



Oncology Endpoint Development

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Outline

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2. Novel Endpoint Development
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Types of Endpoints

- Clinical Benefit
 - Direct measure of how a patient feels, functions, or survives
- Surrogate Endpoint
 - Predicts clinical benefit, but is not a measure of clinical benefit
 - Clinical validation that the marker predicts clinical benefit
- Surrogate endpoint reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit
- Intermediate clinical endpoint
 - Therapeutic effect that can be measured earlier than morbidity or mortality, but reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

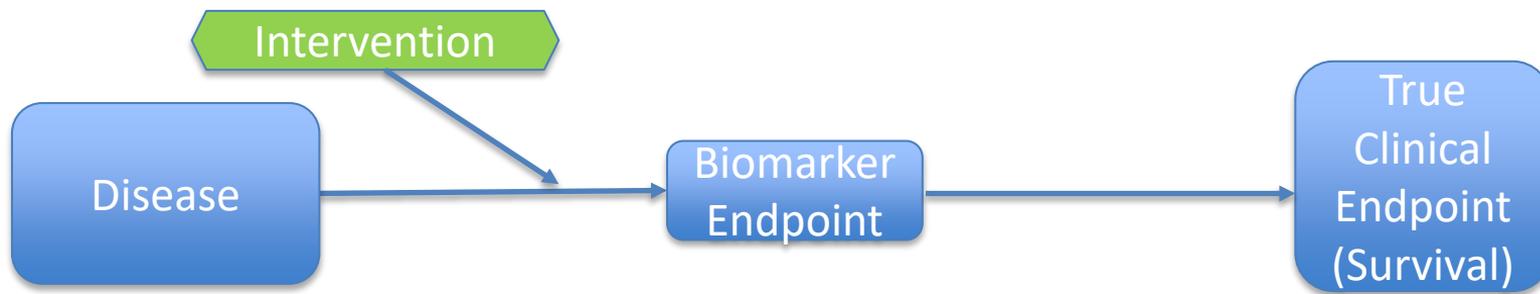


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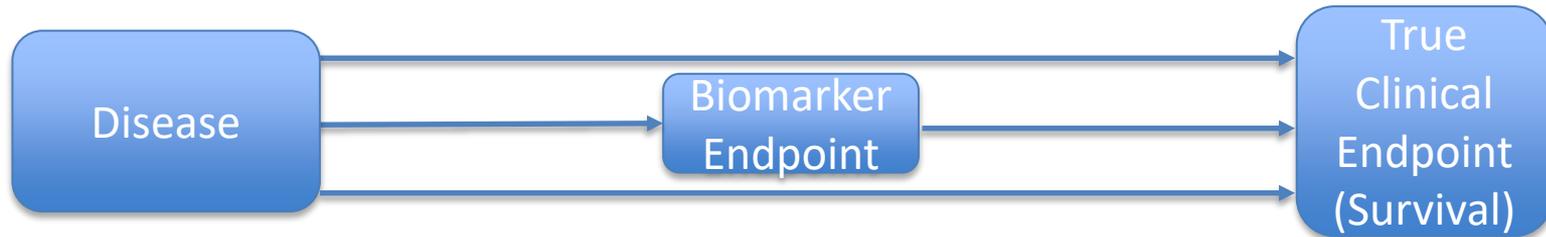
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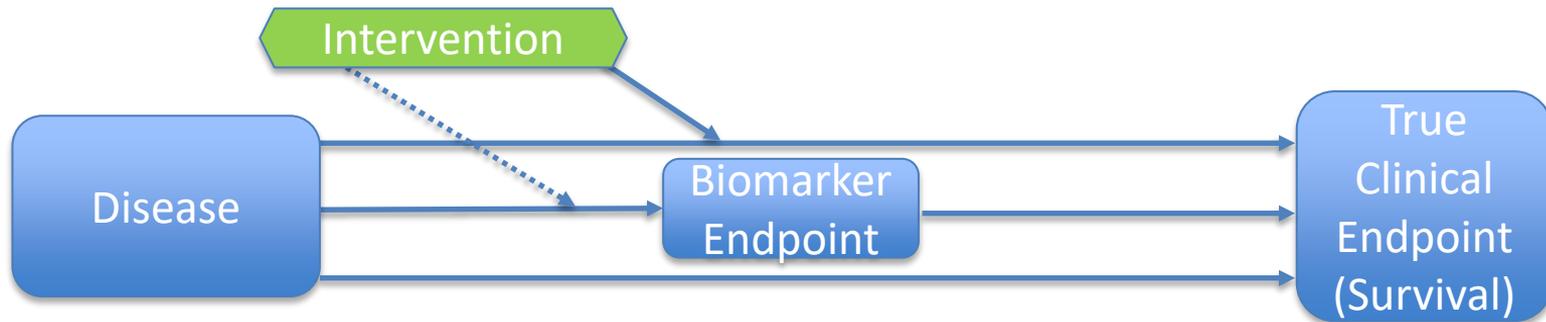
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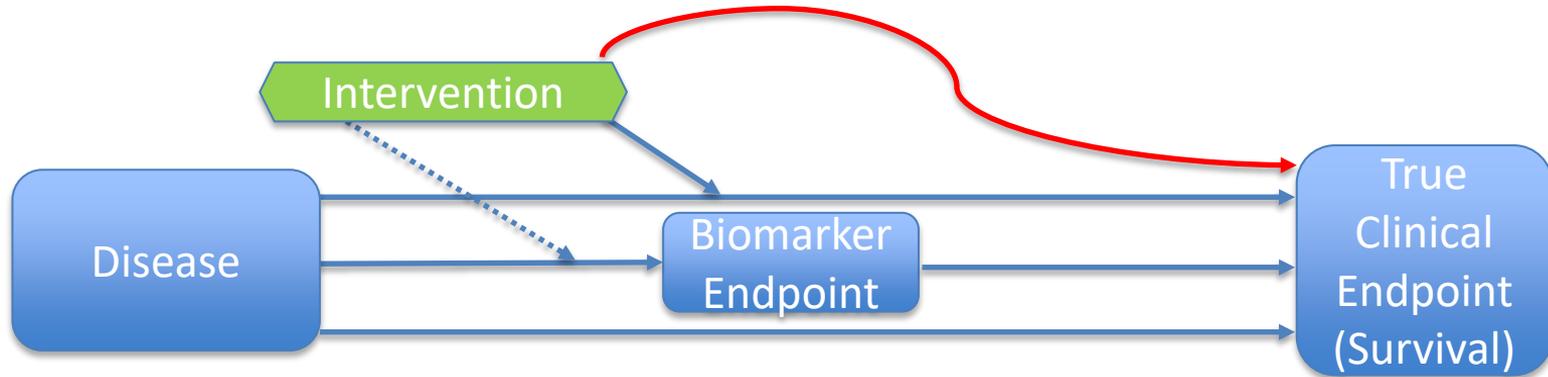
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Novel Endpoint Development: Surrogate Validation

- Prentice Criteria
 - The surrogate must be a correlate of the true clinical endpoint
 - The treatment effect on the surrogate should capture the full effect of treatment on the clinical endpoint
- Meta-analytical methods
 - Patient-level data
 - Allow for assessment of Individual Level and Trial Level Surrogacy
 - Individual Surrogacy- Correlation between candidate surrogate and true clinical endpoint on an individual level
 - Trial Level Surrogacy- Correlation between effect of treatment on the candidate surrogate and the effect of treatment on the true clinical endpoint
 - Surrogate Threshold Effect
 - Minimum treatment effect on the surrogate necessary to predict a non-zero effect on the true clinical endpoint

Novel Endpoint Development

- Meta-analysis Considerations
 - Inclusion of more trials increases the statistical rigor of the analysis and may allow for more interrogation of the data to address uncertainties.
 - Inclusion of trials with a range of treatment effects (positive and negative trials) increases the accuracy and precision of trial level surrogacy assessment.
 - When designing a meta-analysis, consideration of biomarker timing of assessment, missing data is important.
 - The trial populations and treatments included in the meta-analysis inform future applicability of the surrogate biomarker.

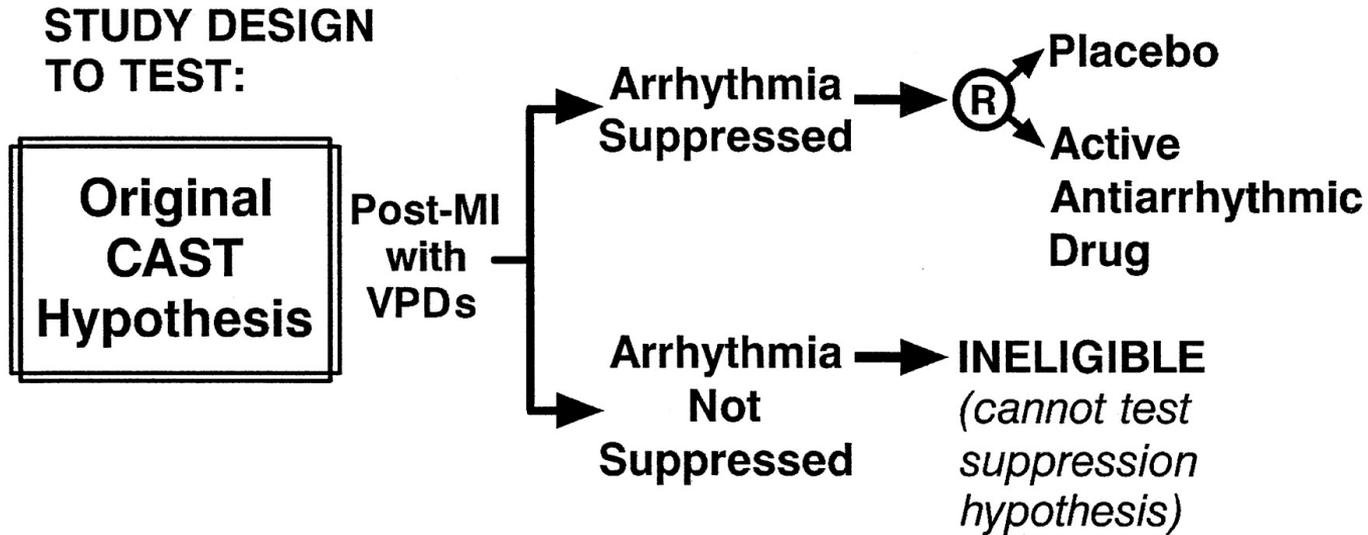
Novel Endpoint Development

- Caveats regarding use of surrogate endpoint
 - Use of surrogate may not be appropriate for subpopulations or future trial populations if there are significant differences between the population in the meta-analysis and the trial population.
 - Use of surrogate may not be appropriate for therapeutic modalities that have substantially different MOA (e.g., cytotoxic vs. immunotherapies).

Abbreviations: MOA, Mechanism of Action

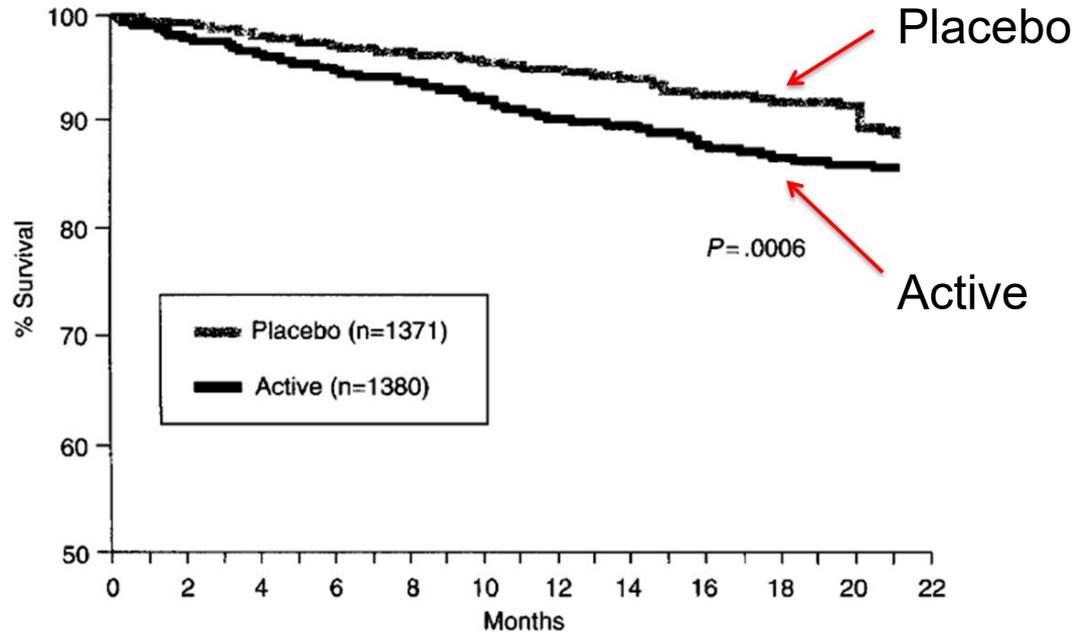
FDA Guidance. Hematologic Malignancies: Regulatory Considerations for use of MRD in Development of Drug and Biological Products for Treatment

The CAST Trial



Abbreviations: VPDs, Ventricular premature depolarizations

The CAST Trial



Epstein JAMA 1993

Potential OS Detriments Demonstrated Across the PI3K Inhibitor Class



Study	Population & Treatment	PFS HR (95% CI)	OS HR (95% CI)
DUO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously treated CLL/SLL Duvelisib vs ofatumumab 	0.52 (0.39, 0.69)	1.09 (0.79, 1.51)
312-0123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated CLL Bendamustine and rituximab ± idelalisib 	1.10 (0.48, 2.52)	3.34 (1.08, 10.39)
313-0124	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously treated indolent NHL Rituximab ± idelalisib 	0.50 (0.29, 0.85)	4.74 (0.6, 37.12)
313-0125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously treated indolent NHL Bendamustine and rituximab ± idelalisib 	0.74 (0.5, 1.1)	1.51 (0.71, 3.23)
CHRONOS-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously treated indolent NHL Rituximab ± copanlisib[#] 	0.52 (0.39, 0.69)	0.87 [#] (0.57, 1.35)
UNITY-CLL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated and previously treated CLL Umbralisib + ublituximab vs GC 	0.55 (0.41, 0.72)	1.23

[#]In the CHRONOS-3 trial, decreased overall survival was demonstrated in the first 2 years in the copanlisib arm, followed by a crossing of KM curves



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Project Endpoint

- Oncology Center of Excellence initiative to enhance development of endpoints in oncology drug development.
 - Explore potential uses for early, novel endpoints
 - Foster engagement with the broader community
 - Aims to advance use of more established late endpoints



<https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/oncology-center-excellence/project-endpoint>

FDA-AACR-ASA WORKSHOP: OVERALL SURVIVAL IN ONCOLOGY CLINICAL TRIALS

- To discuss best practices of trial design, analyses, and interpretation of overall survival in oncology clinical trials
- Explore approaches to address the uncertainty of OS analyses based on early or limited data and incorporate this information into the benefit-risk assessment
- Advance methods to incorporate OS when it is not the primary or secondary endpoint to evaluate for the potential for harm

Abbreviations: OS, Overall Survival

Mitigating Risk of Early Endpoints

- There are risks associated with use of early endpoints
- Risks can be mitigated by assessment of late endpoints
 - Overall survival as a safety assessment
- Regulatory authorities exist to mitigate risks associated with use of early endpoints
 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023
 - Provides FDA authority to require a confirmatory trial to be underway prior to granting accelerated approval
 - Created a formal expedited withdrawal procedure for drugs approved through accelerated approval in which confirmatory study fails to verify the anticipated clinical benefit

Conclusions

- Novel endpoints have potential to expedite drug development
- Endpoints used to support regulatory decisions should provide a valid and reliable measure of a clinically meaningful and important treatment benefit
- Most endpoints in oncology are intermediate clinical endpoints
- To minimize risk associated with use of intermediate clinical endpoints or any early endpoint, later endpoints such as overall survival should also be evaluated



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Multiple Myeloma

Minimal Residual Disease

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Discussion Topics



- Discuss the adequacy of available data to support the use of MRD as an accelerated approval endpoint in MM.
- Discuss whether the available data supports the use of MRD as an endpoint in different MM disease settings.
 - Newly diagnosed MM
 - Relapsed/Refractory MM
- Discuss the acceptability of the timepoints for MRD assessment:
 - 9-months, 12-months, MRD negative CR at any time
 - Requirement for assessment of durability

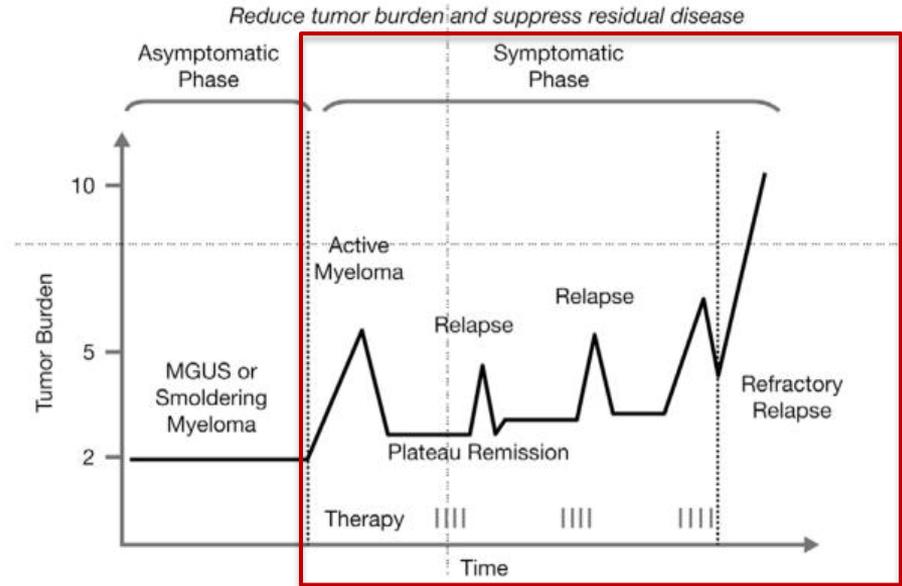
Voting Question



Does the evidence support the use of MRD as an accelerated approval endpoint in MM clinical trials?

Multiple Myeloma

- Clonal plasma cell disorder
- Monoclonal protein in the blood or urine, and associated organ dysfunction.
- Standard criteria for diagnosis and staging of the disease.
- IMWG established criteria for response in MM
 - Serum and urine monoclonal proteins, free light chains and bone marrow assessments



Borello Leuk Res. 2012 Nov; 36(0 1): S3–12.

MM Treatment



Newly
Diagnosed

- Transplant Eligible
(Induction→ ASCT→
maintenance)
- Transplant Ineligible

Relapsed
or
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Approved Therapies and Combinations	
Newly Diagnosed Transplant Eligible	D-VTd, Rd, Td, VMP
Newly Diagnosed Transplant Ineligible	DRd, D-VMP, Rd, Td, VMP
Relapsed or Refractory MM	DRd, KRd, IRd, ERd, Vd, SVd, DVd EPd, IsaPd, DPd, DKd, IsaKd, Rd, Kd, Pd, V, Daratumumab, Cilta-cel, Ide-cel, Teclistamab, Elranatamab, Talquetamab

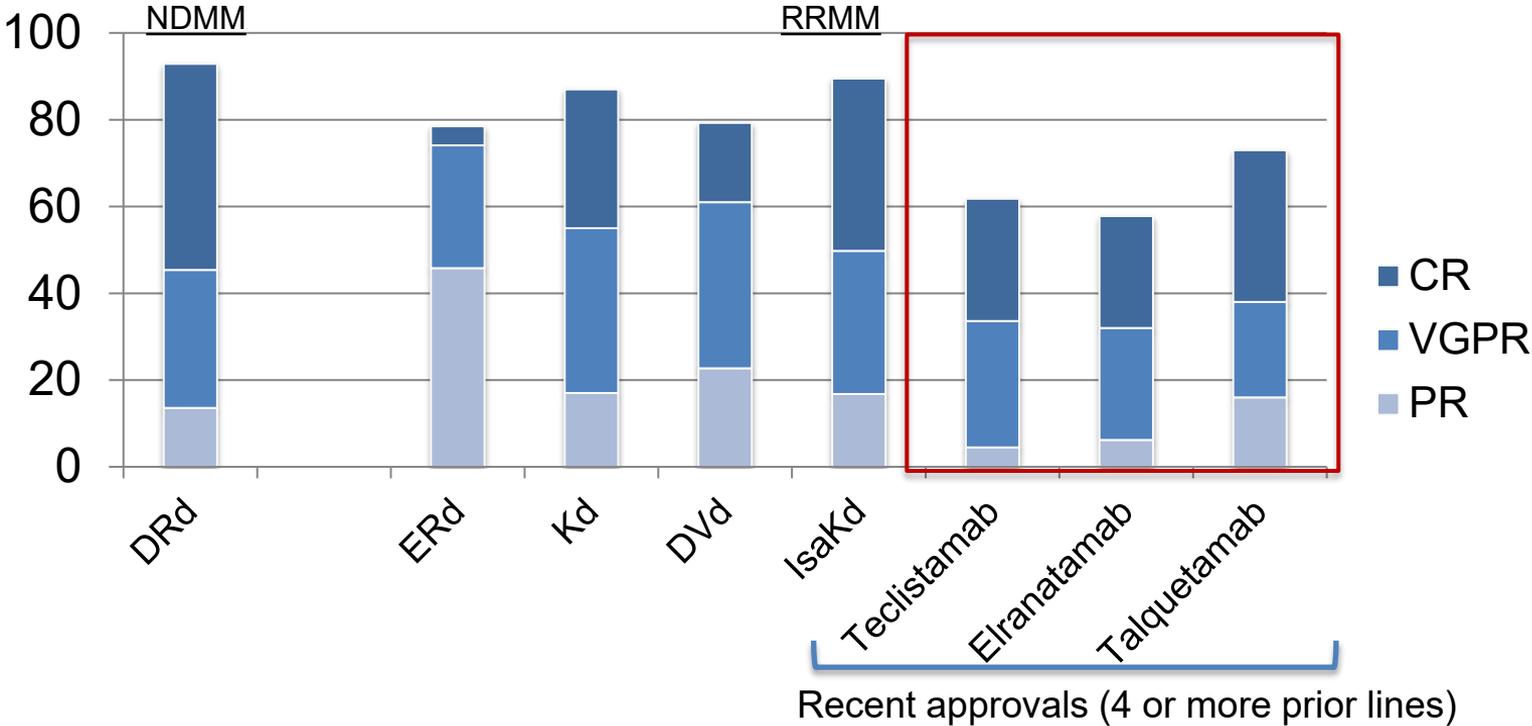
Substantial improvement in survival, but remains incurable

Approval Pathways and Endpoints - MM



- Regular Approval
 - PFS supported by an assessment of OS
 - Substantial improvements in PFS and OS in recent trials
- Accelerated Approval
 - ORR (sCR+CR+VGPR+PR) based on IMWG criteria with durability

Response Rates - MM



CR: Complete Response includes stringent CR (sCR), VGPR: Very Good Partial Response, PR: Partial Response; R-Revlimid (lenalidomide), Isa: Isatuximab, K: kyprolis (carfilzomib), D: daratumumab, d-dexamethasone. MM: Multiple Myeloma, NDMM: Newly Diagnosed MM, RRMM: Relapsed or Refractory MM
[Drugs@FDA: FDA-Approved Drugs](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/index.cfm)
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MRD in MM



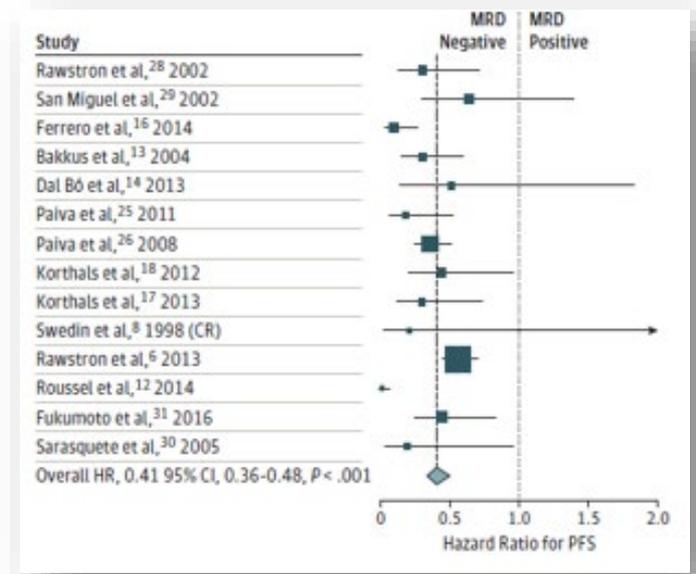
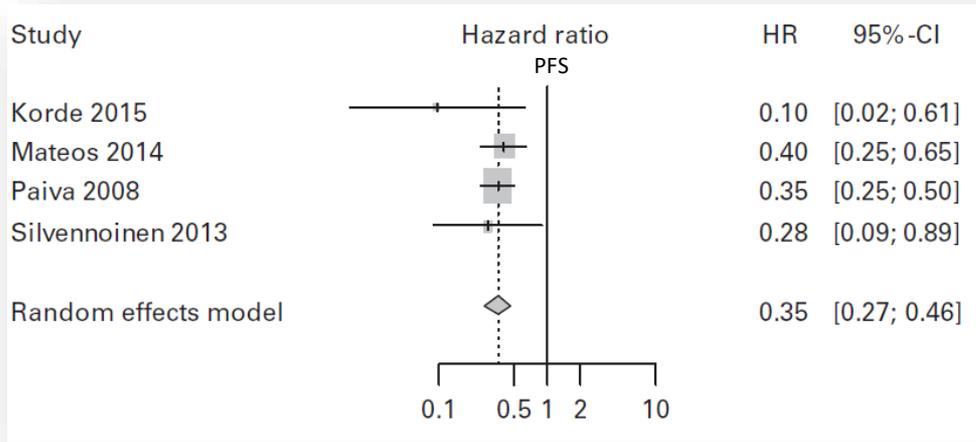
- Sensitive cellular flow-based or molecular methods available to measure residual tumor cells
- MRD is a deeper level of response
- Flow based methods
 - Widely available
 - Specific markers to distinguish malignant plasma cells
- Sequencing based methods
 - Identify patient specific clonal rearrangements of tumor cells
 - The dominant sequence from a baseline sample can be monitored

MRD in MM



- Updated IMWG criteria for MRD response
 - Assessed in patients with CR or better
 - Flow MRD-negative and sequencing MRD-negative
 - Sensitivity of 1 nucleated tumor cell in 100,000 normal cells
 - Sustained MRD negativity
- MRD response is evaluated in MM clinical trials

MRD in MM



Primarily Newly Diagnosed MM studies

Different assessment times

Regulatory Considerations

MRD in MM



Assay considerations

- Flow cytometry based or sequencing based platforms
- Agnostic to the type of assay
 - Adequate performance
 - Appropriately validated for the context of use
 - Thresholds should be within the limit of detection of the assay
 - Standardized procedures for sample collection and processing
 - Only 42% of the trials in MM had adequate MRD data
 - Multiple reasons for exclusion including analytic and test validation deficiencies, performance issues etc.

BELLINI (Study M14-031)

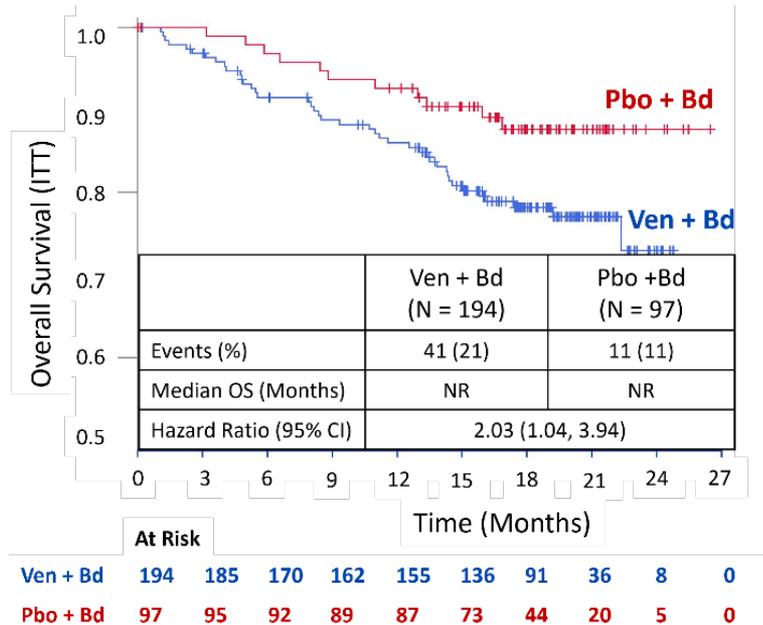


A Phase 3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double Blind Study of Bortezomib and Dexamethasone in Combination With Either Venetoclax or Placebo in Subjects With Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma Who Are Sensitive or Naïve to Proteasome Inhibitors

	Ven + Bd (N = 194)	Pbo + Bd (N = 97)
mPFS (95% CI)	22.4 months (15.3, NR)	11.5 months (9.6, 15)
HR (95% CI) 0.63 (0.44, 0.90)		
ORR (95% CI)	82% (75.8, 87.1)	68% (57.8, 77.1)
MRD(-) (95% CI)	13% (8.9, 19)	1% (0, 5.6)

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Overall Survival



Importance of early endpoints and late endpoints that provide evidence of clinical benefit

Regulatory Considerations Accelerated Approval



- Confirmatory trials required to verify clinical benefit
- Recent legislations provides that the FDA, “may require confirmatory studies to be underway prior to approval”
- Provides expedited withdrawal for drugs that do not verify benefit from the market

Summary



- In MM, MRD has the potential to expedite drug development
- MRD is a more sensitive measure of residual tumor cells
- Specific regulatory considerations exist in the evaluation of potential new endpoints to support approval
- Meta-analysis of patient level data can generate evidence



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Minimal Residual Disease to Support Accelerated Approval in Multiple Myeloma

Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC) Meeting

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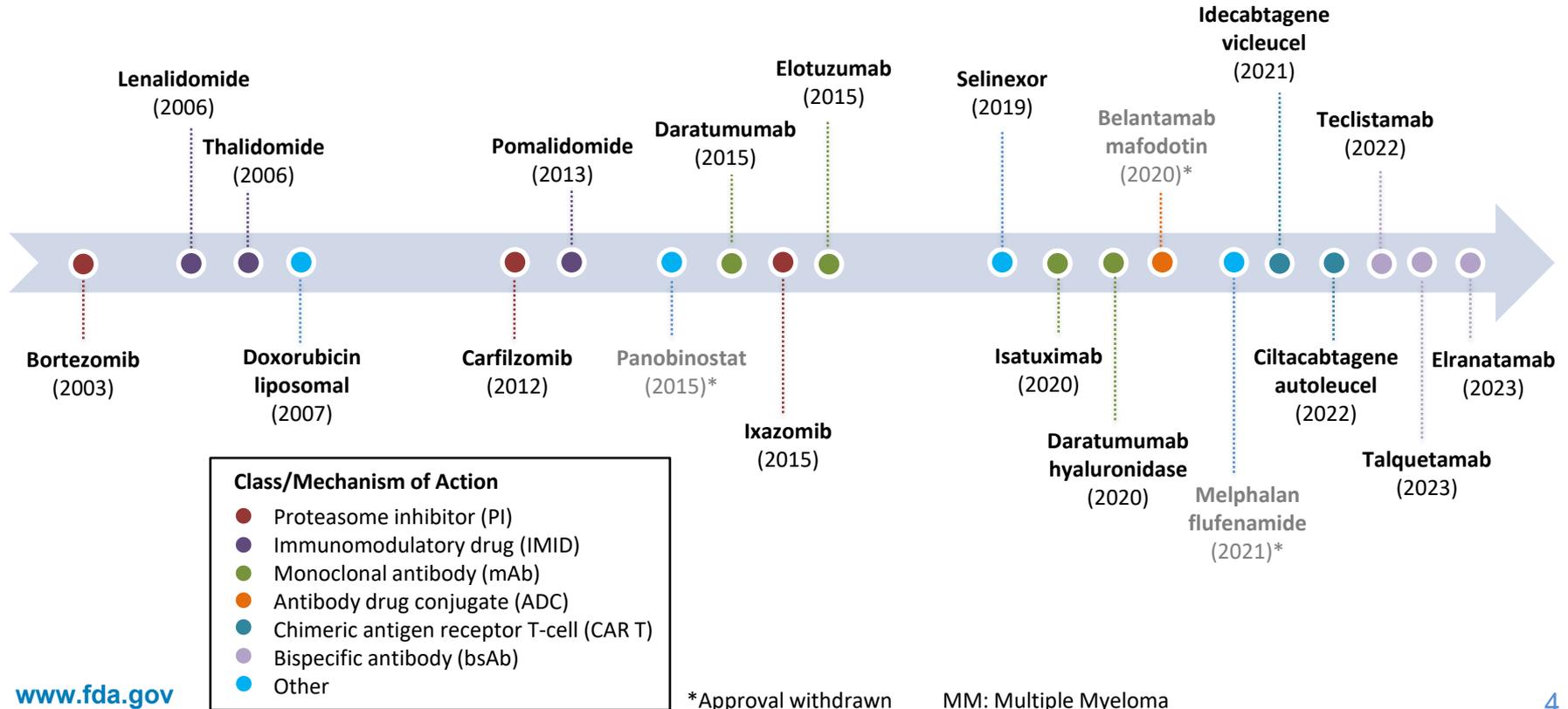
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Purpose of Meeting

- Discuss the adequacy of available data to support the use of Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) as an accelerated approval (AA) endpoint in multiple myeloma (MM)
- Discuss considerations around the use of MRD
 - Disease settings
 - Timepoints for MRD assessment

MM Treatment Landscape (2003 – 2023)





Regular Approval:

- Demonstration of clinical benefit
 - Measure of how a patient feels, functions, or survives
- Accepted endpoints in MM:
 - Progression-free survival (PFS)
 - Overall survival (OS)

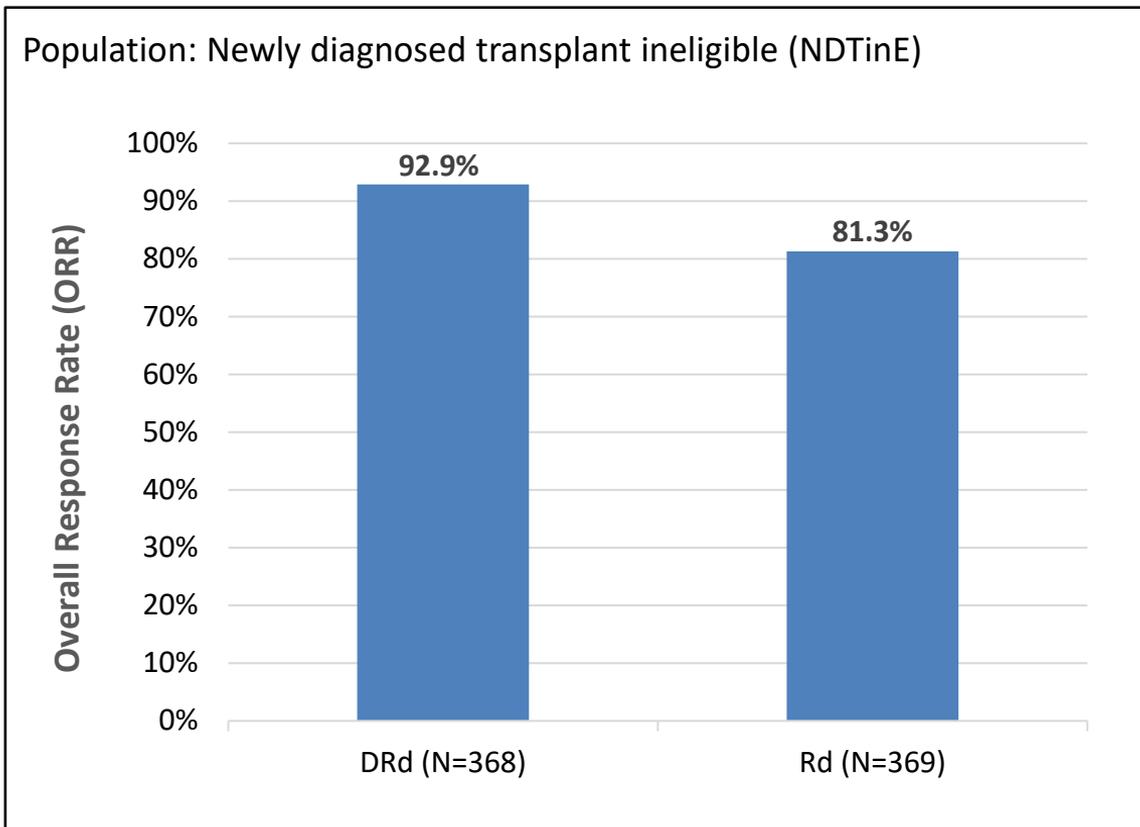
Accelerated Approval:

- Serious or life-threatening disease
- Based on an intermediate clinical endpoint or a surrogate endpoint reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit
- Meaningful benefit in the context of other available therapy
- Accepted Endpoint in MM:
 - Overall Response Rate (ORR)

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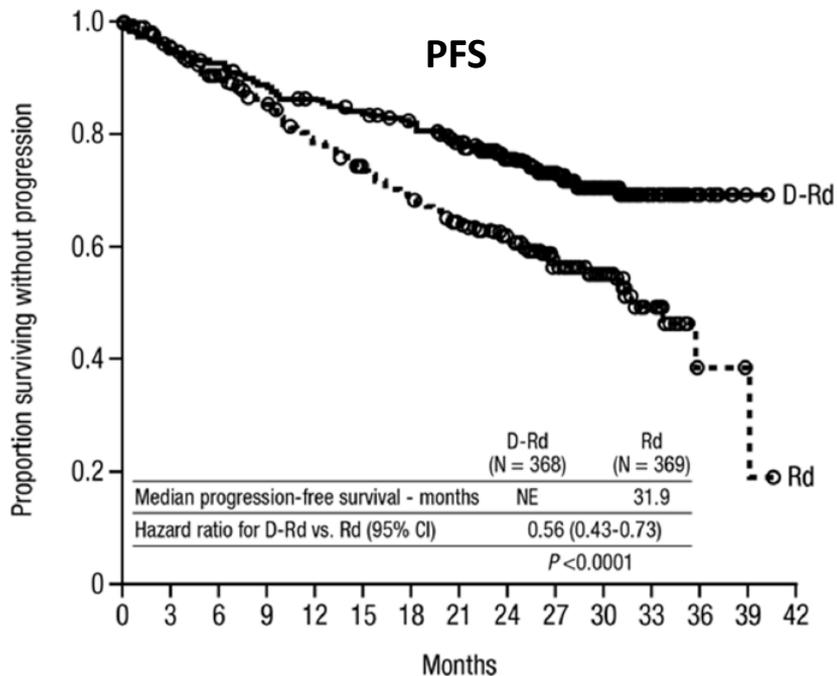
Current Endpoints in MM: MAIA Trial



Source: FDA Analysis

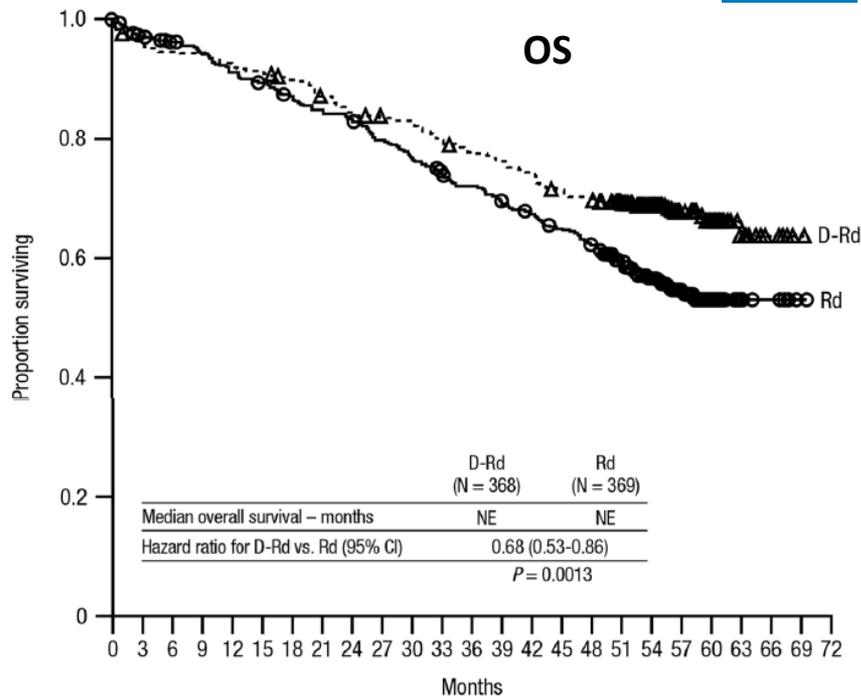
MM: Multiple Myeloma; DRd: daratumumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone;
Rd: lenalidomide, dexamethasone

Current Endpoints in MM: MAIA Trial



No. at risk	Rd	369	332	307	280	254	236	219	200	149	94	50	18	3	2	0
D-Rd	368	347	335	320	309	300	290	271	203	146	86	35	11	1	0	0

PFS median follow-up: 28 months

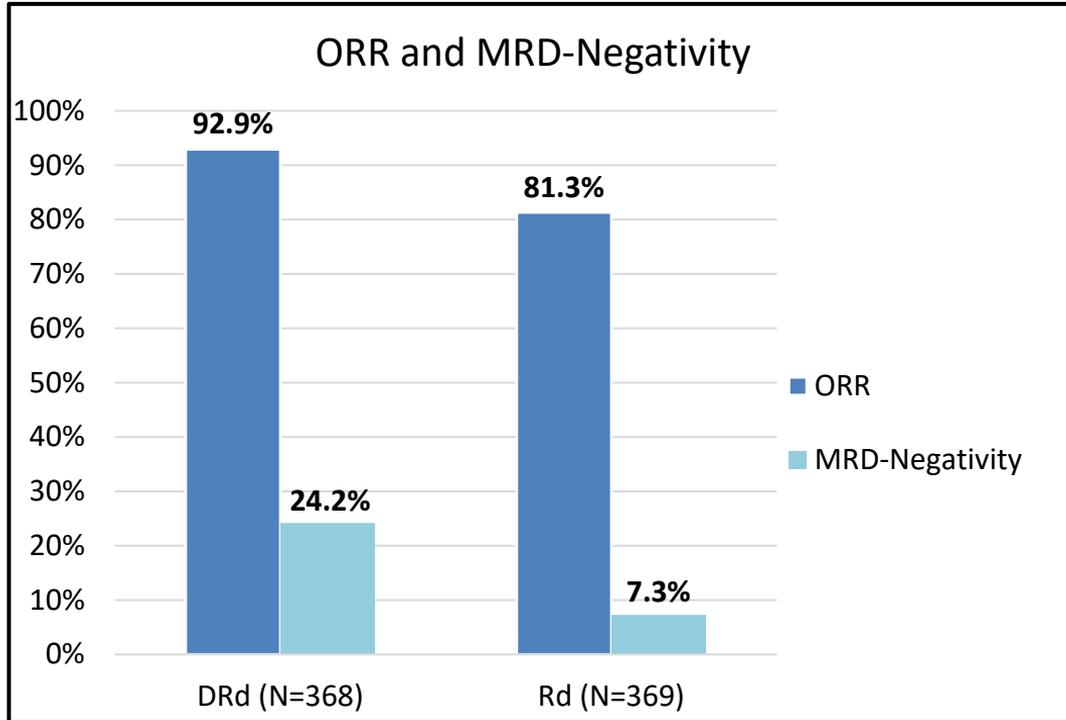


No. at risk	Rd	369	351	343	336	324	317	308	300	294	281	270	258	251	241	232	223	213	183	134	85	42	14	5	1	0
D-Rd	368	350	346	344	338	334	328	316	305	302	297	286	280	273	266	255	249	228	170	118	63	22	6	1	0	0

OS median follow-up: 56 months

Source: FDA Analysis; daratumumab USPI

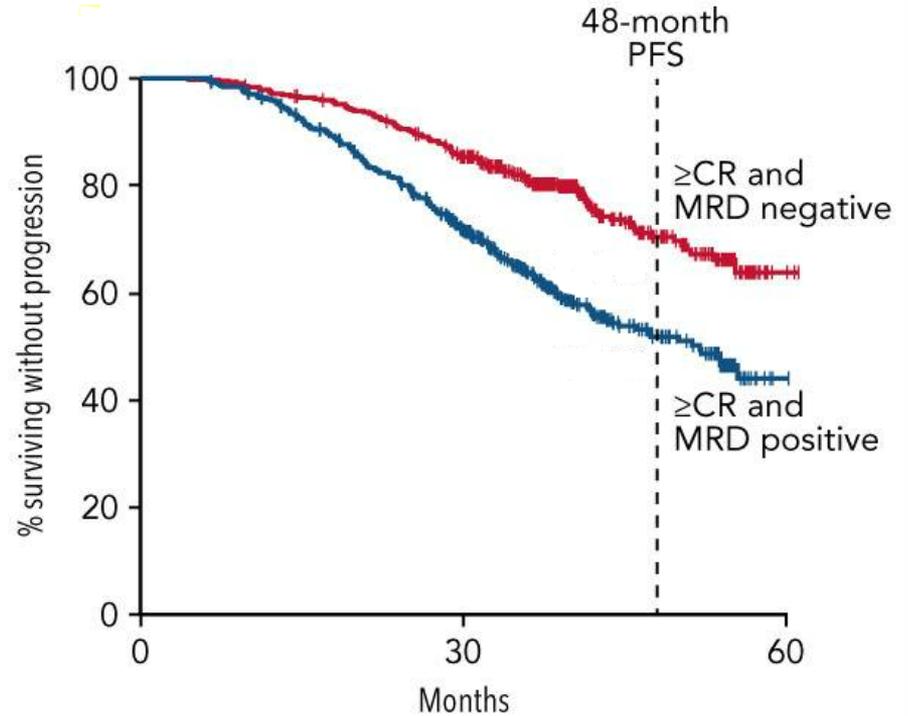
Current Endpoints in MM: MAIA Trial



Source: FDA Analysis

MRD in Multiple Myeloma

- Measure of tumor burden in the bone marrow
- Prognostic in MM



Cavo, M. et al. *Blood*. 2022 Feb 10;139(6):835-844

Development of New Regulatory Endpoints



Regular Approval:

- Clinical benefit
- Validated surrogate endpoint

Accelerated Approval:

- Intermediate clinical endpoint or surrogate endpoint reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit
- Most common endpoint in MM:
 - Overall Response Rate (ORR)

Methodology for Assessment of Surrogacy: Meta-Analysis



- **Individual-level Association**
 - Strength of the association between the **candidate surrogate endpoint** (MRD) and the **true clinical endpoint** (PFS/OS)
 - "Is MRD-Negative CR prognostic for PFS/OS?"
- **Trial-level Association**
 - Strength of the association between the **treatment effect on the surrogate** (MRD) and the **treatment effect on the true endpoint** (PFS/OS)
 - "If a treatment improves MRD-Negative CR over the control arm, will a similar improvement be observed in PFS/OS?"

Hematologic Malignancies: Regulatory Considerations for Use of Minimal Residual Disease in Development of Drug and Biological Products for Treatment Guidance for Industry

Results of Trial-Level Association

- Strong trial-level association → Validated surrogate endpoint → May support regular approval
 - Very few oncology endpoints have met this standard
 - Most endpoints that support AA have not been assessed for trial level surrogacy or have weak trial-level associations

Statistical Methods in Applicants' Meta-Analyses

- **Individual-Level Assessment (Prognostic Assessment)**
 - Measure: Global odds ratio based on a bivariate copula model¹.

- **Trial-Level Assessment (Treatment Effect)**
 - Measures: R^2_{wls} and R^2_{Copula}
 - i2TEAMM pre-specified a decision rule for “validated surrogate”
 - No formal criteria exist within FDA

- **Surrogate Threshold Effect (STE):**
 - The minimum treatment effect on the surrogate necessary to predict a positive effect on the established endpoint for clinical benefit with 95% confidence

¹Burzykowski T et al.: The validation of surrogate endpoints by using data from randomized clinical trials: a case-study in advanced colorectal cancer. J R Stat Soc A. 2004;167(Part 1):103- 124. R^2_{wls} : R-squared based on weighted least square regression. R^2_{Copula} : R-squared based on the bivariate Plackett copula model

Summary of I2TEAMM and University of Miami Analyses



- Conclusions:
 - Strong individual-level association for both PFS and OS
 - Trial-level associations are weak to moderate in disease subpopulations for PFS (NDTE, NDTinE, RR)
 - Stronger results observed in the NDTinE population
 - Associations in pooled populations moderate for PFS (NDTE+NDTinE, NDTE+NDTinE+RR, NDTinE+RR)
 - Trial-level associations generally weaker for OS
- FDA agrees with general approaches and interpretation of results

Strengths and Limitations of The Meta-Analyses

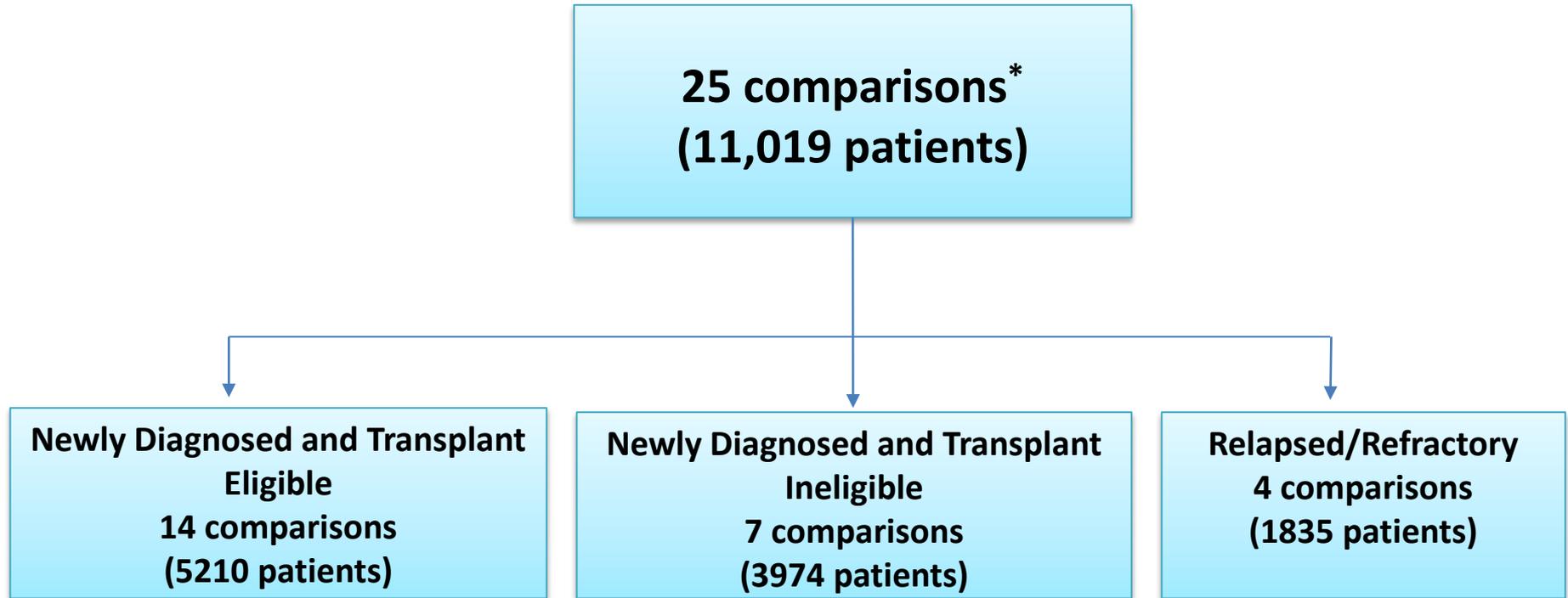
Strengths	Limitations
Broad experience across multiple settings and randomized trials	Heterogeneity in trial designs, conduct, and patient populations
All assays NGS or FC; majority have sensitivity of 10^{-5} or better	Variation in MRD assays used
Individual-level patient data available for all trials analyzed	Limited number of trials
Analysis methods and approach pre-specified in SAP and discussed with FDA	Unknown impact of disease setting



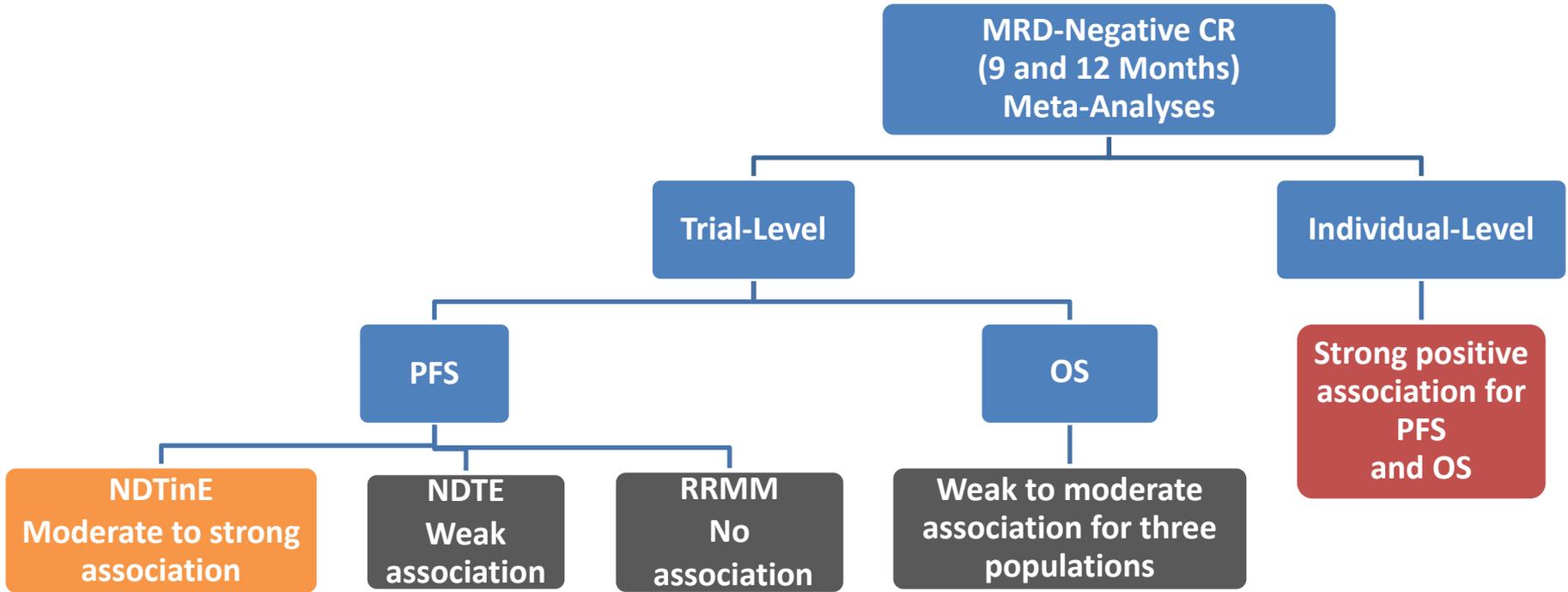
FDA's Meta-Analysis

- FDA conducted additional meta-analyses based on all data submitted by either Applicant
 - **Purpose**: to determine whether utilization of all available data would impact the results or conclusions
 - Analysis was based on the ITT population
 - Missing MRD status were imputed as non-responders
 - 18 trials resulting in 25 two-arm comparisons
- “MRD-Negative CR at any time” in the RR setting was also explored using data submitted to the FDA

Study Flowchart by Population



Scope of the Results



Individual-level Association : MRD-Negative CR vs PFS and OS



	Population	N Comparisons (N Patients)	Individual-Level Association Odds Ratio ¹ (95% CI)
9 months MRD-CR vs PFS	NDTE	12 (4820)	2.85 (2.37, 3.34)
	NDTinE	7 (3974)	6.55 (4.48, 8.63)
	RR	4 (1835)	7.40 (4.17, 10.62)
12 months MRD-CR vs PFS	NDTE	13 (4993)	3.39 (2.87, 3.92)
	NDTinE	7 (3974)	7.30 (5.21, 9.38)
	RR	4 (1835)	7.67 (4.24, 11.1)
9 months MRD-CR vs OS	NDTE	12 (4820)	2.77 (2.15, 3.38)
	NDTinE	7 (3974)	5.02 (2.82, 7.21)
	RR	4 (1835)	6.46 (2.54, 10.38)
12 months MRD-CR vs OS	NDTE	13 (4993)	3.83 (3.00, 4.67)
	NDTinE	7 (3974)	4.75 (2.91, 6.58)
	RR	4 (1835)	6.03 (2.48, 9.59)

Individual-level Association: Higher global odds ratio indicates a higher prognostic value of MRD

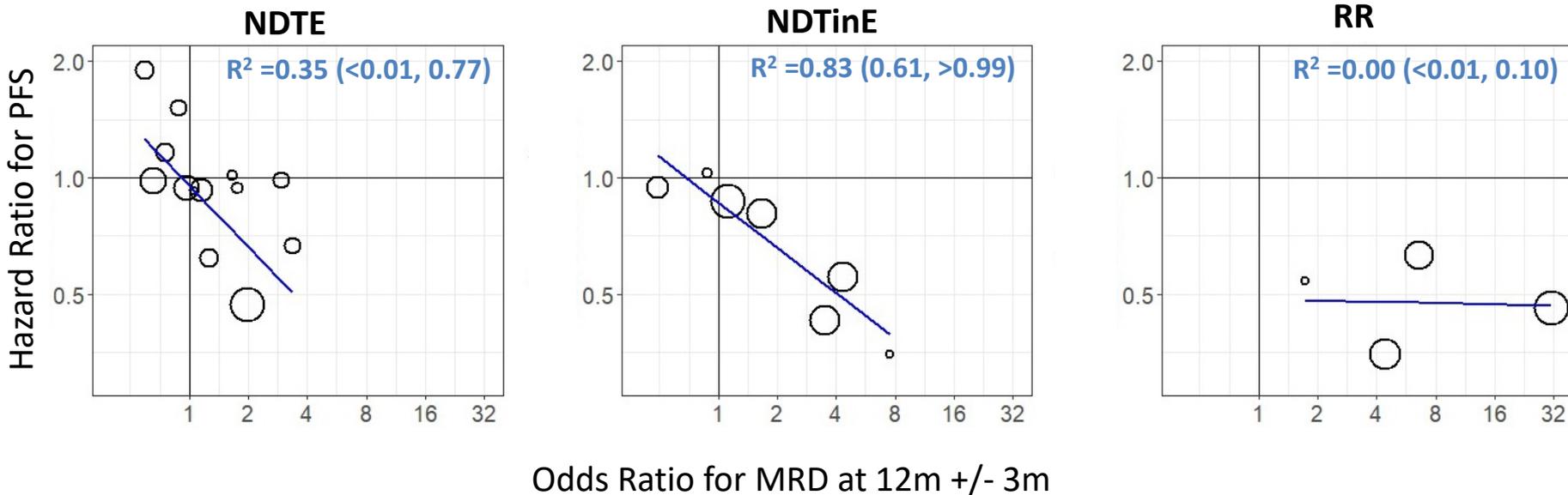
¹Global odds ratio computed using Plackett copula model

MRD-Negative CR: MRD negativity with Complete Response [10^{-4} , 10^{-5} , and 10^{-6} ; 10^{-5} prioritized]

PFS: Progression-Free Survival; OS: Overall Survival; NDTE: Newly diagnosed transplant eligible;

NDTinE: Newly diagnosed transplant ineligible; RR: Relapsed/Refractory

Trial-level Association: MRD-Negative CR vs PFS



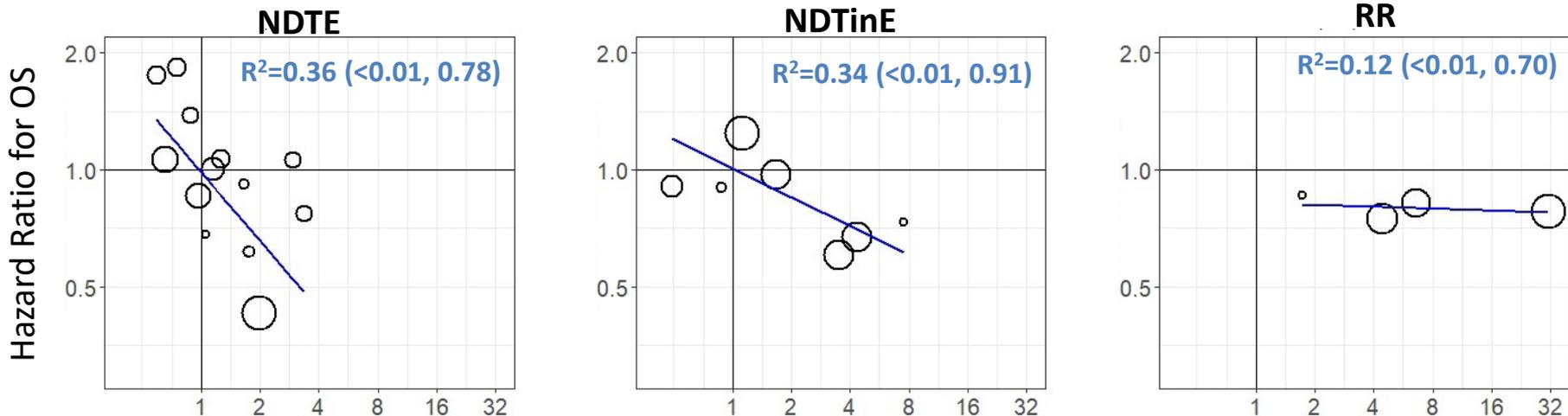
Numerically higher correlation was observed between MRD-Negative CR and PFS in the NDTinE population

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PFS: Progression-Free Survival; NDTE: Newly diagnosed transplant eligible; NDTinE: Newly diagnosed transplant ineligible;

RR: Relapsed/Refractory; MRD: Minimal Residual Disease; m: months; R^2 is calculated using the bivariate Plackett copula model

Trial-level Association: MRD-Negative CR vs OS



Odds Ratio for MRD at 12m +/- 3m

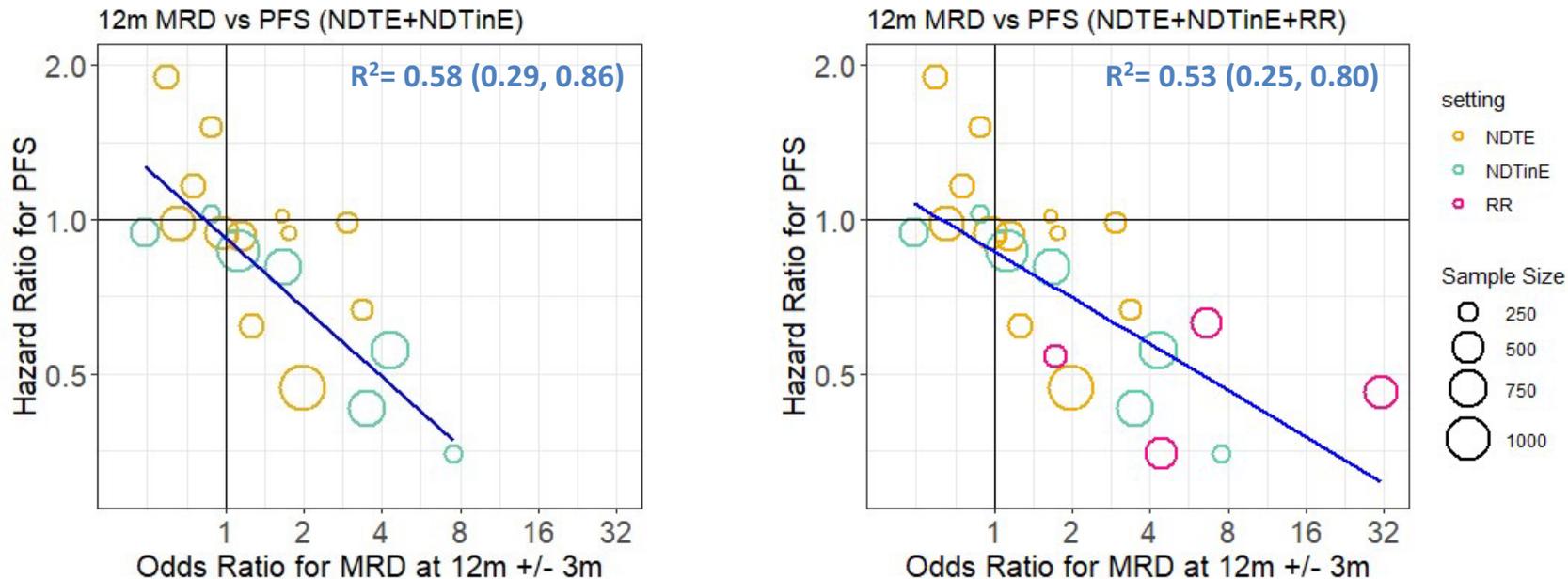
Weak to moderate association was found between MRD-Negative CR and OS in the trial-level analysis for all three populations

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Trial-Level Association: MRD-Negative CR vs PFS Pooled Populations



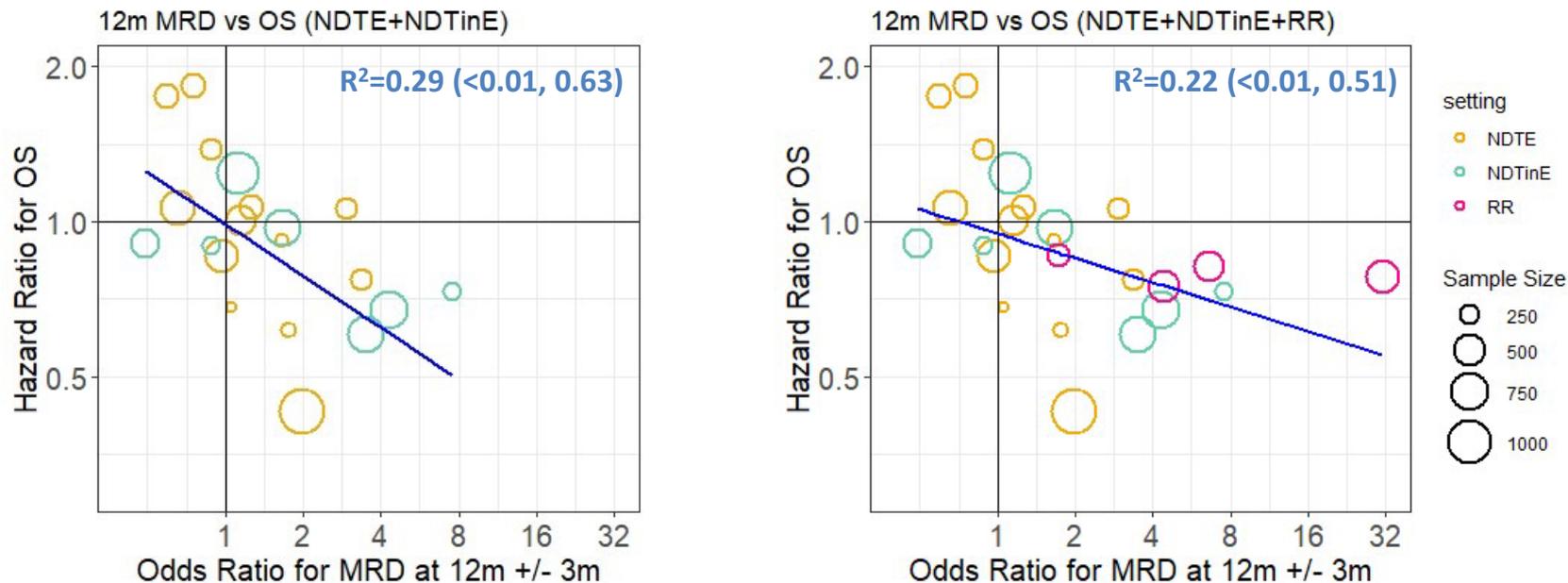
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Weak associations for MRD-negative CR vs. OS observed in pooled populations

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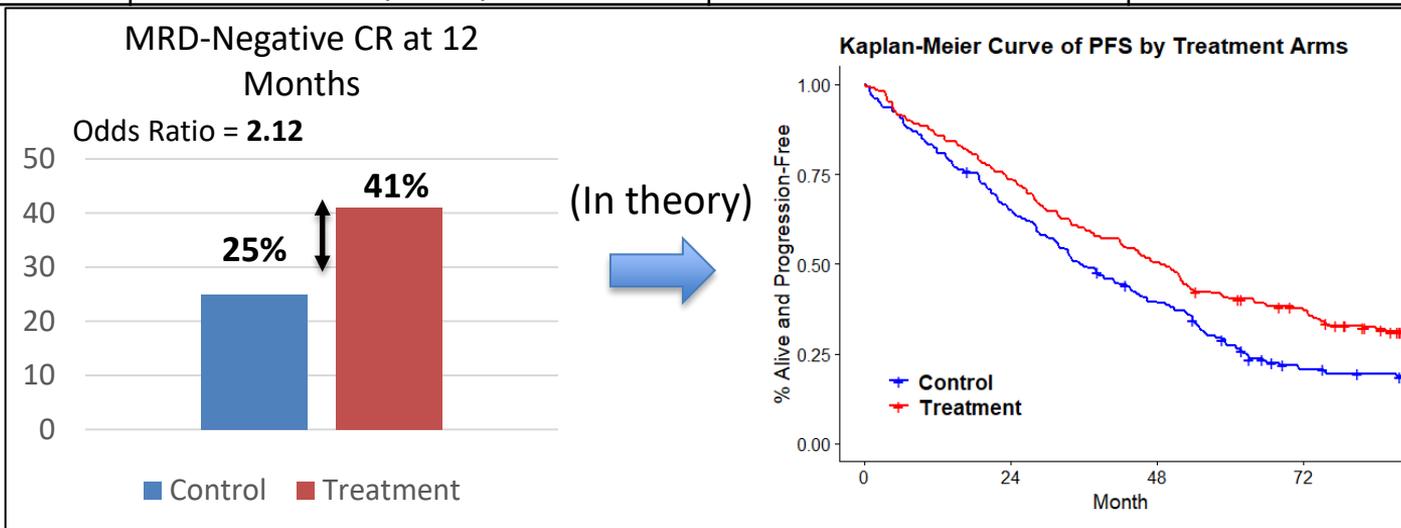
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STE cannot be calculated for RR due to small sample size

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Meta-Analysis: MRD-Negative CR at Any Time (RR population)



- Results are similar to those for the MRD-Negative CR at 9 months and 12 months
 - Data includes all trials submitted to FDA under NDA, BLA, or IND
- Individual-level association
 - Strong association was demonstrated for MRD-Negative CR at any time in RR population for both OS and PFS
 - Odds ratio: 8.70 (95% CI: 4.84-12.55)
- Trial-level Association
 - Weak association was found in the trial-level analysis
 - $R^2_{wls} : 0.10$ (95% CI: <0.01-0.35); $R^2_{copula} : 0.11$ (95% CI: <0.01-0.62)

Statistical Conclusions

- **Strong individual-level associations** have been observed across all patient populations for MRD-Negative CR at 9 month and 12 months
- Generally, **weak to moderate trial-level associations** were observed for PFS in most disease subpopulations. These associations were weaker for OS.
 - Higher trial-level correlation was observed in the NDTinE subpopulation
 - Moderate associations were observed for PFS in the pooled populations
- The results for MRD-Negative CR at any time in the RR setting are similar to the results for MRD-Negative CR at 9 or 12 months in this setting

Where Does this Leave Us?

- Lack of strong trial-level association for MRD and PFS/OS
 - MRD is not a validated surrogate endpoint
- Strong individual-level association for MRD and PFS/OS
 - MRD is prognostic
- Analysis results provided:
 - Robust data regarding the prognostic value of MRD
 - Data regarding potential timepoints for MRD assessment
 - Information to support future trials using MRD as an AA endpoint as part of a comprehensive development program

Clinical Trial Design: The Traditional Two-Trial Approach



Single-Arm Trial

RRMM
4L+

ORR, DOR

Accelerated
Approval

Randomized Trial

RRMM
1-3 prior lines

PFS, OS

Regular
Approval

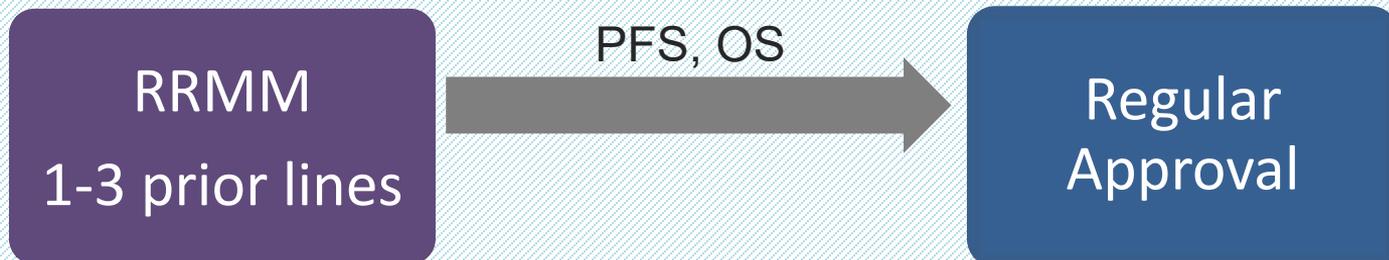
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Clinical Trial Design: Single Trial Model



Source: FDA



MRD Timepoint Assessment Considerations

- Individual level associations were consistent across 9-month, 12-month time points and MRD-Negative CR at any time
 - MRD assessment at these timepoints may be reasonable
- Disease setting considerations: NDMM vs. RRMM
- Assessment of Durability
- MRD-Negative CR, supported by durability of MRD negativity may also be considered

MRD Assay Considerations

- Multiparametric flow cytometry (MPFC), Next generation sequencing (NGS)
- Analytically validated
- Sensitive to detect prespecified MRD negativity threshold

Considerations for the Use of MRD as an Endpoint for AA in MM



Use of MRD as an Endpoint in MM

- Strong individual-level association of MRD with PFS/OS
 - Indicates MRD is prognostic
- Weak to moderate trial-level association
- MRD could serve as an intermediate clinical endpoint (similar to ORR)
 - Deeper level of response (reduced tumor burden)
 - Can be measured earlier
 - Support expedited drug development

Residual Uncertainties

- Lack of strong trial-level association
 - MRD is not a validated surrogate endpoint
 - Most endpoints used to support AA have weak to moderate trial-level association with PFS/OS
- Uncertain impact of different disease settings and treatment types
- Magnitude of benefit is unknown
- Potential safety considerations



Regulatory Considerations for AA

- For accelerated approval, FDA may require confirmation of benefit
- FDORA legislation provides that the FDA, “may require, as appropriate, a study or studies to be underway prior to approval”
- FDORA legislation provides expedited withdrawal process if the study fails to verify benefit

FDA Summary

- MM remains incurable and there is a need for alternative endpoints other than ORR and PFS/OS
- The analyses presented today suggest that MRD negativity is prognostic in MM
 - Supported by biologic plausibility
- AA intended to facilitate expedited approval of novel therapies based on an intermediate endpoint of clinical relevance reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit



Discussion Topics

- Discuss the adequacy of available data to support the use of MRD as an accelerated approval endpoint in MM
- Discuss whether the available data supports the use of MRD as an endpoint in the different MM disease settings
 - Newly diagnosed MM
 - Relapsed/Refractory MM
- Discuss the acceptability of the timepoints for MRD assessment:
 - 9-months, 12-months, MRD-Negative CR at any time
 - Requirement for assessment of durability



Voting Question

Does the evidence support the use of MRD as an accelerated approval endpoint in MM clinical trials?



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Backup Slides Shown



Individual- vs. Trial-Level Association

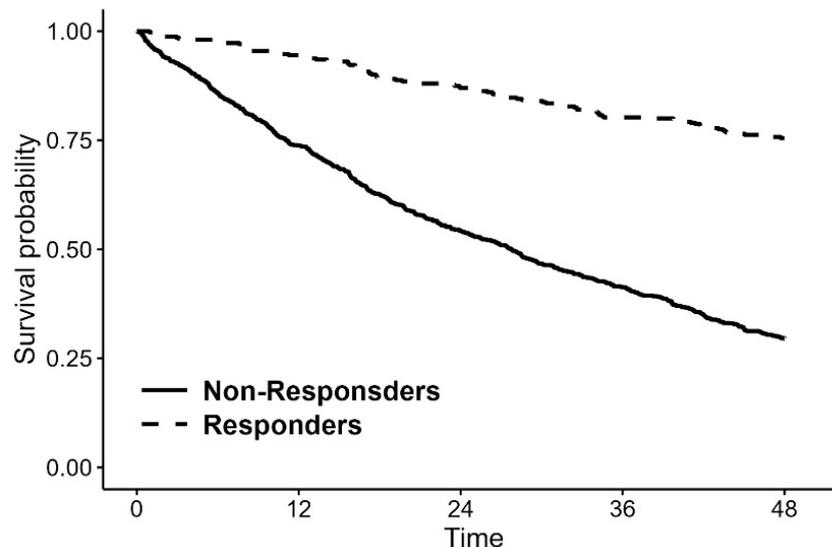
- **Individual-level association**: responders live longer than non-responders
- **Trial-level association**: products that increase ORR also yield better HRs for PFS/OS
 - Also: products that do not increase ORR produce HRs=1 for PFS/OS
- Both are used for evaluating a potential surrogate endpoint

Individual-Level Association

Trial 1

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- Can be observed in a single trial

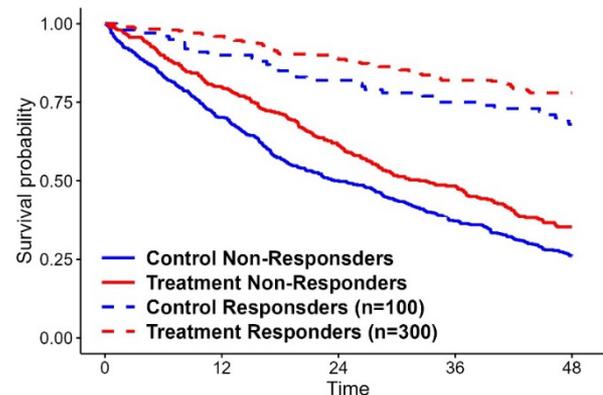
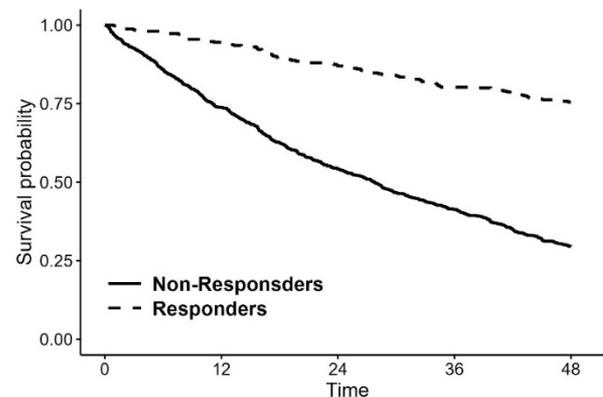


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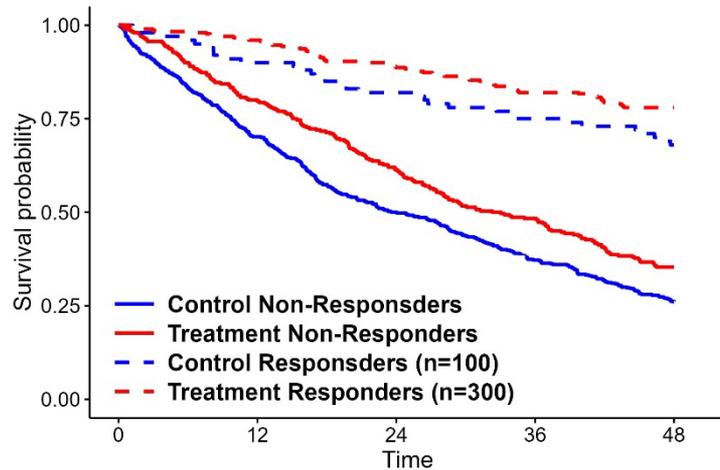
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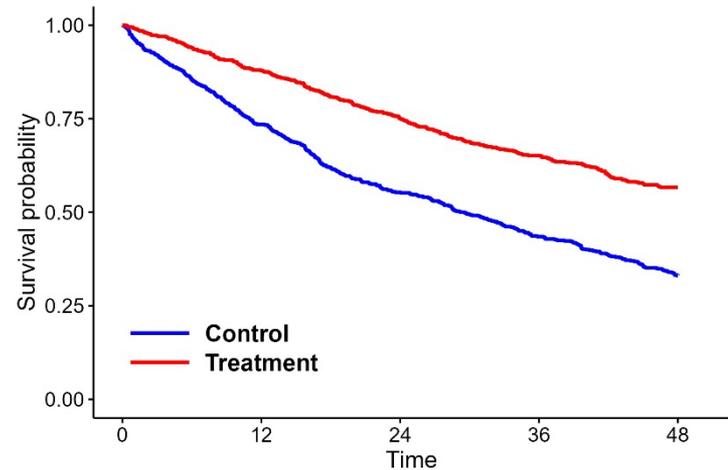
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For treatments that improve response rate, individual-level association may translate to a treatment effect on the long-term outcome.

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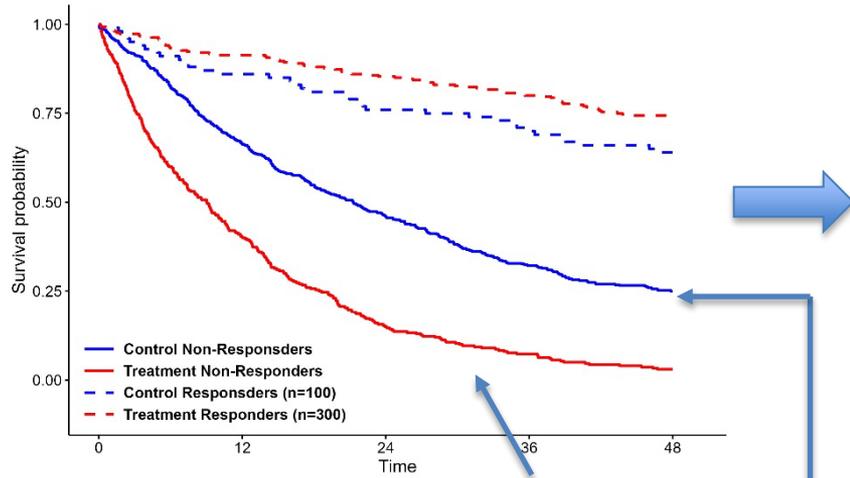
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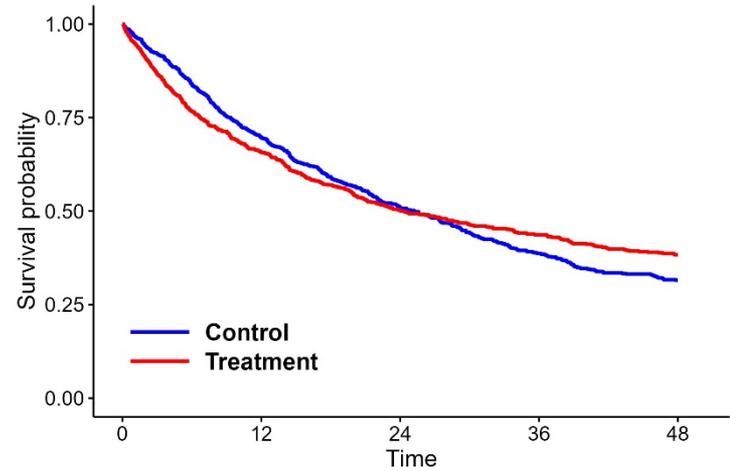
However, individual-level association does not guarantee a positive treatment effect on ORR will translate to a positive treatment effect on PFS.

Trial 2



Treatment non-responders progress much more quickly than **control non-responders**.

Trial 2



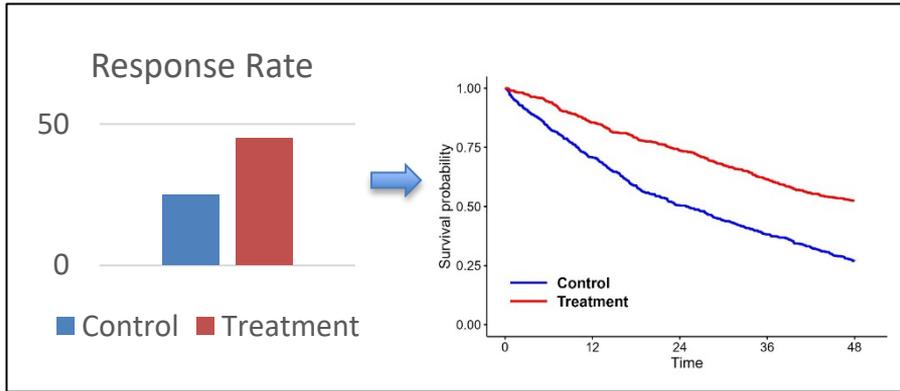
Trial-Level Associations

- One trial is typically not sufficient to estimate surrogacy
- Usual surrogacy analyses utilize meta-analysis of multiple trials
 - Goal is to show:
 - Positive treatment effect on ORR -> Positive treatment effect on PFS
 - No treatment effect on ORR -> No treatment effect on PFS
 - Negative treatment effect on ORR -> Negative treatment effect on PFS

ORR: Overall Response Rate; PFS: Progression-Free Survival

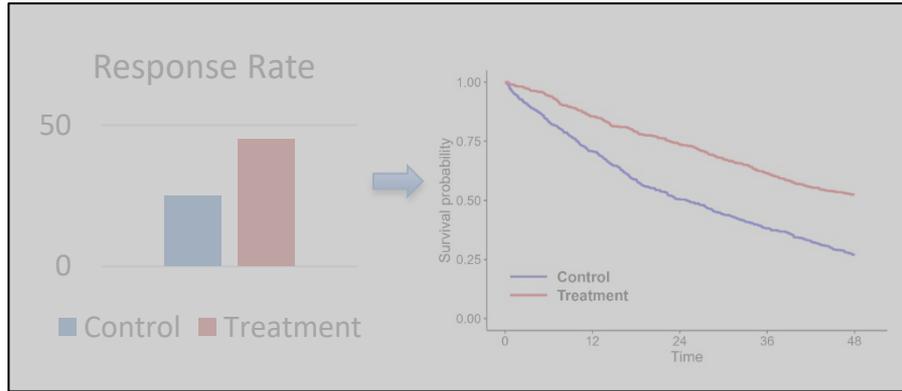
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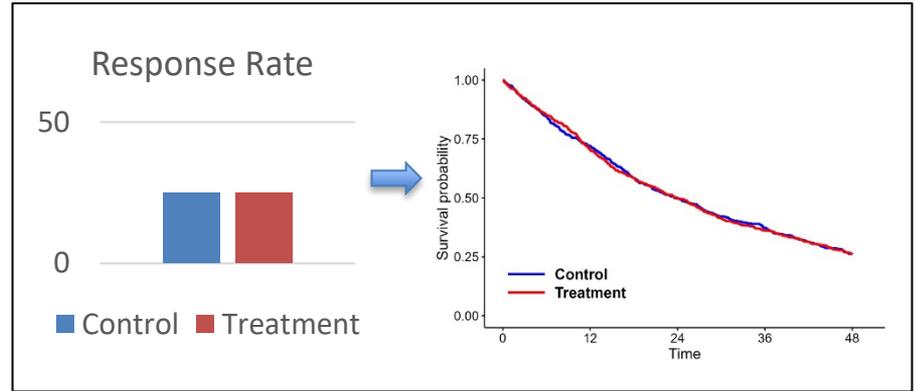


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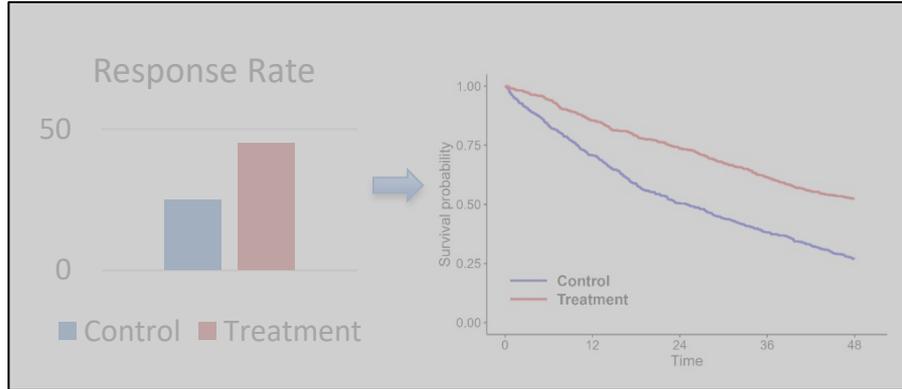


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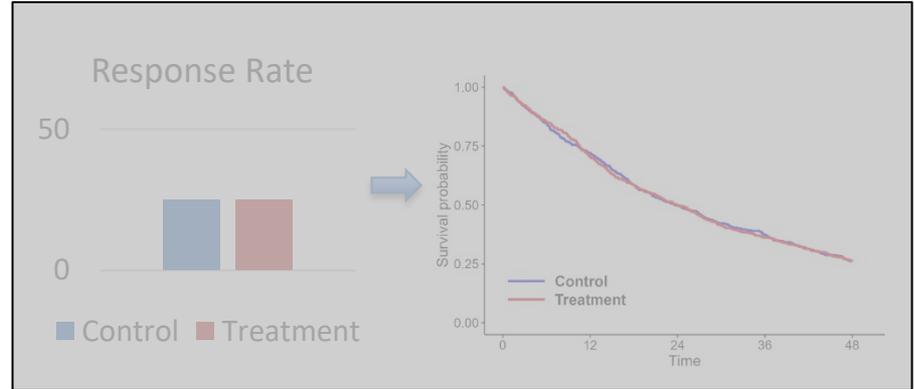


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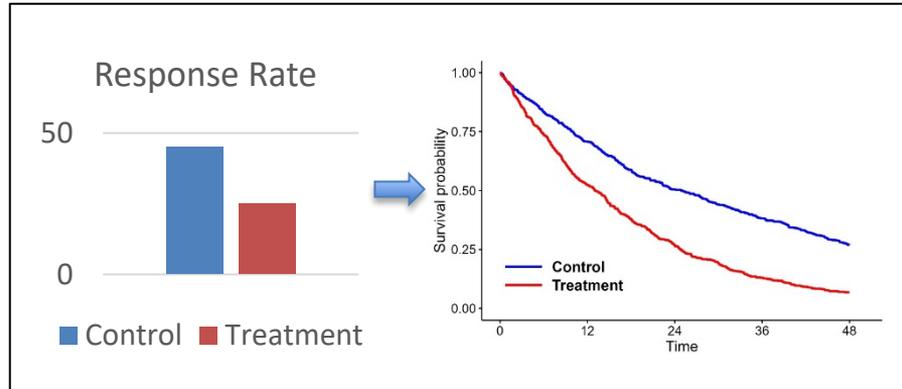
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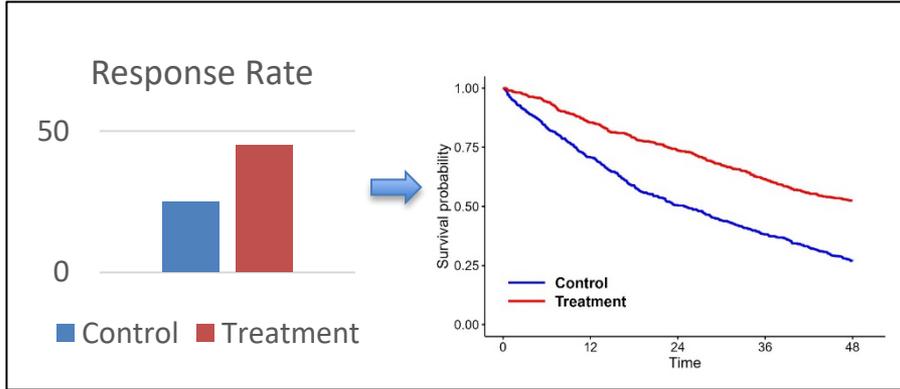


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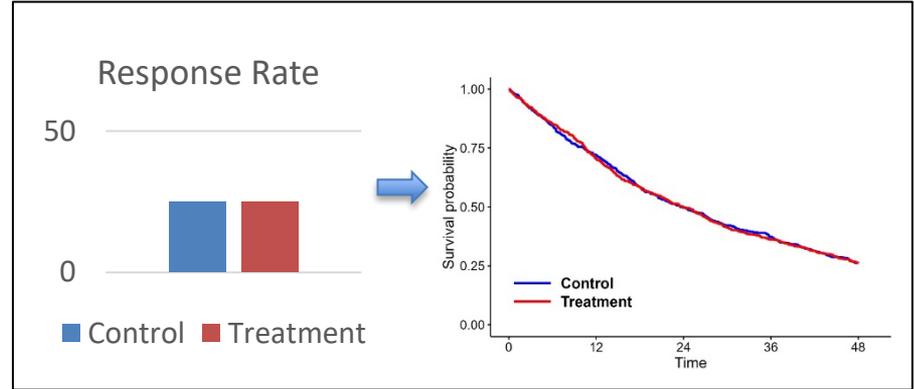


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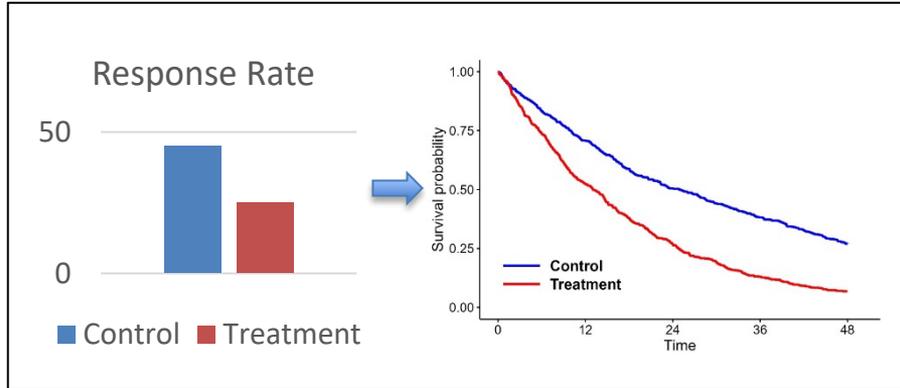
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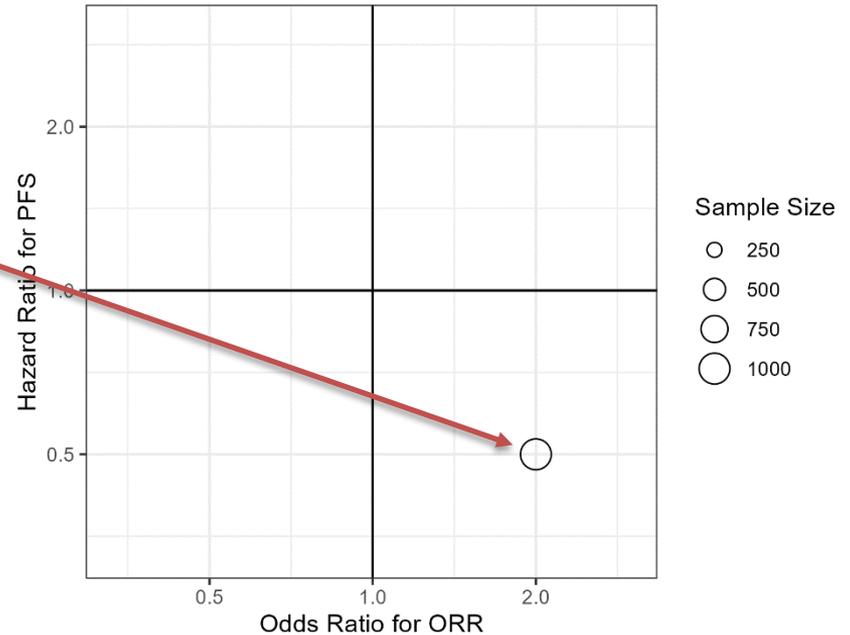


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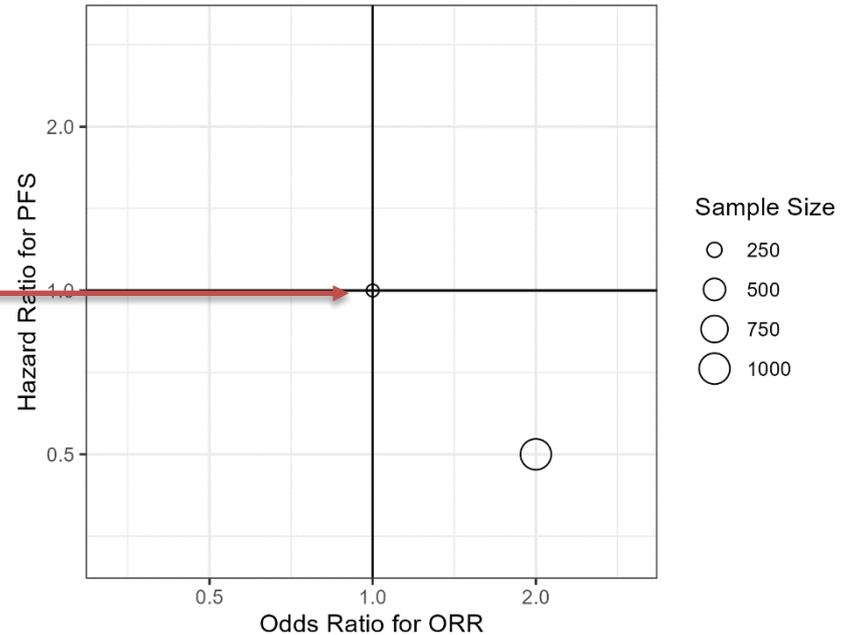
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