

# **Multiple Myeloma: The Cure Around the Corner**

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# **Therapeutic Advances in Multiple Myeloma (MM)**

**Proteasome inhibitors:** bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib; **immunomodulatory drugs:** thalidomide, lenalidomide, pomalidomide; **HDAC inhibitor:** panobinostat; **monoclonal antibodies:** elotuzumab daratumumab, and isatuximab; **nuclear transport inhibitor:** selinexor; **immunotoxin:** belantamab mafodotin; **melflufen, CAR T cell**

**Target MM in the bone marrow (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**

**30 FDA approvals (13 agents) and median patient survival prolonged 3-4 fold, from three to at least eight to ten years, and MM is a chronic illness in many patients.**

**Even without CRAB (Calcium, Renal, Anemia, Bone)  
Myeloma Defining Events (International MM Working Group, IMWG)**

**Bone marrow plasma cells  $\geq$  60%**

**Abnormal free light chain (FLC) ratio  $\geq$  100 (involved kappa) or <0.01 (involved lambda)**

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

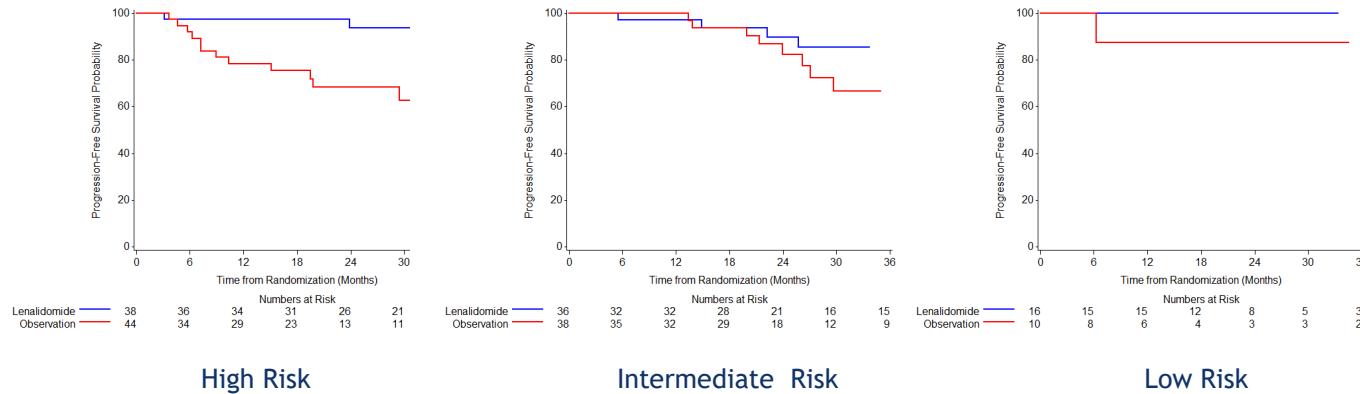
**Treat as MM**

**High Risk Smoldering MM (SMM)**

**$\geq$  2 factors: M protein  $>2\text{gm/dL}$ , BM plasma cells  $> 20\%$ ,  
FLC ratio  $>20$ )**

**Protocols of novel agents/immune therapies to delay  
or prevent progression of high risk SMM to active MM.**

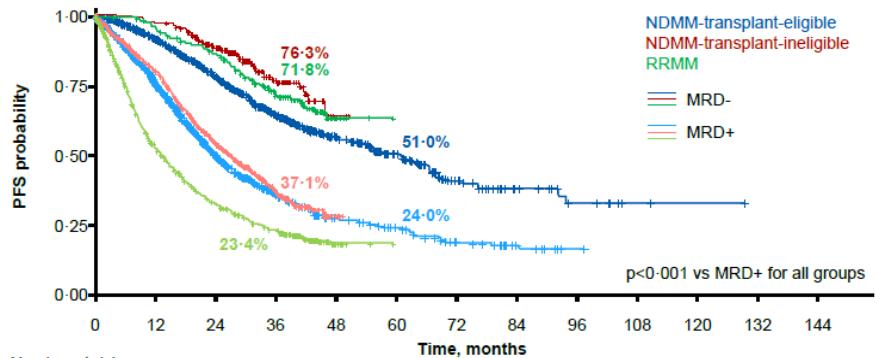
# Continuous Lenalidomide (25 mg d1-21 of 28 d) vs Observation in SMM using IMWG Risk Criteria (>20% plasma cells, M protein > 2gm/dL, serum free light chain ratio >20)



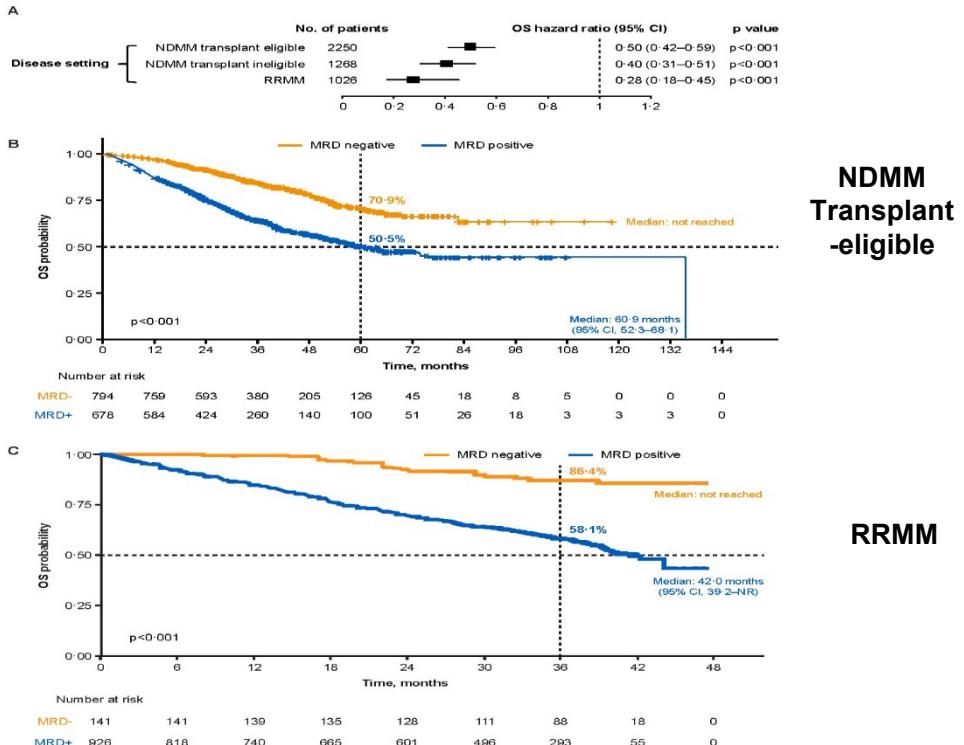
**Decreased progression of high risk SMM to MM  
11.4% vs 3.4% secondary malignancies  
51% discontinuation rate  
No OS difference**

# Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) as a Goal of Therapy to Prolong PFS and OS

PFS



OS



# Therapy for Newly Diagnosed MM Transplant Candidates

## Triplets

Lenalidomide (R)/ Bortezomib (V)/ Dexamethasone (Dex) RVD

Cyclophosphamide (Cy)/Bortezomib/Dex CyBorD

Carfilzomib (K) RD if neuropathy KRD

Ixazomib RD all oral IRD

VRD equivalent to KRD in non high risk; KRD in high risk

## Quadruplets

VTD-Daratumumab (Cassiopeia, MRD- responses, FDA approved)

RVD-Dara (Griffin, MRD- responses),

KRD-Dara (Forte, MRD- including high risk)

Elotuzumab RVD equivalent to RVD in high risk

Isatuximab KRD active in high risk

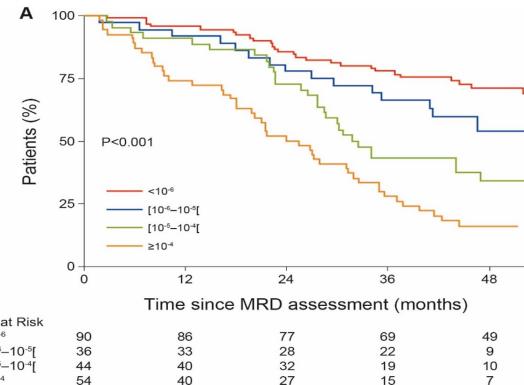
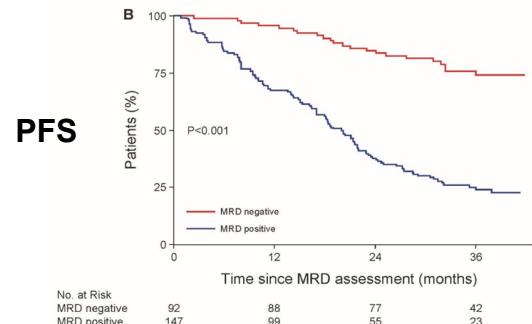
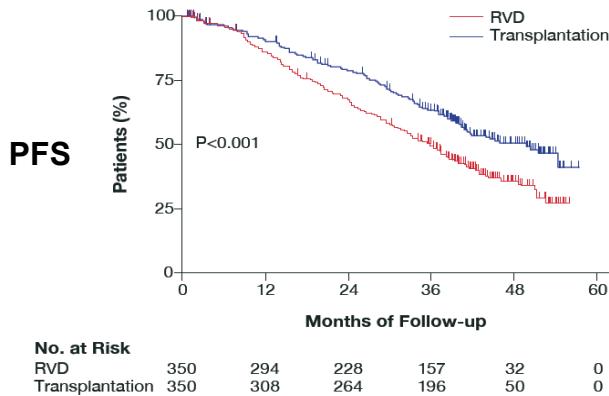
Ixazomib RD Dara under evaluation

## Maintenance

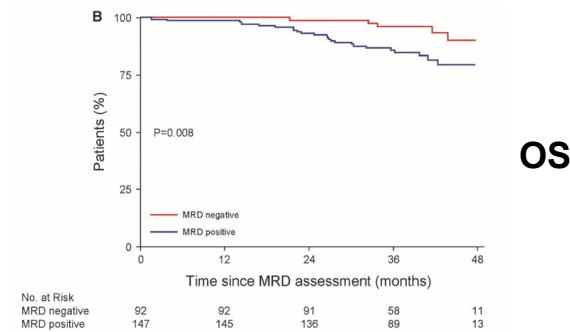
R in standard risk; VR Bort, KR, Dara-R in high risk

# Present: IFM/DFCI 2009 in Newly Diagnosed Transplant Candidates

	RVD arm N=350	Transplant arm N=350	p-value
<b>CR</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>59%</b>	
<b>VGPR</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>PR</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11%</b>	
<b>&lt;PR</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
<b>At least VGPR</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>Neg MRD by FCM , n (%)</b>	<b>228 (65%)</b>	<b>280 (80%)</b>	<b>0.001</b>

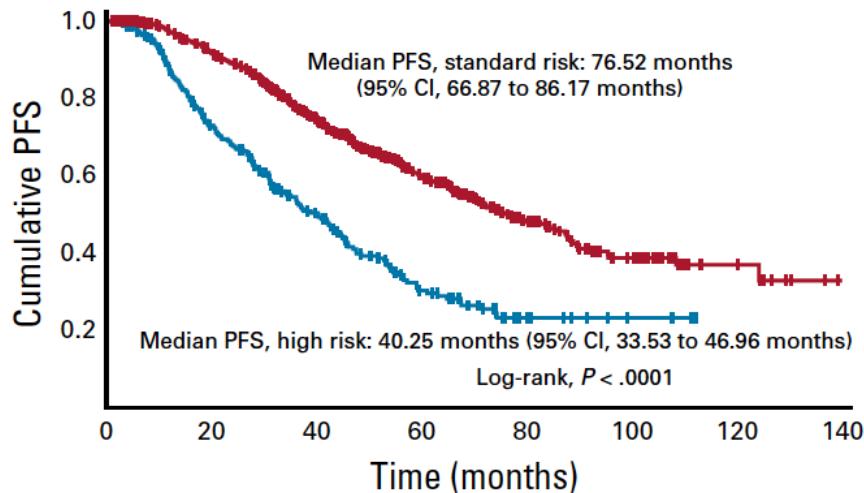


Proportionality of MRD Effect on PFS

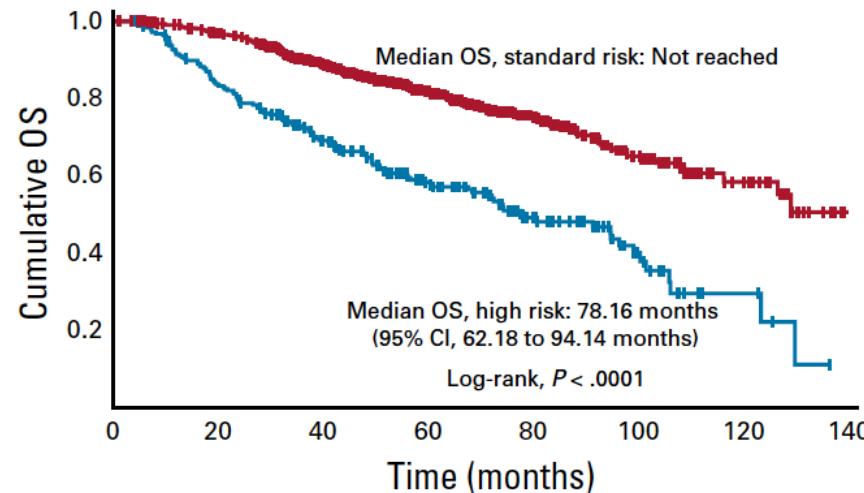


Attal et al NEJM 2017; 376: 1311-20  
 Perrot A et al Blood 2018; 132:2456-64; ASH 2020

# Long Term Followup of Lenalidomide, Bortezomib, and Dexamethasone Induction, ASCT, and Risk Adapted Maintenance

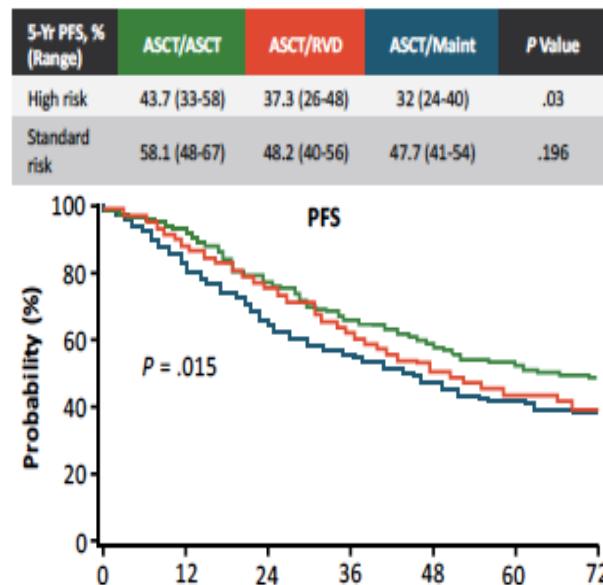
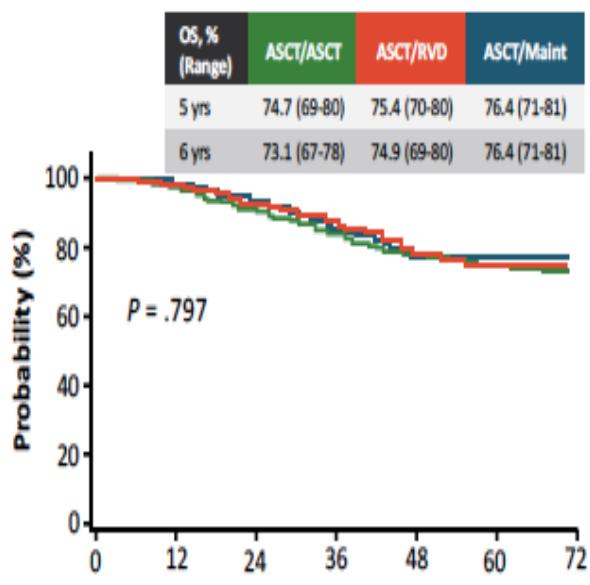
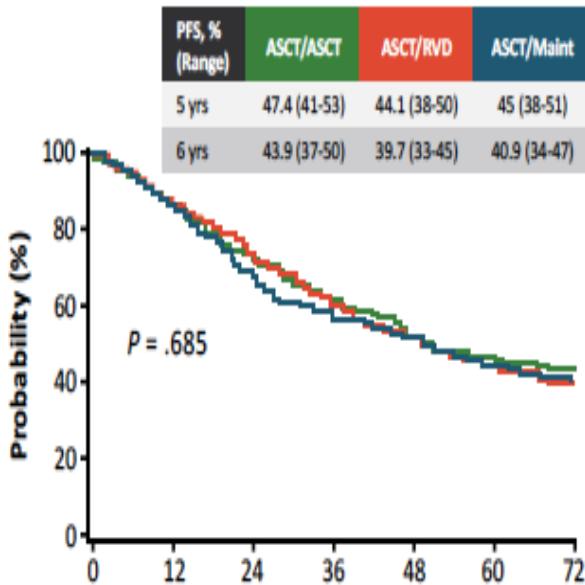


No. at risk:							
Standard risk	503	314	159	75	27	6	1
High risk	154	87	33	9	2	0	0



No. at risk:							
Standard risk	550	394	240	133	56	14	1
High risk	193	134	79	37	14	4	0

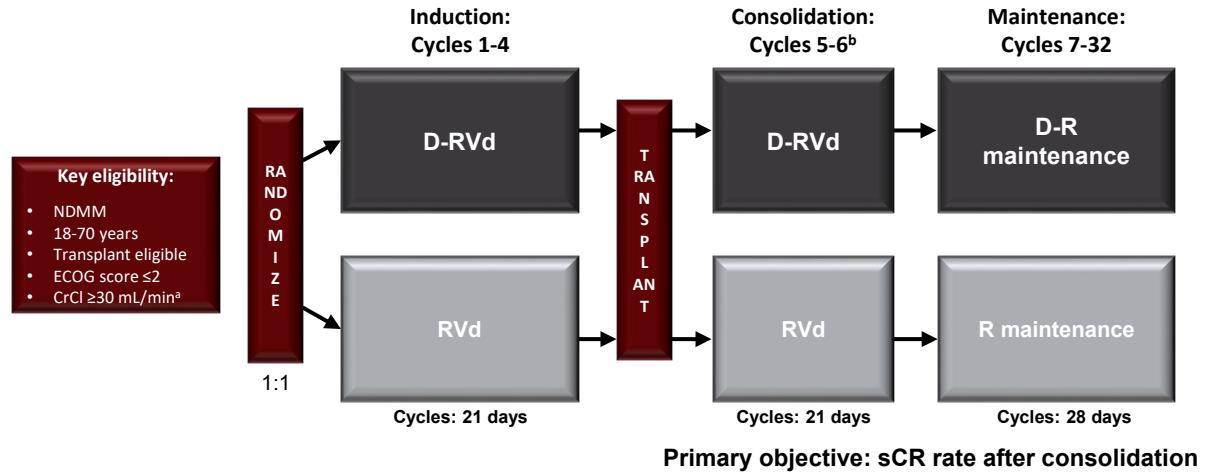
# After Single ASCT: Len Maintenance (Len) vs RVD Consolidation/Len vs Second ASCT (STAMINA)



No difference in PFS in standard risk; PFS benefit for second ASCT in high risk

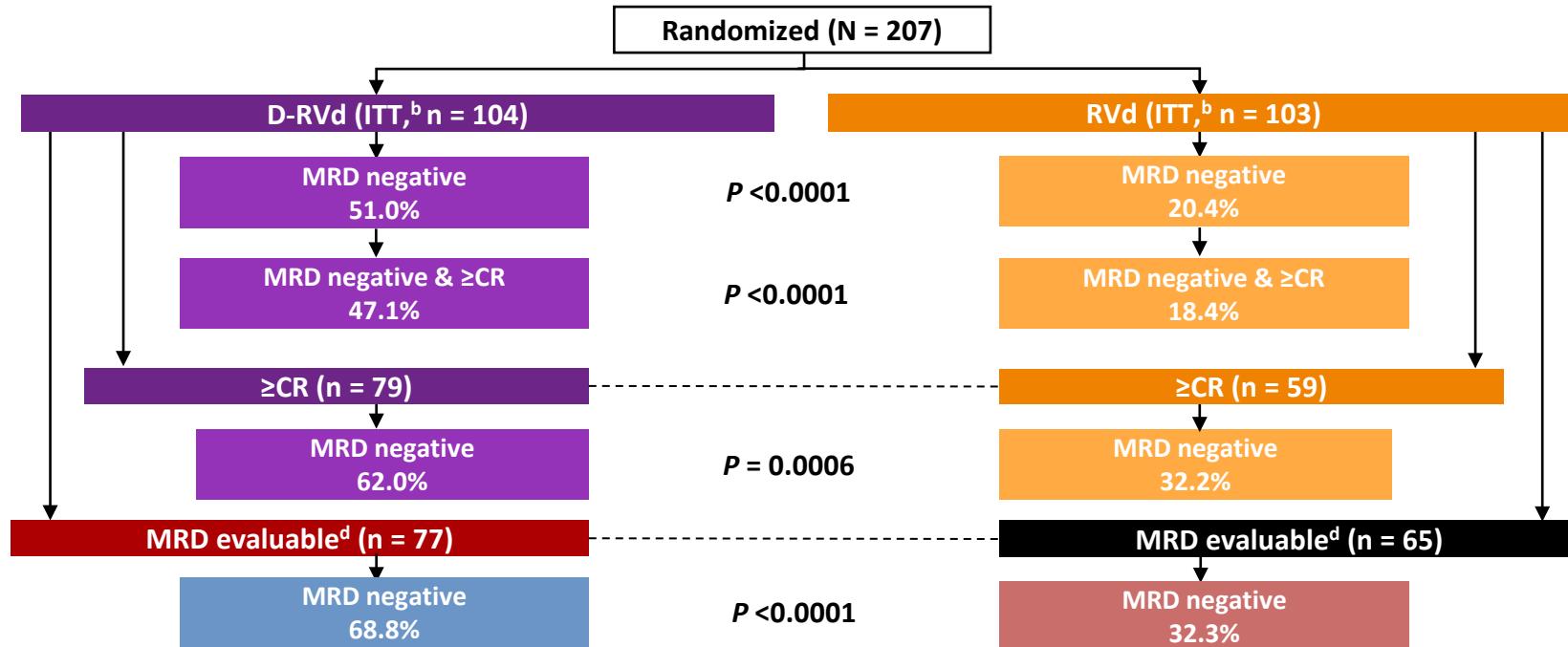
# GRiffin Randomized Phase 2 Study Design

- Phase 2, randomized, open-label study of D-RVd vs RVd in transplant-eligible NDMM; N = 222



Voorhees et al  
Blood 2020; 136:936-45.

# Griffin Clinical Trial: MRD ( $10^{-5}$ ) Negativity<sup>a</sup> at Clinical Cutoff



Sustained MRD-  $\geq 6$  months 37.5% D-RVd vs 7.8% RVd,  $p < 0.0001$   
Sustained MRD-  $\geq 12$  months 28.8% D-RVd vs 2.9% RVd,  $p < 0.0001$

# **Therapy for Newly Diagnosed MM Transplant Ineligible**

**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 (Maia, FDA approved)**

**Doublets**

**Frail patients, ie Bort/Dex or Len/Dex at reduced doses**

**Quadruplet**

**Daratumumab MPV (FDA approved but not used in USA); RVD lite,  
R ixazomib D with or without MoAbs under evaluation**

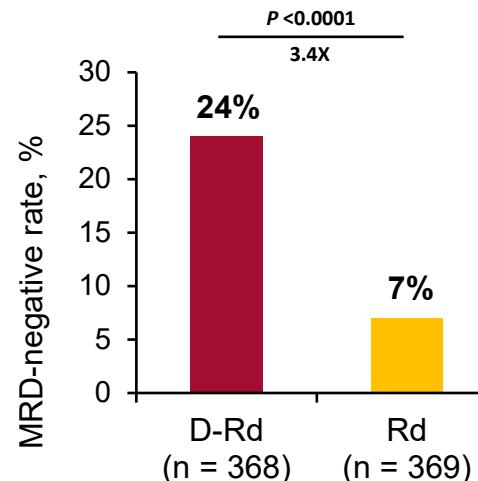
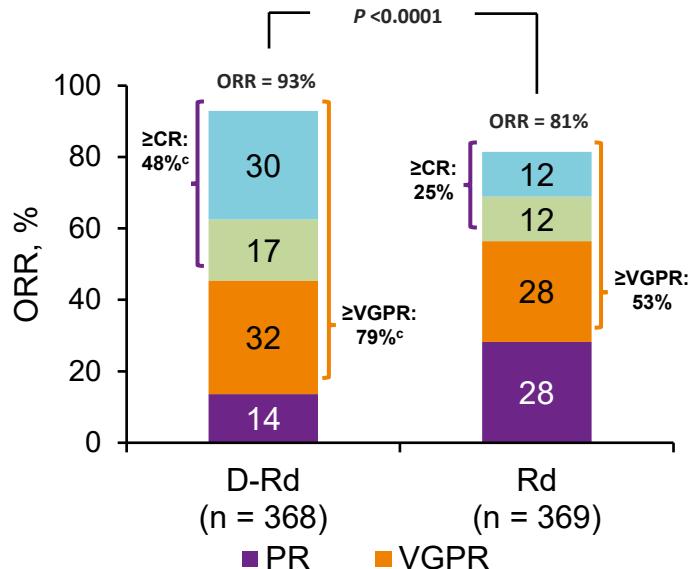
**Maintenance**

**Len in standard risk, Bort or Len Bort in high risk, MoAbs under evaluation**

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

FDA approved June 2019

Facon et al, NEJM 2019; 380: 2104-15.



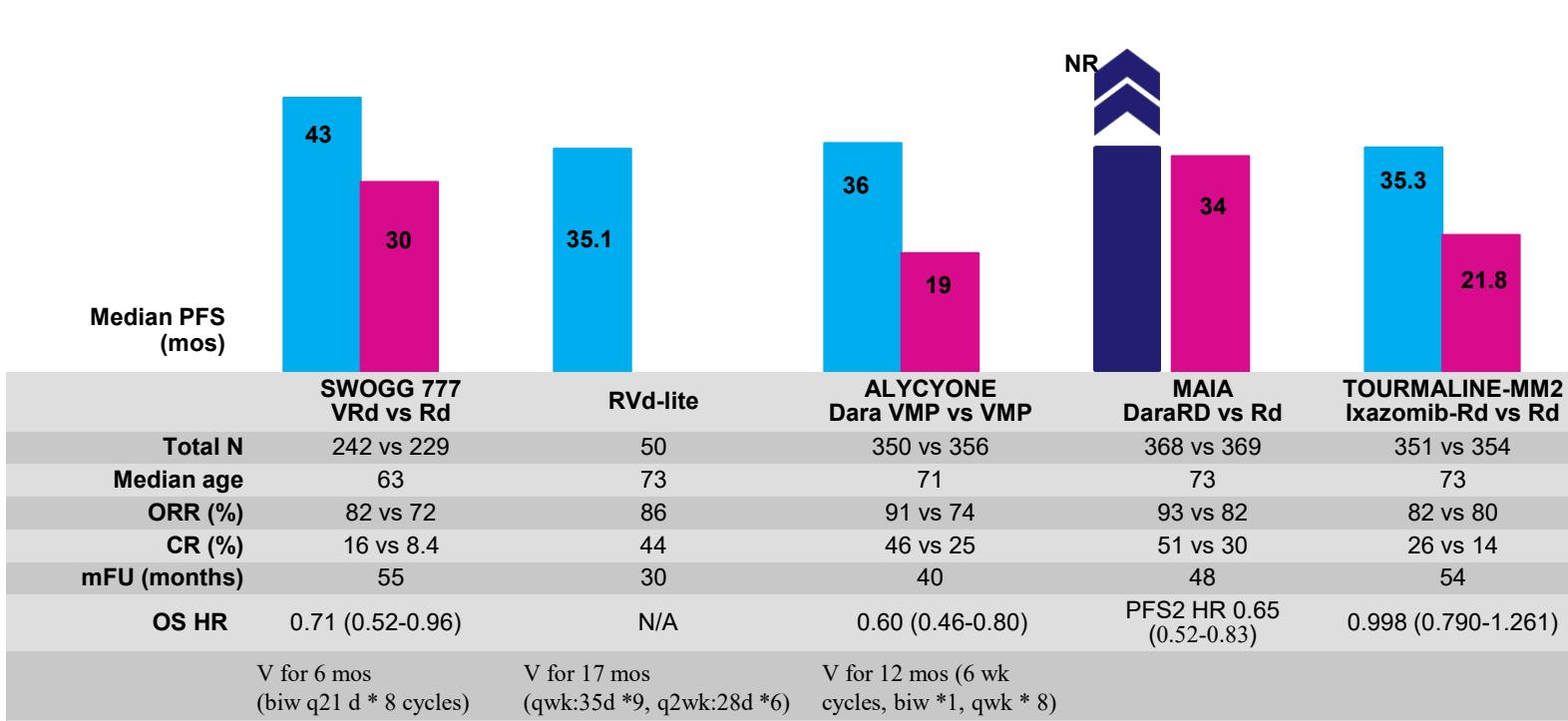
Significantly higher ORR,  $\geq$ CR rate,  $\geq$ VGPR rate, and >3-fold higher MRD-negative rate with D-Rd

- Lower risk of progression or death with MRD negativity

DRd lower risk of progression or death than RVd lite (HR 0.58 or Vd (HR 0.48) Durie et al Am J Hematol 2020; 95: 1486.

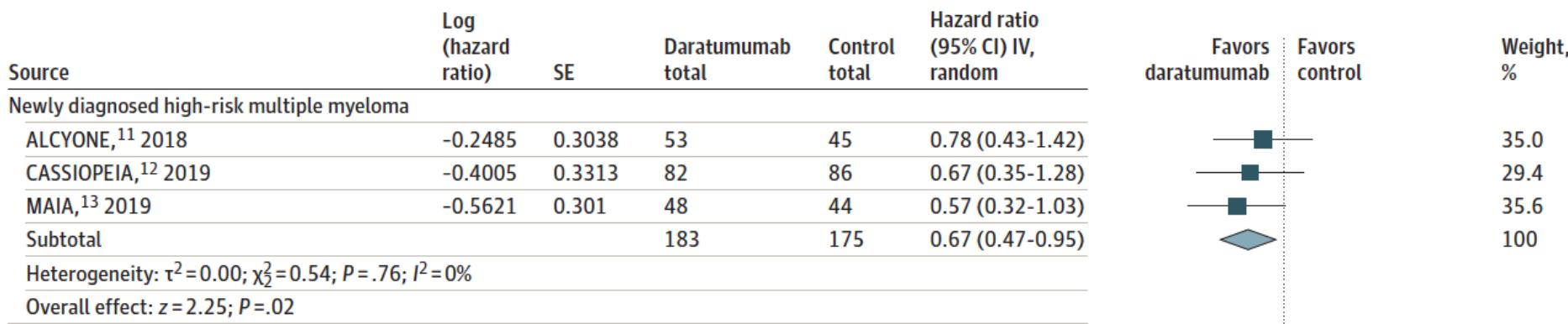
# Newly Diagnosed MM Transplant Ineligible

HR (95% CI)	0.71 (0.56–0.91)	N/A	0.42 (0.34 - 0.51)	0.54 (0.43- 0.67)	0.83 (0.68–1.02)
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# Outcomes Associated With the Addition of Daratumumab to Backbone Multiple Myeloma Regimens for Patients With High-Risk Multiple Myeloma

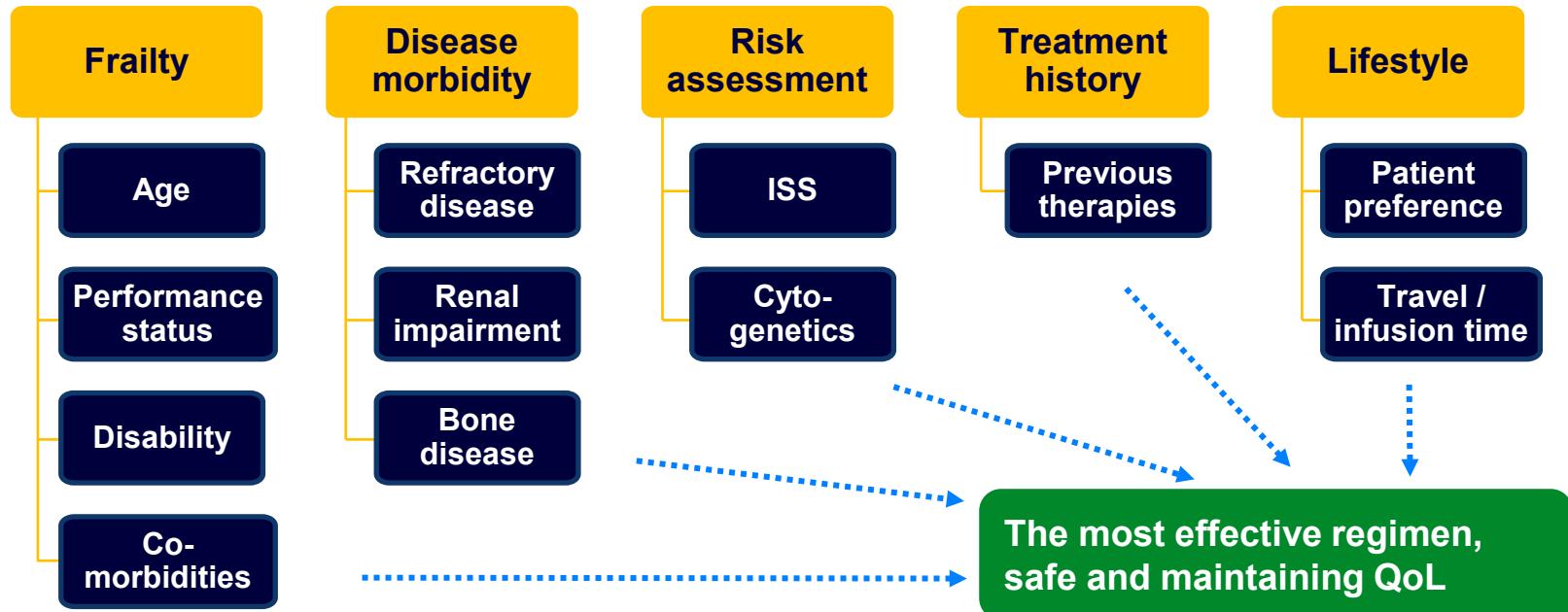


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# Disease and Patient Factors Influence Treatment Choices in Relapsed Refractory MM



# **Therapy for Relapsed MM:Triplets Preferred With Second Generation IMiDs, PIs, MoAbs**

**Active In Len and Bort refractory MM**

**Carfilzomib Pom Dex (no neuropathy)**

**Dara Pom Dex(FDA approved), Dara Carfilzomib Dex (deep responses, FDA approved)**

**Elo Pom Dex (well tolerated, FDA approved)**

**Isatuximab Pom Dex (FDA approved)**

**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) (all FDA approved)**

**Active in Len refractory MM**

**Pom Bort Dex, Dara Bort Dex (MRD- responses)(FDA approved)**

**Active in Len, Pom, Bort, Carfil, Dara refractory MM**

**Selinexor (side effects), Belantamab mafodotin (keratopathy), Idecel CAR T cells ( all FDA approved)**

# Randomized Studies With Bortezomib-Dexamethasone Control Arms (Includes lenalidomide refractory MM)

	Pomalidomide		Daratumumab*		Carfilzomib		Selinexor		Venetoclax	
N	PVd vs Vd 559		DVd vs Vd 498		Kd vs Vd 929		SVD vs Vd 195 vs 207		VenVD vs VD 194 vs 97	
Efficacy	Tx	Control	Tx	Control	Tx	Control	Tx	Control	Tx	Control
Median follow up, mos	16		26.9		37.5		16.5		18.7	
ORR	82%	50%	85%	63%	76%	63%	76%	62%	82%	68%
CR	16%	4%	30%	10%	13%	6%	17%	11%	13%	1%
Median PFS, mos	11	7	16.7	7.1	18.7	9.4	13.93	9.46	22.4	11.5
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.61 (0.49–0.77)		0.32 (0.25–0.40)		0.53 (0.44–0.65)		0.70		0.63	
Median OS, mos	NR	NR	NR	NR	47.6	40.0	NR	25	NR	25
OS HR (95% CI)	NR		NR		0.79 (0.65–0.96)				<b>2.03 (1.04–3.95)</b>	

\*Vd 8 \*21 day cycles

t(11;14):  
PFS HR  
0.11  
OS HR  
0.343

**Daratumamab refractory patients excluded in CASTOR trial, not represented in others**

Richardson et al. Lancet Oncol 2019; 20: 781–94; Palumbo A et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375:754; Spencer A et al. *Haematologica.* 2018; Sep 20 [epub ahead of print]; Dimopoulos MA et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:27; Dimopoulos et al ASCO 2020; Kumar, S EHA 2019

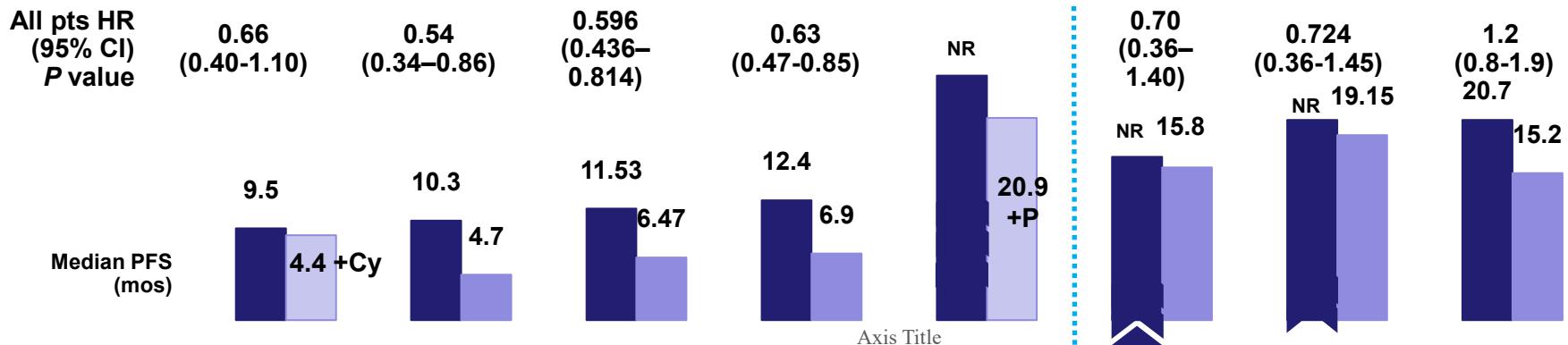
# Randomized Studies With Lenalidomide-Dexamethasone Control Arms (FDA approved, includes Bort refractory MM)

	Ixazomib		Elotuzumab		Carfilzomib*		Daratumumab	
N	IRd vs Rd 722		ERd vs Rd 646		KRD vs Rd 792		DRd vs Rd 569	
Efficacy	Tx	Control	Tx	Control	Tx	Control	Tx	Control
Median follow up, mos	23		Min 48 mos		67		32.9	
ORR	78.3%	71.5%	79%	66%	87.1%	66.7%	93%	76%
CR	12%	7%	5%	9%	32%	9.3%	55%	23%
Median PFS, mos	21	14.7	19	14.9	26	16.6	NR	17.5
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.74 (0.59–0.94)		0.71 (0.59–0.86)		0.69 (0.57–0.83)		0.44 (0.34–0.55)	
Median OS, mos	NR	NR	48.3	39.6	48.3	40.4	NR	NR
OS HR (95% CI)	NR		0.78 (0.63–0.96)		0.79 (0.67–0.95)		NR	

\*PFS HR 0.5 @ 18 mos

**NB Daratumamab refractory patients not included in POLLUX or ELOQUENT trials**

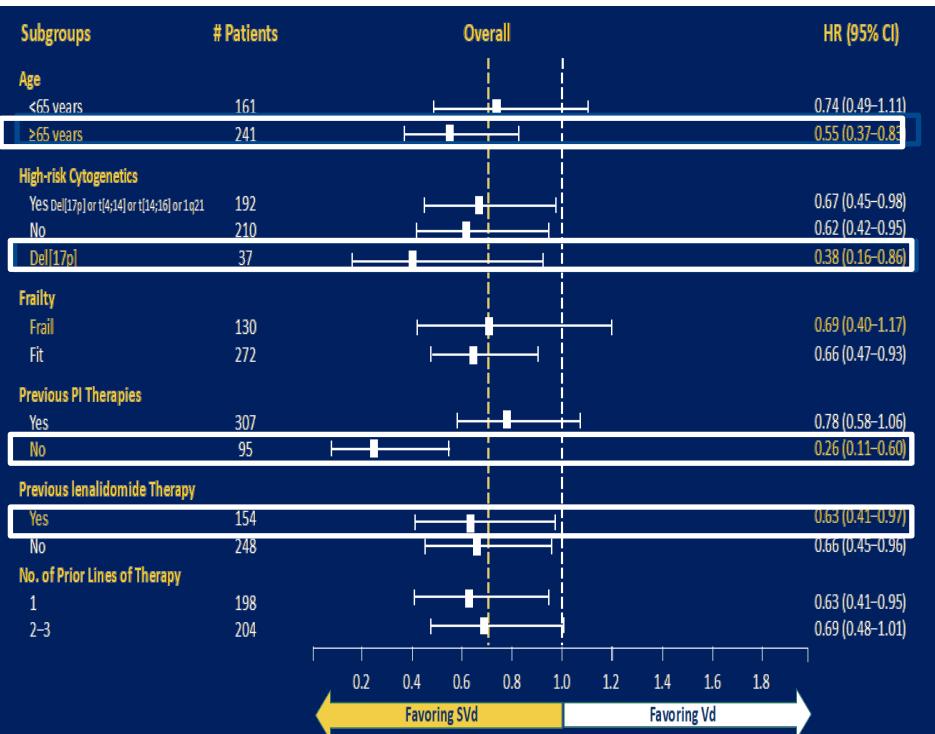
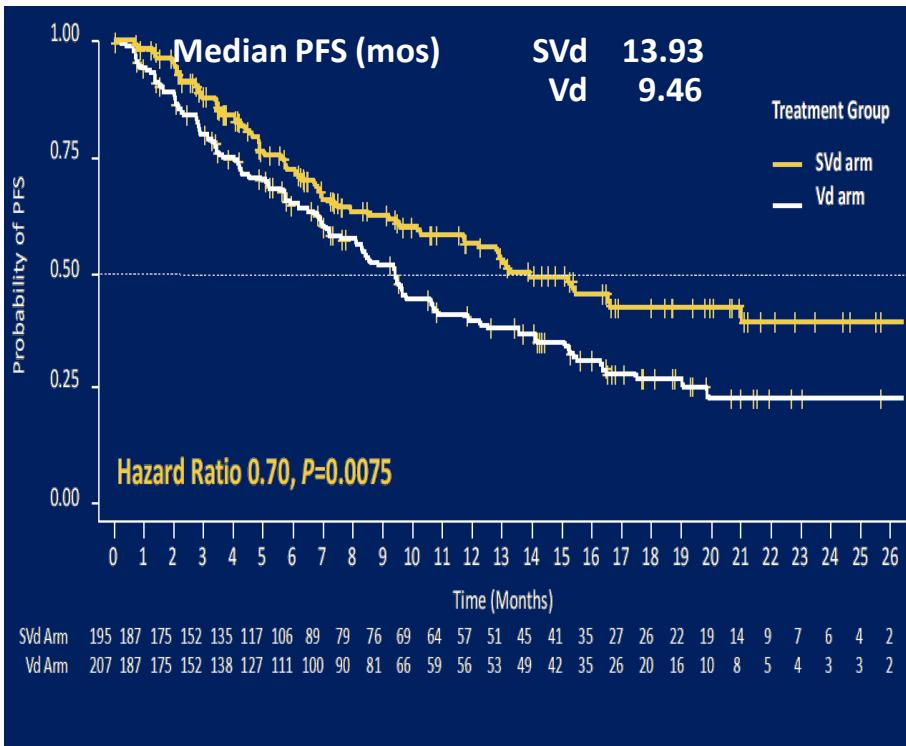
# Pomalidomide/Carfilzomib Backbone Randomized Studies



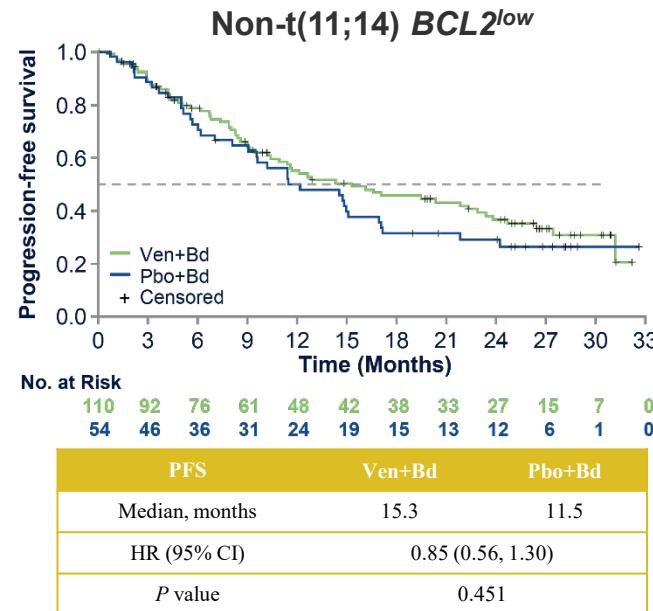
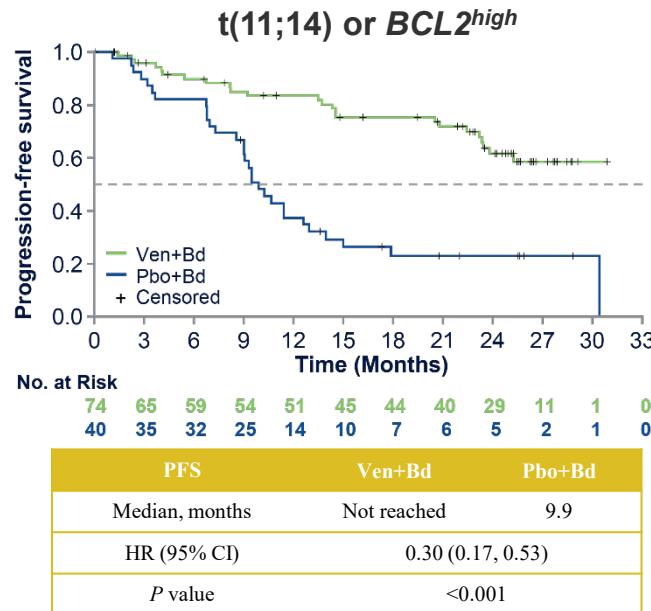
	PomCyDex vs PomDex+Cy <sup>1</sup>	ELOQUENT-3 <sup>2</sup> EPd vs Pd	ICARIA-MM <sup>4</sup> Isa-Pd vs Pd	APOLLO <sup>5</sup> D-Pd vs Pd	DCdP vs DCd+P <sup>6</sup>	CANDOR <sup>7</sup> DKd vs Kd	IKEMA <sup>8</sup> IsaKd vs Kd	GEM <sup>9</sup> KyCydex vs Kydex
Total N	34 vs 36	60 vs 57	154 vs 153	151 vs 153	61 vs 59	312 vs 154	179 vs 123	97 vs 101
No. prior lines	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Len refractory (%)	100	90 vs 84	94 vs 92	79.6	97	32 vs 36	31.8 vs 34.1	33 vs 36
PI refractory (%)	78 vs 71	78 vs 82	77 vs 75	48	93			92
mFU (months)		9.1	11.6	16.9	25.3 (8.9 mo after +P in Arm B)	16.9 vs 16.3	20.7	15.6
≥CR (%)	3 vs 3	8 vs 2	5 vs 1	24.5 vs 3.9		29 vs 10	39.7 vs 27.6	18 vs 20
OS HR	0.63 (0.32-1.22)	NR	NR	0.91 (0.61-1.35)	NR			P=0.9
Missing Molecular Data (%)			18 vs 26			51 vs 49	12.8 vs 11.4	24.7 vs 21.7

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# BOSTON Trial: Selinexor-Vd vs Vd in Patients with Multiple Myeloma who Had Received 1-3 Prior Therapies (FDA Approved)

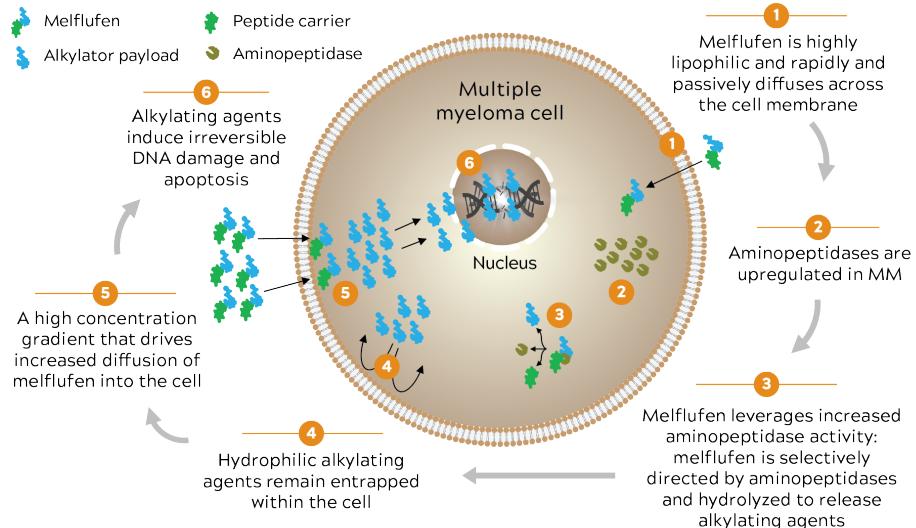


# PFS Is Significantly Prolonged with Venetoclax in Patients With t(11;14) or *BCL2*<sup>high</sup>, but Not in Patients With Non-t(11;14), *BCL2*<sup>low</sup> MM



High *BCL2* gene expression was determined by qPCR.

# Melphalan Flufenamide (Melflufen) Is the First Aminopeptidase-Targeted Peptide-Drug Conjugate (PDC) (FDA Approved)

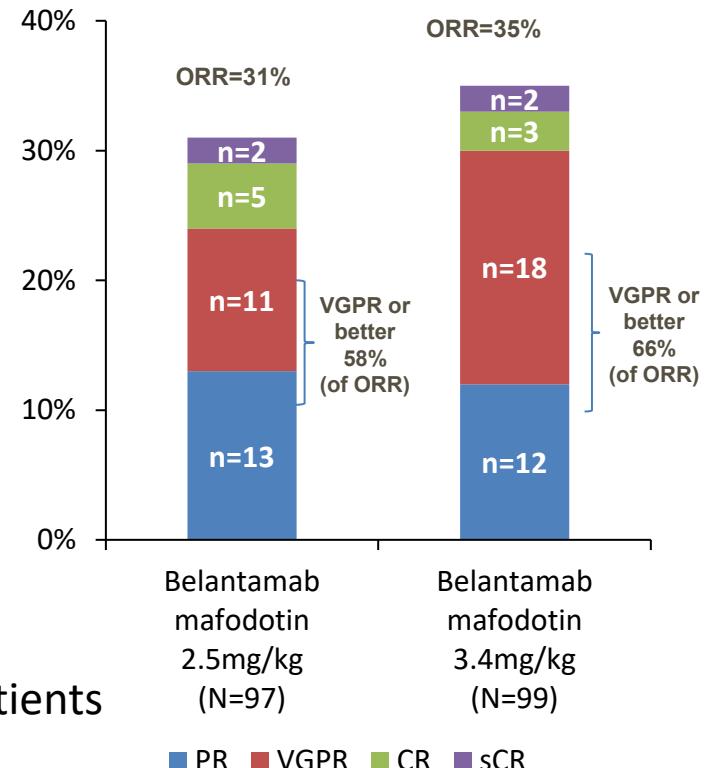


- In the pivotal phase 2 HORIZON study (OP-106) of melflufen plus dexamethasone in MM refractory to pomalidomide and/or anti-CD38 mAb therapy: acceptable safety<sup>6</sup>
  - ORR 29%; median PFS 4.2 months, and median OS 11.6 months
  - Grade 3/4 hematologic AEs common: 79% neutropenia, 76% thrombocytopenia, and 71% anemia were clinically manageable; nonhematologic AEs were infrequent

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## BCMA ImmunoToxin: Belantamab Mafodotin 3.4mg/kg vs 2.5-mg/kg in RRMM (13 month followup) (FDA Approved 2020)

	belantamab mafodotin 2.5mg/kg (n=97)	belantamab mafodotin 3.4mg/kg (n=99)
mOS	14.9 months (95% CI: 9.9-NR)	14.0 months (95% CI: 10-NR)
mDOR	<b>11.0 months (95% CI: 4.2-NR)</b>	6.2 months (95% CI: 4.8-NR)
mPFS	2.8 months (95% CI: 1.6-3.6)	3.9 months (95% CI: 2.0-5.8)
ORR*	31% (97.5% CI: 21.7-43.6)	35% (97.5% CI: 24.8-47.0)



Keratopathy 27% (2.5mg/kg) and 21% (3.4mg/kg) patients

**2.5mg/kg chosen for further studies**

# CAR T-Cell Therapy in Multiple Myeloma

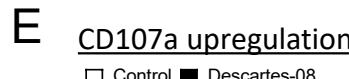
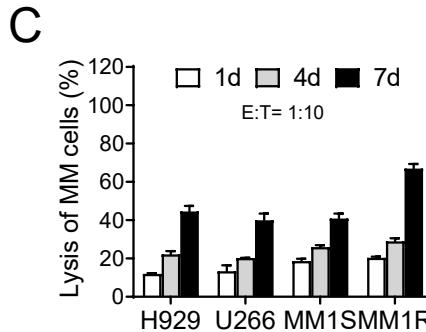
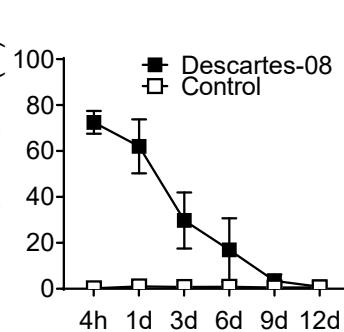
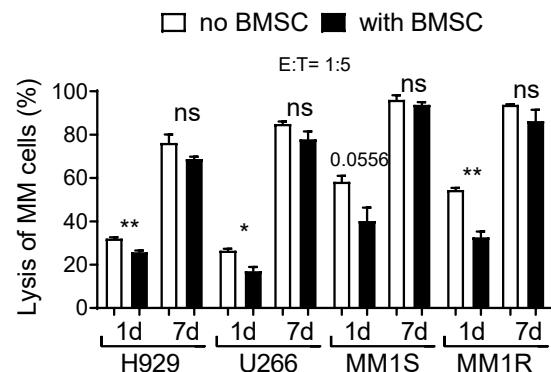
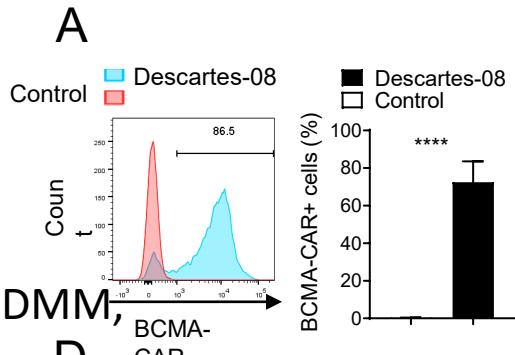
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<b>CRS, % All grades Grade ≥3</b>	84% 5%	9% 4%	89% 3%	70% 4%	77% / 83% <sup>a</sup> 0% / 0%	17% 0%	100% 13%	45% 0%
<b>NT, % All grade Grade ≥3</b>	18% 3%	21% 10%	13% 3%	16% 4%	15% / 17% <sup>a</sup> 8% / 0%	4% 4%	0% 0%	0% 0%
<b>ORR CR</b>	73% ≥CR 33% (450: OR 81%, CR 39%)	97.9% ≥CR 67%	92% CR 36%)	68% (≥CR 29%)	94% (≥CR 28%)	44% - 75% <sup>b</sup>	94% (≥CR 56%)	60% in DL3 (n=10)
<b>Median follow-up</b>	13.3 mo	12.4 mo		5.8 mo	6 mo	120-508 days <sup>b</sup>	7.3 mo	3.2 mo
<b>Median DOR</b>	10.7 mo (450: 11.3 mo)	21.8 mo	Not reported	17.0 mo	Not reported	Not reported	Not reached	Not reported
<b>Median PFS</b>	8.6 mo 12.2 mo 20.2 CR/sCR	22.8 mo sCR: NR	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
<b>Median OS</b>	24.8 mo	18 mo OS: 80.9%	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported

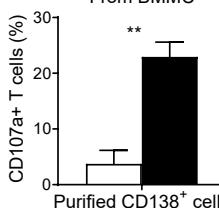
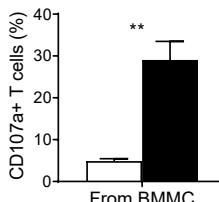
Munshi et al; Madduri et al; Lin et al; Alsina et al; Kumar et al; Costello et al;  
Jiang et al; Mailankody et al; Anderson et al ASH/ASCO 2020,2021; Usmani et al ASCO 2021

# Transiently Active Anti-BCMA mRNA-Electroporated CD8+ CAR T-Cells (Descartes-08) for MM

Trial in NDMM,  
No CRS,  
Repeated  
Doses

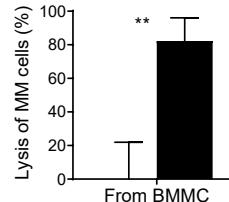


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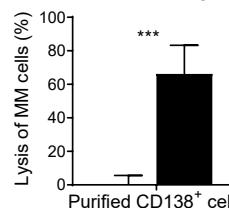


Patient MM cell lysis

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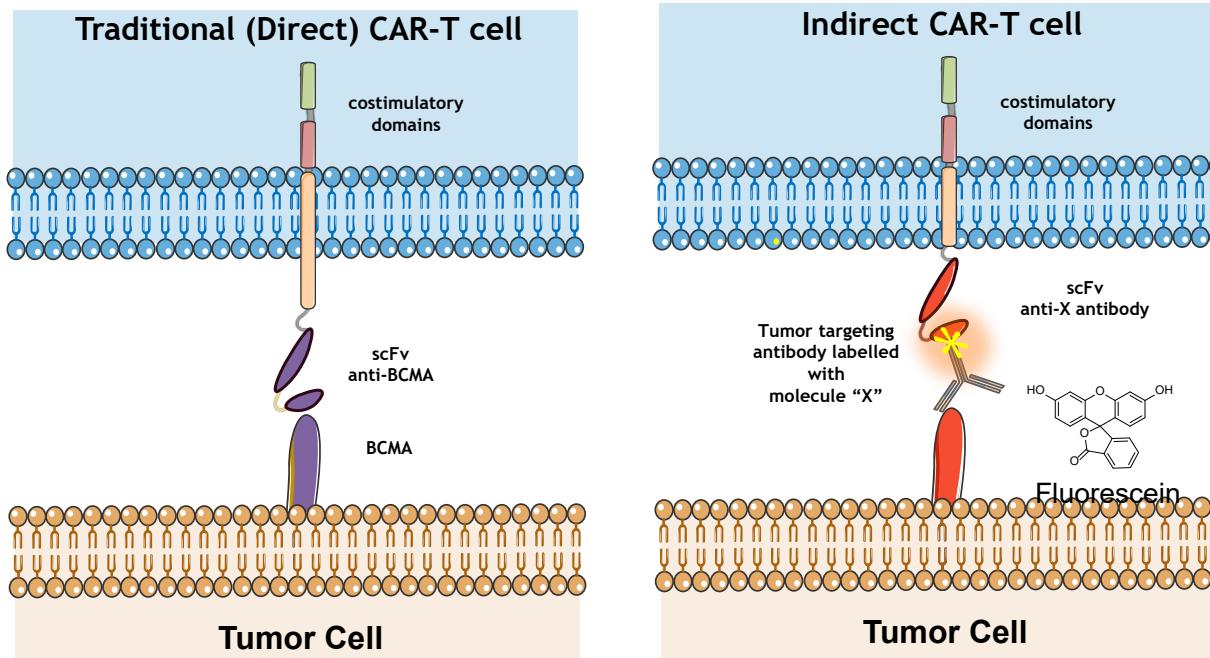


T with  
Patient BMMCs  
(n=3)



T with  
CD138-purified  
patient MM  
cells      (n=3)

# BAT-CAR: Binary Activated T Cell with Chimeric Antigen Receptor



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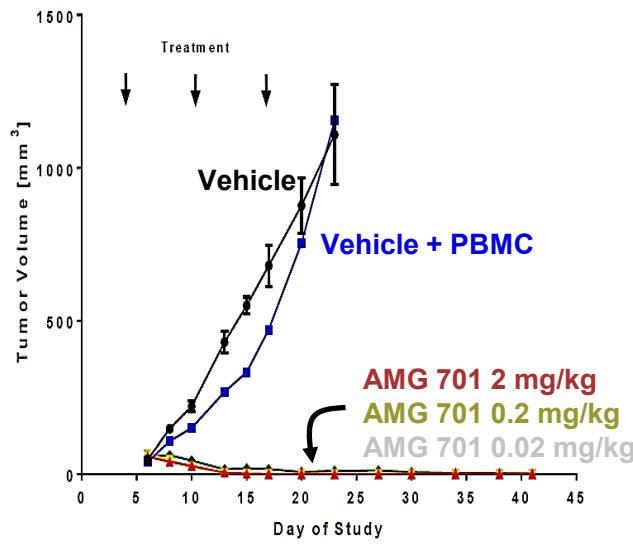
# Bispecific T Cell Engagers (Bites) in Multiple Myeloma

	Tesclistamab Ph1 N=149	AMG-701 Ph1 N=85	REGN5458 Ph1 N=49	PF-3135 Ph1 N=30	Talquetamab Ph1 N=157	Cevostamab Ph1 N=53
Target	<b>BCMA-CD3</b>	<b>BCMA-CD3</b>	<b>BCMA-CD3</b>	<b>BCMA-CD3</b>	<b>GPRC5D-CD3</b>	<b>FcRH5-CD3</b>
Dosing Schedule	Q2W→QW IV or SC IV: 0.3-19.2 µg/kg SC: 80-3000 µg/kg	QW IV (0.005-18 mg)	QW→Q2W IV (3-96mg)	QW SC (80-1000µg/kg)	QW or Q2W IV: 0.5-180 µg/kg SC: 5-800 µg/kg	Q3W IV (0.05-160mg)
CRS, % Any grade Grade ≥3	55% 0	65% 9%	39% 0	73% 0%	54% 3%	76% 2%
NT, % Any grade Grade ≥3	5% 1%	Not reported	12% 0	Not reported	6% 2%	Not reported
ORR	At RP2D (1500 µg/kg SC): 73% (≥CR, 23%)	26% (≥CR, 10%)	39% (≥CR, 16%)	80%	At RP2D (405 µg/kg SC): 69% (≥CR, 15%)	In ≥20 mg cohorts: 53% (≥CR, 18%)
Median follow-up	At RP2D: 3.9 mo	6.5 mo	2.6 mo	Not reported	≥60 µg/kg: 7.4 mo ≥405 µg/kg: 3.7 mo	8.1 mo
Median DOR	Not reached	Not reached	6.0 mo	Not reported	Not reached	8 patients ≥6 mo
Median OS	Not reached	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Non reported	Not reported

Garfall et al; Harrison et al; Madduri et al Chari et al; Cohen et al ASH, ASCO 2020

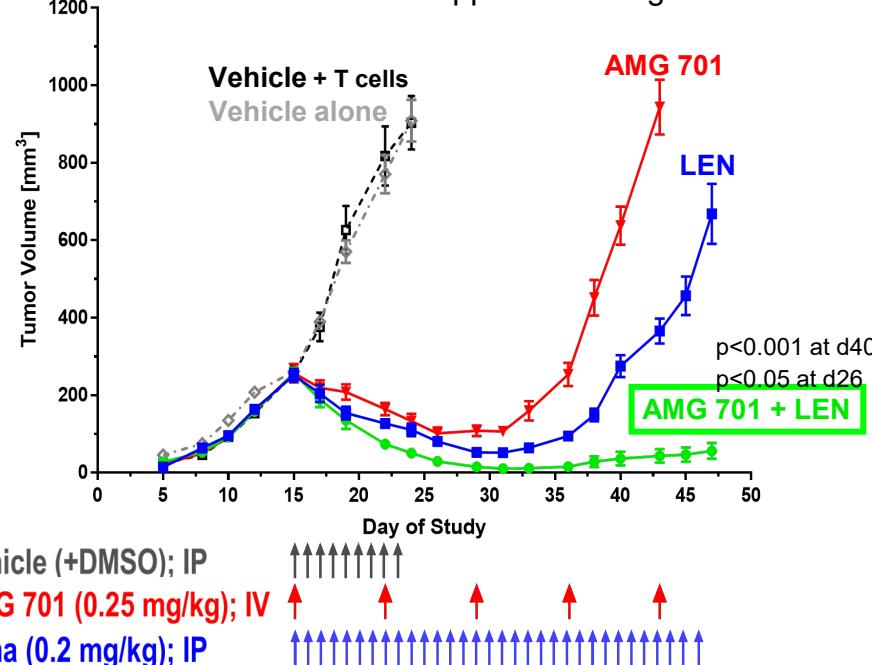
# Combination AMG 701 and Lenalidomide Enhanced Anti-tumor Activity in a Mouse Model of Established MM (Clinical Trial Ongoing)

AMG 701 prevents tumor growth in a xenograft model at all doses tested



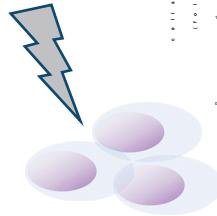
Monotherapy: 3 separate dosing

Combination of minimally effective doses of AMG 701 with lenalidomide enhance and suppress tumor growth

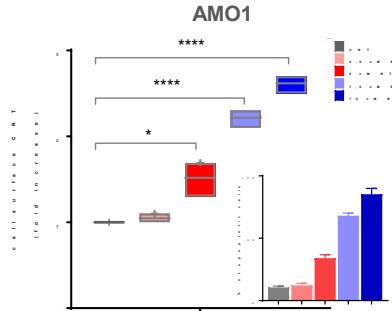


# Bortezomib Induces Anti-MM Immune Response Immunogenic Cell Death

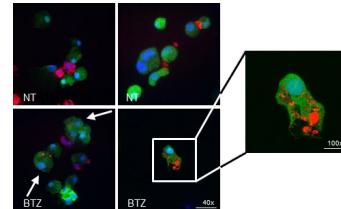
BTZ



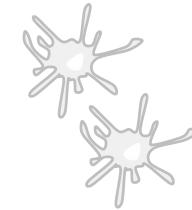
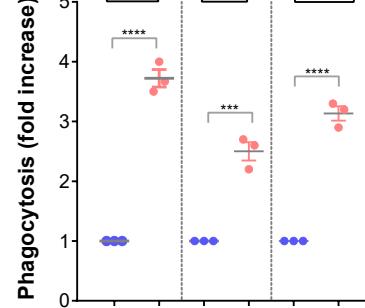
1. MM cells expose CALR on cell surface



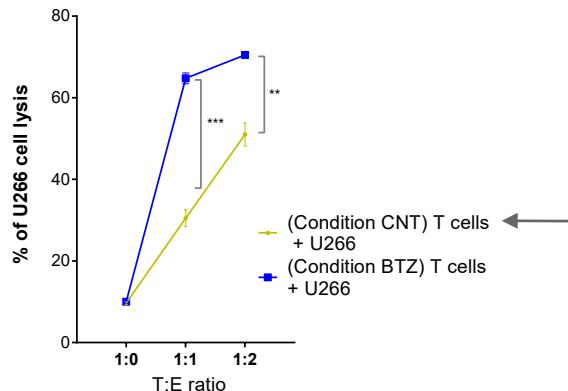
2. Dendritic cells become functionally mature



- DCs+ MM cells
- DCs+ MM cells + BTZ

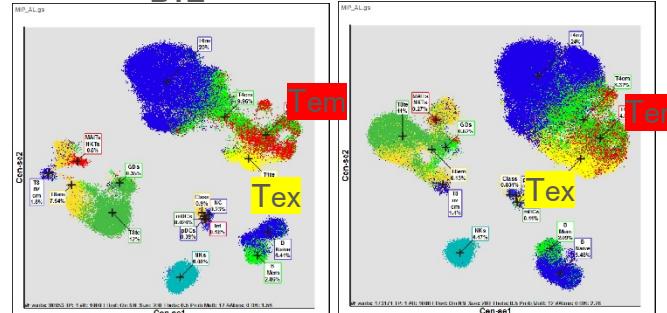


4. MM cell lysis



3. T cells are primed against MM

MM cells+DCs+T cells  
+BTZ



Gulla et al, Blood Cancer Discovery, in press



Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

## **Conclusions and Future Directions**

**Combination PI, IMiD, Dex, CD38MoAb will achieve high rates MRD negativity in NDMM, including high risk MM**

**BCMA targeted CAR T cells, BiTEs will then be compared with ASCT to induce long term MRD-with memory anti-MM immune response**

**Combination immunotherapies to enhance response, overcome resistance mechanisms, and improve therapeutic index: BiTEs with IMiDs, BAT CARs**

**Novel uses of known classes of active agents: proteasome inhibitors to trigger anti-MM immunity**

**Long term disease-free survival and potential cure of MM will be achieved with combination targeted and immune therapies to both achieve MRD negativity and restore host memory anti-MM immunity. These patients will then be free of disease and off all therapy..**