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# **IFM 90 : General outline**



## IFM 90 : Survival ≤ 60 years



## IFM 90 : Survival according to response



## CC vs ASCT RANDOMIZED STUDIES

	Nb of pts	Age	сс	HDT	SCT	Maintenance
IFM90 <i>(NEJM 96)</i>	200	<u>&lt;</u> 65 Med 57	VMCP/VBAP	HDM14O + TBI 8G	ВМ	IFN
MRC7 <i>(NEJM 03)</i>	401	<u>&lt;</u> 65 Med 55	ABCM	HDM200	PBSC	IFN
Italian MMSG (Turin 2004)	195	55-70 Med 62	MP	HDM100x2 + PBSC	PBSC	IFN + Dex
MAG91 (ASH 99)	190	55-65 Med 61	VMCP	HDM140 + Bu 16	PBSC	-
PETHEMA* (ASH 03)	164	<u>&lt;</u> 65 Med 56	VBMCP/VBAD*	HDM140 + TBI 12G*	PBSC	IFN + Dex
US INTERGROUP (ASH 2003)	510		VAD/VBMCP	Mel + TBI 12G	PBSC	IFN vs 0

\* In patients responding to initial CT

## CC VS ASCT:

#### **CR RATE**

	CR defin	CC	ASCT	p. Value
IFM90	< 0 EP	5	22	< 0.001
MRC7	< 0 If	8	44	< 0.001
IMMSG	< 0 EP	7	26	<0.0001
PETHEMA	< 0 EP	11	30	0.002
USIG	< 0 If	15	17	NS

## CC VS ASCT:



	Med F-up	CC	ASCT	p. Value
IFM90	7 y	18	28	0.01
MRC7	42 m	19	31	< 0.001
IMMSG	3 y	16	28	0.0036
MAG91	8.4 y	19	25	0.05
PETHEMA	44 m	34	42	NS
USIG	-	21	25	0.05

### **CC versus HDT: Overall Survival**

	HD regimen	CC	HDT	p. Value
IFM90	Mel+TBI 8Gy	44	57	0.03
MRC7	Mel	42	54	< 0.001
IMMSG	Mel	43	58+	0.0008
MAG91	Mel+BU	45	42	NS
PETHEMA	Mel+TBI 12Gy	67	65	NS
USIG	Mel +TBI 12Gy	53	58	NS

#### Mel Without TBI should be the preparative regimen!!!

## IFM 99-06 Newly diagnosed MM 65-75 years



#### **PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL ACCORDING TO TREATMENT**



#### **OVERALL SURVIVAL ACCORDING TO TREATMENT**



#### Autologous SCT: Current status in young and elderly patients

• <u>In young patients (< 65 years), ASCT:</u>

o Is the Standard of care
o Survival benefit is related to CR achievement
o TBI (12G) or BU 16 should be avoid

• In elderly patients (> 65 years), ASCT:

o Is not recommended

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# IFM 95 : Design

VAD x 3

**Stem cell collection** 

Randomisation

ARM A = MEL-140 + TBI + PBSC

ARM B = MEL-200 + PBSC

# IFM 95 : T.R. Toxicity

	Arm A	Arm B	<b>p.</b>
ANC < 500	10 d	8 d	<0.001
Plat < 25 000	7 d	5 d	<0.001
Nb of plat T.S.	2	1	0.001
Grade 3/4 toxicities (%) - mucositis - cardiac - pulmonary - renal	51 4 6 4	30 1 1 2	0.01
T.R.M. (%)	4	0	0.07

# IFM 95 : SURVIVAL



# **IFM 95 : CONCLUSIONS**

1 - Mel-200 improves T.R. toxicities.

2 - Mel-200 improves OS but not EFS (better survival after relapse)

C Mel-200 is the recommended preparative regimen !

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## **IFM 94 : General outline**

VAD 1 VAD 2 VAD 3

#### **Autologous Stem Cell Collection**

HDM (140) + TBI Autologous Graft HDM (140) Autologous Graft

HDM (140) + TBI Autologous Graft

#### **IFM 94 : Overall Survival**

#### **ALL PATIENTS**

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

OS if response to 1<sup>st</sup>graft < 90%

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**OS if response to 1^{st} graft \geq 90 \%** 

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## SINGLE VS DOUBLE ASCT RANDOMIZED STUDIES

	Single	Double	$\Delta$
*IFM 94	HDM140 +TBI	HDM 280 + TBI	HDM 140
*MAG95	Multidrug +TBI	HDM 280 + TBI	1
*Bologna	HDM 200	HDM 320 + BU	HDM 120 + BU
*GMMG	HDM 200	HDM 400	HDM 200
*Hovon	HDM70x2	HDM140+CY+TBI	CY + TBI

## **SINGLE VS DOUBLE ASCT:**

#### **MEDIAN EFS**

	Med F-up	Single	Double	p. value
IFM 94	75 m	25	30	0.03
<b>MAG 95</b>	53 m	31	33	NS
Bologna	3 y	21.5	31	0.02
GMMG	26 m	23	NR	0.03
Hovon	56 m	20	22	0.016

## **SINGLE VS DOUBLE ASCT**

#### **MEDIAN OS**

	Med F-up	Single	Double	p. value
IFM94	75 m	48	58	0.01
MAG95	53 m	49	73	0.04
Bologna	<b>40 m</b>	56	60	NS / 0.01
GMMG	?	?	?	?
Hovon	56 m	55	50	NS

#### **SINGLE vs DOUBLE ASCT**

 Current results are in favor of double ASCT (OS in 3/5 studies, EFS in 4/5 studies)

- Long follow-up is needed before drawing definite conclusions (IFM 94, MAG, Hovon)

-However, 7-year EFS is only 20% in the DT arm Maintenance Therapy: Thal?

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#### **Optimizing Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT)**

## • The role of new drugs:

o In the induction regimen

**o** In the conditioning regimen

o In the maintenance regimen

#### **ASCT: the Induction Regimen.**

The goals of the Induction Regimen Rapid reduction of tumor mass: **Dexamethasone based (DEX or VAD) !** • Adequate stem cell collection: No Alkylating agents !

**Q : Could New Drugs improve DEX or VAD ?** 

# **ASCT and New Drugs: induction**

Author	Regimen	Ν	RR	CR/VGPR	р
Cave	VAD	100	52%	14%	0.00
Cavo	Dex-Thal	100	76%	19%	1
Doilyumor	Dex	104	41%		0.00
Rajkumar	Dex-Thal	103	63%		2
Goldschmidt	VAD	200	63%	CR= 3%	0.00
Coluscimiut	TAD	200	80%	CR=7%	1
Harousseau	Dex-Vel	48	67%	31%	
Rajkumar	Dex-Rev	34	91%	38%	

### **ASCT and New Drugs: Induction**

## New Drugs + DEX > DEX alone or VAD:

# ✓ 20 - 38% of CR or VGPR (vs 10%).

✓ Adequate stem cell collection.

#### **Optimizing Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT)**

- The role of new drugs:
  - **o** In the induction regimen
  - o In the conditioning regimen
  - o In the maintenance regimen

## HDT and New Drugs: the HD Regimen

The Standard HD regimen: ✓ Mel 200mg / m<sup>2</sup> The addition of Velcade was logical: ✓ Synergistic effects ✓ No shared toxicities

Cell lines and fresh MM cells : synergistic Effect between melphalan and bortezomib

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#### V-MP: Response rates (n=53) Analysis of the best response so far achieved

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# V-MP: TOXICITY according to Cycles (n=60)

	$\mathbf{GRADE} \geq 3$		
	1st-2 cycles	≥3 cycles	
NAUSEA	2%	0%	
VOMITING	2%	0%	
DIARRHEA	8%	2%	
CONSTIPATION	6%	2%	
ANOREXIA	2%	0%	
ASTENIA	4%	2%	
INFECTION	12%	4%	
PN	8%	6%	
THROMBOCYTOPENIA	33%	17%	
NEUTROPENIA	33%	24%	
ANEMIA	8%	2%	

# **The VEL-MEL Regimen**

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

V= Velcade 1mg / m<sup>2</sup> MEL= Melphalan 200 mg / m<sup>2</sup>

# **The Vel-Mel Regimen: Patients**

## • N = 25

- Median Age = 56 y (39-67)
- Status of disease:
  - ✓ Response < 50% to VAD = 18</li>
     ✓ Response < 90% to HDM = 7</li>

# **The VEL-MEL Regimen**

- $PN < 500/mm^3 = 7 d (5-10)$
- Plat < 20000/mm<sup>3</sup> = 1.5 d (0-7)
- Severe Mucositis = 20%
- Response Rate:
  - ✓ CR = 31% !!
  - ✓ VGPR = 46%
  - ✓ CR + VGPR = 77% !!!!

#### **Optimizing Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT)**

- The role of new drugs:
  - **o** In the induction regimen
  - o In the conditioning regimen
  - o In the maintenance regimen

#### **ASCT and New Drugs: Maintenance**

- Maintenance after ASCT is a logical issue : Residual Disease .
- The effective Maintenance therapy is unknown:
  - ✓ Chemotherapy failed to demonstrate any benefit.
  - Maintenance interferon showed a modest increase in PFS without any, or with minimal, survival benefit.
  - ✓ Corticosteroid were found to prolong the duration of response, however the impact on survival was controversial.
- Thus, Thalidomide was an attractive candidate:
  - ✓ Oral agent
  - ✓ Active among patients who had failed high dose therapy,
  - ✓ With doses as low as 50 mg,
  - ✓ Without myelosuppressive toxicity.

IFM 99 02 : Study Design

Inclusion: ∆ 13 ; ß2m (0 or 1 Factor)

VAD x 3
Mel-140 + PBSC
Mel 200 + PBSC

Randomization

No maintenance

Pamidronate

Pamidronate + Thal

# **IFM 99 02: Response Rate ≥ 90%.**

	Arm A	Arm B	Arm C	р
After VAD	15%	15%	16%	NS
At Random	45%	47%	50%	NS
After Random	55%	57%	68%	0.03

## IFM 99 02 : EFS from Diagnosis

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#### IFM 99 02 : Risk of Bone Events.

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#### IFM 99 02 : Risk of Bone Events

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# IFM 99 02 : Overall Survival according to Thal (Arm B versus Arm C).

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#### IFM 99 02 : EFS According to Response at Random

#### **Response at Random ≥ 90%**

#### **Response at Random < 90%**

Thal

54

36

![](_page_46_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### **IFM 99 02: Conclusions**

• Thalidomide improves:

Response rate, EFS, and OS when given after ASCT.

• This survival benefit:

✓ Was not due to a maintenance effect :

Not observed among patients in CR after ASCT

✓ Was due to the reduction of the residual tumor mass:

Only observed among patients failing to achieve CR after ASCT

• Since thalidomide improves the survival by reducing the tumor mass (rather than by a maintenance effect) :

Stopping thalidomide as soon as a very good partial response has been reached (2 or 3 months) could be an effective strategy in order to reduce the side effects and to avoid thalidomide-resistance at time of relapse.

#### **ASCT and New Drugs: Maintenance / Consolidation**

- After ASCT, Thal was demonstrated to be an effective drug.
- However, Neuropathy was a major limiting factor (IFM 99: 68%).
- Revlimid was a logical alternative :
  - **√Oral agent**
  - ✓ Effective at low dose
  - ✓ At least as effective as Thal
  - ✓ Without neurological toxicity
- SWOG, CALGB, IFM 2005 02 protocols.

#### IFM 2005-02 protocol

ASCT as part of 1<sup>st</sup> line TT

#### Randomization

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## **ASCT and New Drugs : Conclusions.**

- New drugs will improve:
  - ✓ The induction regimen: 30-40% of CR/VGPR.
  - ✓ The HD regimen: 70-80% of CR/VGPR.
  - ✓ The duration of response (Thal+, Rev?).
- Such a CR rate, efficiently maintained, could be associated with "cure" !!

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#### IFM 99 : Factors : $\triangle$ 13 ; $\beta_2$ >3mg/L

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PBSC collection = IFM 99-01 → Cyclo (4g/m2) + G-CSF → SCF + G-CSF

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#### **Intent-to-treat : Survival IFM9903 vs IFM9904**

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#### Intent-to-treat : EFS, IFM9903 vs IFM9904

#### **Allogeneic SCT:** The role of reduced intensity conditioning

• High and rapid relapse rate in the high risk population.

Thus, 2 different strategies can be proposed:
To limit its indication to low risk patients

No !: 6 year OS >82% after ASCT in the IFM 9902

To further control the residual tumor mass after allogeneic

SCT By using consolidation / maintenance protocols: Dex-Thal, Rev, Vel ?