

# Highlights from IMS 20th meeting 2023

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**Strategie terapeutiche nel paziente  
"difficile-da-trattare":  
Con alto/ultra-alto profilo  
genetico/genomico**

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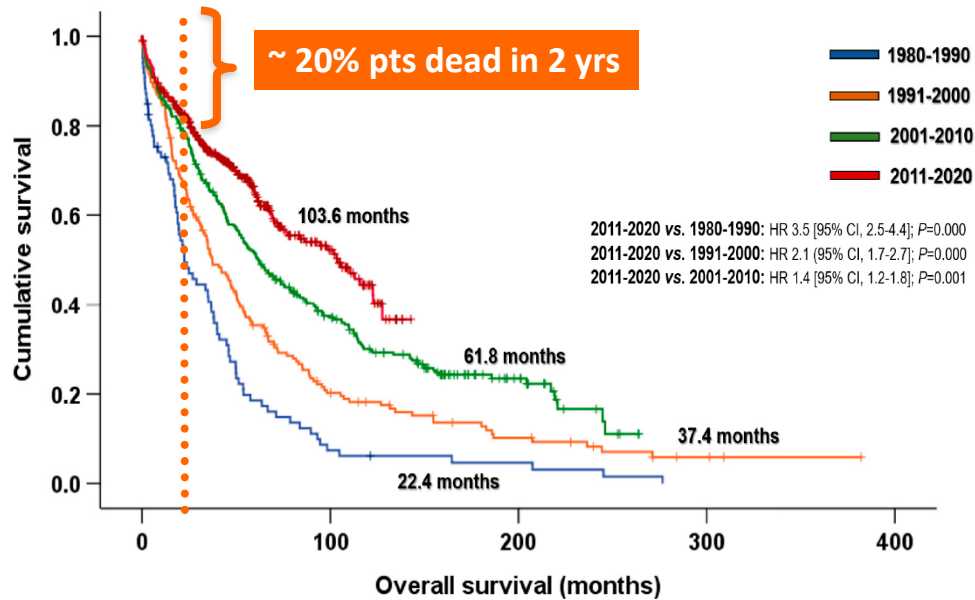
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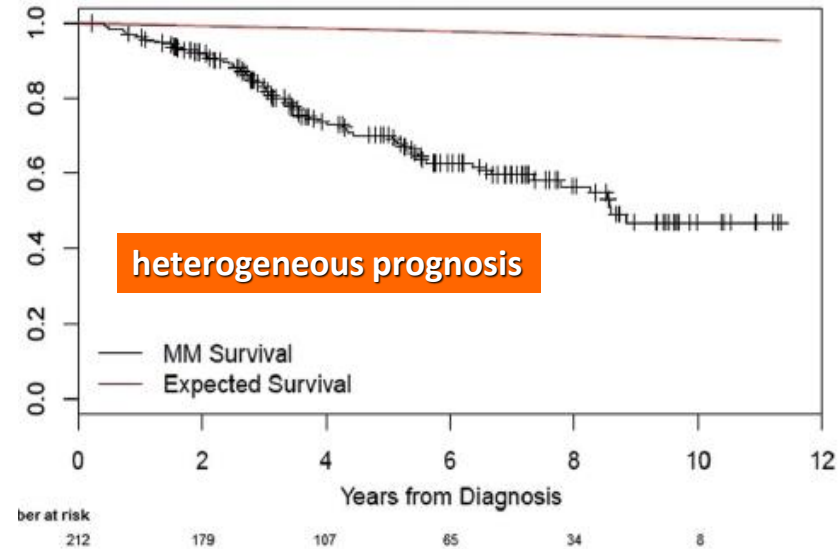
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# Myeloma is not one disease!!

## Continued Improvement in Survival in Multiple Myeloma



## OS of pts with MM from diagnosis compared with expected survival of background population



Prognostic factors			
Patient-related	Disease burden-related	Disease biology-related	Therapy-related
Age	High B <sub>2</sub> microglobulin*	Cytogenetic abnormalities	Quality of response
Performance status	Low albumin*	GEP	Early relapse
Comorbidities	Renal impairment	Circulating PCs	
	LDH above ULN	EMD	
		High proliferation rate	
Cytogenetic abnormalities and relationship with outcomes			
Chromosome/region (frequency)	Gene involved/effect	Prognostic implication	
<b>14q32 (locus IGH) (45-50%)</b> t(11;14) (20%) t(4;14) (10% to 15%) t(14;16) (<5%) t(14;20) (<5%)	Cyclin D1 hyperexpression FGFR3 and MMSET deregulated  cMAF UK	Neutral Unfavorable (worsened by chromosome 1 alterations, improved by trisomy 5) Doubt, mainly unfavorable Doubt, mainly unfavorable	
<b>1q21 acquisition (30%)</b> Gain (2-3 copies) Amplification (≥4)	CKS1B, MCL1	Partially unfavorable Unfavorable	
1p32 deletion (10%)	FAF1/ CDKN2C	Unfavorable	
<b>17p deletion (8% to 15% according to PC cutoff)</b> Single-hit Double-hit	TP53 and UK  Deletion Biallelic inactivation (deletion + mutation)	Unfavorable Very unfavorable	

## Why Risk Stratify?

### *Two important goals*

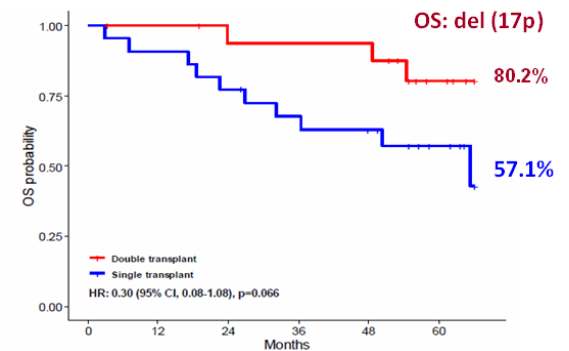
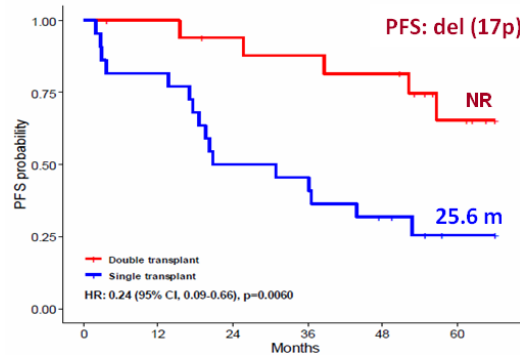
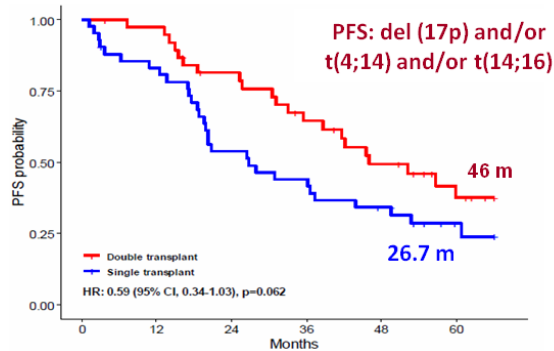
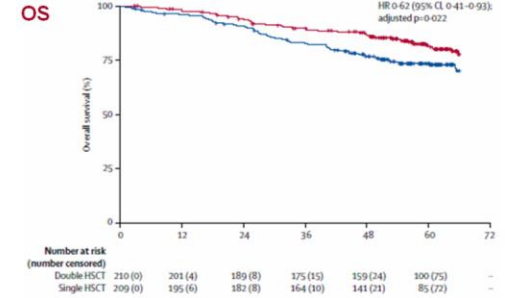
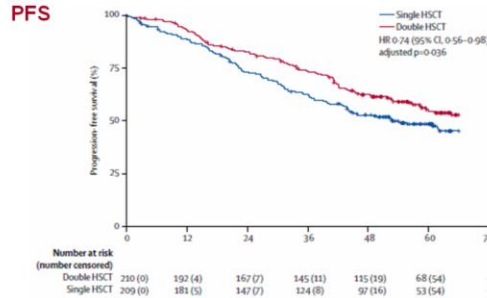
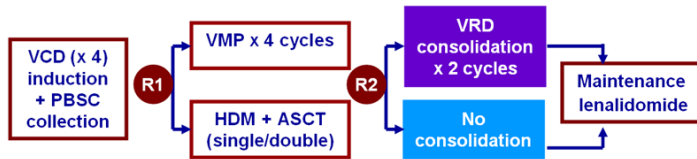
- **Counsel:** Need to provide pt with realistic expectations based on the currently available treatments
- **Therapy:** Decide if particular therapies can be chosen based on their differential effects on the high-risk and standard-risk disease

## Pitfalls of treatment of HR patients: the black beast of MM

- Inhomogeneity in HR definition in different trials
- Most data coming from retrospective analyses
- Guidelines and recommendations poor on HR
- Lack of specific trials dedicated to HR population

# Double ASCT

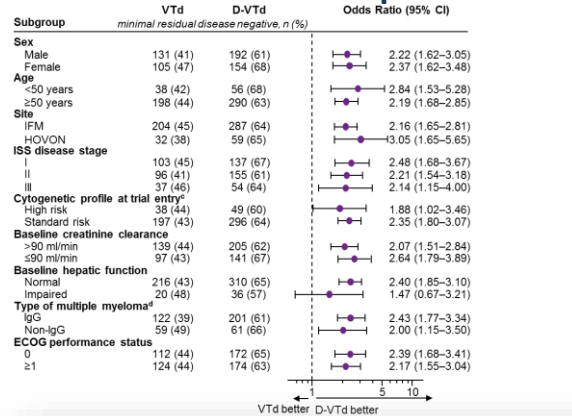
## EMN02/HO95 phase 3 study



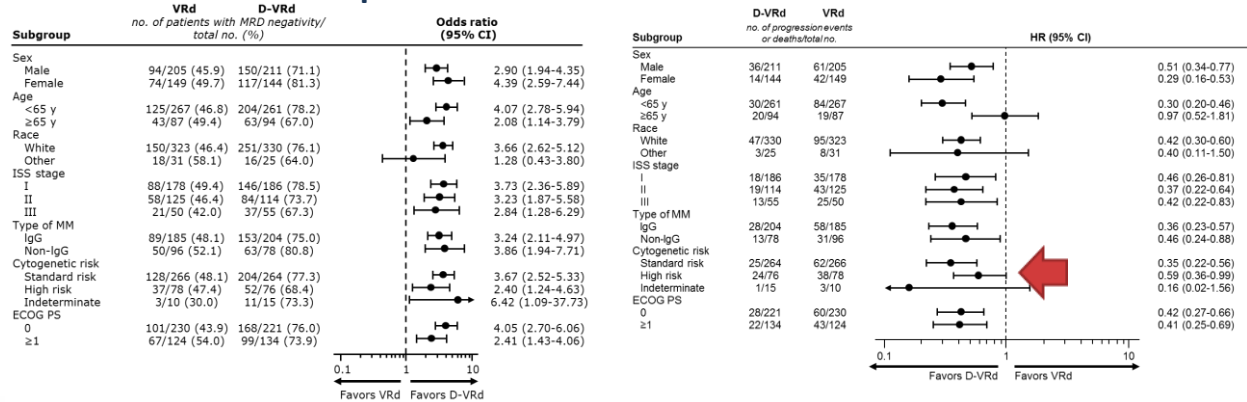
**A tandem ASCT is recommended for patients with genetically defined high-risk disease**

## Quadruplet induction/consolidation (MoAb-PI-IMiD-dex)

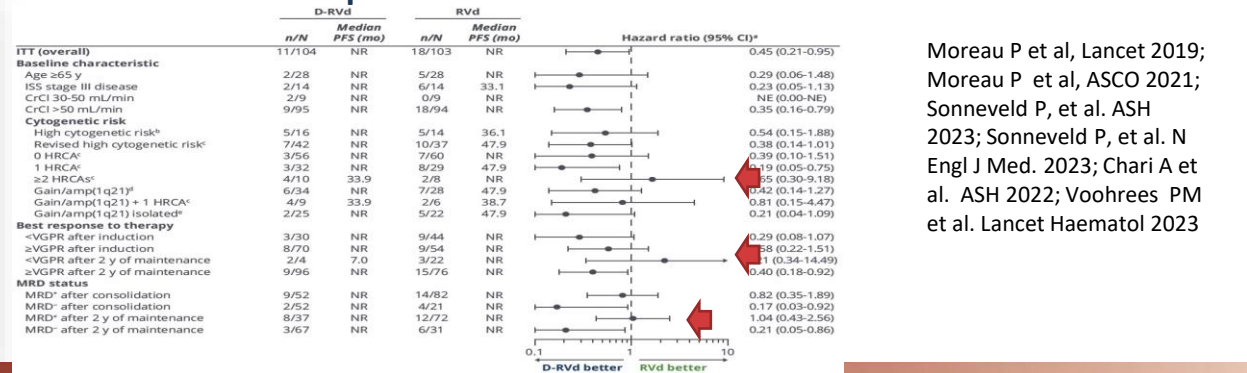
### DARA-VTd: CASSIOPEIA phase 3 trial



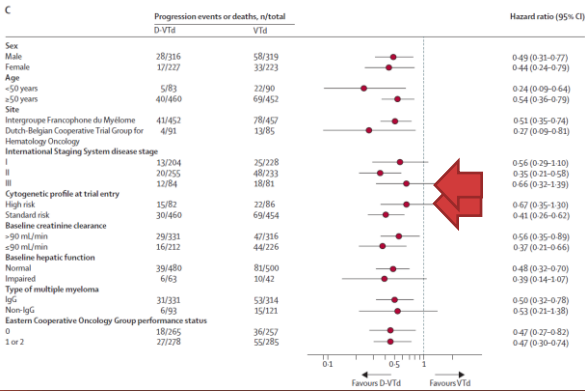
### DARA-VrD: PERSEUS phase 3 trial



### DARA-VrD: GRIFFIN phase 2 trial



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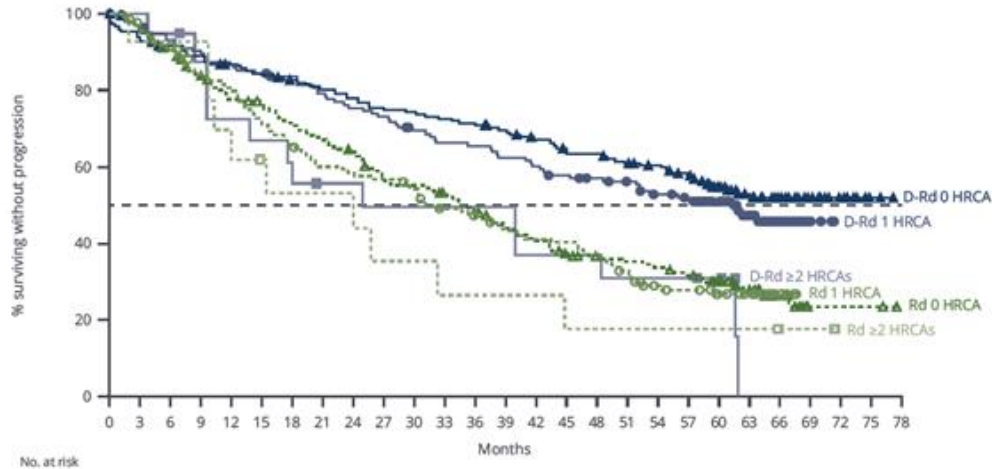




## In a subgroup analysis of MAIA, patients with TIE NDMM with HRCA had improved outcomes with dara-Rd vs Rd

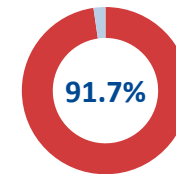
- High cytogenetic risk was defined by the number of HRCAs

### PFS among patients with 0, 1 or $\geq 2$ HRCAs



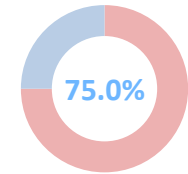
CI, confidence interval; (dara-)Rd, (daratumumab) lenalidomide and dexamethasone; HRCA, high-risk cytogenetic abnormality; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; OR, odds ratio; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; TIE, transplant-ineligible.

### Higher ORR was observed with dara-Rd vs Rd in patients with high-risk cytogenetics



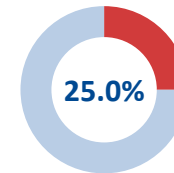
**Dara-Rd**

(OR, 3.67; 95% CI, 1.07–12.55)



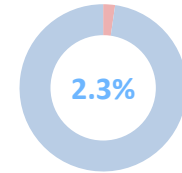
**Rd**

### Higher rates of MRD-negativity ( $10^{-5}$ ) were observed with dara-Rd vs Rd in patients with high-risk cytogenetics



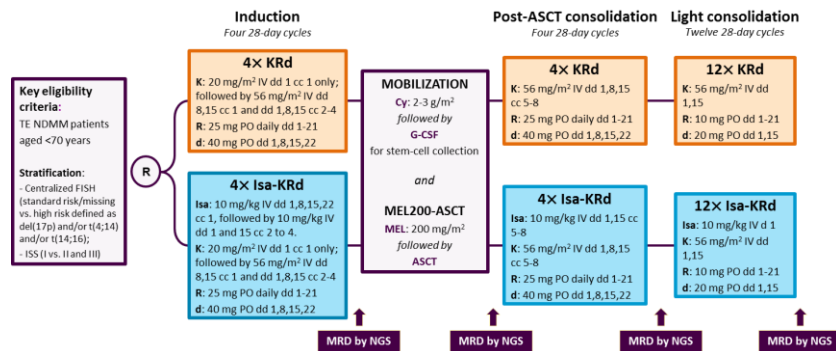
**Dara-Rd**

(OR, 14.33; 95% CI, 1.78–115.59)

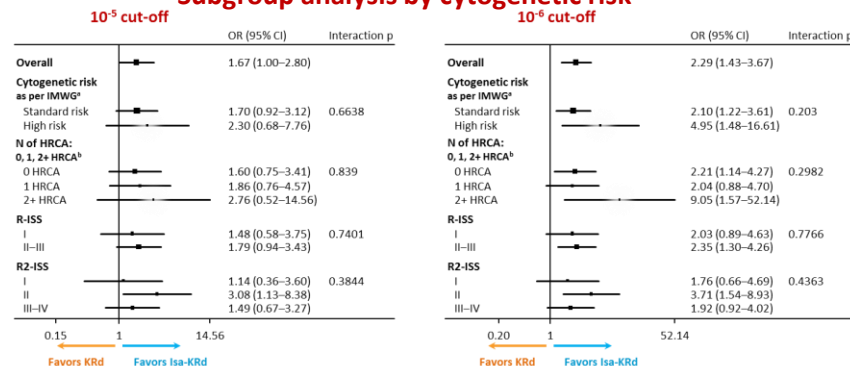


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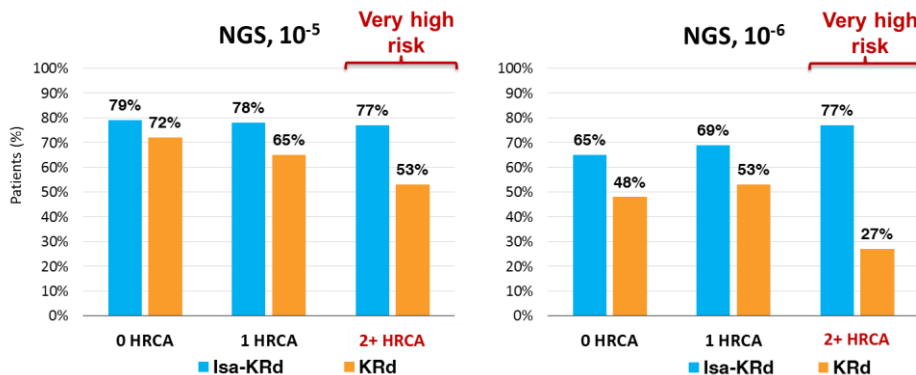
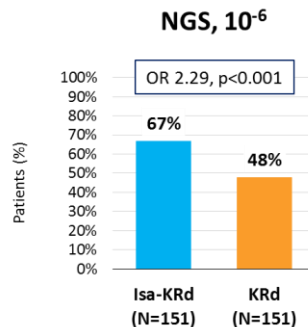
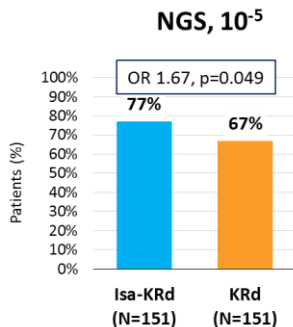
## Isa-KRd Vs KRd Pre-Transplant Induction and Post-Transplant Consolidation in NDMM: IsKia trial



### Post-consolidation MRD negativity by NGS Subgroup analysis by cytogenetic risk



### Primary Endpoint: Post-consolidation MRD negativity (ITT analysis)



1 HRCAs was defined as the presence of one of the following high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities: del(17p)13.1, t(4;14) q16.3;q32.3, t(14;16) q32.3;q32.3, gain(1q21), or amp(1q21); 2+ HRCAs was defined as the presence of at least two high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities.

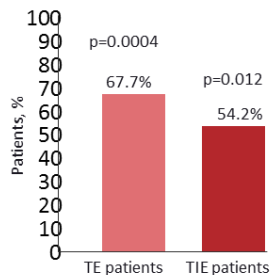
# In GMMG-CONCEPT, high-risk patients with NDMM had durable responses with isa-KRd with and without subsequent ASCT

Patients with NDMM at high cytogenetic risk, defined as ISS stage II or III plus  $\geq 1$  of the following: t(14;16), t(4;14), del(17p), >3 copies of 1q21 (N=153)<sup>2</sup>

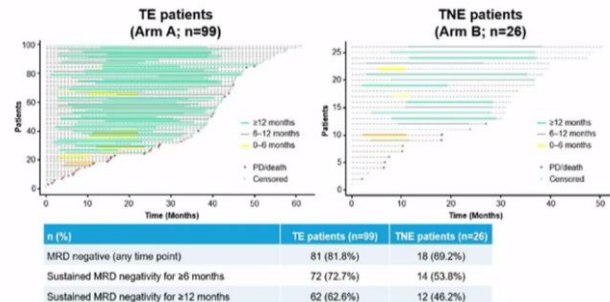
**Primary endpoint:**  
MRD-negativity

**Secondary endpoint:**  
PFS

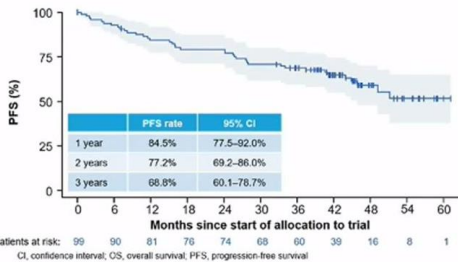
## MRD-negativity post-consolidation



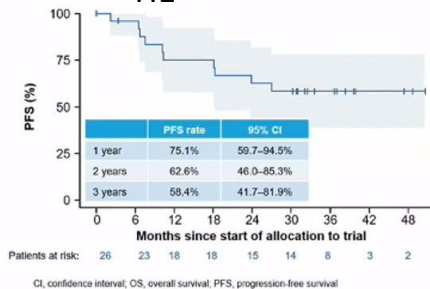
- 81.8% of TE and 69.2% of TNE patients achieved MRD negativity at any timepoint
- $\geq 1$ -year sustained MRD negativity was achieved in 62.6% of TE and 46.2% of TNE patients



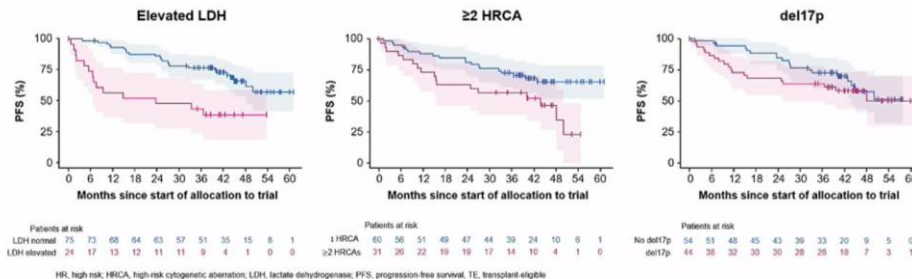
## TE



## TIE

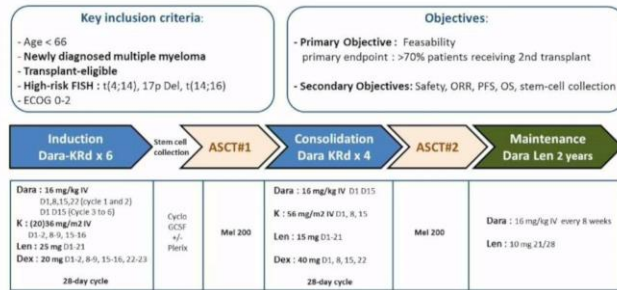


## HR markers associated with impaired survival were elevated LDH, $\geq 2$ HRCA, and del17p

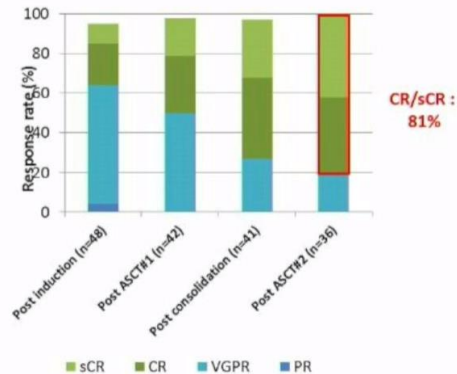


## DaraKRd induction and consolidation with double ASCT in HR NDTEM: phase 2 study IFM 2018-04

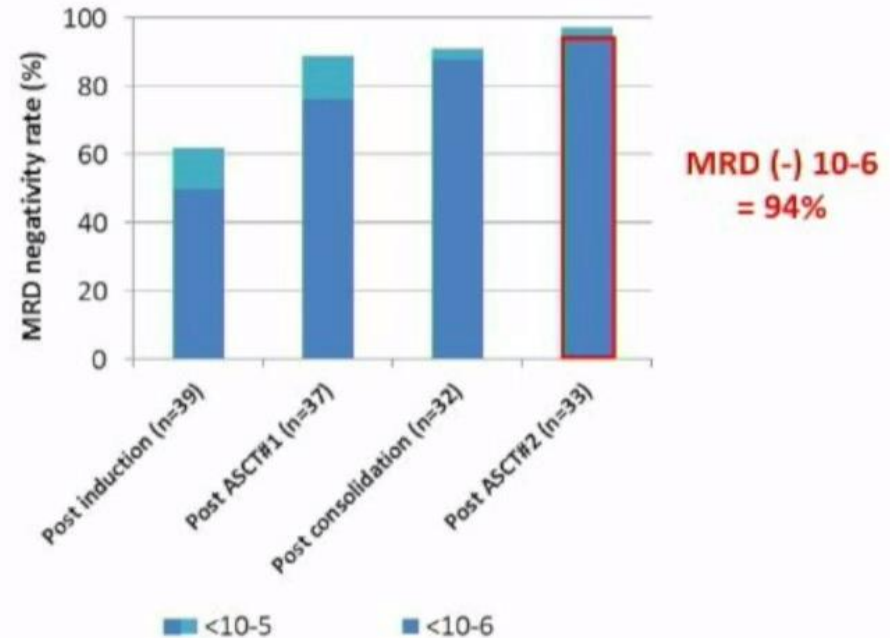
### 2018-04 study design



### Response Rates \*

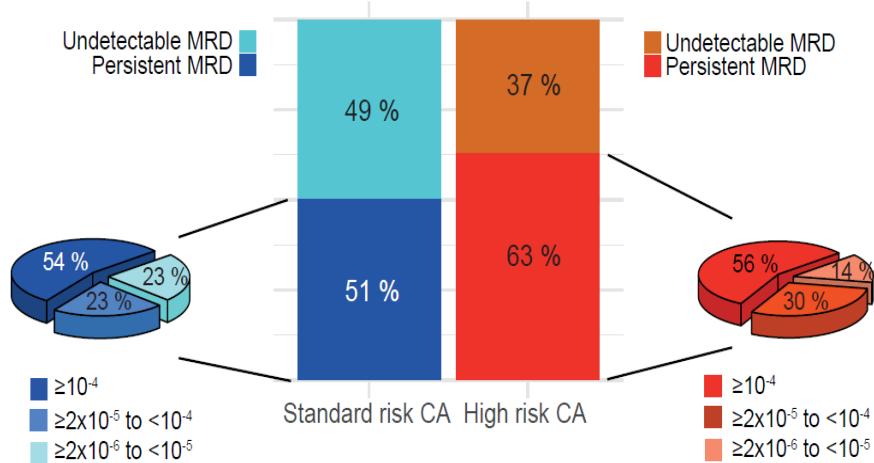


### MRD negativity rates (NGS) \*



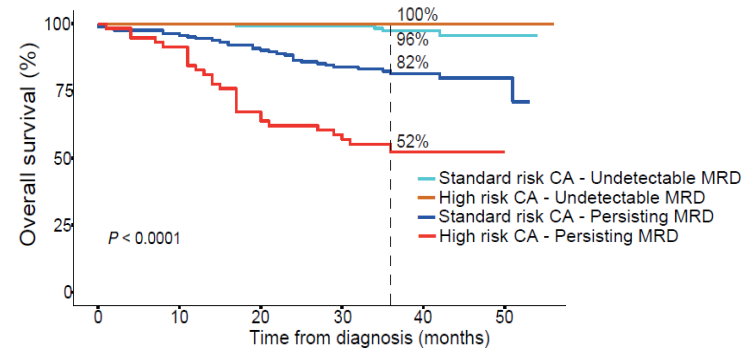
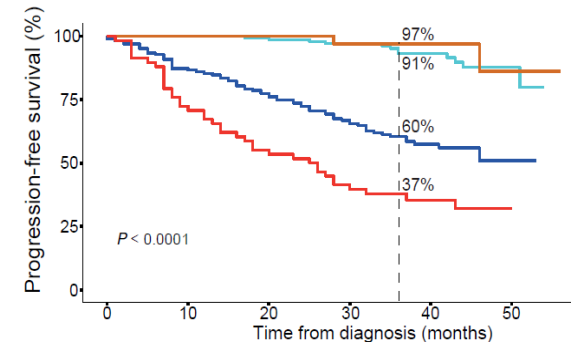
# MRD and genetically high-risk patients

MRD status according to cytogenetic risk  
in the PETHEMA/GEM2012MENOS65 clinical trial

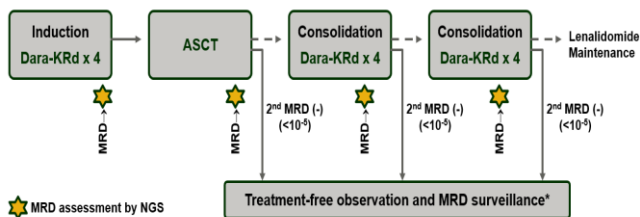


**Undetectable MRD may overcome the dismal survival of patients with MM with high risk CA**

CA, cancer; MM, multiple myeloma; MRD, minimal residual disease

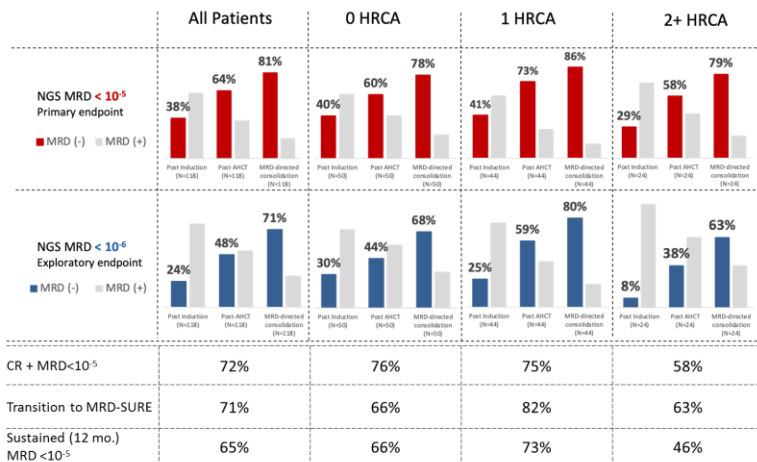


# MRD-MODULATED CONSOLIDATION AND TREATMENT CESSATION: MASTER study

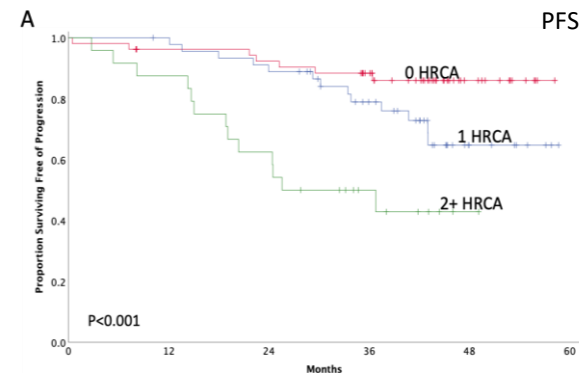


★ MRD assessment by NGS

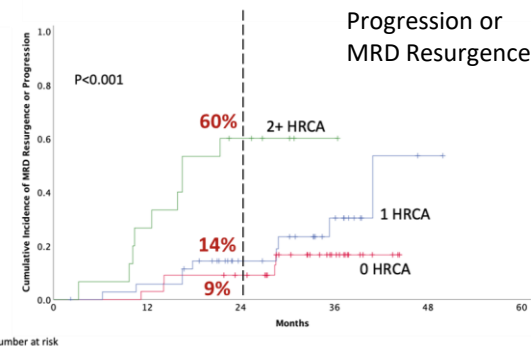
- N=123, Median age 60 years, 57% MM high-risk cytogenetics (gain/amp 1q, t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20) or del(17p))



HRCA = gain/amp 1q, t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20) or del(17p)

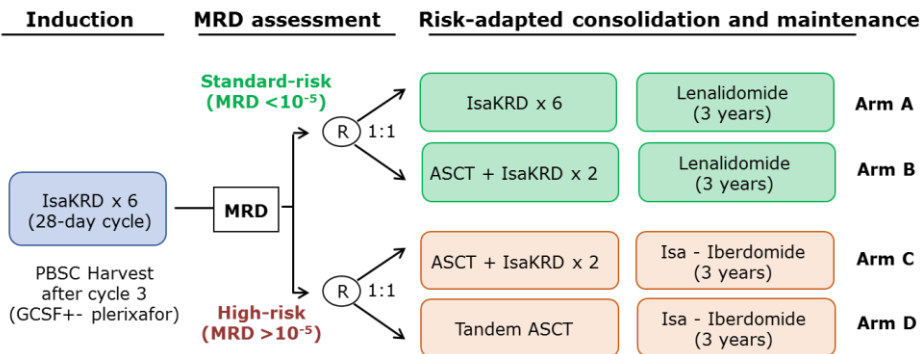


Number at risk



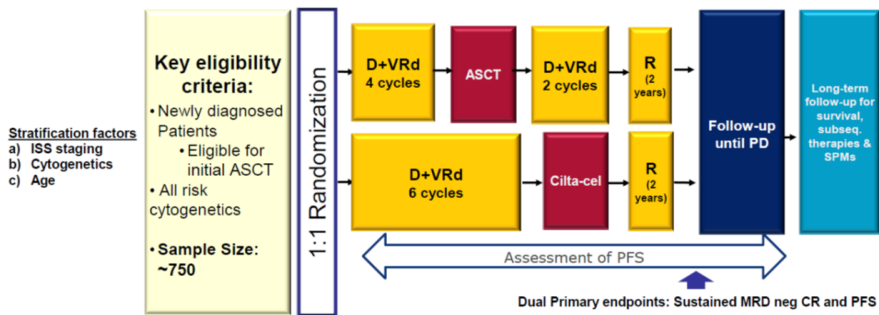
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## IFM 2020-02: Minimal Residual Disease Adapted Strategy (MIDAS)

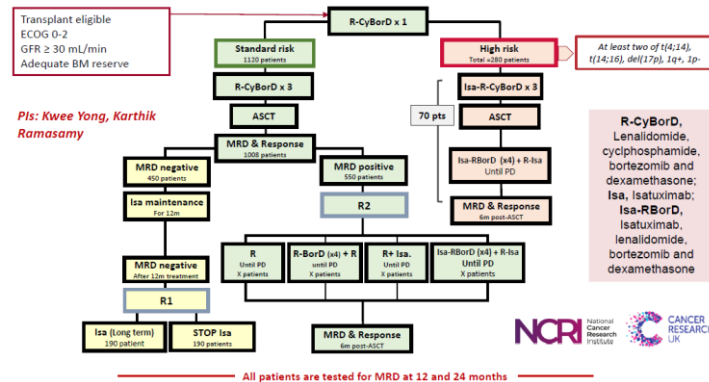


## Will novel immunotherapies replace single/double ASCT? EMN 28- CARTITUDE 6 trial

**Dual primary endpoints:**  
Sustained MRD-neg CR and PFS



## Risk-Adapted therapy Directed According to Response (RADAR)



## CARTITUDE-5: A Randomized, Phase 3, Multicenter Study

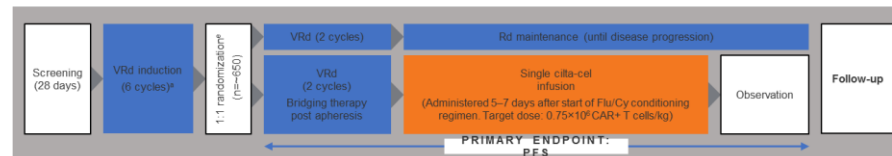
All patients will complete 6<sup>a</sup> cy (21 d each) of VRd induction therapy<sup>b</sup> prior to randomization (1:1)

### VRd + cilta-cel arm

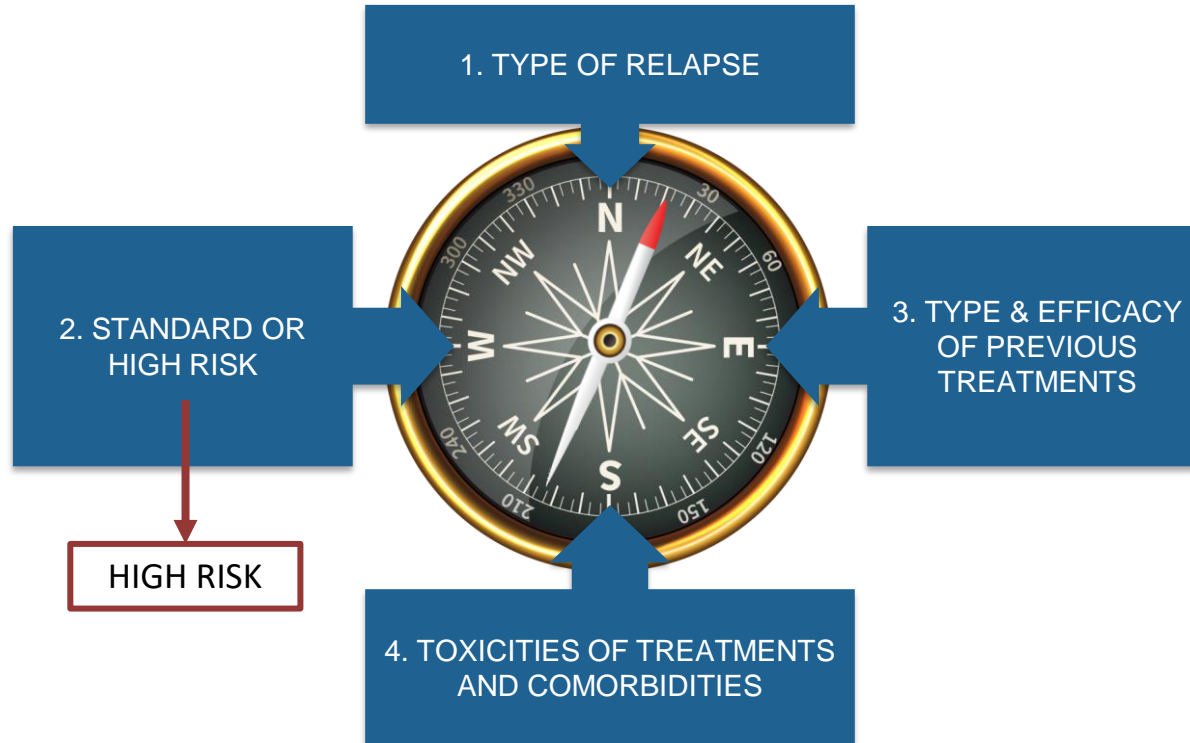
- Apheresis and 2 more cycles of VRd as bridging therapy
- Lymphodepletion daily for 3 days<sup>c</sup>
- Cilta-cel as a single infusion

### VRd + Rd arm (SOC)

- Two more cycles of VRd
- Rd maintenance therapy<sup>d</sup> continues until progressive disease or unacceptable toxicity



## RRMM: How to make the right choice





## Cut-off values for affected cell ratios in MM trials

Trial	Arms	del(17p)	t(4;14)	t(14;16)	amp1q21
<b>Pomalidomide-based regimens</b>					
ICARIA-MM	Isa-Pd vs Pd	≥50%	≥30%	≥30%	≥30%
APOLLO	DPd vs Pd	NR	NR	NR	-
ELOQUENT-3	EPd vs Pd	NR	NR	NR	-
<b>PI-based regimens</b>					
IKEMA	Isa-Kd vs Kd	≥50%	≥30%	≥30%	≥30%
CANDOR	DKd vs Kd	NR	NR	NR	-
CASTOR	DVd vs Vd	NR	NR	NR	-
OPTIMISMM	PVd vs Vd	NR	NR	NR	-
BOSTON	XVd vs Vd	≥10%	≥10%	≥10%	≥10%
<b>Lenalidomide-based regimens</b>					
POLLUX	DRd vs Rd	NR	NR	NR	-
TOURMALINE-MM1	IRd vs Rd	≥5%	≥3%	≥3%	-
<b>Anti-BCMA therapies</b>					
KarMMA	Idecabtagene vicleucel	NR	NR	NR	
CARTITUDE-1	Ciltacabtagene vicleucel	≥20%	≥3%	≥2%	-
Majes-TEC1	Teclistamab	NR	NR	NR	-

## Lenalidomide-based regimens applicable from 2nd line

	ASPIRE		POLLUX		TOURMALINE-1		ELOQUENT-2	
Median, months	KRd	Rd	DRd	Rd	IRd	Rd	ERd	Rd
Standard	29.6	19.5	52.0	19.9	20.6	15.6	19.7	16.6
High	23.1	13.9	26.8	8.8	21.4	9.7	15.2	7.4

## Lenalidomide sparing regimens applicable from 2nd line

	ENDEAVOR		CASTOR		OPTIMISMM		CANDOR		IKEMA		APOLLO	
Median, months	Kd	Vd	DVd	Vd	PVd	Pd	DKd	Kd	Isa-Kd	Kd	DPd	Pd
Standard	NR	10.2	18.4	6.8	NR	NR	NR	16.6	NR, HR in favour	19.4	21.0	7.4
High	8.8	6.0	13.4	7.2	8.4	5.3	15.6	5.6	NR,HR in favour	18.2	5.8	4.0

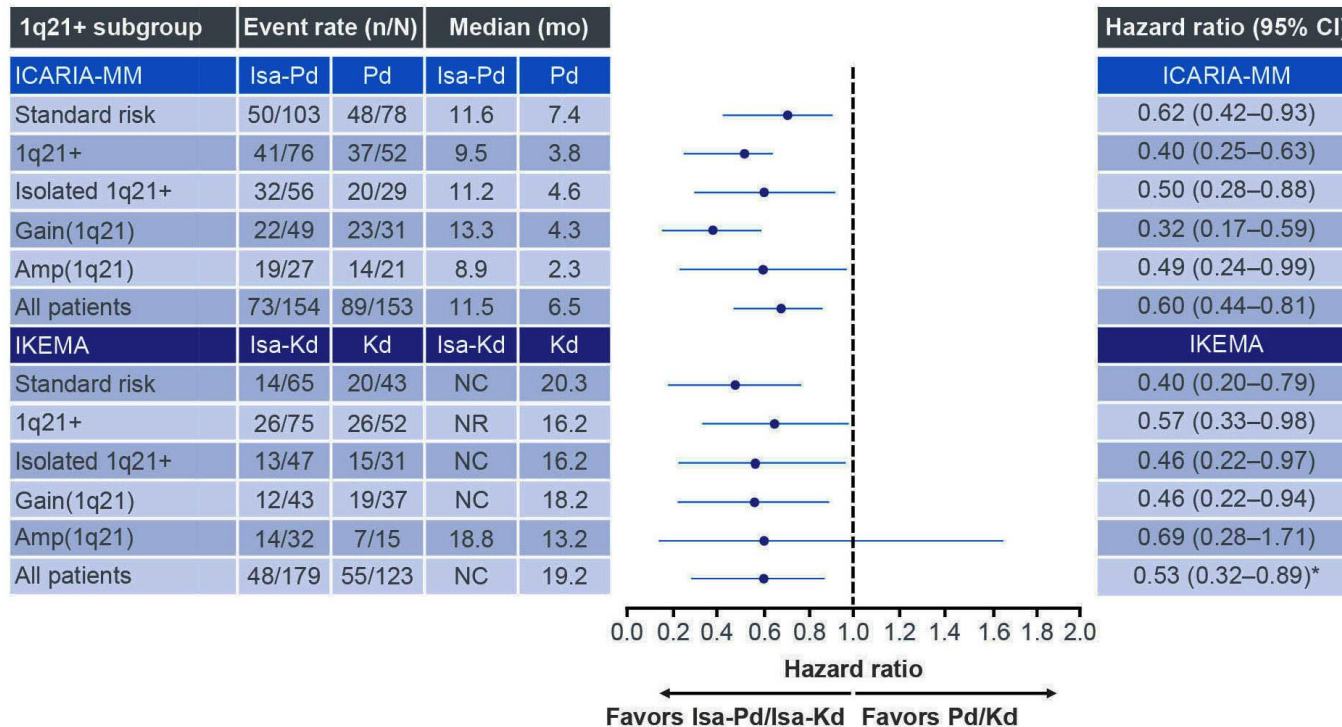
## Pomalidomide-based regimens applicable from 2nd or 3rd line

Trial	Arm	Len-refractory (%)	ITT population		Cytogenetics group PFS (months)		
			PFS (months)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	HR	SR	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
ICARIA* <sup>1,2</sup>	Isa-Pd	94	11.1	0.60 (0.46-0.78)	7.5	11.6	HR: <b>0.66</b> (0.33-1.28)
	Pd	92	5.9		3.7	7.4	SR: 0.62 (0.42-0.93)
APOLLO* <sup>3</sup>	DPd	79	12.4	0.63 (0.47-0.85)	5.8	21.0	HR: <b>0.85</b> (0.49-1.44)
	Pd	80	6.9		4.0	7.4	SR: 0.51 (0.32-0.81)
OPTIMISM <sup>4,5</sup>	PVd	71	11.2	0.61 (0.49-0.77)	14.7 (1 prior LoT)	--	HR: <b>0.39</b> (0.13-1.17)
	Vd	69	7.1		9.9 (1 prior LoT)	--	
ELOQUENT-3 <sup>#6</sup>	Elo-Pd	90	10.3	0.54 (0.34-0.86)	6.5	NE	HR: <b>0.52</b> (0.22-1.25)
	Pd	84	4.7		2.5	4.9	SR: 0.56 (0.27-1.14)

1. Harrison Sj et al, Br J Haematol. 2021; 2. Richardson PG, et al, The Lancet Oncology. 2022;
3. Dimopoulos MA, et al, The Lancet Oncology. 2021;
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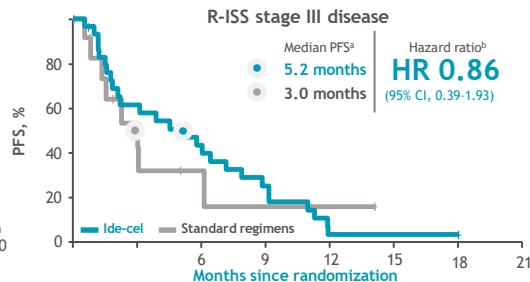
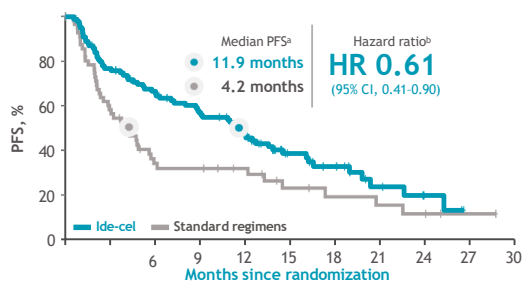
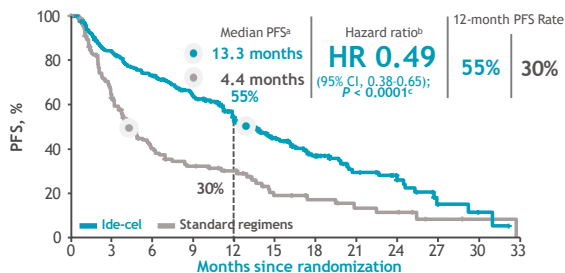
\*Prepecified subgroup analysis  
 ‡Post-hoc subgroup analysis  
 #Exploratory subgroup analysis  
 --Not reported

## 1q+ subgroups



## Ide-cel versus standard regimens in patients with TCE RRMM: a KarMMa-3 analysis in high-risk subgroups

## Cilta-cel Versus Standard of Care (Pvd or DPd) in Lenalidomide-Refractory MM: CARTITUDE-4 Subgroup Analysis (ITT)



median follow-up was 15.9 months (range, 0.1–27)

	Hazard Ratio and 95% CI	Hazard Ratio <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)
	← Favor cilta-cel arm	→ Favor SOC arm
Type of MM <sup>c</sup>		
IgG		0.29 (0.17, 0.49)
Non-IgG		0.45 (0.21, 0.99)
Cytogenetic risk at study entry		
High risk <sup>d</sup>		
Any of 4 markers abnormal		0.25 (0.16, 0.38)
At least 2 of 4 markers abnormal		0.33 (0.17, 0.64)
Excl. gain/amp(1q)		0.26 (0.15, 0.45)
Standard risk		0.40 (0.21, 0.77)
Bone marrow % plasma cells		
≤30		0.27 (0.17, 0.44)
>30 to <60		0.31 (0.14, 0.70)
≥60		0.28 (0.14, 0.59)
Baseline renal function <sup>e</sup>		
<60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>		0.29 (0.13, 0.68)
≥60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>		0.28 (0.19, 0.41)
Baseline hepatic function (based on NCI criteria)		
Normal		0.27 (0.19, 0.40)
Impaired (mild, moderate, and severe liver dysfunction)		0.29 (0.12, 0.74)
Refractory to		
PI + IMiD		0.24 (0.14, 0.38)
Anti-CD38 + IMiD		0.26 (0.14, 0.50)
PI + anti-CD38 + IMiD		0.15 (0.05, 0.39)
Last line of prior therapy		0.27 (0.19, 0.39)
Prior exposure to		
Daratumumab		0.23 (0.12, 0.44)
Bortezomib		0.27 (0.19, 0.39)
Bortezomib and daratumumab		0.24 (0.12, 0.46)

## COCLUSION AND OPEN ISSUES

- Treatment regimens that **consistently overcome** the poor prognosis of HR MM **remain to be found**
  - There is a need to harmonise the definition of HR patients in future clinical trials, need for a consensus, maybe different MM entities
- The **goal of treatment** should be to **achieve** and **sustain MRD negativity**
- **Double ASCT** improves outcomes in patients with **HR cytogenetic abnormalities** vs single ASCT.
  - Role of double ASCT vs newer quadruplets + single ASCT or vs alternative strategies (i.e. T-cell redirecting therapies)? Maybe tailored upon MRD status?
- The **addition of anti-CD38 antibodies** has improved treatment outcomes for **HR TE or TI NDMM**
  - PFS is still shorter particularly in ultra HR disease
- **Triplets combinations of PIs, IMiDs, and MoAbs** versus doublets showed positive results in **HR RRMM** patients, albeit less pronounced than standard risk
  - Improvement and not an abrogation of the unfavorable impact of genetic alterations
- **Quadruplet regimens** and emerging treatments, including **CAR-T cell therapies** and **BsAbs**, may provide a benefit

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