

# **Selection and Sequencing of Available and Recently Approved Therapies for Patients with Relapsed/Refractory MM?**

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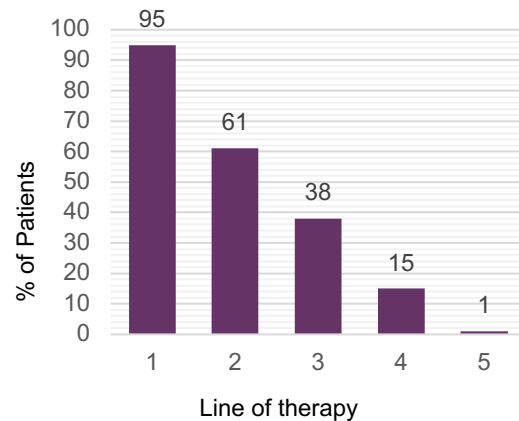
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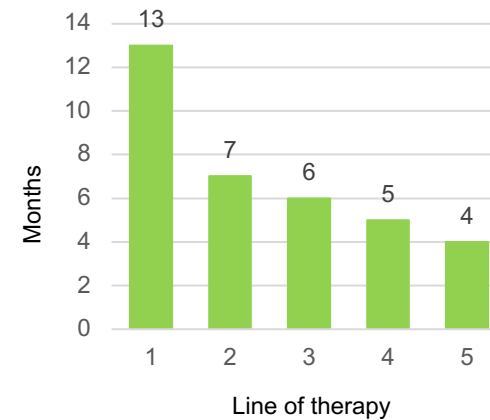
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# Initial Treatment is Best Chance For Deep and Durable Remissions

**Attrition**  
% of Patients Able to Get Nth Line of Therapy



**Diminishing Returns**  
Median Duration of Nth Line of Therapy



- Attrition: high risk & frail elderly patients in particular will not live to Nth relapse
- Response rates and duration diminish with each successive line of therapy
- Early use of efficacious regimens to achieve *and sustain remissions* critical

# Indications for Retreatment

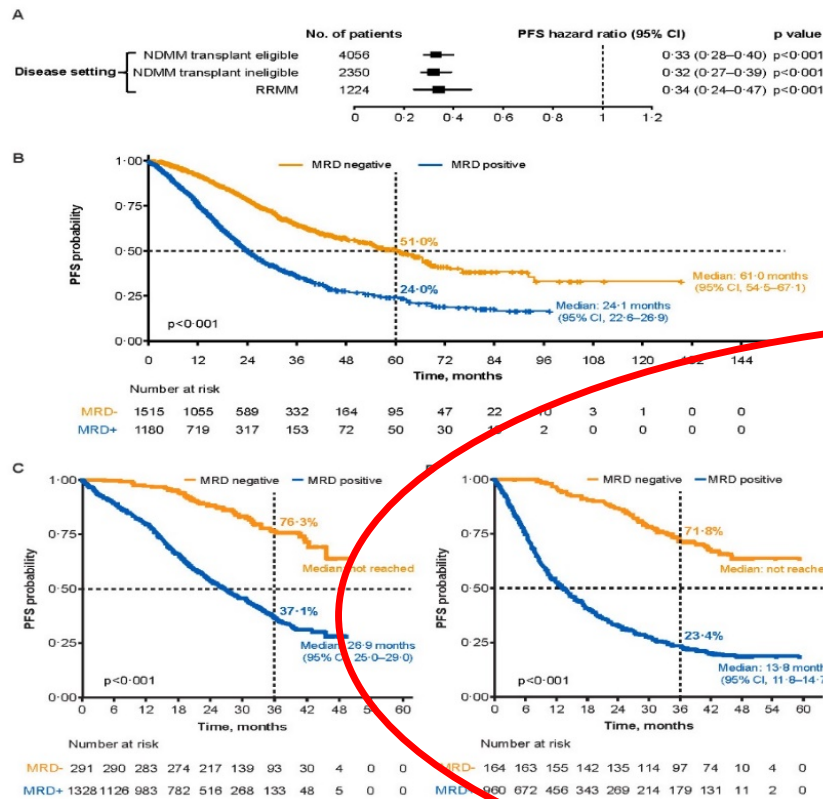
- Patients with asymptomatic rise in M-protein (biochemical relapse) can be observed to determine the rate of rise and nature of the relapse
- Clinical relapse: direct indicators of increasing disease with end organ dysfunction (MDE)
- Significant paraprotein relapse: Accelerated Doubling of the M-component in two consecutive measurements separated by < 2 months; OR
- High levels of free light chain with renal presentation
- High risk cytogenetics with biochemical progression

# What is the Goal of Therapy in Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma?

## Superior PFS and OS with MRD Negativity in Relapsed Refractory Multiple Myeloma

### PFS

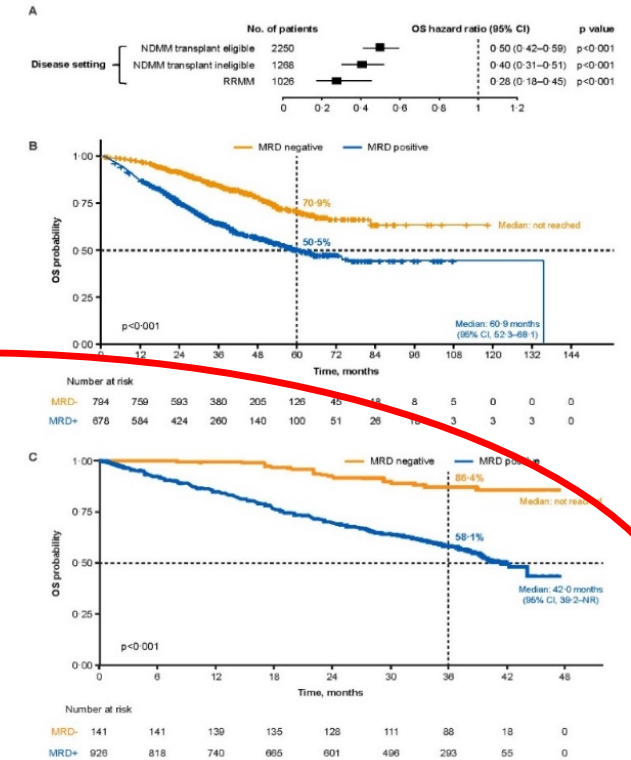
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Transplant  
Eligible

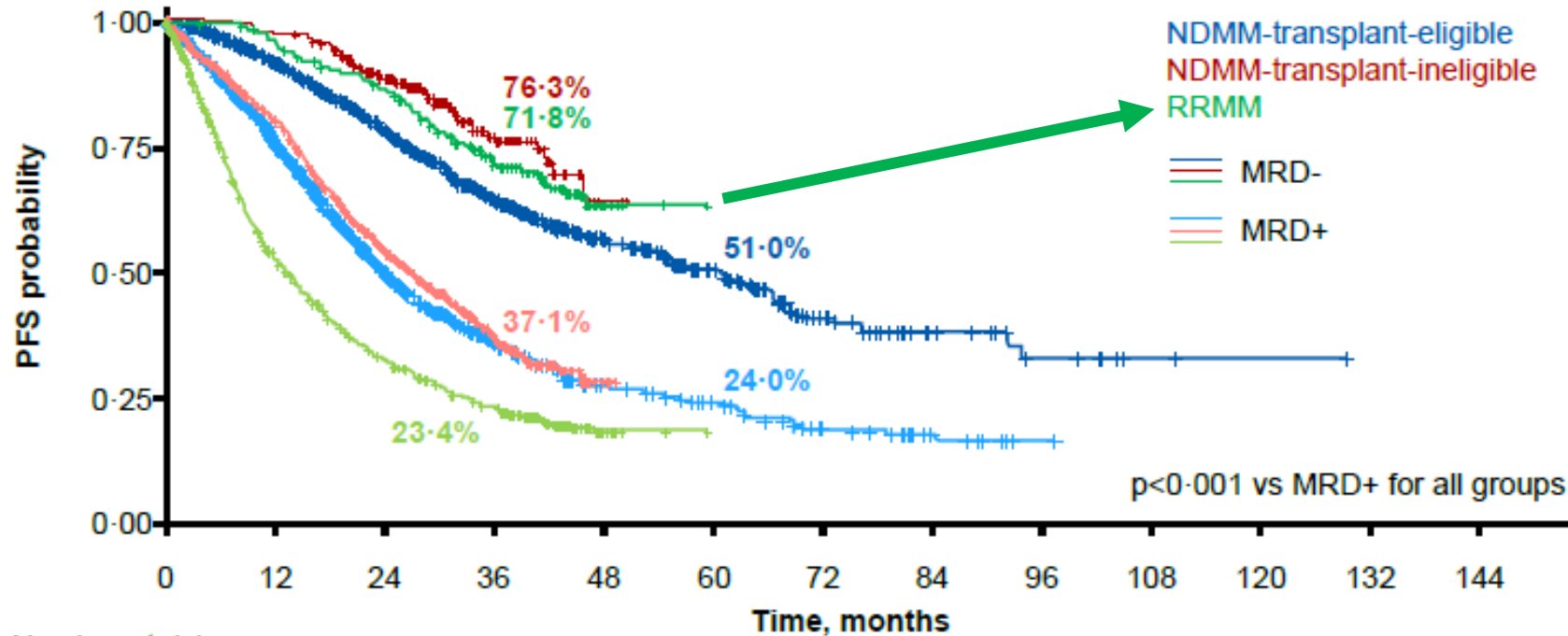
Newly-diagnosed  
Transplant  
Ineligible

Relapsed  
Refractory  
N = 1124



# MRD Negativity Provides Similar Benefit in Relapsed/Refractory Disease as in Newly-diagnosed Patient

Association of MRD negativity with PFS by disease settings



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

# Factors to Consider for Treatment Selection

## Disease related Factors

- Nature of relapse
- Risk stratification
- Disease burden
- R-ISS staging

1. Nooka AK, et al. *Blood*. 2015;125:3085-3099.
2. Palumbo A, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2011;364:1046-1060.
3. Palumbo A, et al. *Blood*. 2011;118:4519-4529.
4. Orlowski RZ, Lonial S. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2016;22:5443.

## Treatment related Factors

- Previous therapy
- Regimen-related toxicity
- Depth and duration of previous response, tumor burden at relapse
- Retreatment with previous therapies

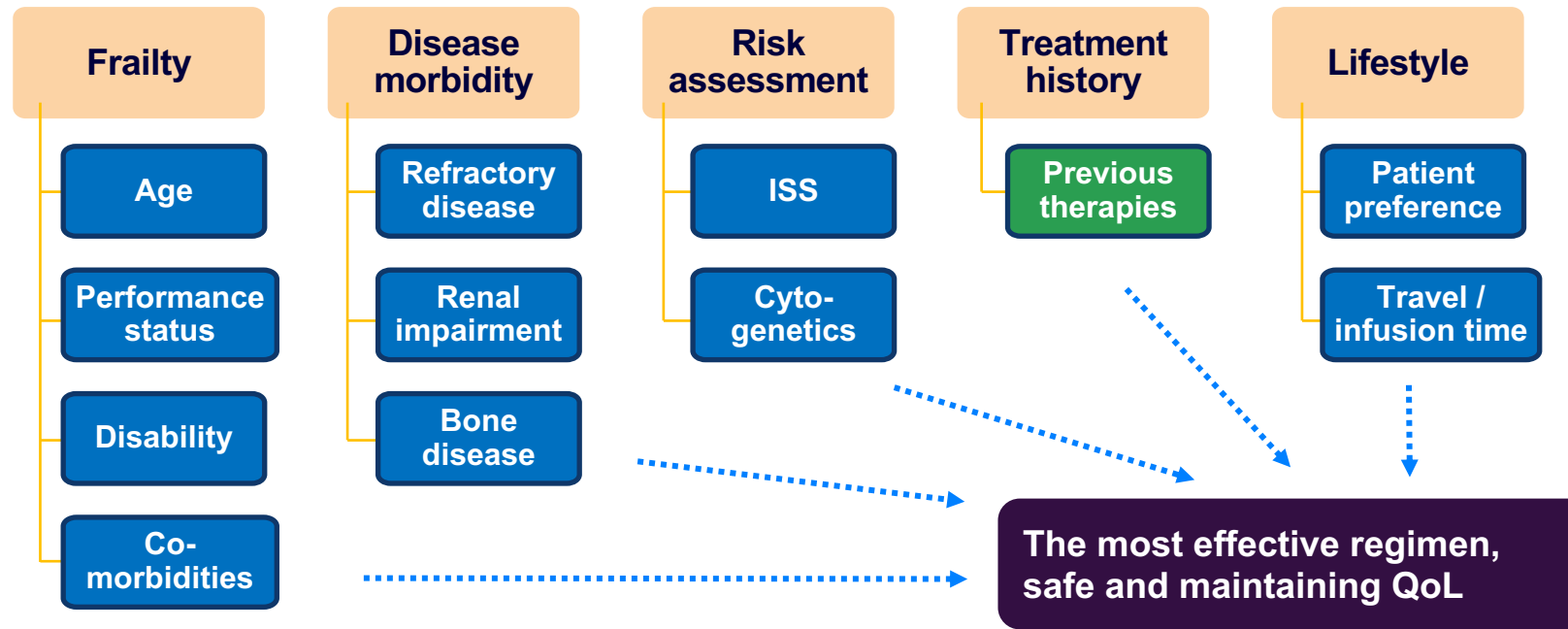
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## Patient related Factors

- Renal insufficiency:
- Hepatic impairment
- Comorbidities and frailty
- Patient preferences

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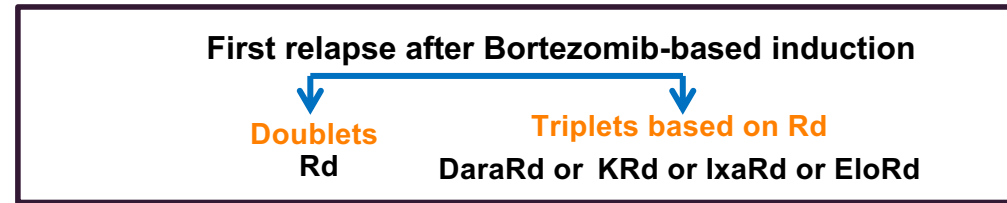
# Disease and Patient-based Factors Influencing the Treatment Decision-making at the Relapsed Setting



- **Choice of PI- or IMiD-based partner depends on prior treatment**
- **Nearly all phase 3 studies show triplets perform better than doublets**
- **Cross trial comparisons should not be done**

Clegg A et al. Lancet 2013;381:752–762; Handforth C et al. Ann Oncol 2015;26:1091–1101; Chen X et al. Clin Interv Aging 2014;9:433–441; Palumbo A et al. Blood 2015;125:2068–2074; Jhaveri D et al. Haematologica 2016;101:1–881 (Abstract E1312); Sonneveld P et al. Leukemia 2013;27:1959–1969; Fairman BM et al. Clin J Oncol Nurs 2011;15:66–76; Miceli TS et al. Clin J Oncol Nurs 2011;15:9–23; Greipp PR et al. J Clin Oncol 2005;23:3412–3420; Binder M et al. Haematologica 2016;101:P665; Merz M et al. Haematologica 2016;101:P650; Chng WJ et al. Leukemia 2016;30:1071–1078; Chung TH et al. PLoS One 2013;20:e66361; Sonneveld P et al. Leukemia 2013;27:1959–1969; Ramsenthaler C et al. BMC Cancer 2016;16:427; Williams LA et al. J Clin Oncol 2016;34:e18127; Ramasamy K et al. Haematologica 2017;102:E1457.

# Management of Patients at First Relapse Lenalidomide-Dexamethasone Combination Studies



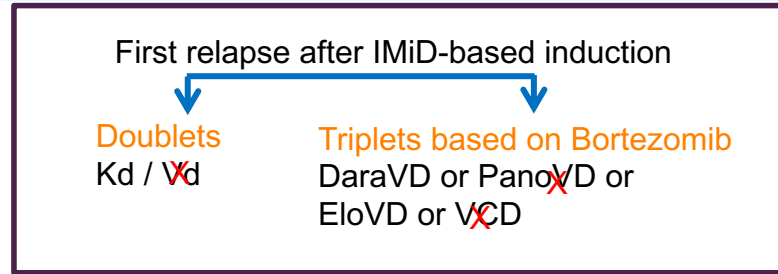
	Ixazomib		Elotuzumab		Carfilzomib		Daratumumab	
N	IRd vs Rd 722		EloRd vs Rd 646		KRd vs Rd 792		DRd vs Rd 569	
Efficacy	IRD	RD	EloRD	RD	KRD	RD	DRD	RD
Median f/u, mos	23		Min 48 mos		67		32.9	
ORR	78.3%	71.5%	79%	66%	87%	66.7%	93%	76%
CR	12%	7%	5%	9%	32%	9.3%	55%	23%
Median PFS, mos	21	14.7	19	14.9	26	16.6	NR	17.5
Median OS, mos	NR	NR	48.3	39.6	48.3	40.4	NR	NR

Moreau P et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;374:1621; Dimopoulos MA et al. *Br J Haematol.* 2017;178:896.  
 Stewart AK et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;372:142; Stewart AK et al. *Blood.* 2017;130: Abstract 743.  
 Dimopoulos M et al. *J Hematol Oncol.* 2018;11:49; Dimopoulos MA et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375:1319.



# Management of Patients at First Relapse

## Bortezomib-Dexamethasone Combination Studies



	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 f/p, mos	16		26.9		37.5		16.5		18.7	
ORR	<b>82%</b>	50%	<b>85%</b>	63%	<b>76%</b>	63%	<b>76%</b>	62%	<b>82%</b>	68%
CR	<b>16%</b>	4%	<b>30%</b>	10%	<b>13%</b>	6%	<b>17%</b>	11%	<b>13%</b>	1%
Median PFS, mos	<b>11</b>	7	<b>16.7</b>	7.1	<b>18.7</b>	9.4	<b>13.9</b>	9.46	<b>22.4</b>	11.5
Median OS, mos	NR	NR	NR	NR	47.6	40.0	NR	25	NR	25

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.

# New Guidelines are Necessary for the Current RRMM Population

First relapse after PI and/or IMiD-based induction and len-refractory



**Anti-CD38-based regimen**

**anti CD38-free regimen**

Dara Kd  
Dara Pom-dex  
Dara VD or Dara RD

Pom + Vd  
Pom + Cy + Dex  
K + Pom-dex

Vd + Selinexor  
Vd + Venetoclax  
Kd + cyclo

Other potential combinations for this population?

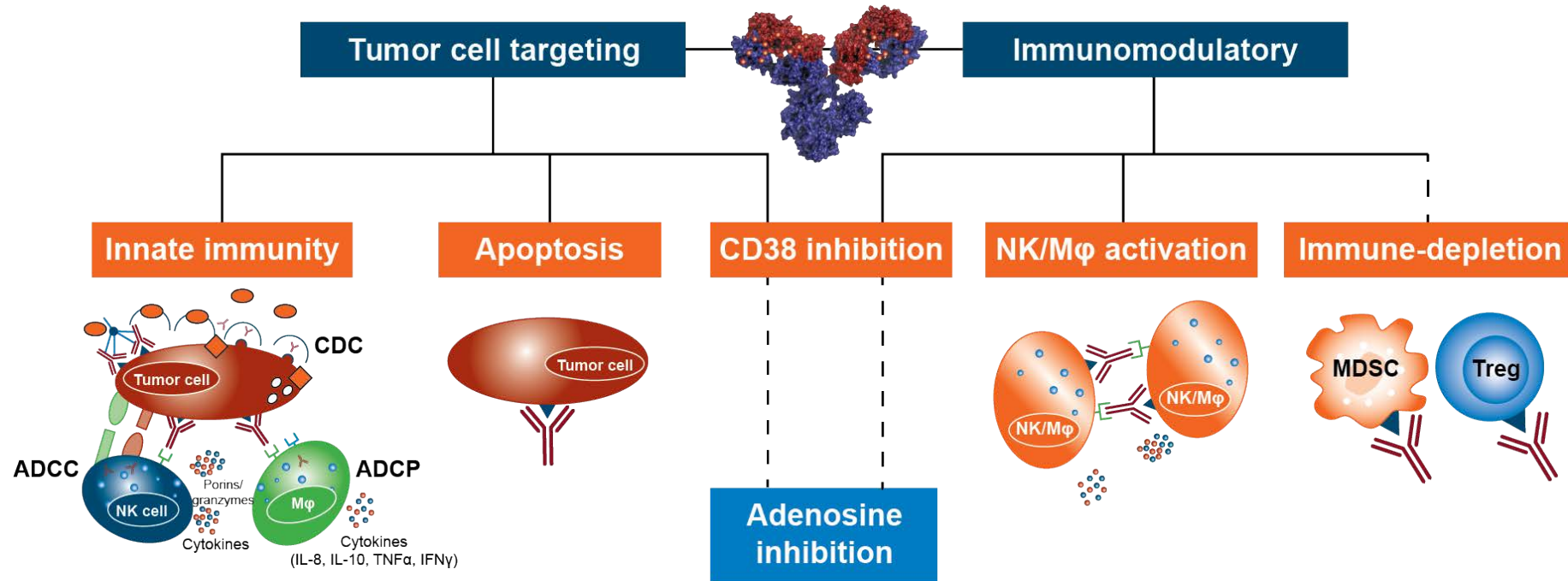
# Therapeutic Advances in Multiple Myeloma

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- ~~11~~ new Agents in last 15 years:
- **Proteasome inhibitors:** bortezomib, Carfilzomib, Ixazomib
- **Immunomodulator:** thalidomide, lenalidomide, pomalidomide
- **HDAC inhibitor:** Panobinostat
- **Monoclonal antibodies:** elotuzumab, daratumumab    Isatuximab,  
Belantamab mafodotin
- **Exportin inhibitor:** Selinexor
- **Alkylating Agent:** bendamustine
- **Existing older agents:** melphalan, dexamethasone.  
cyclophosphamide, anthracycline, etoposide
- **Near approval:** Ide-cel, Cilta-cel, melflufen, venetoclax,  
BCMA-bispecifics
- **2-, 3-, 4-drug combinations - effective in relapsed/refractory myeloma**

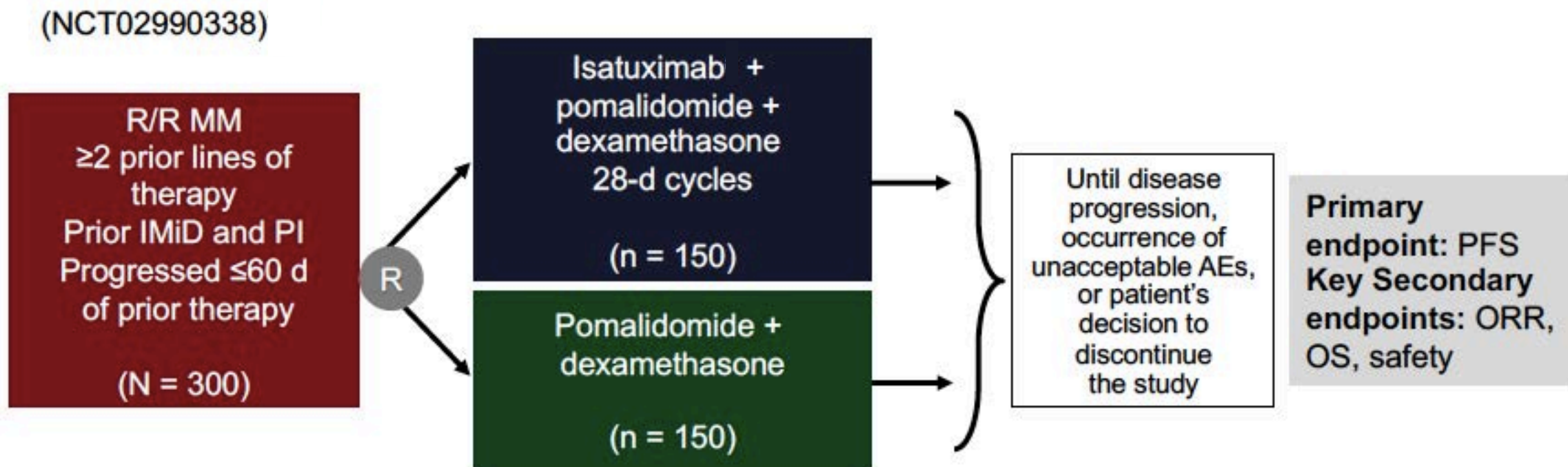
# Isatuximab: Mechanism of Action

- Active in combination studies in R/R MM



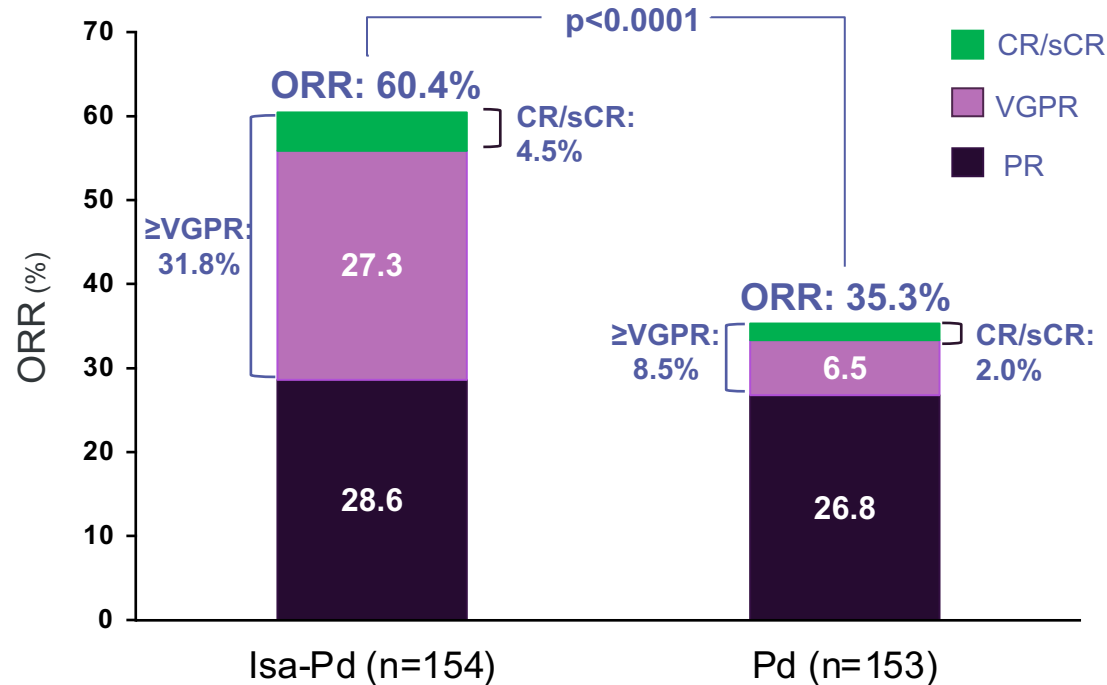
- **Effective combinations**
  - **ICARIA-MM – Isa Pd**
  - **IKEMA – Isa Kd**

# ICARIA-MM: Isa-Pd Versus Pd in RRMM



Attal, M et al. Lancet 394: 859, 2019.

# ICARIA-MM: Significant Improvement in Response with Isa-Pd Compared to Pd



Median time to 1<sup>st</sup> response:  
Isa-Pd 35 days vs Pd 58 days

True CR rate in Isa-Pd underestimated because of isatuximab interference with M-protein measurement

	Isa-Pd (n=154)	Pd (n=153)
nCR, %	15.6	3.3

MRD negativity at 10<sup>-5</sup> (ITT):  
5.2% for Isa-Pd vs 0% for Pd

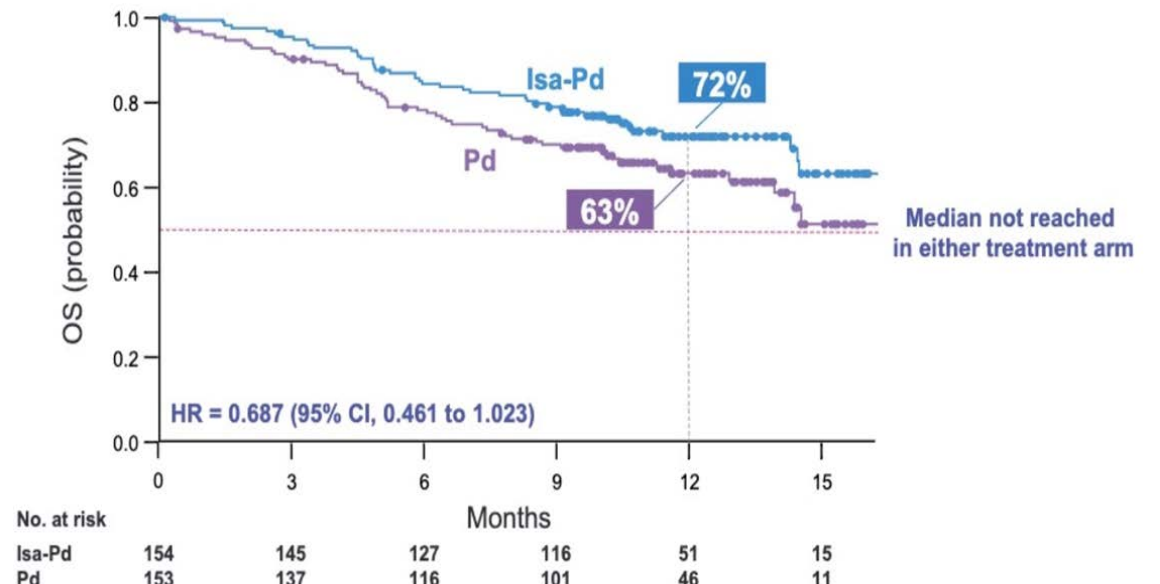
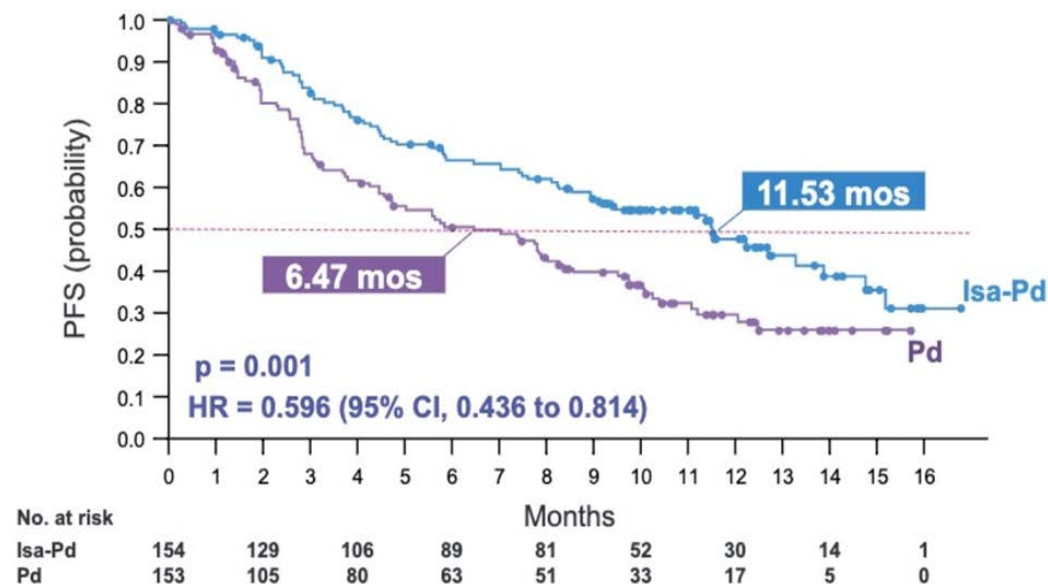
**Addition of Isa to Pd resulted in significant improvement in overall and depth of response**

Data cut-off 11 Oct, 2018

CR complete response; d, dexamethasone; IRC, Independent Review Committee; Isa, isatuximab; ITT, intent-to-treat; MRD, minimal residual disease; nCR, near complete response; ORR, overall response rate; P, pomalidomide; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response  
\*All criteria for a complete response were met except that immunofixation remained positive [Richardson PG, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2003;348(26):2609-2617]

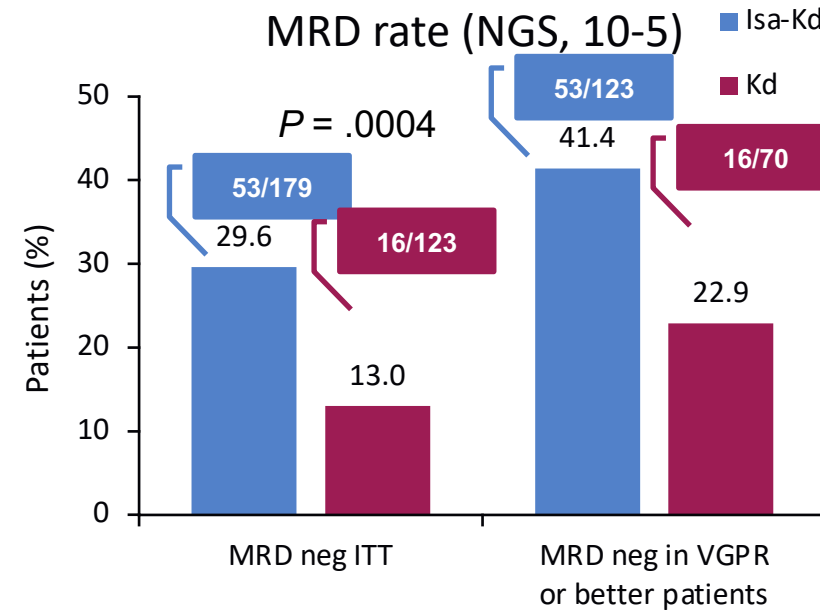
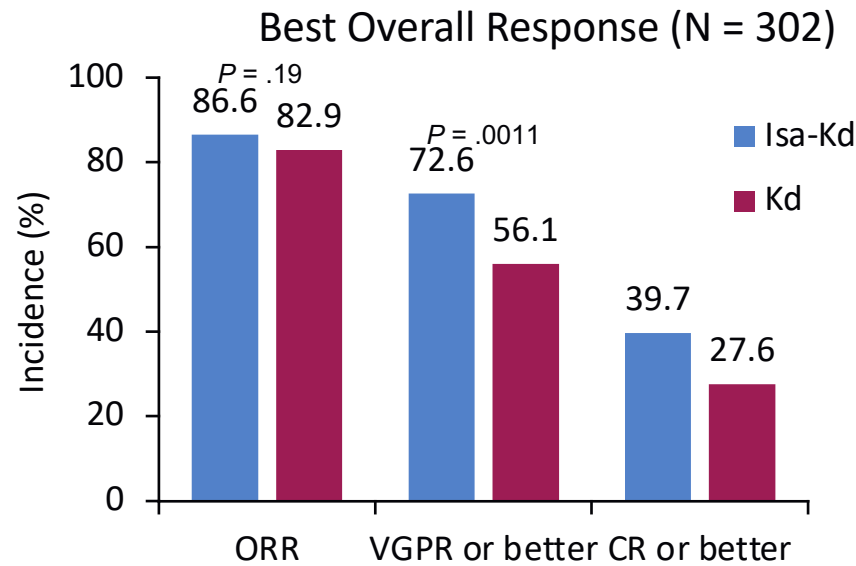
# ICARIA-MM: Significant Improvement in Survival with Isa-Pd Compared to Pd

- 307 patients, after a median number of 3 lines, 95% len-refractory
- Significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS; consistent across subgroups



CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IRC, independent review committee; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Isa-Pd, isatuximab-pomalidomide-dexamethasone; Pd, pomalidomide-dexamethasone. Richardson P et al. Lancet. 2019;394(10214):2096-2107.

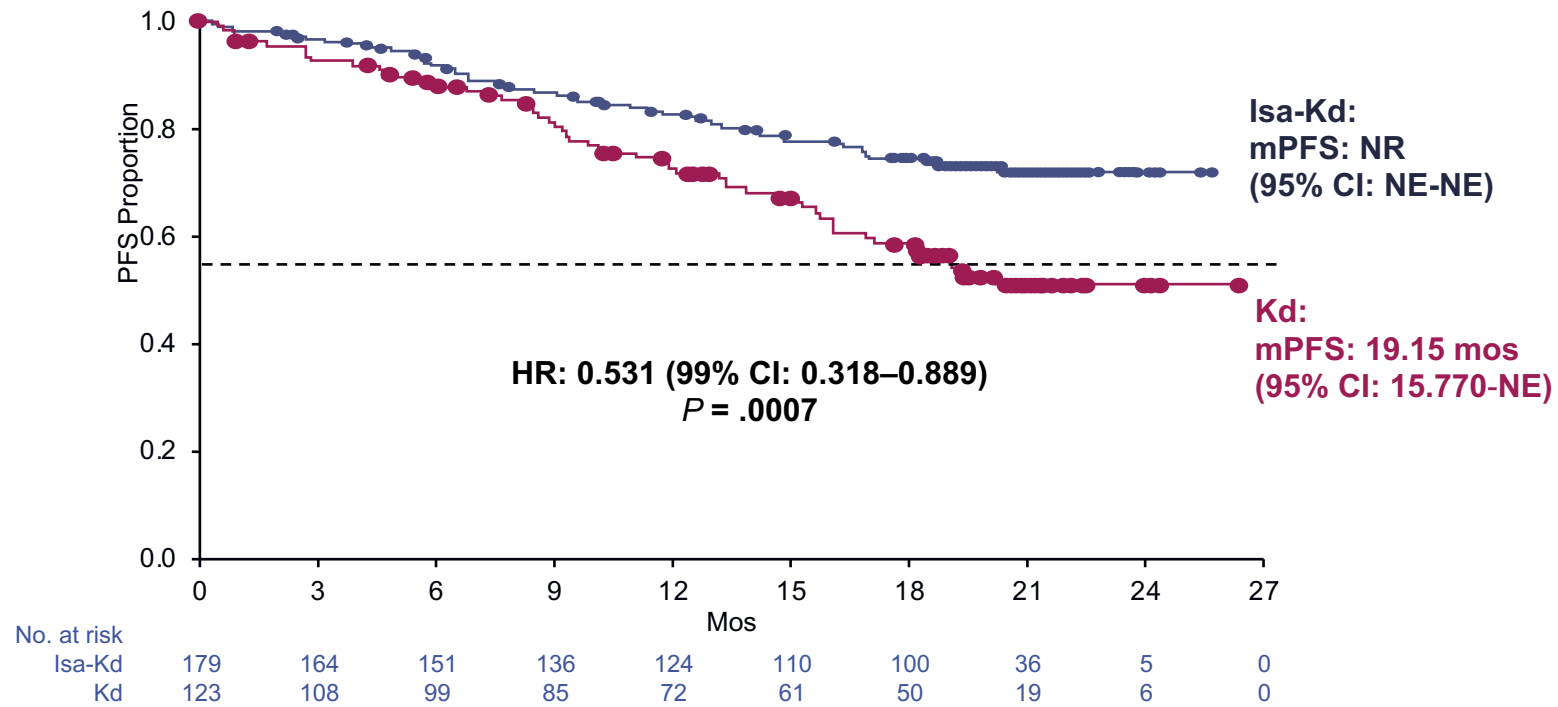
# IKEMA: Carfilzomib/Dexamethasone ± Isatuximab: Response



- Deeper responses were seen with Isa-Kd consistent with striking PFS improvement
- MRD negativity rate with Isa-Kd was approximately 30% in ITT population

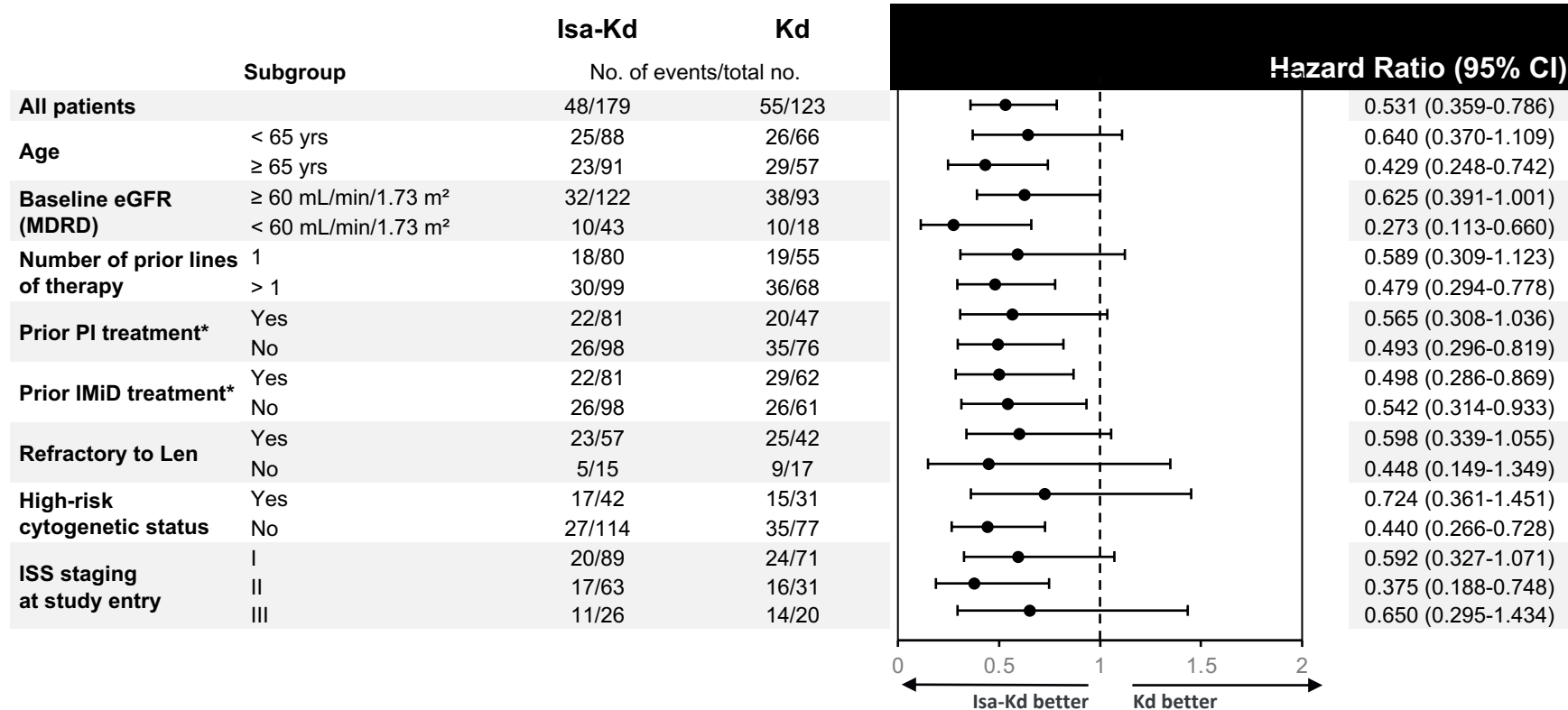


# IKEMA: Isa-Kd Showed Improvement in PFS vs Kd : 47% Reduction of Risk



Moreau. EHA 2020. Abstr LB2603.

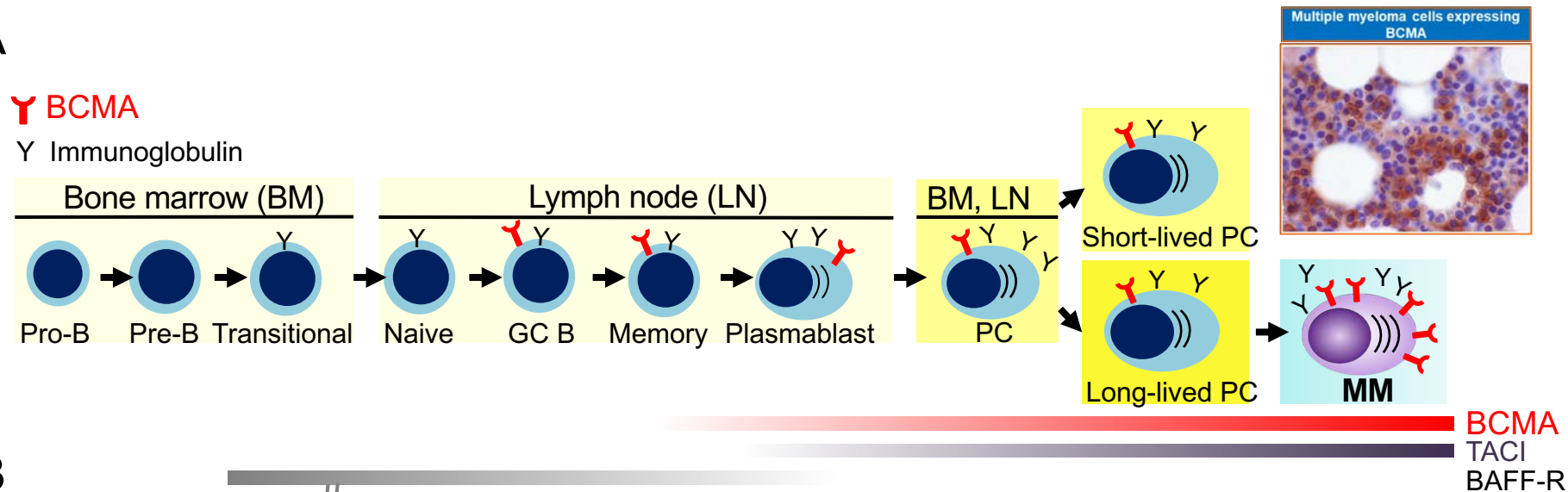
# IKEMA: PFS Subgroup Analyses



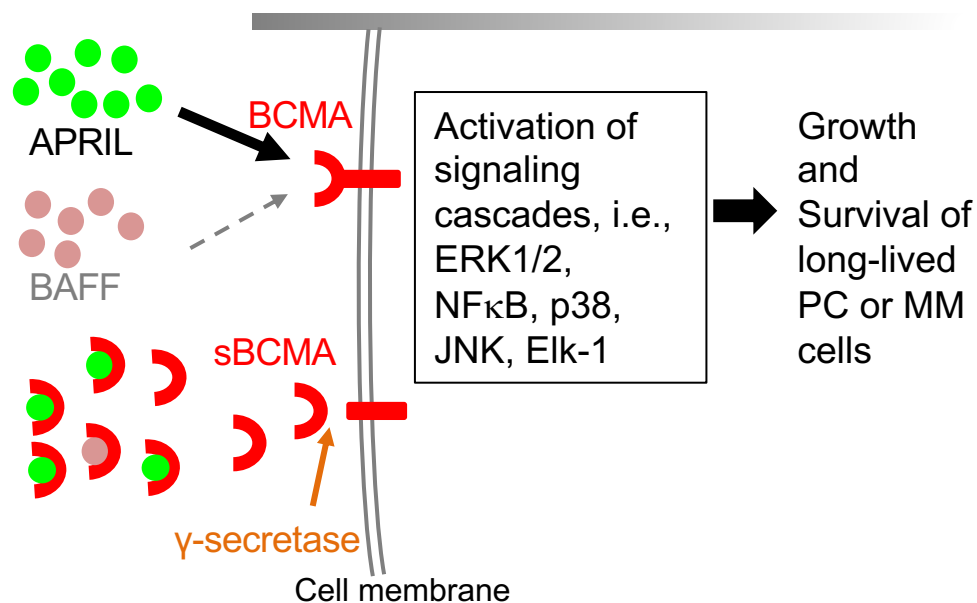
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# B-Cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA) A Promising Target in Multiple Myeloma

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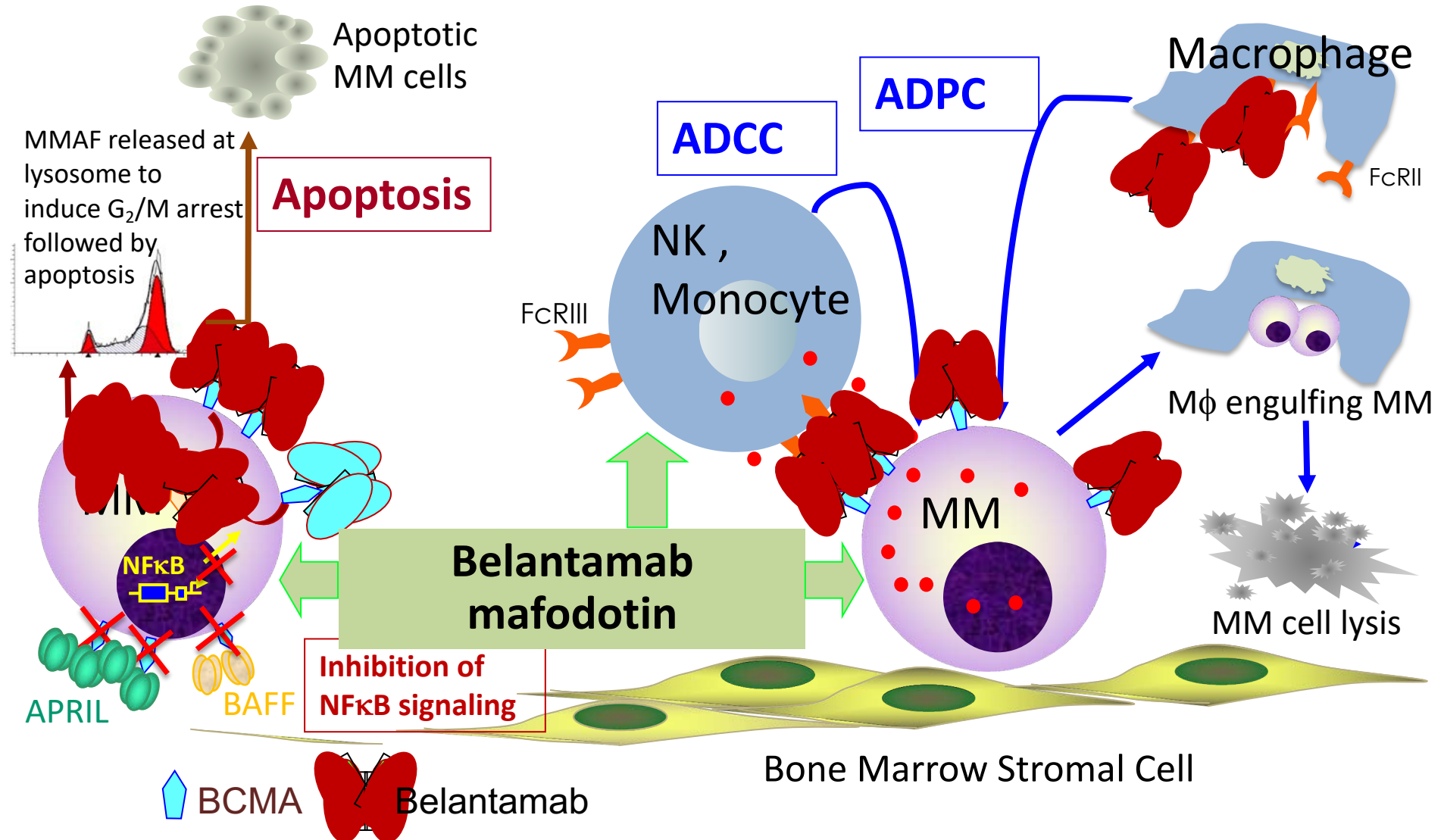
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**BCMA is a member of the TNF receptor superfamily**  
**BCMA expression supports survival of long-lived PCs, Ig Class switch and Ab Production**

**Expressed nearly universally on MM cells**  
**Promotes proliferation, survival and associated with immunosuppressive BM microenvironment.**

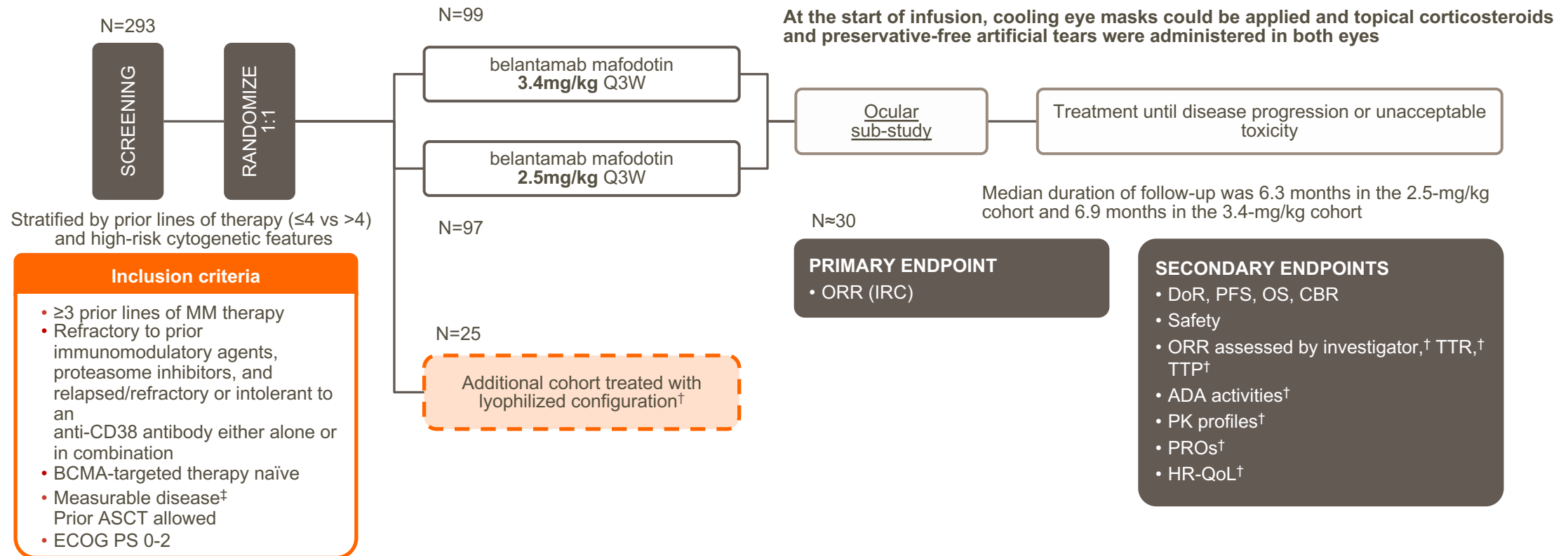
# Belantamab mafodotin - a BCMA Auristatin Immunotoxin Induces Strong Anti-MM Effects via multiple MOAs



# A Phase II, Open-label, Randomized, 2-dose study in Relapsed Refractory Multiple Myeloma

## Study design DREAMM-2

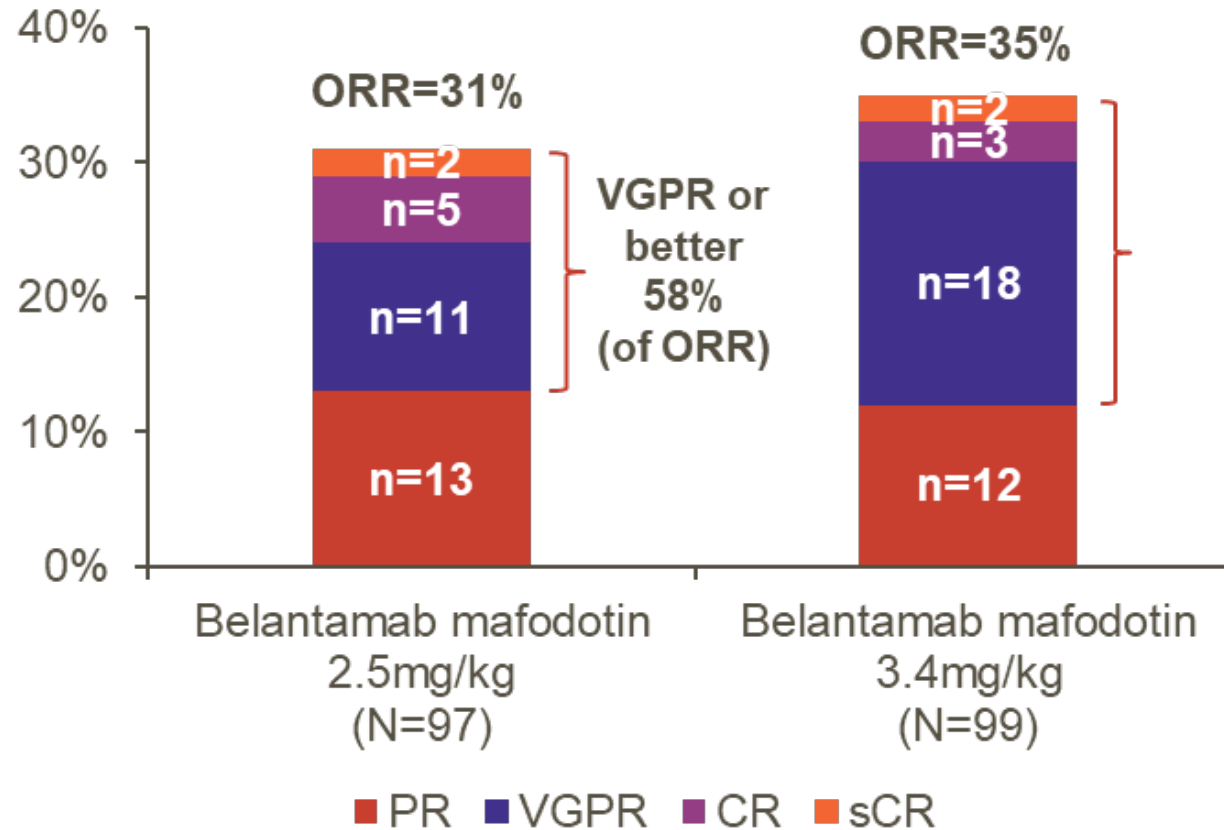
Refractory to an immunomodulatory drug, proteasome inhibitor, and refractory/intolerant to an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody



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# Belantamab mafodotin: Overall response

DREAMM-2 13-month follow-up

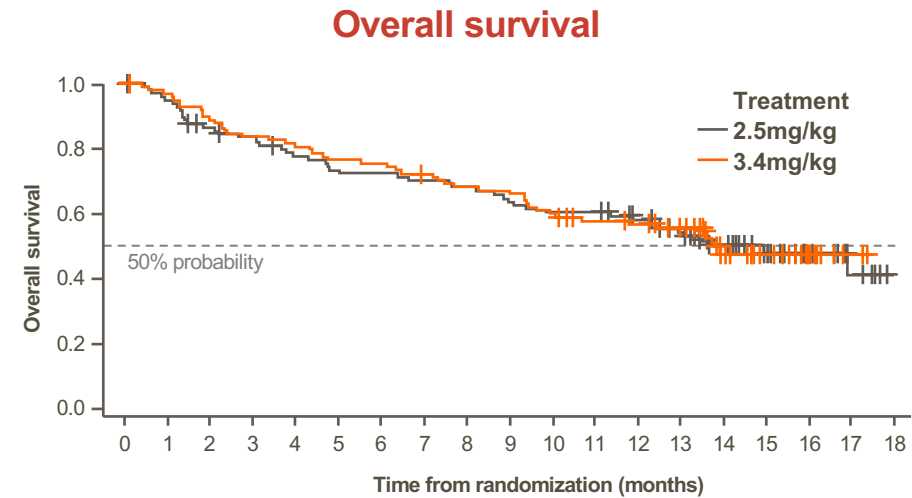
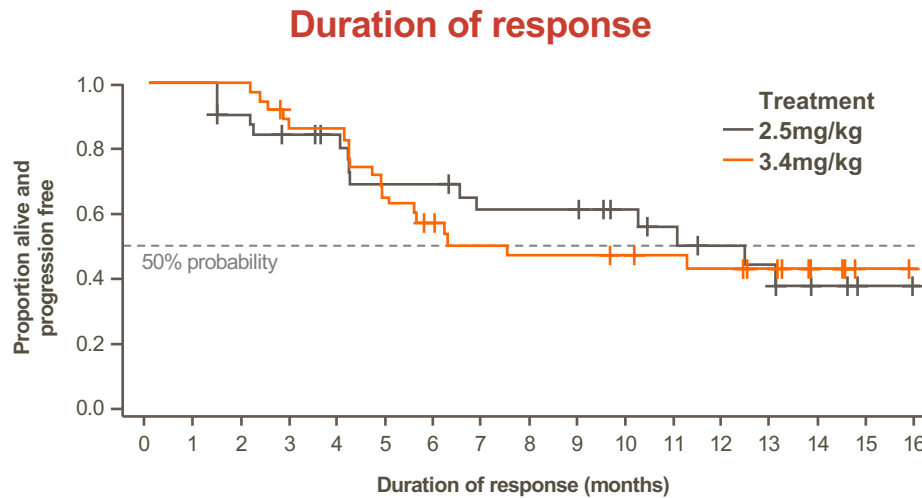


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# Belantamab mafodotin: Survival Outcome in heavily pretreated MM Patients

DREAMM-2 13-month follow-up

	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	11.0 months (95% CI: 4.2-NR)	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)



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# Belantamab mafodotin: Common adverse events Keratopathy and Thrombocytopenia

DREAMM-2

Adverse events*	Any grade, n (%)		Grades ≥ 3, n (%)	
	2.5mg/kg n=95	3.4mg/kg n=99	2.5mg/kg n=95	3.4mg/kg n=99
Any event	93 (98)	99 (100)	80 (84)	83 (84)
<b>Keratopathy (MECs) - changes to the superficial corneal epithelium</b>	<b>68 (72)</b>	<b>76 (77)</b>	<b>44 (46)</b>	<b>42 (42)</b>
Thrombocytopenia	36 (38)	56 (57)	21 (22)	32 (32)
Anemia	NR	NR	20 (21)	27 (27)
Neutropenia	NR	NR	10 (11)	17 (17)
Pneumonia	NR	NR	6 (6)	11 (11)

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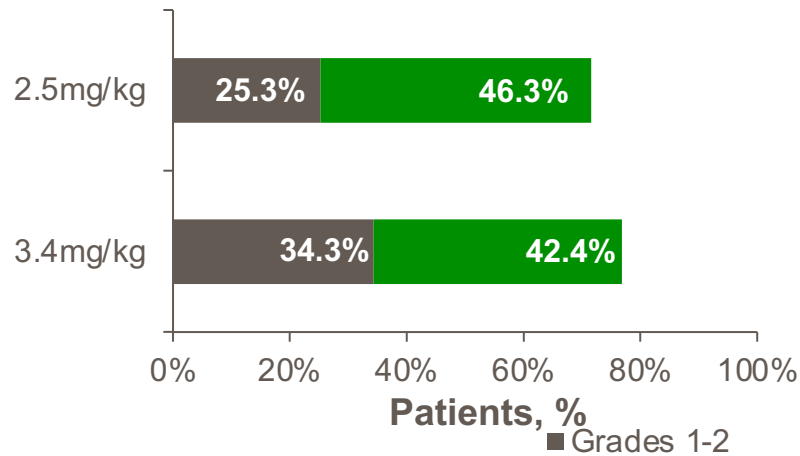


# Keratopathy with Belantamab mafodotin

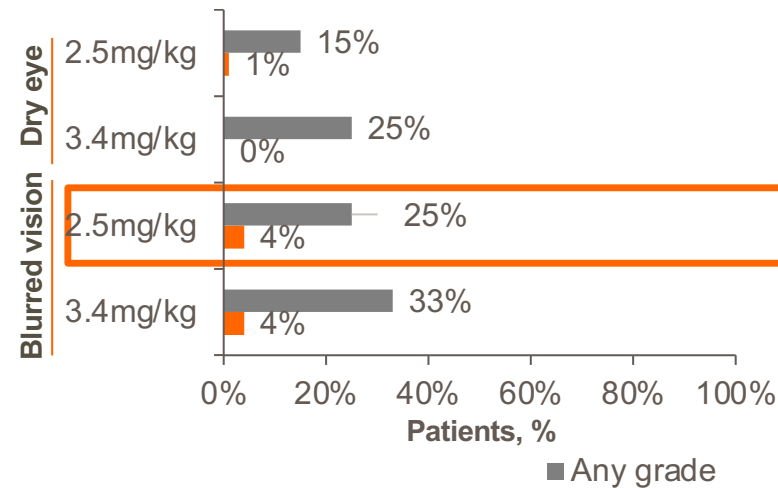
## Dose modifications

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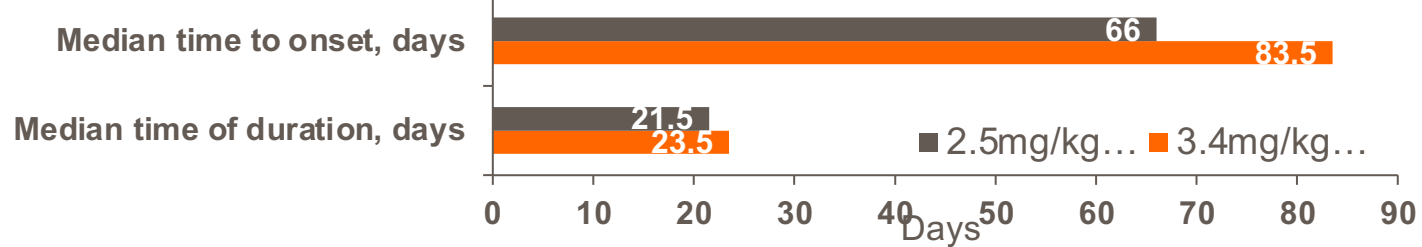
Percentage of patients who experienced keratopathy (MECs)



Percentage of patients who experienced corneal clinical symptoms



Median time to onset and duration of bilateral BCVA<sup>1</sup>



First events resolved in ~82% in 2.5mg/kg group AND 100% in 3.4mg/kg group

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# Future Options: DREAMM-6 Belantamab/Bor/dex

- All patients had evaluable responses
- ORR: 78% (95% CI: 52.4-93.6)<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Higher than previously reported ORRs for Vd in patients with  $\geq 1$  prior therapy (50% to 63%)<sup>[2-4]</sup>
- Median duration of response not yet reached

Best Confirmed Response, n (%)	Belantamab mafodotin + Vd (N = 18)
Clinical benefit rate*	15 (83)
ORR	14 (78)
▪ VGPR	9 (50)
▪ PR	5 (28)
MR	1 (6)
SD	3 (17)

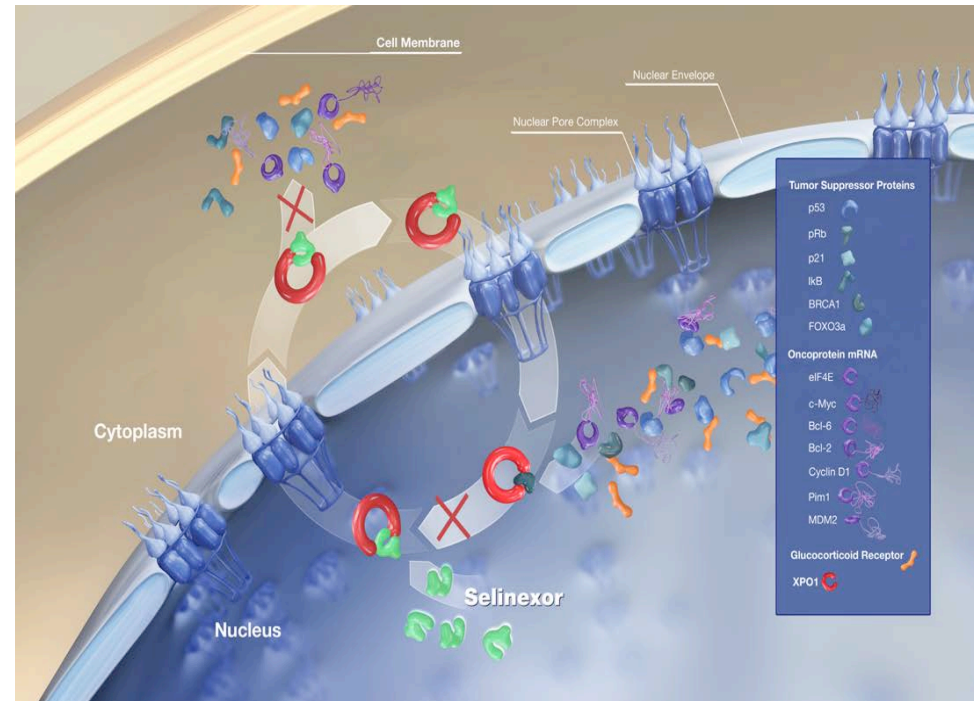
\*sCR + CR + VGPR + PR + MR.

Nooka, AK et al. 2020 ASCO Abstract # 8502.

# Targeting XPO-1

**Selinexor approved for use in pts with RRMM who have received four prior therapies (including pts refractory to two proteasome inhibitors or IMiDs and an anti-CD38 antibody)**

**Selinexor is an oral XPO-1 inhibitor that induces nuclear retention and activation of TSPs and the GR in the presence of steroids, and suppresses oncoprotein expression<sup>1</sup>**

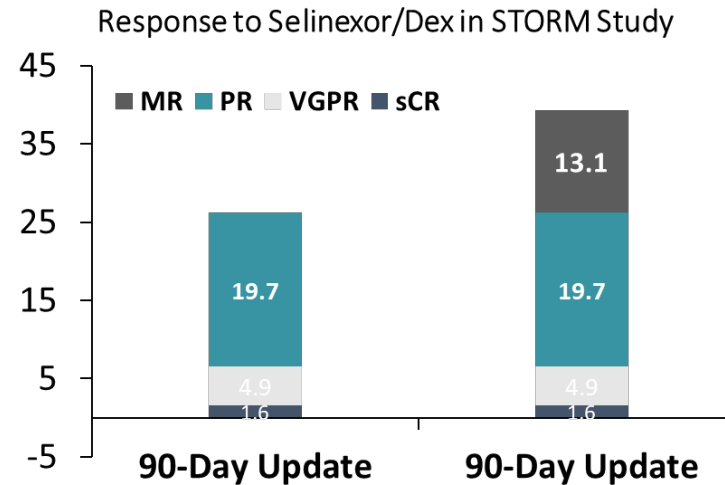


# Targeting Nuclear Transport

## *Selinexor*

- Inhibits XPO1
  - XPO1 is the major nuclear export protein
  - XPO1 is overexpressed in MM
- Results of STORM Study
  - N = 122; median 7 prior treatments
  - 86% refractory to bortezomib, carfilzomib, lenalidomide, pomalidomide, and daratumumab
  - mDOR = 4.4 months
  - Associated with hematologic and GI toxicity
    - Aggressive supportive care needed

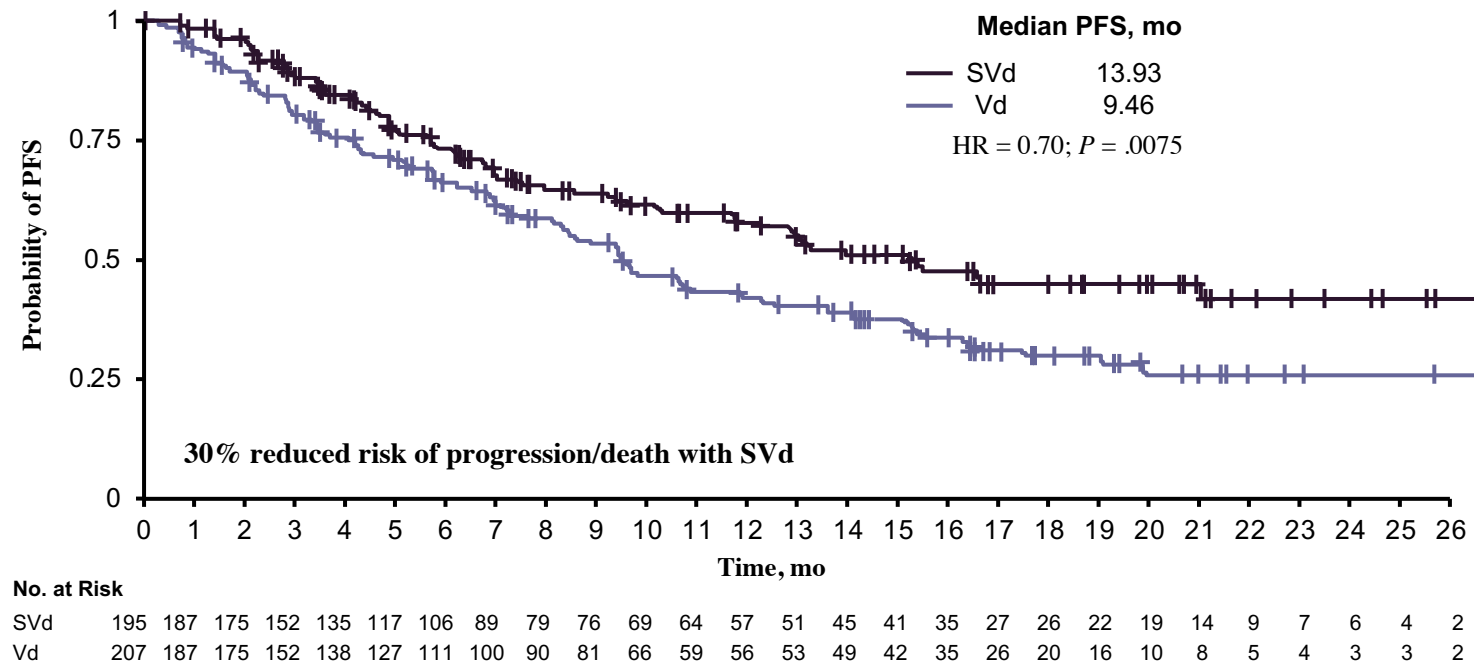
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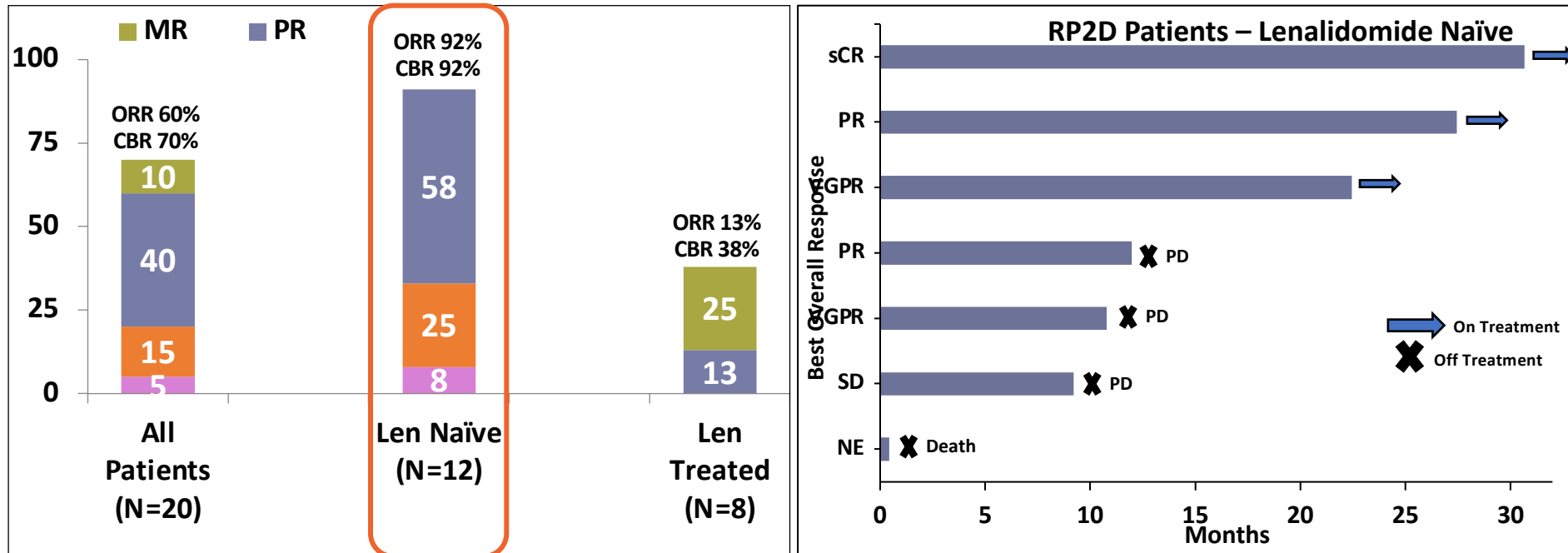
FDA-Approved July 2019  
In combination with Dex in adults with RRMM  
after  $\geq 4$  prior therapies ( $\geq 2$  PIs,  $\geq 2$   
immunomodulatory drugs, and an  
anti-CD38 antibody)

# Phase 3 BOSTON Trial: Selinexor Plus Vd in RRMM

## Early and Sustained PFS Benefit (Assessed by IRC)



# Selinexor-Lenalidomide-Dexamethasone: Efficacy



- The median time to response ( $\geq$ PR) was 1 month

- Among lenalidomide naïve RP2D patients, the median time on treatment was 12 months

Responses were adjudicated according to the *International Myeloma Working Group* criteria,\*four patients not evaluable for response withdrew consent prior to disease follow-up. Two unconfirmed PRs, ORR=Overall Response Rate (sCR+VGPR+PR), CBR=Clinical Benefit Rate (ORR+MR), sCR=Stringent Complete Response, VGPR=Very Good Partial Response, PR=Partial Response, MR=Minimal Response. Responses as of August 1, 2019 based on interim unaudited data.

# Conclusions

- Select from daratumumab-, elotuzumab-, and isatuximab-based triplets
- No solid data to support a specific sequence or preference for one agent over another
- Data from high-risk subgroups show that they benefit, but not as much as standard risk
- Possibility that proteasome inhibitor-based triplets may have a greater benefit in high-risk

# Conclusions

- Exciting novel approaches in pipeline, including both small molecules and new immunotherapies (S. Jagannath)
  - SINE, BCL2, MCL1 inhibitors
  - BiTEs, bispecific antibodies
- Immunotherapies such as CAR T-cells are showing impressive activity in the relapsed and refractory setting
  - Challenges remain, including toxicity, manufacturing time, and cost
- Due to earlier use of novel agents, relapsed and especially refractory disease is becoming more challenging to manage
- Better use of our current drugs in new combinations can have efficacy even if these agents were given previously
- Novel(er) drugs available on clinical trials offer the possibility of new mechanisms of action and may overcome prior drug resistance



## Case 1: Young patient with relapsed/refractory disease – 4<sup>th</sup> line

61-year-old lady with active legal practice presented with new onset back pain and anemia

- Serum M spike: 4 g/dL; Serum IgG 5460 mg/dL
- SFLC: kappa: 184 mg/L; lambda: 1.86 mg/L; kappa:lambda ratio: 98.9
- Bone marrow Bx: 70% plasma cells
- FISH: amp 1q;
- Conventional cytogenetics: no abnormality

- Hb 11.6 g/dL (dropped from 13.2 g/dL two months prior)
- Sr. Calcium 9.6 mg/dL
- Sr Creatinine: 0.9 mg/dL
- Sr. albumin: 4 g/dL; LFTs: WNL
- B2M: 3.84 ug/dL
- Bone survey: L3 and T8 compression; fracture of Left 3<sup>rd</sup> rib

- Diagnosed with IgG lambda light chain multiple myeloma, with amp 1q

# Case 1 (Continued): Young patient with relapsed/refractory disease – 4<sup>th</sup> line

## 61-year-old lady with IgG $\lambda$ multiple myeloma, with amp 1q

- VRd x 5 with minimal response (45% reduction) → changed to CyBorD with PR
- Autologous cell stem cell transplant →
- Relapsed 4 months post ASCT
- – Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone.
  - Response 3 months
- - Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone
  - Response 4 months
- Multiple lines of therapy with initial response with quick subsequent relapse
- **What would be the next line of therapy?**

## Case 2: Young patient with 1<sup>st</sup> relapse

- **62-year-old male in good physical condition. Presented for evaluation of recent fatigue and shortness of breath. Labs are as follows**
  - M-spike, IgG kappa: 6.1 g/dL
  - Beta-2-microglobulin: 9.8 mg/dL
  - Bone marrow aspirate: 90% plasma cells
  - FISH: t(11;14)
  
  - Hemoglobin: 7.8 g/dL
  - Calcium: 9.0 mg/dL
  - Creatinine 1.5 mg/dL
  - Albumin: 2.6 g/dL
  - Skeletal survey: Diffuse lytic lesions
- VRd → ASCT → lenalidomide maintenance x 24 mo. → PD
- **What are his options at first relapse?**

## Case 3: Older patient with relapsed disease – 3<sup>rd</sup> line

- 75-year-old male with CAD – 2 vessel disease, Mild diabetes and hypertension.
- Presented with rib pain, fatigue, and anemia

Hemoglobin	<b>8.1</b> g/dL	M-protein	<b>4.9 (IgA-kappa)</b>
Calcium	9.5 mg/dL	Kappa/Lambda/FLC	91/3.3/32.4
Creatinine	1.5 mg/dL	Urine M-protein	27 mg/24 hours
PET-CT	Vertebral Compression <b>fractures</b> ; rib lesions	Albumin	3.2 g/dL
BM biopsy	80% (kappa-restricted)	Beta-2-microglobulin	<b>8.1</b> mg/dL
Cytogenetics	Normal	LDH	125
FISH	<b>t(4;14), del(17p),del 13</b>	ECOG PS	1

- Initial therapy with RVD-lite x 8 cycles → PR but neuropathy Gr2; R maintenance x 1.5 years → relapsed while on R 10 mg qd
- Dara-PomDex → PR, remission for 14 months, but now PD
- During the past 3 years close follow-up for his cardiac function; EF ~50%
- **What are the treatment options for this patient?**