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A Dual Targeting BCMA and CD19 FasTCAR-T (GC012F/AZD0120) as First-line Therapy for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

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Background

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CAR-T therapy has demonstrated substantial efficacy in relapsed / refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) and revolutionized treatment outcomes for patients¹

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However, the role of CAR-T in newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (NDMM), particularly those with high-risk features or advanced age, remains to be defined

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Early CAR-T treatment may enable 'early truncation' of tumor heterogeneity, delaying the emergence of drug resistance²



GC012F/AZD0120: BCMA/CD19 dual targeting CAR-T

BCMA CD19 Universally expressed on Expressed on majority MM cells and progenitor malignant plasma cells and a cells 1-3 well-established target BCMA-CD19 **Dual CAR-T** anti-CD19 scFv anti-BCMA scFv CD19 expression) MM MM cell Progenitor

Next generation manufacturing

based on FAST CAR platform

Faster availability to patients

Enhanced T-cell fitness

- Manufactured in <3 days
- Younger, fitter, naïve T cells
- GC012F/AZD0120 is an autologous CAR-T therapy that targets both BCMA and CD19
- GC012F/AZD0120 has demonstrated deep and durable responses with a manageable safety profile in RRMM patients⁴

^{1.} Boucher K, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2012;18:6155–6168. 2. Garfall AL, et al. *JCI Insight* 2018;3:e120505. 3. Jiang H, et al. Presented at: ASH Annual Meeting 2020; December 5–8, 2020; virtual. Oral presentation 178. 4. Juan Du, et al. Presented at: EHA2023 Congress; June 8-11, 2023; Frankfurt & Virtual. Poster presentation P869. MM, multiple myeloma; RRMM, relapsed / refractory multiple myeloma.



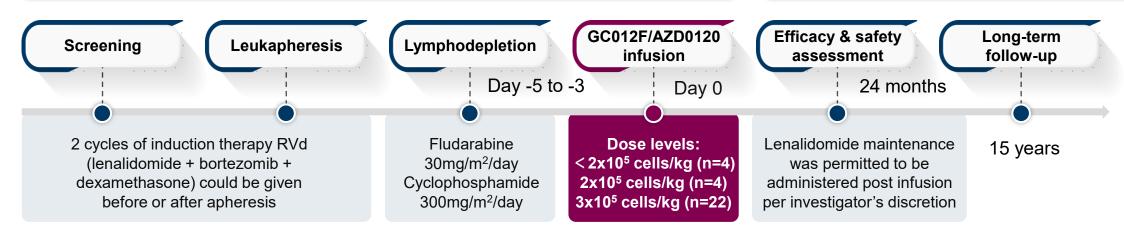
Study designTwo Phase 1 studies in NDMM

Key eligibility criteria

- Diagnosed with MM per IMWG criteria
- ECOG PS ≤3
- Measurable disease
- Study 1 (NCT04935580): high risk (HR)* transplant eligible (TE) NDMM (N=22)
- Study 2 (NCT05840107): transplant ineligible (TI) NDMM (N=8)

Key endpoints

- Safety: incidence and severity of Aes
- **Efficacy:** ORR, per 2016 IMWG criteria
- CRR; MRD negativity rate
- DoR, OS, PFS



^{*} High-risk was defined as meeting at least one of the following: a) R-ISS stage II or III; b) High-risk cytogenetics: del17p, t(4;14), t(14;16), or 1q21 ≥4 copies; c) Extramedullary disease; d) IgD or IgE subtype; e) High-risk definition according to mSMART3.0; f) LDH > the upper limit of normal.

IMWG: International Myeloma Working Group; ECOG PS: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; AE: A22erse events; ORR: Overall response Rate; CRR: Complete Response Rate; or MRD: Minimal Residual Disease; PFS: Progression Free Survival; DOR: Duration of Response: OS: Overall Survival.

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Baseline characteristics

Age (years), median (range)		All (N=30) 64 (43–78)	TE HR NDMM (N=22) 59 (43–69)	TI NDMM (N=8) 72 (70–78)
Induction therapy (IT), n (%)	2 cycles RVd	29 (97)	21 (95)	8 (100)
Response to induction therapy	ORR, %	93.3	90.9	100
R-ISS stage, n (%)	11 / 111	25 (83)	20 (91)	5 (63)
Cytogenetics [†] , n (%)	High risk	14 (48)	11 (52)	3 (37)
Plasmacytomas, n (%)	All	17 (57)	12 (55)	5 (63)
	Soft tissue related	3 (10)	3 (14)	0 (0)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0–1	22 (73)	16 (73)	6 (75)
	≥2	8 (27)	6 (27)	2 (25)
Apheresis, n (%)	Before IT	4 (13)	4 (18)	0 (0)
	After 1 cycle of IT	16 (53)	8 (36)	8 (100)
	After 2 cycles of IT	10 (33)	10 (45)	0 (0)

Median time from diagnosis to infusion was 3 months (range, 2–5 months)

†The definition of high-risk cytogenetics: del (17p), t (4;14), t (14;16), amp (1q21).

ECOG, eastern cooperative oncology group performance status; HR, high risk; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma;

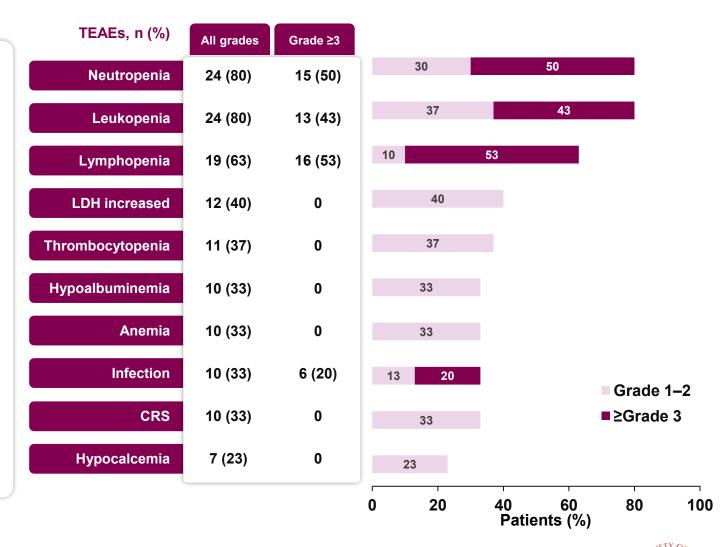
R-ISS, revised international staging system; RVd, lenalidomide + bortezomib + dexamethasone; IT, induction therapy; TE, transplant eligible; TI, transplant ineligible.



^{*}One patient received one cycle of PAD (bortezomib, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone) and one cycle of RVd.

Safety profile: TEAEs

- GC012F was well tolerated and mostly low-grade CRS
- Grade 1 CRS: 30% (9/30), grade 2 CRS: 3% (1/30), grade ≥3 CRS: 0
 - Four patients with CRS were treated with tocilizumab
 - Median time to onset: 8 days (range, 6–18 days)
 - Median duration: 2 days (range, 1–8 days)
- No ICANS or IEC-HS or IEC-EC observed
- No delayed neurotoxicities or secondary primary malignancies observed to date

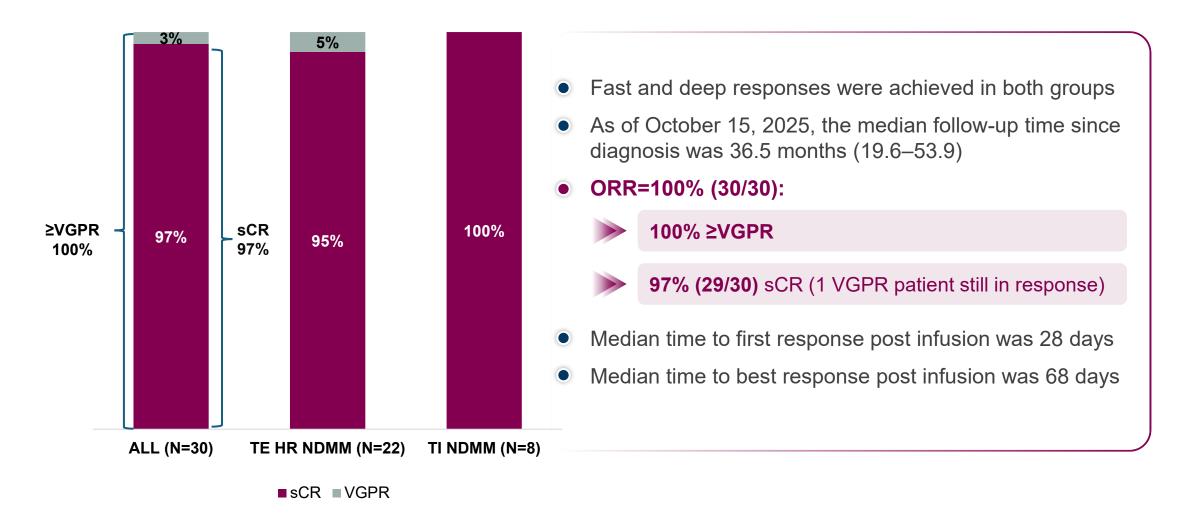


AEs were graded according to CTCAE v5.0.

AE, adverse event; ASTCT, American society for transplantation and cellular therapy; CRS, cytokine release syndrome, graded by ASTCT consensus; CTCAE, common terminology criteria for adverse events; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome, graded by ASTCT consensus; IEC-EC, immune effector cell-associated encephalopathy; IEC-HS, immune effector cell-associated hemophagocytic syndrome; LDH, lactase dehydrogenase; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



100% ORR in both cohorts

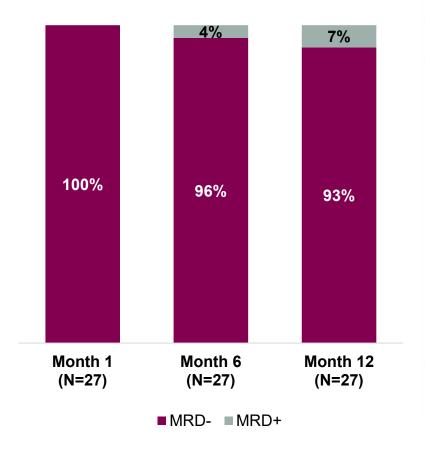


HR, high risk; NDMM, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; ORR, overall response rate; sCR, stringent complete response; TE, transplant eligible; TI, transplant ineligible; VGPR, very good partial response.



Efficacy profile: MRD

MRD assessment*

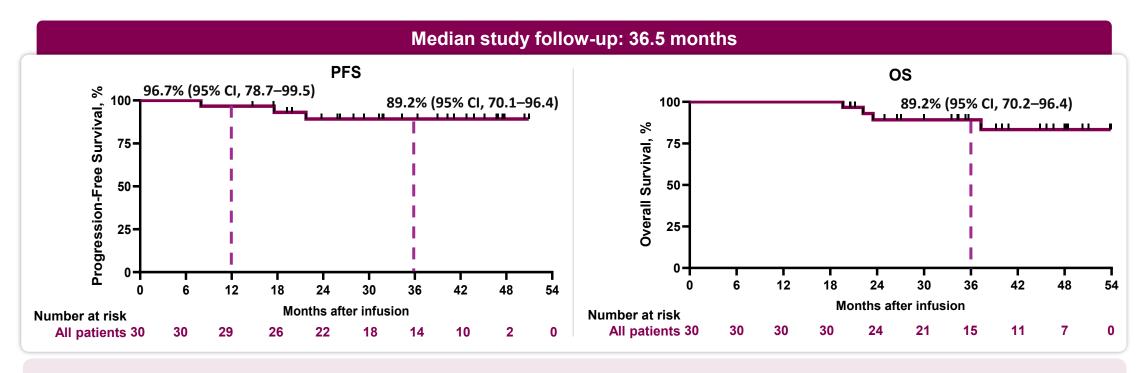


- MRD was tested by Euroflow at a sensitivity of 10-6
- 100% (30/30) of MRD evaluable patients achieved MRD negativity in all dose levels at least 1 time point of measurement
- 100% (27/27) of MRD evaluable patients achieved MRD negativity at Month 1 post infusion
- All patients achieved MRD negativity before lenalidomide maintenance initiation
- 83% (25/30) patients had ≥ 12 months sustained MRD negativity



^{*}The subjects who did not complete the MRD testing at Month 1, 6, and 12 were different. MRD. minimal residual disease.

Efficacy profile: PFS & OS

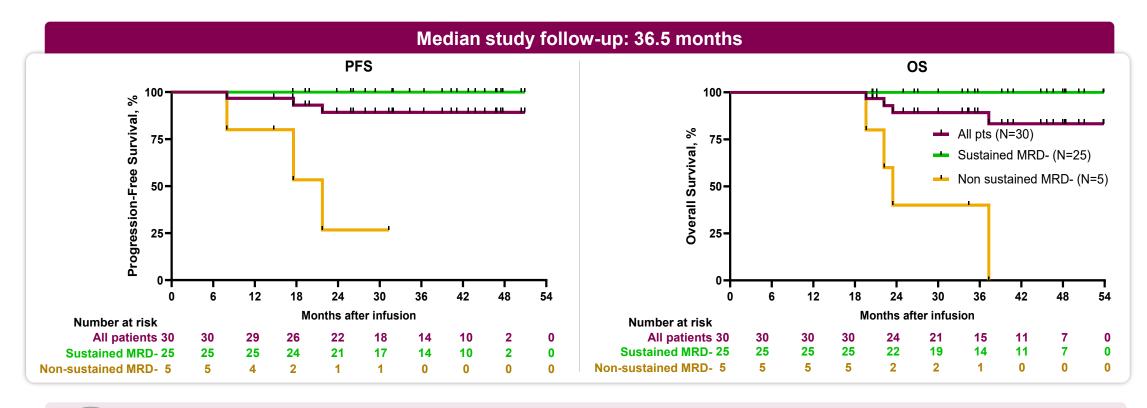




- No patients died within 12 months of AZD0120 infusion
- 23 patients (77%) received lenalidomide maintenance (median time to initiation was 6 months post infusion)
 - · Two patients progressed and then died
- 7 patients did not receive lenalidomide maintenance, 5 of them remain in disease-free survival.
 - One experienced PD and subsequently died
 - One died without documented PD



Patients with ≥ 12 months sustained MRD negativity have superior survival outcomes



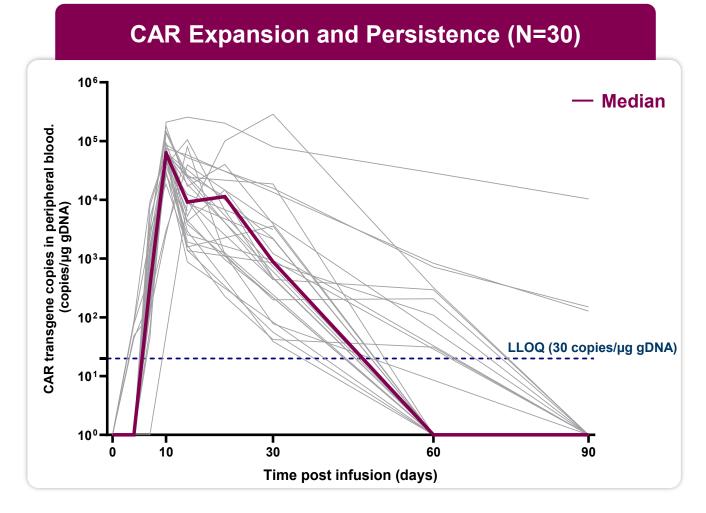


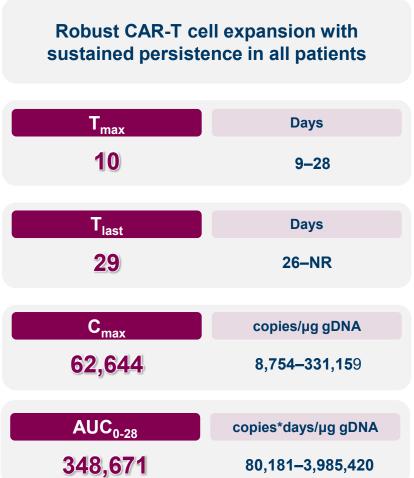
- No patients progressed or died in sustained MRD negativity group
- In non-sustained MRD negativity group, median PFS was 21.7 months and median OS was 23.5 months



^{*}Sustained MRD is defined as maintenance of MRD negativity confirmed ≥ 12 months apart. MRD, minimal residual disease; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

Cellular kinetics profile





^{2.}CAR, Chimeric Antigen Receptor; LLOQ, lower limit of quantification; NR, not reached; Cmax, Maximum Concentration; AUC, Area Under the Curve.





^{1.}CK parameters expressed as median (range)

Conclusions

- In the largest ASCT-naïve CAR-T treated NDMM cohort to date, GC012F/AZD0120 demonstrated a favorable efficacy profile in NDMM patients:
 - ORR = 100% (100% ≥VGPR rate; 97% MRD- sCR rate)
 - 100% overall MRD negative rate at a sensitivity of 10⁻⁶
 - Median PFS and OS were not reached with a median follow-up time 36.5 months
- Patients with sustained MRD negativity had superior survival outcomes compared with patients with non-sustained MRD negativity status
 - Median OS: NR vs 23.5 months
 - Achieving sustained MRD negativity is associated with improved patient outcomes
- With the longest follow-up of CAR-T in NDMM, GC012F/AZD0120 demonstrated a well-tolerated safety profile
 - Mitigates intolerance associated with long-term SoC treatment
 - Broadens therapeutic options for NDMM



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