

# To Transplant or **NOT** When Minimal Residual Disease has been Achieved as Initial Therapy for Multiple Myeloma

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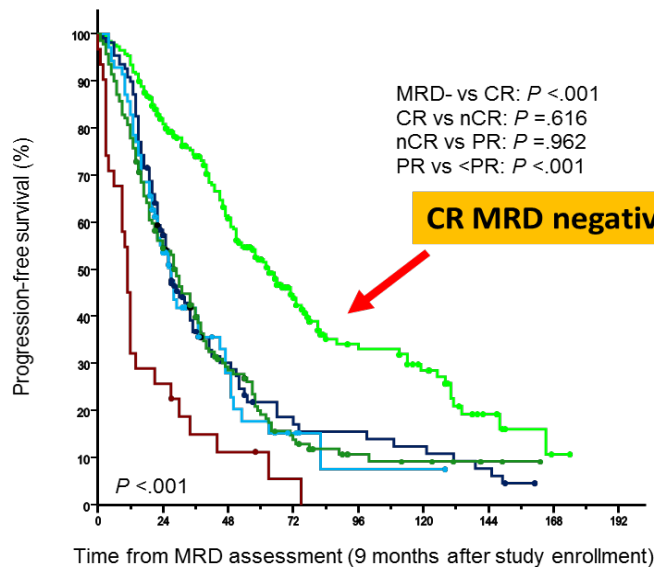
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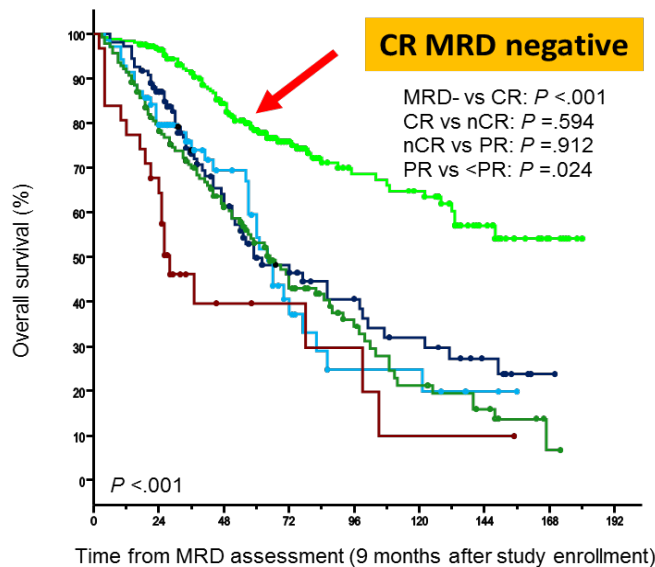
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# MRD is Prognostic in Frontline Therapy – Both for PFS and OS



- MRD-, median PFS: 63 months
- CR, median PFS: 27 months
- nCR, median PFS: 27 months
- PR, median PFS: 29 months
- <PR, median PFS: 11 months



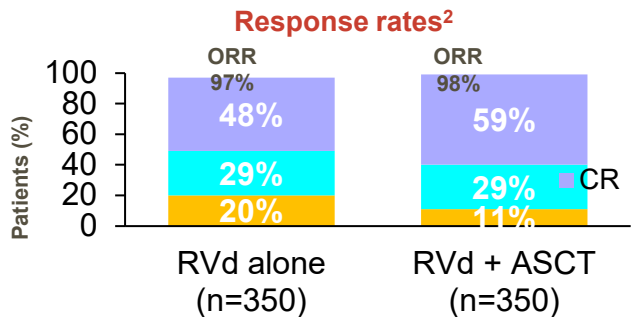
- MRD-, median OS: Not reached
- CR, median OS: 59 months
- nCR, median OS: 64 months
- PR, median OS: 65 months
- <PR, median OS: 28 months



## 2. Transplant prolongs PFS but not OS

# IFM 2009: Improved PFS with RVd+ASCT vs RVd-Alone, But No OS Advantage

IFM 2009: RVd+ASCT vs RVD-alone, plus lenalidomide maintenance for 1 year; 76.7% RVd-alone patients received 2<sup>nd</sup>-line ASCT<sup>1</sup>

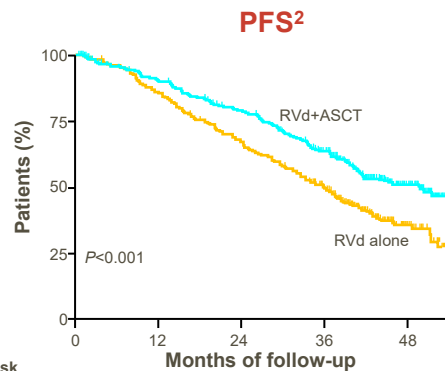


**MRD negativity: 20.4% vs 29.8%  
A strong predictor of outcome<sup>1</sup>**

MRD-neg vs MRD-pos	HR (95%CI)	P-value
PFS	0.28 (0.22–0.36)	<0.001
PFS2*	0.27 (0.20–0.37)	<0.001
OS	0.35 (0.25–0.49)	<0.001

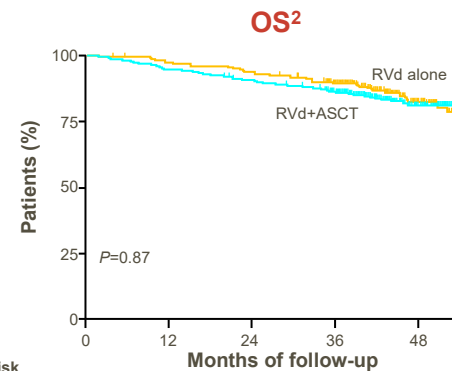
### Safety<sup>2</sup>

Grade 3/4 AEs, %	RVd alone (n=350)	RVD + ASCT (n=350)
Neutropenia	47%	92%
GI disorders	7%	28%
Infections	9%	20%



No. at risk

RVd alone	350	294	228	157	32
RVd+ASCT	350	308	264	196	50



No. at risk

RVd alone	350	339	325	293	95
RVd+ASCT	350	330	313	281	89

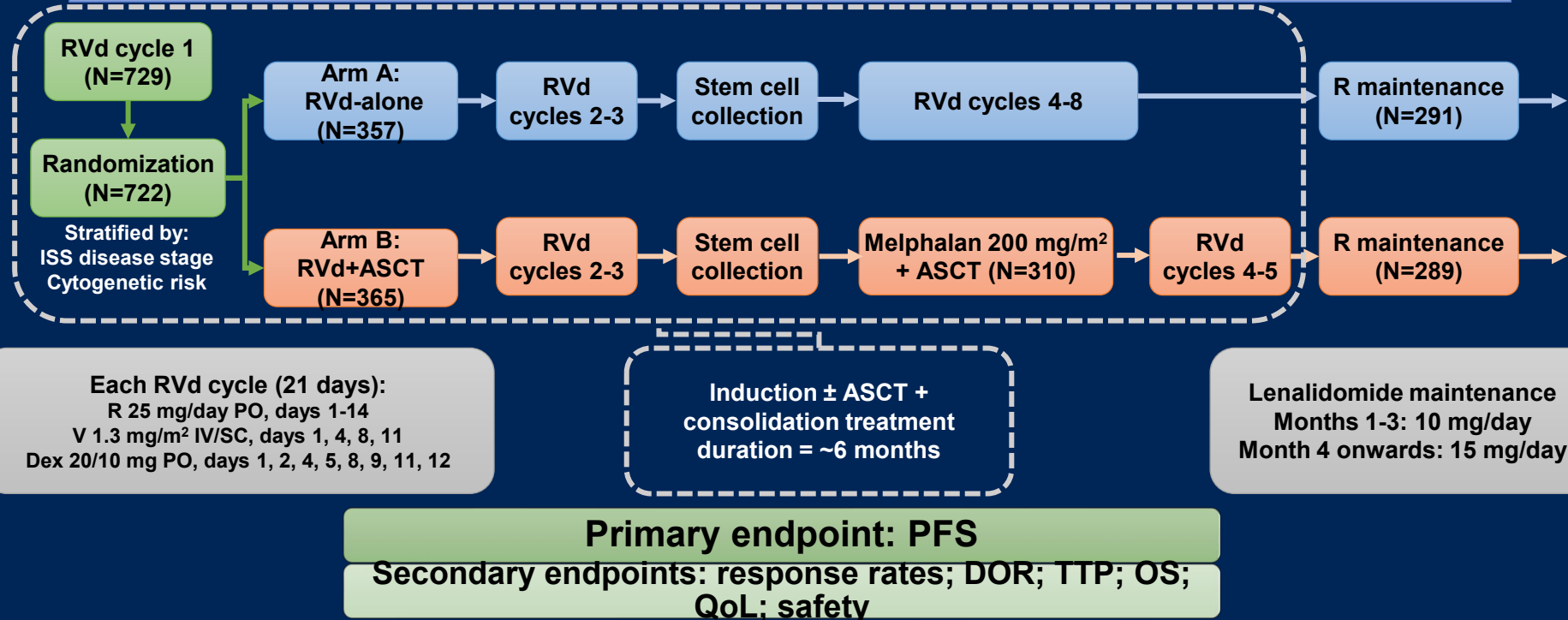
**8-year follow-up: similar survival outcomes between RVd alone and RVd + ASCT<sup>1</sup>**

Survival outcomes <sup>1</sup>	RVd alone (n=350)	RVD + ASCT (n=350)	P-value
Median PFS (months)	35.0	47.3	<0.001
Median PFS2* (months)	95	NR	0.76
Median second PFS <sup>†</sup> (months)	36	25	0.003
Median OS (months)	NR	NR	–
8-year OS (%)	60.2	62.2	0.81

Median follow-up was 93 months

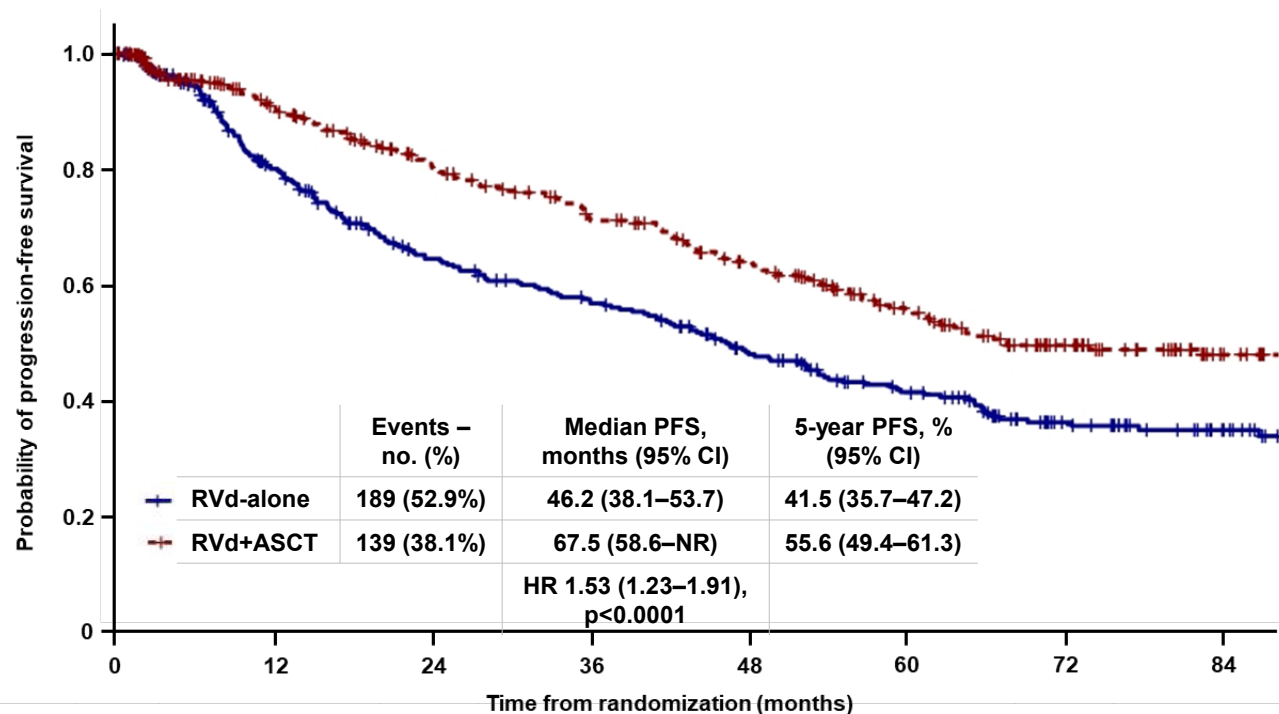
# DETERMINATION: study design and patient disposition

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



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

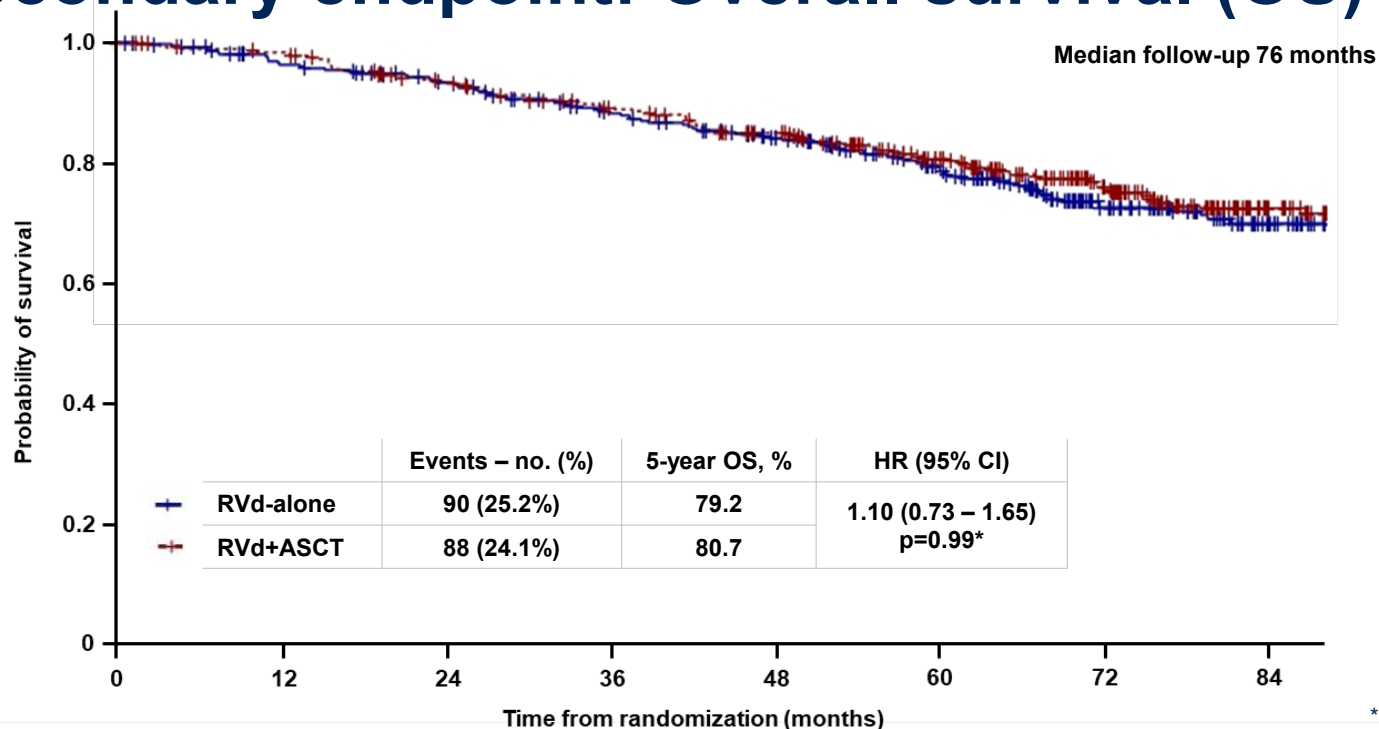
# Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival (PFS)



	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 cut off: 12/12/21

# Key secondary endpoint: Overall survival (OS)



## Patients at risk

	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

\*p-value adjusted using Bonferroni's correction to control overall family-wise error rate for secondary outcomes

Data cut off: 12/12/21



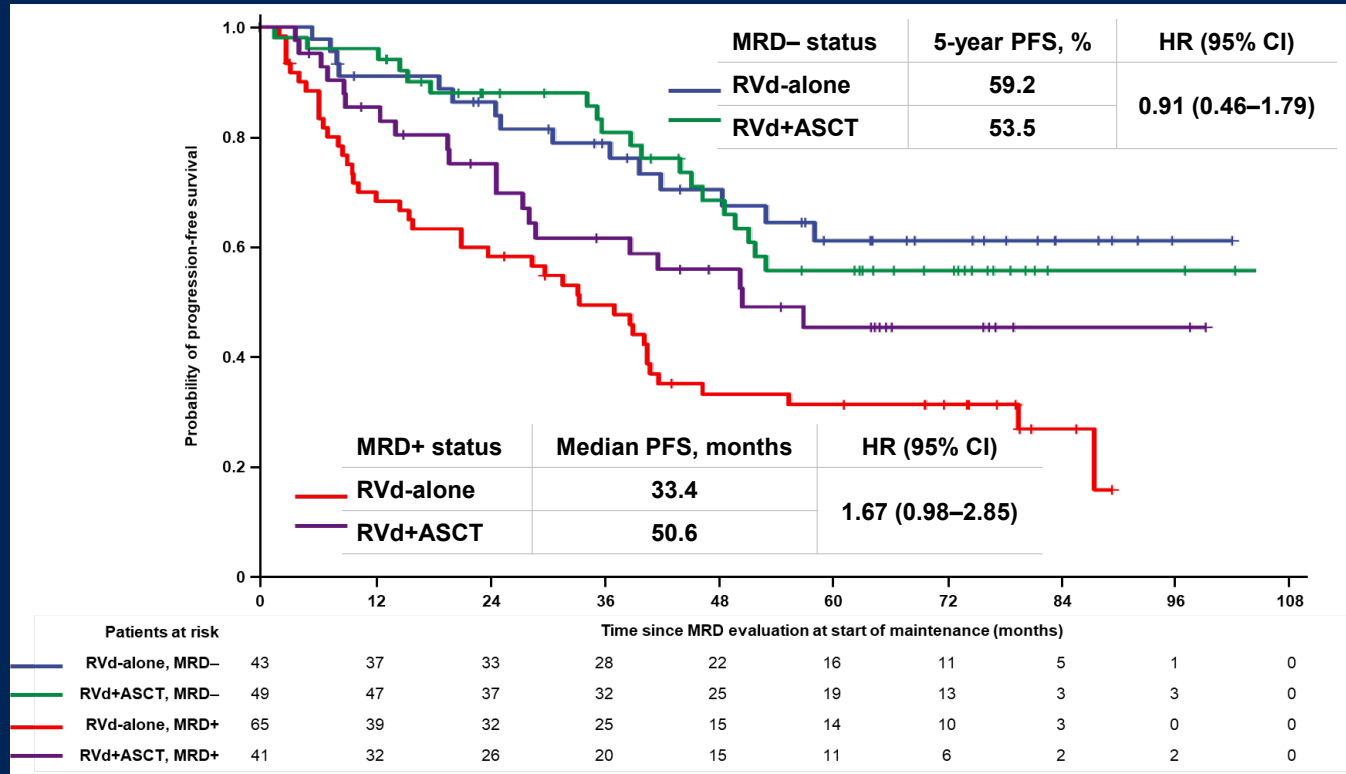
# MRD / PFS by MRD status

Preliminary analysis

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

Rate of MRD-negative status (NGS, 10<sup>-5</sup>):  
39.8% vs 54.4%

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



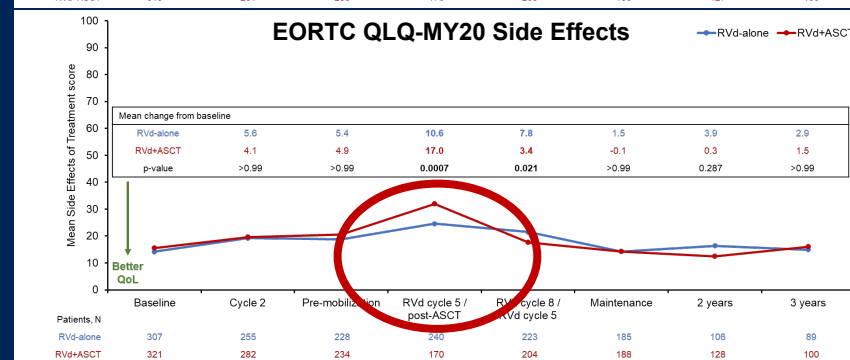
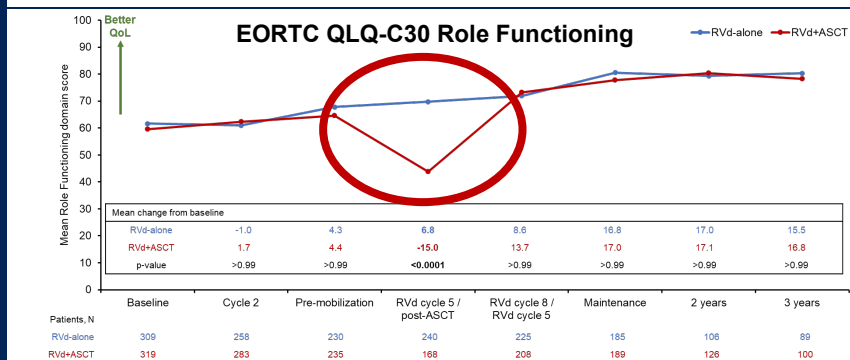
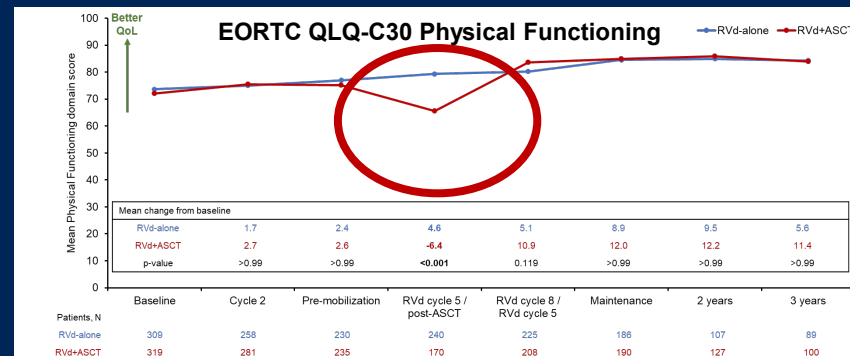
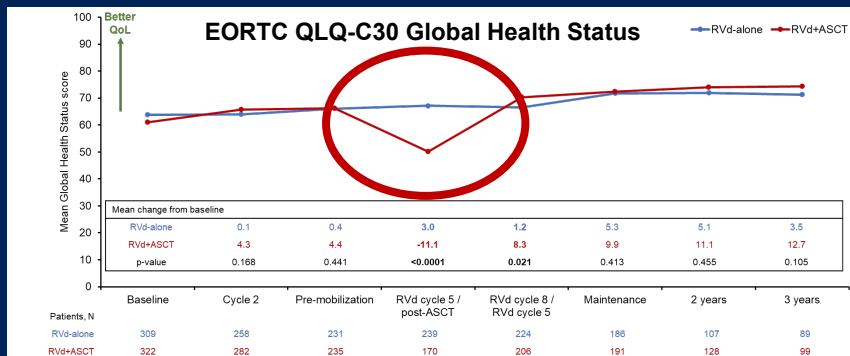
### 3. Transplant can be delayed – sometimes for a LONG time

- In IFM 79% of pts in the non ASCT arm had ASCT at first relapse
- In DETERMINATION only 28% of pts in the non ASCT arm had ASCT

This underscores that outcomes can be the same even WITHOUT a transplant!

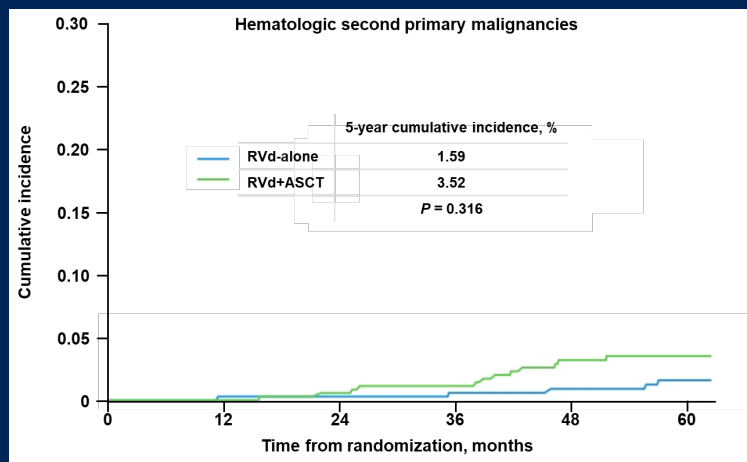
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# QoL over the course of treatment with RVd-alone vs RVd+ASCT (n=326 vs 332 at baseline)



# Second primary malignancies

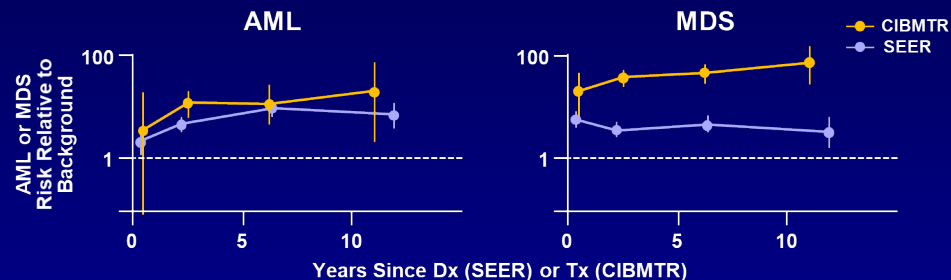
- 5-year cumulative incidence of SPMs (RVd-alone vs RVd+ASCT):
  - All : 9.7% vs 10.8%
  - Invasive: 4.9% vs 6.5%
  - Hematologic: 1.59% vs 3.52%



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
<b>AML/MDS, n</b>	<b>0*</b>	<b>10*</b>
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

# Risk of AML/MDS and Mutational Burden in MM Cells at Relapse After High-Dose Melphalan + ASCT

## Risk of AML/MDS Increased After High-Dose Melphalan + ASCT<sup>1</sup>



### SEER data:

• Risks for AML/MDS in MM patients 5–10 times the background rate

### CIBMTR data (n=4,566):

• Relative risks 10–50 for AML and ~100 for MDS in the HDM/ASCT cohort

## Mutational Burden Significantly Increased After High-Dose Melphalan + ASCT (IFM 2009)<sup>2</sup>

Known mutagenic effect of high-dose melphalan<sup>3</sup>

Paired purified MM cells at diagnosis and at relapse from 68 patients using deep (75×) whole-genome sequencing to identify genomic changes induced by HDM and observed at relapse<sup>2</sup>

Impact on prognosis

	RVd	RVd→HDM+ASC T	P-value
Patients, n	45	23	—
Median follow-up, mos	29	31	—
Mutations at diagnosis, n	7137 [IQR=3741 ]	7230 [IQR=3702]	0.67
Mutations at relapse, n	1745	5686	0.00001 4
Indels* at relapse, n	360	467	0.02

\*The insertion or deletion of one or several nucleotides within a sequence

**HDM causes a 4.1-fold higher mutation accumulation rate per month than RVd only (158.3 vs 38.3 mutations/month;  $P=0.003$ )**

1. Radivoyevitch T, et al. *Leuk Res.* 2018;74:130.
2. Samur MK, et al. *Blood* 2020;136(suppl):abstract 61.
3. Maura F, et al. *Leukemia* 2021;35:2145–50.

# Chronic Health Conditions After High-Dose Melphalan + ASCT

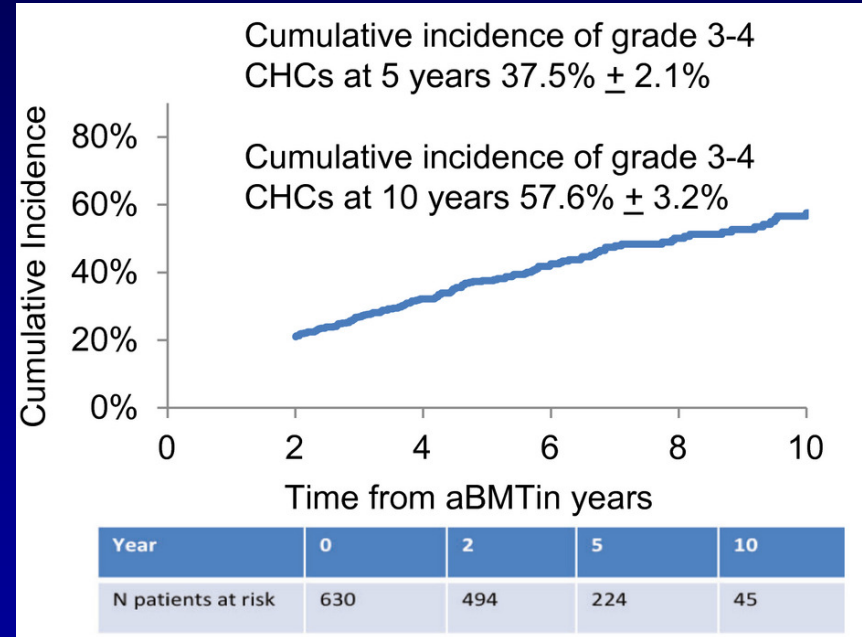
630 patients from 3 BMT centers who had survived >2 years after HDM-ASCT

• 289 nearest-age siblings as controls

Study on severe and/or life-threatening chronic health conditions (CHCs) and SPMs in MM patients treated with HDM-ASCT

Compared with sibling controls, MM patients treated with HDM-ASCT had 40% greater odds of developing grade 3-4 CHCs

10-year cumulative incidence of any grade 3-4 CHC among MM patients treated with HDM-ASCT was 57.6%



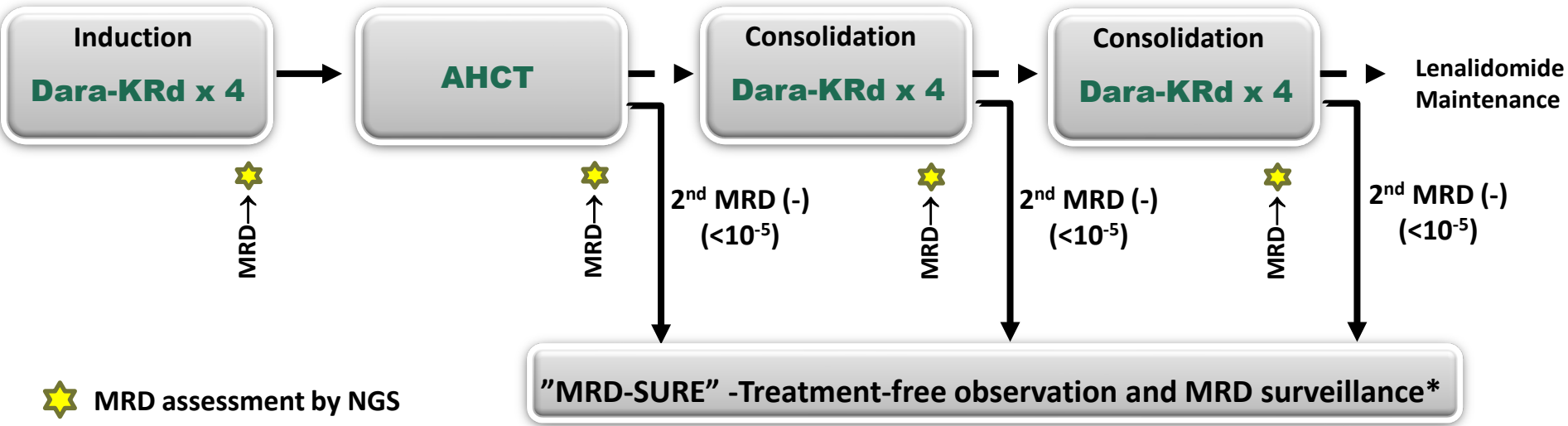
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# MASTER Trial - Treatment

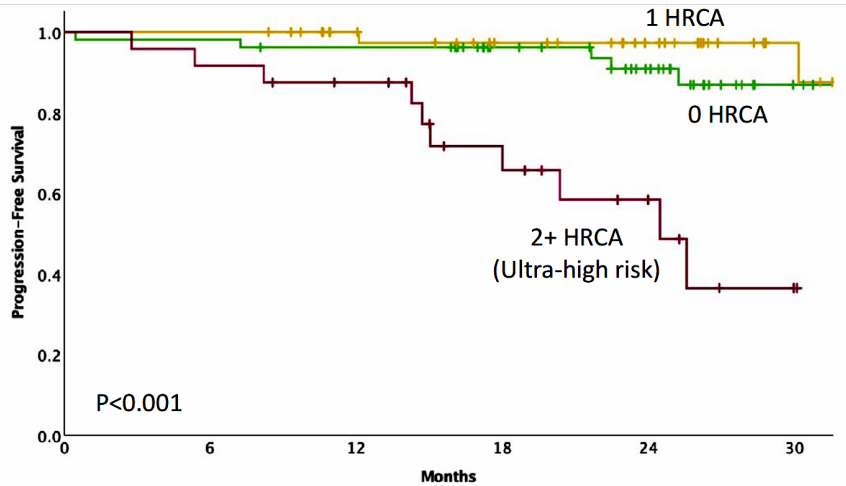
## Dara-KRd

- Daratumumab 16 mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1,8,15,22 (days 1,15 C 3-6; day 1 C >6)
- Carfilzomib (20) 56 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1,8,15
- Lenalidomide 25 mg Days 1-21
- Dexamethasone 40mg PO Days 1,8,15,22



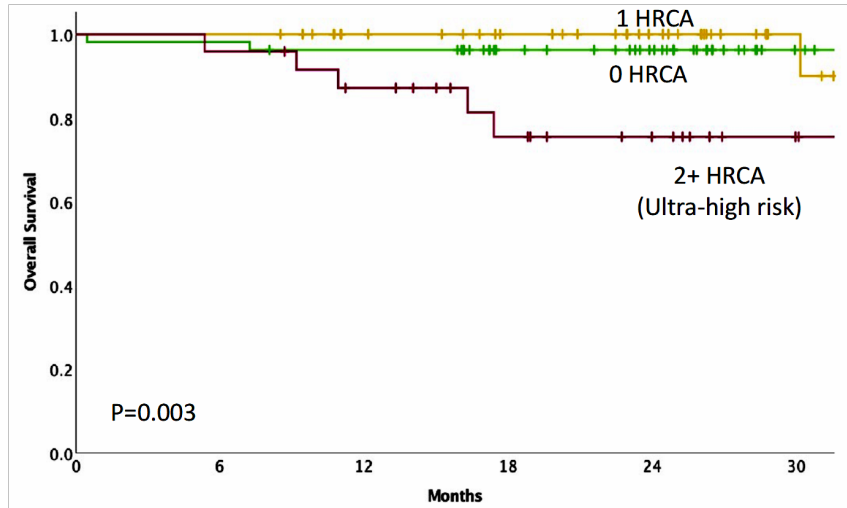
\*24 and 72 weeks after completion of therapy

# Progression-Free and Overall Survival



No. at risk:

0 HRCA	50	49	46	36	27	10
1 HRCA	44	44	36	30	23	9
2+ HRCA	24	22	19	12	7	2



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2-year PFS

0 HRCA	91%
1 HRCA	97%
2+ HRCA	58%

2-year OS

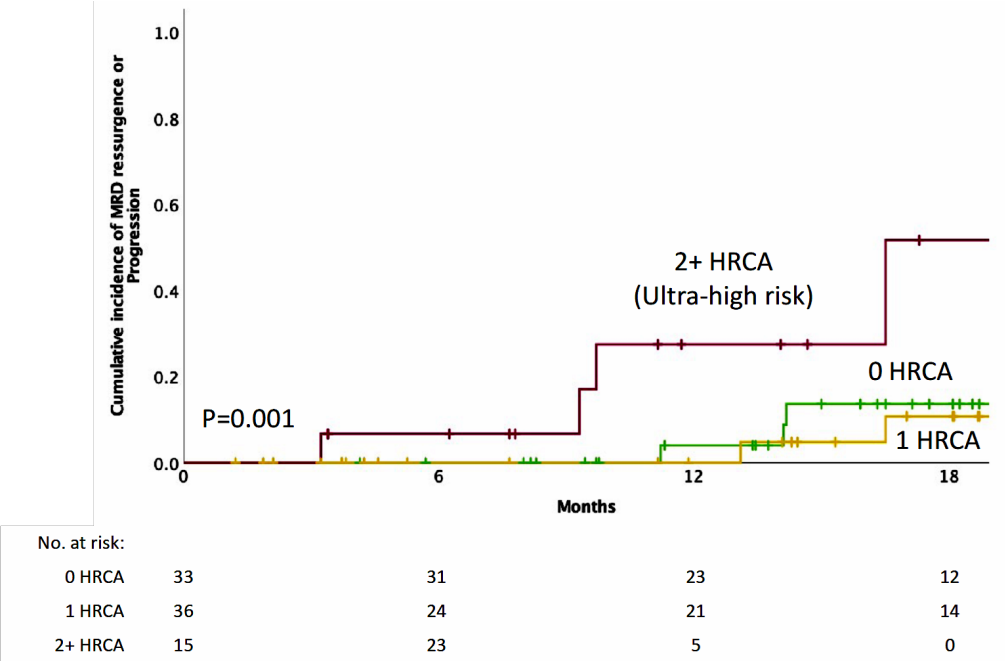
0 HRCA	96%
1 HRCA	100%
2+ HRCA	76%

HRCA = gain/amp 1q, t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20) or del(17p)

# MRD-SURE

- 84 patients achieved MRD-SURE
  - 0 HRCA – 62%
  - 1 HRCA- 78%
  - 2+ HRCA – 63%
- Median follow up in MRD-SURE: 14.2 mo.
- Risk of MRD resurgence or progression 12 months after treatment cessation
  - 0 HRCA – 4%
  - 1 HRCA- 0%
  - 2+ HRCA – 27%
- None** of patients entering MRD-SURE died from MM progression

Cumulative incidence of MRD resurgence or progression



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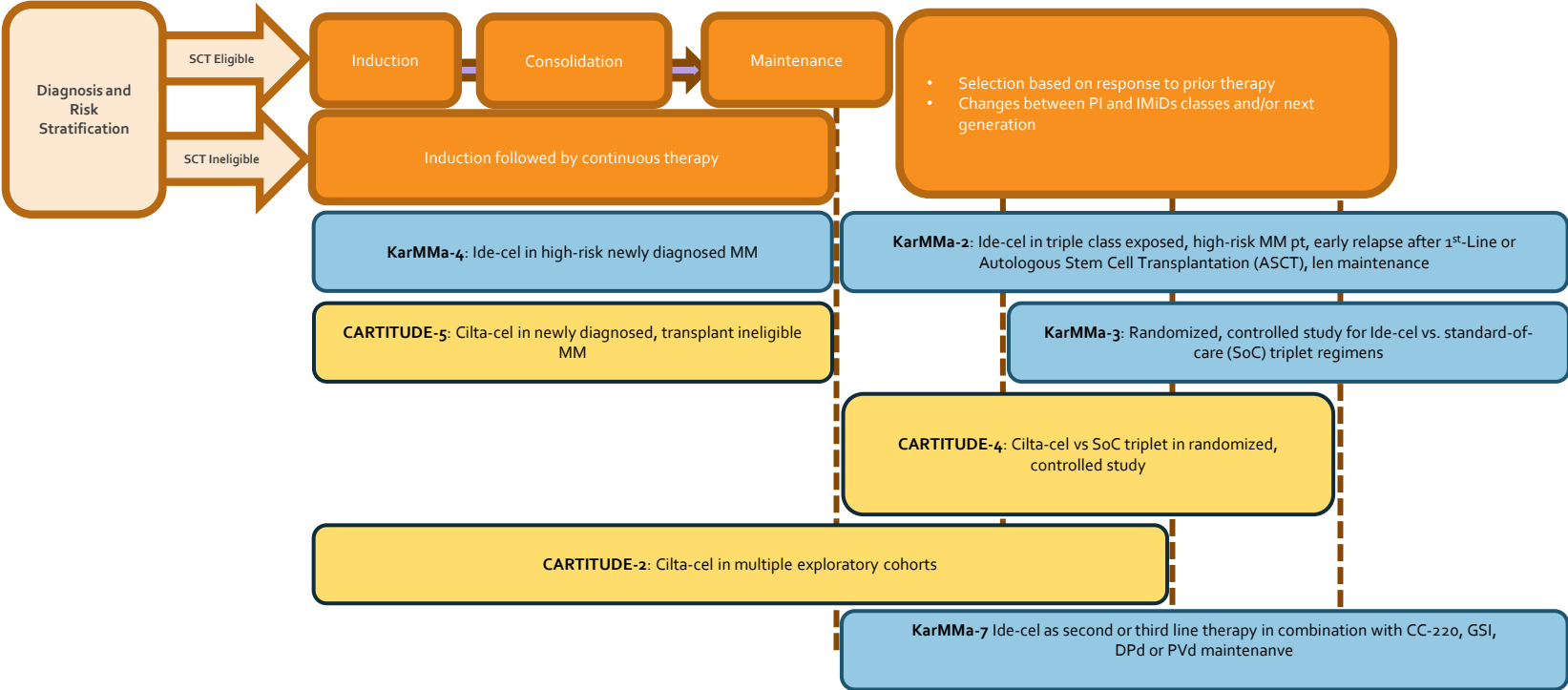
Transplant is simply ANOTHER treatment for MM – transplantamab, transplantamide, transplantimib...

DETERMINATION only included pts 65 years old and younger

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# Moving CAR-T upfront

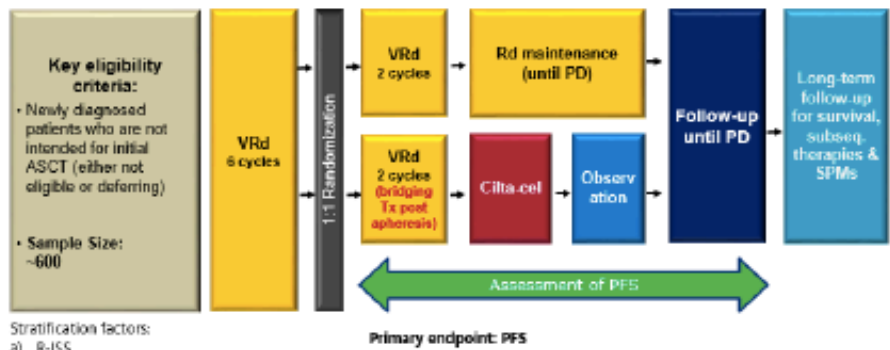


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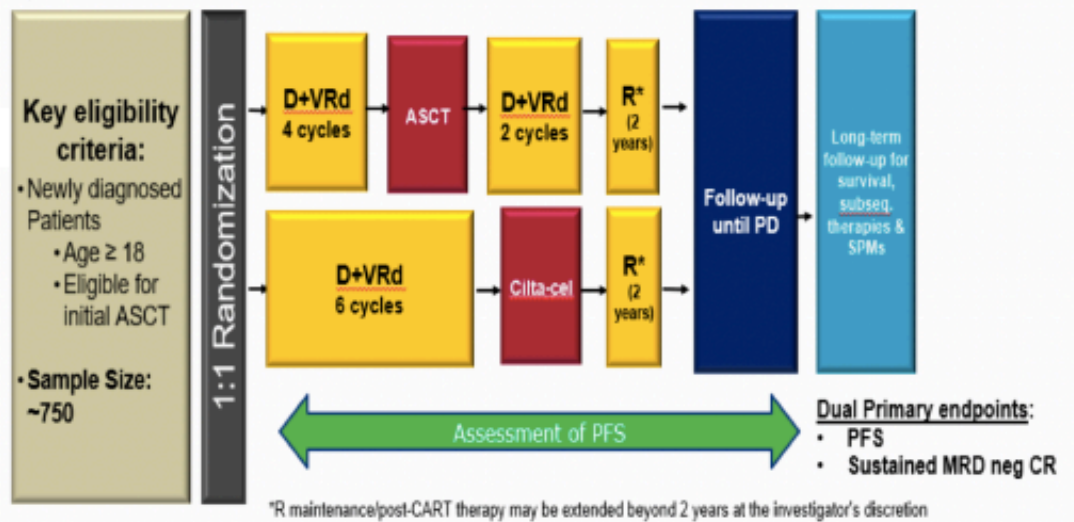
## Randomized Phase 3 Study in NDMM, Not Intended for Initial Transplant

### CARTITUDE-5 and 6:

- Randomized, ph 3
- NDMM
- 5 TI
- 6 TE



### CARTITUDE-6



*Early MRD will lead to late PFS benefit  
- And hopefully early FDA approval*

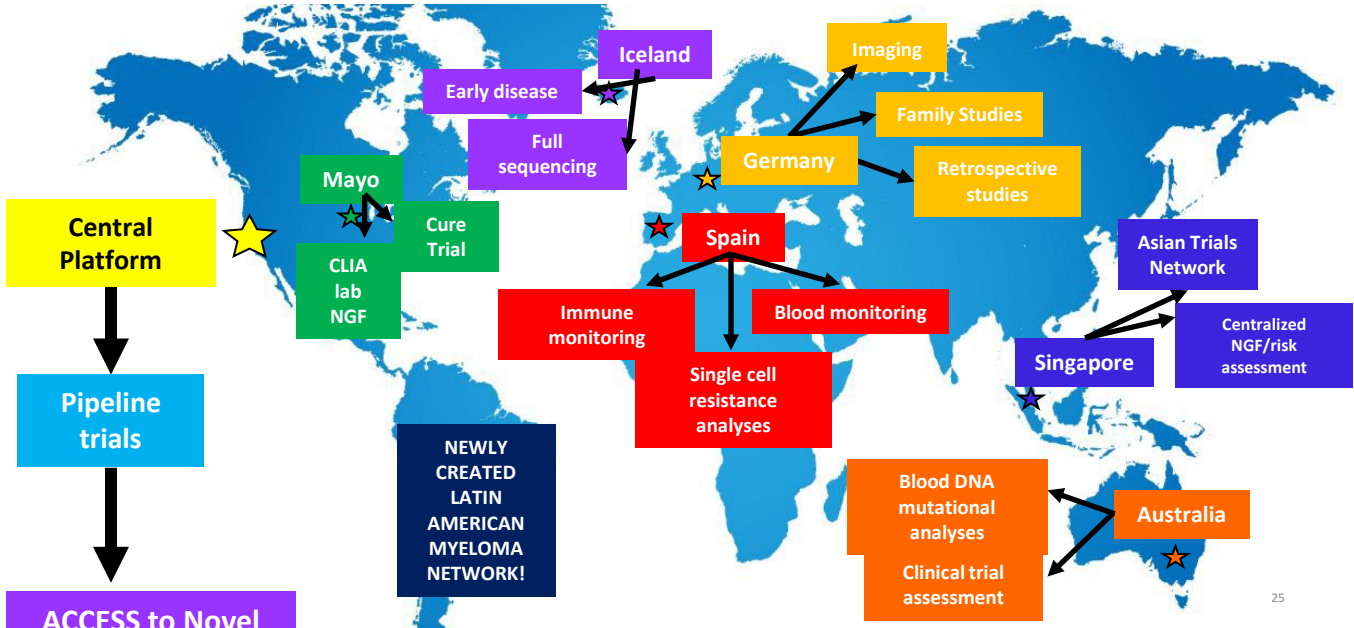
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# IMF Global Presence

Primary Goal is to cure Myeloma



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