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## Up-Front Management of Multiple Myeloma

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## Case presentation: Dr Bessnow

### 61-year-old woman

- Presents with anemia
- Diagnosis: IgG kappa MM
- RVD → transplant → lenalidomide maintenance
- Disease under excellent control but anemia has never fully resolved





# Additional questions regarding up-front management of multiple myeloma



Dr Sinha



Dr Johl

## Case presentation: Dr Cole

### 86-year-old woman

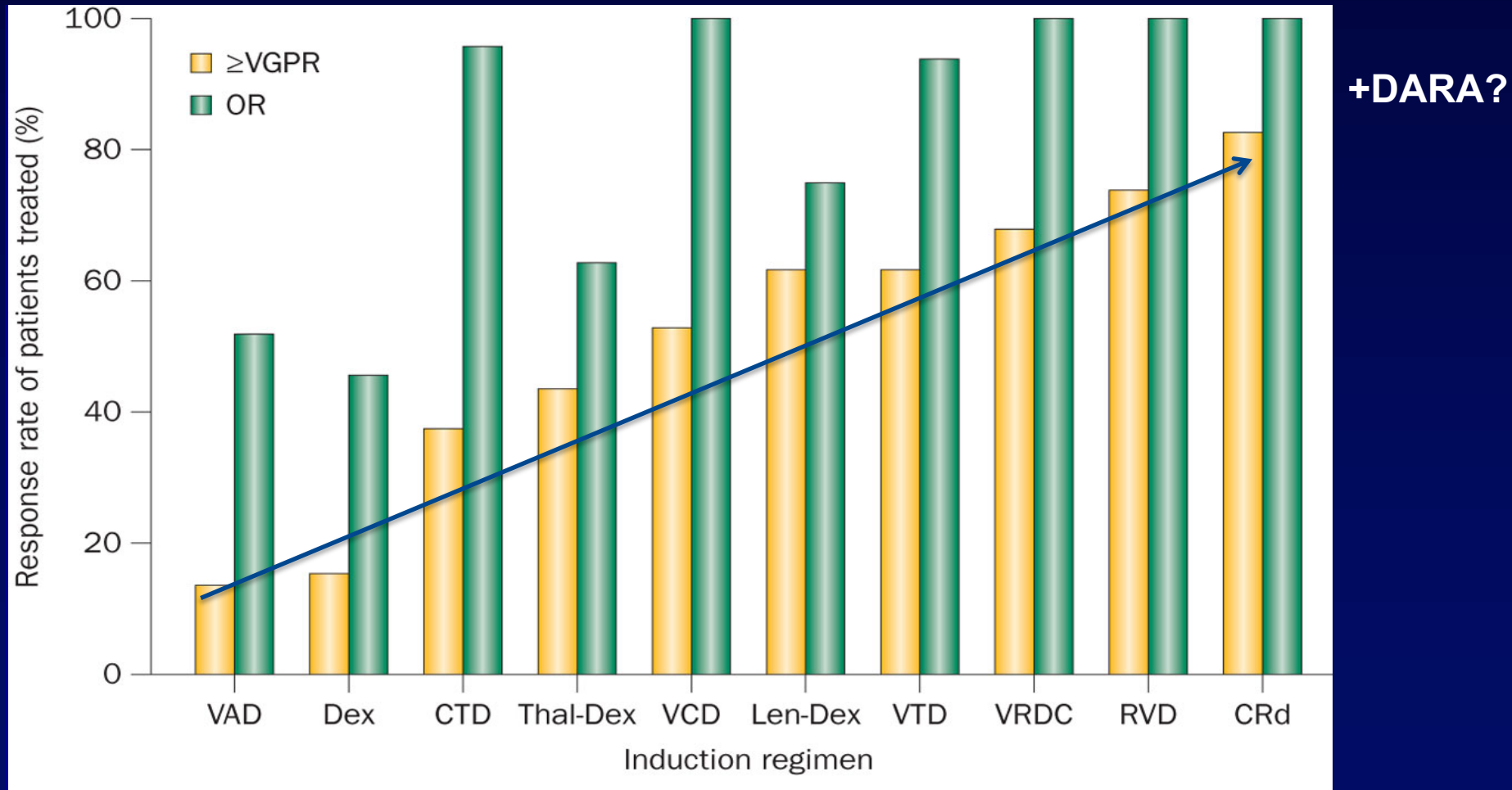
- Morbidly obese, ambulating with walker at baseline
- Suffered fall requiring head CT, which revealed lytic lesions on skull
- Workup: Lesions in skull, iliac crest and right humerus
- Bone marrow biopsy: IgG kappa MM
- Radiation therapy to iliac crest lesion; lenalidomide/dexamethasone but unable to tolerate full-dose lenalidomide due to fatigue



# Topics

- Choice of Induction regimen
- Transplant vs not: who to consider
- What is new; Role of MRD

# Induction RX; Deep remissions will be standard

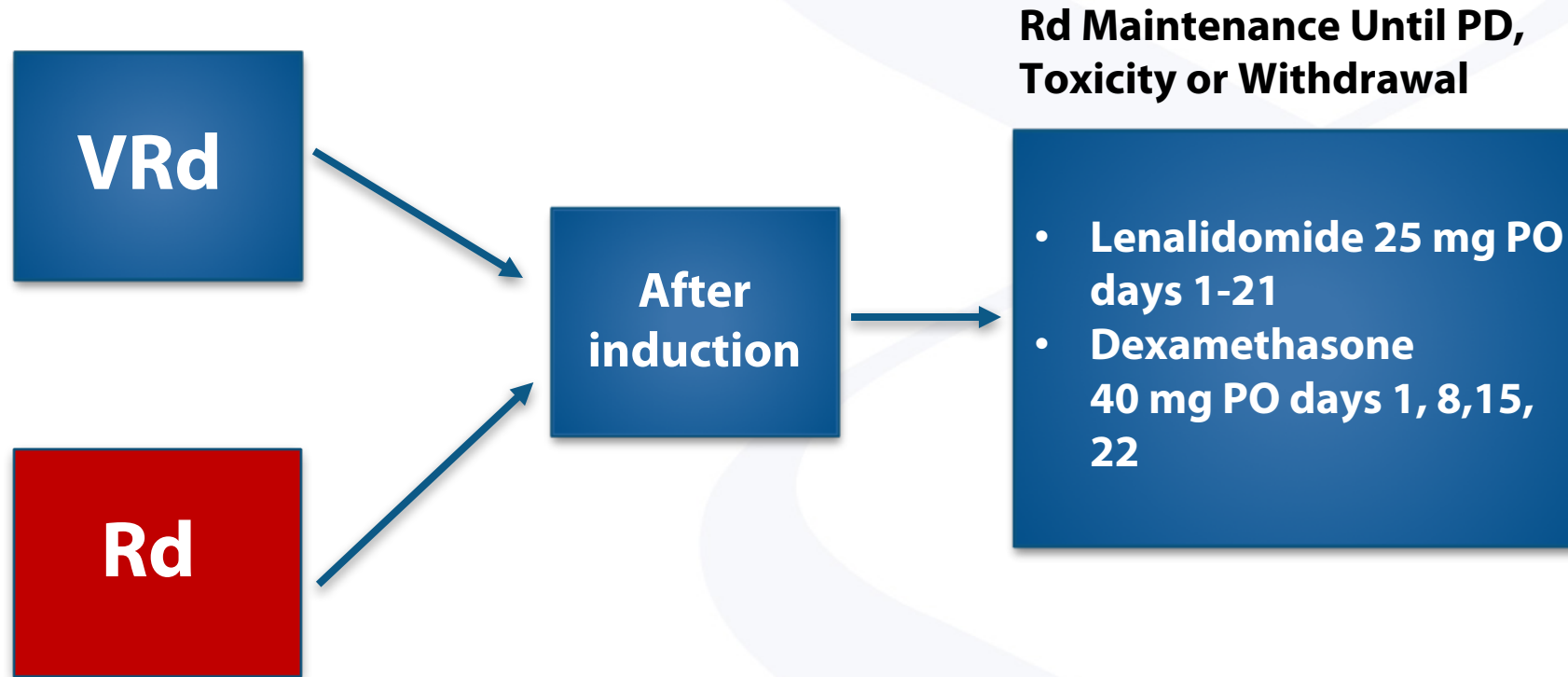


# What Differentiates Patients at Diagnosis?

- Age (in Europe 65, in US >75-80)
- Frailty (how to define, how to use)
- Comorbidities
- Choice (?)

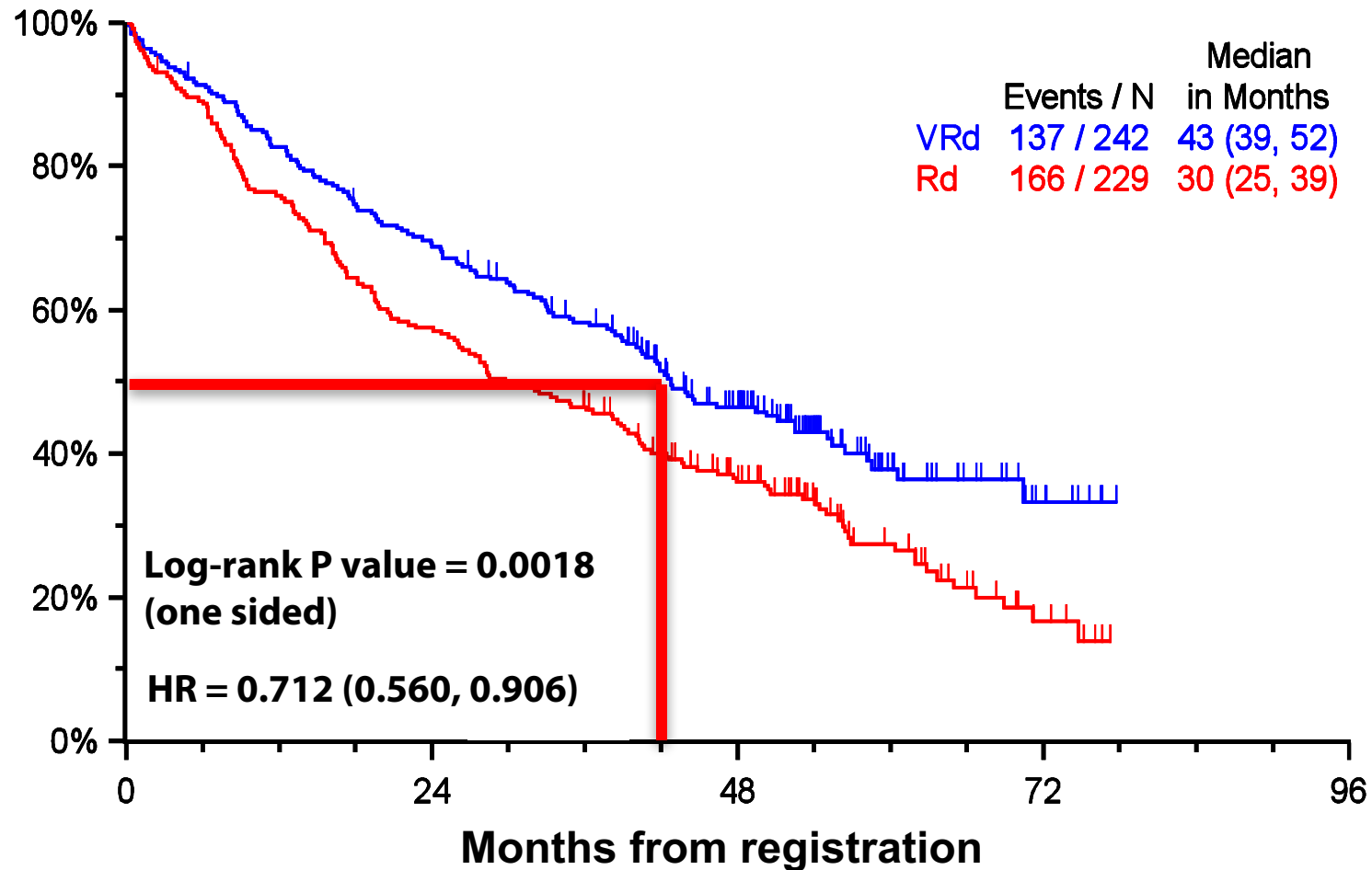


# SWOG-S0777 Study Design



- All patients received Aspirin 325 mg/day
- VRd patients received HSV prophylaxis

# Progression-Free Survival By Assigned Treatment Arm



Durie et al, Lancet 2017

# ALCYONE Study Design

## Key eligibility criteria:

- Transplant-ineligible NDMM
- ECOG 0-2
- Creatinine clearance  $\geq 40$  mL/min
- No peripheral neuropathy grade  $\geq 2$

1:1 Randomization (N = 706)

## VMP × 9 cycles (n = 356)

**Bortezomib:** 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC

*Cycle 1: twice weekly*

*Cycles 2-9: once weekly*

**Melphalan:** 9 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO on Days 1-4

**Prednisone:** 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO on Days 1-4

## D-VMP × 9 cycles (n = 350)

**Daratumumab:** 16 mg/kg IV

*Cycle 1: once weekly*

*Cycles 2-9: every 3 weeks*

+

**Same VMP schedule**

**D**  
Cycles 10+

16 mg/kg IV

Every  
4 weeks:  
until PD

Follow-up  
for PD and  
survival

## Primary endpoint:

- PFS

## Secondary endpoints:

- ORR
- $\geq$ VGPR rate
- $\geq$ CR rate
- MRD (NGS;  $10^{-5}$ )
- OS
- Safety

## Stratification factors

- ISS (I vs II vs III)
- Region (EU vs other)
- Age (<75 vs  $\geq 75$  years)

- Cycles 1-9: 6-week cycles
- Cycles 10+: 4-week cycles

## Statistical analyses

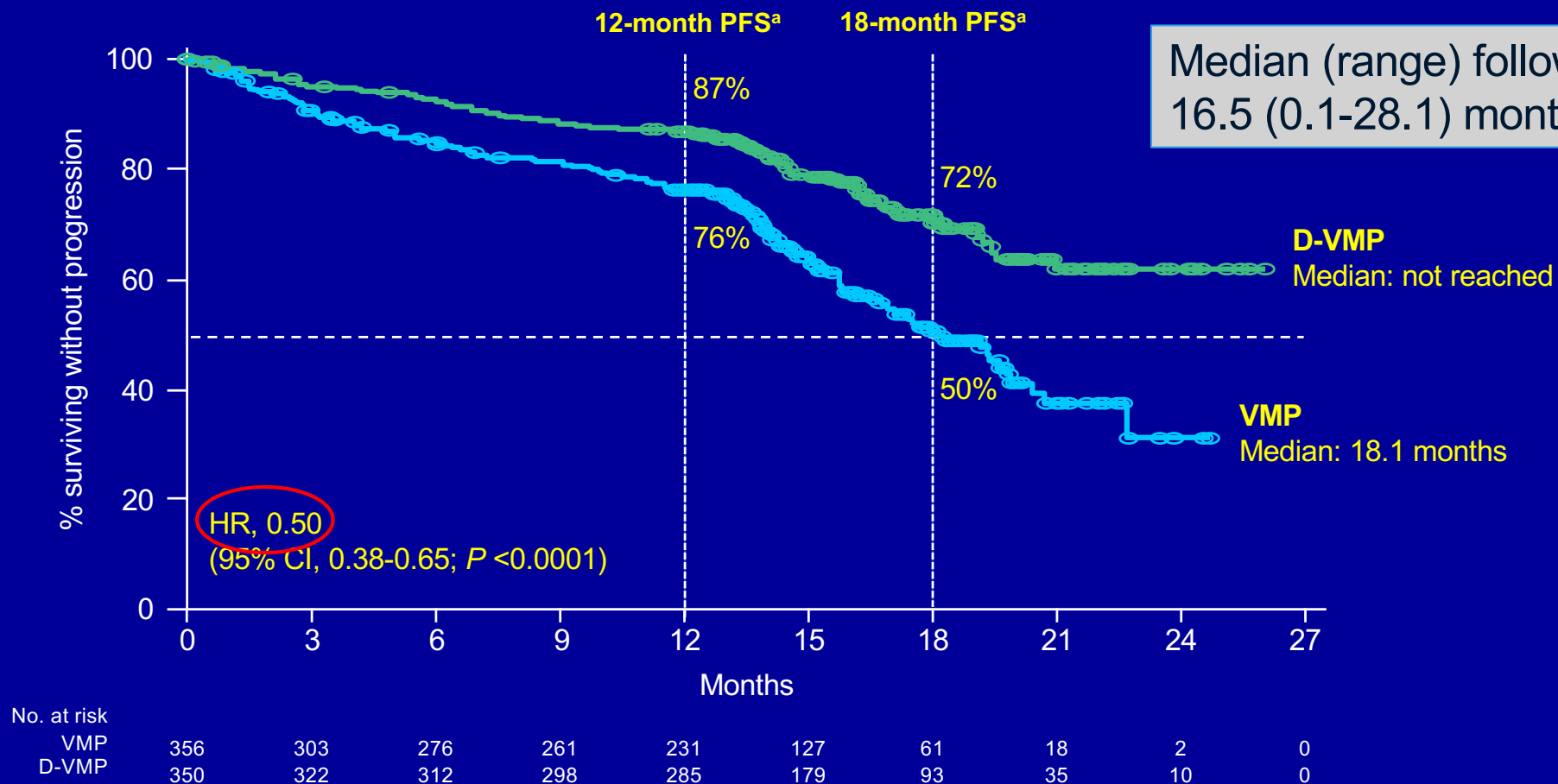
- 360 PFS events: 85% power for 8-month PFS improvement<sup>a</sup>
- Interim analysis: ~216 PFS events

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ISS, International Staging System; EU, European Union; SC, subcutaneously; PO, orally;

D, daratumumab; IV, intravenously; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing; OS, overall survival.

<sup>a</sup>8-month PFS improvement over 21-month median PFS of VMP.

# Efficacy: PFS

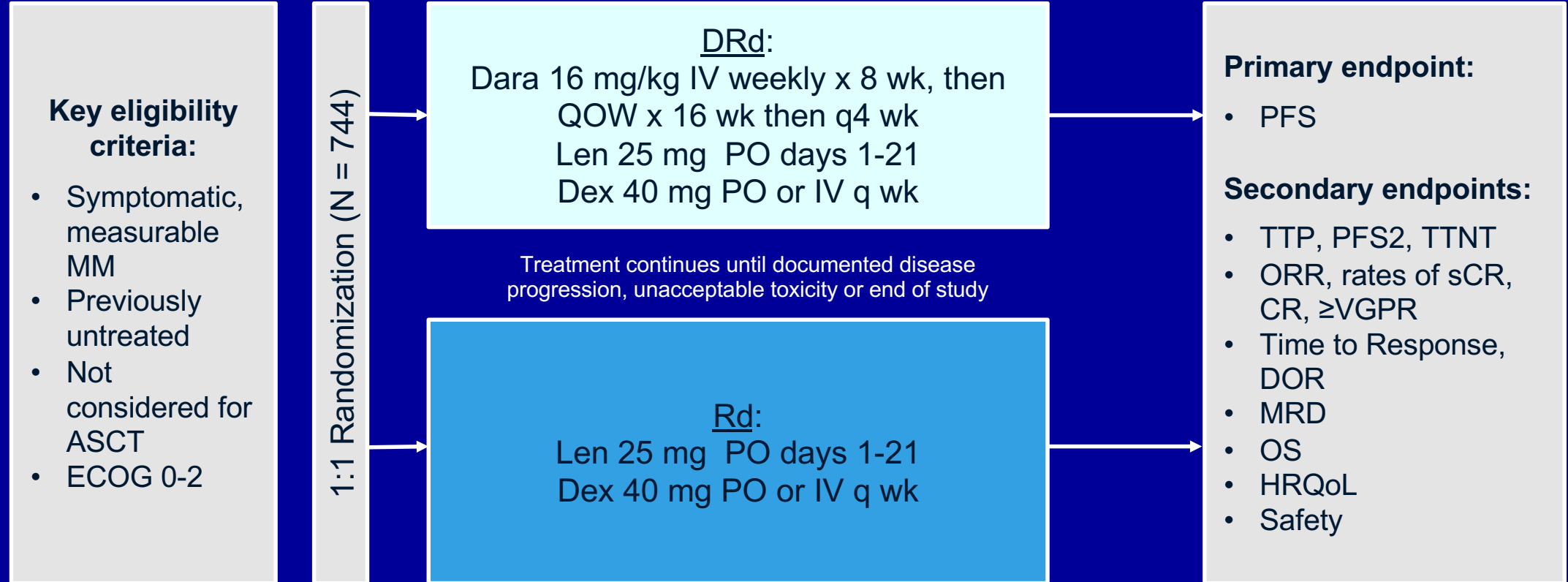


**50% reduction in the risk of progression or death in patients receiving D-VMP**

HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

<sup>a</sup> Kaplan-Meier estimate.

# MAIA Trial Design





# MAIA Topline Interim Results

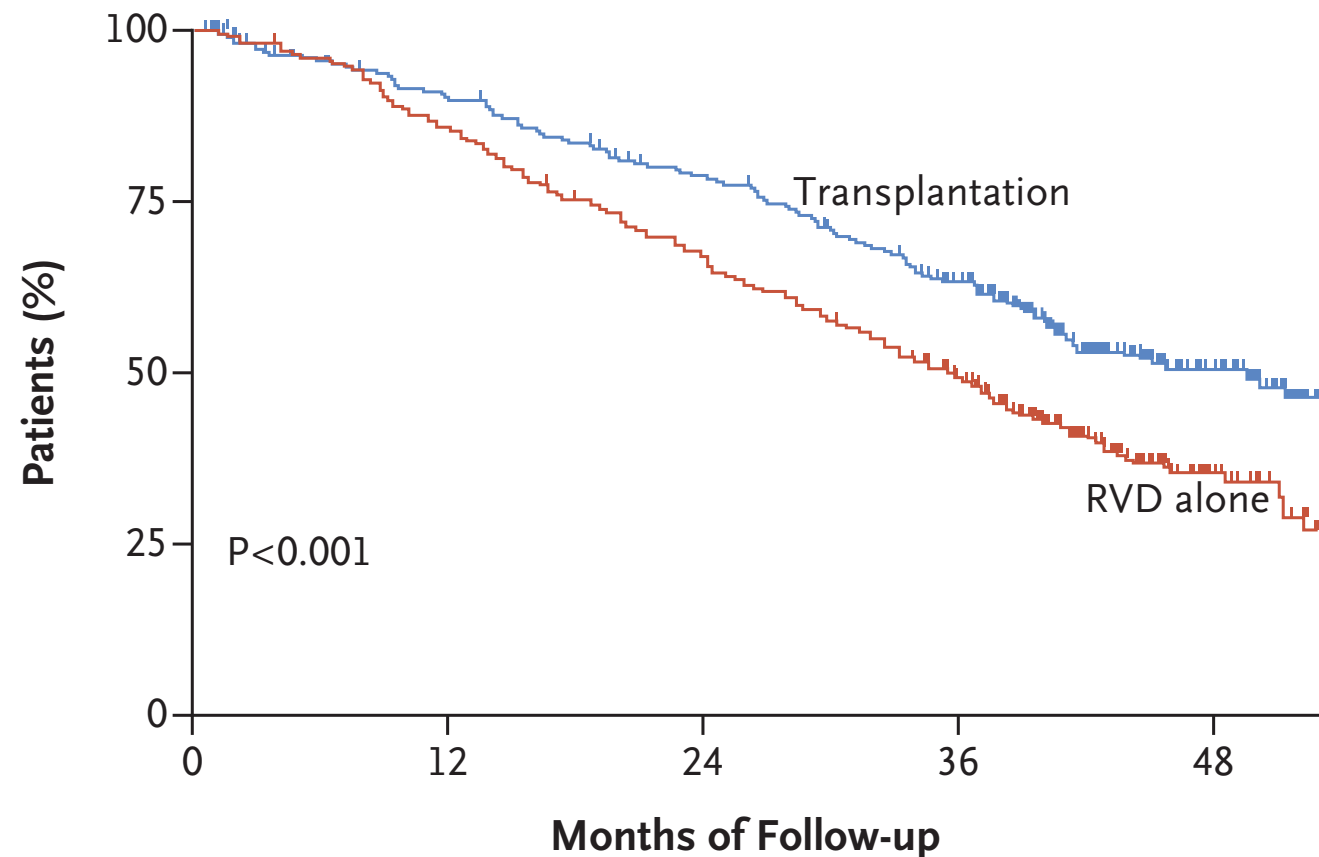
**Positive Topline Results Announced in Phase III MAIA  
Study of Daratumumab in Front Line Multiple Myeloma**

- The study met the primary endpoint of improving PFS at a pre-planned interim analysis (HR = 0.55 (95% CI 0.43 – 0.72),  $p < 0.0001$ ) resulting in a 45% reduction in the risk of progression or death in patients treated with DRd.
- The median PFS for patients treated with daratumumab in combination with Rd has **not been reached**, compared to an estimated median PFS of 31.9 months for patients who received Rd alone.

# IFM RVD with and without HDT

PFS  
50 months (HDT)  
vs  
36 months (no HDT)

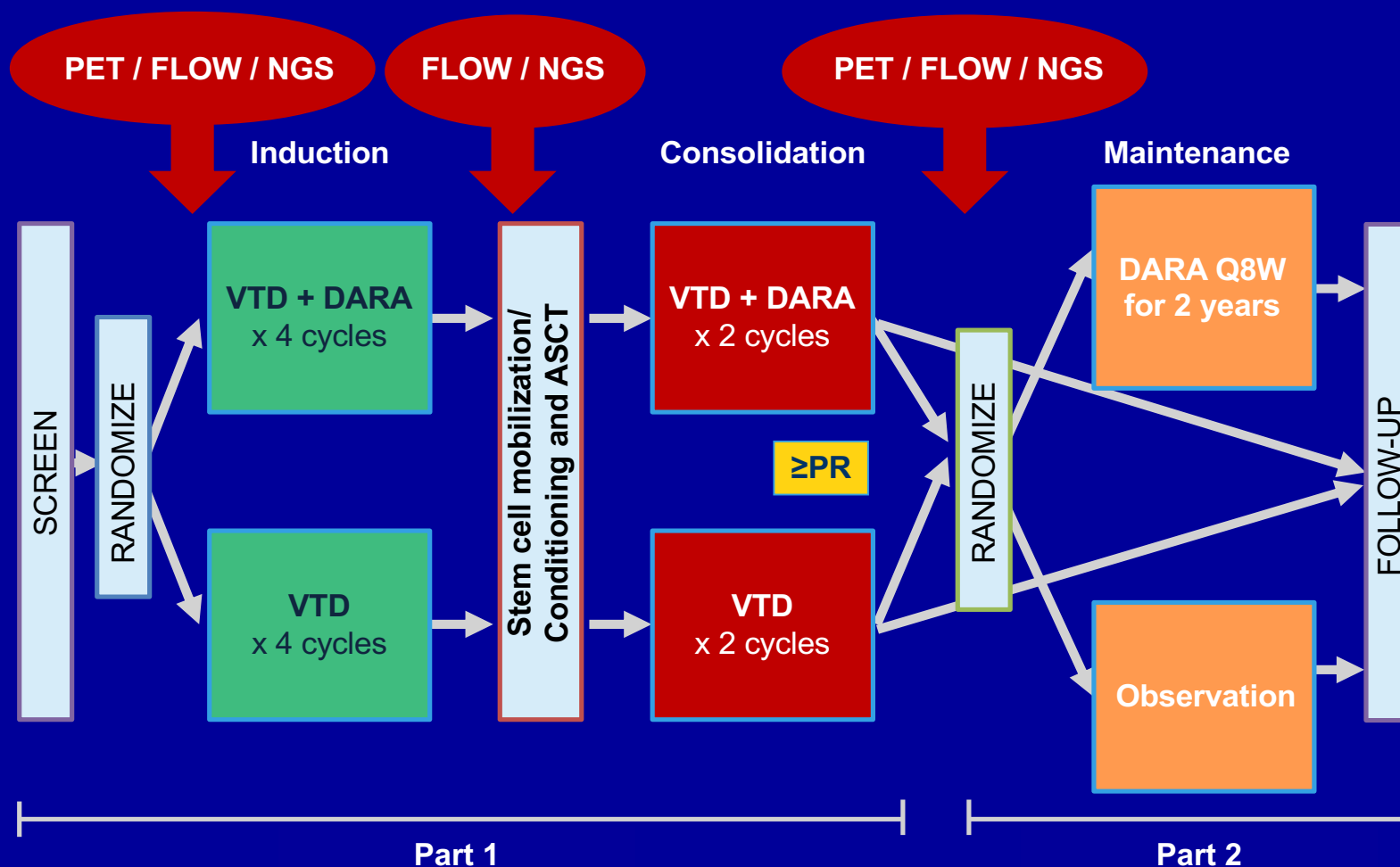
A Progression-free Survival



**No. at Risk**

RVD alone	350	294	228	157	32
Transplantation	350	308	264	196	50

# CASSIOPEIA trial



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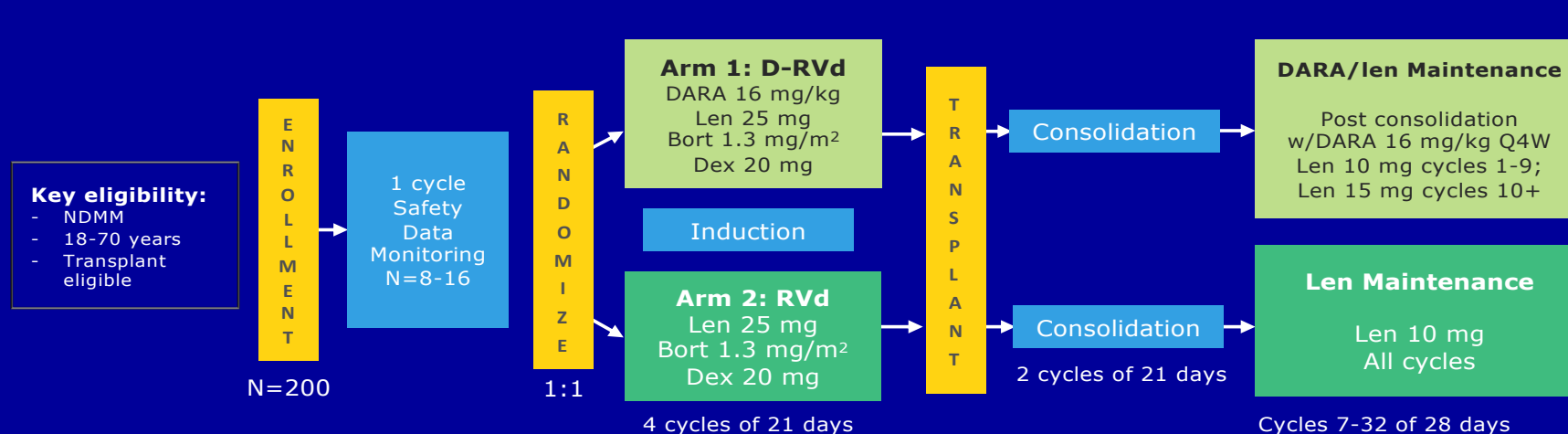
## Positive Topline Results Announced in Phase III CASSIOPEIA Study of Daratumumab in Front Line Multiple Myeloma

- The first part of the study met the primary endpoint of number of patients that achieved a **sCR, which was reported in 28.9%** of patients treated with D-VTD, compared to 20.3% of patients who received VTD alone with an odds ratio of 1.60 (95% CI: 1.21 – 2.12,  $p \leq 0.001$ ).
- In the second part of the study, all responders have been re-randomized to receive either maintenance treatment with daratumumab monotherapy or observation (no treatment).

<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02541383>

# GRIFFIN (MMY2004) Study Design

- Phase 2, randomized, open-label study of D-RVd vs RVd in transplant-eligible, newly diagnosed MM



## Primary Endpoint: sCR rate

### Secondary Endpoints

- CR and sCR rate following induction, ASCT, post-ASCT consolidation, and maintenance treatment
- ORR,  $\geq$ VGPR, MRD
- Duration of and time to sCR and time to CR,  $\geq$ VGPR, or  $\geq$ PR
- TTP, PFS, OS
- Duration of response
- Safety and tolerability of D-RVd
- PK and immunogenicity
- PROs
- Evaluate stem cell yield after mobilization

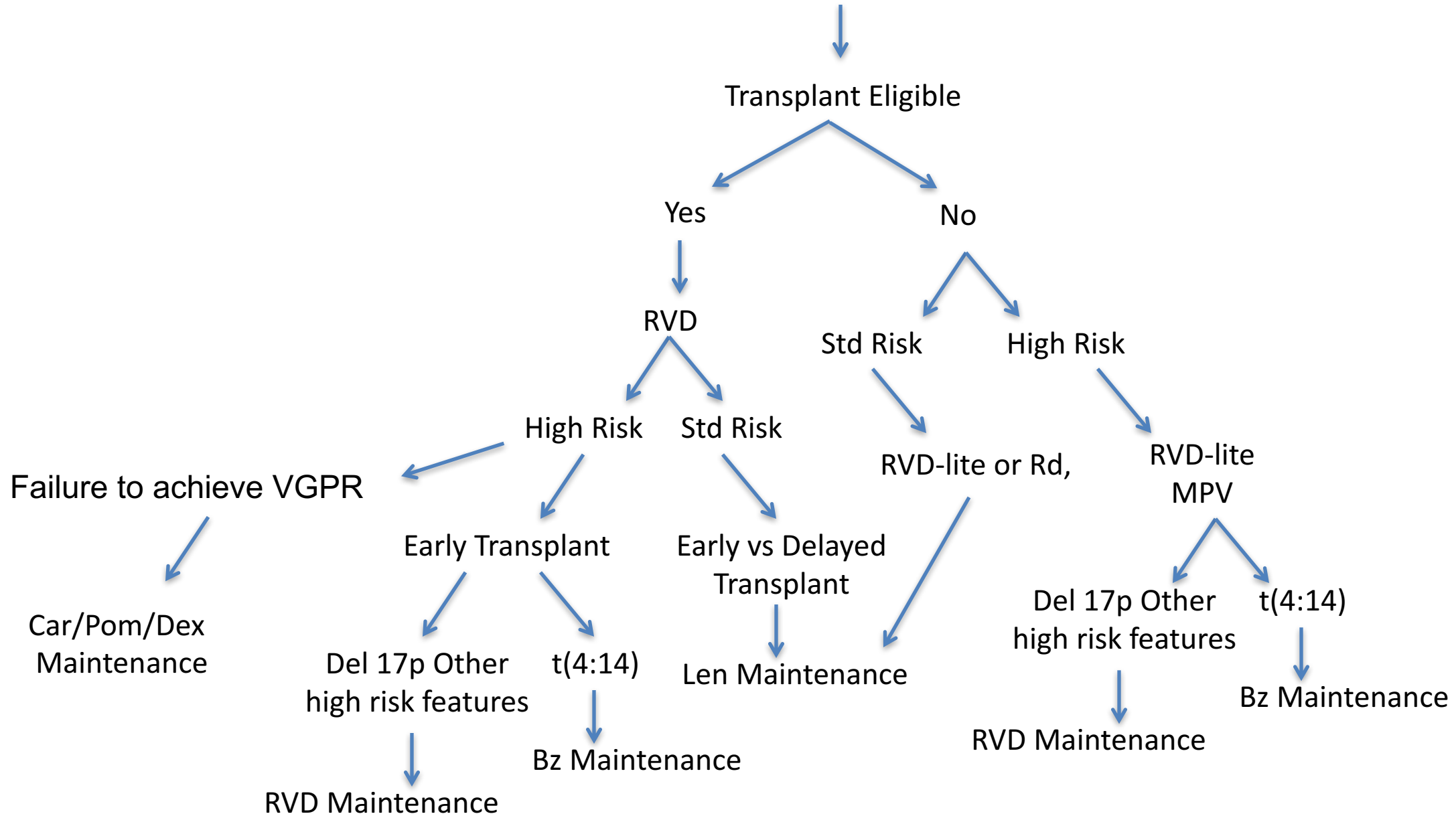
Patient Characteristics	D-VRd n=16
Completed $\geq$ 9 cycles of D-VRD, %	100
Median age, years	62.5
Male sex, %	50
ISS stage	
I, n (%)	12 (75)
II or III, n (%)	4 (25)
ECOG PS = 1, %	63

D-RVd, daratumumab-lenalidomide/bortezomib/dexamethasone; PRO, patient-reported outcome.  
<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02874742>

<https://ash.confex.com/ash/2018/webprogram/Paper113122.html>

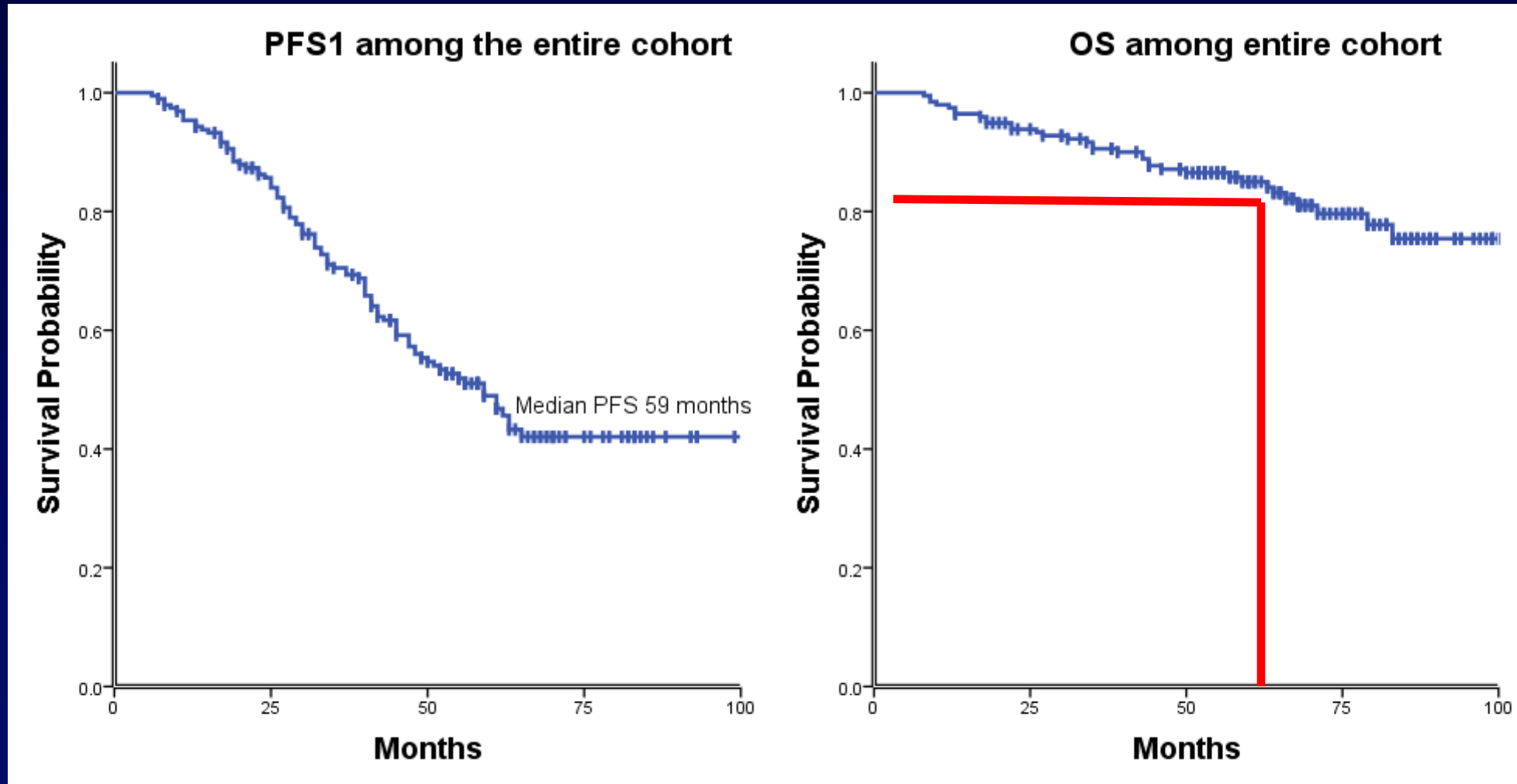


# Suggested Approach for Newly Diagnosed MM

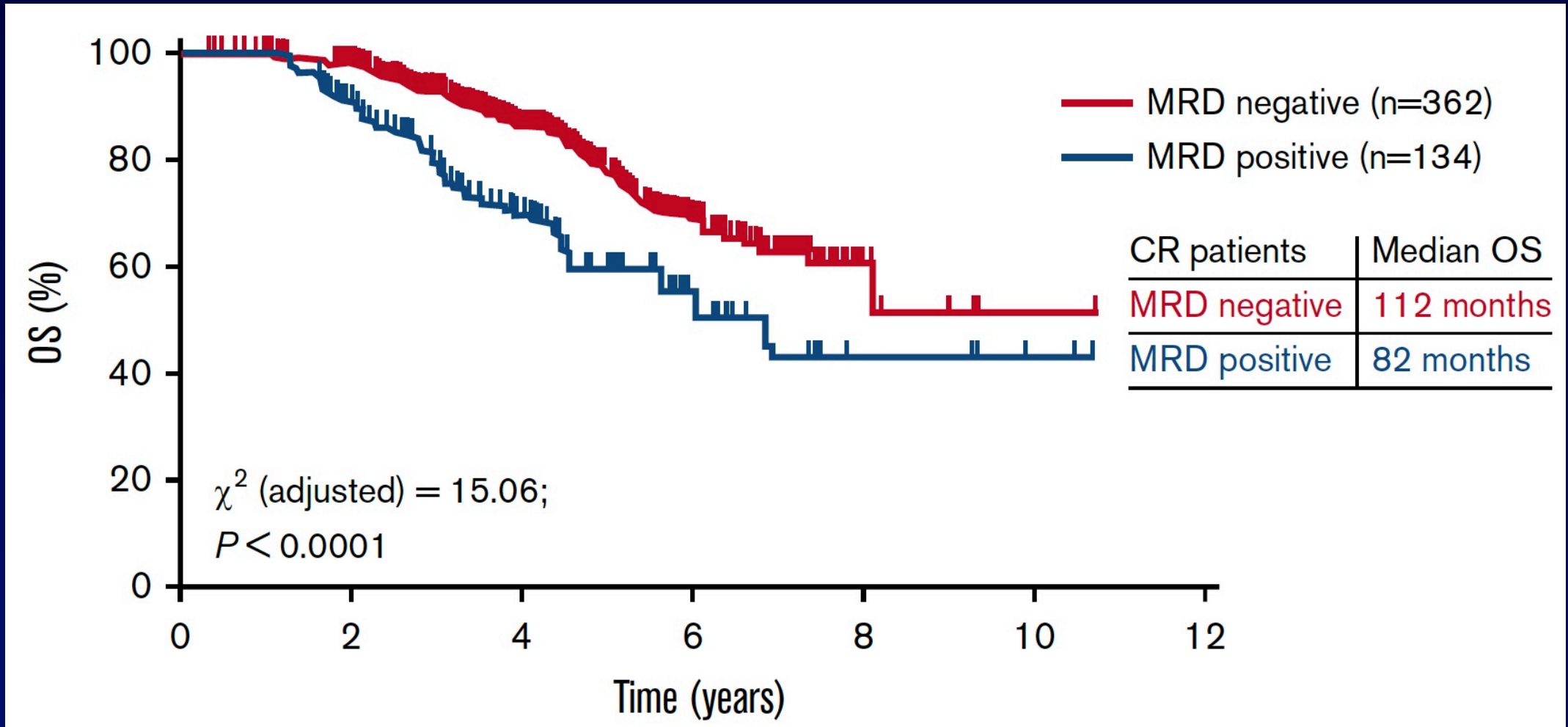


# Survival outcomes in newly diagnosed myeloma with RVD induction among all patients

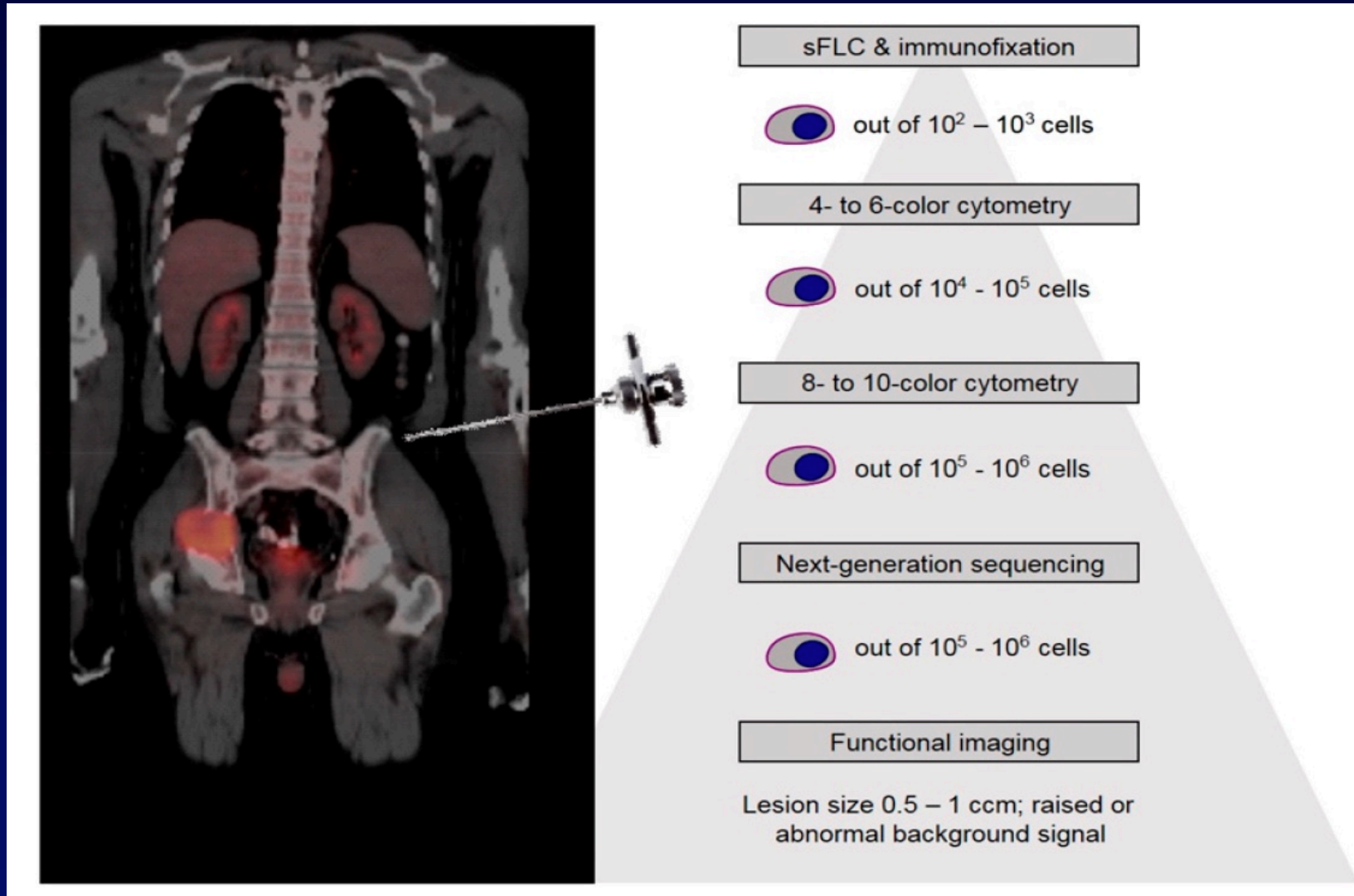
(with a median follow-up of 66 months)



# Impact of MRD on Survival in Patients Who Achieved Conventional CR: A Meta-Analysis



# Sensitivity of Different Techniques in Assessing Myeloma Disease Burden



# New directions

- IMiD/PI is the standard of care for newly diagnosed MM; question of optimal PI remains the subject of trials (K vs V vs I)
- Defining transplant ineligible can have an impact on outcomes and choice of treatment
- If we consider 4-drug induction, we need to be clear on endpoints that translate to benefit, and duration of therapy
- Other new agents are competing for the same space