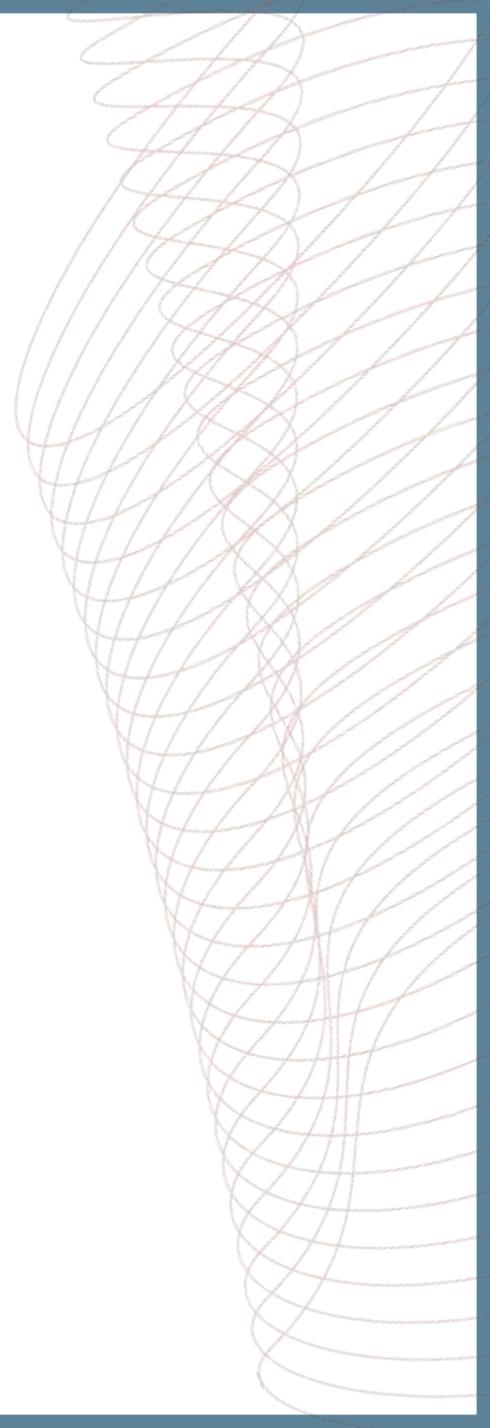


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## **OPTIMISING THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA IN THE EARLY RELAPSED/REFRACTORY SETTING**

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# MEETING OBJECTIVES



To educate learners on how to incorporate the latest scientific and clinical insights on the treatment of MM into clinical practice, focusing on the relapsed/refractory setting:

- Knowing the MoA and how this translates into the efficacy profile of novel drugs
- Learning from best practices on treatment sequencing, treatment combinations and dosing
- Knowing the safety profiles of novel drugs and understanding the best strategies to prevent or manage side effects

# AGENDA

## OPTIMISING THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA IN THE EARLY RELAPSED/REFRACTORY SETTING

Timings	Topic	Facilitator
5 mins	Welcome, introductions and scene setting: Challenge of optimising treatment for early RRMM in the era of multiple novel therapies	Karthik Ramasamy
15 mins	Current treatments for early RRMM*: Linking mechanism of action and efficacy	Aurore Perrot
15 mins	Best practices in combining and sequencing therapies for optimal outcomes	Hermann Einsele
15 mins	Insights from clinical practice on how to manage tolerability and safety	Joshua Richter
20 mins	Patient case study presentation and discussion	All
15 mins	Q&A discussion	Facilitated by Joshua Richter
5 mins	Summary & a look to the future	Joshua Richter

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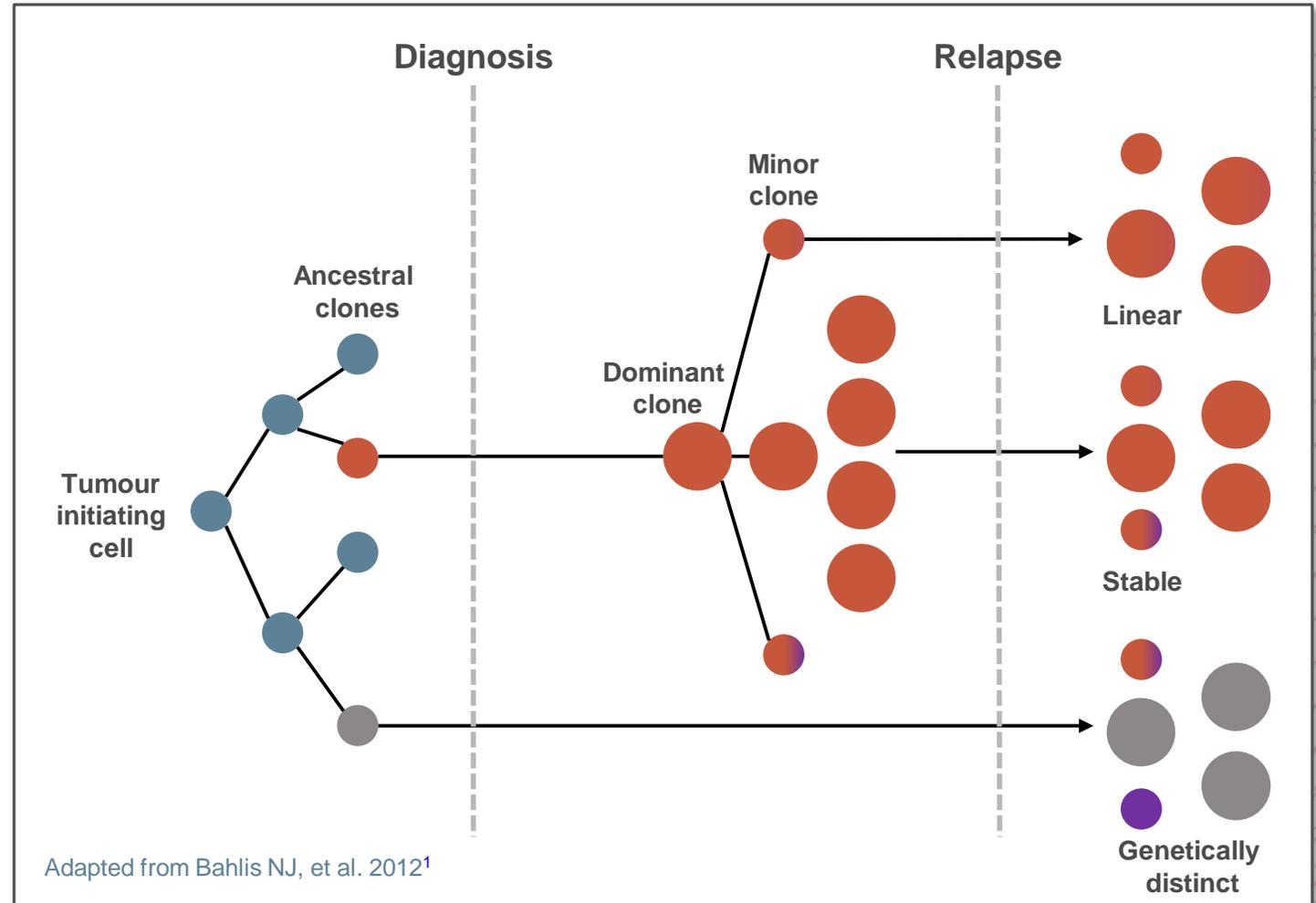
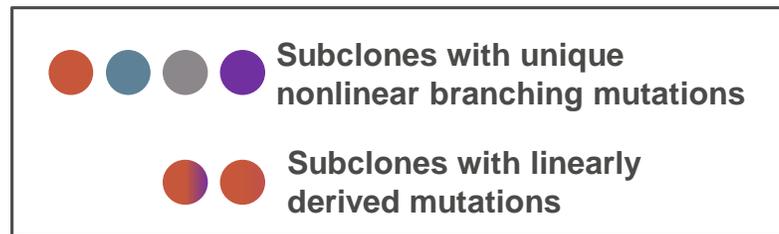
# CHALLENGE OF OPTIMISING TREATMENT FOR EARLY RRMM IN THE ERA OF MULTIPLE NOVEL THERAPIES



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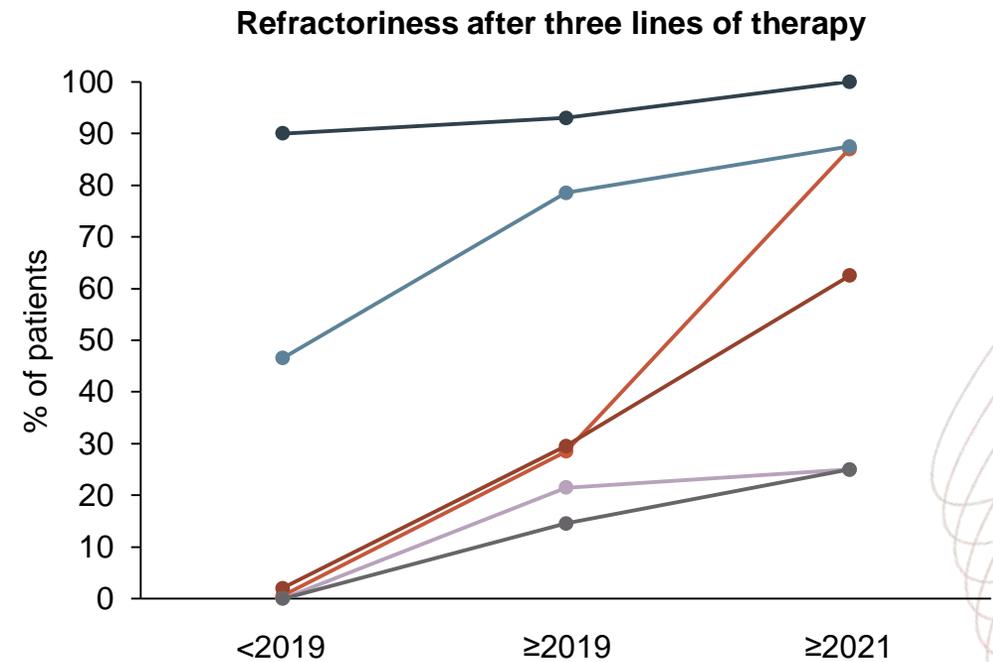
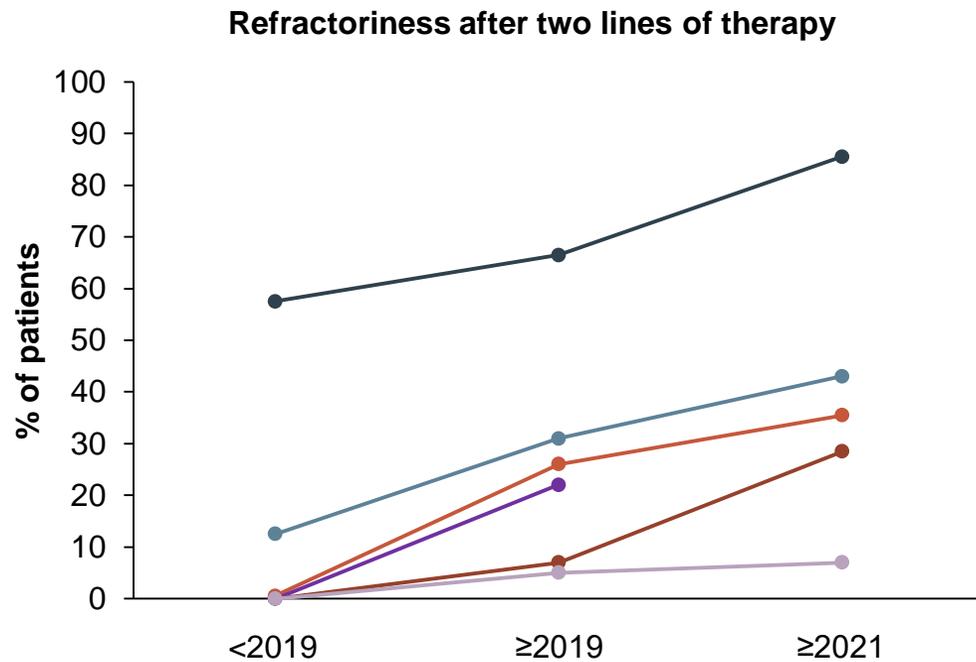
# DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIPLE, GENETICALLY DISTINCT SUBCLONES IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA

- Subclones develop over time due to selective pressures from the microenvironment and treatment<sup>1,2</sup>
- Clonal evolution can lead to **disease progression** and **treatment resistance**<sup>3</sup>



# PREVALENCE OF EARLY REFRACTORINESS IS GROWING

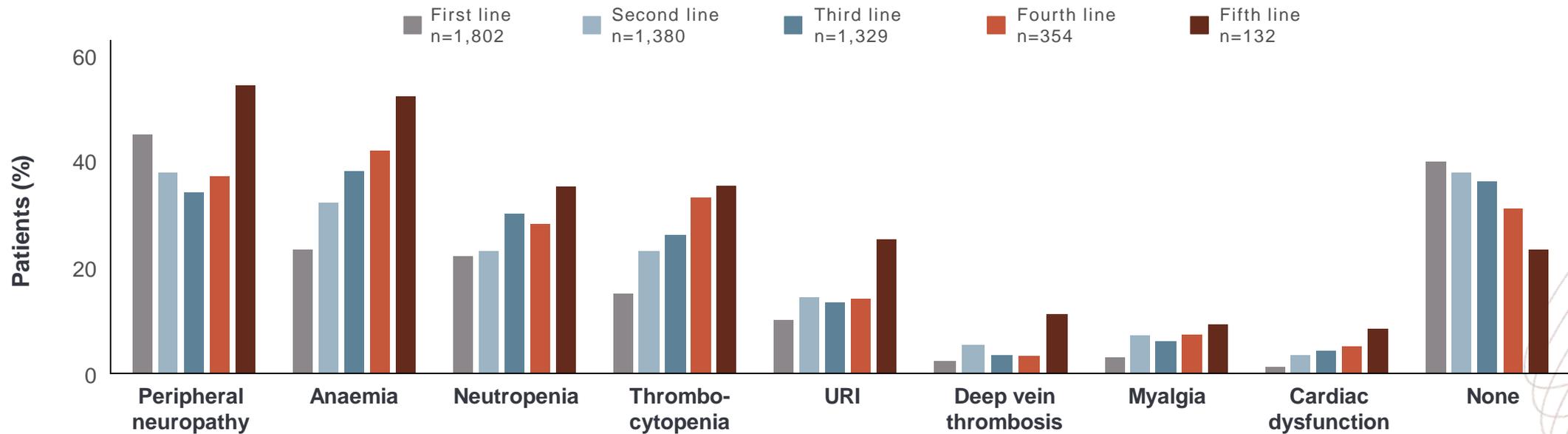
## REAL-WORLD ASSESSMENT OF REFRACTORINESS PATTERNS IN 413 PATIENTS TREATED IN AN ITALIAN HAEMATOLOGICAL TERTIARY CARE CENTRE



- Lenalidomide
- Double-refractory
- Daratumumab
- Triple-refractory
- Lenalidomide + daratumumab
- Quad-refractory
- Penta-refractory

# CHALLENGES IN SELECTING TREATMENTS AT RELAPSE: ADVERSE EVENTS BY LINE OF THERAPY

## PATIENT CHART REVIEW<sup>a</sup>: ALL-GRADE COMORBIDITIES AND TOXICITIES BY MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED LINE OF THERAPY

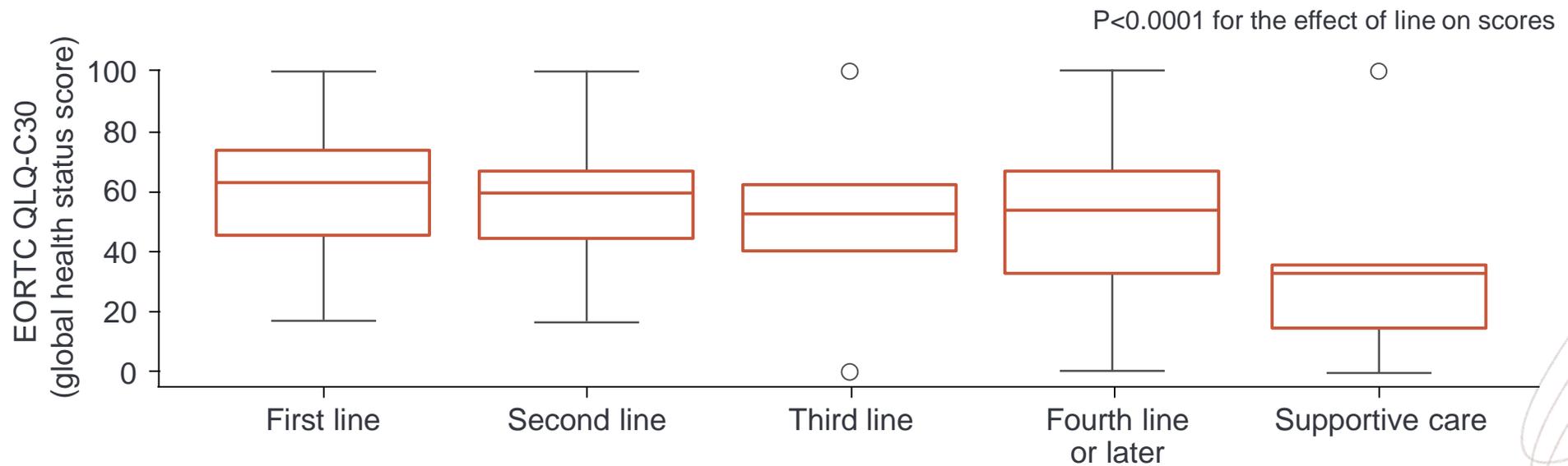


**The proportion of patients with toxicities or comorbidities tended to increase with line of therapy. Both are more likely to affect planned treatment in later vs earlier lines**

<sup>a</sup> Retrospective and cross-sectional review of 4,997 patient charts (1L: n=1,802; 2L: n=1,380; ≥3L: n=1,815) in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and UK  
1L, first line; 2L, second line; 3L, third line; URI, upper respiratory infection  
Yong K, et al. Br J Haematol. 2016;175:252-264

# HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH TREATMENT LINE

Mean EORTC QLQ-C30 global health status scores decreased from 63.0 at first line to 59.7 at second line, 52.6 at third line, 53.6 at fourth line or later, and 32.8 for patients receiving supportive care



	Difference between second and first line	Difference between third and second line	Difference between fourth line or later and third line	Difference between supportive care and fourth line or later
<b>Mean difference in global health status score</b>	-3.3	-7.1	1.0	-20.8

Observation, cross-sectional, multicentre study conducted in France. Data presented are means, first quartiles, third quartiles, and minimums and maximums. Open circles denote extreme values. Higher scores for EORTC QLQ-C30 Global Health Status score indicate higher quality of life

EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; QLQ-C30, Core Quality of Life questionnaire

Despiégl N, et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2019;19:e13-e28

# MULTIPLE DRUG CLASSES ARE APPROVED FOR THE TREATMENT OF RRMM

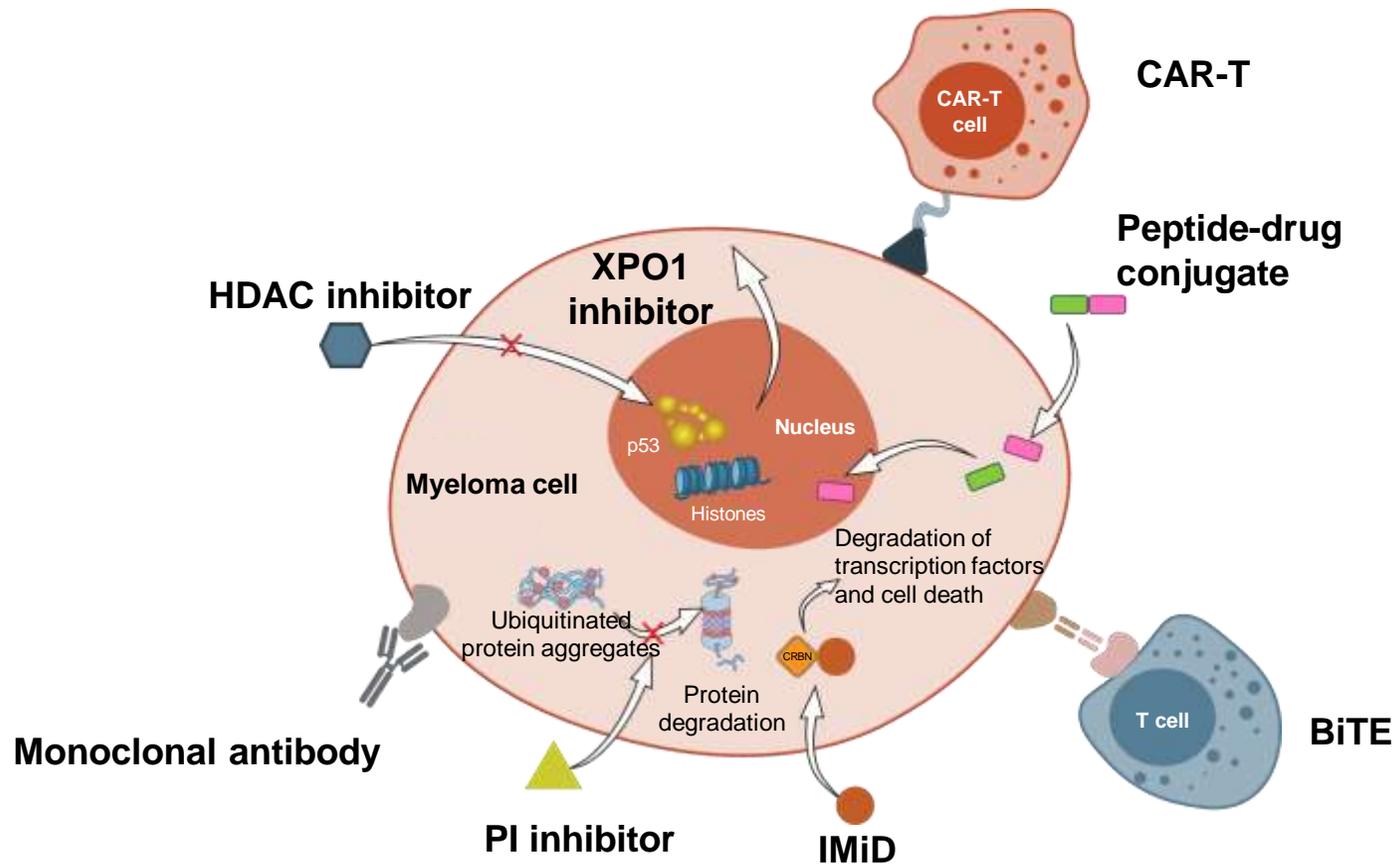
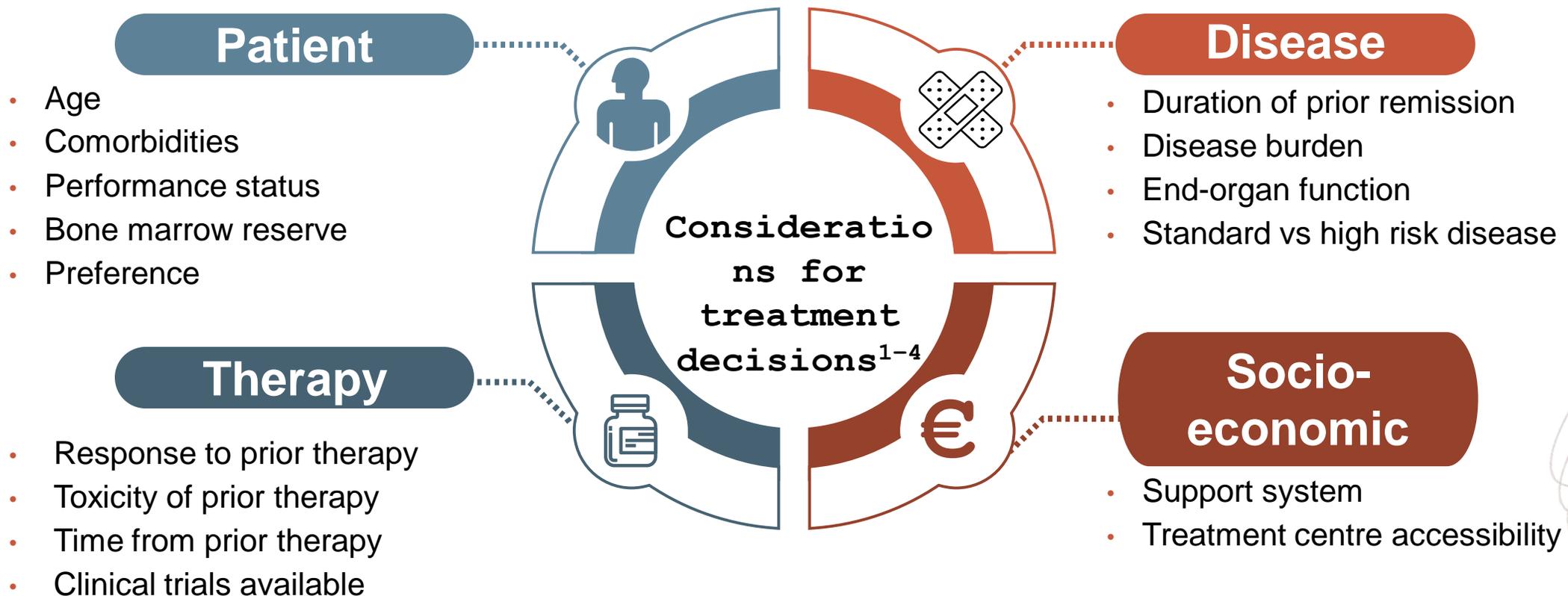


Figure adapted from Dimopoulos et al.

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR TREATMENT DECISIONS



RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

1. Nijhof IS, et al. *Drugs* 2018;78:19-37; 2. Orłowski RZ, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2016;22:5443-5452; 3. Baz R, et al. *Support Care Cancer.* 2015;23:2789-2797; 4. Goodwin JA, et al. *Cancer Nurs.* 2013;36:301-308

# CASE STUDY: PATIENT PROFILE



- Age 71 years, retired
- ECOG PS: 1
- PMH: Hypertension, paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
- Presented with bone pain and fatigue



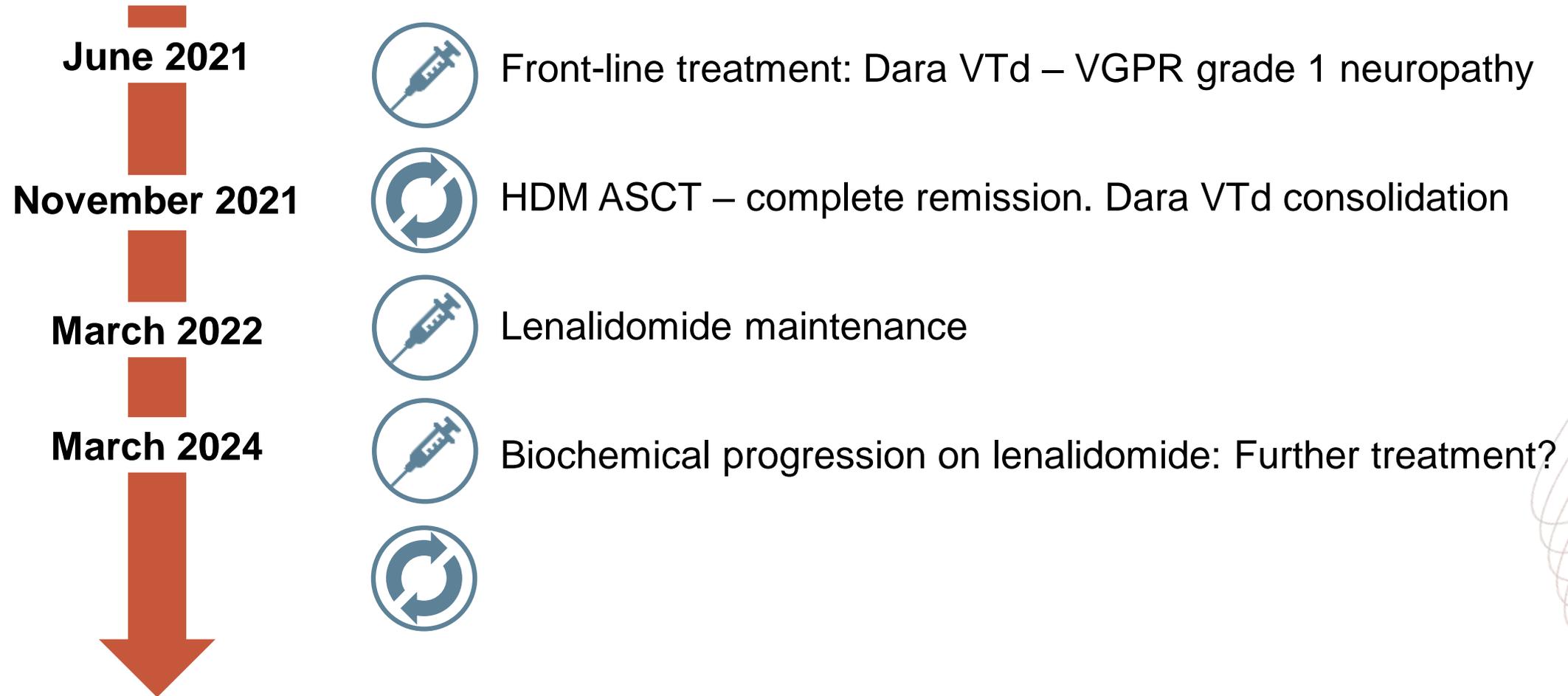
- Diagnosis: June 2021
- IgG kappa multiple myeloma
- Hb:117 g/L, normal renal function
- Vertebral collapse
- MM FISH – 1p deletion
- R-ISS I standard risk

Educational case study

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; Hb: haemoglobin; IgG: immunoglobulin; MM, multiple myeloma; PMH, previous medical history;

PS, performance status; R-ISS, revised International Staging System

# CASE STUDY: TREATMENT



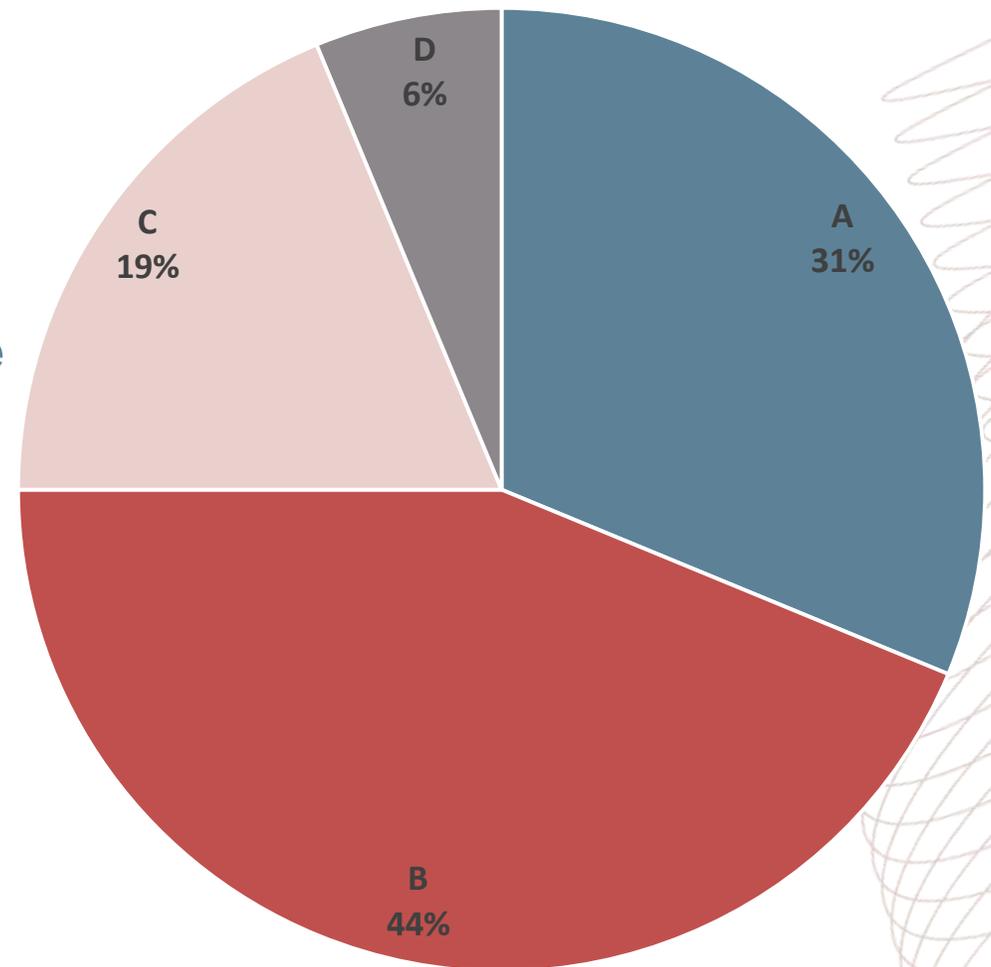
Educational case study

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; Dara, daratumumab; HDM, high-dose melphalan; VTd, bortezomib, thalidomide, dexamethasone; VGPR, very good partial response

# POLLING QUESTION

## WHAT TREATMENT WOULD YOU CHOOSE AT 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE

- A.** Daratumumab, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- B.** Daratumumab/isatuximab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone
- C.** Daratumumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- D.** Selinexor, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- E.** Pomalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- F.** Carfilzomib, dexamethasone



# CURRENT TREATMENTS FOR EARLY RRMM: LINKING MECHANISM OF ACTION AND EFFICACY



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# DRUGS APPROVED FOR THE TREATMENT OF RRMM

  Drugs approved by the EMA for the treatment of early RRMM (1-3 prior therapies)<sup>2</sup>

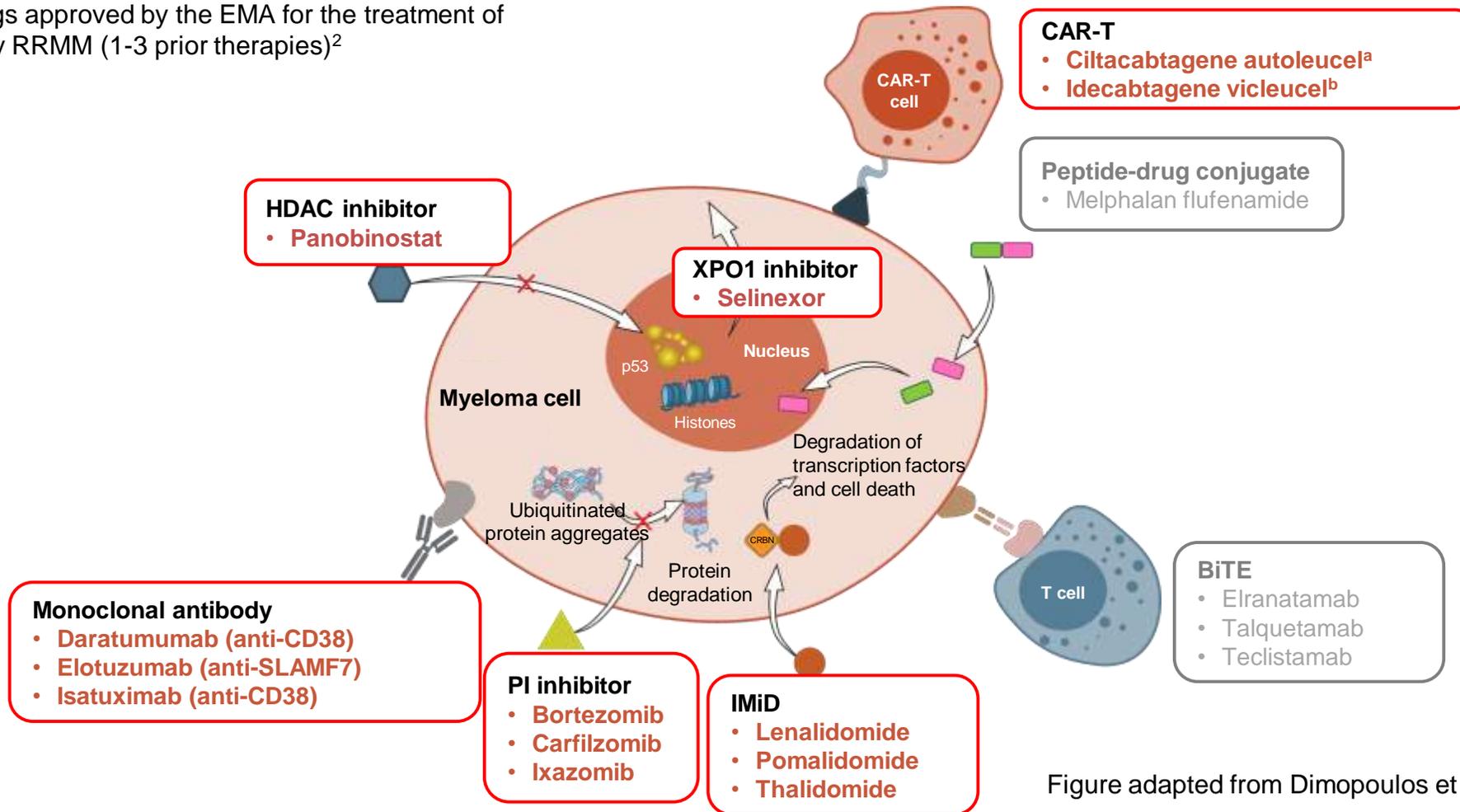


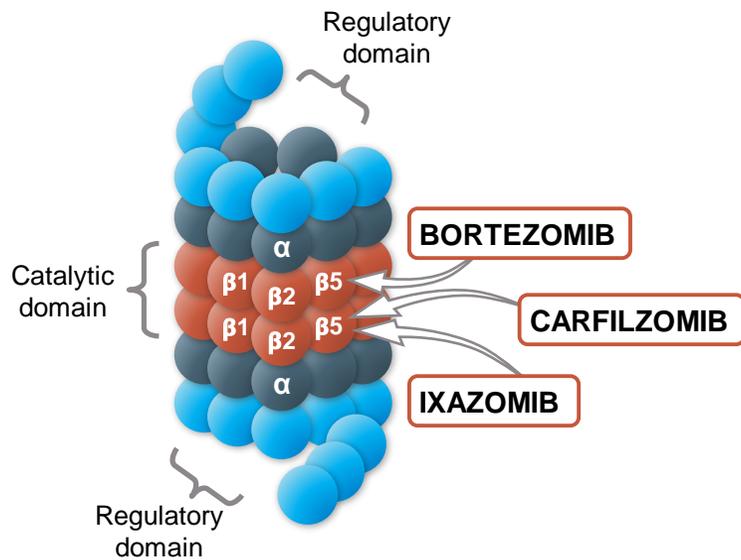
Figure adapted from Dimopoulos et al.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Ciltacabtagene autoleucel has received a positive opinion from the CHMP to expand the indication to patients who have received  $\geq 1$  prior therapy.<sup>3b</sup> Idecabtagene vicleucel is approved for the treatment of patients who have received  $\geq 2$  prior therapies

BiTE, bispecific T-cell engager; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CHMP, Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use; EMA, European Medicines Agency; HDAC, histone deacetylase; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; PI, proteasome inhibitor; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; SLAMF7, signalling lymphocyte activation molecule family 7; XPO1, exportin 1

1. Dimopoulos M-A, et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2022;22:460-473; 2. Summary of Product Characteristics are available from: <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines>. Last accessed 4 April 2024. 3. <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/variation/carvykti>

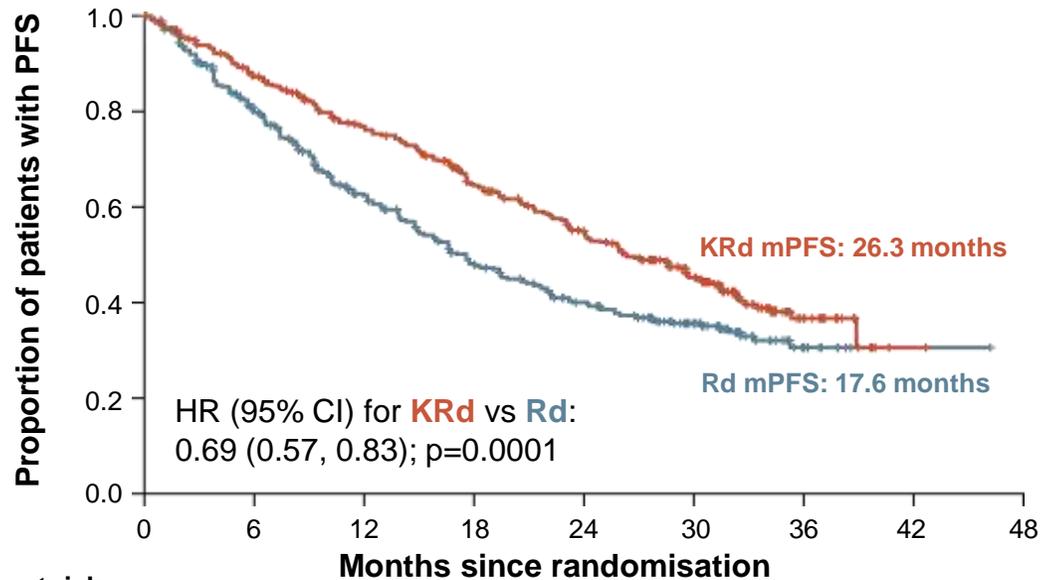
# PIs DISRUPT THE UNFOLDED PROTEIN RESPONSE PATHWAY AND INDUCE APOPTOSIS



- 1 Ubiquitin depletion**
- 2  $\uparrow$ ER stress due to  $\uparrow$  misfolded proteins**
- 3 NF $\kappa$ B downregulation**
- 4 Activation of pro-apoptotic pathways**

# CARFILZOMIB AND IXAZOMIB INCREASED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM AND 1-3 PRIOR TREATMENTS

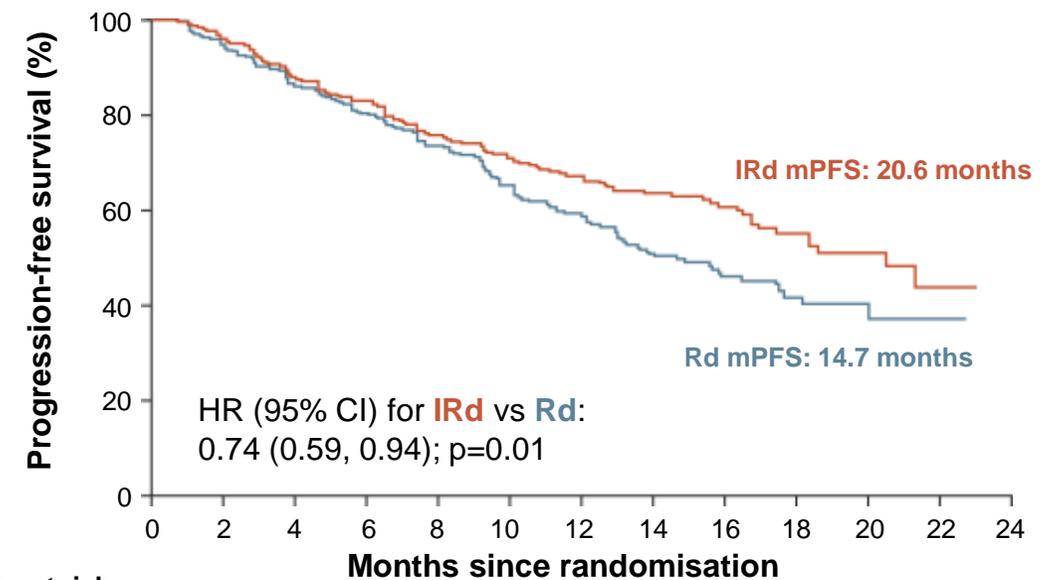
**ASPIRE: Carfilzomib<sup>1</sup>**



No. at risk

<b>KRd:</b>	396	332	279	222	179	112	24	1
<b>Rd:</b>	396	287	206	151	117	72	18	1

**TOURMALINE-MM1: Ixazomib<sup>2</sup>**



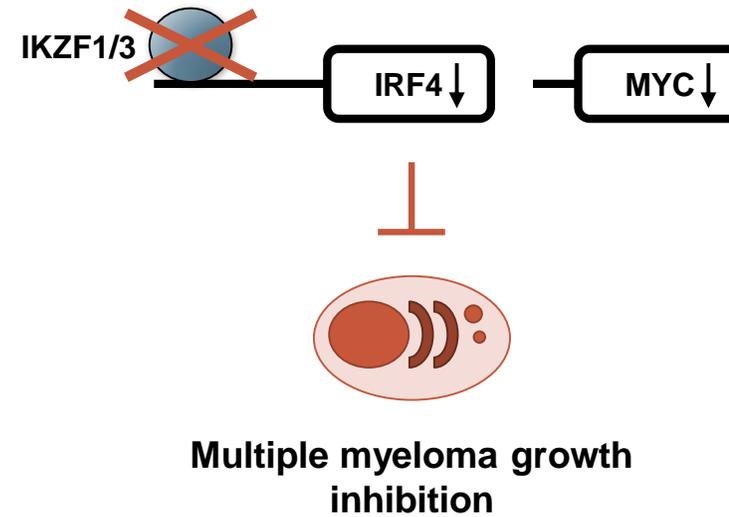
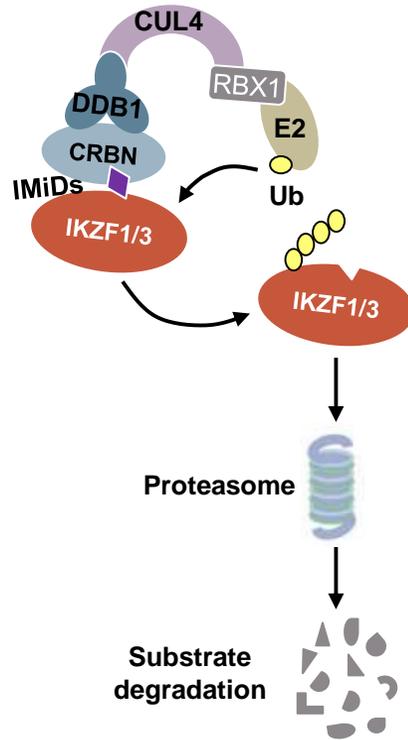
No. at risk

<b>IRd:</b>	360	332	298	270	233	206	145	111	72	44	26	9	0
<b>Rd:</b>	362	325	288	254	218	188	130	85	58	31	15	3	0

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; HR, hazard ratio; I, ixazomib; K, carfilzomib; (m)PFS; (median) progression-free survival; R, lenalidomide; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

1. Stewart AK, et al. New Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152; 2. Moreau P, et al. New Engl J Med. 2016;374:1621-1634

# IMiDs BIND TO CRBN AND EXERT PLEIOTROPIC EFFECTS



Adapted from Wang S, et al. (2021)<sup>1</sup> and Krönke J, et al. (2014)<sup>2</sup>

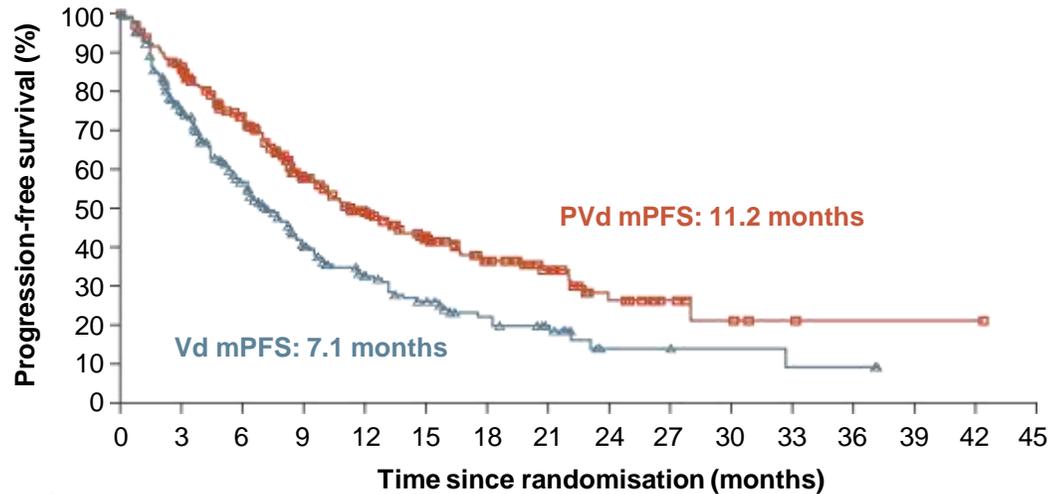
**IMiDs hijack the CUL4 E3 ligase via CRBN to ubiquitinate and degrade the lymphoid transcription factors, IKZF1 and IKZF3**

**This results in the downregulation of IRF4 and MYC and the inhibition of MM cell proliferation**

CRBN, cereblon; CUL4, Cullin–RING ubiquitin ligase complex 4; CUL4, cullin-4; DDB1, DNA damage-binding protein 1; E2, ubiquitin-conjugating enzymes; IKZF1 and 3, IKAROS family zinc finger 1 and 3; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; IRF4, interferon regulatory factor 4; RBX1, small RING protein; Ub, ubiquitin  
 1. Wang S, et al. Biomarker Res. 2021;9:43; 2. Krönke J, et al. Oncoimmunology. 2014;3(7):e941742

# OPTIMISMM: POMALIDOMIDE INCREASED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM PREVIOUSLY TREATED WITH LENALIDOMIDE

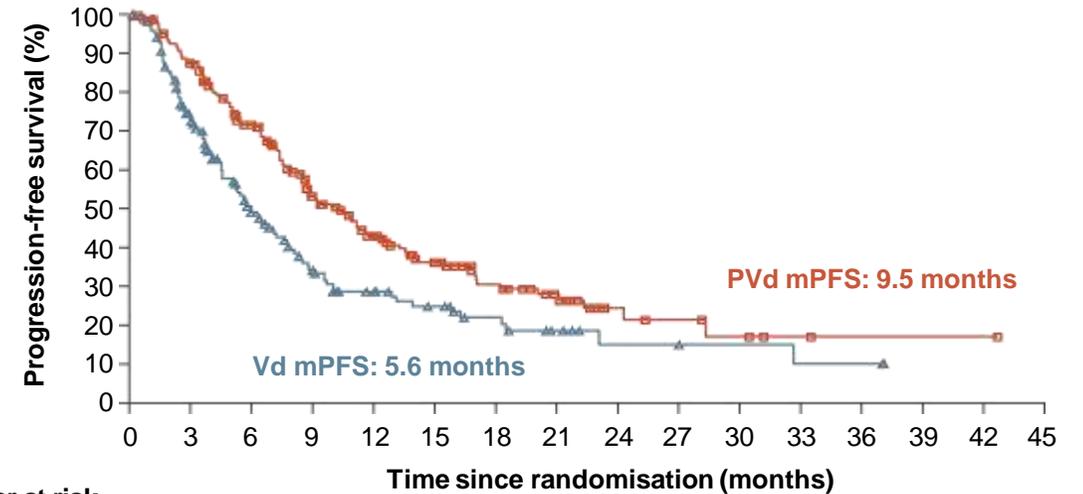
## ITT population



Number at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
PVd	281	233	182	128	94	67	47	28	13	7	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
Vd	278	176	112	66	42	30	20	14	4	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0

HR (95% CI) for PVd vs Vd:  
0.61 (0.49, 0.77); p<0.0001

## Lenalidomide-refractory patients



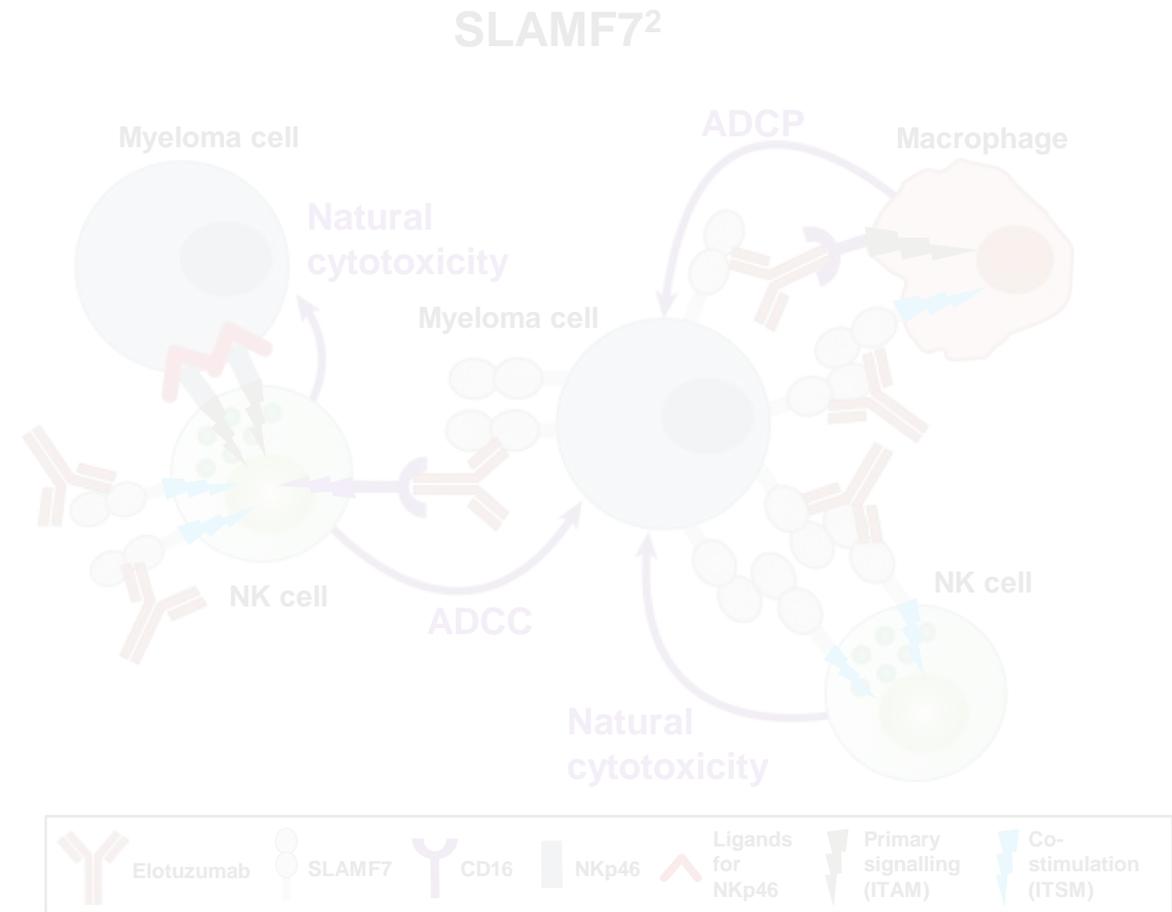
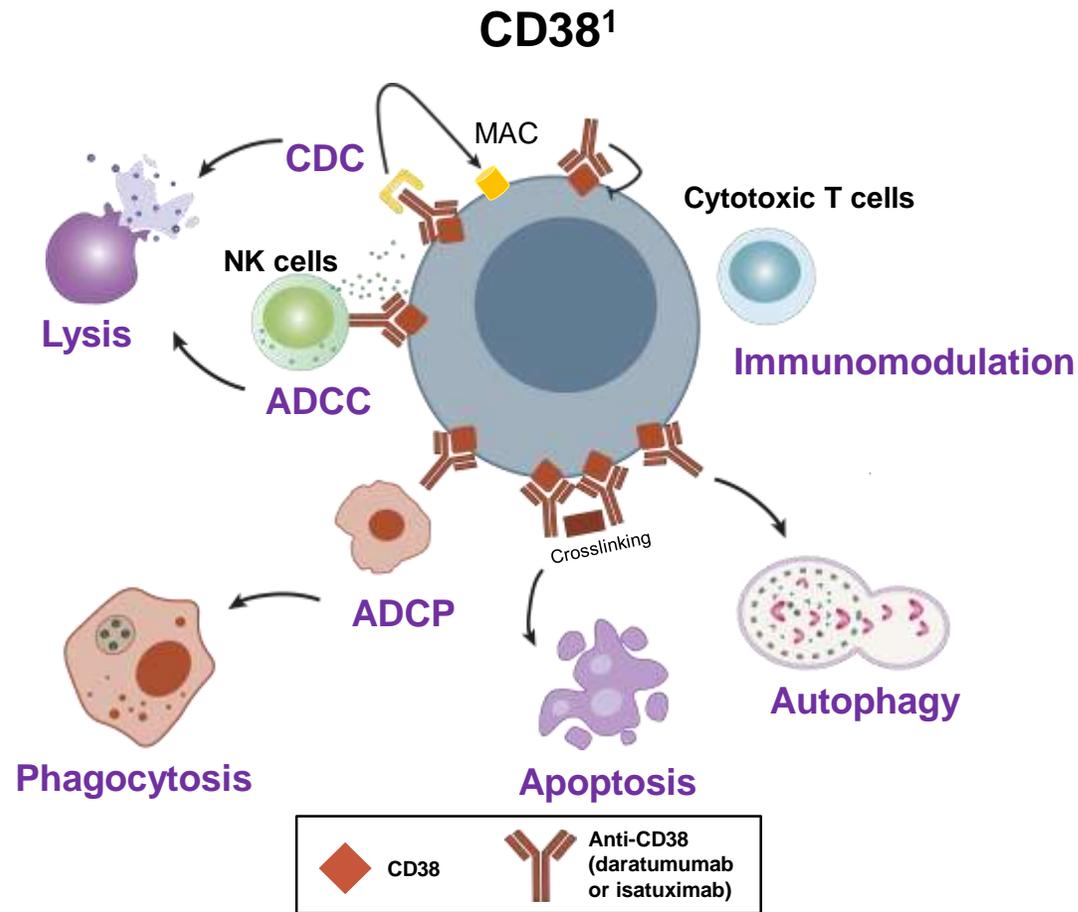
Number at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
PVd	200	162	119	77	54	37	25	16	7	6	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
Vd	191	113	63	37	25	19	13	8	4	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0

HR (95% CI) for PVd vs Vd:  
0.65 (0.50, 0.84); p=0.0008

All patients had received 1-3 prior therapies including lenalidomide

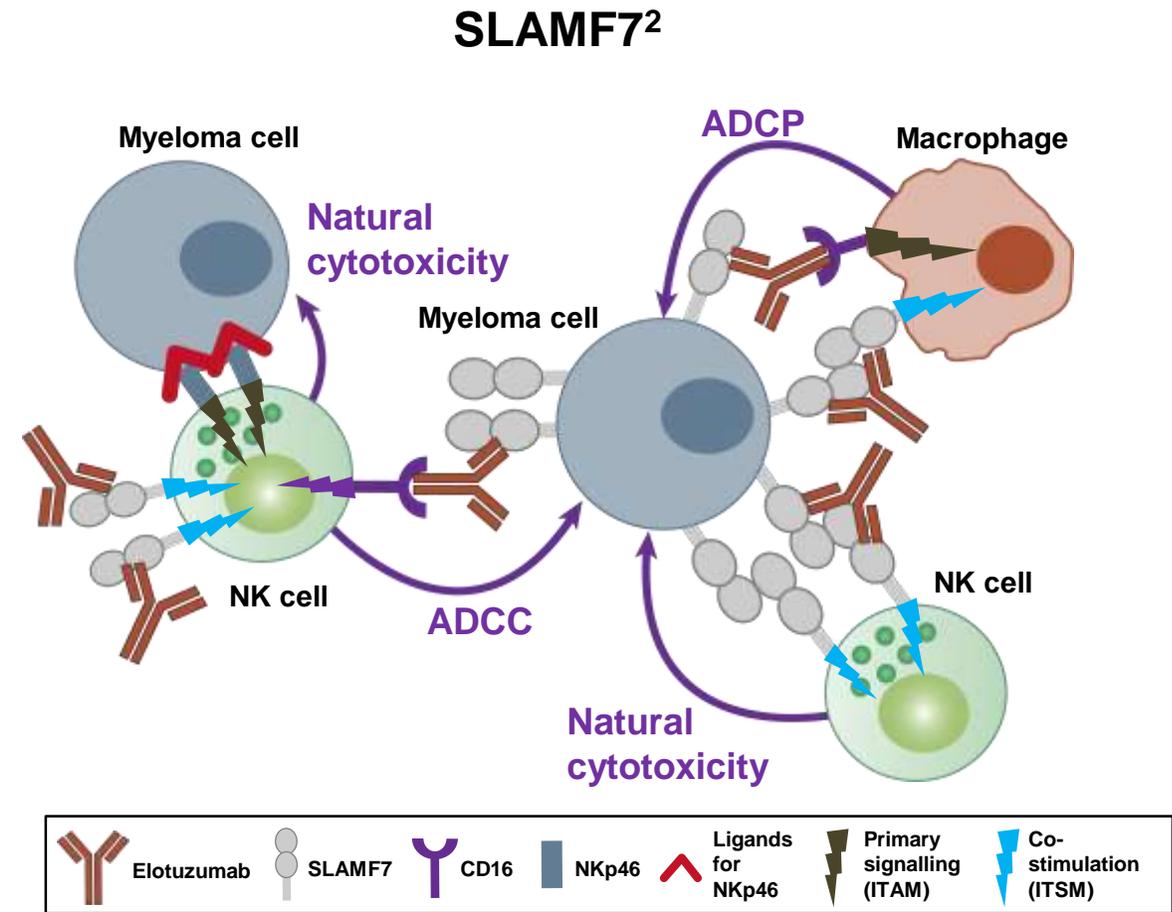
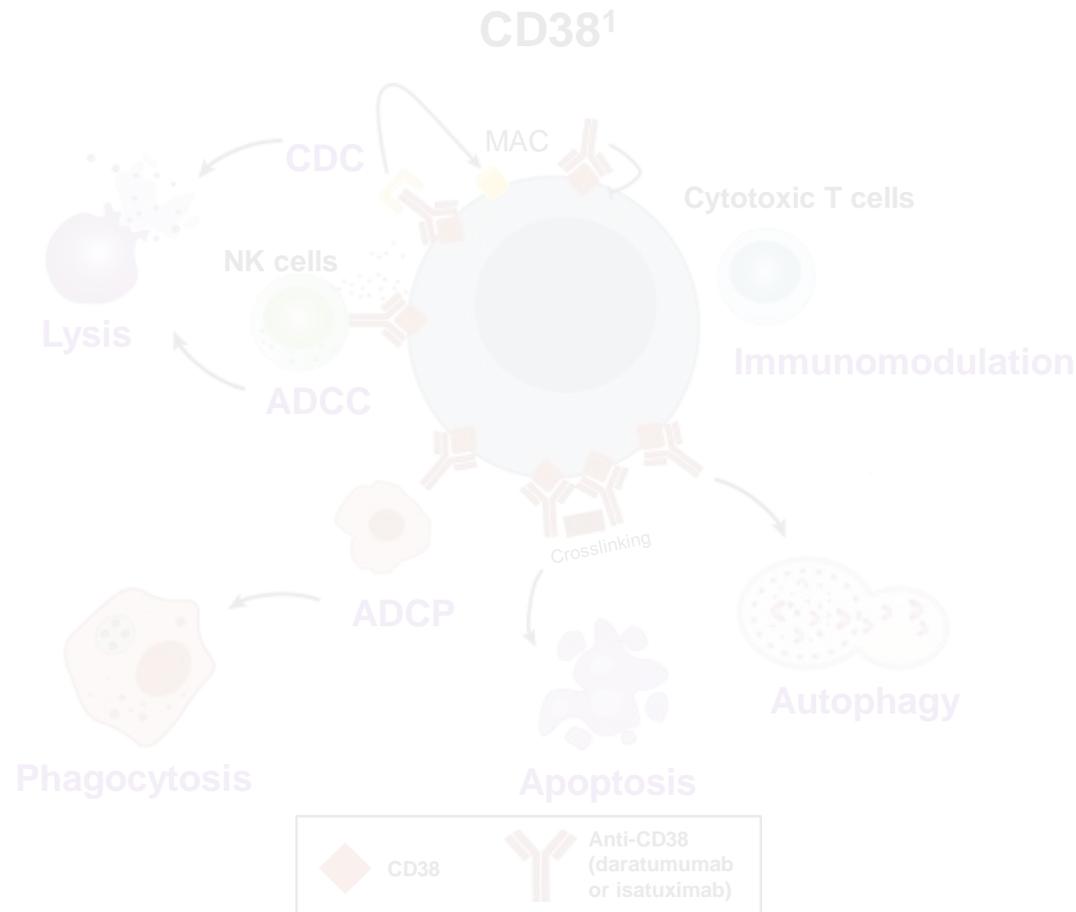
CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent to treat; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; P, pomalidomide; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; V, bortezomib

# mAbs TARGETING CD38 AND SLAMF7 INDUCE MYELOMA CELL DEATH VIA CYTOTOXIC AND PHAGOCYTOTIC PATHWAYS



ADCC, antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity; ADCP, antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity; ITAM, immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motifs; ITSM, immunoreceptor tyrosine-based switch motifs; mAb, monoclonal antibody; MAC, membrane attack complex; NK, natural killer; SLAMF7, signalling lymphocyte activation molecule family member 7

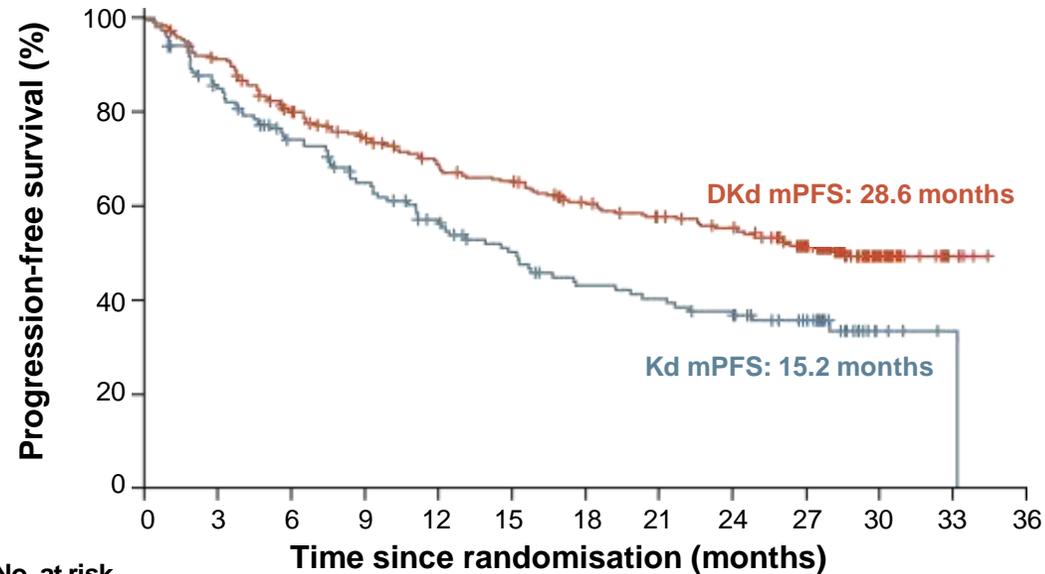
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# PFS BENEFIT WITH DARATUMUMUMAB IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM AND 1-3 PRIOR TREATMENTS

## CANDOR<sup>1</sup>

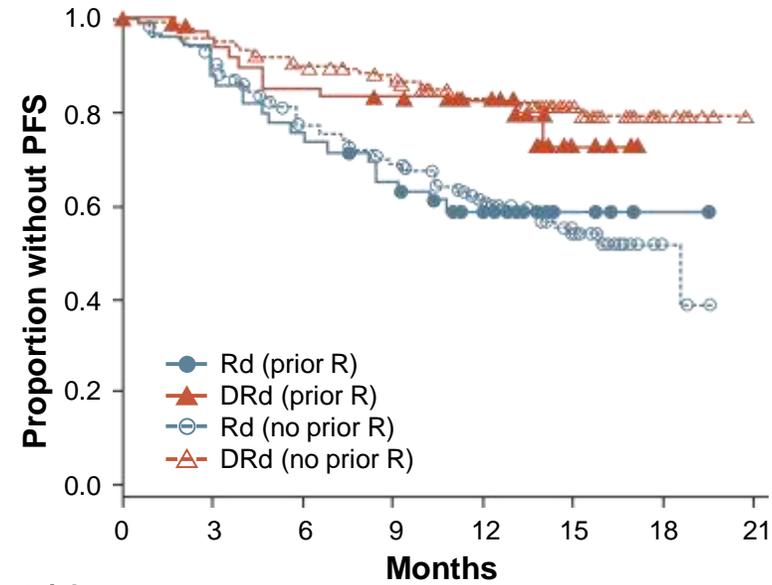


No. at risk

DKd:	312	279	235	210	189	178	159	146	136	105	30	6	0
Kd:	154	120	99	83	69	57	47	44	39	28	4	1	0

HR (95% CI) for **DKd** vs **Kd**:  
0.59 (0.45, 0.78); p<0.0001

## POLLUX<sup>2</sup>



No. at risk

Rd (prior R):	50	43	37	31	23	5	1	0
DRd (prior R):	50	44	40	38	28	5	0	0
Rd (no prior R):	233	206	169	148	116	31	4	0
DRd (no prior R):	236	222	208	94	161	50	8	0

HR (95% CI) for **DRd** vs **Rd**:

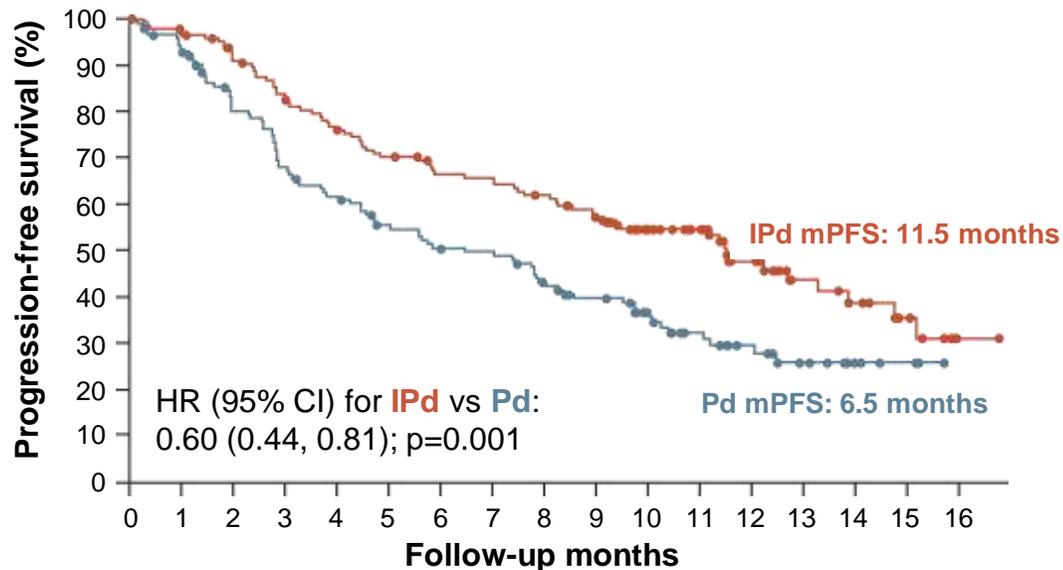
No prior lenalidomide: 0.36 (0.25, 0.52); p<0.001

Prior lenalidomide: 0.42 (0.19, 0.90); p=0.02

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; HR, hazard ratio; K, carfilzomib; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; R, lenalidomide; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

1. Usmani SZ, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2022;23:65-76; 2. Dimopoulos MA, et al. New Engl J Med. 2016;375:1319-1331

# ADDITION OF ISATUXIMAB TO Pd IMPROVED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM

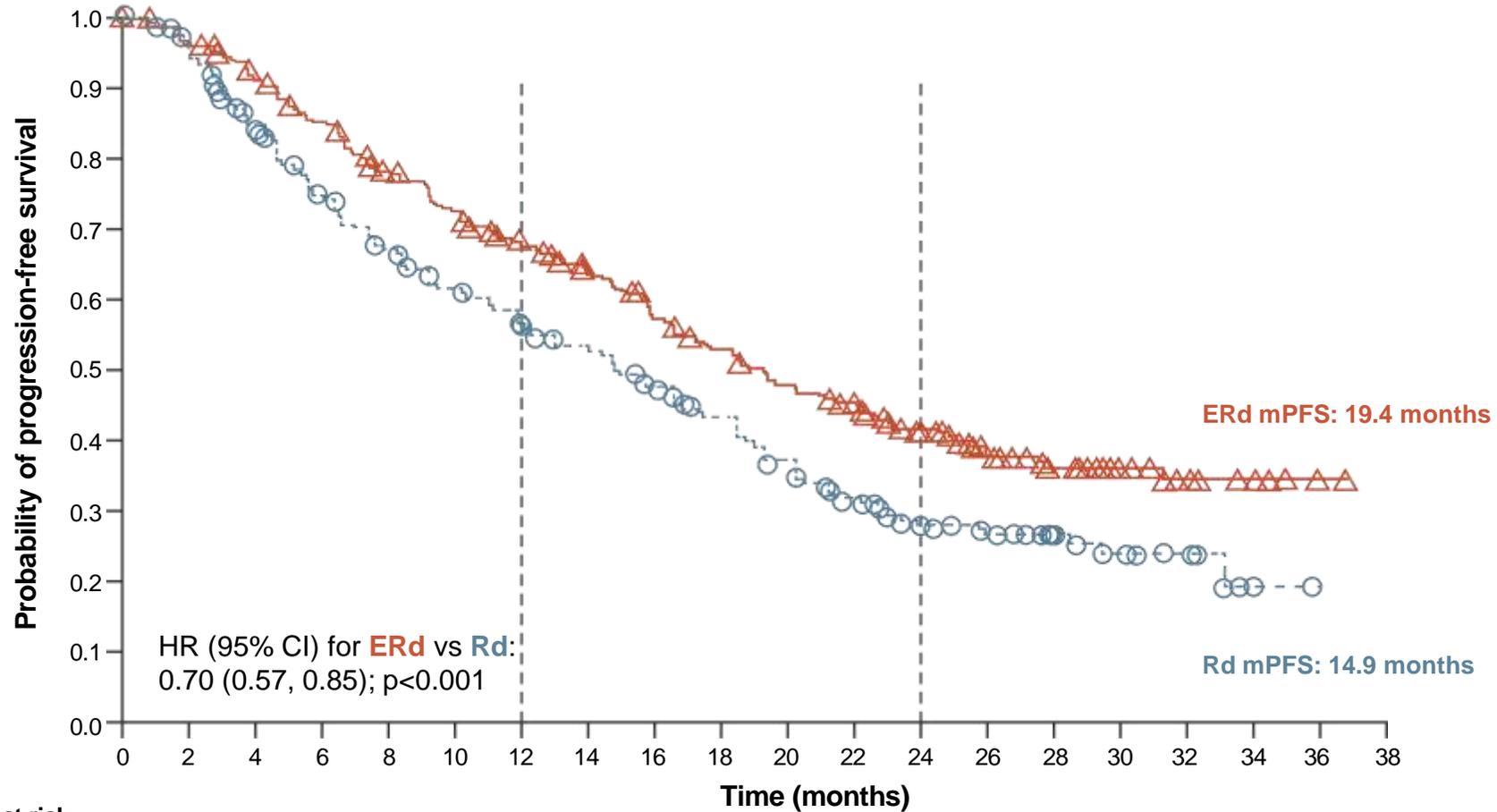


IPd:	154	129	106	89	81	52	30	14	1
Pd:	153	105	80	63	51	33	17	5	0

- ICARIA enrolled patients who had previously received treatment with lenalidomide and a PI
- 93% of patients were refractory to lenalidomide, and 71% were refractory to both lenalidomide and a PI
- A PFS benefit was observed with isatuximab in patients with refractoriness to lenalidomide and/or a PI

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; HR, hazard ratio; I, isatuximab; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; P, pomalidomide; PI, proteasome inhibitor; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

# PFS BENEFIT WITH ELOTUZUMAB IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM AND 1-3 PRIOR TREATMENTS IN ELOQUENT-2



Number at risk

ERd	321	303	279	259	232	215	195	178	157	143	128	117	85	59	42	32	12	7	1	0
Rd	325	295	249	216	192	173	158	141	123	106	89	72	48	36	21	13	7	2	0	0

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; E, elotuzumab; HR, hazard ratio (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; R, lenalidomide; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

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# SELINEXOR IS A FIRST IN CLASS ORAL XPO1 INHIBITOR WITH A UNIQUE MECHANISM OF ACTION

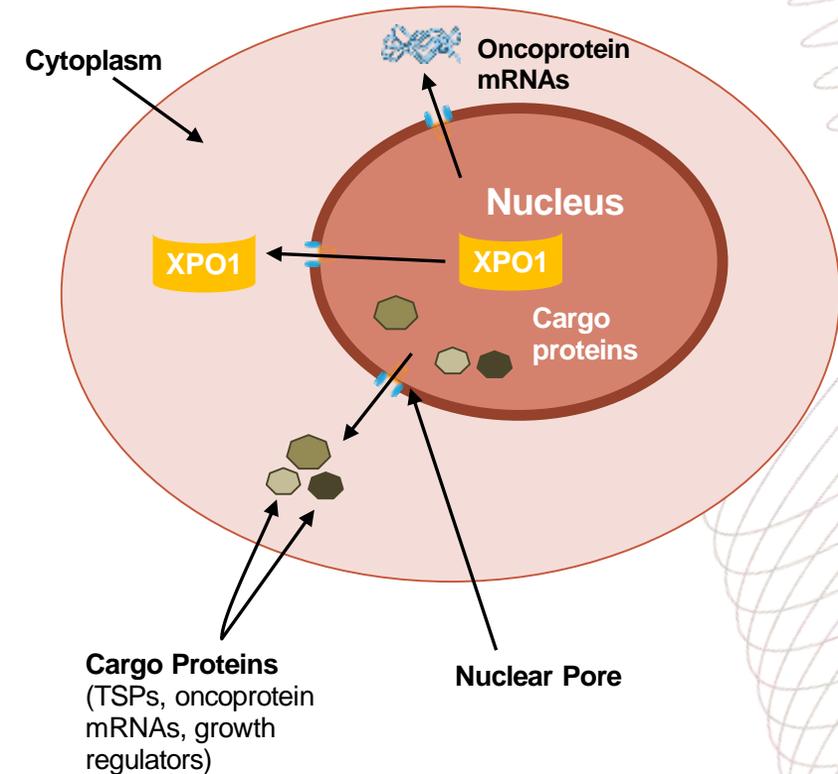
## XPO1:

- XPO1 is a **nuclear export protein** that transports nuclear proteins to the cytoplasm via nuclear pore complexes
- XPO1 is **overexpressed in many tumour types**, including MM
- It exports TSPs to the cytoplasm, where they are unable to function and elevates cytosolic levels of pro-survival proteins
- This results in **dysregulation of growth signalling** and **increased anti-apoptotic signalling**

## Selinexor:

- Blocks XPO1 so that it **cannot carry cargo** out of the nucleus
- **TSPs accumulate in the nucleus**, causing **cell cycle arrest** and **apoptosis**
- Traps oncoprotein mRNA in the nucleus, so they cannot be translated

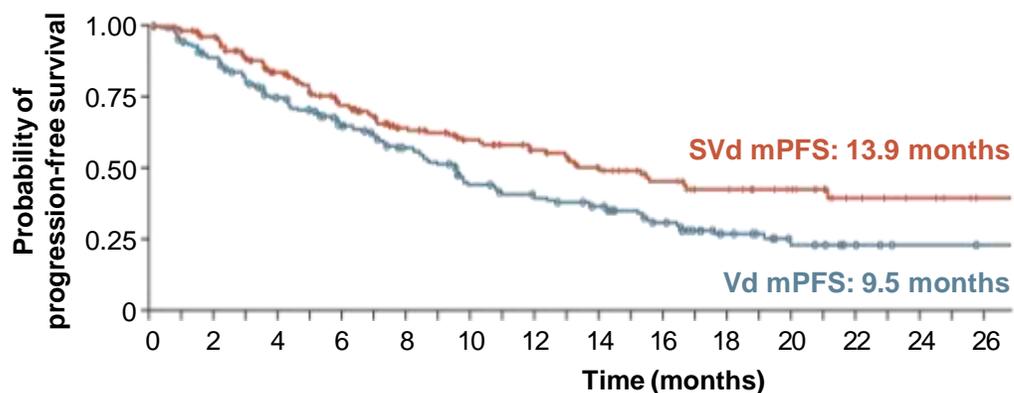
## MYELOMA CELL



# A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN mPFS WITH SVd VS Vd INCLUDING IN PI-NAÏVE PATIENTS

BOSTON investigated SVd vs Vd in patients with RRMM treated with 1-3 prior therapies

## ITT population<sup>1</sup>



Number at risk

Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
SVd	195	175	135	106	79	69	57	45	35	26	19	9	6	2
Vd	207	175	138	111	90	66	56	49	35	20	10	5	3	2

HR (95% CI) for SVd vs Vd:  
0.70 (0.53, 0.93); p=0.0075

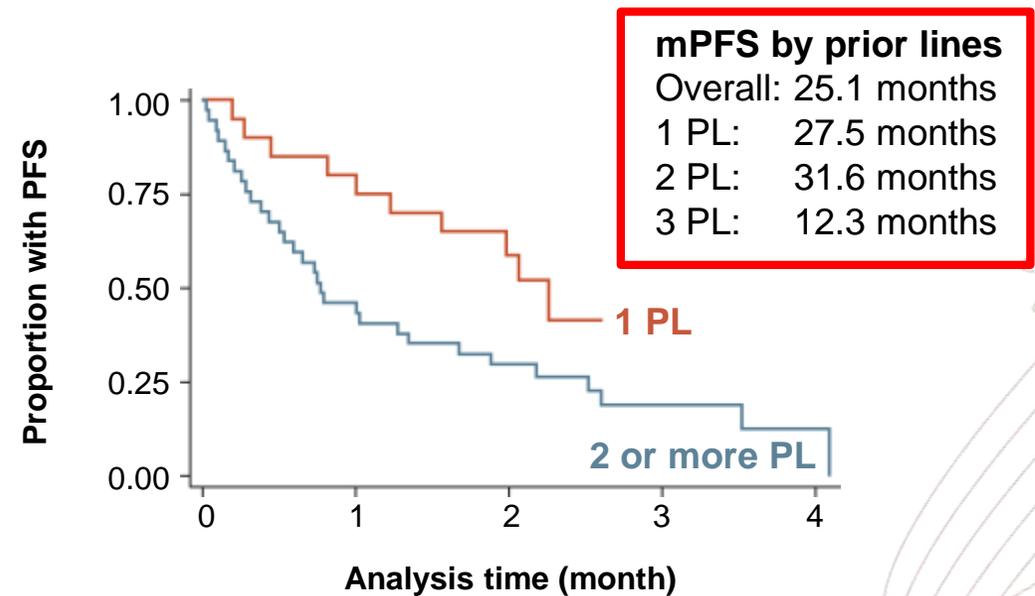
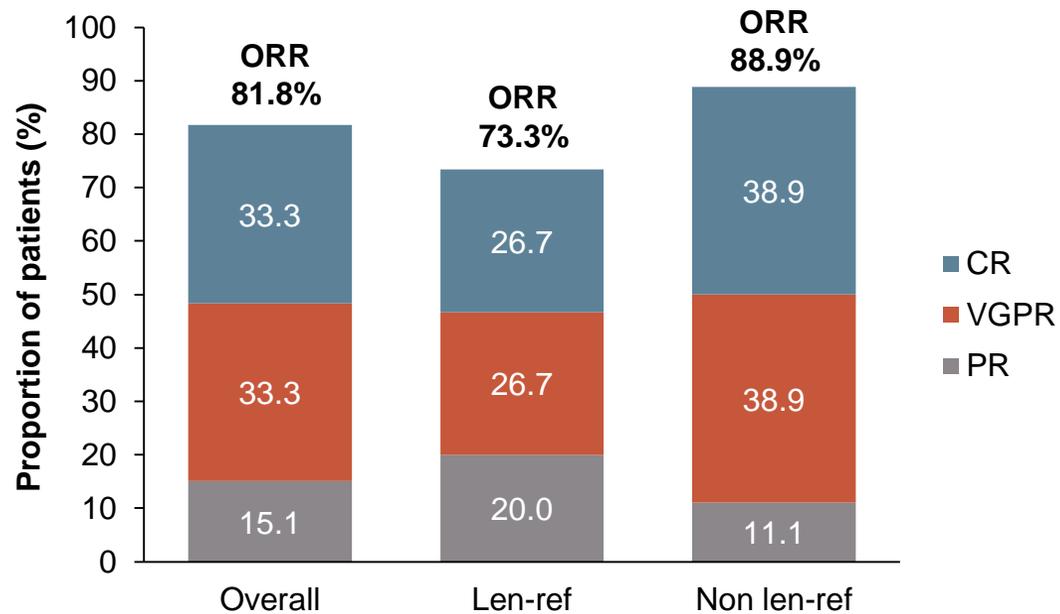
## Subgroup analyses<sup>2</sup>

	1 prior LOT		PI-naïve		Bortezomib-naïve	
	SVd (n=99)	Vd (n=99)	SVd (n=47)	Vd (n=48)	SVd (n=61)	Vd (n=62)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	21.0 (13.2-NR)	10.7 (7.3-16.4)	29.5 (27.5-NR)	9.7 (8.4-23.7)	29.5 (24.8-NR)	9.7 (8.4-17.5)
HR (95% CI); two-sided p-value	0.62 (0.41-0.95); 0.028		0.29 (0.14-0.63); <0.001		0.35 (0.18-0.68); 0.002	

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent to treat; LOT, line of therapy; mPFS, median progression-free survival; NR, not reached; PI, proteasome inhibitor; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib

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# EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF QUADRUPLET THERAPY WITH S-DVd IN THE PHASE 2 GEM-SELIBORDARA TRIAL



**Most common grade  $\geq 3$  AEs<sup>a</sup>:** Thrombocytopenia (39.4%), infection (30.3%), neutropenia (21.2%), asthenia/fatigue (18.2%), nausea/vomiting (9.1%), anaemia (6.1%)

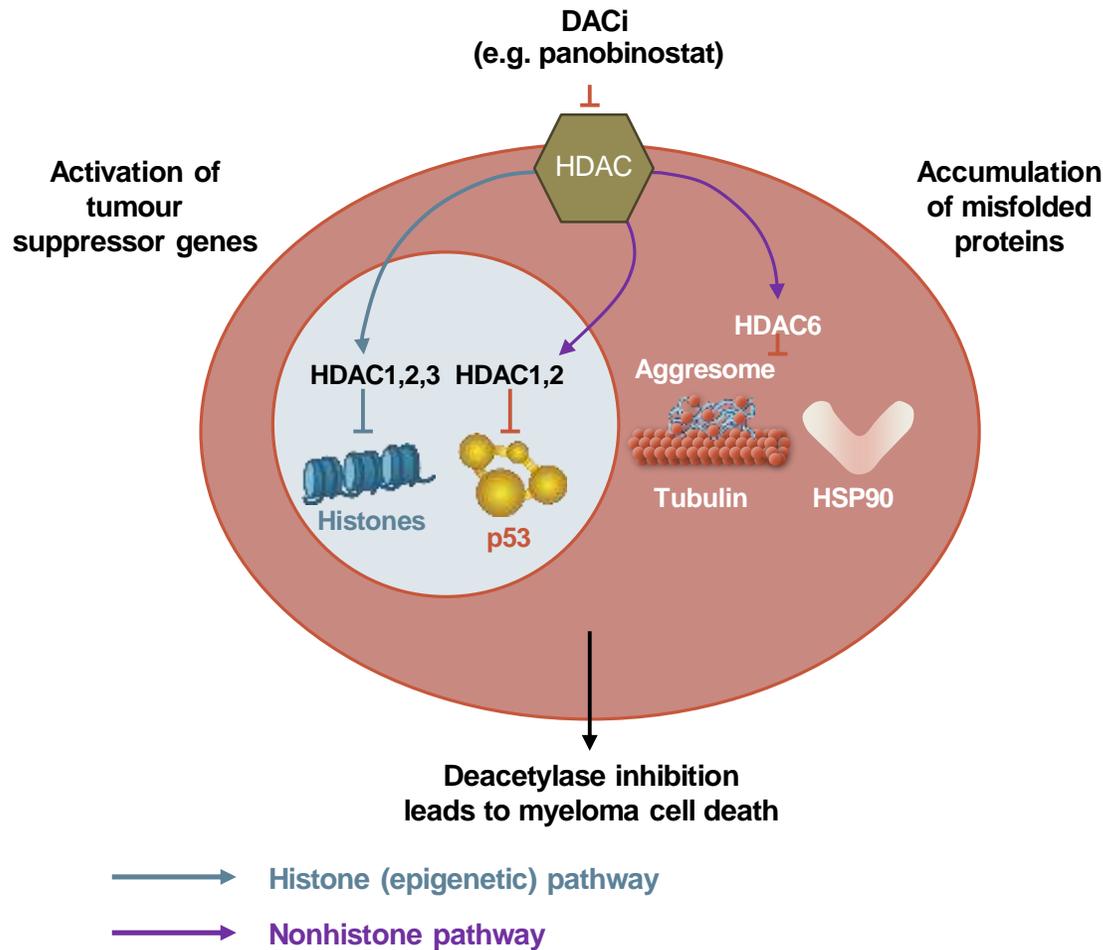
The study comprised two parts: Part 1 included 24 patients with  $\geq 3$  prior therapies, and Part 2 included 33 patients with  $\geq 1$  prior therapies. Data are presented here for Part 2

<sup>a</sup> Affecting  $\geq 5\%$  of patients

AE, adverse event; CR, complete response; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; len-ref, lenalidomide-refractory; mPFS, median progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; PL, prior line; PR, partial response; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib; VGPR, very good partial response

González-Calle V, et al. Haematologica. 2024; Online ahead of print (doi: 10.3324/haematol.2023.284089)

# PANOBINOSTAT AND PIs ACT SYNERGISTICALLY TO INHIBIT REMOVAL OF MISFOLDED PROTEINS

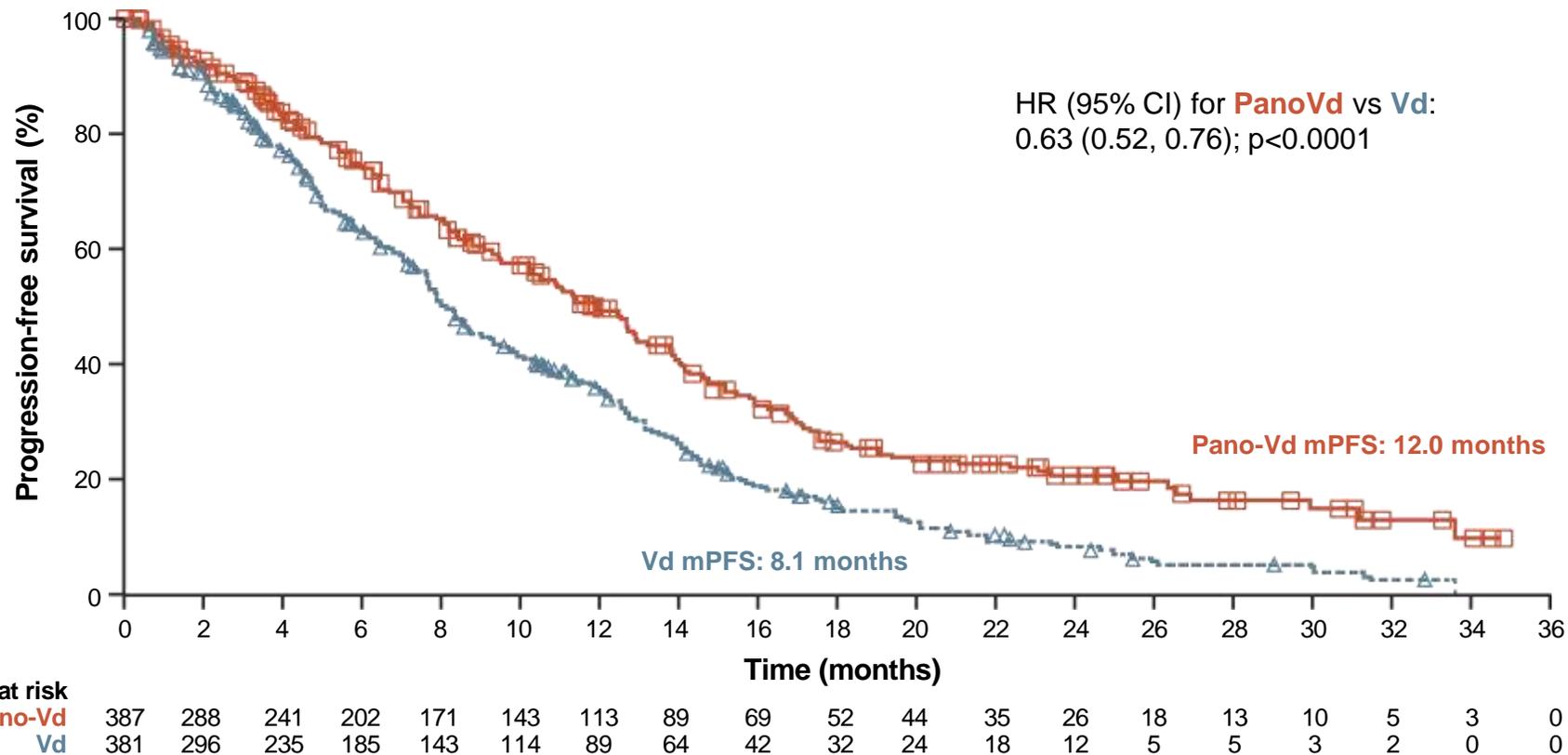


- Overexpression of HDACs is a marker of poor prognosis in patients with MM
- HDACs mediate epigenetic silencing of tumour suppressor genes in MM cells and removal of misfolded proteins by the aggresome
- Dual targeting of the proteasome and aggresome pathways through PIs and DACi may be effective in patients with RRMM

DACi, deacetylase inhibitors; HDAC, histone deacetylase; HSP90, heat-shock protein 90; PI, proteasome inhibitor; (RR)MM, (relapsed/refractory) multiple myeloma

# ADDITION OF PANOBINOSTAT TO BORTEZOMIB AND DEXAMETHASONE IMPROVED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH RRMM

The PANORAMA1 phase 3 trial investigated Pano-Vd vs Vd in patients who had received 1-3 previous treatment regimens

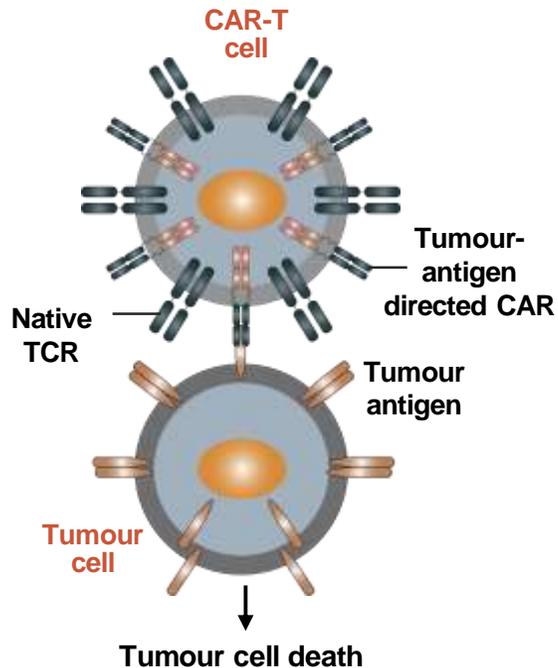


CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; HR, hazard ratio; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; pano, panobinostat; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; V, bortezomib

San-Miguel JF, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:1195-1206

# EMERGING EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE USE OF CAR-T THERAPIES IN PATIENTS WITH EARLY RRMM

## Mechanism of action<sup>1</sup>



	KarMMa-1 <sup>2</sup> (n=140)	KarMMa-3 <sup>3</sup> (n=254)	CARTITUDE-1 <sup>5</sup> (n=113)	CARTITUDE-4 <sup>7</sup> (n=208)
Treatment	ide-cel		cilta-cel	
Patient population	≥3 prior lines of therapy <sup>a</sup>	2-4 prior lines of therapy	≥3 prior lines of therapy <sup>a,b</sup>	1-3 prior lines of therapy <sup>d</sup>
ORR	73%	71%	97%	85%
mPFS, months	8.8	13.8	34.9 <sup>6</sup>	NR <sup>e</sup>
mOS, months	19.4	41.4 <sup>4</sup>	NR <sup>6,c</sup>	NR <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Including a PI, IMiD and an anti-CD38 antibody. <sup>b</sup> Or were double-refractory to a PI and IMiD. <sup>c</sup> mOS was not reached after a median follow-up of 33.4 months.

<sup>d</sup> All patients had lenalidomide resistance and had received a PI and IMiD. <sup>e</sup> mOS and mPFS were not reached after a median follow-up of 15.9 months

CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; IMiD, immunomodulatory agent; mOS, median overall survival; mPFS, median progression-free survival; NR, not reported; ORR, overall response rate; PI, proteasome inhibitor; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; TCR, T-cell receptor

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# CONCLUSIONS

- PIs, IMiDs and mAbs form the backbone of treatment for MM based on their proven efficacy
- However, most patients ultimately become resistant to these agents and require a switch to treatment with a different MoA
- Selinexor is the first selective nuclear export inhibitor approved for the treatment of RRMM and has demonstrated efficacy in patients with early relapse (1-3 prior therapies)
- CAR-T therapies are efficacious and are approved in heavily pretreated patients and have recently been approved in patients with early relapse

# BEST PRACTICES IN COMBINING AND SEQUENCING THERAPIES FOR OPTIMAL OUTCOMES



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# ROLE OF DARATUMUMAB AND LENALIDOMIDE IN 1L TREATMENT

LENALIDOMIDE AND DARATUMUMAB-BASED REGIMENS HAVE BECOME PART OF THE SoC FOR 1L TREATMENT OF NDMM

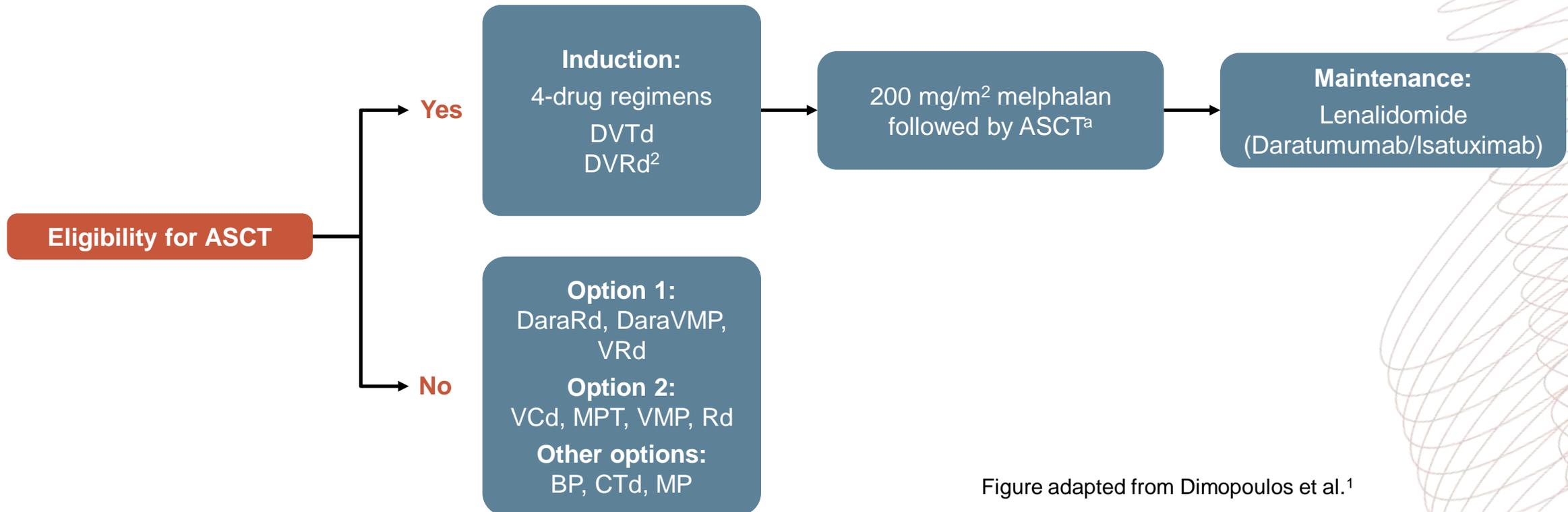


Figure adapted from Dimopoulos et al.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Tandem for high-risk disease or suboptimal response consolidation.

1L, first line; ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; B, bendamustine; C, cyclophosphamide; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; M, melphalan; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; P, prednisone; R, lenalidomide; SoC, standard of care; T, thalidomide; V; bortezomib

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# IMPACT OF ADMINISTRATION OF LENALIDOMIDE AND DARATUMUMAB-BASED REGIMENS AT 1L

Administration of lenalidomide and daratumumab-based regimens at 1L could lead to:

A growing population of **PI-naïve** patients at 2L<sup>1</sup>

An increasing need for more effective options in patients with MM **refractory to lenalidomide**<sup>1,2</sup>

A growing population of patients with MM **refractory to anti-CD38-based therapies** in earlier lines of treatment<sup>3</sup>

# MEDIAN PFS IS SUBOPTIMAL IN LENALIDOMIDE-EXPOSED OR REFRACTORY PATIENTS

	CANDOR <sup>1</sup>		CASTOR <sup>2</sup>		IKEMA <sup>3</sup>		ENDEAVOR <sup>4</sup>		POLLUX <sup>5</sup>		ELOQUENT-2 <sup>6,7</sup>		OPTIMISMM <sup>8a</sup>		APOLLO <sup>9a</sup>		EMNO2 <sup>10a</sup>	BOSTON <sup>11,12</sup>	
	DKd	Kd	DVd	Vd	IKd	Kd	Kd	Vd	DRd	Rd	ERd	Rd	PVd	Vd	DPd	Pd	KPd	SVd	Vd
<b>mPFS, months</b>																			
<b>ITT</b>	28.6	15.2	16.7	7.1	NC	19.2	18.7	9.4	44.5	17.5	19.4	14.9	11.2	7.1	12.4	6.9	19.1	13.9	9.5
<b>Lena-exposed</b>	25.9	11.1	-	-	NC	16.1	12.9	7.3	38.8	18.6	24.9	7.4	11.2	7.1	12.4	6.9	19.1	-	-
<b>Lena-refractory</b>	28.1	11.1	7.8	4.9	NC	15.7	8.6	6.6	-	-	-	-	9.5	5.6	9.9	6.5	-	10.2	7.1

In IKEMA, the MRD negativity rate was **33.5% in the ITT population** and **29.8% in the lenalidomide-refractory population**<sup>13</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All patients in OPTIMISMM, APOLLO and EMNO2 were previously exposed to lenalidomide

d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; E, elotuzumab; I, isatuximab; ITT, intention to treat; K, carfilzomib; Lena, lenalidomide; mPFS, median progression-free survival; MRD, minimal residual disease; NC, not calculated; P, pomalidomide; R, lenalidomide; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib

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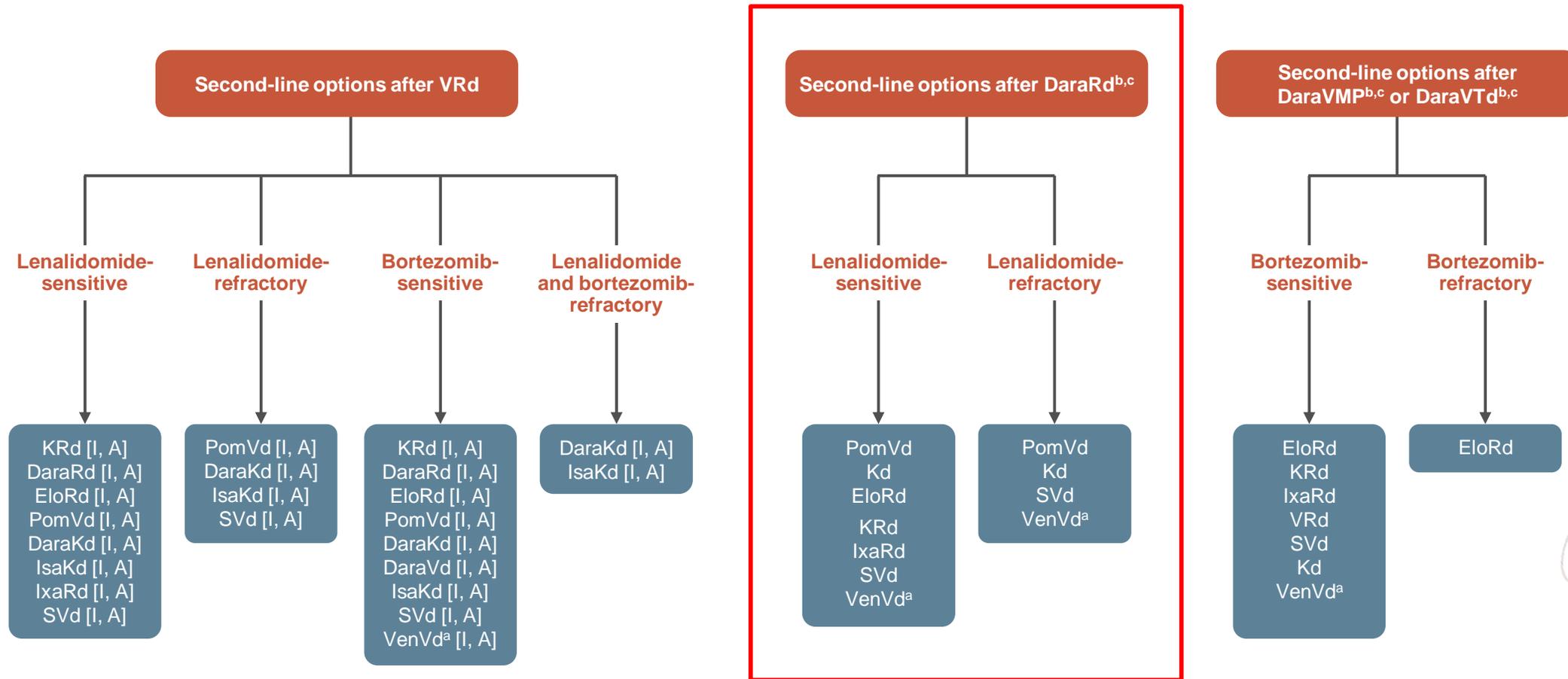
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# OUTCOMES ARE POOR FOR PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY EXPOSED TO CD38 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES (TRIPLE CLASS EXPOSED)

Study	Treatment history	mOS, months	Response to subsequent treatment	
			mPFS, months	ORR, %
MAMMOTH <sup>1a</sup>	Double refractory	11.2	3.4	38
	Triple or quad-refractory	9.2		29
	Penta-refractory	5.6		30
LocoMMotion <sup>2b</sup>	Triple class exposed	12.4	4.6	30
Connect MM registry <sup>3c</sup>	1-3 prior lines	16.8	5.6	28
	≥4 prior lines	10.0	3.0	

<sup>a</sup> All patients are refractory to a CD38 mAb plus PIs and/or IMiDs; <sup>b</sup> Received ≥1 PI, IMiD and CD38 mAb; <sup>c</sup> Including lenalidomide and a CD38 mAb  
 IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; mAb, monoclonal antibody; MM, multiple myeloma; mOS, median overall survival; mPFS, median progression-free survival;  
 ORR, overall response rate; PI, proteasome inhibitor

# ESMO GUIDELINES: SECOND-LINE TREATMENT OPTIONS



<sup>a</sup> Patients with t(11;14)

<sup>b</sup> Patients who progress while on monthly daratumumab are considered as daratumumab-refractory

<sup>c</sup> All recommendations for patients who receive front-line therapy with daratumumab-based therapies are based on panel consensus as there are no trials evaluating regimens in second-line therapy that include patients who are refractory or exposed to daratumumab

d, dexamethasone; Dara, daratumumab; Elo, elotuzumab; Isa, isatuximab; Ixa, ixazomib; K, carfilzomib; M, melphalan; P, prednisone; Pom, pomalidomide; R, lenalidomide; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib; Ven, venetoclax

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# SVd IS THE ONLY APPROVED TRIPLET THERAPY ALLOWING DOUBLE CLASS SWITCH IN DRd-EXPOSED PATIENTS

	ESMO treatment recommendations after DRd (based on panel consensus) <sup>a,b</sup>			Class switch
	<b>Triplet/doublet combination</b>			
Lenalidomide-sensitive	–	Carfilzomib	Dexamethasone	Single
	Pomalidomide	Bortezomib	Dexamethasone	Single
	Lenalidomide	Carfilzomib	Dexamethasone	Single
	Lenalidomide	Elotuzumab	Dexamethasone	Single
	Lenalidomide	Isatuximab	Dexamethasone	None
	Selinexor	Bortezomib	Dexamethasone	<b>Double</b>
Lenalidomide-refractory	–	Carfilzomib	Dexamethasone	Single
	Pomalidomide	Bortezomib	Dexamethasone	Single
	Selinexor	Bortezomib	Dexamethasone	<b>Double</b>

<sup>a</sup> Venetoclax-based combinations are an option for patients with t(11;14)

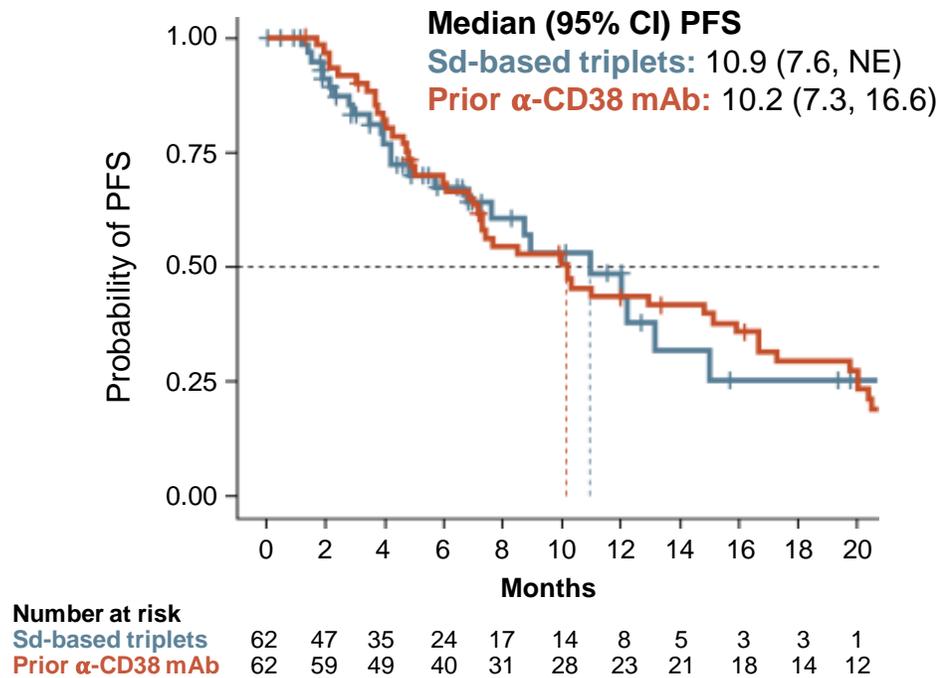
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d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; R, lenalidomide; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib

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# SELINEXOR-BASED TRIPLETS IN PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY TREATED WITH CD38 mAb

## Sd-based triplets vs prior $\alpha$ -CD38 mAb

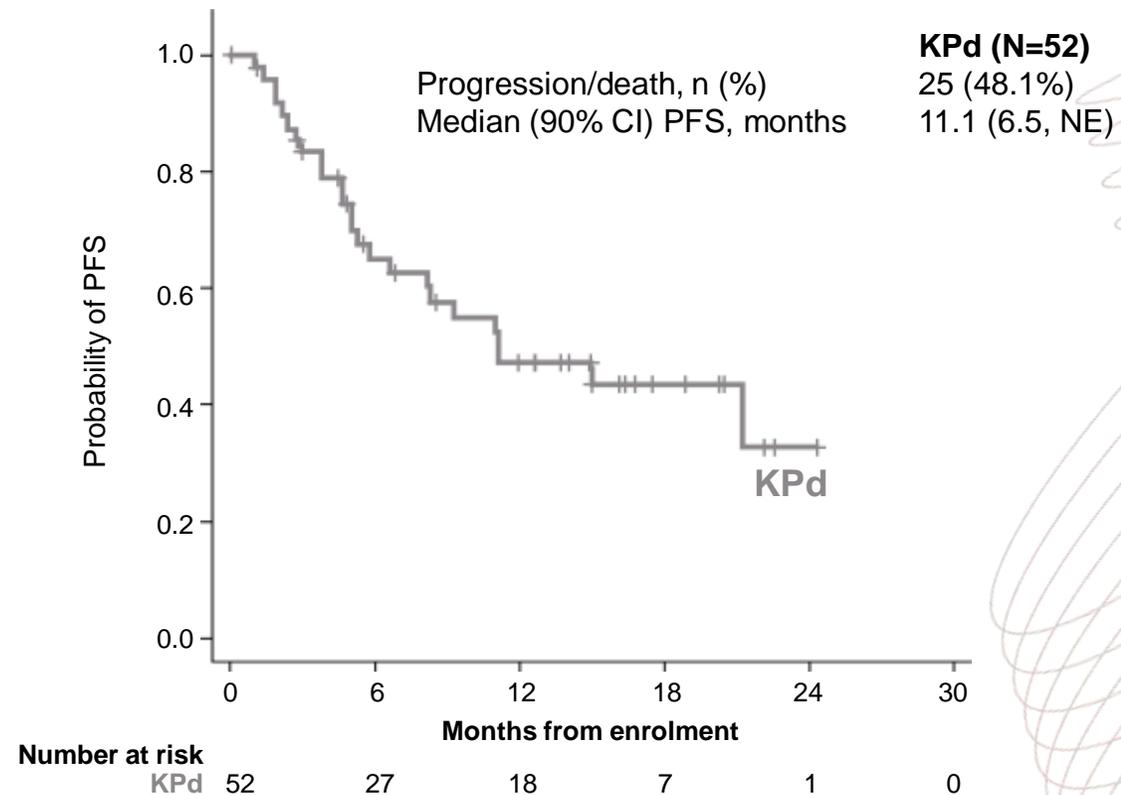


- Efficacy and safety of SPd, SVd and SKd was analysed in a subset of patients (n=62) from STOMP and BOSTON previously treated with a CD38 mAb
  - 74% refractory to lenalidomide; 85% refractory to daratumumab
- ORR and mPFS were comparable between the selinexor-based treatment and prior CD38 mAb treatment:
  - ORR: 58.1% vs 63.8%
  - mPFS: 10.9 vs 10.2 months
  - mOS: 20.4 months with a selinexor-based triplet
- Adverse events were generally manageable with standard supportive care and dose modifications
- A Phase 3 RCT is ongoing to compare SPd vs EloPd in patients previously treated with an IMiD, PI and CD38 mAb (NCT05028348)

d, dexamethasone; Elo, elotuzumab; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; K, carfilzomib; mAb, monoclonal antibody; mOS, median overall survival; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; NE, not evaluable; ORR, overall response rate; P, pomalidomide; PI, proteasome inhibitor; RCT, randomised controlled trial; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib

# KPd FOR LENALIDOMIDE REFRACTORY PATIENTS

- SELECT phase 2 study enrolled 52 patients with early RRMM
  - 100% were lenalidomide-refractory
  - 75% were lenalidomide and daratumumab-refractory
- All patients were treated with KPd
  - ORR: 58% (primary endpoint not met)
  - mPFS: 11.1 months
  - mOS: 18.8 months
- Adverse events were consistent with the known safety profile of these agents



CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; K, carfilzomib; mOS, median overall survival; m(PFS), (median) progression-free survival; NE, not evaluable; ORR, overall response rate; P, pomalidomide; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

# CURRENT TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR TRIPLE CLASS REFRACTORY PATIENTS

- **XPO1 inhibitor:** Selinexor<sup>1</sup>
- **Peptide-drug conjugate:** Melflufen<sup>2</sup>

## Non-T-cell-directed therapies

- **CAR-T therapy**
  - Idecabtagene vicleucel<sup>3</sup>
  - Ciltacabtagene autoleucel<sup>4</sup>
- **Bispecific antibodies**
  - Teclistamab<sup>5</sup>
  - Talquetamab<sup>6</sup>
  - Elranatamab<sup>7</sup>

## T-cell-directed therapies

# CAR-T THERAPY AND BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES: CHALLENGES

- Both **CAR-T therapy** and **bispecific antibodies** have **significantly improved outcomes** for patients with  $\geq 3$  prior lines of therapy<sup>1-5</sup>
- Both are associated with challenges:

CAR-T THERAPY	BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complex logistics and high cost can be a barrier to widespread use<sup>6</sup></li><li>• Risk of adverse reactions including CRS, infections, ICANS and secondary cancers<sup>7,8</sup></li><li>• CAR-T cell exhaustion can lead to relapse<sup>9</sup></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Require ongoing treatment<sup>10</sup></li><li>• Risk of adverse reactions including CRS, infections and ICANS<sup>7</sup></li><li>• Continuous exposure to a bispecific can lead to T-cell exhaustion and treatment resistance<sup>11</sup></li></ul>

**Timing and sequencing strategies for optimal efficacy and safety remain unclear**

CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS; immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome

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# CAN TREATMENT SEQUENCING MAXIMISE THE POTENTIAL OF T-CELL DIRECTED THERAPIES?



**Use of bridging therapies**



**Earlier use of BCMA-TT**



**Optimal sequencing of BCMA-TT**

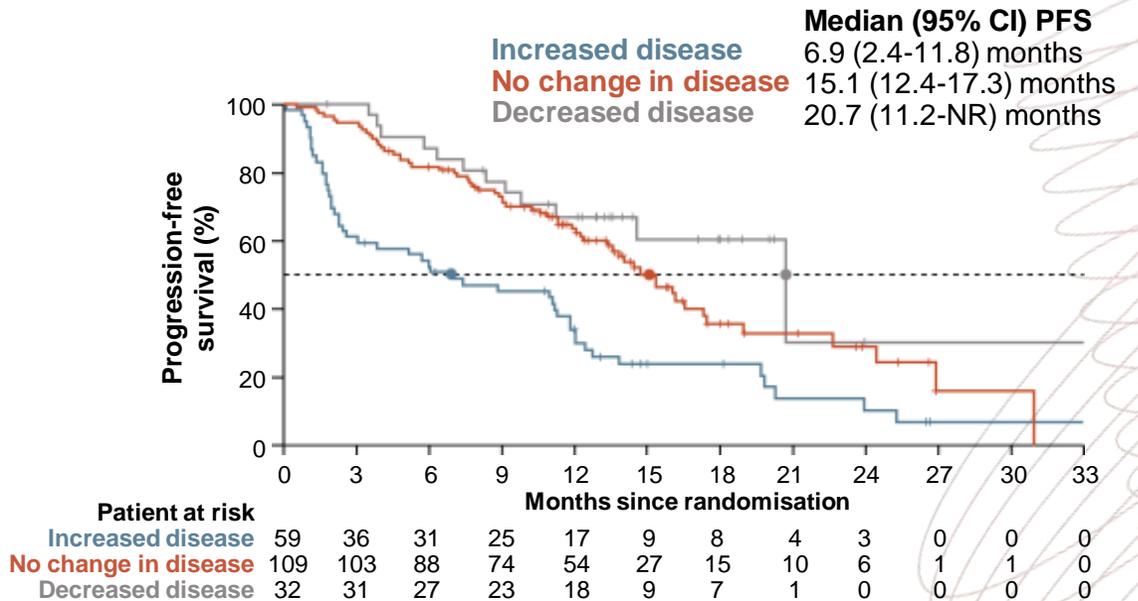


**Use of T-cell sparing agents**

# IMPACT OF BRIDGING THERAPY ON DISEASE BURDEN, EFFICACY AND SAFETY

- In the KarMMA-3 phase 3 trial, 213 patients received bridging therapy<sup>a</sup> prior to ida-cel infusion
- **Change in disease burden after bridging:** 28% increased, 51% no change, 15% decreased
- Patients with **decreased or no change in disease burden** achieved a **numerically longer PFS** and **higher ORRs** with ida-cel vs those with increased disease burden
- The **decreased disease burden** group had the lowest incidence of high-grade CRS and iiNT events

**PFS by change in disease burden during bridging therapy**



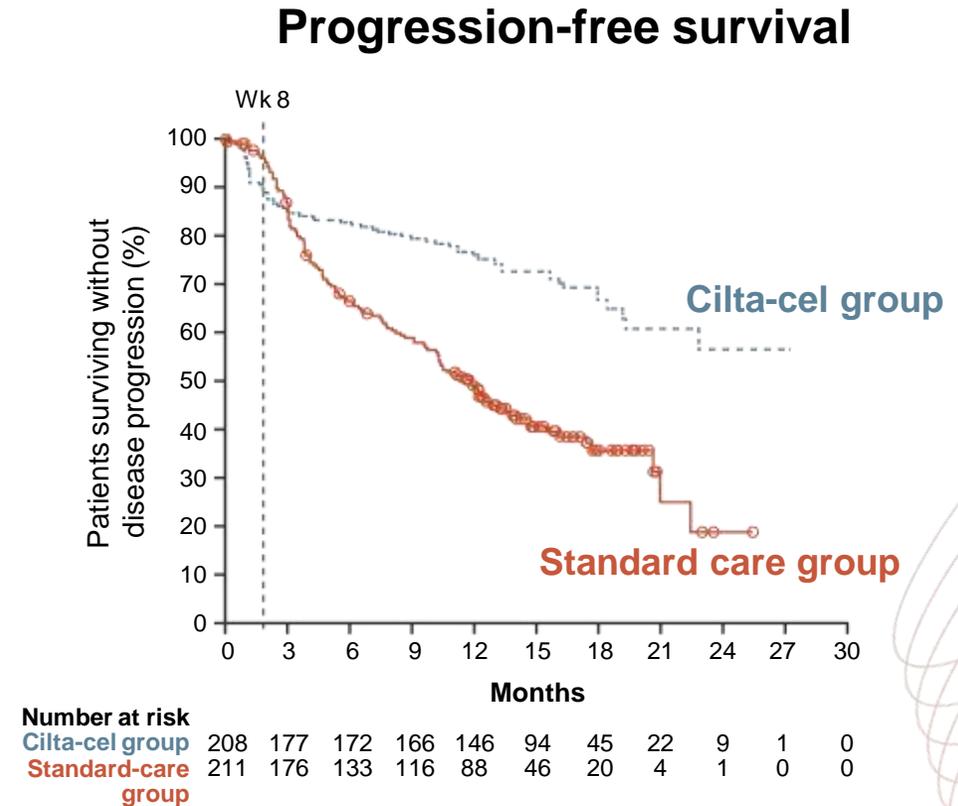
**Patients with increased disease burden were more likely to have triple class refractory disease:  
Less pretreatment prior to CAR-T therapy may result in more effective and safer bridging options**

<sup>a</sup> Either DPd, DVd, IRd, Kd or EloPd

CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; CI, confidence interval; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; Elo, elotuzumab; I, ixazomib; ida-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; iiNT, investigator-identified neurotoxicity; K, carfilzomib; NR, not reached; ORR, overall response rate; P, pomalidomide; PFS, progression-free survival; R, lenalidomide; V, bortezomib

# CARTITUDE-4: CILTA-CEL IN EARLIER TREATMENT LINES

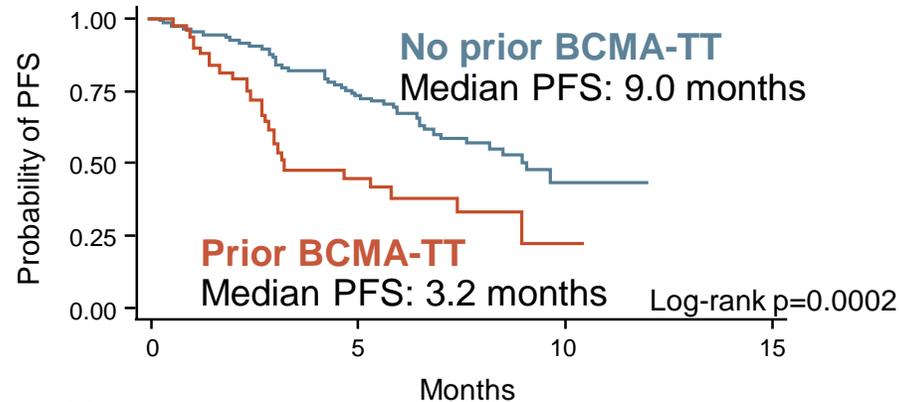
- Patients who had received 1-3 lines of therapy were randomised to cilta-cel (n=208) or standard care (n=211<sup>a</sup>)
- All patients were refractory to lenalidomide; 14.4% of cilta-cel group and 15.6% of standard care group were triple class refractory
- Cilta-cel resulted in a significantly lower risk of disease progression or death than standard care (HR, 0.26; 95% CI, 0.18 to 0.38; p<0.001)
- ORRs were 84.6% in the cilta-cel group vs 67.3% in the standard care group
- Cilta-cel may have a better side effect profile when used earlier in treatment



<sup>a</sup> 87% received daratumumab, pomalidomide and dexamethasone and 13% received daratumumab, bortezomib and dexamethasone  
cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; ORR, overall response rate

# CAR-T THERAPY: RESPONSES MAY BE SUBOPTIMAL IN PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY EXPOSED TO A BCMA-TT

## Real-world experience<sup>1</sup>



Number at risk					
No prior BCMA-TT	153	73	7	0	
Prior BCMA-TT	50	14	1	0	

- Patients with prior BCMA-TT experience<sup>a</sup> (n=50) or no prior BCMA-TT experience (n=153) were treated with ida-cel
- Prior BCMA-TT cohort had a lower ORR (74% vs 88% and lower mPFS (3.2 vs 9.0 months) than the cohort without prior BCMA-TT

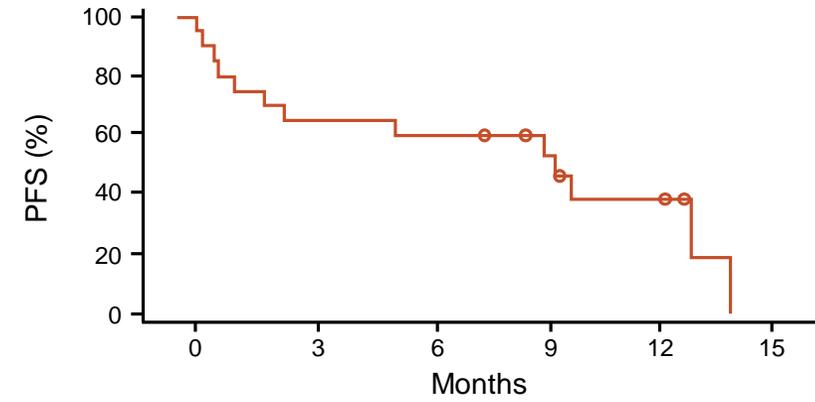
<sup>a</sup> 38 antibody-drug conjugate, seven bispecific, five CAR-T

<sup>b</sup> 13 antibody-drug conjugate, seven bispecific

BCMA-TT, B-cell maturation antigen-targeted therapy; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; ida-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; (m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

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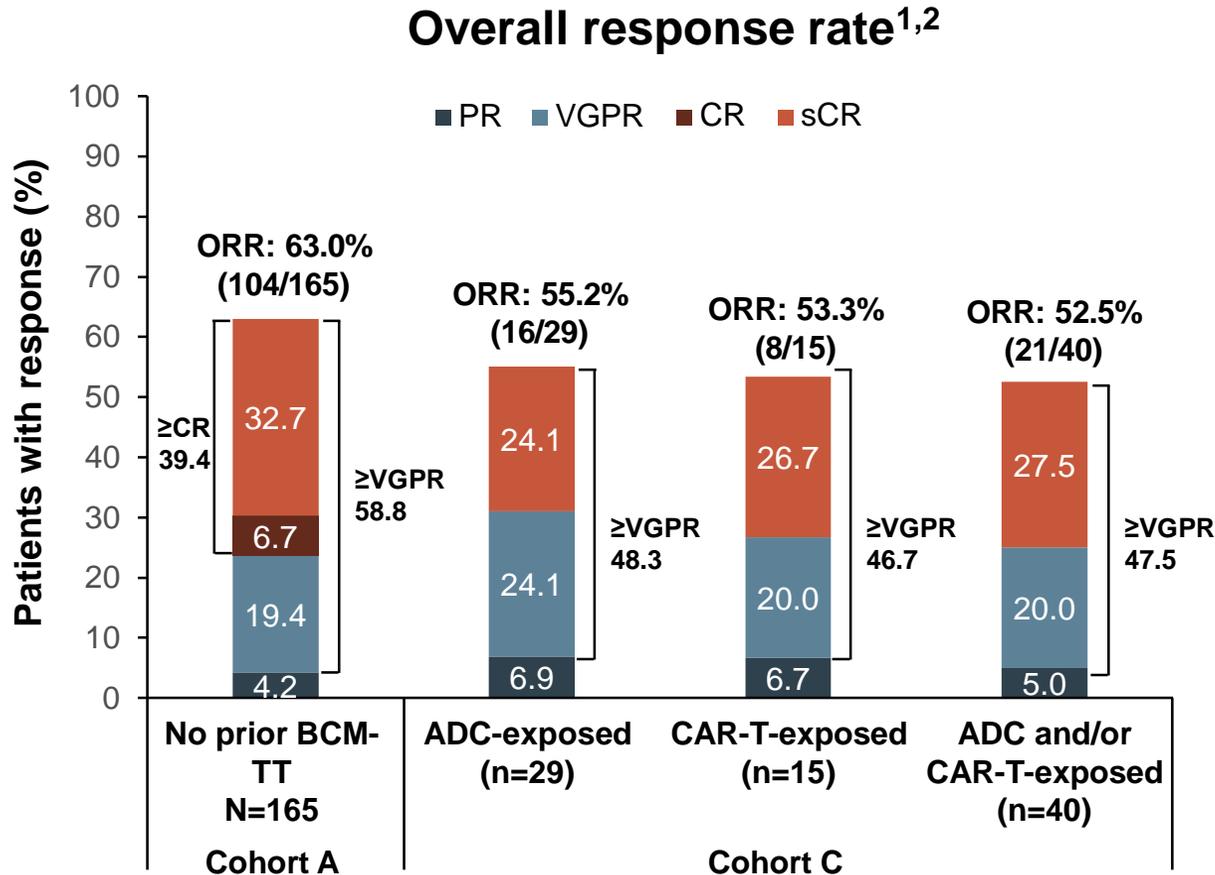
## CARTITUDE-2 cohort C<sup>2</sup>



Patients at risk						
	20	13	12	8	3	0

- Cohort C is evaluating cilta-cel in 20 patients with heavily pretreated RRMM, previously exposed to BCMA-TT<sup>b</sup>
- ORR and mPFS were lower than in CARTITUDE-1<sup>3</sup> where patients had no prior BCMA-TT experience (60.0% vs 98% and 9.1 vs 34.9 months)

# BISPECIFICS: SIMILAR RESPONSE IN PATIENTS WITH OR WITHOUT PRIOR EXPOSURE TO A BCMA-TT



<sup>a</sup> 29 ADC, 15 CAR-T

ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; BCMA-TT, B-cell maturation antigen targeted therapy; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CR, complete response; ORR, overall response; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response

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- The MajesTEC-1 phase 1/2 study enrolled 165 patients who were BCMA-TT naïve (cohort A) and 40 patients with prior BCMA-TT exposure (cohort C)<sup>a</sup>
- ORR was similar between cohorts A and C (63.0 vs 52.5%)
- ORR was also similar between patients exposed to ADCs or CAR-T therapy (55.2% vs 53.3%)

# USE OF T-CELL SPARING AGENTS TO IMPROVE T-CELL FITNESS

- T-cell exhaustion can limit the effectiveness of T-cell-directed therapies such as CAR-T therapies and bispecific antibodies
- Multiple factors can contribute to T-cell exhaustion including age, disease burden and prior cancer treatments
- Use of T-cell-sparing rather than T-cell-depleting agents prior to T-cell-directed therapies has the potential to improve treatment responses

## **T-cell-sparing**

XPO1 inhibitors

IMiDs

E3 ligase modulators

Checkpoint inhibitors



## **T-cell-depleting**

PIs

Alkylating agents

IgG1 antibody therapies

# CONCLUSIONS

- Increasing numbers of patients with MM are lenalidomide and/or daratumumab-refractory at early relapse; the prognosis for these patients is poor
- Class switch is recommended to improve outcomes for these patients
  - Double class switch can be achieved if patients switch from DRd to SVd
- Once patients are refractory to an IMiD, PI and CD38 mAb (triple class refractory), treatment options include an XPO1 inhibitor, ADC or T-cell-directed therapy
- T-cell-directed therapies have improved the prognosis for triple class refractory patients, but there are still challenges to be overcome
- Optimisation of treatment sequencing with T-cell sparing treatments, such as IMiDs and XPO1 inhibitors, after early relapse may maximise the potential of T-cell-directed therapies

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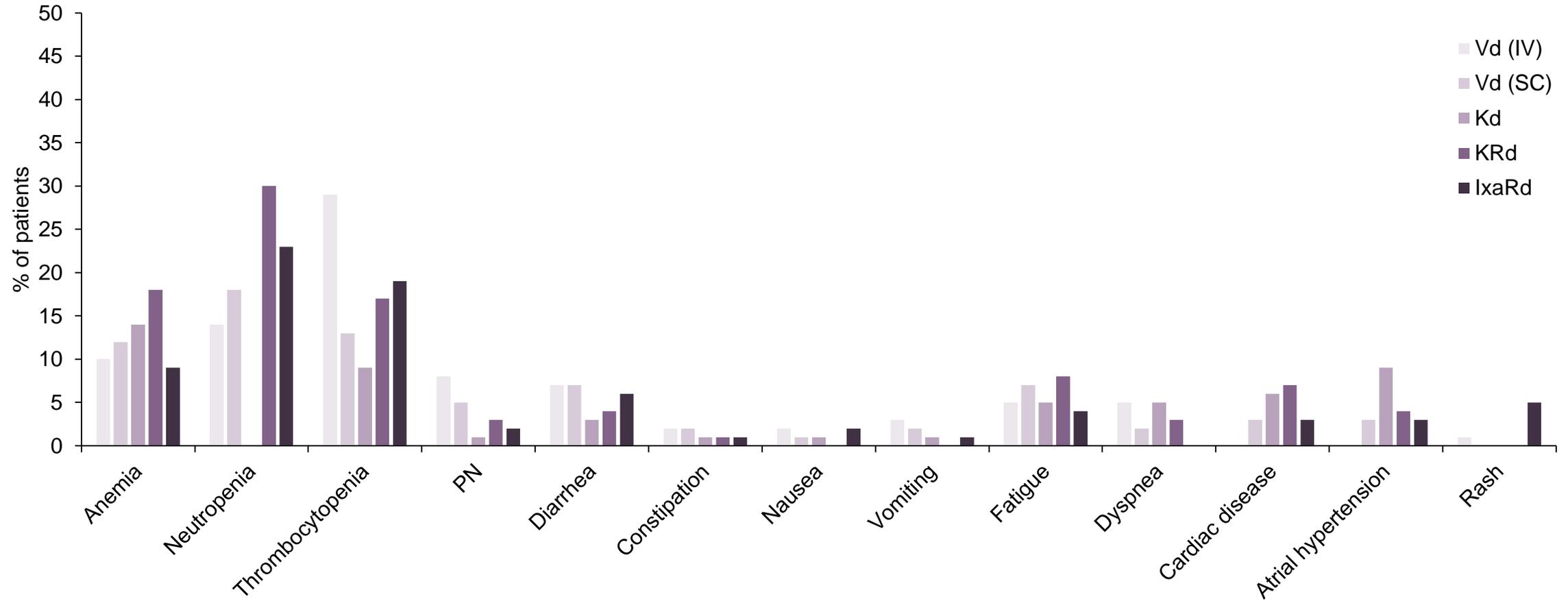


# INSIGHTS FROM CLINICAL PRACTICE ON HOW TO MANAGE TOLERABILITY AND SAFETY



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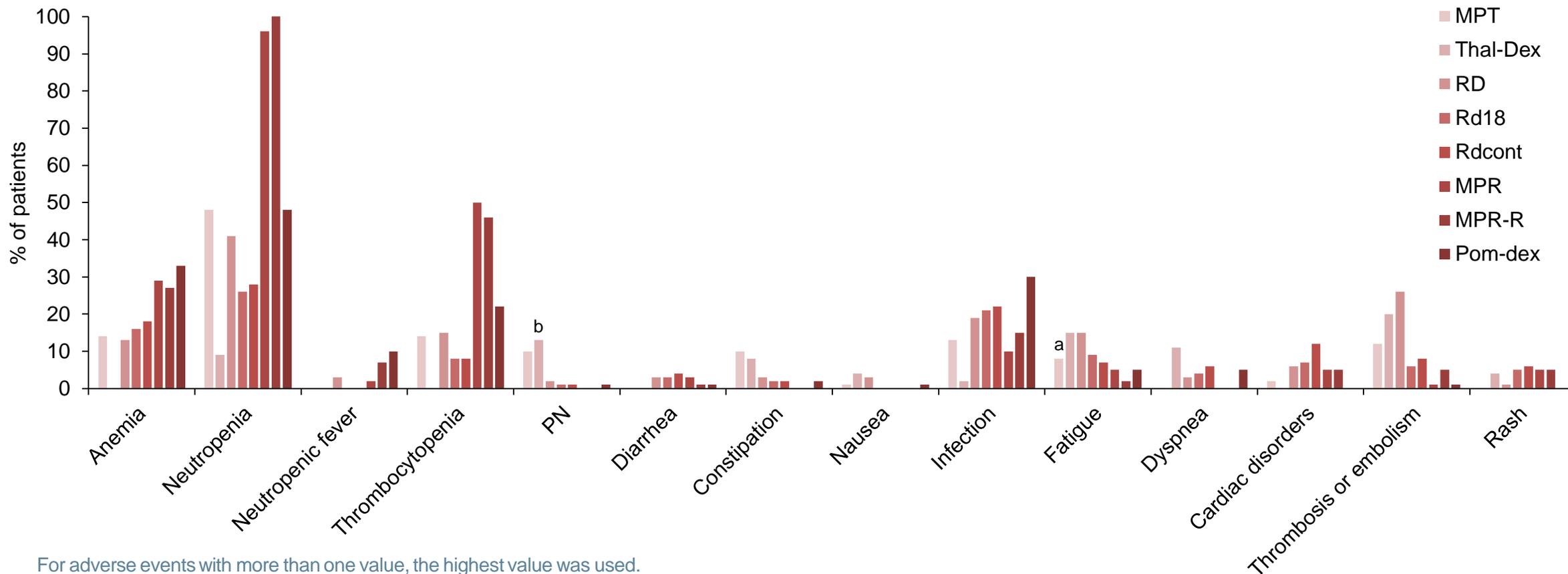
# PROTEASOME INHIBITORS: MOST COMMON GRADE $\geq 3$ SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN PIVOTAL TRIALS



For adverse events with more than one value, the highest value was used. 21% of patients in one of the Vd (SC) studies received bortezomib IV. Cardiac disease included cardiac failure and ischemic heart disease

IV, intravenous; IxaRd, ixazomib plus lenalidomide plus dexamethasone; Kd, dexamethasone; KRd, carfilzomib plus lenalidomide plus dexamethasone; KRd, carfilzomib plus lenalidomide plus dexamethasone; PN, peripheral neuropathy; SC, subcutaneous; Vd, bortezomib plus dexamethasone

# IMiDs: MOST COMMON GRADE ≥3 SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN PIVOTAL TRIALS



For adverse events with more than one value, the highest value was used.

<sup>a</sup> Listed as a combined event of somnolence/fatigue/dizziness in the original publication

<sup>b</sup> 6% sensory and 7% motor peripheral neuropathy

IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; MPR, melphalan plus prednisone plus lenalidomide for 9 cycles; MPR-R, MPR followed by lenalidomide maintenance; MPT, melphalan plus prednisone plus thalidomide; NR, not reported; PN, peripheral neuropathy; Pom-dex, pomalidomide plus weekly dexamethasone; RD, lenalidomide plus high-dose dexamethasone; Rd18, lenalidomide plus weekly dexamethasone for 18 cycles; Rdcont, lenalidomide plus weekly dexamethasone until progression; Thal-Dex, thalidomide plus high-dose dexamethasone

# CD38 mAb: MOST COMMON GRADE $\geq 3$ SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN PIVOTAL TRIALS

Grade 3 or 4 AEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	CASTOR <sup>1</sup> DVd (N=243)	POLLUX <sup>2</sup> DRd (N=283)	IKEMA <sup>3</sup> IKd (N=177)
<b>Common hematologic AEs</b>			
Thrombocytopenia	110 (45)	36 (13)	53 (30)
Anaemia	35 (14)	35 (12)	39 (22)
Neutropenia	31 (13)	147 (52)	34 (19)
Lymphopenia	23 (10)	15 (5)	NR
Febrile neutropenia	NR	16 (6)	NR
<b>Common non-hematologic AEs</b>			
Pneumonia	20 (8)	22 (8)	37 (21)
Hypertension	16 (7)	NR	36 (20)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	11 (5)	NR	NR
Fatigue	11 (5)	18 (6)	6 (3)
Diarrhea	9 (4)	15 (5)	5 (3)
Dyspnea	9 (4)	9 (3)	9 (5)
Insomnia	0	1 (0.4)	9 (5)

<sup>a</sup> Grade 3-4 AEs (preferred term) reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of safety population.

AE, adverse event; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; I, isatuximab; mAb, monoclonal antibody; NR, not reported; R, lenalidomide; V, bortezomib

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# PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF SIDE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMiDs, PIs AND mAbs

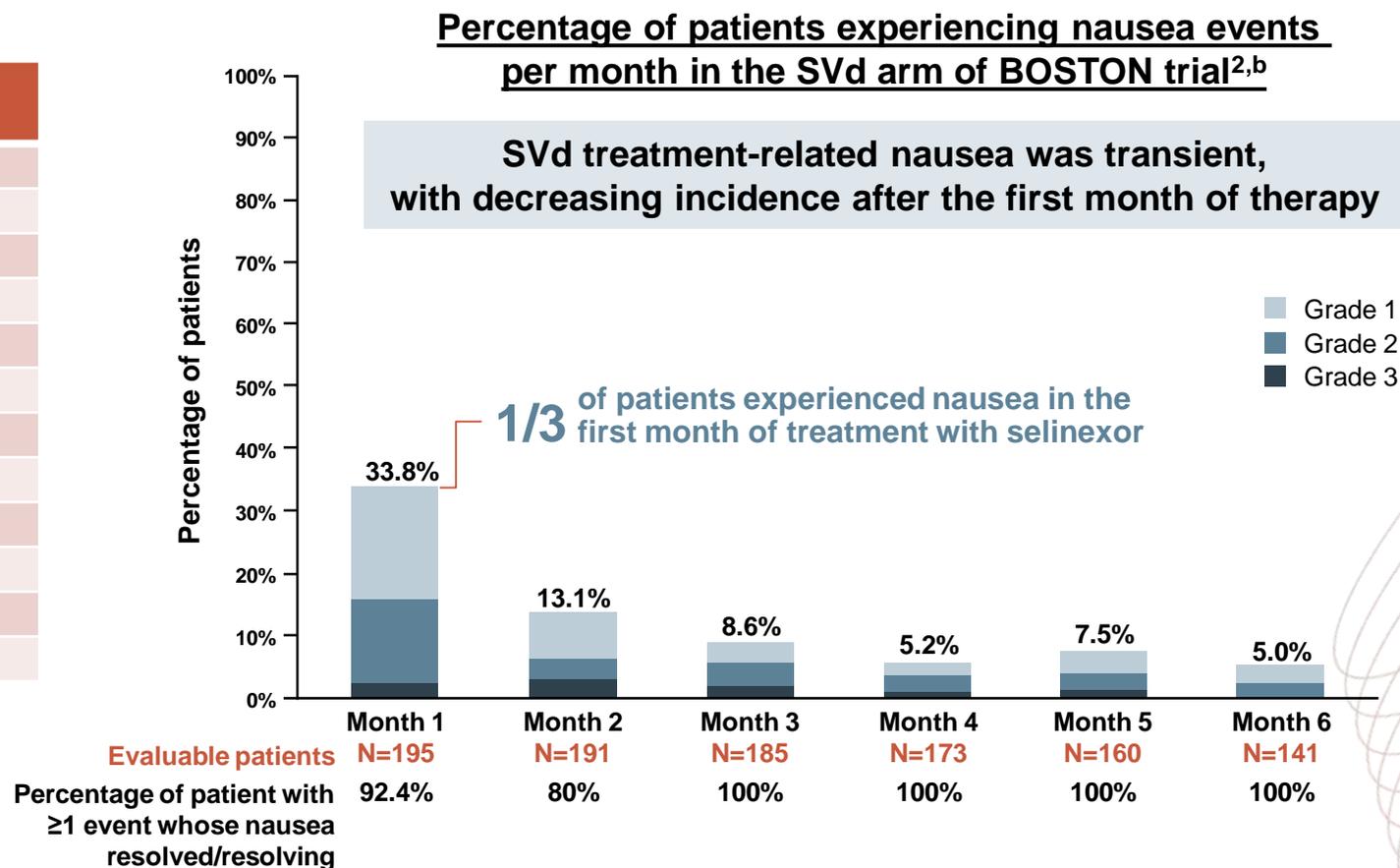
Types of side effect	Prevention	Management
<b>Infections</b>		
Herpes Zoster	Antiviral prophylaxis with aciclovir or derivative	Aciclovir, valaciclovir, famciclovir, penciclovir at therapeutic doses
Influenza	Vaccination	Oseltamivir, zanamivir
Bacterial infections	Vaccination against pneumococci, <i>H influenzae</i> . Antibacterial prophylaxis only in patients with high-risk infections	B-Lactam antibiotics, macrolides, fluoroquinolones
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Nausea/emesis	Domperidone, alizapride, metoclopramide in case of severe nausea: 5-HT3 antagonists, neurokinin-1 antagonists w/o 5-HT3 antagonists	Alizapride, metoclopramide in case of severe nausea/emesis: 5-HT3 antagonists, neurokinin-1 antagonists w/o 5-HT3 antagonists, dexamethasone
Constipation	Fibre-rich diet, adequate fluid intake, physical exercise, macrogol	Osmotic laxatives, stimulant laxatives; in case of opioid-induced bowel atony: naltrexone or naloxone, distigmin, pyridostigmin
Diarrhoea	Normal diet	Loperamide, diphenoxylate + atropine, probiotics; in case of severe symptoms: long-acting somatostatin; in case of bile acid malabsorption, cholesevelam
<b>Neuromusculoskeletal disorders and pain</b>		
Peripheral neuropathy	Regular and careful monitoring of symptoms of PN	Dose reduction, regimen modification or discontinuation of neurotoxic drugs; in case of painful PN: gabapentin, pregabalin, amitriptyline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, opioids; lidocaine patches/cream, acupuncture, TENS
Orthostatic dysregulation, hypotonia	Regular and careful monitoring of symptoms, adequate fluid intake, physical exercise	Dose reduction and/or discontinuation of neurotoxic drugs or blood pressure-lowering drugs; midodrine, mineralocorticoids, physical exercise

5-HT3, 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor subtype 3; IMiD, immunomodulatory agent; mAb, monoclonal antibody; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PN, peripheral neuropathy; TENS, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation; w/o, without

Adapted from Delforge M and Ludwig H. Blood. 2017;129:2359-2367

# SELINEXOR: MOST COMMON GRADE ≥3 SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN BOSTON STUDY

Grade 3-4 AEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%) <sup>1</sup>	SVd (N=195)
<b>Hematological AEs</b>	
Thrombocytopenia	77 (39)
Anaemia	31 (16)
Neutropenia	17 (9)
<b>Non-hematological AEs</b>	
Fatigue	26 (13)
Pneumonia	24 (12)
Cataract	17 (9)
Nausea	15 (8)
Asthenia	16 (8)
Diarrhea	12 (6)
Peripheral neuropathy	9 (5)



<sup>a</sup> Grade 3-4 AEs (preferred term) reported in ≥5% of safety population

<sup>b</sup> Patients in the BOSTON trial were administered 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonists and other anti-nausea agents prior to and during treatment with selinexor  
5-HT<sub>3</sub>, 5-hydroxytryptamine (receptor) subtype 3; AE, adverse event; d, dexamethasone S, selinexor; V, bortezomib

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# SELINEXOR: USE OF PROPHYLACTIC ANTIEMETICS

**A 5-HT3 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST AND/OR OTHER ANTINAUSEA AGENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO AND DURING TREATMENT WITH SELINEXOR<sup>1</sup>**

## Selinexor supportive care guidelines<sup>2</sup>

Adverse event	Management	Dose
Thrombocytopenia	Platelet transfusions	Per institutional guidelines
	<b>TPO agonist:</b> Romiplostim	5-10 µg/kg SC QW
	<b>TPO agonist:</b> Eltrombopag	100-50 mg PO QD
Nausea and vomiting	<b>5-HT3 antagonist:</b> Ondansetron	8 mg PO or equivalent Q8H before selinexor and for 2 days following.
	Olanzapine	2.5-5.0 mg PO QHS starting C1D1
	<b>NK1R antagonist:</b> Rolapitant	180 mg PO within 2 hours prior to each dose
	<b>NK1R antagonist:</b> Aprepitant	125 mg PO d1, 80 mg PO d2, 3
Weight loss/ anorexia	Olanzapine <sup>a</sup>	2.5-5.0 mg (low dose) PO QHS
	Megestrol acetate <sup>a</sup>	400 mg PO QD
Fatigue	Methylphenidate	5-10 mg PO QAM
	Dexamethasone	Supportive dose care

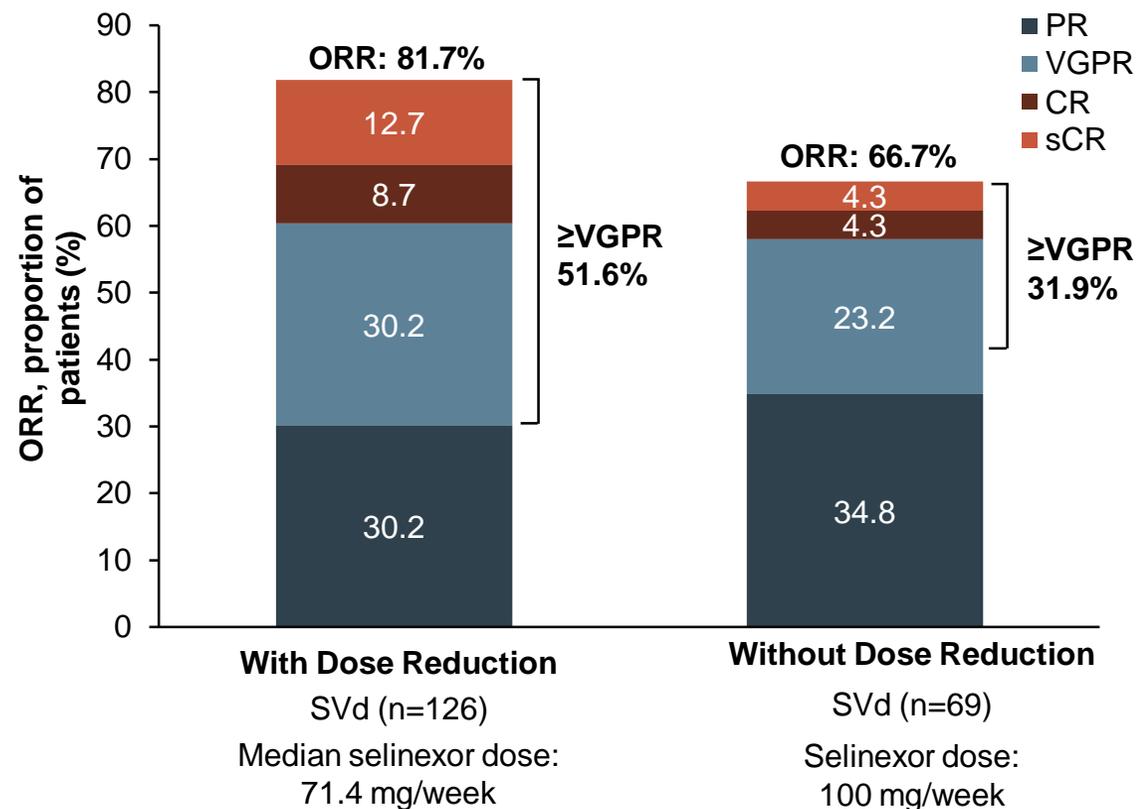
<sup>a</sup> Continue until weight is within 5 pounds of goal weight.

5-HT3, 5-hydroxytryptamine (receptor subtype 3); C1D1, cycle 1 day 1; d, day; NK1R, neurokinin 1 receptor antagonist; PO, by mouth; Q8H, once every 8 hours; QAM, every morning; QD, once daily; QHS, every night at bedtime; QW, once per week; SC, subcutaneous

1. Nexpovio (selinexor), Summary of Product Characteristics (August 2023). Stemline Therapeutics B.V.; 2. Mo C, et al. Exp Rev Hematol. 2021;14:697-706

# SELINEXOR DOSE WAS REDUCED WITHOUT COMPROMISING EFFICACY IN BOSTON

**mPFS:** 16.6 months with selinexor dose reduction **vs** 9.2 months without selinexor dose reduction



Dosage-adjusted incidence<sup>a</sup> of AEs of clinical interest in ≥25% of patients in the SVd arm

Treatment-emergent adverse event	On or before first dose reduction in selinexor (N=195)	After first dose reduction in selinexor (N=126)
Thrombocytopenia	62.5	47.6
Anaemia	17.9	10.3
Nausea	31.6	7.3
Fatigue	28.1	9.9
Decreased appetite	21.5	6.4
Vomiting	14.4	3.8
Diarrhoea	12.9	5.2
Weight decrease	9.0	5.9
Peripheral neuropathy	7.9	5.2

A Dosage-adjusted incidence is defined as the average number of events per 100 patients during a 4-week treatment period. AE, adverse event; CR, complete response; mPFS, median progression free survival; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; SVd, selinexor + bortezomib + dexamethasone; VGPR, very good partial response

# CAR-T THERAPIES: MOST COMMON GRADE $\geq 3$ SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN PIVOTAL TRIALS

Grade 3 or 4 AEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	KarMMa <sup>1</sup> Ide-cel (N=128)	CARTITUDE-1 <sup>2</sup> Cilta-cel (N=97)
<b>Any AE</b>	<b>127 (99)</b>	<b>91 (94)</b>
<b>Hematologic event</b>		
Neutropenia	114 (89)	92 (95)
Anaemia	77 (60)	66 (68)
Thrombocytopenia	67 (52)	58 (60)
Leukopenia	50 (39)	59 (61)
Lymphopenia	34 (27)	48 (50)
Febrile neutropenia	20 (16)	NR
<b>Other</b>		
Hypophosphatemia	20 (16)	7 (7)
Hypocalcemia	10 (8)	3 (3)
Cytokine release syndrome	7 (5) <sup>b</sup>	4 (4)
Hyponatremia	7 (5)	4 (4)
Neurotoxic effect	4 (3) <sup>c</sup>	9 (9) <sup>d</sup>
Fatigue	2 (2)	5 (5)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	2 (2)	5 (5)

<sup>a</sup> Grade 3-4AEs (preferred term) reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of participants. <sup>b</sup> The clustered term includes the preferred term. Included is one patient who had progression to a grade 5 event.

<sup>c</sup> KarMMa: Investigator-identified neurotoxicity was the preferred term. <sup>d</sup> CARTITUDE-1: ICANS reported in 16 (17%) patients, with grade 3–4 events in 2 (2%); other neurotoxicities (events not reported as ICANS [i.e., onset after a period of recovery from cytokine release syndrome and ICANS]) were reported in 12 (12%) patients, eight (8%) with grade 3–4; note that ICANS and other neurotoxicities are not mutually exclusive as eight (8%) of 97 patients had both ICANS and other neurotoxicity of any grade

AE, adverse event; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; Cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; ICANS; immune effector cell–associated neurotoxicity syndrome; Ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; NR, not reported

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# BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES: MOST COMMON GRADE ≥3 SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED IN PIVOTAL TRIALS

Grade 3 or 4 AEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	MagenetisMM-3 <sup>1</sup> Elranatamab (N=123)	MonumenTAL-1 <sup>2</sup> SC talquetamab 405 µg weekly (N=30)	MonumenTAL-1 <sup>2</sup> SC talquetamab 800 µg every 2 wk (N=44)	MonumenTAL-1 <sup>2</sup> IV Talquetamab All doses (N=102)	MajestTEC-1 <sup>3</sup> Teclistamab (N=165)
<b>Any AE</b>	<b>87 (71)</b>	<b>26 (87)</b>	<b>38 (86)</b>	<b>92 (90)</b>	<b>156 (95)</b>
<b>Hematologic event</b>					
Anaemia	46 (37)	9 (30)	10 (23)	34 (33)	61 (37)
Neutropenia	60 (49)	18 (60)	14 (32)	27 (26)	106 (64)
Thrombocytopenia	29 (24)	7 (23)	5 (11)	13 (13)	35 (21)
Lymphopenia	31 (25)	12 (40)	17 (39)	48 (47)	54 (33)
Leukopenia	NR	9 (30)	6 (14)	16 (16)	12 (7)
<b>Non-hematologic event</b>					
Hypophosphatemia	NR	5 (17)	3 (7)	14 (14)	NR
Rash-related event <sup>b</sup>	NR	0	7 (16)	1 (1)	NR
COVID-19 related	19 (15)	NR	NR	NR	20 (12)
Pneumonia	NR	NR	NR	NR	21 (13)
Hypokalemia	13 (11)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Increased alanine aminotransferase	NR	1 (3)	3 (7)	2 (2)	NR
Increased aspartate aminotransferase	NR	0	3 (7)	2 (2)	NR
Increased $\gamma$ -glutamyltransferase	NR	1 (3)	3 (7)	3 (3)	NR
Cytokine release syndrome <sup>c</sup>	0	1 (3)	0	5 (5)	1 (1)

<sup>a</sup> Grade 3-4 AEs (preferred term) reported in ≥5% of participants. <sup>b</sup> Included contact dermatitis, dermatitis, erythematous rash, generalized exfoliative dermatitis, maculopapular rash, and rash. <sup>c</sup> In MajesTEC-1, events associated with cytokine release syndrome were graded according to the criteria of the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

AE, adverse event; IV, intravenous; NR, not reported; SC, subcutaneous; wk, weeks

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# INFECTION PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR T-CELL REDIRECTION THERAPIES (1/2)

Intervention	Indication/duration	
	CAR-T	BsAb
<b>Bacterial</b>		
Levofloxacin (or cefdinir or augmentin if allergy/intolerance to fluoroquinolone)	Start when ANC <500 or per physician discretion and continue until neutrophil recovery	Start with onset of therapy and administer during the first month
Immunoglobulin replacement	Day +30 through 1 year. After 1 year continue until serum IgG >400 mg/dL <sup>a</sup>	From second month of therapy until end of therapy or serum IgG >400 mg/dL <sup>a</sup> (whichever is longer)
Pneumococcus conjugated vaccine (PCV)	Revaccination can begin 3–6 months after therapy. CDC recommends 1 dose of PCV20 or 1 dose of PCV15 followed by 1 dose of PPSV23 at least 1 year later	Update vaccination status prior to starting BsAb
<b>Herpes Simplex Virus/Varicella Zoster Virus</b>		
Acyclovir or valacyclovir	Universal and indefinite prophylaxis, irrespective of vaccination status	
<b>Cytomegalovirus (CMV)</b>		
Pharmacological prophylaxis not recommended	Routine monitoring not recommended. Monitoring of viral load and CMV-directed therapy recommended in patients with suspected CMV-related disease or otherwise unexplained fever and/or cytopenias or in high-risk patients	
<b>COVID-19</b>		
Immunisation	Follow health authorities' recommendations for immunosuppressed patients. Revaccination 3-6 months after CAR-T therapy	

<sup>a</sup> Discount monoclonal component that may be responsible for IgG elevation

ANC, absolute neutrophil count; BsAb, bispecific antibody; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CMV, cytomegalovirus; COVID-19, coronavirus Disease 2019; PCV(15/20), pneumococcus conjugated vaccine(, 15/20-valent); PPSV23, pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent

Mohan M, et al. Br J Haematol. 2023;203:736-746

# INFECTION PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR T-CELL REDIRECTION THERAPIES (2/2)

Intervention	Indication/duration	
	CAR-T	BsAb
<b>Influenza</b>		
Immunisation	Seasonal	
<b>Hepatitis B virus</b>		
Entecavir or tenofovir	Carriers of HBV (HBs Ag-positive) or patients with a previous history of HBV infection (HBs Ag-negative, anti-HBc Ab-IgG positive)	
<b>Yeast and mould</b>		
Fluconazole	Start when ANC <500 and continue until neutrophil recovery, consider ongoing prophylaxis with anti-mould azole in high-risk patients <sup>a</sup>	
<b><i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i></b>		
Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole or dapsone or atovaquone suspension or pentamidine	Start on Day +30 through 6 months, or until CD4 $\geq 200/\text{mm}^3$ (whichever is longer)	Start with therapy and continue for its duration or until CD4 $\geq 200/\mu\text{L}$ (whichever is longer)

<sup>a</sup> High-risk candidates such as recipients of >1 dose of tocilizumab, use of second line agents such as anakinra or siltuximab for management of CRS and ICANS, prolonged and or high dose steroid use (requiring >3 days of  $\geq 10$  mg dexamethasone per day with a 7-day period or receiving  $\geq 2$  doses of methylprednisolone  $\geq 1$  g per day) should be considered for a more intensive azole based anti-mould prophylaxis

ANC, absolute neutrophil count; BsAb, bispecific antibody; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; HBc Ab, hepatitis B core antibody; HBs Ag, hepatitis B surface antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus

# CARDIAC MONITORING

## Baseline evaluation (prior to initiation or any change in MM treatment regimen)

- Age
- Comorbidities and CV risk factors (smoking, HTN, DM, CHF, CAD, valvular HD, renal insufficiency, among others)
- CGA for elderly patients
- ECG for all patients
- TTE advised for all patients (required for high-risk patients)
- Biomarkers (troponin and NT-proBNP among others)

## Risk stratify patients according to these factors and specific treatment for risk of CV toxicity Optimise pre-existing conditions

**Low-risk**  
(consider cardiology referral)

**High-risk (cardiology/cardio-oncology referral is recommended)**  
Consider dose reduction as needed

## Monitoring during treatment

For all agents monitor fluid balance/weight, check for new symptoms (dyspnoea, oedema, chest pain among others), frequent evaluation of concurrent medications

Monitor blood pressure prior to every new treatment cycle

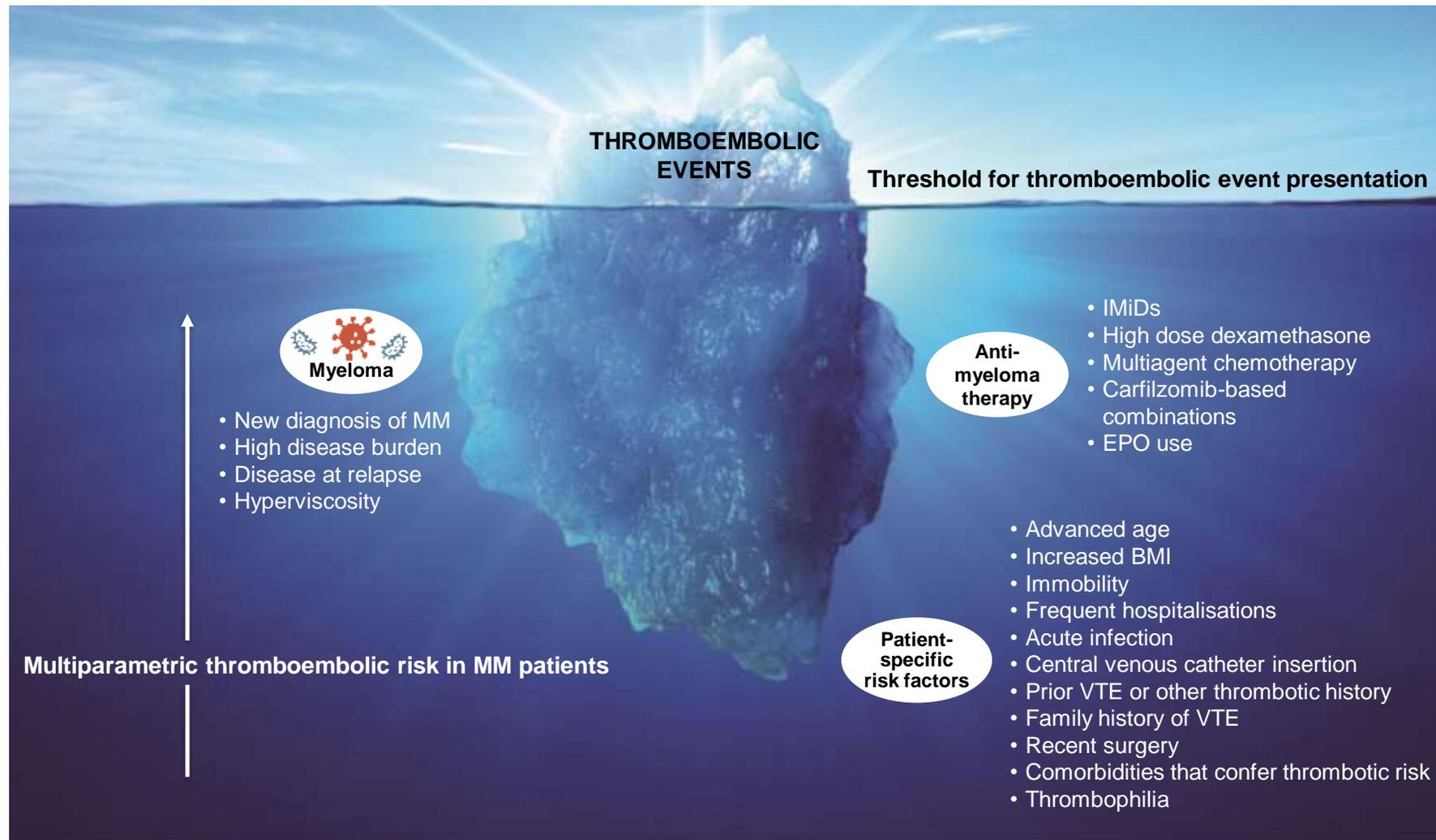
**Carfilzomib: electrolytes/ECG, troponin/BNP prior to each cycle; TTE at least every 3 months and prior to reinitiation in case of interruption (required in case symptomatic HF or decrease by 10% or more in EF (to <50%-55%))**

**Bortezomib/lenalidomide/thalidomide: ECG, troponin and BNP every 3-6 cycles and consider TTE at least once per year and as clinically indicated**

- Novel therapies including bispecific agents/CAR-T: ECG, troponin/BNP and TTE as clinically indicated

BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; CAD, coronary artery disease; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy; CGA, comprehensive geriatric assessment; CHF, congestive heart failure; CV, cardiovascular; DM, diabetes mellitus; ECG, electrocardiogram; EF, ejection fraction; HD, heart disease; HF, heart failure; HTN, hypertension; MM, multiple myeloma; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; TTE, transthoracic echocardiogram

# RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THROMBOSIS



# THROMBOSIS: RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Newly diagnosed or RRMM patient

Perform a thorough VTE assessment  
Use IMWG, IMPEDE-VTE or SAVED risk scores



Constant re-evaluation of thrombotic risk throughout disease course

<b>No risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 points by IMWG</li> <li>0 points by IMPEDE-VTE</li> </ul>	<b>Low risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 point by IMWG</li> <li>≤3 by IMPEDE-VTE</li> <li>&lt;2 by SAVED</li> </ul>	<b>High risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;1 by IMWG</li> <li>4-7 and ≥8 by IMPEDE-VTE</li> <li>≥3 by SAVED</li> </ul>	<b>Very high risk</b> <p><i>Not currently defined based on available RAMs and guidelines</i></p>
No thromboprophylaxis	Aspirin 81-325 mg (100 mg preferred)	LMWH (enoxaparin 40 mg or equivalent) or DOAC* (rivaroxaban/apixaban) Prophylactic dose or therapeutic dose warfarin	<p><i>Therapeutic dose LMWH or DOAC or warfarin</i></p> <p><i>No data or guidelines to currently support this practice</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bleeding risk, renal function, platelet count, concomitant medication and patient choice taken into consideration</li> <li>Continue thromboprophylaxis for at least 6 months and consider downgrading if the disease is in remission or upgrading based on changes in thrombotic risk</li> </ul>			

<sup>a</sup> DOAC preferred. DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; IWMG, International Myeloma Working Group; LMWH, low molecular weight heparin; RAM, risk assessment model; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; VTE, venous thromboembolism

Adapted from Fotiou D, et al. Cancers (Basel). 2022;14:6216

# FRAILITY ASSESSMENT

## IMWG FRAILITY SCORE

- Age
- Comorbidities:
  - CCI
- Patient-reported functional status
  - Katz Index of Independence in Activities of Daily Living
  - Lawton Instrumental Activities of Daily Living

Fit = score 0

Intermediate fit = score 1

Frail = score ≥2

### INCL. PROGNOSTIC FEATURES

#### R-MCI SCORE

- Age
- Comorbidities
  - Renal function
  - Pulmonary function
- Frailty evaluation
- Karnofsky performance status
- Cytogenetics

Fit score ≤3      Intermediate fit score 4-6      Frail score >6

#### MRP score

- Age
- WHO performance status
- ISS stage
- Circulating CRP levels

Low risk      Medium risk      High risk

### INCL. OBJECTIVE PARAMETERS

#### MAYO CLINIC SCORE

- Age
- ECOG performance status
- Circulating NT-proBNP levels

Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV
score 0	score 1	score 2	score 3

#### EVALUATION OF SARCOPENIA

- Muscle mass: CT 3<sup>rd</sup> lumbar vertebra area
- Muscle function: grip strength
- Physical performance: gait speed, etc.

#### SENESCENCE BIOMARKERS

### SIMPLIFIED ASSESSMENTS

#### SIMPLIFIED FRAILITY SCORE

- Age
- Comorbidities
  - CCI
- ECOG performance status

None-frail	Frail
score 0-1	score ≥2

#### QUALITY-OF-LIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Patient-reported functional status
  - EORTC QoL questionnaire C30

CCI, Charlson Comorbidity Index; CRP, C-reactive protein; CT, computed tomography; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EORTC QoL, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer quality of life; IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group; ISS, International Staging System for Multiple Myeloma; MRP, UK Myeloma Research Alliance Risk Profile; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; R-MCI, Revised Myeloma Comorbidity Index; WHO, World Health Organization

Adapted from Bonello F, et al. Cancers (Basel). 2020;12:3106

# DOSE MODIFICATIONS FOR FRAIL PATIENTS

Drug	Fit	Intermediate	Frail
<b>PIs</b> Bortezomib Carfilzomib Ixazomib	1.3 or 1.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 27, 36, 56 or 70 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 4 mg	1 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 20 or 27 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 3 mg	0.7 or 1 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 2.3 mg
<b>IMiDs</b> Lenalidomide Pomalidomide Thalidomide	25 mg 4 mg 100 or 200 mg	15 mg 3 mg 50 or 100 mg	10 mg 2 mg 50 mg
<b>Alkylating agents</b> Cyclophosphamide Bendamustine Melphalan	300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 90 or 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 0.25 mg/kg	150 or 225 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 70, 75 or 80 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 0.18 mg/kg	75 or 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 25, 50 or 60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 0.13 mg/kg
<b>Antibodies</b> Daratumumab Elotuzumab	16 mg/kg 10 mg/kg	No adjustment No adjustment	No adjustment No adjustment
<b>XPO1 inhibitors<sup>2</sup></b> Selinexor (in SVd regimen)	100 mg/week	80-100 mg/week	60-80 mg/week
<b>Histone deacetylase inhibitor</b> Panobinostat	20 mg	15 mg	10 mg

d, dexamethasone; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; PI, proteasome inhibitor; S, selinexor; V, bortezomib; XPO1 exportin 1

Table adapted from Leng S, et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2019;2019:125-136

# DOSE MODIFICATION FOR PATIENTS WITH RENAL DYSFUNCTION

Agents	Mechanism of action	CrCl	Dose adjustment
Ixazomib	PI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥30 mL/min</li> <li>• &lt;30 mL/min<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 mg on Day 1, 8 and 15</li> <li>• 3 mg on Day 1, 8 and 15</li> </ul>
Lenalidomide	IMiD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;60 mL/min</li> <li>• 30-59 mL/min</li> <li>• 15-29 mL/min</li> <li>• &lt;15 mL/min<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 mg daily</li> <li>• 10-15 mg daily</li> <li>• 10 mg daily or 15 mg every other day</li> <li>• 5 mg daily</li> </ul>
Pomalidomide	IMiD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥45 mL/min</li> <li>• &lt;45 mL/min</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dose adjustment</li> <li>• Further studies needed for safety/efficacy</li> </ul>
Melphalan	Alkylating agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;60mL/min</li> <li>• 15-59 mL/min</li> <li>• &lt;15 mL/min<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dose adjustment</li> <li>• 25% reduction</li> <li>• 50% reduction</li> </ul>

**No dose adjustment required** for bortezomib, carfilzomib, dexamethasone, cyclophosphamide, thalidomide, doxorubicin, selinexor, daratumumab, elotuzumab, and panobinostat in patients with renal impairment

<sup>a</sup> Or ESRD on HD

CrCl, creatinine clearance; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; HD, haemodialysis; IL-6, interleukin-6; IMiD, immunomodulatory agent; mAb, monoclonal antibody; PI, proteasome inhibitor

George LL, et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2021;21:812-822

# CONCLUSIONS

- PIs, IMiDs and mAbs are the mainstay of treatment for RRMM but are associated with a range of both hematological and non-hematological side effects
- Prevention and management of side effects is critical to improve safety and tolerability and long-term adherence to treatments
- Selinexor is associated with nausea during initial treatment, but this is often transient and can be minimised through dose reduction and the use of anti-emetics
- Infection prevention strategies are important for the safe use of T-cell directed therapies
- Cardiac monitoring, venous thromboembolism risk assessment and dose adjustments for frailty and renal dysfunction also need to be considered as part of the holistic management of patients with MM

# PATIENT CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION

# CASE STUDY 1: PATIENT PROFILE



- Age 78 years
- ECOG PS: 1
- PMH: Hypertension, mild obesity, T2DM
- Presented with hip pain and fatigue



- Diagnosis: November 2021
- IgG lambda multiple myeloma
- Hb:103 g/L, mild renal impairment
- Lesions in left hip
- MM FISH – No high-risk chromosomal abnormality
- R-ISS I standard risk

Educational case study

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; Hb, haemoglobin; IgG: immunoglobulin; MM, multiple myeloma; PMH, previous medical history; PS, performance status; R-ISS, revised International Staging System; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

# CASE STUDY 1: TREATMENT

**November 2021**



- Front-line treatment: DaraRd – complete remission

**November 2023**

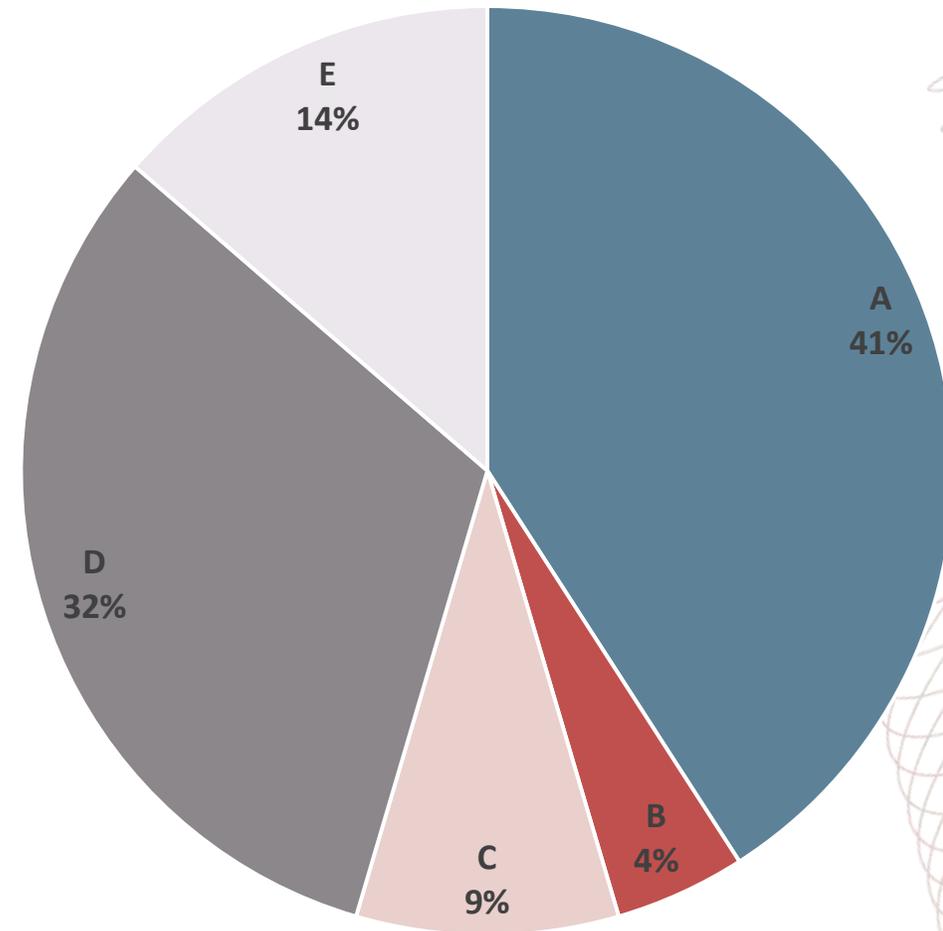


- Patient reported increasing bone pain and multiple new lesions were detected

# CASE STUDY 1: POLLING QUESTION

IN YOUR COUNTRY WHAT TREATMENT WOULD BE OFFERED AT 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE?

- A. Pomalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- B. Carfilzomib, dexamethasone
- C. Elotuzumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone
- D. Selinexor, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- E. Other



# CASE STUDY 1: TREATMENT

November 2021



- Front-line treatment: DaraRd – complete remission

November 2023



- Patient reported increasing bone pain and multiple new lesions were detected

December 2023



- Second-line treatment: SVd
  - Patient developed Grade 2 nausea after the first dose despite prophylactic Akynzeo (NK<sub>1</sub> receptor antagonist/5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist)
  - Selinexor dose was reduced from 100 to 80 mg per week and the patient was prescribed olanzapine
  - Nausea resolved and patient continued with the lower dose of selinexor

February 2024



- Patient achieved a VGPR and is continuing to receive SVd
  - Anti-nausea drugs were successfully tapered off

# CASE STUDY 2: PATIENT PROFILE



- Age 59 years
- ECOG PS: 0
- PMH: None of note
- Presented with back pain

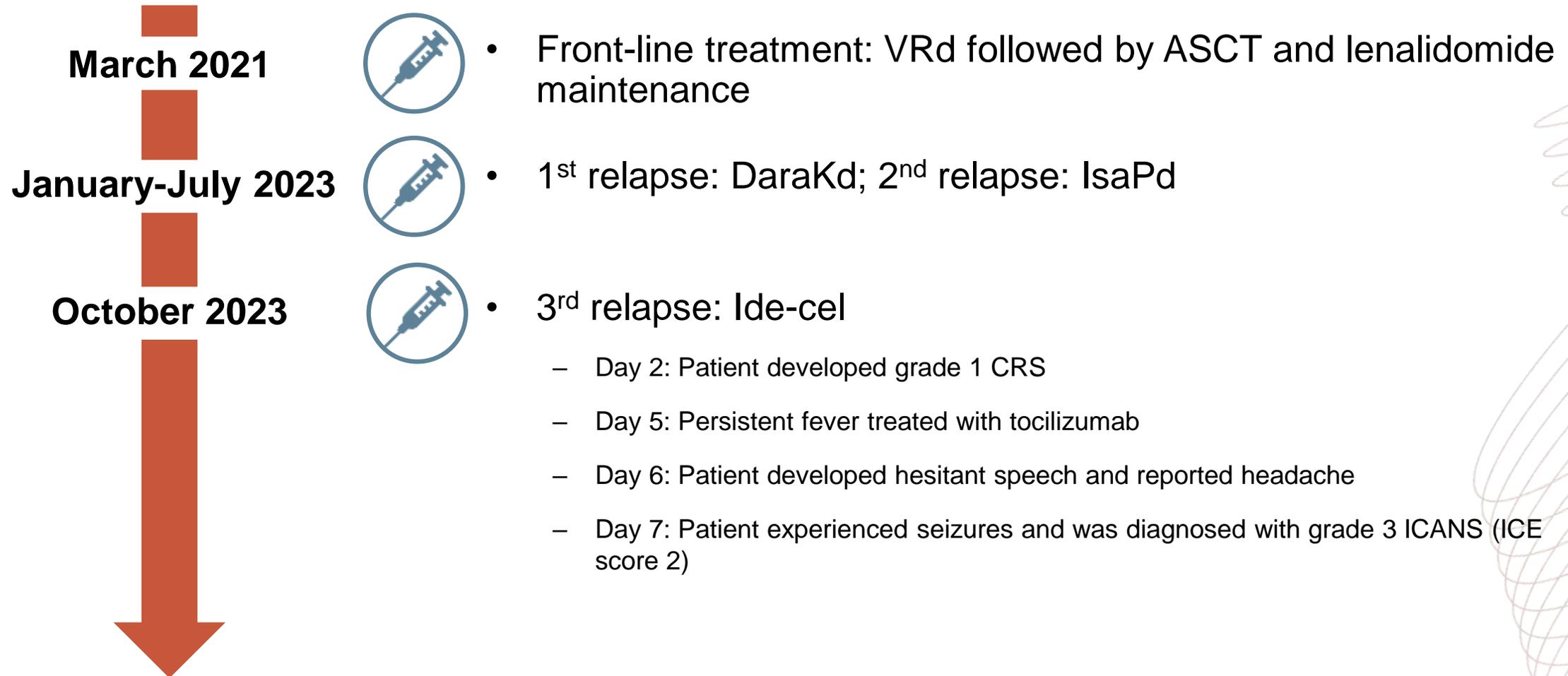


- Diagnosis: March 2021
- IgG kappa multiple myeloma
- Hb:112 g/L, normal renal function
- Small vertebral lesions
- MM FISH – t(4;14), gain 1q21
- R-ISS II intermediate risk

Educational case study

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# CASE STUDY 2: TREATMENT



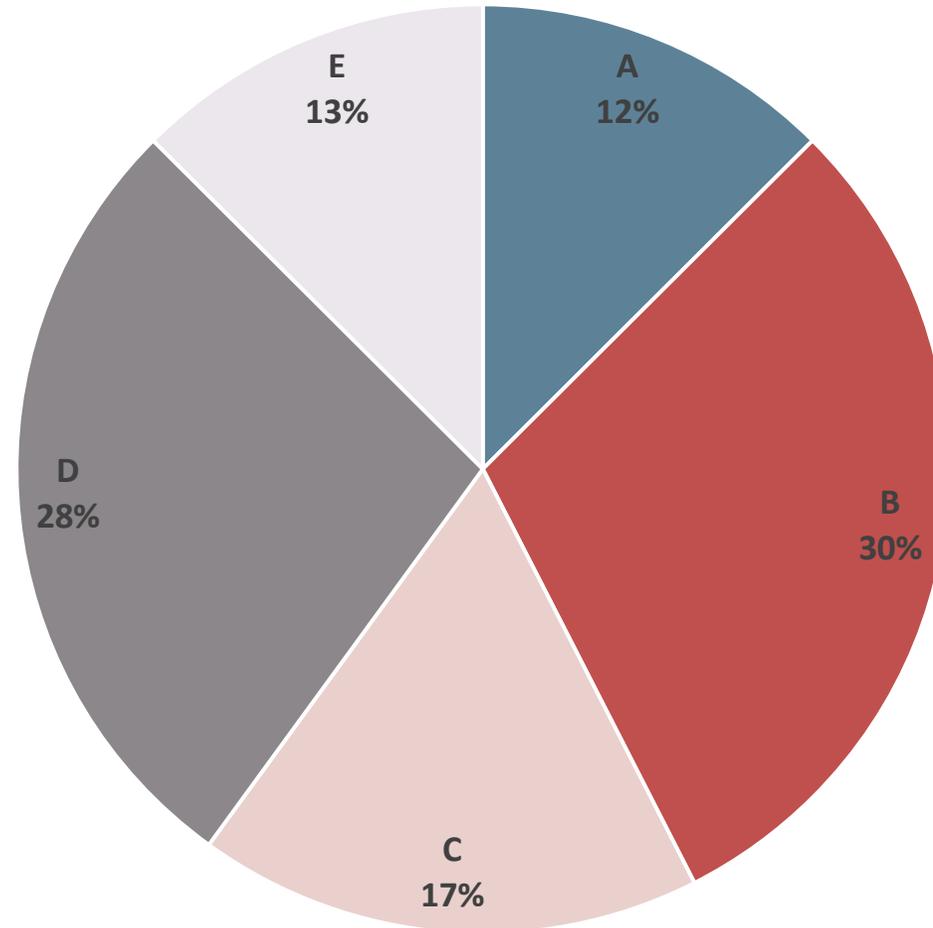
Educational case study

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DaraKd, daratumumab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; ICE, immune effector cell-associated encephalopathy; ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; IsaPd, isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; VRd, bortezomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone

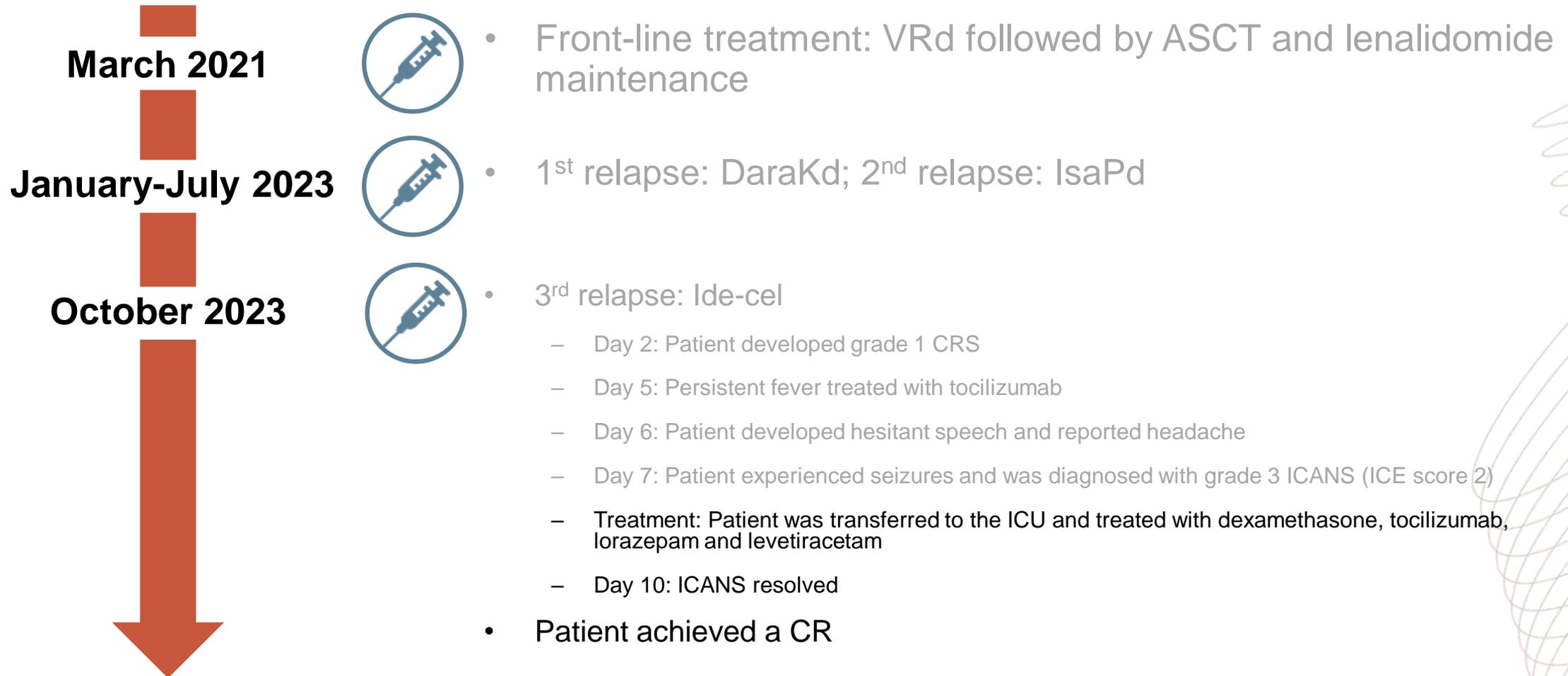
# CASE STUDY 2: POLLING QUESTION

HOW WOULD YOU TREAT THIS PATIENT (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)?

- A. Supportive care only
- B. Dexamethasone
- C. Methylprednisolone
- D. Tocilizumab
- E. Anakinra



# CASE STUDY 2: TREATMENT



Educational case study

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DaraKd, daratumumab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; ICE, immune effector cell-associated encephalopathy; ICU, intensive care unit; ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; IsaPd, isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; VRd, bortezomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone

# Q&A DISCUSSION

# SUMMARY AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE



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**THERAPY FOR PREVIOUSLY TREATED MULTIPLE MYELOMA<sup>a-d,n-o,q</sup>**  
**Relapsed/Refractory Disease After 1–3 Prior Therapies**

**Preferred Regimens**  
*Order of regimens does not indicate comparative efficacy*

Bortezomib-Refractory <sup>P</sup>	Lenalidomide-Refractory <sup>P</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Daratumumab/carfilzomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Daratumumab/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Isatuximab-irfc/carfilzomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> </ul> <p><i>After one prior therapy including lenalidomide and a PI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><i>After two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a PI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Isatuximab-irfc/pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daratumumab/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Daratumumab/carfilzomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Isatuximab-irfc/carfilzomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Pomalidomide/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Selinexor/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Elotuzumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> </ul> <p><i>After one prior therapy including lenalidomide and a PI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><i>After two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a PI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Isatuximab-irfc/pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><i>After two prior therapies including an IMiD and a PI and with disease progression on/within 60 days of completion of last therapy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ixazomib/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> </ul>

\* For Other Recommended Regimens and for regimens Useful in Certain Circumstances for Relapsed/Refractory Disease After 1–3 Prior Therapies, see [MYEL-G 4 of 5](#)

<sup>a</sup> Selected, but not inclusive of all regimens. The regimens under each preference category are listed by order of NCCN Category of Evidence and Consensus alphabetically.

<sup>b</sup> [Supportive Care Treatment for Multiple Myeloma \(MYEL-F\)](#)

<sup>c</sup> [General Considerations for Myeloma Therapy \(MYEL-E\)](#)

<sup>d</sup> [Management of Renal Disease in Multiple Myeloma \(MYEL-K\)](#)

<sup>n</sup> Regimens included under 1–3 prior therapies can also be used later in the disease course. Attempt should be made to use drugs/drug classes the patients have not been exposed to or exposed to >1 line prior.

<sup>o</sup> Autologous HCT should be considered in patients who are eligible and have not previously received HCT or had a prolonged response to initial HCT.

<sup>p</sup> Regimens without anti-CD38 should be considered for those refractory to anti-CD38 antibody as long as they have not received or are refractory to other agents in the regimen.

<sup>q</sup> If relapse occurs >6 months after stopping treatment, the primary regimen could be considered.

**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.  
**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

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**THERAPY FOR PREVIOUSLY TREATED MULTIPLE MYELOMA<sup>a-d,n-r</sup>**  
**Relapsed/Refractory Disease After 1–3 Prior Therapies**

Other Recommended Regimens	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carfilzomib (twice weekly)/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Elotuzumab/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Ixazomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Daratumumab/cyclophosphamide/bortezomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Elotuzumab/bortezomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Ixazomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Lenalidomide/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> </ul>	<p><i>After two prior therapies including an IMiD and a PI and disease progression on/within 60 days of completion of last therapy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Pomalidomide/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> </ul>
Useful in Certain Circumstances	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Bortezomib/liposomal doxorubicin/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/thalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib (weekly)/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Selinexor/carfilzomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Selinexor/daratumumab/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Venetoclax/dexamethasone ± daratumumab or PI only for t(11;14) patients</li> </ul>	<p><i>After two prior therapies including IMiD and a PI and with disease progression on/within 60 days of completion of last therapy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>▶ Ixazomib/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>▶ Selinexor/pomalidomide/dexamethasone</li> </ul> <p><i>For treatment of aggressive MM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Dexamethasone/cyclophosphamide/etoposide/cisplatin (DCEP)</li> <li>▶ Dexamethasone/thalidomide/cisplatin/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide/etoposide (DT-PACE) ± bortezomib (VTD-PACE)</li> </ul> <p><i>After at least three prior therapies including a PI and an IMiD or are double-refractory to a PI and an IMiD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Daratumumab</li> </ul>

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# SECOND LINE TREATMENT PATTERNS IN THE CONNECT MM REGISTRY FROM 2010 TO 2016

Prior to 2010

Bortezomib  
Thalidomide  
Lenalidomide  
Doxorubicin

Jul 2012:

Carfilzomib

Feb 2013:

Pomalidomide

Feb 2015:

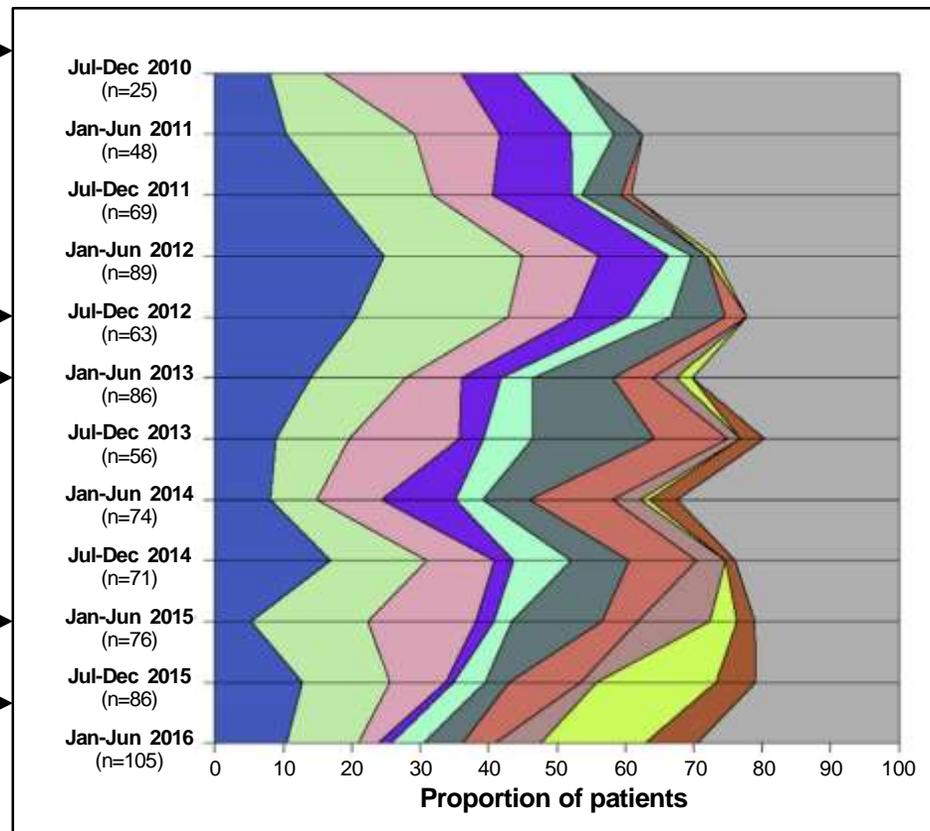
Panobinostat

Nov 2015

Daratumumab

Ixazomib

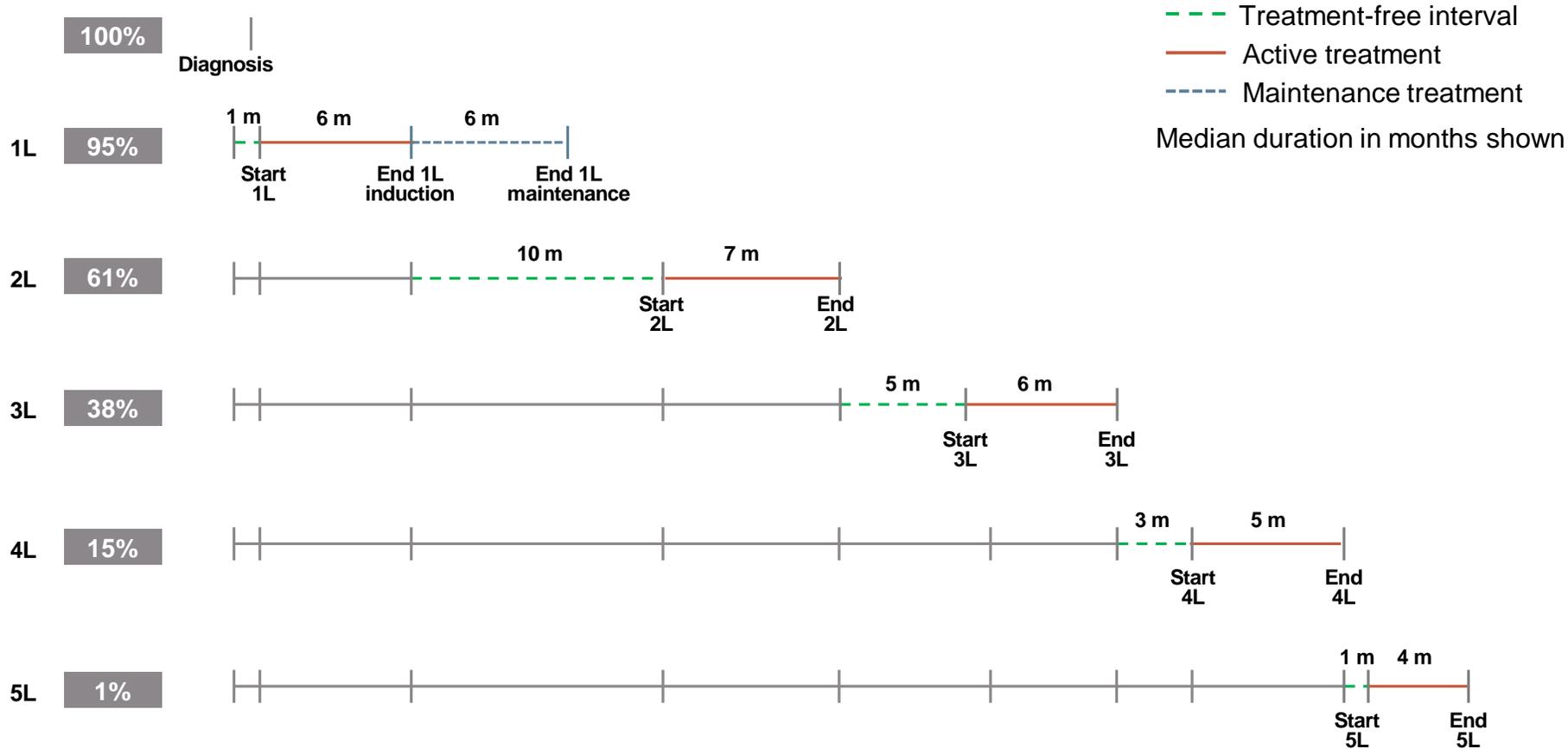
Elotuzumab



- Vd
- Rd
- RVd
- V
- R
- CyVd
- Kd
- Pd
- RKd
- PKd
- Other

# TREATMENT DURATION AND TREATMENT-FREE INTERVALS IN REAL-WORLD PRACTICE

Proportion of patients reaching this line of therapy (%)



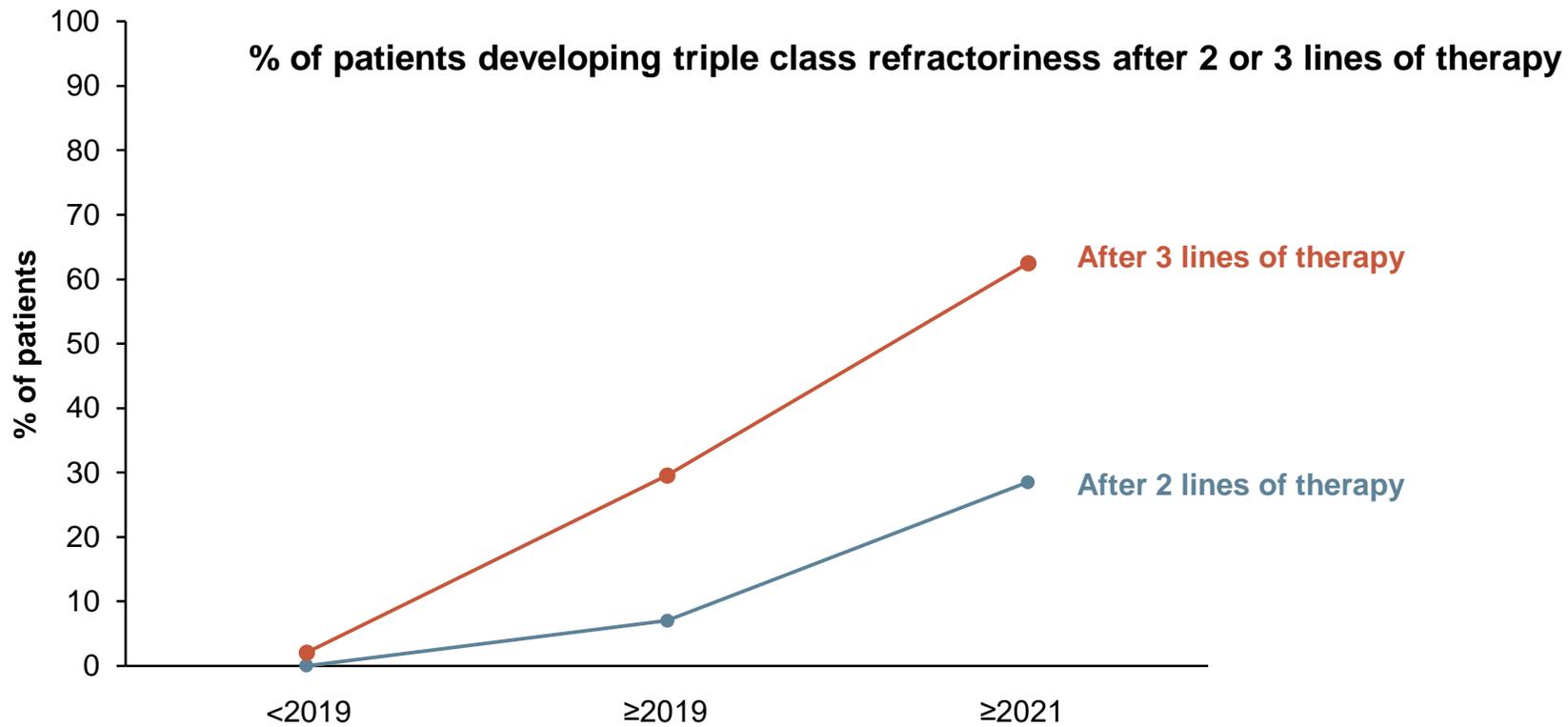
Data from 4997 patient charts in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the UK. The proportion of patients who had received each line are from a cross-sectional review; data on durations of treatment and treatment-free intervals are from a retrospective review.

1L-5L, first line-fifth line treatment; m, month

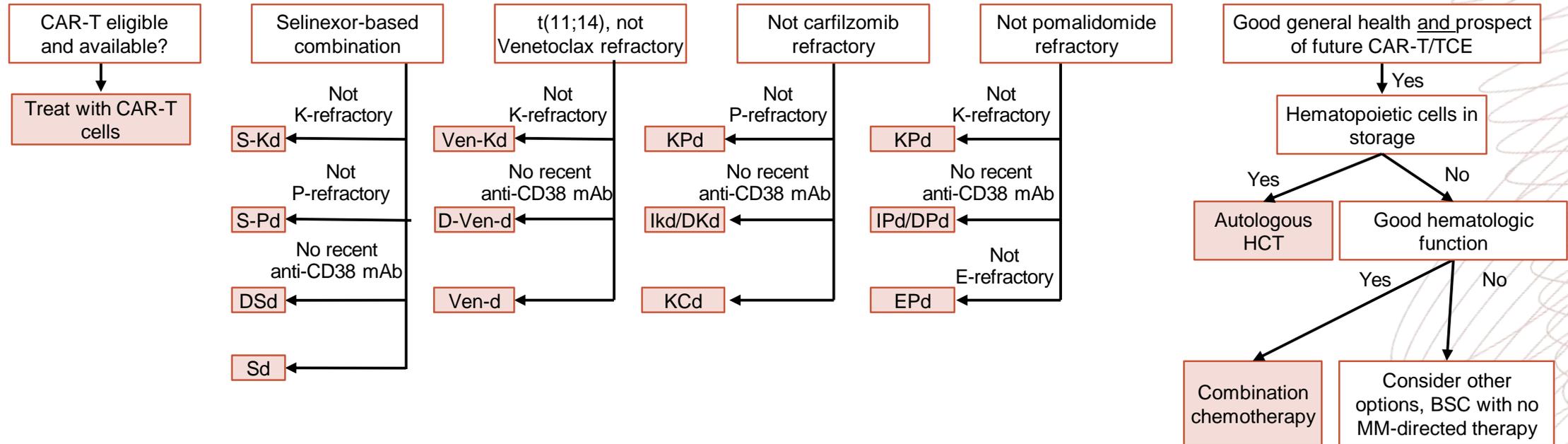
Yong K, et al. Br J Haematol. 2016;175:252-264

# PREVALENCE OF TRIPLE CLASS REFRACTORINESS IS GROWING

REAL-WORLD ASSESSMENT OF REFRACTORINESS PATTERNS IN 413 PATIENTS TREATED IN AN ITALIAN HAEMATOLOGICAL TERTIARY CARE CENTRE



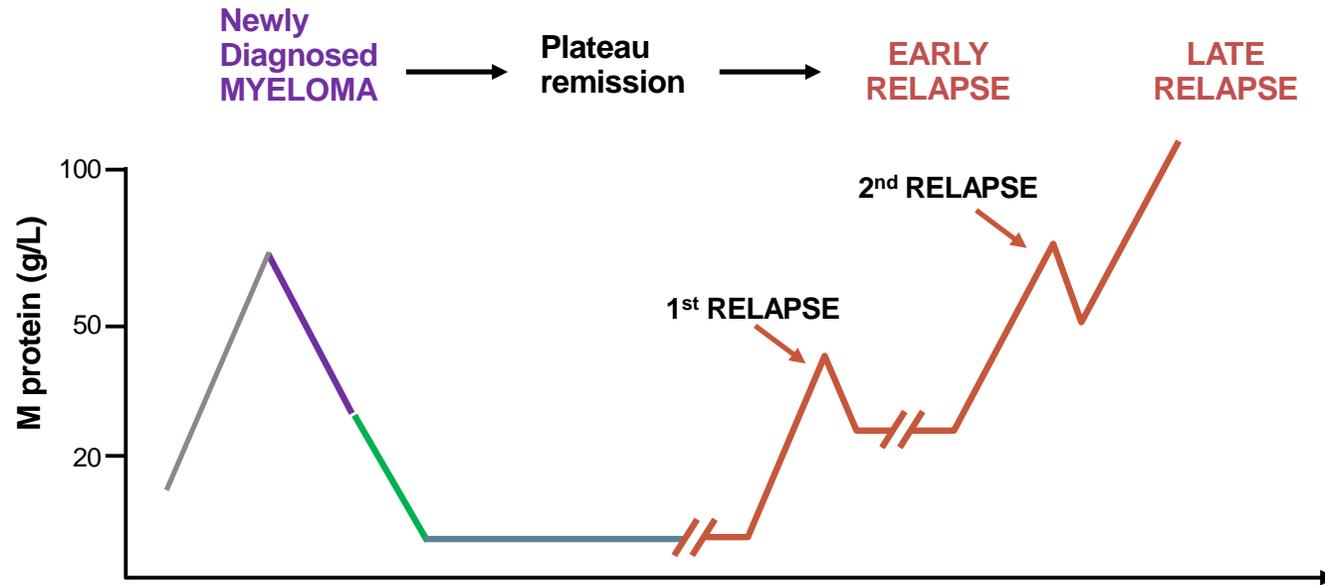
# SUGGESTED APPROACH TO THE TREATMENT OF TRIPLE CLASS REFRACTORY EARLY RRMM



BSC, best supportive care; C, cyclophosphamide; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell (therapy); d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; E, elotuzumab; HCT, hematopoietic cell transplantation; I, isatuximab; K, carfilzomib; mAb, monoclonal antibody; MM, multiple myeloma; P, pomalidomide; S, selinexor; TCE, T-cell engager; Ven, venetoclax

Adapted from Costa LJ, et al. Br J Haematol. 2022;198:244-256

# PREDICTION: HOW WILL WE TREAT RRMM IN 5 YEARS' TIME?



## Induction

QUAD: No transplant

## Consolidation

MRD+: CAR T (TE) vs. Bispecific (TI)

## Maintenance

MRD-: Maintenance: Lenalidomide/mAb vs. Bispecific

## Early relapse (1-3 prior lines)

XPO1 inhibitor  
 Novel CAR T (Different Ag)  
 Novel Ab: ADC-combination vs. bi-/trivalent Ab

## Late relapse

Third party cellular therapy (NK + T cell)  
 CRISPR gene editing strategies  
 Bispecific combinations

ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; Ag, antigen; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; (m)Ab, (monoclonal) antibody; M protein, monoclonal protein (or M spike); MRD, minimal residual disease; NK, natural killer; QUAD, quadruplet; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; TE, transplant eligible; TI, transplant ineligible; XPO1, exportin 1

Slide adapted from presentation at ASCO 2020 (Tom Martin).

# KEY CLINICAL TAKEAWAYS

- Myeloma is a continually evolving field with modern day induction regimens yielding near 100% response rates in the front-line setting with typically durable remissions
- This has been achieved through triplets and quadruplets comprised of the 3 classic MOAs: IMiD, PI, mAb
- In the relapsed/refractory space it is important to embrace novel MOAs/targets to optimally manage recurrent disease: XPO1, BCMA, GPRC5d
- T-cell health is an important long-term consideration for patients to maximise efficacy of T-cell redirection therapy
- Treatments that are T-cell-sparing, such as XPO1 inhibitors and IMiDs, have the potential to preserve T-cell health



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