

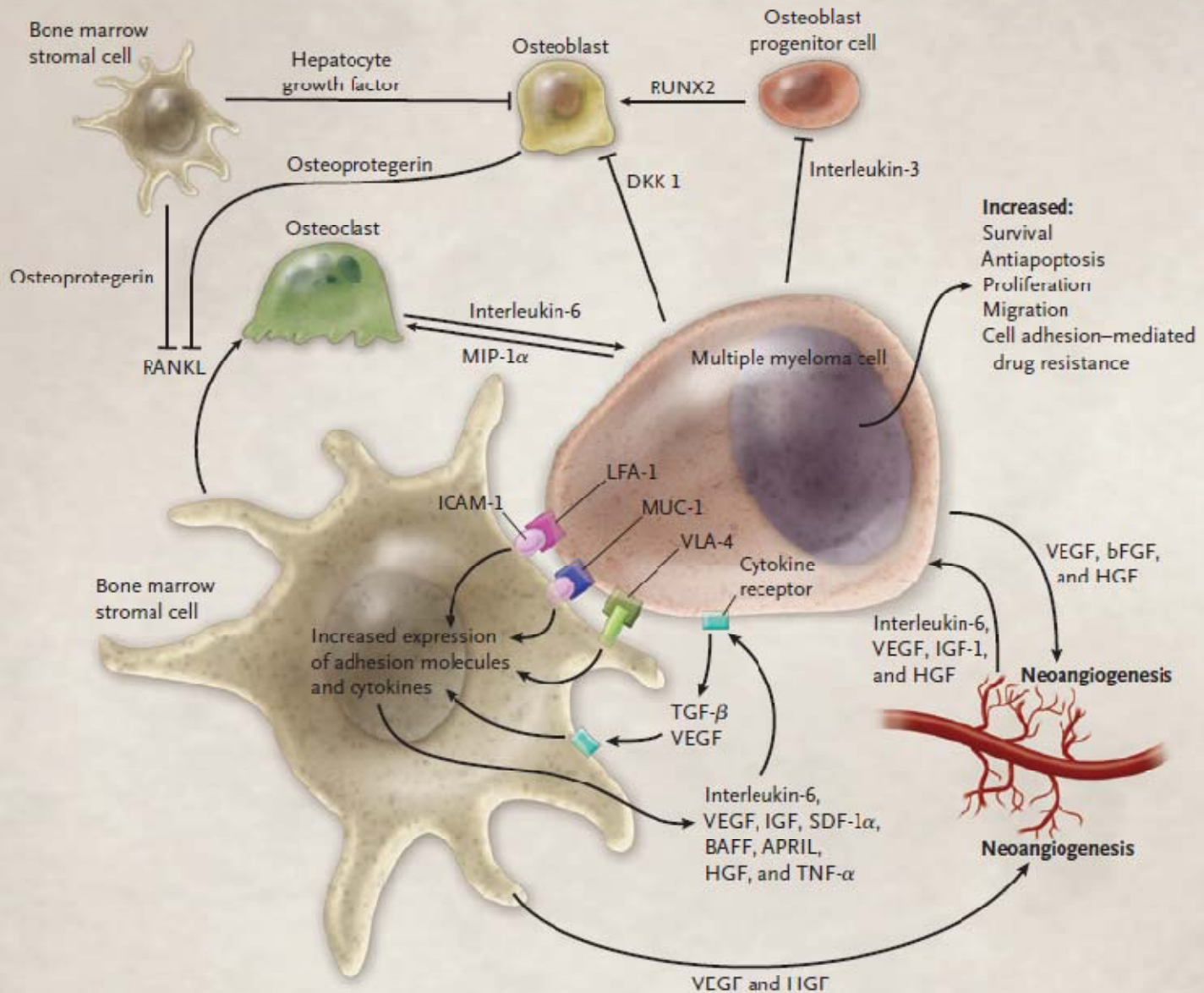
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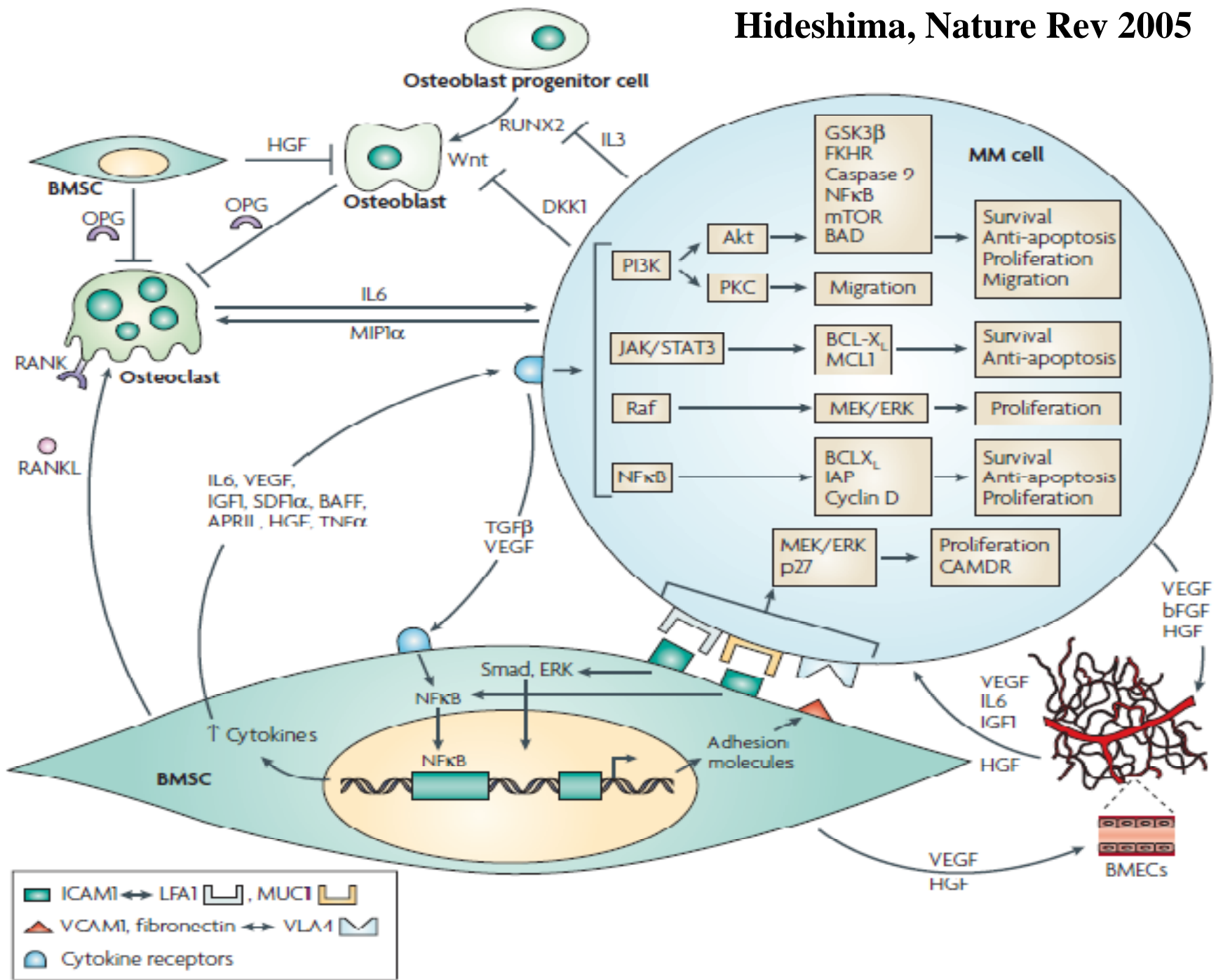
**Nouveaux agents dans le
myélome, mode d'action**

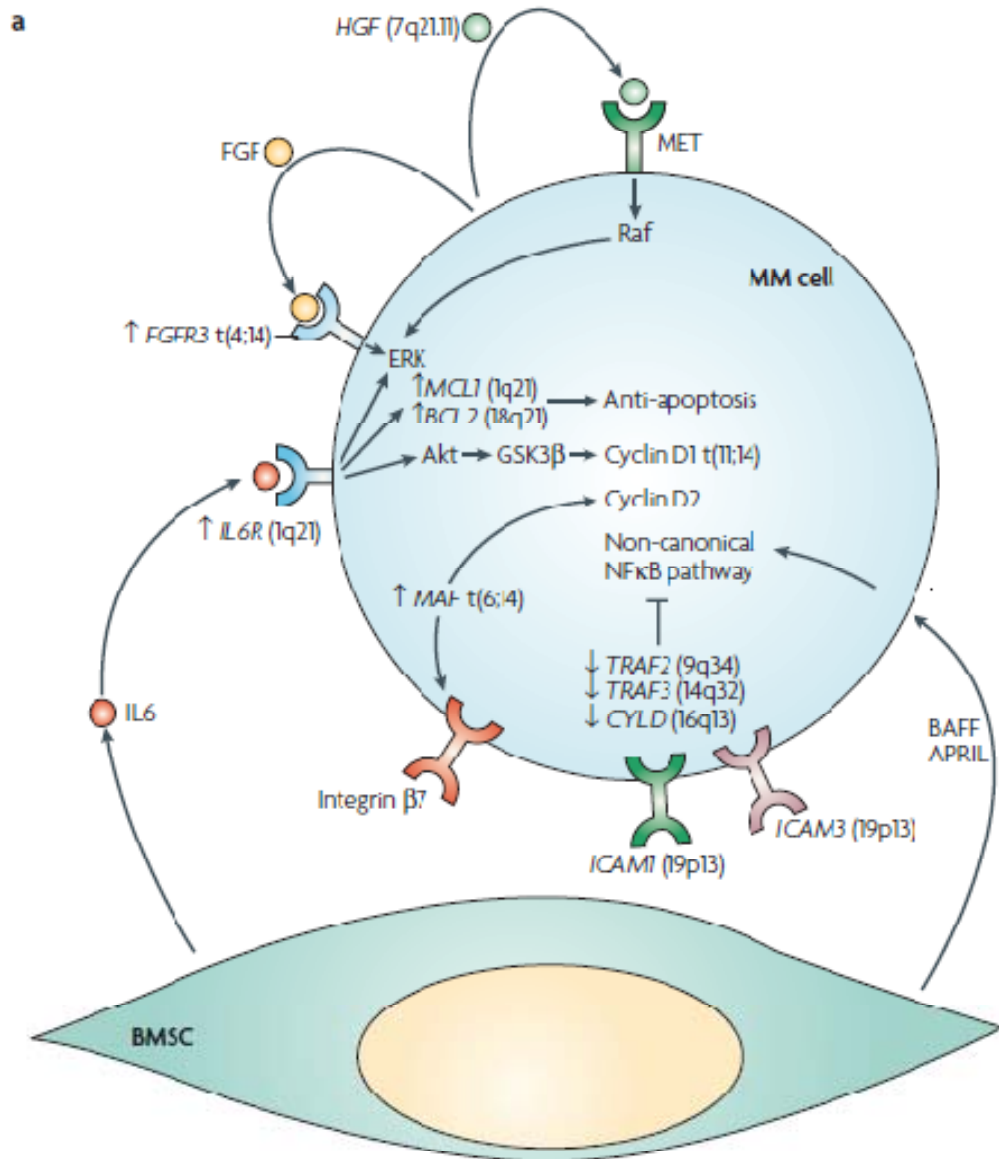
Pr Philippe Moreau

Harousseau JL, Moreau P – New Engl J Med 2009

B Interactions between plasma cells and the bone marrow microenvironment







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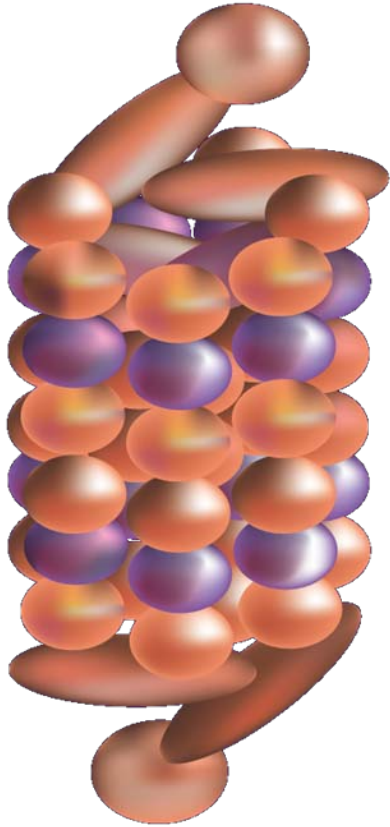
Transcriptional changes triggered in multiple myeloma cells by their interaction with the bone marrow milieu

- Proliferation, ↓apoptosis: ↑IL6, HGF, IGF1, MCL1, HSPs
- Angiogenesis: ↑IL8, VEGF
- Bone resorption: ↑IL6, VEGF, IL1β
- Adhesion: ↑Integrins, other CAMs, ECM proteins



Dipeptidyl boronic acid ; bortezomib ; PS341

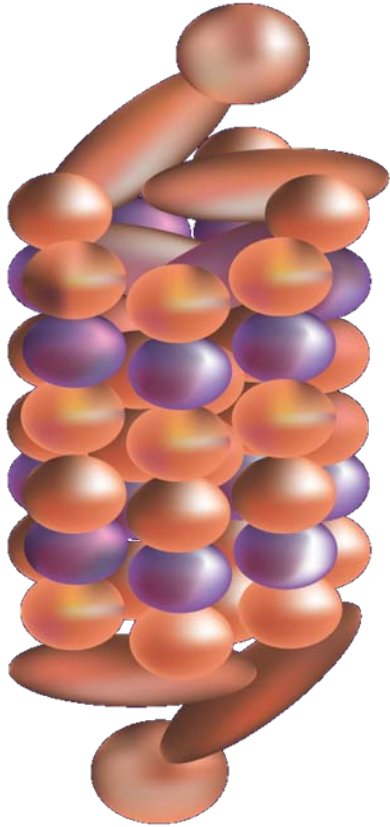
Protéasome



- Complexe enzymatique catalytique
- Dans le noyau et le cytoplasme de toutes les cellules eucaryotes
- Initialement : recyclage de protéines endommagées
- Rôle majeur dans le cycle cellulaire et survie
- Rôle principal : dégradation protéique

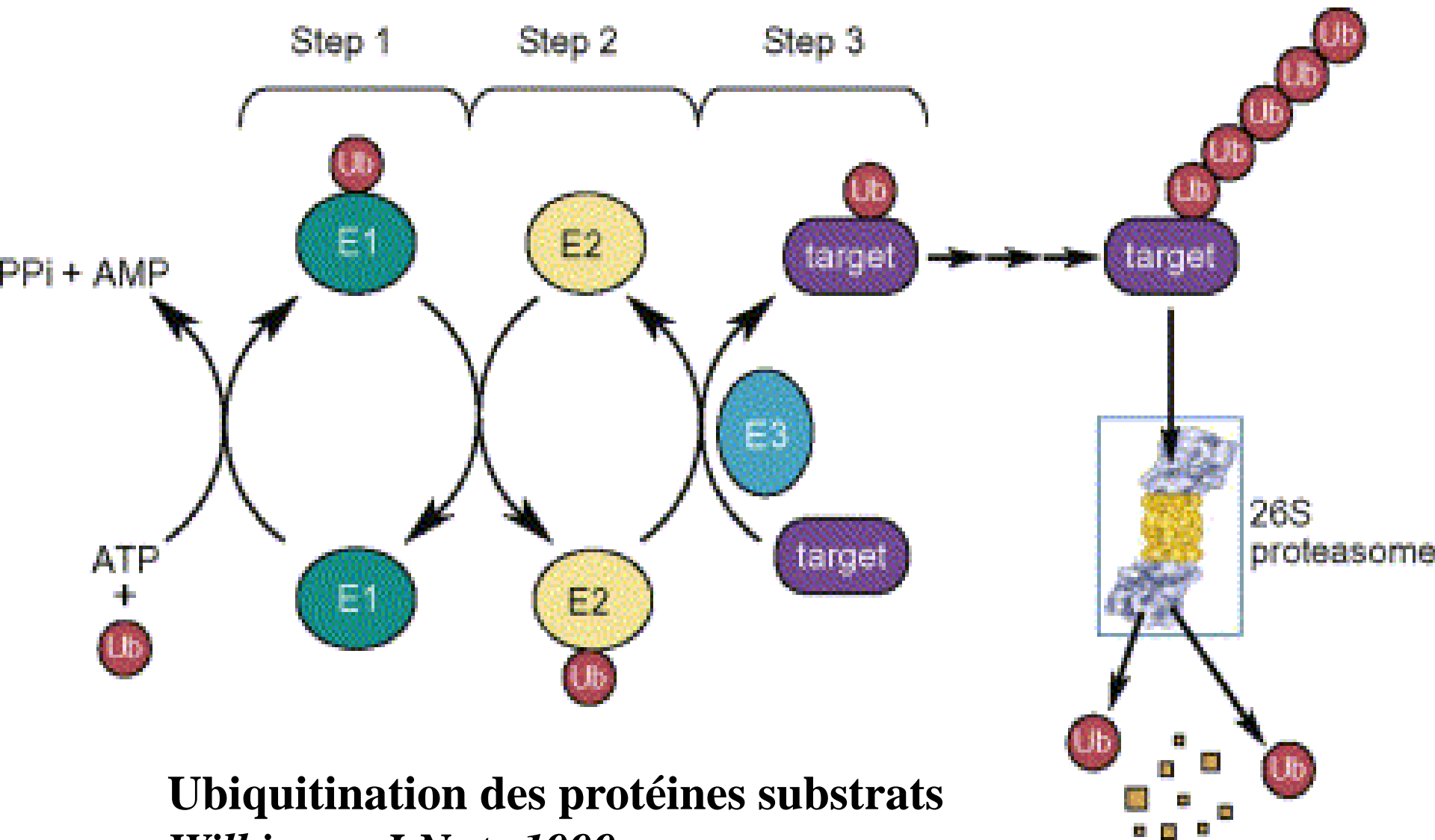
Rivett Arch Biochem Bioph 1989; Tanaka FEBS Lett 1988 ; Matthews PNAS 1989; Arrigo Nature 1989; Kisseley Chem Biol 2001

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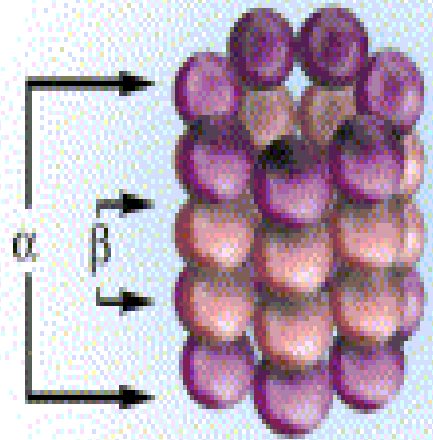
- **Substrats : molécule signaling, régulateurs cycle cellulaire, facteurs transcription, protéines anti-apoptotiques...**
- **Dégradation interrompue : intérêt potentiel contre cellules cancéreuses**

Kumatori PNAS 1990. Abnormally high expression of proteasomes in human leukemic cells



Ubiquitination des protéines substrats
Wilkinson J Nutr 1999

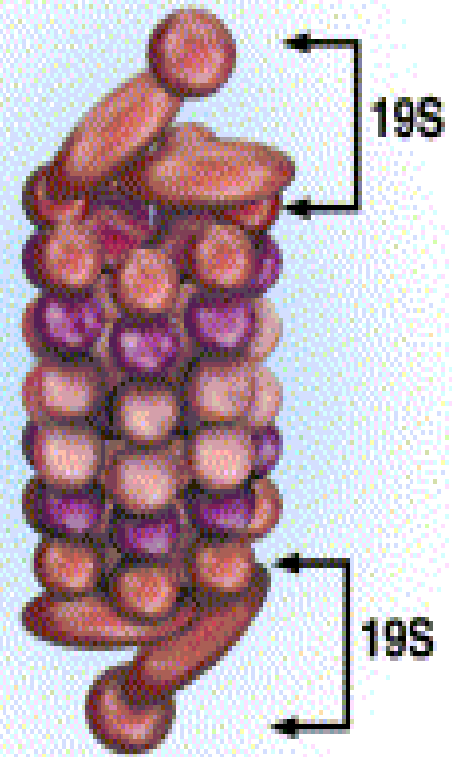
20S PROTEASOME



19S Regulatory Complex
+ ATP



26S PROTEASOME

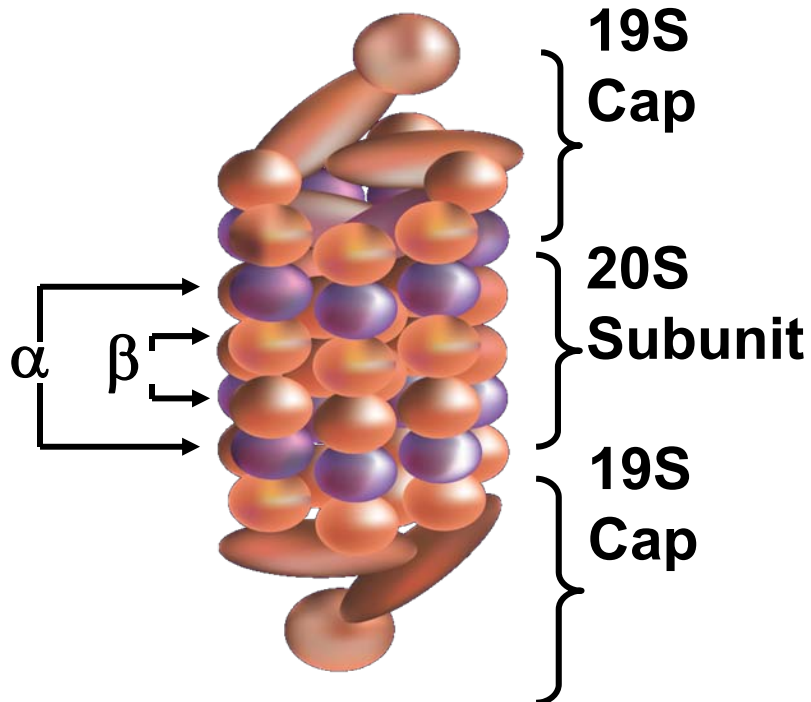


- 700 kDa
- Broad substrate specificity

- 2,000 kDa

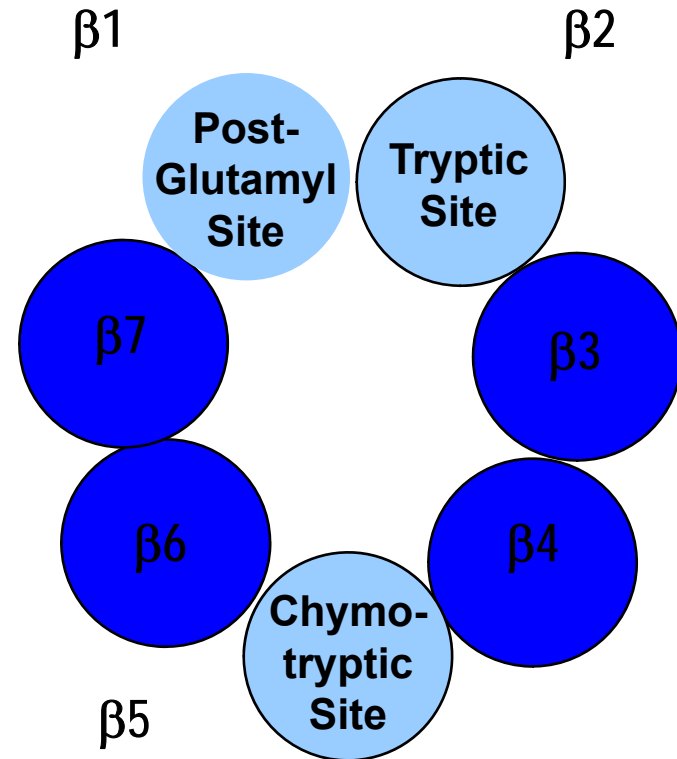
Structure du protéasome

26S Protéasome



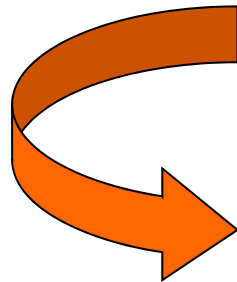
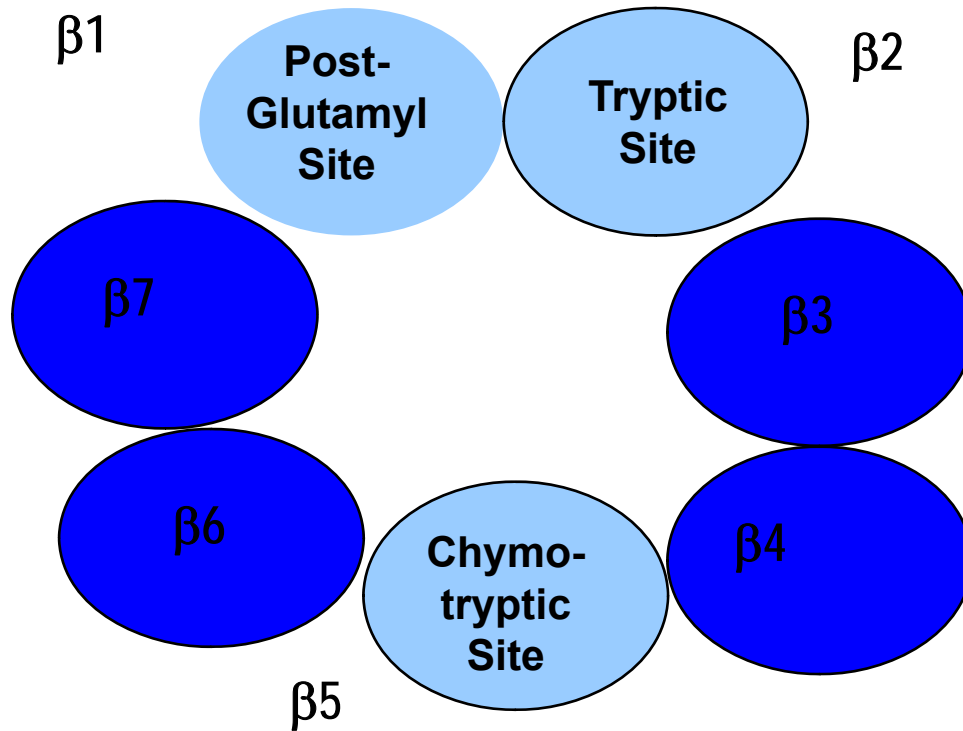
- Dégrade protéines ubiquitinées
- Protéolyse ATP-dépendante

Coupe anneau β



1. *J Bio Chem.* 1999; 274(32): 22123-22126. 2. *Science.* 1995; 268(5210) 579-582. 3. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 1998; 8(4): 333-338.

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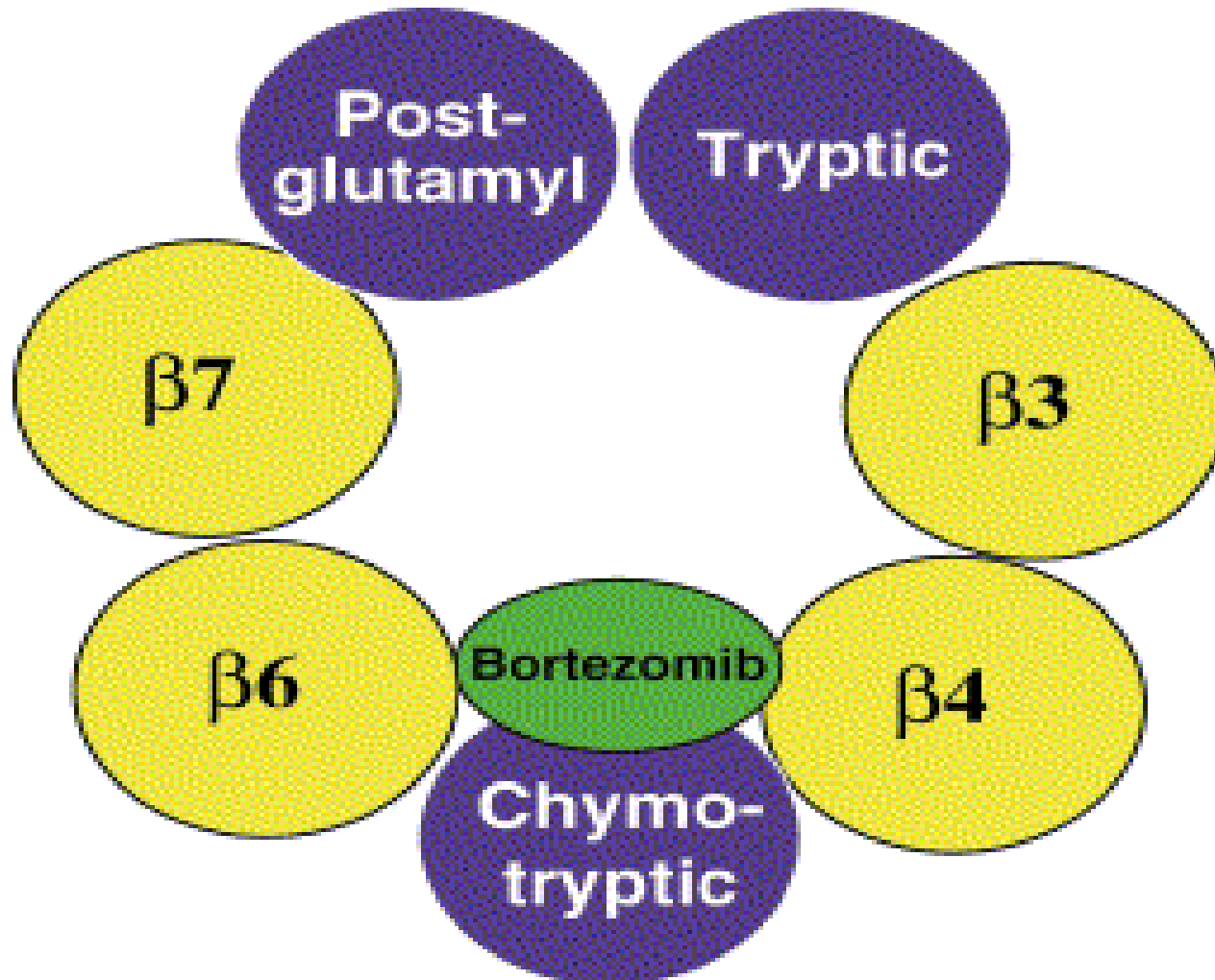
**Dégradation peptides 3 – 25 AA
Thréonine-protéase**

Inhibiteurs du protéasome

- **Fixation +/- réversible avec 20S**
- **MG132;PSI; lactacystin; NLVS; epoxomicin**

Pb stabilité, fixation irréversible

→ peptide boronic acids



Bortezomib, fixation sélective, réversible, bloque site activité chymotrypsique, dissociation lente, petit poids moléculaire, synthèse facile

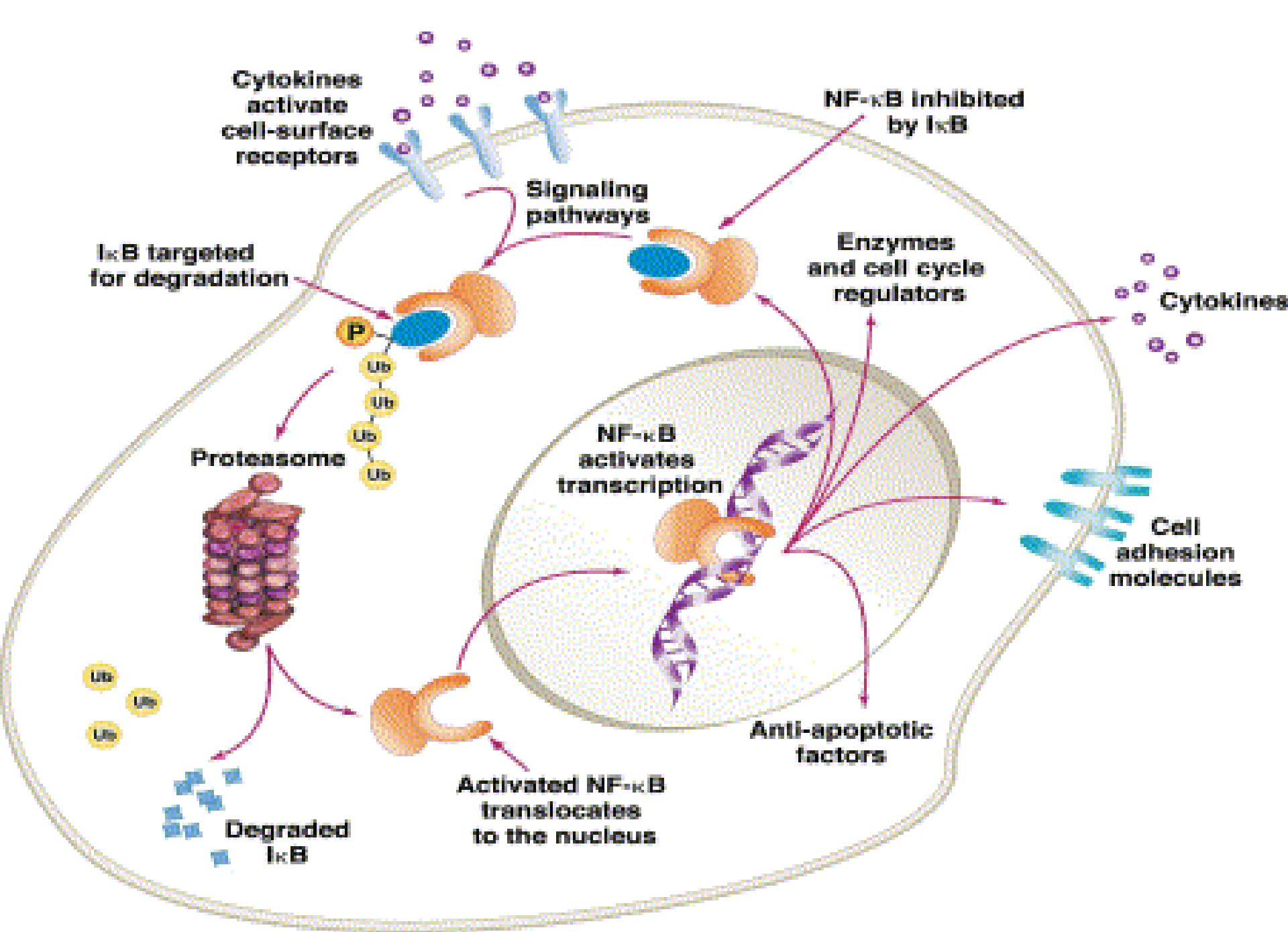
Effet de l'inhibition du protéasome sur la stabilité de différentes protéines régulatrices du cycle cellulaire bien établi :

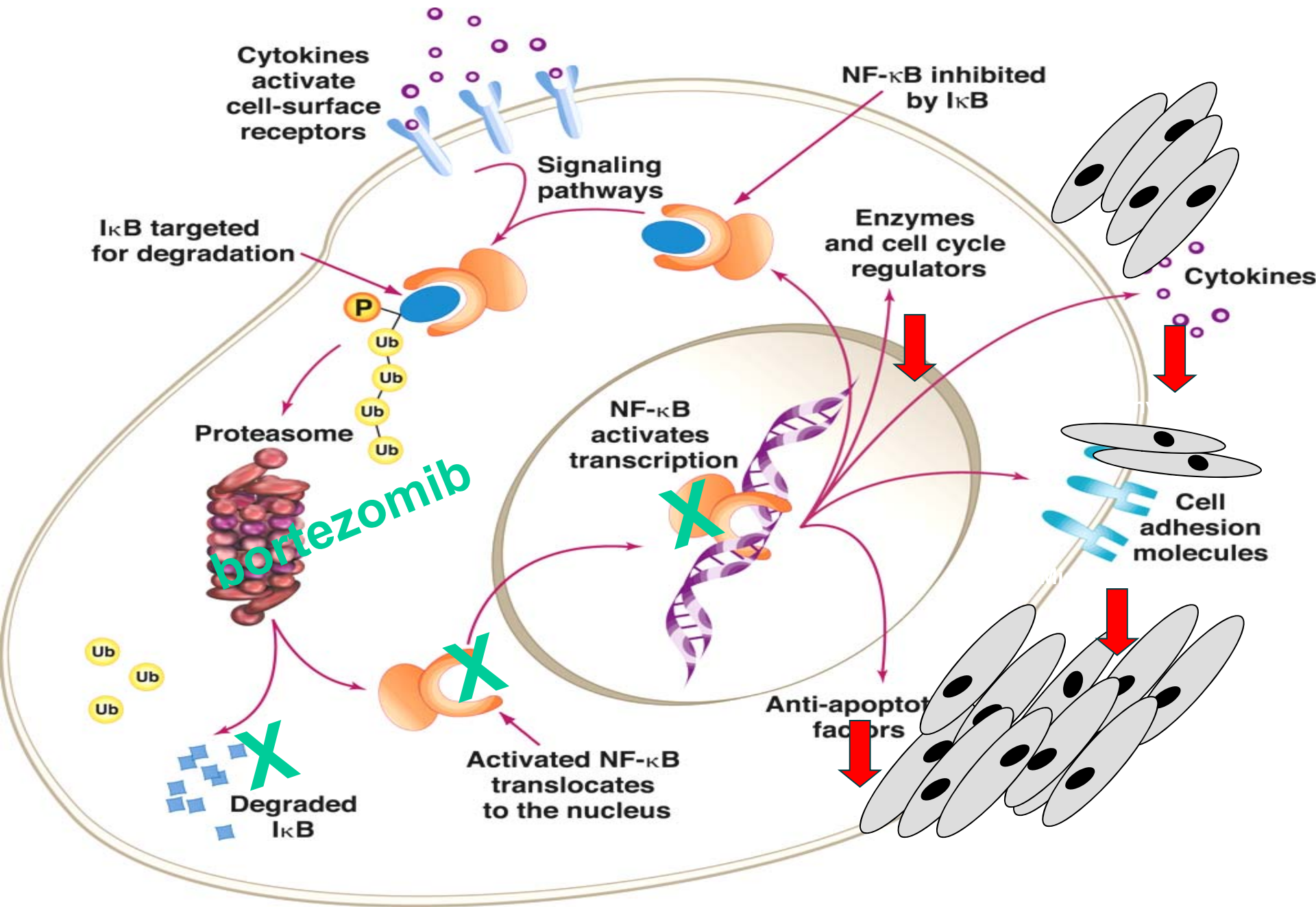
- cyclines**
- CDKI : p21, p27**
- suppresseur tumeur : p53**
- NF-KB**

Hideshima Cancer Res 2001; Adams Cancer Res 1999

p53

- **Facteur de transcription, régulateur du cycle cellulaire**
- **Empêche les cellules dont ADN endommagé de se diviser**
- **Dégradation dépendante d'une enzyme Mdm2, E3 ubiquitine-ligase → surexprimée dans certains cancers**





NFKB

**- Activation constitutive dans certains cancers
(Wang *Science* 1998, Kordes *Leukemia* 2000)**

**- Promotion de survie tumorale
(Jeremias *Blood* 1998)**

**- Diminution de la chimiosensibilité et sensibilité
à la radiothérapie
(Wang *Mol Cell Biol* 1999, Um *Oncogene* 2001, Russo *Int
J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2001)**

**Programme NCI sur 60 lignées tumorales
Adams Cancer Res 1999;59:2615**

- myélome**
- pancréas**
- prostate**
- tête & cou**
- .../...**

Le mécanisme d'action n'est pas univoque

Mitsiades et al

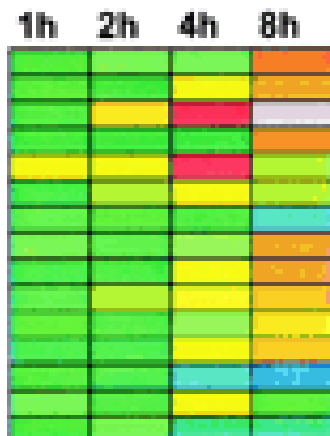
PNAS 2002;99:14374-14379

**Molecular sequelae of proteasome inhibition in
human multiple myeloma cells**

Lignée MM.1S + PS341 (100 nM de 0 à 8 h)

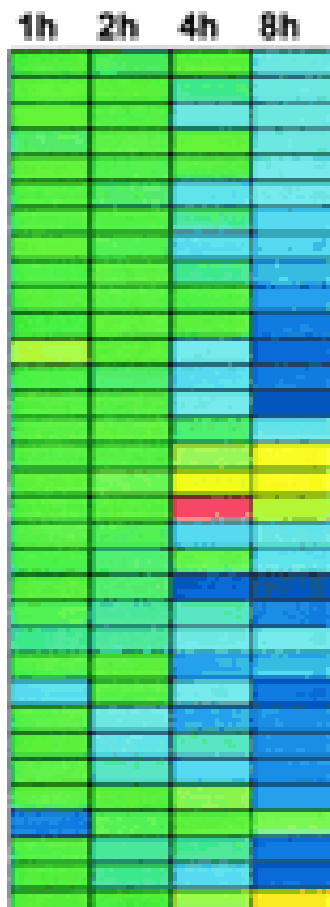
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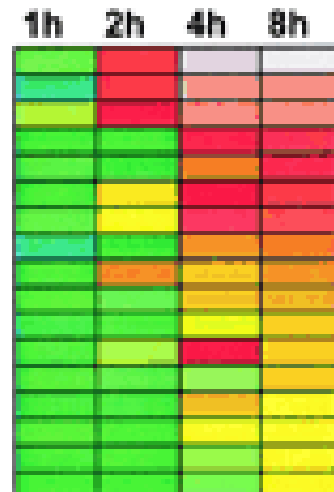
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 syndecan 1
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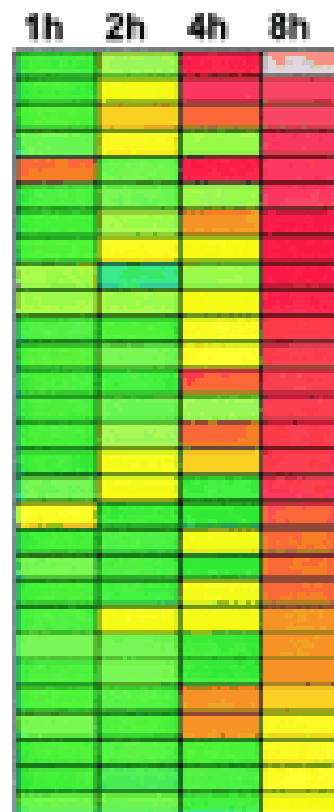
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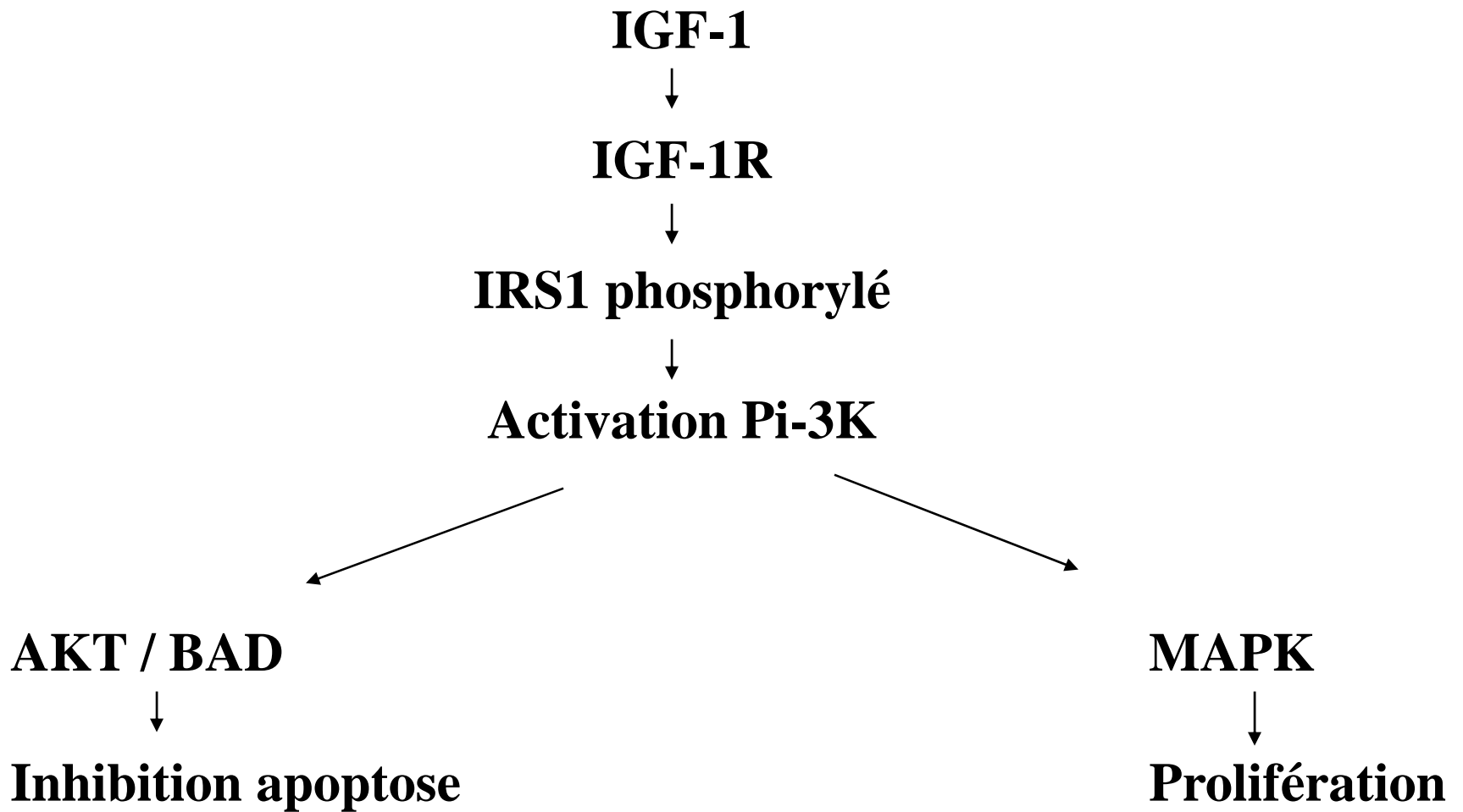
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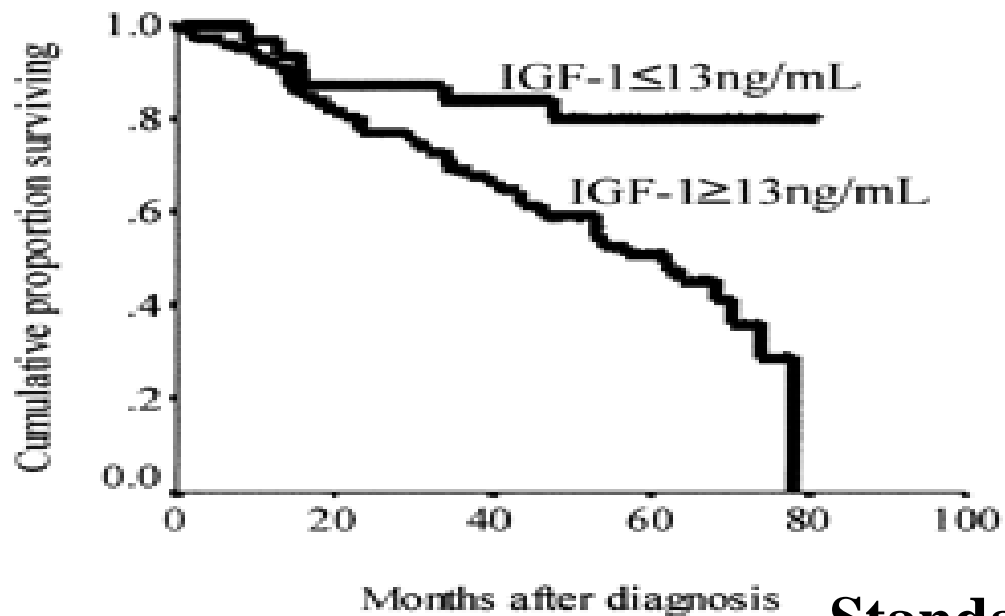
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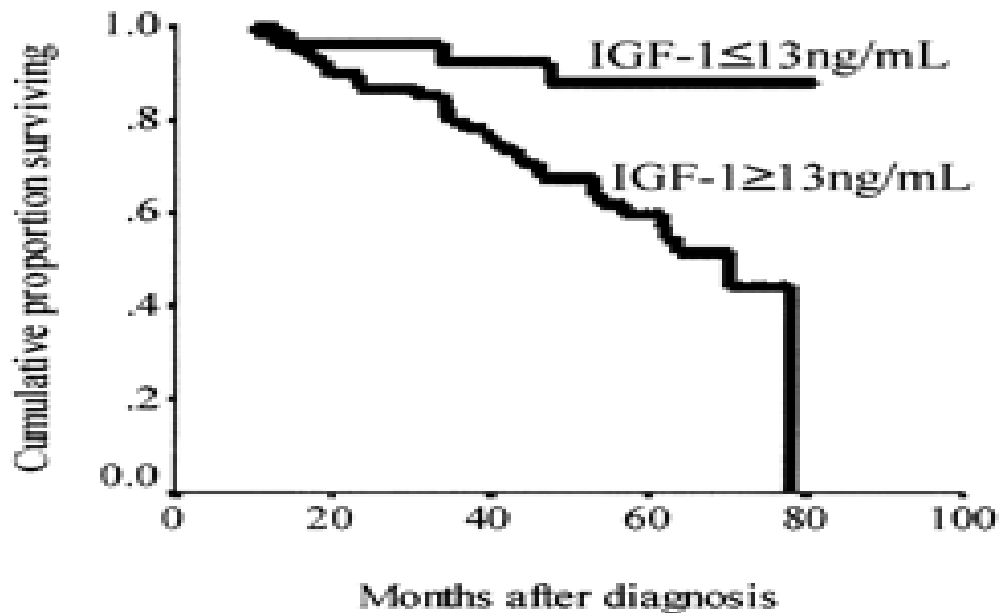
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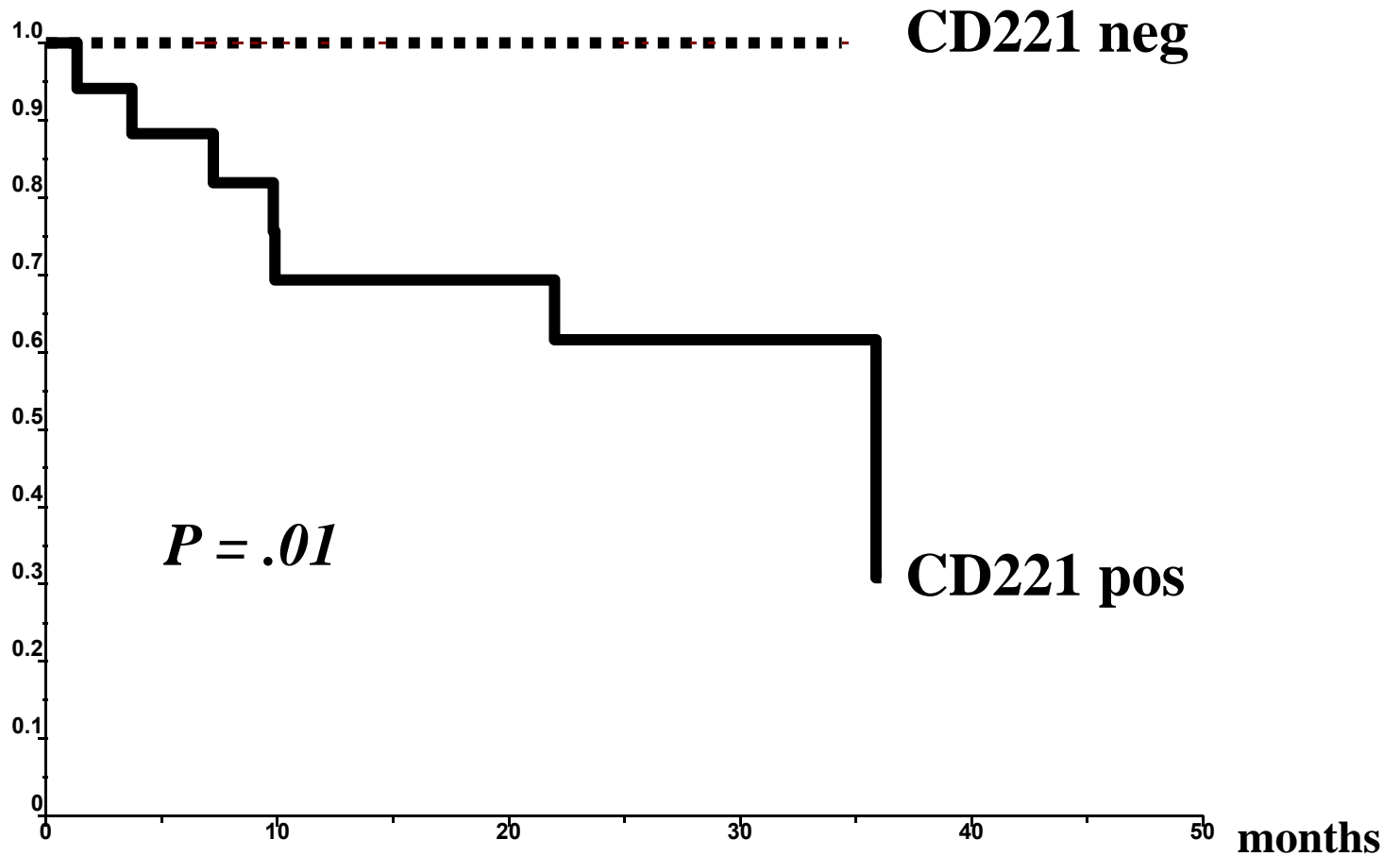




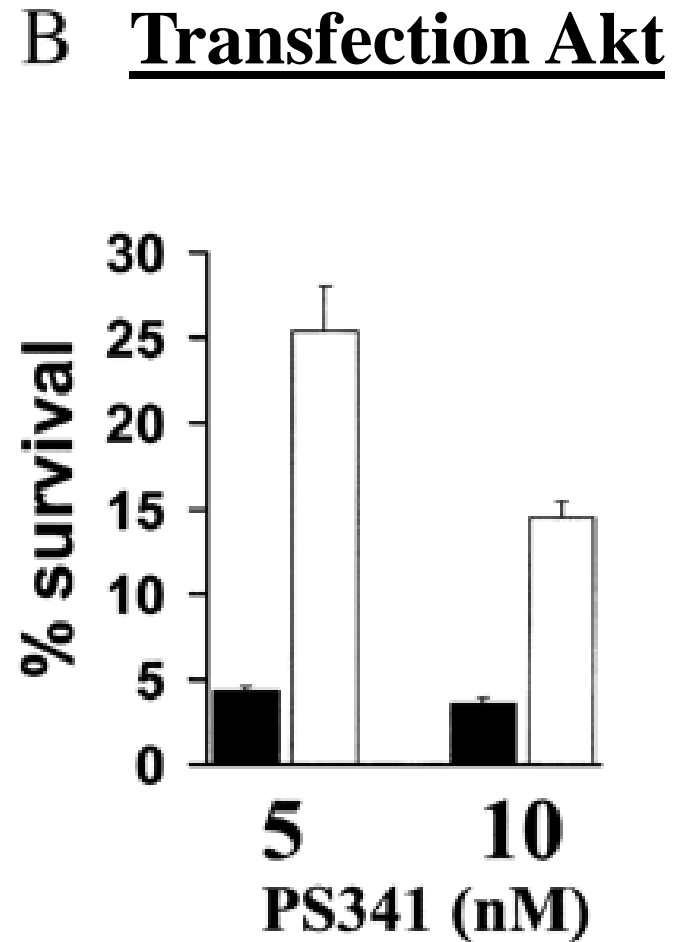
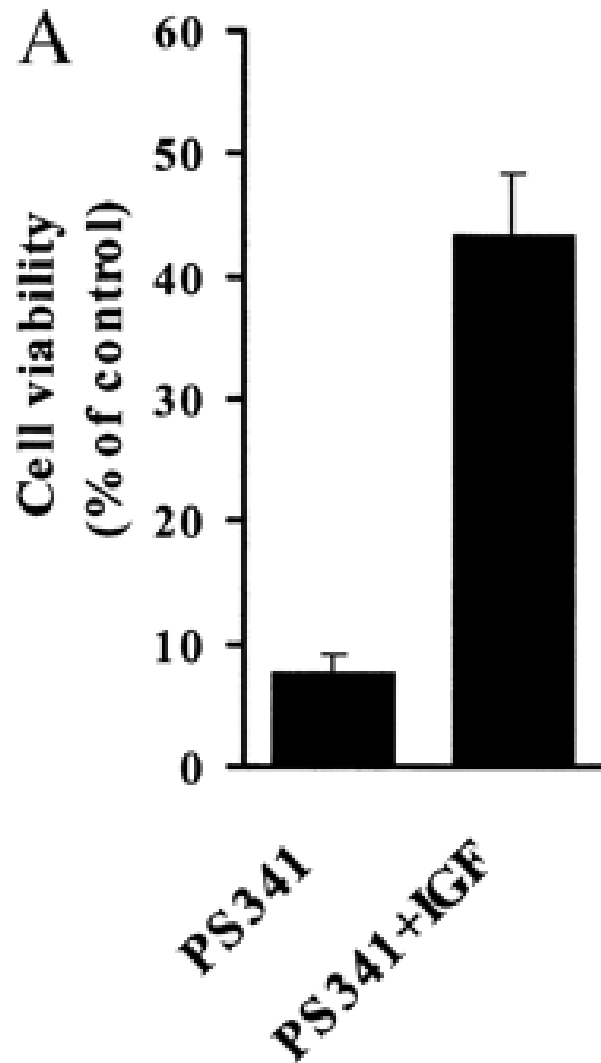
Standal, Blood 2002



Bataille R & Moreau P, Haematologica 2005



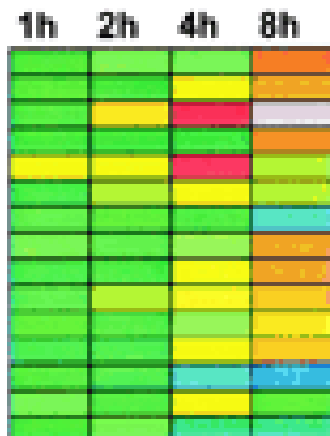
Overall survival according to CD221 phenotype



IGF1 peut minorer les effets de PS341

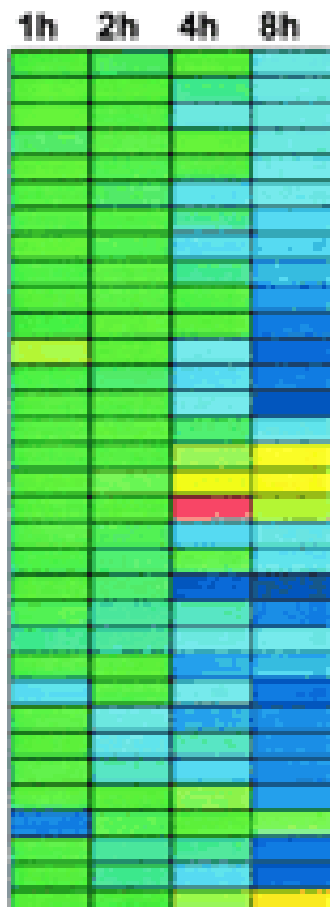
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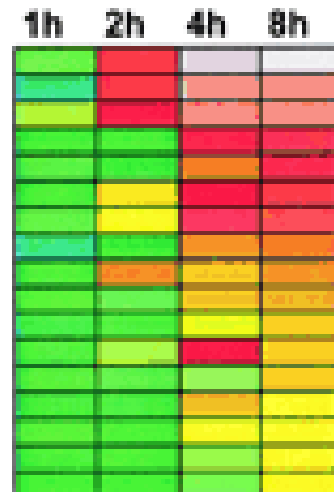
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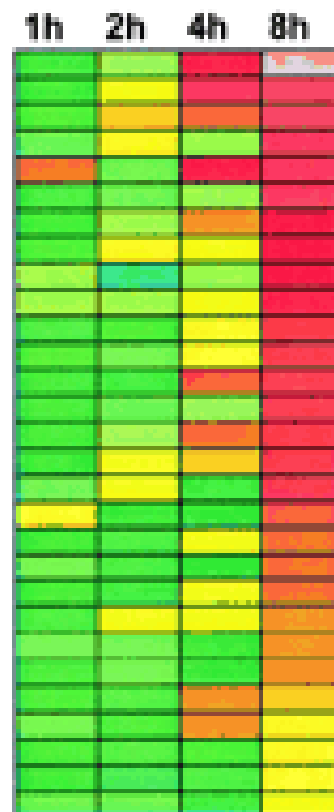
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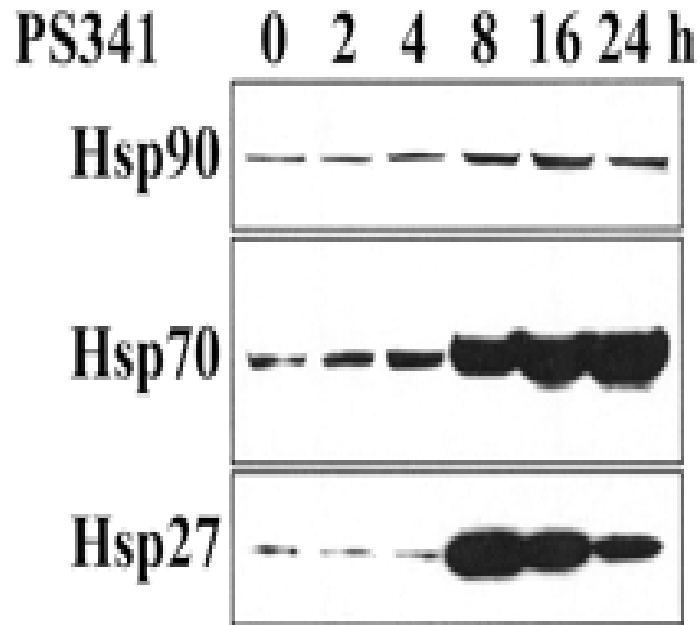
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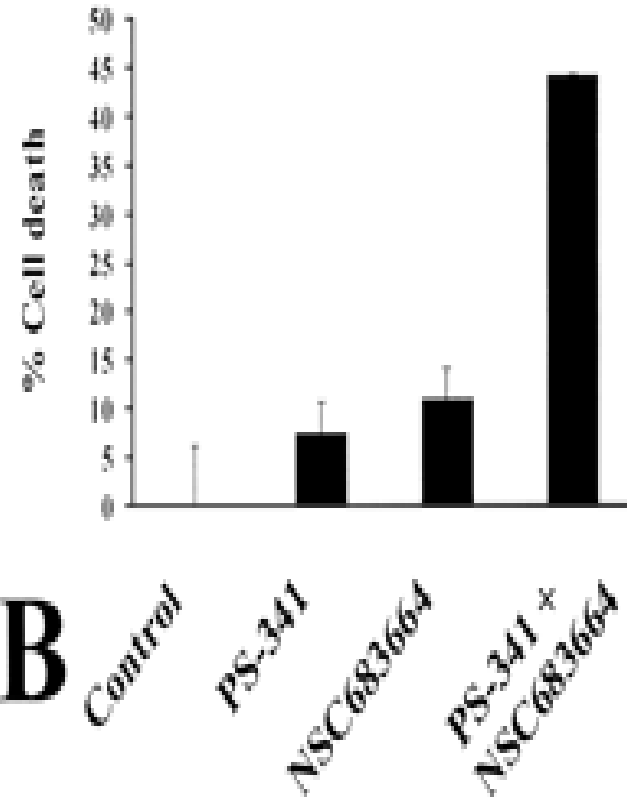


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PS341 induit synthèse de protéines chaperones, protectrices des cellules tumorales

Efficacité in vitro sur *lignées cellulaires*

Mais aussi dans *modèles animaux*

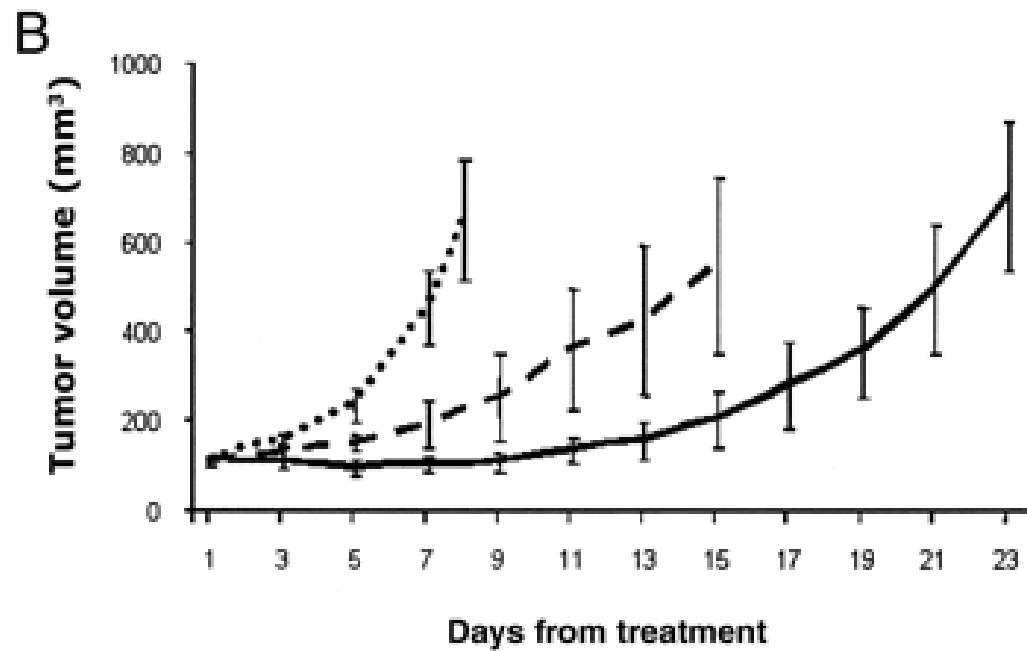
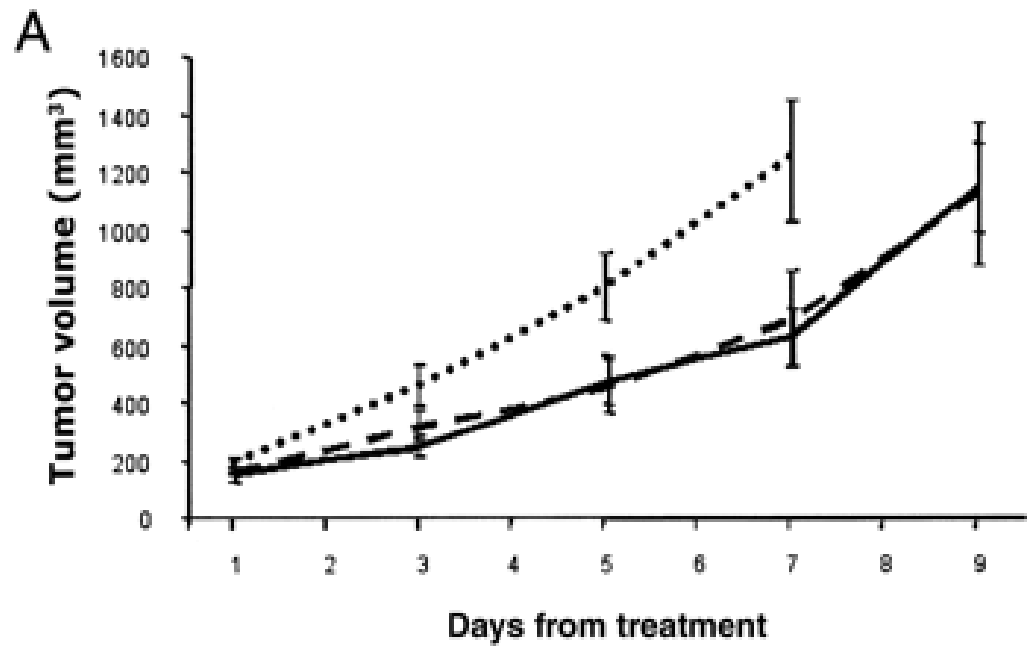
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Myélome, LeBlanc Cancer Res 2002;62:17

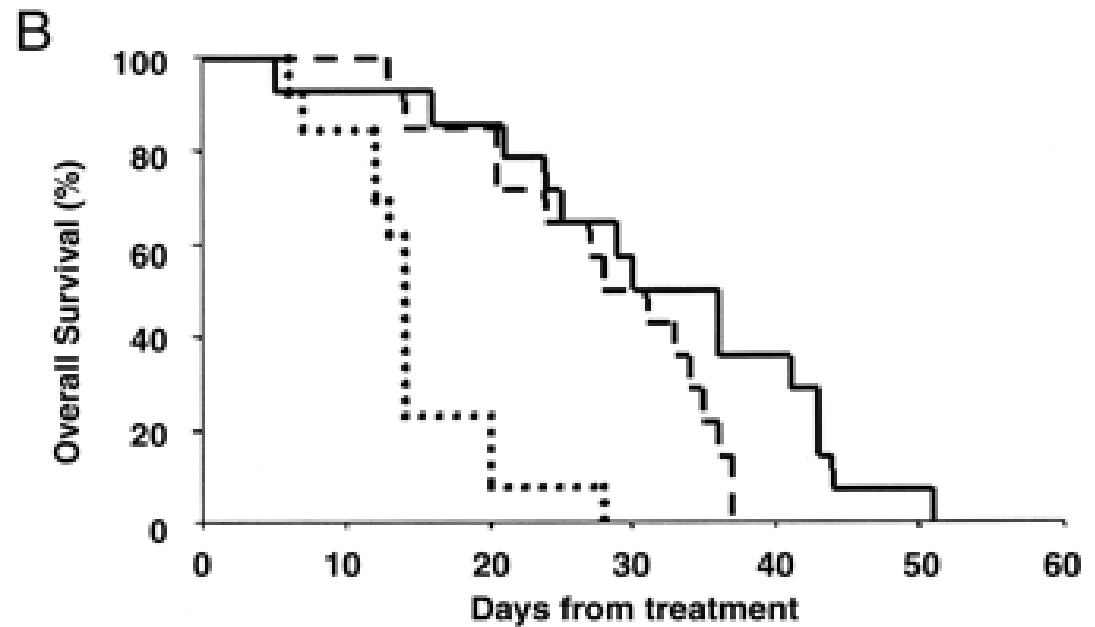
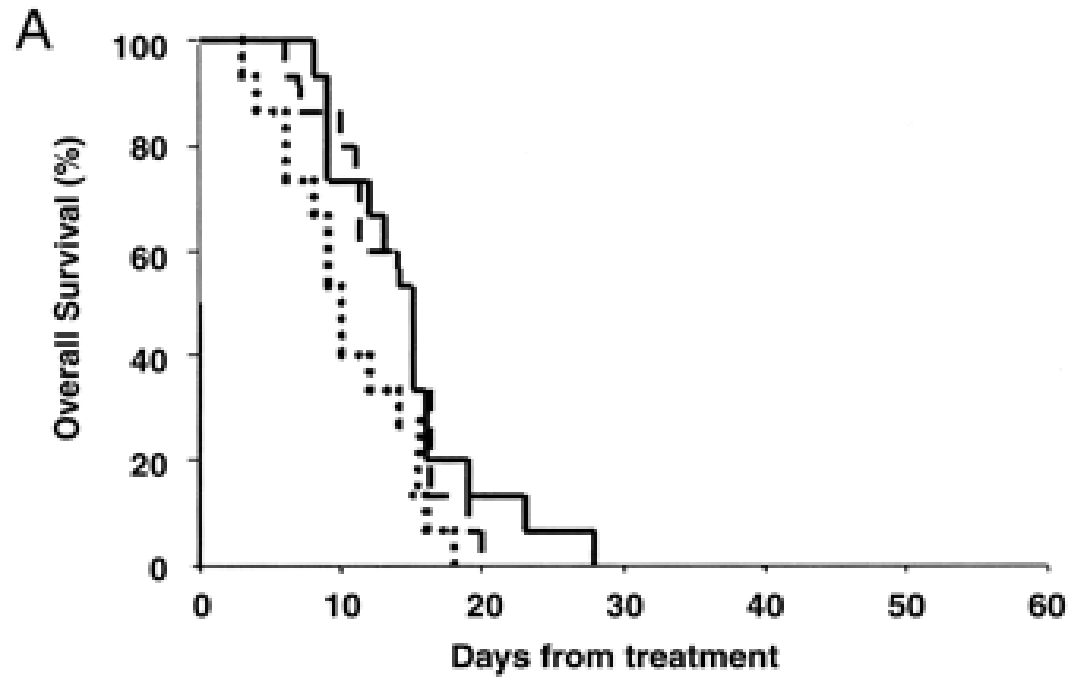
→ association

Cusack Cancer Res 2001;61:3535

LeBlanc et al,
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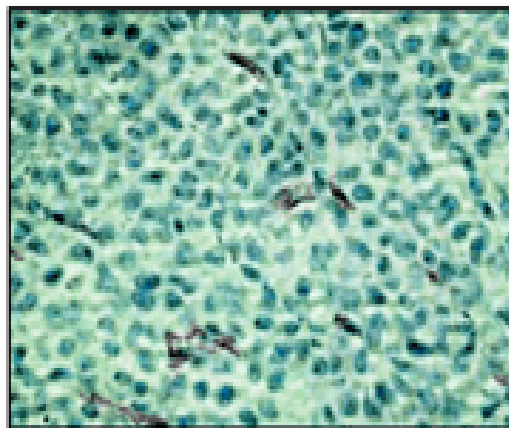


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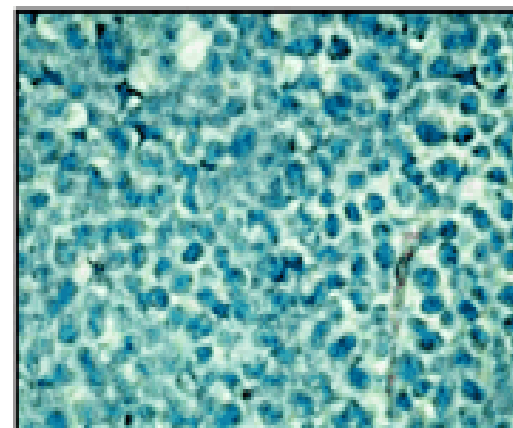


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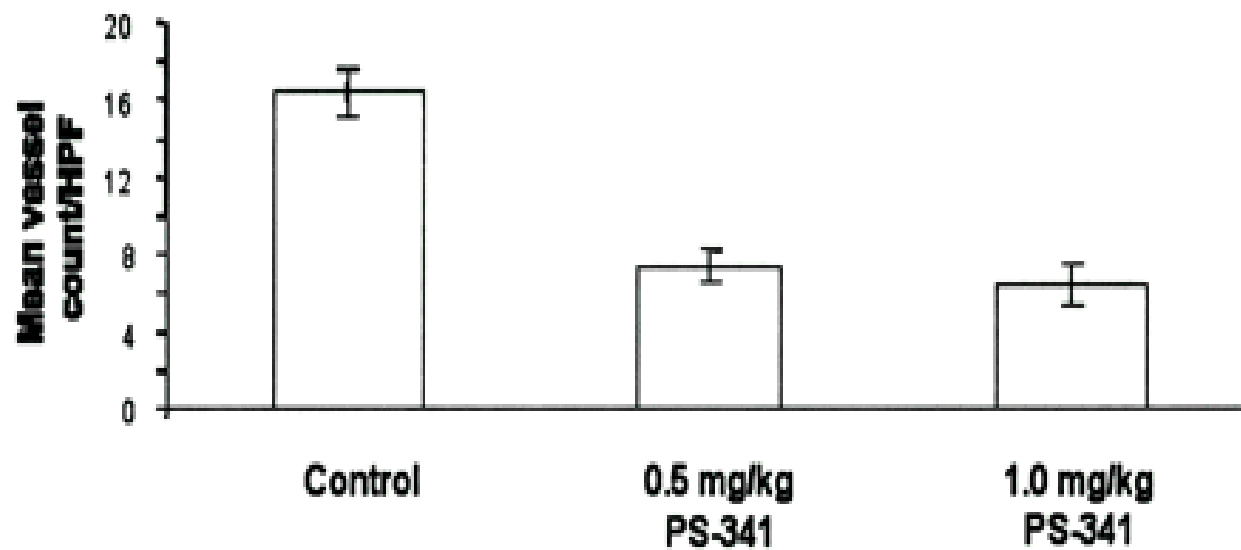
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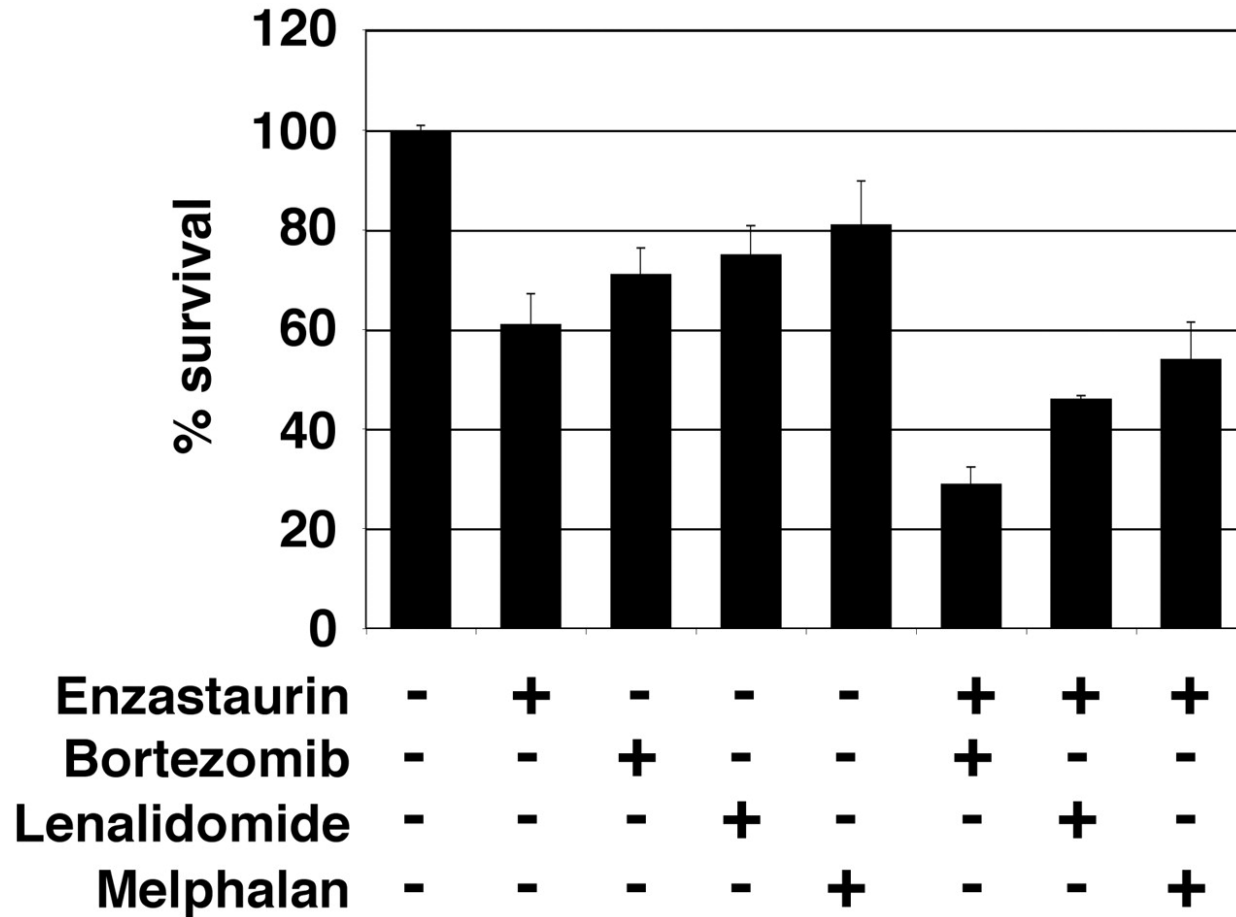
Synergie in vitro lignées cellulaires,

→ antisens (BCL2)

→ inhibiteur Hsp (Mitsiades)

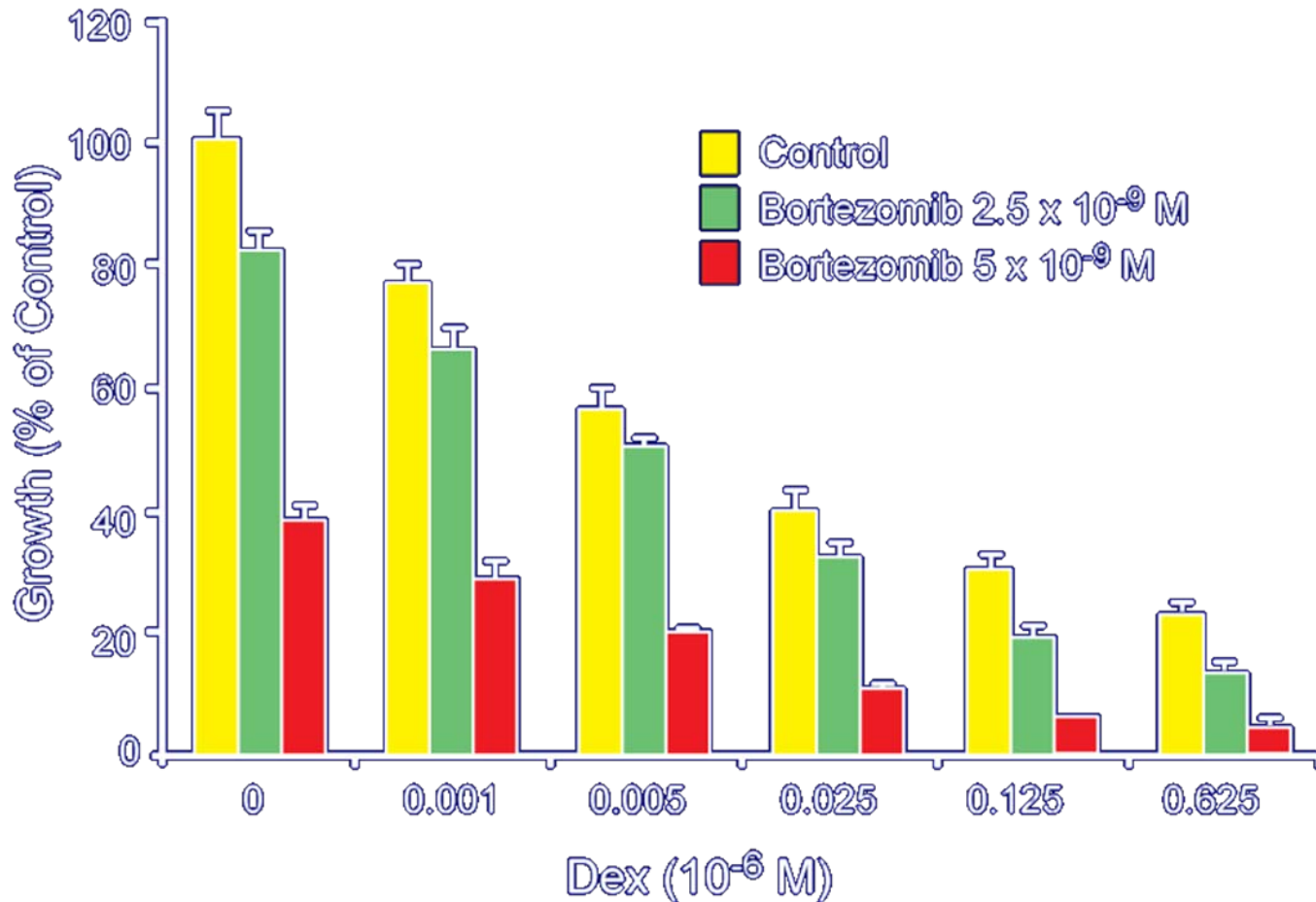
→ dex (Hideshima Cancer Res 2001)

→ Melphalan et doxo (Hideshima Blood 2003)



Podar, K. et al. Blood 2007;109:1669-1677

Additive Effect of Dex To Bortezomib



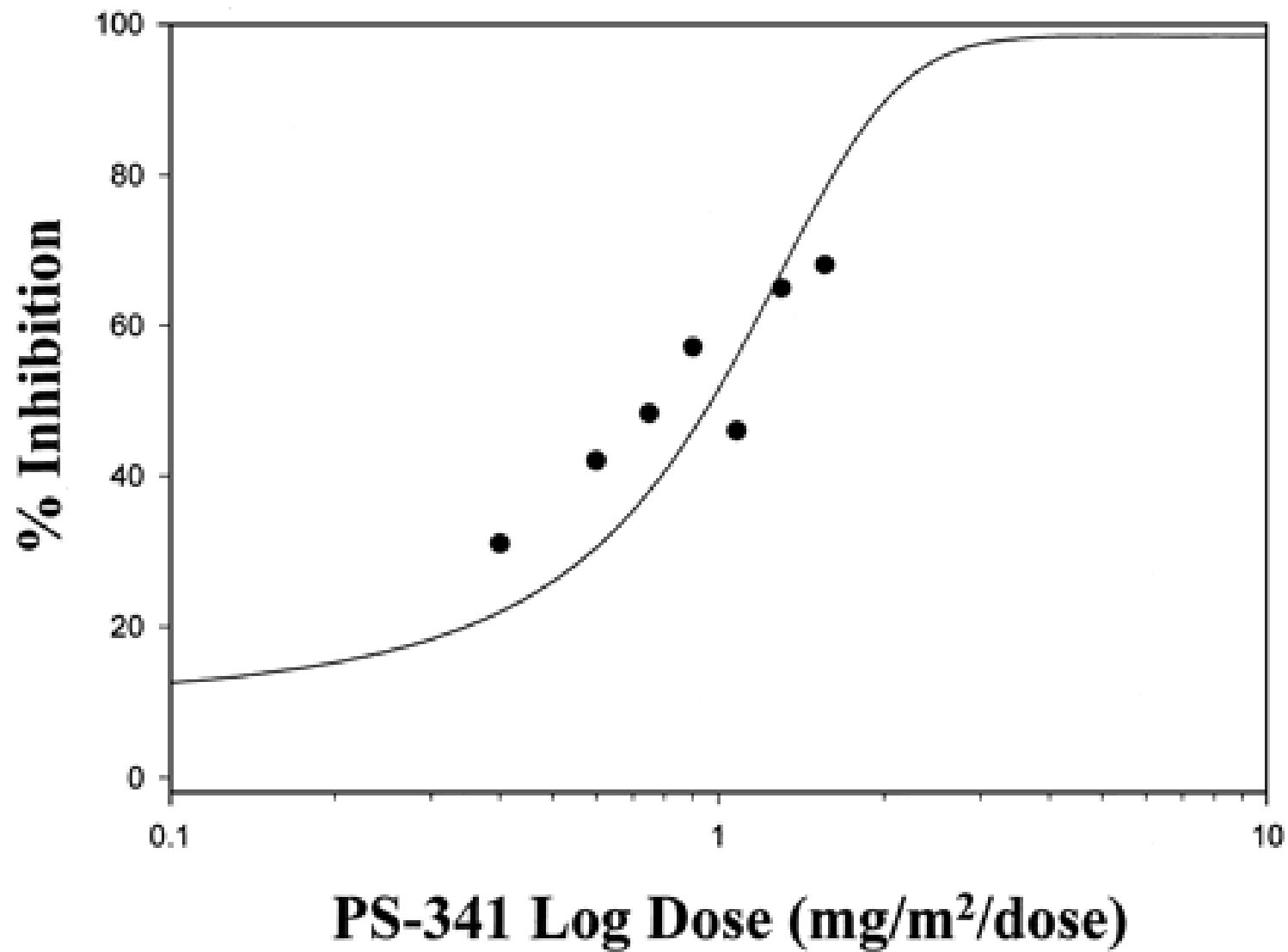
Phase I, 43 patients, Aghajanian et al, Clin Cancer Res 2002
2 x /semaine pdt 2 semaines puis repos une semaine

Dose levels (mg/m ²), no. of patients	Total no. of cycles	Hemoglobin				Platelets				Neutrophils			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
0.13, <i>n</i> = 3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.25, <i>n</i> = 4	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.40, <i>n</i> = 5	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.60, <i>n</i> = 4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.75, <i>n</i> = 3	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.90, <i>n</i> = 6	17	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1.08, <i>n</i> = 3	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 ^a	0	0
1.30, <i>n</i> = 3	7	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.56, <i>n</i> = 12	19	5	3	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0

Toxicité non hématologique : 2 dose-limiting

- Diarrhées : 2/12 pts grade 3 à 1.56 mg/m² + 4/12 grade 2 et 1/12 grade 1.**
- Neuropathie sensitive : 2/12 grade 3 à 1.56 mg/m² (préexistantes) + 1/12 grade 2 (préexistante)**

Clin Cancer Res 2002, Aghajanian et al

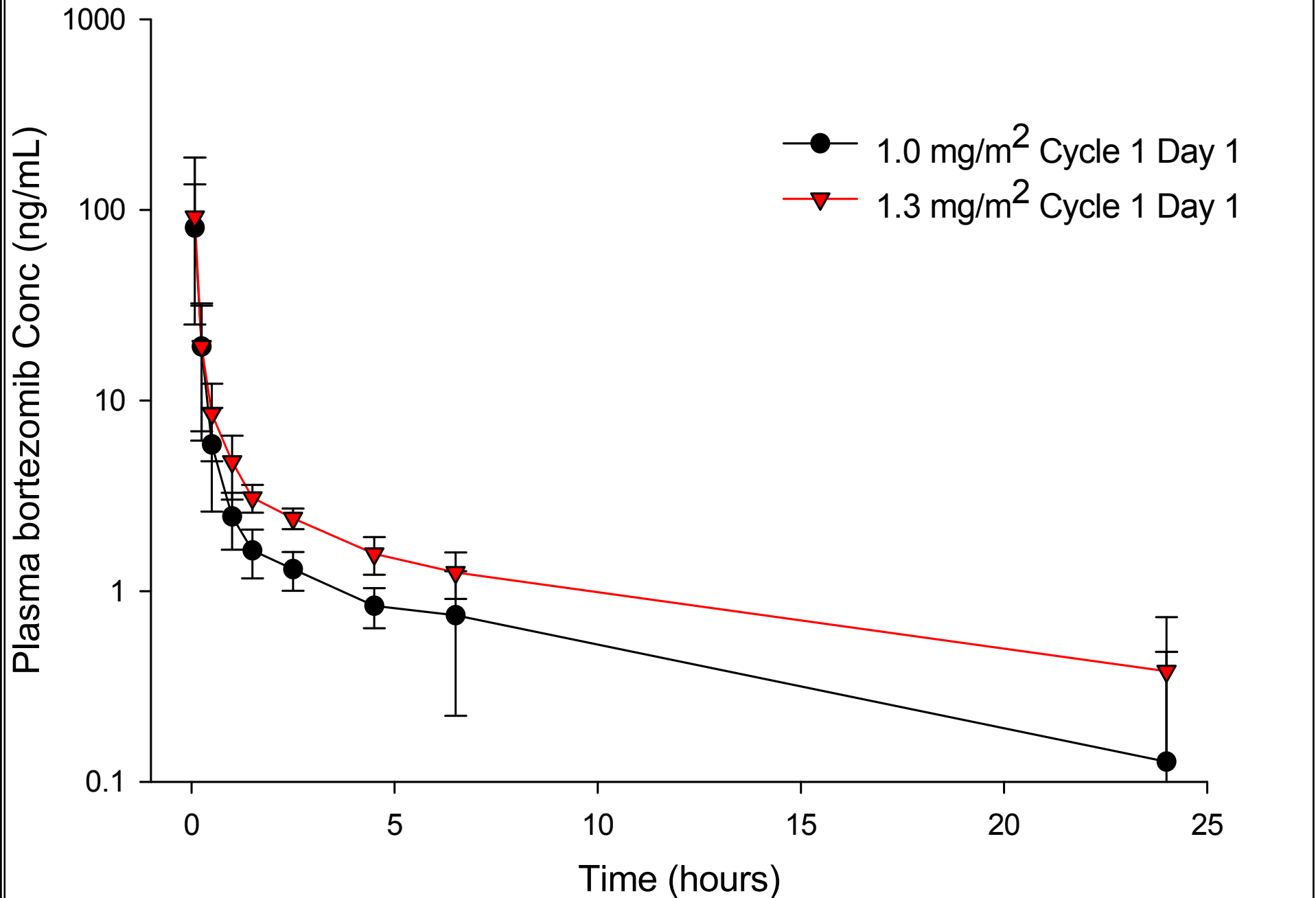


Dose	At 1 hour	At 24 hours
0.4 mg/m ²	31%	6.5%
0.6 mg/m ²	42%	6%
0.75 mg/m ²	46%	17.5%
0.9 mg/m ²	—	29.5%
1.08 mg/m ²	—	24.8%
1.3 mg/m ²	65%	32.8%
1.56 mg/m ²	68%	32.8%

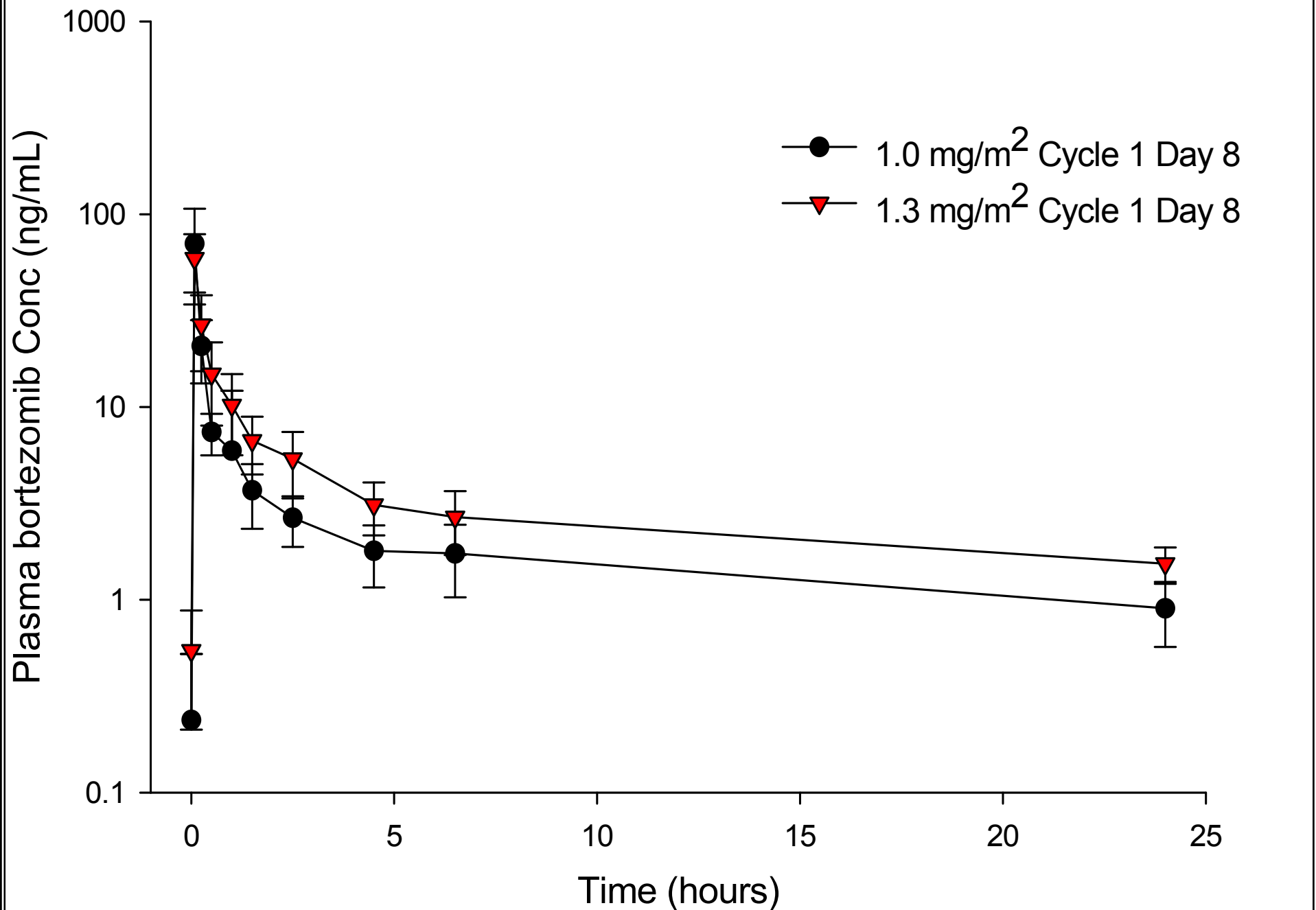
- Pas de différence entre J1, 4, 8, 11

- Retour normale à 72h

Mean (SD) plasma bortezomib concentrations following the first dose



Mean (SD) plasma bortezomib concentrations following the third dose



Elimination biphasique

$t_{1/2\alpha} < 10 \text{ min}$

$t_{1/2\beta} : 5 \text{ à } 10 \text{ heures}$

$V_d : 400-600 \text{ l}$

**AUC : augmentation proportionnelle à la dose 1
ou 1.3 mg/m^2**

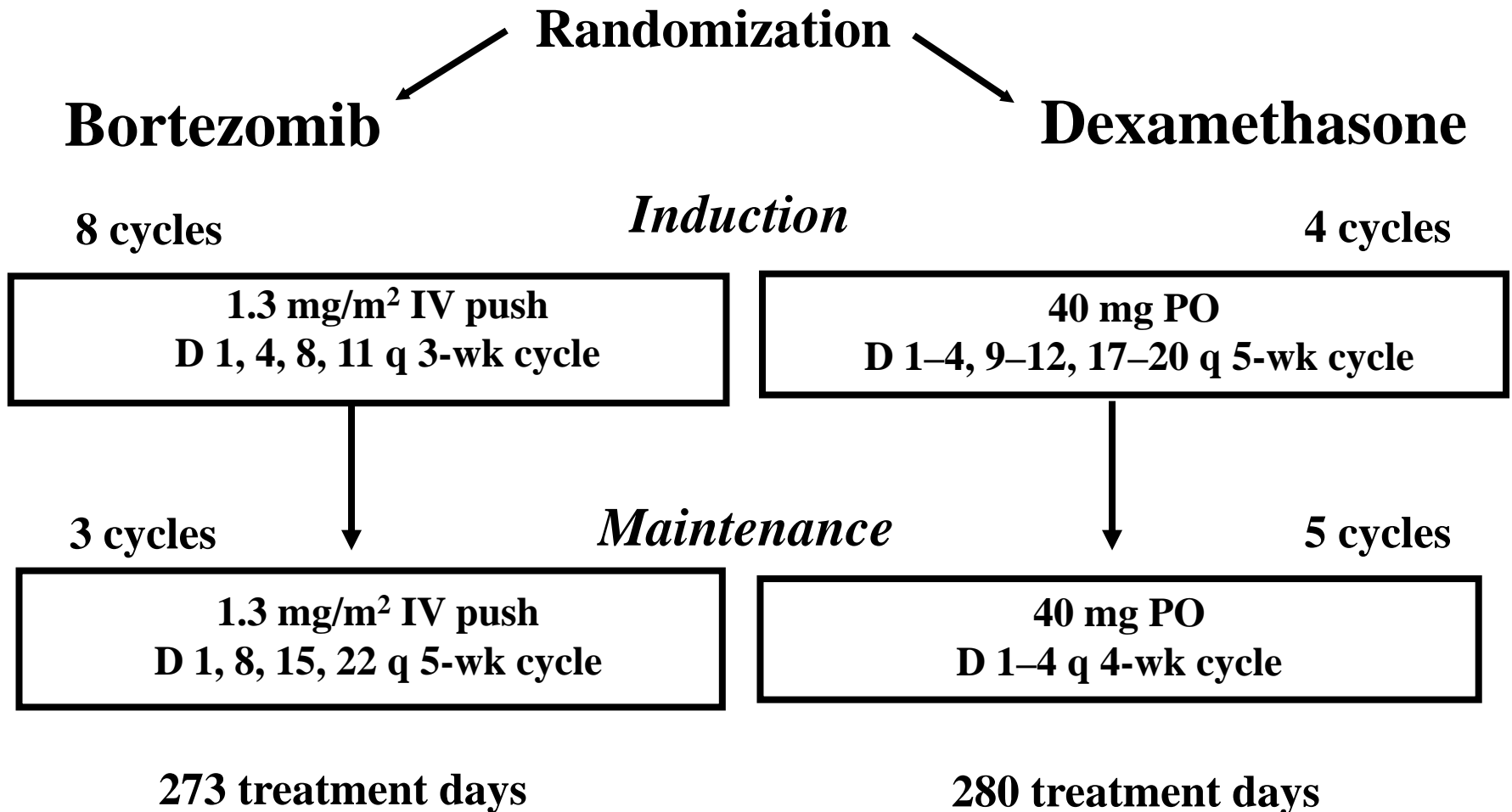
Pas d'accumulation plasmatique dans le temps

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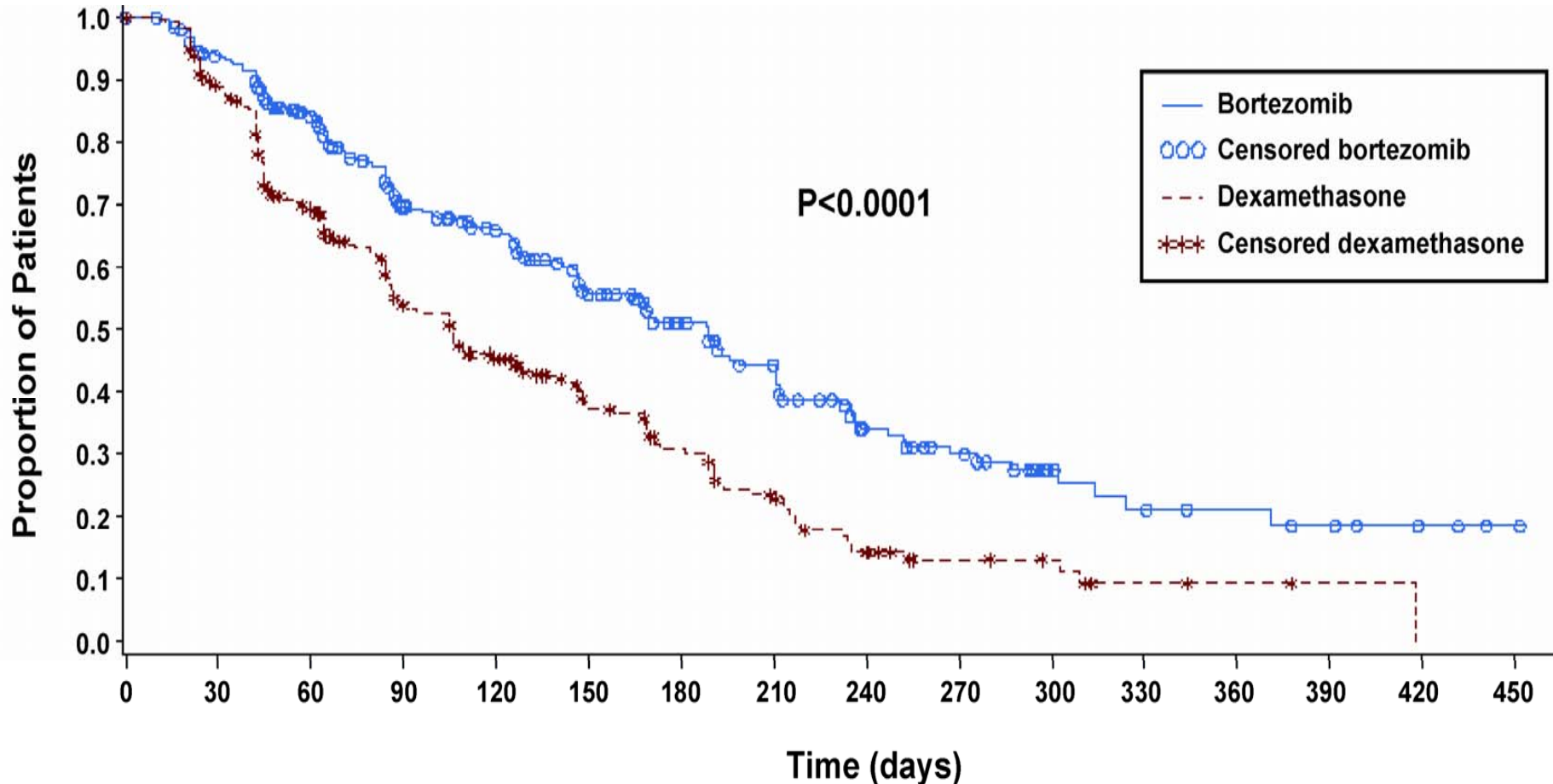
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APEX: TREATMENT PLAN



Time to progression ($n = 669$)

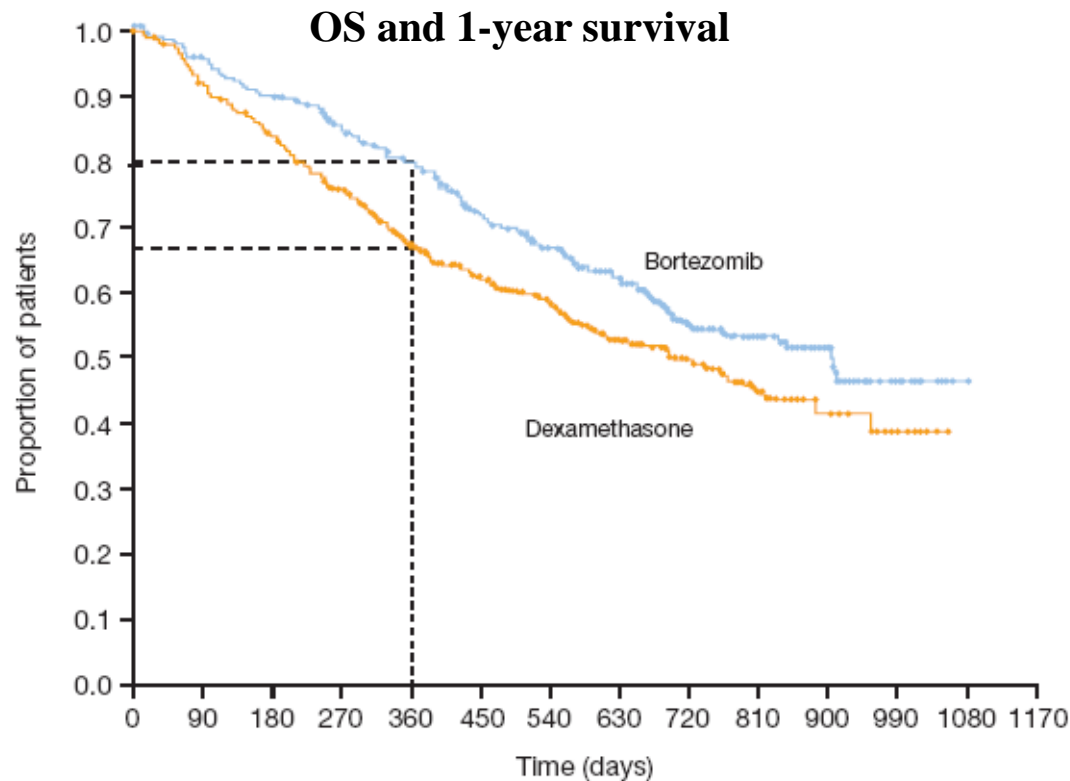
78% improvement in median TTP with bortezomib



Median TTP: bortezomib 6.2 mois; dexamethasone 3.5 mois

Updated APEX survival data

- **Superior TTP 6.2m vs 3.5 m**
- **Superior survival despite cross-over**
 - **Median OS: bortezomib 29.8 months vs 23.7 months for high-dose Dex ($P = 0.0272$)**
 - **1-year survival rate: 80% vs 67% ($P = 0.0002$)**



VISTA: VELCADE as Initial Standard Therapy in multiple myeloma: Assessment with melphalan and prednisone

- Essai randomisé, international, phase III VMP vs MP Chez MM de novo inéligible pour une intensification autogreffe
- ≥ 65 yrs or < 65 yrs et inéligible pour une autogreffe; KPS $\geq 60\%$

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VMP = MP plus Bortezomib

Cycles 1-4: Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m² IV:
days 1,4,8,11,22,25,29,32

Cycles 5-9: Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m² IV
days 1,8,22,29

MP

Cycles 1-9

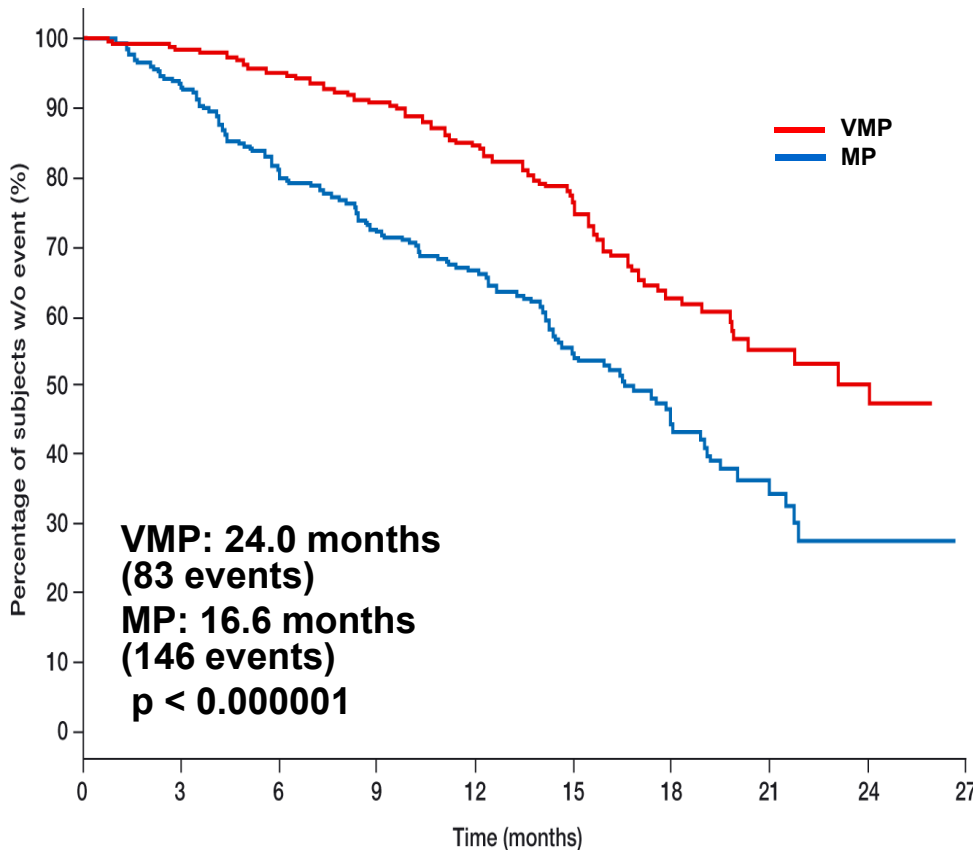
Melphalan 9 mg/m²

Prednisone 60 mg/m² days 1-4

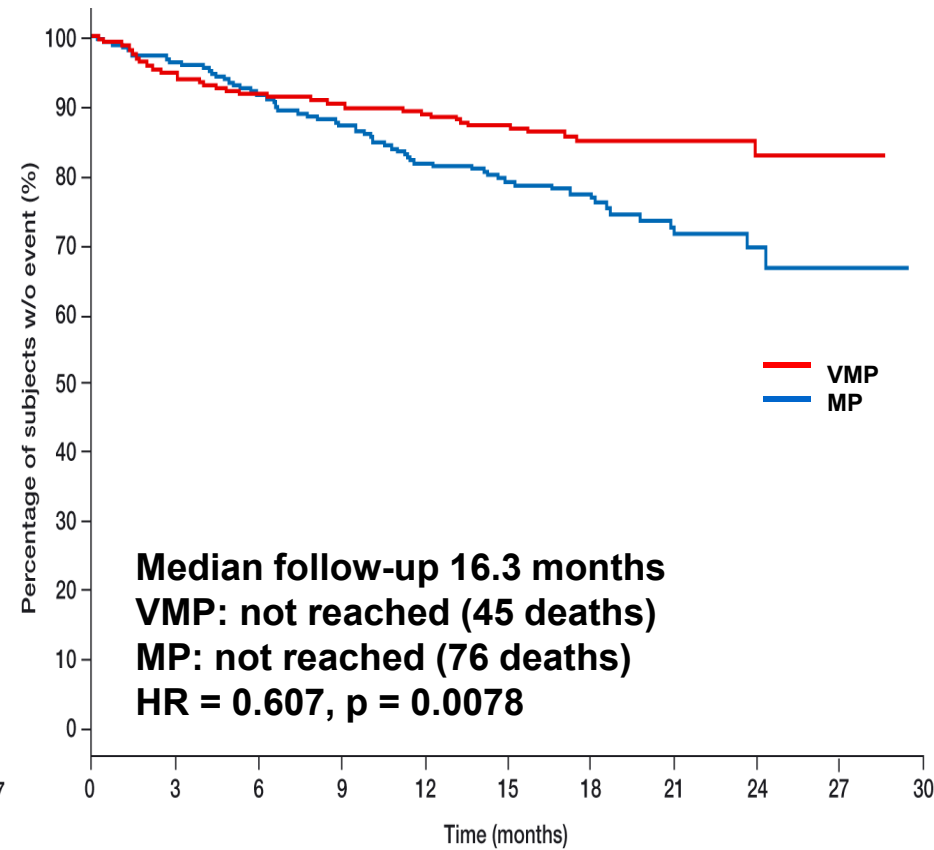
**Objectif
primaire:
TTP**

9 cycles de 6 semaines (54 weeks) dans les 2 bras

Survie sans progression et globale



Survie sans progression

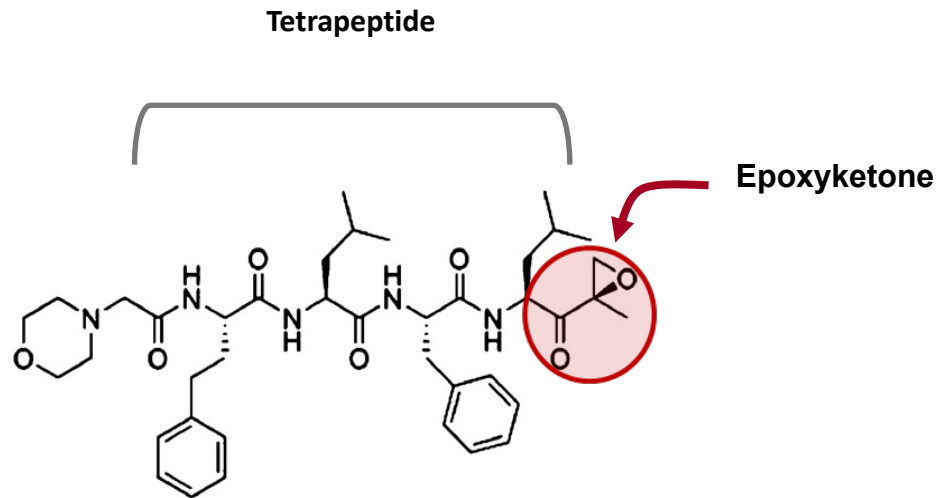


Survie globale

- **Survie Globale @ 2-years 82.6% in VMP vs 69.5% in MP**

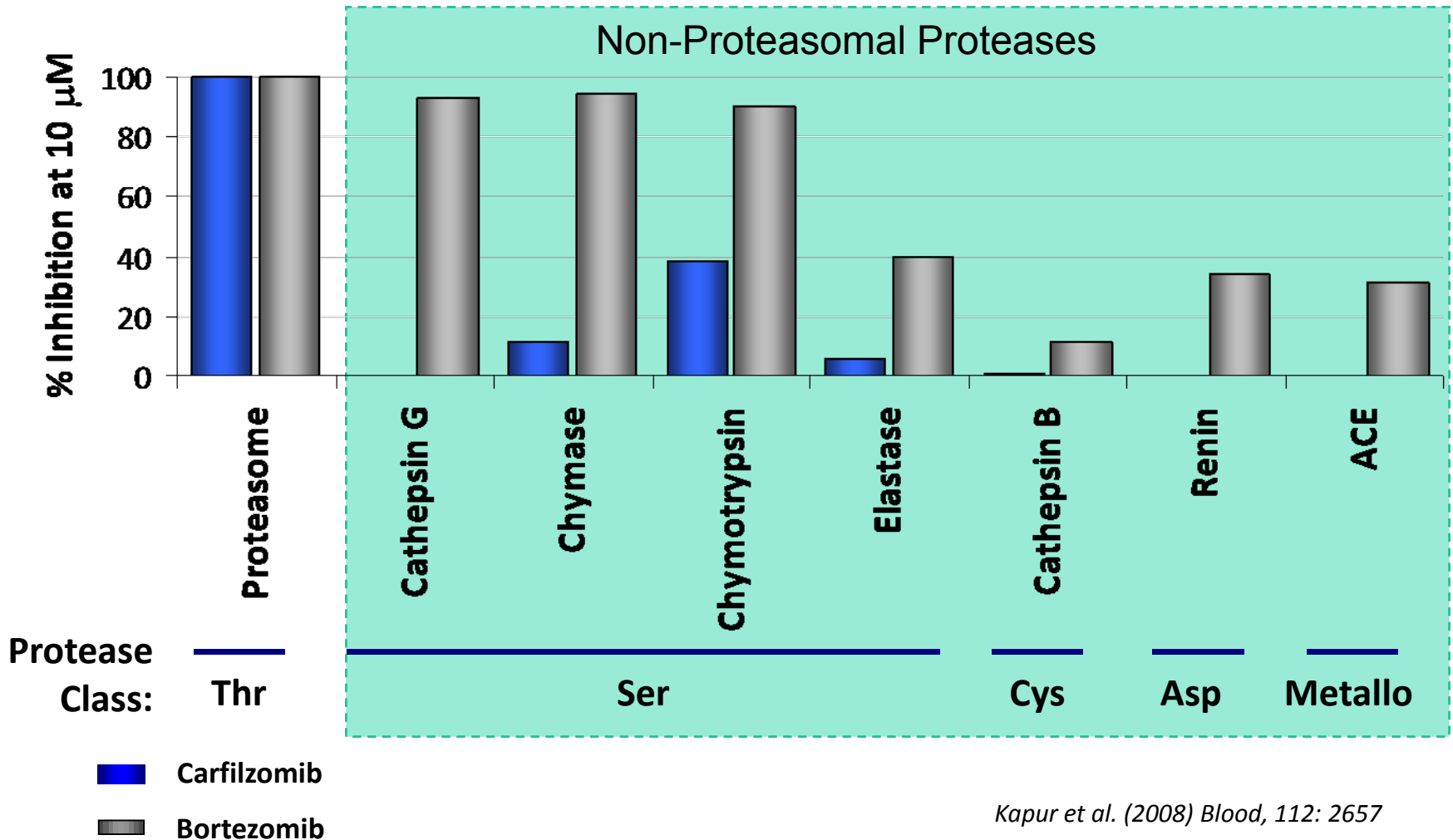
Carfilzomib: Selective and Irreversible Proteasome Inhibitor

Carfilzomib is the first in a new class of selective and irreversible proteasome inhibitors that are associated with prolonged target suppression, improved antitumor activity and low neurotoxicity



Carfilzomib is Highly Selective for the Proteasome

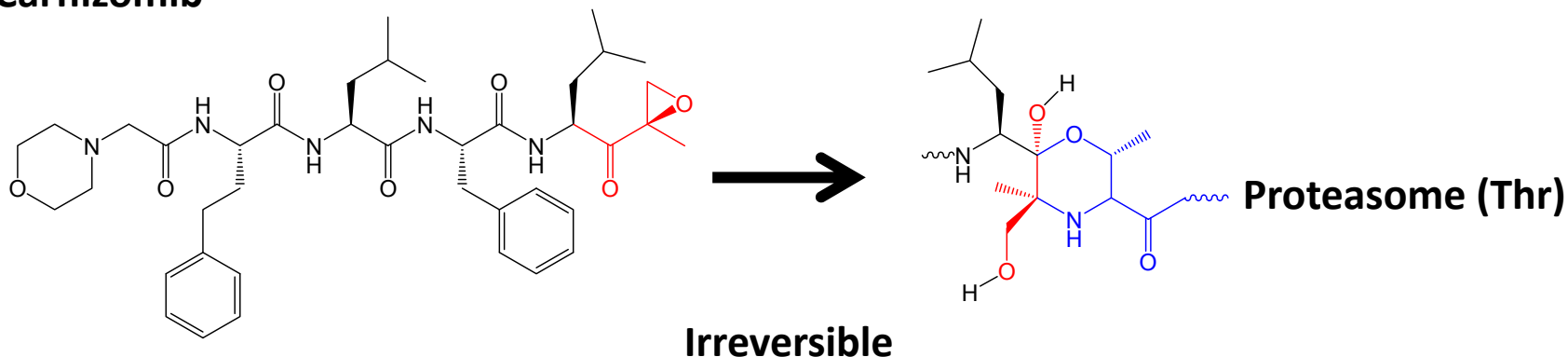
Minimal off target activity across all classes of proteases



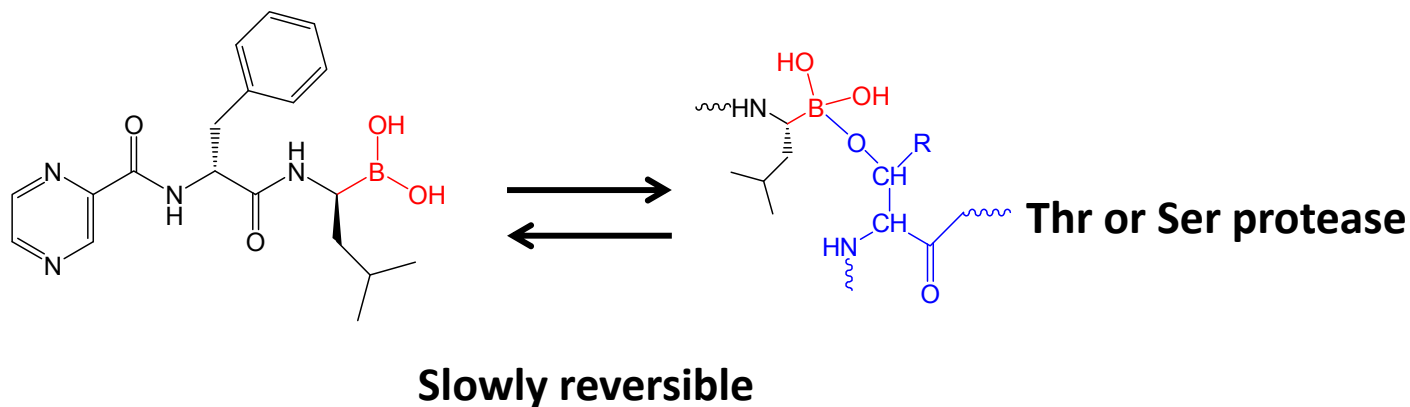
Mechanism of Binding to Active Site

Unique chemistry drives selectivity and prolonged inhibition

Carfilzomib

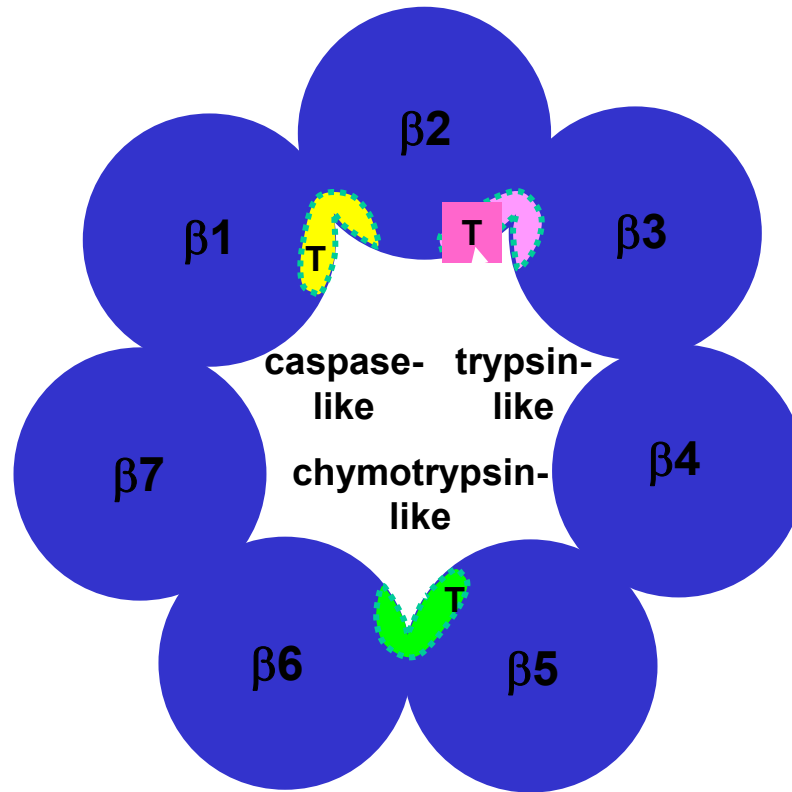
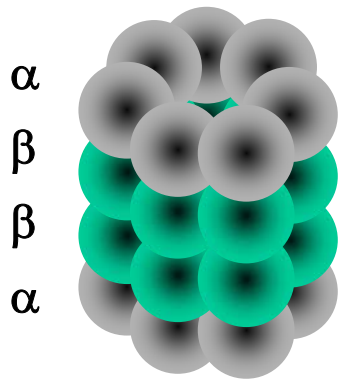


Bortezomib



Carfilzomib

20S proteasome particle



β-subunit ring

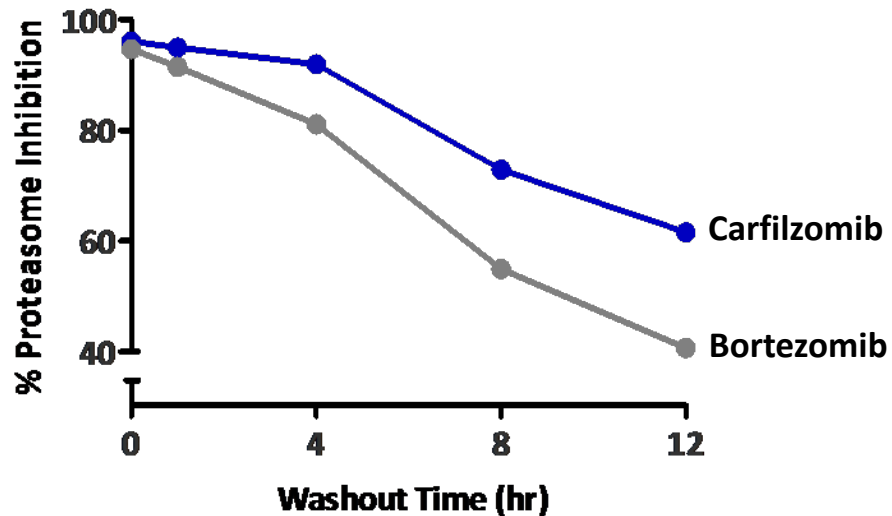
Three distinct N-terminal threonine protease active sites

IC ₅₀ s (nM)	Chymotrypsin-like	Caspase-like	Trypsin-like
Carfilzomib	6	2400	3600
Bortezomib	7	74	4200

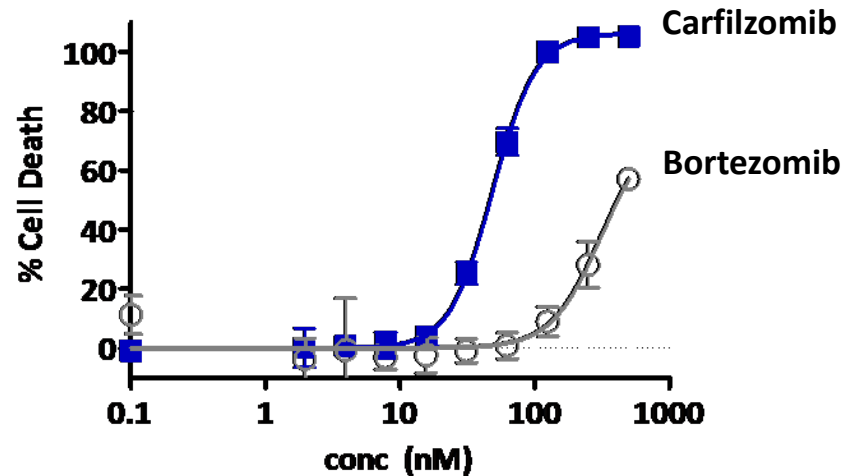
Prolonged Inhibition Enhances Tumor Cell Death

Irreversible binding of carfilzomib prolongs proteasome inhibition and triggers cell death at lower doses of drug

Proteasome inhibition in HT-29 cells following brief exposure to drug

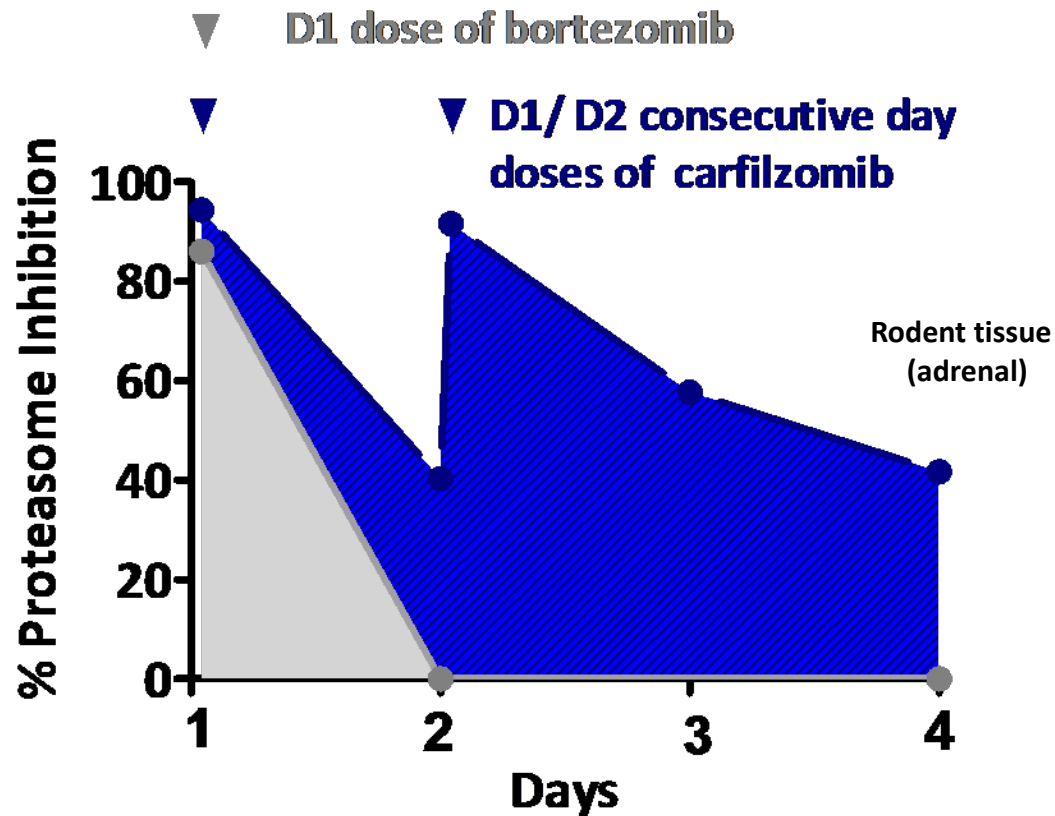


Cell viability measured in RPMI-8226 cells 24 hrs after brief exposure to drug

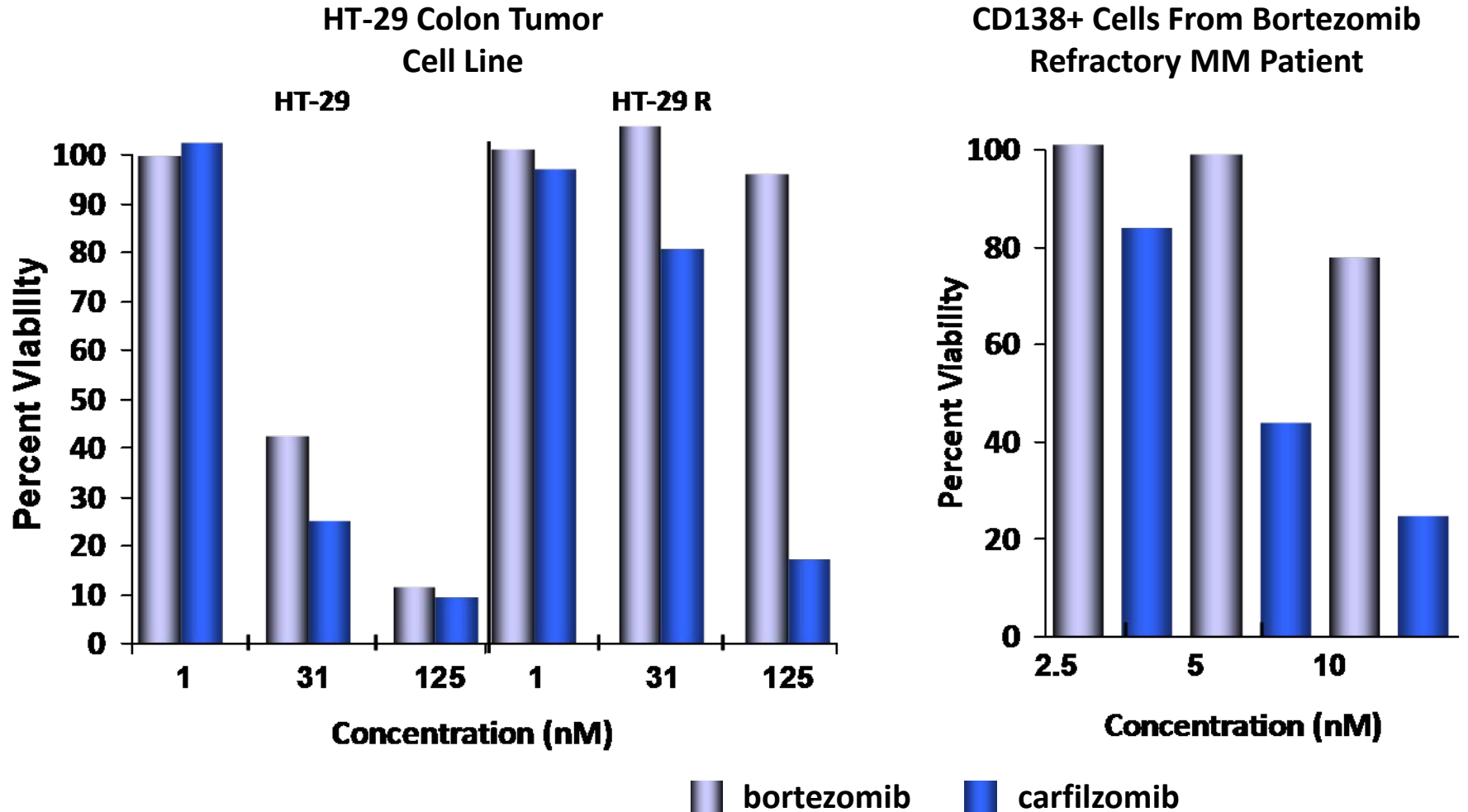


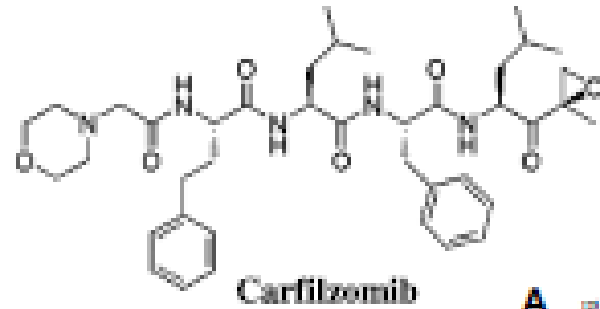
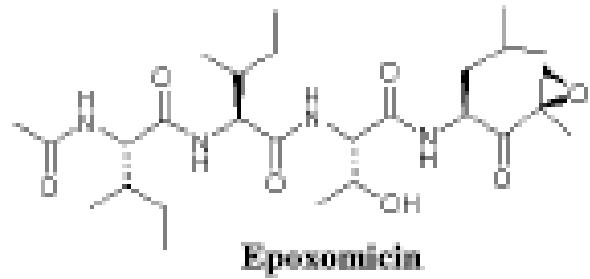
Tolerability Allows Consecutive Day Dosing

Carfilzomib can be dosed on consecutive days (D1/D2) to lengthen the time of proteasome inhibition



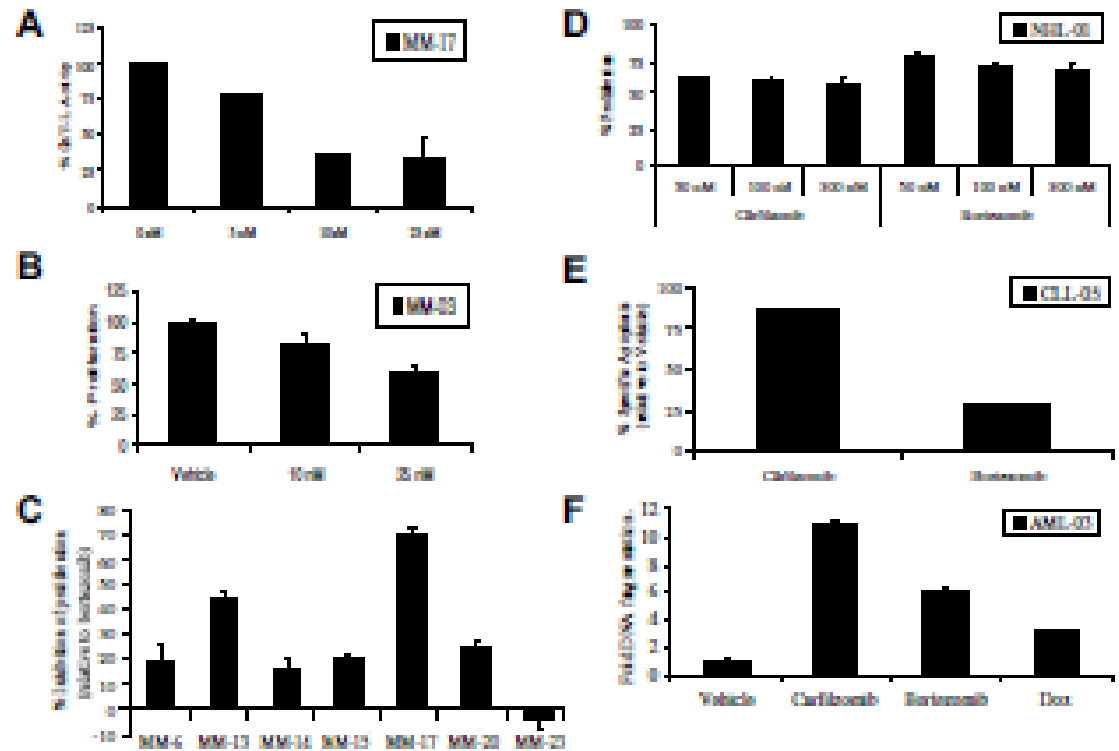
Carfilzomib is Active in Bortezomib-resistant Tumor Cells



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Carfilzomib

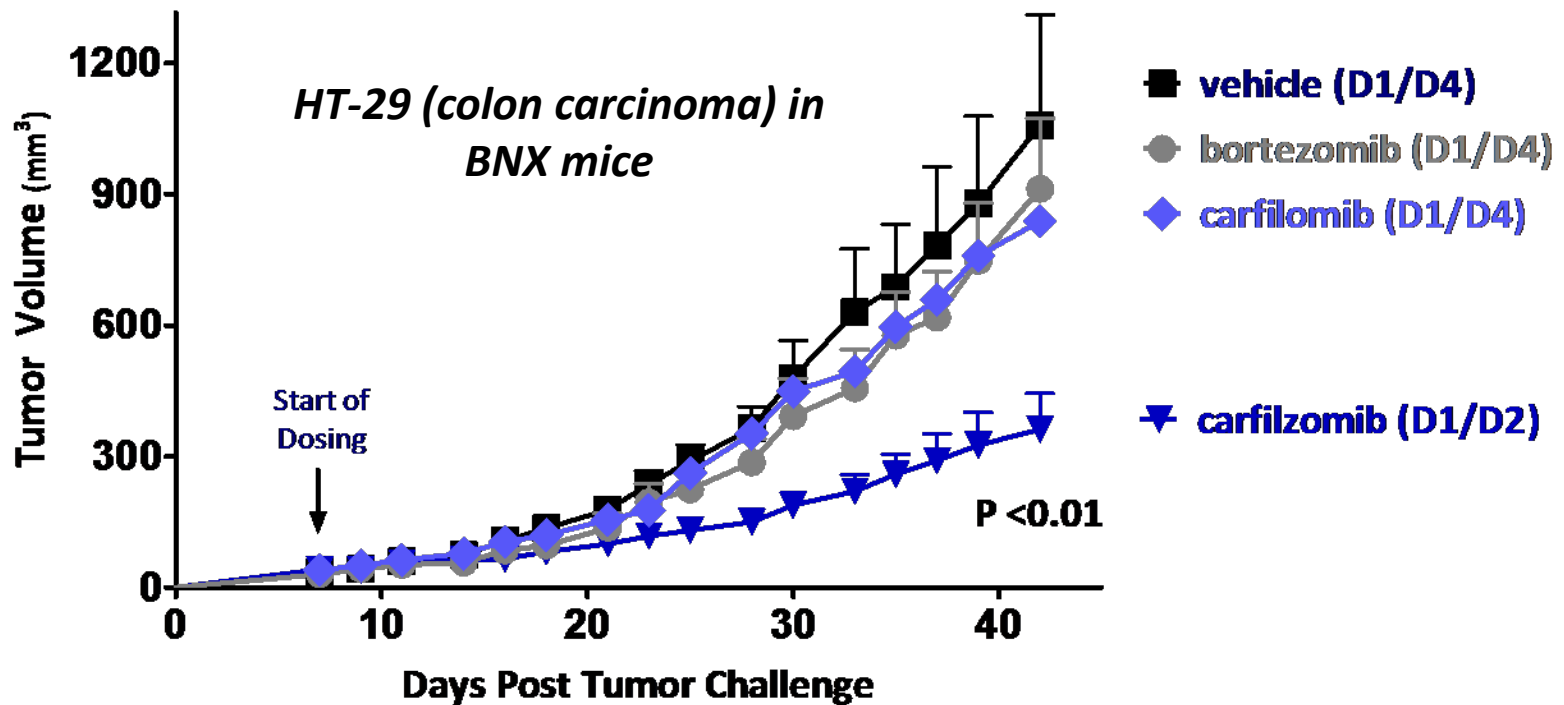
Kuhn et al, Blood 2007:110:3281



Consecutive day dosing with carfilzomib improves anti-tumor activity

Improved Anti-Tumor Activity

proteasome inhibition and improves anti-tumor activity

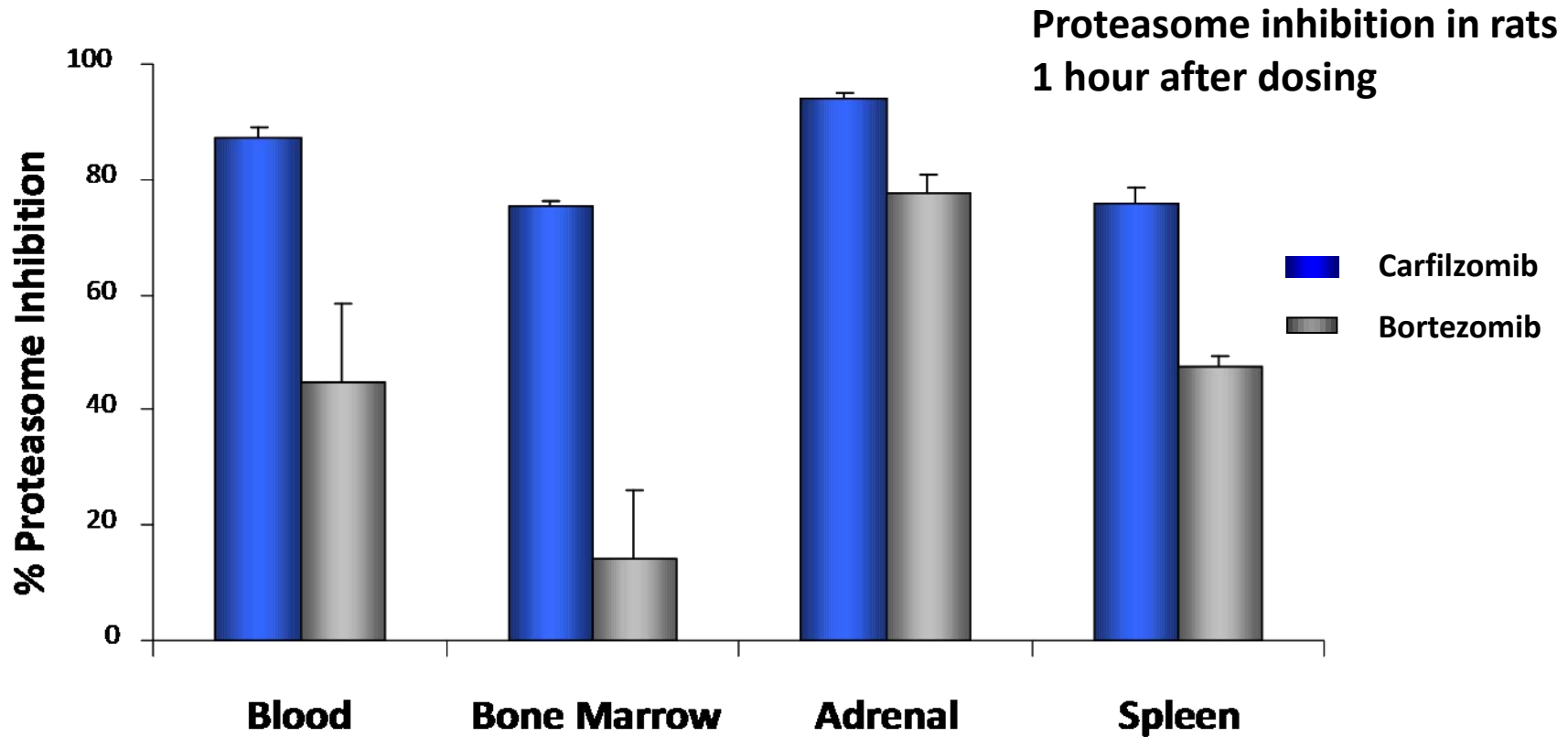


Carfilzomib Lacks Neurotoxicity and Neutropenia in Chronic Toxicity Studies

Chronic Toxicity Studies in Rats (6 months) and Monkeys (9 months)		
Toxicity	Bortezomib (D1/D4)	Carfilzomib (D1/D2)
Neurologic	Tremors and reduced motor activity Nerve degeneration Reduced nerve conduction velocity	<i>No neurobehavioral deficits</i> <i>No histological changes</i>
Hematologic	Decreased RBC & platelets, Decrease WBCs	Decreased platelets <i>No WBC changes</i>
Gastrointestinal	Mucosal hyperplasia and inflammation	
Cardiovascular	Sporadic cardiac inflammation	
Renal	Chronic progressive nephropathy	

Greater Proteasome Inhibition

Carfilzomib dosing achieves more proteasome inhibition at the MTD



Preclinical Profile of Carfilzomib

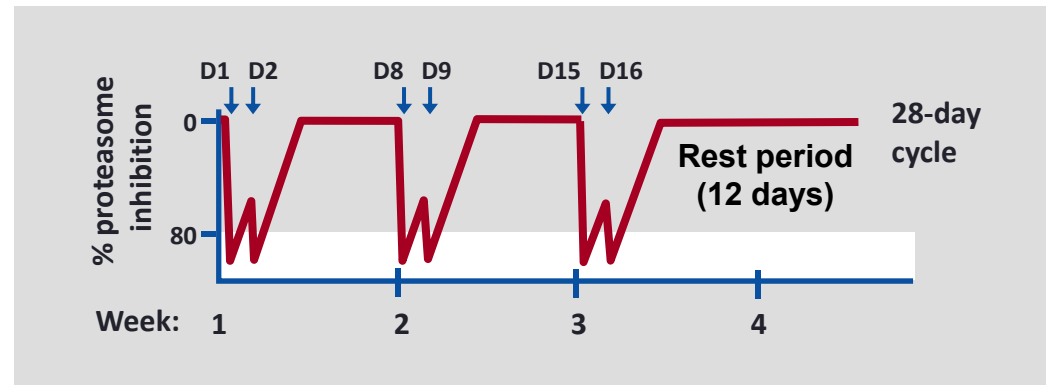
- **Novel chemical class: highly selective and irreversible proteasome inhibitors**
 - Minimal off target activity
 - Irreversible mechanism prolongs proteasome inhibition
 - Consecutive day dosing tolerated
- **Improved efficacy with consecutive day dosing**
 - D1/D2 dosing prolongs proteasome inhibition and improves anti-tumor activity
- **No neurotoxicity in animals**
 - No histological or behavioral neurotoxicity in animals was observed with chronic dosing
- **Active in bortezomib-resistant cells and tumor models**

PX-171-004 Carfilzomib Phase 2 Study Design

Design

- Relapsed MM
- 20 mg/m² IV push;
- 12 cycles
- Premedication:

dexamethasone 4 mg PO (Cycle 1 only)



Primary endpoint

- Overall response rate

Secondary endpoints

- DOR, PFS, TTP, OS
- Safety

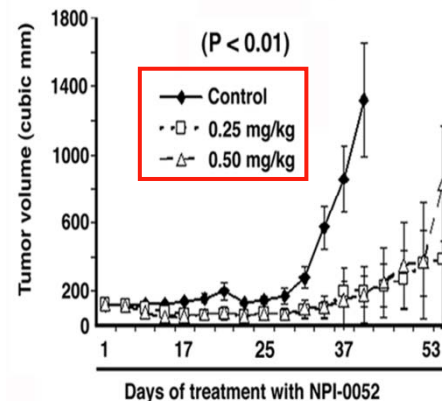
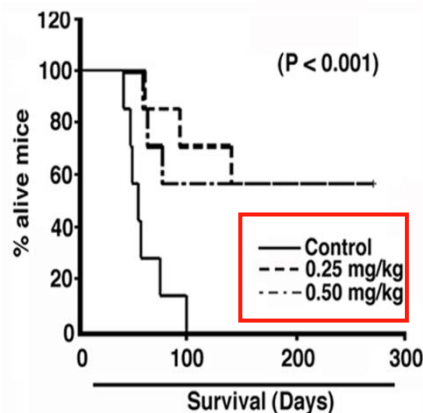
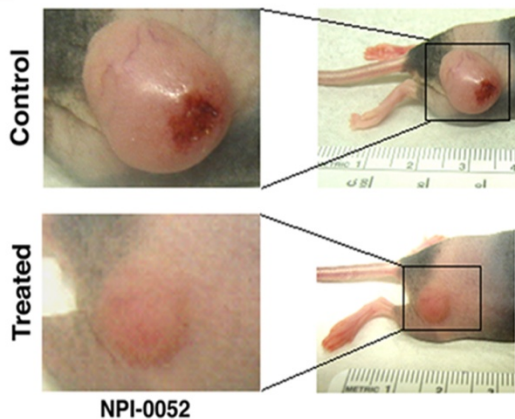
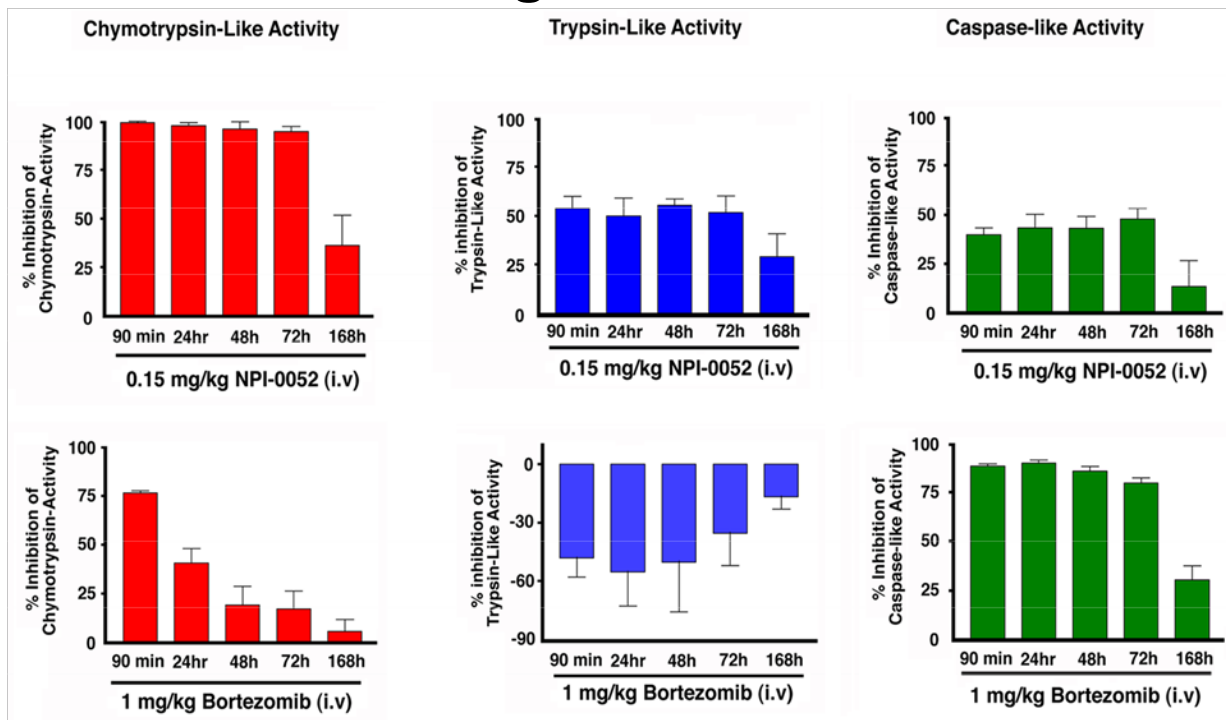
PX-171-003: Responses in Bortezomib Refractory Patients

- 5 of 26 (19%) responded with MR or better to single-agent carfilzomib

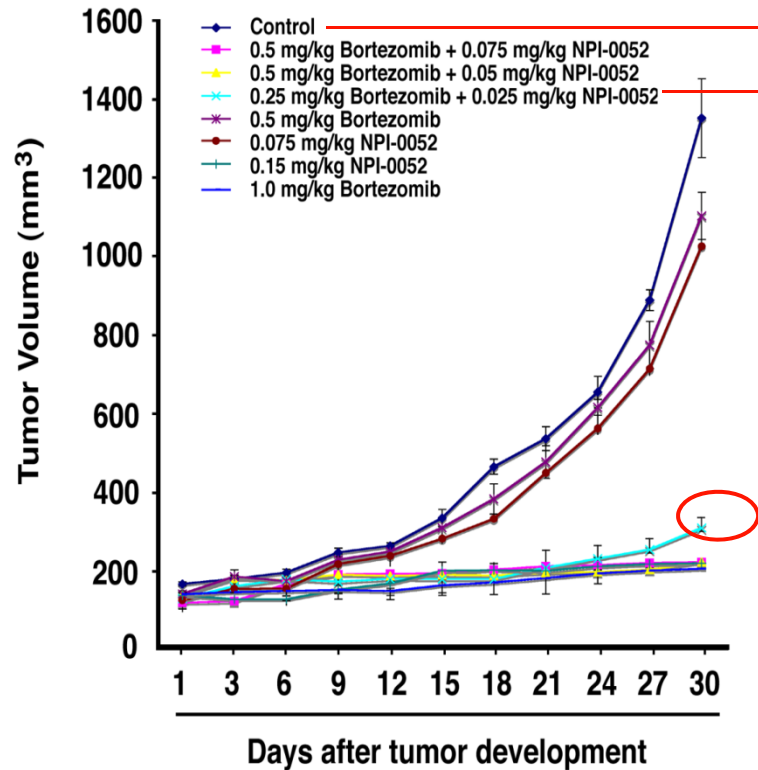
Last Therapy	Carfilzomib	
Regimen	Best Response	Days
BTZ + Len/Dex	PR	211
BTZ + Dex/Dox/Thal	MR	100
BTZ + Dox/Dex (BTZ/Dox/Thal maintenance)	MR	289
BTZ + Len	MR	332*
BTZ + Tanespimycin	MR	191

*Subject completed 12 cycles of carfilzomib treatment, as per protocol

Novel Proteasome Inhibitor NPI-0052 Inhibits Human MM Cell Growth and Prolongs Survival in a Murine Model

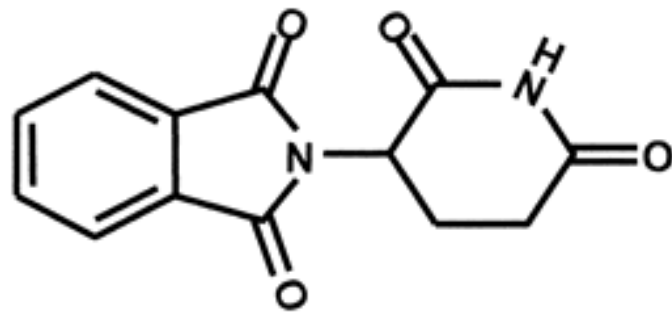


Combination of Bortezomib and NPI-0052 Inhibits Human Plasmacytoma Growth in Immune-Deficient BNX Mice



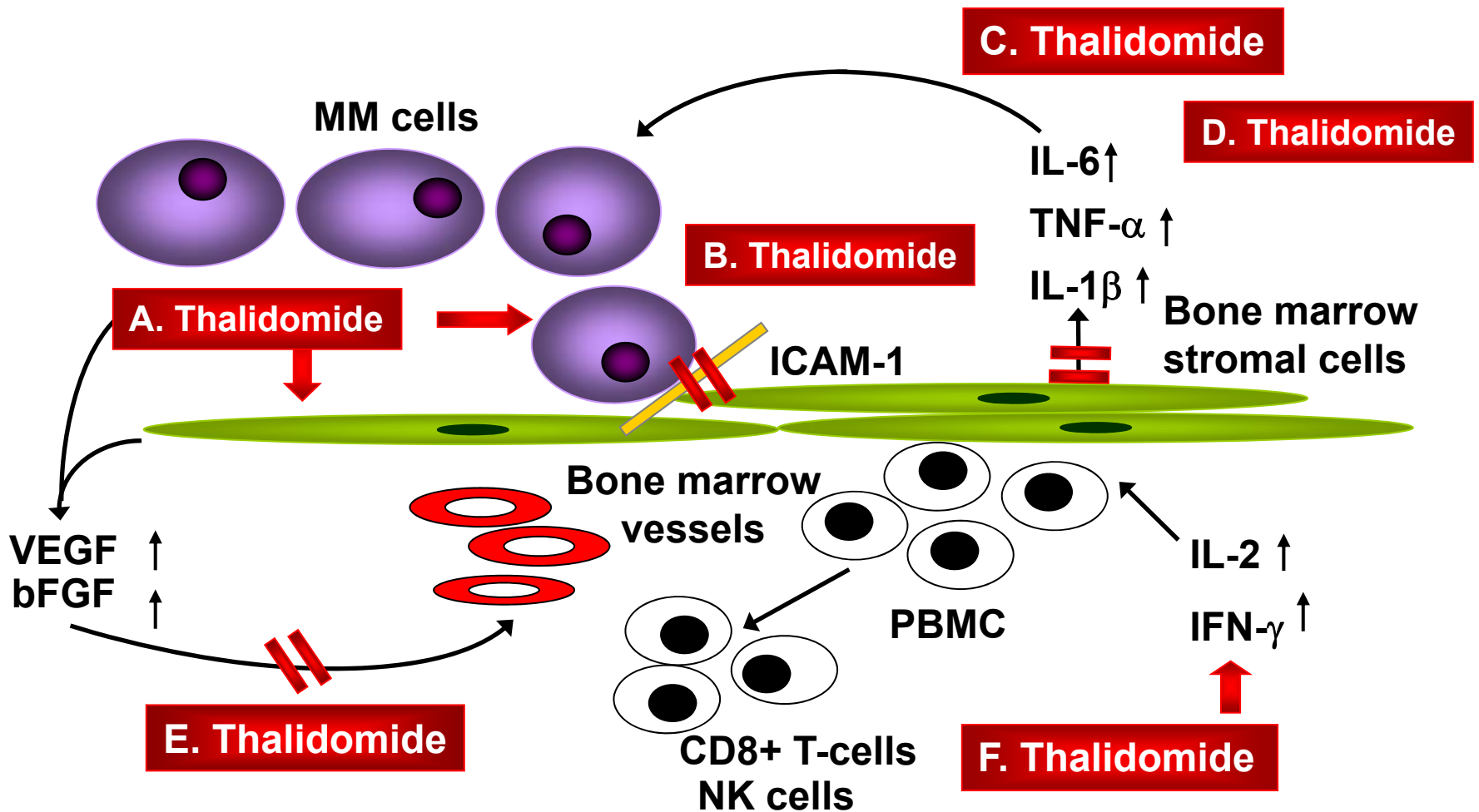
Control Treated





thalidomide

Thalidomide: multiple pathways, multiple targets



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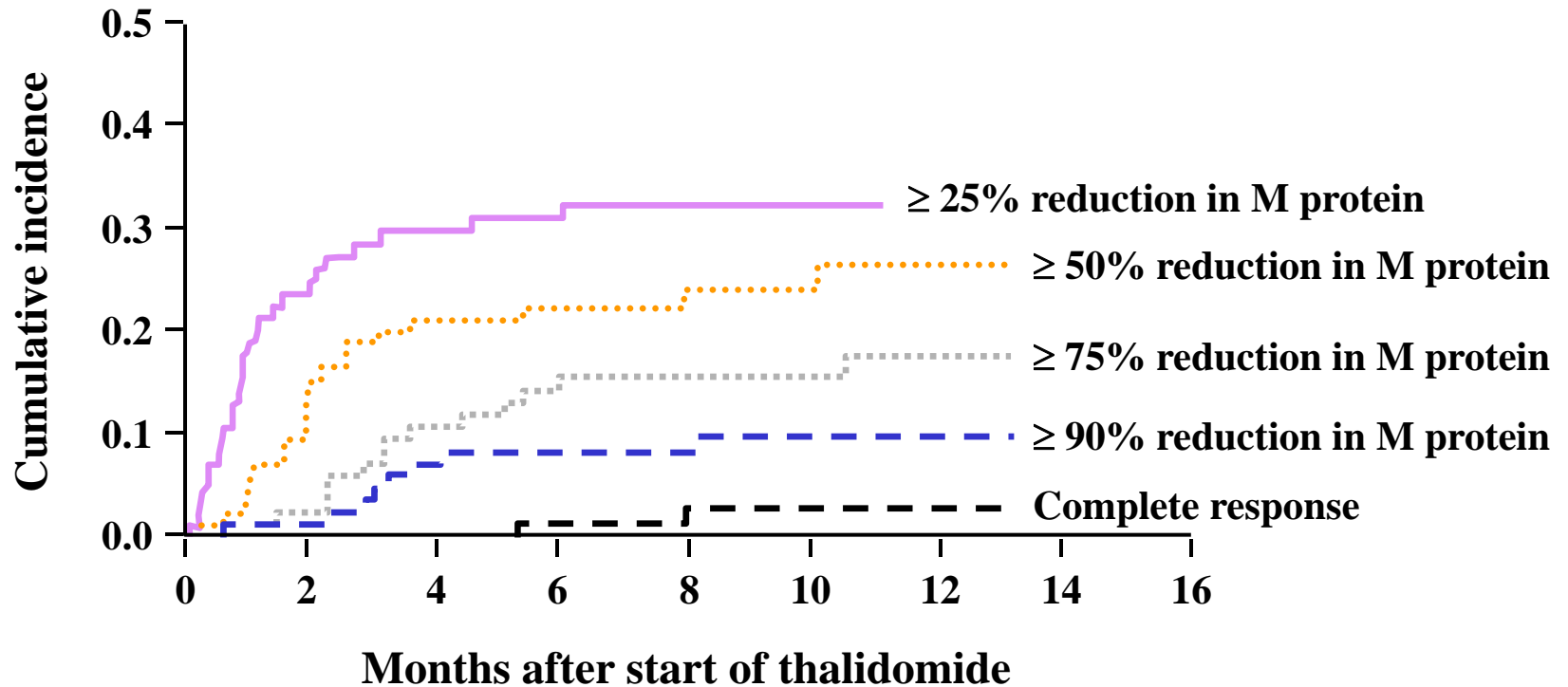
The NEW ENGLAND
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

1999;341:1565

**Antitumor Activity of
Thalidomide in Refractory
Multiple Myeloma**

Seema Singhal, et al

Single-agent thalidomide salvage therapy in MM



SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PHASE II TRIALS OF THALIDOMIDE MONOTHERAPY IN RELAPSED MM

Glasmacher A, Br J Haematol 2005

- 42 communications (24 full papers)
- 1629 patients
- median dose > 200 mg/d in 86% of cases

CR or VGPR (> 90%)	1.6	} 43.2%
PR (>50%)	27.8	
MR	13.8	

- Survival data

1 year EFS 35 %, median EFS :	3 to 16 months
1 year SV 60 %, median SV :	14 months

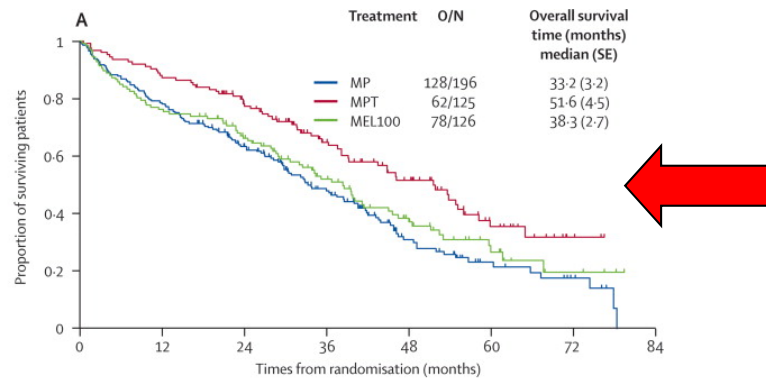
Melphalan and prednisone plus thalidomide versus melphalan and prednisone alone or reduced-intensity autologous stem cell transplantation in elderly patients with multiple myeloma (IFM 99-06): a randomised trial

Thierry Facon, Jean Yves Mary, Cyrille Hulin, Lotfi Benboubker, Michel Attal, Brigitte Pegourie, Marc Renaud, Jean Luc Harousseau, Gaëlle Guillem, Carine Chaletoux, Mamoun Dib, Laurent Voillat, Hervé Maisonneuve, Jacques Troncy, Véronique Dorvaux, Mathieu Monconduit, Claude Martin, Philippe Casassus, Jérôme Jaubert, Henry Jardel, Chantal Doyen, Brigitte Kolb, Bruno Anglaret, Bernard Grosbois, Ibrahim Yakoub-Agha, Claire Mathiot, Hervé Avet-Loiseau, on behalf of the Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome

Lancet 2007

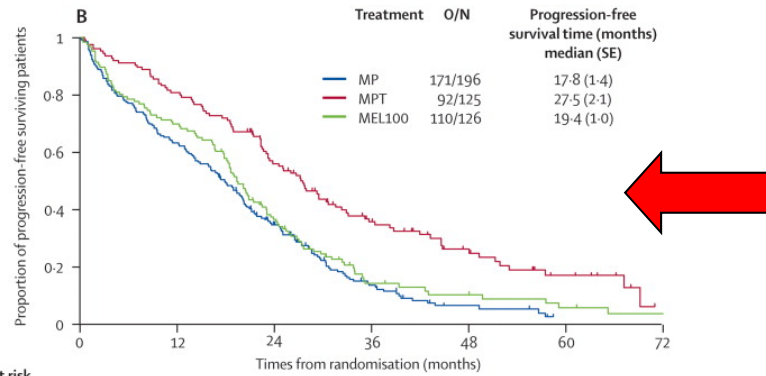
MP vs MPThal vs high-dose therapy
prospective, randomized,
436 patients, 65-75 years

Facon et al, Lancet 2007



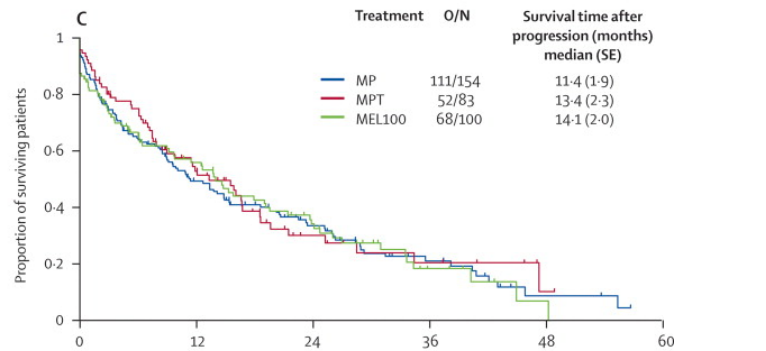
Number at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84					
MP	196	170	153	136	111	85	67	49	30	24	13	10	6
MPT	125	117	109	104	90	78	58	47	38	26	16	9	3
MEL100	126	103	96	92	76	62	50	36	29	19	12	6	4



Number at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72					
MP	196	151	124	94	60	35	20	10	6	5	0	..
MPT	125	114	101	90	66	47	34	26	19	13	8	5
MEL100	126	99	88	72	44	27	13	10	8	6	4	2



Number at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60			
MP	154	94	65	50	34	20	13	8	3
MPT	83	58	34	20	11	7	6	4	1
MEL100	100	59	45	32	22	14	6	3	1



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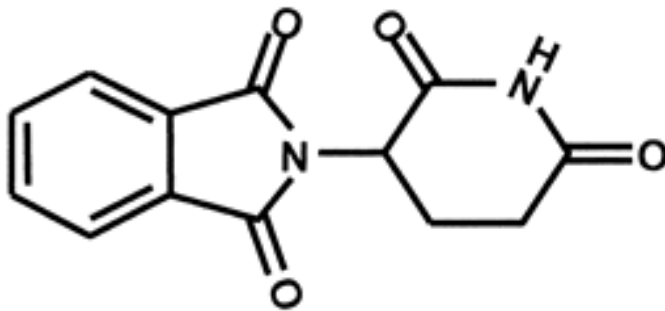
Volume 370 · Number 9594 · Pages 1189–1282 · October 6–12, 2007

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“The use of thalidomide in combination with melphalan and prednisone should be the reference treatment for previously untreated elderly patients with multiple myeloma.”

See **Articles** page 1209

Thalidomide



Lenalidomide

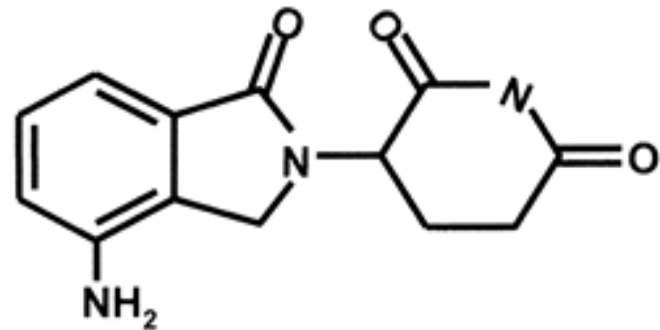
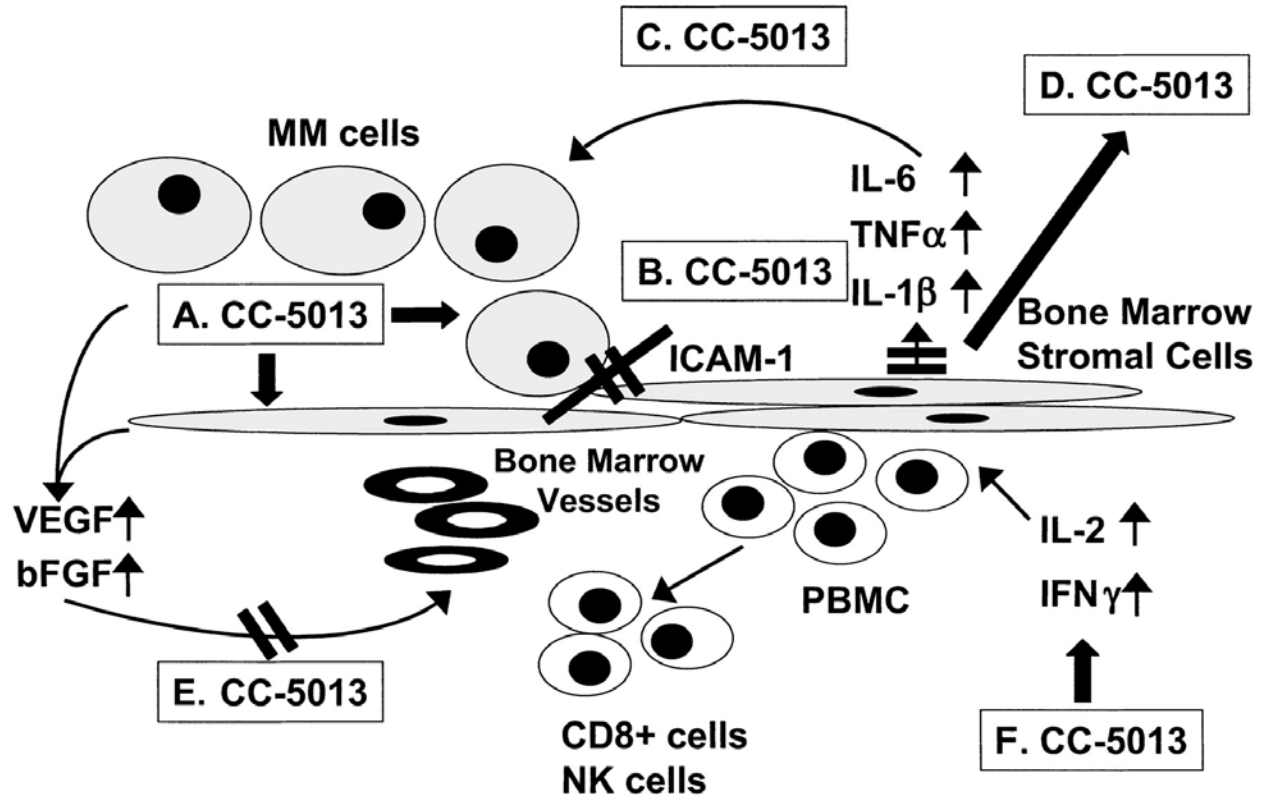


Figure 1.



Richardson, P. G. et al. Blood 2002;100:3063-3067

Lenalidomide plus Dexamethasone for Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma

Meletios Dimopoulos, M.D., Andrew Spencer, M.D., Michael Attal, M.D.,
H. Miles Prince, M.D., Jean-Luc Harousseau, M.D., Anna Dmoszynska, M.D.,
Jesus San Miguel, M.D., Andrzej Hellmann, M.D., Thierry Facon, M.D.,
Robin Foà, M.D., Alessandro Corso, M.D., Zvenyslava Masliak, M.D.,
Marta Olesnyckyj, R.N., Zhinuan Yu, Ph.D., John Patin, M.S.,
Jerome B. Zeldis, M.D., Ph.D., and Robert D. Knight, M.D.,
for the Multiple Myeloma (010) Study Investigators*

N Engl J Med 2007;357:2123

Table 2. Response among Patients in the Intention-to-Treat Population and in Selected Subgroups.*

Variable	Lenalidomide (N = 176)	Placebo (N = 175)	P Value
Response in the intention-to-treat population — no. (%)			
Overall response	106 (60.2)	42 (24.0)	<0.001
Complete response	28 (15.9)	6 (3.4)	<0.001
Near-complete response	15 (8.5)	3 (1.7)	
Partial response	63 (35.8)	33 (18.9)	
Stable disease	53 (30.1)	97 (55.4)	
Progressive disease	3 (1.7)	25 (14.3)	
Response could not be evaluated	14 (8.0)	11 (6.3)	
Overall response in subgroups — no./total no. (%)†			
Previous exposure to thalidomide			
Yes	26/53 (49.1)	11/67 (16.4)	0.002
No	80/123 (65.0)	31/108 (28.7)	<0.001
β_2 -microglobulin — mg per liter			
<2.5	36/51 (70.6)	18/48 (37.5)	<0.001
\geq 2.5	70/125 (56.0)	24/127 (18.9)	<0.001
Previous no. of therapies			
1	37/56 (66.1)	17/57 (29.8)	<0.001
\geq 2	69/120 (57.5)	25/118 (21.2)	<0.001
Previous stem-cell transplantation			
Yes	60/97 (61.9)	27/95 (28.4)	<0.001
No	46/79 (58.2)	15/80 (18.8)	<0.001

* P values were calculated with the use of a continuity-corrected Pearson chi-square test. There was no subgroup-by-treatment interaction for response rates with the use of the Breslow–Day test for homogeneity.

† Percentages are for the rate of overall response among patients in selected subgroups of the intention-to-treat population.

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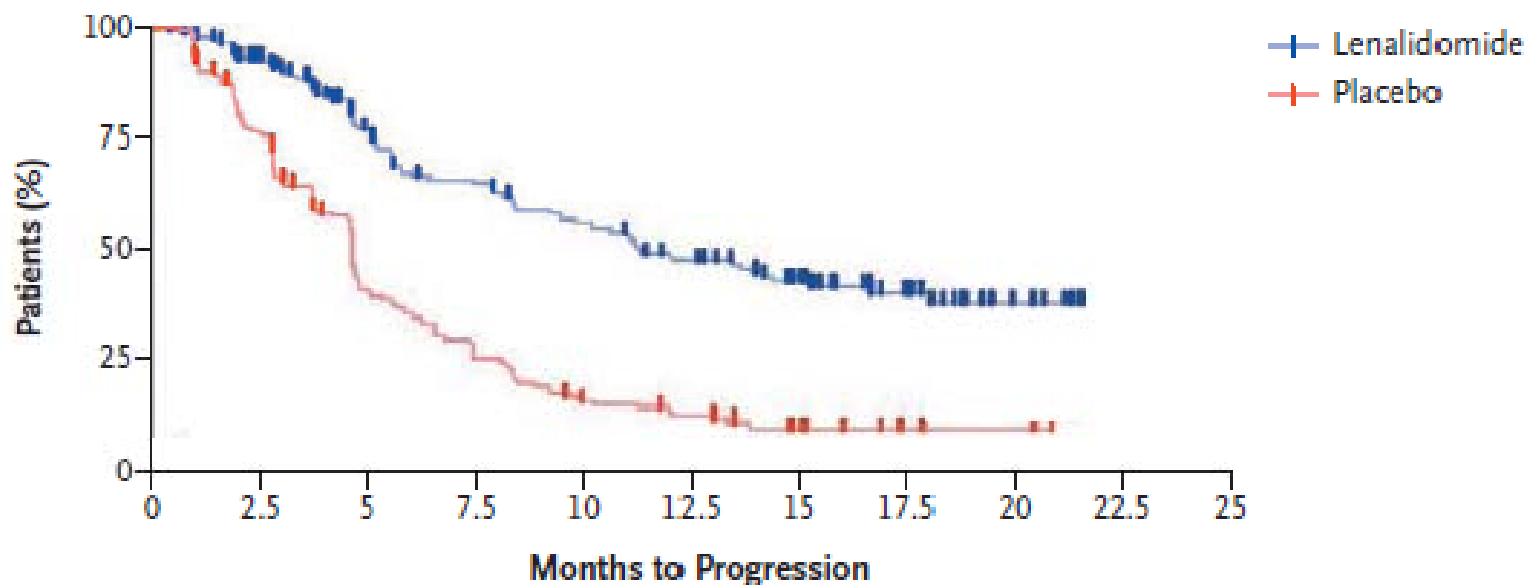
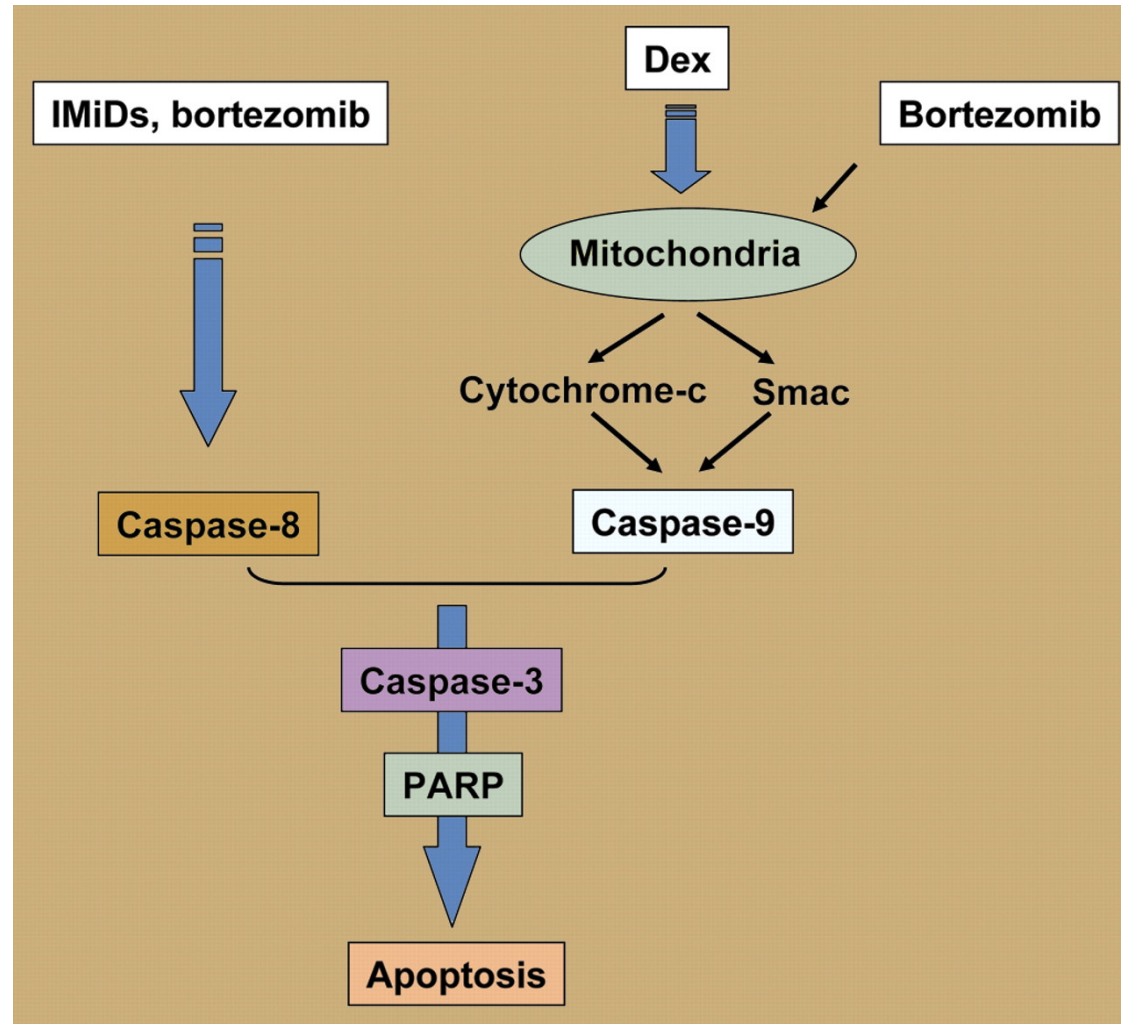


Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Curves for the Time to Disease Progression among All Patients and in Subgroups with and without Previous Exposure to Thalidomide.

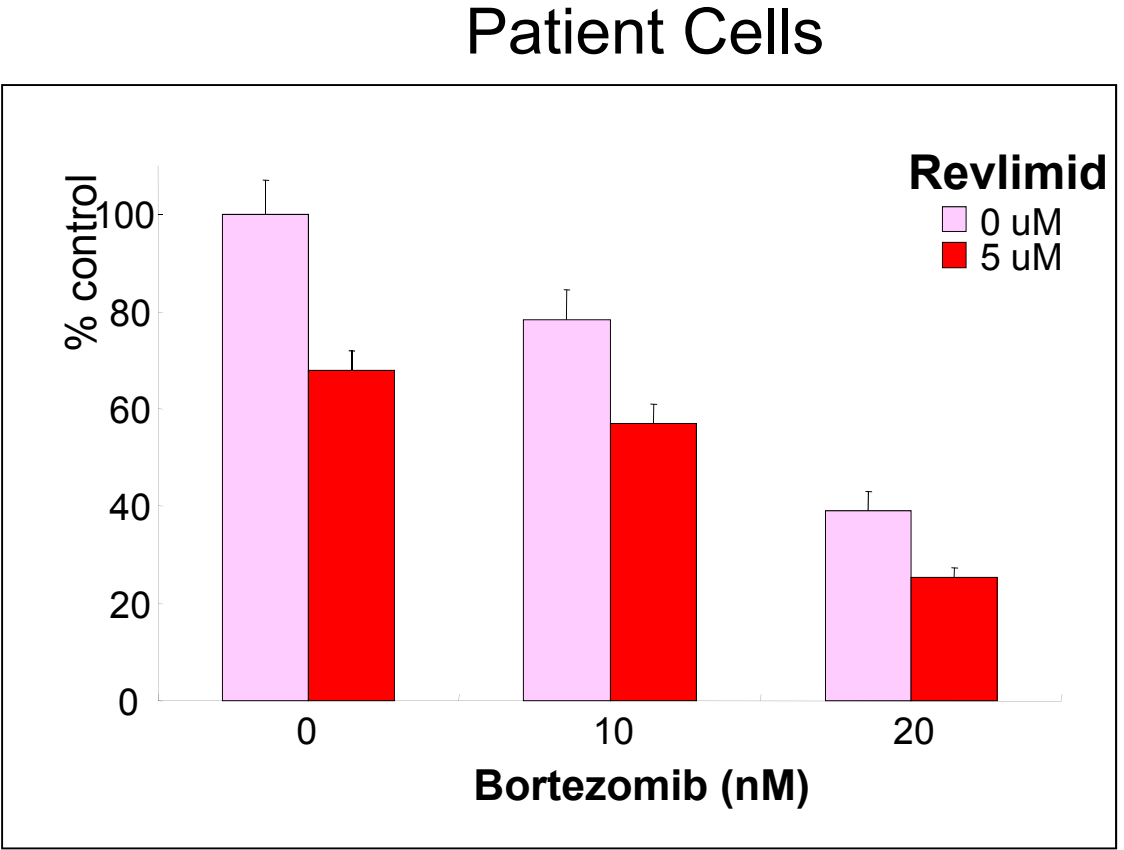
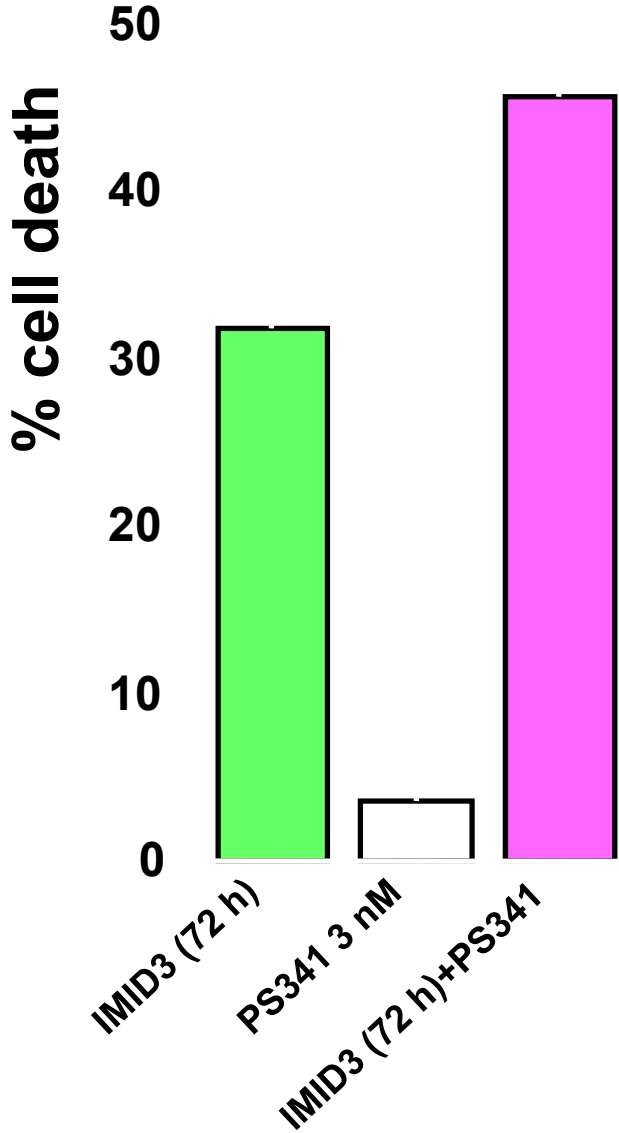
Panel A shows estimates of the median time to disease progression for the intention-to-treat population (11.3 months in the lenalidomide group and 4.7 months in the placebo group) ($P < 0.001$ by the log-rank test). Panel B shows the median time to disease progression among patients in the two study groups who received thalidomide before study entry and those who did not receive thalidomide (in the lenalidomide group, 13.5 months among patients who did not receive thalidomide and 8.4 months among those who did receive thalidomide; in the placebo group, 4.7 months and 4.6 months, respectively; $P < 0.001$ by the log-rank test for both between-group comparisons of patients who did and those who did not receive thalidomide).

Toward a new therapeutic backbone in myeloma

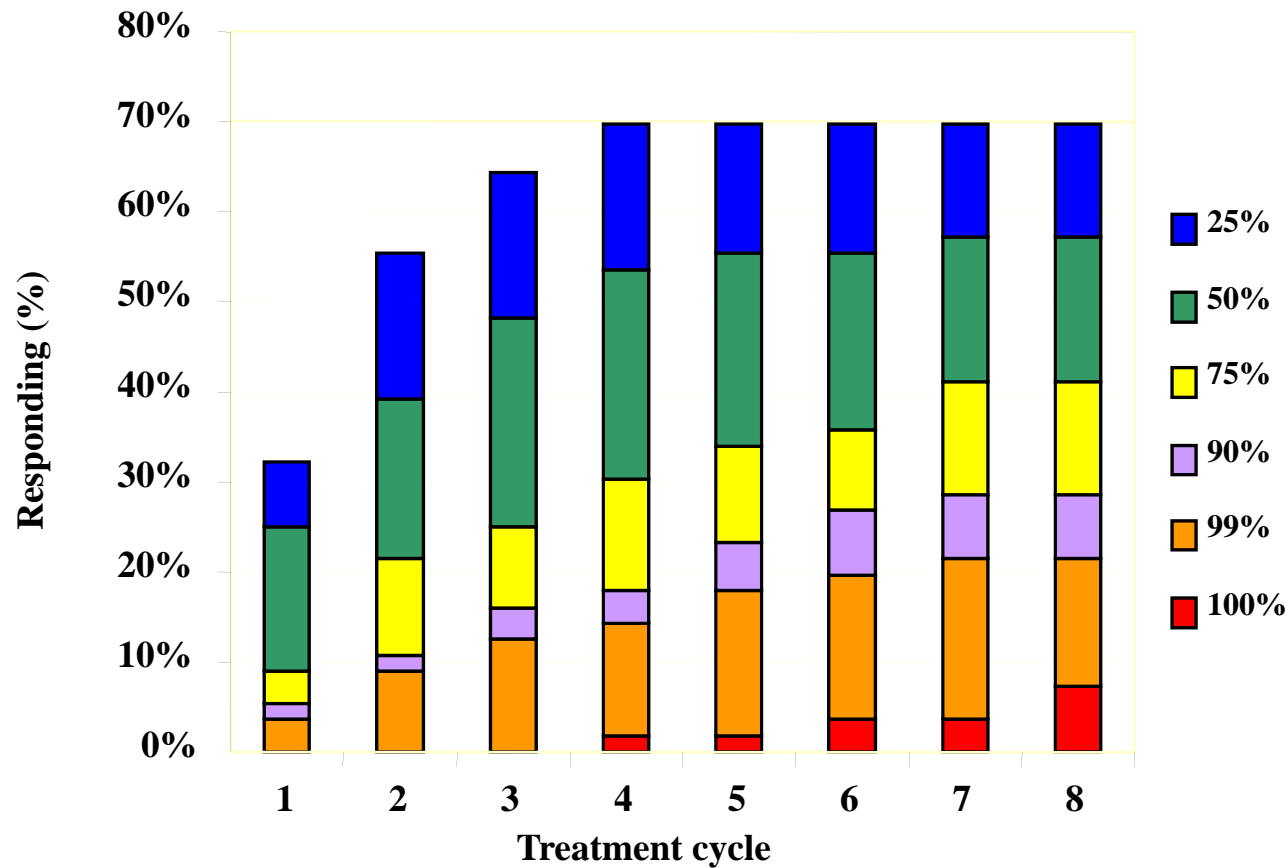


Richardson, P. Blood 2007;109:2672-2673

Combination Bortezomib + Lenalidomide



Bortezomib + thalidomide for post-transplant relapse: results

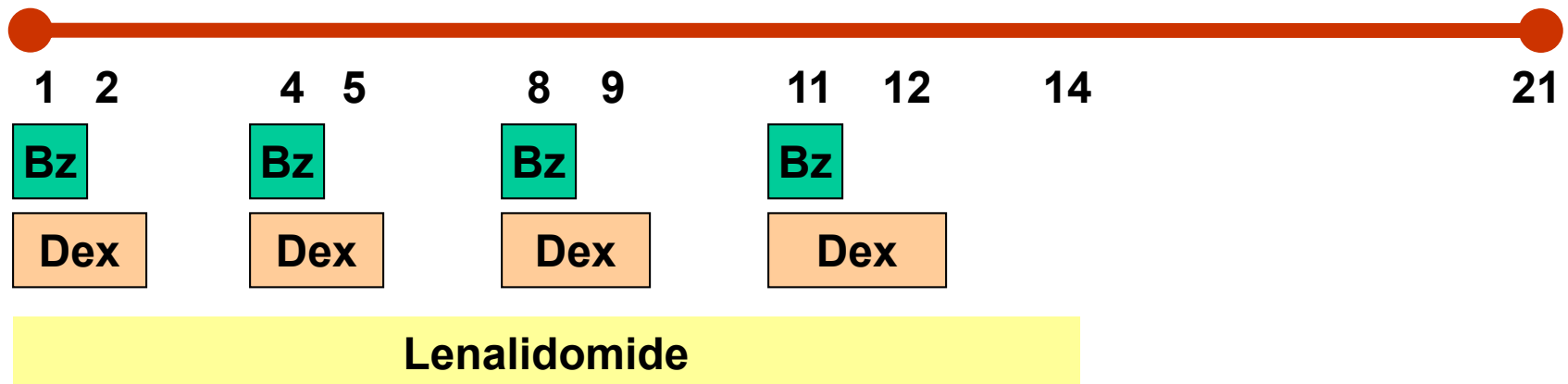


After 2 cycles, 55% ORR;
After 8 cycles, 22% CR & nCR
EFS: 7 m; OS: 21 m.

Zangari et al

Study Design

Up to eight 21-day cycles*



*Dex, 40 mg/day days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12; 20 mg, cycles 5–8; amended to 20 mg/10 mg cycles 1–4/5–8 based on safety data

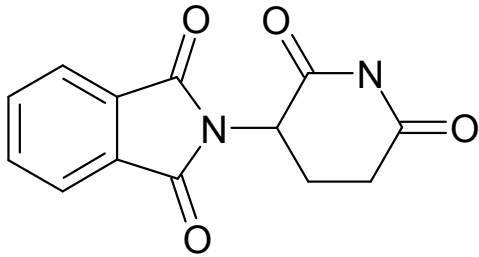
VTD combination therapy with bortezomib–thalidomide–dexamethasone is highly effective in advanced and refractory multiple myeloma

M Pineda-Roman¹, M Zangari¹, F van Rhee¹, E Anaissie¹, J Szymonifka², A Hoering², N Petty¹, J Crowley², J Shaughnessy¹, J Epstein¹ and B Barlogie¹

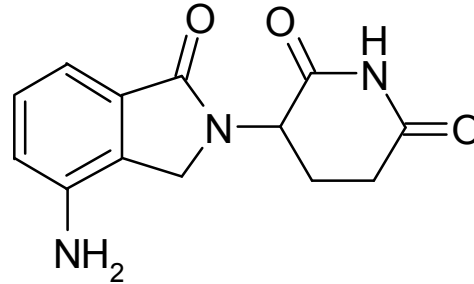
Updated results on 85 patients

Leukemia 2008;22:1419-1427

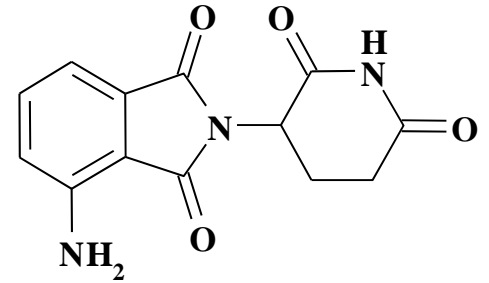
Molecular Structure of Thalidomide, Lenalidomide and Pomalidomide



Thalidomide
100-200 mg/d
Neuropathy
Constipation
Sedation
DVT



Lenalidomide
15-25 mg/d
Myelosuppression
Skin rash
DVT

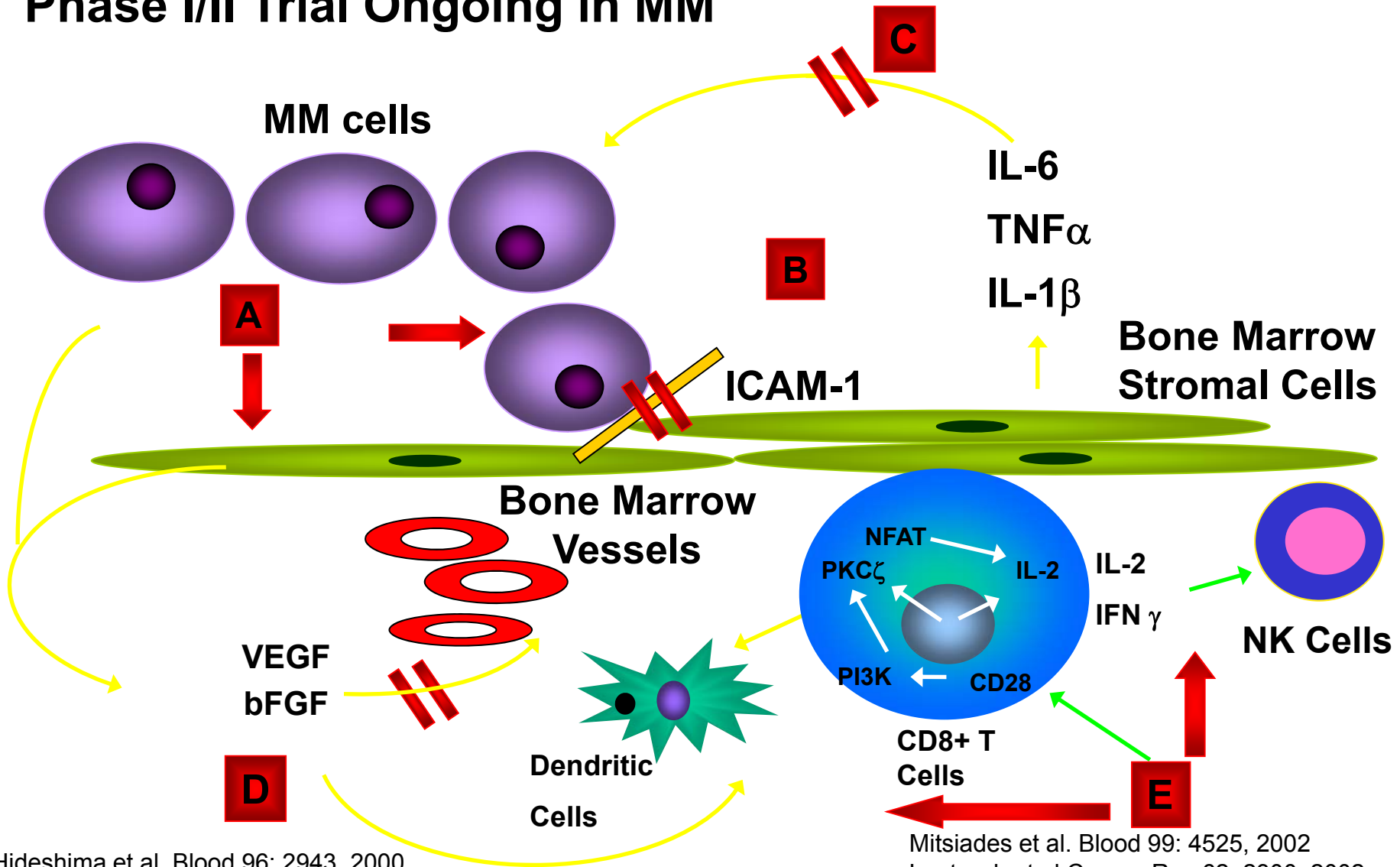


Pomalidomide
1-4 mg/d

Structurally similar, but functionally different both qualitatively and quantitatively

Pomalidomide in Myeloma

Phase I/II Trial Ongoing in MM



Hideshima et al. Blood 96: 2943, 2000
Davies et al. Blood 98: 210, 2001
Gupta et al. Leukemia 15: 1950, 2001

Mitsiades et al. Blood 99: 4525, 2002
Lentzsch et al. Cancer Res 62: 2300, 2002
LeBlanc R et al. Blood 103: 1787, 2004
Hayashi T et al. Brit J Hematol 128: 192, 2005

In vitro Pharmacology

	<u>Thalidomide</u>	<u>Pomalidomide</u>
Anti-angiogenic activity (human explant model)	++++	++++
Anti-inflammatory activity against monocytes	+	+++++
T cell/NK cell costimulation	+	+++++
T regulatory cell inhibition	-	+++++
Antibody-dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity (ADCC)	-	++++

+ = potency factor of 10

Teo ST, et al. *Drug Discovery Today*. 2005;10:107-14.

Phase I trials for Pomalidomide

	N	Dose	MTD	ORR
Schey JCO 2004	24	1-10 mg	2 mg	54%
Streetly BJH 2008	20	1-10* mg QOD	5 mg QOD	50%

* Nine patients also received dexamethasone

Study design

- **Phase II trial, 60 patients**
- **A confirmed response is defined to be a CR, PR or VGPR as assessed by the International Myeloma Working Group Uniform Response criteria.**

Study treatment

- **Starting Dose:**
 - Pomalidomide - 2mg p.o. daily days 1-28
 - Dexamethasone - 40mg p.o. days 1, 8, 15 & 22
 - Aspirin - 325mg p.o. days 1-28
- **G-CSF was not permitted**
- **Patients allowed to increase to 4 mg/day if no grade 3/4 toxicity and if NR or progressing**

Best Responses

	Confirmed Response	IMWG* response criteria	
		N= 60	
	CR	3 (5%)	} CR + VGPR 33%
	VGPR	17 (28%)	
Median follow-up 7 months	PR	18 (30%)	} ORR 63%
	SD	18 (30%)	
	PD	3 (5%)	
	NE	1 (2%)	

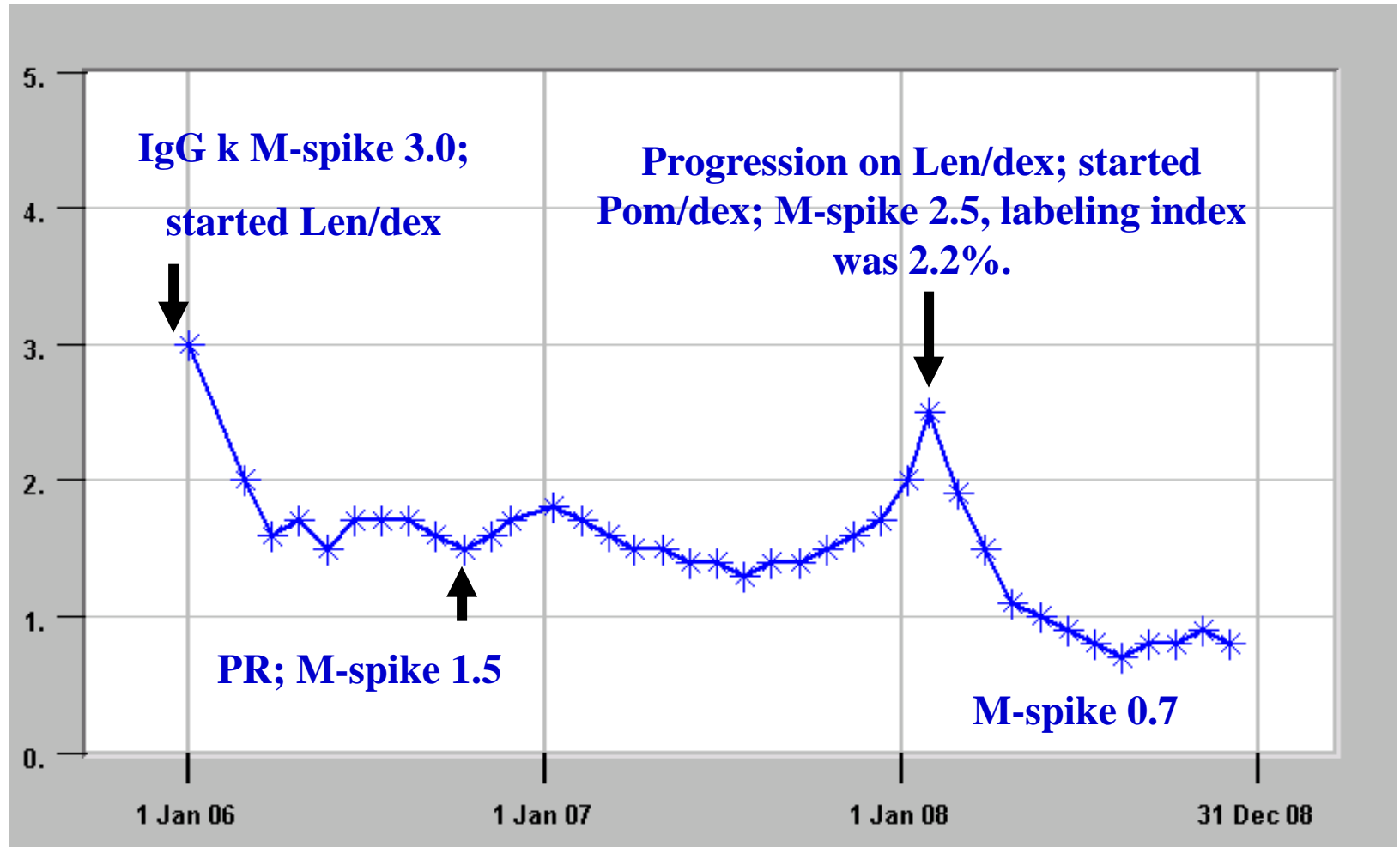
Responses in patients treated with other novel agents

	Previously treated	Refractory	\geq PR in refractory patients
Bortezomib	20 (33%)	10	6 (60%)
Lenalidomide	21 (35%)	20	8 (40%)
Thalidomide	28 (47%)	16	6 (37%)

Refractory defined as progressing on therapy regardless of previous response

Patient 1, Lenalidomide refractory

69 year old male



Patient 2, 67 year old female

