

# Updates in the Upfront Management of Multiple Myeloma

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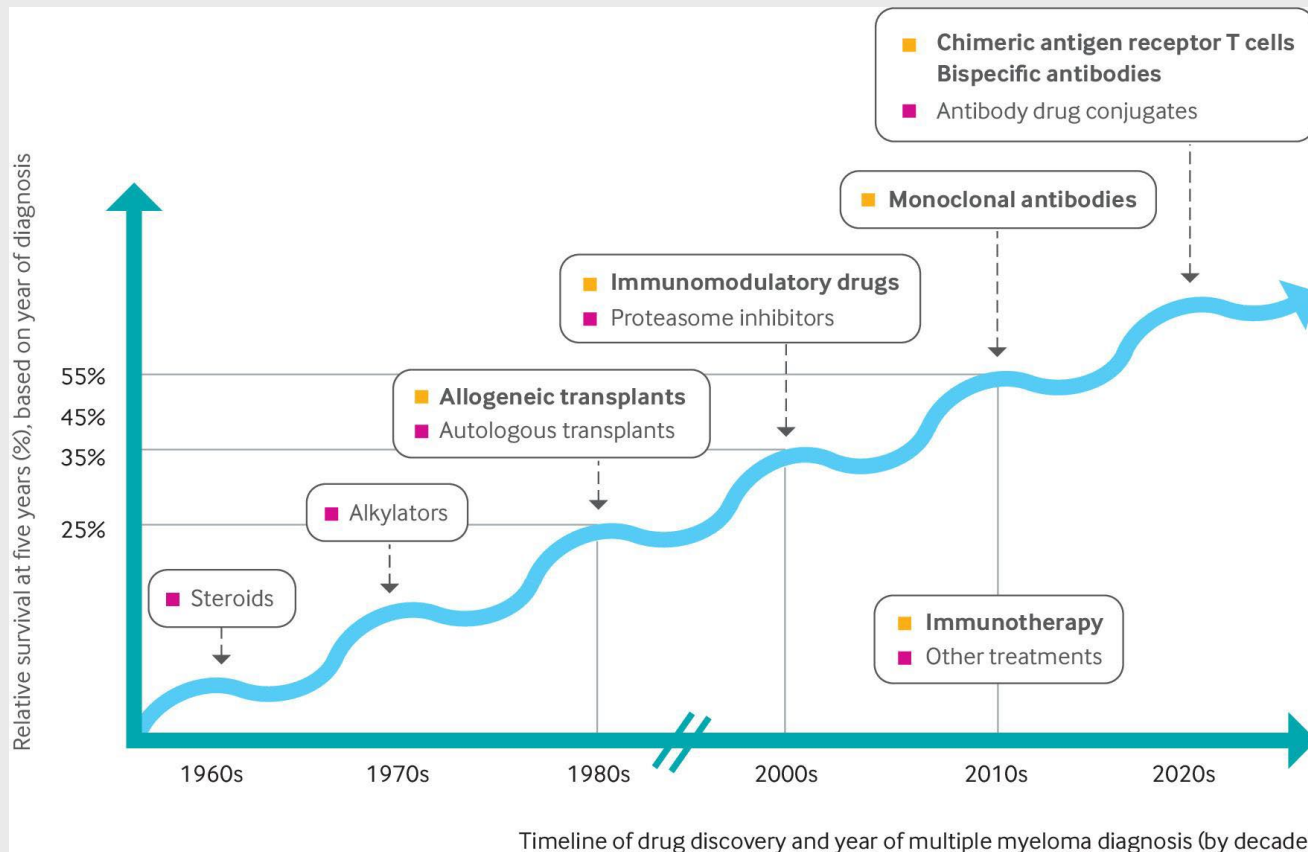
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# Outline

- **Should we aim to CR MRD negative?**
- **Induction: 2 vs 3 vs 4 drugs**
- **Is transplant still necessary?**
- **The ASCT-ineligible patient**
- **Summary and future directions**

# The Evolution of Multiple Myeloma Treatment



Shah et al, *BMJ*, 2020

# Goals of Initial Treatment<sup>1,2</sup>

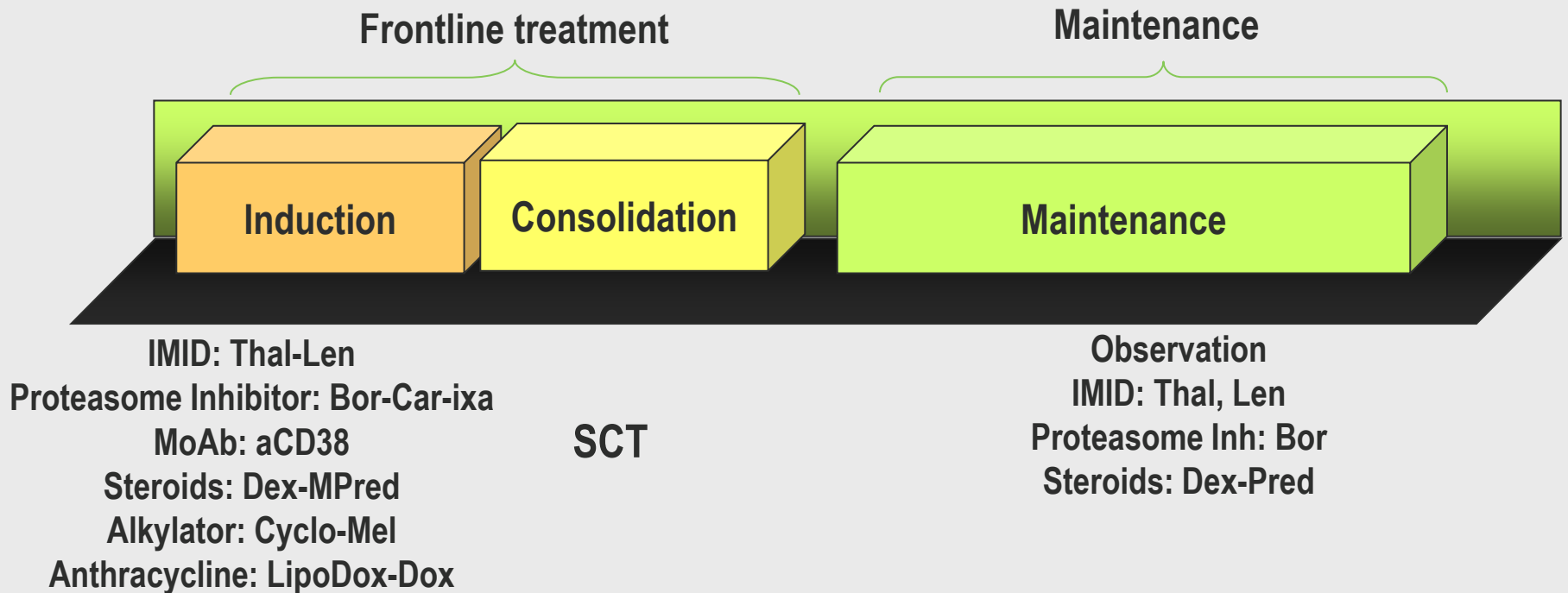
- Alleviate disease-related complications
- Achieve effective disease control
- Extend disease control
- Improve overall survival
- Use a regimen that is well tolerated
- Maintain QoL
- Facilitate stem cell collection

**Mounting evidence correlates depth and duration  
of initial response with clinical outcomes<sup>3-6</sup>**

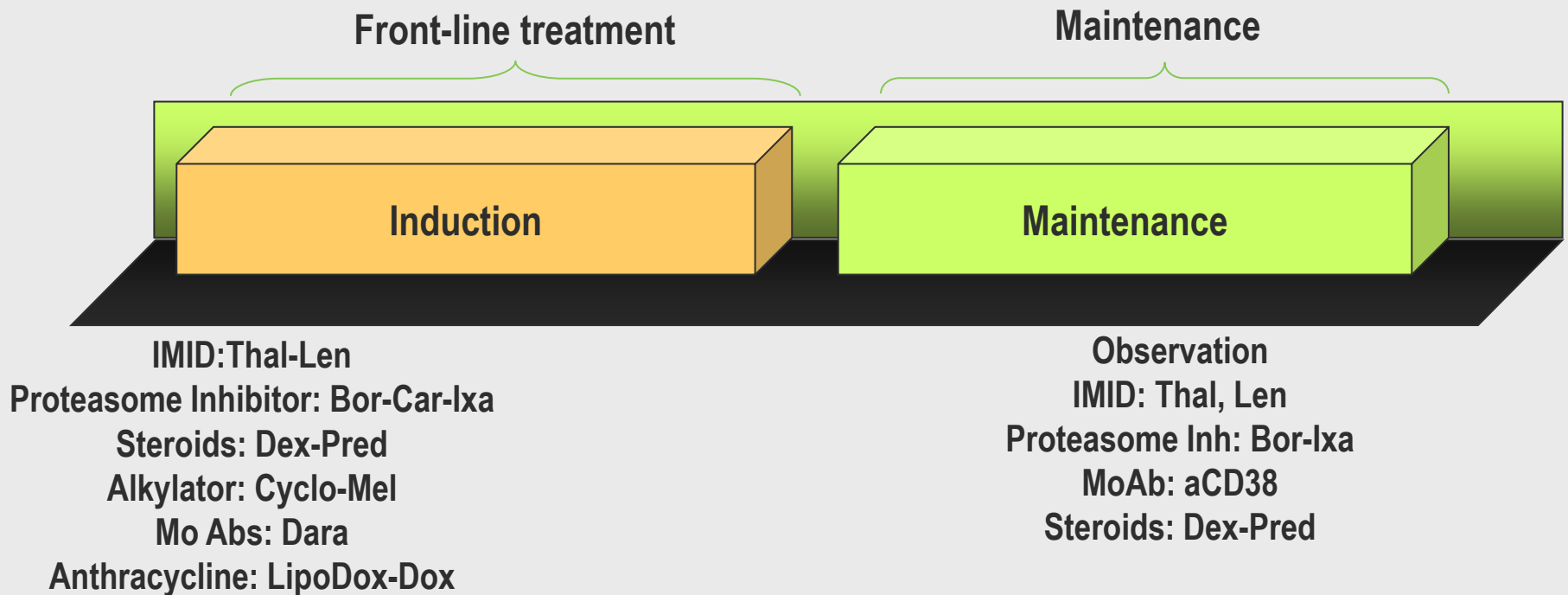
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# Younger or Fit



# Elderly or Unfit



# Should We Aim to MRD Neg?

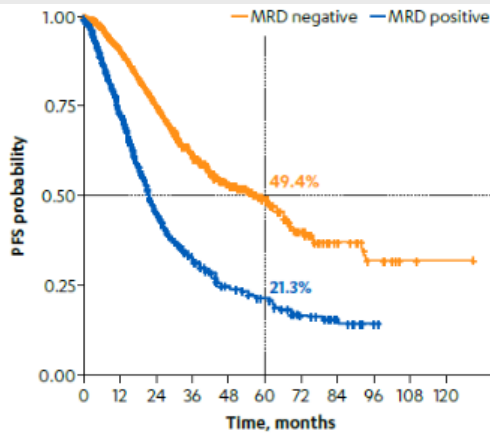




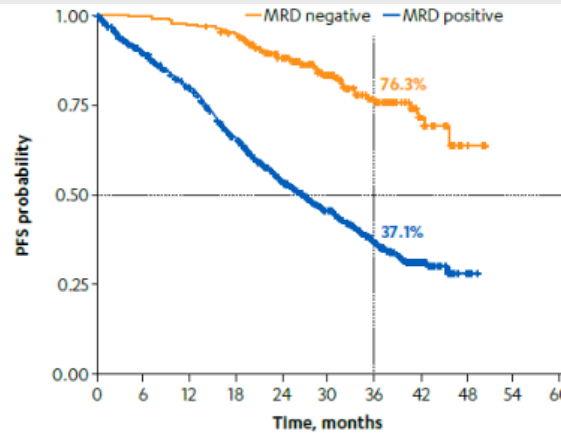
# Positive vs Negative MRD: Two Different Myelomas

Results from an expanded meta-analysis (8,114 patients)

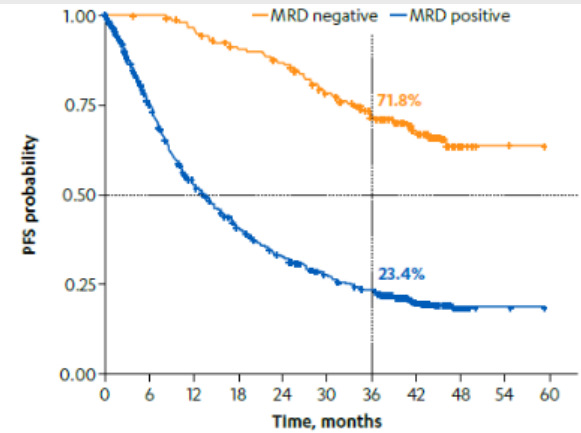
NDMM (transplant-eligible)



NDMM (transplant-ineligible)



RR MM

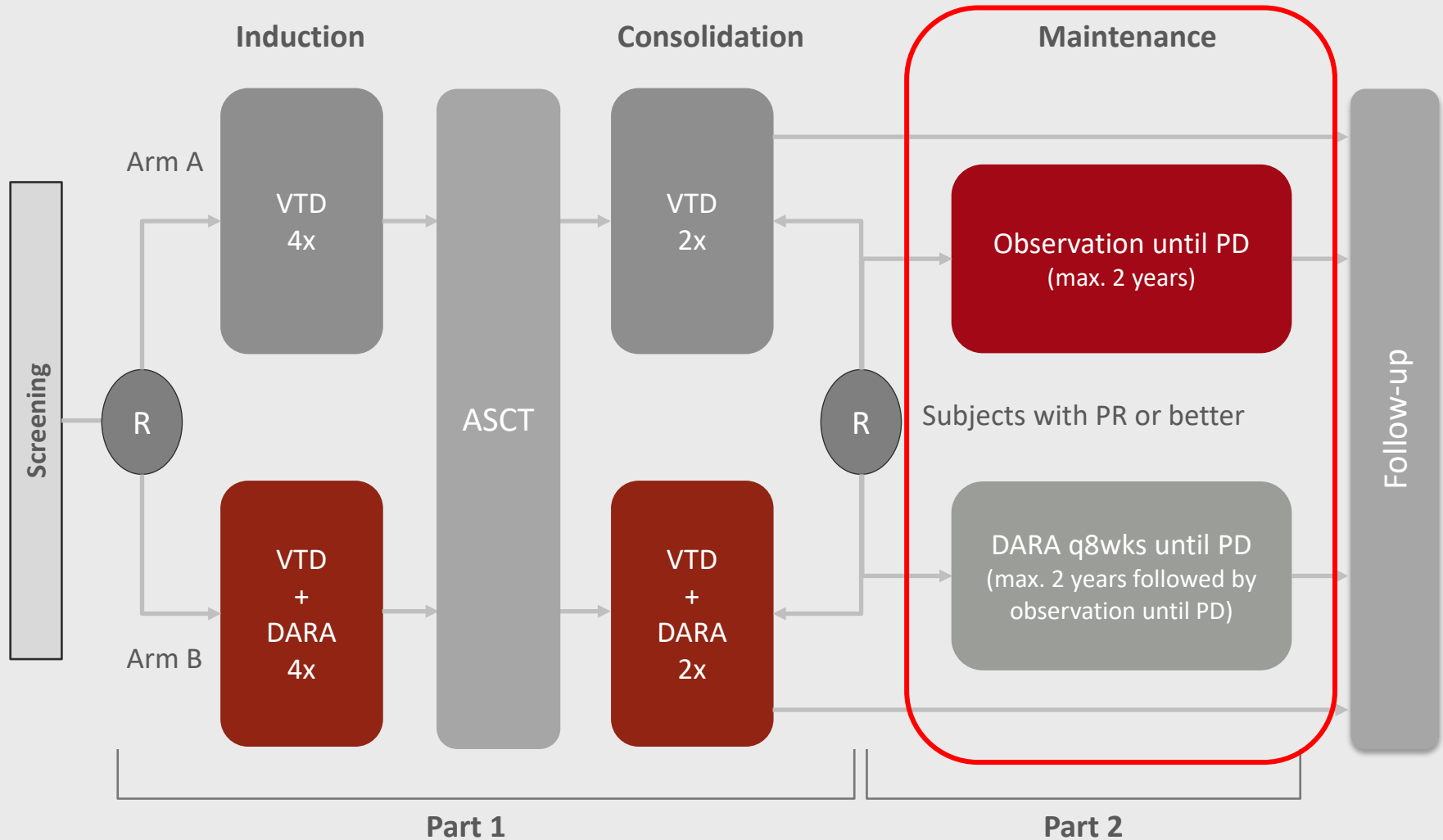


Progressive improvement in MRD technologies

Munshi. ASH 2019. Abstr 4742.

# Daratumumab in the Setting of ASCT

## *CASSIOPEIA phase 3 trial*



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[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov); NCT02541383.

# Phase 3 CASSIOPEIA Trial: VTD ± Daratumumab in Newly Diagnosed Myeloma

- Patients with newly diagnosed, previously untreated symptomatic myeloma who are eligible for ASCT (N = 1085)
  - **Part 1: randomized to receive induction and consolidation treatment with daratumumab + VTD or VTD alone (primary endpoint: sCR)**
  - **Part 2: second randomization of patients achieving response to either maintenance daratumumab or observation (primary endpoint: PFS)**
- Primary endpoint met: improved sCR with daratumumab + VTD vs VTD alone (press release)



**Maintenance with daratumumab or observation following treatment with bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone with or without daratumumab and autologous stem-cell transplant in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (CASSIOPEIA): an open-label, randomised, phase 3 trial.**

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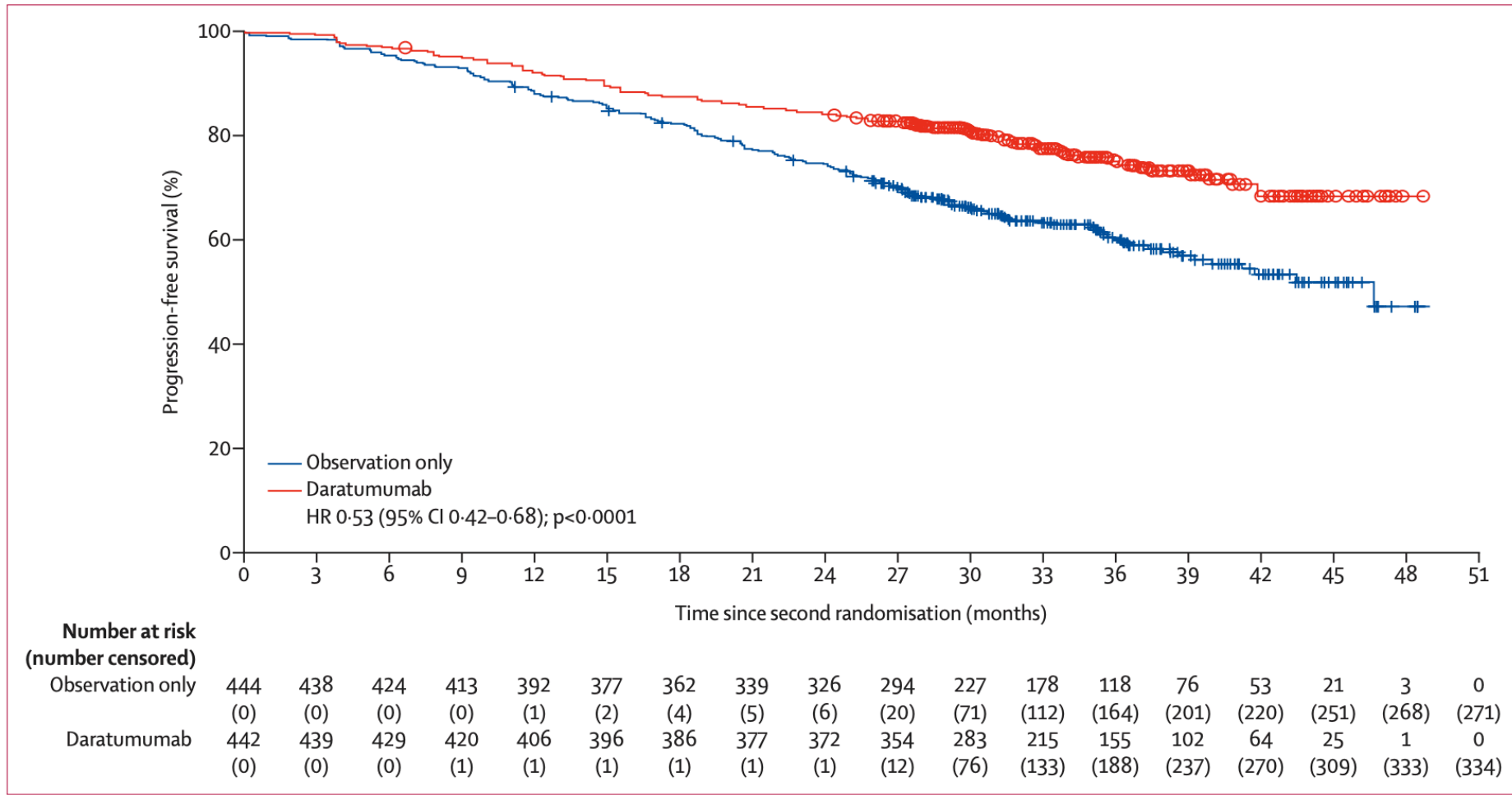


Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier estimates of progression-free survival in patients in the maintenance-specific intention-to-treat population  
HR=hazard ratio.

# GRIFFIN: Study Design

- Preliminary efficacy in safety run-in phase of open-label, randomized phase 2 trial

Transplant-eligible adults with NDMM, ECOG PS  $\leq 2$  and CrCL  $\geq 30$  mL/min\* (N = 16)

Induction: Cycles 1-4

D-VRd in 21-day cycles  
 D: 16 mg/kg IV D1, 8, 15  
 V: 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC D1, 4, 8, 11  
 R: 25 mg PO D1-14  
 d: 20 mg PO D1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

ASCT

Consolidation: Cycles 5-6<sup>†</sup>

D-VRd in 21-day cycles  
 D: 16 mg/kg IV D1  
 VRd: as in induction

Maintenance: Cycles 7-32<sup>‡</sup>

D-Rd in 28-day cycles  
 D: as in consolidation  
 R: 10 mg PO D1-21 of C7-9 and 15 mg PO D1-21 of C10+ (if tolerable)  
 d: 20 mg PO D1

Response, %	End of Induction	End of Consolidation	During Maintenance
<b>ORR</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
▪ sCR	0	25	63
▪ CR	6	38	31
▪ VGPR	50	38	6
▪ PR	38	0	0

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\*Len dose adjusted in patients with CrCl  $\leq 50$  mL/min. <sup>†</sup>Consolidation began 60-100 days after ASCT. <sup>‡</sup>Patients completing maintenance were permitted to continue single-agent len.

# GRIFFIN 2-Yr Maintenance Phase Update: Response

Response, %	D-VRd (n = 100)					VRd (n = 97)				
	Induction	ASCT	Consol	1-Yr Maint	2-Yr Maint	Induction	ASCT	Consol	1-Yr Maint	2-Yr Maint
sCR	12	21	42	63	66*	7	14	32	46	47*
CR	7	6	9	17	16 <sup>†</sup>	6	5	10	13	13 <sup>†</sup>
≥CR	19	27	52	80	82	13	19	42	60	61
VGPR	53	60	39	14	14	43	46	31	19	18
PR	26	12	8	4	3	35	26	19	14	14
SD/PD/NE	2	1	1	2	1	8	8	8	7	7

\*P = .0096 for comparison of sCR for D-VRd vs VRd. <sup>†</sup>P = .0013 for comparison of CR for D-VRd vs VRd.

- Median follow-up 38.6 mo

Laubach. ASH 2021. Abstr 79.

# GRIFFIN 2-Yr Maintenance Phase Update: MRD Status

MRD Negativity After 24-Mo Maintenance, %		D-VRd (n = 104)	VRd (n = 103)	P Value
MRD at 10 <sup>-5</sup> threshold, %				
▪	ITT population	64	30	<.0001
▪	≥CR	78	47	.0003
MRD at 10 <sup>-6</sup> threshold, %				
▪	ITT population	36	15	.0007
▪	≥CR	43	22	.0121
Sustained MRD negativity lasting ≥12 mo, %		44.2	12.6	<.0001
MRD Neg (10 <sup>-5</sup> ) After 24-Mo Maintenance, n/N (%)		D-VRd (n = 104)	VRd (n = 103)	OR (95% CI)
Cytogenetic risk	▪ High risk	4/14 (28.6)	7/16 (43.8)	1.94 (0.42-8.92)
	▪ Standard risk	27/83 (32.5)	58/82 (70.7)	5.01 (2.59-9.71)
Revised cytogenetic risk	▪ High risk	12/37 (32.4)	23/42 (54.8)	2.52 (1.01-6.32)
	▪ Standard risk	19/60 (31.7)	42/56 (75.0)	6.47 (2.87-14.60)

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# GRIFFIN 2-Yr Maintenance Phase Update: PFS and OS

<b>PFS*</b>	<b>D-VRd (n = 104)</b>	<b>VRd (n = 103)</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
24-mo PFS, %	91.6	88.9	0.46 (0.21-1.01)
36-mo PFS, %	89.7	81.2	
<b>OS</b>	<b>D-VRd (n = 104)</b>	<b>VRd (n = 103)</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
24-mo OS, %	94.8	93.3	0.90 (0.32-2.57)
36-mo OS, %	92.6	92.2	

\*Study not powered for PFS analysis.

- Median PFS and OS were not reached in either treatment arm
- Data suggest PFS benefit to prolonged D-R therapy



# GRIFFIN 2-Yr Maintenance Phase Update: Conclusions

- After 24 mo of maintenance therapy in the phase 2 GRIFFIN trial of ASCT-eligible patients with ND MM, D-VRd followed by D-R maintenance continued to show significant improvement in sCR and depth of response vs VRd followed by R maintenance<sup>1</sup>
  - **Patients with sCR after 24-mo maintenance: 66.0% vs 47.4% ( $P = .0096$ )**
  - **Patients with MRD negativity after 24-mo maintenance at  $10^{-5}$  threshold: 64.4% vs 30.1% ( $P < .0001$ ); at  $10^{-6}$  threshold: 35.6% vs 14.6% ( $P = .0007$ )**
- Safety at 24 mo of maintenance cutoff was consistent with earlier analyses with no new safety concerns identified<sup>2,3</sup>
- Investigators conclude results support use of D-VRd induction and consolidation with D-R maintenance in transplant-eligible patients with ND MM
  - **Phase 3 PERSEUS trial ongoing (NCT03710603)**

1. Laubach. ASH 2021. Abstr 79. 2. Voorhees. *Blood*. 2020;136:936. 3. Kaufman. ASH 2020. Abstr 549.

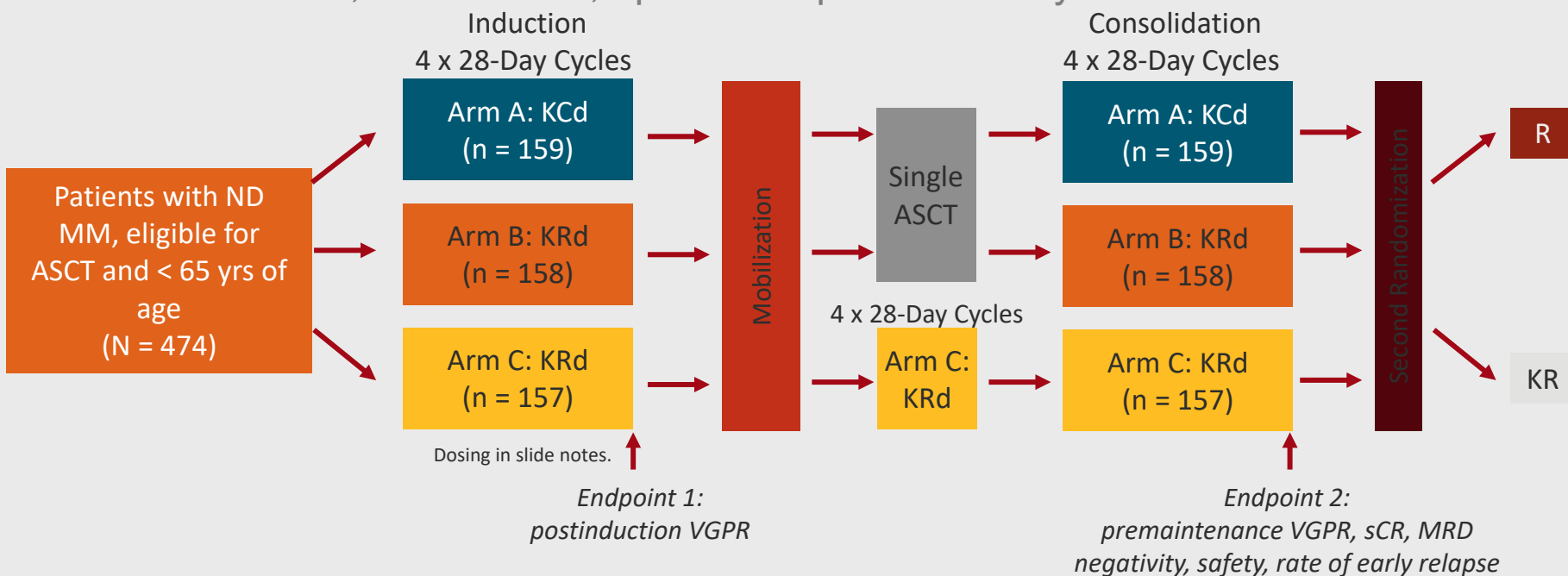


# Is Transplant Still Needed?



# FORTE: Study Design

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase 2 study



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# FORTE Efficacy by Cytogenetic Risk: MRD in High-Risk Patients

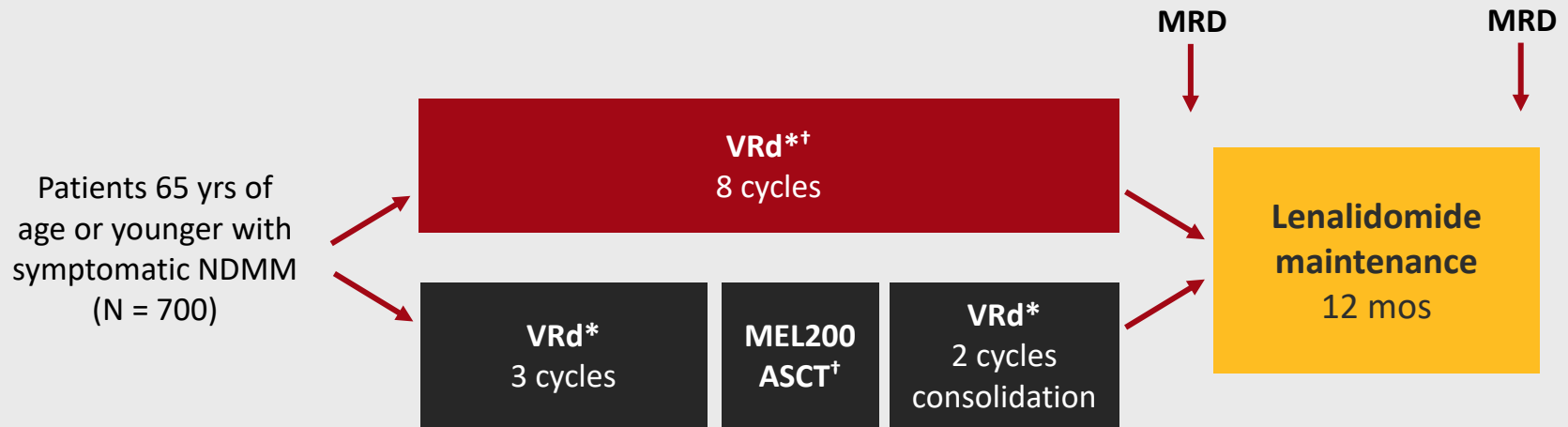
MRD, %	KCd-ASCT (n = 138)	KRd-ASCT (n = 132)	KRd12 (n = 126)
Premaintenance MRD negativity			
▪ High risk	47	59	62
▪ Double hit	39	44	50
Sustained 1-yr MRD negativity			
▪ High risk	29	50	39
▪ Double hit	17	47	25

- Among patients with 1-yr sustained MRD negativity, 4-yr PFS was:
  - **87% in patients with high-risk cytogenetics**
  - **84% in patients with double-hit cytogenetics**

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# Phase 3 IFM/DFCI 2009: VRd ± ASCT in Newly Diagnosed MM



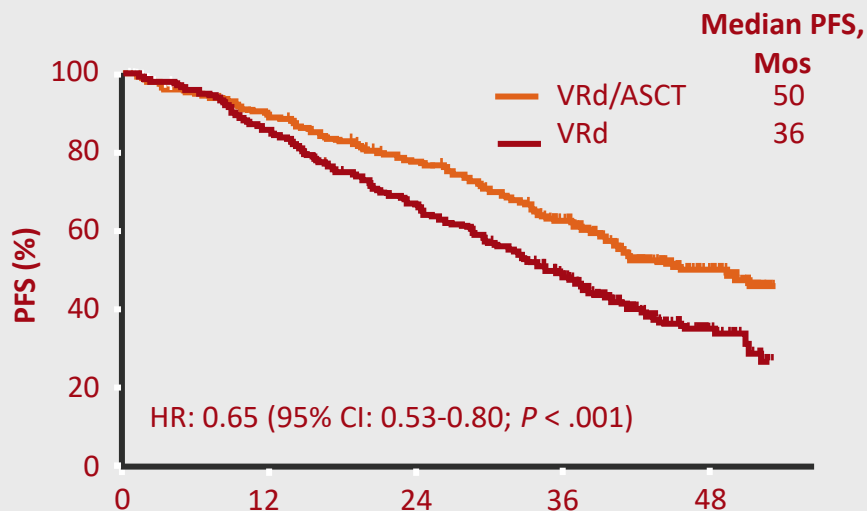
\*VRd: bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days 1, 4, 8, 11 + lenalidomide 25 mg on Days 1-14 + dexamethasone 40 mg on Days 1, 8, 15.

†Included PBSC collection with cyclophosphamide 3 g/m<sup>2</sup> + G-CSF after cycle 3.

- Primary objective: PFS
- Secondary objectives: ORR, MRD, TTP, OS, safety

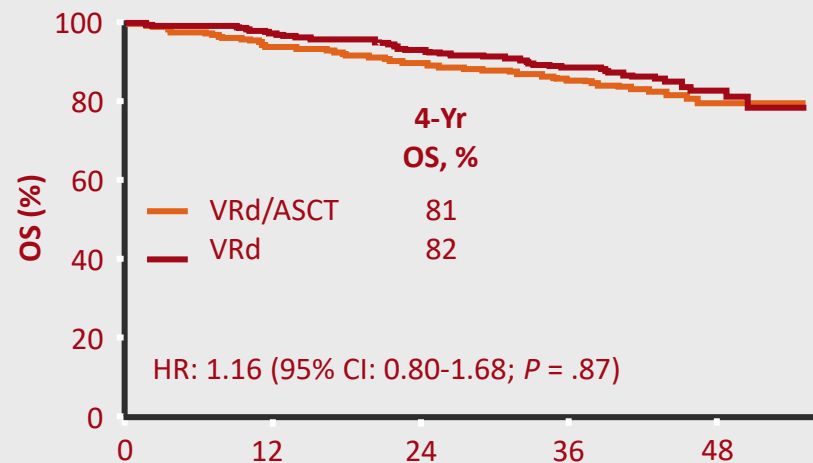
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# IFM 2009: Efficacy



Patients Risk, n	Follow-up (Mos)				
	0	12	24	36	48
VRd/ASC	350	308	264	157	50
T	350	294	228	196	32
VRd					

Median follow-up: 43 mos with VRd/ASCT, 44 mos with VRd

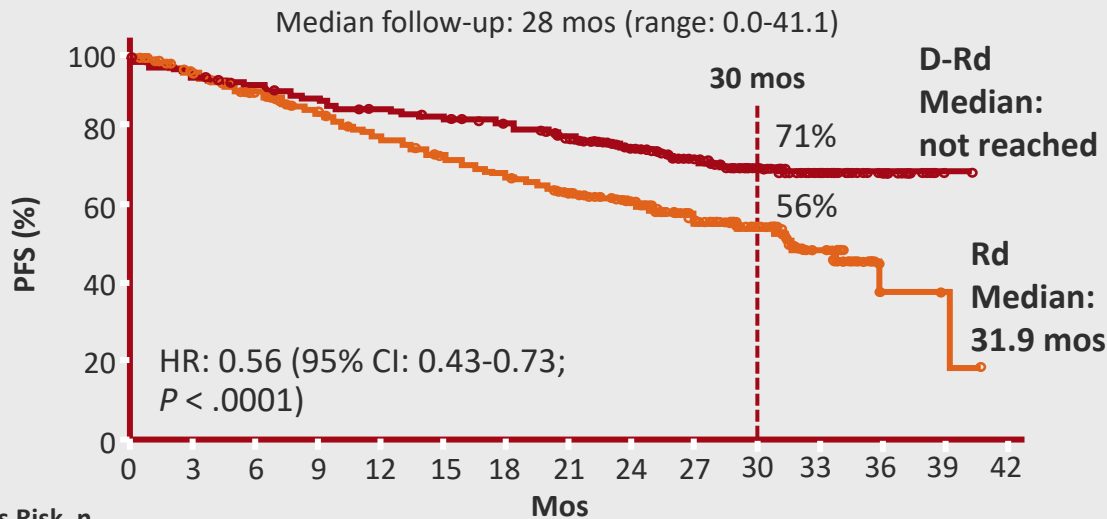


Patients Risk, n	Follow-up (Mos)				
	0	12	24	36	48
VRd/ASCT	35	33	31	28	89
VRd	0	0	3	1	95
	35	33	32	29	
	0	9	5	3	

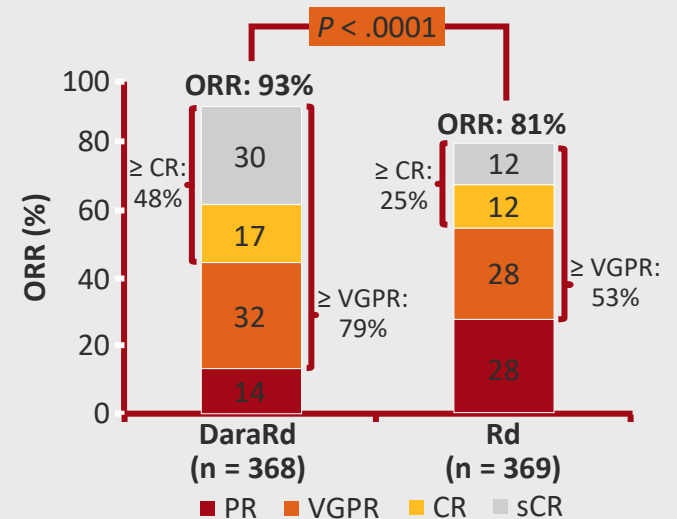
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# ASCT-Ineligible

# Phase 3 MAIA Trial: Survival With DaraRd vs Rd in Older or ASCT-Ineligible Patients



Pts Risk, n	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
Rd	369	332	307	280	254	236	219	200	149	94	50	18	3	2	0
DaraRd	368	347	335	320	309	300	290	271	203	146	86	35	11	1	0



- Daratumumab treatment favored in most subgroups analyzed, including age, race, ISS stages, ECOG PS scores
- Reduced risk of progression or death with MRD negativity in both arms

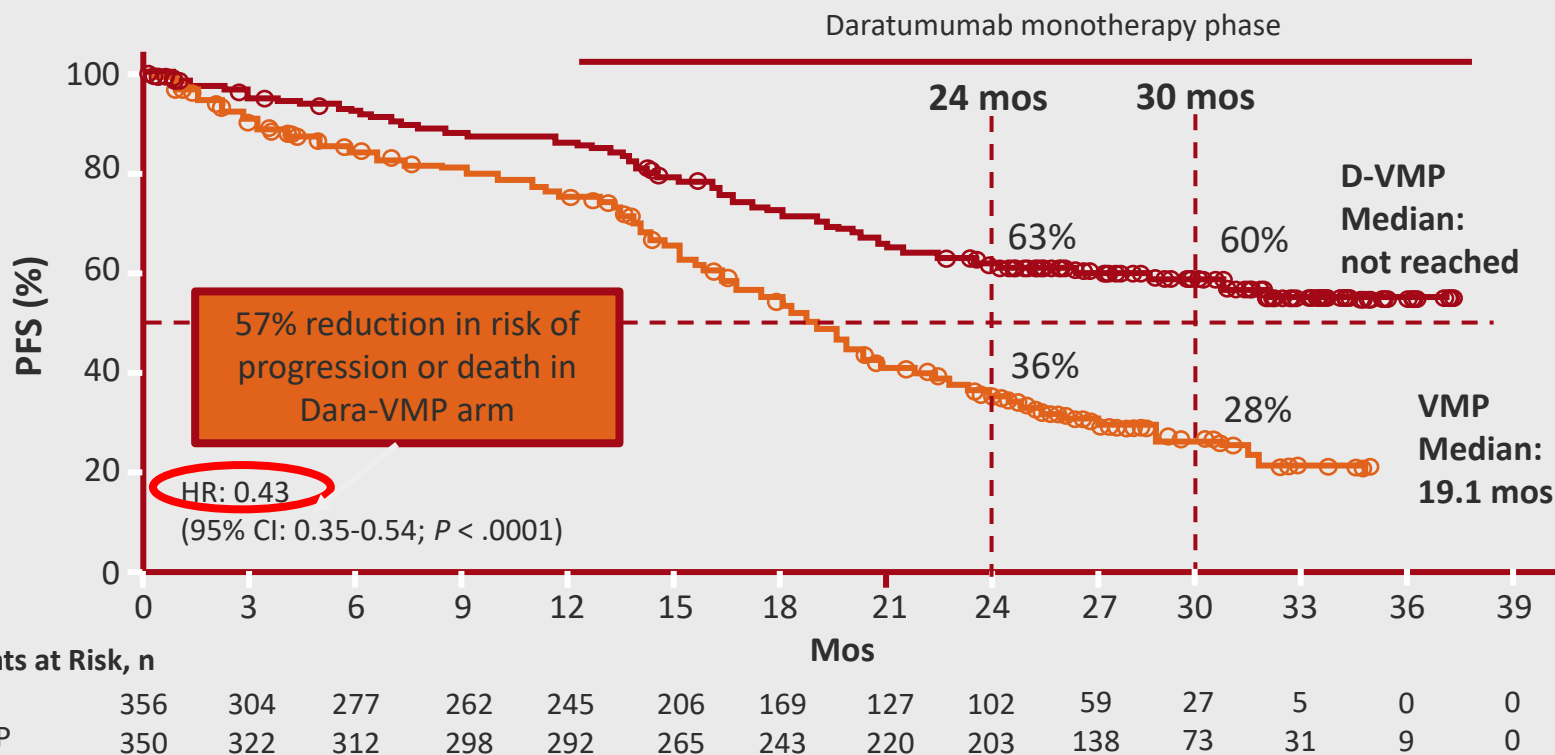
▪ MRD negativity increased with addition of daratumumab

- DaraRD: 24% MRD negative
- Rd: 7% MRD negative

Facon. ASH 2018. Abstr LBA-2.

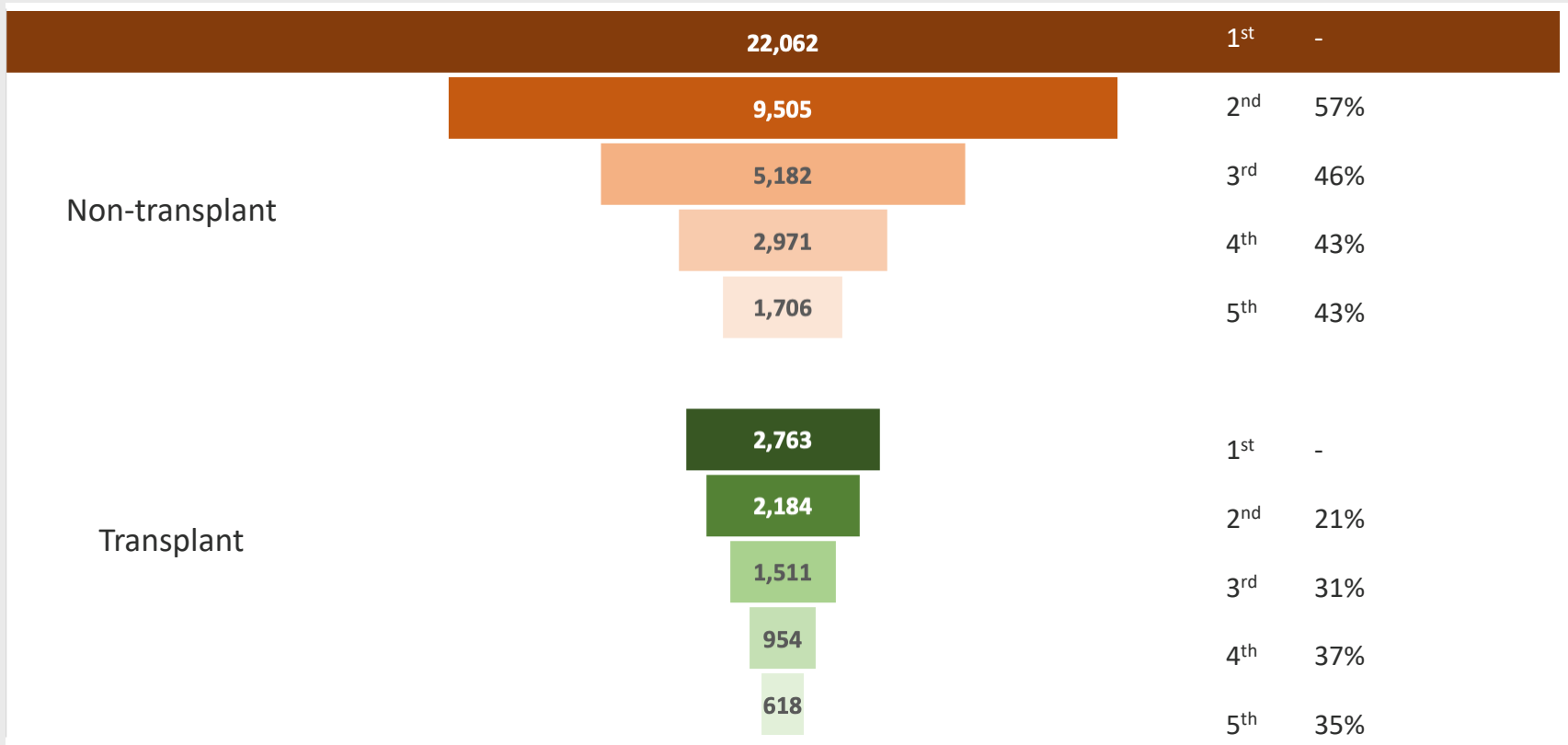


# Phase 3 ALCYONE Trial: VMP ± Daratumumab in ASCT-Ineligible Patients With Newly Diagnosed Myeloma



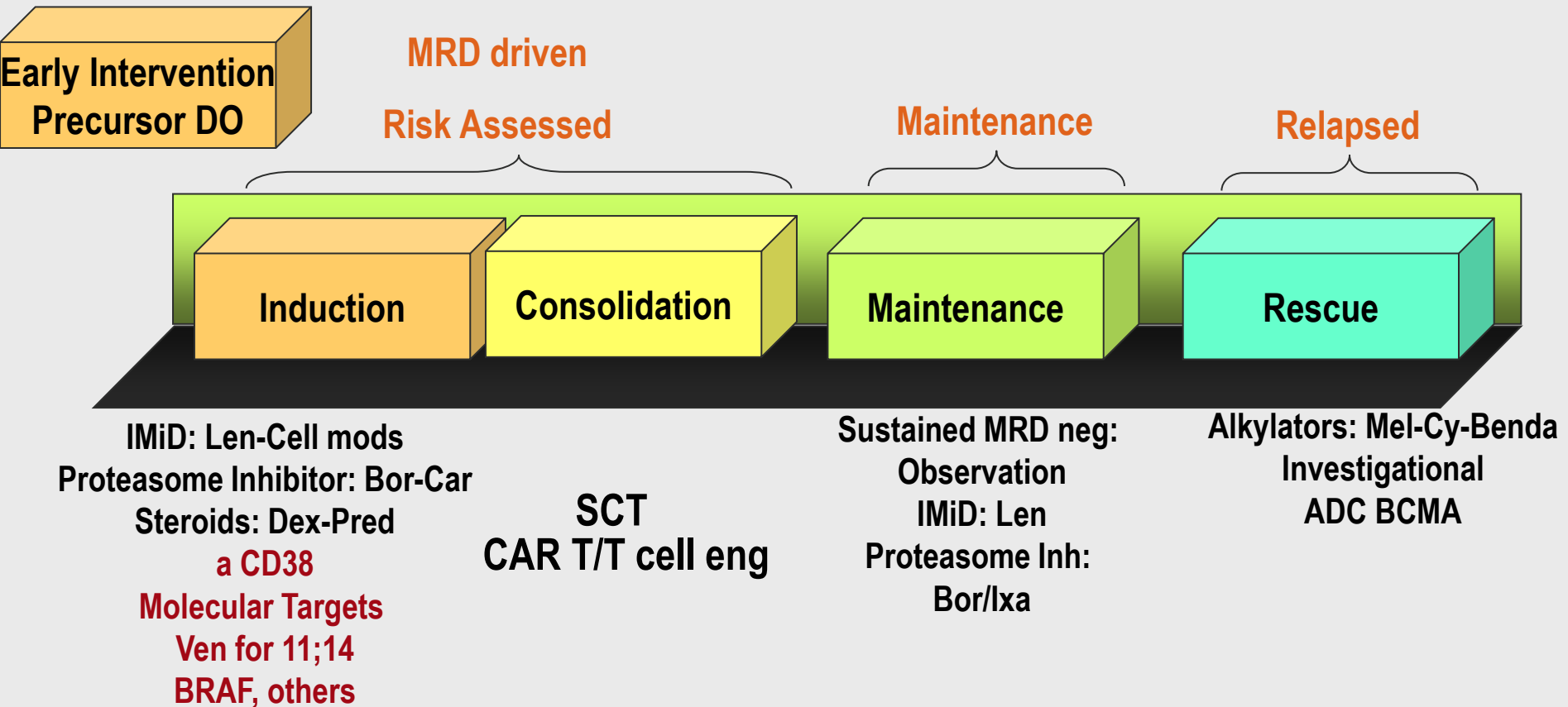
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# Attrition with Subsequent Treatment



Fonseca et al BMC 20: 1087 (2020)

# Multiple Myeloma: Future



<sup>a</sup> Transplant-eligible patients.

Bor = bortezomib; Dex = dexamethasone; Dox = doxorubicin; Thal = thalidomide; Len = lenalidomide;

SCT = stem-cell transplant; Pred = prednisone; Lipo/Dox = liposomal doxorubicin.

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