

# Best of ASCO/EHA/IMWG



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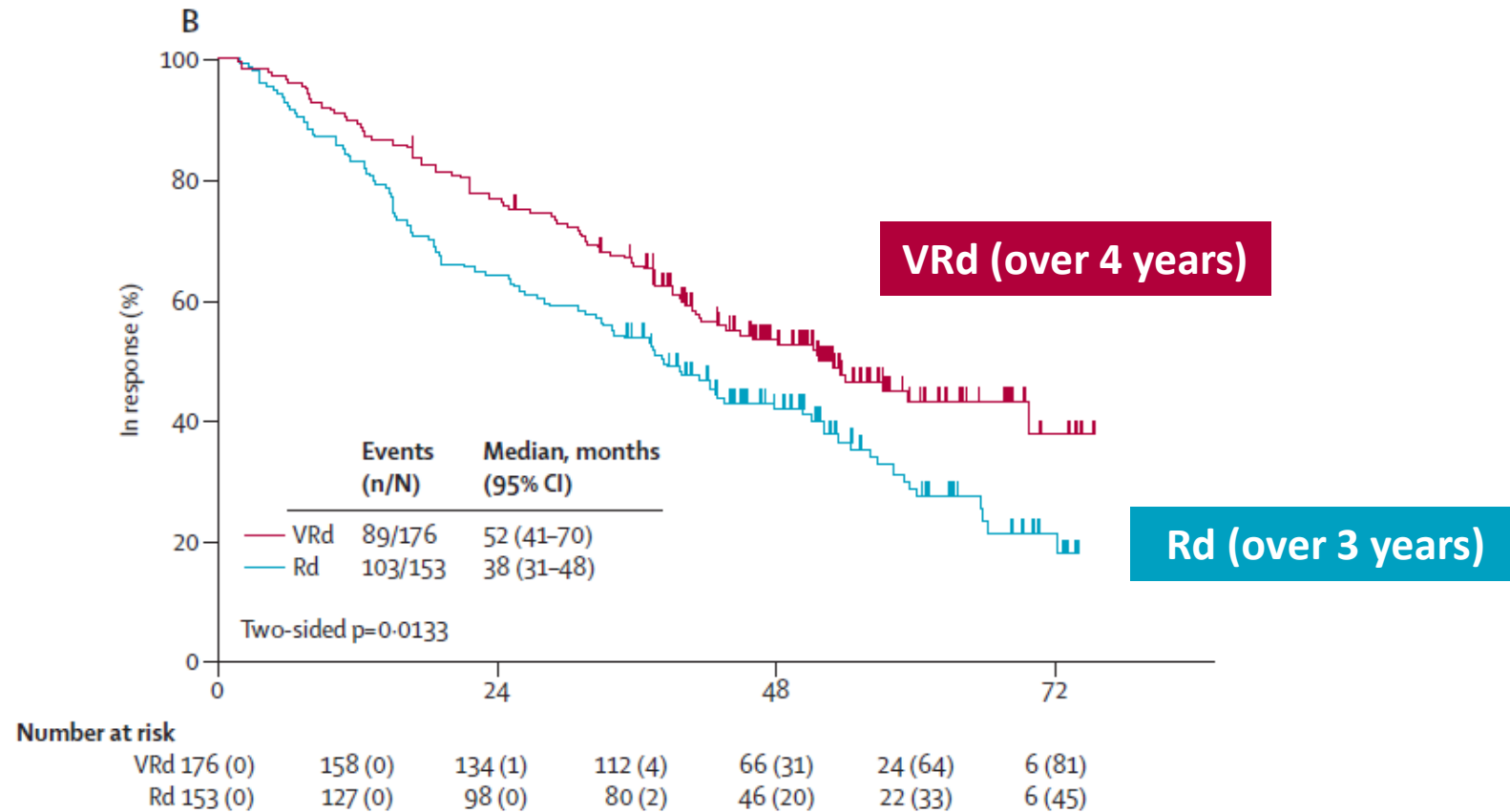
# Highlights 2018

- **Best outcomes and access**
- **Role of Mass Spectrometry**
- **Imaging Guidelines**
- **Status of MRD Testing and CURE Trials Update**
- **New Therapies**
- **CRISPR Gene Editing**

# **Best Outcomes and Access**

# SWOG 0777: VRd vs Rd

## Excellent First Remission Leading to Long Survival



# Frontline Therapy 2018/2019

## With Triple Therapy

\*VRd– Median length of remission: over 4 years

Median Overall survival: 7-8 years

\*\*KRd– Greater impact with high-risk disease

## With 4-Drug Therapy

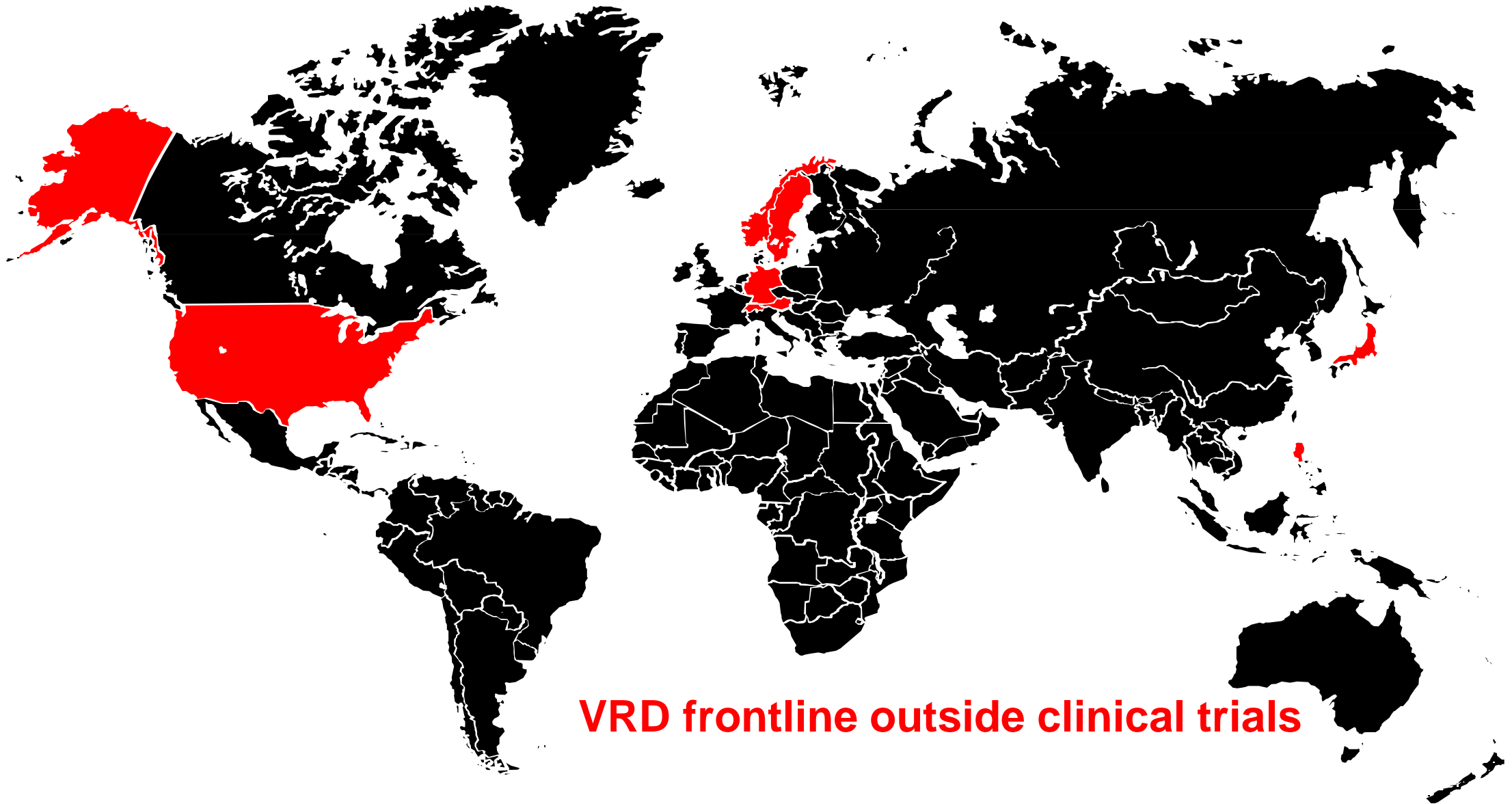
KRd + **dara**– 62% MRD negative at  $10^{-6}$  in HR SMM

– Anticipated median survival > 10 years

\*VRd will be updated at ASH: 2018

\*\*K = Kyprolis (carfilzomib)

# Global Access to VRd



# Achieving Best Outcomes

- **Integrating best new drugs**
- **Making new combinations available**

# Role of Mass Spectrometry\*

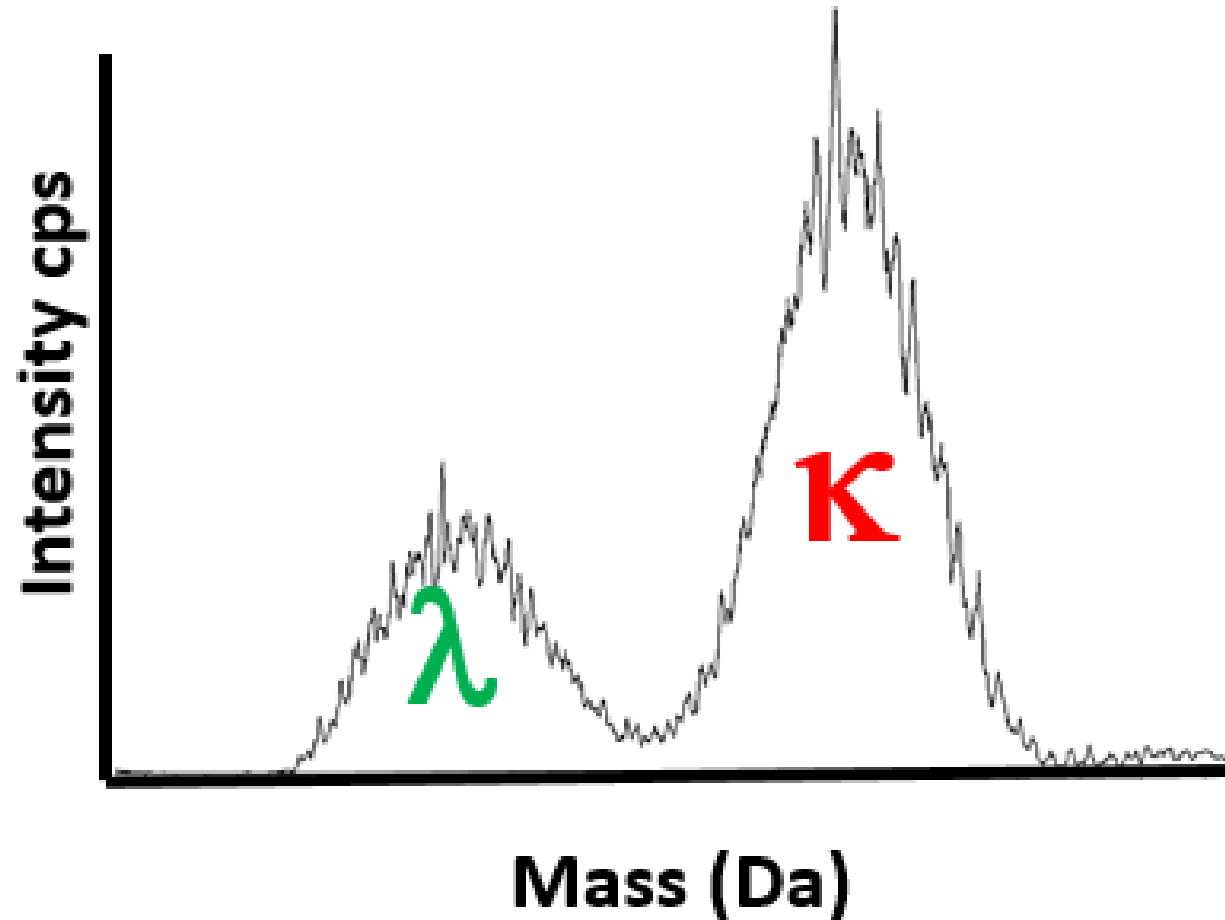


\*now available as orderable test at [Mayo Medical Labs](#)



# Detecting clonal proteins based upon mass (weight)

## Light-chain distributions in normal serum

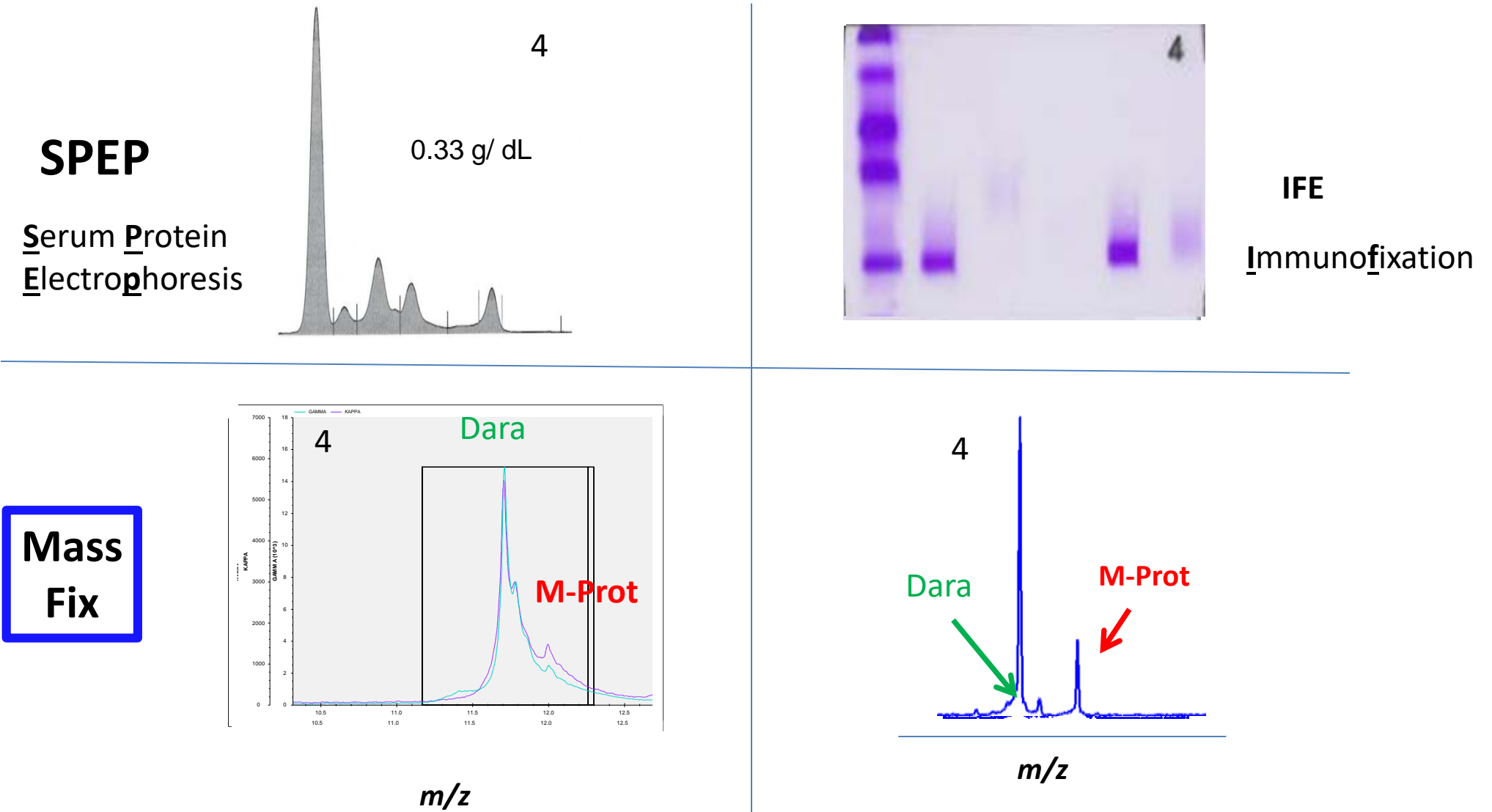


# M-Protein and Dara Both Detected

Old

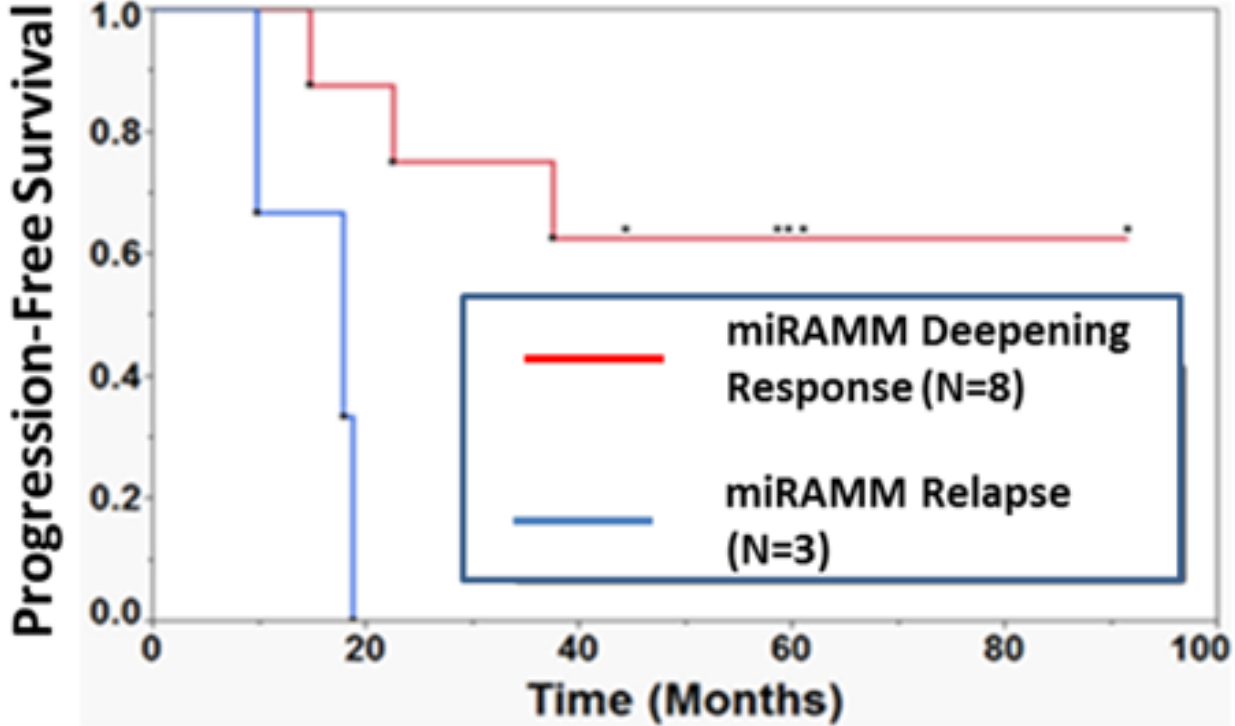
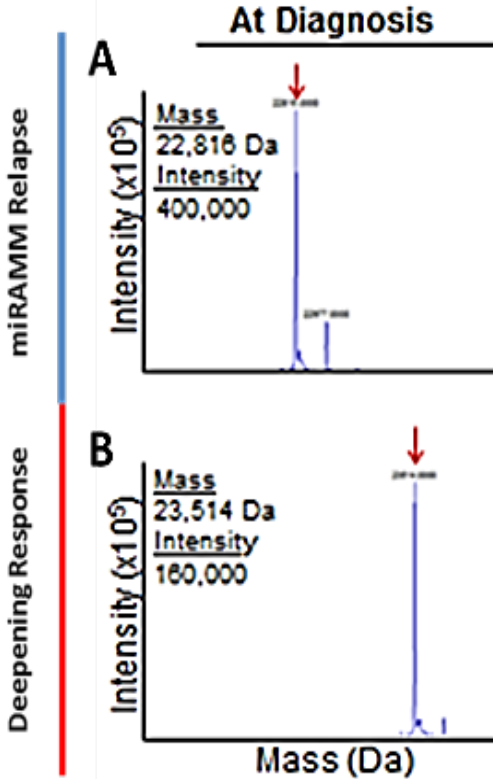


New



No Dara    90 M-Protein : 10 Dara    50 M-Protein : 50 Dara    10 M-Protein : 90 Dara

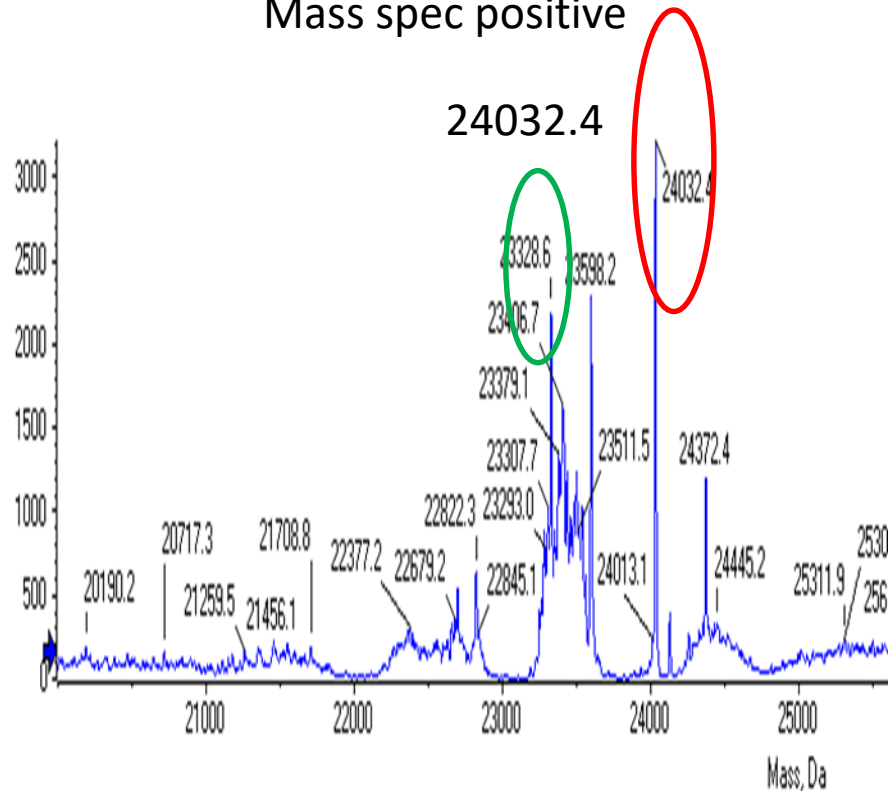
# Deepening Response with Mass Spec versus Relapse



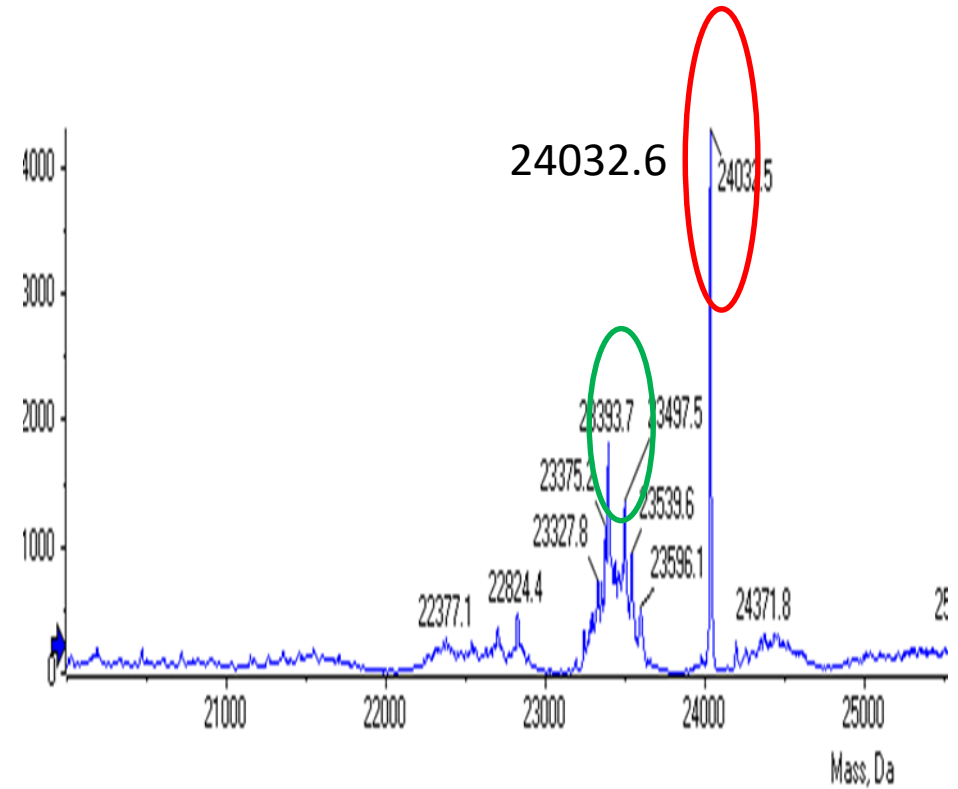
# A Glimpse of the Origins of MGUS

12/1997 No MGUS detected

Mass spec positive



MGUS – 8/2006



Dr. Kyle – Olmsted County MGUS Study

# Role of Mass Spectrometry

- 1. Very sensitive test for M-component measurement**
- 2. Practical commercial method**
- 3. Also identifies MoAbs**
- 4. Will change diagnostic/response criteria**
- 5. Affordable (projected: \$180) blood test**

# **New Imaging Guidelines**

# Types of Imaging

- **X-rays**
- **CT**
- **PET Scan**
- **MRI**

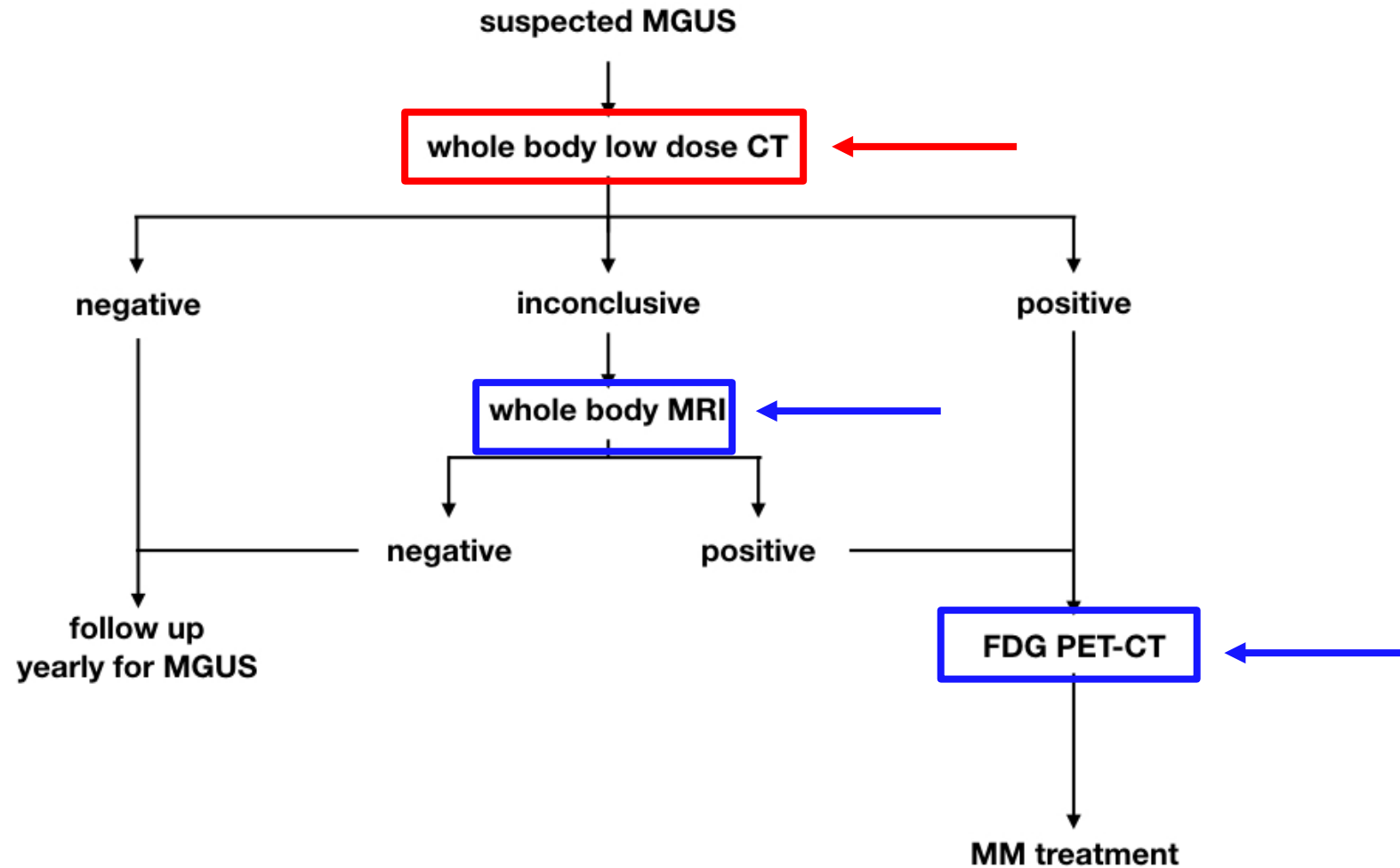
# Key Points About Imaging

- X-rays show myeloma lesions
- IF x-rays are negative: ~30% chance other imaging will be positive
- CT can be low dose whole body and shows bone destruction
- PET shows active myeloma (sugar uptake)
- MRI shows myeloma lesions in marrow or elsewhere

**Comparisons over time essential**



# Imaging for MGUS



# Status of MRD Testing

# MRD Testing in 2018

1. **2 methods**
  - **NGS: Next Generation Sequencing**
  - **NGF: Next Generation Flow**
2. **Sensitivity at  $10^{-6}$  level is key cutoff**
3. **Strong correlations with improved PFS and OS in trials**
4. **Routine use controversial**

**Dedicated to Finding a Cure**



# Black Swan Research Initiative



# MRD Methods

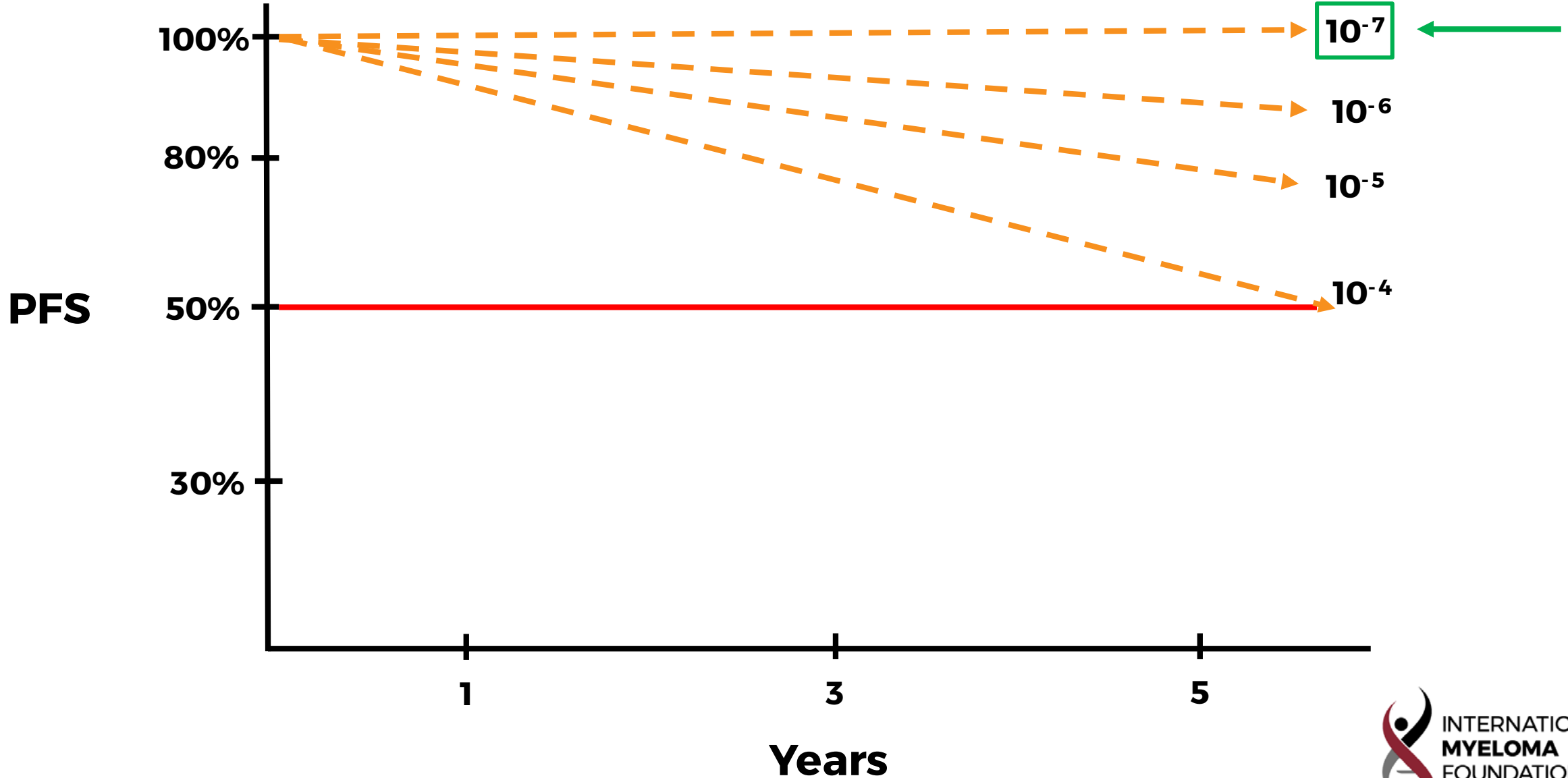
## Flow NGF

- Do not need baseline sample
- Results in 100%
- Sensitivity at  $10^{-6}$
- Widely available
- No false negative
- Also immune monitoring

## Sequencing NGS

- Need baseline bone marrow
- Results in ~85%
- Sensitivity at  $10^{-6}$
- Need reference lab
- False negative rate unknown
- No immune monitoring

# Sensitivity at $10^{-6}$ Key for CR/ sCR Patients





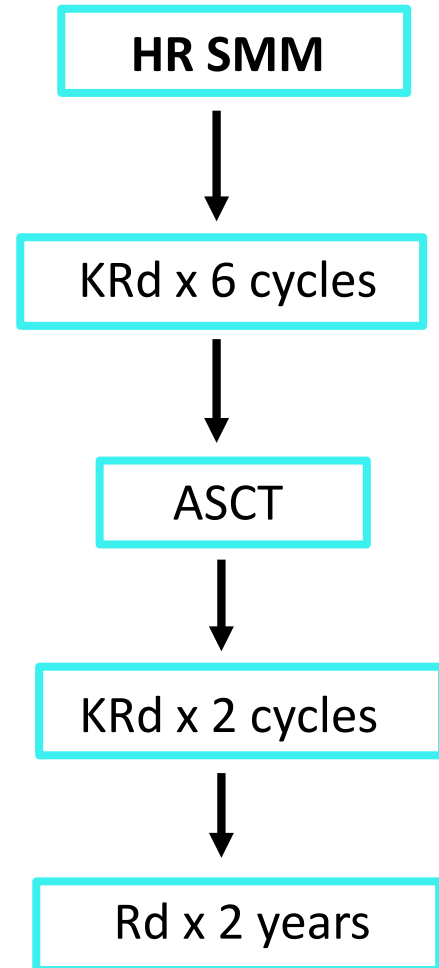
- 1. CESAR: KRd + ASCT**
- 2. ASCENT: KRd + dara**
- 3. iStopMM: KRd for MM and SMM**



# European “CURE” Trials: CESAR



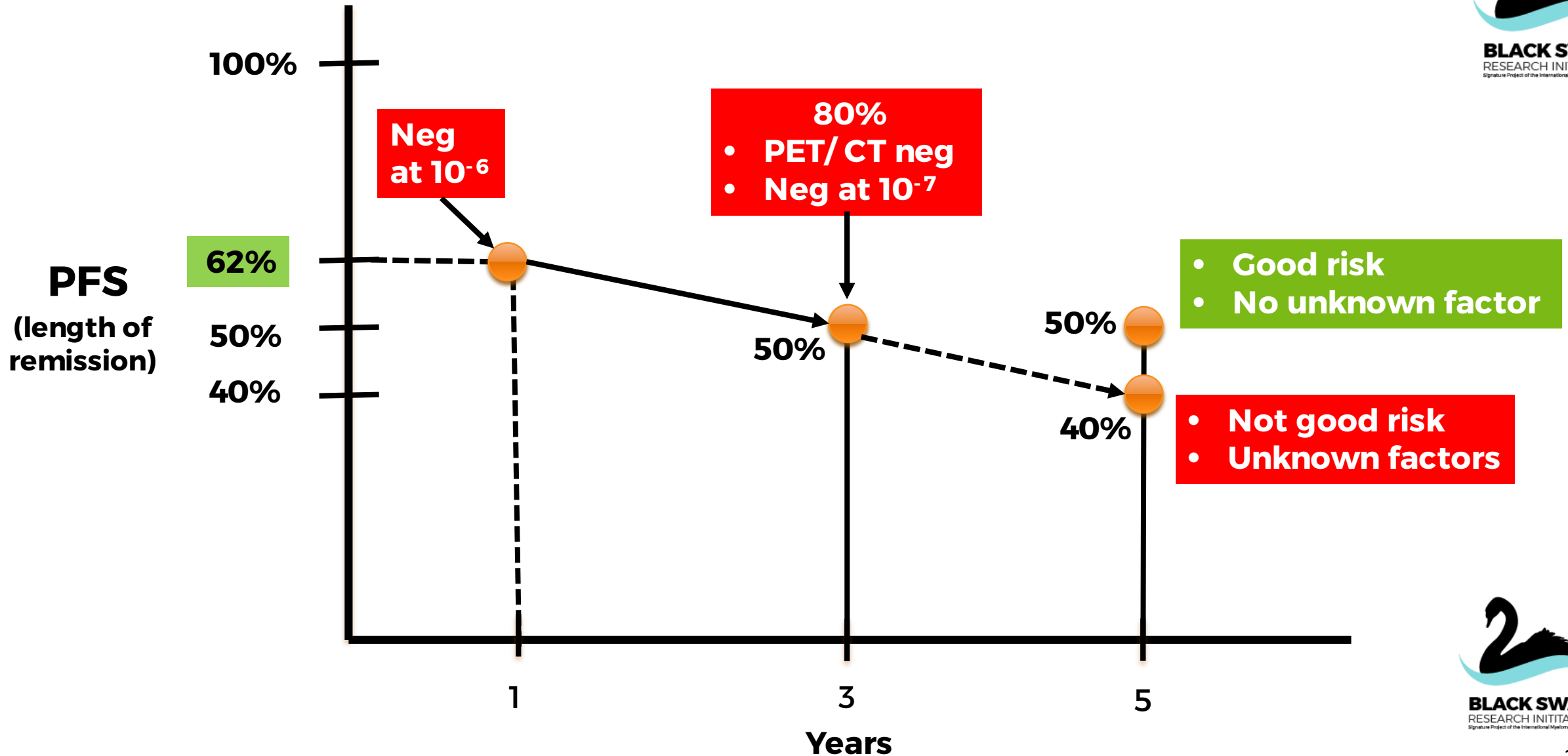
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**MRD at CR**

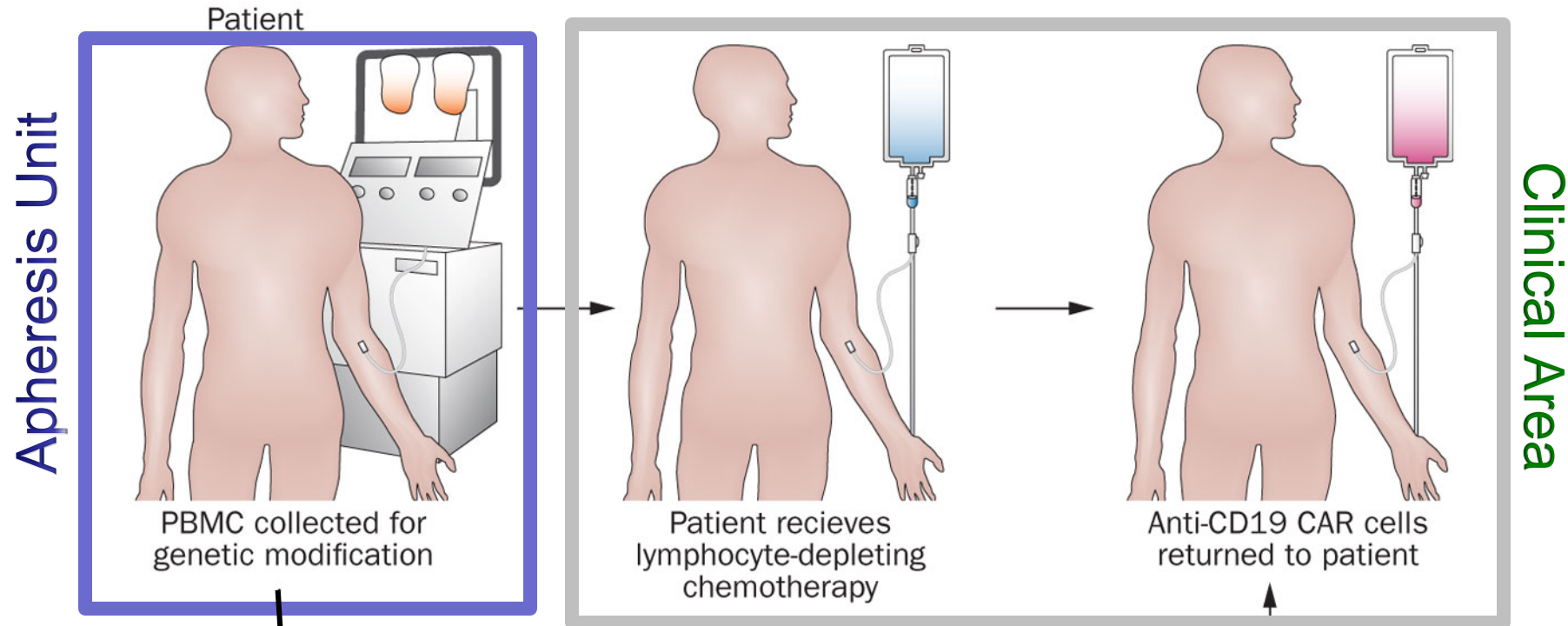
ASH abstract #402: 2017

# Cure By Numbers

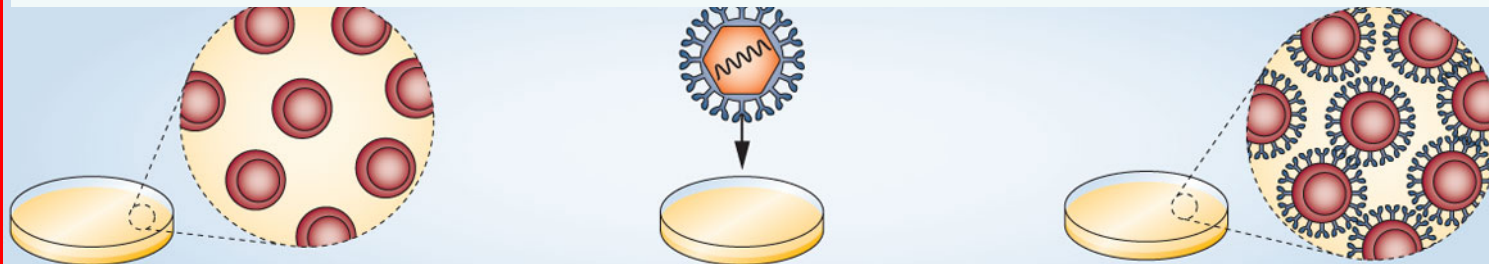


# New Therapies

# CAR T Therapy



Commercially available CART manufactured off-site, centrally by company.



Treatment site cell therapy lab work with commercial company for shipping, storage & handling of leukapheresed cells & CART.

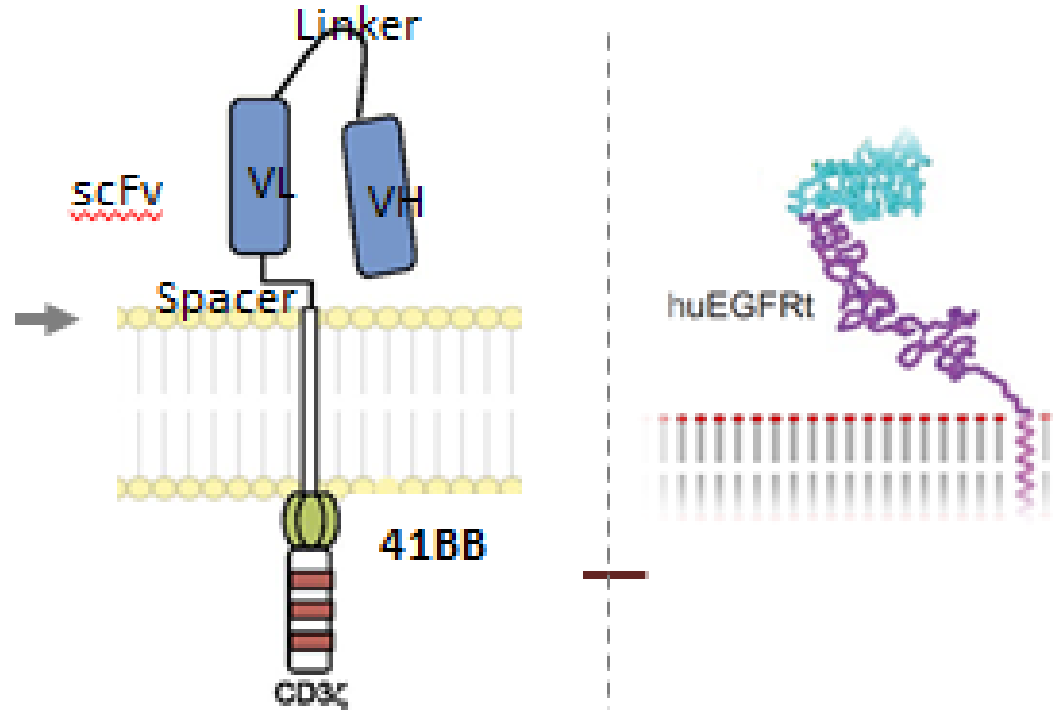
Kochenderfer, J. N. & Rosenberg, S. A. (2013) Treating B-cell cancer with T cells expressing anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptors. *Nat. Rev. Clin. Oncol.* doi:10.1038/nrclinonc.2013.46

# New CAR T Construct

BCMA

CRS Safety Switch

BCMA-41BB-CD3 $\zeta$  + tEGFR

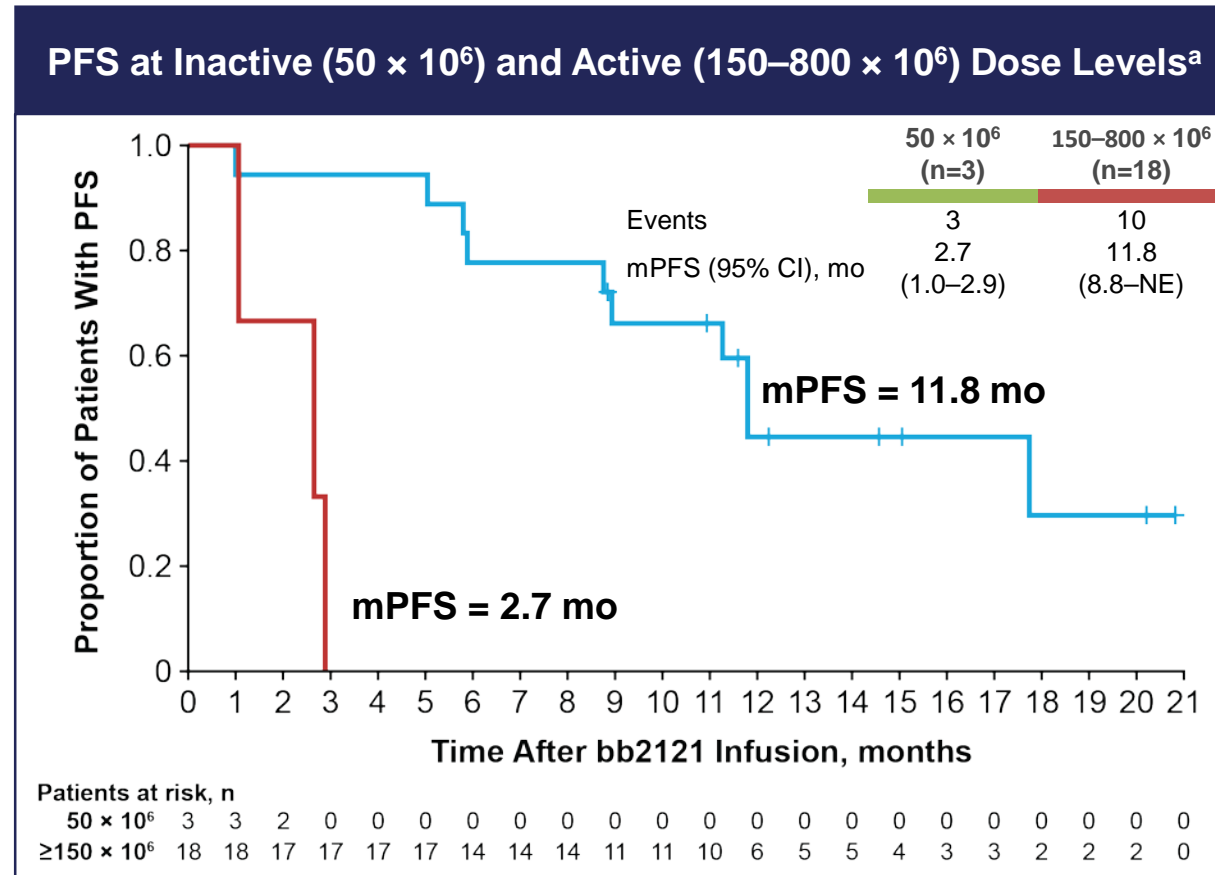


Expressed on cell surface respectively

# BCMA CAR T

	<b>bb2121</b>
<b>Source</b>	Phase 1 Interim Analysis ASCO 2018
<b>Enrollment</b>	43 (39 evaluable)
<b>Efficacy</b>	<b>ORR 30 (77%)</b> CR/scR 17, VGPR 9
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any CRS: 27 (63%)</li><li>• ≥ Gr 3 CRS: 2 (5%)</li><li>• ≥ Gr 3 NE: 1</li></ul>
<b>Toci/Steroid Use</b>	Tocilizumab (anti-iL6): 9 Steroids: 4

# PFS with BCMA (bb2121) CAR T



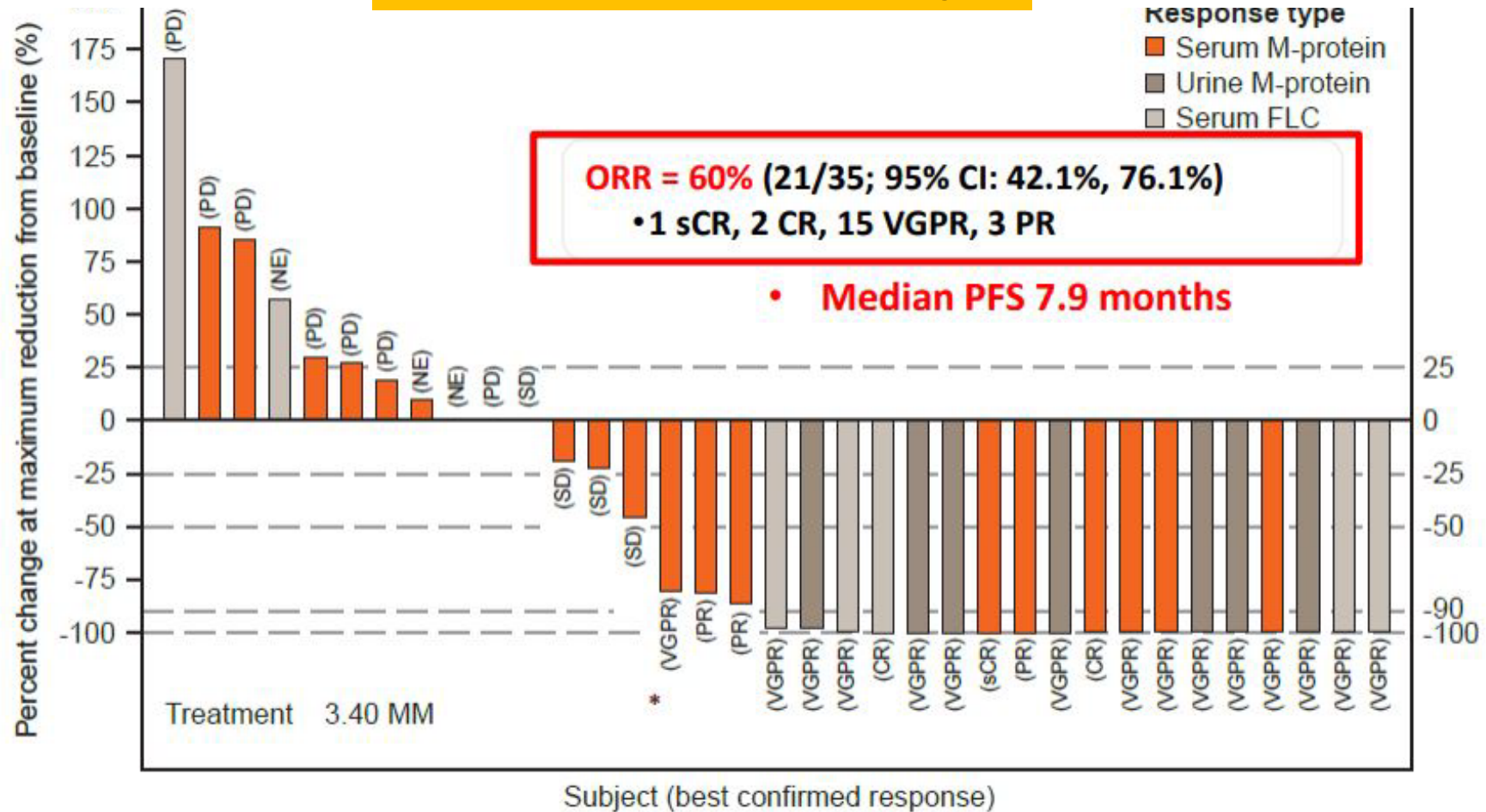
# Status of CAR T Cell Therapy in 2018/2019

- 1. Exciting new active therapy**
- 2. CRS toxicity a concern**
- 3. Still much uncertainty re: efficacy**
  - % response rate?
  - Depth of responses and durability?
  - Meaning of MRD negative with CAR T?
  - Will median PFS be 9-12 months or more?
  - Is it safe for earlier use?
- 4. Is salvage therapy of this type worth \$1 million?**



# GSK 2857916- Another way to target BCMA

## DREAMM-1 Study



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxIPGfbst2c&feature=youtu.be>

# Most Promising New Drugs

## Approved/being tested in combinations or new schedules\*

- Kyprolis: once/week effective and well-tolerated
- Daratumumab: multiple combinations working well
- Pomalidomide: good outcomes combined with Velcade or elotuzomab
- Ninlaro: Phase 3 trial (MM3) shows maintenance benefit

## Still in trials pre-approval: promising phase I – II data

- Selinexor: moving towards FDA approval in “penta refractory”
- Venetoclax: anti-Bcl-2. Active in t(11;14)
- Isatuximab/MOR 202: other anti-CD38 MoAbs

\*Kyprolis® is carfilzomib; Darzalex® is daratumumab; Pomalyst® is pomalidomide; Ninlaro® is ixazomib (oral proteasome inhibitor)

# **Role of CRISPR Gene Editing**

# CRISPR in Myeloma: *More Than Just Knockouts*



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# Video: the Basics of CRISPR Editing

- McGovern Institute for Brain Science, MIT
- [Cas9 video](https://ytcropper.com/cropped/2p5b16c94f7972e): <https://ytcropper.com/cropped/2p5b16c94f7972e>

# Big Discovery: You Can Program the Cas9 to Cut Whatever DNA You Want with Easy Changes to “short guide” RNA

RESEARCH ARTICLE



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## A Programmable Dual-RNA–Guided DNA Endonuclease in Adaptive Bacterial Immunity

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Type II  
CRISPR-  
Cas9  
*S. pyogenes*

# A Vision for CRISPR in Myeloma Therapy

- Highly-specific, no off target
- Highly-penetrant: edits 100% myeloma
- Specifically kill plasma cells with specific genetic defect/mutation
- CRISPR to repress RNA transcription of specific Ig isoforms in amyloidosis

**Time for Questions!**



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