

Minimal Residual Disease assessment in Multiple Myeloma by Next-Generation Sequencing

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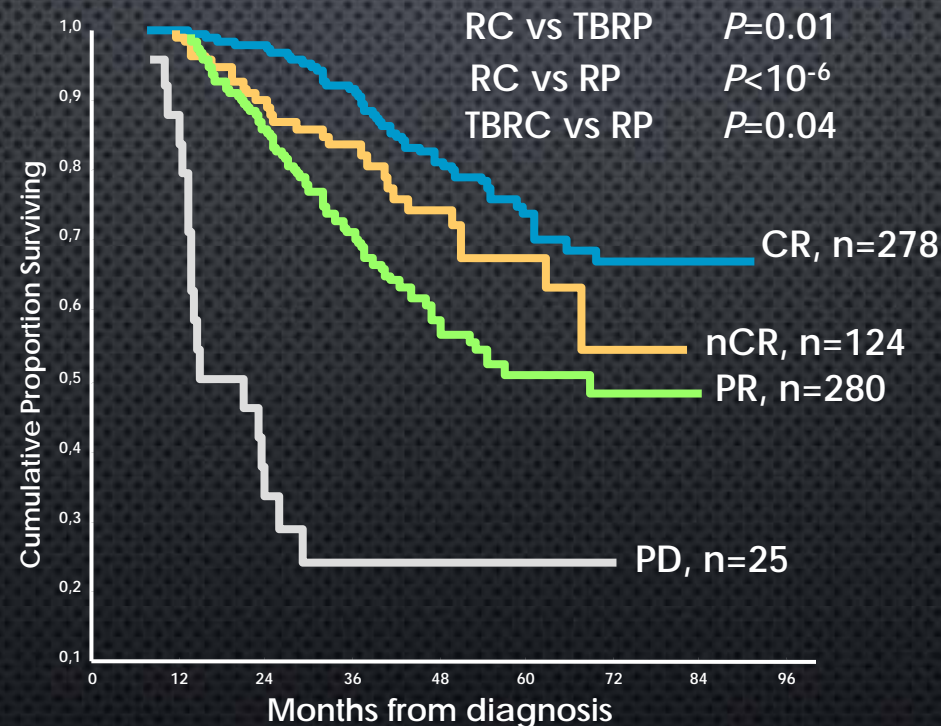
MRD Meta-Analysis in Myeloma

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Why to assess MRD in Myeloma?

The main rationale is the correlation response/outcome

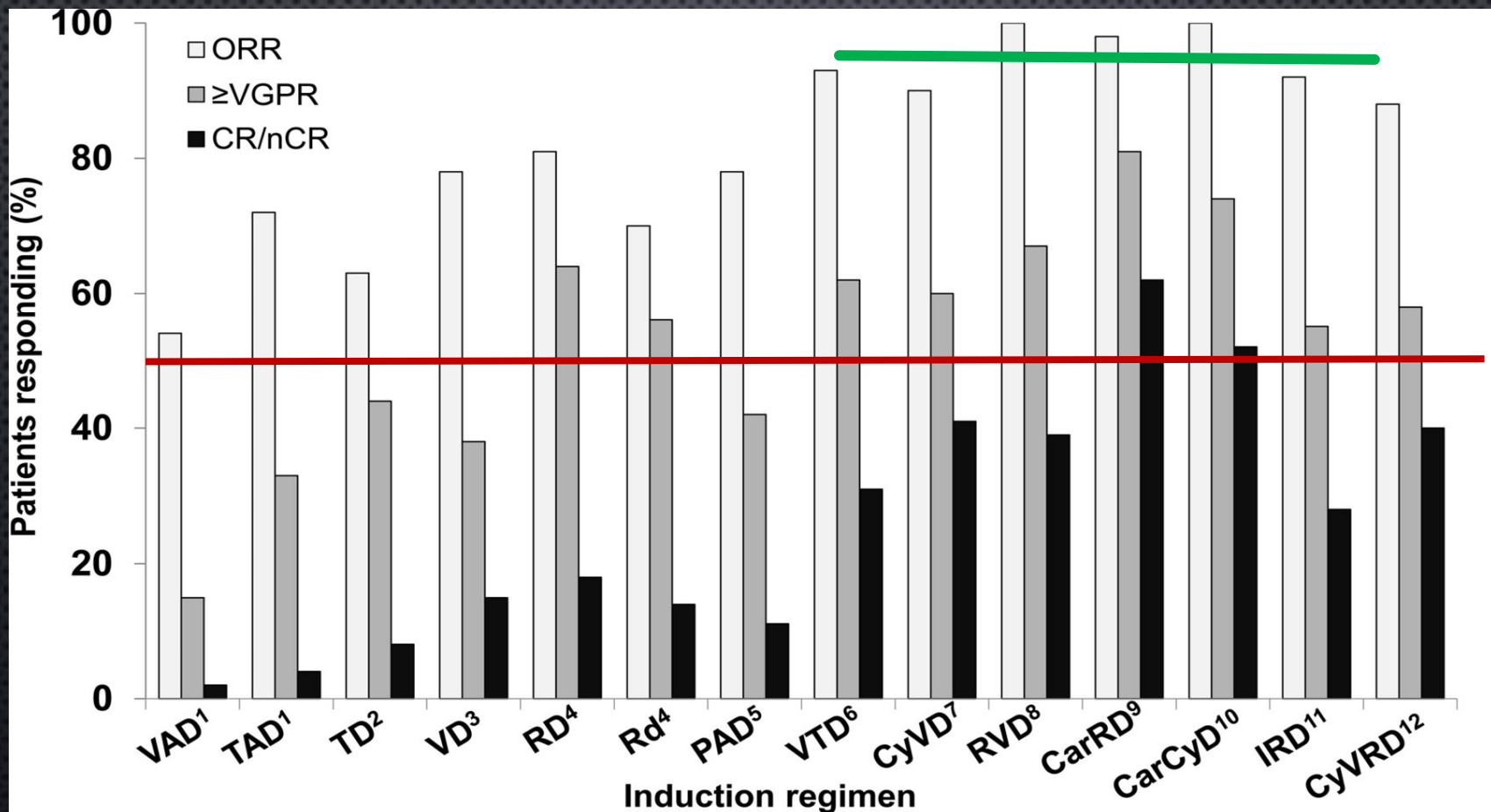
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	CR	nCR	PR	PD
Medians EFS, months	61	40	34	13
Medians OS, months	NR	NR	61	15

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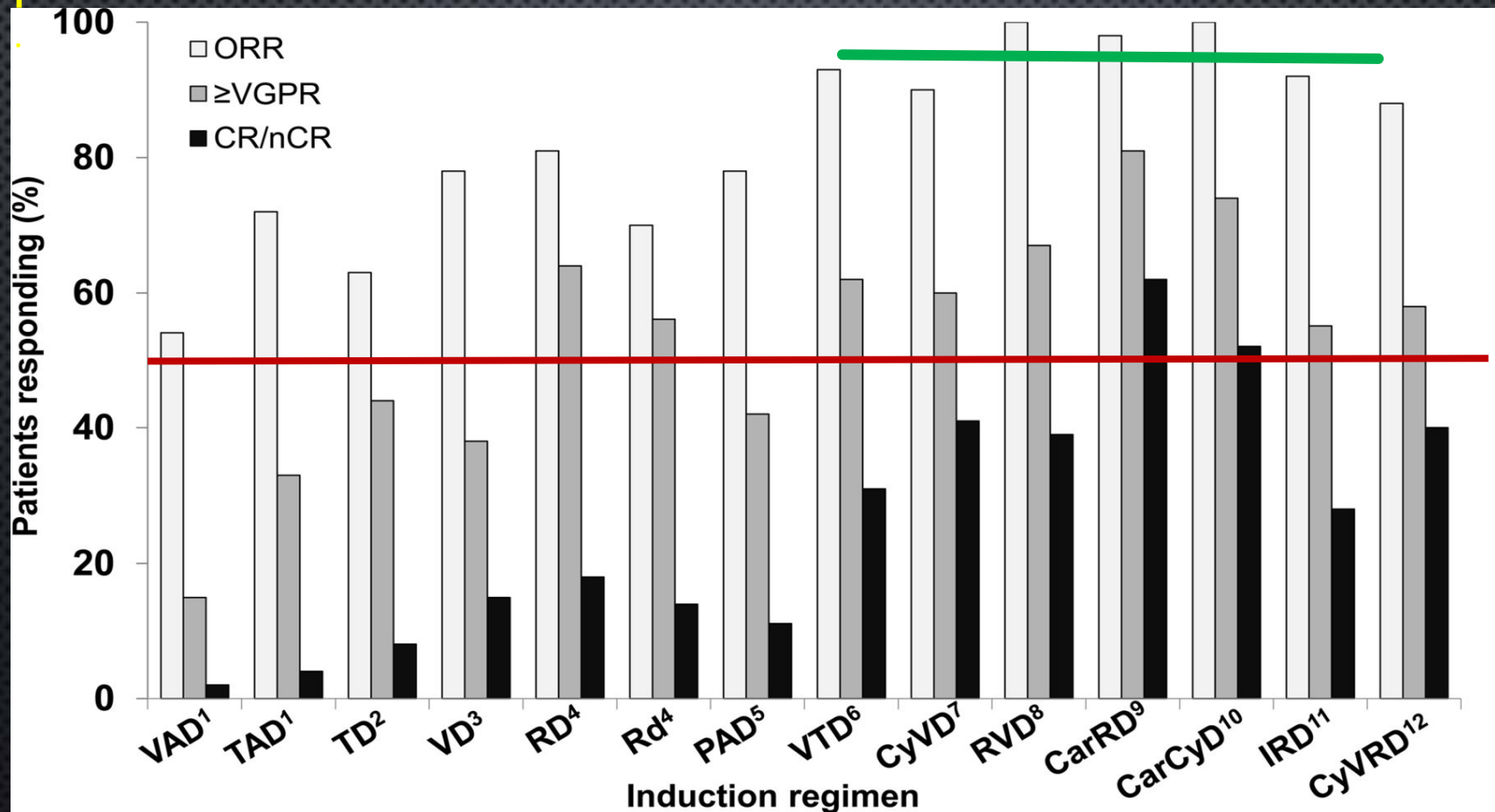
Treatment advances have increased the likelihood of achieving CR.



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However, a large majority of pts with CR eventually relapse, suggesting that undetectable, but clinically meaningful MRD may be present

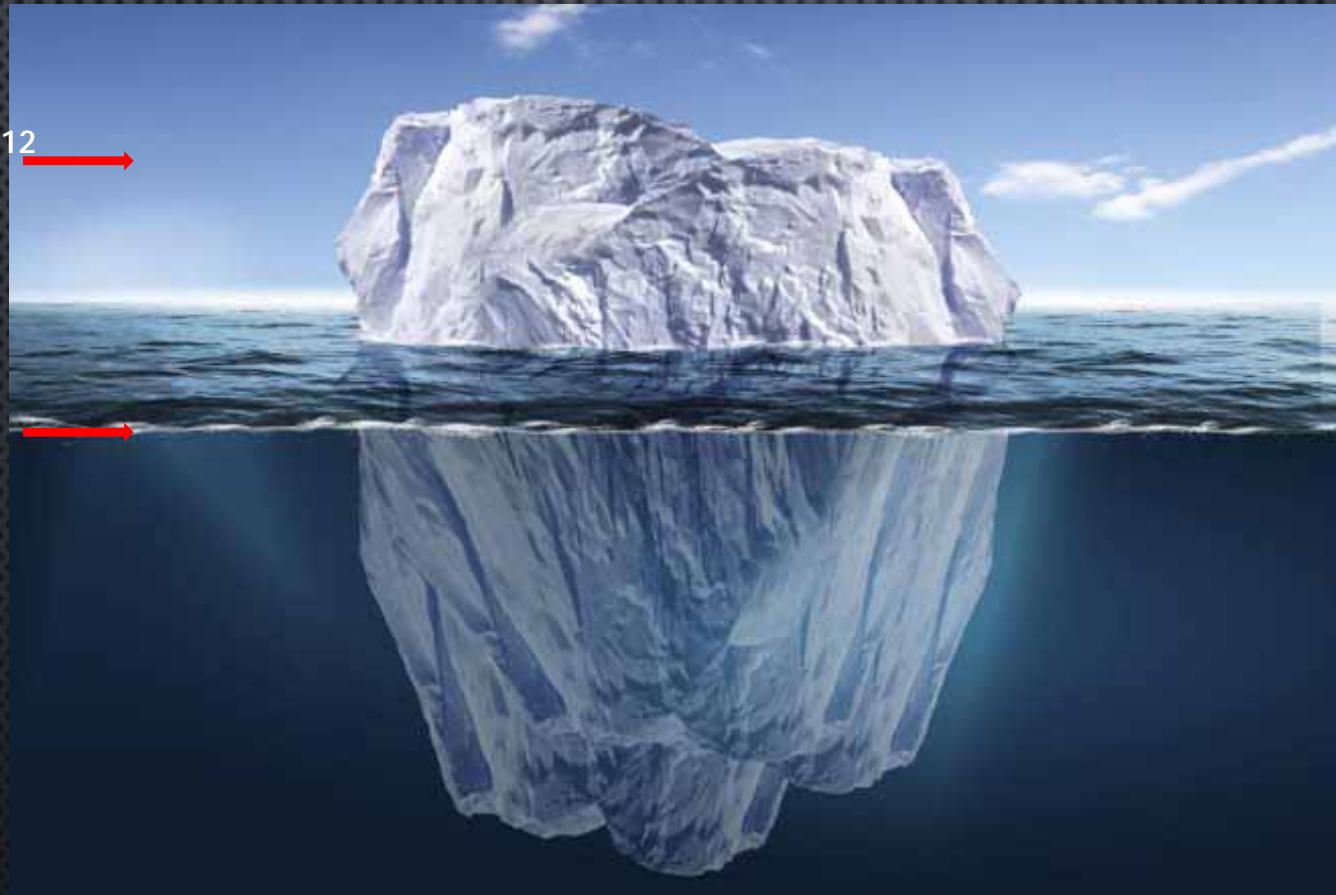


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Diagnosis 10^{12} →

CR 10^{10} →



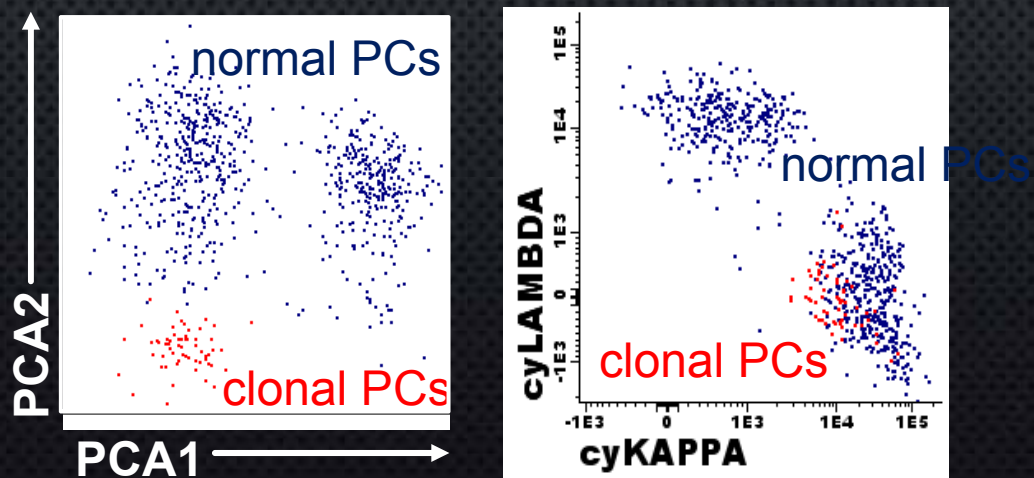
80% HD trial

MRD: What are the techniques?

(Old) Gold Standard: Multiparametric Flow Cytometry

Myeloma cells present a specific phenotype / normal PC

This phenotype is stable during evolution



MRD: What are the techniques?

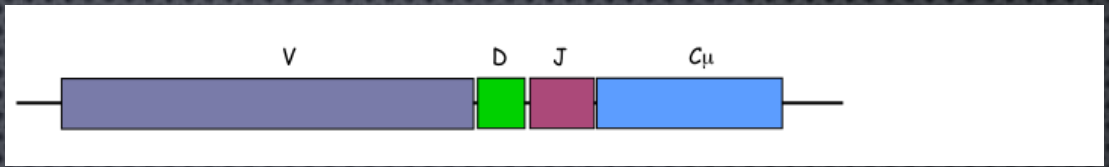
Next-Generation Sequencing

Myeloma cells present unique Ig gene rearrangements

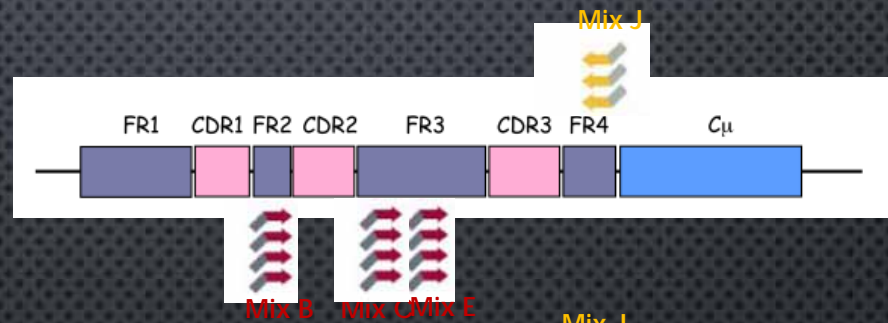
These clonal rearrangements are stable during evolution

NGS: Technical principles

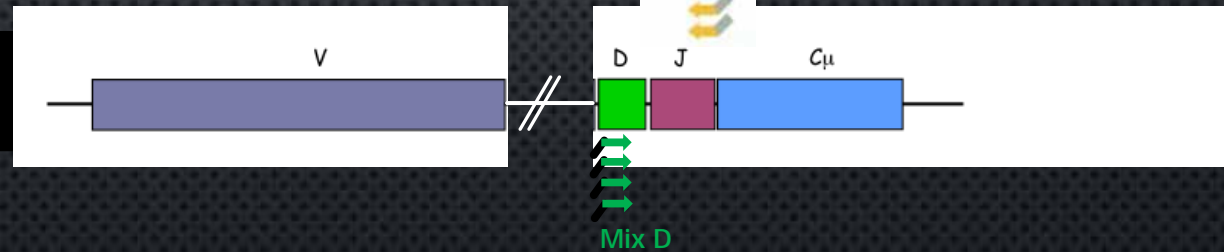
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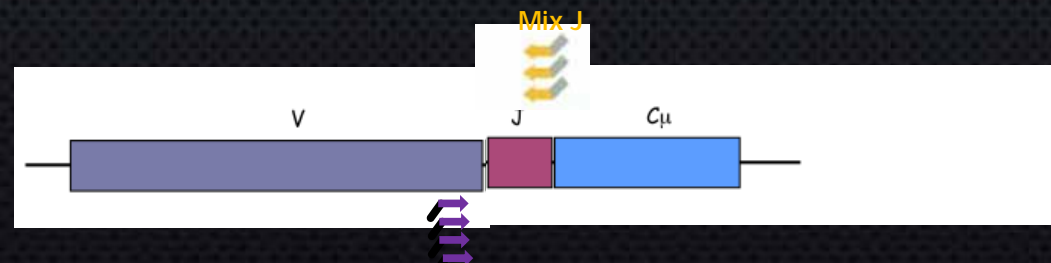
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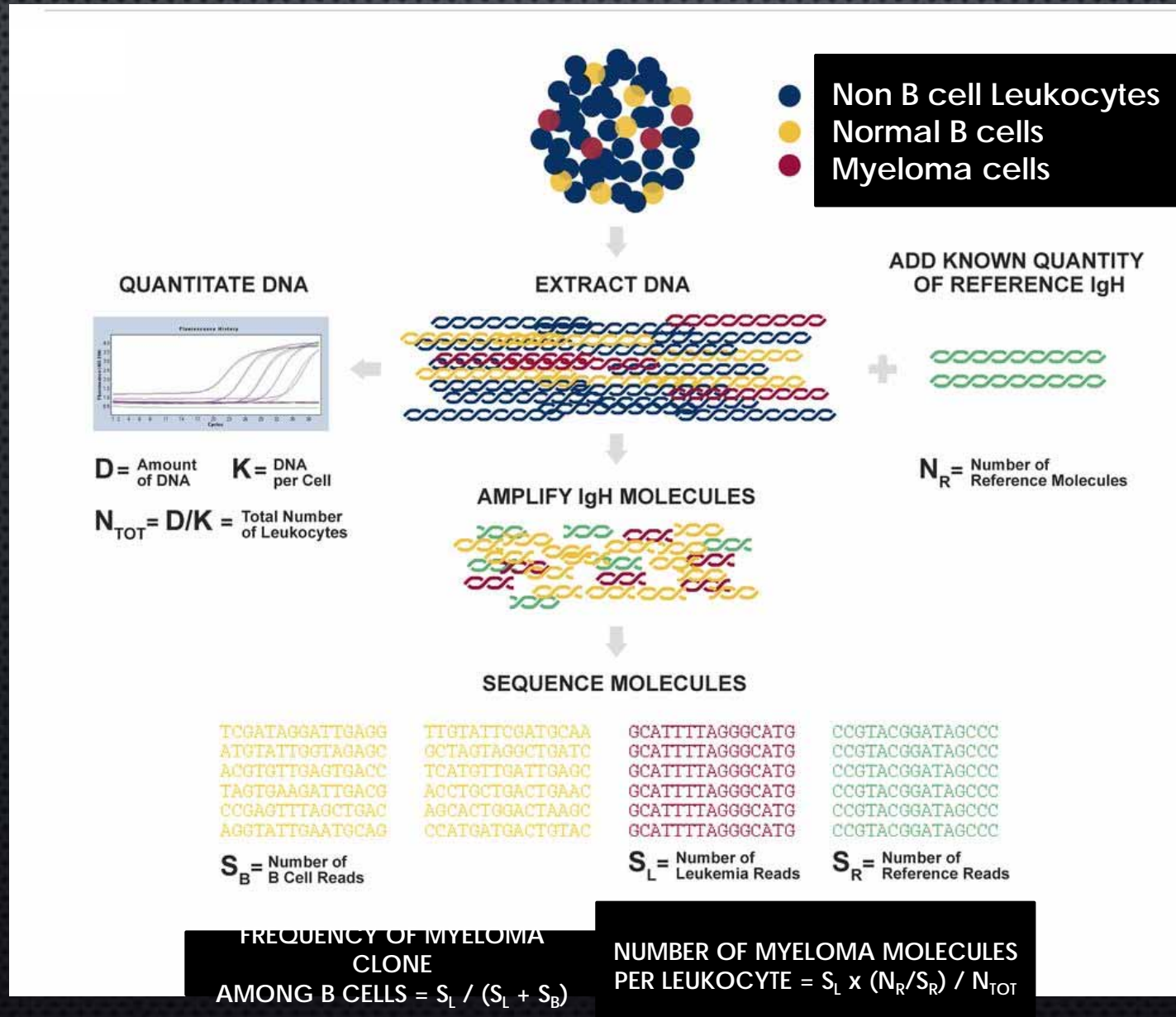
Non-Functional allele



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NGS: Technical principles



Is MRD clinically pertinent?

Clinical utility of immunoglobulin heavy chain gene rearrangement identification for tumour cell detection in multiple myeloma

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Prognostic value of deep sequencing method for minimal residual disease detection in multiple myeloma

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Significant Impact of Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Status On Survival Outcomes In pts (pts) With Multiple Myeloma (MM) Who Achieve Complete Response (CR): A Meta-Analysis

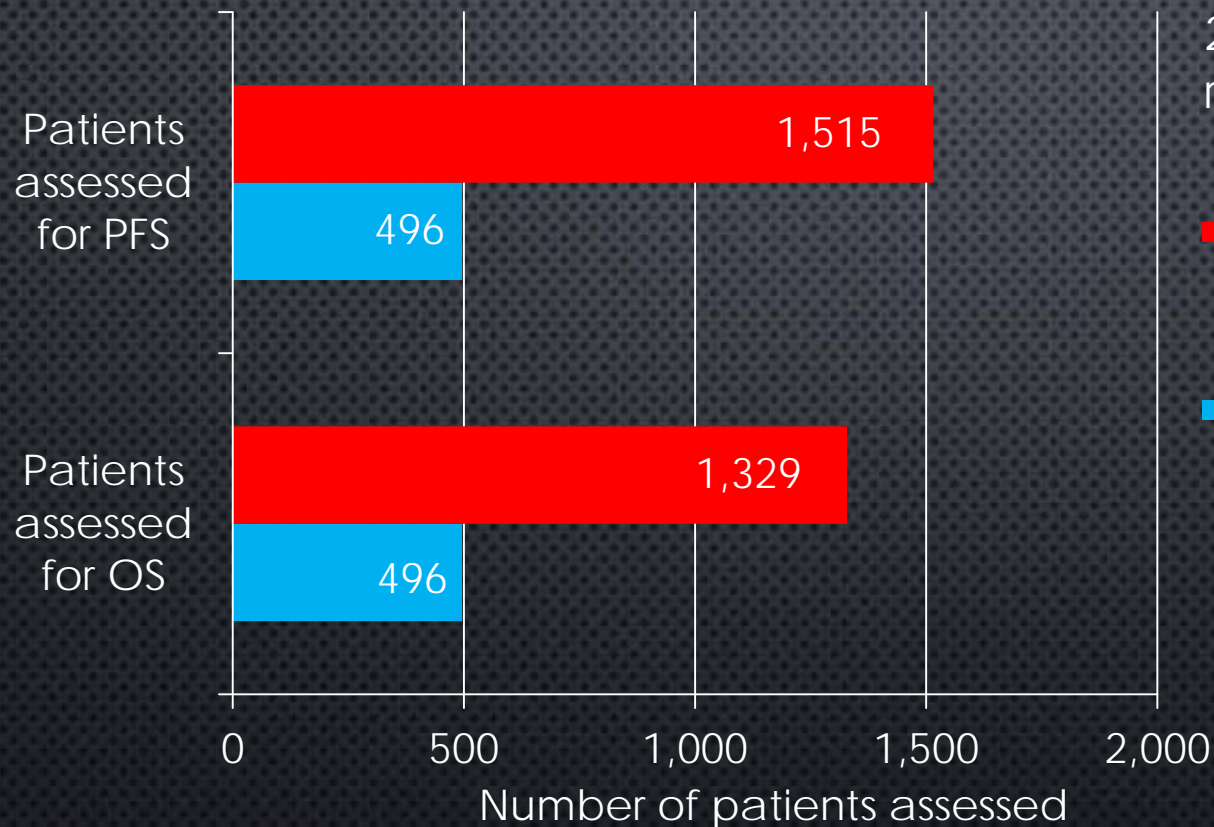
- A total of 405 published articles with MRD
 - 25 articles recently published articles
- Of these, 21 reported overall survival (OS) or progression-free survival (PFS) results, as well as MRD status
- **Overall, 2,208 pts were evaluated for MRD**
- Nine publications reported conventional CR at the time of MRD measurement. Six represented unique data sets.

Refining the literature search

Exclusion criteria

- Publications were excluded if they:
 - Only included patients with relapsed and/or refractory MM
 - Included patients who had undergone allogenic SCT
 - Assessed MRD in apheresis product
 - Reported on the same study population used in an already-included trial
- Analysis was restricted to techniques with a detection limit of $\leq 0.01\%$

Number of patients with PFS and OS data allowing for analysis



21 articles
retrieved in total

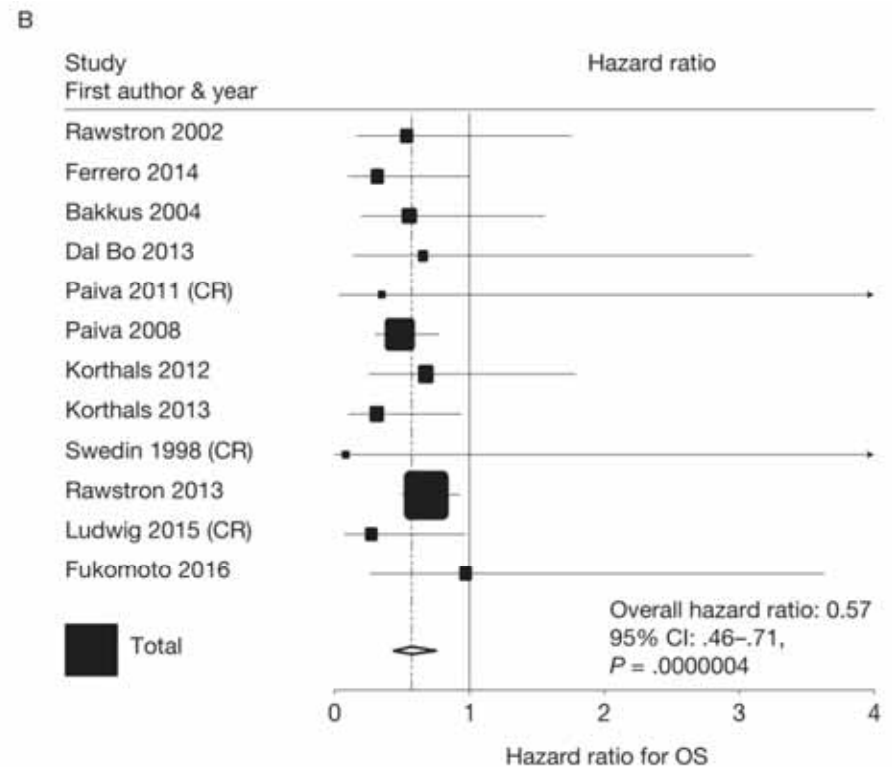
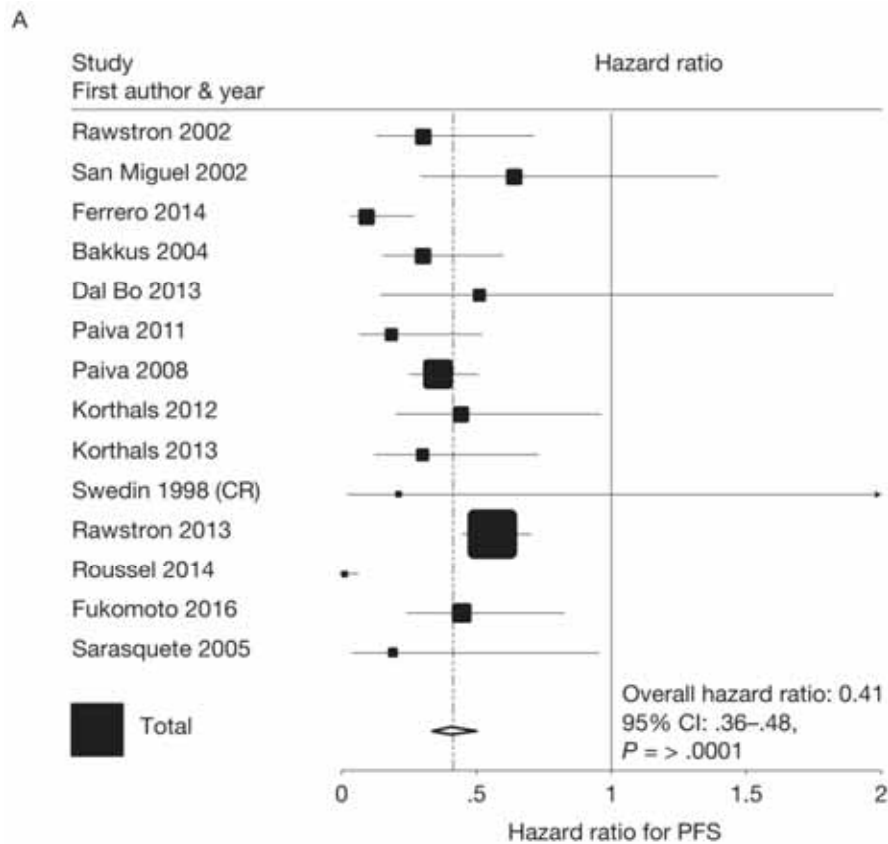
■ Any response-achieving
patients (n = 13 studies)

■ CR-achieving patients
(n = 4 studies)

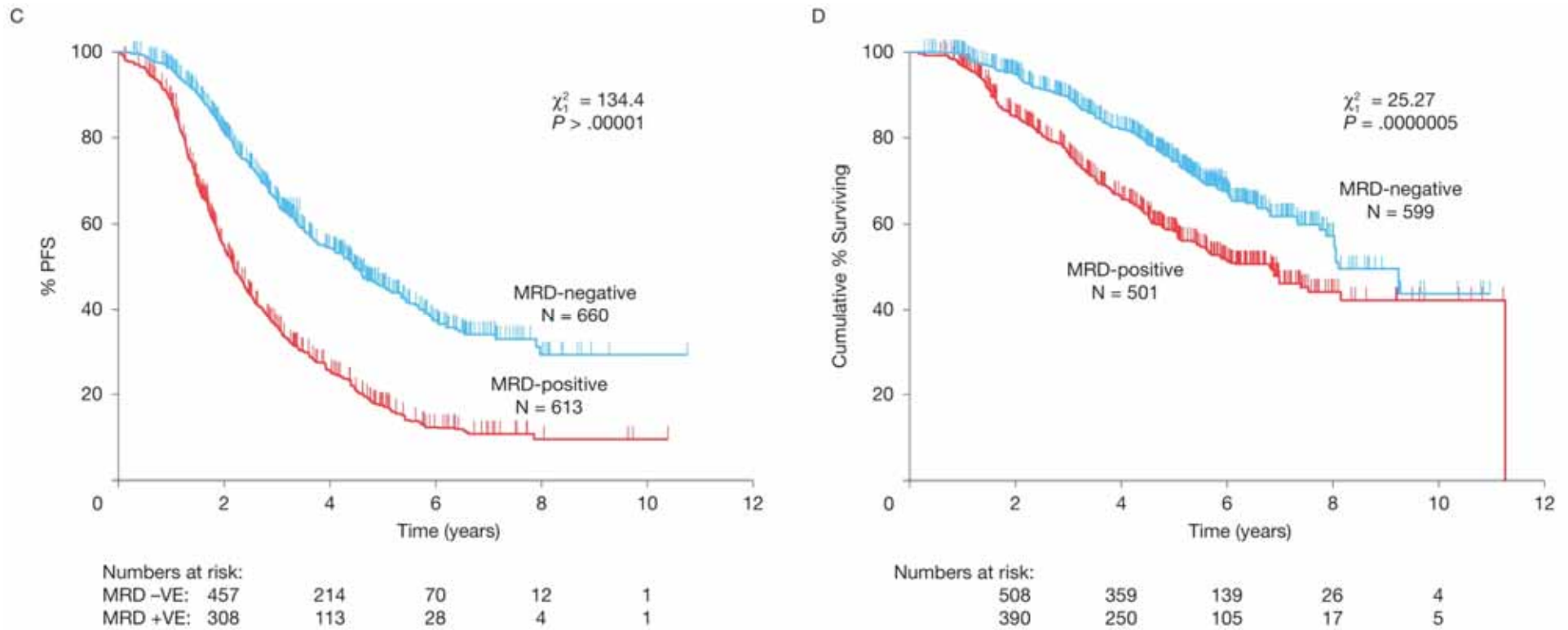
OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

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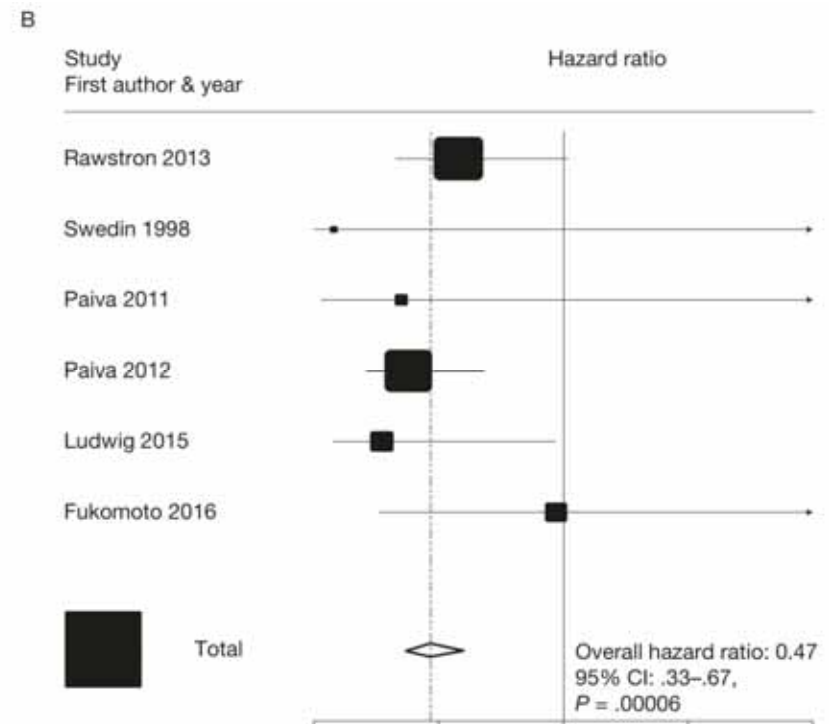
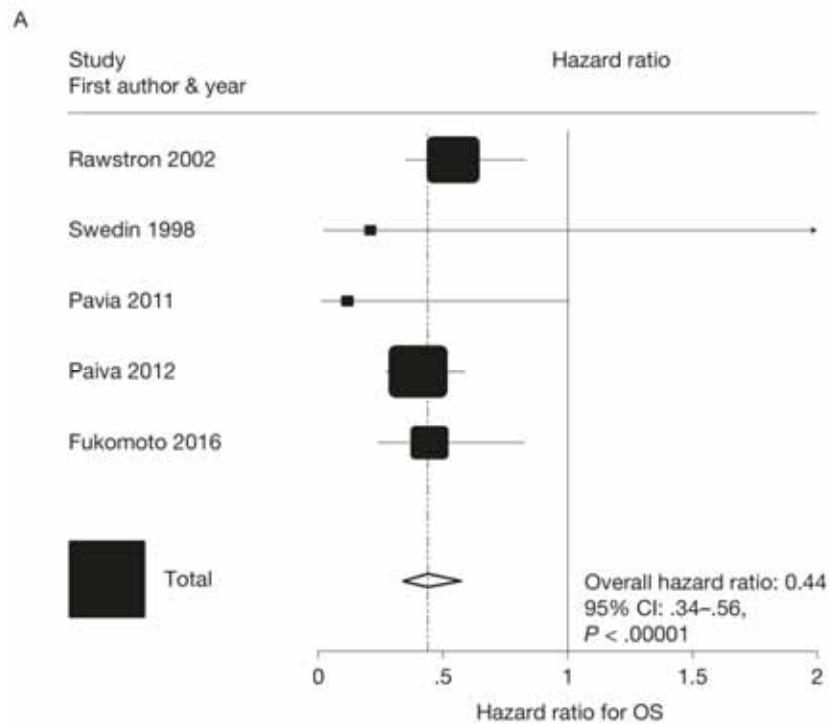
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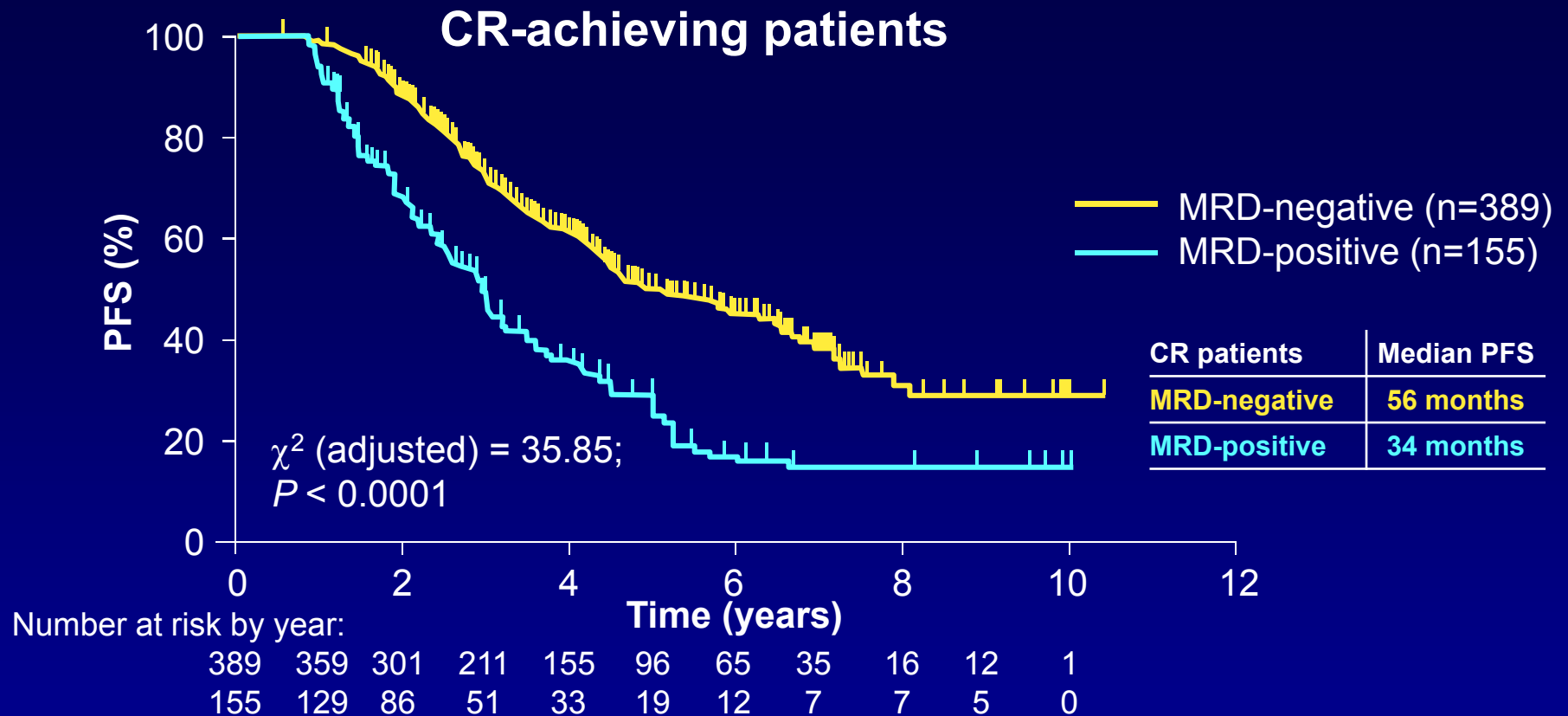
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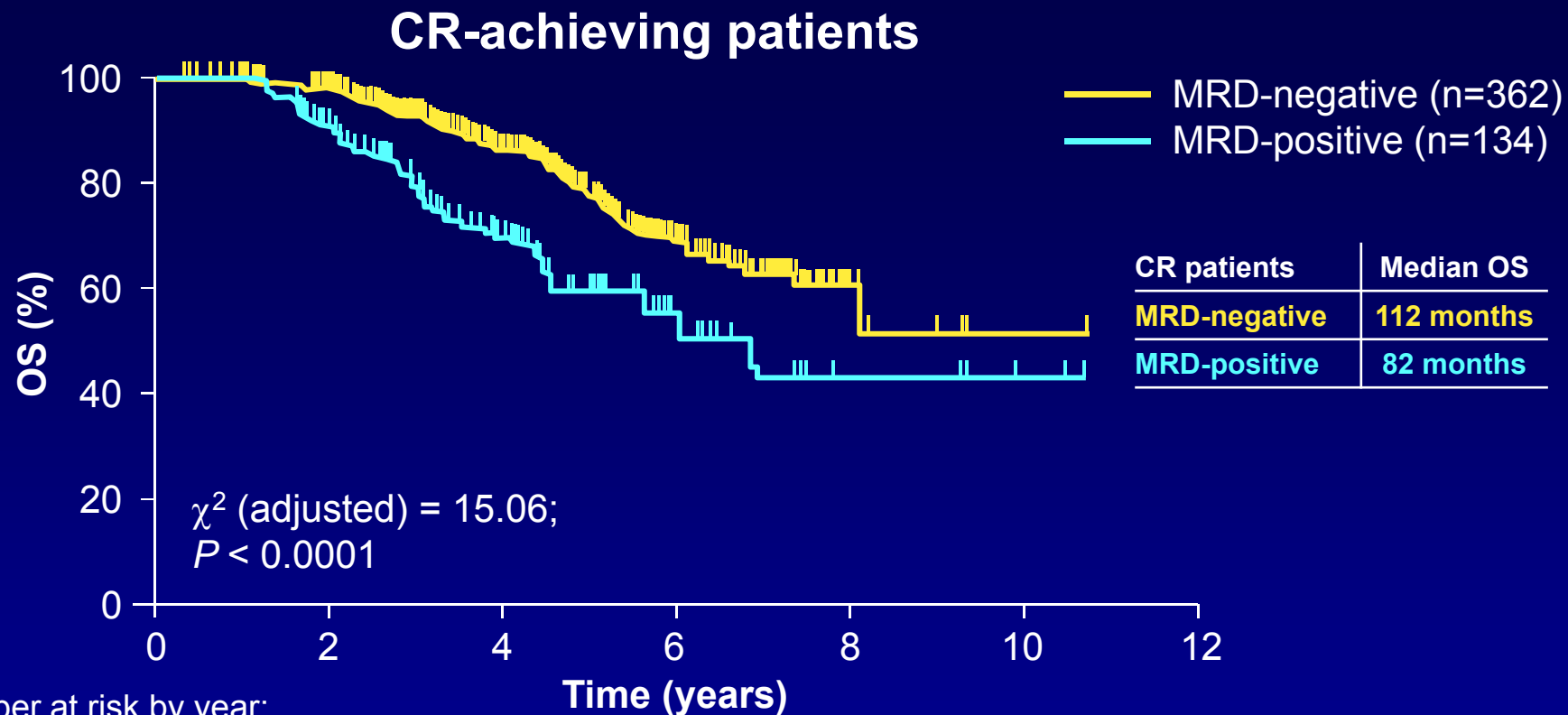
The effect of MRD status on PFS (CR patients)



Data are adjusted for different proportions of patients being MRD-positive and MRD-negative by study.

- **3-year PFS: 70% (MRD⁻) vs. 46% (MRD⁺)**
- **5-year PFS: 48% (MRD⁻) vs. 27% (MRD⁺)**
- **Majority of MRD-positive patients progressed by 6 years; nearly 50% of MRD-negative patients progression free**

The effect of MRD status on OS (CR patients)



Number at risk by year:

362	359	331	274	218	138	76	34	8	3	1
134	131	111	81	55	35	20	10	5	5	2

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- **Median OS was not reached for MRD-negative pts versus 82 months for MRD-positive pts)**
- **OS @ 3-years, 94% versus 80%** **OS @ 7-years, 67% versus 47%**
- **OS @ 5-years, 80% versus 61%**

CR, complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival.

Conclusions of the meta-analysis

MRD is definitely predictive of both longer PFS and OS

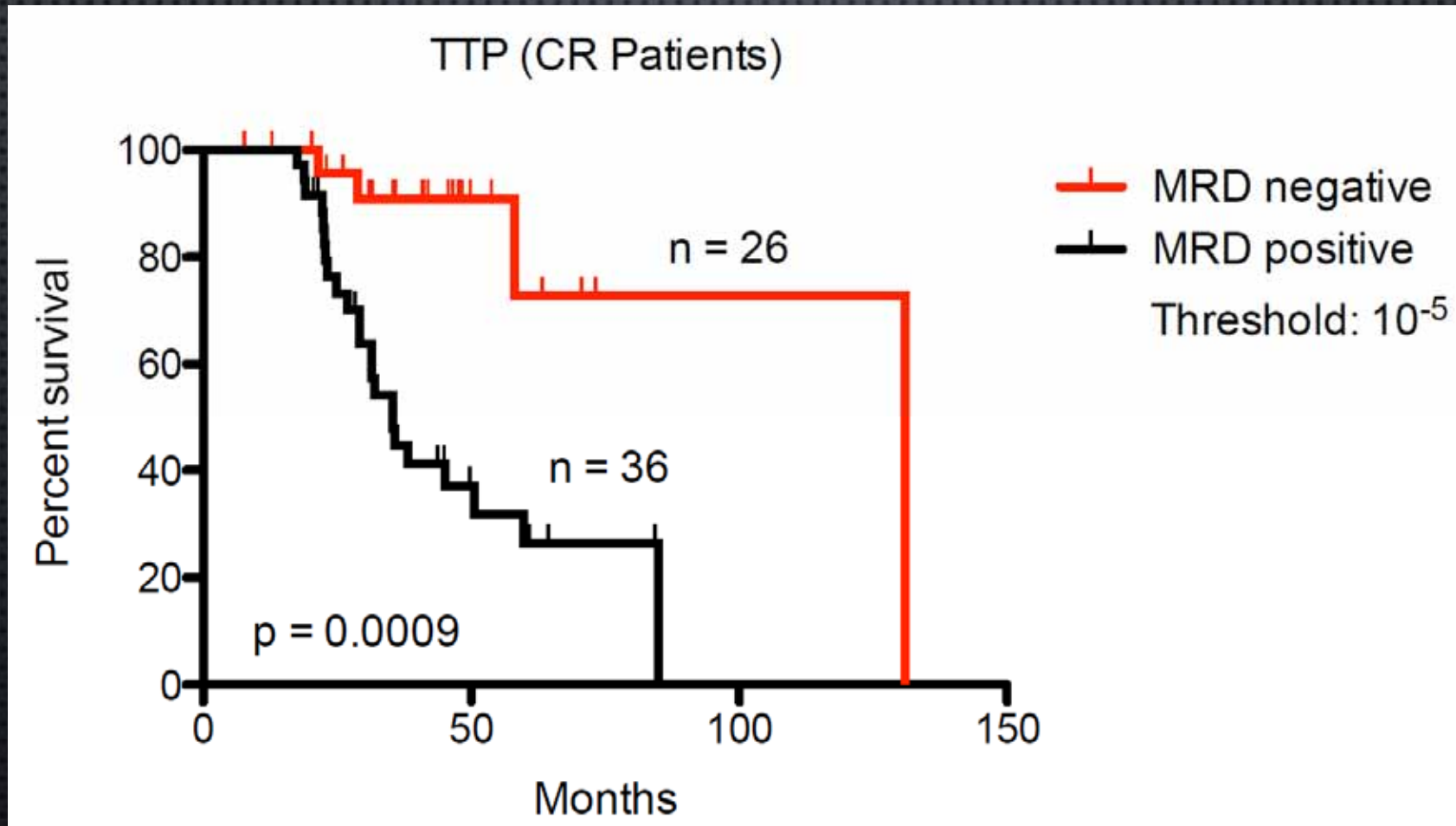
Most of the available results are from MFC

MFC has a quite low sensitivity (10^{-4})

Following question:

→ Would a higher sensitivity have a better predictivity?

Higher sensitivity: NGS



IFM DFCI 2009 Trial
700 patients < 66y,
Newly diagnosed symptomatic MM

3 RVD

5 RVD

MEL200 +
ASCT

2 RVD

MRD* →

← MRD*

12 months Lenalidomide maintenance

MRD* →

← MRD*

* Primary objective = 7-color Flow, Secondary objective = Molecular

IFM 2009 trial

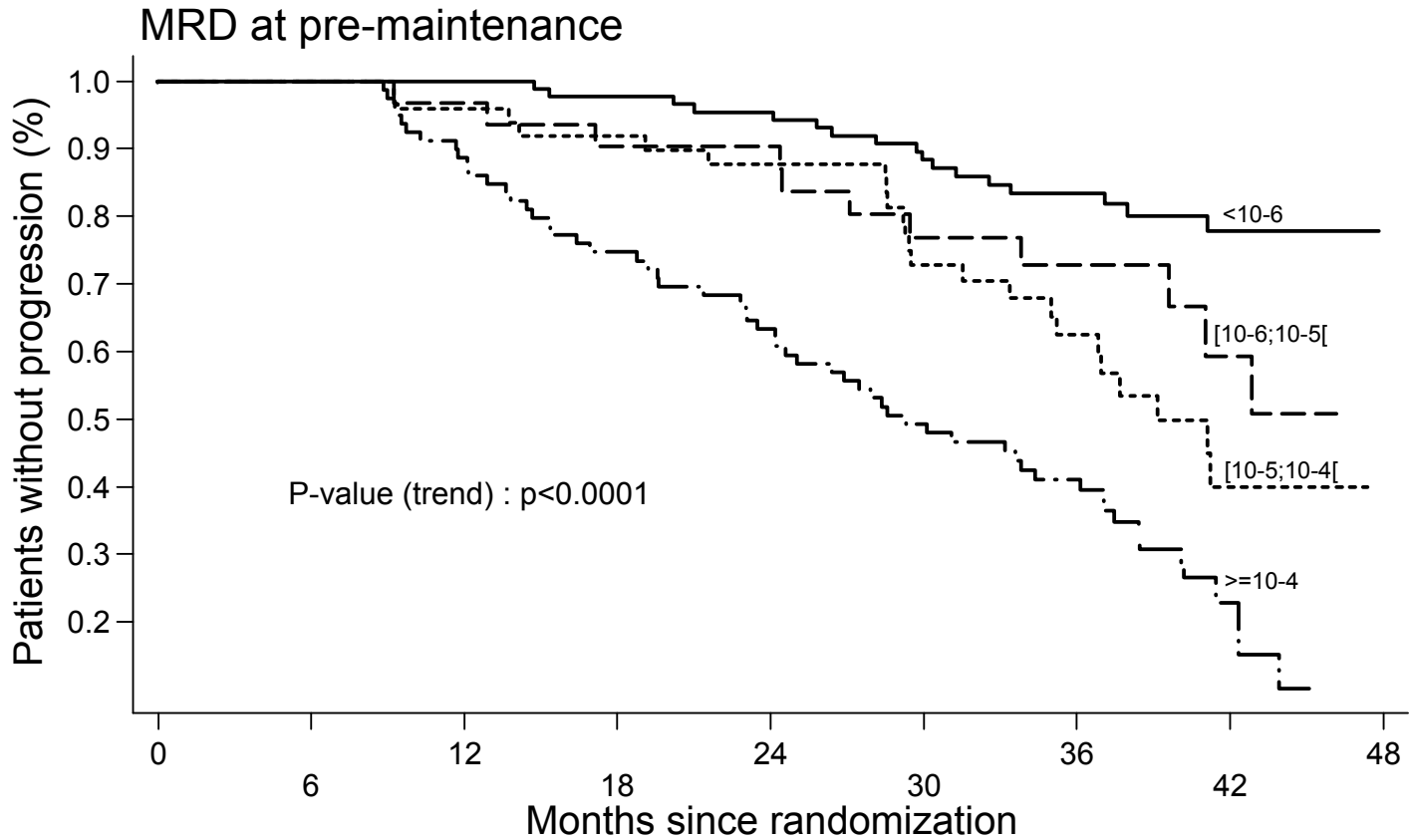
54% Conventional CR

289 patients analyzed by NGS

Applicability of NGS: 92% (8% clone ID failure)

Median follow-up: 44 months

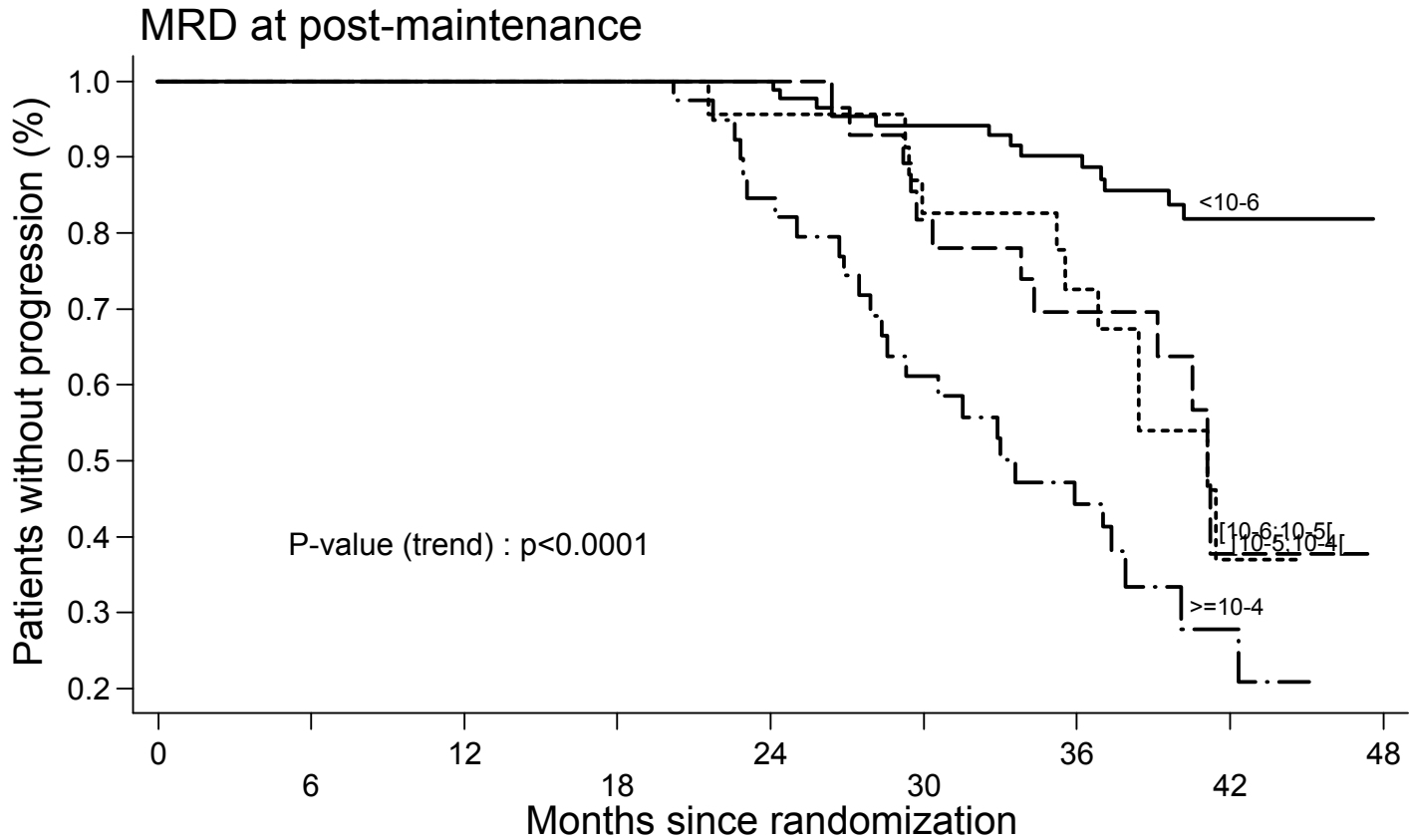
IFM 2009 trial



N at risk
(events)

$<10^{-6}$	87	(0)	87	(0)	87	(2)	85	(2)	83	(6)	74	(4)	54	(3)	31	(0)	8
$[10^{-6};10^{-5}[$	31	(0)	31	(1)	30	(2)	28	(0)	27	(4)	22	(1)	17	(2)	8	(1)	4
$[10^{-5};10^{-4}[$	49	(0)	49	(2)	47	(2)	45	(2)	43	(7)	34	(4)	22	(6)	8	(0)	2
$[10^{-4};10^{-3}[$	79	(0)	79	(9)	70	(11)	59	(9)	50	(11)	38	(6)	28	(9)	6	(3)	0

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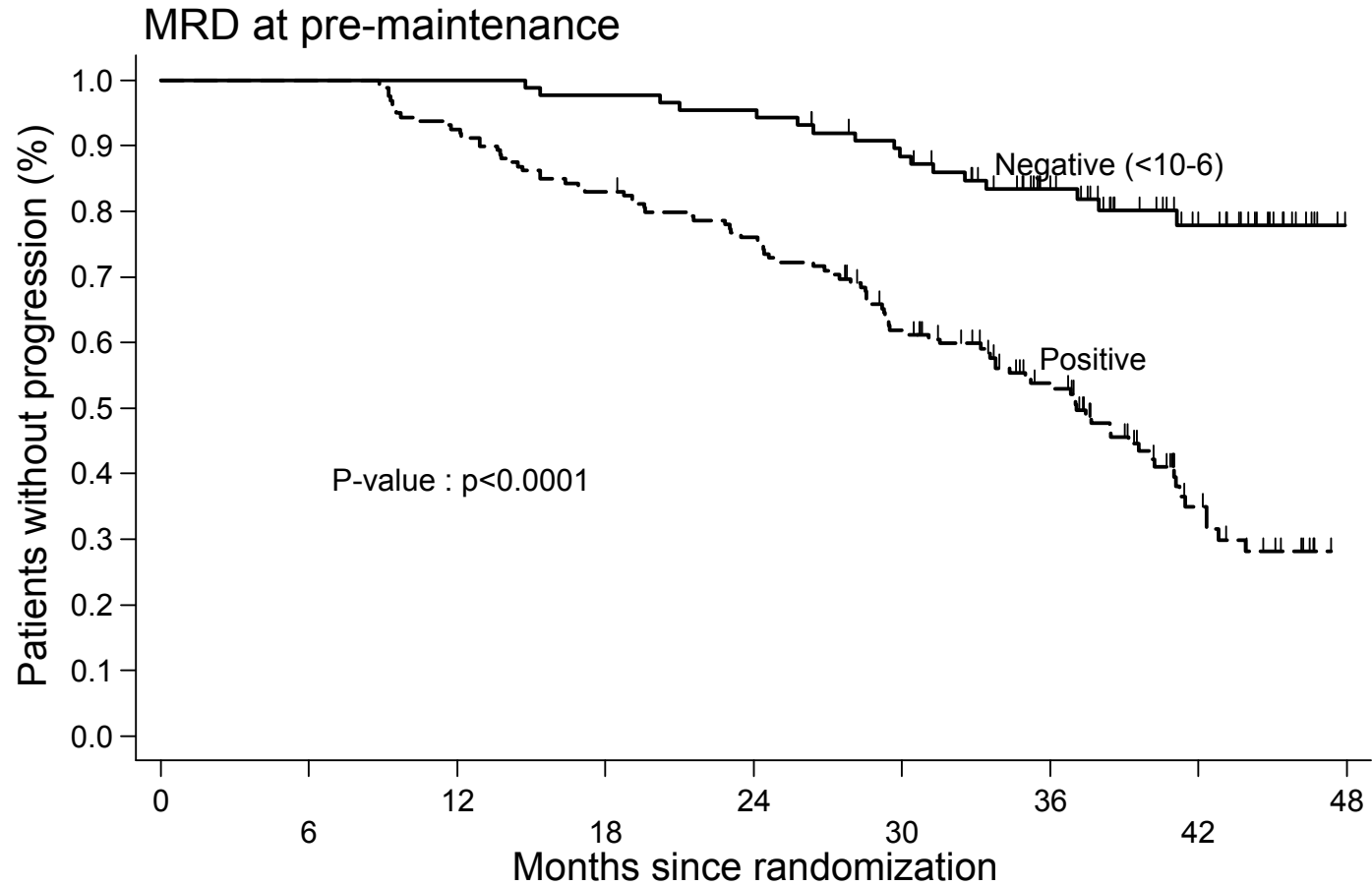


N at risk
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$<10^{-6}$	86	(0)	86	(0)	86	(0)	86	(0)	86	(5)	77	(3)	61	(5)	36	(0)	10
$[10^{-6};10^{-5}[$	29	(0)	29	(0)	29	(0)	29	(0)	28	(5)	22	(3)	16	(4)	4	(1)	1
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$[10^{-4};10^{-3}[$	40	(0)	40	(0)	40	(0)	40	(6)	33	(9)	23	(6)	15	(4)	4	(1)	2

IFM 2009 trial

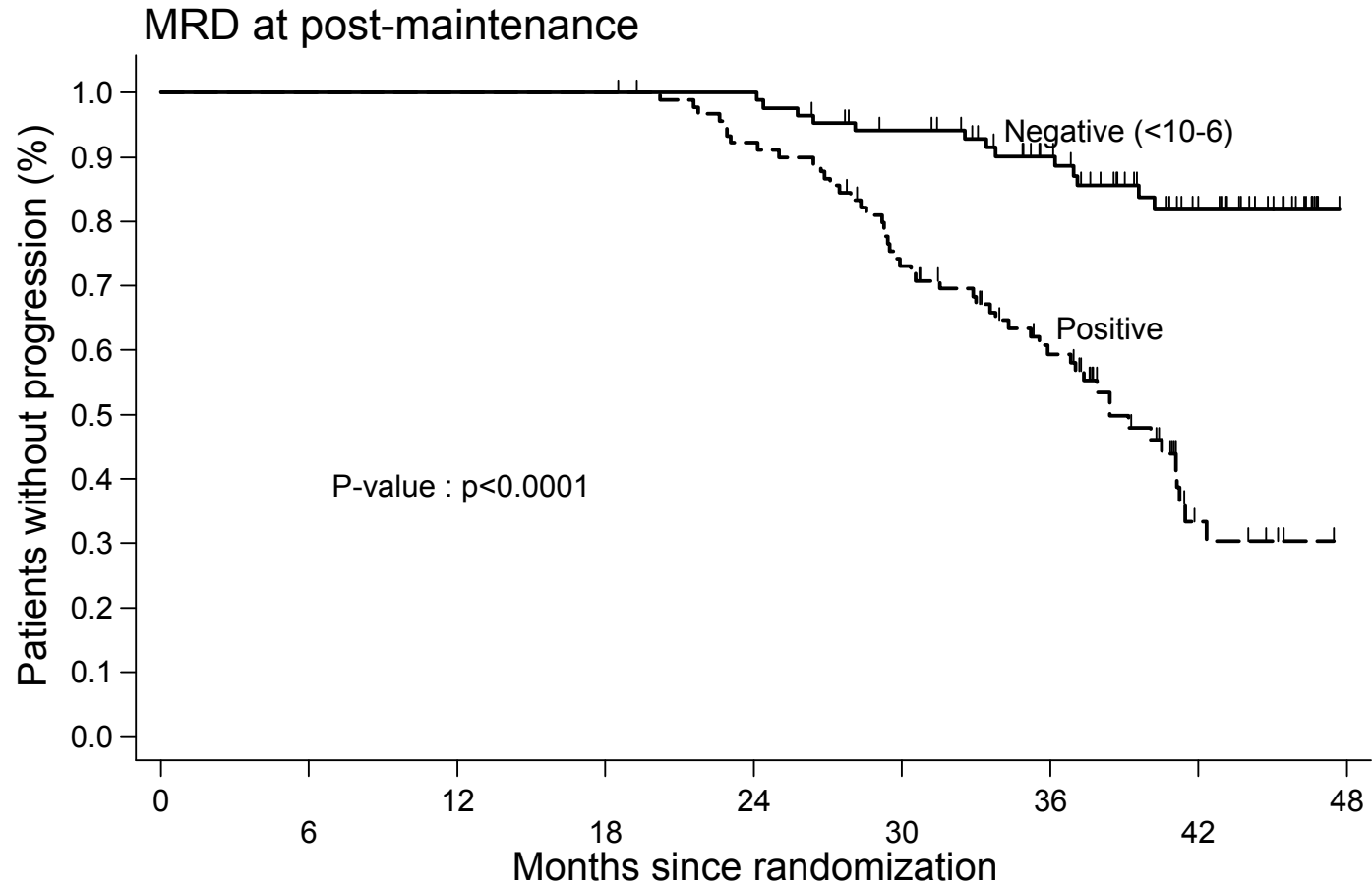
FCM Negative Patients



N at risk																	
(events)																	
MRD neg ($<10^{-6}$)	87	(0)	87	(0)	87	(2)	85	(2)	83	(6)	74	(4)	54	(3)	31	(0)	8
MRD positive	159	(0)	159	(12)	147	(15)	132	(11)	120	(22)	94	(11)	67	(17)	22	(4)	6

IFM 2009 trial

FCM Negative Patients



N at risk (events)	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
MRD neg ($<10^{-6}$)	86 (0)	86 (0)	86 (0)	86 (0)	86 (5)	77 (3)	61 (5)	36 (0)	10
MRD positive	92 (0)	92 (0)	92 (0)	92 (7)	83 (17)	64 (11)	45 (13)	11 (1)	5

MRD by NGS vs MFC

NGS

- Highly sensitive ($> 10^{-6}$)
- Standardized
- Informative in 92% of pts
- Frozen samples

FCM

- Less sensitive (10^{-5})
- Many different panels
- Informative in 100% of pts
- Fresh samples

Conclusions

The highest sensitivity is the most discriminant
→ 10^{-6} is required

NGS is probably the technique of choice

MFC should be used in case of clone ID failure

MRD could (should?) be the main objective of future trials

MRD could identify cured patients

Conclusions

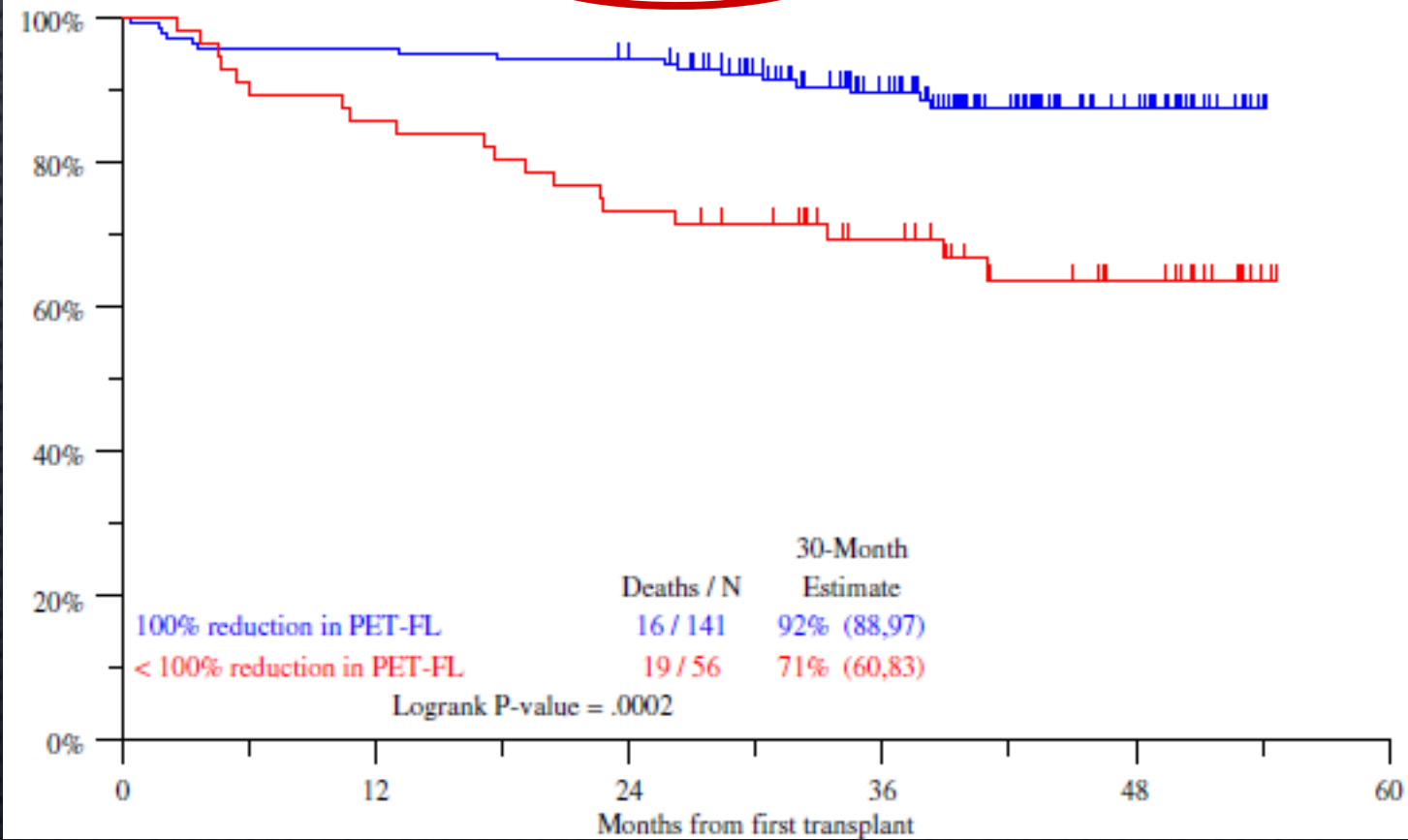
Limitations: MRD evaluates MM in one BM region

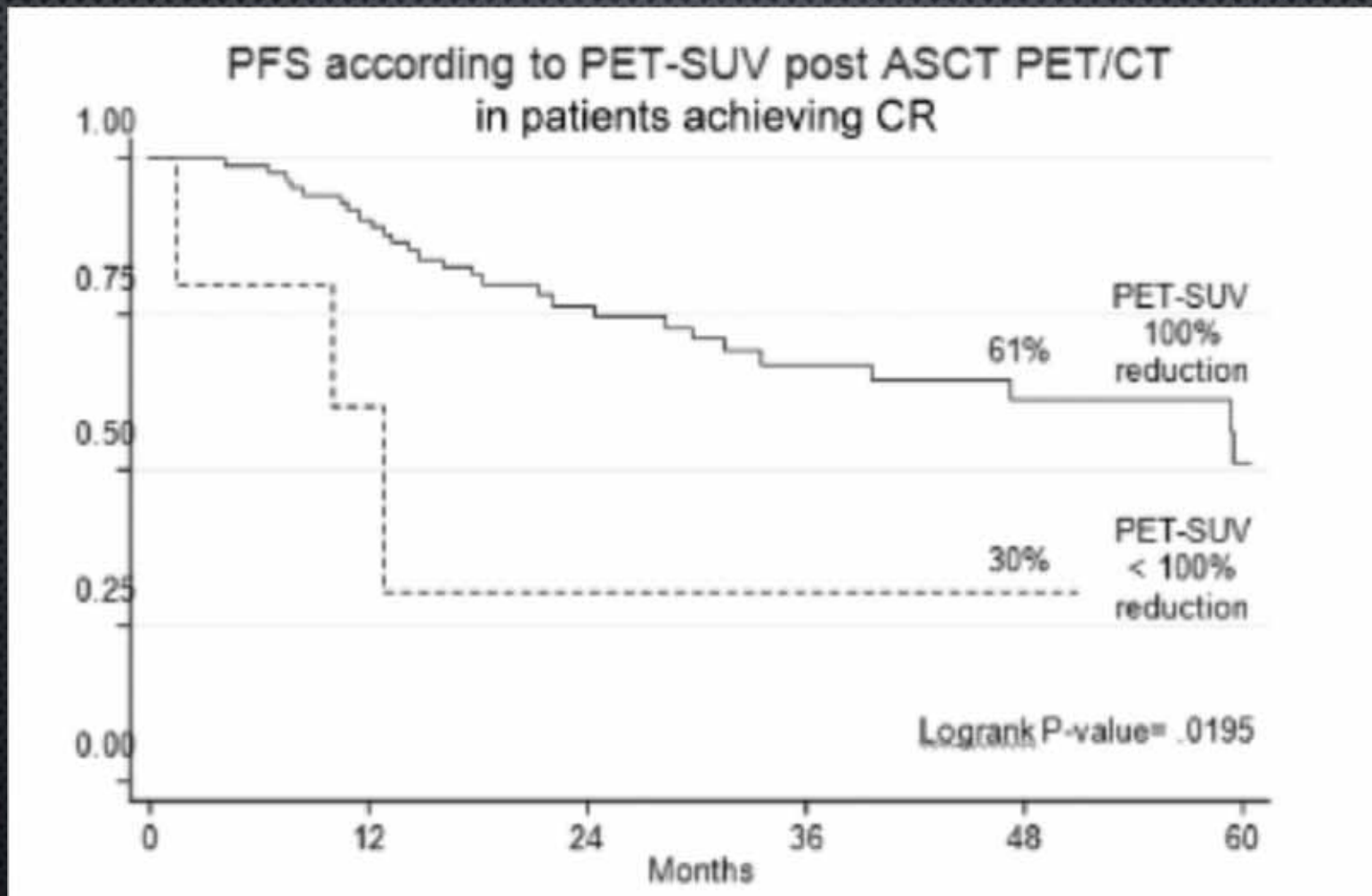
→ What about other regions?

Solutions:

- cfDNA sequencing analyses? → ongoing
- Imaging techniques: PET-TDM+++

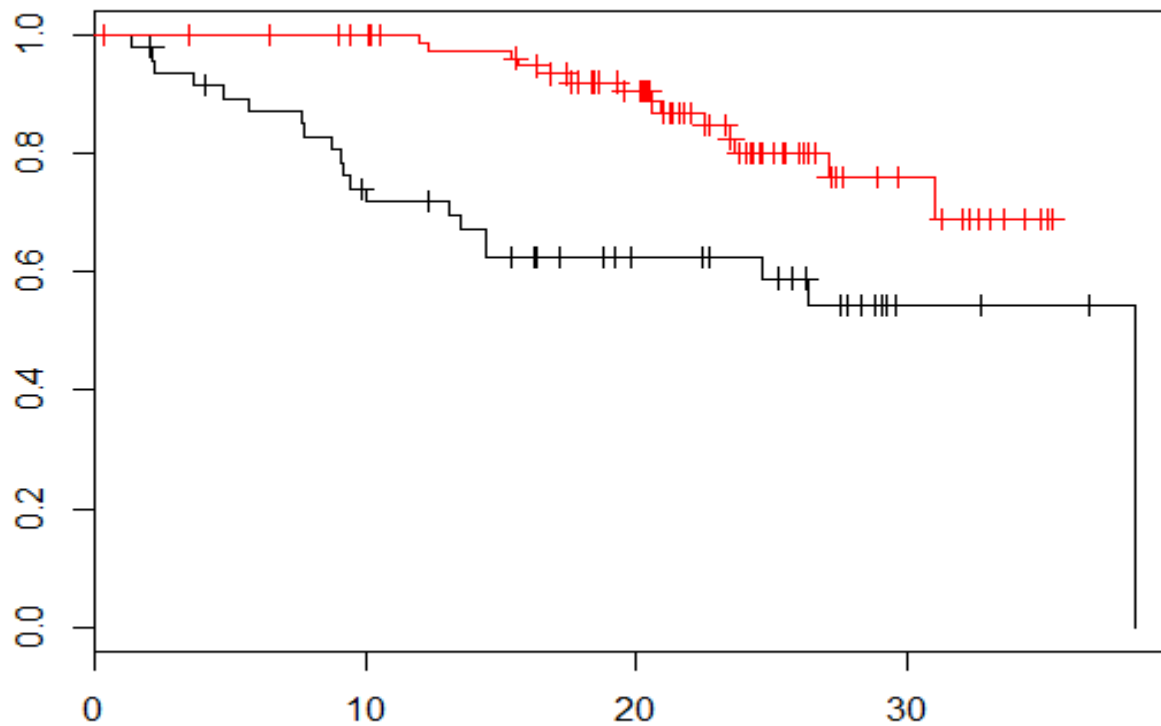
OS by suppression of PET-FL at first transplant





IFM 2009 trial

PET-CT normalisation before maintenance
Impact on PFS (62% normalised)



Conclusions

New concepts in assessment of response in MM

→ IMWG consensus (Kumar S et al., Lancet Oncol, in press)

- MRD in BM with the most sensitive technique
- PET-TDM