

# Daratumumab (DARA) + Bortezomib/Thalidomide/ Dexamethasone (D-VTd) and DARA Maintenance in Transplant-eligible Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma (NDMM): CASSIOPEIA Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Update\*

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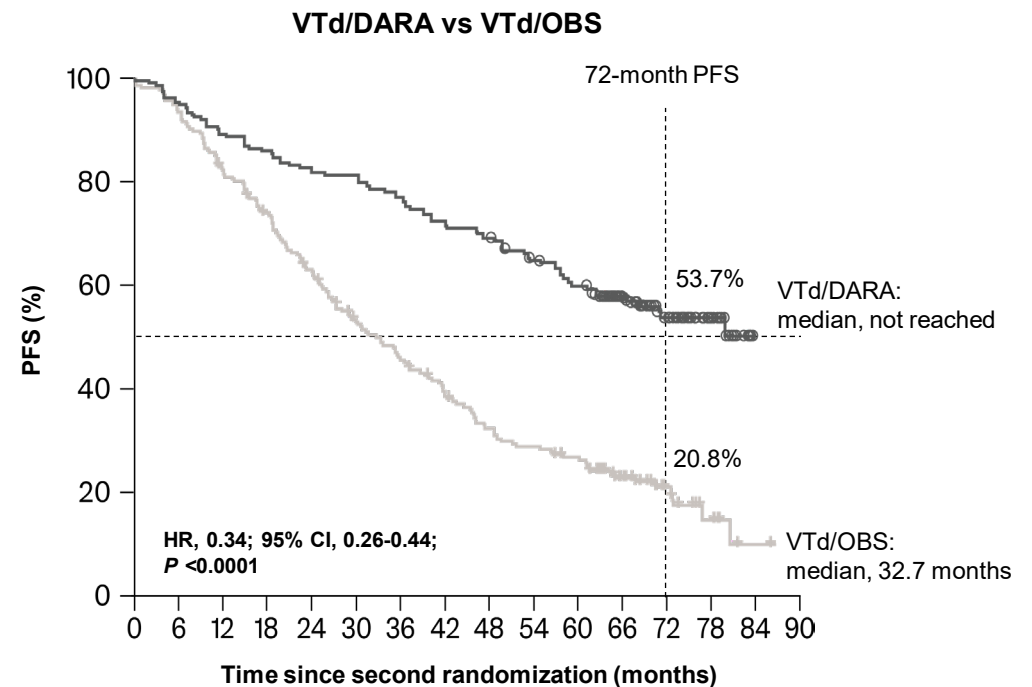
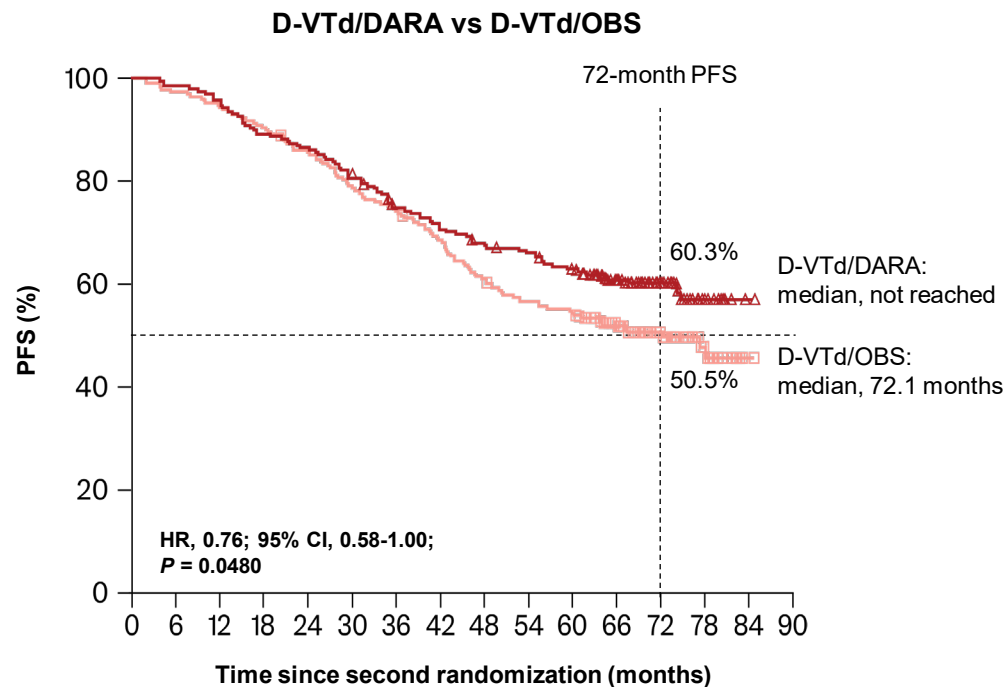
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# CASSIOPEIA: Introduction

- CASSIOPEIA induction/consolidation established D-VTd as a SoC for transplant-eligible NDMM<sup>1-3</sup>
- Long-term follow-up results from the maintenance phase demonstrated that the longest PFS was observed in patients who received D-VTd followed by DARA maintenance<sup>4</sup>
- **Here we report the effect of DARA on deep and sustained MRD negativity after an 80.1-month median follow-up**



D-VTd, daratumumab plus bortezomib/thalidomide/dexamethasone; SoC, standard of care; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; PFS, progression-free survival; DARA, daratumumab; MRD, minimal residual disease; OBS, observation; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; VTd, bortezomib/thalidomide/dexamethasone. 1. Moreau P, et al. *Lancet*. 2019;394(10192):29-38. 2. DARZALEX® (daratumumab) injection [package insert]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech, Inc.; 2023. 3. European Medicines Agency. DARZALEX 20 mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion [summary of product characteristics]. Accessed May 6, 2024. [https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/product-information/darzalex-epar-product-information\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/product-information/darzalex-epar-product-information_en.pdf). 4. Moreau P, et al. EHA 2024. Abstract S204.



# CASSIOPEIA: Study Design and MRD

## MRD results presented:

### Induction/consolidation phase (all patients)

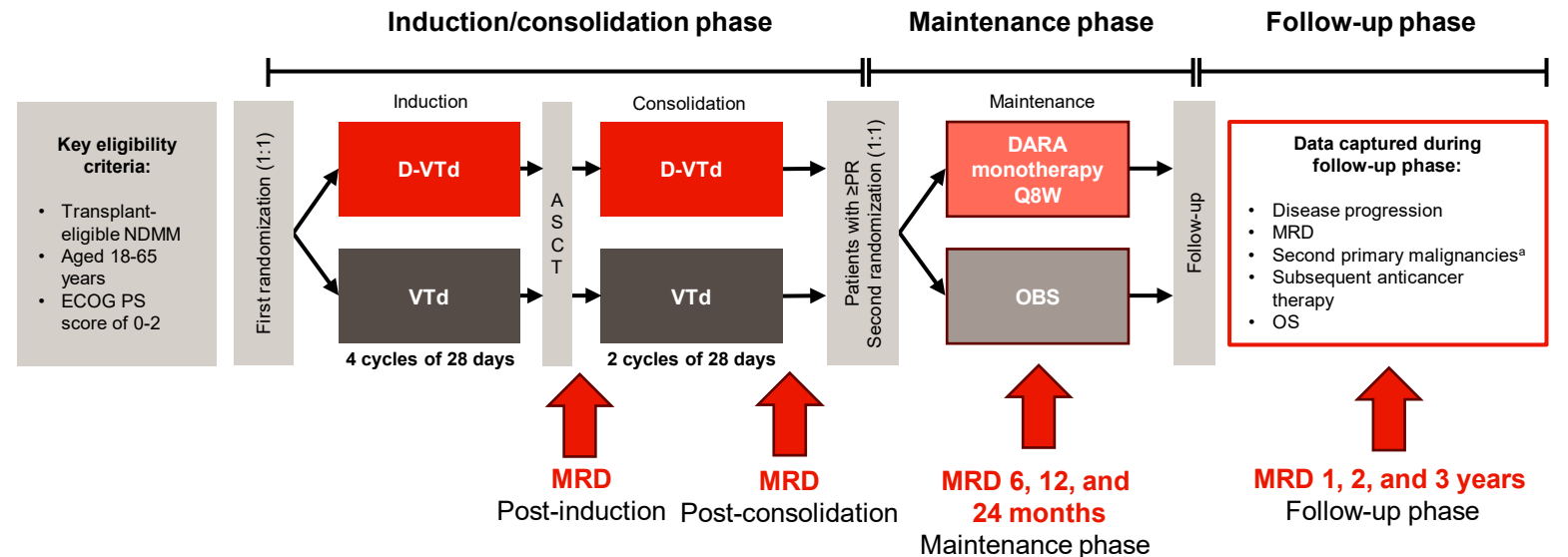
- Post-induction (MFC)
- Post-consolidation (MFC)

### Maintenance phase (all patients in $\geq$ VGPR; NGS/MFC $10^{-5}$ , NGS $10^{-6}$ )

- 6 months
- 12 months
- 24 months

### Follow-up phase (all patients with last MRD test negative, NGS/MFC $10^{-5}$ , NGS $10^{-6}$ )

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years



More patients randomized to D-VTd vs VTd underwent second randomization to maintenance (84.3% vs 79.0%)

MFC, multiparametric flow cytometry; VGPR, very good partial response; NGS, next-generation sequencing; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; PR, partial response; OS, overall survival.

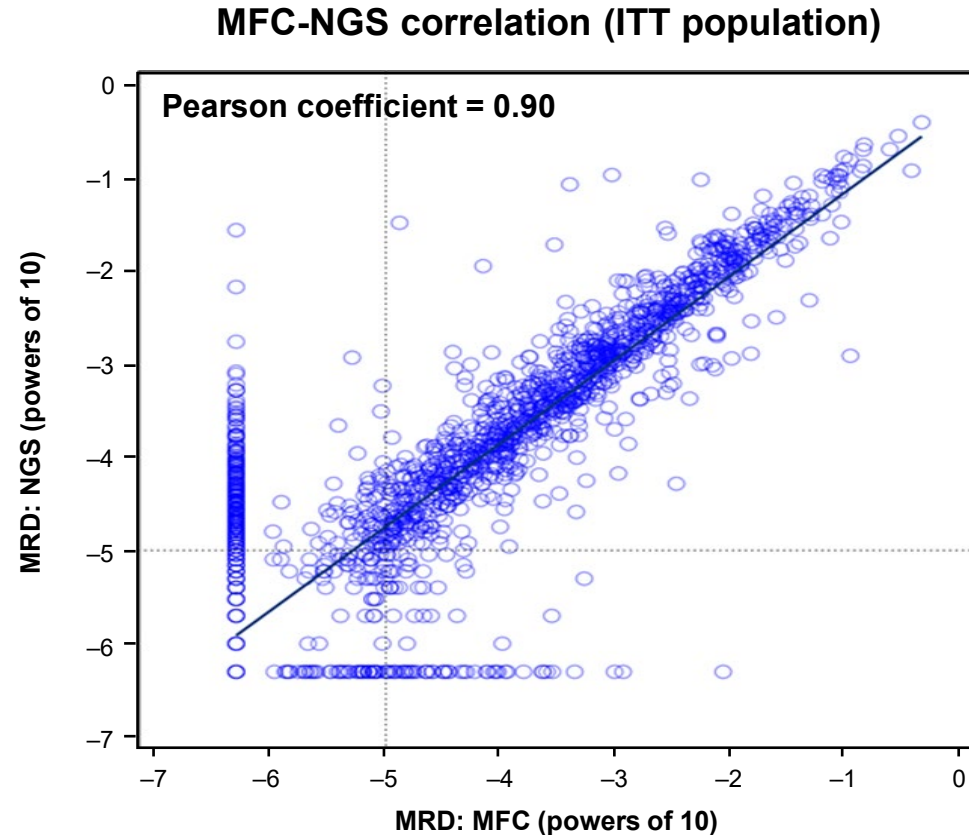
<sup>a</sup>Aside from second primary malignancies, no additional safety data were collected during the follow-up phase per study protocol, as all patients had completed 2 years fixed duration of maintenance/observation, discontinued study treatment, and completed the 30-day post-treatment window for adverse event reporting at the time of the previous clinical cutoff.



# CASSIOPEIA: Sample Compliance and MFC-NGS Correlation at Study Level (ITT/Maintenance Population)

## Rates of MRD sample compliance:

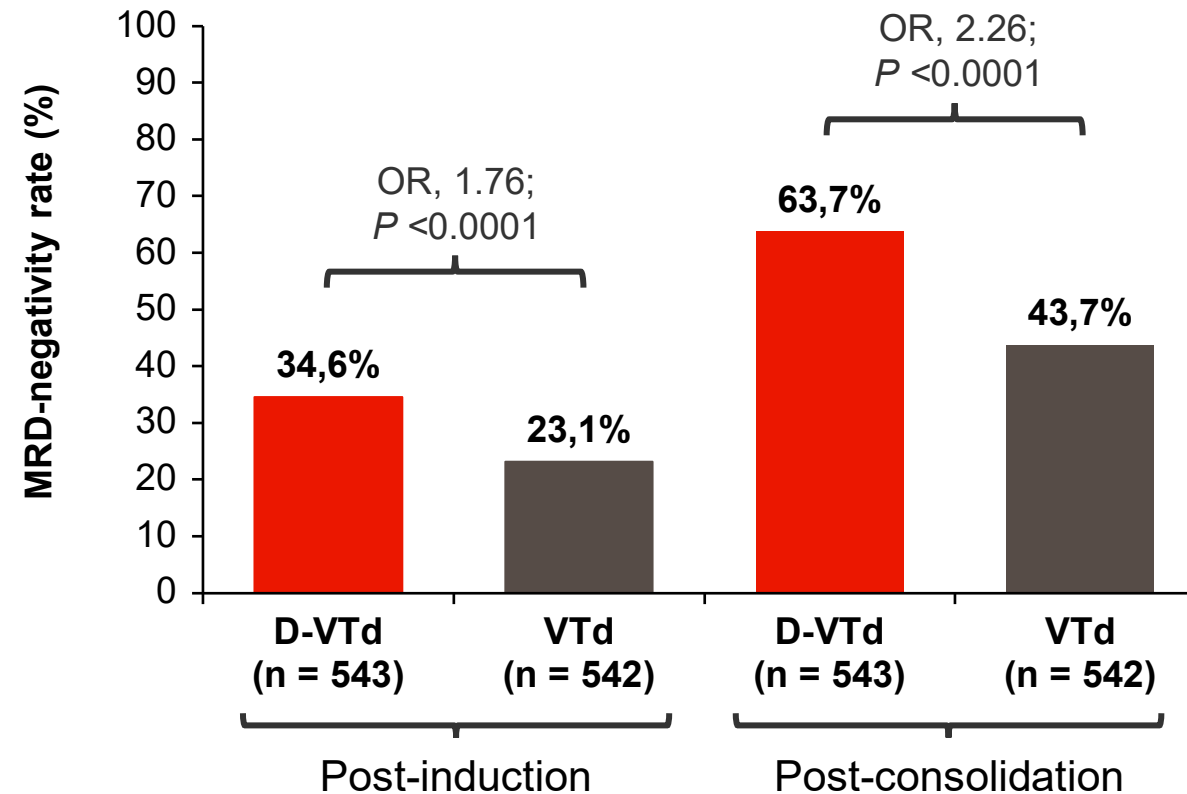
- >90% during induction/consolidation
- ~80% during maintenance
- ~60% during follow-up



**Rates of MRD sample compliance were generally high, with strong positive correlation between MFC and NGS in the ITT population**



# CASSIOPEIA: Post-induction and Post-consolidation Overall MRD-negativity Rates ( $10^{-5}$ ; ITT)

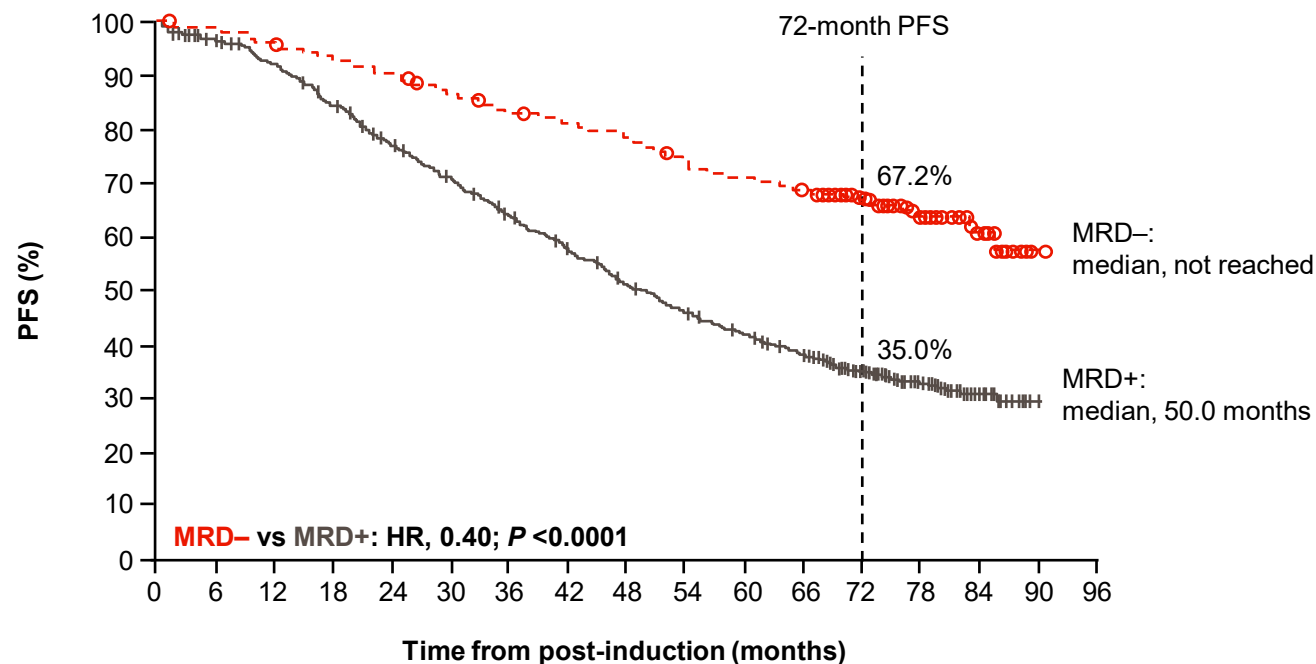


**DARA improved the overall MRD-negativity rates ( $10^{-5}$ ) achieved post-induction and post-ASCT/consolidation**

OR, odds ratio.  
MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response and were assessed by MFC only at  $10^{-5}$ .



# CASSIOPEIA: Landmark PFS Analysis by Post-induction MRD Status in the Overall Study Population (ITT)



- 72-month PFS rates were nearly doubled for patients who achieved MRD negativity post-induction
- Median PFS was not reached for MRD-negative patients versus 50.0 months for MRD-positive patients

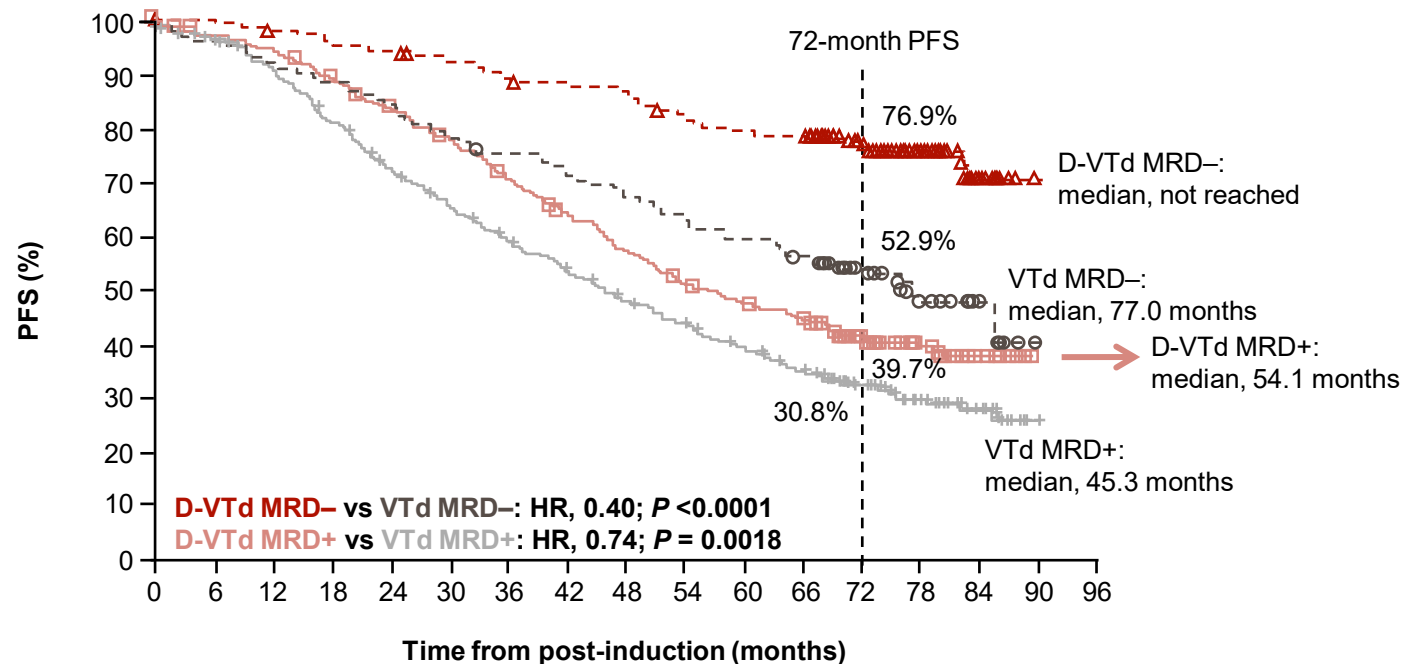
No. at risk

MRD+	727	683	648	593	536	489	438	390	343	307	276	247	172	95	38	1	0
MRD-	313	306	297	288	279	265	255	248	239	226	215	209	158	78	38	2	0

**Patients who achieved MRD negativity post-induction had improved PFS outcomes**



# CASSIOPEIA: Landmark PFS Analysis by Post-induction MRD Status and Induction/Consolidation Arm (ITT)



- Patients who achieved MRD negativity post-induction with DARA had the highest 72-month PFS rates

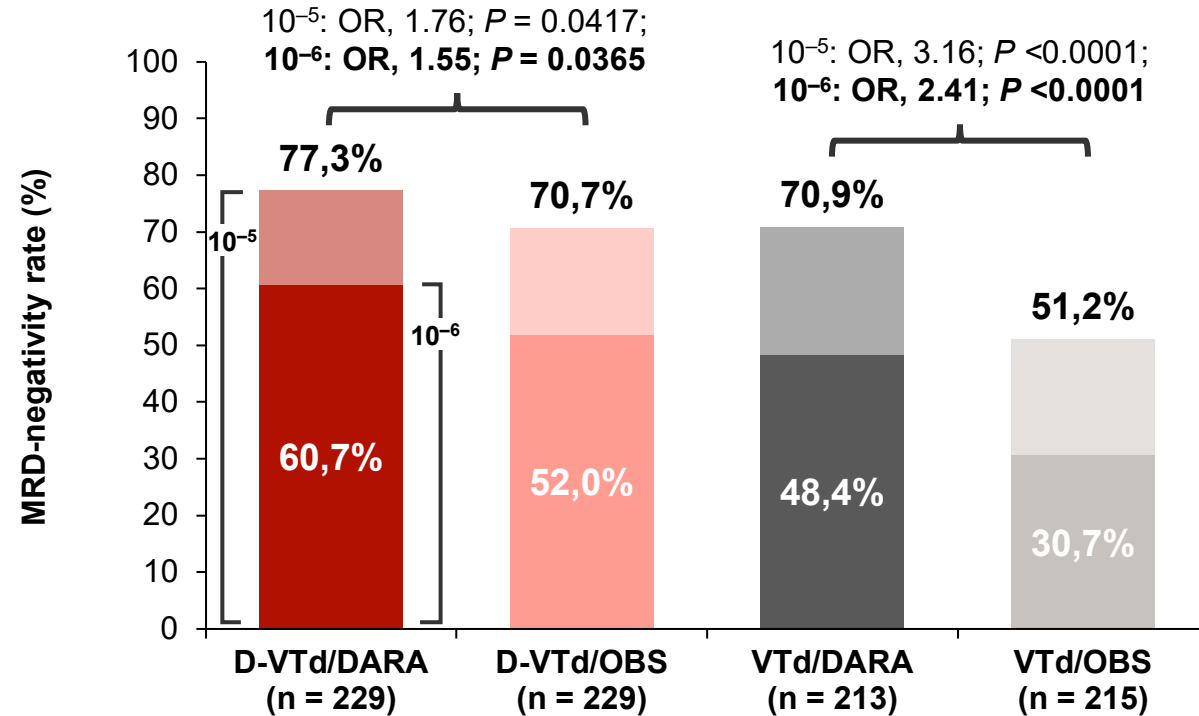
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
VTd MRD+	393	366	340	303	266	240	213	191	166	150	132	114	77	42	18	0	0
VTd MRD-	125	120	115	110	105	97	92	88	82	78	72	68	52	23	13	1	0
D-VTd MRD+	334	317	308	290	270	249	225	199	177	157	144	133	95	53	20	1	0
D-VTd MRD-	188	186	182	178	174	168	163	160	157	148	143	141	106	55	25	1	0

**Including DARA in induction/consolidation improved PFS outcomes for both MRD-negative and MRD-positive patients**





# CASSIOPEIA: Overall MRD-negativity Rates ( $10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6}$ )<sup>a</sup> From the Maintenance and Follow-up Phases (Maintenance Population)



**DARA maintenance increased MRD-negativity rate and depth of MRD negativity regardless of induction/consolidation treatment**

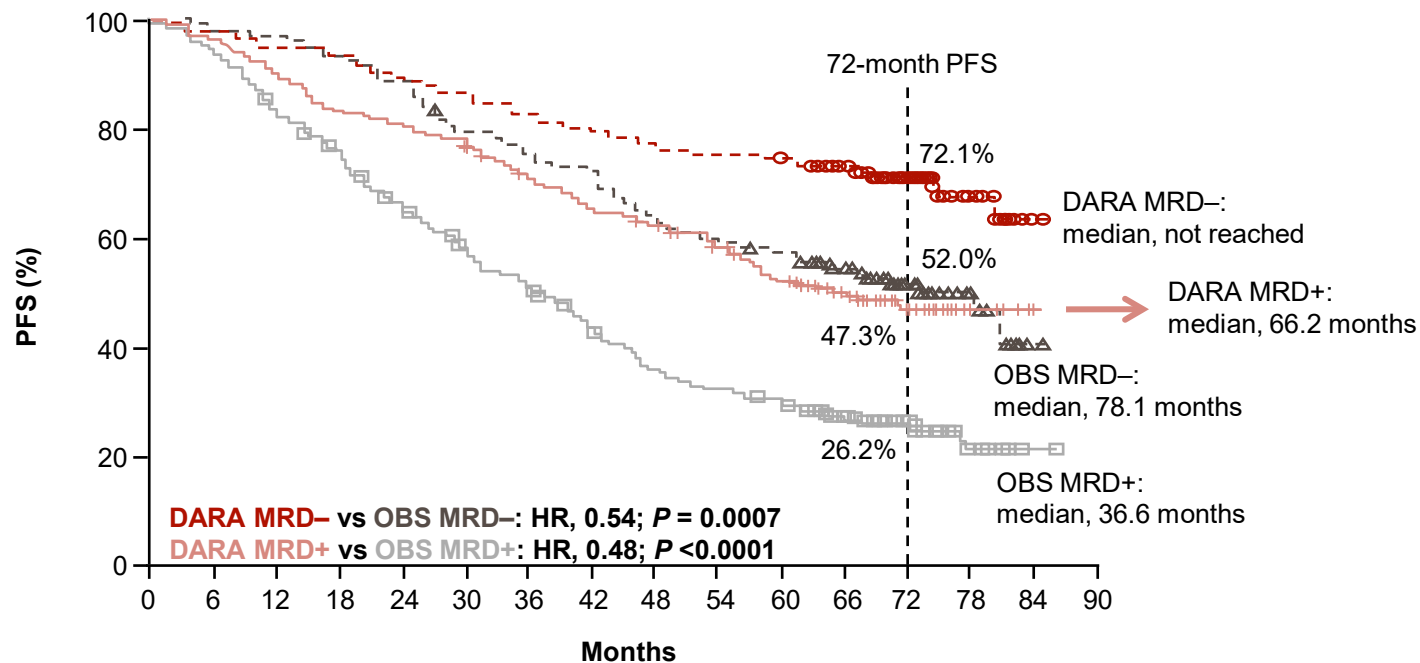
<sup>a</sup>MRD was assessed from post consolidation onwards.

MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response. MRD data for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-5}$  are based on combined NGS/MFC results (MFC data were used only when NGS data were not available).

MRD data presented for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-6}$  are based on NGS only due to limitations of MFC at this threshold.



# CASSIOPEIA: Landmark Analysis of PFS From Second Randomization by Post-consolidation MRD Status (Maintenance Population)



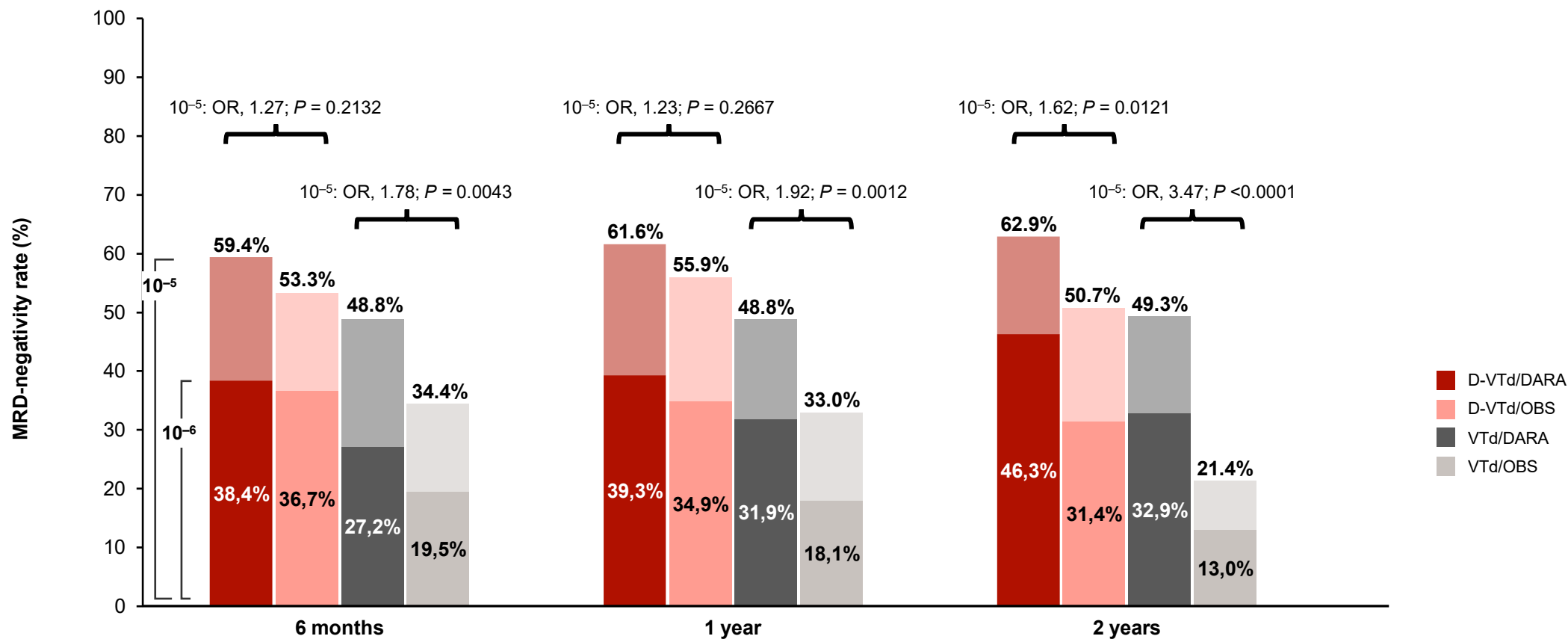
- After achieving MRD negativity post-consolidation, DARA maintenance provided the best PFS outcomes
- Among patients who remained MRD positive post-consolidation, DARA maintenance continued to improve PFS

No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
DARA MRD+	274	265	247	229	222	213	192	176	167	153	134	95	48	18	0	0
DARA MRD-	168	164	160	158	151	146	140	135	131	128	126	103	51	24	1	0
OBS MRD+	270	254	224	201	173	149	130	107	90	81	74	51	32	12	1	0
OBS MRD-	174	170	168	162	154	137	131	125	111	102	98	71	36	15	1	0

**DARA maintenance improved PFS irrespective of induction/consolidation treatment and post-consolidation MRD status**



# CASSIOPEIA: Landmark MRD-negativity Rates During Maintenance ( $10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6}$ ; Maintenance Population)

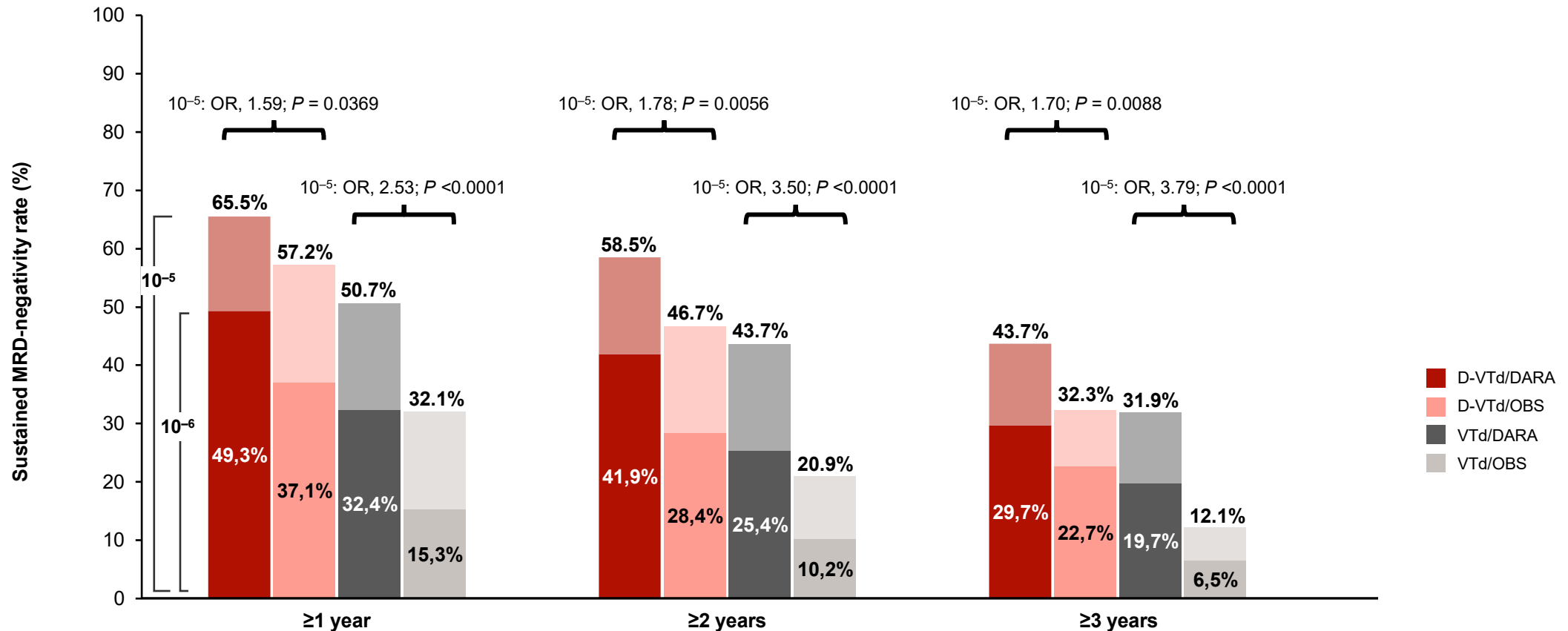


**DARA maintenance consistently led to higher MRD-negativity rates within each induction/consolidation treatment group at all measured time points**

Analysis conducted in the maintenance population. MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response. MRD data for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-5}$  are based on combined NGS/MFC results (MFC data were used only when NGS data were not available). MRD data presented for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-6}$  are based on NGS only due to limitations of MFC at this threshold.



# CASSIOPEIA: Sustained MRD-negativity Rates ( $10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6}$ ) at Any Time During the Study (Maintenance Population)

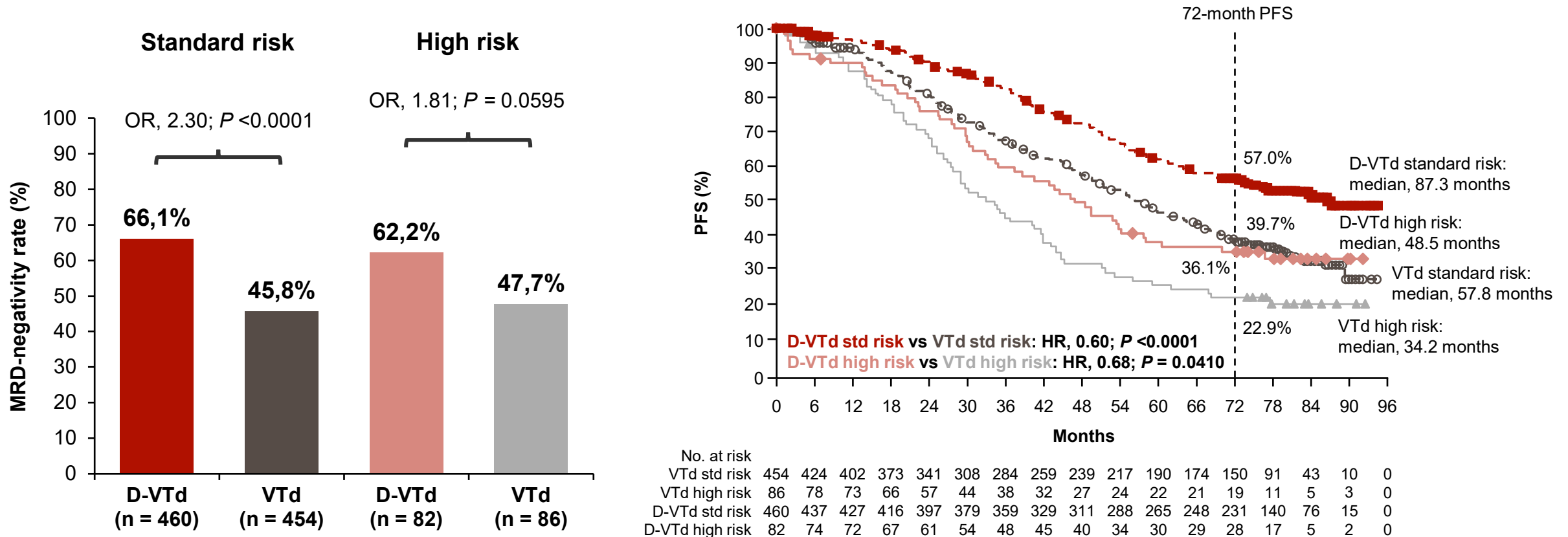


**DARA maintenance increased sustained MRD-negativity rates versus OBS, including 3-year sustained MRD negativity, within each induction/consolidation treatment group**

Analysis conducted in the maintenance population using results from post-induction onwards. Sustained MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response. MRD data for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-5}$  are based on combined NGS/MFC results (MFC data were used only when NGS data were not available). MRD data presented for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-6}$  are based on NGS only due to limitations of MFC at this threshold.



# CASSIOPEIA: MRD-negativity Rates ( $10^{-5}$ )<sup>a</sup> and PFS Based on Cytogenetic Risk Status (ITT)



- DARA improved MRD-negativity rate in both standard- and high-risk patients
- DARA improved PFS regardless of cytogenetic risk status

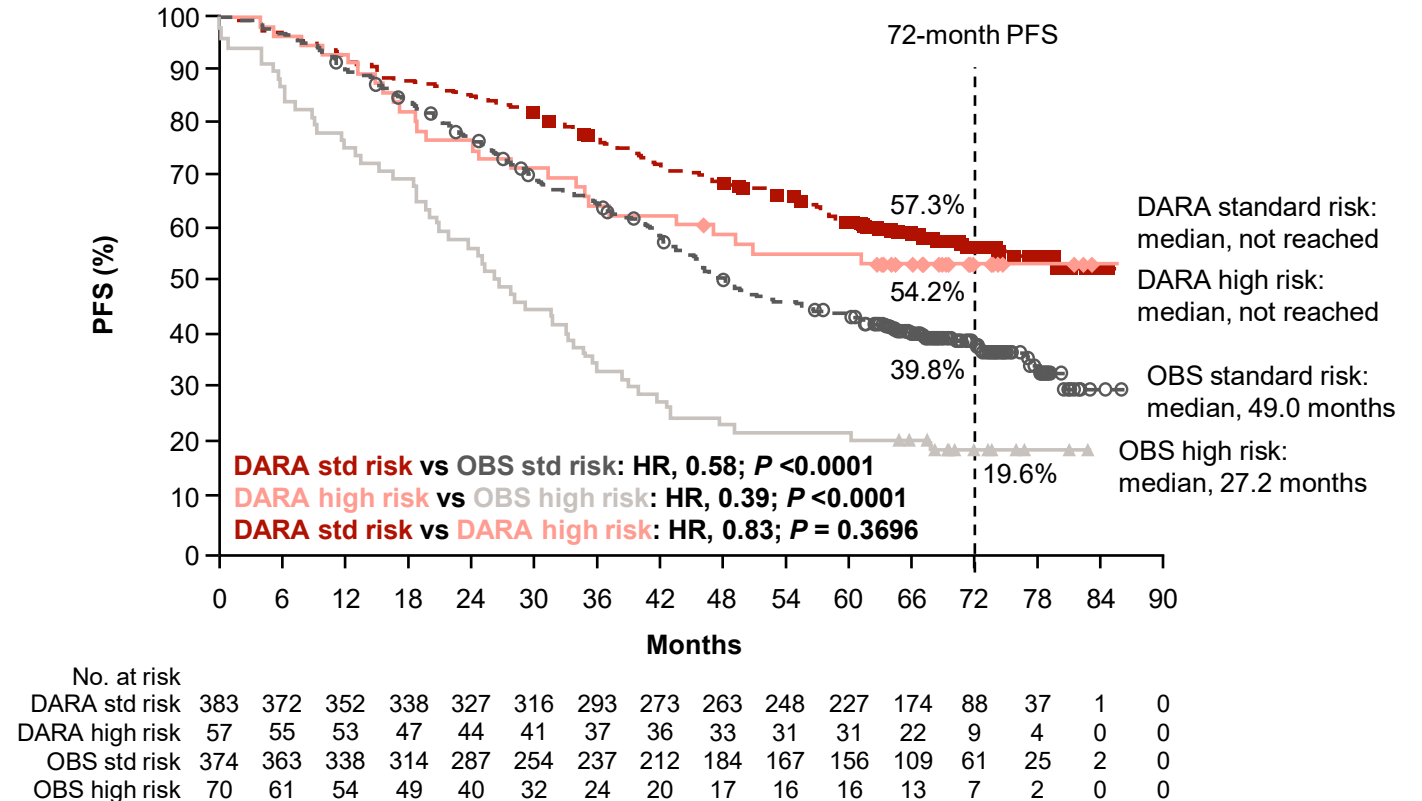
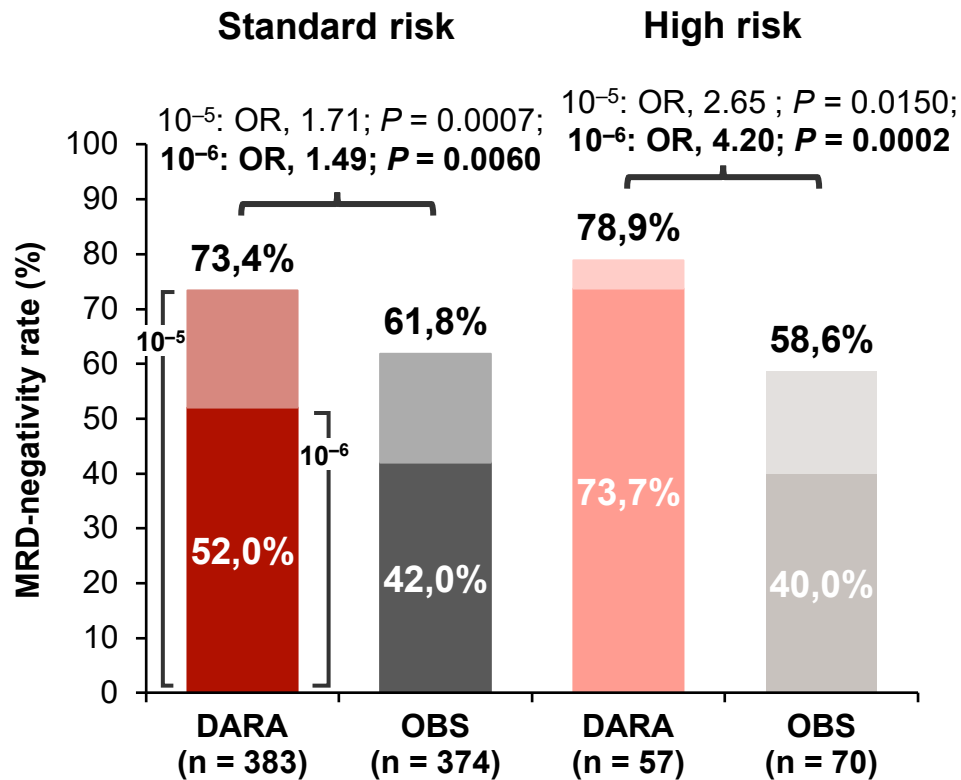
Std, standard; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization.

<sup>a</sup>MRD was assessed with induction and consolidation periods combined.

MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response and were assessed by MFC only at  $10^{-5}$ . High cytogenetic risk was defined as the presence of t(4;14) or del(17p) by FISH testing at screening.



# CASSIOPEIA: MRD-negativity Rates ( $10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6}$ )<sup>a</sup> and PFS Based on Cytogenetic Risk Status (Maintenance Population)



- The highest MRD-negativity rates were seen with DARA in high-risk patients
- DARA maintenance improved PFS regardless of cytogenetic risk status

<sup>a</sup>MRD was assessed from post-consolidation onwards.

MRD-negativity rates shown are regardless of response. MRD data for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-5}$  are based on combined NGS/MFC results (MFC data were used only when NGS data were not available). MRD data presented for maintenance and follow-up at  $10^{-6}$  are based on NGS only due to limitations of MFC at this threshold. High cytogenetic risk was defined as the presence of t(4;14) or del(17p) by FISH testing at screening.



# CASSIOPEIA: Conclusions

- Extended follow-up revealed the long-term MRD and PFS benefits of DARA maintenance after DARA-based induction<sup>1</sup>
- DARA maintenance increased the rate of MRD negativity achieved post-induction/consolidation
  - Early achievement of MRD negativity was associated with superior PFS outcomes
- DARA maintenance was associated with improved PFS irrespective of post-consolidation MRD status and prior DARA exposure
  - DARA increased MRD-negativity rates and depth and durability of MRD negativity
- DARA maintenance improved MRD-negativity rates and PFS outcomes in patients with high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities irrespective of prior DARA exposure
- Results are supportive of the deeper and more durable MRD negativity seen with DARA-R maintenance in PERSEUS<sup>2</sup>
  - Results from the phase 3 AURIGA study of DARA-R maintenance in patients with NDMM who were MRD positive following ASCT will be presented at IMS 2024 (Presentation OA-45)

**DARA-based induction/consolidation and maintenance resulted in the deepest and most durable MRD negativity, leading to superior PFS outcomes, including in patients with high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities**

R, lenalidomide.

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