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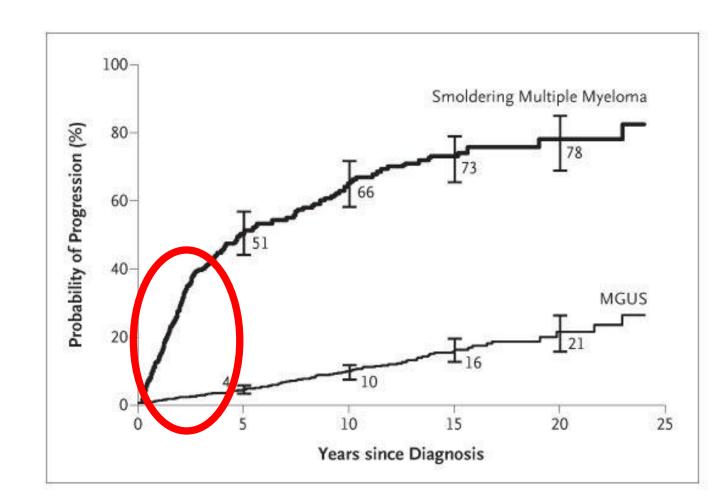
### How I Treat Multiple Myeloma in 2023

#### Outline

- Management of Smoldering Myeloma
- Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma
- High Risk Multiple Myeloma different treatment?
- Relapsed/Refractory MM

## What's the big deal with SMM?

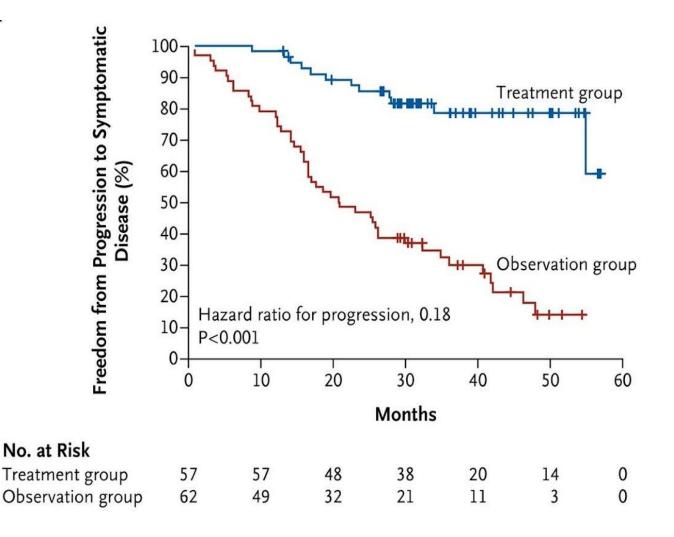
- Myeloma used to be defined by M spike > 3 and BMPC > 10%
- Study by Kyle in 1980 showed that a subset of patients never developed symptoms without treatment
- SMM was then defined and natural history shown here



Kyle et al, NEJM 2007

# SMM Goal: Avoid End Organ Damage

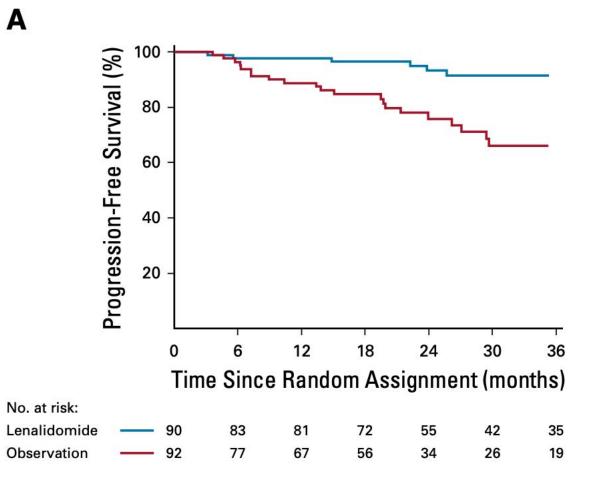
- Early studies prior to IMiD looked at use of melphalan and found no OS
- Spanish study looked at lenalidomide-dex vs. observation and found OS
- Limitations:
  - Underpowered
  - No PET/CT at entry
  - No lenalidomide in control arm at PD



Mateos et al, NEJM 2013

#### **ECOG Trial: Lenalidomide Off Label**

- Phase II run in followed by Phase III Randomized Trial
- Len vs. Observation
- Continued until PD or toxicity
- After PFS benefit at interim analysis, patients crossed over to len so no OS benefit observed



Lonial et al, JCO 2020

#### Lenalidomide SMM...Is it worth it?

- Does PFS actually matter to patients?
- Are patients in control arm having **irreversible** end organ damage?
- Question is still unanswered but could consider in high-risk patients with SMM (Mayo 2-20-20 criteria) or updated PANGEA model
- Concerns:
  - Cost drug and collect stem cells after ~4 cycles (storage cost)
  - Toxicity
  - Secondary Malignancy
  - Are we fundamentally changing trajectory of disease?

#### TABLE A6. Basis of Progression

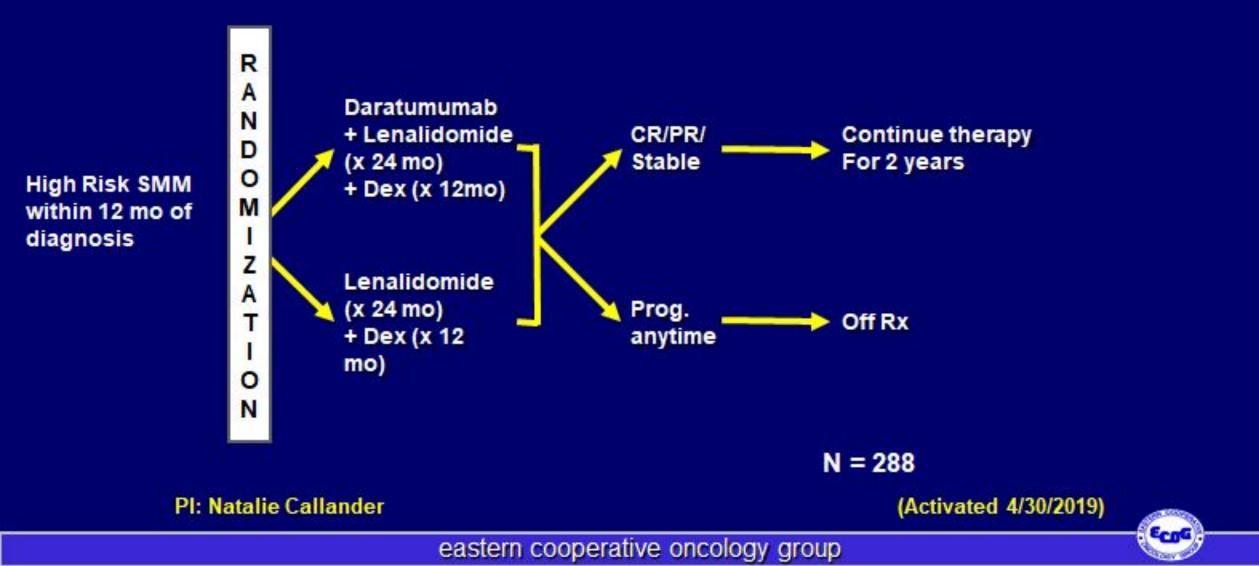
|                                      | Phase II Run In                  |                                  | Phase III Randomized Tria        | l                          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Variable                             | Lenalidomide<br>(n = 6 PD cases) | Lenalidomide<br>(n = 7 PD cases) | Observation<br>(n = 21 PD cases) | Total<br>(n = 28 PD cases) |
| Biochemical                          |                                  |                                  |                                  |                            |
| Serum M                              | 6 (100.0)                        | 7 (100.0)                        | 18 (85.7)                        | 25 (89.3)                  |
| Urine M                              | 0 (0.0)                          | 0 (0.0)                          | 4 (19.0)                         | 4 (14.3)                   |
| Bone marrow plasma cell %            | 0 (0.0)                          | 2 (28.6)                         | 6 (28.6)                         | 8 (28.6)                   |
| End organ                            |                                  |                                  |                                  |                            |
| Hypercalcemia                        | 0 (0.0)                          | 0 (0.0)                          | 1 (4.8)                          | 1 (3.6)                    |
| Anemia                               | 2 (33.3)                         | 4 (57.1)                         | 8 (38.1)                         | 12 (42.9)                  |
| Renal failure                        | 0 (0.0)                          | 0 (0.0)                          | 3 (14.3)                         | 3 (10.7)                   |
| Bone lesion/soft-tissue plasmacytoma | 4 (66.7)                         | 3 (42.9)                         | 11 (52.4)                        | 14 (50.0)                  |

NOTE. Data are given as No. (%). Progression defined per protocol required biochemical and end organ failure. Within these categories, multiple bases of progression may be reported.

Abbreviation: PD, progressive disease.

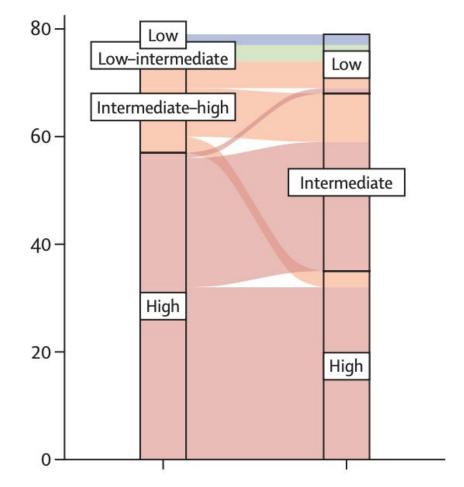
Lonial et al, JCO 2020

#### EAA173: Phase III –Daratumumab to Enhance Therapeutic Effectiveness of Revlimid in Smoldering Myeloma (DETER-SMM)(PI: NC)



Personalised progression prediction in patients with monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance or smouldering multiple myeloma (PANGEA): a retrospective, multicohort study

- Pangea model on the left
- Mayo 2-20-20 risk stratification on the right
- Figure shows all patients that progressed to MM from SMM
- PANGEA does a better job at classifying those who are at high risk



Cowan et al, Lancet Hematology 2023

## How I Treat Smoldering MM in 2023

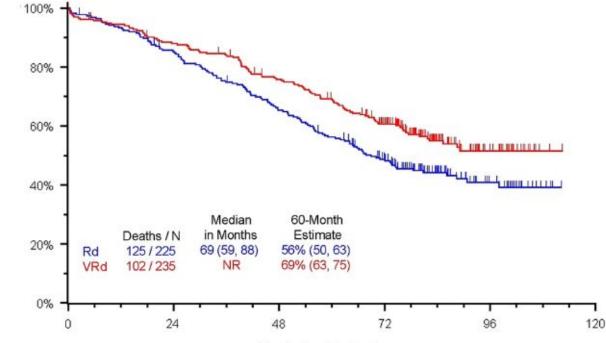
- Risk stratify SMM
  - Mayo 2-20-20 or PANGEA model (ideal)
- Low to intermediate risk
  - Surveillance (rise in M spike by 0.5 and decrease Hgb by 0.5 within 12 months warrants full workup 90% risk of progression to MM)
- High Risk (50% risk of progression to MM at 2 years)
  - Active surveillance (monthly labs that can be spaced out) reasonable
  - Lenalidomide monotherapy based on ECOG trial (unclear if this prevents symptomatic or irreversible organ damage)
  - <u>Clinical Trial EAA173 now enrolling at VUMC</u>

# **Newly Diagnosed Transplant Eligible MM**

- 1. Risk Stratify patients
  - t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20)
  - amp 1q (3 or more copies)
  - del 17p
  - Extramedullary disease or circulating myeloma cells
- 2. Quadruplet regimen for high risk but could use triplet for standard risk
- 3. Always collect stem cells after 3-4 cycles but can delay transplant for standard risk
- 4. Maintenance with lenalidomide for all except high risk with PI + IMiD

# **Argument for VRD Induction**

- SWOG 0777 is a randomized phase III RCT showing OS benefit
- Triplet VRD vs. doublet RD
- No quadruplet trials have been powered for OS benefit



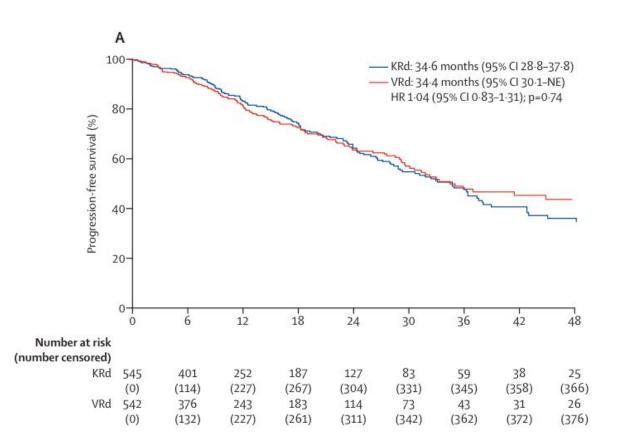
Months from Registration

 Should we just save the daratumumab?

Durie et al, Blood Cancer Journal 2020

# Why not KRD Induction?

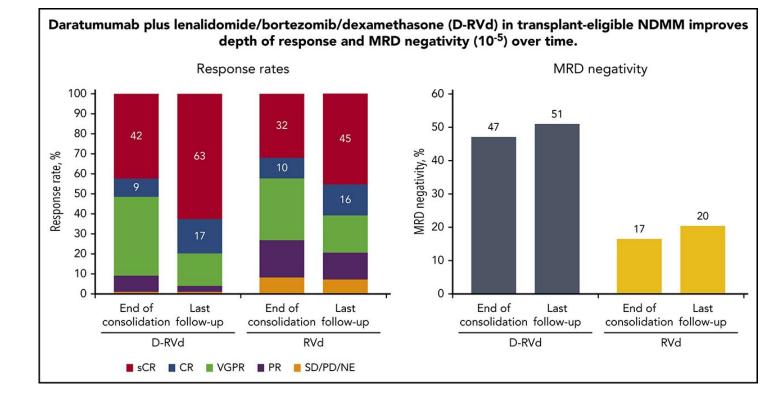
- ENDURANCE phase III RCT compared VRD vs. KRD
- Excluded high risk patients (concurrent elotuzumab trial enriched for high risk)
- No difference in PFS or OS
- More toxicity



Kumar et al, Lancet Oncology 2020

# **Argument for Dara-VRD: Griffin Trial**

- GRIFFIN phase III RCT compared Dara-VRD vs. VRD
- Continued Dara-R in maintenance if given in induction
- MRD negative sustained at 1 year 44% vs. 14% favoring quadruplet

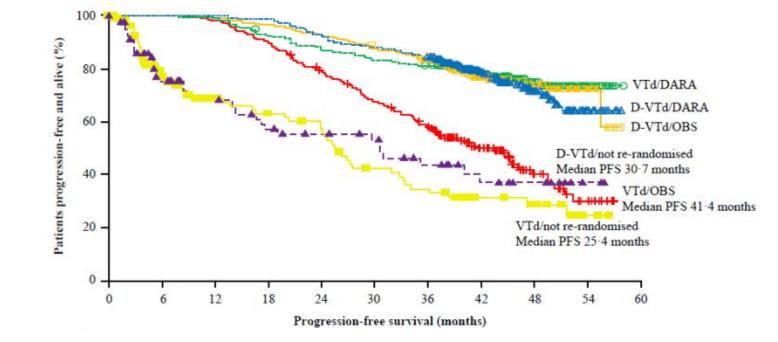


• PFS or OS benefit???

Voorhees et al, Blood 2020

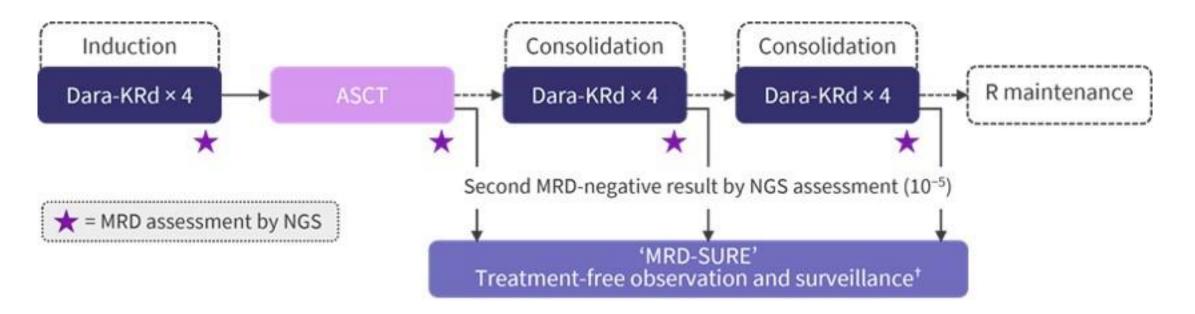
#### Do we need daratumumab forever?

- CASSIOPEIA phase III RCT compared Dara-VTD vs. VTD in Europe
- Second randomization of Dara vs. observation maintenance (appropriate?)
- Dara maintenance same PFS as observation
- VTD induction but given dara in maintenance seems to have same PFS



Moreau et al, Lancet Oncology 2021

#### **MASTER Trial: Patients off all therapy**



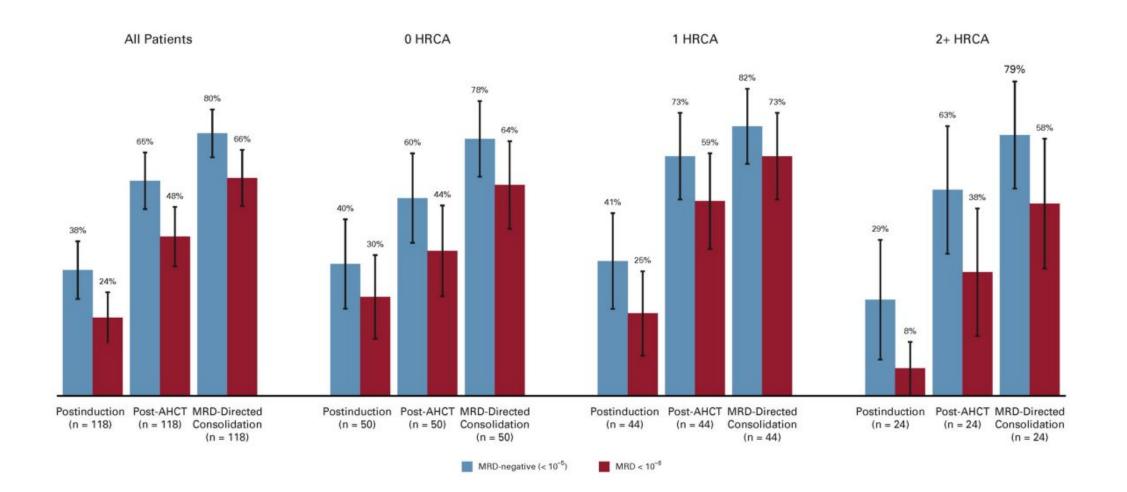
#### Dosing

#### 28-day Dara-KRd cycles

- Dara: 16 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22 (Days 1 and 15 for Cycles 3 and 4)
- K: 56 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days 1, 8, and 15 (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on first dose of Cycle 1)
- R: 25 mg PO on Days 1–21
- d: 40 mg IV or PO on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22

Costa et al, JCO 2021

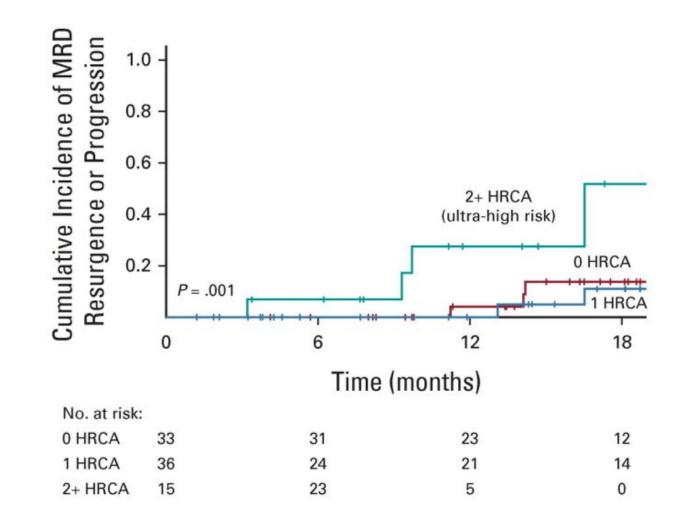
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## Dara-KRD Compelling But No Phase III

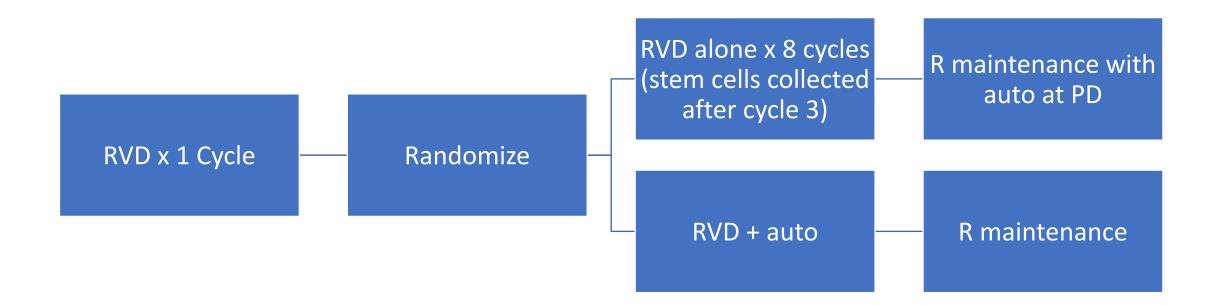
- About 70% of patients achieved MRD negativity during the study
- Sustained MRD achieved for a year or more in most patients
- High risk with ~30% resurgence within 1 year
- Question if MRD is a good surrogate in high risk



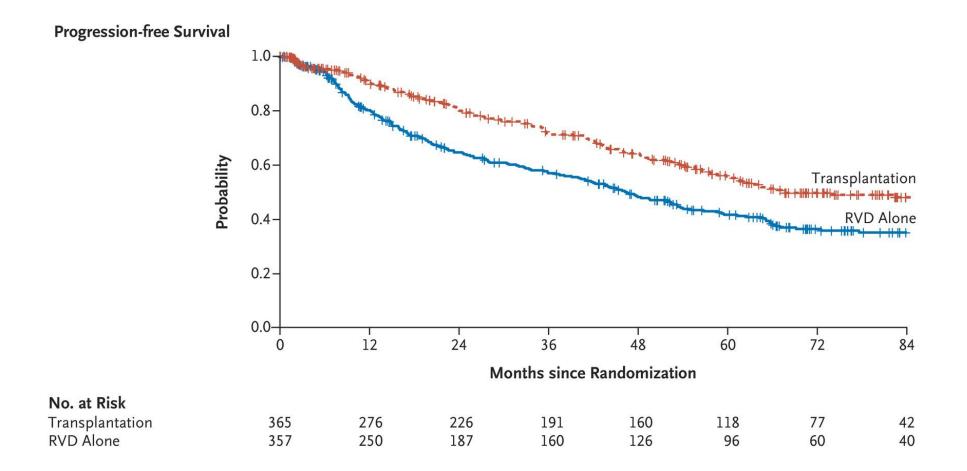
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

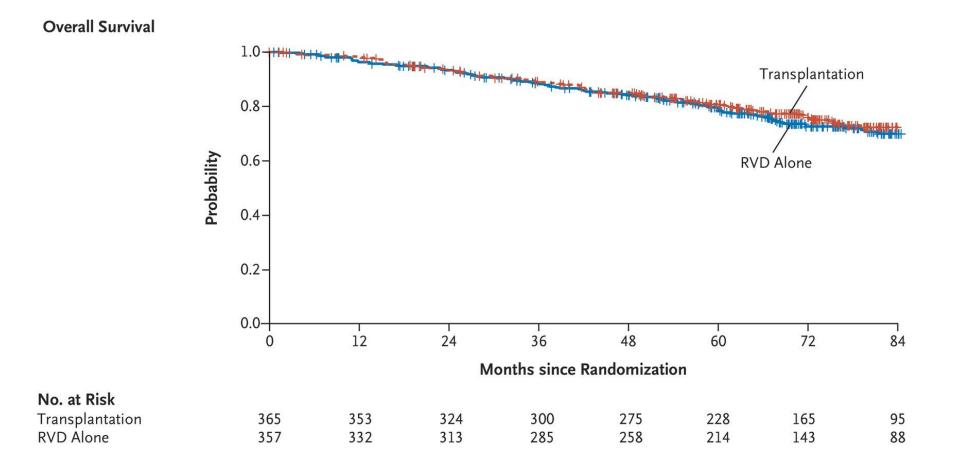
#### Triplet Therapy, Transplantation, and Maintenance until Progression in Myeloma



#### **DETERMINATION: Early vs. Delayed SCT**

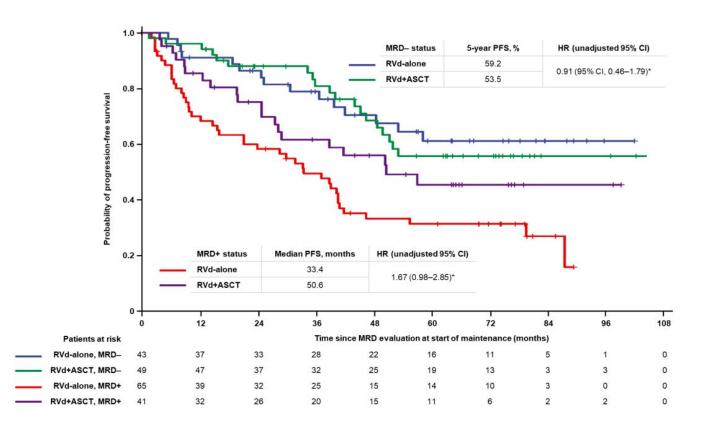


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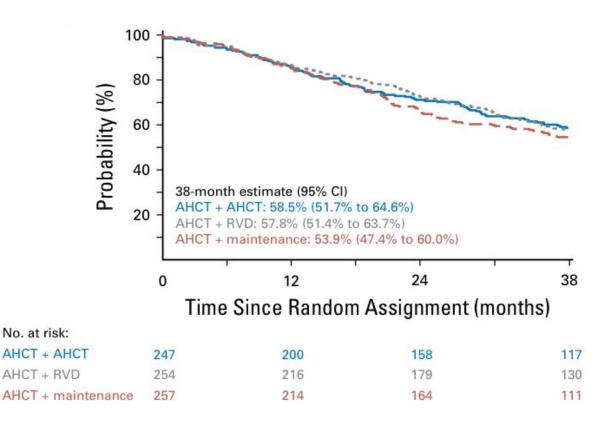
## **DETERMINATION: MRD not a surrogate**

- MRD clearly prognostic and didn't matter how you get there
- Up front transplant had 15% higher MRD negative rates
- There was not a 15% benefit in OS and in fact no difference in OS
- No improvement in QOL and only ~25% needed transplant in control
- Caveat: only ~10% were high risk



## **Tandem Transplant High Risk?**

- RVD induction followed by auto
- Randomized 1:1:1 to tandem vs. RVD consolidation vs. lenalidomide maintenance
- No PFS or OS benefit for tandem or RVD consolidation
- Trial included 30% high risk patients
- Data weak to support tandem for all
- Bispecific Ab is likely the future



Stadtmauer et al, JCO 2019

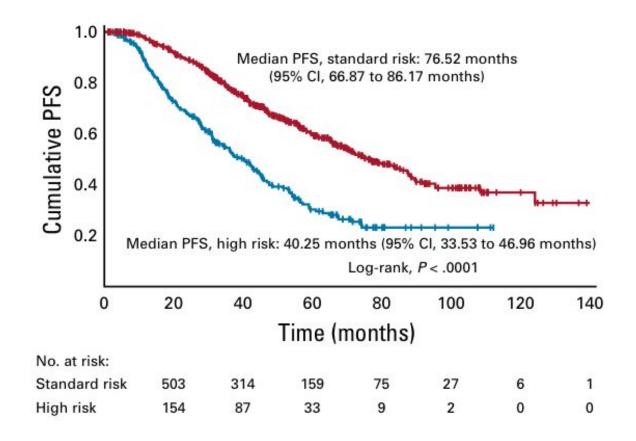
#### **Context of PI Maintenance in High Risk**

#### Bortezomib Induction and Maintenance Treatment in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: Results of the Randomized Phase III HOVON-65/ GMMG-HD4 Trial

Pieter Sonneveld, Ingo G.H. Schmidt-Wolf, Bronno van der Holt, Laila el Jarari, Uta Bertsch, Hans Salwender, Sonja Zweegman, Edo Vellenga, Annemiek Broyl, Igor W. Blau, Katja C. Weisel, Shulamiet Wittebol, Gerard M.J. Bos, Marian Stevens-Kroef, Christof Scheid, Michael Pfreundschuh, Dirk Hose, Anna Jauch, Helgi van der Velde, Reinier Raymakers, Martijn R. Schaafsma, Marie-Jose Kersten, Marinus van Marwijk-Kooy, Ulrich Duehrsen, Walter Lindemann, Pierre W. Wijermans, Henk M. Lokhorst, and Hartmut M. Goldschmidt

#### **PI + IMiD Maintenance for High Risk**

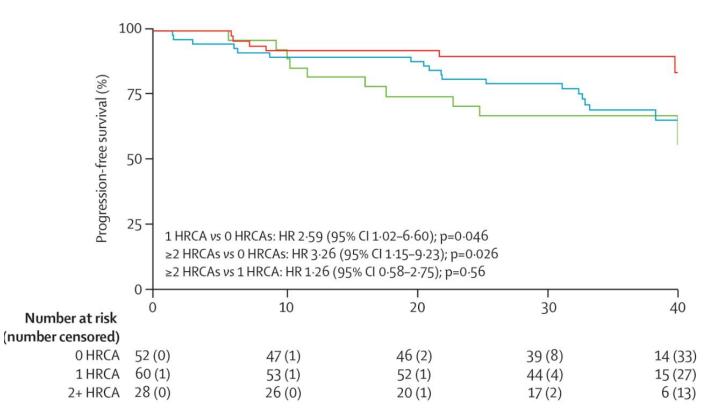
- Emory experience of 1000 consecutive patients with RVD induction followed by auto SCT
- If high risk, given indefinite RVD maintenance
- Median PFS 40 months and OS 78 months
- Historical high risk PFS ~24 months



Joseph et al, JCO 2020

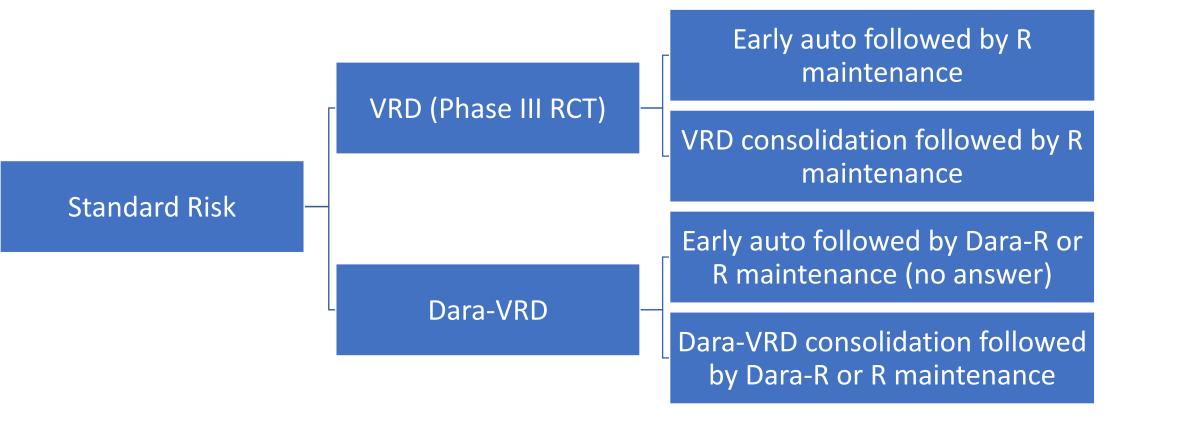
#### FORTE Trial: KR vs. R Maintenance

- Randomized different carfilzomib induction regimens
- Second randomization for KR vs. R maintenance
- KR maintenance in high risk with impressive >3 year median PFS



Mina et al, Lancet Oncology 2023

#### **Transplant Eligible Algorithm**



#### High Risk

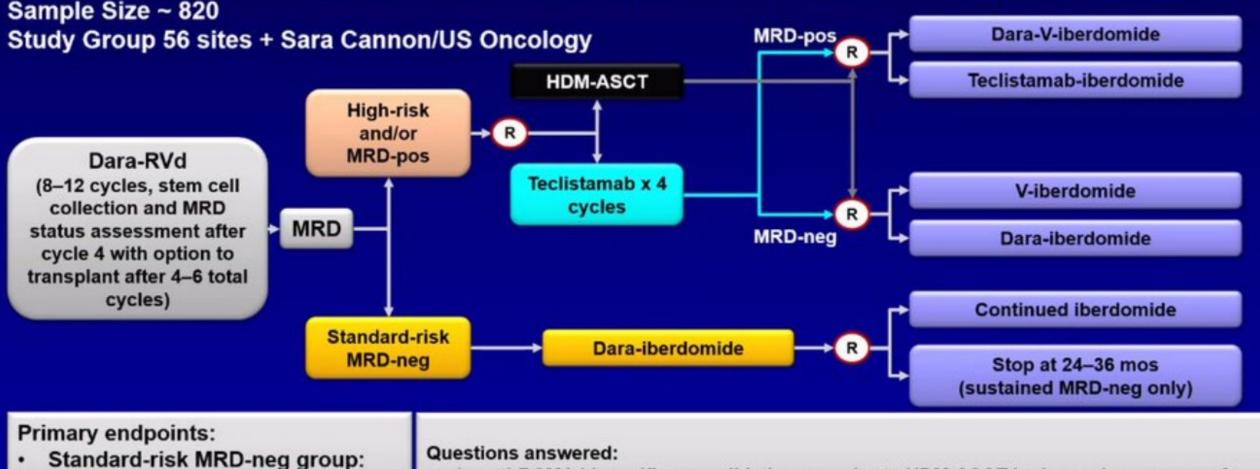
#### Dara-VRD

Auto transplant (weak data for tandem)

#### PI + IMiD maintenance

#### **DETERMINATION 2: preferred concept 1**

Standard- and high-risk patients with community practice (e.g. US Oncology) access as a focus



- Is anti-BCMA bispecific consolidation superior to HDM-ASCT in deepening response?
- Can novel combinations overcome persistent MRD positivity?
- What is the most efficacious maintenance regimen?

Sustained MRD-neg vs PFS

ASCT vs teclistamab vs PFS

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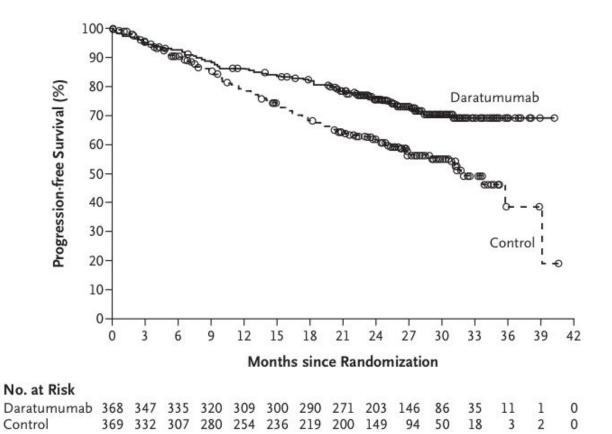
High-risk and/or MRD-pos group:

Sustained MRD-neg after HDM-

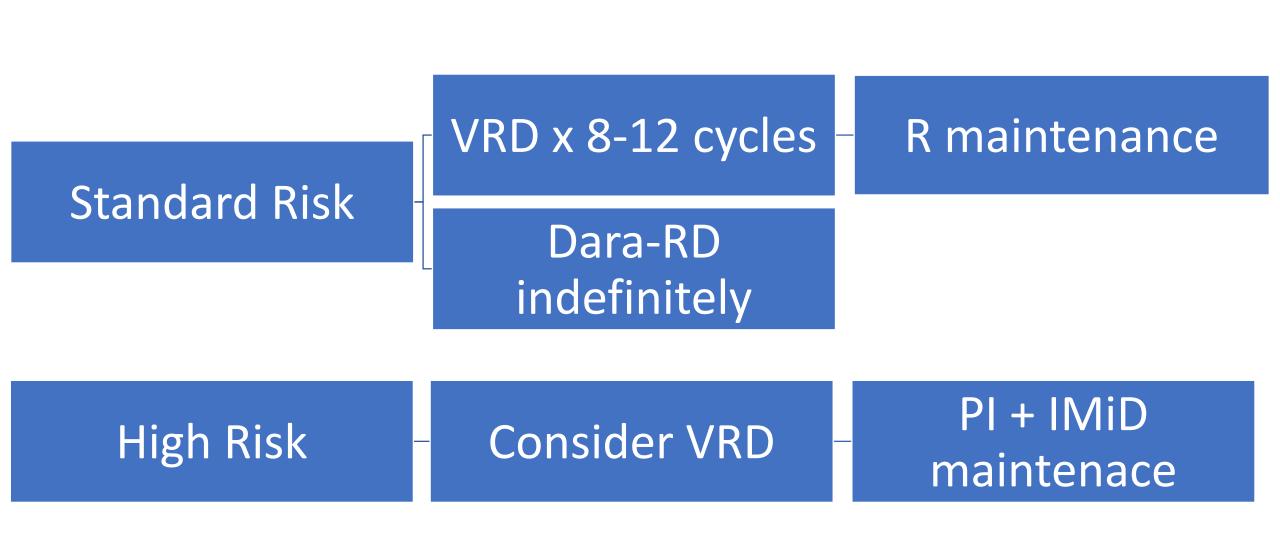
Can we safely stop maintenance in deep and durable responders without sacrificing PFS?

#### **Transplant Ineligible: MAIA Trial**

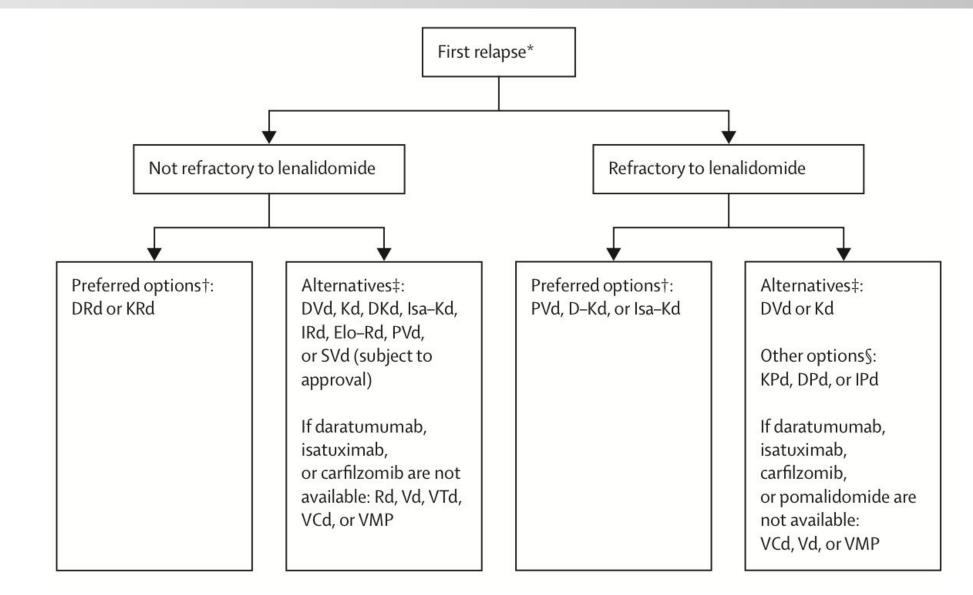
- Dara-RD indefinite vs. RD
- Improved PFS with no increase in toxicity
- Control arm should have been VRD based on SWOG 0777 trial
- Dara-RD reasonable but so is VRD
- Should we save daratumumab for relapse?



#### **Transplant Ineligible Algorithm**



#### **R/R MM: Choose your own adventure**



#### Moreau et al, Lancet Onc 2021

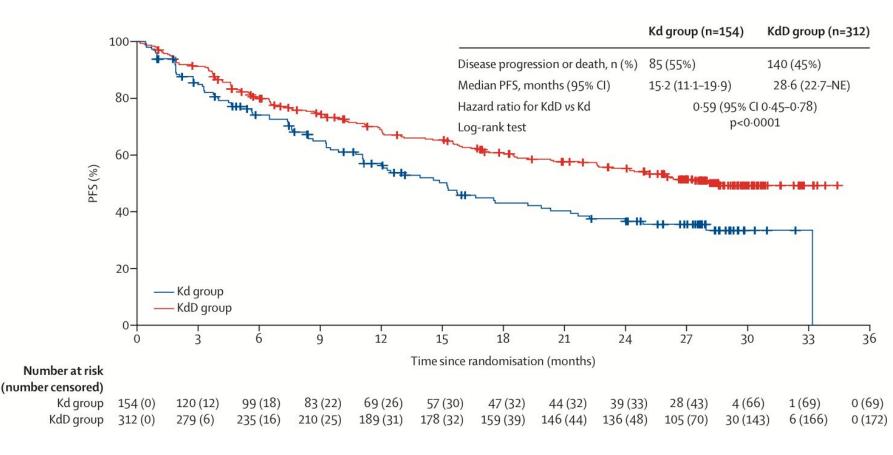
## First Relapse: Dara-KD likely the best

#### **ENDEAVOR trial:**

 KD vs. VD with median PFS 18.7 mo vs. 9.4 mo

#### CANDOR trial:

 Dara-KD vs. Kd with median PFS 28.6 mo vs. 15.2 mo



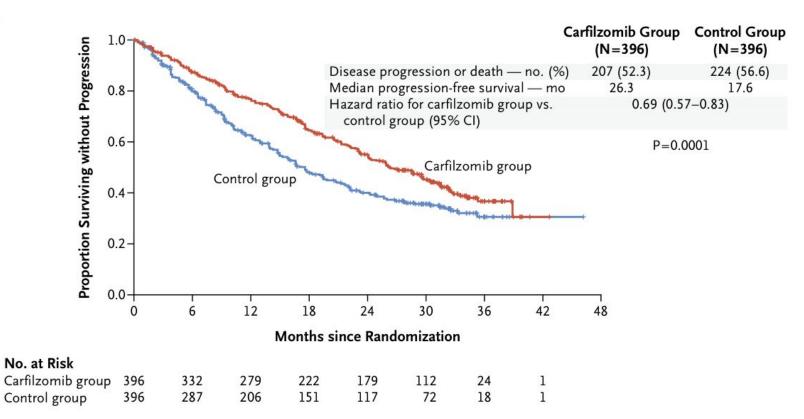
#### **CASTOR Trial**

 Dara-VD vs. VD with median PFS 16.7 mo vs. 7.1 mo

Palumbo et al, NEJM 2016 Dimopoulos et al, Lancet Onc 2017 Usmani et al, Lancet Onc 2022

### What if refractory to dara at first relpase?

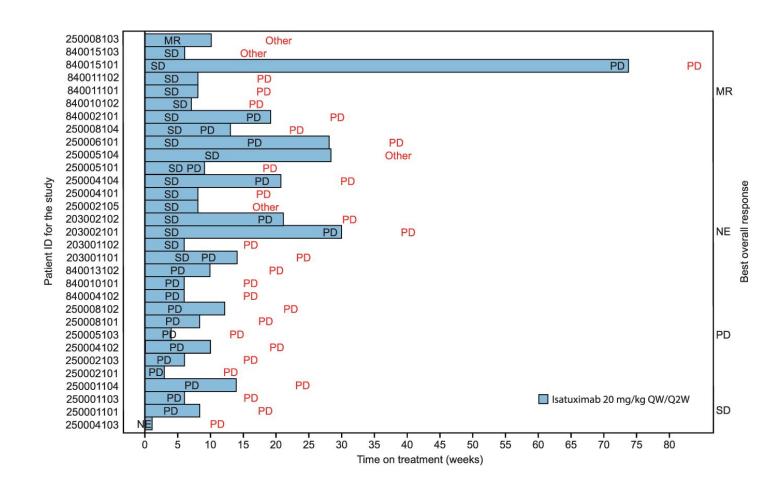
- If we did a quadruplet up front and then continued dara-R maintenance, then we would also be dara refractory
- Ideal would be KRd vs.
   KPd
- Lenalidomide refractory is relapse while on full dose or maximally tolerated dose



Stewart et al, NEJM 2016

### Isatuximab if refractory to daratumumab?

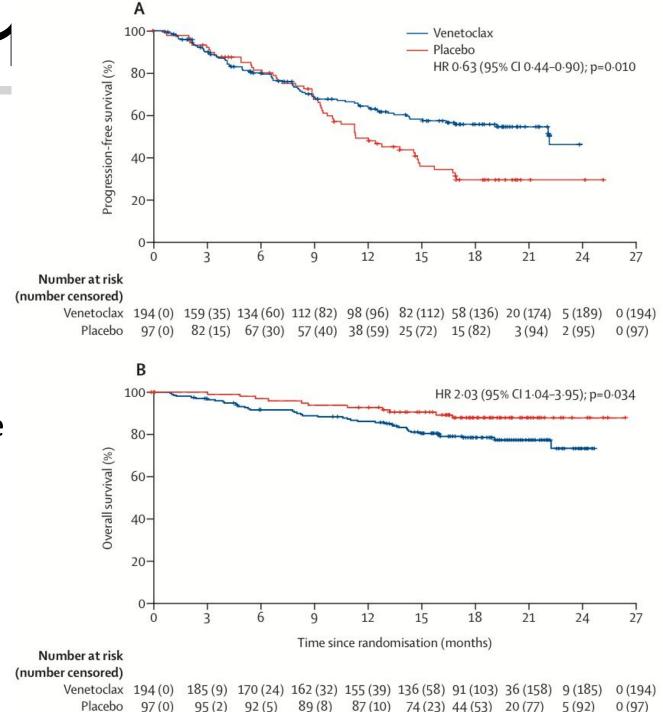
- Does not work well from multiple retrospective studies
- Phase 2 study looking at isatuximab after progression on daratumumab
- 0% response rate



Mikhael et al, Blood Cancer Journal 2021

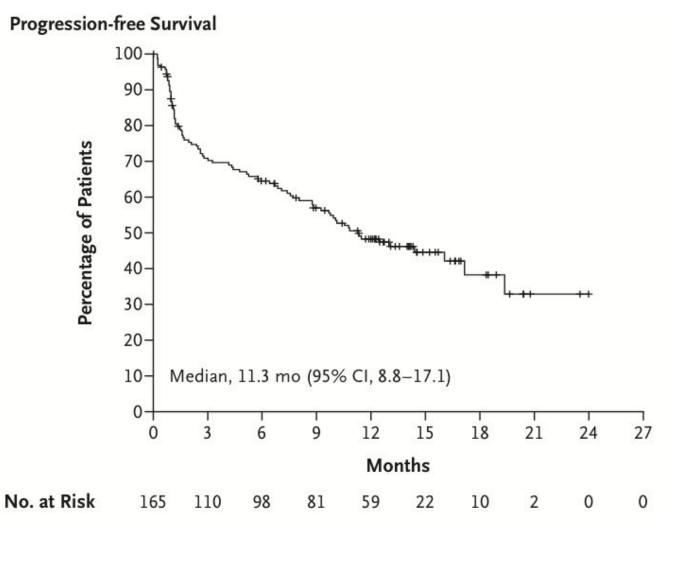
# Venetoclax for t(11;1

- BELLINI phase III RCT compared venetoclax + VD vs. VD in relapsed/refractory MM
- Improved PFS....
- Increase mortality due to infections this is an important lesson as we move towards increased use of bispecifics
- Subgroup analysis and other retrospective studies have shown significant response in t(11;14)



### **Triple Class or Penta Refractory...**

- Venetoclax + PI + Dex for t(11;14) patients
- Bispecific Antibody (off the shelf)
  - Teclistimab (BCMA-CD3)
  - Talquetemab (GPRC5D-CD3)
- CAR-T (slow manufacturing)
  - Ida-cel
  - Cilta-cel
- Significantly increased risk of severe infections (~50% grade 3+)

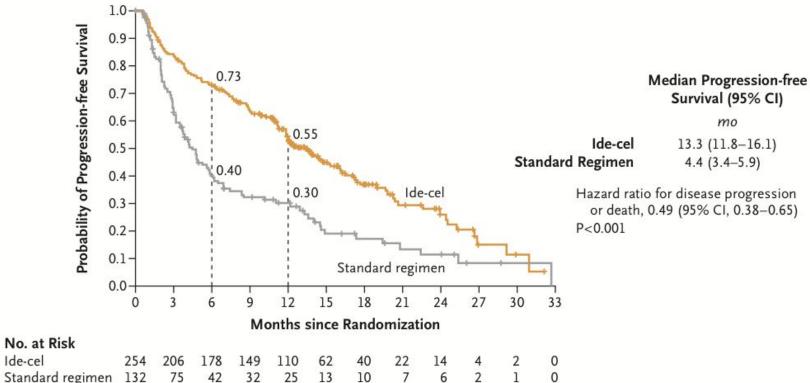


Moreau et al, NEJM 2022

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Rodriguez et al, NEJM 2023

 Table S6. Minimal Residual Disease Negativity in Patients With At Least a Complete

Response (ITT Population).

|  | Sensitivity level* at 10 <sup>-5</sup> |                                 | Sensitivity level* at 10 <sup>-6</sup> |                                   |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Patients who achieved CR<br>and MRD-negative status <sup>†</sup> | lde-cel<br>(n=254)                     | Standard<br>regimens<br>(n=132) | lde-cel<br>(n= 254)                    | Standard<br>regimens<br>(n = 132) |
| MRD negativity — no. (%)   | 51 (20)                                | 1 (1)                           | 32 (13)                                | 0                                 |
| 95% CI   | 15.2–25.0                              | 0–2.2                           | 8.5–16.7                               | 0–0                               |

Table S7. Grade 5 All-causality Adverse Events (Treated Population).

| System organ class<br>Preferred term | lde-cel<br>(n=250) | Standard regimens<br>(n=126) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|                                      | Patier             | nts — no. (%)                |
| Grade 5 all-cause event*             | 36 (14)            | 8 (6)                        |

Table S14. Deaths (ITT population).

| Parameter                | lde-cel<br>(n=254) | Standard regimens<br>(n=132) |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                          | Patients — no. (%) |                              |  |
| Overall number of deaths | 75 (30)            | 34 (26)                      |  |

### How to mitigate infection risk?

- IVIG early and and monthly
  - D+30 for CAR-T x 1 year
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> month of therapy for bispecific until end of therapy
  - Continue until IgG > 400
- Bacterial until ANC > 500 or for 1<sup>st</sup> month of bispecific
- Revaccination for pneumonia and COVID
- PJP prophylaxis until end of therapy and/or until CD4 > 200

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Recommendations on prevention of infections during chimeric antigen receptor T-cell and bispecific antibody therapy in multiple myeloma

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