

# **Bispecific antibody therapy**

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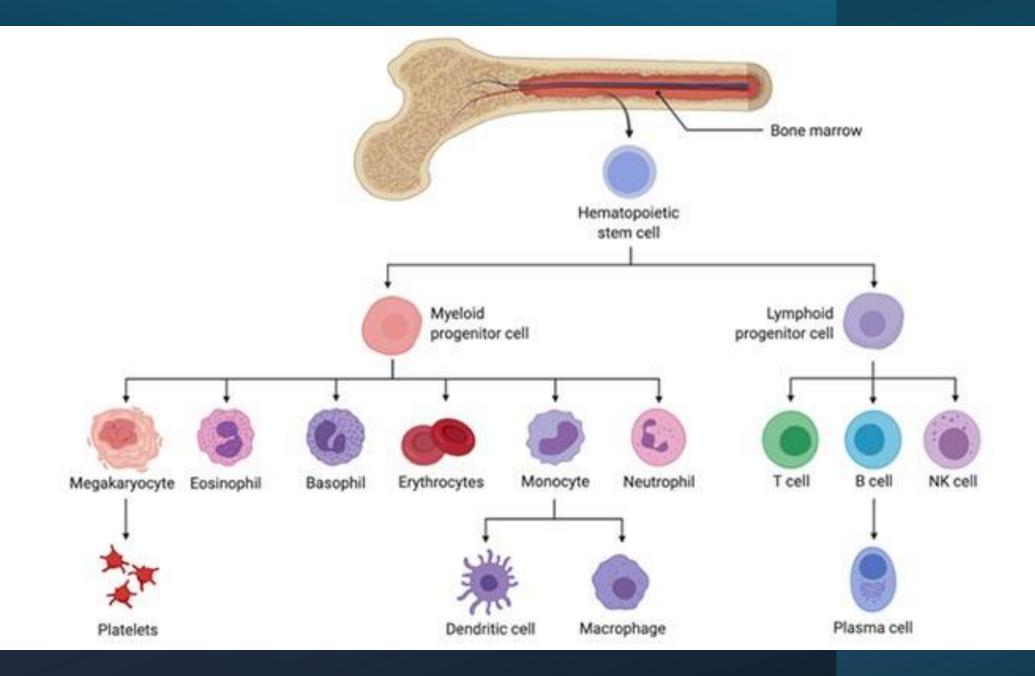
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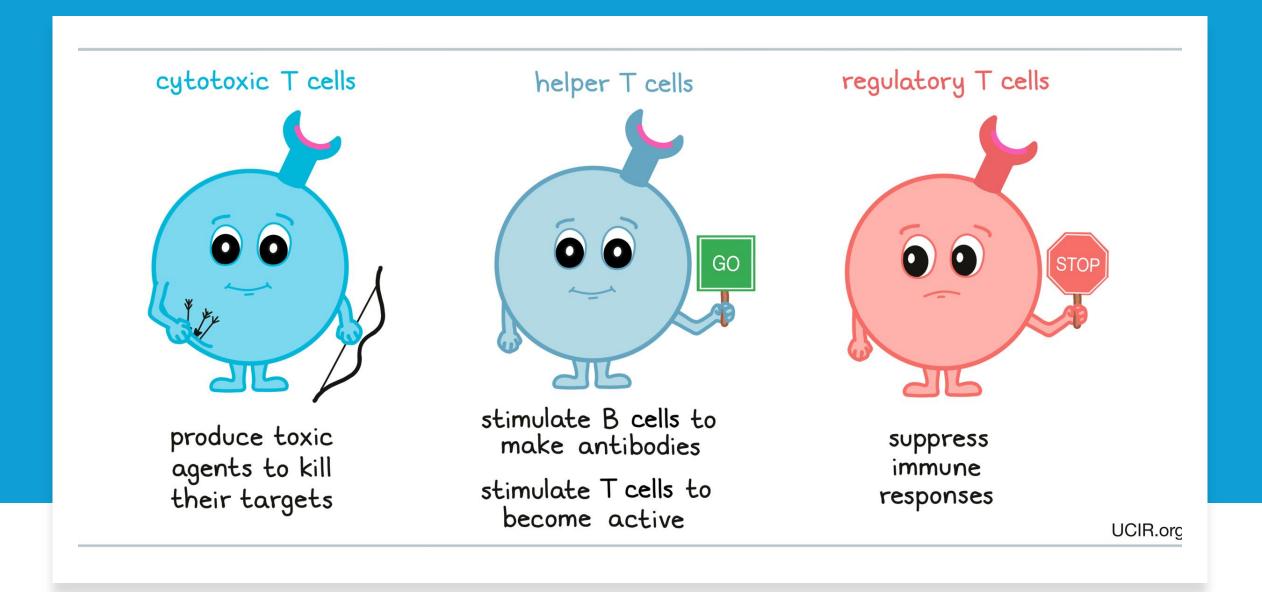
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### Agenda

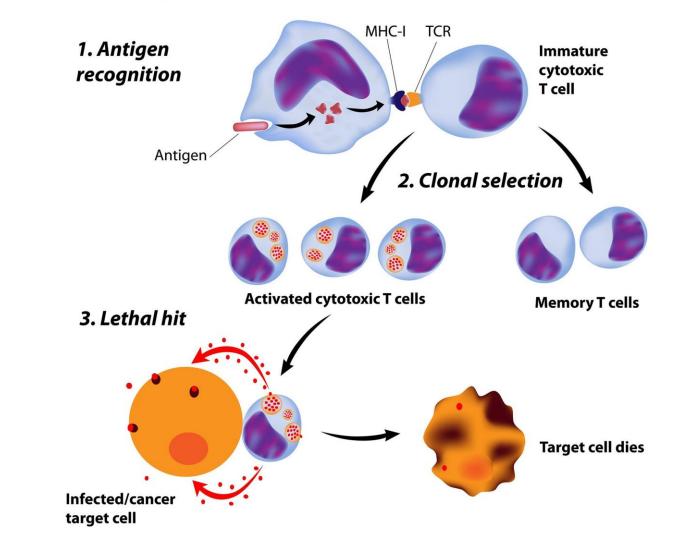
- 1. What are bispecific antibodies?
- 2. BCMA targeting bispecific antibodies
- 3. GPRC5D targeting bispecific antibodies
- 4. Clinical trials with currently available medications
- 5. Bispecifics  $\rightarrow$  evolution to Trispecifics?!







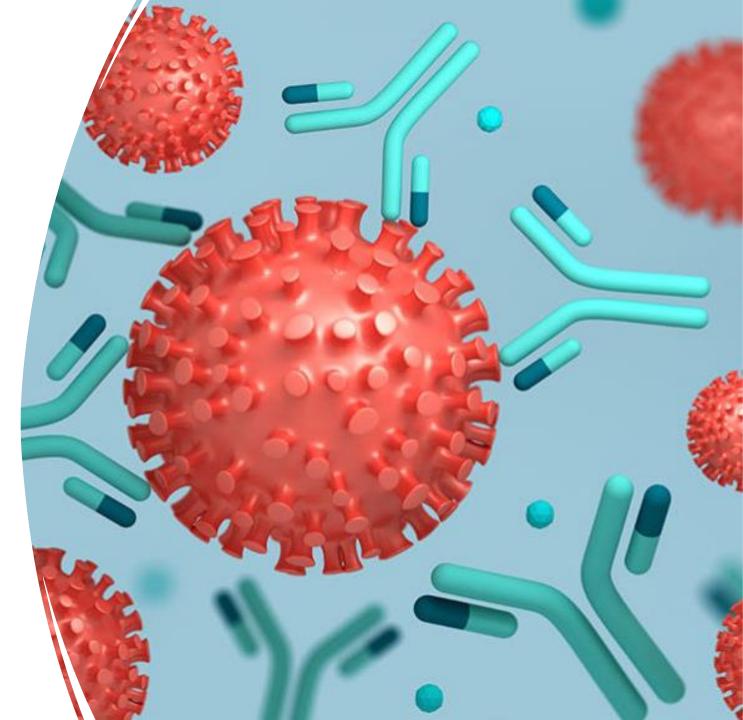
#### Cytotoxic T cell Activation and Action



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# What is an antibody?

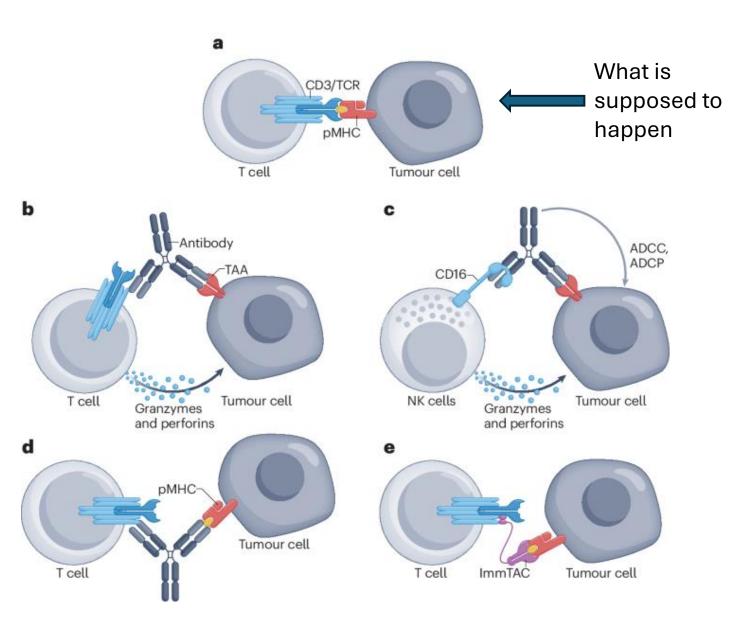
- You probably know a lot about the CLONAL antibodies that their cancerous plasma cells produce
- BUT antibodies can also be made to target cells and lead to cell death.
- Daratumumab and Elotuzumab are therapeutic antibodies routinely used to treat myeloma





# What is different about a bispecific antibody?

Designed to promote interactions between myeloma cells and T cells independently from specific TCR recognition, via the CD3 signaling complex



#### Currently approved bispecific antibodies world wide across multiple different cancers

TARGET	INDICATION AND ACTIVITY	COMMON SIDE EFFECTS	YEAR OF APPROVAL	
CD3 × CD19	RR B-ALL: CR/CRh in 43–44%, mRFS 5.9 months, mOS 6.1– 6.9 months	Neutropenia (37.8–41%), infection (34.1%), elevated circulating liver enzymes (6–12.7%), neurological events (9.4–11%), CRS (4.9%)	2014 <sup>a</sup> , 2017 (FDA); 2015 <sup>a</sup> , 2018 (EMA), 2020 (NMPA) Subsequently, expanded to include patients with MRD <sup>+</sup> B-ALL	
CD3 × CD20	RR FL: CRR 60%, ORR 80%, mPFS 17.9 months, mOS NR	Neutropenia or reduced neutrophil count (26%), hypophosphataemia (17%), anaemia (8%), increased serum ALT (5%), CRS (2%)	2022ª (EMA), 2022ª (FDA)	
CD3 × gp100– HLA-A*02:01	HLA-A*02:01-positive uveal melanoma: ORR 11%, mPFS 3.4 months, mOS 21.6 months	Rash (19%), elevated circulating liver enzymes (10%), pyrexia (5%), pruritus (5%), CRS (1%)	2022 (FDA), 2022 (EMA)	
CD3 × BCMA	RR MM: CRR 39.4%, ORR 63%, mPFS 11.3 months, mOS 18.3 months	Neutropenia (64.2%), anaemia (37.0%), lymphopenia (32.7%), thrombocytopenia (21.2%), CRS (0.6%)	2022 <sup>ª</sup> (FDA), 2022 <sup>ª</sup> (EMA)	
CD3 × CD20	RR DLBCL: CRR 39%, ORR 52%, mPFS 4.9 months, mOS 12 months	Neutropenia (27%), thrombocytopenia (8%), anaemia (6%), CRS (4%)	2023 <sup>a</sup> (FDA), 2023 <sup>a</sup> (EMA), 2023 <sup>a</sup> (NMPA)	
EGFR × MET	Advanced-stage NSCLC harbouring <i>EGFR</i> exon 20 insertion mutations (in combination with chemotherapy): ORR 73%, mPFS 11.4 months, mOS NR	Neutropenia (33%), rash (11%), leukopenia (11%), anaemia (11%), thrombocytopenia (10%)	2021 <sup>ª</sup> (FDA)	
CD3 × CD20	RR DLBCL: CRR 38.9%, mPFS 4.4 months, mOS NR	Neutropenia (14.6%), anaemia (10.2%), thrombocytopenia (5.7%), CRS (2.5%)	2023 <sup>a</sup> (FDA) 2023 <sup>a</sup> (EMA)	
CD3 × BCMA	RR MM: ORR 61%, estimated 15-month PFS 50.9%, estimated 15-month OS 56.7%	Neutropenia (48.8%), anaemia (37.4%), lymphopenia (25.2%), thrombocytopenia (23.6%)	2023 <sup>a</sup> (FDA), 2024 <sup>a</sup> (EMA)	
PD-1 × CTLA4	Advanced-stage cervical cancer: ORR 32.3%, mPFS 3.7 months, mOS NR	Anaemia (5%), reduced appetite (4%), dyspnoea (2%)	2022 (NMPA)	
GPRC5D × CD3	RR MM: ORR 72%, mDOR 9.5 months, mPFS NR	Lymphopenia (47%), anaemia (33%), neutropenia (26%), leukopenia (16%)	2023 <sup>a</sup> (FDA)	
CD3 x DLL3	RR SCLC: ORR 40%, mDOR 9.7 months, mPFS 4.9 months	CRS (26%), neutropenia (8%)	2024 <sup>ª</sup> (FDA)	
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## The current 3 approved bispecific antibodies

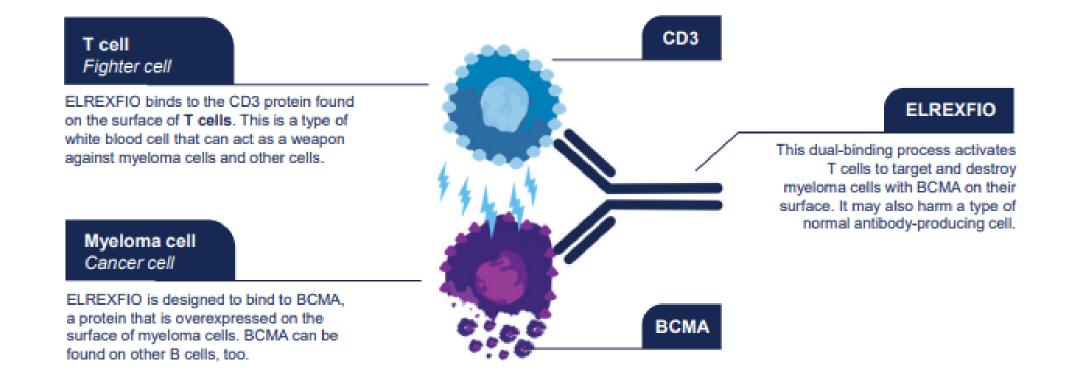
• Teclistamab (Tecvayli)

• Elranatamab (Elrexfio)

• Talquetamab (Talvey)

#### How ELREXFIO works

#### ELREXFIO binds to myeloma cells and T cells. ELREXFIO activates those T cells to help destroy myeloma cells



## Basic principles of treatment

- Patients receive "off-the-shelf" treatment, drug is orderable just like any other antibody treatment
- Can be Intravenous or subcutaneous. Currently subcutaneous for approved drugs.
- Dose is ramped up slowly until full dose. Usually pre-medications are given
- Usually 2-3 "ramp up" doses
- Cytokine release syndrome or neuro toxicity typically occurs in the first month only
- Works fast. Typically know within 4-6 weeks whether it is working or not.



# How different are the toxicities between CAR-T and Bispecifics?

#### • CRS management

- Typically grade 1-2.
- Mostly low grade fevers
- Self-limited
- Next dose administration
- Can still use tocilizumab and steroids
- Use of pre-medications in bispecifics

- Neurotoxicity management
  - Lower grade
  - Reversible
  - Steroids
  - Quite low risk for seizures, no prophylaxis



## Dosing examples:

<b>TECVAYLI Recommended Dosing Schedule (2.1)</b>					
<u>Dosing</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Day</u>	Dose			
Step-up Dosing Schedule	Day 1	Step-up dose 1	0.06 mg/kg		
	Day 4	Step-up dose 2	0.3 mg/kg		
	Day 7	First treatment dose	1.5 mg/kg		
Weekly Dosing Schedule	One week after first treatment dose and weekly thereafter	Subsequent treatment doses	1.5 mg/kg once weekly		

• For subcutaneous injection only. (2.1)



## Generally similar guidelines for management of CRS

Grade <sup>a</sup>	Presenting Symptoms	Actions
Grade 1	Temperature ≥100.4°F (38°C) <sup>b</sup>	<ul> <li>Withhold TECVAYLI until CRS resolves.</li> <li>Administer pretreatment medications prior to next dose of TECVAYLI.<sup>c</sup></li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul> <li>Temperature ≥100.4°F (38°C)<sup>b</sup> with:</li> <li>Hypotension responsive to fluids and not requiring vasopressors,</li> <li>and/or,</li> <li>Oxygen requirement of low-flow nasal cannula<sup>d</sup> or blow-by.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Withhold TECVAYLI until CRS resolves.</li> <li>Administer pretreatment medications prior to next dose of TECVAYLI.<sup>c</sup></li> <li>Patients should be hospitalized for 48 hours following the next dose of TECVAYLI <i>[see Dosage and Administration (2.1)]</i>.<sup>c</sup></li> </ul>
Grade 3	Temperature ≥100.4°F (38°C) <sup>b</sup> with: Hypotension requiring one vasopressor with or without vasopressin, and/or, Oxygen requirement of high-flow nasal cannula <sup>d</sup> , facemask, non-rebreather mask, or Venturi mask.	<ul> <li>First Occurrence of Grade 3 CRS with Duration Less than 48 Hours:</li> <li>Withhold TECVAYLI until CRS resolves.</li> <li>Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care.</li> <li>Administer pretreatment medications prior to next dose of TECVAYLI.<sup>c</sup></li> <li>Patients should be hospitalized for 48 hours following the next dose of TECVAYLI <i>[see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].<sup>c</sup></i></li> <li>Recurrent Grade 3 CRS or Grade 3 CRS with Duration 48 Hours or Longer:</li> <li>Permanently discontinue TECVAYLI.</li> <li>Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	Temperature ≥100.4°F (38°C) <sup>b</sup> with:         Hypotension requiring multiple         vasopressors (excluding vasopressin),         and/or,         Oxygen requirement of positive         pressure (e.g., continuous positive         airway pressure (CPAP), bilevel         positive airway pressure (BiPAP),         intubation, and mechanical ventilation).	<ul> <li>Permanently discontinue TECVAYLI.</li> <li>Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care.</li> </ul>



Dosing frequency can change! Time limited dosing Continue until progression Adjustments due to toxicity Physician discretion based on patient care



# Rapidly evolving landscape - How different can a new target be?

### • Teclistamab

Infection risk quite high

## Talquetamab

- Skin reactions occurred in 62% of patients (Gr 1-2)
- Dysgeusia (70%)
- Nail disorder (50%)



### Published clinical trials of BCMA BsAbs in RRMM.

Bispecific Antibody	<b>Clinical Trials Identifier</b>	Antibody Structure	Administration	Safety	CRS/ICANS	Responses	Ongoing Studies
Teclistamab	MajesTEC-1 NCT03145181	humanized, IgG Fc	Teclistamab 1.5 mg/kg weekly S/C with a 2-step-up priming dose regimen (0.06 mg/kg and 0.3 mg/kg)	Anaemia 52%, neutropenia 71%, thrombocytopenia 40%, infections 76% (grade 3–4 45%), neurotoxicity 15%	CRS 72% (all but one case grade 1–2), ICANS 3% (all grade 1–2)	ORR 63%, 39% CR or better, median DOR 18.4 months	Several MagesTEC studies ongoing using teclistamab in RRMM and NDMM in combination therapies
Elranatamab	MagnetisMM-3 NCT04649359 Cohort A	full length, humanized, lgG2a	Elranatamab 76 mg weekly S/C on a 28 day cycles with a 2- step-up priming dose regimen (12 mg and 32 mg)	Anaemia 56%, neutropenia 53%, thrombocytopenia 27%, infection 62% (grade 3–4 32%), %, peripheral neuropathy 17%, nausea 30%, diarrhoea 45%	CRS 56% (all grade 1–2), ICANS 3% (all grade 1–2)	ORR 61%, median DOR not reached	Several MagnetisMM studies ongoing using elranatamab in RRMM and NDMM in combination therapies
AMG 420	NCT02514239	BITE	Continuous 28 day IV infusion followed by 2 week break. Dose- escalation from 0.2–800 µg/day	Infection 33%, polyneuropathy 5%, 12% deranged liver enzymes	CRS 38% (94% Grade 1–2)	ORR 31% across all doses, 70% for the 400 ug/day cohort	Development discontinued by Amgen
AMG 701	NCT03287908	extended half-life, scFvs plus Fc region	: Weekly IV. Dose-escalation from 5 μg–12 mg	Anaemia 43%, neutropenia 23%, thrombocytopenia 20%, diarrhoea 31%, fatigue 25%, infection 17%, elevated pancreatic enzymes 3%.	CRS 61% (90% Grade 1–2)	ORR 36% for 3–12 mg doses	Development discontinued by Amgen
Linvoseltamab (REGN5458)	NCT03761108	Fc Fab arms	IV weekly, then every 2 weeks. Dose escalation over 9 dose levels.	Anaemia 37%, neutropenia 29%, thrombocytopenia 21%, fatigue 34%	CRS 48% (all but one case Grade 1–2)	ORR 41% for doses <200 mg and 75% ≥200 mg, median DOR not reached	Phase 2 study of 200 mg REGN5458 is recruiting
Alnuctamab (CC-93269)	NCT03486067	2 arm humanized lgG1 Fc	Dose escalation of IV alnuctamab from 0.15–10 mg. S/C alnuctamab given on D1, 4, 8, 15 and 22 of C1, weekly in C2–3, every other week in C4–6 and every 28 days thereafter. Dose escalation from 10–60 mg	Anaemia 34%, neutropenia 34%	CRS 53% (all grade 1–2), 1 grade 1 ICANS	IV alnuctamab ORR 39%, median PFS 13 weeks, median DOR in responding patients 146 weeks. S/C alnuctamab ORR 51% across all doses, 77% for doses ≥30 mg	Ongoing recruitment to the phase 1 study
Abbv-383	NCT03933735	lgG4 Fc. 2 heavy chain only anti- BCMA moieties	Dose escalation and expansion cohorts (n = 6 in 40 mg cohort, n = 60 in 60 mg cohort)	Infections in 50% of 40 mg cohort and 43% of 60 mg cohort, neutropenia in 67%/40%, anaemia in 33%/32%, thrombocytopenia 33%/25%	CRS 83% (all grade 1–2) in 40 mg cohort and 72% (2% grade 3–4) in 60 mg cohort	ORR 57% across all groups, 83% at 40 mg and 60% at 60 mg. ≥CR 67% at 40 mg and 29% at 60 mg	Phase 1b study planned NCT05650632



**Other Side effects** Low blood counts Increased risk for infections Injection site reactions Fatigue / Muscle pain Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea



# Talquetamab – GPRC5D toxicity

#### **ORAL : what do we track?**

- Change in taste
- Burning or tongue pain
- Dry mouth
- Suggestions about food
- Artificial saliva
- Hydration
- Weight measurements
- Nutritionist evaluation

#### SKIN/NAIL: what do we track?

- Lukewarm or cool showers
- Intensive lubrication advice
- Advanced skin care
- Attention to shoes/socks
- Apply cuticle cream
- Apply nail hardener polish
- Treat rash early
- Itchy skin prevention interventions

# Will the treatment work?

- Generally around 62-73% chance of response.
- Responses can be for 6 months- 3+ years.
- We have had patients respond for 5+ years on clinical trial.
- Ongoing treatment may not be needed for response.
- Treatment maybe able to be spaced apart over time.

## Take home messages

#### Less toxic, off the shelf immune effector cell based therapy

- Expect some manageable CRS and low chance for neurotoxicity
  - Physical administration aspect will be very similar to other antibody drugs
  - There will be a lot of different drugs but we use the same tools to assess and manage
  - Step-up and hospitalization requirements may change
  - There will be combinations coming



## Clinical trials with Bispecifics: open now



Randomized World-wide 800 patients 1-4 prior lines of treatment

#### Talquetamab+ Pomalidomide

Talquetamab + Teclistamab

Elotuzumab-pom-dex

Velcade-pom-dex



# Likely to open in spring 2025. EMN 30 (European Myeloma Network)

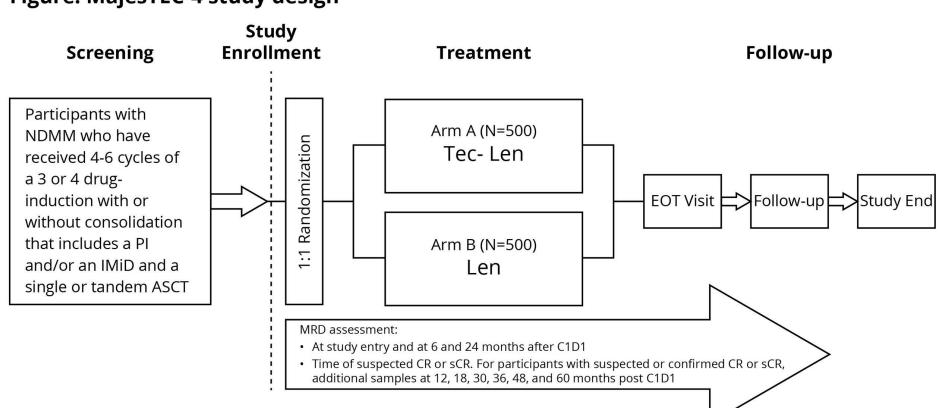
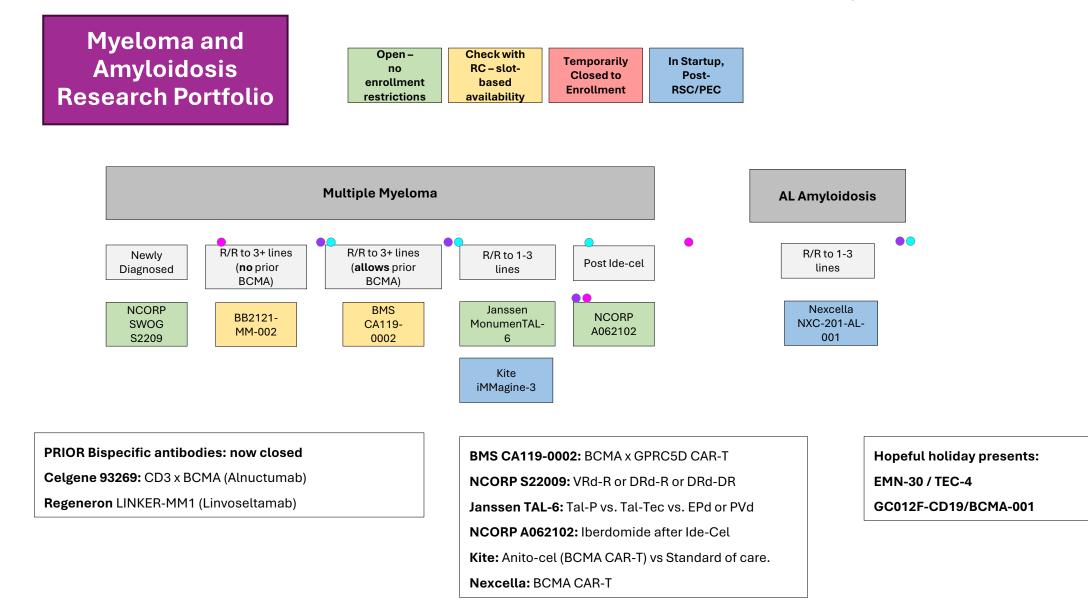


Figure: MajesTEC-4 study design

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; C, cycle; CR, complete response; D, day; EOT, end of treatment; IMiD, immunomodulatory agent; len, lenalidomide; MRD, minimal residual disease; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; PI, proteasome inhibitor; sCR, stringent complete response; Tec, teclistamab



# **Questions / Discussion**

