

Treatment optimization for multiple myeloma: schedule-dependent synergistic cytotoxicity of pomalidomide and carfilzomib in *in vitro* and *ex vivo* models

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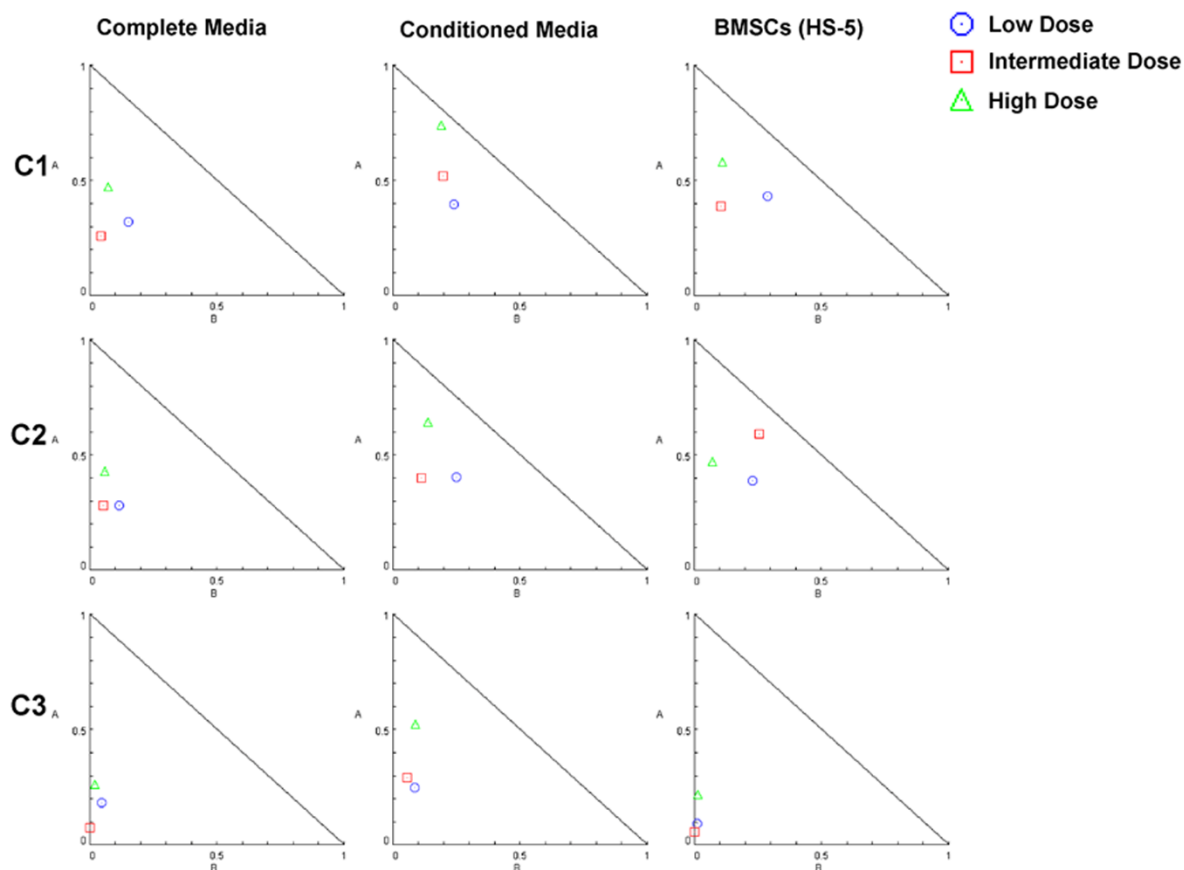
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IC₅₀ μM	CAR	POM	IC₅₀ μM	BOR	LEN
MM1.S (24h)	0,00626	10,19470	MM1.S (24h)	0,00718	13,00070
MM1.S (48h)	0,00404	5,77992	MM1.S (48h)	0,00572	8,35488
RPMI-R5 (24h)	0,020298	25,98430	RPMI-R5 (24h)	0,03049	34,13540
RPMI-R5 (48h)	0,104180	15,99215	RPMI-R5 (48h)	0,01639	19,06771
IC₅₀ μM	CAR	POM			
U266 (24h)	0,01034	17,05520			
U266 (48h)	0,06362	8,97320			
NCI-H929 (24h)	0,00915	10,06819			
NCI-H9292 (48h)	0,00552	5,95379			
KMS12.BM (24h)	0,01225	10,99550			
KMS12.BM (48h)	0,00881	6,92362			
OPM-2 (24h)	0,01175	11,56482			
OPM-2 (48h)	0,00517	6,92362			

Table S1. IC₅₀ is the concentration of a drug that gives half-maximal response.

MM1.S



Supplementary S1. MM1.S isobolograms. Isobologram analysis of cytotoxic interaction of CAR and POM under stromal free conditions and in co-culture with HS-5 cells. Cell proliferation was measured by MTT assays and expressed as a percentage of the corresponding untreated cells. Dose response curves of each combination were generated to make non-constant normalized isobolograms. The isobolograms shown are representative of one experiment. Low dose-*blue circle*, intermediate dose-*red square*, high dose-*green triangle*.

Combination Index assessment. The mode of interaction between PIs and IMiDs could be analyzed by the Chou and Talalay method (*Chou TC. Cancer research. 2010 Jan 15;70(2):440-6*). In order to assess whether the interactions between PIs and IMiDs were synergistic, additive, or antagonistic, combination indexes (CIs) were calculated using CompuSyn software according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, to generate isobolograms, we first obtained the dose-response curves of PIs and IMiDs in combination under each culture condition. Then, we generated non-constant normalized isobolograms and determined the CI values at IC₅₀ using CompuSyn software (*Chou TC. Cancer research. 2010 Jan 15;70(2):440-6; Chou TC, Talalay P. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).

MM1.S (24h)

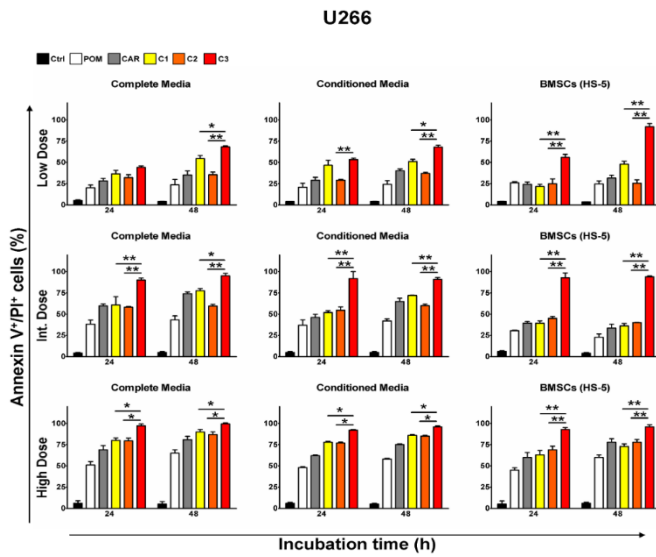
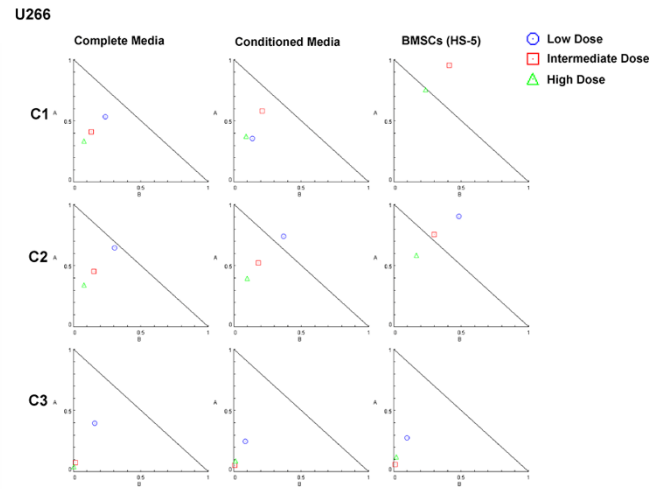
	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.513	0.053	0.415	0.022	0.264	0.051
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.659	0.030	0.647	0.033	0.139	0.048
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.753	0.039	0.682	0.039	0.362	0.039
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.348	0.060	0.382	0.068	0.089	0.016
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.739	0.030	0.865	0.021	0.073	0.024
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.543	0.066	0.581	0.098	0.289	0.083
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.589	0.057	0.534	0.065	0.272	0.017
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.513	0.024	0.594	0.064	0.222	0.017
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.723	0.039	0.826	0.062	0.587	0.038

MM1.S (48h)

	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.476	0.090	0.404	0.064	0.078	0.002
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.831	0.070	0.584	0.066	0.065	0.007
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	1.484	0.023	1.057	0.061	0.475	0.035
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.424	0.065	0.400	0.071	0.095	0.007
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.751	0.069	0.886	0.020	0.077	0.004
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.685	0.064	0.654	0.064	0.373	0.047
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.745	0.064	0.572	0.068	0.287	0.021
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.981	0.002	0.953	0.039	0.135	0.095
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.866	0.076	0.963	0.053	0.517	0.024

Table S2. Combination index (CI) and standard deviations (SD) for various MM *in vitro* models exposed to CAR and POM in three differing schedules: simultaneous exposure to CAR and POM (C1), CAR 10h prior to POM (C2) and POM 10h prior CAR (C3). Three different dosages of CAR

and POM were used: low dose (2 nM and 2 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively), intermediate dose (4 nM and 4 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively) and high dose (8 nM and 8 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively). All experiments were performed twice in triplicate measurements. CI calculated using CompuSyn software. CI<1 synergistic interaction, CI=1 additive interaction and CI>1 antagonistic interaction (*Chou TC, Talalay P. Quantitative analysis of dose-effect relationships: the combined effects of multiple drugs or enzyme inhibitors. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).

A**B**

Supplementary S2. (A) Apoptotic rate on U266 cell line. Early and late apoptotic events on U266 cells upon exposure to either CAR or POM using as single agent or in combination for up to 48h were measured by flow cytometry. Values shown in histograms are mean \pm SD of two independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$. Control-black bars, Pomalidomide-white bars, Carfilzomib-grey bars, C1-yellow bars, C2-orange bars, C3-red bars. **(B) U266 isobolograms.** Isobologram analysis of cytotoxic interaction of CAR and POM under stromal free conditions and in co-culture with HS-5 cells. Cell proliferation was measured by MTT assays and expressed as a percentage of the corresponding untreated cells. Dose response curves of each combination were generated to make non-constant normalized isobolograms. The isobolograms shown are representative of one experiment. Low dose-blue circle, intermediate dose-red square, high dose-green triangle.

U266 (24h)

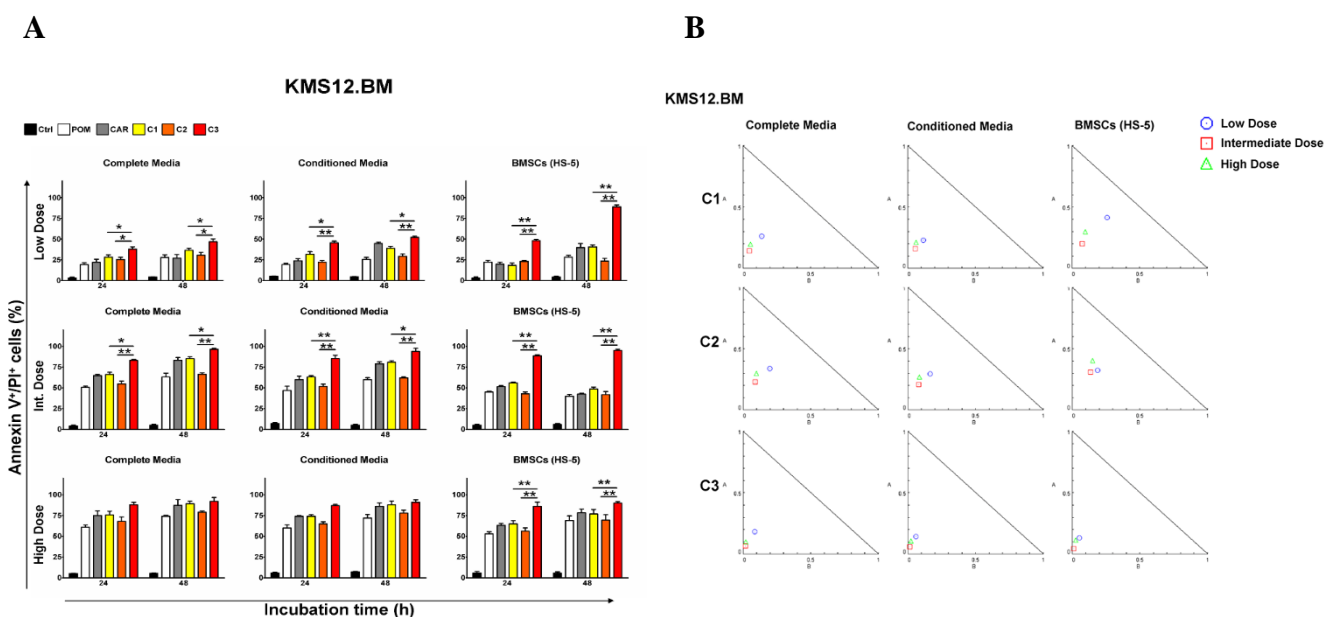
	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.822	0.068	0.977	0.033	0.502	0.074
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	1.806	0.132	1.394	0.008	0.348	0.017
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.543	0.066	1.156	0.063	0.378	0.003
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.591	0.069	0.654	0.065	0.089	0.001
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	1.382	0.026	1.128	0.101	0.066	0.006
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.832	0.054	0.753	0.066	0.075	0.006
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.476	0.090	0.472	0.068	0.048	0.003
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.996	0.005	0.756	0.005	0.102	0.003
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.513	0.066	0.537	0.060	0.121	0.029

U266 (48h)

	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.872	0.068	1.658	0.081	0.438	0.068
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	1.076	0.034	2.468	0.379	0.113	0.005
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.957	0.032	1.452	0.214	0.441	0.071
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.681	0.055	1.330	0.042	0.136	0.022
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	3.258	0.081	2.608	0.295	0.154	0.041
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.905	0.105	1.270	0.098	0.236	0.037
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.623	0.066	0.803	0.094	0.046	0.006
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.970	0.015	1.168	0.045	0.364	0.077
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.831	0.056	0.913	0.094	0.235	0.035

Table S3. Combination index (CI) and standard deviations (SD) for various MM *in vitro* models exposed to CAR and POM in three differing schedules: simultaneous exposure to CAR and POM (C1), CAR 10h prior to POM (C2) and POM 10h prior CAR (C3). Three different dosages of CAR and POM were used: low dose (2 nM and 2 μM for CAR and POM, respectively), intermediate dose

(4 nM and 4 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively) and high dose (8 nM and 8 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively). All experiments were performed twice in triplicate measurements. CI calculated using CompuSyn software. CI<1 synergistic interaction, CI=1 additive interaction and CI>1 antagonistic interaction (*Chou TC, Talalay P. Quantitative analysis of dose-effect relationships: the combined effects of multiple drugs or enzyme inhibitors. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).



Supplementary S3. (A) Apoptotic rate on KMS12.BM cell line. Early and late apoptotic events on KMS12.BM cells upon exposure to either CAR or POM using as single agent or in combination for up to 48h were measured by flow cytometry. Values shown in histograms are mean \pm SD of two independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$. Control-black bars, Pomalidomide-white bars, Carfilzomib-grey bars, C1-yellow bars, C2-orange bars, C3-red bars. **(B) KMS12.BM isobolograms.** Isobologram analysis of cytotoxic interaction of CAR and POM under stromal free conditions and in co-culture with HS-5 cells. Cell proliferation was measured by MTT assays and expressed as a percentage of the corresponding untreated cells. Dose response curves of each combination were generated to make non-constant normalized isobolograms. The isobolograms shown are representative of one experiment. Low dose-blue circle, intermediate dose-red square, high dose-green triangle.

KMS12.BM (24h)

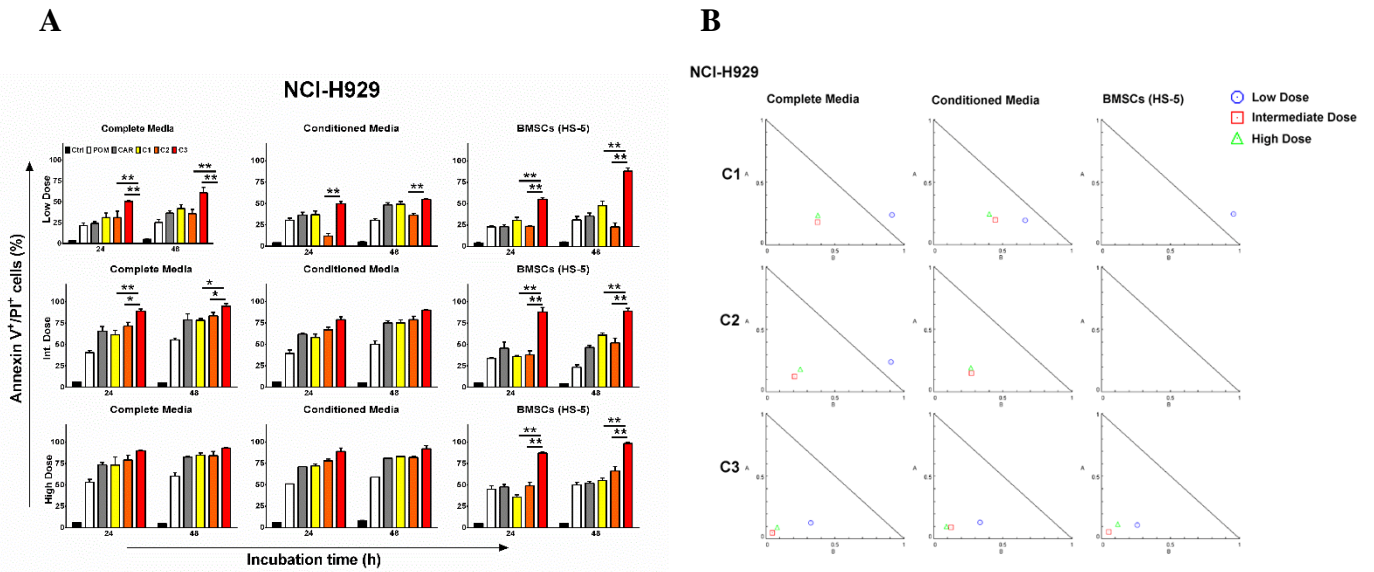
	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.451	0.069	0.510	0.070	0.250	0.029
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.718	0.060	0.561	0.069	0.153	0.047
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.398	0.073	0.590	0.071	0.217	0.018
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.201	0.013	0.340	0.070	0.088	0.003
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.330	0.071	0.493	0.067	0.063	0.009
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.218	0.003	0.371	0.069	0.082	0.011
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.302	0.068	0.404	0.065	0.122	0.001
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.450	0.070	0.603	0.067	0.170	0.042
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.323	0.067	0.450	0.070	0.166	0.048

KMS12.BM (48h)

	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.511	0.070	0.621	0.069	0.374	0.065
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.451	0.069	0.811	0.070	0.059	0.002
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.474	0.065	0.651	0.069	0.194	0.119
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.178	0.045	0.392	0.068	0.046	0.005
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.664	0.065	0.784	0.022	0.042	0.018
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.243	0.080	0.451	0.070	0.053	0.019
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.271	0.069	0.461	0.069	0.139	0.041
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.450	0.070	0.664	0.066	0.168	0.054
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.291	0.069	0.481	0.069	0.169	0.027

Table S4. Combination index (CI) and standard deviations (SD) for various MM in vitro models exposed to CAR and POM in three differing schedules: simultaneous exposure to CAR and POM

(C1), CAR 10h prior to POM (C2) and POM 10h prior CAR (C3). Three different dosages of CAR and POM were used: low dose (2 nM and 2 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively), intermediate dose (4 nM and 4 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively) and high dose (8 nM and 8 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively). All experiments were performed twice in triplicate measurements. CI calculated using CompuSyn software. $CI < 1$ synergistic interaction, $CI = 1$ additive interaction and $CI > 1$ antagonistic interaction (Chou TC, Talalay P. *Quantitative analysis of dose-effect relationships: the combined effects of multiple drugs or enzyme inhibitors. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).



Supplementary S4. (A) Apoptotic rate on NCI-H929 cell line. Early and late apoptotic events on NCI-H929 cells upon exposure to either CAR or POM using as single agent or in combination for up to 48h were measured by flow cytometry. Values shown in histograms are mean \pm SD of two independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$. Control-black bars, Pomalidomide-white bars, Carfilzomib-grey bars, C1-yellow bars, C2-orange bars, C3-red bars. **(B) NCI-H929 isobolograms.** Isobologram analysis of cytotoxic interaction of CAR and POM under stromal free conditions and in co-culture with HS-5 cells. Cell proliferation was measured by MTT assays and expressed as a percentage of the corresponding untreated cells. Dose response curves of each combination were generated to make non-constant normalized isobolograms. The isobolograms shown are representative of one experiment. Low dose-blue circle, intermediate dose-red square, high dose-green triangle.

NCI.H929 (24h)

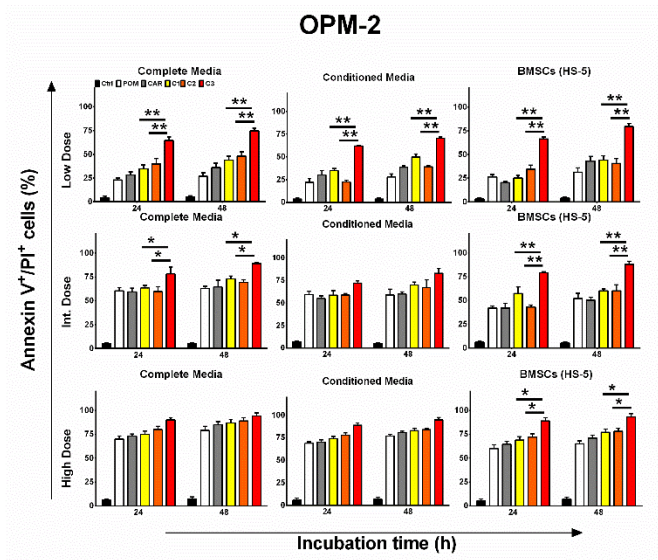
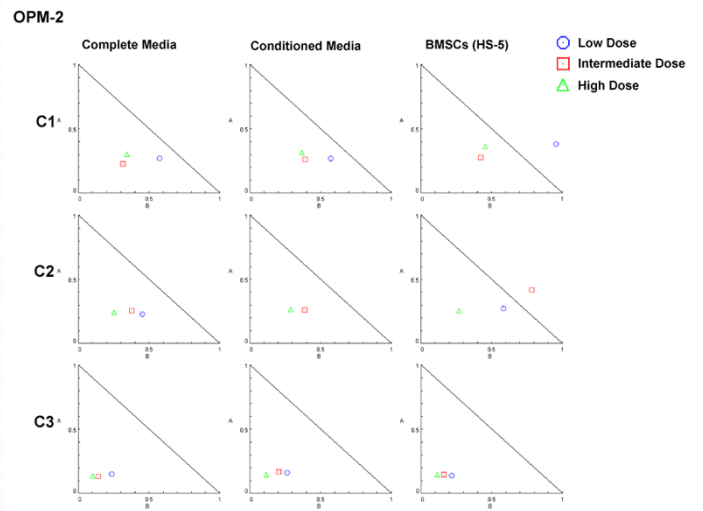
	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	1.137	0.024	1.174	0.037	0.476	0.034
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	1.251	0.069	1.906	0.133	0.385	0.021
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.882	0.025	4.398	0.591	0.484	0.023
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.603	0.066	0.393	0.081	0.099	0.001
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	1.860	0.057	1.720	0.114	0.154	0.065
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.694	0.065	0.482	0.083	0.224	0.009
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.664	0.068	0.487	0.074	0.188	0.017
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	3.488	0.266	1.924	0.062	0.218	0.025
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.702	0.068	0.502	0.054	0.198	0.003

NCI.H929 (48h)

	<i>Experimental condition</i>	<i>CAR (nM)</i>	<i>POM (μM)</i>	<i>Simultaneous exposure C1</i>		<i>CAR pre-exposure (10h) C2</i>		<i>POM pre-exposure (10h) C3</i>	
				CI	SD	CI	SD	CI	SD
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.858	0.060	1.159	0.057	0.284	0.076
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.673	0.067	2.286	0.264	0.047	0.025
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.634	0.065	1.097	0.004	0.426	0.037
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.321	0.069	0.211	0.028	0.056	0.005
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.722	0.068	1.061	0.055	0.114	0.006
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.381	0.070	0.295	0.049	0.108	0.003
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.386	0.062	0.414	0.065	0.122	0.031
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	1.641	0.199	1.076	0.035	0.036	0.005
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.443	0.066	0.473	0.066	0.138	0.040

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(C1), CAR 10h prior to POM (C2) and POM 10h prior CAR (C3). Three different dosages of CAR and POM were used: low dose (2 nM and 2 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively), intermediate dose (4 nM and 4 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively) and high dose (8 nM and 8 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively). All experiments were performed twice in triplicate measurements. CI calculated using CompuSyn software. $CI < 1$ synergistic interaction, $CI = 1$ additive interaction and $CI > 1$ antagonistic interaction (Chou TC, Talalay P. *Quantitative analysis of dose-effect relationships: the combined effects of multiple drugs or enzyme inhibitors. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).

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Supplementary S5. (A) Apoptotic rate on OPM-2 cell line. Early and late apoptotic events on OPM-2 cells upon exposure to either CAR or POM using as single agent or in combination for up to 48h were measured by flow cytometry. Values shown in histograms are mean \pm SD of two independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$. Control-black bars, Pomalidomide-white bars, Carfilzomib-grey bars, C1-yellow bars, C2-orange bars, C3-red bars. **(B) OPM-2 isobolograms.** Isobologram analysis of cytotoxic interaction of CAR and POM under stromal free conditions and in co-culture with HS-5 cells. Cell proliferation was measured by MTT assays and expressed as a percentage of the corresponding untreated cells. Dose response curves of each combination were generated to make non-constant normalized isobolograms. The isobolograms shown are representative of one experiment. Low dose-blue circle, intermediate dose-red square, high dose-green triangle.

OPM-2 (24h)

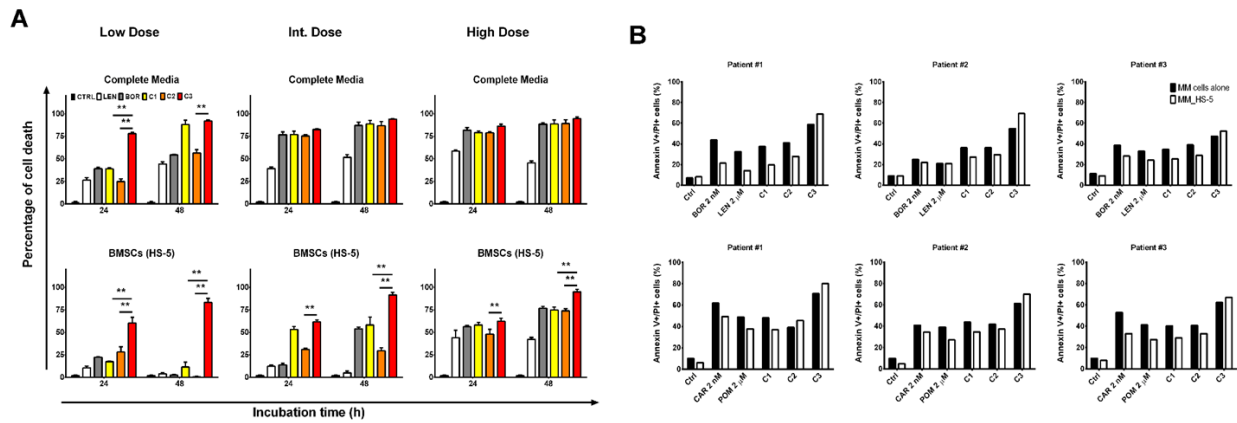
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				<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.864	0.022	0.692	0.011	0.393	0.010
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	1.369	0.044	0.869	0.016	0.355	0.007
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.861	0.027	1.581	0.027	0.453	0.039
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.562	0.026	0.661	0.040	0.288	0.017
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.740	0.056	1.218	0.017	0.314	0.008
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.673	0.024	0.675	0.035	0.387	0.018
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.655	0.008	0.519	0.030	0.269	0.044
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.830	0.013	0.548	0.031	0.286	0.034
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.701	0.027	0.578	0.031	0.286	0.034

OPM-2 (48h)

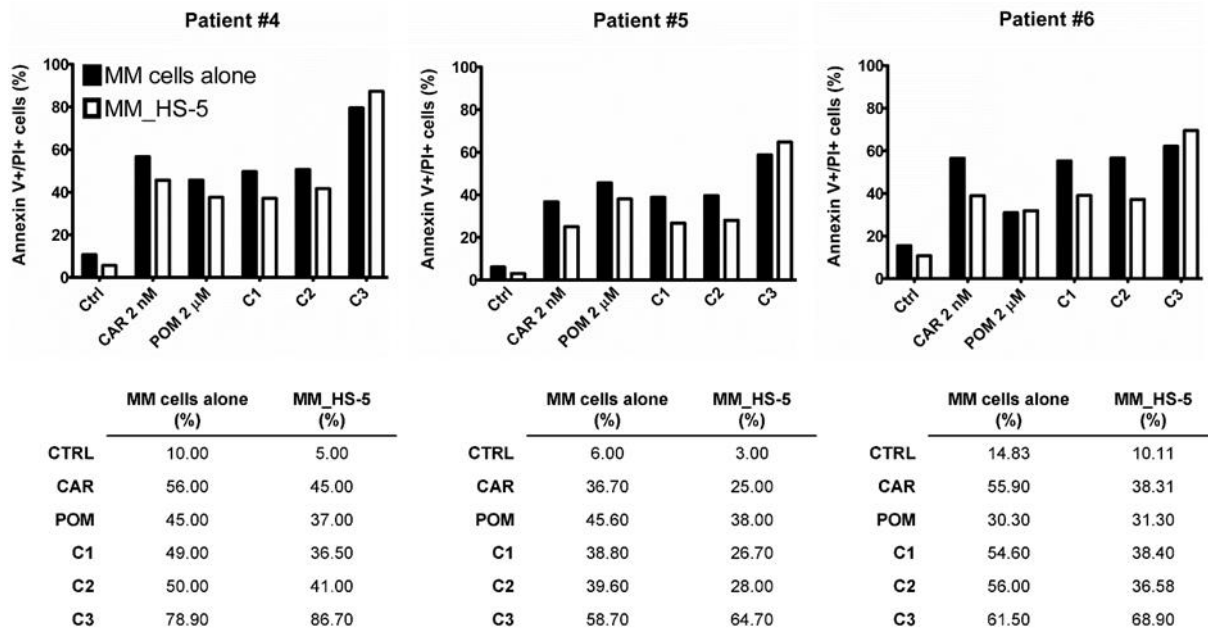
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				<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>SD</i>
LOW DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	2	2	0.794	0.108	0.661	0.070	0.272	0.059
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	2	2	0.744	0.037	0.870	0.057	0.139	0.027
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	2	2	0.609	0.059	0.932	0.068	0.299	0.098
INT. DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	4	4	0.391	0.070	0.561	0.069	0.144	0.034
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	4	4	0.802	0.067	0.804	0.065	0.146	0.051
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	4	4	0.543	0.066	0.613	0.067	0.234	0.034
HIGH DOSE	<i>Complete Media</i>	8	8	0.442	0.068	0.383	0.067	0.152	0.060
	<i>Co-culture with HS-5</i>	8	8	0.694	0.066	0.694	0.066	0.216	0.009
	<i>Conditioned Media</i>	8	8	0.563	0.067	0.517	0.046	0.138	0.040

Table S6. Combination index (CI) and standard deviations (SD) for various MM in vitro models exposed to CAR and POM in three differing schedules: simultaneous exposure to CAR and POM (C1), CAR 10h prior to POM (C2) and POM 10h prior CAR (C3). Three different dosages of CAR

and POM were used: low dose (2 nM and 2 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively), intermediate dose (4 nM and 4 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively) and high dose (8 nM and 8 μ M for CAR and POM, respectively). All experiments were performed twice in triplicate measurements. CI calculated using CompuSyn software. CI<1 synergistic interaction, CI=1 additive interaction and CI>1 antagonistic interaction (*Chou TC, Talalay P. Quantitative analysis of dose-effect relationships: the combined effects of multiple drugs or enzyme inhibitors. Advances in enzyme regulation. 1984;22:27-55*).



Supplementary S6. (A) MTT assay of response of MM1.S to BOR and LEN combo. Three different drug concentrations were used for each agent: *low dose* (BOR 2 nM and LEN 2 μ M, respectively), *intermediate dose* (BOR 4 nM and LEN 4 μ M, respectively) and *high dose* (BOR 8 nM and LEN 8 μ M, respectively). Cells were treated with or without BMSCs. Control-black bars, Lenalidomide-white bars, Bortezomib-grey bars, C1-yellow bars, C2-orange bars, C3-red bars. Values shown in histograms are mean \pm SD of two independent experiments. ** $p < 0.01$. **(B) Flow cytometry analysis of CD138+ cells derived from newly diagnosis MM patients.** Three MM patients were treated in the presence or absence of HS-5 cells with low dosage of PIs and IMiDs as previously described (BOR/CAR 2 nM and LEN/POM 2 μ M, respectively). Flow cytometry analysis showed a higher apoptotic rate when cells were treated with IMiDs prior to PIs in all patients tested. This effect was more pronounced in the presence of BMSCs. MM cells alone-black bars, MM cells co-cultured with HS-5-white bars.



Supplementary S7. Flow cytometry analysis of CD138+ cells derived from newly diagnosis MM patients. Additional three MM patients were treated in the presence or absence of HS-5 cells with low dosage of CAR and POM as previously described (CAR 2nM and POM 2 μ M, respectively). Flow cytometry analysis showed a higher apoptotic rate when cells were treated with POM prior to CAR in all patients tested. This effect was more pronounce in the presence of BMSCs. MM cells alone-*black bars*, MM cells co-cultured with HS-5-*white bars*.