

Ciltacabtagene Autoleucler vs Standard of Care in Lenalidomide-Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Phase 3 CARTITUDE-4 Subgroup Analysis by Cytogenetic Risk

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CARTITUDE-4 Study Overview

- The phase 3 CARTITUDE-4 study is evaluating cilta-cel vs SOC in patients with lenalidomide-refractory MM and 1–3 prior LOT^{1,2}
- In the primary analysis:
 - Cilta-cel prolonged PFS ($P < 0.0001$)¹
 - ORRs were higher with cilta-cel vs SOC (85% vs 67%), as were rates of \geq CR (73% vs 22%)¹
 - MRD-negativity rates were higher with cilta-cel vs SOC (61% vs 16%; 10^{-5} threshold)¹
- Based on CARTITUDE-4 results, cilta-cel was recently approved in the US and the EU for patients with lenalidomide-refractory MM who have received ≥ 1 prior LOT^{3,4}
- High-risk cytogenetic abnormalities in patients with lenalidomide-refractory MM negatively impact prognosis in real-world datasets (real-world PFS HR, 1.39 [95% CI, 1.20–1.61] vs standard risk)⁵
 - However, some treatments may partially overcome the adverse effects of high-risk cytogenetics⁶
- We report the efficacy of cilta-cel compared with SOC in CARTITUDE-4 patients with high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities, including t(4;14), del(17p), t(14;16), and gain/amp(1q)

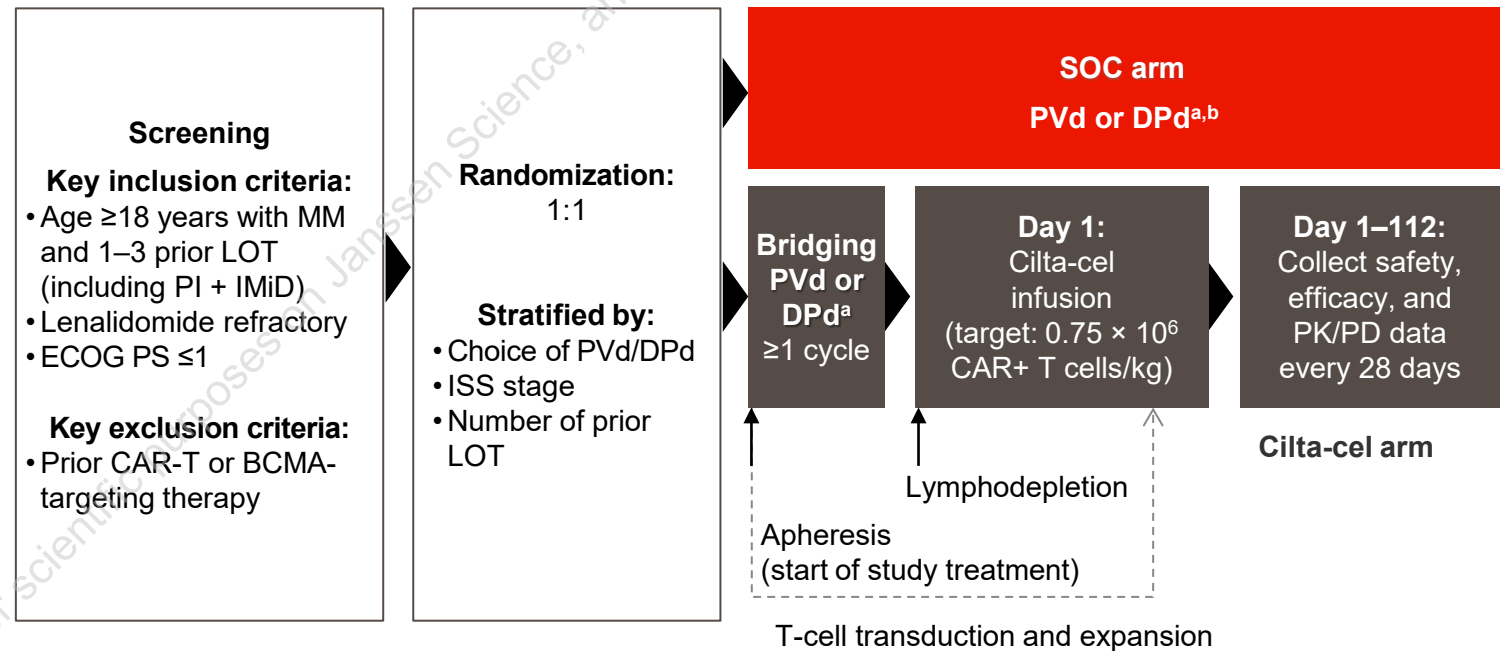
Cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; CR, complete response; EU, European Union; HR, hazard ratio; LOT, lines of therapy; MM, multiple myeloma; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; SOC, standard of care; US, United States. 1. San-Miguel J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2023;389:335-47. 2. ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT04181827. 3. CARVYKTI® (ciltacabtagene autoleucel). Prescribing information. Horsham, PA, and Somerset, NJ: Janssen Biotech, Inc., and Legend Biotech; 2022. 4. CARVYKTI® (ciltacabtagene autoleucel). Summary of product characteristics. Horsham, PA, and Somerset, NJ: Janssen Biotech, Inc., and Legend Biotech; 2023. 5. Dhakal B, et al. Manuscript submitted for publication. 2024. 6. Sonneveld P, et al. *Blood* 2016;127:2955-62.



CARTITUDE-4: Methods

- CARTITUDE-4 is a randomized, open-label trial
- Patients with high-risk cytogenetics had ≥ 1 of the following cytogenetic abnormalities at baseline determined by fluorescence in situ hybridization: t(4;14), del(17p), t(14;16), or gain/amp(1q)
- Due to low patient numbers, data for patients with t(14;16) are not shown as a separate subgroup but are included in the high-risk group

CARTITUDE-4 study design



^aPhysicians' choice. ^bAdministered until disease progression.

BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; DPd, daratumumab, pomalidomide, and dexamethasone; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; ISS, International Staging System; LOT, line of therapy; MM, multiple myeloma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PK, pharmacokinetics; PVd, daratumumab, bortezomib, and dexamethasone; SOC, standard of care.



CARTITUDE-4: Patients with High-Risk Cytogenetics

- At data cut-off on November 1, 2022, the median follow-up was 15.9 (range, 0.1–27.3) months
- Of 419 randomized patients, 394 were evaluable, 255 had high-risk cytogenetics, and 139 had standard-risk cytogenetics
- Baseline characteristics were similar in patients with high-risk cytogenetics in the cilta-cel vs SOC arms

Characteristic	High risk	
	Cilta-cel (n=123)	SOC (n=132)
Age, median (range), years	62 (40–78)	62 (35–80)
Male	65 (52.8)	71 (53.8)
Cytogenetic high-risk abnormality		
gain/amp(1q)	89 (72.4)	107 (81.1)
del(17p)	49 (39.8)	43 (32.6)
t(4;14)	30 (24.4)	30 (22.7)
t(14;16)	3 (2.4)	7 (5.3)
≥2 high-risk abnormalities	43 (35.0)	49 (37.1)
del(17p), t(14;16), or t(4;14)	73 (59.3)	69 (52.3)
ISS stage		
I	77 (62.6)	79 (59.8)
II	38 (30.9)	46 (34.8)
III	8 (6.5)	7 (5.3)
Soft tissue plasmacytomas	27 (22.0)	20 (15.2)
Years since diagnosis, median (range)	3.2 (0.5–12.1)	3.4 (0.5–13.2)
Prior LOT, median (range)		
1	39 (31.7)	45 (34.1)
2–3	84 (68.3)	87 (65.9)
Previous ASCT	104 (84.6)	120 (90.9)
Triple-class exposed ^a	33 (26.8)	34 (25.8)
Refractory status		
Daratumumab	29 (23.6)	27 (20.5)
Triple-class ^a	17 (13.8)	20 (15.2)
To last LOT	121 (98.4)	130 (98.5)
Bridging therapy		
DPd	106 (86.2)	116 (87.9)
PVd	17 (13.8)	16 (12.1)

All data are n (%) unless otherwise specified.

^aIncludes ≥1 PI, ≥1 IMiD, and 1 anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; DPd, daratumumab, pomalidomide, and dexamethasone; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; ISS, International Staging System; LOT, line of therapy; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PVd, daratumumab, bortezomib, and dexamethasone; SOC, standard of care.



Efficacy Outcomes by Cytogenetic Risk

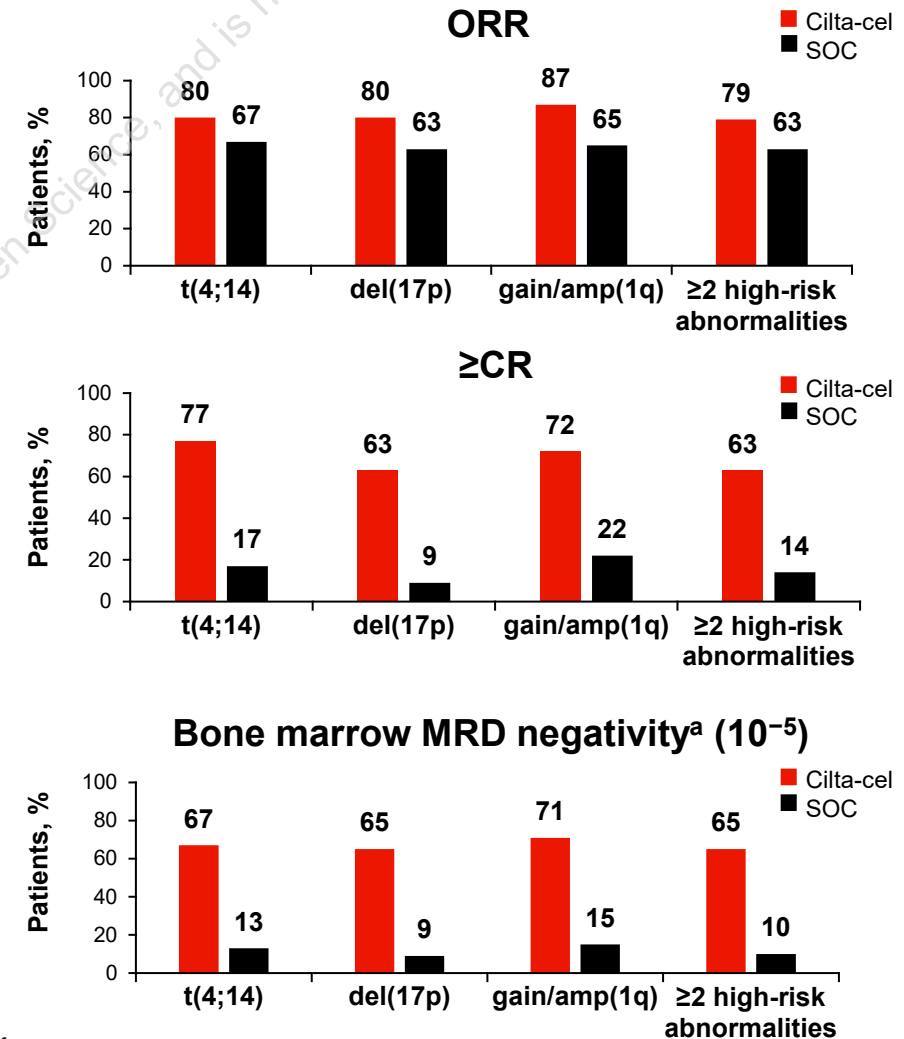
- Overall, high-risk cytogenetics were not associated with poorer outcomes with cilta-cel; by contrast, efficacy in the SOC arm was lower in patients with high-risk cytogenetics than in those with standard-risk cytogenetics

Endpoint	Cilta-cel		SOC	
	Standard risk (n=69)	High risk (n=123)	Standard risk (n=70)	High risk (n=132)
ORR, n (%)	59 (85.5)	105 (85.4)	50 (71.4)	87 (65.9)
≥CR, n (%)	51 (73.9)	90 (73.2)	18 (25.7)	26 (19.7)
MRD negativity (10 ⁻⁵), n (%)	34 (49.3)	86 (69.9)	13 (18.6)	19 (14.4)
PFS, median (95% CI), mo	NE (NE–NE)	NE (18.4–NE)	20.6 (11.2–NE)	10.3 (7.6–12.5)



Treatment Response by Cytogenetic Risk Abnormality

- The ORR was higher, and the rates of \geq CR and bone marrow MRD negativity were substantially higher, with cilta-cel than with SOC for each abnormality



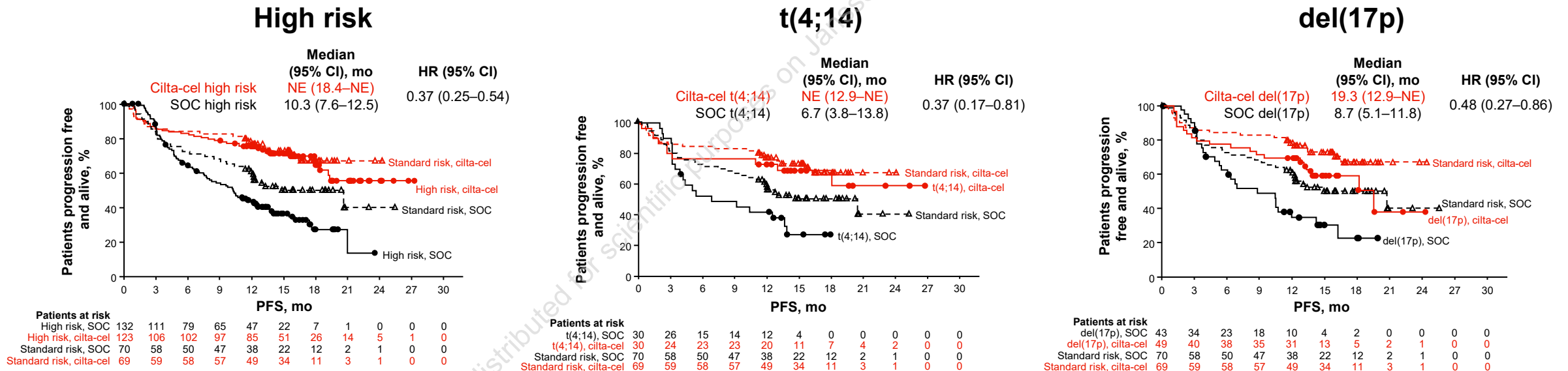
^aMRD was assessed centrally by next-generation sequencing.

cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucl; CR, complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; SOC, standard of care.



PFS by Cytogenetic Risk Abnormality

- Cilta-cel lessens the impact of high-risk cytogenetics on PFS and also improved PFS vs SOC
 - In patients with gain/amp(1q), the median PFS was NE with cilta-cel (95% CI, 18.4–NE) vs 10.3 (95% CI, 7.5–14.0) months with SOC (HR, 0.37 [95% CI, 0.24–0.59])



Conclusions

- Cilta-cel demonstrated favorable efficacy outcomes—including higher ORRs, higher rates of \geq CR and MRD negativity, and improved PFS—vs SOC in patients with high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities and standard-risk cytogenetics
- The efficacy of cilta-cel vs SOC in CARTITUDE-4 supports cilta-cel as a potential new SOC in lenalidomide-refractory MM as early as first relapse, including in patients with high-risk cytogenetics

Cilta-cel demonstrated consistent and robust efficacy regardless of cytogenetic risk status



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