



La terapia del mieloma multiplo: un passo avanti

La lenalidomide come “partner” nelle nuove combinazioni

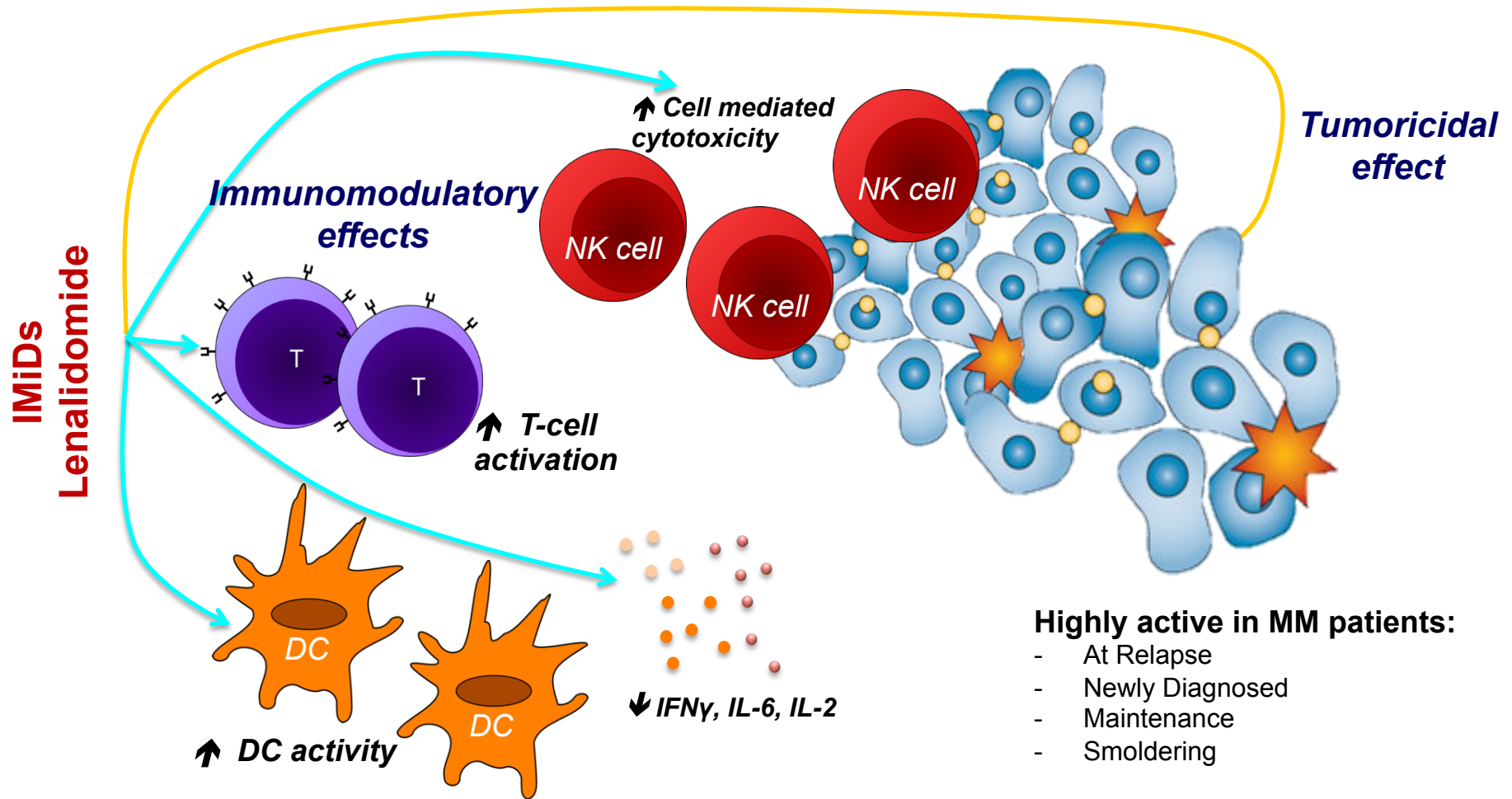
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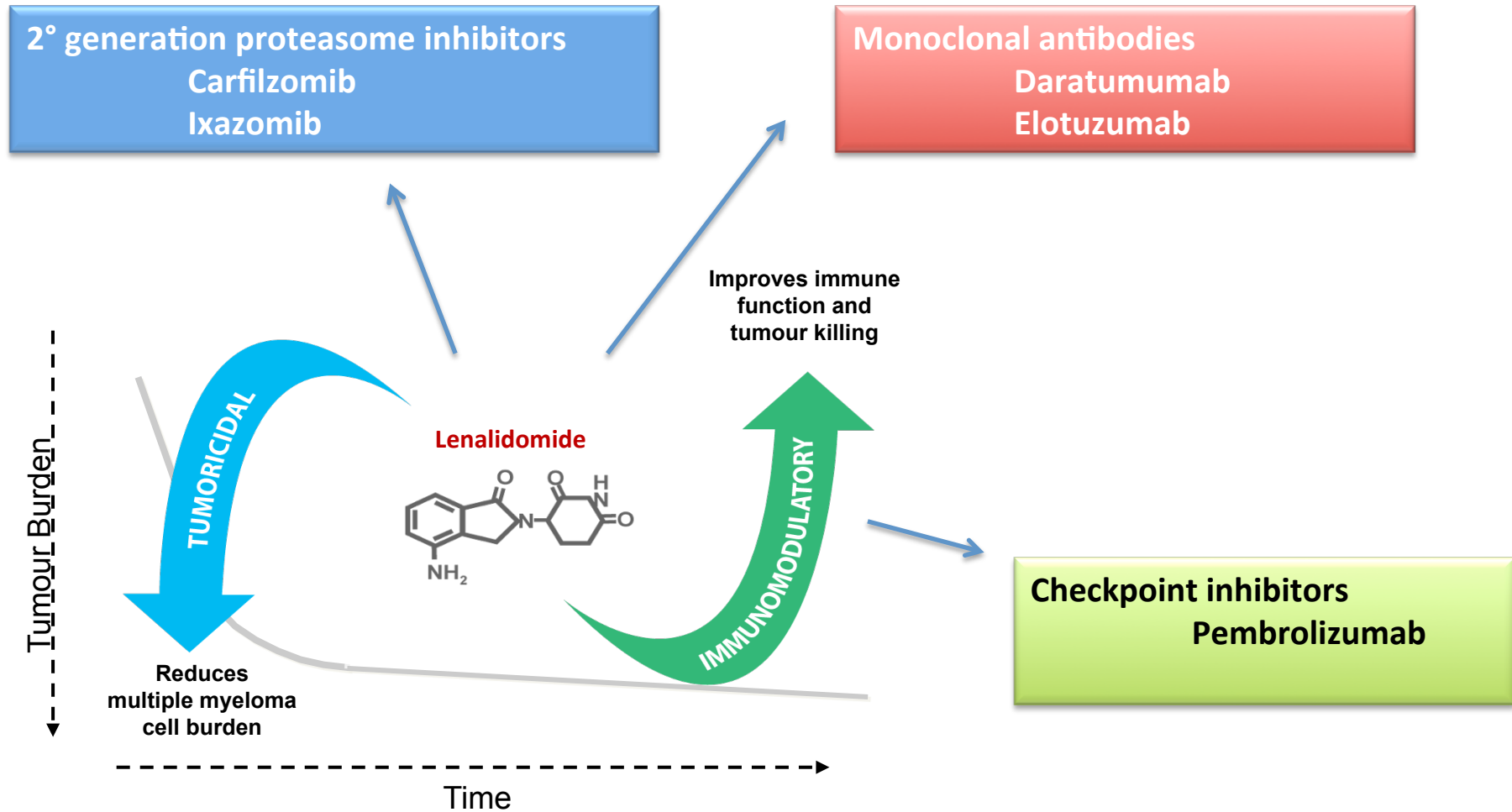


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IMiDs: Dual Tumoricidal and Immunomodulatory Mechanism of Action



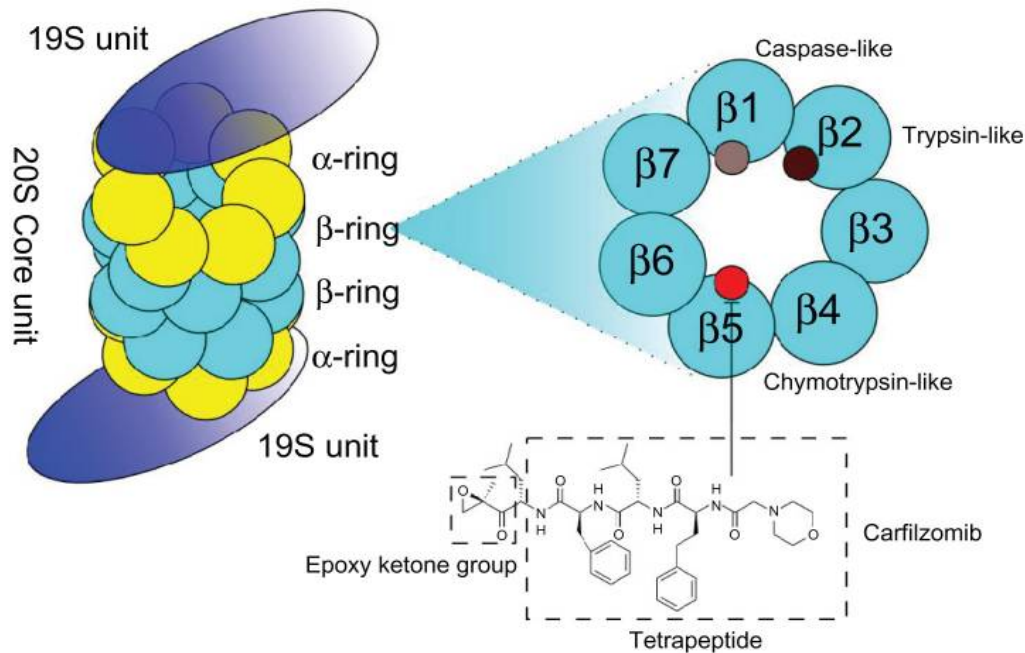
Lenalidomide-based novel combination therapies



These dual effects make lenalidomide an optimal partner for combination

SECOND-GENERATION PROTEASOME INHIBITORS

CARFILZOMIB: MECHANISM OF ACTION



Carfilzomib **irreversibly** and **selectively** inhibits the chymotrypsin-like activity of the 20S proteasome, necessitating de novo protein synthesis to restore activity.

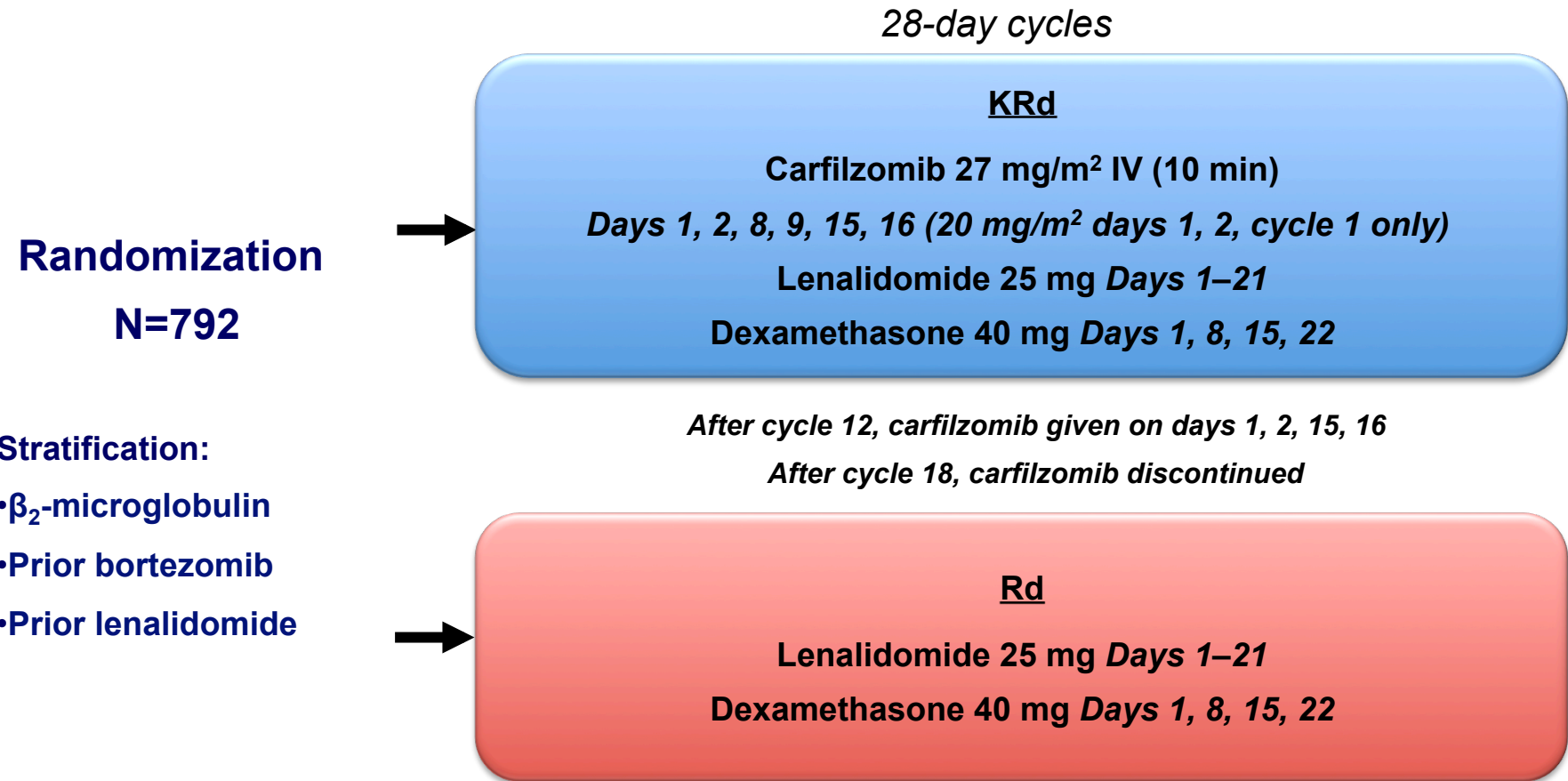
In preclinical studies it demonstrates **more potent proteasome inhibition** and **minimal off-target activity**.

Carfilzomib demonstrates significantly less cross-reactivity with nonproteasomal proteases compared to bortezomib, which has been shown to correlate with a lack of neurotoxicity in preclinical study.

Consecutive-day dosing of carfilzomib was well-tolerated and led to prolonged irreversible proteasome inhibition.

ASPIRE: Carfilzomib, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone (KRd) vs Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone (Rd)

Carfilzomib is approved by FDA and EMA in combination with **lenalidomide-dexamethasone** for patients who have received 1–3 prior lines of therapy



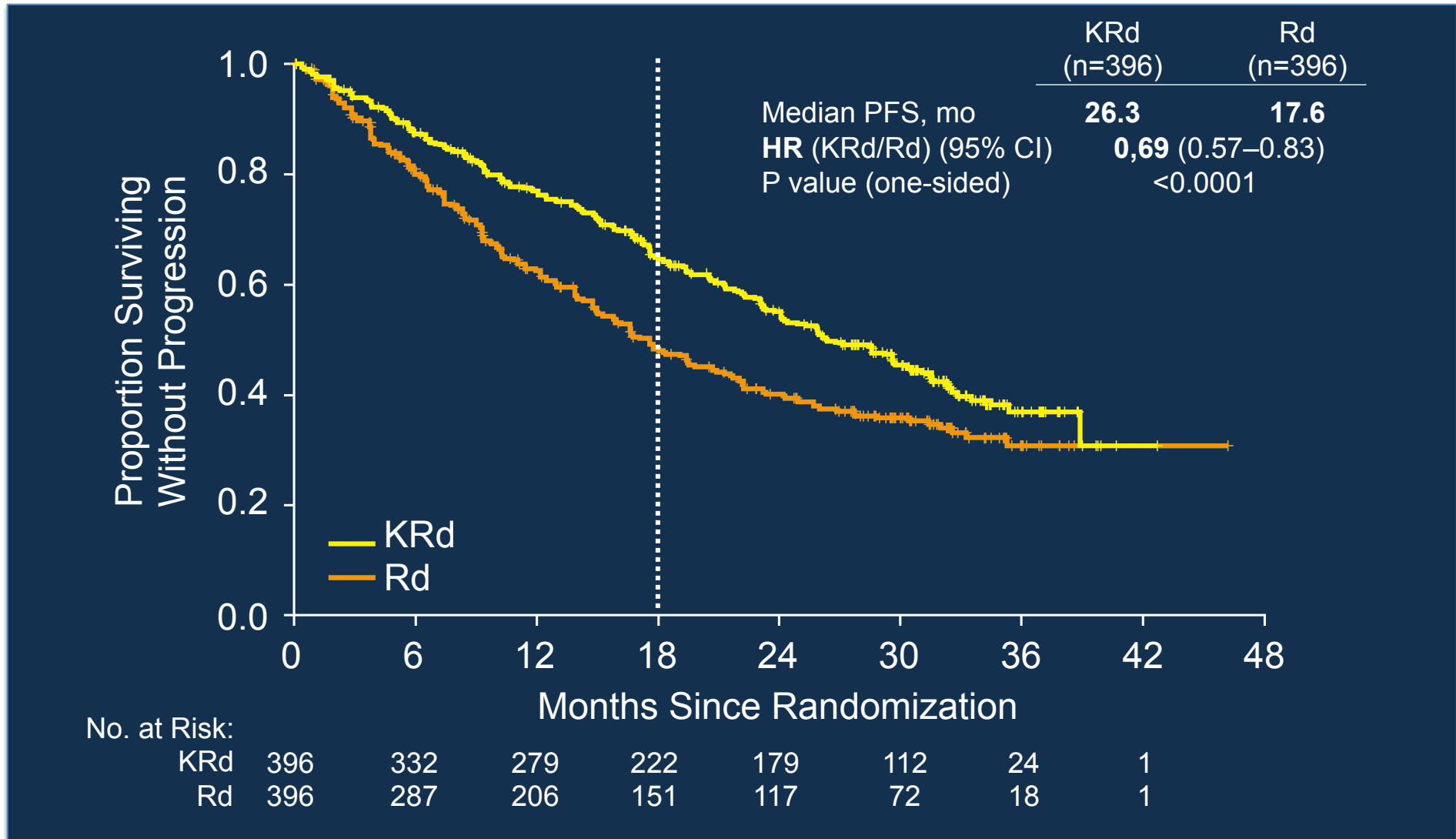
Stratification:

- β₂-microglobulin
- Prior bortezomib
- Prior lenalidomide

- 1–3 prior treatments, not lena refractory, no PD on bort
(20% lena exposed, 15% bort refractory)

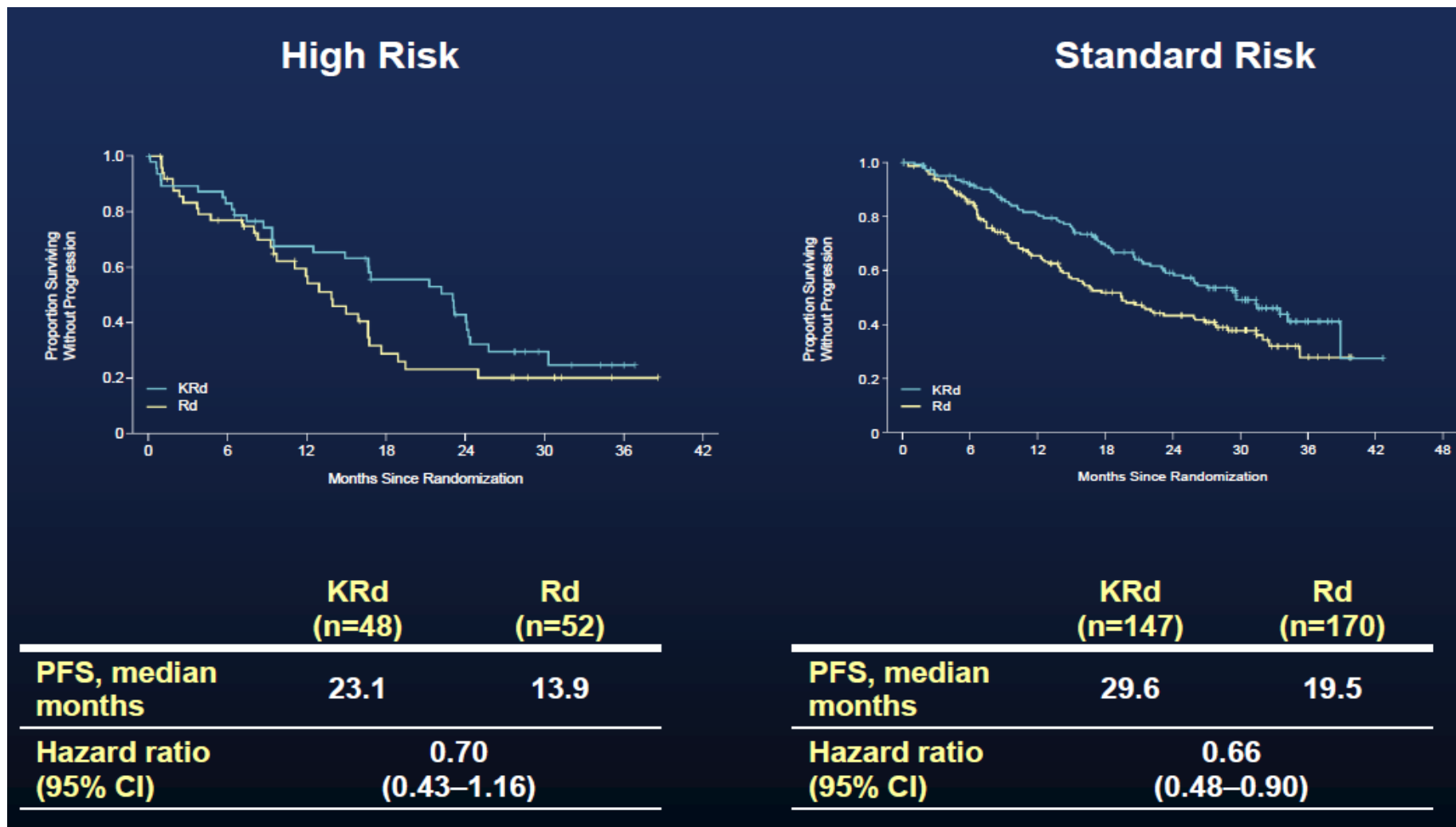
Primary endpoint: PFS

ASPIRE: Progression-Free Survival ITT Population (N=792)



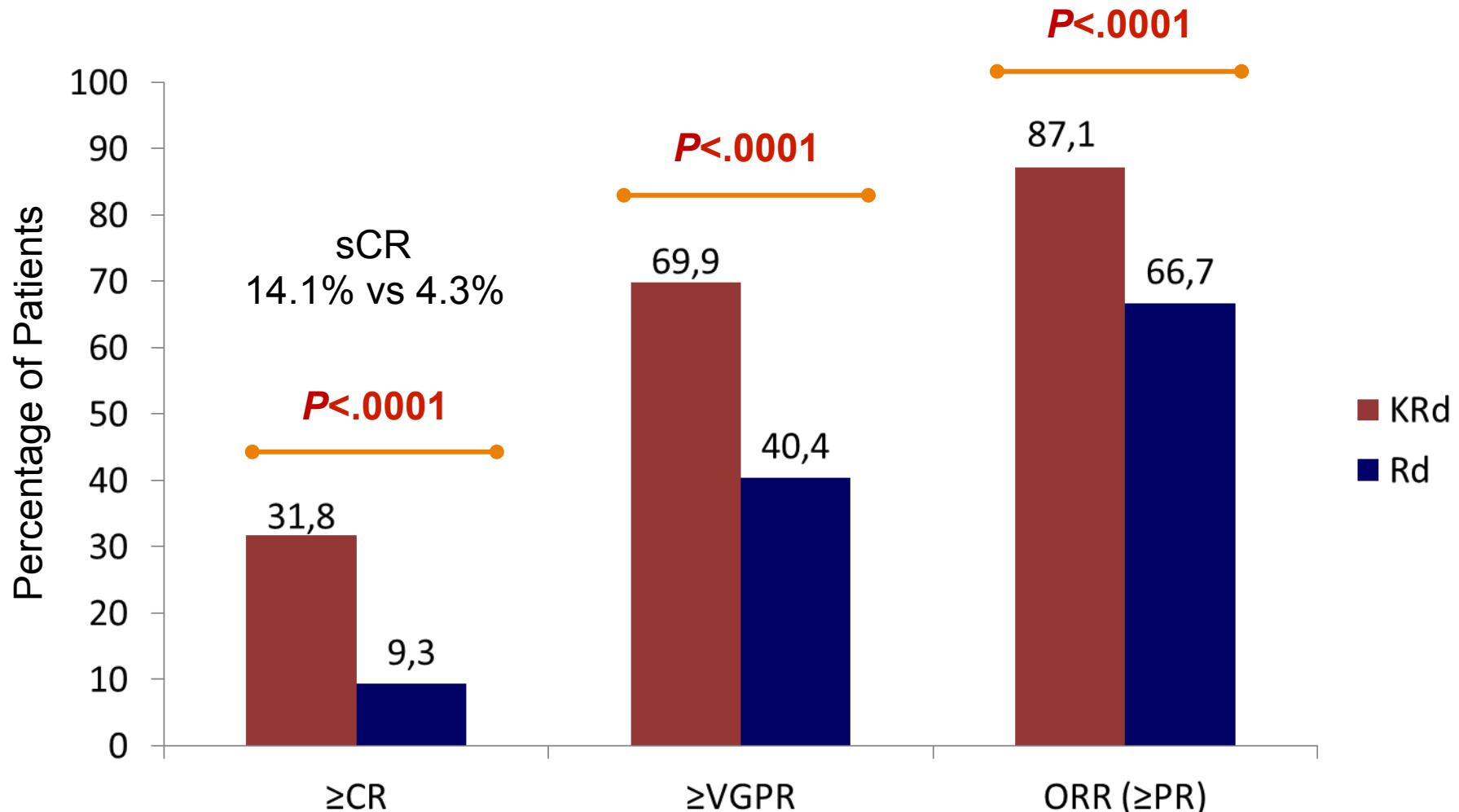
ASPIRE: KRd vs Rd

PFS by cytogenetic risk status at baseline



HR: t(4;14), t(14;16), and del(17p)

ASPIRE: Response



- Median duration of response was 28.6 months in the KRd group and 21.2 months in the Rd group

ASPIRE: KRd vs Rd

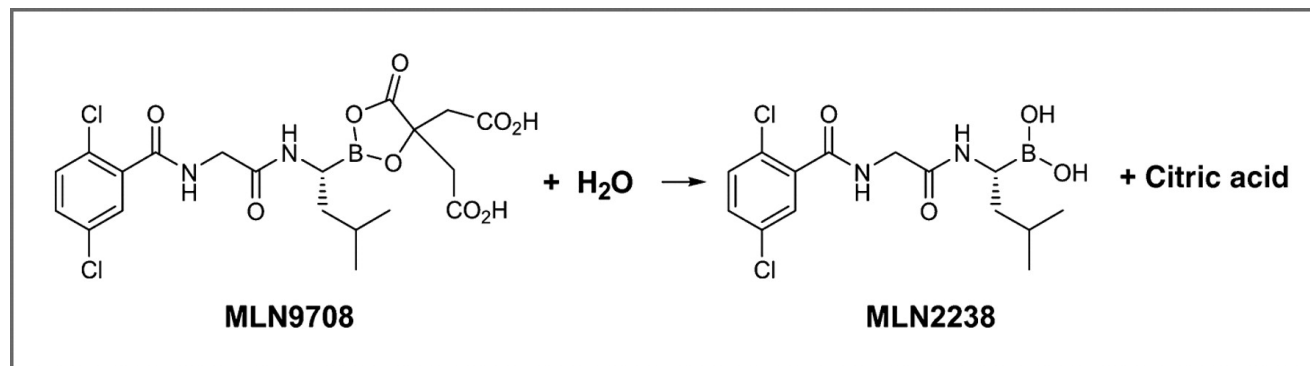
AEs of Interest

AE, %	KRd (n=392)		Rd (n=389)	
	All Grade	Grade ≥3	All Grade	Grade ≥3
Dyspnea	19.4	2.8	14.9	1.8
Peripheral neuropathy*	17.1	2.6	17.0	3.1
Hypertension	14.3	4.3	6.9	1.8
Acute renal failure*	8.4	3.3	7.2	3.1
Cardiac failure*	6.4	3.8	4.1	1.8
Deep vein thrombosis	6.6	1.8	3.9	1.0
Ischemic heart disease*	5.9	3.3	4.6	2.1
Pulmonary embolism	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.3
Second primary malignancy*	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.8

SECOND-GENERATION PROTEASOME INHIBITORS

Ixazomib – oral proteasome inhibitor

- Ixazomib is the first **oral proteasome inhibitor** to be studied in the clinic
 - Ixazomib is a peptide boronic acid proteasome inhibitor that has a distinct chemical structure and pharmacology compared to bortezomib^{1,2}
 - Selectively, reversibly and potently inhibits the beta5 site of the 20S proteasome
 - It has a shorter proteasome dissociation half-life compared to bortezomib and it can more readily enter tumor tissues (improved tumor pharmacodynamic response and antitumor activity)
 - Preclinical studies indicated synergy with lenalidomide^{3,4}



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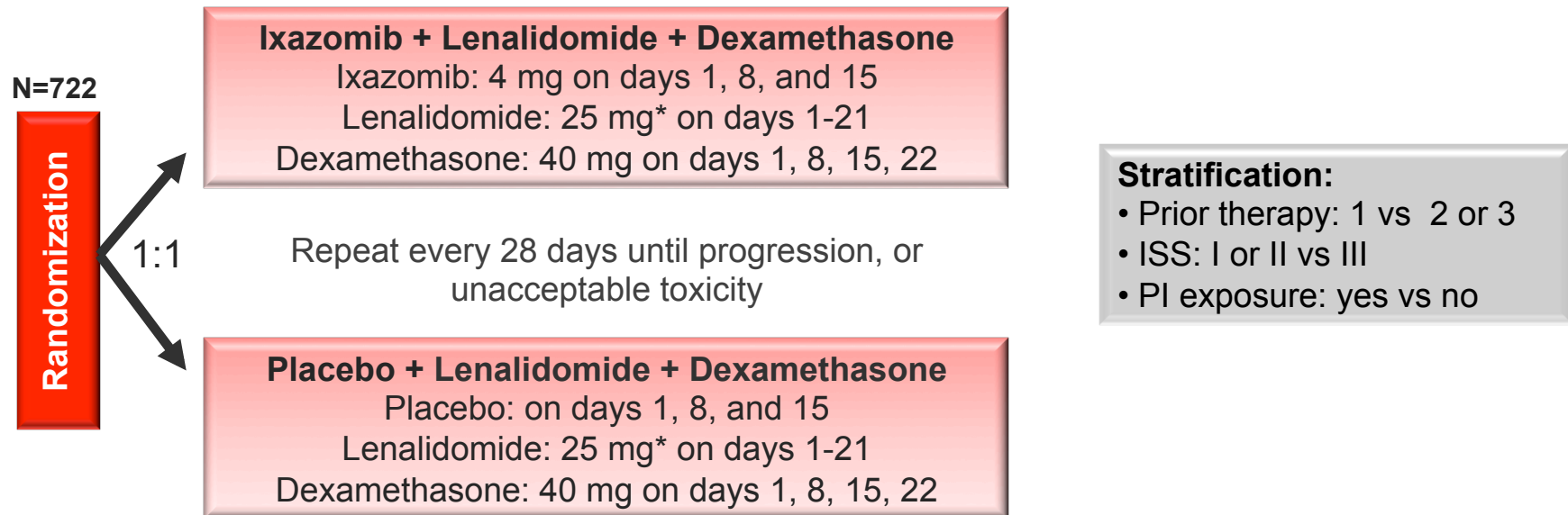
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TOURMALINE-MM1: Phase 3 study of weekly oral ixazomib plus lenalidomide-dexamethasone

Ixazomib is approved by FDA and conditionally approved by EMA in combination with **lenalidomide-dexamethasone** for patients who have received at least 1 prior therapy

Global, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study design



*10 mg for patients with creatinine clearance ≤ 60 or ≤ 50 mL/min, depending on local label/practice

Primary endpoint:

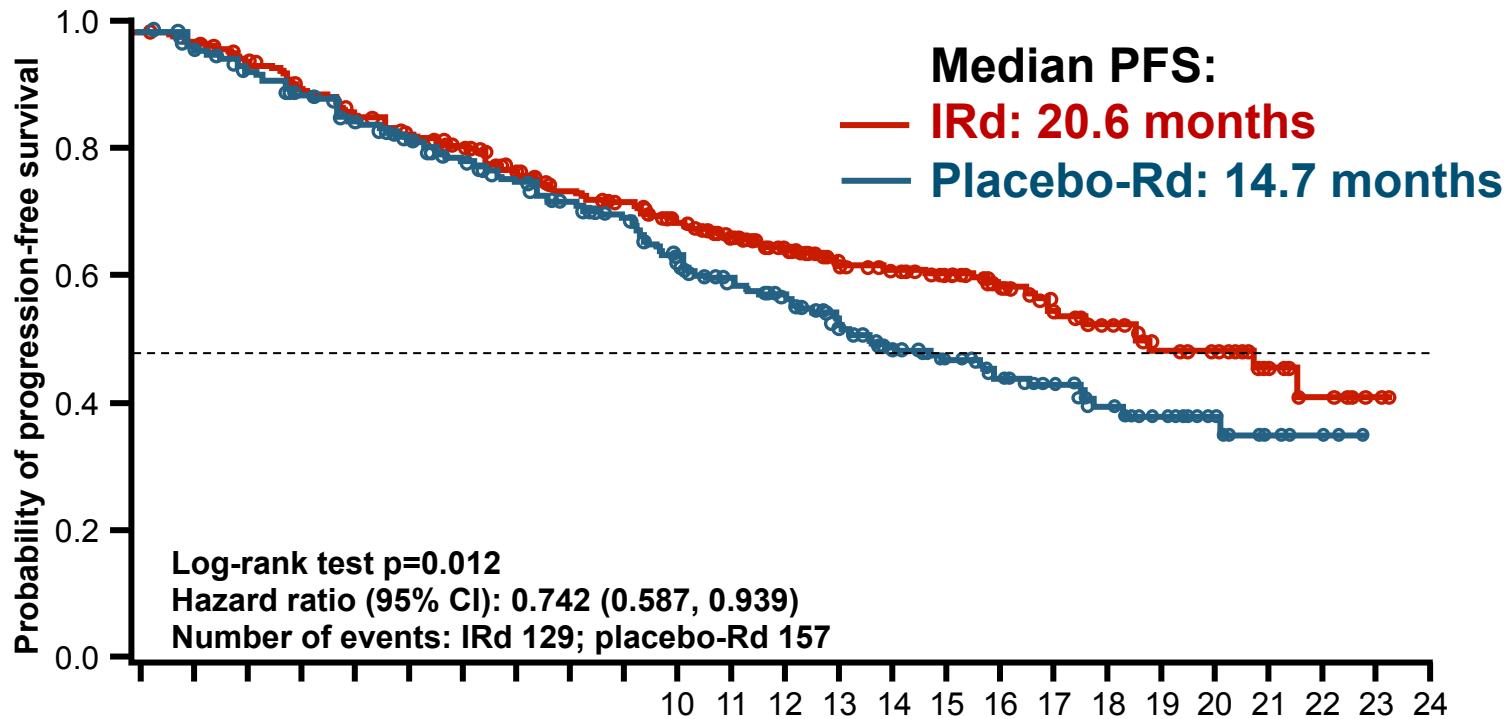
- PFS

Key secondary endpoints:

- OS
- OS in patients with del(17p)

- Received 1–3 prior treatments
- Not refractory to len or bort
- 70% bort exposed, 12% lena exposed

TOURMALINE-MM1: Final PFS analysis (median fup: 23 mos): A significant, 35% improvement in PFS with IRd vs placebo-Rd



	Time from randomization (months)																								
Number of patients at risk:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
IRd	360	345	332	315	298	283	270	248	233	224	206	182	145	119	111	95	72	58	44	34	26	14	9	1	0
Placebo-Rd	362	340	325	308	288	274	254	237	218	208	188	157	130	101	85	71	58	46	31	22	15	5	3	0	0

Median follow-up: ~15 months

TOURMALINE-MM1: Outcomes by cytogenetic risk group

	ORR, %		≥VGPR, %		≥CR, %		Median PFS, months		
	IRd	Placebo-Rd	IRd	Placebo-Rd	IRd	Placebo-Rd	IRd	Placebo-Rd	HR
All patients	78.3*	71.5	48.1*	39	11.7*	6.6	20.6	14.7	0.742*
Standard-risk patients	80	73	51	44	12	7	20.6	15.6	0.640*
All high-risk patients	79*	60	45*	21	12*	2	21.4	9.7	0.543
Patients with del(17p) [†]	72	48	39	15	11*	0	21.4	9.7	0.596
Patients with t(4;14) alone	89	76	53	28	14	4	18.5	12.0	0.645

*p<0.05 for comparison between regimens. [†]Alone or in combination with t(4;14 or t(14;16).
Data not included on patients with t(14;16) alone due to small numbers (n=7).

- ▶ Median OS could not be estimated
- ▶ In the IRd arm, median PFS in high-risk patients was similar to that in the overall patient population and in patients with standard-risk cytogenetics

TOURMALINE-MM1: Improved response rates, durable responses, and improved time to progression (TTP) with IRd

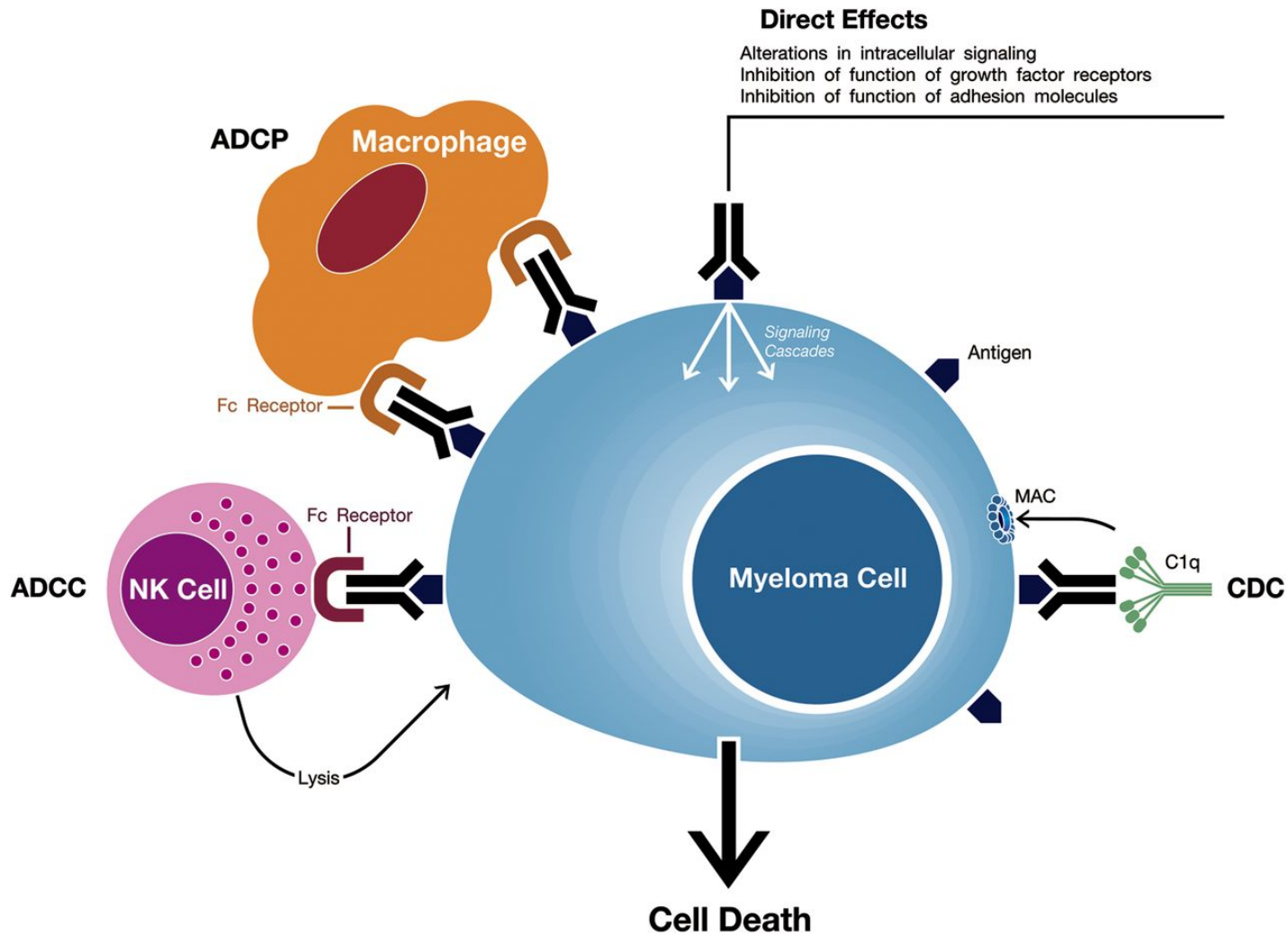
Response rates	IRd (N=360)	Placebo-Rd (N=362)	p-value
Confirmed ORR (\geq PR), %	78.3	71.5	p=0.035
CR+VGPR, %	48.1	39.0	p=0.014
Response categories			
CR, %	11.7	6.6	p=0.019
PR, %	66.7	64.9	—
VGPR, %	36.4	32.3	—
Median time to response, mos	1.1	1.9	—
Median duration of response, mos	20.5	15.0	—
Median TTP, mos	21.4	15.7	HR 0.712 P=0.007

TOURMALINE: AEs after median follow-up of 23 months: increased rates with IRd driven by low-grade events

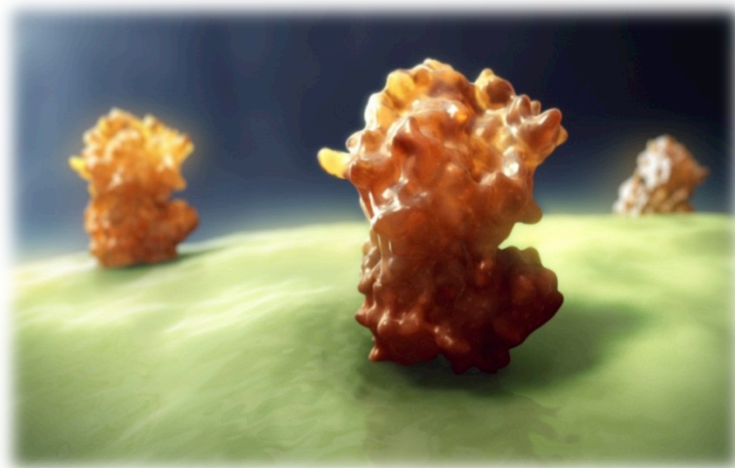
Preferred terms	IRd (N=361), %			Placebo-Rd (N=359), %		
	All-grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	All-grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
AEs overlapping with lenalidomide						
Diarrhea	45	6	0	39	3	0
Constipation	35	<1	0	26	<1	0
Nausea	29	2	0	22	0	0
Vomiting	23	1	0	12	<1	0
Rash*	36	5	0	23	2	0
Back pain	24	<1	0	17	3	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	23	<1	0	19	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	31	12	7	16	5	4
AEs with proteasome inhibitors						
Peripheral neuropathy*	27	2	0	22	2	0
Peripheral edema	28	1	0	20	1	0
AEs with lenalidomide						
Thromboembolism*	8	2	<1	11	3	<1
Neutropenia*	33	18	5	31	18	6

*Represents multiple MedDRA preferred terms.

Mechanisms of action of monoclonal antibodies targeting surface antigens on MM cells

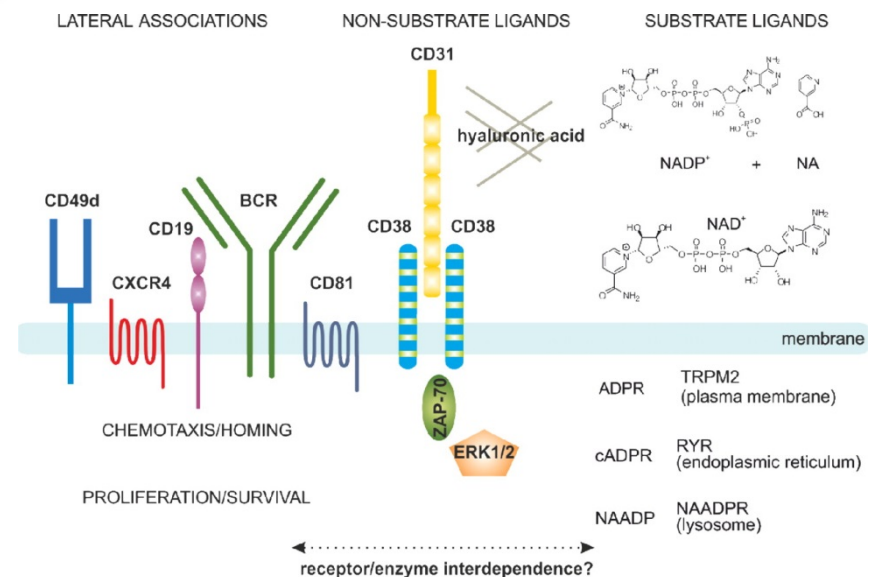


CD38, cell surface receptor and an ectoenzyme, is a rational therapeutic target for treatment of myeloma



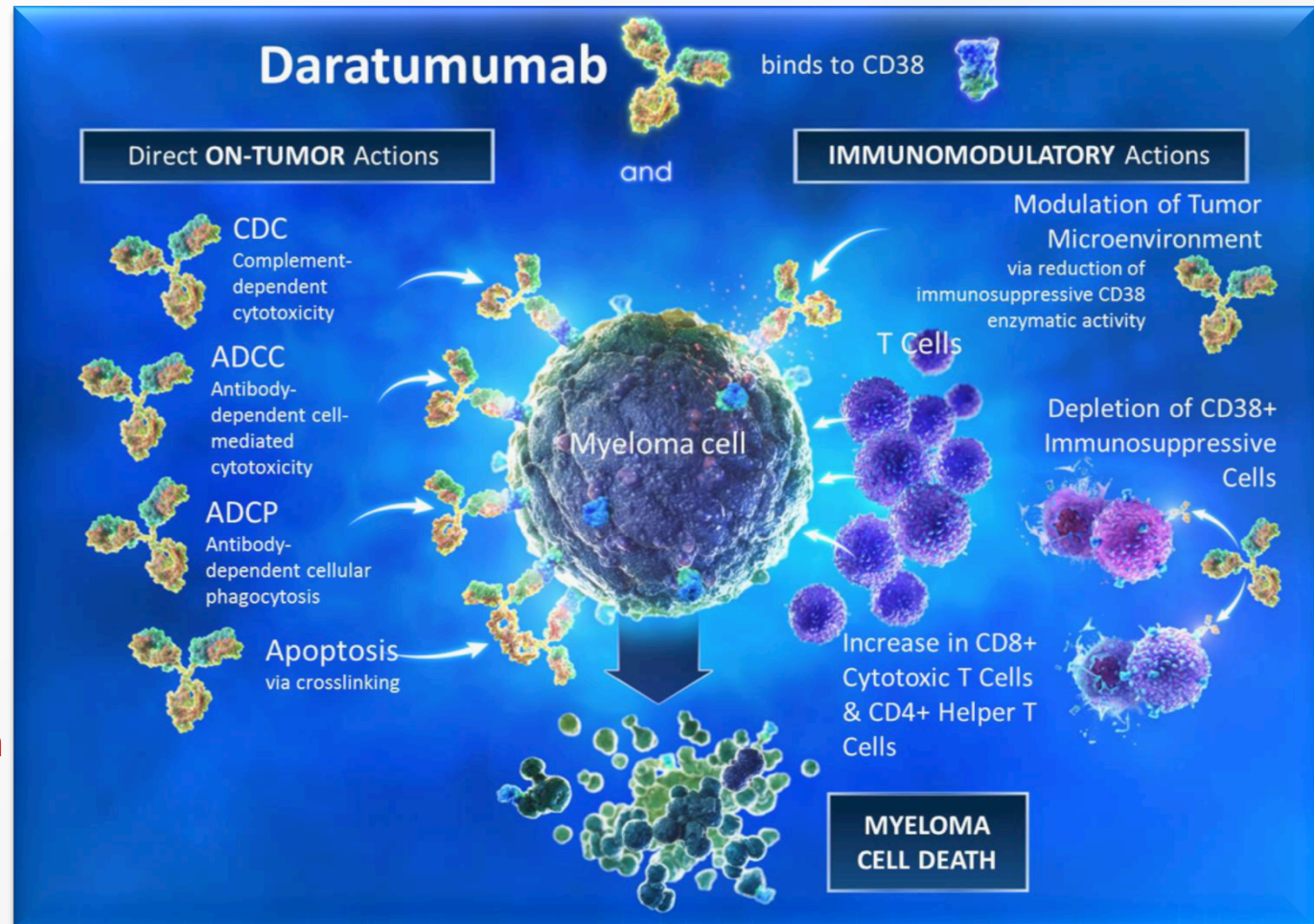
- Type II **transmembrane protein** (m.w. \approx 45 kDa)
- **Highly and uniformly expressed on myeloma cells**
 - CD38 present on CD4, CD8, NK cells and B lymphocytes at a relatively low level
 - Also some CD38 expression on tissues of non-hematopoietic origin

- CD38 has several intracellular functions
 1. Regulates **signaling, homing and adhesion** in close contact with BCR complex and CXCR4
 2. Regulates **activation and proliferation of human T lymphocytes**
 3. As an ectoenzyme, CD38 interacts with NAD⁺ and NADP⁺, which are converted to cADPR, ADPR, and NAADP in **intracellular Ca²⁺-mobilization**



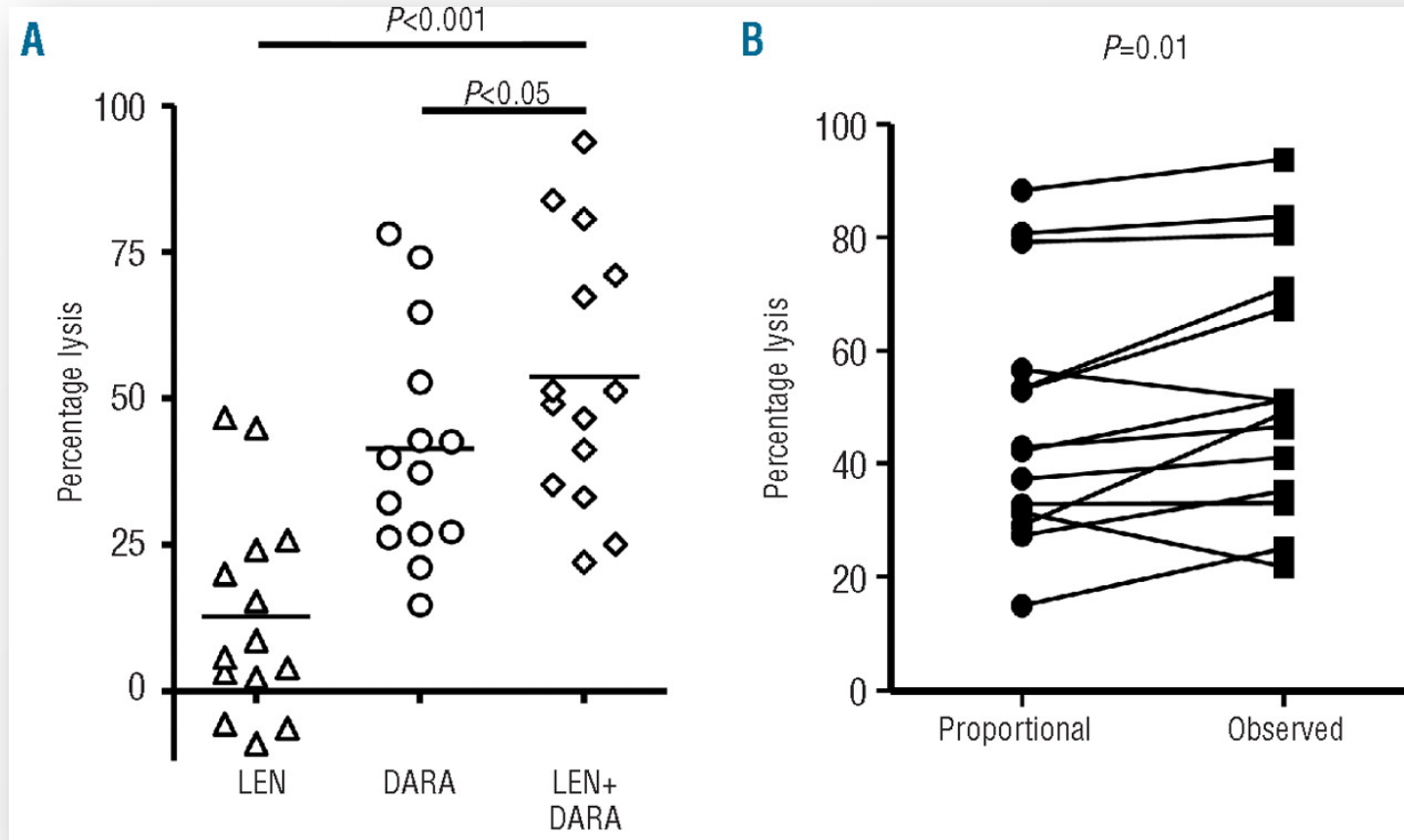
Daratumumab: Mechanism of Action

- Human CD38 IgGκ monoclonal antibody
- Direct and indirect anti-myeloma activity¹⁻⁵
- Depletes CD38⁺ immunosuppressive regulatory cells⁵
- Promotes T-cell expansion and activation⁵
- **Daratumumab as a single agent^{6,7}**
 - **Approved by FDA and conditionally approved by EMA in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma**



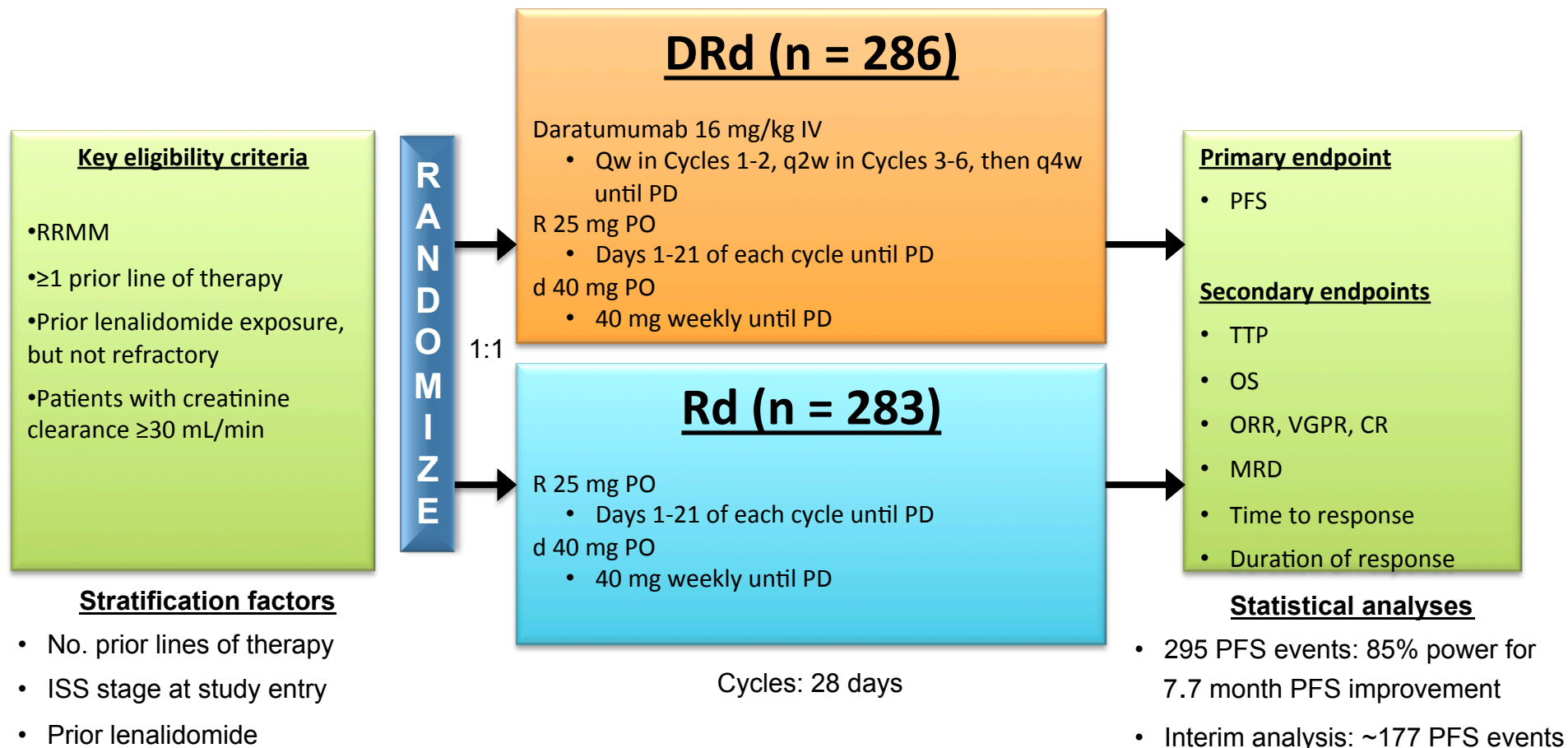
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Improvement of DARA-induced ADCC by LEN in BM-MNC of MM patients



POLLUX: Study Design

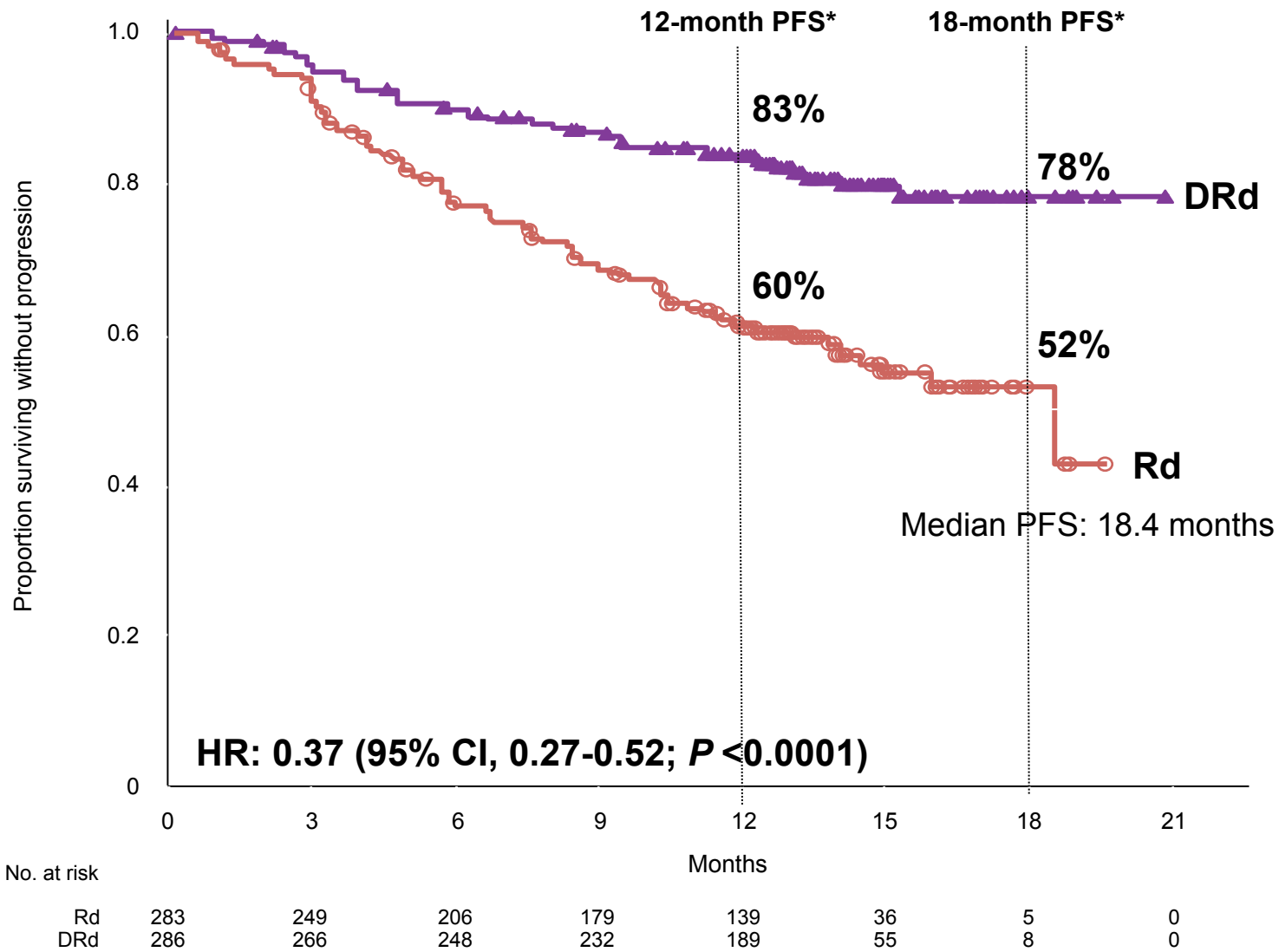
Multicenter, randomized (1:1), open-label, active-controlled phase 3 study



Pre-medication for the DRd treatment group consisted of dexamethasone 20 mg^a, paracetamol, and an antihistamine

^aOn daratumumab dosing days, dexamethasone was administered 20 mg premed on Day 1 and 20 mg on Day 2; RRMM, relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma; ISS, international staging system; R, lenalidomide; DRd, daratumumab/lenalidomide/dexamethasone; IV, intravenous; qw, once weekly; q2w, every 2 weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks; PD, progressive disease; PO, oral; d, dexamethasone; Rd, lenalidomide/dexamethasone; TTP, time to progression; MRD, minimal-residual disease.

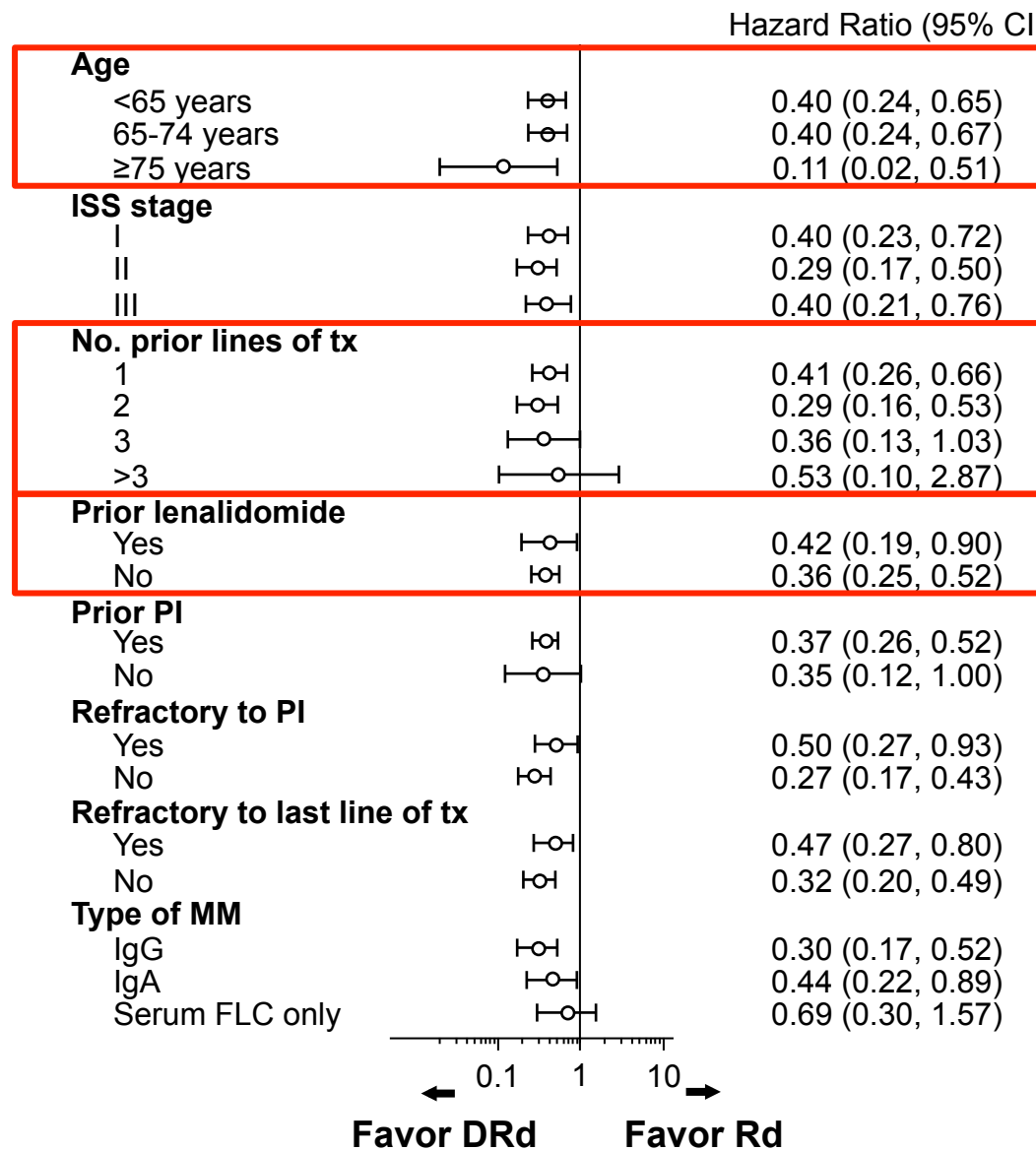
POLLUX: Progression-free Survival



63% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death for DRd vs Rd

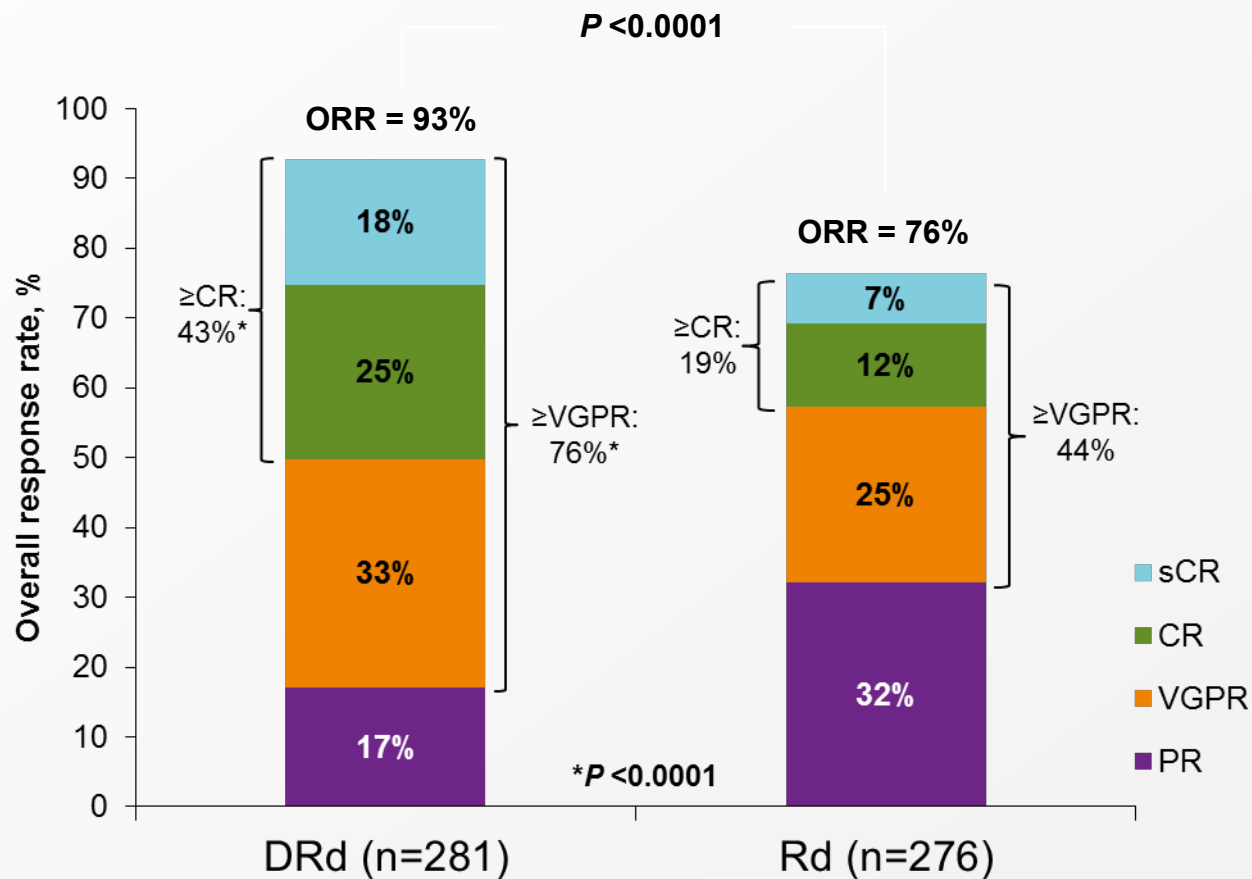
*KM estimate; HR, hazard ratio.

POLLUX: PFS, Subgroup Analysis



Higher efficacy was observed for DRd versus Rd across all subgroups

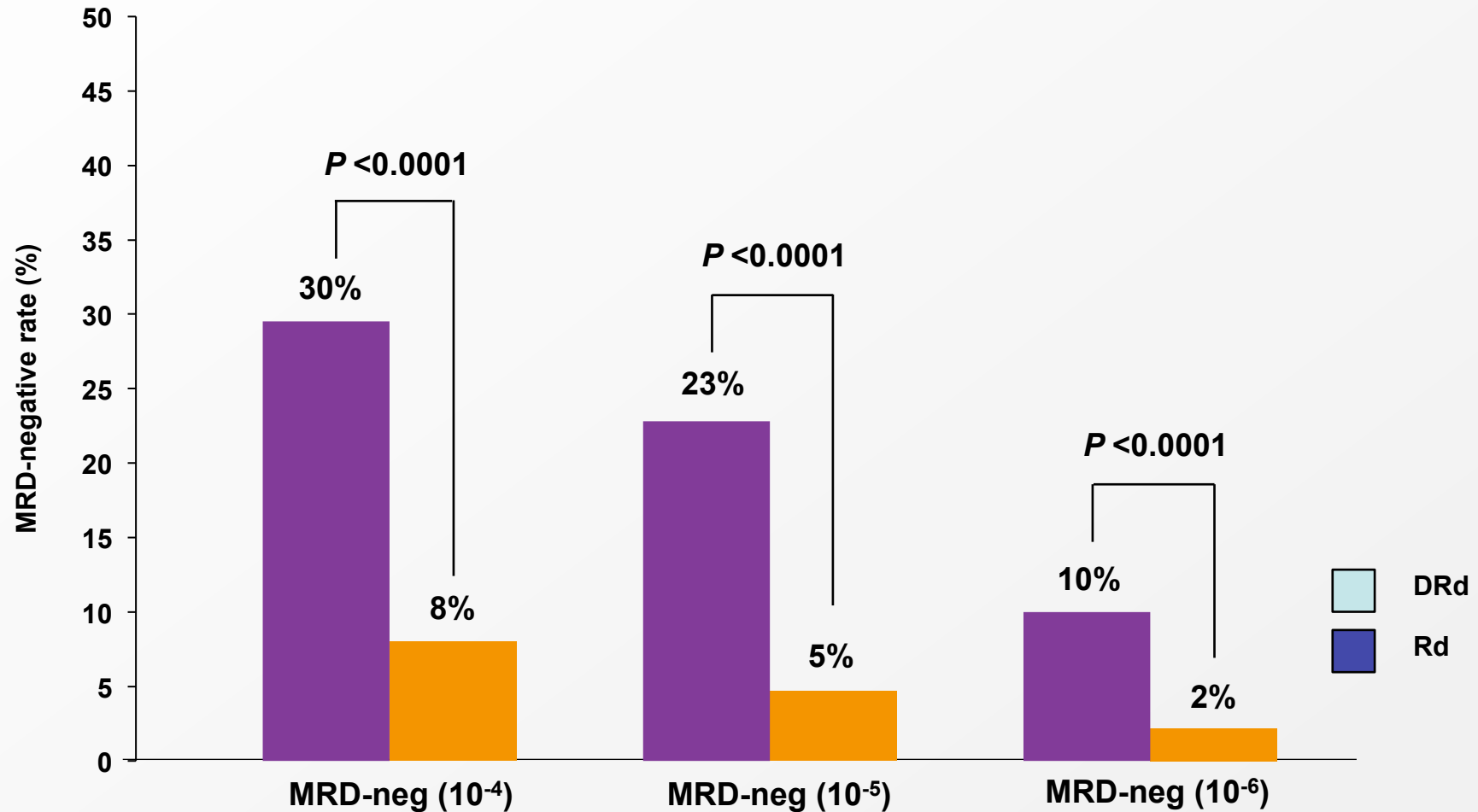
POLLUX: Overall Response Rate^a



- Median duration of response: Not reached for DRd vs 17.4 months for Rd
- Median time to response: 1.0 month for DRd vs 1.3 months for Rd

^aWhen serum interference was suspected, CR was confirmed using the daratumumab interference reflex assay.

POLLUX: MRD-negative Rate



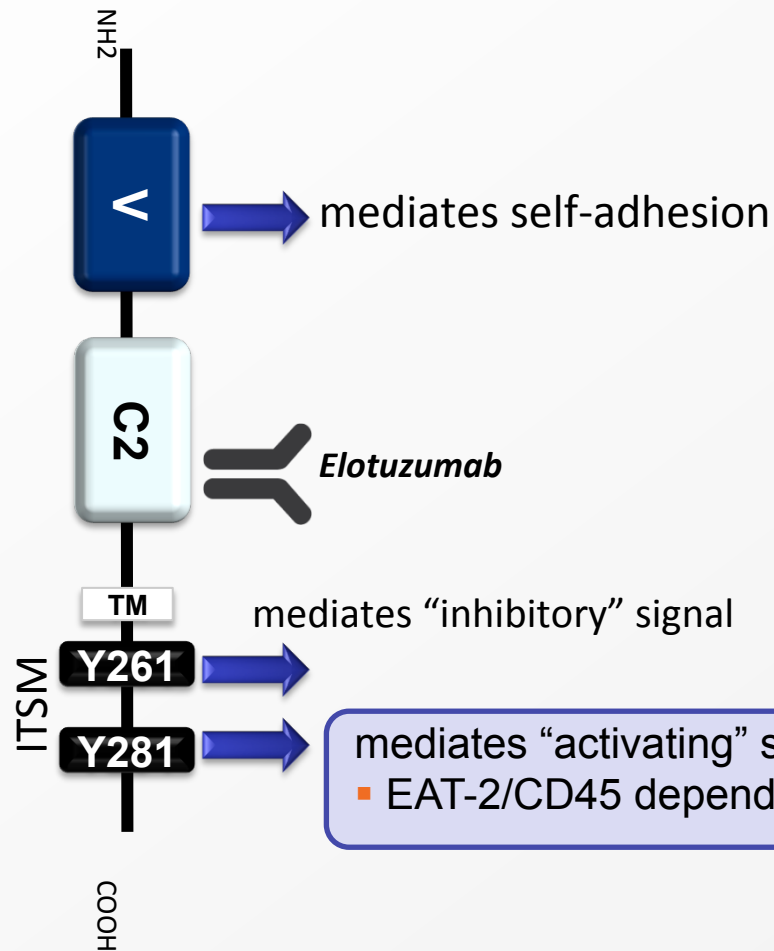
Significantly higher MRD-negative rates for DRd vs Rd

POLLUX: Infusion-related Reactions (IRRs)

IRRs $\geq 2\%$	Safety Analysis Set (n = 283)	
	All grades (%)	Grade 3 (%)
Patients with IRRs	48	5
Cough	9	0
Dyspnea	9	0.7
Vomiting	6	0.4
Nausea	5	0
Chills	5	0.4
Bronchospasm	5	0.4
Pruritus	3	0.4
Throat irritation	3	0
Headache	3	0
Nasal congestion	3	0
Wheezing	2	0.7
Laryngeal edema	2	0.4
Rhinorrhea	2	0
Pyrexia	2	0

- No grade 4 or 5 IRRs were reported
- 92% of all IRRs occurred during the first infusion
- 1 patient discontinued daratumumab due to an IRR

Elotuzumab: A Monoclonal Antibody Targeting SLAMF7



Elotuzumab

- Humanized, IgG1 mab specific for human SLAMF7
 - No cross-reactivity with non-human homologues or other SLAM family members
- Binds to a membrane-proximal motif of SLAMF7
 - Critical for mediating killing of target cells (in vitro)

SLAMF7

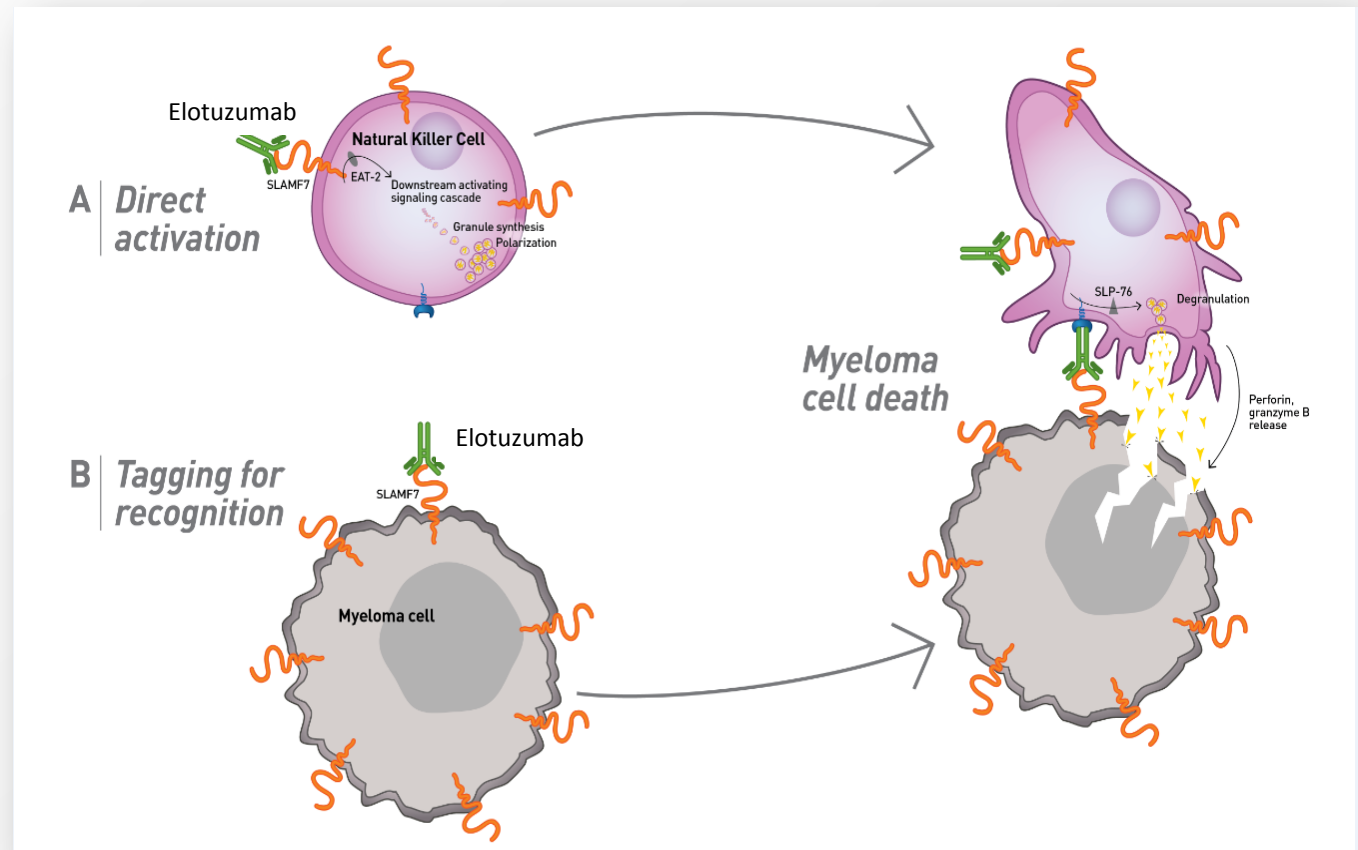
- Expression highest on Plasma Cells
- Varied expression across hematopoietic cells (NK, NK-T, DC, B, TCD8+, PC)
- Not express on non-hematopoietic cells
- SLAMF7 K/O Phenotype: compromised NK function

SLAMF7 = Signalling Lymphocyte Activation Molecule Family 7; ADCC=Antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity
 ITSM = Intracellular Tyrosine Switch Motif
 EAT-2 = Ewing's Sarcoma associated transcript 2

Veillette and Guo, Critical Reviews in Onc and Heme, 2013.
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Elotuzumab works via a dual mechanism of action by both directly activating Natural Killer Cells and through antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) to cause targeted Myeloma cell death

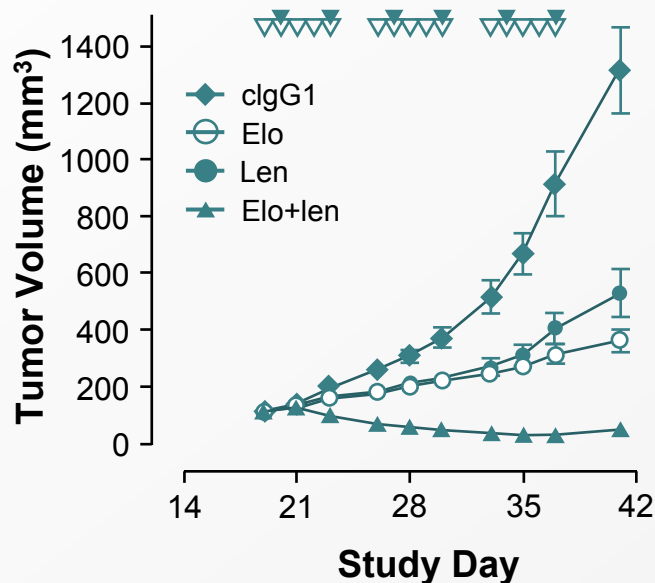
- **A: Direct activation**
Binding to SLAMF7 directly activates natural killer cells,² but not myeloma cells³
- **B: Tagging for recognition**
Elotuzumab activates natural killer cells via CD16, enabling selective killing of myeloma cells via antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) with minimal effects on normal tissue²



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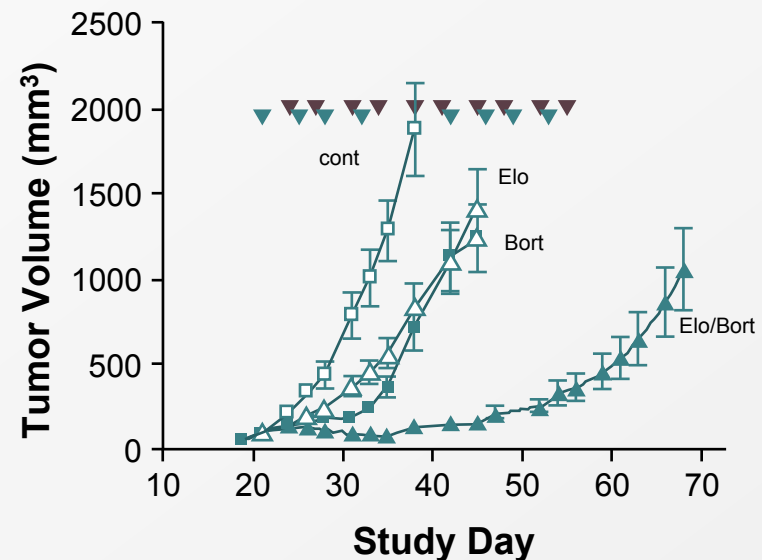
Elotuzumab Exhibits Synergy With Both Lenalidomide and Bortezomib

- No single agent activity
- Lenalidomide and bortezomib enhance the NKC-Mediated anti-myeloma activity of elotuzumab



Elotuzumab/lenalidomide²

- Lenalidomide enhances T-cell activation and cytokine production leading to **Natural Killer cell stimulation**
- Lenalidomide also exhibits **direct antimyeloma activity**, which enhances the cells' sensitivity to Natural Killer cell-mediated killing



Elotuzumab/bortezomib¹

- Bortezomib exhibits direct **antimyeloma activity**, which augments the cells' sensitivity to Natural Killer cell-mediated killing by enhancing activating ligands and reducing inhibitory ligands on myeloma cells

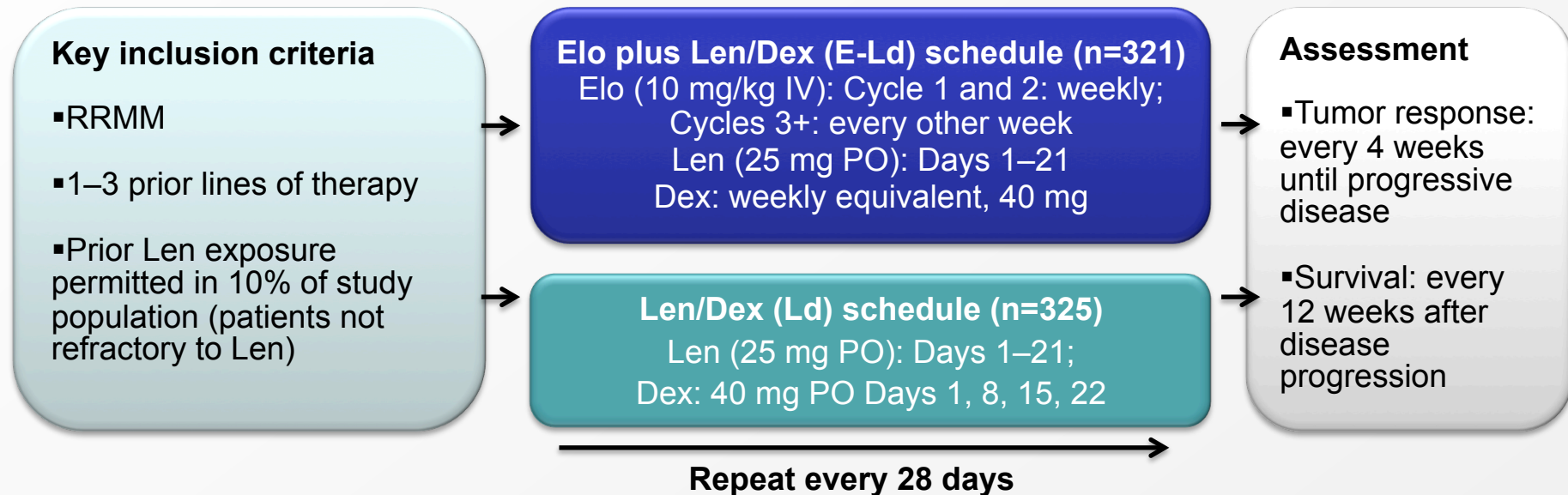
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ELOQUENT-2: Elo-Ld vs Ld in R/R MM

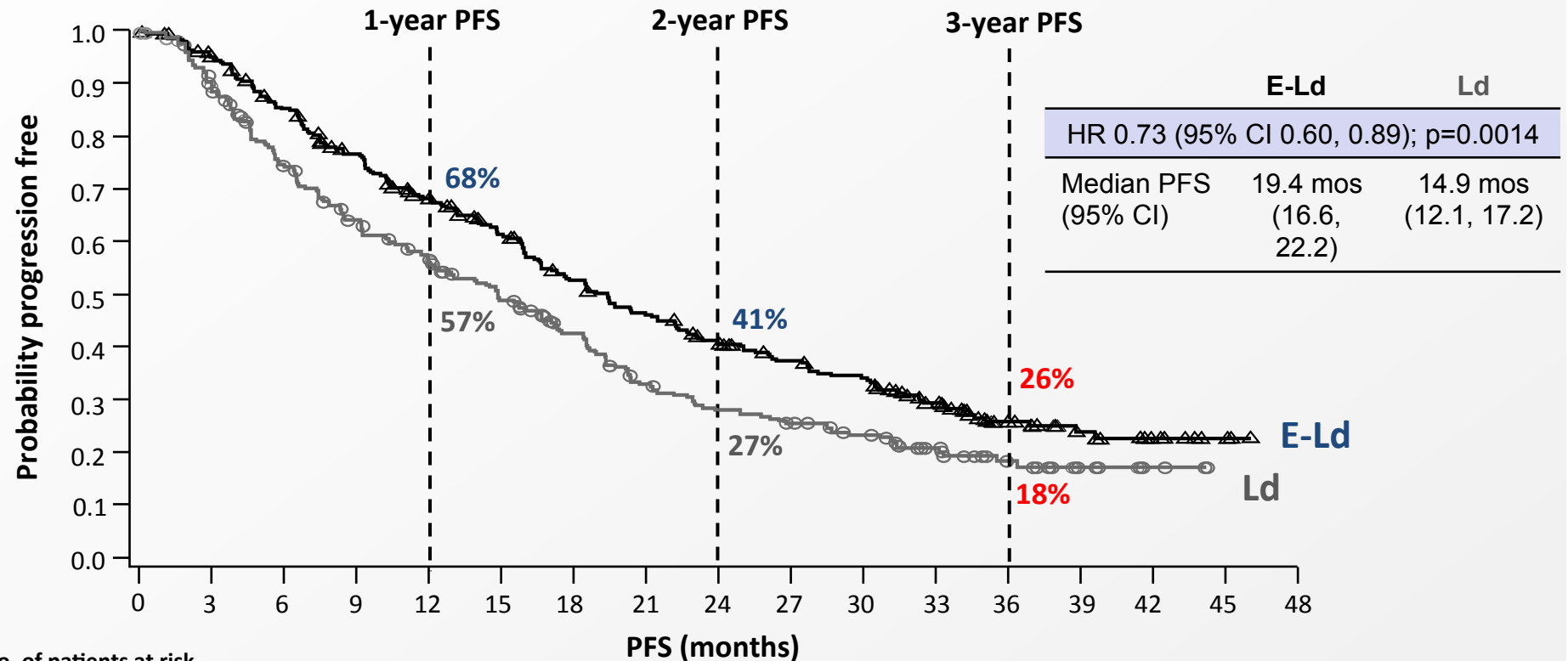
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- Open-label, international, randomized, multicenter, **phase 3 trial** (168 global sites)
- **646 pts**
- Median n° treatment cycles Elo Ld: 19 (1-42)
- 83% pts received more than 90% dose intensity

ELOQUENT-2: Elo-Ld vs Ld in R/R MM

Extended Progression-Free Survival



No. of patients at risk

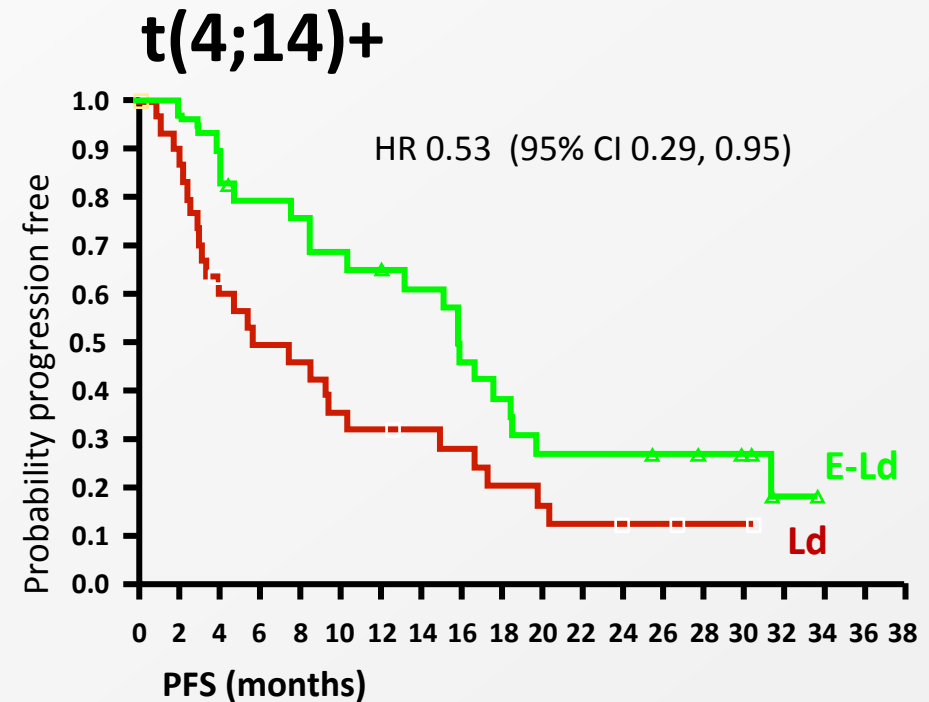
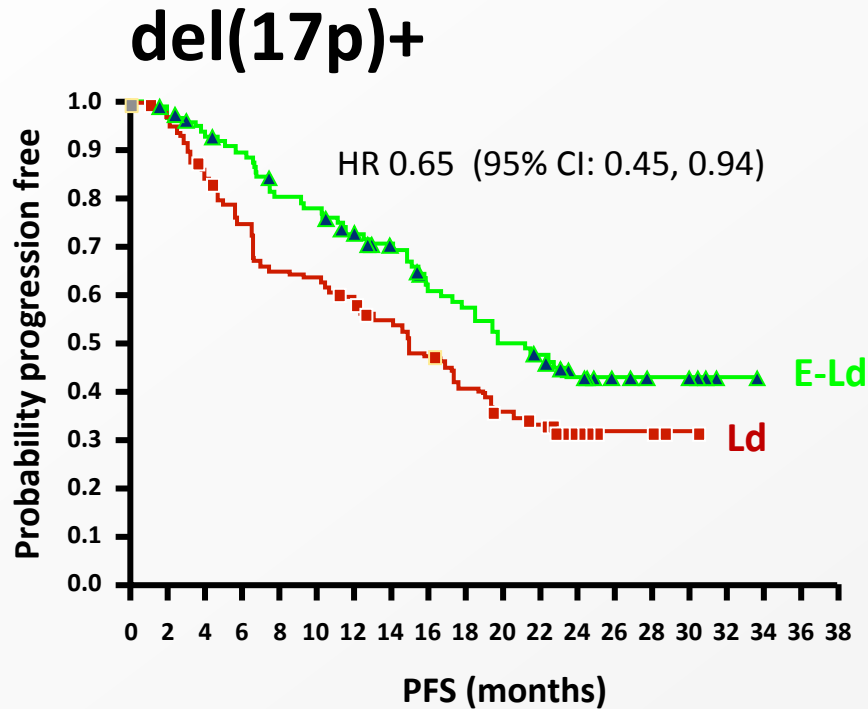
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
E-Ld	321	293	259	227	195	171	144	125	107	94	85	59	34	19	8	3	0
Ld	325	266	215	181	157	130	106	80	67	60	51	36	15	7	3	0	0

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

ELOQUENT-2: EloRd vs Rd

PFS according to del(17p) and t(4;14)



E-Ld: median (95% CI): 21.19 (16.62, NE)
 Ld: median (95% CI): 14.92 (10.61, 18.50)



E-Ld: median (95% CI): 15.84 (8.41, 18.46)
 Ld: median (95% CI): 5.55 (3.09, 10.25)

Elo-Rd del(17p) negativity: median (95% CI): 18.46 (15.84, 22.77)

ELOQUENT-2: EloRd vs Rd

INFUSION REACTIONS

Events, n (%)	E-Ld (n=318)		
	Grade 1/2	Grade 3	Grade 4/5
Infusion reaction	29 (9)	4 (1)	0
Pyrexia	10 (3)	0	0
Chills	4 (1)	0	0
Hypertension	3 (1)	1 (<1)	0

- Infusion reactions occurred in **10%** of patients
- **70% of infusion reactions occurred with the first dose**
- No Grade 4 or 5 infusion reactions
- Elotuzumab infusion was interrupted in 15 (5%) patients due to an infusion reaction (median interruption duration 25 minutes)
- 2 (1%) patients discontinued the study due to an infusion reaction

Lenalidomide-based triplet regimens

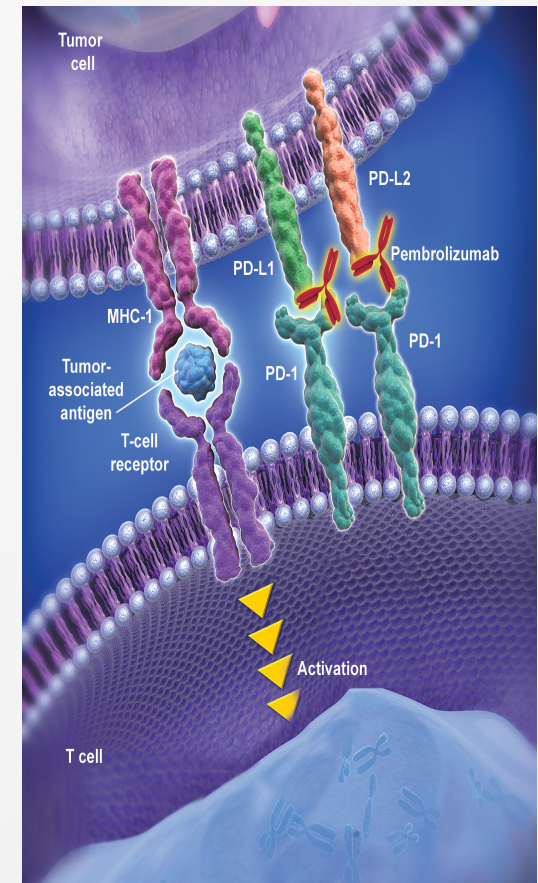
	ASPIRE KRd vs Rd	TOURMALINE- MM1 IRd vs Rd	POLLUX DRd vs Rd	ELOQUENT-2 ERd vs Rd
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.69 (0.57-0.83)	0.74 (0.59-0.94)	0.37 (0.27-0.52)	0.73 (0.60-0.89)
ORR	87%	78%	93%	79%
≥VGPR	70%	48%	76%	33%
≥CR	32%	14%	43%	4%
Duration of response, mo	28.6	20.5	NE	20.7
OS HR (95% CI)	0.79 (0.63-0.99)	NE	0.64 (0.40-1.01)	0.77 (0.61-0.97)

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Pembrolizumab

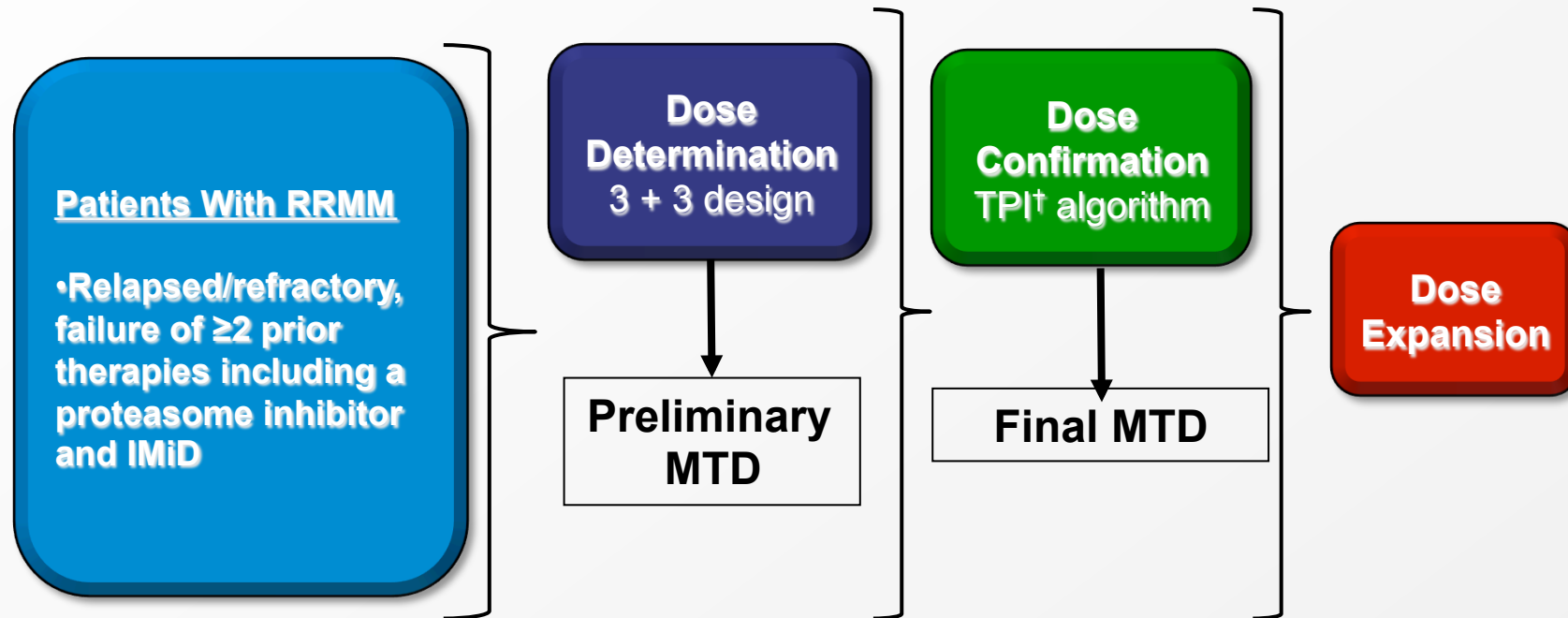
Immuno-oncology

- The PD-1 pathway is often exploited by tumors to evade immune surveillance:¹⁻³
 - PD1 is upregulated on activated T-cells
 - Binding of the PD-1 receptor to its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2 (expressed on the surface of APC & Tumor cells) inhibits T-cell activation
- Role of PD-1 inhibitors in multiple myeloma¹⁻²
 - PD-1 is increased among T-cells of patients with MRD/RR disease
 - PD-1 blockade prolonged survival mice with 5TGM-1 PD-L1–positive MM cells
- Pembrolizumab blocks interaction between PD-1 and PD-L1/PD-L2⁴⁻⁶
 - Robust antitumor activity and manageable safety in multiple cancers
- Rationale for the combination of IMiDs and PD-L1 blockade⁷
 - Lenalidomide reduces PD-L1 and PD-1 expression on MM cells and T and myeloid derived suppressor cells
 - Lenalidomide enhances checkpoint blockade–induced effector cytokine production in MM bone marrow and induced cytotoxicity against MM cells



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KEYNOTE-023: Phase 1 Trial of Pembrolizumab + Lenalidomide and Low-Dose Dexamethasone in RRMM



- Primary end points: Safety and tolerability
- Secondary end points: ORR, DOR, PFS, OS

- **MTD pembro 200 mg iv Q2W + Len 25 mg + Dex**
- **Safety analysis: all patients enrolled in the study (N = 51)**
- **Efficacy analysis: patients who completed 3 cycle of treatment or discontinued for PD (N = 40)**

KEYNOTE-023: Treatment-Related Adverse Events

n (%)	All AEs	Grade 3-5
All AEs (N = 51)	48 (94)	33 (65)
AEs in ≥6 Patients		
Neutropenia	19 (37)	17 (33)
Thrombocytopenia	21 (41)	9 (18)
Diarrhea	14 (28)	0
Fatigue	13 (26)	1 (2)
Anemia	11 (22)	6 (12)
Pruritus	6 (12)	0
Hyperglycemia	9 (18)	4 (8)
Muscle spasms	7 (14)	0
Myalgia	8 (16)	0
Blurred vision	7 (14)	0
Dizziness	6 (12)	0
Dyspnea	6 (12)	0

n (%)	Pembro + Len + Dex (N = 51)
Hyperthyroidism Grade 1	1 (2)
Hypothyroidism Grade 1	2 (4)
Thyroiditis Grade 1	1 (2)
Increased transaminases Grade 3	1 (2)
Renal failure Grade 3	1 (2)

Immune-Mediated Adverse Events

KEYNOTE-023: Antitumor Activity Central Review (IMWG 2006)

Best Overall Response n (%)	Efficacy Population [†] (n = 40)	Len-Refractory (n = 29)
Overall response rate	20 (50)	11 (38)
Stringent complete response (sCR)	1 (3)	1 (3)
Very good partial response (VGPR)	5 (13)	3 (10)
Partial response (PR)	14 (35)	7 (24)
Stable disease (SD)	19 (48)	17 (59)
Disease control rate (CR+PR+SD)	39 (98)	28 (97)
Progressive disease (PD)	1 (3)	1 (3)

[†]11 patients NE by central review

3 discontinued within cycle 1 for reasons other than PD (2 no treatment assessments and 1 SD by investigator)

8 inadequate myeloma data for response assessment (5 PD and 3 SD by investigator)

Conclusions and future directions

2007:

2012:
Carfilzomib²

2015/2016:
Ixazomib
Panobinostat
Daratumumab
Elotuzumab

- Availability of newer combos in early R/R MM
- Synergy with len-dex
- **High response rates and extended PFS**
- Favorable safety profile
- **Warning for cardiac toxicity of Carfilzomib**
- **No additional toxicities for Dara and Elo**, a part from infusion reactions: ideal partners for combination regimens
- Similarity but also differences in between studies (previous drugs exposure/ refractoriness, drugs duration, cytogenetic high-risk cut off)
- **Need to identify sub-groups of patients mostly benefiting from each combo**
- **Need to identify from the very beginning a long-term treatment strategy**

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ABMT=autologous bone marrow transplant; VAD=vincristine/doxorubicin/dexamethasone.

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