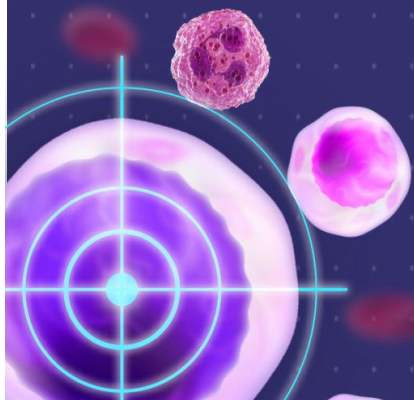




Treating elderly and frail patients with MM: *Cure versus* disease control

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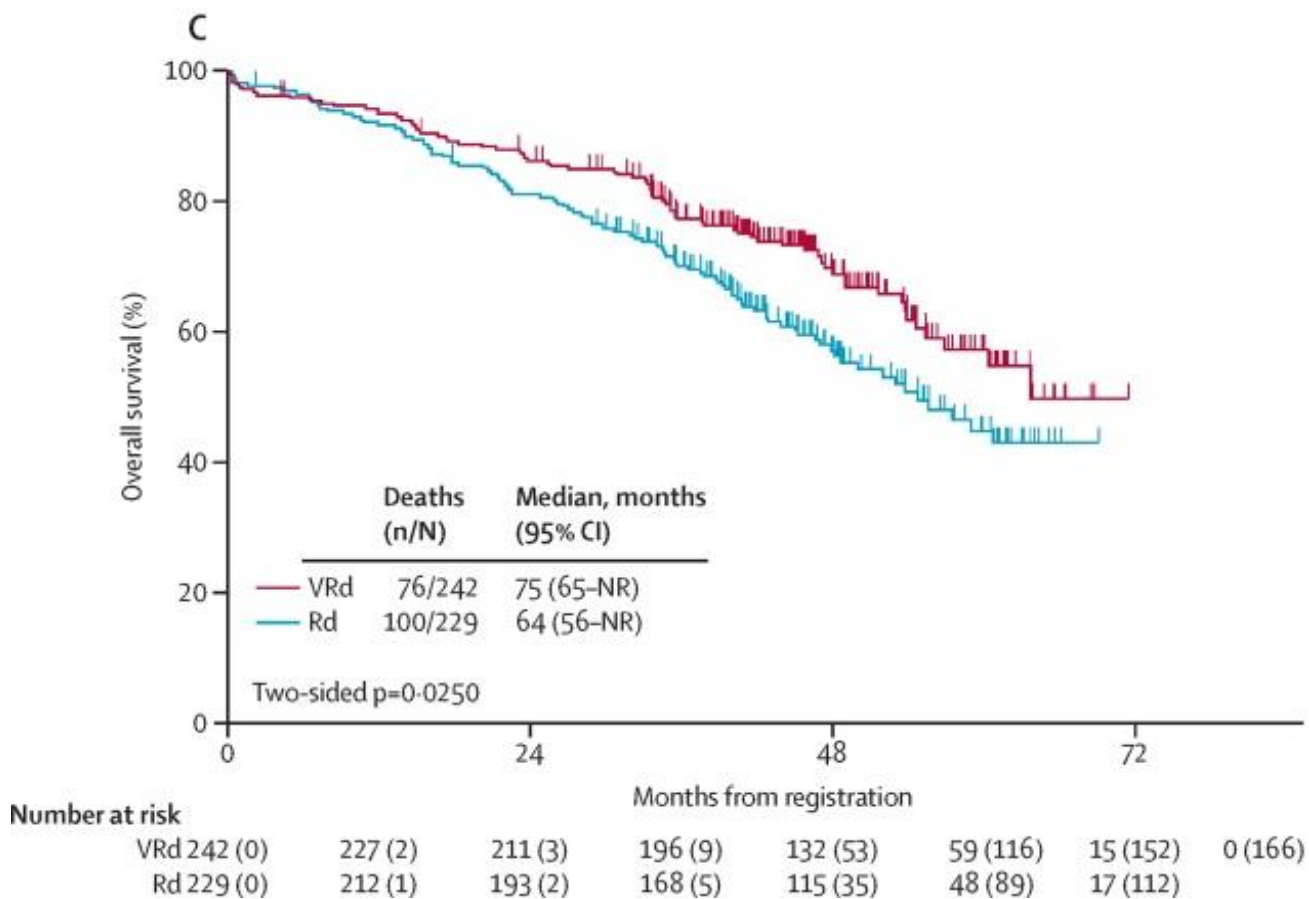
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S0777 Trial: VRd vs Rd

Overall Survival



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Age >75

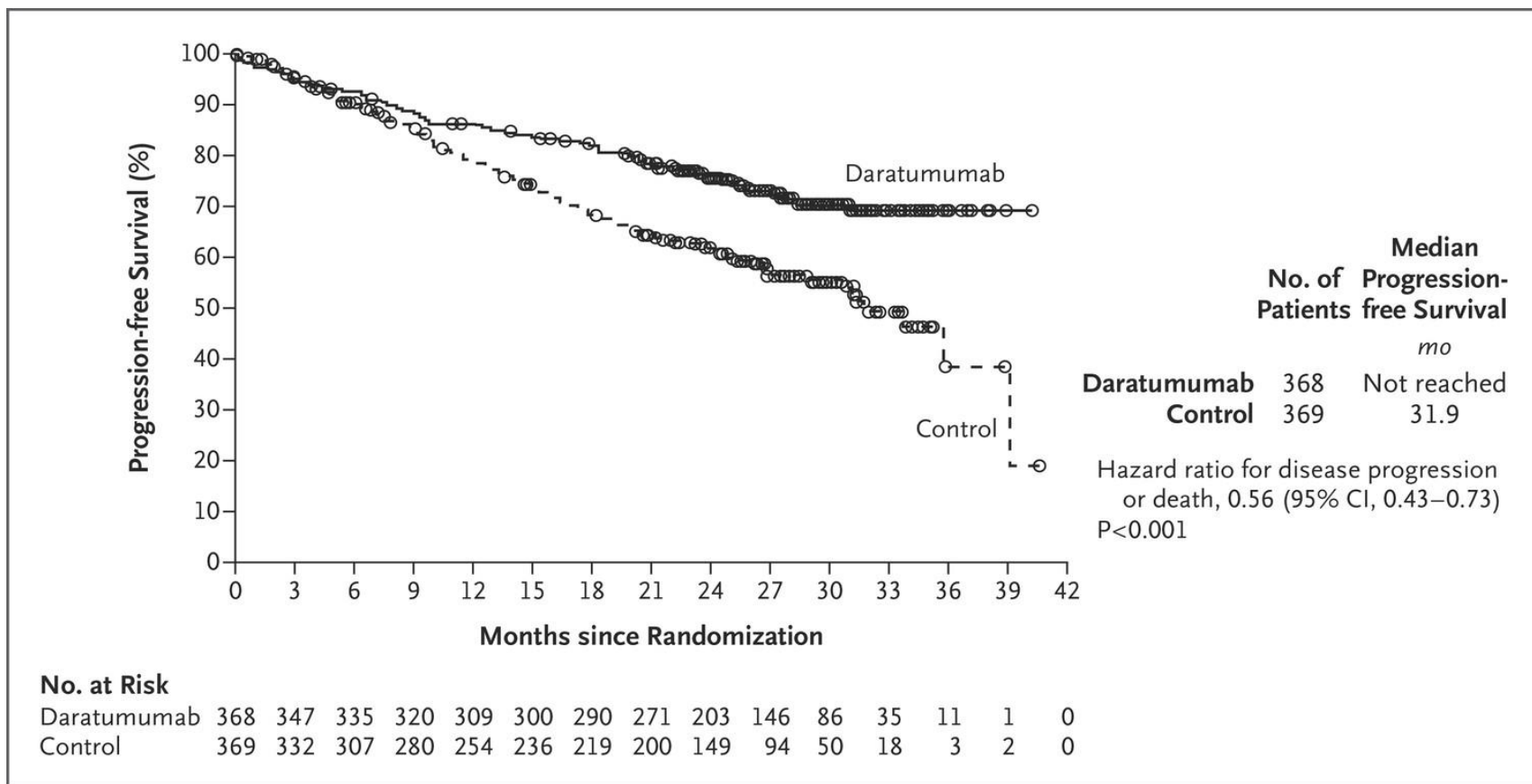
- SWOG S0777 trial VRd vs Rd
- PFS and OS Age <65, 65–75, >75 years
- VRd was superior in Age >75 years
 - Median PFS 39 vs 20 months
 - Median OS 63 vs 31 months ($P<0.05$)



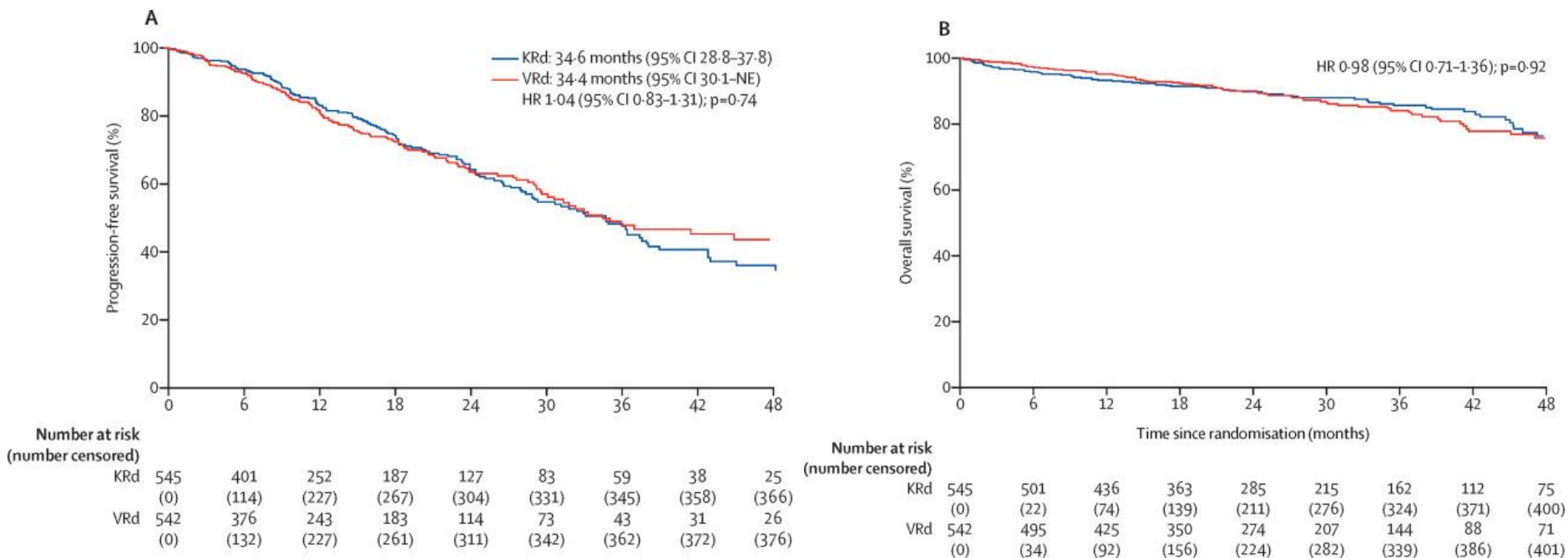
Key Questions: Cure or Control

- **Can we improve on the VRd triplet?**
 - Carfilzomib based (eg., KRd)
 - Monoclonal Antibody based (eg., DRd)
- **Should we use a quadruplet?**
 - Cost
 - Toxicity

Dara-Rd vs Rd (MAIA trial) Progression-Free Survival

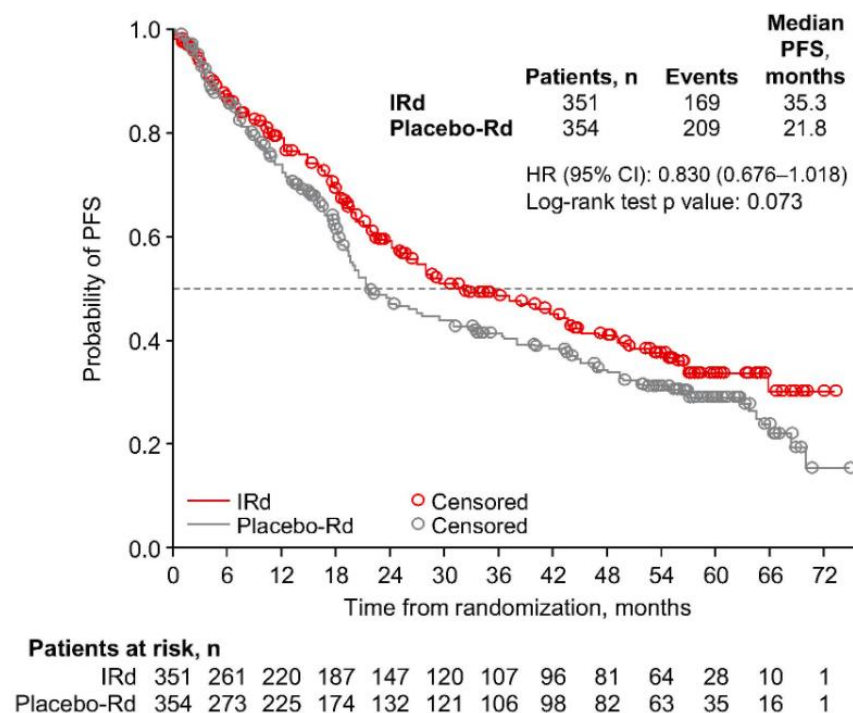


KRd vs VRd (ENDURANCE TRIAL)



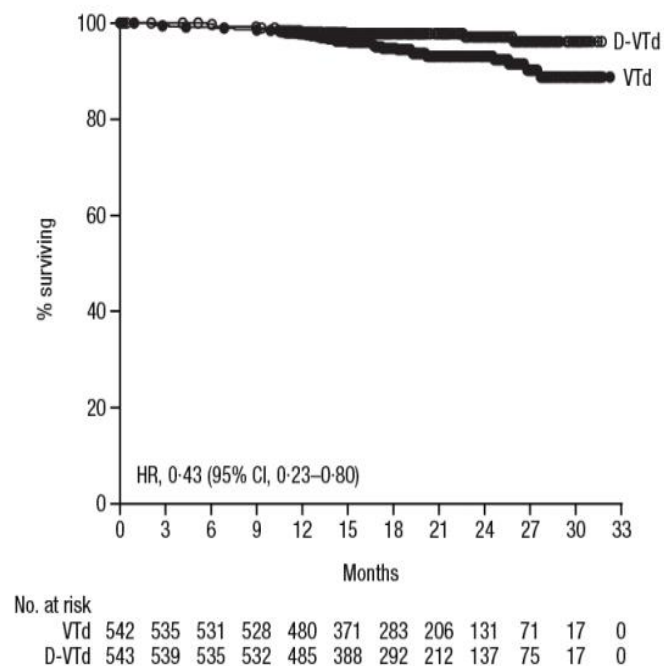
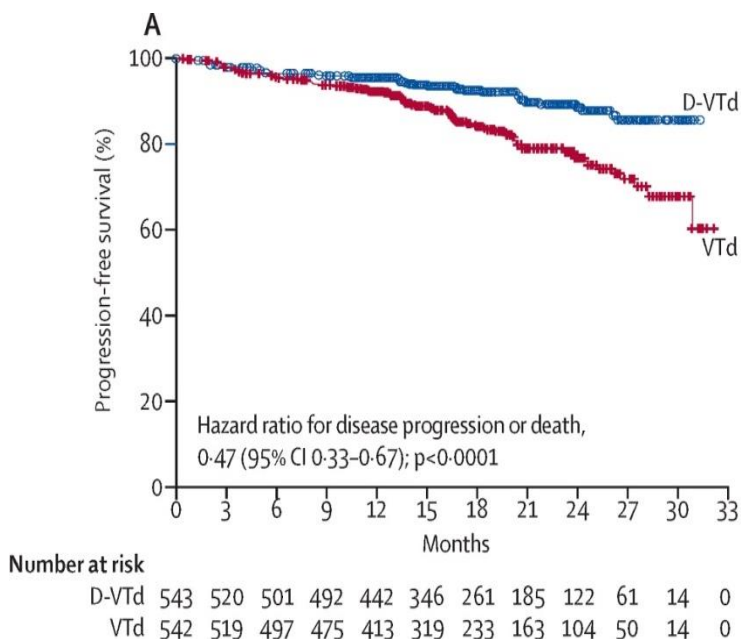
TOURMALINE-MM2 trial: Ixazomib-Rd vs placebo-Rd

- Data cutoff: Dec 2, 2019.
- Median follow-up for PFS
 - IRd: 53.3 months
 - Placebo-Rd: 55.8 months
- Median DOT: 20 cycles in each arm
 - 54% of patients in the IRd arm and 54% in the placebo-Rd arm entered Cycle 19.
 - Mean relative dose intensity for all agents was similar between arms.



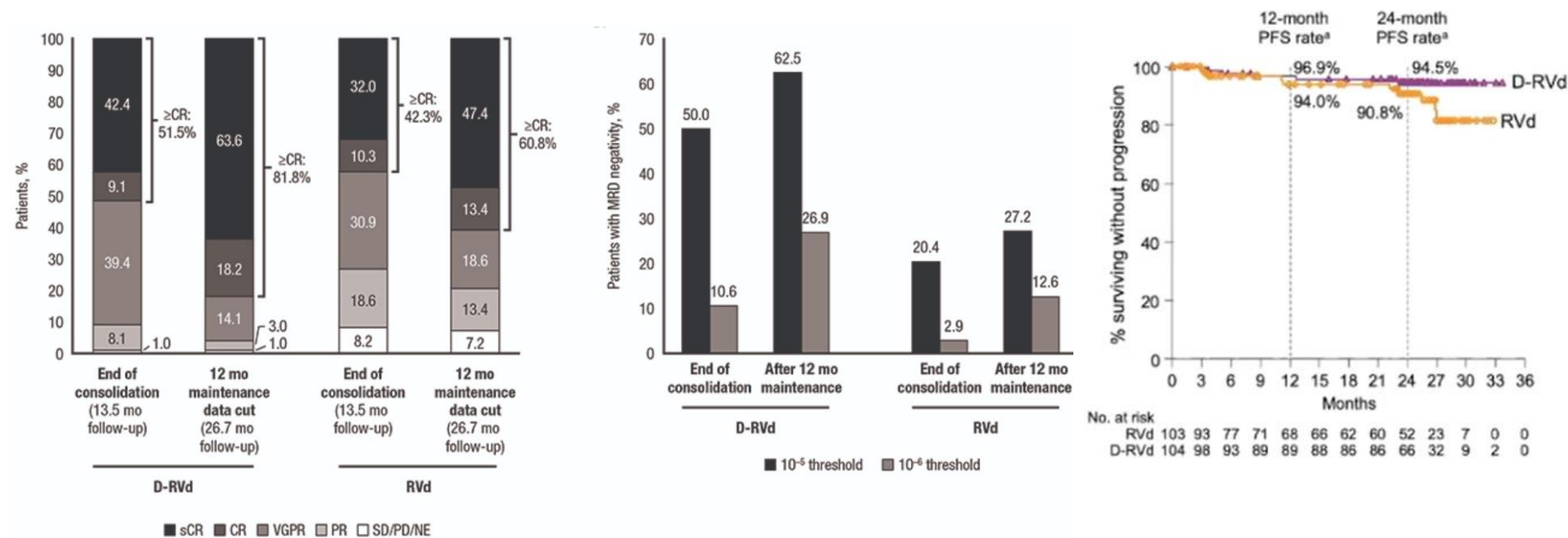
CI, confidence interval; DOT, duration of treatment; HR, hazard ratio; IRd, ixazomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; PFS, progression-free survival; Rd, lenalidomide, dexamethasone; vs, versus.

CASSIOPEIA TRIAL: Dara-VTd vs VTd Quadruplets as Initial Therapy



GRIFFIN trial: D-RVd vs RVd

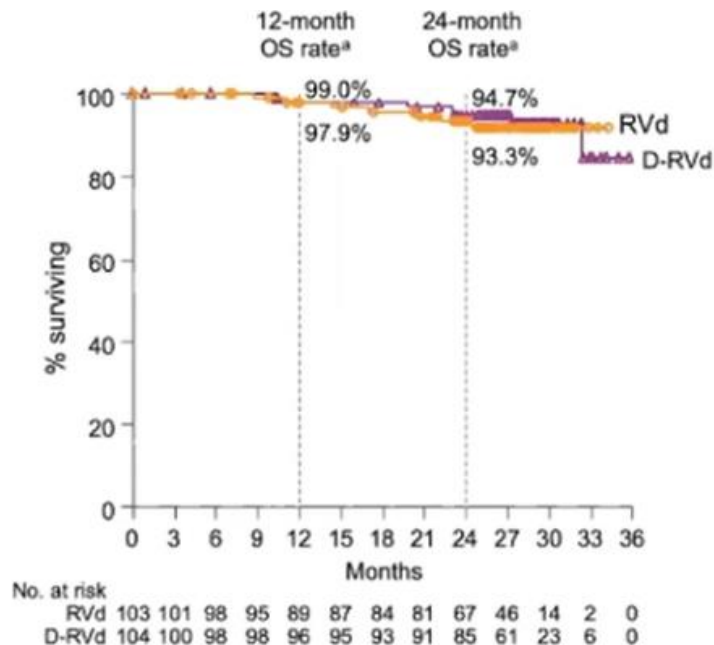
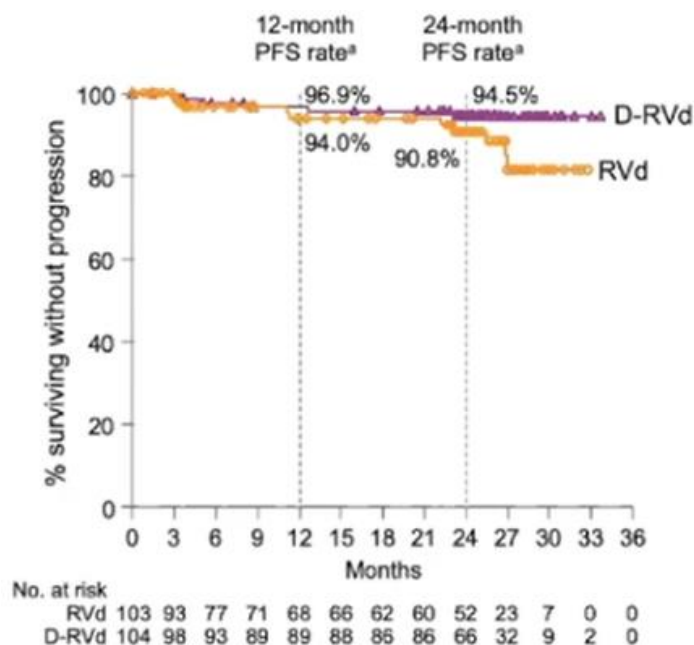
D-RVd in transplant-eligible NDMM improves depth of response and MRD negativity (10^{-5}) over time.



CR, complete response; D-RVd, daratumumab, lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; NE, not evaluated; No, number; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; RVd, lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone; sCR, stringent complete response; SD, stable disease; VGPR, very good partial response; vs, versus.

GRIFFIN trial: D-RVd vs RVd

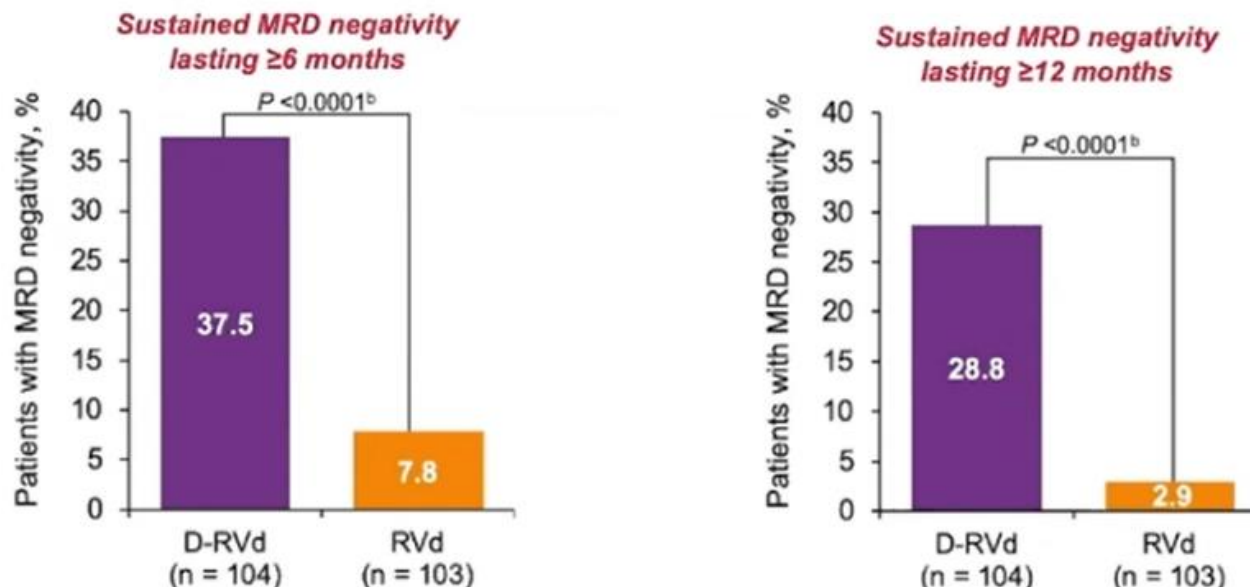
With a median follow-up of 27.4 months, PFS and OS were not yet reached.



D-RVd, daratumumab, lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone; No, number; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RVd, lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone; vs, versus.

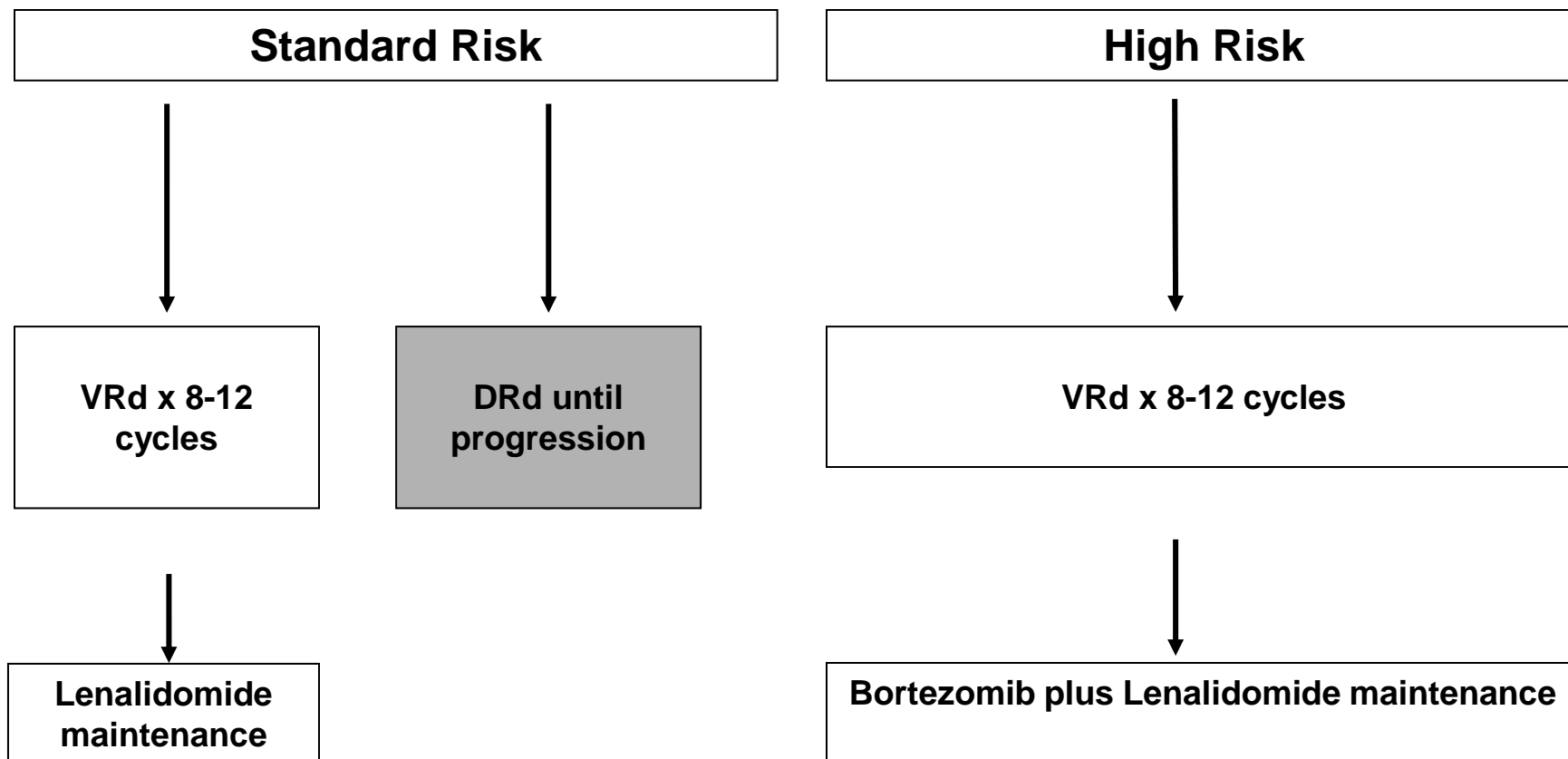
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Newly Diagnosed Myeloma: Transplant Ineligible





Cure *versus* control



Key considerations

- Definition of cure
- Distinguishing our desire for cure from whether we are already there
- Distinguishing our goal in clinical trials (with informed consent) versus adventurous recommendations of unproven therapy in clinical practice (based on hope)
- How can we achieve cure?
- How can we achieve good disease control?

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Treatment of Myeloma: Cure vs Control

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Although not often openly acknowledged, “cure vs control” is the dominant philosophical difference behind many of the strategies, trials, and debates related to the management of myeloma. Should we treat patients with myeloma with multidrug, multitransplant combinations with the goal of potentially curing a subset of patients, recognizing that the risk of adverse events and effect on quality of life will be substantial? Or should we address myeloma as a chronic incurable condition with the goal of disease control, using the least toxic regimens, emphasizing a balance between efficacy and quality of life, and reserving more aggressive therapy for later?

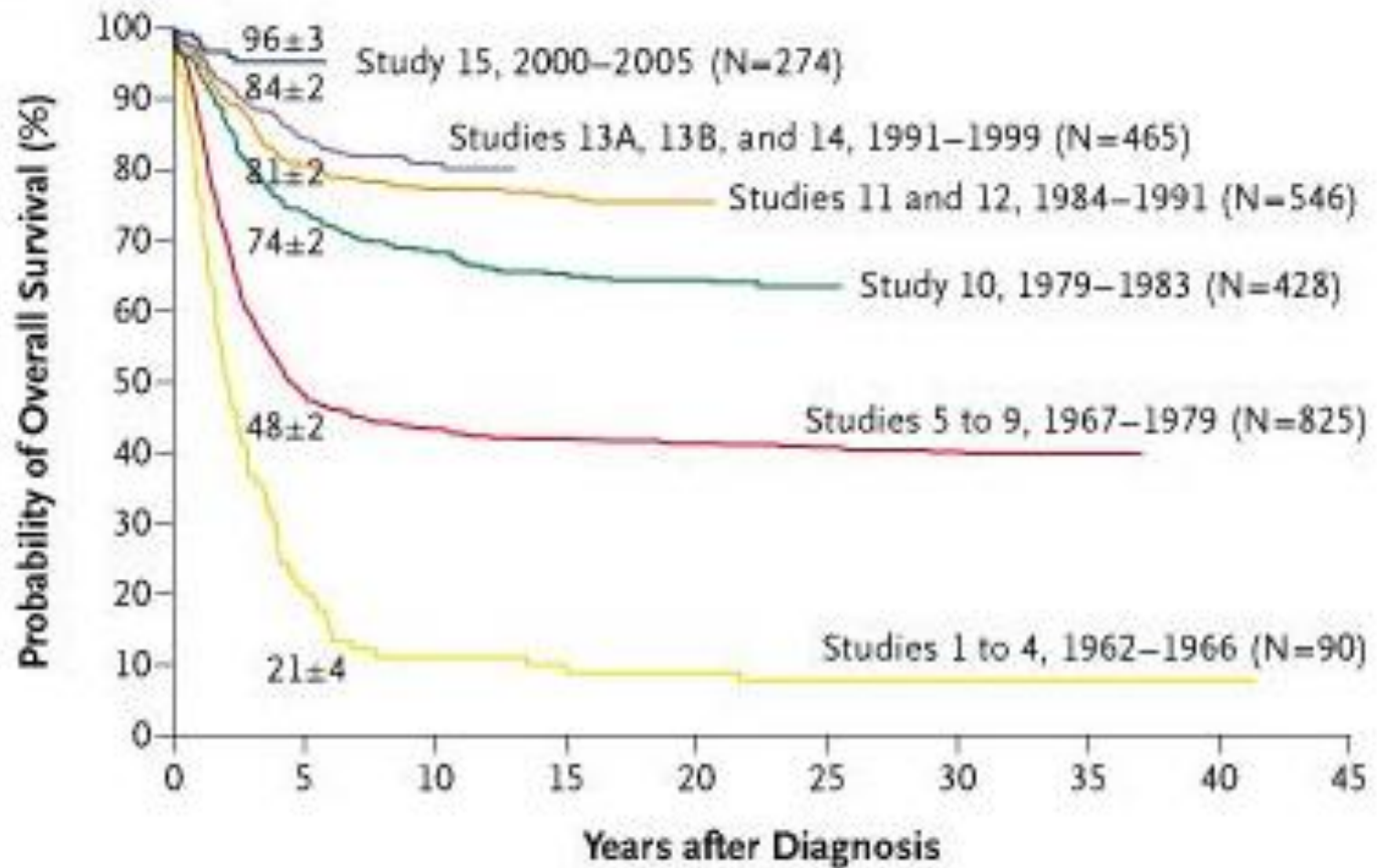
when it was found to prolong survival compared with conventional chemotherapy.⁵⁻⁷ Subsequently, bisphosphonates were found to be effective in decreasing the incidence of bone lesions.^{8,9} In the past decade, thalidomide,¹⁰ bortezomib,¹¹⁻¹³ and lenalidomide^{14,15} emerged as effective agents for the treatment of myeloma, producing spectacular results in combination with other known agents in terms of response rate, CR rate, progression-free survival (PFS), and (more recently) overall survival. Numerous combinations have been developed, resulting in a veritable alphabet soup of clinical trials,¹⁶ and drug combinations are vying with each other for the highest response rate (and promi-

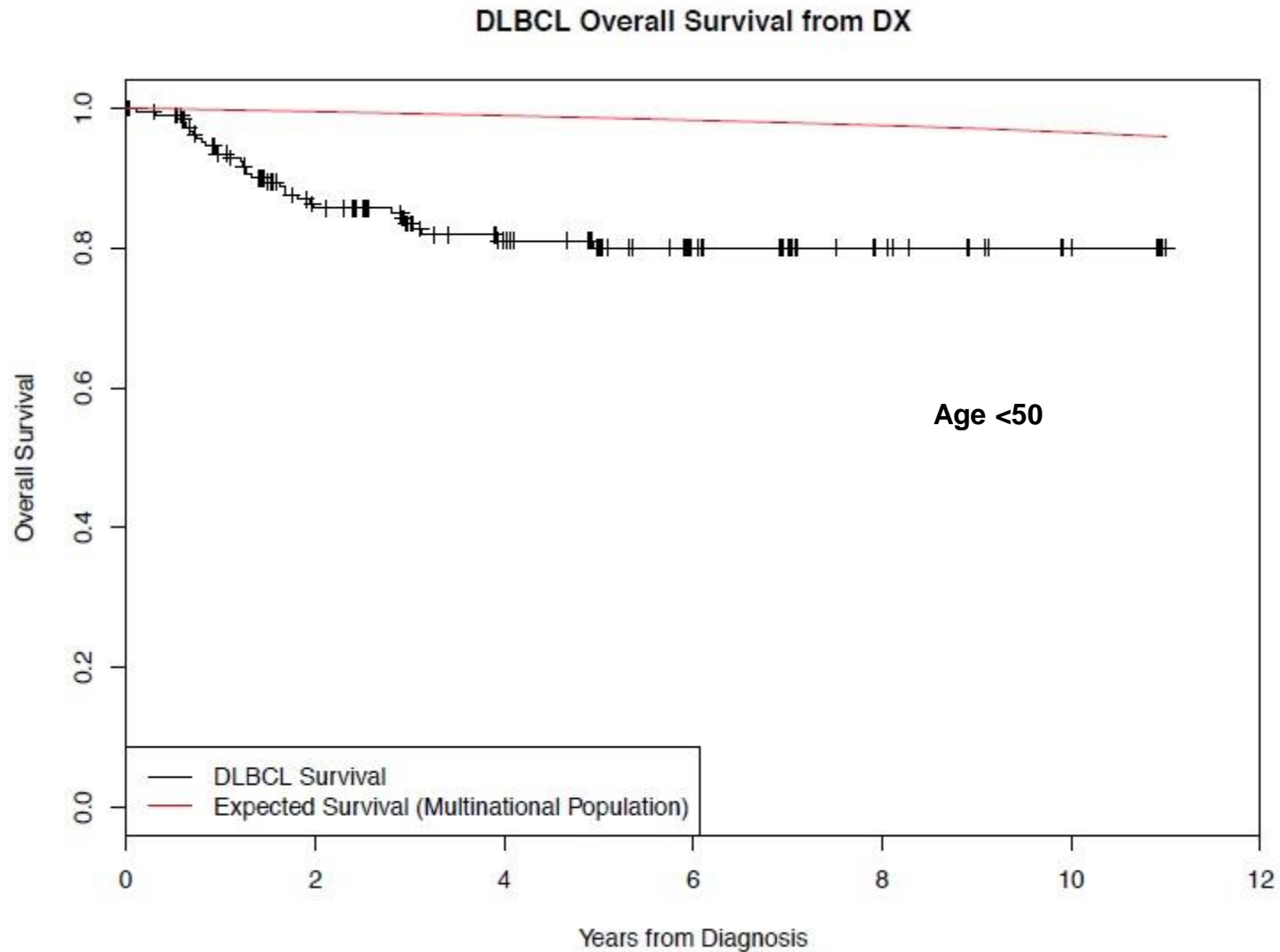


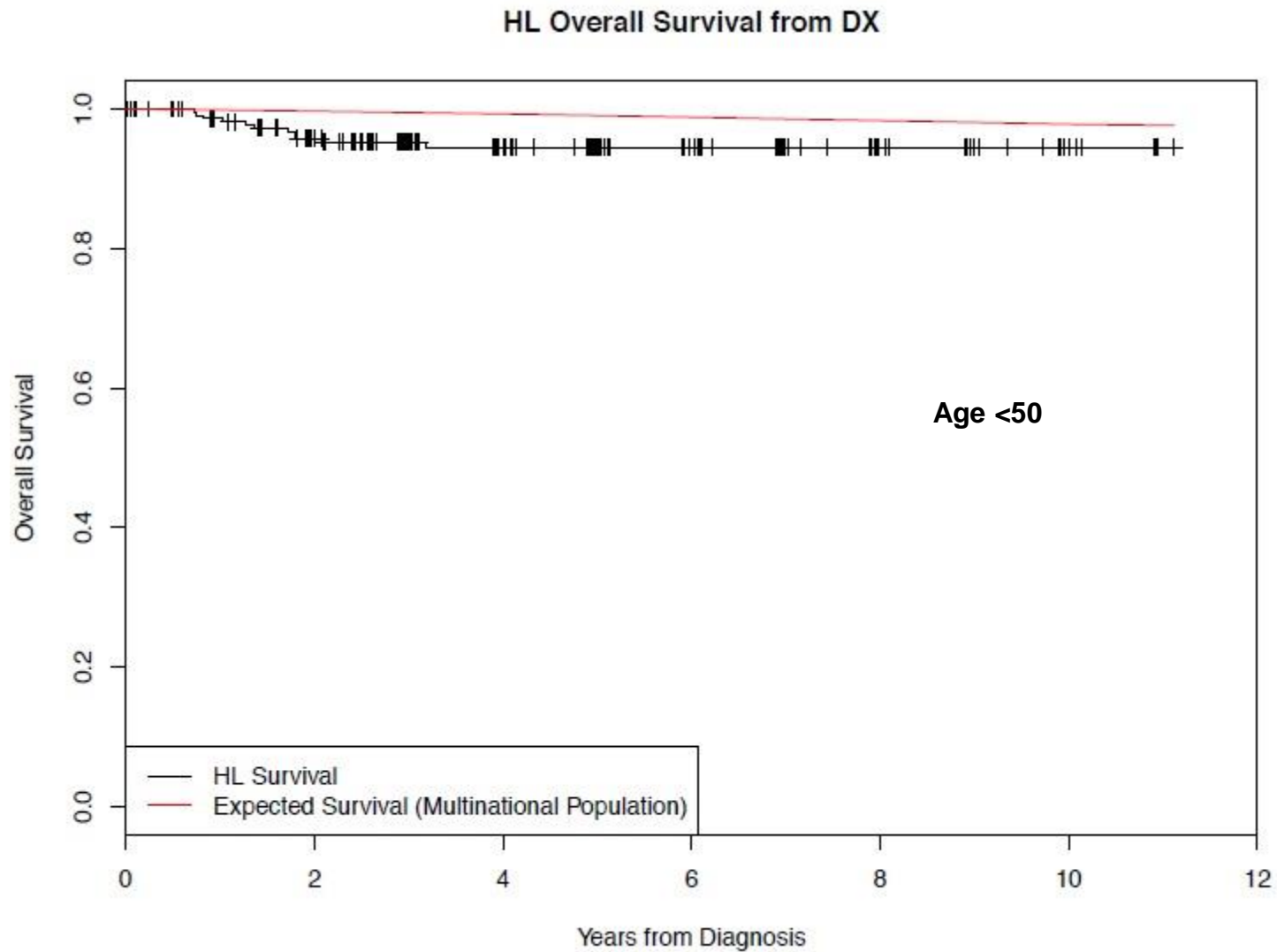
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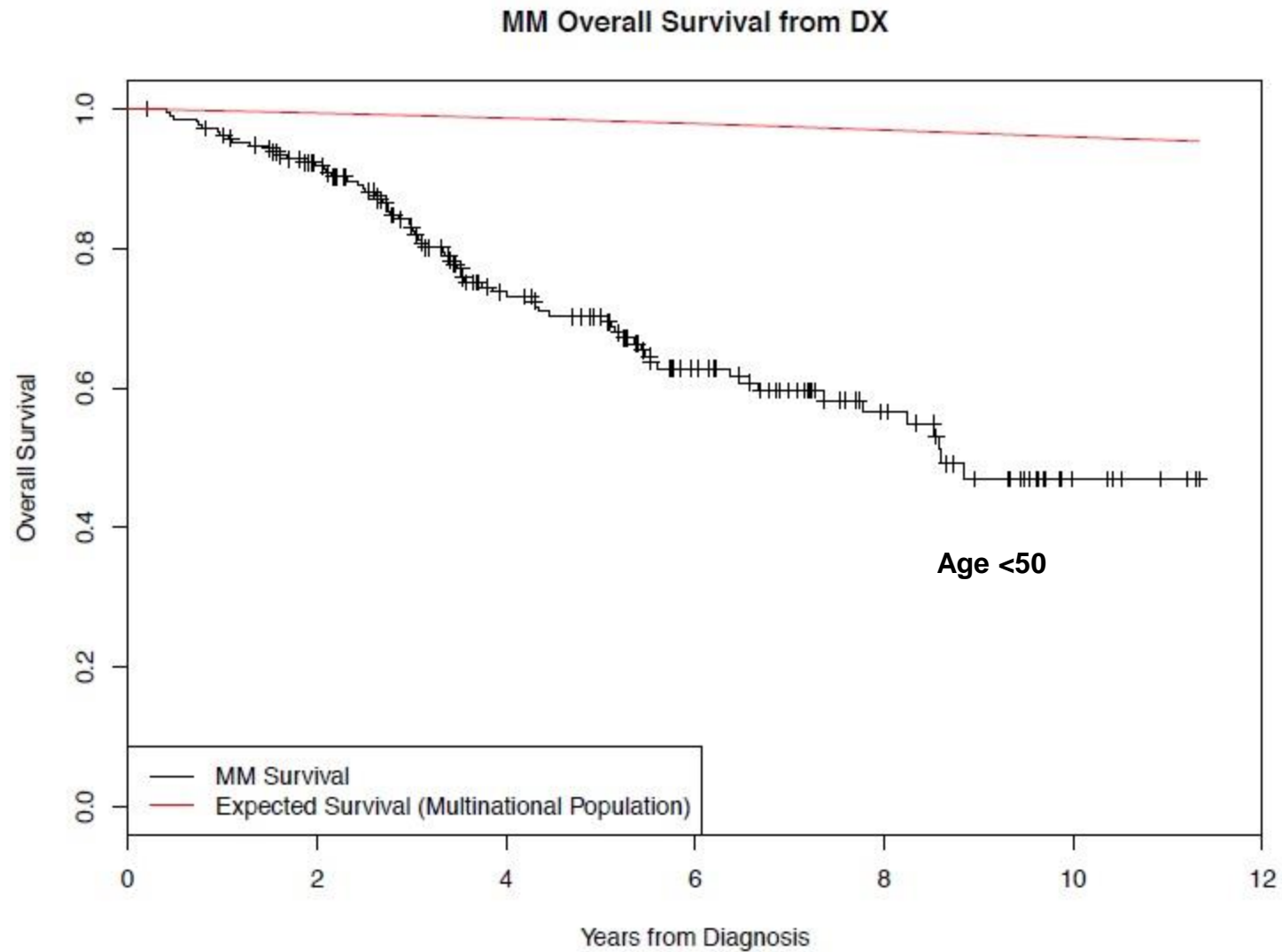


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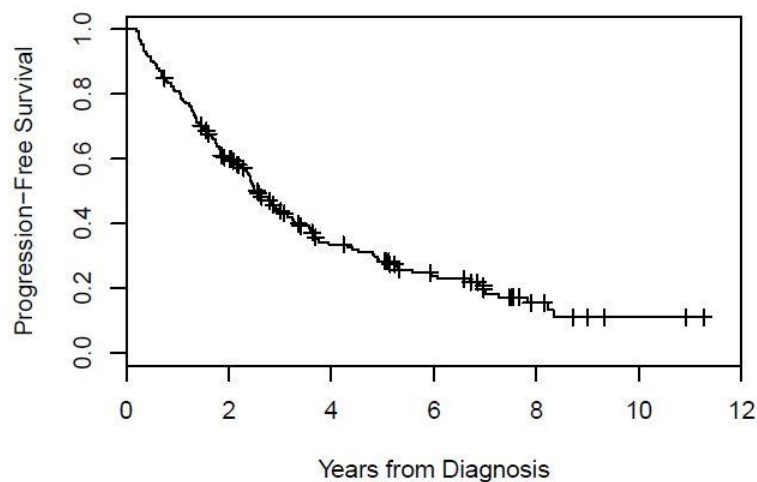




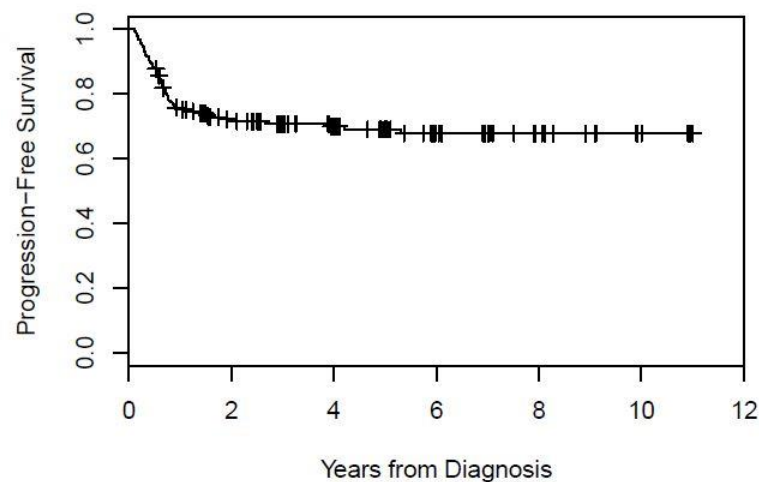




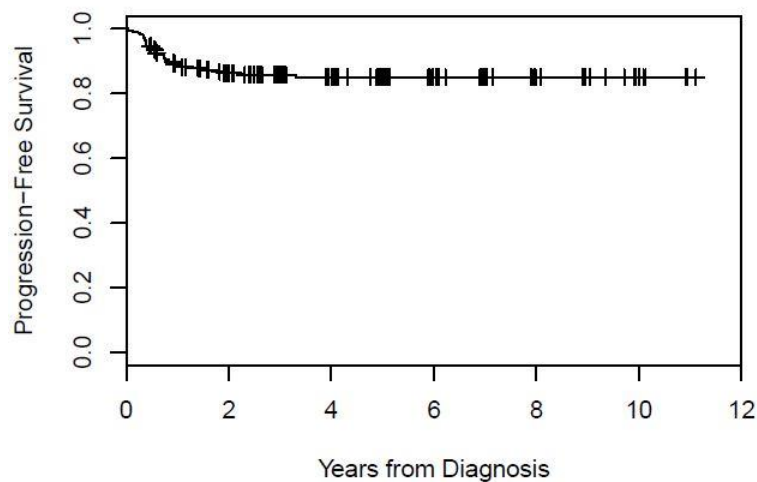
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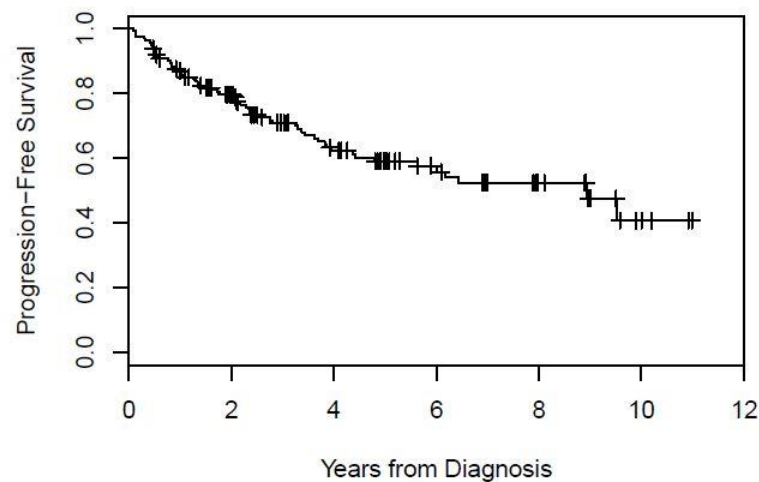
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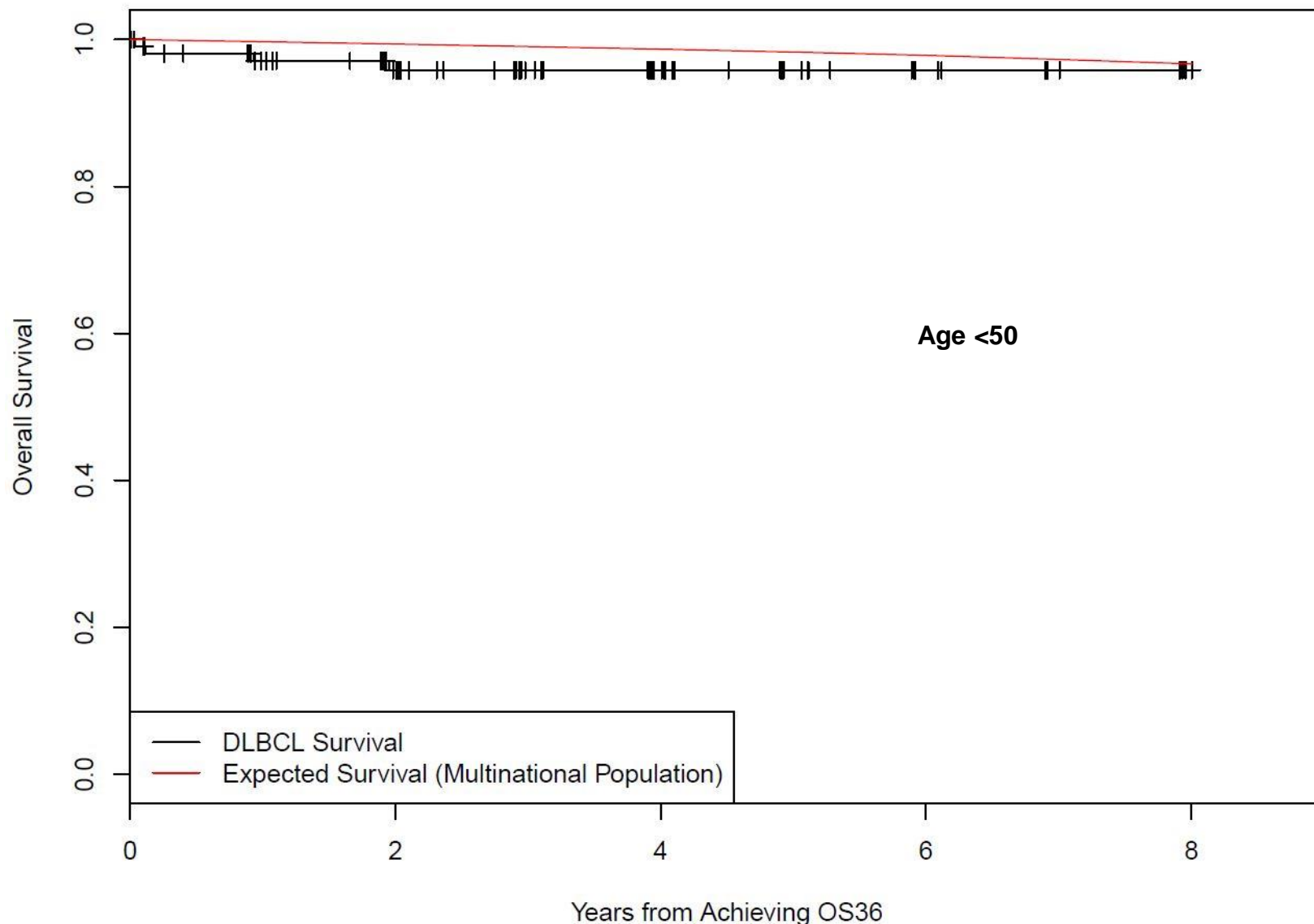
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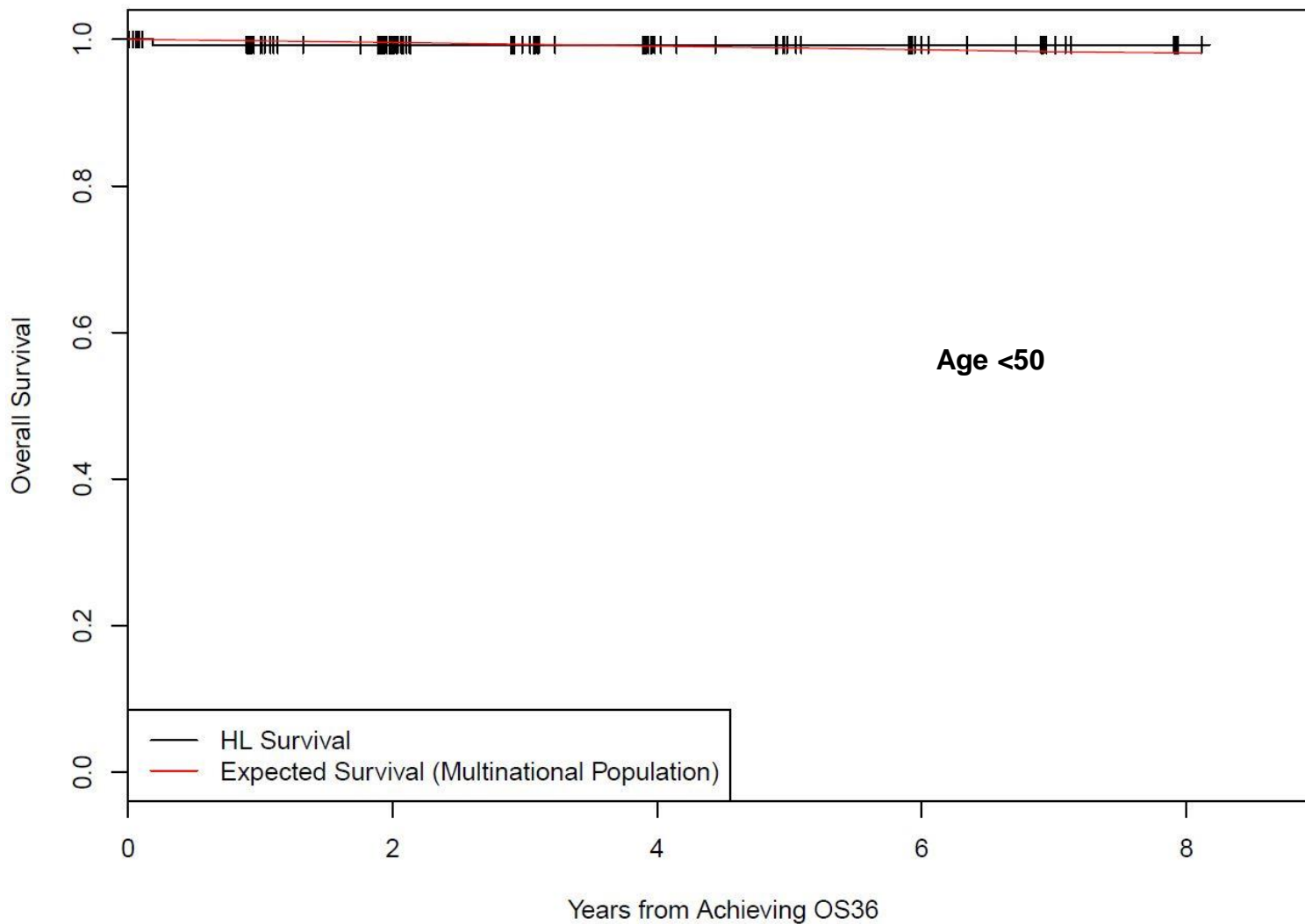


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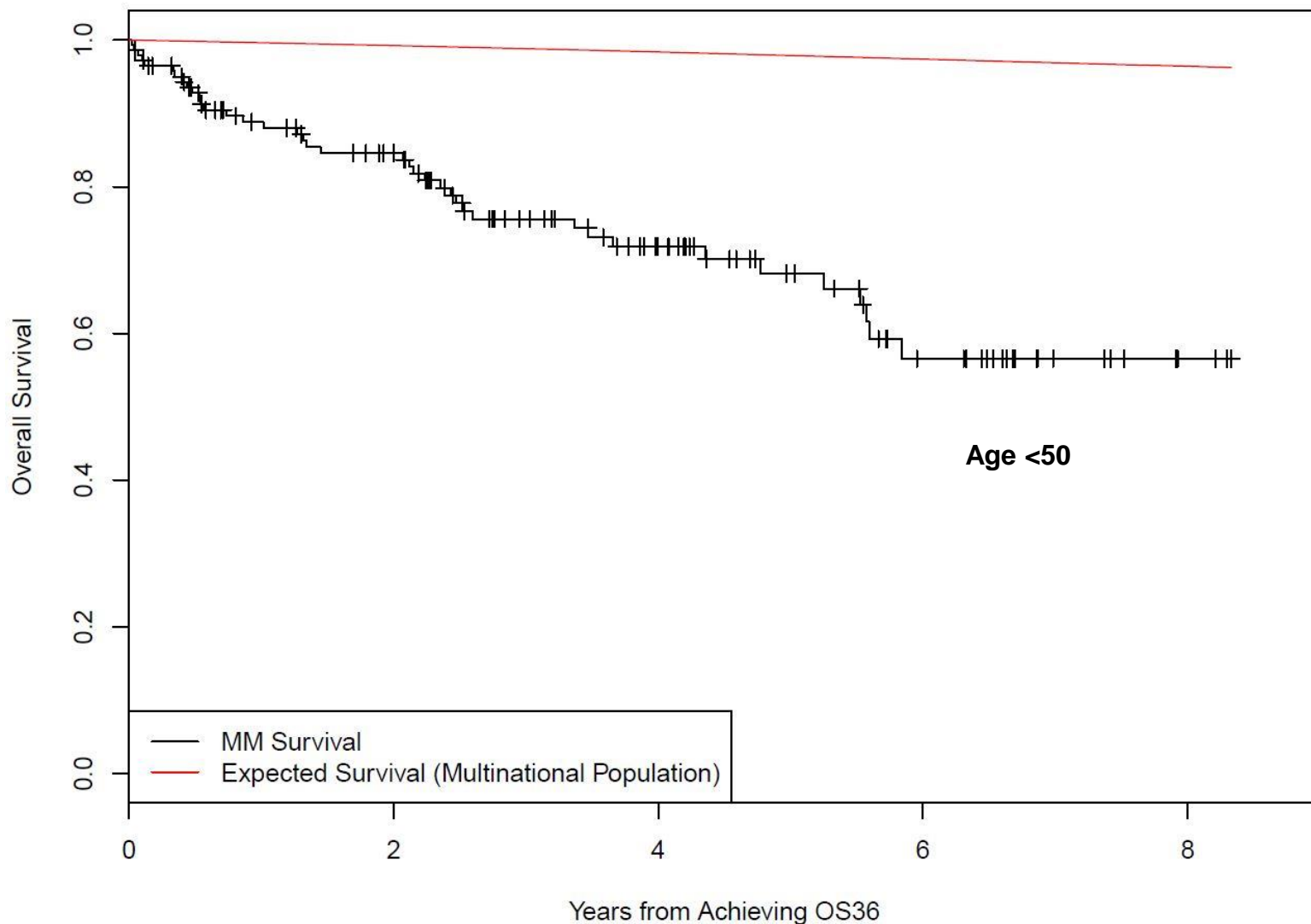


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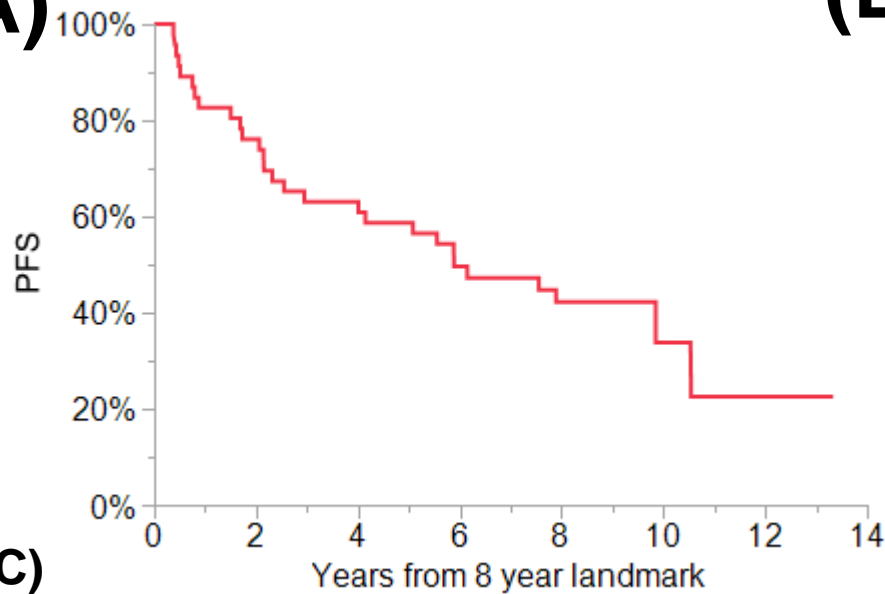
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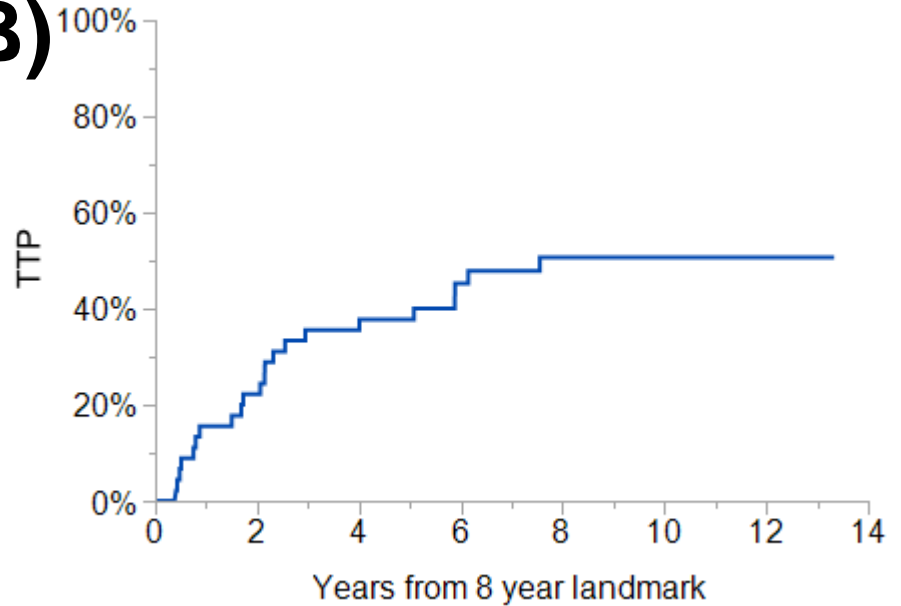
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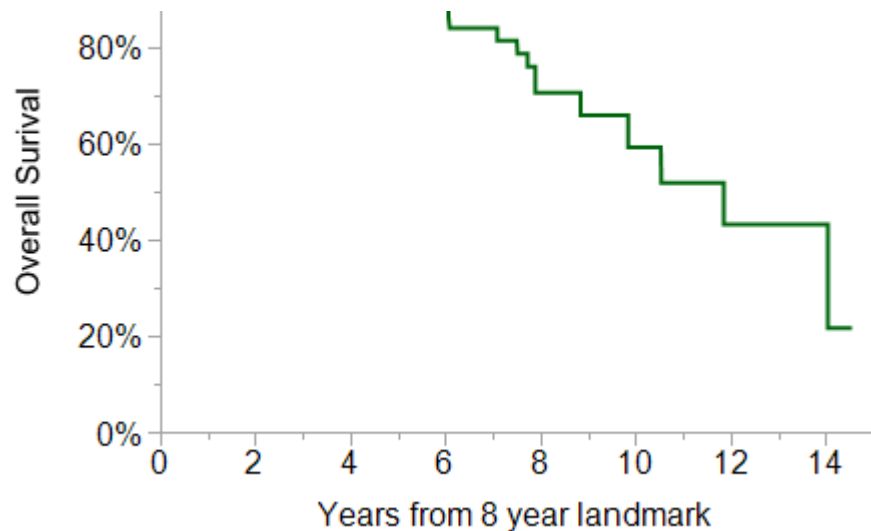
(A)



(B)



(C)



Landmark analysis at 8 years after diagnosis of multiple myeloma showing the PFS (A), TTP (B), and OS (C) of exceptional responders to stem cell transplant



How do we achieve cure or control?

Optimal use of Active Drugs in Multiple Myeloma

- Alkylators
- Steroids
- Anthracyclines

IMiDs

- Thalidomide
- Lenalidomide
- Pomalidomide

Proteasome Inhibitors

- Bortezomib
- Carfilzomib
- Ixazomib

Anti-SLAMF7 moAb

- Elotuzumab

Anti-CD38 moAbs

- Daratumumab
- Isatuximab
- Felzartamab (MOR202)
- TAK 079
- SAR 442085

Anti-BCMA antibody drug conjugate

- Belantamab

- Panobinostat (histone deacetylase inhibitor)

- Selinexor (XPO1 inhibitor)

- Venetoclax (BCL-2 inhibitor)

- Melflufen (peptidase enhanced cytotoxic)

Anti-BCMA CAR-T

- Cilta-cel
- Ide-cel
- JCARH125

Anti-BCMA bispecifics

- Teclistamab
- AMG 701
- CC93269

Novel bispecifics

- Talquetamab (GPC5D/CD3)
- Cevostamab (FcRH5/CD3)

CELMoDs

- Iberdomide
- CC-92480

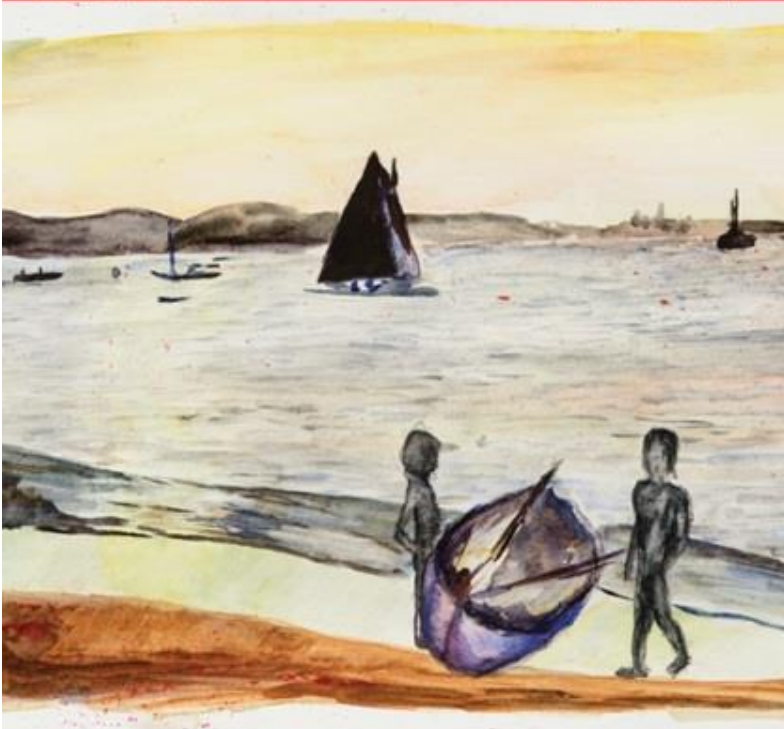


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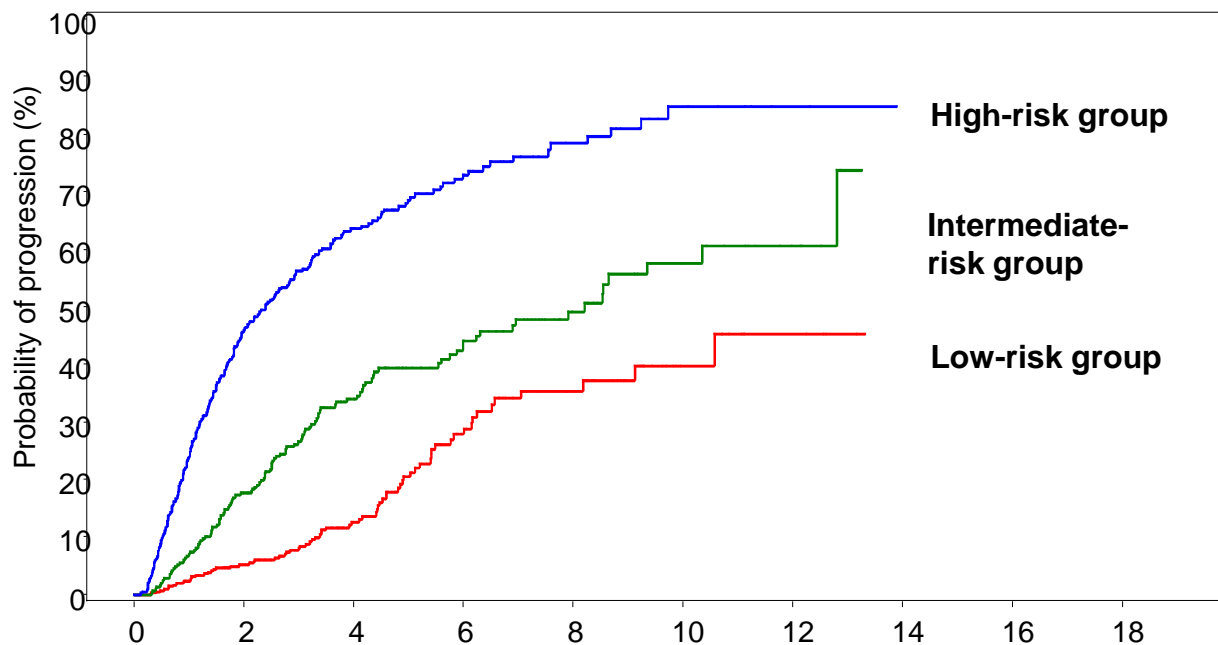
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This International Myeloma Working Group consensus updates the disease definition of multiple myeloma to include validated biomarkers in addition to existing requirements of attributable CRAB features (hypercalcaemia, renal failure, anaemia, and bone lesions). These changes are based on the identification of biomarkers associated with near inevitable development of CRAB features in patients who would otherwise be regarded as having smouldering multiple myeloma. A delay in application of the label of multiple myeloma and postponement of therapy could be

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IMWG 2019 Risk Stratification of SMM (n=1151)

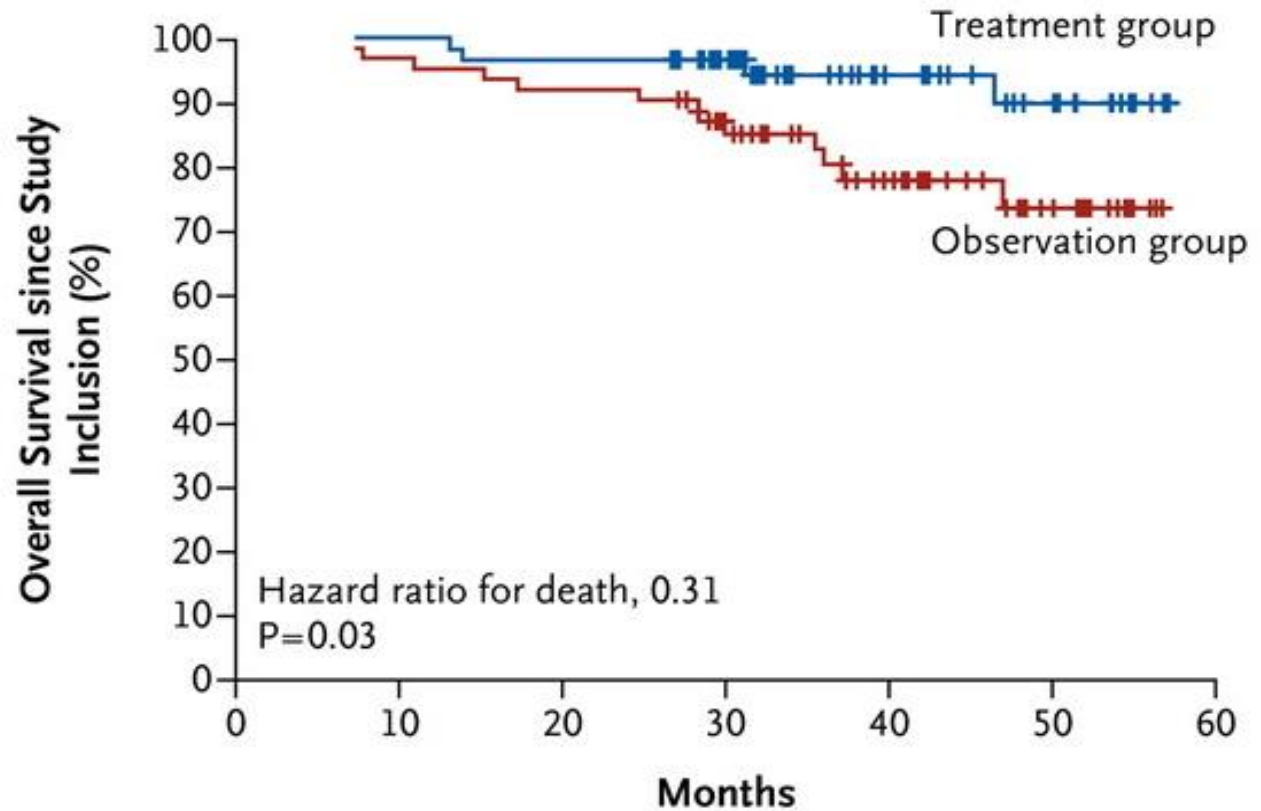


M Spike: >2g/dL
FLC Ratio: > 20
BMPC: > 20%

Risk Stratification Groups	Number of risk factors	Hazard Ratio (95% CI) Versus Low-risk group	Risk of Progression at 2 years	Number of patients
Low-risk group	0	Reference	5%	424 (37%)
Intermediate-risk group	1	2.25 (1.68 to 3.01)	17%	312 (27%)
High-risk group	2-3	5.63 (4.34 to 7.29)	46%	415 (36%)



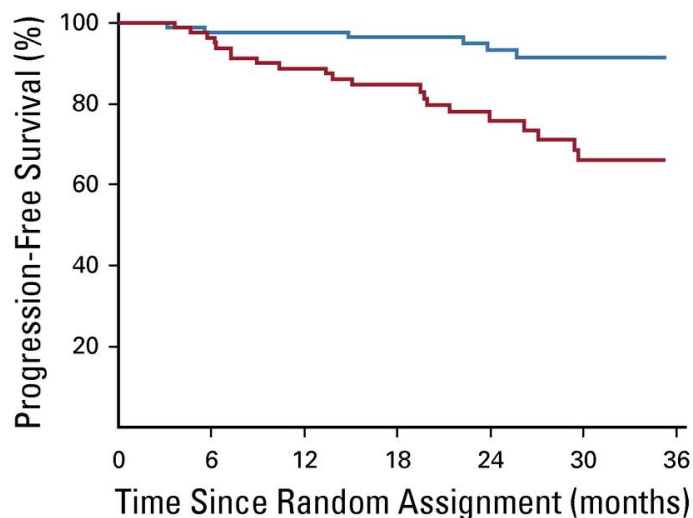
Len/Dex versus Observation in High Risk SMM: OS

B**No. at Risk**

Treatment group	57	57	55	48	26	17	0
Observation group	62	60	57	46	27	17	0

Lenalidomide vs Observation: ECOG E3A06

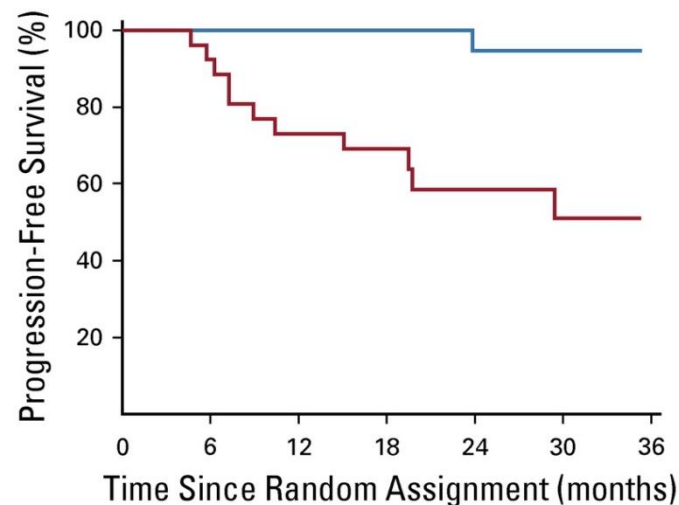
PFS in all patients



No. at risk:

Lenalidomide	90	83	81	72	55	42	35
Observation	92	77	67	56	34	26	19

PFS in Mayo 2018 High Risk SMM



No. at risk:

Lenalidomide	25	25	23	22	18	15	13
Observation	31	24	19	14	8	7	5

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Potential New Myeloma or Smoldering Myeloma

Any Myeloma Defining Events?

- CRAB,
- $\geq 60\%$ PC,
- FLC ≥ 100 ,
- MRI >1 focal

Treat as Myeloma

No Myeloma Defining Events (SMM)

**High Risk SMM
(Median TTP ~2 years)**

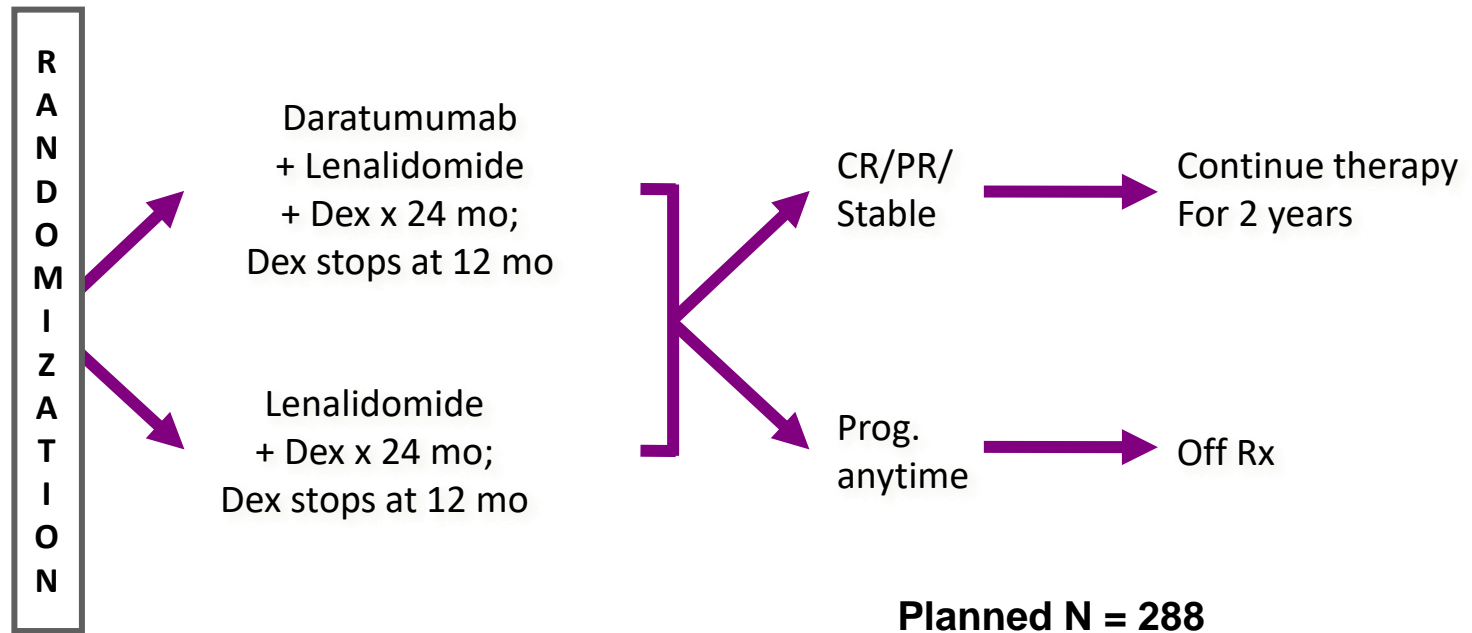
**Early Therapy with
Len or Rd**

**Intermediate or
Low Risk SMM**

Clinical Trials

Observation

Phase III EAA173: Daratumumab to Enhance Therapeutic Effectiveness of Lenalidomide in Smoldering Myeloma (DETER-SMM)



NCT03937635.



Recommendations

- Design trials for cure using well tolerated regimens – Time limited
- Design trials for cure using well tolerated regimens early in the disease course (high risk smoldering myeloma)
- Design trials for control using well tolerated regimens and maintenance therapy that is easy and feasible
- In clinical practice, use well tolerated regimens that have been established in clinical trials to achieve the best disease control.

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