

# Daratumumab in combination for untreated multiple myeloma when stem cell transplant is suitable [ID1510]

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# Key issues

## Definition of minimal residual disease

- What is the appropriate definition of MRD negativity?
  - **IMWG definition:** requiring conventional complete response, or
  - **Company economic model:** regardless of conventional response

## Landmark analysis

- Is the company's censored landmark analysis, split by MRD status, acceptable for decision making?

## Extrapolations

- What is the most appropriate distribution?

## Treatment effect

- Would the daratumumab treatment effect be expected to wane over time? If so, how should this be modelled?

# Background

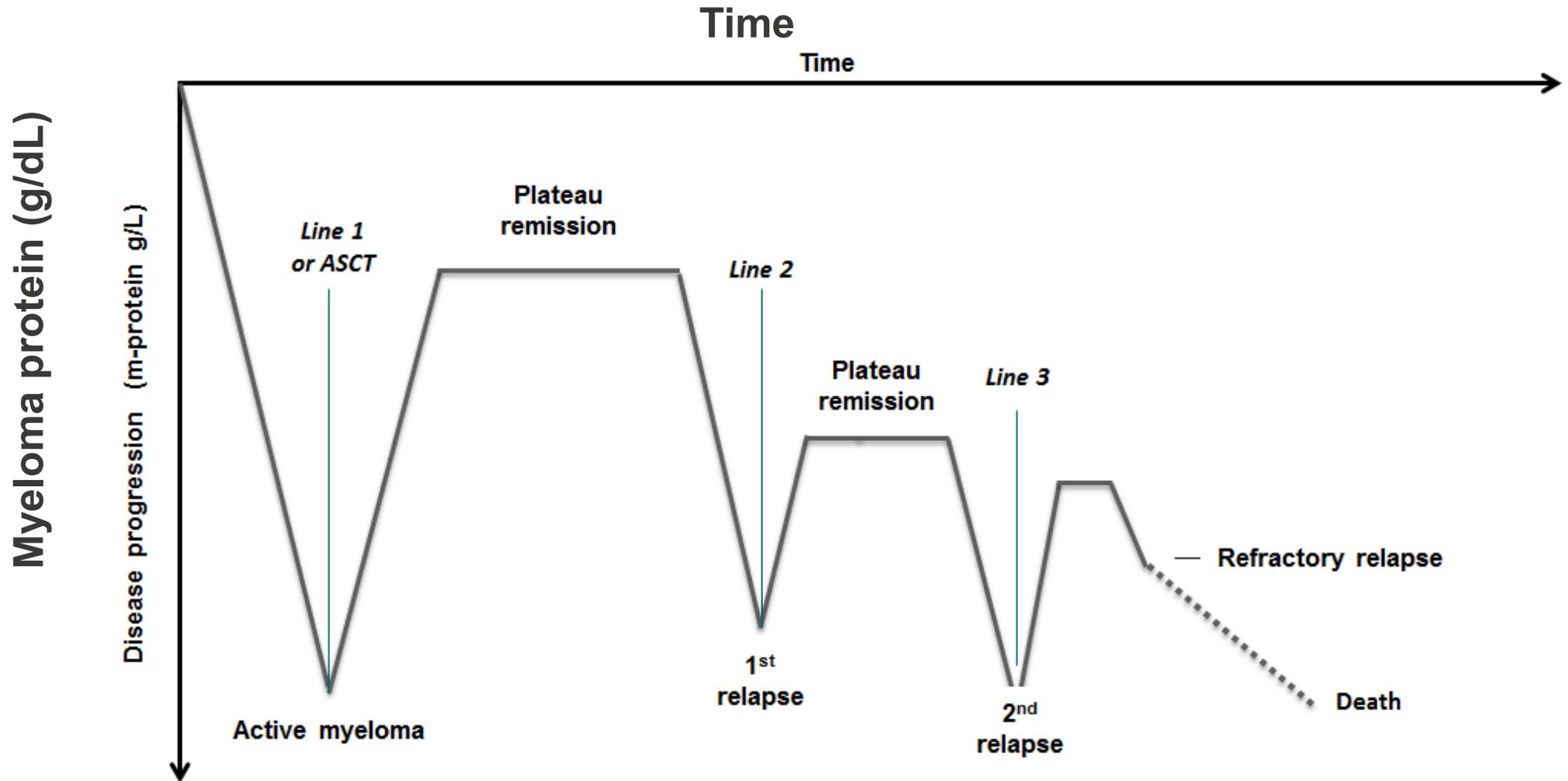
# Disease background: multiple myeloma

- Cancer from proliferating plasma cells (type of blood cell) in bone marrow
- Myeloma cells suppress development of normal blood cells responsible for:
  - fighting infection - white blood cells
  - carrying oxygen around the body - red blood cells
  - blood clotting - platelets
- Disease progression and response to therapy monitored by M-protein in plasma, and plasma cells/myeloma cells in bone marrow
- Symptoms and complications include bone pain, bone fractures, fatigue, anaemia, recurrent infections, renal failure, high calcium levels
- In 2017, around 5,000 people diagnosed with multiple myeloma in England
- More common in older people – 74% diagnosed aged  $\geq 65$
- More common in men than women
- More common in Afro-Caribbean than white people
- 5- and 10-year survival rates 52% and 29% respectively

# Disease background: treated natural history

*Characterised by cycles of remission and relapse*

*As number of lines of therapy increases, time in remission decreases*



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# Patient and carer perspectives

## Myeloma UK

### Unmet need

- People with myeloma value treatments that prolong life and remission and allow them to enjoy day-to-day life
- Newly diagnosed patients hope for as long a remission as possible post-transplant
- Unmet need for a range of treatment options with different mechanisms of action at each stage of treatment pathway

### Quality of life impact

- Myeloma extremely challenging physically + emotionally for patients, carers and family members
- Complications significant, debilitating and painful;
  - include severe bone pain, bone destruction, kidney damage, fatigue, increased risk of infections
- People's lives impacted by adverse effects of treatment and hospital visits
- Lack of control due to increasing reliance on carers and reduced mobility
- Carers report significant emotional, social and practical impact

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# Professional organisation perspective

- **Myeloma** is incurable
- **Symptoms and signs of active disease include:** bone pain, fractures secondary to bone deposits, fatigue, anaemia, recurrent infections, renal failure
- **Aims of treatment:** prolong overall survival and progression-free survival, and maintain / improve quality of life
- **Response:** achieving minimal residual disease is associated with a longer duration of response and overall survival
- **Unmet need:** small group of patients do not respond to current treatments. Novel therapies can induce a longer and more durable period of remission and limit or prevent myeloma-associated complications
- **Well tolerated:** daratumumab has limited and manageable adverse effects
- **No increase in days visiting health facilities:** daratumumab administered at same time as combination (current) treatment. People will need to spend more time on day units to have daratumumab, but no increase in number of days

# Managing newly diagnosed multiple myeloma

- ~ 1 in 3 newly diagnosed in UK eligible for autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT)
- Eligibility based on age, performance status, comorbidities
- ASCT involves:
  - 1. 'Induction'**
    - 3-drug regimen: bortezomib, thalidomide, dexamethasone (TA311) to reduce plasma cells in bone marrow
  - 2. 'High-dose therapy and then transplant'**
    - High-dose therapy usually melphalan chemotherapy
      - to kill the multiple myeloma cells
    - ASCT – infusion of own healthy stem cells back into body
  - 3. 'Consolidation'**
    - To 'deepen' response
    - Not standard care in UK
    - Part of licence and part of trial; so company includes in this appraisal

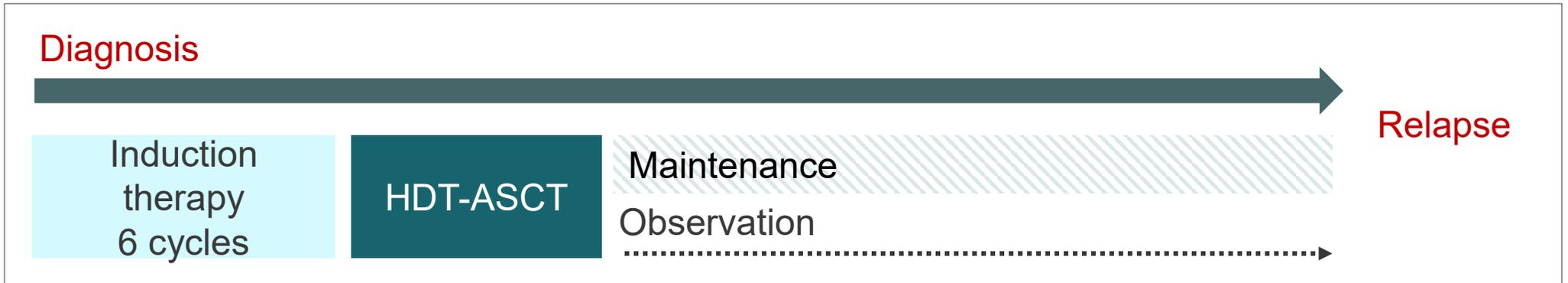
# Daratumumab (Darzalex, Janssen-Cilag)

<b>Marketing authorisation (EMA Jan 2020)</b>	<i>“in combination with bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant”</i>
<b>Administration and licensed dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intravenous (IV) infusion, also</li><li>• Subcutaneous (SC) injection</li><li>• <b>Trial and licence:</b> 16 mg/kg IV once weekly for first 2 cycles (weeks 1-8), followed by every 2 weeks for cycles 3-4 and cycles 5-6 (consolidation)</li><li>• Company expects patients to prefer SC formulation over IV</li></ul>
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Human immunoglobulin G1 kappa monoclonal antibody that binds to CD38, a glycoprotein overexpressed on surface of myeloma cells, inducing tumour cell death
<b>List price</b>	1,800 mg (fixed-dose vial) for SC injection: £4,320 400 mg (IV): £1,440; 100 mg (IV): £360 Patient access scheme discount available

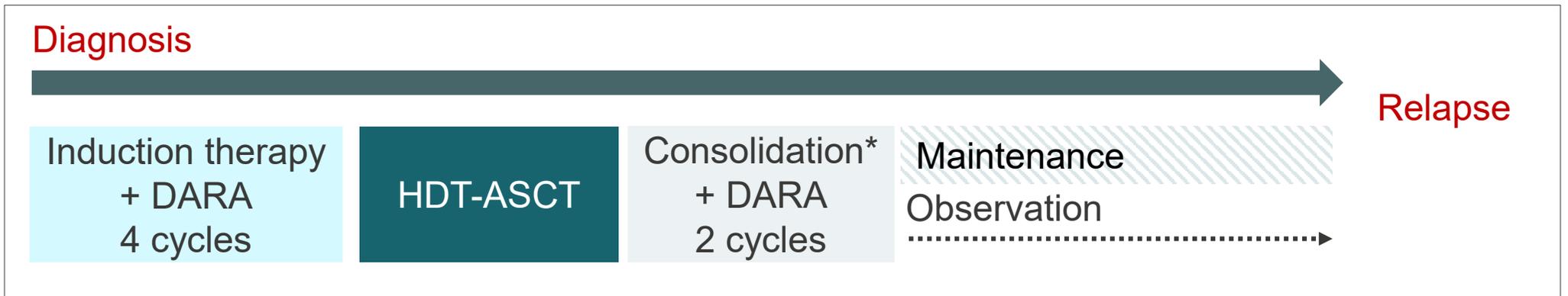
# Daratumumab induction + consolidation if in NHS practice

*Consolidation therapy can be integrated into existing NHS practice*

## Current clinical practice



## Proposed use of daratumumab in clinical practice



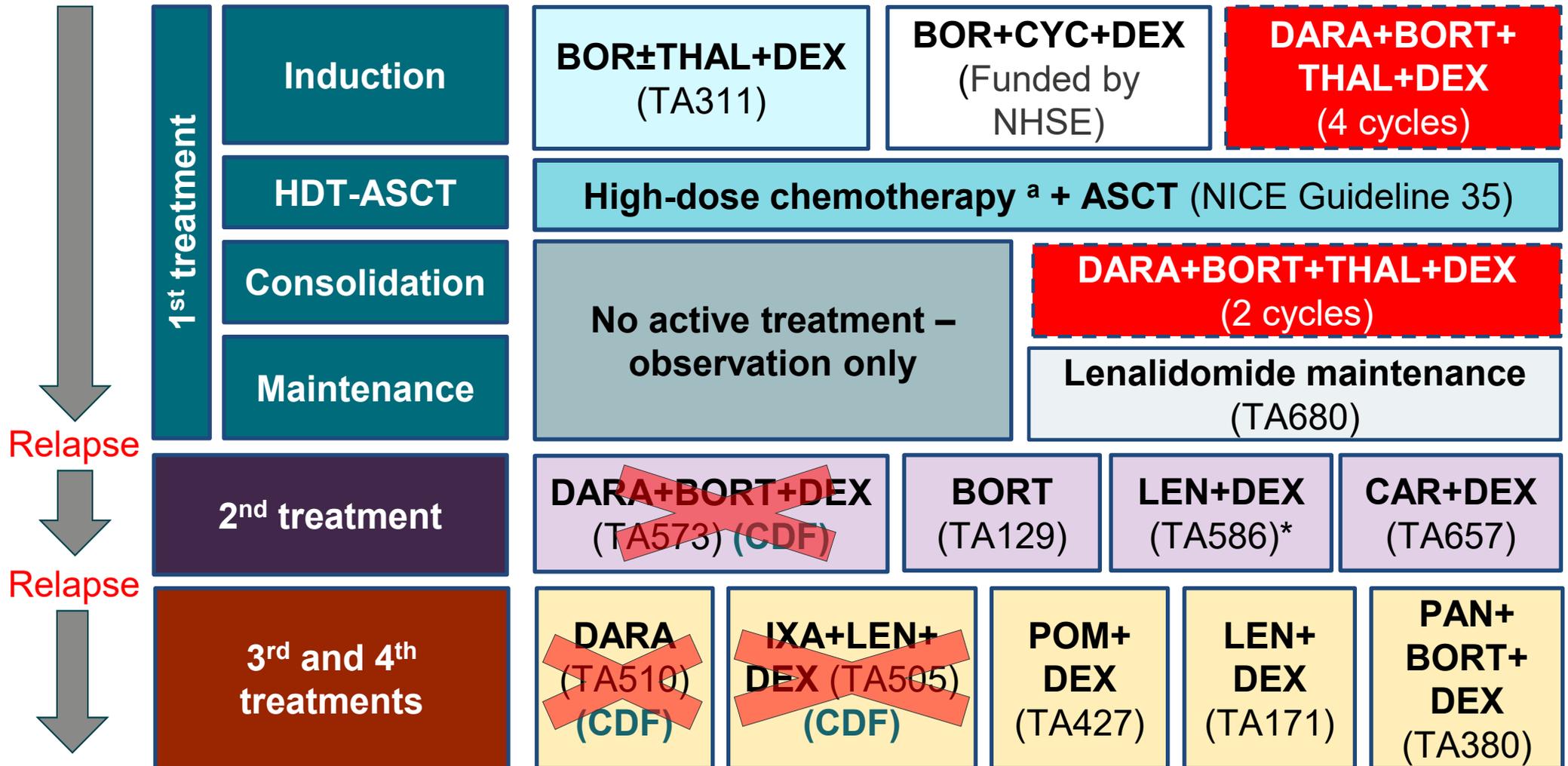
**Clinical experts:** Could integrate 4 induction and 2 consolidation cycles of DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX into existing practice but patients would stay longer on day-unit

⊙ *Reasonable to consider consolidation? What does maintenance comprise?*

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HDT-ASCT: High-dose therapy followed by autologous stem cell transplant

# ASCT-eligible NICE treatment pathway without Cancer Drug fund treatments



\* TA586 states “the relevant population is people who cannot have a stem cell transplant or first-line thalidomide, and who have already had bortezomib”. Note: more than 1 ASCT may be offered in NHS practice. <sup>a</sup> NHS treatment algorithm recommends high-dose melphalan.

# Decision problem

*Company excludes CYC+THAL+DEX as comparator*

	Final scope	Company submission
Population	People with previously untreated multiple myeloma eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation (ASCT)	<b>Adult patients</b> with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma eligible for ASCT
Intervention	DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX	
Comparators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BORT+DEX</li><li>• BORT+THAL+DEX</li><li>• BORT+CYC+DEX (off-label)</li><li>• CYC+THAL+DEX (off-label)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BORT+DEX</li><li>• BORT+THAL+DEX</li><li>• BORT+CYC+DEX (off-label)</li></ul>
Outcomes	Overall survival, progression-free survival, response rates, adverse effects of treatment, health-related quality of life (HRQoL)	

⊙ *What determines what treatment one receives?*

# Pathway: comparators + follow-on treatments

*Company considers BORT+THAL+DEX as main comparator*

## Company

- Excludes CYC+THAL+DEX (off-label) as a comparator
- BORT+THAL+DEX main comparator: Public Health England (PHE) dataset, ■ have BORT+THAL+DEX 1<sup>st</sup> line; ■ have BORT+CYC+DEX; ■ have BORT+DEX
- NICE recommended LEN maintenance only in March 2021 so not available at time of submission or technical engagement. Not included as subsequent treatment
  - **CDF team:** DARA would not increase number of people having LEN maintenance, but would increase duration of LEN maintenance
- CDF treatments also not included in modelling
- In model ~45% of people treated at 3<sup>rd</sup> line and none at 4<sup>th</sup> line have PAN+BORT+DEX

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- Including LEN maintenance requires more work on model
- Reasonable to exclude CYC+THAL+DEX. Use in clinical practice estimated <5%
- PAN+BOR+DEX not currently used at 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> line in practice

- ⊙ *What are the relevant comparators for induction? For consolidation?*
- ⊙ *How should LEN maintenance be considered?*
- ⊙ *What % of people who have 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> line treatment would have PAN+BORT+DEX?*

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# Clinical effectiveness

# Clinical effectiveness: overview

- 1. Comparison with BORT+THAL+DEX: CASSIOPEIA trial**
  - PFS adjusted for maintenance therapy not offered in NHS
  - Introduction to 2<sup>o</sup> endpoint on which company bases its model
- 2. Comparison of DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX with other comparators**
  - 'Naïve' comparison
  - Matching adjusted indirect comparison
- 3. Health-related quality of life**
- 4. Adverse effects**

# CASSIOPEIA: trial overview

*Ongoing, phase 3, randomised, open-label, active-controlled trial*

<b>Location of trial sites</b>	France, Belgium and Netherlands. No UK sites.
<b>Study population</b>	Adults to 65 years with untreated myeloma eligible for ASCT
<b>Intervention</b>	Daratumumab, bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone (DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX); N=543
<b>Comparator</b>	Bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone (BORT+THAL+DEX); N=542
<b>1<sup>o</sup> outcome</b>	% achieving stringent complete response (sCR) post-consolidation at or within 30 days of day 100 post-ASCT
<b>Non-1<sup>o</sup> outcomes</b>	Progression-free survival, overall survival, minimal residual disease (MRD), response rates. EQ-5D-5L
<b>Latest available data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>o</sup> data cut (June 2018): median follow-up 18.8 months (primary analysis for Part 1 of trial)</li><li>• Post-hoc data cut 1 (May 2019): median follow-up 29.2 months (unplanned requested by EMA)</li><li>• Interim analysis (Aug 2020): median follow-up 44.5 months</li></ul>

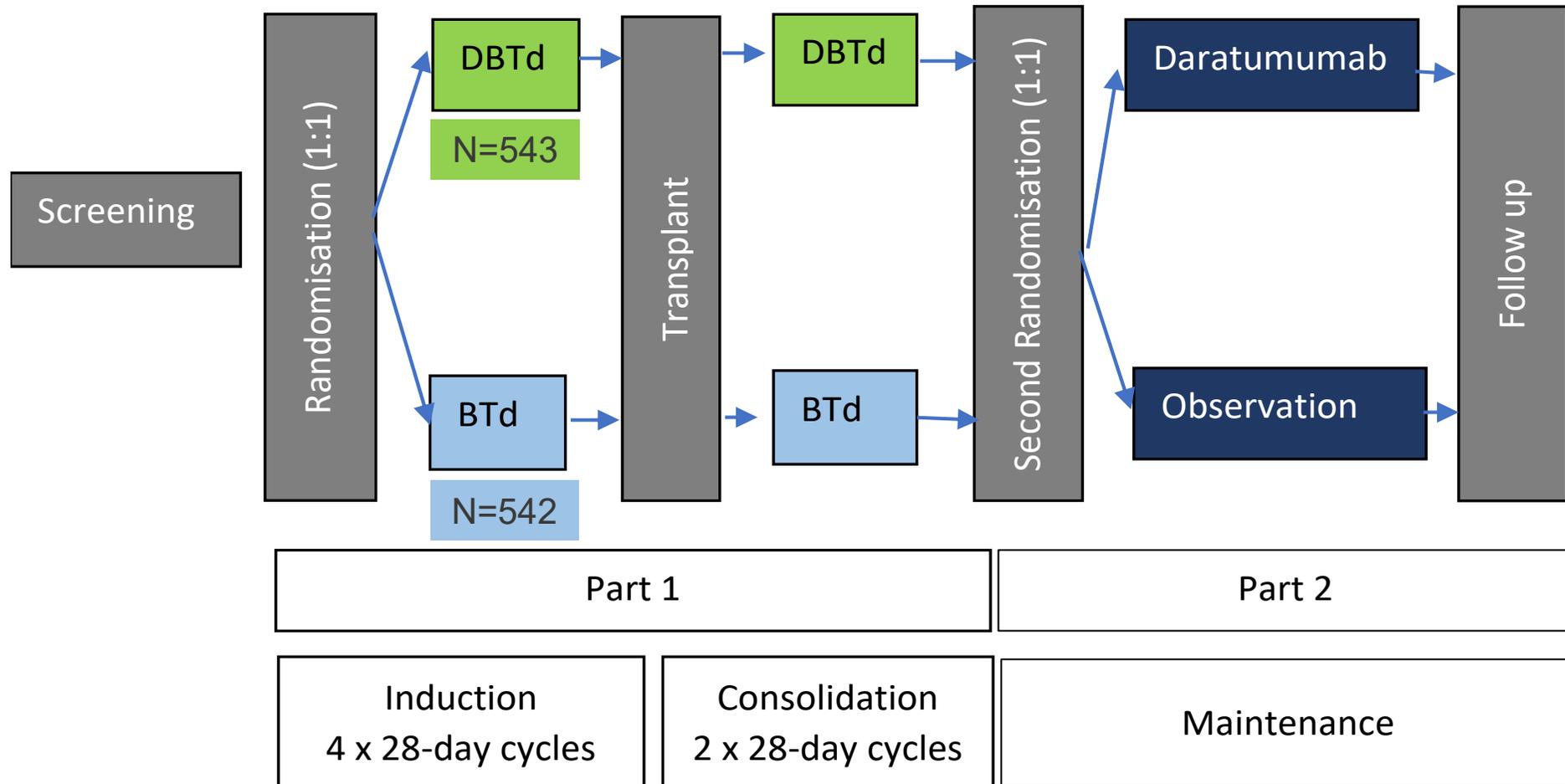
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Sources: ERG report table 7 based on CS section B.2.3.1; CS Table 4; CS Figure 7; CS Appendix L.3  
ASCT: Autologous stem cell transplant; EMA: European Medicines Agency

# CASSIOPEIA: trial schema

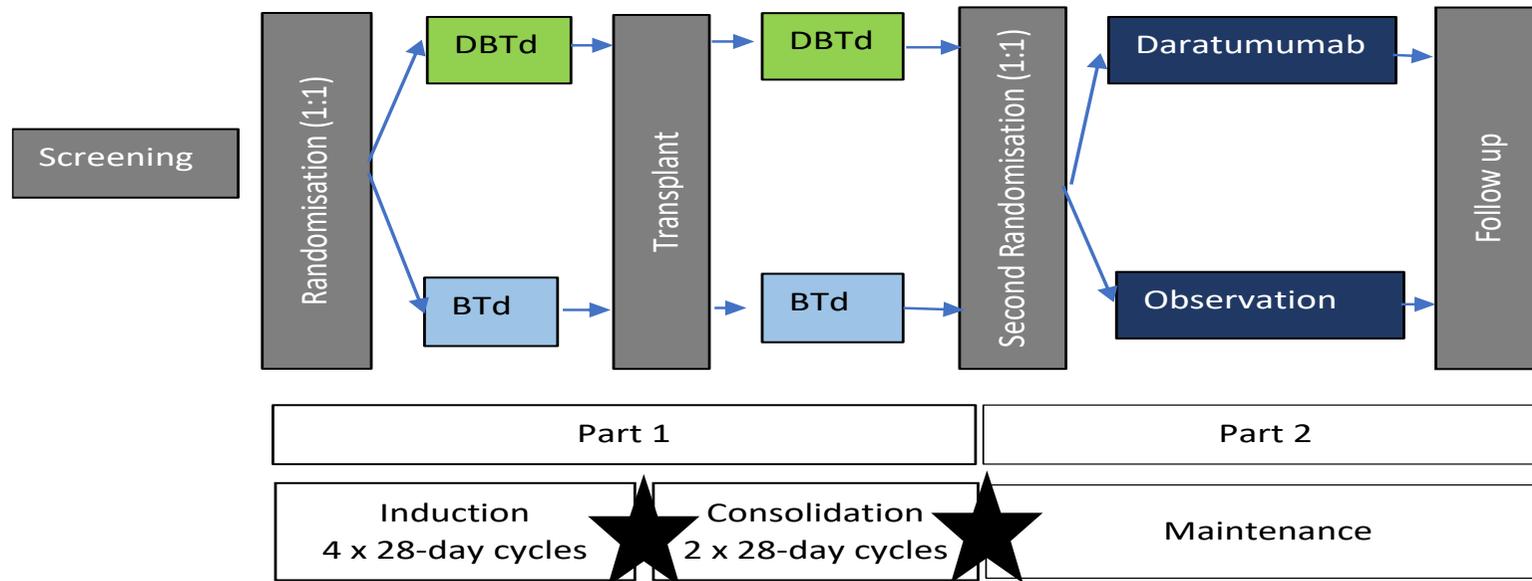
Trial compared DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX with BORT+THAL+DEX

Included part 2: re-randomisation to maintenance therapy (not included in licence)



# CASSIOPEIA: endpoints + when measured

- 'Response' variables include: stringent complete response (sCR), complete response (CR), very good partial response, objective response rate, best response over time, time to response



Endpoint	Time assessment	Definition	Modelled?
sCR = 1 <sup>o</sup> endpoint	Post-induction Post-transplant Post-consolidation (1 <sup>o</sup> endpoint)	% who achieved CR + normal serum free light chain ratio + absent clonal cells in marrow by immunohistochemistry/ immuno-fluorescence/2- to 4-color flow cytometry	No
MRD	Post-induction Post-consolidation	% who achieve MRD negative status	Yes

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# CASSIOPEIA: selected baseline characteristics

*Balanced between arms and generally representative of UK patients*

Characteristic	DARA (n=543)	Control (n=542)
Sex (female), n (%)	227 (42%)	223 (41%)
Age, years, n (%)		
Mean (SD)	57 (6.9)	57 (7.0)
Baseline ECOG score, n (%)		
0	265 (49%)	257 (47%)
1	225 (41%)	230 (42%)
2	53 (10%)	55 (10%)
Revised International Staging System (ISS) staging, n (%)		
N	535	540
I	103 (20%)	146 (27%)
II	383 (72%)	344 (64%)
III	49 (9%)	50 (9%)

**ERG:** Patients over 65 excluded; age not prognostically important

**ERG:** Patients had good functional status (90% ECOG score 0 or 1)

**ERG:** % with revised ISS stage III low (~20-25% in practice). Potentially better prognosis in control arm

⊙ *Would patients over 65 years/ISS stage III be offered daratumumab therapy in NHS? Is age likely to modify treatment effect?*

# Minimal residual disease (MRD)-positive or -negative

*MRD 2° endpoint % who achieve 'negative status by end of consolidation'.*

*Not used in clinical practice – company bases economic model on it*

- MRD status – residual tumour in bone marrow
- MRD-negative defined as undetectable clonal or sub-clonal cancerous cells
- Not used in practice; recommended for clinical trials

## **Published meta-analysis<sup>1</sup>:**

- 6 RCTs newly-diagnosed MM patients
- Odds ratio for MRD-negative vs MRD-positive response correlated with the hazard ratio for PFS
- Suggests MRD status can be a surrogate for PFS
- Myeloma IX and Myeloma XI show a correlation between MRD status and OS

## **Clinical experts**

- Sustained MRD-negative patients post-transplant live longer
- 5-10% survival improvement would probably be seen amongst patients with sustained MRD negativity

## **ERG**

- Satisfied that MRD status is appropriate for informing the economic analysis
- Clinical experts: MRD negativity likely better predictor of survival than sCR

**TA573 FAD (DARA+BORT+DEX for previously treated MM):** The committee concluded that relationship between MRD and OS in the long-term in people with relapsed disease had not been established and could not inform the economic model

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1. Avet-Loiseau et al. Clinical Lymphoma Myeloma & Leukemia 2020

MRD: Minimal residual disease; OS: Overall survival; PFS: Progression-free survival; RCT: Randomised controlled trial

# Inconsistency in defining and using MRD negativity

## Company

- Clinical trials - International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG) definition of MRD negativity requires a conventional complete response
- CASSIOPEIA: MRD-negativity regardless of response
- Meta-analysis: Inconsistent definitions of MRD across studies
- Base-case updated at technical engagement to use a consistent definition of MRD (regardless of conventional response). Little impact on ICER
- Scenario analysis applying IMWG definition for MRD negativity not possible because no studies report OS based on the IMWG definition

## ERG

- No consensus on which of the MRD definitions (per IMWG criteria or regardless of response) is the most clinically appropriate
- MRD regardless of response consistently defined in all three data sources (MRD meta-analysis, rates of MRD negativity at post-consolidation, landmark analysis)

⦿ *What is committee's view on the appropriate definition of MRD negativity?*

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# CASSIOPEIA: 1<sup>o</sup> and selected 2<sup>o</sup> results

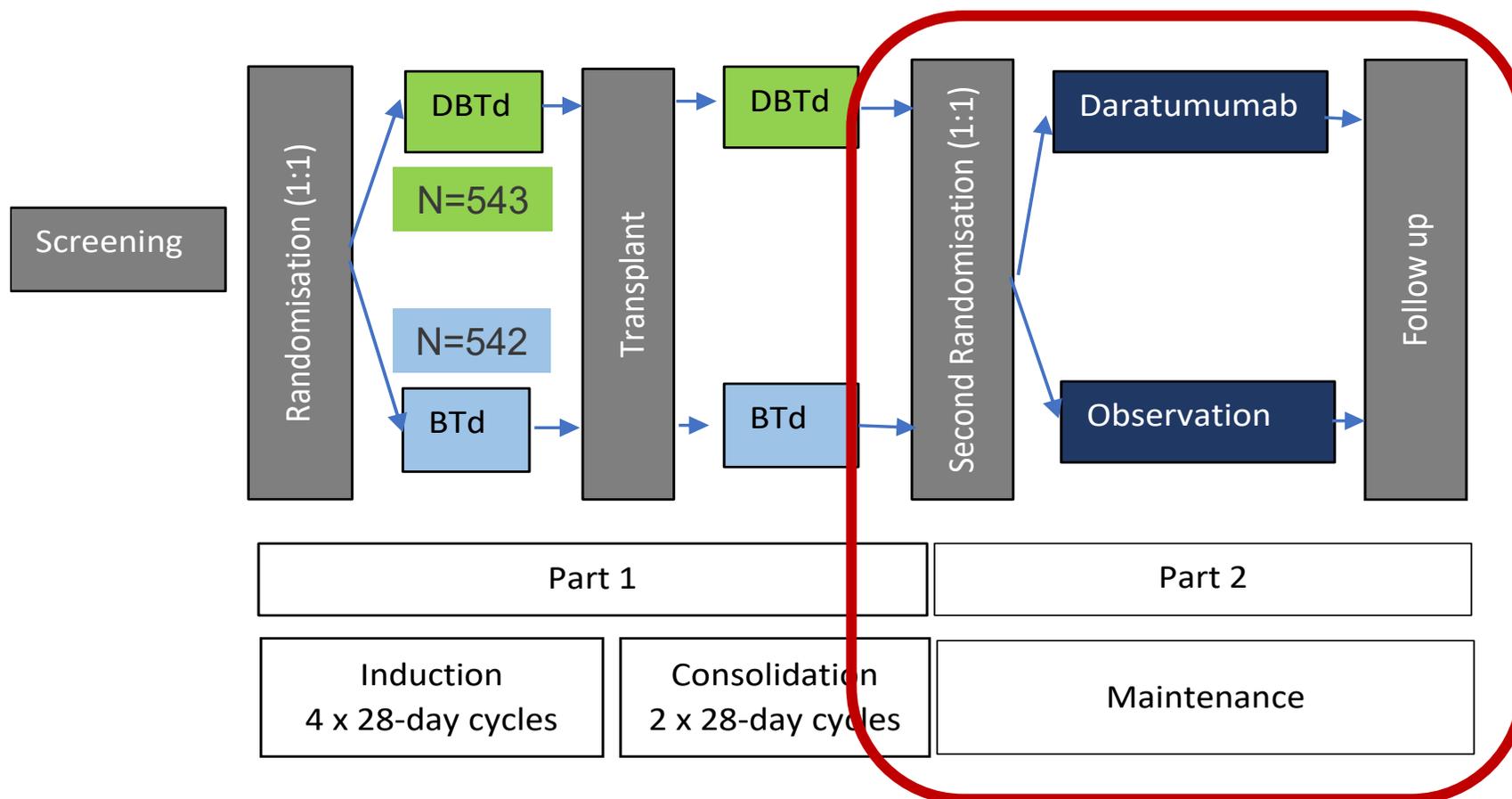
Response outcomes favour DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX over BORT+THAL+DEX

Outcomes post-consolidation (median follow-up=18.8 months)	DARA (n=543)	Control (n=542)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Used in model?
<b>1<sup>o</sup> outcome</b>				
Stringent Complete Response (sCR)	157 (29%)	110 (20%)	1.60 (1.21, 2.12)	<b>x</b>
<b>2<sup>o</sup> outcomes</b>				
Complete response or better (stringent CR+CR)	211 (39%)	141 (26%)	1.82 (1.40, 2.36)	<b>x</b>
MRD negative (10 <sup>-5</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	346 (64%)	236 (44%)	2.27 (1.78, 2.90)	<b>✓</b>

<sup>a</sup> 10<sup>-5</sup> threshold, standard Euroflow assay, MRD-negative regardless of response

# CASSIOPEIA included maintenance therapy

*And randomisation to maintenance therapy (which is not included in the EMA license for Part 1)*



Trial re-randomised after consolidation treatment. Company presented 2 different approaches to account for re-randomisation:

1. Adjustment using inverse probability weighting (not used in modelling)
2. Censored all who were re-randomised to daratumumab (used in landmark analysis)

# CASSIOPEIA: survival results adjusting for maintenance

*DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX compared with BORT+THAL+DEX*

*Company adjusts for maintenance using inverse probability weighting (IPW)*

Progression-free survival	1 <sup>o</sup> analysis (med follow-up 18m)	1 <sup>st</sup> post-hoc analysis (med follow-up 29m)	Interim analysis (med follow-up 44m)
<b>Analysis no adjustment for maintenance</b>			
HR (95% CI)	0.47 (0.33, 0.67)	0.50 (0.38, 0.65)	[REDACTED]
<b>IPW analysis</b>			
HR (95% CI)	0.47 (0.33, 0.67)	0.50 (0.34, 0.75)	[REDACTED]
Overall survival	1 <sup>o</sup> analysis (med follow-up 18m)	1 <sup>st</sup> post-hoc analysis (med follow-up 29m)	Interim analysis (med follow-up 44m)
<b>Analysis no adjustment for maintenance</b>			
HR (95% CI)	0.43 (0.23, 0.80)	0.52 (0.33, 0.85)	[REDACTED]
<b>IPW analysis</b>			
HR (95% CI)	n/a	n/a	[REDACTED]

## ERG

- Uncertain if proportional hazards assumption has been met for application of IPW
- For PFS, updated IPW analysis produces counterintuitive results based on MRD status
- Inconsistency in estimated treatment effects obtained using censoring and IPW adjustment approaches, possibly due to bias from censoring

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Sources: Company technical engagement response: Table 1 and 2  
 CI: Confidence interval; HR: Hazard ratio; MRD: Minimal residual disease

# Comparators not in key trial BORT±CYC+DEX: naive comparison and matching adjusted indirect comparison

- No studies comparing DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX with BORT+CYC+DEX or BORT+DEX

## Company

- Did unanchored matching adjusted indirect comparisons (MAICs) for PFS and OS using data from GMMG-MM5 (BORT+CYC+DEX) and IFM 2005-01 (BORT+DEX)
- CASSIOPEIA data reweighted so that mean baseline characteristics match target trials
- OS, PFS from CASSIOPEIA adjusted to be comparable to target trials
- Used to compare:
  - DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX with BORT+CYC+DEX and BORT+DEX
  - BORT+THAL+DEX with BORT+CYC+DEX and BORT+DEX
- Also did a naïve indirect treatment comparison unadjusted for prognostic factors
- Commissioned real-world evidence study using PHE dataset to complement MAIC

## ERG

- MAIC appropriate; would have preferred simulated treatment comparison as a scenario
- **MAIC vs BORT+DEX:** effective sample size (ESS) reduced by 24% for DARA and 27% for control
- **MAIC vs BORT+CYC+DEX:** ESS reduced by 62% for DARA and 61% for control
- Satisfied that all available prognostic factors were included in the analysis
- Unable to verify that MAIC had been correctly implemented

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# Naive comparison and MAIC: results

Company assumes [redacted]; both [redacted]

	Naïve comparison		MAIC (Base case)	
	PFS	OS	PFS	OS
<b>BORT+THAL+DEX vs BORT+CYC+DEX</b>				
HR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
95% CI	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
<b>BORT+THAL+DEX vs BORT+DEX</b>				
HR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
95% CI	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
<b>DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX vs BORT+CYC+DEX</b>				
HR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
95% CI	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

## ERG

- Clinical experts agree that company's conclusion about relative treatment effectiveness is appropriate

⊙ What are the committee views on the company assumptions around the relative effectiveness of the comparators? Does [redacted]?

# CASSIOPEIA: health-related quality of life

*No difference between treatments in EQ-5D*

EQ-5D score and timepoint		Change from baseline (95% CI)		Difference Mean (95% CI)	Used in model?
		DARA	No DARA		
Index score	Post-induction	0.11 (0.08, 0.13)	0.11 (0.08, 0.13)	0.0 (-0.02, 0.02)	✓*
	Post-consolidation	0.17 (0.14, 0.19)	0.16 (0.13, 0.18)	0.01 (-0.01, 0.04)	✓*

\* Progression-free disease utilities based on EQ-5D-5L data from CASSIOPEIA, with utilities derived using mapping function from Van Hout et al.

# Adverse events

*Acceptable safety when adding daratumumab to BORT+THAL+DEX*

Event <sup>a</sup>	DARA (n=536)	Control (n=538)
Any TEAE, n (%)	535 (99.8%)	536 (99.6%)
Grade 3/4 TEAE, n (%)	432 (81%)	408 (76%)
Serious TEAE, n (%)	251 (47%)	255 (47%)
TEAE leading to discontinuation, n (%)	40 (8%)	45 (8%)
TEAEs leading to death, n (%)	1 (0.2%)	9 (2%)

<sup>a</sup> TEAEs during induction, ASCT, or consolidation Treatment Phase; incidence reflects the number of patients experiencing at least one TEAE associated with at least one of the study treatments. Note: Adverse events emerging during ASCT phase related to the planned procedures were not reported.

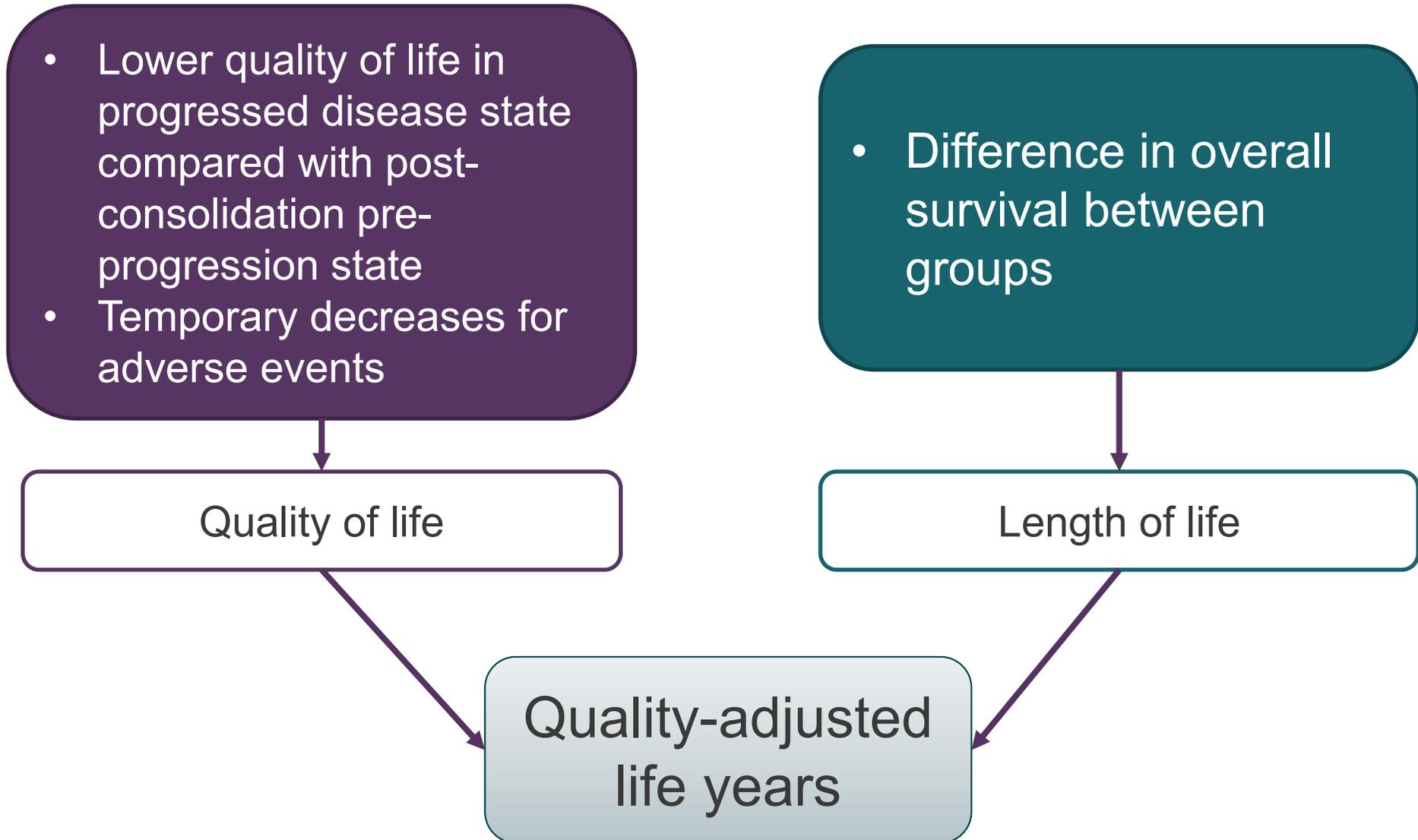
Most frequent TEAEs that differ between arms	DARA (n=536)	Control (n=538)
Neutropenia	157 (29%)	89 (17%)
Thrombocytopenia	109 (20%)	73 (14%)
Lymphopenia	99 (19%)	67 (13%)
Bronchitis	102 (19%)	66 (12%)
Nausea	162 (30%)	130 (24%)
Vomiting	87 (16%)	52 (10%)
Cough	90 (17%)	49 (9%)

# Cost effectiveness

# Cost effectiveness: overview

1. Conceptual model overall QALY gains
2. Model structure
3. Comparators
4. Population
5. Modelling based on MRD status
  - Meta-analysis association between residual disease and PFS/OS
  - ‘Landmark’ analysis
6. Validity extrapolations of PFS and OS
7. Waning of treatment effect
8. Utilities
9. Costs

# How quality-adjusted life years accrue

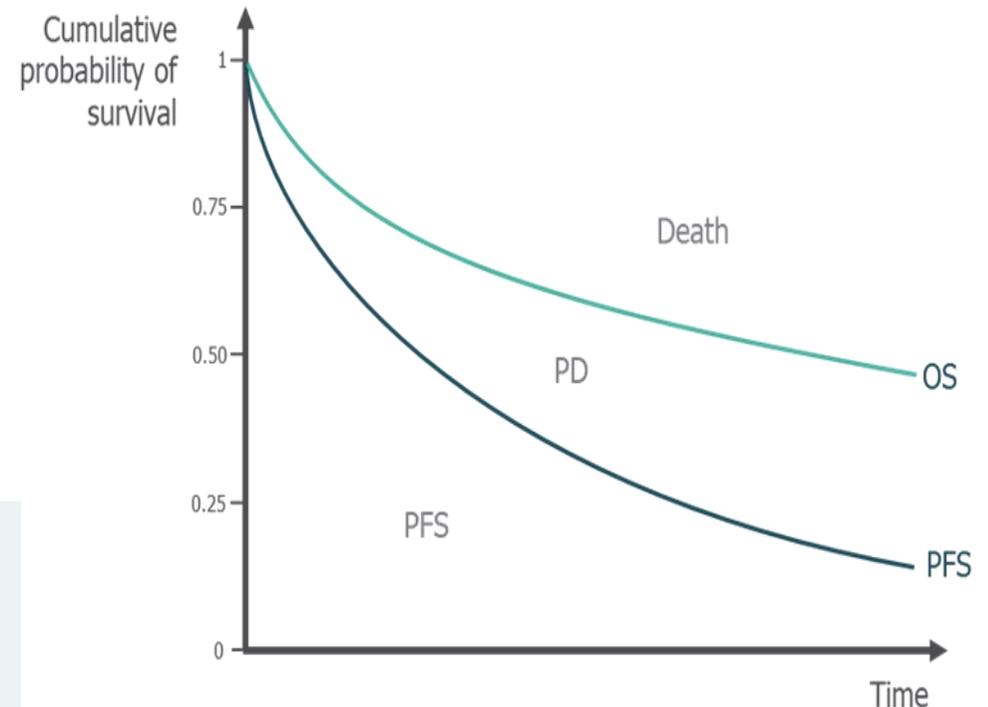


# Company's model structure

- Partitioned survival model
- 3 health states: pre-progression, progressed disease, and death
- Cycle length: 4 weeks
- Time horizon: lifetime
- Extrapolating OS and PFS: 'MRD-based' modelling
- Only comparator considered is BORT+THAL+DEX

## ERG

- CASSIOPEIA OS data too immature for parametric extrapolations
- High uncertainty also over parametric extrapolations of PFS
- ERG agrees with modelling based on residual disease status



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# Comparators in model

*BORT+THAL+DEX is only comparator considered in economic modelling*

## Company

- Results from matching adjusted indirect comparison (MAIC):
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- If DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX is cost-effective versus BORT+THAL+DEX, then it will also be cost-effective versus BORT+CYC+DEX and BORT+DEX

## ERG

- Agree: treatment effect and costs similar for BORT+THAL+DEX and BORT+CYC+DEX based on company's MAIC analysis and clinical opinion

## Clinical experts

- BORT+THAL+DEX and BORT+CYC+DEX comparable
- Response rate slightly better with BORT+THAL+DEX
- Cyclophosphamide is associated with increased toxicity

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⊙ *What comparators should be included in the economic model?*

# Population in the model

*Choice of baseline characteristics in the model impacts on cost effectiveness*

## **CASSIOPEIA:**

- Adults newly diagnosed myeloma transplant-eligible, mean age 56.6 years
- Company uses this age in base-case

## **Public health England:**

- Newly-diagnosed and transplant-eligible diagnosed between 1 January 2015 and 31st Dec 2018 - mean age [REDACTED] years at diagnosis

## **ERG**

- CASSIOPEIA does not reflect UK NHS
- ERG base case, mean age of [REDACTED] years reflecting UK NHS

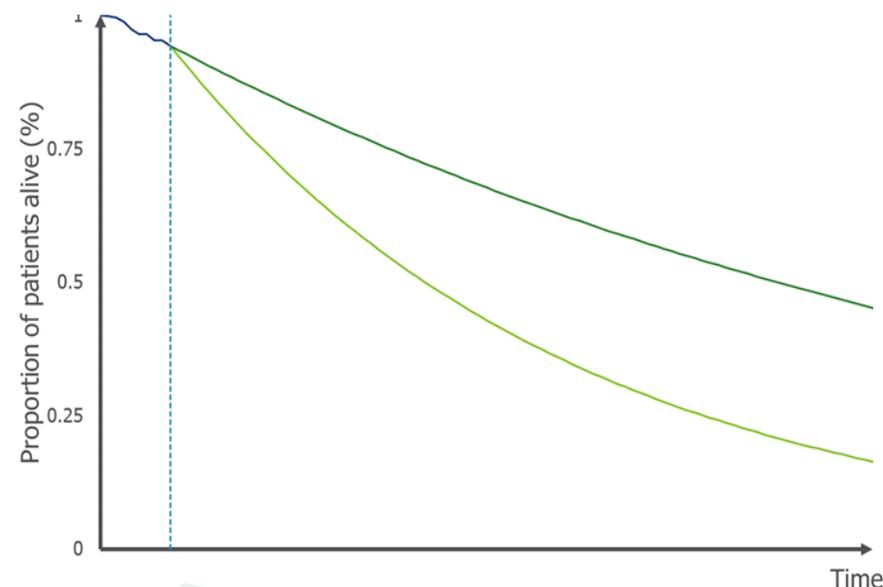
**Company:** adjustment inappropriate because all other efficacy inputs come from the trial population

⦿ *What baseline age should be used in the economic model?*

# Company's MRD-based modelling

*MRD status post-consolidation determines PFS, OS extrapolations*

- Survival estimates follow PFS and OS Kaplan–Meier curve for DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX and BORT+THAL+DEX up to around month 9
- Model splits the cohort according to % of the CASSIOPEIA ITT population achieving MRD negativity at the post-consolidation assessment

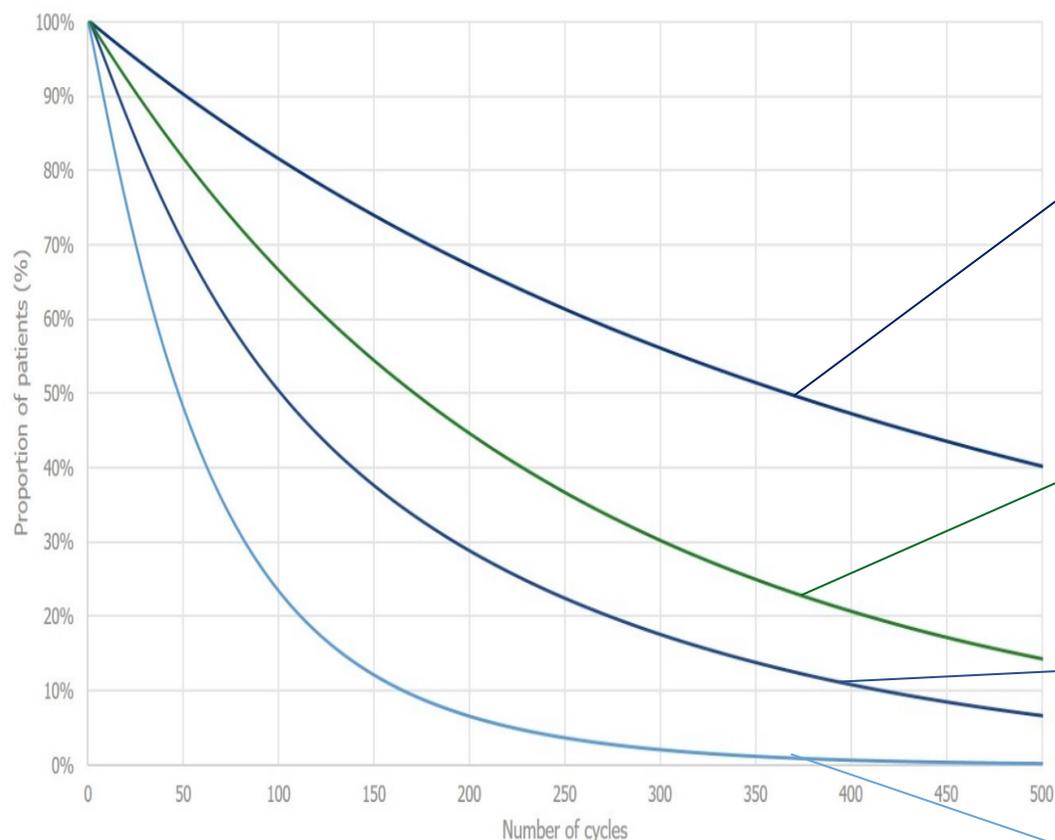


'Landmark' timepoint: 100 days post-ASCT

MRD status	DARA+BORT+THAL+DEX	BORT+THAL+DEX
MRD-negative	64% (95% CI: 60%, 68%)	44% (95% CI: 39%, 48%)
MRD-positive	36%	56%

# Company's MRD-based modelling

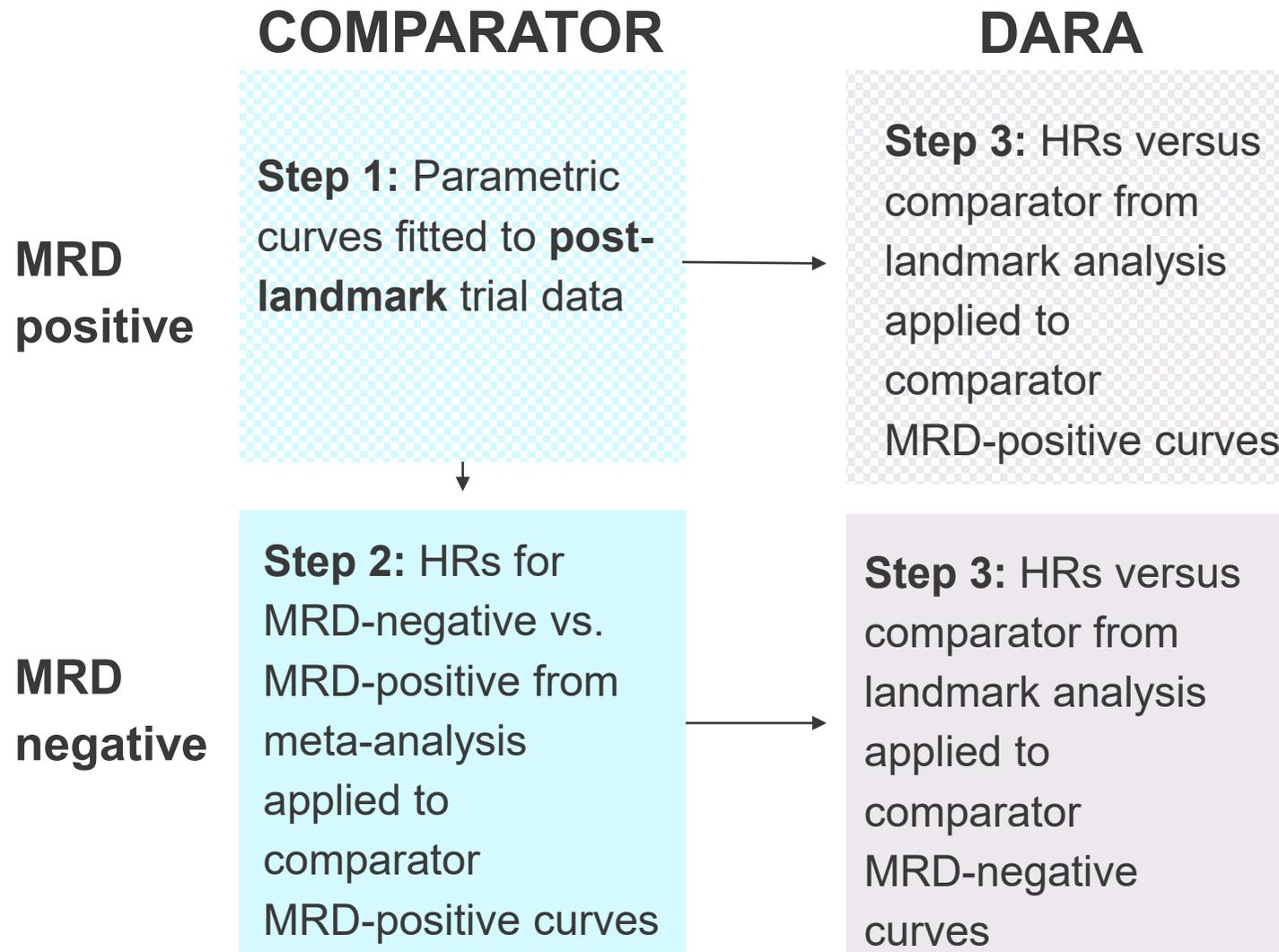
MRD-positive or -negative post-consolidation determines PFS, OS extrapolations



— HR from CASSIOPEIA (DBTd versus BTd) to BTd MRD+ and MRD-  
— Extrapolation from CASSIOPEIA  
— HR from SLR/Meta-analysis (MRD- versus MRD+) to BTd MRD+

Clinical status	Source of extrapolated data
MRD-DARA	HRs from Landmark analysis applied to MRD-negative control survival curves
MRD-control	HR (MRD neg versus MRD+) from meta-analysis applied to control MRD-positive survival curve
MRD+DARA	HRs from Landmark analysis applied to MRD+ control survival curves
MRD+control	OS and PFS extrapolated directly from CASSIOPEIA

# MRD-based modelling of survival outcomes in post-landmark period model cycle 9+



# Company performed meta-analysis on association of MRD on survival outcomes

Results of meta-analysis show improved survival for people with MRD-negative status

Comparison	PFS - HR (95% CI)	OS - HR (95% CI)
Control group MRD-negative vs MRD-positive	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## ERG

- Meta-analysis methodology has been correctly applied
- Some uncertainty in HRs remains due to heterogeneity of the included studies
- Results depend on the timing of the survival assessment
- Later timepoints likely provide less favourable HRs for the effect of MRD negativity on survival
- Economic model results not sensitive to HRs for the effect of MRD negativity on survival

⊙ *What is committee's view on using a secondary endpoint as a surrogate for another secondary endpoint?*

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# CASSIOPEIA: 'Landmark' analysis survival by MRD status

*Exploratory analysis to assess survival outcomes by MRD response status*

## **Landmark analysis:**

- Company chose a time point during follow-up period known as 'landmark'
- Analysis includes only those who have survived until landmark time

## **CASSIOPEIA: Landmark analysis**

- Exploratory analysis
- Compared survival for people with MRD-negative vs positive status 100 days post transplant
- Impact of MRD negative status on survival outcomes for people who had DARA treatment compared to control treatment
- Association between MRD-positive versus negative and both PFS and OS HRs using Cox proportional hazard model
- Updated analysis (median follow-up 44.5 months) censored on maintenance daratumumab to adjust for 2nd randomisation

# Landmark analysis: OS and PFS by treatment arm and MRD status median follow-up = 44.5 months

*Improved OS and PFS for MRD- compared to MRD+ in both treatment arms*

Progression-free survival



Overall survival



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BTd: Bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone; DBTd: Daratumumab, bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone; MRD: Minimal residual disease; OS: Overall survival; PFS: Progression-free survival

# CASSIOPEIA: Landmark analysis of survival by MRD status

*DARA appears to improve OS and PFS regardless of MRD response status*

DARA vs Control	Original landmark analysis (median follow-up = 29.2 months)	Updated landmark analysis (median follow-up = 44.5 months, censoring for maintenance)
<b>PFS</b>		
MRD+ HR (95% CI)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
MRD- HR (95% CI)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>OS</b>		
MRD+ HR (95% CI)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
MRD- HR (95% CI)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## ERG

- Results exploratory and not powered statistically for this comparison
- Analysis supports the treatment effect on PFS
- Despite additional follow-up,  
[REDACTED]
- Landmark analysis adjusted for re-randomisation more appropriate

- ⊙ *Is the censored landmark analysis acceptable?*
- ⊙ *Should adjustment methods not sensitive to the proportional hazards assumption be used?*

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CI: Confidence interval; HR: Hazard ratio; MRD: Minimal residual disease; OS: Overall survival;  
PFS: Progression-free survival

# Overall survival extrapolating MRD+ comparator group

*Uncertainty in extrapolations due to censoring*

Company fitted curves to the landmark analysis using censored data from August 2020 data cut (median follow-up = 44.5 months)

Extrapolation of OS for comparator MRD+

Survival model	OS survival rates			
	5 years	10 years	20 years	30 years
Clinician estimate	≤70%	44%	-	-
Exponential				
Weibull				
Lognormal				
Loglogistic				
Gompertz				
Generalised Gamma				

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**ERG:** Survival curves for extrapolation of OS may be susceptible to selection bias due to censoring of patients who were randomised to daratumumab maintenance

## Plausibility long-term survival extrapolations standard care

*Comparing OS for comparator predicted by model versus CASSIOPEIA (MRD+ and MRD- combined), censoring for maintenance therapy*



# Plausibility of long-term survival extrapolations

*Company chose exponential but not best visual fit to trial data*

Survival model	Progression-free survival rates		
	5 years	10 years	20 years
Clinician estimate	20–30%	<10%	<1%
Exponential			
Weibull			
Lognormal			
Loglogistic			
Gompertz			
Generalised Gamma			

**ERG:** Gompertz and Weibull clearly have a better visual fit than the exponential

**NICE** © *What curve should be used to extrapolate progression-free survival in MRD+ population on standard care?*

## Plausibility long-term survival extrapolations standard care

*Comparing PFS for comparator predicted by model versus CASSIOPEIA (MRD+ and MRD- combined), censoring for maintenance therapy*



# Plausibility long-term survival extrapolations standard care

*Survival rates predicted by the model compared to other sources*

Data source	Progression-free survival			Overall survival		
	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr
Revised company model	52%	33%	12%	86%	76%	57%
CASSIOPEIA (censored for daratumumab maintenance)	■	-	-	■	-	-
GIMEMA study	68%	50%	34%	86%	79%*	60%
PHE cohort	■	-	-	■	-	-
US RWE (SEER/OPTUM)	-	-	-	-	74%	68%
ONS (55-64 years old) **	-	-	-	-	64%	43%

\*Janssen estimate based on visual inspection of the published Kaplan-Meier curves from Tacchetti et al. 2020

\*\* All patient estimate for newly diagnosed MM including mixed population of transplant-eligible and ineligible patients

## Additional evidence:

- GIMEMA: RCT of BORT+THAL+DEX vs THAL+DEX (median follow-up 124.1 months)
- US real-world evidence (SEER/OPTUM): US claims and EMR data sources
- PHE cohort: real-world evidence study using multiple linked datasets including HES, SACT
- ONS: Cancer survival in England (2013-2017) dataset, multiple myeloma 55-64 age group

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HES: Hospital Episode Statistics; ONS: Office of National Statistics; PHE: Public Health England; RCT: Randomised controlled trial; RWE: Real-world evidence; SACT: Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy Dataset

# Plausibility long-term survival extrapolations standard care

*Results uncertain: trial included maintenance and license does not*

## ERG

- US RWE and ONS data less useful
  - US RWE only 51 patients with 1<sup>st</sup> line BORT+THAL+DEX induction prior to ASCT
  - ONS data not relevant (includes transplant-ineligible patients)

### *Overall survival*

- Data immature
- Exponential extrapolation is reasonable
- Fitted survival curves may be biased due to censoring
- OS estimates are broadly similar to GIMEMA

### *Progression-free survival*

- Exponential model does not fit trial data
- Modelled PFS considerably lower at 3, 5 and 10 years than in GIMEMA, maybe due to differences in the trial protocols or patient characteristics
- Weibull PFS extrapolations fit better
- Weibull more appropriate for PFS in MRD

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ASCT: Autologous stem-cell transplant; MRD: Minimal residual disease;  
ONS: Office of National Statistics; RWE: Real-world evidence

# Waning of daratumumab treatment effect

*Large impact on the cost effectiveness results*

## Company

- Relative treatment effects persist over model time horizon of ~ 40 years
- Data from August 2020 data cut (median follow-up approaching 4 years) demonstrates relative benefit
- Additional evidence presented: sustained MRD negativity, increasing response without maintenance therapy and MRD-negative conversion from Part 2 of CASSIOPEIA over 2 years of follow-up and PFS2 from Part 1 of CASSIOPEIA with follow-up approaching 4 years
- GIMEMA study demonstrates a persistent relative benefit of BTd versus Td for PFS (median follow-up of 10-years)

## Clinical experts

- Treatment probably wanes, definitely does not persist over lifetime horizon
- No long-term data (> 5 years) with daratumumab in 1st line therapy

## ERG

- No data to support absence of waning
- Difficult to draw conclusions from updated landmark analysis, because of problems with censoring
- ERG base case has loss of treatment effect 5 years after consolidation (HR=1 for PFS and OS in both MRD+ and MRD-)

# Waning of daratumumab treatment effect

Survival curves extrapolations no waning



Survival curves with waning

HR = 1 @ 5 years – ERG preferred assumption



- ⊙ *Is the clinical evidence adequate to support a continued daratumumab treatment effect over the model time horizon?*
- ⊙ *How should the waning of treatment effect be modelled?*

# Company base case model: utilities

*Sources and implementation overall appropriate*

- CASSIOPEIA EQ-5D-5L data at 3 timepoints:  
Baseline; Cycle 4 day 28 = end induction, Day 100 post-ASCT = end consolidation
- Alternative utility values in scenario analyses – do not influence cost effectiveness

## ERG

- Modified age adjustment
- Utilities reasonable

Health state		Model cycle	Utility Mean (SD)	Source
Progression free	Induction therapy	0-3	0.57 (0.31)	CASSIOPEIA Baseline
	Post-induction to post-consolidation response	4-8	0.68 (0.22)	End of induction
	Post-consolidation	9+	0.73 (0.17)	Response assessment
Progressed disease			0.69 (-)	Van Agthoven et al. (2004), TA311

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# Company base case model: costs

*Treatment costs differ between company and ERG*

## Company

- Systematic literature review conducted to identify resource use, costs
- Costs: drug acquisition and administration for induction/consolidation and subsequent therapies; concomitant medication for induction/ consolidation therapies; transplant; monitoring; and management of adverse events

## ERG

- ERG overall agrees with sources and implementation except:
  - Cost of subsequent treatments
    - ERG and NICE clinical experts: PAN+BORT+DEX regimen is not currently used at third or fourth line
    - Cost of PAN+BORT+DEX excluded from ERG analyses
  - Daratumumab acquisition costs (next slide)

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# Daratumumab acquisition costs in model

*Do not reflect costs of formulation used in the trial*

- In CASSIOPEIA daratumumab administered as a weight-based intravenous (IV) formulation - 16 mg/kg
- In company base case analysis, daratumumab costed as fixed-dose subcutaneous (SC) formulation 1800 mg

## ERG

- Evidence that SC formulation is non-inferior (COLUMBIA trial), and patients and clinicians likely prefer it
- But, divorcing costs and effects may bias cost effectiveness estimates

© *What costs should be used in the economic model for daratumumab?*

# Innovation

## **Company considers daratumumab is innovative**

- 1<sup>st</sup> in class therapy, targeting CD38
- Targets tumour and modulates immune system
- Daratumumab is effective irrespective of clonal heterogeneity and increases the depth and durability of response

# Equalities

- Treatment should not be limited to patients aged under 65
- Myeloma more common in men than women and the incidence is also reported to be higher in people of African American family origin (TA 510)
- No equalities issues were identified by the company, consultees and their nominated clinical experts and patient experts

# Summary of model survival estimates

*Mean survival estimates differ between company and ERG base case*

## Mean survival estimates

DARA+BORT  
+THAL+DEX

Company

ERG

BORT+THAL+  
DEX

Company

ERG



# Cost-effectiveness results

All ICERs are reported in PART 2 slides  
because they include confidential  
comparator PAS discounts