



# Primary Refractory or Multiply-Relapsed Multiple Myeloma: What Are our Options?

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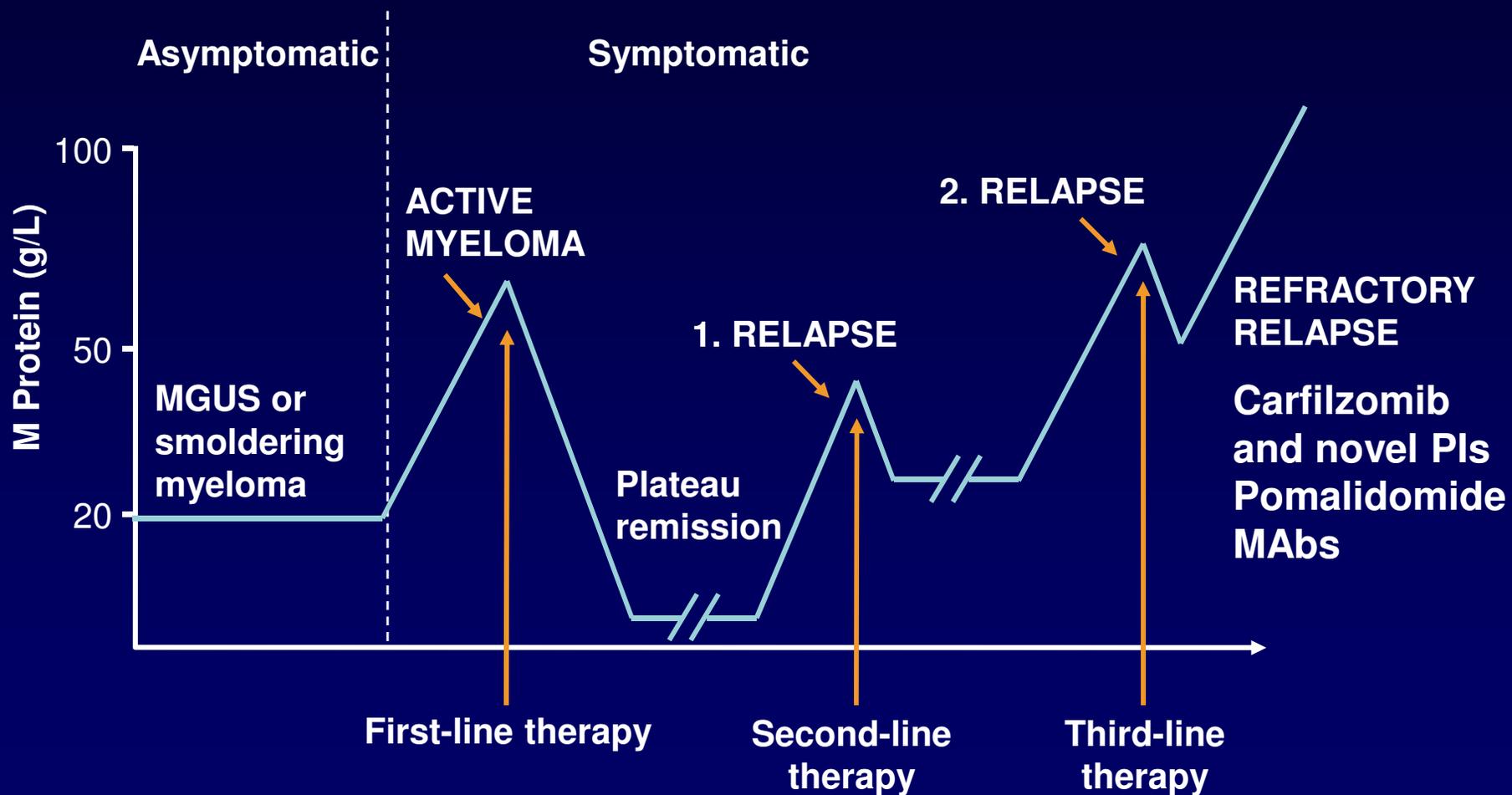
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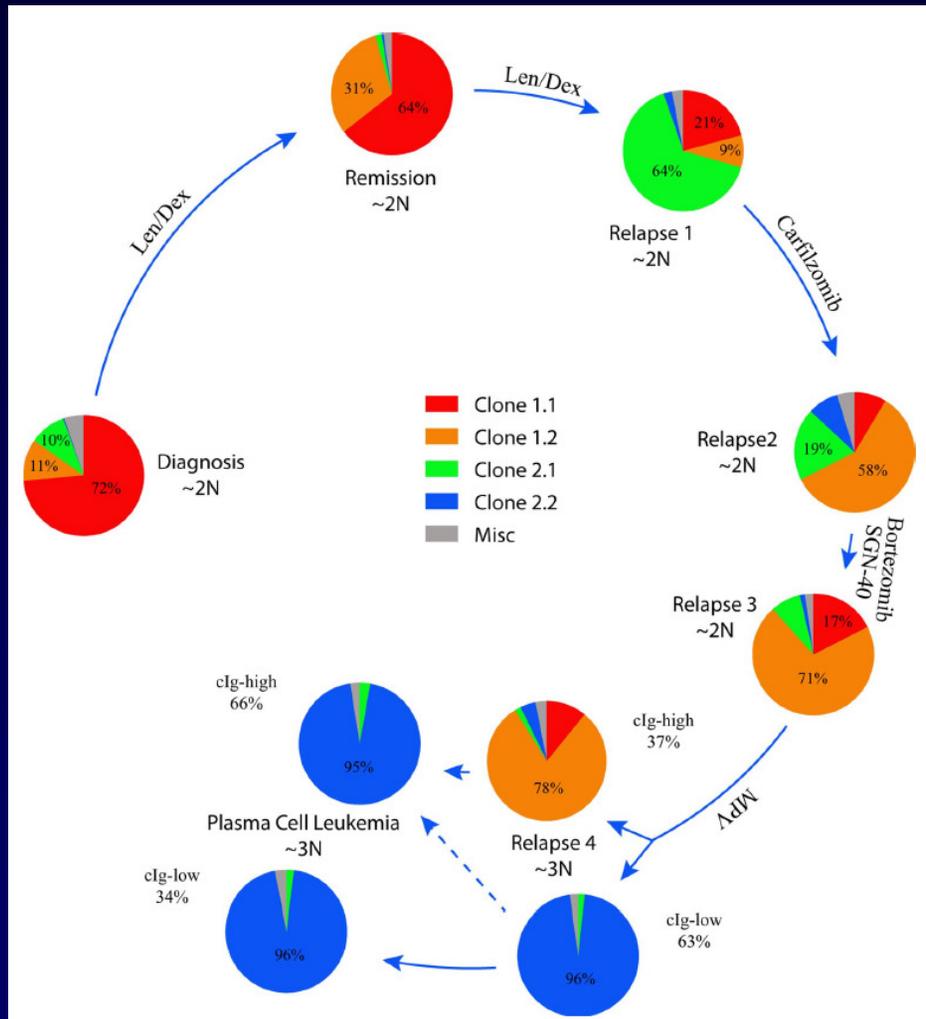
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# Natural History of Multiple Myeloma



# Different Clones Emerging Over Time



## Is risk stratification a myth?

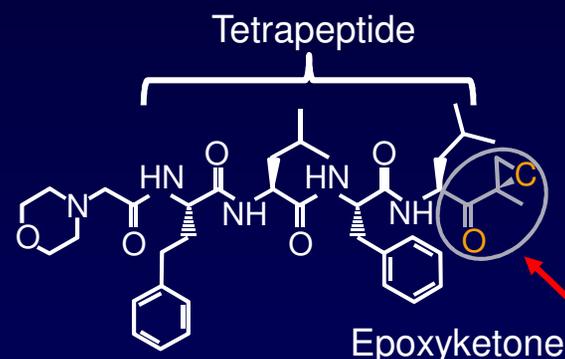
- Different clones emerge over time
- Depends on previous therapy
- Combinations better than single agents
- No molecularly targeted therapy
- Ultimate refractoriness to all agents

## **Unmet Clinical Needs for RR MM**

- **Multiple myeloma refractory to both lenalidomide-based and bortezomib-based regimens**
- **Plasmacytoma relapses**
- **High-risk features, ie, del17p**
- **Important for treatments to target tumor growth and concomitant immunosuppression while being easy to administer and well tolerated for long-term use**

# 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>1</sup>
- No neurotoxicity in animals<sup>2</sup>
- Durable responses in relapsed and relapsed/refractory MM without neuropathy<sup>3</sup>
- Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/DEX vs 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, et al. *Blood.* 2008;112(110):2765. 3. Siegel DS, et al. *Blood.* 2010;116(21). Abstract 985. 4. US National Institutes of Health. ClinicalTrials.gov Web site. Available at: <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01080391>. Accessed March 25, 2013.

# Carfilzomib

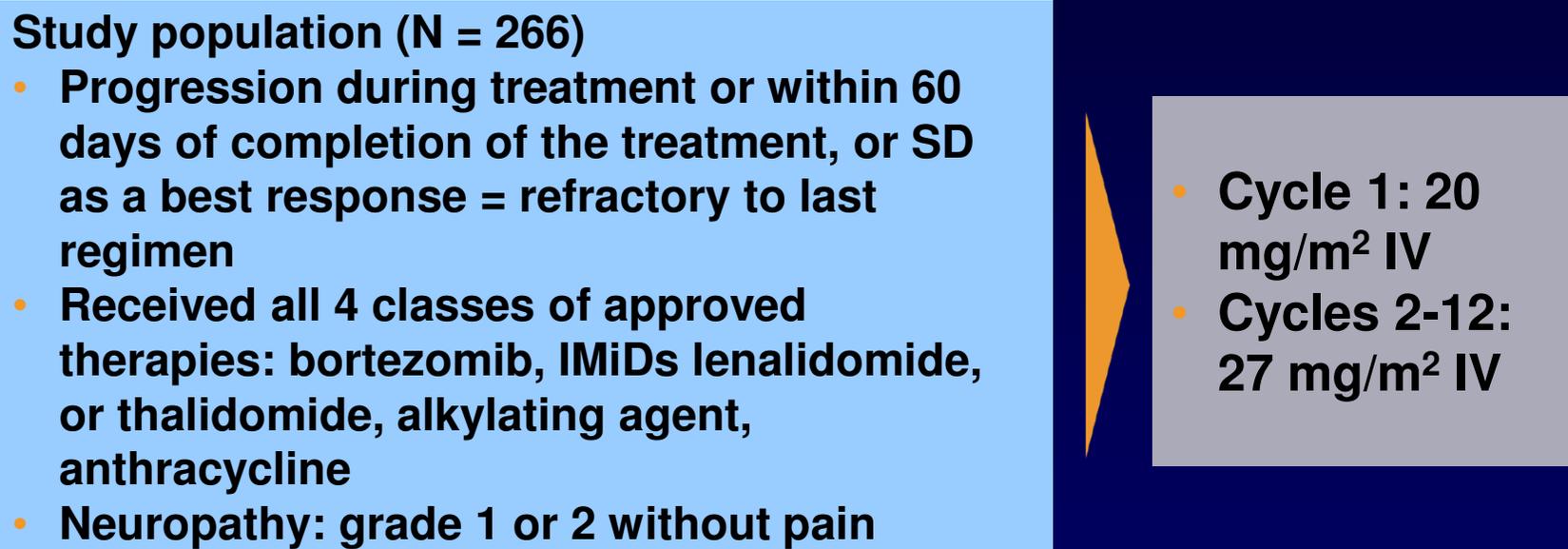
Trial	N*	Population	Previous Lines, n	ORR, %	MR/SD, %	Median TTP, mos
003-A0 <sup>1</sup>	39	Relapsed/ refractory	>2	18	8/41	6.2
003-A1 <sup>2</sup>	266	Relapsed/ refractory	≥2	24	13/31	7.8
004 (BTZ exposed) <sup>3</sup>	35	Relapsed/ refractory	1-3	21	12/35	8.1
004 (BTZ naïve) <sup>4</sup>		Relapsed/ refractory	1-3			
• 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	59			42	17/22	8.3
• 20/27 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	67			52	12/15	NR
006 (combo with LEN/DEX) <sup>5</sup>	50	Relapsed/ refractory	1-3	78	2/8	–

- Neuropathy from phase II experience: 9.6% grades 1/2 and 1.4% grade 3

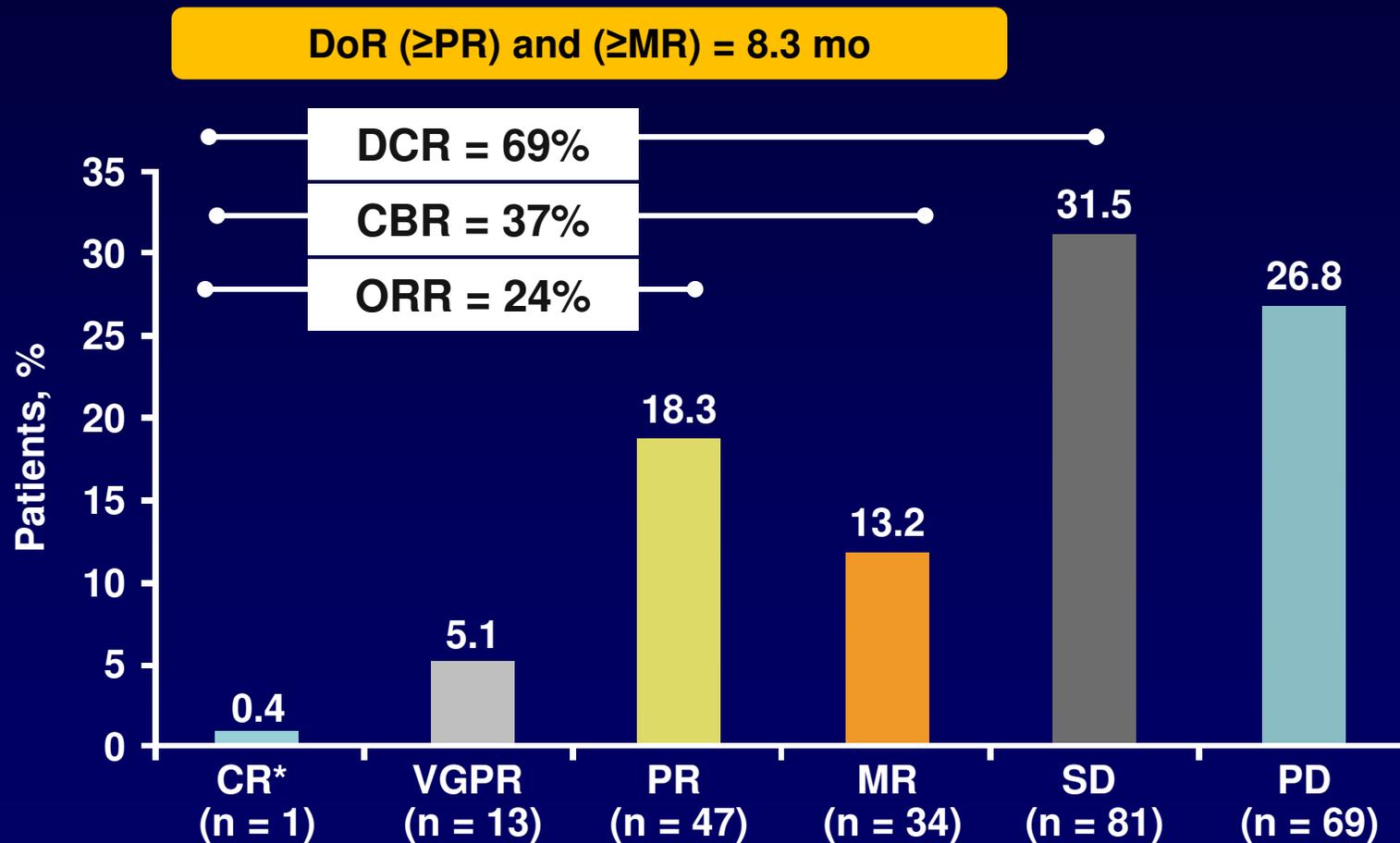
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# PX-171-003A1: Phase II Trial of Carfilzomib in Relapsed/Refractory MM

## Study population (N = 266)

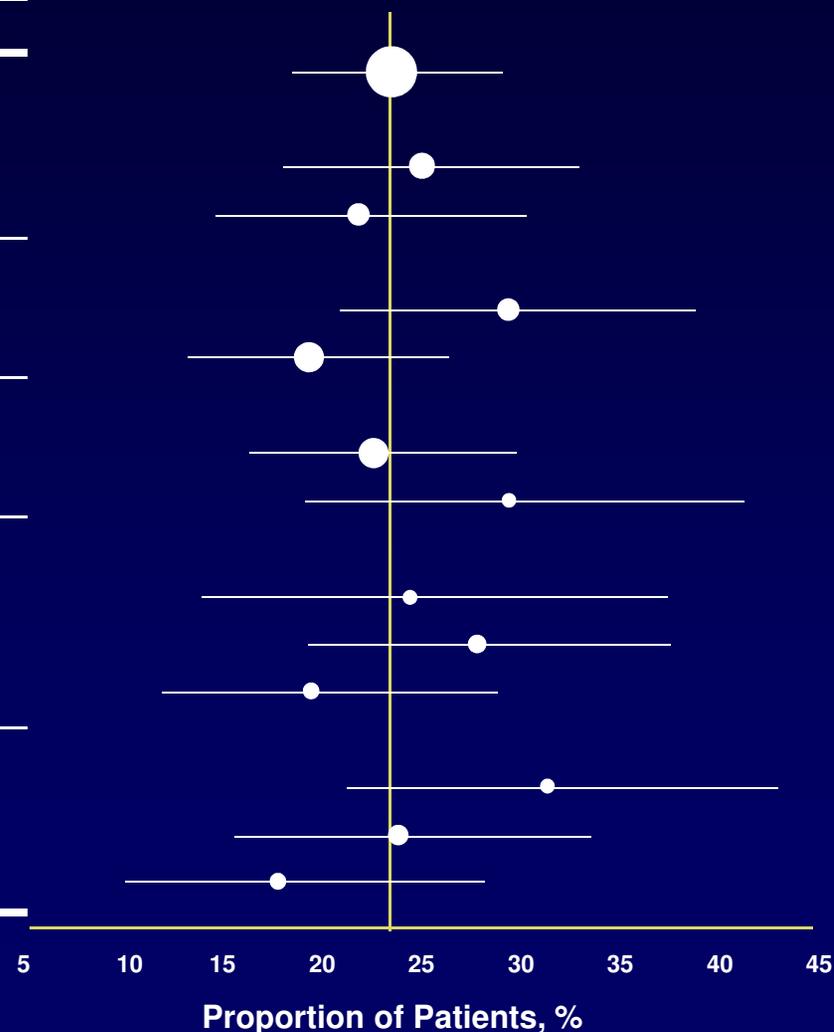
- Progression during treatment or within 60 days of completion of the treatment, or SD as a best response = refractory to last regimen
  - Received all 4 classes of approved therapies: bortezomib, IMiDs lenalidomide, or thalidomide, alkylating agent, anthracycline
  - Neuropathy: grade 1 or 2 without pain
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- Cycle 1: 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV
  - Cycles 2-12: 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV
- Primary endpoint: ORR (CR + VGPR + PR [IMWG criteria])
  - Secondary endpoints: CBR (ORR + MR [EBMT criteria]), DOR, PFS, TTP, OS, safety

# Responses (Response-Evaluable Population, N = 257)

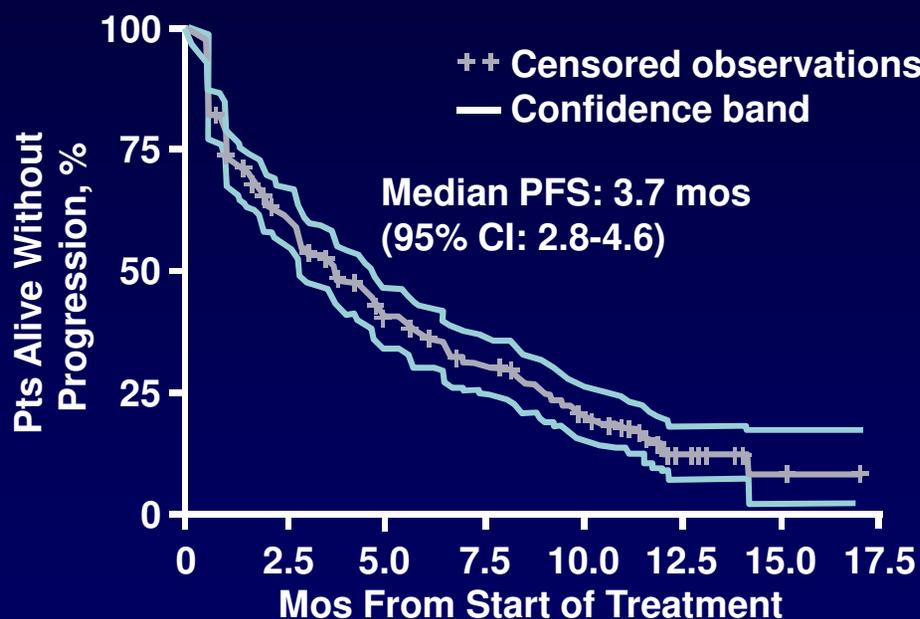


# Responses According to Demographic and Baseline Disease Characteristics

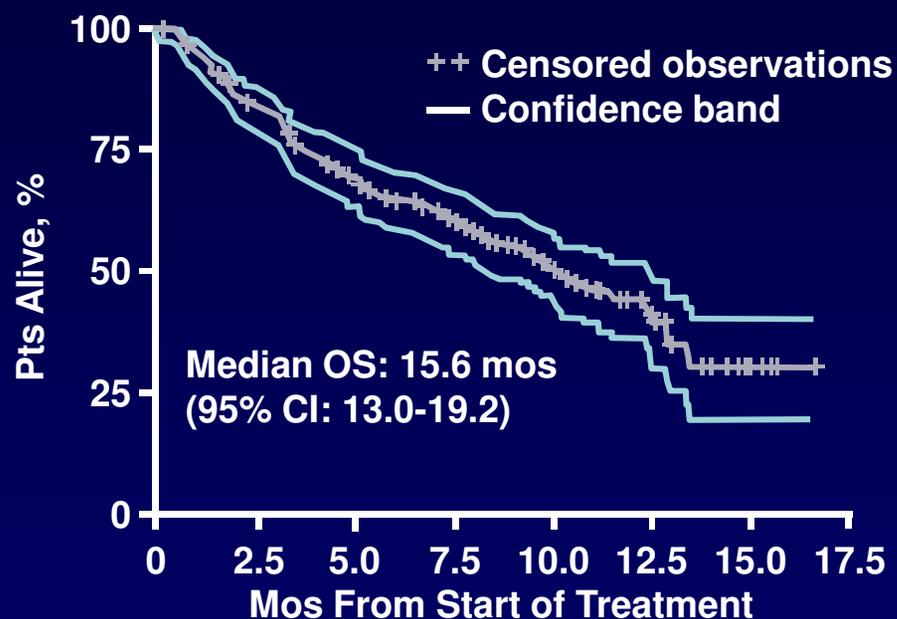
Characteristic	n	ORR	95% CI
All patients	257	23.7	18.7-29.4
<b>Age</b>			
<65 years	139	25.2	18.2-33.2
>65 years	118	22.0	14.9-30.6
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	108	29.6	21.2-39.2
Male	149	19.5	13.4-26.7
<b>Cytogenetics or FISH</b>			
Normal/favorable	158	22.8	16.5-30.1
Unfavorable	71	29.6	19.3-41.6
<b>Baseline CrCl (mL/min)</b>			
30 to <50	57	24.6	14.1-37.8
50 to <80	100	28.0	19.5-37.9
≥80	92	19.6	12.0-29.1
<b>ISS stage</b>			
I	76	31.6	21.4-43.3
II	96	24.0	15.8-33.7
III	78	17.9	10.2-28.3



# Relapsed/Refractory MM: Single-Agent Carfilzomib (PX171-003 A1)



Median PFS: 3.7 mos



Median OS: 15.6 mos

# Single-Agent Carfilzomib: Safety

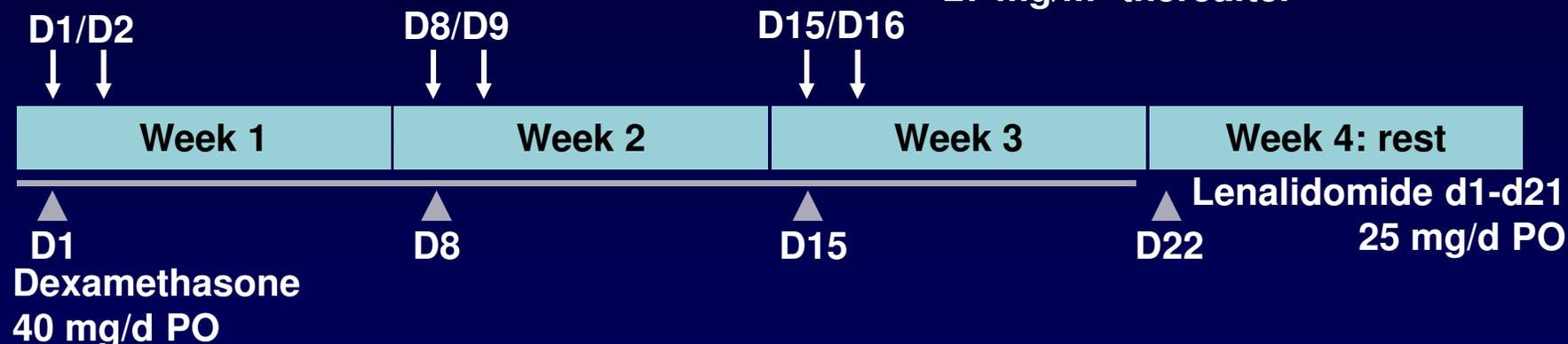
Hematologic AEs, %	Patients (N = 266)	
	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Anemia	46	24
Thrombocytopenia	39	29
Lymphopenia	23	20
Neutropenia	18	11
Febrile neutropenia	0.8	0.8

Nonhematologic AEs, %	Patients (N = 266)	
	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Fatigue	49	7.9
Nausea	45	1.9
Dyspnea	34	3.4
↑ serum creatinine	25	2.6
PN	12.4	1.1
Hypophosphatemia	12	6.0
Pneumonia	12	9.4
Hyponatremia	11.7	8.3

# PX-171-006: Phase II Trial of Carfilzomib Plus Len/Dex in R/R MM

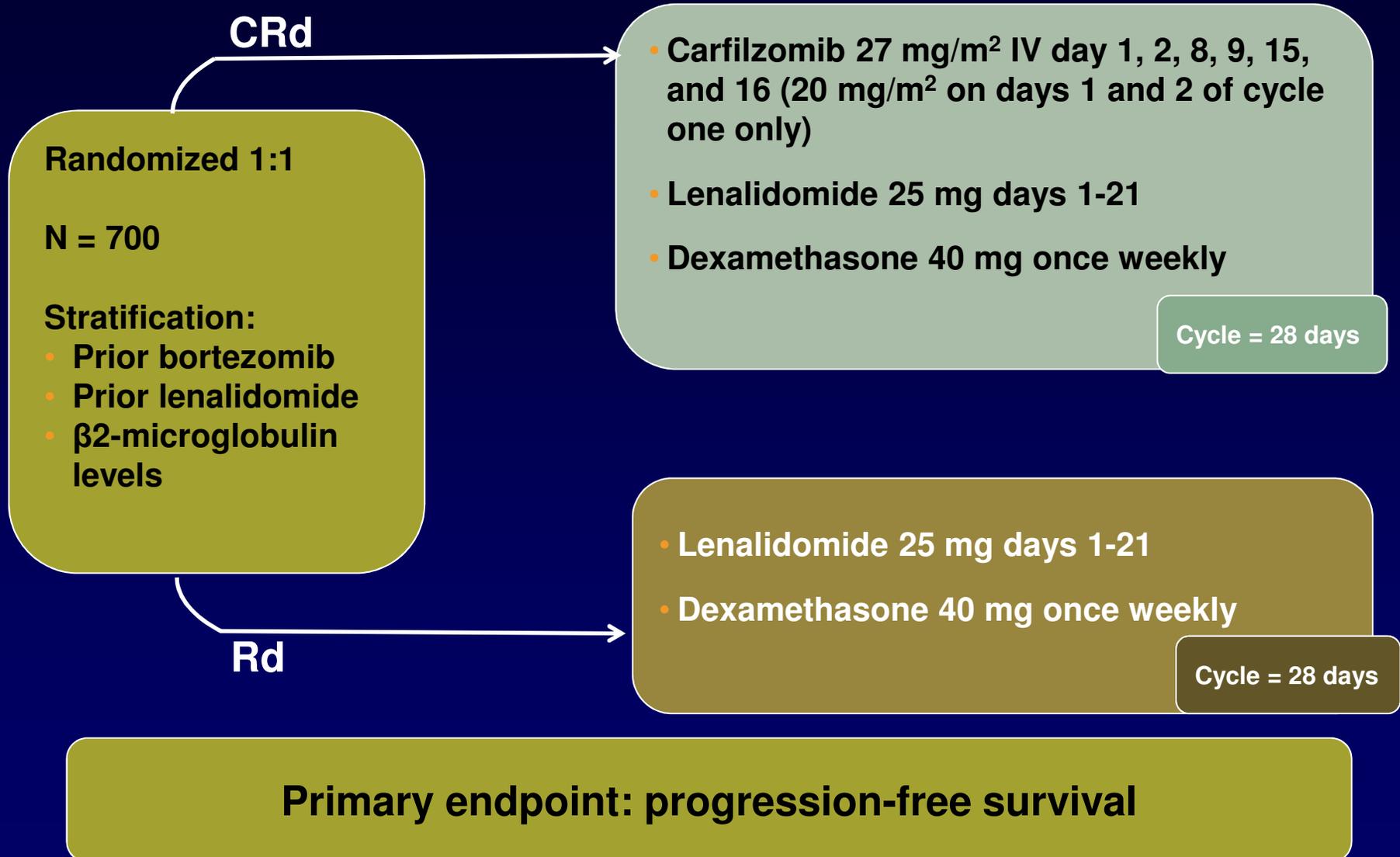
Carfilzomib  
20/27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV\*

\*20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> cycle 1 days 1 and 2 only,  
27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> thereafter



Response (N = 51)	n (%)
CR/nCR	12 (24)
VGPR	9 (18)
PR	19 (37)
MR	1 (2)
SD	3 (6)
ORR	40 (78)

# Phase III ASPIRE Trial



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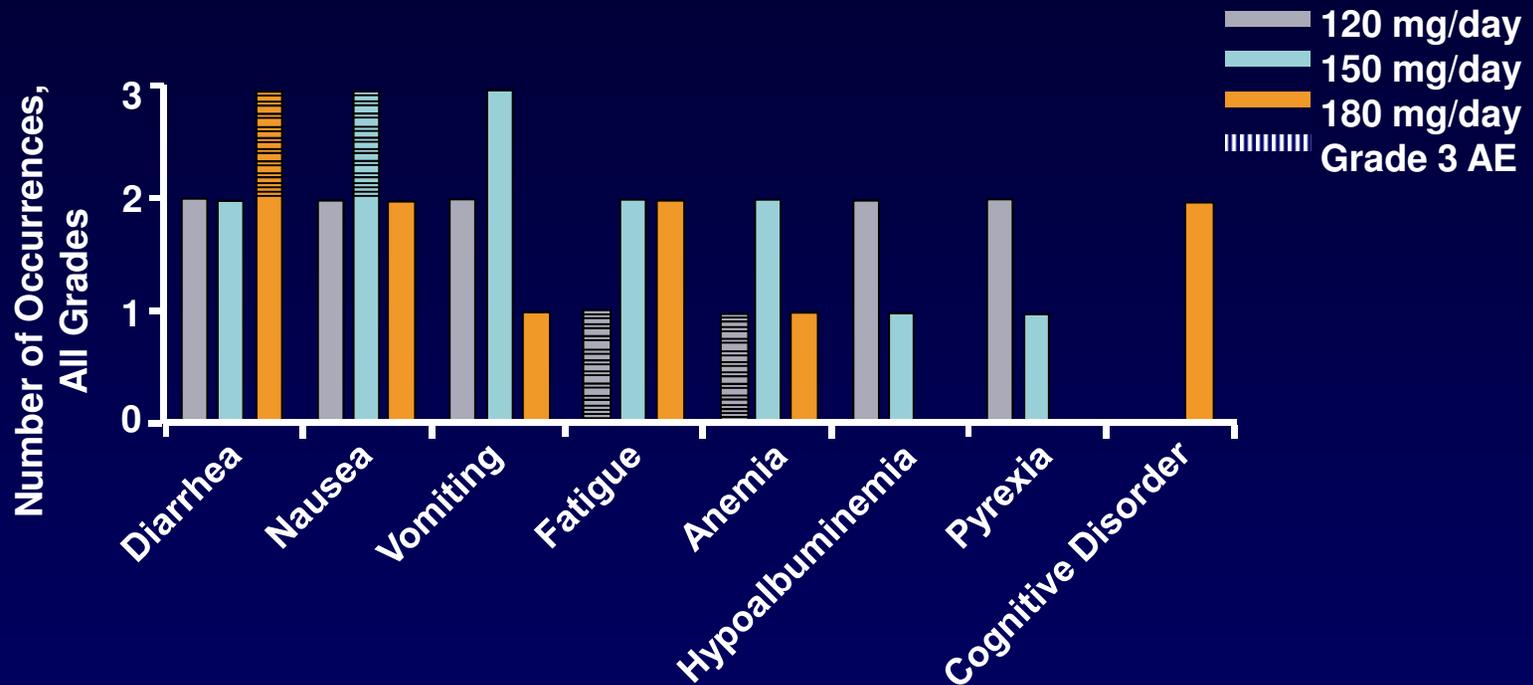
# Phase Ib: Oprozomib (ONX 0912)

- Oprozomib (ONX 0912) is orally available, irreversible, next-generation proteasome inhibitor<sup>1</sup>
- MTD identified in patients with solid tumors as once-daily dose of 150 mg<sup>2</sup>
  - DLTs included grade 3 hypophosphatemia, nausea, dehydration
  - Prompted exploration of split-dose schedule with the drug administered twice daily
- Current study assessed safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics of split-dose oprozomib schedule in patients with hematologic malignancies (myeloma and CLL)<sup>1</sup>

1. Savona MR, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120(21): Abstract 203. 2. Papadopoulos KP, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2011;29(suppl): Abstract 3075.

# Oprozomib Dose Escalation

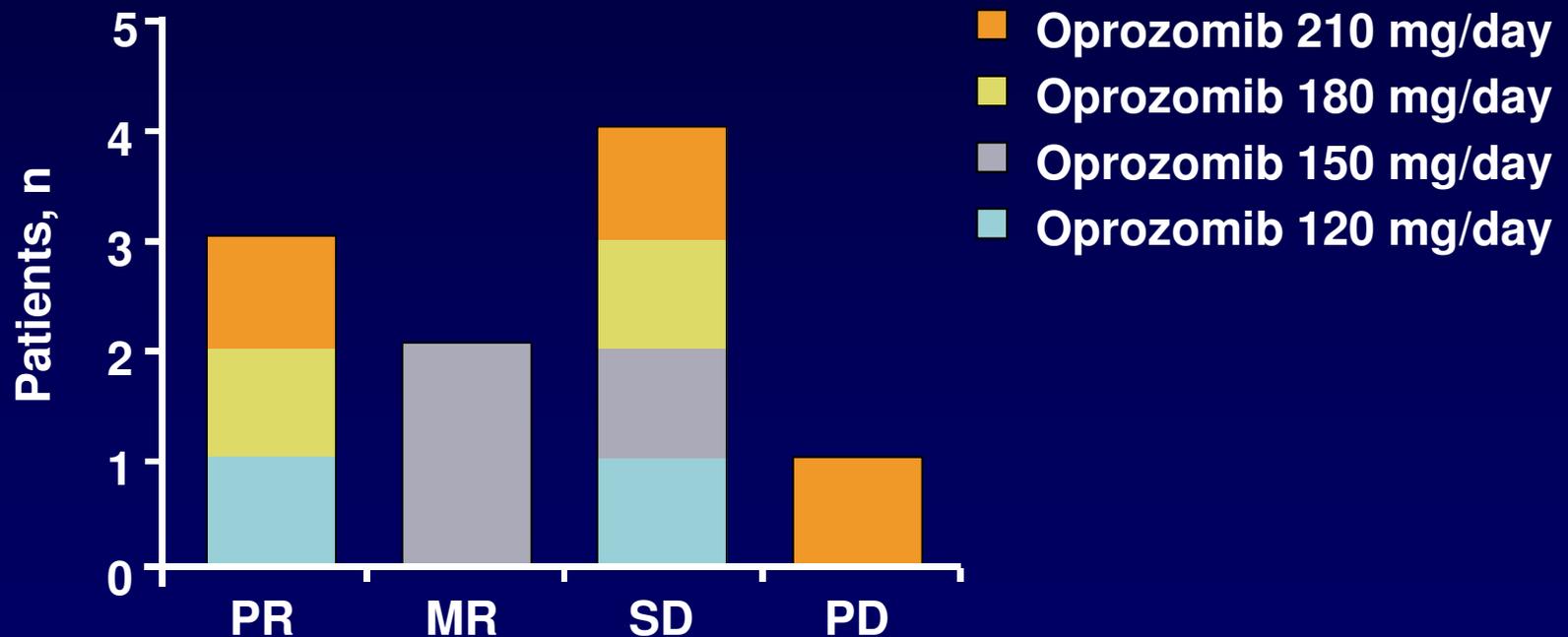
• Split-dose MTD not reached



Malignancy of Patient, n	120 mg/day (n = 3)	150 mg/day (n = 3)	180 mg/day (n = 3)
Myeloma	2	3	2
CLL	1	0	1

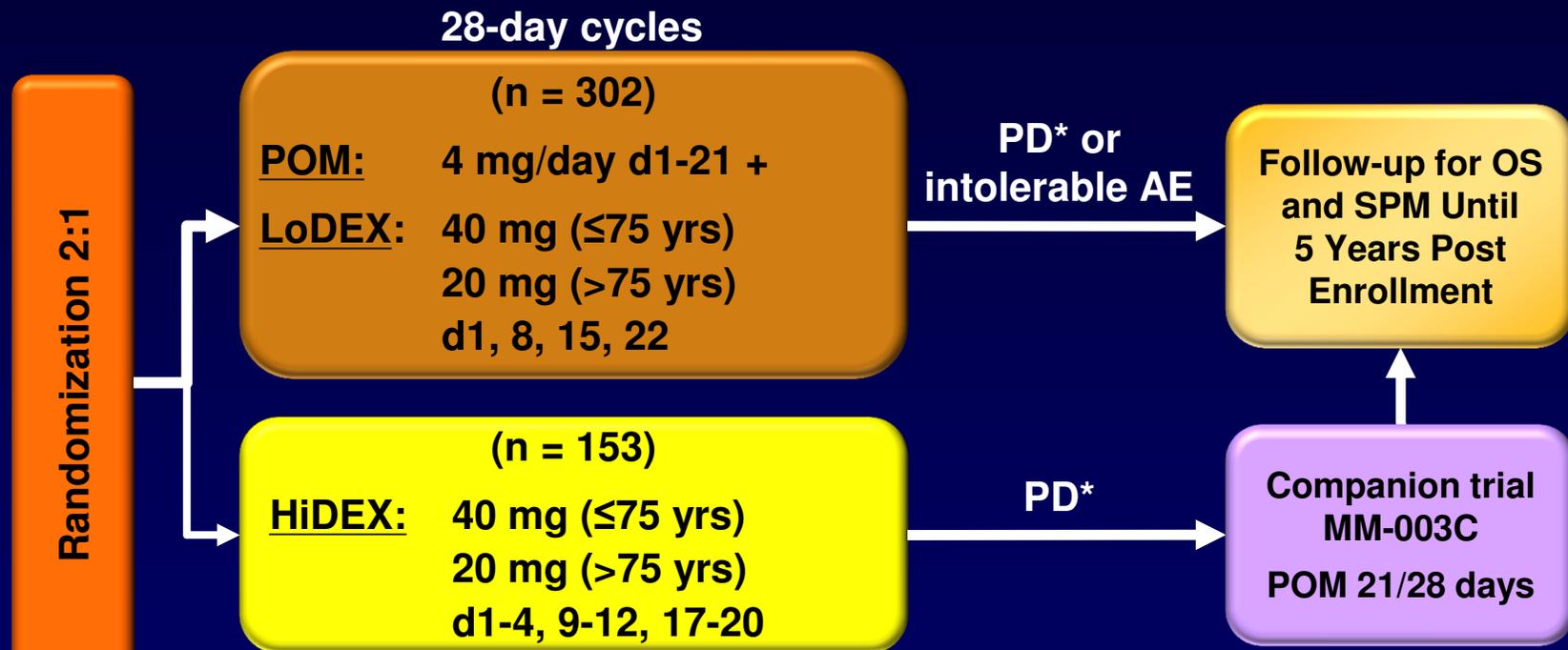
# Oprozomib Efficacy

- Proteasome inhibition is dose dependent
  - >80% inhibition with oprozomib 210 mg/day



# MM-003 Design: Pomalidomide + LoDEX vs HiDEX

Refractory MM Pts Who Have Failed BORT and LEN

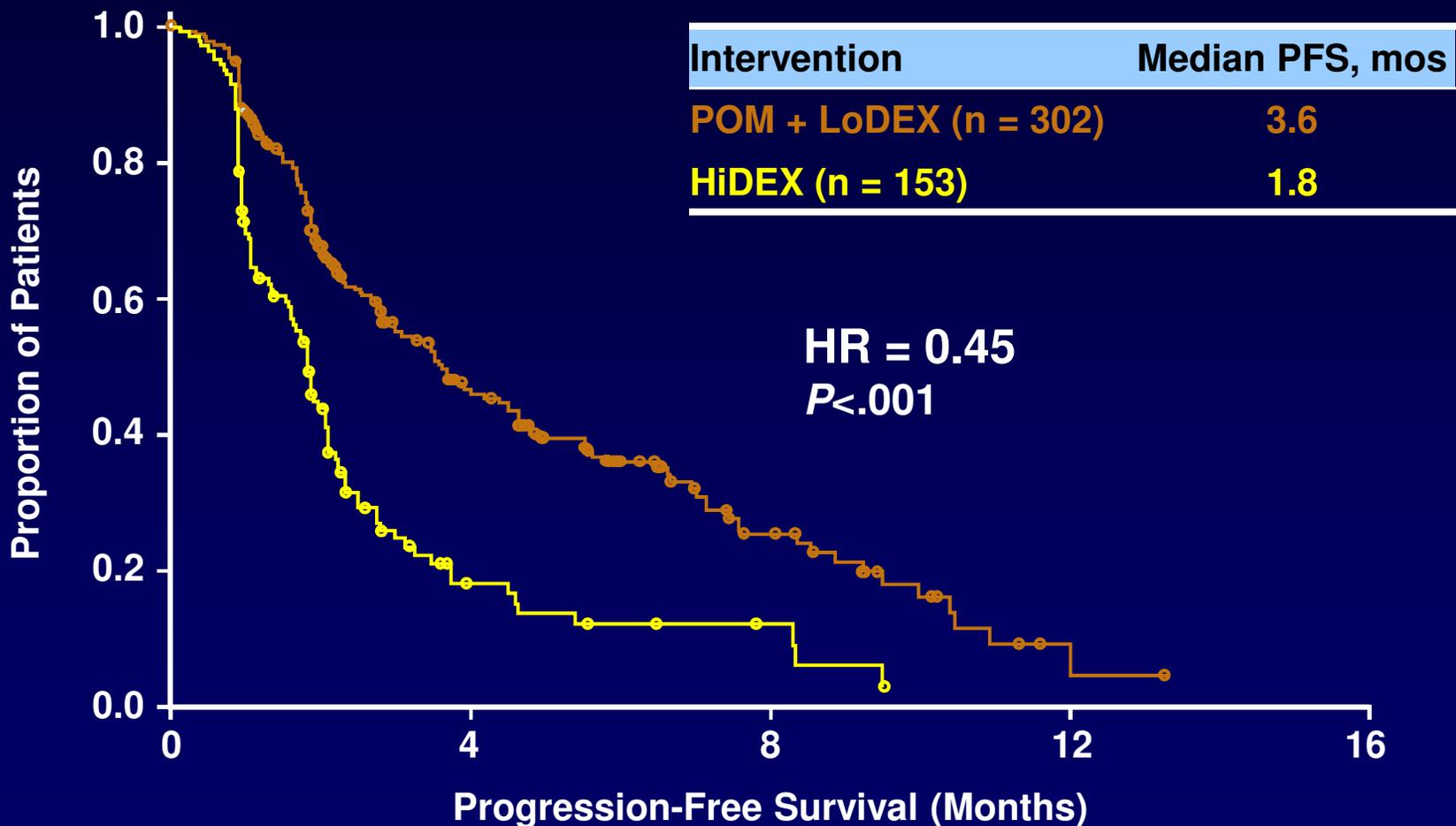


Thromboprophylaxis was indicated for those receiving POM or with DVT history

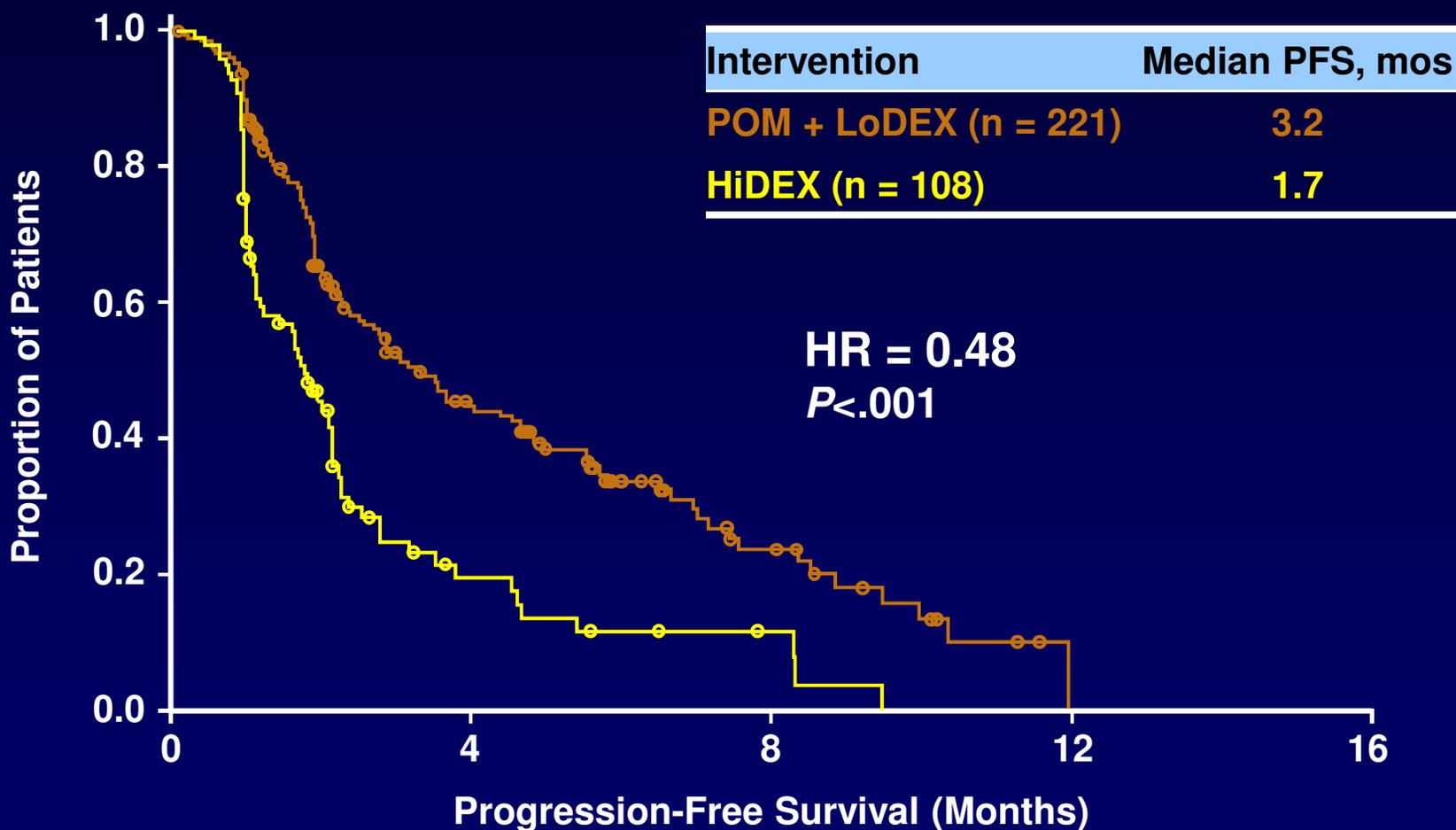
## Stratification

- Age (≤75 vs >75 yrs)
- Number of prior Tx (2 vs >2)
- Disease population

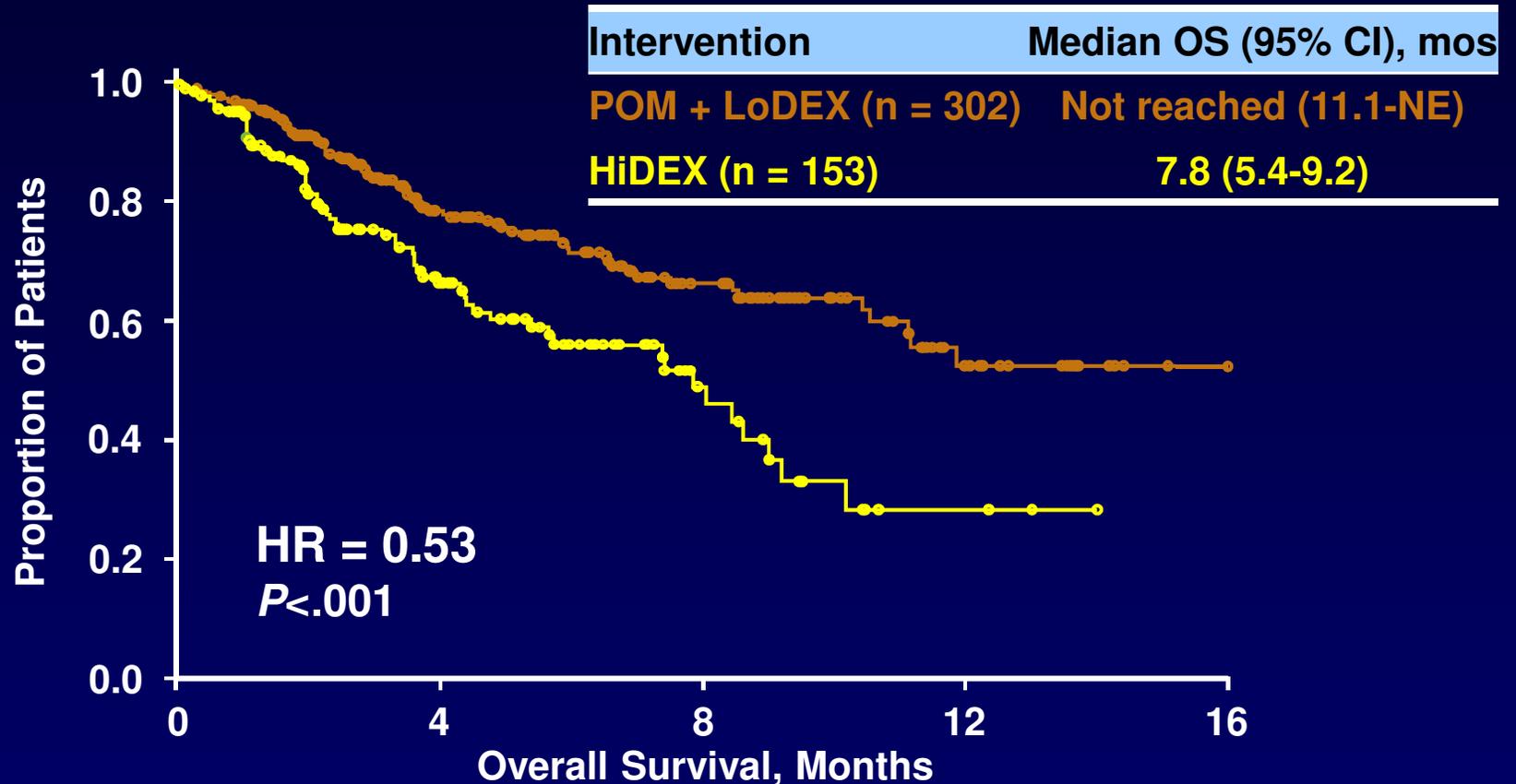
# MM-003: Progression-Free Survival *ITT Population*



# MM-003: Progression-Free Survival *Patients Refractory to Both LEN and BORT*



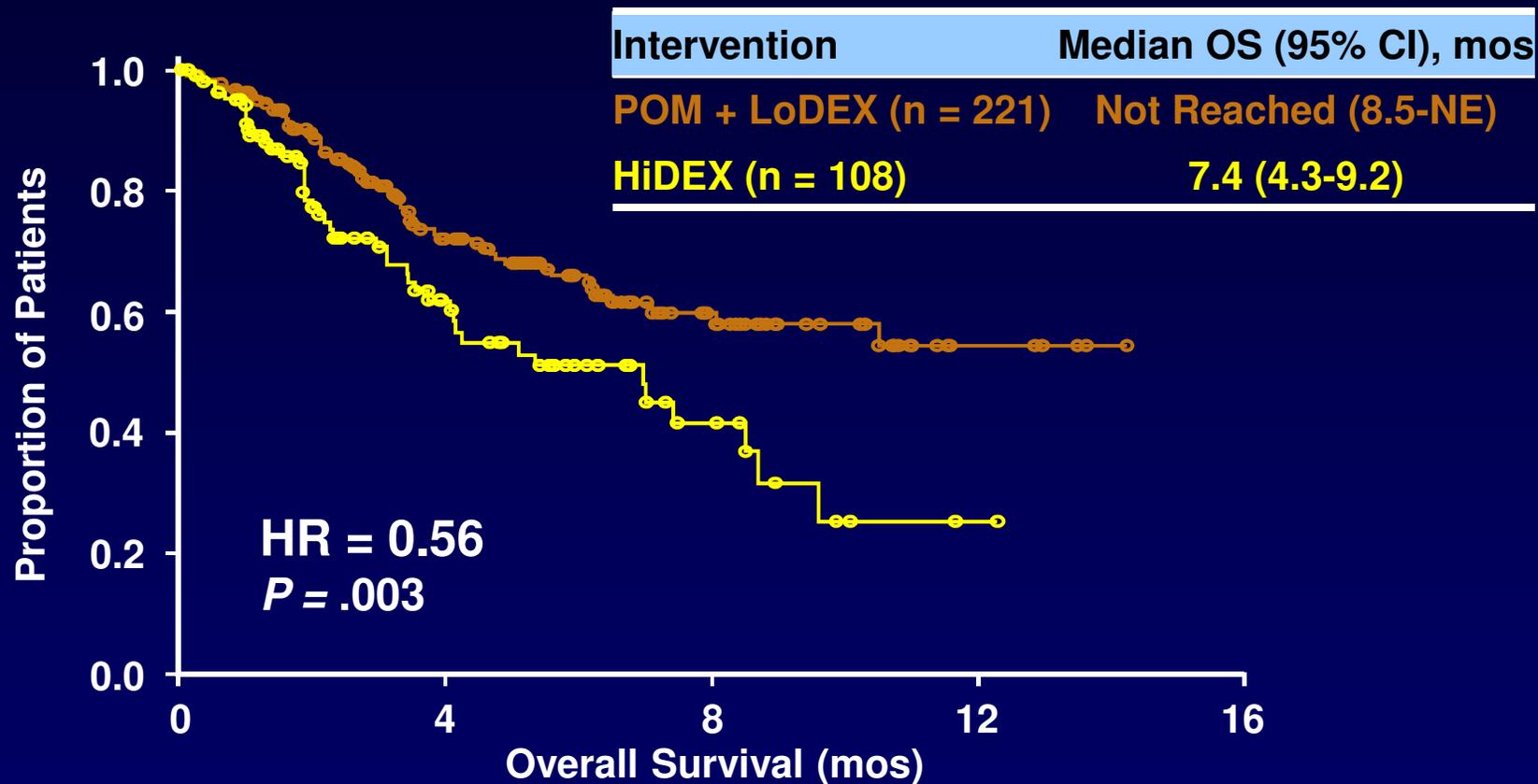
# MM-003: Overall Survival *ITT Population*



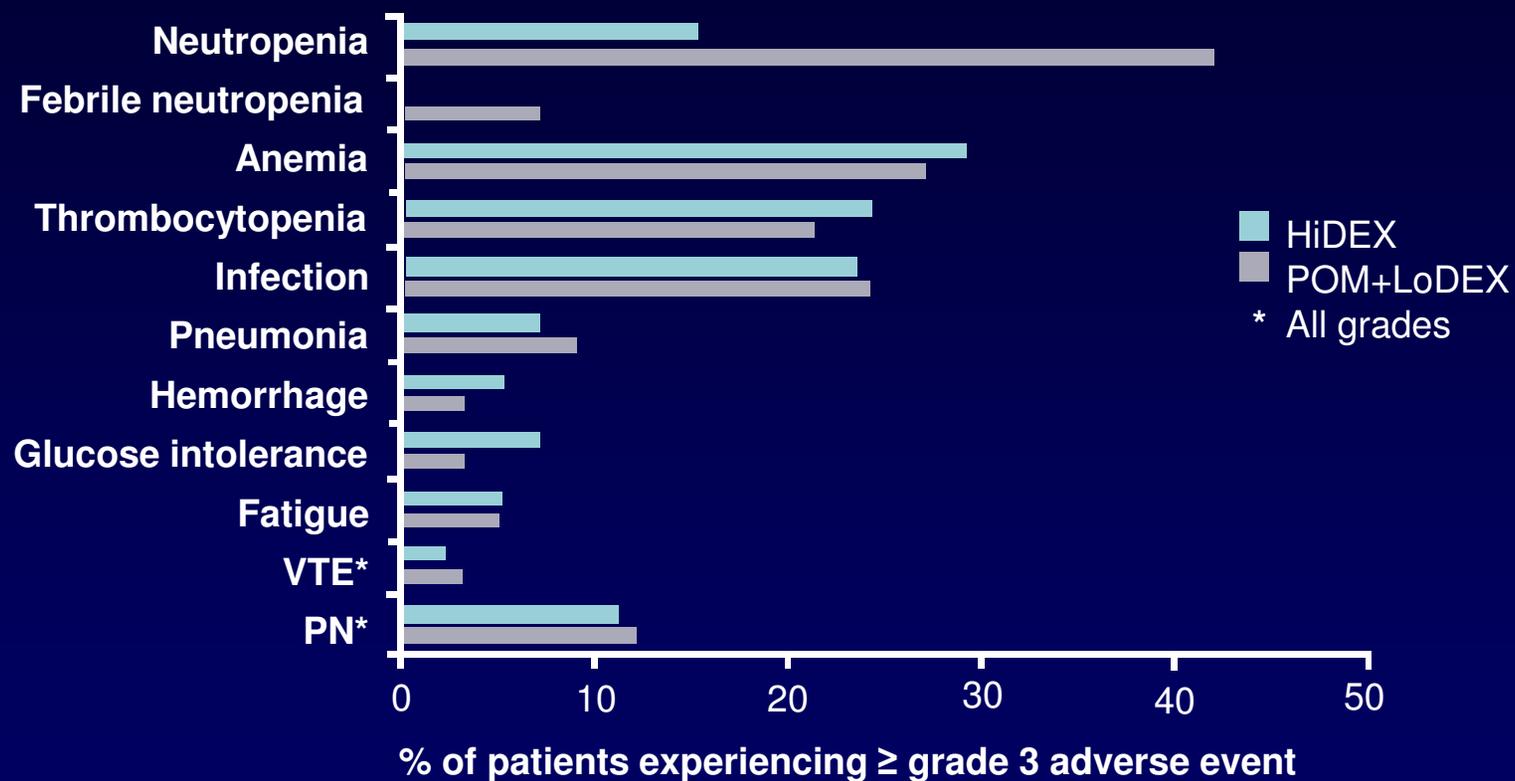
- 29% of pts received POM after progression on HiDEX

# MM-003: Overall Survival

## *Patients Refractory to Both LEN and BORT*



# MM-003: Adverse Events

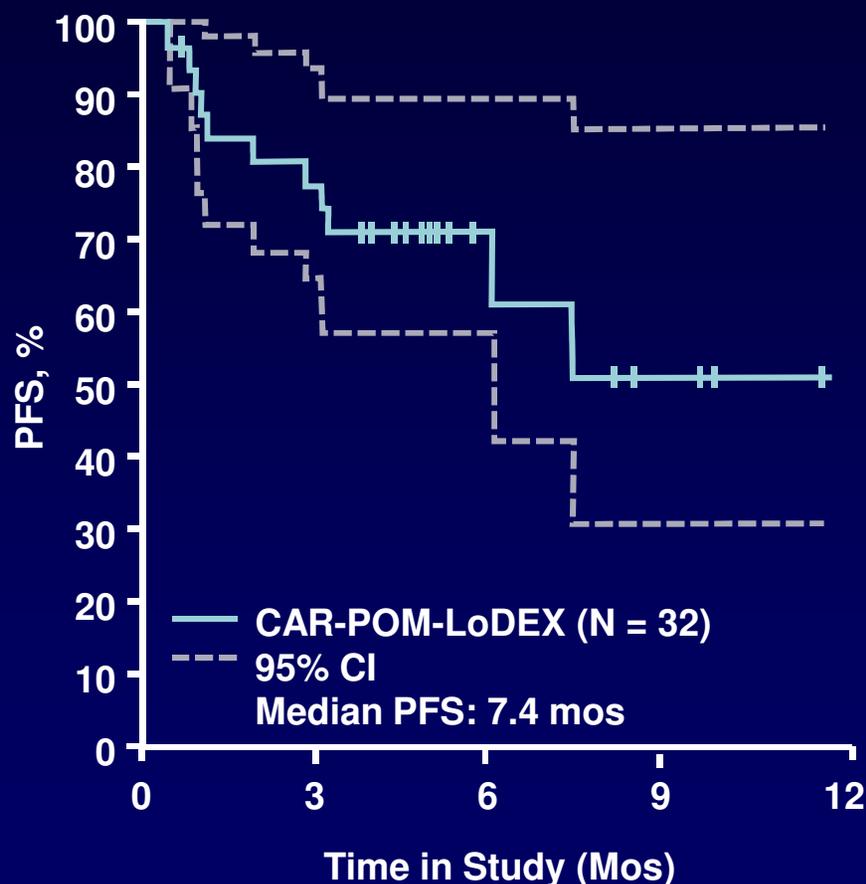


7% of POM + LoDEX and 6% of HiDEX patients discontinued due to AEs

# Carfilzomib/Pomalidomide/LoDEX

- Carfilzomib has single-agent activity in relapsed/refractory MM
- Pomalidomide is a third-generation IMiD
- RVD and early data of carfilzomib + lenalidomide/dexamethasone demonstrate utility of proteasome + IMiD combination
- Current phase I/II study determined MTD of carfilzomib in combination with pomalidomide and dexamethasone
  - Carfilzomib administered at 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> loading dose, followed by 27, 36, 45, or 54 mg/m<sup>2</sup> study dose
- Patients were heavily pretreated (median: 6 previous regimens; range: 1-15)
- MTD established as starting dose: 20/27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for phase II segment

# Carfilzomib/Pomalidomide/LoDEX: Outcomes



Outcome	CAR-POM-LoDEX (N = 32)
<b>Response rates (n = 30), %</b>	
• ORR	50
— ≥VGPR	13
— PR	37
• Minor response	17
• SD	23
• PD	10
<b>Median PFS, mos</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>1-yr OS, %</b>	<b>90</b>

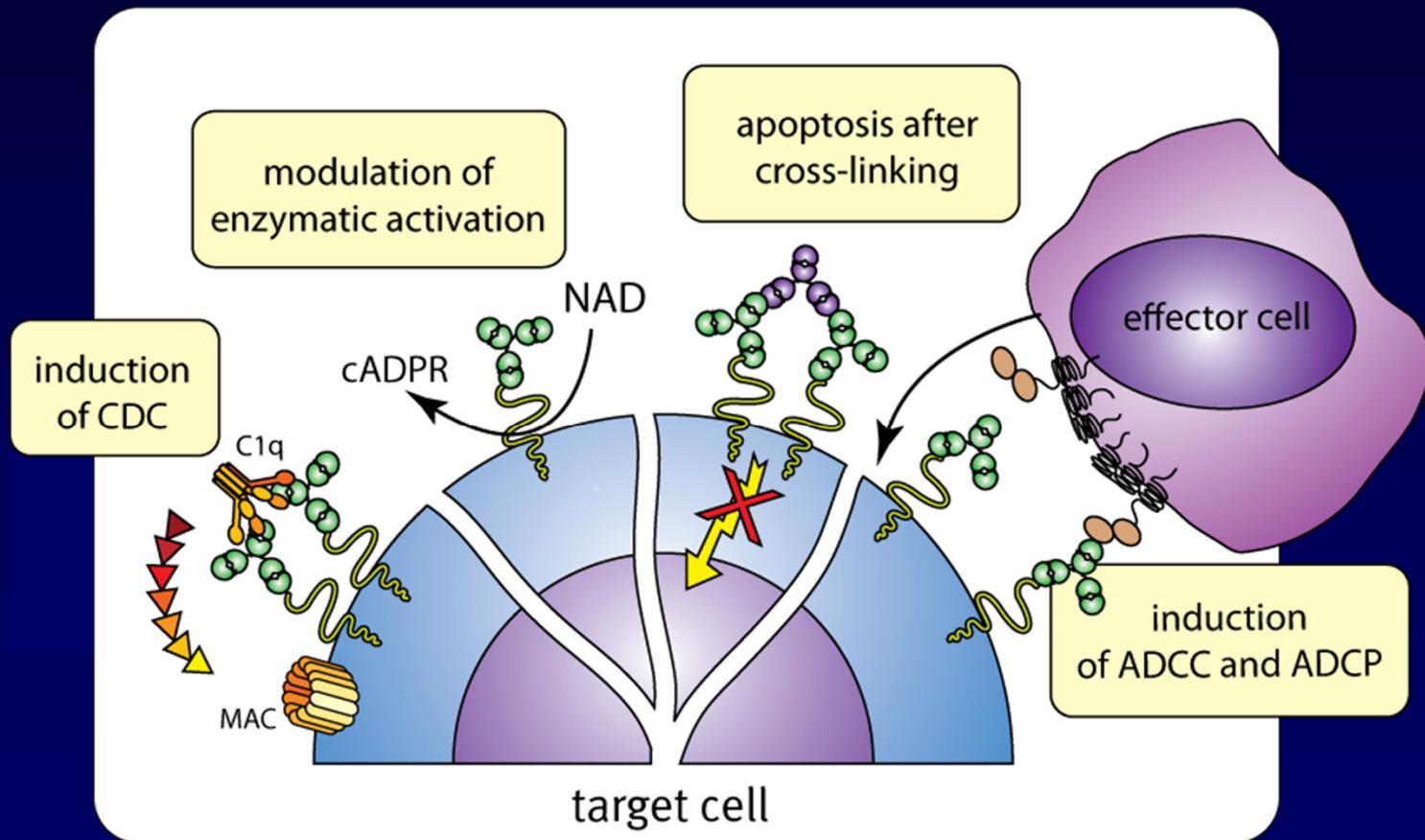
- **Serious adverse events of note**
  - Grade 3 pneumonia: n = 3
  - Pulmonary emboli: n = 1
  - Congestive heart failure: n = 1
  - No grade 3/4 peripheral neuropathy

# Monoclonal Antibodies in RR MM

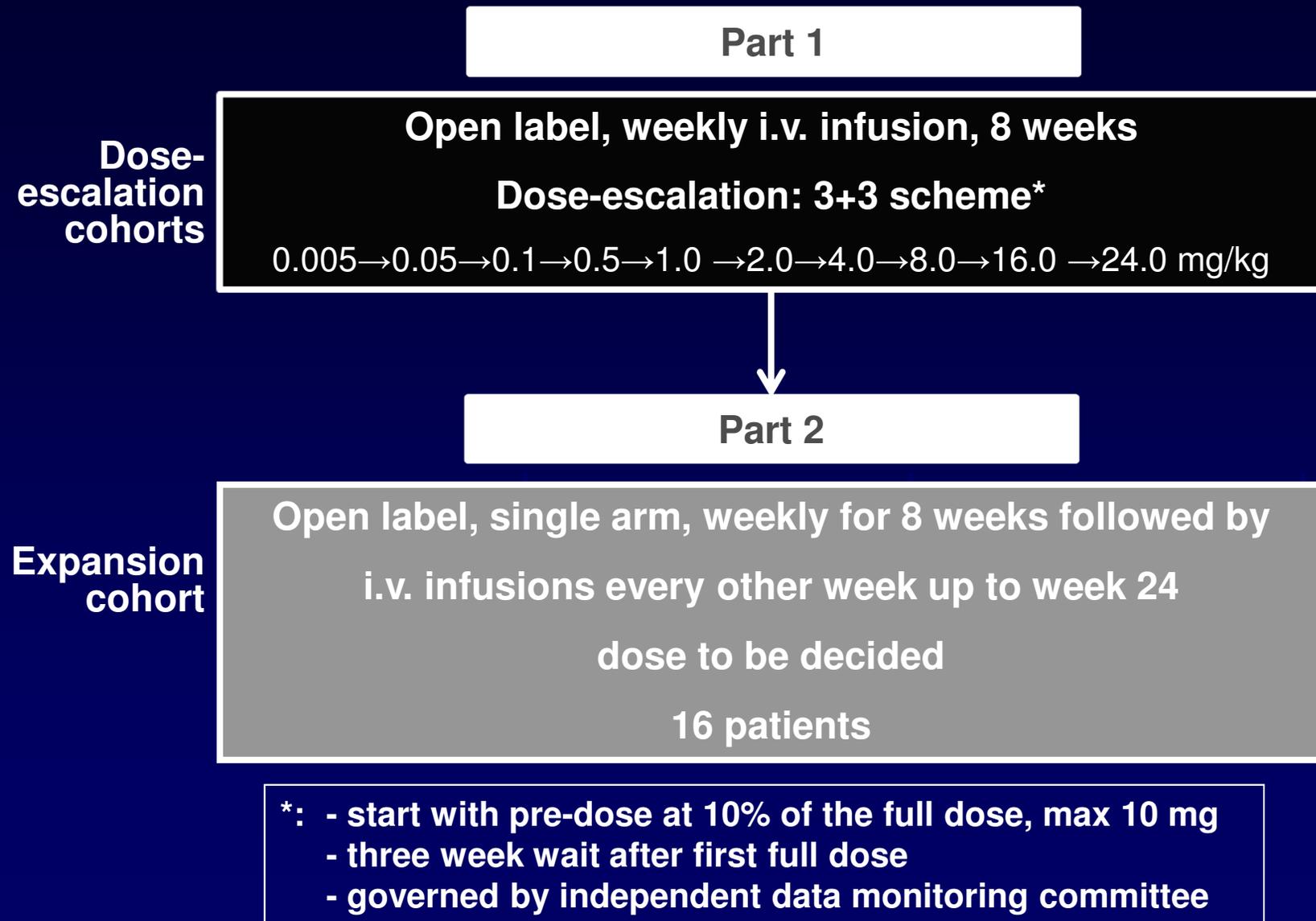
Author	Regimen	Target	N	Phase	Preliminary Data
Jagannath et al <sup>1</sup>	BT062	Syndecan-1, CD138	32	I	Acceptable toxicity profile
Fanale et al <sup>2</sup>	Lucatumumab	CD40	164	I	MTD for MM: 4.5 mg/kg/wk
Mahadevan et al <sup>3</sup>	Samalizumab	CD200	3	I/II	MTD not yet established
Raje et al <sup>4</sup>	Tabalumab	BAFF	48	I	CR 4%, VGPR 8%, PR 33% TTP 4.9 mos, DOR 7.3 mos
Rossi et al <sup>5</sup>	BTZ + siltuximab	IL6	21	I/II	ORR: 57% TTP: 8.7 mos
Jakubowiak et al <sup>6</sup>	BTZ + elotuzumab	CS1	28	I	ORR: 48% TTP: 9.4 mos
Lonial et al <sup>7</sup>	Elotuzumab + LEN + DEX	CS1	73	II	ORR: 82%
Plesner et al <sup>8</sup>	Daratumumab	CD38	32	I/II	At doses 4 mg/kg and above, 8 of the 12 patients had at least an MR

1. Jagannath S, et al. *Blood*. 2011;118(21): Abstract 305. 2. Fanale M, et al. 2011;118(21): Abstract 3702. 3. Mahadevan D, et al. *Blood*. 2010;116(21): Abstract 2465. 4. Raje N, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120(21): Abstract 447. 5. Rossi JF, et al. *Blood*. 2008;112(11): Abstract 867. 6. Jakubowiak AJ, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2010;28(15s suppl): Abstract 8003. 7. Lonial S, et al. *Blood*. 2011;118(21): Abstract 303. 8. Plesner T, et al. *Blood*. 2012;120(21): Abstract 73.

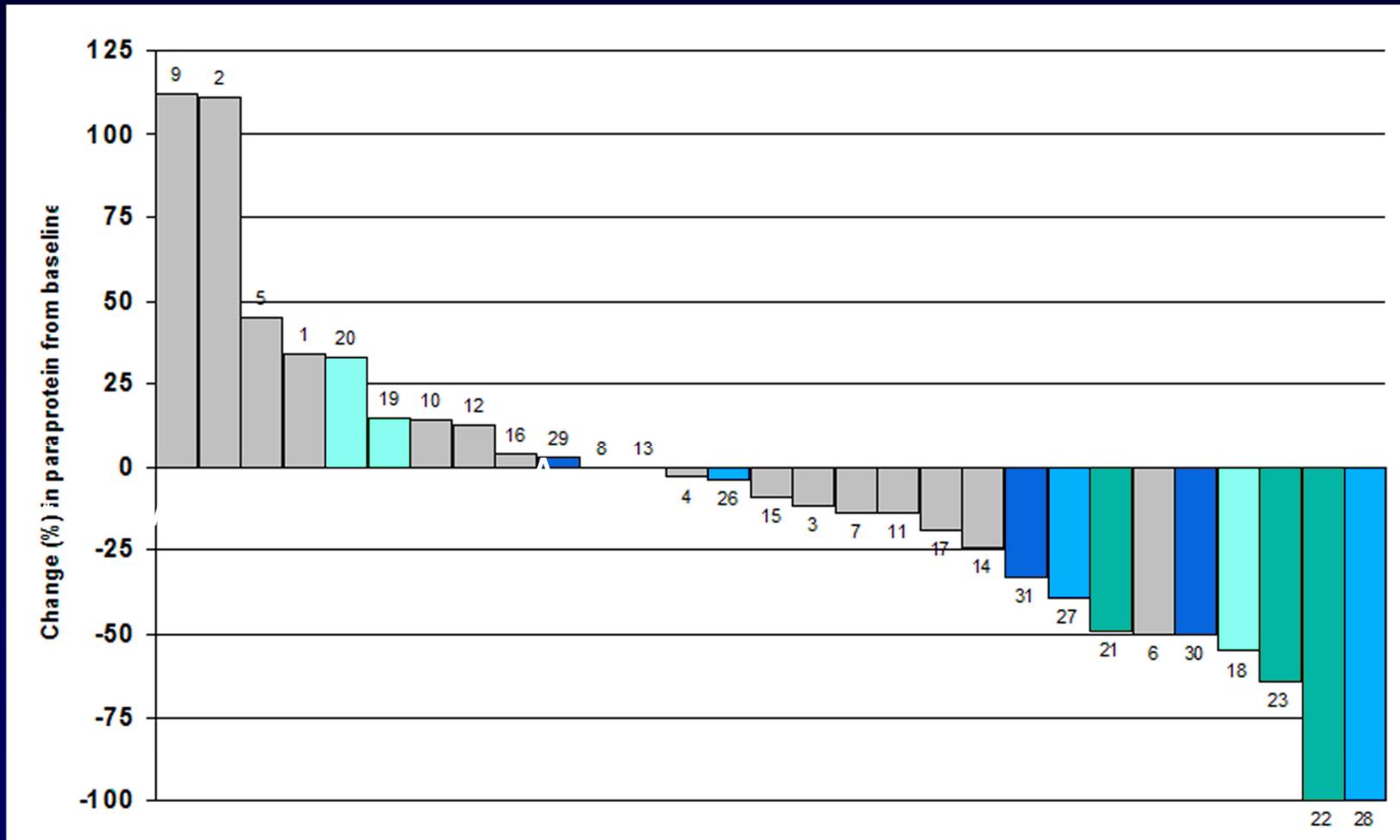
# Daratumumab: A human CD38 mAb with broad-spectrum killing activity



# Daratumumab - Trial Design



# Maximal Change in Paraprotein



≤1 mg/kg

2 mg/kg

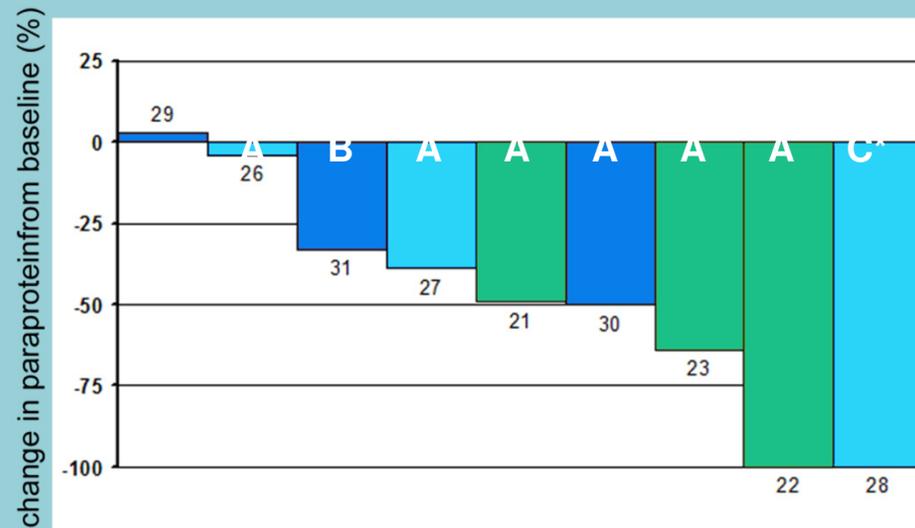
4 mg/kg

8 mg/kg

16 mg/kg

# Correlation Between Exposure and Decline in Paraprotein

- At doses  $\geq 4$  mg/kg, daratumumab trough levels were consistent  $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$  and observed PK values approximately estimated PK values
- In 9 patients dosed with daratumumab  $\geq 4$  mg/kg, 6 clinical responses were observed - 4 PR and 2 MR

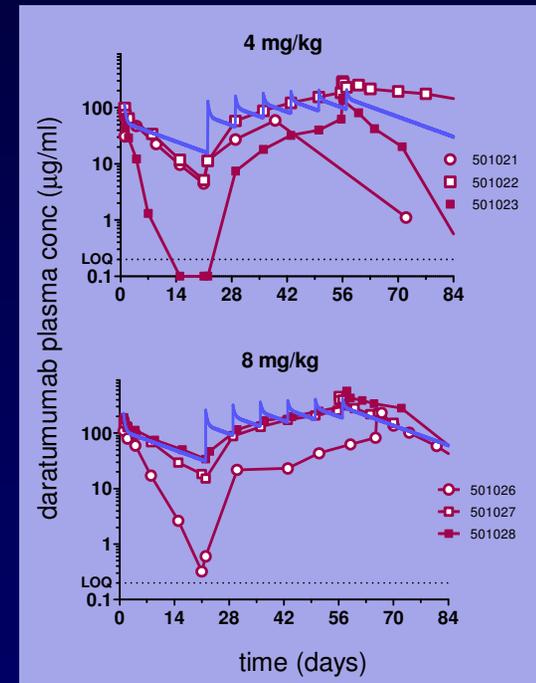


A: serum M-component; B: urine M-component;  
C: FLC

4 mg/kg

8 mg/kg

16 mg/kg



# Daratumumab Results

- **Safety**

- 26% of patients experienced infusion reactions
- Temporary dose-dependent decrease in peripheral blood NK cells
- No significant platelet or hemoglobin changes
- Serious adverse events observed across cohorts
  - 0.1 mg/kg (grade 2 cytokine release syndrome; grade 3 anemia; grade 4 thrombocytopenia), 1 mg/kg (grade 3 AST), 2 mg/kg (grade 3 bronchospasm), 24 mg/kg (grade 2 bronchospasm)

- **Response rate**

- Dose-dependent reduction in paraprotein
- High AUC correlates with prolonged PFS
- 67%  $\geq$ MR in patients receiving  $\geq$ 4 mg/kg
- Response accompanied by bone marrow clearance of myeloma cells

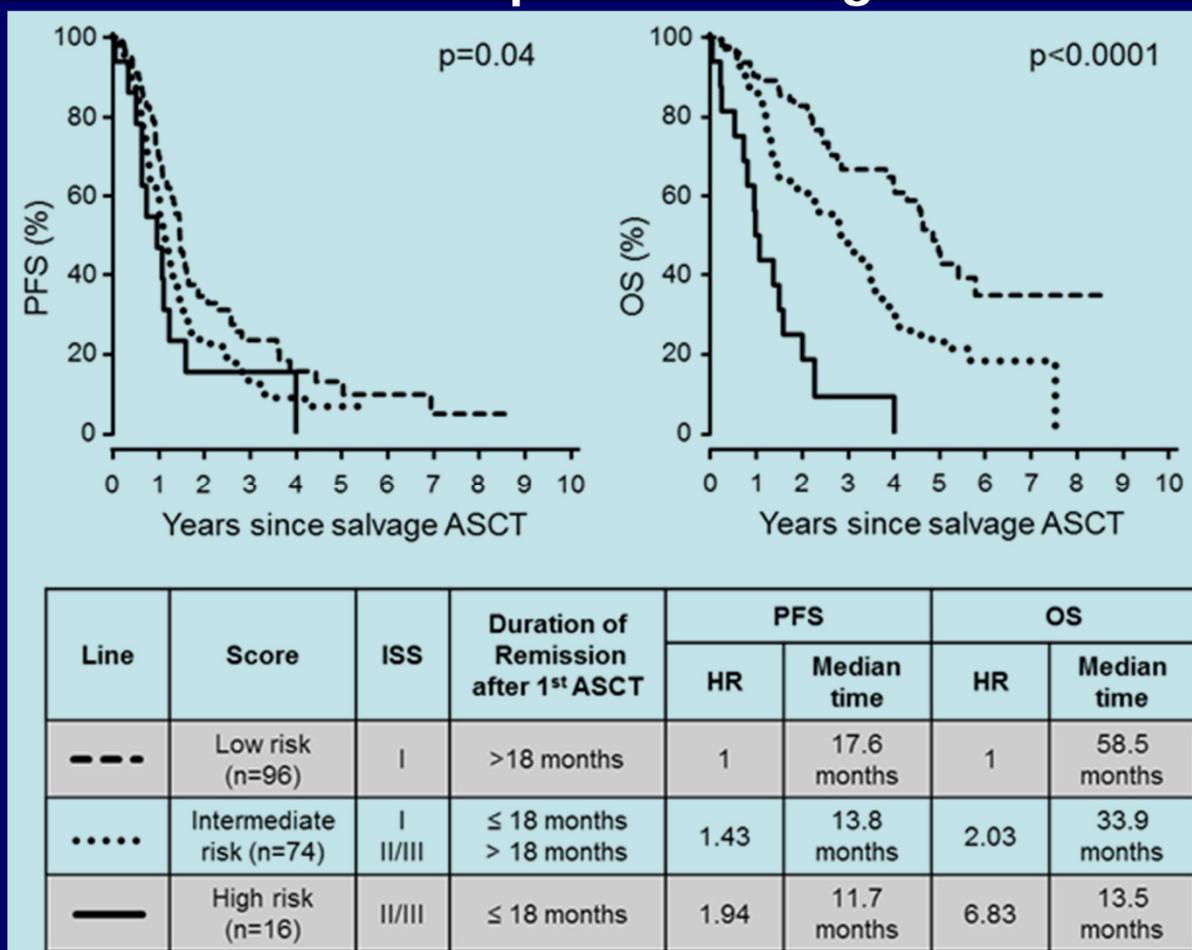
**What Is the Role for  
Transplantation at Relapse/  
in Refractory Disease?**

# Autologous Replantation for Patients With Relapsed MM

- **Retrospective review**
  - Pts who received salvage ASCT after upfront ASCT (n = 200)
- **Results**
  - Median follow-up after salvage ASCT: 57.1 months
  - Median PFS: 15.2 months
  - Median OS: 42.3 months
  - ORR ( $\geq$ PR) at day 100: 80.4%
  - Factors associated with improved PFS and OS after salvage ASCT:
    - Remission duration of >18 months after upfront ASCT
    - Bortezomib- or lenalidomide containing re-induction regimen
    - Response to reinduction
    - ISS stage I prior to salvage ASCT
    - Year of salvage ASCT (2005 or thereafter)

# Autologous Replantation for Patients With Relapsed MM

- Creation of risk stratification model based on remission duration after upfront ASCT and ISS prior to salvage ASCT



Neben K, et al. Blood. 2012;120(21): Abstract 3086.

# ASCT in Primary Refractory MM

- **Patients** (n = 80) with primary refractory MM (49 SD, 31 PD)
- **Treatment**
  - Tandem transplants (double ASCT or single ASCT + alloSCT)
- **Results**
  - No significant difference in  $\geq$ PR in pts with SD or PD

Measure	Pts With SD (n = 49)	Pts With PD (n = 31)	P Value
Stable condition or MR after transplant, %	38	7	.0017
Early progression after transplant, %	2	22	.0043
PFS from first transplant, yrs	2.3	0.6	.00004
OS from first transplant, yrs	6	1.1	.00002

- **Conclusion**
  - Pts with PD do not benefit from ASCT; pts with SD have outcome comparable to those with chemosensitive disease

# Conclusions

- **Carfilzomib and pomalidomide are effective in both bortezomib- and lenalidomide-refractory patients**
- **Combinations of these agents with standard chemotherapy or other novel antimyeloma agents produce encouraging results in double-refractory patients**
- **ASCT is an option for relapsed patients**
- **Novel monoclonal antibodies (eg, daratumumab, elotuzumab, tabalumab) in combination with PIs, IMiDs, or conventional chemotherapy may be the future for the salvage treatment of RR myeloma patients**