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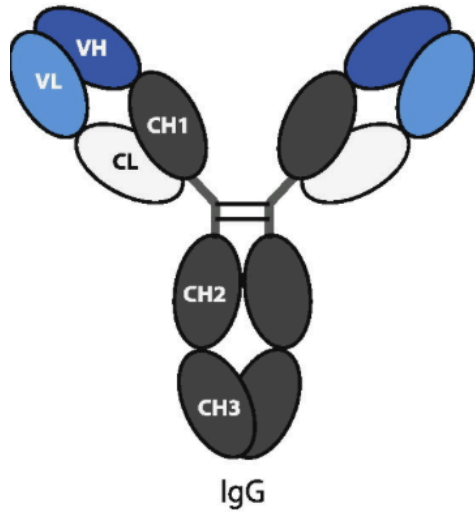
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# Next generation antibody therapeutics



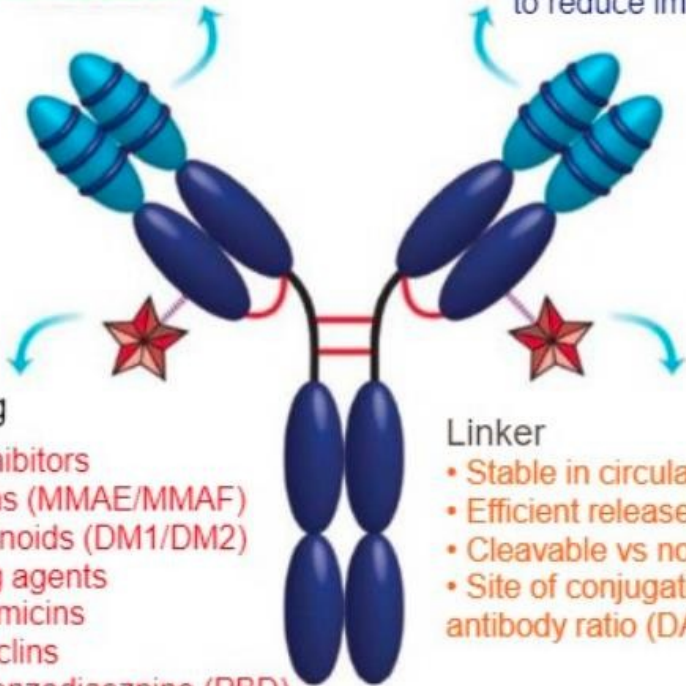
## Monoclonal Antibody



# Structure and Mechanism of Action of Antibody Drug Conjugated

- Tumor Antigen**
- Abundance and selectivity
  - Lack of shedding
  - Internalization

- Antibody**
- Affinity and PKs
  - chimeric/humanization to reduce immunogenicity



## Cytotoxic Drug

- Microtubule inhibitors
  - Auristatins (MMAE/MMAF)
  - Maytansinoids (DM1/DM2)
- DNA damaging agents
  - Calicheamicins
  - Anthracyclins
  - Pyrrolobenzodiazepine (PBD)

## Linker

- Stable in circulation
- Efficient release of payload
- Cleavable vs non-cleavable
- Site of conjugation effects drug antibody ratio (DAR)

## ADC developed for Myeloma therapy



| Agent                                | Target | Payload     | Phase 1 activity    | Current status           |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Indatuximab Ravtansine <sup>1</sup>  | CD138  | DM4         | ORR 11%, SD 41%     | Phase i/II completed     |
| Lorvotuzumab Mertansine <sup>2</sup> | CD56   | DM1         | OR 18% SD28%        | Discontinued in myeloma  |
| Milatuzumab-DOX <sup>3</sup>         | CD74   | Doxorubicin | SD26%               | Phase I completed        |
| DFRF4539A <sup>4</sup>               | FcRH5  | MMA-E       | OR 5% SD49%         | Development discontinued |
| Belantamab Mafodotin <sup>5</sup>    | BCMA   | MMA-F       | OR 60% (54% ≥ VGPR) | Phase II completed       |
| ABBV-838                             | SLAMF7 | MMA-E       | NR                  | Phase I terminated       |
| SGN-CD48A                            | CD48   | MMA-E       | NR                  | Phase I                  |
| STRO-001                             | CD74   | MMA-F       | NR                  | Phase I recruiting       |
| CC-99712                             | BCMA   | pAMF        |                     | IND approved             |
| MEDI2228                             | BCMA   | PBD         | NR                  | Phase I                  |
| FOR46                                | CD46   | PBD         | NR                  | Phase I recruiting       |

HDP-101 anti-BCMA  $\alpha$ -amantadin conjugated ADC, Sing et al FP 167; MEDI2228 Tai et al FP-171; anti-CD46 DCA Sherbenou FP166

Monomethyl Auristatina E (MMAE) and F (MMAF); PBD Pyrrolobenzodiazepine; maytamsinoid (DM1) and ravtansine (DM4)

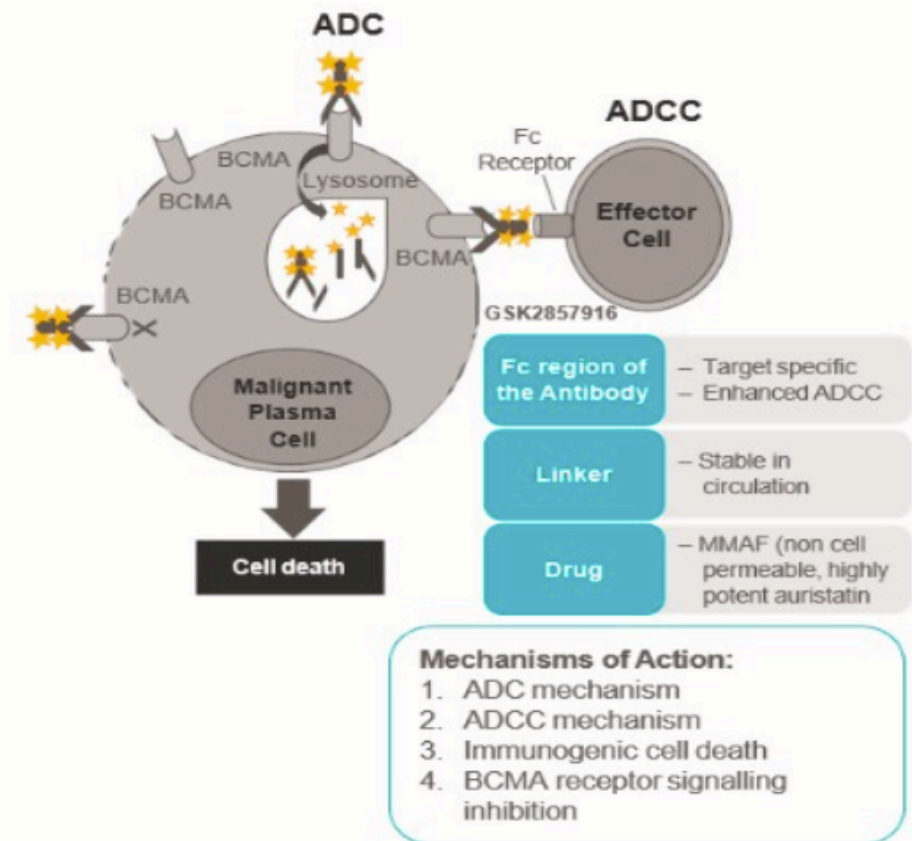
<sup>1</sup>Jagganath S et al Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk 2019, 19:372; <sup>2</sup>Alawadi et al Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk 2019; <sup>3</sup>Kaufman et al Br J Haematol 2013; <sup>4</sup>Stewart AK BCJ 2019; <sup>5</sup>Trudel et al BCJ 2019



# Belantamab mafodotin: First-in-class anti-BCMA ADC agent for treatment of multiple myeloma

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>The target</b></p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BCMA plays a key role in plasma cell survival</li> <li>▪ It is found on the surfaces of plasma cells and is expressed on malignant plasma cells</li> <li>▪ Not expressed in healthy tissues</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>The agent</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Belantamab mafodotin* is a humanized IgG1 antibody targeting BCMA (B-cell maturation antigen)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Linked to the anti-mitotic agent MMAF</li> <li>▪ Afucosylated to enhance ADCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                              |
| <p><b>Key attributes</b></p> | <p>Easy and convenient to administer: 1h infusion q3w</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-medication for infusion reactions not permitted with 1st dose; pre-medication was recommended for subsequent infusions if the patient had an IRR</li> <li>• Prophylactic steroid eye drops before each dose</li> </ul> |

ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; ADCC, antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity; BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; MMAF, monomethyl auristatin-F



## DREAMM-1 Study: Overview

- **Primary objectives: safety and tolerability, MTD, recommended Phase 2/Part 2 dose**
- Secondary objectives: ORR, PK, ADA (anti-drug antibodies)

### Population:

- Relapsed, refractory MM
  - Undergone stem cell transplant (if eligible)
  - Prior treatment with  $\geq 3$  classes of alkylators, proteasome inhibitors and immunomodulatory drug (if eligible)
  - Progression on, or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy
  - measurable disease
- Overall, 38 patients were evaluated in **Part 1 (doses 0.3-4.6 mg/kg) – no DLTs were observed**
  - **Part 2: Expansion**
    - Relapsed/refractory MM (N=35; enrollment complete)
  - **Expansion dose:** 3.4 mg/kg
  - **Schedule:** 1h IV, once every 3 weeks
  - **Treatment duration:** up to 16 cycles (up to 1 year)

### Premedication:

- Premedication for infusion reactions not permitted with first dose and not mandated at subsequent doses
- Prophylactic steroid eye drops before each dose

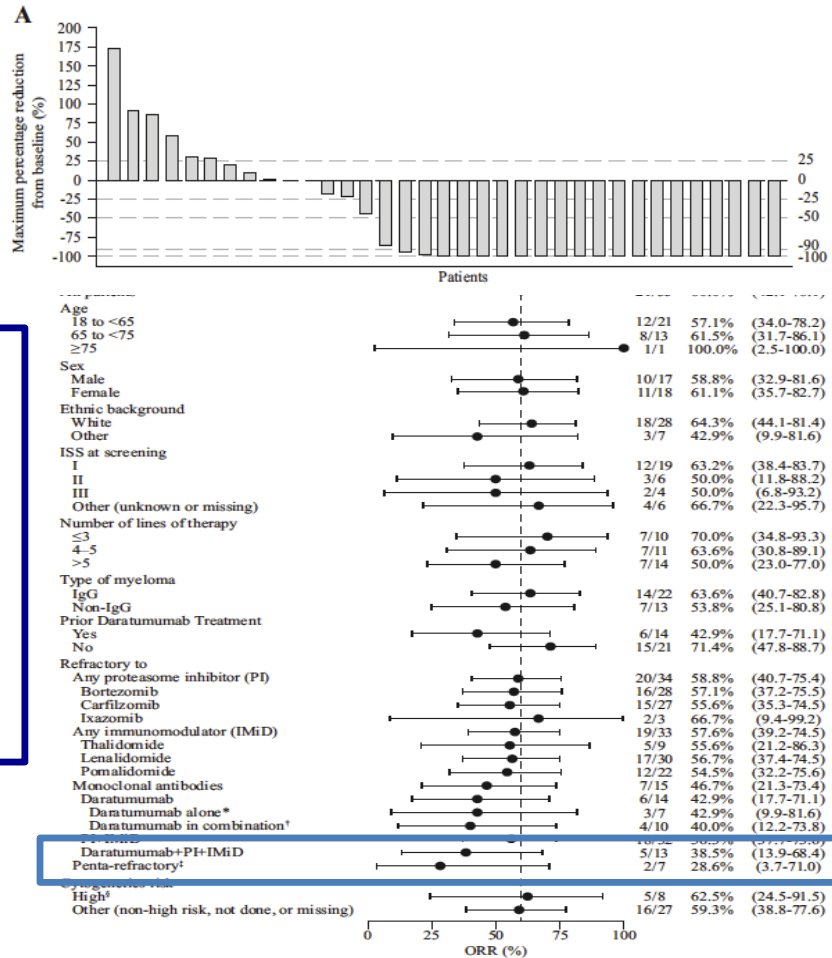


## DREAMM-1 Part 2: Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

| Characteristic  | Part 2 (N=35)             |
|---|---------------------------|
| Age (years), median (min, max)                            | 60 (46–75)                |
| ISS at diagnosis I/II/III/unknown n (%)                   | 19 (54)/6(17)/4(11)/6(17) |
| ECOG PS 0/1, n (%)  | 10 (29)/25 (71)           |
| ≥5 prior lines, n (%)                                     | 20 (57)                   |
| ASCT  | 31 (89)                   |
| <b>IMiDs, n (%)</b>                                       | <b>35 (100)</b>           |
| Lenalidomide  | 33 (94)                   |
| Pomalidomide  | 22 (63)                   |
| <b>Refractory to IMiD</b>                                 | <b>33 (94)</b>            |
| <b>PI, n (%)</b>  | <b>35 (100)</b>           |
| Bortezomib/Carfilzomib                                    | 34 (97)/29 (83)           |
| <b>Refractory to PI, n (%)</b>                            | <b>34 (97)</b>            |
| <b>Daratumumab, n (%)</b>                                 | <b>14 (40)</b>            |
| <b>Refractory to daratumumab, n (%)</b>                   | <b>14 (40)</b>            |
| <b>Refractory to IMiD/PI, n (%)</b>                       | <b>32 (91)</b>            |
| <b>Refractory to IMiD/PI and prior daratumumab, n (%)</b> | <b>13 (37)</b>            |
| <b>Cytogenetics risk, n (%)*</b>                          |                           |
| High risk   | 10 (29)                   |
| Other (non-high risk, not done, or missing)               | 25 (71)                   |

\*Patients with any of the following genetic abnormalities were considered high risk: t(4:14), del17, t(14:16), t(14:20), nonhiperdiploidy, or gain 1q

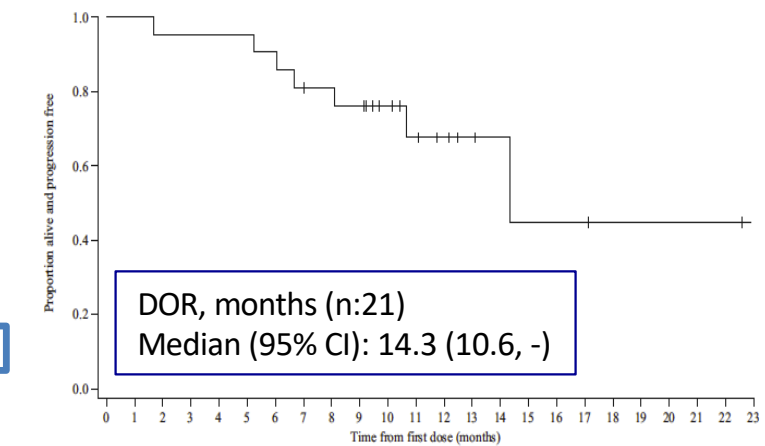
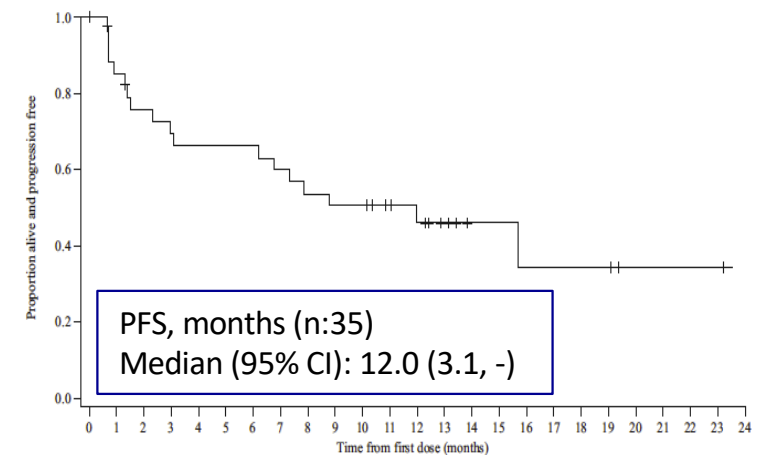
# DREAMM 1: Efficacy



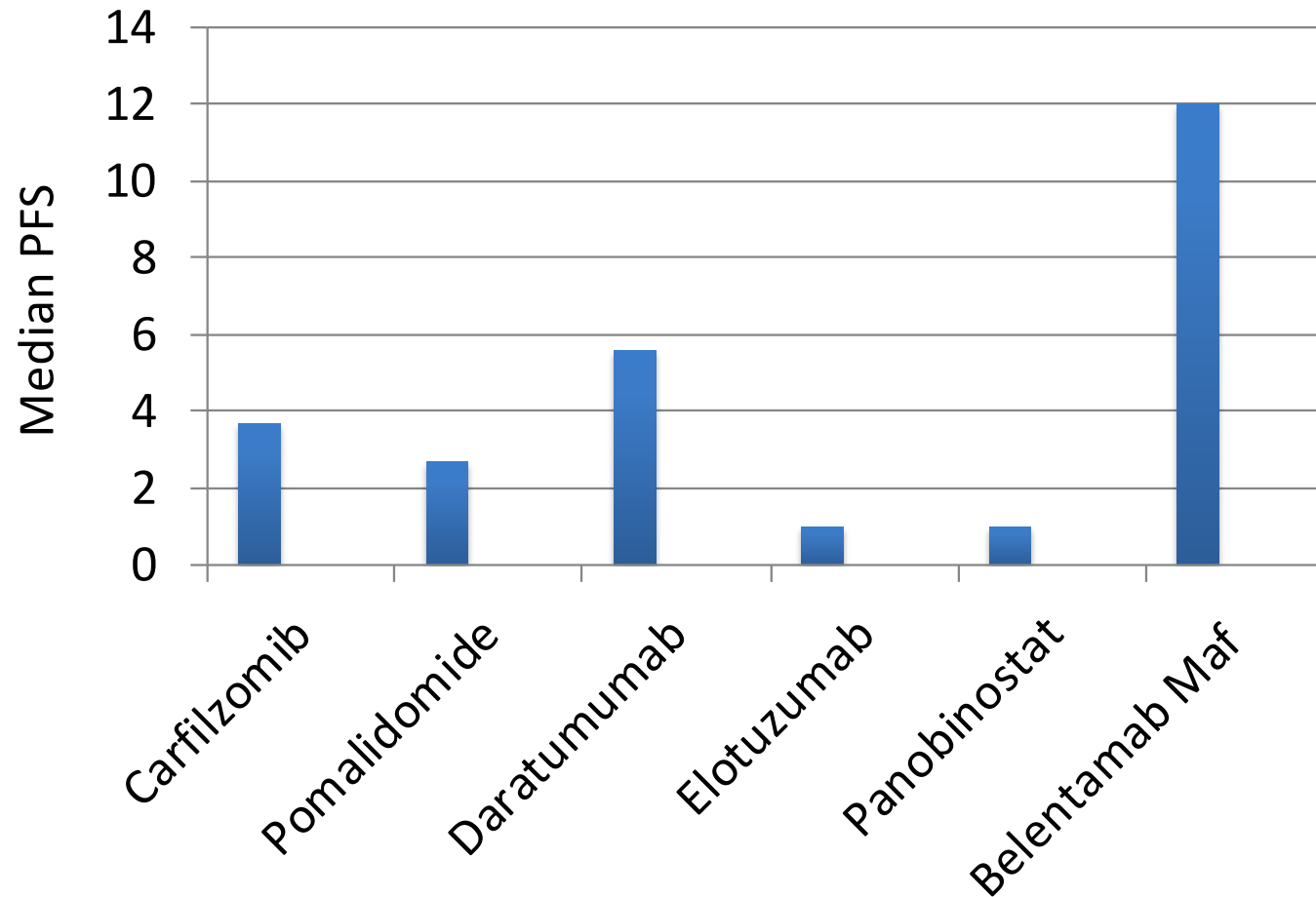
**21/35 (60%) ORR**

2 (6%) sCR  
 3 (9%) CR  
 14 (40%) VGPR  
 2 (6%) PR

Median time to 1st response 1,2 months



## ORR new drugs as single agent



# DREAMM-1 Study: Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship (Part 2)

| Treatment-emergent AEs |            |          |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| n (%)                  | N=35       |          |
|                        | Any grade* | ≥Grade 3 |
| Any event              | 35 (100)   | 29 (83)  |
| Thrombocytopenia†      | 22 (63)    | 12 (34)  |
| Vision blurred         | 18 (51)    | 1 (3)    |
| Cough                  | 14 (40)    | 0 (0)    |
| AST increased          | 13 (37)    | 2 (6)    |
| Dry eye                | 13 (37)    | 1 (3)    |
| Nausea                 | 11 (31)    | 0 (0)    |
| Anemia                 | 10 (29)    | 6 (17)   |
| Diarrhea               | 12 (34)    | 4 (11)   |
| Photophobia            | 10 (29)    | 0 (0)    |
| Pyrexia                | 10 (29)    | 0 (0)    |
| Chills                 | 9 (26)     | 0 (0)    |
| Fatigue                | 8 (23)     | 0 (0)    |
| URT infection          | 8 (23)     | 0 (0)    |

No Grade 5 events were reported

Most frequent ≥Grade 3 treatment-emergent AEs:

- Thrombocytopenia (n=12; 34%)
- Anemia (n=7; 17%)

SAEs were reported in 17 patients (49%), most frequently:

- Pneumonia (n=3; 9%)
- Lung infection (n=2; 6%)
- IRR (n=2; 6%)

AESIs included corneal events (n=24; 69%), thrombocytopenia (n=22; 63%) and IRR (n=10; 29%)

AEs leading to study treatment discontinuation (n=4; 11%) included:

- Thrombocytopenia, keratopathy, fatigue, cough, and increased ALT, AST,

Trudel et al, *Lancet Oncol.* 2108; 19: 1641; Trudel et al, *BJC* 2019;9:37

## DREAMM-1 Part 2: Corneal Adverse Events by Grade

| Preferred term        | Maximum Grade, n (%) |        |         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|---------|
|                       | 1-2                  | 3      | Total   |
| Vision blurred        | 17 (49)              | 1 (3)  | 18 (51) |
| Dry eye               | 12 (34)              | 1 (3)  | 13 (37) |
| Photophobia           | 10 (29)              | 0      | 10 (29) |
| Lacrimation increased | 4 (11)               | 0      | 4 (11)  |
| Keratitis             | 1 (3)                | 2 (6)  | 3 (9)   |
| Eye pain              | 3 (9)                | 1 (3)  | 2 (6)   |
| Keratopathy           | 3 (9)                | 0 (0)  | 3 (9)   |
| Eye pruritus          | 1 (3)                | 0      | 1 (3)   |
| Night blindness       | 0                    | 1 (3)  | 1 (1)   |
| Any event             | 19 (54)              | 5 (14) | 24 (69) |

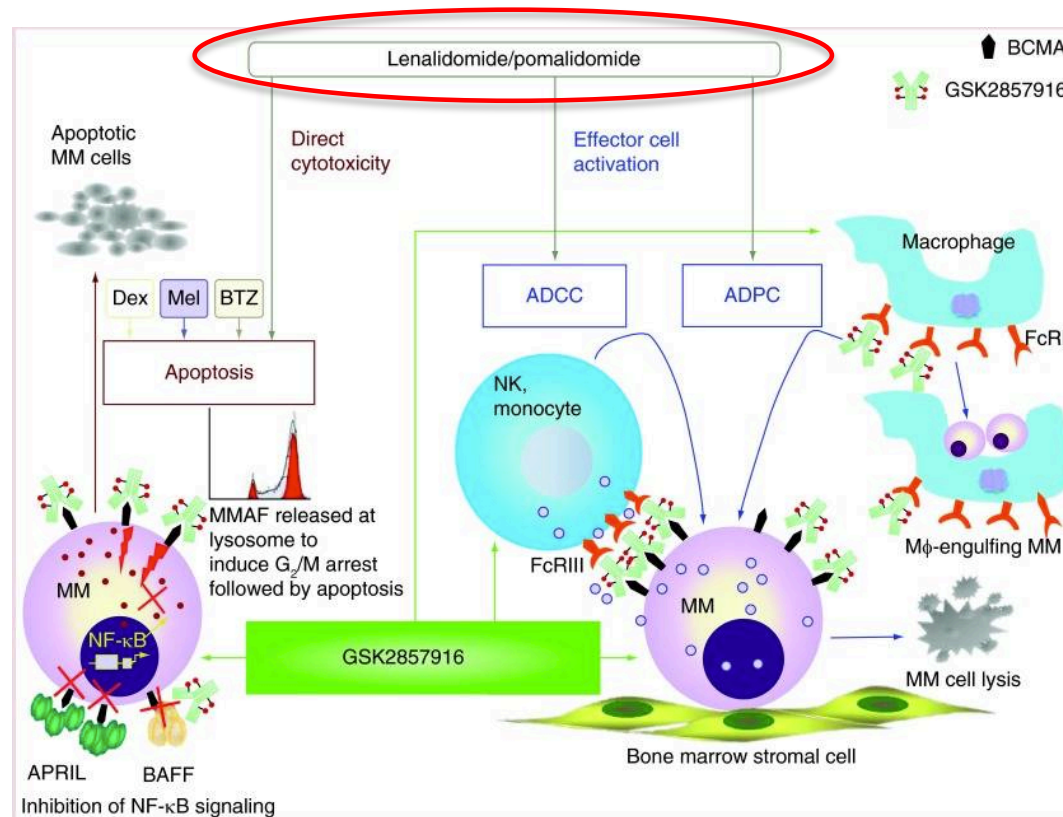
- Across oncology indications > 300 patients have been dosed with MMAF-Containing ADCs across different cancer types
  - All Associated with Corneal Toxicity, **MMAF-induced corneal toxicity seems to be reversible**



# Belantamab Mafodotin future directions

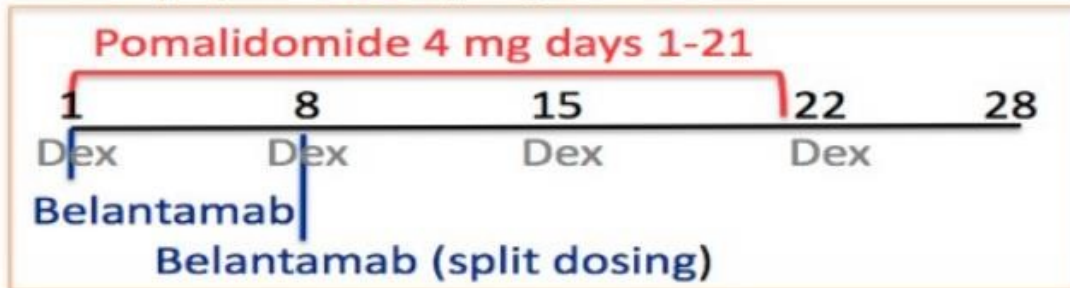


The mechanism of actions favours combination activity, particularly with ImiDs



## The ALGONQUIN Study: A Phase 1/2 Study to Determine the RP2D, Safety and Efficacy of **belantamab mafodotin** (GSK2857916) in Combination with Pomalidomide and Low Dose Dexamethasone in Subjects with RRMM

28 day cycles until progression



- Pomalidomide eligible patients
  - $\geq 2$  prior lines of treatment and lenalidomide refractory and proteasome inhibitor exposed
- 7 patients enrolled at 2.5 mg/kg single dose (Cohort 1a)
  - one unevaluable for DLT assessment
  - 7 evaluable for response after at least one cycle

Determination of MTD and Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D)

|         |           | POM<br>mg<br>Days 1-21 | DEX<br>mg<br>Days 1.8.15.22     | GSK2857916 mg/kg |  |
|---------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Phase I | Cohort -1 | 4                      | 40 mg QD $\leq$ 75 years of age | 1.92 (single)    | 35 patients at the RP2D to determine ORR |
|         | Cohort 1a | 4                      | 20 mg QD > 75 years of age      | 2.5 (single)     |  |
|         | Cohort 1b | 4                      |                                 | 2.5 split*       |  |
|         | Cohort 2  | 4                      | 3.4 split**                     |                  |  |

ORR, overall response rate;

\*1.25 mg/kg days 1 and 8; \*\*1.7 mg/kg days 1 and 8

Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT03715478

# Algonquin Study 2.5 mg/kg single cohort: Safety, Maximum Response and Duration of Study Treatment

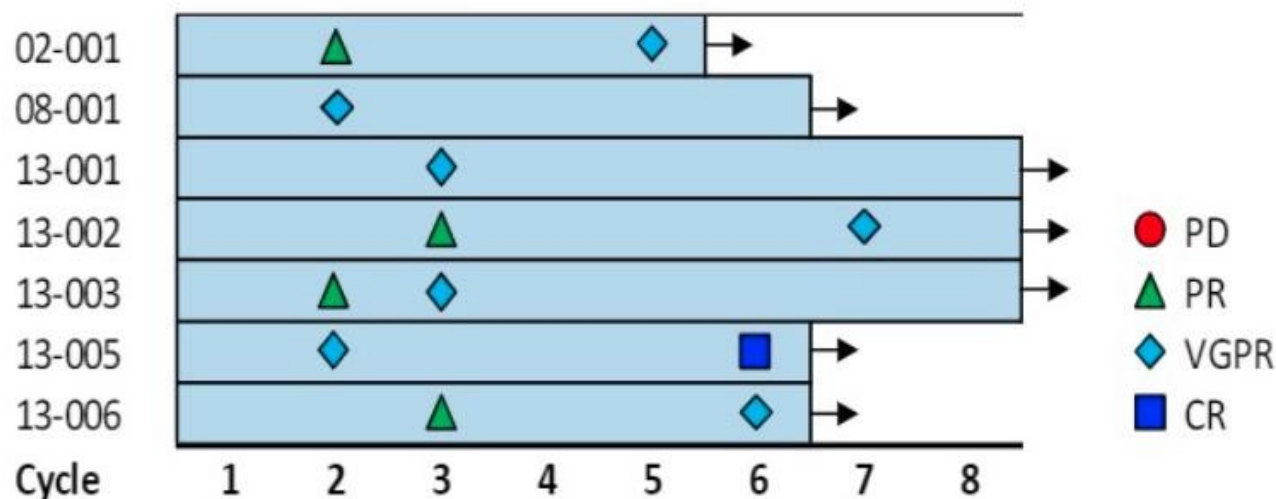
## Patient Characteristics

- Median prior lines of therapy, min-max: 3 (2-5);
- 100% LEN refractory; 100% PI exposed, 86% PI refractory; 86% refractory to LEN/PI; 14% dara exposed/refractory
- 4/7 (54%) high risk (t(4;14); del17, t(14;16), t(14;20) or gain 1q)

ORR = 7/7 (100%)  
-1 sCR, 6 VGPR

## Safety

- One DLT: grade 3 corneal toxicity
- With the exception of grade 2 pneumonitis, no unexpected safety signal
- Most frequent  $\geq$ Grade 3 AEs were eye disorder (100%)\* and thrombocytopenia (34%)
- No AEs leading to study treatment discontinuation
- No Grade 4/5 AEs were reported
- No SAEs



data cut August 26, 2019

CR, complete response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response; LEN, lenalidomide, PI, proteasome inhibitor, dara, daratumumab; DLT, dose limiting toxicity, AEs, adverse events, SAEs, serious AEs, [REDACTED]



## Pros/Cons of Anti BCMA Antibody Therapies

|             | <b>AMG420</b>  | <b>belantamab mafodotin</b>   |
|-------------|--|---|
| <b>Pros</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off the shelf</li> <li>• Deep responses seen</li> <li>• Limited severe CRS - ? elderly</li> <li>• Can be given in community settings ?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off the shelf</li> <li>• Encouraging response rates</li> <li>• No CRS</li> <li>• Can be given in community settings</li> <li>• 1 hour infusion every 3 weeks</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Cons</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No data in triple class/penta refractory</li> <li>• Toxicities require further study – neuropathy</li> <li>• Treatment until progression</li> <li>• ? admissions with initial doses until CRS risk low</li> <li>• Dosing/schedule to be determined -? half life extender</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited data in triple class/penta refractory</li> <li>• Ocular toxicity – will require close collaboration with ophthalmology and ? impact on quality of life</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Treatment until progression</li> </ul> |

## Conclusions



- **Single agent belantamab mafodotin induces deep and durable responses in heavily pretreated/refractory MM population**  
DREAMM2 phase 2 expected to result in regulatory approval for MM patients refractory to PI, IMiDs and anti CD38 MoAbs
- **Activity in combination with POM Dex is promising**
- **Balantamab Mafodotin monotherapy shows a manageable safety profile (corneal events need specific management)**
- **Open questions**
  - optimal dosing schedule and management of corneal toxicities*
  - optimal combination for Balantamab Mafodotin*
  - how do the different antiBCMA modalities (ADC, bispecific T cell engagers, CAR-T) compare and how will these optimally positioned*
  - what will be the efficacy and toxicity profile of novel ADCs with alternative targets and/or payload*





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