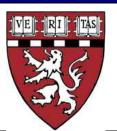
## Novel Bone Targeting Agents in Myeloma

#### Noopur Raje, MD

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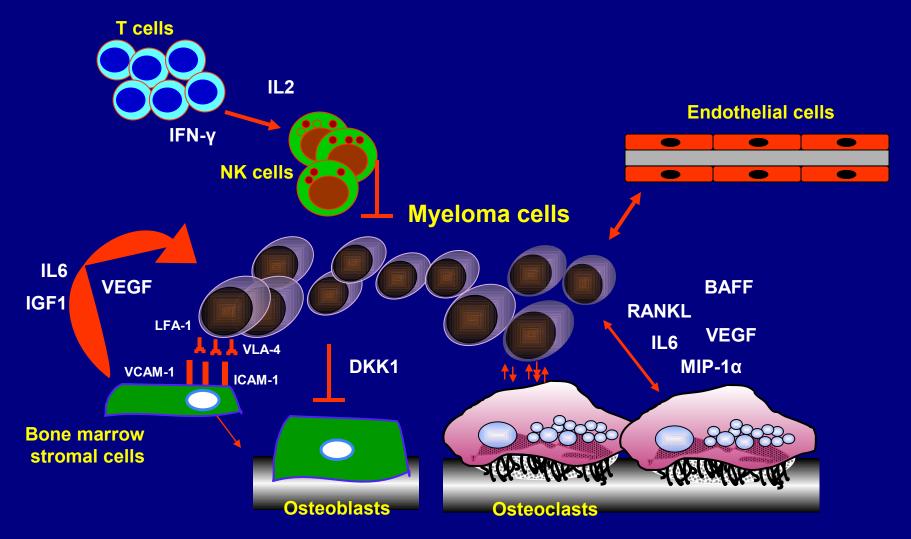




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## Clonal plasma cell proliferation: microenvironment-dependent



## **Bisphosphonates in MM**

Inhibit bone resorption

Pamidronate better than placebo

 Pamidronate and Zoledronic Acid equivalent

## **ONJ :Clinical features:**

Patient #2: p/w roughness and irritation h/o dex 4 mths, CTX, EDAP 3/3 mths, PBSCT and Pamidronate 61 mths and Zometa 20 mths h/o dental extraction



Raje et al. Clin Can Res 2008

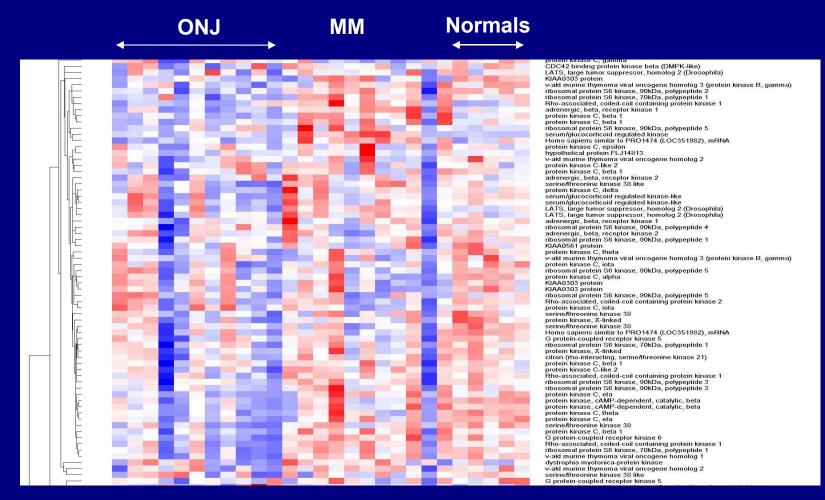
## ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines: Update

- Bisphosphonates
  - Indicated for MM pts w/ lytic bone disease
  - osteopenia
- Useful as an adjunct for pts w/ bone pain
- The bisphosphonates recommended are either
  - Zoledronic acid: 4 mg over 15 mins, IV q 3-4 wks
  - Palmidronate: 90 mg over ≥ 2 hrs, IV q 3-4 wks
- Monitoring w/ serum creatinine (both BPs) and/or urine albumin (for palmidronate only)
- PAM preferred in setting of renal dysfunction
- Re-evaluate after 2 years and consider stopping if stable disease

Kyle R, et al. JCO. 200725: 2464-2472

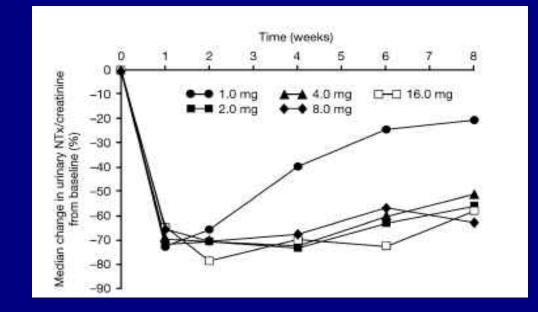
## Biochemical and GEP studies suggest inhibition of bone formation

#### **PROTEIN KINASE C FAMILY**



#### Raje et al. Clin Can Res 2008

## Ntx levels stay suppressed for upto 8 weeks following a single dose of zoledronic acid.



#### Berenson et al, 2001; Chen et al, 2002

## Pharmacodynamic Study of Zometa in MM

30 MM patients in CR and or PR with h/o 8-12 months of IV bisphosphonate



6 m end of study with BM aspirate and biopsy and Skeletal Survey

Baseline NTX followed by monthly x 6 Serum Markers followed by monthly x 6 BM aspirate and core Skeletal Survey Zoledronic acid single dose

#### Phase IV ZMARK Trial



Primary efficacy endpoint: Time to first SRE

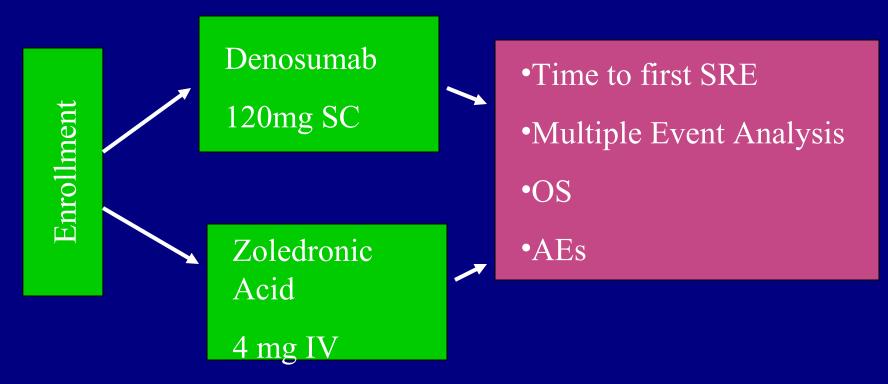
## **Denosumab** in MM

- Phase I study completed
- Phase II: Treatment of Relapsed/Plateau phase MM
- 96 patients 53 R and 43 P-no effect on paraprotein
- Decrease in sCTX levels by 50-70% for upto 7 months

Vij R et al, Blood 2007;110:1054A

## **Denosumab** in MM

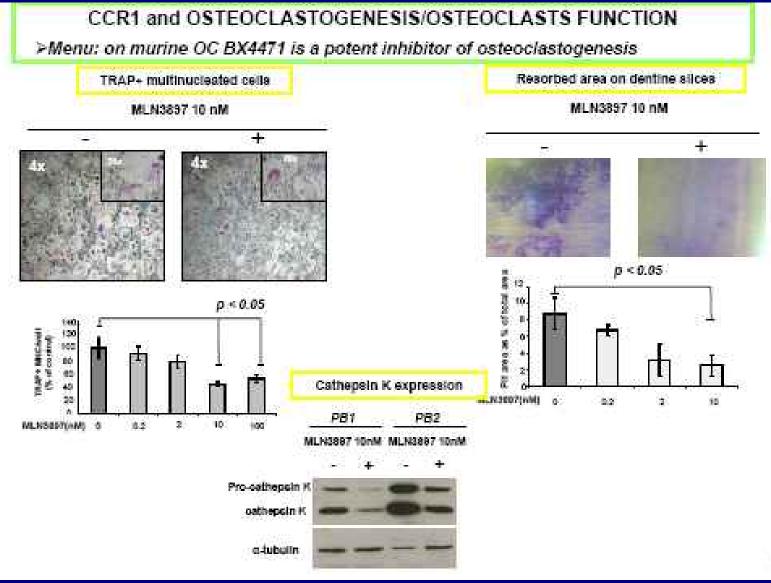
• Ongoing phase III trial in patients with advanced cancer with bone metastasis



## MLN 3897, A NOVEL CCR1 INHIBITOR

- → Small molecule, CCR1 antagonist
- → Highly specific for human CCR1, IC50= 0.8 nM; CCR5, IC50 = 4µM.
- → No inhibition of RAF, AKT or receptor tyrosine kinase up to 10µM
- → Long half-life= 2-3 days
- → Oral available

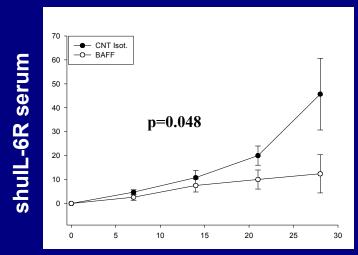
## **MLN3897 inhibits Osteoclastogenesis**



Vallet et al, Blood 2007

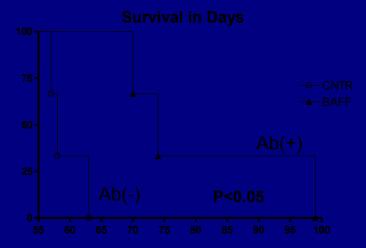
#### Anti-BAFF Neutralizing Ab Prolongs Survival and Inhibits Osteoclasts in SCID-Hu Model of MM

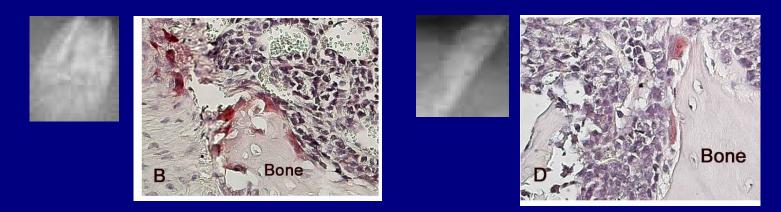
#### **Control Animal**



**Days from treatment** 

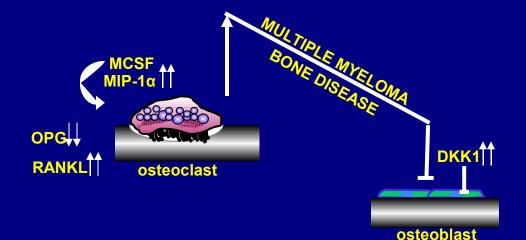
#### **Anti-BAFF Ab-Treated**





#### Neri et al. Clin Can Res 2007

## Myeloma Bone Remodeling



#### **Bortezomib and Bone Disease**

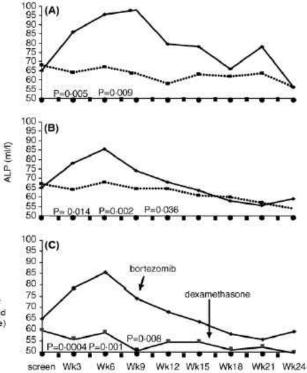
#### A Clinical Insight

Velcade (Bortezumib is a proteasome Inhibitor known to be active in MM

Velcade responsive patients show Activation of B-alk-Phos

Alk-Phos responsiveness is a predictor of MM response

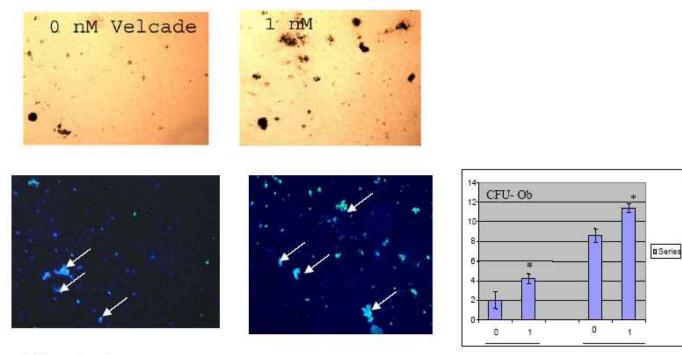
> Fig 1. Median levels of ALP in responders (solid line) and non-responders (broken line) patients enrolled in the M34100-026 [summit trial (A), within the bortezomib arm of the M34101-039 (APEX) trial (B), and within responder patients of bortezomib and dexamethasone arms of the APEX trial (C)).



## Bortezomib induces OBL Differentiation

Bortezomib affects VanKossa+ colonies, CFU-Ob and Collagen+ colonies

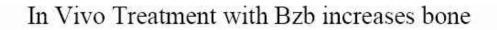
#### VanKossa stain

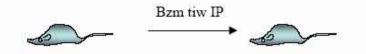


Collagen 1 stain

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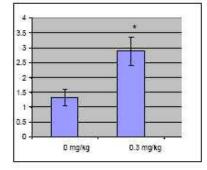
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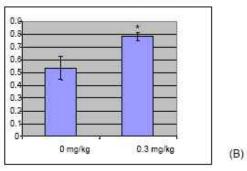


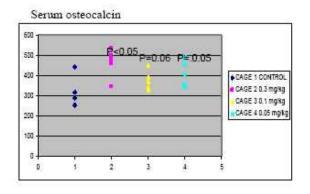
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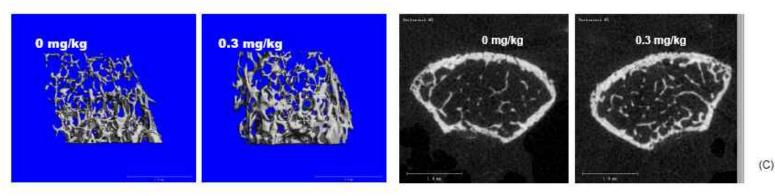
Fraction of CD45-/Lin-/CD51+ cells/Femur



Fraction of CD45-/Lin-/CD51+ cells/Spine



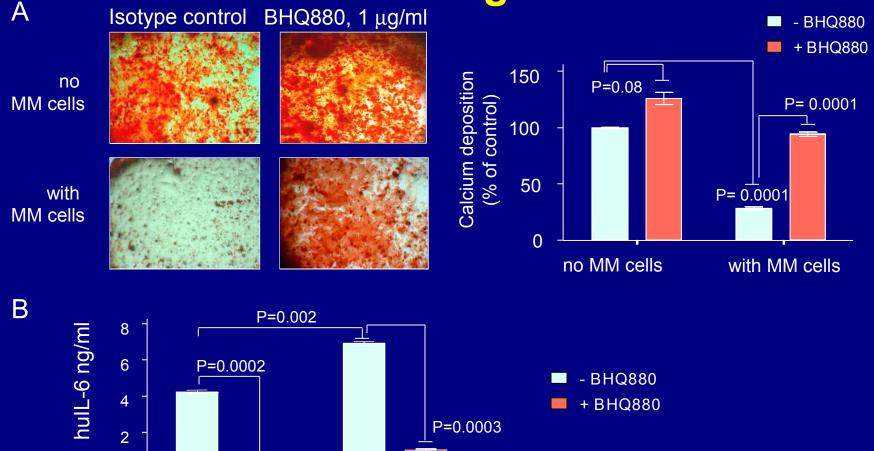




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Phase I Study of LY2127399(Anti-BAFF Ab) antibody in combination with Velcade in the treatment of relapsed/ refractory Multiple Myeloma

#### Anti-DKK-1 BHQ880 Reverses the Inhibitory Effect of MM Cells on Osteoblastogenesis

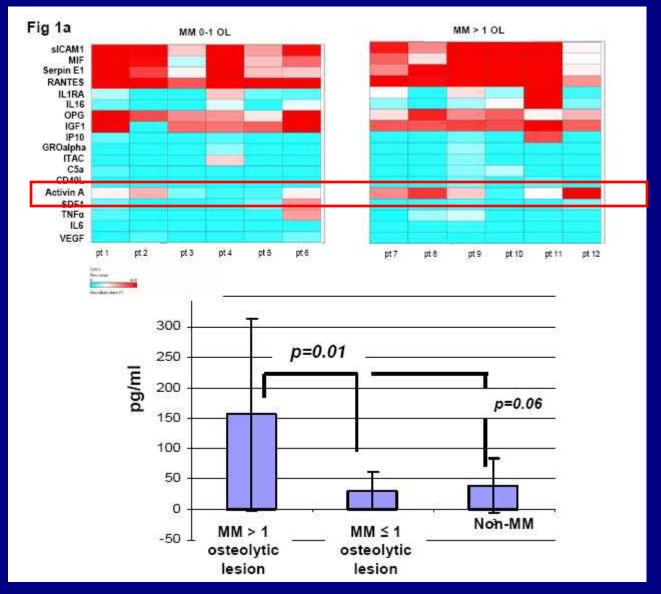


with MM cells

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no MM cells

# Activin A levels are increased in osteolytic disease



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#### Dual staining for ALP and calcium at day21

**BMSC** 

#### Enhanced calcium deposition, day 14



Induction of osteocalcin mRNA

expression, day 14

#### **RAP-011 STIMULATES OB FUNCTION**

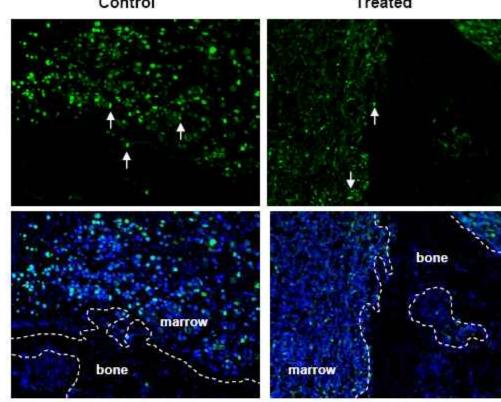


#### Control

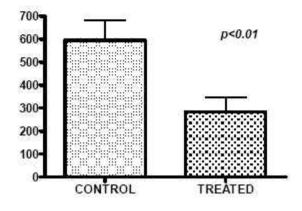
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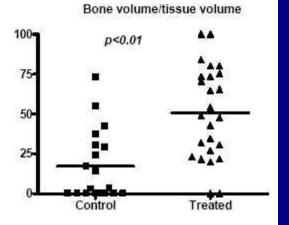
GFP+ MM cells









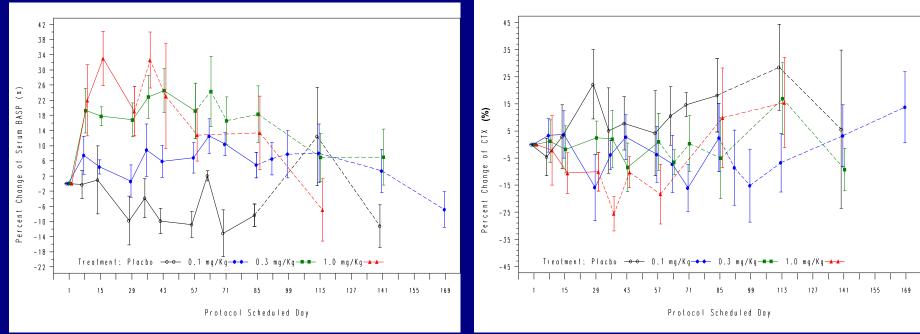


**RAP-011 STIMULATES** BONE **FORMATION AND HAS INDIRECT ANTI-TUMOR ACTIVITY IN AN INVIVO MM MODEL.** 

## ACE-011 Effect on Bone in Healthy Volunteers

#### ACE-011 Increases Markers of Bone

#### ACE-011 Decreases Markers of Bone

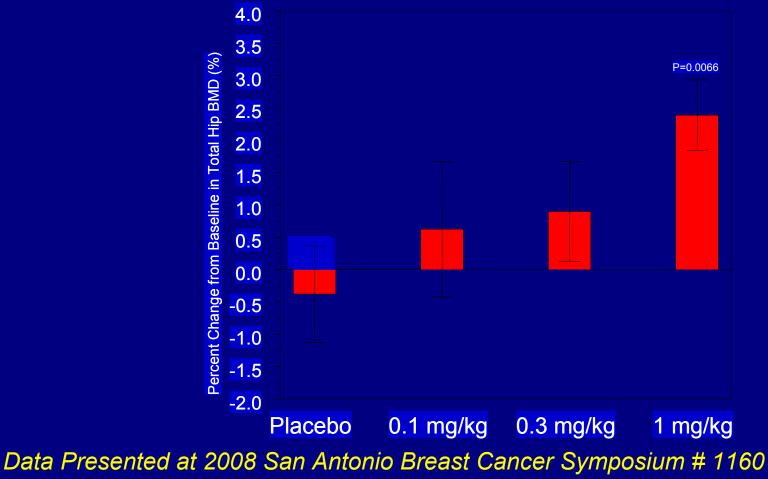


#### ACE-011 SC 4 doses every 4 weeks

Data Presented at 2008 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium # 1160 Courtesy;Acceleron and Celgene

## ACE-011 generates Rapid and Significant Increases in BMD

**ACE-011 Generates Significant Increases Total Hip BMD** 



Courtesy; Acceleron and Celgene

## A Phase 2 Study in Multiple Myeloma is Currently Underway

#### **Study Title**

A Phase 2, Multi-Center, Randomized, Multiple-Dose Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability and Efficacy of ACE-011 (hActRIIA-IgG1) in Patients With Osteolytic Lesions of Multiple Myeloma

#### **Study Objectives**

- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of multiple doses of ACE-011 in patients with multiple myeloma and determine the effect of ACE-011 on biochemical markers of bone formation and resorption
- To determine the pharmacokinetics (PK) of multiple doses of ACE-011 in patients with multiple myeloma, assess skeletal-related events and evaluate bone pain

#### **Study Design**

- Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled
- Dose-Ranging, Multiple Dose, Parallel-Assignment
- N=30

## **Future Directions**

- Optimize duration of BP therapy
- Incorporate Novel Imaging
- Use of novel agents---

RANK Ligand inhibitors Bortezomib MIP1alpha inhibitors DKK1 inhibitors RAP011

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