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CD38 in myeloma and beyond: groundwork & outlook

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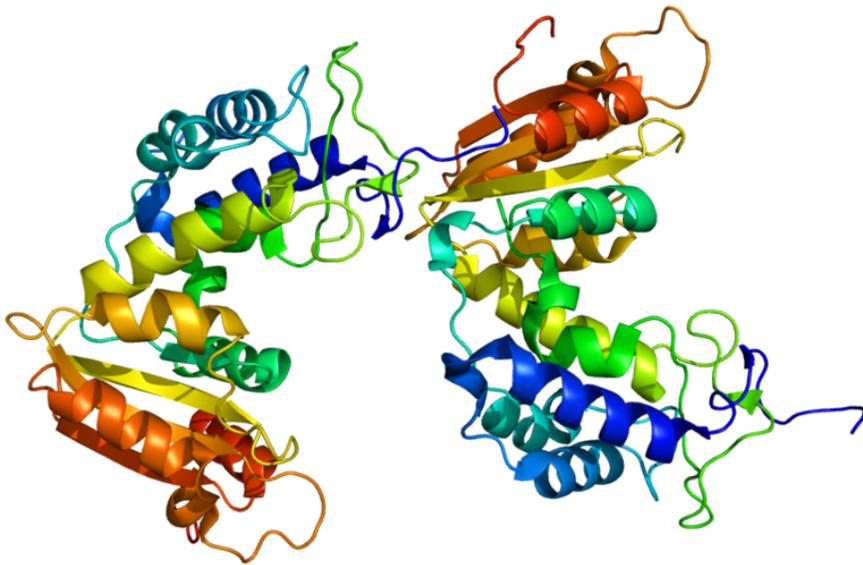
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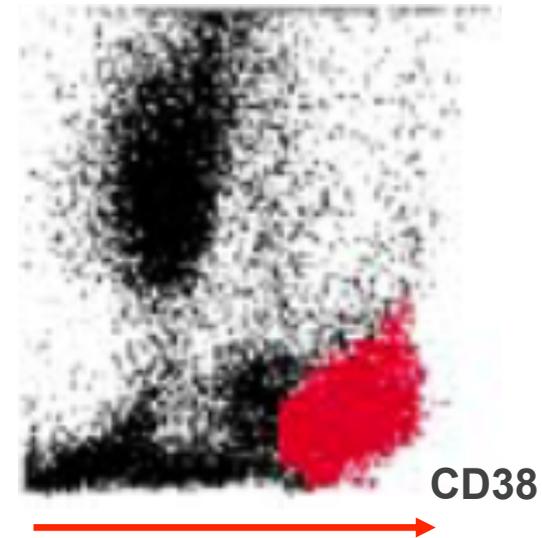
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CD38 as a Therapeutic Target

Structure of CD38



Flow cytometry of CD38 on myeloma cells



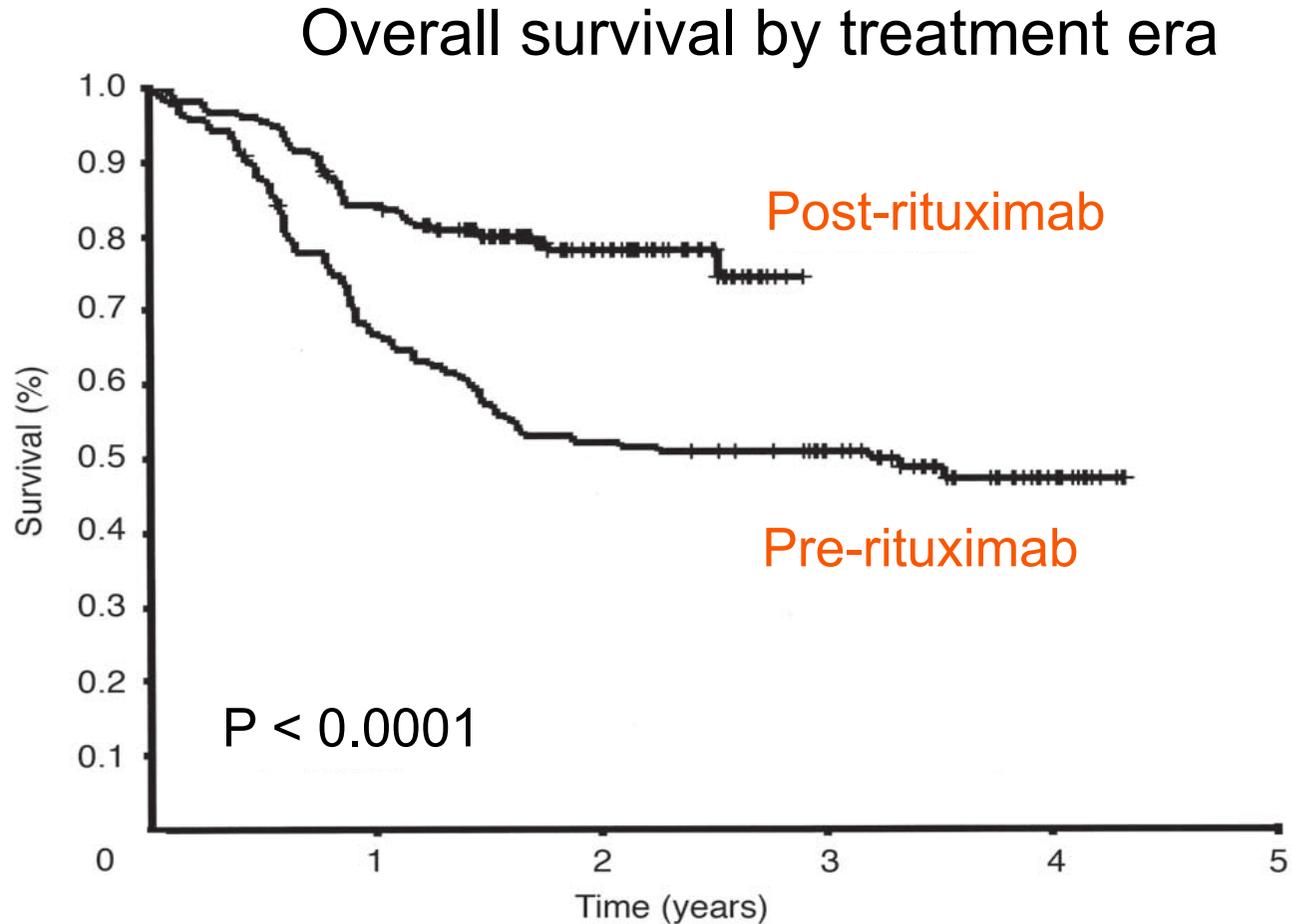
CD38 is a type II transmembrane glycoprotein, strongly expressed by myeloma cells

Role in cell signaling, cell adhesion, signal transduction, calcium homeostasis, production adenosine (immunosuppressive effect)

CD38 as a potential therapeutic antibody target for treatment of multiple myeloma (MM)

Rationale for moAbs in MM

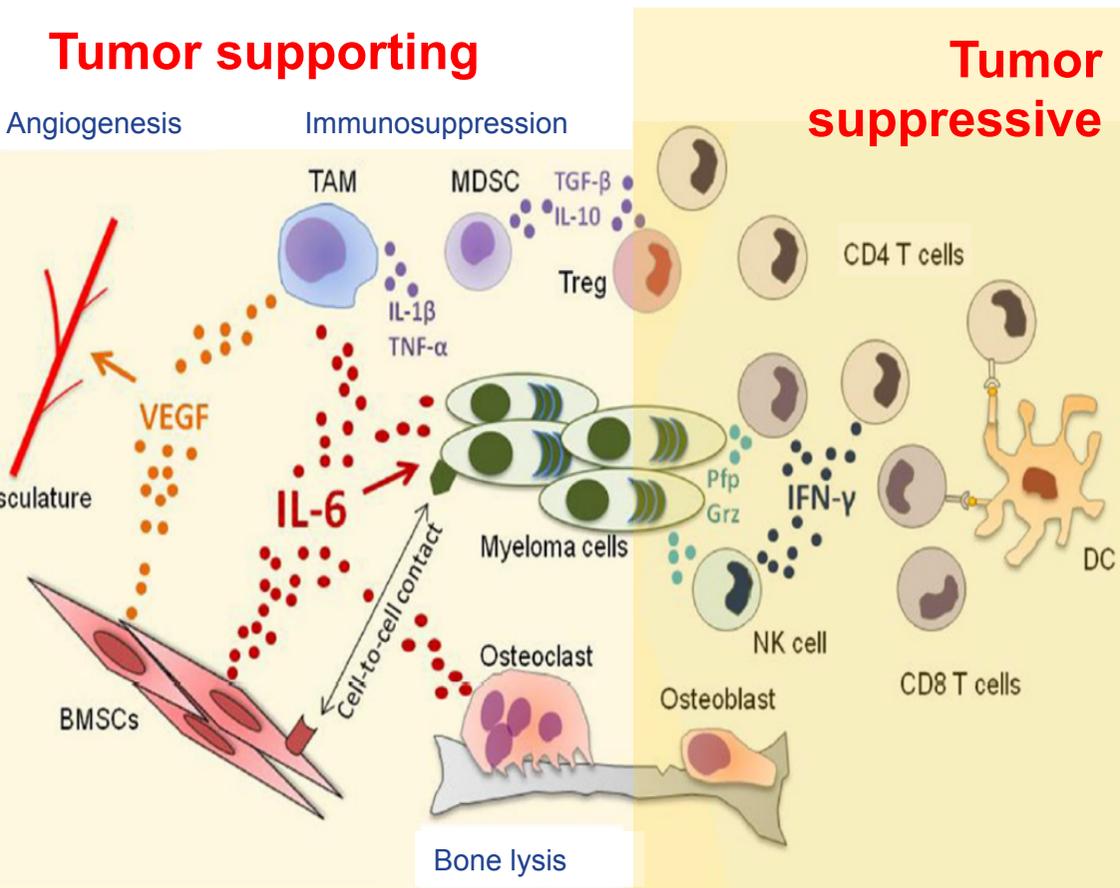
The impact of rituximab in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Can we find a monoclonal antibody that will change the course of myeloma in a similar way?

The bone marrow microenvironment influences tumor growth in MM

In MM, the balance between tumor growth and tumor suppression is shaped by complex interactions between immune, non-immune, and malignant MM cells within the bone marrow microenvironment.



BMSCs, bone marrow stromal cells; DC, dendritic cell; Grz, granzyme; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; MDSC, myeloid derived suppressor cell; MM, multiple myeloma; NK, natural killer; pfp, perforin; TAM, tumor associated macrophage; TGF, transforming growth factor; Th, T helper; TNF, tumor necrosis factor; Treg, regulatory T cell; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

Factors supporting tumor growth

- IL-6 released by BMSCs, tumor-associated macrophages, and osteoclasts promotes MM cell proliferation, survival, and drug resistance
- VEGF released by BMSCs and TAMs stimulates angiogenesis

Factors suppressing tumor growth

- CD8+ T cells and NK cells secrete IFN- γ and kill MM cells directly
- Th1 CD4+ T cells may inhibit tumor growth

Factors suppressing anti-MM immune cell activity

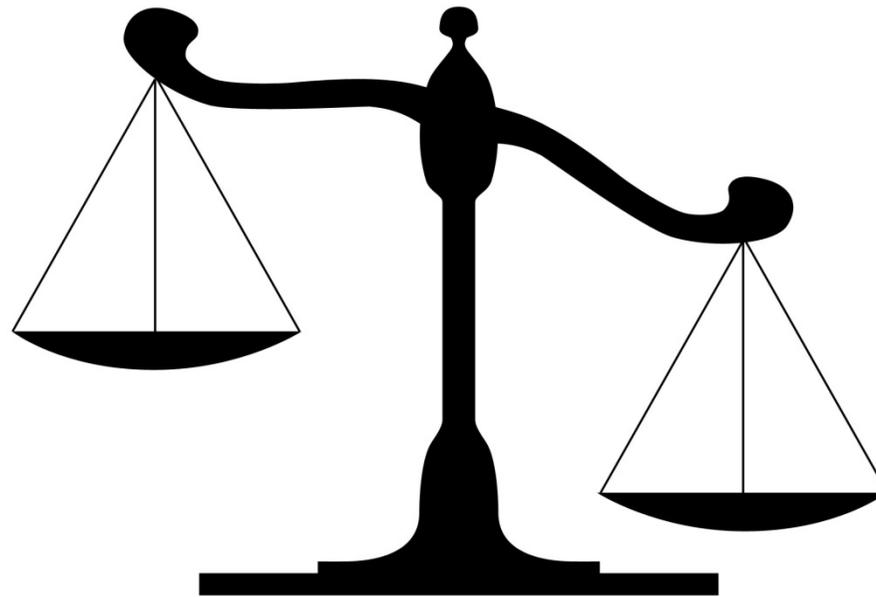
- MDSCs and Tregs secrete immunosuppressive factors such as IL-10 and TGF- β
- Th2 CD4+ T cells may promote tumor growth

Immune Evasion Plays a Critical Role in Myeloma Pathogenesis

Immune System

Tumor

Immune
dysregulation
and
immunosuppression



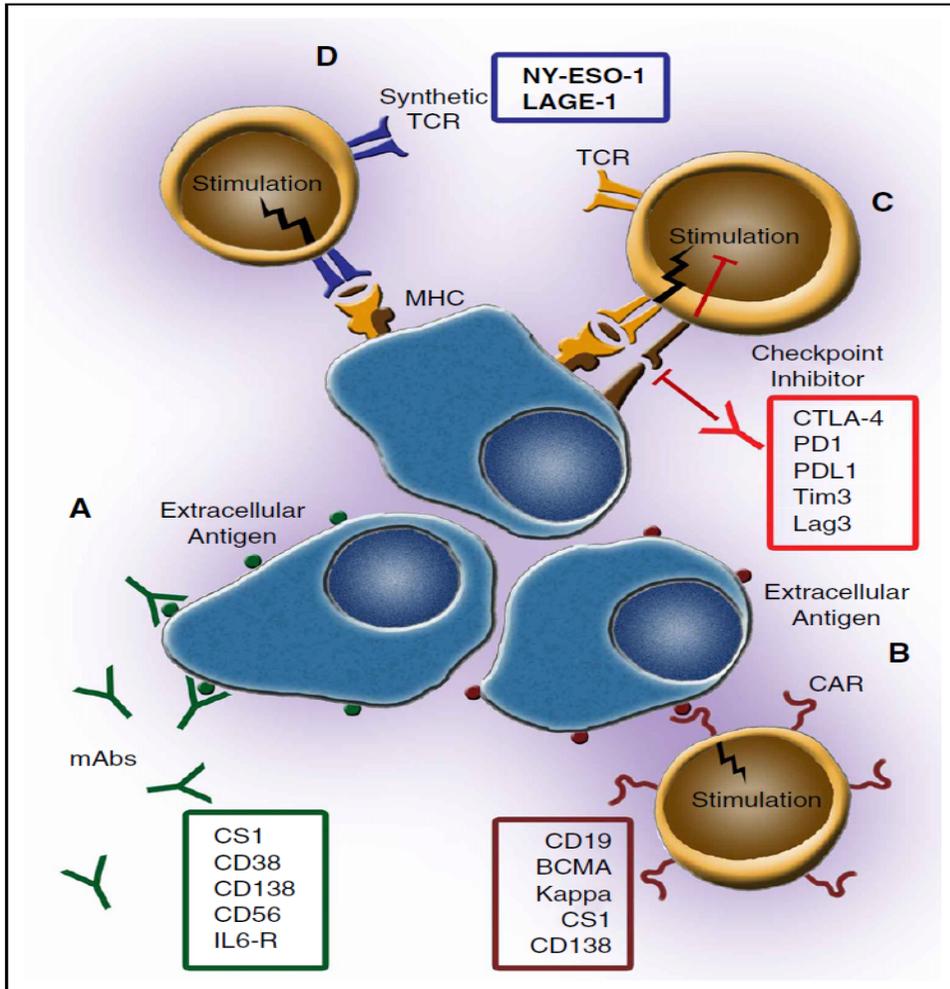
Microenvironment
perturbation

Genetic
alterations

Disease progression

Rationale for Immunotherapy in Multiple Myeloma

TARGETS FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY



- Targeting MM cell surface Ags
MoAb Anti-SLAMF7
MoAb Anti-CD38

- In MM patients, the normal immune system favors tumor proliferation

Overcoming inhibitory immunosuppression
Check-point inhibitors
IMiDs

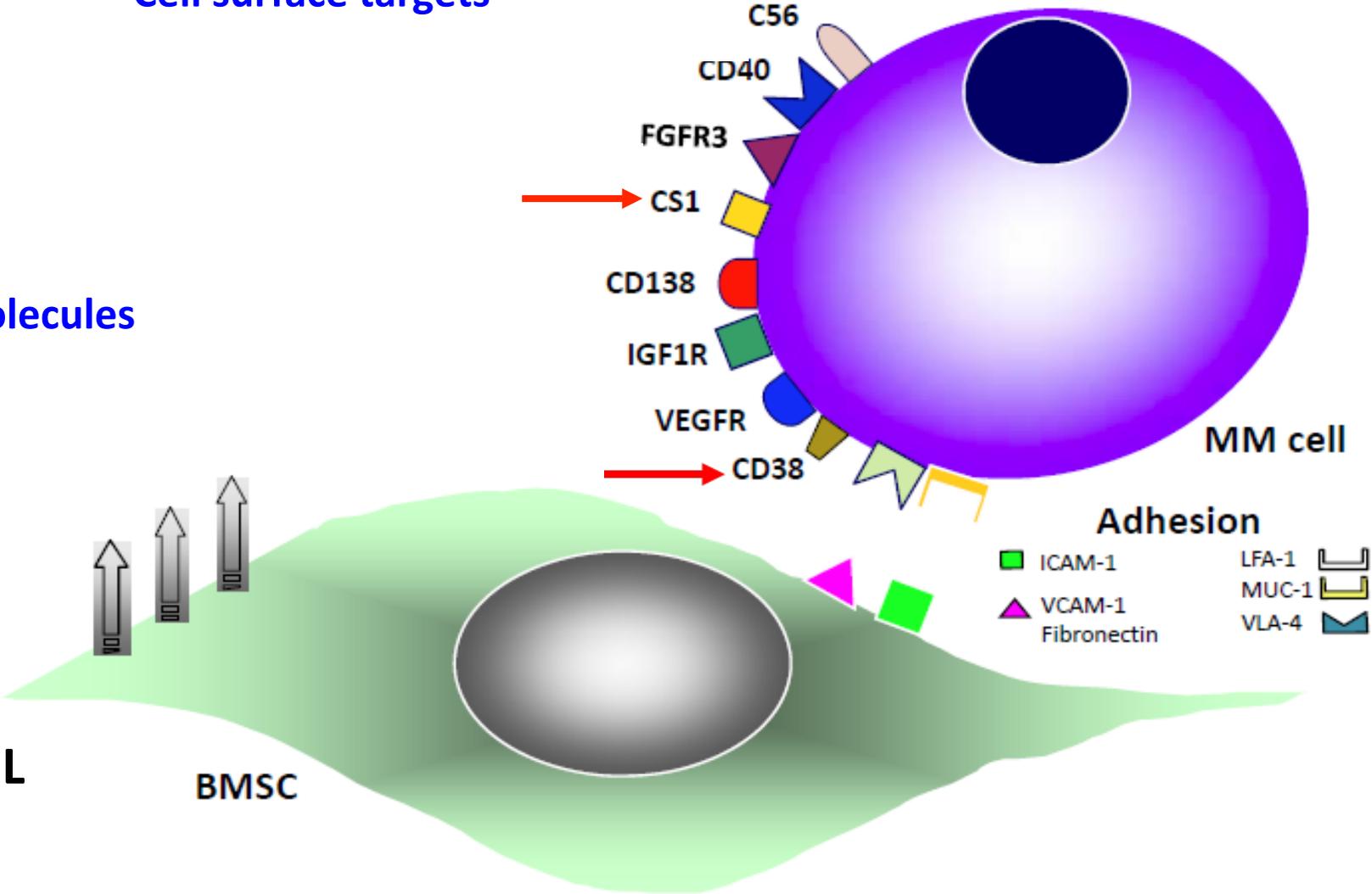
Boosting immune effectors
Adoptive cell therapy

Targets for monoclonal antibody therapy in myeloma

Cell surface targets

Signalling molecules

- IL-6
- RANKL
- DKK1
- VEGF
- IGF-1
- SDF-1 α
- BAFF, APRIL



Adapted from: Anderson KC. J Clin Oncol 2012;30

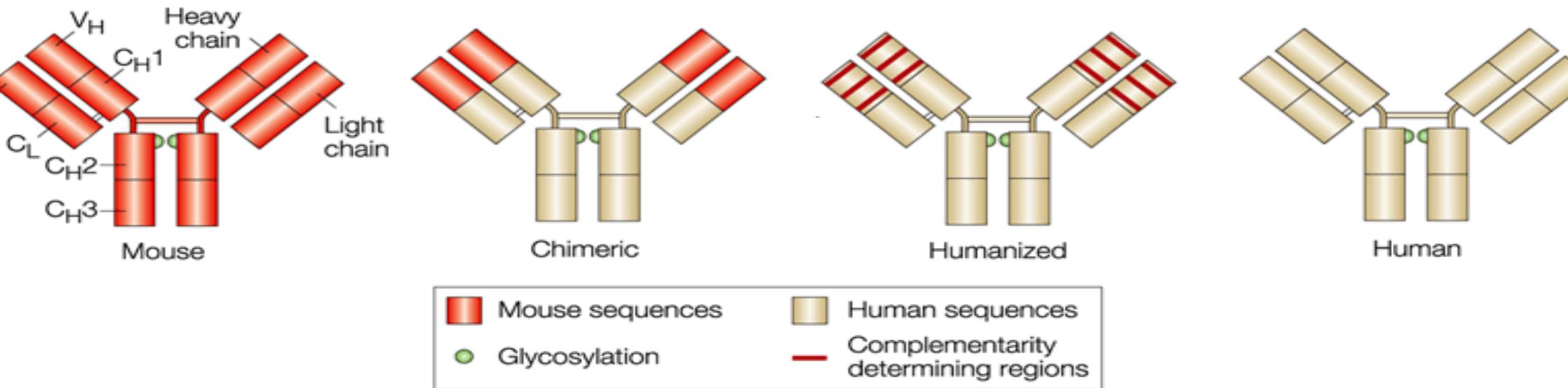
Three CD38 monoclonal antibodies

Chimeric:

Isatuximab (SAR650984)

Fully human:

**Daratumumab (DARA)
MOR202 (MOR)**



decreasing immunogenicity

Anti-CD38-monoclonal antibodies act through different modes of action in MM

In vitro comparison of Daratumumab with analogs of CD38 antibodies

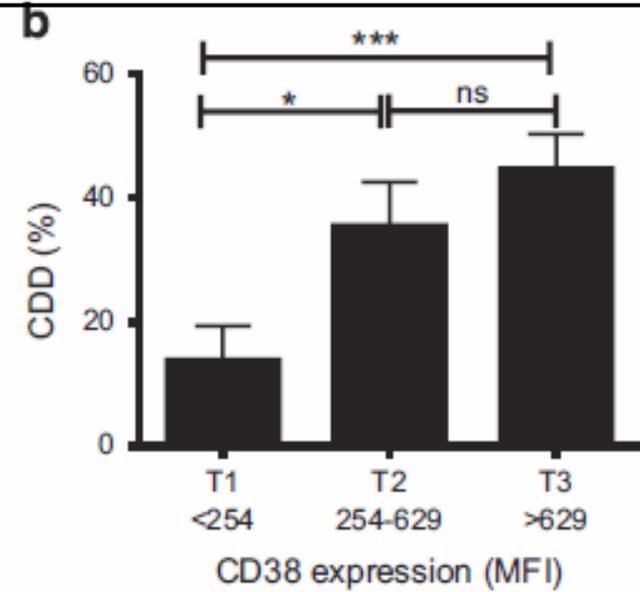
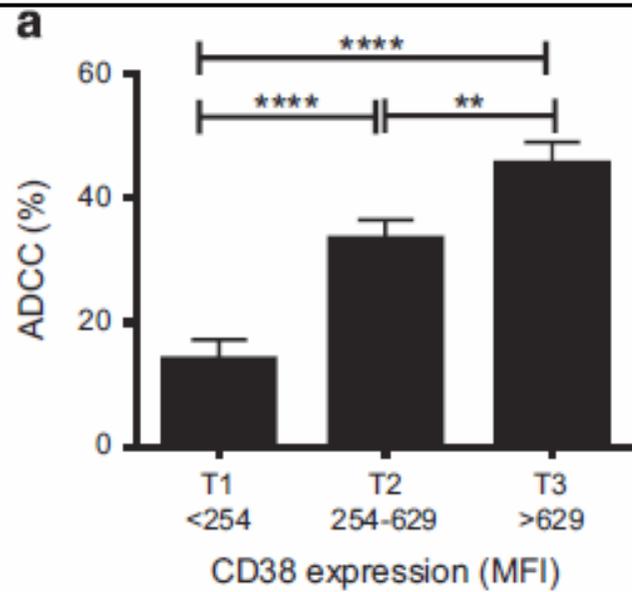
MoA	DARATUMUMAB	ISATUXIMAB	MOR202
Origin, isotype	Human IgG-kappa	Chimeric IgG1-kappa	Human IgG1-lambda
CDC	+++	+	+
ADCC	++	++	++
ADCP	+++	nd	++
PCD direct	-	++	-
PCD cross linking	+++	+++	+++
Modulation ectoenzyme function	+	+++	-

Complement-dependent cytotoxicity
 Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity
 Apoptosis-induced cell death
 Antibody-dependent cell-mediated phagocytosis

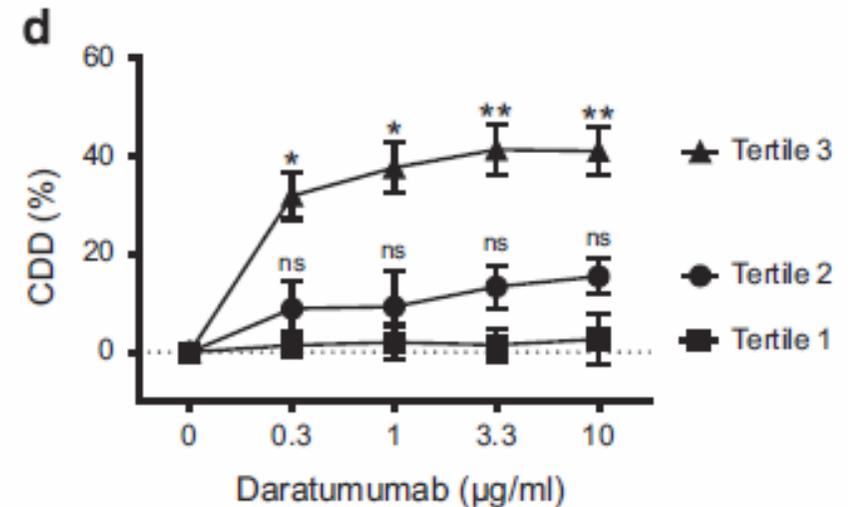
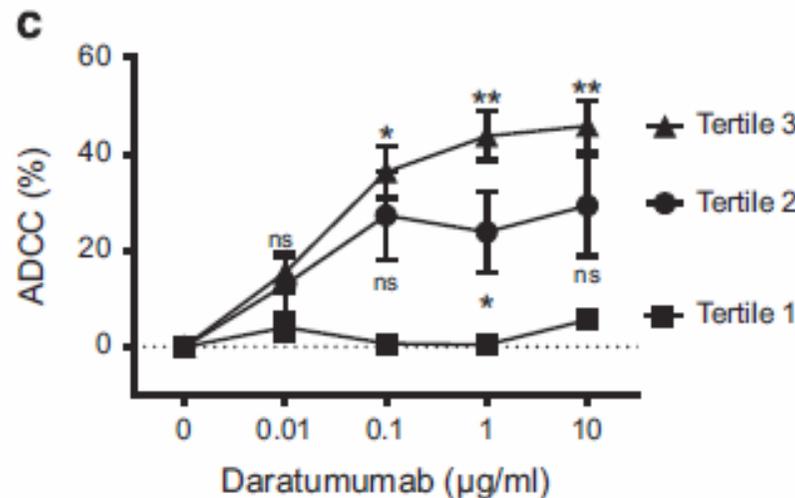
Preclinical evidence for anti CD38-moAbs in MM

CD38 expression correlates with cell death (patient samples)

Patients divided into tertiles according to CD38 expression on their T cells (n = 127 patient samples)

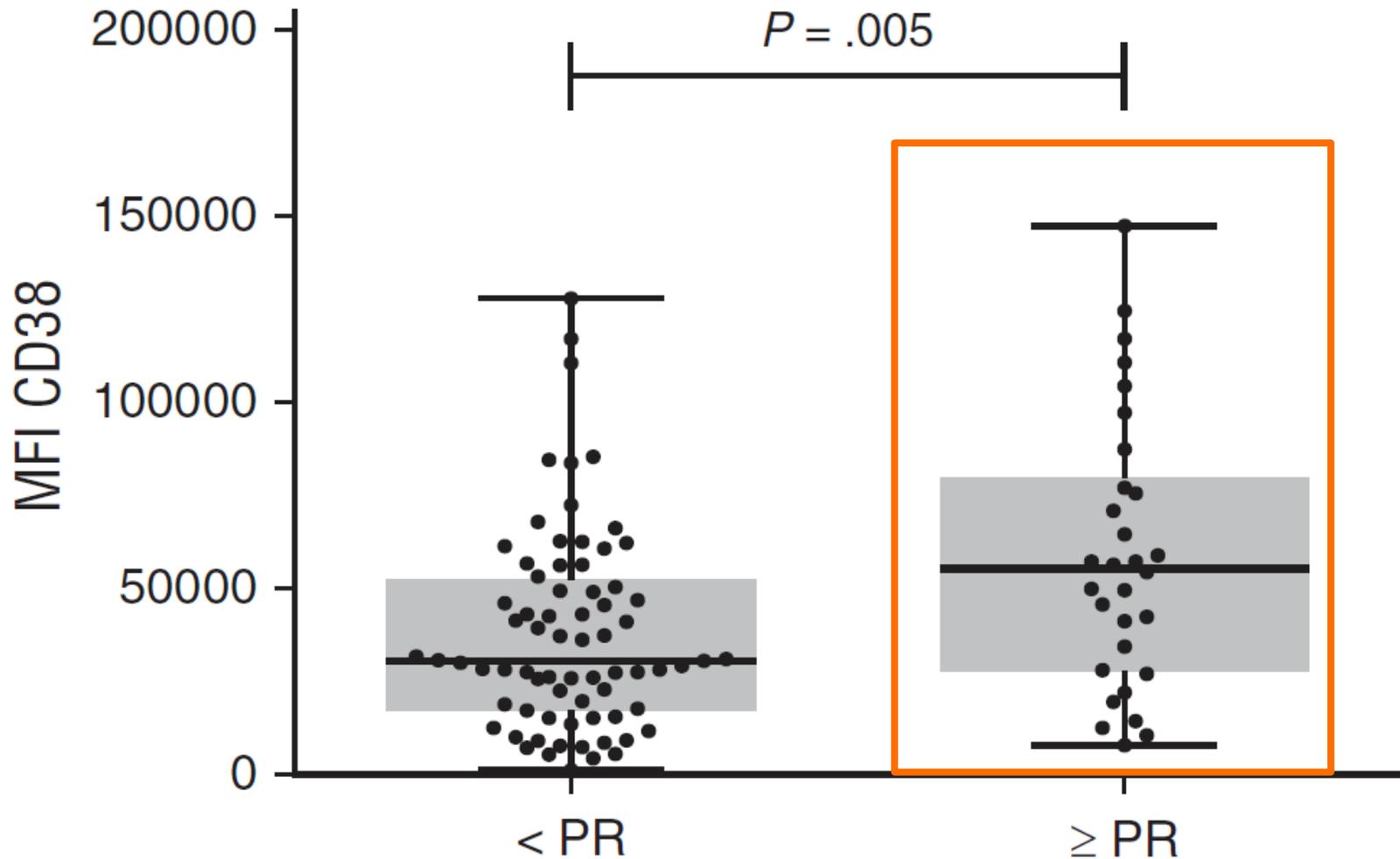


Dose-response curve according to CD38 expression to evaluate different concentrations of daratumumab in ADCC and CDC assays.



CD38 expression: determinants of efficacy

Patients treated in GEN501 or SIRIUS (MMY2002)

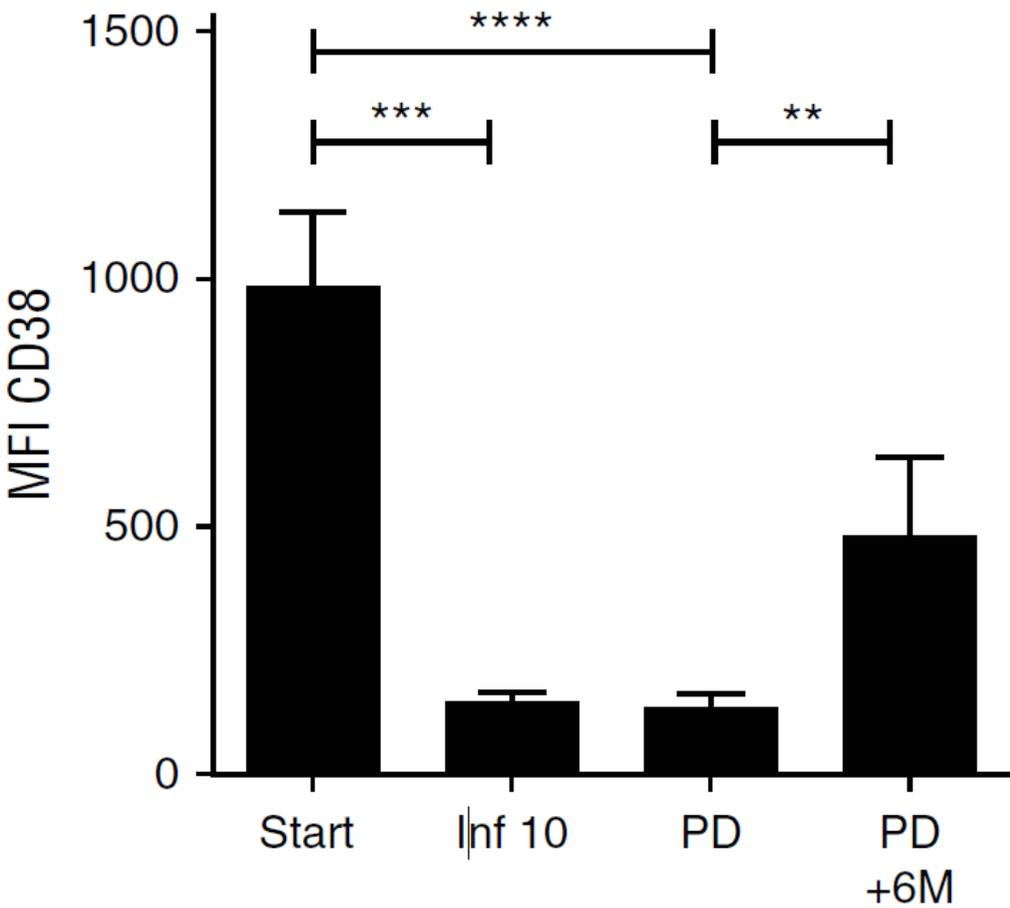


median fluorescence intensity CD38

partial response

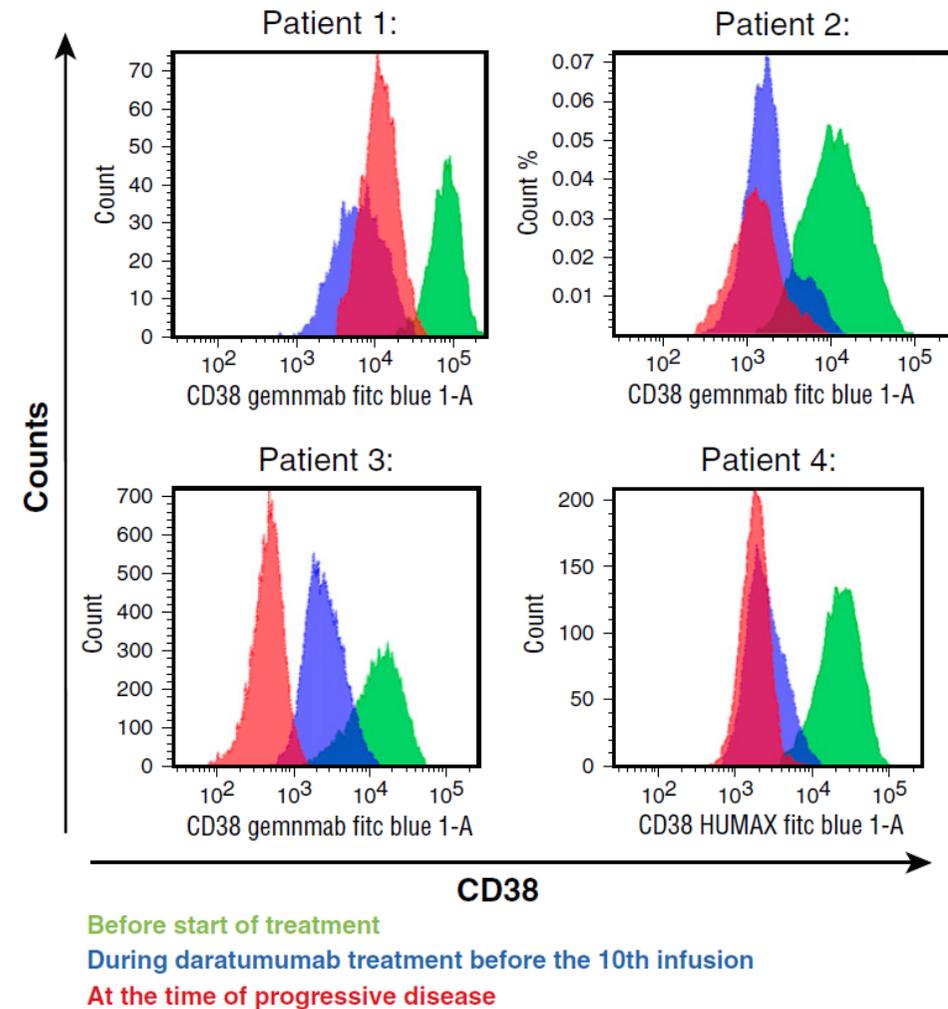
CD38 is rapidly reduced on MM cells from patients

CD38 expression on MM cells in BM samples obtained from 21 patients, who were subsequently treated with daratumumab at a dose of 16 mg/kg in the GEN501 study.



Median fluorescence intensity CD38

0.01; ***P < 0.001; ****P < 0.0001
progressive disease



Daratumumab combined with LEN or BORT in BORT and LEN-refractory MM

Daratumumab induced significant levels of MM cell lysis in the BM-MNC from refractory MM patients.

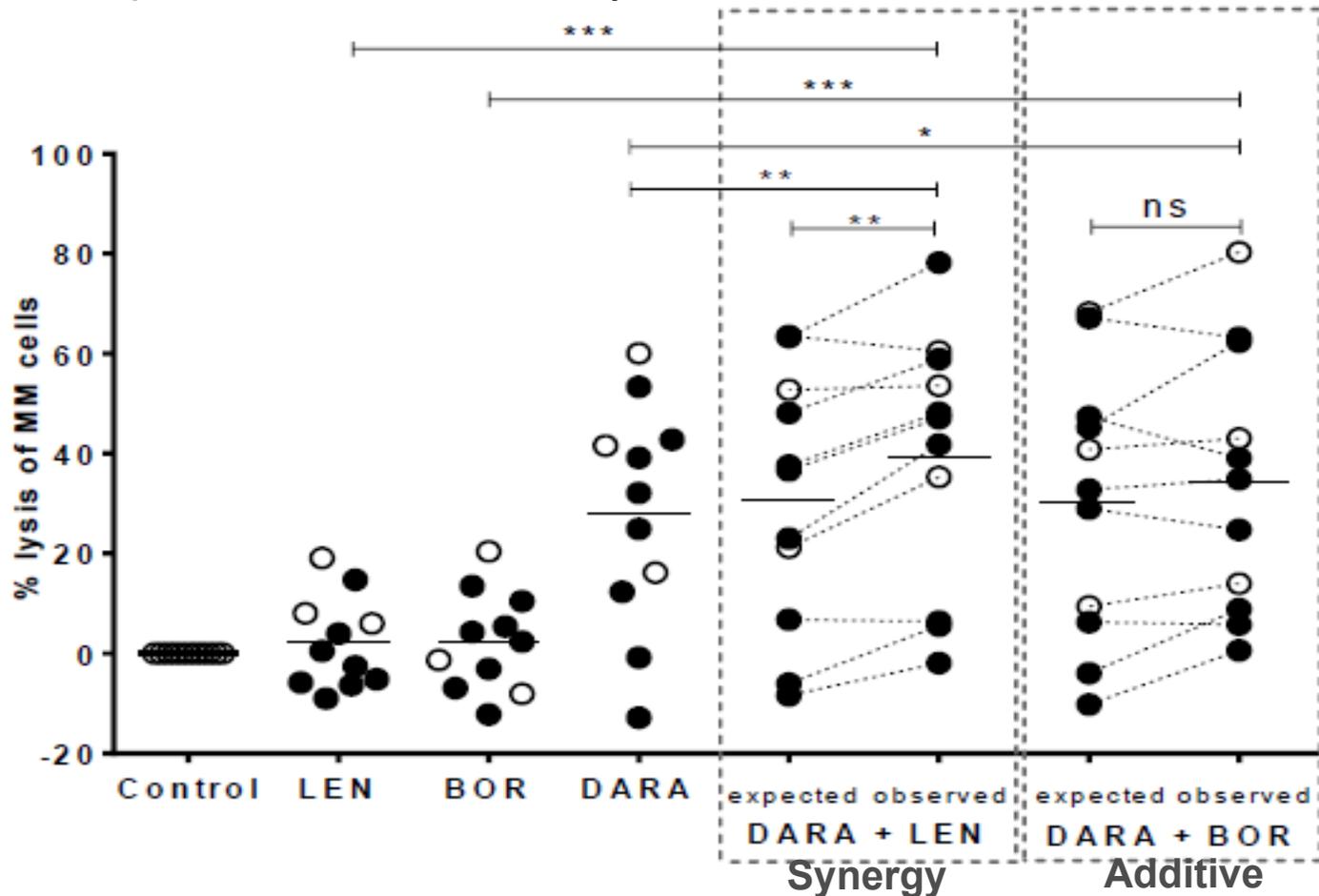
MM cell lysis was significantly improved from 29.7% with daratumumab alone to 39.4% upon combination of daratumumab-lenalidomide in patients were refractory to lenalidomide.

ADCC assays

11/11 patients LEN-refractory

8/11 patients BORT-refractory

The black circles represent the lenalidomide/bortezomib double-refractory patients



*P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001; ns, not significant

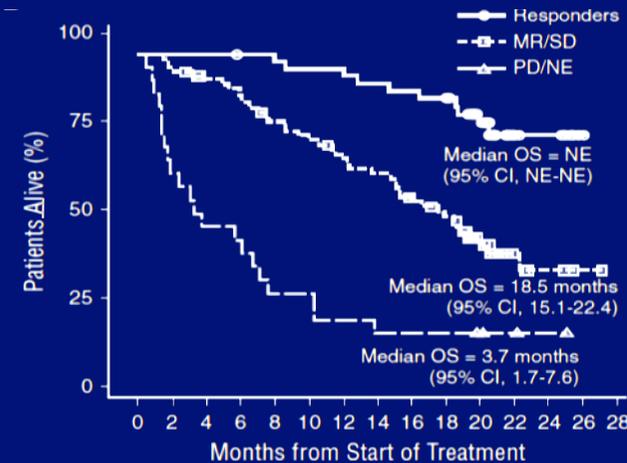
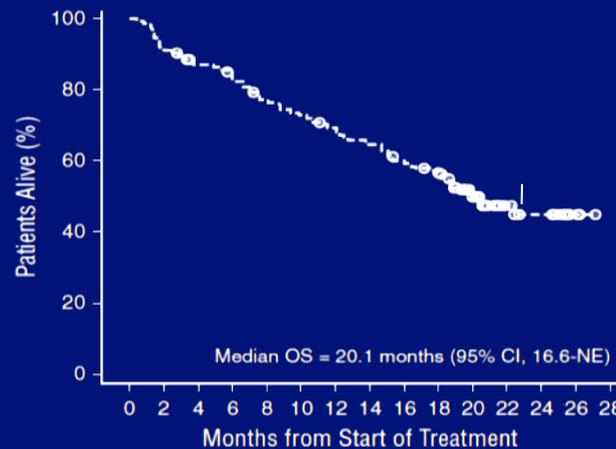
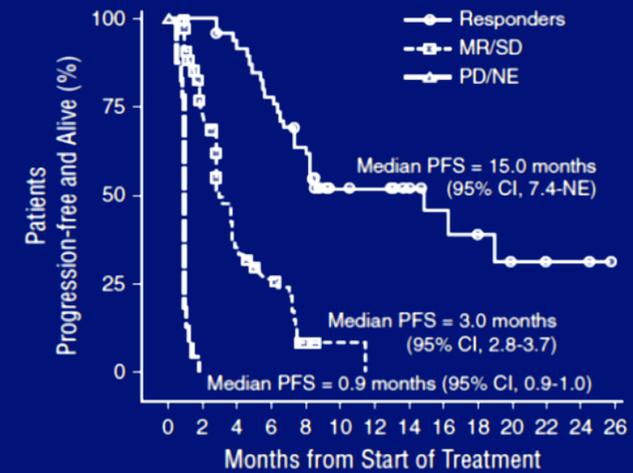
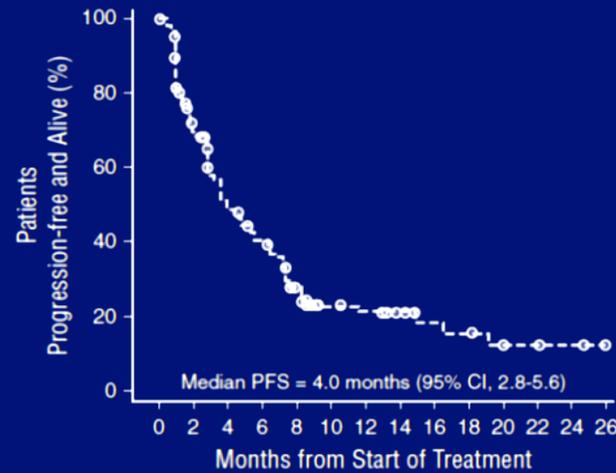
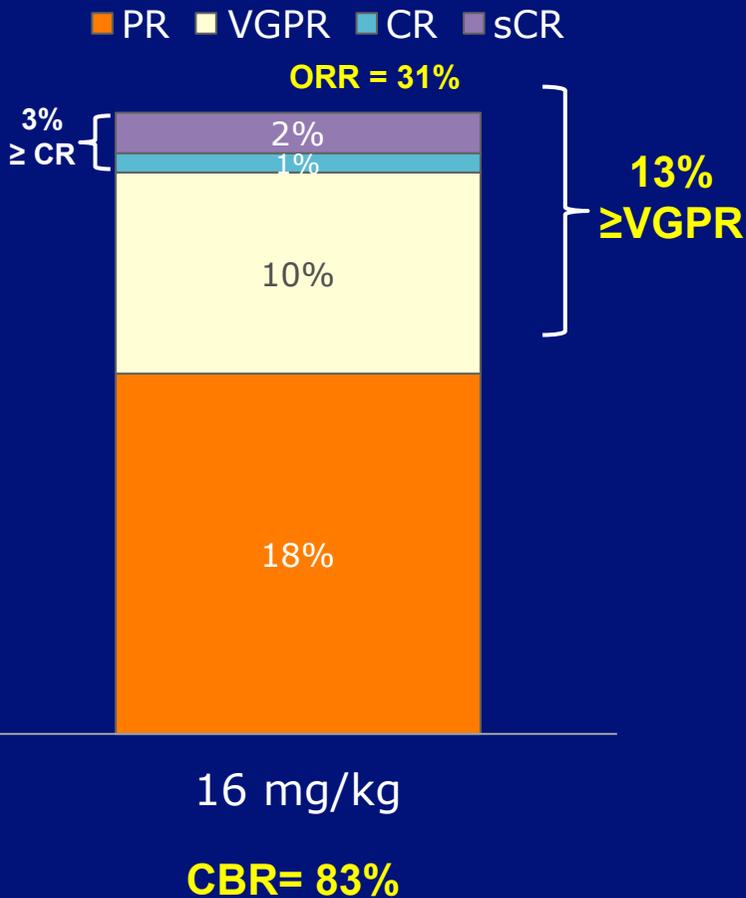
Clinical evidences for anti CD38-moAbs in MM

Daratumumab Single Agent (GEN501 and SIRIUS*)

Median N prior lines: 5

Refractory to Bortezomib and Lenalidomide: 87%; Refractory also to Pomalidomide: 55%

Creatinine clearance ≥ 30 (97%); age ≥ 75 : 11%

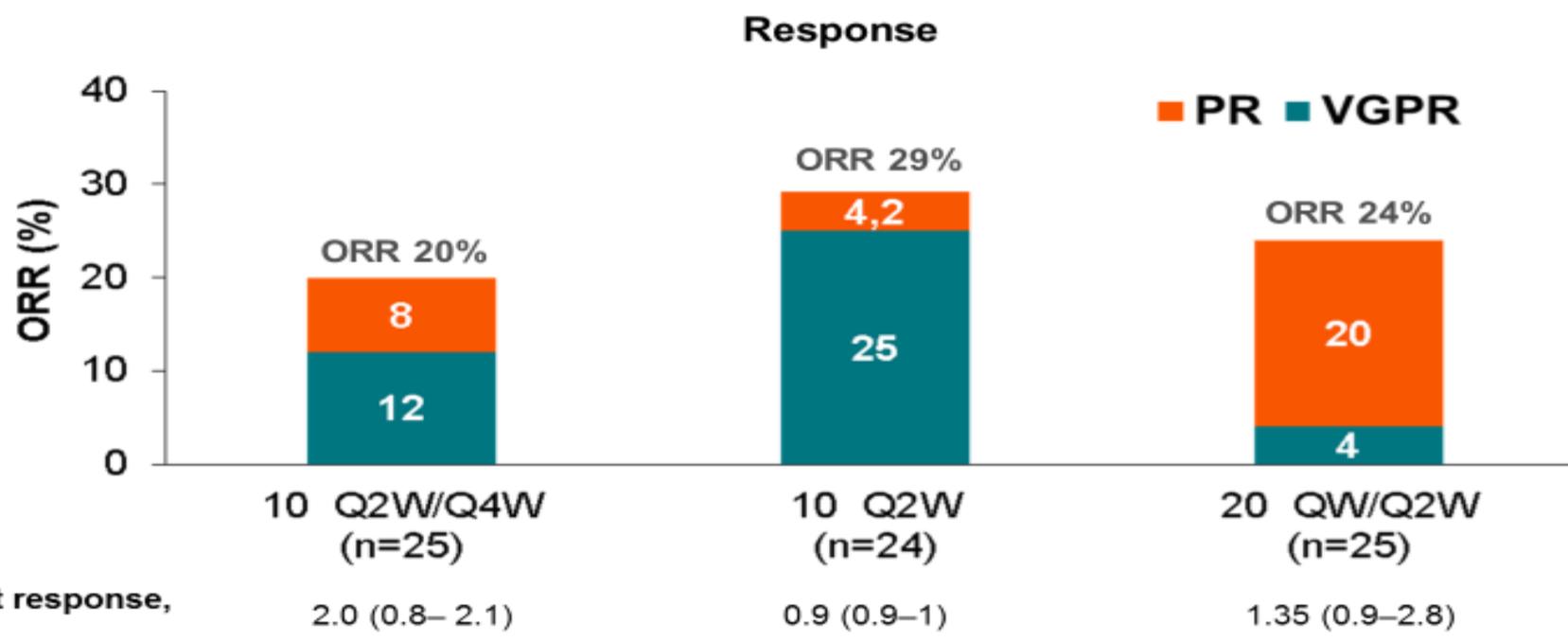


analysis
 ce interval; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; PR,
 nse; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response, sCR, stringent CR; CBR, clinical
 onse (\geq SD).

Isatuximab monotherapy

TED10893 phase 2 study of isatuximab monotherapy in RRMM

Median prior lines of therapy 5



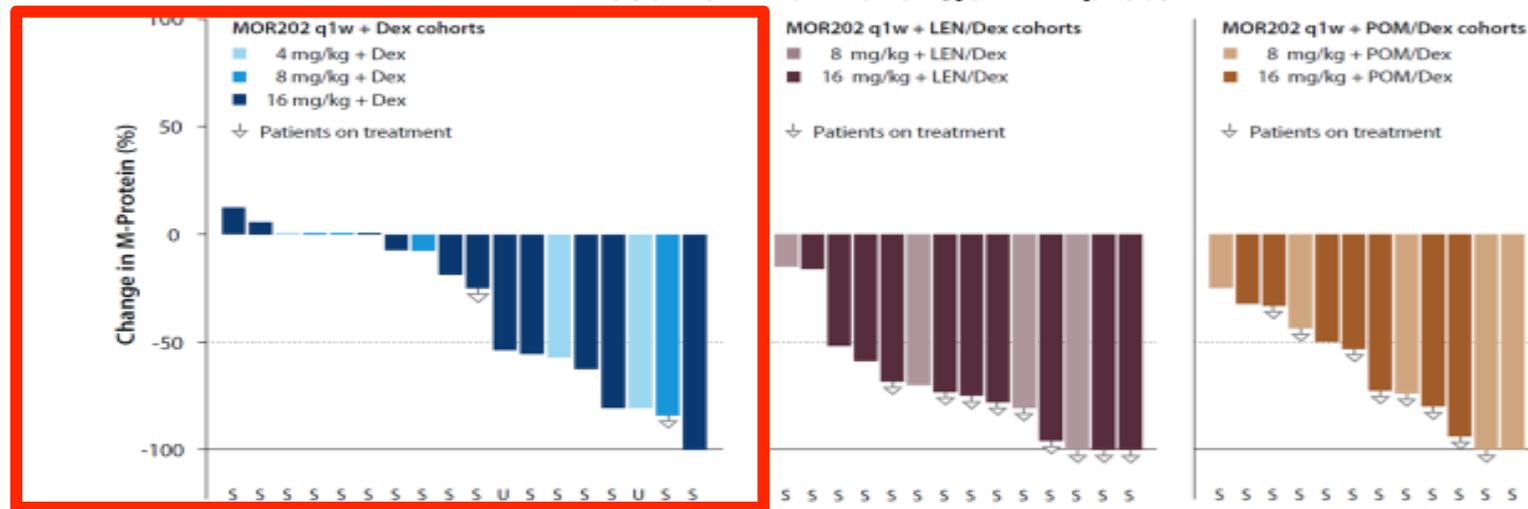
RRMM patients double refractory to PI and IMiDs or have received ≥ 3 prior lines of therapy

Vij R, et al. Presented at EHA 2016 (Abstract P274), poster presentation

MOR202

Phase 1/2a study of MOR202 + POM-D or len-dex in RRMM: updated interim analysis

Best maximum change in M-protein



	MOR202 q1w + Dex (n=18)	MOR202 q1w + LEN/Dex (n=17)	MOR202 q1w + POM/Dex (n=13)
Median prior lines of therapy, n	3	2*	3
Refractory to any prior therapy, %	67	56	100
ORR, %	28	71	46
CR, %	0	6	15
Median (95% CI) PFS, months	4.7 (1.5, NE)	Not reached (5.1, NE)	17.5 (2.8, NE)
Median follow-up, months	22.1 months	7.5 months	8.5

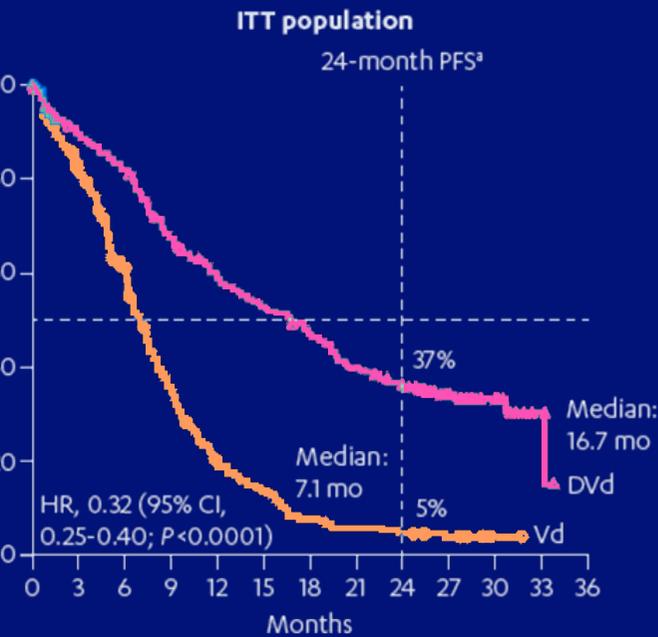
*one patient in the LEN/Dex cohorts data of prior therapies not yet available

VD versus VD plus Daratumumab (CASTOR)

Median follow-up: 26.9 months

DVd vs Vd

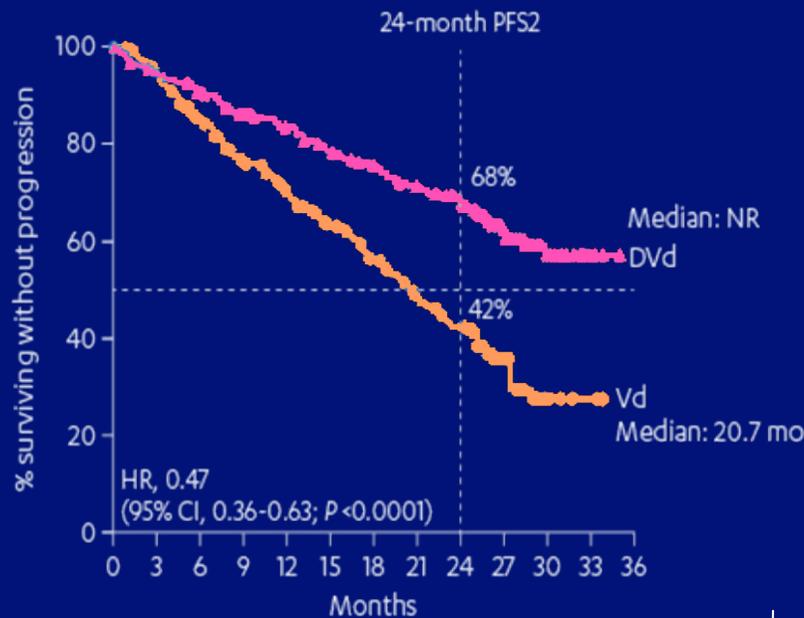
Progression-free survival



	DVd (n=251)	Vd (n=247)
Median PFS, mo	16.7	7.1
HR (95% CI)	0.32 (0.25–0.40)	
P value	< 0.0001	

DVd vs Vd

Progression-free survival-2

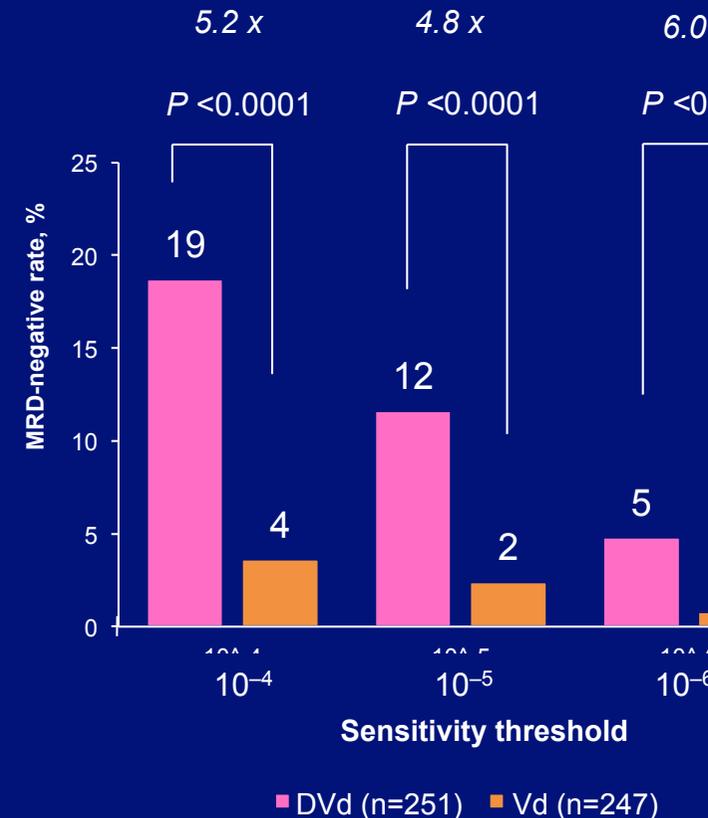


	DVd (n=251)	Vd (n=247)
Median PFS2, mo	NR	20.7
HR (95% CI)	0.47 (0.36–0.63)	
P value	< 0.0001	

Median follow-up: 19.4 months

DVd vs Vd

MRD negativity



Spencer A, et al. Presented at ASH 2017 (Abstract 3145), poster presentation

Lentzsch S, et al. Presented at ASCO 2017 (Abstract 8036), poster presentation

Weisel K, et al. Presented at EHA 2017 (Abstract S459), oral presentation

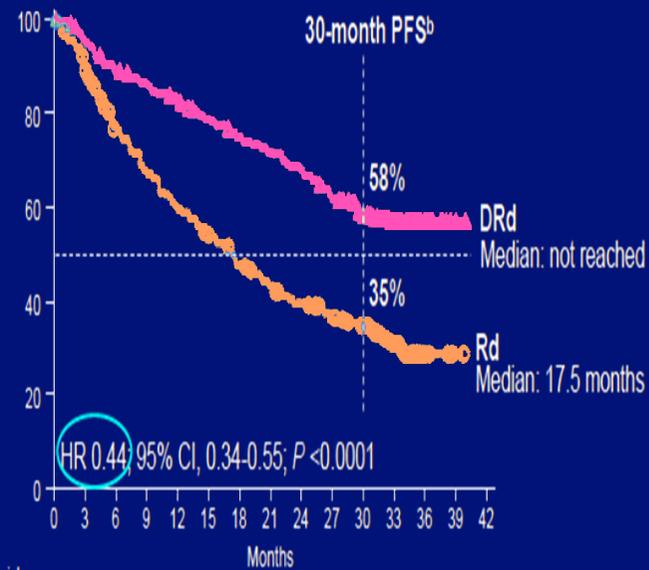
PFS, progression-free survival; HR, hazard ratio, CI, confidence interval; m, months; d, low dose dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; V, bortezomib; MRD, minimal residual disease

Rd versus Rd Daratumumab (POLLUX)

Median follow-up: 32.9 months

DRd vs Rd

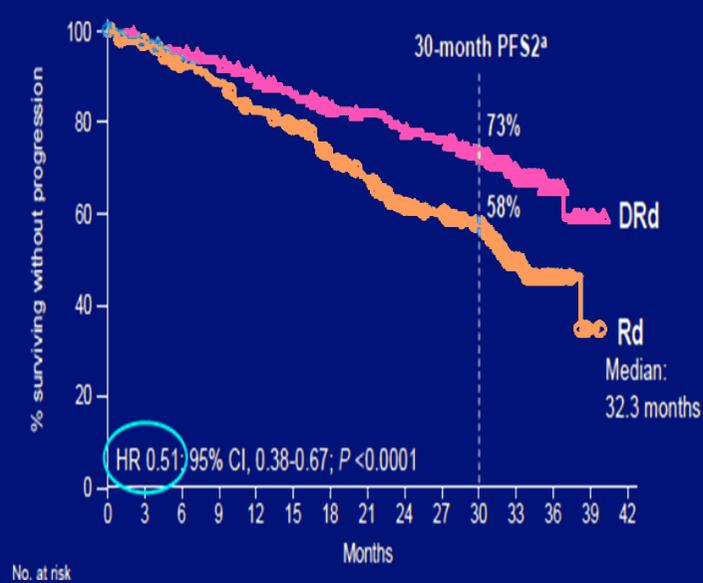
Progression-free survival



	DRd (n=286)	Rd (n=283)
Median PFS, mo	NR	17.5
HR (95% CI)	0.44 (0.34-0.55)	
P value	<0.0001	

DRd vs Rd

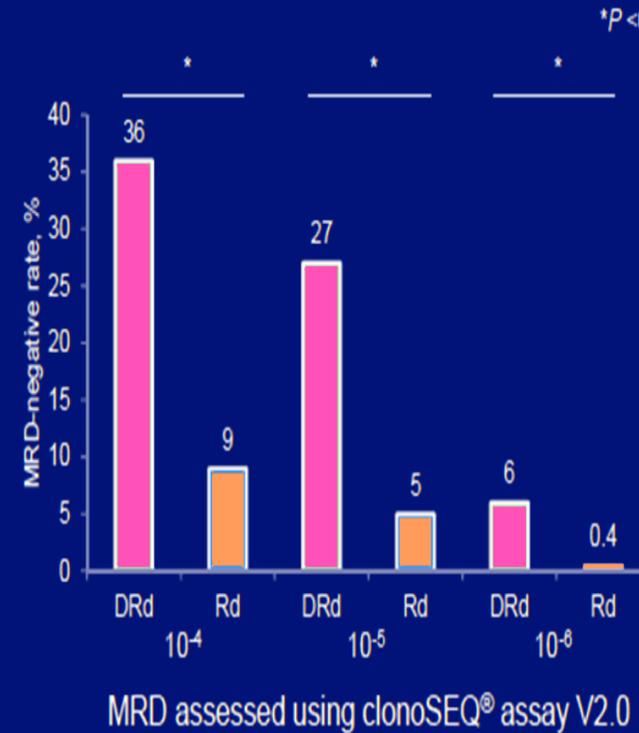
Progression-free survival-2



	DRd (n=286)	Rd (n=283)
Median PFS2, mo	NR	32.3
HR (95% CI)	0.51 (0.38-0.67)	
P value	<0.0001	

DRd vs Rd

MRD negativity



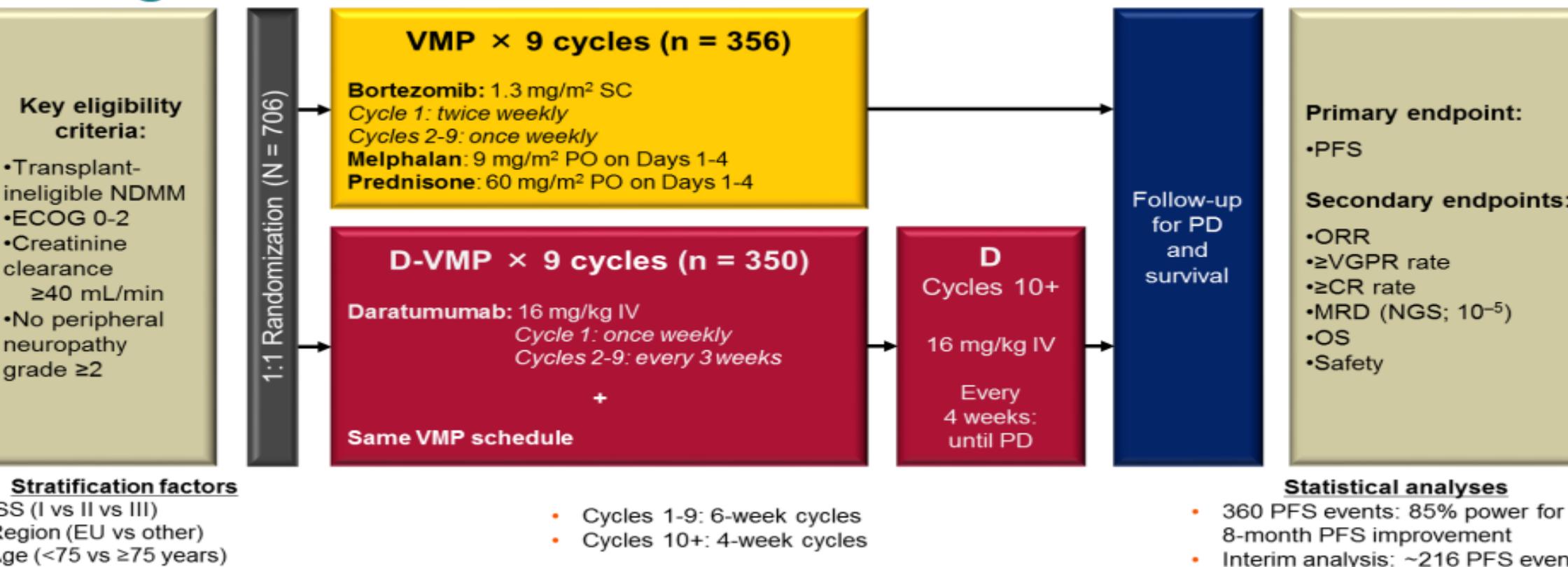
Median PFS, mo
(95% CI)
P value

Progression-free survival; HR, hazard ratio, CI, confidence interval; P, P value; d, low-dose dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; R, lenalidomide; MRD, minimal residual disease.

Dimopoulos MA, et al. Presented at ASH 2017 (Abstract 739), oral presentation
Lentzsch S, et al. Presented at ASCO 2017 (Abstract 8036), poster presentation
Weisel K, et al. Presented at EHA 2017 (Abstract S459), oral presentation

Daratumumab-VMP vs VMP in NDMM transplant ineligible

ALCYONE phase 3 study of daratumumab + VMP in NDMM Design



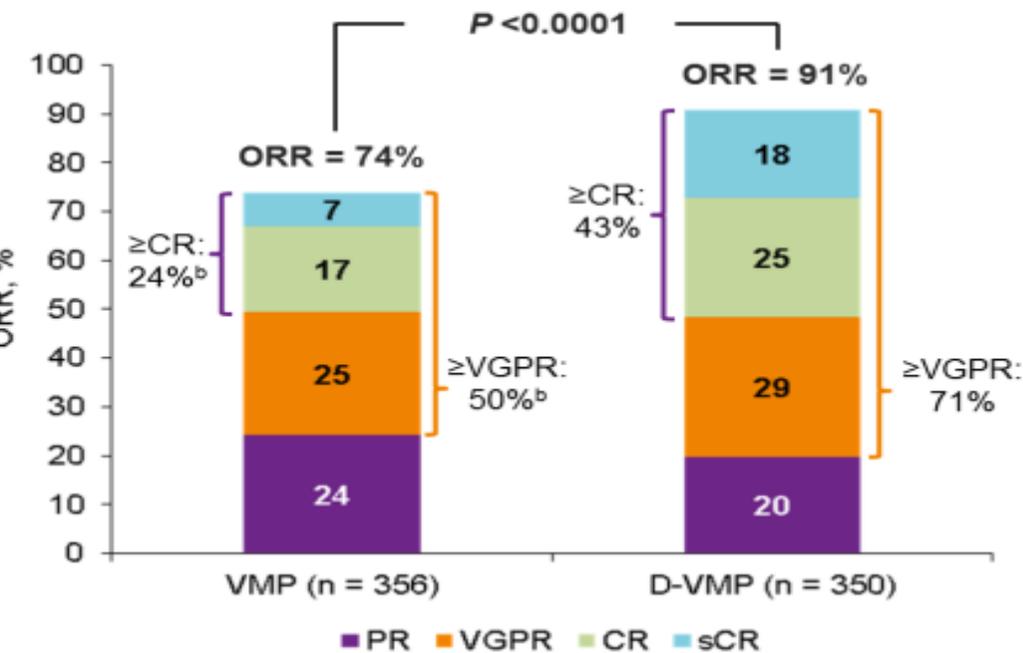
NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ISS, International Staging System; EU, European Union; VMP, bortezomib/melphalan/prednisone; SC, subcutaneously; PO, orally; D, daratumumab; IV, intravenously; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing; OS, overall survival.

Mateos MV, et al. Presented at ASH 2017 (Abstract LBA-4), oral presentation.

Daratumumab-VMP versus VMP

ALCYONE Efficacy: ORR^a

- Median duration of response: 21.3 months in VMP versus not reached in D-VMP



	VMP (n = 263) ^c	D-VMP (n = 318) ^c
Median (range) time to first response, months	0.82 (0.7-12.6)	0.79 (0.4-15.5)
Median (range) time to best response, months	4.11 (0.7-20.5)	4.93 (0.5-21.0)

**Significantly higher ORR, ≥VGPR rate, and ≥CR rate with D-VMP;
>2-fold increase in rate of sCR with D-VMP**

PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response.

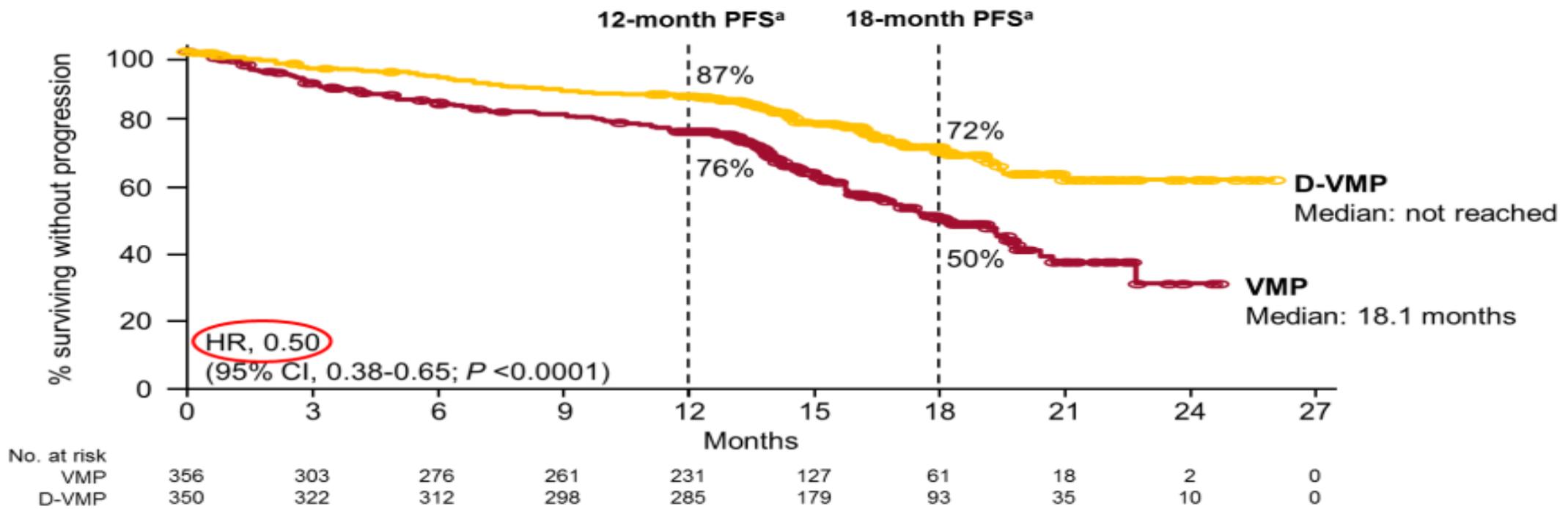
^aITT population. ^b*P* < 0.0001; *P* value was calculated with the use of the Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel chi-square test.

^cResponders in response-evaluable population.

Daratumumab-VMP versus VMP

ALCYONE Efficacy: PFS

- Median (range) follow-up: 16.5 (0.1-28.1) months



50% reduction in the risk of progression or death in patients receiving D-VMP

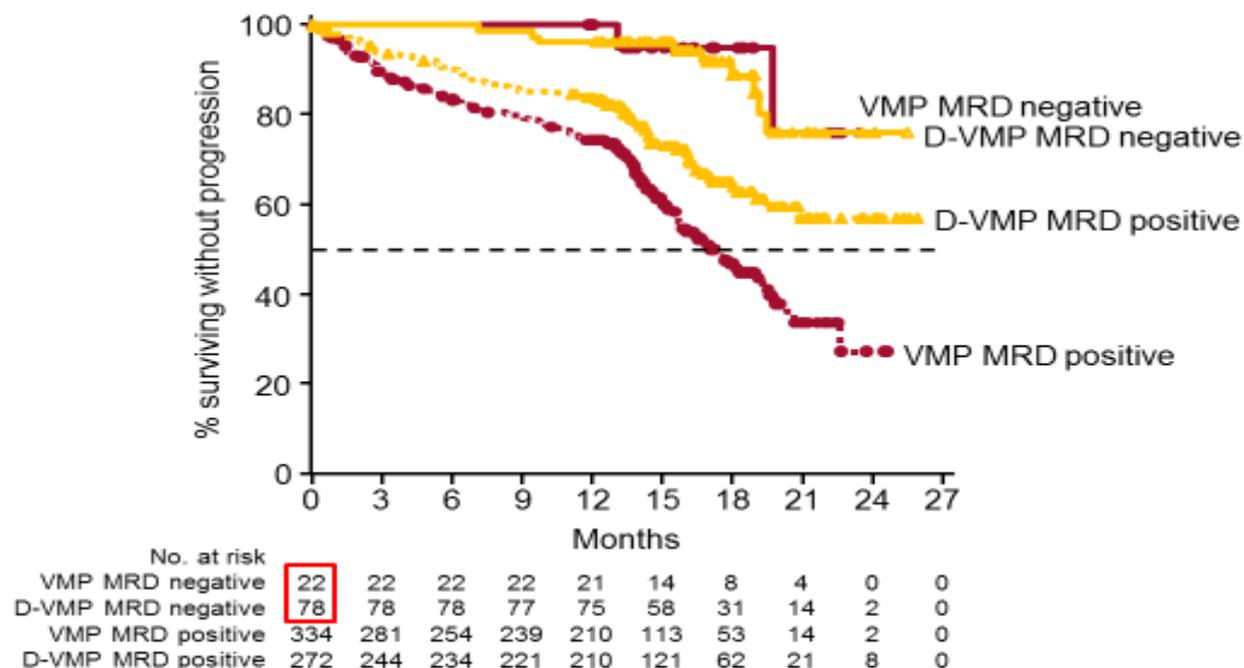
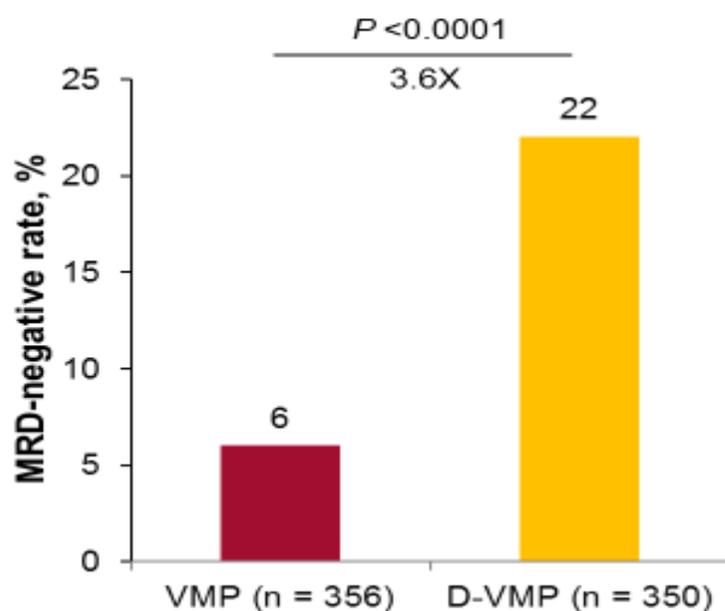
PFS, progression-free survival; VMP, bortezomib/melphalan/prednisone; daratumumab; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval. Kaplan-Meier estimate.

Mateos MV, et al. Presented at ASH 2017 (Abstract LBA-4), oral presentation.

Daratumumab-VMP versus VMP

ALCYONE Efficacy: MRD^a (NGS; 10⁻⁵ Sensitivity Threshold)

- Median (range) follow-up: 16.5 (0.1-28.1) months



**>3-fold higher MRD-negativity rate with D-VMP;
Lower risk of progression or death in all MRD-negative patients**

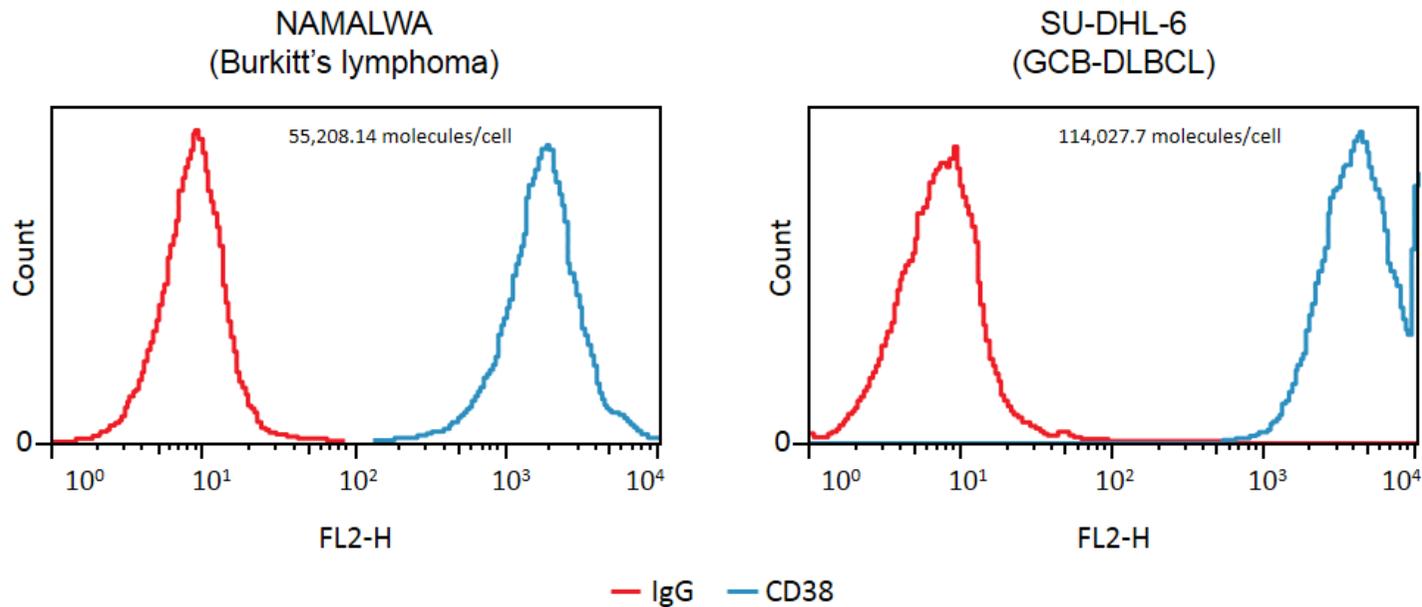
MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing using clonoSEQ version 2.0 (Adaptive); VMP, bortezomib/melphalan/prednisone; D, daratumumab; CR, complete response; sCR stringent complete response. ^aAssessed at time of confirmation of CR/sCR, and if confirmed, 12, 18, 24, and 30 months after first dose.

Mateos MV, et al. Presented at ASH 2017 (Abstract LBA-4), oral presentation.

CD38 in myeloma and beyond: groundwork & outlook

Daratumumab + CHOP or R-CHOP: Preclinical Models of NHL

CD38 expression in representative NHL tumor cell lines

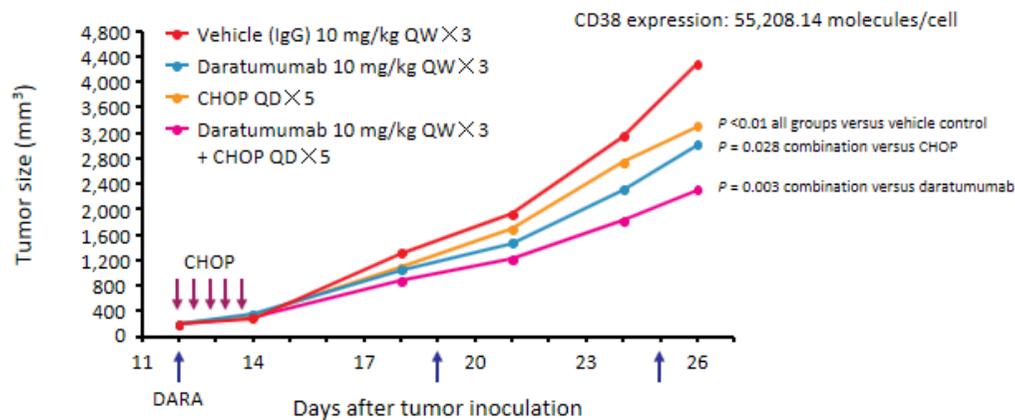


Evaluation of 16 NHL cell lines for CD38 expression suggested that CD38 expression levels varied among cell lines, but ***the majority (81%, n=13/16) had >1000 CD38 receptors per cell.***

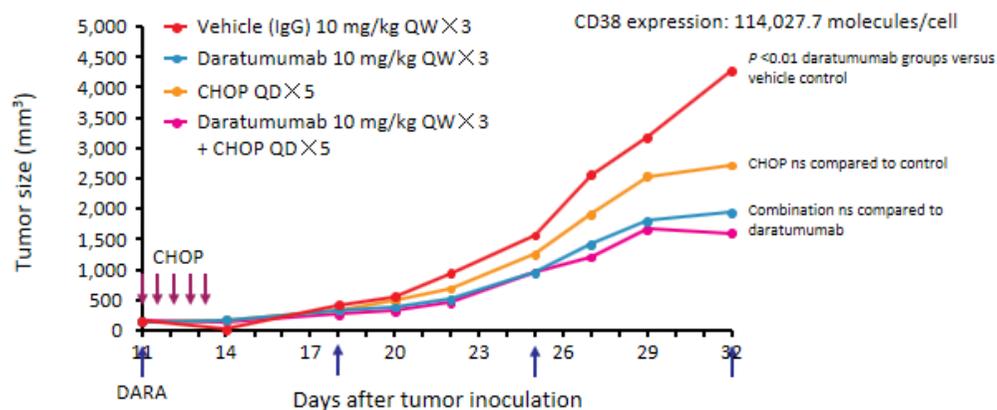
ected by flow cytometry using anti-CD38 antibody (blue curve); isotype control antibody (red curve) was used as a control

Daratumumab + CHOP or R-CHOP: Preclinical Models of NHL

Effect of daratumumab ± CHOP in NAMALWA and SU-DHL-6 xenograft models



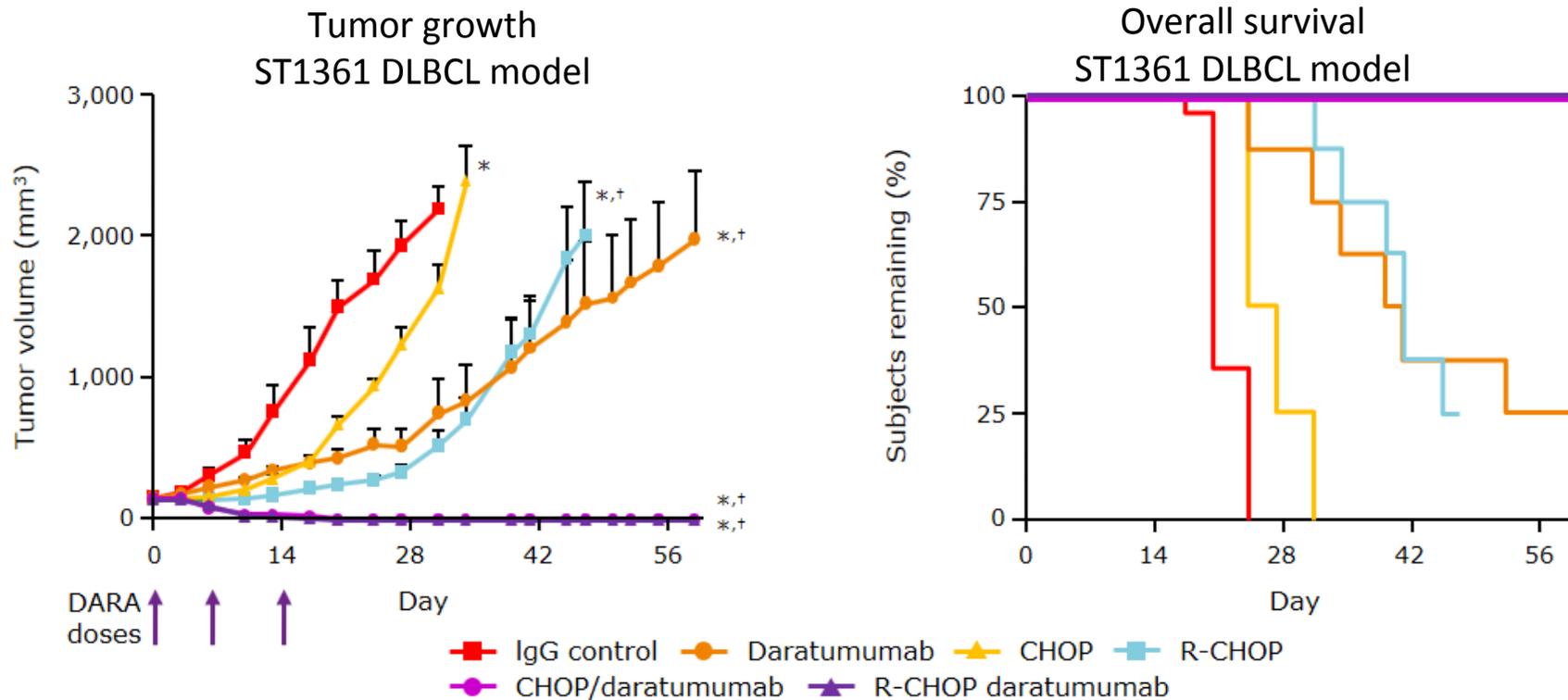
In NAMALWA in vivo model, DARA in combination with CHOP showed significant tumor growth inhibition (47%, $p < 0.001$) compared to the control group on day 26.



In SU-DHL-6 model, daratumumab either alone or in combination with CHOP showed significant tumor growth inhibition (55% and 63%, respectively, $p < 0.01$) by day 32.

Daratumumab + CHOP or R-CHOP: Preclinical Models of NHL

Effect of daratumumab on tumor growth in patient-derived DLBCL model



- SCID mice injected with fragments from ST1361 patient-derived tumor; assessment of tumor growth inhibition and overall survival was initiated when mean tumor volume was ~150-250 mm³. Daratumumab was administered weekly at 20 mg/kg ± CHOP

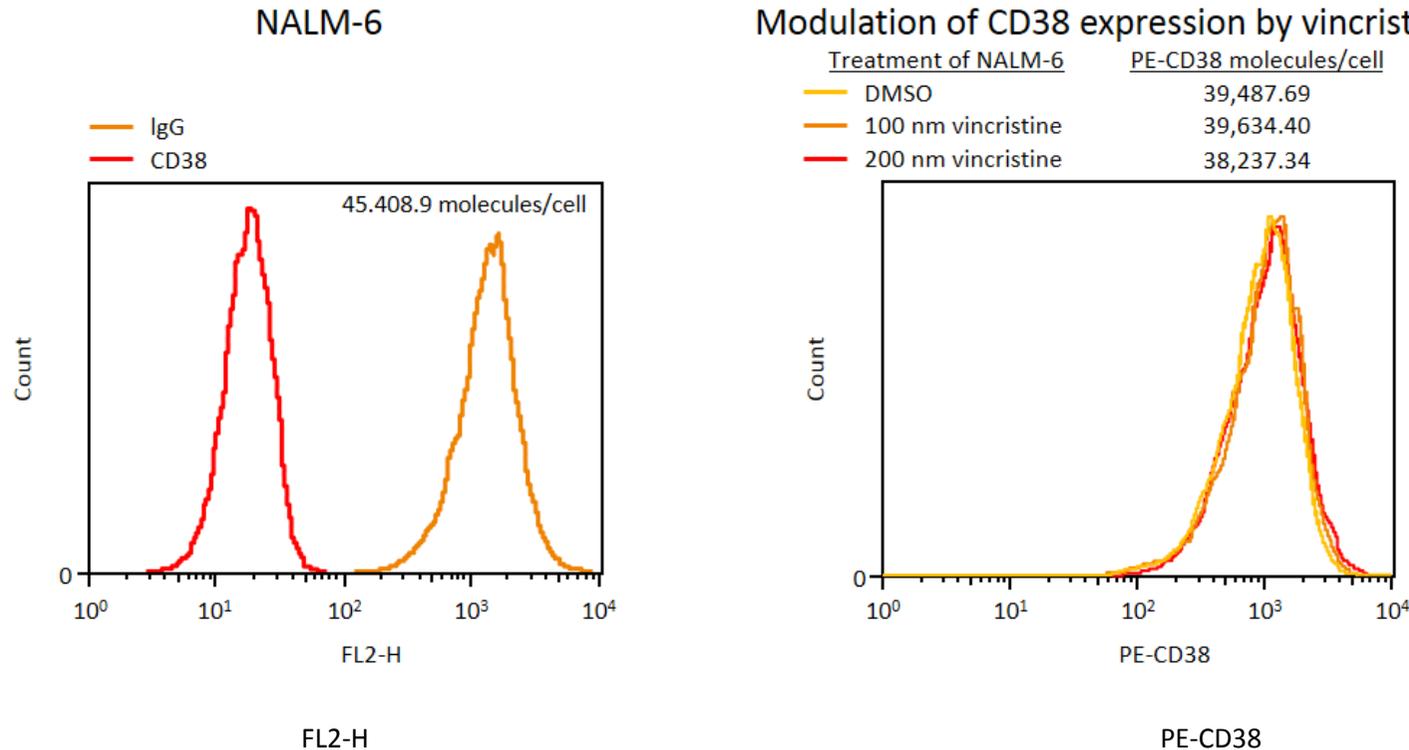
In a patient-derived DLBCL model with high (3+) CD38 expression in 80% of tumor cells by IHC, daratumumab in combination with CHOP or R-CHOP showed tumor regression and the tumors did not regrow when the treatment with daratumumab was stopped after 3 doses.

Daratumumab in Mantle Cell Lymphoma and Follicular Lymphoma

- Daratumumab induces cell killing by ADCC and ADCP in MCL and FL cells
- Lenalidomide pretreatment of PBMCs significantly increases daratumumab ADCC activity
- Prophylactic daratumumab treatment inhibits MCL and FL tumor growth *in vivo* in subcutaneous tumor models
- Daratumumab improves overall survival in systemic mouse models of MCL and FL
- Combination of daratumumab with CHOP or R-CHOP are highly effective regimens in a tFL mouse model

Daratumumab +/- Vincristine: Preclinical Models of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

CD38 expression in representative ALL tumor cell line and effect of vincristine on CD38 expression



CD38 expression in NALM-6 cells detected via flow cytometry using anti-CD38 antibody; isotype control antibody was used as a control

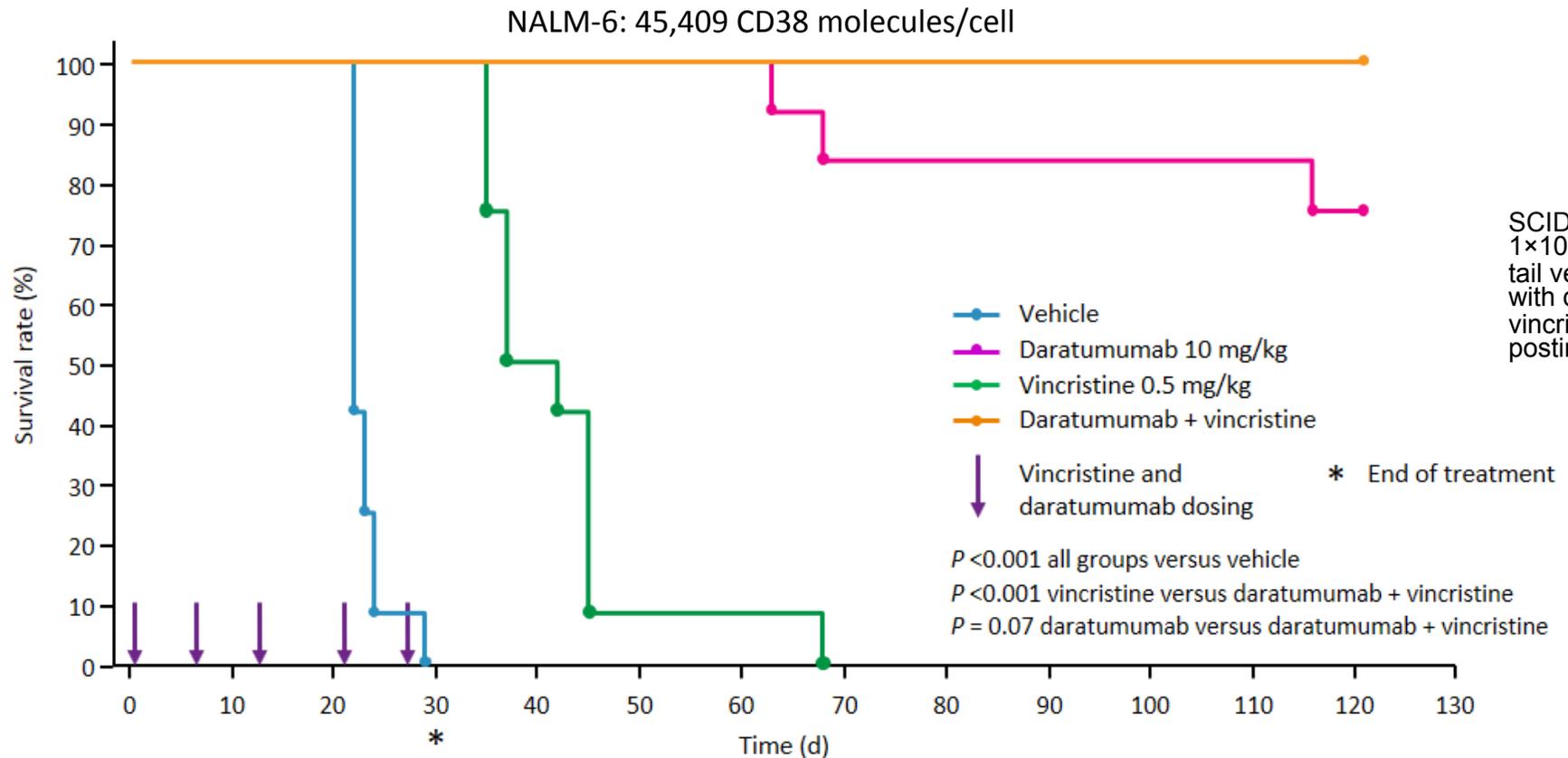
NALM-6 cells incubated with either dimethyl sulfoxide or vincristine (100 or 200 nM) for 24 hours

Evaluation of the expression of CD38 in 9 ALL cell lines suggested that **CD38 expression varied among different cell lines but the majority (88%, n=8/9) had >1000 CD38 receptors per cell.**

Treatment with vincristine did not modulate CD38 expression.

Daratumumab +/- Vincristine: Preclinical Models of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

Effect of daratumumab ± vincristine in NALM-6 xenograft model

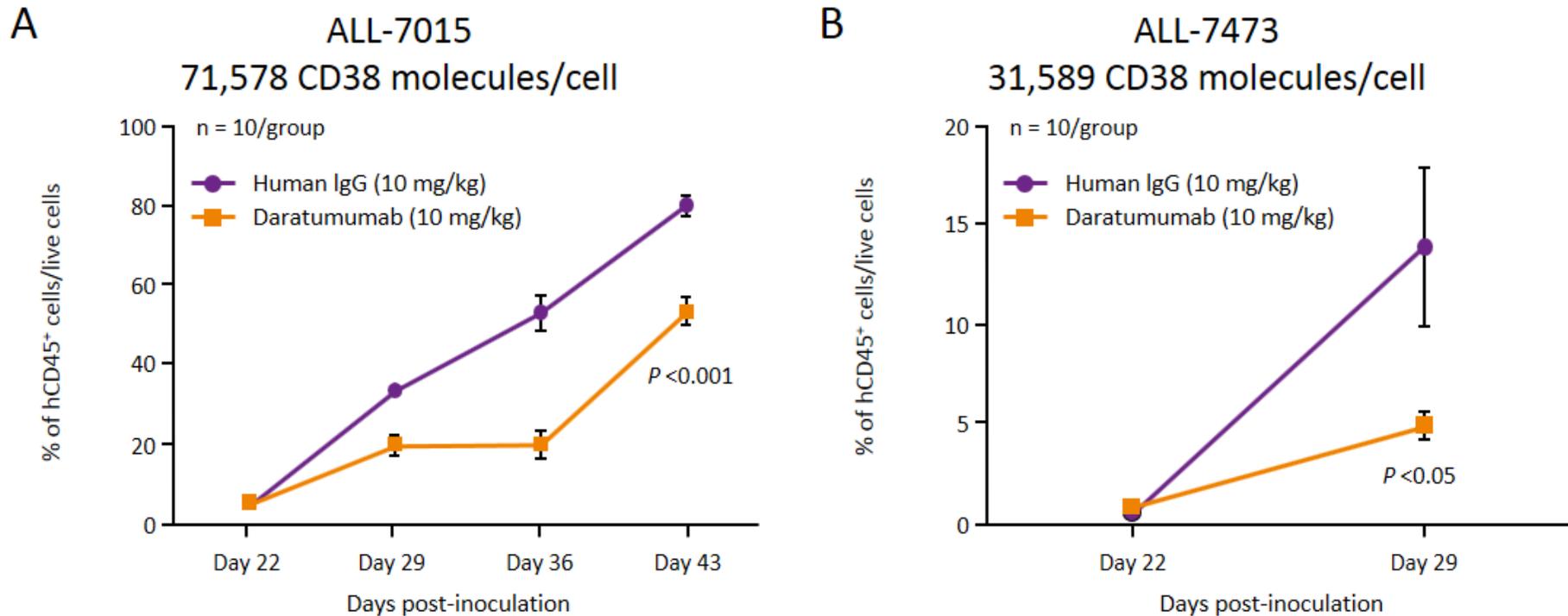


Daratumumab either alone or with vincristine showed significant prolongation of survival.

Animals in the control group died by day 22 and the animals in vincristine group died by day 43, however, 80-100% of animals in daratumumab alone or in combination with vincristine survived beyond day 88.

Daratumumab +/- Vincristine: Preclinical Models of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

Effect of daratumumab on tumor growth in patient-derived models



Tumor burden measured for NOD/SCID mice injected with 2×10^6 ALL-7015 (n = 10) and ALL-7473 (n = 10) tumor cells. Dosing initiated when tumor burden in peripheral blood was 5%-10% CD45⁺ cells; mice were treated weekly with control IgG or daratumumab

patient-derived CD38⁺/BCR-ABL⁺ **B-ALL-7015** model, daratumumab treatment resulted in significant tumor growth inhibition (p < 0.001) by day 22 compared to the control antibody.

CD38⁺/BCR-ABL⁻ **T-ALL-7473** model, treatment with daratumumab resulted in significant tumor growth inhibition (p < 0.05) but the animals developed disease by day 14 and were sacrificed on day 21.

Other hematological malignancies

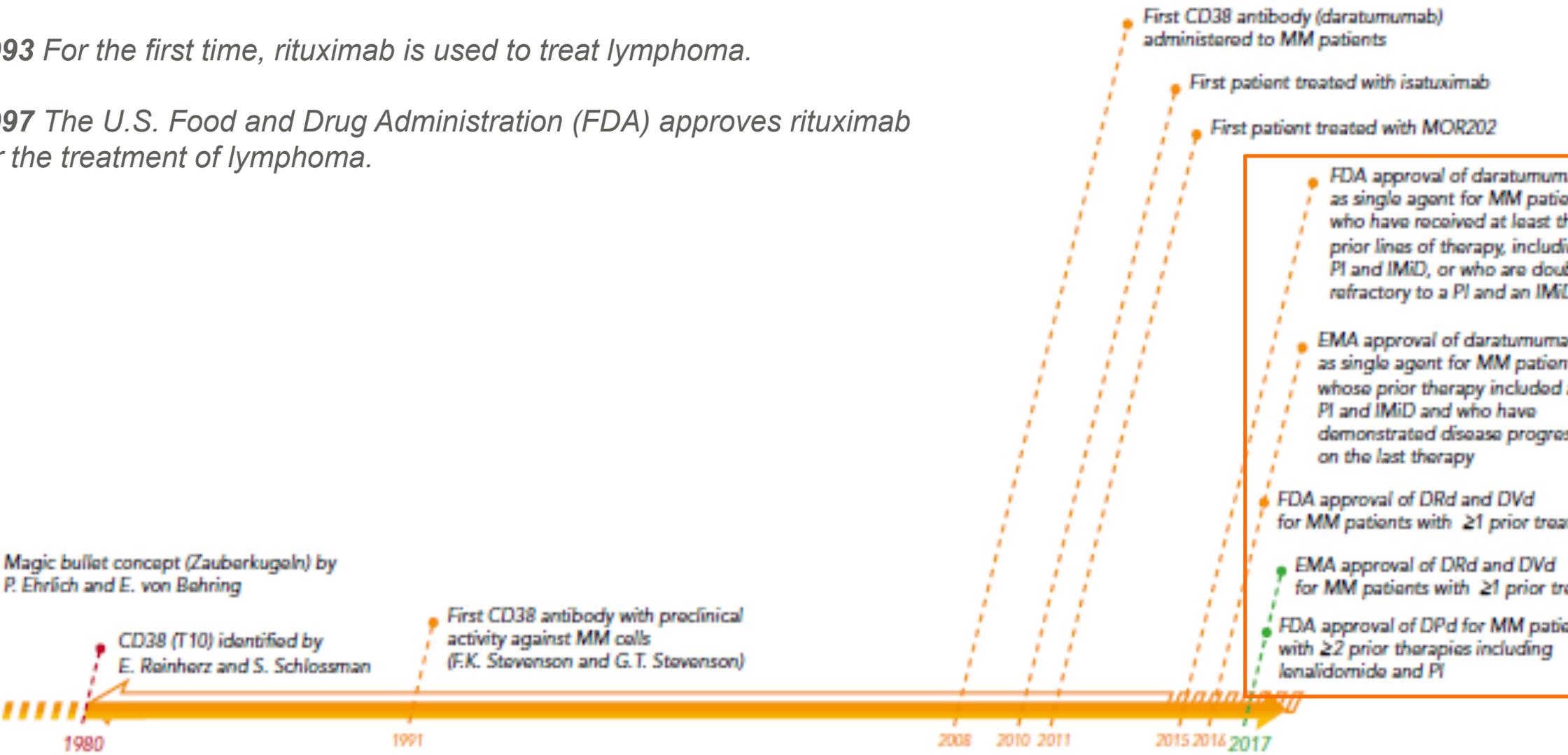
- CD38 antibodies activity against lymphoma cell lines and mouse model.
- Daratumumab exerts significant cytotoxicity against **chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) cells** via ADCC and ADCP, but without significant CDC, probably as a result of high complement inhibitor expression.
- Daratumumab interferes with CD38 signaling and reduces CLL adhesion, migration, and homing.
- CD38 is also strongly expressed on NK cells, which explains the sustained response with daratumumab in a patient with relapsed/refractory **nasal-type extranodal NK-cell–T-cell lymphoma**
- Preclinical studies have also shown activity of CD38 antibodies against T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and B-cell ALL, **Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia**.

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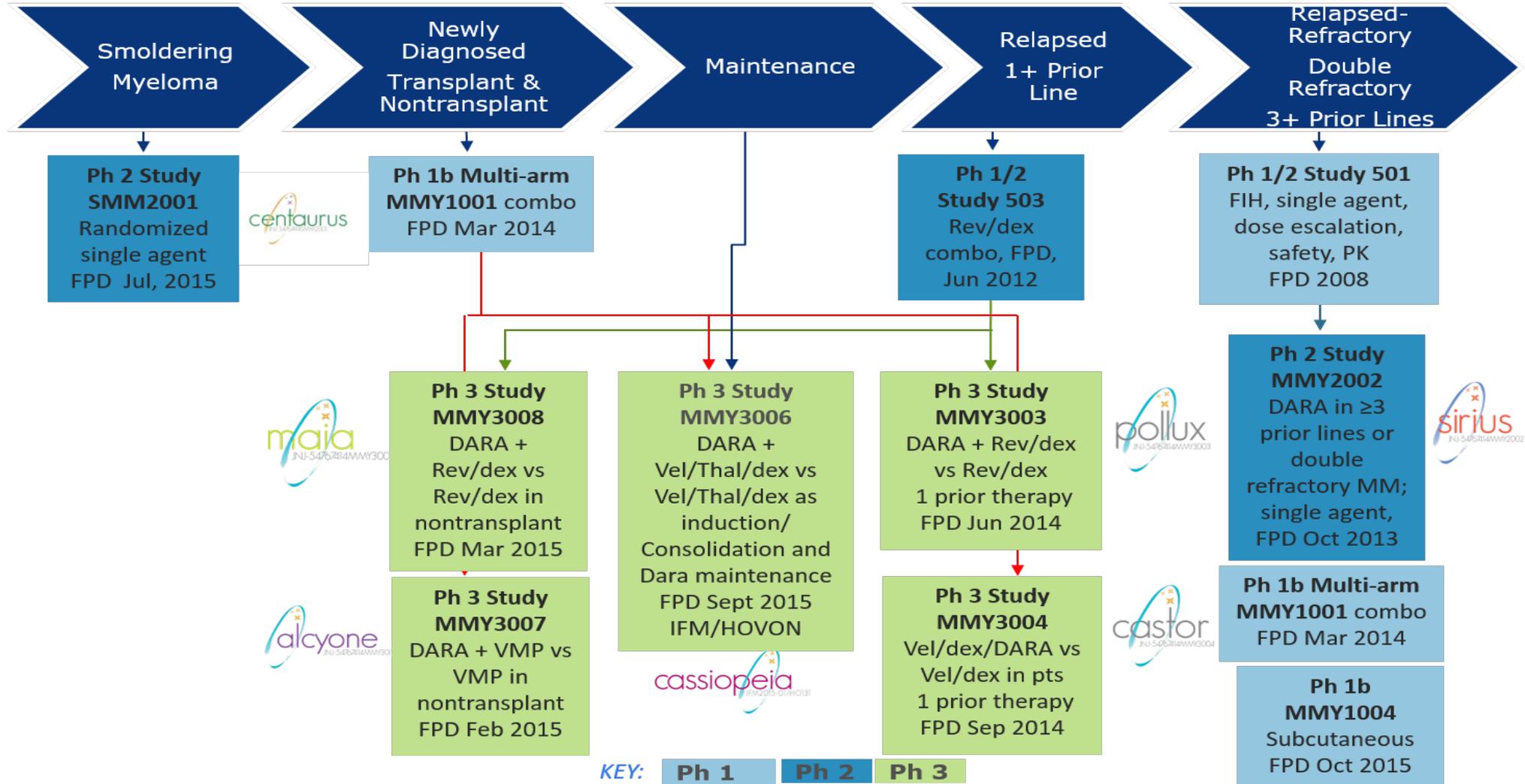
History of CD38 antibodies

1993 For the first time, rituximab is used to treat lymphoma.

1997 The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves rituximab for the treatment of lymphoma.

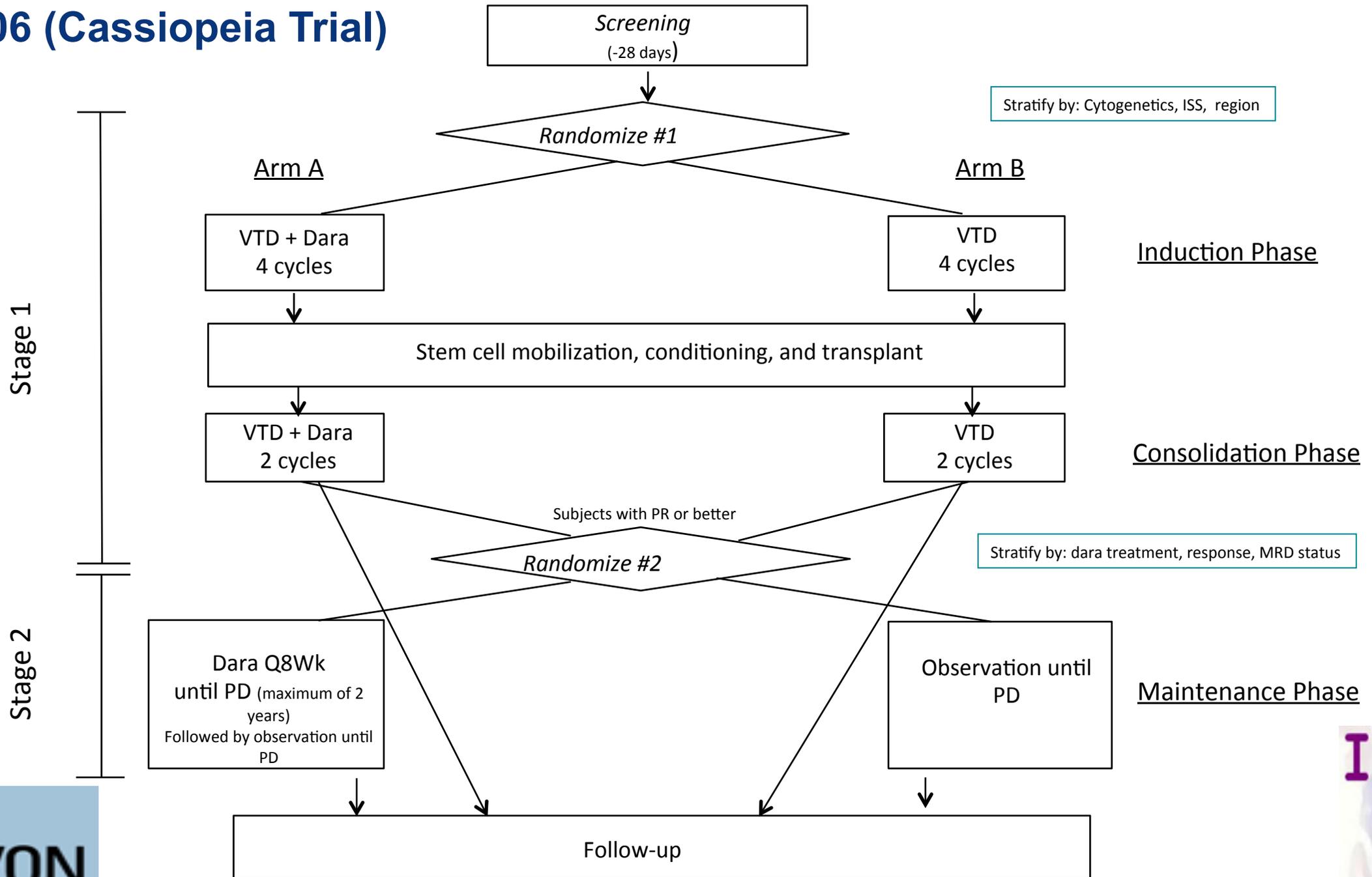


Daratumumab Development In MM Settings



Immunotherapeutic strategies are emerging as promising therapeutic approaches in MM with several MoAb in advanced stages of clinical development.

3006 (Cassiopeia Trial)



Selected ongoing or planned studies with CD38-targeting antibody-containing regimens in other conditions

Study	Phase	Patients	Treatment
NCT02841033	1/2	Relapsed or refractory AL amyloidosis	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT02816476 (AMYDARA)	2	Patients with AL amyloidosis not in VGPR or better after previous treatment	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT03067571	2	AML or high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome (relapsed or refractory)	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT03011034	2	Transfusion-dependent patients with low or intermediate-1 risk myelodysplastic syndrome who are relapsed or refractory to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT02413489 (Carina)	2	Relapsed/refractory CD38 ⁺ mantle cell lymphoma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, and follicular lymphoma	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT02927925	2	Relapsed/refractory NKTCL, nasal type	Daratumumab as single agent
NCT01084252	1/2	Relapsed/refractory CD38 ⁺ hematological malignancies such as B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, MM, AML, B-ALL, and CLL	Isatuximab as single agent
NCT02999633	2	Relapsed or refractory T-ALL and T-LBL	Isatuximab as single agent

Conclusions

CD38

CD38 antibodies have impressive single agent activity in heavily pretreated MM patients

CD38 antibodies can also safely be added to backbone regimens, markedly increasing their efficacy.

CD38 antibodies will increasingly be incorporated into first-line anti MM regimens over the next years given their efficacy and manageable toxicity profile.

Various studies are currently evaluating the role of CD38 antibodies in induction, consolidation and maintenance in both transplant-eligible and elderly patients with newly diagnosed MM.

CD38 antibodies are also being evaluated in smoldering MM to prevent progression to active

Furthermore, CD38 antibodies are currently also under investigation in other hematologic malignancies, as well as in solid tumors.

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