

Integrated analysis of next generation sequencing minimal residual disease (MRD) and PET scan in transplant eligible myeloma patients

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Abstract

Minimal residual disease (MRD) assays allow response assessment in patients with multiple myeloma (MM), and negativity is associated with improved survival outcomes. The role of highly sensitive next generation sequencing (NGS) MRD in combination with functional imaging remains to be validated. We performed a retrospective analysis on MM patients who underwent frontline autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT). Patients were evaluated at day 100 post-ASCT with NGS MRD and positron emission tomography (PET-CT). Patients with ≥ 2 MRD measurements were included in a secondary analysis for sequential measurements. 186 patients were included in the analysis. At day 100, 45 (24.2%) patients achieved MRD negativity at a sensitivity threshold of 10^{-6} . MRD negativity was the most predictive factor for longer time to next treatment (TTNT). Negativity rates did not differ according to MM subtype, R-ISS Stage nor cytogenetic risk. PET-CT and MRD positivity had poor agreement. Patients with sustained MRD negativity had longer TTNT, regardless of baseline risk characteristics. Our results show that the “real world” ability to measure deeper and sustainable responses distinguishes a subpopulation of patients with better outcomes. Achieving MRD negativity was the strongest prognostic marker and could help guide therapy-related decisions and serve as a response marker for clinical trials.

Introduction

The development of new regimens, in combination with autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT), have resulted in unprecedented rates of complete response (CR) and improved overall survival (OS) in patients with multiple myeloma (MM) (1–9). Although, patients that achieve CR have a prolonged progression-free survival (PFS), a significant proportion of patients achieving CR after first line therapy eventually relapse. Relapses after achieving CR are likely secondary to disease persistence below the limit of detection of traditional MM laboratory markers (10–12). The International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG) criteria were updated in 2016 to further classify patients who achieve a CR utilizing minimal (or measurable) residual disease (MRD) and functional imaging (4, 13–16). MRD is a marker of disease that can be determined using either next-generation flow (NGF) or next-generation sequencing (NGS) and is now standard of care for other hematologic malignancies (17–24).

Recent meta-analyses have shown that achieving MRD negativity is associated with significant improvement in PFS and OS in transplant eligible, transplant ineligible, and relapsed/refractory disease patients with MM (25, 26). This effect on prognosis and survival is observed regardless of treatment type and cytogenetic risk (26–30). When adjusted for other variables, including cytogenetic risk and depth of clinical response, MRD is the strongest prognostic factor for PFS, and the benefit of attaining CR loses independent significance (27, 28, 30, 31). Deeper responses, which are apparent with increased sensitivity of MRD techniques, further improve outcome. (25, 26, 28, 32–34). Although MRD negativity is associated with improved survival in all thresholds for patients with MM, outcomes for PFS and OS were greatest when patients reach MRD negativity at a sensitivity of 10^{-6} (PFS: HR 0.22, 95% CI 0.16–0.29, $p < 0.001$ and HR 0.38, 95% CI 0.32–45, $p < 0.001$ for sensitivity to 10^{-6} and 10^{-4} respectively; OS: HR 0.26, 95% CI 0.13–0.51, $p < 0.001$ and HR 0.50, 95% CI 0.43–0.60, $p < 0.001$ respectively) (26). It has been shown that there is approximately a 1-year survival benefit for each 1-log depletion in tumor burden in patients with MM (30). MRD could also serve as a highly relevant and useful measure of response for MM clinical trials in an era where there is increasing complexity of treatment schedules and improving rates of CR (35).

Very few studies have evaluated the effect on prognosis by evaluating MRD to a sensitivity of 10^{-6} , and only three of these studies used next generation sequencing (21, 22, 28, 36, 37). This study seeks to determine the utility of MRD outside the context of clinical trials, and the complementary roles of functional imaging and sequential MRD measurements. We examined a large cohort of transplant eligible patients, with multiple treatment regimens and risk groups, who have undergone MRD evaluation at day 100 post-ASCT with NGS at a sensitivity of at least 10^{-6} .

Methods

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board. We performed a retrospective analysis on a cohort of patients diagnosed with MM between January 2015 and August 2020. We included patients who received frontline ASCT, regardless of induction regimen, and then underwent bone marrow evaluation 100 days after ASCT (+/- 4 days). All patients received frontline induction therapy followed by a single ASCT with high dose melphalan conditioning. Tandem ASCT recipients and patients who were treated with multiple lines of therapy prior to ASCT were excluded from the study.

Response was evaluated at day 100 post-ASCT according to IMWG criteria, and subclassified based on functional imaging and MRD evaluation. MRD analysis was measured using the FDA cleared NGS clonoSEQ® Assay (Adaptive Biotechnologies Corporation, Seattle, USA), with a sensitivity of $< 10^{-6}$ depending on the total number of nucleated cells' worth of DNA assessed (38). Briefly, the assay tracks and quantifies disease-associated immunoglobulin gene sequence rearrangements, identified as “dominant” in a bone marrow sample at time of diagnosis. Patients with two or more MRD measurements, taken at least 6 months apart, were included in the sequential MRD analysis. In order to reduce bias in patients with more than two measurements, only the first two measurements taken a year apart were included in the sustained MRD negativity analysis.

Imaging evaluation was performed using PET/CT scan at same time of bone marrow evaluation, using a Gemini GXL10 scanner (Philips Medical Systems) and interpreted by certified radiologists (14). Clinical information, disease features and patient characteristics were obtained through chart review of electronic clinical charts. Detailed annotations related to consolidation and/or maintenance therapy post ASCT were also collected.

Disease risk was classified in our population according to the Revised International Staging System (R-ISS) (39). If not documented in patient record, R-ISS score was calculated using baseline data, if available. Cytogenetic risk was based on the IMWG molecular classification (40). An additional category was created in an attempt to obtain a more profound understanding of the role of chromosome 1q21. Patients with standard risk features who presented two or more extra copies (4 or more total copies) of 1q21 (amplification of 1q) were labeled as “High Risk Plus”, while those who presented one extra copy (3 total copies, gain 1q) were kept as “Standard Risk” (40, 41). We used this novel category for statistical analysis.

Assessment of progression free survival (PFS) is challenging in retrospective research due to the lack of consistent follow-up intervals. Therefore, we used time to next treatment (TTNT), regardless of patient response after induction therapy plus ASCT (42). We defined TTNT as the time from ASCT until the start of a new line of therapy driven by disease progression. Consolidation and maintenance therapy were not considered events for TTNT. Patients in whom therapy was changed or adjusted due to side effects also were not considered events for TTNT. Overall survival (OS) was defined as the time from diagnosis until death. Patients without a TTNT or death event were considered censored. Patient data was last revised and updated on February 9th, 2022

Normality tests were performed and association testing for categorical variables was done using Chi-Squared test. Testing for continuous variables used either a Student t-test or an analysis of variance (ANOVA). MRD positivity values were log-transformed for analysis. Survival distributions were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method and compared between groups by the log-rank test. The prognostic value of MRD was evaluated using univariate and multivariable Cox proportional hazard models. TTNT was evaluated separately for 10^{-4} , 10^{-5} and 10^{-6} sensitivity groups. Agreement between MRD sensitivity and PET-CT interpretation was evaluated using the kappa statistic in patients who had PET-CT done. Statistical analysis was done using SAS version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC) and GraphPad Prism 9 software. All tests were 2-sided and a p-value of < 0.05 was used for statistical significance.

Results

A total of 186 patients with a diagnosis of MM had MRD assessed after ASCT and were included in the analysis (Supplementary Fig. 1). Twenty-six patients did not undergo ASCT as frontline therapy and were excluded from the analysis. Demographic characteristics are summarized in Table 1. On average, patients were evaluated 92 days after ASCT, with a median time of follow up of 39.8 months from initial diagnosis. The median age at diagnosis was 62.5 years. Eighteen (11.3%) patients were R-ISS Stage III, and based on our genetic risk classification, 34 patients (19.2%) had high-risk cytogenetics. At day 100, 119 (64.0%) patients had achieved CR or better, 48 (25.8%) achieved very good partial response (VGPR), 16 (8.6%) partial response (PR), 1 (0.5%) minimal response and 2 (1.1%) had progressive disease. Forty-five (24.2%) patients of the total population achieved MRD negativity at a sensitivity threshold of 10^{-6} , with an additional 38 (20.4%) being MRD negative at a threshold of 10^{-5} . Interestingly, 5 patients (11.1%) who had achieved VGPR, achieved MRD negativity at 10^{-6} . None of the patients with PR, MR or PD achieved negativity. Of the 45 patients negative at a sensitivity of 10^{-6} , 14 had disease detectable below the limit of detection (LOD) or limit of quantification (LOQ), (refer to Adaptive Biotechnologies clonoSEQ® Assay technical information for additional details). Following ASCT, 136 (73%) patients received maintenance therapy alone, 20 (11%) patients received both consolidation and maintenance therapy and 14 (7%) patients received only consolidation. Maintenance with IMiDs based regimens were the most common (67.3%).

At cutoff, the follow up median time after ASCT was 27.5 months and 46 (24.7%) patients had progressed based on TTNT criteria. Of those who progressed, 27 (59%) had obtained CR or stringent CR (sCR) at day 100 evaluation. In a univariate model, only MRD negativity at 10^{-6} was associated with better TTNT (HR: 0.289, 95% CI: 0.110–0.758, $p = 0.01$, Table 2). Patients achieving negativity at 10^{-6} had longer TTNT compared to patients achieving negativity at 10^{-5} (Fig. 1A). Therefore, this threshold was used to define MRD negativity for further analysis.

On multivariable analysis, adjusting for R-ISS stage, IMWG response category, cytogenetic risk status, and MRD negativity, achieving negativity at 10^{-6} was the strongest prognostic factor for longer TTNT (HR = 0.35, 95% CI 0.12–1.03, $p = 0.06$; Table 3). In terms of survival outcomes, there were no significant differences between those who achieved true negativity at 10^{-6} and those who had disease detectable below LOD or LOQ, although our limited dataset cannot exclude different outcomes (Supplementary Figure S2).

As for OS, there were a total of 17 (9.1%) registered deaths. MRD alone did not predict OS. In the multivariable model, only the presence of R-ISS Stage III was associated with worse outcome (Table 3; Fig. 1B). MRD predicted worse OS only in the context of combining it with cytogenetic risk (positive MRD and presence of high-risk cytogenetics; HR: 9.74, 95% CI: 1.19–79.51, $p = 0.04$). This may be due to the relative limited time of follow up and low number of deaths in our cohort. Survival analyses limited only to patients who achieved CR or sCR at day 100 ($n = 120$) showed similar results (Supplementary Table S1).

MRD negativity rate did not differ according to MM subtype, R-ISS stage, or cytogenetic risk group (Supplementary Table S2). When MRD was treated as a continuous variable (log-transformed), only positive PET-CT interpretation and response lower than sCR were associated with higher clone levels (Table 4). We also compared MRD levels between patients with common MM cytogenetic events and found that 1q amplification was associated with higher MRD values (number of residual clonal cells per million nucleated cells) compared to others (in cases where MRD remained positive at Day 100 Post-ASCT; Fig. 2), although there was a small number of patients with this cytogenetic event.

At day 100, 136 patients had PET-CT interpretation results. Agreement between MRD and PET-CT interpretation was poor (Kappa = 0.10, 95% CI 0.02–0.17; Supplementary Table S3), primarily due to PET-CT being negative in MRD positive patients. Out of the 102 patients who had positive MRD, only 23 (22.6%) had positive PET-CT. Two patients had positive PET-CT and negative MRD assay, but neither had disease progression at the time of this writing, with follow-up times of 33.8 months and 19.7 months, respectively.

Patients with both negative MRD and negative PET-CT at day 100 had significantly longer TTNT (Fig. 3A; Median TTNT: not reached in both negative, 61 months for either positive, 35 months for both positive; $p = 0.03$). Combination of MRD and R-ISS stage was also associated with prognosis; those with Stage I and MRD negativity at day 100 had increased TTNT (Fig. 3B). Finally, MRD status in combination with cytogenetic risk can also predict outcomes, as those classified as low risk (MRD negative and standard risk cytogenetics) had better TTNT and OS as well (Fig. 3C and 3D).

A total of 57 patients had two MRD measurements taken at least 6 months apart, of which 54 (94.7%) received either consolidation therapy (6; 11%), maintenance therapy (36; 67%), or both (12; 22%). Additional therapy, whether consolidation or maintenance, was associated with increased rates of MRD negativity throughout (Supplementary Tables S4 and S5). The rate of MRD negativity at 10^{-6} improved from 24.4–55.6% ($p = 0.001$) after at least 12-months of therapy; and from 28.6–57.1% ($p = 0.041$) at the end of therapy (Supplementary Table S5 B2 and B3). Achieving MRD negativity, either at day 100 post-

ASCT or until completion of consolidation/maintenance therapy, was associated with longer TTNT (Supplementary Fig. 3). The three (5.3%) patients that did not receive consolidation nor maintenance therapy, remain progression free and have sequential negative MRD measurements, but did not meet criteria for sustained MRD negativity due to their measurements being taken less than a year apart.

IMWG defines sustained MRD negativity as MRD negativity in bone marrow (at a sensitivity of at least 10^{-5}) and by PET-CT imaging confirmed minimum 1 year apart. A total of 49 patients, had MRD measurements taken at least 1 year (+/- 15 days) apart, as established by IMWG, and were classified into one of three groups: sustained negativity (n = 21, 42.9%), persistent positive (n = 13, 26.5%) and achieved negativity (n = 15, 30.6%; were positive at day 100 but attained negativity in subsequent measurement). Sustained MRD negativity was associated with longer TTNT in both univariate (HR: 0.07, 95% CI: 0.01–0.63, p = 0.02) and multivariable (HR: 0.0075, 95% CI: 0.0002–0.287, p = 0.009) models (Fig. 1C; Supplementary Table S6). At the time of writing, there were 2 (4.1%) registered deaths in this sub cohort, belonging to patients in the persistent positive group. At cutoff, 48% of the patients with sustained MRD negativity have been off treatment for a median duration of 23.5 months. All patients who have suspended therapy have been MRD negative since day 100, but decision to suspend was not influenced solely by achieving sustained MRD negativity, since most patients had discontinued therapy before meeting criteria.

Although not included in survival analysis, subsequent MRD analyses were available for some patients past the one-year mark. It is worth noting that of the 15 patients in the “achieved negativity” group, 3 (20%) went on to meet criteria for sustained negativity in later measurements; the remaining 12 (80%) have not had additional measurements but disease remains under control with the exception of one patient who progressed based on TTNT criteria.

Discussion

We evaluated the prognostic performance of MRD by NGS to a sensitivity of 10^{-6} , its use in combination with functional imaging and the effect of sequential measurements. Our cohort represents a diverse population who underwent induction therapy with a variety of regimens, representing the reality of clinical care. Patients were included regardless of risk category, age, and induction therapy. Although IMWG recommends evaluating MRD for patients who achieve CR or better, this subgroup may represent a lower risk subset of patients overall, making it harder to extrapolate the use of MRD to clinical trials, if not also evaluated in patients with less optimal response to therapy. For this reason, our cohort included not only patients that achieved CR or sCR, but also those with VGPR, PR and MR.

First, we showed that MRD levels are not associated with cytogenetic risk group nor R-ISS stage. Patients with high-risk genetic subgroups did not have lower rates of MRD negativity, which may indicate that worse outcomes in high-risk categories are not necessarily associated with higher disease burden or ability to respond (30). We also explored the possibility that specific cytogenetic events were associated with increased disease burden, reflected through higher MRD clone levels, and highlighted that people with 4 or more copies of 1q, have statistically higher levels of the transformed clone. However, the results will need further validation since our cohort included few patients with this cytogenetic event.

Overall, MRD negativity at a sensitivity of 10^{-6} was associated with a longer TTNT, regardless of induction therapy, cytogenetic risk and/or R-ISS stage. The high proportion of relapse patients that had obtained CR or sCR at day 100 further emphasizes the need for more sensitive tests such as MRD. In multivariable models, IMWG response criteria lost significance, and MRD superseded prognostic value. This highlights that the ability to measure deeper response provides better discrimination of patients with superior outcome. The borderline statistical significance in the model may be explained by the lower number of patients achieving negativity with increasing sensitivity thresholds, reducing statistical power.

Due to the limited number of registered deaths in our cohort, there were no significant differences between groups, and the only variable associated with decreased survival was R-ISS Stage III. Longer follow up time may reveal significant differences between groups.

Sustained MRD negativity and survival outcomes are not commonly reported. We found that patients who meet criteria for sustained MRD negativity have increased TTNT and OS. At cutoff, there were no deaths reported within this group, and only one documented progression, secondary to a soft tissue plasmacytoma. This is the case even in the three patients with R-ISS Stage III disease and the 5 patients with high-risk genetics, suggesting that sustained MRD negativity may overcome worse prognosis associated with these baseline characteristics, as has been shown by Perrot et al. and Goicoechea et al. (28, 43). The discontinuation of consolidation or maintenance therapy after achieving sustained negativity remains to be evaluated, but our cohort highlights that the withdrawal of therapy in this subgroup may be a suitable approach, given that patients with sustained negativity who are off treatment remain progression free. Serial MRD measurements can assess the risk of progression in a time-dependent manner and provide a more secure approach for treatment-related decisions than single MRD measurements.

On the other hand, maintenance and consolidation therapy significantly increase MRD negativity rates, suggesting additional treatment may be appropriate, even in patients with low burden disease detected by NGS MRD assay, given the already apparent effect of achieving (sustained) MRD negativity at 10^{-6} on survival outcomes. Patients who achieved MRD at the end of consolidation/maintenance therapy had very similar outcomes to patients who achieved it at Day 100, emphasizing that regardless at which timepoint of the disease course its reached, MRD negativity is associated with better outcomes.

Long term survivors in our group had decreasing MRD levels overall. Schinke et al. have shown that in lasting survivors, MRD negativity increases over time and remains an important marker for most patients (44). Only seven patients in our cohort had persistent or increasing MRD levels on sequential measurements, of which three have had progressive disease and two deaths at the time of this writing. One of these 7 patients went from sustained MRD negativity to a positive MRD two years after ASCT, but with no clinical progression to date. However, both previously negative MRD results had disease reported below LOD, and although not apparent in our cohort, may highlight a potential prognostic implication in this subset of patients.

One of the limitations of MRD is the patchy quality of bone marrow, and the possibility of sampling areas not affected by disease. This drawback can be overcome by combining MRD evaluation with functional imaging. Given that MRD assessment measures disease at the microscopic level, it was expected

that agreement of MRD positivity with PET-CT macroscopic assessment would be poor. However, there were two cases where PET-CT was positive in MRD negative patients, but neither of them has had progressive disease. This may suggest false positive interpretations rather than disease missed by bone marrow assessment, emphasizing the need for standardized PET-CT criteria to counteract the lack of interobserver reproducibility. Given that almost all MRD negative patients were also PET-CT negative, the probability of missing disease through bone marrow evaluation is likely low and the added benefit of PET-CT seems small, but additional analysis that re-evaluate the role of PET-CT will be needed to confirm these findings. It is important to determine the MRD false negative rate associated with patchy infiltration to establish the true benefit of performing PET-CT in MRD negative patients.

Nevertheless, a combination of both NGS MRD and PET-CT allows for a comprehensive definition of absence of both macroscopic and microscopic disease. This was evaluated within our cohort, and patients with both negative MRD and negative PET-CT had better progression free survival, compared to those who had either or both positive. Combining MRD status and cytogenetic risk was also predictive of TTNT and OS; where both were more favorable in those patients with low-risk genetics who achieve MRD negativity, compared to those who remain positive or have high risk cytogenetics. Paiva et al. suggested that this latter combination could help identify certain patients who obtain CR but should be candidates to more aggressive treatment early in the disease course (20).

To our knowledge this is the first study to incorporate MRD with functional imaging in MM patients who underwent ASCT. Our analysis was performed on a large cohort of patients receiving a variety of treatment regimens and showed the benefits of reaching MRD negativity at 10^{-6} , but not without some limitations. First and foremost, the retrospective nature of our study prevented us from having predetermined follow up times and close patient monitoring. Furthermore, our relatively limited time of follow up prevented us from identifying important trends in OS which important for translating TTNT into survival benefit. Finally, we did not evaluate the role of MRD assessment in populations that are not candidates for ASCT or who have relapsed refractory disease, due to the lack of a preestablished timepoint for MRD evaluation.

In summary, our analysis demonstrates that the ability to measure deeper responses provides an opportunity to discriminate a subpopulation of patients with superior outcome. Reaching MRD negativity at 10^{-6} is a strong prognostic factor, even when compared to patients who reach negativity at lower thresholds. These results add to the growing evidence for using MRD to improve the IMWG definition of complete response and its role as a strong prognostic marker for clinical trials. Persistent negativity seems to predict better TTNT and OS, overcoming high-risk features and raising important questions regarding MRD driven therapy. Additional prospective studies are needed to establish the optimal timing of MRD assessment, the role of combining different types of assessment and further establishing the benefit of obtaining persistent MRD negativity.

Declarations

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DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The dataset generated during and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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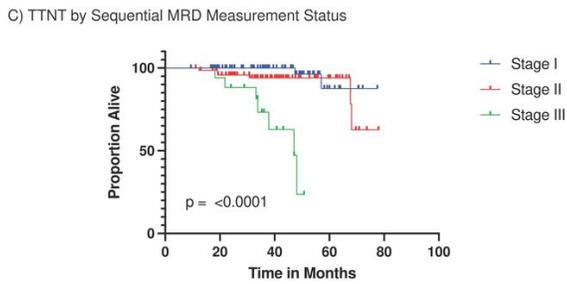
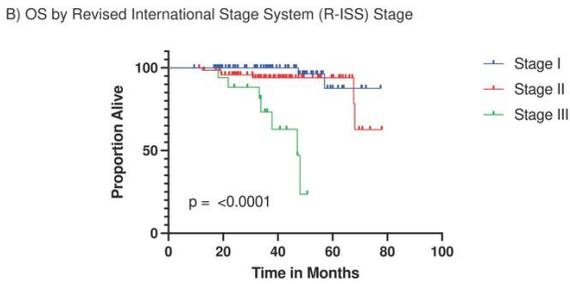
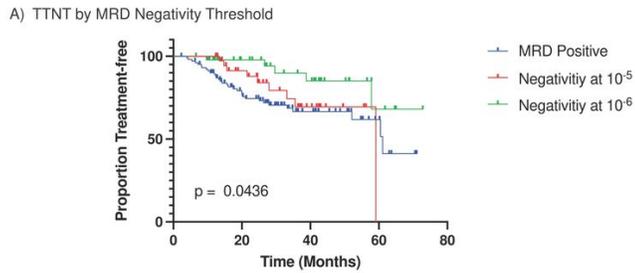


Figure 1

Kaplan Meier Curves for Time to Next Treatment (TTNT) and Overall Survival (OS).

Based on MRD status at Day 100 Post-ASCT evaluation. The median TTNT was not reached for those patients who achieved negativity at 10^{-6} ; and was 59.1 months in those who achieved negativity at 10^{-5} , and 61 months who remained MRD positive. (B) According to R-ISS Stage at diagnosis. The median overall survival was not reached for Stage I nor Stage II; for Stage III it was 47.1 months. (C) According to Sequential MRD Status, with starting point from first negative MRD assessment. Median TTNT was not reached in any group.

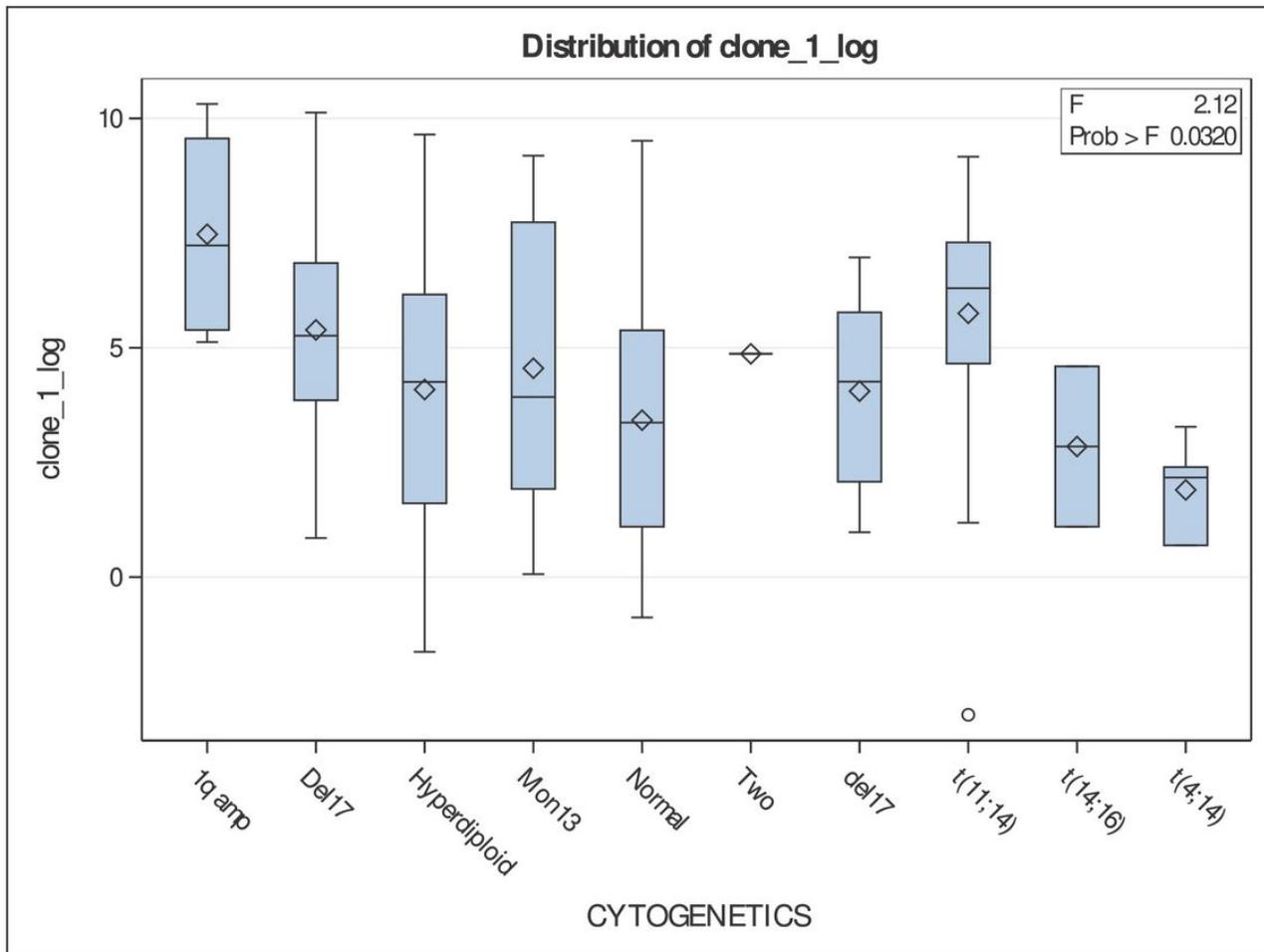
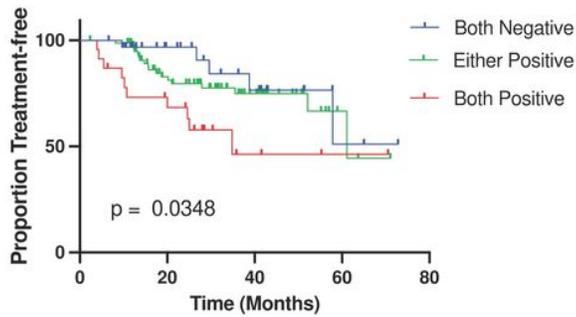


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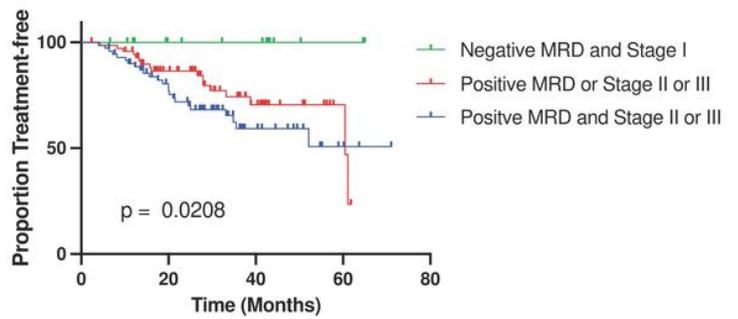
Distribution MRD Clone by Cytogenetic Event

Log transformed MRD clone MRD and patients categorized based on primary cytogenetic events. General linear model (GLM) shows statistically higher levels in patients with 1amp (4 or more copies).

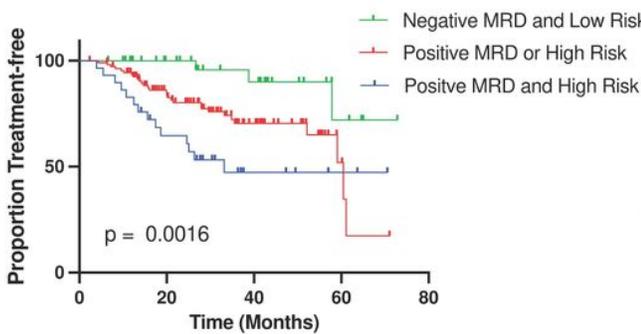
A) TTNT by MRD Status and PET-CT Interpretation at Day 100 Post-ASCT



B) TTNT by MRD Status at Day 100 Post-ASCT and Revised International Staging System (R-ISS) Stage



C) TTNT by MRD Status at Day 100 Post-ASCT and Baseline Genetic Risk



D) OS by MRD Status at Day 100 Post-ASCT and Baseline Genetic Risk

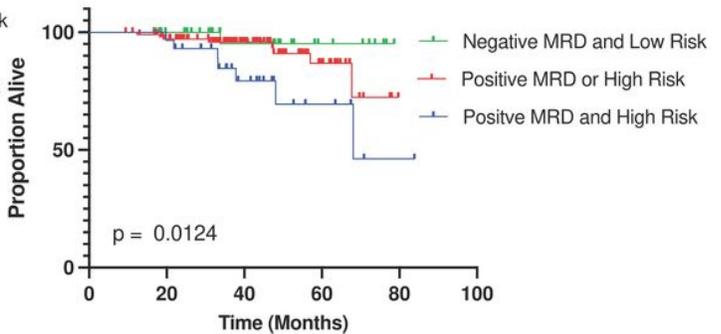


Figure 3

Kaplan Meier curves for time to next treatment (TTNT) and Overall Survival (OS) According to MRD Status in Combination with Baseline Characteristics

(A) According to MRD status and PET-CT Interpretation at day 100. Patients with both MRD and PET-CT negative did not reach median TTNT. Patients who had either MRD positive or PET-CT positive had a median TTNT of 61 months, while patients who had both assessment positive had a median TTNT of 34.9 months. (B) Based on MRD status at day 100, and R-ISS stage at time of diagnosis. Patients with MRD negativity and R-ISS Stage I did not reach a median TTNT. Patients who had both positive MRD and Stage II or Stage III did not reach a median TTNT either. Patients with either a positive MRD or Stage II or Stage III disease had a median TTNT of 60.5 months. (C) According to MRD status at day 100 and genetic risk at time of diagnosis. Patients with negative MRD and standard risk genetics did not reach median TTNT. Those with positive MRD or high-risk genetics had a median TTNT of 60.5 months, while those with both positive MRD and high-risk genetics had a median TTNT of 33.1 months. (D) OS according to MRD assessment at day 100 and genetic risk at time of diagnosis. Only patients with positive MRD and high-risk genetics reached a median OS of 68.1 months.

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