



# Novel Immunotherapies in Multiple Myeloma

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# Objectives

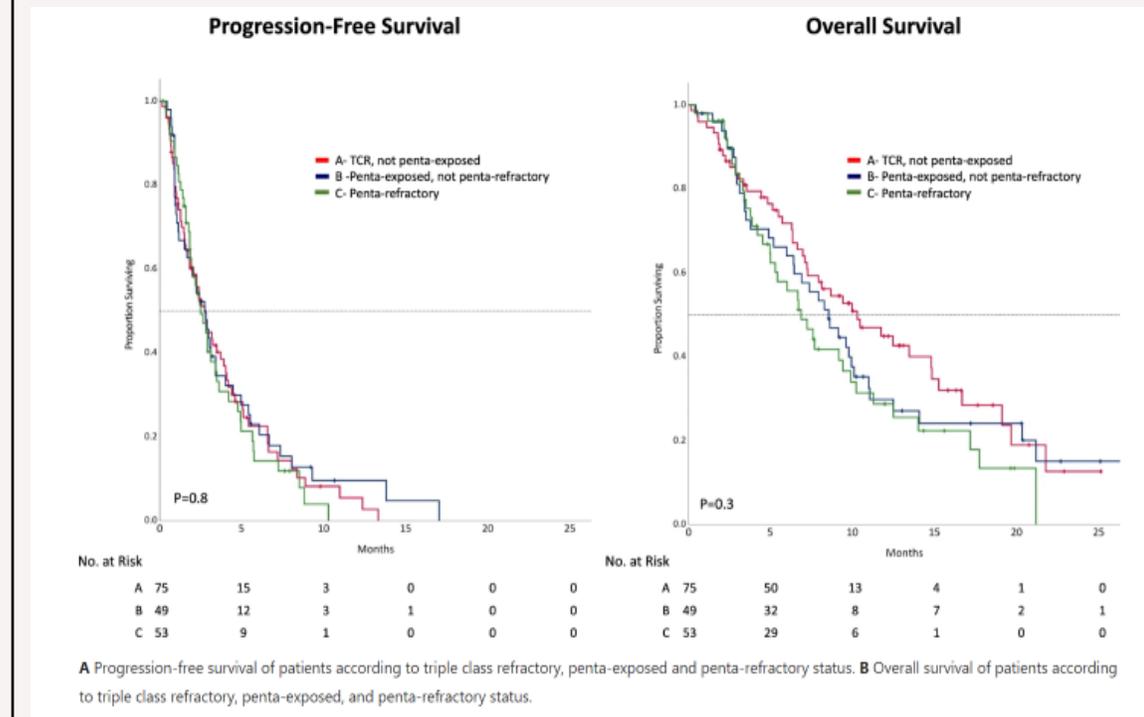
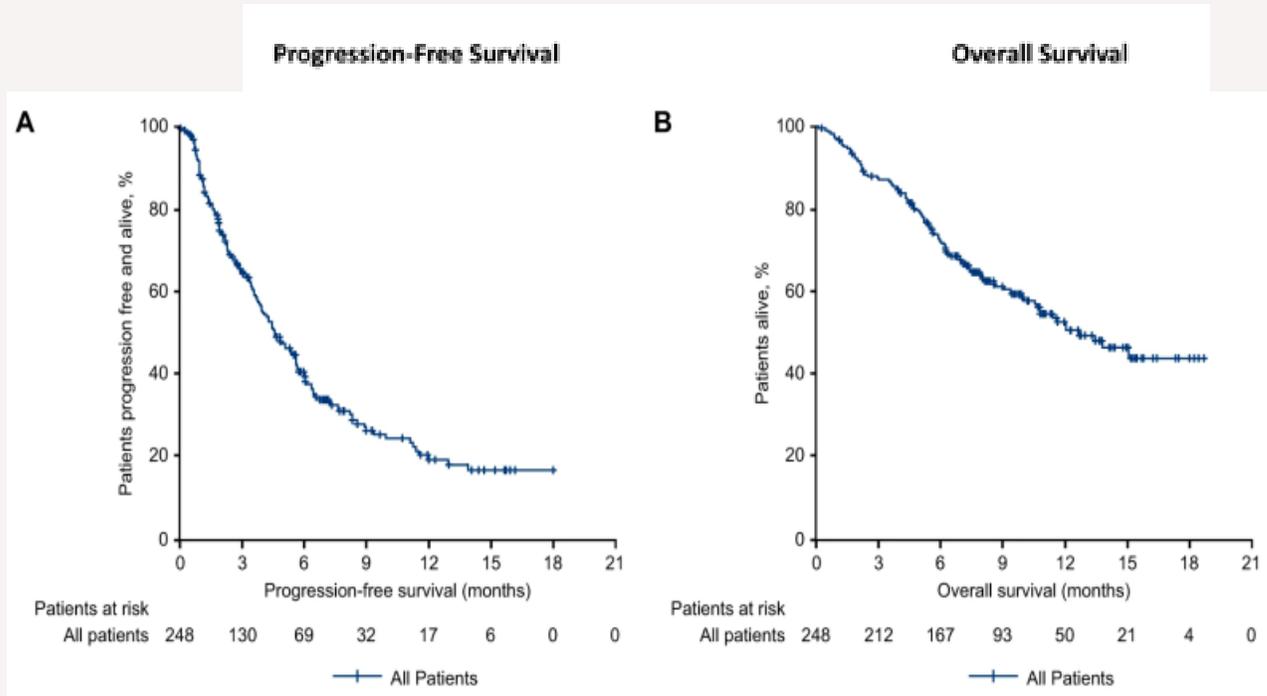
Mechanistic understanding of immune platforms

Critical interpretation of CAR-T and bispecific data

Clinical integration and sequencing strategies

Future paradigms toward immune control

# Triple Class Refractory MM: Therapeutic Challenge

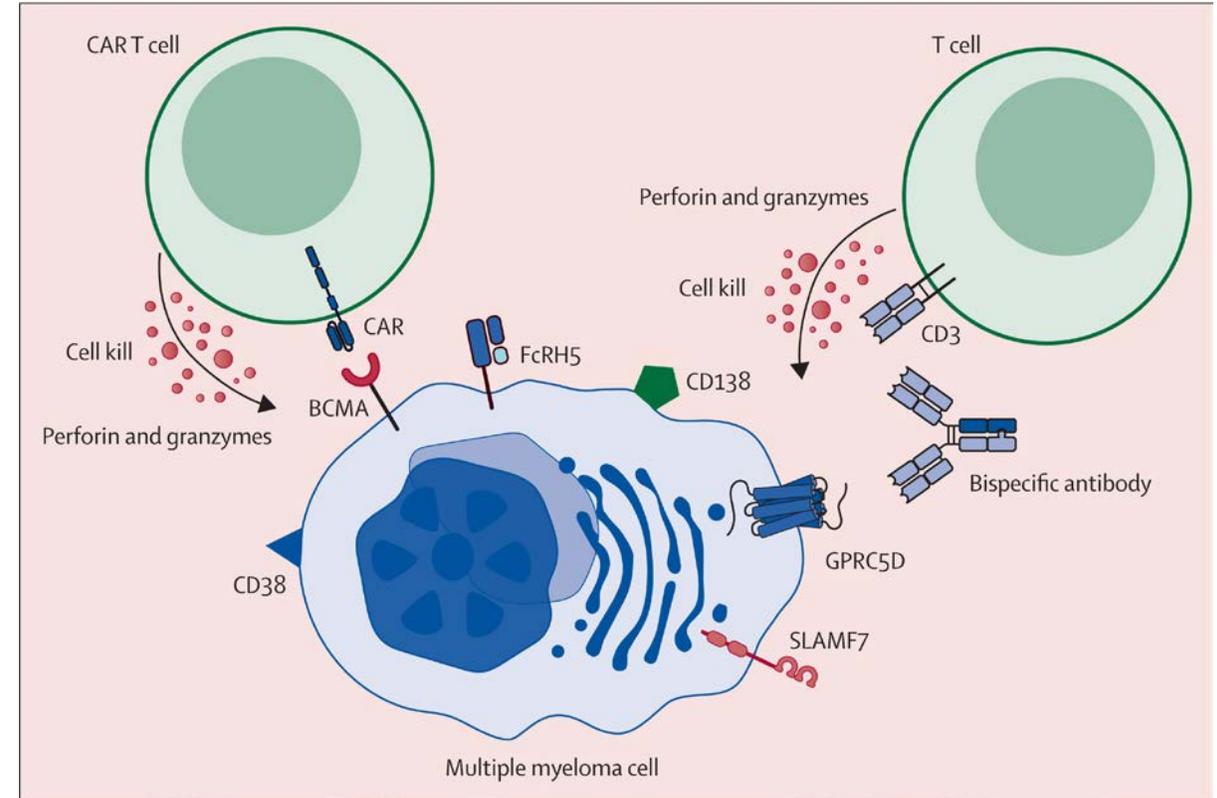


# Immunologic Rationale in Myeloma

Profound immune dysregulation drives relapse

T-cell exhaustion and microenvironment suppression

Surface antigen density enables immune targeting



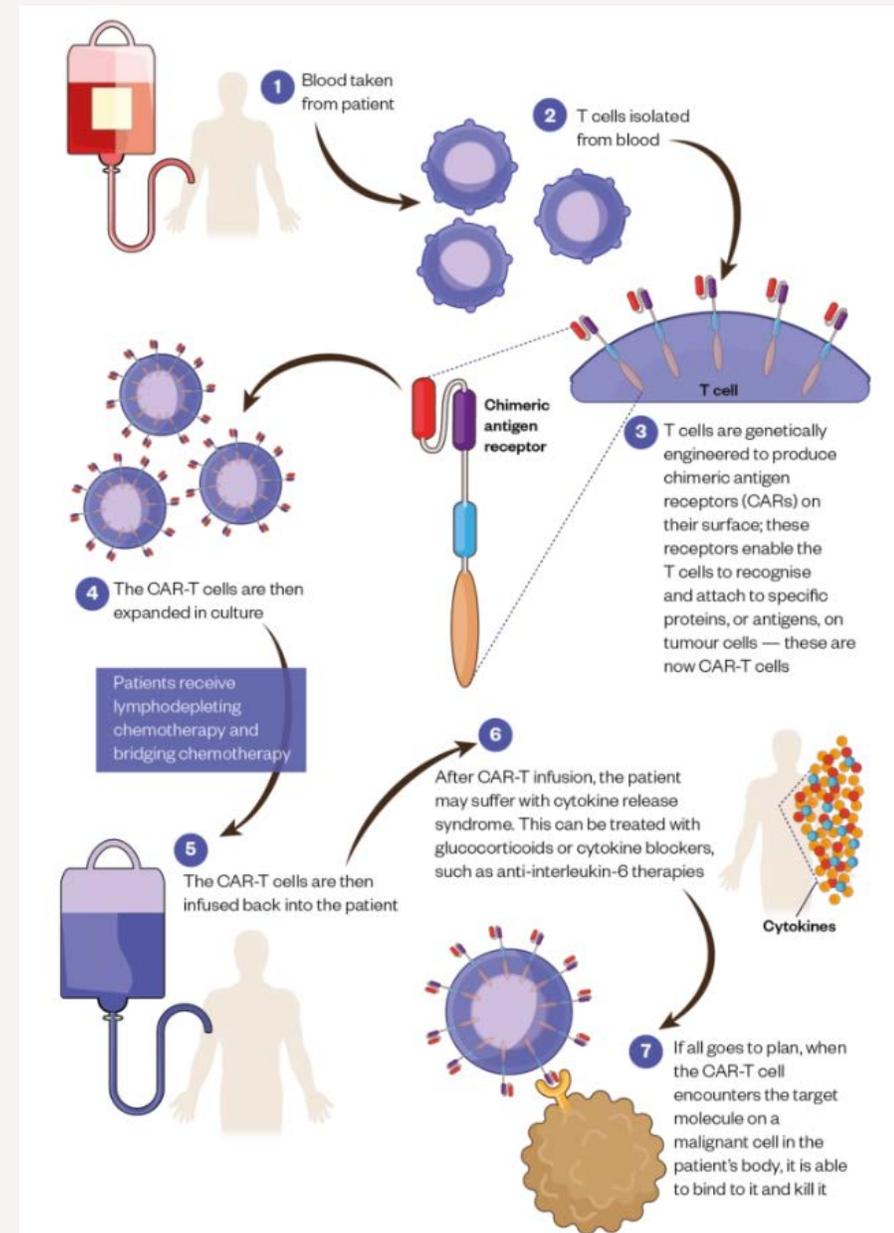
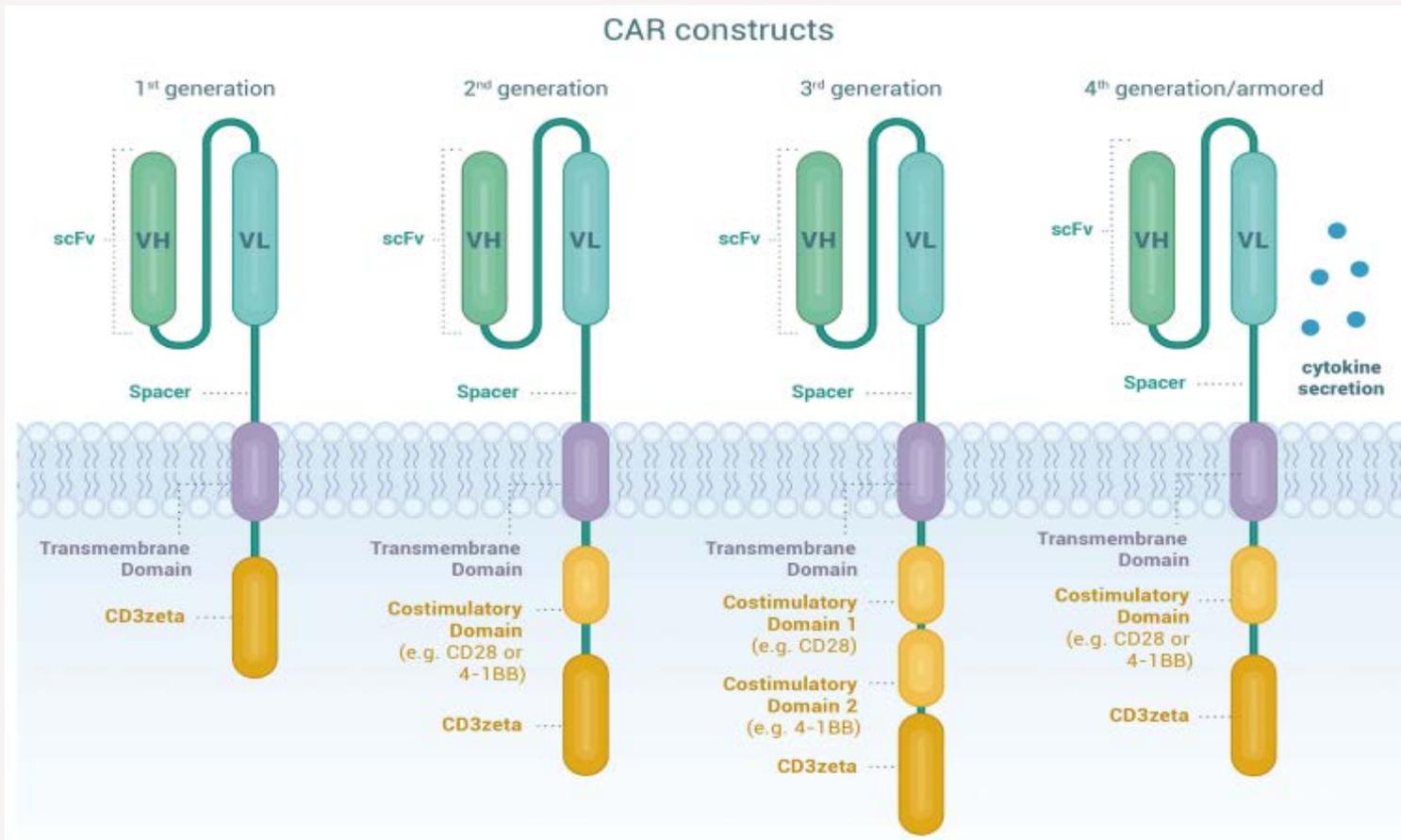
## Modality of Therapy

- CAR-T
- Bispecific antibodies,
- ADCs,
- CELMoDs/Immune Modulation
- Emerging platforms

## Targets in Myeloma

- BCMA
- GPRC5D
- FcRH5
- Emerging targets

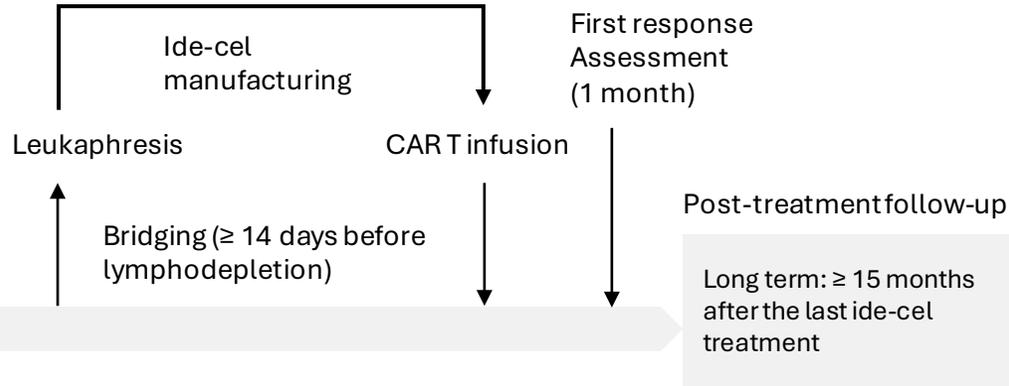
# Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells



# Conventional Autologous CAR-T: Idecabtagene Vicleucel: KarMMa

## RMM

- ≥ 3 prior regimens with ≥ 2 consecutive cycles each (or best response of PD)
- Previously exposed to
  - IMiD
  - PI
  - Anti-CD38 antibody
- Refractory to last therapy per IMWG

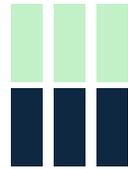


## Endpoints

- Primary: ORR
- Secondary: Safety, DOR, CRR, PFS, OS

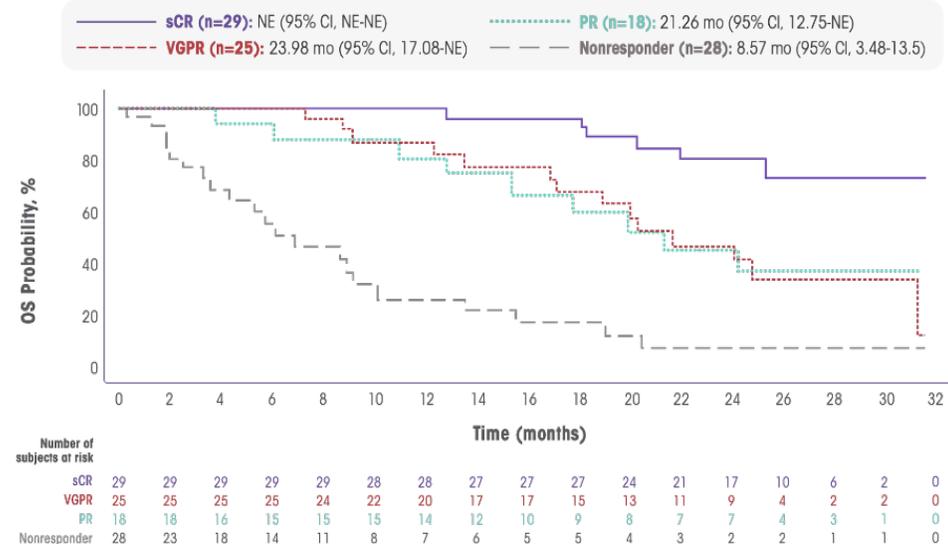
Flu (30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Cy (300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

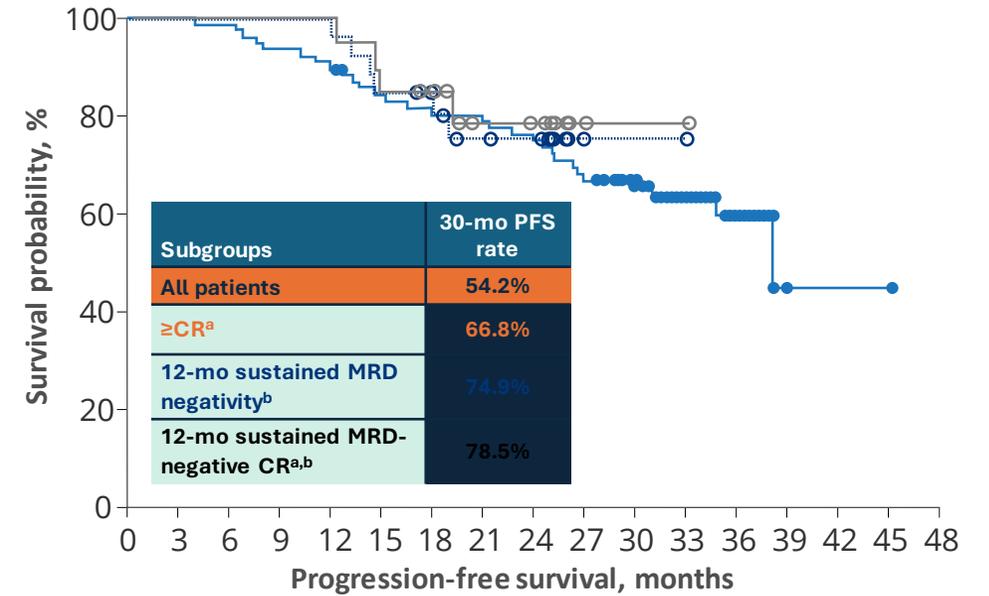
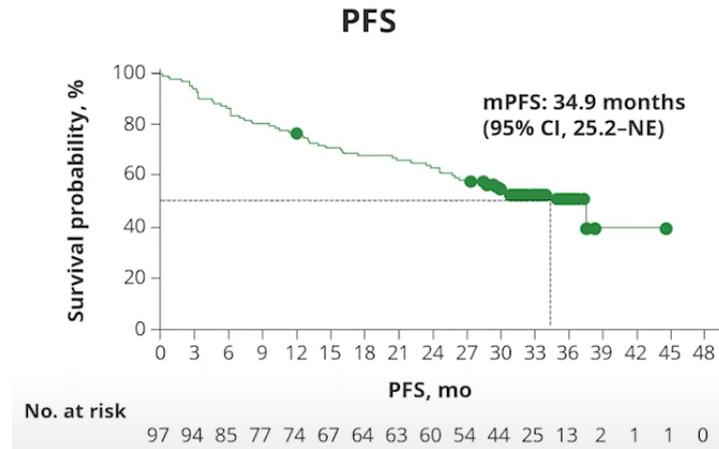
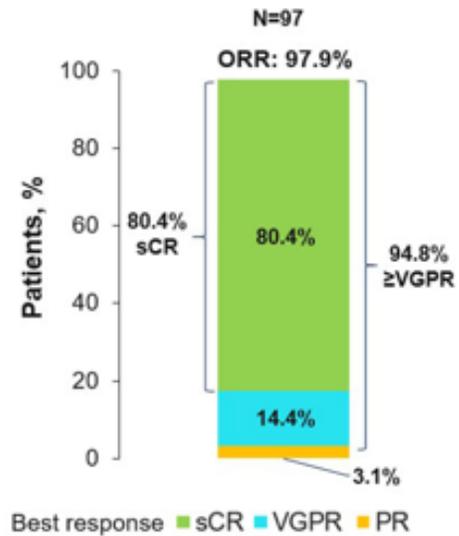


Days -5, -4, -3, 0 and 1

## Survival at 24-month Follow-up Analysis<sup>1,2,4†</sup>



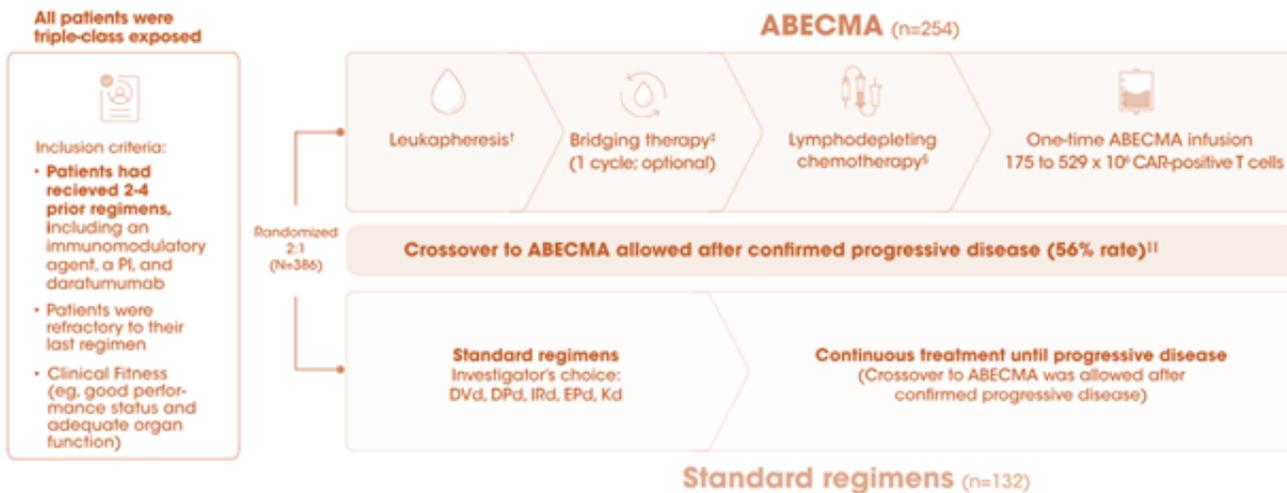
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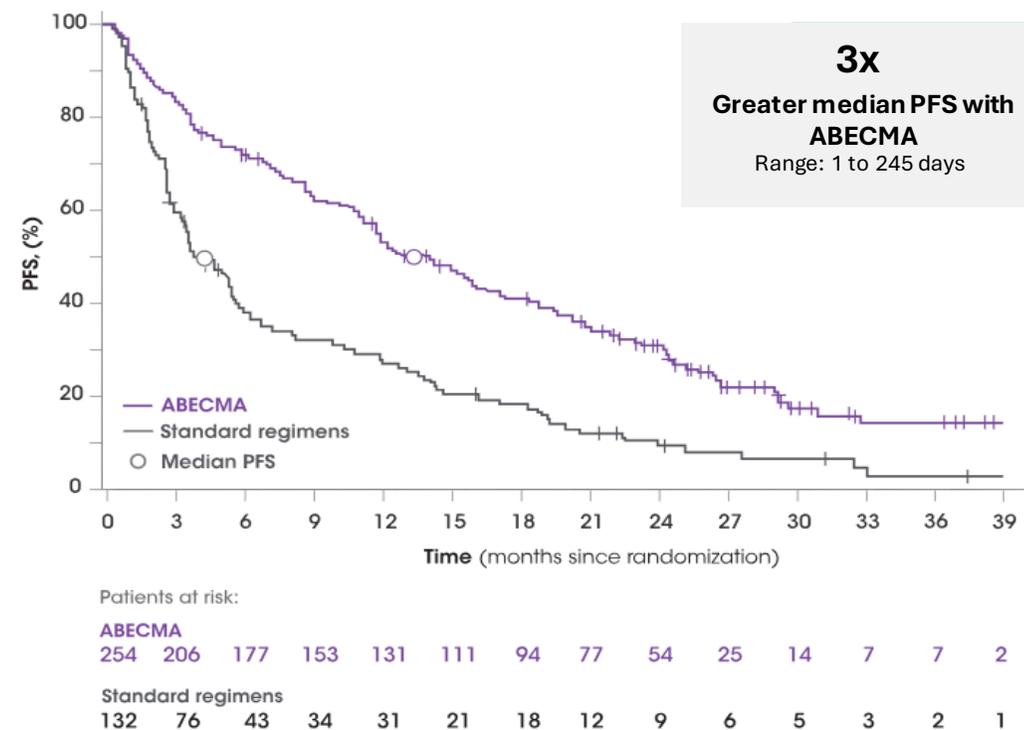
Responders achieving CR <sup>a</sup>	76	76	75	71	69	63	61	60	57	51	42	25	13	2	1	1	0
Sustained (≥12 mo) MRD negativity <sup>b</sup>	26	26	26	26	26	22	18	11	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sustained (≥12 mo) MRD-negative CR/sCR <sup>a,b</sup>	20	20	20	20	20	17	14	10	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Adapted from Lin Y, et al, ASCO 2023 annual meeting presentation.

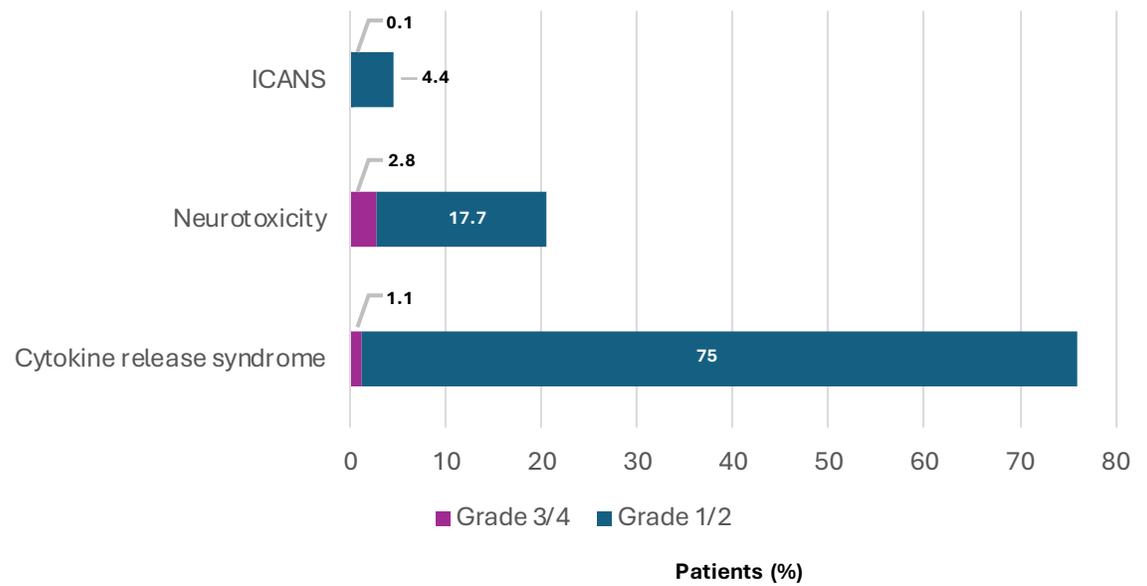
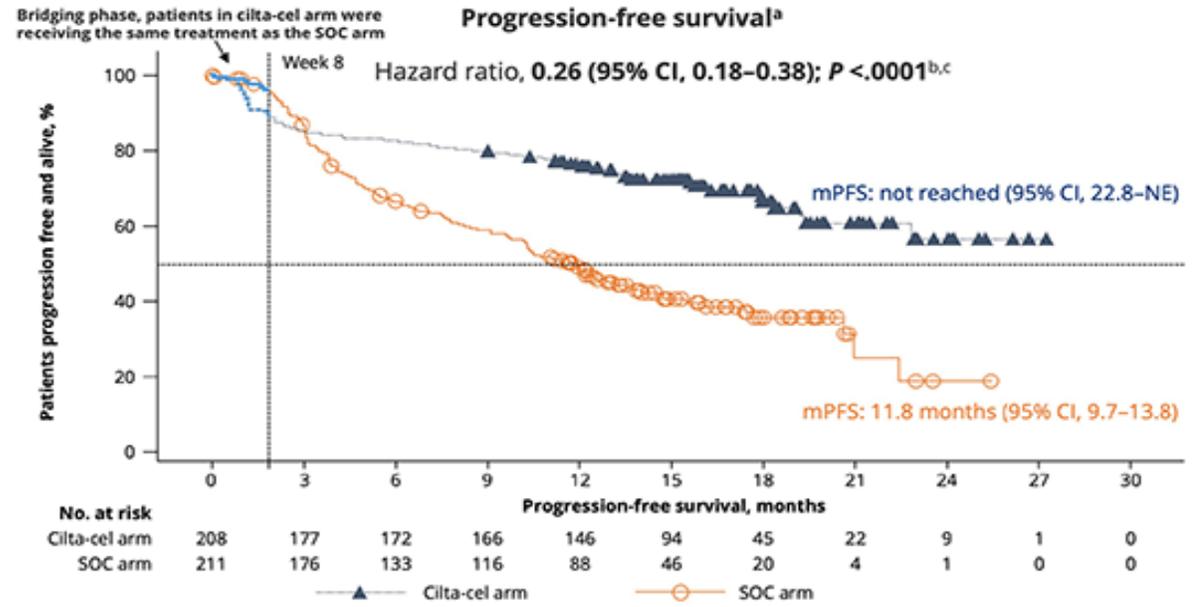
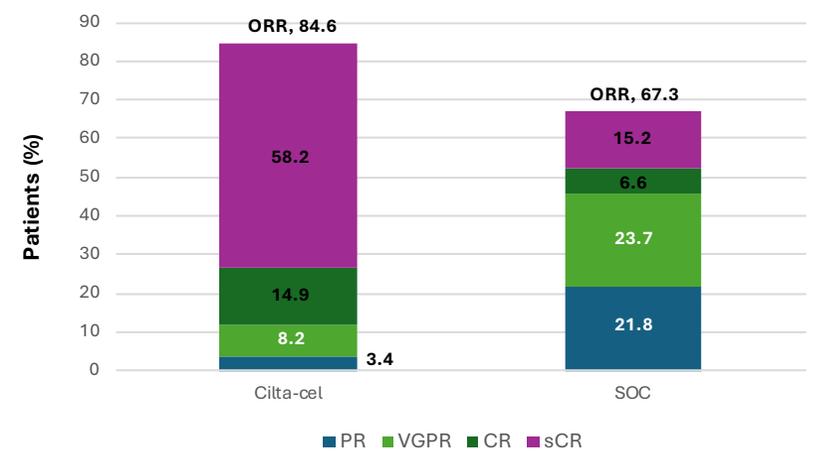
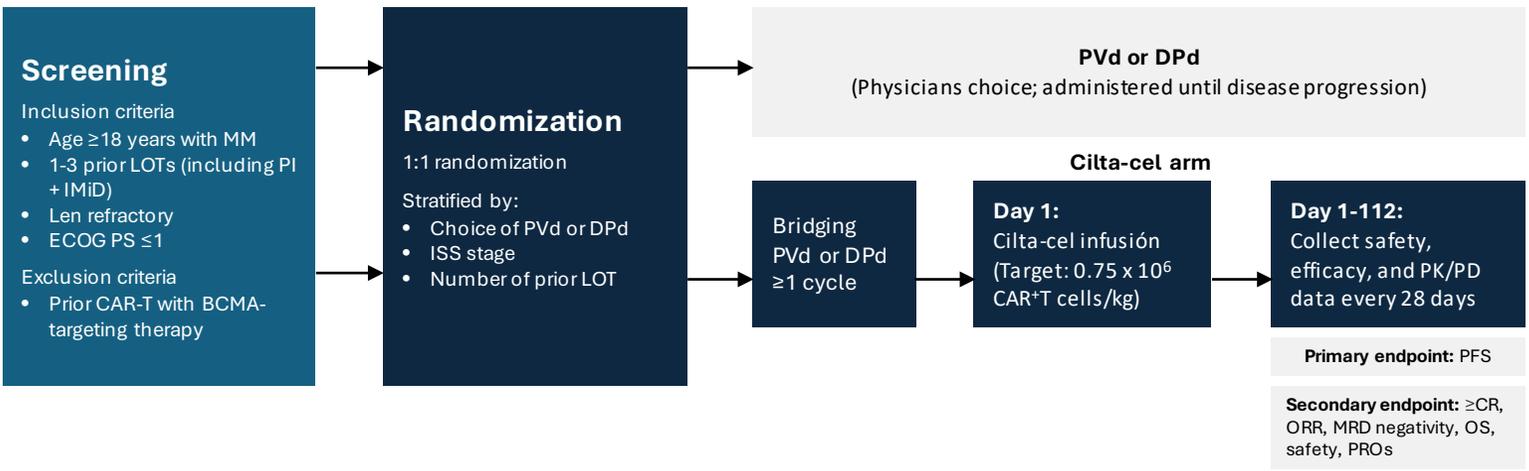
# Idecabtagene Vicleucel: KarMMa-3



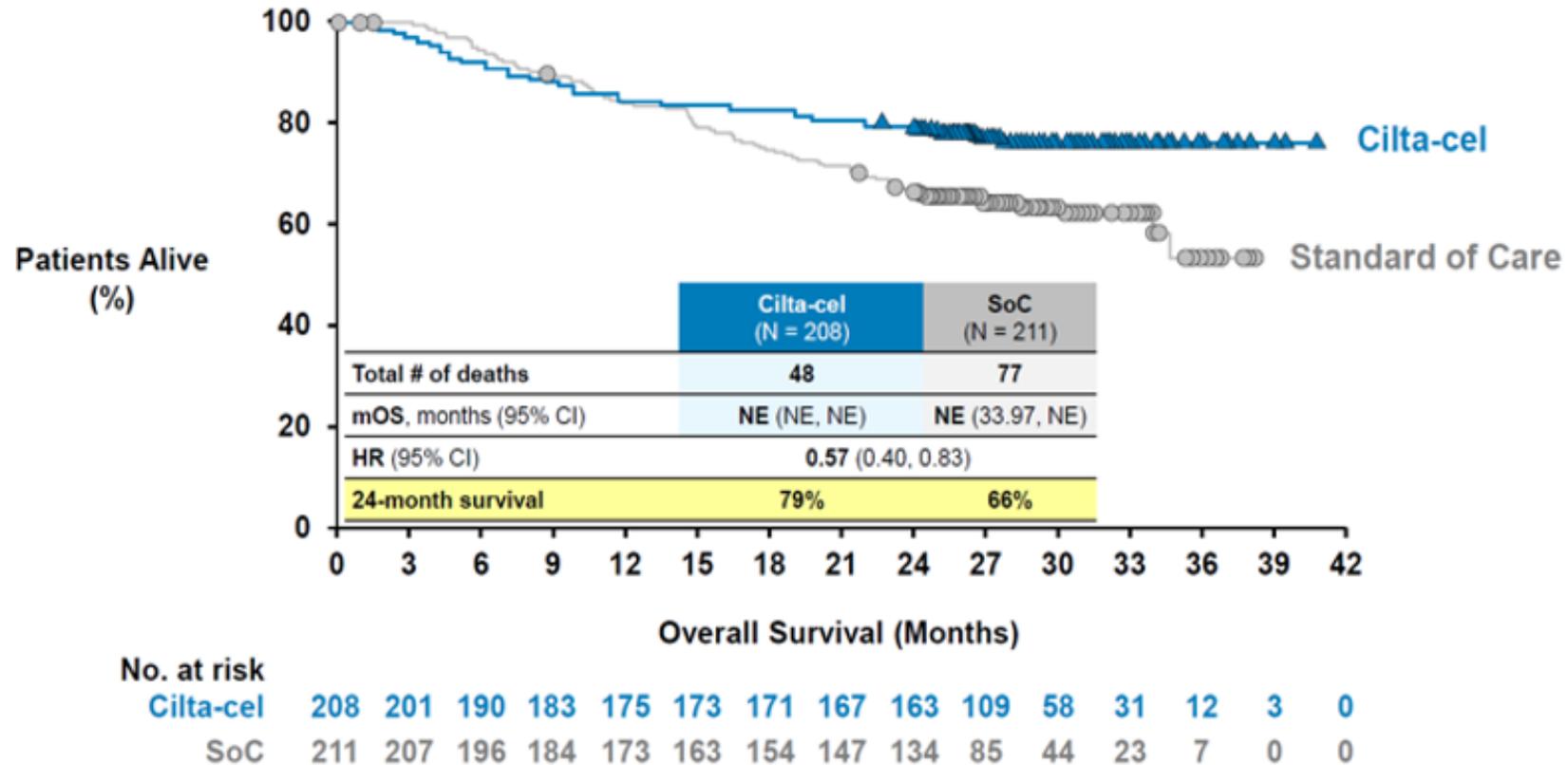
	<b>ORR</b> (sCR+CR+VGPR+PR)	<b>≥VGPR<sup>†</sup></b> (sCR+CR+VGPR)	<b>≥CR<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>ABECMA</b> (n=254)	<b>71%</b> (95% CI, 66-77) (n=181)	<b>61%</b> (n=156)	<b>44%</b> (n=111)
<b>Standard regimens</b> (n=132)	<b>43%</b> (95% CI, 34-51) (n=56)	<b>83%</b> (n=22)	<b>5%</b> (n=7)



# Ciltacabtagene Autoleucl : CARTITUDE-4



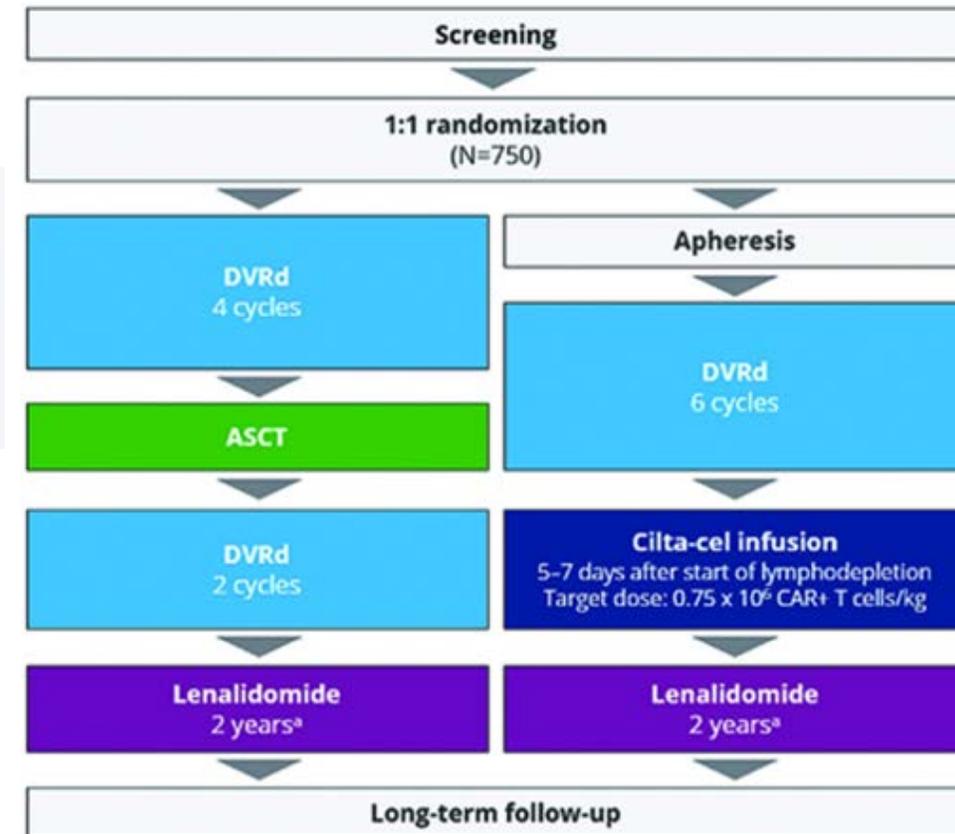
# Ciltacabtagene Autoleucel: CARTITUDE-4 Overall Survival



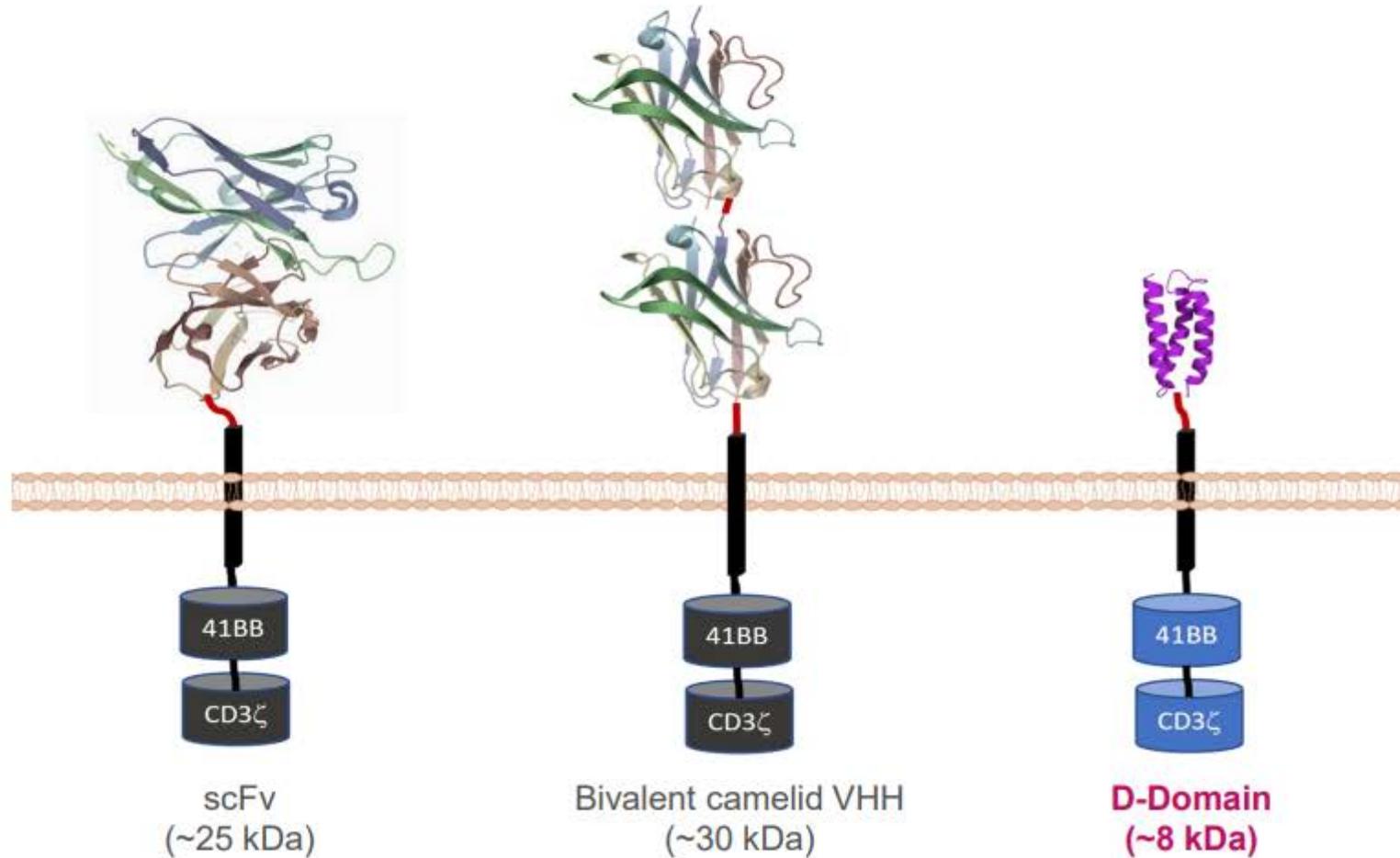
# CARTITUDE 5



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# Anitocabtagene Autoleucel



## D-Domain Attributes: Non-Antibody Derived Synthetic Protein<sup>1,2</sup>

### Size

Small D-Domain construct facilitates high transduction efficiency and CAR positivity<sup>2-4</sup> resulting in a low total cell dose

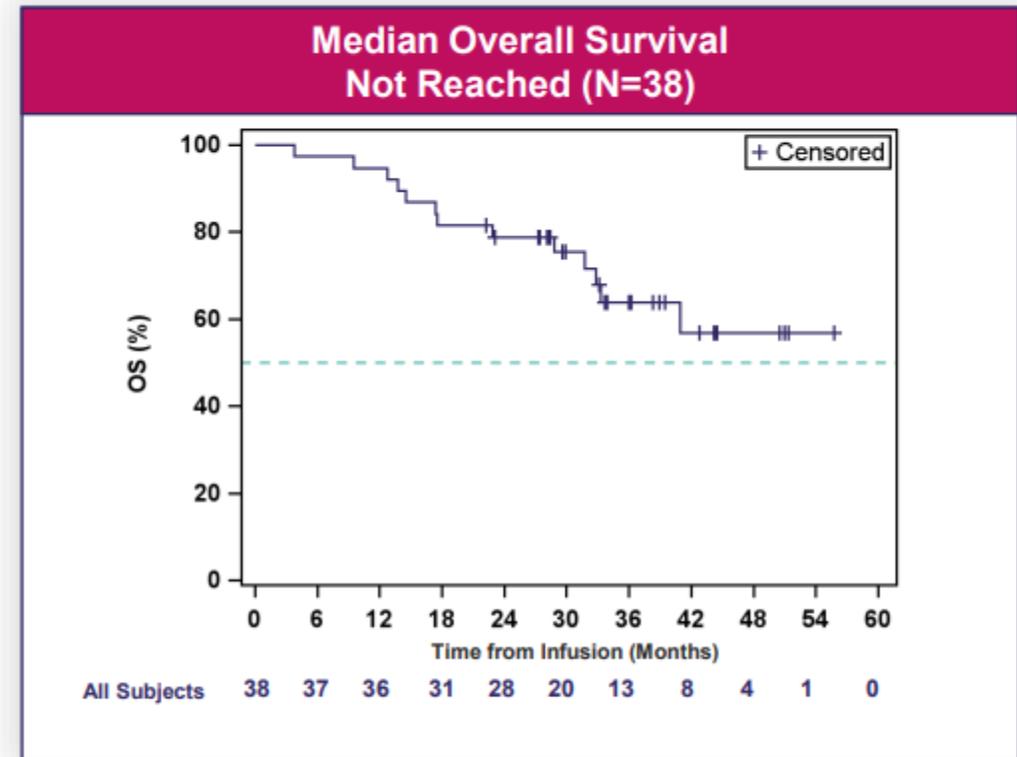
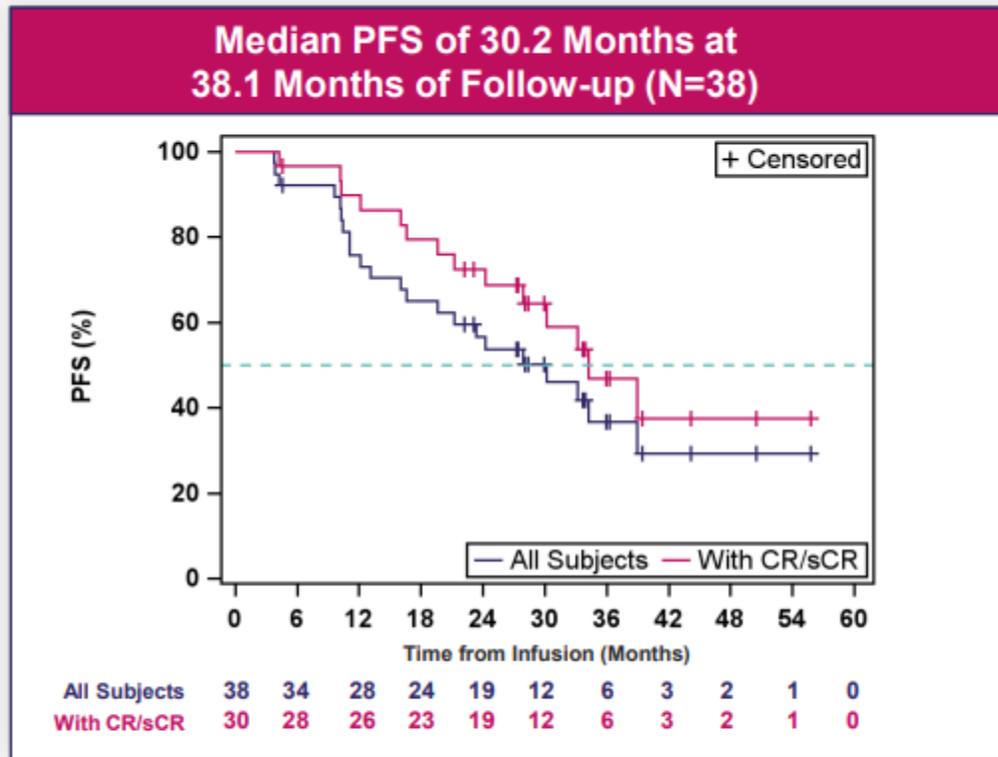
### Structure & Stability

D-Domain CARs are stable and lack tonic signaling<sup>4,6</sup> due to the rapid folding, lack of disulfide bonds, and hydrophobic core<sup>5,6</sup> of the D-Domain

### Binding

The D-Domain binder has a fast off-rate<sup>4</sup> and high CAR surface expression<sup>4</sup>. This combination may allow optimal tumor cell killing without prolonged inflammation

# Anitocabtagene Autoleucel: Phase 1 study

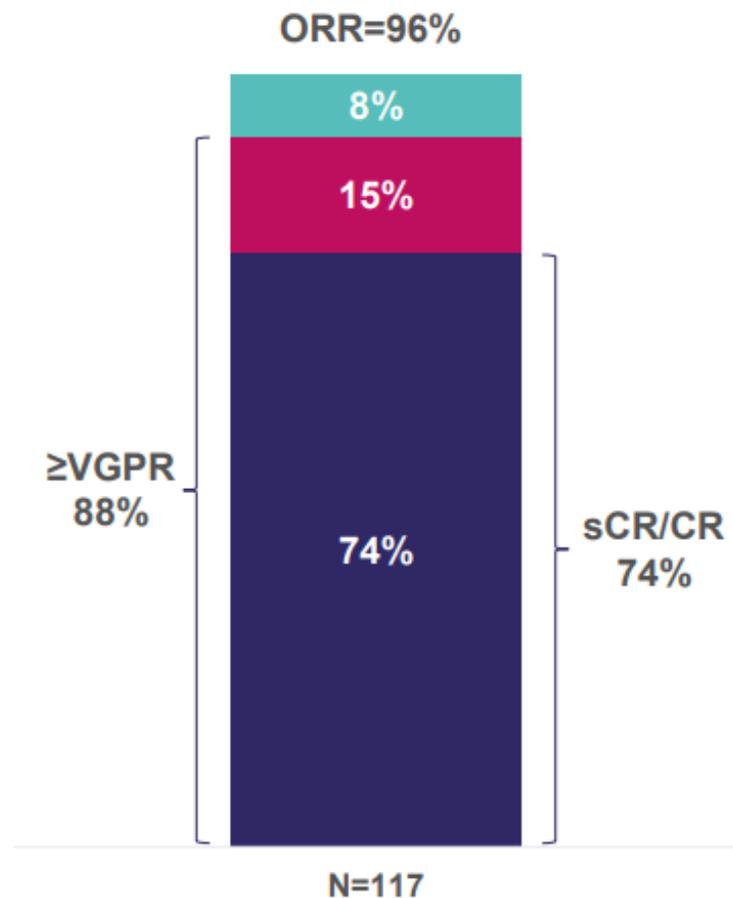


- With a median follow-up of 38.1 months, anito-cel achieved rapid, high response rates with long-term durable remissions in a refractory, heavily pre-treated 4L+ RRMM population :
  - sCR/CR achieved in 79% of patients
  - Median PFS of 30.2 months in all patients and 34.3 months in patients with sCR/CR
  - Median OS not reached
  - Similar efficacy and durable remissions were observed across high-risk subgroups (68% of patients had high-risk features)
- The safety profile is predictable and manageable with no delayed or non-ICANS neurotoxicities, including no Parkinsonism, no cranial nerve palsies, and no Guillain-Barré syndrome

# iMMagine-1: Efficacy

Efficacy Evaluable Patients, N=117

Median PFS and OS were not reached



Best Response: ■ sCR/CR ■ VGPR ■ PR

N=117	PFS Rate (%) (95% CI)	OS Rate (%) (95% CI)
6-Month	93.1 (86.7, 96.5)	95.7 (90.0, 98.2)
12-Month	82.1 (73.6, 88.1)	94.0 (87.8, 97.1)
18-Month	67.4 (55.4, 76.8)	88.0 (78.8, 93.4)
24-Month	61.7 (48.0, 72.8)	83.0 (70.7, 90.5)

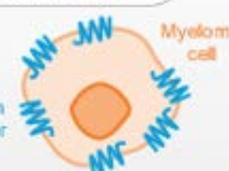
# Rapid-Manufacture Autologous CAR-T

CAR-T Product	Key Study	Patients (N)	Median Prior LOT	ORR	≥CR	Median PFS	Distinguishing Features
<b>BMS-986354</b>	Phase I study	~60	≥3–4	<b>95%</b>	46%	12.3 mo	Higher T central memory cells, less differentiated
<b>FasTCAR (GC012F / AZD0120)</b>	FUMANBA-1 Phase I	~40	≥4	<b>93–100%</b>	~82–90% sCR	~38 mo	<b>Rapid manufacturing (~22–36 hr); dual target BCMA + CD19</b>
<b>PHE885</b>	Phase I study	~30	≥3	<b>~93%</b>	~50%	NR	<b>Next-day manufacturing (~24 hr) using T-Charge platform</b>

# GPRC5D

**GPRC5D**

Orphan receptor highly expressed on MM cells



Orphan receptor

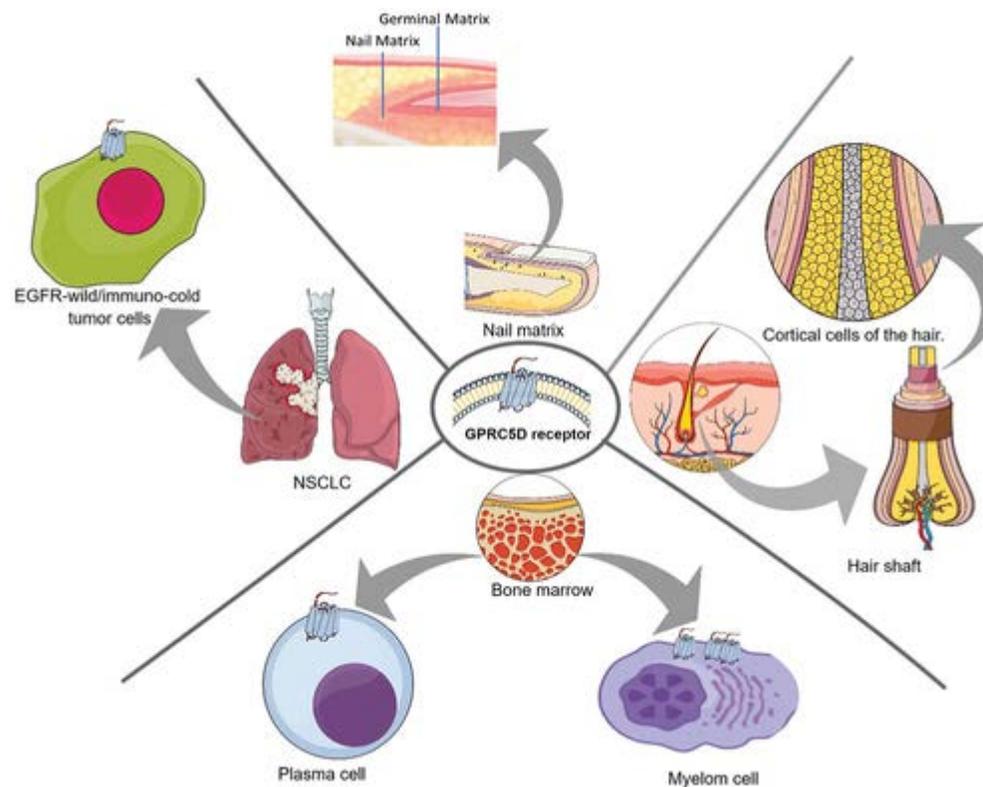
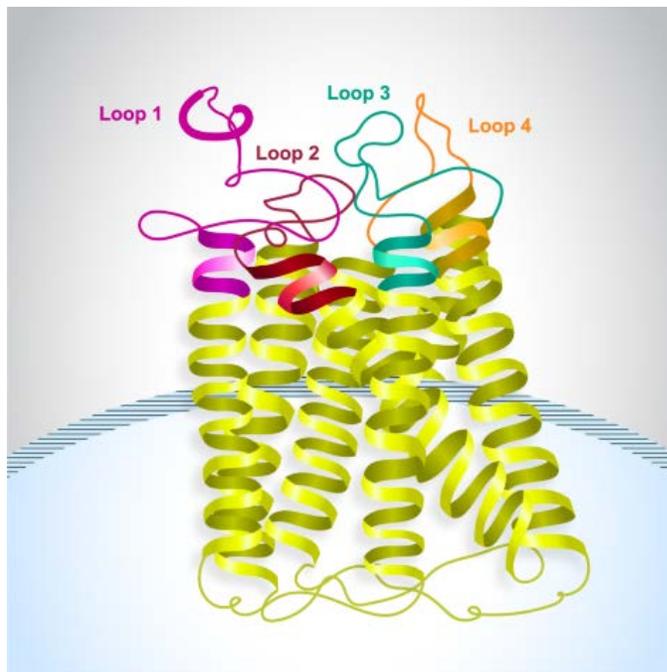
Myeloma cell

Restricted expression profile in normal tissues



Novel target for MM

Preserves BCMA-targeting therapies for later lines



## Safety profile and adverse event management

**AEs unique to GPRC5D-targeting therapies**



**Dysgeusia/Dysphagia**  
Supportive care and dose adjustments



**Skin/Rash**  
Emollient, topical/oral steroids



**Nail**  
Often resolve without intervention

! Most were **low grade, manageable, and led to low treatment discontinuation**

**AEs related to T-cell engaging therapies**



**CRS**  
Steroids, antihistamine, paracetamol for pre-treatment, and tocilizumab/vasopressor at onset



**ICANS**  
Tocilizumab and corticosteroids

**Infections**

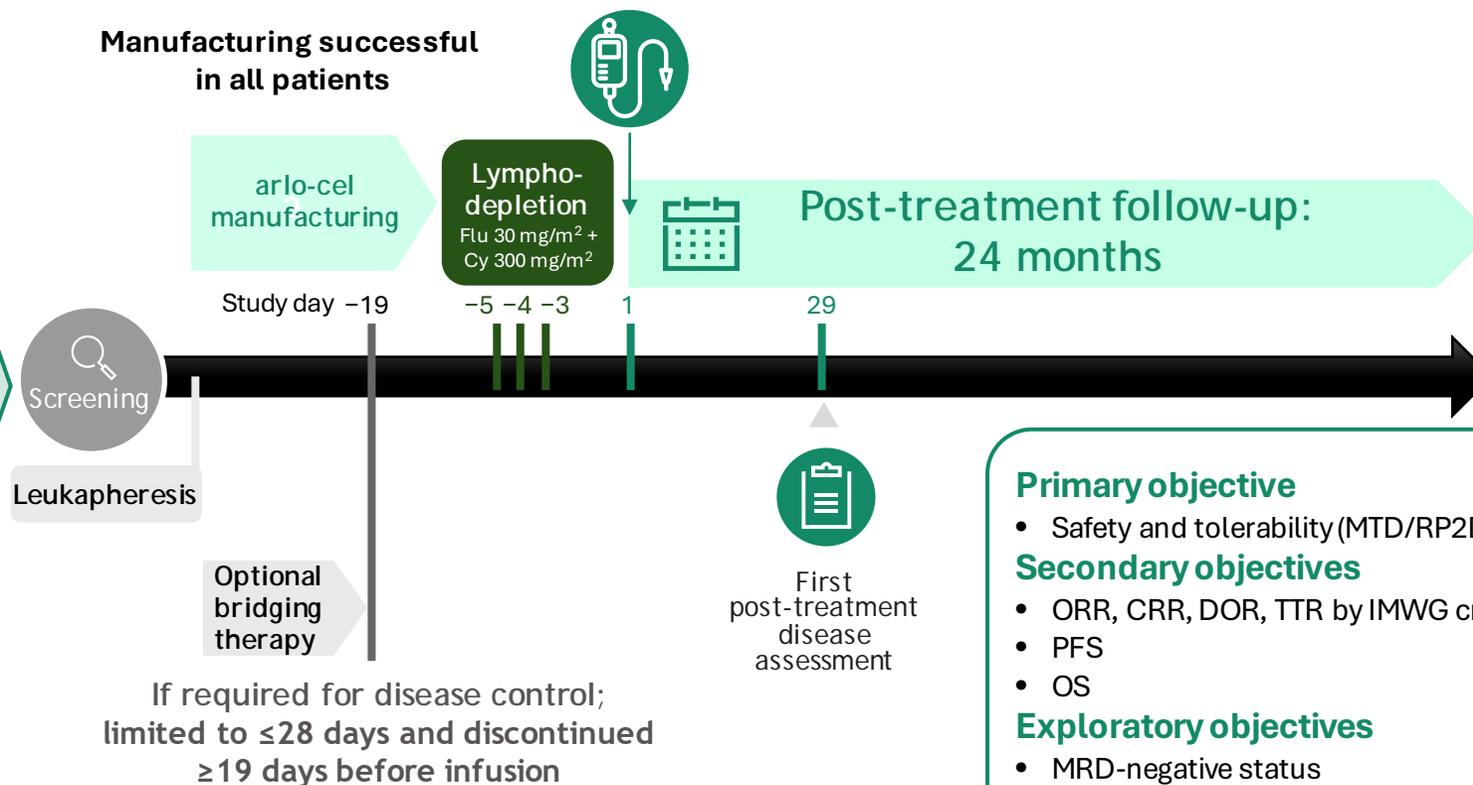


# Arlocabtagene Autoleucel in RRMM



## Part A and Part B, Cohort A: key eligibility criteria

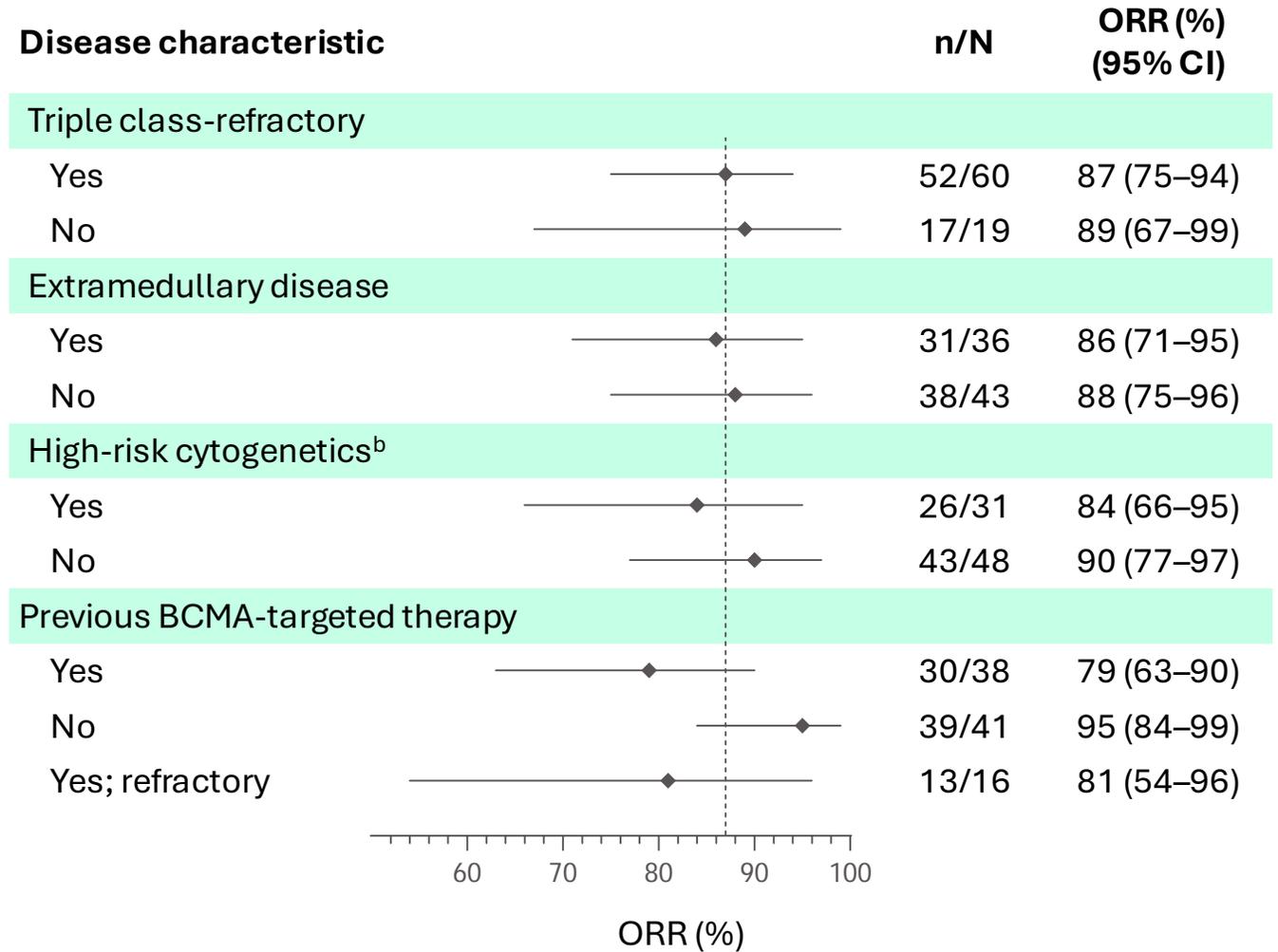
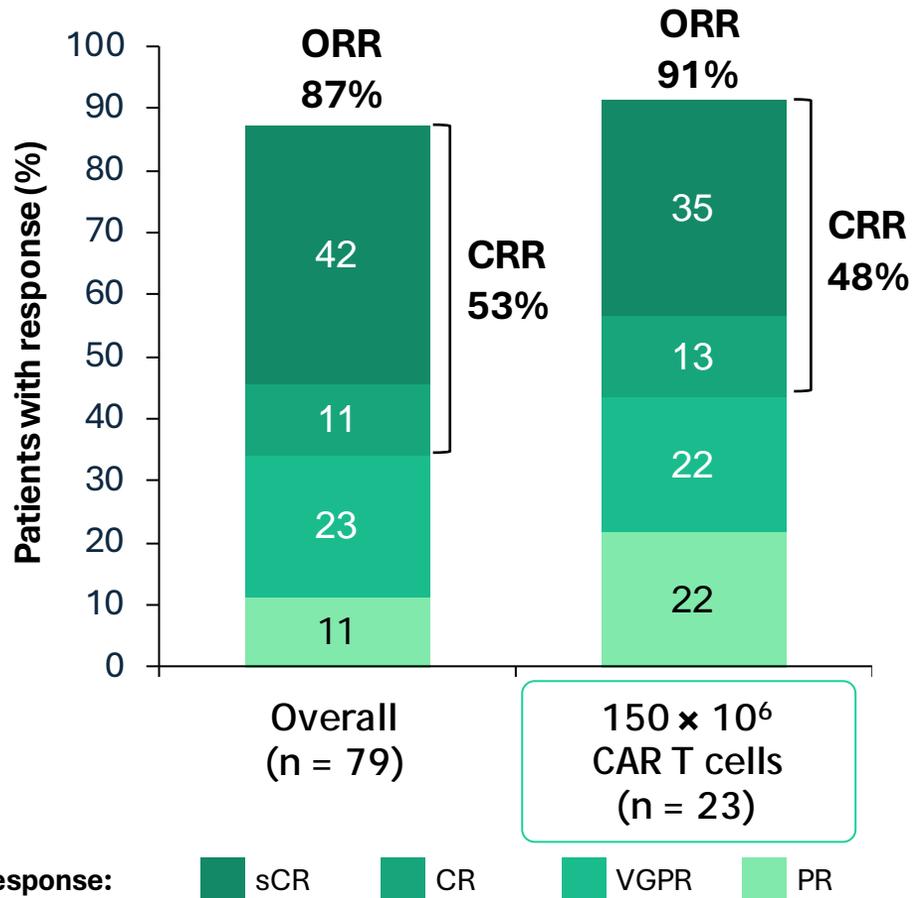
- Age  $\geq$  18 years
- RRMM that progressed  $\leq$  12 months of the most recent regimen per IMWG criteria<sup>a</sup>
- Previously exposed to  $\geq$  3 antimyeloma treatment regimens, including:
  - a PI
  - IMiD agent
  - Anti-CD38 therapy
  - ASCT (unless ineligible)
- Prior BCMA-directed therapies allowed, including CAR T cell therapies
- ECOG PS 0-1



- Primary objective**
- Safety and tolerability (MTD/RP2D)
- Secondary objectives**
- ORR, CRR, DOR, TTR by IMWG criteria
  - PFS
  - OS
- Exploratory objectives**
- MRD-negative status
  - Pharmacodynamics

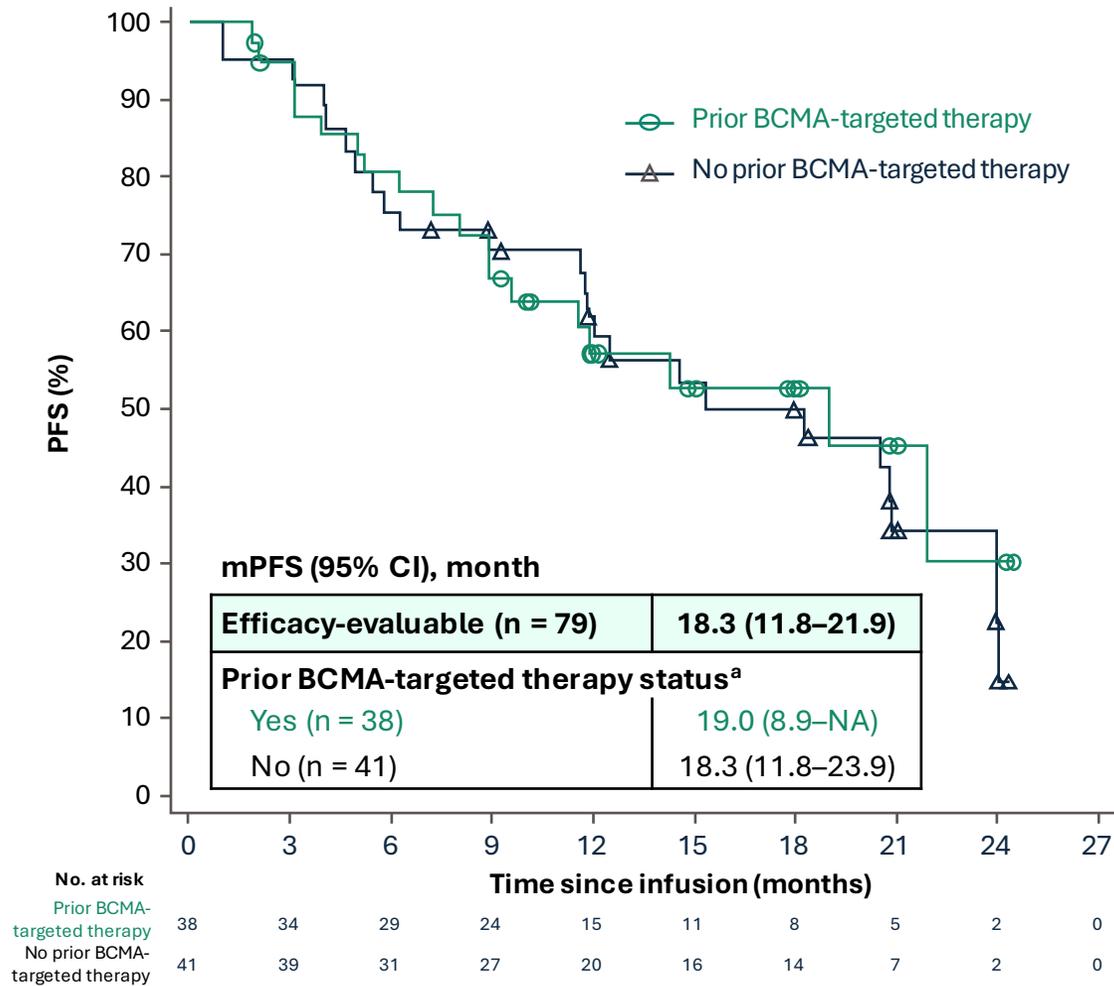
# Arlocabtagene Autoleucel: Efficacy

Efficacy-evaluable population<sup>a</sup>

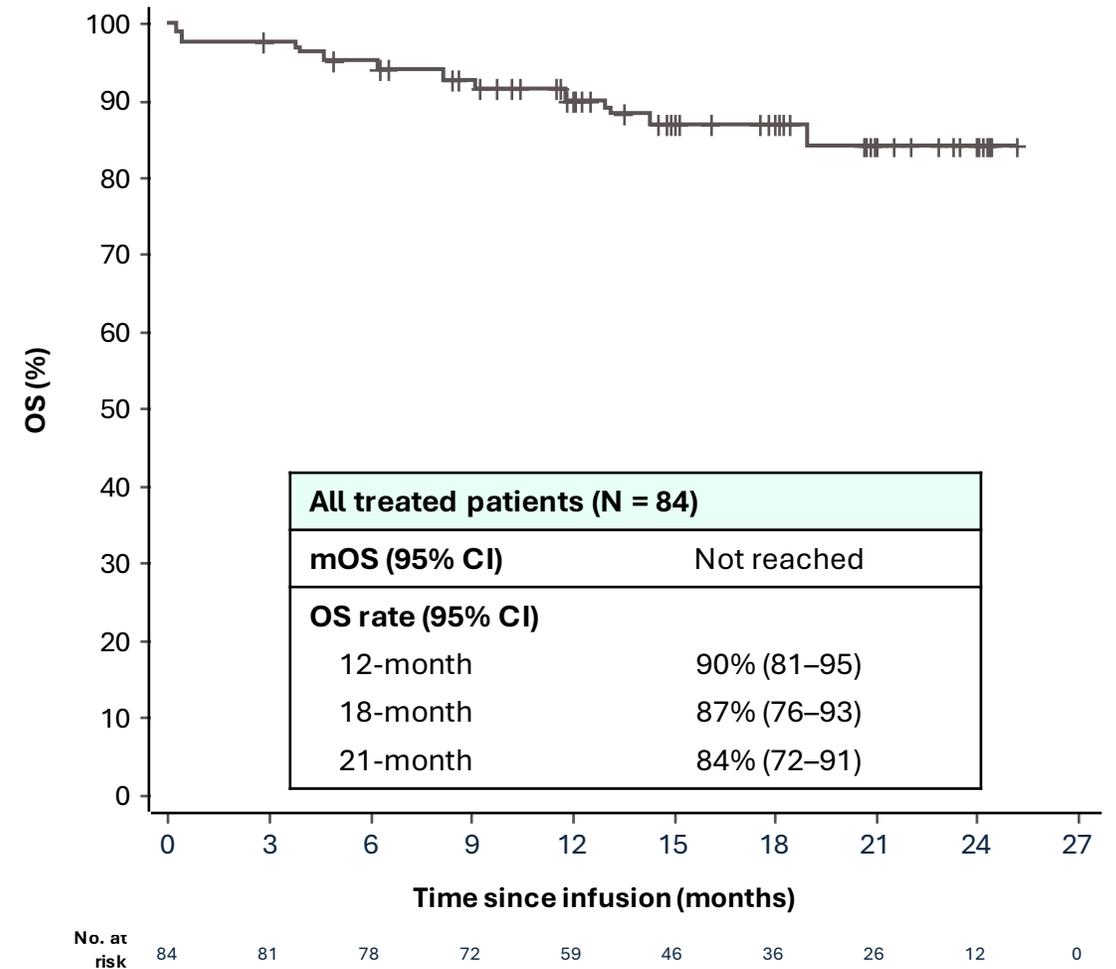


# Arlocabtagene Autoleucel: Efficacy

## PFS<sup>a,b</sup>

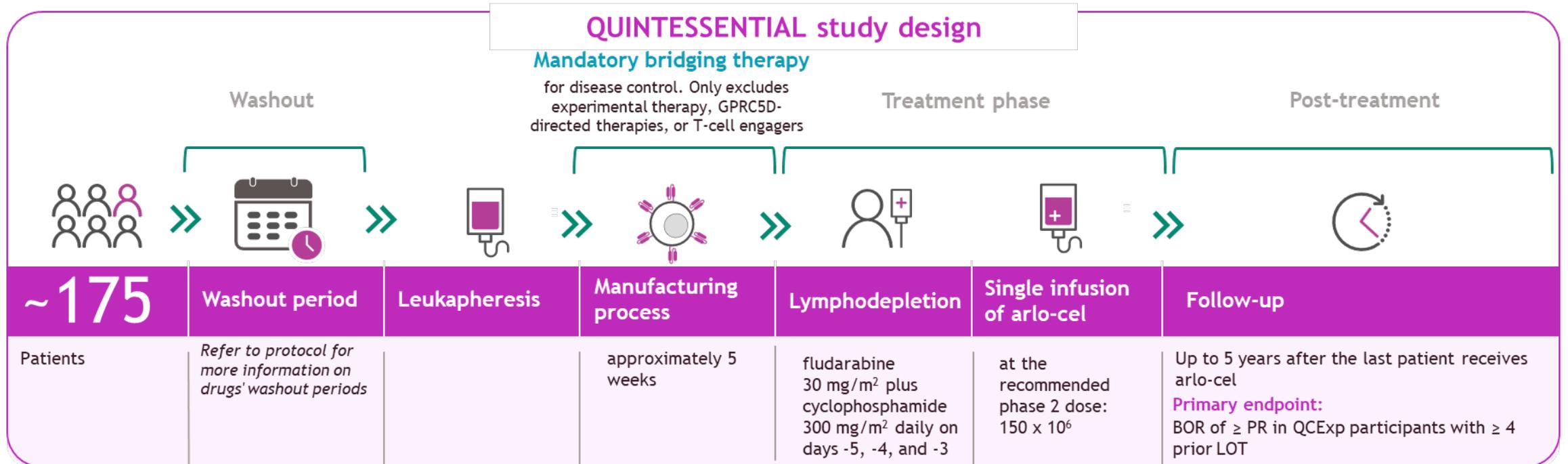


## OS



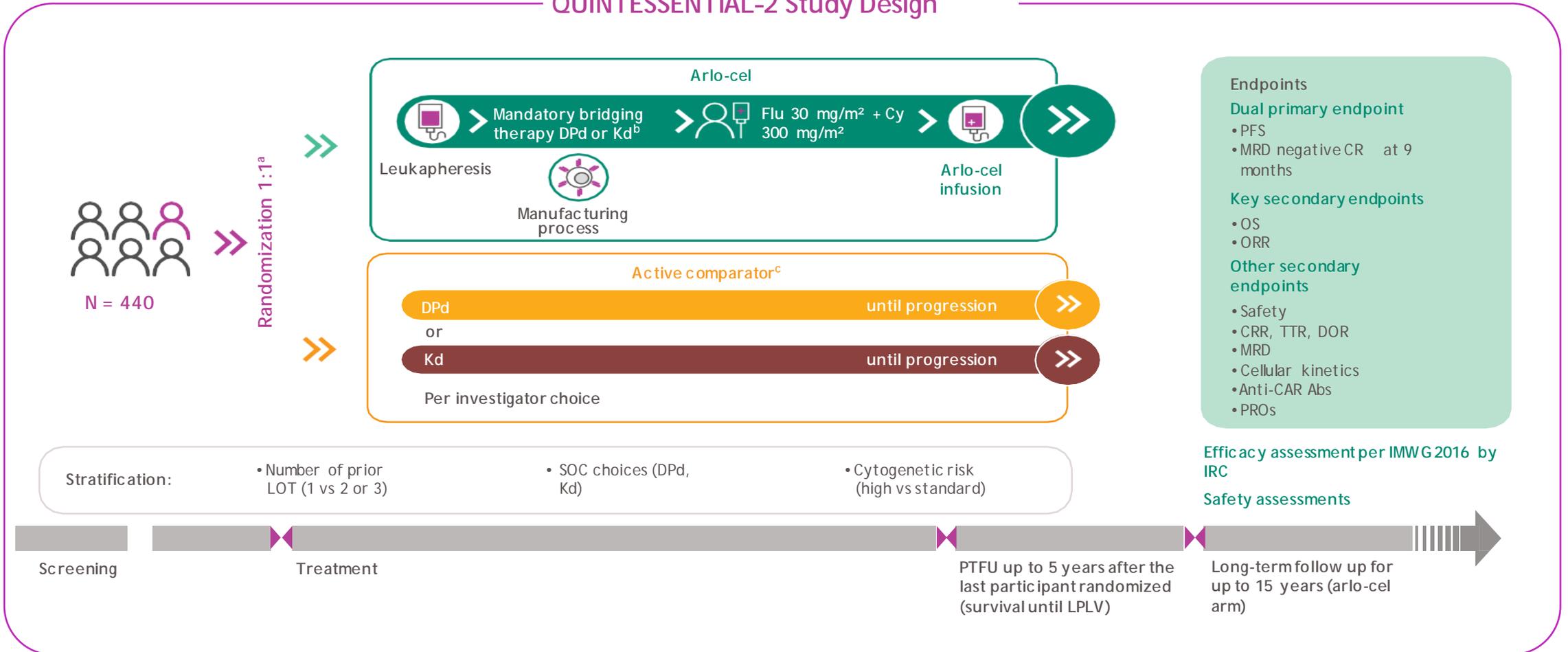
# QUINTESSENTIAL

Phase 2, open-label, multicentre study evaluating the efficacy and safety profile of arlo-cel in patients with triple-class exposed RRMM and  $\geq 3$  prior regimens

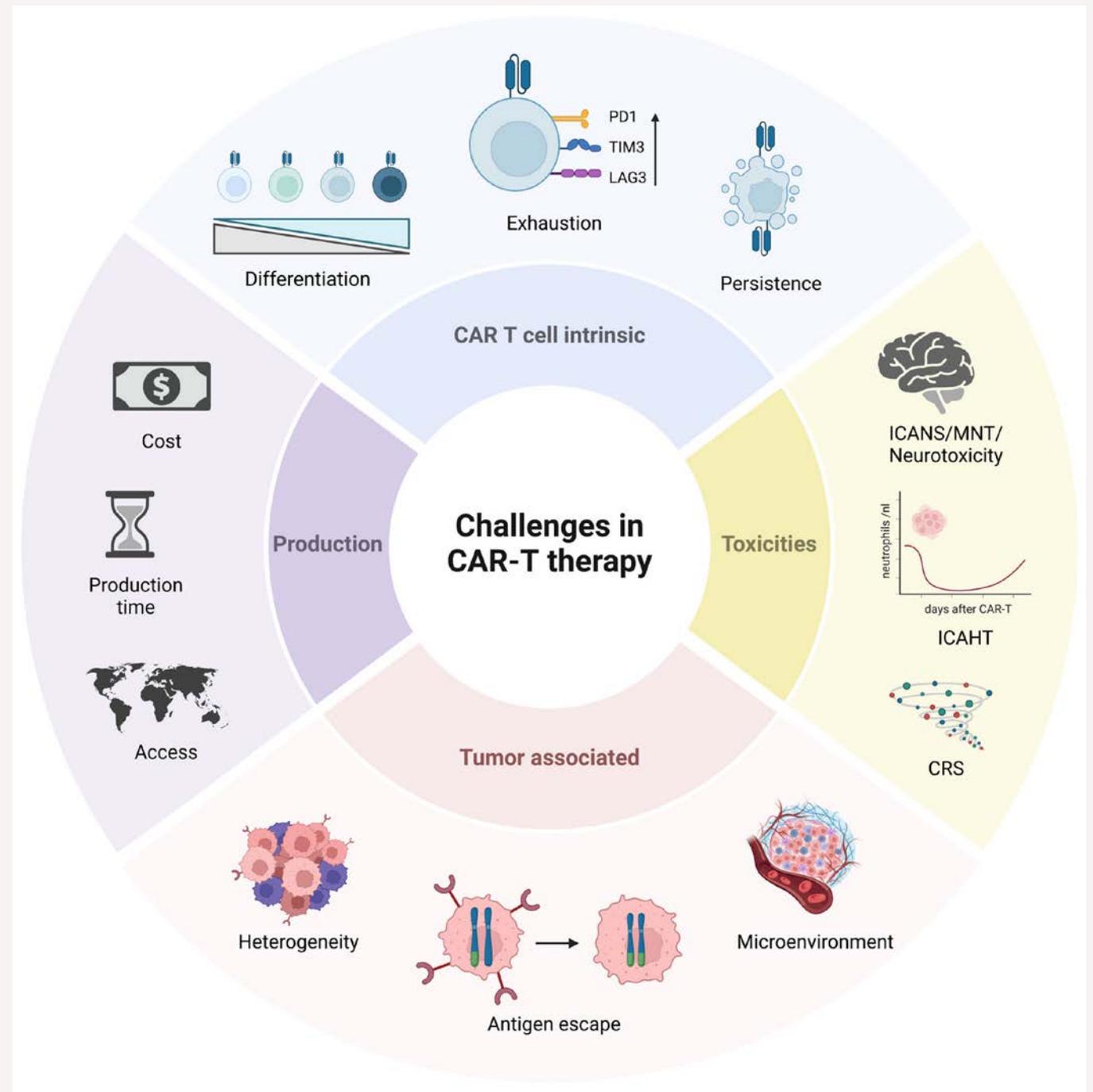


# QUINTESSENTIAL-2

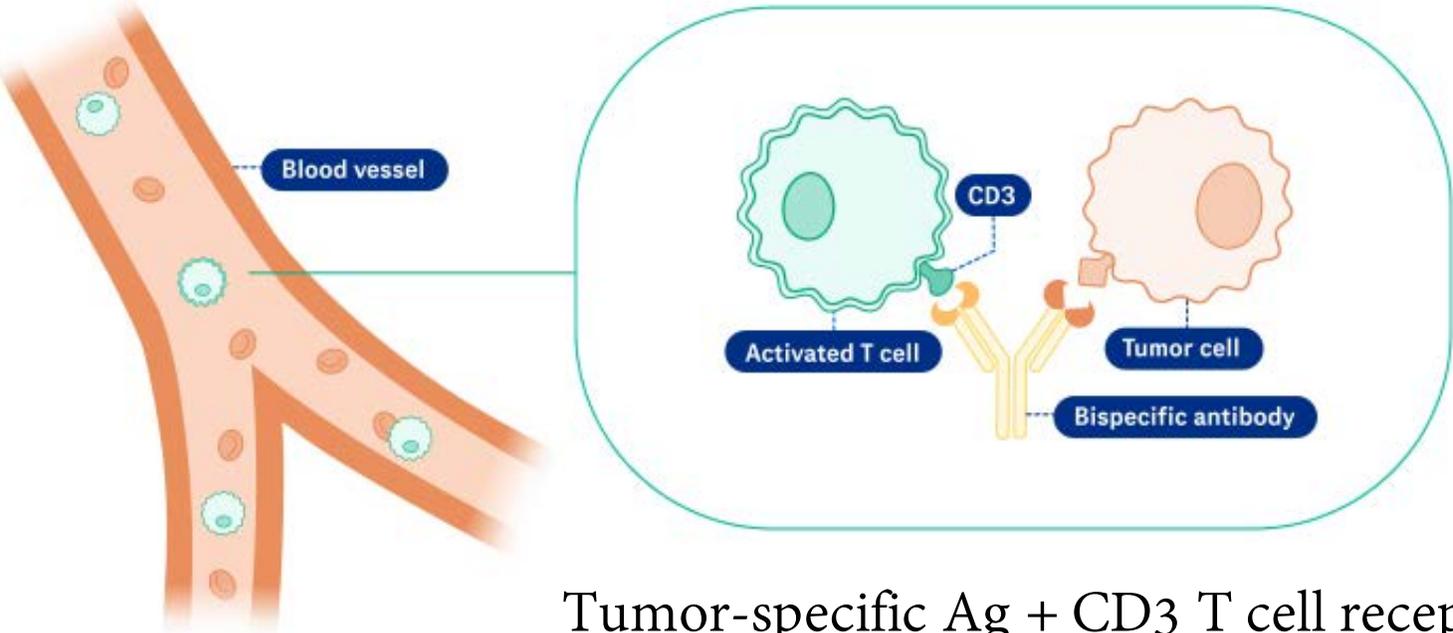
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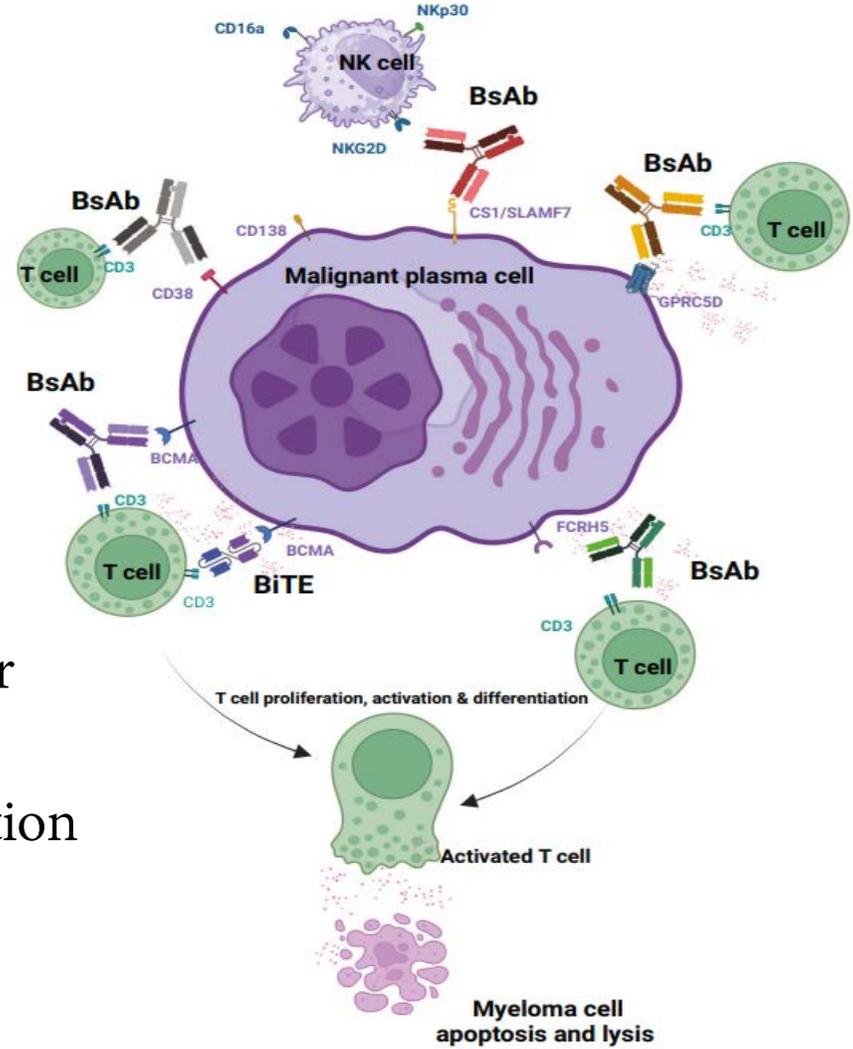
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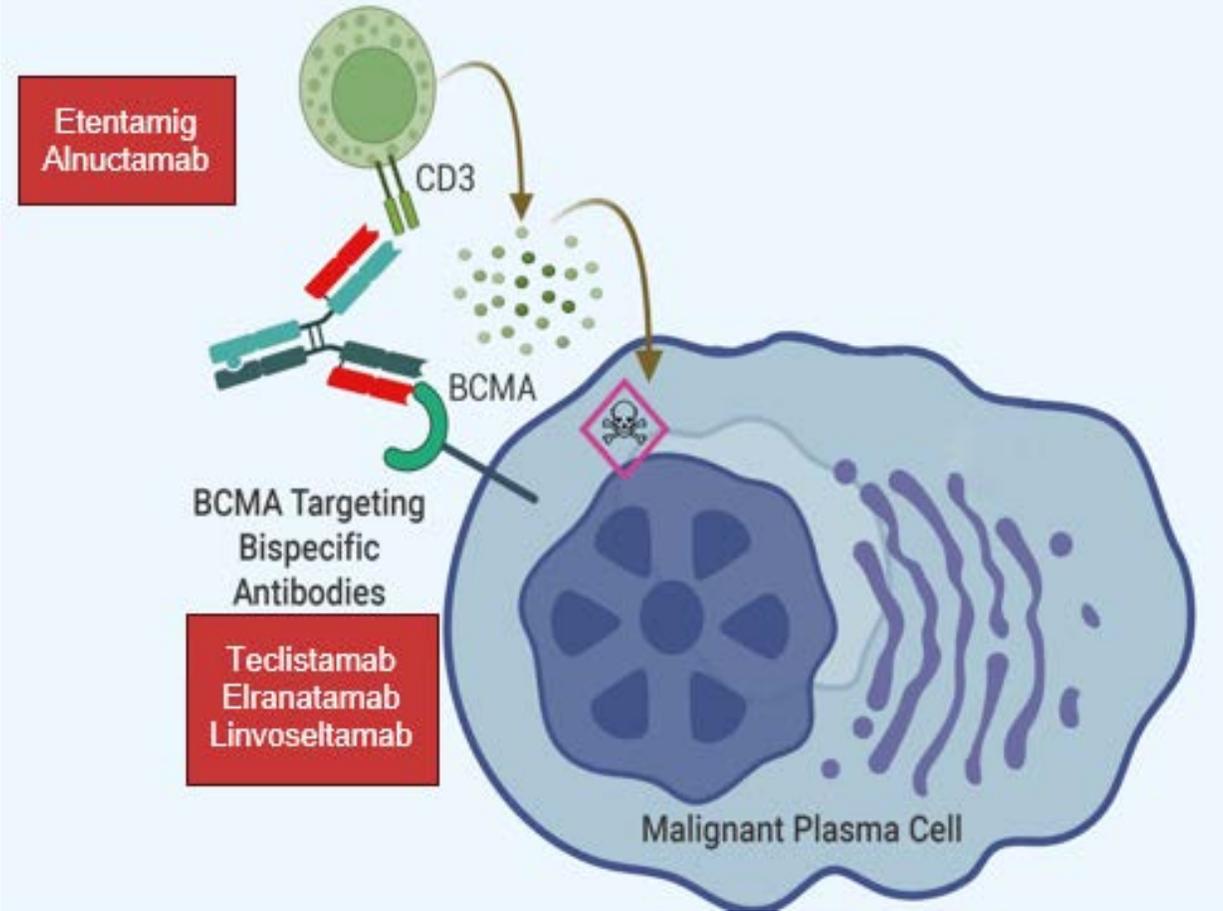
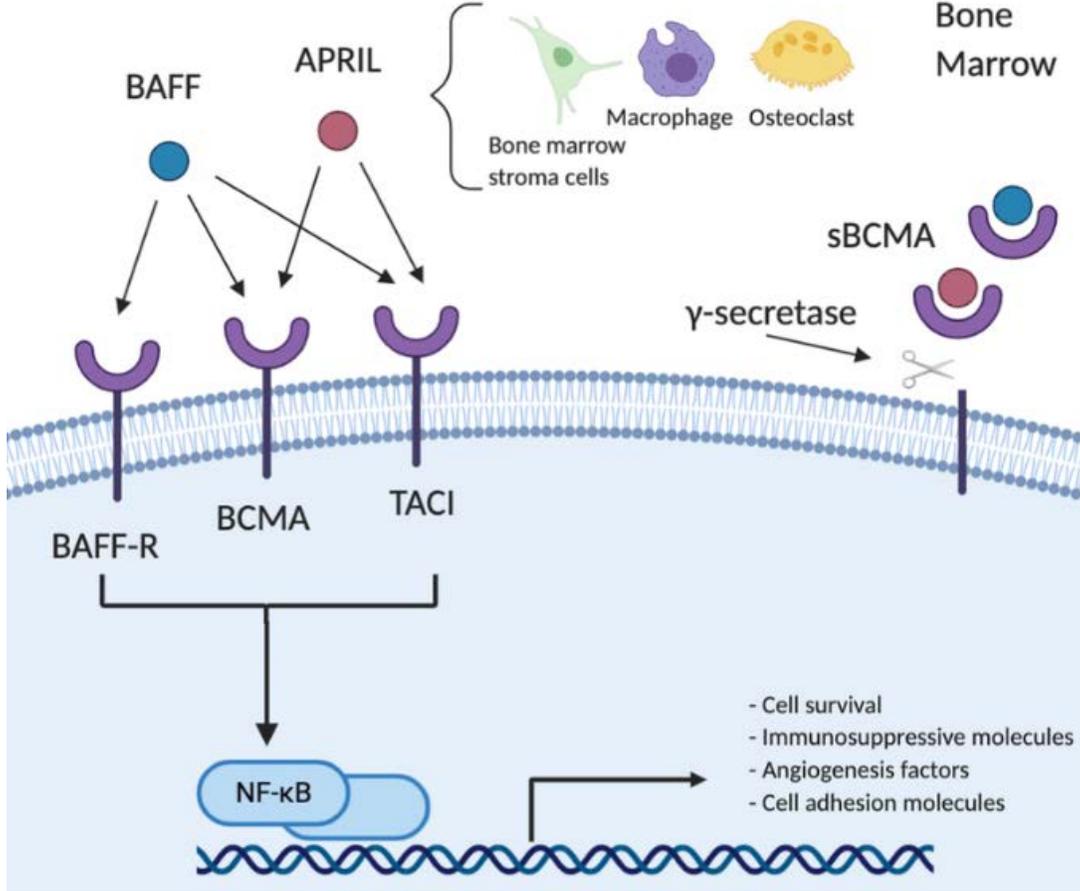
# BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES



Tumor-specific Ag + CD3 T cell receptor  
 → Immunologic Synapse  
 → T cell activation + Degranulation  
 → Tumor death



# BCMA Targeting BsAb



# Approved BCMA Bispecific Antibodies: Efficacy

	Teclistamab (MajesTEC-1)	Elranatamab (MagnetisMM-3)	Linvoseltamab (LINKER-MM1, 200 mg)
<b>Median Follow-up</b>	~30.4 months	~28.4 months	~14.3 months
<b>≥VGPR</b>	58.8%	~50–55%	63%
<b>MRD Negativity</b>	26.7% overall; 46% of ≥CR	~90% among evaluable ≥CR	~94% among evaluable ≥CR
<b>Median DoR</b>	24.0 months	Not reached (24mo≈67%)	29.4 months
<b>Median PFS</b>	11.4 months	17.2 months	Not reached
<b>Median OS</b>	22.2 months	24.6 months	~31 months (early estimate)

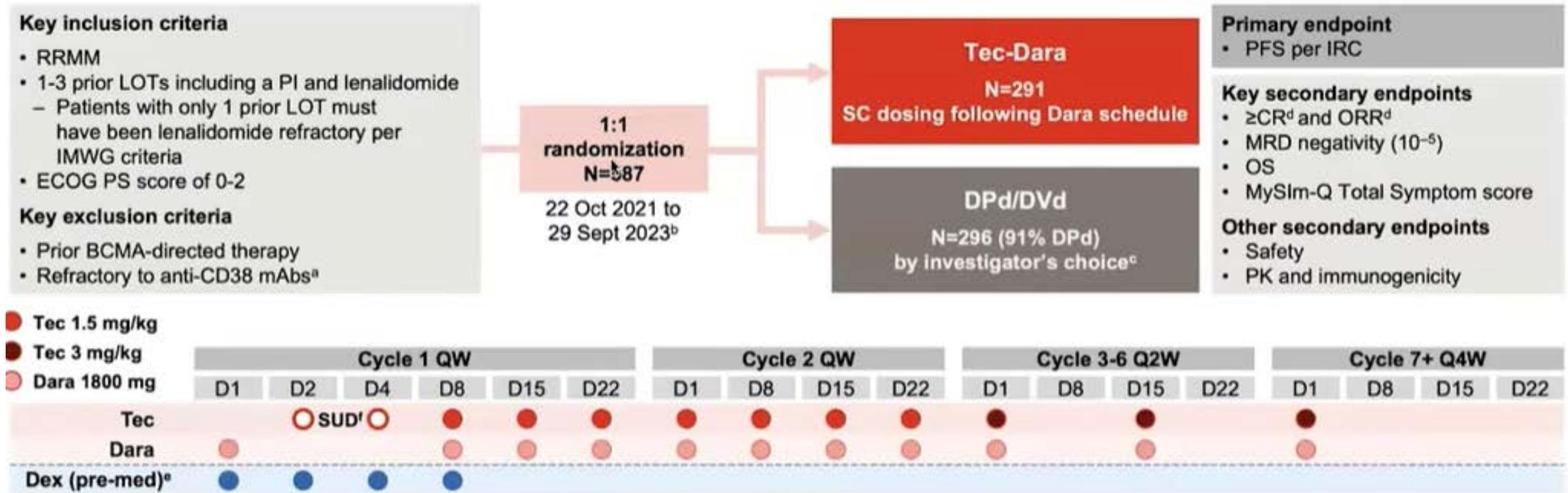
# Approved BCMA Bispecific Antibodies: Safety

	<b>Teclistamab (MajesTEC-1)</b>	<b>Elranatamab (MagnetisMM-3)</b>	<b>Linvoseltamab (LINKER-MM1)</b>
<b>Any-grade CRS (G<math>\geq</math>3 CRS)</b>	72% (~0.6–1%)	57–58% (~0%)	46% (~1%)
<b>Any Infection</b>	~79%	~70%	~70%
<b>Grade <math>\geq</math>3 TEAEs Overall</b>	~94–95%	~88–90%	73.5%
<b>Hypogammaglobulinemia</b>	~74–76%	~70–75%	~60–65%
<b>IVIg Use</b>	~65–70%	~55–60%	~64%

# Teclistamab: Real World Efficacy

	MajecTEC-1	Riedhammer et al. N=123 7/2022-10/2023	Dima et al. N=106 8/2022-8/2023	Mohan et al. N=110 1/2023-8/2023	Perrot et al. N=303 10/2022-9/2023	Tan et al. N=223 5/2022-1/2024
<b>Demographics</b>	mLoT 5 0% prior BCMA Median f/u 30 mos	mLoT 6 37% prior BCMA Median f/u 5.5 mos	mLoT 6 53% prior BCMA Median f/u 3.8 mos	mLoT 6 35% prior BCMA Median f/u 3.5 mos	mLoT 4 14% prior BCMA Median f/u 11.9 mos	mLoT 6 42% prior BCMA Median f/u 14 mos
<b>ORR</b> <b>CRR</b> <b>ORR(Prior BCMA)</b>	63% 46%	59% (65% BCMA naïve) 22% 55% (Ide-cel 33%, ADC 74%)	66% 29% 59% (57% CART, 50% ADC)	62% (N=98) 20%	69%	66% 25% 55% (CRR 21%)
<b>mPFS</b> <b>mOS</b> <b>mPFS (prior BCMA)</b>	11 mos 22 mos	8.7 mos NR 1.8 mos	5.4 mos NR (10m estimate 67%)	NR (6m PFS 52%) NR (6m OS 80%)	11.3 mos (DOR 17m) 17 mos	8.8 mos (DOR 17 m) 20 mos
<b>Ineligible for MAJEC-1</b>	N/A	39%	83%		46%	76%

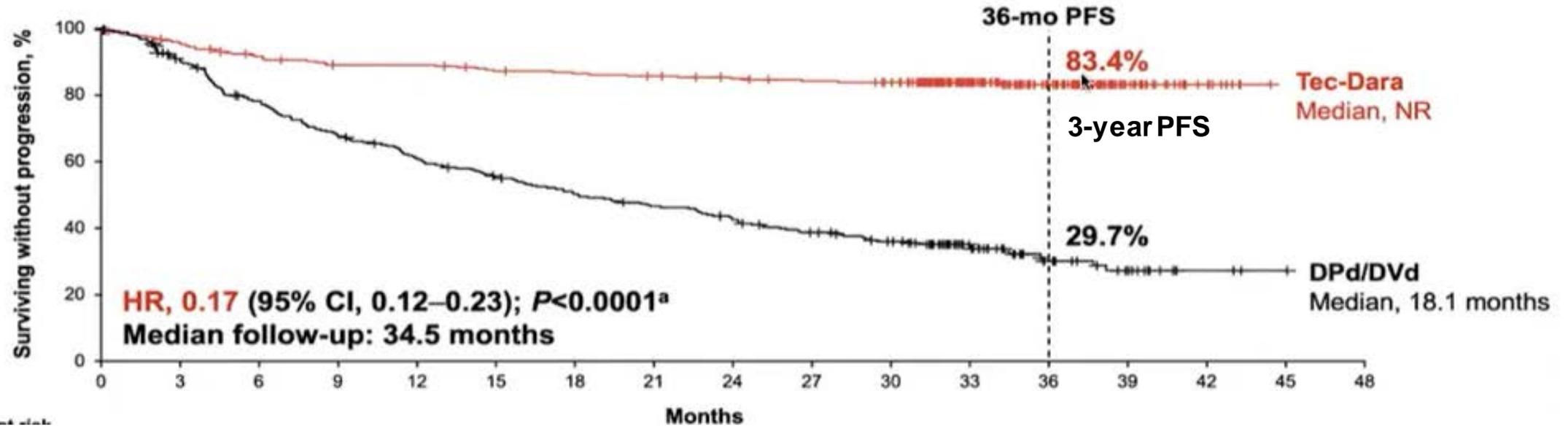
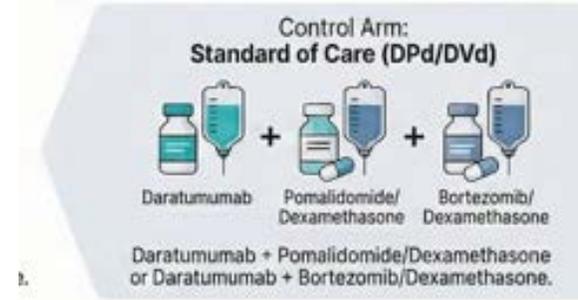
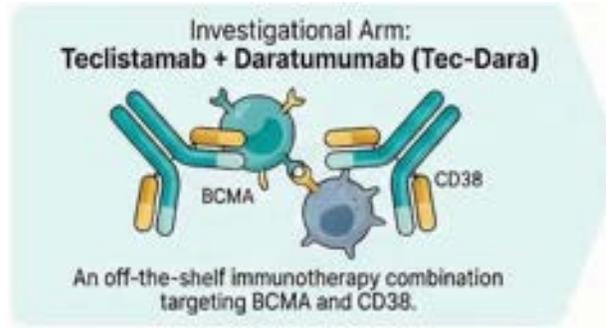
# BCMA BsAb in Earlier Lines: MAJESTEC-3



● Tec 1.5 mg/kg  
● Tec 3 mg/kg  
● Dara 1800 mg

	Cycle 1 QW						Cycle 2 QW				Cycle 3-6 Q2W				Cycle 7+ Q4W			
	D1	D2	D4	D8	D15	D22	D1	D8	D15	D22	D1	D8	D15	D22	D1	D8	D15	D22
<b>Tec</b>		○ SUD <sup>f</sup>	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●			
<b>Dara</b>	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●			
<b>Dex (pre-med)<sup>g</sup></b>	●	●	●	●														

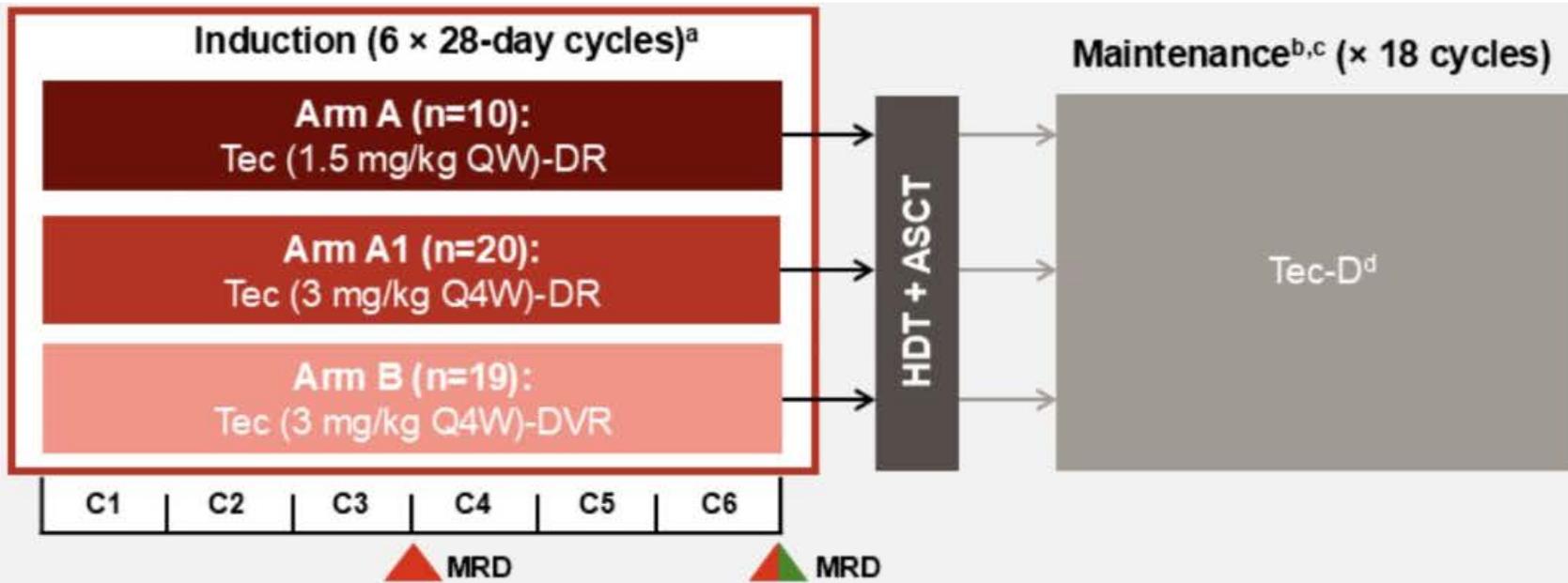
# BCMA BsAb in Earlier Lines: MAJESTEC-3



# BCMA BsAb in NDMM: MAJESTEC-5

## Key eligibility criteria:

- TE NDMM
- ECOG PS score of 0-2
- Aged 18-70 years



## Primary endpoints:

- AEs, SAEs

## Select secondary endpoints:

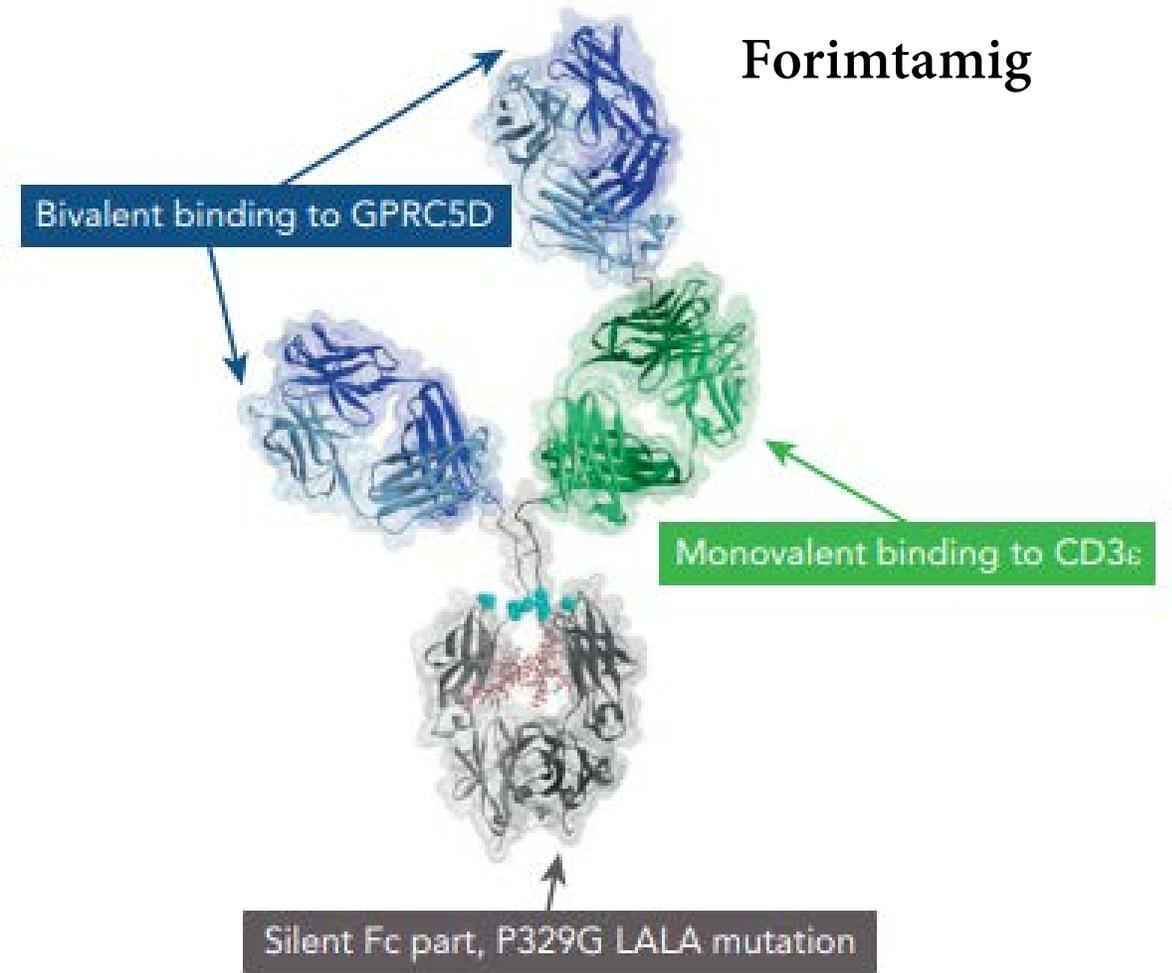
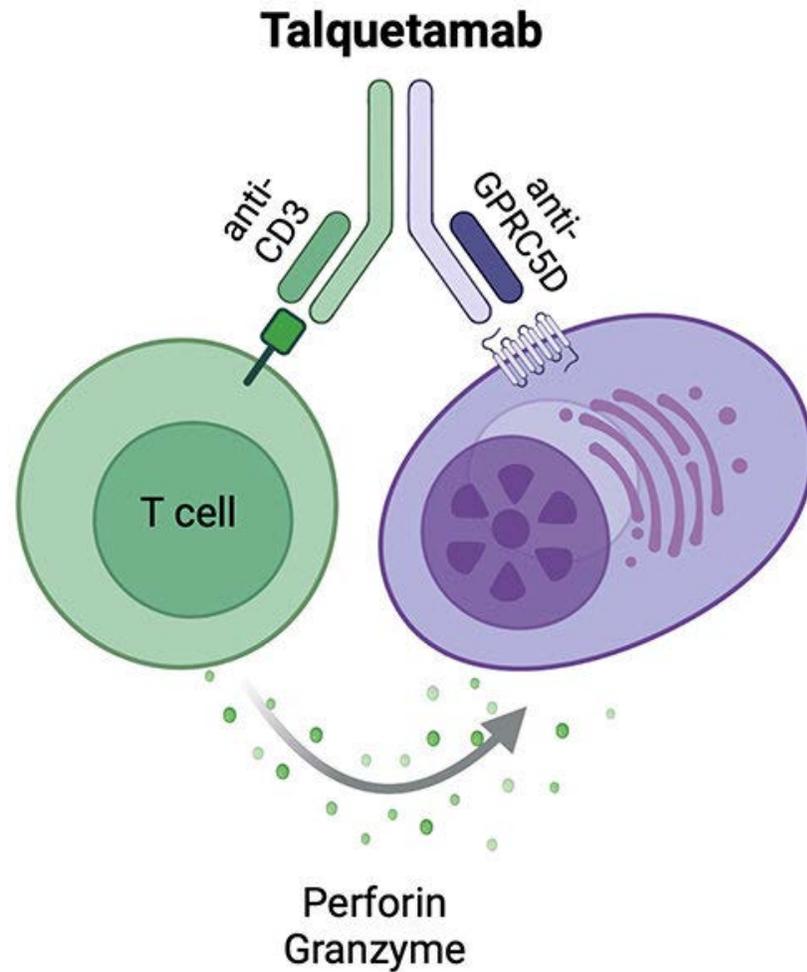
- MRD negativity (10<sup>-5</sup> and 10<sup>-6</sup>)
- ORR
- ≥CR
- ≥VGPR
- Stem cell yield

- ▲ MRD 10<sup>-5</sup> via NGF
- ▲ MRD 10<sup>-6</sup> via NGS



With completion of induction, 100% MRD negativity (10<sup>-5</sup>) continues to be observed in MRD-evaluable patients, regardless of depth of response

# GPRC5D Targeting BsAb



# Approved GPRC5D BsAb: Talquetamab

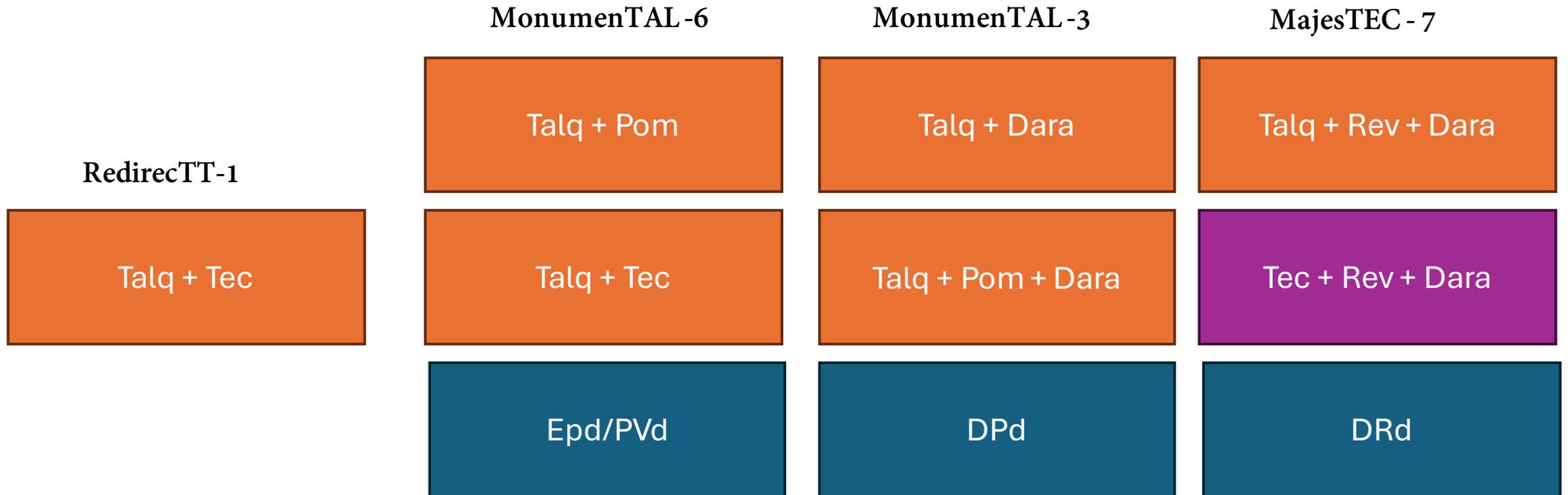
	0.4 mg/kg Weekly (n=143)	0.8 mg/kg Q2W (n=154)	Prior TCR* (n=78)
<b>Overall Response Rate (ORR)</b>	74% (95% CI 66–81)	69% (62–77)	67% (55–77)
<b>≥VGPR</b>	59%	59%	55%
<b>Median Time to Response</b>	1.2 mo	1.3 mo	1.2 mo
<b>Median Duration of Response</b>	9.5 mo	16.9 mo	12-mo DoR: 56%
<b>Median PFS</b>	7.5 mo	11.2 mo	7.7 mo
<b>12-mo Overall Survival</b>	76%	77%	74%

# Approved GPRC5D BsAb: Talquetamab

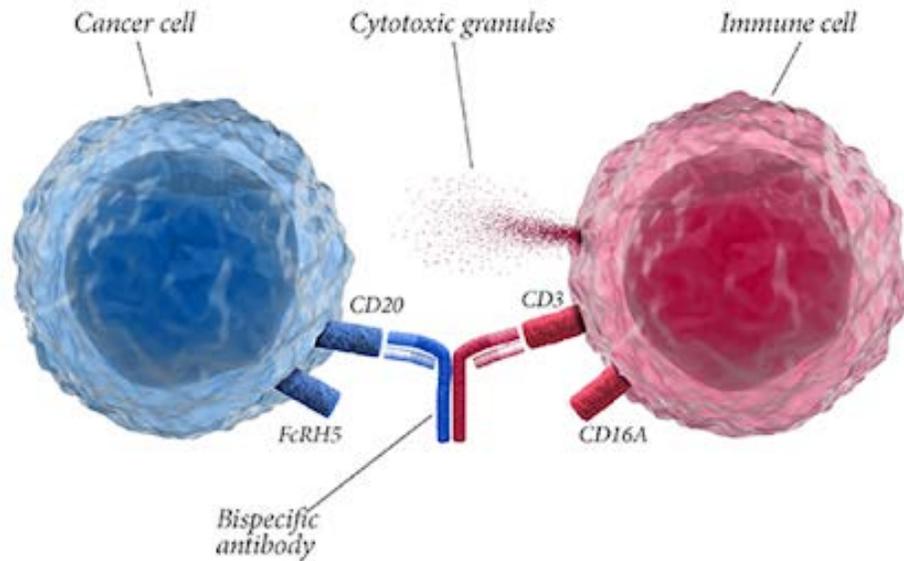
	0.4 mg/kg Weekly	0.8 mg/kg Q2W	Prior TCR
<b>Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)</b>	79%	75%	73%
<b>Taste Changes (Dysgeusia)</b>	72%	71%	76%
<b>Infections</b>	59%	68%	76%
<b>Neutropenia</b>	31%	21%	47%



# Talquetamab: Ongoing trials

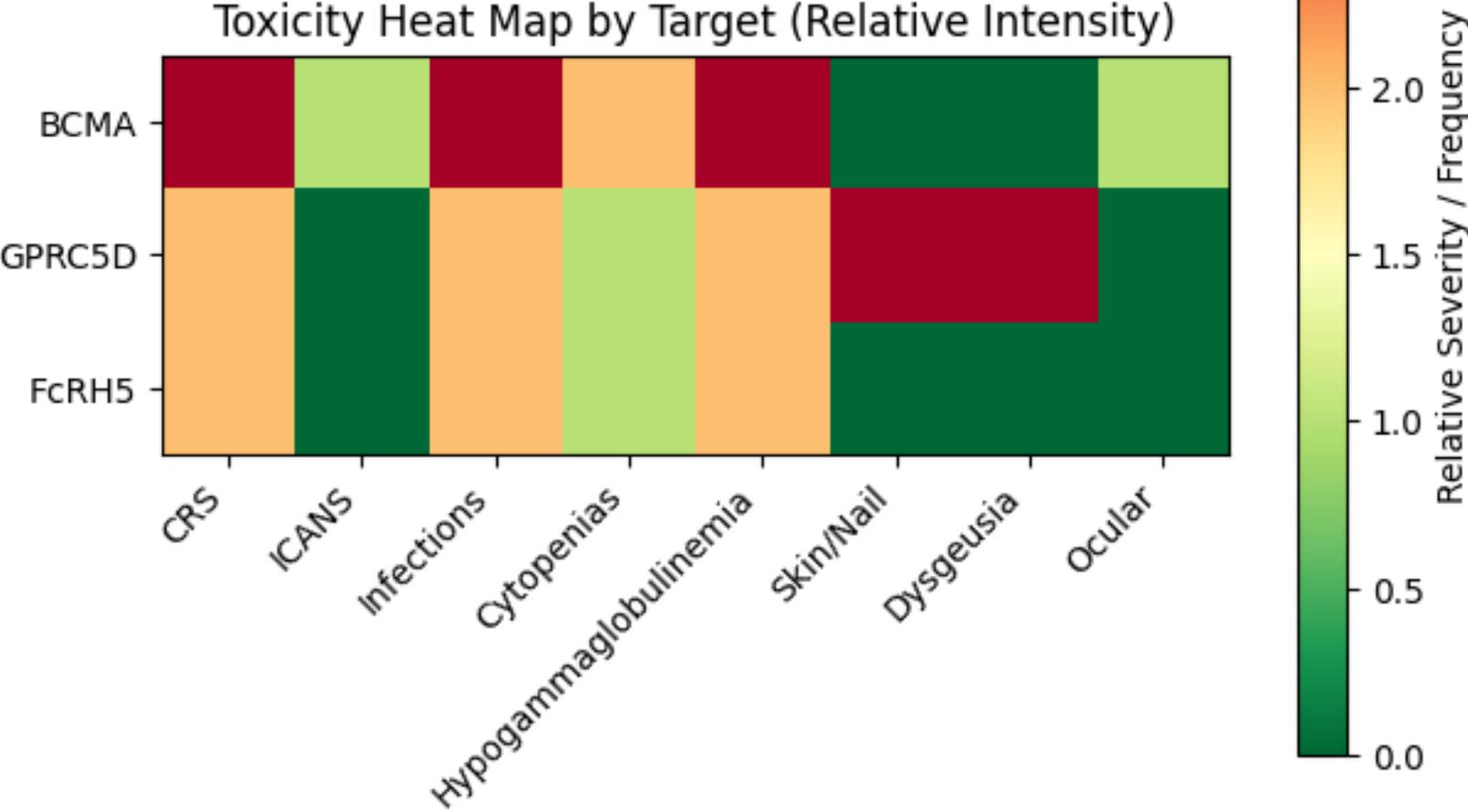


# FCHR5 Targeting BsAb: Cevostamab



Median Prior Lines of Therapy	~6
Triple-Class Refractory	~70–80%
Overall Response Rate (ORR)	~54–56%
≥VGPR	~32–36%
Complete Response (CR/sCR)	~10–15%
Median Time to Response	~1 month
Median Duration of Response	~11–12 months
Median PFS	~8–9 months
Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)	~70–75% (G3 1-2%)
Neutropenia	~30–35%
Anemia	~25–30%
Thrombocytopenia	~20–25%
Fatigue	~30%

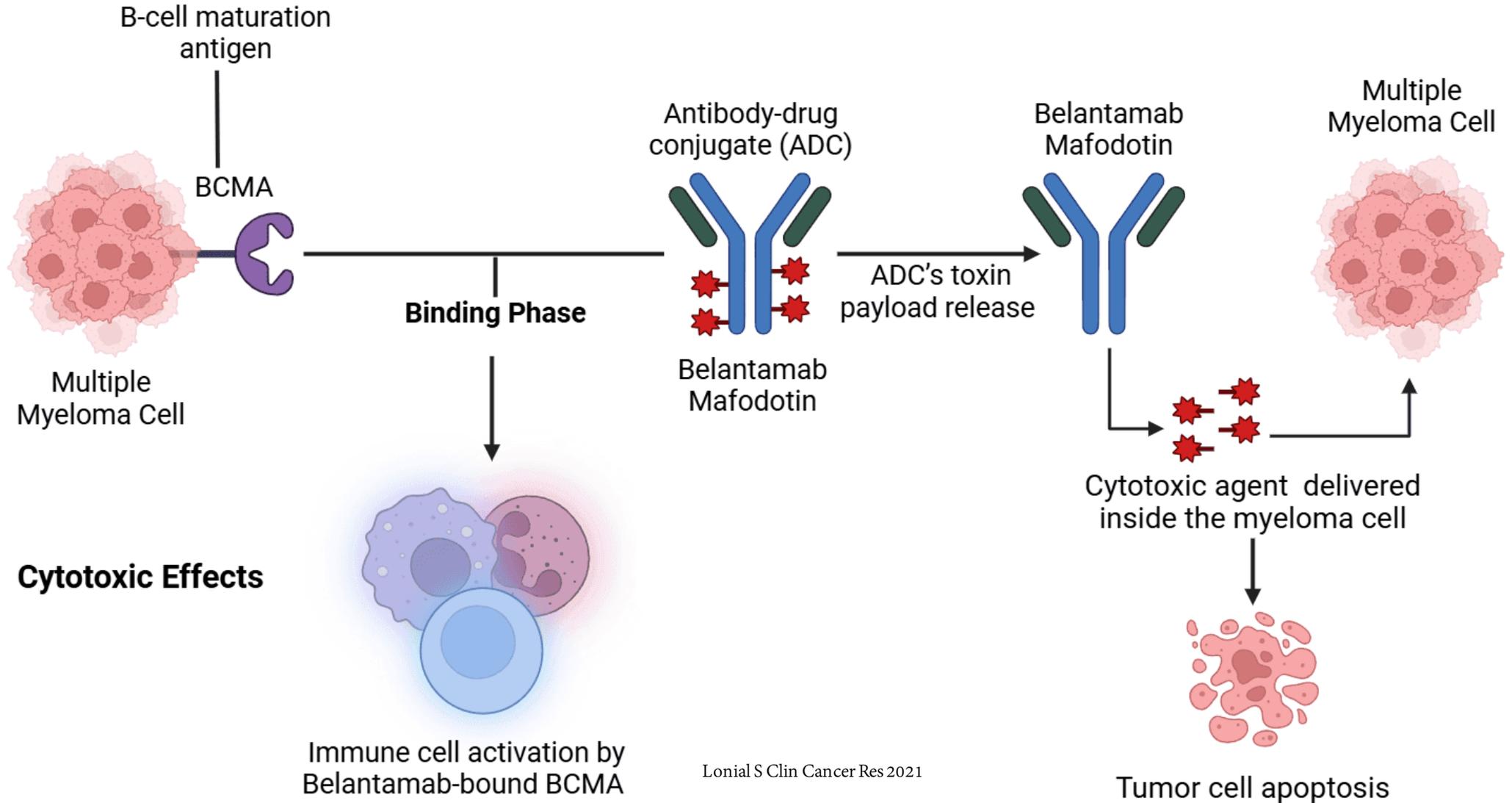
# Myeloma Targets: Toxicity Heat Map



# Antibody Drug Conjugates: Belantamab Mafodotin

## BCMA Overexpression on Tumor Cells

## Direct cytotoxic effect



# Belantamab Mafodotin: Clinical Trials

	DREAMM-1	DREAMM-2	DREAMM-3	DREAMM-7	DREAMM-8	DREAMM-9
<b>Phase</b>	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3
<b>Population</b>	Heavily pretreated RRMM	≥3 prior lines, triple-class refractory	≥3rd line relapse	≥1 prior line RRMM	Len-exposed RRMM	<b>Newly diagnosed transplant-ineligible MM</b>
<b>N</b>	35	196	Large randomized	494	302	~445
<b>Intervention</b>	Belamaf 3.4 mg/kg	Belamaf 2.5 vs 3.4 mg/kg	Belamaf vs Pd	<b>BVd vs DVd</b>	<b>BPd vs PVd</b>	<b>Belantamab + VRd vs VRd</b>
<b>ORR</b>	60%	31–34%	—	—	77%	Data pending
<b>CR/≥CR</b>	—	—	—	—	40%	Data pending
<b>Median PFS</b>	12 mo	~11.2 mo	11.2 vs 7.0 mo	<b>36.6 vs 13.4 mo</b>	12m 71% vs. 51% HR 0.52	Primary endpoint: <b>PFS</b>
<b>Other efficacy</b>	DoR 14.3 mo	—	PFS endpoint not met	OS 84% vs 73% (18 mo)	≥CR 40% vs 16%	Study ongoing

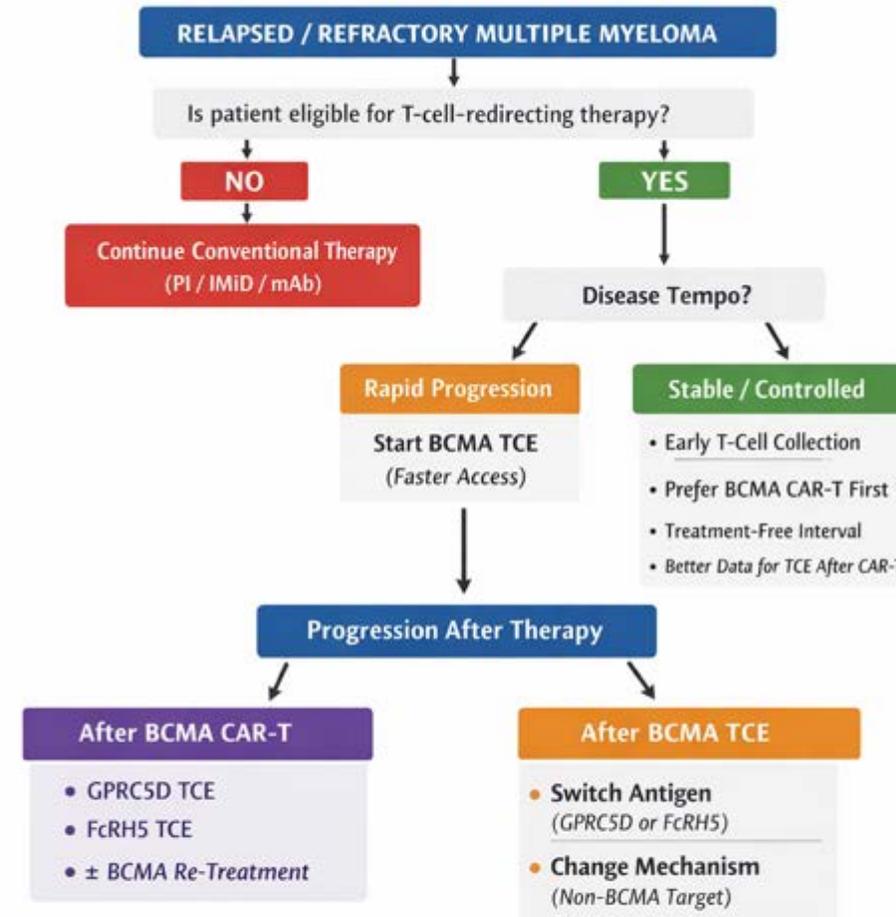
# Sequencing Framework

CAR-T earlier for eligible patients

Target switching after relapse

Clinical trials preferred

## IMWG Immunotherapy Sequencing Algorithm (2025)



### Key Operational Rules

- ▶ Avoid Bendamustine / High-Dose Alkylators
- ▶ ≥ 2-Week Washout Before Apheresis
- ▶ ≥ 4-Week Washout if Prior TCE Exposure
- ▶ Collect Early → Prefer CAR-T First
- ▶ Urgent Need → Use TCE First

# Insights into Relapse

## Tumor: Loss of antigen

- TNFRSF17 monoallelic copy loss ~ 4%-6% of patients
- Biallelic loss or monoallelic + extracellular domain mutation in ~ 40% upon progression on TCE
- Less frequent (< 10%) post-CART cell therapy

## T cells: Exhaustion/dysfunction

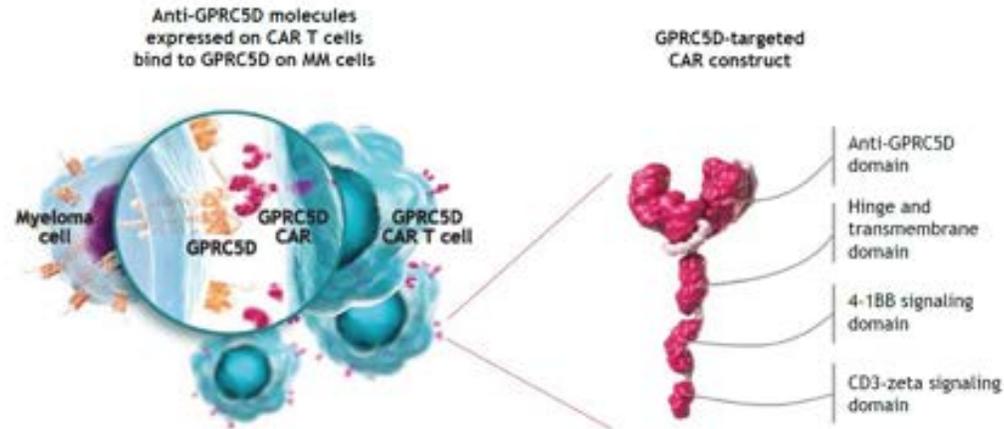
- Disease burden and MM progression impacts T-cell function

## Tumor microenvironment

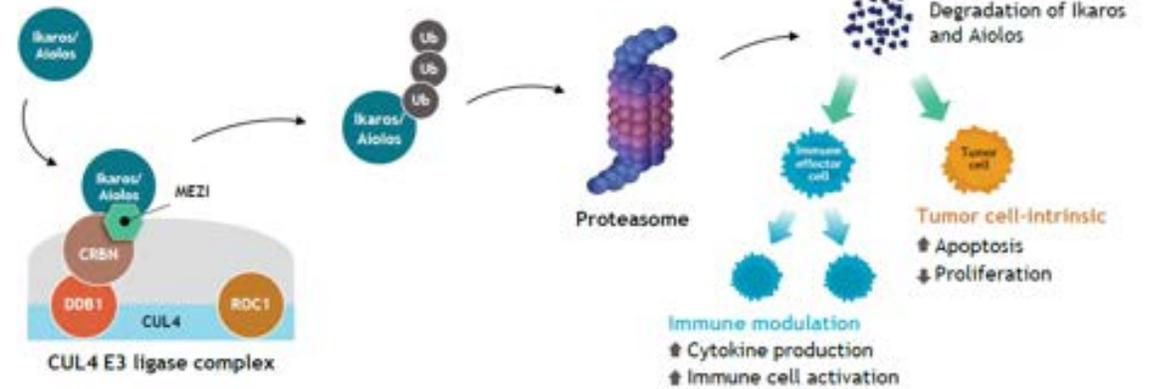
- The BMME plays a key role in resistance to drugs that regulate the anti-multiple myeloma immune response

# Combating T-Cell Exhaustion

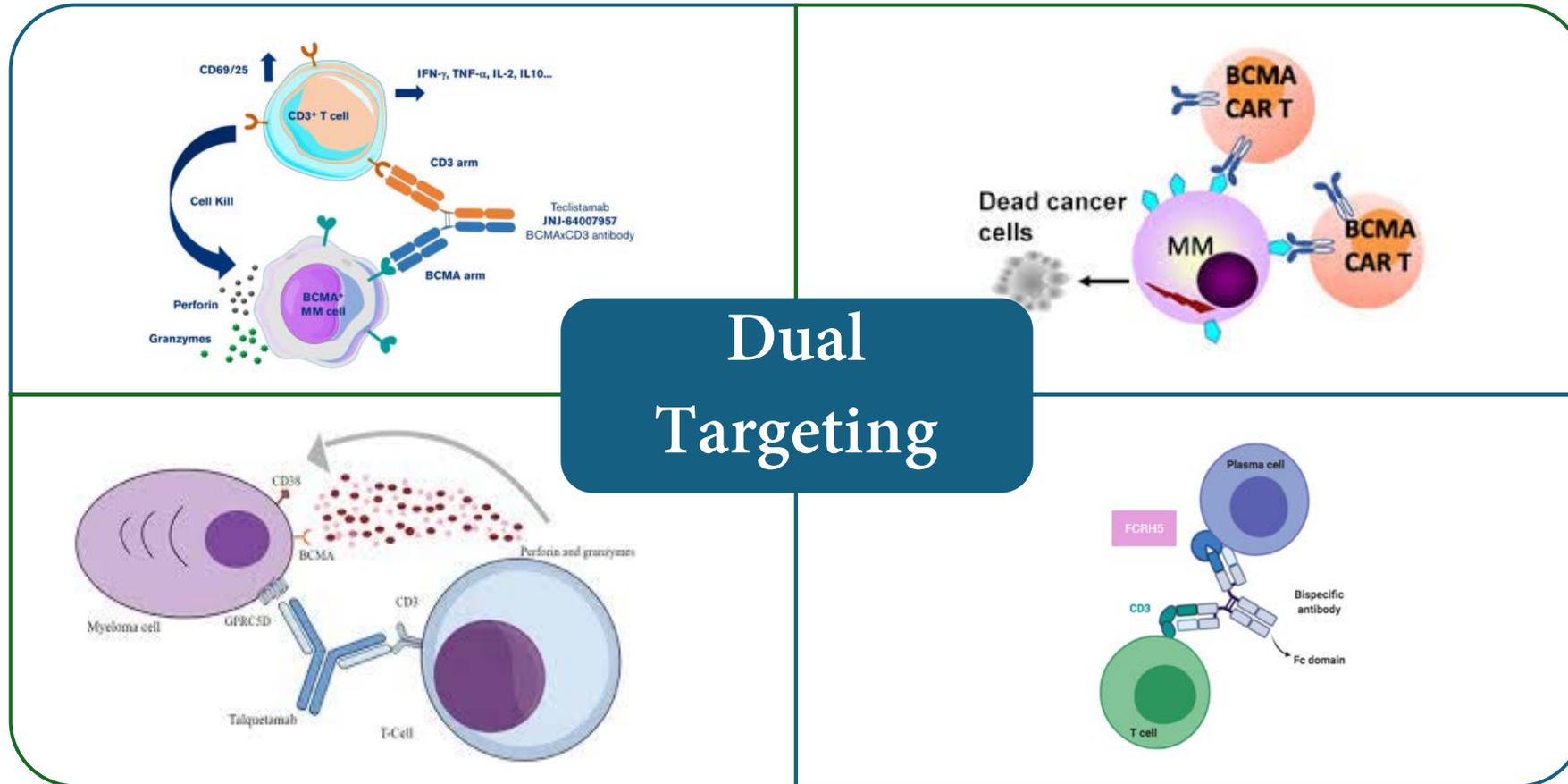
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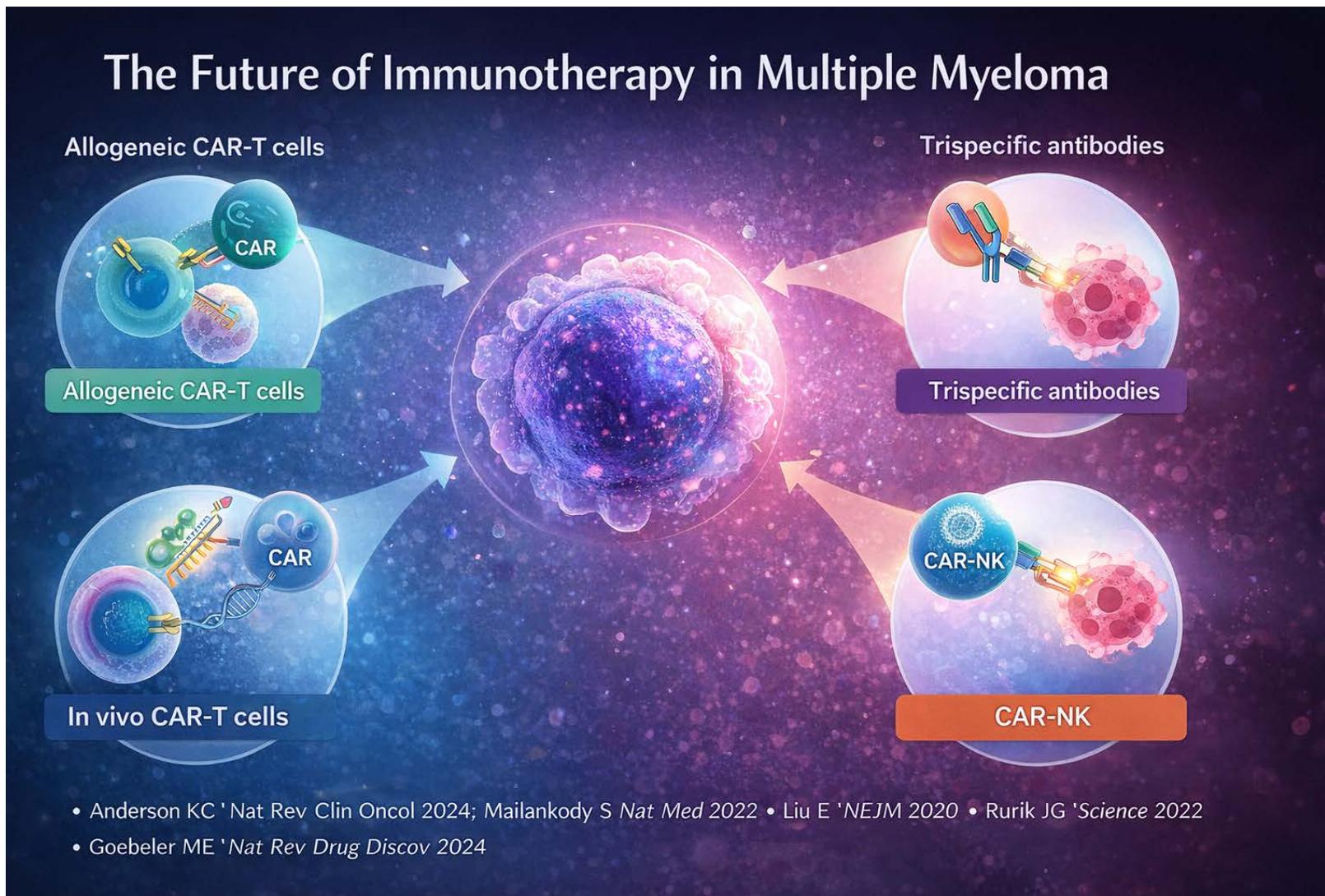
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# Combating Antigen Loss



# Emerging Platforms

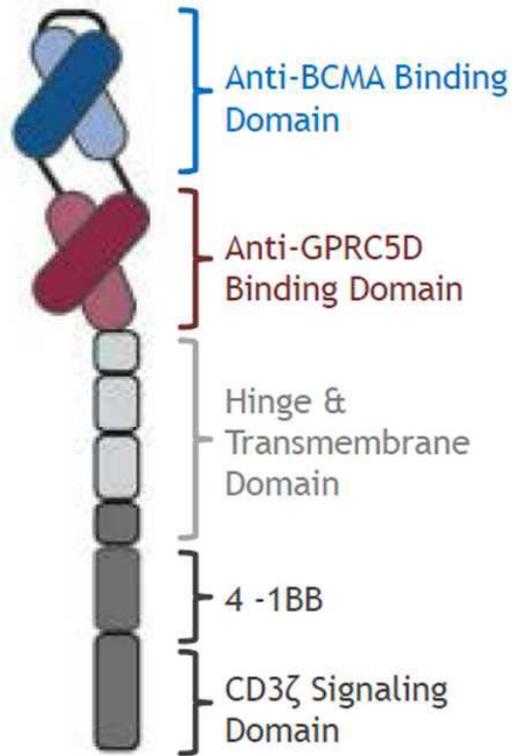


# Dual Antigen Targeting

Feature	BCMA + CD19 CAR-T	BCMA + GPRC5D CAR-T
Example platform	GC012F (FasT CAR)	Bicistronic / tandem dual CAR
Targets	BCMA + CD19	BCMA + GPRC5D
Biological rationale	Target plasma cells and precursor clones	Prevent BCMA antigen escape
Manufacturing	Rapid FasT platform (~1–2 days)	Conventional CAR-T manufacturing
Typical population studied	Relapsed myeloma and high-risk NDMM	Relapsed/refractory myeloma
ORR	~93–100%	~80–100% (early cohorts)
MRD negativity	Very high (~38–100%)	Early signals of deep responses
CRS	Mostly grade 1–2	Mostly grade 1–2
ICANS	Rare	Rare
Key concept	Eliminates myeloma progenitors	Eliminates BCMA-negative relapse clones

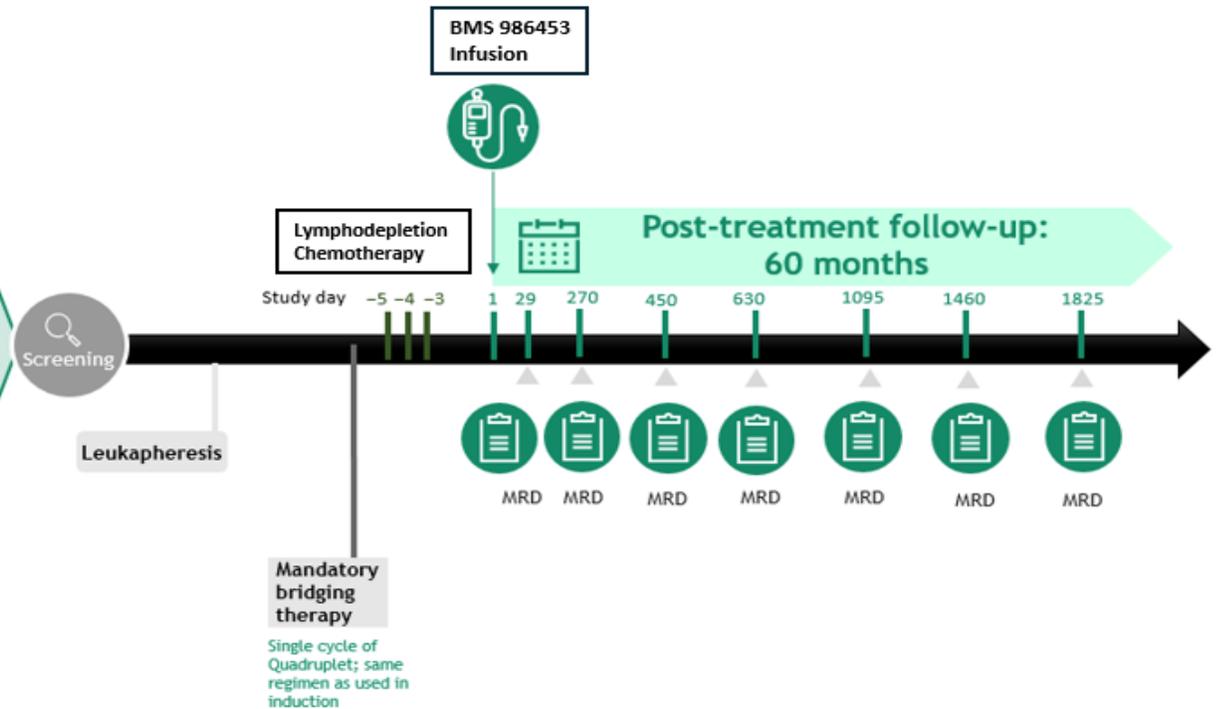
# Dual Targeting in NDMM

This is a single center, open-label, Phase 1b study of BMS-986453, a dual targeting CAR-T cell product targeting BCMA and GPRC5D, in participants with NDMM (NCT07333261)



## Key eligibility criteria

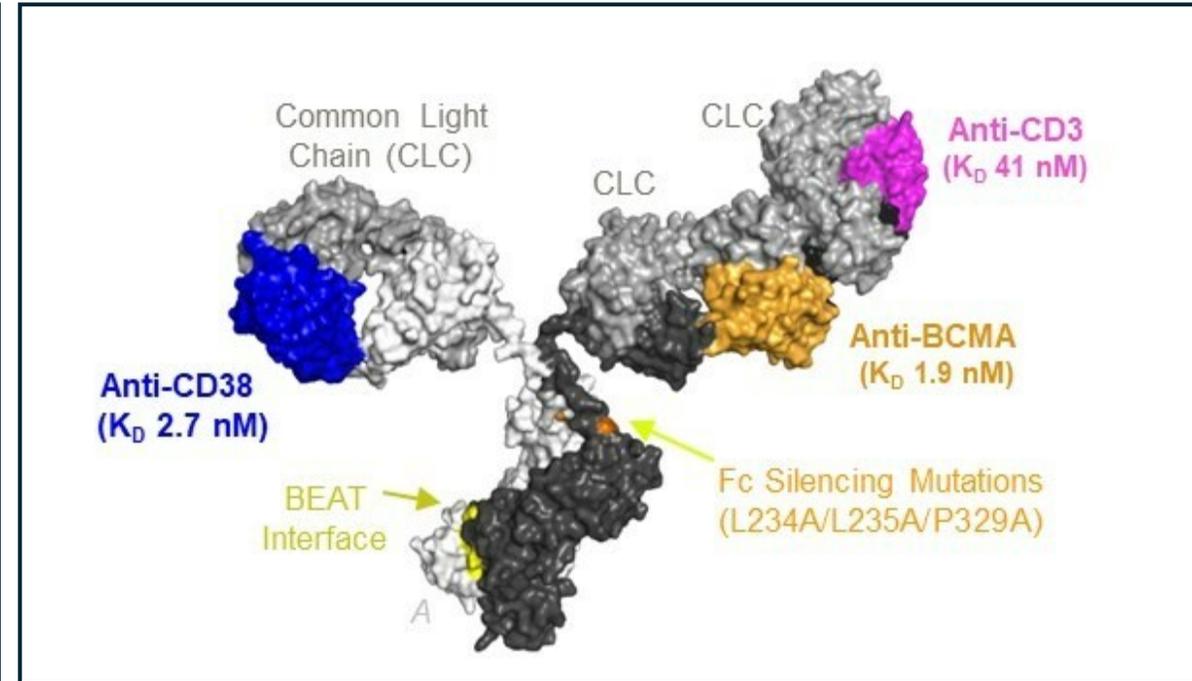
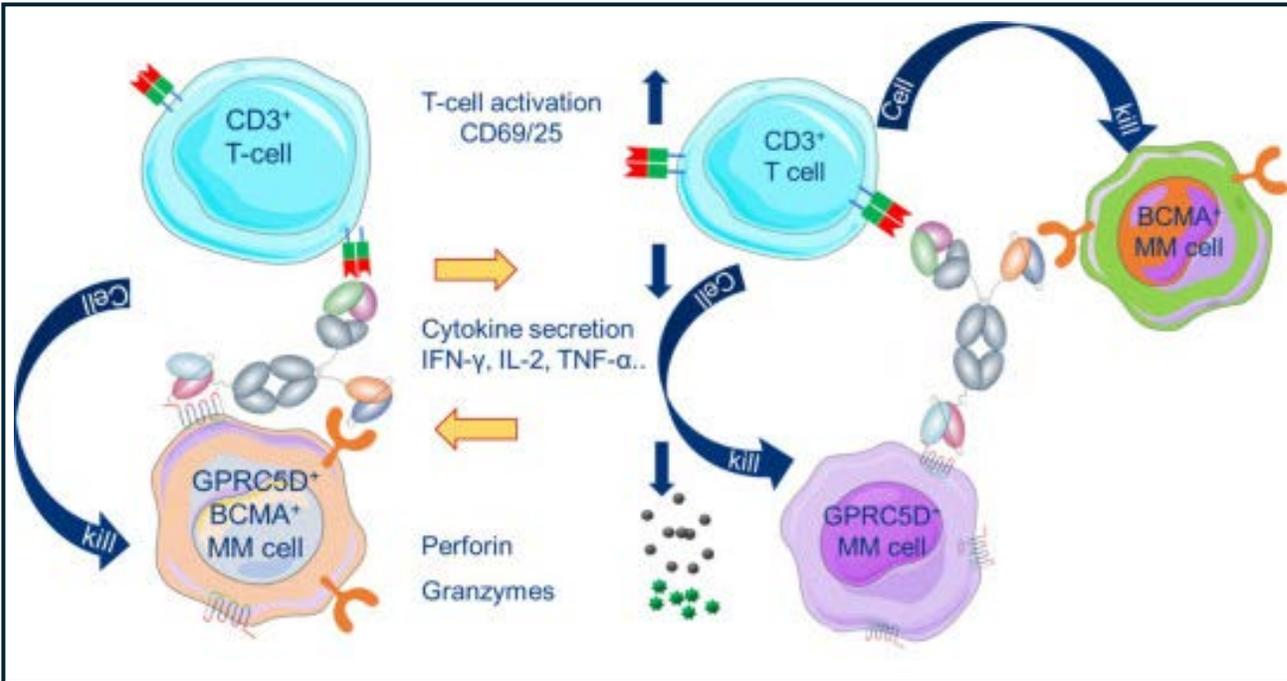
- Age  $\geq$  18 years
- NDMM
- Measurable disease (IMWG)
- Any induction containing Lenalidomide + anti-CD38 MoAb + Proteasome Inhibitor (12-18 weeks) with at least PR
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Adequate organ function
- Not considered for HD chemo+ASCT



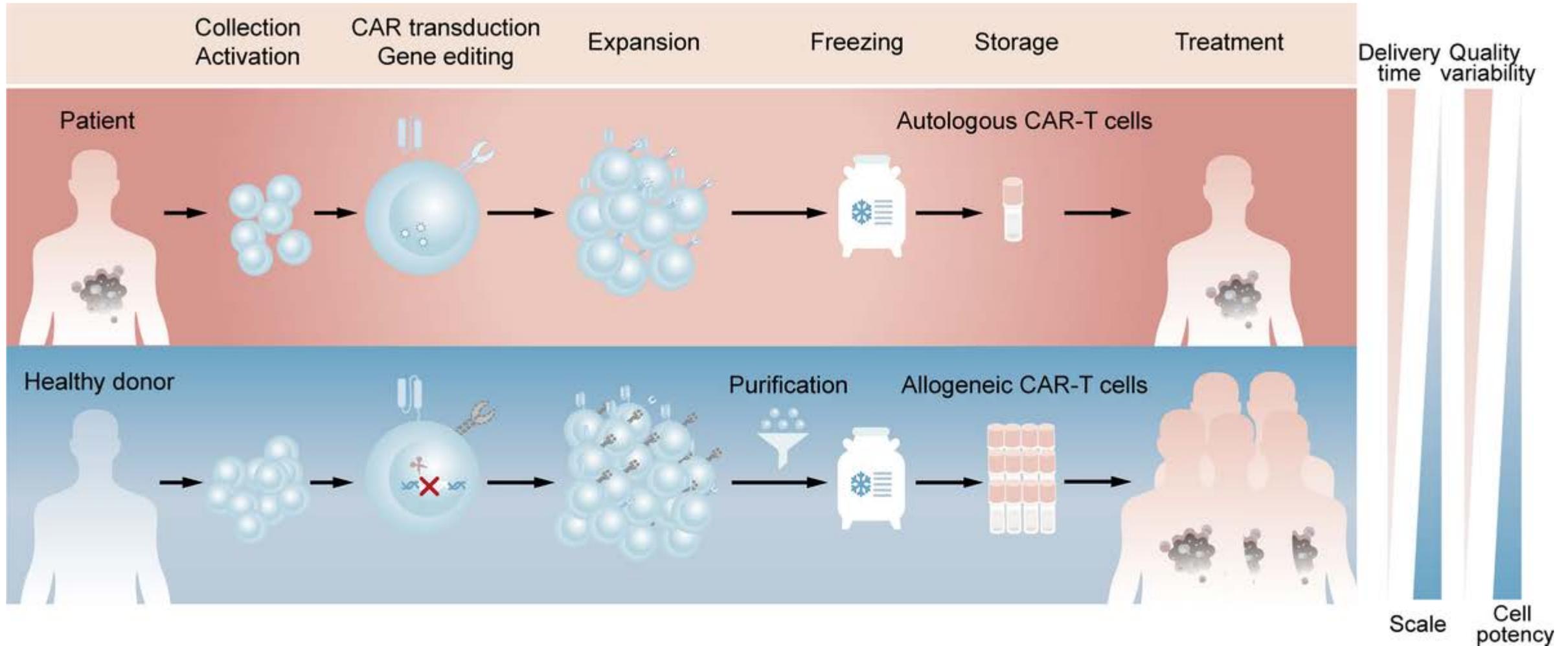
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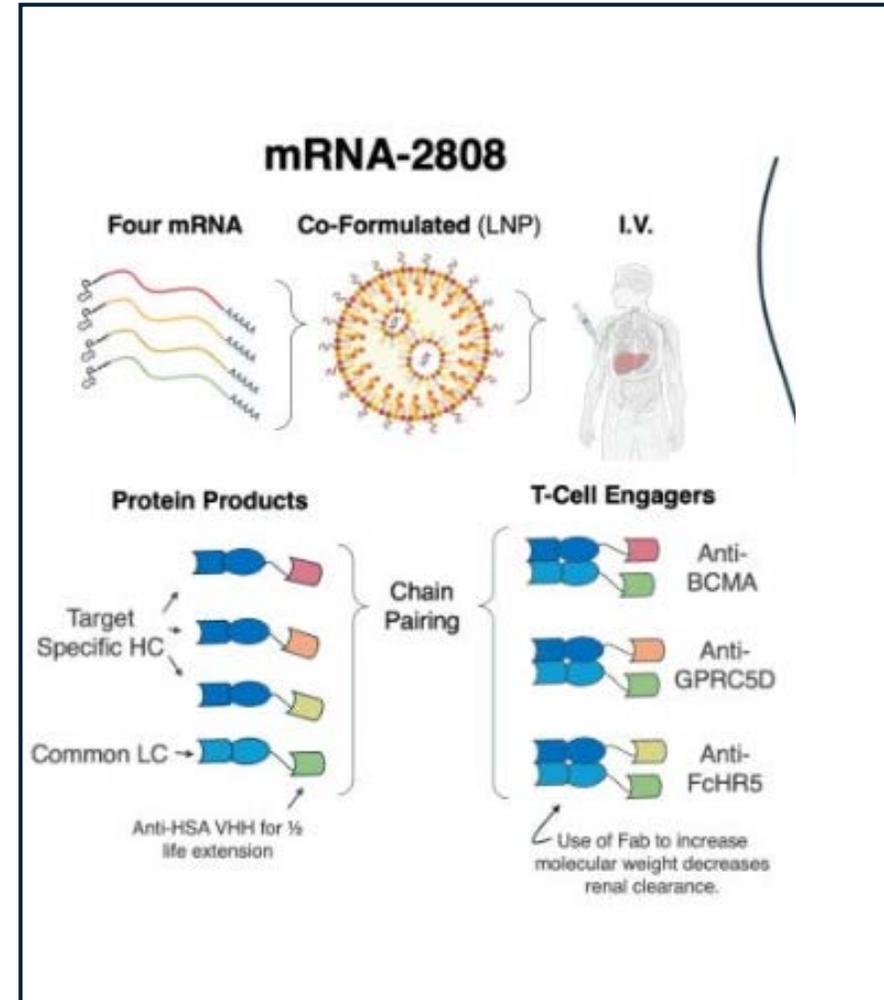
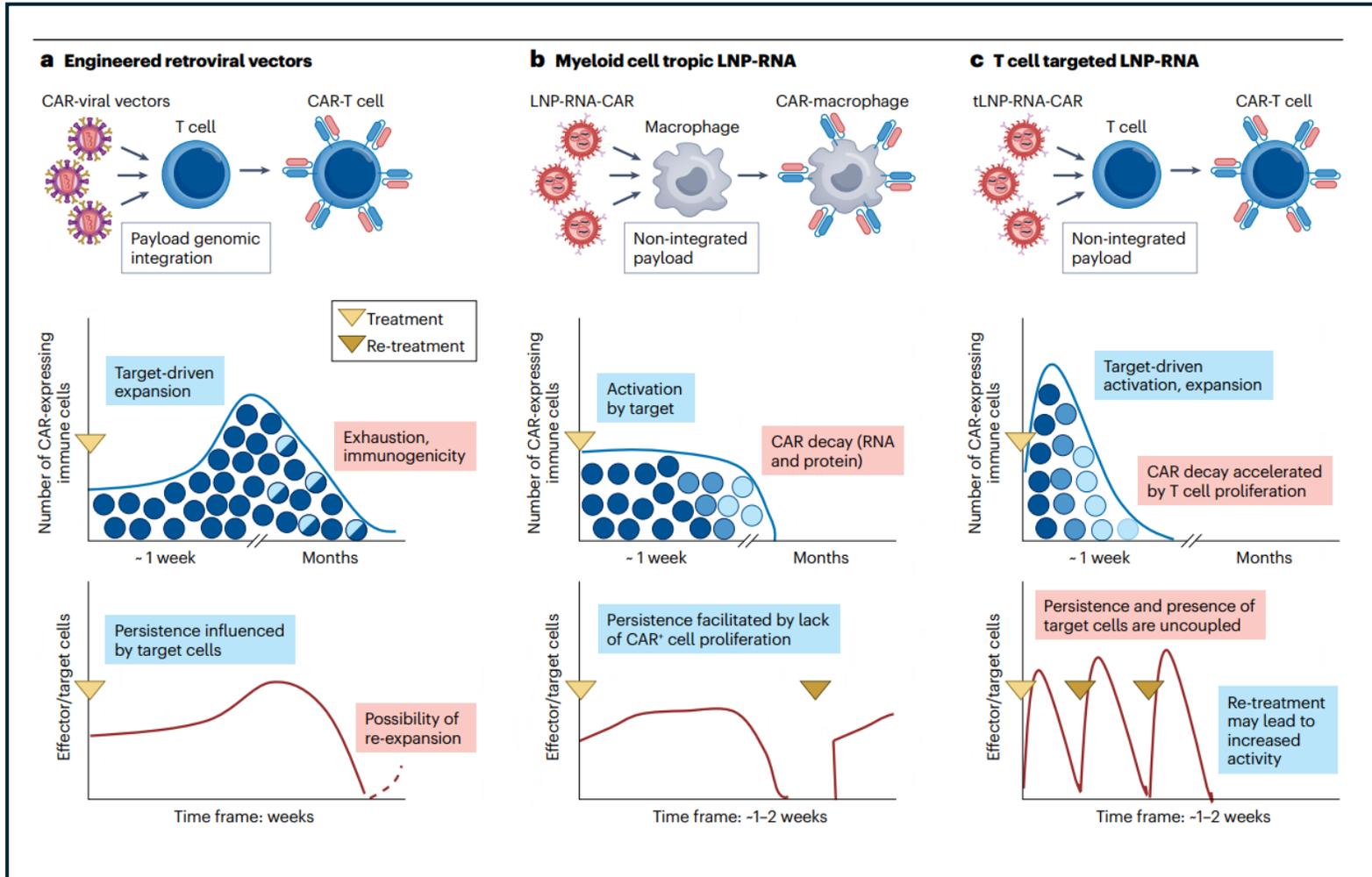
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# Allogeneic CAR-T cells



# In Vivo Platforms in Development



# Phase 1 inMMycAR trial

## Traditional CAR-T workflow:

1. Leukapheresis
2. Ex-vivo genetic engineering
3. Manufacturing (3–5 weeks)
4. Lymphodepletion
5. Infusion

## KLN-1010 approach:

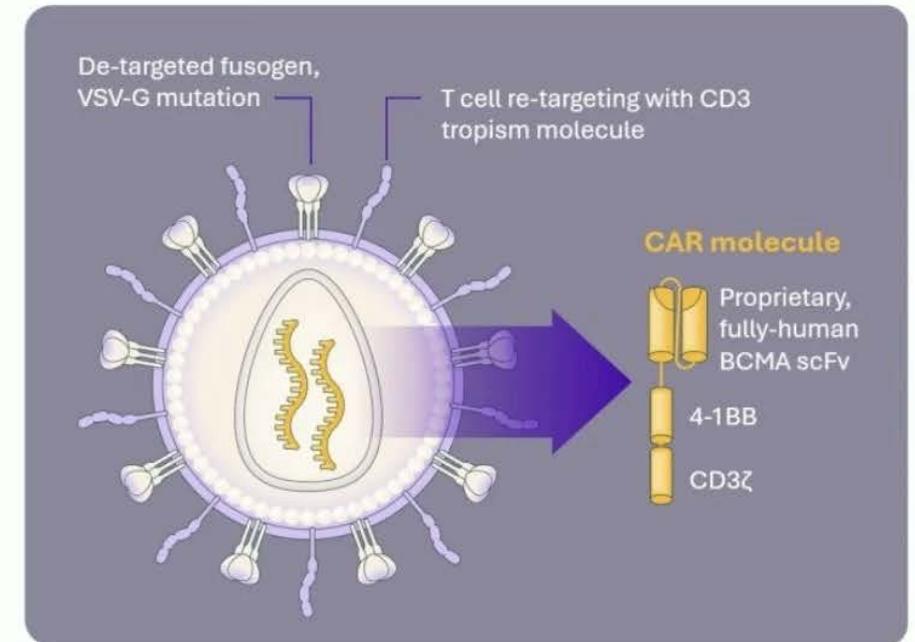
1. Single infusion of vector
2. T cells engineered inside patient
3. CAR-T cells expand in vivo

## Potential advantages:

- No manufacturing delay
- No apheresis
- No lymphodepleting chemotherapy
- Off-the-shelf accessibility
- Scalable, accessible

## KLN-1010: a modified LVV generating anti-BCMA CAR-T cells *in vivo*

- **Envelope-modified, replication-incompetent, self-inactivating lentiviral vector**
- **De-targeted VSV-G fusogen** avoids delivery to LDL-expressing cells while maintaining high transduction efficiency
- **Precise re-targeting to T cells** with a CD3 scFv; avoids liver uptake and drug sinks
- Anti-BCMA CAR was **selected based on high levels of activity to BCMA-positive tumors**



BCMA, anti-B-cell maturation antigen; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CD3, cluster of differentiation 3; CD3ζ, cluster of differentiation 3 zeta chain; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; LVV, lentiviral vector; scFv, single-chain variable fragment; VSV-G, vesicular stomatitis virus glycoprotein.

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# Future Paradigm: Toward Immune Control



FIXED-DURATION  
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MRD-GUIDED  
TREATMENT



COMBINATION IMMUNE  
APPROACHES

# Summary

**Immunotherapy has transformed the treatment landscape, producing unprecedented response rates in relapsed myeloma; complementary platforms**

- ❖ CAR-T therapy achieves deep MRD-negative remissions with durable disease control with single infusion
- ❖ Bispecific antibodies provide highly active, off-the-shelf T-cell redirecting therapy
- ❖ Antibody-drug conjugates expand BCMA-directed treatment options, particularly in combination regimens

## Opportunities

- ❖ Earlier use of CAR-T and bispecific antibodies
- ❖ Target diversification (BCMA, GPRC5D, FcRH5)
- ❖ Dual-target and next-generation cellular therapies
- ❖ Optimizing sequencing and managing immune-related toxicities

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