

***Profilazione e sequencing:
CAR T e farmaci bispecifici***

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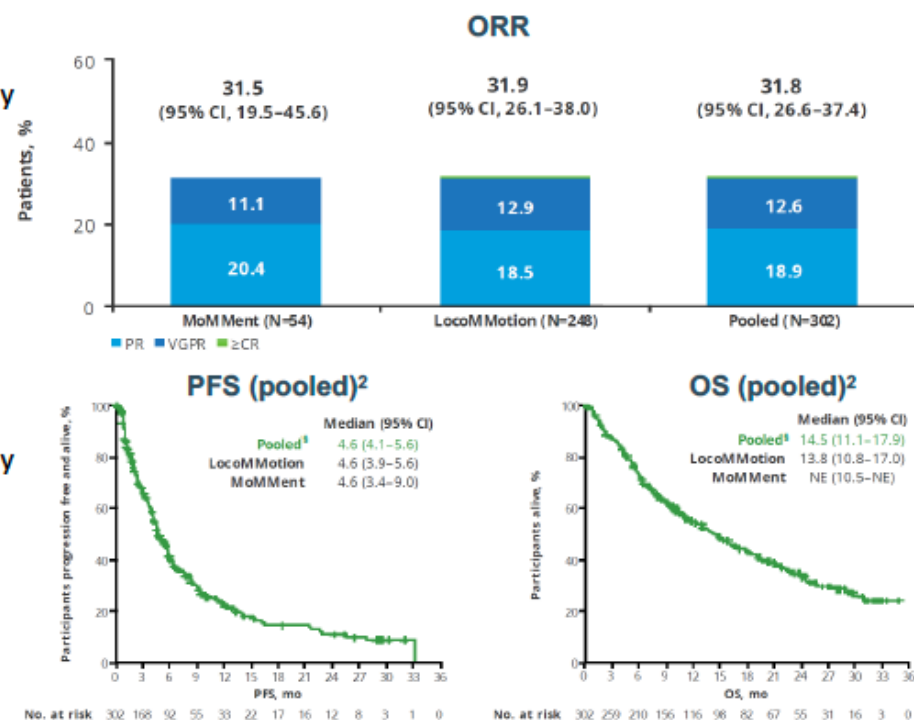
Unmet needs in triple-class exposed MM: pooled analysis of LocoMMotion and MoMMent

● LocoMMotion:^{1,2}

- Prospective, non-interventional, multinational study
- N = 248
- Follow-up 24 months after LPI
- Triple class refractory: **73.4%**
- ≥ 3 prior LOT
- mPFS: **4.6** months
- mOS: **13.8** months

● MoMMent:²

- Prospective, non-interventional, multinational study
- N = 54
- ≥ 3 prior LOT
- Follow-up 24 months after LPI
- Triple class refractory: **74.1%**
- mPFS: **4.6** months
- mOS: **NR**



Mateos MV et al, Leukemia 2022
Weisel K et al, IMS 2023

New targets on myeloma cells

BCMA

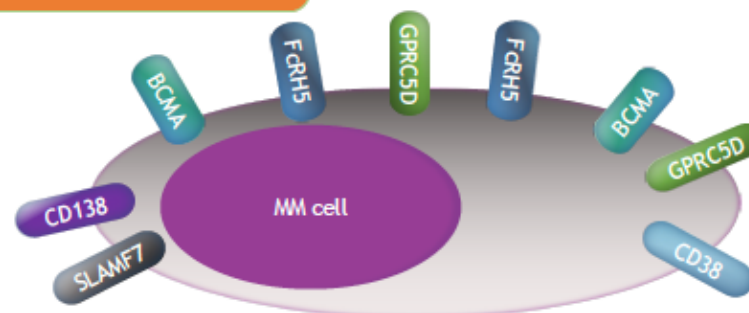
- BCMA is a member of the TNF receptor superfamily
- APRIL and BAFF are known ligands, leading to activation of the NF- κ B pathway
- BCMA promotes plasma cell survival, growth, resistance to apoptosis, adhesion, and angiogenesis
- γ -secretase cleaving causes shedding of soluble BCMA
- BCMA is expressed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

FcRH5

- FcRH5 is a surface protein in the Ig superfamily
- It is expressed only in B cells, with increasing expression in mature B cells and plasma cells
- FcRH5 is involved in proliferation and isotype expression

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)



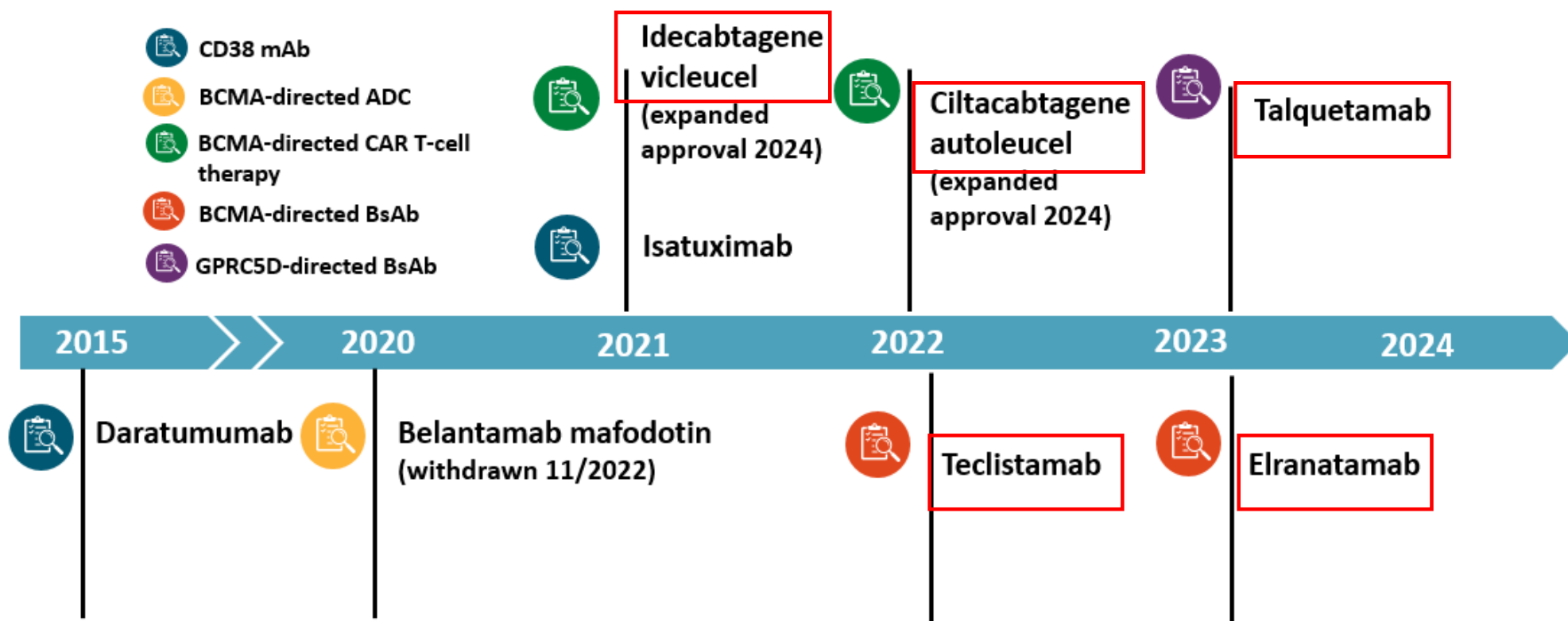
Modality of targeting: ADC, Bispecific antibodies, CAR-T cells

Image adapted from Verkleij CPM, et al. Curr Opin Oncol. 2020;32:664-71 and Bruins WSC, et al. Front Immunol. 2020;11:1155.

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- κ B, nuclear factor κ B; PC, plasma cell; SLAMF7, signaling lymphocytic activation molecule family member 7; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

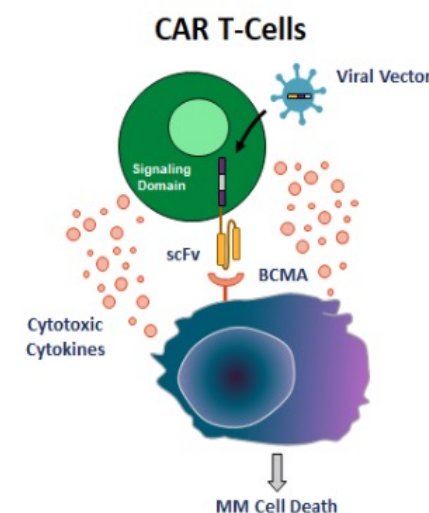
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Novel Therapies in Multiple Myeloma



FDA Approved Autologous CAR T-Cell Therapy for R/R MM

	Idecabtagene Vicleucel	Ciltacabtagene Autoleucel
CAR type	BCMA/CD137 (4-1BB)/CD3 ζ	2-BCMA binding domains/CD137 (4-1BB)/CD3 ζ
Costimulatory domain		4-1BB
Vector		Lentiviral
Lymphodepletion	IV cyclophosphamide IV 300mg/m ² + fludarabine 30mg/m ² QD x 3 days	
Pivotal trials	KarMMa and KarMMa-3	CARTITUDE-1 and CARTITUDE-4
Median time from leukapheresis to delivery	35 days	32 days



Initial approvals: patients with R/R MM after ≥4 prior LoT, including an IMiD, PI, and a CD38 mAb.

Expanded indications granted (April 2024):

ide-cel after ≥2 prior LoT including an IMiD, PI, and a CD38 mAb and
cilta-cel after 1+ prior LoT including a PI and an IMiD and refractory to Len

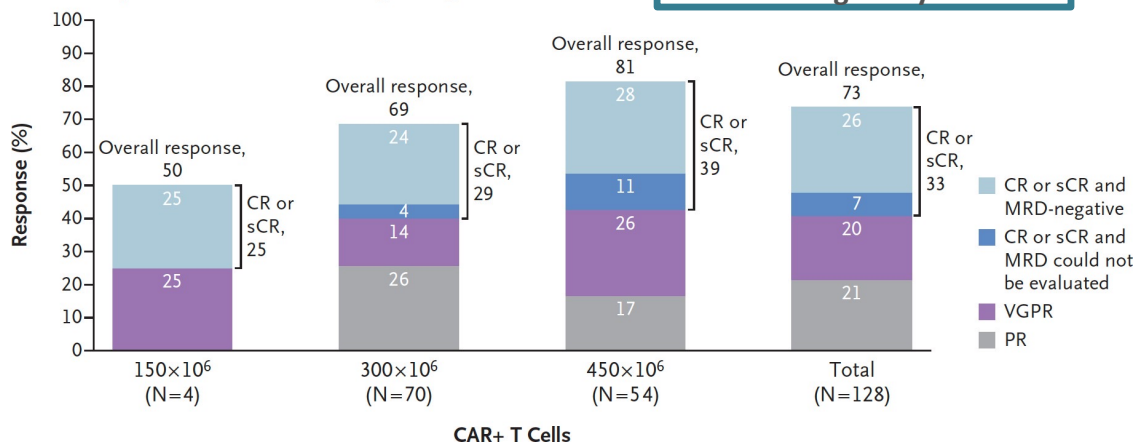
Abebe. Front Immunol. 2022;13:991092.

Idecabtagene Vicleucel (Ide-cel) KarMMa trial

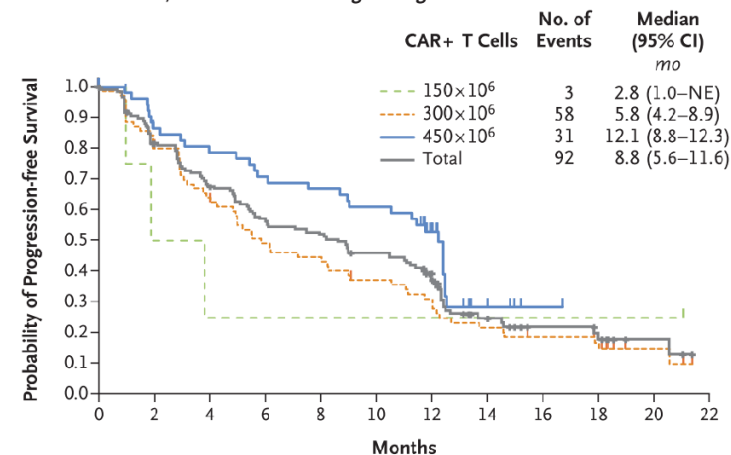
Baseline Characteristics	N=128
Median age	61 years
Target dose	300-450 million
Median Prior Lines	6
Triple Class Refractory	84%
Penta Refractory	26%
Bridging Therapy	88%

Overall response rate: 73%
CR rate: 33%
MRD negativity: 26%

Tumor Response, Overall and According to Target Dose



Progression-free Survival, Overall and According to Target Dose



No. at Risk

	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
150x10 ⁶	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
300x10 ⁶	70	56	42	33	29	24	17	14	11	7
450x10 ⁶	54	44	40	36	34	31	17	4	1	0
Total	128	102	83	70	64	56	35	19	13	8

Survival Outcomes

Median PFS	8.8 months
Median PFS in CR	20.2 months
Median OS	24.8 months



CRS occurred in 84% and neurotoxicity in 18%

Munshi et al. NEJM 2021;384(8):705-716

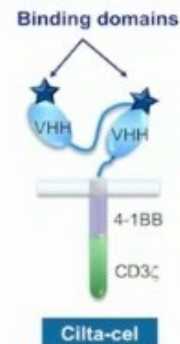
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Cilta-cel approval: the CARTITUDE-1 trial

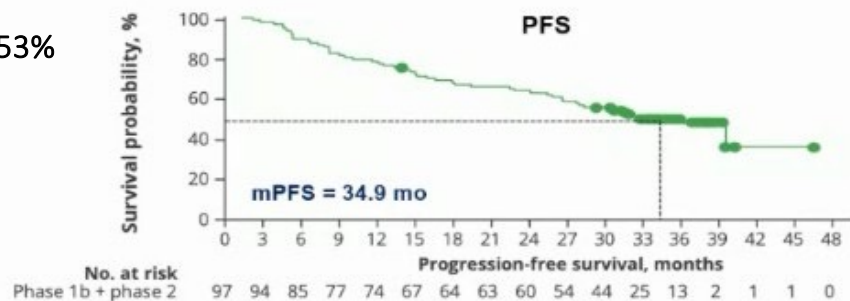
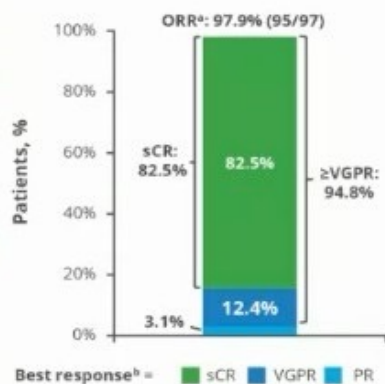
 FDA approved in 2022
 EMA approved in 2022

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



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

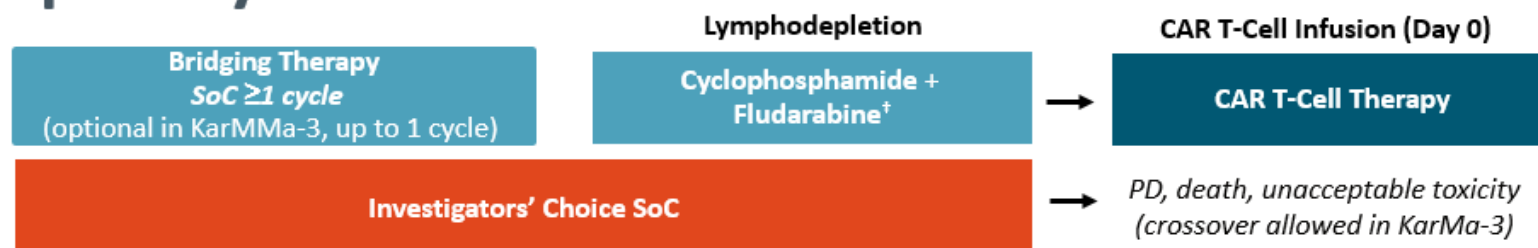
12 mos sustained MRD rate: 53%
 PFS @ 30 mos: 75%



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

Berdeja J, et al. *Lancet* 2022;
 Lin Y. et al. *ASCO* 2023

Phase III Data of Approved CAR T-Cell Therapies in R/R Multiple Myeloma



	Phase III KarMMa-3 (N = 386) ^{1,2}	Phase III CARTITUDE-4 (N = 419) ³
Agent	Idecabtagene vicleucel	Ciltacabtagene autoleucel
Enrollment criteria	R/R MM with 2-4 prior LOT, refractory to last regimen	R/R MM with 1-3 prior LOT, refractory to lenalidomide
No. of patients treated with CAR T-cell therapy	254	208
Triple-class refractory	164 (65)	30 (14.4)
ORR	71	84.6
Median PFS (95% CI), mo	13.8 (11.8-16.1)	NR (22.8-NE)
CRS, %	88	76.1
Neurotoxicity (including ICANS)	15	20.5 (ICANS: 4.5%)

1. Rodríguez-Otero. NEJM. 2023; 2. Rodríguez-Otero. ASH 2023. Abstr 1028. 3. San-Miguel. NEJM. 2023.

Targeting BCMA with CAR T-cells in early lines for RRMM

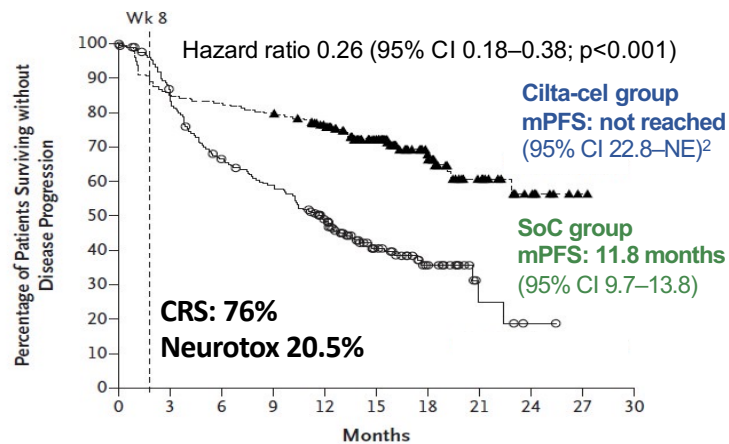
CARTITUDE-4

Cilta-cel vs SOC (PVd/DPd) (FDA/EMA approved)

Median age Cilta-cel arm 61.5 yrs (27-78)

Pts ≥ 75 years: NA

PFS (primary endpoint)



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Cilta-cel group	208	177	172	166	146	94	45	22	9	1	0
Standard-care group	211	176	133	116	88	46	20	4	1	0	0

HR for PFS in pts 65-75 years: 0.34

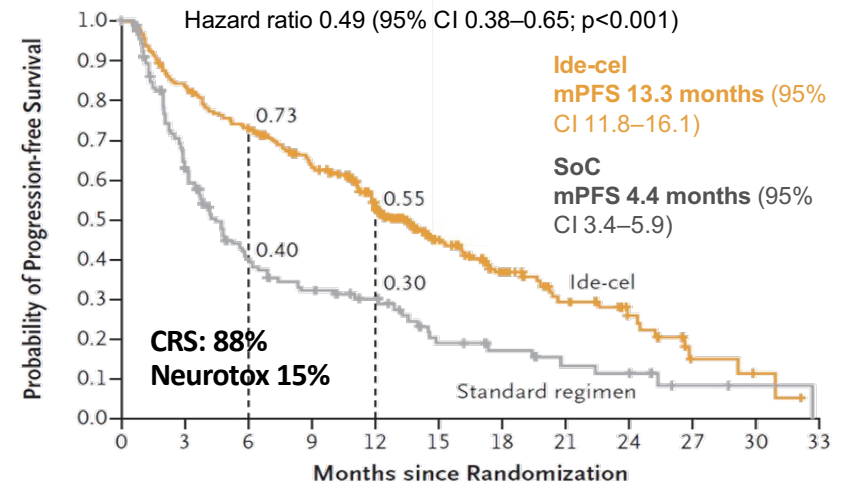
KARMMA-3

Ide-cel vs SOC (DPd/DVd/Ird/Epd/Kd) (FDA/EMA approved)

Median age ide-cel arm 63 yrs (30-81)

Pts ≥ 75 years: 5%

PFS (primary endpoint)



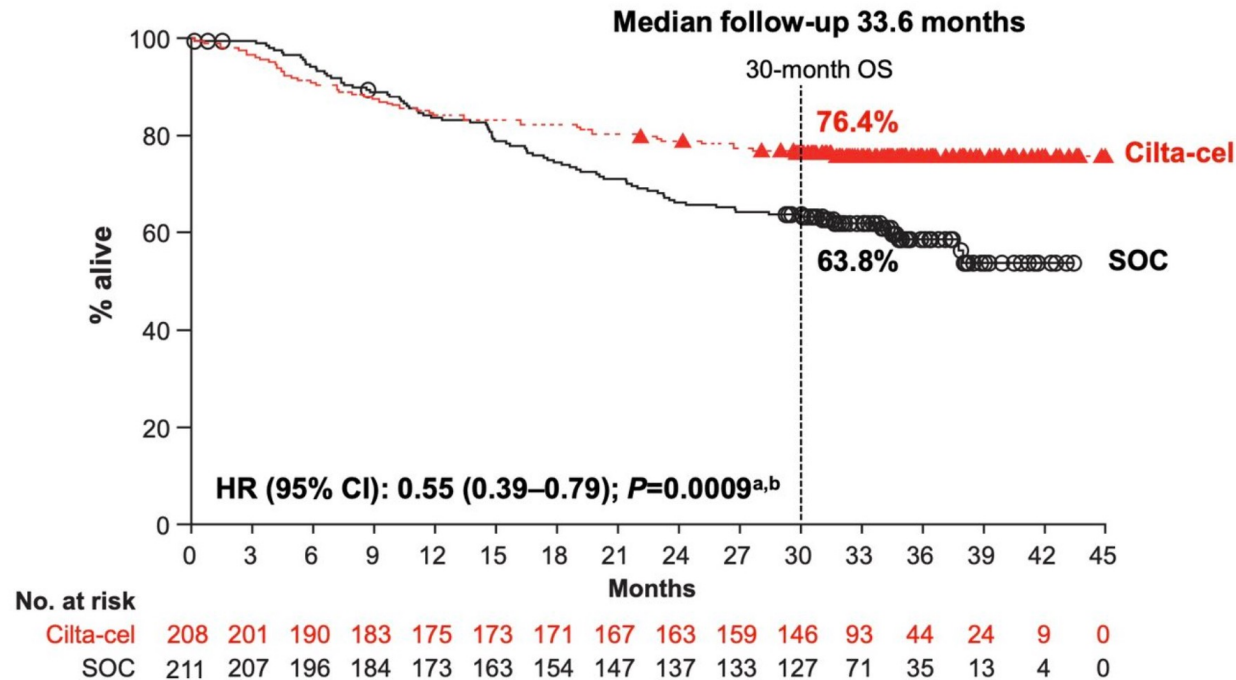
No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Ide-cel	254	206	178	149	110	62	40	22	14	4	2	0
Standard regimen	132	75	42	32	25	13	10	7	6	2	1	0

HR for PFS in pts >75 years: 0.59

BCMA: b-cell maturation antigen; CAR T: chimeric antigen receptor T cell; NA: not available; SOC: standard of care; P: pomalidomide; V: bortezomib; d: dexamethasone; PFS: progression free survival; HR: hazard ratio; RRMM: relapsed refractory multiple myeloma

P. Rodriguez-Otero et al. NEJM 2023; J. San-Miguel et al. NEJM 2023; M. Mateos et al. ASCO 2024

Long-Term CARTITUDE-4 Update (34 Months): Cilta-cel Significantly Improved Overall Survival



First CAR-T to demonstrate overall survival benefit in multiple myeloma

^aLog-rank test, P -value, 0.0009, crossed the prespecified boundary of 0.0108 as implemented by the Kim-DeMets spending function with parameter=2. ^bHazard ratio and 95% CI from a Cox proportional hazards model with treatment as the sole explanatory variable.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; SOC, standard of care.

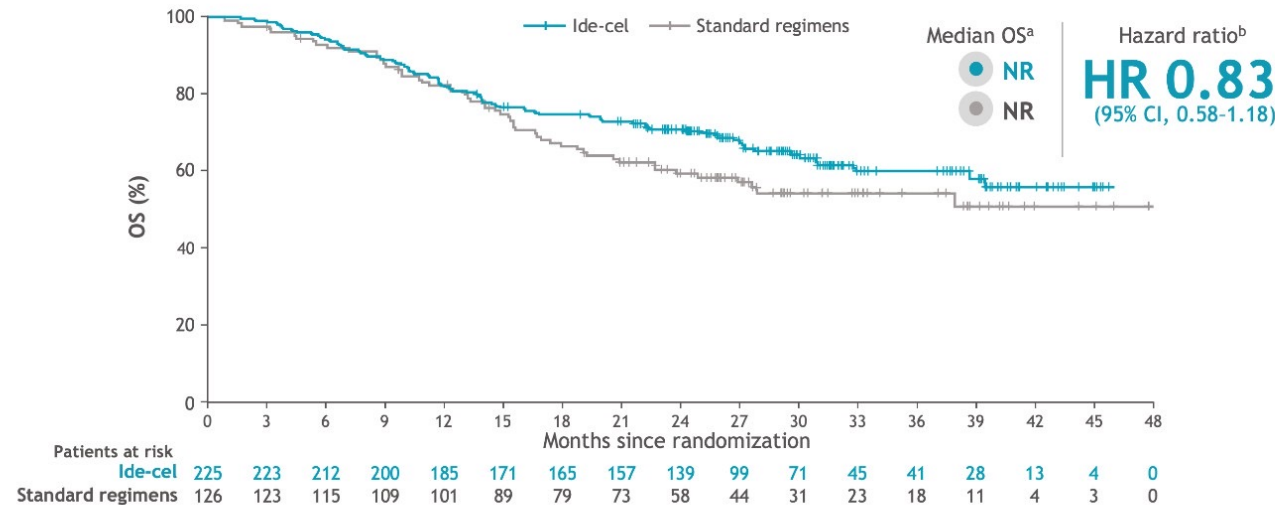
Presented by M-V Mateos at the 21st International Myeloma Society (IMS) Annual Meeting; September 25–28, 2024; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



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Lessons from KARMMMA-3 trial: patients should “make it” to CART

Trend of OS benefit with ide-cel among treated patients

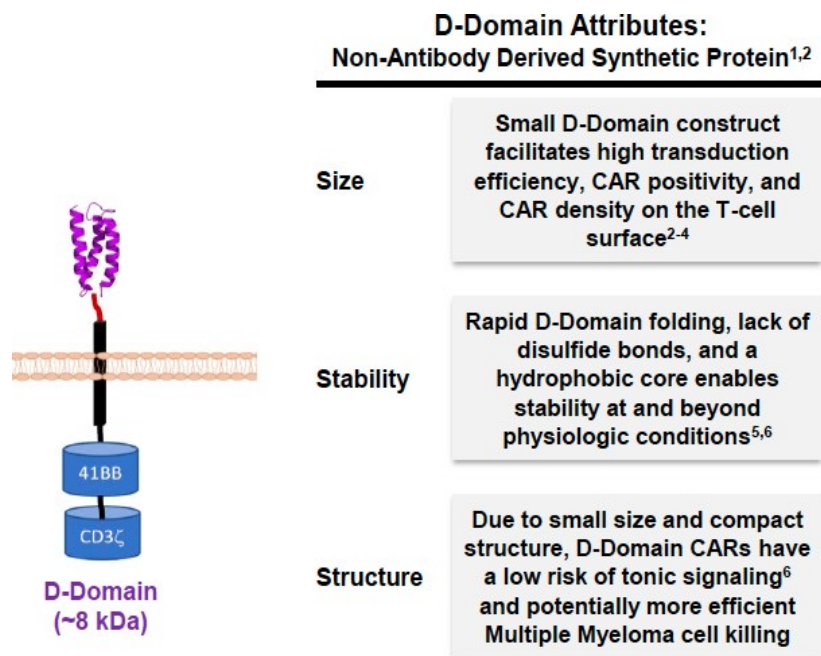


- This is an exploratory analysis of the treated population without adjusting for crossover

KarMMa-3 allowed cross-over which confounds OS interpretation; 56% patients crossed over in SOC arm
Pre-specified analysis adjusted for cross-over showed improved OS with ide-cel vs SOC
Early deaths in ide-cel in patients who did not receive ide-cel- highlights need for effective bridging

Rodriguez Otero et al. ASH 2023 Abstract #1028

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

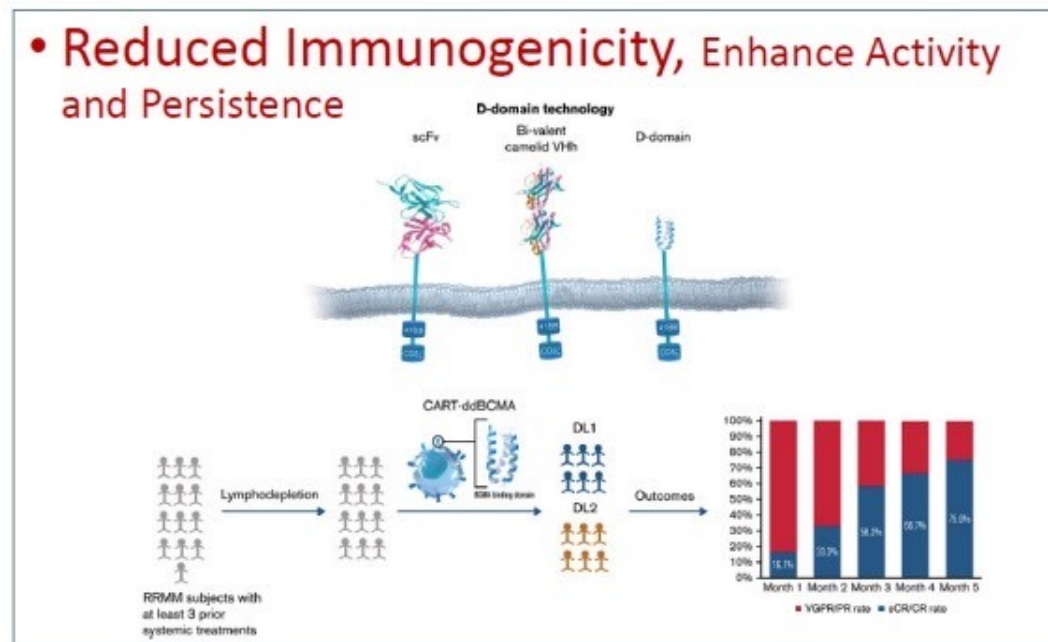


Anito-cel utilizes a novel, synthetic, compact and stable **D-Domain binder**

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

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

Frigault M, et al. ASH 2023 (Abstract No. 1023 - oral presentation)



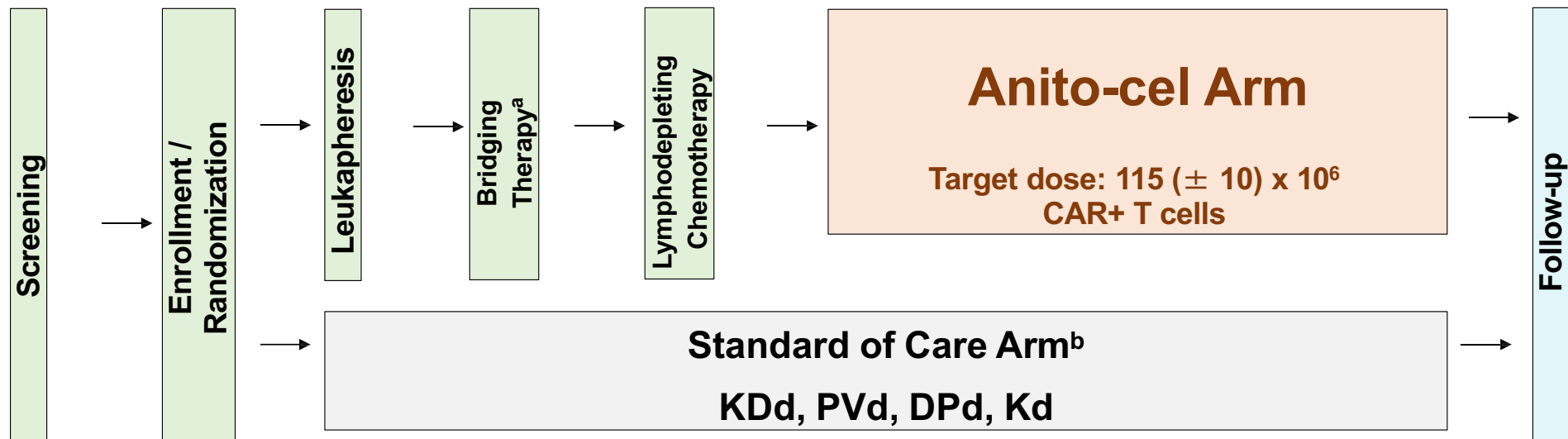
- 38 RRMM patients all of them TCR received two dose levels of Anito-cel
- Median number of prior lines: 5
- EMD: 34%; ISS III: 18%; High tumor burden: 24%
- 68% of patients received bridging therapy

ORR of 100% and 89% MRD negativity in evaluable patients

iMMagine-3 Design, Global Phase 3 Study

PB2724: Martin T, Raje N, San Miguel J, Patel K, Mcloughlin L, Lui C, Jackson C, Heery C, van de Donk N, Berdeja J, Mateos M-V

1-3 prior LoT, including an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody and an iMiD



STUDY DESIGN

- 1:1 Randomization
- n = Approximately 450, ~130 sites globally

^a Optional Bridging therapy will be the SOC regimen selected prior to randomization

^b Cycles will continue until unacceptable toxicity, progression as per IMWG criteria, or patient withdrawal of consent

STUDY ENDPOINTS

- Primary Endpoint: PFS
- Key Secondary Endpoints: CR rate, MRD, OS, safety

Ide-cel in MM: Real world (CIBMTR registry) vs. Trial Data

	CIBMTR (N=821)	KarMMa (N=128)
Median age, years	66 years (29-90)	61 years (33-78)
→ Age ≥ 70 years	251 (31%)	-
Race, Black	120 (15%)	-
Ethnicity, Hispanic	55 (7%)	-
ECOG PS 0/1	728 (89%)	126 (98%)
ISS stage III	68/420 (16%)	R-ISS III: 16%
High-risk cytogenetics	196/727 (27%)	45 (35%)
Extramedullary disease	85/488 (17%)	50 (39%)
→ Plasma cell leukemia	13 (1.6%)	0%

High-risk cytogenetics include del17p, t(4;14) and t(14;16)

	CIBMTR (N=821)	KarMMa (N=128)
Prior lines of therapy	7 (4-21)	6 (3-16)
→ Triple class exposed	776 (97%)	Refractory: 84%
→ Penta class exposed	490 (60%)	Refractory: 26%
→ Prior BCMA Therapy	150 (18%)	0%
• Prior ADC	• 16 (14%)	
• Prior CAR-T	• 36 (4%)	
• Prior bispecific	• 3 (0.4%)	
Bridging therapy	442/799 (54%)	112 (88%)
Lymphodepletion Flu/Cy	741 (90%)	128 (100%)

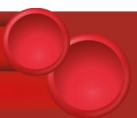
- Real world data: Most patients would not have met trial eligibility criteria (> 70%) for comorbidities/other reasons

1. Sidana et al. ASH 2023. 2 Hansen et al. JCO 2023; 3. Munshi et al. NEJM 2021;384(8):705-716.

Ide-cel in MM: Real world (CIBMTR registry) vs. Trial Data

	CIBMTR ¹ N=821	US RWE ² N=159	KarMMa ³ N=128
CRS - Any grade Grade 3 or higher	80% 3%	82% 3%	84% 5%
ICANS– Any grade Grade 3 or higher	28% 5%	18% 6%	18% 3%
Overall response rate	73%	84%	73%
Very good partial response rate	56%	62%	52%
Complete response rate	25%	42%	33%
Progression free survival, median	9.0 months	8.5 months	8.8 months
Median follow-up	11.6 months	6.1 months	13.3 months

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Cilta-cel in MM: Real world (US MM CART consortium) vs. Trial Data

	RWE Cilta-cel (N=236)	CARTITUDE-1 (N=97) ¹
Age, median (range)	64 y (30-84)	61 y (56-68)
Age ≥ 70 years	62 (26%)	-
Race: Black	26 (11%)	17 (18%)
Ethnicity: Hispanic	19 (8%)	6 (6%)
ECOG PS, 0-1	183 (89%)	93 (96%)
High-risk cytogenetics*	81 (39%)	23 (24%)
R-ISS stage III	30 (19%)	ISS-3:14 (14%)
Extramedullary Disease**	60 (26%)	13 (13%)
BM Plasma cells ≥ 50%	35 (18%)	≥ 60%= 21 (22%)
H/o plasma Cell Leukemia	13 (6%)	0
H/o AL amyloidosis	8 (3%)	0

	RWE Cilta-cel (N=236)	CARTITUDE-1 (N=97) ¹
Prior Lines of Therapy	6 (2-18)	6 (4-8)
Prior Auto SCT	200 (85%)	87 (90%)
Triple Class Refractory	163 (69%)	85 (88%)
Penta Drug refractory	70 (30%)	41 (42%)
Prior BCMA Therapy	33 (14%)	0%

56% of real-world patients would have been ineligible for CARTITUDE-1

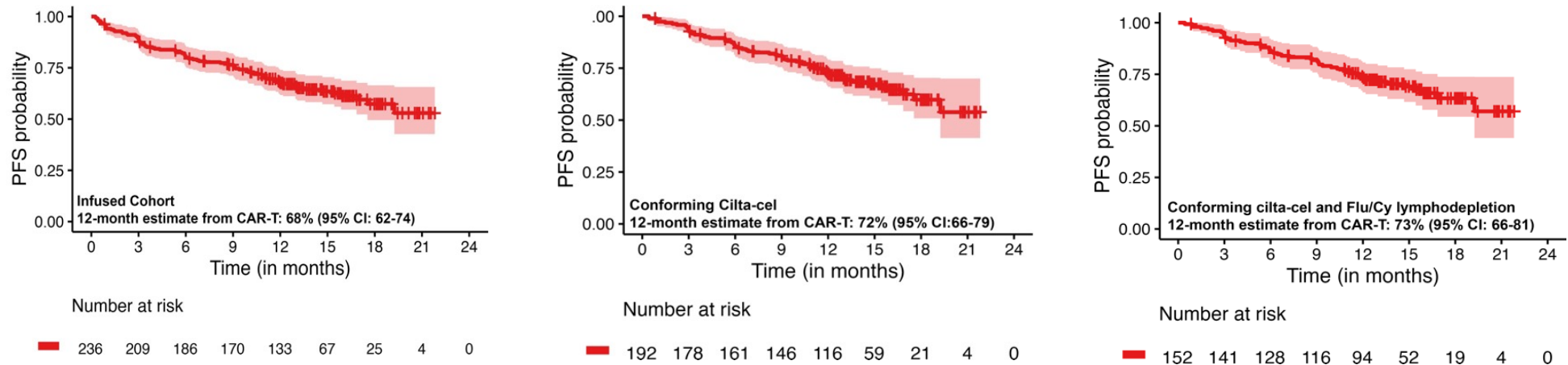
- Cytopenias (17%)
- Organ function (12%)
- Performance Status (12%)
- Prior BCMA therapy (12%)
- PCL/Amyloid/POEMS (12%)
- CNS pathology (6%)

*High-risk cytogenetics: Del 17p, t(14;16), t(4;14)

**EMD included patients with plasmacytomas non-contiguous from bone lesions

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Progression Free Survival



Median follow-up: 13 months from CAR-T infusion

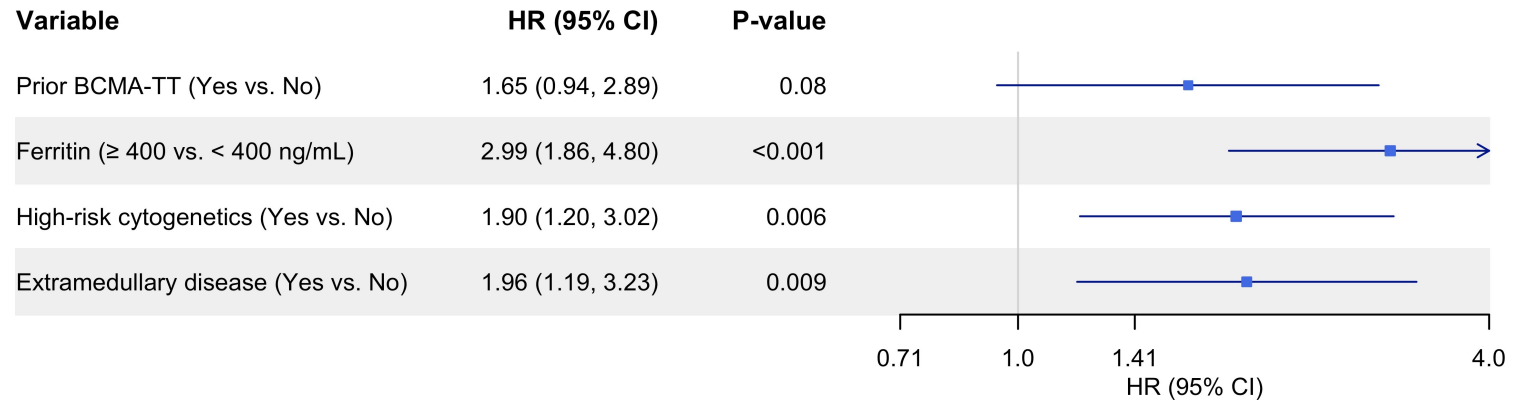
	Infused cohort N=236	Conforming cilta-cel N=192	Conforming + Flu/Cy LD N=152	CARTITUDE-1 ¹⁻³ N=97
PFS: 12-month estimate (95% CI)	68% (62-74)	72% (66-99)	73% (66-81)	12m : 77% ¹ Median: 34.9 m

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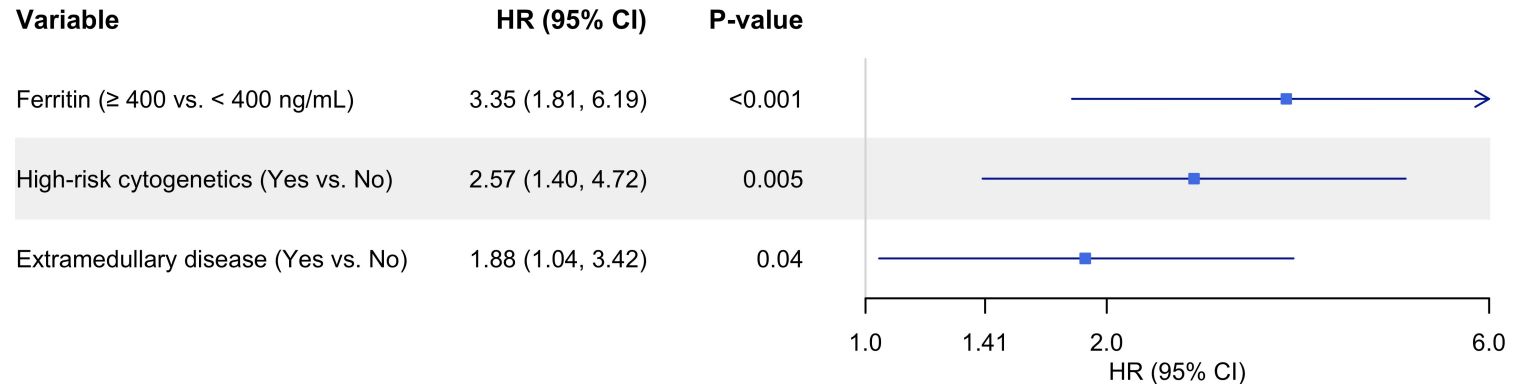
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Multivariable Analysis: PFS and OS

PFS



OS



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Cox Proportional Hazards model using a stepwise variable selection approach.

Safety of SOC Cilta-cel: CRS/ICANs and other neurotoxicities

	Real-world N=236	CARTITUDE-1 ¹⁻² N=97
CRS - Any grade	177 (75%)	95%
Grade ≥ 3	12 (5%)	4%
Median time to onset of CRS	7 days (0-14)	
ICANS – Any grade	32 (14%)	17%
Grade ≥ 3	9 (4%)	2%
Delayed neurotoxicity	24 (10%)	12%
Parkinsonism	5 (2%)	6%
Cranial nerve palsy	11 (5%)	-
Others	8	
IEC-HS/HLH	5 (2%)	~1%
Severe infections	49 (21%)	20%

Other delayed NT: Diplopia in 4, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES) in 2, dysautonomia in 1 patient, and polyneuropathy in 1 patient

Multivariable Analysis:

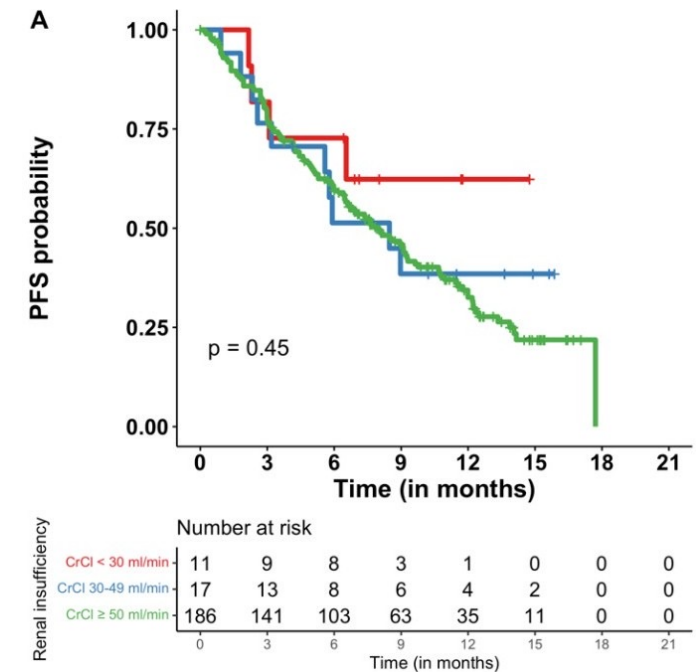
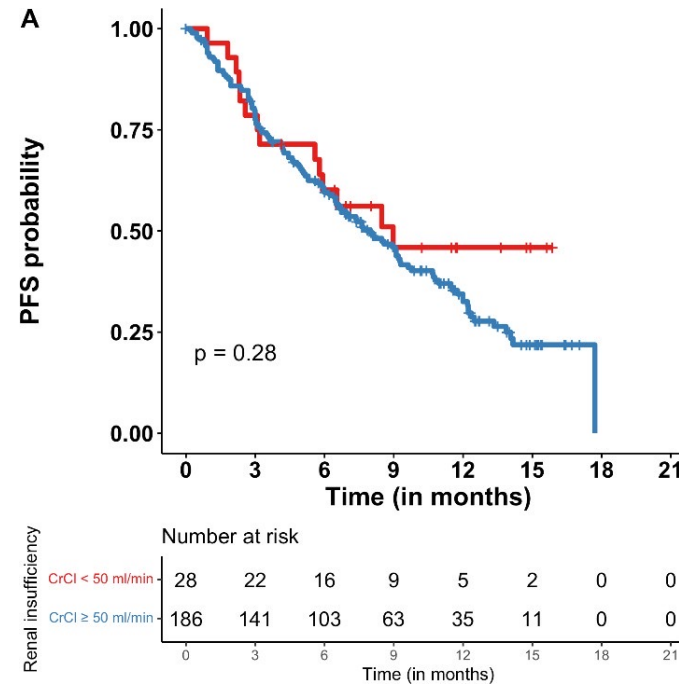
- **Grade ≥ 2 CRS:** poor performance status and high baseline ferritin increased risk
- **ICANS:** poor performance status and penta-refractory status increased risk

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Ide-cel in Patients with Renal Impairment

- Renal Impairment: eGFR < 50 ml/min
- Severe renal impairment: < 30 ml/min or dialysis:
- CRS, neurotoxicity and non-relapse mortality comparable
- Longer hospital stay
- Short-term high-grade cytopenias at day 30.
- Similar response rates and PFS.

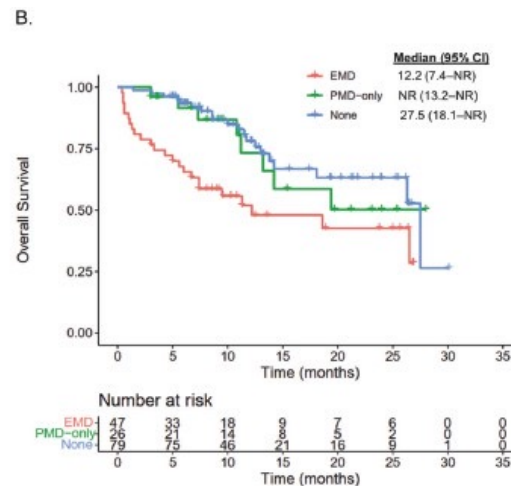
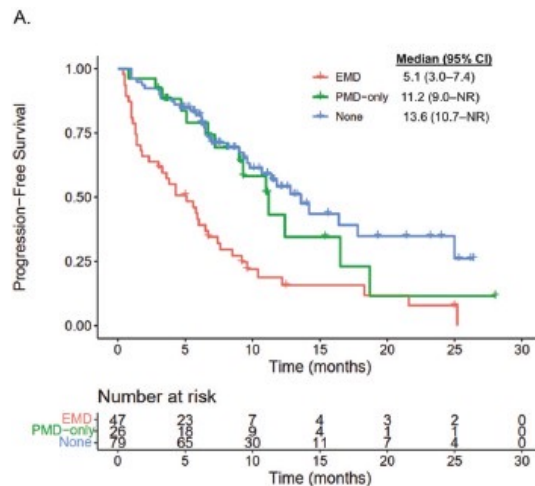


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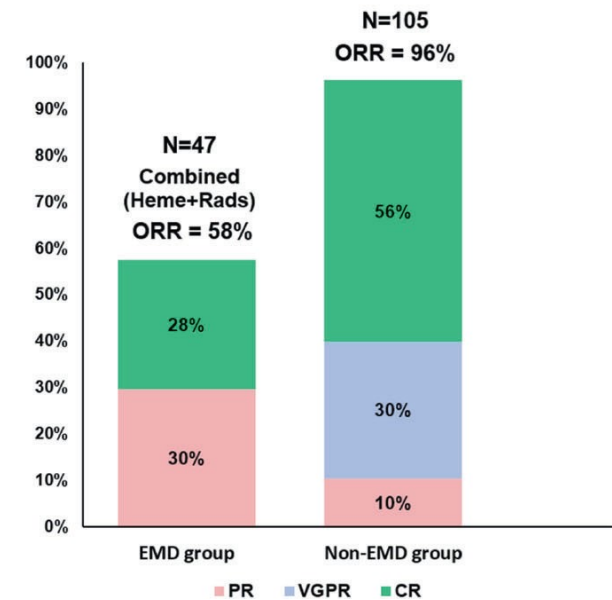
Patients with EMD are still an unmet clinical need with CART therapy

High incidence of EMD and “skeletal escape” in the setting of late relapse

- 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)



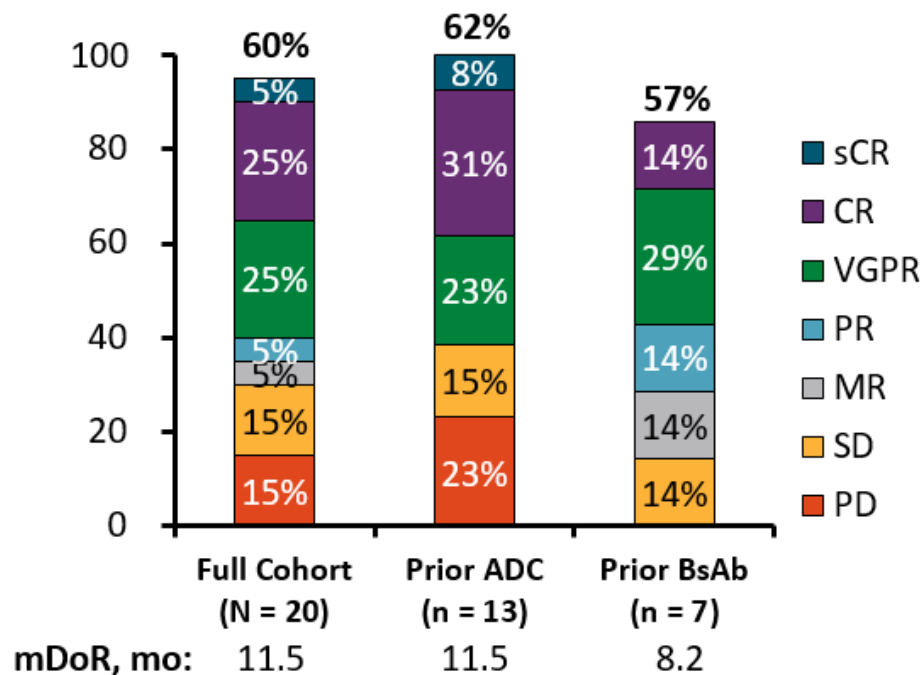
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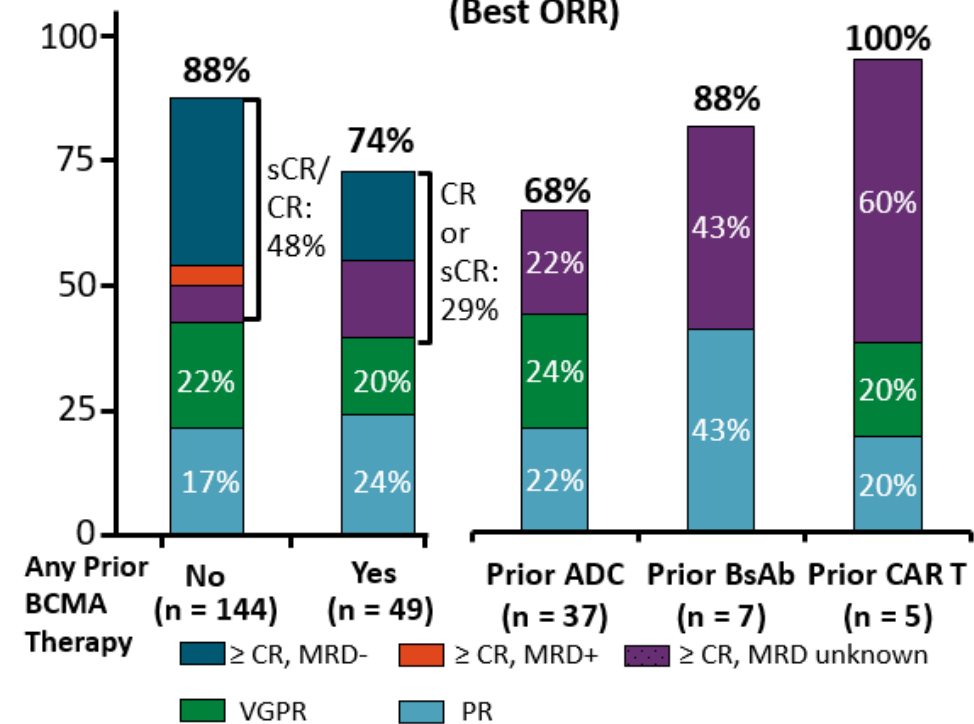
Role of Prior BCMA-Targeted Therapies on CAR T-Cell Therapy Outcomes

CARTITUDE-2 Cohort C: Cilta-Cel After PI, IMiD, CD38 mAb, BCMA-Targeted Tx (Best ORR)



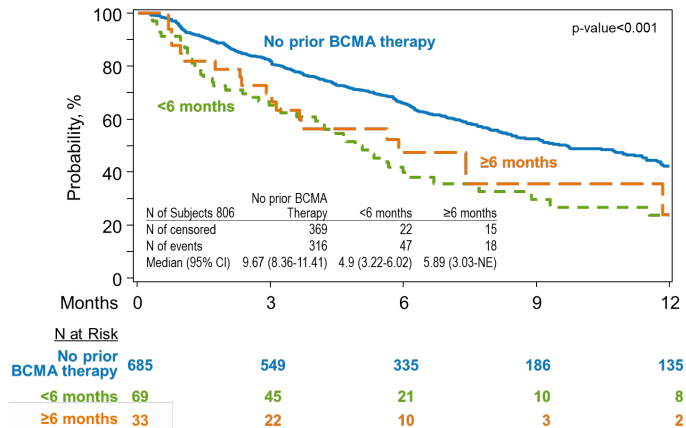
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Ide-Cel Retrospective RWE: 75% of Patients Met KarMMa Exclusion Criteria (Best ORR)

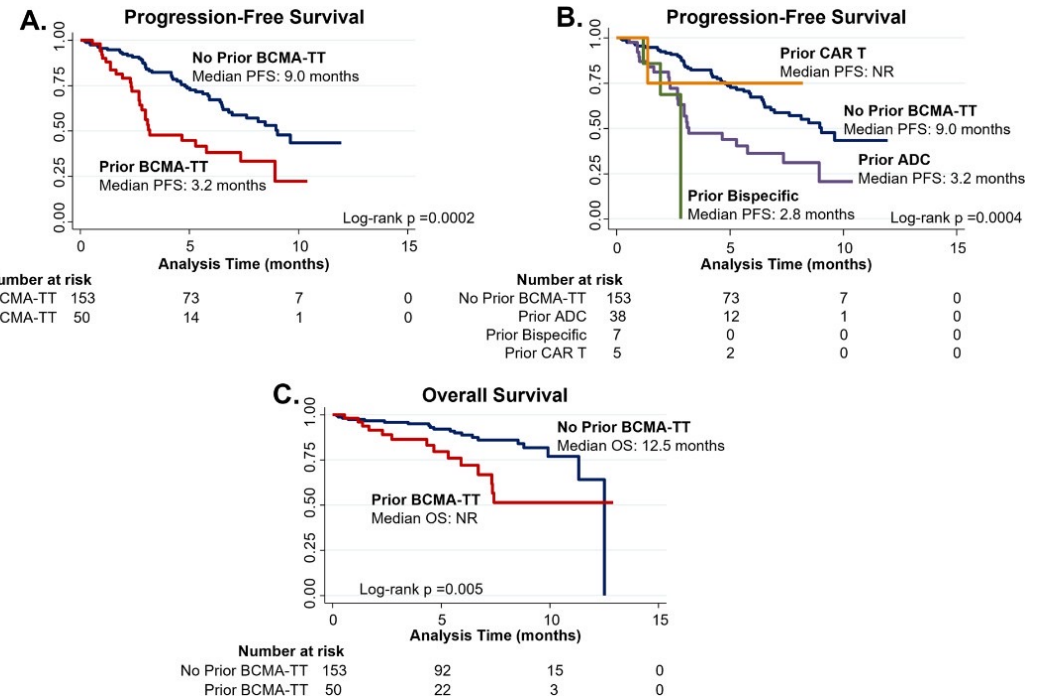
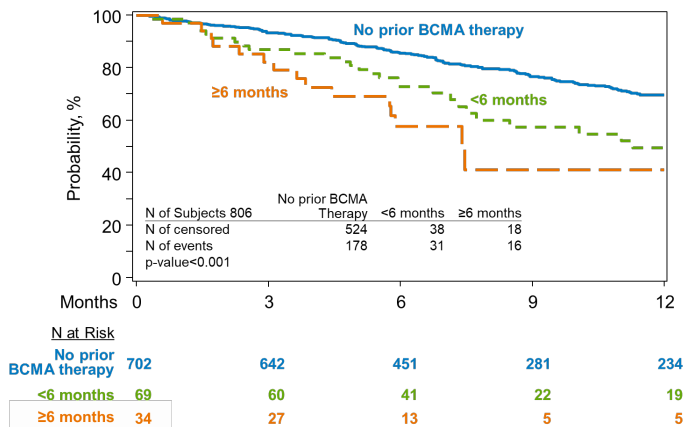


Prior BCMA therapy and timing and Ide-cel

Progression-free Survival



Overall Survival



Prior bispecific Ab: Worst survival outcomes with ide-cel, with mPFS of ~ 3 mos

1. Sidana et al. ASH 2023. 2. Hansen et al. JCO 2023; 3. Munshi et al. NEJM 2021;384(8):705-716.

Ferreri et al. Blood Cancer Journal 2023. US MM Consortium Data

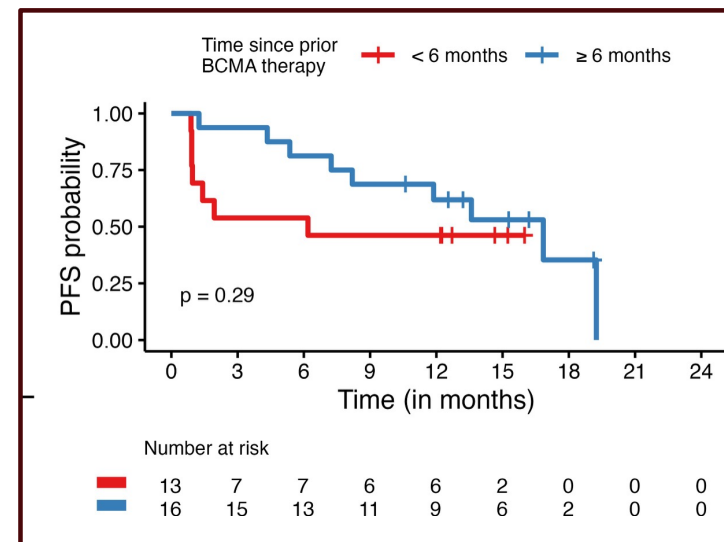
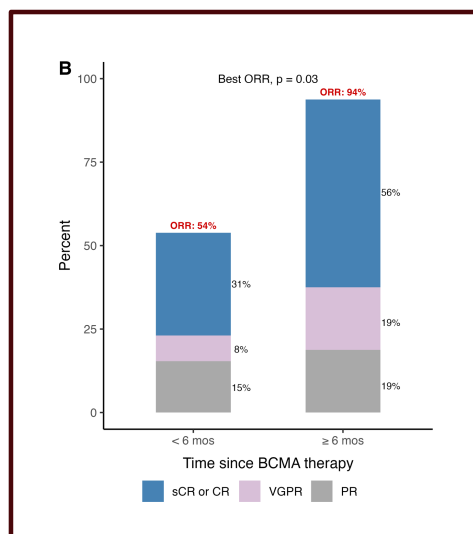
Cilta-cel after Prior BCMA Therapy: Timing Matters!

Time from last BCMA Therapy Exposure	N=29/33
Median time	7.1 months
≥6 months	16 (55%)
<6 months	13 (45%)
Unknown	4

The median PFS among patients receiving prior BCMA therapy was 13.6 months

Patients with last BCMA targeted therapy < 6 months prior to cilta-cel had lower response rates and numerically lower PFS

Sidana S et al, IMS 2024

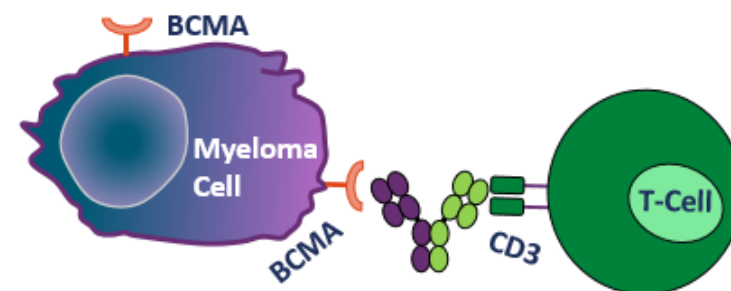
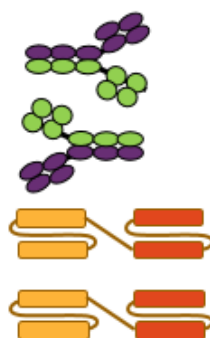


Efficacy Measure	Last BCMA exposure < 6 months vs. ≥6 months
Overall response Rate	54% vs 94%, p=0.03
Complete Response Rate	31% vs. 56% p=0.2
Median PFS	6.2 vs 16.8 months, p=0.29

Bispecific Therapy Options for Multiple Myeloma

- “Off the shelf” immunotherapy with multiple binding domains
 - Target different tumor antigens like BCMA, GPRC5D, FcRH5
 - Also binds to immune cell targets, including CD3 (T-cell)

- Teclistamab*: CD3 x BCMA
- Elranatamab*: CD3 x BCMA
- Talquetamab*: CD3 x GPRC5D
- Cevostamab: CD3 x FcRH5
- Linvoseltamab: CD3 x BCMA
- ABBV-383: CD3 x BCMA



***FDA approved for treating adults with R/R MM after ≥4 prior lines of therapy, including a PI, IMiD, and anti-CD38 mAb.**

- Variable administration: SC or IV options with required step-up dosing

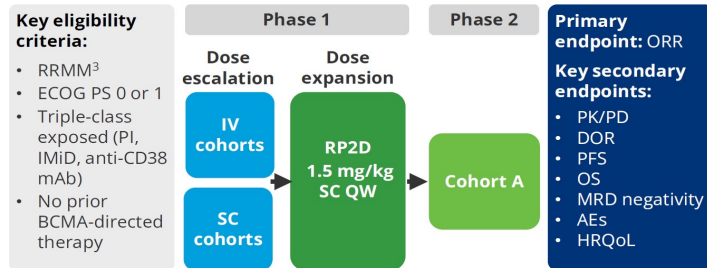
van de Donk. Lancet. 2023

BCMA × CD3 T-Cell bispecific antibody: Teclistamab

MajesTEC-1 Phase Ib/II study¹

FDA/EMA/AIFA approved

Trial design and dosing schedule¹

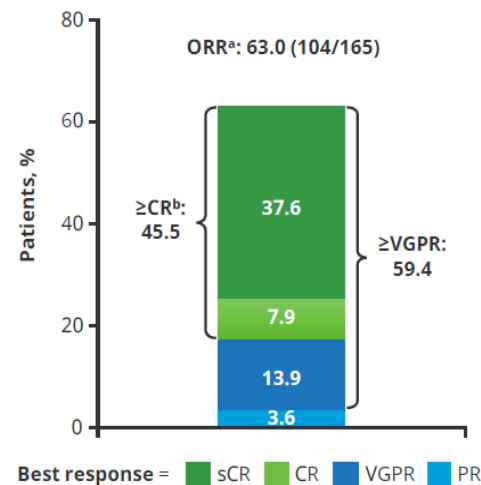


Teclistamab dosing schedule: QW; option to switch to Q2W* after ≥4 cycles (Phase I) if ≥PR or after 6 months (Phase II) if ≥CR²

Baseline characteristics, N=165¹

Extramedullary disease, [†] n (%)	28 (17.0)
High-risk cytogenetics, n (%)	38 (25.7)
ISS stage III, n (%)	20 (12.3)
Prior lines of therapy, median (range)	5 (2–14)
Refractory status, n (%)	
Triple-class refractory	128 (77.6)
Penta-drug refractory	50 (30.3)

Response rates¹

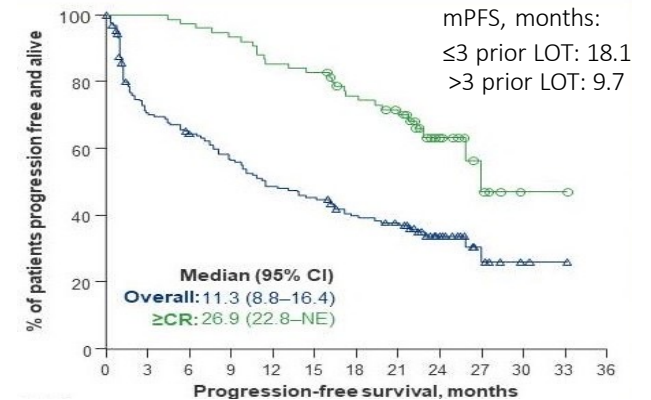


Median time to first response:
1.2 months¹

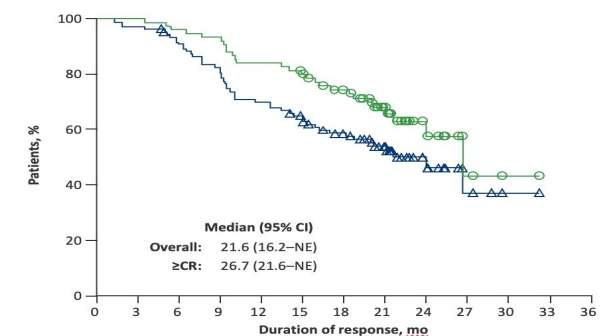
Median time to ≥CR:
4.6 months¹

MRD-negativity rate (10⁻⁵): 27%¹

Progression-free survival¹



Duration of response¹



¹ 1. Van de Donk NWCJ, et al. ASCO 2023 (Abstract No. 8011 – presentation);

BCMA × CD3 T-cell bispecific antibody: Elranatamab

MagnetisMM-3 cohort A: BCMA-naïve patients¹

FDA/EMA approved, CNN in Italy

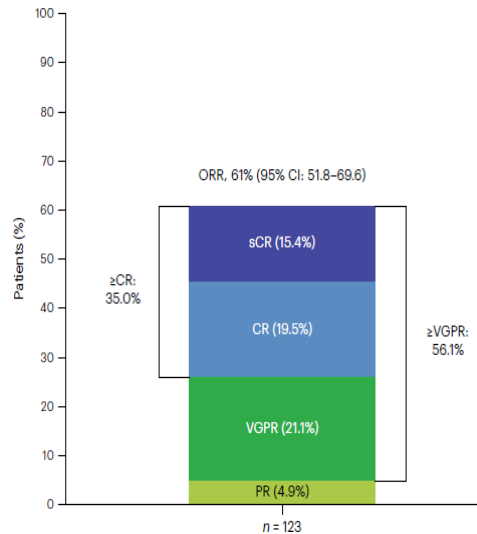
Elranatamab dosing schedule¹

76 mg sc QW cycles 1–6; Q2W cycles 7+ for patients with ≥PR

Baseline characteristics, Cohort A (N=123)¹

Extramedullary disease by BICR, [†] n (%)	39 (31.7)
Bone marrow plasma cells, n (%)	
<50%	89 (72.4)
≥50%	26 (21.1)
Missing	8 (6.5)
Prior lines of therapy, median (range)	5 (2–22)
Prior stem cell transplant, n (%)	87 (70.7)
Exposure status, n (%)	
Triple-class	123 (100.0)
Penta-drug	87 (70.7)
Exposure status, n (%)	
Triple-class	119 (96.7)
Penta-drug	52 (42.3)
Refractory to last line of therapy, n (%)	118 (95.9)

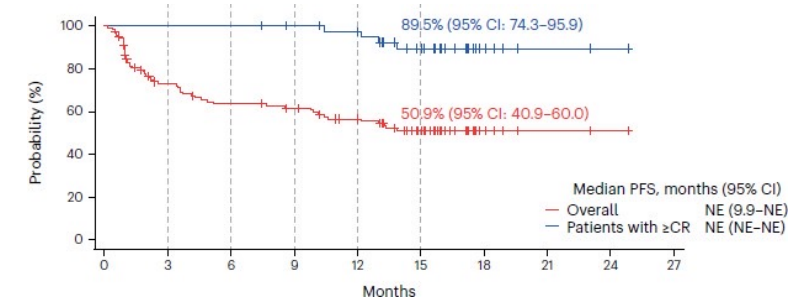
Response rates¹



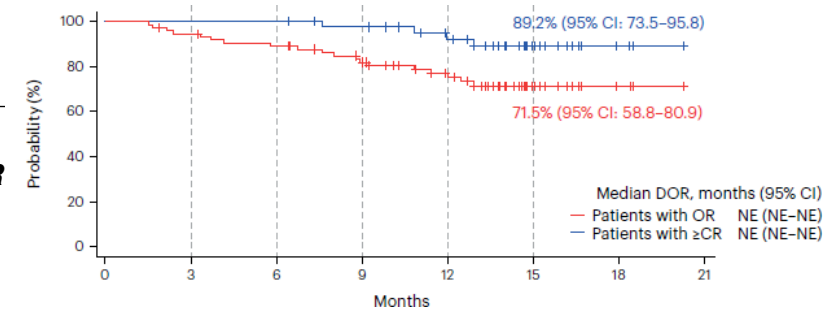
MRD negativity (10–5) in ≥CR patients was reported in 90%

Median time to first response:
1.2 months¹
Median time to ≥CR:
6.1 months¹

Progression-free survival¹



Duration of response¹



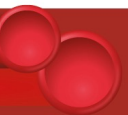
The DoR, PFS, and OS rates at 15 months were 71.5%, 51% (90% in patients who achieved CR), and 57%, respectively.

[†]Extramedullary disease was defined as presence of any plasmacytoma (extramedullary and/or paramedullary) with a soft-tissue component.

1. Lesokhin AM, et al. Nat Med 2023; doi: 10.1038/s41591-023-02528-9. Online ahead of print.

CRS management with bispecifics

- Highly predictable
 - Median time 2 days after subcutaneous dosis
 - Median time hours - 1 day after IV
- Mostly low grade
 - Grade 3 in less tan 2% of patients throughout the different programs
 - Split between grade 1/grade 2
- Occurs after first or second step-up doses
- Median time to recovery 1-2 days (short-live)
- Mitigation strategies
 - Premedication
 - **Prophylactic Tocilizumab (dutch experience and others: CRS from 70% to 26%)**
 - **Prophylactic dexamethasone (Italian, german, French experience)**
- **Biomarkers are lacking although higher risk in patients with high-tumor burden**
- Other supportive care measures should be considered and infection complications should be rule out. **Consider starting antibiotic therapy in patients with neutropenia, concomitant infection, or other predisposing risk factors for infection**



Infectious complications of bispecific antibodies

Majestec-1: Teclistamab

Clinically relevant infections, ^a n (%)	N=165		
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Grade 5
Any infection	132 (80.0)	91 (55.2)	21 (12.7)
Respiratory infections	95 (57.6)	32 (19.4)	2 (1.2)
COVID-19 infection	48 (29.1)	35 (21.2)	18 (10.9)
Key viral infections ^b	20 (12.1)	7 (4.2)	1 (0.6)
GI infections	15 (9.1)	2 (2.1)	0
Fungal infections ^c	9 (5.5)	0	0
PJP	7 (4.2)	7 (4.2)	0
HBV reactivation	1 (0.6)	1 (0.6)	0

- Dose reductions: 0.6%
- Discontinuation: < 5%

Magnetismm-3: Elranatamab

TEAEs of special interest, n (%) ^a	Any grade	Grade 3/4
ICANS	6 (4.9)	0
Infections ^b	86 (69.9)	58 (47.2)

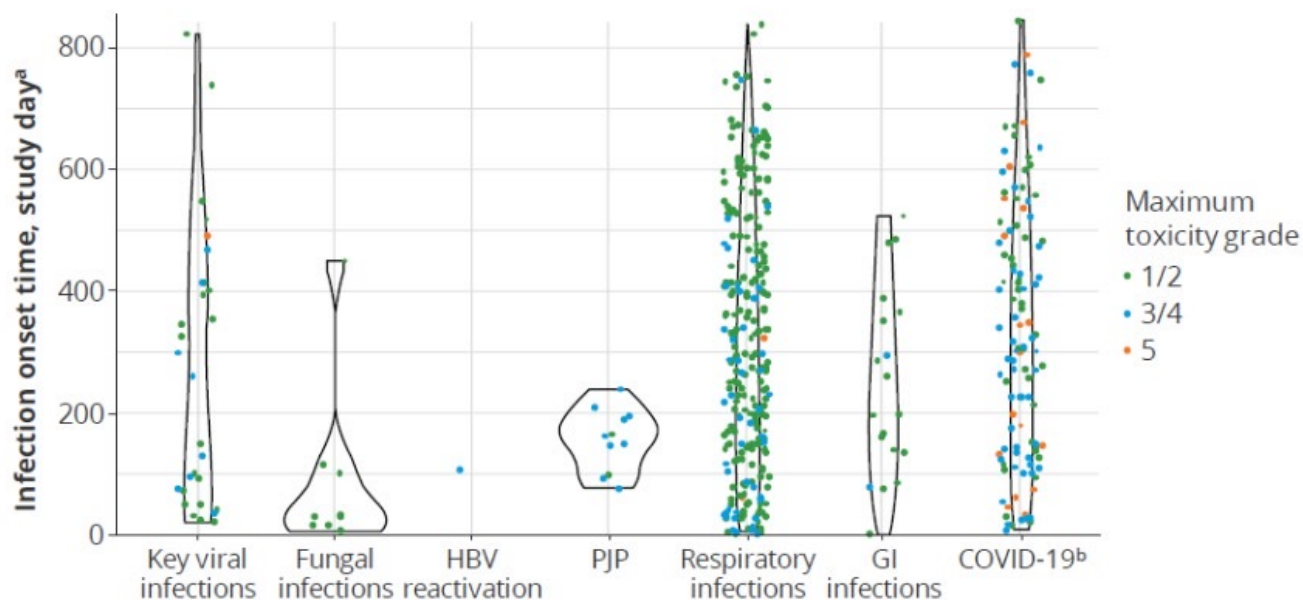
^a TEAEs according to the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities v26.0 and Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events vs. Any-grade TEAE reported in ≥25% of patients; Grade 3/4 TEAE reported in ≥10% of patients; severity of CRS and ICANS was assessed according to the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy criteria; ^b Infections include preferred terms in the system organ class of infections and infestations
CRS=cytokine release syndrome; ICANS=immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event

T-cell activation, T-cell exhaustion, hypogammaglobulinemia, and neutropenia.

Van De Donk N et al, ASCO 2023, oral presentation
Garfall A et al. Poster presentation, ASCO 2024. #7540; JCO Volume 42, Number 16_suppl June 2024

Timing and maximum toxicity grade of clinically relevant infections during Teclistamab therapy was variable

- Respiratory infections occurred throughout the study (mostly grade 1/2)
- COVID-19 infections of all grades were observed throughout the study
- Most viral infections occurred during the first 12 months
- GI infections were seen throughout the study
- Most fungal and PJP infections were observed early

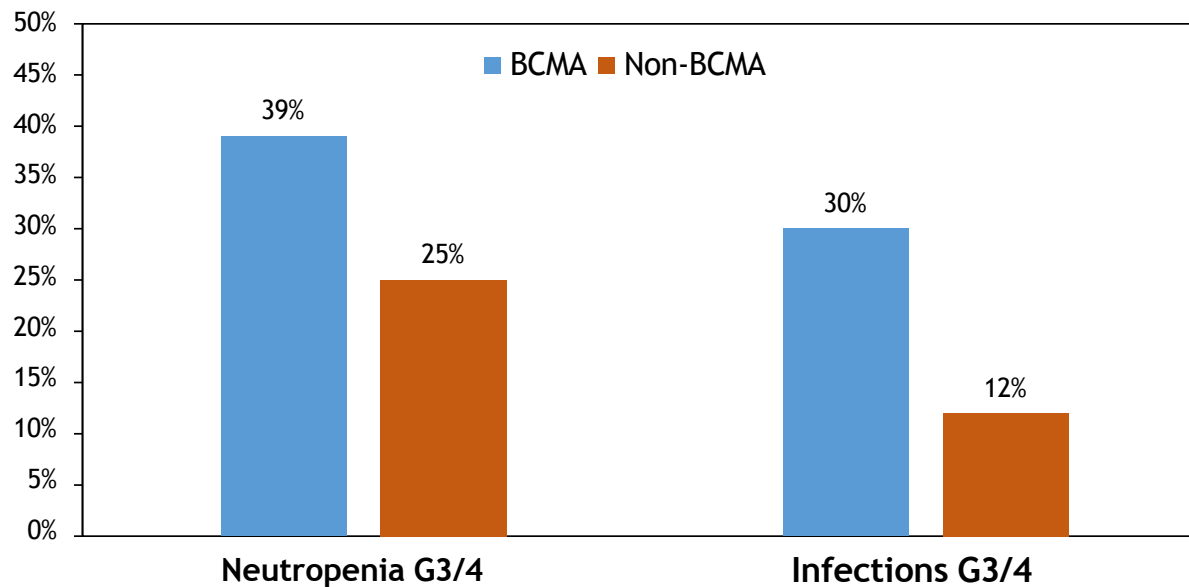


Continued monitoring throughout treatment is recommended, although improvements are expected with increased awareness and vigilance, new expert management guidelines, and additional strategies

Van De Donk N et al, IMS 2023. Oral presentation

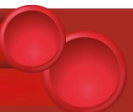
Infectious complications of bispecific antibodies

BCMA vs non-BCMA grade III/IV neutropenia and infections

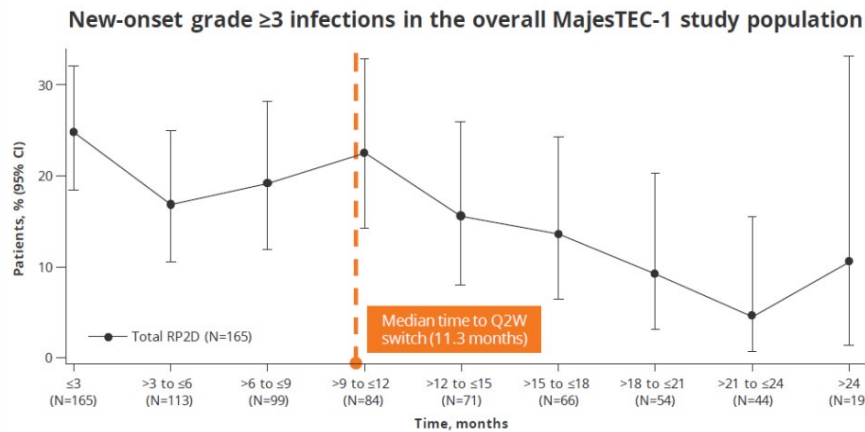


- Pooled analysis of 1185 patients treated for the first time with bispecific Abs within 11 trials (71% anti-BCMA)
- Median follow-up 6 months

Mazahreh F et al. Blood Adv 2022;doi:bloodadvances.2022009435

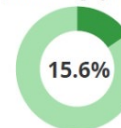


Infections mitigation strategies with Teclistamab

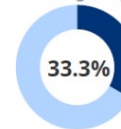


New-onset grade ≥ 3 infections at 1-1.5 years¹

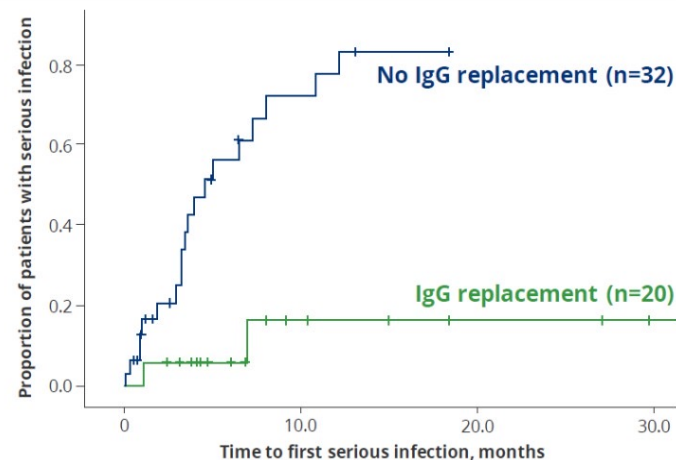
Patients switching to Q2W dosing by 1 year



Patients remaining on QW dosing at 1 year



- In a retrospective analysis of 52 patients at Amsterdam UMC:
 - Low baseline polyclonal IgG levels further decreased after starting teclistamab¹
 - Monthly IgG replacement significantly reduced the risk of grade ≥ 3 infections
 - Mostly lower respiratory tract infections caused by gram-negative bacteria
- Consistent with another study of BCMA-targeted bispecific antibodies, showing 80% reduction in grade ≥ 3 infections with IgG replacement²



New onset grade ≥ 3 infections decreased over time with lower incidence in patients **switching to Q2W/Q4w schedule**

IgG replacement significantly reduced the risk of new grade ≥ 3 infections

Van De Donk N et al, IMS 2023. Oral presentation

GPRC5D × CD3 T-cell bispecific antibody: Talquetamab

MonumenTAL-1 Phase I/II study¹⁻³

Trial design²

RP2D 0.4 mg/kg QW SC

- Prior BCMA-targeting ADC treatment allowed
- Prior T-cell redirecting therapy-naïve (n=143; n=21 Phase I and n=122 Phase II)

RP2D 0.8 mg/kg Q2W SC

- Prior BCMA-targeting ADC treatment allowed
- Prior T-cell redirecting therapy-naïve (n=145; n=36 Phase I and n=109 Phase II)

Prior T-cell redirection (QW and Q2W)

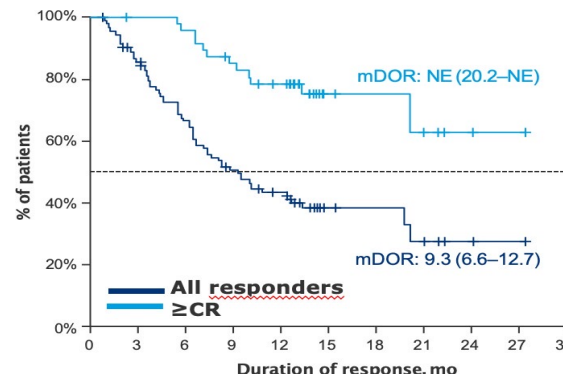
- Patients received either 0.4 mg/kg QW or 0.8 mg/kg talquetamab (n=51; n=17 Phase I and n=34 Phase II)

100%
triple-class
exposed
69–74%
triple-class
refractory

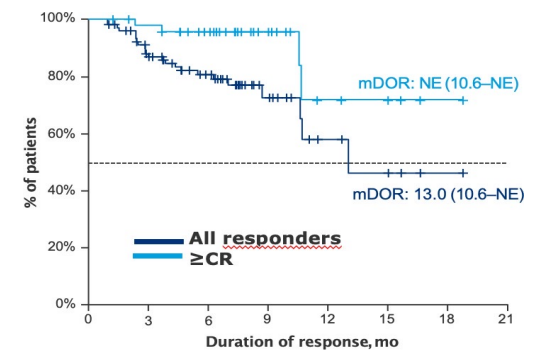
FDA/EMA approved

Duration of response³

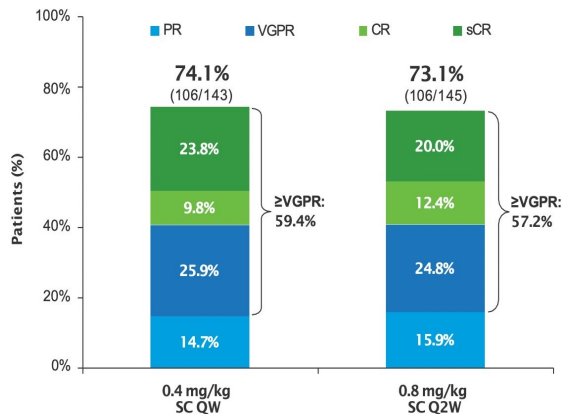
DoR: 0.4 mg/kg SC QW



DoR: 0.8 mg/kg SC Q2W



Response rates²



Overall mPFS: 7.5 months (95% CI, 5.7–9.4)

Overall mPFS: 11.9 months (95% CI, 8.4–NE)

The most relevant information is that BsAbs targeting antigens different than BCMA are being evaluated and proved equally effective in patients previously exposed to BCMA-TT and the information for the sequencing is relevant

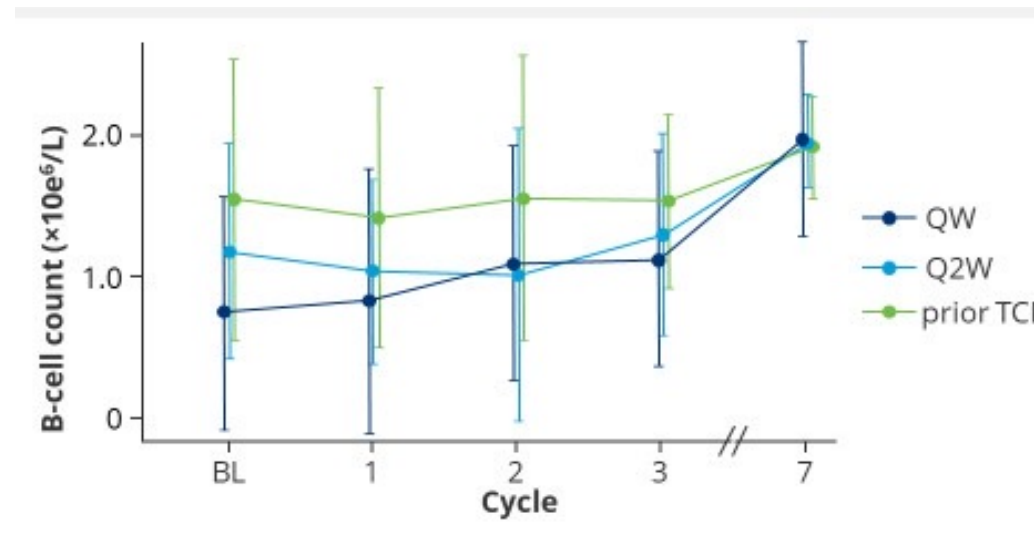
1. Chari A, et al. N Engl J Med 2022;387:2232-2244; 2. Schinke CD, et al. ASCO 2023 (Abstract No. 8036 – oral presentation); 3. Chari A, et al. ASH 2022 (Abstract No. 157 – presentation).

Highlights in **EMATOLOGIA**

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Analysis of infections and Parameters of humoral immunity in the MonumenTAL-1study

CD19+ B-cell levels showed no reduction over time, with an increasing trend at cycle 7

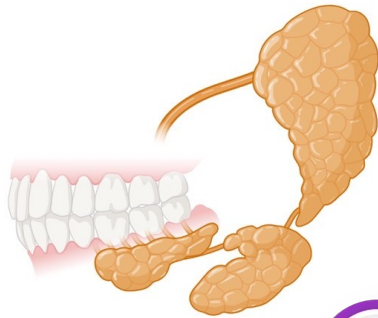


- There was no decrease in polyclonal IgG over time across cohorts
- Note that data were censored for patients with IgG myeloma and after IVIG administration

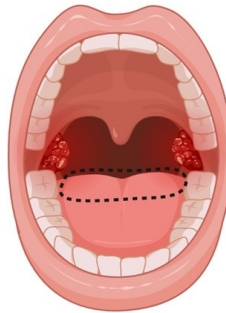
Rodriguez-Otero P et al, ASCO 2023, poster presentation

On-target Off-tumor effects: GPRC5d

Minor salivary glands



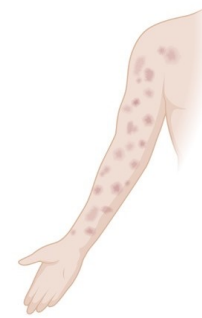
Gustative Papillae



Nails



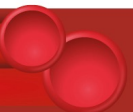
Skin



- Dysgeusia, ageusia, hypogeusia
- Xerostomia
- Dysphagia
- Weight loss



- Dryness and pruritus
- Palmar/plantar desquamation
- Rash and injection site reactions
- Nail disorders



Specific toxicities in anti-GPRC5D CAR-Ts and BsABs

	BMS-986393 (CC-95266) ¹ N = 33		MCARH109 ² N= 17		Talquetamab 405 ng SC weekly ³ N=30		Talquetamab 800 ng SC biweekly ³ N=44	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
CRS	21 (63.6)	2 (6.1)	88%	6%	23 (77)	1 (3)	35 (80)	0
ICANS, n (%)	2 (6.0)	0 (0)	6%	6%	NR	NR	NR	NR
Neutropenia N (%)	22 (66.7)	20 (60.6)	17 (100)	17 (100)	49 (34)	44 (31)	41 (28)	32 (22)
Lymphopenia N (%)	7 (21.2)	6 (18.2)	17 (100)	17 (100)	40 (28)	NR	38 (26)	NR
On-target/off-tumor AEs								
Skin ^b	10 (30.3)	0 (0)	18%	0 (0)	20 (67)	0 (0)	31 (70)	1 (2)
Dysgeusia/taste disorder	5 (15.2)	0 (0)	12%	0 (0)	19 (63)	NR	25 (57)	NR
Nails ^c	3 (9.1)	0 (0)	65%	0 (0)	17 (57)	0	12 (27)	1 (2)
Dysphagia	1 (3.0)	0 (0)	NR	0 (0)	11 (37)	0	12 (27)	0

1, Bal S et al. – Abs 364 ASH 2022. 2, Mailankody S, et al. N Engl J Med, 2022;387:1196-206. 3, Chari A. et al. N Engl J Med 2022; 387:2232-2244

Best Practices: Skin and nail Toxicities



Dry skin

- Heavy emollients
- Hydration
- Sun protection



Palmar/plantar desquamation

- Triamcinolone + emollients + AmLactin BID



Skin rash/pruritus

- Antihistamines
- Grade 1–2: Topical steroids
- Grade 3: Oral steroid taper + topical steroids



Nail toxicity

Emollients; cuticle/Vitamin E oil

Nail hardeners

Good hygiene

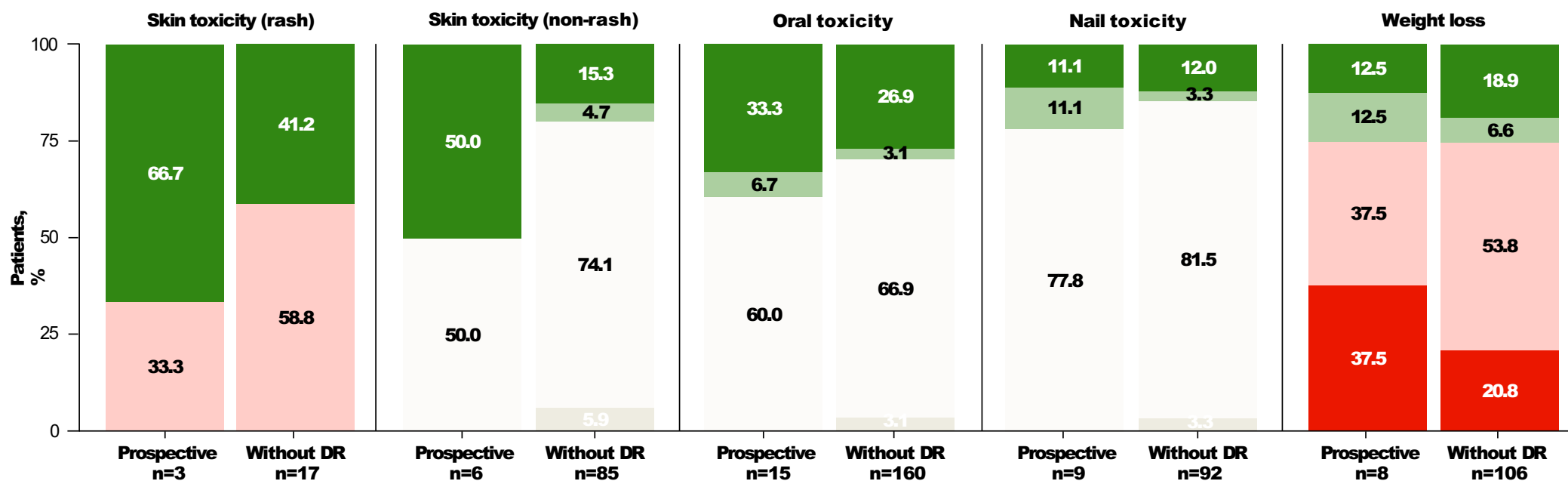
Courtesy of Samantha Shenoy, presented at Haimatus meeting 2024

MonumenTAL-1: Responsive Dose Intensity Reduction Cohorts

Prospective cohorts with change in AE status after switch vs matched cohort without dose reduction^a

Disease Response Maintained Even With Dose Reduction

On last day of follow-up ■ Resolved ■ Improved but did not resolve ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened



- Trend toward improved resolution of GPRC5D-related AEs, except weight loss

Data cut-off date: October 2, 2023. ^aPatients included had ≥PR before day 200 from the prospective dose modification cohort (n=18) and from the MonumenTAL-1 cohort who did not dose reduce (n=206). Each category shows only patients who had a respective AE on day 100. Color signifies how that respective AE grade changed from day 100 to last day of follow-up (within 30 days of last treatment; capped at 500 days)..

Chari A et al. Oral presentation, ASH 2023.

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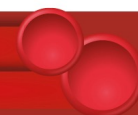
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BCMA-targeting BsAbs are also being investigated in earlier lines: Phase III studies

Study	Treatment line	Treatment arms
MajesTEC-3¹	1-3 prior LOT	Teclistamab + Dara, Dara-Pd or Dara-Vd (comparator)
MajesTEC-4²	TE NDMM	Teclistamab + R, Teclistamab, R (comparator)
MajesTEC-7³	TIE* NDMM	Teclistamab + Dara-R, talquetamab + Dara-R, Dara-Rd (comparator)
MajesTEC-9⁴	1-3 prior LOT	Teclistamab, PVd or Kd (comparator)
MagnetisMM-5⁵	>1 prior LOT	Part 2: Elranatamab, elranatamab + Dara, Dara-Pd (comparator)
MagnetisMM-6⁶	TIE NDMM	Part 2: Elranatamab + Dara-R, Dara-Rd (comparator)
MagnetisMM-7⁷	TE NDMM	Elranatamab, lenalidomide (comparator)
MagnetisMM-32⁸	1-4 prior LOT	Elranatamab, Elo-Pd or PVd or Kd (comparator)
MonumentAL-6⁹	1-4 prior LOT	Talquetamab + pomalidomide, talquetamab + teclistamab, elotuzumab + Pd or PVd (comparator)

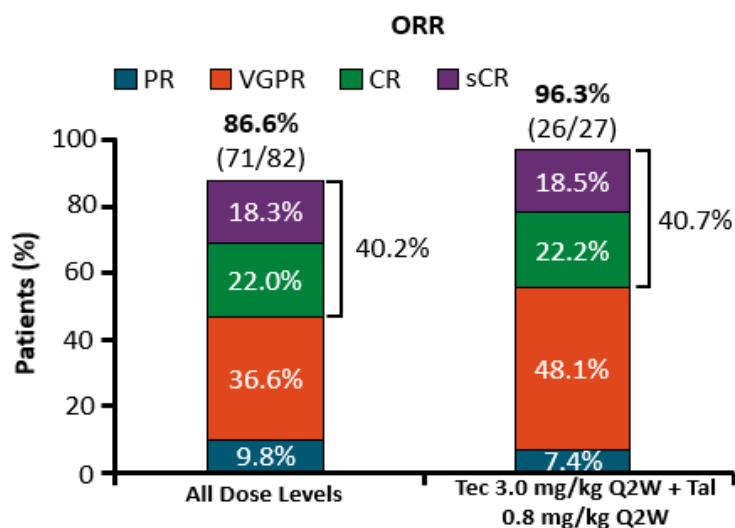
Daratumumab depletion of CD38-expressing Tregs may potentiate teclistamab/talquetamab-mediated killing of myeloma cells

*Not eligible or not intended for transplant. ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; Dara, daratumumab; DRd, daratumumab-lenalidomide-dexamethasone; DPd, daratumumab-pomalidomide-dexamethasone; DVd, daratumumab-bortezomib-dexamethasone; EPd, elotuzumab-pomalidomide-dexamethasone; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; Kd, carfilzomib-dexamethasone; LOT, lines of therapy; PVd, pomalidomide-bortezomib-dexamethasone; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; SVd, selinexor-bortezomib-dexamethasone. 1. NCT05083169; 2. NCT05243797; 3. NCT05552222; 4. NCT05572515; 5. NCT05020236; 6. NCT05623020; 7. NCT05317416; 8. NCT06152575; 9. NCT06208150. All clinical trial pages accessed at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/> (last accessed June 2024).



Phase Ib RedirectTT-1: Teclistamab Plus Talquetamab in R/R Multiple Myeloma

- Open-label, phase Ib/II dose escalation and expansion trial of teclistamab plus talquetamab in patients with R/R MM with previous exposure to a PI, IMiD, and anti-CD38 mAb and refractory to last line of therapy
 - Median prior LOT: 4 (1-11); extramedullary plasmacytomas: 37.6%
- Primary endpoints:** safety, RP2R; secondary endpoints: ORR, PK, immunogenicity



	All Dose Levels (N = 93)	RP2R* (N = 34)
Median f/u, mo (range)	13.4 (0.3-25.6)	8.1 (0.7-15.0)
Median DoR, mo (95% CI)	NE (NE-NE)	NE (NE-NE)
Median time to first response, mo (range)	1.97 (0-7.7)	1.48 (0-4.0)
Median time to best response, mo (range)	3.98 (1.1-15.7)	3.22 (1.4-10.7)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	20.9 (13.0-NE)	NE (9.9-NE)
9-mo PFS, % (95% CI)	70.1 (58.0-79.4)	77.1 (50.8-90.5)

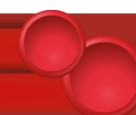
*Teclistamab 3.0 mg/kg Q2W + talquetamab 0.8 mg/kg Q2W.

Mateos. EHA 2023. Abstr S190. NCT04586426

Ongoing Phase I/II Trials With Bispecific Antibodies in R/R Multiple Myeloma

	Phase I/II CAMMA 2	Phase I NCT03933735	Phase I/II LINKER-MM1
Agent	Cevostamab	ABBV-383	Linvoseltamab
Target	CD3 x FcRH5	CD3 x BCMA	CD3 x BCMA
N	21*	147	117
Inclusion criteria	Triple-class refractory R/R MM, with prior BCMA-targeted ADC or CAR T-cell therapy, no BCMA-targeted bispecific*	R/R MM ≥ 3 prior LOT including PI, IMiD, and anti-CD38 mAb, no prior BCMA-targeted therapy	R/R MM ≥ 3 prior LOT including PI, IMiD, and anti-CD38 mAb
Median number of prior therapies	6 (4-15)	5 (3-23)	200 mg: 5 (2-16) 50 mg: 6 (3-14)
ORR, %	All: 67 Prior ADC: 60 Prior CAR T-cell: 73	60 mg Q4W: 65 60 mg Q3W: 60 40 mg Q3W: 64	200 mg: 71 50 mg: 48
CRS, %	55-71	43-71	46-55
Median time to CRS onset	4-8 hr	1 day	11 hr
ICANS, %	9-14	5	7.7

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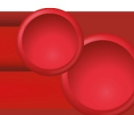


Bispecific Antibodies After BCMA Therapy

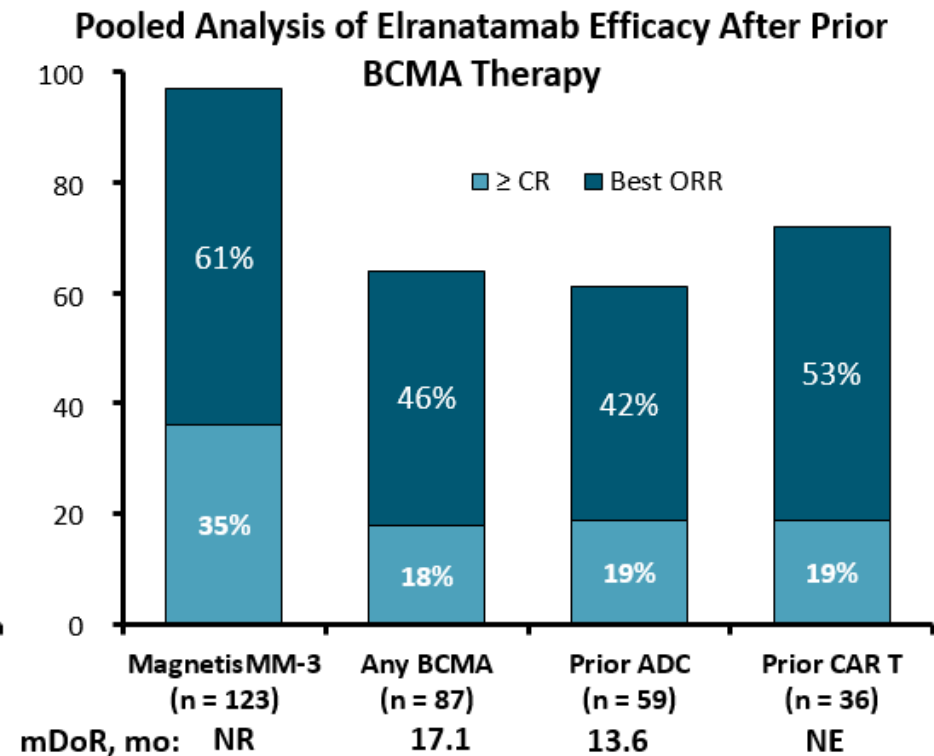
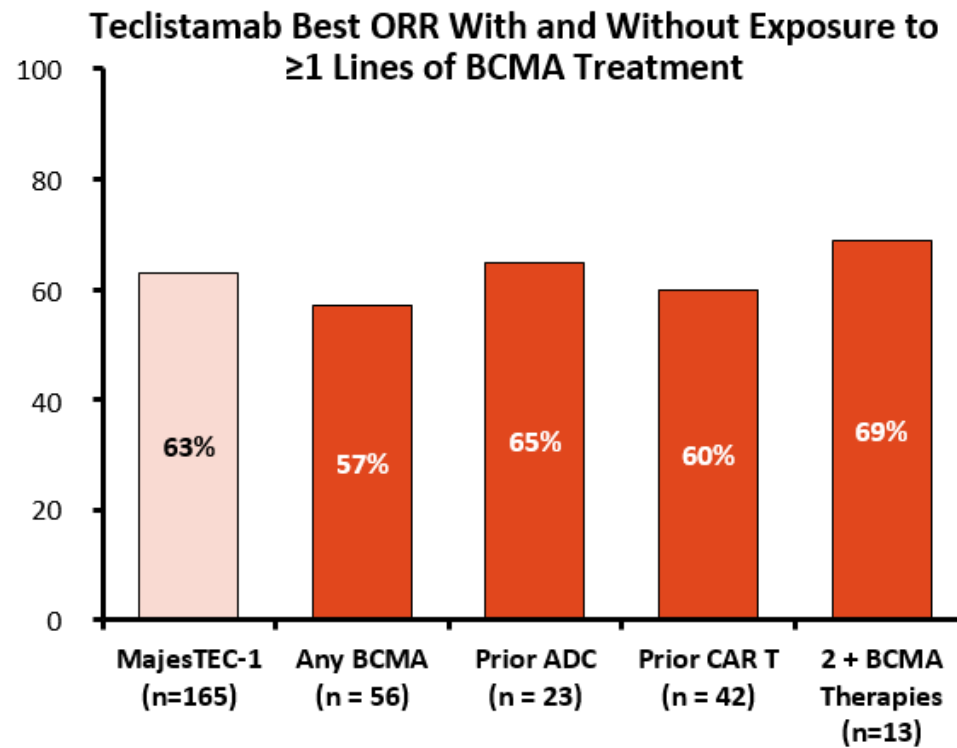
Good efficacy after prior CAR-T

	Talquetamab ¹	Elranatamab ²	Teclistamab ³
Target	GPRC5D	BCMA	BCMA
N	51	24% of N=55	40
Prior BCMA type	BCMA CAR-T: 36 BsAb:=18	-	ADC:73% CAR-T: 38%
Response prior BCMA	65%	54%	53%
Response based on prior immunotherapy	Prior CAR-T: 75% BsAB: 44%	Not reported	Prior CAR-T: 53% ADC: 55%

1. Schinke et al ASCO 2023; 2. Raje et al ASH 2022; 3. Touzeau et al ASCO 2022



Outcomes With Bispecific Antibodies After Prior BCMA-Directed Therapy



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How to choose, with the current approval status, among the 2 different immune therapies?

- Real world patients receiving CAR-T have more co-morbidities than patients on trials
- Half to three-fourths of patients treated with SOC ide-cel and cilta-cel would be trial ineligible
- **SOC CAR-T: good safety and efficacy**
- **Need to “make it” to CAR-T**
- **Avoid, within some months from apheresis, lymphodepletion chemo (bendamustine, others) and other BCMA targeted therapy; unclear wash out with bispecifics against other targets**

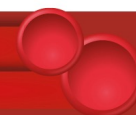
CARTs

- Young patient or fit elderly patient
- Search for sustained MRD negativity and treatment-free interval
- **Patient without rapidly progressing disease/soft tissue clinically relevant involvement**
- eGFR around 30 ml/min...but this threshold will soon go down with further RWE
- Patients in which **sequencing matters**

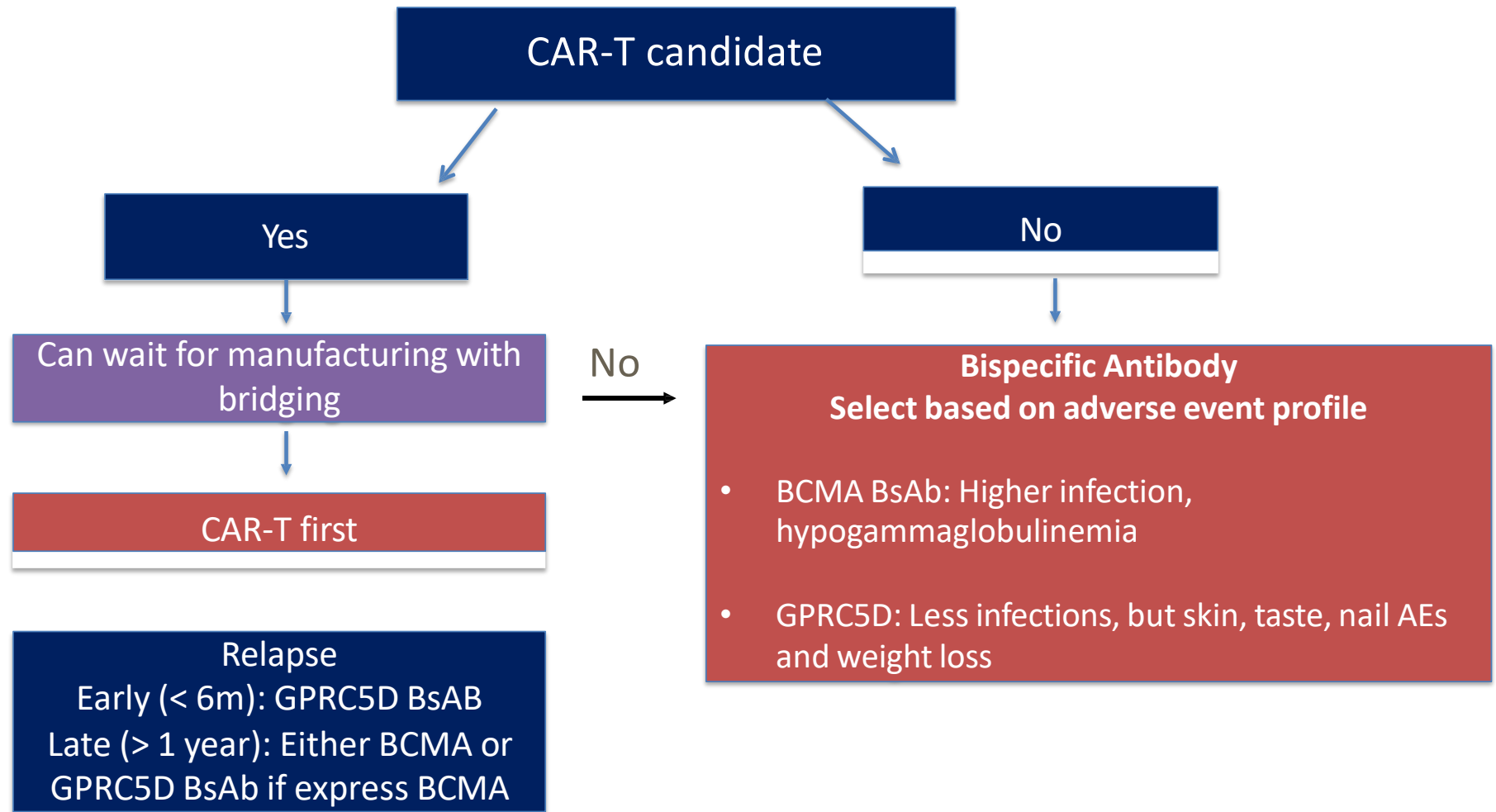
Bispecifics

- Search for high quality response/response duration
- **Enough fitness to follow anti-infection prophylaxis/treatment, in particular when BCMA is the target**
- Non recurrent pulmonary infections/underlying lung diseases for BCMA as a target
- Patients with rapidly progressing disease/EMD; CNS involvement?
- Space for totally out patient treatment

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Possible Sequencing Approach



Conclusions

- Treatment choice at relapse is becoming increasingly difficult due to the utilization of multi-drug regimens upfront.
- Anti-BCMA agents (CAR T-cells and TCE) in early lines will change the SoC for 2x-3x class RR patients; currently are becoming a SOC in later lines and proved safe and effective also in real-life setting. Guidelines for management are available
- Other targets may enlarge treatment opportunities
- Sequencing of different agents is still under investigation despite initial data are becoming available (in particular from US colleagues!)

