

**Gli anticorpi monoclonali  
nel trattamento del  
mieloma multiplo  
recidivato/refrattario:  
anti CD38 e SLAMF7**

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IL MIELOMA  
**MULTIPLO**



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# Immunological aspects of cancer chemotherapy

Zitvogel et al. Nature Reviews Immunology, 8:59-73; 2008

To win the fight against cancer, it is necessary not only to develop strategies to **kill all cancer (stem) cells** efficiently, by using the correct combination and schedule of chemotherapeutic agents, but also to attempt to **stimulate an immune response** so that the **immune system can keep residual tumour cells in check**

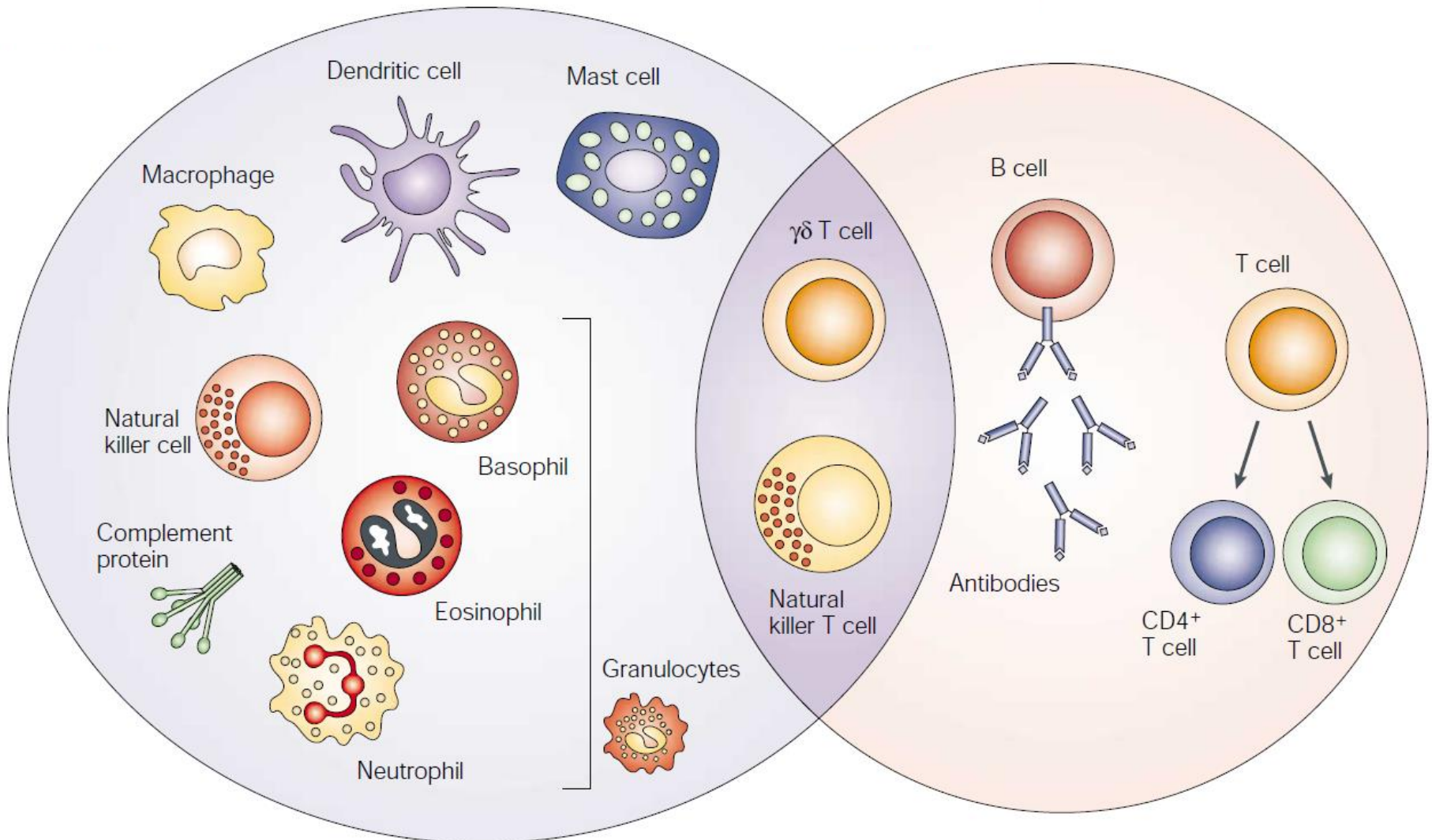
# The complex network of anti-tumor immunity

## INNATE IMMUNITY

**Immediate** antigen-independent activity

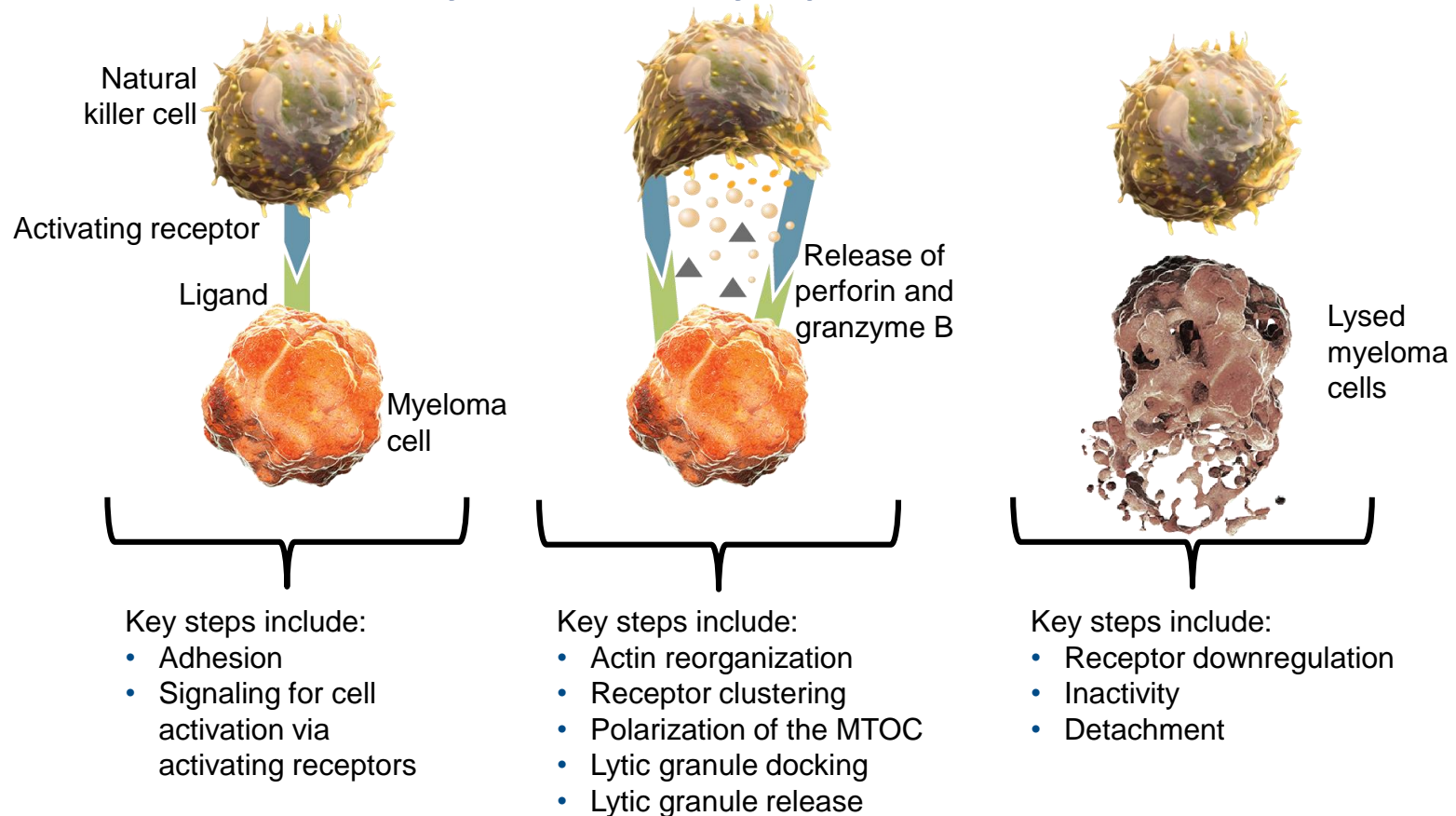
## ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY

**Delayed** antigen-specific memory activity



# Natural Killer Cells in the Immune Response to Multiple Myeloma

- **NK cell cytotoxicity is a highly regulated, stepwise process that occurs via the formation of a lytic immune synapse<sup>1</sup>**



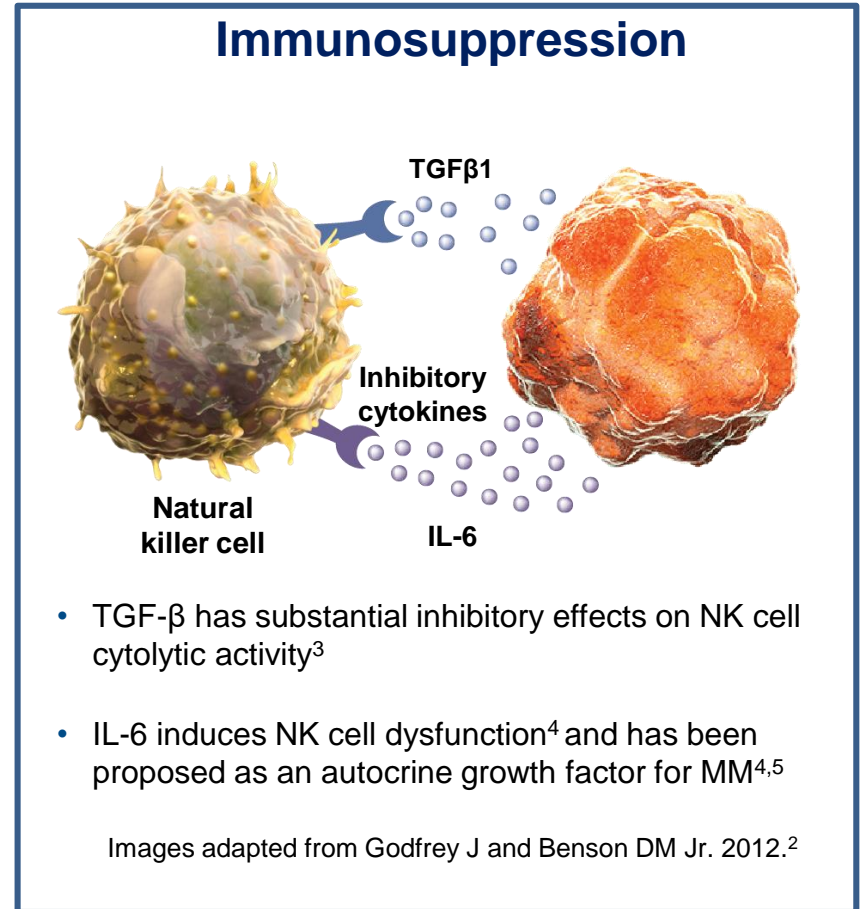
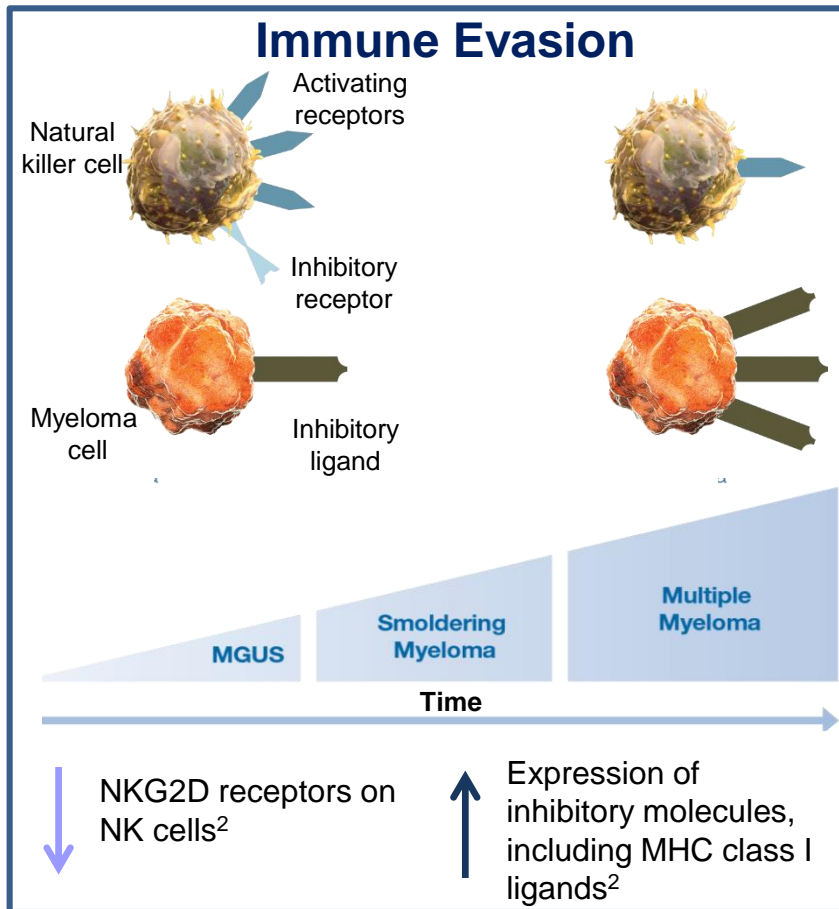
Adapted from Orange JS et al. 2008.<sup>2</sup>

MTOC, microtubule-organizing center; MM, multiple myeloma; NK, natural killer.

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# Immune Escape in Multiple Myeloma

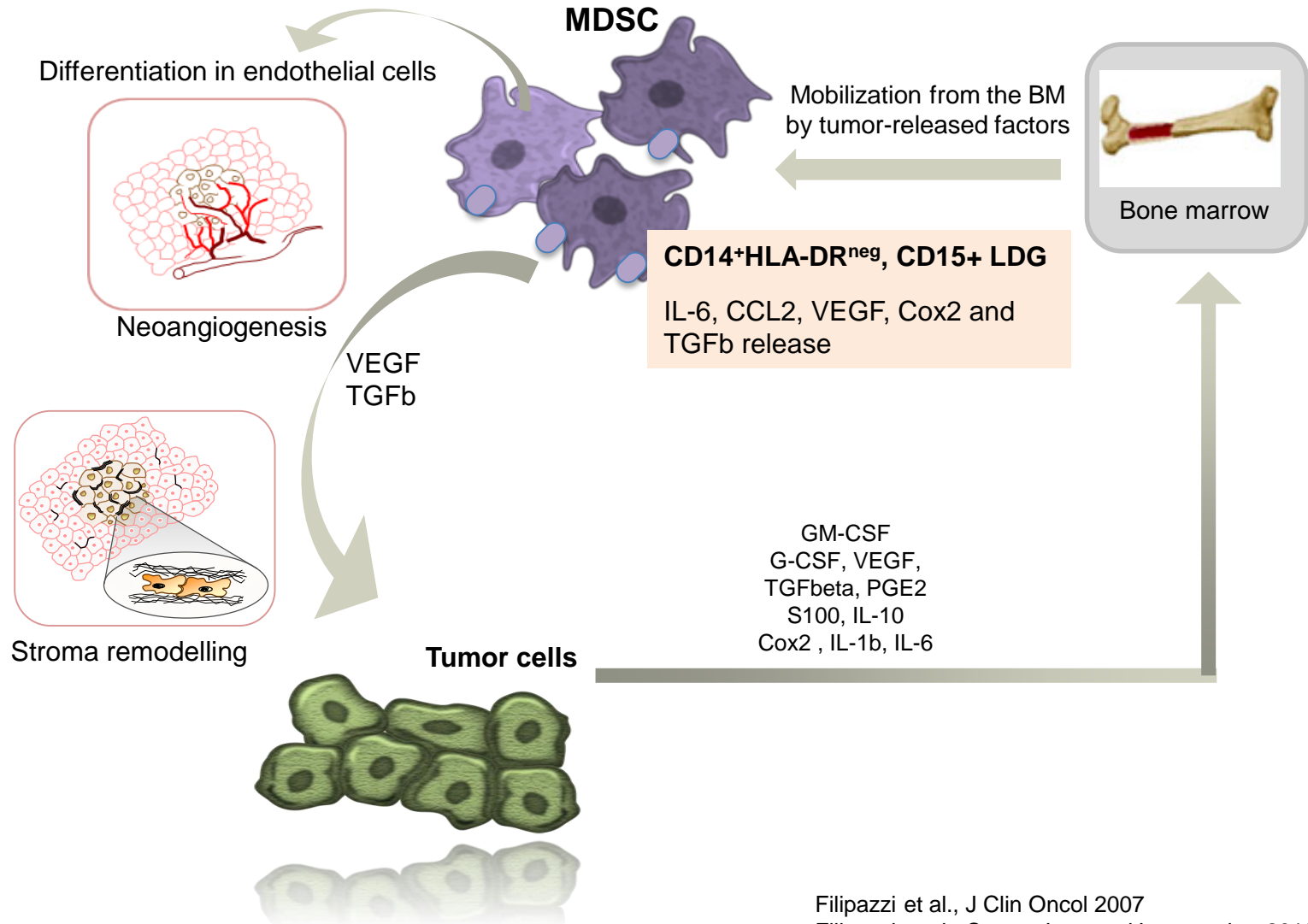
- While the immune system is well-equipped to identify and eliminate myeloma cells, they can escape immune-mediated destruction via immune evasion and immunosuppressive strategies<sup>1</sup>



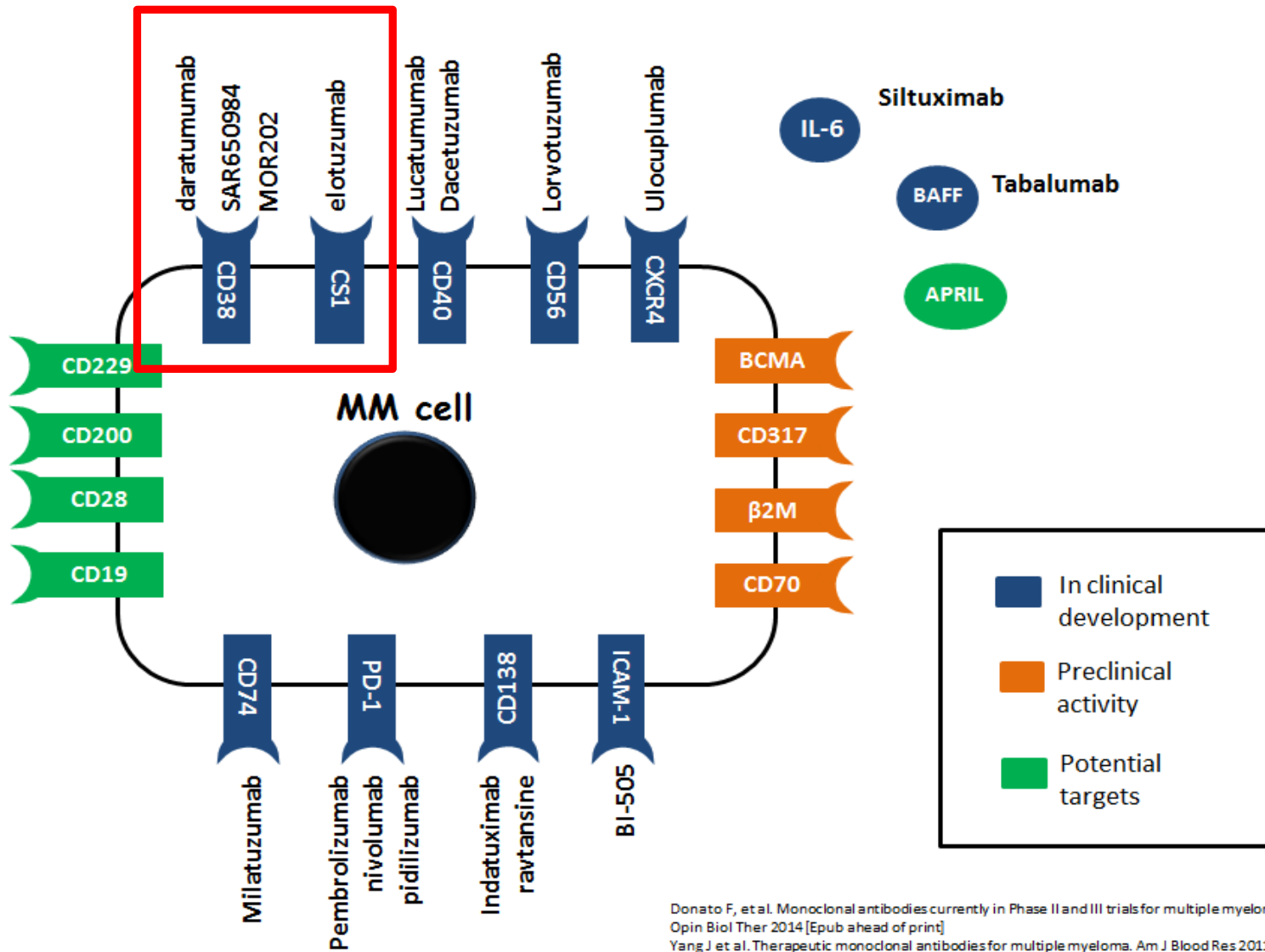
IL-6, interleukin 6; MGUS, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; MM, multiple myeloma; NK, natural killer; NKG2D, natural-killer group 2, member D; TGFβ1, transforming growth factor beta 1.

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# Myeloid-derived suppressor cells: best tumor allies



# Targets for mAbs in MM



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Yang J et al. Therapeutic monoclonal antibodies for multiple myeloma. Am J Blood Res 2011;1:22-33

Mateo G, et al. Prognostic value of immunophenotyping in multiple myeloma: A study by the PETHEMA/GEM Cooperative study groups on patients uniformly treated with high-dose therapy

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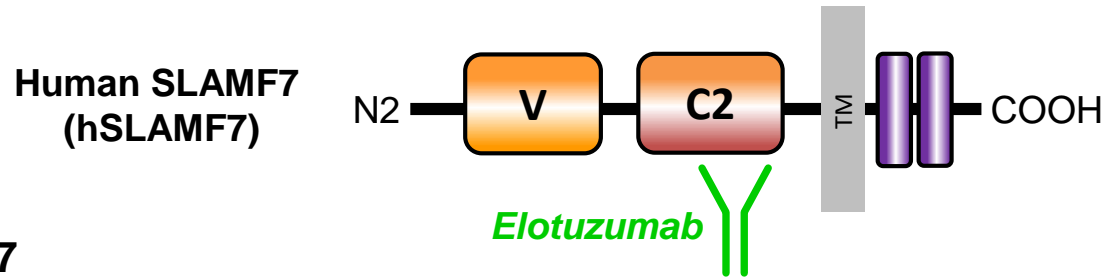
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# Elotuzumab: anti-hSLAMF7 antibody



## SLAMF7

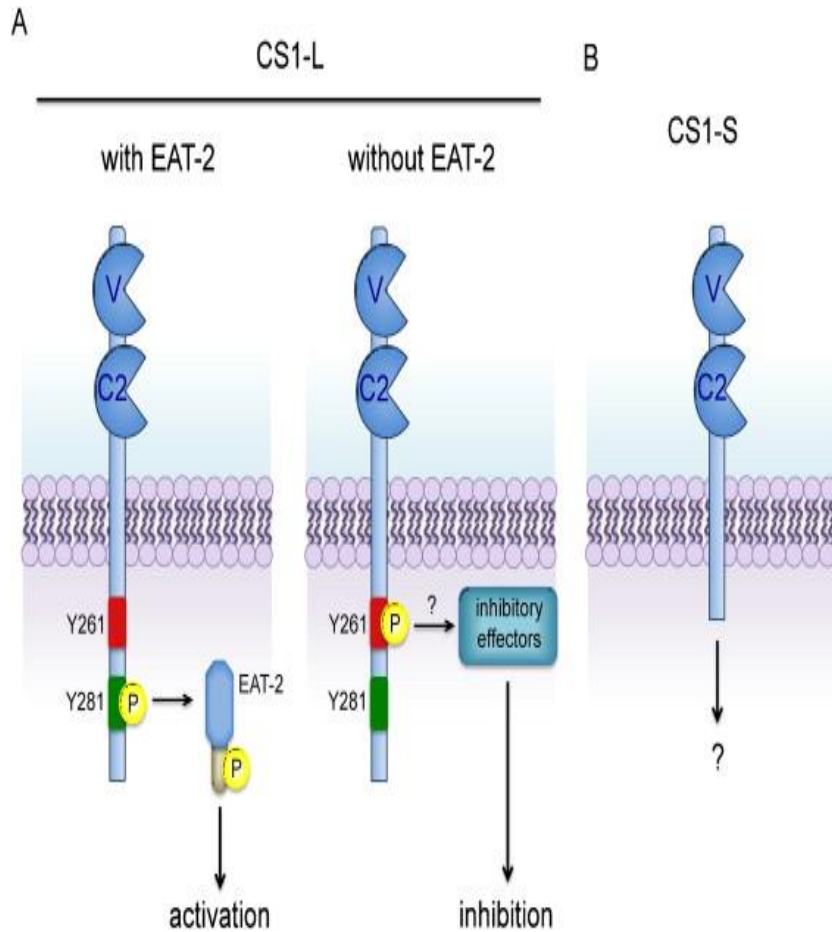
- Highly expressed on the surface of >95% of myeloma cells<sup>1,2</sup>
- Expressed on other lymphocytes including natural killer (NK) cells<sup>2</sup>

## Elotuzumab

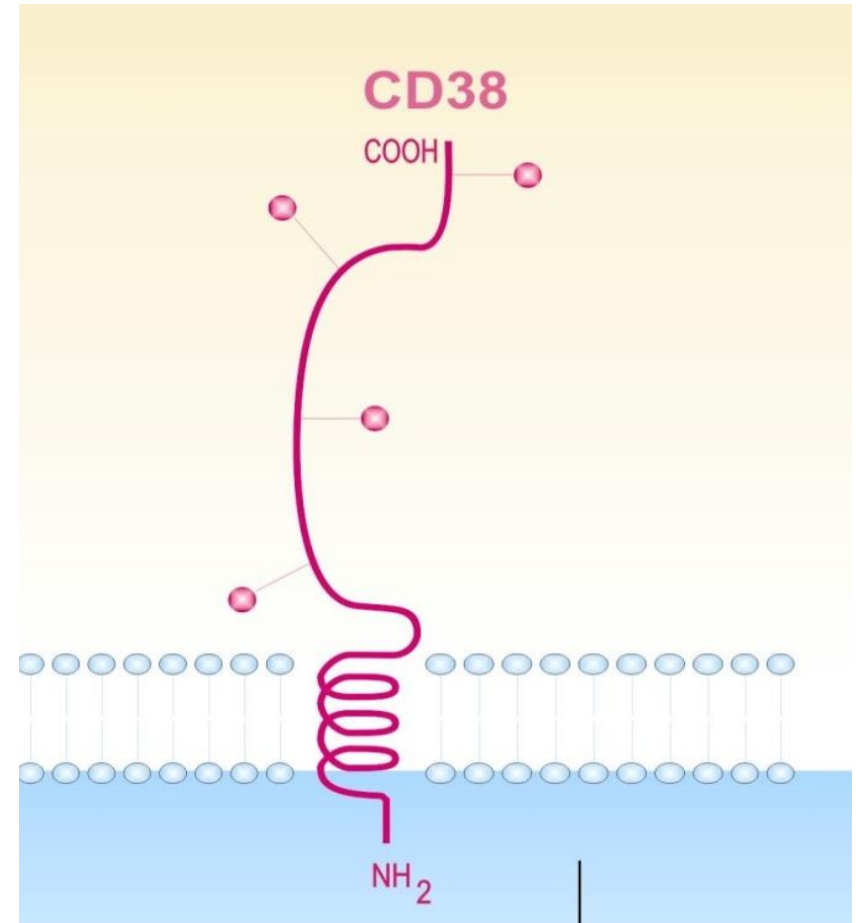
- Humanized, IgG1 isotype immunostimulatory monoclonal antibody (mAb), specific for human SLAMF7<sup>2,3</sup>
  - No cross-reactivity with mouse homologue
- Dual mechanism of action to kill myeloma cells
  - Directly activates NK cells<sup>4</sup>
  - Binds to SLAMF7 on myeloma cells, mediating antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC)<sup>2</sup>

# Cell Surface Targets

## CS1 (SLAMF7)

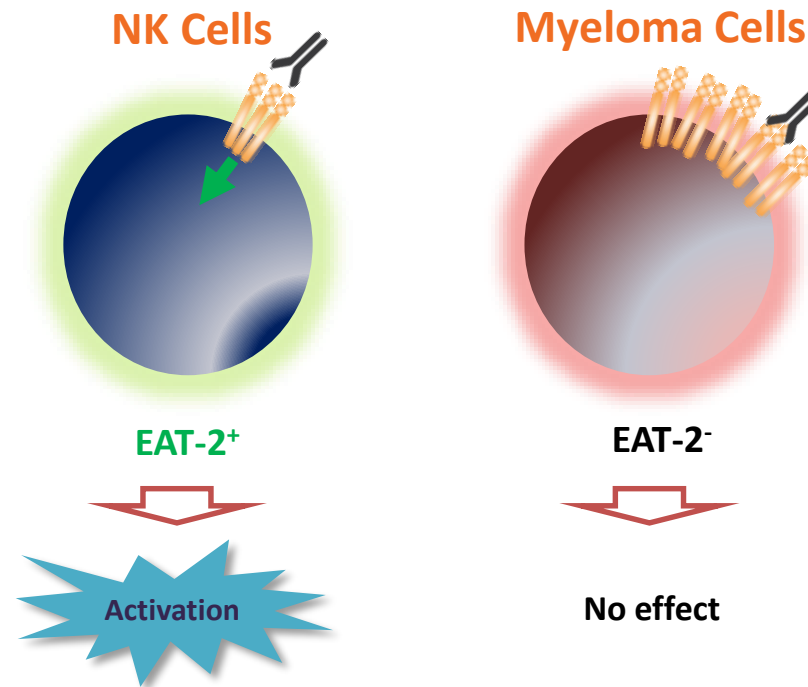


## CD38

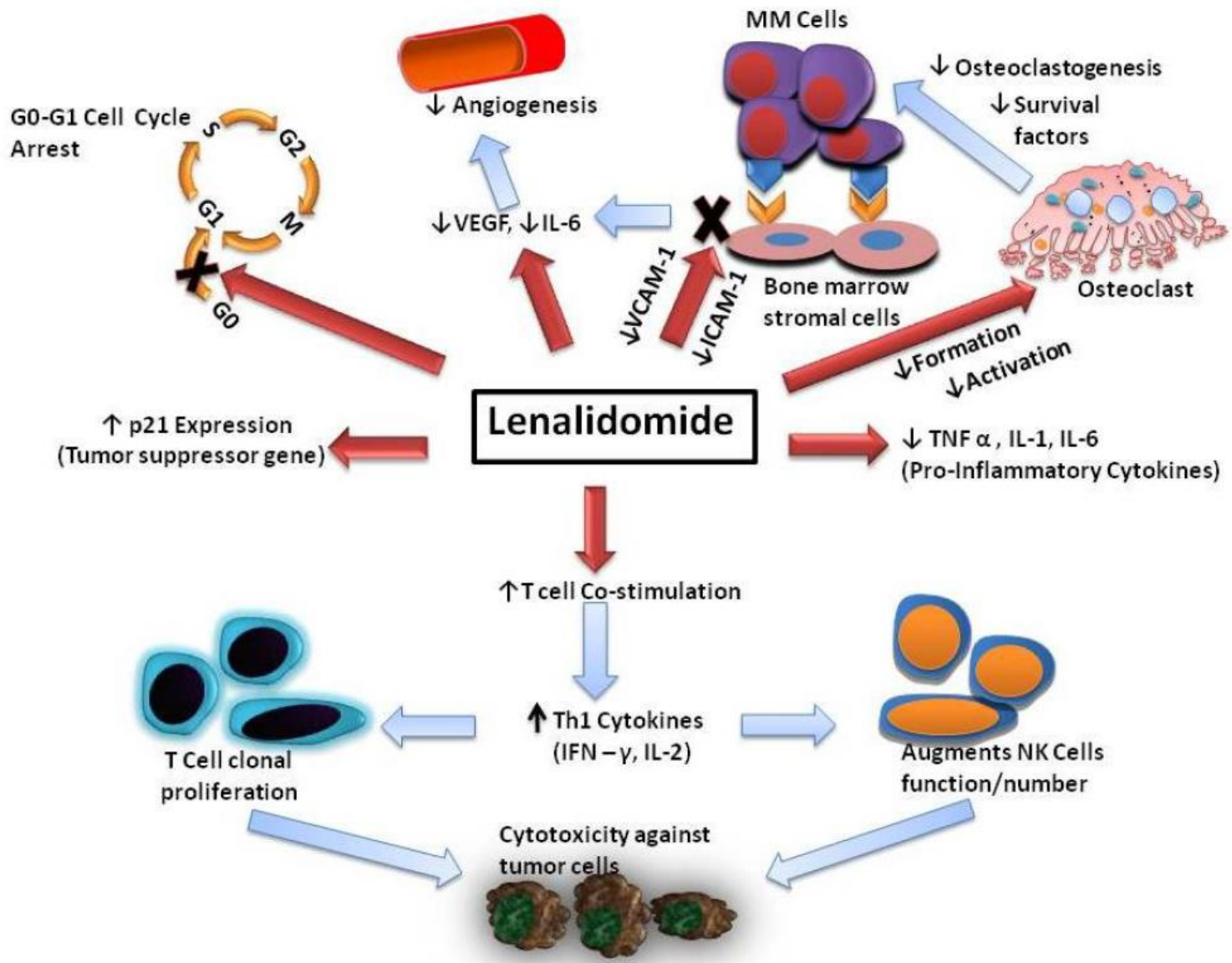


SLAMF7: Signalling lymphocytic activation molecule F(amily)7.

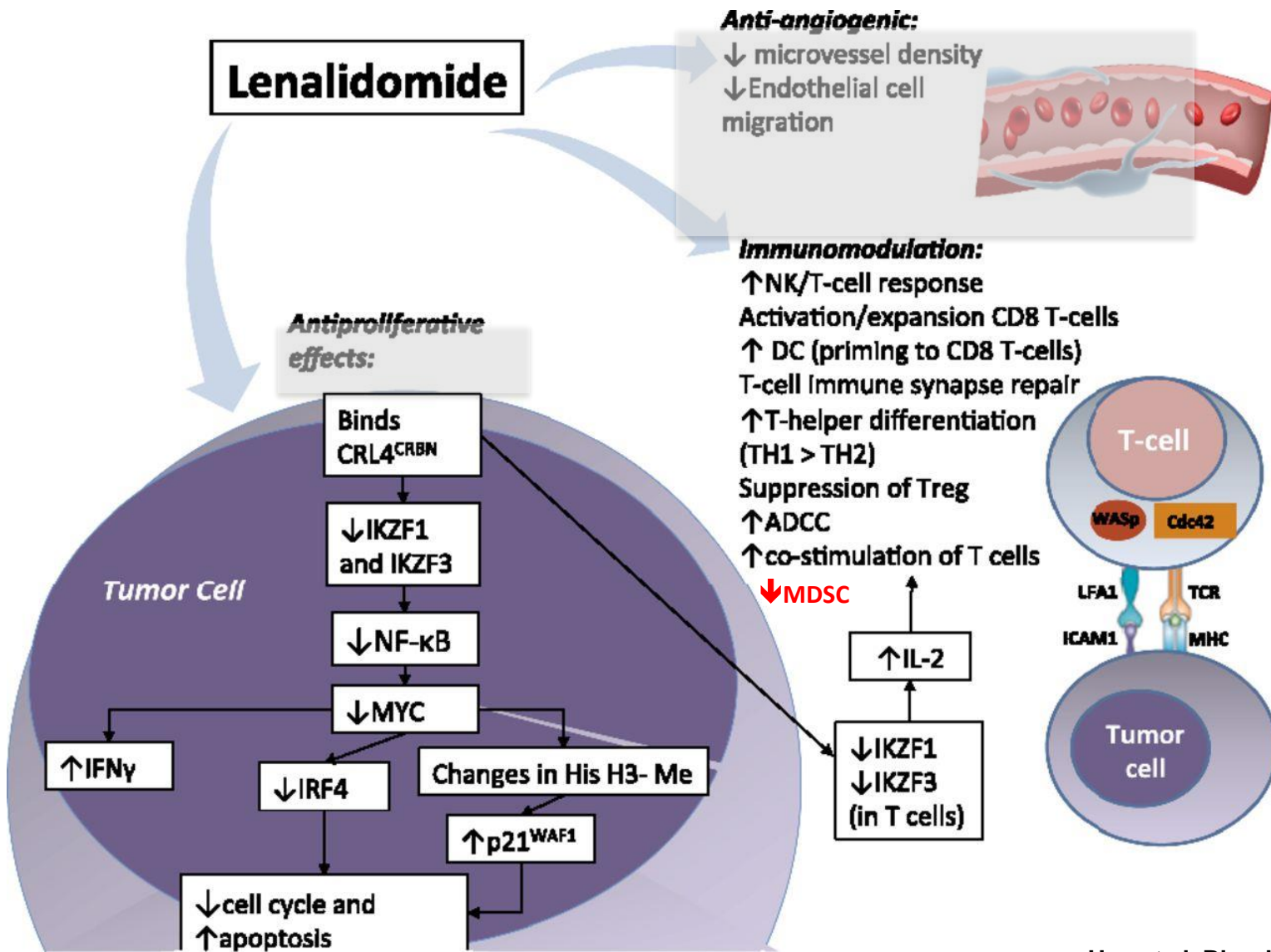
# Differential SLAMF7 signalling: Elotuzumab activates NK cells but not myeloma cells



Guo et al (*Mol Cell Bio*), 2015: Phosphorylation of SLAMF7 is mediated by Src kinases. Inhibitory mechanism (in EAT2<sup>-</sup>/CD45<sup>+</sup> cells) is mediated by SHIP-1. MM cells are deficient for EAT-2 and CD45, therefore SLAMF7 does not mediate activating or inhibitory effects in these cells.  
EAT-2 = Ewing's Sarcoma associated transcript 2; SLAMF7 = Signalling Lymphocyte Activation Molecule Family 7.



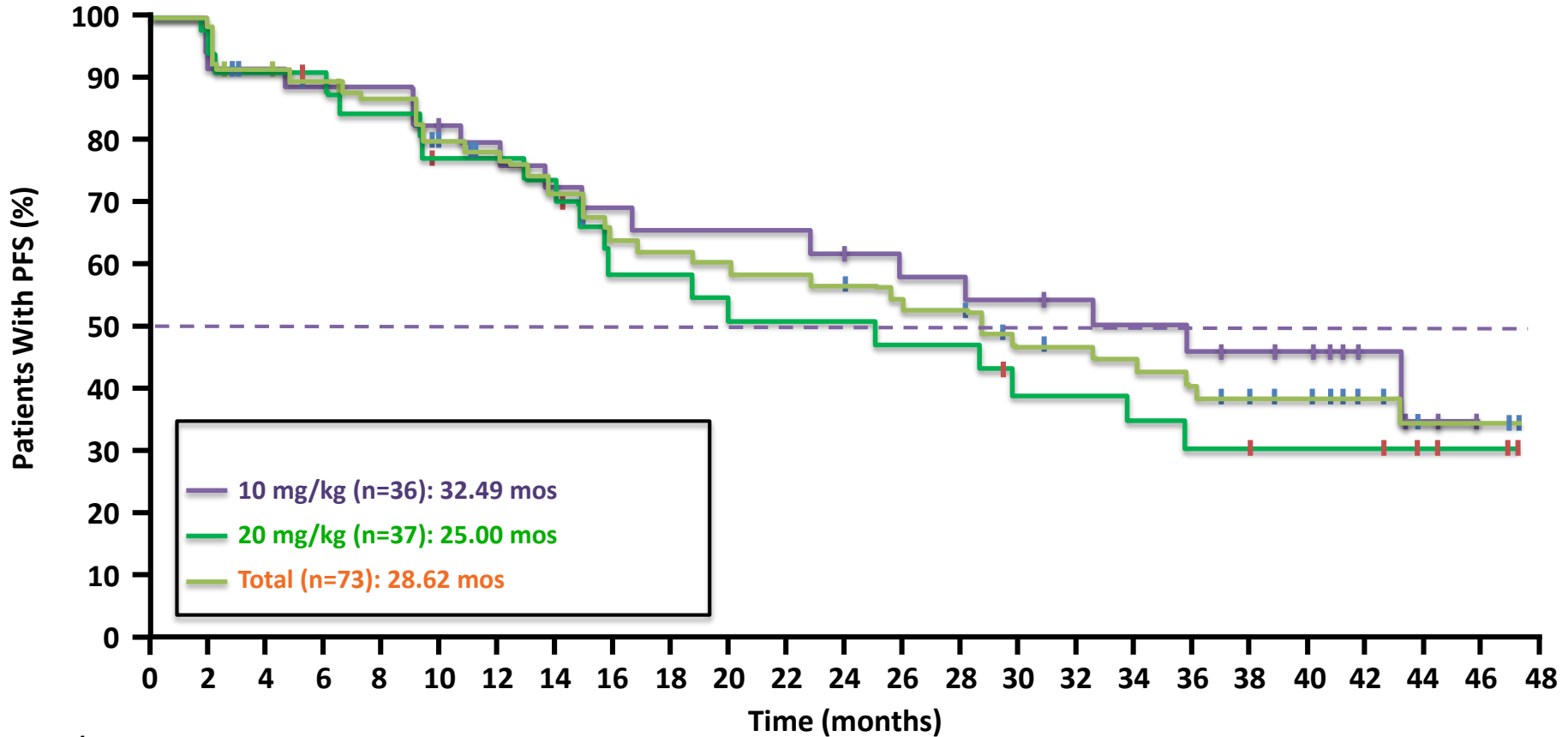
# Immunomodulating properties of lenalidomide



# 1703: Phase 2 Efficacy (Response rate)

Assessment	Elo 10 mg/kg (n=36)	Elo 20 mg/kg (n=37)	Total (n=73)
Overall response*, n (%)	33 (92)	28 (76)	61 (84)
Best confirmed response, n (%)			
Stringent complete response (sCR)	2 (6)	1 (3)	3 (4)
Complete response (CR)	4 (11)	3 (8)	7 (10)
Very good partial response (VGPR)	17 (47)	14 (38)	31 (43)
Partial response (PR)	10 (28)	10 (27)	20 (27)
Stable disease (SD)	3 (8)	7 (19)	10 (14)
Missing	0	2 (5)	2 (3)
Median time to first response, mos	1.0	1.7	1.0
Median duration of response, mos	23.0	18.0	20.8

# 1703: Phase 2 Progression-Free Survival



**Number  
at risk:**

10 mg/kg	36	33	32	30	29	26	23	21	19	18	18	18	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	8	4	2	0	0
20 mg/kg	37	32	27	26	24	21	21	19	15	15	13	13	13	12	12	9	9	8	7	7	6	6	4	2	0
Total	73	65	59	56	53	47	44	40	34	33	31	31	29	27	27	23	22	20	18	17	14	10	6	2	0

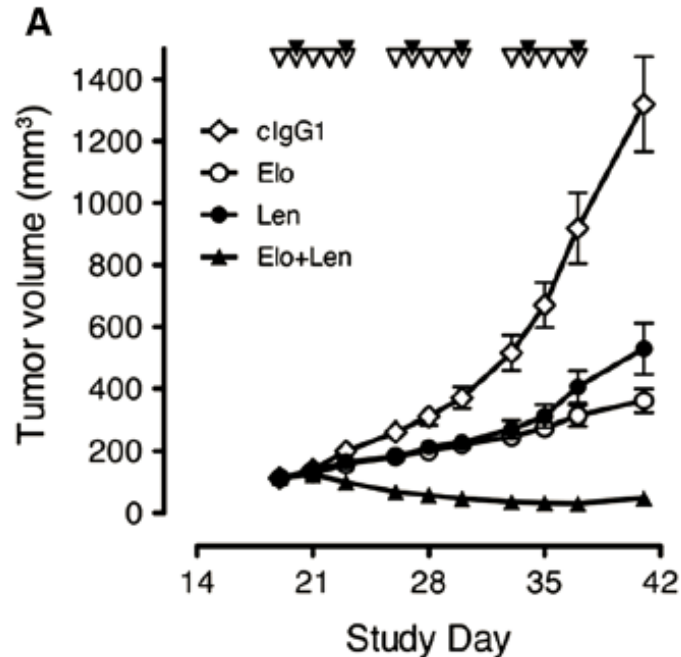
Relative dose intensity was 96% for elo, 77% for len, and 75% for dex.

PFS, progression-free survival.

- Richardson P et al. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology 2014:Abstract 302.

# Elotuzumab in combination with Lenalidomide enhanced anti-myeloma activity

- In MM xenograft mouse model, the combination of Elo + Len significantly reduced tumor volume compared with either agent alone

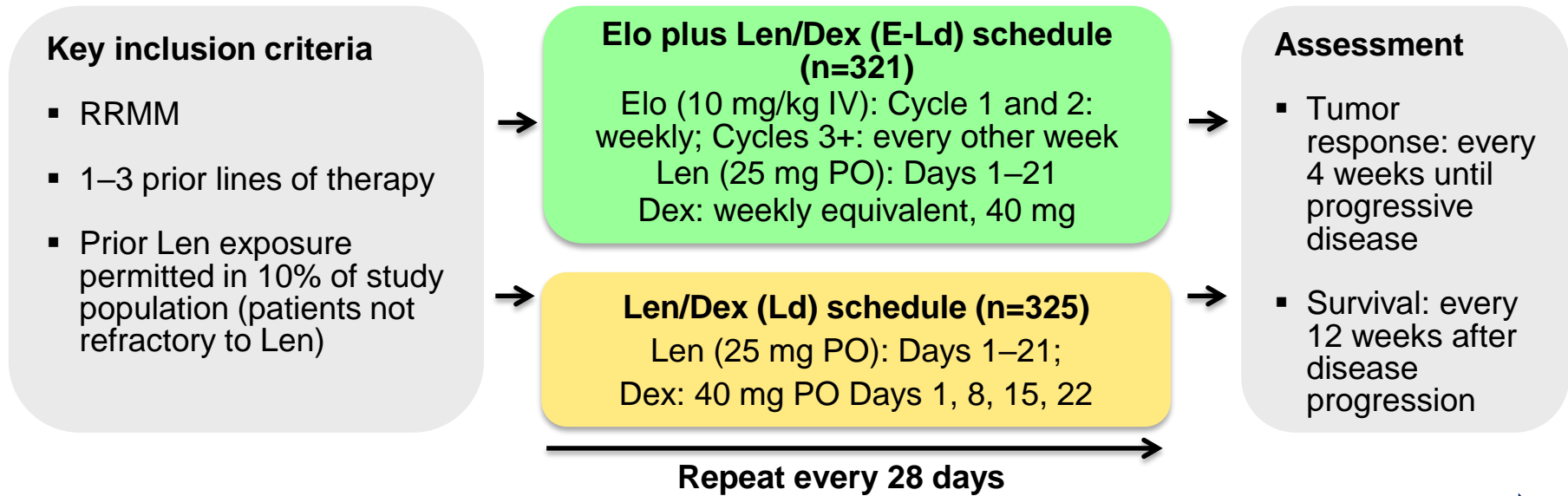


- Lenalidomide enhances T-cell activation and cytokine production leading to natural killer cell stimulation
- Lenalidomide also exhibits direct anti-myeloma activity, which enhances the cell's sensitivity to natural killer cell-mediated killing



# ELOQUENT-2 Study Design

- Open-label, international, randomized, multicenter, phase 3 trial (168 global sites)



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start

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November 2014  
(ASCO/EHA 2015)

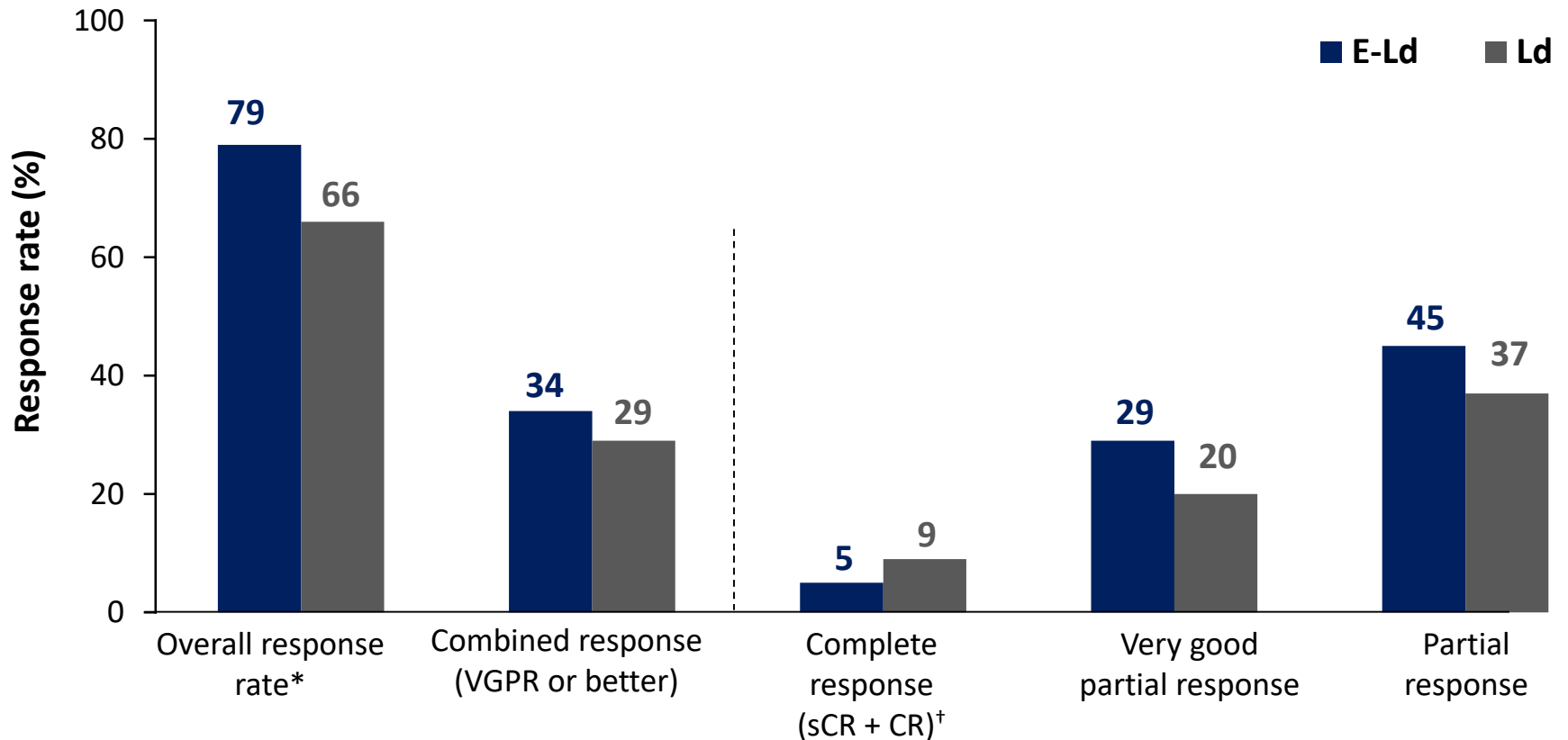
Primary analysis

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August 2015  
(ASH 2015)

Extended follow-up

- Endpoints:
  - Co-primary: PFS and ORR
  - Other: OS, DOR, quality of life, safety
- All patients received premedication to mitigate infusion reactions prior to elotuzumab administration; Elotuzumab IV infusion administered ~ 2–3 hours

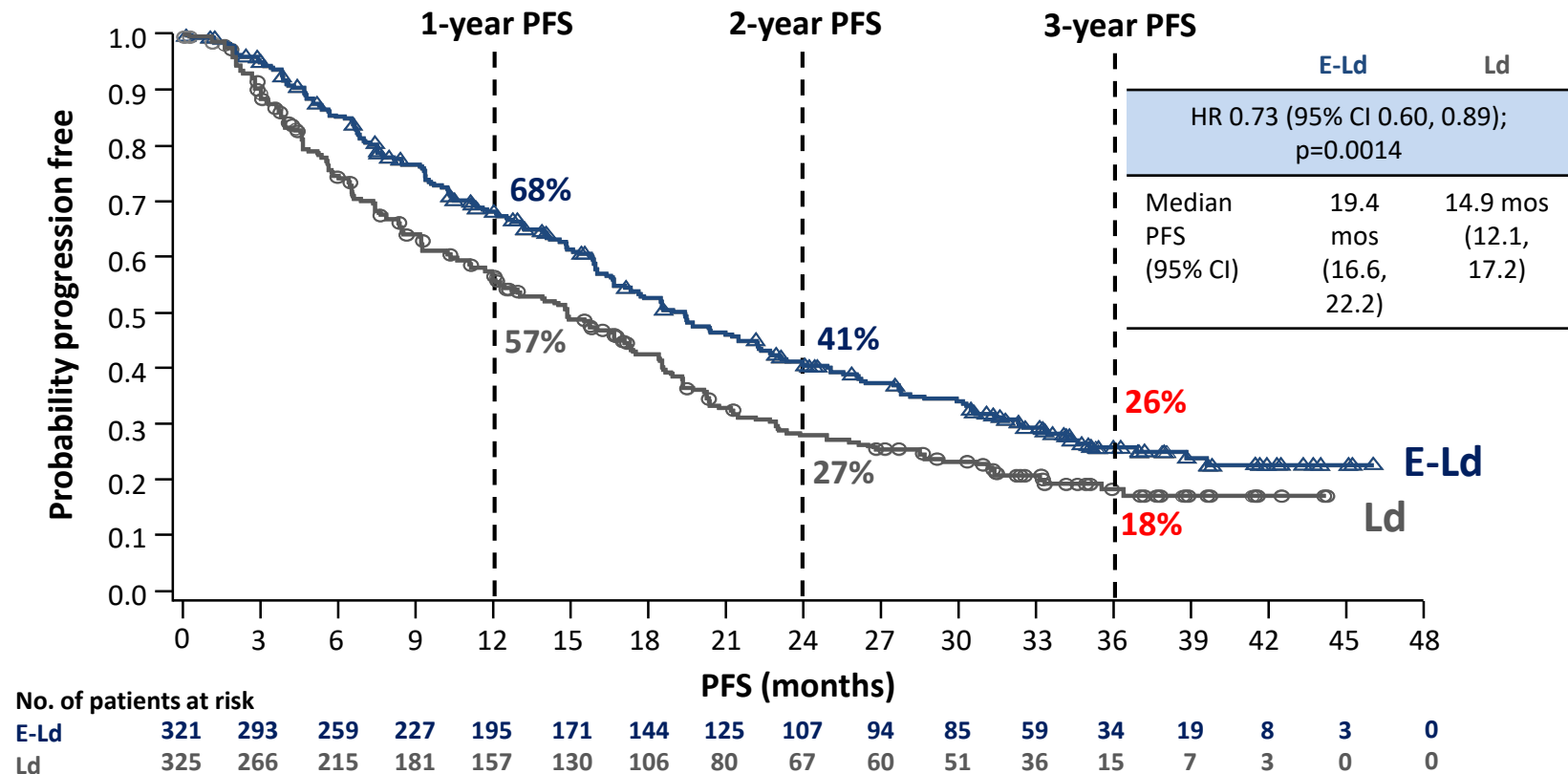
# Co-Primary Endpoint: Overall Response Rate



\*Defined as partial response or better

<sup>†</sup>Complete response rates in the E-Ld group may be underestimated due to interference from therapeutic antibody in immunofixation and serum protein electrophoresis assay

# Co-Primary Endpoint: Extended Progression-Free Survival

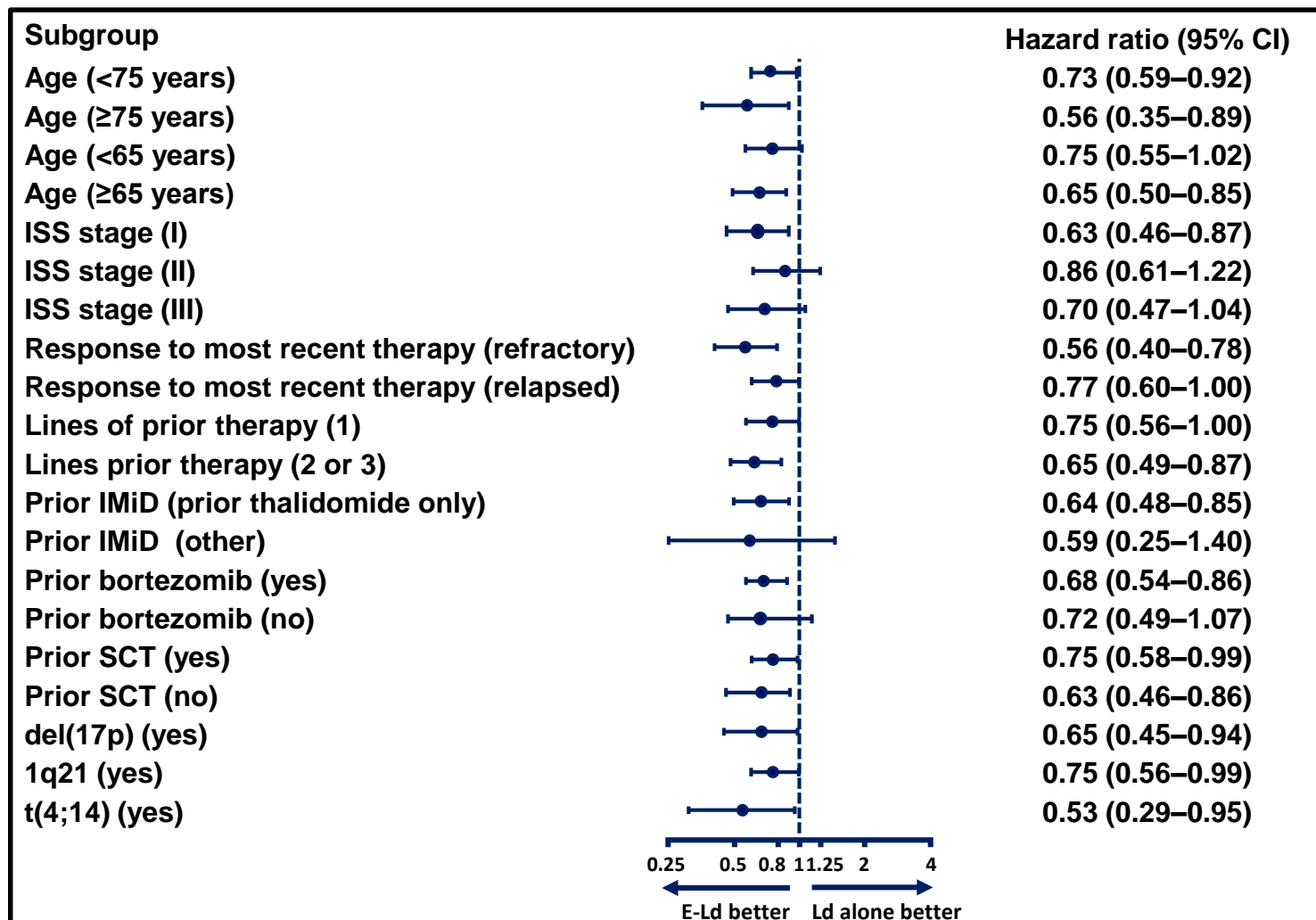


PFS benefit with E-Ld was maintained over time (vs Ld):

E-Ld-treated patients had a **27% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death;**

treatment difference at 1, 2 and 3 years was 11%,14% and 8% respectively relative improvement in PFS of 44% at 3 years

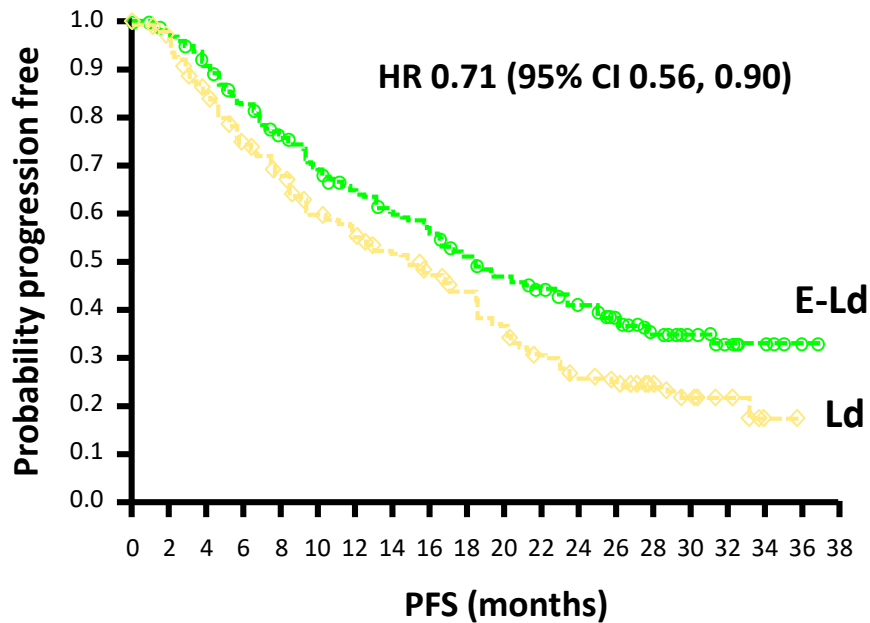
# Progression-Free Survival: Subgroup Analysis



**PFS benefit in E-Ld group was consistently better across key subgroups**

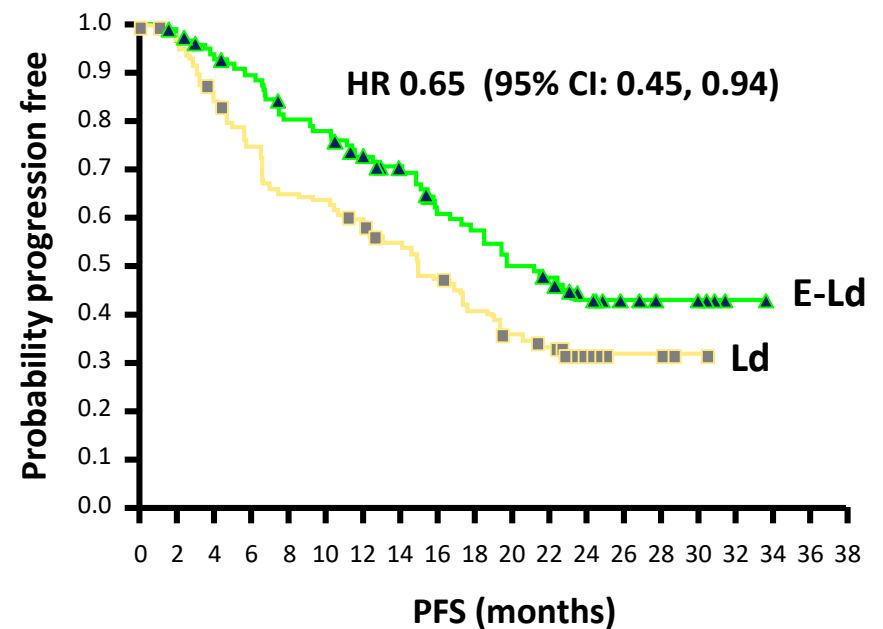
# Progression-Free Survival Without and With del(17p)

del(17p)-



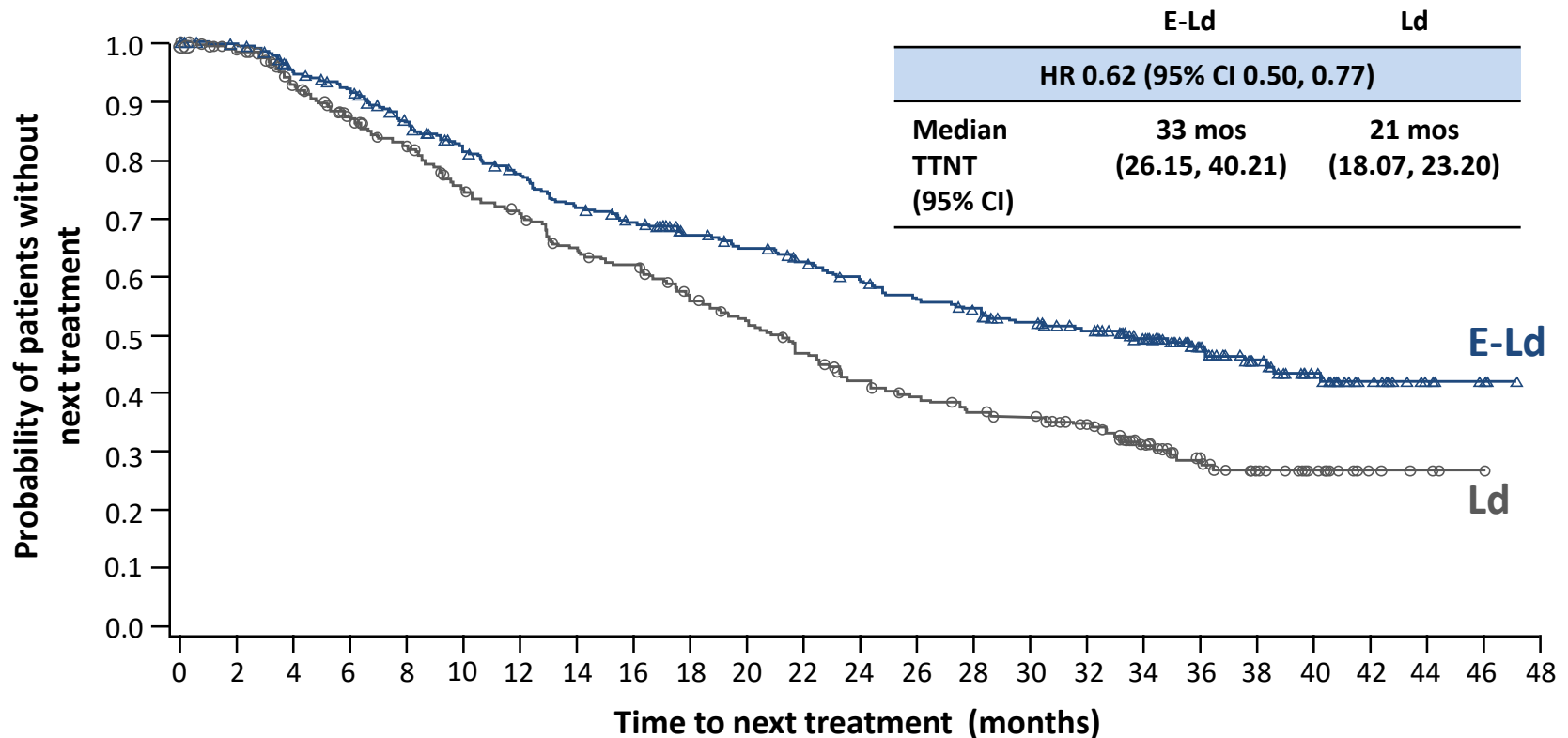
E-Ld: median (95% CI): 18.46 (15.84, 22.77)  
Ld: median (95% CI): 14.85 (11.86, 18.43)

del(17p)+



E-Ld: median (95% CI): 21.19 (16.62, NE)  
Ld: median (95% CI): 14.92 (10.61, 18.50)

# Time to Next Treatment

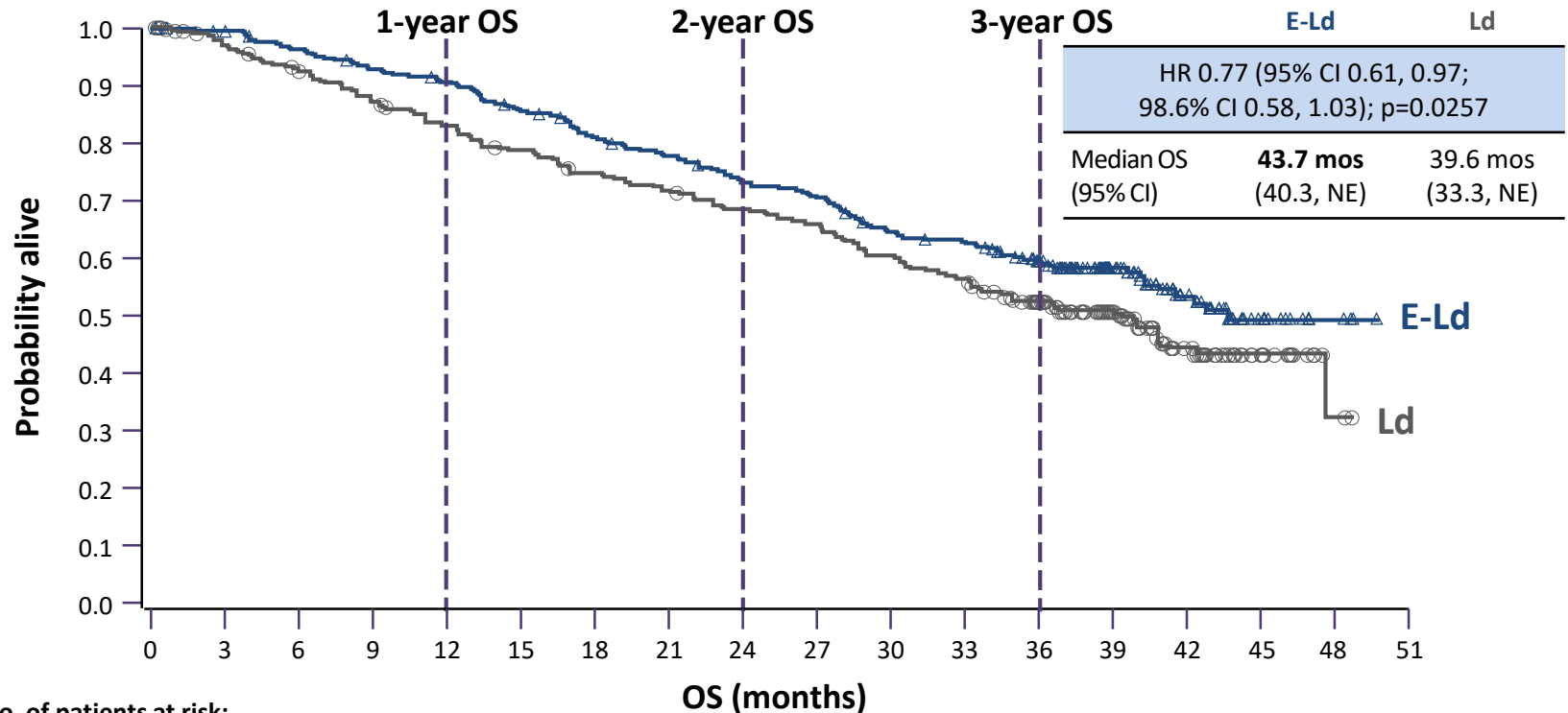


No. of patients at risk

E-Ld	321	315	294	282	259	239	225	208	198	182	174	165	153	144	138	126	118	94	65	46	32	14	6	3	0
Ld	325	305	276	251	232	206	193	174	166	148	135	120	105	96	89	85	76	46	30	20	13	5	3	1	0

**E-Ld-treated patients had a median delay of 1 year in the time to next treatment vs Ld-treated patients**

# Interim Overall Survival



No. of patients at risk:

E-Ld	321	314	303	291	283	266	250	239	224	217	196	190	152	95	48	15	5	0
Ld	325	305	287	269	255	241	228	218	208	200	184	171	134	88	41	17	3	0

**Prespecified interim analysis for overall survival indicates a strong trend (p=0.0257) with early separation sustained over time for E-Ld vs Ld**

# Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 30\%$ of Patients

Adverse event, n (%)	E-Ld (n=318)		Ld (n=317)	
	Any grade	Grade 3 to 4	Any grade	Grade 3 to 4
<b>Common non-hematologic adverse events</b>				
Fatigue	149 (47)	27 (9)	123 (39)	26 (8)
Pyrexia	119 (37)	8 (3)	78 (25)	9 (3)
Diarrhea	149 (47)	16 (5)	114 (36)	13 (4)
Constipation	113 (36)	4 (1)	86 (27)	1 (0.3)
Muscle spasms	95 (30)	1 (0.3)	84 (27)	3 (1)
Cough	100 (31)	1 (0.3)	57 (18)	0
<b>Common hematologic toxicities</b>				
Lymphopenia	316 (99)	244 (77)	311 (98)	154 (49)
Anemia	306 (96)	60 (19)	301 (95)	67 (21)
Thrombocytopenia	266 (84)	61 (19)	246 (78)	64 (20)
Neutropenia	260 (82)	107 (34)	281 (89)	138 (44)
<b>Infections</b>	259 (81)	89 (28)	236 (74)	77 (24)

- The exposure-adjusted\* infection rate was 198 in the E-Ld arm and 192 in the Ld arm
- Exposure-adjusted\* second primary malignancy rate was 5 and 3 in the E-Ld and Ld arms
- **Infusion reactions of any grade were experienced by 10% of patients**
  - Most infusion reactions were Grade 1 or 2 and occurred (70%) during the first treatment cycle
  - There were no Grade 4 or 5 infusion reactions



# Infusion Reactions

Events, n (%)	E-Ld (n=318)		
	Grade 1/2	Grade 3	Grade 4/5
<b>Infusion reaction</b>	<b>29 (9)</b>	<b>4 (1)</b>	<b>0</b>
Pyrexia	10 (3)	0	0
Chills	4 (1)	0	0
Hypertension	3 (1)	1 (<1)	0

- Infusion reactions occurred in 10% of patients
- 70% of infusion reactions occurred with the first dose
- No Grade 4 or 5 infusion reactions
- Elotuzumab infusion was interrupted in 15 (5%) patients due to an infusion reaction (median interruption duration 25 minutes)
- 2 (1%) patients discontinued the study due to an infusion reaction

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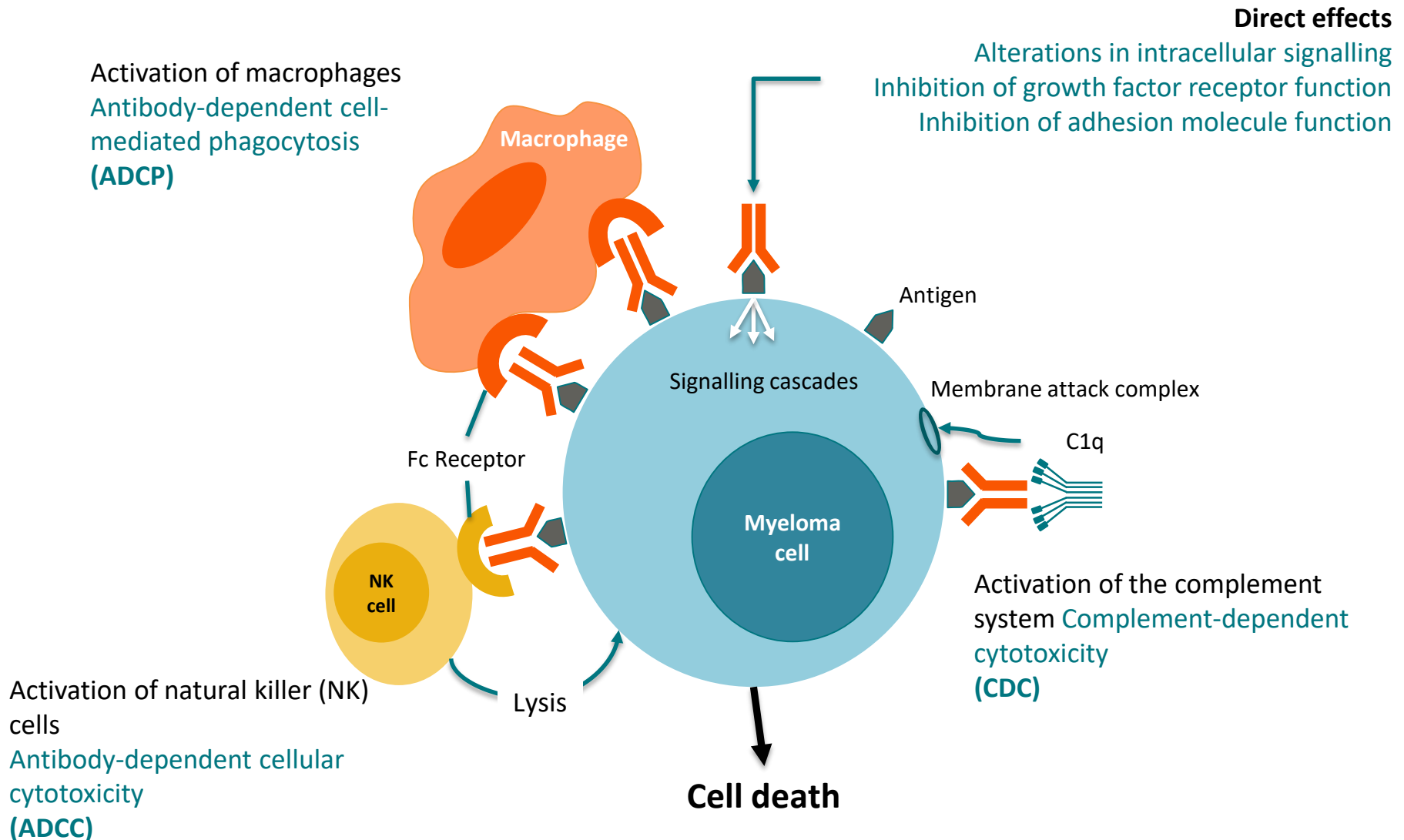
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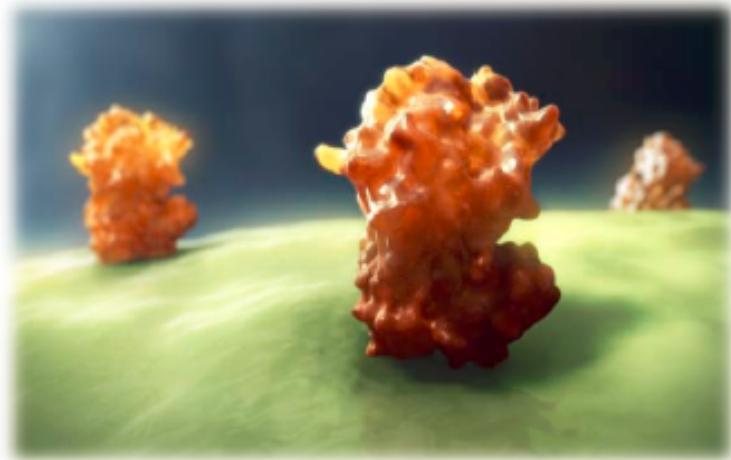
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# Monoclonal antibodies act through different modes of action in MM



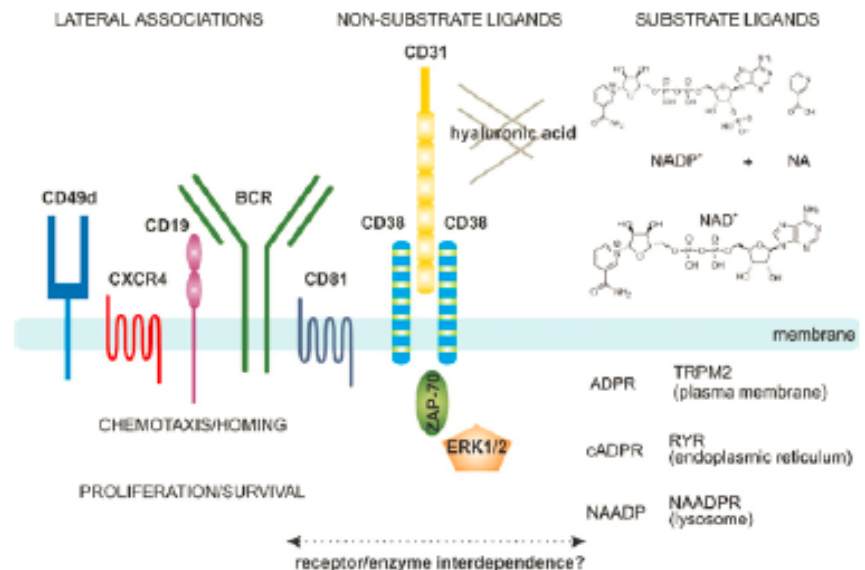
# CD38, cell surface receptor and an ectoenzyme, is a rational therapeutic target for treatment of myeloma



- ◆ Type II transmembrane protein (m.w.  $\approx$ 45 kDa)
- ◆ Highly and uniformly expressed on myeloma cells
  - CD38 present on CD4, CD8, NK cells and B lymphocytes at a relatively low level
  - Also some CD38 expression on tissues of non-hematopoietic origin

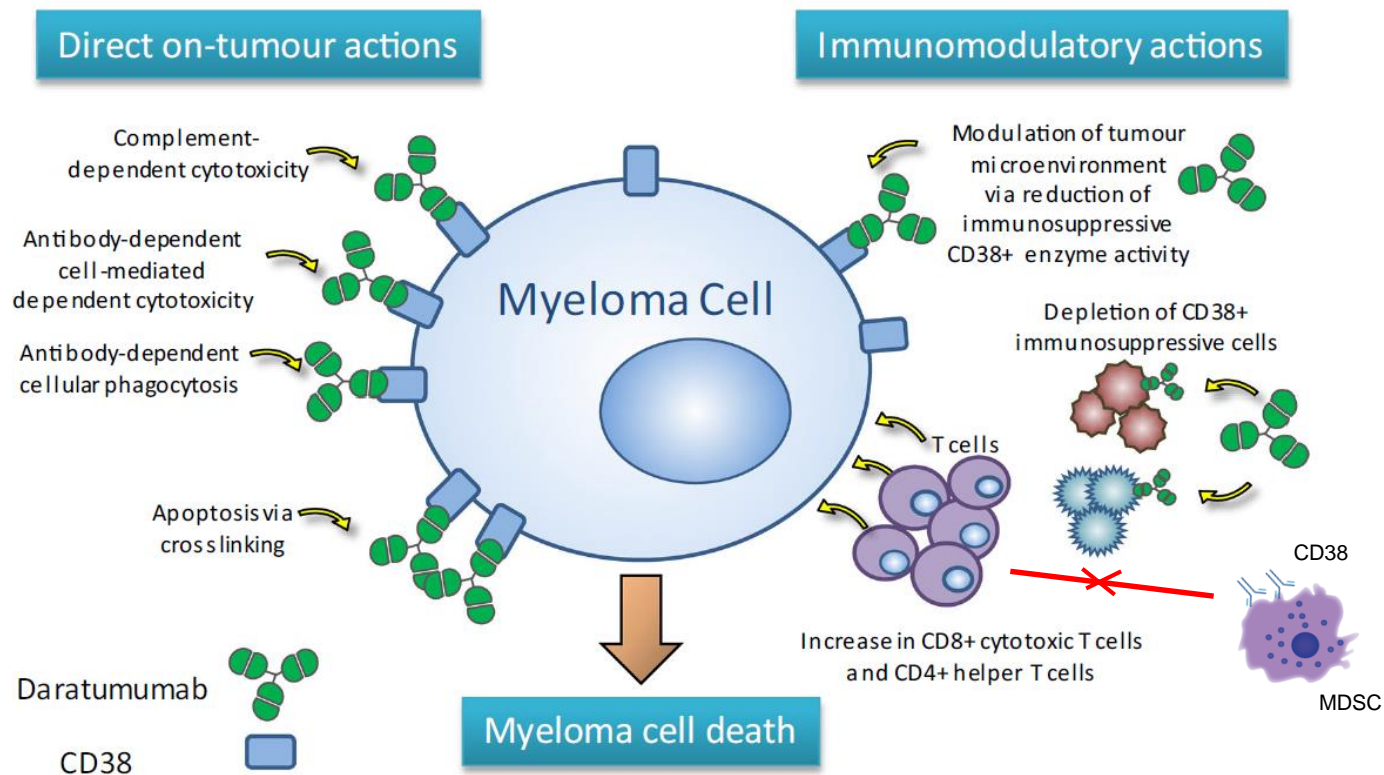
## ◆ CD38 has several intracellular functions

1. Regulates signaling, homing and adhesion in close contact with BCR complex and CXCR4
2. Regulates activation and proliferation of human T lymphocytes
3. As an ectoenzyme, CD38 interacts with NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADP<sup>+</sup>, which are converted to cADPR, ADPR, and NAADP in intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilization



# Daratumumab – Mechanisms of action

- **Direct on-tumour activity** through CDC, ADCC, ADCP and direct apoptosis via cross-linking.
- **Immunomodulatory mechanisms**, through modulation of the tumor microenvironment, depletion of immunosuppressive cell populations and increases in cytotoxic and helper T cells.



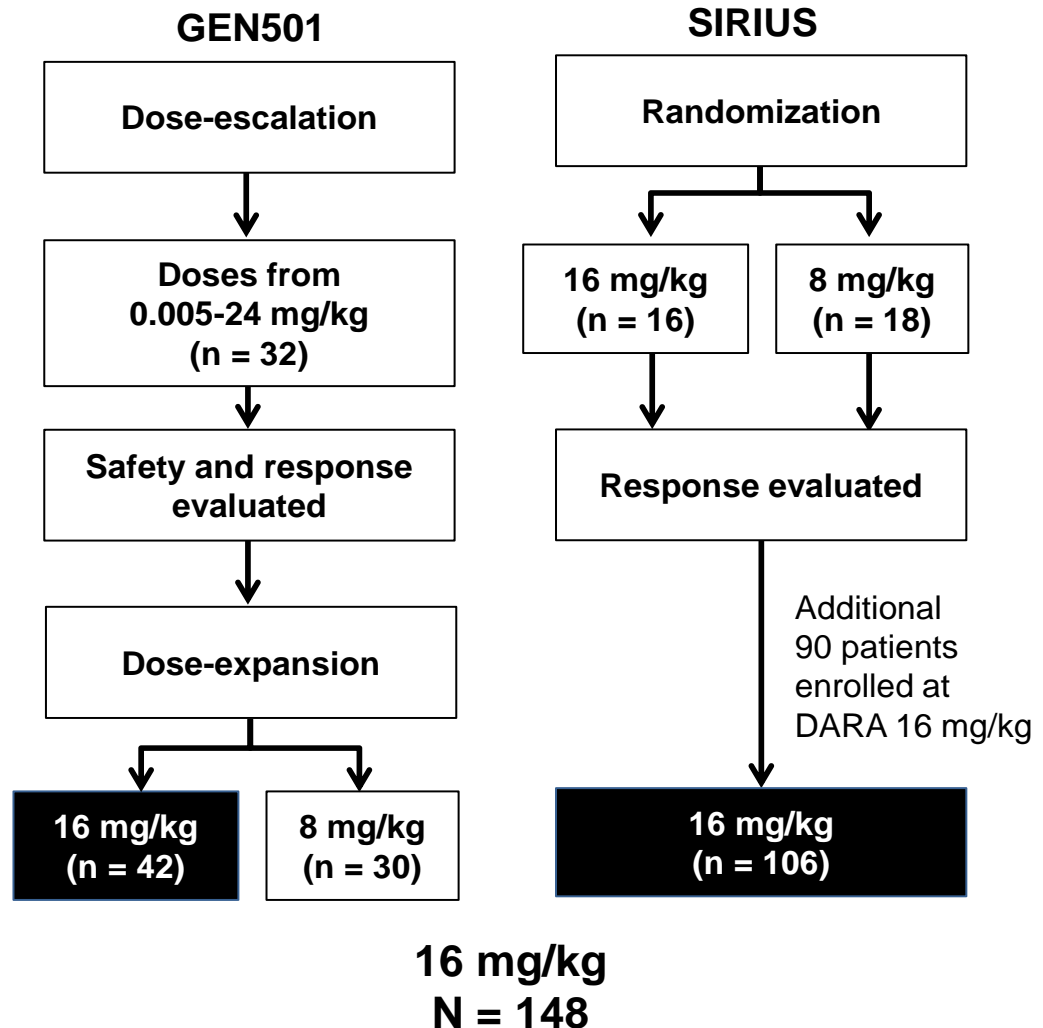
By combining direct on-tumor actions of traditional antibody therapy with systemic modulation of the immune system, daratumumab provides a multifaceted approach.

MDSC: myeloid-derived suppressor cell

# Daratumumab Monotherapy

## GEN501 and *Sirius* study - Pooled analysis

- **Daratumumab as single agent** approved by FDA and EMA in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- Treated patients (total 149) received a **median of 5 prior lines of therapy** **86%** of patients were double refractory to PI and IMiDs; **39%** and **55%** of patients were refractory to Karfilzomib and Pomalidomide



# Daratumumab Monotherapy

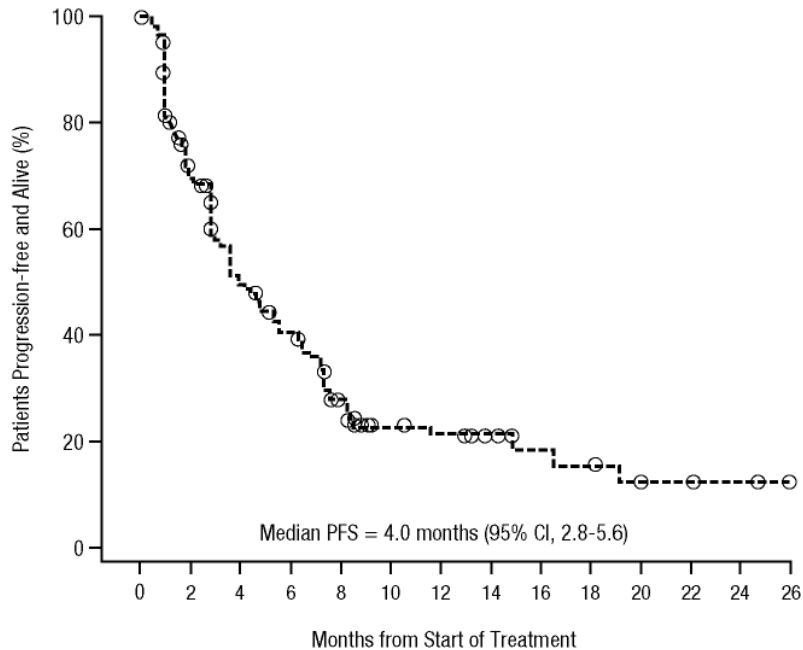
## Efficacy in Combined Analysis

	16 mg/kg (N = 148)	
Response	n (%)	95% CI
ORR	46 (31.1)	23.7-39.2
Clinical benefit (ORR + MR)	55 (37.2)	29.4-45.5
VGPR or better (sCR+CR+VGPR)	20 (13.5)	8.5-20.1
CR or better (sCR+CR)	7 (4.7)	1.9-9.5
sCR	3 (2.0)	0.4-5.8
CR	4 (2.7)	0.7-6.8
VGPR	13 (8.8)	4.8-14.6
PR	26 (17.6)	11.8-24.7
MR	9 (6.1)	2.8-11.2
SD	68 (45.9)	37.7-54.3
PD	18 (12.2)	7.4-18.5
NE	7 (4.7)	1.9-9.5

CI, confidence interval; ORR, overall response rate; MR, minimal response; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response; sCR, stringent complete response; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease; NE, not evaluable.

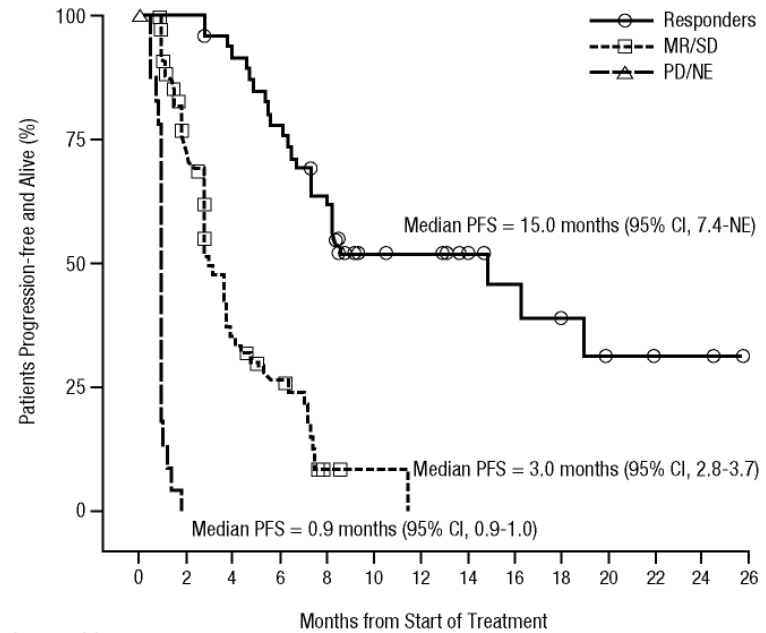
- The **ORR** for the combined dataset was **31.1%** (95% CI, 23.7%-39.2%)
- Median (range) **TTR: 0.95** (0.5-5.6) months
- Median **DOR = 7.6** (95% CI, 5.6-NE) months; responses deepened with continued treatment (7/10 PR → VGPR; 3 PR → CR - 1 patient - sCR - 2 patients)
- Responses were seen across all subgroups (regardless of prior lines of therapy, refractory status, renal function, baseline % of pc in the bone marrow)

# Daratumumab Monotherapy – PFS



Patients at risk 148 91 61 48 29 15 13 10 7 6 4 3 2 0

- After a **median follow-up of 20.7 months** (0.5-27.1 months), the **median PFS was 4.0 months** (95% CI, 2.8-5.6 months)
- Overall, 12-month PFS rate was 21.6% (95% CI, 14.4%-29.8%)



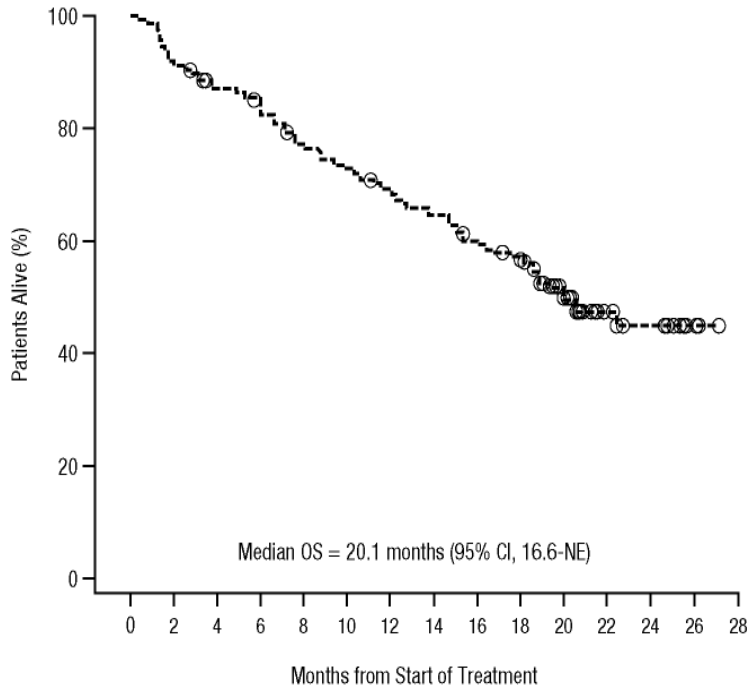
Patients at risk

Responders	46	46	41	35	27	14	13	10	7	6	4	3	2	0
MR/SD	77	45	20	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PD/NE	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

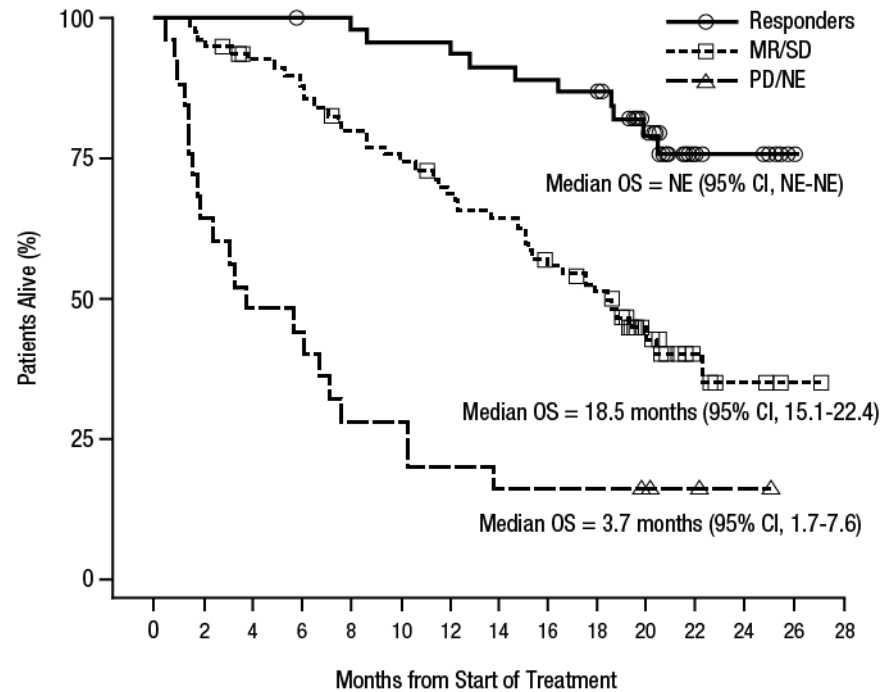
- **Median PFS for  $\geq$ PR vs MR/SD vs PD/NE (15.0 months [95% CI, 7.4-NE months] vs 3.0 months [95% CI, 2.8-3.7 months] vs 0.9 months [95% CI, 0.9-1.0 months])**



# Daratumumab Monotherapy – OS



Patients at risk 148 136 125 119 108 103 96 90 82 77 51 22 16 3 0



Patients at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Responders	46	46	46	45	44	43	43	41	40	39	28	12	11	2	0
MR/SD	77	74	67	63	57	53	48	45	38	34	20	8	4	1	0
PD/NE	25	16	12	11	7	7	5	4	4	4	3	2	1	0	0

- The **median OS** (combined study) **20.1 months** (95% CI, 16.6-NE months)
- The **18-month** and **24-month OS** rates **56.5%** (95% CI, 47.9%-64.2%) and **45.0%** (95% CI, 35.5%-54.1%)

- Median OS for  $\geq$ PR vs MR/SD vs PD/NE (**NE months** [95% CI, NE -NE] vs **18.5** [95% CI, 15.1-22.4] vs 3.7 [95% CI, 1.7-7.6 months])

# Daratumumab Monotherapy

## Incidence and Severity of Most Common ( $\geq 20\%$ ) TEAEs

	16 mg/kg N = 148		
Event, n (%)	All grades	Grade $\geq 3$	Grade 4
Fatigue	62 (41.9)	3 (2.0)	0
Nausea	44 (29.7)	0	0
Anemia	42 (28.4)	26 (17.6)	0
Back pain	40 (27.0)	4 (2.7)	0
Cough	38 (25.7)	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	32 (21.6)	13 (8.8)	8 (5.4)
Upper respiratory tract infection	32 (21.6)	1 (0.7)	0
Neutropenia	31 (20.9)	11 (7.4)	4 (2.7)

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

- AEs were consistent with the individual GEN501 and SIRIUS studies; no new safety signals were identified

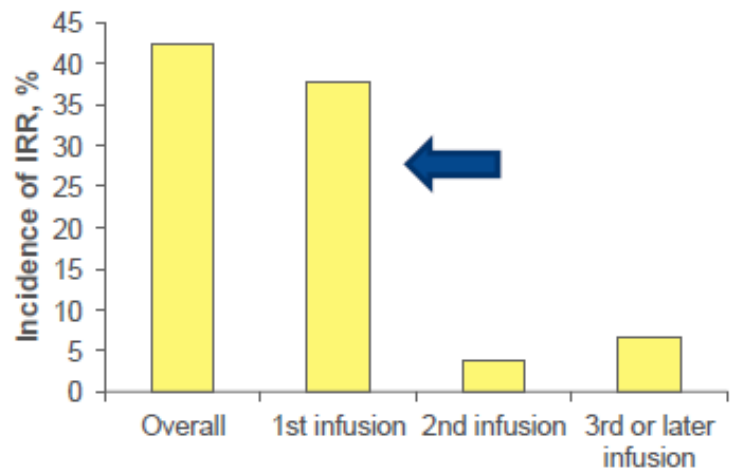
# Infusion related reactions (IRRs) $\geq 5\%$

16 mg/kg N = 148		
Event, n (%)	All grades	Grade $\geq 3$
Nasal congestion	17 (11.5)	0
Cough	12 (8.1)	0
Rhinitis allergic	10 (6.8)	0
Chills	10 (6.8)	0
Throat irritation	9 (6.1)	0
Dyspnea	8 (5.4)	1 (0.7)
Nausea	8 (5.4)	0

- **4 (2.7%) patients had grade  $\geq 3$  IRRs** (bronchospasm [n = 2]; dyspnea, hypoxia, and hypertension [n = 1 each])
- **95.8% of IRRs were observed during the first infusion** and the incidence of IRRs decreased during the second (7.0%) and subsequent (7.0%) infusions
- **IRRs were managed** with pre- and post-infusion medications, (antihistamines, corticosteroids, and paracetamol/acetaminophen)
- Supportive care treatment with **G-CSF** was required by 12 patients (**8.1%**)
- **46 (31.1%) patients received transfusions** during the study: red blood cell and platelet transfusions received by 44 (29.7%) and 14 (9.5%) of patients, respectively, **without any AE related to hemolysis.**
- **No patients discontinued** treatment due to IRRs (in MMY2002 SIRIUS study)

IRR, infusion-related reaction.

**IRRs were observed in 48% of patients and those observed in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients were mainly respiratory conditions**



# **Daratumumab Combination therapy**

# VD plus DARATUMUMAB in relapsed myeloma

## Results of CASTOR phase 3 trial

N = 498

### Key eligibility criteria

- RRMM
- $\geq 1$  prior line of therapy
- Prior bortezomib exposure, but not refractory

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### DVd (n = 251)

Daratumumab (16 mg/kg IV)  
 Every week: Cycles 1-3  
 Every 3 weeks: Cycles 4-8  
 V: 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC on Days 1, 4, 8, and 11 of Cycles 1-8  
 d: 20 mg PO-IV on Days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12 of Cycles 1-8

### D only

Every 4 weeks: Cycles 9+

### Vd (n = 247)

V: 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC on Days 1, 4, 8, and 11 of Cycles 1-8  
 d: 20 mg PO-IV on Days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12 of Cycles 1-8

### Obs only

### Primary endpoint

- PFS

### Secondary endpoints

- TTP
- OS
- ORR, VGPR, CR
- MRD

### Stratification factors

- ISS (I, II, and III)
- Number of prior lines (1 vs 2 or 3 vs  $>3$ )
- Prior bortezomib (no vs yes)

- Cycles 1-8: repeat every 21 days
- Cycles 9+: repeat every 28 days

### Statistical analyses

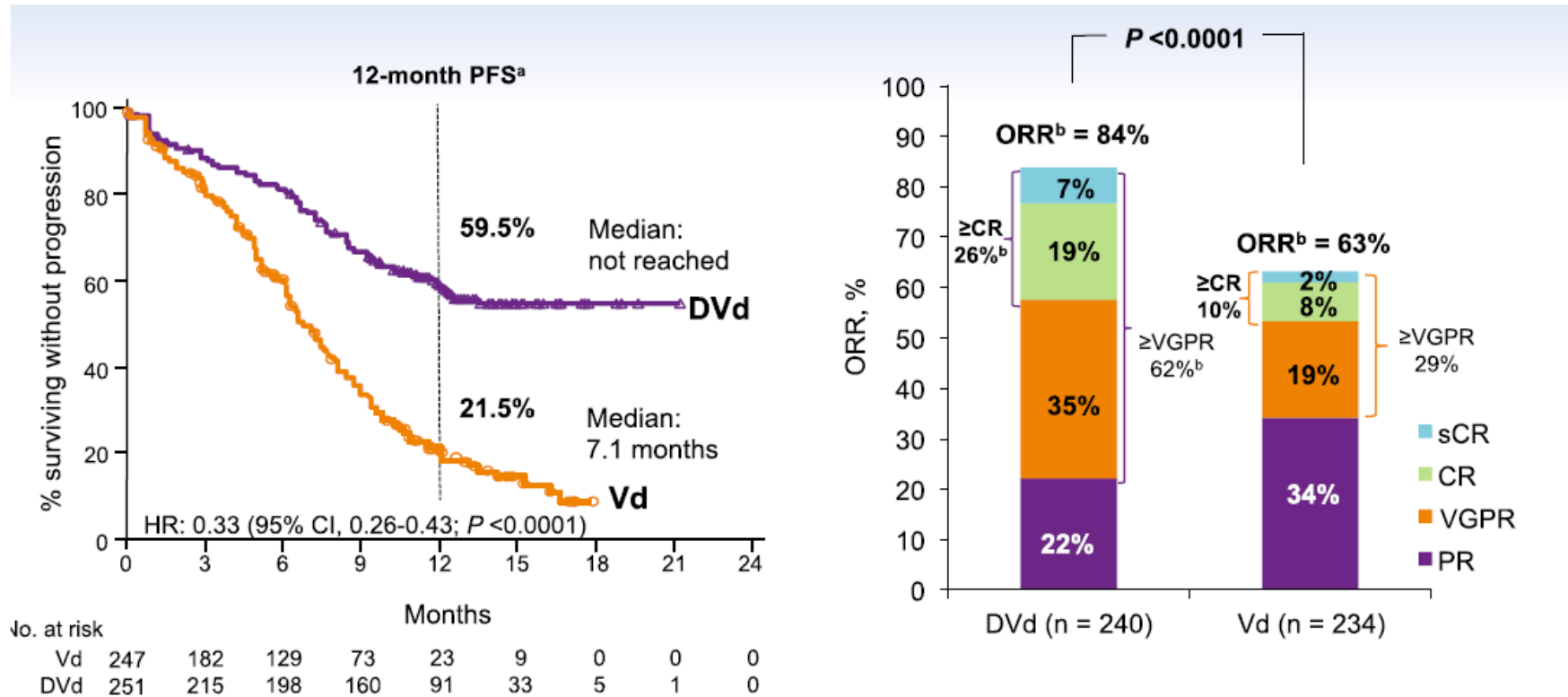
- Planned to enroll 480 patients
- Primary analysis: ~177 PFS events

Premedication for the DVd treatment group consisted of dexamethasone 20 mg, acetaminophen, and an antihistamine

# VD plus DARATUMUMAB in relapsed myeloma

## Results of CASTOR phase 3 trial

### UPDATED EFFICACY

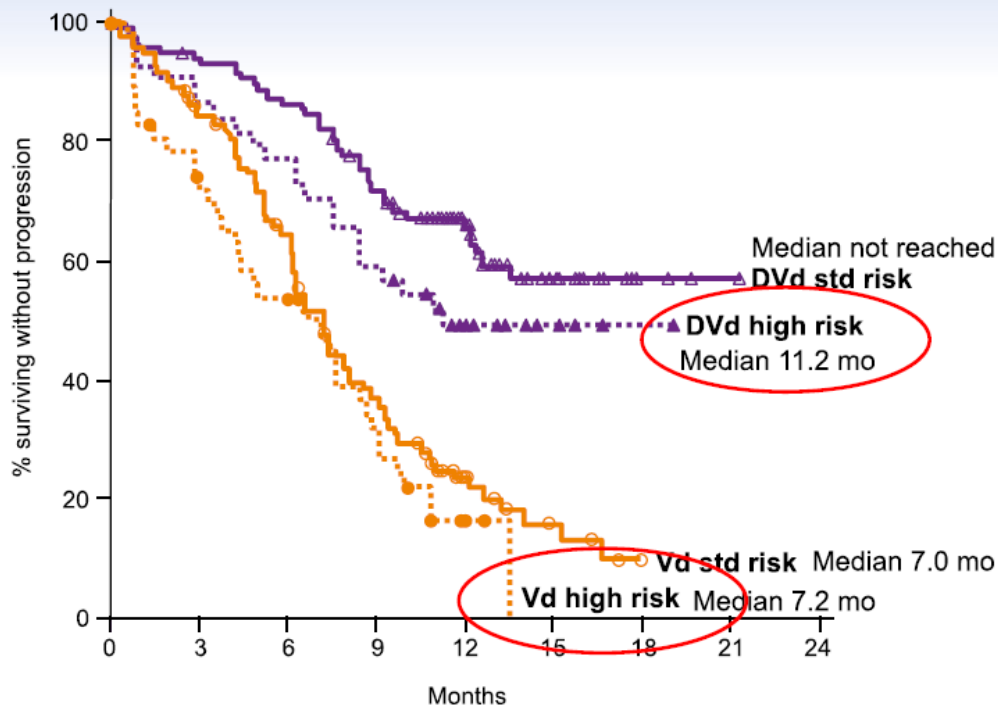


- Median (range) follow-up: 13.0 (0-21.3) months
- Responses continue to deepen in the DVd group with longer follow-up
  - An additional 7% achieved  $\geq$ CR with longer follow-up

# VD plus DARATUMUMAB in relapsed myeloma

## Results of CASTOR phase 3 trial

### PFS BY CYTOGENETICS



High risk <sup>b</sup>	DVd n = 44	Vd n = 51
Median PFS, mo	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>
HR (95% CI)	0.49 (0.27-0.89)	
P value	0.0167	

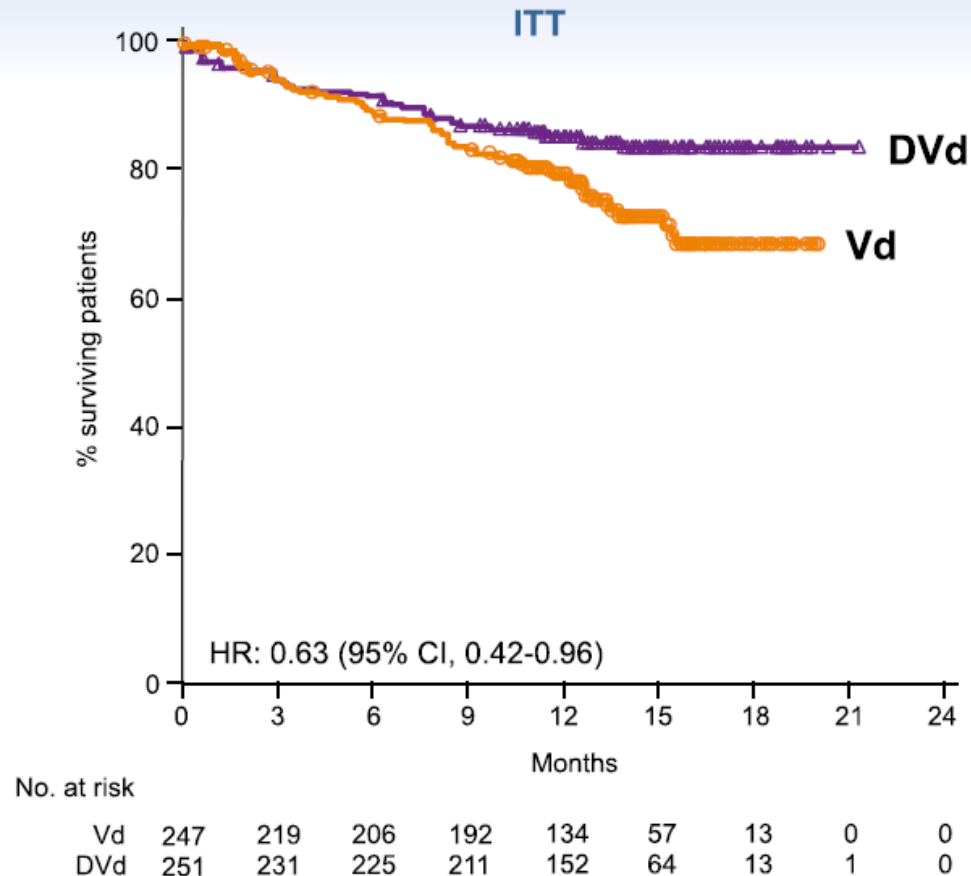
Standard risk	DVd n = 123	Vd n = 135
Median PFS, mo	<b>NR</b>	<b>7.0</b>
HR (95% CI)	0.29 (0.20-0.43)	
P value	<0.0001	

Palumbo, NEJM 2016  
 Mateos, ASH 2016

# VD plus DARATUMUMAB in relapsed myeloma

## Results of CASTOR phase 3 trial

### OVERALL SURVIVAL



- OS events
  - 37 (15%) in DVd
  - 58 (24%) in Vd
- Curves are beginning to separate, but OS data are immature
- OS HR for DVd versus Vd by prior lines:
  - 1 prior line = HR: 0.42 (95% CI, 0.19-0.93)
  - 1-3 prior line = HR: 0.54 (95% CI, 0.34-0.84)



# Most Common TEAEs: Updated Analysis

	DVd (n = 243)		Vd (n = 237)	
Hematologic, n (%)	All-grade ≥25% <sup>a</sup>	Grade 3/4 ≥5% <sup>a</sup>	All-grade ≥25% <sup>a</sup>	Grade 3/4 ≥5% <sup>a</sup>
Thrombocytopenia	145 (60)	110 (45)	105 (44)	78 (33)
Anemia	67 (28)	36 (15)	75 (32)	38 (16)
Neutropenia	45 (19)	32 (13)	23 (10)	11 (5)
Lymphopenia	32 (13)	24 (10)	9 (4)	6 (3)
Nonhematologic, n (%)				
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	120 (49)	11 (5)	90 (38)	16 (7)
Diarrhea	83 (34)	9 (4)	53 (22)	3 (1)
Upper respiratory tract infection	72 (30)	6 (3)	43 (18)	1 (0.4)
Cough	66 (27)	0	30 (13)	0
Fatigue	53 (22)	12 (5)	58 (25)	8 (3)
Pneumonia	33 (14)	22 (9)	28 (12)	23 (10)
Hypertension	22 (9)	16 (7)	8 (3)	2 (0.8)

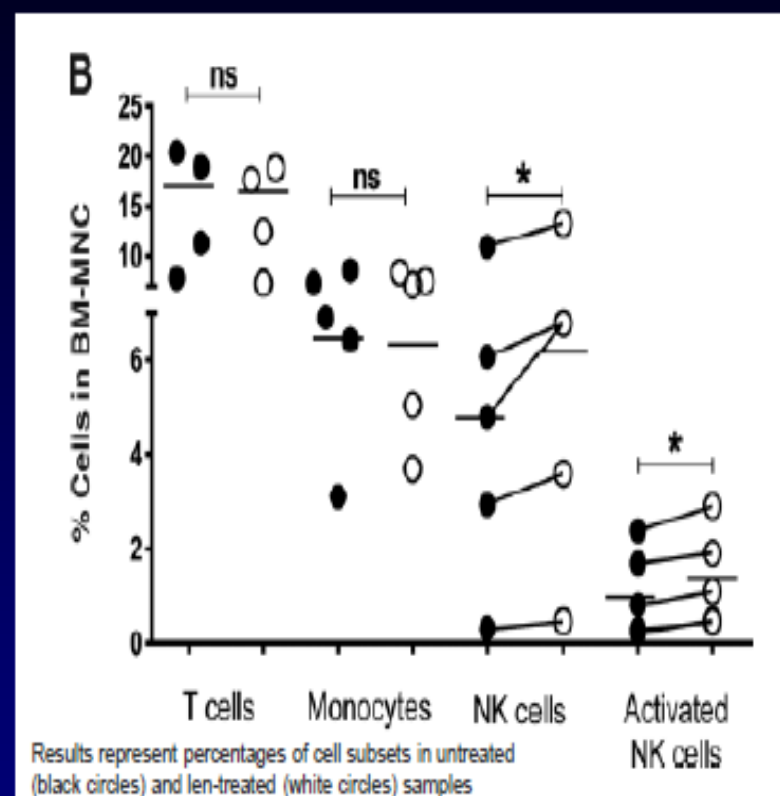
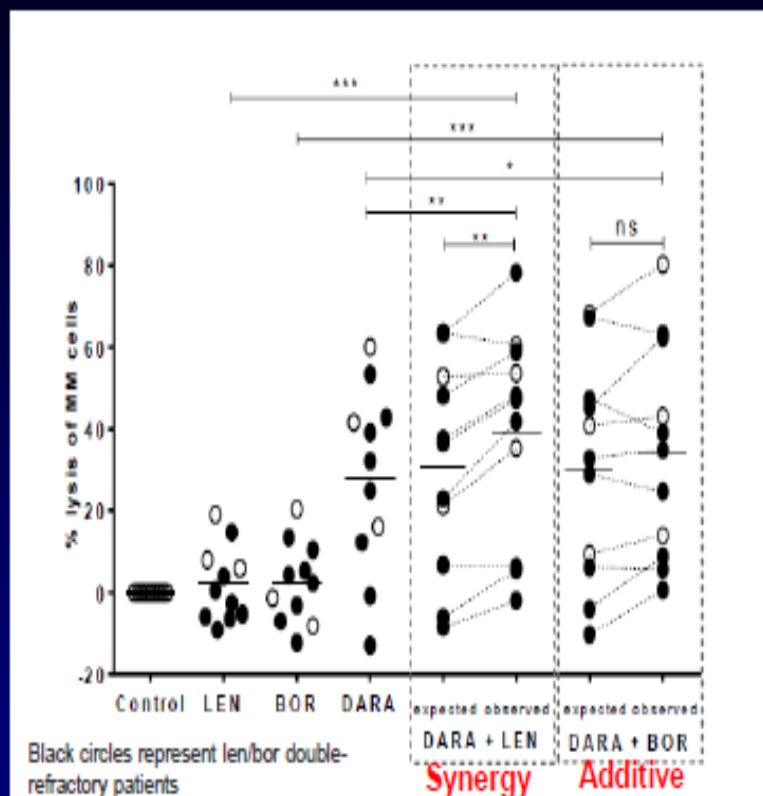
- Grade 3/4 TEAEs: 79% of DVd patients versus 63% of Vd patients
- Discontinuations due to TEAEs: 9% of DVd patients versus 9% of Vd patients<sup>b</sup>
- No new IRRs; incidence remains stable with longer follow up (45%)

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; IRR, infusion-related reaction.

<sup>a</sup>Common TEAEs listed are either ≥25% all grade OR ≥5% grade 3/4.

<sup>b</sup>Vd arm treated for 8 cycles and DVd arm treated until progressive disease, per protocol.

# Is there any rationale for the combination with PIs/IMiDs?

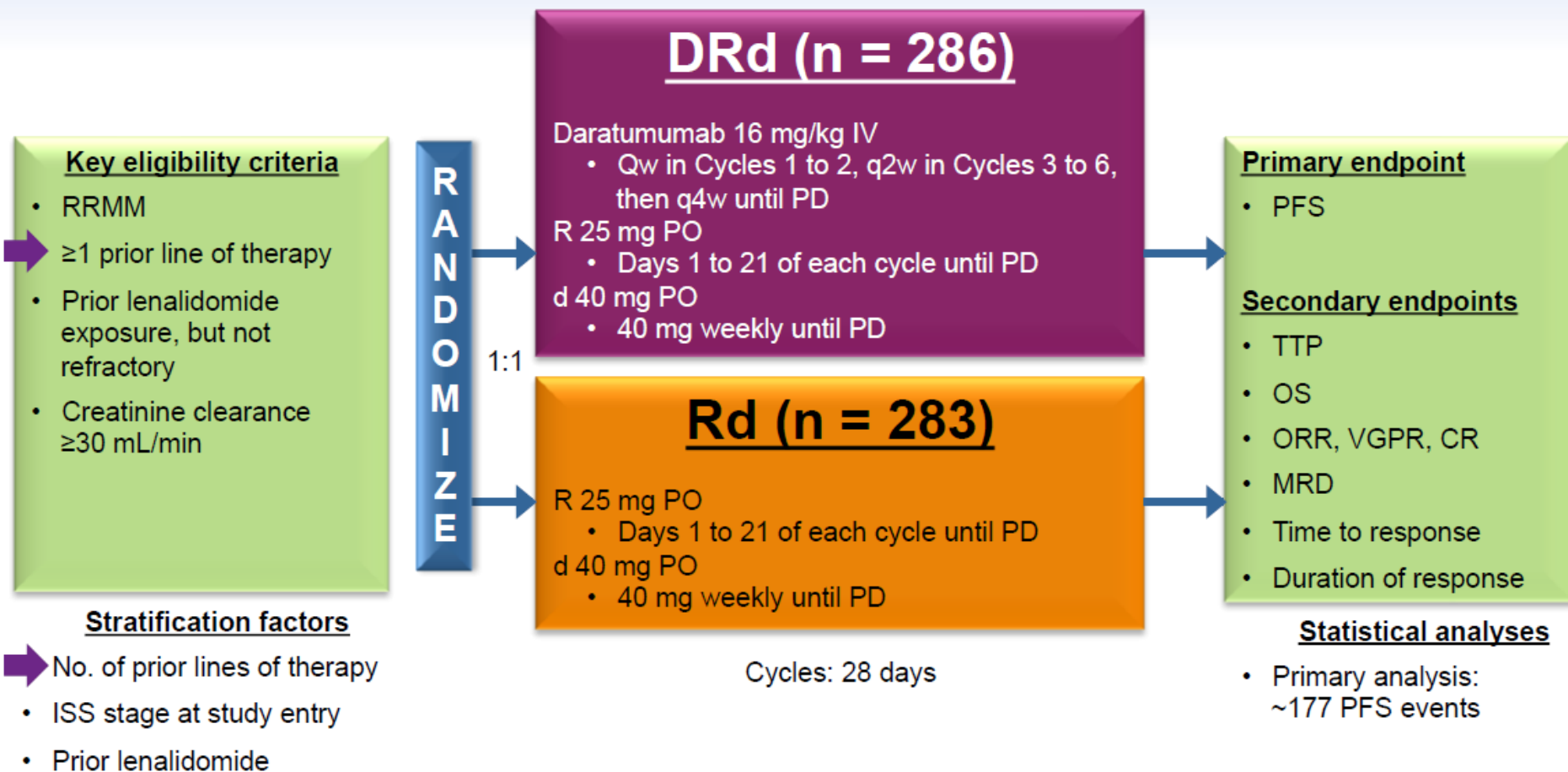


- Len and bor significantly improves DARA-mediated lysis of **primary MM cells** from len and bor-refractory patients
- Synergy between lenalidomide and daratumumab appeared to be due to the action of lenalidomide on the effector cells present in bone marrow mononuclear cells and not via direct effects on the tumor cells

# RD plus DARATUMUMAB in relapsed myeloma

## Results of POLLUX phase 3 trial

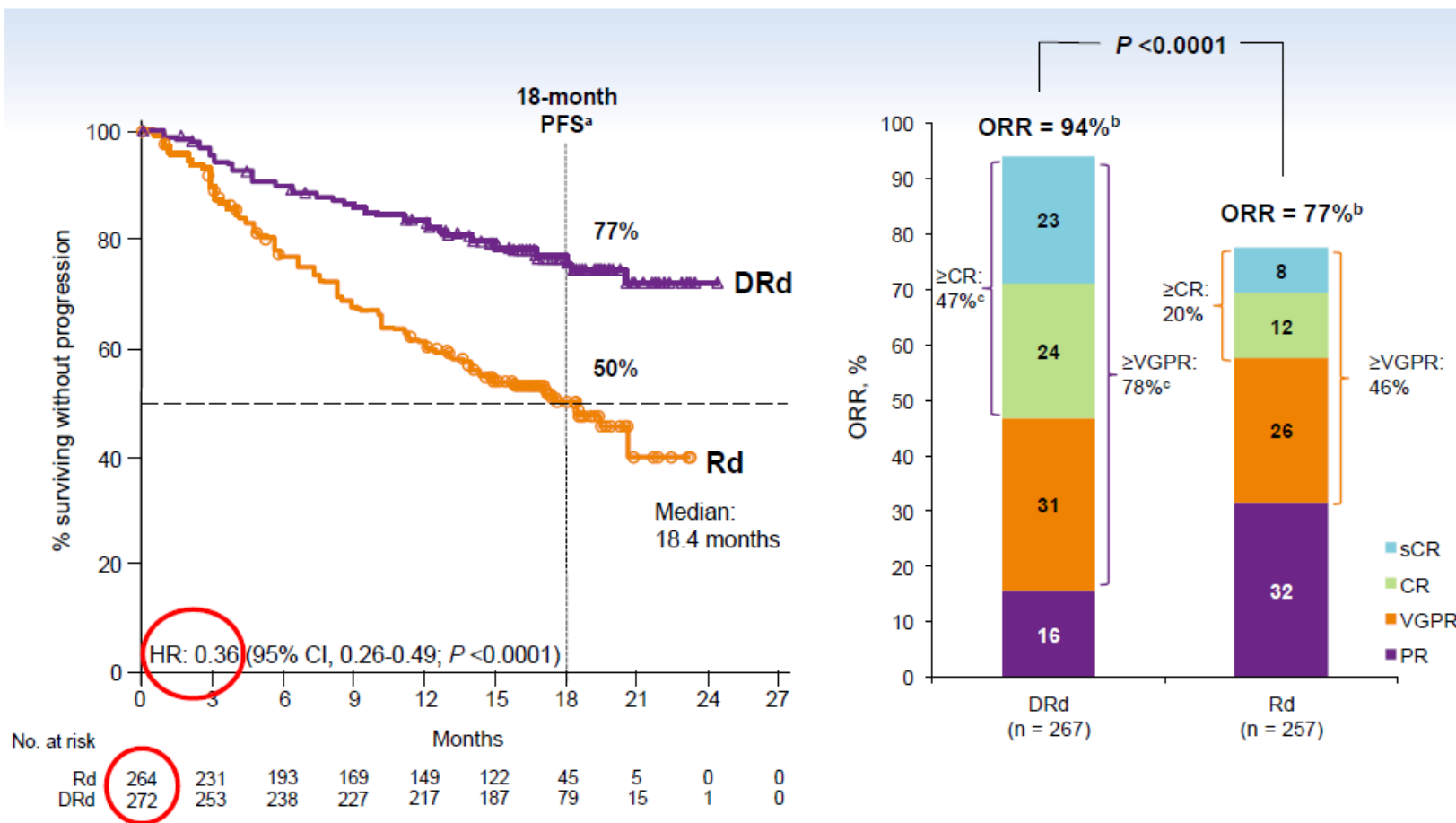
Multicenter, randomized (1:1), open-label, active-controlled, phase 3 study



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## Results of POLLUX phase 3 trial

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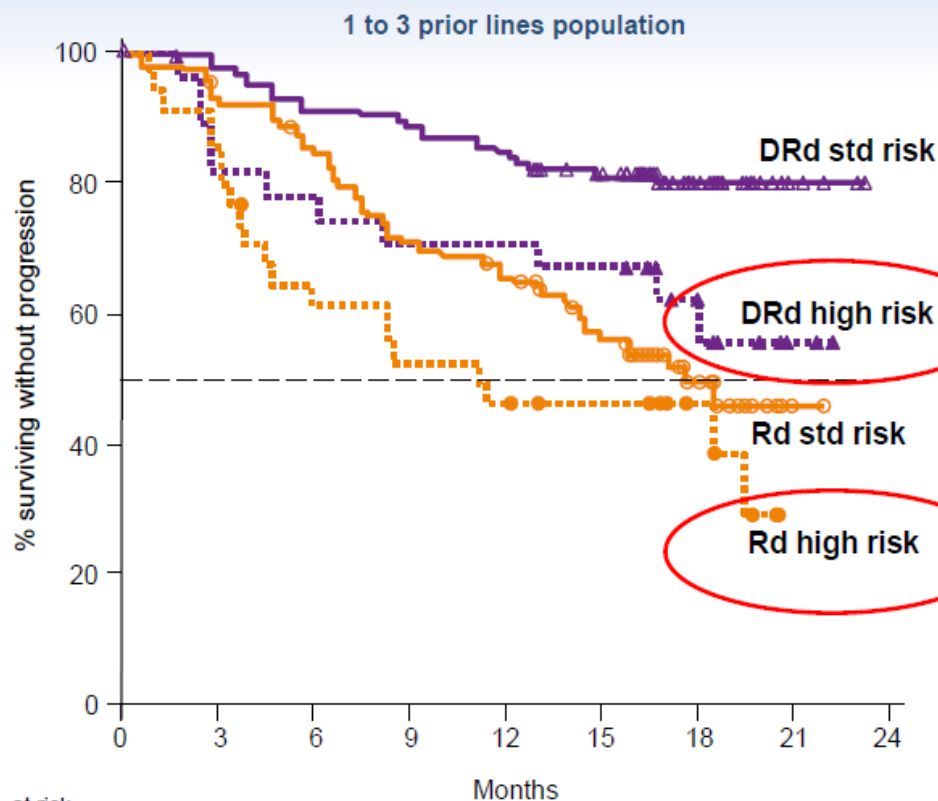
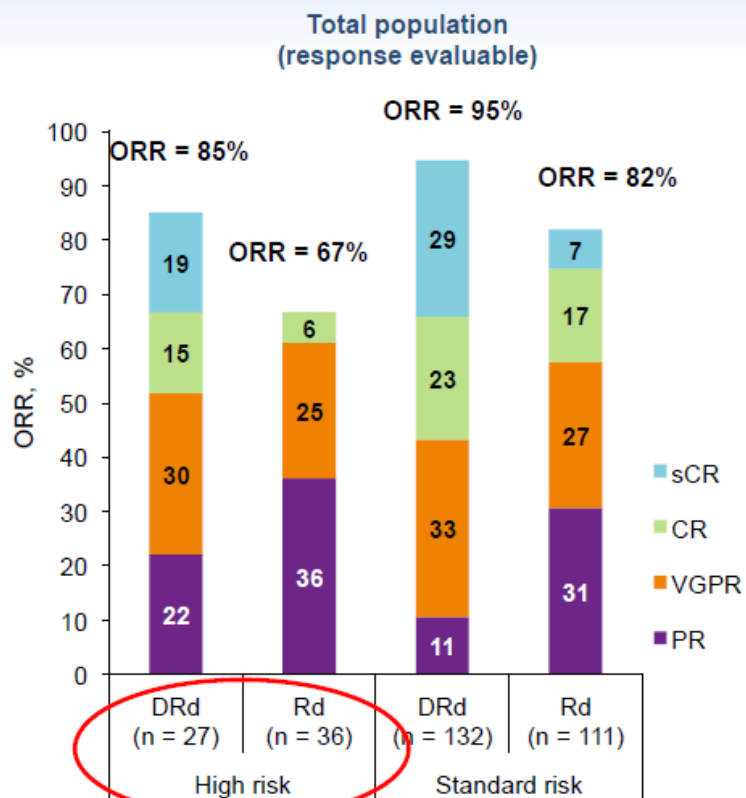


**Responses continue to deepen in the DRd group with longer follow-up**

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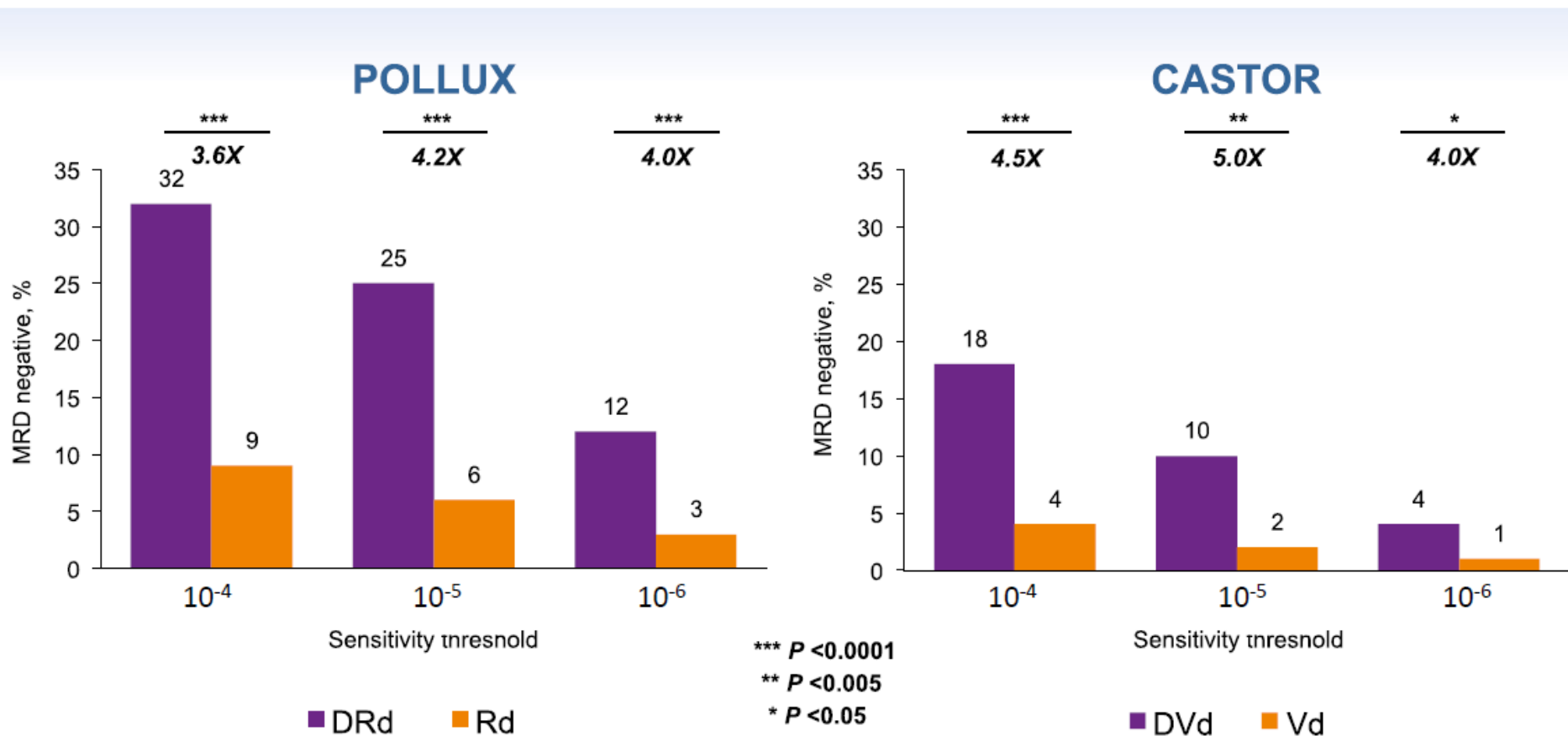
### RESPONSE AND PFS BY CYTOGENETICS



	No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Rd standard risk	103	95	86	71	65	51	18	1	0	0
DRd standard risk	124	119	111	108	103	93	38	4	0	0
Rd high risk	34	29	20	17	15	13	6	0	0	0
DRd high risk	28	22	21	19	19	18	9	2	0	0

# CASTOR and POLLUX phase 3 trials

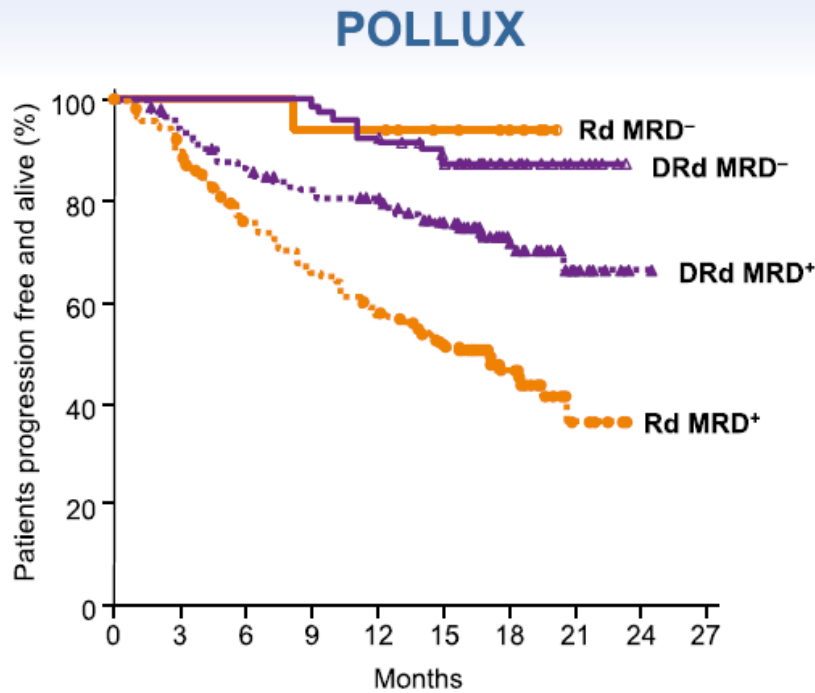
## Impact of daratumumab on MRD assessed by NGS



**The proportion of patients with MRD negative was found to be 4 times higher in the daratumumab arm in CASTOR and POLLUX trials**

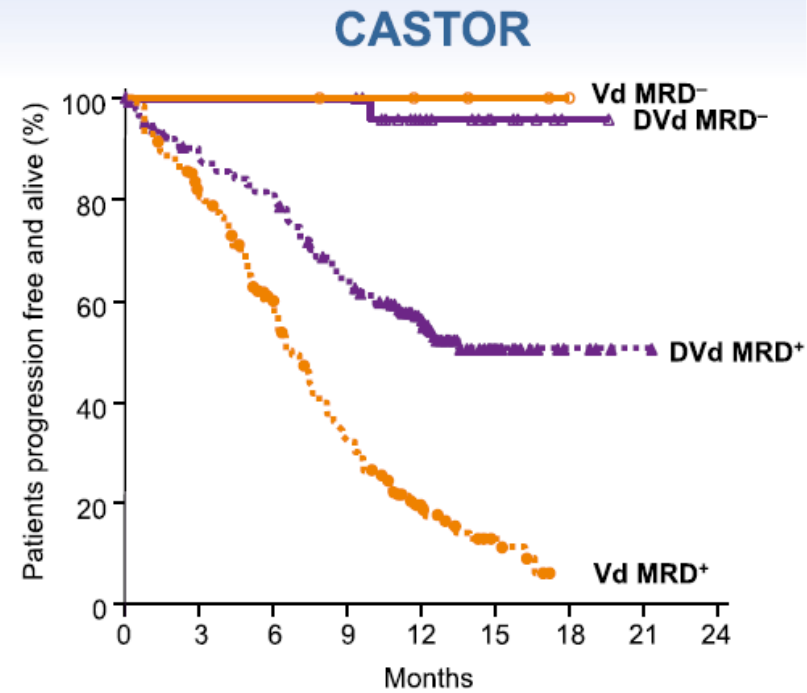
# CASTOR and POLLUX phase 3 trials

## Impact of daratumumab on MRD assessed by NGS



**Patients at risk**

Rd MRD negative	16	16	16	15	15	12	10	0	0	0
DRd MRD negative	71	71	71	70	66	57	28	6	0	0
Rd MRD positive	267	233	190	166	144	120	38	5	0	0
DRd MRD positive	215	195	178	167	161	137	54	9	1	0



**Patients at risk**

Vd MRD negative	6	6	6	5	3	2	0	0	0
DVd MRD negative	26	26	26	26	15	7	1	0	0
Vd MRD positive	241	176	123	68	20	7	0	0	0
DVd MRD positive	225	189	172	134	76	26	4	1	0

- Impressive PFS in MRD-negative patients (18 months PFS > 80%)
- PFS benefit in MRD-positive patients who received dara versus control arm

# Most Common AEs

	DRd (n = 283)		Rd (n = 281)	
Hematologic AEs	All-grade (%) ≥25%	Grade 3/4 (%) ≥5%	All-grade (%) ≥25%	Grade 3/4 (%) ≥5%
<b>Neutropenia</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Febrile neutropenia</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Anemia	31	12	35	20
Thrombocytopenia	27	13	27	14
Lymphopenia	6	5	5	4
Nonhematologic AEs				
Diarrhea	43	5	25	3
Fatigue	35	6	28	3
Upper respiratory tract infection	32	1	21	1
Constipation	29	1	25	0.7
Cough	29	0	13	0
Muscle spasms	26	0.7	19	2
Pneumonia	14	8	13	8

## Infections and infestations:

- Grade 3 or 4: 28% patients in DRd vs 23% patients in Rd
- The most common grade 3 or 4 infections/infestations AE was pneumonia (8% vs 8%)
- Incidence of IRRs reported as in the other trials



# Prevention of IRR

- Administer Pre-medication 1 hour prior every Dara Infusion
  - Intravenous Corticosteroid (Methylprednisolone 100 mg or equivalent long acting steroid)
  - Oral anti pyretic (paracetamol 1000 mg)
  - Oral or Intravenous antihistamine (diphenidramine 25 – 50 mg or equivalent)
- **Post Medication Corticosteroid on 1<sup>o</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day after all Dara infusions**

	<b>Dilution volume</b>	<b>Initial rate (first hour)</b>	<b>Rate increment</b>	<b>Maximum rate</b>
<b>First infusion</b>	1000 mL	50 mL/hour	50 mL/hour every hour	200 mL/hour
<b>Second infusion<sup>a</sup></b>	500 mL	50 mL/hour	50 mL/hour every hour	200 mL/hour
<b>Subsequent infusions<sup>b</sup></b>	500 mL	100 mL/hour	50 mL/hour every hour	200 mL/hour

<sup>a</sup> Escalate only if there were no Grade 1 (mild) or greater infusion reactions during the first 3 hours of the first infusion.

<sup>b</sup> Escalate only if there were no Grade 1 (mild) or greater infusion reactions during a final infusion rate of  $\geq 100$  mL/hr in the first two infusions.

# First infusion



Dilution volume  
1,000 mL



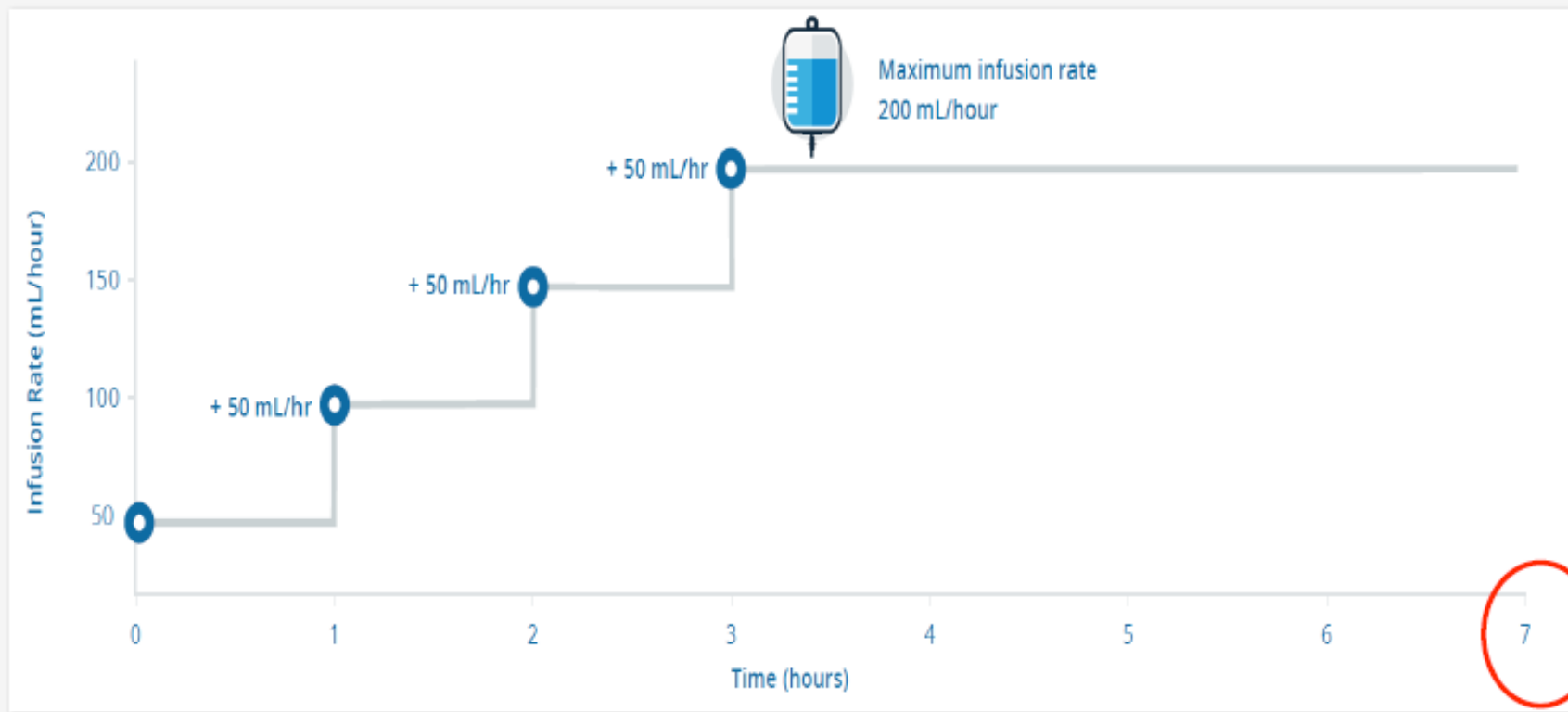
Initial infusion rate (first hour)  
50 mL/hour



Increments of infusion rate  
50 mL/hour every hour



Maximum infusion rate  
200 mL/hour



*\*If a patient has an infusion reaction during the first 3 hours of infusion 1, the infusion 1 volume, starting rate, and escalation rate should be repeated for infusion 2.*

# Second infusion



Dilution volume  
500 mL



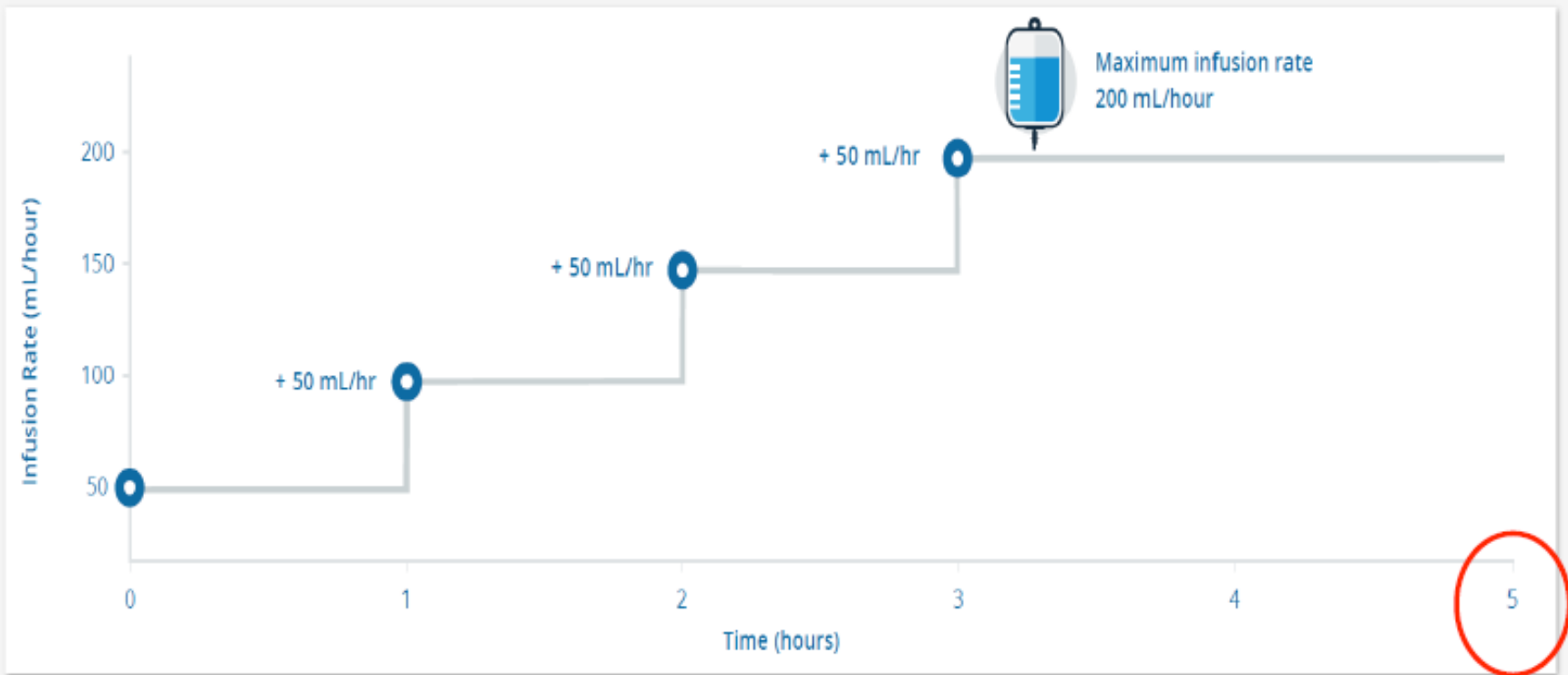
Initial infusion rate (first hour)  
50 mL/hour



Increments of infusion rate  
50 mL/hour every hour



Maximum infusion rate  
200 mL/hour



*Escalate only if there were no grade 1 (mild) or greater infusion reactions during the first 3 hours of the first infusion.\**

*\*If a patient has an infusion reaction during the first 3 hours of infusion 1, the infusion 1 volume, starting rate, and escalation rate should be repeated for infusion 2.*

# Subsequent infusions



Dilution volume  
500 mL



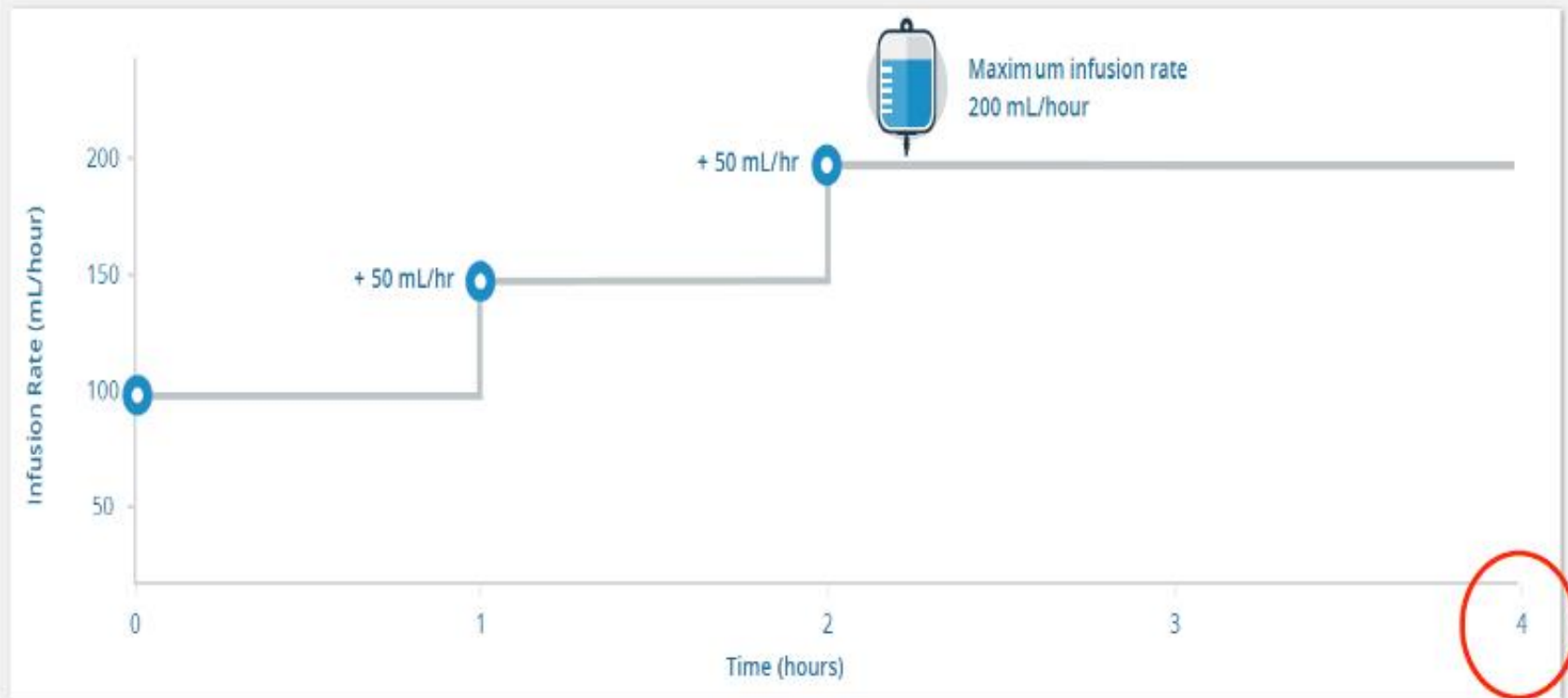
Initial infusion rate (first hour)  
50 mL/hour



Increments of infusion rate  
50 mL/hour every hour



Maximum infusion rate  
200 mL/hour



*Escalate only if there were no grade 1 (mild) or greater infusion reactions during a final infusion rate of  $\geq 100$  mL/hour in the first 2 infusions.\**

*\*If the previous infusion rate is not well tolerated, instructions used for the second infusion rate should be followed.*

# I pazienti devono ricevere una adeguata pre-medicazione per ridurre il rischio di IRRs

## Medicazione pre-infusione

Durante i giorni di infusione di datatumumab, i pazienti riceveranno la seguente pre-medicazione prima dell'infusione:

- Acetaminofene (paracetamolo) 650-1000 mg orale (PO) circa 1 ora prima dell'infusione
- Un antistaminico (difenidramina 25-50 mg IV o PO, o equivalente)
- Metilprednisolone 100 mg IV per la prima e seconda infusione di daratumumab; a partire dalla terza infusione il metilprednisolone può essere ridotto a 60 mg IV

Approssimativamente 1 ora prima di ogni infusione di Daratumumab la pre-medicazione dovrebbe essere somministrata a tutti i pazienti



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Corticosteroide  
per via intravenosa

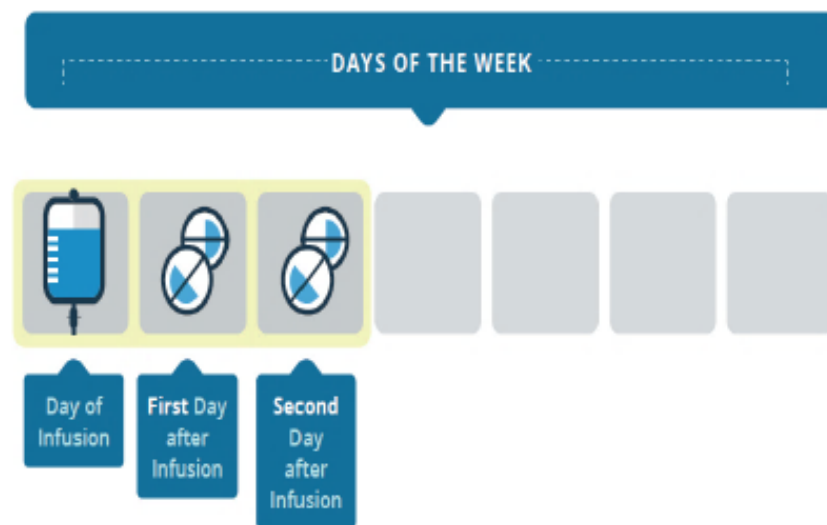
Antipiretico  
orale

Antistaminico  
orale o per via intravenosa

# I pazienti devono ricevere anche una adeguata medicazione post trattamento per ridurre il rischio di IRRs

## Medicazione post-infusione

- Durante ciascuno dei due giorni seguenti tutte le infusioni di Daratumumab (iniziando il giorno dopo l'infusione) i pazienti riceveranno Metilprednisolone 20 mg PO
- In pazienti con una storia di malattia polmonare ostruttiva dovrebbero essere considerate medicazioni aggiuntive post-infusione comprendenti broncodilatatori e corticosteroidi inalatori.
- Dopo le prime quattro infusioni, se il paziente non ha IRR serie, questi farmaci inalatori post-infusione possono essere interrotti a discrezione del medico.
- Iniziare la profilassi antivirale per prevenire la riattivazione di herpes zoster entro 1 settimana dall'inizio del daratumumab e proseguire per 3 mesi dopo il trattamento



# Montelukast as Prevention of IRRs

- Use of Montelukast (an Inhibitor of Leucotriene Receptors) to Reduce Infusion Reactions in an Early Access Program (EAP) of Daratumumab in United States Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma:
- 10 mg of montelukast >30 min prior to the first daratumumab infusion

**Table 5. Observed IRRs in Patients With and Without Montelukast Therapy**

	Montelukast 10 mg as Pre-Infusion (n=50)	No Montelukast Given as Pre-Infusion (n=298)
IRR rate at first infusion	38.0%	58.5%
Respiratory symptoms	20%	32%
Gastrointestinal symptoms	4%	11%
Chills	14%	14%
Median time for first infusion (hours)	6.7	7.6

- A total of 24 subjects experienced infusion related reactions that were considered SAEs but no subject discontinued the study due to an infusion related reaction
- The observed IRR rate during the first daratumumab infusion **was one-third lower** in patients who received montelukast than in patients who did not receive it
- **Respiratory and gastrointestinal symptoms were lower** in patients who received montelukast, whereas chills were observed at a similar rate in both groups
- The **median time for the first infusion was 0.9 hours shorter** in patients who received montelukast

# Management of IRRs

- In case of occurrence of IRRs
  - React early to mild signs of symptoms and **immediately stop the infusion**
  - Manage symptoms appropriately, consider e.g. antihistamines, corticosteroids
  - Once symptoms have resolved, treatment may be resumed at half the infusion rate
  - In case of grade 4 IRRs permanently discontinue treatment



# Open-label, Multicenter, Dose-escalation Phase 1b Study to Assess the Subcutaneous Delivery of Daratumumab in Patients (Pts) With Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma (PAVO)

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# PAVO: Study Design

Phase 1b, open-label, multicenter, dose-finding, proof of concept study

## Key eligibility criteria

- RRMM with measurable disease
- $\geq 2$  prior lines of treatment
- Not received anti-CD38 therapy

**Group 1 (n = 8)**

DARA: 1,200 mg  
rHuPH20: 30,000 U



**Group 2<sup>a</sup> (n = 45)**

DARA: 1,800 mg  
rHuPH20: 45,000 U

## Primary endpoints

- $C_{\text{trough}}$  of DARA at Cycle 3/Day 1
- Safety

## Secondary endpoints

- ORR
- CR
- Duration of response
- Time to response

## Dosing schedule

- Approved schedule for IV
- 1 Cycle = 28 days

## Infusion time

- 1,200 mg: 20-min infusion (60 mL)
- 1,800 mg: 30-min infusion (90 mL)

## Pre-<sup>b</sup>/post-infusion medication

- Acetaminophen, diphenhydramine, montelukast, and methylprednisolone

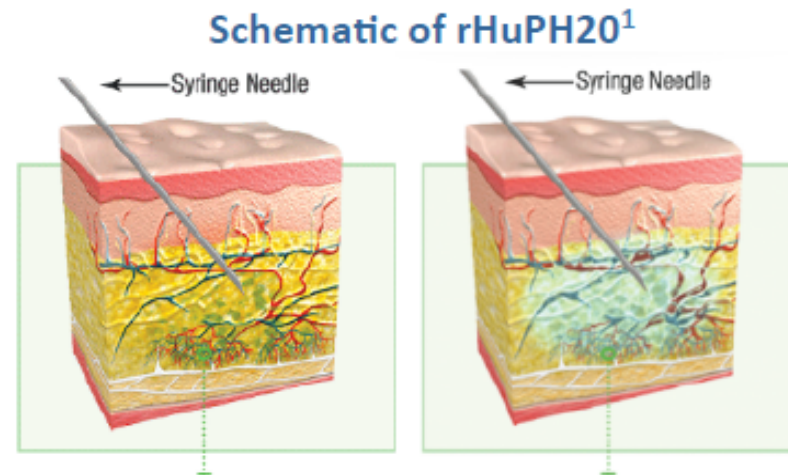
RRMM, relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma; QW, weekly; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks;  $C_{\text{trough}}$ , trough concentration; ORR, overall response rate; CR, complete response; PK, pharmacokinetic.

<sup>a</sup>Group 2 comprises 4 distinct cohorts, each treated with DARA 1,800 mg and rHuPH20 45,000 U.  $C_{\text{trough}}$  on Cycle 3/Day 1 in Group 1 supported dose selection for Group 2. The study evaluation team reviewed safety after Cycle 1 and PK after Cycle 3/Day 1 for each group.

<sup>b</sup>Administered 1 hour prior to infusion.

# Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase

- The ENHANZE™ platform of recombinant human hyaluronidase (rHuPH20) temporarily breaks down the hyaluronan barrier, allowing rapid absorption of injected drugs<sup>1</sup>
- Herceptin SC® and MabThera SC® are approved in Europe as co-formulate products with rHuPH20<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Dosing time is **5 to 8 minutes** with subcutaneous (SC) administration versus **0.5 to 6 hours** with IV<sup>4-6</sup>



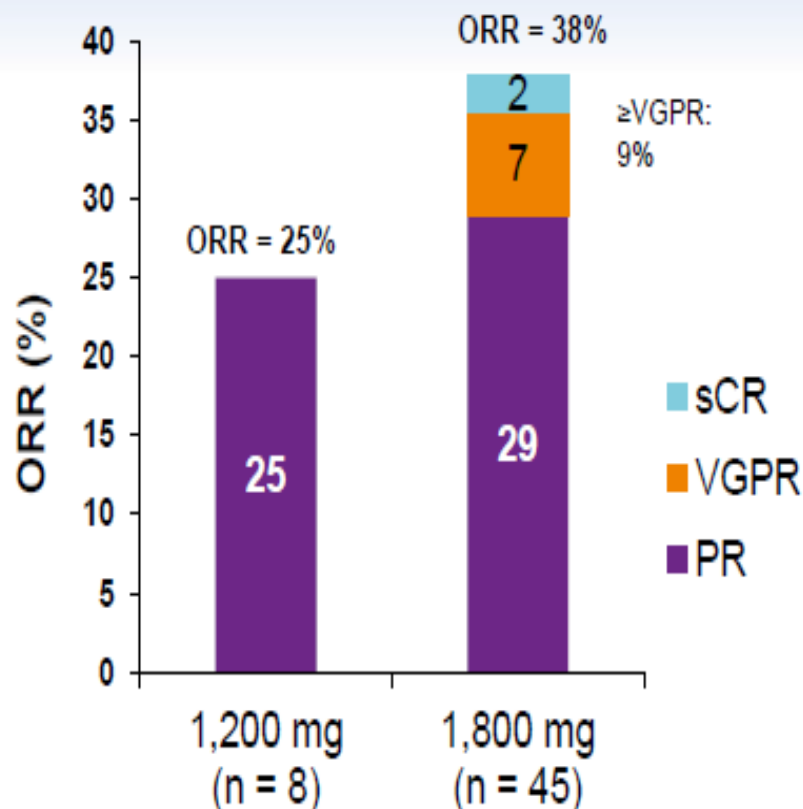
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# ORR

Response	1,200 mg n = 8	1,800 mg n = 45
<b>ORR, % (n)</b>	<b>25 (2)</b>	<b>38 (17)</b>
sCR	0 (0)	2 (1)
CR	0 (0)	0 (0)
VGPR	0 (0)	7 (3)
PR	25 (2)	29 (13)
MR	13 (1)	11 (5)
SD	50 (4)	38 (17)
PD	13 (1)	13 (6)



- Responses to DARA-PH20 were observed across both groups

**Deeper responses were observed in the 1,800-mg group**

Response-evaluable set.

sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response; PR, partial response; MR, minimal response; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease.

## Grade 3/4 TEAEs

<b>Grade 3/4 TEAEs (&gt;1 patient)</b>	<b>1,200 mg n = 8</b>	<b>1,800 mg n = 45</b>
<b>Hematologic, % (n)</b>		
Anemia	13 (1)	13 (6)
Thrombocytopenia	13 (1)	7 (3)
Neutropenia	13 (1)	7 (3)
Lymphopenia	0 (0)	7 (3)
<b>Nonhematologic, % (n)</b>		
Hypertension	25 (2)	4 (2)
Fatigue	25 (2)	2 (1)
Device-related infection	0 (0)	4 (2)
Hyponatremia	0 (0)	4 (2)

**AE profile of DARA-PH20 was consistent with IV DARA**

# IRRs

	1,200 mg n = 8	1,800 mg n = 45
IRR, % (n)	13 (1)	24 (11)
Chills	13 (1)	9 (4)
Pyrexia	0 (0)	9 (4)
Pruritus	0 (0)	4 (2)
Dyspnea	13 (1)	0 (0)
Flushing	0 (0)	2 (1)
Hypertension	0 (0)	2 (1)
Hypotension	0 (0)	2 (1)
Nausea	0 (0)	2 (1)
Non-cardiac chest pain	13 (1)	0 (0)
Oropharyngeal pain	0 (0)	2 (1)
Paresthesia	0 (0)	2 (1)
Rash	0 (0)	2 (1)
Sinus headache	0 (0)	2 (1)
Tongue edema	0 (0)	2 (1)
Vomiting	0 (0)	2 (1)
Wheezing	0 (0)	2 (1)

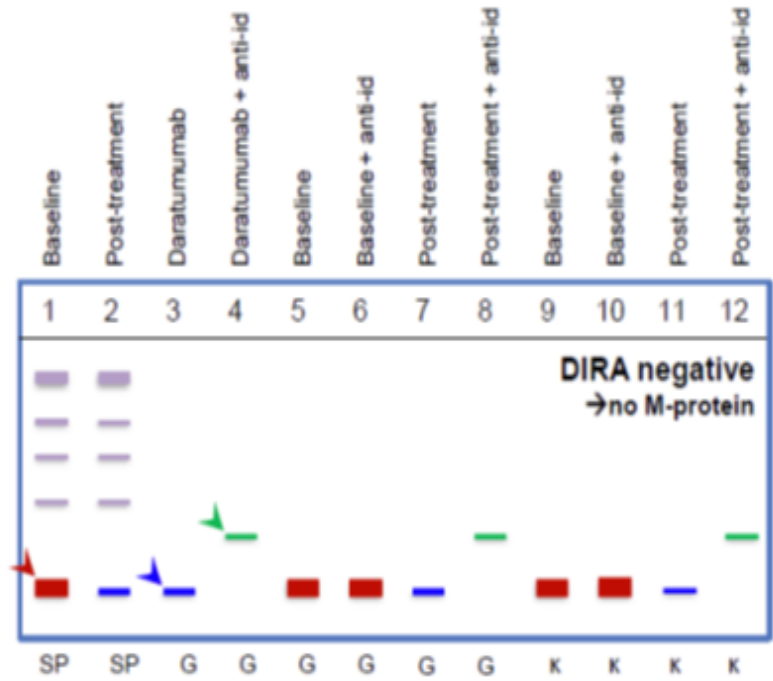
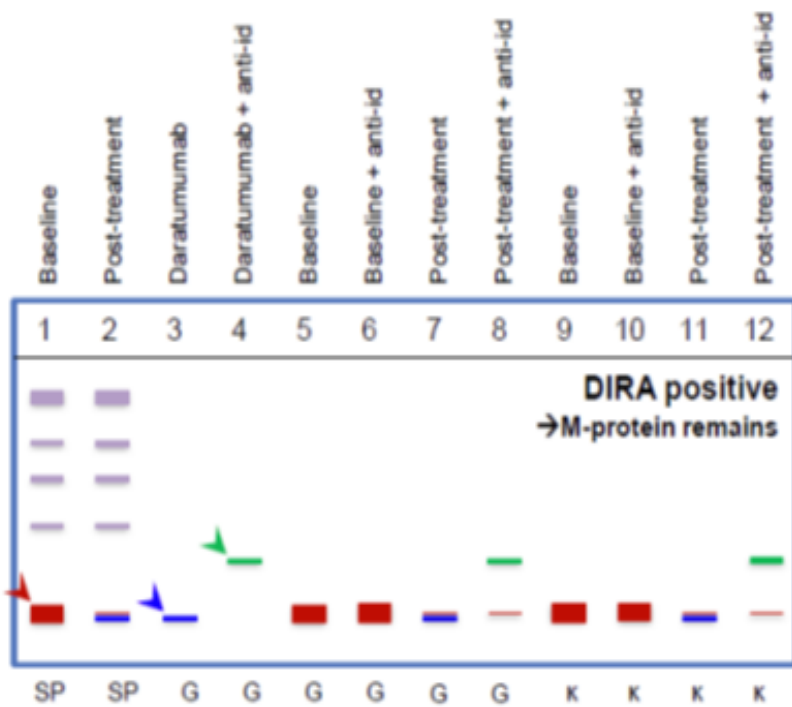
- All IRRs in the 1,800-mg group were grade 1 or 2
- One grade 3 IRR of dyspnea in the 1,200-mg group
- No grade 4 IRRs were observed
- All IRRs occurred during or within 4 hours of the first infusion
- No IRRs occurred during subsequent infusions in either group
- Abdominal wall SC injections were well tolerated

**Low IRR incidence and severity with DARA SC**

# Clinical assessment of M-protein response in MM and interference through mAbs

- All therapeutic mAbs may interfere with serum electrophoresis and immunofixation
  - Difficult to discern between therapeutic antibody and the patient's clonal immunoglobulin
- **Class effect of mAbs in myeloma**
- Interference depends on isotype of the patient
- Daratumumab, Elotuzumab, Isatuximab (SAR650984) and MOR202 are IgG mAb

# Daratumumab specific IFE Reflex Assay (DIRA) separates therapeutic antibody from M-protein



**DIRA positive**  
→ M-protein remains

**DIRA negative**  
→ no M-protein

SP = total serum protein fix  
G = anti-IgG antisera  
K = kappa antisera

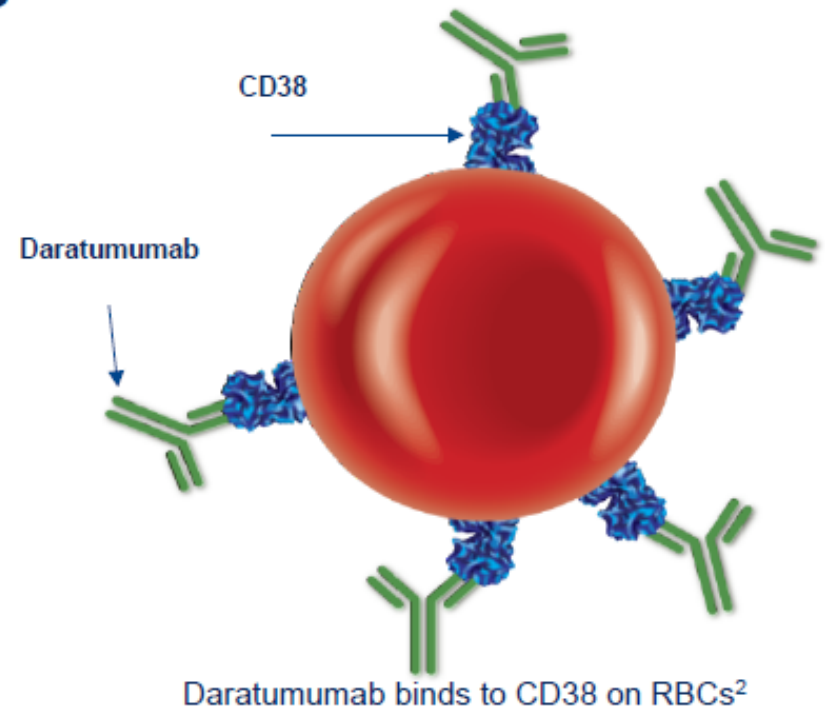
→ Daratumumab  
→ Dara + anti-id complex  
→ M-protein



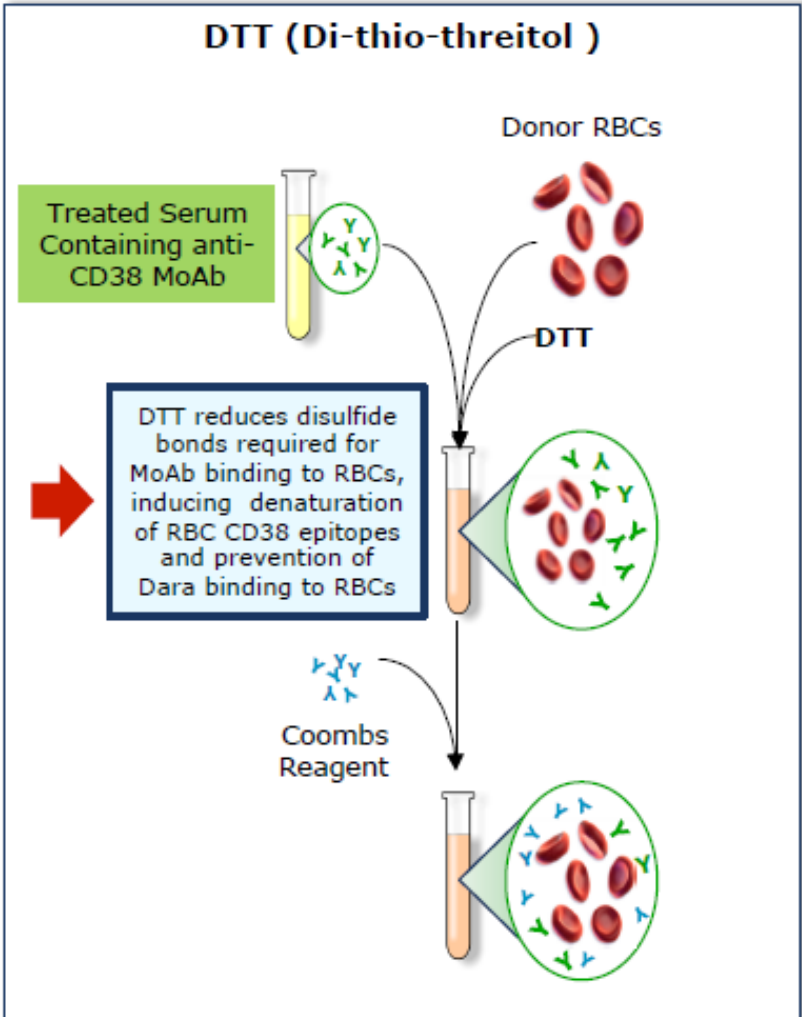
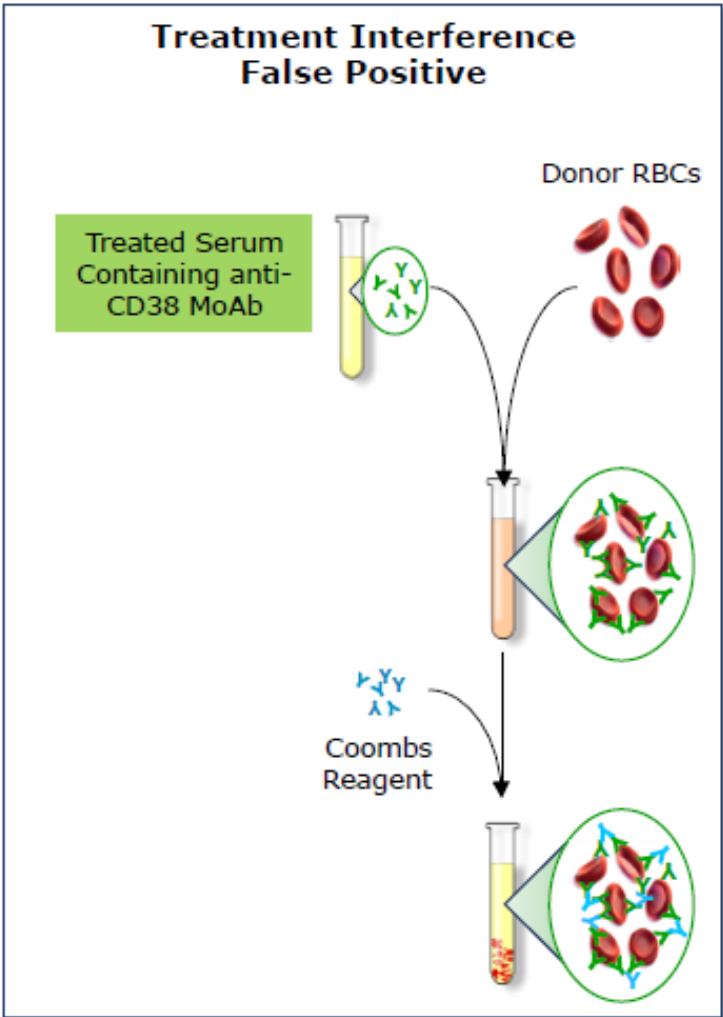
# Interferences of monoclonal antibodies in MM: with blood compatibility testing

## Blood compatibility testing for patients receiving anti-CD38 mAbs

- CD38 is weakly expressed on human red blood cells (RBCs)
- Daratumumab binds to CD38 on RBCs → false positive results in the Indirect Antiglobulin Test (indirect Coombs test)



# Methods for Mitigating Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Assay Interference



DTT treatment of CD38+ cells reduced Daratumumab binding by 92%.

# DARA interference with blood typing: What impact in the clinical practice?

- To date, **neither clinically significant hemolysis, nor transfusion reactions** after RBC and whole blood transfusions have occurred in patients receiving 16 mg/kg Daratumumab
- Daratumumab **does not interfere with ABO/RhD typing** but with minor ones; therefore blood products for transfusion can be identified for Daratumumab-treated patients by blood banks performing routine compatibility tests or by using genotyping
- If an emergency transfusion is required, **non-crossmatched, ABO/RhD-compatible RBCs can be given**, per local blood bank practices
- To avoid unnecessary delays, **blood bank should be informed**, preferably before MoAb is started, that they will receive a sample from a Daratumumab-treated patient, so that appropriate protocols for typing and screening procedures can be applied
- Patients should carry a **blood transfusion card** indicating that they receive anti-CD38 MoAb therapy

# Conclusions

- Although MM is an immunogenic tumor it is associated with a profound immune dysfunction
- NK cells have a central role in controlling myeloma cells and continue to remain an important target for immunotherapy
- Monoclonal antibodies are very effective therapies acting through different mechanisms including an immune modulating function
- Lenalidomide seem to be the ideal partner for these drugs since is able to enhance their activity not increasing significantly the toxicity
- A new learning curve is needed to prevent and manage the IRRs of MoAbs in order to take the maximum advantage of their unprecedented efficacy