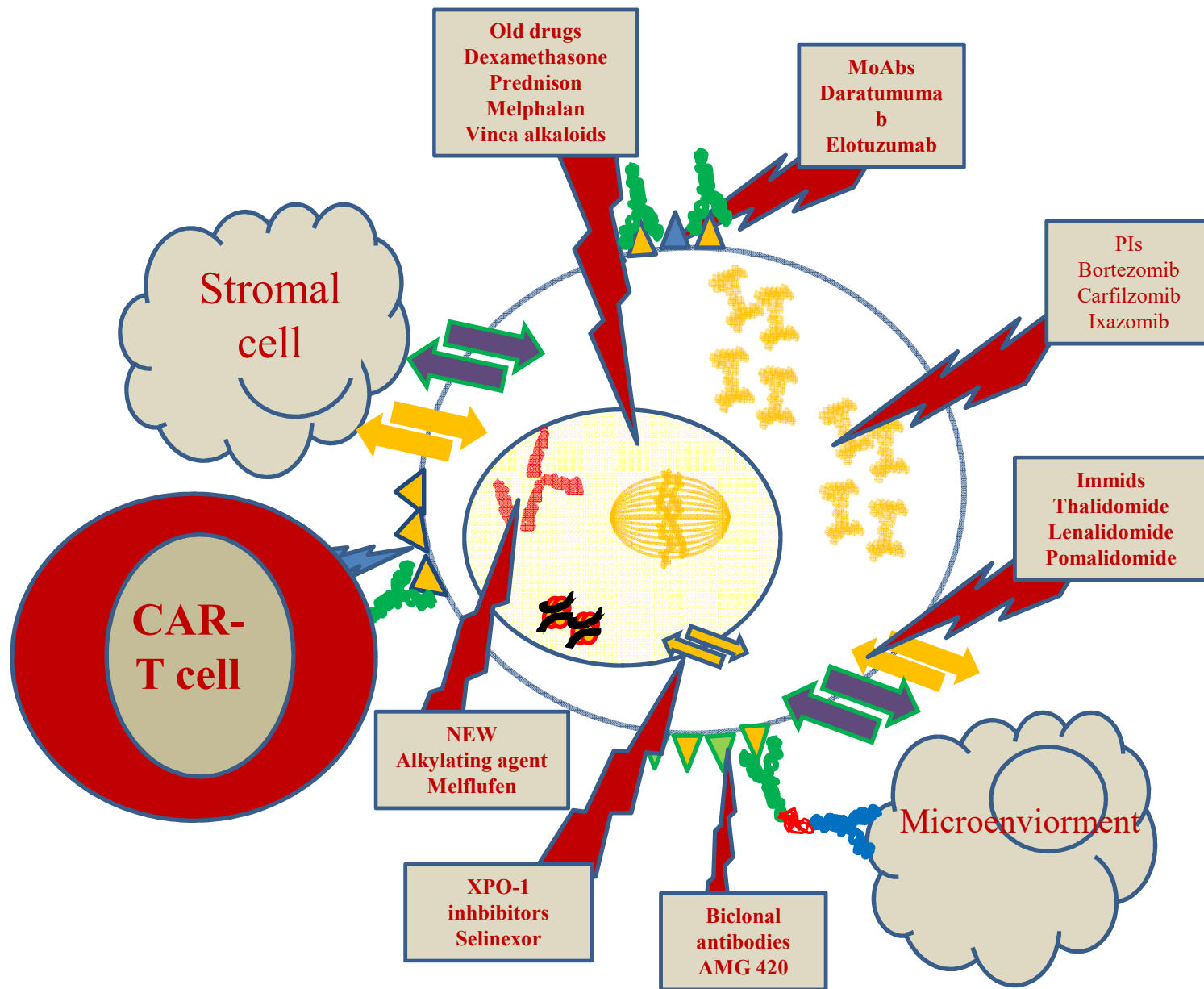
	50 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	150 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	450 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	Total
<b>Patients, n:</b>	14	28	2 <sup>a</sup>	44
<b>Median follow-up, weeks:</b>	1	9	7	11

<sup>a</sup>One patient was not evaluable for efficacy (no postbaseline response evaluation at Day 29).

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response







..this is a team game where every player counts

and new players will show up in the pitch soon



# Beyond the horizon

## New treatment strategies for multiple myeloma

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