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Modakafusp Alfa (TAK-573), an Immunocytokine, Shows Clinical Activity in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma; Updated Results from a First-In-Human Phase 1 Study

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Modakafusp alfa is a novel, first-in-class immunocytokine designed to deliver IFN α 2b to CD38+ cells

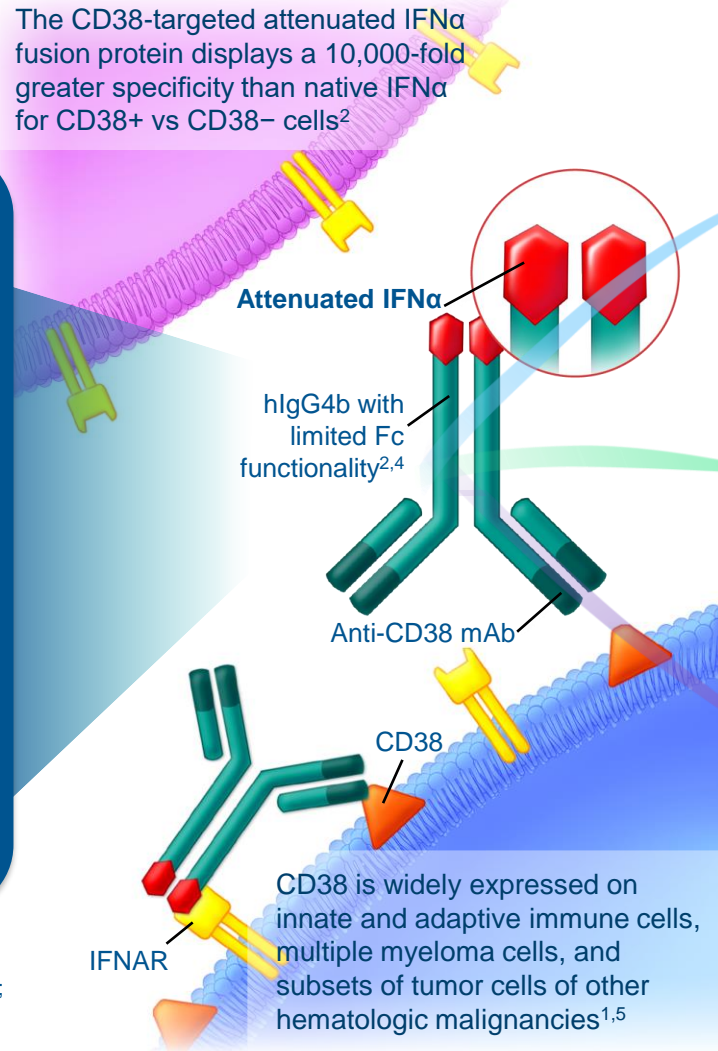
Modakafusp alfa

Binds with high affinity to unique epitope of CD38^{1,2}

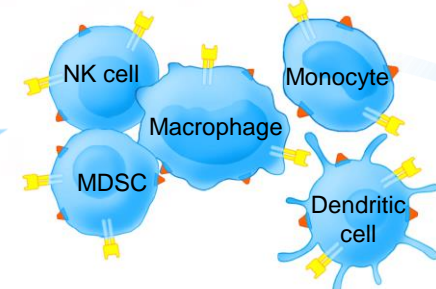
Signals through IFNAR² to:

- activate innate and adaptive immune cells¹
- direct anti-proliferative/apoptotic signals to tumor cells^{2,3}

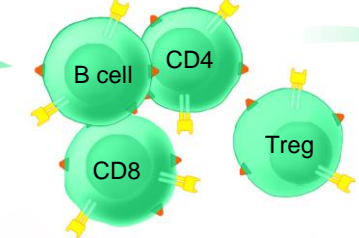
Fc, fragment crystallizable; hIgG4b, human immunoglobulin 4b; IFN, interferon; IFNAR, interferon α receptor; mAb, monoclonal antibody; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cell; NK, natural killer; Treg, regulatory T cell



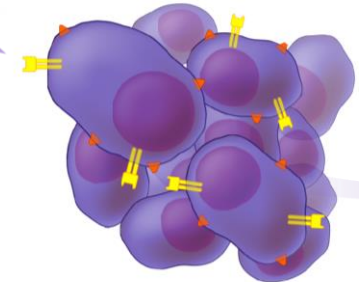
Innate immune cell activation^{1,3,5}



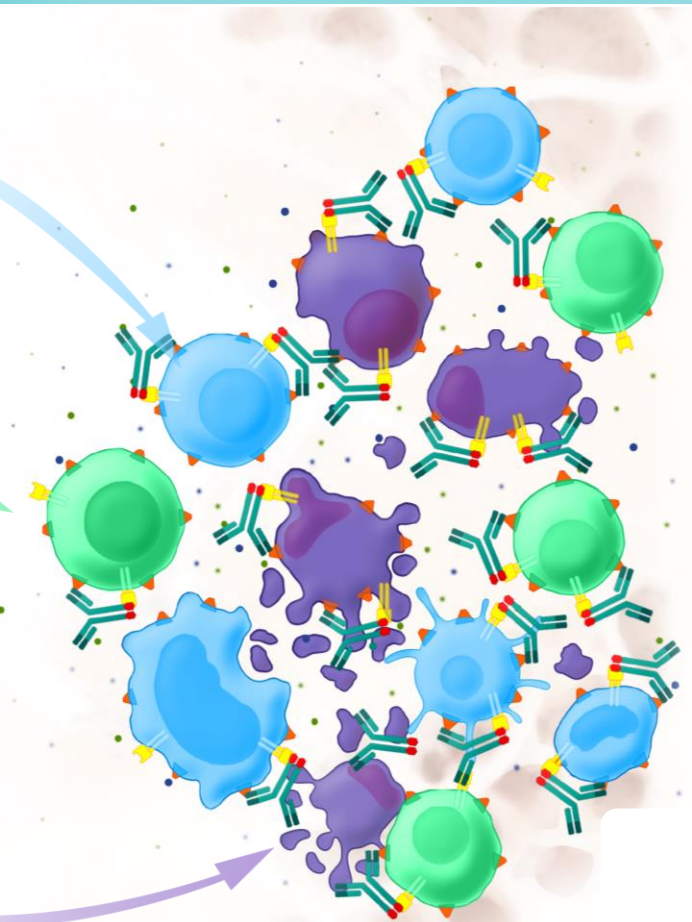
Adaptive immune cell activation^{1,3,5}



Multiple myeloma cell binding



Multiple myeloma cell death^{2,3}



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Study eligibility criteria and objectives

Key eligibility criteria

- RRMM
- ≥ 3 prior lines of MM therapy
- Refractory to or intolerant of ≥ 1 PI and 1 IMiD
- Daratumumab washout of 90 days required for patients with >5 months of therapy in escalation phase
 - Daratumumab washout not required for patients in expansion phase

Study objectives

Primary:

- OBD and/or MTD with 1 or more schedules

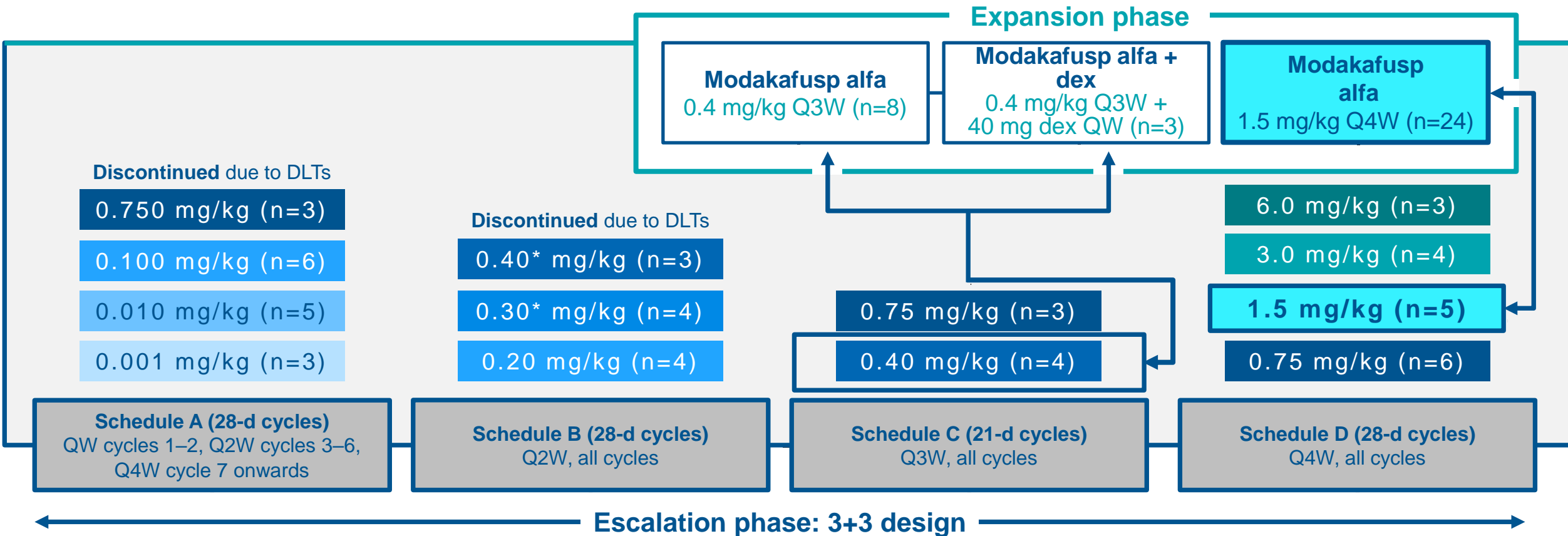
Secondary:

- Preliminary anti-tumor activity: ORR, DOR, and PFS
- PK and immunogenicity

DOR, duration of response; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; MM, multiple myeloma; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; OBD, optimal biological dose; ORR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PK, pharmacokinetics; RRMM, relapsed/refractory MM



Study design



Data cutoff date: 6 August 2021

*Per protocol version available, patients may have been enrolled under schedule A.

Dex, dexamethasone; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; QW, weekly; Q2/3/4W, every 2/3/4 weeks



Patient characteristics

Characteristic	1.5 mg/kg Q4W (n=29)	Characteristic	1.5 mg/kg Q4W (n=29)
Median age, years (range)	66.0 (40–83)	Median time from diagnosis, years (range)	6.0 (0.7–16.1)
Female sex, n (%)	15 (51.7)	MM type,* n (%)	
Race,* n (%):		IgG	13 (44.8)
White	23 (79.3)	IgA	5 (17.2)
Black or African American	2 (6.9)	Light chain only	9 (31.0)
Asian	2 (6.9)	ISS stage at study entry,† n (%)	
ECOG performance status, n (%)		I	12 (41.4)
0	4 (13.8)	II	11 (37.9)
1	25 (86.2)	III	3 (10.3)
		High-risk cytogenetics [del17p, t(4;14), or t(14;16)], n/N (%)	7/25 (28.0)

*Race not reported for 2 patients in the 1.5 mg/kg cohort.

*1 patient had MM type under review and 1 had MM type missing.

†ISS stage missing for 3 patients.

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ISS, International Staging System

Prior therapies and refractoriness

Prior therapies	1.5 mg/kg Q4W (n=29)	Refractoriness	1.5 mg/kg Q4W (n=29)
Median prior lines of therapy, n (range)	7.0 (3–16)	PI + IMiD-refractory, n (%)	27 (93.1)
Prior ASCT, n (%)	23 (79.3)	Triple class-refractory,* n (%)	25 (86.2)
Prior CD38 mAb,* n (%)	28 (96.6)	Anti-CD38 mAb [†] -refractory, n (%)	26 (89.7)
Prior anti-BCMA therapy, n (%)	15 (51.7)	Triple class-refractory* and penta-exposed, [‡] n (%)	22 (75.9)
Prior CAR-T cell therapy, [†] n (%)	8 (27.6)	Last line-refractory, n (%)	23 (79.3)
Prior T-cell engagers, [‡] (%)	6 (20.7)	Last line anti-CD38 mAb [†] -refractory, n (%)	4 (13.8)

*Daratumumab and isatuximab.

[†]All CAR-T cell therapy assumed to be BCMA-directed.

[‡]BCMA-targeted in 2 patients.

*Refractory to PI, IMiD, and anti-CD38 mAb; refractoriness defined as disease progression while on treatment or <60 days from last exposure to the drug.

[†]Daratumumab and isatuximab.

[‡]Exposed to two PIs, two IMiDs, and one anti-CD38 mAb.

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor

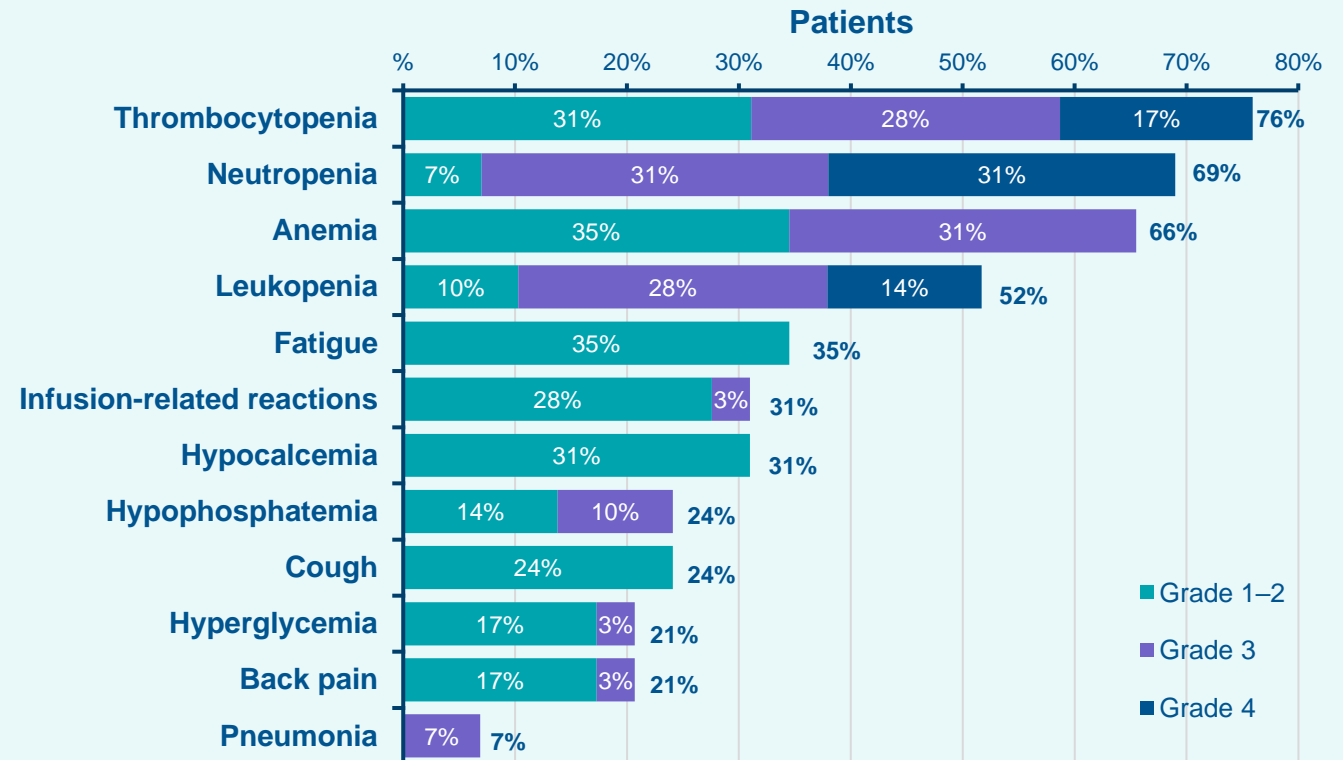
Disposition and treatment exposure

	1.5 mg/kg Q4W (n=29)
Ongoing on study drug, n	13
Discontinued study drug, n	16
Progressive disease	12
Adverse events	3
Patient withdrawal	1
Lost to follow-up	0
Median duration of exposure, weeks (range)	13.6 (1.6–71.4)
Median number of cycles (range)	3 (1–18)

Safety profile

- The MTD was exceeded with 6 mg/kg Q4W dose due to DLTs:
 - Grade 3 infusion reaction
 - Prolonged grade 4 thrombocytopenia and neutropenia, which delayed the start of cycle 2 by >14 days
- With 1.5 mg/kg Q4W modakafusp alfa:
 - One patient had a grade 3 bleeding event and continued on study treatment at the time of data cut-off
 - Three patients had grade 3 infections (pneumonia, n=2; sinusitis, n=1)

Most common TEAEs with 1.5 mg/kg Q4W modakafusp alfa (n=29)



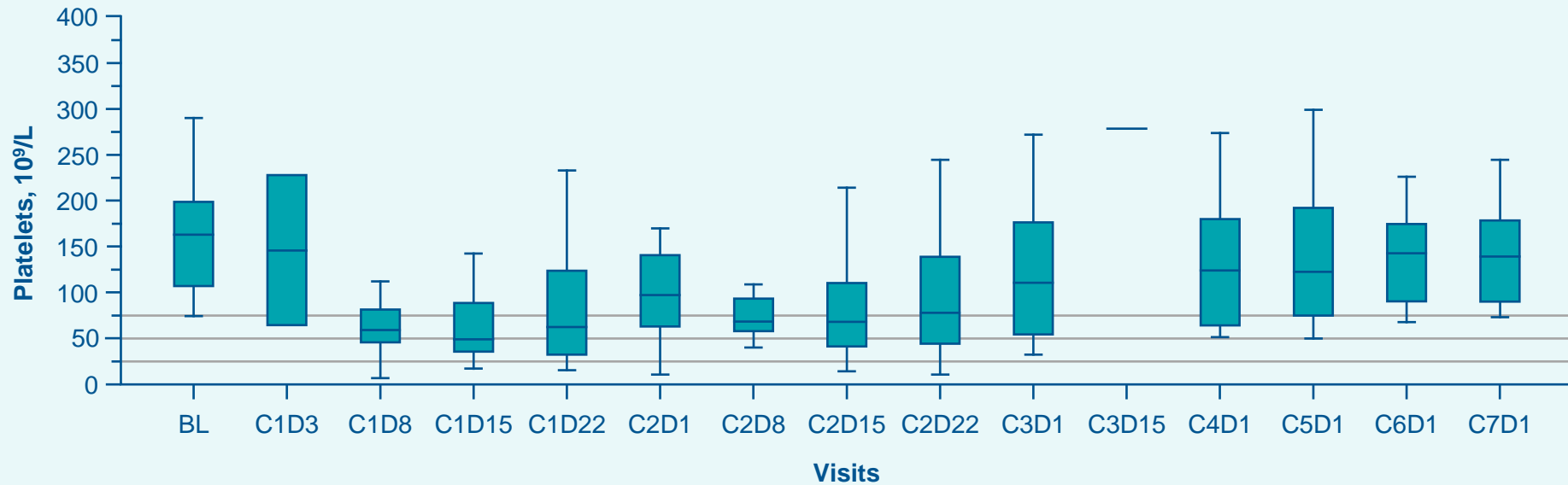
TEAEs reported in >20% of patients (or >25% for hematological TEAEs) overall or at grade ≥ 3 severity in >5% of patients overall. Overall total % may not equal grade 1-2 plus grade ≥ 3 %s due to rounding.

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event



Platelet count over time with 1.5 mg/kg Q4W

Mean platelet count was lowest at days 8 and 15 of the first 2 cycles, but recovered over time



Number of patients:

Total	29	2	26	26	26	20	18	17	18	17	1	14	11	10	9
Dose escalation	5	0	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3
Dose expansion	24	2	22	22	22	17	15	14	15	14	0	11	8	7	6

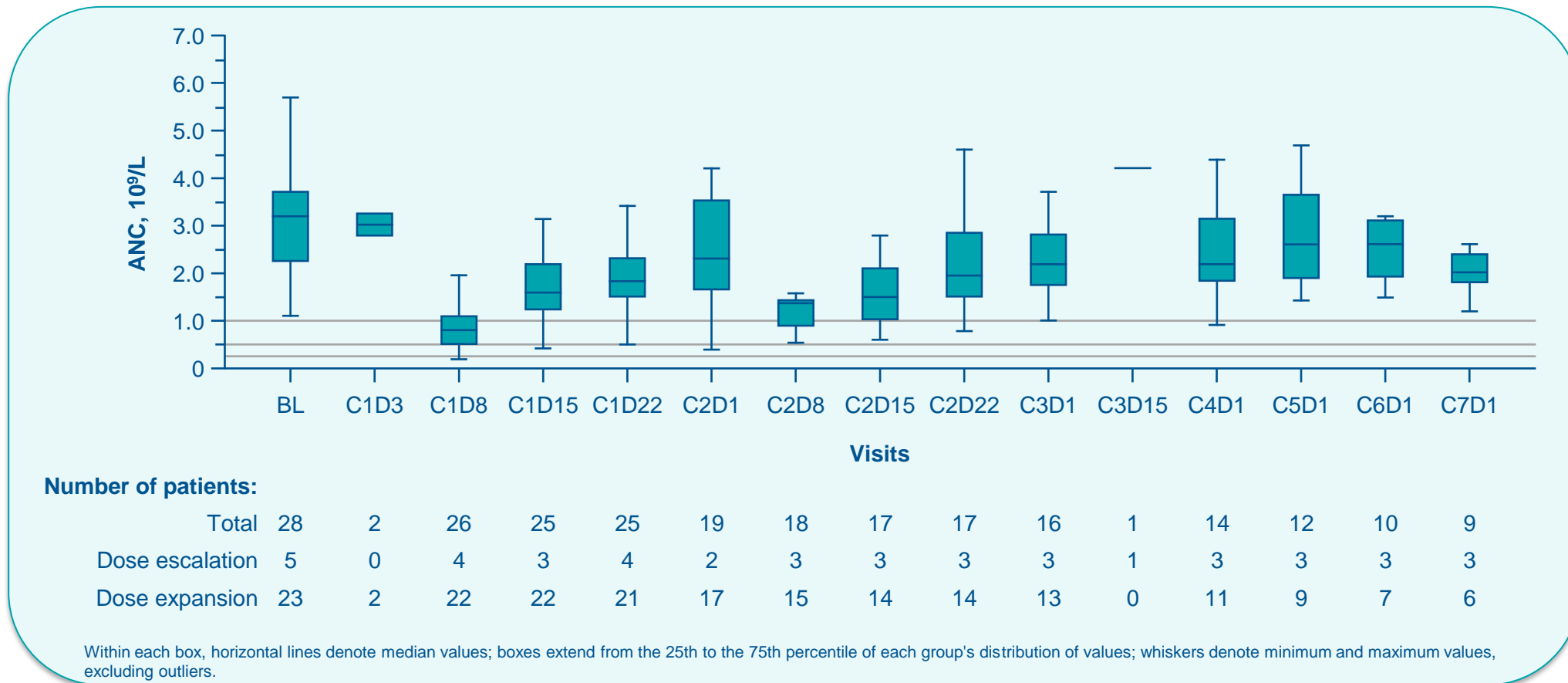
Within each box, horizontal lines denote median values; boxes extend from the 25th to the 75th percentile of each group's distribution of values; whiskers denote minimum and maximum values, excluding outliers.

BL, baseline



ANC over time with 1.5 mg/kg Q4W

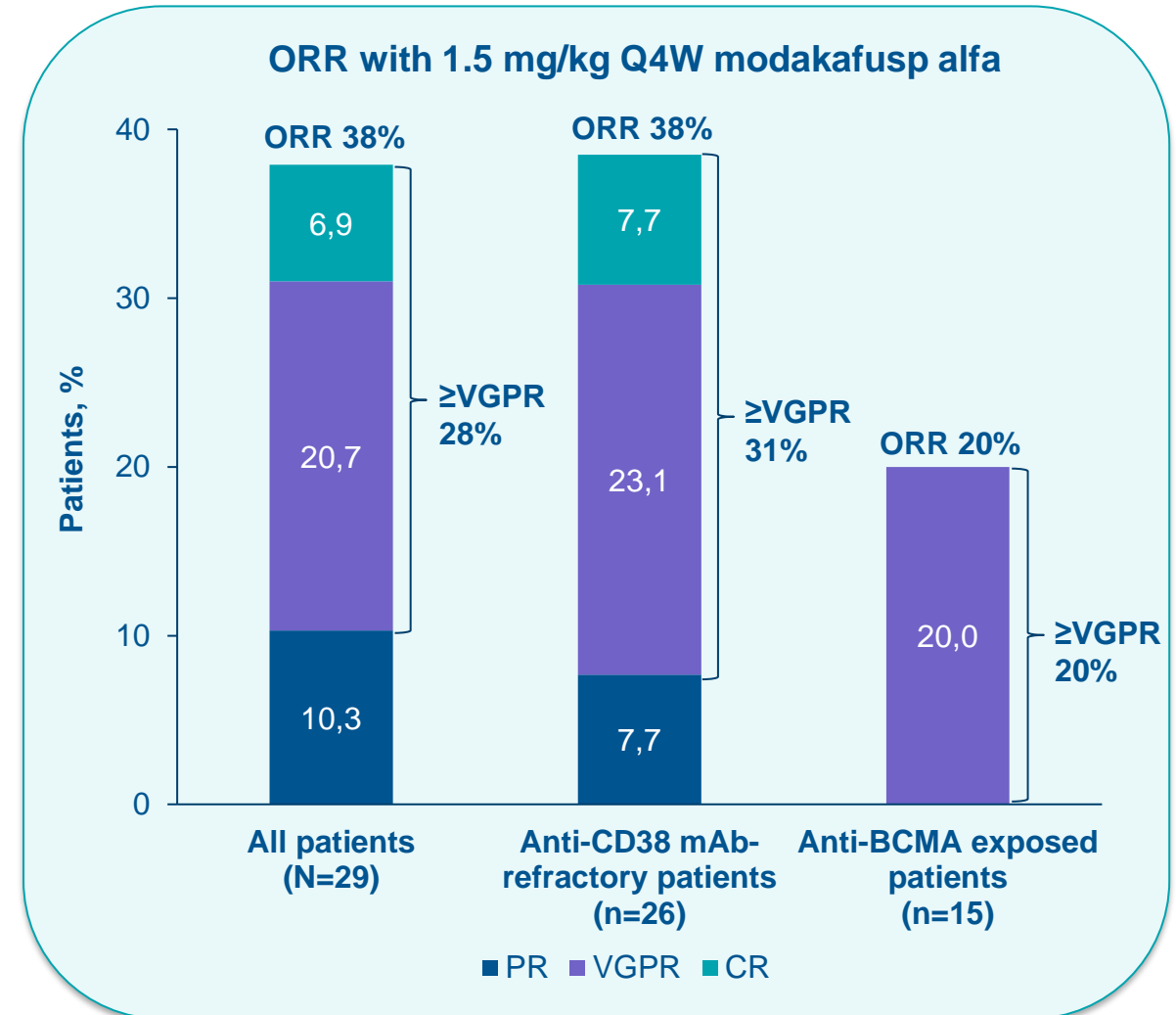
Mean ANC was lowest at the beginning of each cycle, particularly the first 2 cycles, but recovered towards the end of each cycle



ANC, absolute neutrophil count

Overall response rate

- Among 29 patients who received modakafusp alfa 1.5 mg/kg Q4W (5 in dose escalation and 24 in ongoing dose expansion):
 - 11 patients had \geq PR (ORR 38%), including 6 with VGPR and 2 with CR (28% \geq VGPR)
- Among 26 anti-CD38 mAb-refractory patients, ORR was also 38% (31% \geq VGPR):
 - Among the 4 patients who received an anti-CD38 mAb in their most recent line of therapy, 1 achieved a CR, and 2 achieved a VGPR (ORR 75%)
- Of the 15 patients with prior anti-BCMA therapy, 3 (20%) had a VGPR



CR, complete response; PR, partial response; VGPR, very good partial response

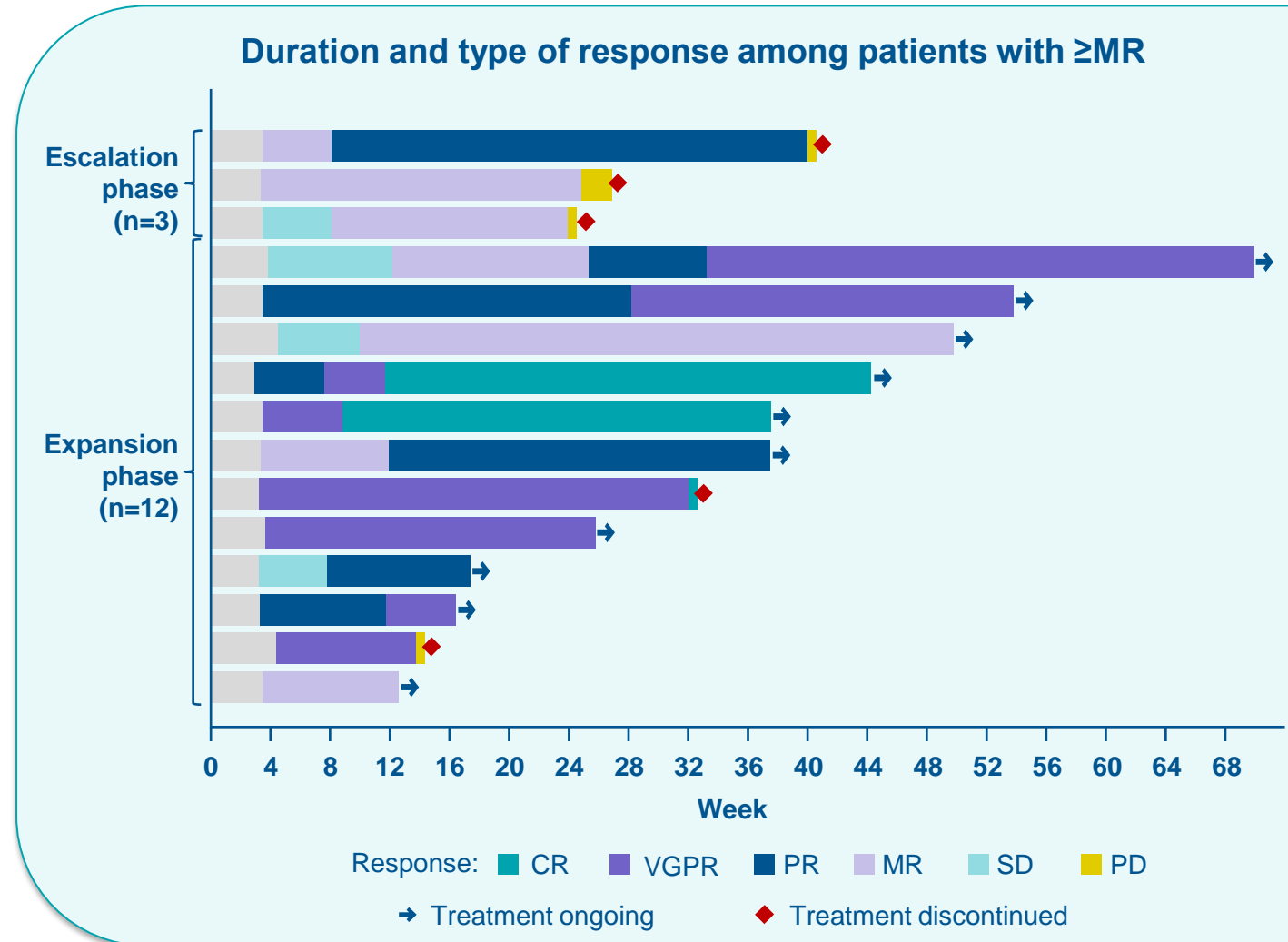
Duration of response

- After a median follow-up of 4.2 months (range: 0.4–17.6 months), 10 patients* remain on treatment
- Among 11 patients with \geq PR:
 - Median time to response was 1 month (range: 0.8–5.8 months)
 - Median time to best response was 2 months (range: 0.9–7.7 months)
 - Median duration of response has not been reached (range: 2.1–11.3[†] months)
 - Two patients achieved a CR after 2 and 3 cycles; both are ongoing on treatment in CR
- Among all patients in the 1.5 mg/kg cohort (n=29), median PFS was 5.7 months (95% CI, 0.99–NR)

*Among patients who had at least one response assessment and have at least a MR.

[†]Patient censored.

MR, minimal response; NR, not reached; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease

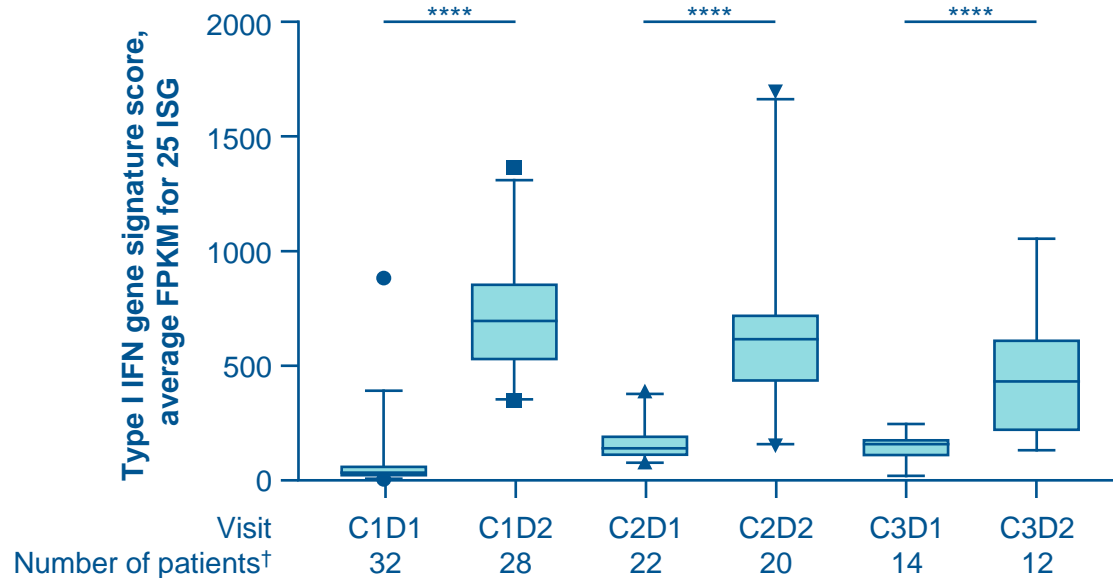


Innate and adaptive immune activation

Administration of modakafusp alfa leads to:

- induction of type I IFN gene signature
- activation of CD8 T cells and NK cells

Peripheral blood type I IFN pathway activation

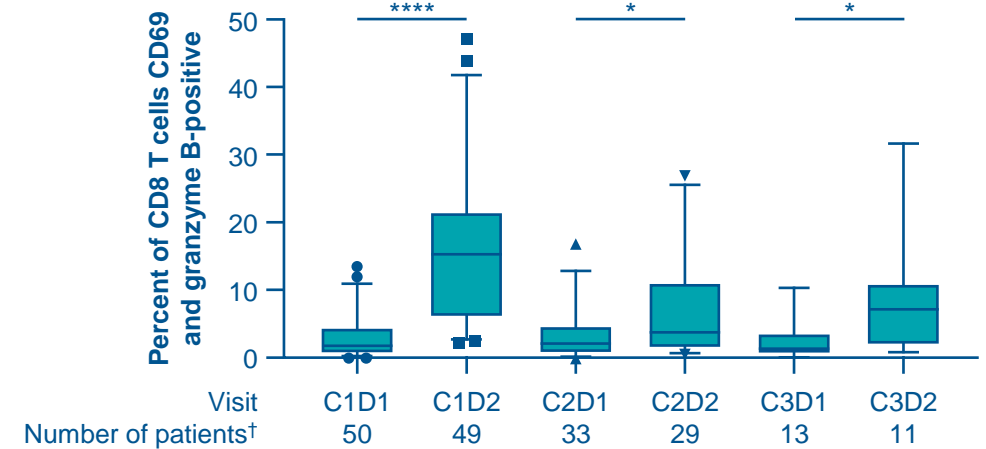


****p-value ≤ 0.0001 ; *p-value ≤ 0.05 ; ns, not significant.

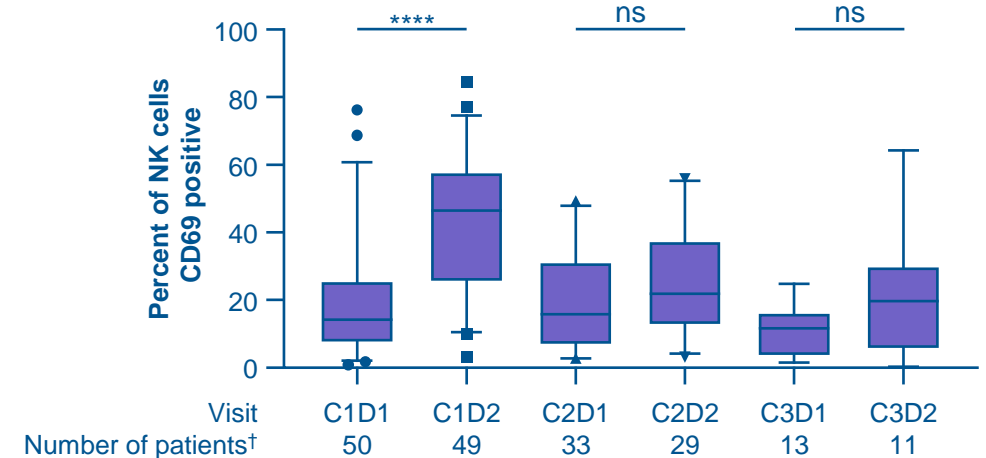
†Data available for samples from patients treated with 0.4 mg/kg, 0.75 mg/kg, and 1.5 mg/kg.

FPKM, fragments per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads; ISG, interferon-stimulated genes

Peripheral blood CD8 T cell activation

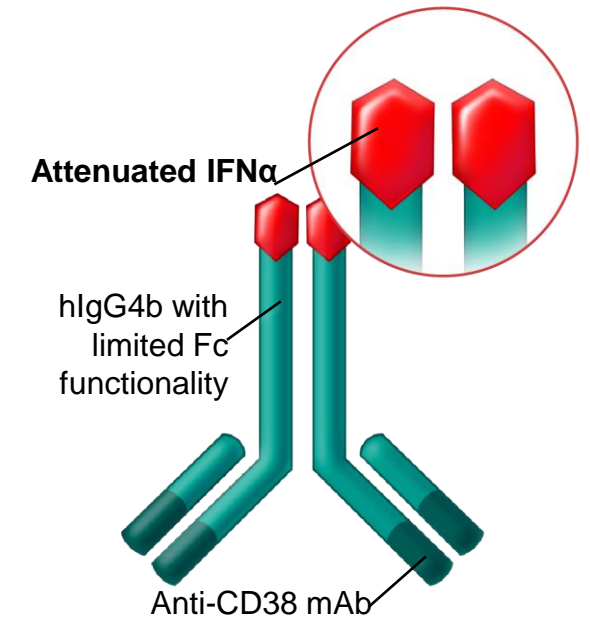


Peripheral blood NK cell activation



Conclusions

- **Modakafusp alfa is a novel immunocytokine with:**
 - Promising single-agent activity in patients with heavily pre-treated myeloma, including those with disease refractory to an anti-CD38 mAb
 - A manageable safety/tolerability profile
 - A unique structure and mechanism of action
 - Evidence of immune activation
- **Q4W is the optimal dosing interval for multiple myeloma**
 - Further enrollment has identified the maximum tolerated dose as 3 mg/kg
 - A randomized phase 2 trial is planned to define the optimal single-agent dose



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