

# Characterisation Of Time-To-Treatment-Discontinuation (TTTD) As A Proxy for Progression-Free Survival (PFS) In Real-World-Evidence (RWE) Based Analyses Of Relapsed-Refractory Multiple Myeloma (RRMM)

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## Introduction

- Progression Free Survival (PFS) is often used as an endpoint in oncology trials, and is constructed from many biomarkers/imaging data types
- The **ability to construct PFS in real-world data (rwPFS) is constrained by what data is collected** in routine clinical practice, and what is recorded electronically
- Consequently, **time-to-treatment-discontinuation (TTTD) has seen use as a proxy for PFS** in real-world external control arm studies (and vice-versa for economic modelling)
- The ability of TTTD to act as a proxy for PFS requires characterisation
- The **large patient numbers, deep biochemistry data, and comprehensive anti-cancer therapy data** of the Arcturis UK dataset enable assessment of the **suitability of TTTD as a proxy for PFS**

## Objectives

- Construct cohorts** of RRMM patients who fulfilled the prior therapy requirements of **GEN501/SIRIUS**<sup>1,2</sup> and received subsequent daratumumab or **pomalidomide** at index
- Build a framework** to approximate the HTA assessment of daratumumab as a novel therapy against a comparator therapy of pomalidomide (e.g., NICE TA7633)
- Characterise the delay between progression and TTTD** and **identify patterns** across quantiles of time-to-progression and therapy type
- Compare the **treatment effect of daratumumab against pomalidomide** when the outcome is **rwPFS**, or when **TTTD is used in the pomalidomide arm and rwPFS is used in the daratumumab arm** (simulating a scenario in which an ECA cannot provide PFS)

## Methods

1. **Patients with MM (ICD-10 code C90.0)** were retrospectively identified between 2000 and 2023 from the Arcturis UK dataset using de-identified secondary care EHR.

2. **Arcturis' proprietary Lines of Therapy (LoT) algorithm** was applied to anti-cancer therapy data to construct patient lines of therapy.

3. **Inclusion and exclusion criteria** of SIRIUS+GEN501 were applied to RWD.

4. **rwPFS** was constructed by **applying IMWG criteria to real-world biochemistry and mortality data**, TTTD was constructed from anti-cancer therapy data

5. Differences between TTTD and time-to-progression were calculated by exposure status and quantile of time-to-progression

6. **Average treatment effect between daratumumab and pomalidomide was estimated with IPTW weighted Cox-PH with rwPFS used in each arm, or rwPFS in the daratumumab arm and TTTD in the pomalidomide arm, with ATE as the target estimand**

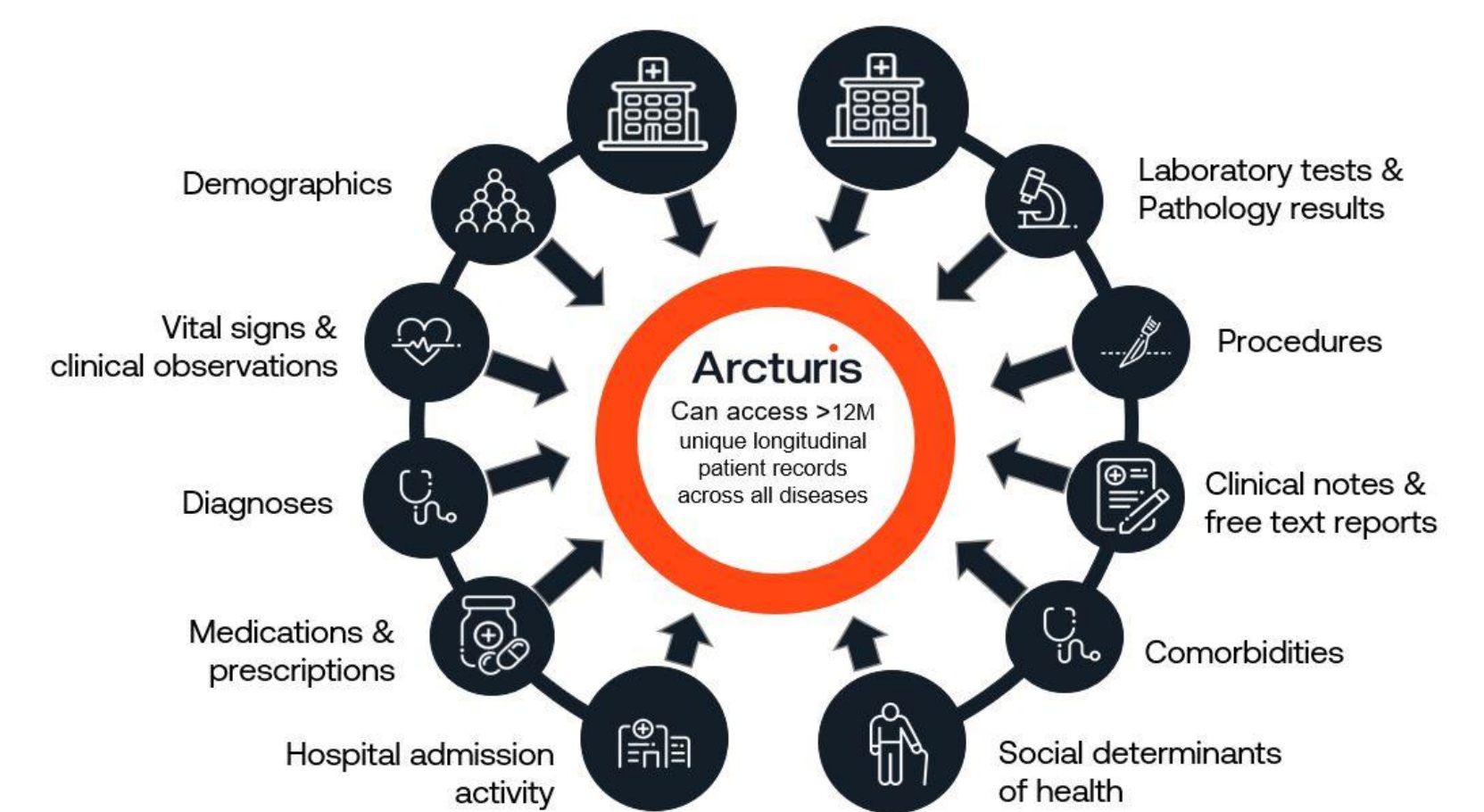


Figure 1. Types of data included in the Arcturis UK dataset

## Results

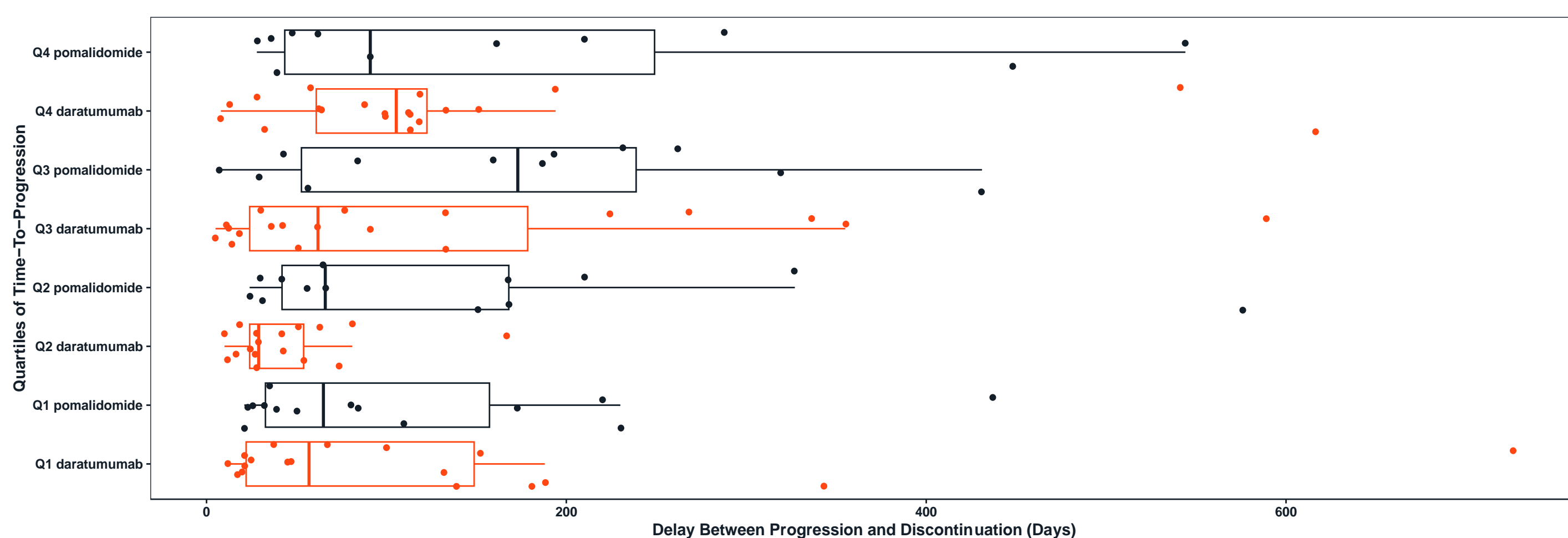


Figure 2. Distribution of delay from time-to-progression and TTTD, stratified by exposure therapy. **Pomalidomide** exposure is generally associated with a larger time delay from progression to discontinuation than **daratumumab**, particularly in Q2 and Q4.

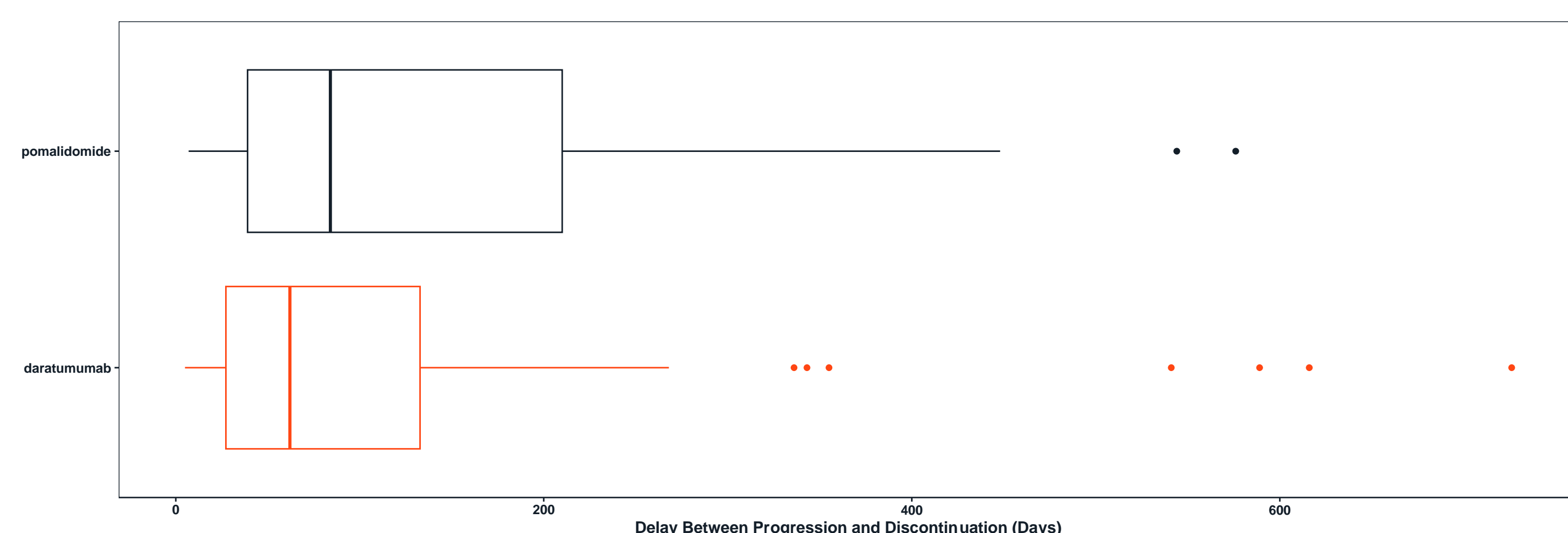


Figure 3. Distribution of delay from time-to-progression to TTTD amongst patients who had a progression event and subsequent discontinuation event, and who did not die on the date of progression, stratified by the quantile of time-to-progression and therapy type. **Pomalidomide** exposure is associated with a larger time delay from progression to discontinuation than **daratumumab**.

- A cohort of  $N = 291$  ( $N = 177$  daratumumab;  $N = 114$  pomalidomide) suitable subjects were identified in the Arcturis MM dataset
- Differences** in the delay between progression and discontinuation were seen **across exposure status and quantile of time to progression**, particularly in **Q2 and Q4**, with **pomalidomide** patients staying on therapy for longer after progression on average (Figure 2; Figure 3)
- Using **rwPFS** as the outcome in both arms demonstrates a superior progression free period in **daratumumab** treated subjects (Table 1)
- Using **TTTD** as a proxy for PFS in the control arm results in a smaller estimate of the treatment effect of **daratumumab**, both in the point estimate and 95% CI (Table 1)
- The similarity in the weighted effective sample size (ESS) and size of the unweighted **daratumumab** and **pomalidomide** arms reflects a **similar distribution of baseline covariates in these populations**
- Proportional hazards were maintained in all analyses

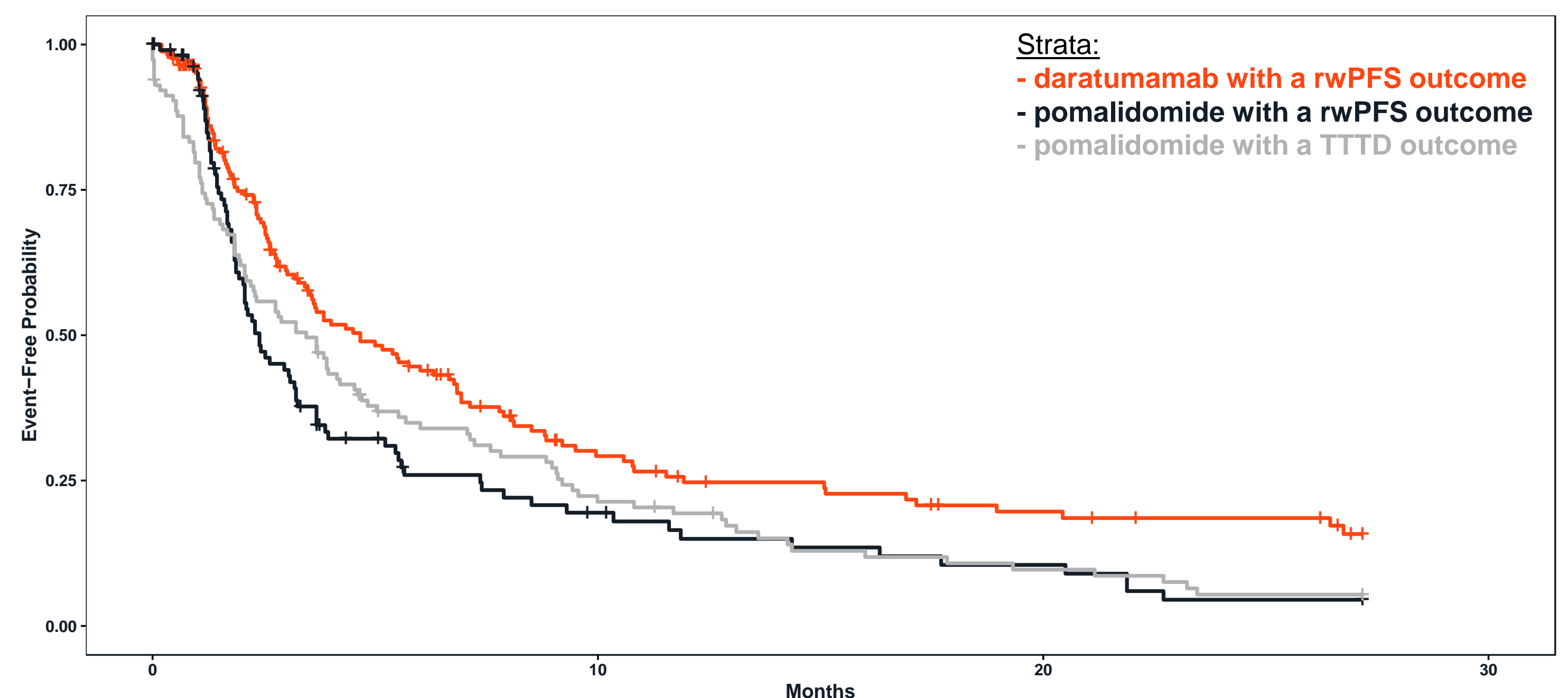


Figure 4. Kaplan-Meier estimated survival distributions for **daratumumab with a rwPFS outcome**, **pomalidomide with a rwPFS outcome** and **pomalidomide with a TTTD outcome**

	Daratumumab <sub>rwPFS</sub> Pomalidomide <sub>rwPFS</sub>	Daratumumab <sub>rwPFS</sub> Pomalidomide <sub>TTTD</sub>
<b>Hazard Ratio (95% CI)</b>	0.65 (0.49, 0.86)	0.71 (0.55, 0.93)
<b>Schoenfeld Residual Test P-Value</b>	0.78	0.28
<b>ESS (N, Percentage of Observed Arm Size)</b>	Pomalidomide: 113.14 (99.25%) Daratumumab: 176.36 (99.64%)	

Table 1. Weighted Cox-PH estimated hazard ratios, 95% CIs, p-values for tests of proportional hazards, effective sample size after weighting. In each analysis daratumumab is compared with a control of pomalidomide across pairs of outcomes (rwPFS, or rwPFS in the daratumumab arm and TTTD in the pomalidomide arm).

## Conclusions

- The **delay between progression and discontinuation in real-world data varies** with the time taken to reach progressive disease and the type of therapy being administered
- Heterogeneity means that **TTTD suitability as a PFS proxy depends on the context**
- Covariate balance in the pomalidomide and daratumumab arms was strong before weighting, and sample size was maintained after weighting
- Use of TTTD as a proxy for PFS in real-world cohorts may bias estimates of comparative effectiveness**

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