

# **Nová lenalidomidová data v první linii**

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# **Maintenance therapy with lenalidomide**

# Maintenance TT for Myeloma

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- Chemotherapy: NO !

(SWOG: Arch Intern Med 75; Alexanian: Blood 78; Belch: Br J Cancer 88)

- Interferon: NO !

- ✓ Mandelli, N Engl J Med 1990: Yes

- ✓ Barlogie, JCO 2006 (US Intergroup): No

- Corticosteroids: NO !

- ✓ Berenson, Blood 2002: Yes (survival and duration of response)

- ✓ ShusTik, JCO 2004: No survival improvement

- ✓ Alexanian, Am J hematol 2000: IFN  $\equiv$  Corticoïdes... thus NO!

**Thalidomide**

# Maintenance therapy with thalidomide after ASCT

|                              | N   | Initial dose, mg | Maintenance versus no maintenance |                        |                        |
|------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                              |     |                  | CR, %                             | EFS or PFS, %          | OS, %                  |
| Attal et al. <sup>1</sup>    | 597 | 400              | 67 vs 55*                         | 3-year EFS<br>52 vs 36 | 4-year OS<br>87 vs 77  |
| Barlogie et al. <sup>2</sup> | 668 | 400              | 62 vs 43                          | 5-year EFS<br>56 vs 44 | 8-year OS<br>57 vs 44  |
| Spencer et al. <sup>3</sup>  | 243 | 200              | 63 vs 40*                         | 3-year PFS<br>42 vs 23 | 3-year OS<br>86 vs 75  |
| Lokhorst et al. <sup>4</sup> | 535 | 50               | 24 vs 66*                         | Median<br>22 m vs 34 m | Median<br>60 m vs 73 m |

1. Attal M, et al. Blood. 2006

3. Spencer A, et al. J clin Oncol. 2009

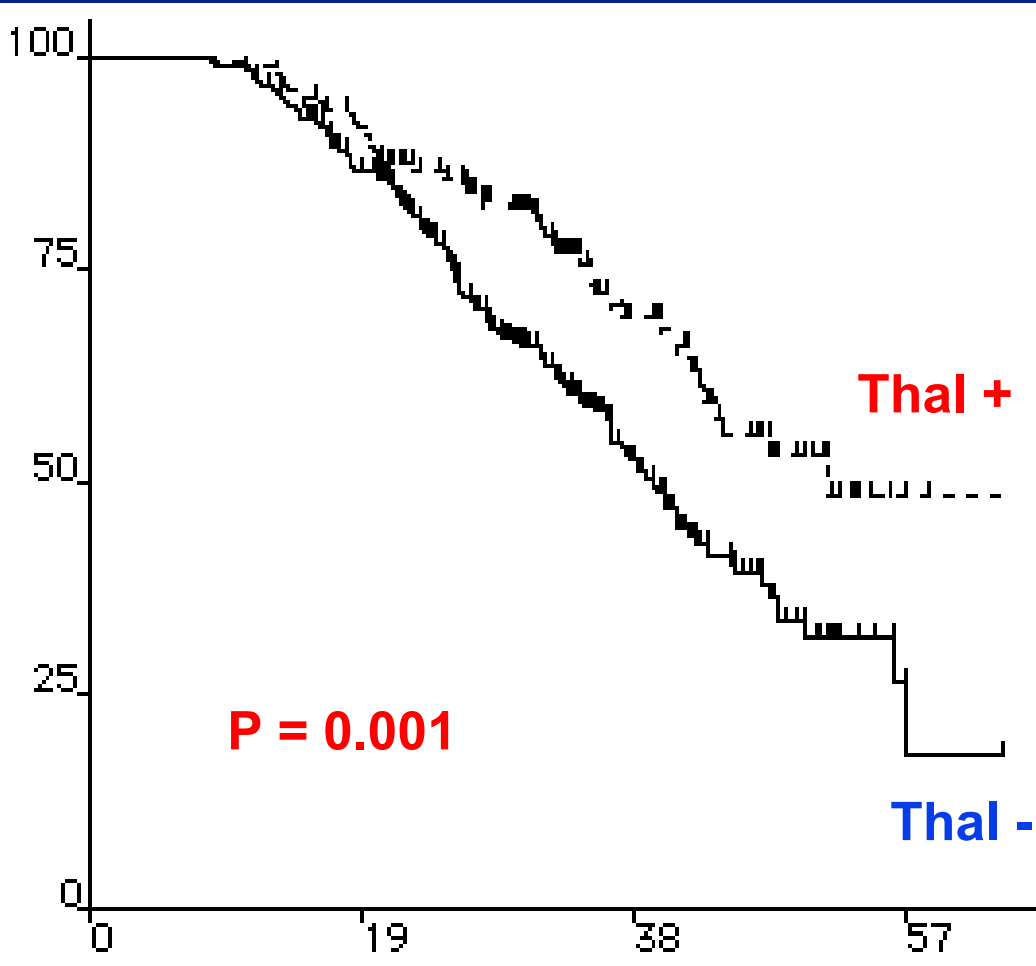
2. Barlogie B, et al. Blood 2008

4. Lokhorst et al . Blood 2010

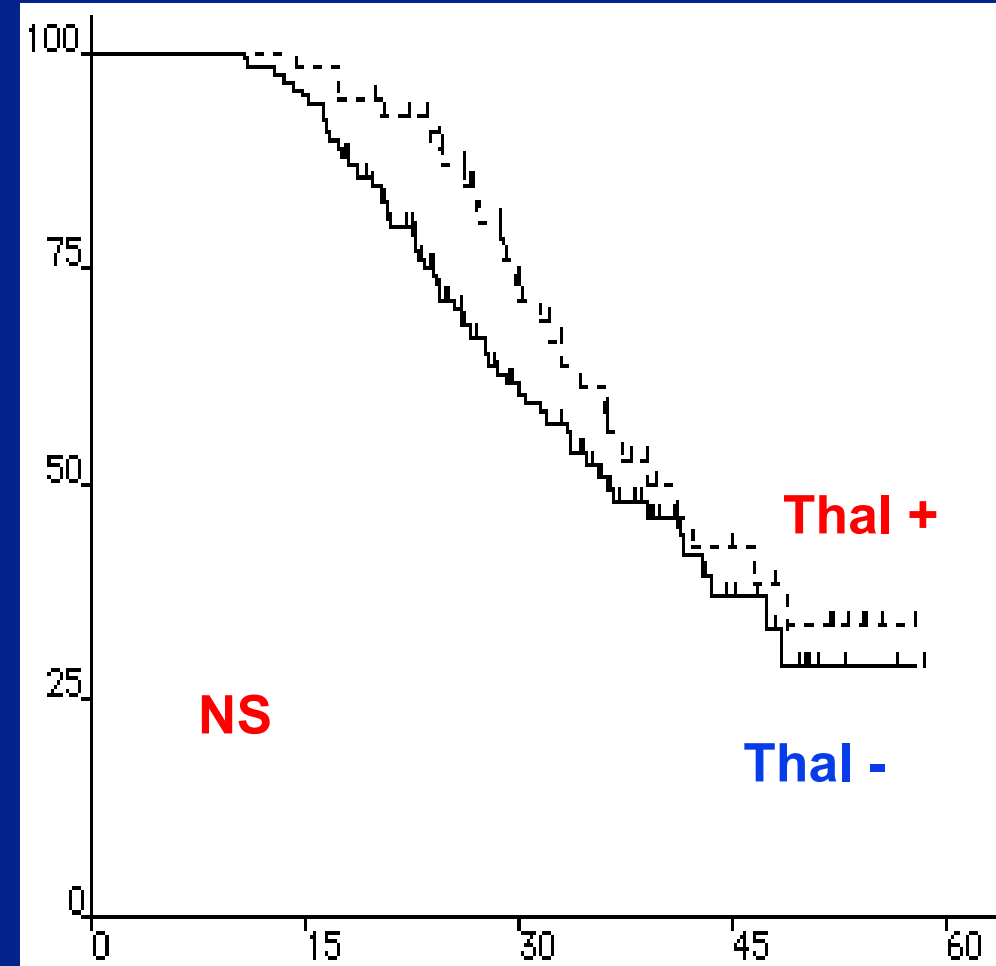
\*CR + VGPR rates.

# IFM 99 02 : EFS According to del 13

## Del 13 -

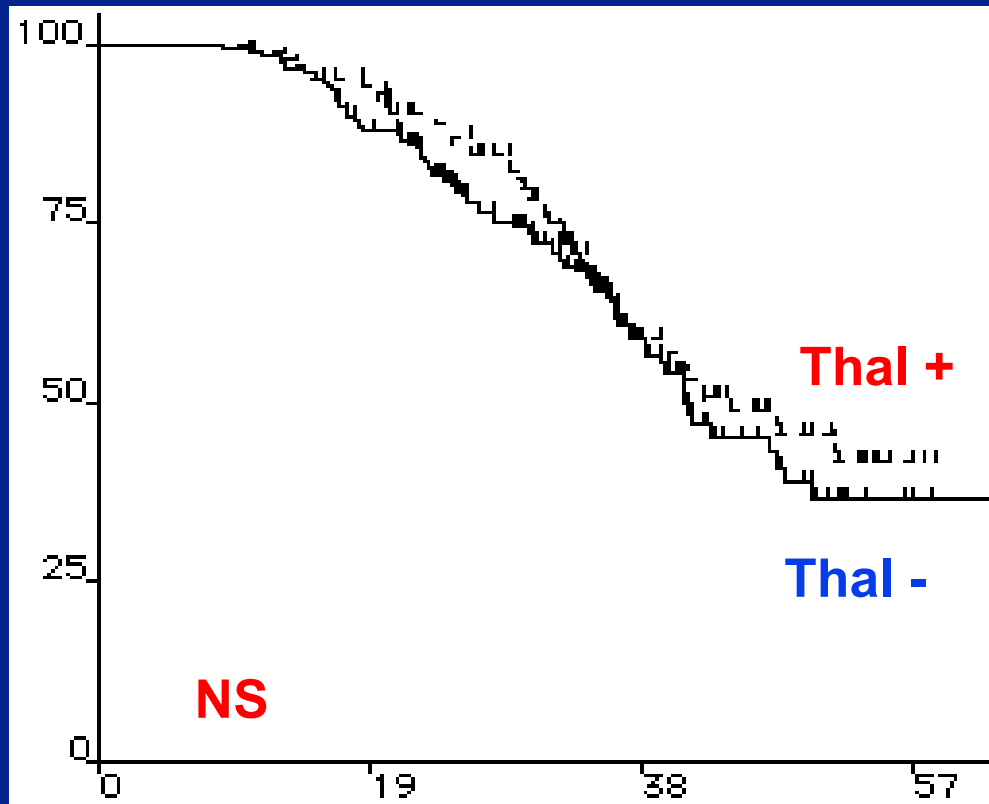


## Del 13 +

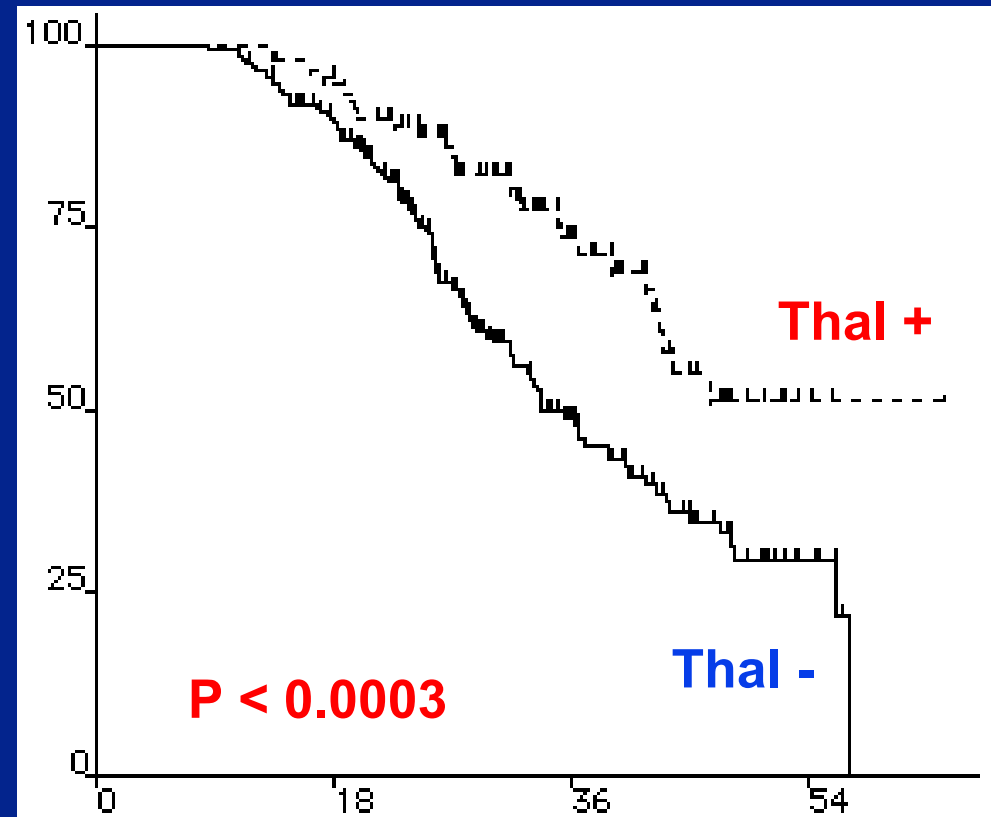


# IFM 99 02 : EFS According to Response at Random

Response at Random  $\geq 90\%$



Response at Random  $< 90\%$



Consolidation rather than maintenance

Explanation: 68% of PN responsible for short duration of TT ?

# Maintenance TT in MM: Thalidomide

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- **Thalidomide is an active drug after ASCT:**
  - ✓ **Prolongs the PFS in 4/4 studies**
  - ✓ **Prolongs the OS in 3/4 studies**
- **The mechanism of action is unclear:**
  - **Improves the CR rate in 3/3 studies**
  - **Consolidation rather than Maintenance**
  - **Could be proposed for 3 to 6 months**
- **The incidence of neuropathy is a major concern !**



**Lenalidomide**

# Lenalidomide (REVLIMID)

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**.Lenalidomide is an attractive drug**

**✓Oral agent**

**✓Without neurological complications**

# Thalidomide and Lenalidomide Have Distinct Mechanisms of Action

Efficacy of Thalidomide and Lenalidomide Mechanisms of Action<sup>1</sup>

|                           | Thalidomide | Lenalidomide |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Tumouricidal activity     | +           | +++          |
| Immunomodulatory activity | +           | ++++         |
| Anti-angiogenic activity  | ++++        | +++          |

+ = potency factor of 10

- The mechanism of action of thalidomide is anti-angiogenic, while lenalidomide has more potent tumouricidal and immunomodulatory effects<sup>1-2</sup>
- Regardless of prior exposure to thalidomide, lenalidomide treatment results in significant efficacy with a manageable safety profile<sup>3-4</sup>

1. Hideshima et al. *Blood* 2000.

2. Mitsiades et al. *Blood* 2002.

3. Wang M et al. *Blood*. 2008.

4. Richardson et al., *Blood* 2009.

# IFM 2005-02: Study design

Phase III randomized, placebo-controlled trial  
N= 614 patients, from 78 centers, enrolled between 7/2006 and 8/2008

Patients < 65 years, with non-progressive disease,  $\leq 6$  months after ASCT in first line

Randomization: stratified according to Beta-2m, del13, VGPR

Consolidation:

Lenalidomide alone 25 mg/day p.o.  
days 1-21 of every 28 days for 2 months

Arm A=

Placebo

(N=307)

until relapse

Arm B=

Lenalidomide

(N=307)

10-15 mg/d until relapse

Primary end-point: PFS.

Secondary end-points: CR rate, TTP, OS, feasibility of long-term lenalidomide....

ASCT = autologous stem cell transplant. IFM = Intergroupe Francophone du Myelome.

# IFM 2005 02 Trial: Patient characteristics

|                                 | Arm A (placebo)<br>N = 307 | Arm B (Len)<br>N = 307 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| • Age (y)                       | 55                         | 55                     |
| • Sex (M/F)                     | 59% / 41%                  | 55% / 45%              |
| • ISS                           |                            |                        |
| <b>I</b>                        | 48%                        | 43%                    |
| <b>II</b>                       | 36%                        | 35%                    |
| <b>III</b>                      | 16%                        | 22%                    |
| • Beta-2 m ( $\leq 3$ / $> 3$ ) | 45% / 55%                  | 45% / 55%              |
| • Del 13 (present /eval)        | 41%                        | 42%                    |
| • t(4-14) (present /eval)       | 7%                         | 12%                    |
| • Del 17 (present /eval)        | 5%                         | 7%                     |

# IFM 2005 02 Trial: Patient characteristics

|  | Arm A (placebo)<br>N = 307 | Arm B (Len)<br>N = 307 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Induction regimen</b>                 |                            |                        |
| <b>VAD</b>                               | 52%                        | 46%                    |
| <b>Vel-Dex</b>                           | 44%                        | 46%                    |
| <b>Others</b>                            | 5%                         | 8%                     |
| <b>Number of transplant (1 /2)</b>       | 79% / 21%                  | 79% / 21%              |
| <b>VGPR post ASCT</b>                    | 58%                        | 62%                    |
| <b>Interval diagnosis-randomization</b>  | 10 m (8-12)                | 10 m (8-12)            |
| <b>Interval transplant-Consolidation</b> | 4 (3-5)                    | 4 (3-5)                |

# IFM 2005 02 : Response<sup>a</sup> After Consolidation (n= 572)

|           | PRE | POST | p value <sup>b</sup> |
|-----------|-----|------|----------------------|
| CR (IF -) | 14% | 20%  | <0.0001              |
| ≥ VGPR    | 58% | 67%  | <0.0001              |

<sup>a</sup> *IMW Criteria*

<sup>b</sup> *Mc Nemar test*

# IFM 2005 02 : Best Response<sup>a</sup>

|             | Placebo<br>(N= 307) | Revlimid<br>(N=307) | p value      |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| CR ( IF - ) | <b>23 %</b>         | <b>25 %</b>         | <b>0.495</b> |
| ≥ VGPR      | <b>71%</b>          | <b>76 %</b>         | <b>0.13</b>  |

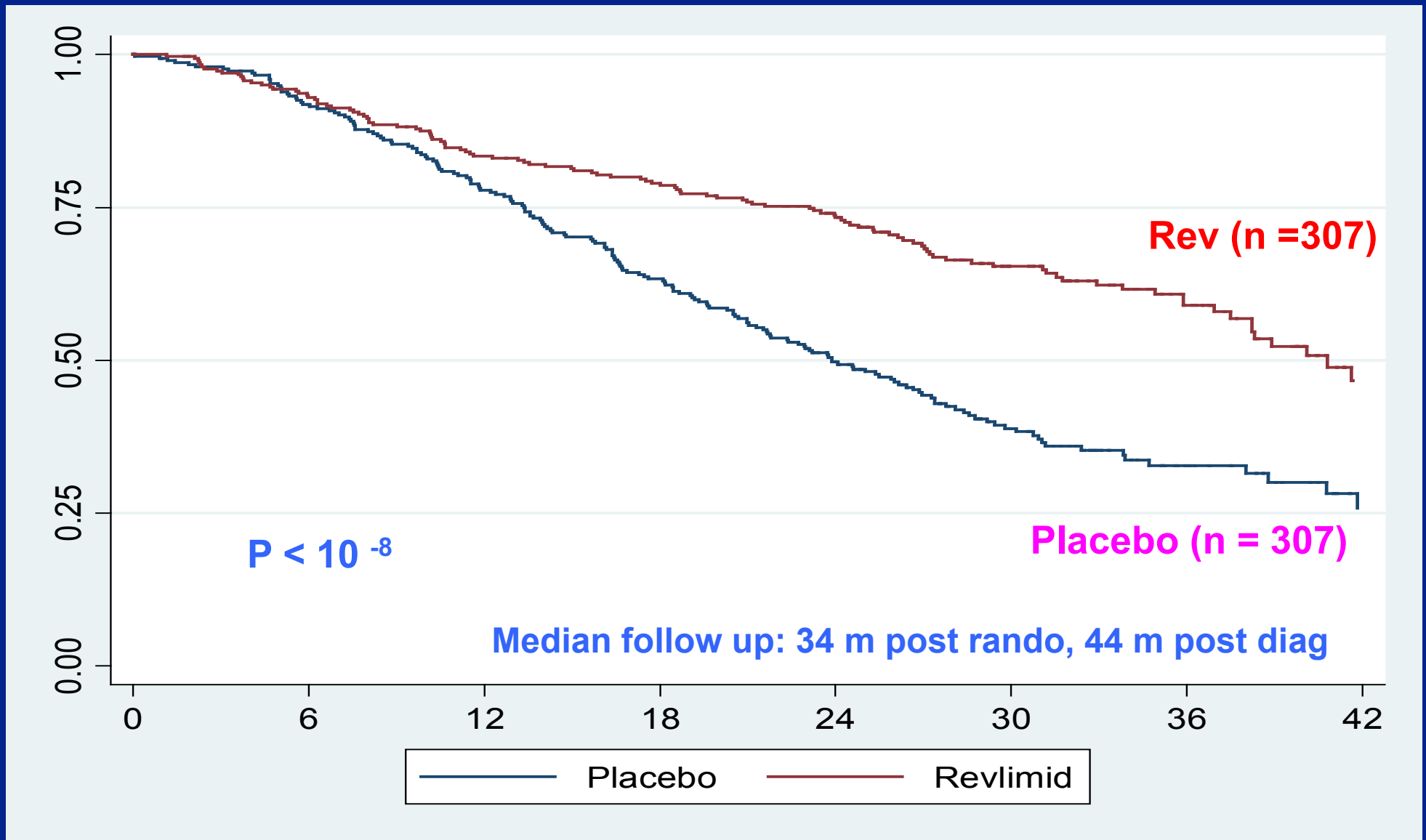
<sup>a</sup> *IMW Criteria*



# IFM 2005-02 : PFS

|  | Arm A<br>N = 307 | Arm B<br>N = 307 | P                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Progression or Death                           | 185              | 117              |                    |
| Median PFS post rando (m)                      | 24               | 42               |                    |
| 4-year post diag PFS<br>(or 3-year post rando) | 33%              | 60%              |                    |
| Hazard Ratio                                   | 1                | 0.5              | < 10 <sup>-8</sup> |

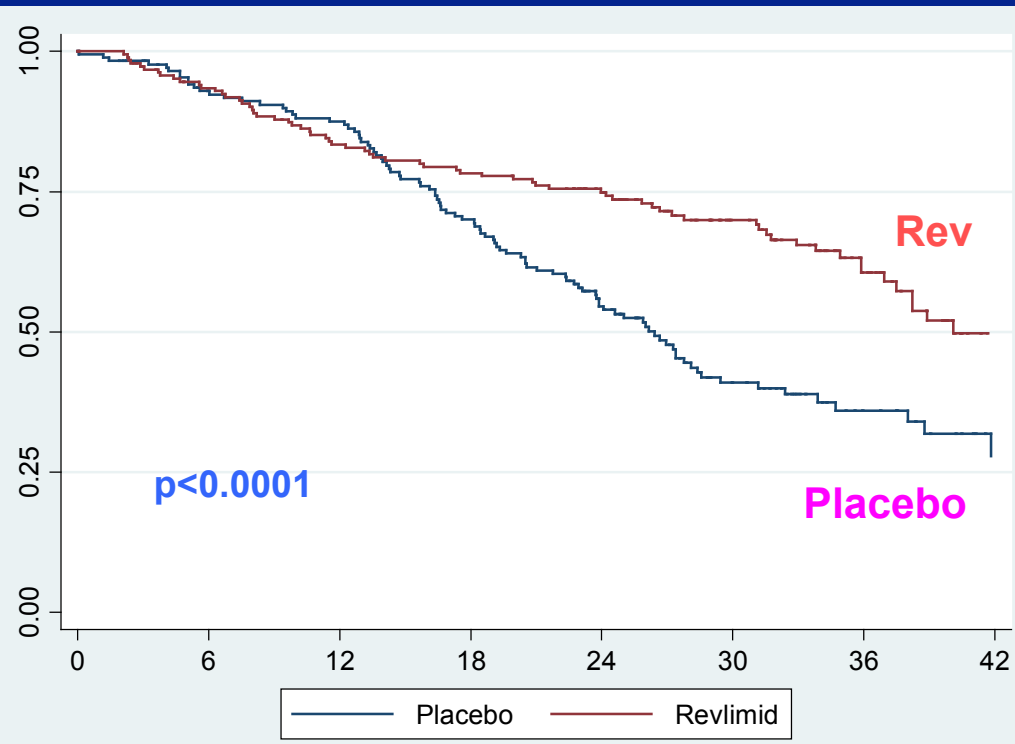
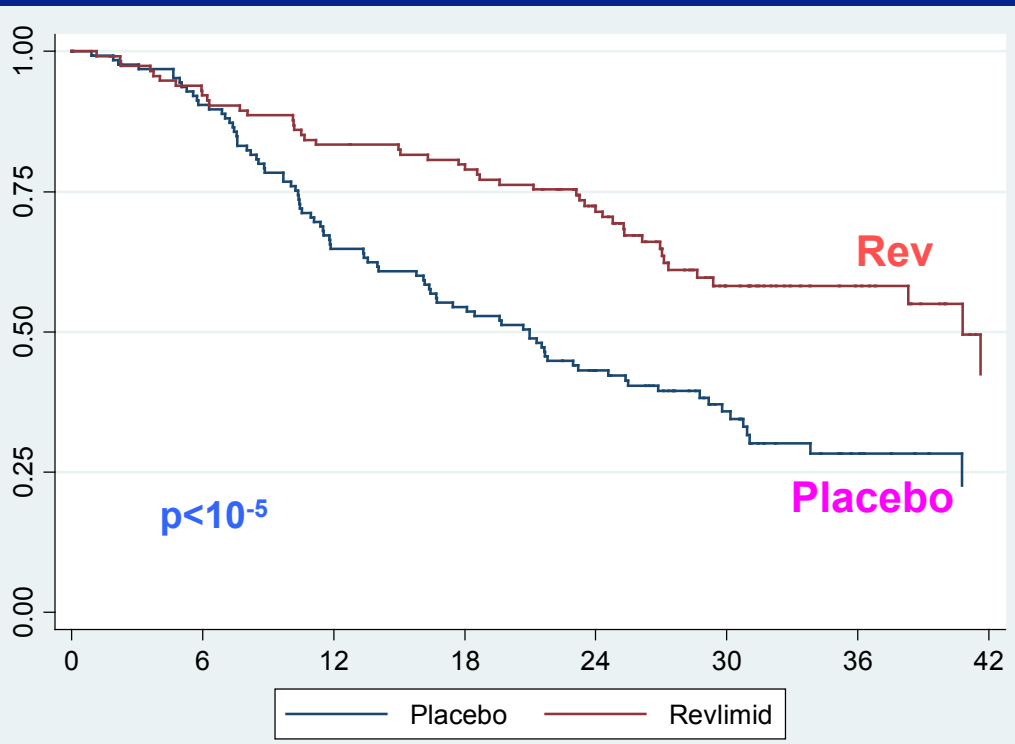
# IFM 2005-02 : PFS from randomization



# PFS according to Response Pre-Consolidation

PR or SD

$\geq$  VGPR

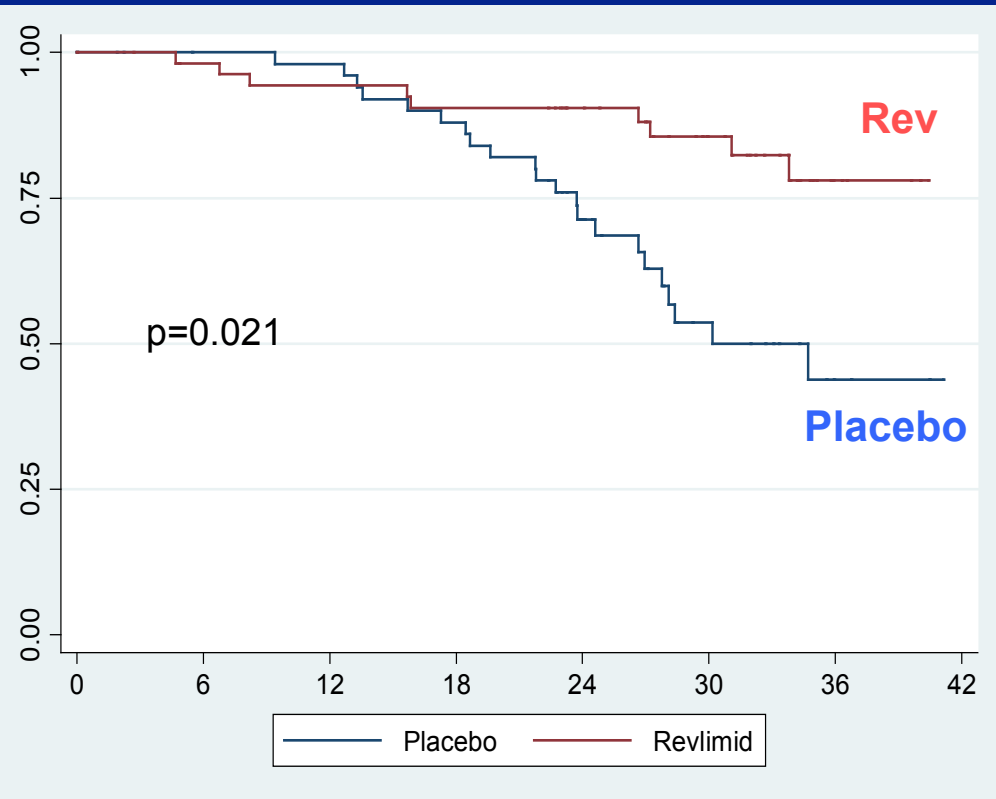


HR= 0.46 - CI 95% [0.32-0.66]

HR= 0.53 - CI 95% [0.39-0.72]

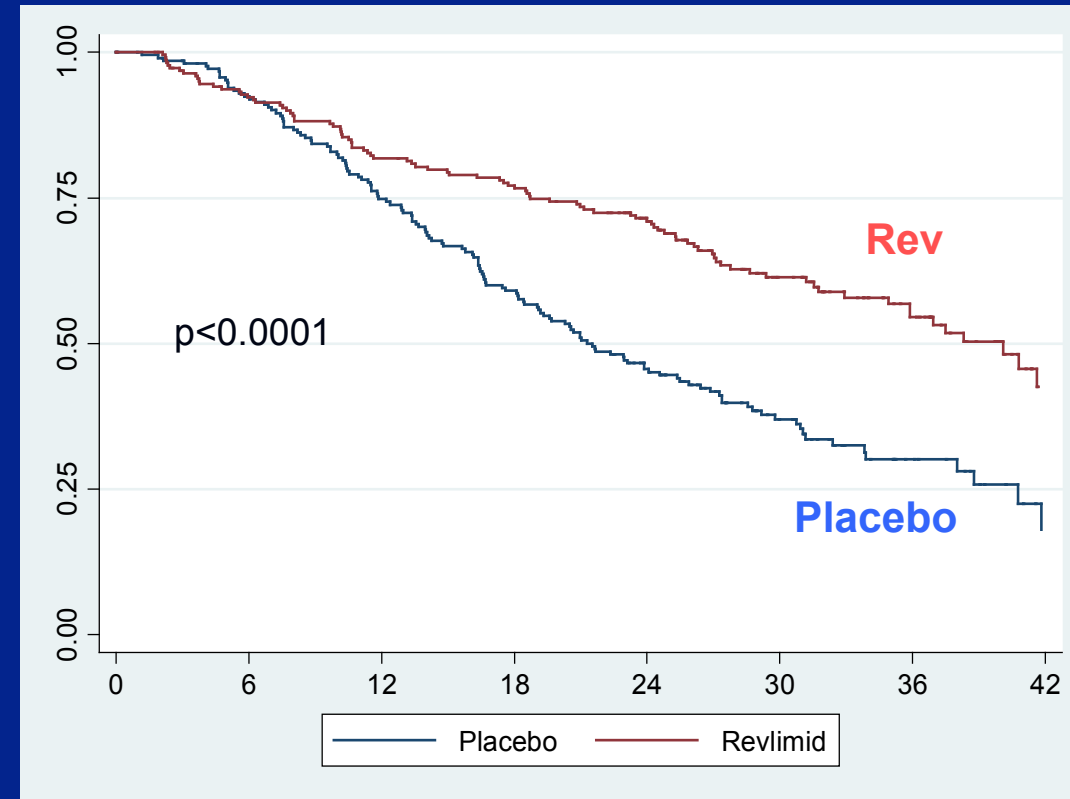
# PFS according to Response Post-Consolidation

CR



HR= 0.31 - CI 95% [0.14-0.68]

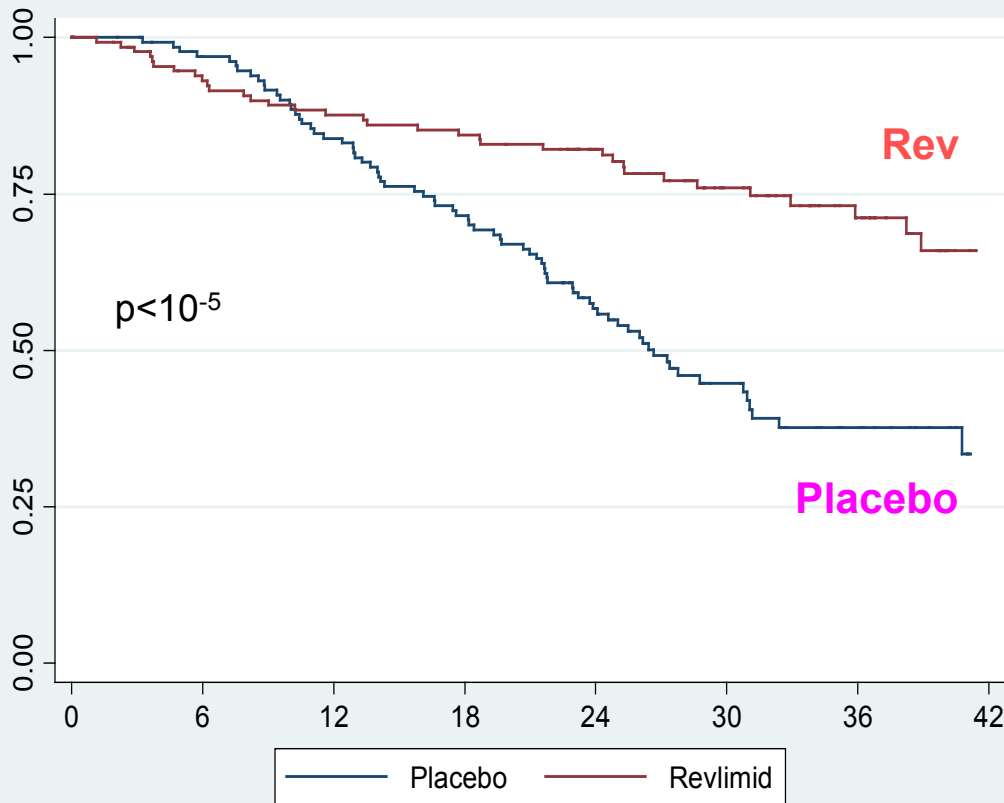
Not in CR



HR= 0.50- CI 95% [0.38-0.65]

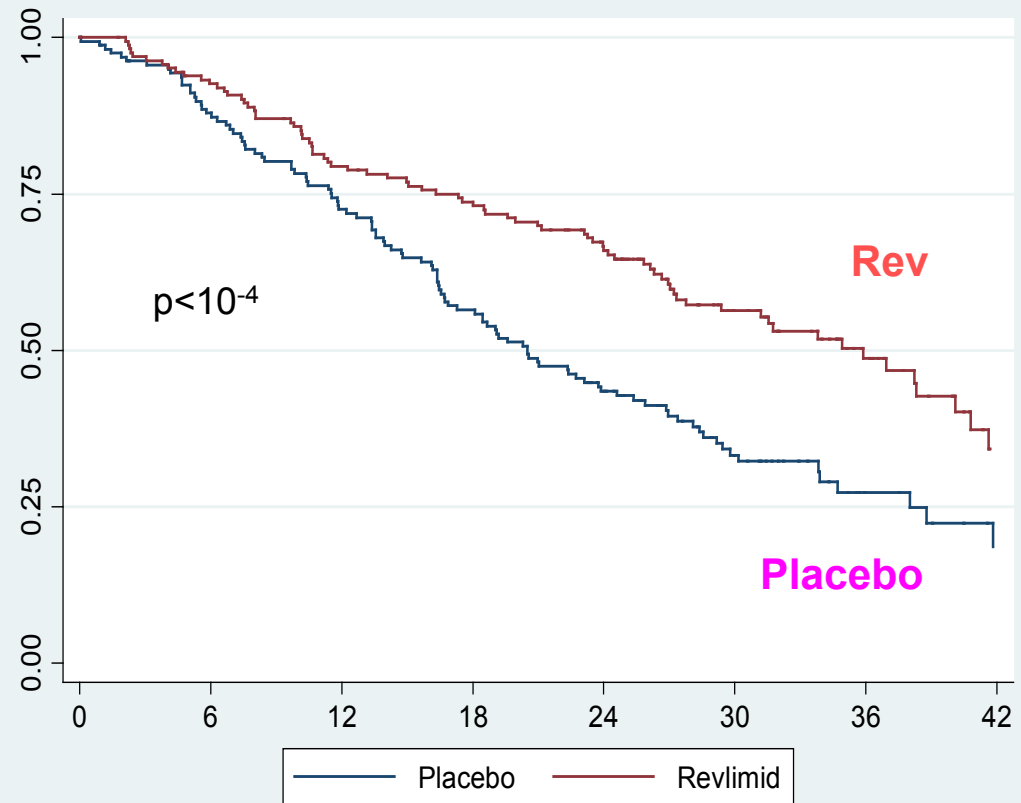
# PFS according to initial $\beta 2\text{-m}$

$\beta 2\text{-m} \leq 3$



HR= 0.38 - CI 95% [0.25-0.57]

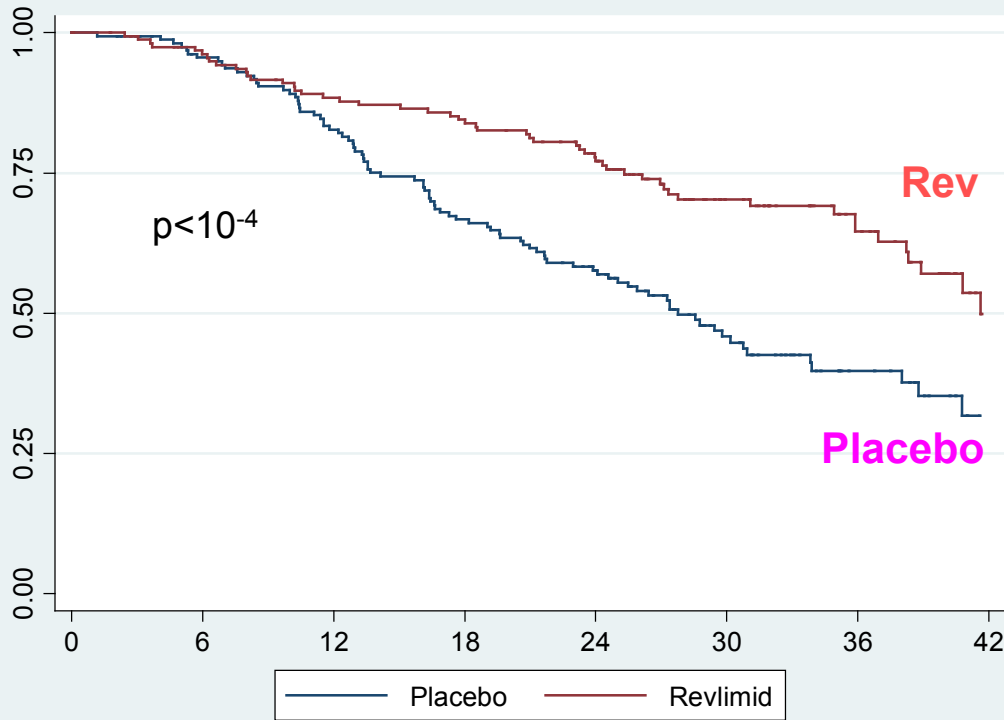
$\beta 2\text{-m} > 3$



HR= 0.56 - CI 95% [0.42-0.75]

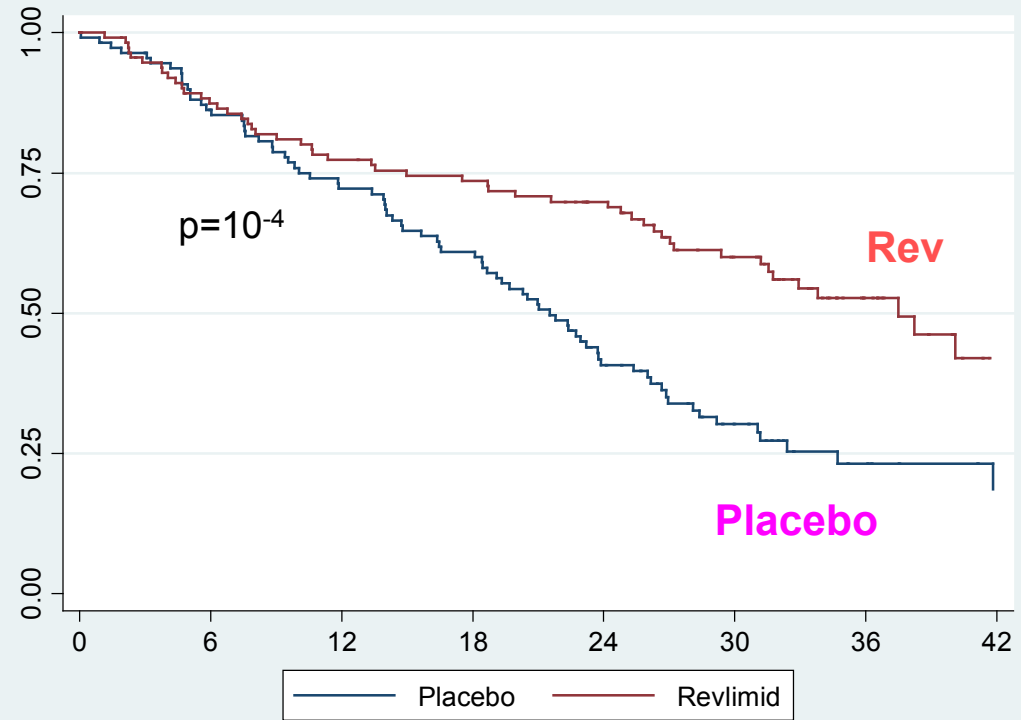
# PFS according to cytogenetic

Without del 13



HR= 0.49 - CI 95% [0.35-0.69]

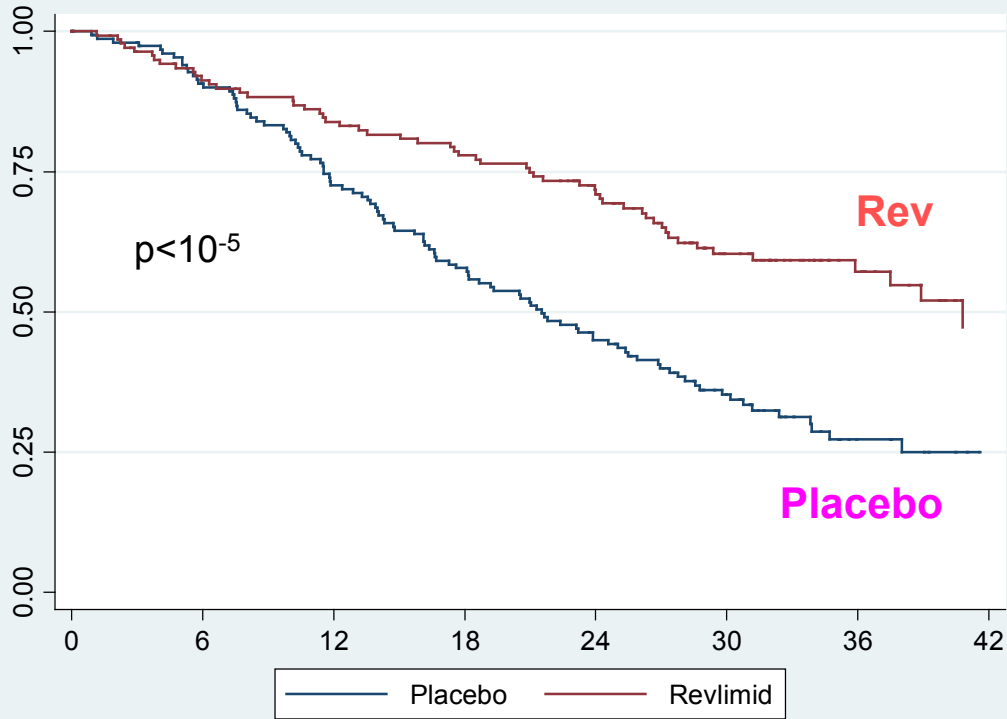
With del 13



HR= 0.49 - CI 95% [0.34-0.70]

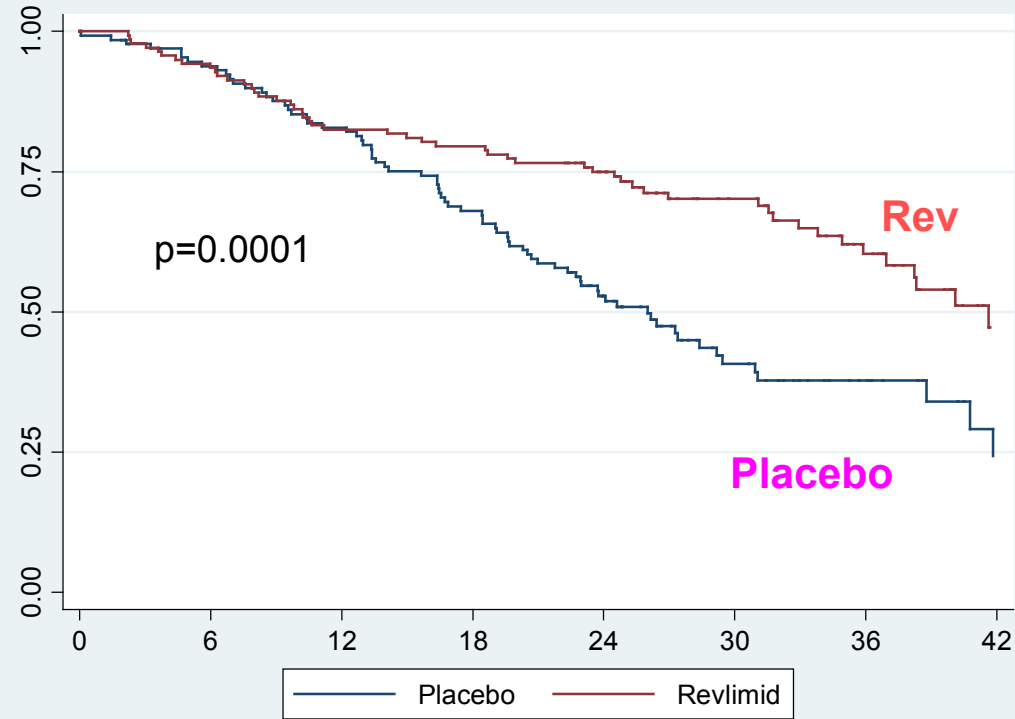
# PFS according to induction regimen

VAD



HR= 0.48 - CI 95% [0.35-0.67]

VD



HR= 0.50 - CI 95% [0.35-0.71]

# Prognostic Factors for PFS

| Univariate analysis                              | p                 |
|--|-------------------|
| Beta-2 m (<=3 / >3)                              | <0.001            |
| ISS (I / II + III)                               | 0.07              |
| Del 13 ( y / n )                                 | 0.001             |
| Induction (VAD / Vel-Dex / Others)               | NS                |
| Response post ASCT (VGPR / no)                   | 0.02              |
| Response post consolidation                      | <0.001            |
| Treatment arm (A / B)                            | <10 <sup>-8</sup> |
| Multivariate analysis                            | p                 |
| Treatment Arm (A / <b>B</b> )                    | <0.0000001        |
| Response after consolidation ( <b>VGPR</b> / no) | 0.001             |
| Del13 (y / <b>n</b> )                            | 0.014             |
| Beta-2 m (<= <b>3</b> / >3)                      | <0.001            |



# IFM 2005-02 : OS (to November 2010)

|   | Placebo<br>N=307 | Revlimid<br>N=307 | p    |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------|
| Death   | <b>45</b>        | <b>50</b>         |      |
| 5-year post diag OS<br>(or 4-year post Rando) | <b>81%</b>       | <b>81%</b>        |      |
| Hazard Ratio                                  | 1                | 1.12 (0.75-1.68)  | 0.57 |

# Grade 3-4 Adverse Events during treatment

| AE (grade 4)                     | Arm A           | Arm B            |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Anemia                           | 2% (1%)         | 4% (2%)          |
| Thrombocytopenia                 | 6% (2%)         | 12% (5%)         |
| <b>Neutropenia</b>               | <b>14% (3%)</b> | <b>43% (11%)</b> |
| <b>Febrile Neutropenia</b>       | <b>0%</b>       | <b>2% (1%)</b>   |
| Infections                       | 5% (1%)         | 10% (1%)         |
| <b>DVT</b>                       | <b>0%</b>       | <b>2% (0.3%)</b> |
| Skin disorders                   | 4%              | 6%               |
| Fatigue                          | 0%              | 1%               |
| <b>Peripheral Neuropathy</b>     | <b>0.3%</b>     | <b>0.7%</b>      |
| Hematologic malignancies (n)     | 2               | 10               |
| Non hematologic malignancies (n) | 1               | 7                |

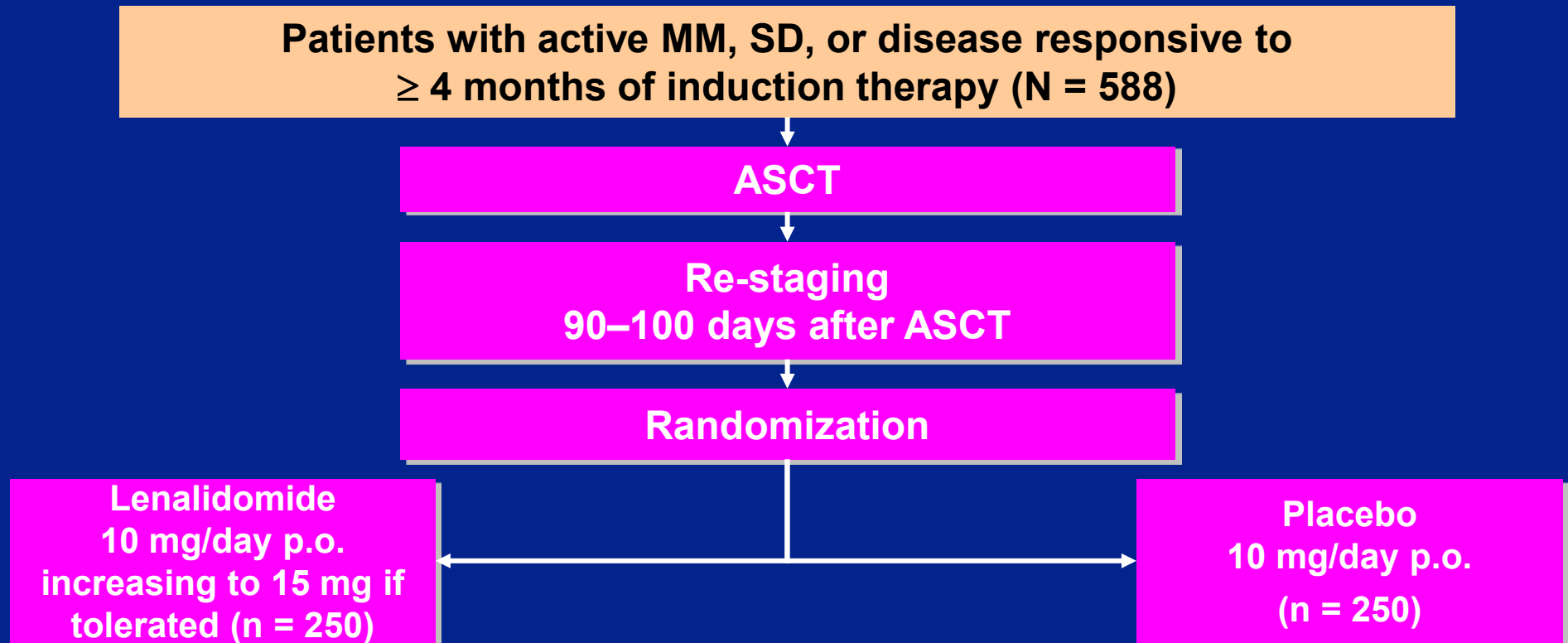
Definitive Discontinuation for AE: placebo = 15% vs lenalidomide = 21%

# IFM 2005-02: Conclusions

- **Maintenance therapy with Revlimid:**
  - **Is well tolerated:**
    - ✓ Low definitive discontinuation rate due to AE
    - ✓ Low rate of neuropathy and DVT
  - **Is superior to placebo:**
    - ✓ 50% reduction risk of progression
    - ✓ In all stratified subgroups (response,  $\beta$ 2m, FISH)
- **A longer follow-up is required to appreciate the impact on OS :**  
(Today, death are only observed in high risk patients : the median interval Progression-Death being extremely short !! (A vs B = 13 m vs 11 m)

# CALGB 100104: Lenalidomide as maintenance therapy after ASCT for MM

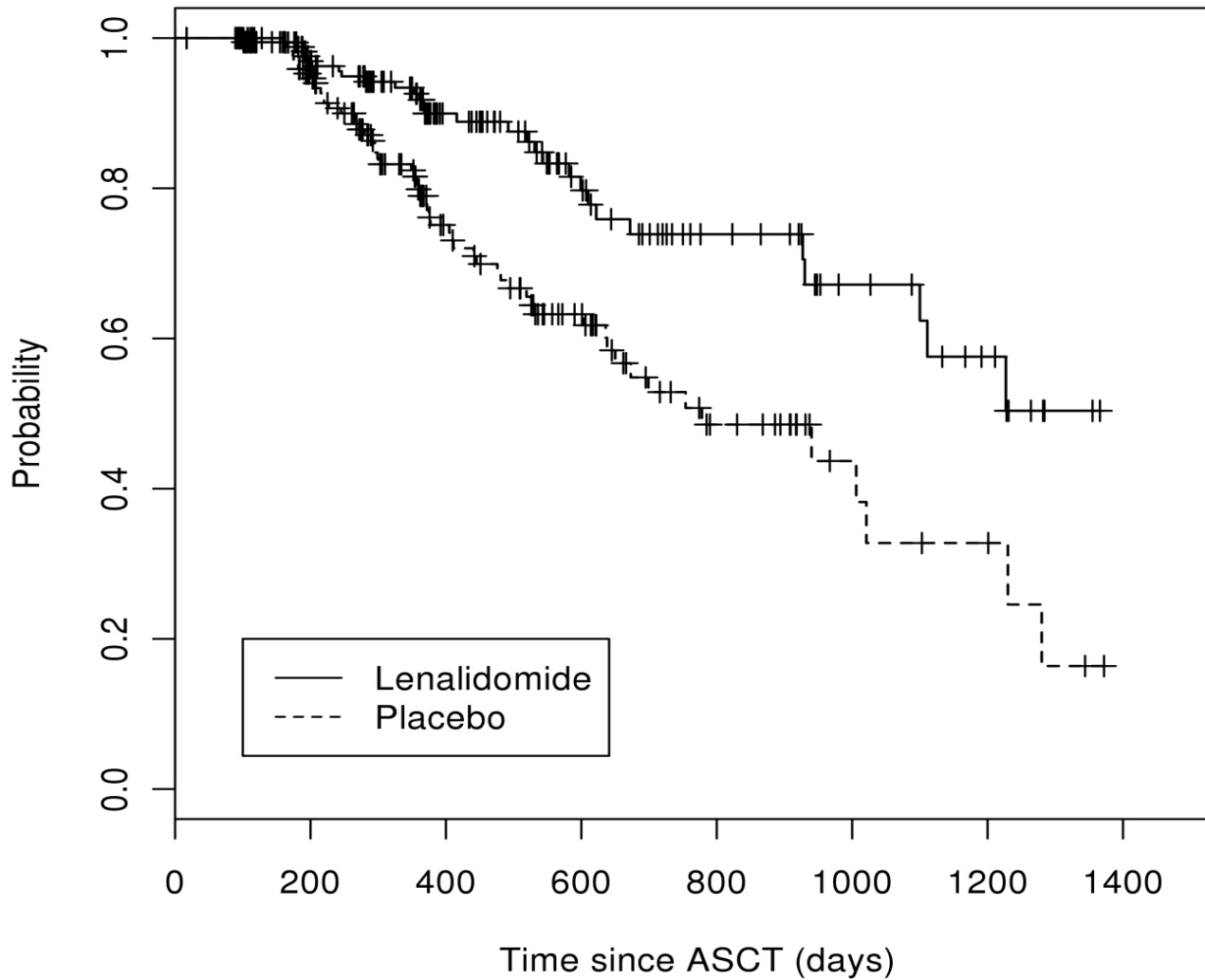
Ongoing phase III, randomized, placebo-controlled trial



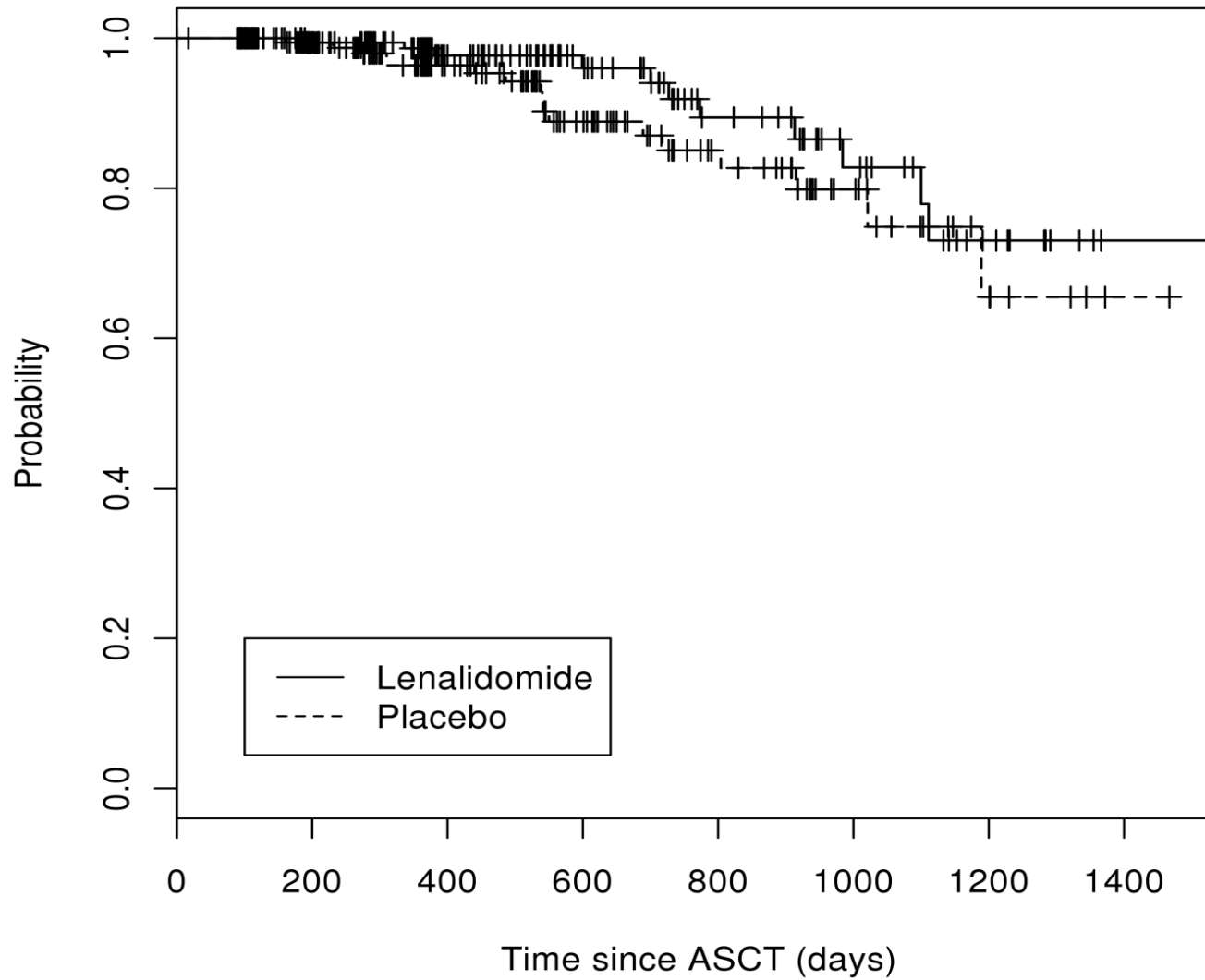
Primary end-point: time to disease progression after autologous ASCT

Secondary end-points: CR rate, PFS, OS, and feasibility of long-term lenalidomide

# Time to Progression



# Overall Survival



# Limitations !

# **Safety of the long-term use of lenalidomide**

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**2 years of maintenance – cut off ?  
(under investigation)**



# **Safety of the long-term use of lenalidomide**

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**Three large studies presented at ASH 2010 raised questions about the occurrence of second primary cancers in the setting of lenalidomide maintenance**

**In the clinical trial setting, it is a priority to ensure consistent data collection and reporting of second cancers.**

# „Lenalidomide (Revlimid) maintenance treatment in Czech Republic



**„CMG 2008 junior“**  
**Protokol RV-MM-EMN-441**

**and**

**„CMG 2010 senior“**  
**Protokol EMN 01**

**Clinical trials active in the Czech Republic  
for newly diagnosed patients**

# Protokols RV-MM-EMN-441 and EMN01

- **Main coordinator:**

Fondazione Neoplasie Sangue

Onlus (FO.NE.SA Onlus), Itálie

- **Coordinator for CR, SR, Hungary and Poland:  
CMG, foundation**

# „CMG 2008 junior“

## Trial RV-MM-EMN-441

**Induction:** RD 4 cycles

**Collection of PBSC (Cy 3g/m<sup>2</sup>+ G-CSF)**

**Randomization 1:**

**Arm A:** CRD 6 cycles

**Arm B:** ASCT (MEL 200)

**Randomization 2: maintenance**

**Arms: A1, B1:** Lenalidomid

**Arms: A2, B2:** Lenalidomid+Prednison

# **„CMG 2008 junior“**

**Trial RV-MM-EMN-441**

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## **Actual Status**

**Planned numbers of enrolled patients:**

**Total: 380**

**Actual status of enrollment (11.4.2011):**

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Italy – 254 (and STOP)</b> | <b>Slovak Rep. – 4</b> |
| <b>Australia – 48</b>         | <b>Hungary – 7</b>     |
| <b>Czech Rep. – 54</b>        | <b>Poland – 0</b>      |

**Total of 367 pts. were enrolled until 11.4.2011**

**Total of 13 pts. remaining to be enrolled**

# „CMG 2010 senior“

## Trial EMN 01

### Randomization 1:

|        |     |          |
|--------|-----|----------|
| Arm A: | RD  | 9 cycles |
| Arm B: | MPR |          |
| Arm C: | CPR |          |

### Randomization 2: maintenance

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Arm A1, B1, C1: | Lenalidomid           |
| Arm A2, B2, C2: | Lenalidomid+Prednison |

# **„CMG 2010 senior“**

## **Trial EMN 01**

### **Actual Status**

**Planned numbers of enrolled patients:**

**Total: 660**

**Actual status of enrollment (11.4.2011):**

**Italy – 338**

**Israel – 0**

**Czech Rep. – 8 (just started)**

**Germany – 0**

**Total of 346 pts. were enrolled until 11.4.2011**

**Total of 314 pts. remaining to be enrolled**



# Conclusion

**Lenalidomide has strong immunomodulatory  
feature with durable response**

**The maintenance therapy with lenalidomide  
is beneficial**

**Longer follow –up and further safety analysis can  
define optimal duration of maintenance therapy**

**Thank you for your attention**

