

# Triple-Class Refractory: Selecting BCMA-Directed Therapy?

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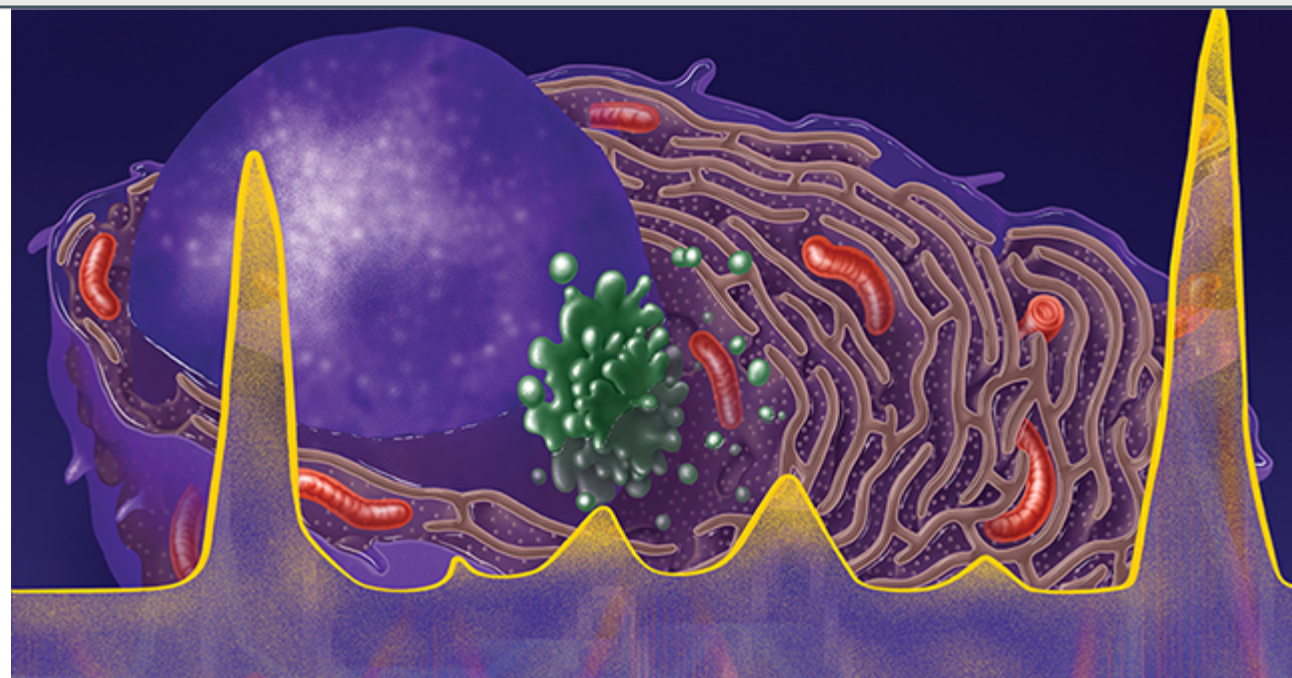
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# Patient Scenario

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- Options for **triple-class drug refractory** (IMiD, PI, CD38) are limited

## Presurvey 5: In your current practice, what would you recommend next for this patient?

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2. Cyclophosphamide-based combination chemotherapy
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S. Vincent Rajkumar, MD	Cyclophosphamide-based combination chemotherapy	
Jesús San-Miguel, MD		BCMA-targeted CAR T-cell

## Poll 5: What would be your expectation for survival in patients with R/R MM?

1. Triple-class refractory: expected OS > 2 years
2. Triple-class refractory: expected OS 1-2 years
3. Triple-class refractory: expected OS < 10 months
4. Penta-refractory: expected OS > 6 months
5. Survival not measurable with novel BCMA-targeted therapies
6. Uncertain

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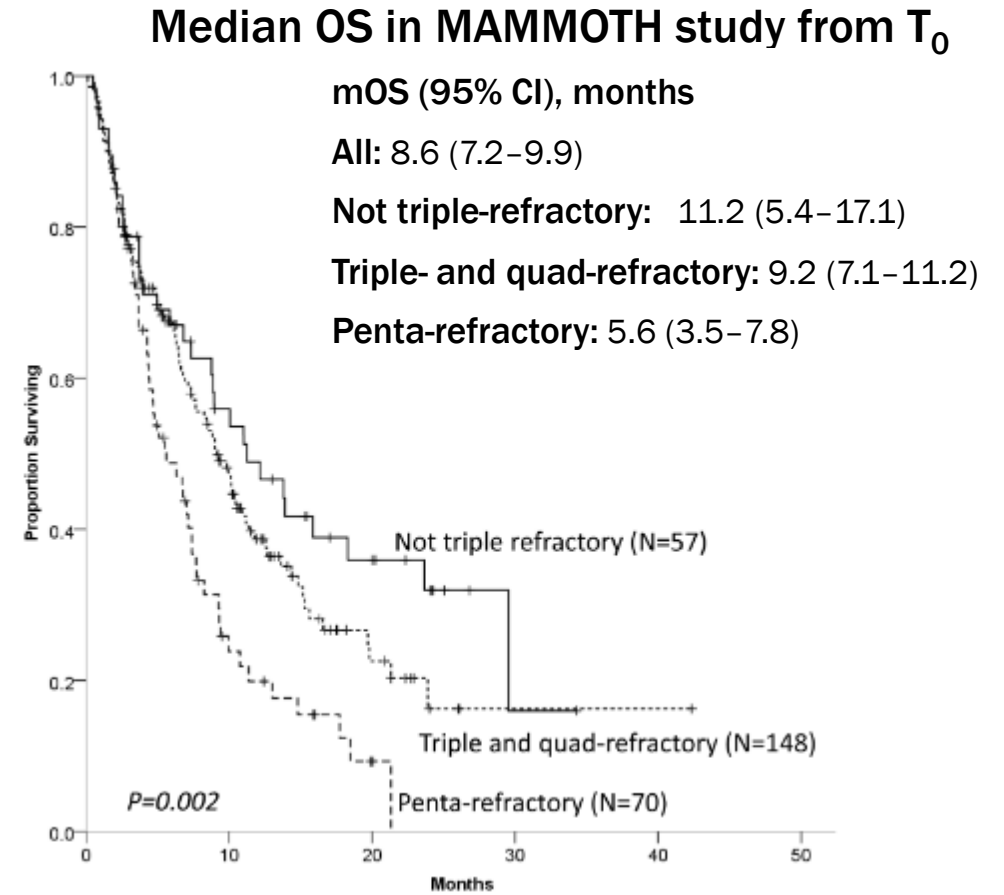
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# Patients with Triple-Class Refractory MM

- The unmet need with poor prognosis

- MAMMOTH Study

- Retrospective review of R/R MM
  - 275 patients
  - PI, IMiD, and CD38 exposed
- Median OS was **< 9 months** in MAMMOTH in patients with disease refractory to anti-CD38 mAbs
- Median OS was < 6 months if penta-refractory
- **Current treatment options** include conventional chemotherapy, salvage ASCT, recycling previous regimens, selinexor + dexamethasone, belantamab mafodotin and clinical trials





# Triple-Class Refractory: *When All Else Fails*

Chemotherapy	HDAC / ADC XPO inhibitors	Monoclonal Antibodies	IMiDs / CELMoDs/ Novel Drugs	<u>BCMA Abs</u> Bispecifics/ ADCs	<u>Cellular therapies</u> BCMA CARs
Doxorubicin, Liposomal doxorubicin	Panobinostat/ Vorinostat	<u>Next Gen 38</u> SAR442085	<b>CC-220</b> (Iberdomide), <b>CC-92480</b>	<b>Teclistamab</b> <b>AMG-701</b> , CC-93269	<b>Cilta-cel (JNJ-4528)</b> <b>Ide-cel (bb2121)</b> , Orva-cel (JCARH125)
Cyclophosphamide, Bendamustine, Melphalan	<b>Belantamab</b> <b>Mafodotin</b>	TAK-079, TAK-573, TAK-169	<b>Venetoclax</b> <b>Melflufen</b>	<b>TNB-3838</b> , <b>REGN5458</b> <b>PF-06863135</b>	LCAR-B38M, <b>bb21217</b> , <b>P-BCMA-101</b>
PACE, HyperCAD	<b>Selinexor</b>	MOR202, Others	<b>BFCR4350A</b> <b>Talquetamab</b>	<b>MEDI2228</b> , CC-99712 FOR46	<b>Lummicar-2 (CT053)</b> <b>ALLO-715</b> ALLO-605 (TurboCAR)

\*Blue = approved

Green = ongoing clinical trials

# Immunotherapy for MM

## - Targets and Therapeutics

- Current MM Targets

- **BCMA**

- GPRC5D

- FcRH5

- CD138

- CD38

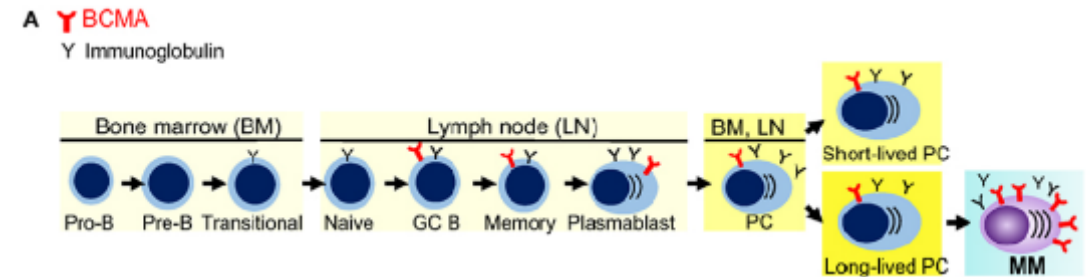
- CD19

- SLAMF7

- ASCT2

- CD229

- Kappa light chain



- BCMA Therapeutics

- **CARs**

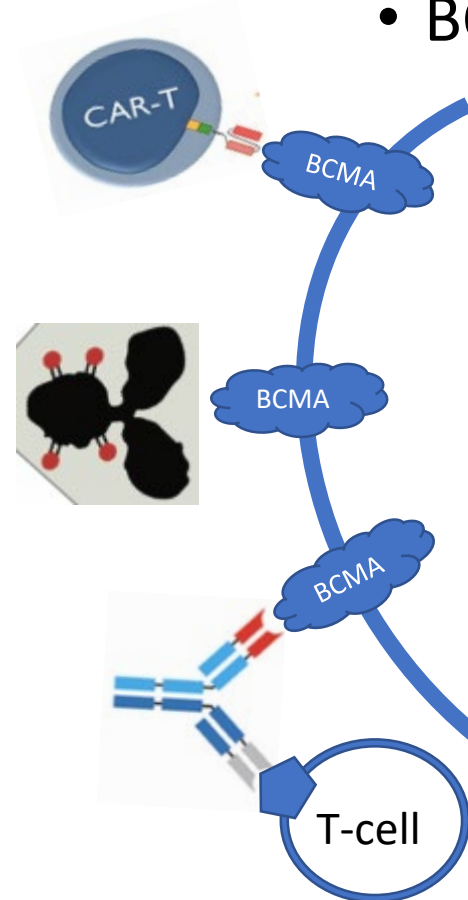
- Idecaptagene Vicleucel
    - Ciltacabtagene autoleucel

- **ADCs**

- Belantamab mafodotin
    - MEDI2228

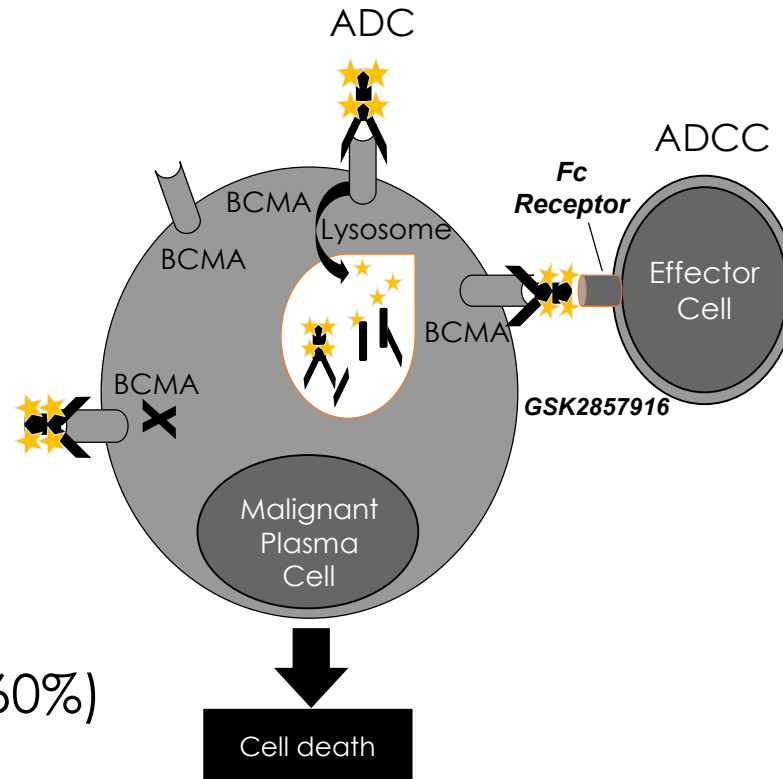
- **Bispecific antibodies**

- Teclistamab
    - ~6 others at ASH2020



# Belantamab Mafodotin (GSK2857916): A BCMA-Targeted Antibody Drug Conjugate

- Belantamab mafodotin
  - humanized, IgG1
  - afucosylated anti-BCMA
  - Toxin – **MMAF**
- **Phase I study**
  - Part 2: 3.4 mg/kg Q3W
  - Potent activity (ORR ~60%)
  - Ocular toxicity (~63%)
  - Thrombocytopenia (34%)



**Mechanisms of Action:**

1. ADC mechanism
2. ADCC mechanism
3. Immunogenic cell death

**Fc region of the antibody**

- Target specific
- Enhanced ADCC

**Linker**

- Stable in circulation

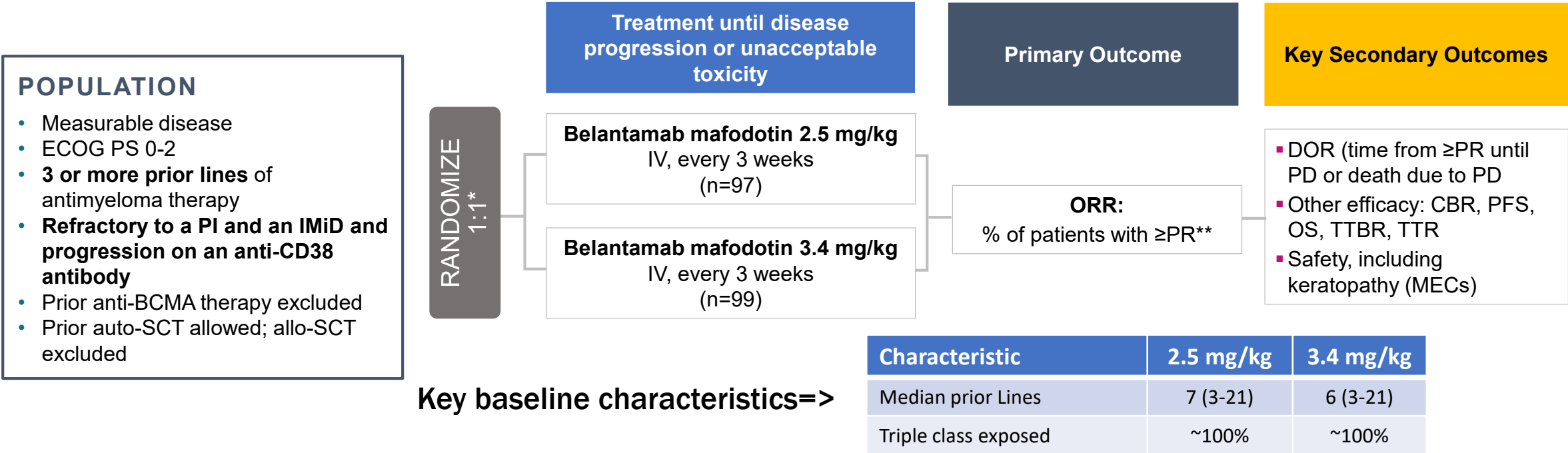
**Drug**

- MMAF (non-cell permeable, highly potent auristatin)

# DREAMM-2 Study Design

A phase II, open-label, randomized 2-dose study in RR MM after an anti-CD38 therapy.  
Primary analysis of DREAMM-2 completed at median follow-up of 6.3 and 6.9 months for the 2.5 mg/kg and 3.4 mg/kg cohorts, respectively. Additional analysis was completed at 13 months of follow-up.

\*Patients stratified based on number of previous lines of therapy ( $\leq 4$  vs  $>4$ ) and presence or absence of high-risk cytogenetic features; \*\*According to International Myeloma Working Group 2016 criteria.



BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CBR, clinical benefit rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IMiD, immunomodulatory imide drug; IV, intravenous; MEC, microcyst-like epithelial change; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; SCT, stem-cell transplantation; TTBR, time to best response; TTR, time to response.

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# DREAMM-2 Results

## Key efficacy data

Response	2.5 mg/kg N = 97	3.4 mg/kg N = 99
Follow-up	13 months	
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	<b>31 (32%)</b>	<b>35 (35%)</b>
sCR	2 (2%)	2 (2%)
CR	5 (5%)	3 (3%)
VGPR	11 (11%)	18 (18%)
PR	13 (13%)	12 (12%)
Median PFS (95% CI), mo	2.8 (1.6-3.6)	3.9 (2.0-5.8)
Median DoR estimate, mo	<b>11</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Median OS estimate, mo	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.8</b>

- ORRs were comparable in both HR and SR patients

## Key safety data

AE, n (%)	2.5 mg/kg N = 95	3.4 mg/kg N = 99
Grade 3-4 AE (≥20%)		
Keratopathy	44 (46%)	42 (42%)
Thrombocytopenia	21 (22%)	32 (32%)
Anemia	20 (21%)	27 (27%)
Serious AE	40 (42%)	47 (47%)
SAE leading to death	3 (3%)	9 (9%)

- Overall safety at 2.5 mg/kg
  - Keratopathy (Gr 1-4) 72%
  - Thrombocytopenia (Gr 1-4) 38%
- 2 deaths were considered potentially treatment related:
  - 2.5 mg/kg: sepsis (n = 1)
  - 3.4 mg/kg: hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (n = 1)
- Overall rates of anemia and thrombocytopenia were higher in HR than SR

# ADC Summary in RRMM

- **What more do we need?**

1. Improved response rates and durability with combinations

**Trudel et al. ASH 2020, Abstr 725: Belantamab + Pom**

**Popat et al. ASH 2020 , Abstr 1419: Belantamab + Vd**

2. Improved safety

**Split/intermittent dosing of Belantamab**

**Novel toxin:**

**Kumar et al. ASH 2020 , Abstr 179 – MEDI2228 [pyrrolobenzodiazepine dimer]**

**Shah et al. ASH 2020, Abstr 3030 – STRO-001 [maytansinoid]**

3. Additional targets

**CD74/CD46/SLAMF7**

4. Mechanism of resistance

**Antigen loss**

**P-glycoprotein**



# BCMA CAR T-Cell Studies: Efficacy

	Ide-cel (bb2121) PhII			bb21217			Cilta-cel (JNJ-4528)	Orva-cel (JCAR-H125)		
Cell Dose	150	300	450	150	300	450	0.75 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / kg	300	450	600
Median follow-up, mos		13.3		17.6	4.0	3.3	11.5 (3.0 – 17.0)	9.5	8.8	2.3
Response Rate										
ORR	50%	69%	82%	83%	43%	57%	100%	95%	89%	92%
CR	25%	29%	39%	33%	0%	14%	86%	37%	42%	29%
MRD										
Evaluable for MRD, #	4	70	54	7	6	4	21	11	11	3
MRD- (%)	50%	31%	48%	100%	83.3%	100%	85.7%	72.7%	90.9%	100%
Median DoR, mos	NR	9.9	11.3	11.1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Median PFS	2.8	5.8	12.1	NR	NR	NR	NR	9.3	NR	NR

[updates at ASH2020: Cilta-cel PhII, bb2121 PhI, bb2121-7, Poseida BCMA-CAR, CD19-BCMA dual targeted CAR, Allo715-BCMA]



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<b>Cytokine Release Syndrome</b>				
<b>All Grades</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Grade 3 / 4 / 5</b>	<b>4% / &lt;1% / &lt;1%</b>	<b>5% / 0% / 3%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Median Onset, Days</b>	<b>1 (1 – 12)</b>	<b>3 (1 – 20)</b>	<b>7 (2 – 12)</b>	<b>2 (1 – 4)</b>
<b>Median Duration</b>	<b>5 (1 – 63)</b>	<b>4 (1 – 28)</b>	<b>4 (2 – 64)</b>	<b>4 (1 – 10)</b>
<b>Neurotoxicity</b>				
<b>All grades</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>13%</b>
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<b>Median Onset, Days</b>	<b>2 (1 – 10)</b>	<b>7 (3 – 24)</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>4 (1 – 6)</b>
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# CAR T-Cell Summary in RRMM

- What more do we need?

1. Improved CARs

**Faster Manufacturing or *Off-the-shelf***

**Better T-cells – Tscm/cm**

**Persistence: a good “second wave”**

2. Improved patient selection

**Early relapse (1-3 PLT)**

**Frontline: replace ASCT?**

**Lower burden of disease**

3. Additional targets and combinations

**GPRC5D +/- BCMA**

**CD19 + BCMA**

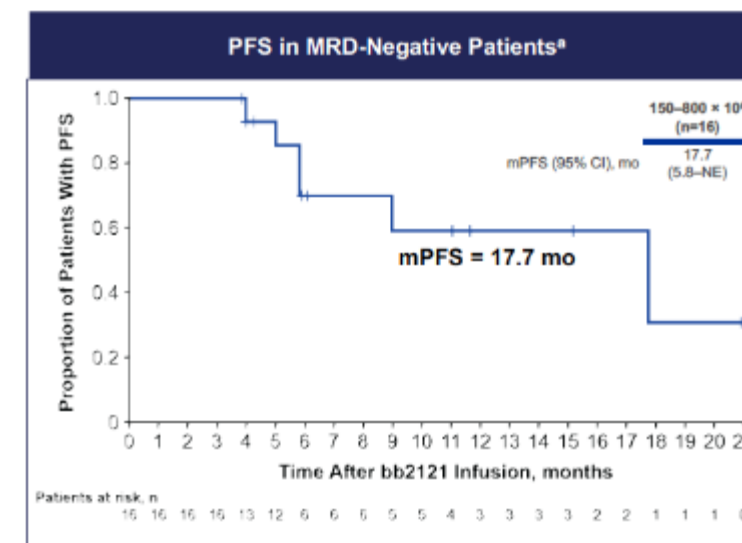
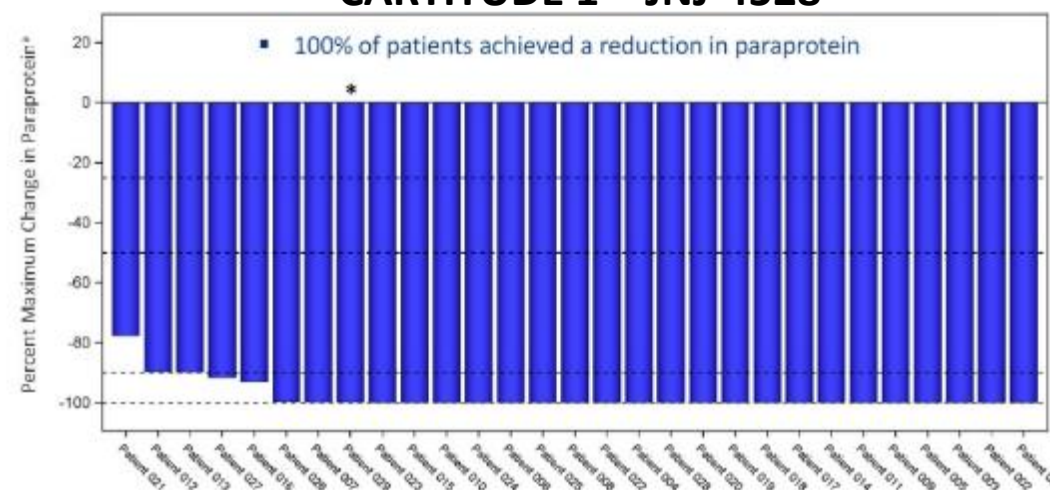
**CAR + BISPECIFIC, CAR + CeIMOD**

4. Mechanism for resistance

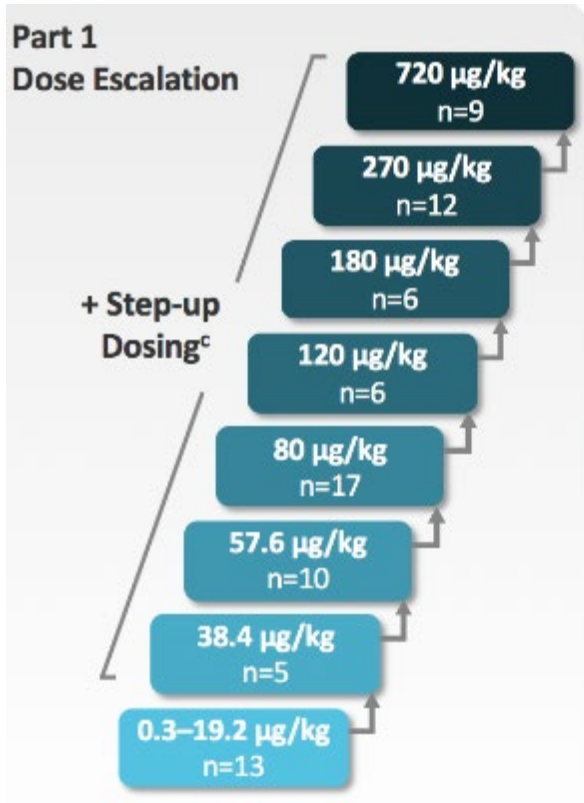
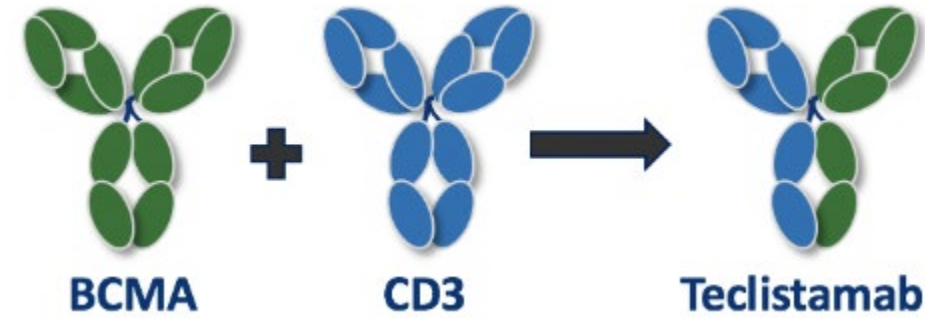
**Antigen loss**

**Myeloma “stem cell”**

**CARTITUDE 1 – JNJ-4528**



# Teclistamab – ASCO 2020

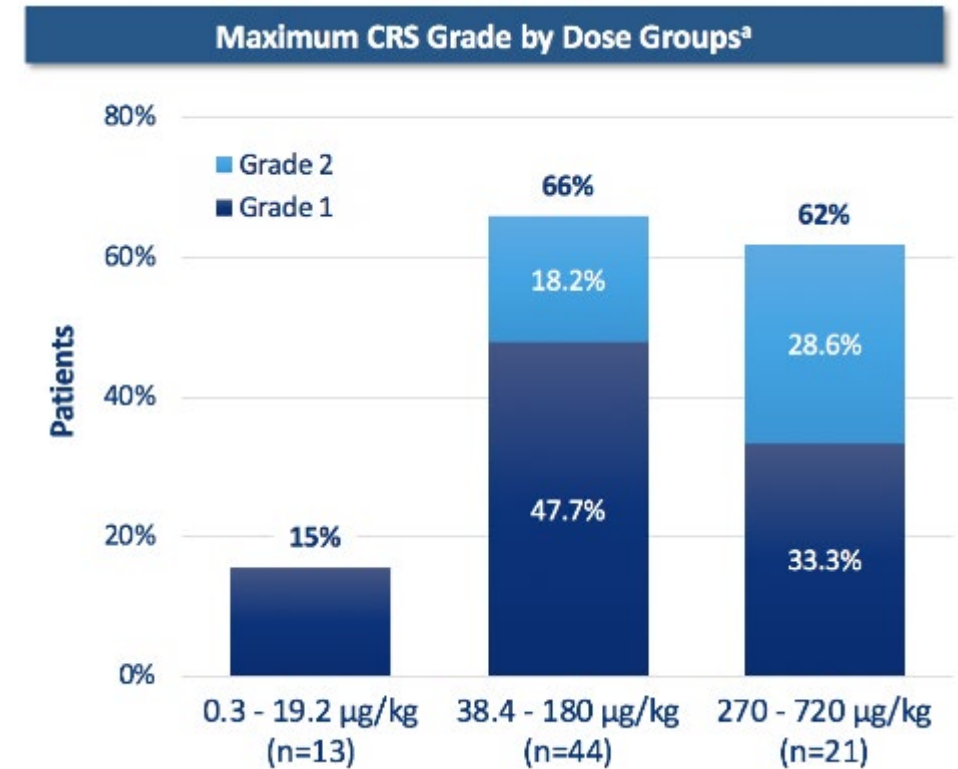


Dosing  
- Weekly step-up

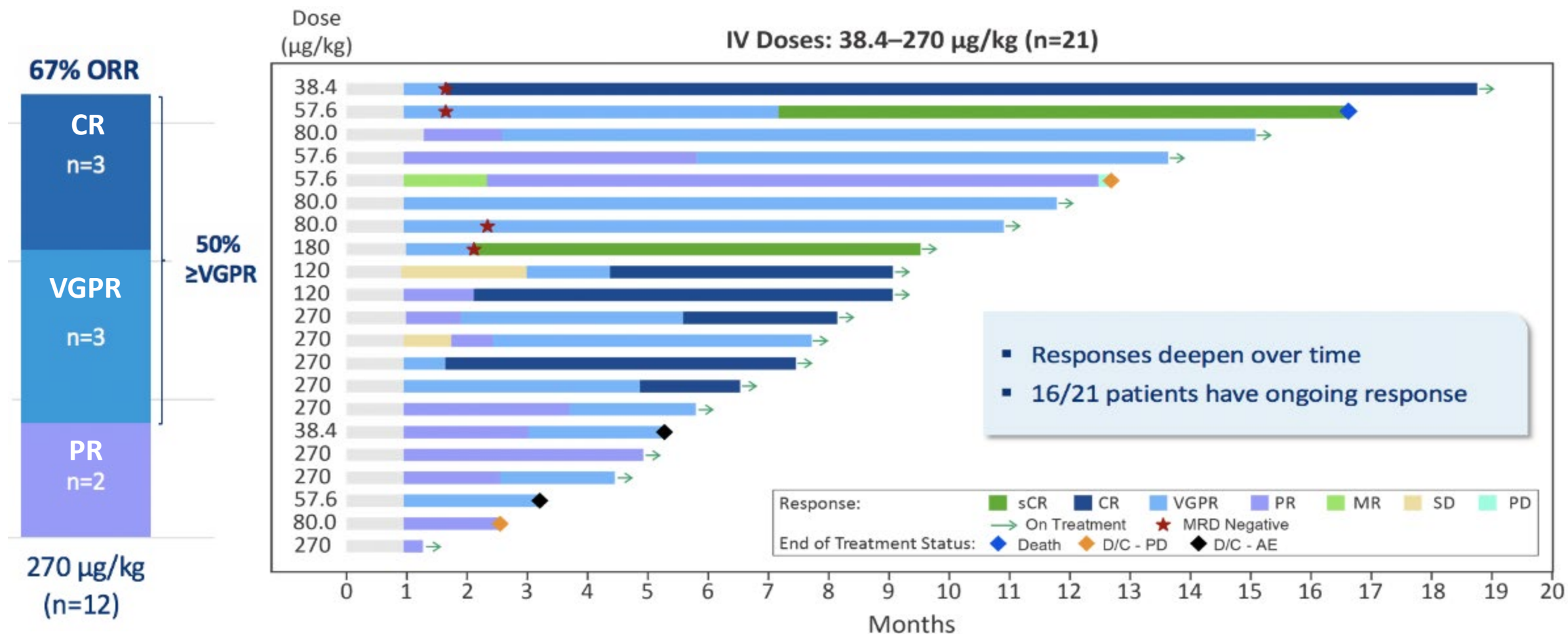
RP2D → **Part 2  
Dose  
Expansion**

## STUDY ENROLLMENT AND RESULTS

- 78 patients enrolled
- 6 PLT, 31% HR cytogenetics
- 80% triple class refractory
- Toxicity:
  - CRS: overall 56%
  - Neurotox: 8% Gr 1-4 (3% Gr 3-4)



# Teclistamab - Results



# BCMA Bispecific mAb Studies: Efficacy

	AMG420			CC-93269	Teclistamab
Dose	400 ug/day			6→10 mg and 6 mg	270 ug / kg
N	10			9	12
Median follow-up, mos	NR			NR	NR
Response Rate					
ORR		70%		88.9%	67%
CR	50%			44.4%	25%
MRD					
Evaluable for MRD, #		10		NR	5
MRD- (%)	50%			NR	80%
Median DoR, mos	9.0 (range 5.8 – ≥13.6)			11 of 13 ongoing	16 of 21 ongoing

[Many bispecific antibody updates and new presentations at ASH 2020]

# Bispecific Summary in RRMM

- **What more do we need?**

1. Phase II study results

- Optimized step-up dosing**

- Responses in RRMM including EMD and HR**

- Convenient schedule for long-term dosing**

2. Improved safety

- Outpatient administration**

- Prophylactic use of tocilizumab/other CRS mitigation strategies**

3. Additional targets

- CD38/SLAMF7/GPRC5D/FcRH5**

4. Improved response rates and durability with combinations

- Bispecific mAb + IMiDs, PIs, CD38 Abs**

- Bispecific + CelMODs**

# BCMA Therapeutics – Advantages/Disadvantages

	Antibody–drug conjugate	CAR T-cells	Bispecific antibody
Advantages	Off-the-shelf	Personalized	Off the shelf
	Targeted cytotoxicity Not dependent on T-cell health	Targeted immuno-cytotoxicity	Targeted immuno-cytotoxicity
	No lymphodepletion No steroids	Single infusion ("one and done")	No lymphodepletion Minimal steroids
	Available to any infusion center Outpatient administration	Potentially persistent	
Disadvantages		Fact accredited center required (hospitalization likely required)	Initial hospitalization required
	Currently requires REMS/Ophtho	CRS and Neurotoxicity; requires ICU and Neurology services	CRS and Neurotoxicity possible
	Single agent activity low in CD38 refractory patients	Dependent on T-cell health (manufacturing failures)	Dependent on T-cell health (T-cell exhaustion)
	Requires continuous administration	Requires significant support social – caregiver required	Requires continuous administration
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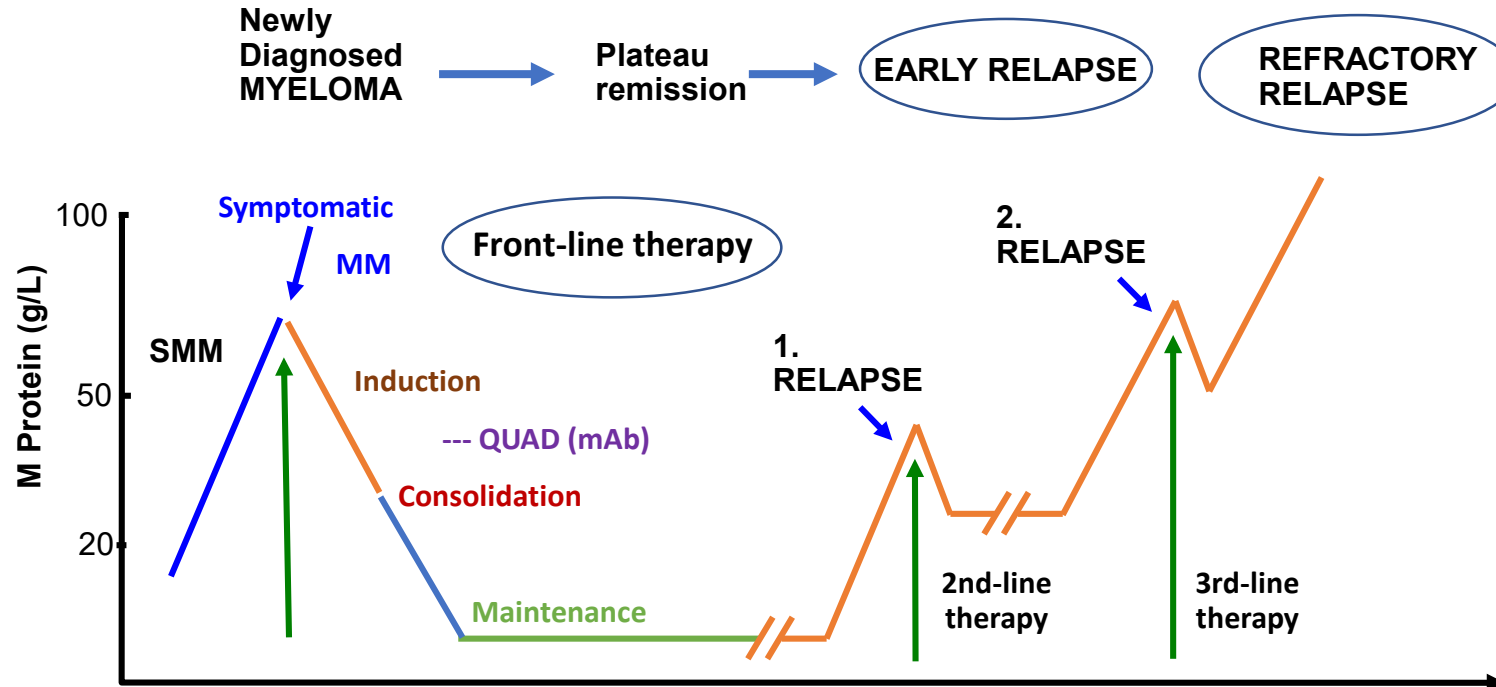


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- In 2022 and beyond → other CARs, ADCs and bispecific mAbs
  - CD38 + triplet (induction) → BCMA CAR consolidation → BCMA – ADC early relapse
  - CD38 + doublet/triplet for induction → bispecific maintenance → BCMA-ADC relapse
  - BCMA-ADC + doublet induction → GPRC5D CAR at relapse → FcRH5 bispecific RRMM

# Future Strategies in Multiple Myeloma

Where and in what combination will immunotherapy have the most Impact?



## Frontline

QUAD: No transplant

MRD (+): Consolidation: CAR vs. Bispecific

MRD (-): Maintenance: Len (CELMoD)/mAb vs. Bispecific

## Early Relapse (1-3 Prior Lines)

Novel CAR (Different target)

Novel Ab: ADC vs. Trivalent Ab

## Late Relapse (off-the shelf)

Third party cellular therapy (NK + T)

Crispr strategies

# Conclusions: Next Generation Therapeutics

- Triple Class Refractory is an UNMET Need
  - Belantamab mafodotin: BCMA-ADC → approved in this population
  - BCMA directed CAR T-cell therapeutics → will be available soon
  - Initial bispecific antibody results promising
    - Off-the-shelf products, toxicity is manageable
    - Bind BCMA, GPRC5D, FCRH5
- Need better understanding mechanisms of resistance
  - Loss of antigen
  - T cell burnout/exhaustion
- Combinations of novel-novel drugs on-going
- Sequencing of these therapeutics will be important and future sequencing studies will be important

Now, let's return to our patient case



# Patient Case Example: R/R MM

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- Approved agents are available
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  - Alkylator therapy [cyclophosphamide-based, bendamustine, 2nd autologous SCT]

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