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# Transplanting the MRD Negative Myeloma Patients for a Deeper Remission After Initial Therapy

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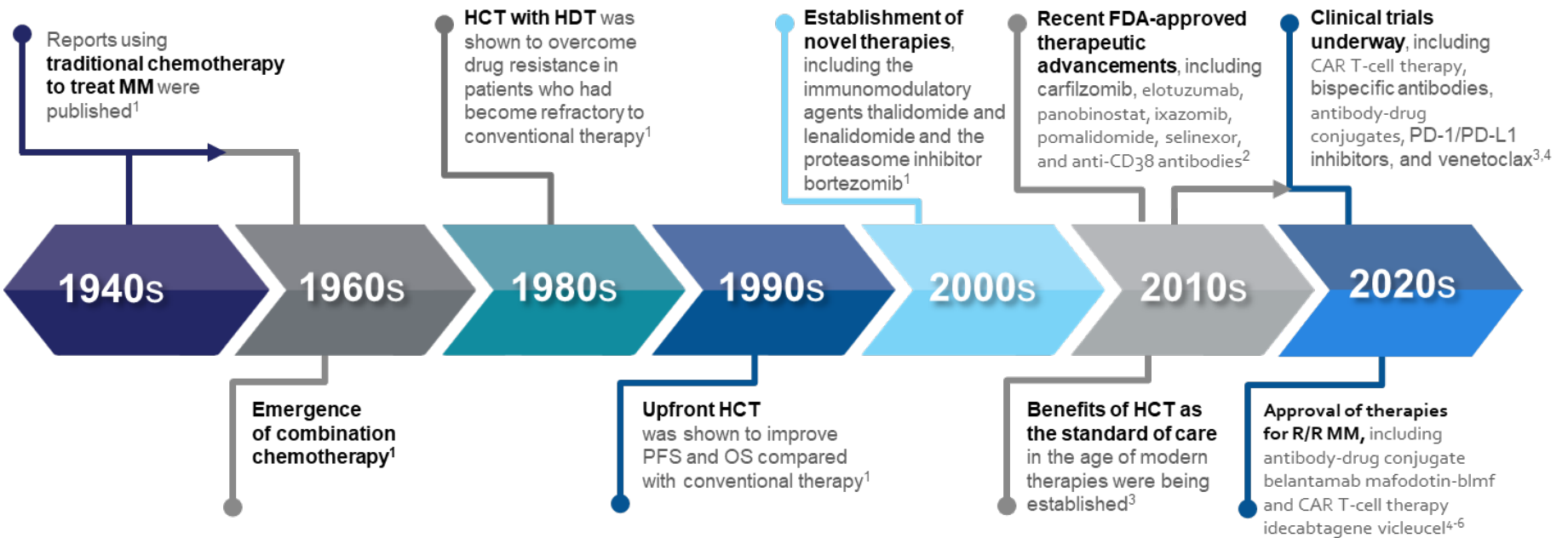


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# History of MM Treatments



CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; HDT, high-dose therapy; OS, overall survival; PD-1, programmed cell death 1; PD-L1, programmed cell death-ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

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# Staging and Cytogenetic Risk-Assessment

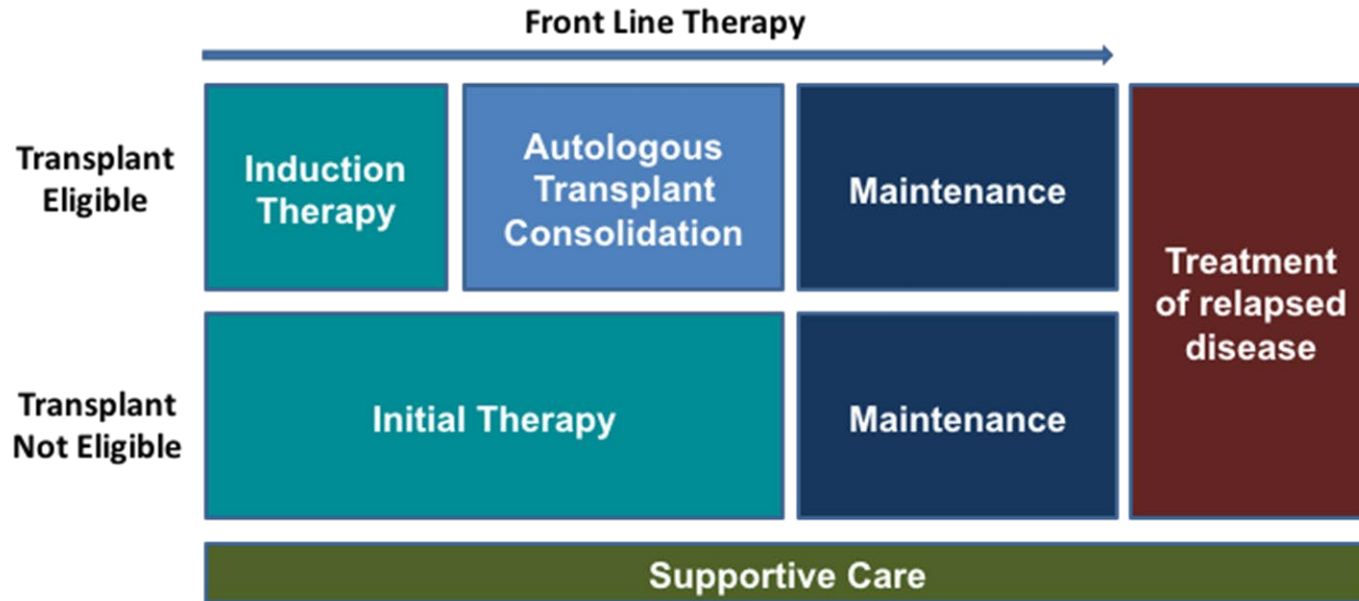
Stage <sup>1</sup>	R-ISS <sup>1</sup>
I	Serum albumin $\geq 3.5$ g/dL <sup>-1</sup> Serum $\beta 2M < 3.5$ mg/L <sup>-1</sup> No high-risk cytogenetics Normal LDH level
II	Not stage I or III
III	Serum $\beta 2M > 5.5$ mg/L <sup>-1</sup> High-risk cytogenetics: t(4;14), t(4;16), or del(17p) or elevated LDH

Risk <sup>2</sup>	Features
Standard	Trisomies t(11;14) t(6;14)
High	t(4;14) t(14;16) t(14;20) Del(17p) <i>p53</i> mutation Gain/Amp 1q High plasma cell S-phase GEP high-risk signatures Circulating Plasma Cells

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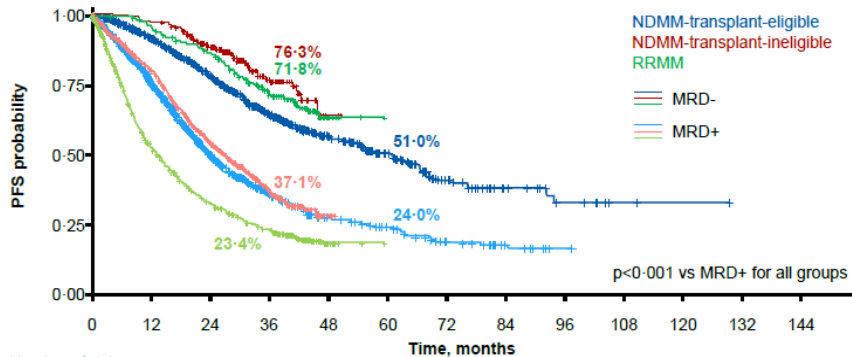
# Treatment Paradigm For Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma





# MRD Negativity and Survival Outcomes

## PFS

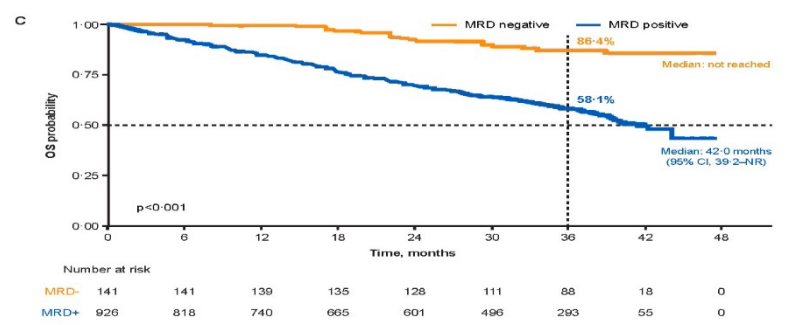
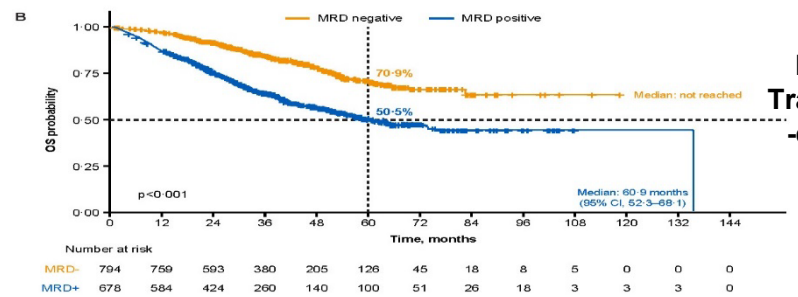
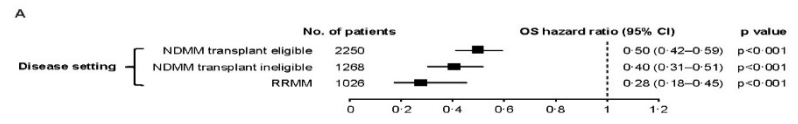


**Number at risk**

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144
NDMM-transplant-eligible MRD-	1515	1055	589	332	164	95	47	22	10	3	1	0	0
NDMM-transplant-eligible MRD+	1180	719	317	153	72	50	30	13	2	0	0	0	0
NDMM-transplant-ineligible MRD-	291	283	217	93	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NDMM-transplant-ineligible MRD+	1328	983	516	133	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RRMM MRD-	164	155	135	97	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RRMM MRD+	960	456	269	179	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

p<0.001 vs MRD+ for all groups

## OS



Munshi et al., Blood Adv 2020; 4: 5988-99.



# Approach to NDMM

## Transplant eligible

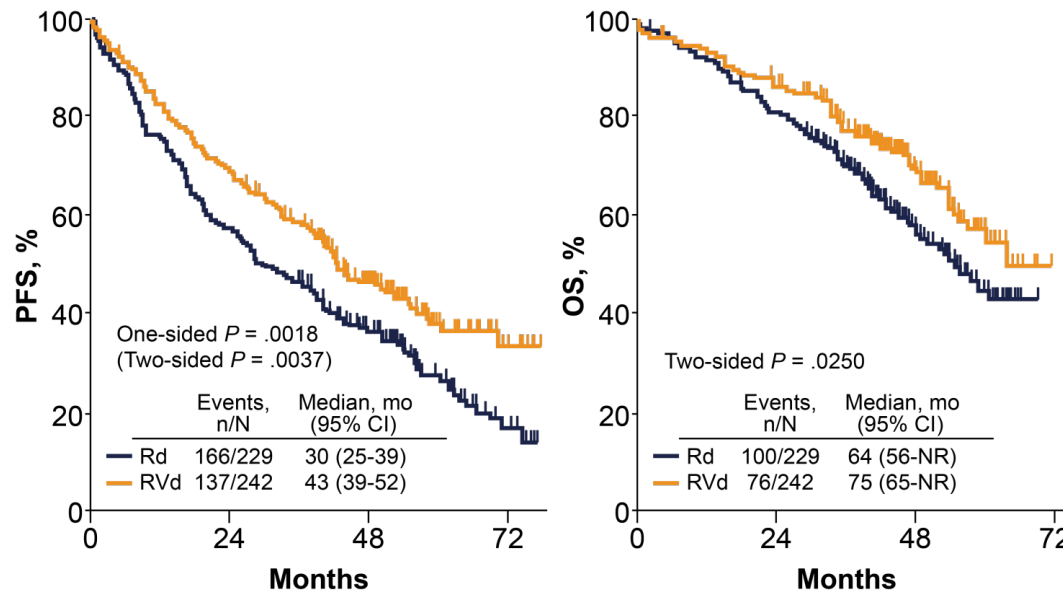
- Induction : Dara-RVd, Dara-KRd, Dara-VTd, RVd, KRd, CyBorD
- Maintenance: R, VR, Dara-R, Dara
- Expected PFS/OS:
  - Standard Risk: 80 months/130+ months
  - High Risk: 40 months/80+ months

## Transplant Ineligible

- DRd, VRd-lite/RVd-lite
- Expected PFS/OS:
  - Standard Risk: 36-60+ months/90+ months
  - High Risk: 24-30 months/60-72 months



# SWOG S0777: RVd Versus Rd in Patients Without Immediate Intent for ASCT<sup>1</sup>



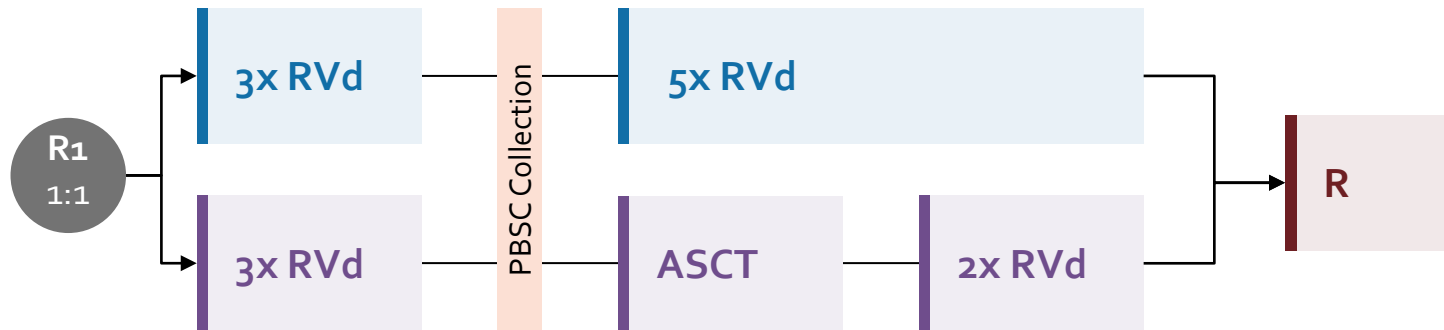
## Initial Therapy

RVd for eight 21-d cycles vs Rd for six 28-d cycles in patients not intending to proceed to upfront transplant, followed by Rd in both arms (N = 525)





# IFM 2009 Study: Early vs Late ASCT



RVD 21-day Cycles  
R: 25 mg d 1 – 14  
V: 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1, 4, 8, 11  
d: 20 mg d 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12

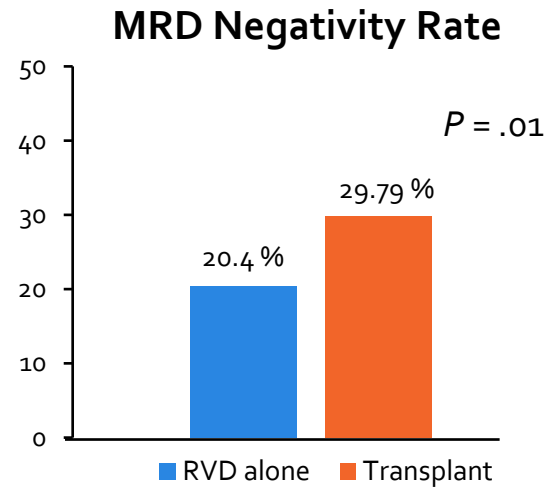
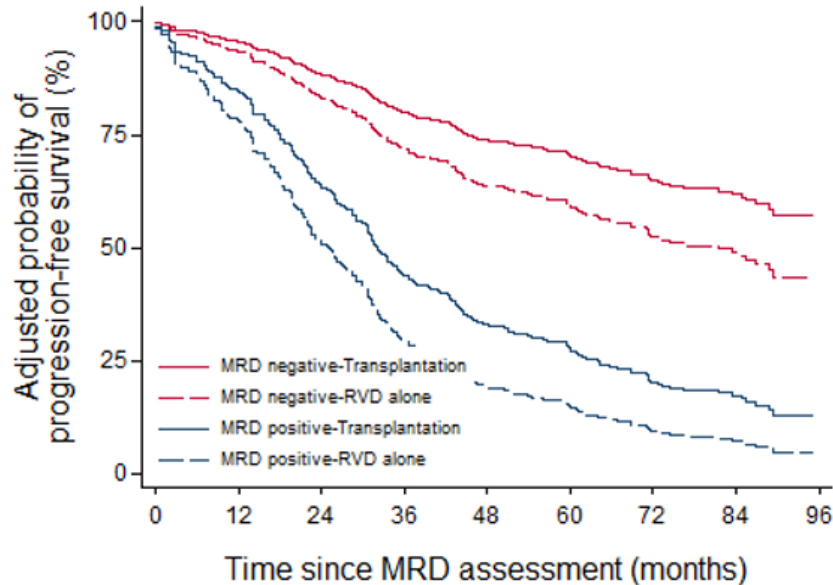
R Maintenance  
R: 10-15 mg/d for 13 cycles

Primary endpoint: PFS  
Secondary endpoints:  
ORR, MRD, TTP, OS, safety

Attal M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;376:1311-1320.



# Superior PFS With ASCT vs RVD Alone



**RVD + transplant was superior to RVD alone, even with undetectable MRD at  $10^{-6}$**

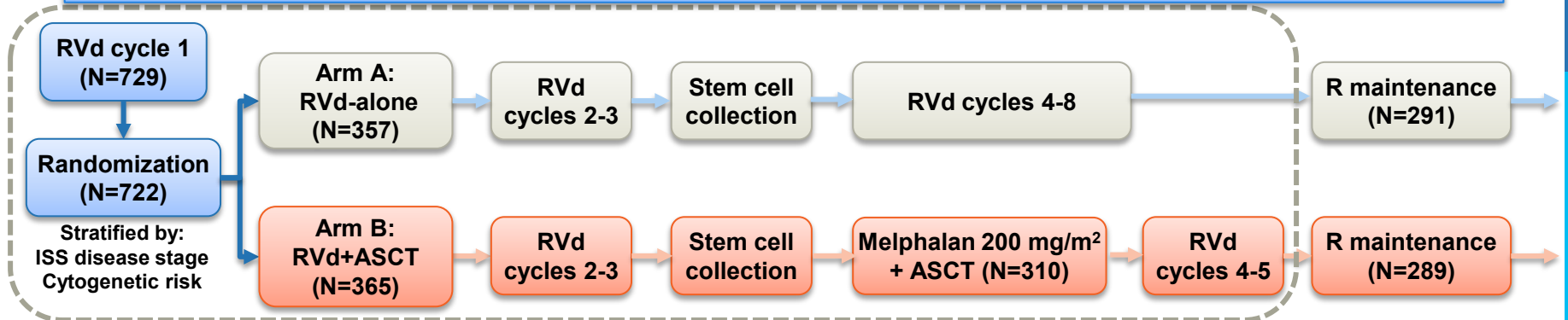
MRD, minimal residual disease.

Perrot A. Presented at: 62nd ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition; December 5-8, 2020; Abstract 143.



# DETERMINATION: study design and patient disposition

## DETERMINATION: Delayed vs Early Transplant with Revlimid Maintenance and Antimyeloma Triple Therapy



**Each RVd cycle (21 days):**  
 R 25 mg/day PO, days 1-14  
 V 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 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

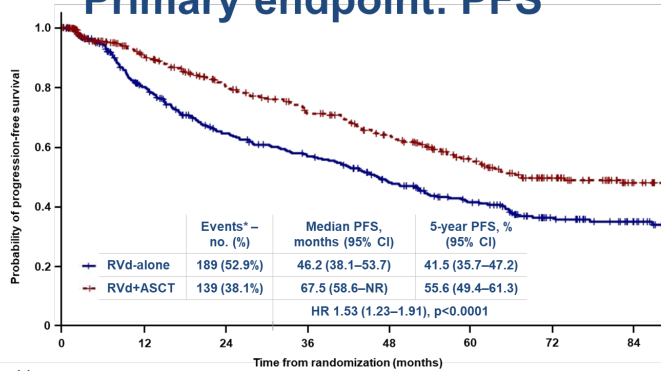
**Primary endpoint: PFS**  
**Secondary endpoints: response rates; DOR; TTP; OS; QoL; safety**

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



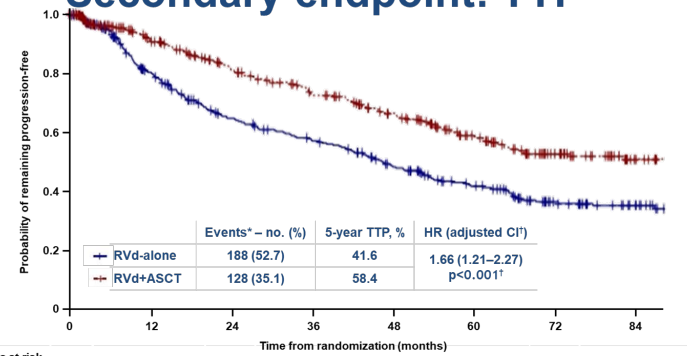
# DETERMINATION: Endpoint Readouts (Median follow-up 70 months)

## Primary endpoint: PFS



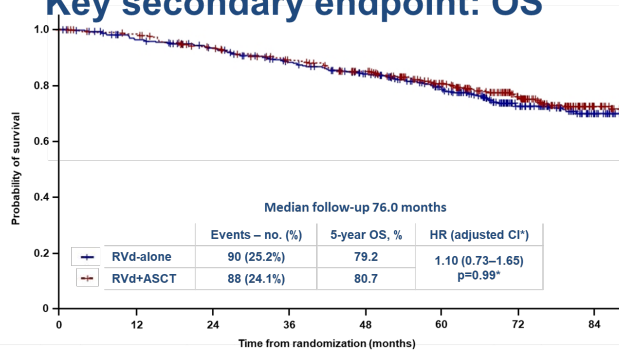
Patients at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVD-alone	357	250	187	160	126	96	60	40
RVD+ASCT	365	276	226	191	160	118	77	42

## Secondary endpoint: TTP



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

## Key secondary endpoint: 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

## 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%

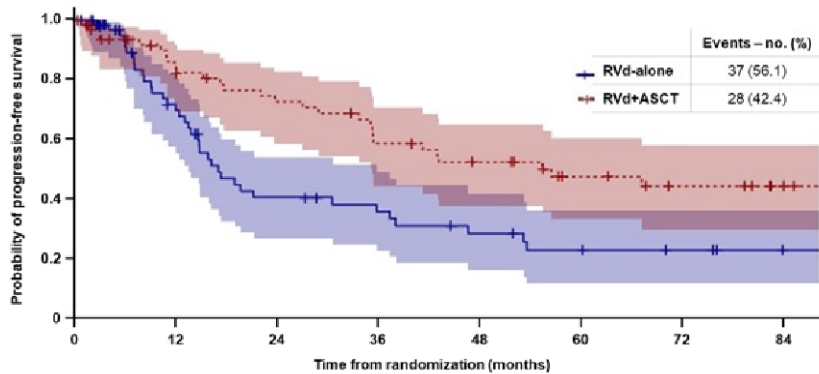
### At time of data cutoff, among patients on the RVD-alone and RVD+ASCT arms who had hematologic SPMs, respectively:

- 6/7 vs 2/3 patients with ALL alive
- 6/10 patients with AML/MDS alive
- 1/2 patients with CLL/CML alive
- Overall, 7/9 RVD-alone vs 8/13 RVD+ASCT alive

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

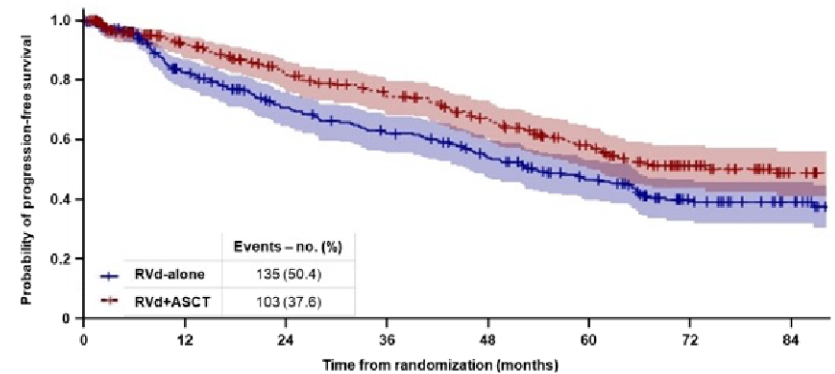


# DETERMINATION Trial: PFS by Risk



Patients at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVd-alone	66	36	19	16	11	8	6	3
RVd+ASCT	66	45	37	29	24	16	12	8



Patients at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
RVd-alone	268	197	156	134	109	83	50	34
RVd+ASCT	274	212	175	151	126	94	58	29

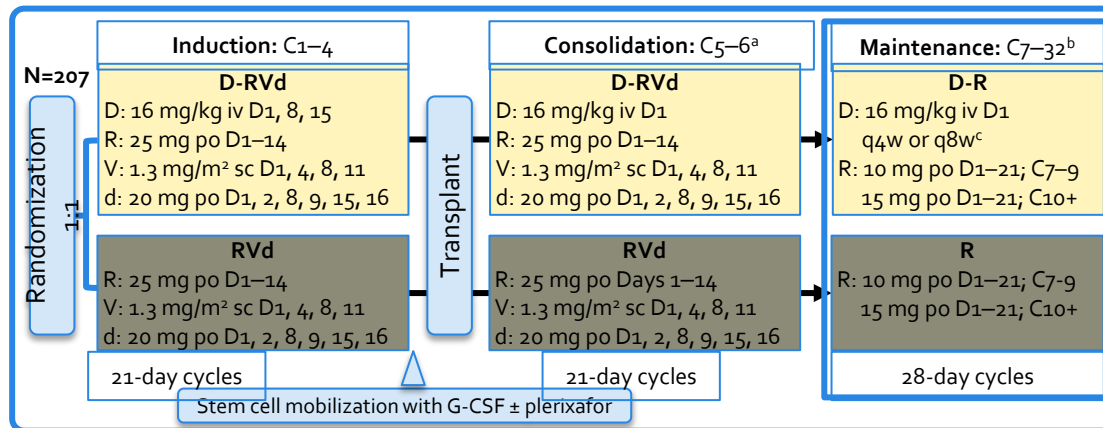
Median PFS, months	RVd-alone	RVd+ASCT
High-risk	17.1	55.5
HR 1.99 (95% CI 1.21–3.26)		

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

# GRIFFIN: 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  $\geq 30$  mL/min<sup>2</sup>



- **Primary endpoint:** sCR by end of consolidation
- **Secondary endpoints:** MRD negativity (NGS 10<sup>-5</sup>), ORR,  $\geq$ VGPR, CR, PFS, OS

## 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)

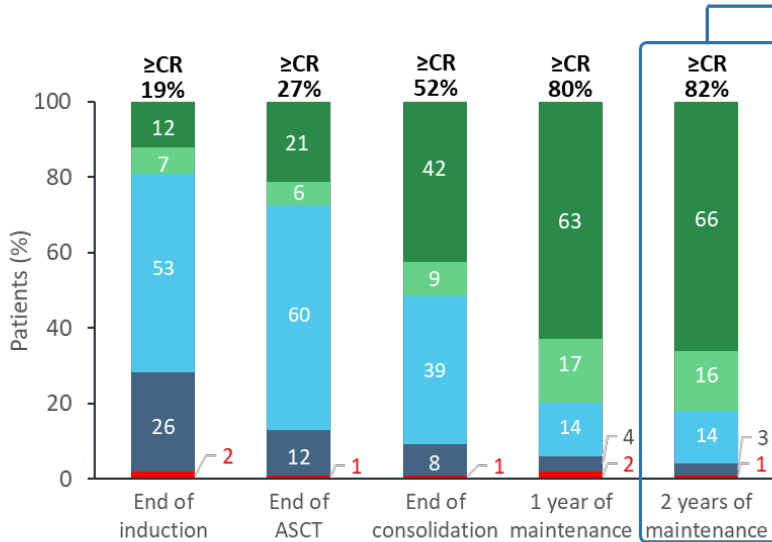
<sup>a</sup>Consolidation initiated 60–100 days post transplant; <sup>b</sup>Patients who complete maintenance cycles 7–32 may continue single-agent lenalidomide thereafter; <sup>c</sup>Protocol amendment allowed q4w dosing option. Phase 2 trial – patient enrollment between December 2016 and April 2018

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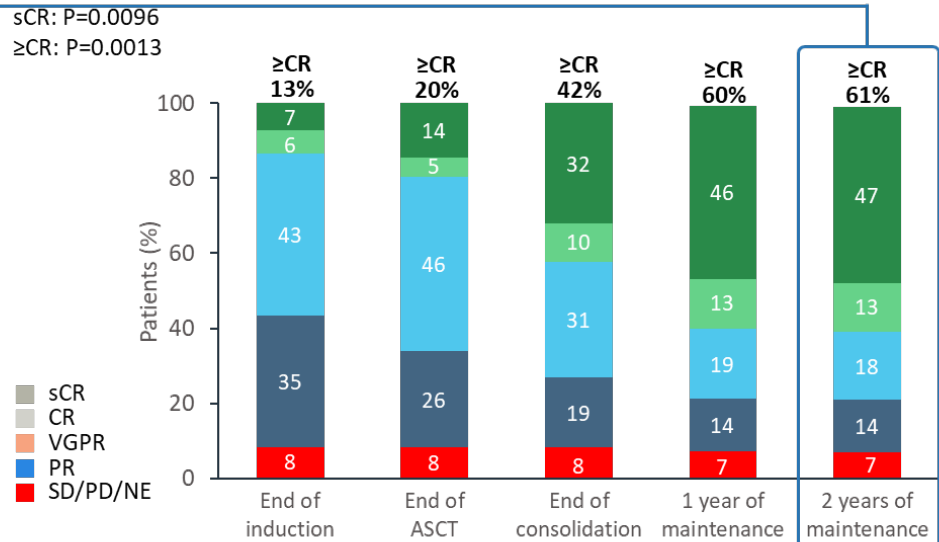
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## Clinical response

### D-RVd



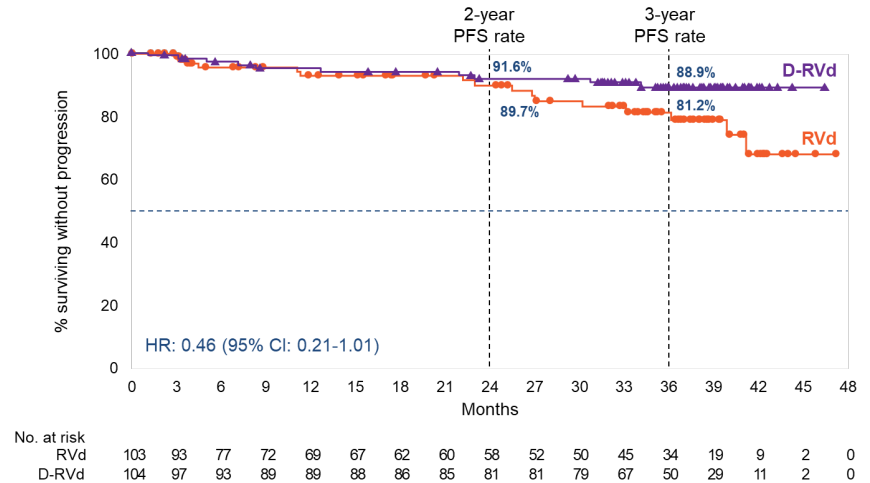
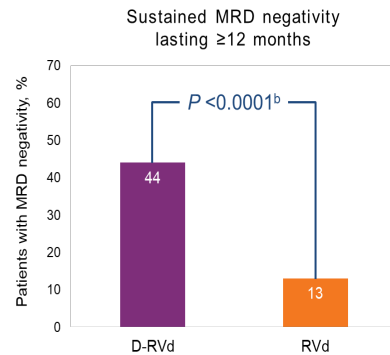
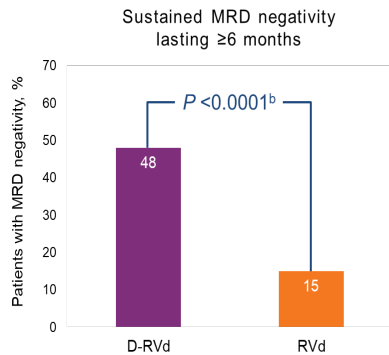
### RVd





# GRIFFIN Update: MRD and PFS Data

- D-RVd Improved Rates of Durable MRD Negativity<sup>a</sup> ( $10^{-5}$ ) Lasting  $\geq 6$  Months or  $\geq 12$  Months Versus RVd



- Median follow-up: 38.6 months
- Median PFS was not reached in either group
- There is a positive trend toward improved PFS for D-RVd/DR versus RVd/R
- The separation of the PFS curves begins beyond 1 year of maintenance and suggests a benefit of prolonged DR therapy

<sup>a</sup>The threshold of MRD negativity was defined as 1 tumor cell per  $10^5$  white cells. MRD status was based on BM aspirates by NGS per IMWG. <sup>b</sup>P values calculated by Fisher's exact test

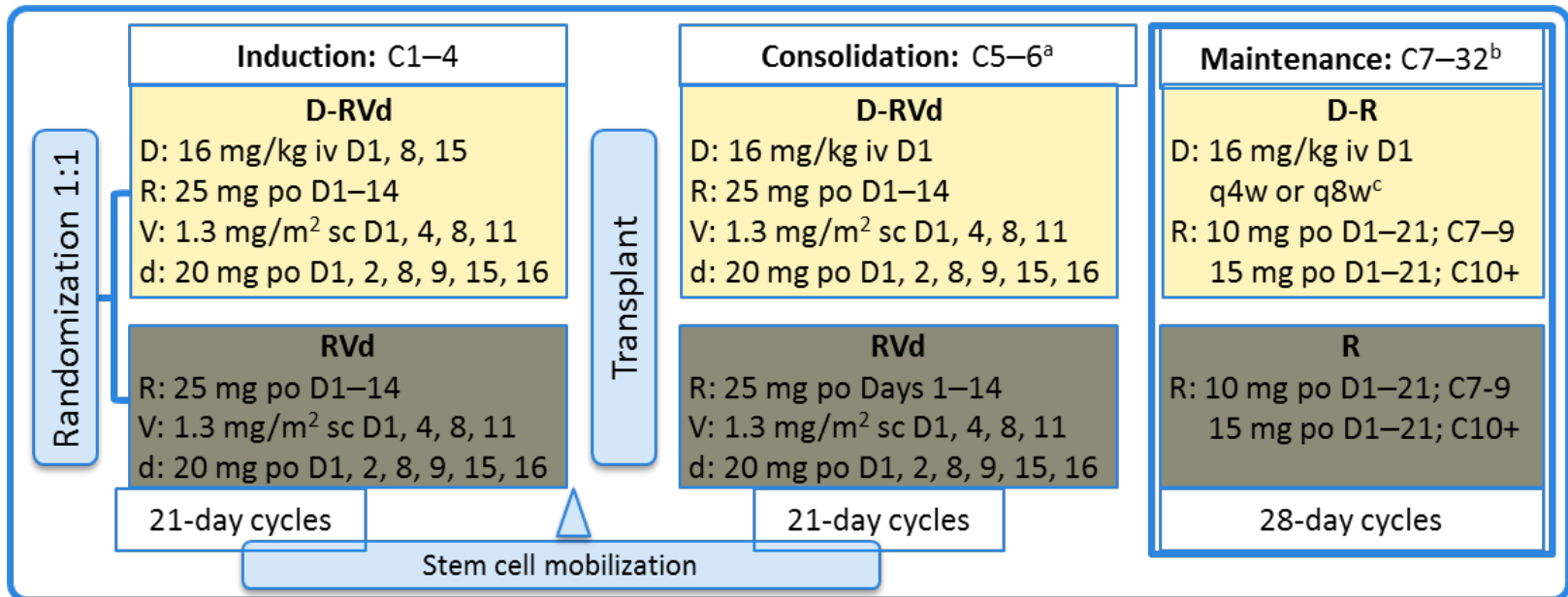
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# PERSEUS: Study Design

Phase 3 trial, n=690



<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03710603>



## Key Questions Towards Curing Myeloma

- Combine the molecular and immunobiology of disease evolution and progression in MM
  - Recognize patients at precursor state and intervene early.
  - Pick different strategies for different disease biology and immune status.
- Use MRD as guide for treatment strategy and duration.
  - Marrow: Sustained MRD-ve at  $10^{-5}$  vs  $10^{-6}$  , 12 months apart to de-escalate.
  - Imaging: Incorporate PET-CT (functional imaging) response in addition to the sustained MRD-ve status
- Optimal sequencing of existing therapies and incorporation of select novel MoAs based on disease biology.
  - Pay attention to supportive care, short-term and long-term sequelae of treatments.



# Conclusions & Future Directions

- Recognize MM is not one disease, need small enrichment design clinical trials for high-risk disease.
- Achieving and sustaining MRD negativity matters.
- Daratumumab-based quadruplets have become accepted standard of care
  - Higher MRD-ve rates
  - Safe, but attention to infection risk
- New studies are starting to focus on sustained MRD negativity-based duration of therapy for NDMM.
  - Achieving functional cure appears very promising in the next decade.

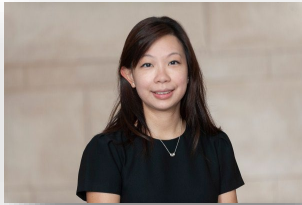


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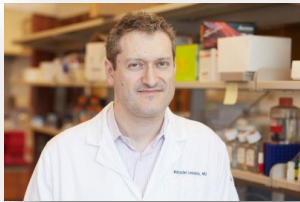
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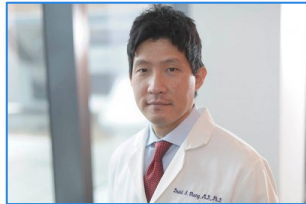
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