

Treatment Selection and Sequencing Preferences for Bispecific Antibodies in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: A Comparative Survey of Advanced Practice Providers and Physicians

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Introduction

- The treatment landscape for relapsed/refractory (R/R) multiple myeloma (MM) continues to evolve with the incorporation of newer immune-based approaches, including bispecific antibodies (BsAbs).
 - BsAbs are increasingly being used in earlier lines of therapy for the treatment of R/R MM, supported by emerging clinical data from studies such as the MajesTEC-3 trial (NCT05083169) that investigated the combination of teclistamab and daratumumab for the treatment of patients with R/R MM who received 1–3 prior lines of therapy.¹
 - However, optimal sequencing of BsAbs relative to chimeric antigen receptor T cell (CAR T) therapy remains unclear.
 - Although advanced practice providers (APPs) and physicians both contribute to oncology care, published evidence suggests that practice patterns may differ by provider type.^{2,3}
- Given uncertainty regarding optimal BsAb sequencing, differences in care-delivery roles, prescribing scope, and exposure to emerging data between APPs and physicians may influence treatment selection and sequencing preferences in R/R MM.

Objective

- To compare APP and physician attitudes and decision-making regarding BsAb use in R/R MM, including practice readiness, preferred line of therapy, sequencing relative to CAR T therapy, perceived deterrents, and third-line (3L) treatment selection before and after review of the MajesTEC-3 clinical data.

Methods

- In February and April 2026, U.S.-based hematology/oncology APPs and physicians attending live meetings were surveyed regarding treatment preferences for BsAbs in R/R MM before and after presentation of the MajesTEC-3 clinical data, including study design and key efficacy and safety findings.
- Respondent characteristics and demographics were collected via an online survey ahead of the meeting.
- Outcomes included practice readiness to administer BsAbs, preferred line of therapy for BsAb use, sequencing preferences relative to CAR T therapy, perceived deterrents to BsAb utilization, and 3L treatment selection in a vignette about a patient with R/R MM before and after review of the MajesTEC-3 clinical data. Statistical comparisons were conducted using Fisher's exact test. Statistical significance was defined as $p < 0.05$.
- Responses were captured via audience response system (ARS) technology during the live meetings; not all participants answered every question.

Results

- A total of 219 unique MM-treating participants attended the live meetings, comprising 45 APPs and 174 physicians.
- The majority of respondents identified practicing in the community setting (74.4%), including 62.2% of APPs and 77.6% of physicians.
- Mean years in practice were 16.9 overall (range, 1–42), including 13.4 years among APPs and 17.9 years among physicians.
- APPs and physicians reported spending 83.1% and 85.3% of their time in direct patient care, respectively (Table 1).

Table 1. Participant Demographics.

Participant Demographics	Total N=219	APP N=45	Physician N=174
US region of practice^a, n (%)			
Midwest	47 (21.5)	8 (17.8)	39 (22.4)
Northeast	39 (17.8)	12 (26.7)	27 (15.5)
South	76 (34.7)	17 (37.8)	59 (33.9)
West	57 (26.0)	8 (17.8)	49 (28.2)
Practice setting, n (%)			
Community	163 (74.4)	28 (62.2)	135 (77.6)
Academic	56 (25.6)	17 (37.8)	39 (22.4)
Years in practice			
Average (min–max)	16.9 (1–42)	13.4 (2–42)	17.9 (1–40)
Patients seen per clinic day			
Average (min–max)	18.4 (3–80)	13.0 (5–22)	19.8 (3–80)
Allocation of time, %			
Direct patient care	84.9	83.1	85.3
Teaching	3.9	6.3	3.3
Research	7.4	4.3	8.2
Administration	3.9	6.3	3.3
Other	0	0	0

Figure 1. APPs were more likely than physicians to report prescribing BsAbs in-house or as an outpatient therapy.

Question: Which of the following most aligns with your practice's readiness to administer bispecific antibody therapy for patients with MM?*

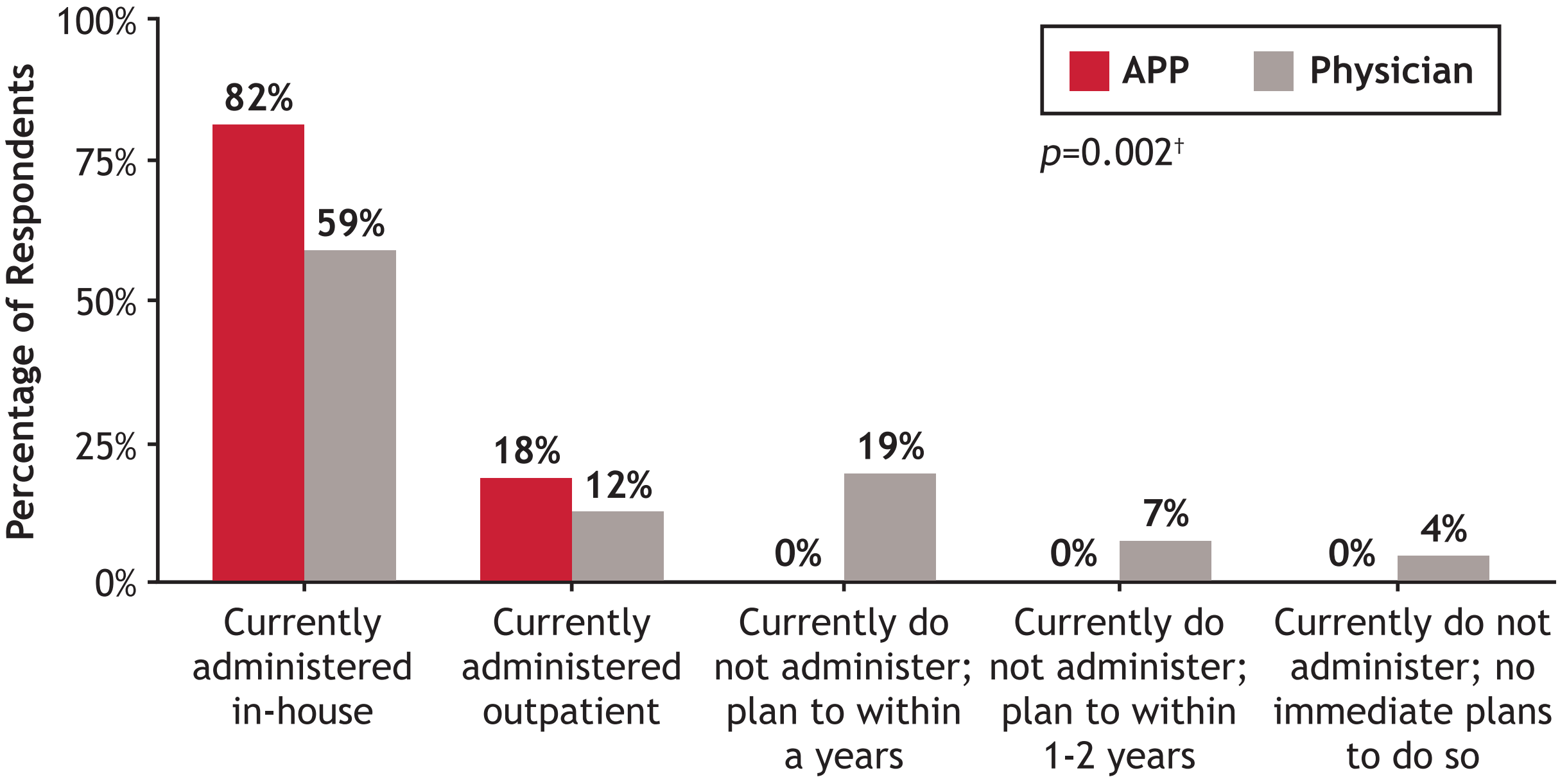


Figure 2. BsAb use was most commonly reported in the 3L for both APPs and physicians; however, APPs more often reported later-line use and physicians more often reported non-use.

Question: In what line of therapy do you typically use bispecific antibody therapy for patients with R/R MM? Please select up to 2.*

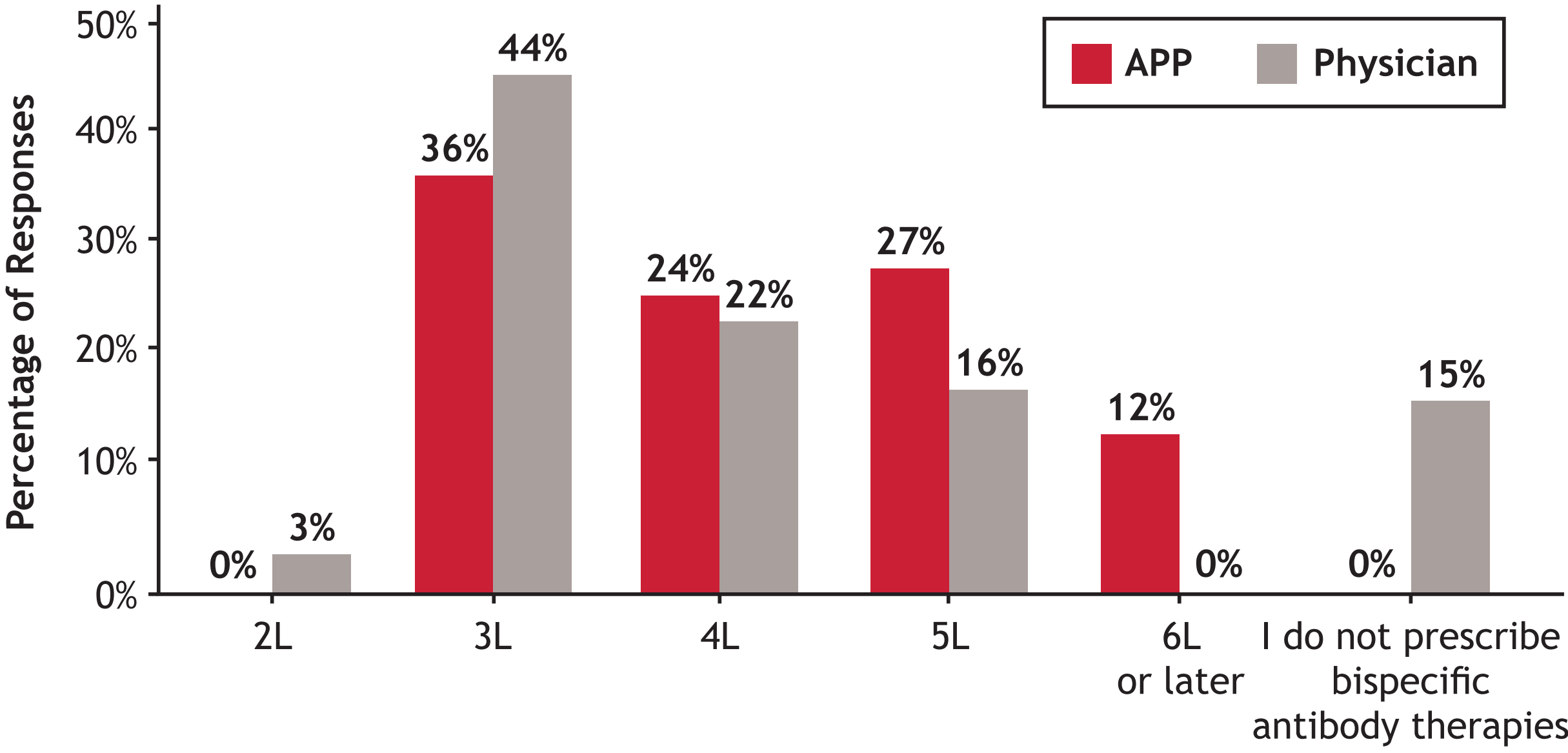


Figure 3. Physicians were more likely than APPs to report sequencing BsAbs after CAR T therapy, while APPs were more likely to report sequencing BsAbs prior to CAR T therapy or prior to CAR T as a bridging therapy.

Question: In your practice, how do you typically sequence bispecific antibody therapy for your patients with R/R MM in relation to CAR T therapy?*

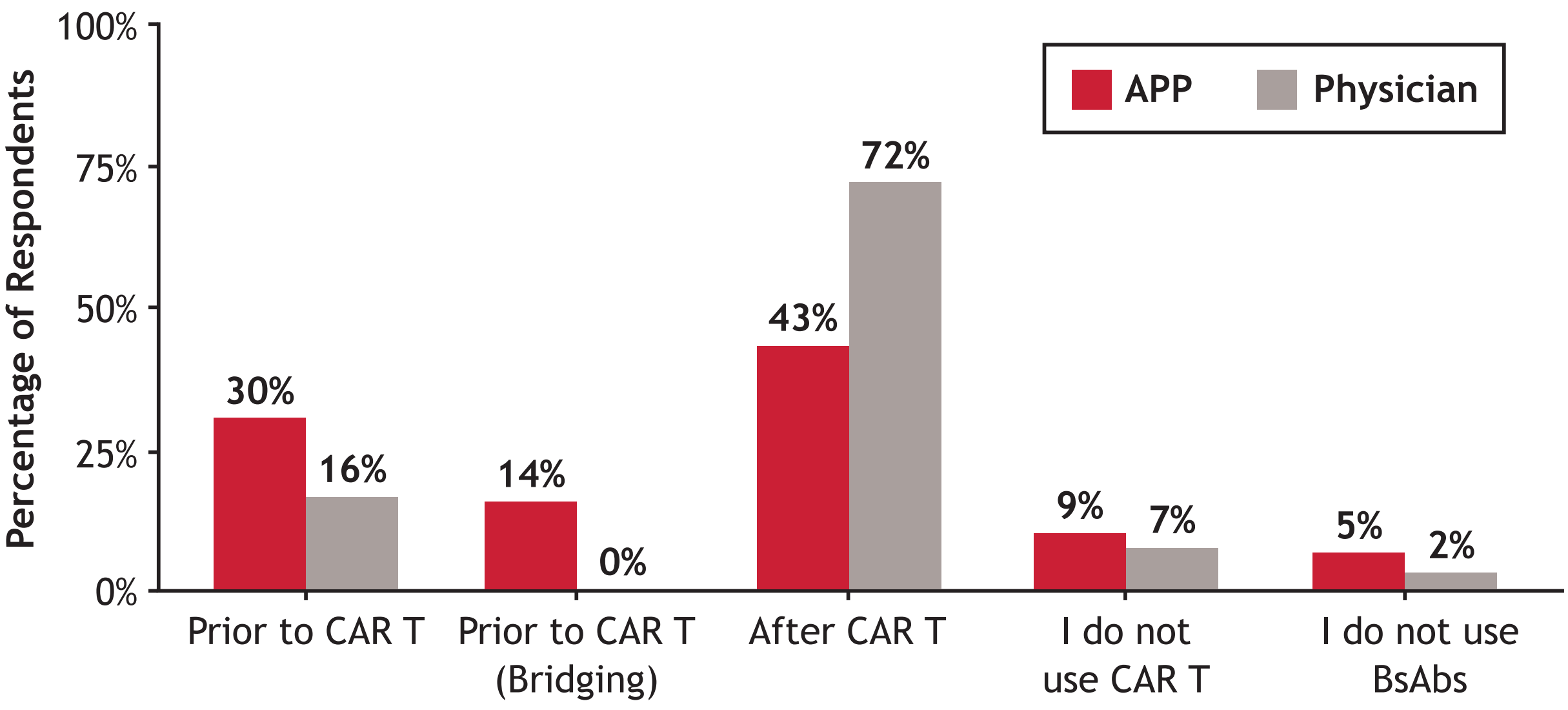


Figure 4. Perceived deterrents to BsAb utilization did not differ significantly overall between APPs and physicians with administrative logistics being the most frequently cited deterrent in both groups.

Question: Which of the following factors would most deter you from using a bispecific-based regimen for patients with MM? Please select up to 3.

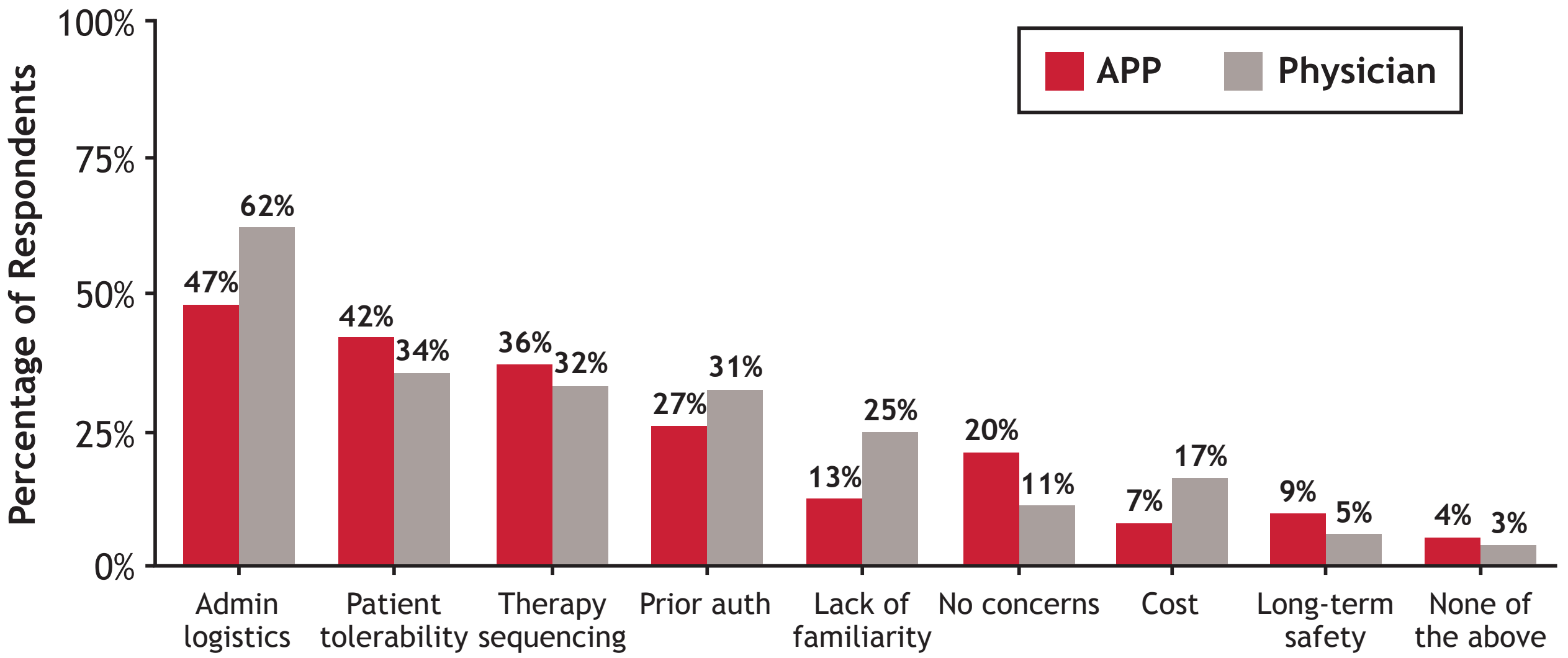


Figure 5. Before the MajesTEC-3 trial presentation, APPs recommended a BsAb-based regimen for a hypothetical patient with R/R MM whereas physicians recommended CAR T therapy.

Question: Monica is a 65-year-old woman with R/R MM and an ECOG PS 1. She has previously received a PI, an anti-CD38, and lenalidomide and is now lenalidomide-refractory. Which of the following regimens would you recommend for Monica in the 3L?

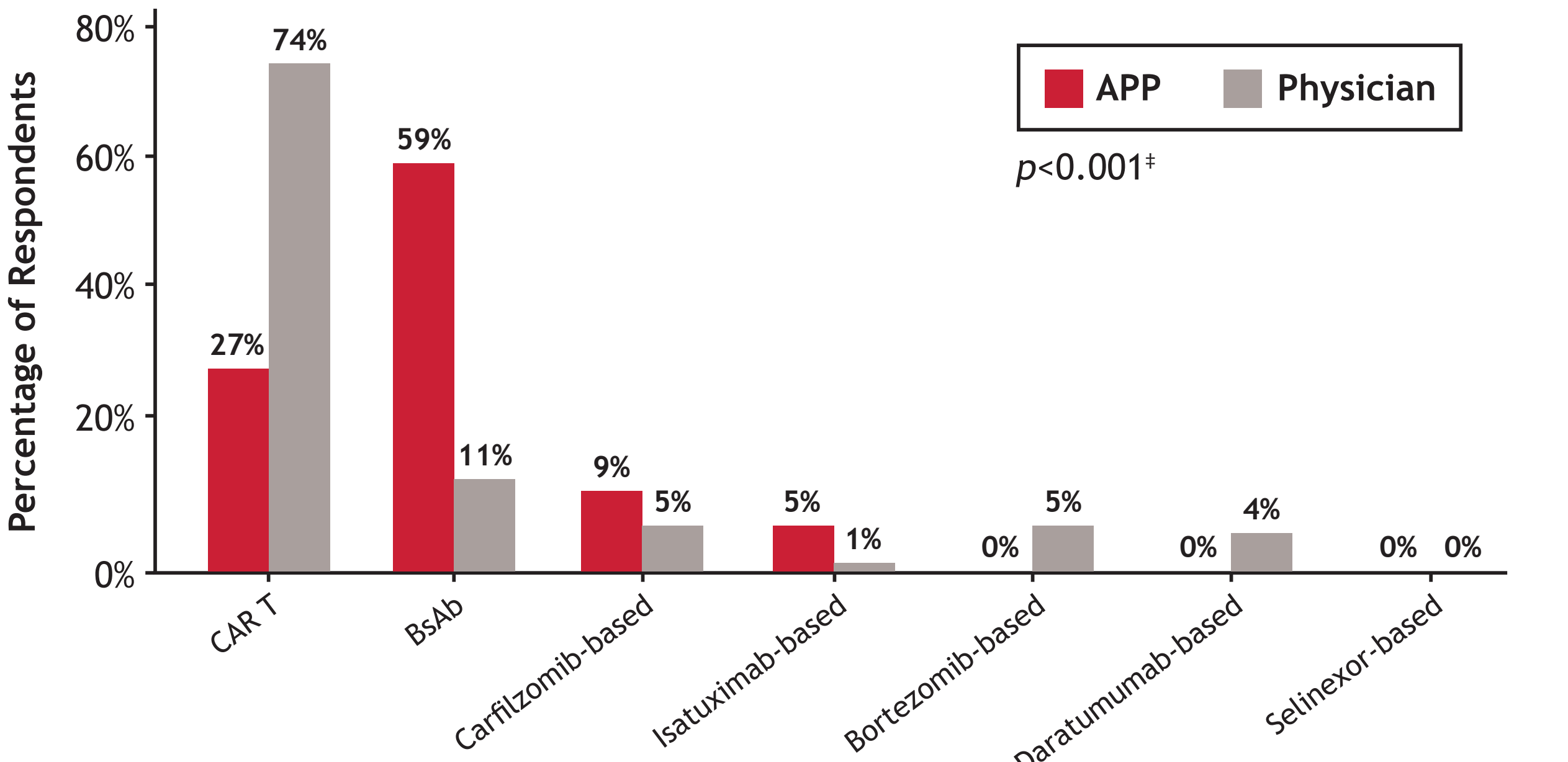
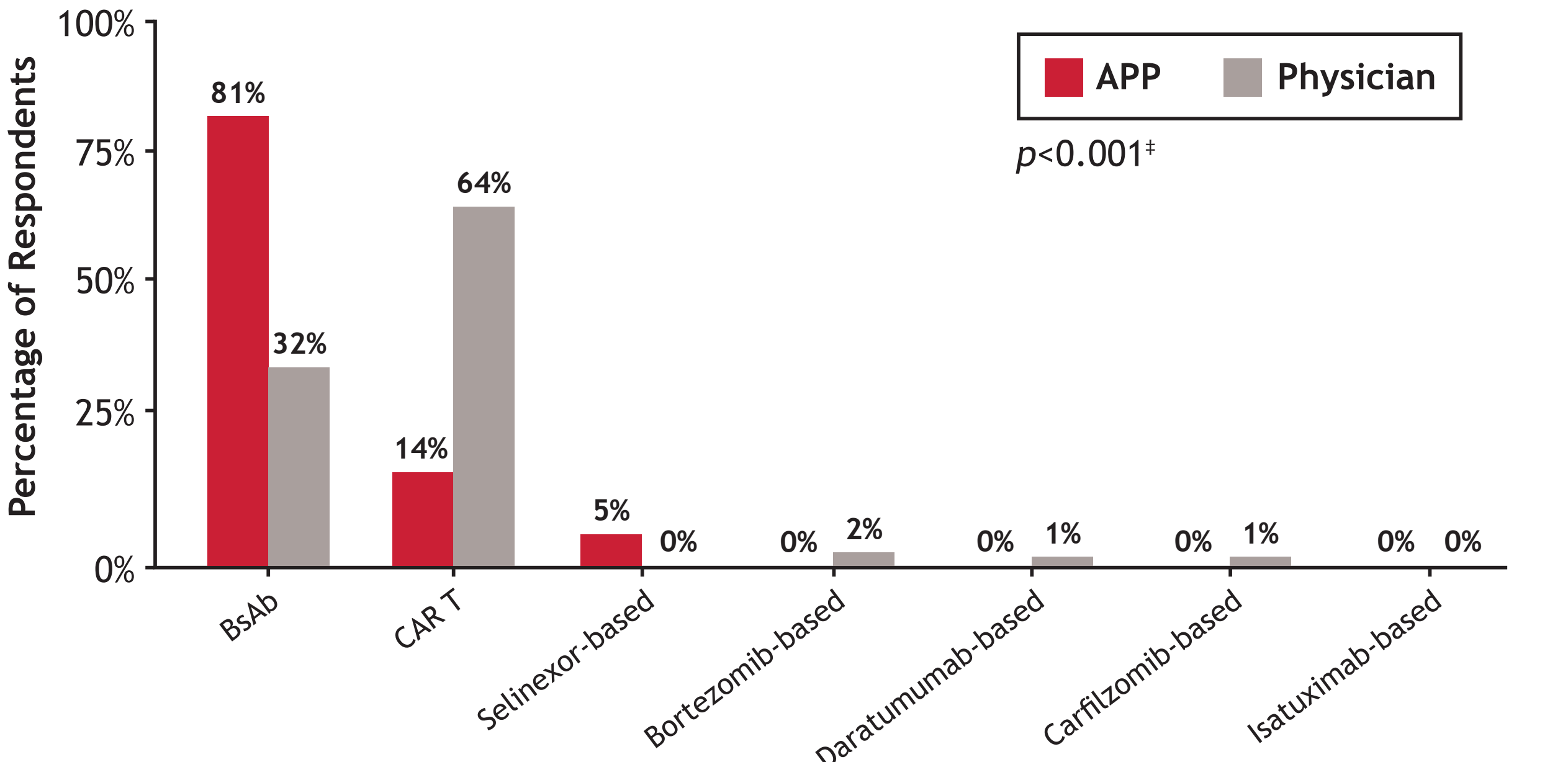


Figure 6. After the MajesTEC-3 trial presentation, APPs more frequently recommended a BsAb-based for a hypothetical patient with R/R MM whereas physicians continued to favor CAR T therapy.

Question: After reviewing the MajesTEC-3 trial, consider Monica, a 65-year-old woman with R/R MM and an ECOG PS of 1 who has received a PI, an anti-CD38, and lenalidomide and is now lenalidomide-refractory. Which of the following regimens would you recommend for her in the 3L?



Conclusions

- APPs were more likely than physician respondents to report prescribing BsAb therapy in-house or as an outpatient prescription.
- Although the use of BsAb therapy in the 3L was most commonly reported by both APPs and physicians, physicians more often reported not using BsAb therapy for their patients with R/R MM.
- Physicians were more likely to report sequencing BsAbs after CAR T therapy, while APPs more often reported sequencing BsAbs prior to CAR T therapy or as a bridge to CAR T therapy.
- Administrative logistics were the leading deterrent to BsAb use across provider types.
- Before reviewing the MajesTEC-3 trial data, reported treatment preferences in the vignette for the patient with R/R MM differed between groups; physicians more commonly favored CAR T therapy in the 3L, whereas APPs most often favored BsAb-based therapy.
 - After review of the MajesTEC-3 trial data, APPs demonstrated a further shift toward BsAb-based therapy, while physicians largely continued to favor CAR T therapy.
- These findings suggest that emerging clinical data may influence BsAb adoption differently by provider type; however, this could be equally influenced by their practice setting (i.e., academic vs. community).
- Future research should evaluate whether these differences in stated preferences translate into real-world treatment patterns and whether improved operational support and additional clinical evidence can facilitate more consistent integration of BsAbs into R/R MM care.

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Abbreviations

2L, second-line; 3L, third-line; 4L, fourth-line; 5L, fifth-line; 6L, sixth-line; admin, administrative; auth, authorization; APP, advanced practice provider; BsAb, bispecific antibody; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CD38, cluster of differentiation 38; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; max, maximum; min, minimum; MM, multiple myeloma; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PS, performance status; R/R, relapsed/refractory; US, United States.

Footnotes

^aMidwest: IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; Northeast: CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; South: AL, AR, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV; West: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.
¹P value from Fisher's exact test comparing respondents selecting current in house or outpatient administration (combined) versus all non-administering categories.
²P value from Fisher's exact test comparing respondents selecting a BsAb-based regimen versus respondents selecting any other regimen.
*Percentages do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

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