

# Black Swan Sites Globally



# What are we learning from Iceland?



- **Connecting and collaborating works!**
- **Can screening for MGUS prevent and cure myeloma?**
- **Myeloma is myeloma!**

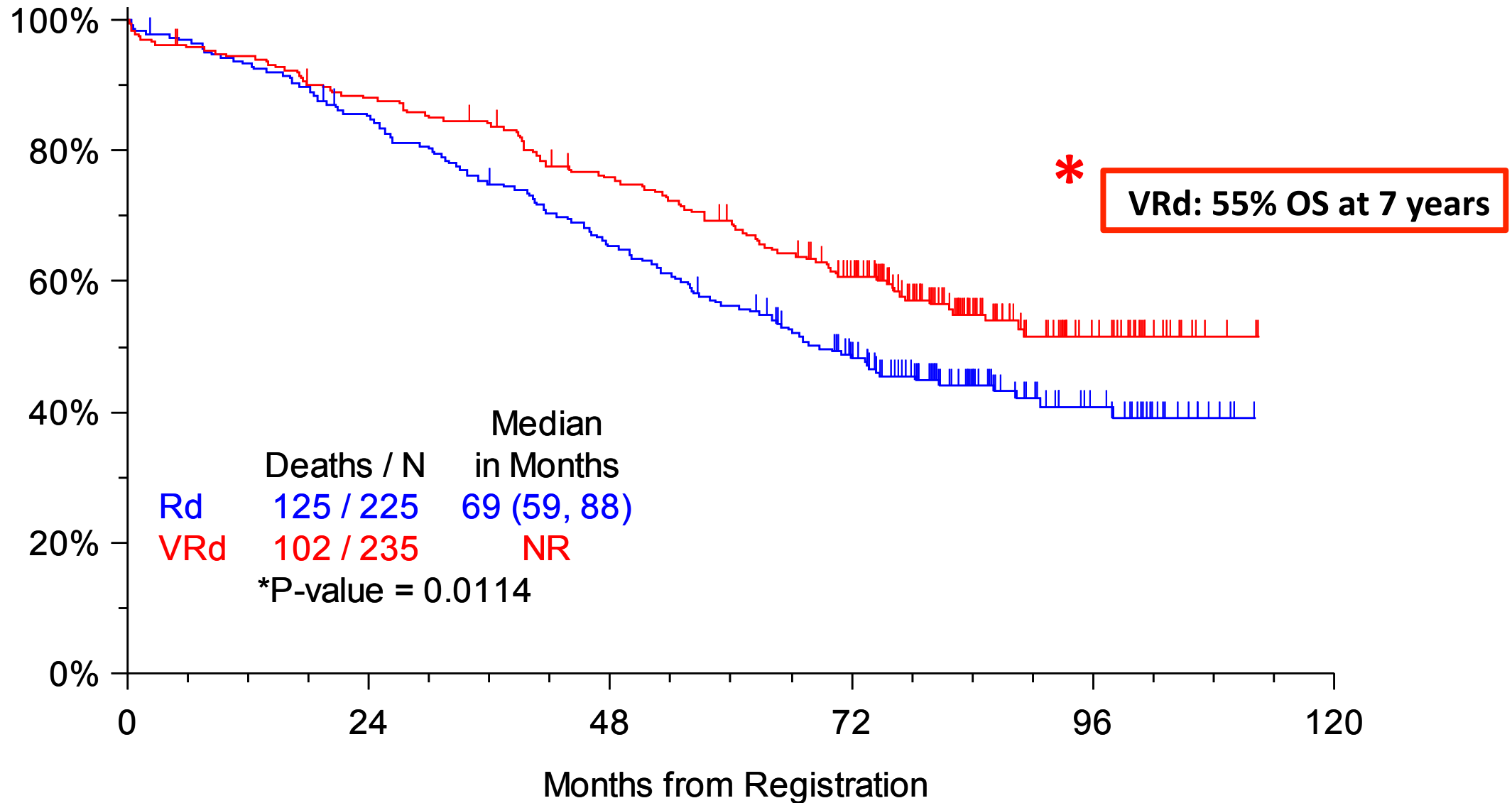
# Key Questions

- **What is the quality of life for patients screened in Iceland?**
- **Is early intervention improving outcomes?**

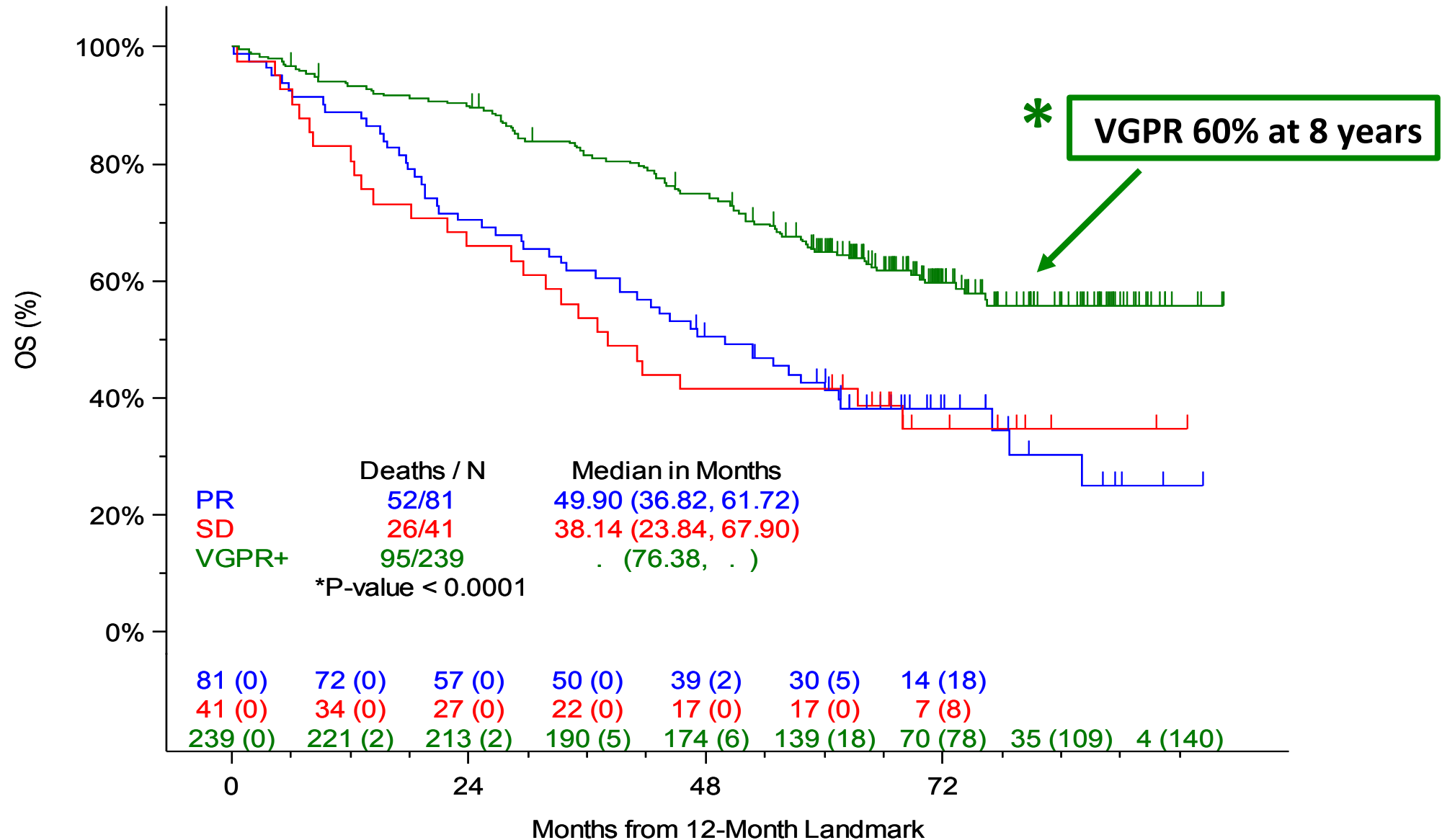


# Current best outcome: Overall survival with VRd

**CURRENT ELIGIBILITY (N=460) – CURRENT DATA**



# OS landmarked at 12 months (N = 357)



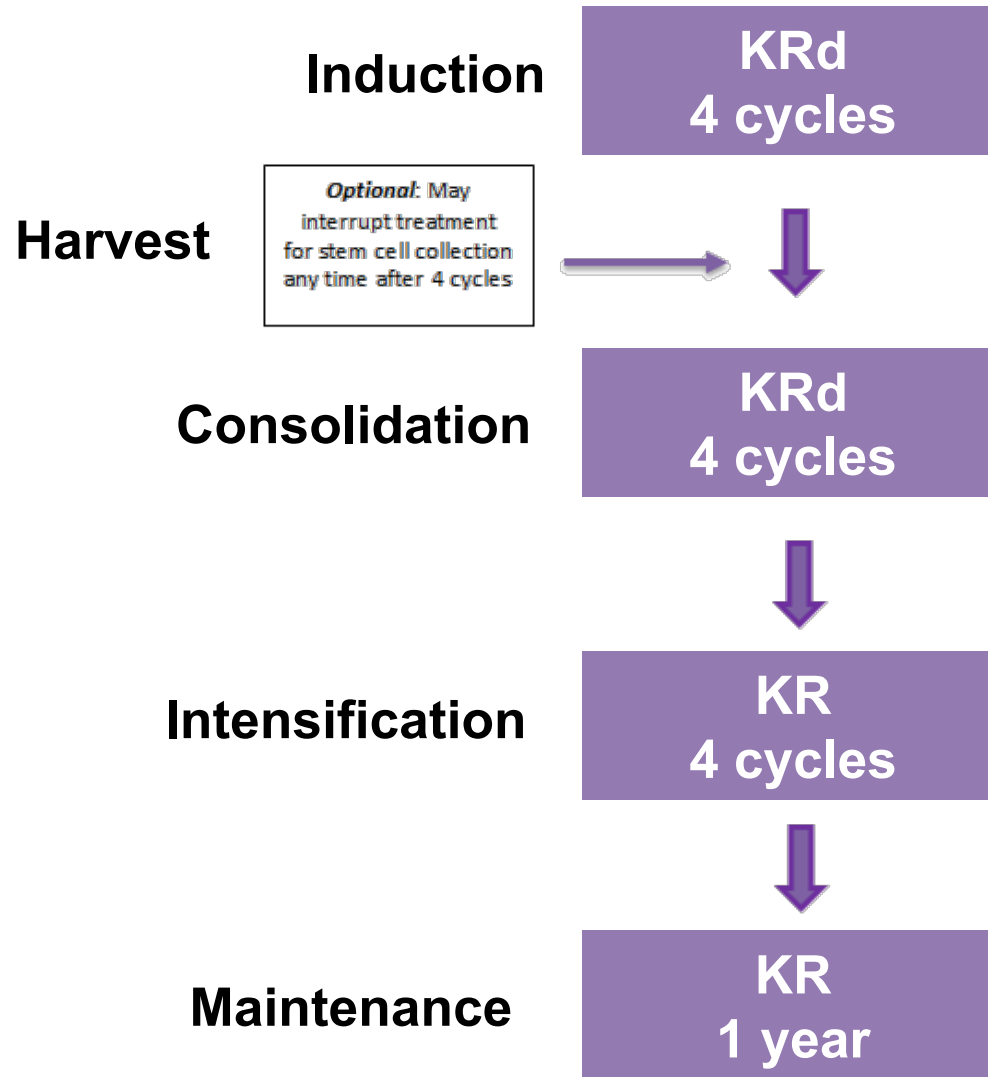
# Adding in ASCT

## Frontline VRD\* + ASCT: Spanish Trial

	Induction (VRDx6)	HDT/ASCT	Consolidation (VRDx2)
MRD undetected	35%	54%	<b>58%</b> Negative at $10^{-6}$
MRD-positive	65%	46%	42%



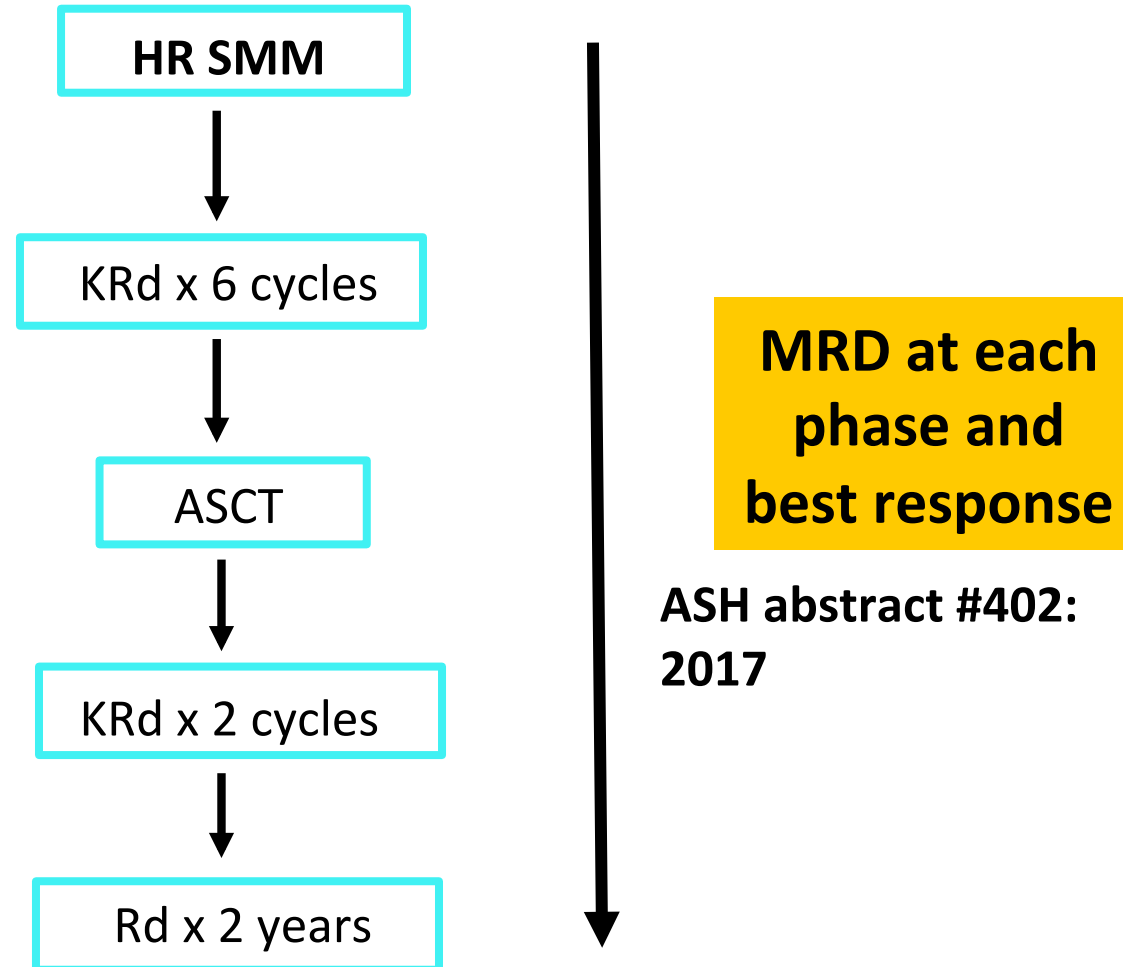
# iStopMM Intervention Trials



# European “CURE” Trials: CESAR



Curative Estrategy Smoldering Alto Risk





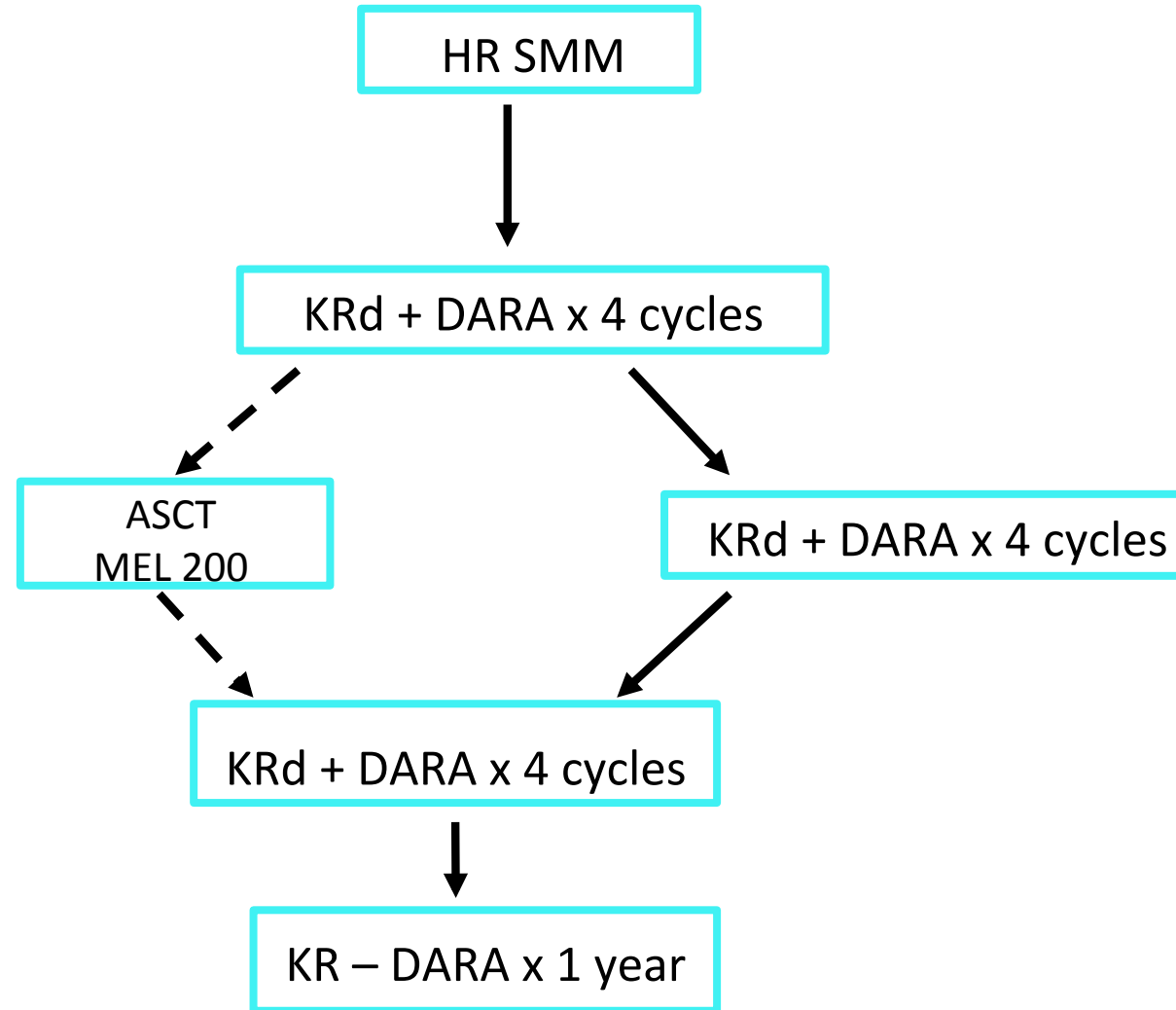
# US “CURE” Trial: ASCENT



**Accrual ongoing:  
~10 patients**

## US Sites

- Mayo
- University of Indiana
- University of Maryland
- MDAH
- Swedish Seattle
- Emory
- Chicago
- Cornell
- North Carolina
- Columbia
- Wisconsin
- Kansas



**MRD at each  
phase and  
best response**

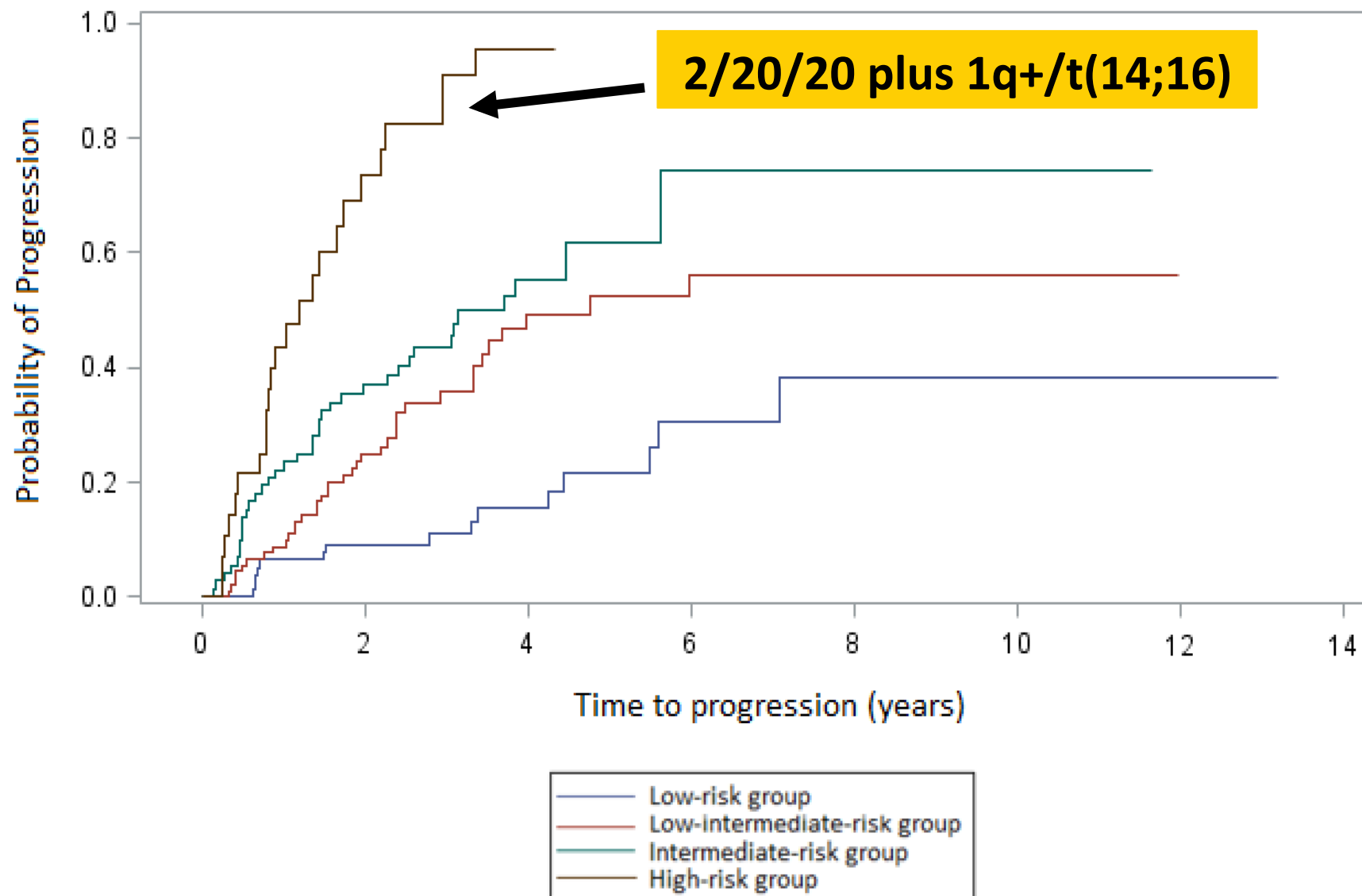
# New Criteria for HR SMM\*

- **M-component level  $\geq 2$  gm/dl**
- **BMPC  $\geq 20\%$**
- **sFLC ratio (involved/uninvolved)  $\geq 20$**
- **Presence of 1q+ and/or t(14;16)**

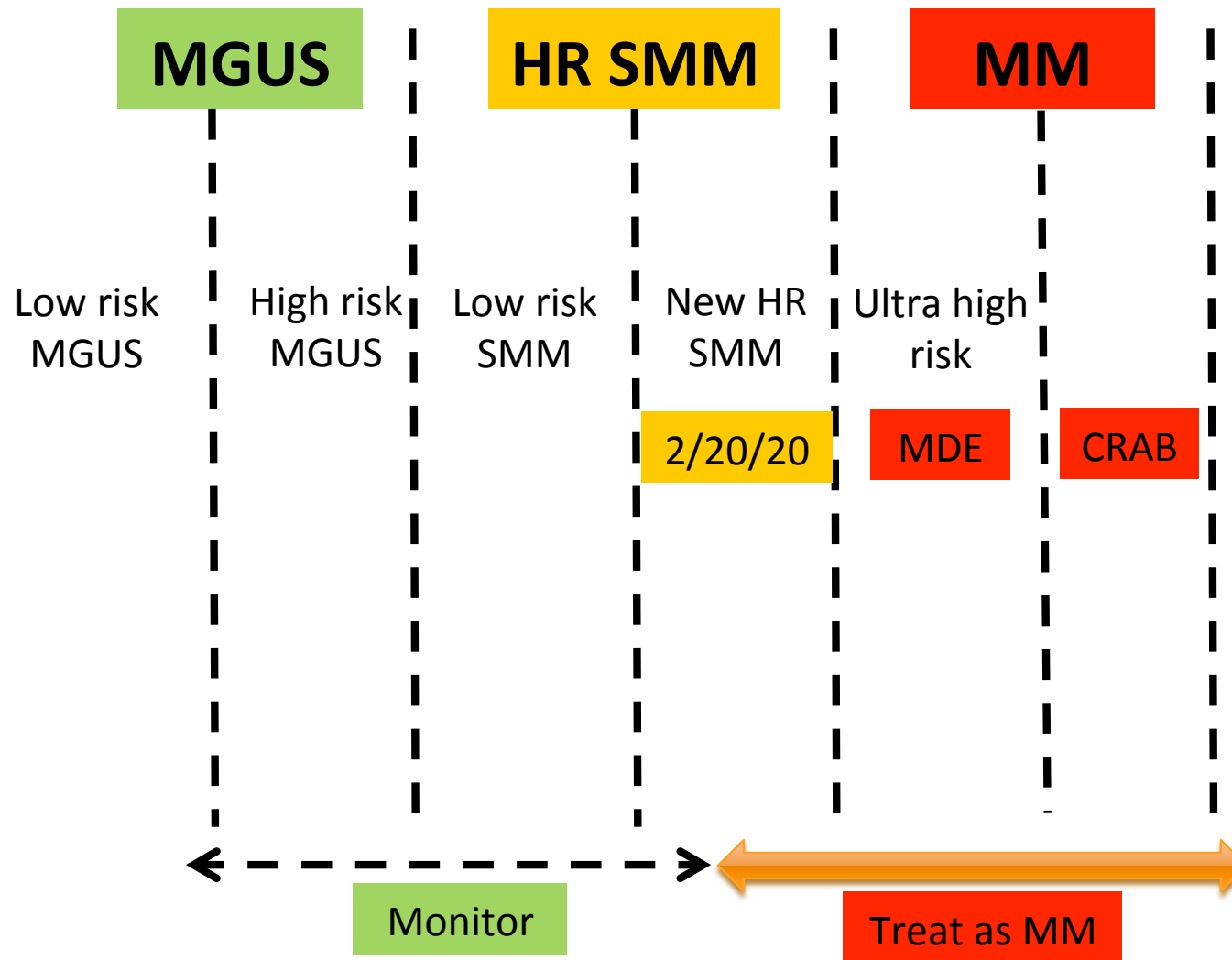
\*Mayo team: Blood Cancer Journal 8:59 2018.

Risk stratification based upon 421 patients. Follow up for ~3000 patients being finished.

# Risk of Progression for SMM



# The Future of Myeloma Therapy



# Blood Monitoring to Simplify Testing



## Being Studied in Iceland!

- **Clonal plasma cells** using NGF with molecular/immune testing of cells
- **M-component** using Mass Spec
- **DNA/RNA** using ctDNA/RNA



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**Binding  
Site** 



**MONASH** University  
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences



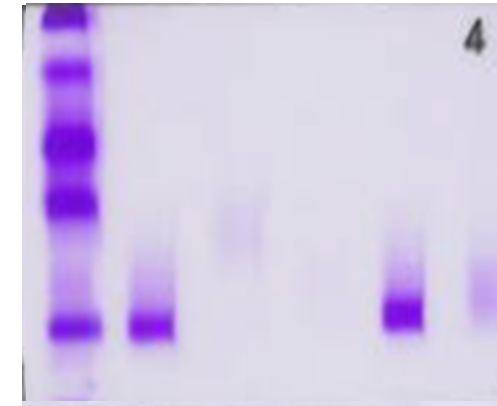
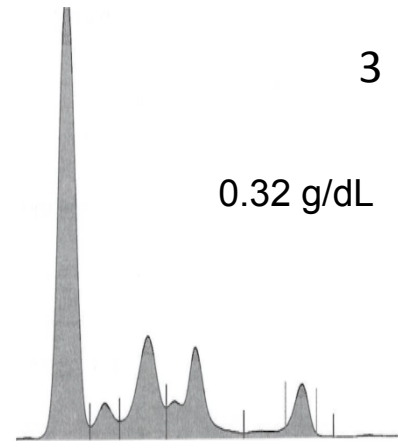
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# SPEP and IFE versus “Mass Fix”

Old

**SPEP**

Serum Protein  
Electrophoresis

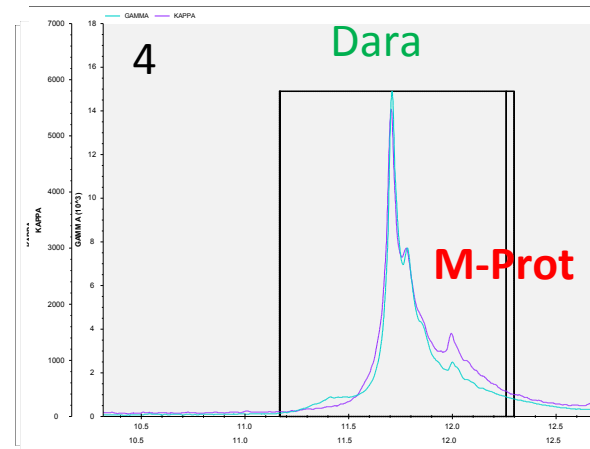


**IFE**

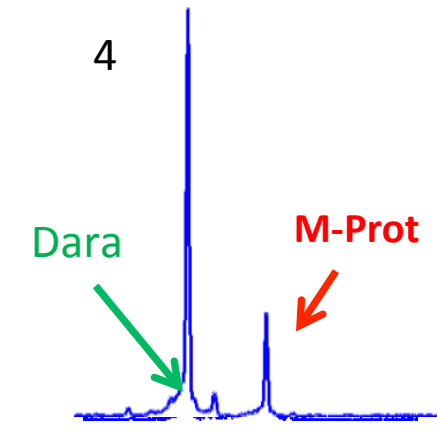
Immunofixation

New

**Mass  
Fix**



$m/z$



$m/z$

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

# Role of Mass Spectrometry

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

... can become new endpoint for response,  
“biochemical relapse” and maybe MRD testing!





# Specific Uses of Mass Spec

## Response assessment

- IMWG Work Group established
- Key trials being assessed
- Correlations with MRD negative; CPC; ctDNA, PET/CT...

## Biochemical relapse

- Indicator for early intervention
- Integrate with immune molecular classification

## MGUS screening/study

- Biology of onset being studied in Iceland

# How to Achieve Cure

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**Eliminate residual disease  
with new approaches**

1

**Start early with best  
available Rx**



# Selecting Best Therapy for Residual Disease

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## Study MRD + patients:

- Immune phenotype
- Genetics
- Drug sensitivity



## Select:

- New monoclonal antibodies
- CAR-T or other approaches

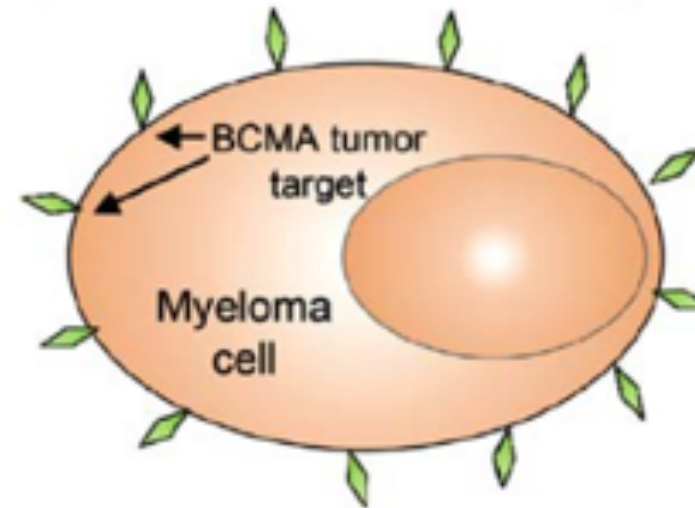
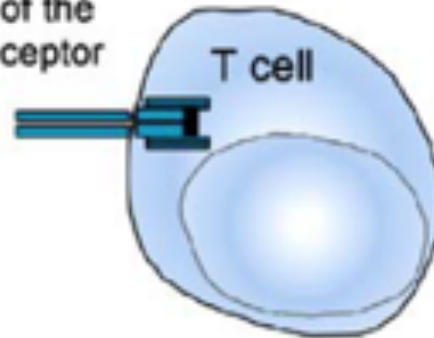
# Studies of Immune Microenvironment

## Example of Anti-BCMA x CD3 bispecific antibody testing in Black Swan project\*

**T cells** are not sufficiently active to control myeloma cell accumulation

**BCMA** is expressed on myeloma cells of all patients

CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells express CD3ε as part of the T cell receptor

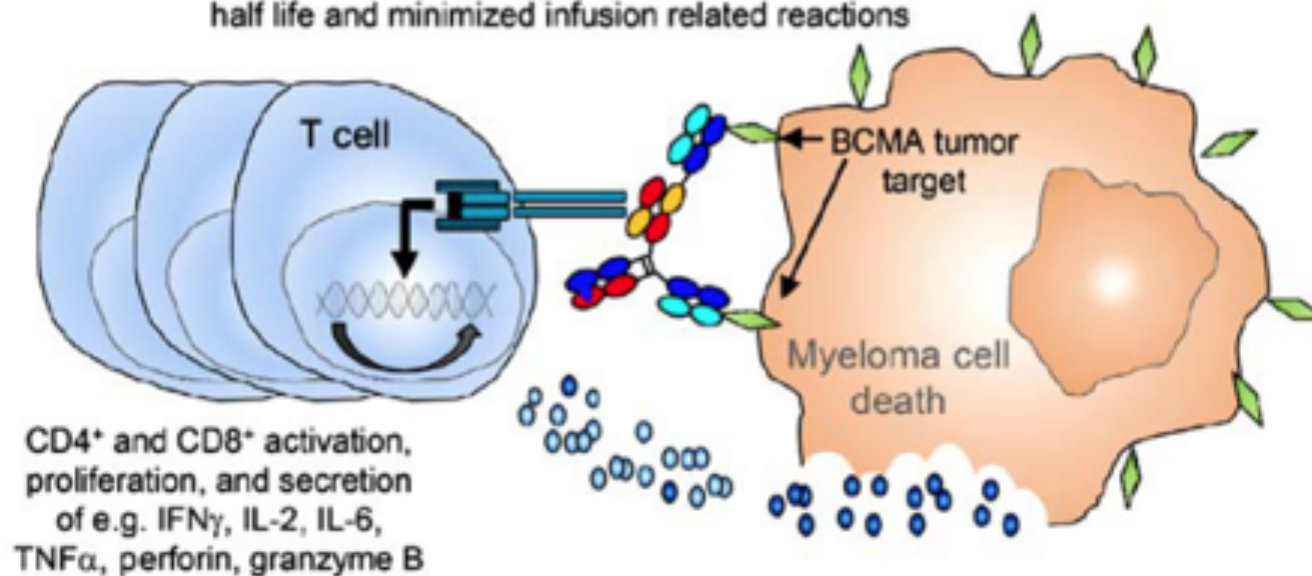


\*EngMab 801: CC93269

# Impact of EM801 Bispecific Antibody

EM801 redirects (binds) CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells to myeloma cells. T cells are thereby activated, proliferate, and eliminate myeloma cells.

**EM801:** One CD3 $\epsilon$  but two BCMA binding sites for optimal myeloma cell targeting; silent Fc for long half life and minimized infusion related reactions



# Black Swan Research Initiative

**Dedicated to Finding a Cure**



# Key Steps

**Develop  
MRD tests**



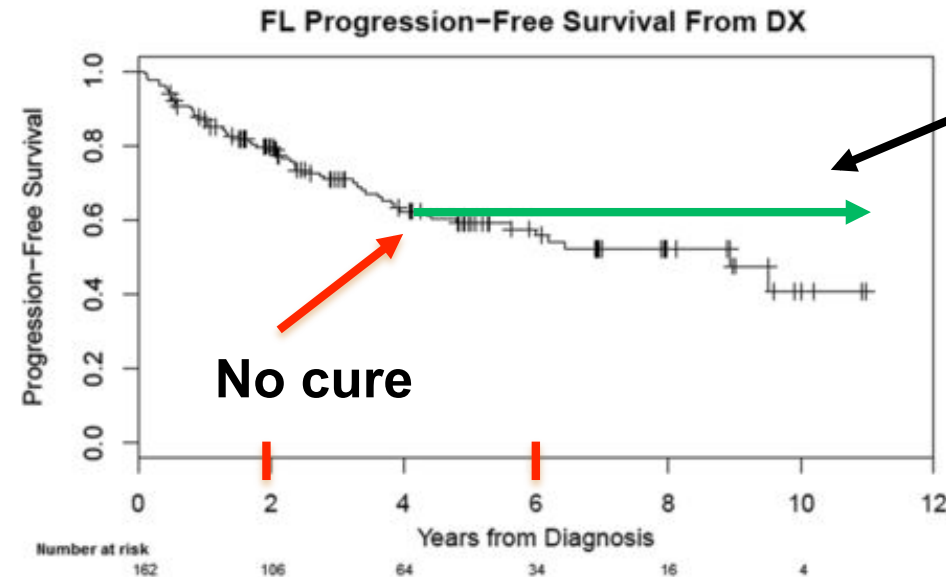
**Conduct CURE  
trials with best  
therapies**



**Understand and  
treat resistant  
disease**

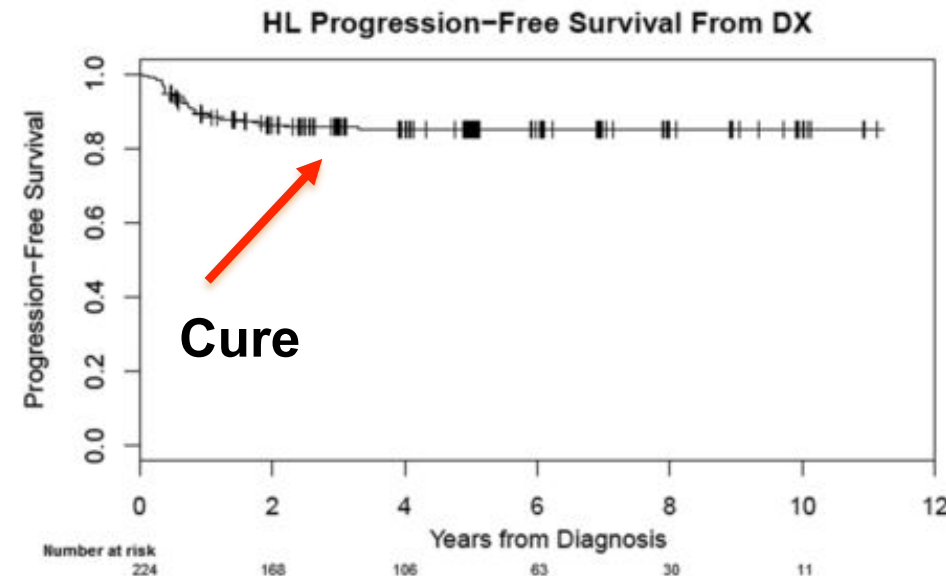


# PFS: Myeloma v Hodgkin Lymphoma



Anticipated cure!

Myeloma

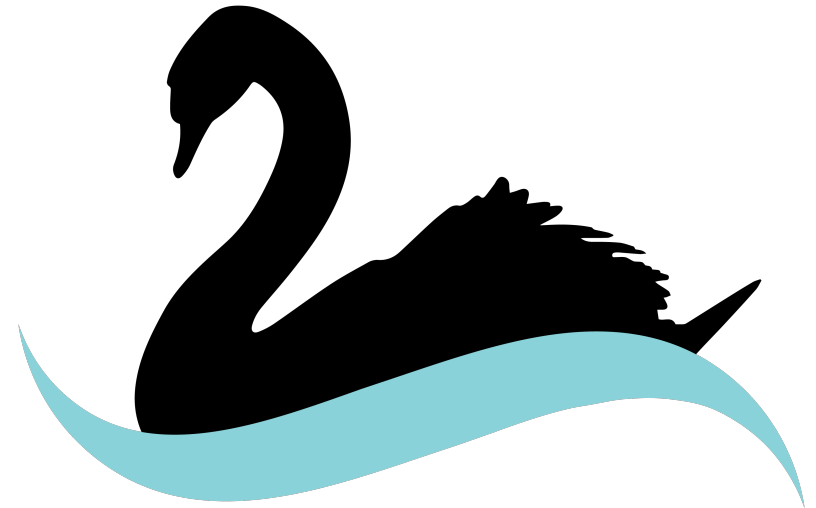


Cure

Hodgkin Lymphoma



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