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Population Pharmacokinetic and Exposure-response Analyses for Daratumumab in Combination Therapies for Patients With Multiple Myeloma Who Have Received 1 or More Prior Lines of Therapy

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INTRODUCTION

- Multiple myeloma (MM) is an incurable disease and, despite advances in treatment such as proteasome inhibitors (PIs) and immunomodulatory drugs (IMiDs), patients inevitably relapse¹
 - Patients who are refractory to PIs and IMiDs have particularly poor prognoses and limited treatment options^{1,4}
 - Thus, new treatments and novel treatment combinations are needed
- Daratumumab (DARA) is a human monoclonal antibody targeting CD38 that has direct on-tumor and immunomodulatory mechanisms of action²⁻⁸
- In monotherapy studies, patients with heavily treated relapsed and refractory MM who were treated with DARA achieved deep and durable responses⁹⁻¹¹
 - Population pharmacokinetic (PK; PK) modeling of data from DARA monotherapy studies informed the current recommended dose of DARA 16 mg/kg¹²
- As a monotherapy and in combination with other established regimens, DARA treatment induced rapid, deep, and durable responses with significant clinical benefit in patients treated with ≥1 prior line of therapy¹³⁻¹⁵
 - The FDA recently approved DARA for the treatment of patients with ≥1 prior line of therapy¹⁶
- Here, DARA PK were evaluated using data from a series of clinical trials, including two phase 3 studies, a phase 1/2 study, and a phase 1b study that combined the drug with standard of care regimens

OBJECTIVES

- To describe the PK characteristics of DARA following its administration in combination therapies
- To evaluate the influence of covariates on the disposition of DARA in patients with MM who had received ≥1 prior line of therapy
- To compare the PK parameters of DARA in combination therapies with those of DARA monotherapy
- To investigate the relationship between DARA exposure and selected efficacy and safety endpoints

METHODS

Patients

- Data from 4 clinical trials of DARA in combination with standard of care therapies (GEN503 [ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT01615029], MMY1001 [NCT01998971], POLLUX [NCT02076009], and CASTOR [NCT02136134]) were pooled for PK analyses
- DARA was administered intravenously in all studies
- Key eligibility criteria for these studies are listed in **Table 1**

Table 1. Eligibility Criteria for Clinical Studies	
Study	Key eligibility criteria
GEN503	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Age ≥18 years with measurable, documented MMECOG performance status ≤2 Part 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Between 2 and 4 prior lines of therapyEligible for treatment with Rd Part 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥1 prior line of therapy and a PR or better with a prior treatmentDisease progression on the last line of treatment
MMY1001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Age ≥18 years with measurable, documented MMECOG performance status ≤2 Vd and VtD arms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newly diagnosed with symptomatic disease fulfilling CRAB criteria VMP arm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newly diagnosed with symptomatic disease fulfilling CRAB criteria and ineligible for transplantation Pom-d arm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥2 prior lines of therapy, including R and VDisease refractory to last line of treatment
POLLUX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Age ≥18 years with measurable, documented MMECOG performance status ≤2≥1 prior line of therapy and a PR or better with a prior treatmentDisease progression on last line of treatmentNot intolerant or refractory to R
CASTOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Age ≥18 years with measurable, documented MMECOG performance status ≤2≥1 prior line of therapy and a PR or better with a prior treatmentDisease progression on last line of treatmentNot intolerant or refractory to V or other PIs

MM, multiple myeloma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; Rd, lenalidomide and dexamethasone; PR, partial response; Vd, bortezomib and dexamethasone; VtD, bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone; CRAB, calcium elevated, renal failure, anemia, and bone lesions; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone; Pom-d, pomalidomide and dexamethasone; R, lenalidomide; V, bortezomib; PI, proteasome inhibitor.

Study Design

- GEN503:** a phase 1/2, open-label, multicenter, dose-escalation (Part 1) and dose-extension (Part 2) study that evaluated the combination of DARA with lenalidomide and dexamethasone (Rd)
- MMY1001:** a phase 1/2, open-label, multicenter, multi-arm study that evaluated DARA in combination with a variety of standard of care therapies, including bortezomib and dexamethasone (Vd); bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone (VMP); bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone (VtD); and pomalidomide and dexamethasone (Pom-d)
- POLLUX:** a phase 3, randomized, open-label, active-controlled, multicenter study that compared Rd to DARA plus Rd (DRd)
- CASTOR:** a phase 3, randomized, open-label, active-controlled, multicenter study that compared Vd to DARA plus Vd (DvD)
- DARA doses and dose schedules for these studies are listed in **Table 2**

Table 2. Dosing Schedules for Clinical Studies	
Study	DARA dose and schedule
GEN503	Dose: DARA 2, 4, 8, and 16 mg/kg (Part 1) OR DARA 16 mg/kg (Part 2) Schedule: qw for Cycles 1-2, q2w for Cycles 3-6, then q4w thereafter
MMY1001	Dose: DARA 16 mg/kg Schedule: qw for 6 weeks, then q3w thereafter (Vd, ¹³ VtD, ¹⁴ and VMP ¹⁵ arms) OR qw for Cycles 1-2, q2w for Cycles 3-6, then q4w thereafter (Pom-d arm ¹⁶)
POLLUX	Dose: DARA 16 mg/kg Schedule: qw for Cycles 1-2, q2w for Cycles 3-6, then q4w thereafter
CASTOR	Dose: DARA 16 mg/kg Schedule: qw for Cycles 1-3, ¹⁷ q3w on Cycles 4-8, ¹⁸ then q4w thereafter ¹⁹

DARA, daratumumab; qw, weekly; q2w, every 2 weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks; q3w, every 3 weeks; Vd, bortezomib and dexamethasone; VtD, bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone; Pom-d, pomalidomide and dexamethasone.

PK Analyses

- PK analyses were performed on pooled datasets from the POLLUX, CASTOR, GEN503, and MMY1001 studies
- Serum DARA concentrations were evaluated using a validated enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (lower limit of quantitation = 0.2 µg/mL; BioAnalytical Research Corporation Global Central Laboratory, Chert, Belgium; Janssen Research & Development, LLC, Spring House, PA, USA)
- A PK model, which was previously developed using data from DARA monotherapy studies,¹² was used to fit concentration-time data from the combination studies
 - PK modeling was performed using NONMEM[®] 7.2 (ICON, Dublin, Ireland)
 - Data management, post-processing, and graphic analyses of NONMEM[®] runs were performed using the software package R (version 2.15.3)
- Subgroup analyses were performed to evaluate the relationship between patient/disease characteristics and DARA exposure
- Exposure-response analyses examined the relationship between DARA exposure (maximal pre-infusion [trough] concentration [$C_{pre-infusion,max}$]) and efficacy (progression-free survival, duration of response [DOR], overall response rate [ORR]) and safety (thrombocytopenia, anemia, neutropenia, lymphopenia, and infection) endpoints
 - Exposure-efficacy analyses were performed by study (ie, POLLUX, CASTOR, and MMY1001)
 - Exposure-safety analyses were performed according to combination regimen (ie, DRd [POLLUX and GEN503], DvD [CASTOR], and DARA plus Pom-d [MMY1001])
 - Because the majority of infusion-related reactions (IRRs) occurred during the first infusion, the predicted end-of-infusion concentration after the first infusion ($C_{max,1st}$) was used for exposure-safety analysis for IRRs

RESULTS

Patients

- The PK dataset included 4,426 measurable PK samples for 694 patients, 684 of whom received DARA 16 mg/kg
 - 2.5% of the PK samples were below the limit of quantitation
- Descriptive statistics of continuous baseline patient and disease covariates are summarized in **Table 3**, and categorical covariates are summarized in **Table 4**

Table 3. Continuous Baseline Covariates*					
	GEN503 N = 44	MMY1001 N = 128	POLLUX N = 282	CASTOR N = 240	Combined N = 694
Weight, kg					
N	44	127	282	240	693
Median	81.5	77.3	73.0	77.8	77.9
(range)	(57.0-120.0)	(41.2-137.0)	(37.0-132.0)	(45.0-134.8)	(37.0-137.0)
Age, y					
N	44	128	282	240	694
Median	61.0	65.0	65.0	63.0	64.0
(range)	(41.0-76.0)	(35.0-86.0)	(34.0-89.0)	(30.0-84.0)	(30.0-89.0)
Albumin, g/L					
N	44	128	282	240	694
Median	38.0	36.0	38.0	39.0	38.0
(range)	(16.0-46.5)	(21.0-50.0)	(17.0-51.0)	(13.7-52.0)	(3.7-52.0)
Creatinine clearance, mL/min					
N	44	127	282	240	693
Median	92.2	72.8	74.0	80.6	77.8
(range)	(42.6-224.7)	(26.1-176.4)	(24.0-266.5)	(21.1-208.7)	(21.1-266.5)
Total bilirubin, µmol/L					
N	44	128	280	240	692
Median	5.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	7.7
(range)	(1.7-11.5)	(2.6-60.0)	(2.9-29.0)	(2.0-100.7)	(1.7-100.7)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate, mL/min/1.73 m ²					
N	44	128	282	240	694
Median	76.1	68.4	74.2	72.2	72.6
(range)	(27.9-278.2)	(8.5-191.1)	(24.0-231.8)	(18.3-165.4)	(8.5-278.2)

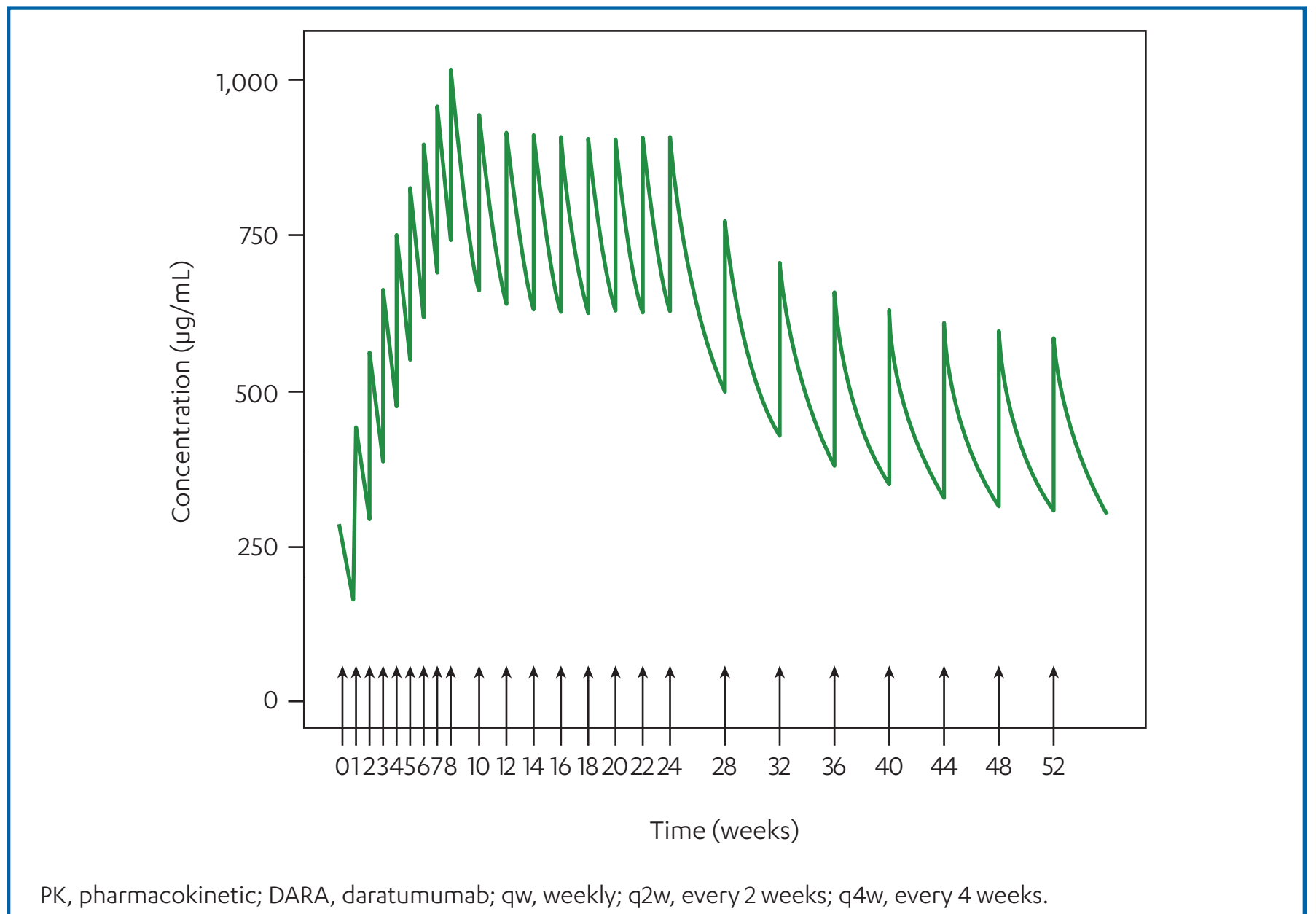
*Statistics were calculated before imputation of missing values.

Table 4. Categorical Baseline Covariates					
	GEN503 N = 44	MMY1001 N = 128	POLLUX N = 282	CASTOR N = 240	Combined N = 694
Dose group (N = 694), n (%)					
2 mg/kg	3 (6.8)	–	–	–	3 (0.4)
4 mg/kg	3 (6.8)	–	–	–	3 (0.4)
8 mg/kg	4 (9.1)	–	–	–	4 (0.6)
16 mg/kg	34 (77.3)	128 (100)	282 (100)	240 (100)	684 (98.6)
Sex (N = 694), n (%)					
Men	31 (70.5)	71 (55.5)	170 (60.3)	131 (54.6)	403 (58.1)
Women	13 (29.5)	57 (44.5)	112 (39.7)	109 (45.4)	291 (41.9)
Race (N = 694), n (%)					
White	42 (95.5)	95 (74.2)	203 (72.0)	201 (83.8)	541 (78.0)
African American	–	15 (11.7)	5 (1.8)	13 (5.4)	33 (4.8)
Hispanic/Latino	1 (2.3)	9 (7.0)	1 (0.4)	6 (2.5)	17 (2.4)
Asian	1 (2.3)	–	53 (18.8)	12 (5.0)	66 (9.5)
Pacific Islander	–	–	–	1 (0.4)	1 (0.1)
Native American	–	–	–	1 (0.4)	1 (0.1)
Other	–	9 (7.0)	20 (7.1)	6 (2.5)	35 (5.0)
Age (N = 694), n (%)					
<65 years	29 (65.9)	63 (49.2)	131 (46.5)	129 (53.8)	352 (50.7)
65 to <75 years	13 (29.5)	51 (39.8)	122 (43.3)	92 (38.3)	278 (40.1)
≥75 years	2 (4.5)	14 (10.9)	29 (10.3)	19 (7.9)	64 (9.2)
Creatinine clearance (N = 693), n (%)					
>90 mL/min	23 (52.3)	42 (33.1)	97 (34.4)	89 (37.1)	251 (36.2)
>60 to >90 mL/min	17 (38.6)	45 (35.4)	106 (37.6)	96 (40.0)	264 (38.1)
>30 to >60 mL/min	4 (9.1)	38 (29.7)	77 (27.3)	47 (19.6)	164 (24.0)
>15 to >30 mL/min	–	2 (1.6)	2 (0.7)	8 (3.3)	12 (1.7)
Hepatic dysfunction (N = 687), n (%)					
Normal	38 (86.4)	107 (83.6)	254 (92.4)	199 (83.3)	598 (87.2)
Mild	6 (13.6)	19 (14.8)	20 (7.3)	38 (15.9)	83 (12.1)
Moderate	–	2 (1.6)	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	4 (0.6)
Severe	–	–	–	1 (0.4)	1 (0.1)
ECOG status (N = 693), n (%)					
0	26 (59.1)	43 (33.6)	137 (48.6)	103 (43.1)	309 (44.6)
1	17 (38.6)	71 (55.5)	134 (47.5)	123 (51.5)	345 (49.8)
2	1 (2.3)	14 (10.9)	11 (3.9)	13 (5.4)	39 (5.6)
Lines of prior therapy (N = 665), n (%)					
1	15 (34.1)	3 (3.0)	146 (51.8)	118 (49.2)	282 (42.4)
2	14 (31.6)	20 (20.2)	85 (30.1)	64 (26.7)	183 (27.5)
3	12 (27.3)	25 (25.3)	37 (13.1)	37 (15.4)	111 (16.7)
>3	3 (6.8)	51 (51.5)	14 (5.0)	21 (8.8)	89 (13.4)
Type of MM (N = 694), n (%)					
IgG	26 (59.1)	81 (63.3)	162 (57.4)	132 (55.5)	401 (57.8)
Non-IgG	18 (40.9)	47 (36.7)	120 (42.6)	108 (45.0)	293 (42.2)
Refractory status (N = 307), n (%)					
None	30 (68.2)	–	7 (8.9)	5 (5.9)	42 (13.7)
PI only	7 (15.9)	8 (8.1)	55 (69.6)	3 (3.3)	73 (23.8)
IMiD only	3 (6.8)	21 (21.2)	10 (12.7)	69 (81.2)	103 (33.6)
PI and IMiD	4 (9.1)	70 (70.7)	7 (8.9)	8 (9.4)	89 (29.0)
Combination therapy (N = 694), n (%)					
Rd	44 (100)	–	282 (100)	–	326 (47.0)
Vd	–	6 (4.7)	–	240 (100)	246 (35.4)
VtD	–	12 (9.4)	–	–	12 (1.7)
VMP	–	11 (8.6)	–	–	11 (1.6)
Pom-d	–	99 (77.3)	–	–	99 (14.3)

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; MM, multiple myeloma; IgG, immunoglobulin G; PI, proteasome inhibitor; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; Rd, lenalidomide and dexamethasone; Vd, bortezomib and dexamethasone; VtD, bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone; Pom-d, pomalidomide and dexamethasone.

Effect of Patient and Disease Characteristics on DARA Exposure

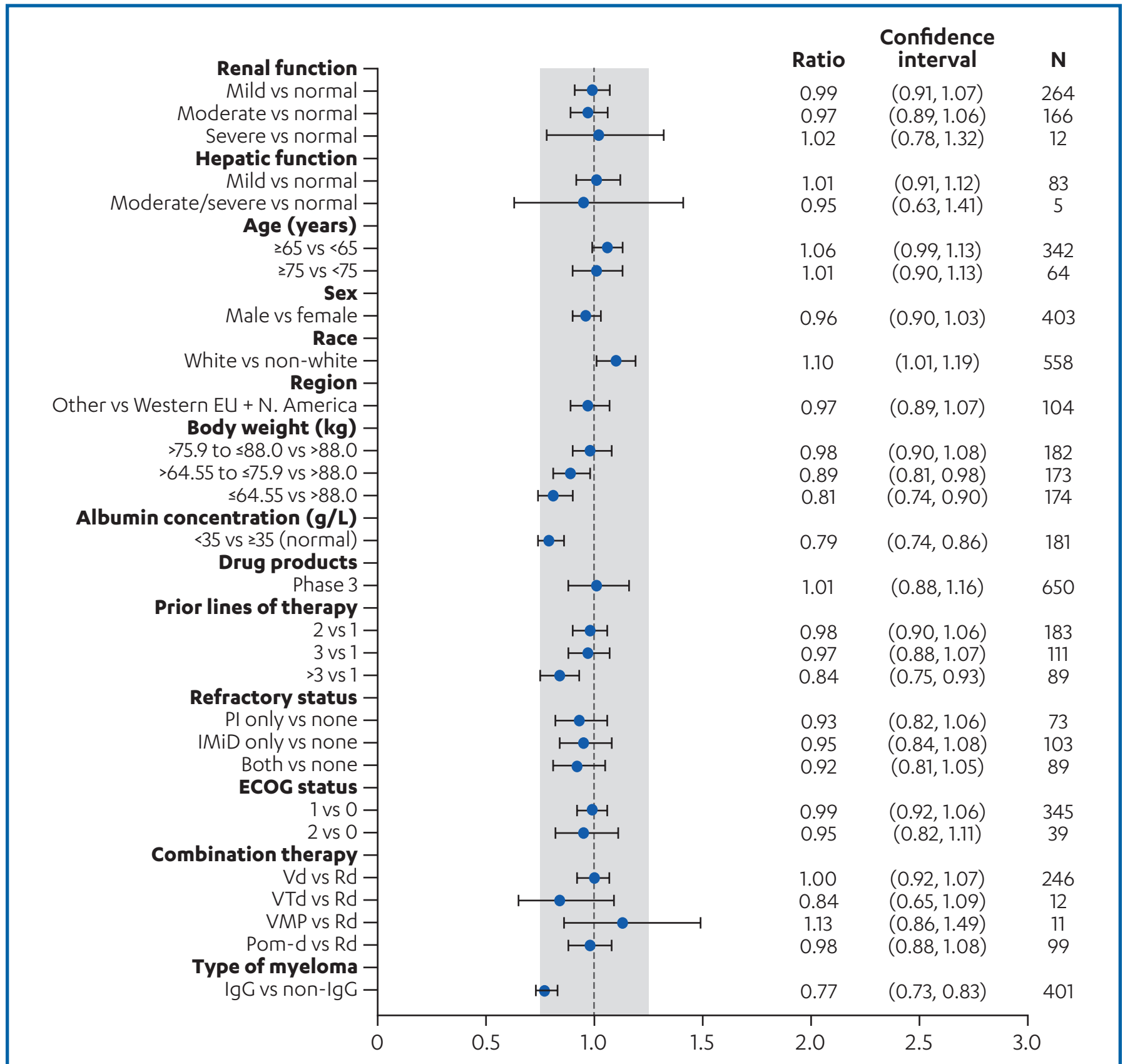
- PK of DARA were similar between monotherapy and combination therapy studies
 - Concentration-time data were adequately described by a 2-compartment PK model with parallel linear and non-linear Michaelis-Menten eliminations
 - The model-derived half-life associated with linear elimination was 23.3 ± 11.8 days in the combination studies and 18 ± 9 days in the monotherapy studies
 - As in the monotherapy studies, steady state was reached at approximately 5 months into the every 4 weeks dosing period (**Figure 1**)



PK, pharmacokinetic; DARA, daratumumab; qw, weekly; q2w, every 2 weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks.

Figure 1. Typical PK profile of DARA under the recommended dose and dosing schedule of POLLUX (16 mg/kg qw for 8 weeks, q2w for 16 weeks, and q4w thereafter).

- Similar to findings from the monotherapy studies, the concentration of DARA was statistically lower in patients with an abnormal albumin level and immunoglobulin G myeloma; however, the magnitude of the effects was small (<25%) and not clinically relevant
- The effects of other intrinsic and extrinsic factors (age, sex, race, renal, and hepatic impairment, type of combination therapy, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group status, refractory status, and number of prior lines of therapy) on DARA exposure were not clinically important (**Figure 2**)
 - These data were similar (within <25%) to the results of subgroup analyses of data from the monotherapy studies
- Consistent with results from the monotherapy studies, clearance and volume of distribution of DARA increased with increasing body weight (**Figure 2**); however, DARA exposure was consistent across a range of body weights when administered on a mg/kg basis



DARA, daratumumab; PI, proteasome inhibitor; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; Vd, bortezomib and dexamethasone; Rd, lenalidomide and dexamethasone; VtD, bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone; VMP, bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone; Pom-d, pomalidomide and dexamethasone.

Figure 2. Effect of covariates on DARA exposure.

Exposure-efficacy Analysis

- The risk of disease progression and death decreased with increasing DARA exposure, based on data from the POLLUX, CASTOR, and MMY1001 studies
 - The rate of decrease of relative hazard appeared to slow down when $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ was >250 µg/mL, suggesting that there would be limited additional benefit to DARA $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ >250 µg/mL (**Figure 3A**)
 - >90% of patients in POLLUX and CASTOR and >80% of patients in MMY1001 had $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ >250 µg/mL
 - These data are consistent with the concentration at which 90% maximal effect on ORR (274 µg/mL) was observed in the monotherapy studies
 - Similarly, risk of disease progression and death in responders decreased with DARA exposure based on data from the POLLUX and CASTOR studies
 - When $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ was >250 µg/mL, the rate of decrease of relative hazard appeared to slow down, suggesting a limited benefit to DARA concentrations above 250 µg/mL (**Figure 3B**)
 - >90% of patients in POLLUX and CASTOR had $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ >250 µg/mL
 - No relationship was observed between $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ and DOR in MMY1001; this may be due to the smaller overall patient numbers or the narrower range of concentrations observed in responders

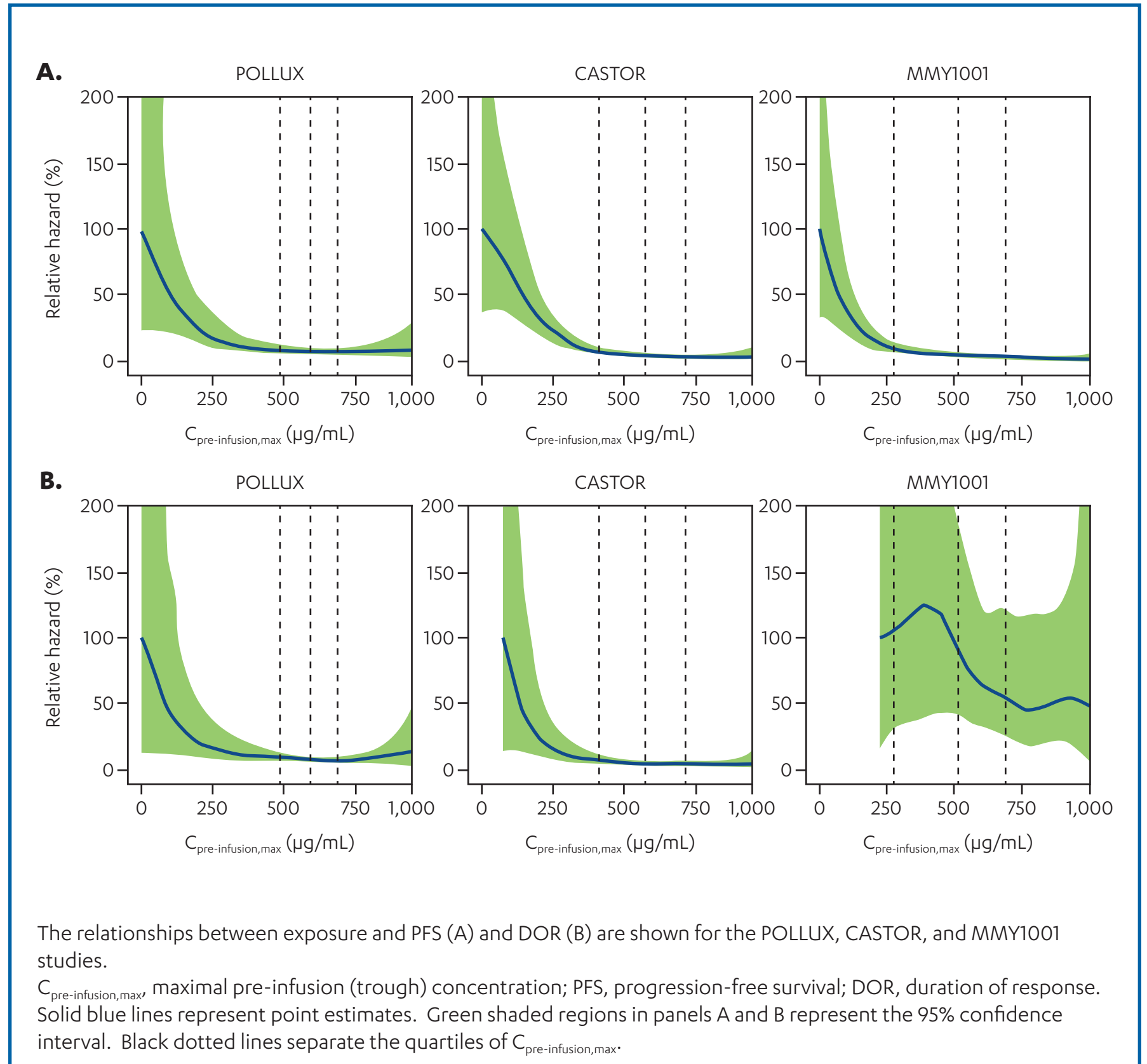
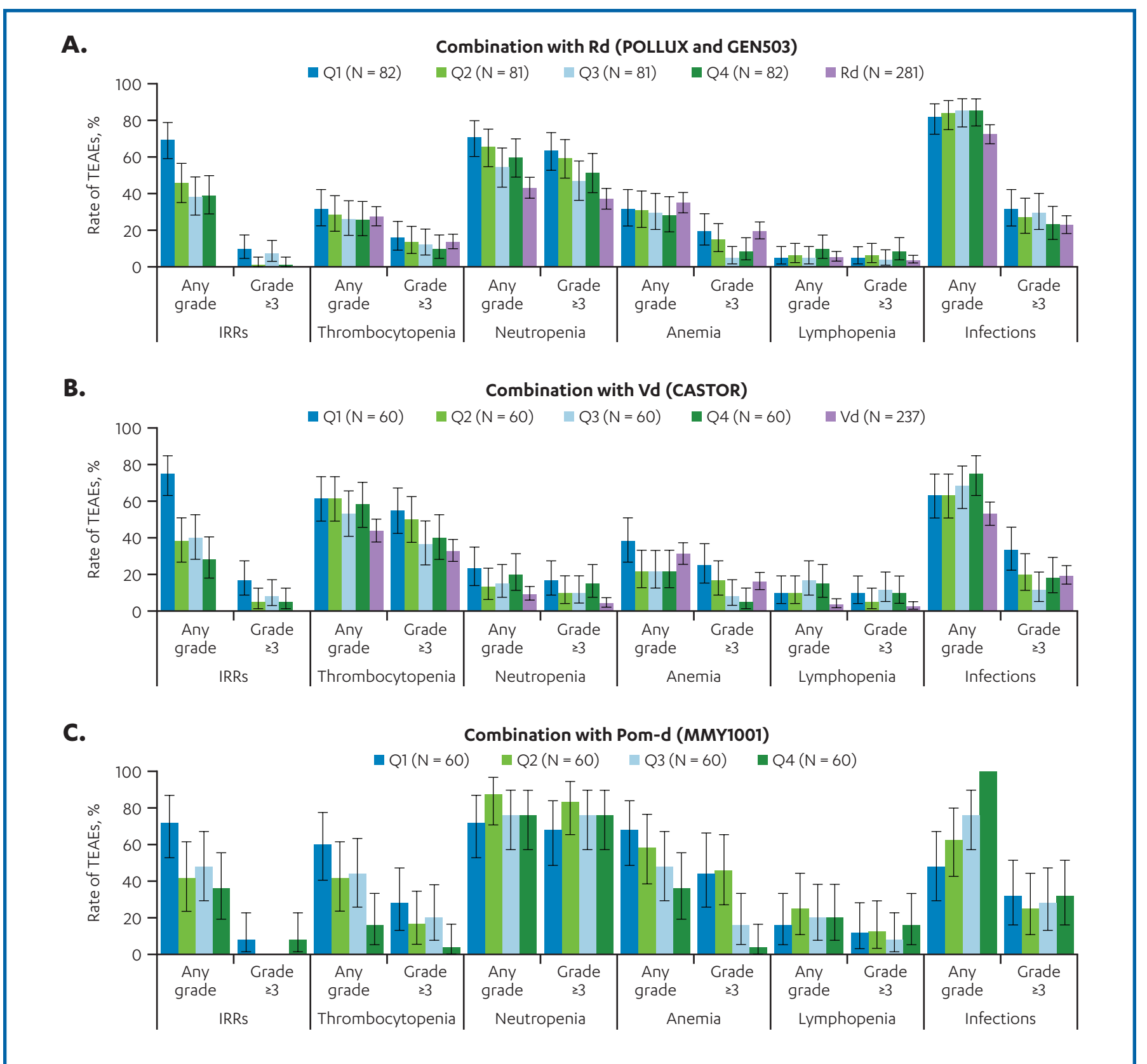


Figure 3. Relative hazard of disease progression and death at different $C_{pre-infusion,max}$.

Exposure-safety Analysis

- No relationship between $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ and IRRs was observed within the studied DARA concentration range, regardless of whether DARA was combined with Rd, Vd, or Pom-d (**Figure 4**)
- Similarly, no relationship was apparent between $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ and thrombocytopenia, anemia, neutropenia, lymphopenia, or infection within the studied concentration range, across all combination regimens (**Figure 4**)
 - A trend toward an increased rate of infections of any grade was observed, but did not reach statistical significance; this trend was not mirrored in the rate of grade ≥3 infections
 - These analyses are consistent with the results from similar exposure-safety analyses of data from monotherapy studies



TAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; DARA, daratumumab; DRd, daratumumab plus lenalidomide and dexamethasone; DvD, daratumumab plus bortezomib and dexamethasone; Pom-d, pomalidomide and dexamethasone; Q, quartile; IRR, infusion-related reaction; Vd, bortezomib and dexamethasone; CI, confidence interval; $C_{pre-infusion,max}$, end-of-infusion concentration after the first infusion; $C_{pre-infusion,max}$, maximal pre-infusion (trough) concentration. Error bars represent 95% CIs. End-of-infusion concentration after $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ was used as the exposure measure for analyses of IRRs. $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ was used as the exposure measure for all other analyses. The quartiles for $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ were: 1st quartile (<247 µg/mL), 2nd quartile (247-303 µg/mL), 3rd quartile (303-347 µg/mL), and 4th quartile (347-464 µg/mL). The quartiles for $C_{pre-infusion,max}$ were: 1st quartile (<240 µg/mL), 2nd quartile (240-303 µg/mL), 3rd quartile (303-347 µg/mL), and 4th quartile (347-464 µg/mL).

Figure 4. Rate of TAEs by DARA-exposure quartiles for DRd (A), DvD (B), and DARA plus Pom-d (C).

CONCLUSIONS

- The PK of DARA were similar between monotherapy and combination therapy studies
- No clinically relevant demographic or clinical characteristics were identified and, thus, no dose adjustments based on patient or disease characteristics are recommended
- This exposure-response analysis supports the use of the recommended dose and dose schedule of DARA in combination therapy
 - Maximum clinical benefit was maintained throughout dosing
 - No relationship between exposure and safety signals was identified

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