

Highlights from IMS 20th meeting 2023

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**Strategie terapeutiche nel paziente
“difficile-da-trattare” :**
con ricaduta precoce dopo la terapia di
prima linea

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Functional high-risk MM

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pts who relapse within 12 and 18 months after
optimal initial therapy

pts with no apparent or no necessarily high
features at diagnosis

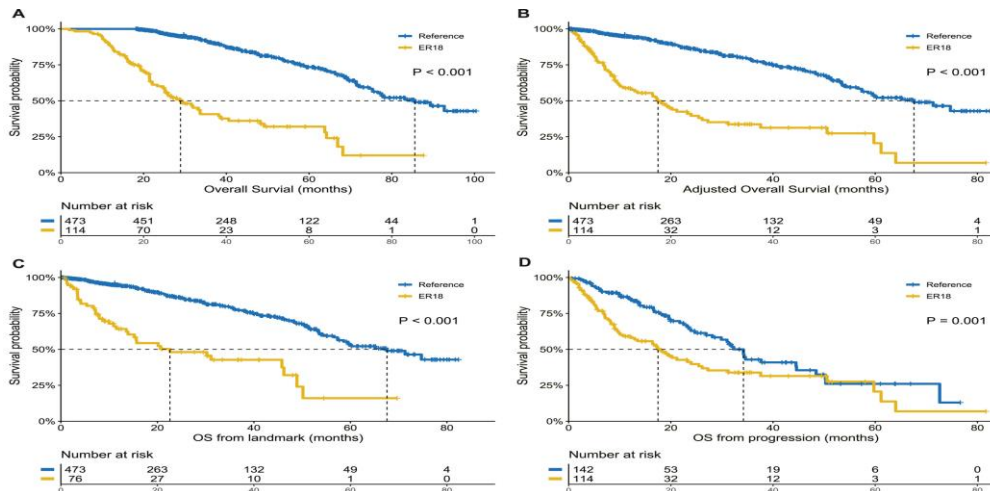
Frequency of functional high risk MM

Study	Jimenez-Zepeda et al. Princess Margaret Cancer Center (PM)	Kumar et al. CIBMTR database	Spencer et al. Australian and New Zealand MRDR	Kastritis et al. Department of Clinical Therapeutics, (Athens, Greece)	D'Agostino et al. CoMMpass dataset	Bygrave et al. NCRI Myeloma XI	Soekojo et al. CoMMpass dataset	Yan et al. National Longitudinal Cohort of Hematological Diseases (China)
Total N° of pts	184	3256	1320	297	926	1349	512	629
Type of treatment	 ASCT: 100%	 ASCT: 100%	N/A	 ASCT: 53%	 ASCT: 100%	CTd vs. CRd (induction) If ≤VGPR prior ASCT: VTd ASCT: 100%	 ASCT: N/A	PIs and/or IMiDs: 100% ASCT: 100%
Definition	PD <i>within 12 months</i> from transplant	PD <i>within 24 months</i> from transplant	PD <i>within 12 months</i> from diagnosis	PD <i>within 12 months</i> from transplant	PD <i>within 18 months</i> from diagnosis	PD <i>within 12 months</i> from transplant	PD <i>within 12 months</i> from diagnosis <u>without HRCA</u>	PD <i>within 18 months</i> from diagnosis
Early relapse (%)	14%	38%	9%	14%	21%	13%	11%	18%

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; PD, progressive disease; PIs, proteasome inhibitors; IMiDs, immunomodulatory drugs; MRDR, Myeloma and Related Diseases Registry; Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR); HRCA, high risk cytogenetic abnormalities

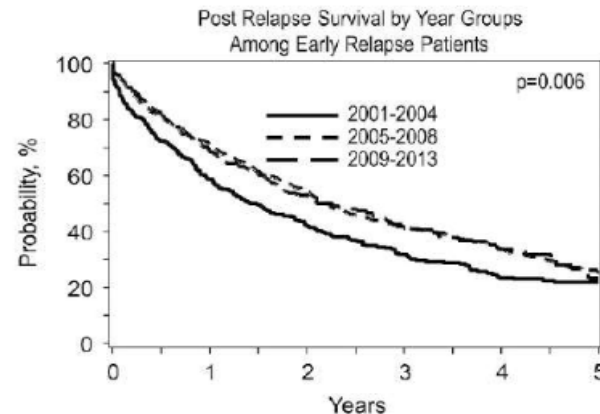
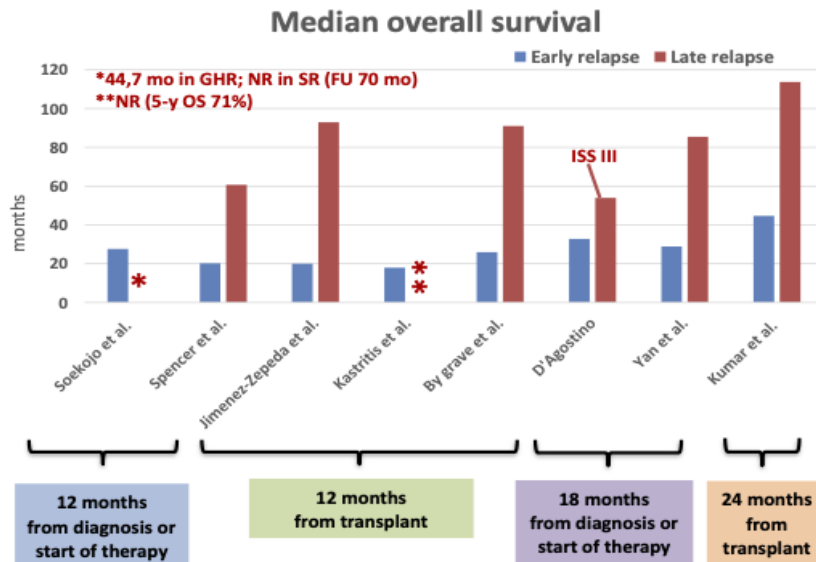
■ PIs-based ■ IMiDs-based ■ Pis+IMiDs-based ■ Other (not including anti-CD38)

Dynamic definition of HR MM is a more powerful prognostic factor than static definition



Variables	HR (95%CI)	P Value
ER18	4.467(3.012–6.625)	<0.001
ISS III VS ISS II/I	2.067(1.461–2.925)	<0.001
LDH>247U/L at diagnosis	2.071(1.360–3.154)	0.001
Thrombocytopenia at diagnosis	1.604(1.012–2.544)	0.044
High risk cytogenetics at diagnosis	1.598(1.101–2.319)	0.014
Upfront ASCT	0.519(0.345–0.780)	0.002
Achieving VGPR or better in the first-line therapy	0.669(0.441–1.015)	0.059

Outcome of *functional high risk (FHR)* MM



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Jimenez-Zepeda VH, et al., Bone Marrow Transplant. 2015; Kumar SK, Leukemia. 2018; Spencer A, et al. Blood. 2019; Kastritis E, et al. Clin Lymphoma, Myeloma Leuk. 2020; D'Agostino M, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2020; Bygrave C, et al., Br J Haematol. 2021; Soekojo et al., Blood Cancer J. 2022

Only a proportion of HRF MM showed HR features at diagnosis

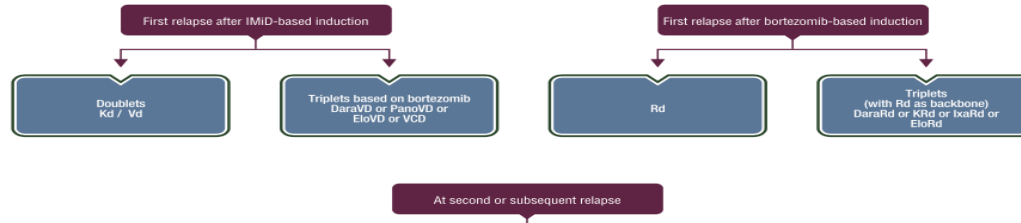
	Soekojo 2022	Bygrave 2021	Yan 2023
n° FHR MM	61	174	114
ISS I-II-III	28%-33%-39%	22%-42%-27%	28%-37%-45%
R-ISS I-II-III	21%-70%-8%	-	13%-67%-19%
Cyto SR-HR-UHR		28%-36%-36%	
Mol HR signature	UAMS 26%, IFM 18%		

Only a proportion of HRF MM showed suboptimal response to induction

Bygrave 2021: CR+ VGPR 64.4% in ER vs 72.4% in nER
 Yan 2023 : CR+ VGPR 51.8% in ER vs 90.2% in nER

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In the 2021 recommendations triplets have replaced doublets
Even if there are an increasing number of treatment options,
fewer options remain in double-refractory patients

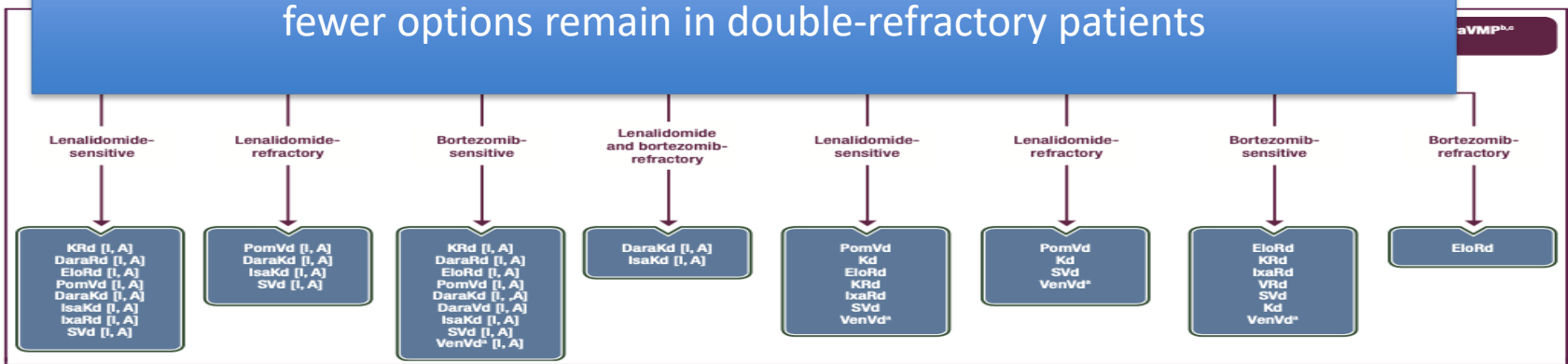
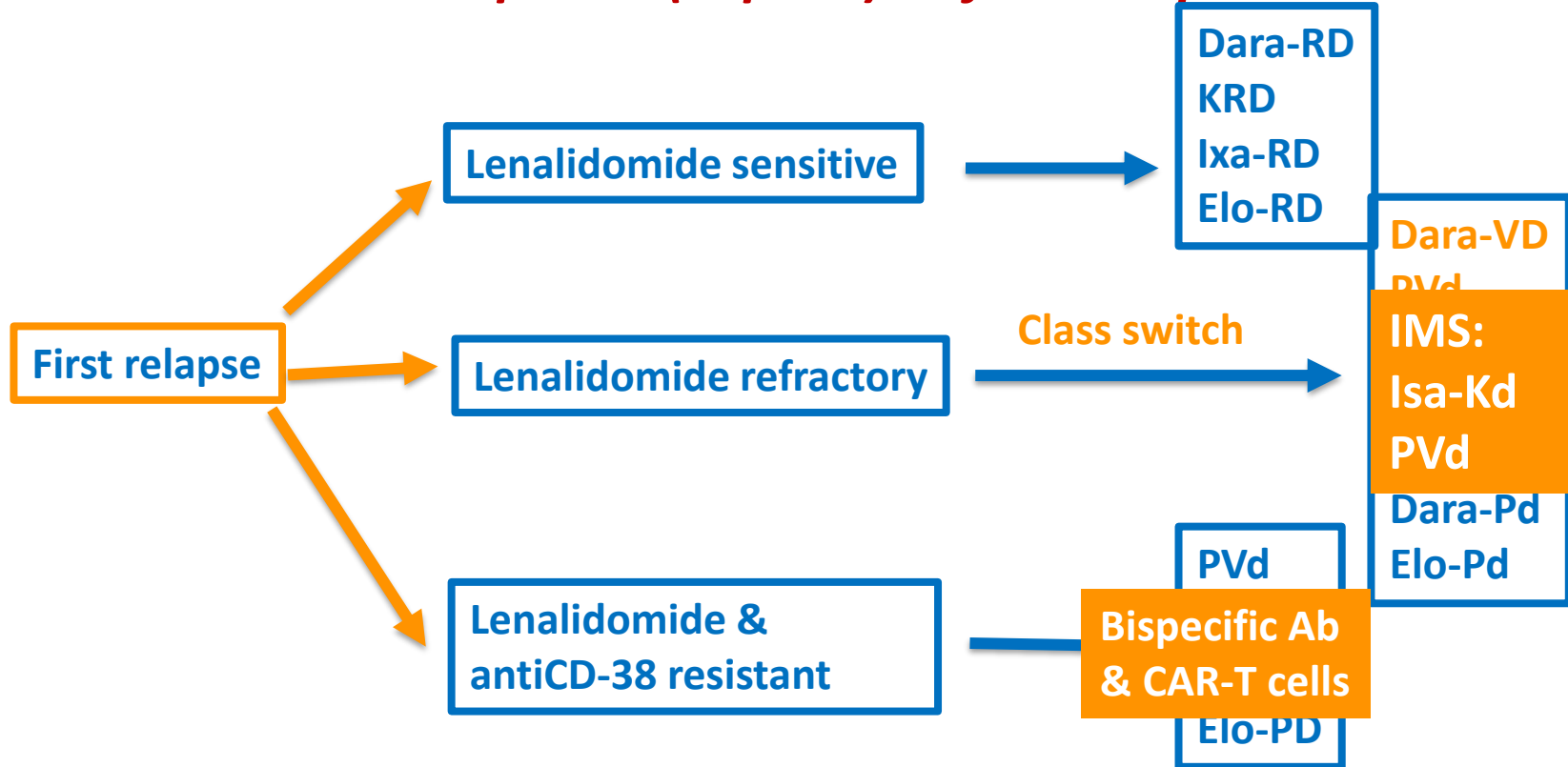


Figure 2. Second-line options for MM patients who received VRd and Dara-based front-line therapies.

Treatment options (triplets) at first relapse

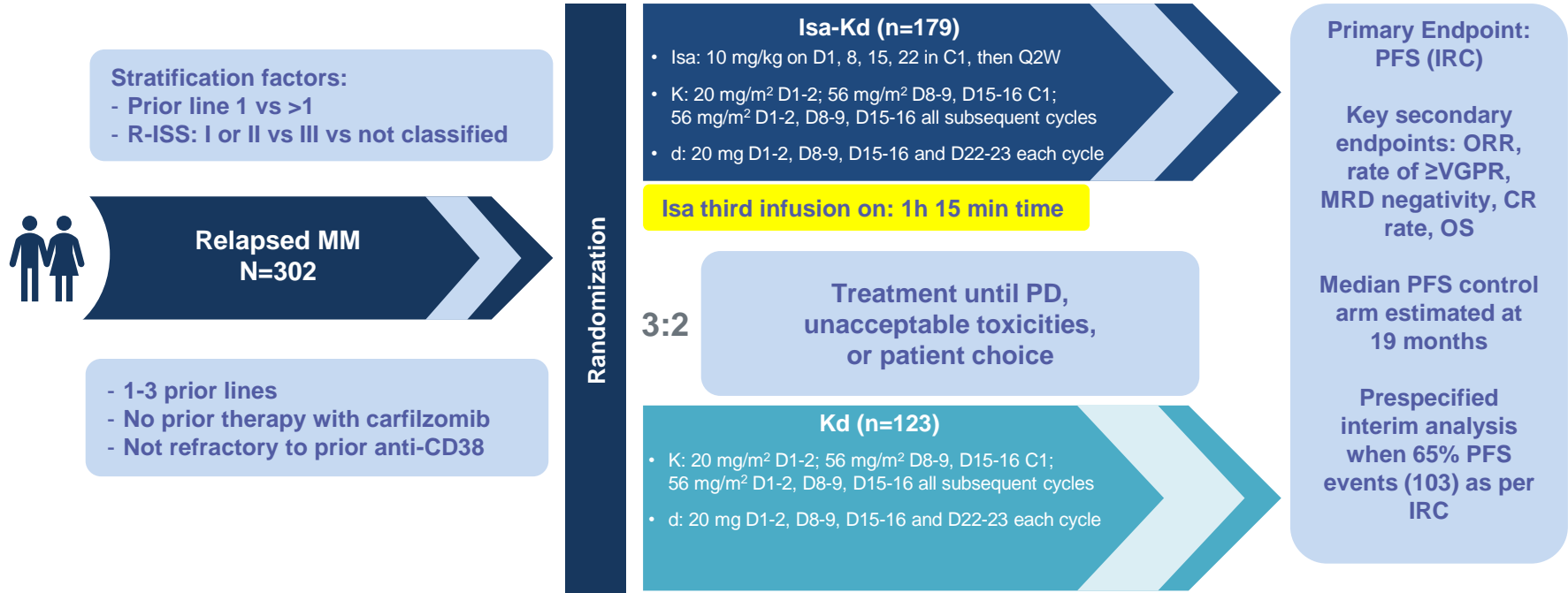


Opzioni di seconda linea a “confronto”

	R-Free Regimens						R-based Regimens	
	mAbs anti-CD38							
	not reimbursed							
EFFICACY DATA	CASTOR^{1,2} Dvd (251)	ENDEAVOR^{3,4} Kd (464)	OPTIMISM^{5,6} Pvd (281)	APOLLO⁷ DscPd (151)	CANDOR⁸⁻¹⁰ DKd (312)	IKEMA^{11,12} IsaKd (179)	POLLUX¹³⁻¹⁵ DRd (286)	ASPIRE^{16,17} KRd (396)
No of median prior lines	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Len-refractory %	24	24	71	79	32	32	0	7
≥ CR (%)	30	13	16	25	29	44	57	32
NGS MRD neg ¹⁰⁻⁵ ITT (%)	15	NA	NA	9	23	33,5	32,5	ND
mPFS ITT (▲ mos) HR	17 (▲ 9.6) 0.31	19 (▲ 9.3) 0.53	11 (▲ 4.1) 0.61	12,4 (▲ 5.5) 0.63	29 (▲ 13.4) 0.59	35,7 (▲ 16.5) 0.58	44,5 (▲ 27) 0.44	26 (▲ 8.7) 0.69
mPFS 1PLOT (▲ mos) HR	27 (▲ 19) 0.22	22 (▲ 12.1) 0.45	21 (▲ 9.1) 0.54	14,1 (▲ 15) 0.7	NR (▲ NR) 0.66	NR (▲ NR) 0.59	53 (▲ 34) 0.42	30 (▲ 12) 0.71
mPFS Len-refr (▲ mos) HR	8 (▲ 2.9) 0.44	9 (▲ 2.0) 0.36	9.5 (▲ 3.9) 0.65	9.9 (▲ 3.4) 0.66	28 (▲ 17) 0.46	NR (▲ NR) 0.59	ND	ND
mPFS in early relapse	15 HR 0.51	NE	NE	NE	NE HR 0.6	25 HR 0.58	37 HR 0.41	21

IKEMA

Study design: Isa-Kd vs Kd in relapsed multiple myeloma



Sample size calculation: ~300 patients and 159 PFS events to detect 41% risk reduction in hazard rate for PFS with 90% power and one-sided 0.025 significance level

IKEMA study: NCT03275285

C, cycle; CR, complete response; D, day; d, dexamethasone; IRC, Independent Review Committee; Isa, isatuximab; K, carfilzomib; MM, multiple myeloma; MRD, minimal residual disease; ms, months; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression free survival; Q2W, once every 2 weeks; R-ISS, revised international staging system; VGPR, very good partial response

FINAL PFS ANALYSIS

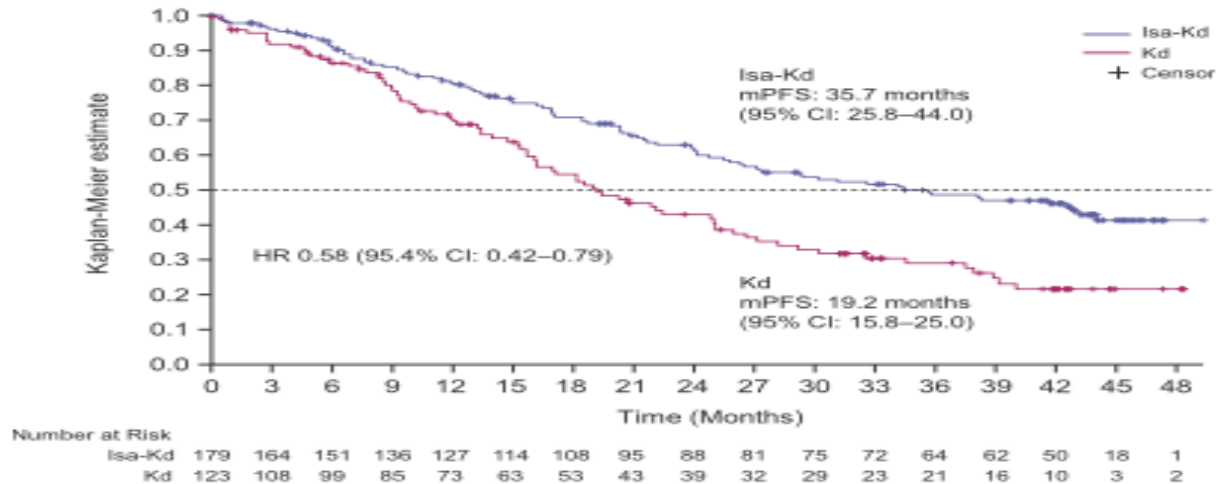


Fig. 2 Updated PFS with Isa-Kd vs Kd (ITT population). CI confidence interval, d dexamethasone, HR hazard ratio, Isa isatuximab, ITT intent to treat, K carfilzomib, mPFS median progression-free survival.

Median follow-up 43.9 months

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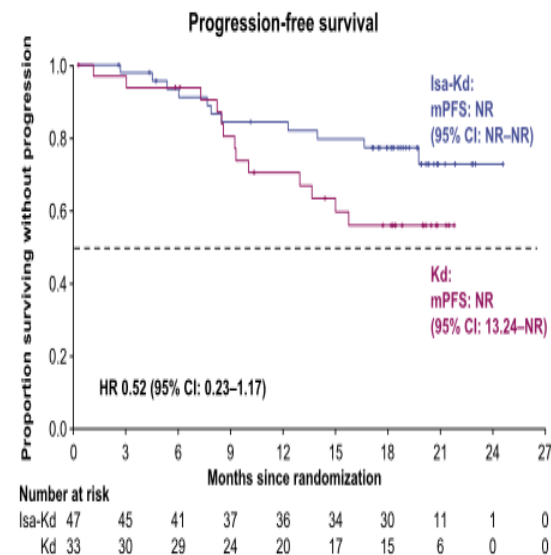
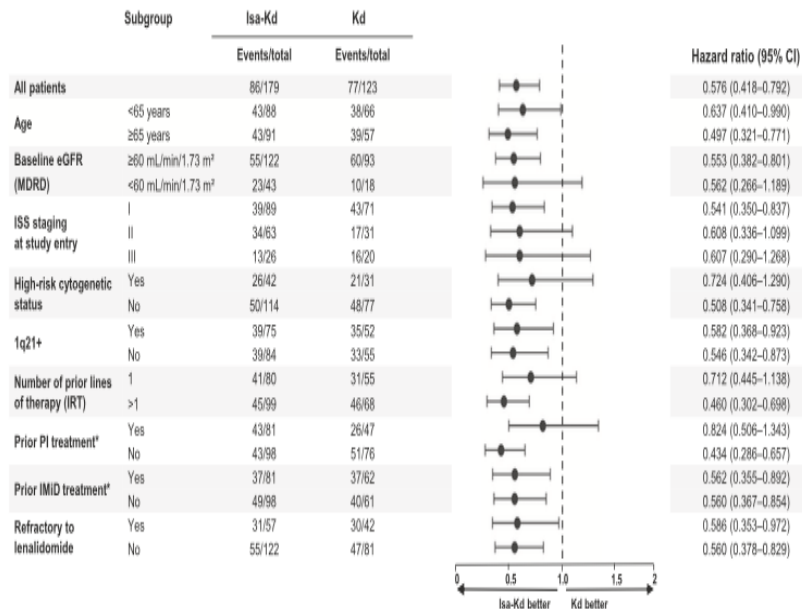


Figure 4. Progression-free survival among patients who received a transplant as their 1 prior line of therapy.

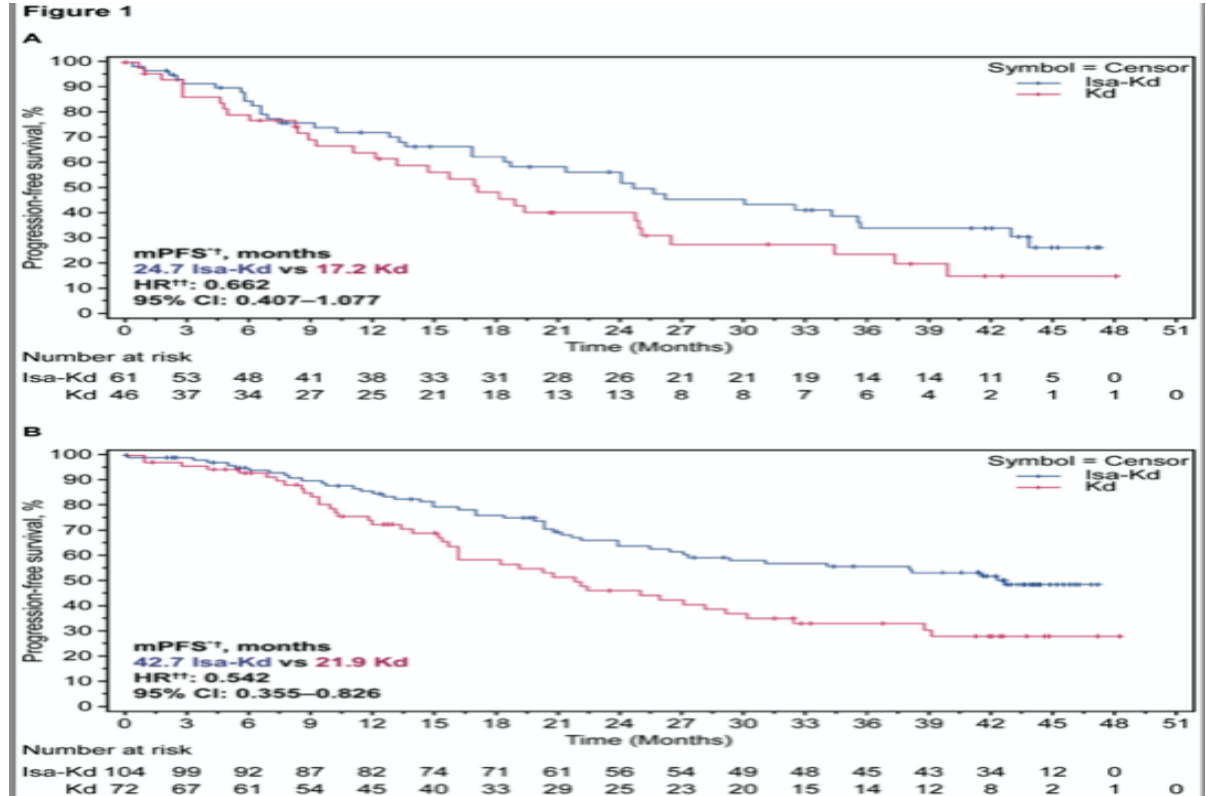
Early relapse was defined as relapse that occurred <12 months from initiation of the most recent line of therapy for patients with 2 prior lines of therapy, <18 months for patients with 1 prior line of therapy, or <12 months following frontline ASCT

Table 1. Key patient demographics and baseline characteristics in IKEMA early relapse and late relapse patients (ITT population).

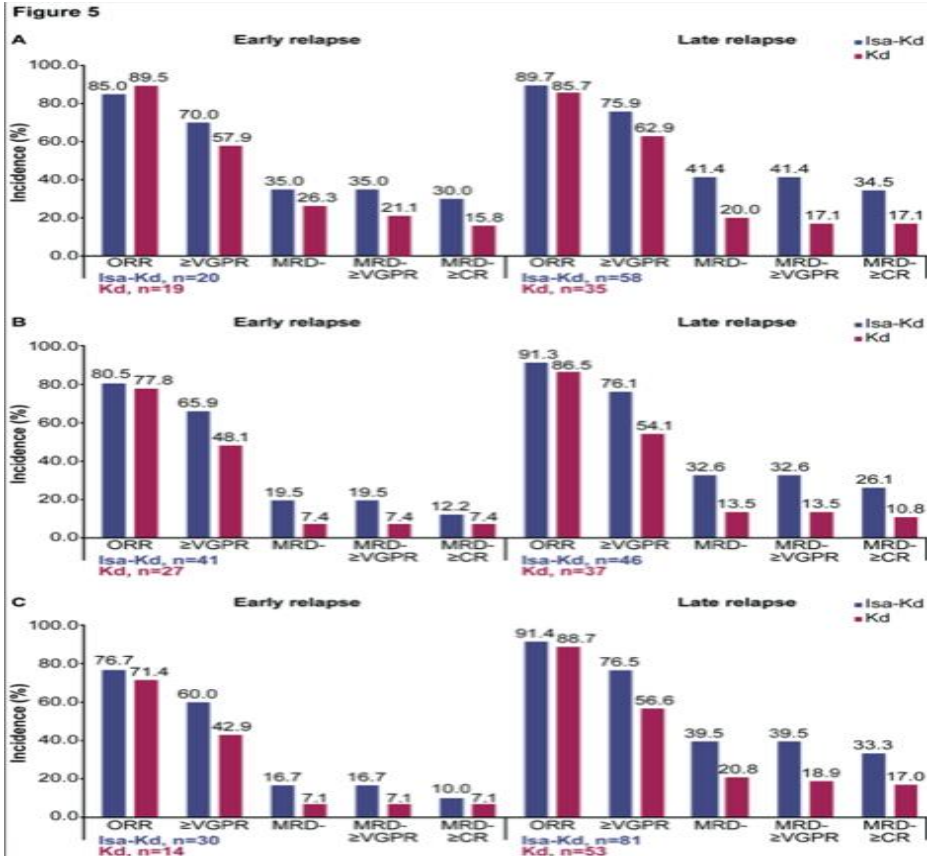
	Early Relapse		Late Relapse	
	Isa-Kd (n=61)	Kd (n=46)	Isa-Kd (n=104)	Kd (n=72)
ISS stage at study entry				
Stage I	19 (31.1)	25 (54.3)	63 (60.6)	44 (61.1)
Stage II	28 (45.9)	12 (26.1)	31 (29.8)	18 (25.0)
Stage III	14 (23.0)	9 (19.6)	9 (8.7)	9 (12.5)
Unknown	0	0	1 (1.0)	1 (1.4)
Cytogenetics at study entry ^{A,c}				
High risk	21 (34.4)	16 (34.8)	19 (18.3)	13 (18.1)
Standard risk	33 (54.1)	28 (60.9)	71 (68.3)	48 (66.7)
Missing	7 (11.5)	2 (4.3)	14 (13.5)	11 (15.3)

	Early relapse		Late relapse	
	Isa-Kd (n=61)	Kd (n=46)	Isa-Kd (n=104)	Kd (n=72)
Prior lines of therapy, median (min-max)	2.0 (1-4)	2.0 (1-4)	1.0 (1-4)	2.0 (1-4)
1, n (%)	20 (32.8)	19 (41.3)	58 (55.8)	35 (48.6)
2, n (%)	24 (39.3)	12 (26.1)	34 (32.7)	22 (30.6)
3, n (%)	16 (26.2)	14 (30.4)	11 (10.6)	14 (19.4)
>3, n (%)	1 (1.6)	1 (2.2)	1 (1.0)	1 (1.4)
Prior ASCT	30 (49.2)	14 (30.4)	81 (77.9)	53 (73.6)
Refractory status, n (%)				
Relapsed and refractory	54 (88.5)	41 (89.1)	55 (52.9)	49 (68.1)
Refractory to IMiD agent	33 (54.1)	27 (58.7)	34 (32.7)	27 (37.5)
Refractory to PI	34 (55.7)	24 (52.2)	15 (14.4)	17 (23.6)
Refractory to IMiD agent and PI	21 (34.4)	14 (30.4)	8 (7.7)	11 (15.3)
Refractory to last regimen	49 (80.3)	39 (84.8)	32 (30.8)	29 (40.3)

Early relapse



Late relapse



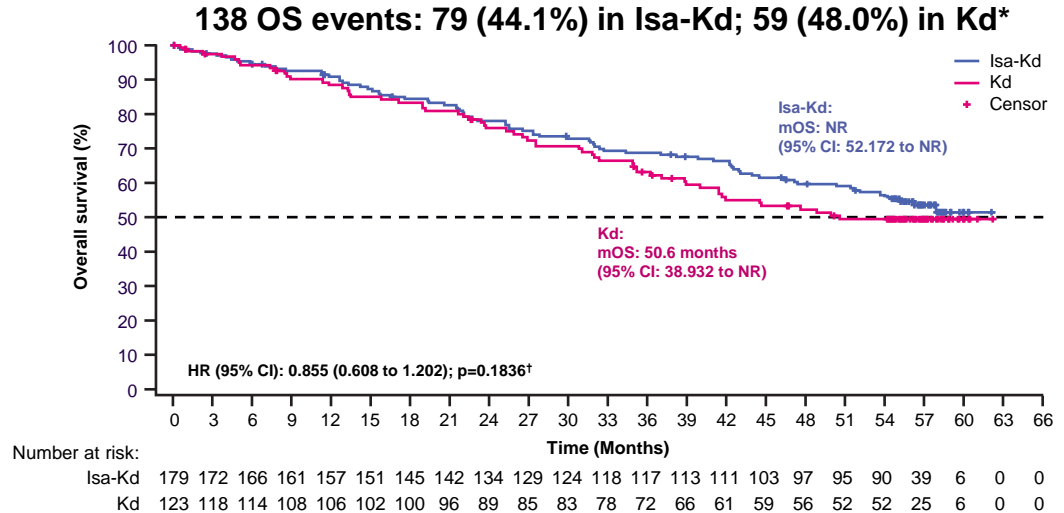
Depth of response after
(A) 1 prior LOT,

(B) 2 prior LOT

(C) prior ASCT.

OS analysis: the longest OS in a phase 3 study of a len-free regimen in the RR setting

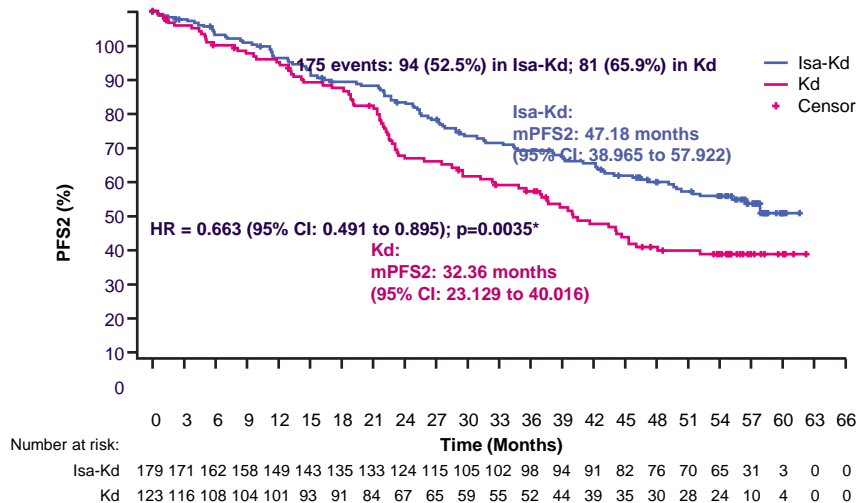
- Extrapolating the current observed trend for an additional 12 months of follow-up, the mOS estimate for Isa-Kd arm is **63 months** (95% CI: 59–69)
- This corresponds to an estimated 1-year difference in mOS



- **After a median follow-up of 56.6 months, mOS was not reached in the Isa-Kd arm**
- **The extrapolated mOS estimate of 63 months for Isa-Kd corresponds to an estimated 1-year difference in mOS versus Kd**

PFS2 (time from randomization to PD on subsequent therapy)

Sustained isatuximab benefit through the subsequent lines



Subsequent treatments

	Isa-Kd%	Kd%
Imids	85	81
PI	47	41
anti-CD38	29	63
belantamab	16	3
Anti-BCMA bispecific	7	4
CAR-T	2	5
SCT	13	17

ITT population

At final PFS analysis

Median follow-up: 43.96 months

PFS2 HR
(95% CI)

0.683

(0.496–0.941)

At OS analysis

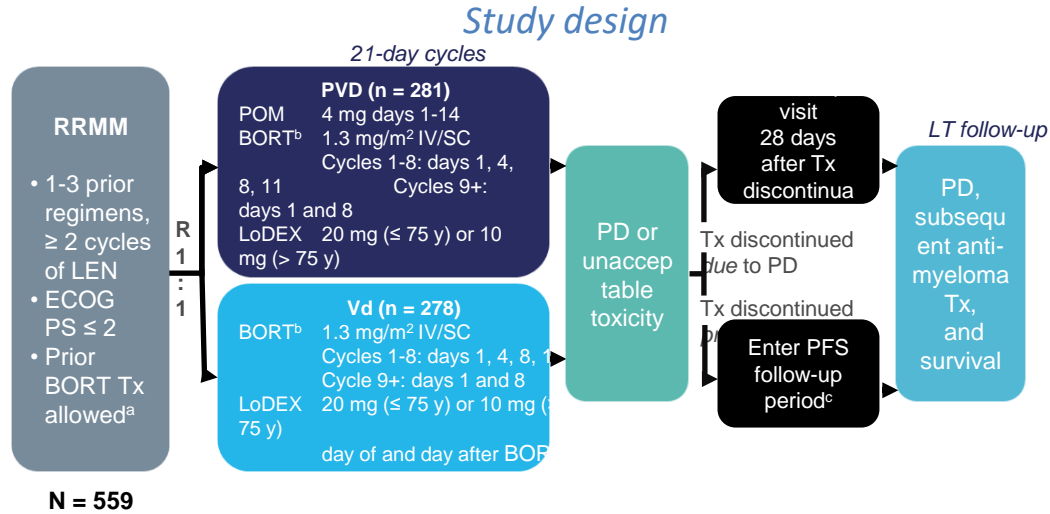
Median follow-up: 56.6 months

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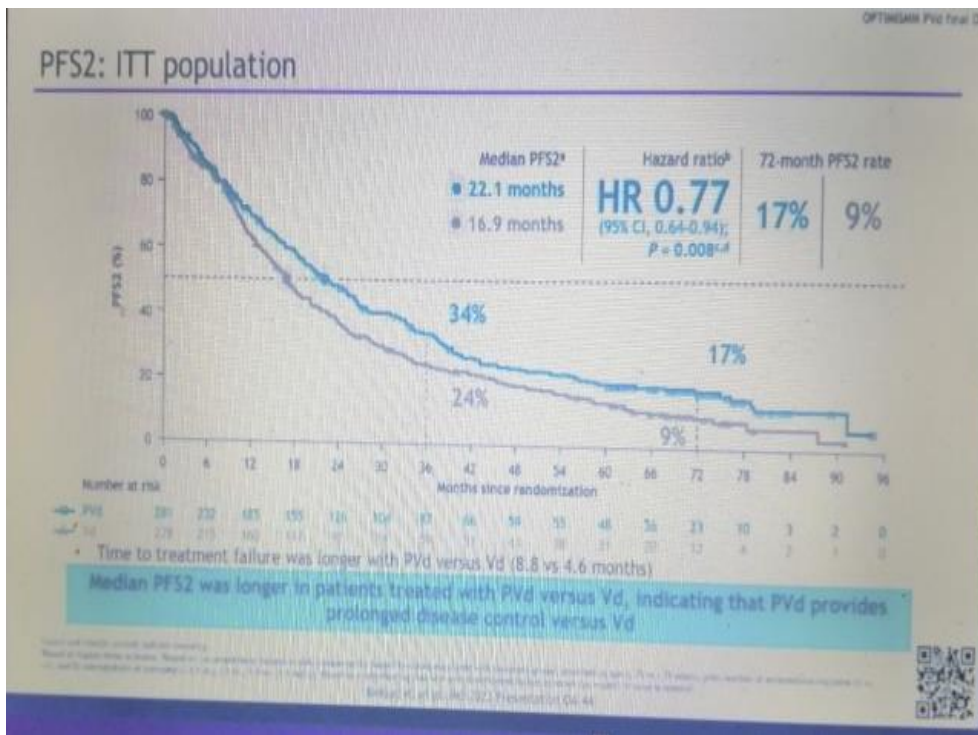
(0.491–0.895)

%	Interim PFS analysis: M follow-up 20.7 mo		Final PFS analysis: M follow-up 43.9 mo		OS analysis: M follow-up 56.6 m	
	Isa-Kd	Kd	Isa-Kd	Kd	Isa-Kd	Kd
Any TEAE	97.2	95.9	98.9	97.5	98.9	97.5
Grade \geq 3 TEAE	76.8	67.2	83.6	73.0	84.2	73.0
Grade 5 TEAE	3.4	3.3	5.6	4.9	6.8	4.9
Any TEAE leading stop	8.5	13.9	12.0	18	13.6	18.0
Cardiac Disorders All grades (\geq 3)					7.9 (4.0)	8.2 (4.1)
Cardiac failure All grades (\geq 3)					4.5 (2.3)	6.6 (3.3)
PE all grades (\geq 3)					1 (0.6)	1 (0.8)

Optimism: PVD versus VD in RRMM



- **NCT01734928** – β_2 -microglobulin levels at screening (< 3.5 vs ≥ 3.5 mg/L to ≤ 5.5 vs > 5.5 mg/L)
- **Stratification**
 - Age (≤ 75 vs > 75 years)
 - No. of prior anti-myeloma regimens (1 vs > 1)



	PVd	Vd	p
Median OS (months)	35.6	31.6	0.571
72 mo- OS rate	26%	23%	

A trend toward improved median OS

Median PFS2 longer in PVd vs Vd

Beksac M et al, IMS 2023

% grade 3-4 AE	PVd	Vd
thrombocytopenia	28	25
neutropenia	47	9
Infections	35	19
Peripheral neuropathy	8	4
Invasive SPM	5	3
Hematological SPM	1	1
Solid SPM	4	2

CONCLUSIONS

- Functional high-risk MM is still an unmet clinical need either because we cannot identify early pts at risk or because of lack of effective treatments.
- Switch drug class and maintain treatment intensity may have a role.
- At IMS meeting OS data were presented and they were not a measure of efficacy but gave an idea of sequencing and long term tolerability.
- Trials with bispecific antibodies and CAR-T are ongoing in this setting.

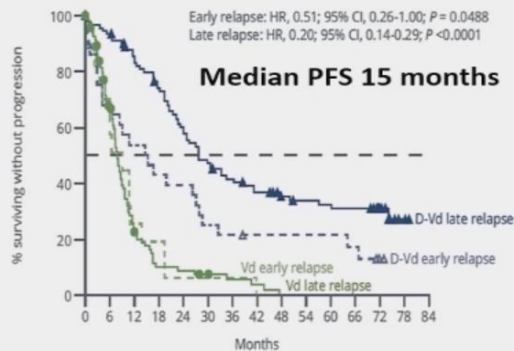
First relapse options: proteasome inhibitors backbone

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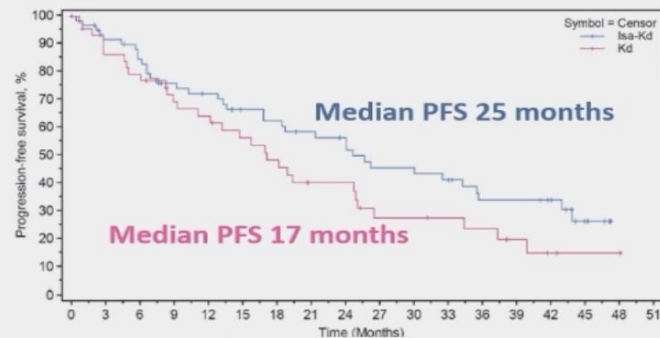
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EARLY RELAPSE



Subgroup	KdD (n=304)*		Kd (n=148)†		Hazard ratio (KdD/Kd) (95% CI)	
	Events/Patients	Median PFS (95% CI), months	Events/Patients	Median PFS (95% CI), months	Favors KdD	Favors Kd
≥1 prior line of therapy						
Early relapse (<12 months)	51/116	18.5 (12.1, NE)	32/64	11.1 (7.4, 17.6)	●	○
Late relapse (≥12 months)	55/188	NE (NE, NE)	34/84	NE (15.2, NE)	●	○
1 prior line of therapy						
Early relapse (<18 months)	23/59	NE (13.3, NE)	13/33	13.2 (5.7, NE)	●	○
Late relapse (≥18 months)	17/82	NE (NE, NE)	11/36	NE (15.7, NE)	●	○
≥2 prior lines of therapy						
Early relapse (<12 months)	38/81	18.5 (9.2, NE)	24/43	12.0 (7.4, 15.3)	●	○
Late relapse (≥12 months)	29/92	NE (17.0, NE)	18/36	15.8 (9.3, NE)	●	○
Prior ASCT‡						
Early relapse (<12 months)	12/25	18.0 (4.2, NE)	6/8	4.3 (0.5, 17.6)	●	○
Late relapse (≥12 months)	27/92	NE (NE, NE)	12/31	NE (12.3, NE)	●	○



DVd

1 prior line: median 27 mo HR 0.22
Len ref: median 7.1 moHR 0.44
Early relapse: 15 months H R0.51

DKd

1 prior line: median NE HR 0.66
Len ref: median NE HR 0.63
Early relapse: median NE HR 0.6

IsaKd

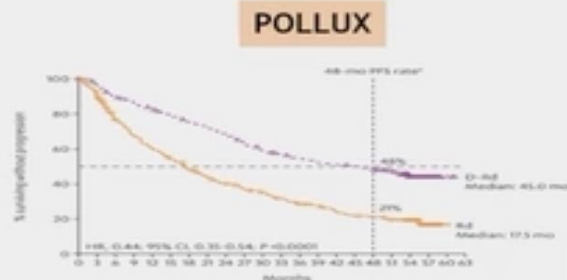
1 prior line: median NA HR 0.71
Len ref: median NA HR 0.58
Early relapse: median 25 months HR 0.6

D, daratumumab; V, bortezomib; d, dexamethasone; K, carfilzomib; Isa, isatuximab; PFS, progression-free survival

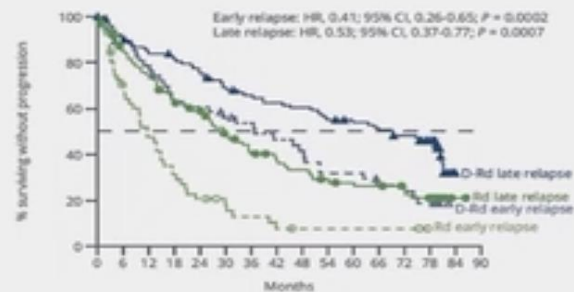
First relapse options in lenalidomide naive patients

DaraRd

PFS: median 44.5 mo, HR: 0.44
1 prior line: median NR HR 0.42
Early relapse: median 37 mo, HR 0.41

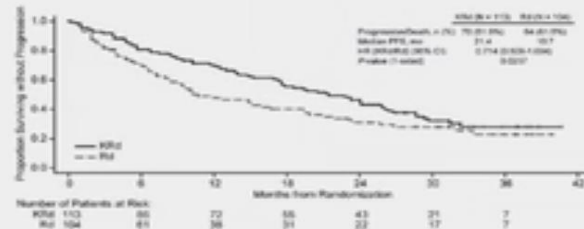
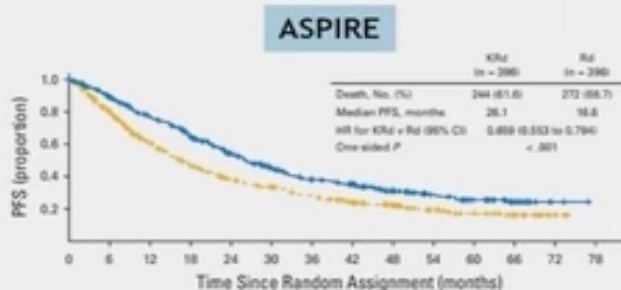


EARLY RELAPSE



KRd

PFS: median 26.3 m, HR: 0.69
1 prior line: median 29.6 HR 0.71
Early relapse: median 21 months



Dara/D, daratumumab; Elo, Elotuzumab; R, lenalidomide; PFS, progression-free survival