

Phase 3 randomized study of daratumumab (DARA) + bortezomib/thalidomide/dexamethasone (D-VTd) vs VTd in transplant-eligible (TE) newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (NDMM): CASSIOPEIA Part 1 results.

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## Background:

VTd is a standard of care (SoC) for TE NDMM. CD38 mAb DARA significantly reduced the risk of progression/death and improved CR and MRD-negative rates in relapsed refractory MM or transplant-ineligible NDMM in phase 3 studies. We report the primary and final analysis of Part 1 of CASSIOPEIA.

## Methods:

In Part 1, TE NDMM pts 18-65 y were randomized 1:1 to VTd (6 28-day cycles [C; 4 pre-ASCT induction, 2 post-ASCT consolidation] of V 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC BIW Week [W] 1-2; T 100 mg PO QD; d 40-80 mg/week

PO or IV W 1-4 C 1-2, W 1-3 C 3-6) ± DARA (16 mg/kg IV QW C 1-2, Q2W C 3-6). Melphalan 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> was pre-ASCT HDT. The primary endpoint, post-consolidation sCR rate, was assessed at Day [D] 100 post-ASCT. Part 2 (maintenance) is ongoing.

### Results:

A cohort of 1085 pts (D-VTd, 543; VTd, 542) was randomized. The D 100 post-ASCT sCR rate was significantly higher for D-VTd vs VTd (28.9% vs 20.3%;  $P = 0.0010$ ; Table). At 18.8-mo median follow-up, PFS from first randomization favored D-VTd with HR 0.47 (95% CI, 0.33-0.67;  $P < 0.0001$ ). With median PFS NR in either arm, 18-mo PFS rates were 92.7% vs 84.6% for D-VTd vs VTd. Rates of ≥CR, ≥VGPR, and MRD negativity supported sCR results (Table). OS is immature with 46 deaths on study (D-VTd, 14; VTd, 32; HR, 0.43; 95% CI, 0.23-0.80). The most common (≥10%) grade 3/4 TEAEs (D-VTd/VTd) were neutropenia (27.6%/14.7%), lymphopenia (17.0%/9.7%), stomatitis (12.7%/16.4%), and thrombocytopenia (11.0%/7.4%). In the D-VTd arm, infusion-related reactions occurred in 35.4% of pts.

### Conclusions:

D-VTd in induction prior to and consolidation after ASCT improved depth of response (sCR, ≥CR, and MRD negativity) and PFS with acceptable safety. The favorable benefit-risk profile supports the use of D-VTd in TE NDMM. CASSIOPEIA is the first study to demonstrate clinical benefit of DARA + So [Print](#) NDMM. Clinical trial information: [NCT02541383](#)

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### Post-consolidation (D 100 Post-ASCT) Response and MRD-negative Rates: ITT.

	D-VTd, %	VTd, %	OR (95% CI)	P
sCR	28.9	20.3	1.60 (1.21-2.12)	0.0010
≥CR	38.9	26.0	1.82 (1.40-2.36)	<0.0001
≥VGPR	83.4	78.0	1.41 (1.04-1.92)	0.0239
MRD-negative (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	63.7	43.5	2.27 (1.78-2.90)	<0.0001
≥CR + MRD-negative (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	33.7	19.9	2.06 (1.56-2.72)	<0.0001