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# CAR-T nel mieloma multiplo

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| GSK          |                  |          |            |             |                 | X              | X     |
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# Current targets for CAR-T- in MM

## BCMA

- BCMA is a member of the TNF receptor superfamily
- APRIL and BAFF are known ligands, leading to activation of the NF-κB pathway
- **BCMA promotes plasma cell survival, growth, resistance to apoptosis, adhesion, and angiogenesis**
- γ-secretase cleaving causes shedding of soluble BCMA
- BCMA is expressed on **malignant PCs, at low levels on normal PCs and mature B lymphocytes** and is absent in non-hematological tissues

## GPC5D

- GPRC5D is a member of the G protein-coupled receptor family with an **unknown function**
- It is highly expressed on **malignant PCs**, as well as **hard keratinized structures** (hair shaft, nail, and central region of the tongue)

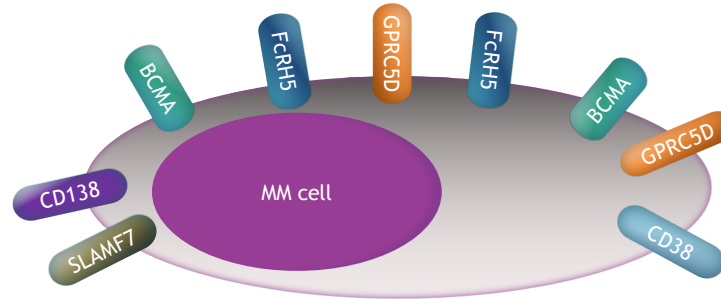
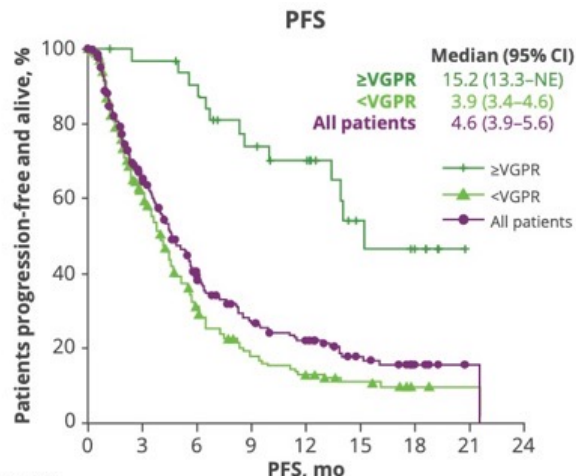
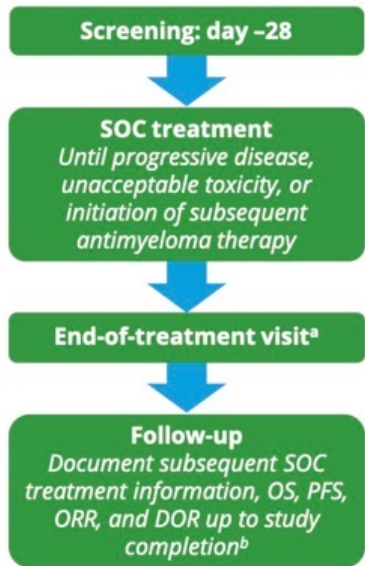


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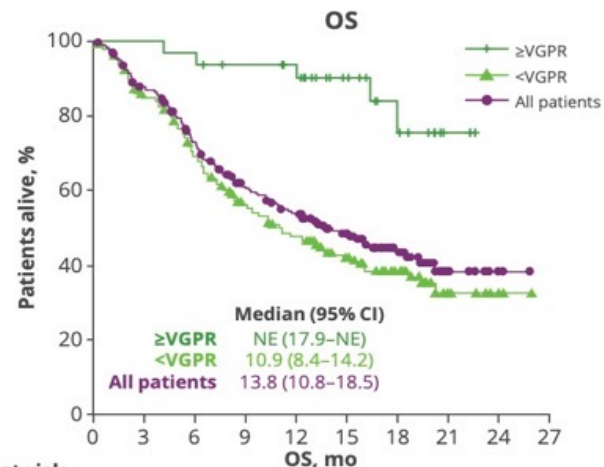
APRIL, a proliferation-inducing ligand; BAFF, B-cell activating factor; BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CD, cluster of differentiation; FcRH5, Fc receptor-like 5; GPRC5D, G-protein coupled receptor family C group 5 member D; Ig, immunoglobulin; MM, multiple myeloma; NF-κB, nuclear factor B; PC, plasma cell; SLAMF7, signaling lymphocytic activation molecule family member 7; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

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# LocoMMotion: Real-life current standards of care in patients with RRMM who received $\geq 3$ prior lines of therapy



| No. at risk  | 0   | 3   | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 |
|--------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| ≥VGPR        | 33  | 31  | 28 | 21 | 17 | 7  | 4  | 0  | 0  |
| <VGPR        | 215 | 102 | 45 | 22 | 15 | 10 | 4  | 1  | 0  |
| All patients | 248 | 133 | 73 | 43 | 32 | 17 | 8  | 1  | 0  |



| No. at risk  | 0   | 3   | 6   | 9   | 12  | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| ≥VGPR        | 33  | 33  | 32  | 29  | 26  | 17 | 9  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| <VGPR        | 215 | 179 | 137 | 102 | 85  | 54 | 28 | 8  | 2  | 0  |
| All patients | 248 | 212 | 169 | 131 | 111 | 71 | 37 | 10 | 2  | 0  |

<sup>a</sup>End-of-treatment visit is defined as ~30 days after completion of the last dose of the first SOC therapy used within the study. <sup>b</sup>End of the study is defined as 24 months after the first dose of SOC treatment for the last patient included in the study, except in cases of patient death that would end the study early. DOR, duration of response.

- Median age: 68 years
- Median prior lines: 4 (2–13)
- Triple-class refractory: 73.4%
- ORR: 31.5%
- mDOR: 7.7 months

# BCMA-targeting CAR-T cells

|             | Approved CARs                               |                                                   | Phase 3                                       |                                                    | Academic                          | Alternative construct                    | Short manufacturing                         |                                 | Allo-CAR                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|             | Ide-cel<br>KarMMa <sup>1</sup><br>(n = 196) | Cilta-cel<br>CARTITUDE-1 <sup>2</sup><br>(n = 97) | Ide-cel<br>KarMMa-3 <sup>3</sup><br>(n = 254) | Cilta-cel<br>CARTITUDE-4 <sup>4</sup><br>(n = 208) | ARI0002h <sup>5</sup><br>(n = 30) | CART-<br>ddBCMA <sup>6</sup><br>(n = 31) | FasT CAR-T<br>GC012F <sup>7</sup><br>(n=29) | PHE885 <sup>8</sup><br>(n= 50 ) | ALLO-715<br>UNIVERSAL <sup>9</sup><br>(n = 43) |
| Phase       | II                                          | Ib/II                                             | III                                           | III                                                | I/II                              | I/II                                     | I                                           | I                               | I                                              |
| Target      | BCMA                                        | BCMA                                              | BCMA                                          | BCMA                                               | BCMA                              | BCMA                                     | BCMA/CD19                                   | GPRC5D                          | BCMA                                           |
| scFv        | Chimeric mouse                              | Chimeric llama                                    | Chimeric mouse                                | Chimeric llama                                     | Humanized                         | Synthetic protein                        | Not specified                               | Human                           | Human                                          |
| Co-stim     | 4-1BB                                       | 4-1BB                                             | 4-1BB                                         | 4-1BB                                              | 4-1BB                             | 4-1BB                                    | NA                                          | 4-1BB                           | 4-1BB                                          |
| Specificity | Autologous                                  | Autologous                                        | Autologous                                    | Autologous                                         | Autologous                        | Autologous                               | Autologous                                  | Autologous                      | Allogenic                                      |



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# Ide-cel approval: the KarMMA trial

FDA approved in 2021  
EMA approved in 2021

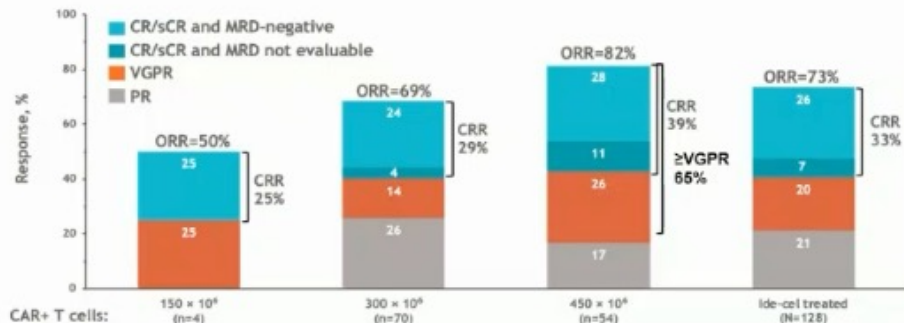
Second generation CAR-T cell, anti-BCMA murine scFv, 4-1BB costimulatory domain

## KarMMA, phase 2 study (N = 128)

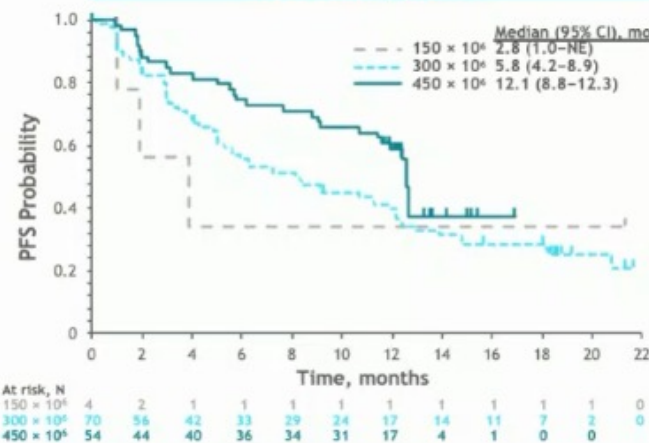
Median prior lines:  
6 (3-16)

84% of patients were triple-class refractory

Bridging possible  
Flu-Cy lymphodepletion





## PFS by Target Dose



mOS = 24.8 mo

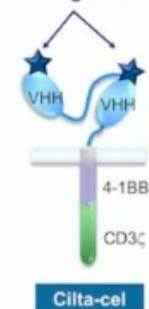
| AE, * n (%)          | Ide-Cel-Treated (N=128) |          |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|
|                      | Any Grade               | Grade ≥3 |
| <b>Hematologic</b>   |                         |          |
| Neutropenia          | 117 (91)                | 114 (89) |
| Anemia               | 89 (70)                 | 77 (60)  |
| Thrombocytopenia     | 81 (63)                 | 67 (52)  |
| <b>CRS</b>           | 107 (84)                | 7 (5)    |
| <b>Neurotoxicity</b> | 23 (18)                 | 4 (3)    |

# Cilta-cel approval: the CARTITUDE-1 trial

 FDA approved in 2022  
 EMA approved in 2022

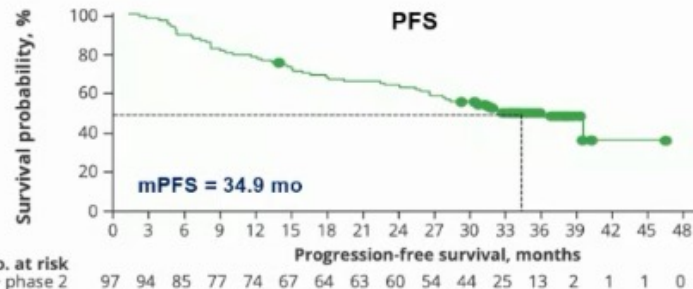
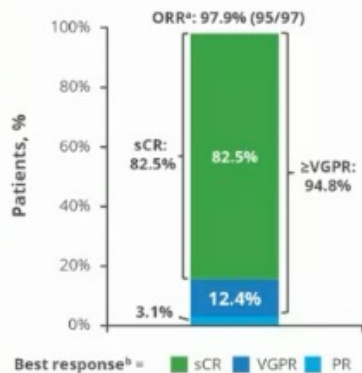
Second generation CAR-T cell, 2 anti-BCMA camelid VHH single domains, 4-1BB costimulatory domain

Binding domains



| CARTITUDE-1, phase 2 study (N = 97) |                                              |                                             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Median prior lines:<br>6 (3-18)     | 88% of patients were triple-class refractory | Bridging possible<br>Flu-Cy lymphodepletion |

12 mos sustained MRD rate: 53%  
 PFS @ 30 mos: 75%



| AE, n (%)          | Cilta-cel-Treated (N=97) |          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
|                    | Any Grade                | Grade ≥3 |
| <b>Hematologic</b> |                          |          |
| Neutropenia        | 93 (96)                  | 92 (95)  |
| Anemia             | 79 (81)                  | 66 (68)  |
| Thrombocytopenia   | 77 (80)                  | 58 (60)  |
| <b>CRS</b>         |                          |          |
| Neurotoxicity      | 92 (95)                  | 6 (5)    |
|                    | 20 (21)                  | 10 (10)  |

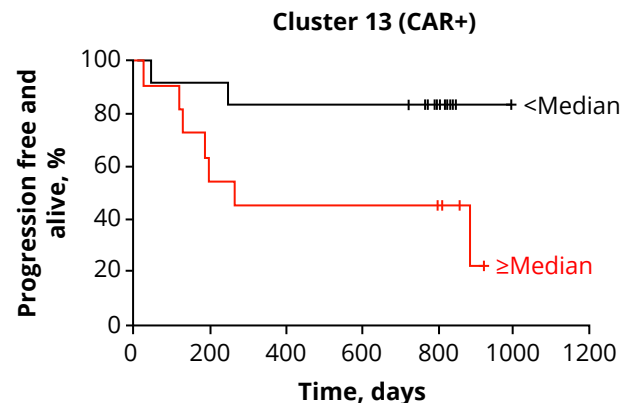
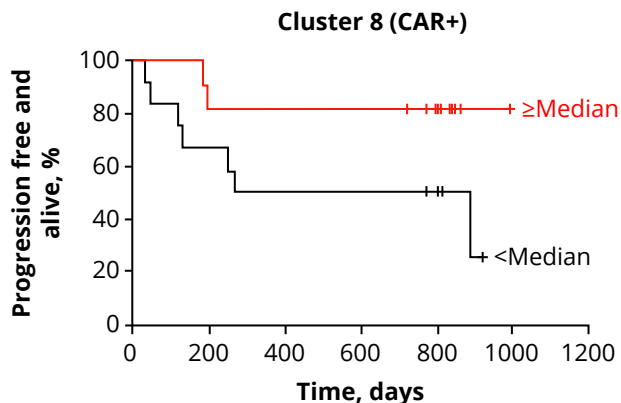
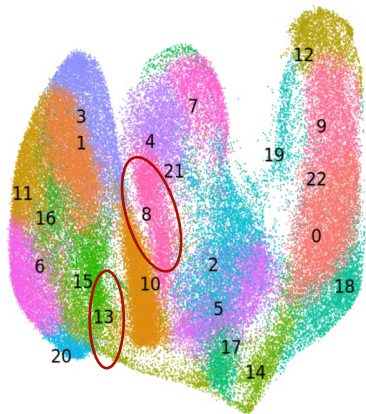
Berdeja J, et al. *Lancet* 2022;  
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# QUALITY OF CART COMPOSITION: DATA FROM CLINICAL TRIAL (CARTITUDE-1)

Longer PFS Was Associated With a CAR+CD8+ Stem Cell-Like Phenotype in the Drug Product

| Cluster | Hazard ratio | P value | Marker              | Phenotype                                                                                            |
|---------|--------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8       | 0.62         | 0.032   | CD8+TCF7+LEF1+CCR7+ | CAR+CD8+ stem cell-like T cells with ability to proliferate into T <sub>cm</sub> and T <sub>em</sub> |
| 13      | 1.62         | 0.006   | CD4+FOXP3+          | CAR+CD4+ Treg cell-like phenotype                                                                    |

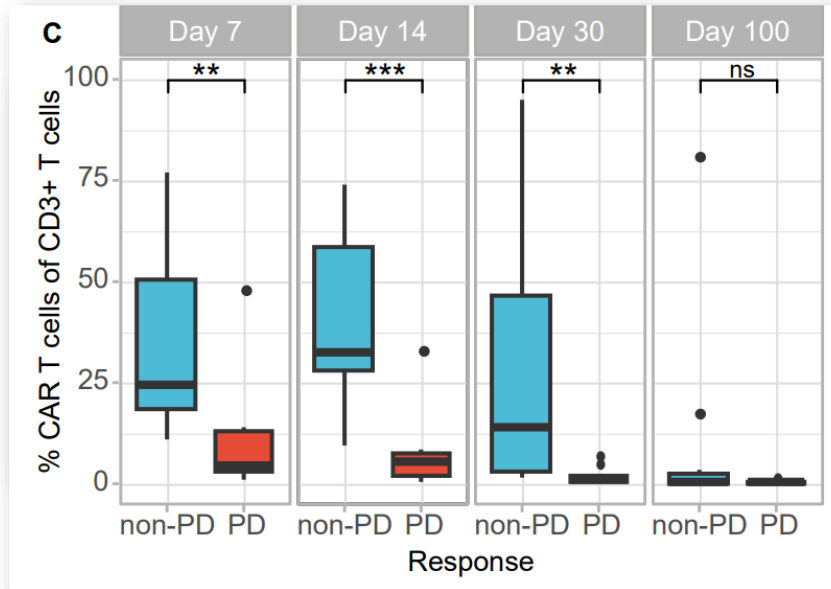


Longer PFS was directly associated with a CAR+CD8+ T-stem cell-like phenotype and inversely correlated with a CAR+CD4+ Treg cell-like phenotype in the drug product

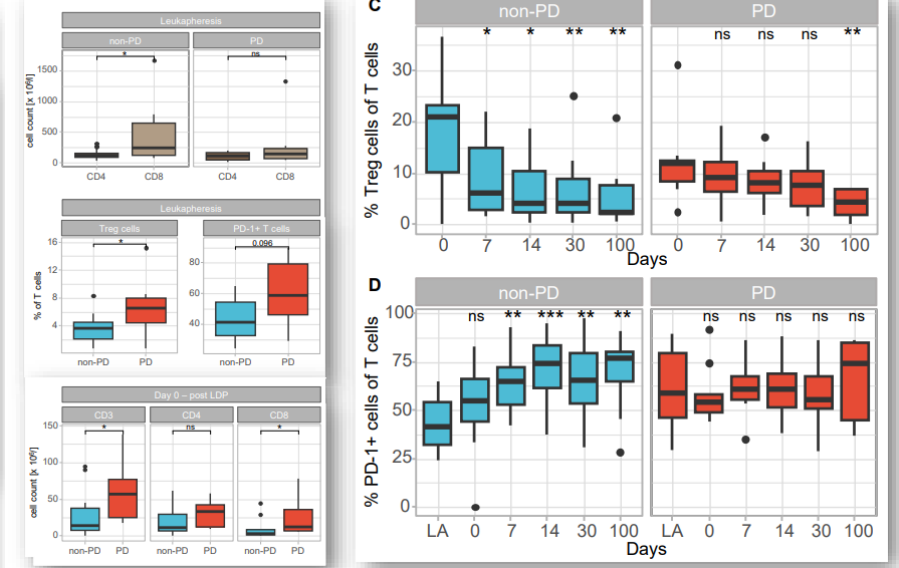


Results II – Infusion and expansion

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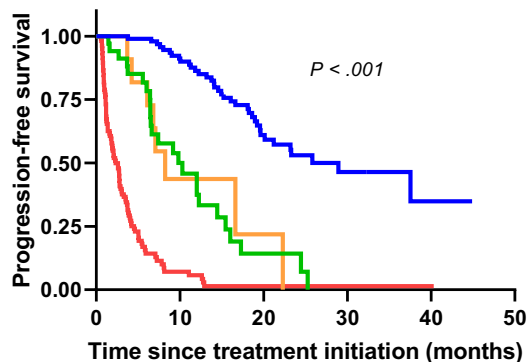


Results III – Apheresis, LDP, Tregs and PD1



- Real-life analysis on 25 pts treated with ide-cel: early relapse vs long-term disease control
- CAR-T cell expansion is associated with response
- Differences between responders and non-responders can be identified at time of leukapheresis
- Depletion of Tregs and increase of PD1 expression is associated with response

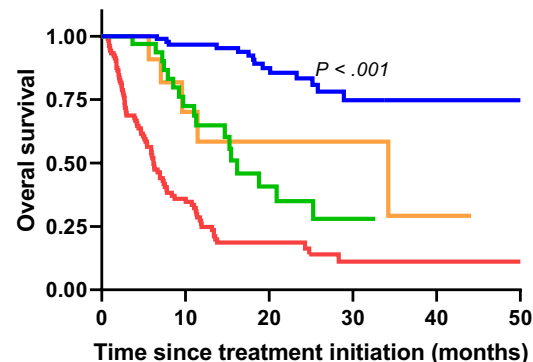
# Role of MRD in RRMM pts treated with CAR T cells and TCE



Number at risk

|            | 0   | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
|------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CR/MRD-    | 102 | 78 | 33 | 11 | 1  | 0  |
| CR/MRD+    | 11  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| No CR/MRD- | 34  | 13 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| No CR/MRD+ | 105 | 5  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  |

| Group      | Median PFS |
|------------|------------|
| CR/MRD-    | 29         |
| CR/MRD+    | 8          |
| No CR/MRD- | 10         |
| No CR/MRD+ | 2          |



Number at risk

|            | 0   | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
|------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CR/MRD-    | 102 | 82 | 47 | 20 | 5  | 1  |
| CR/MRD+    | 11  | 6  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| No CR/MRD- | 34  | 20 | 7  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| No CR/MRD+ | 105 | 30 | 11 | 4  | 2  | 1  |

| Group      | Median OS |
|------------|-----------|
| CR/MRD-    | NR        |
| CR/MRD+    | 34        |
| No CR/MRD- | 16        |
| No CR/MRD+ | 6         |

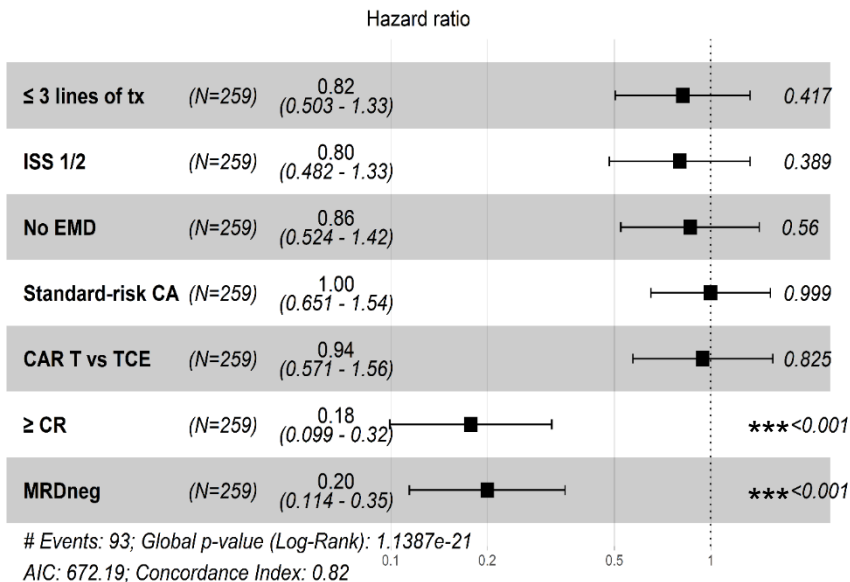
## Prolonged survival in patients achieving CR and undetectable MRD

- Retrospective real-life analysis of 259 patients with RRMM treated with TCR therapies in Spain between 2017-203
- Median follow-up, 11 months

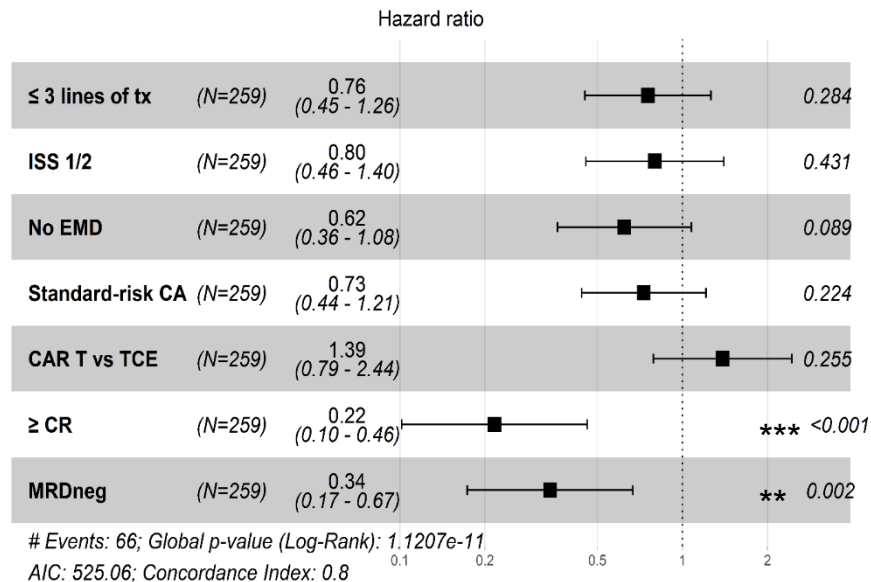
# CR and MRD status are the most relevant prognostic factors

## Multivariate analysis

### Progression-free survival



### Overall survival

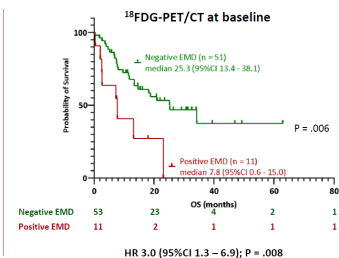
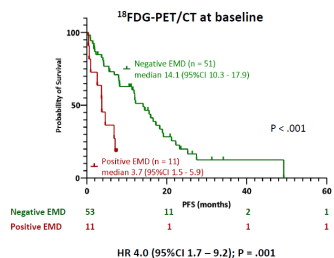


- In contrast to newly-diagnosed MM, achieving CR does matter in MRD negative RRMM patients with respect to response durability after CAR T cells and TCE

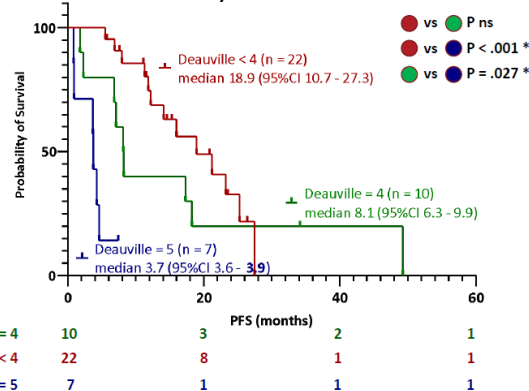
# Definition of PET imaging response in patients receiving CARTs

## Association of basal <sup>18</sup>FDG-PET/CT variables with progression-free (PFS) and overall (OS) survival

At baseline **EMD** was the only variable associated with inferior PFS and OS



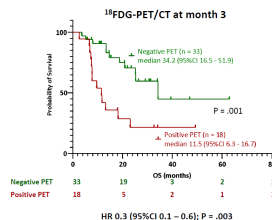
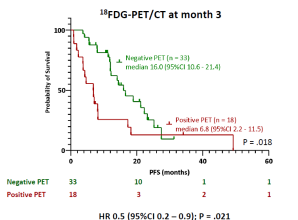
## <sup>18</sup>FDG-PET/CT at month 3



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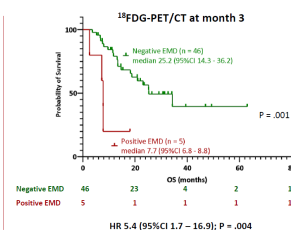
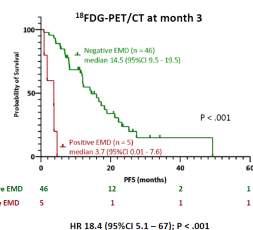
## Association of <sup>18</sup>FDG-PET/CT scan status (positive or negative) before and after therapy with PFS and OS survival

A negative scan at 3 months was associated with both improved PFS and OS



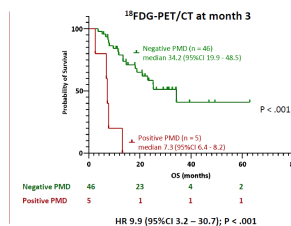
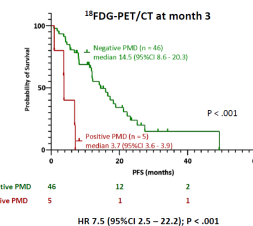
## Association of <sup>18</sup>FDG-PET/CT variables after therapy with PFS and OS

The presence of **EMD** at 3 months was still associated with worse PFS and OS



## Association of <sup>18</sup>FDG-PET/CT variables after therapy with PFS and OS

Conversely to basal scans, persistent hypermetabolic **PMD** at month 3 was associated with inferior PFS and OS



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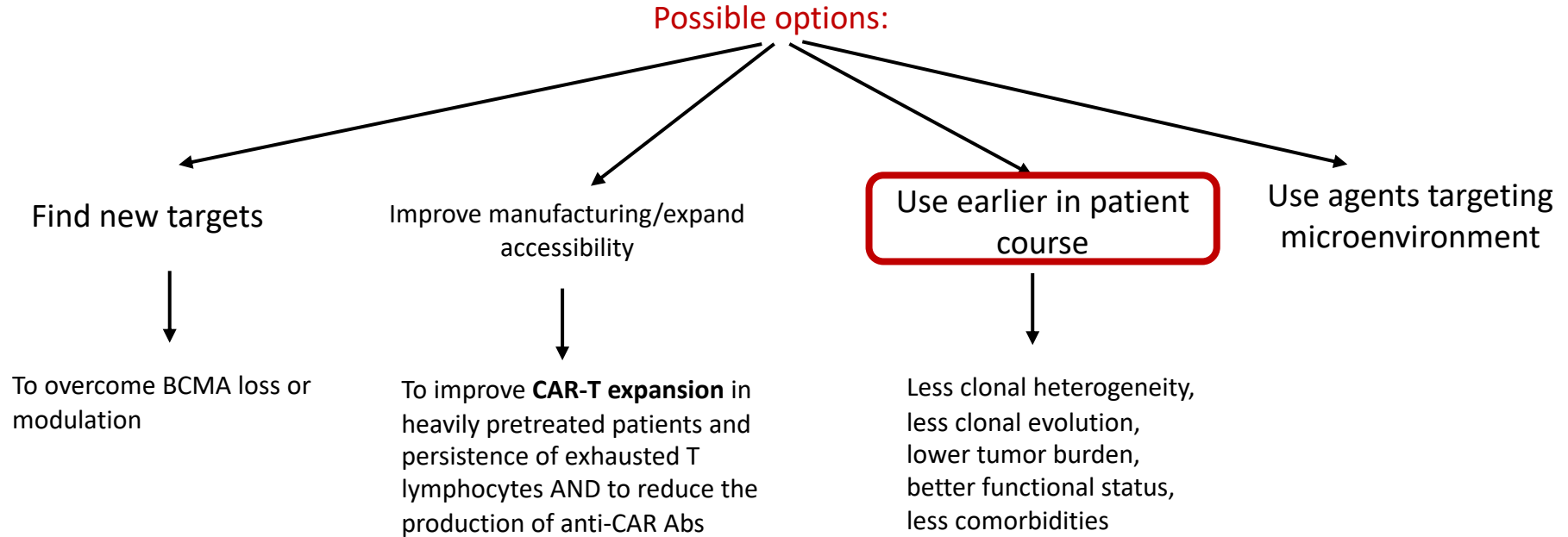
- Retrospective analysis on **62 pts** treated in Spain with anti-BCMA CARTs (2018-2023), studied by FDG PET/CT at **baseline, @ 1 mos (92%) and @ 3 mos (82%)**
- 79% PET pos baseline, 58% @ 1 mos, 35% @ 3 mos
- **No role on PFS of early 1 mos PET**



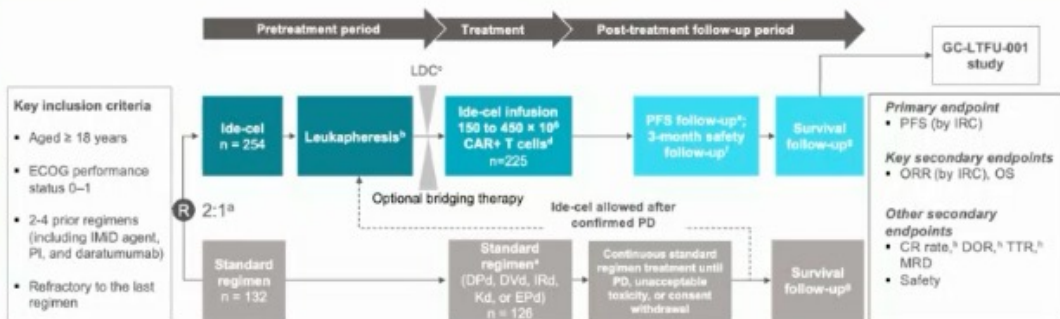
## Outcomes of BCMA-Directed CART Therapy in Patients with RRMM with EMD

- Real life analysis on 132 pts treated with ide-cel and cilta-cel as per SOC
- 48% (64 pts) previous/current EMD prior to CART; pair matched with rest of population
- No difference in toxicities (CRS, ICANS, infections)
- No difference in response rate/CR rate
- **Significantly shorter PFS and OS** ( $p = 0.02$  and  $0.03$ , respectively)
- Studies on mechanisms of resistance and influence of extra-medullary microenvironment on relapse/resistance currently on-going

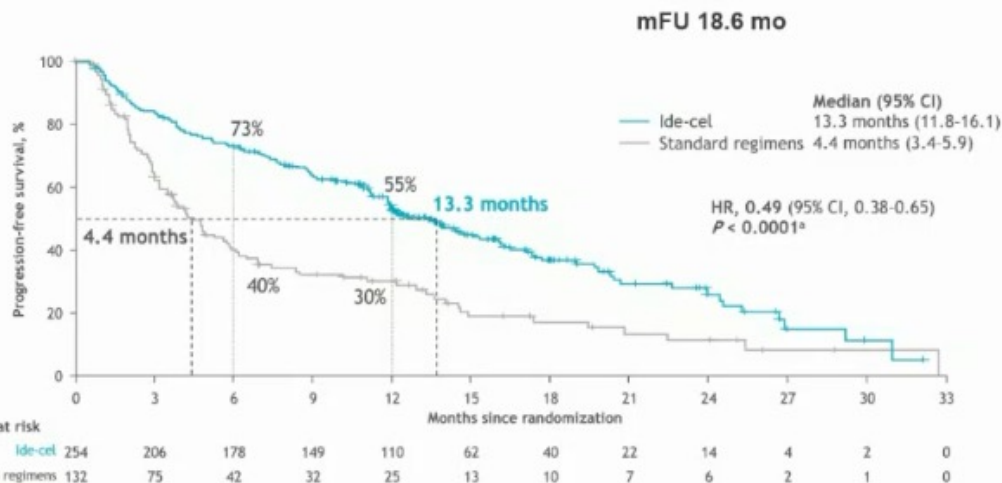
## Further developments in CAR-Ts use in MM



# KarMMa-3, phase 3 trial (2-4 prior lines)



| Characteristic                                         | Ide-cel (n = 254) | Standard regimens (n = 132) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Median (range) age, years                              | 63 (30-81)        | 63 (42-83)                  |
| Sex, male, n (%)                                       | 156 (61)          | 79 (60)                     |
| Median (range) time from diagnosis to screening, years | 4.1 (0.2-21.8)    | 4.0 (0.7-17.7)              |
| High tumor burden, n (%) <sup>a</sup>                  | 71 (28)           | 34 (26)                     |
| Extramedullary disease, n (%) <sup>b</sup>             | 61 (24)           | 32 (24)                     |
| High-risk cytogenetics, n (%) <sup>c</sup>             | 107 (42)          | 61 (46)                     |
| del(17p)                                               | 66 (26)           | 42 (32)                     |
| t(4;14)                                                | 43 (17)           | 18 (14)                     |
| t(4;16)                                                | 8 (3)             | 4 (3)                       |
| Refractory status, n (%)                               |                   |                             |
| ImiD agent refractory                                  | 224 (88)          | 124 (94)                    |
| PI refractory                                          | 189 (74)          | 95 (72)                     |
| Daratumumab refractory <sup>a</sup>                    | 242 (95)          | 123 (93)                    |
| Double-class refractory <sup>b</sup>                   | 169 (67)          | 91 (69)                     |
| Triple-class refractory <sup>c</sup>                   | 164 (65)          | 89 (67)                     |

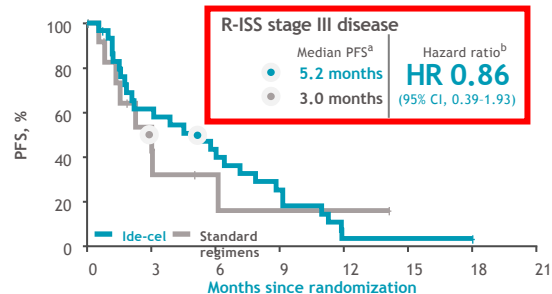
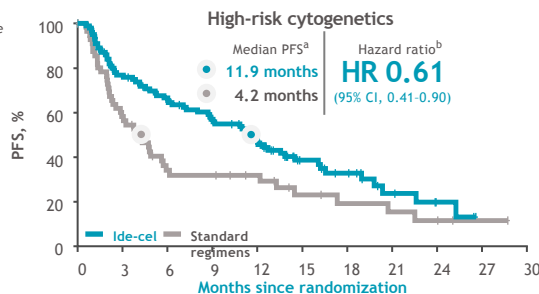
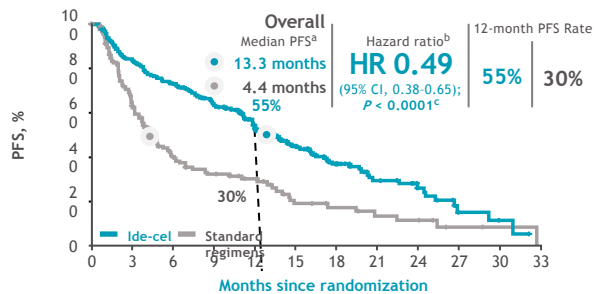


| All-cause AEs occurring in $\geq 20\%$ patients, n (%) | Ide-cel (n = 250) |           |         | Standard regimens (n = 126) |           |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                                        | Any grade         | Grade 3/4 | Grade 5 | Any grade                   | Grade 3/4 | Grade 5 |
| Any                                                    | 248 (99)          | 233 (93)  | 36 (14) | 123 (98)                    | 94 (75)   | 8 (6)   |
| Other                                                  |                   |           |         |                             |           |         |
| Infections                                             | 146 (58)          | 61 (24)   | 11 (4)  | 68 (54)                     | 23 (18)   | 3 (2)   |
| Upper respiratory tract infections                     | 29 (12)           | 4 (2)     | 0       | 9 (7)                       | 0         | 0       |
| Pneumonia                                              | 26 (10)           | 18 (7)    | 2 (1)   | 9 (7)                       | 5 (4)     | 0       |

|                          | Ide-cel (n = 225) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| CRS, <sup>a</sup> n (%)  |                   |
| Any grade                | 197 (88)          |
| Grade 3/4                | 9 (4)             |
| Grade 5                  | 2 (1)             |
| iINT, <sup>c</sup> n (%) |                   |
| Any grade                | 34 (15)           |
| Grade 3/4                | 7 (3)             |
| Grade 5                  | 0                 |

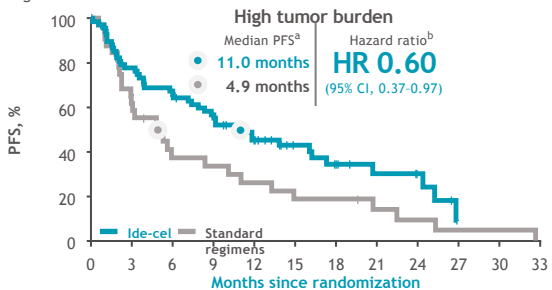


# Progression-free survival (ITT and high-risk subgroups)



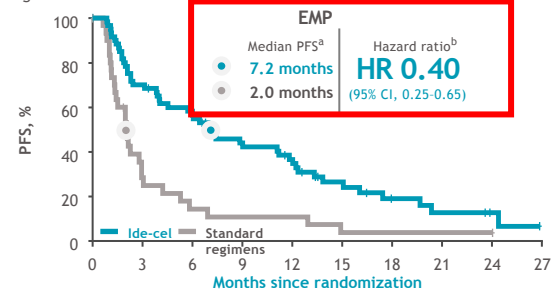
Number at risk

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| Ide-cel           | 254 | 206 | 178 | 149 | 110 | 62 | 40 | 22 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 132 | 75  | 42  | 32  | 25  | 13 | 10 | 7  | 6  | 2 | 1 | 0 |



Number at risk

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|-------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Ide-cel           | 107 | 76 | 64 | 53 | 41 | 21 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 61  | 32 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 7  | 5  | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

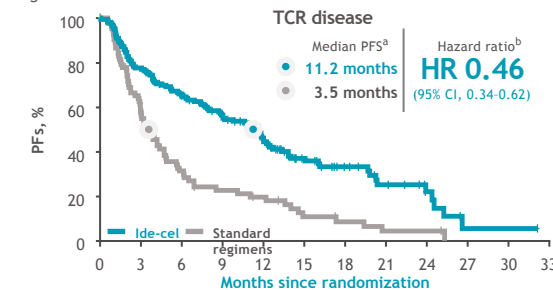


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| Ide-cel           | 61 | 42 | 34 | 24 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 32 | 8  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Number at risk

|                   |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ide-cel           | 31 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 14 | 5  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



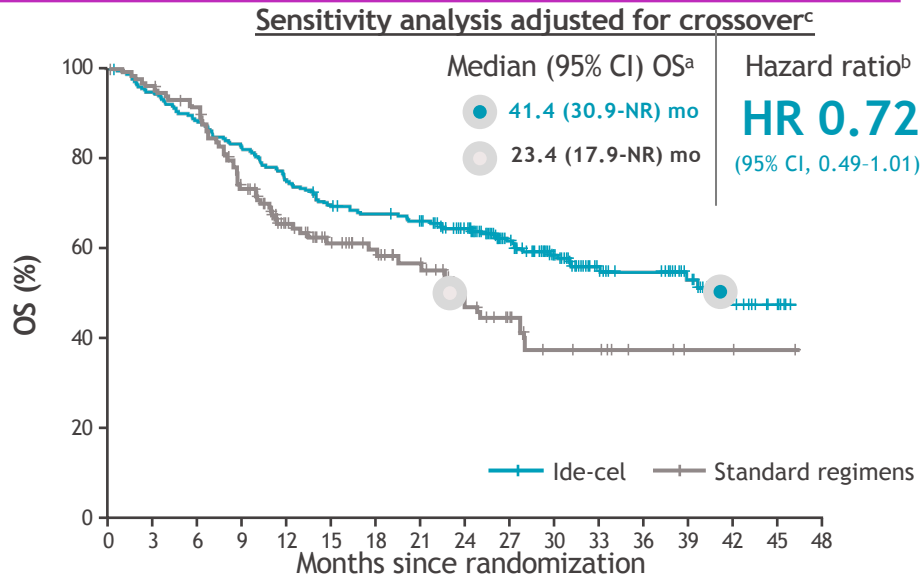
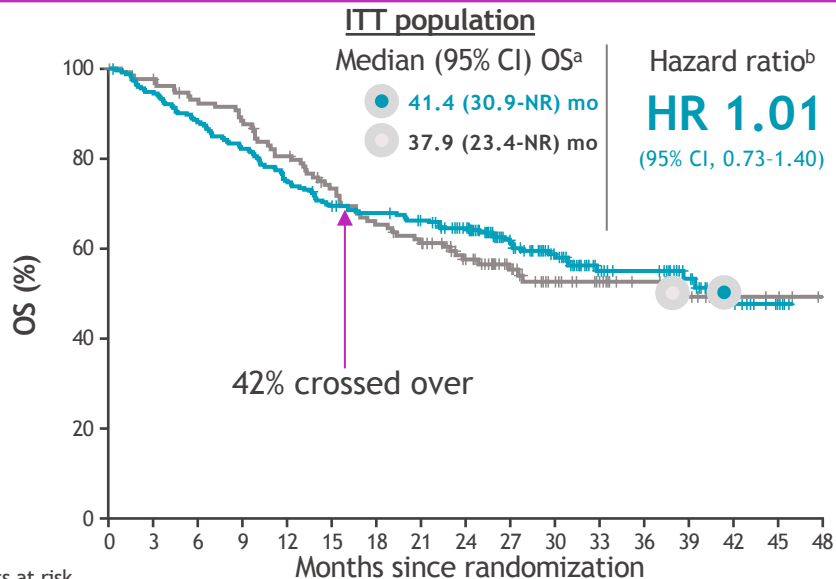
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| Ide-cel           | 164 | 121 | 101 | 82 | 58 | 31 | 21 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 89  | 45  | 22  | 15 | 12 | 6  | 4  | 2  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Median PFS was longer in patients treated with ide-cel vs standard regimens in the overall population and high-risk subgroups; interpretation in patients with R-ISS stage III disease was limited due to small subgroup size

PFS was analyzed in the ITT population of all randomized patients in both arms and included early PFS events occurring between randomization and ide-cel infusion. PFS based on IMWG criteria per IRC. <sup>a</sup>Based on Kaplan-Meier approach; <sup>b</sup>Unstratified HR based on univariate Cox proportional hazard model. CI is two-sided; <sup>c</sup>Based on stratified log-rank test. IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group. 1. Rodriguez-Otero P, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2023;388:1002-1014.

# OS analysis confounded by substantial crossover



Patients at risk

|                   | 0   | 3   | 6   | 9   | 12  | 15  | 18  | 21  | 24  | 27  | 30 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 45 | 48 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Ide-cel           | 254 | 240 | 223 | 208 | 190 | 175 | 169 | 161 | 143 | 103 | 75 | 48 | 44 | 30 | 13 | 4  | 0  |
| Standard regimens | 132 | 128 | 120 | 114 | 103 | 91  | 81  | 75  | 59  | 45  | 32 | 24 | 18 | 11 | 4  | 3  | 0  |

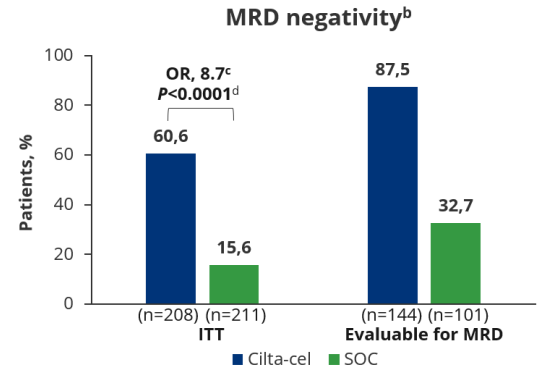
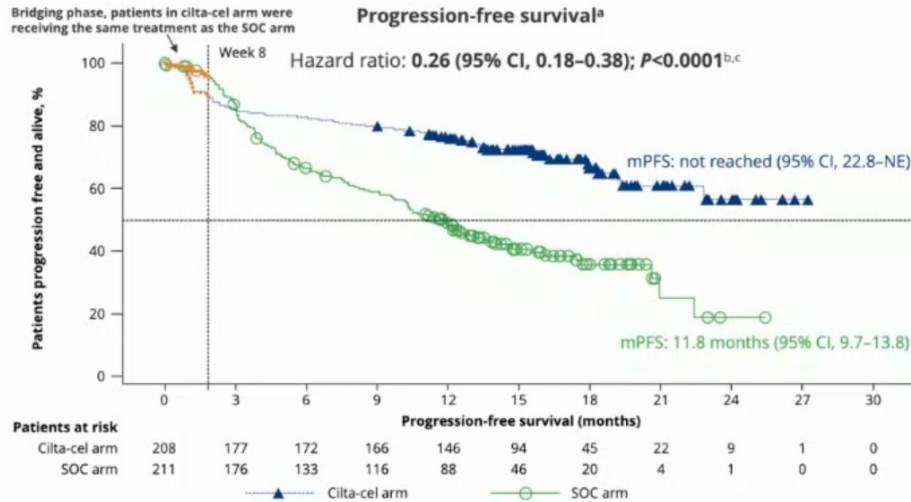
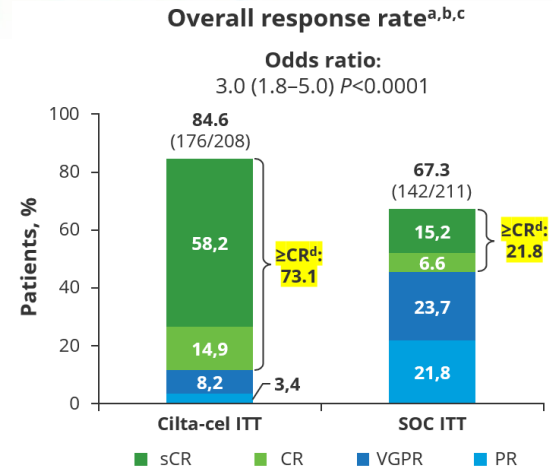
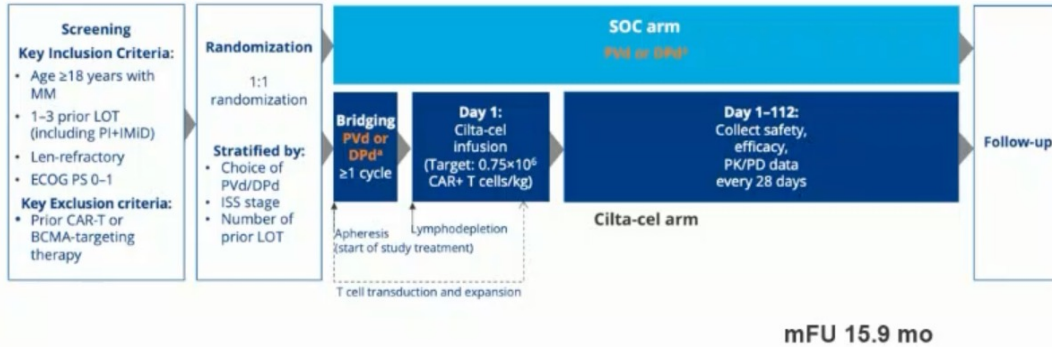
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| Ide-cel           | 254 | 240 | 223 | 208 | 190 | 175 | 169 | 161 | 143 | 103 | 75 | 48 | 44 | 30 | 13 | 4 | 0 |
| Standard regimens | 132 | 126 | 118 | 93  | 67  | 50  | 42  | 34  | 21  | 14  | 9  | 8  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 1 | 0 |

More than half of patients in SOC arm received ide-cel as subsequent therapy upon PD, most of them within 3-16 mos from randomization

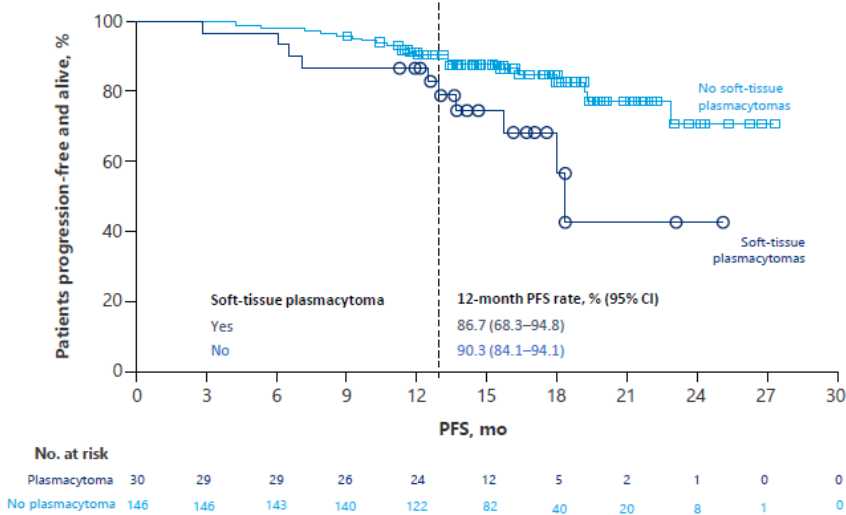
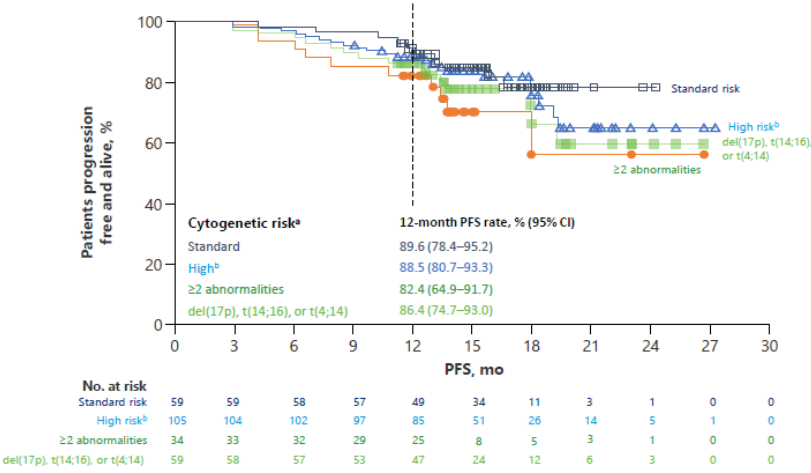
Prespecified crossover-adjusted analysis shows OS benefit of ide-cel

Early deaths in ide-cel arm occurred in pts with multiple high-risk features, due to PD, and mostly in patients who never received ide-cel (value of bridging therapy)

# CARTITUDE-4, phase 3 trial (1 to 3 prior lines)



# CARTITUDE-4 As-Treated Population: The 12-Month PFS Rate in Patients With High-Risk Cytogenetics and EMD

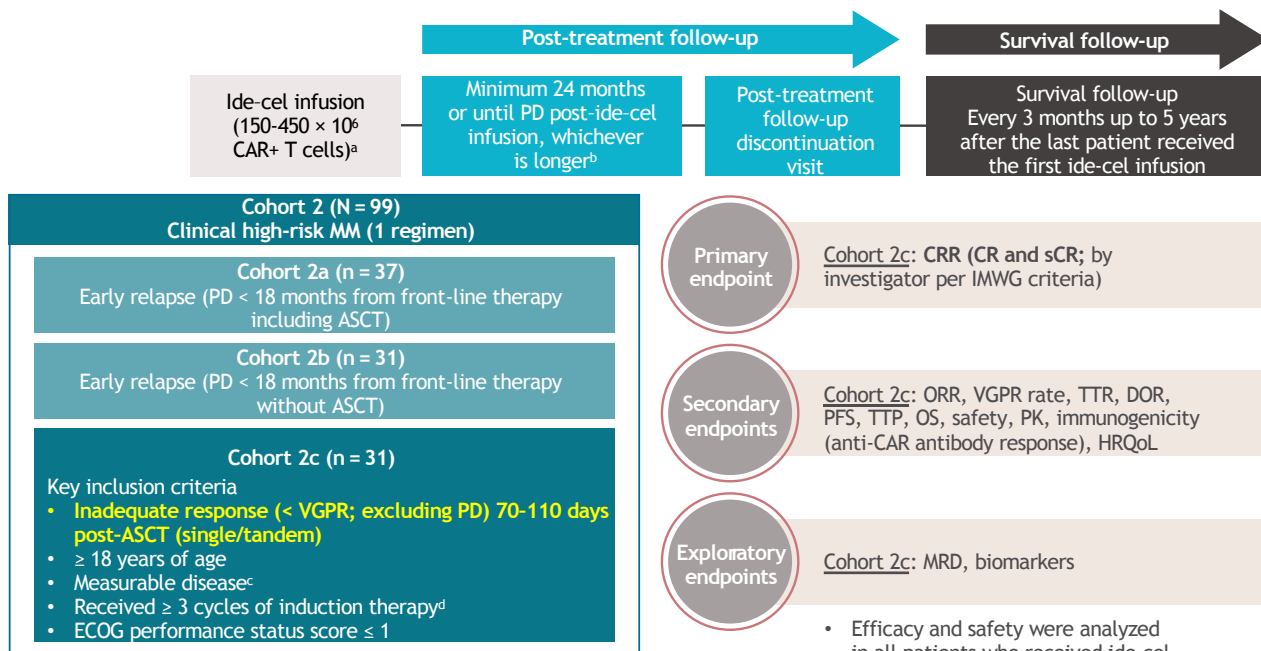


# NOT Two of the Same Kind

|                                 | CARTITUDE-4 <sup>[1]</sup> | KARMMA-3 <sup>[2]</sup> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| LOT eligibility                 | 1-3                        | 2-4                     |
| Exposure eligibility            | IMiD and PI                | IMiD, PI, anti-CD38     |
| Refractoriness eligibility      | Lenalidomide               | Last line               |
| Age                             | 61.5                       | 63                      |
| Median prior LOT                | 2                          | 3                       |
| Refractory to anti-CD38         | 24%                        | 95%                     |
| Refractory to IMiD              | 100%                       | 88%                     |
| Triple-class refractory         | 14%                        | 65%                     |
| t(4;14), t(14;16), or del(17p)  | 35%                        | 42%                     |
| Extramedullary plasmacytoma     | 21%                        | 24%                     |
| Carfilzomib allowed control arm | No                         | Yes                     |
| CAR T on control arm after PD   | No                         | Yes                     |
| ORR of control arm              | 67%                        | 42%                     |
| mPFS of control arm (mo)        | 11.8                       | 4.4                     |
| HR for PFS (95% CI)             | 0.26 (0.18-0.38)           | 0.49 (0.38-0.65)        |

1. San-Miguel J, et al. N Engl J Med. 2023;389:335-347; 2. Rodriguez-Otero P, et al. N Engl J Med. 2023;388:1002-1014.

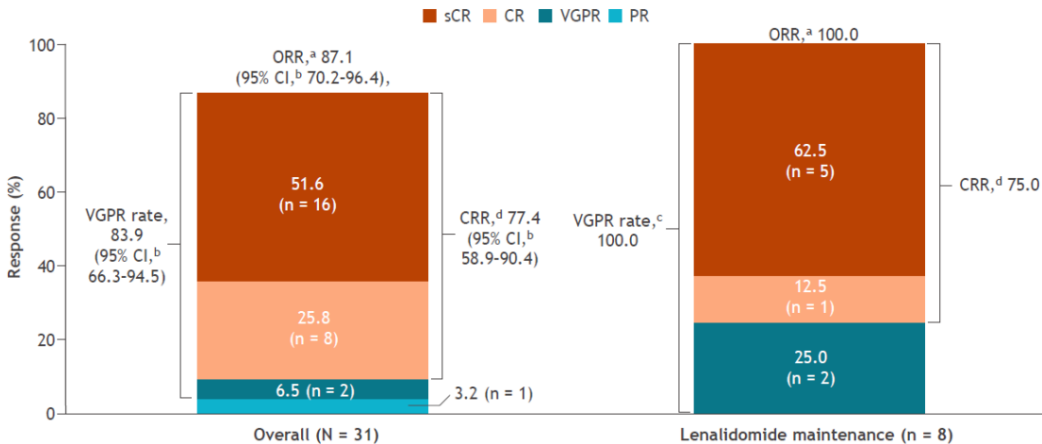
# KarMMa-2 cohort 2: ide-cel for “functional” HR MM



<sup>a</sup>After lymphodepletion (cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> × 3), patients received a single infusion of ide-cel at a range of 150-450 × 10<sup>6</sup> CAR+ T cells (up to an additional 20%; 20% over the protocol-specified dose constituted overdose); <sup>b</sup>At investigator discretion, patients could receive maintenance treatment post-infusion; <sup>c</sup>Measurable disease determined by M protein (serum protein electrophoresis ≥ 0.5 g/dL or urine protein electrophoresis ≥ 200 mg/24 hours) and/or light chain MM without measurable disease in serum or urine (serum immunoglobulin free light chain ≥ 10 mg/dL and abnormal serum immunoglobulin κ:λ free light chain ratio); <sup>d</sup>Must contain a PI, an IMiD<sup>®</sup> agent, and dexamethasone.

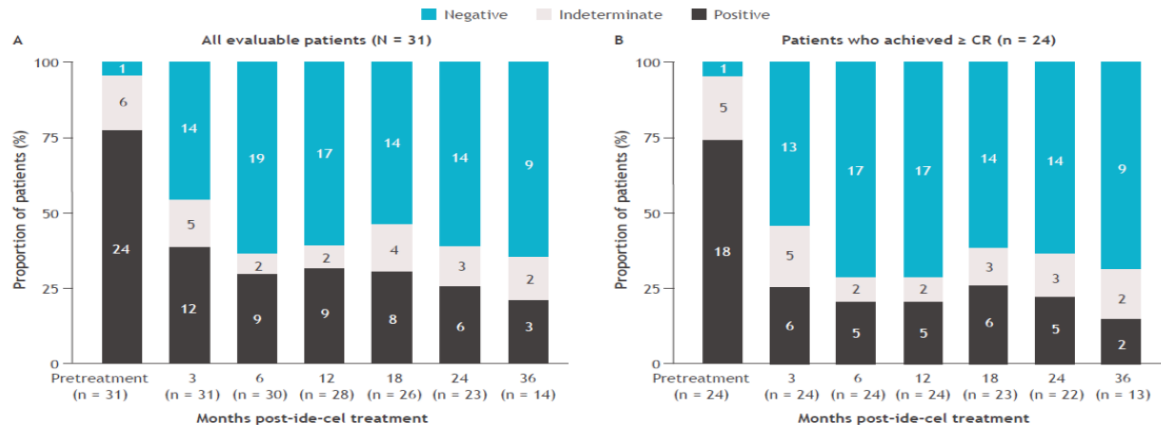
ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; CRR, complete response rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group; MM, multiple myeloma; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PK, pharmacokinetics; sCR, stringent complete response; TTP, time to progression; TTR, time to response; VGPR, very good partial response.

# Best ORR and MRD in cohort 2c



- With a median follow-up of 39.4 months, median DOR and PFS NR
  - 36 months DOR 81%, PFS 77%
  - 12 and 24 months sustained MRD 71% and 64%

KARMMMA-9 phase III R trial ide-cel vs len currently on-going



# Longer-Term Findings From CARTITUDE-2 in Different Early Treatment Settings

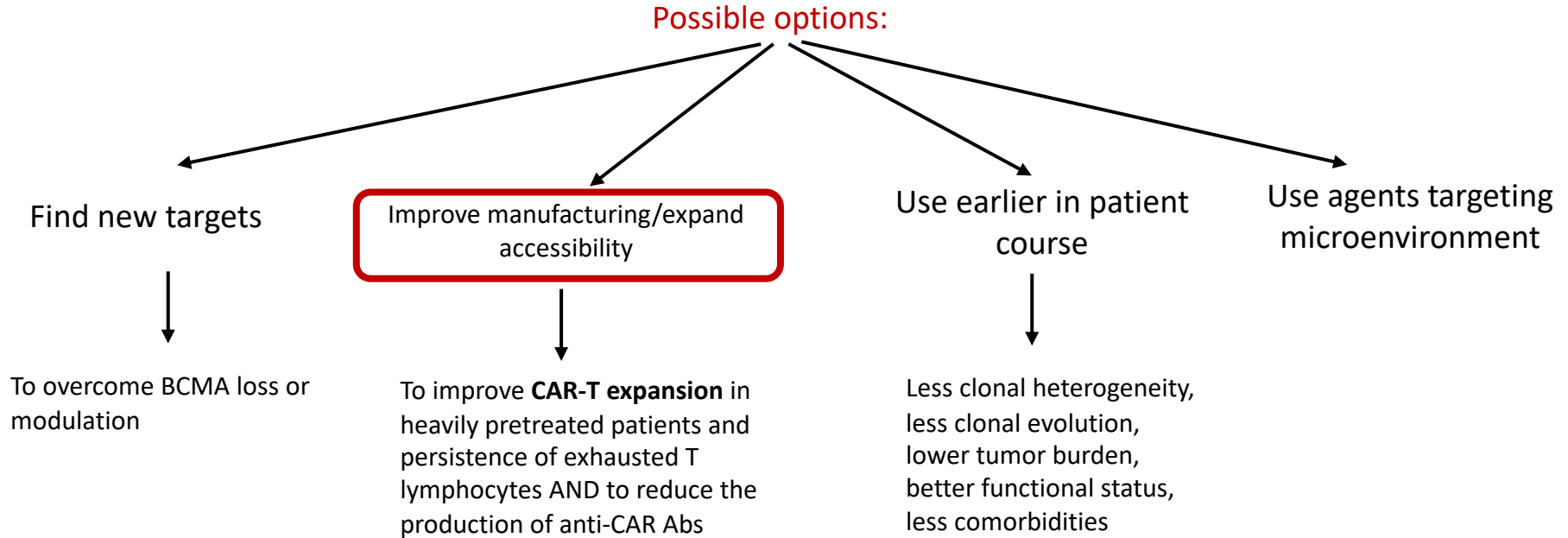
## Updated Efficacy: Patients Receiving 1-3 Prior Lines of Therapy (Cohort A) and Those With Early Relapse After 1L Treatment (Cohort B)<sup>1</sup>

- Patients treated with cilta-cel in earlier LOT in cohort A and B experienced deep and durable responses
- No new CAR-T–related safety signals, except for 1 additional CAR-T cell neurotoxicity in cohort B, were reported

|                                                            | Cohort A<br>(N = 20) | Cohort B<br>(N = 19) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Follow-up (mo), median (range)                             | 29.9 (3.3-35.6)      | 27.9 (5.2-32.1)      |
| Overall MRD negativity ( $10^{-5}$ ), n (%)                | 17 (100)             | 14 (93.3)            |
| Sustained MRD negativity $\geq 6$ mo ( $10^{-5}$ ), n (%)  | 8 (40.0)             | 10 (52.6)            |
| Sustained MRD negativity $\geq 12$ mo ( $10^{-5}$ ), n (%) | 7 (35.0)             | 7 (36.8)             |
| ORR, % (95% CI)                                            | 95.0 (75.1-99.9)     | 100.0 (82.4-100)     |
| sCR, % (95% CI)                                            | 85.0 (62.7-96.8)     | 73.7 (48.8-90.9)     |
| CR, % (95% CI)                                             | 5.0 (0.1-24.9)       | 15.8 (3.4-39.6)      |
| VGPR, % (95% CI)                                           | 5.0 (0.1-24.9)       | 10.5 (1.3-33.1)      |
| PR, % (95% CI)                                             | 0                    | 0                    |
| DOR (mo), median (95% CI)                                  | NE (23.4-NE)         | NE (23.7-NE)         |
| 24-mo DOR rate, % (95% CI)                                 | 73.3 (47.2-87.9)     | 70.5 (42.5-86.7)     |
| PFS (mo), median (95% CI)                                  | NE (12.9-NE)         | NE (22.6-NE)         |
| 24-mo PFS rate, % (95% CI)                                 | 75.0 (50.0-88.7)     | 73.3 (47.2-87.9)     |
| OS (mo), median (95% CI)                                   | NE (21.9-NE)         | NE (NE-NE)           |
| 24-mo OS rate, % (95% CI)                                  | 75.0 (50.0-88.7)     | 84.2 (58.7-94.6)     |

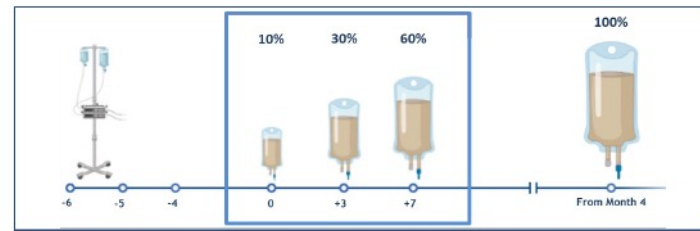


## Further developments in CAR-Ts use in MM



# Ari0002h: BCMA-CART in RRMM patients: academic experience

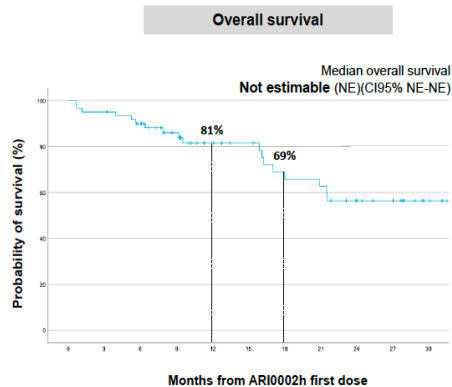
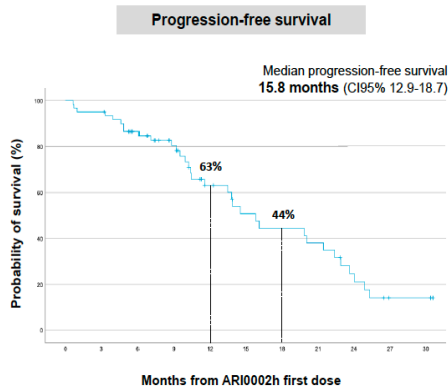
- 60 RRMM pts after a median of 3PL, 18% EMD, TCR 59%
- **Manufacturing process: 10 days.** Median turnaround time, defined as days from apheresis reception to product liberation, was 41 days.
- Infusion was **fractionated 10-30-60%** to mitigate toxicity
- Second dose 4 months after the first infusion



Fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
Cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day

3x10<sup>6</sup> CART/kg  
Fractionated

Up to 3x10<sup>6</sup> CART/kg  
single dose



Median follow-up **23.1 months** (95%CI 9.2-37.1)

- Median PFS in:
  - TCR: 14.5 months
  - HRCA: 10.4 months
  - **EMD: 6.1 months**

- None of the pts lost BCMA at relapse
- 32% of patients relapsed and CAR-T was detectable

|                                                        | Grade 1     | Grade 2    | Grade 3-4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Cytokine release syndrome                              | 15/24 (63%) | 9/24 (38%) | 0           |
| Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome | 0           | 0          | 0           |
| Infusion reaction                                      | 1/30 (3%)   | 0          | 0           |
| Tumour lysis syndrome                                  | 0           | 1/30 (3%)  | 0           |
| Persistent cytopenias                                  | 0           | 0          | 20/30 (67%) |

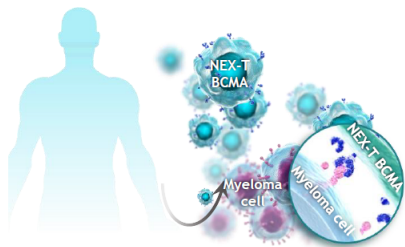
Data are n (%). Adverse events of special interest are depicted per MedDRA preferred term.

The academic humanised BCMA CAR-T overcomes basically all challenges we have with CAR-T cells:  
costs, affordability and manufacturing timing

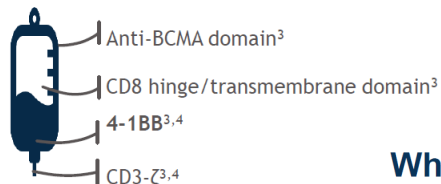
# «Next generation» anti-BCMA CART

CC-98633/BMS-986354 is a BCMA CAR T-cell drug product that contains a fully human CAR construct and is manufactured using the NEX-T™ process (shorten manufacturing and improved potency)

- enriched in less-differentiated memory subtypes, composed primarily of naive-like and central memory CAR T cells, and fewer effector and terminally differentiated CAR T cells
- has ~10-fold increased proliferative capacity
- has superior tumor control at equivalent CAR T cell dose



BCMA-targeted fully human CAR construct



## NEX-T and T-Charge

### Platforms:

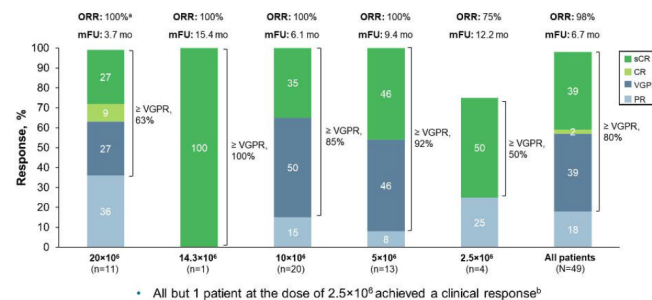
## BMS986354 and Durca-cel

### What if CAR-T Could Be Manufactured Faster?

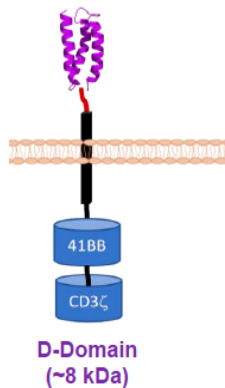
Phase 1 Study Results of Durcabtogene Autoleucl, a T-Charge Manufactured BCMA-Directed CAR-T Cell Therapy, for Patients With RRMM<sup>1</sup>

Costa L et al, ASH 2022

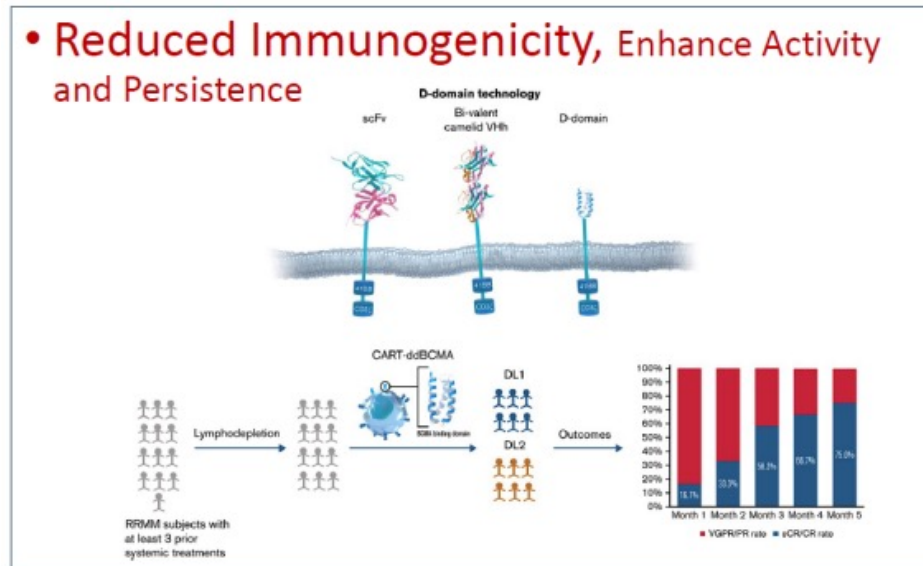
- Durcabtogene autoleucl is manufactured using the T-Charge platform
- Reduces ex vivo culture time to about 24 hours and takes <2 days to manufacture
- Relies entirely on in vivo expansion after CAR-T cell infusion



# ANITO-CEL: Phase 1/2 Study of CART-ddBCMA for the Treatment of Patients with RRMM



| D-Domain Attributes:<br>Non-Antibody Derived Synthetic Protein <sup>1,2</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Size                                                                          | Small D-Domain construct facilitates high transduction efficiency, CAR positivity, and CAR density on the T-cell surface <sup>2-4</sup>                             |
| Stability                                                                     | Rapid D-Domain folding, lack of disulfide bonds, and a hydrophobic core enables stability at and beyond physiologic conditions <sup>5,6</sup>                       |
| Structure                                                                     | Due to small size and compact structure, D-Domain CARs have a low risk of tonic signaling <sup>6</sup> and potentially more efficient Multiple Myeloma cell killing |



Anito-cel utilizes a novel, synthetic, compact and stable D-Domain binder

D-Domain facilitates high CAR surface expression, low risk of “basal, tonic” signaling

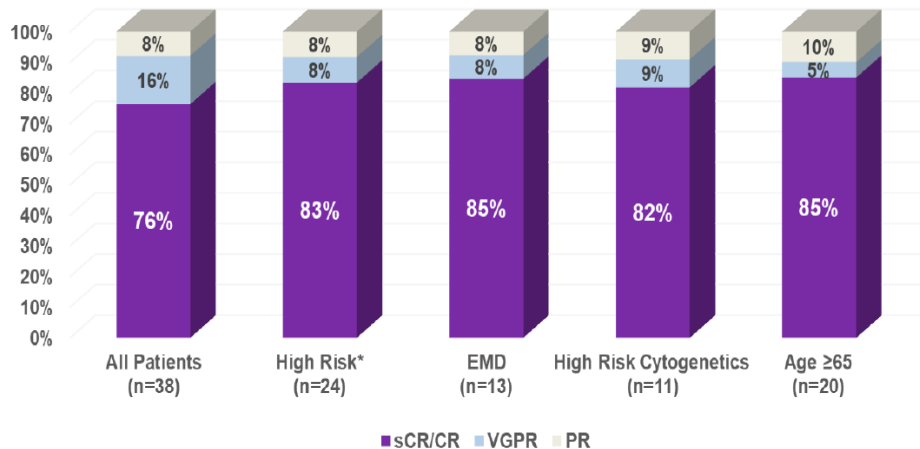
Recommended Phase 2 Dose selected as 115±10 million CAR+ T cells

- 38 RRMM patients all of them TCR received two dose levels of Anito-cel
- Median number of prior lines: 5
- EMD: 34%; ISS III: 18%; High tumor burden: 24%
- 68% of patients received bridging therapy

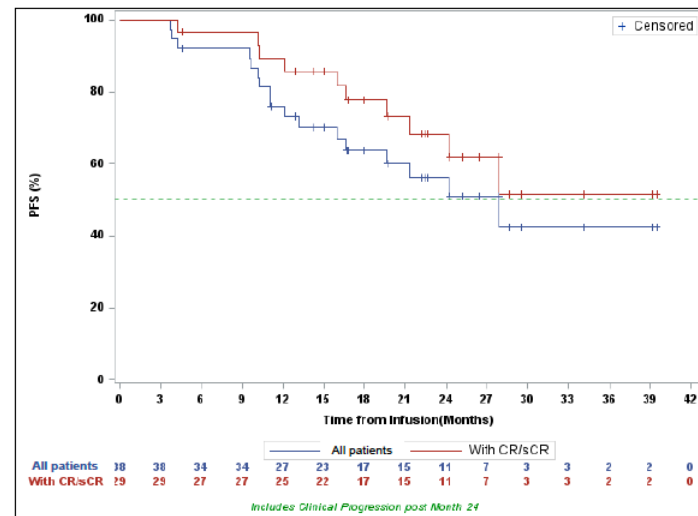
# ANITO-CEL: Phase 1/2 Study of CART-ddBCMA for the Treatment of Patients with RRMM

## Anito-cel Phase 1 Results: Best Overall Response

All Patients & High-Risk Sub-Groups



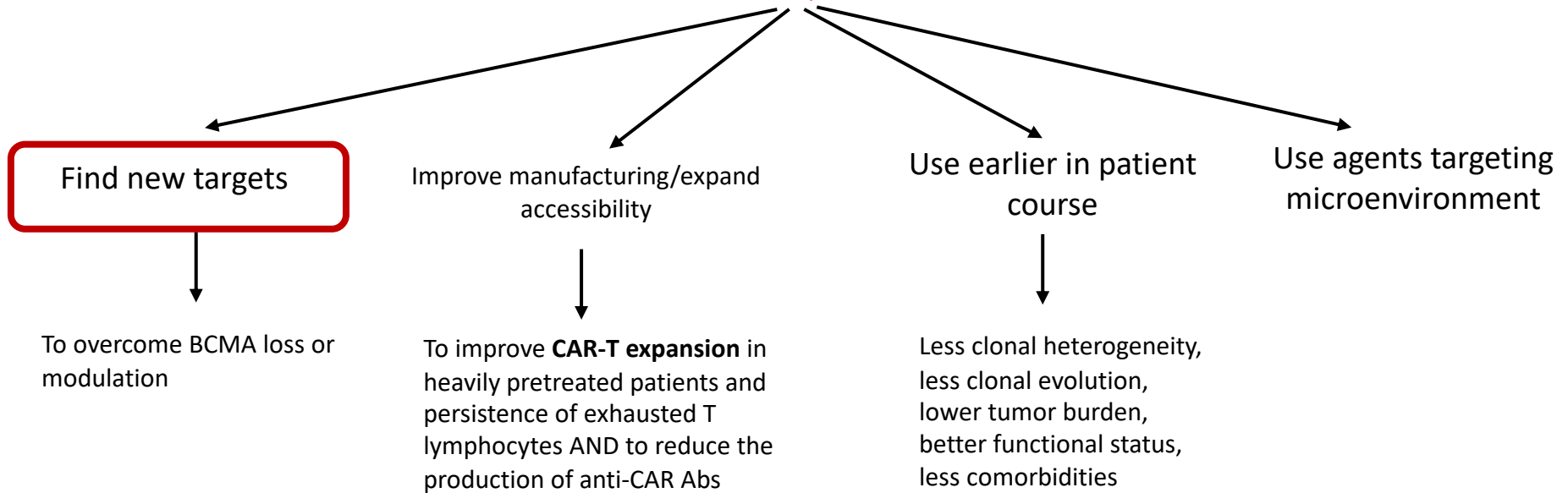
PFS (median f/u: 26 m)



- Median PFS for all pts has not been reached
- 89% (25/28) evaluable patients reached MRD-ve

## Further developments in CAR-Ts use in MM

### Possible options:

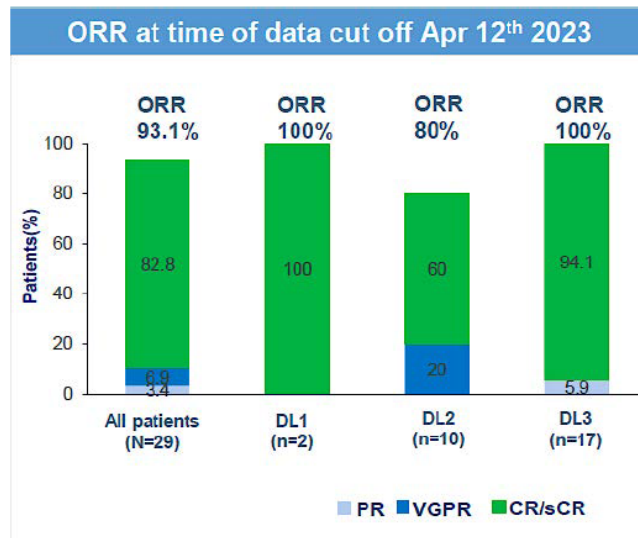


# BCMA/CD19 Fast CART GC012F

- BCMA/CD19 FAST phase 1 trial

- Dual targeting

- GC012F targets both BCMA and CD19
- Dual specificity approach to maximize efficacy
- GC012F showed stable CAR expansion and effective functionality



- N=29 R/R MM, 97% heavily pre-treated, with 93% refractory to their last therapy.
- ORR 93%, with 38% of patients achieving MRD negativity
- Median DOR 38 mos
- CRS 86.2%, mostly Gr  $\leq 2$ ; no ICANS

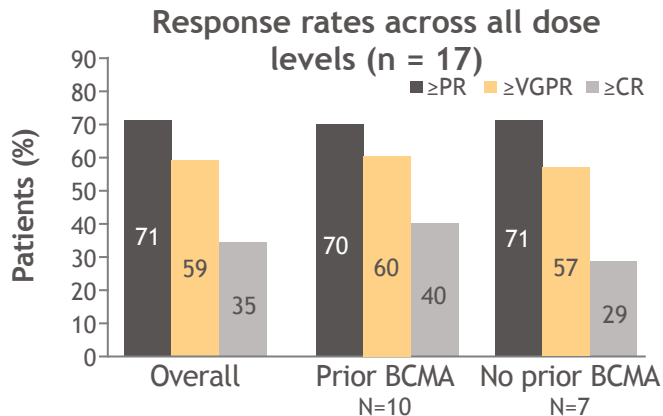
Phase 2 trial currently on-going in ND HR (comprehensive definition) MM, primary end-point MRD  $10^{-5}$   
(Du J et al, ASH 2023)

# MCARH109 (GPRC5D-targeted CAR T cell therapy)

## Phase 1 first-in-class trial in RRMM

Key inclusion criteria: RRMM  $\geq 3$  prior lines, prior IMiD™ agent, prior PI and anti-CD38 mAb.

Key baseline characteristics: median age: 60y (38-76); high-risk cytogenetics: 76%; EMD, 41%, median prior lines: 6 (4-14); prior BCMA: 59%; prior BCMA-targeting CAR T cells: 47%; triple-class refractory 94%

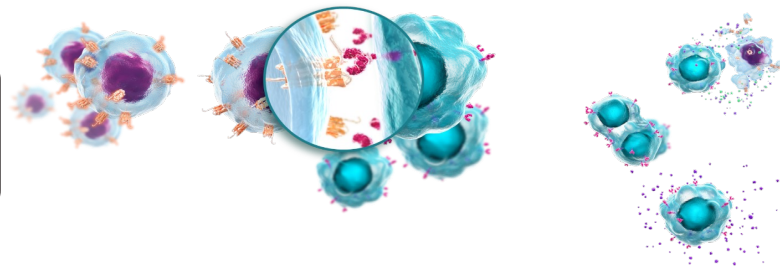


Schedule: dose escalation:  
25×10<sup>6</sup> (n = 3); 50 ×10<sup>6</sup> (n = 3);  
150×10<sup>6</sup> (n = 6); 450 ×10<sup>6</sup> (n = 5)

mDoR 7.8 months  
(95% CI, 5.7 to not reached)

mF/U 10.1

### Response over time



50% of patients were MRD negative

AEs any grade (grade  $\geq 3$ ) (n = 17):

- CRS 88% (6%)
- Neurological complications 6% (6%)
- Cerebellar toxicity (GPRC5D in inferior olivary nodule)
- MAS 6% (6%)
- Infections 18% (12%)
- Maculopapular rash (grade 1) 18%
- Neutropenia (grade  $\geq 3$ ) 100%
- Thrombocytopenia (grade  $\geq 3$ ) 65%
- Dysgeusia (grade 1) 12%
- Nail changes (grade 1) 65%

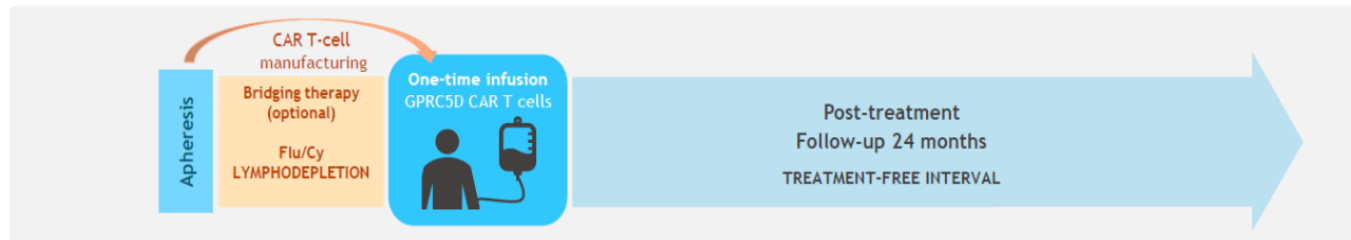
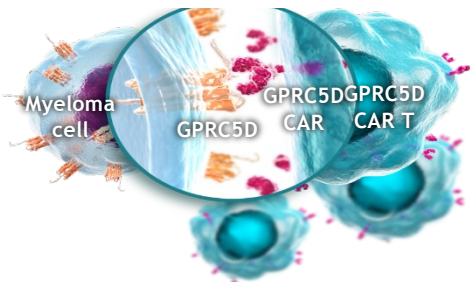
- More frequent loss or reduced expression of GPRC5D at relapse



# «Next generation» anti-GPRC5D CART

BMS-986393 (CC-95266), a GPRC5D-targeted autologous CAR T-cell therapy, in patients with R/R MM, phase I/II study

## BMS-986393 mechanism of action



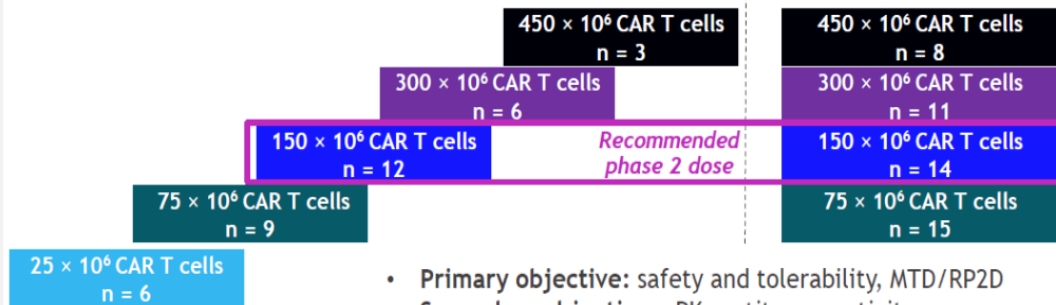
Anti-GPRC5D domain<sup>5</sup>  
 Hinge and transmembrane domain<sup>5</sup>  
 4-1BB<sup>5,7</sup>  
 CD3-zeta<sup>5,7</sup>

GPRC5D CAR construct  
 GPRC5D-targeted CAR construct

### Key eligibility criteria

- RRMM
- ECOG PS 0-1
- $\geq 3$  prior regimens, including ASCT,<sup>a</sup> a PI, an IMiD, and an anti-CD38 antibody
- Progressed < 12 months of last regimen<sup>b</sup>
- Prior BCMA-directed therapies allowed, including CAR T cells

### Part A: dose escalation (n = 36)<sup>c,d</sup>

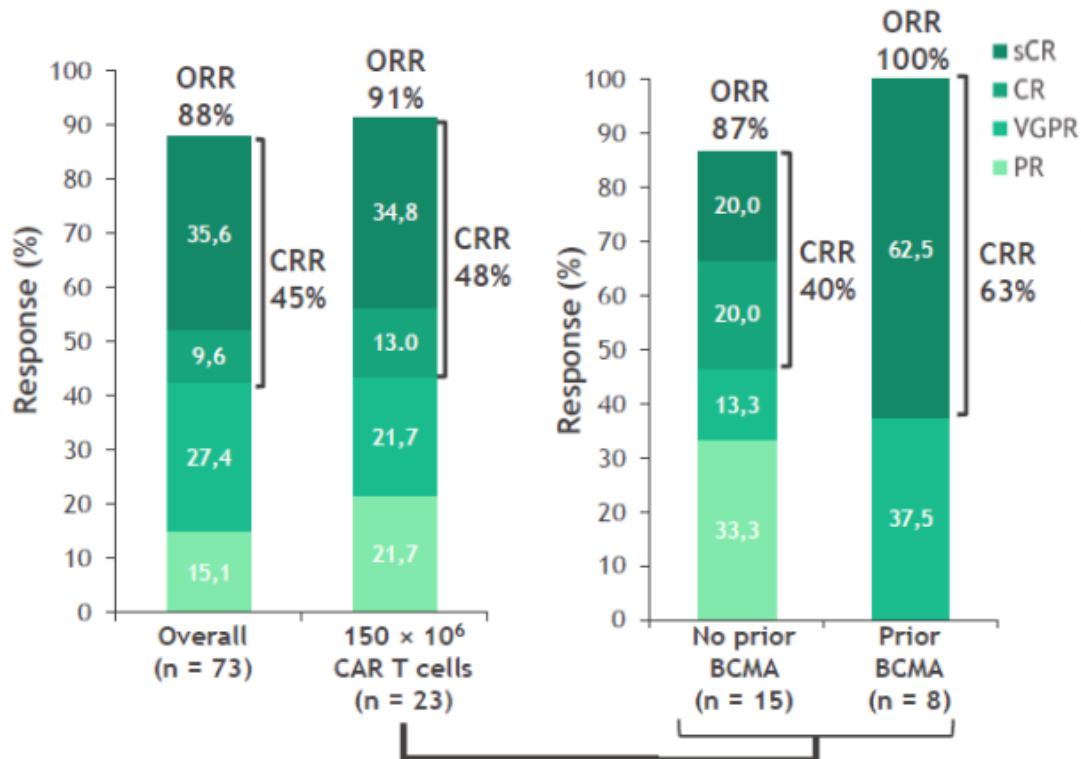


- Primary objective: safety and tolerability, MTD/RP2D
- Secondary objectives: PK, antitumor activity

84 pts (26 at 150 dose), 5 median prior LOT, median follow-up: 9 months

- 46% any prior anti-BCMA therapy (36% CAR-T)

# Efficacy



ORR in subgroups of interest (all dose levels)

| Disease characteristic, % (n/N)     | Present      | Absent       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Prior BCMA treatment                | 78%<br>25/32 | 95%<br>39/41 |
| Extramedullary disease              | 84%<br>26/31 | 91%<br>38/42 |
| High-risk cytogenetics <sup>b</sup> | 83%<br>24/29 | 91%<br>40/44 |
| Triple-class refractory             | 88%<br>50/57 | 88%<br>14/16 |

- Median DOR 13 mos

# Toxicity

|                                                              | All treated patients<br>(n = 84) |           | 150 × 10 <sup>6</sup><br>CAR T cells<br>(n = 26) |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                              | Any grade                        | Grade 3/4 | Any grade                                        | Grade 3/4 |
| TEAE, n (%)                                                  | 77 (91.7)                        | 69 (82.1) | 26 (100)                                         | 24 (92.3) |
| Hematologic TEAEs (≥ 30% of all treated patients), n (%)     |                                  |           |                                                  |           |
| Neutropenia                                                  | 54 (64.3)                        | 52 (61.9) | 20 (76.9)                                        | 18 (69.2) |
| Anemia                                                       | 40 (47.6)                        | 25 (29.8) | 13 (50.0)                                        | 11 (42.3) |
| Thrombocytopenia                                             | 36 (42.9)                        | 22 (26.2) | 10 (38.5)                                        | 5 (19.2)  |
| Non-hematologic TEAEs (≥ 30% of all treated patients), n (%) |                                  |           |                                                  |           |
| CRS                                                          | 64 (76.2)                        | 3 (3.6)   | 23 (88.5)                                        | 0 (0)     |
| Infections and infestations                                  | 34 (40.5)                        | 11 (13.1) | 9 (34.6)                                         | 3 (11.5)  |
| Hypokalemia                                                  | 31 (36.9)                        | 4 (4.8)   | 12 (46.2)                                        | 2 (7.7)   |
| Hypocalcemia                                                 | 28 (33.3)                        | 2 (2.4)   | 7 (26.9)                                         | 0 (0)     |
| Headache                                                     | 27 (32.1)                        | 1 (1.2)   | 8 (30.8)                                         | 0 (0)     |
| Hypophosphatemia                                             | 26 (31.0)                        | 2 (2.4)   | 11 (42.3)                                        | 1 (3.8)   |

| TEAEs related to BMS-986393               | All treated patients<br>(n = 84) |              | 150 × 10 <sup>6</sup><br>CAR T cells<br>(n = 26) |              |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                           | Any grade                        | Grade 3/4    | Any grade                                        | Grade 3/4    |
| On-target/off-tumor, n (%)                |                                  |              |                                                  |              |
| Dysgeusia/taste disorder                  | 21 (25.0)                        | 0            | 8 (30.8)                                         | 0            |
| Skin <sup>a</sup>                         | 17 (20.2)                        | 0            | 4 (15.4)                                         | 0            |
| Nails <sup>b</sup>                        | 11 (13.1)                        | 0            | 3 (11.5)                                         | 0            |
| Dysphagia                                 | 3 (3.6)                          | 0            | 1 (3.8)                                          | 0            |
| Neurotoxicity, n (%)                      | Any grade                        | Grade 3 only | Any grade                                        | Grade 3 only |
| ICANS-type neurotoxicity <sup>c</sup>     | 8 (9.5)                          | 2 (2.4)      | 1 (3.8)                                          | 0            |
| Non-ICANS-type neurotoxicity <sup>d</sup> | 9 (10.7)                         | 3 (3.6)      | 4 (15.4)                                         | 1 (3.8)      |



## CONCLUSION

- **CARTs, within new immune therapies**, represent a new standard of care, after 3/4 line of treatment, where they significantly improved survival outcomes
- **2 anti-BCMA CARTs**, ide-cel and cilta-cel, are FDA and EMA approved for RRMM who received at least 3/4 prior LOT; **anti-GPRC5D CARTs** are under investigation
- Multiple on-going programs include **combinations and earlier lines of treatments, since diagnosis**; this strategy **may improve/overcome “functional” HR MM**
- **«Next generation» CARTs**, with improved and faster manufacturing, showed impressive efficacy and lower toxicity
- **Tailoring and sequencing** immunotherapies for RR/MM is an on-going challenge
- **Limited access to CAR-T** cells remains a challenge in real-life clinical practice

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