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Anti-CD38 monoclonal  
antibodies in ITP:  
current status

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Takeda			+			+	

# Where do we stand with available agents?

- We have 3 agents
  - Daratumumab
  - CM313
  - Mezagitimab
- Scientific evidence
  - Conducted 6 phase 1/2 clinical trials
  - Ongoing clinical trials: one phase 3 (mezagitimab)
  - Other ongoing trials: 6



# CD-38 - ubiquitous transmembrane glycoprotein

## Functional roles:

- **Enzymatic activity** → synthesizes and hydrolyses cyclic adenosine 5'-diphosphate-ribose (cADPR)
- **Inflammation and infection** → participates in cell adhesion and signaling
- **Immunoregulation** → influences activation, proliferation, cytokine secretion, and metabolic regulation of immune cells

## Normal expression

- **Immune cells**
  - Plasma cells → highly and uniformly expressed in plasmablasts, short- and long-lived plasma cells
  - B cells
  - T cells → activated T cell, Tregs, and some memory subsets
  - NK cells
  - Monocytes and neutrophils
  - Innate lymphoid cells
- **Other tissues:**
  - Erythrocytes and platelets
  - Non-hematopoietic tissues: epithelial cells, smooth muscle, pancreatic islets, brain (astrocytes), prostate, kidney, gut

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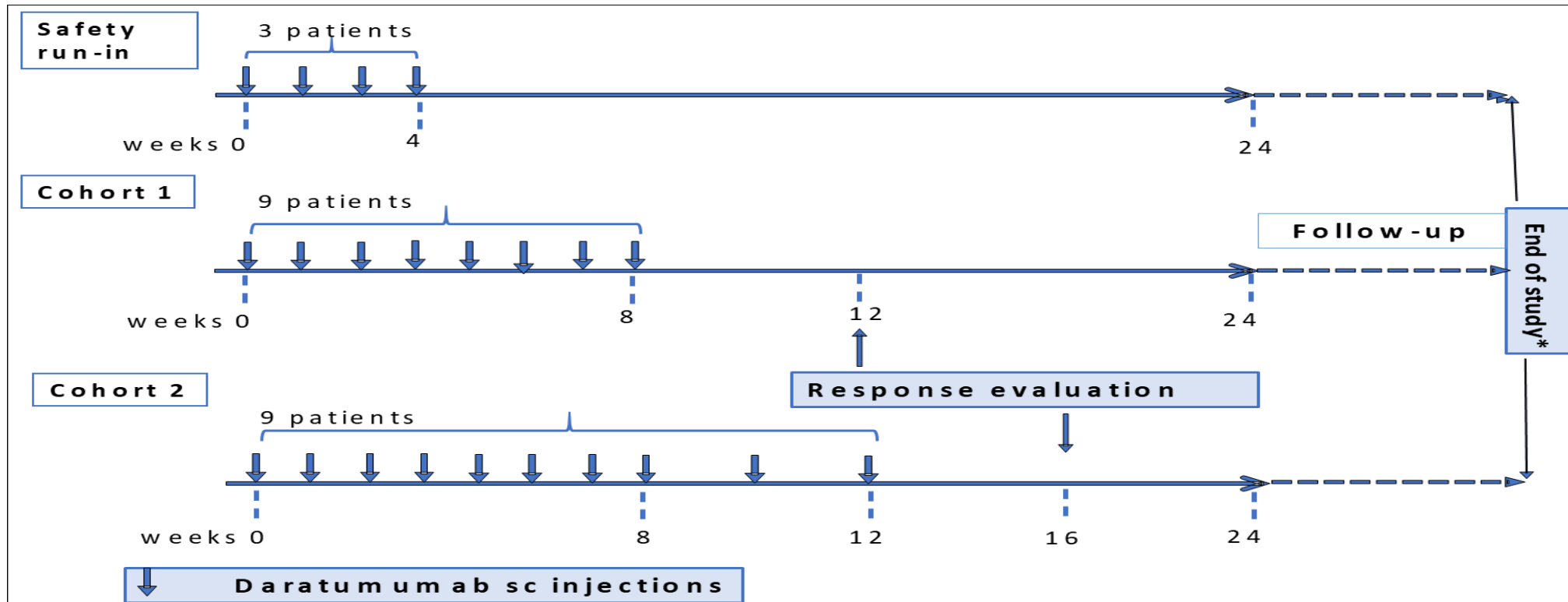
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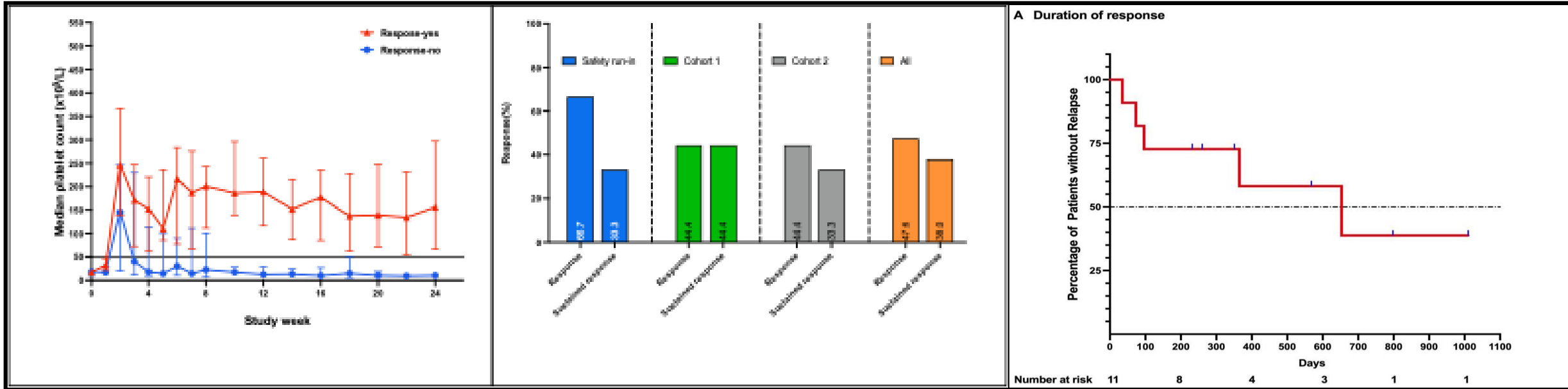
# Daratumumab

# DART STUDY – a phase trial to study the safety and efficacy of subcutaneous Daratumumab in adults with ITP



Primary endpoints: for safety was assessed as the number and severity of adverse events grade  $\geq 2$  during the study. for efficacy was defined as 2 consecutive platelet counts  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$  at week 12 for the safety run-in/Cohort 1, and at week 16 for Cohort 2

# Efficacy



## Response rates:

- **48%** at weeks 12/16
- **38%** at week 24
- **28%** at the end of the study

# Safety

## **Treatment- related adverse events (number of patients; %)**

- Infusion-related reactions:
  - grade 2: 2 (9.5%)
  - grade 3: 1 (4.7%)
- Injection site reactions: grade 1: 2 (9.5%)
- Infections: grade 1: 1( 4.5%); grade 2 -1 ( 4.7%)
- Diarrhoea: grade 2: 2 (9.5%)

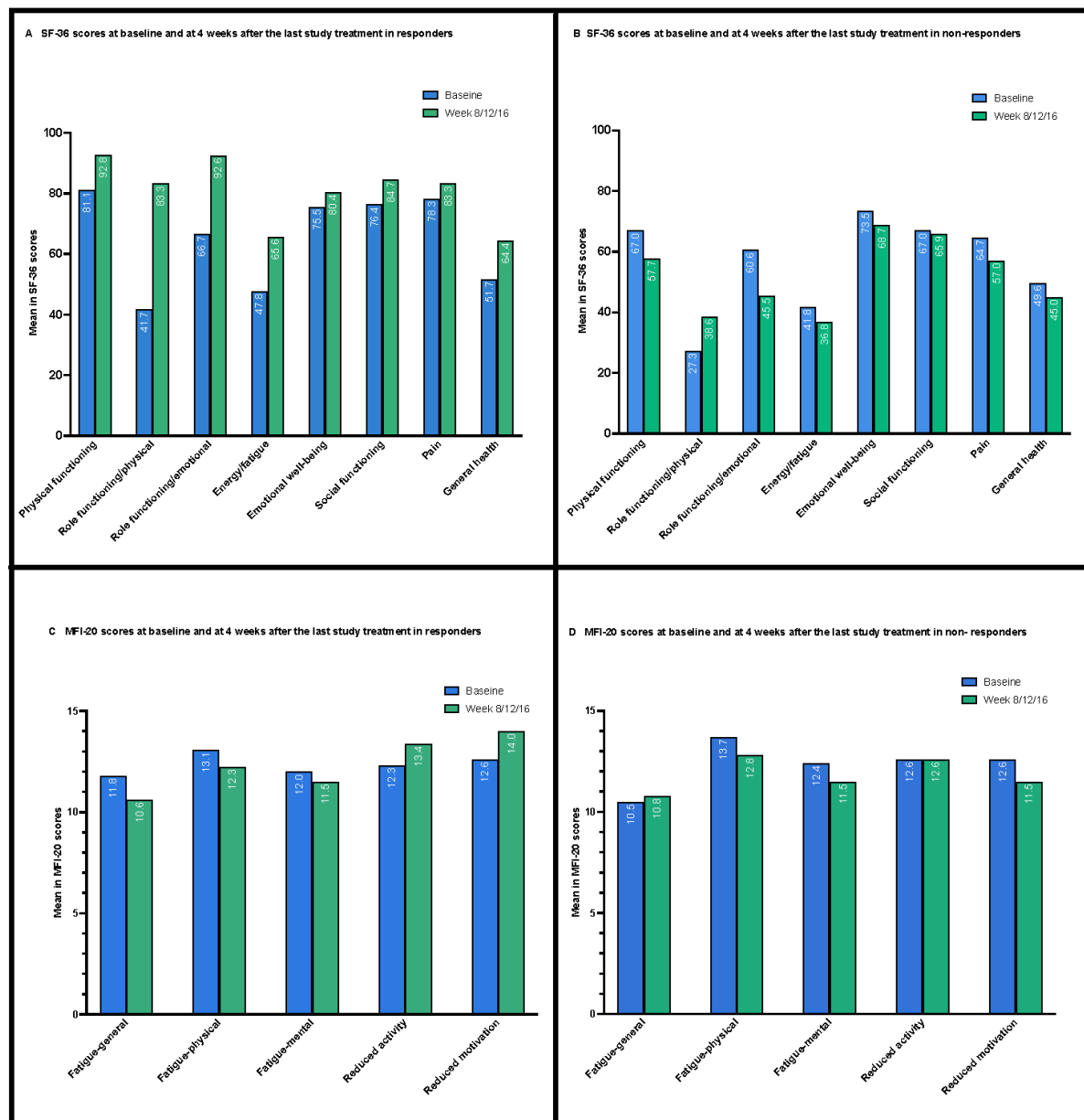
**Treatment - emergent adverse events:** infections, mostly viral (38%)

## **Serious adverse events:**

IRR grade 3

SARS-CoV-2 infection with acute renal failure, grade 3.

# PROs



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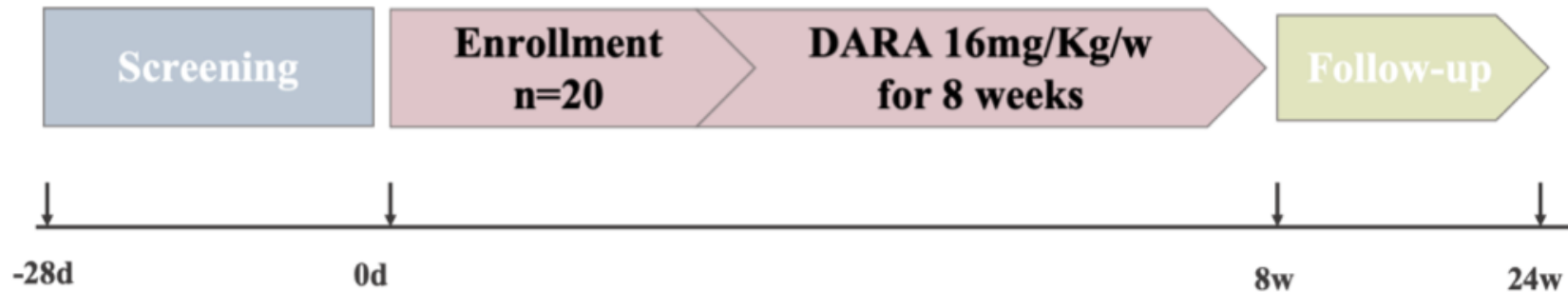


**Daratumumab in Relapsed or Refractory  
Pediatric Immune Thrombocytopenia**

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**Daratumumab in Relapsed or Refractory Pediatric Immune Thrombocytopenia**



- Inclusion criteria:
- Age 12-17 years
- Persistent or chronic ITP
- Platelet count  $<30 \times 10^9/L$  within 48 hours before the first study dose
- Previously failed 1st-line CS and had received and failed  $\geq$  guideline-specified 2nd-line treatment

**Efficacy endpoint:**

The proportion of subjects who achieved  $\geq 2$  consecutive platelets counts  $>50 \times 10^9/L$  without rescue therapy or dose escalation of concomitant treatments within 8 weeks after the first dose.

**Safety**

- **Efficacy:**

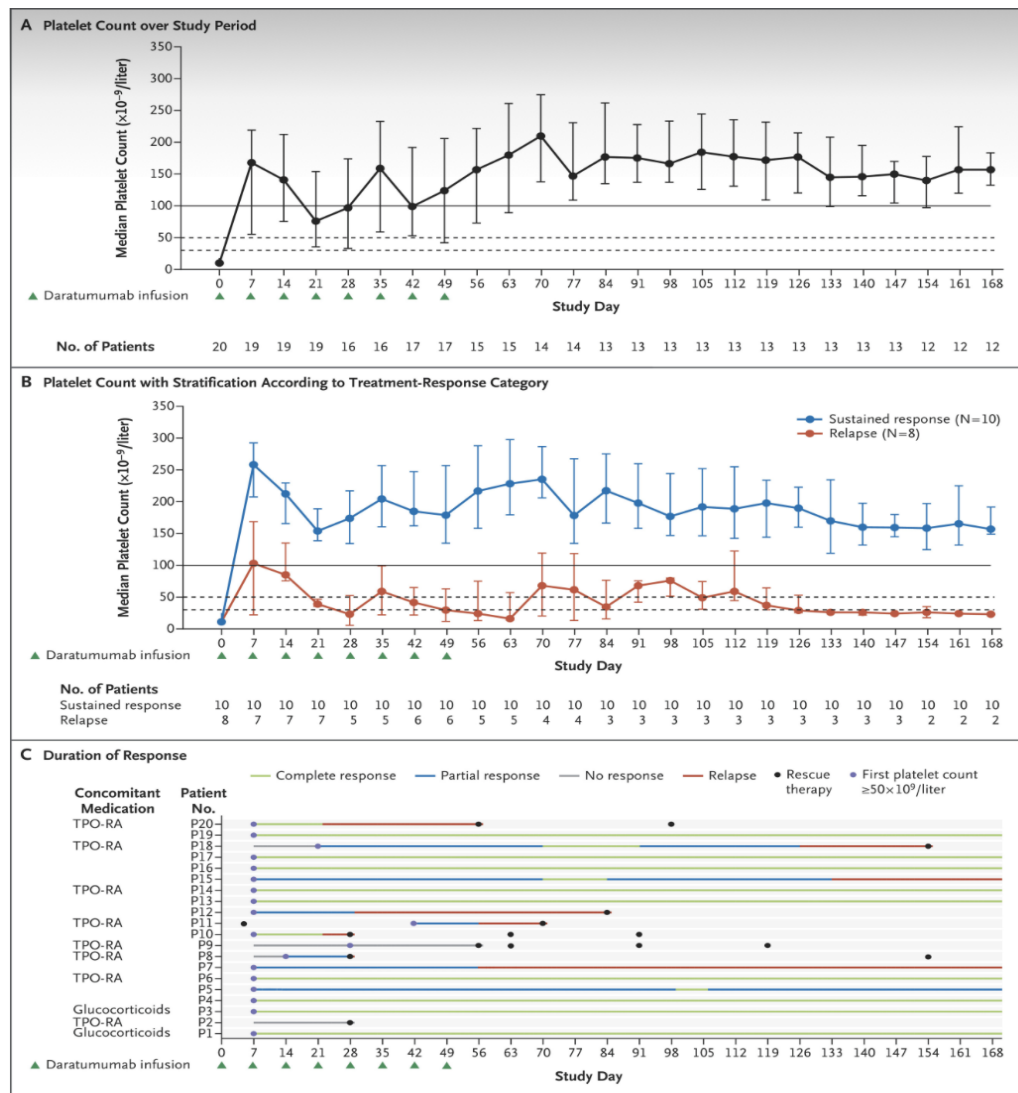
- Response during first 8 weeks was achieved in 18/20 (**90%**)

- Overall response

- **60%** at week 8
- **60%** at week 12
- **50%** at week 24

- **Safety:**

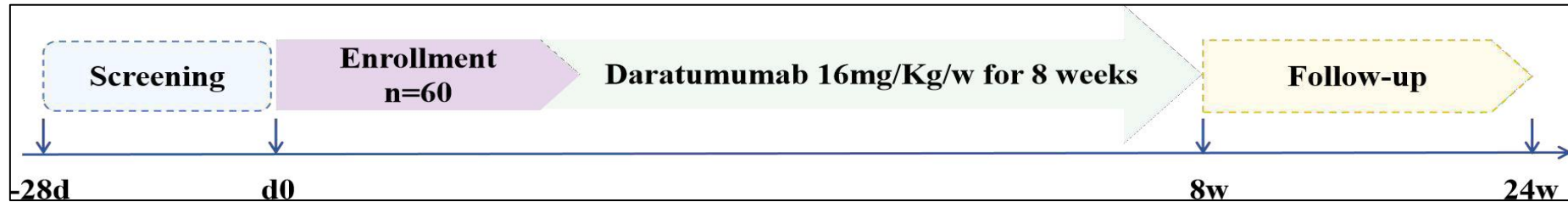
- Infusion-related reactions in 35%
- Upper respiratory tract infections in 30%



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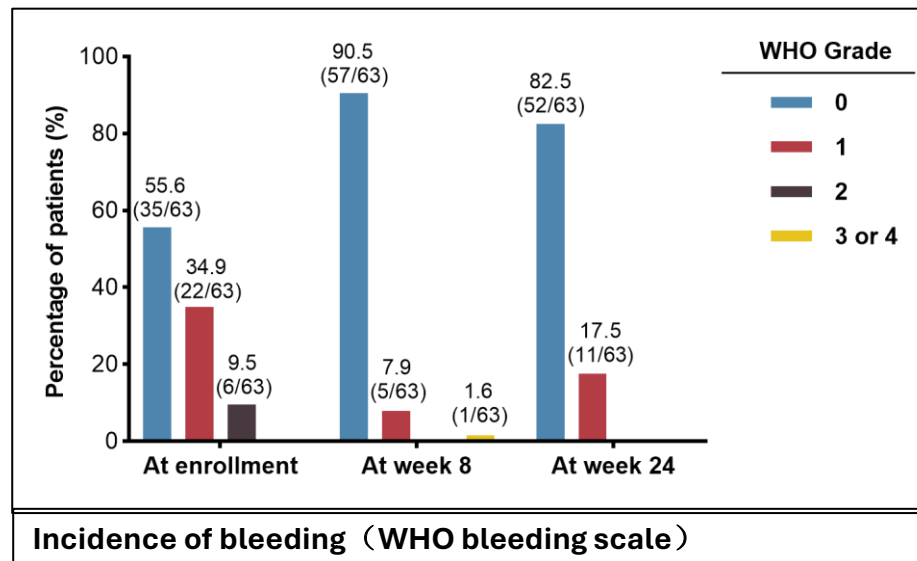
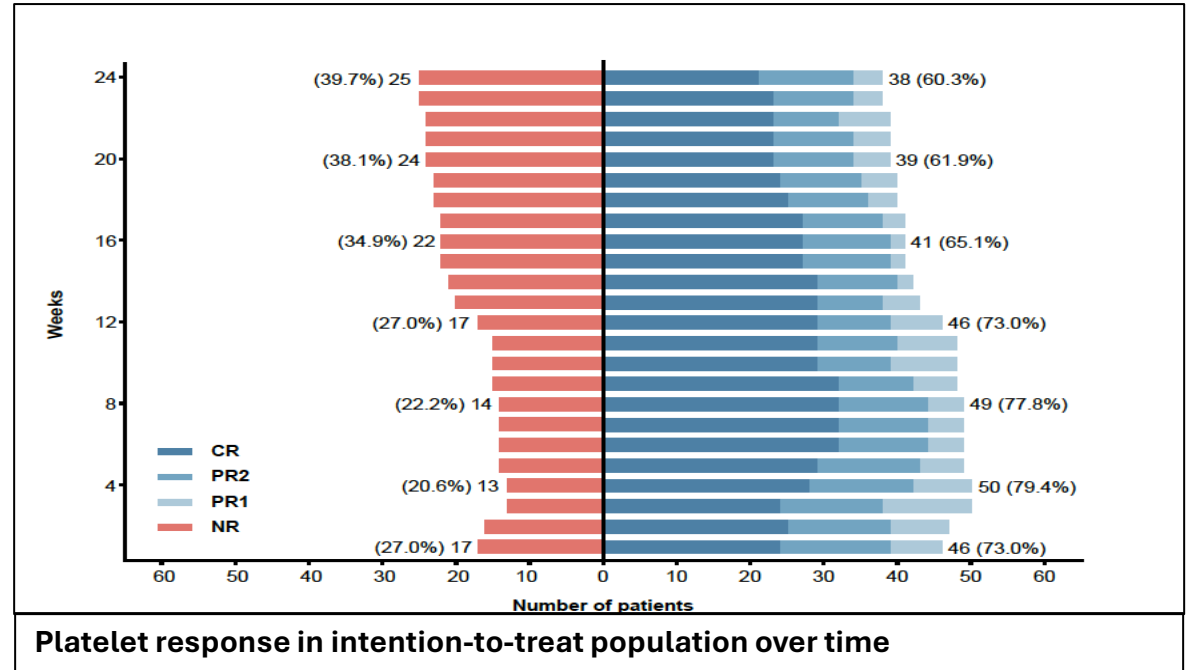
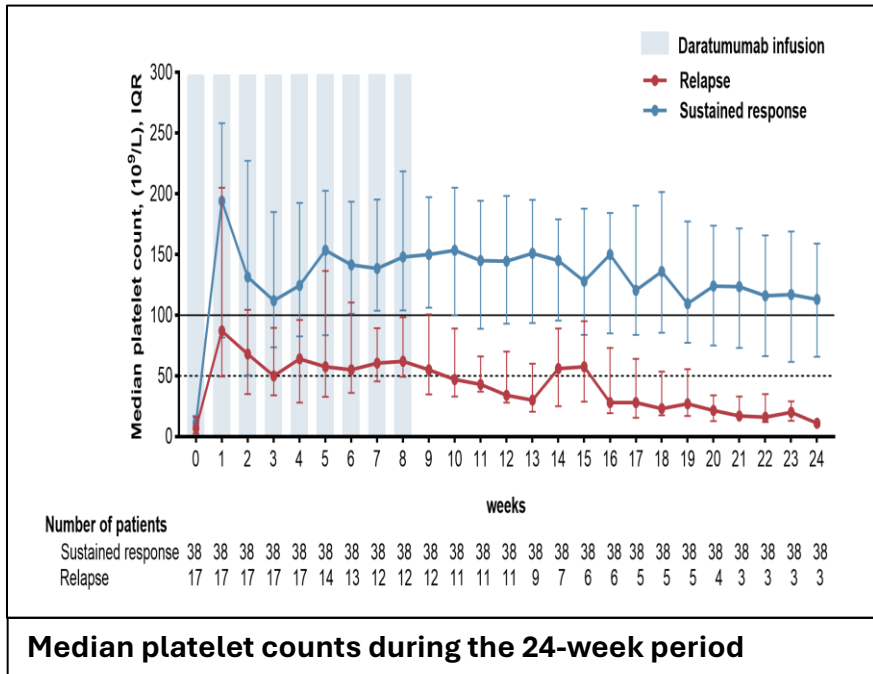
## Daratumumab in patients with immune thrombocytopenia: a single-center, open-label, phase 2 trial

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- N=63 (median age 33yr)
- Primary endpoint  $\geq 2$  consecutive platelet counts of  $\geq 50 \times 10^9 /L$  within 8 weeks
- Methylprednisolone 100 mg was given prior to the 1st and 2nd infusions, followed by 60 mg prior to each subsequent infusion + 20 mg/day on the first 2 days following first 2 infusions

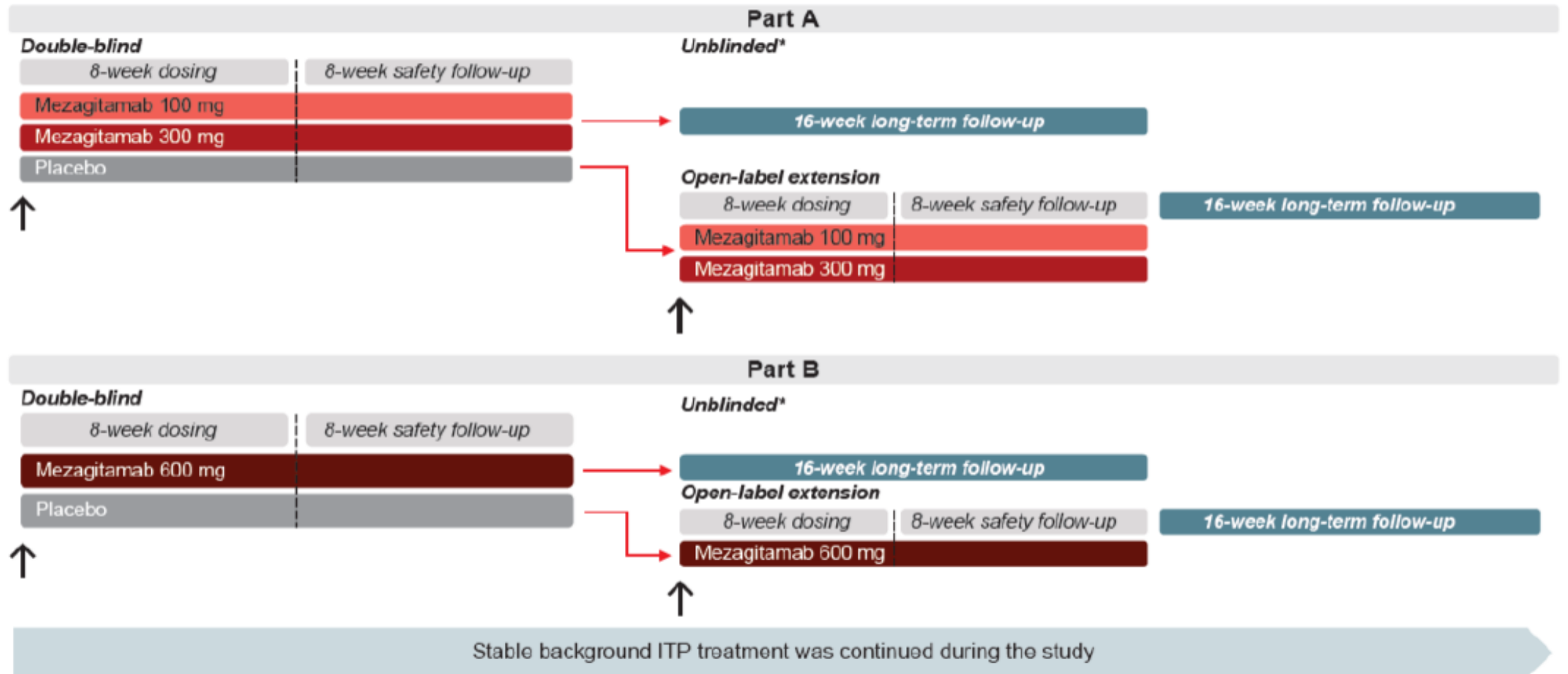
# The primary efficacy endpoint was achieved in 52 (83%) patients



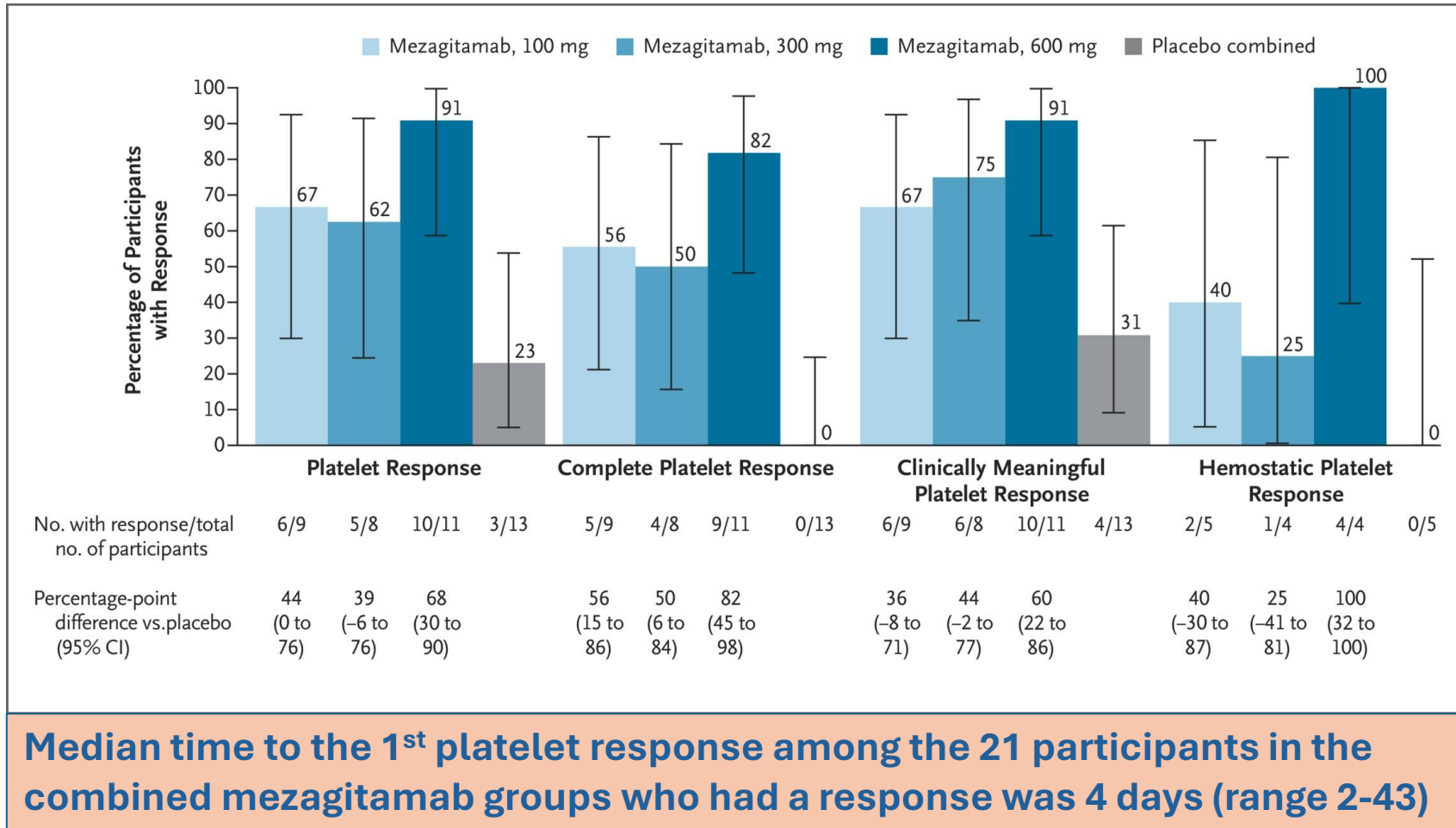
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# Mezagitimab

## A Phase 2 Randomized Trial of Mezagitamab in Primary Immune Thrombocytopenia



# Platelet Responses at Week 16

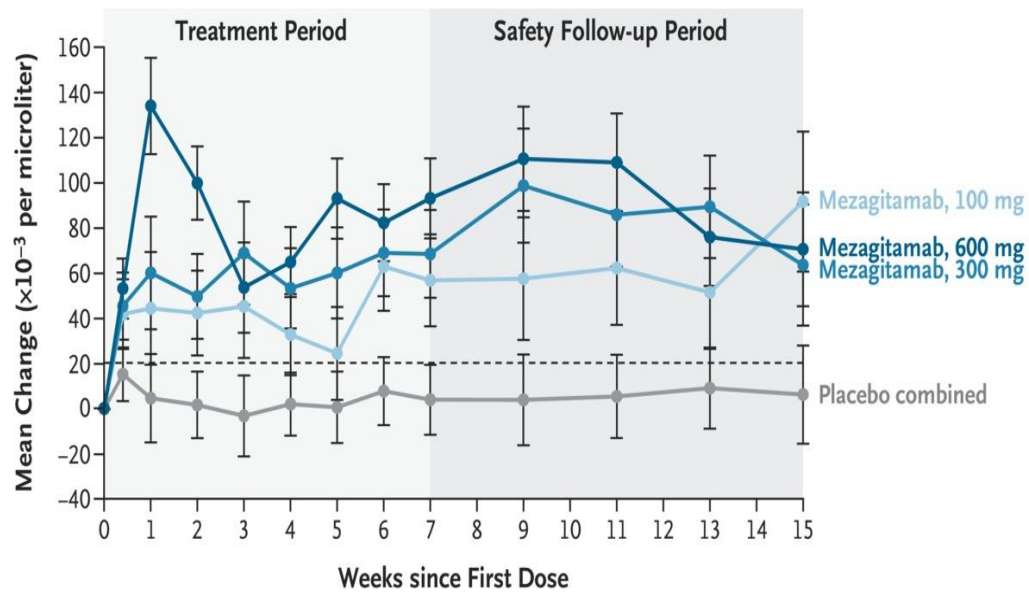


**Median time to the 1<sup>st</sup> platelet response among the 21 participants in the combined mezagitamab groups who had a response was 4 days (range 2-43)**

Platelet response was defined as on at least two visits at any time through week 16: a platelet count of  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$  and  $\geq 20 \times 10^9/L$  above the baseline value/ complete platelet response defined by a platelet count of  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/L$  / a clinically meaningful platelet response defined by a platelet count of  $\geq 20 \times 10^9/L$  above the baseline value/ and a hemostatic platelet response defined by a platelet count of  $\geq 30$  and  $\geq 20 \times 10^9/L$  above the baseline value, with a baseline platelet count of  $< 15 \times 10^9/L$ .

# Change from Baseline in Platelet Count and Duration of Platelet Response through Week 16

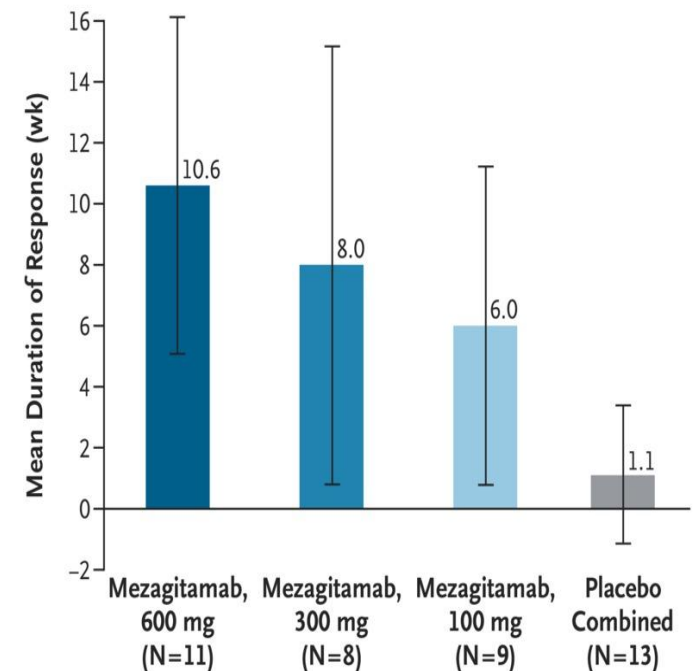
**A** Change from Baseline in Platelet Count



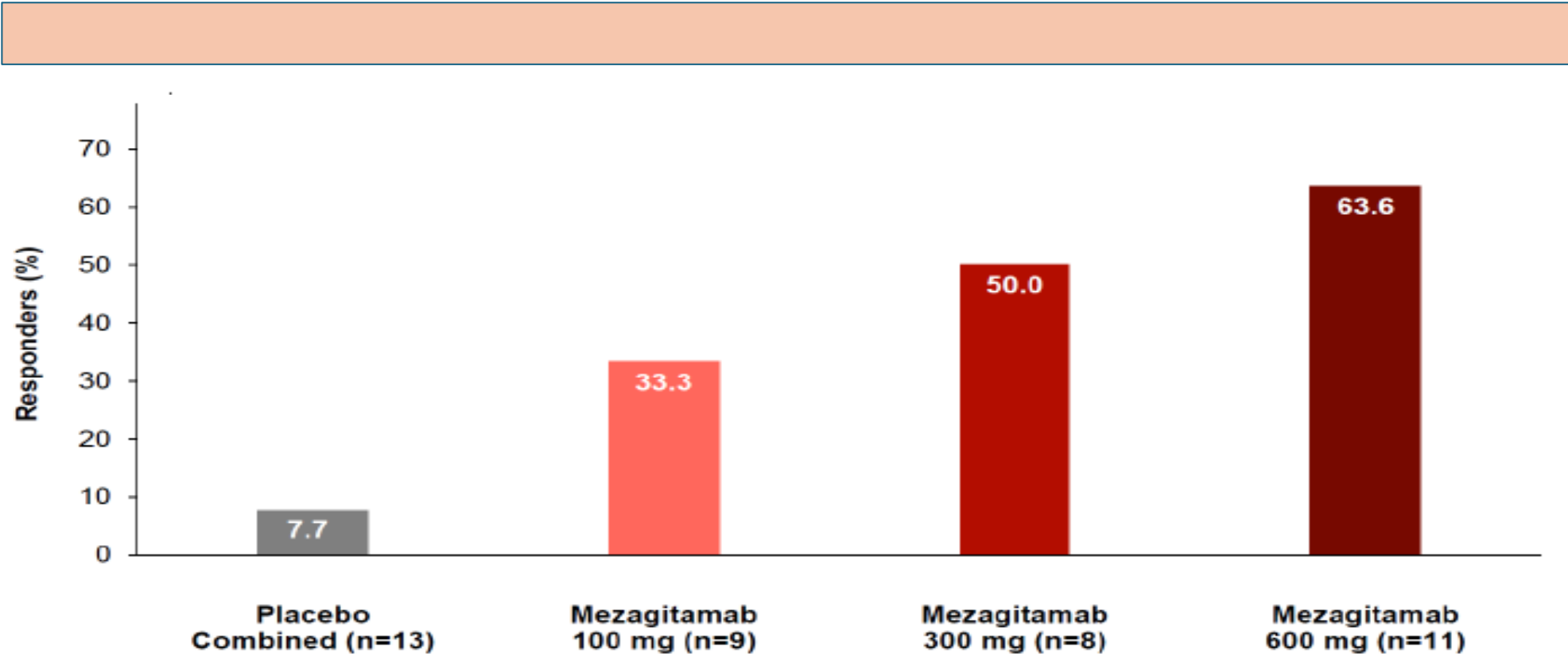
**No. of Participants**

Mezagitamab, 600 mg	10	11	9	10	10	8	9	9	9	9	8	9
Mezagitamab, 300 mg	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Mezagitamab, 100 mg	7	8	8	8	7	6	7	7	5	5	5	5
Placebo combined	12	13	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	11

**B** Duration of Platelet Response through Week 16



# Durable platelet response at week 24



Durable platelet response: participants achieving platelet counts  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$  for  $\geq 4$  of the last 6 visits between Weeks 10 and 24 of the main study period for the mezagitamab groups and for  $\geq 2$  of the last 3 visits between Weeks 12 and 16 for the placebo group

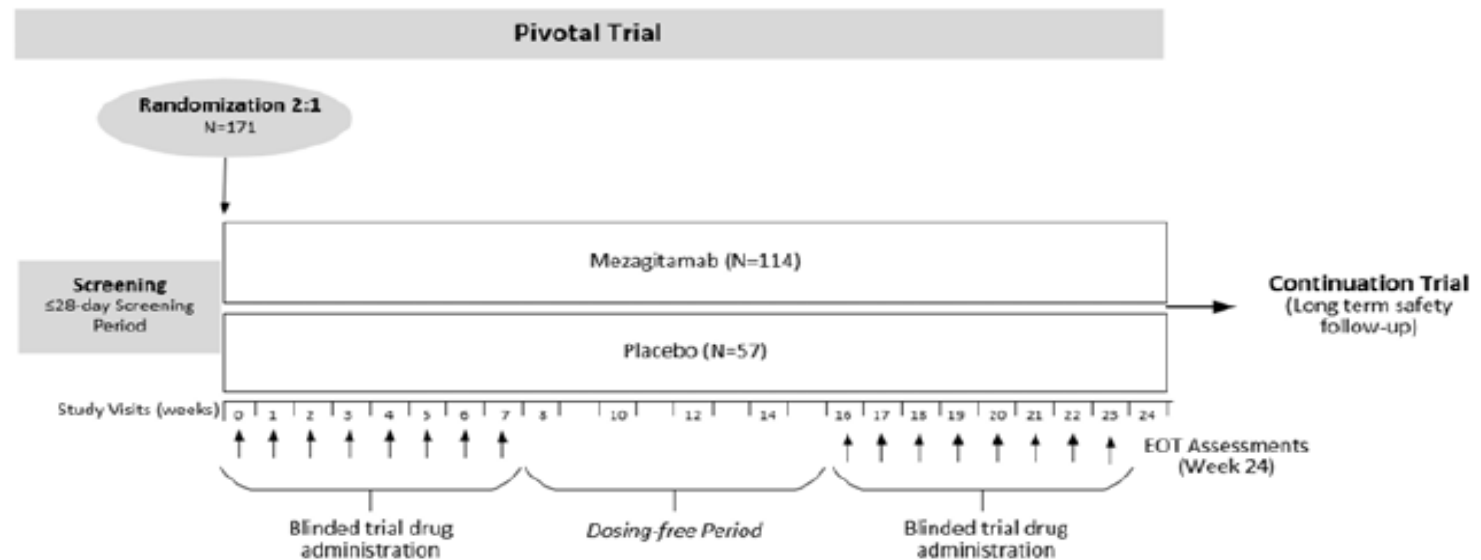
# Ongoing phase 3 trial

## Phase 3 ITP Pivotal Study: Powered to Provide a Highly Statistically Persuasive Result



**Population:** Chronic ITP patients with insufficient response or intolerance to at least 2 prior ITP treatments

**Primary Endpoint:** Durable platelet response over Weeks 19 – 24



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# CM313

## A Novel Anti-CD38 Monoclonal Antibody for Treating Immune Thrombocytopenia

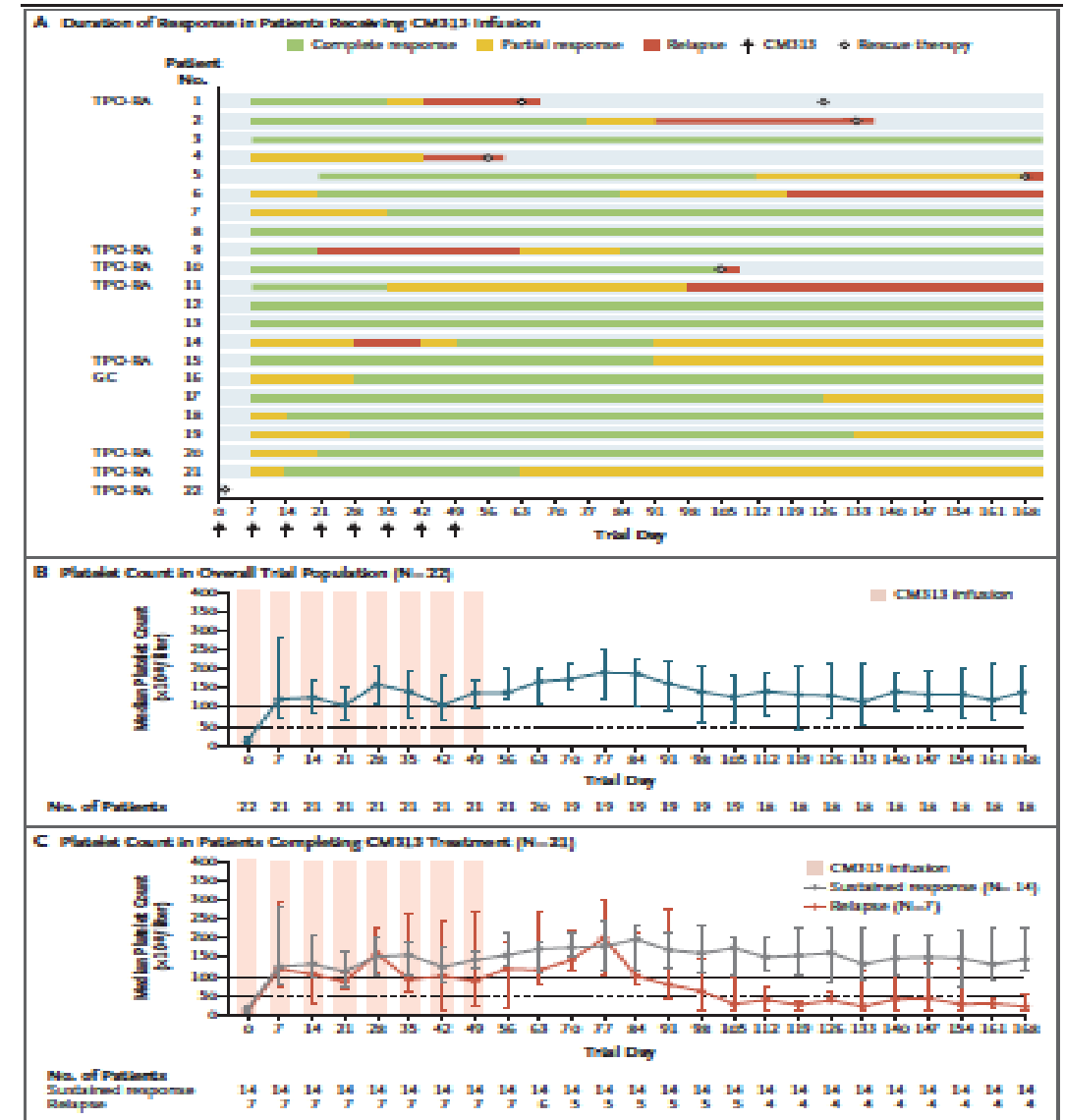
- **Phase 1–2, study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of CM313 in adults with ITP.**
- CM313 administered IV at a dose of 16 mg /kg weekly for 8 weeks, followed by a 16- week follow-up period.

### **Primary outcomes:**

- **Safety** and side effects profile
- **Efficacy:**  $\geq 2$  consecutive platelet counts (separated by  $\geq 1$  day) of at least  $50 \times 10^9 /L$  within 8 weeks after receiving the 1st CM313 dose.

# Results

- **95%** had 2 consecutive platelet counts  $>50 \times 10^9$  during the treatment period
- **Median time to 1st plt  $\geq 50 \times 10^9 = 1$  week (1-3)**
- **Overall response:**
  - **82%** (n=18) at week 8
  - **86%** (n=19) at week 12
  - **64%** (n=14) at week 24
- **Most common AE**
  - infusion-related reaction in 32%
  - upper respiratory tract infection (32%).



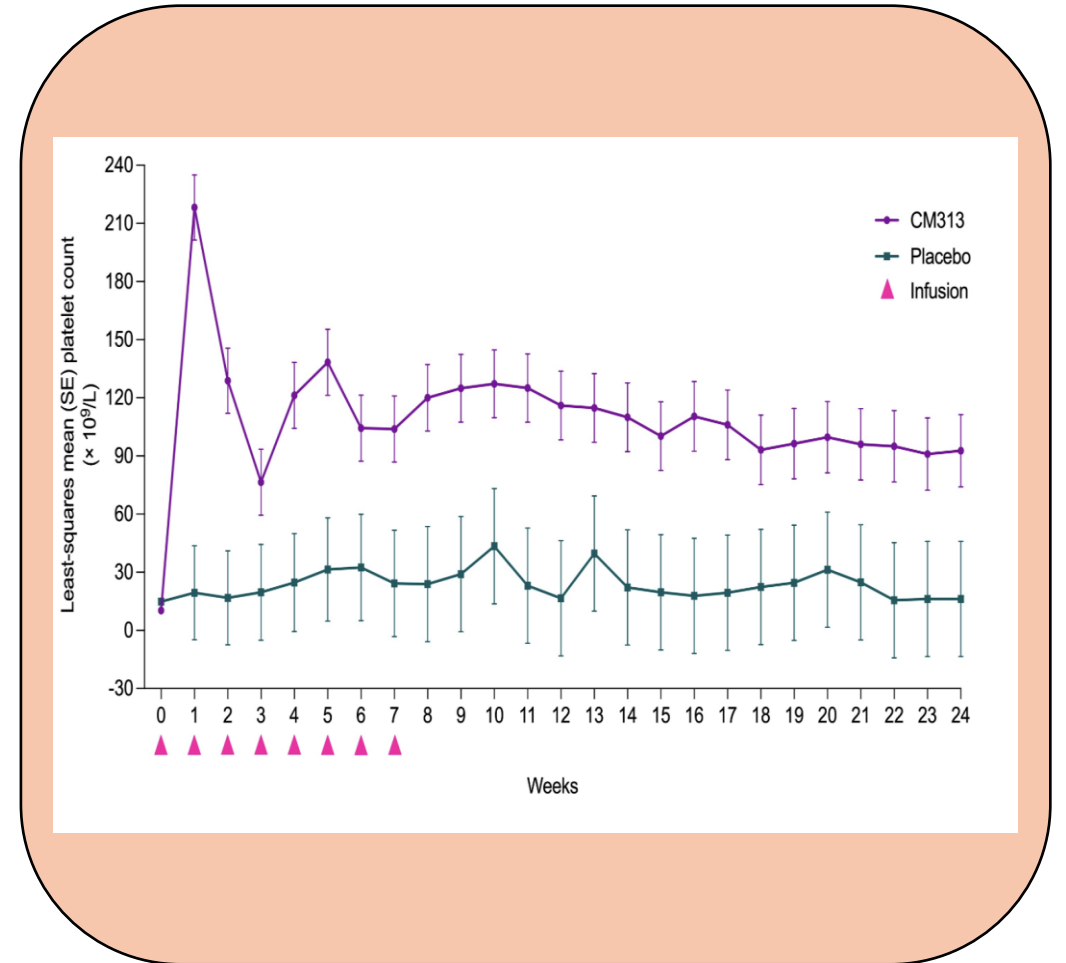
# A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, and Multi-center Clinical Study of CM313 in the Treatment of ITP (NCT06199089)

- Multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2
- Persistent /chronic primary ITP
- Failed or relapsed after CS
- Previously responded to standard first-line therapy (CS or/and IVIG)

- **Randomization: 2:1 to CM313 (n=30) or placebo (n=15)**
- Standard premedication (CS, antihistamins acetaminophen)
- **CM313 group:**
  - 30 included
  - 1 discontinued due to AE
  - 29 completed treatment
  - 30 included in statistical analysis
- **Placebo group:**
  - 15 completed treatment and included in statistical analysis

# Results

- **Improvement in platelet counts**
  - Overall response at week 8 = **83% vs 20%**
  - Median time to  $\text{plt} \geq 50 \times 10^9/\text{L}$  in CM313 group = 1 week
  - Median cumulative duration of  $\text{plt} \geq 50 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ : 18 weeks vs 3 weeks
- **Improvement in bleeding from baseline to w24:**
  - CM313 : decreased from 37% to 13%
  - Placebo: increased from 27% to 33%
- **Safety:**
  - TEA occurred in 83% of participants in the CM313 group vs 80% in the placebo
  - The most commonly reported events were infusion-related reactions and petechiae, with no unexpected safety signals observed.



# The biological changes associated with anti CD38

*Are we close to finding a biomarker?*



**Paul Cezanne**  
**Nature morte à la bouilloire**

# It does not seem to be an association between response to antiCD38 and the presence /absence of anti-platelet GP antibodies neither at baseline nor after treatment

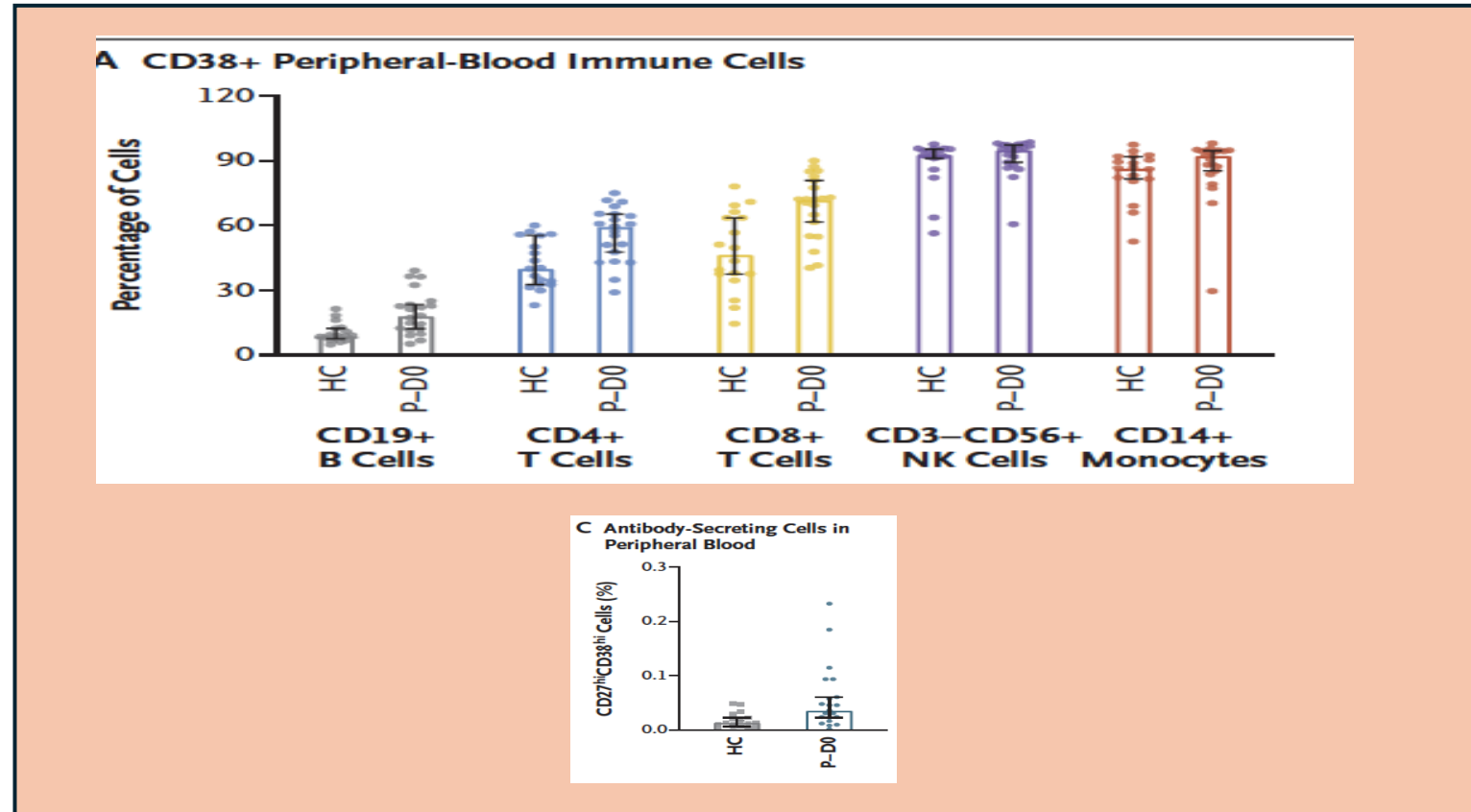
## CM313

- 67% of the patients who were positive for Ib/IX antibodies had a relapse
- 29% of the patients who were negative for Ib/IX but positive for anti-GP IIb/IIIa also had a relapse

## Daratumumab

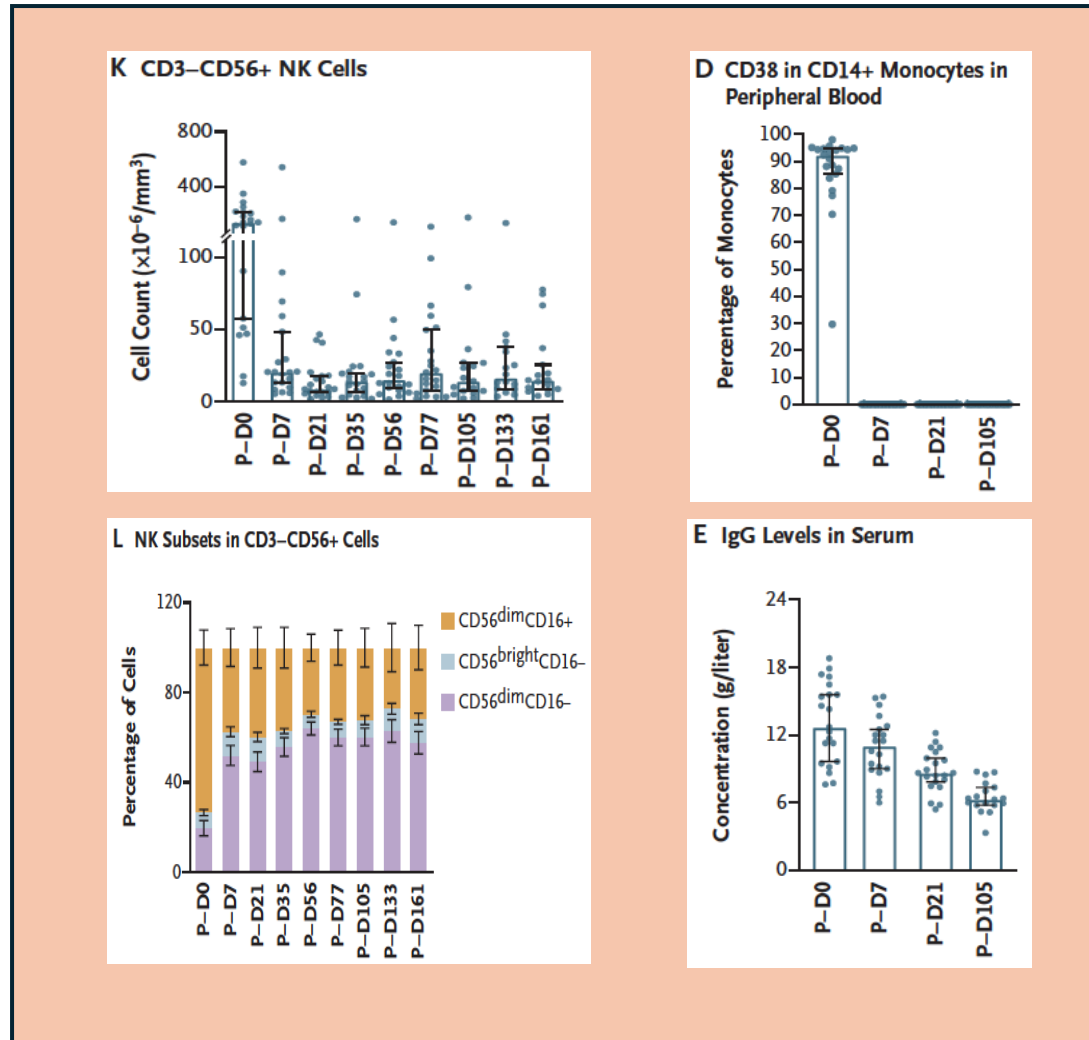
- Platelet autoantibodies were detectable in 38% patients tested at baseline
- 43% of the responders, and 44% of the non-responders had anti platelet antibodies measured by direct MAIPA

# CD38 expressing cells in ITP compared to healthy controls (HC)

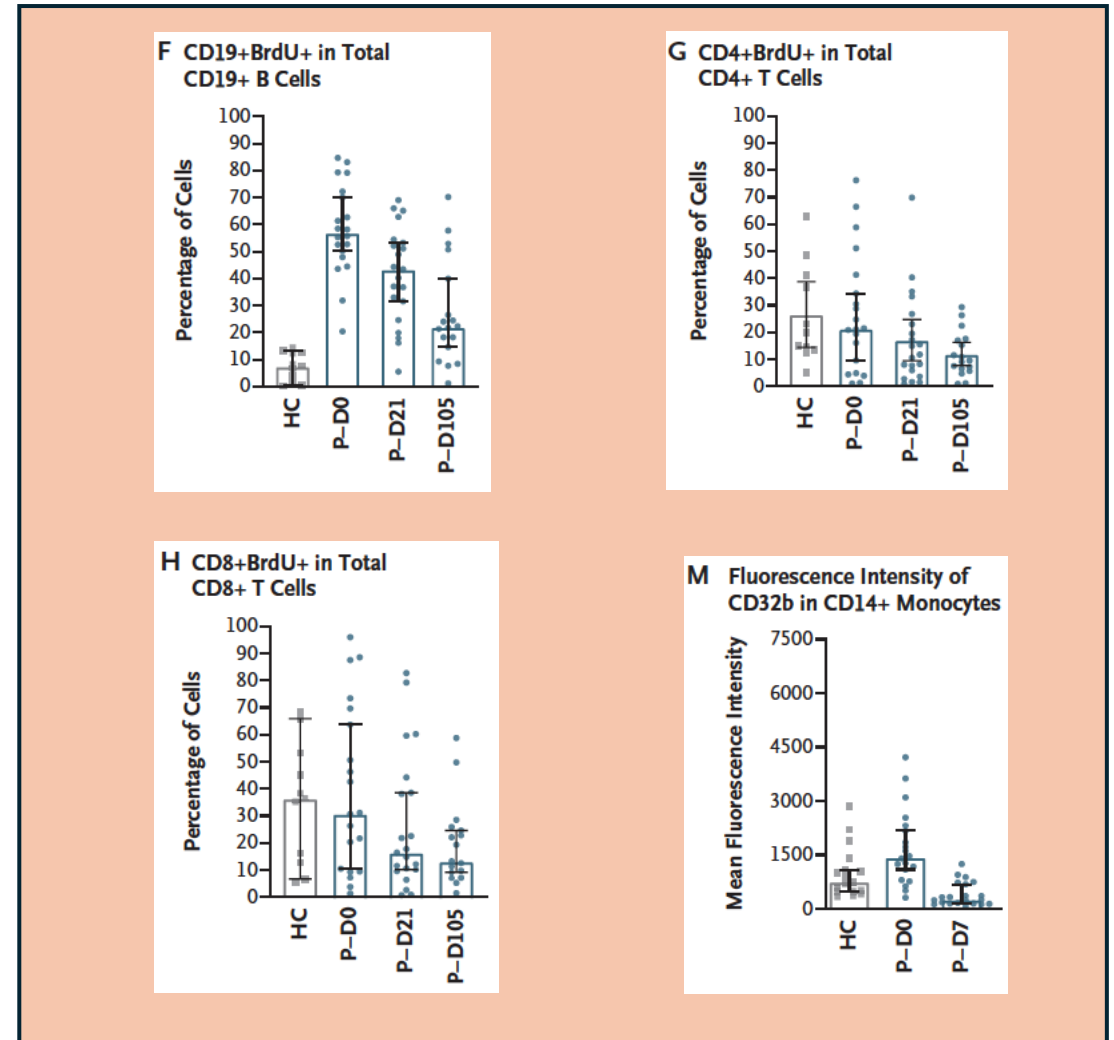


Before treatment with CM313, patients had substantially higher CD38 expression on various immune cells (T- lymphocytes, B lymphocytes, monocytes, and NK cells), along with a higher percentage of antibody-secreting cells in peripheral blood, than healthy controls

# CD38 expressing cells decreased after treatment with CM313

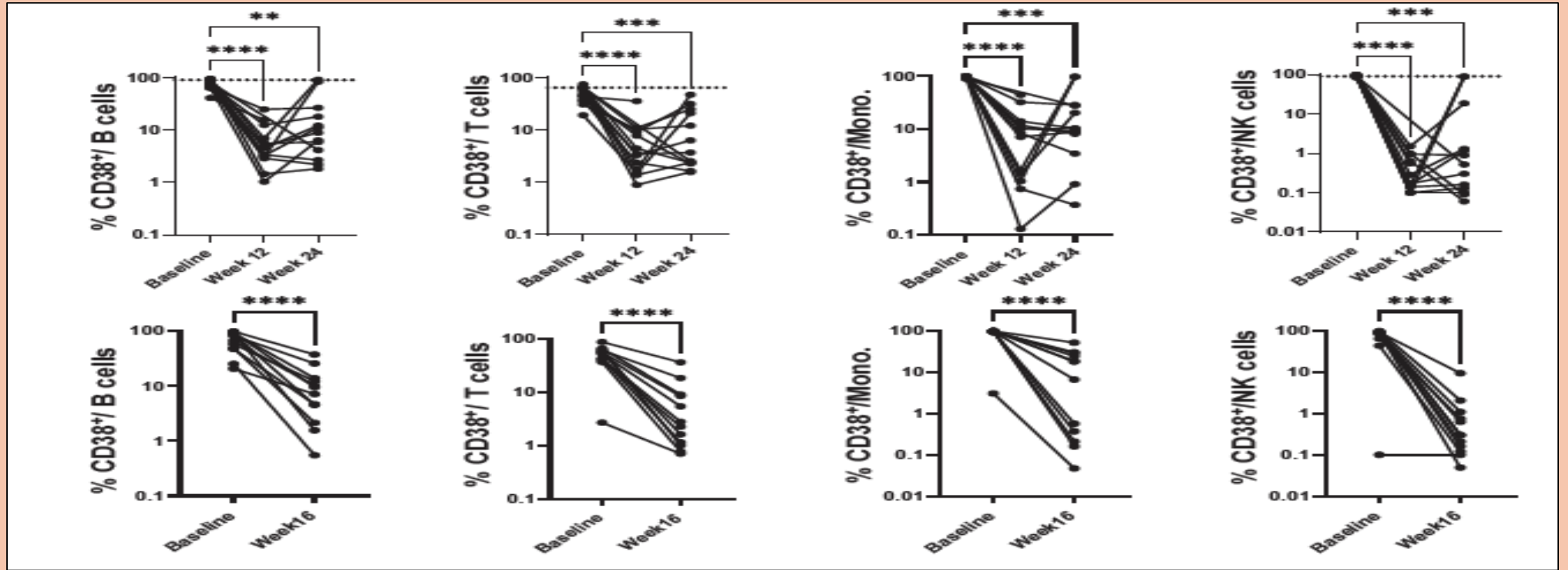


After treatment the surface expression of CD38 on immune cells decreased markedly



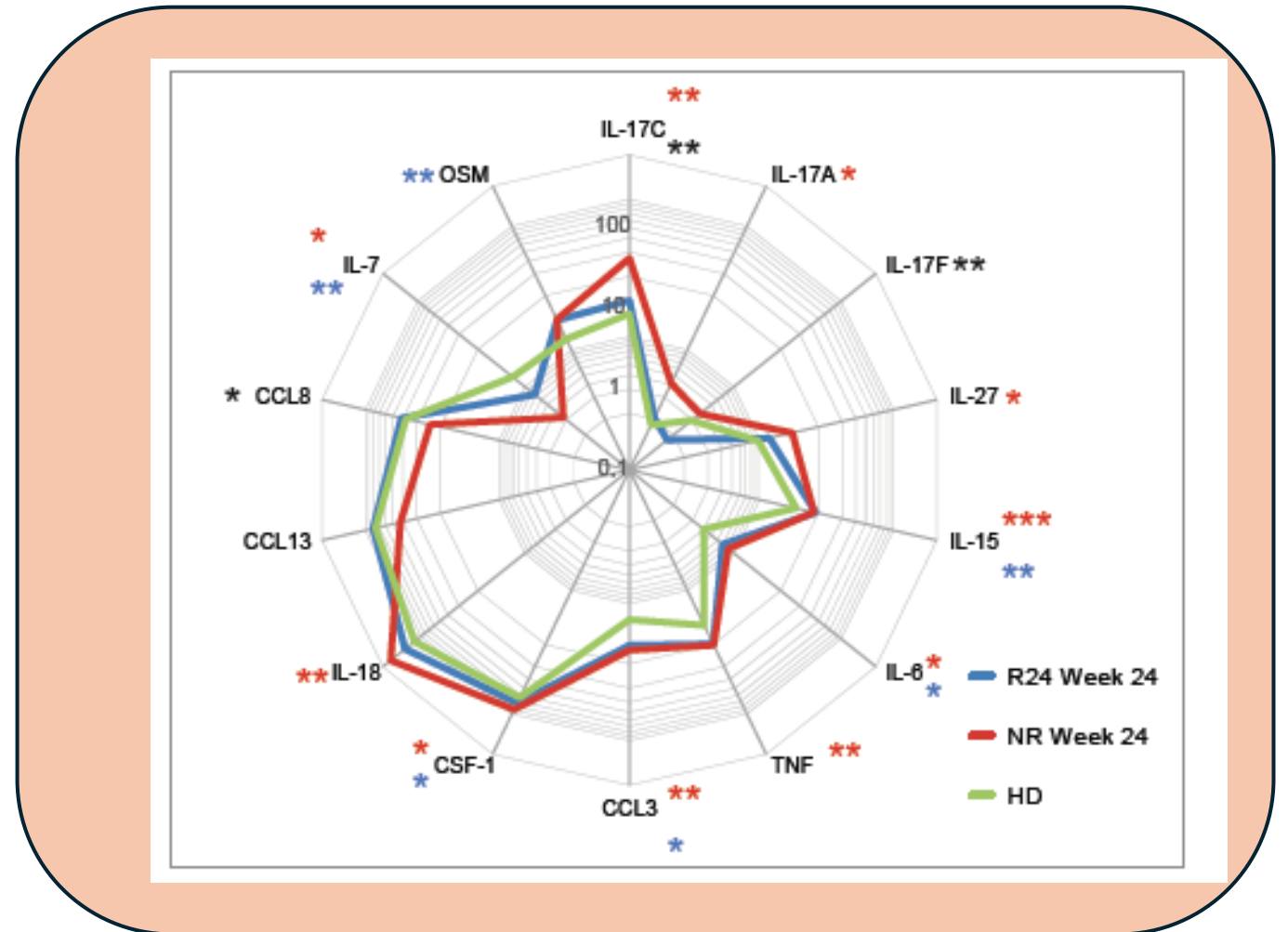
The expression of CD32b (an inhibitory Fc $\gamma$  Receptor) on the remaining monocytes was substantially lower after the first treatment than before treatment

# Depletion and re-emergence of CD38+ cells after treatment with daratumumab



# Daratumumab non-responders demonstrated a pro-inflammatory environment characterized by elevated Th17 cytokines

- NR patients exhibited a pronounced pro-inflammatory signature (IL-6, IL-18, TNF, IL-27, IL-15, and CSF-1, and Th17-related cytokines).
- IL-17F and IL-17C distinguished NR from R24 at baseline

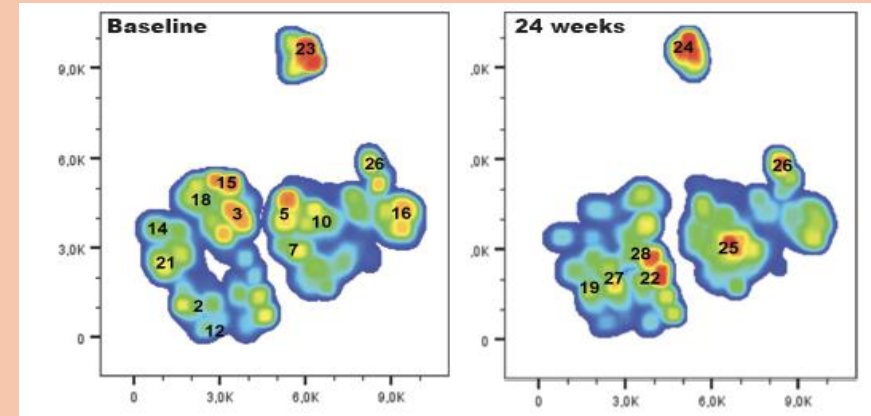


From the DART study - unpublished

# A specific B-cell signatures suggest the persistence of auto-reactive memory B cells in non-responders

- Cluster 24, defined by high CD10 and CD24 expression with low CD20 and CD21 levels, corresponded to immature B cells was present at baseline in NR
- The lack of CD38 expression in cluster 24 may render them resistant to daratumumab

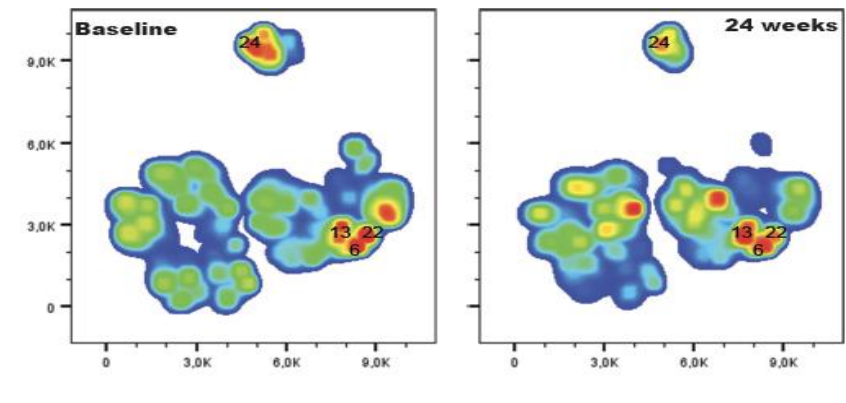
## Responders



- Clusters 6, 13, and 22, which were enriched in NR
- Expression of CD27, CD138, and IgG in these clusters suggests a memory antibody-secreting cell phenotype

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## Non-responders



# Summary of anti-CD38

- Effective and well tolerated.
- Rapid response
- Response rates during treatment or following the last injection ranges between 60-95%.
- Long-term response remains unknown.
- Optimal number of infusions need to be explored.
- Several biological changes have been identified.
- We might be close to identifying a biomarker!



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