

# Highlights from IMS 20th meeting 2023

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# Who needs an autologous stem cell transplant upfront?

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## Who needs a transplant upfront?

### Transplant in myeloma

#### *Who, when and why?*

- **For all** eligible patients, even beyond 65 years, even more if high-risk cytogenetics
- **As soon as possible** in frontline setting, after a quadruple induction and before consolidation / maintenance
- **Because** transplant is the best way to cure for now (waiting the battle with CAR T..)

## New chapters at each new drug approval

Developments in first-line treatments over the past 20 years



## Despite attempts to put away...

**Efficacy of triplet regimens led to the question of whether transplant is worthwhile**

### **EMN02**

VCD + VMP vs VCD + transplant

### **IFM 2009 / DFCI DETERMINATION**

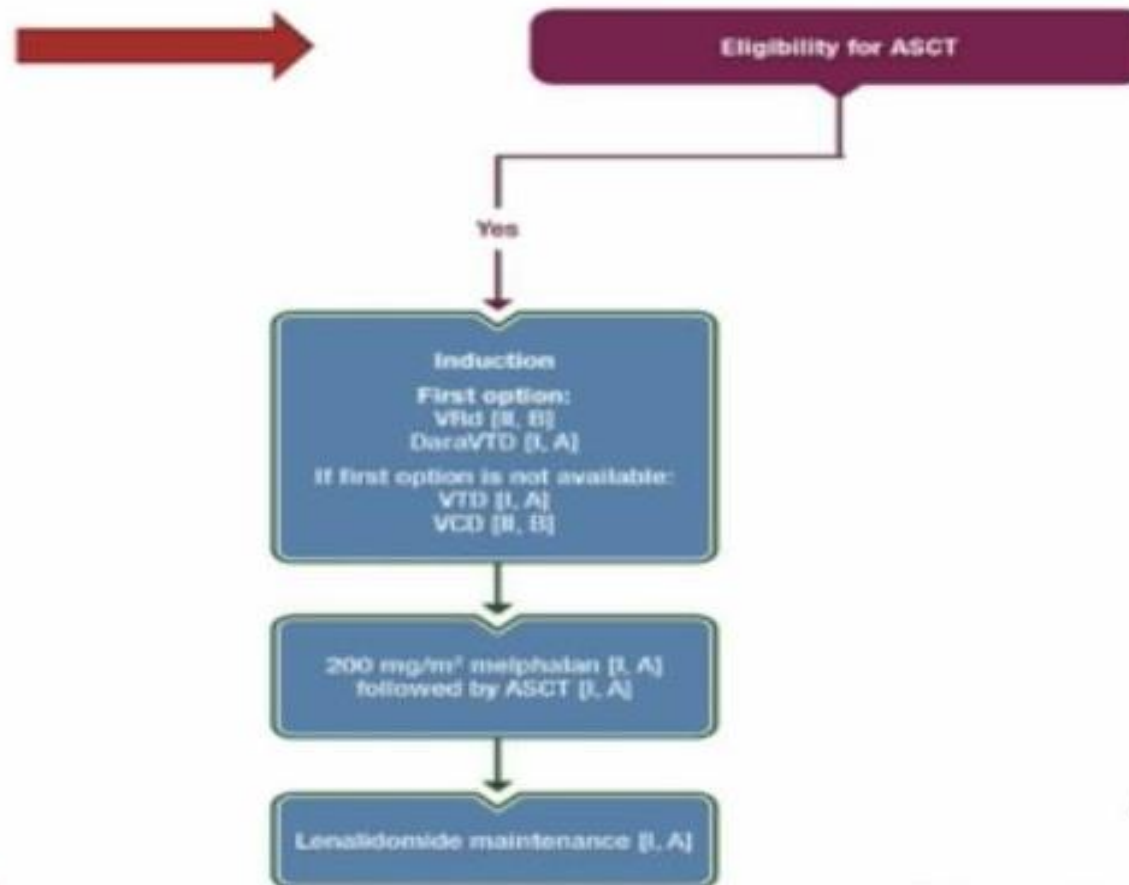
RVD vs RVD + transplant

### **FORTE**

KRD vs KRD + transplant

*M Cavo et al, Lancet Hematol 2020,  
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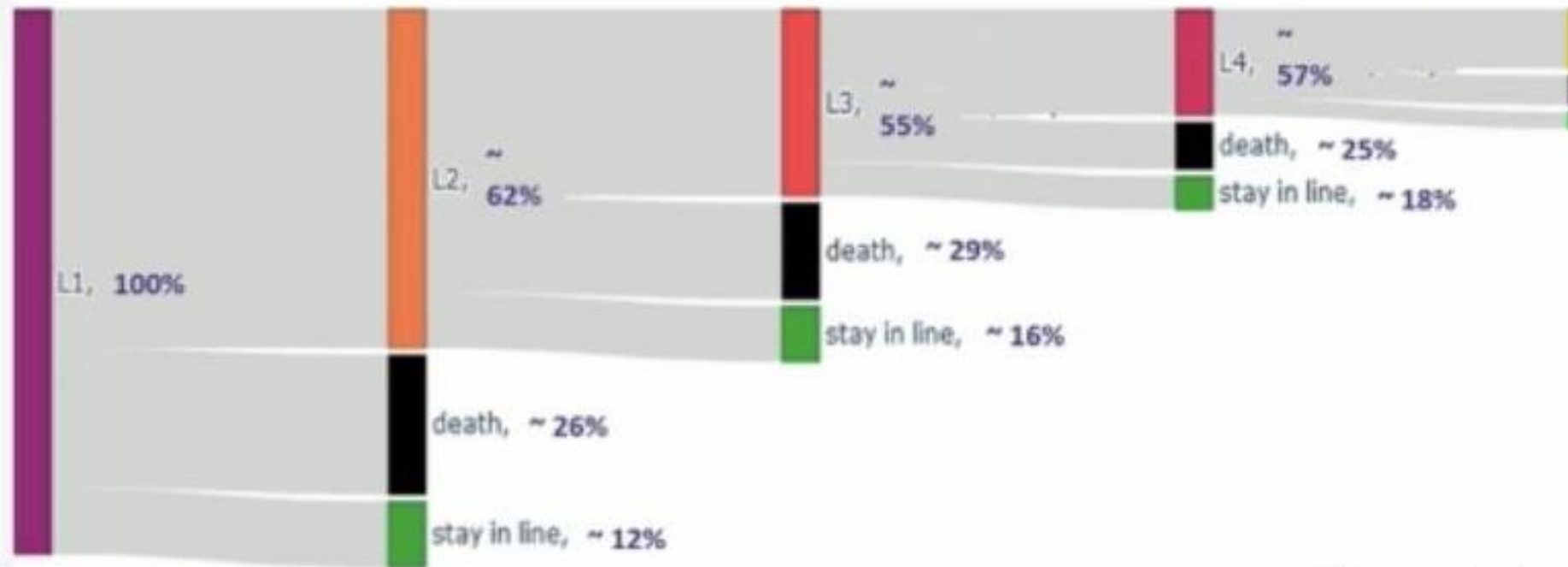
## ...transplant is still standing



*M Dimopoulos et al, Hemasphere 2021*

## The rule: use the best option at each step

Line transitions for incident patients of 2014, all (L1T + L1NT) (N=3629)



*Mylord study (update unpublished)*

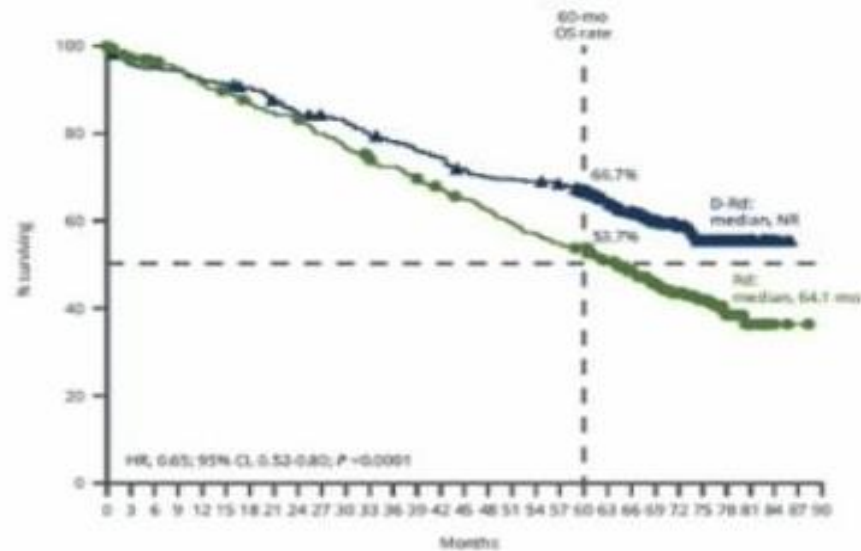


# 1) Which age group needs a transplant at diagnosis?

Any NDMM patient with life expectancy > expected OS with non-transplant strategies

MAIA trial

FIGURE 2: OS with D-Rd and Rd in the ITT population\*

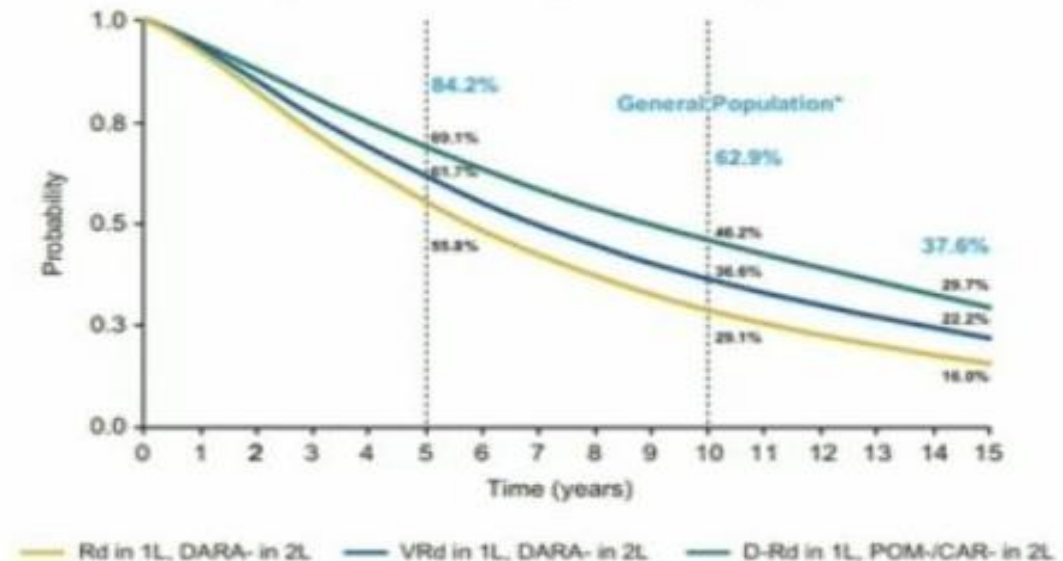


S Kumar et al, ASH 2022



Simulation of OS

(based on subsequent therapies & attrition)



R Fonseca et al, Oncologist 2023

## 2) Which cytogenetics needs a transplant at diagnosis?

### STANDARD RISK?

#### Meta-analysis

6 RCT, 4 with OS/cytogenetics data

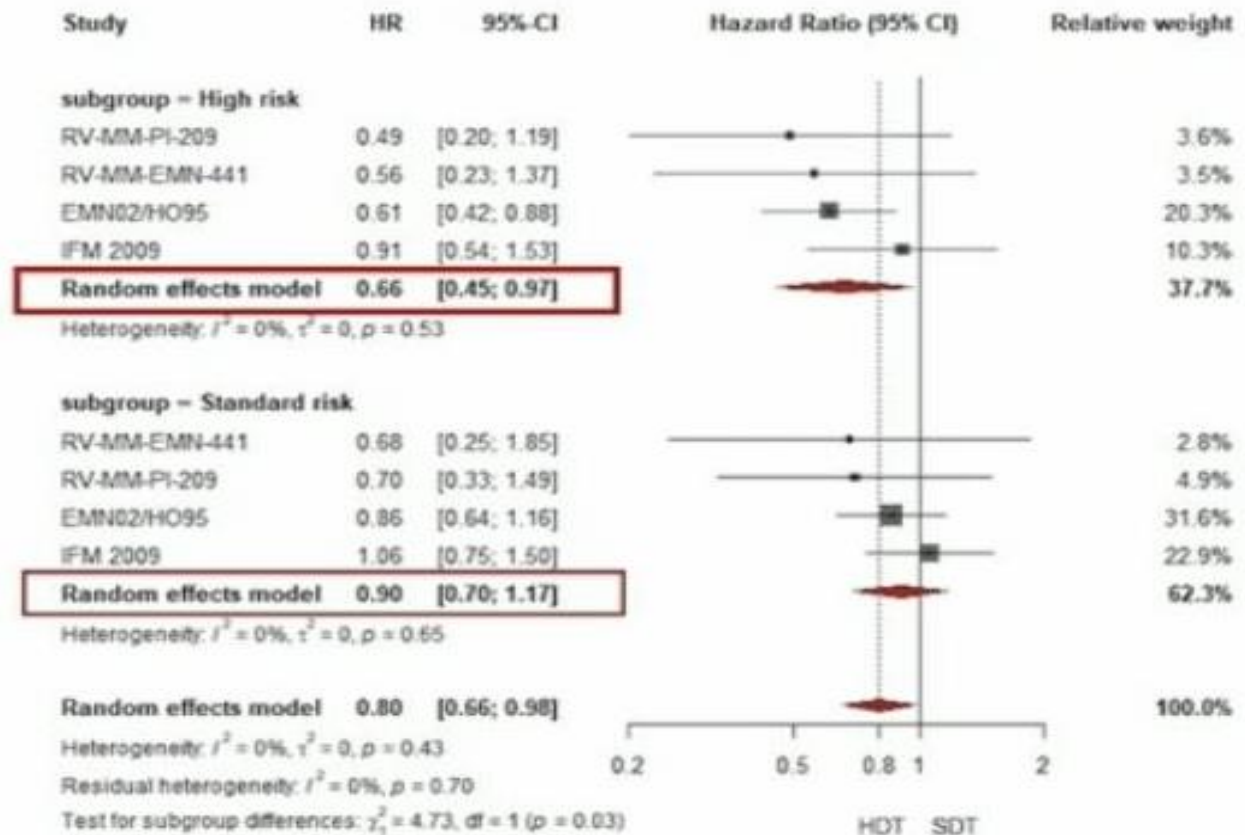
2959 patients

Transplant vs standard regimens

#### OS benefit

- High risk **HR 0.66**

- Standard risk **HR 0.90**

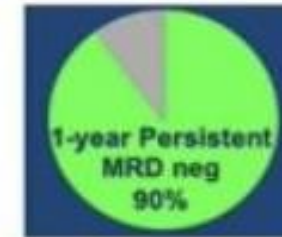


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**HIGH RISK +++**

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OA-43: Analysis of sustained MRD-negativity and Progression-free Survival of Isa-KRd in High-Risk Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma - Additional Data from Planned Interim Analysis of the GMMG-CONCEPT Trial

Lisa Leypoldt

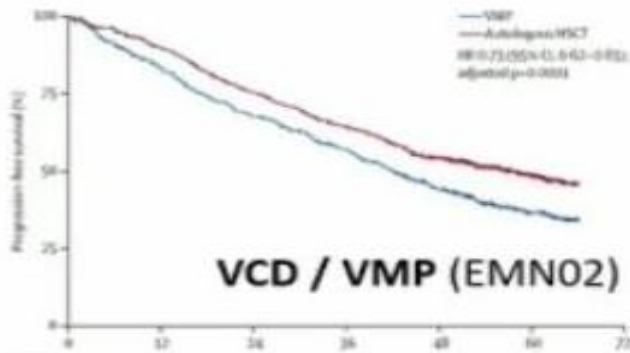
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OA-54: Daratumumab, Carfilzomib, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone with tandem transplant in high-risk newly diagnosed myeloma patients: final results of the phase 2 study IFM 2018-04

Cyrille Touzeau

### 3) Which induction can avoid transplant?

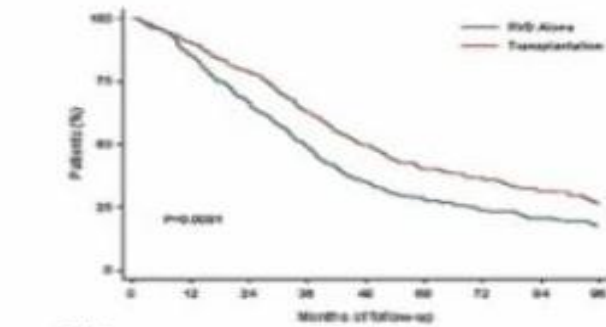
#### No triplet



VCD / VMP (EMN02)

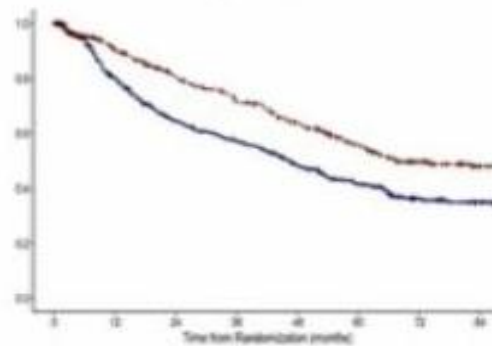
Number at risk (number censored)	0	12	24	36	48	60	72
Autologous VCD	292 (0)	244 (27)	199 (24)	158 (31)	124 (33)	97 (38)	—
VMP	455 (0)	411 (32)	344 (24)	264 (27)	189 (33)	97 (34)	—

M Cavo et al, Lancet Hematol 2020



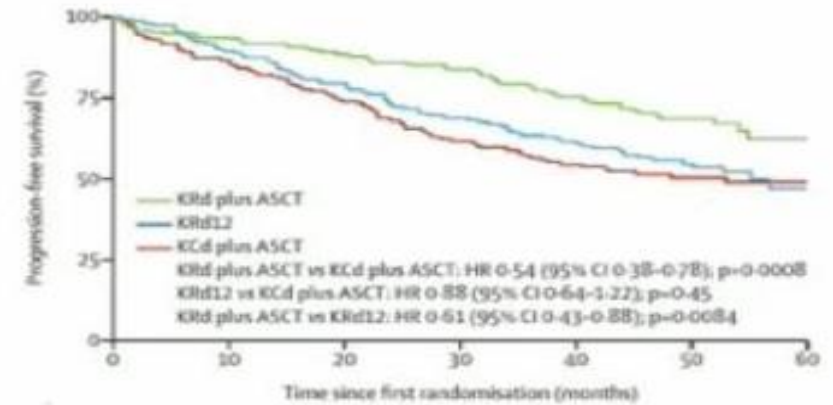
N at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
RVD Alone	200	194	187	180	177	165	154	143	131
Transplantation	200	196	188	180	167	157	146	135	123

RVD (IFM2009, DETERMINATION)



KRd (FORTE)

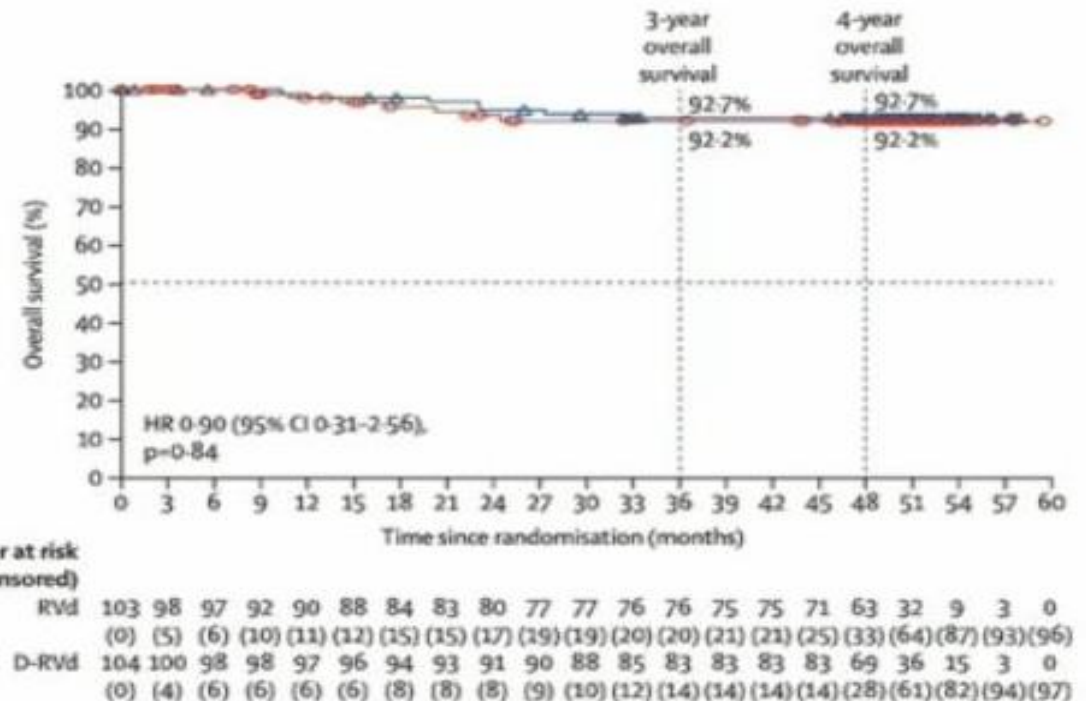
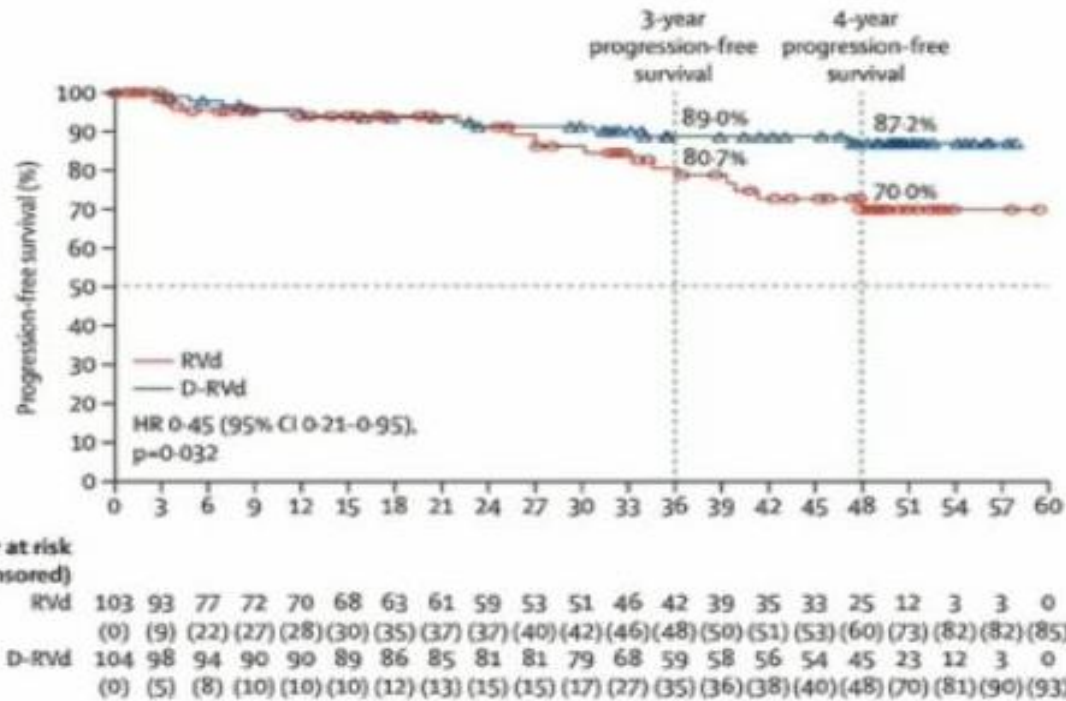
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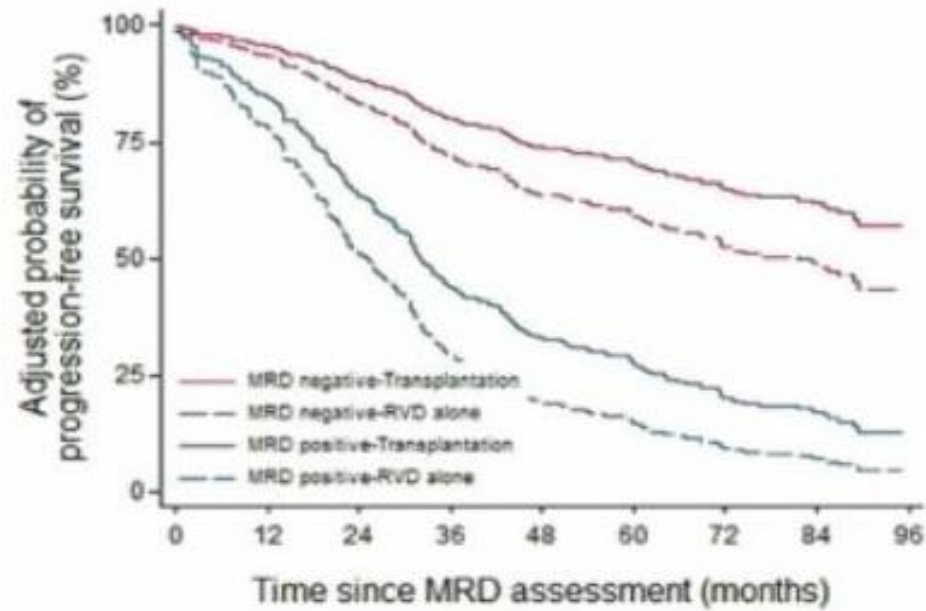
#### Quadruplets?

After CASSIOPEIA, GRIFFIN....

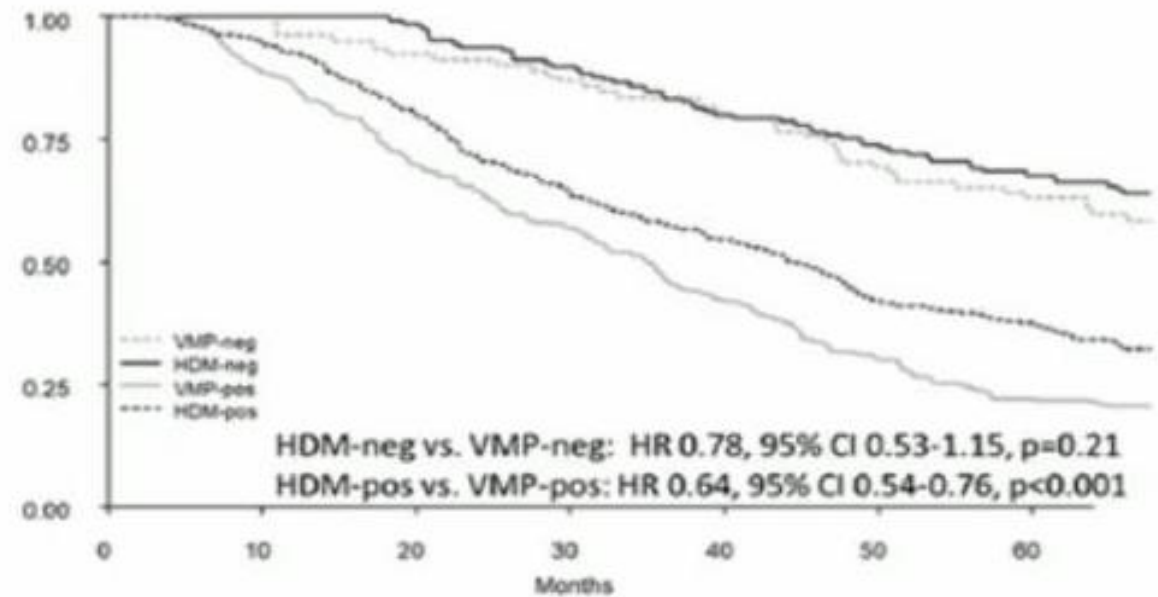


## 4) Which response depth avoid transplant?

Do patients in excellent response (MRD < 10<sup>-6</sup>) need a transplant?

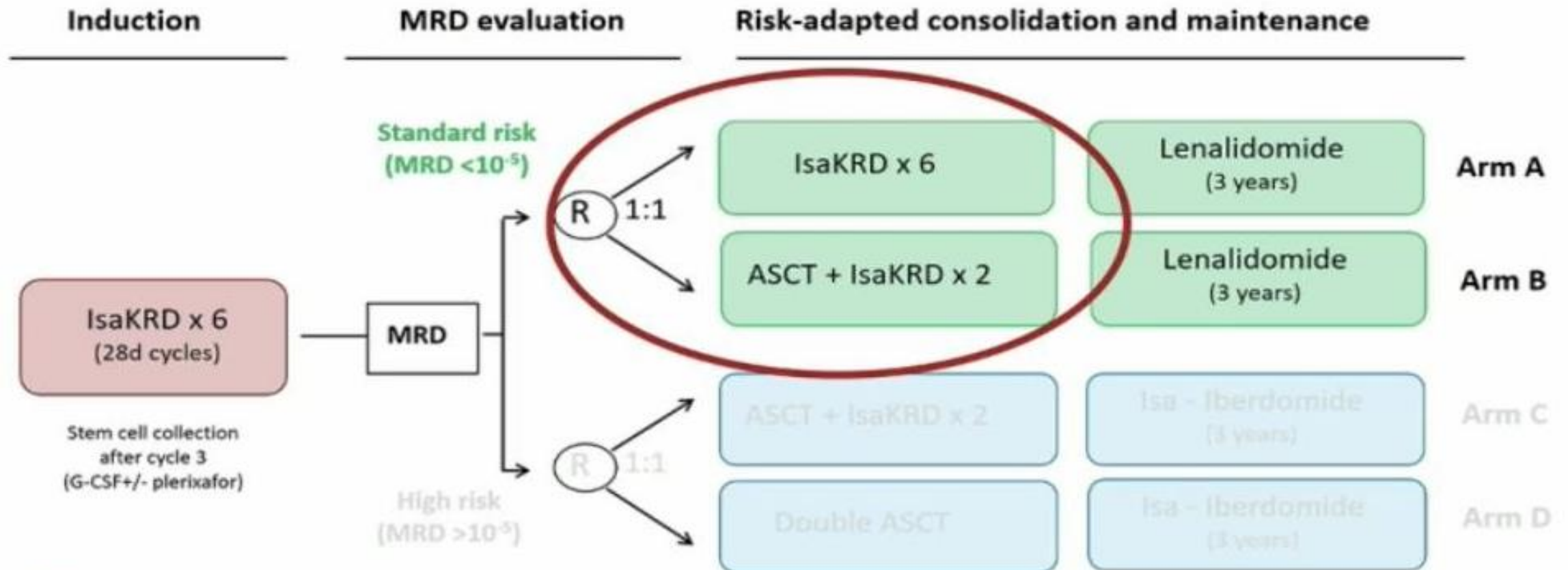


A Perrot et al, Blood 2018



S Oliva et al, B Cancer J 2021

## 4) Which response depth avoid transplant?







## **Analysis of Sustained MRD-Negativity and Progression-Free Survival of Isa-KRd in High-Risk Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma – Additional Data From Planned Interim Analysis of the GMMG-CONCEPT Trial**

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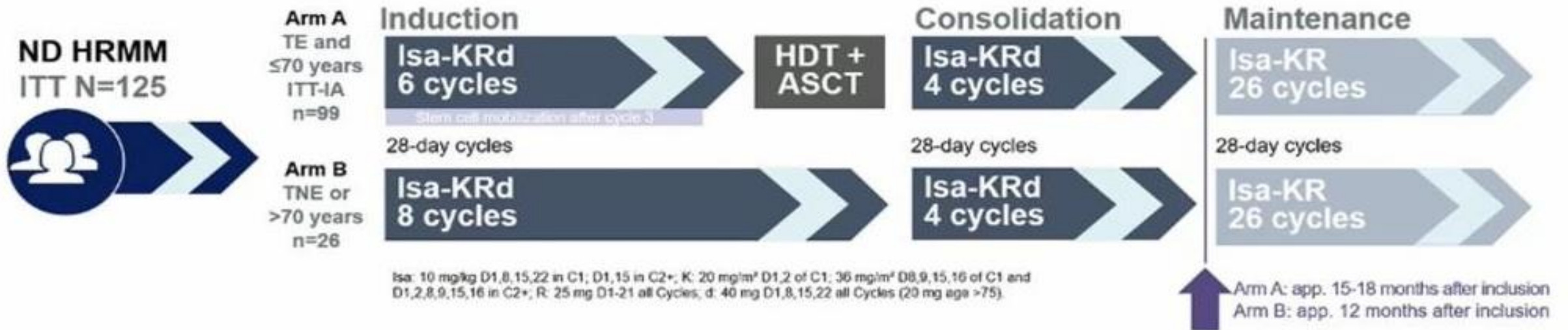


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## Background

- Patients with HRMM continue to show significantly poorer survival outcomes than patients without HR disease,<sup>1-4</sup> even in the current era of novel agents
- To date, achievement of MRD negativity is the strongest predictor of outcome<sup>5-9</sup>
- The phase II, investigator-initiated GMMG-CONCEPT trial (NCT03104842) is investigating the MRD negativity rate in patients with HR NDMM treated with Isa-KRd, with or without subsequent ASCT, according to age and eligibility for transplant
- We previously reported results on the primary endpoint (MRD negativity) after consolidation of the first cohort, demonstrating an MRD negativity rate of 67.7% for TE and 54.2% for TNE patients with rates of  $\geq$ VGPR of 90.9% (TE) and 88.5% (TNE) as best response<sup>10</sup>
- **Here, we report additional analyses of the primary endpoint with regard to survival, sustained MRD negativity, and subgroups**

# Study Design



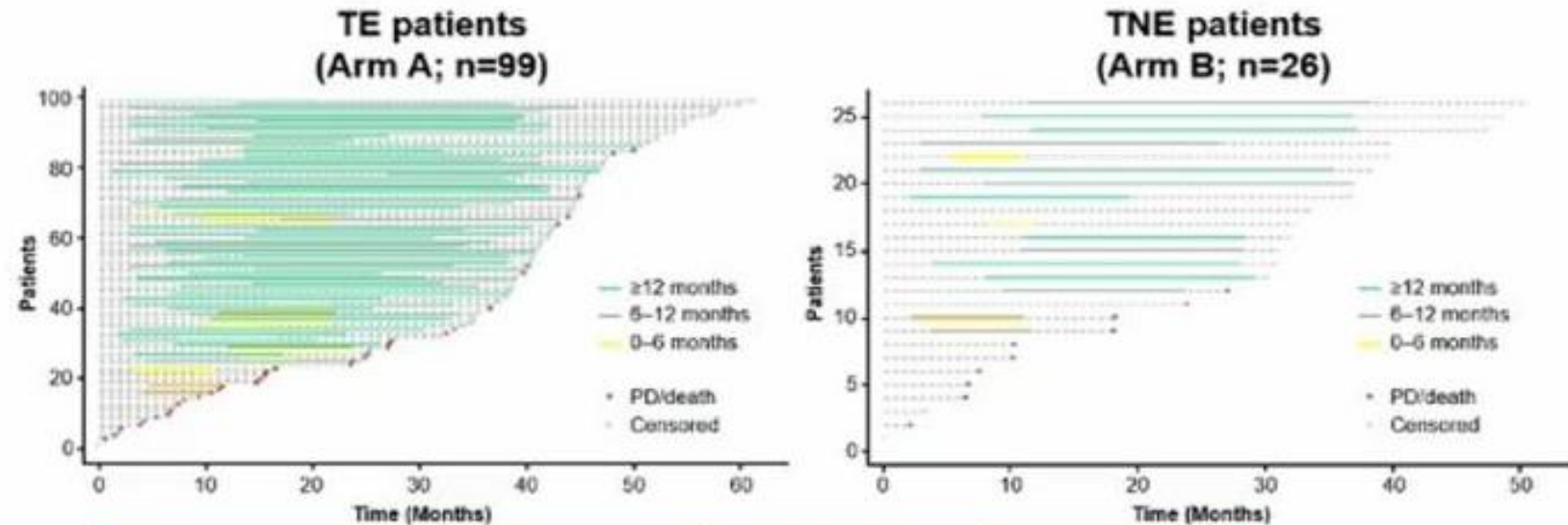
**HRMM criteria:** ISS stage II or III **PLUS** ≥1 of: del(17p), t(4;14), t(14;16) and/or >3 copies 1q21 (amp1q21)

Primary objective: MRD negativity after consolidation (NGF, 10<sup>-5</sup>)

Secondary objective: PFS; Key tertiary objectives: ORR, OS, safety

# High Rates of Sustained MRD Negativity

- 81.8% of TE and 69.2% of TNE patients achieved MRD negativity at any timepoint
- $\geq 1$ -year sustained MRD negativity was achieved in 62.6% of TE and 46.2% of TNE patients



n (%)	TE patients (n=99)	TNE patients (n=26)
MRD negative (any time point)	81 (81.8%)	18 (69.2%)
Sustained MRD negativity for $\geq 6$ months	72 (72.7%)	14 (53.8%)
Sustained MRD negativity for $\geq 12$ months	62 (62.6%)	12 (46.2%)



## Daratumumab Carfilzomib Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone induction and consolidation with tandem transplant in high-risk newly diagnosed myeloma patients: results of the phase 2 study IFM 2018-04

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# 2018-04 study design

## Key inclusion criteria:

- Age < 66
- Newly diagnosed multiple myeloma
- Transplant-eligible
- High-risk FISH : t(4;14), 17p Del, t(14;16)
- ECOG 0-2

## Objectives:

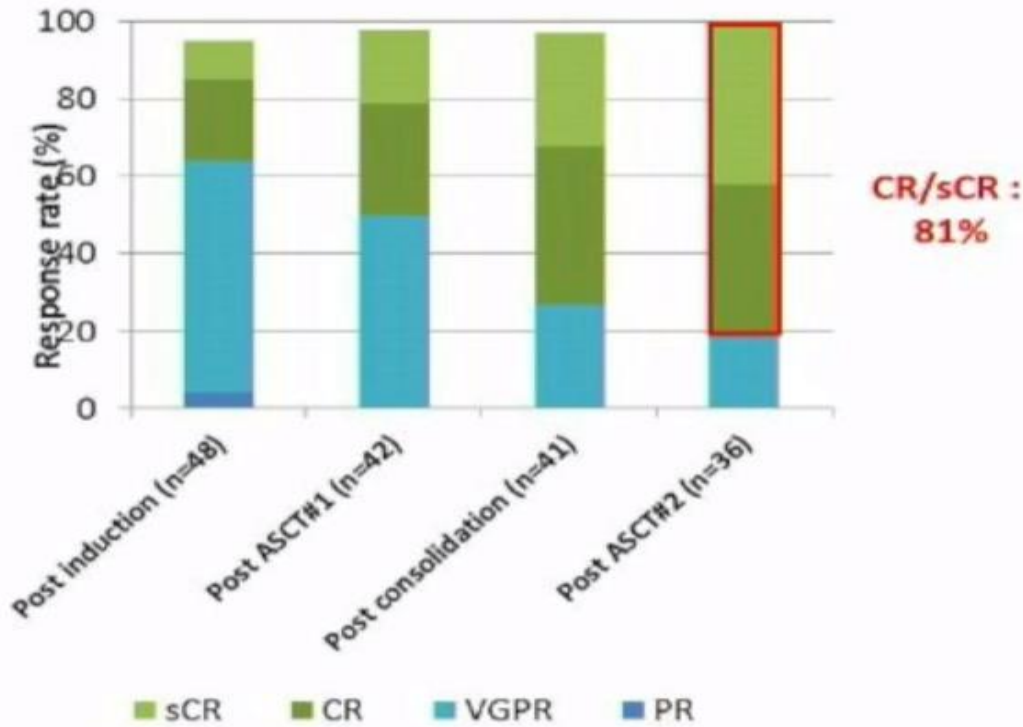
- **Primary Objective :** Feasibility  
primary endpoint : >70% patients receiving 2nd transplant
- **Secondary Objectives:** Safety, ORR, PFS, OS, stem-cell collection



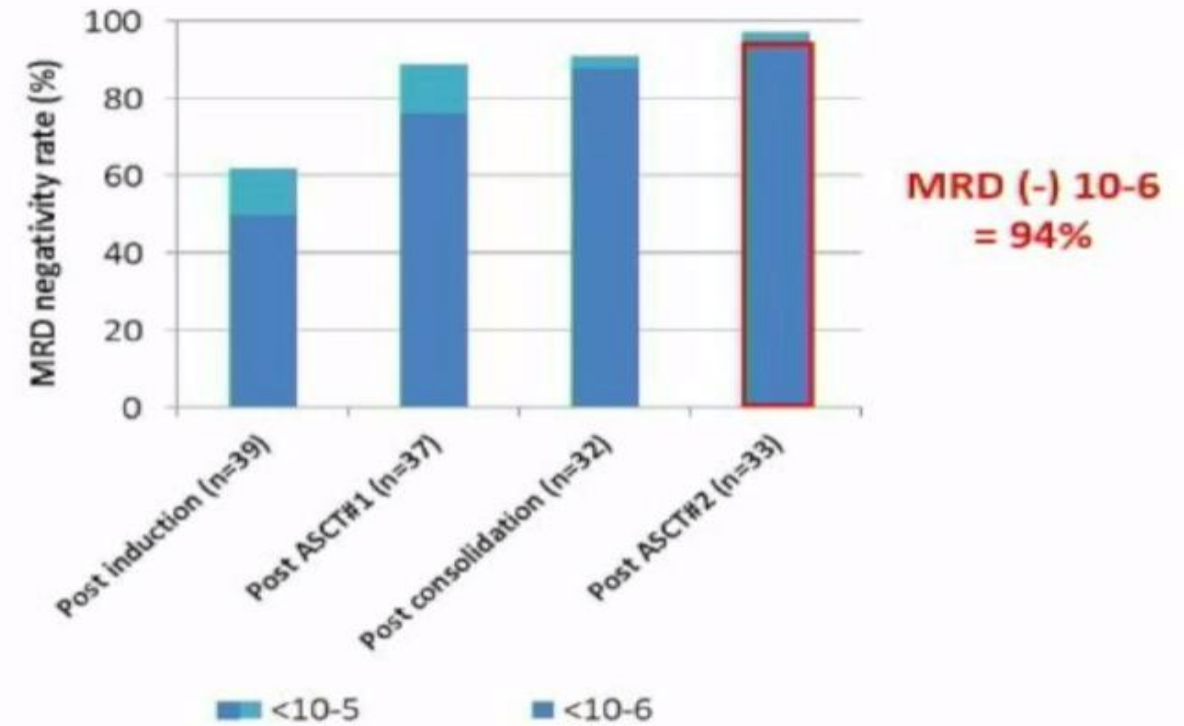
<p>Dara : 16 mg/kg IV D1,8,15,22 (cycle 1 and 2) D1 D15 (Cycle 3 to 6)</p> <p>K : (20)36 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV D1-2, 8-9, 15-16</p> <p>Len : 25 mg D1-21</p> <p>Dex : 20 mg D1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23</p> <p>28-day cycle</p>	<p>Cyclo GCSF +/- Plerix</p>	<p>Mel 200</p>	<p>Dara : 16 mg/kg IV D1 D15</p> <p>K : 56 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV D1, 8, 15</p> <p>Len : 15 mg D1-21</p> <p>Dex : 40 mg D1, 8, 15, 22</p> <p>28-day cycle</p>	<p>Mel 200</p>	<p>Dara : 16 mg/kg IV every 8 weeks</p> <p>Len : 10 mg 21/28</p>
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# Response rates and MRD

**Response Rates \***



**MRD negativity rates (NGS) \***



## Who need a transplant?

- **All eligible NDMM patients** until new data are available
- **Future challenges**
  - Compare new immunotherapies to transplant (EMN-CARTITUDE 6)
  - Define predictive factors for adapted strategies: MRD, sustained MRD?
  - Find tools to reach a sensitivity to  $10^{-7}$ ,  $10^{-8}$ ?