# Targeting the Ubiquitin Proteasome Cascade (UPS) in Multiple Myeloma

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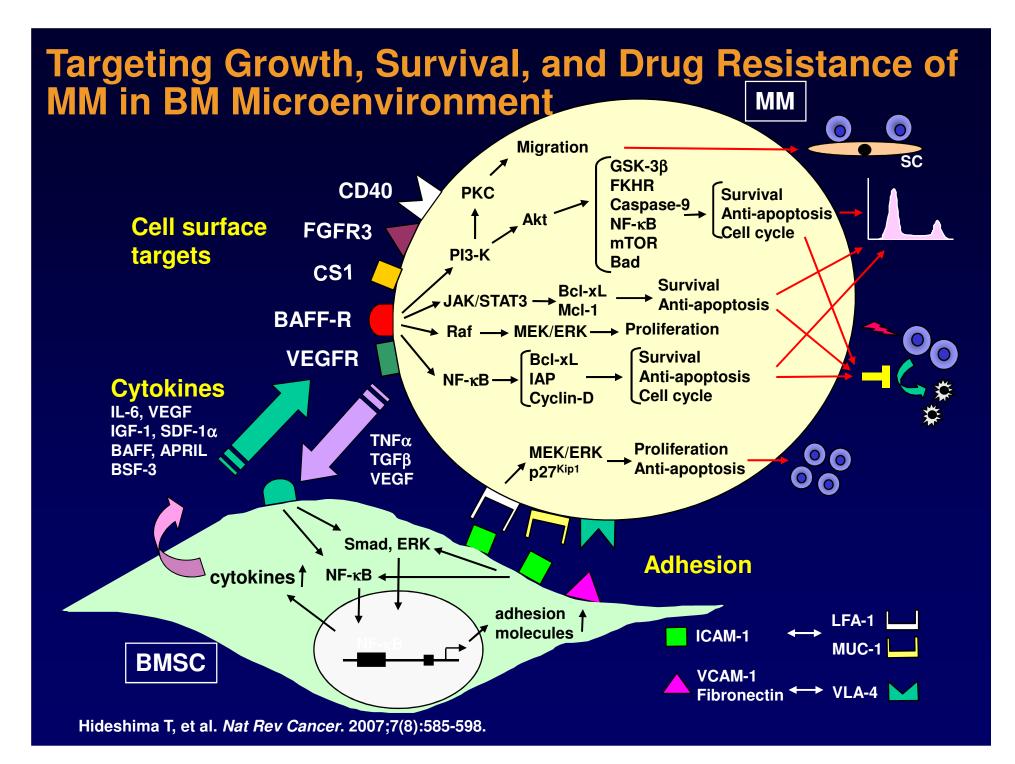
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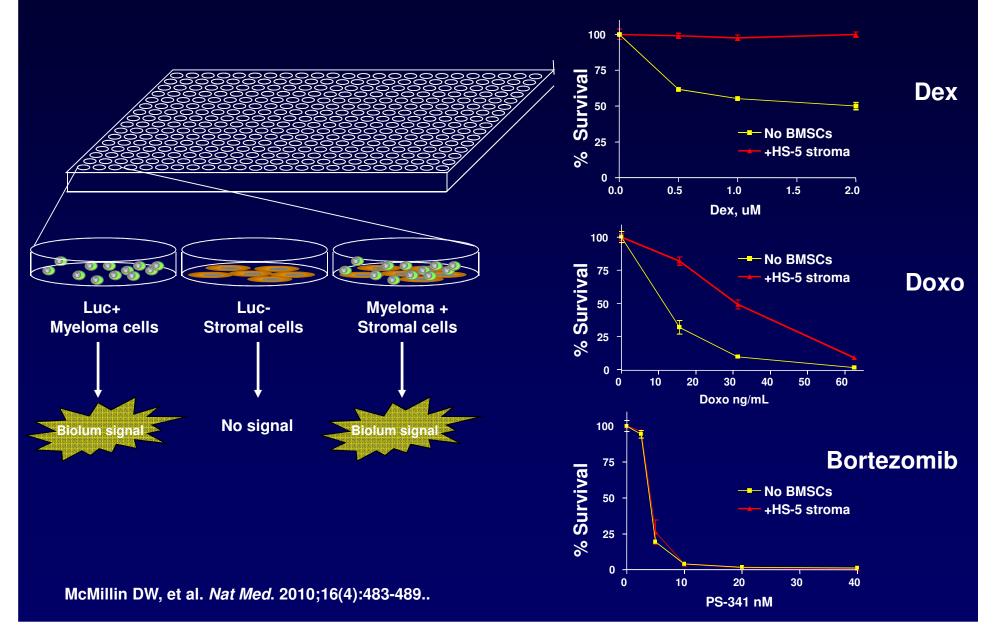
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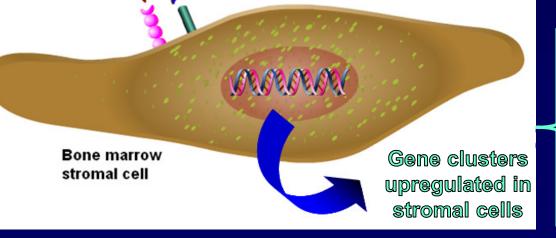
#### High-Throughput Screening of MM With BMSCs to Define Optimal Single Agents/Combinations



#### Gene Clusters Modulated by MM-BMSC Interactions

Gene clusters upregulated in MM cells MM cell Cytokine/growth factors (eg, IL-6) Heat shock proteins (eg, hdp90, hsp70, hsp27) Ubiquitin/proteasome pathway members Transcription factors (eg, NF-κB) Antiapoptotic regulators (eg, FLIP, cIAP-2, survivin, McI-1) Angiogenic regulators (eg, IL-8) Regulators of bone resorption (eg, IL-1β)

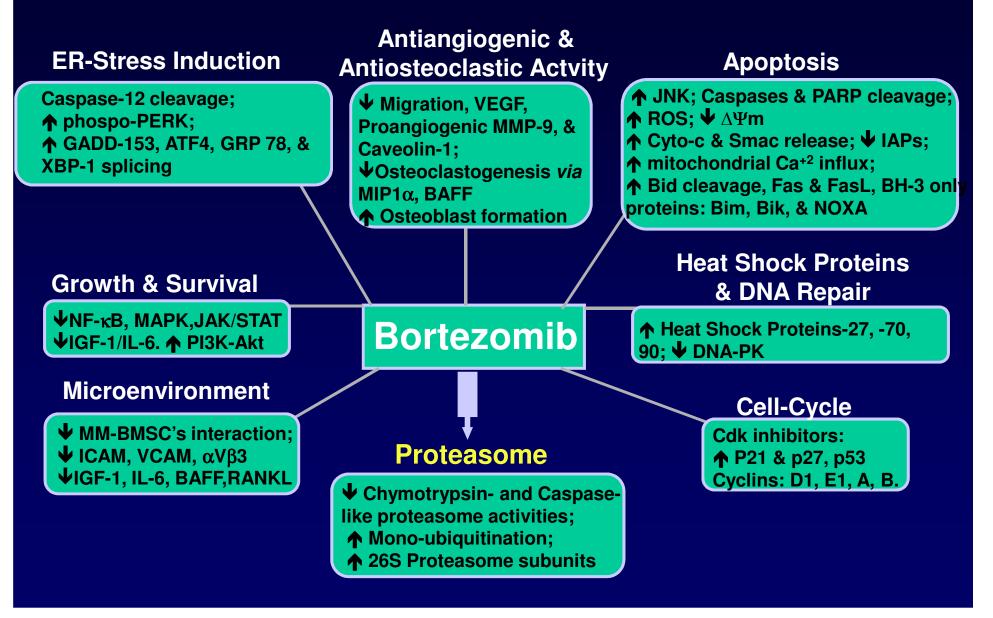
members



Proliferative cytokines IL-6 Angiogenic growth factors VEGF Cell adhesion molecules integrin-β5 ECM proteins Ubiquitin/proteasome pathway

McMillin DW, et al. Nat Med. 2010;16(4):483-489..

### Mechanisms Mediating Anti-MM Activity of Bortezomib



# Integration of Novel Therapy Into Myeloma Management

- Bortezomib, lenalidomide, thalidomide, doxorubicin, carfilzomib, pomalidomide
- Target MM in the bone marrow microenvironment to overcome conventional drug resistance in vitro and in vivo
- Effective in relapsed/refractory, relapsed, induction, consolidation, and maintenance therapy
- Eight FDA approvals and median survival prolonged from 3-4 to 6-7 years, with additional prolongation from maintenance
- New approaches needed to treat and ultimately prevent relapse

# Chromosomes and Prognosis in Multiple Myeloma For conventional low-dose and high-dose therapy:

Nonhyperdiploid worse prognosis than hyperdiploid t(11;14), hyperdiploidy -standard risk t(4;14), del(17p), del(13q14)-high risk

For novel treatments Bortezomib, but not lenalidomide, can at least partially overcome t(4;14), del(13q14)-

del(17p) p53 remains high risk

Fonseca R, et al. Leukemia. 2009;23(12):2210-2221. Sagaster V, et al. Leukemia. 2007;21(1):164-168.

#### Continued Overall Survival Benefit After 5 Years' Follow-Up With Bortezomib-Melphalan-Prednisone (VMP) Versus Melphalan-Prednisone (MP) in Untreated Multiple Myeloma

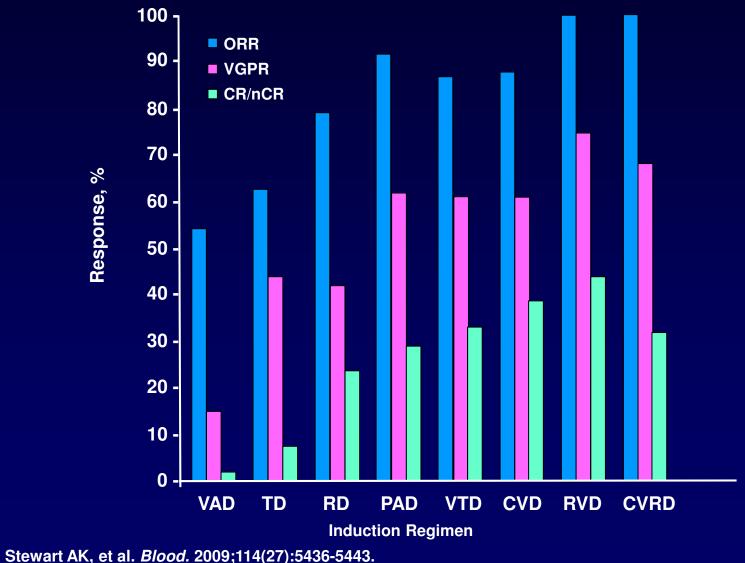
- Persistent significant OS benefit with VMP vs MP; 13.3month increase in median OS
  - Seen across multiple pre-specified patient subgroups
  - Maintained after 5 years' follow-up and despite substantial use of novel agent–based salvage therapies
- OS subanalyses in patients receiving subsequent therapy demonstrate importance of providing optimal first-line treatment incorporating bortezomib
  - Rather than reserving bortezomib for salvage therapy and using conventional first-line treatment
- No emerging safety signal for SPMs following VMP
  - Thorough data collection; <5% of patients lost to follow-up</li>

San Miguel JF, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013;31(4):448-455.

Conclusion						
	VMPT-VT	VMP	P value			
5-year PFS	29%	13%	<0.0001			
5-year TNT	41%	19%	<0.0001			
5-year OS	61%	51%	0.01			
3-year OS from relapse	47%	46%	0.63			

Palumbo A, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120: Abstract 200.

# Combinations in the Upfront Treatment of MM



#### Lenalidomide and Bortezomib/Lenalidomide-based Consolidation

Study details	Response data				
IFM 2005-02 <sup>1</sup>	n=572	Pre- consolidation	Post consolid		р
<ul> <li>Len consolidation (2 mos)</li> <li>Maintenance randomization: Len vs placebo</li> </ul>	CR (IF⁻)	14%	20%		<0.0001
	≥ VGPR	58%	67%		<0.0001
IFM 2008 <sup>2</sup>	n=31	Post- induction	Post- ASCT	Post- consolidation	
•VRD induction	sCR	13%	26%	38%	
<ul> <li>ASCT</li> <li>VRD consolidation (2 cycles)</li> <li>Len maintenance</li> </ul>	CR	10%	10%	10%	
	≥ VGPR	62%	68%	84%	
	≥PR	94%	91%	9	94%

<sup>1</sup>Attal M,et al. *Haematologica* 2011; 96 (s1): S23; oral presentation at IMW 2011 <sup>2</sup>Roussel M,et al. *Blood* 2010 ;116:(Abstract 624), oral presentation

### HOVON 65 MM / GMMG-HD4 study: Bortezomib Induction and Maintenance Therapy

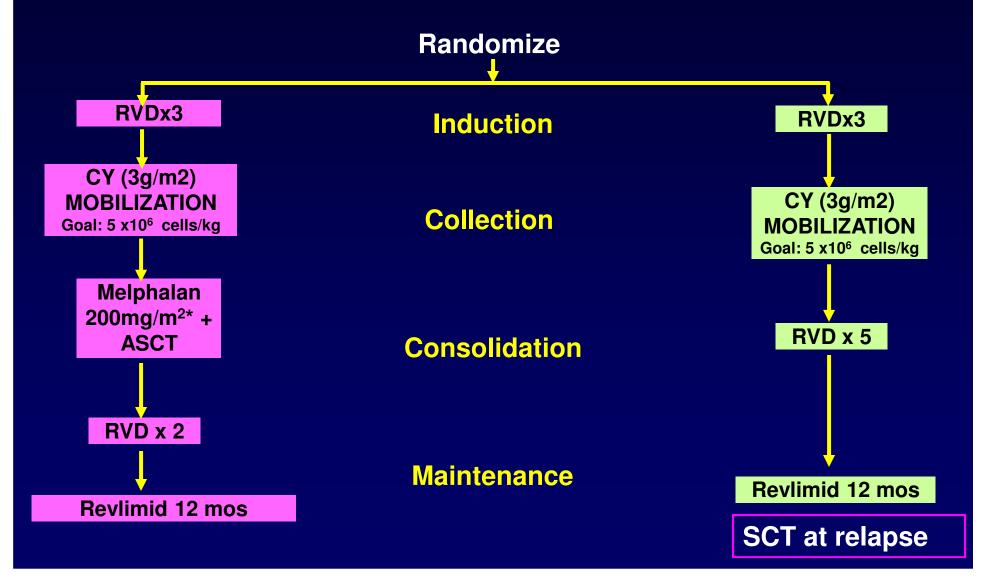
#### n=744, median age 57

Study details	Median follow up	n	Results			
			≥nCR	≥VGPR	PFS	OS
PAD/HDM/ Bortezomib		205	<b>49%</b> *	<b>76%</b> *	36 m*	Median not reached
VS	39 m					HR=0.73 (0.56- 0.96)
VAD/HDM/ Thalidomide		239	34%	55%	27m	p=0.02

\*significant difference between arms

Sonneveld P,et al. J Clin Oncol 2012; 30(24):2946-2955.

### IFM/DFCI Study in Newly Diagnosed MM Stem Cell Candidates Genomic Profiling Over Time

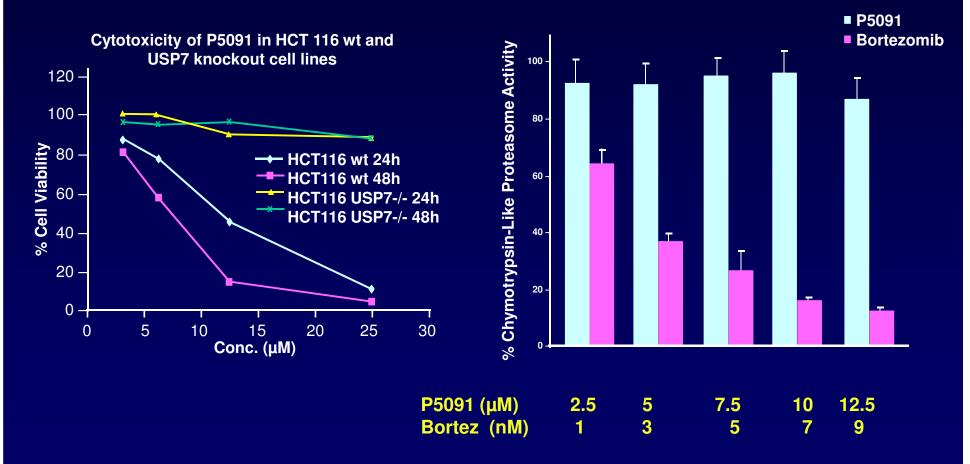


#### **Proteasome: Present and Future Therapies Potential** UB enzymes E1, E2 and **Therapeutic Targets** E3-UB-Ligases **Deubiquitylating ATPases**/ Enzymes (DUBs) Cdc48 **Immunoproteasome** P5091 target USP-7 ATP --- ADP **PR-924** Poly-ubiguitinated proteins **19S** (proteasome substrates) **Six Protease** activities Bortezomib, **β5,/β5i** β5 Carfilzomib, **20S** B1. B1i **CEP-18770** β2.\β2i **ONYX-0912 MLN 2238 19S NPI-0052:** β5, β1, β2 Free (Ub) **Degraded protein** for re-cycling **26S PROTEASOME**

# P5091 Specifically Targets USP-7 and Does Not Alter Proteasome Activity

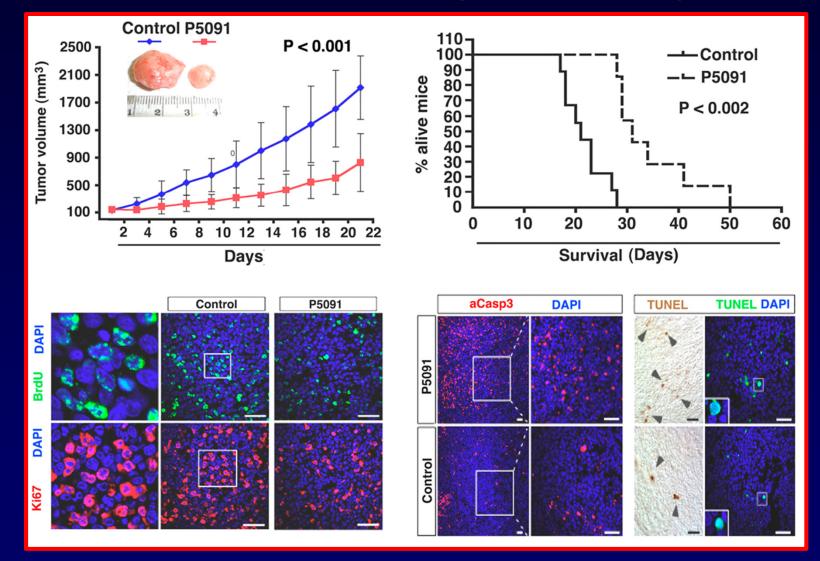
#### **USP-7 Knockout**

#### **Proteasome Activity Assay**



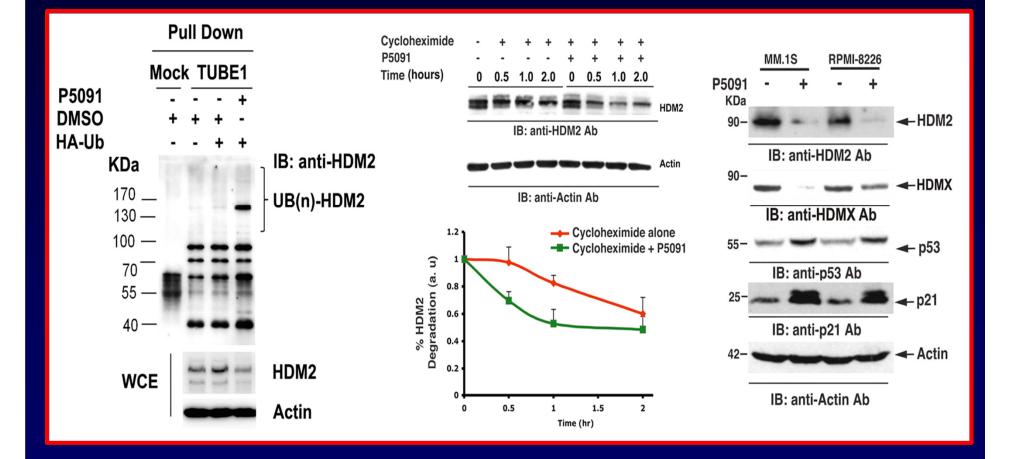
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#### P5091 Inhibits Tumor Growth and Prolongs Survival in Human Plasmacytoma Xenograft Model



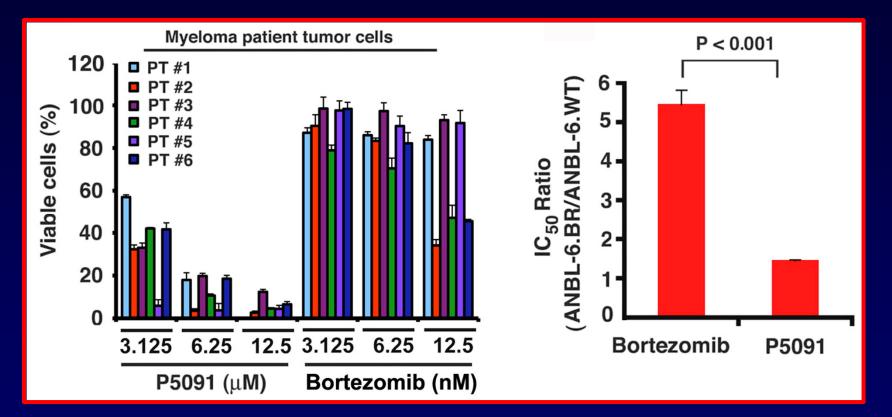
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#### P5091 Targets USP7 Substrate HDM2 and Activates HDM2-p53-p21 Signaling Pathways

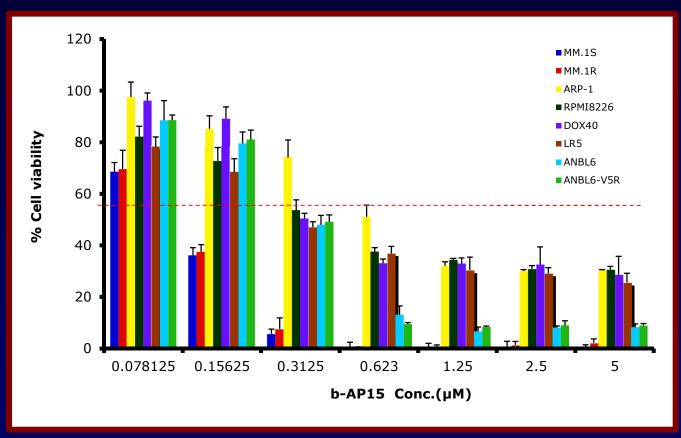


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### P5091 Overcomes Bortezomib-Resistance in MM cells



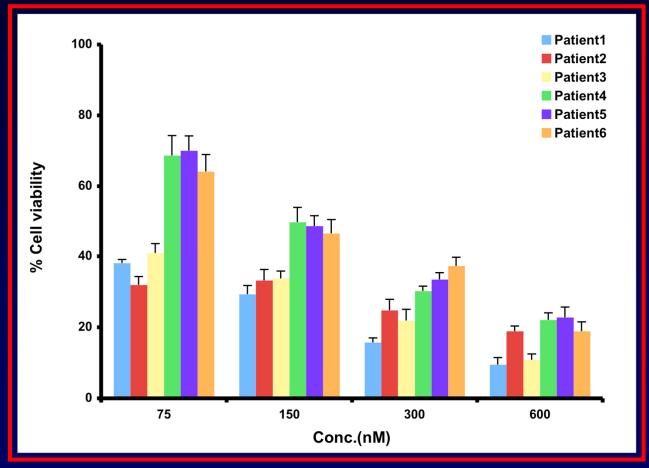
# Anti-Myeloma Activity of a Novel USP14/UCHL5 DUB Inhibitor b-AP15



Myeloma cell lines were treated with indicated concentrations of b-AP15 for 48 hours, harvested, and then analyzed for viability using MTT assays.

Chauhan, Tian, et al. 2013.

# Cytotoxicity of b-AP15 Against MM Patient Tumor Cells

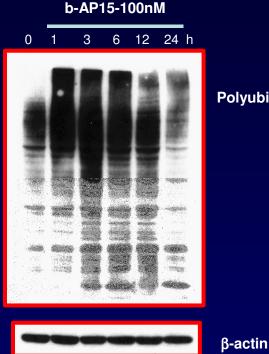


MM (CD138-positive) cells from 6 patients were treated with indicated concentrations of b-AP15 for 24 hours, harvested, and then analyzed for viability using MTT assays.

Treatment for 24h

Chauhan, Tian, et al. 2013.

# **b-AP15 Induces Polyubiquitination**



Polyubiquitin

MM.1S cells were treated with indicated concentrations of b-AP15 for 0, 1, 3, 6, 12, or 24 hours, harvested, and total protein lysates were then analyzed for polyubiquitination by western blot analyses.

Chauhan, Tian, et al. 2013.

# Carfilzomib: A Novel Proteasome (Chymotryptic) Inhibitor

- Novel chemical class with highly selective and irreversible proteasome binding<sup>1</sup>
- Improved antitumor activity with consecutive-day dosing<sup>2</sup>
- No neurotoxicity in animals<sup>2</sup>
- Durable responses in relapsed and relapsed/ refractory MM w/o neuropathy<sup>3</sup>
- Carfilzomib, lenalidomide, Dex versus lenalidomide, Dex phase III trial for new drug approval<sup>4</sup>

1.Demo SD, et al. *Cancer Res.* 2007;67(13):6383-6391. 2.Kirk CJ, et al. *Blood.* 2008;112: Abstract 2765. 3.Siegel DS, et al. *Blood.* 2012;120(14):2817-2825. 4.National Institutes of Health. Available at: http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01080391. Accessed: March 21, 2013.

Epoxyketone

#### Benefit of Carfilzomib in Relapsed/Refractory MM: Meaningful ORR, DOR, and OS

Response Category	Total N = 266, n (%)
CR	1 (0.4)
VGPR	13 (4.9) ORR = 22.9% (95% Cl: 18.0, 28.5)
PR	47 (17.7)
MR	$34 (12.8) \int CBR = 35.7\% (95\% CI: 30.0, 41.8)$
SD	81 (30.5)
PD	69 (25.9)
Not evaluable	21 (7.9)
Duration of response Median DOR = 7.8 months (	95% CI: 5.6, 9.2)

Overall Survival

Median OS = 15.4 months (95% CI: 12.5, 19.0)

Siegel DS, et al. *Blood.* 2012;120(14):2817-2825.

# **CRd in Relapsed and Upfront MM**

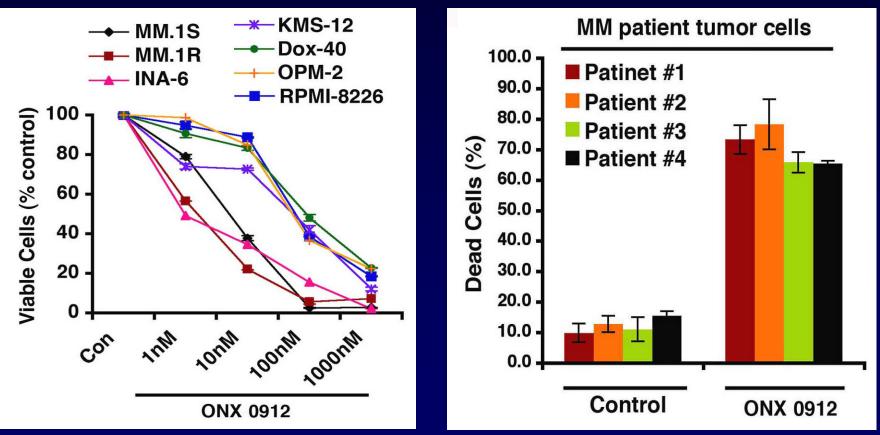
- Response to CRd therapy was high, with an ORR of 78%
  - 41% VGPR or better<sup>1</sup>
- CRd well-tolerated with durable responses<sup>1</sup>
- ASPIRE phase III open-label, international, multicenter trial comparing CRd to Rd in R/R MM fully enrolled.<sup>2</sup>
- Remarkable extent and frequency of response to CRd upfront (100% ORR, 80% CR, nCR after 12 cycles)<sup>2</sup>

1.Wang M, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29(suppl): Abstract 8025. 2. Jakubowiak AJ, et al. 2013. Blood. In press.

# *In Vitro* Anti-MM Activity of Oral Inhibitor ONX 0912 (Opromazib)

#### **Myeloma Cell Lines**

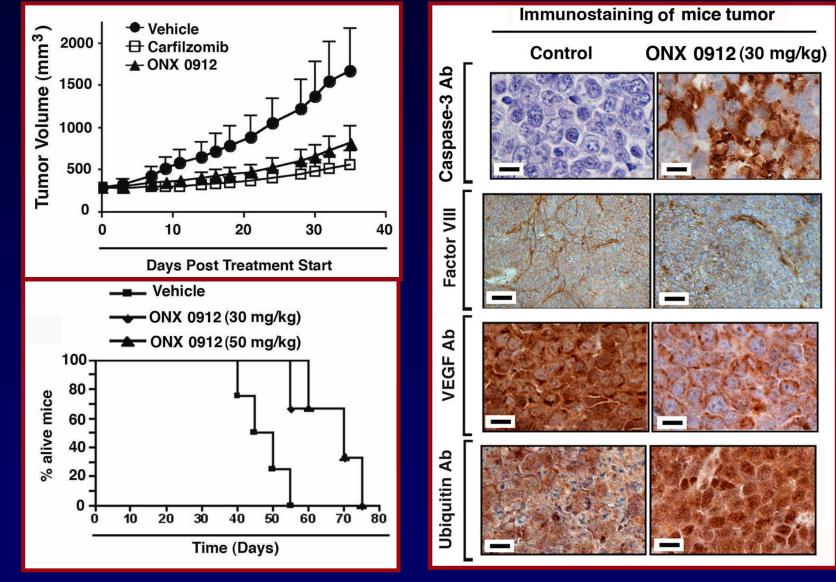
#### **Patient Tumor Cells**



Phase I clinical trial opromazib ongoing

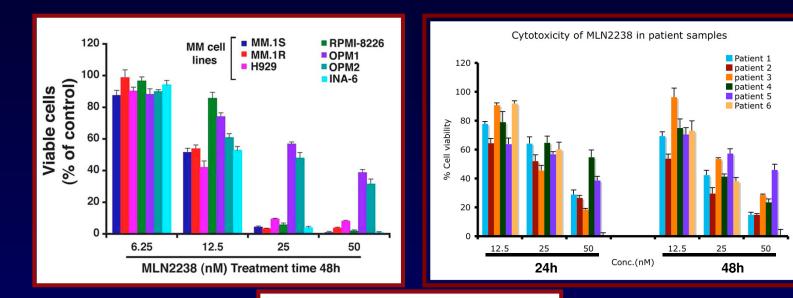
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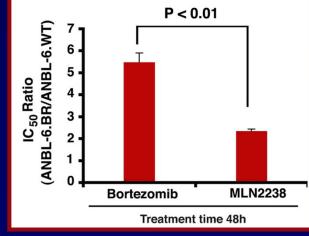
# Anti-Myeloma Activity of ONX 0912 In Vivo



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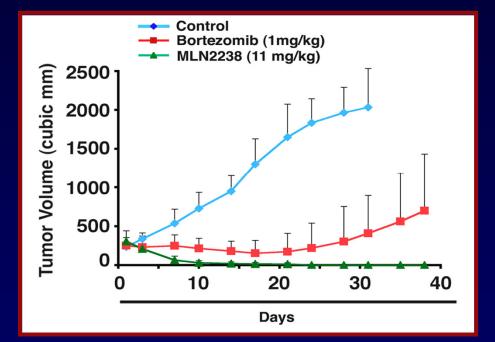
### MLN2238/9708 Decreases Cell Viability in MM Cells and Overcomes Bortezomib-Resistance

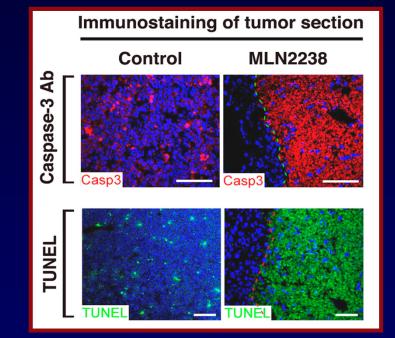




Chauhan D, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2011;17(16):5311-5321.

# MLN2238/9708 Oral Chymotryptic Inhibitor More Potently Blocks MM Cell Growth *In Vivo* than Bortezomib

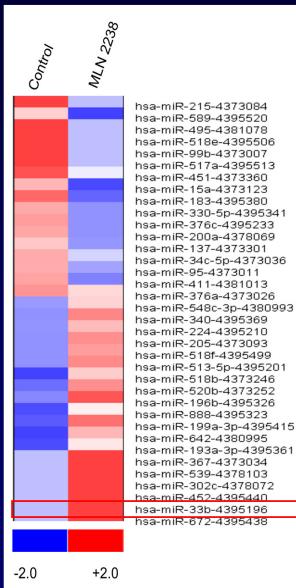




# Clinical trials ongoing in relapsed/refractory MM and with lenalidomide-Dex as initial therapy

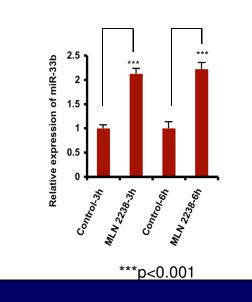
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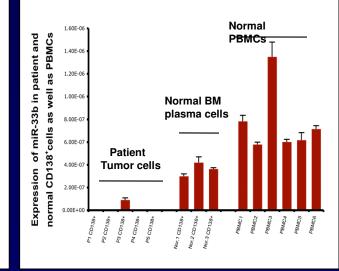
# MLN2238/9708-Triggered miRNA Alterations in MM Cells



$\Delta\Delta$ CT>1.5 or $\Delta\Delta$ CT <-1.5	36 miRNAs
$\Delta\Delta$ CT>1.5 (upregulation)	19 miRNAs
$\Delta\Delta$ CT <-1.5 (downregulation)	17 miRNAs

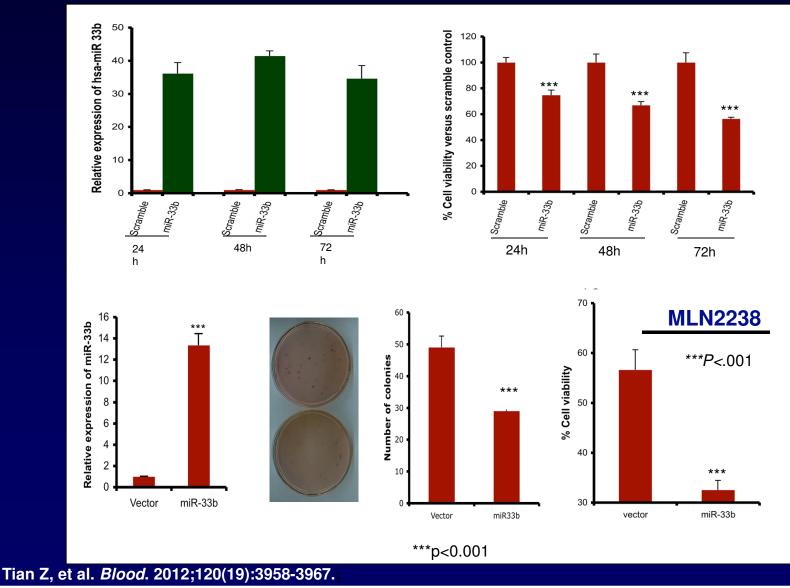
#### qPCR Validation miR-33B expression





Tian Z, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120(19):3958-3967.

#### Overexpression of miR-33b Decreases Viability, Colony Formation, and Enhances Anti-MM Activity of MLN2238/9708 in MM Cells



### MLN9708 in Relapsed and/or Refractory MM: Expansion Cohorts of a Phase I Dose-Escalation study

#### • 46 pts evaluable for response

- 21 in dose-escalation cohorts
- 30 in expansion cohorts (including 6 from dose-escalation cohorts)

#### • 6 pts have achieved ≥PR

- 1 CR, confirmed by bone marrow (PI-naïve expansion cohort)
- 5 PRs (1 each at 1.2 and 2.23 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in dose-escalation cohorts; 1 in RRMM and 2 in bortezomib-relapsed expansion cohorts)
- 1 pt achieved MR (bortezomib-relapsed expansion cohort; 40% M-protein reduction)
- All 7 pts remain in response, with duration of disease control of up to 15.9 months

#### • 28 pts have achieved SD

- 14 in dose-escalation cohorts
- 9, 5, and 2 in RRMM, bortezomib-relapsed, and PI-naïve expansion cohorts
- Durable, with disease stabilization for up to 12.9 months

Richardson PG, et al. Blood. 2011;118: Abstract 301.

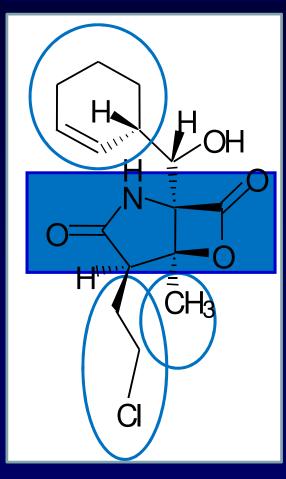
# Phase I/II Study of MLN9708, Lenalidomide, and Dex in Patients With Previously Untreated MM

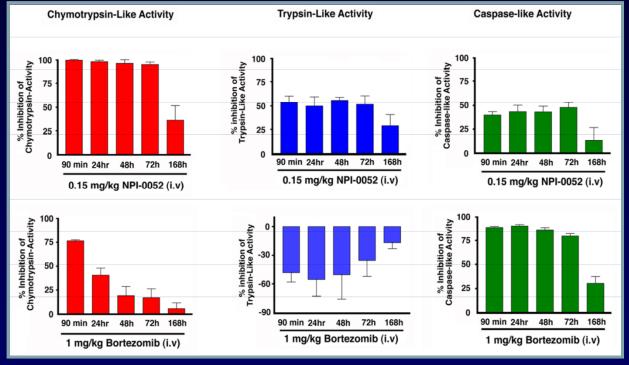
- Oral weekly MLN9708, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone is well tolerated
  - incidence of PN has been limited
  - At median drug exposure of 6 months, 92% PR or better, including ≥VGPR 55% and CR 23%
  - Responses increased with number of cycles and deepened over time
  - 88% of patients achieving CR who were evaluable for MRD status were confirmed as MRD-negative
- A phase III trial of MLN9708 plus lenalidomide-dexamethasone versus placebo plus lenalidomide-dexamethasone in patients with relapsed and/or refractory MM is currently enrolling (NCT01564537) for new drug approval

Kumar SK, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120: Abstract 332. National Institutes of Health. Available at: http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01564537. Accessed: March 22, 2013.

#### Marizomib: A Non-Peptide Proteasome Inhibitor Induces Rapid, Broad, and Prolonged Inhibition

#### Marizomib (NPI-0052)





- Exhibits high levels of proteasome inhibition without toxicities associated with bortezomib
- Active in bortezomib and IMiD resistant myeloma preclinically

Chauhan D, et al. Cancer Cell. 2005;8(5):407-419.

#### **NPI-0052 Marizomib : Novel Proteasome Inhibitor**

- Phase I, open-label, dose-escalation study in patients with relapsed and relapsed/refractory MM (N=32)
  - Best response (paraprotein; EBMT criteria): SD in 18 (58%)
    - SD >6 mos: 9 (28%)
  - Recommended phase II dose: 0.7 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Generally well-tolerated
    - Common AEs: fatigue, nausea/vomiting, dizziness, and headache
    - No neuropathy, neutropenia, or thrombocytopenia
    - NB: Ongoing study of twice weekly 0.5mg dosing achieving responses and well tolerated in R/R MM

#### Responses to Marizomib +/- Dexamethasone in Evaluable Pts at Full Dose [ <u>></u>0.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup>]\* Twice Weekly (n = 21)\*\*

All	Pts		Pts Refractory to Bortezomib			
EBMT			<u>EBMT</u>			
≥SD	11/20	55%	≥ SD	8/12	67%	
MR + PR	3/20	15%	MR + PR	2/12	17%	
<u>Uniform Criteria</u>			<u>Uniform Criteria</u>			
≥SD	12/21	57%	≥ SD	8/12	67%	
PR + VGPR	4/21	19%	<u>PR + VGPR</u>	2/12	17%	

Median Duration of Response (All Pts) = 133 days (~5 mos)

Pts Exposed to Bortezomib			Pts Refractory	Pts Refractory to Lenalidomide		
<u>EBMT</u>			<u>EBMT</u>			
≥ SD	11/19	58%	≥ SD	8/13	62%	
MR + PR	3/19	16%	MR + PR	3/13	23%	
<u>Uniform Criteria</u>			<u>Uniform Criteria</u>			
≥ SD	11/19	58%	≥ SD	9/14	64%	
PR + VGPR	3/19	16%	<u>PR + VGPR</u>	4/14	29%	

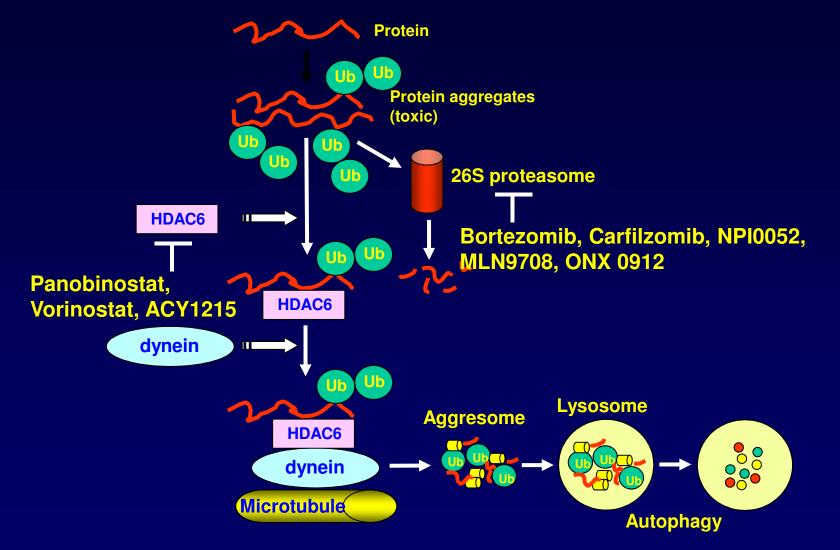
•\*\*Response criteria defined with baseline SPEP  $\ge 0.5$  g/dL or UPEP  $\ge 200$  mg/24h with at least 2 assessments after treatment day 1 for EBMT; also by Freelite<sup>®</sup> for uniform criteria.

**05 Dec 11** • Refractory defined as having PD during or within 60 days of last regimen.

Richardson PG, et al. Blood. 2011;118: Abstract 302.

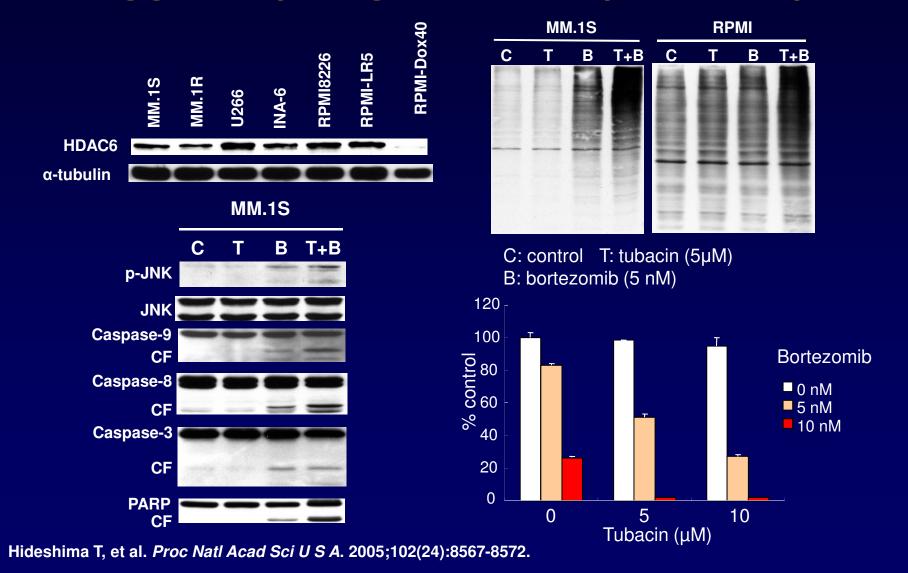
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### **Development of Rationally-Based Combination Therapies (HDAC and Proteasome Inhibitors)**



Hideshima T, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2005;11(24 Pt 1):8530-8533. Catley L, et al. Blood. 2006;108(10):3441-3449.

## Targeting Proteasome and Aggresome Triggers Synergistic MM Cytotoxicity



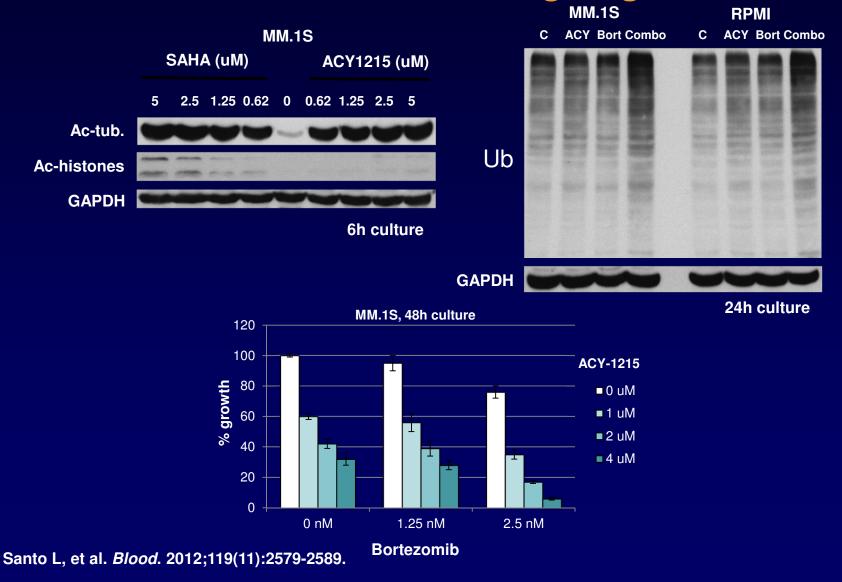
### VANTAGE 088: An International, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind Study of Vorinostat or Placebo with Bortezomib in Relapsed MM

- The combination of vorinostat + bortezomib is active in patients with relapsed and refractory MM
  - Significant improvement in response rate
  - ORR 54% vs 41% (*P*<.0001); CBR 71% vs 53% (*P*<.0001)
- PFS and TTP were prolonged in the combination arm compared with bortezomib alone
  - PFS hazard ratio reduction of 23% (*P* = .01); 7.63 months (6.9–8.4) versus 6.83 months (5.7–7.7)
- The combination was associated with side effects of thrombocytopenia, diarrhea, and fatigue limiting prolonged therapy

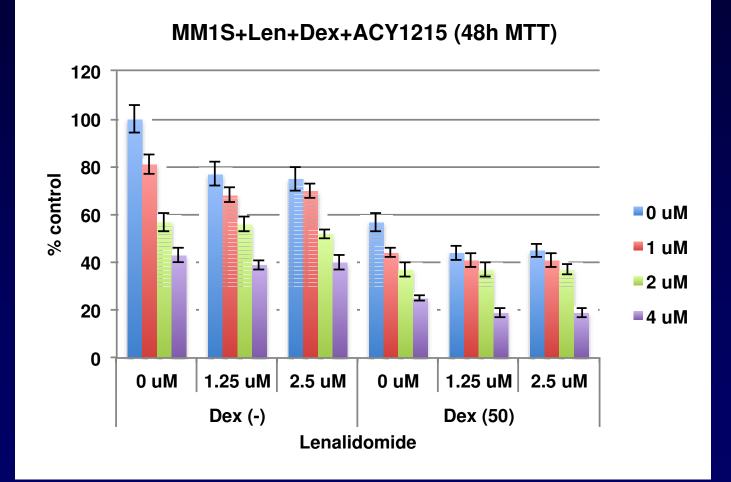
## Bench to Bedside Translation of HDAC 6 Selective Inhibitor ACY 1215 Rocilinostat

- Orally bioavailable, highly potent, selective inhibitor of HDAC 6 synthesized in fall 2009
- Synergistic MM cytotoxicity with bortezomib in vitro and in vivo
- Favorable PK/PD, toxicity profile
- Phase la/lb/ll clinical trial of ACY1215, alone and with bortezomib and with lenalidomide/dexamethasone, ongoing

### HDAC6 Selective Inhibitor ACY-1215 Enhances Bortezomib-Induced Cytotoxicity Clinical Trials Ongoing

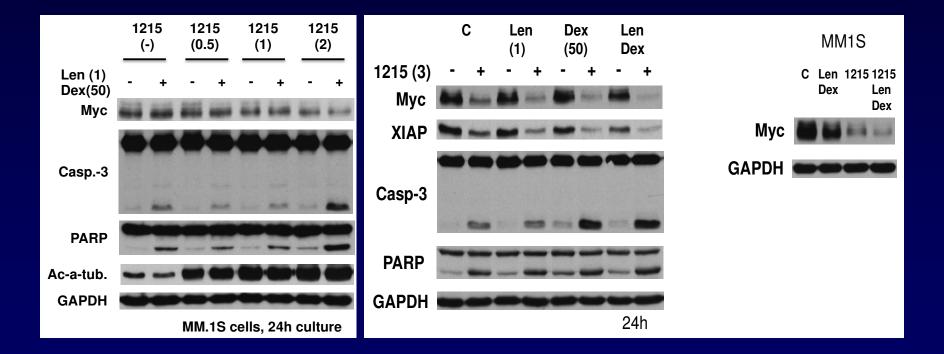


# Synergistic Cytotoxicity of Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone is Augmented by ACY-1215



Hideshima et al. 2013.

# ACY-1215, Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone Inhibits c-Myc Expression



Hideshima et al. 2013.

# Predicting Proteasome Inhibitor Response

MM Relatively Resistant to PI

MM Highly Sensitive to PI

- High proteasome capacity
- Low proteasome load
- → Low level proteasome stress

- Low proteasome capacity
- High proteasome load
- → High level proteasome stress

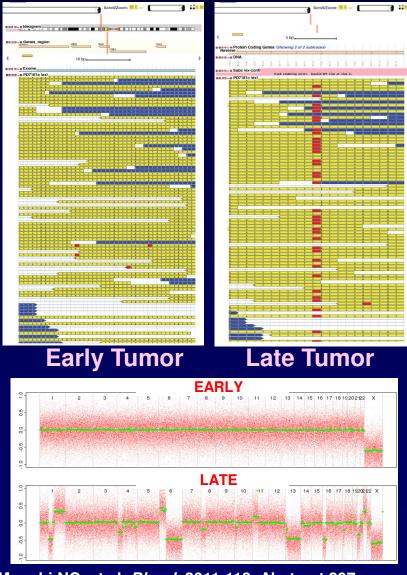
### Mutations in Myeloma 19 patients each with newly diagnosed and relapsed MM

- Protein homeostasis: 42% including FAM46C, RPL10, RPS6KA1, EIF3B, XBP1, LRRK2<sup>1</sup>
- NF-kB signaling: 10 point mutations, 4 additional structural re-arrangements affecting coding
   NB confers bortezomib sensitivity<sup>1</sup>
- Histone-methylating enzymes: WHSC1, UTX, MLL<sup>1</sup>
- BRAF: 4% activating<sup>1</sup>

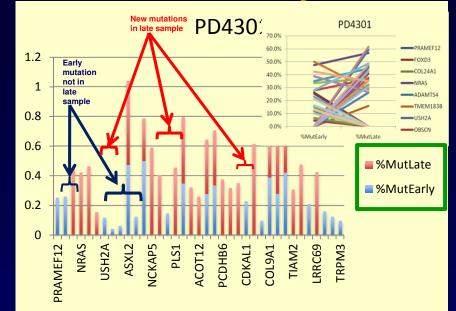
NB PSMB5 b5 proteasome subunit mutation confers proteasome inhibitor resistance in laboratory, not identified in clinic<sup>2</sup>

1. Chapman MA, et al. Nature. 2011;471(7339):467-472. 2. Lichter DI, et al. Blood. 2012:120(23):4513-4516.

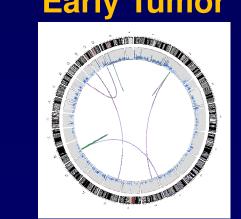
## Whole Genome Sequencing Identifies Acquisition of New Changes in MM: 71 Patient Study

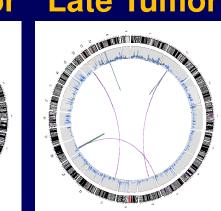


Munshi NC, et al. *Blood*. 2011;118: Abstract 297.



#### Early Tumor Late Tumor





# Current and Future Directions Targeting UPS

- 1. Incorporation of proteasome inhibitors into induction, consolidation and maintenance therapy.
- 2. Development of next generation agents targeting protein homeostasis
- 3. Development of rationally-based combination therapies
- 4. Utilization of proteasome stress and genomics profiling for improved classification and personalized therapy

Myeloma will be a chronic illness, with sustained CR in a significant fraction of patients.

#### United Nations Against Myeloma: Bench to Bedside Research Team



USA

UK



India





Nikhil Munshi Paul Richardson Robert Schlossman Irene Ghobrial Steven Treon Jacob Laubach Deborah Doss Kathleen Colson Mary McKenney Kim Noonan **Tina Flaherty** Kathleen Finn **Muriel Gannon** Stacev Chuma Janet Kunsman Diane Warren Carolvn Revta Andrea Freeman Alexis Fields Andrea Kolligian John Feather Farzana Masood Nora Loughney Heather Goddard **Tiffany Poon** Nicole Stavitzski Raniit Banwait Shawna Corman Heather Goddard Meghan Marie Leahy Caitlin O'Gallagher Christina Tripsas Karin Anderson Shannon Viera Katherine Redman Amber Walsh Samir Amin Wanling Xie Parantu Shah Holly Bartel Lisa Popitz **Jeffrey Sorrell** 

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