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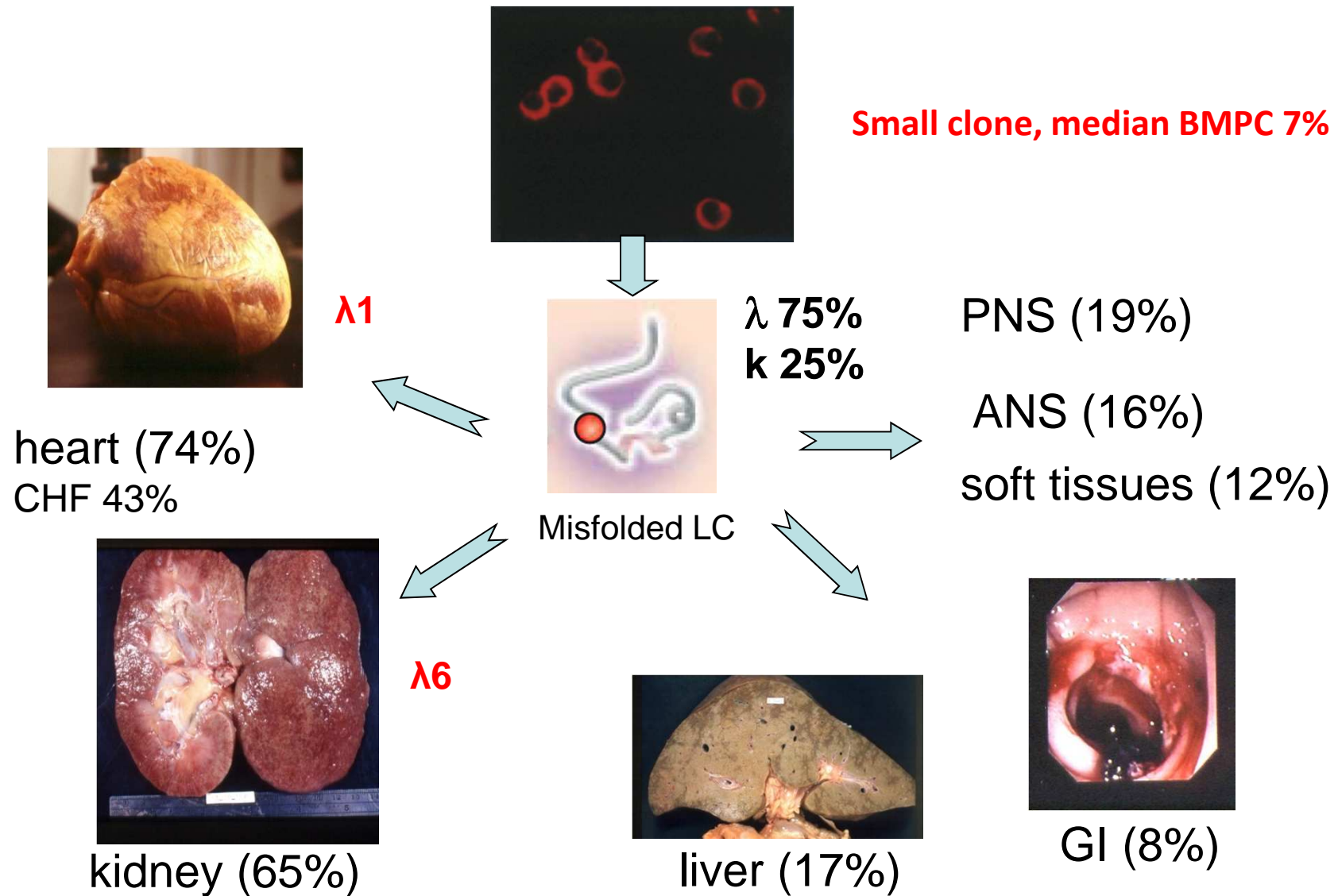
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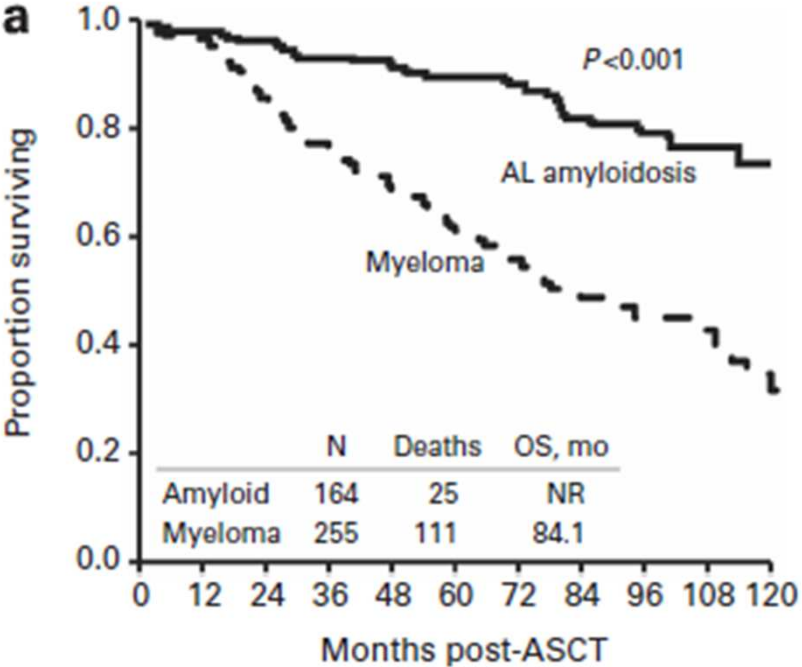
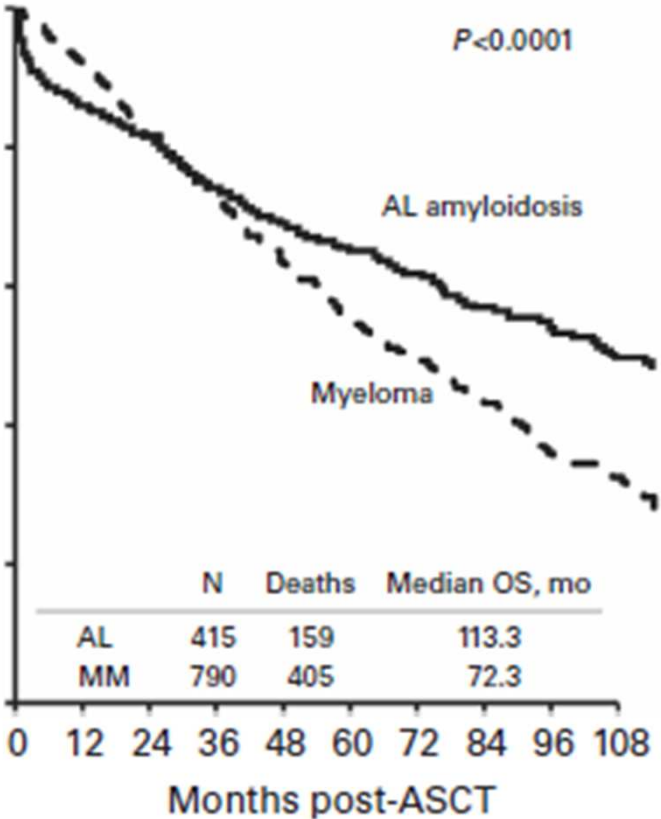
# Systemic AL Amyloidosis

1496 AL patients (median age 63, range 23-91)



# Patients with immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis undergoing autologous stem cell transplantation have superior outcomes compared with patients with multiple myeloma: a retrospective review from a tertiary referral center.

A Dispenzieri, K Seenithamby, MQ Lacy, SK Kumar, FK Buadi, SR Hayman, D Dingli, MR Litzow, DA Gastineau, DJ Inwards, IN Micallef, SM Ansell, PB Johnston, LF Porrata, MM Patnaik, WJ Hogan and MAA Gertz



Patients in CR

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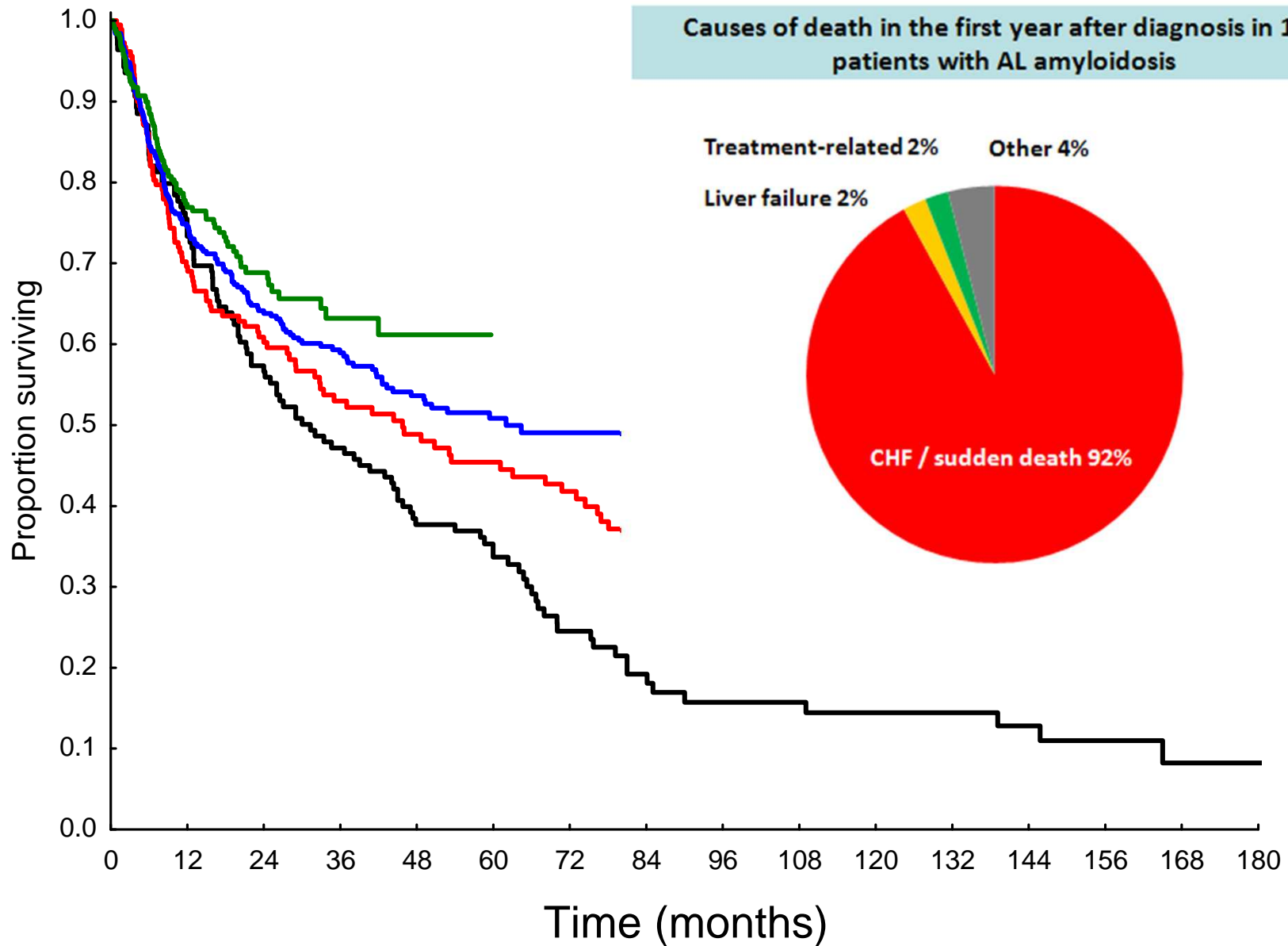
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# Survival of 1131 patients with AL amyloidosis according to the year of diagnosis



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## Can we screen for AL amyloidosis?

*Patients with MGUS and abnormal FLC ratio are at risk of developing AL amyloidosis*

*Early diagnosis requires switching from traditional symptoms- and signs-bound diagnostics to sensitive biomarkers signaling presymptomatic organ damage in the follow-up of patients at risk*

## Early diagnosis is possible in patients with MGUS

June 2010  
Male, 59y  
IgG $\kappa$  (10 g/L), normal CBC, calcium, creatinine  
**FLC $\kappa$  423, dFLC 410,  $\kappa/\lambda$  ratio 32.5**  
BMPC 7%  
**NT-proBNP included in the follow-up (225 ng/L)**

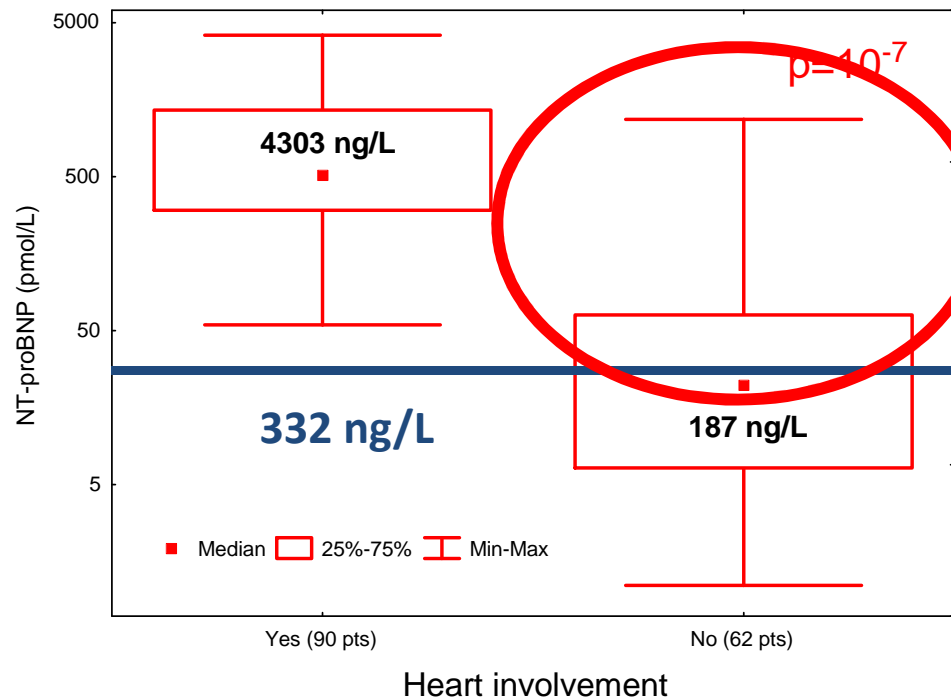
December 2012  
IgG $\kappa$  (10 g/L), normal CBC, calcium, creatinine  
FLC $\kappa$  407, dFLC 398,  $\kappa/\lambda$  ratio 45.5  
**NT-proBNP 975 ng/L - asymptomatic**

January 2013  
Referred to our center  
NT-proBNP 1171 ng/L, cTnl 0.025 ng/mL  
echo: IVS 12 mm, PW 11 mm, EF 65%  
proteinuria 0.42 g/24h, creatinine 0.75 mg/dL  
abdominal fat: positive,  $\kappa$  by IEM and MS

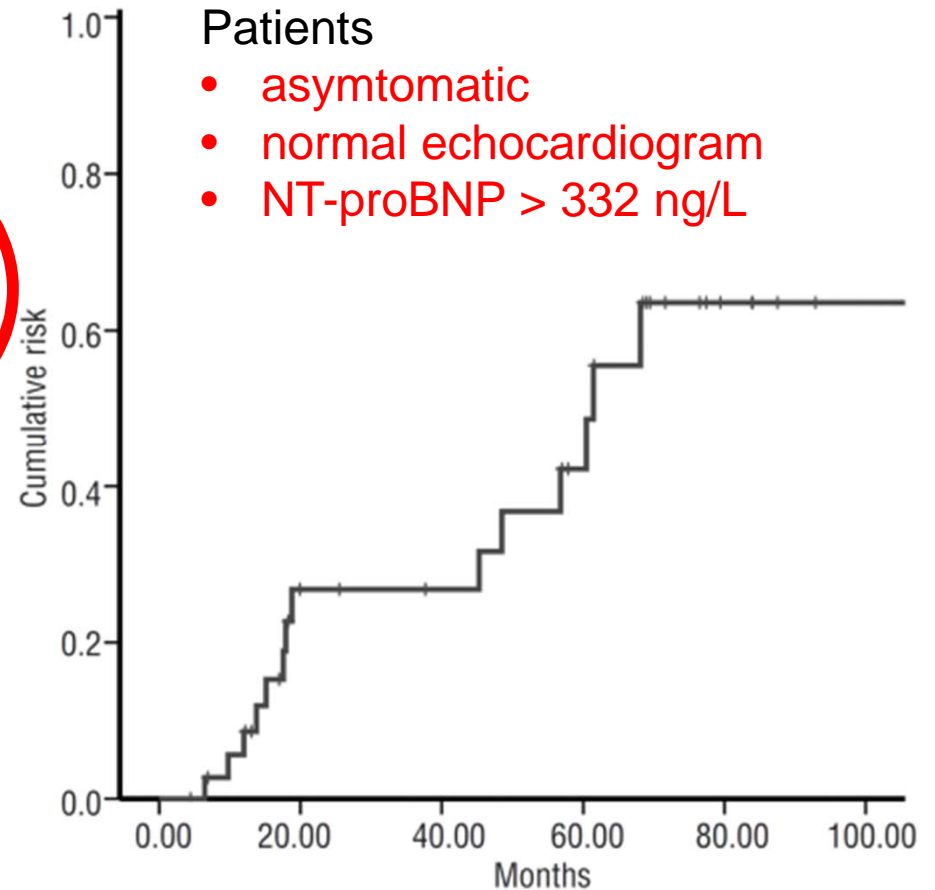
**AL amyloidosis with cardiac involvement → Treatment with CyBorD ( $\pm$ ASCT)**



# Serum N-terminal Pro-Natriuretic Peptide type B (NT-proBNP) is a sensitive marker of myocardial dysfunction in AL amyloidosis

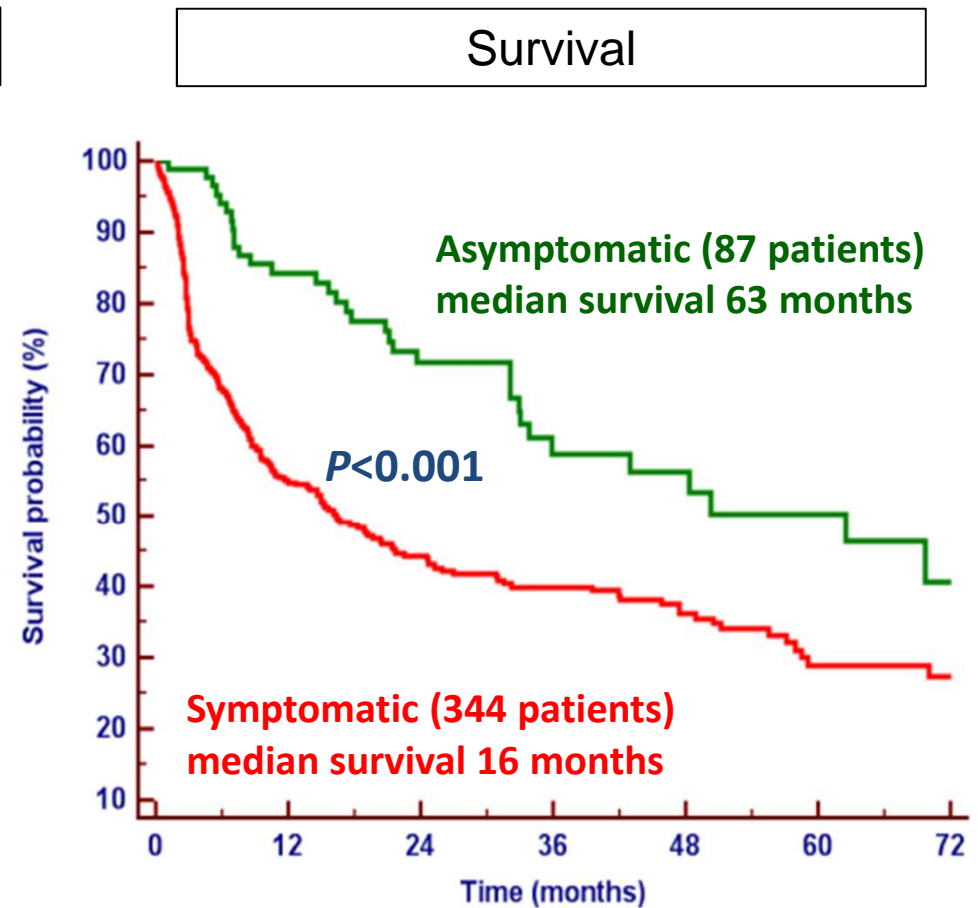
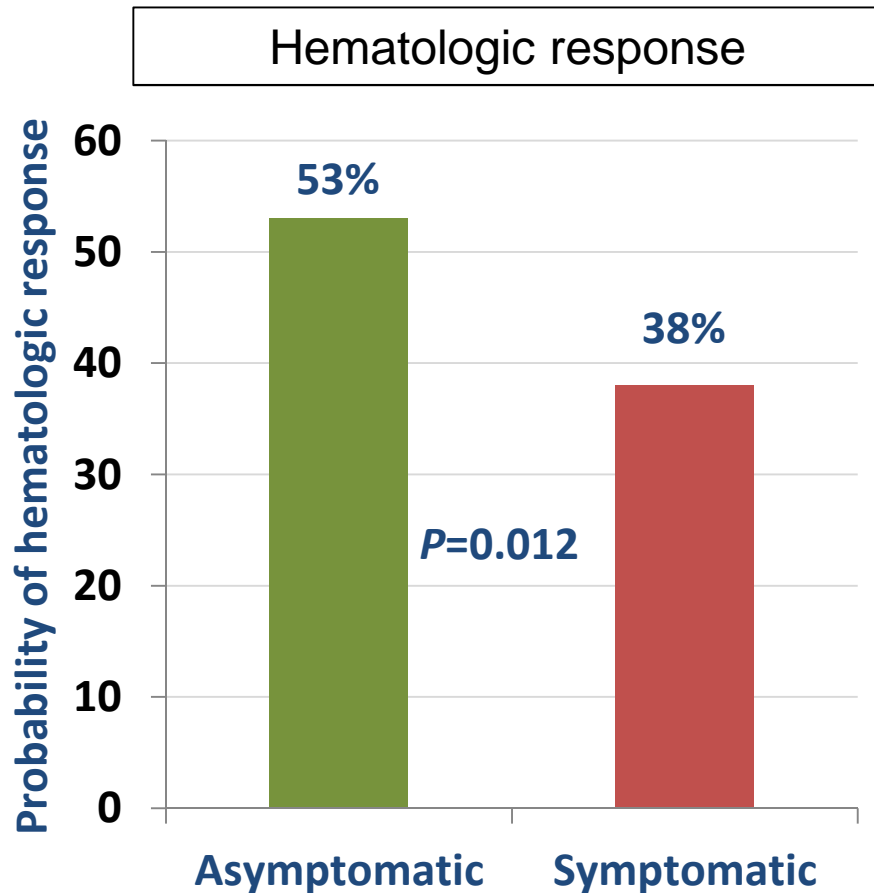


**Diagnostic sensitivity: 100%**



Risk for development of cardiac amyloidosis by International Consensus Criteria

# Survival of 431 patients with cardiac AL amyloidosis and NT-proBNP >332 ng/L according to symptoms of heart failure at diagnosis



## Early “red flags” of the most common types of systemic amyloidoses

Organ involved	Amyloidosis types	Early red flags
Heart	AL	NT-proBNP >332 ng/L (sensitivity 100%) or BNP >73 ng/L (sensitivity 89%)
Kidney	AL, AA	Proteinuria >0.5 g/day (predominantly albumin)
Liver	AL, AApoAI	Elevation of ALP or $\gamma$ GT in the absence of other causes
Soft tissues	AL, ATTR	Carpal tunnel syndrome
ANS / PNS	AL, ATTR	Neuropathic pain and loss of sensitivity to temperature Erectile dysfunction Onset of hypotension or resolution of hypertension

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## Clinical presentation of the most common forms of systemic amyloidosis

Amyloid type	Organ involvement					
	Heart	Kidney	Liver	PNS	ANS	ST
AL amyloidosis	++	++	+	+	+	+
Hereditary ATTR amyloidosis	++	±	-	++	+	-
Hereditary AApoAI amyloidosis	++	+	++	-	-	-
AA (reactive) amyloidosis	±	++	+	-	+	-
Senile systemic amyloidosis	++	-	-	-	-	-

## Incorrect typing results in incorrect therapy

- Male, 71 y, referred to our center in March 2012
- Since 2006 palpitation
- December 2009      atrial fibrillation  
                                 echo: IVS 22 mm, PW 19 mm (amyloidosis?)  
                                 BNP 231 ng/L
- January 2011      heart failure  
                                 bone marrow biopsy: BMPC 9%  
                                 IgGκ M-protein (11 g/L)  
                                 abdominal fat aspirate: negative  
                                 salivary gland biopsy: amyloidosis

**6 cycles of CyBorD are performed  
that were complicated by febrile neutropenia (pneumonia)  
and severe neuropathy**

## Incorrect typing results in incorrect therapy

- March 2012 referred to our center  
NYHA class III  
HR-IFE: IgG $\kappa$  in serum  
FLC  $\kappa$  18.6, FLC  $\lambda$  11.6,  $\kappa/\lambda$  ratio 1.6  
NT-proBNP 3811 ng/L, cTnI 0.153 ng/mL  
proteinuria 0.04 g/24h, s. creatinine 0.76 mg/dL  
ECG: normal (no low voltage)  
echo: IVS 21, PW 19.9, EF 55%.  
abdominal fat aspirate: positive (focal)  
IEM: TTR  
MS: wtTTR  
DNA analysis: no TTR mutations

**Senile systemic amyloidosis**  
**Treatment: doxycycline + TUDCA**

# Amyloid typing by immunohistochemistry

## Strong Transthyretin Immunostaining: Potential Pitfall in Cardiac Amyloid Typing

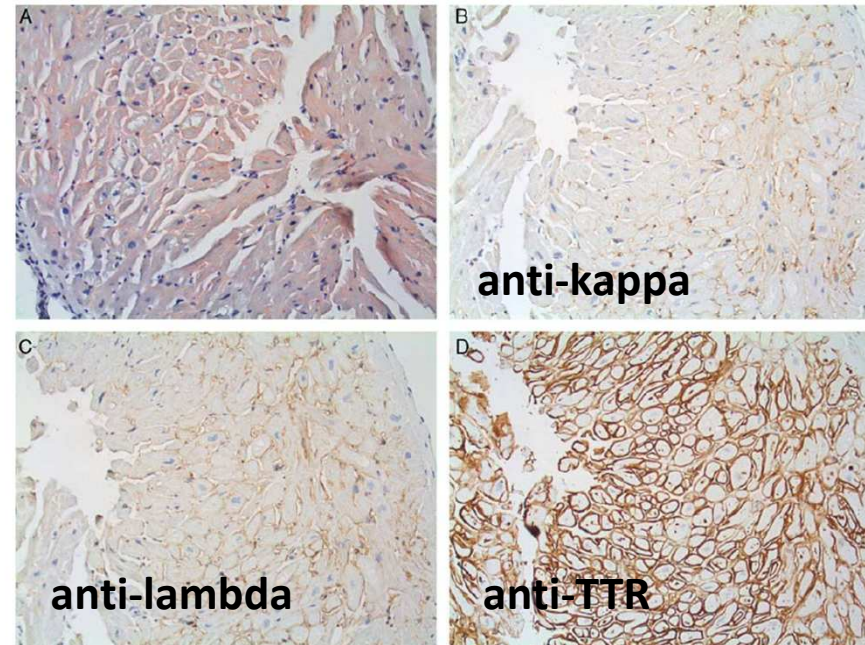
Anjali A. Satoskar, MD,\* Yvonne Efebera, MD,† Ayesha Hasan, MD,‡ Sergey Brodsky, MD, PhD,\* Gyongyi Nadasdy, MD,\* Ahmet Dogan, MD,§ and Tibor Nadasdy, MD, PhD\*

TABLE 4. Sensitivity and Specificity of Transthyretin and Light Chain Immunostaining

	Transthyretin	Light Chains
Sensitivity	7/8 (87.5%)	7/15 (46.6%)
Specificity	6/14 (42.8%)	6/9 (66.6%)
PPV	7/15 (46.6%)	7/10 (70%)
NPV	6/7 (85.7%)	6/14 (42.8%)

NPV indicates negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value.

**Strong, false-positive immunostaining for transthyretin in cardiac amyloid is a potential pitfall, augmented by the frequent lack of staining for immunoglobulin light chains**

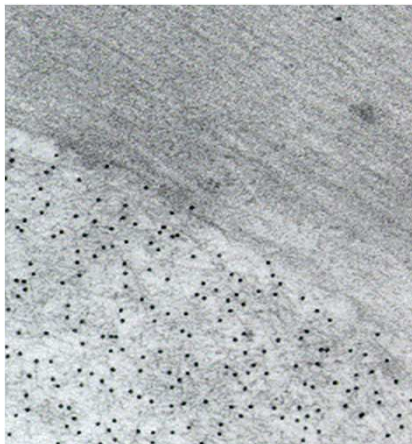


Patient with AL lambda

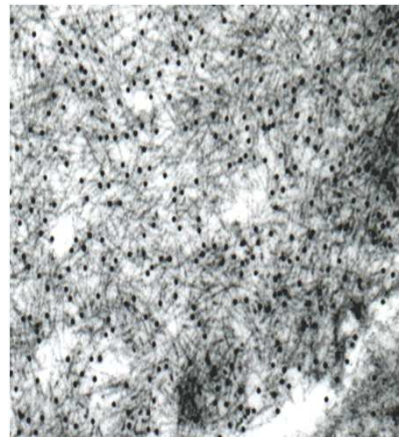


# Diagnostic performance of immuno-electron microscopy of abdominal fat in 745 patients with suspected systemic amyloidoses

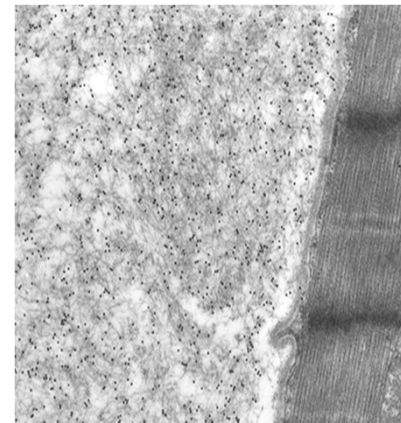
	Light microscopy % (CI 95%)	Immuno-electron microscopy % (CI 95%)
Sensitivity	79 (74.7-82.7)	76 (71.7-80.1)
Specificity	80 (74.4-84.2)	<b>100 (98.4-100)</b>
Negative predictive value	71.6 (66.2-76.4)	74 (69.2-78.2)
Positive predictive value	85.4 (81.4-88.7)	100 (98.4-100)



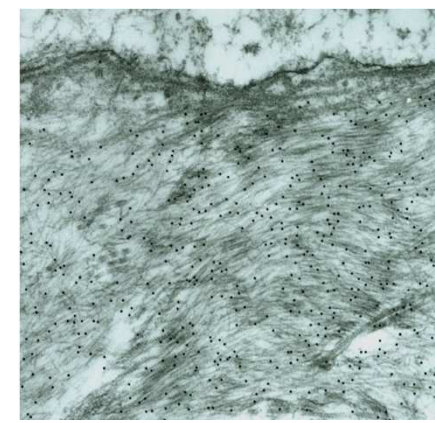
anti- $\lambda$  antibody



anti- $\kappa$  antibody



anti-TTR antibody



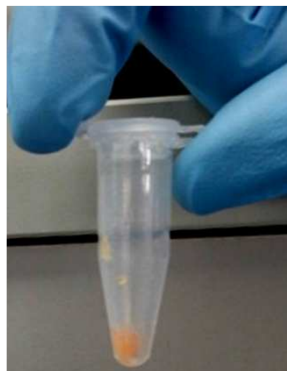
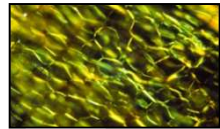
anti-apolipoprotein A-I  
antibody

# Proteomic analysis of fresh fat tissue



Congo  
red +

Congo  
red -



10-30 mg

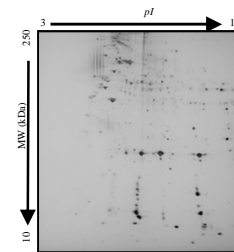
- washing
- protein extraction
- delipidation  
(centrifugation)

Digestion of the  
protein mixture

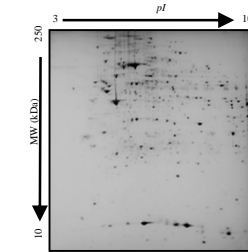
**MudPIT**

Multidimensional Protein  
Identification Technology

CR +



CR -



**2D-PAGE**

Comparison of  
diseased and  
control maps

Excision of  
selected spots

Mass spectrometry

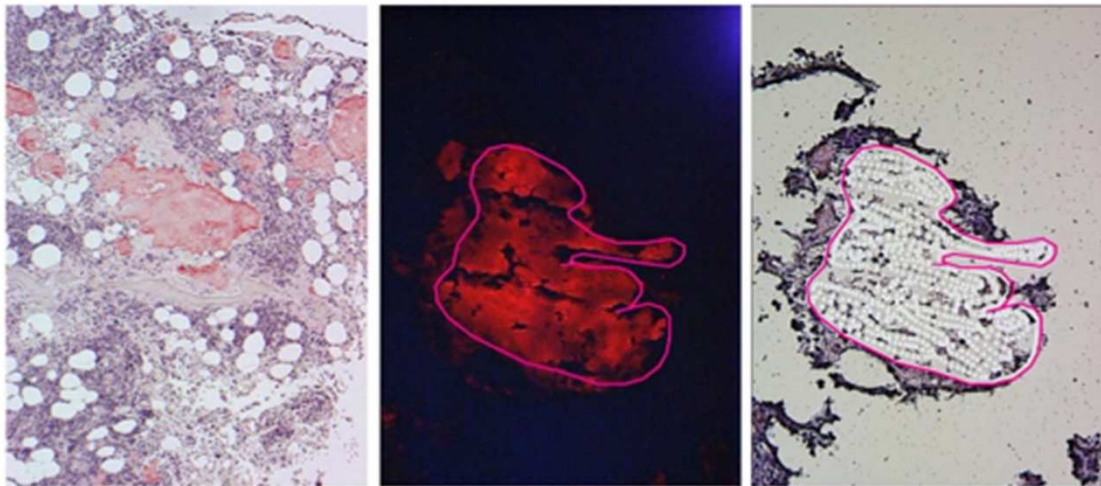
*Lavatelli et al, Mol Cell Proteomics 2009*

*Brambilla et al, Blood 2012*

# Coupling proteomics with histology: proteomic analysis of amyloid areas microdissected by laser



*Laser  
microdissection of  
the amyloid areas*



Accession Number	Molecular Weight	Protein Grouping Abundance					
		Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	
<b>Bio View:</b>							
<b>Identified Proteins (517)</b>							
Apolipoprotein E OS=Homo sapiens G...	APOE_HUM...	36 kDa	10	58	15	15	16
Serum amyloid P-component OS=Ho...	SAMP_HUM...	25 kDa	19	26	11	13	12
Transthyretin OS=Homo sapiens GN=...	TTHY_HUM...	16 kDa	42				
Ig kappa chain C region OS=Homo sa...	IGKC_HUMAN	12 kDa				34	
Serum amyloid A protein OS=Homo s...	SAA_HUMAN	14 kDa		31			
Ig lambda chain C regions OS=Homo ...	LAC_HUMAN	11 kDa					22
Ig lambda chain V-VI region WLT OS=...	LV604_HU...	12 kDa					13
Leukocyte cell-derived chemotaxin-2...	LECT2_HUM...	16 kDa		12			
Ig kappa chain V-IV region Len OS=H...	KV402_HU...	13 kDa				13	
Apolipoprotein A-I OS=Homo sapiens ...	APOA1_HU...	31 kDa				2	1
Ig kappa chain V-III region SIE OS=H...	KV302_HU...	12 kDa				1	
Ig kappa chain V-I region Gal OS=Ho...	KV107_HU...	12 kDa				1	
Vitronectin OS=Homo sapiens GN=VT...	VTNC_HUM...	54 kDa	35	70	21		8
Apolipoprotein A-IV OS=Homo sapien...	APOA4_HU...	45 kDa	16	6		63	5
Actin, aortic smooth muscle OS=Hom...	ACTA_HUM...	42 kDa	*	4	15	41	14
Serum albumin OS=Homo sapiens GN...	ALBU_HUM...	69 kDa	26	13	12	15	1
Collagen alpha-3(VI) chain OS=Homo ...	CO6A3_HU...	344 kDa	32			23	9
Collagen alpha-1(I) chain OS=Homo s...	CO1A1_HU...	139 kDa	21	8	11	9	7
Collagen alpha-2(I) chain OS=Homo s...	CO1A2_HU...	129 kDa	16	9	13	10	8
Clusterin OS=Homo sapiens GN=CLU ...	CLUS_HUM...	52 kDa	11	17	6	6	3
Vimentin OS=Homo sapiens GN=VIM ...	VIME_HUM...	54 kDa	*	24	2	3	5
Myosin-7 OS=Homo sapiens GN=MYH...	MYH7_HUM...	223 kDa					40
Desmin OS=Homo sapiens GN=DES PE...	DESM_HUM...	54 kDa	*				18
Katanin p60 ATPase-containing subun...	KATL1_HU...	55 kDa	3	2	1	3	2
Complement C3 OS=Homo sapiens GN...	CO3_HUMAN	187 kDa	17		2		
Filamin-A OS=Homo sapiens GN=FLNA...	FLNA_HUMAN	281 kDa	1				16
Cartilage intermediate layer protein ...	CILP1_HUM...	133 kDa	19				
Actin, cytoplasmic 1 OS=Homo sapien...	ACTB_HUM...	42 kDa	*	4	6	5	1
Collagen alpha-1(VI) chain OS=Homo ...	CO6A1_HU...	109 kDa	10				6
Collagen alpha-1(III) chain OS=Homo...	CO3A1_HU...	139 kDa	4	2	2	2	1

*MS  
identification*

- Only proteins contained in the amyloid positive areas are analyzed
- Applicable to paraffin embedded samples, Congo red stained

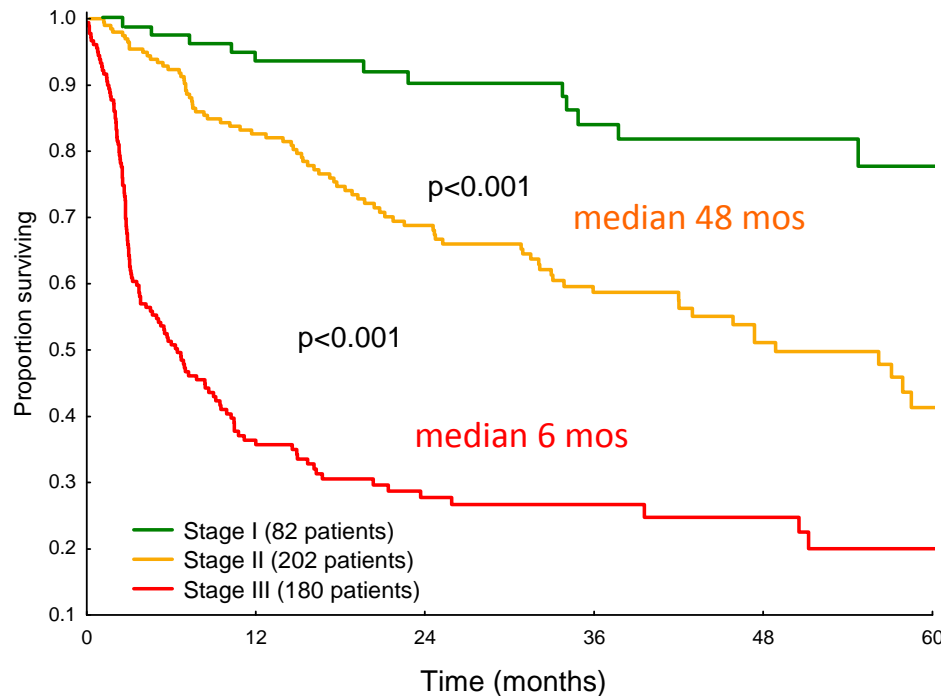
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# Survival according to the Mayo Clinic staging systems

## Standard staging system

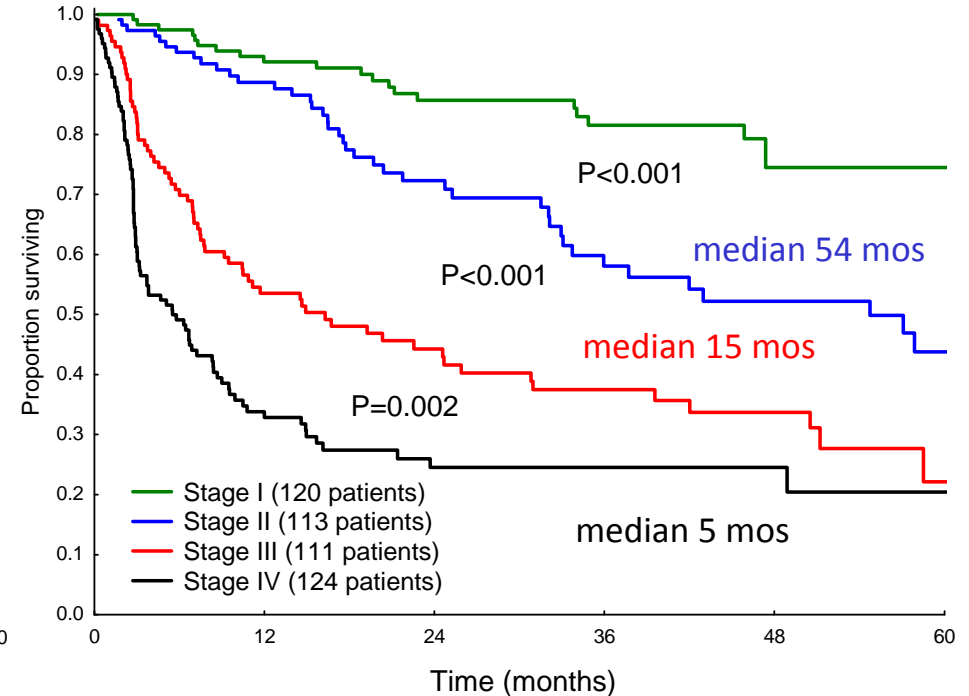
NT-proBNP >332 ng/L, cTnI >0.1 ng/mL



Stage	HR	P
I	ref	-
II	3.24	<0.001
III	8.88	<0.001

## Revised staging system

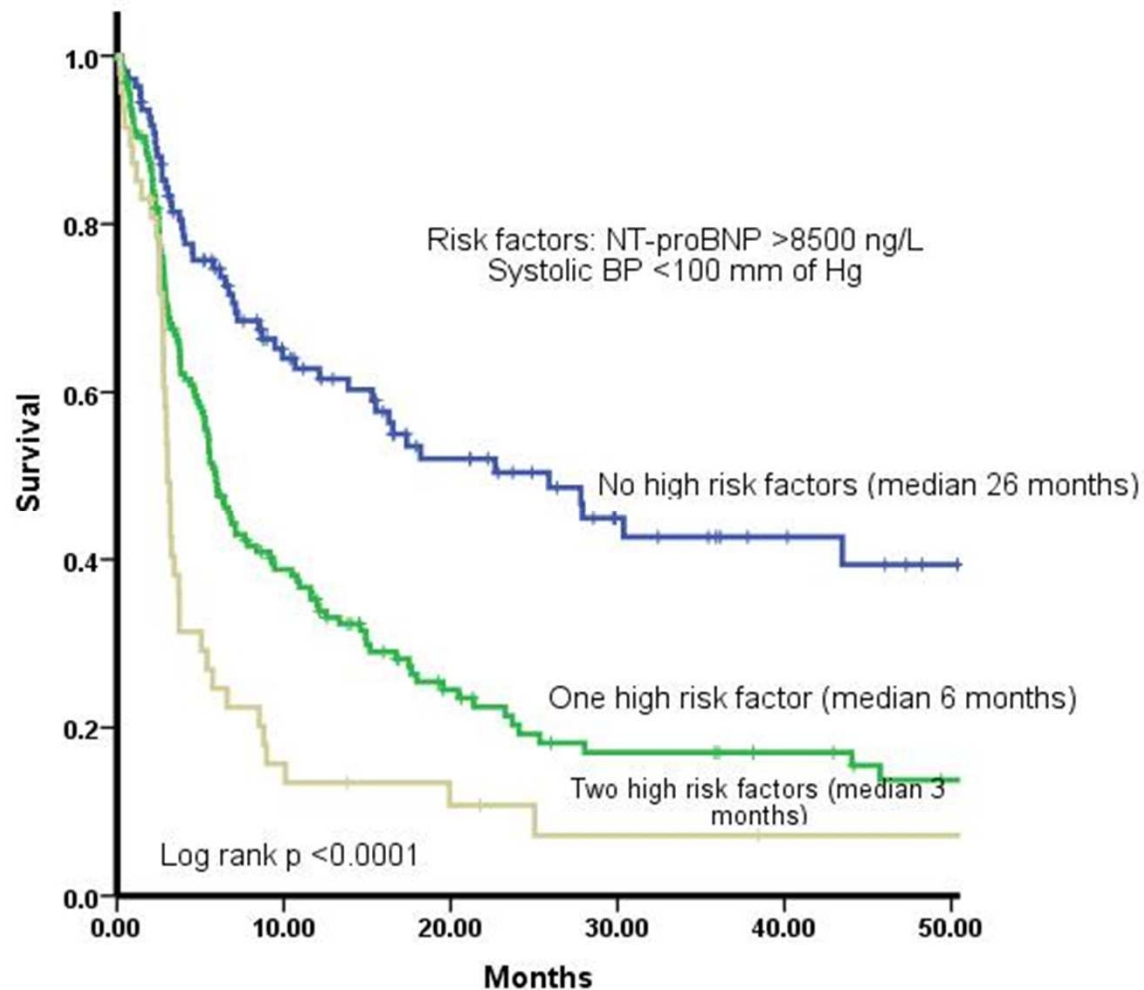
NT-proBNP >1800 ng/L, cTnI >0.07 ng/L,  
dFLC >180 mg/L



Stage	HR	P
I	ref	-
II	2.54	<0.001
III	5.27	<0.001
IV	8.13	0.002

# Redefining advanced stage III amyloidosis

A European study in 346 Patients with Stage III AL amyloidosis



Young patients with isolated cardiac involvement are candidates for heart transplant followed by ASCT.

Other possible experimental approaches:

- LV assist devices
- high cutoff dialysis / LC adsorbent cartridge

*Wechalekar et al. Blood 2013*

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4. **Close monitoring of response to therapy**

## Early assessment of response is vital !!

- June 2009 Periorbital purpura, albuminuria



- October 2010 referred to our center  
dFLC 1220 mg/L, BMPC 12%  
NT-proBNP 271 ng/L, cTnI 0.025 ng/mL  
echo: no cardiac amyloidosis  
proteinuria 1.92 g/24h, creatinine 0.55 mg/dL  
abdominal fat: positive,  $\lambda$  by IEM and MS

**AL amyloidosis with renal and soft tissue involvement**  
**Suggested treatment: CyBorD followed by ASCT**  
**Response assessment recommended after 2 cycles**



## Early assessment of response is vital !!

- October 2011      Response evaluated **after 6 cycles**  
dFLC 1039 mg/L  
NT-proBNP 8700 ng/L, **cTnI 0.15 ng/mL, NYHA class III**  
echo: cardiac amyloidosis  
proteinuria 2.4 g/24h, creatinine 1.25 mg/dL

The patient is no longer a transplant candidate

Suggested treatment: MDex

Response assessment recommended after 2 cycles

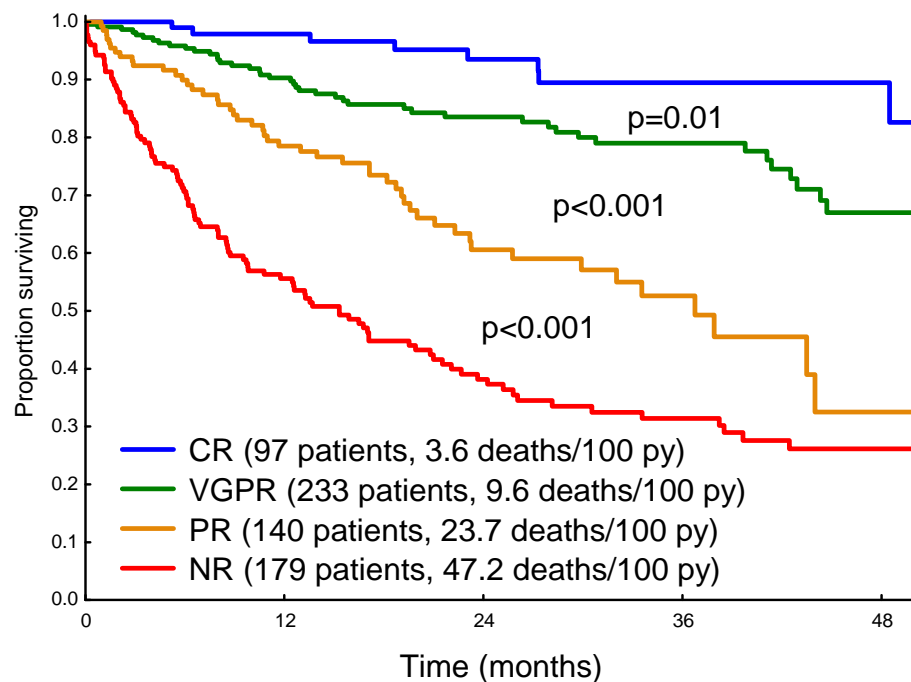
- August 2012      Response evaluated **after 5 cycles**  
dFLC 1079 mg/L  
NT-proBNP 33560 ng/L, cTnI 0.23 ng/mL, NYHA class III  
proteinuria 2.5 g/24h, creatinine 1.45 mg/dL

Enrolled in the pomalidomide study

# New criteria for response to treatment in immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis based on free light chain measurement and cardiac biomarkers

*Palladini et al JCO 2012*

816 patients from 7 centers (enrolled between 1995-2010)  
649 (80%) with response data at 6 months.



	New Response Criteria
<b>aCR</b>	negative serum and urine IFE normal $\kappa/\lambda$ ratio
<b>VGPR</b>	dFLC <40 mg/L
<b>PR</b>	dFLC decrease $\geq 50\%$
<b>NR</b>	other

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## Cardiac response and progression

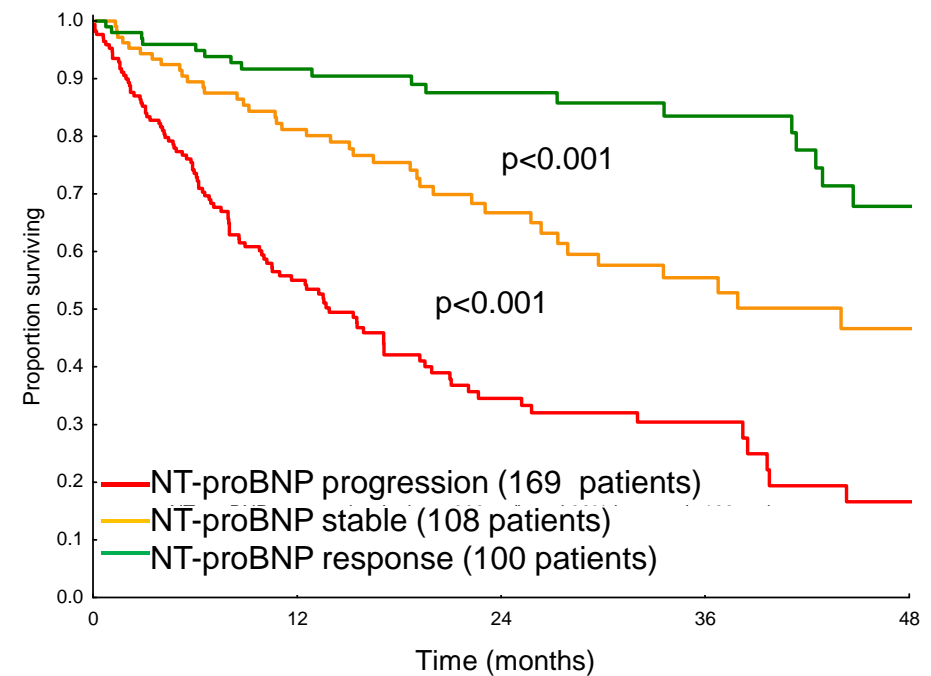
NT-proBNP response ( $> 30\%$  and  $> 300$  ng/L decrease if baseline NT-proBNP  $\geq 650$  ng/L)

NT-proBNP progression ( $> 30\%$  and  $> 300$  ng/L increase)

cTn progression ( $\geq 33\%$  increase)

NYHA class response ( $\geq$  two-class decrease if baseline NYHA class 3 or 4)

EF progression ( $\geq 10\%$  decrease)



## Pitfalls:

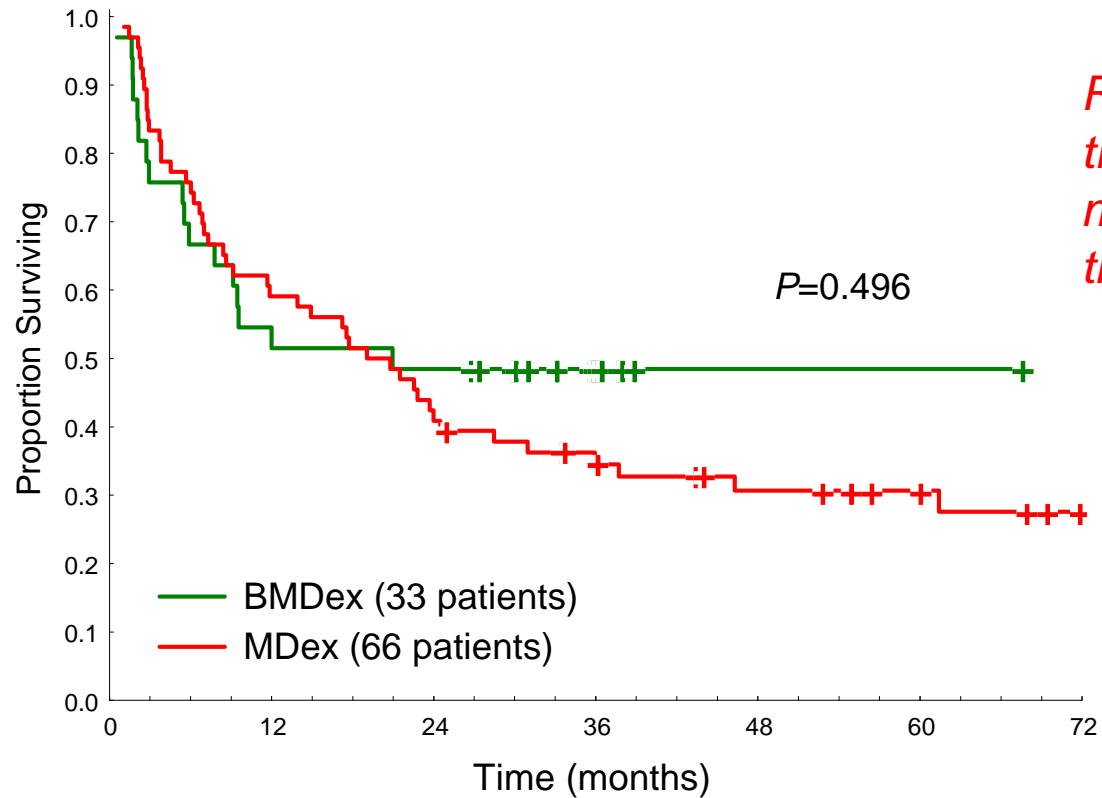
- NT-proBNP increases caused by IMiDs and worsening renal failure
- Renal response can be delayed by  $\geq 1$  year

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## Treatment of AL amyloidosis in the year 2013

*Clinical trials should be activated, and, ideally, all patients should be enrolled*

# BMDex vs. MDex a matched case-control study



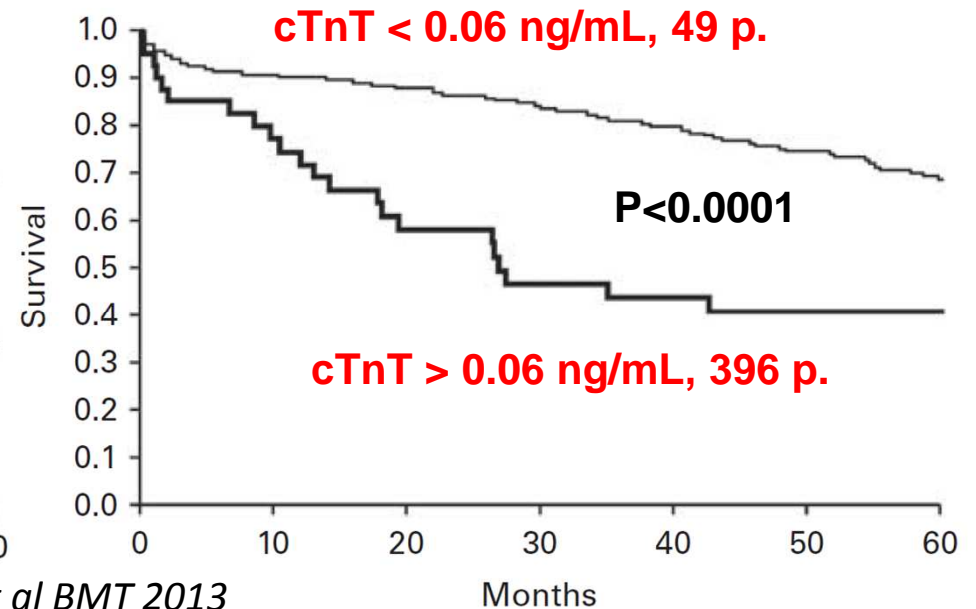
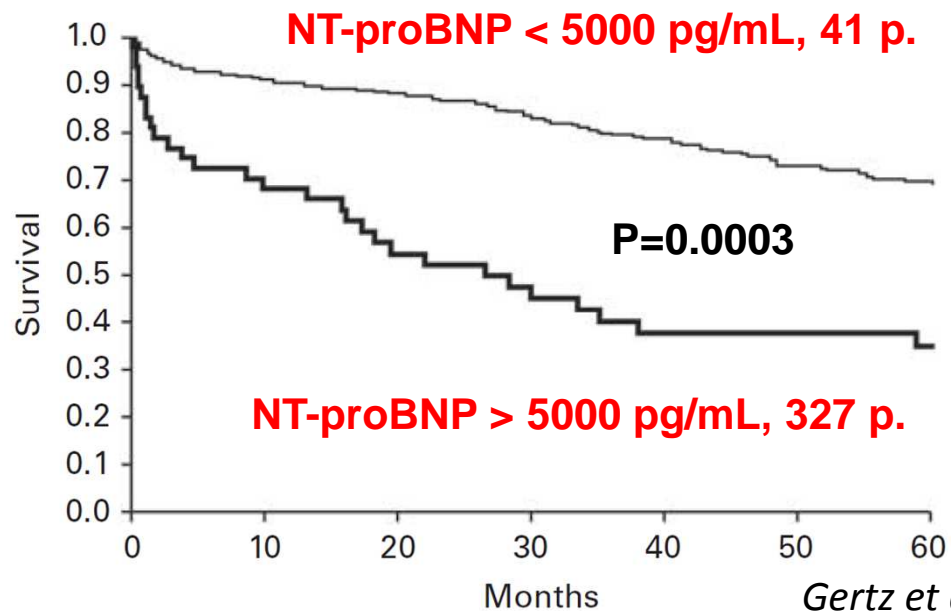
*Results of randomized clinical trials should be awaited before moving bortezomib to frontline therapy*

Response	BMDex	MDex	P
Hematologic response (intent to treat)	54%	54%	0.998
CR + VGPR	39%	26%	0.164
PR	18%	28%	
Hematologic response (6-month landmark)	77%	70%	0.526
CR + VGPR	54%	30%	0.047
PR	23%	40%	
Median dFLC decrease in responders (%)	95%	82%	0.048



# Autologous stem cell transplantation

Regimen	HR (CR)	OR	Common SAEs	100-day mortality	PFS / OS (y)
ASCT <i>Gilman 2011</i>	MEL200 (43%) MEL140 (34%)	53%	-	9% 14%	3.4 / 8.4 1.9 / 8.9
<p>Patients with serum troponin T &gt;0.06 ng/mL or NT-proBNP &gt;5000 pg/mL (not on dialysis) <b>should not</b> be considered candidates for SCT because of early mortality.</p>					
Risk-adapted ASCT + adj. BDex <i>Landau 2012</i>	79% (58%)	70%	BDex: thrombocytopenia 43% cardiac 20% anemia 13%	ASCT 10% BDex 4%	NR - / 2.7 @2y 69% / 82%

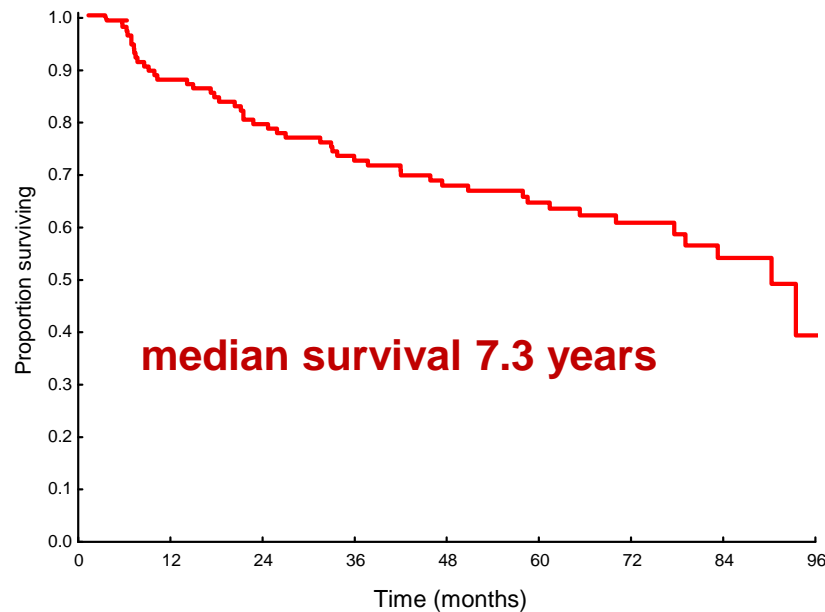


# Current treatment options for AL amyloidosis

## Conventional chemotherapy

Regimen	HR (CR)	OR	Common SAEs	100-day mortality	PFS / OS (y)
MDex <i>Palladini 2004</i>	67% (33%)	48%	Overall 11%	4%	3.8 / 5.1

### MDex in the treatment of intermediate-risk patients: an update



- 119 patients, median age 64y
- Deaths at 3 months 0%, SAE 16%
- **Hematologic Response:**
  - CR: 31%
  - VGPR: 29%
  - PR: 16%
  - NR: 24%
- **Organ response**
  - heart: 37%
  - kidney: 24%

*Palladini et al. 2013 submitted*



## Current treatment options for AL amyloidosis

### IMiDs-based therapy and other agents

Regimen	No (front-l)	HR (CR)	Org. Rsp	Common SAEs	100-d mortal.	PFS / OS (y)
<b>CTD</b> Wechalekar 2007	75 (41%)	74% (21%)	27%	Sedation 40% Fluid retent. 21%	4%	1.7 / 3.4
<b>LDex<sup>+</sup></b> Dispenzieri 2007	22 (41%)	41%	23%	Overall 86% Neutropenia 45%	18%	1.6 / -
<b>CLD<sup>#</sup></b> Kumar 2012	35 (11%)	60% (11%)	31%	Overall 74% Neutropenia 40%	9%	2.4 / 3.1
<b>MLD<sup>°</sup></b> Moreau 2010	26 (100%)	58% (23%)*	50%	Overall 81% Neutropenia 11%	-	@2y 54% / 81%
<b>PomDex</b> Dispenzieri 2012	33 (0)	48% (3%)	15%	Neutropenia 30%	3%	1.2 / 2.3
<b>BendaDex</b> Palladini 2012 ASH	36 (14%)	47% (3%)	17%	Overall 33% Neutropenia 17%	5%	@3y -/65%

*+also Sanchorawala et al, Blood 2007; #also Kastritis et al, Blood. 2012, and Palladini et al Haematologica 2013; °also Sanchorawala et al Haematologica 2013.*

*\*(42% with full-dose L)*

## Current treatment options for AL amyloidosis

### Proteasome inhibitor-based therapy

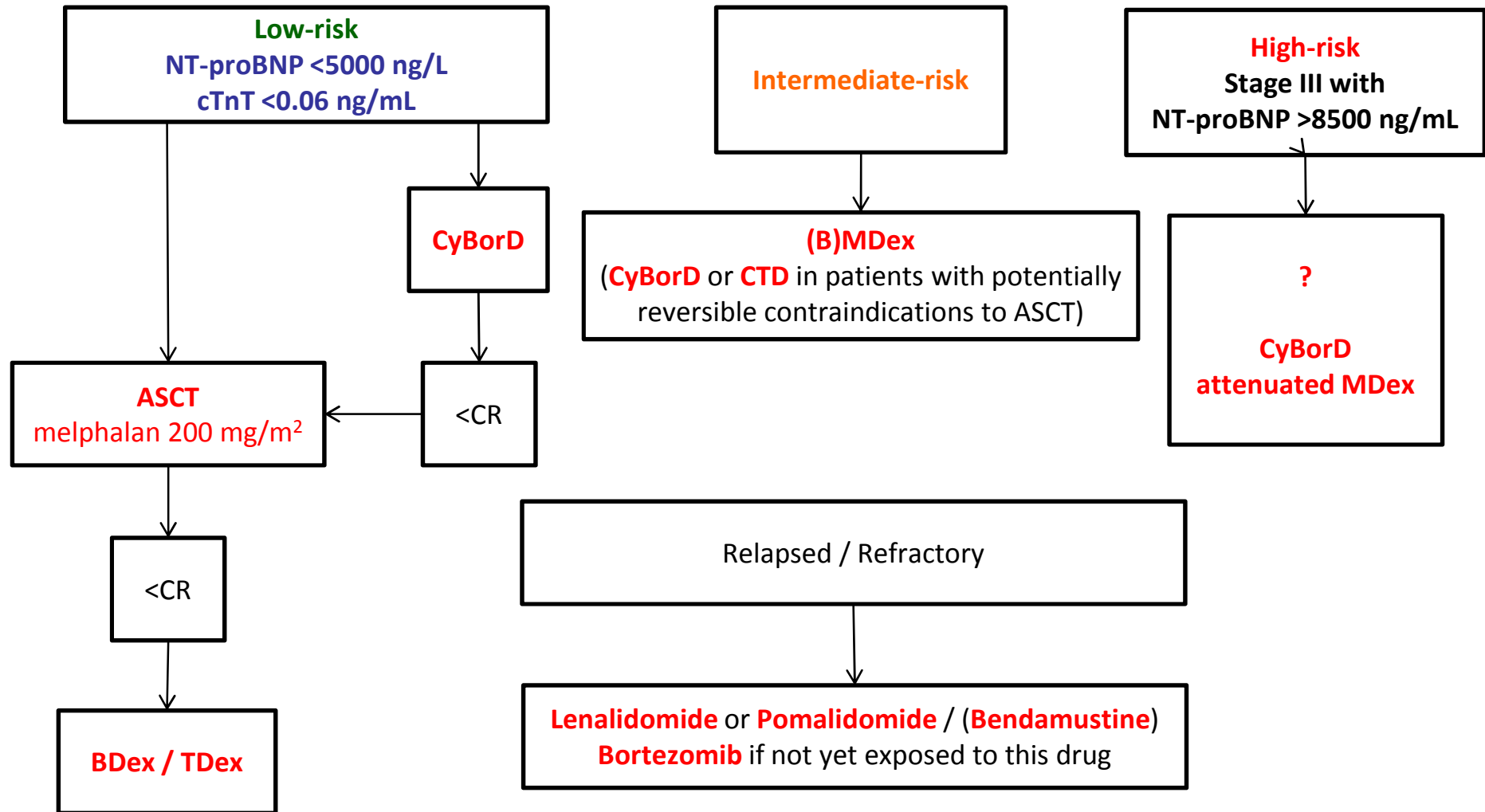
Regimen	No (front-l)	HR (CR)	Org. Rsp	Common SAEs	100-d mortal	PFS / OS (y)
Bortez Reece 2011	70 (0)	68% <sup>§</sup> (29%)	29% K 13% H	Fatigue, Thrombocytopenia Vomiting Diarrhea	3%	@1y 74%/93%
BDex Kastritis 2010	94 (19%)	71% (25%)	30%	PN Edema Orthost. hyp.	3%	2/@1y 76%
CyBorD* Venner 2012	43 (47%)	81% (65% fl)	46%	19% discontinued (PN in 14%)	0	@2y 53% / 98%
Ixazomib Merlini 2012**	20 (0)	55% (10%)	30% H	Diarrhea Fatigue Thrombocytopenia	5%	- / -

\*also Mikhael et al, Blood 2012; 119:4391-4 : \*\* also Santhorawala IMW2013 P-229

<sup>§</sup>Median times to first and best HR: 2.1 and 3.2 months in the 1.6 mg/m<sup>2</sup> QW group, and 0.7 and 1.2 months in the 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> BW group

# Treatment of AL amyloidosis in 2013

Indications for patients who cannot be enrolled in clinical trials





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