Novel advances in myeloma as frontline therapy

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Key Points to Treatment of NDMM

• Goal of treatment: achieve MRD negativity

- 4 drugs better than 3 drugs
 - should include anti-CD38 antibody, proteosome inhibitor, IMID and steroid
- Duration of treatment likely more important than intensity for most patients

• High risk MM still represents significant challenges



Transplant Improves PFS



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Time (months)



DETERMINATION: PFS by MRD Status



MRD was measured at the end of induction therapy

• Richardson P, et al. NEJM 2022; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2204925.

• *There were multiple MRD timepoints in this study, but only the data for this timepoint has been presented to date.

Three Meta-Analyses Validated MRD for Prognosis



Munshi et al Blood Adv. 2020 Dec 8;4(23):5988-5999 Landgren, O et al Bone Marrow Transplantation 2016 51:1568 Munshi et al JAMA Oncol. 2017;3(1):28-35

PERSEUS: Study Design

Multicenter, open-label, randomized phase III trial; current analysis median f/u: 47.5 mo



*QW during cycles 1-2, Q2W during cycles 3-4. [†]D discontinued after ≥24 mo in patients with ≥CR and 12 mo sustained MRD negativity; D restarted upon confirmed loss of CR without PD or MRD recurrence.

- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Key secondary endpoints: ≥CR rate, MRD negativity rate, OS

PERSEUS Primary Analysis: PFS (Primary Endpoint)



PERSEUS Primary Analysis: PFS Subgroup Analysis

	PD or Death		Median PFS		
Subgroup	D-VRd n/N	VRd n/N	D-VRd mo	VRd mo	Hazard Ratio for PD or Death (95% CI)
Sex Male Female	36/211 14/144	61/205 42/149	NE NE	NE NE	▶●●● 0.51 (0.34-0.77) ▶●●●● 0.29 (0.16-0.53)
Age ■ <65 yr ■ ≥65 yr	30/261 20/94	84/267 19/87	NE NE	NE NE	6.30 (0.20-0.46) 0.97 (0.52-1.81)
Race • White • Other	47/330 3/25	95/323 8/31	NE NE	NE NE	0.42 (0.30-0.60) 0.40 (0.11-1.50)
ISS disease stage I II III 	18/186 19/114 13/55	35/178 43/125 25/50	NE NE NE	NE NE 41.9	0.46 (0.26-0.81) 0.37 (0.22-0.64) 0.42 (0.22-0.83)
Type of multiple myeloma ■ IgG ■ Non-IgG	28/204 13/78	58/185 31/96	NE NE	NE NE	0.36 (0.23-0.57) 0.46 (0.24-0.88)
Cytogenetic risk Standard High Indeterminate 	25/264 24/76 1/15	62/266 38/78 3/10	NE NE NE	NE 44.1 NE ←	Image: Constraint of the second system 0.35 (0.22-0.56) Image: Constraint of the second system 0.59 (0.36-0.99) Image: Constraint of the second system 0.16 (0.02-1.56)
ECOG performance-status score ■ 0 ■ ≥1	28/2211 22/134	60/230 43/124	NE NE	NE NE	0.42 (0.27-0.66) 0.41 (0.25-0.69)
				<u>0.1</u>	1.0 10.0 VRd Better VRd Better

PERSEUS Primary Analysis: Key Secondary Endpoints

Efficacy Outcome	D-VRd (n = 355)	VRd (n = 354)	OR (95% CI)	P Value
≥CR, % ■ sCR ■ CR	87.9 69.3 18.6	70.1 44.6 25.4	3.13 (2.11-4.65)	<.001
MRD negativity, % • 10 ⁻⁵ • 10 ⁻⁶	75.2 65.1	47.5 32.2	3.40 (2.47-4.69) 3.97 (2.90-5.43)	<.0001 <.0001
Sustained MRD negativity (10⁻⁵) ≥12 mo, %	64.8	29.7	4.42 (3.22-6.08)	<.0001

Efficacy Outcome	D-VRd	VRD	Difference
	(n = 355)	(n = 354)	Between Arms
 MRD negativity (10⁻⁵) over time, % Post consolidation Overall 	57.5	32.5	25.0
	75.2	47.5	27.7
 MRD negativity (10⁻⁶) over time, % Post consolidation Overall 	34.4	16.1	18.3
	65.1	32.2	32.9

- Improvements in ≥CR rates with D-VRd vs VRd observed across all subgroups
- 64% of patients in D-VRd arm + D-R maintenance discontinued D after reaching sustained MRD negativity per protocol
- OS data immature
 - Current mortality rate
 with D-VRd vs VRd: 9.6%
 vs 12.4% (HR: 0.73)

Dara-based Regimens in transplant eligible HRMM -number of HRCA impacts OS-





Master Trial: MRD Response Over Time and Impact of Cytogenetics







Peripheral MRD is prognostic of PFS after 4 cycles

• Early peripheral blood minimal residual disease status by NGS in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma on a phase 2 trial receiving elotuzumab, carfilzomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone (Elo-KRd)



Peripheral blood



Bone marrow

Peripheral MRD should NOT be considered a substitute for BM MRD



Sustained MRD negativity was associated with longer progression-free survival in patients with new diagnosed and relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

Progression-free survival stratified by

MRD response in relapsed/refractory

MM patients in CARTITUDE-1²

Progression-free survival stratified by MRD response in newly diagnosed MM patients pooled from MAIA and ALCYONE¹



NGS MRD at 10⁻⁵ in bone marrow. Landmark analyses were conducted at 6 and 12 months. Median follow-up of 28 months. Patients received a single cita-cel infusion at a target dose of 0.75 x 106 CAR T cells/kg. Cita-cel, citacabtagene autoleucel; MRD: minimal residual disease.

1) San Miguel J et al. Blood. Published July 16, 2021. https://doi.org/10.1182/blood.2020010439. 2) Munshi et al. ASH 2022. Abstract 2030. https://ash.confex.com/ash/2022/webprogram/Paper159141.html.



Griffin Trial Design





Griffin Trial: VRD +/- Dara in NDMM + ASCT Deeper responses with ongoing therapy



Myeloma is not a curable disease! Improved outcomes require ongoing treatment



IMROZ: Isa-VRD v VRD for non-BMT eligible patients



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- Isa-VRD does not necessarily increase the overall response
- Isa-VRD deepens the response and increases MRD negativity
- Isa-VRD improves PFS

IsKia EMN24 Study Design



Gay, ASH 2023. Abstract 4.

IsKia Primary Endpoint: Post-consolidation MRD negativity (ITT analysis)

OR 1.67, p=0.049 100% 90% 77% 80% 67% Patients (%) 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Isa-KRd (N=151) KRd (N=151)

NGS, 10⁻⁵

NGS, 10⁻⁶



Conclusions

- While incurable, PFS and OS is improving significantly with better therapies
- Goal of therapy is to deepen response to achieve MRD negativity
 - Quadruplets > Triplets
 - For MRD +, transplant > no transplant
 - Consolidation post-transplant is standard of care
 - Longer maintenance can deepen response
- Risk adapted response criteria can maximize efficacy and reduce toxicity
- The field is beginning to question to the role of transplant in low-risk patients that achieve MRD negativity

