

Comparative Efficacy of Cilta-Cel vs Approved Comparator Treatments for Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma With 1-3 Prior Lines of Therapy: A Network Meta-Analysis

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Key Takeaways



Results of the NMA showed statistically significant PFS benefit for cilta-cel compared to all comparator regimens analyzed (Pd, IsaPd, EloPd, Md).



Limited subgroup results were reported across the included trials; with only LEN-refractory patients and those that had previously received 2 or 3 prior LOT being commonly reported for the outcome of interest. The NMA results were consistent across analyses performed based on the ITT populations, LEN-refractory subgroups, and 2-3 prior LOT subgroups.



Differences between patients in CARTITUDE-4 and APOLLO with regards to prior exposure to anti-CD38 must be considered in the context of the NMA findings; CARTITUDE-4 patients were exposed to prior daratumumab (25%), while patients in APOLLO were not (0%). This difference likely resulted in estimates of PFS that were conservative for cilta-cel, given that APOLLO was required to link cilta-cel to the network.

Conclusions



These comparisons provide valuable information to contextualize the efficacy of cilta-cel in patients who are LEN refractory and have received 1–3 prior lines and of therapy in whom SOC may be different from DPd or PVd.



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Background

- The efficacy and safety of cilta-cel versus standard-of-care (SOC) treatments (daratumumab, pomalidomide, and dexamethasone [DPd] or pomalidomide, bortezomib, and dexamethasone [PVd]) was demonstrated in the phase 3 CARTITUDE-4 trial,¹ (NCT04181827) in RRMM patients who received 1–3 prior line(s) of therapy (LOT) that included an immunomodulatory agent (IMiD) and a proteasome inhibitor (PI), and who are refractory to lenalidomide (LEN).
- Other therapies considered to be SOC beyond DPd and PVd for patients with 1–3 prior LOT who are LEN-refractory include: daratumumab + bortezomib + dexamethasone (DVd), daratumumab + carfilzomib + dexamethasone (DKd), isatuximab + carfilzomib + dexamethasone (IsaKd), selinexor + bortezomib + dexamethasone (SvD), elotuzumab + pomalidomide + dexamethasone (EloPd), and isatuximab + pomalidomide + dexamethasone (IsaPd).

Objectives

- The objective of this analysis was to estimate the relative efficacy of cilta-cel versus SOC comparators that were not assessed in CARTITUDE-4 via network meta-analysis (NMA).

Methods

- A systematic literature review identified 22 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) assessing relevant comparator regimens of interest.
- The feasibility of NMA was assessed by determining 1) network connectivity (i.e. presence of a common comparator), 2) the degree of overlap with the CARTITUDE-4 population in terms of potential effect modifiers (including but not limited to the number of prior LOTs, LEN-refractoriness, and cytogenetic risk), and 3) the availability of common outcomes in terms of definition, assessor, and data maturity.
- DPd was the most frequently utilized treatment in the SOC arm of CARTITUDE-4 (representing 87% of patients) and almost identical results were observed for the DPd cohort and ITT population (HRs for PFS [95%CI]: 0.26 [0.18, 0.38] and 0.26 [0.18, 0.39], respectively). Given this, an analysis was made that the SOC arm in CARTITUDE-4 was comparable to the DPd arm in APOLLO to form a network of trials (Figure 1).

Results

- The baseline characteristics of trials included in the NMA are presented in **Table 1**.
- Data inputs used in the NMA analyses are presented in **Table 2**.
- Since CARTITUDE-4 was conducted in a LEN-refractory population, analyses performed using LEN-refractory subgroup from comparator trials included the ITT data from CARTITUDE-4. Similarly, OCEAN was conducted in >99% LEN-refractory patients who had received 2-4 prior LOT, and given the lack of subgroup results available from this trial, subgroup analyses were performed using ITT data from OCEAN and subgroup data from the comparator trials.
- Subgroup results for LEN-refractory patients was not reported for ELOQUENT-3.

TABLE 1: Summary of Baseline Characteristics for Trials Included in NMA

| Trial | Median Prior LOT (range) | Prior LOT | Prior Therapy | Refractory Status | Median Age (range) | ECOG PS | ISS Stage | Cytogenetic Risk | EMD (Yes) |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| CARTITUDE-4 | 2 (1–3) | 1: 32% 2: 41% 3: 27% | LEN: 100% PI: 100% BOR: 97% K: 34% IXA: 10% | LEN: 100% PI: 48% Anti-CD38: 23% | 61 (27–80) | 0: 56% 1: 43% 2: 1% | I: 64% II: 30% III: 6% | High: 61% Standard: 33% Missing: 6% | 18.9% |
| APOLLO | 2 (1–5) | 1: 11% 2-3: 75% ≥4: 14% | LEN: 100% PI: 100% BOR: 96% K: 27% IXA: 11% | LEN: 80% PI: 48% PI + IMiD: 42% | 67 (35–90) | 0: 55% 1: 37% 2: 8% | I: 45% II: 33% III: 22% | High: 24% Standard: 45% Missing: 31% | 8% |
| ELOQUENT-3 | 3 (2–8) | 2-3: 61% ≥4: 39% | LEN: 99% BOR: 100% K: 21% IXA: 6% | LEN: 87% PI: 80% LEN + PI: 70% | 68 (36–81) | NR | I/II: 88% III: 12% | High: 24% Standard: 49% Missing: 27% | NR |
| ICARIA-MM | 3 (2–4) | 2-3: 66% ≥4: 34% | LEN: 100% PI: 100% | LEN: 93% PI: 76% LEN + PI: 71% IMiD: 95% | 67 (59–74*) | NR | I: 38% II: 36% III: 26% | High risk: 20% Standard risk: 59% Missing: 21% | 8%** |
| OCEAN | 3 (2–4) | 2: 45% 3-4: 55% | LEN: >99% PI: 65% | LEN: >99% | 68 (60–72*) | 0: 37% 1: 54% 2: 9% | I: 49% II: 38% III: 13% | High risk: 35% Standard risk: 52% | 12% |

*Interquartile range

** Patients with extramedullary/extraxoskeletal and paraneoplastic soft-tissue plasmacytomas

BOR = bortezomib; DARA: daratumumab; ECOG = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EMD = extramedullary disease; ISS = International Staging System; LEN = lenalidomide; LOT = line of therapy; NR = not reported; PI = proteasome inhibitor; PS = performance status

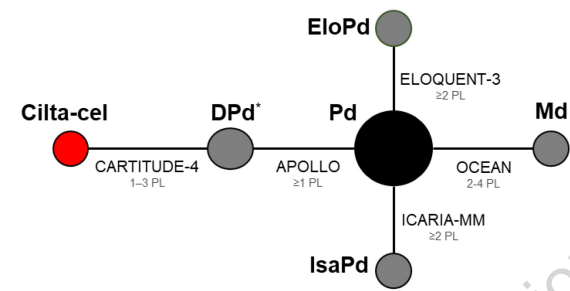
NMA Result for Progression-Free Survival

- The NMA found cilta-cel to be associated with a statistically significant PFS benefit versus all comparators of interest and across all populations analyzed (**Figure 2**). Results of analyses utilizing the CPW data from the CARTITUDE-4 showed the greatest PFS benefit for cilta-cel versus comparators.
- Consistent results were observed across the full ITT populations, LEN-refractory subgroups, and 2-3 prior LOT subgroups.

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FIGURE 1: Network of Trials Included in NMA



* 87% of patients in CARTITUDE-4 received DPd and 13% received PVd
Cilta-cel = ciltacabtagene autoleucel; DPd = daratumumab, pomalidomide, and dexamethasone; EloPd = elotuzumab + pomalidomide + dexamethasone; IsaPd = isatuximab + pomalidomide + dexamethasone; Md = meliflufen + dexamethasone; Pd = pomalidomide; PL = prior lines of therapy

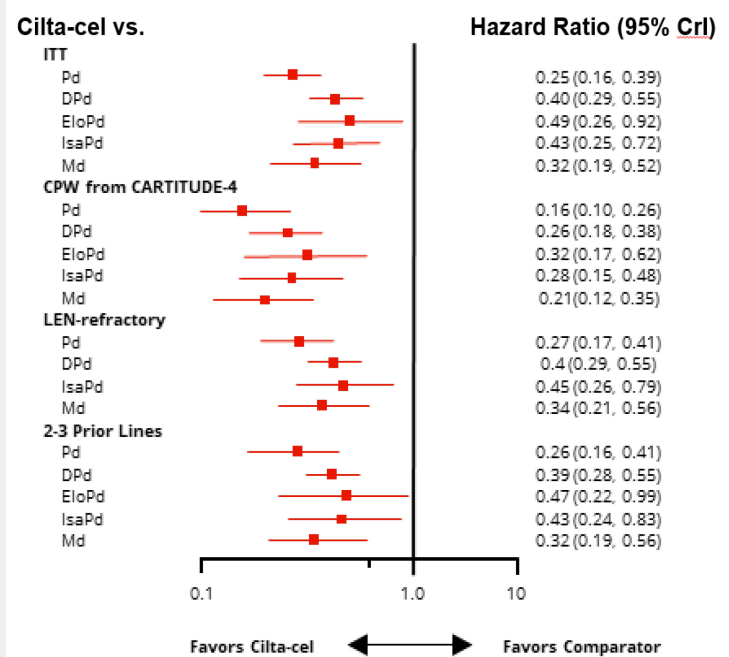
- The network was centralized around pomalidomide in combination with dexamethasone (Pd) and included: CARTITUDE-4 (cilta-cel),¹ APOLLO (DPd and Pd),² ELOQUENT-3 (EloPd),³ ICARIA-MM (IsaPd),⁴ and OCEAN (melflufen, dexamethasone (Md)).⁵
- There was no way to link the Pd-centralized network to DVd, DKd, IsaKd, SvD and therefore, alternative ITC methods were considered for these comparators.
- Fixed effects Bayesian NMAs were conducted to estimate hazard ratios (HR) for independent review committee (IRC) assessed progression-free survival (PFS), and 95% credible intervals (CrI) including all identified studies. It was assumed that PFS assessed by computerized algorithm in CARTITUDE-4 and APOLLO was comparable to IRC assessed PFS in the other trials.
- Primary PFS results from CARTITUDE-4 were analyzed using constant piecewise weighted (CPW) log-rank test methods; whereas a sensitivity analysis was based on 'unweighted' log-rank test methods. Given this, analyses were performed using results from CARTITUDE-4 based on both approaches, with the standard 'unweighted' results being considered the base case.
- Given differences across the ITT populations in the trials, NMA analyses were performed for the ITT populations and additionally, LEN-refractory patients, and those with 2-3 prior LOT, utilizing subgroup data where required.

TABLE 2: Data Inputs Used for NMA of Progression-Free Survival

| Trial Name | Data cut (Median f/u, months) | Analysis Population | N | HR (95%CI) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| CARTITUDE-4 Cilta-cel vs. SOC | November 2022 (16.0) | ITT - 'unweighted' | 419 | 0.40 (0.29, 0.55) |
| | | ITT - CPW | | 0.26 (0.18, 0.38) |
| | | 2-3 PL - 'unweighted' | 283 | 0.39 (0.28, 0.56) |
| | | 2-3 PL - CPW | 283 | 0.24 (0.16, 0.37) |
| APOLLO DPd vs. Pd | July 2020 (17.5 vs. 16.4) | ITT | 304 | 0.63 (0.47, 0.85) |
| | | LEN refractory | 242 | 0.66 (0.49, 0.90) |
| | | 2-3 PL | 144 | 0.66 (0.48, 0.92) |
| ELOQUENT-3 EloPd vs. Pd | February 2018 (minimum 9.1) | ITT | 117 | 0.51 (0.32, 0.82) |
| | | LEN refractory | NA | NR |
| | | 2-3 PL | 72 | 0.55 (0.31, 0.98) |
| ICARIA-MM IsaPd vs. Pd | October 2018 (11.6) | ITT | 307 | 0.60 (0.46, 0.78) |
| | | LEN refractory | 284 | 0.59 (0.43, 0.82) |
| | | 2-3 PL | 203 | 0.59 (0.40-0.90) |
| OCEAN Md vs. Pd | February 2021 (15.5 vs. 16.3) | ITT | 495 | 0.79 (0.64, 0.98) |
| | | LEN refractory | 430 | 0.79 (0.64, 0.98)* |
| | | 2-3 PL | NA | 0.79 (0.64, 0.98)* |

*ITT population results were included in the subgroup analyses for LEN-refractory and 2-3 PL
Cilta-cel = ciltacabtagene autoleucel; CPW = constant piecewise weighted; CrI = credible interval; DPd = EloPd = elotuzumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; HR = hazard ratio; IsaPd = isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; LEN = lenalidomide; ITT = intention to treat; LEN = lenalidomide; Md = melflufen + dexamethasone; Pd = pomalidomide, dexamethasone; PL = prior line; SOC = standard of care

FIGURE 2: Progression-Free Survival NMA Results for Cilta-cel vs. Comparator Treatments



Cilta-cel = ciltacabtagene autoleucel; CPW = constant piecewise weighted; CrI = credible interval; DPd = EloPd = elotuzumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; IsaPd = isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone; LEN = lenalidomide; Md = melflufen + dexamethasone; NMA = network meta-analysis; Pd = pomalidomide, dexamethasone; SOC = standard of care

