

Update on the Initial Therapy of Multiple Myeloma

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# **Multiple Myeloma**



- Clonal proliferation of malignant plasma cells
- Overall incidence 5/100,000 but much higher in the elderly
- Median age ~65 years
- Genetic component recently recognized<sup>3</sup>
  - 15-35% of MGUS/MM derive from a chronic autoimmune response driven by hyperphosphorylated 'paratargs' in individuals with permissive HLA background

# **Multiple Myeloma**





- Diagnosis based on finding over 10% plasma cells in bone marrow
- In most cases, plasma cells make a monoclonal immunoglobulin protein
- "CRAB" = Symptomatic myeloma requiring treatment
  - Anemia—Hgb < 10 g/dL (or 2 g/dL below normal)
  - Bone lesions
  - Creatinine > 176 umol/L (2 mg/dL)
  - Hypercalcemia > 2.8 mmol/L (11.5 mg/dL)

# Multiple Myeloma **Key Features of Biology-1**

All patients progress through an MGUS phase<sup>1</sup> ightarrow

Normal PC





MM



Intramedullary Extramedullary MM

**Cell lines** 

- Myeloma is not one disease<sup>2</sup> ightarrow
  - At least 7 subtypes based on cytogenetic and molecular features
  - Highest risk cytogenetic subtypes by FISH
    - t(4;14) • del 17p
    - t(14;16) abnormalities of chromosome 1
- End stage disease may be characterized by ightarrow
  - Extramedullary disease
  - Loss of monoclonal protein

<sup>1</sup>Kristinsson SY, et al. Int J Cancer 2009; 125" 2147-2150; <sup>2</sup> Bergsagel L, Chesi M. Int J Hematol 2013; 97: 313-323.

# Multiple Myeloma Key Features of Biology-2

 Pathophysiology depends on interaction with marrow microenvironment<sup>1</sup>



Progression is not linear process<sup>2</sup>
 *-- Concept of "clonal tiding"*



<sup>1</sup>Manier et al. J Biomed Biotechnol. Epub 2012 Oct ; <sup>2</sup>Keats JJ, et al. Blood. 2012;120:1067-76.

#### Canadian/European Treatment Algorithm Multiple Myeloma



### Evolving U.S. Treatment Algorithm Multiple Myeloma



# ASCT in Myeloma ..... Where we were..



#### VAD Dexamethasone alone Dexamethasone + thalidomide

#### **Outcomes**

Overall response rate80%CR/nCR rate20%Median PFS20-28 mosMedian overall survival48-60 mos

### Modern Components of ASCT



**Considerations in interpreting phase III studies:** 

- Timing of randomization may affect results
- Most include novel agents before and after ASCT

### Pre-ASCT Induction Therapy Phase III Trials

#### Bortezomib-based induction

- IFM 2005-02: BD vs VAD
- HOVON 65/GMMG-HD4: PAD vs VAD
- GIMEMA MMY-3006: VTD vs thal + dex
- PETHEMA: VTD vs VBCMP/VBAD/Vel vs thal + dex
- IFM 2007-02: vTD vs BD
- Thalidomide-based induction
  - HOVON-50: TAD vs VAD
  - MRC IX: CTD vs CVAD

A=adriamycin; B or vel=bortezomib; C=cyclophosphamide; D or dex=dexamethasone; P=proteasome inhibitor=bortezomib; T or thal=thalidomide

#### **Post-Induction Results in Phase III Trials**

Study/	Ν	Induction	Overall response	e ≥VGPR	CR/nCR
Author		regimen	rate (X)	(%)	(%)
IFM 2005-02	482	BD	<b>78</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>
Harousseau		VAD	63	15	6
HOVON 65/GMMG-HD4	613	PAD	<b>83</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>
Sonneveld		VAD	59	11	5
GIMEMA MMY-3006	447	VTD	<b>93</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>31</b>
Cavo		Thal + dex	79	28	11
PETHEMA/GEM Rosinol	386	VTD Thal + dex VBMCP/VBAD/B	<b>82</b> 64 75	<b>60</b> 29 36	<b>35</b> 14 22
IFM 2007-02	199	vTD	88	<b>49</b>	31
Moreau		BD	81	36	22

#### Do Novel Induction Regimens Confer Better PFS/OS?

Study/ Author	Induction regimen	Median PFS (mos)	3 year PFS (%)	Median OS (mos)	3-year OS (%)
IFM 2005-02 Harousseau	BD VAD	36 30			81% 77%
HOVON 65/GMMG-D4 Sonneveld	PAD VAD	<b>35</b> 28	<b>48%</b> 42%		<b>61%</b> 55% (5-year)
GIMEMA MMY-3006 Cavo	VTD Thal + dex	NYR NYR	<b>68%</b> 56%		86% 84%
PETHEMA/GEM Rosinol	VTD Thal + dex VBMCP/VBAD/B	<b>56.2</b> 28.2 35.5	  		74% 65% 70% (4-year)
IFM 2007-02 Moreau	vTD BD	26 30			

#### Where we are now..... Summary of Phase III Trial Results

	Induction Rx	ASCT + Maintenance	≥ VGPR (CR+nCR) (%)	PFS (Median)	OS (Median)
Harousseau <sup>1</sup>	Bortezomib + Dex	1 or 2 (lenalidomide maintenance in some)	68% (39%)	36 mo	NYR 81% (3-year)
Cavo <sup>2</sup>	VTD	2 + VTD consolidation + dex maintenance	89% (71%)	NYR 68% (3-year)	NYR 86% (3-year)
Sonneveld <sup>3</sup>	PAD	1 or 2 + bortezomib maintenance	76% (49%)	35 mos	NYR 61% (5-year)
Rosinol <sup>4</sup>	VTD	1 + VT = bortezomib and thalidomide maintenance	NA (46%)	56.2 mos	NYR 74% (4-year)

<sup>1</sup>Harousseau JL, et al, J Clin Oncol 2012;28: 4621-4629; <sup>2</sup>Cavo M.et al. Lancet 2010;376: 2075-2085;<sup>4</sup>Sonneveld P, et al .J Clin Oncol 2012;30: 2946-2955; <sup>4</sup>Rosinol L, et al. Blood 2012;120: 1589-1596.

#### Phase 3 trials of Bortezomib-Containing Induction Regimens *Meta-Analysis* (n=2086)



#### Impact of bortezomib induction on overall survival

Study name	Hazards ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Relative weight	p-Value
Harousseau, JL	0.749	0.483	1.162	19.26	0.197
Cavo, M	0.856	0.516	1.419	14.56	0.545
Sonneveld, P	0.730	0.558	0.956	51.24	0.022
Rosinol, L	1.018	0.618	1.676	14.94	0.945
Pooled HR	0.789	0.651	0.957		0.016



Nooka et al. ASH 2011 (Abstract 3994), poster presentation

### 3- and 4-drug Bortezomib-based Induction Trials

Regimen	N	N With	I	Gr 3/4 PN		
		ASCT	≥PR	≥VGPR	≥CR/nCR	(%)
VDD <sup>1</sup>	30	20	93	63	40	2.5/0
VRD <sup>2</sup>	31	31	94	39	23	NA
RVDD <sup>3</sup>	68	24	96	58	30	6/0
VTDC <sup>4</sup>	49	48	96	69	44	4/0
VTD <sup>4</sup>	49	40	100	69	51	8/2
CyBor-D <sup>5</sup> (weekly)	83	30	97	79		0/0

<sup>1</sup>Jakubowiak A, et al. Blood 2008; 112: abstract 3713; <sup>2</sup>Roussel M et al. Blood 2011; 118: abstract 1872; <sup>3</sup>Jakubowiak A, et al. Blood 2009; 114: abstract 132; <sup>4</sup>Ludwig H, et al. J Clin Oncol 2013; 31: 247-255.; <sup>5</sup> Areethamsirikul N, et al. Submitted IMW 2013

## Weekly CyBorD (1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) Induction *PMH Experience (N=83)*

- Pre-ASCT response (after 4 cycles)
  - Overall response rate 93%
  - *− ≥ VGPR 70%*

#### Toxicity

– Grade 3-4 neutropenia	3.6%
— Grade 3-4 thrombocytopenia	< 1%
<ul> <li>Grade 3-4 neuropathy</li> </ul>	0
<ul> <li>Dose reductions/delays of any drug</li> </ul>	18%
<ul> <li>Only 3 did not go to transplant</li> </ul>	3.6%
Day 100 post-ASCT outcomes	
– Overall response rate 97%	
— ≥ VGPR 79%	

## Lenalidomide and Dex before ASCT

- No prospective phase III trials comparing Len + dex with other regimens specifically as pre-ASCT induction
- In ECOG E4A03, 90 pts undergoing ASCT had 2-year PFS of ~64% and 3-year OS of 92%
- GIMEMA Phase III trial compares Len + dex x 4 cycles followed by either ASCT x 2 or MPR (+/- len maintenance)

Parameter	ASCT x 2	MPR
Overall Response rate VGPR CR	96% 62% 25%	95% 60% 20%
3-year PFS	60%*	38%
3-year OS	80%	79%
*p <0.001	Update ASCO 2013	B, Boccadoro M et al. A

<sup>1</sup>Rajkumar SV et al. Lancet Oncol. 2010; 11(1): 29–37; <sup>2</sup>Cavelli F et al. Haematologica 2012; 97 (Suppl 1): 472-473.

# **Definitions of Post-ASCT Therapy**

- Maintenance therapy—any treatment administered after the completion of induction therapy in patients whose disease is either responsive or non-progressive, with the goal of prolonging survival<sup>1</sup>
  - Steroids
  - Interferon-alpha
  - IMiDs (thalidomide, lenalidomide)
  - Bortezomib
- Consolidation therapy—relatively intensive short-term post-ASCT therapy
  - Total therapy programs (DPACE<sup>2</sup>, VTDPACE<sup>3</sup>, VRD<sup>3</sup>)
  - VTD=bortezomib + thalidomide + dex
  - RVD=lenalidomide + bortezomib + dex
  - Lenalidomide alone
  - Bortezomib alone

<sup>1</sup>Anderson KC, et al. Leukemia 2008; 22: 231-239.; <sup>2</sup>Zangari M et al. Br J Haematol 2008; 141: 433-444; <sup>3</sup>Nair B, et al. Blood 2010; 115: 4168-4173.

#### Post-ASCT Maintenance Therapy Phase III Trials

- Thalidomide—7 trials
- Bortezomib
  - HOVON MM 65/GMMG-HD4
  - Nordic Myeloma Study Group trial
  - PETHEMA/GEM trial—VT vs thal vs interferon-α
- Lenalidomide—2 trials
  - IFM 2005-02 with lenalidomide consolidation + maintenance
  - CALBG 100104 trial

#### Thalidomide Maintenance post-ASCT Meta-analysis

Study	Maintenance N	Control N	PFS	Hazar	d ratio (fixe 95% Cl	ed)		Hazard ratio (fixed) 95% Cl
Attal	201	396			⊢			0.69 [0.54, 0.88]
Barlogie	232	345			⊢			0.70 [0.57, 0.86]
Spencer	114	129						0.50 [0.35, 0.71]
Ludwig	64	64			-11			0.55 [0.36, 0.85]
MRC-My-IX	409	409		-	-			0.73 [0.62, 0.87]
NCIC MY.10	166	166						0.56 [0.43, 0.73]
Total (95% CI)	1186	1509		•	•			0.66 [0.60, 0.73]
						-	1	
			0.2	0.5	1	2	5	

Study	Maintenance N	Control N	OS	hazard ratio (fixed) 95% Cl	haza <u>rd ratio (</u> fixed) 95% Cl
Attal Barlogie Spencer Ludwig NCICMY.10 Total (95% CI)	201 323 114 64 166 868	396 345 129 64 166 1100			0.59 [0.37, 0.93] 0.81 [0.64, 1.03] 0.41 [0.22, 0.76] 0.93 [0.53, 1.65] 0.77 [0.53, 1.12] 0.74 [0.63, 0.88]
			0.2 Fa	avors treatment	5

#### Nooka AK, et al. ASH 2011, abstract #1855.

## **Results of Canadian MY-10 Trial**



(p=0.01)

40% vs. 26%

Global:

### Summary of Phase III Trials of Lenalidomide Maintenance vs Placebo after ASCT

Author/Year	N	Pre-ASCT Induction	# ASCT	Consolidation	PFS/TTP Median (months)	Overall Survival (%)
Attal (IFM 2005-02)	614	VAD or BD	1 or 2	Len 25 mg x 2 mos in all	Lenalidomide <b>41</b> Observation 23	73% 75% (4-year)
McCarthy (CALBG 100104)	568	Lenalidomide 32% Bortezomib 42% Thalidomide 16%	1		Lenalidomide <b>46</b> Observation 27	<b>88%</b> 80% (3 year)

Attal M, et al. N Engl J Med 2012: 366: 1782-1791. McCarthy PL, et al. N Engl J Med 2012: 366: 1770-1781.

### Lenalidomide Maintenance Effect on PFS/TTP

#### IMF 2005-02

#### CALGB 100104



#### Median follow-up 45 mos.

Median follow-up of ~ 48 mos.

Attal M, et al. N Engl J Med 2012; 366: 1782-1791. McCathy PL, et al. Clin Leuk Lymph Myeloma 2013: Suppl 1: abstract.

### Lenalidomide Maintenance Effect on Overall Survival

#### IMF 2005-02

#### CALGB 100104



McCathy PL, et al. Clin Leuk Lymph Myeloma 2013: Suppl 1: abstract.

Attal M, et al. N Engl J Med 2012; 366: 1782-1791.

### Significant Toxicity with Lenalidomide Maintenance Phase III Trials

Toxicity	IMF 20	05-02	CALGB			
	Len	Placebo	Len	Placebo		
Neutropenia	43%	14%	43%	9%		
Thrombocytopenia	12%	6%	13%	4%		
Febrile neutropenia	2%	0.1%	6%	2%		
Documented Infection	10%	4%	16%	5%		
Discontinuation of lenalidomide	6%	4%	13%	2%		
2º malignancy	N=23 (6.8%)	N=6 (1.6%)	N=18 (6.5%)	N=4 (2.6%)		

Attal M, et al. ASCO 2010; abstract #8018; McCarthy PL, et al. ASCO 2010; abstract #8017; Attal M, personal communications; IMWG Feb 2011.

### Effect of Novel Agents in Induction Therapy on ASCT Outcomes at PMH (N=754)

#### **PMH** Approach

- Bortezomib-based regimens introduced in 2008
- Thalidomide maintenance used when possible until 2011
- Lenalidomide maintenance (until progression) introduced in 2011



Jimenez-Zepeda, V et al. Unpublished data

### **Bortezomib-Based Maintenance**

#### • HOVON MM 65/GMMG-HD4

- PAD + bortezomib maintenance
   vs VAD + thal maintenance
- 1 or 2 ASCTs
- Significant improvement in PFS and OS for PAD + B maintenance
- Improvement for del 17p subset

#### • PETHEMA/GEM study

- VTD vs TD vs VBCMP/VBAD+ B
- 1 ASCT
- VT vs thal vs interferon maintenance
- Significant improvement in PFS for VT maintenance

Sonneveld P, et al. J Clin Oncol 2012; 30: 2946-2955; Rosinol L, et al. Blood 2012; 120:





### Post-ASCT Measures Consolidation Trials

- Cavo et al.(GEMIMA study)
   VTD x 3 → ASCT x 2 → VTD x 3
- Roussel et al. (IFM 2008)
   VRD x 3 → ASCT → VRD x 2 → lenalidomide maintenance x 1 year
- Sonneveld et al. (HOVON)
   − CTD\* x 4 → ASCT → CTD\* x 4

\*Carfilzomib + thalidomide + dex

<sup>1</sup>Cavo M, et al. Blood 2012; 120: 9-19; <sup>2</sup> Roussel M, et al. Blood 2011; 118: abstract 1872; <sup>3</sup>Sonneveld P, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 333.

### **Results of Post-ASCT Consolidation**

Study	Trial Type	Rx	Maint	Post-ASCT Response (%)			co Re	Post- nsolidati sponse (	on %)	PFS
				≥PR	≥VGPR	CR	≥PR	≥VGPR	CR	
Cavo <sup>1</sup>	III	VTD	Dex			55			61	60% (3 yr)
Roussel <sup>2</sup>	II	VRD	Len x 1 yr	91	26	42	94	36	48	
Leleu <sup>3</sup>	Retro	VTD	None	96	43	33	96	31	52	
Sonneveld <sup>4</sup>	II	CTd	None	91	60	18	94	84	44	97% (1 yr)

<sup>1</sup>Cavo M, et al. Blood 2012; 120: 9-19; <sup>2</sup> Roussel M, et al. Blood 2011; 118: abstract 1872; <sup>3</sup>Leleu X, et al. Leukemia Epub ahead of print 4 April 2013; <sup>4</sup>Sonneveld P, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 333.

### **Post-ASCT Therapy: CTN Trial**





- Improved response rates after newer frontline regimens
- Median PFS has improved from 2 to 3 years
    *Should target minimum PFS of 3 years with your approach*
- Post-transplant therapy can improve response rates and PFS further
  - Both maintenance and consolidation have efficacy
  - Impact on survival less clear but 2 studies and a metaanalysis show benefit

### ASCT in Myeloma Summary-2

- More individualized approaches desirable
  - Reliable identification of subsets most likely to benefit from post-ASCT therapy
  - Use of MRD to direct need for and duration of therapy
- It is important to have a strategy for transplant-eligible patients
  - Should be able to provide PFS for initial therapy with your approach
  - Keep in mind that minimal data is available for PFS after deferred ASCT in any risk group
    - Phase III trials are in progress

### Treatment Strategies in Older Multiple Myeloma Patients: Phase III Trials

- Addition of novel agent to melphalan and prednisone
  - MP + thalidomide (MPT)
  - MP + bortezomib (VMP) +/- VP or VT maintenance
  - MP + lenalidomide with lenalidomide maintenance (MPR + R)
  - VMPT + VT maintenance
- Continuous treatment with IMiD and steroids
  - Thalidomide + dex--generally too toxic
  - Lenalidomide + weekly dex promising
    - Widely used in US based on ECOG trial
    - MM020 trial results awaited (MPT vs Len + dex)
- Other 3- and 4-drug regimens
   aCTD

### Meta-analysis: MPT vs MP (n=1685) Progression-Free and Overall Survival



• Addition of thalidomide to MP demonstrates significant improvement in PFS and overall survival

Fayers PM, et al. Blood 2011; 118: 1239-1247

#### Meta-analysis: MPT vs MP Adverse Events ≥ Grade 3



 Addition of thalidomide to MP is associated with significantly greater incidence of grades 3-4 neurotoxicity and DVT

Kapoor *et al.* ASH 2009 (abstract 615); Presentation Slides: http://myeloma.org/pdfs/ASH2009\_Kapoor\_615.pdf

#### Newer Induction Regimens for Elderly Patients Bortzomib-Containing Regimens

Regimen	Maintenance	Trial type	ORR (%) (CR/nCR)	Median PFS (mos)	Median OS (mos)
MP <sup>1</sup>	-	III	35%(4%)	16.6	43.1
VMP <sup>1</sup>	-	Ш	71% (30%)	24	56.4
VMP <sup>2</sup>	+ (VT or VP)	111	91-95% (39-46%)	32-39	<b>50-69%</b> (5-year)
VMP <sup>3</sup>	+ (V)	111	69% (33%)	17.3	<b>88.9%</b> (1-year)
VTD <sup>3</sup>	+ (V)	III	80% (40%)	13.8	<b>86.1%</b> (1-year)
Bor + dex <sup>3</sup>	+ (V)	111	73% (30%)	14.7	<b>87.4%</b> (1-year)
VMPT <sup>4</sup>	+ (VT)	III	89% (38%)	35.3	<b>61%</b> (5-year)

<sup>1</sup> San Miguel JF, et al. N Engl J Med 2008; 359: 906-917; San Miguel SF, et al. J Clin Oncol 2013; 31: 448-455; <sup>2</sup>Mateos MV et al. Blood 2012: 120: 2581-2588; <sup>6</sup>Niesvizky R, et al. Blood 2011; 118: abstract 478; <sup>4</sup>Palumbo A, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 200.

#### Newer Induction Regimens for Elderly Patients IMiD-Based

Regimen	Maintenance	Trial type	ORR (%) (CR/nCR)	Median PFS (mos)	Median OS (mos)
MP <sup>1</sup>	-	Meta	37%	14.9	32.7
MPT <sup>1</sup>	+/-	Meta	59%	20.3	39.3
MPR-R	+ (R)	III	77% (10%)	31	<b>70%</b> (3-year)
Len+ dex <sup>3</sup>	NE	III	74%	22	<b>73%</b> (3-year)
aCTD <sup>7</sup>	+/-	Ш	64% (13%)	13	31

<sup>1</sup>Fayers PM, et al. Blood 2011; 118: 1239-1247; <sup>2</sup>Palumbo A, et al. N Engl J Med 2012; 366: 1759-1769; <sup>3</sup>Jacobus S et al. Haematologica 2010; 95 (Suppl 2): 149, abstract 0307.; <sup>4</sup>Mrogan GJ, et al. Blood 2011; 118: 1231-1238;

# **Toxicity Concerns in Elderly Patients**

Drug	Peripheral Neuropathy	Fatigue	Myelosuppression	VTE	Secondary cancers
Melphalan	-	(+)	+++	-	++
Cyclophosphamide (weekly or daily)	-	+	+	-	+
Thalidomide	+++	+++	-	++	-
Bortezomib	+++	+	+	-	-
Lenalidomide	-	++	++	++	++ (mostly with alkylating agents)

Patient tolerance improved with:

-- Weekly dosing of bortezomib in combinations

-- Low- dose weekly dexamethasone

## Selection of Therapy in Elderly Patients Considerations

- Disease-related factors
   Aggressive disease
  - Renal failure
- Patient-related factors
  - Fragility
  - Age over 75 years
  - Mobility
  - Co-morbidities (diabetes, PN, hx VTE)
- Treatment-related

   Myelosuppression
   PN



#### Sortezomib-based

#### Two agents (Len + dex)

# **Future Directions**

- MP + MLN 9708<sup>1</sup>
- MP + carfilzomib

ASCO 2013, Touzeau C, et al. Abstract 8513.

- Lenalidomide + dex +/- elotuzumab<sup>2</sup>
- Lenalidomide + dex +/- MLN 9708<sup>3</sup>
- CRd = carfilzomib + lenalidomide + dex ASCO 2013, Jakubowiak AJ, et al. Abstract 8513.
- CCd = carfilzomib + cyclophosphamide + dex<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Kumar S, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 633; <sup>2</sup>Lonial S, al. J Clin Oncol 2012; 30: 1953-1959; <sup>3</sup>Richardson PG, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 727; Palumbo A, et al. Blood 2012; 120: abstract 730.

#### Elderly Myeloma Patients Summary-1

- Addition of novel agent to MP improves TTP/PFS
  - Toxicity is increased
  - MPT and VMP are both effective
    - Weekly bortezomib much better tolerated
    - Shingles prevention required with bortezomib
  - Mixed results for overall survival
- Maintenance therapy prolongs PFS
   Survival benefit noted in one study

#### Elderly Myeloma Patients Summary-2

- Thalidomide + dexamethasone not recommended
   Too toxic
- Lenalidomide + weekly dex very well tolerated
   PFS appears similar to MP + novel agent but no phase III data yet
- Regimens using newer proteasome inhibitors (carfilzomib and MLN 9708) under development

# Summary/Conclusions

- Laboratory insights are helping to dissect biology of disease and stratify patients
- New drugs/combinations are improving outcomes
- Improvements in toxicity management in progress
- Newer classes of drugs are under development
- New methods to evaluate myeloma burden will be useful
- Efforts to personalize myeloma treatment are evolving