### Multiple Myeloma: Changing and Emerging Treatment Paradigms

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# Integration of Novel Therapy Into Myeloma Management

Proteasome inhibitors: Bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib; immunomodulatory drugs: thalidomide, lenalidomide, pomalidomide; HDAC inhibitor: panobinostat; monoclonal antibodies: elotuzumab and daratumumab

Target MM in the BM microenvironment, alone and in combination, to overcome conventional drug resistance *in vitro* and *in vivo* 

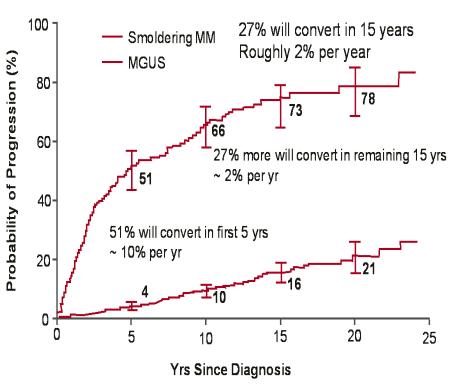
Effective in relapsed/refractory, relapsed, induction, consolidation, and maintenance therapy

22 FDA approvals and median patient survival prolonged 3-4 fold, from 3 to at least 8-10 years, and MM is a chronic illness In many patients.





#### **Progression from MGUS to MM**



Kyle RA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2007;356:2582-2590. Greipp PR, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2005;23:3412-3420.

### Diagnosis of Active MM (IMWG)

Even without CRAB features, the following define active MM:

Bone marrow plasmacytosis ≥ 60%

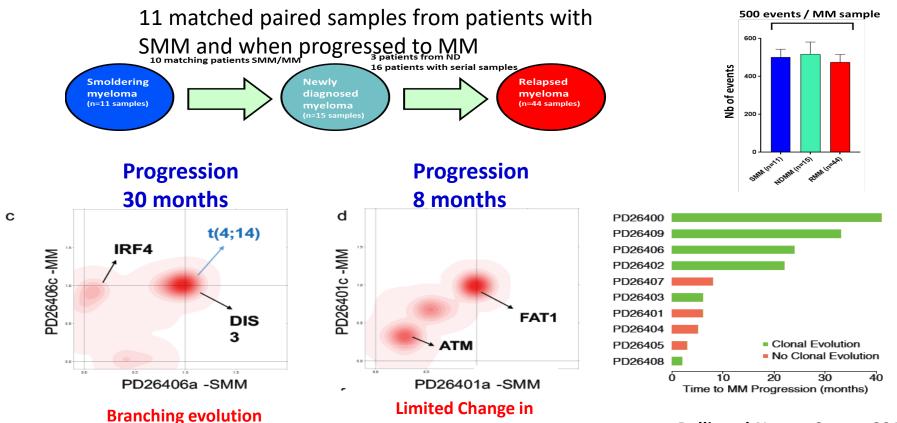
Abnormal FLC ratio ≥ 100 (involved kappa) or <0.01 (involved lambda)

Focal bone marrow lesions on PET-CT and/or MRI

Protocols of novel agents/immune therapies to delay or prevent progression of smoldering to active MM.

Rajkumar et al. Lancet Oncol 2015; 12:e538-e548

## Define Genomic Changes With Progression of SMM to MM: Clinical Implications



Clonal composition

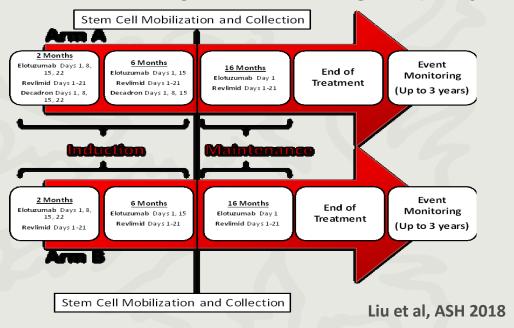
Bolli et al:Nature Comm, 2018





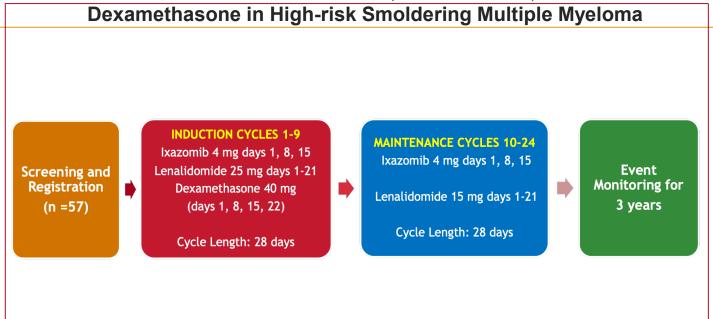


### Phase II Trial of Combination of Elotuzumab, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone for High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma



- 84% > PR, 43% > VGPR, well tolerated
- At 3 years, 95% PFS for EloRd vs 77% for Rd
- Genomic and immune profiling ongoing

#### Phase II Trial of Ixazomib, Lenalidomide, and



• ORR 93.1%, 56% CR or VGPR, well tolerated

Bustoros et al ASH 2018







### Therapy for Newly Diagnosed MM Transplant Candidates (several cycles)

Triplets preferred: Lenalidomide (Len)/ <u>B</u>ortezomib (Bort)/ Dexamethasone (Dex) RVD

Cyclophosphamide (Cy)/Bort/Dex CyBorD

Carfilzomib RD if neuropathy KRD

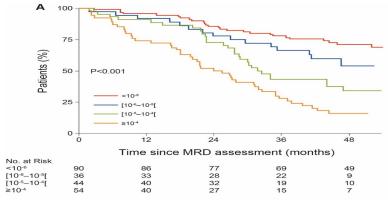
Quadruplets RVD, KRD, RD with or without Dara under evaluation

Doublets rarely used, ie Bort/Dex to improve renal dysfunction, then add Len

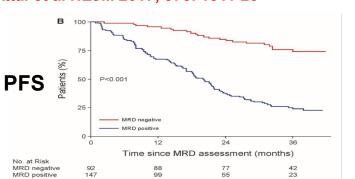
Maintenance Len in standard risk, Bort or Len Bort in high risk

# Role of Transplant and Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) in Multiple Myeloma

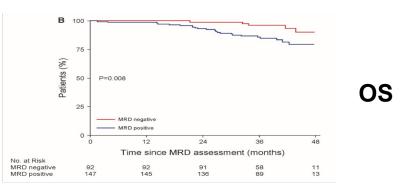
	RVD arm N=350	Transplant arm N=350	p-value
CR	49%	59%	٦
VGPR	29%	29%	0.02
PR	20%	11%	
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At least VGPR	78%	88%	0.001
Neg MRD by FCM , n (%)	228 (65%)	280 (80%)	0.001



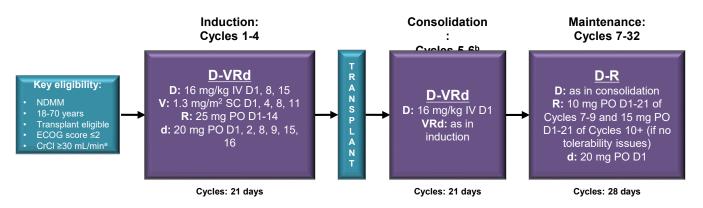
#### Attal et al NEJM 2017; 376: 1311-20



#### **Defined the Sensitivity of the Test**



#### GRIFFIN :Daratumumab (DARA), Bortezomib (V), Lenalidomide (R), Dexamethasone (d; DARA-VRd) vs. VRd in NDMM Eligible for (ASCT)\*



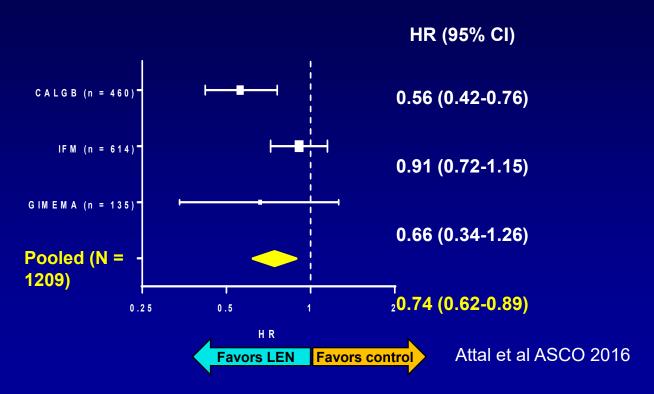
Patients who complete maintenance cycles 7-32 may continue single-agent lenalidomide thereafter

Safety run-in phase in 16 patients to assess dose-limiting toxicities during 1 Cycle of D-VRd:

Well tolerated, 50% MRD negative post consolidation; randomized trial (n-222 D-RVd vs RVd fully enrolled

Voorhees et al ASH 2018

# Lenalidomide Maintenance After High-Dose Melphalan and Autologous Stem Cell Transplant in Multiple Myeloma: A Meta-Analysis of Overall Survival Leading to FDA Approval



The size of the box is related to the size of the individual study. The confidence interval is a function of the overall sample size. HR, hazard ratio.

### Survival Analysis of Lenalidomide Maintenance Therapy in NDMM Post-ASCT Adjusted for Crossover (Alliance 100104)

- Appropriate analysis of crossover studies is vital to enable assessment of therapy value and is recommended by health technology assessment bodies like NICE<sup>6</sup>
- Not adjusting for crossover can underestimate survival benefit
- This updated crossover analysis found LEN maintenance therapy was associated with an OS gain of more than 3 years (40 months) versus placebo
- The results provide further insight into the survival benefit of LEN maintenance post-ASCT, and support guideline recommendations to offer LEN maintenance therapy to all NDMM patients, post-ASCT

# Maintenance Therapy Post-Transplant with Lenalidomide, Bortezomib and Dexamethasone (RVD) Decreases Early Relapse in High Risk Patients

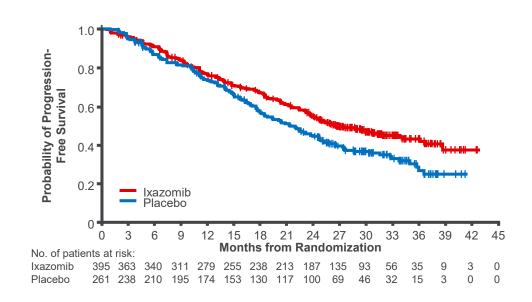
- 1. Stringent CR 51%, 96% VGPR
- 2. Median PFS 32 months
- 3. Three year OS 93%

Incorporate both lenalidomide and bortezomib in maintenance therapy of high risk MM.

Nooka et al, Leukemia 2014: 28: 690-3.

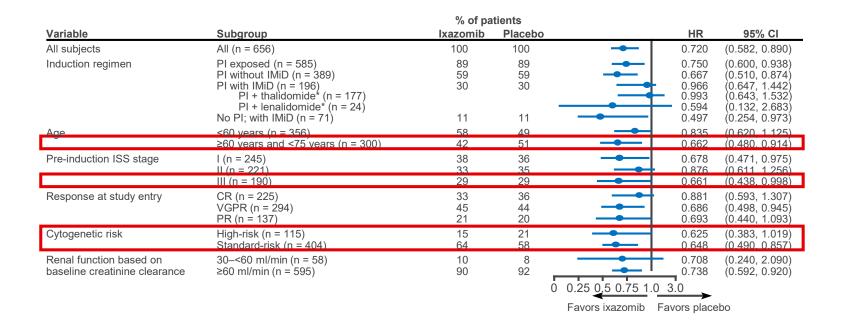
# Maintenance Oral Proteasome Inhibitor Ixazomib Following ASCT in NDMM: Phase 3 TOURMALINE-MM3 Trial 39% improvement in overall PFS with ixazomib vs. placebo

- There was a significant 39% improvement in overall PFS from time of randomization for patients receiving ixazomib vs. placebo maintenance:
  - HR: 0.72; 95% CI: 0.582–0.890
  - p=0.002
  - Median 26.5 months vs. 21.3 months
- With only 14% of deaths reported, at a median follow-up of 31 months, median OS has not been reached in either treatment arm and follow up continues



Dimopoulos et al ASH 2018

### PFS benefit observed across patient subgroups



### Therapy for Newly Diagnosed MM Transplant Ineligible (continuous therapy)

**Triplets preferred at attenuated dose/schedule:** 

Lenalidomide (Len)/ Bortezomib (Bort)/

Dexamethasone (Dex) RVD Lite

Cyclophosphamide (Cy)/Bort/Dex CyBorD

Carfilzomib RD if neuropathy KRD

Ixazomib RD all oral regimen IRD

Daratumumab RD DRD

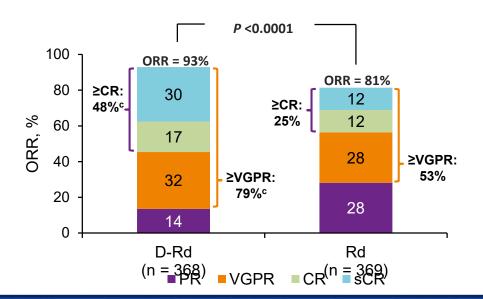
**Quadruplet** Dara Bort Mel Pred D-VMP (ex US)

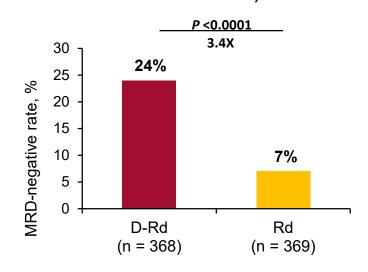
**Doublets** used in frail patients, ie Bort/Dex or Len/Dex at reduced doses

Maintenance Len in standard risk, Bort or Len Bort in high risk

# Daratumumab Plus Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone (D-Rd) Versus Rd in Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma Ineligible for Transplant (MAIA)

Facon et al, ASH 2018





Significantly higher ORR, ≥CR rate, ≥VGPR rate, and >3-fold higher MRD-negative rate with D-Rd

Lower risk of progression or death with MRD negativity

#### **Rd-R vs Rd Continuous in Elderly Intermediate Fit Newly Diagnosed MM**

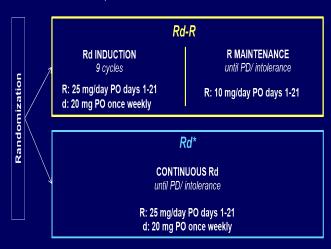
survival

0.75

0.50

### Study design

**199** intermediate-fit patients have been enrolled and could be evaluated



\*The dose and schedule of continuous Rd was the one adopted in patients >75 years in the FIRST trial (Hulin C et al. JCO 2016) R, lenalidomide; d, dexamethasone; PO, orally; PD, progressive disease

Larocca et al ASH 2018

### Rd vs Rd-R: Event-free Survival

Median follow-up 25 months

#### Primary endpoint: Event-free Survival (EFS)

Definition of the event\*:- hematologic grade 4 AEs

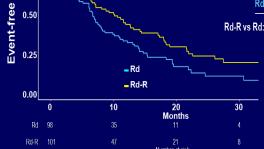
- non-hematologic grade 3-4 AEs including SPM
- discontinuation of lenalidomide therapy
- disease progression



N Median EFS Rd-R 101 9 3 months

Rd 98 6.6 months

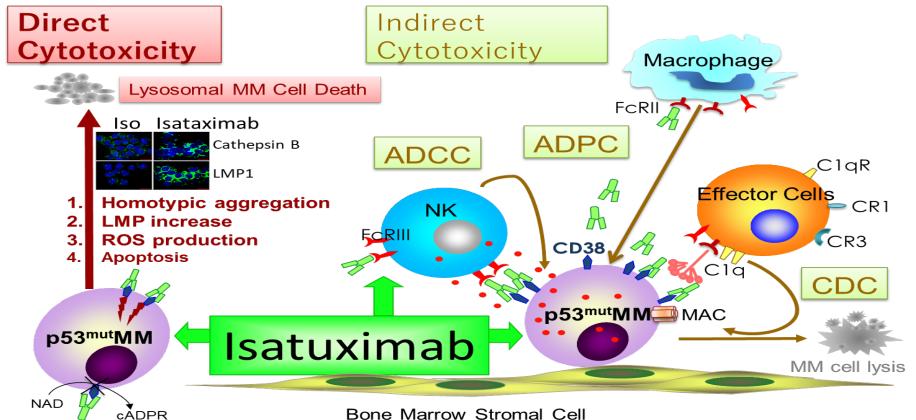
Rd-R vs Rd: HR 0.72; CI 0.52-0.99; p=0.044



R. Lenalidomide: d. dexamethasone: EFS, event-free survival: AEs, adverse events; SPM, second primary malignancy

\*related to study drugs

## Isatuximab Anti-CD38 MoAb Triggers ADCC, ADPC, CDC, and Lysosomal MM Cell-Death



Tai et al Leukemia 2016;30:399

### Isatuximab CD 38 Ab Bortezomib, Lenalidomide, Dexamethasone in NDMM Non-Eligible for Transplant

- ORR confirmed as 100% in efficacy-evaluable patients: ≥VGPR was achieved in 92%
- Overall, 7/16 MRD-evaluable patients (44%) achieved MRD negativity by NGS and/or NGF at the 10<sup>-5</sup> sensitivity level
- The isatuximab regimen was well tolerated with a manageable safety profile
- Median infusion duration for isatuximab was 3.7 h for 1st infusion and 2.7 h for subsequent infusions
   Ocio et al 2018

# Therapy for Relapsed MM Depends on Prior Treatment/Clinical Features:Triplets Preferred With Second Generation IMiDs, Pis, MoAbs

**Active In Len and Bort refractory MM** 

**Carfilzomib Pom Dex (no neuropathy)** 

**Dara Pom Dex (deep responses)** 

**Elo Pom Dex (well tolerated)** 

**Active in Bort refractory MM** 

Elotuzumab/Len/Dex (indolent relapse), Ixazomib Len/Dex (all oral), Carfilzomib Len/Dex (no neuropathy), Dara Len dex (MRD- responses)

**Active in Len refractory MM** 

Pom Bort/Dex, Dara Bort Dex (MRD- responses)

Pom, Carfil, Ixa, Dara, Elo achieve responses in del17p MM

### Carfilzomib, Pomalidomide and Dexamethasone (KPd) in MM Refractory to Bortezomib and Lenalidomide (n=60)

Time to response (median)	2 months
Response after 8 KPd	
CR/sCR	31 %
≥ VGPR	<b>65</b> %
≥ PR	87 %
Poor vs Standard-risk FISH	No difference
Best overall response	
CR/sCR	42 %
≥ VGPR	<b>76</b> %
	92 %

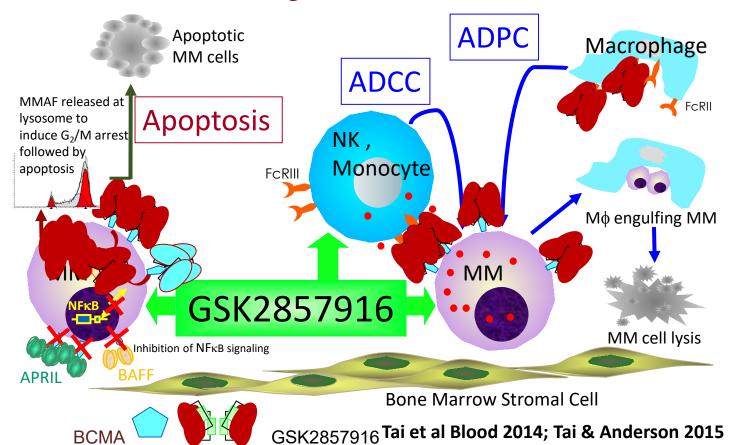
#### Isatuximab Anti-CD 38 Ab + Pom/Dex in RRMM

- The combination of isatuximab with Pom or with Len augments T and NK cell mediated lysis of MM cells and decreases Tregs
- The combination of isatuximab with Pom/dex has an acceptable and manageable safety profile in patients with RRMM.

- ORR 60%, including 61.3% ORR treated at isatuximab 10 mg/kg and 54.1% in IMiD-refractory patients
- Global Phase III study of isatuximab +/- Pom/dex in RRMM patients (NCT02990338) fully accrued

Tai et al Clin Cancer Res 2017;23:4290 Richardson PG., et al, ASH 2017

## A BCMA Auristatin Immunotoxin Induces Strong Anti-MM Effects

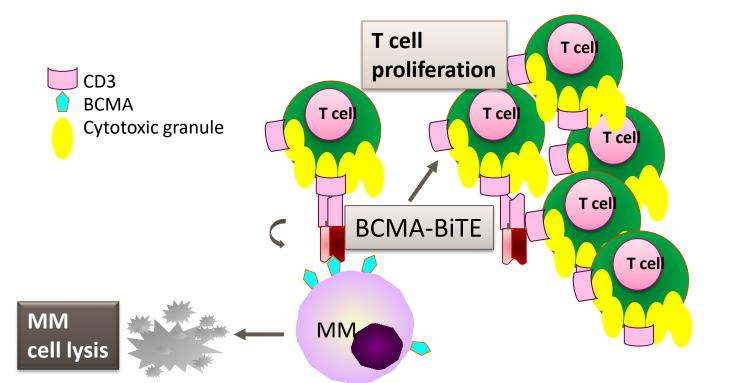


### GSK2857916 Aurostatin Immunotoxin Targeting BCMA in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

- BCMA Selectively expressed on MM/plasma cells
- BCMA MoAb linked to aurostatin immunotoxin
- Median follow-up 6.6 months
- ORR of 60% in heavily pre-treated MM
- Median PFS 7.9 months
- Well tolerated and side effects manageable
  - Thrombocytopenia and corneal events most frequent AEs
  - IRRs occurred in only 23% of patients without pre-medication; no IRRs occurred on subsequent infusions
- Additional monotherapy and combination studies are planned

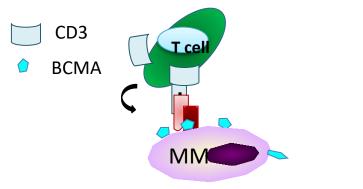
Trudel et al ASH 2017 Lancet Oncol 2018; 19: 1641

### **BCMA-BiTE-Based Immunotherapy**



Preclinical studies suggest IMiDs enhance MM cytotoxicity

Hipp, Tai et al Leukemia 2017; 31:1743-51.



#### AMG 420 an Anti-BCMA BITE® in RRMM

Safety	N=42
Discontinue due to PD, n (%)	21 (50)
Discontinue due to AE, n	7 (17)
SAEs, n (%)	20 (48)
Infection, n (%)	12 (29)
CRS, n Gr1/2/3	13/2/1
Gr3 peripheral neuropathy, n (%)	2 (5)
Gr3 edema	1 (2)
Required hospitalization, n (%)	17 (40)
Prolonged hospitalization, n (%)	4 (10)

Response	N=42
Meancycles given (SD), n	2.4 (2.4)
Median cycles given (range), n	1 (1-10)
Responders (n=13)	
Meancycles given (SD), n	5.4 (3.1)
Median cycles given (range), n	6 (1-10)
Median time to first/best response, mo	1.4/2.8
CRrate,n (%)	7 (17)
VGPR rate, n (%)	1 (2)
PR rate, n(%)	3 (7)

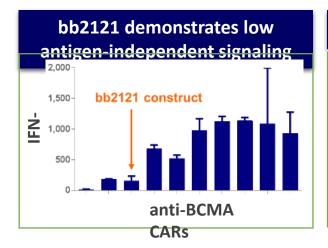
- 2/3 patients experienced DLT at DL 800  $\mu g/d$ :
  - · Gr3 CRS, and Gr3 peripheral polyneuropathy

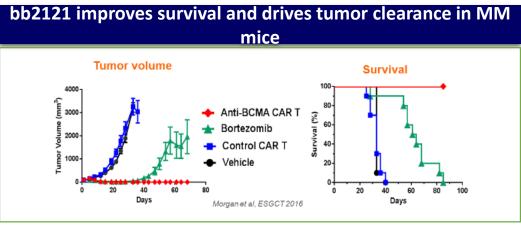
AMG 420, a short half-life BiTE targeting BCMA, showed activity in RRMM. No major toxicities were observed up to 400 µg/d,

# bb2121: An Anti-BCMA Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Product Candidate



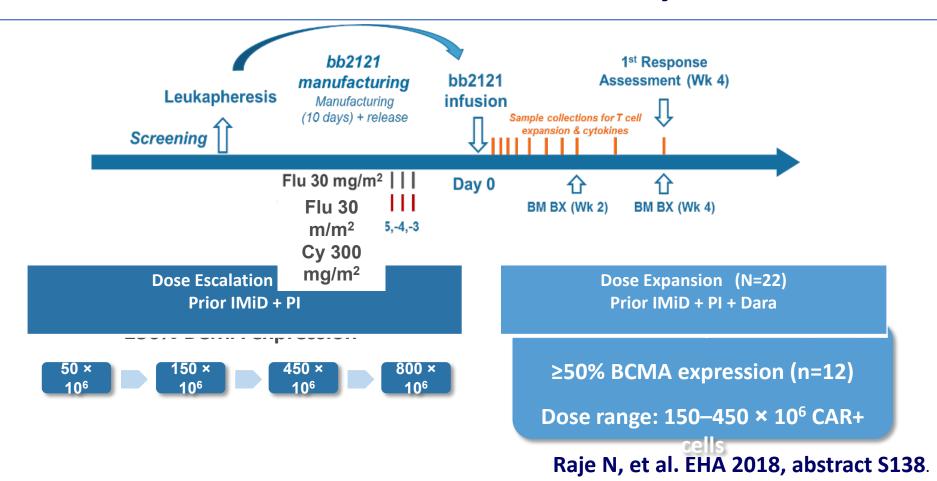
- bb2121 is a second-generation CAR construct targeting BCMA,
- Autologous T cells transduced with a lentiviral vector encoding an anti-BCMA scFv, a 4-1BB costimulatory motif to promote proliferation and persistence, and a CD3ζ T cell activation domain
- Construct demonstrated potent preclinical in vivo activity with low tonic signaling





Raje N, et al. EHA 2018, abstract S138; Berdeja JG, et al ASH

### **CRB-401 BCMA CAR T: Phase 1 Study in RRMM**



#### bb2121 BCMA CAR T cells

bb2121 at active doses (≥150 × 10<sup>6</sup> CAR+ T cells) induces deep and durable responses in a heavily pretreated population with R/R MM

- Median PFS of 11.8 months for patients in the dose escalation cohort
- MRD-negative results in 100% of 16 evaluable responding patients; median PFS of 17.7 months
- Mostly grade 1/2 CRS observed with infrequent tocilizumab and corticosteroid use
- Ongoing trial for FDA approval.

### Phase I Clinical Study of bb21217, a Next-Generation Anti-BCMA CAR T Cell Therapy

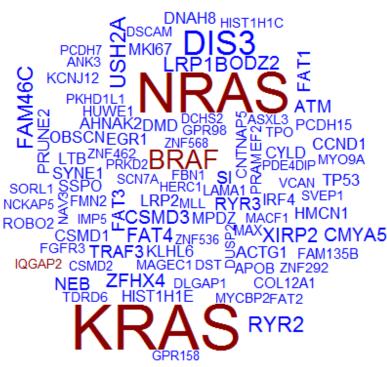
- bb21217 cultured with PI3 kinase inhibitor bb007 to enrich for memory T cells
- bb21217 demonstrated promising early clinical activity in heavily pretreated patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma at first dose level tested
  - 83% ORR with 90% of responses ongoing
  - Elimination of MRD in the bone marrow of all 4 evaluable responders
- Safety profile appears consistent with known toxicities of CAR T cell therapies
- Early clinical evidence of enrichment for memory-like T cells among circulating CAR+ T cells and sustained functional CAR+ T cell persistence
- Dose escalation is ongoing
- Longer follow-up in a larger patient population will clarify the depth and durability of bb21217 tumor responses and dose response

### JCARH125, Anti-BCMA CAR T-cell Therapy for Relapsed/Refractory MM: Phase 1/2 Multicenter Study (EVOLVE)

- JCARH125 is a BCMA CAR T cell product with a fully human binder that enriches for central memory T cell phenotype (both CD4 and CD8)
- JCARH125 was **highly active (ORR 82%)** in heavily pretreated RRMM patient population
- CR/sCR was achieved by 27% patients with trend of deepening responses over time
  - CR/sCR (43%) observed at the lowest dose level of 50 × 10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells
- JCARH125 toxicity was generally manageable
- CRS grade 1 or 2 occurred in 71% of patients, CRS grade ≥3 in 9% of patients
  - Neurological events grade 1 or 2 occurred in 18% of patients, grade ≥3 in 7% of patients
- JCARH125 was active in patients with high baseline levels of sBCMA
- Study continues to enroll patients to further define the phase 2 dose

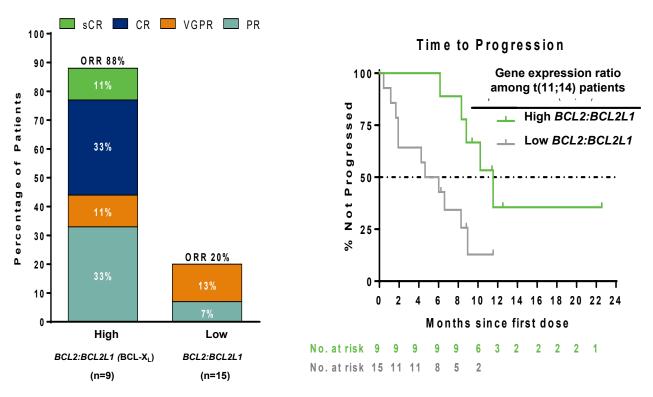


#### **Targeting Mutations in Multiple Myeloma**



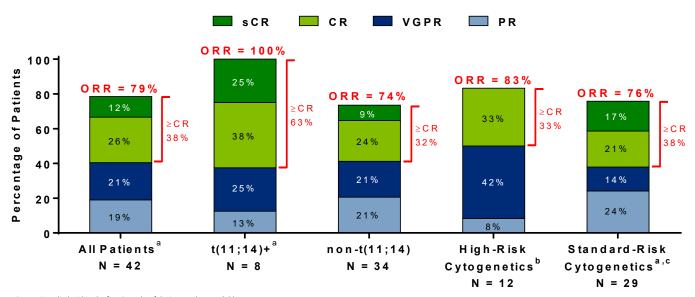
**Therapies Targeting Ras Raf MAPK Pathway Achieve Only Transient Responses, Combination Clinical Trials** Ongoing

### Personalized Medicine: Responses to Venetoclax (Target BCL-2) and Bortezomib (Target Bcl-1) by BCL2: BCL2L1 Ratio Among t(11;14)-Positive Patients with RRMM



Kumar et al,, Moreau et al ASH 2016

#### Phase 2 Study of Venetoclax Plus Carfilzomib and Dexamethasone in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma



a. One patient died within the first 2 weeks of dosing; no data available.

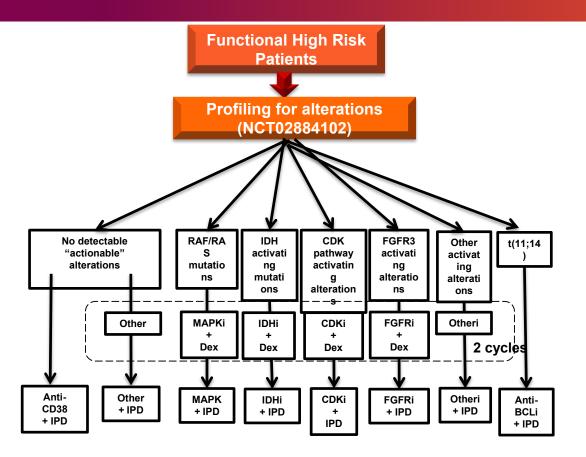
Data cut-off: 17Sep2018

The 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> K dose weekly was selected for expansion

b. t(4;14) or t(14;16) or del(17p)

c. No high-risk cytogenetics

### MY DRUG (MMRF TRIAL)





### **Summary and Conclusions**

- Novel agent trials to delay or progression of SMM.
- Triplets standard, doublets in frail, four drug promising in both transplant and non transplant NDMM
- ASCT with novel agents achieves MRD-, increased PFS
- Maintenance lenalidomide in standard risk, with proteasome inhibitors in high risk MM
- Triplets achieve increased extent and frequency of response,
   PFS, and OS in relapsed MM
- Novel immune therapies: BCMA immunotoxin, Bites, and CAR T cells
- GenomicTargets: Venetoclax, MyDrug

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