



# Management of The Frail and Transplant-Ineligible Patient

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# Learning Objectives

- Evaluate the clinical efficacy and safety data surrounding new and emerging therapeutics to develop treatment algorithms for patients with newly-diagnosed MM
- Assess barriers to optimal treatment including the therapeutic implications of combination regimens in the management of patients with MM
- Discuss challenges related to current MM management paradigms to decrease the risk of treatment associated AEs, improve therapeutic resistance
- Consider factors which impact treatment selection in transplant-ineligible/frail patients with multiple myeloma

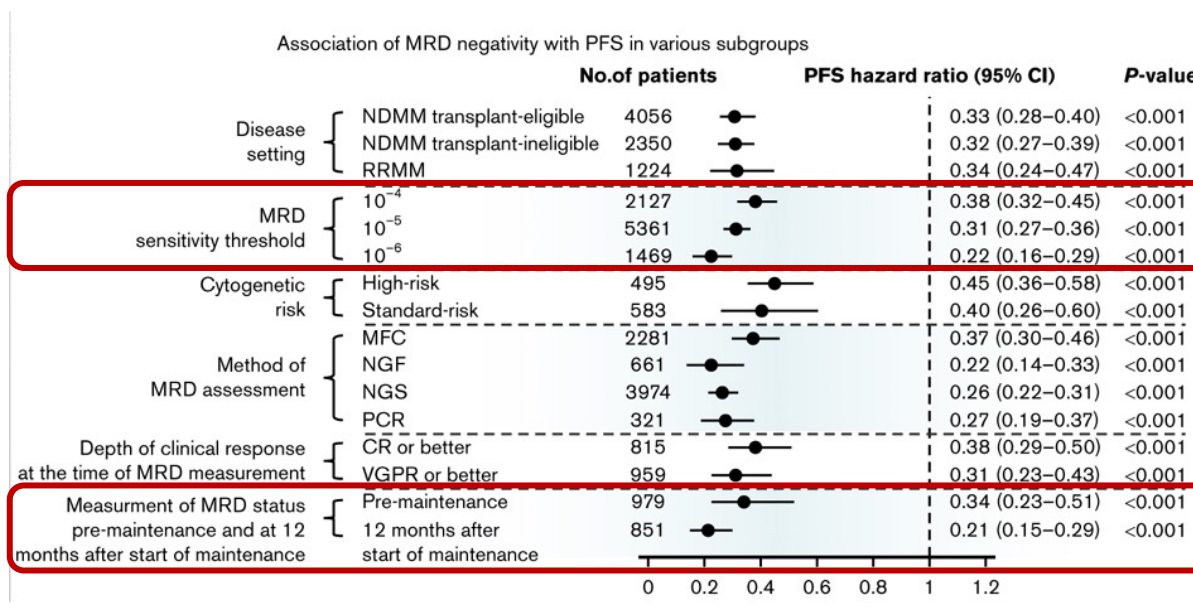
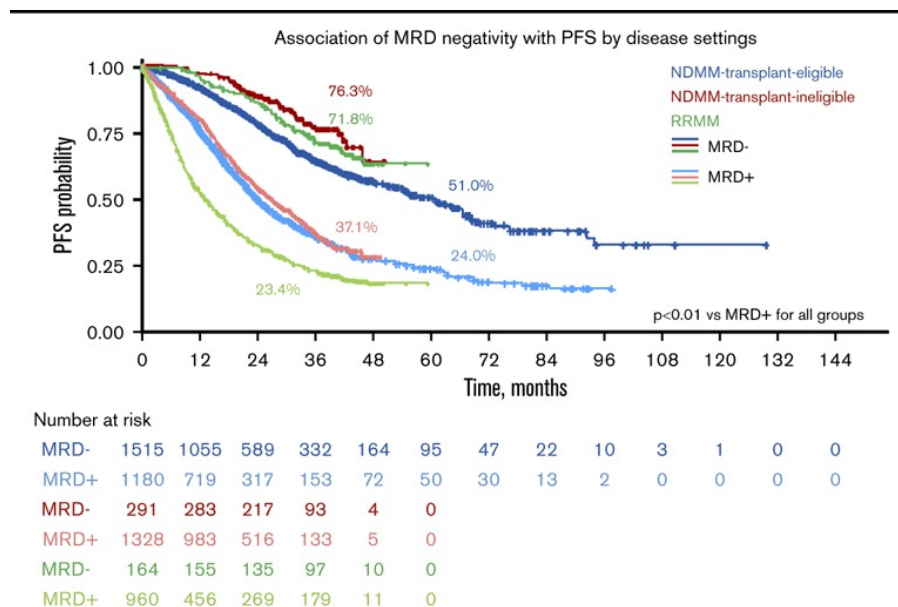


## What Should the Optimal Treatment Goals Be for These NDMM Patients?

- **To achieve long-term survival with good quality of life**
  - Prolong survival
  - Delay disease progression
  - Ensure good quality of life
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**To achieve these goals..... eradication or at least major reduction of the tumor clone is required**

# MRD as Prognostic across MM Patients Subgroups

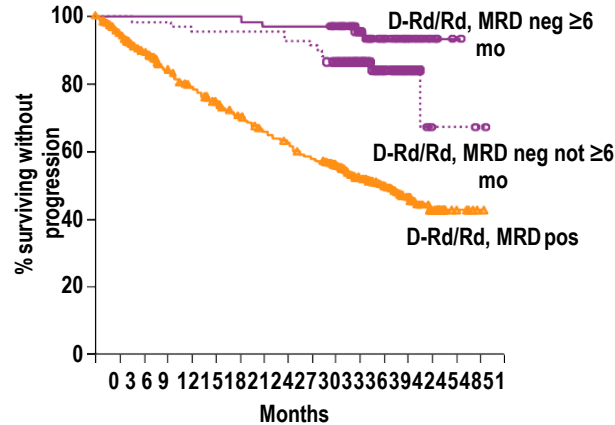


CI, confidence interval; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly-diagnosed multiple myeloma; PFS, progression free survival; RRMM, relapsed refractory multiple myeloma.



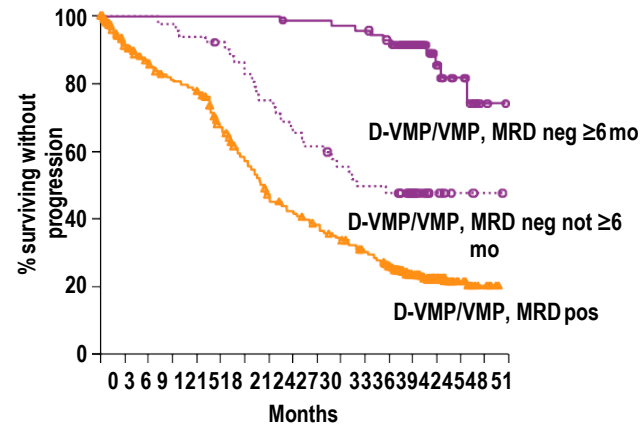
# PFS Based on Sustained MRD Negativity (NGS, $10^{-5}$ ) Lasting $\geq 6$ -12 Months in MAIA (A), ALCYONE (B), and in Both Studies Pooled (C)

A. MAIA



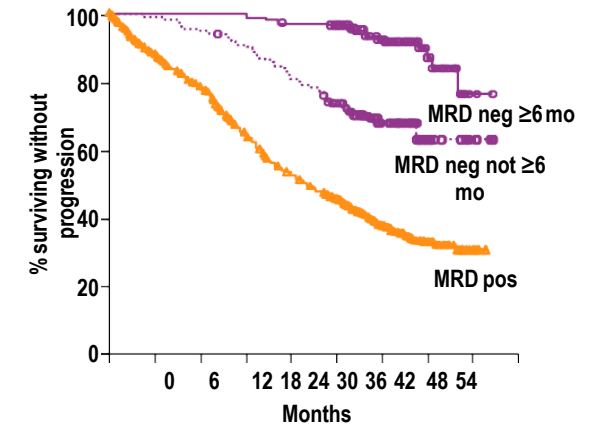
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	
D-Rd/Rd, MRD neg $\geq 6$ mo	71	71	71	71	71	71	69	69	66	66	64	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62
D-Rd/Rd, MRD neg not $\geq 6$ mo	69	69	68	66	66	66	66	64	63	56	39	26	11	2	2	1	0	0	0
D-Rd/Rd, MRD pos	597	540	503	461	426	399	372	345	327	301	272	194	127	69	26	5	1	0	0

B. ALCYONE



	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	
D-VMP/VMP, MRD neg $\geq 6$ mo	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	69	69	68	67	63	47	23	13	3	0	0	0
D-VMP/VMP, MRD neg not $\geq 6$ mo	53	53	53	52	50	48	45	39	34	32	28	25	24	14	7	2	1	0	0
D-VMP/VMP, MRD pos	582	502	466	438	417	353	298	238	214	194	170	148	124	80	48	18	5	0	0

C. Pooled



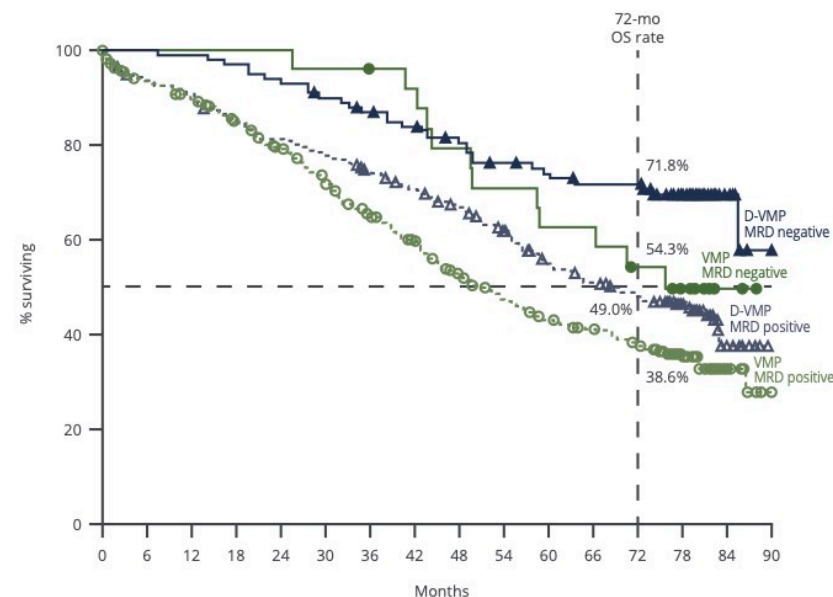
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
MRD neg $\geq 6$ mo	142	142	142	142	138	134	105	29	3	0
MRD neg not $\geq 6$ mo	122	121	116	111	98	84	50	9	2	0
MRD pos	1,179	969	843	670	541	442	251	74	6	0

**Both in MAIA and ALCYONE individually, as well as in the pooled analysis, durable MRD negativity lasting  $\geq 6$  months improved PFS compared with MRD-negative patients who did not maintain MRD negativity for  $\geq 6$  months**

# ALCYONE: DVMP vs VMP: OS by MRD status

MRD by NGS 10 <sup>-5</sup>	D-VMP (n = 350)	VMP (n = 356)	P value
MRD negative, n (%)	99 (28.3)	25 (7.0)	<0.0001
Sustained MRD negative, n (%)			
Lasting ≥12 months	49 (14.0)	10 (2.8)	<0.0001
Lasting ≥18 months	31 (8.9)	6 (1.7)	<0.0001

OS by MRD (NGS, 10<sup>-5</sup>)



No. at risk	25	25	25	25	25	24	23	22	19	17	15	15	12	9	3	0
VMP MRD negative	25	25	25	25	25	24	23	22	19	17	15	15	12	9	3	0
D-VMP MRD negative	99	99	98	96	92	88	84	80	76	70	67	64	64	45	10	0
VMP MRD positive	331	299	286	266	243	218	193	175	148	131	118	109	100	61	12	0
D-VMP MRD positive	251	228	220	205	196	187	174	164	151	135	116	106	98	67	14	0

D-, daratumumab; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone.

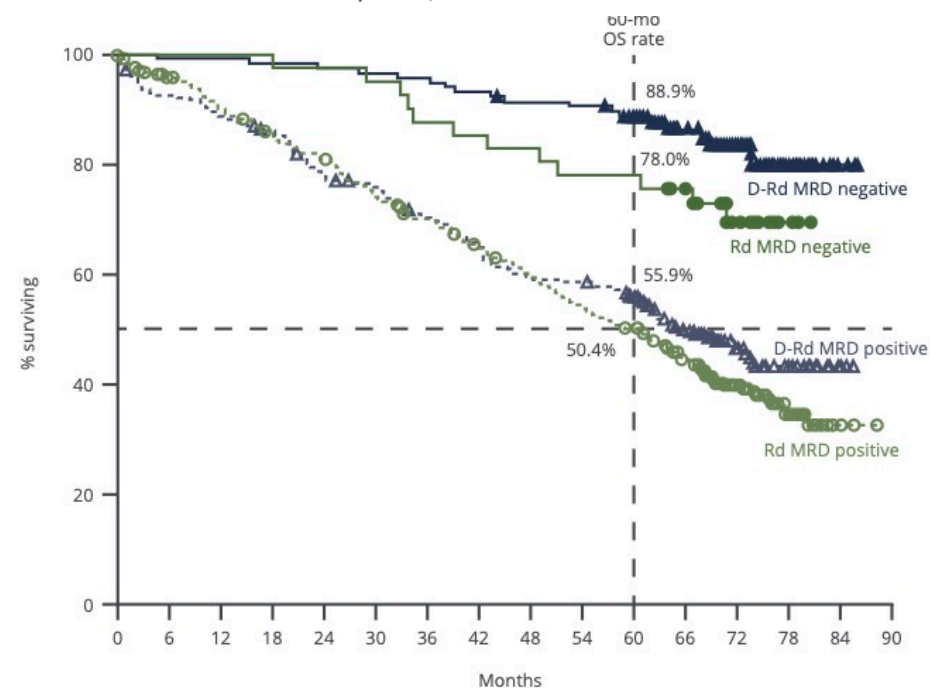
# MAIA Updated Analysis: DRd vs Rd: OS by MRD Status

Summary of ORR and MRD-negativity rates (NGS, 10<sup>-5</sup>)

	D-Rd (n = 368)	Rd (n = 369)	P value
<b>Response, n (%)</b>			
ORR	342 (92.9)	301 (81.6)	<0.0001
≥CR	188 (51.1)	111 (30.1)	<0.0001
sCR	131 (35.6)	58 (15.7)	<0.0001
CR	57 (15.5)	53 (14.4)	
≥VGPR	300 (81.5)	210 (56.9)	<0.0001
VGPR	112 (30.4)	99 (26.8)	
PR	42 (11.4)	91 (24.7)	
<b>MRD negative, n (%)</b>	118 (32.1)	41 (11.1)	<0.0001
<b>Sustained MRD negative, n (%)</b>			
Lasting ≥12 months	69 (18.8)	15 (4.1)	<0.0001
Lasting ≥18 months	62 (16.8)	12 (3.3)	<0.0001

OS by MRD status (NGS, 10<sup>-5</sup>)

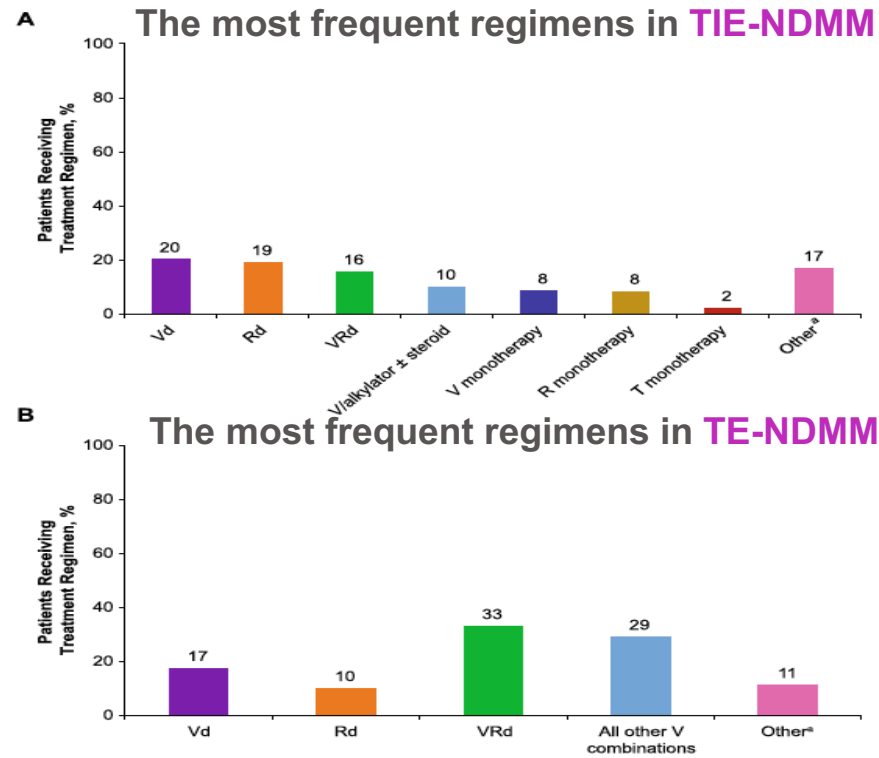
Median follow-up for OS, 73.6 months



	No. at risk															
Rd MRD negative	41	41	41	41	40	39	36	35	34	32	32	29	14	3	0	0
D-Rd MRD negative	118	117	117	116	115	114	113	110	107	106	99	86	55	22	3	0
Rd MRD positive	328	302	283	267	254	231	215	197	180	163	151	125	83	32	3	0
D-Rd MRD positive	250	229	221	212	190	183	167	156	142	140	129	104	73	34	7	0

CR, complete response; D-, daratumumab; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone.

# Attrition Rates by Subsequent Lines of Therapy in Patients with NDMM



**Table 4** Attrition rates by LOT

LOT	Frequency, N	Attrition, %	Deaths, n (%)	No subsequent treatment in follow-up, n (%)	Subsequent treatment, n (%)	Mean ± SD treatment duration, months (median)
Non-transplant						
1	22,062	-	2841 (12.9)	9716 (44.0)	9505 (43.1)	6.9 ± 9.6 (3.6)
2	9505	56.9	1155 (12.2)	3168 (33.3)	5182 (54.5)	7.5 ± 9.5 (4.1)
3	5182	45.5	636 (12.3)	1575 (30.3)	2971 (57.3)	6.5 ± 8.0 (3.7)
4	2971	42.7	364 (12.3)	901 (30.3)	1706 (57.4)	5.7 ± 6.6 (3.4)
5	1706	42.6	209 (12.3)	508 (29.8)	989 (58.0)	5.5 ± 6.4 (3.2)
Transplant						
1	2763	-	36 (1.3)	543 (19.6)	2184 (79.0)	6.3 ± 8.0 (4.2)
2	2184	21.0	60 (2.7)	613 (28.1)	1511 (69.2)	6.1 ± 9.2 (2.7)
3	1511	30.8	63 (4.2)	494 (32.7)	954 (63.1)	7.4 ± 9.8 (3.6)
4	954	36.9	60 (6.3)	276 (28.9)	618 (64.8)	6.6 ± 9.4 (3.4)
5	618	35.2	49 (7.9)	180 (29.1)	389 (62.9)	5.6 ± 6.2 (3.3)

LOT Line of therapy, SD Standard deviation

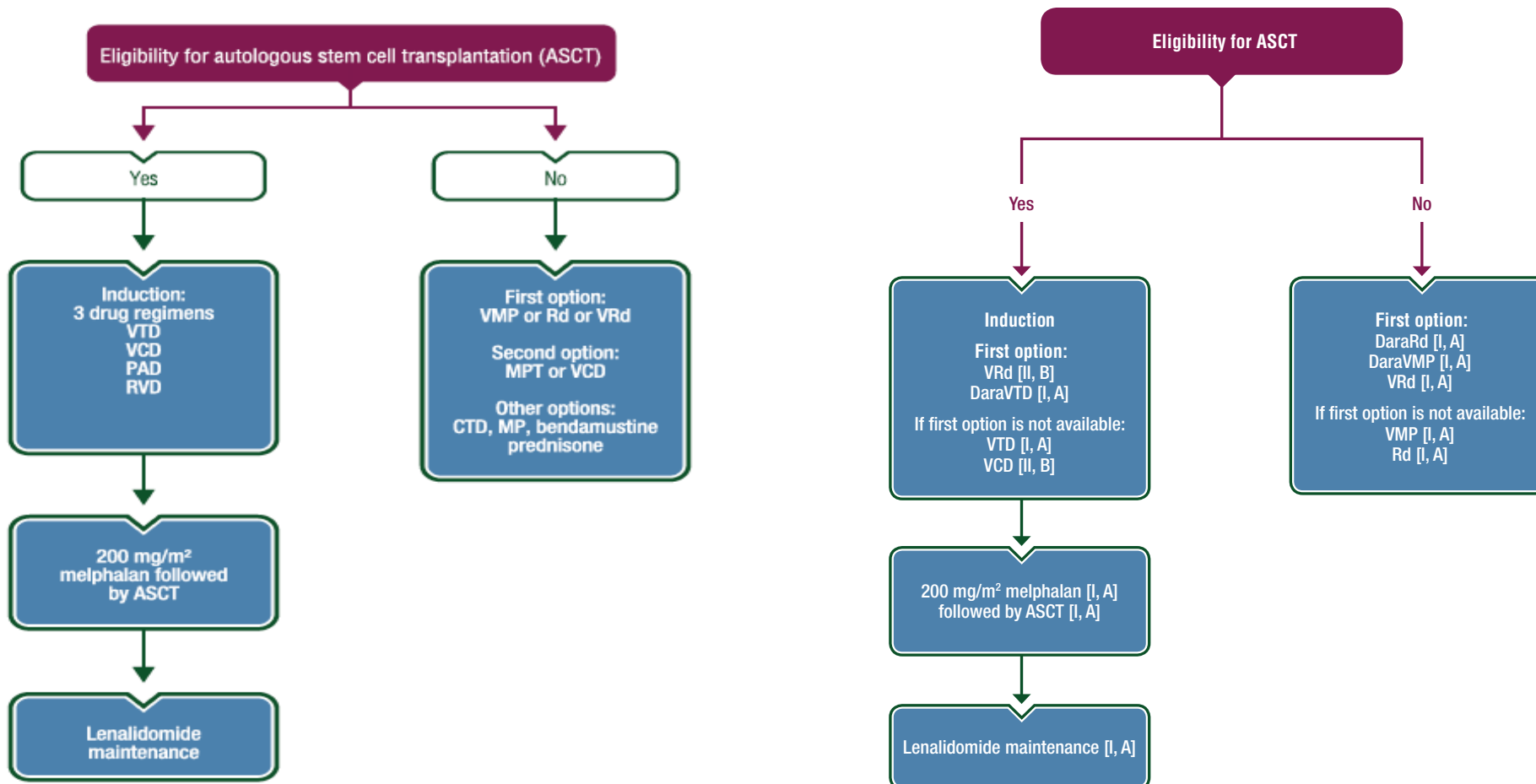
High attrition rates underscore the need to use the most optimal treatment regimens upfront better than reserving them for later LOTs in which the clinical benefit may decrease



## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

# Multiple myeloma: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>†</sup>

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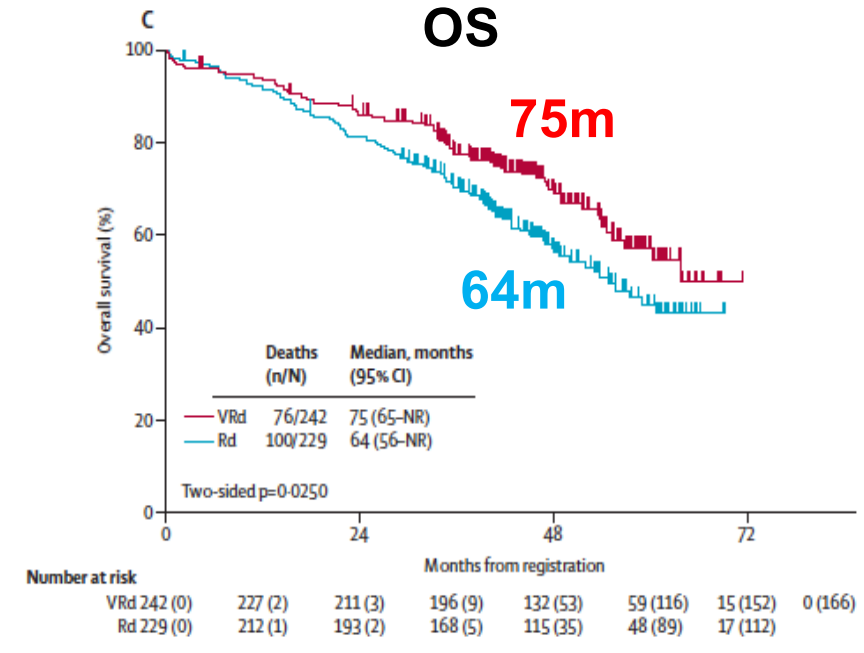
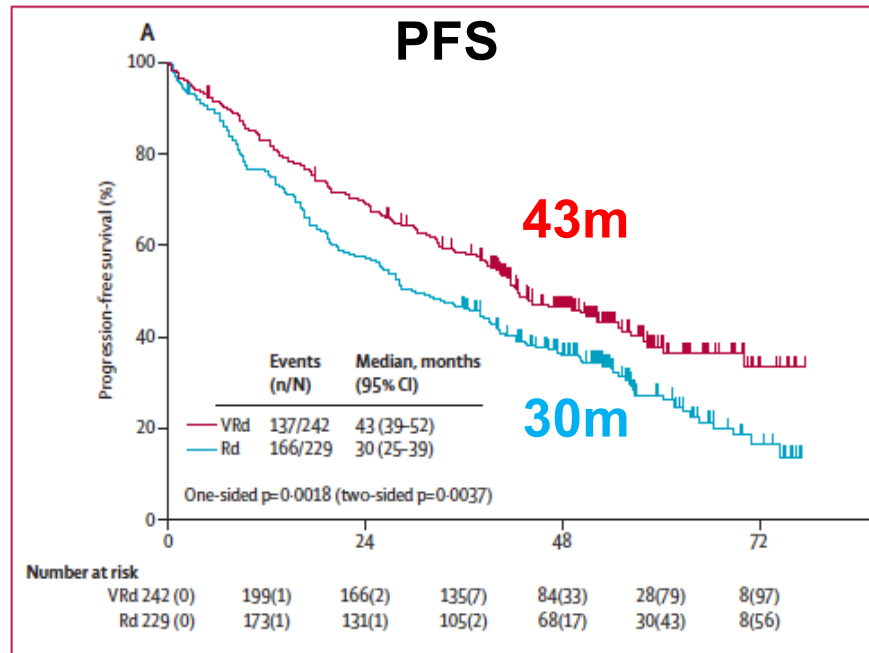
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Bortezomib twice a week IV x 8 cycles

ORR (CR) (%): **81(22)**

vs

**71(8)**

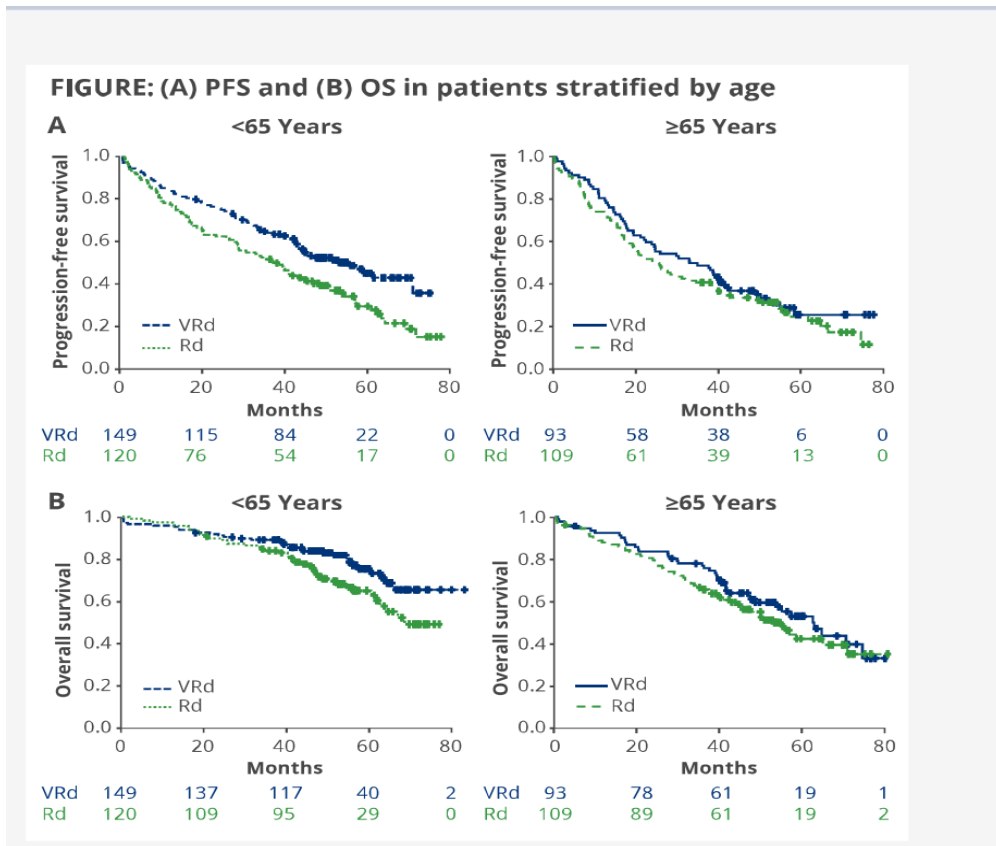


**G3-4 AEs: PN (33%)**

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**TABLE 2: Age-stratified analyses of PFS, OS, and safety**

Outcome	Age <65 years (n=269)		Age ≥65 years (n=202)		
	VRd (n=149)	Rd (n=120)	VRd (n=93)	Rd (n=109)	
PFS	Median PFS, months	55.4	36.6	33.1	25.8
	HR (95% CI)	0.63 (0.46–0.87)		0.83 (0.60–1.16)	
	Adjusted HR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	0.61 (0.45–0.84)		0.90 (0.65–1.26)	
OS	Median OS, months	Not reached	68.9	62.9	53.0
	HR (95% CI)	0.61 (0.39–0.97)		0.83 (0.55–1.23)	
	Adjusted HR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	0.62 (0.39–0.99)		0.88 (0.59–1.31)	
Safety <sup>b</sup>	Grade ≥3 TEAE	87%	79%	93%	89%
	Treatment discontinuation due to toxicity	29%	18%	47%	26%

HRs are from Cox proportional hazard regressions with treatment arm as the explanatory variable. A HR <1 indicates advantage of VRd over Rd.  
<sup>a</sup>Adjusted hazard ratio estimates reflect results from weighted Cox regression models where IPTW was used to balance the VRd and Rd trial arms on the following baseline characteristics within each age subgroup (≥65, <65 years): age, sex, ISS stage, ECOG PS score, hemoglobin (<10 g/dL, ≥10 g/dL), serum creatinine (<2 mg/dL, ≥2 mg/dL), cytogenetic risk by FISH test (high, intermediate, low, normal/missing/insufficient), and lactate dehydrogenase (<190 IU/L, ≥190 IU/L). Absolute standardized mean differences for all covariates were <0.1 with IPTW. <sup>b</sup>Eligible safety assessment population was n=467.  
 CI, confidence interval; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; HR, hazard ratio; IPTW, inverse probability treatment weighting; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



# Modified Lenalidomide, Bortezomib, and Dexamethasone in Transplant-Ineligible Multiple Myeloma (n=50 pts)

**Induction (cycles 1-9)**  
Repeat q35 days × 9 cycles

Lenalidomide 15 mg po days 1-21  
Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> sc\* days 1, 8, 15, 22  
Dexamethasone 20 mg po days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 (patients ≤75 years)  
Dexamethasone 20 mg po days 1, 8, 15, 22 (patients >75 years old)



**Consolidation (cycles 10-15)**  
Repeat q28 days × 6 cycles

Lenalidomide 15 po days 1-21 (or last tolerated dose as of cycle 9)  
Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> sc days 1, 15 (or last tolerated dose as of cycle 9)

\* The first 10 patients received bortezomib intravenously for cycle 1 only followed by subcutaneous administration. Subsequent patients received bortezomib subcutaneously.

Maintenance with Len was allowed according to the investigator criteria **and 66% of patients received it**

Median f/u is 61 months

- **Efficacy: 86% ORR with 66% of ≥ VGPR**

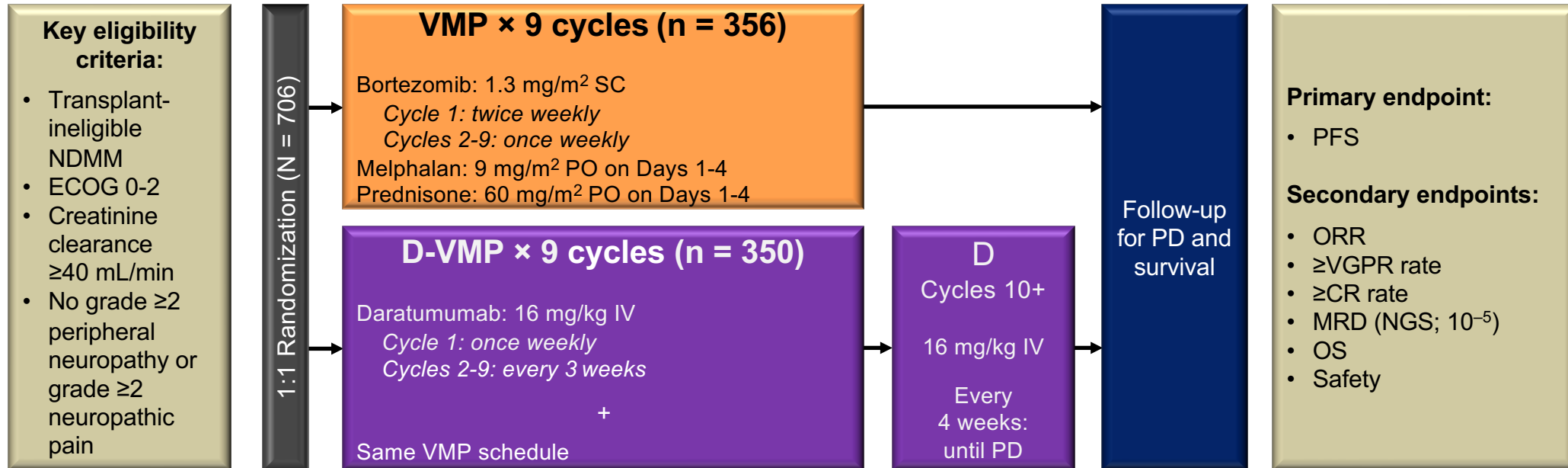
Safety profile

- **Fatigue reported in 74% of patients and G3-4 in only 16%**
- **Neutropenia G34 in 14%**
- **Rash G34 in 10%**
- **PN G12 in 60%**
- **Patients reported improvement of their symptomatology with exception of diarrhea**

**Median PFS = 42 months (95%CI 30.9 –**

**Median OS not reached with 61.3% of patients alive at 5 years**

# ALCYONE Study Design



ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ISS, International Staging System; EU, European Union; SC, subcutaneously; PO, orally; IV, intravenously; D, daratumumab; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing; OS, overall survival.

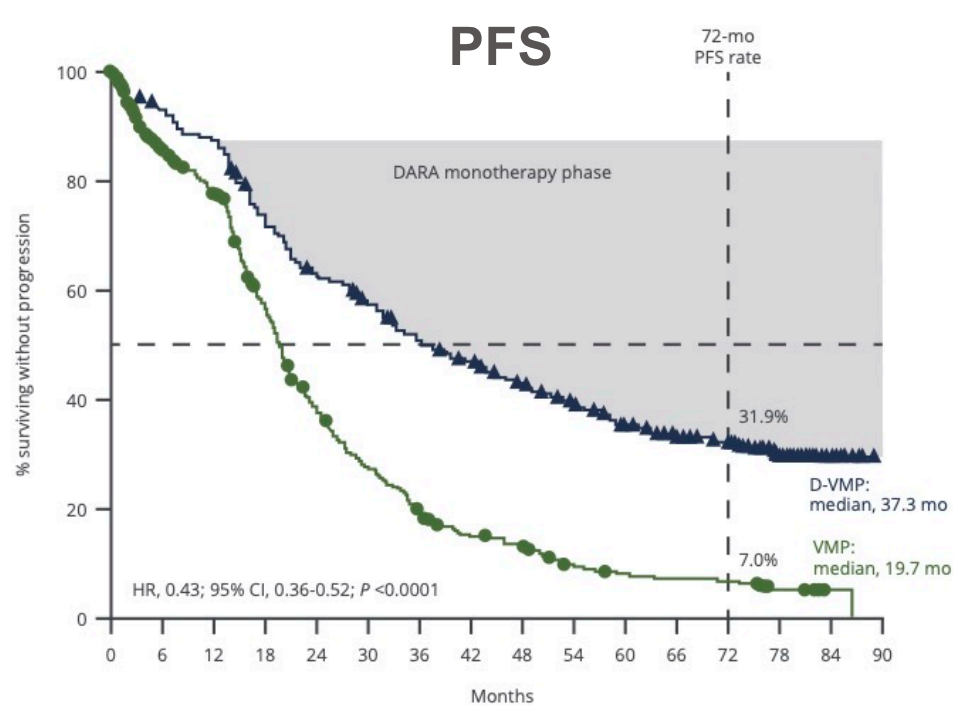
<sup>a</sup>8-month PFS improvement over 21-month median PFS of VMP.



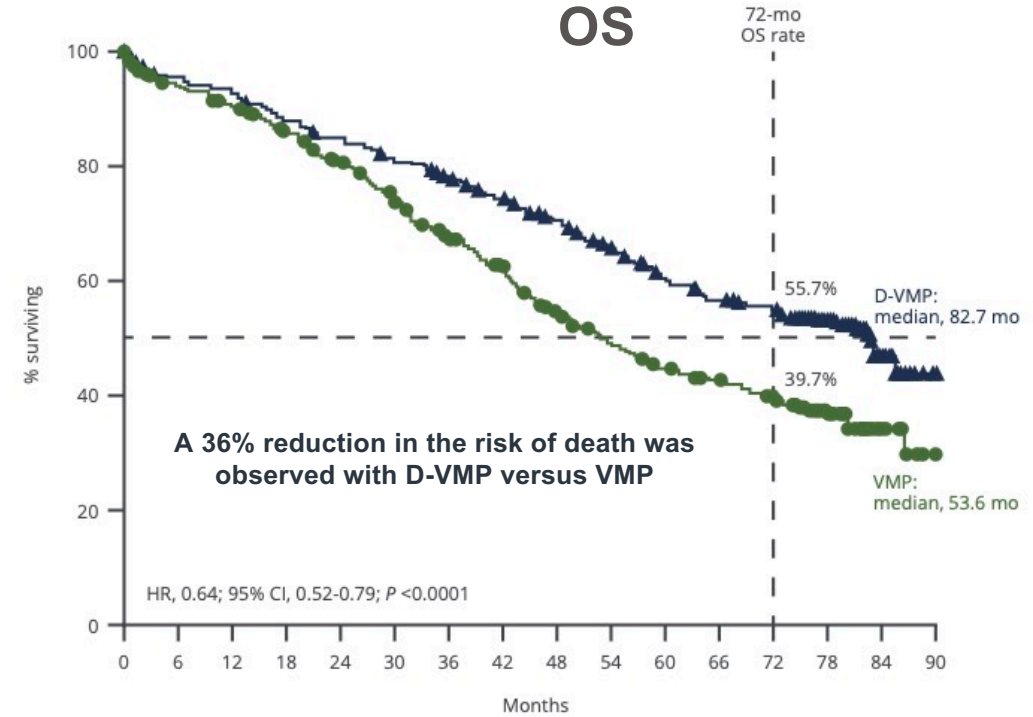
# ALCYONE: PFS, OS and MRD

Median follow-up of 78.8 months

**ORR: 91% vs 74% (SCR/CR rate: 46% vs 25%); MRD –ve rate: 28% vs 7%**



No. at risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
VMP	356	284	253	178	117	84	58	42	36	23	19	17	16	8	1	0	
D-VMP	350	315	295	245	209	188	165	150	131	116	99	86	76	38	7	0	



No. at risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
VMP	356	324	311	291	268	242	216	197	167	148	133	124	112	70	15	0	
D-VMP	350	327	318	301	288	275	258	244	227	205	183	170	162	112	24	0	

D-, daratumumab; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone.

## TEAEs

	D-VMP (n = 346)		VMP (n = 354)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Hematologic, n (%)				
Neutropenia	175 (50.6)	140 (40.5)	186 (52.5)	138 (39.0)
Thrombocytopenia	173 (50.0)	120 (34.7)	190 (53.7)	134 (37.9)
Anemia	112 (32.4)	63 (18.2)	131 (37.0)	70 (19.8)
Leukopenia	47 (13.6)	28 (8.1)	53 (15.0)	30 (8.5)
Lymphopenia	39 (11.3)	27 (7.8)	36 (10.2)	22 (6.2)
Nonhematologic, n (%)				
Upper respiratory tract infection	107 (30.9)	8 (2.3)	50 (14.1)	6 (1.7)

- Grade 3/4 TEAEs occurred in 82.9% of patients in the D-VMP arm and 77.4% of patients in the VMP arm
- Grade 3/4 infection rates were 30.3% with D-VMP and 15.0% with VMP
- The most common serious TEAE in both arms was pneumonia (D-VMP, 14.7%; VMP, 3.7%)
- The rate of treatment discontinuation due to TEAEs was similar between the D-VMP arm (9.0%) and the VMP arm (9.3%)

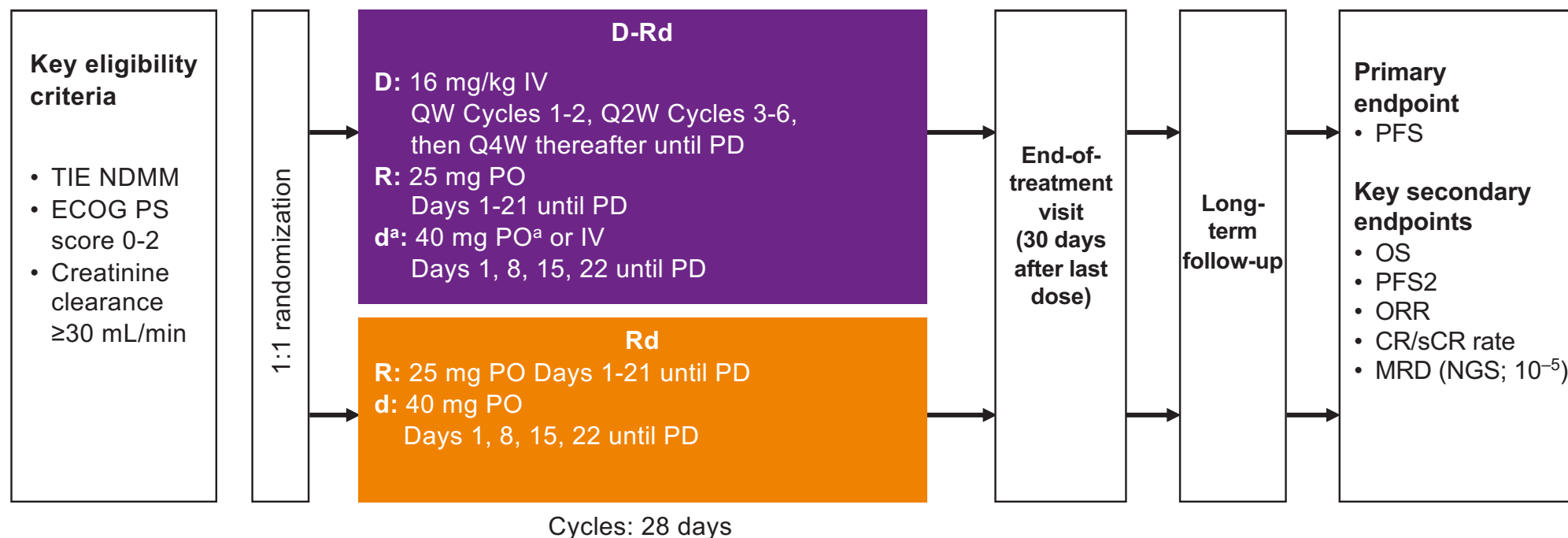
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TEAS = treatment-emergent adverse events.

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# MAIA Study Design

- Multicentre, randomised, open-label, active-controlled, phase 3 study



<sup>a</sup>On days when daratumumab is administered, dexamethasone will be administered to patients in the D-Rd arm and will serve as the treatment dose of steroid for that day, as well as the required pre-infusion medication.

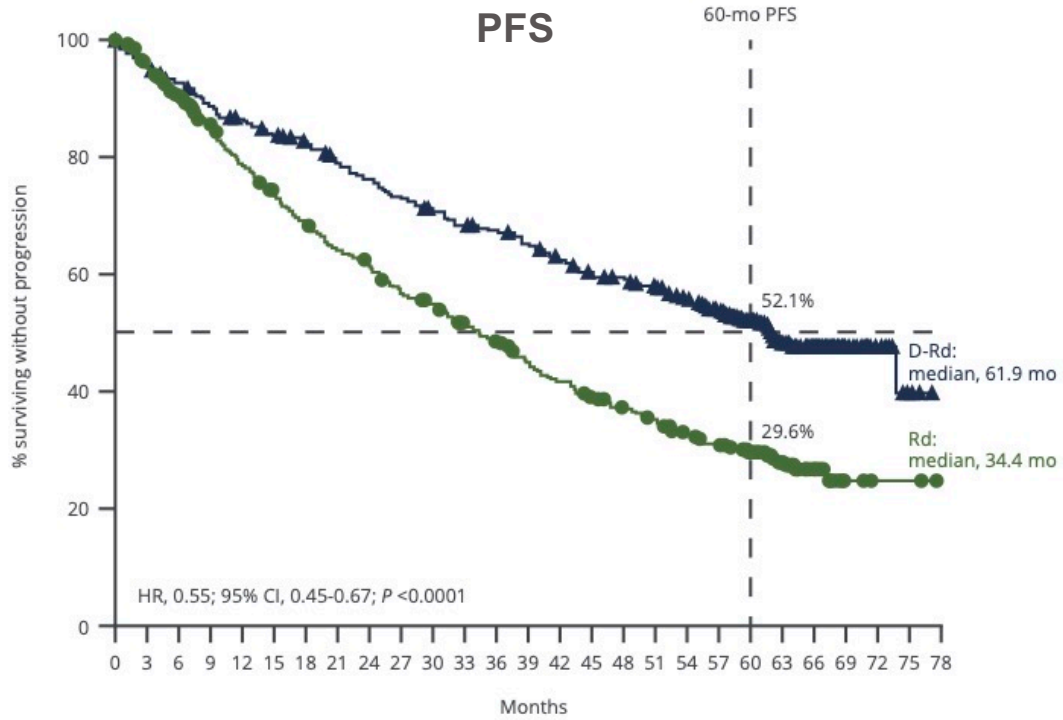
TIE, transplant-ineligible; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; D-Rd, daratumumab plus lenalidomide/dexamethasone; IV, intravenous; QW, once weekly; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; PD, progressive disease; PO, oral; Rd, lenalidomide/dexamethasone; PFS, progression-free survival; CR, complete response; sCR, stringent complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PFS2, progression-free survival on next subsequent line of therapy; OS, overall survival; ORR, overall response rate.



# MAIA Updated Analysis: PFS

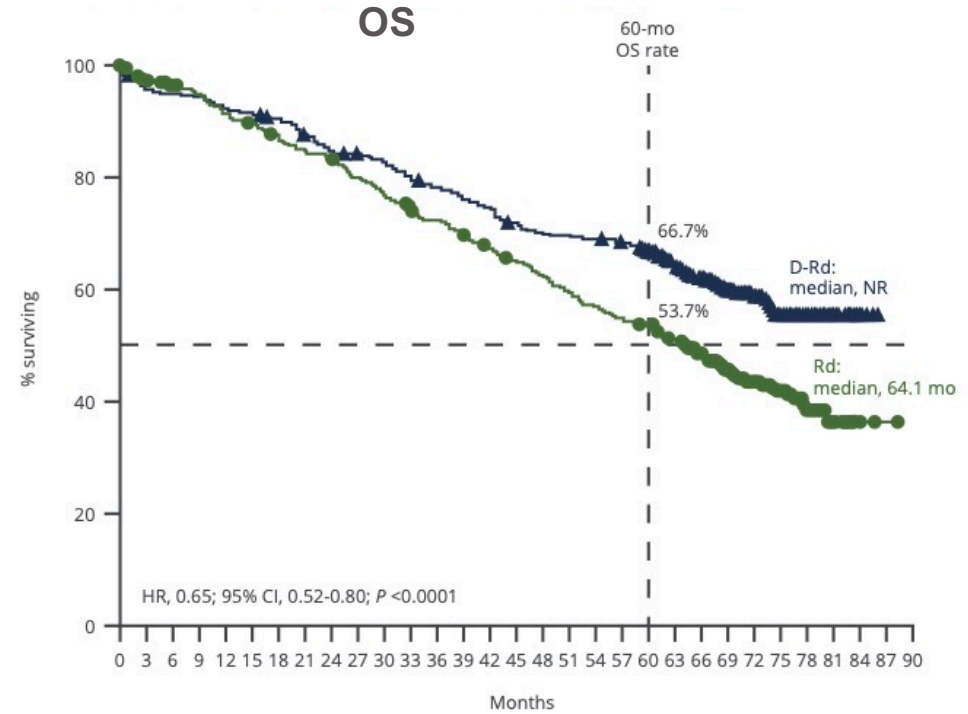
Median follow-up of 64.5 months for PFS

**ORR: 93% vs 82% (SCR/CR rate: 51% vs 30%); MRD –ve rate: 32% vs 11%**



No. at risk

Rd	369	333	307	280	255	237	220	205	196	179	172	156	147	134	124	114	106	99	88	81	64	47	20	4	2	2	0
D-Rd	368	347	335	320	309	300	290	276	266	256	246	237	232	223	211	200	197	188	177	165	132	88	65	28	11	3	0



No. at risk

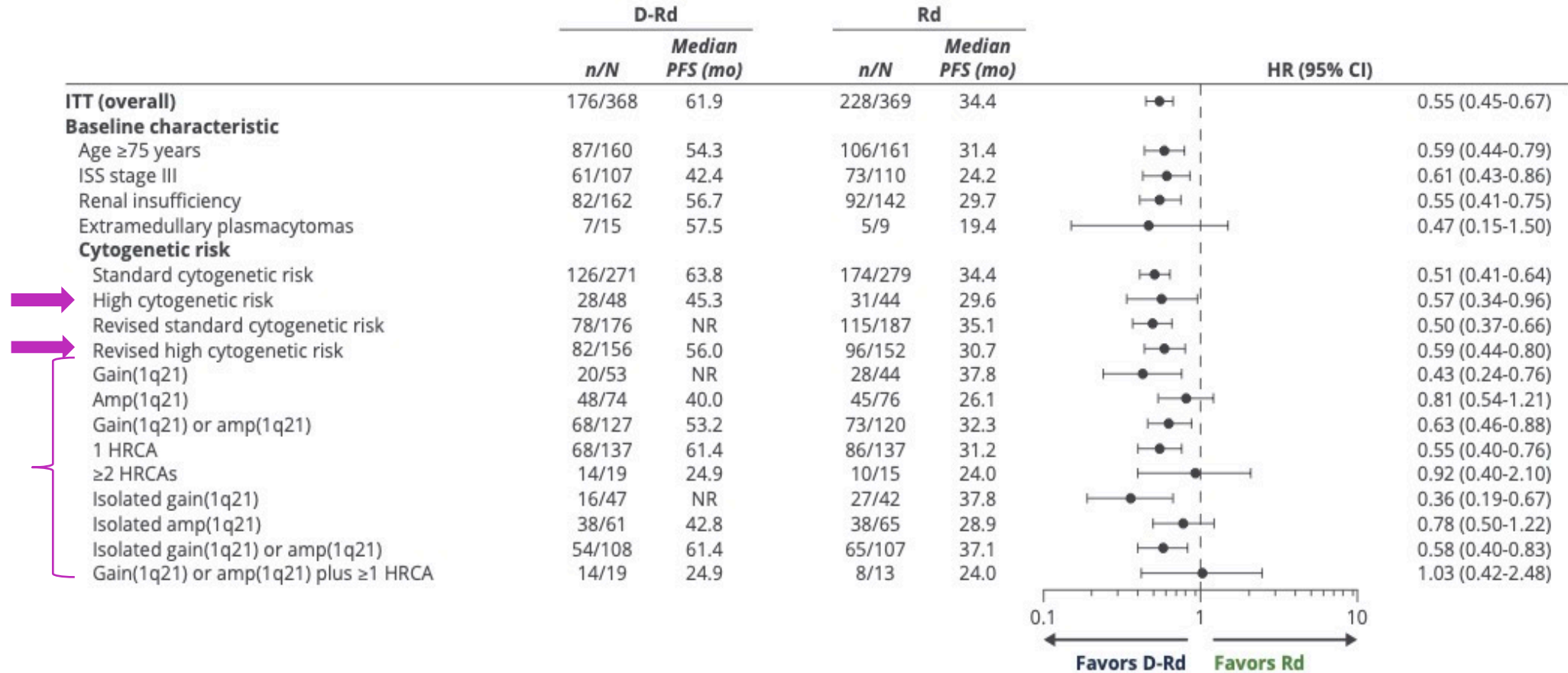
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# MAIA Subgroups: Subgroup Analysis of PFS

Median follow-up of 64.5 months



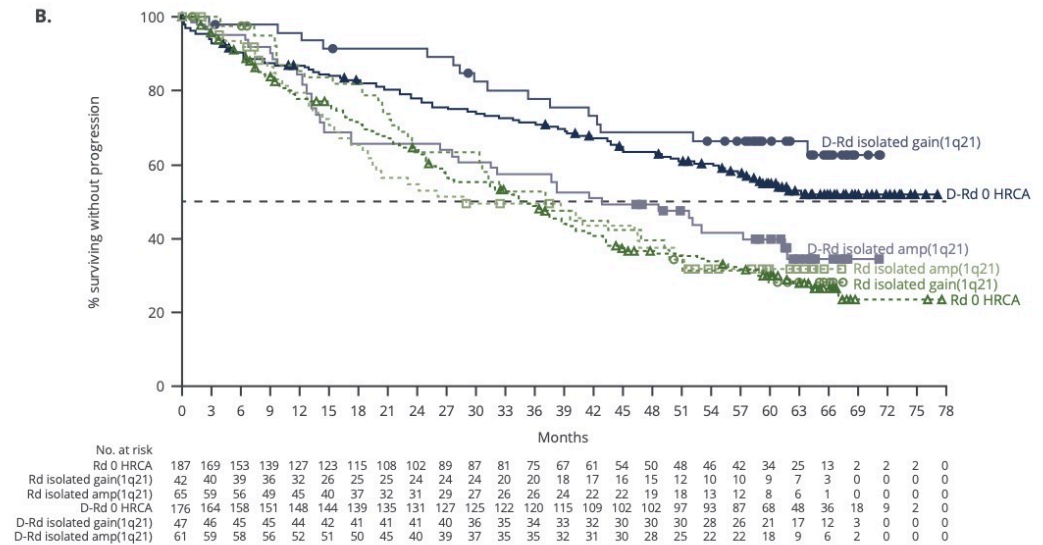
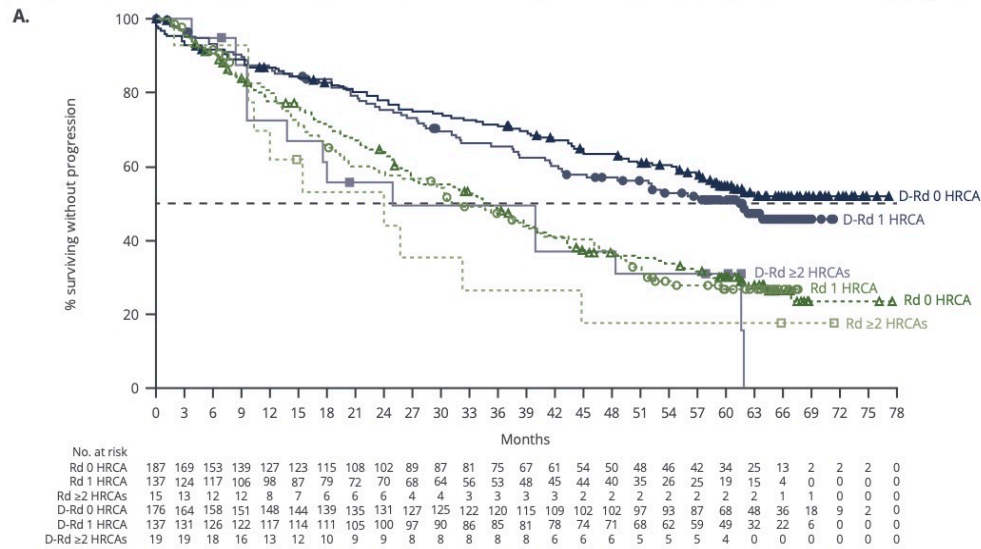
D-Rd, daratumumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; HRCA, high risk cytogenetic abnormalities; ISS, International Staging System; PFS, progression-free survival; Rd, lenalidomide, dexamethasone.



# MAIA Cytogenetic Risk Subgroups: PFS

Median follow-up of 64.5 months

Subgroup analysis of PFS among (A) patients with revised standard cytogenetic risk (0 HRCA), 1 HRCA, or  $\geq 2$  HRCAs and (B) among patients with 0 HRCA, isolated gain (1q21), or isolated amp(1q21)



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# MAIA Updated Analysis: Subsequent Therapy and Safety

## Safety profile

### Subsequent therapy

- 128 patients in the D-Rd arm and 194 patients in the Rd arm received subsequent therapy
- Among patients who received subsequent therapy:
  - 9.4% of patients in the D-Rd arm and 23.2% of patients the Rd arm received a DARA-containing treatment as first subsequent therapy
- 14.1% of patients in the D-Rd arm and 48.5% of patients in the Rd arm received a DARA-containing treatment in any subsequent line of therapy

	D-Rd (n = 364)		Rd (n = 365)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Hematologic, n (%)				
Neutropenia	224 (61.5)	197 (54.1)	166 (45.5)	135 (37.0)
Anemia	154 (42.3)	62 (17.0)	150 (41.1)	79 (21.6)

- Grade 3/4 infection rates were 42.6% with D-Rd and 29.6% with Rd
- The most common serious TEAE in both arms was pneumonia (D-Rd, 18.7%; Rd, 10.7%)
- The rate of treatment discontinuation due to TEAEs was lower in the D-Rd arm (14.6%) versus the Rd arm (23.8%)

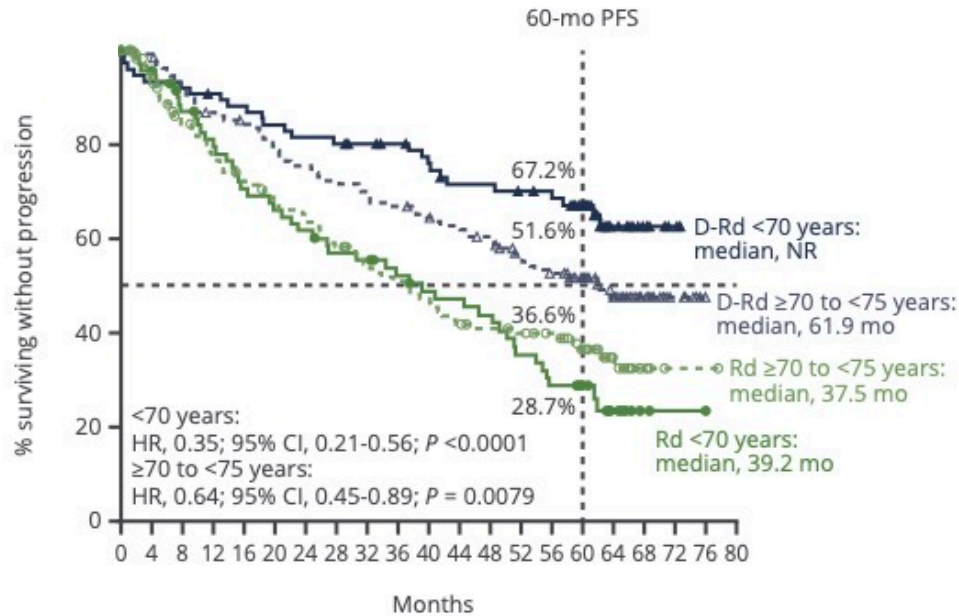
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# MAIA Age Subgroups: PFS

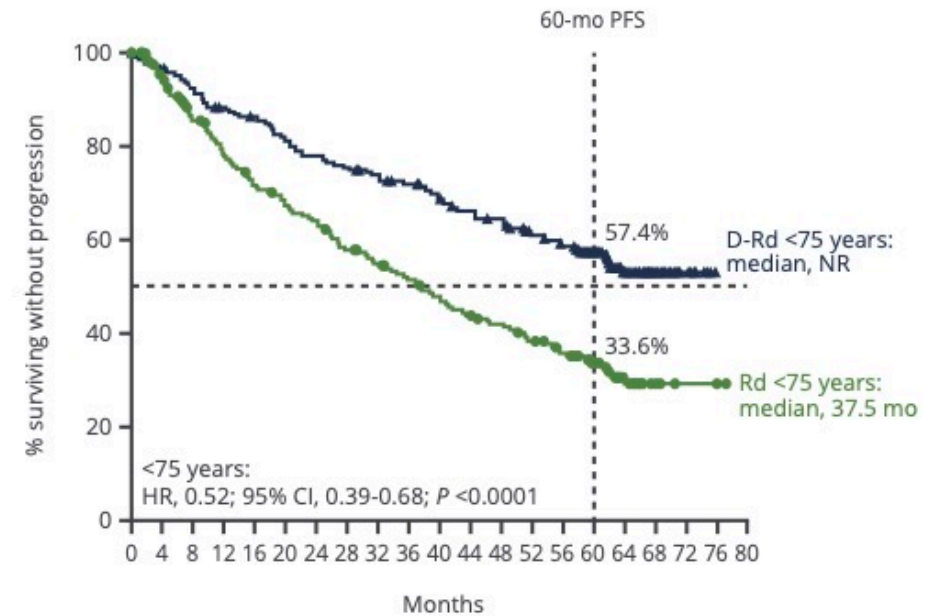
Median follow-up of 64.5 months

PFS in patients aged <70 years and ≥70 and <75 years



No. at risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
Rd <70 years	77	70	59	53	47	44	41	37	36	32	29	28	26	21	17	13	7	2	1	1	0
D-Rd <70 years	78	72	71	69	67	64	62	61	59	57	54	49	49	47	45	38	19	10	2	0	0
Rd ≥70 to <75 years	131	115	99	89	83	77	74	66	60	56	52	46	43	41	38	28	15	5	1	1	0
D-Rd ≥70 to <75 years	130	127	118	110	106	100	95	91	88	84	81	77	73	64	59	48	33	18	6	0	0

PFS in patients aged <75 years



No. at risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
Rd <75 years	208	185	158	142	130	121	115	103	96	88	81	74	69	62	55	41	22	7	2	2	0
D-Rd <75 years	208	199	189	179	173	164	157	152	147	141	135	126	122	111	104	86	52	28	8	0	0

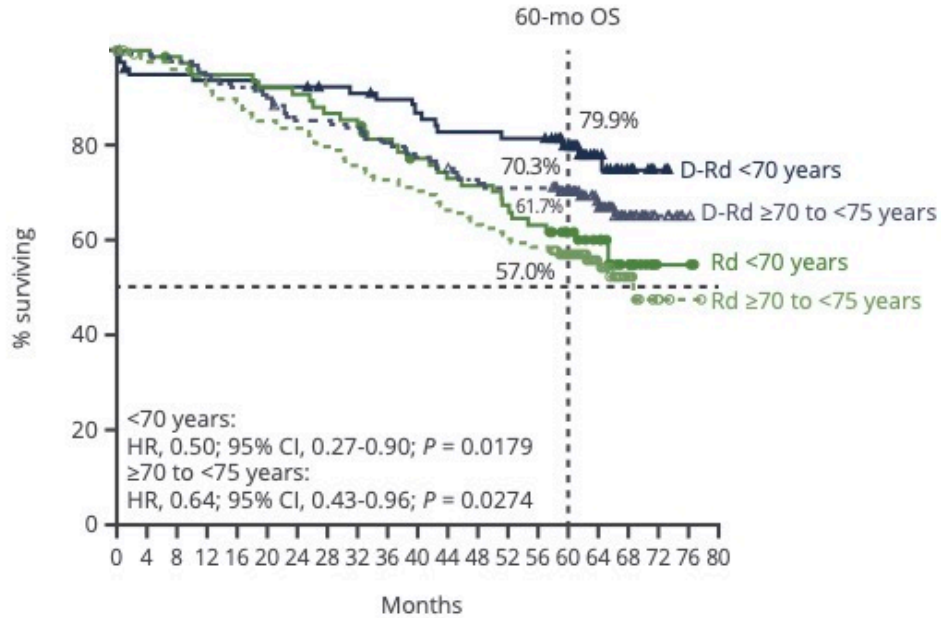
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# MAIA Age Subgroups: OS

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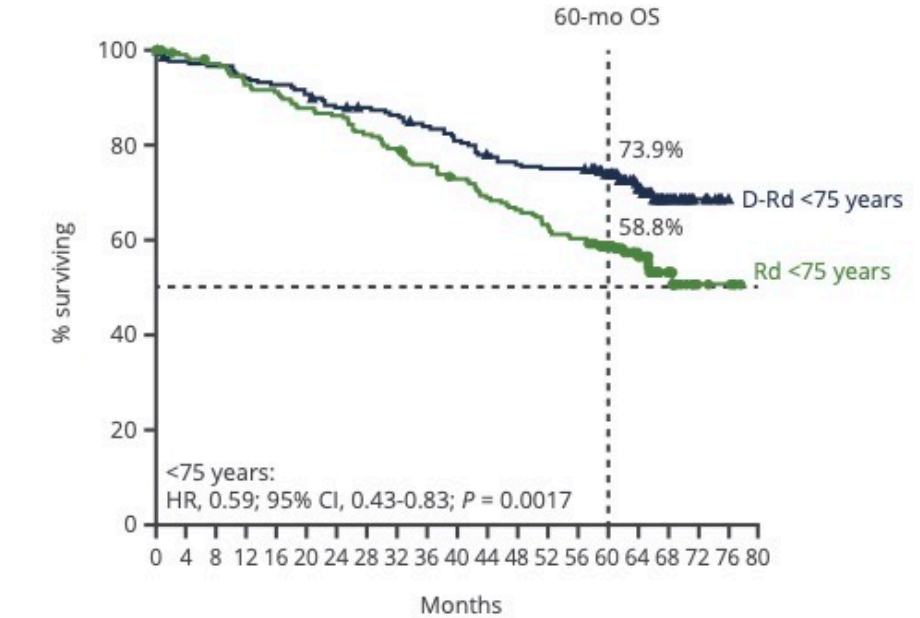
OS in patients aged <70 years and ≥70 and <75 years



No. at risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
Rd <70 years	77	76	74	71	71	69	68	65	64	59	55	52	51	48	45	39	29	12	2	2	0
D-Rd <70 years	78	73	73	72	72	71	71	69	68	66	64	61	61	60	60	52	25	14	2	0	0
Rd ≥70 to <75 years	131	126	123	117	114	109	107	102	97	93	90	85	81	78	75	64	35	15	4	1	0
D-Rd ≥70 to <75 years	130	128	126	122	119	116	109	109	107	103	99	95	91	90	90	77	55	25	8	1	0

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OS in patients aged <75 years

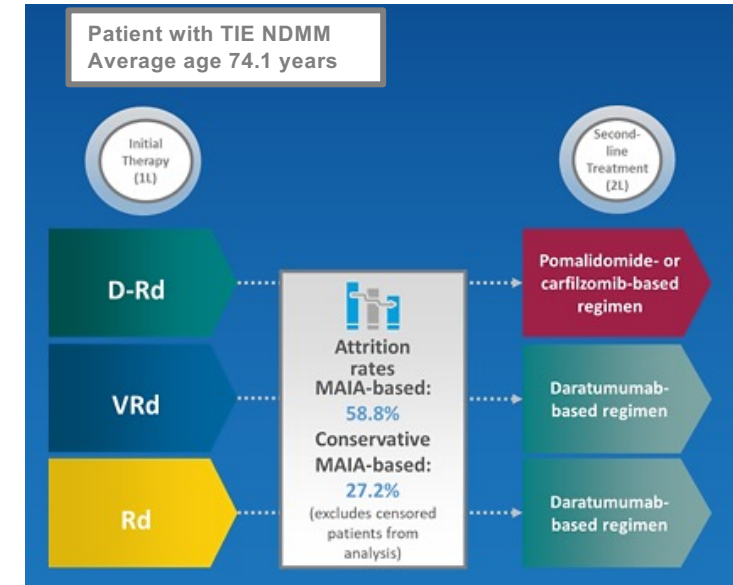


No. at risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
Rd <75 years	208	202	197	188	185	178	175	167	161	152	145	137	132	126	120	103	64	27	6	3	0
D-Rd <75 years	208	201	199	194	191	187	180	178	175	169	163	156	152	150	150	129	80	39	10	1	0



# Treatment Sequencing: Save the Best Until Last?

- 3 potential clinical treatment sequences based on published treatment guidelines to explore OS outcomes
- Time spent in each health state was derived from MAIA, PEGASUS, and the Flatiron health database; 2 attrition rates, both based on MAIA, were incorporated
- Estimated OS rates at 5, 10, and 15 years were highest with D-Rd in 1L
- Incremental OS benefit with D-Rd in 1L was 2.5 years vs VRd in 1L and 3.5 years vs Rd in 1L



Of the 3 treatment sequences, D-Rd in 1L produced estimated OS rates that most closely resembled the general population

Based on available evidence, using D-Rd in 1L is preferable to saving daratumumab for later lines of therapy

1L, first line; 2L, second line; D-Rd, daratumumab, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; OS, overall survival; Rd, lenalidomide and dexamethasone; TIE, transplant-ineligible; VRd, bortezomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone.

<sup>a</sup>Average age 74.1 years.

D-Rd, daratumumab, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone; OS, overall survival; Rd, lenalidomide and dexamethasone; VRd, bortezomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone.



# Multiple Myeloma Includes a Heterogeneous Group of Patients



**Moderately fit:**  
*Not regularly active but  
Routinely walking*



**Vulnerable:**  
*Can perform limited activities but  
they don't need any help*



**Very fit:**  
*active, who exercise regularly*



**Severely frail:**  
*Dependent on other people*



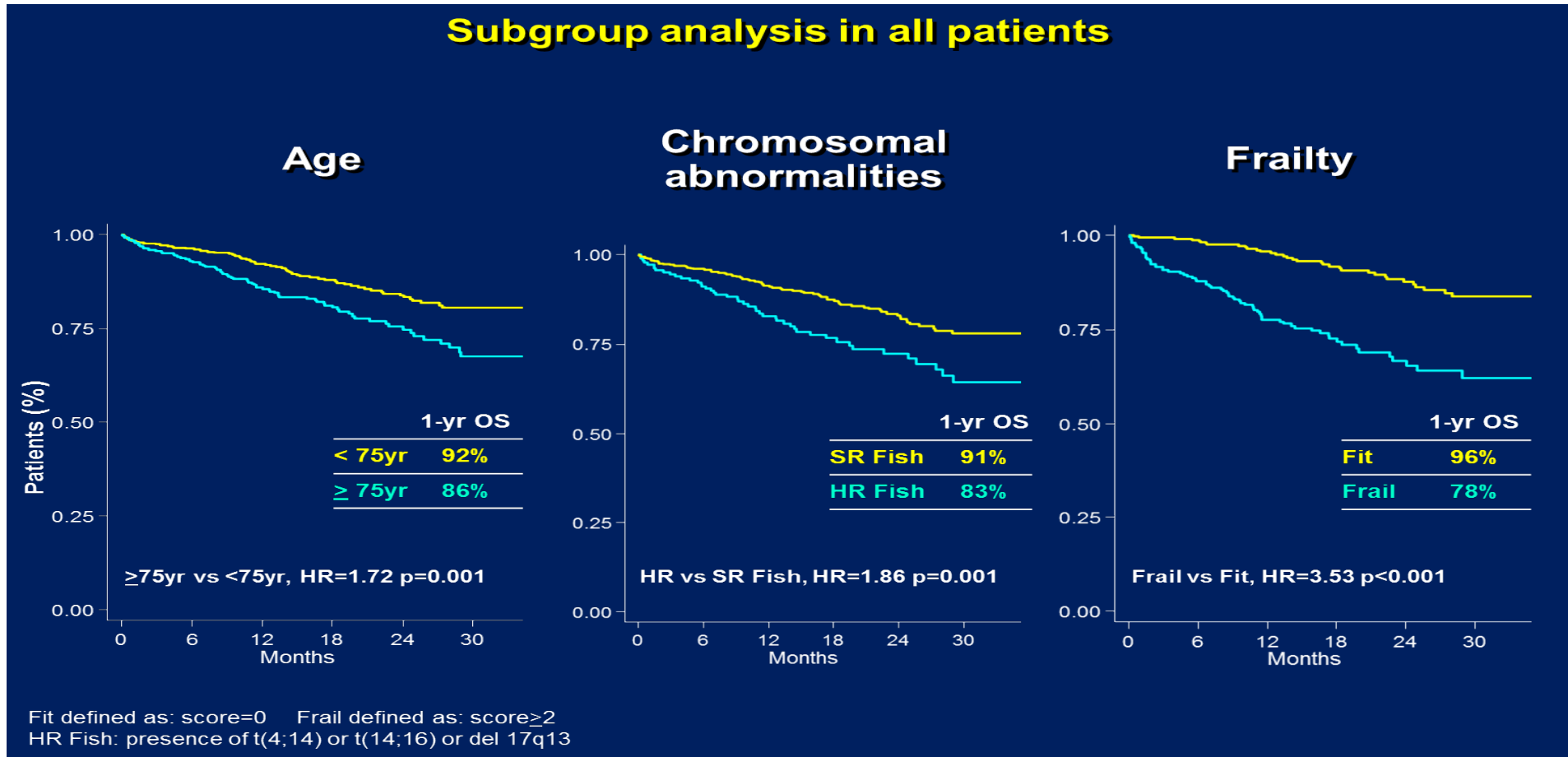
**Mildly frail:**  
*Help for household tasks*



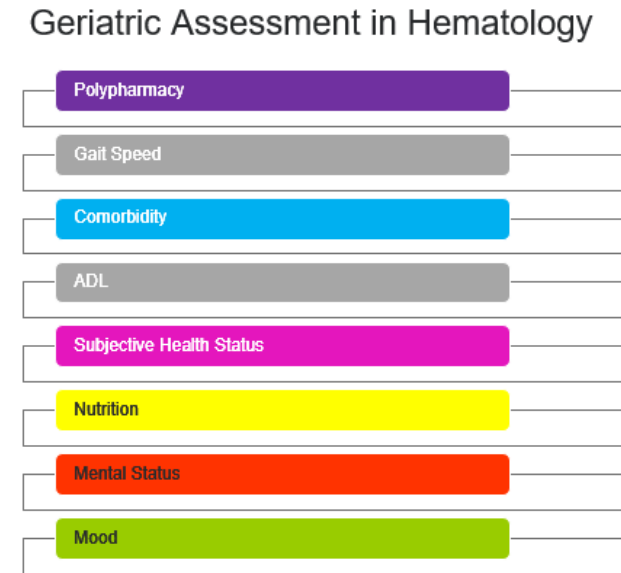
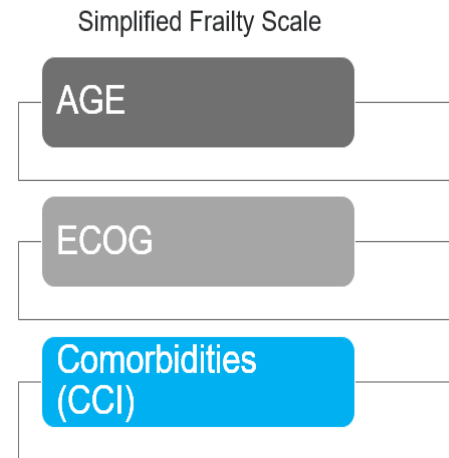
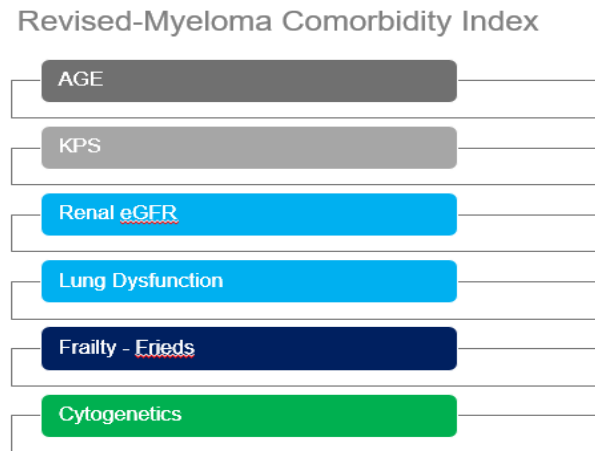
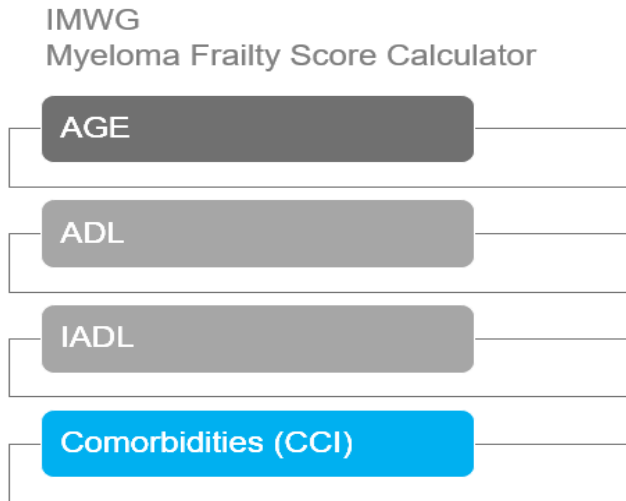
**Moderately frail:**  
*Partial help for their personal care*



# Factors Predicting Overall Survival in Elderly Patients with MM



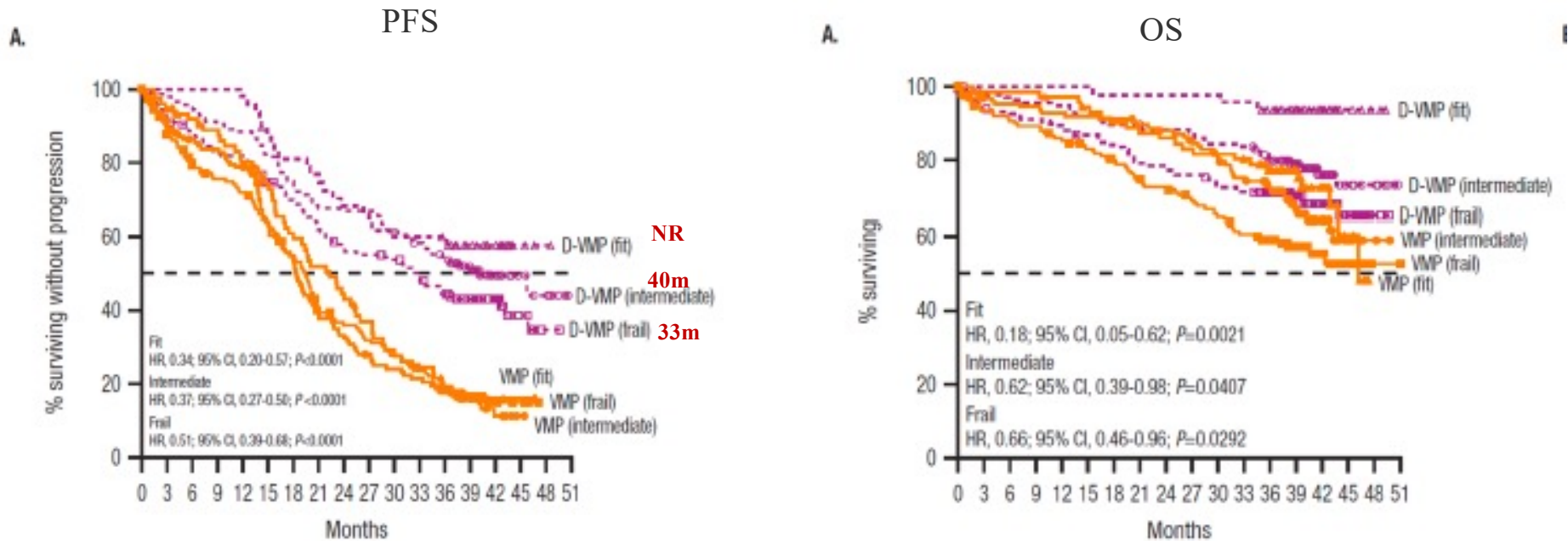
# Several Indices for Myeloma “Frailty” Assessment



- We need a simple and time-efficient tool to evaluate the status of pts
  - Comorbidities
  - Cognitive condition
  - Physical condition
  - Social condition
- It is not easy and well established the identification of frail patients



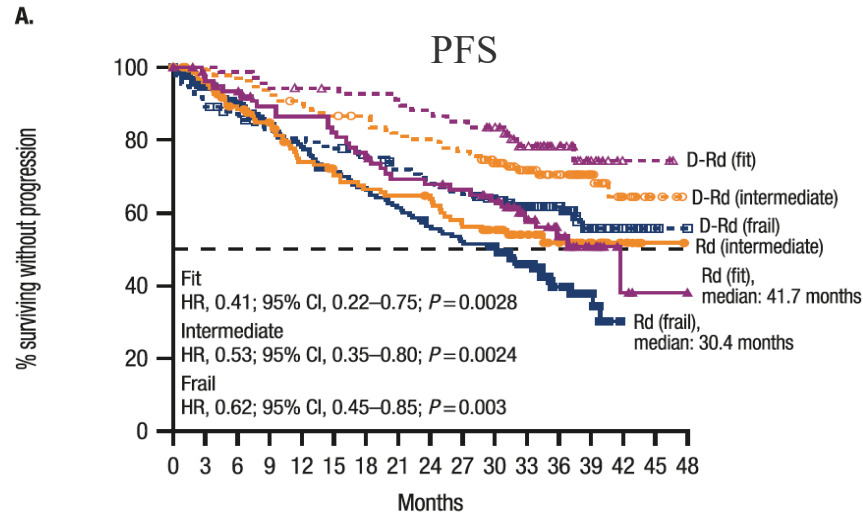
## A Simplified Frailty Scale Has Been Evaluated in the Alcyone Study



D-VMP is able to overcome the poor prognosis of frailty in terms of PFS

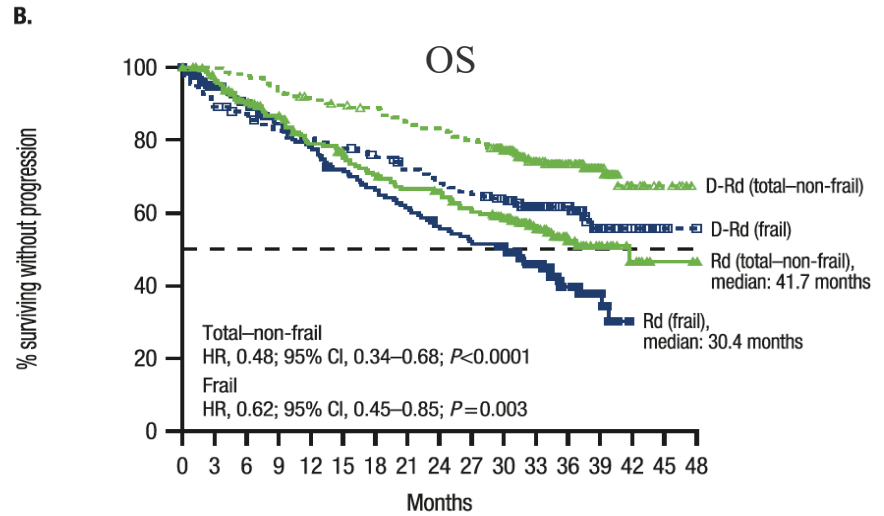


# A Simplified Frailty Scale Has Been Evaluated in the MAIA Study



Patients at risk

Rd (fit)	78	73	69	63	61	58	53	48	47	45	41	31	20	9	3	1	1
D-Rd (fit)	68	68	67	65	63	62	61	60	58	56	53	39	28	12	2	2	0
Rd (intermediate)	122	115	104	96	81	76	71	69	68	59	55	33	20	12	7	1	0
D-Rd (intermediate)	128	127	123	118	113	109	107	101	99	95	83	67	50	31	10	3	0
Rd (frail)	169	145	134	121	112	102	95	87	79	73	65	49	24	12	0	0	0
D-Rd (frail)	172	152	145	137	133	129	122	115	109	105	97	68	53	27	12	2	1



Patients at risk

Rd (total-non-frail)	200	188	173	159	142	134	124	117	115	104	96	64	40	21	10	2	1
D-Rd (total-non-frail)	196	195	190	183	176	171	168	161	157	151	136	106	78	43	12	5	0
Rd (frail)	169	145	134	121	112	102	95	87	79	73	65	49	24	12	0	0	0
D-Rd (frail)	172	152	145	137	133	129	122	115	109	105	97	68	53	27	12	2	1

D-Rd is able to significantly improve the poor prognosis of frailty in terms of PFS



## Future: Frailty-Adapted Therapy

- Frail patients
- Fit patients

# Ixazomib-Daratumumab and Low-dose Dex in Unfit and Frail NDMM Patients

## INCLUSION

- Previously untreated symptomatic MM according to IMWG criteria<sup>1</sup>
- Measurable disease
- Unfit or frail according to IMWG frailty index\*
- ANC  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^9/L$  and platelets  $75 \times 10^9/L$

## EXCLUSION

- Neuropathy grade 1 with pain or  $\geq$  grade 2
- Creatinine clearance  $< 20$  ml/min
- Severe cardiac dysfunction (NYHA III-IV)
- COPD (FEV1  $< 50\%$ )
- Active malignancy requiring treatment

\* Age, ADL, IADL and comorbidities

## INDUCTION

### 9 cycles of 4 weeks

Ixazomib 4 mg	day 1, 8, 15
Daratumumab 16 mg/kg	
cycle 1-2	day 1, 8, 15, 22
cycle 3-6	day 1, 15
cycle 7-9	day 1
Dexamethasone	
cycle 1-2 20 mg	day 1, 8, 15, 22
cycle 3-6 10 mg	day 1, 15
cycle 7-9 10 mg	day 1

## MAINTENANCE

8-week cycles (until progression for a maximum of 2 years)

Ixazomib 4 mg	day 1, 8, 15, 29, 36, 43
Daratumumab 16 mg/kg	day 1
Dexamethasone 10 mg	day 1

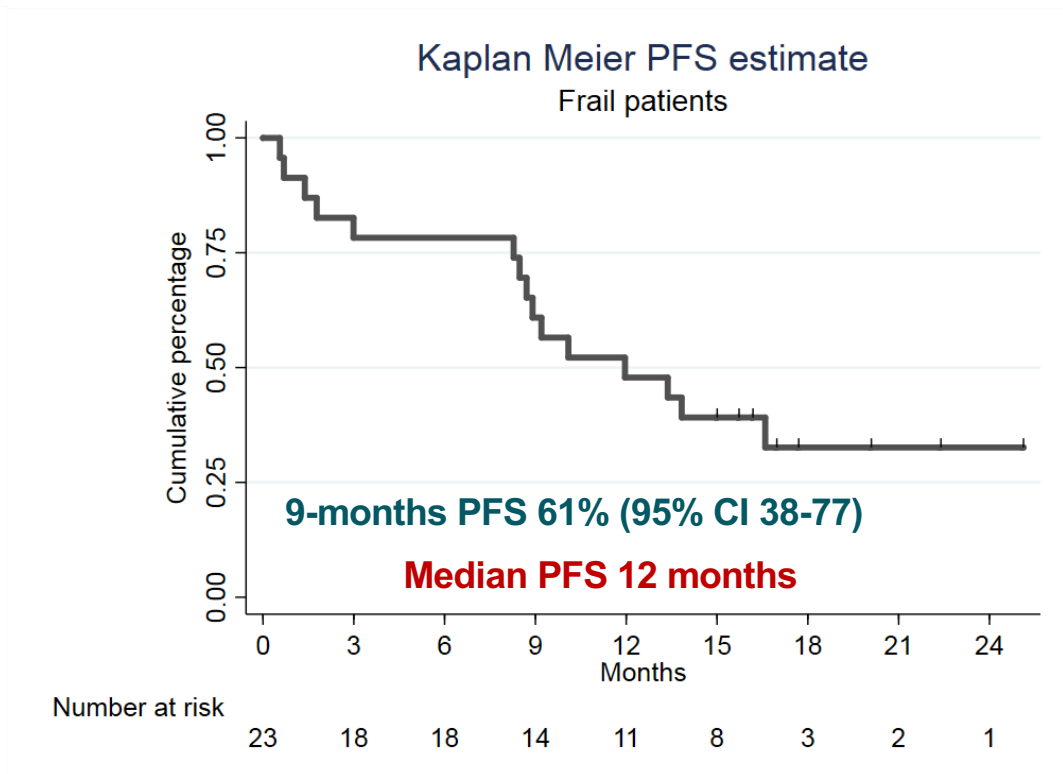
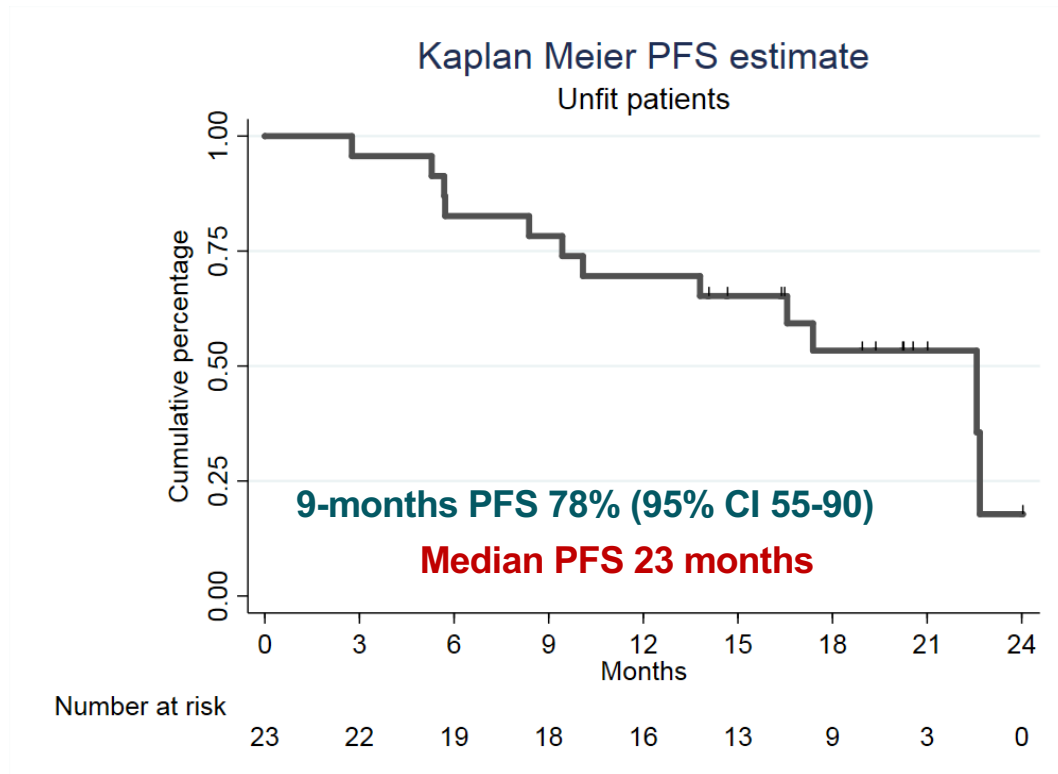
Antibiotic and -viral prophylaxis: Cotrimoxazole 480 mg/day,  
Valaciclovir 500 mg twice daily

Vaccinations according to local policy



# Progression-free Survival

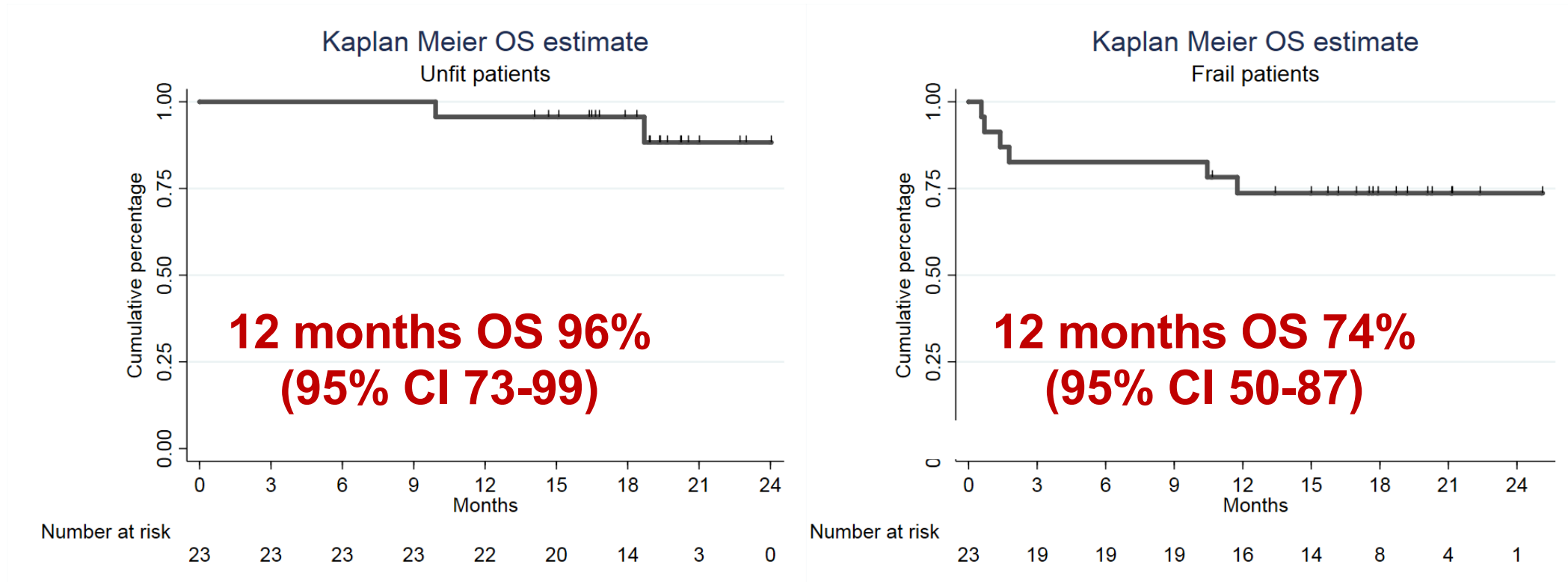
## Median follow-up of 18 months





# Overall Survival

## Median follow-up of 18 months



# Safety Profile and Early Death Rate

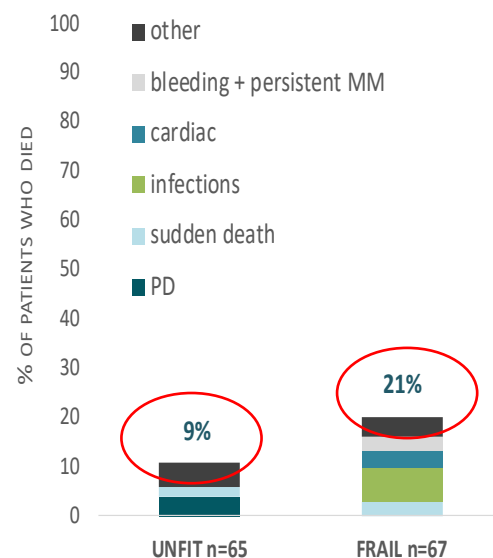
CTCAE grade	UNFIT (n=23)		FRAIL (n=23)	
	III	IV	III	IV
<b>HEMATOLOGICAL n (%)</b>				
Anemia	-	-	-	-
Thrombocytopenia	-	-	4 (17)	1 (4)
Neutropenia	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)	3 (13)

CTCAE grade n (%)	UNFIT (n=23)		FRAIL (n=23)	
	III	IV	III	IV
Gastrointestinal	3 (13)	-	4 (17)	1 (4)
Infections	2 (9)	-	3 (13)	-
Central nervous system	3 (13)	-	2 (9)	-
Cardiac	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)
Peripheral neuropathy	1 (4)	-	1 (4)	-
Secondary primary malignancy	1 (4)	-	1 (4)	-
Skin	-	-	1 (4)	-
Pain	1 (4)	-	-	-
Other	9 (39)	-	4 (17)	4 (17) <sup>1</sup>
VTE any grade <sup>2</sup>	-	-	1 (4)	-

## MORTALITY

n=132

MEDIAN FOLLOW UP UNFIT 11.1 MONTHS (3.2-24) AND FRAIL 13.5 MONTHS (0.4-25.1)



**Early death rate (≤3 months of registration) - 7%**

• 2% in unfit - 1/65

• 12% in frail - 8/67

- 1 before start of therapy
- 1 decompensated liver cirrhosis

- 2 sudden death
  - 1 infection
  - 1 bleeding
  - 1 renal failure
  - 1 "pneumonitis"
- } 9%

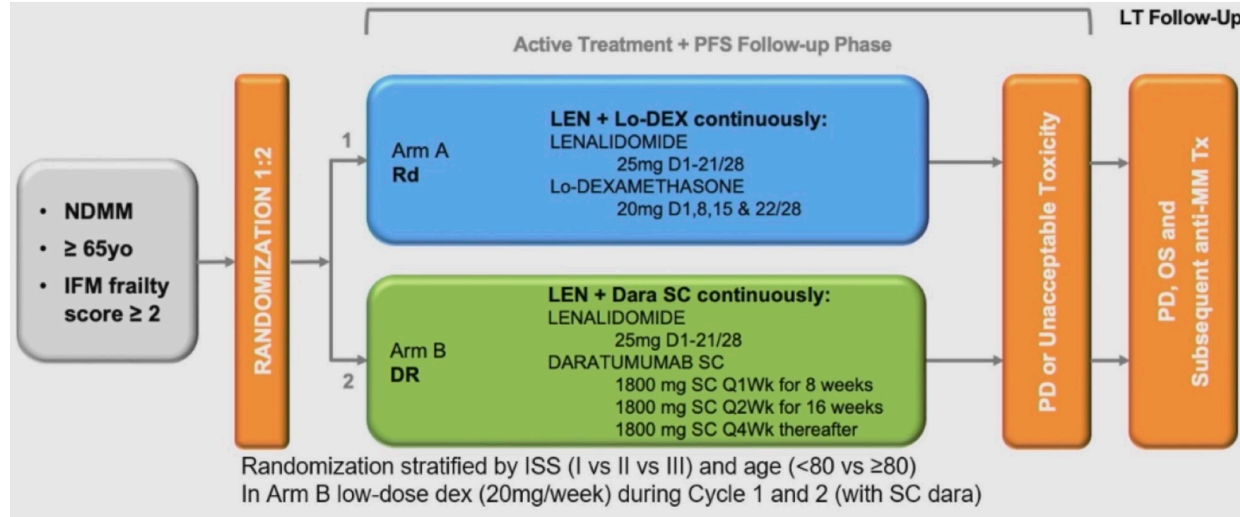
Ixa-Dara-dex lead to a high response rate and improved quality of life.

However, treatment discontinuation because of toxicity and early mortality, negatively influencing PFS and OS, remains a concern in frail patients. The outcome was heterogeneous across frail subpopulations.



# IFM 2017-03: Study Design and Baseline Characteristics for Frail Patients with NDMM

## Study design



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Interim analysis endpoints –12-months-therapy data cut:
  - Overall response rate
  - VGPR or better rate
  - MRD rate
  - Occurrence of grade 3 or higher side effects

Table 1 ECOG proxy of IMWG algorithm of frailty

Category	Score
<b>Age</b>	
≤75 years	0
76–80 years	1
>80 years	2
<b>Charlson Comorbidity Index</b>	
≤1	0
>1	1
<b>ECOG performance status</b>	
0	0
1	1
≥2	2
<b>Sum of scores</b>	
Nonfrail	0–1
Frail	≥2

ECOG Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, IMWG International Myeloma Working Group

## Baseline characteristics

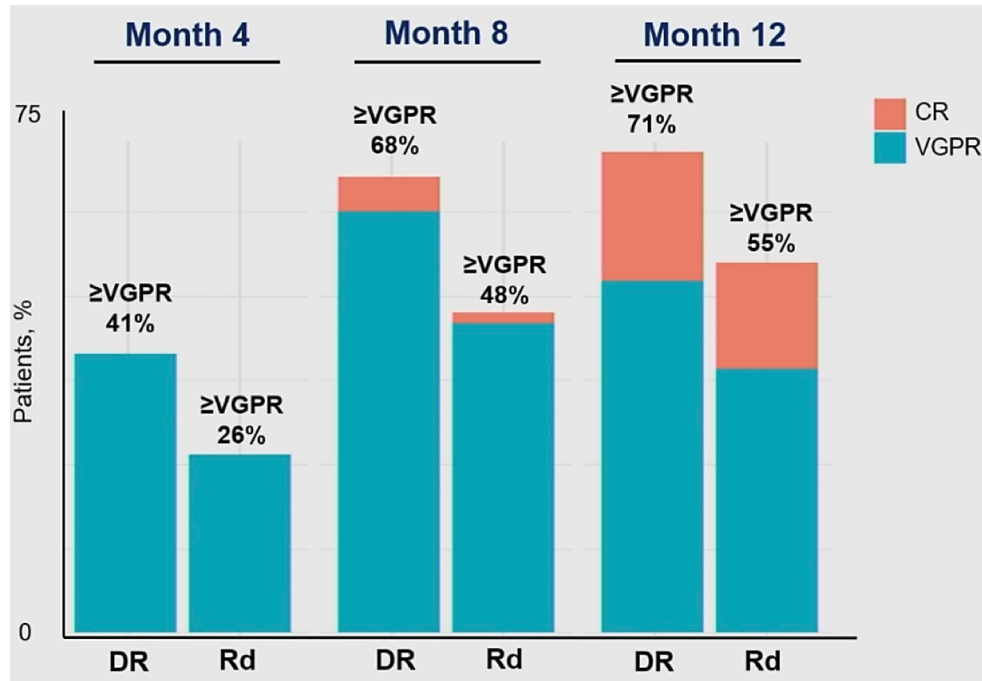
Baseline characteristics	DR n=199	Rd n=94
Median age, years (range)	81 (68-92)	81 (68-90)
>80 years, n (%)	118 (59)	61 (65)
IFM frailty score, n (%)		
≤1	0	0
2	57 (29)	35 (37)
3	81 (41)	26 (28)
4	44 (22)	24 (26)
5	17 (9)	9 (10)
ISS disease stage, n (%)		
I	33 (17)	18 (19)
II	102 (51)	49 (53)
III	64 (32)	26 (28)
High-risk cytogenetics, n (%) Includes del17p, t(4;14), t(4;16),	31 (17)	17 (22)

Dara, daratumumab; DR, daratumumab, lenalidomide; IFM, Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome; ISS, International Staging System; LEN, lenalidomide; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly-diagnosed multiple myeloma; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; Rd, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; SC, subcutaneous; Q1/2/4Wk, every 1/2/4 week(s); Tx, treatment; VGPR, very good partial response.

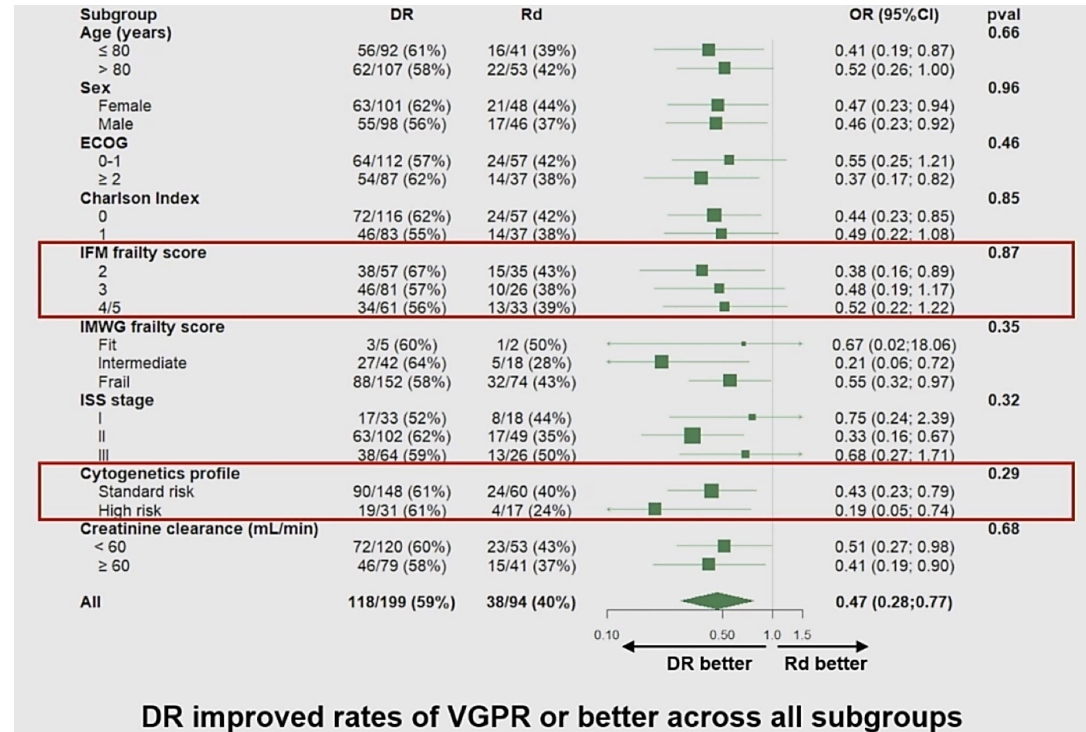


# IFM 2017-03: VGPR

Rates of VGPR or better over time

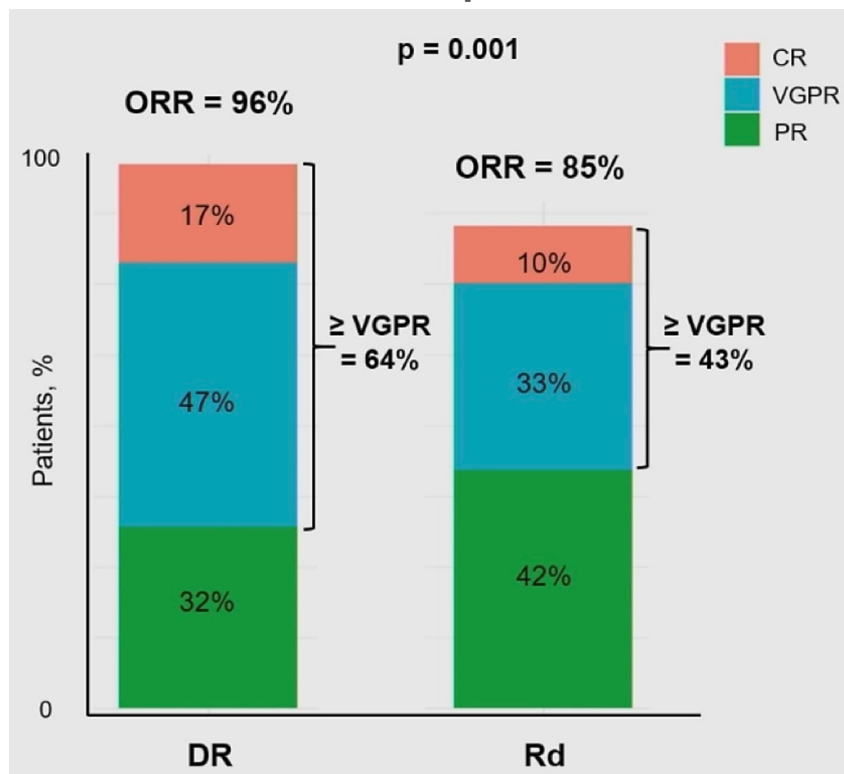


Subgroup analysis of VGPR or better



CR, complete response; DR, daratumumab, lenalidomide; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IFM, Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome; IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group; ISS, International Staging System; Rd, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; VGPR, very good partial response.

Overall response rates



Most common grade ≥3 AEs

	DR group (n=199) Grade ≥ 3	Rd group (n=94) Grade ≥ 3	P value
All grade ≥ 3 AEs, % (n)	82% (164)	68% (64)	0.010
SAE, % (n)	55% (109)	63% (59)	0.21
Hematologic, % (n)	55% (109)	26% (24)	<0.0001
anemia	11% (21)	2% (2)	0.010
neutropenia	46% (91)	18% (17)	<0.0001
thrombocytopenia	9% (18)	3% (3)	0.089
Infection, % (n)	13% (26)	18% (17)	0.29
non-COVID infections	9% (17)	14% (13)	0.21
pneumonia	3% (5)	7% (7)	0.060
COVID	5% (9)	4% (4)	1
Treatment discontinuation for AE, % (n)	14% (27)	16% (15)	0.65

- MRD (NGS,  $10^{-5}$ ) was assessed in patients with  $\geq$ VGPR at 12 months: DR 10% vs Rd 3%, P=0.012

CR, complete response; DR, daratumumab, lenalidomide; IFM, Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome;  
ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; Rd, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; SAE, serious adverse events; VGPR, very good partial response.



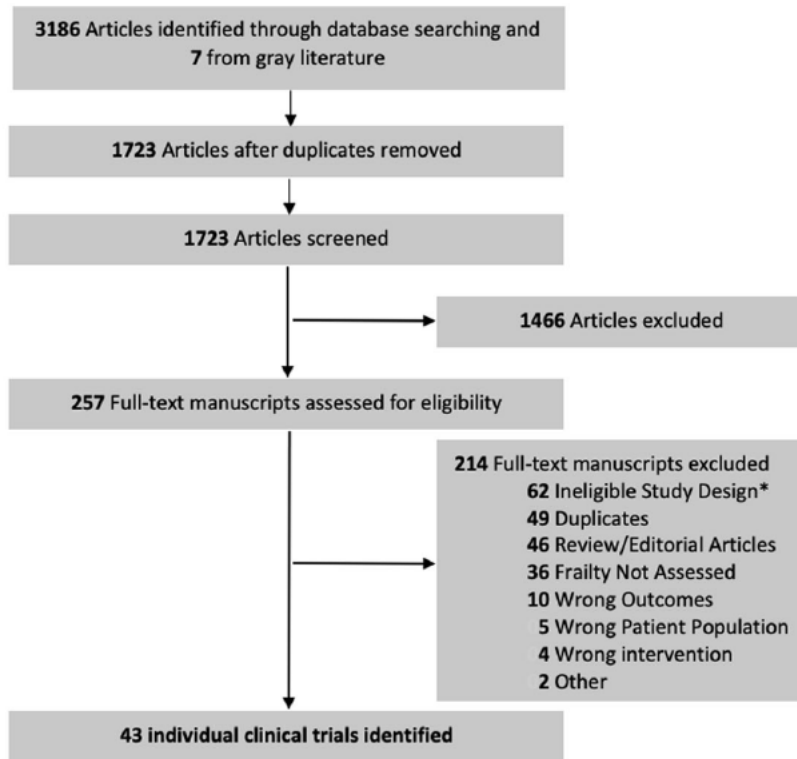
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## The prevalence and outcomes of frail older adults in clinical trials in multiple myeloma: A systematic review

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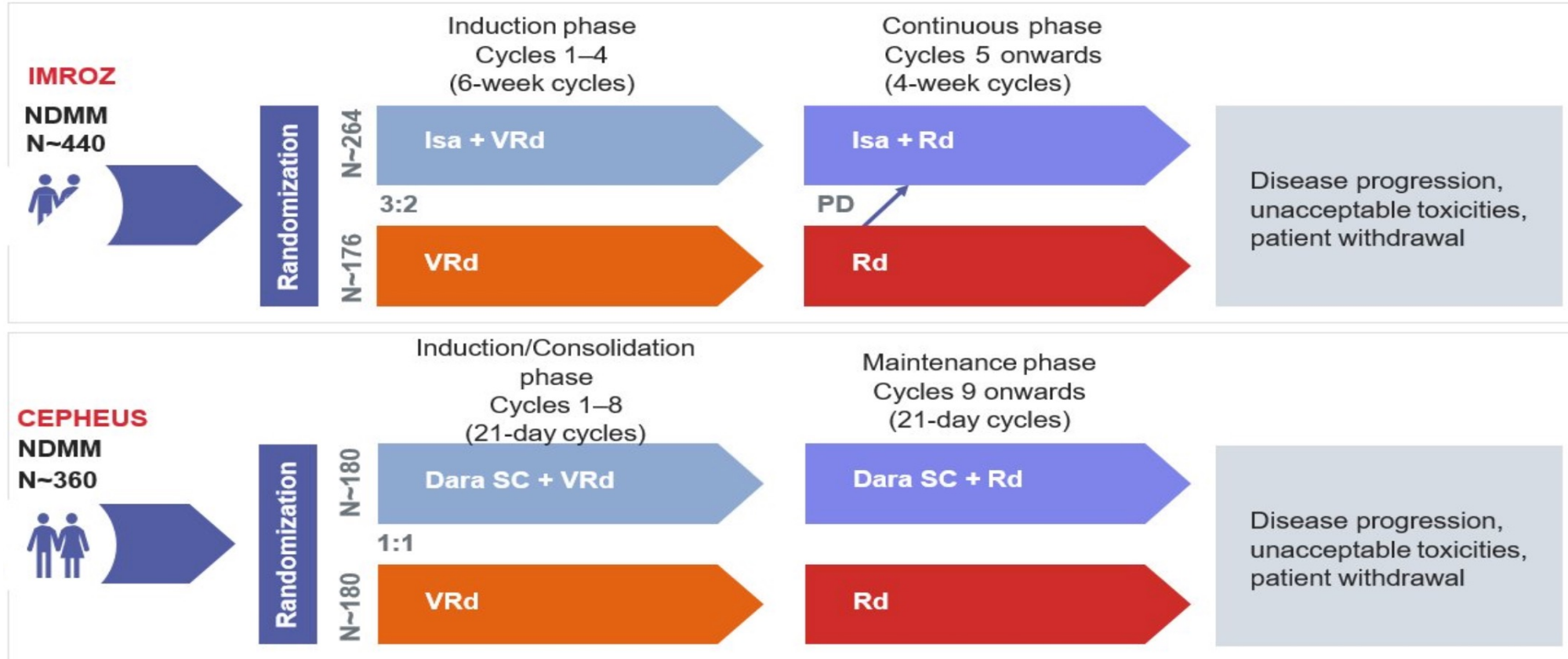
● In conclusion, this systematic review summarizes how frailty is incorporated into therapeutic MM trials and highlights potential areas for future research. Although frailty assessments are being increasingly incorporated into trial designs, there remains wide heterogeneity in both the definition, categorization and cut-off for frailty among the different trials which may limit our ability to evaluate any associated outcomes.

Future strategies aimed at standardizing frailty assessments, along with incorporation of frailty measures in the primary clinical trial design will be critical in operationalizing frailty and using fitness-based approaches to tailor the care of older frail older adults with MM.

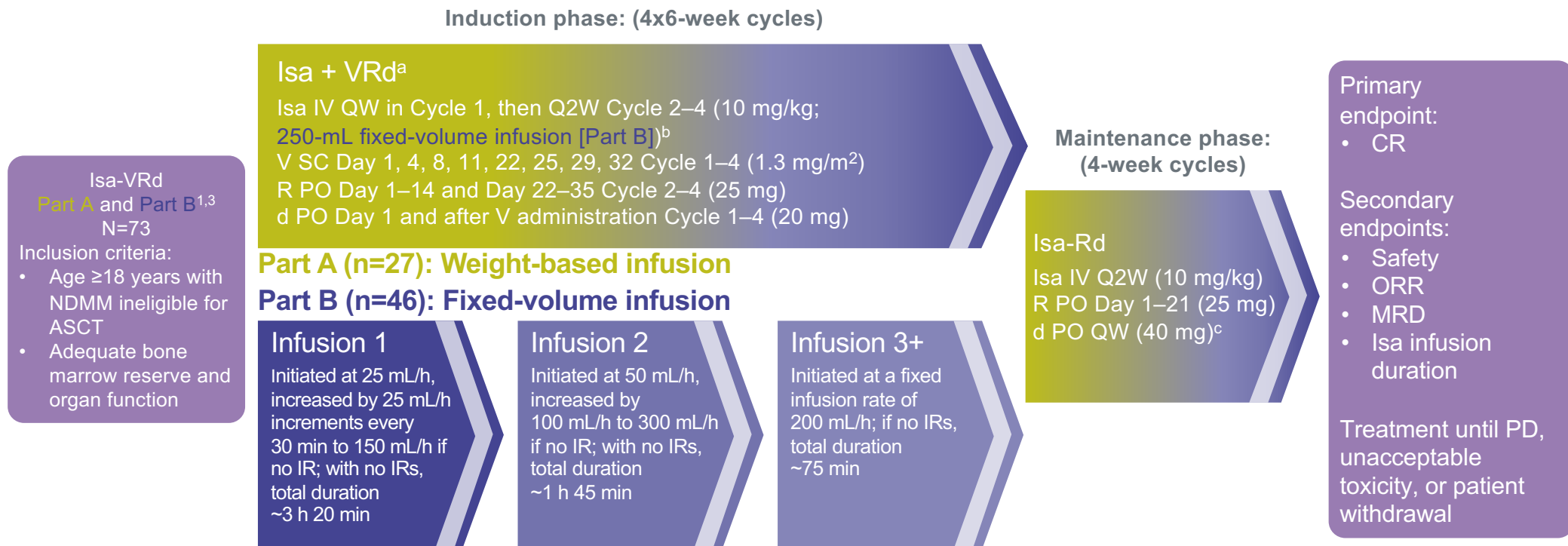


# Fit T1E NDMM Patients

## Phase III IMROZ & CEPHEUS: Study Designs



# TCD13983: Phase I of Isa-VRD in Elderly NDMM



<sup>a</sup>Pre-medications included diphenhydramine 25–50 mg IV (or equivalent), dexamethasone 20 mg IV/PO, ranitidine 50 mg IV (or equivalent), acetaminophen 650–1000 mg PO, montelukast 10 mg PO (or equivalent). The use of montelukast was strongly recommended in Cycle 1, optional from Cycle 2 onward

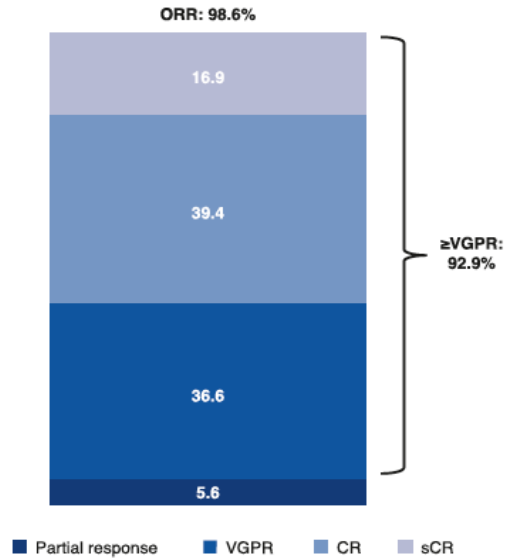
<sup>b</sup>Isa 10 mg/kg diluted and administered IV from a fixed-volume infusion bag containing 250 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride solution

<sup>c</sup>20 mg/day in patients >75 years old

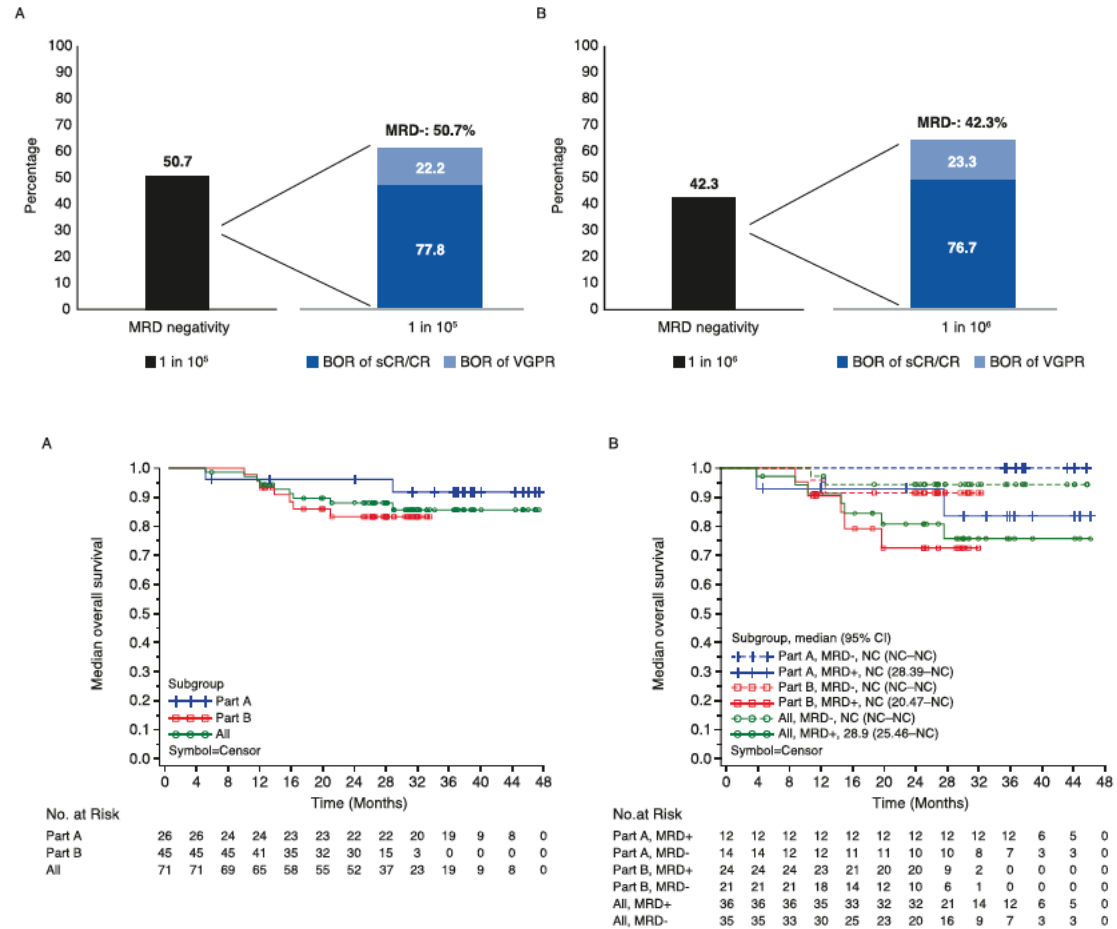
ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; d, dexamethasone; h, hour; IR, infusion reaction; Isa, isatuximab; IV, intravenously; min, minute; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PO, orally; QW, once weekly; Q2W, once every two weeks; R, lenalidomide; SC, subcutaneous; V, bortezomib



# Isa-VRd in T1E NDMM Patients: Efficacy



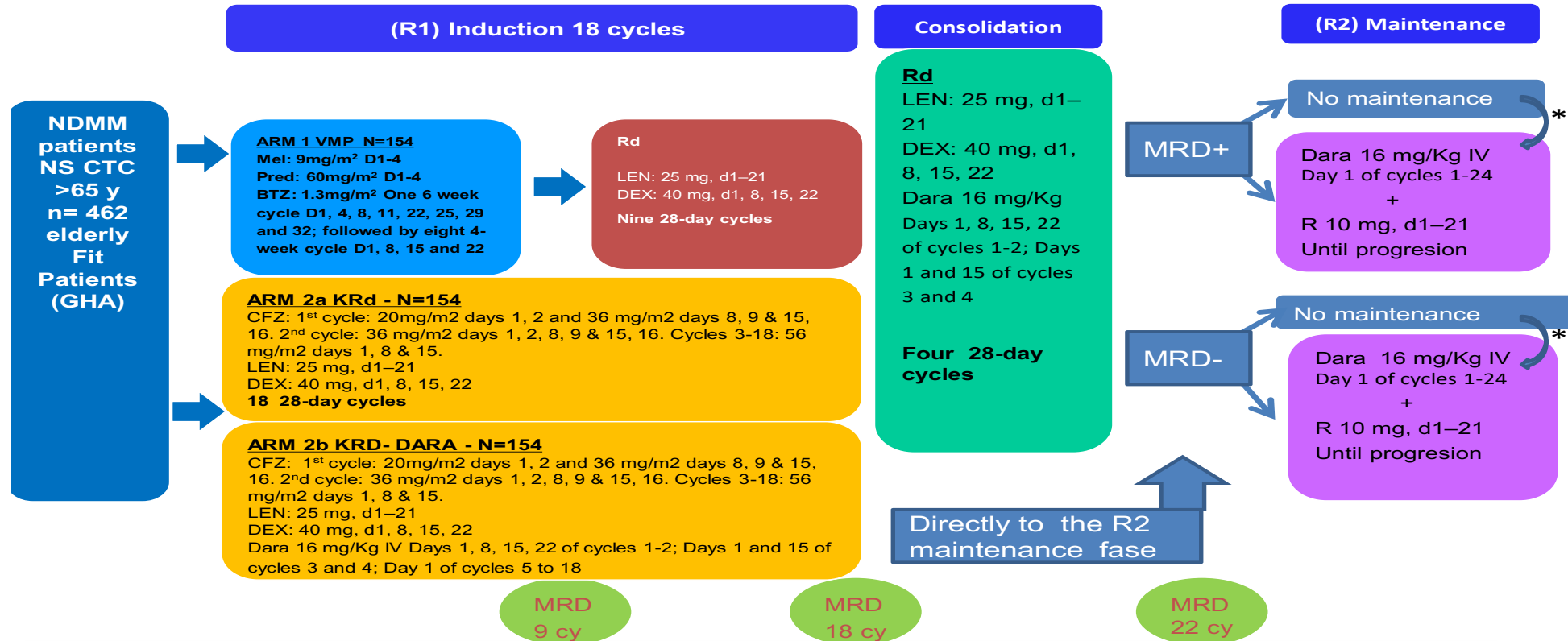
**Fig. 2 Best overall response in the efficacy population (n = 71)<sup>a</sup>.**  
<sup>a</sup>Data adjusted by incorporating results from 8 (Part A) or 21 (Part B) patients whose samples underwent HYDRASHIFT 2/4 isotuximab IFE testing, an immunofixation test assessing serum M-protein without isotuximab interference. The HYDRASHIFT 2/4 isotuximab IFE assay was launched by Sebia in Europe in February 2021 and approved by FDA in November 2021. CR complete response, IFE immunofixation electrophoresis, sCR stringent complete response, VGPR very good partial response.



# Isa-VRd in T1E NDMM: Safety Profile

n (%)	All-treated population (N=46)	
	All grades	Grade ≥3
Constipation	32 (69.6)	1 (2.2)
Asthenia	31 (67.4)	3 (6.5)
Diarrhea	26 (56.5)	4 (8.7)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	23 (50.0)	1 (2.2)
Peripheral edema	18 (39.1)	2 (4.3)
Insomnia	13 (28.3)	2 (4.3)
Infusion reaction	13 (28.3)	0
Back pain	12 (26.1)	1 (2.2)
Pain in extremity	12 (26.1)	0
Rash	11 (23.9)	1 (2.2)
Nausea	11 (23.9)	0
Dyspnea	10 (21.7)	1 (2.2)
Decreased appetite	10 (21.7)	0
<b>Hematologic abnormalities</b>		
Anemia	46 (100)	3 (6.5)
Lymphopenia	45 (97.8)	35 (76.1)
Neutropenia	41 (89.1)	19 (41.3)
Leukopenia	45 (97.8)	14 (30.5)
Thrombocytopenia	40 (87.0)	16 (34.7)

# GEM2017FIT for Fit TIE NDMM Patients



**Primary endpoint** immunophenotypic complete response  
**Secondary exploratory outcome:** PFS

\* Patientes in Biological relapse will be rechallenged by Dara + R

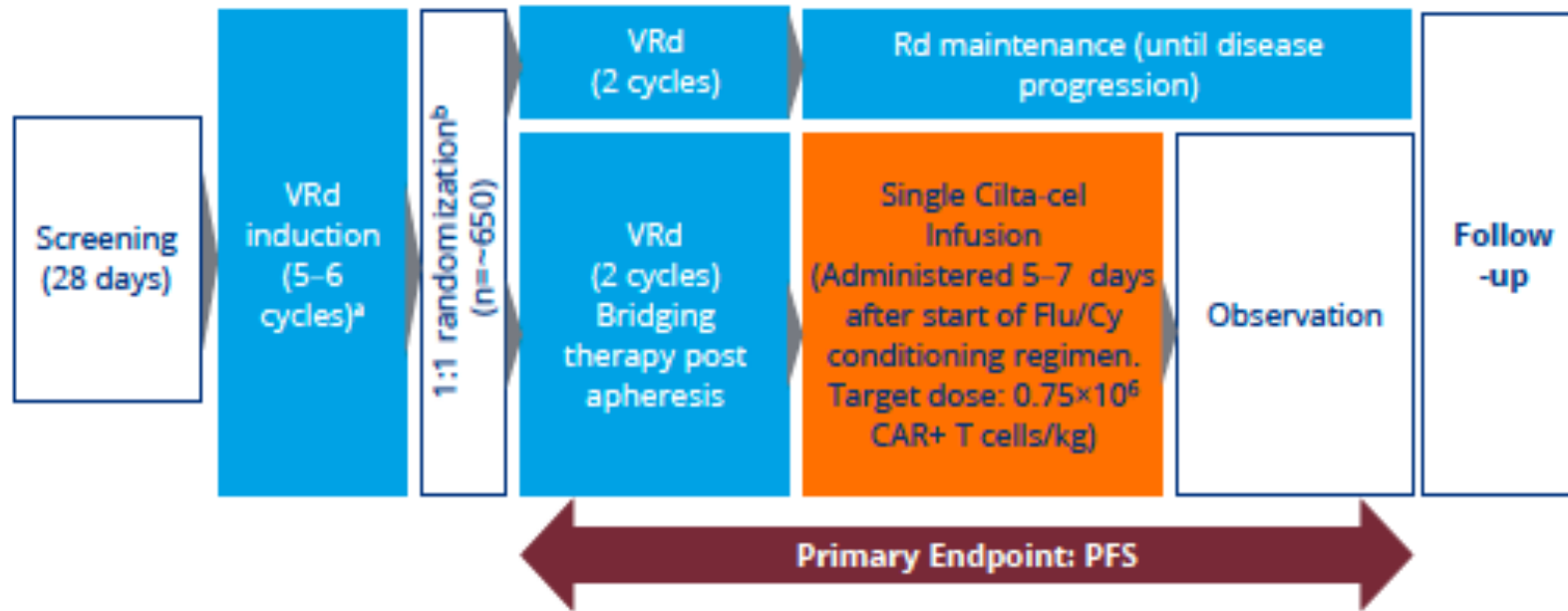
<sup>a</sup>During the first cycle (6 weeks), bortezomib is given on D1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, and 32.; GAH: [J Geriatr Oncol. 2015 Sep;6\(5\):353-61](#); R1: first randomization; R2: second randomization ; IMF immunophenotypic response NGF (next generation flow)



# BCMA-CAR-Ts in NDMM Patients TIE

## Cartitude-5

FIGURE 1: CARTITUDE-5 Study Design

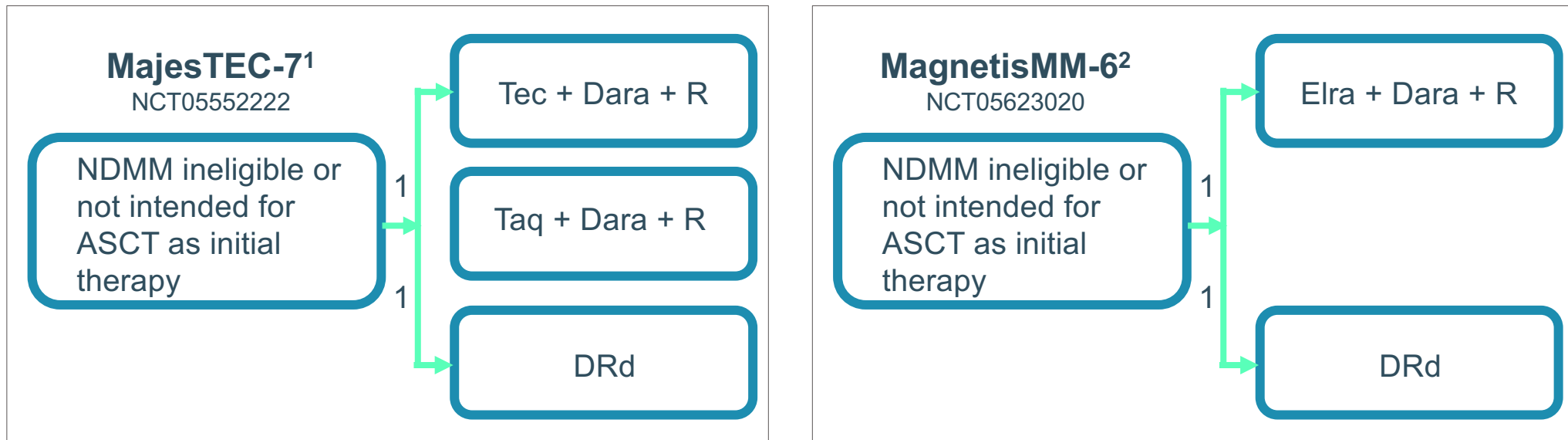


Flu, fludarabine; Cy, cyclophosphamide

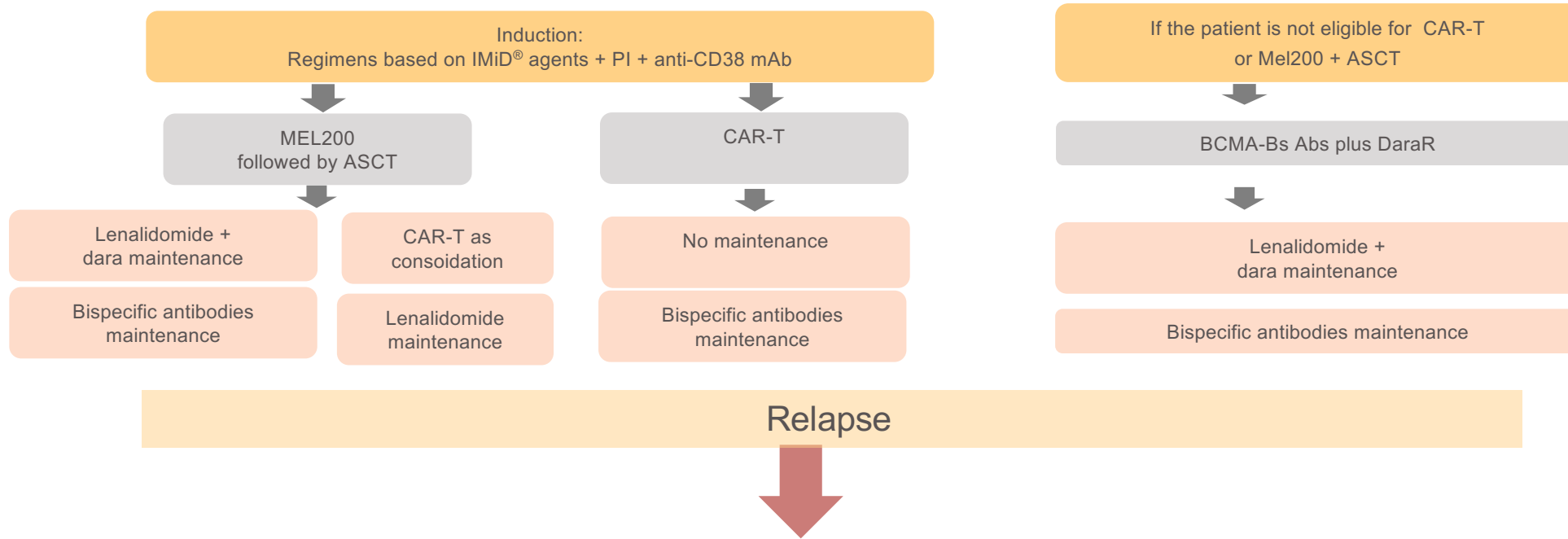
<sup>a</sup> 1 cycle VRd allowed prior to screening

<sup>b</sup> At randomization, patients will be stratified by the following factors: R-ISS (I,II,III); age/transplant eligibility ( $\geq 70$  years or  $< 70$  years and ASCT ineligible due to comorbidities or  $< 70$  years and ASCT deferred); response to VRd induction ( $\geq$ VGPR,  $\leq$ PR)

# BCMA-targeting bispecific antibodies for newly diagnosed **transplant-ineligible** MM patients



# Future Landscape of Therapy for T1E NDMM FIT



- We will change transplant eligibility by CAR-T eligibility
- For the frail population, antiCD38 mABs in combination with IMiDs plus/minus corticosteroids

# Summary

- The achievement of undetectable MRD in the TE and TIE is an important prognostic factor and novel approaches are emerging to facilitate its use

## Today:

- TIE: DaraRd should be the first choice if the combination is available

## In the future:

- The treatment would be frail-adapted for the TIE
- CAR-Ts and Bispecific monoclonal antibodies will be a choice in the first line of therapy and can potentially replace ASCT