

# MIELOMA

# Multiple Myeloma

Clonal proliferation of malignant plasma cells.

- excess bone marrow plasma cells
- monoclonal protein
- osteolytic bone lesions
- renal disease
- anemia
- immunodeficiency

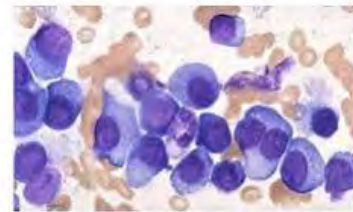
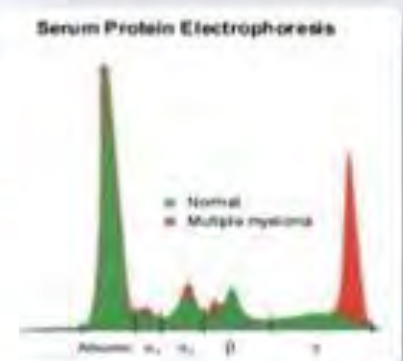


Image 1: Multiple myeloma plasma cells with classic "fried egg" appearance.



## "Punched Out" Lesions



Worldwide ~1% of all new cancer cases.

# Diagnostic Criteria for Myeloma

	Monoclonal Gammopathy of uncertain significance (MGUS)	Smouldering Multiple Myeloma (SMM)	Multiple Myeloma
Monoclonal component	< 3 g/dL serum AND	≥ 3 g/dL serum AND/OR	Present (serum/urine) AND
Bone Marrow Plasma Cells (%)	< 10% AND	10-60% AND	> 10% <sup>b</sup> AND
Mieloma-defining event	Absent	Absent	Present

# Revised IMWG diagnostic criteria

*Panel: Revised International Myeloma Working Group diagnostic criteria for multiple myeloma and smouldering multiple myeloma*

## Definition of multiple myeloma

Clonal bone marrow plasma cells  $\geq 10\%$  or biopsy-proven bony or extramedullary plasmacytoma\* and any one or more of the following myeloma defining events:

- Myeloma defining events:
  - Evidence of end organ damage that can be attributed to the underlying plasma cell proliferative disorder, specifically:
    - Hypercalcaemia: serum calcium  $>0.25$  mmol/L ( $>1$  mg/dL) higher than the upper limit of normal or  $>2.75$  mmol/L ( $>11$  mg/dL)
    - Renal insufficiency: creatinine clearance  $<40$  mL per min† or serum creatinine  $>177$   $\mu$ mol/L ( $>2$  mg/dL)
    - Anaemia: haemoglobin value of  $>20$  g/L below the lower limit of normal, or a haemoglobin value  $<100$  g/L
    - Bone lesions: one or more osteolytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET-CT‡
  - Any one or more of the following biomarkers of malignancy:
    - Clonal bone marrow plasma cell percentage\*  $\geq 60\%$
    - Involved:uninvolved serum free light chain ratio§  $\geq 100$
    - $>1$  focal lesions on MRI studies¶

## Definition of smouldering multiple myeloma

Both criteria must be met:

- Serum monoclonal protein (IgG or IgA)  $\geq 30$  g/L or urinary monoclonal protein  $\geq 500$  mg per 24 h and/or clonal bone marrow plasma cells 10–60%
- Absence of myeloma defining events or amyloidosis

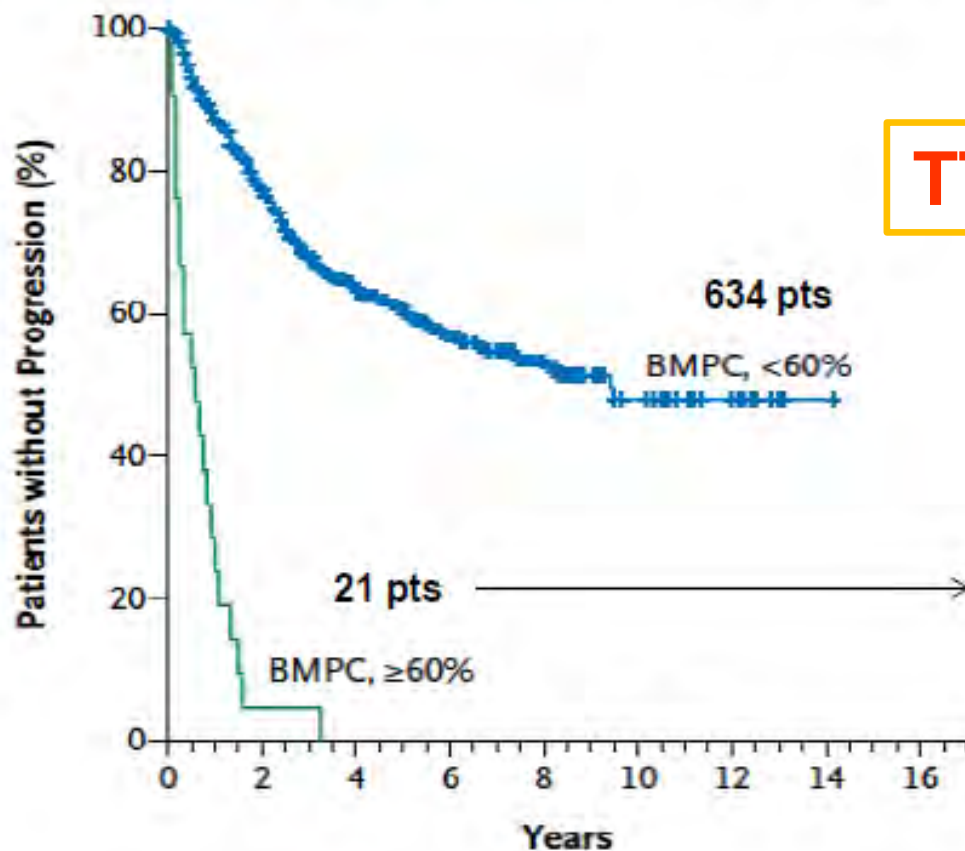
LLN, lower limit of normal; PET-CT= $^{18}$ F-fluorodeoxyglucose PET with CT; ULN, upper limit of normal.

\*Clonality should be established by showing  $\kappa/\lambda$ -light-chain restriction on flow cytometry, immunohistochemistry, or immunofluorescence. Bone marrow plasma cell percentage should preferably be estimated from a core biopsy specimen; in case of a disparity between the aspirate and core biopsy, the highest value should be used. †Measured or estimated by validated equations. ‡If bone marrow has less than 10% clonal plasma cells, more than one bone lesion is required to distinguish from solitary plasmacytoma with minimal marrow involvement. §These values are based on the serum FreeLite assay (The Binding Site Group, Birmingham, UK). The involved free light chain must be  $\geq 100$  mg/L. ¶Each focal lesion must be 5 mm or more in size.

# Bone Marrow Plasma Cell

Clonal bone marrow PC  $\geq 60\%$

Biomarker validated in two independent series <sup>1,2</sup>



**TTP within 2 years: 90%**

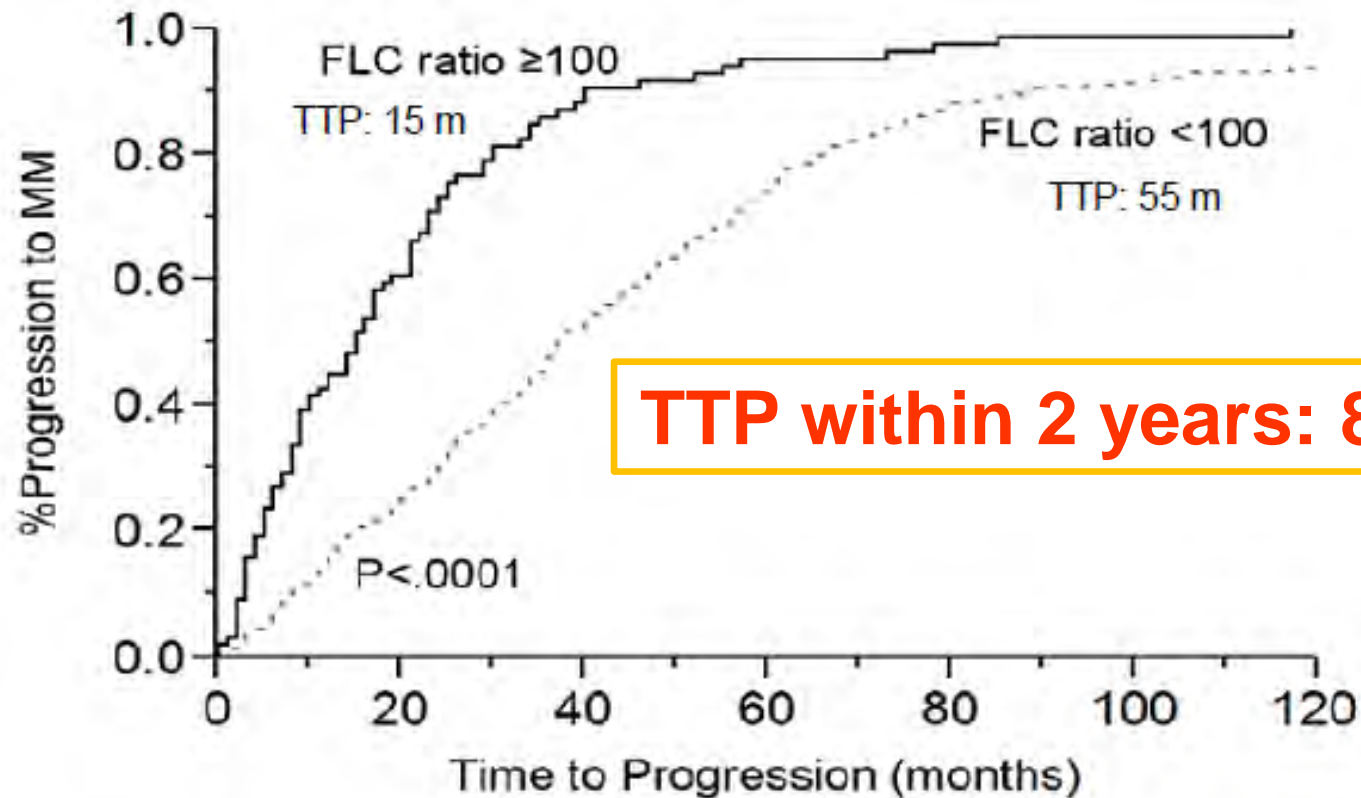
“In these patients (3.2%), median TTP was 7m and 95% of them progressed to symptomatic MM within 2y” <sup>1</sup>

1. Rajkumar et al. N Engl J Med 2011; 365:474-475
2. Kastritis et al. Leukemia 2013;27(4):947-53

# FLC ratio and risk of progression to MM

Involvement/uninvolved serum FLC ratio  $\geq 100$  (and involved FLC level must be  $\geq 100$  mg/l)

Biomarker validated in three independent series<sup>1-3</sup>



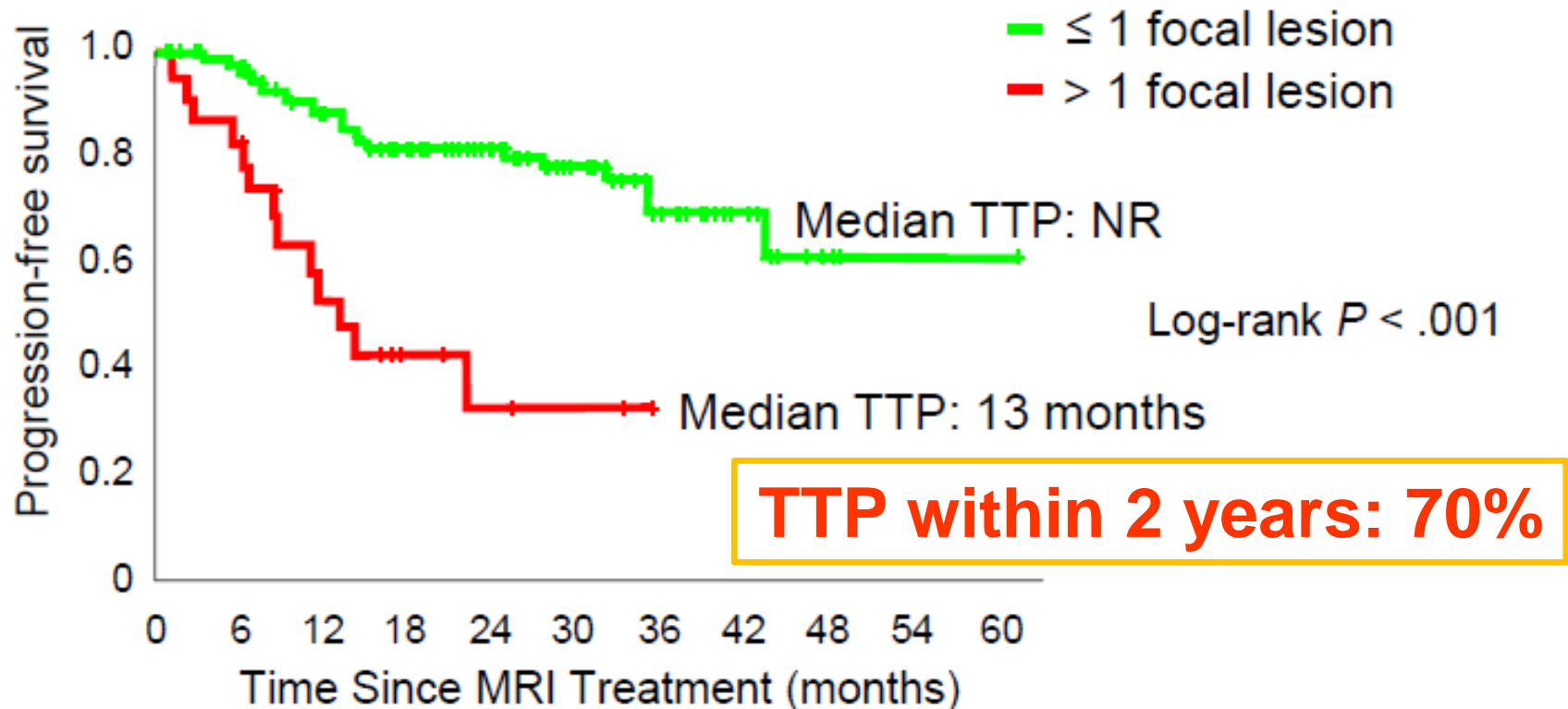
**TTP within 2 years: 80%**

1. Larsen et al. Leukemia 2013;27(4):941-6
2. Kastiris et al. Leukemia 2013;27(4):947-53
3. Waxman et al. J Clin Oncol 32:5s, 2014 (suppl; abstr 8607)

# Focal lesion on advanced imaging

➤ > 1 focal lesions on MRI studies (at least of 5 mm)

Biomarker validated in two independent series <sup>1,2</sup>



1. Hillengass et al. J Clin Oncol 2010;28:1606-1610

2. Kastritis et al. Leukemia 2014;28(12):2402-3

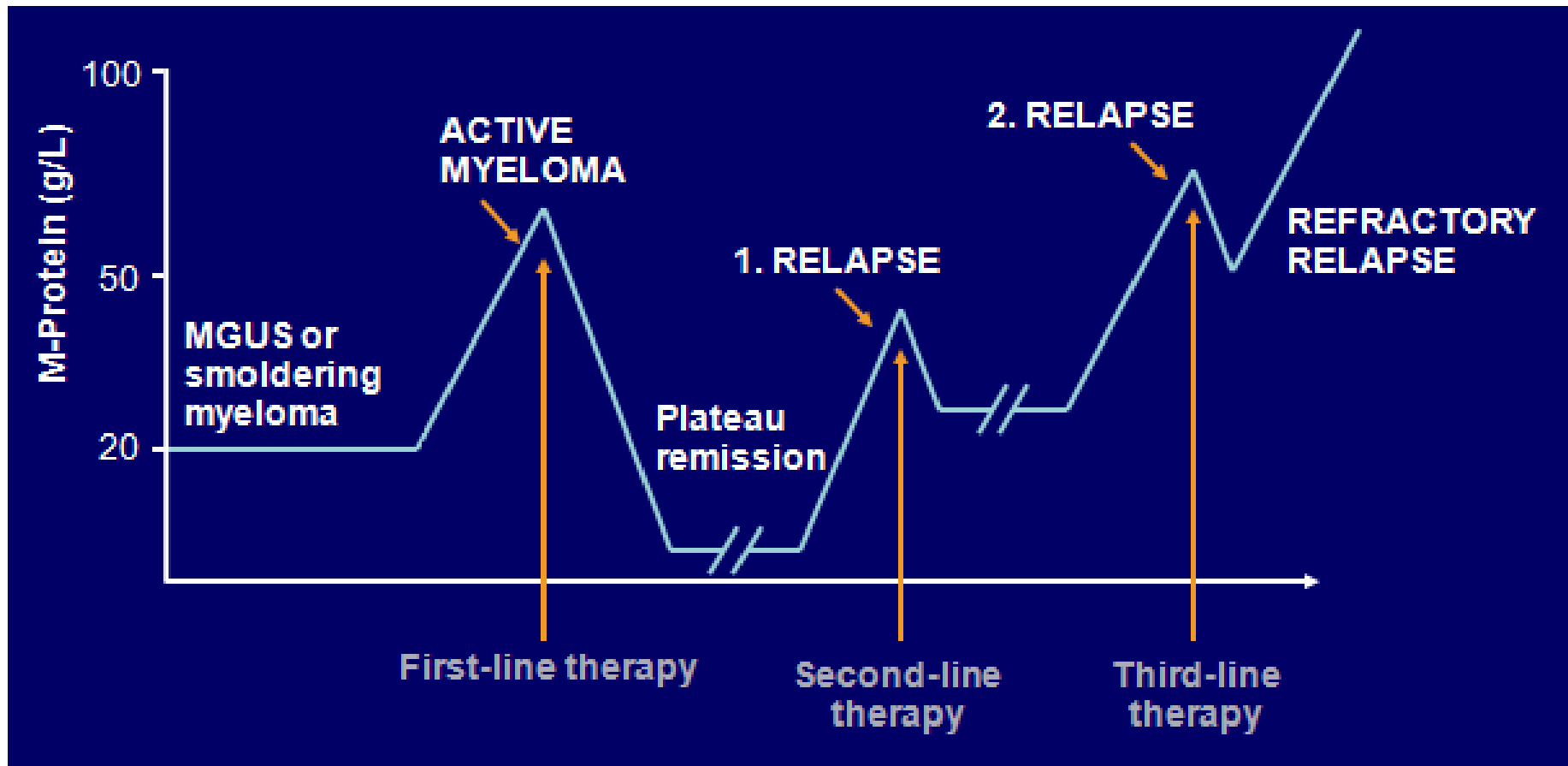
# How I treat smoldering multiple myeloma

Irene M. Ghobrial and Ola Landgren **blood** Prepublished online October 8, 2014;  
doi:10.1182/blood-2014-08-551549

## Myeloma requiring therapy

- Clonal bone marrow plasma cells  $\geq 10\%$  or biopsy proven plasmacytoma and
- Any CRAB criteria
- **Or any MYELOMA DEFINING EVENTS (MDE) as follows:**
  - Clonal bone marrow plasma cell percentage\*  $\geq 60\%$
  - An abnormal FLC-ratio  $\geq 100$  (involved kappa) or  $< 0.01$  (involved lambda)
  - 2 or more focal lesions on MRI or PET-CT studies
- **TREATMENT SHOULD BE INITIATED IN THESE PATIENTS**

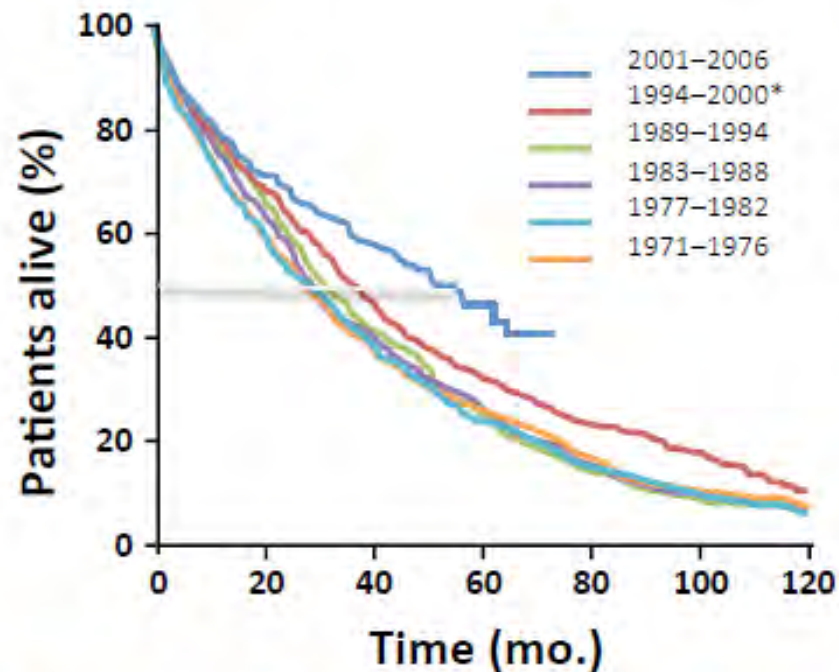
# Natural History of Multiple Myeloma



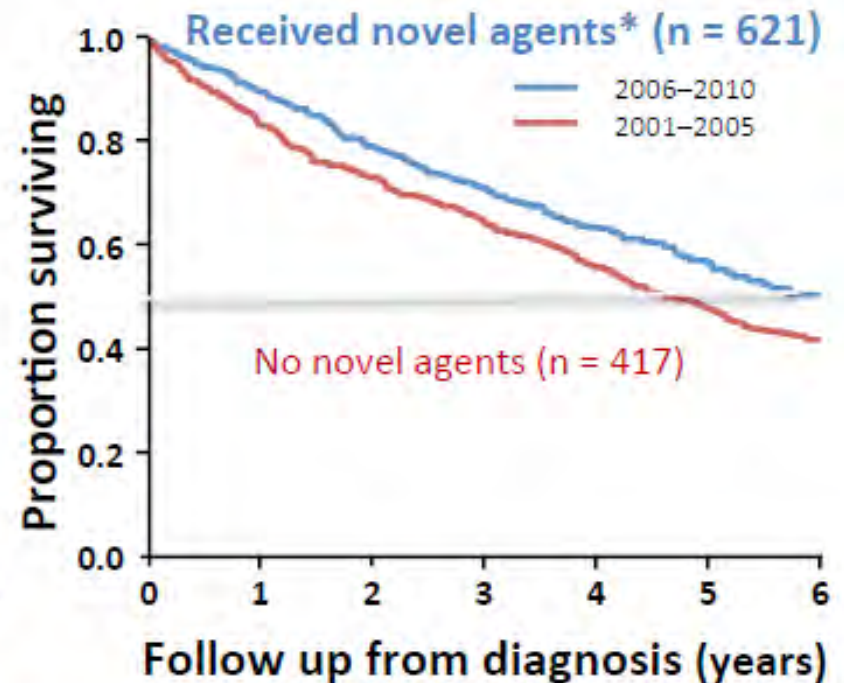
- MM is characterized by a pattern of remission and relapse
- Remission duration decreases with each line of therapy

# OS in MM continues to improve vs historical estimates

OS from diagnosis between 1971 and 2006 (N = 2,981)<sup>1</sup>

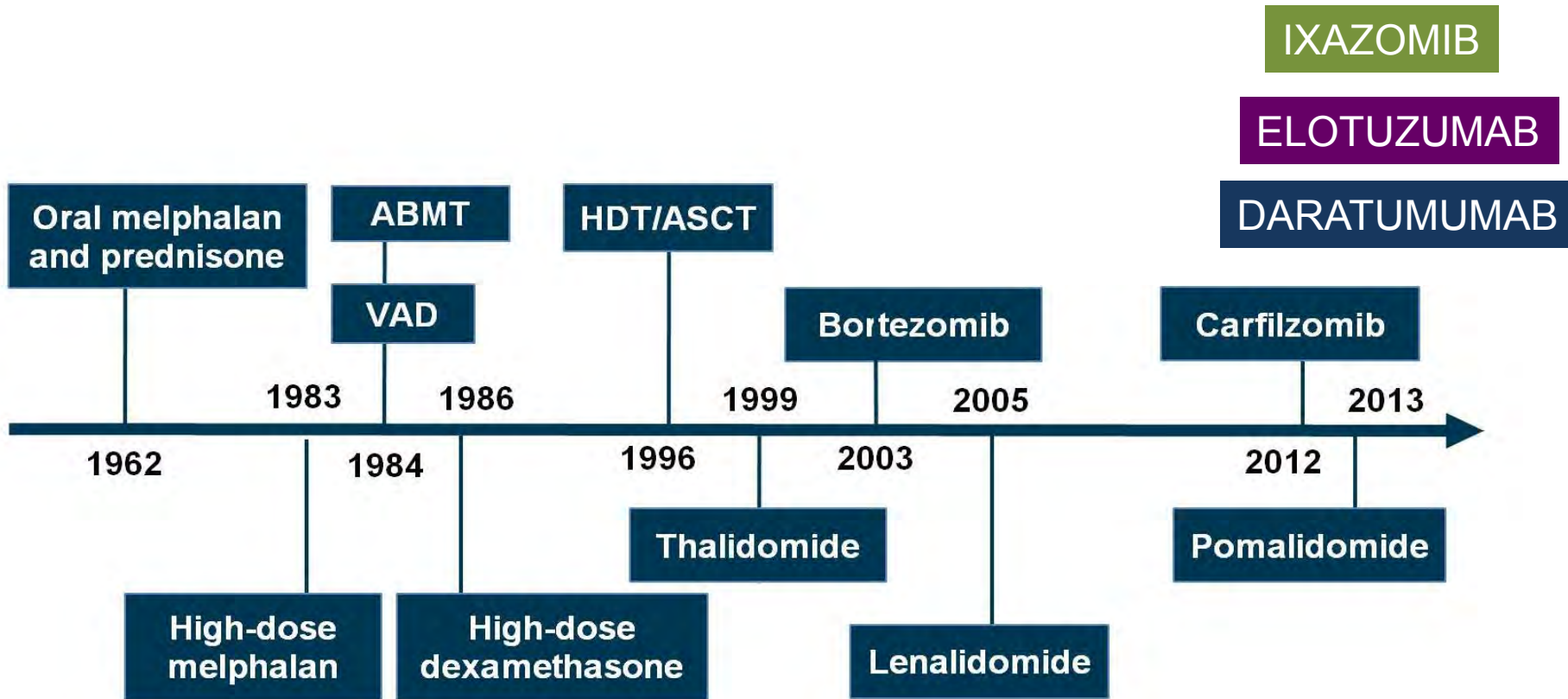


OS from diagnosis between 2001 and 2010 (N = 1,038)<sup>2</sup>



\*Bortezomib (BTZ), lenalidomide (LEN) or thalidomide (THAL) as part of initial therapy

# Myeloma Drug Development



Classi di farmaci	Nome del farmaco	Target del farmaco	Combinazioni approvate da FDA e/o EMA
Immunomodulanti	Talidomide	Effetto pro-apoptotico diretto e immunomodulante sul microambiente midollare	Td, MPT, CTD, VTD
	Lenalidomide		Rd, MPR, VRD, KRd, IRd, DaraRd, EloRd
	Pomalidomide		Pd, DaraPd
Inibitori del proteasoma	Bortezomib	Blocco dello smaltimento proteico cellulare mediante l'inibizione del proteasoma	VD, VMP, VCD, VTD, VRD, PAD, PanoVd
	Carfilzomib		KRd
	Ixazomib		IRd
Inibitori dell'istone deacetilasi	Panobinostat	Controllo epigenetico di diversi processi cellulari	PanoVd
Anticorpi monoclonali	Elotuzumab	Anti-CS1	EloRd
	Daratumumab	Anti-CD38	DaraRd, DaraVd

*T: talidomide; R: lenalidomide; P: pomalidomide; V: bortezomib; B: bortezomib; K: carfilzomib; I: ixazomib; Pano: panobinostat; Elo: elotuzumab; Dara: daratumumab*

# First-line Therapy

Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

Is patient eligible for ASCT?

YES

NO

**Age per se is not a contraindication  
for auto-SCT in an elderly but fit  
myeloma patient**

# The Transplant Eligibility Discussion

- ASCT remains a standard of care for patients  $\leq 65$  years of age in most countries - IFM 2009 and EMN studies<sup>1,2</sup>
- No large phase 3 randomized study has established the role of ASCT in elderly fit patients in the era of novel agents
- ASCT routinely performed in some countries/centers for elderly fit patients between 65 and 75 years of age
- **TIME TO HAVE A STUDY FOCUSED ON FIT ELDERLY**

1. Attal M et al. *Blood*. 2015;126: Abstract 391.

2. Gay F et al. *Blood*. 2015;126: Abstract 392.

# TRANSPLANT ELIGIBLE: induction phase

PHASE	Cycles	Drug-based treatment	TERAPIA APPROVATE	TERAPIA STANDARD
Induction	4-6	Three-drug combination: VTD/VCD/VRD/KRD	VTD VD	VTD x4→x2

AIFA	Modalità di somministrazione:	Raccomandazioni:
VTD	Velcade 1,3 mg/mq gg+1+4+8+11/28gg Dex 40mg gg1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 e 11/28gg Talidomide 50mg/100mg/200mg	4 CICLI Se PR→+2 cicli
VD	Velcade 1,3 mg/mq gg+1+4+8+11/21gg Dex 40mg gg1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 e 11/21gg	4 CICLI Se PR→+2 cicli

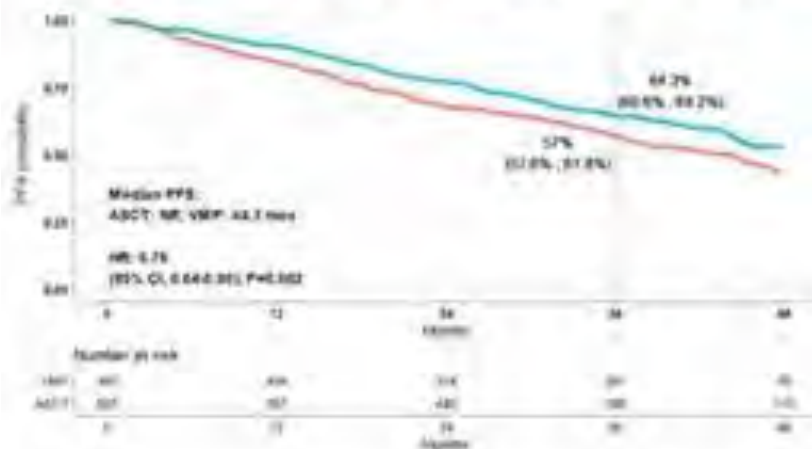
# Upfront ASCT: state of the art

Autograft  
1 or 2

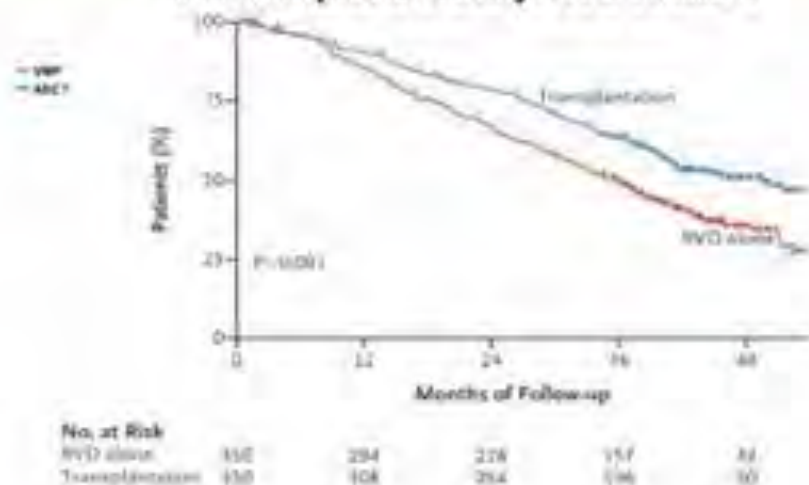
ESMO Guidelines 2017

High-dose therapy (HDT) with autologous stem cell transplantation (ASCT) is the standard treatment in fit patients.

EMN02/HO95 phase 3 study: VMP vs ASCT





IFM 2009 phase 3 study: RVD vs ASCT



• Median follow-up: 37.8 months

• Median follow-up: 43.5 months

# TRANSPLANT ELIGIBLE: post transplant phase

PHASE	Cycles	Drug-based treatment	TERAPIA APPROVATE 	TERAPIA STANDARD 
Post-transplant consolidation	2-4	Combining different PIs and IMiDs. <i>VTD/VRD... not well established</i>	Nessuna	?
Maintenance	Untill PD/ toxicity	Individualization of treatment: <i>Lenalidomide, Bortezomib novel PI</i>	Lenalidomide*	Lenalidomide*

AIFA*	Modalità di somministrazione:	Raccomandazioni:
Lenalidomide	10mg gg1-28, dopo 3 cicli 15mg	Terapia di mantenimento fino a PD o intolleranza

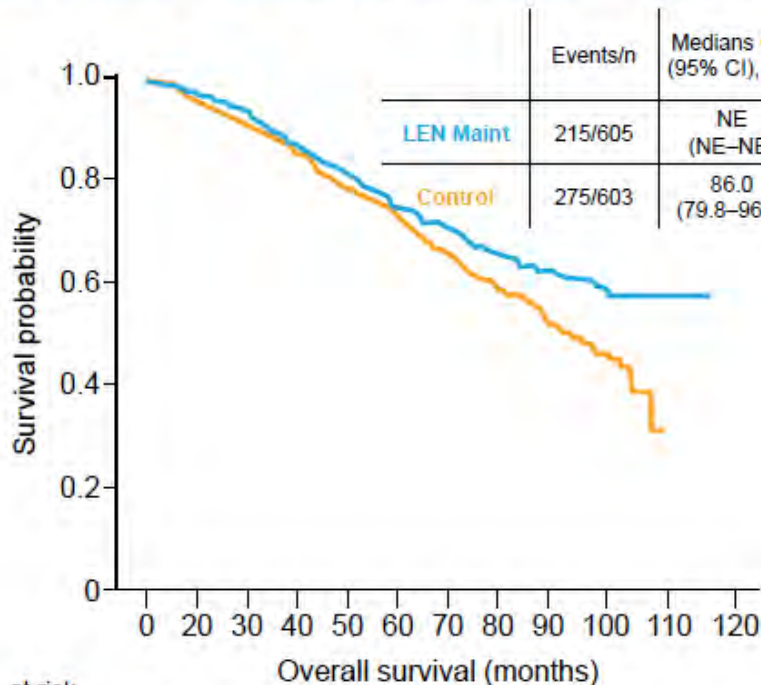
# Lenalidomide Maintenance After Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation in Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: A Meta-Analysis

Philip L. McCarthy, Sarah A. Holstein, Maria Teresa Petrucci, Paul G. Richardson, Cyrille Hulin, Patrizia Tosi, Sara Bringhen, Pellegrino Musto, Kenneth C. Anderson, Denis Caillot, Francesca Gay, Philippe Moreau, Gerald Marit, Sin-Ho Jung, Zhinuan Yu, Benjamin Winograd, Robert D. Knight, Antonio Palumbo, and Michel Attal

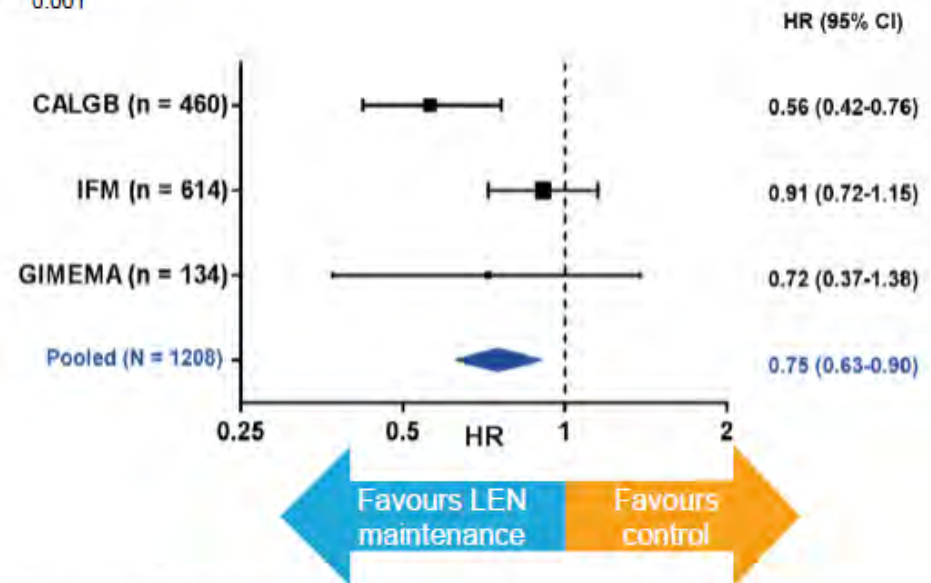
*J Clin Oncol* 35. © 2017

## Meta-analysis: OS

Data cut-off: March 2015; Median follow up: 80 months



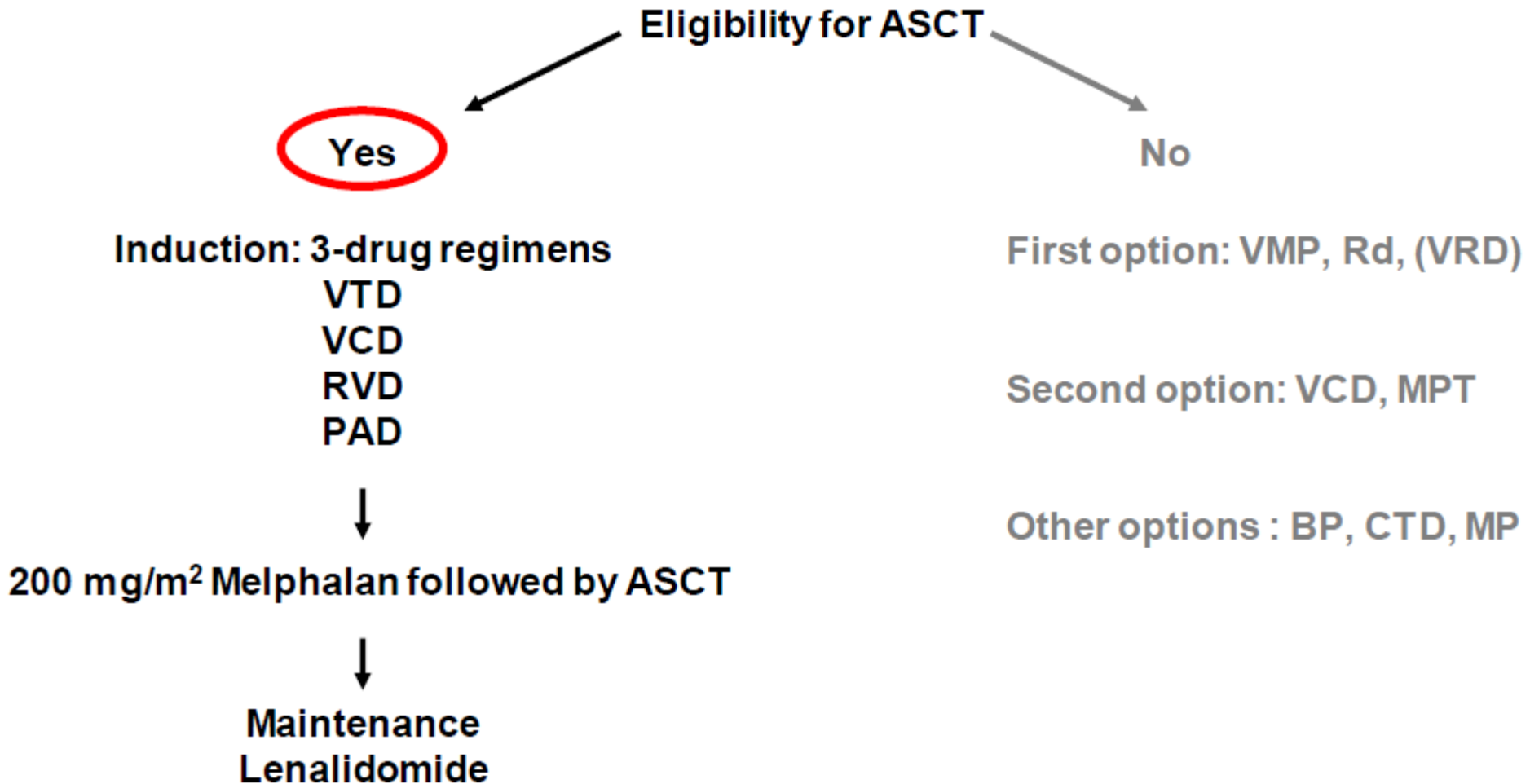
No. at risk	0	20	40	60	80	100	120
LEN Maint	605	577	555	508	473	431	385
Control	603	569	542	505	459	425	351



Improvement in median survival of approximately 2.5 years

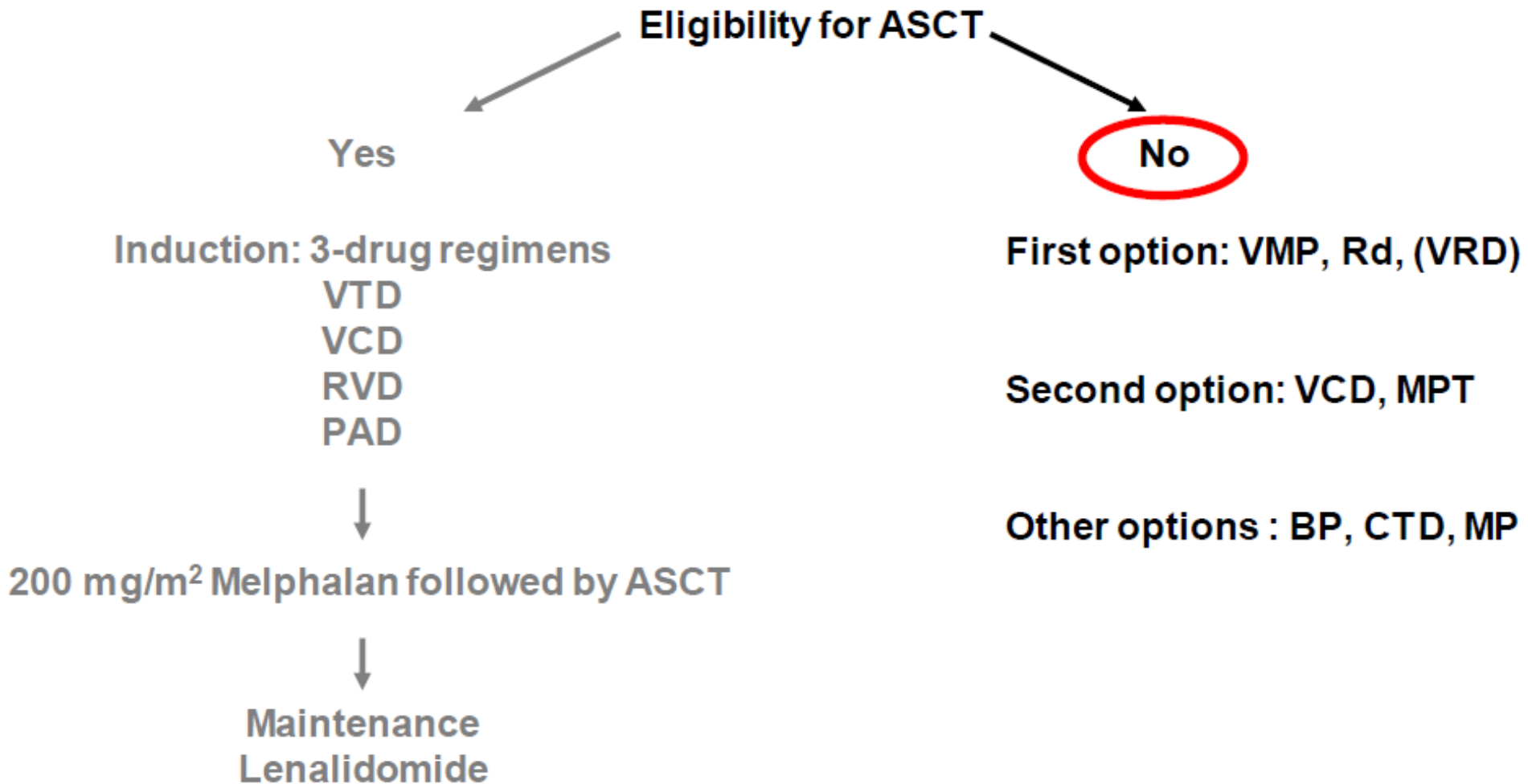
# Frontline Therapy: ESMO guidelines 2017

## Young patients



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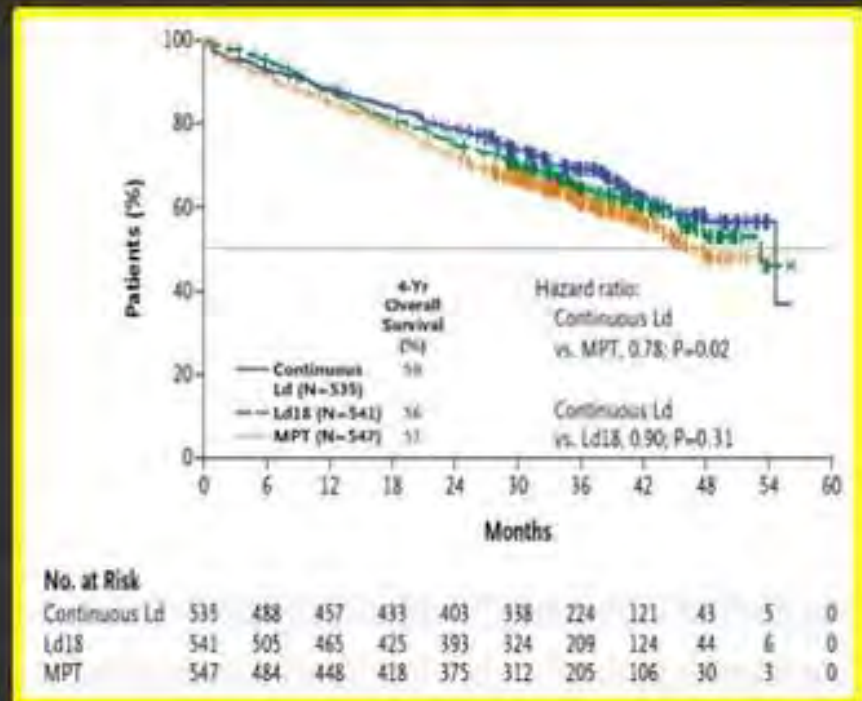
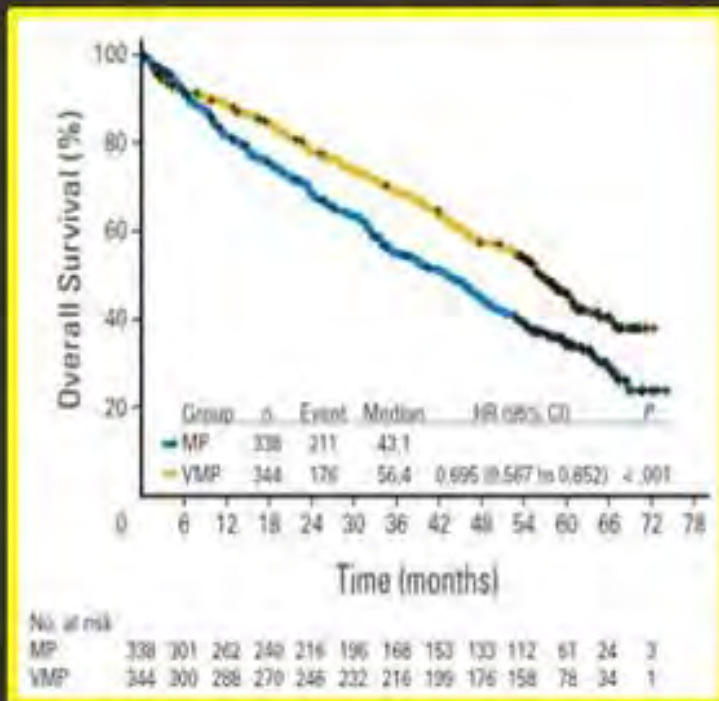
## Elderly patients



# Frontline Therapy in Elderly patients

## 2 STANDARDS OF CARE IN EUROPE FOR TX-INELIGIBLE

VMP – bortezomib-melphalan-prednisone  
 Rd – Lenalidomide-dexamethasone

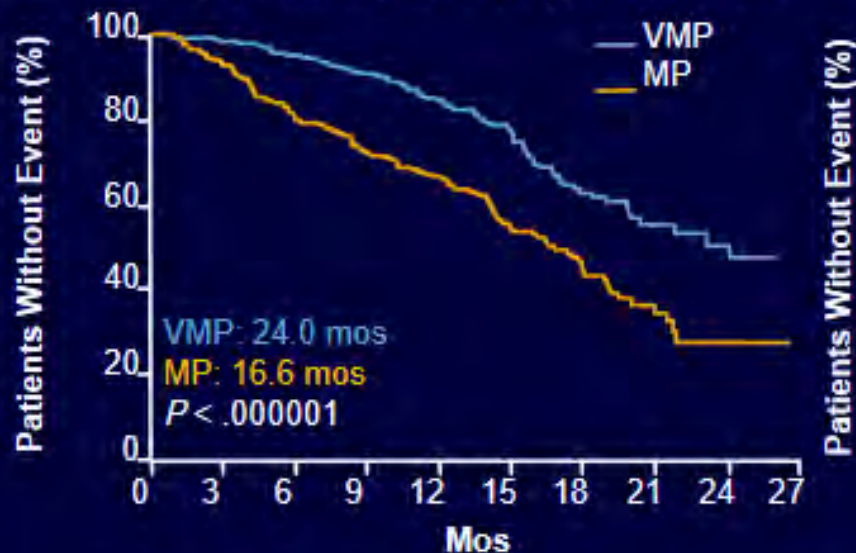


# VMP vs MP in Untreated Myeloma: Efficacy Data

ORR: VMP 71%, MP 35%

TTP

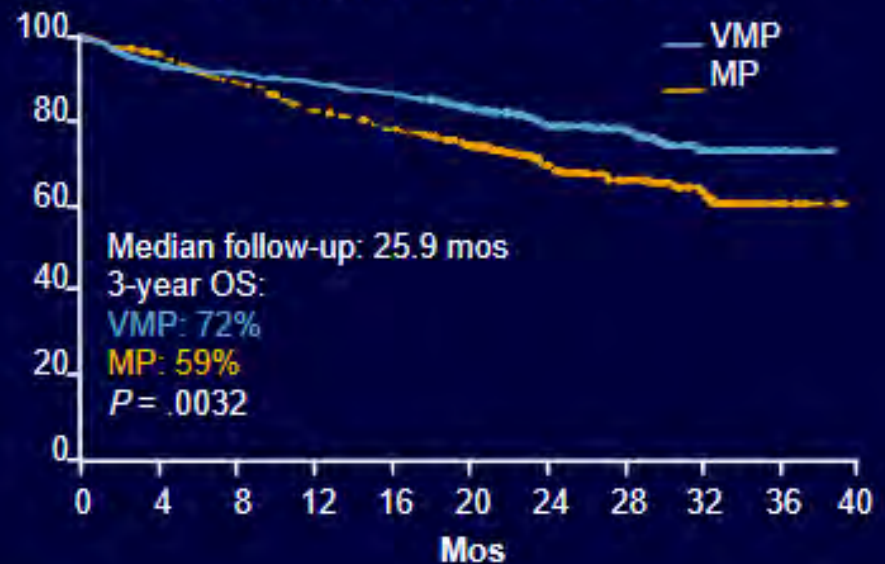
~ 52% reduced risk of progression on VMP



CR: VMP 30%, MP 4%

OS

~ 36% reduced risk of death on VMP



- 43% of MP patients received bortezomib upon progression
- OS with > 4 cycles bortezomib: 98.5% at 1 yr, 89% at 2 yrs
- Treatment-related death: 2% in both arms

San Miguel JF, et al. N Engl J Med. 2008;359:906-917.

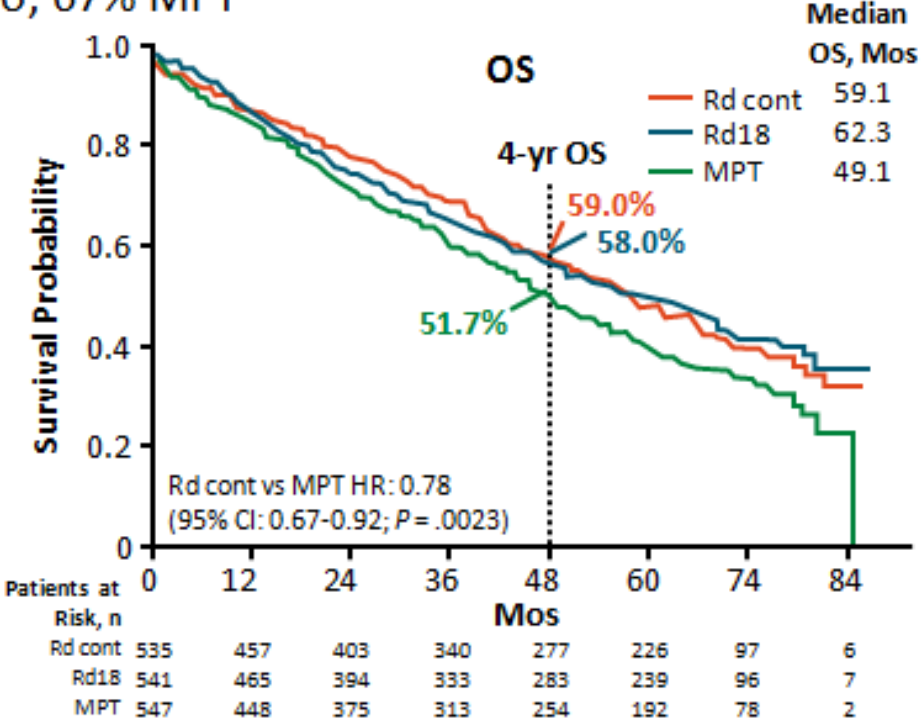
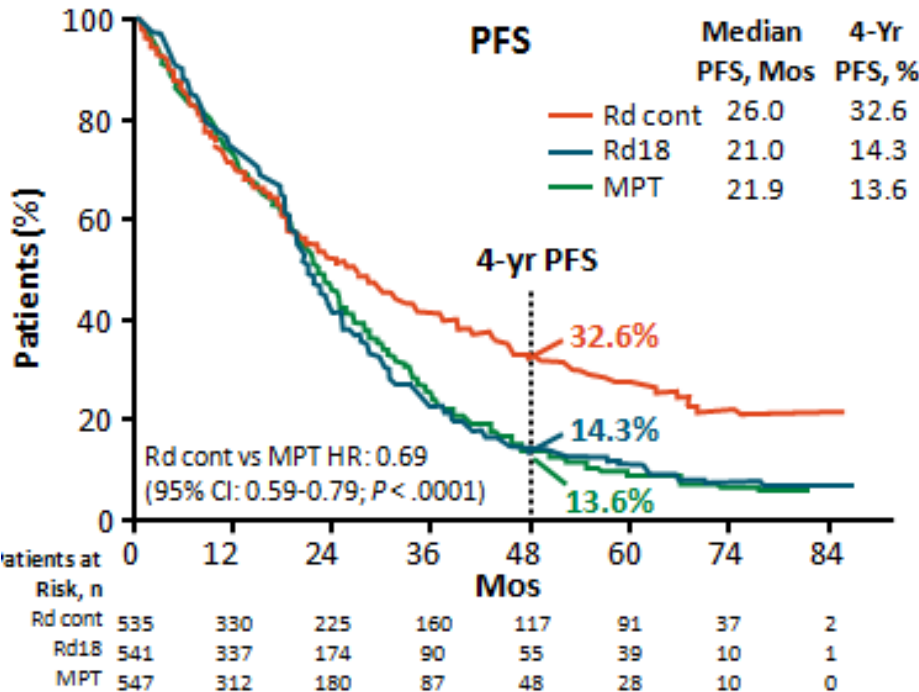
San Miguel JF, et al. ASH 2008. Abstract 650.

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# Phase III FIRST Trial: Survival With Rd Continuous vs Rd for 18 Mos vs MPT in Older or ASCT-Ineligible Patients

- ORR: 81% with Rd cont; 79% with Rd 18-mo; 67% MPT



Facon. 2018;131:301.

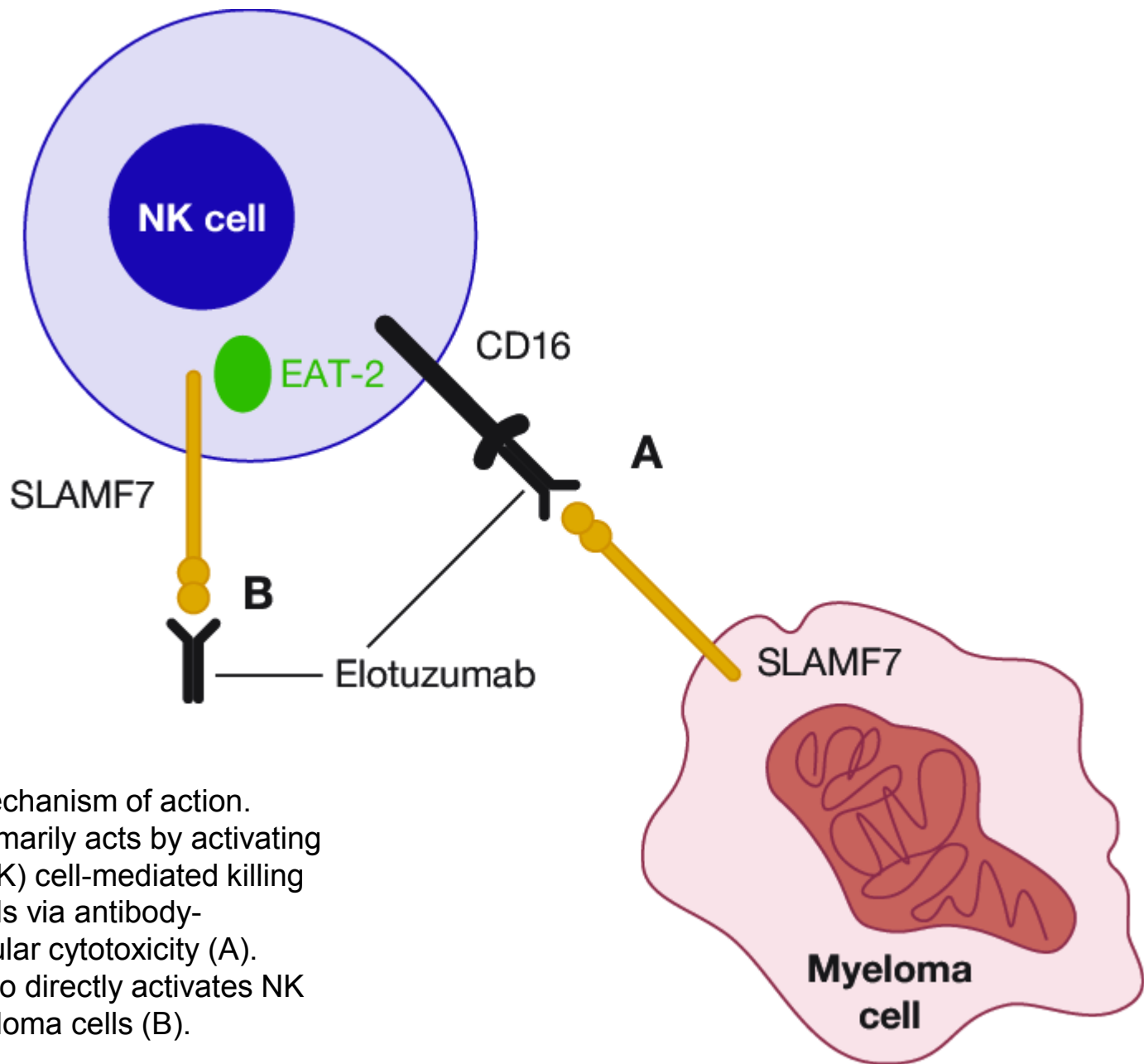
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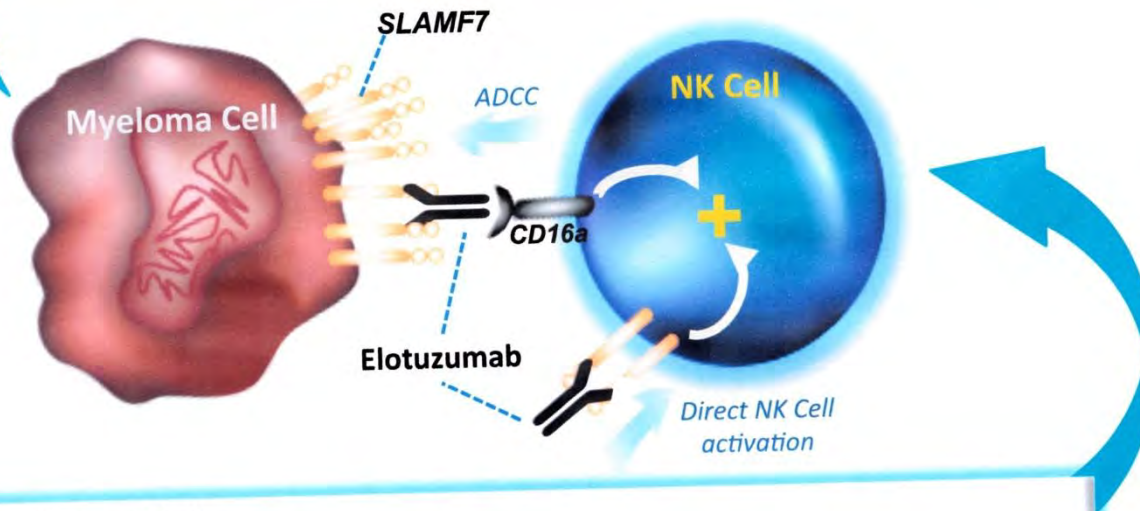


ELOTUZUMAB mechanism of action. ELOTUZUMAB primarily acts by activating natural killer (NK) cell-mediated killing of myeloma cells via antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (A). ELOTUZUMAB also directly activates NK cells to kill myeloma cells (B).

# Elotuzumab Synergizes with Lenalidomide to Enhance Myeloma Cell Death

## Lenalidomide

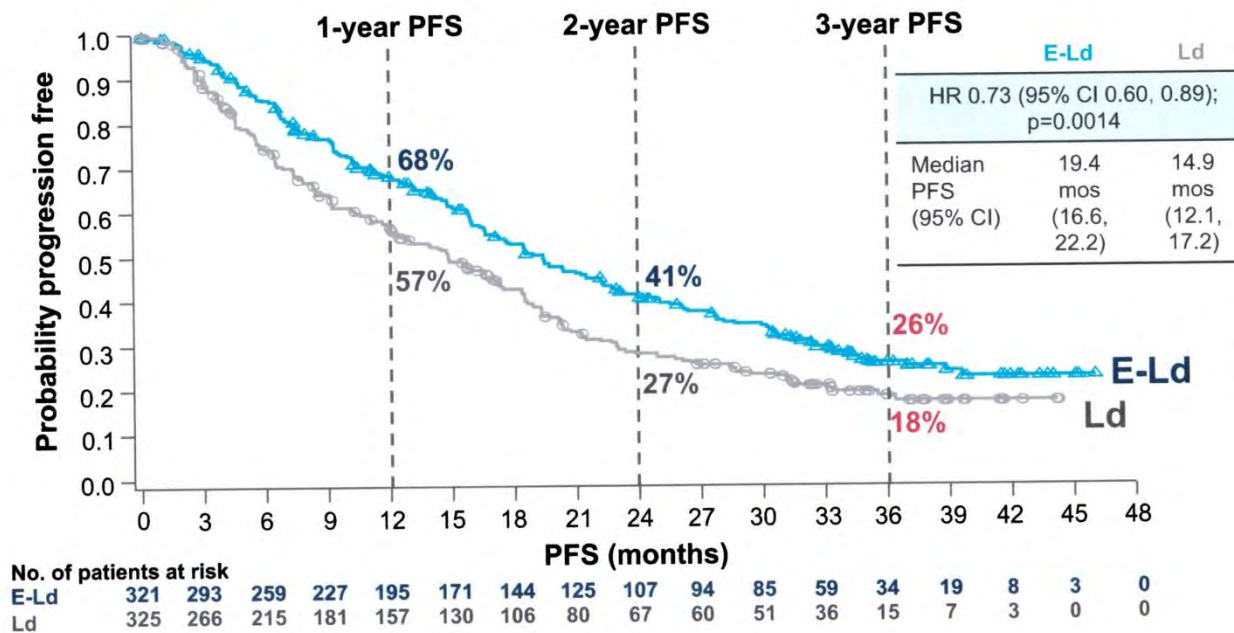
Induces myeloma cell injury and lowers threshold for NK cell-mediated killing of myeloma cells by elotuzumab



## Lenalidomide<sup>1</sup>

Enhances adaptive and innate immune system including production of IL2 to increase NK cell activity

# Co-Primary Endpoint: Extended Progression-Free Survival



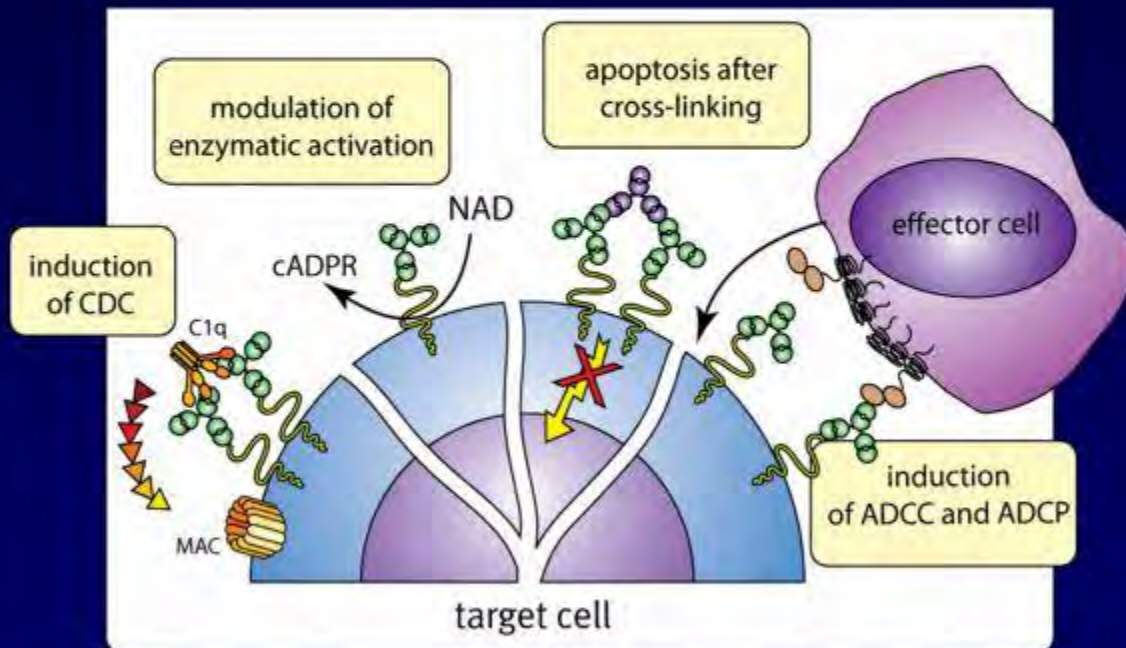
**PFS benefit with E-Ld was maintained over time (vs Ld):**

- Overall 27% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death
- Relative improvement in PFS of 44% at 3 years

# DARA: Background

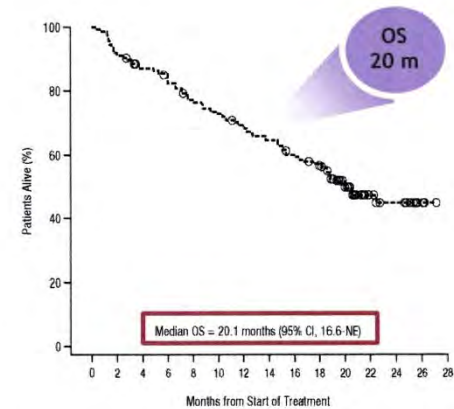
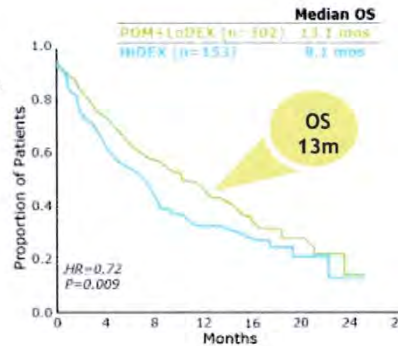
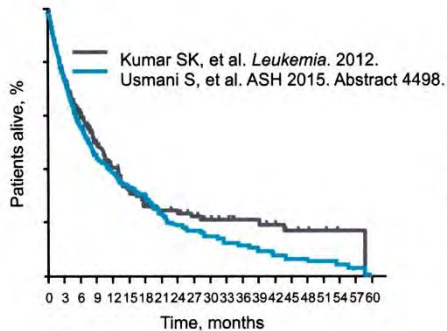
## DARATUMUMAB

- A human CD38 mAb with broad-spectrum killing activity of CD38-expressing tumor cells
- DARA+LEN enhanced killing of MM cells *in vitro* and is hypothesized to lead to synergistically higher efficacy in clinical setting, as well as other agents (eg, bortezomib)



- ❑ Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC)
- ❑ Antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP)
- ❑ Complement-dependent cytotoxicity (CDC)
- ❑ Apoptosis

# The Breakthrough (BT) population outcome



## RRMM:

**Median OS 5-9 months** in patients relapsed or refractory MM after  $\geq 3$  prior lines of therapy, including IMiD and PI

1. Kumar SK, et al. *Leukemia*. 2012;26(1):149-157.
2. Usmani S, et al. Presented at: 57th American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting & Exposition; December 5-8, 2015; Orlando, FL. Abstract 4498.

## Pomalidomide:

**Median OS 13,1months** in patients relapsed or refractory MM after  $\geq 2$  prior lines of therapy, including IMiD and PI

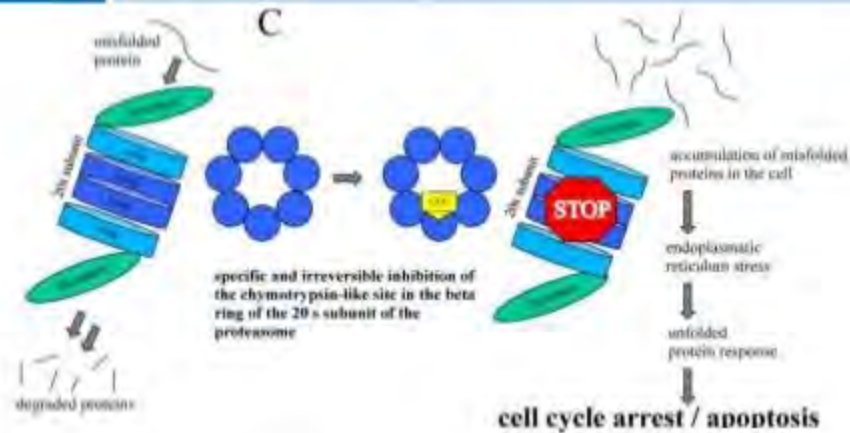
- San Miguel J et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2013; 14: 1055-66

## Daratumumab – Single Agent:

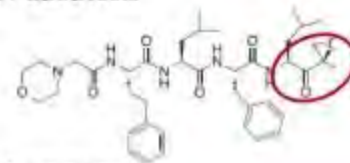
**Median OS of 20 months** in patients with relapsed or refractory, double refractory or relapsed after  $\geq 3$  lines of therapy, including pomalidomide and carfilzomib

- Usmani S et al. *Blood*. 2016;128(1):37-44

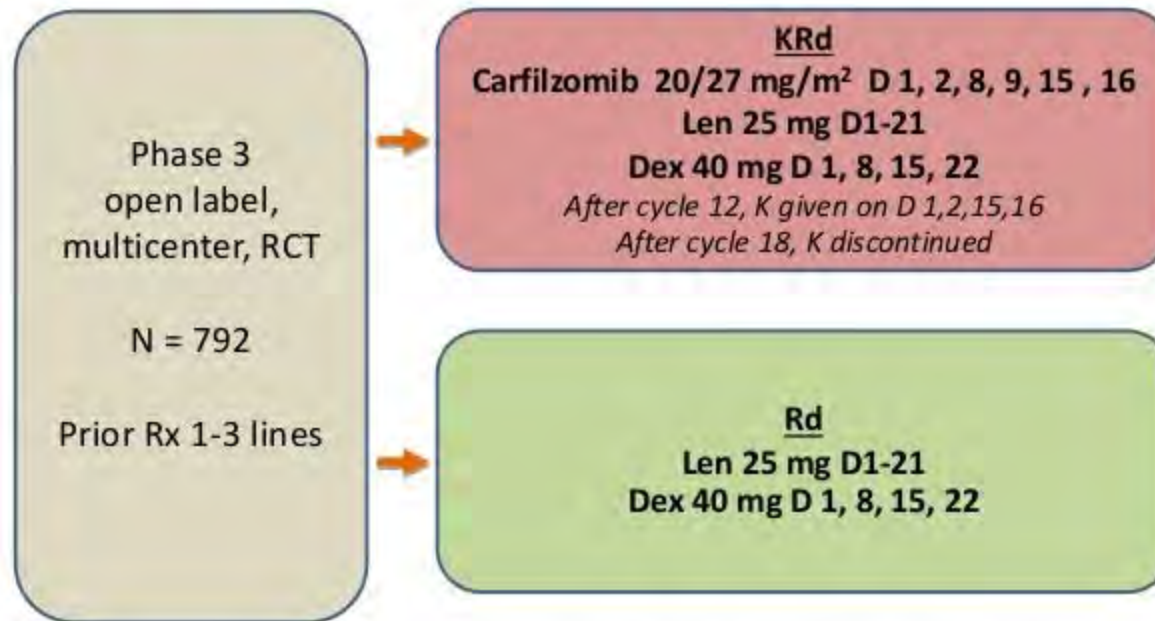
# Carfilzomib



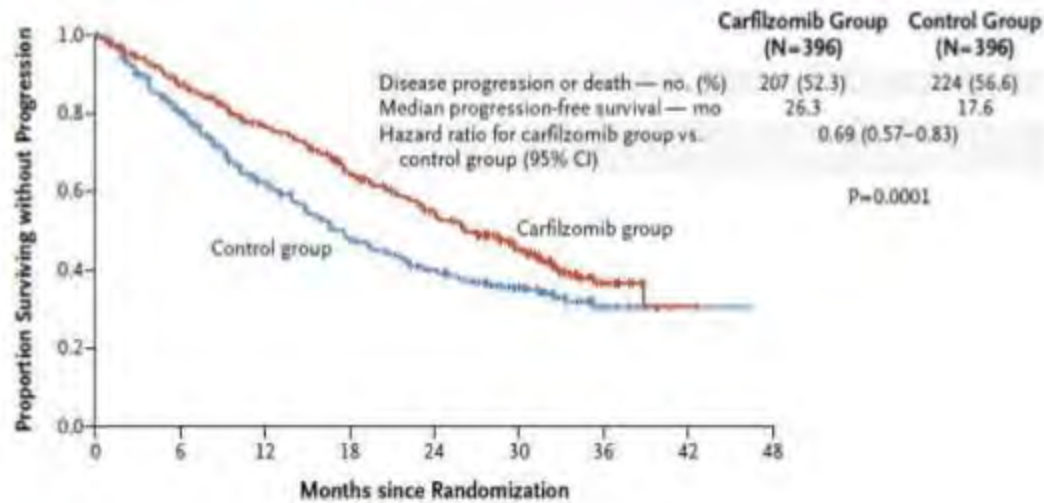
- Second-generation proteasome inhibitor
- Tetrapeptide Epoxyketone
- Highly selective and irreversible proteasome binding
- Minimal off-target effect → less neurotoxicity



## ASPIRE : KRd vs Rd in Relapsed MM



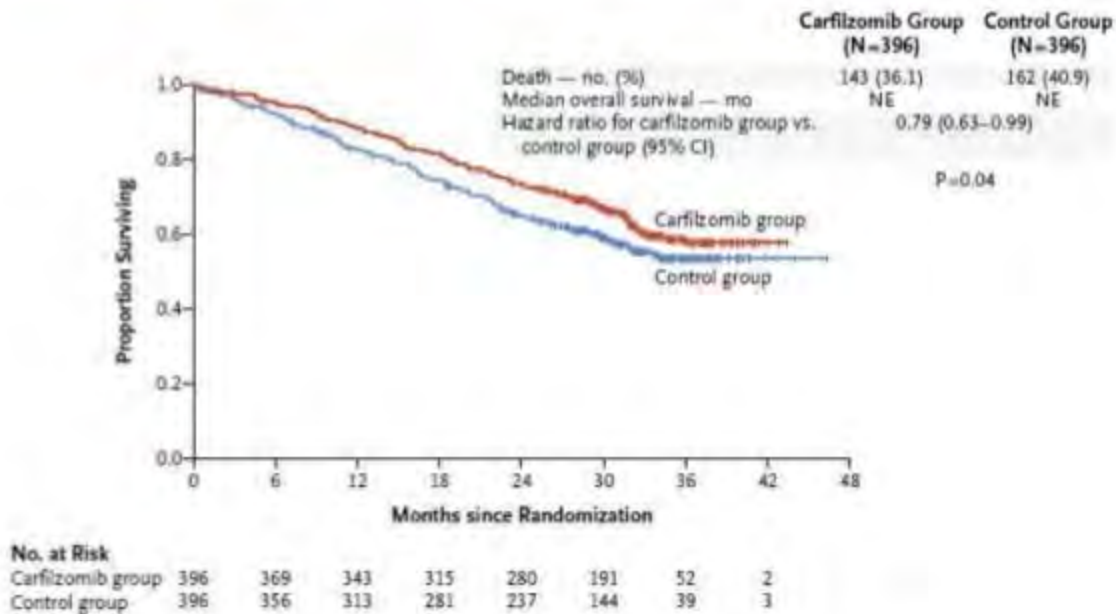
# ASPIRE : Progression Free Survival



No. at Risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Carfilzomib group	396	332	279	222	179	112	24	1		
Control group	396	287	206	151	117	72	18	1		

Stewart AK et al. N Engl J Med. 2015 Jan 8;372(2):142-52.

# ASPIRE : Overall Survival



Stewart AK et al. N Engl J Med. 2015 Jan 8;372(2):142-52.

# First Oral PI: IXAZOMIB

## TOURMALINE-MM1 Study Design

*28-day cycles*

Randomization  
N=722

Stratification:

- Number of prior therapies
- PI exposure
- ISS stage

**IRd**

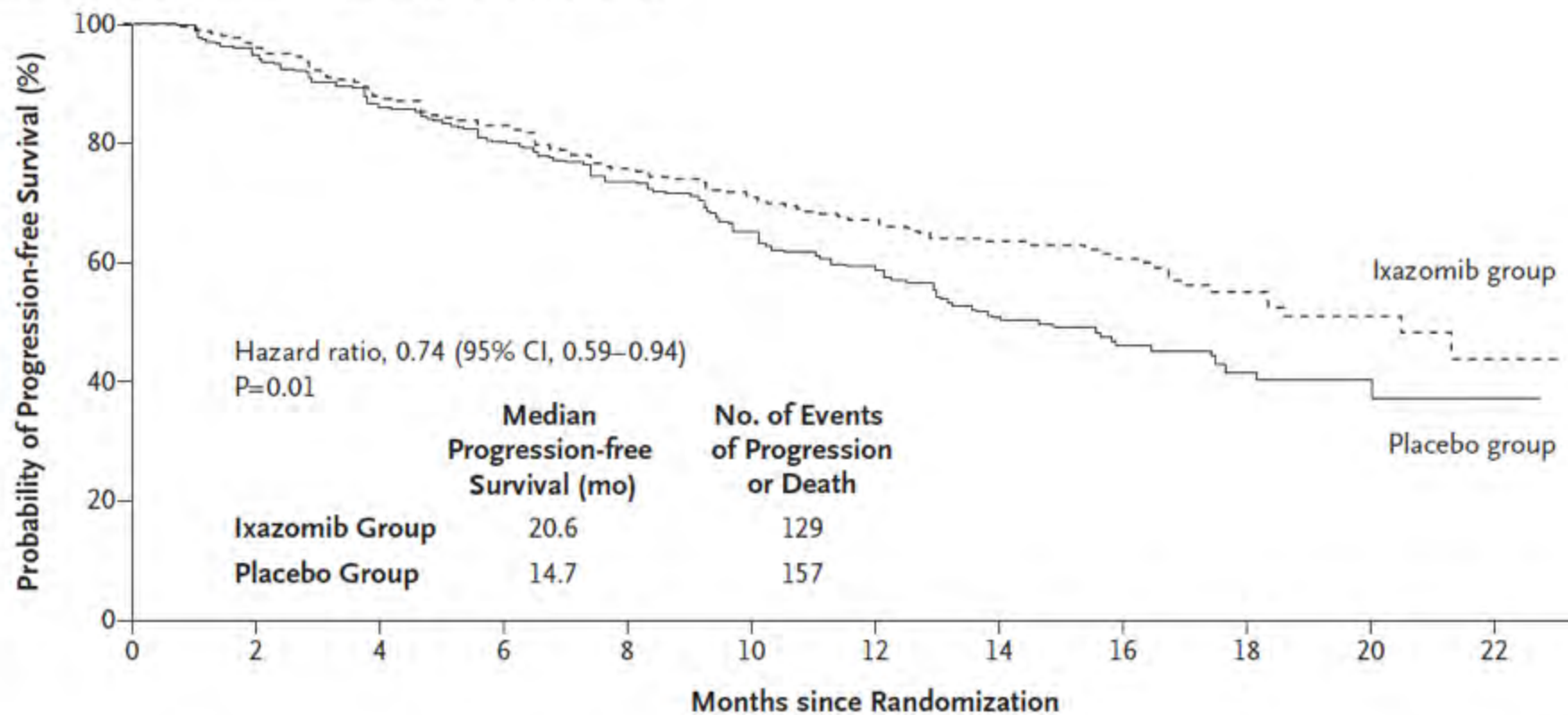
Ixazomib 4 mg *Days 1, 8, 15*  
Lenalidomide 25 mg *Days 1–21*  
Dexamethasone 40 mg *Days 1, 8, 15, 22*

**Rd**

Lenalidomide 25 mg *Days 1–21*  
Dexamethasone 40 mg *Days 1, 8, 15, 22*

LEN NAÏVE OR LEN SENSITIVE

**A Progression-free Survival in the Intention-to-Treat Population**



**No. at Risk**

Ixazomib group	360	345	332	315	298	283	270	248	233	224	206	182	145	119	111	95	72	58	44	34	26	14	9	1
Placebo group	362	340	325	308	288	274	254	237	218	208	188	157	130	101	85	71	58	46	31	22	15	5	3	0

# IXAZOMIB



- **INDICATION:**

- Indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy.

- **MODE OF ADMINISTRATION :**

- Recommended starting dose of 4 mg taken orally on Days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle.
- Dose should be taken at least one hour before or at least two hours after food

- **ADVERSE EVENTS :**

- In  $\geq 20\%$ , Diarrhoea, constipation, thrombocytopenia, peripheral neuropathy, nausea, peripheral oedema, vomiting, and back pain.

- **WARNINGS :**

- Thrombocytopenia , Hepatotoxicity , Peripheral Neuropathy

# POMALIDOMIDE



## ■ INDICATION:

- a thalidomide analogue indicated for patients, who have received at least two prior therapies including lenalidomide and bortezomib and have demonstrated disease progression on or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy.

## ■ MODE OF ADMINISTRATION :

- 4 mg per day taken orally on days 1-21 of repeated 28-day cycles until disease progression.

## ■ ADVERSE EVENTS :

- In  $\geq 30\%$  patients :: Fatigue and asthenia, Neutropenia, anemia, constipation, nausea, upperrespiratory tract infections, back pain and pyrexia .

## ■ WARNINGS :

- Hematologic Toxicity: Neutropenia was the most frequently reported Grade 3/4 adverse event.

VTD



ABMT



Lenalidomide

KRD

DRD

ERD

IRD

POMA