

# Aktuelle Fortschritte in der haploidentischen Stammzelltransplantation

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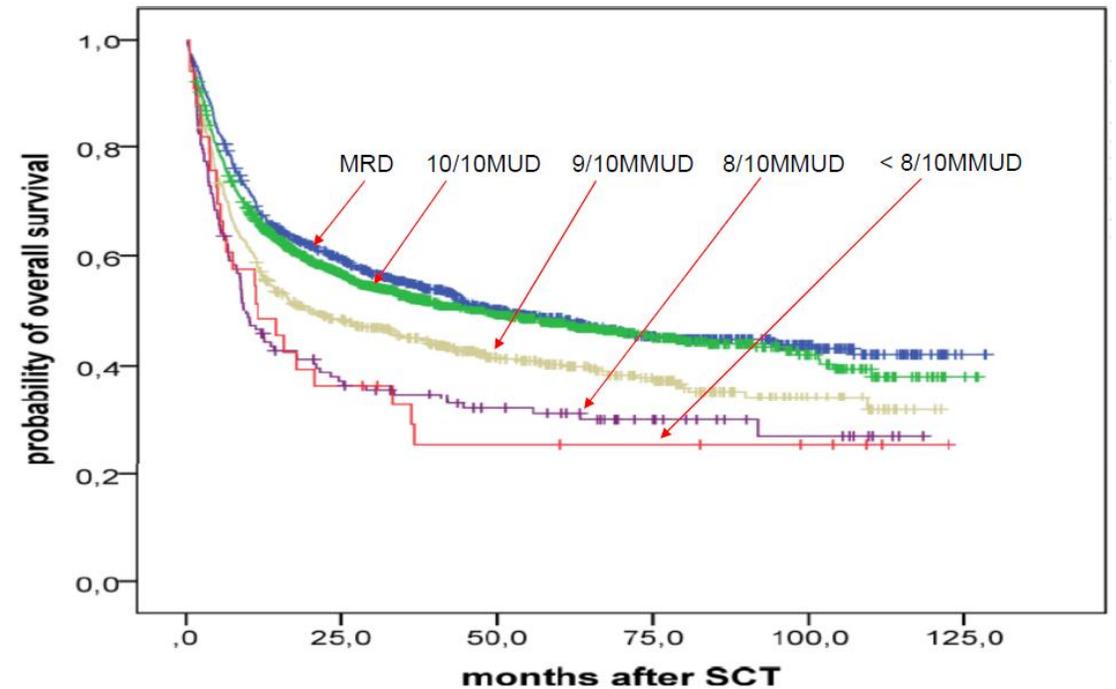
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None



# The fully matched donor

- Chances for 10/10 matched family donor ~25%
- Chances for 10/10 unrelated donor ~70-80%
- In ethnical minorities: ~10-25%
- Every mismatch increases complications:



Ayuk,...Bethge; BBMT 2018

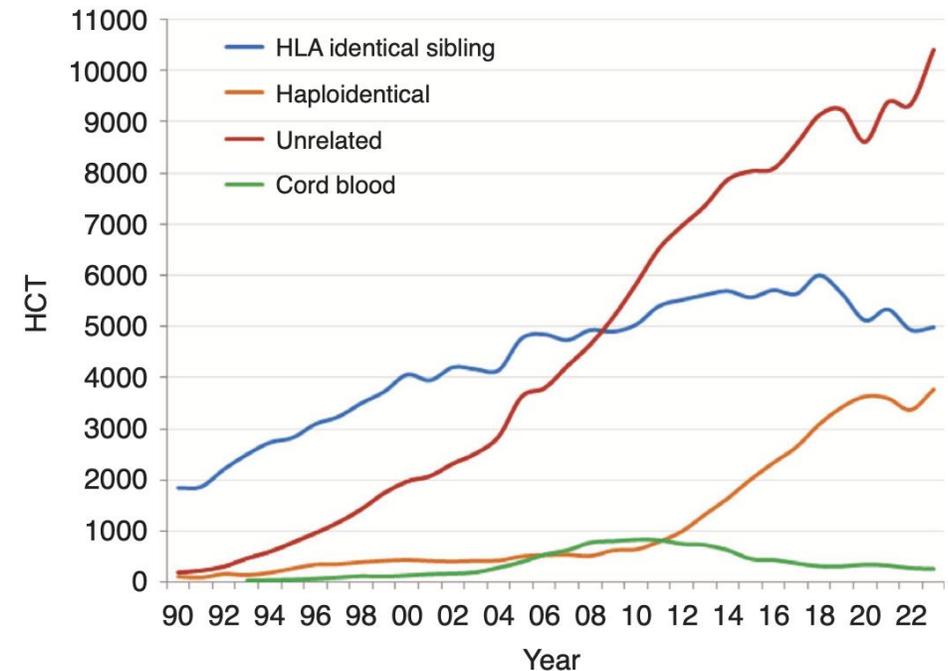


# Why Haploidentical Donor HCT ?

- Time matters: in case of relapse or refractory disease
- Only about 50% of HCT candidates in fact receive allogeneic HCT
- Increase graft-versus-tumor/leukemia effects
- Haploidentical donor readily accessible for post-HCT DLI, virus specific T-cells, donor CAR-T-cells etc.

## Change for donor including alternative donors:

- Including HLA-mismatched 9/10 donor up to 90%
- Including haploidentical donor up to 95%
- Including cord blood virtually 100%



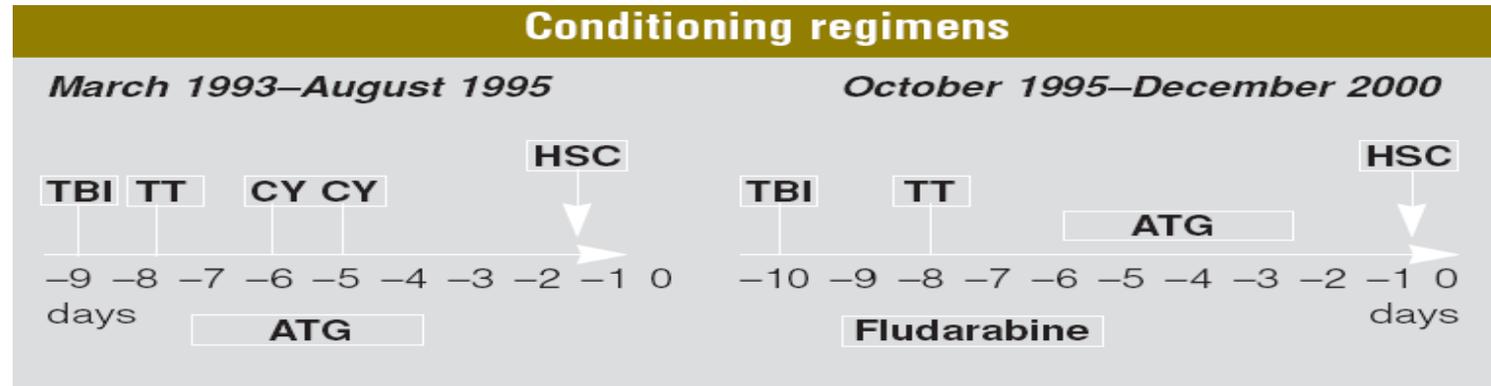
**Fig. 4** Change in type of donor for first allogeneic HCT from 1990 to 2023.

Passweg et al. Bone Marrow Transplantation (2025) 60:519–528



# Experiences Perugia

n=255    ALL=108    AML=147    Median Age=29 (range, 2-63)



*TBI: 8 Gy Cy: 50 mg/kg/d Flu: 40 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d TT:10 mg/kg*

**Graft:** Median CD34+/kg  $\geq 11.3 \times 10^6$

*Aversa et al. Blood Cell Mol Dis, 40 (2008)*

Median CD3+/kg =  $1 \times 10^4$

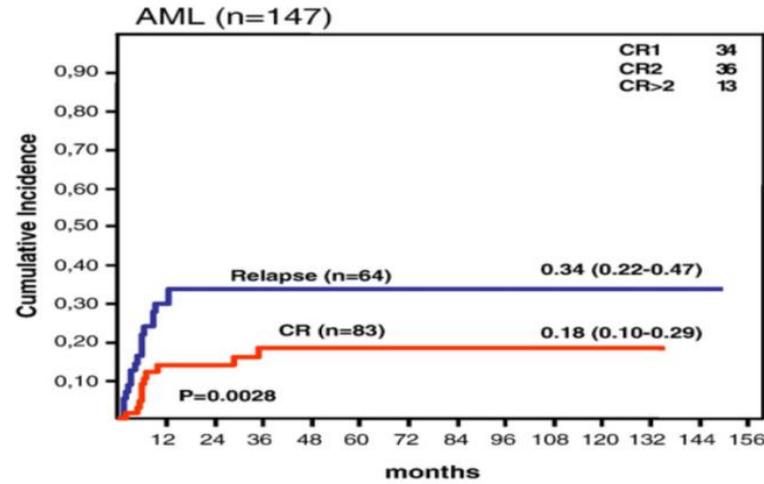
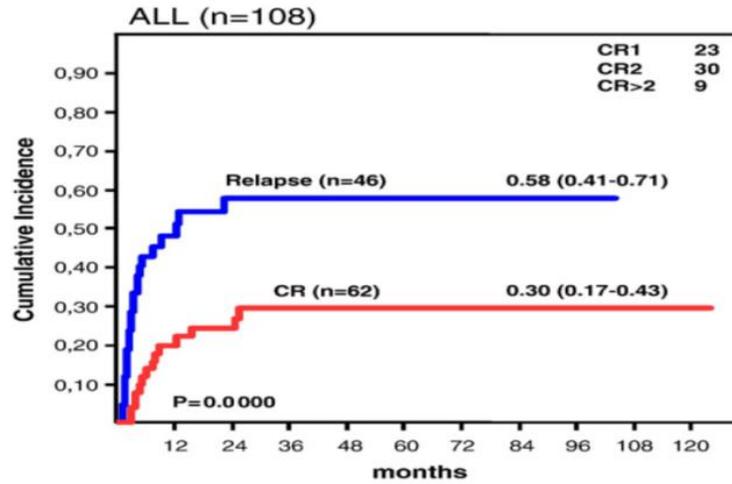
Primary engraftment: 95%

**Outcome:** aGVHD 8%  
 cGVHD 7%  
 TRM 41% (Infections)

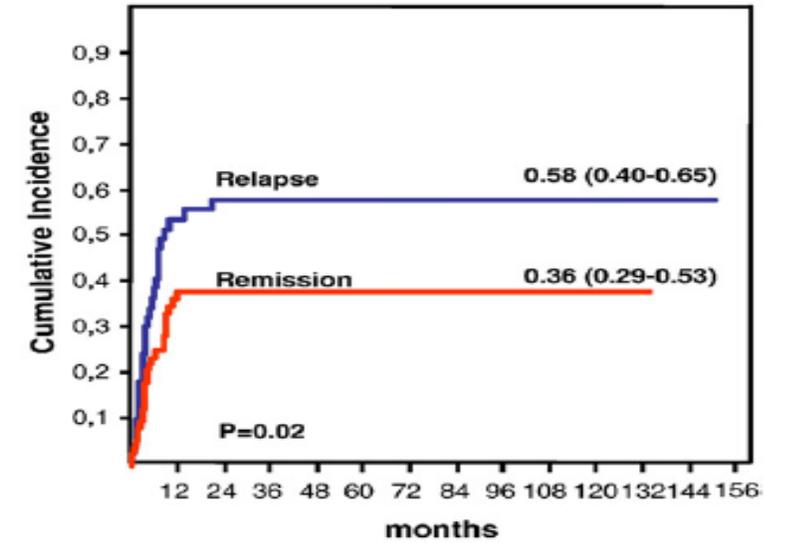


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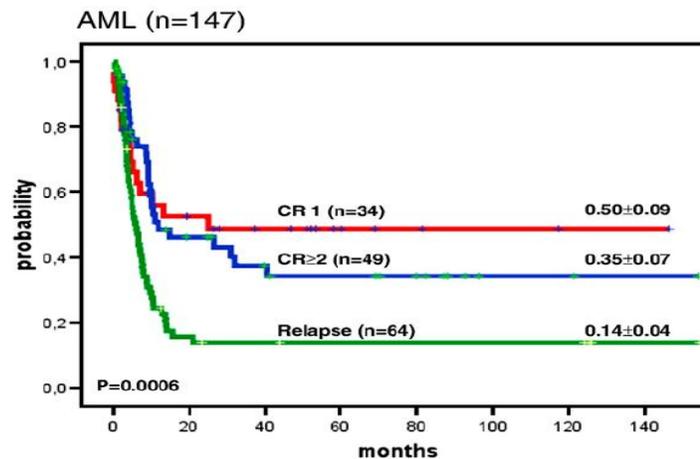
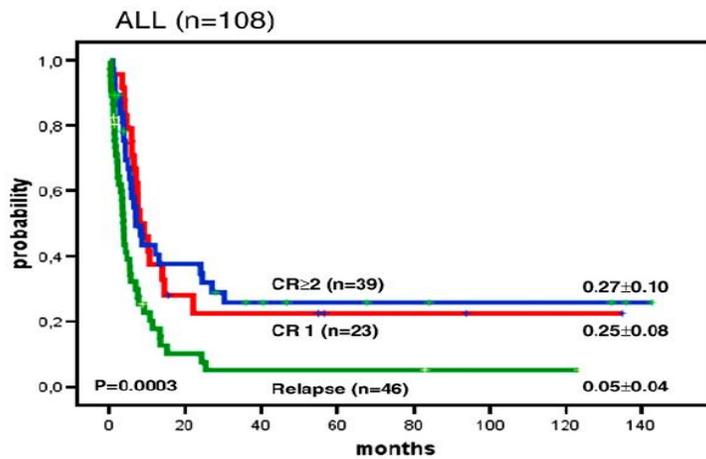
## Relapse



## NRM



## EFS



Aversa et al. Blood Cell Mol Dis, 40 (2008)



# Problems of CD34 Selection

- Very intensive conditioning leading to significant toxicity especially in heavily pretreated and comorbid patients
- Megadose of CD34+ stem cells not easily achievable in adults
- Slow engraftment (PLTs) if graft contains  $<8 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg
- Slow and incomplete immune reconstitution
- High rate of infectious complications



# Current Strategies for Haplo HCT

## T-cell replete:

- Post-transplantation cyclophosphamide
- Intensive immunosuppression
  - e.g. with CSA, MMF, mTOR inhibitors, ATG, Basiliximab, MTX, MabCampath...

## With T-cell depletion:

- CD34 selection and myeloablative conditioning
- CD3/CD19 depletion and RIC
- $\alpha\beta$ TCR/CD19 depletion and RIC
  - No immunosuppression post HCT!
  - additional adoptive T-cell Tx post HCT if needed



# T-replete Haplo HCT

## 1. Baltimore Approach:

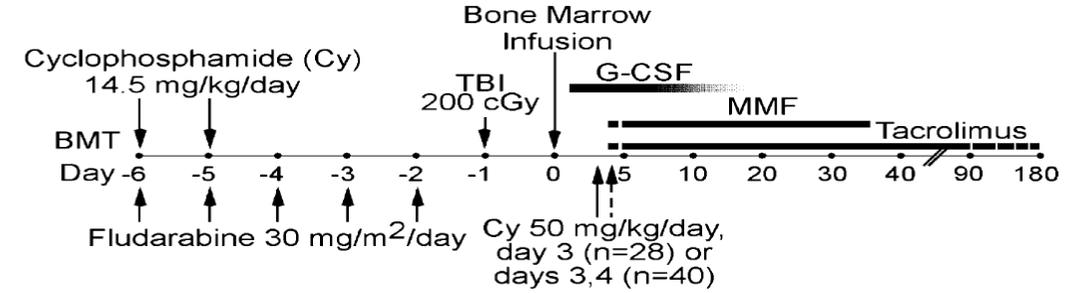
NMA/MA

Post HCT Cyclophosphamide

BM

Post-HCT Immunosuppression:

TAC, MMF



**Figure 1.** Nonmyeloablative haploidentical BMT conditioning and postgrafting immunosuppressive regimen.

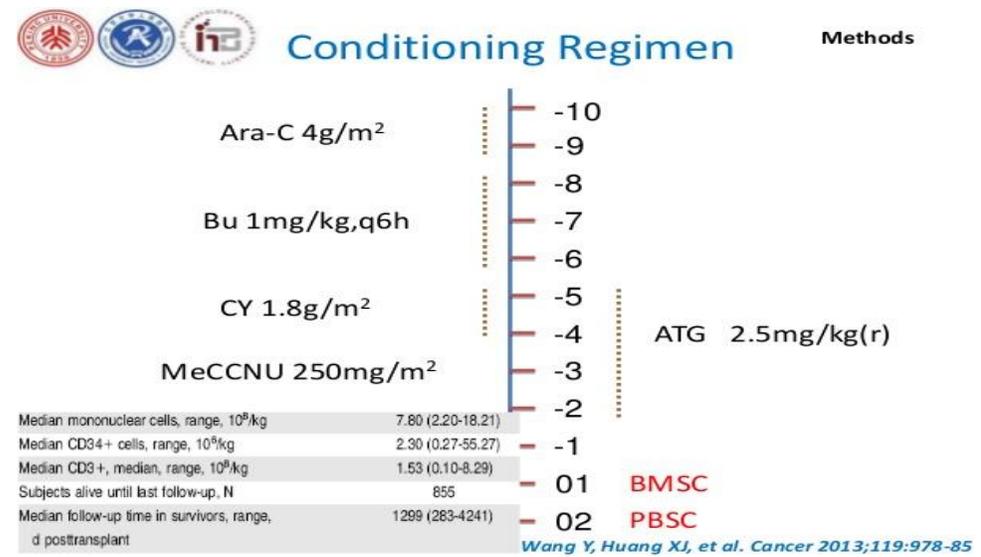
Luznik et al., BBMT 2008

## 2. Peking Approach:

Myeloablative, G-CSF stimulated BM and PBSC

Post-HCT Immunosuppression: ATG, CSA, MMF,

MTX



# T-replete Haplo HCT: Peking Approach

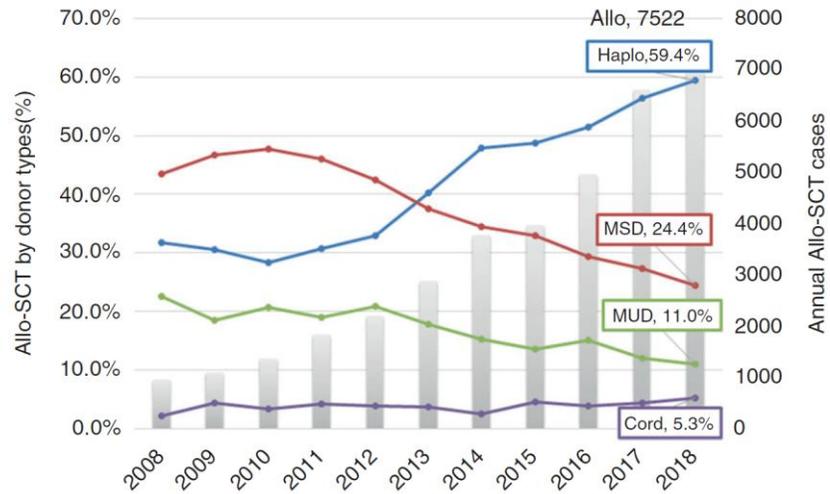
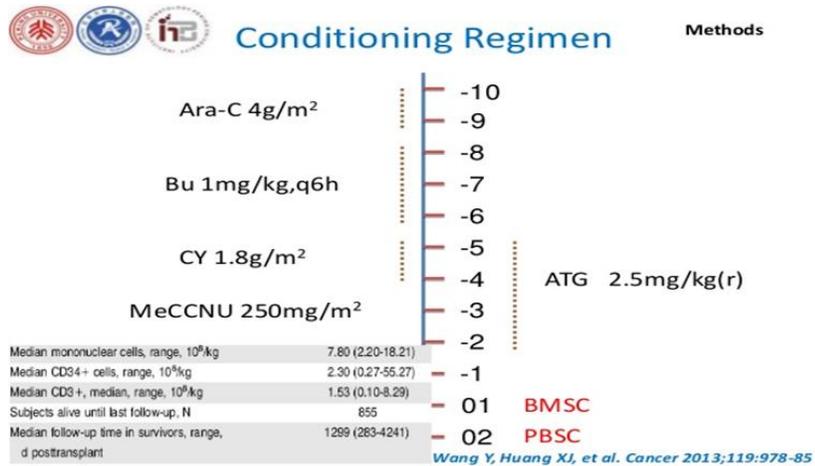
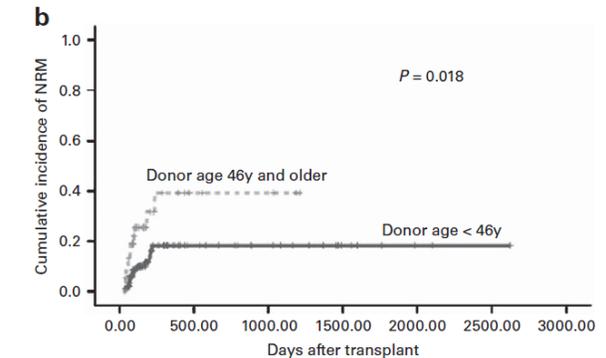
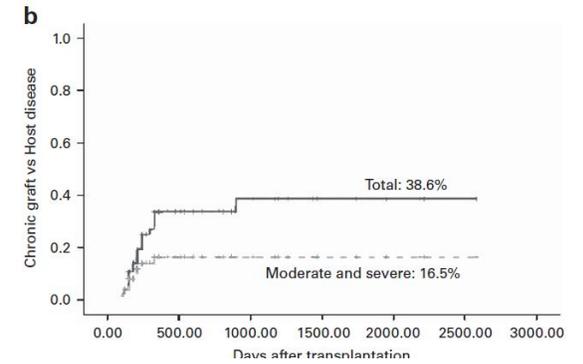
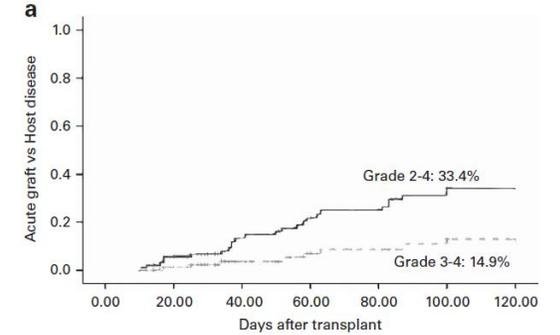
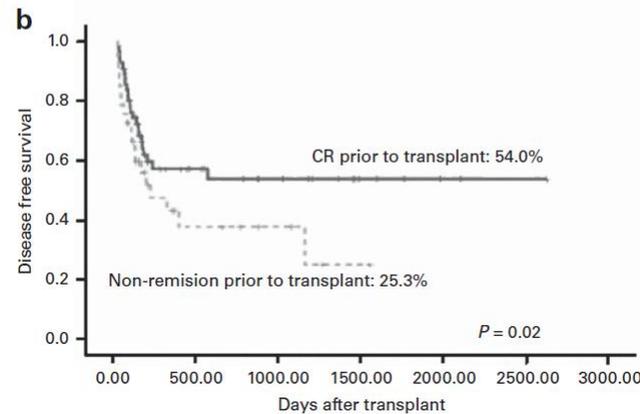
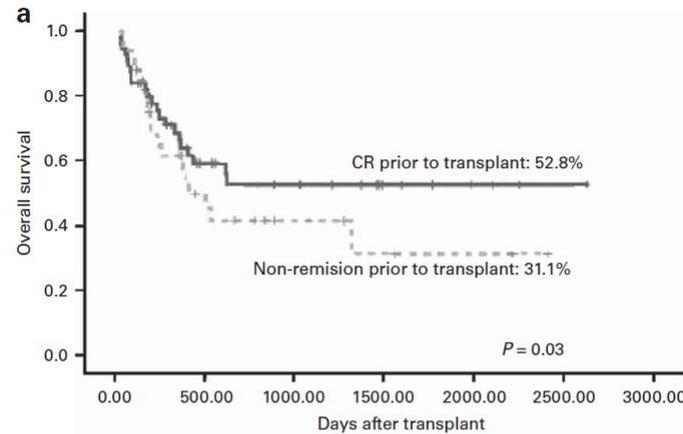
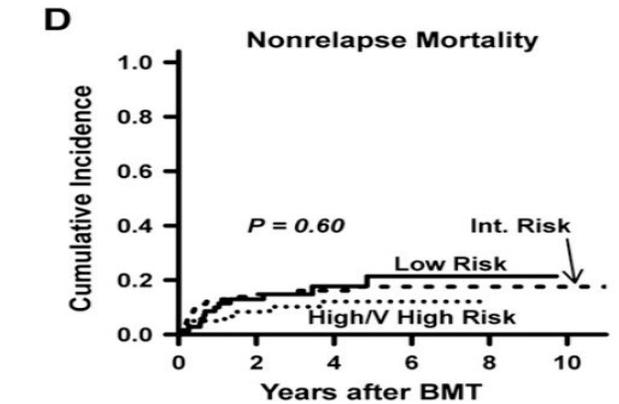
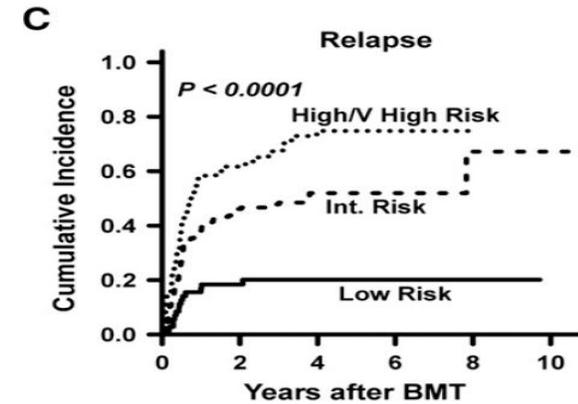
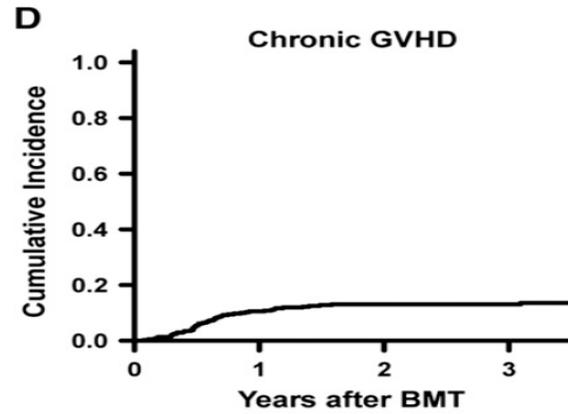
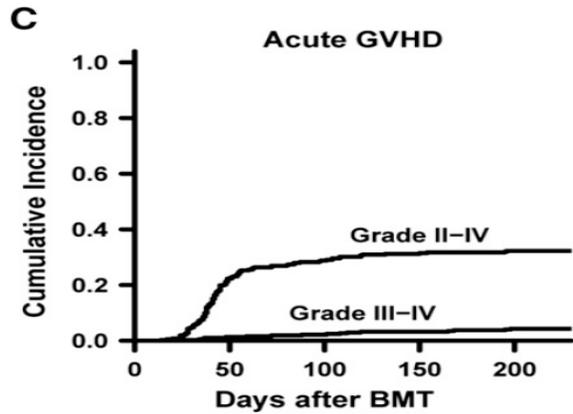
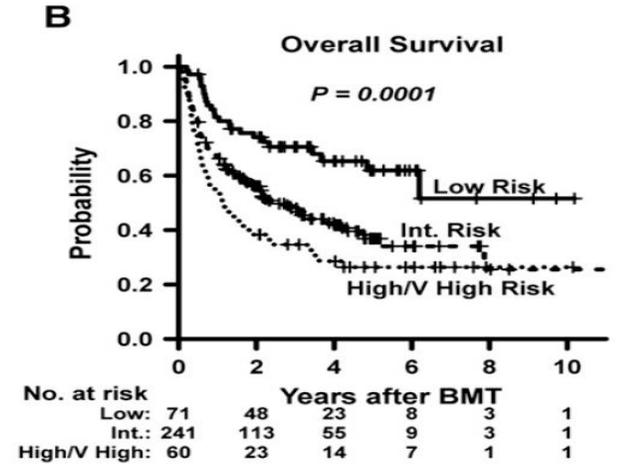
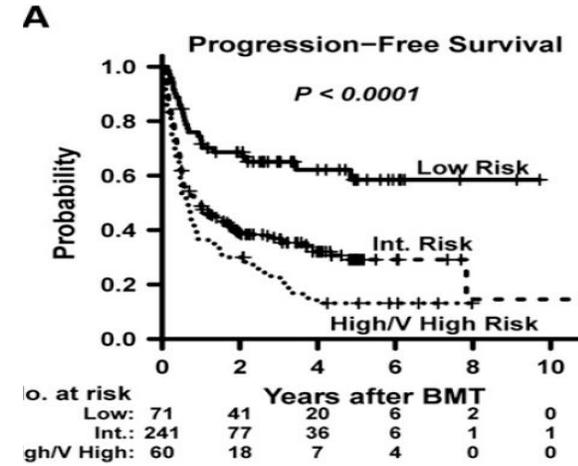
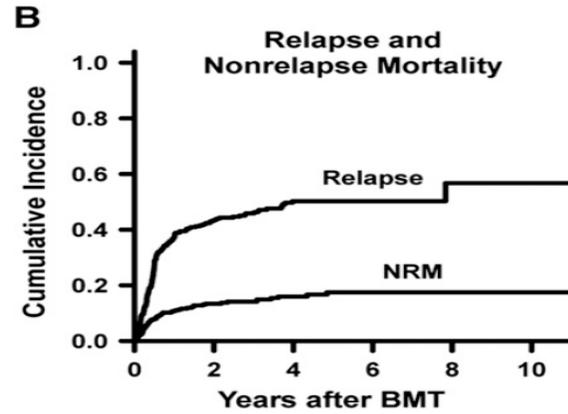
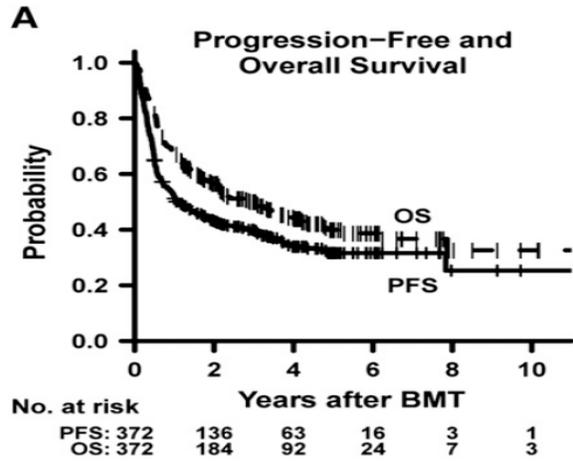


Fig. 1 Summary of Allo-SCT activities in Chinese registries (2008–2018)



# Results Post HCT-Cy Non Myeloablative

N=372, retrospective analysis



McCurdy et al., Blood 2015

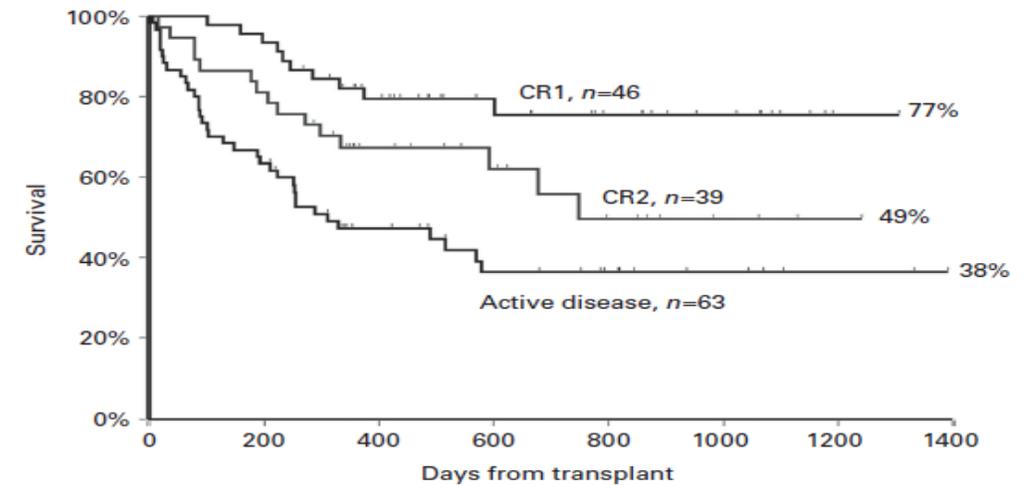


# Results Post HCT-Cy MAC

**Table 1. Clinical characteristics of patients**

<i>n</i> , Patients	148
Age; years (range)	47 (17–74)
<i>Diagnosis</i>	
AML	48
ALL	28
MDS	24
Myelofibrosis	16
Lymphoma	15
Other	18
<i>Disease phase</i>	
CR1	46
CR2	39
Active disease	63
<i>Stem cell source</i>	
BM	148
<i>Conditioning regimens</i>	
FLU-TBI	
9.9 Gy	<i>n.</i> 43
12 Gy	<i>n.</i> 13
TBF (BU3)	<i>n.</i> 53
TBF (BU2)	<i>n.</i> 39
Cell dose x 10 <sup>8</sup> /kg (range)	3.37 (1.4–7.8)
Follow up days (range)	301 (3–1332)

Abbreviations: BM = bone marrow; BU2 = 2 days of busulfan; BU3 = 3 days of busulfan; FLU = Fludarabine; MDS = myelodysplastic syndrome; TBF = thiotepa, busulfan, fludarabine.

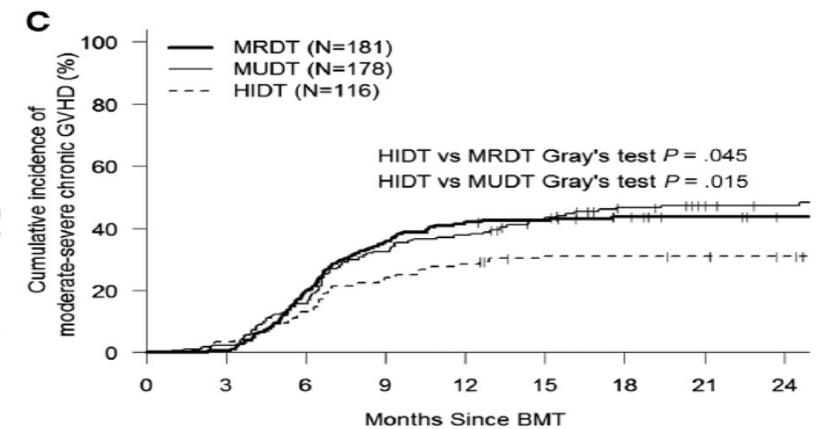
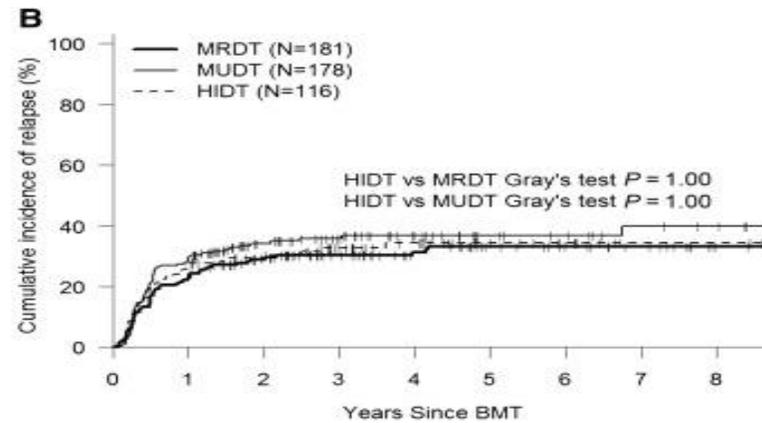
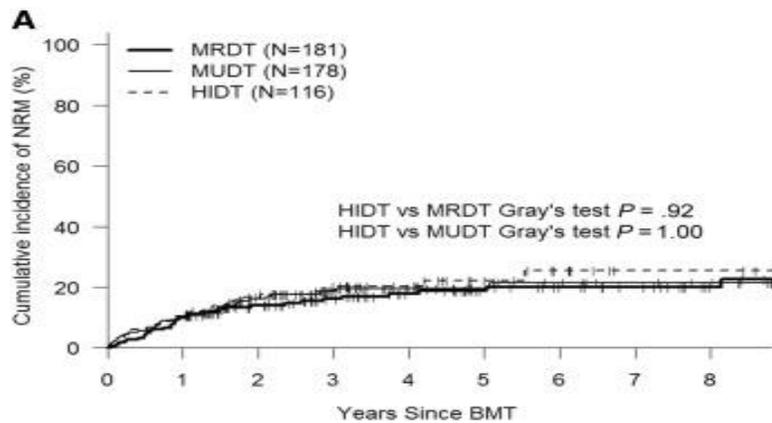
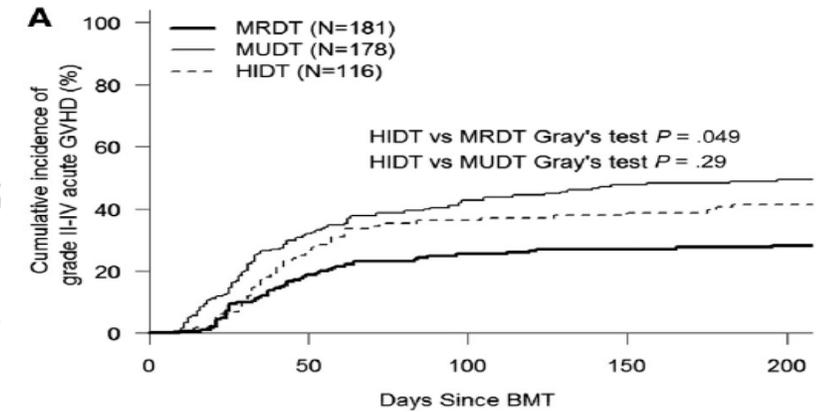
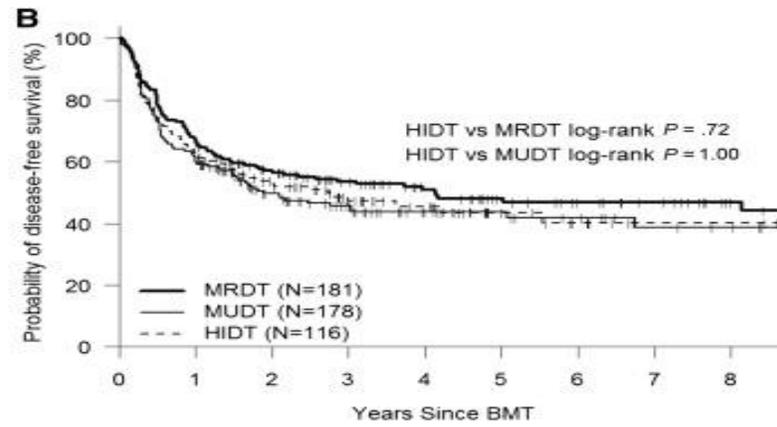
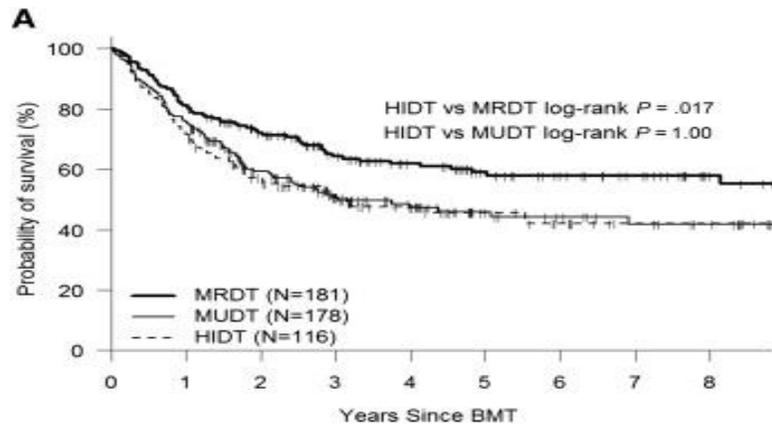


**Figure 1.** Actuarial survival of 148 patients receiving a myeloablative conditioning regimen, followed by haploidentical bone marrow transplantation and post-transplant cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine and mycophenolate for GVHD prophylaxis. Patients are stratified for disease phase.

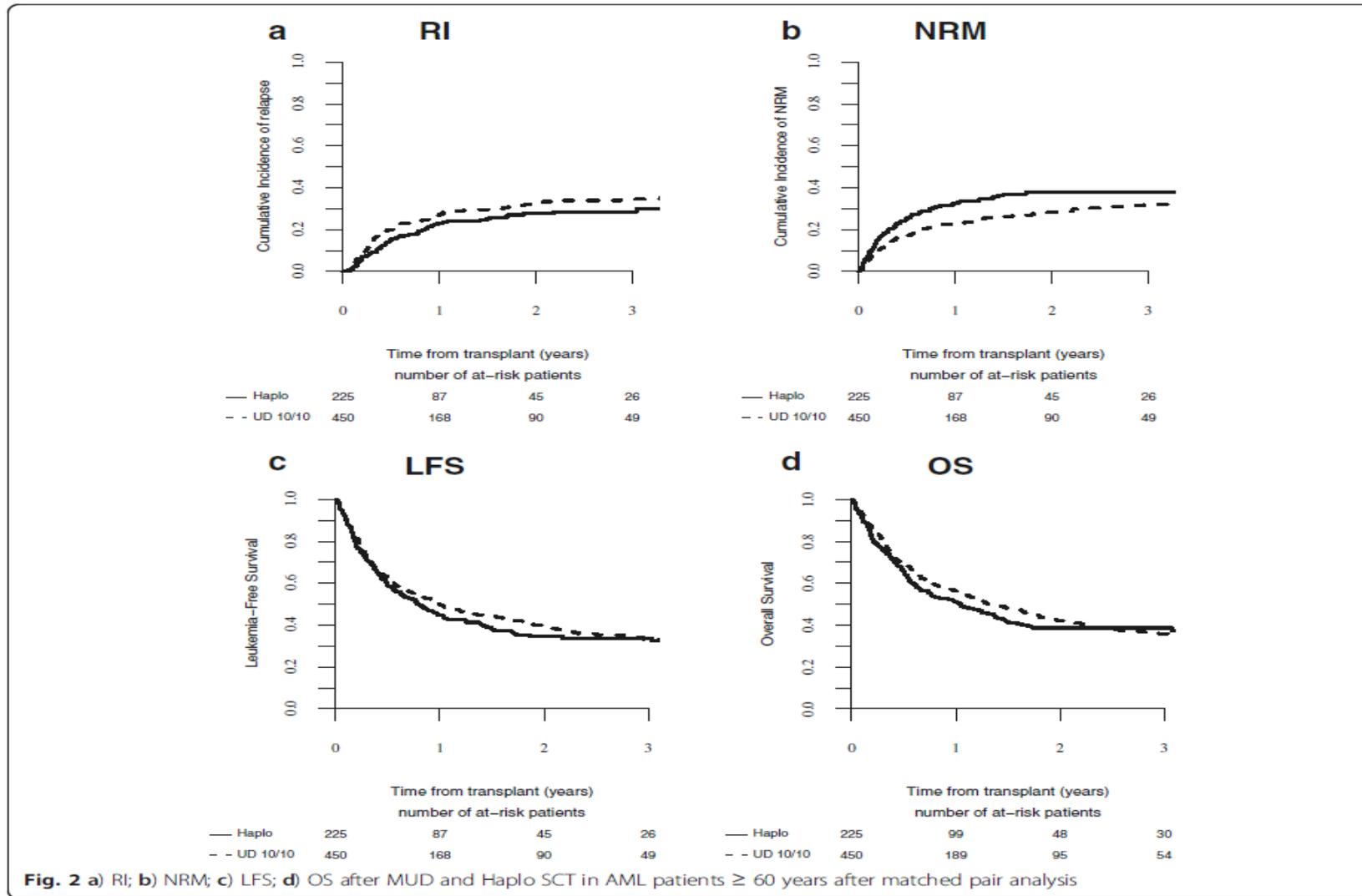


# Post HCT-Cy vs MUD/MRD

N=475, Haplo (n=116) vs MRD (n=181) vs MUD (n=178)  
MAC, RIC and NMA Conditioning



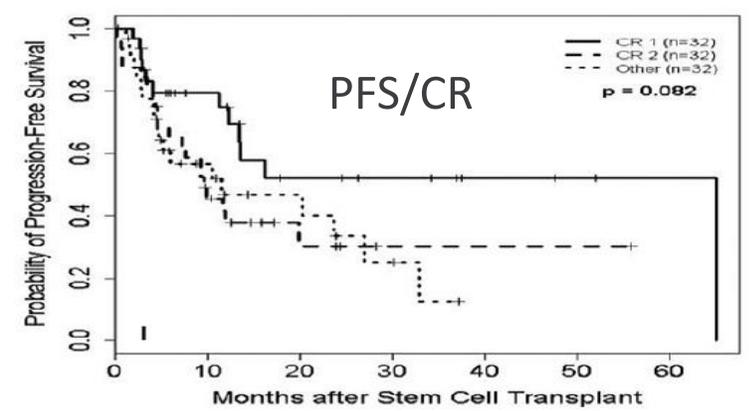
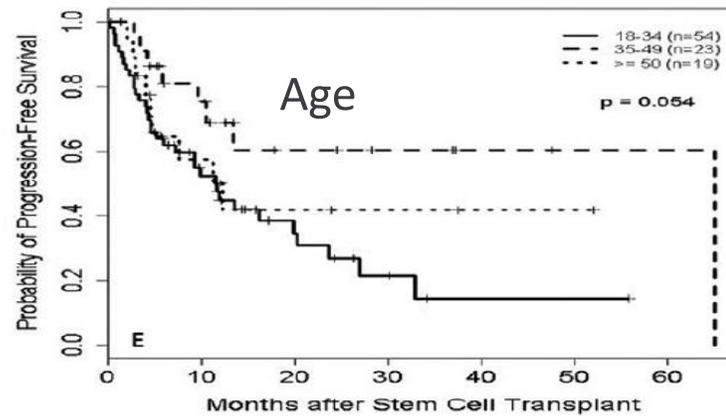
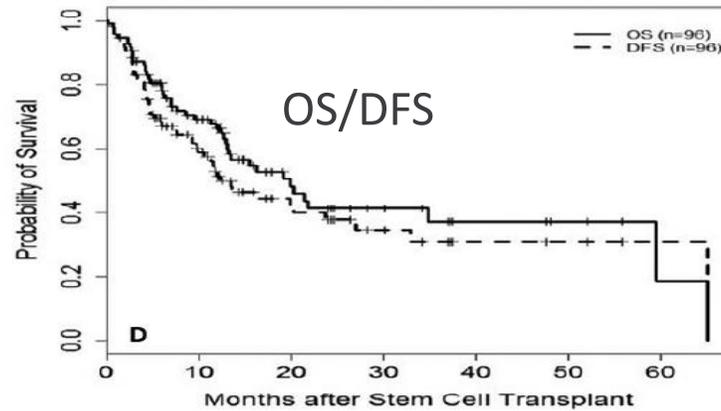
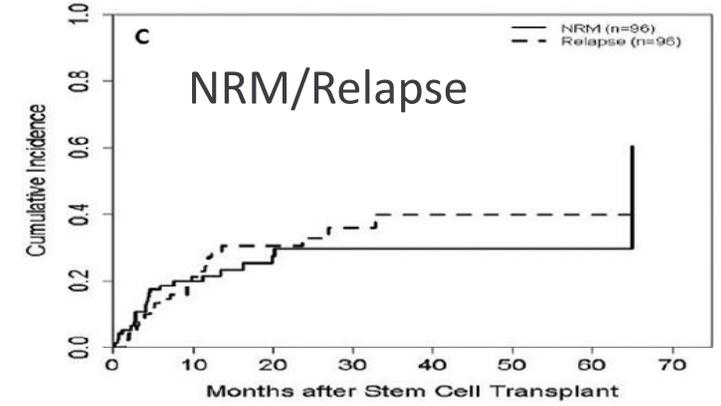
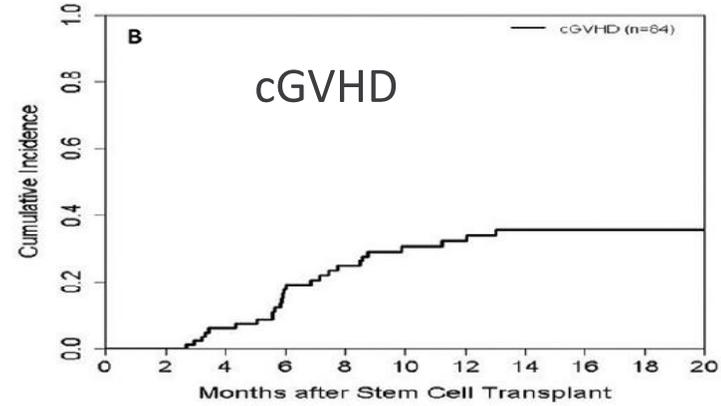
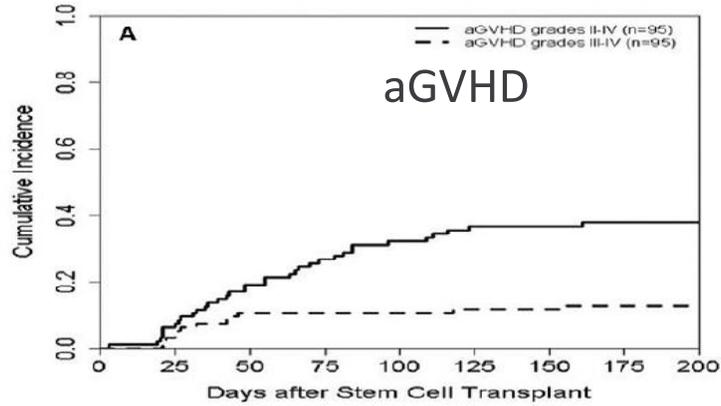
# Post HCT-Cy vs MUD $\geq 60$ Jahre AML



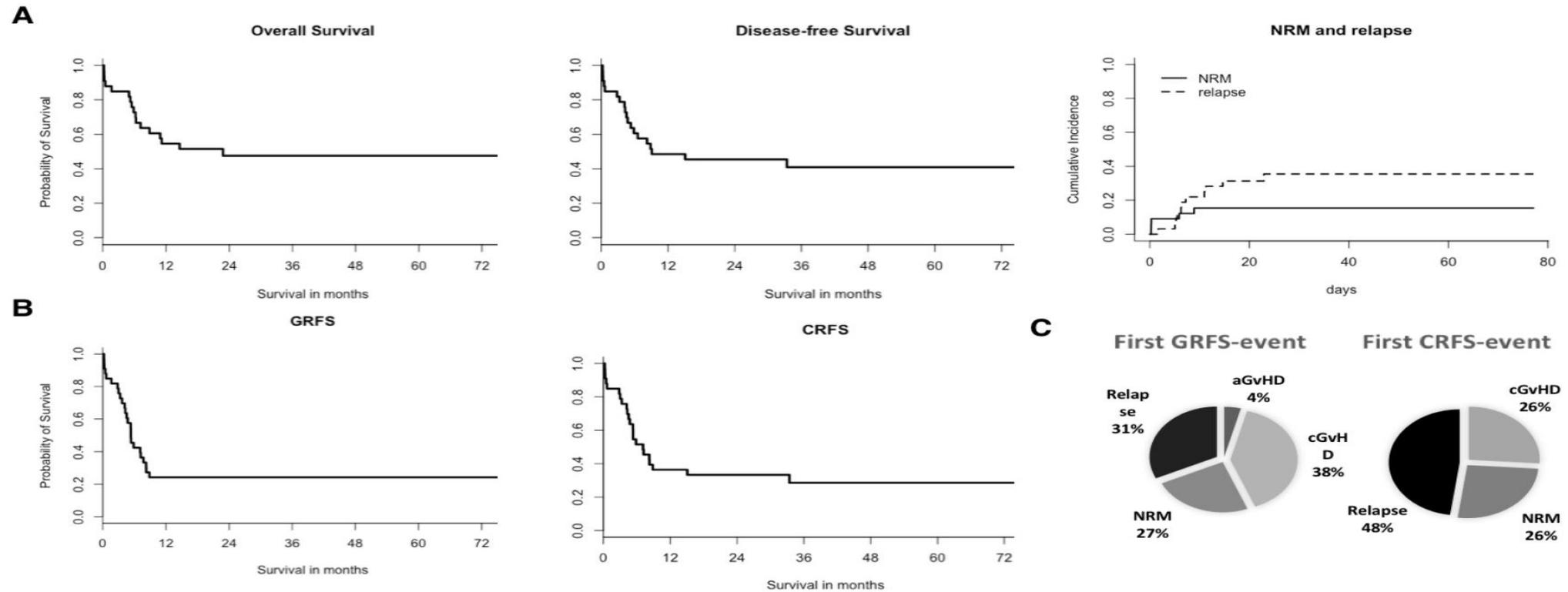
Santoro et al., Journal of Hematology&Oncology 2018



# Post HCT-Cy Haplo ALL



# Sequential FLAMSA/Clo- Post HCT-Cy Haplo



**Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curves of overall survival (OS), disease-free survival (DFS) and cumulative incidences (CI) of NRM and relapse (A), Kaplan-Meier curves of GvHD- and relapse-free survival (GRFS) and chronic GvHD- and relapse-free survival (CRFS) (B). Distribution of first event components of GRFS and CRFS (C).**

Abbreviations: NRM, non-relapse mortality; aGvHD, acute Graft-versus-host disease; cGvHD, chronic Graft-versus-host disease

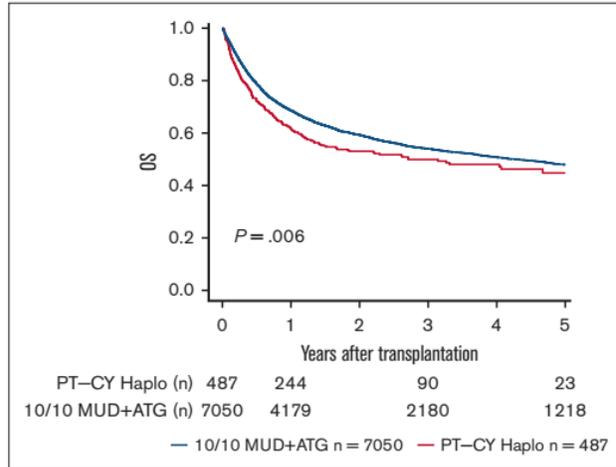
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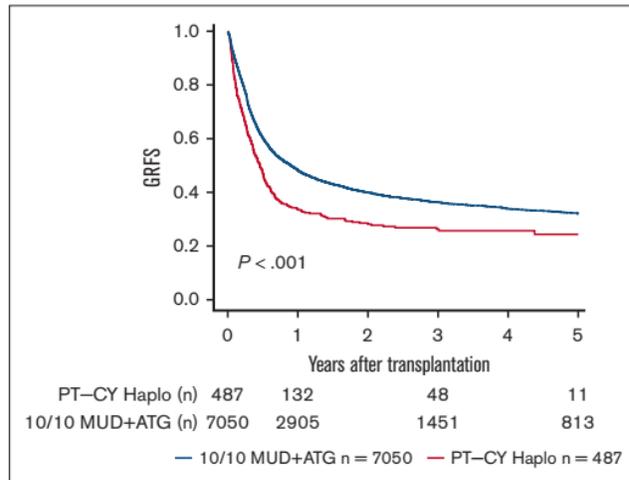
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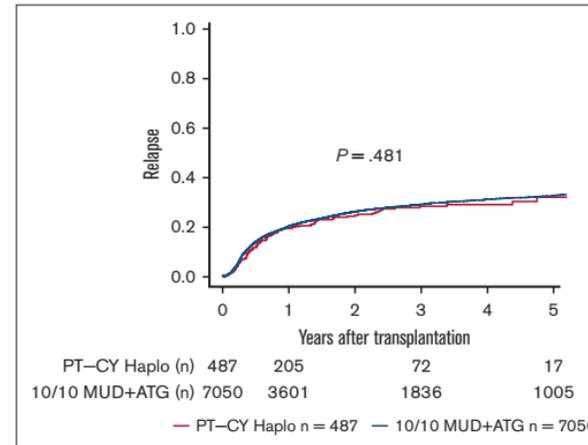
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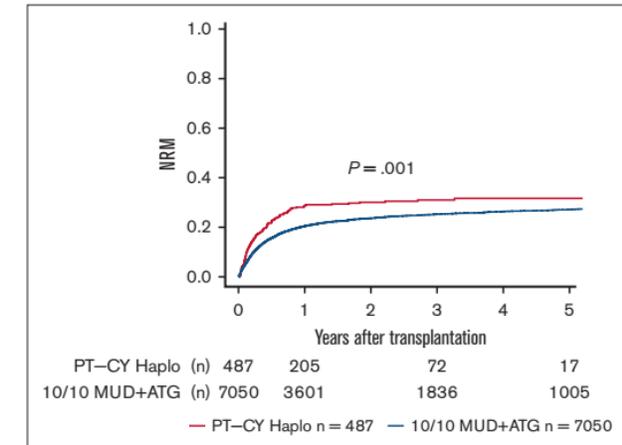
**Figure 1. Overall Survival.** Unadjusted 5-year OS according to transplant type ( $P = .006$ ).



**Figure 2. GvHD and Relapse Free Survival.** Unadjusted 5-year GRFS according to transplant type ( $P < .001$ ).



**Figure 4. Non-relapse Mortality.** Unadjusted 5-year NRM incidence according to transplant type ( $P = .001$ ).



**Figure 5. Relapse Incidence.** Unadjusted 5-year relapse incidence according to transplant type ( $P = .481$ ).



# In vitro T-cell depletion: Haplo without GVHD?



GVHD a major cause for morbidity and mortality

Incidence of GVHD with post-HCT Cy:

aGVHD II-IV = 30%,

aGVHD III-IV = 11%

extensive cGVHD = 38%

Bashey et al., JCO 2013



# Developments in graft-engineering for T-cell depletion

**1995**

CD34+ Selection  
of pure stem cells



**2003**

CD3/19 Depletion  
stem cells + effectors (NKs)



**2012**

TCR $\alpha\beta$ /CD19 Depletion  
stem cells + effectors (NKs +  $\gamma\delta$ T-cells)



- Better engraftment + immune reconstitution
- Retain low incidence of GVHD
- Lower CD34-dose in graft
- Improved GVT-effect (high NK-cell number)
- Reduced intensity conditioning



# TCR-Alpha/Beta Haplo Study

## Results of a Prospective Multicenter Phase I/II Clinical Trial in Adult Patients Using TCR-Alpha/Beta and CD19 Depleted Haploidentical Stem Cell Transplantation Following Reduced Intensity Conditioning

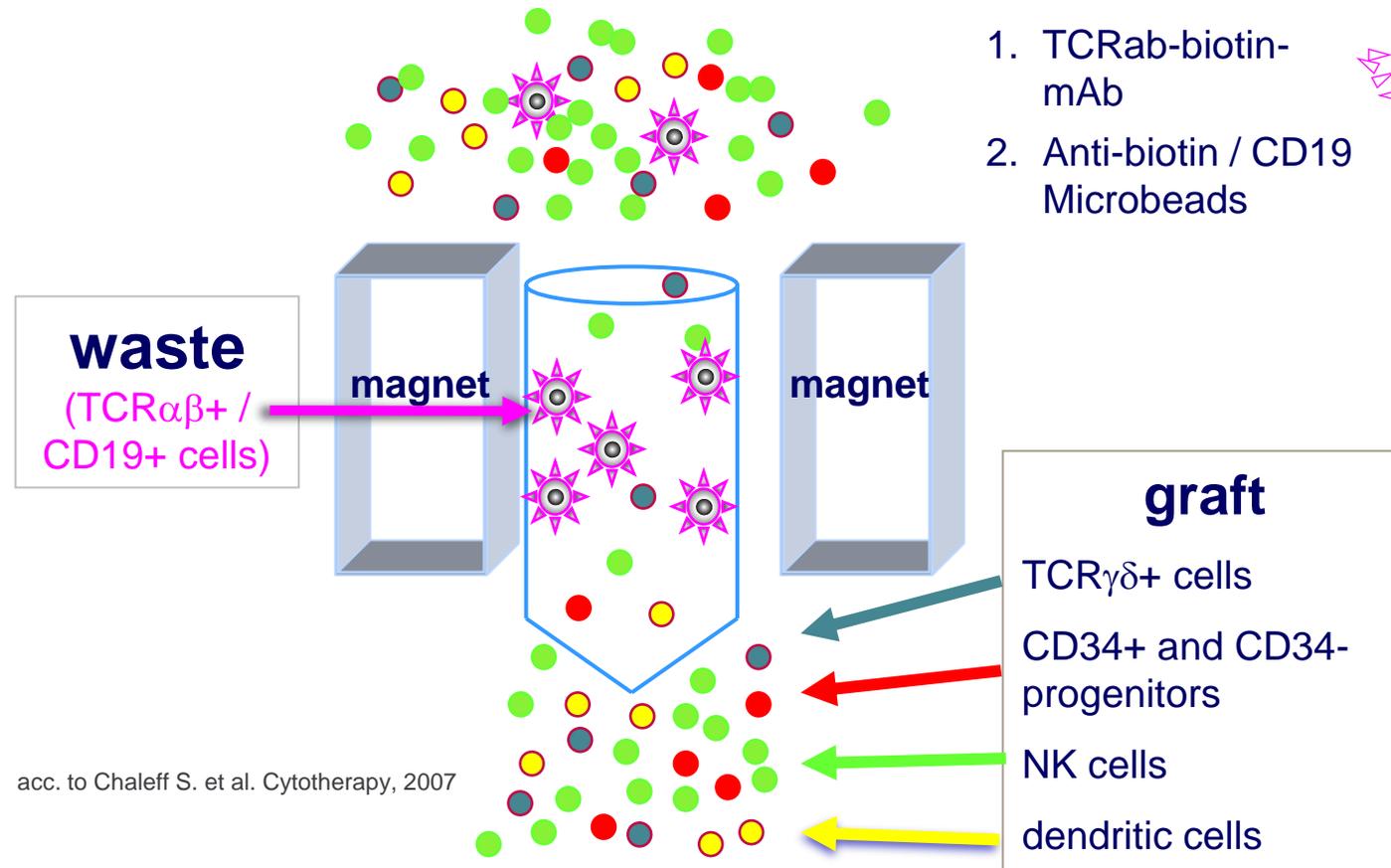
<b>Design</b>	multi-center, open-label, single-arm, phase I/II
<b>Patients</b>	60 (30 pediatric, 30 adult)
<b>IMP</b>	manufactured in 6 GMP sites (decentralized), CliniMACS TCR $\alpha\beta$ /CD19 depleted PBSC from haploidentical donors
<b>Primary objective</b>	Safety, tolerability and feasibility of TCR $\alpha\beta$ /CD19 depleted PBSCs, defined as <b>Incidence of grade II-IV acute GVHD on day 100</b> post transplantation
<b>Duration</b>	2 year patient follow-up

**Sponsor:** Miltenyi Biotec

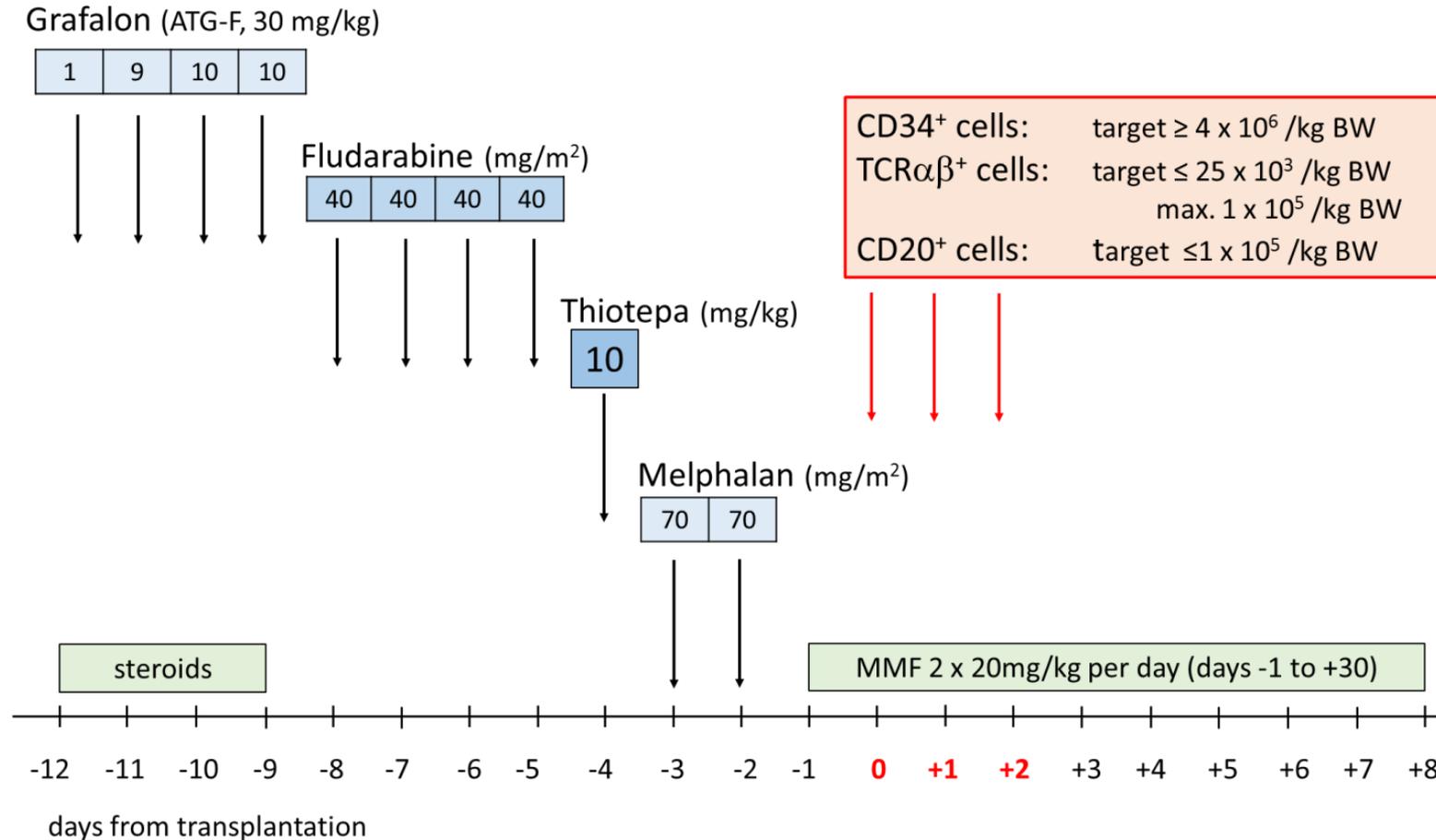
**EudraCT No. :** 2011-005562-38



# Depletion of TCRab<sup>+</sup> and CD19<sup>+</sup> cells



# Treatment protocol TCRαβ



Patients with therapy-refractory, hematological malignant disease:

➡ TNI (7Gy on day -1) instead of ATG possible



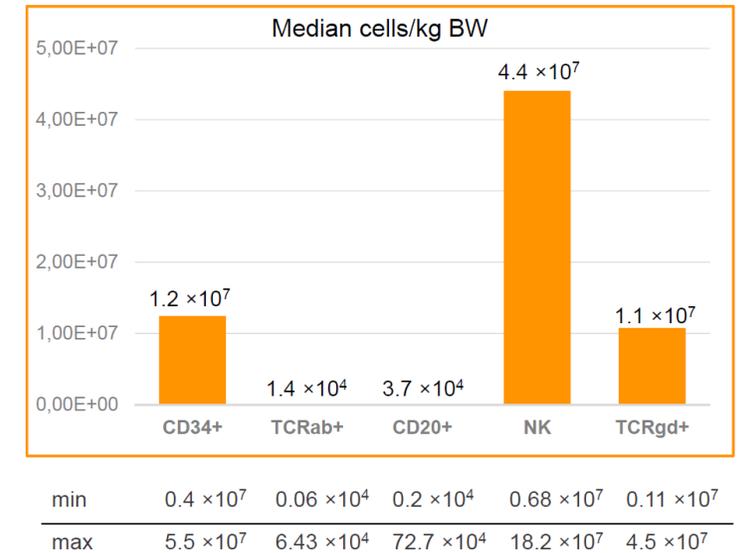
# Patients and graft - TCRαβ

## Patient demographics median 18.5 years (range 1 – 63)

May 2013-Nov 2016

Diagnosis	n = 60
AML	25
ALL	17
MDS/MPS	6
Solid tumors (rel. neuroblastoma, Ewings sarcoma, soft tissue sarcoma)	6
Non-malignant disorders (lysosomal storage disorder, SCID, WAS, sickle cell anemia)	4
Acute undifferentiated leukemia	1
Multiple myeloma	1
Disease status (malignant diseases)	n = 56
Complete remission	33
Partial remission (solid tumors)	2
Non-remission	21
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> SCT (% patients with malignant diseases) (8 adults, 12 children)	20/56 (36%)

## Graft composition

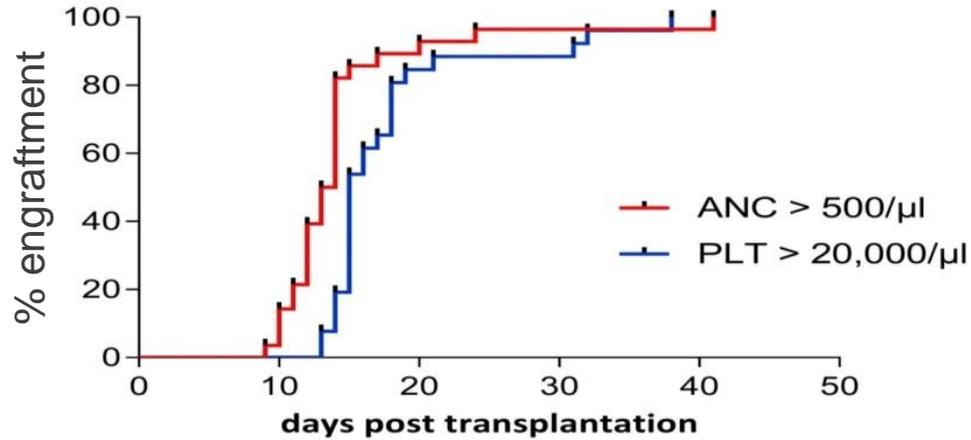


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# Engraftment

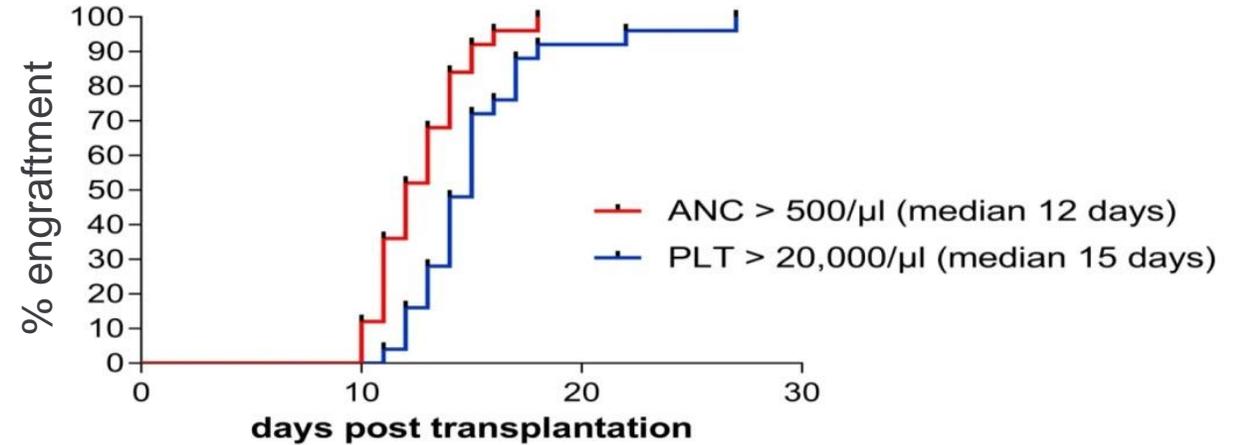
## Adult patients



Median time to ANC: **13.5 days** (range 9 – 41)  
 Median time to PLT: **15 days** (range 13 - 38)

Final engraftment	30/30
Initial engraftment	28/30
- Engraftment (reconditioning, 2 <sup>nd</sup> donation)	2/2

## Children

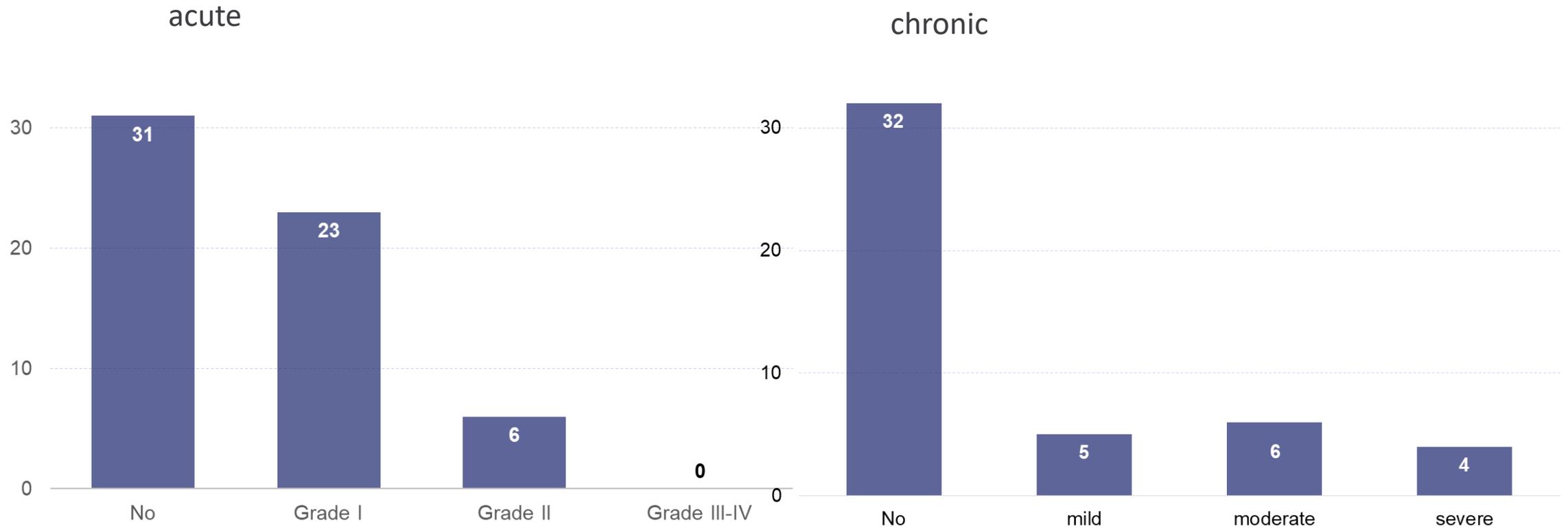


Median time to ANC: **12 days** (range 10 – 18)  
 Median time to PLT: **15 days** (range 11 - 27)

Final engraftment	29/30
- TRM	1/30
Initial engraftment	23/30
- Engraftment (reconditioning, 2 <sup>nd</sup> donation)	6/6



# GVHD - TCRαβ

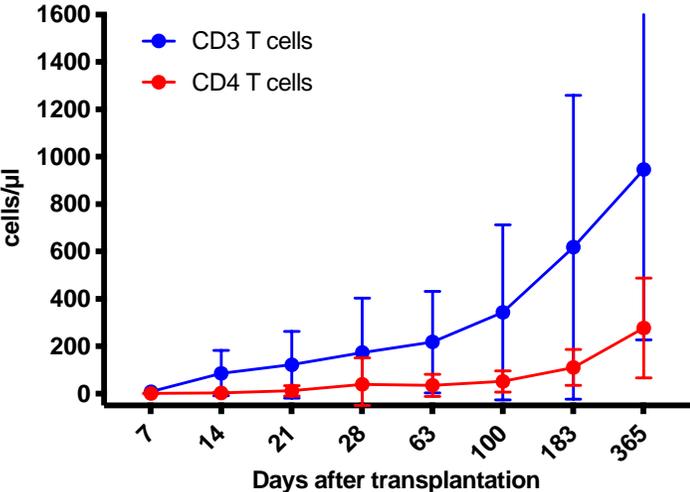


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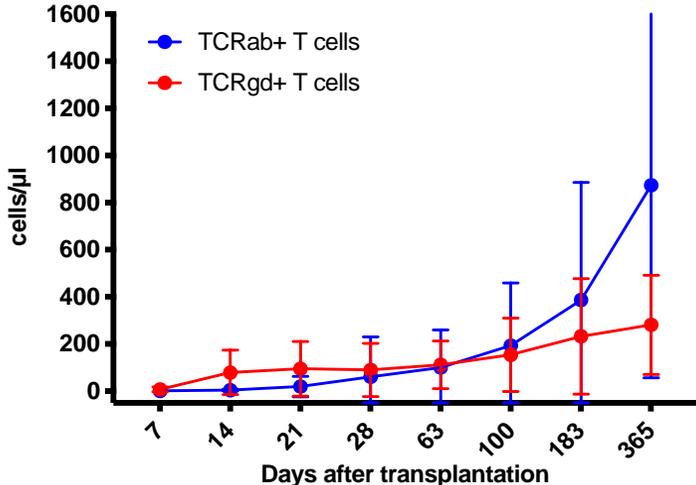


# Immune reconstitution

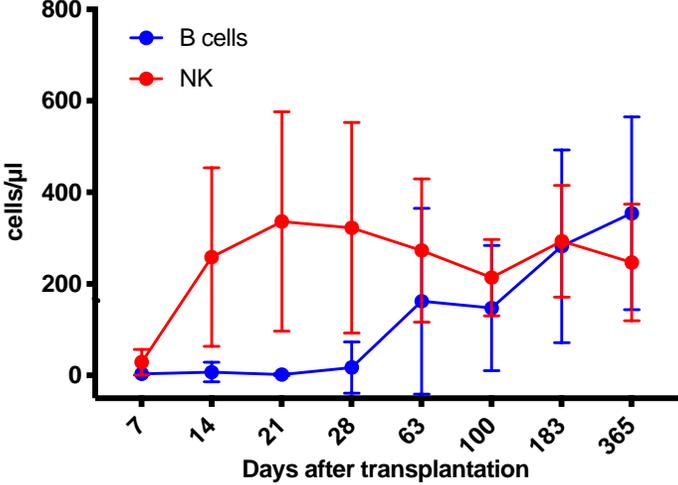
### CD3/CD3CD4 T cells



### αβ/γδ T cells



### NK/B cells



# Infections

		<b>N (%)</b>
<b>CMV</b>	Reactivation (PCR positive)	24 (40)
	Disease	2 (3)
<b>Adenovirus</b>	Reactivation (PCR positive, stool)	20 (33)
	Disease	11 (18)
<b>HHV6</b>	Reactivation (PCR positive)	18 (33)
	Disease	1 (2)
<b>EBV</b>	Reactivation (PCR positive)	1 (2)
	Disease	1 (2)
<b>BK Virus</b>	Reactivation (PCR positive)	6 (10)
	Disease	5 (8)
<b>Infections (Other)</b>	Sepsis	10 (17)



# Outcome

Outcome 60 patients	
Overall survival	N (%)
Patients alive	37 (62)
Causes of death*	
Relapse	12 (20)
Adenovirus infection	3 (5)
ARDS	3 (5)
Cardiac arrest	1 (2)
Multi organ failure	1 (2)
Sepsis due to graft failure	1 (2)
Demyelinating neuropathy	1 (2)

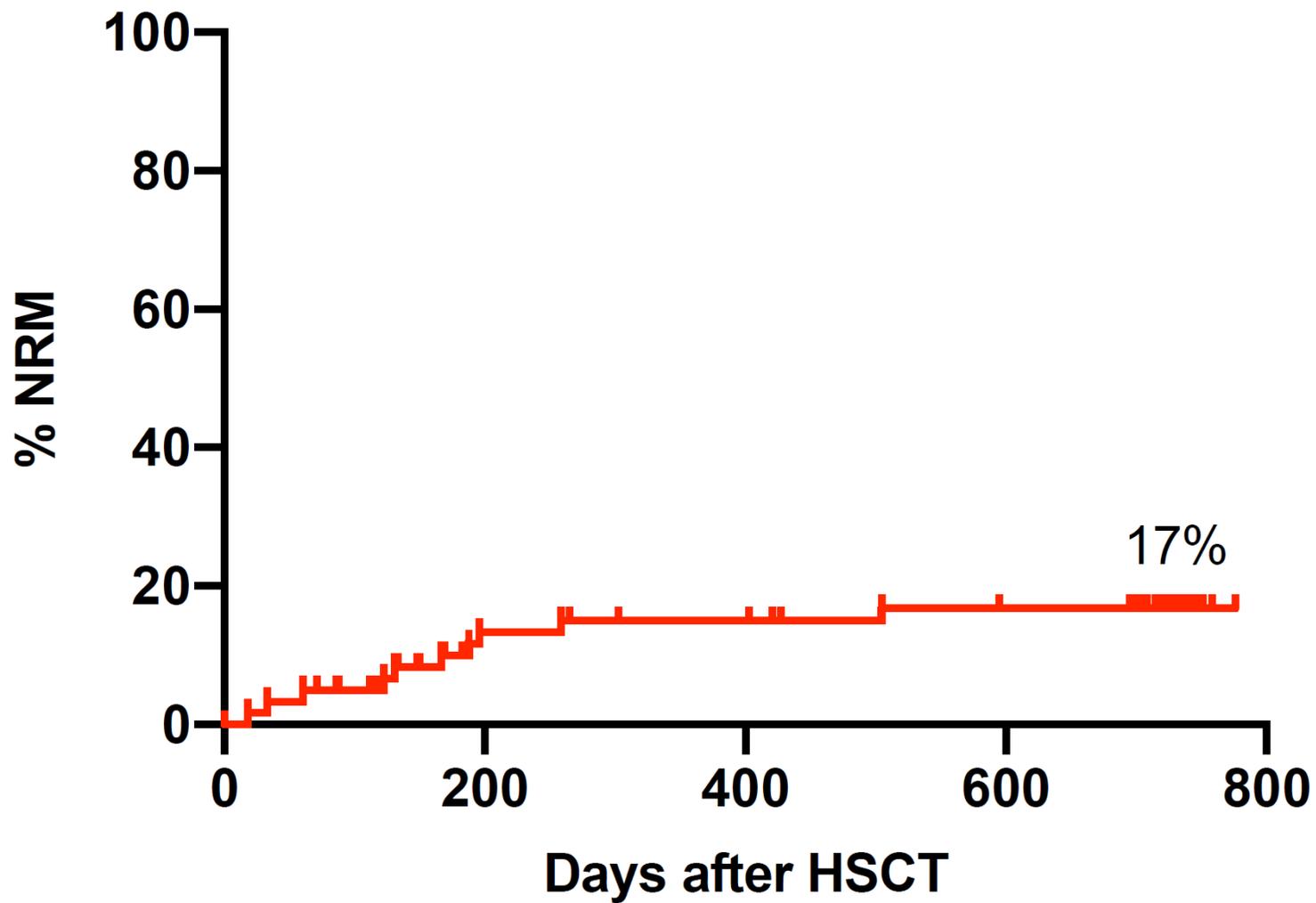
\* For 1 patient cause of death was not reported

Median follow-up: 706 days (range: 18-776)

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# Non Relapse Mortality

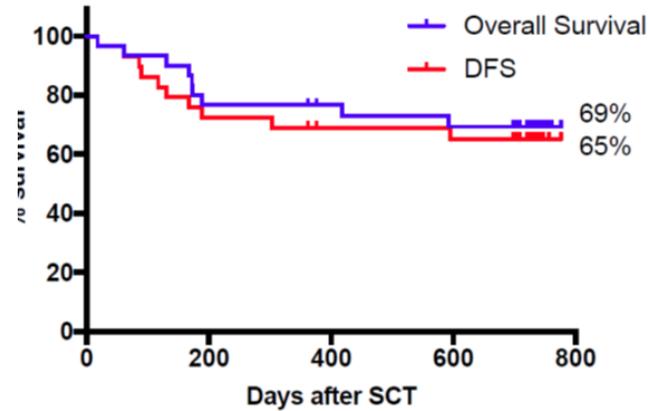


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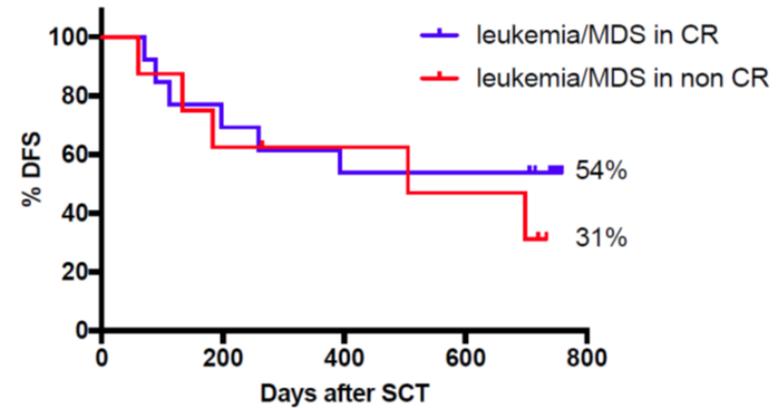
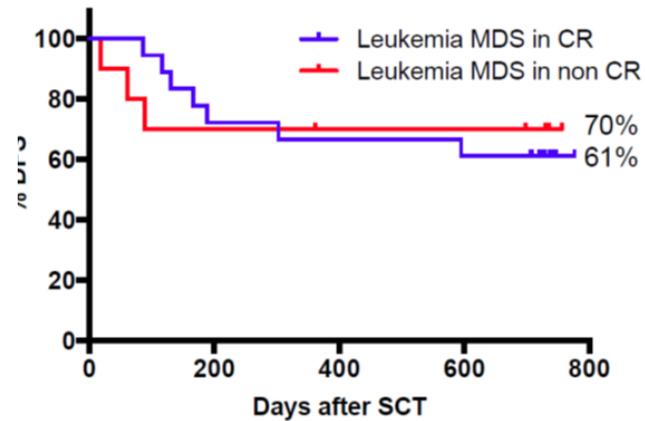
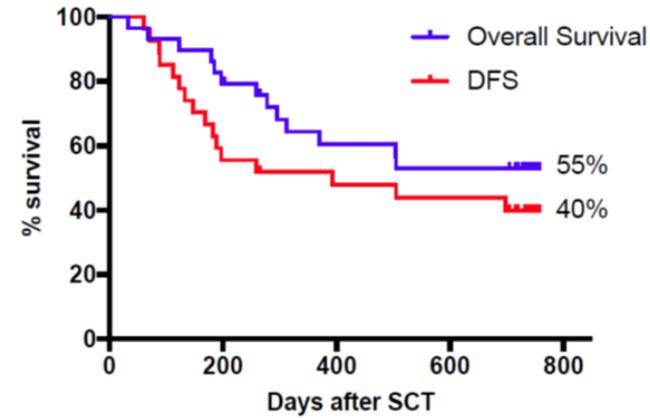


# Survival - TCRαβ

## Adults



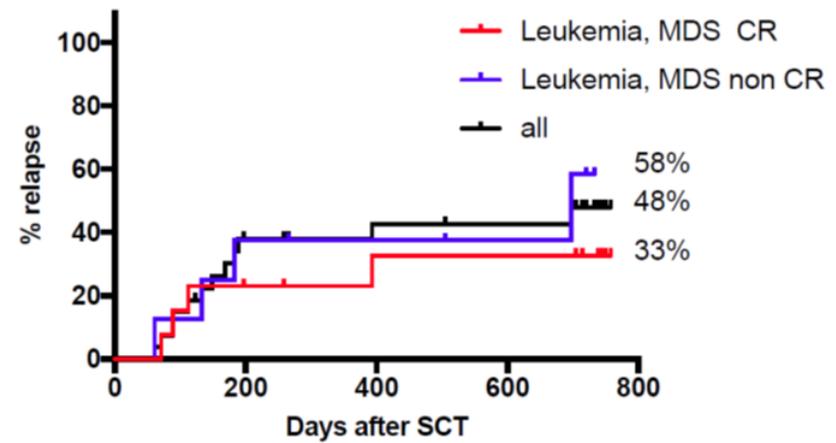
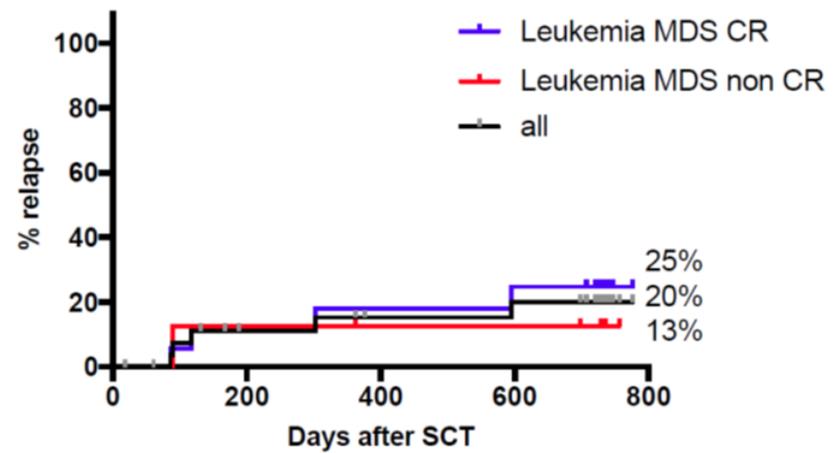
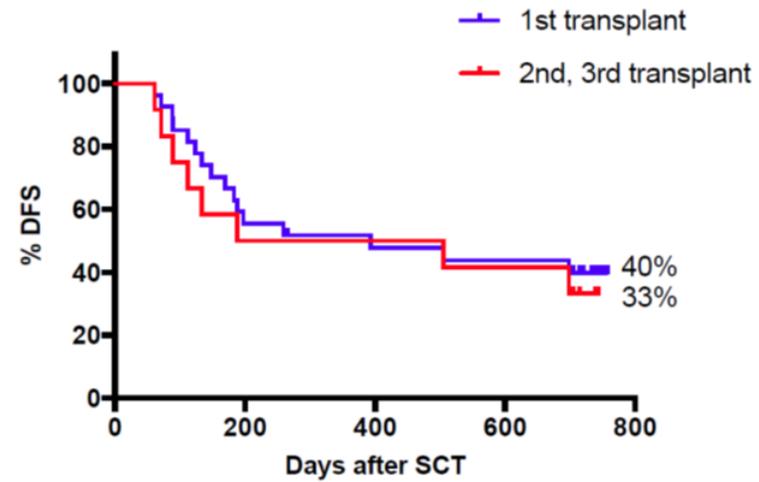
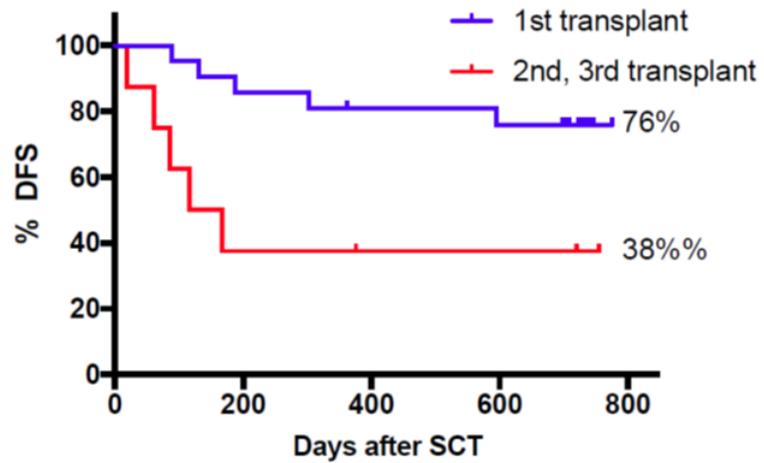
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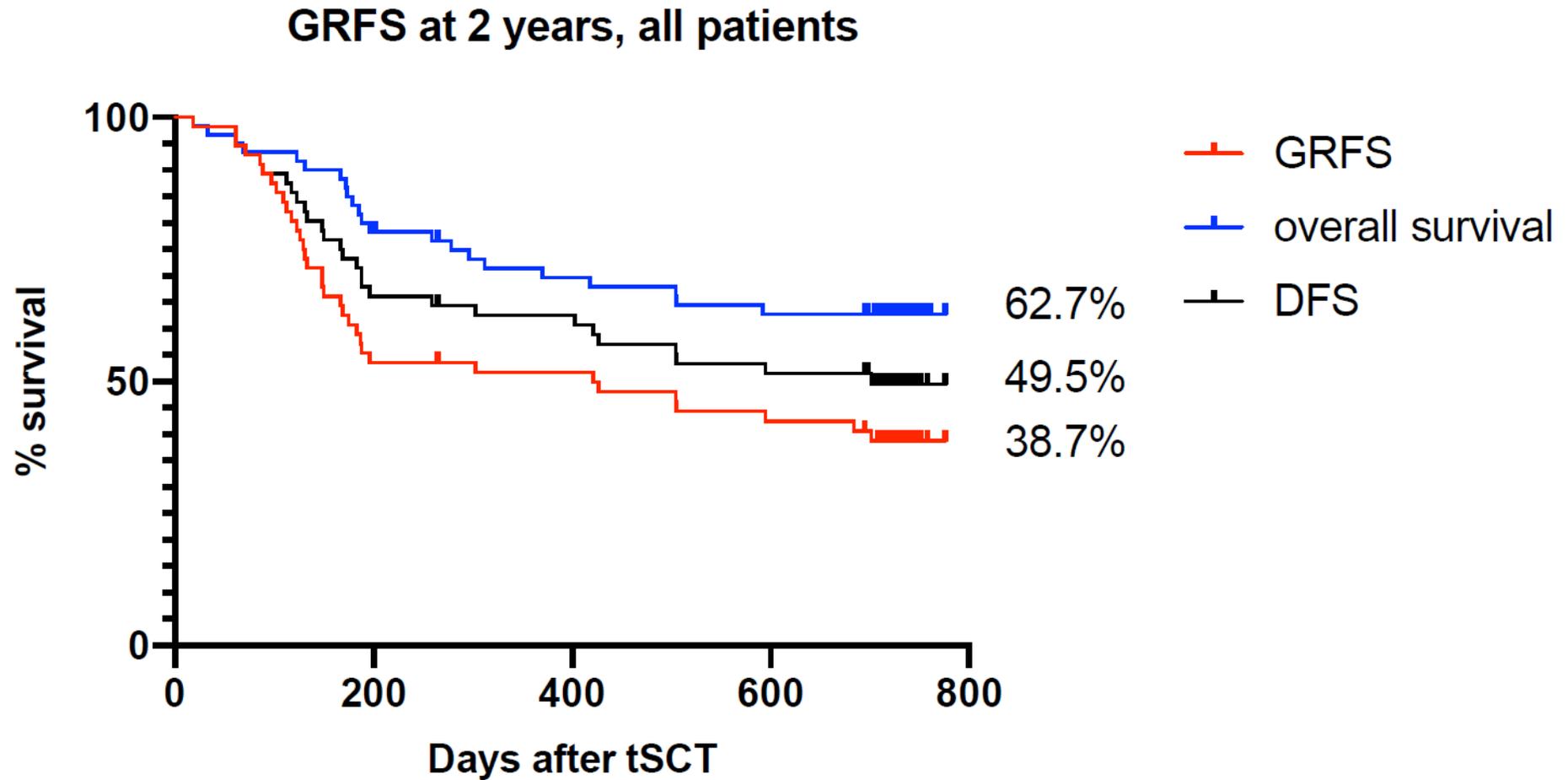
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# Survival - TCR $\alpha\beta$



# Survival - TCRαβ

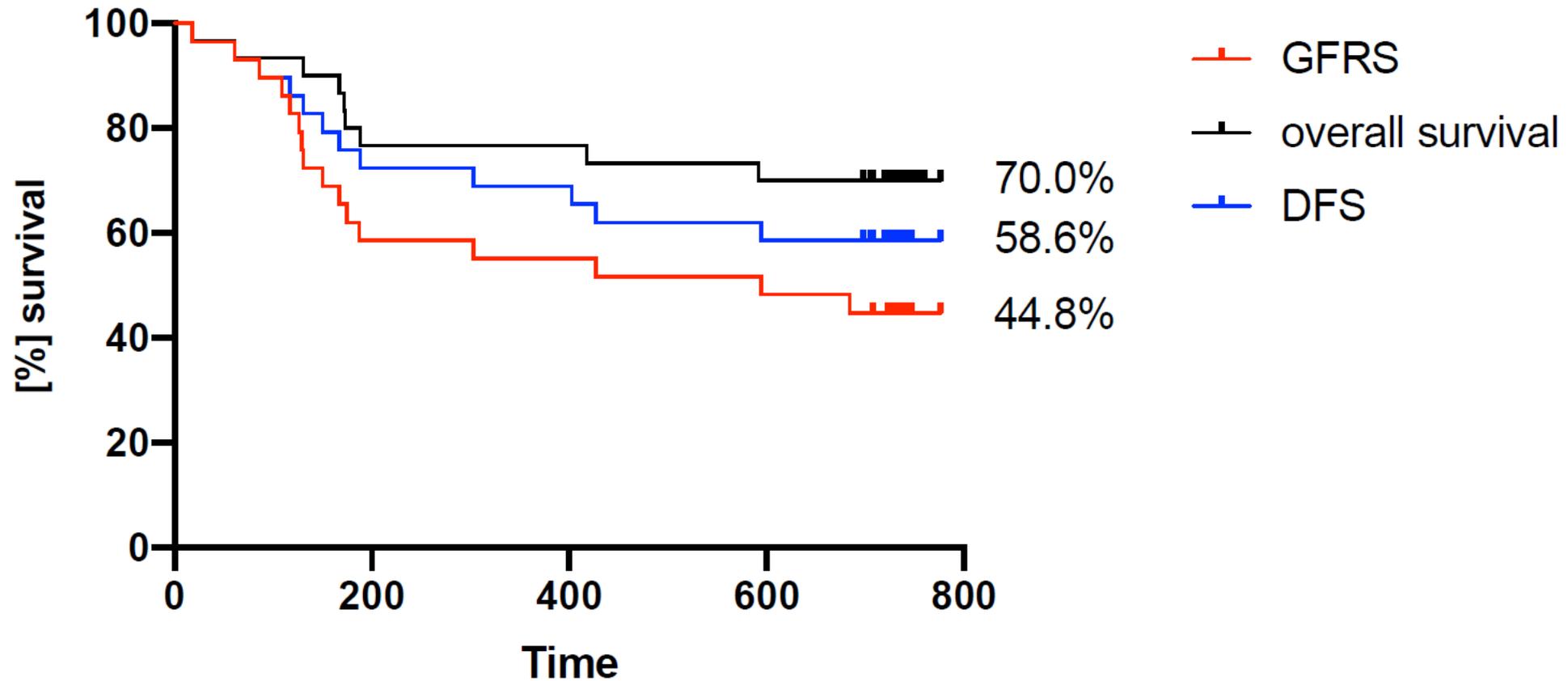


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# GVHD free, relapse free survival (GFRFS)

## GRFS at 2 years, adult patients

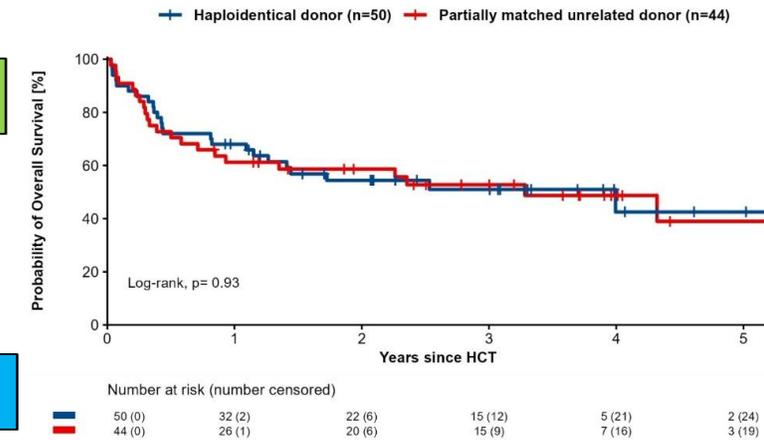
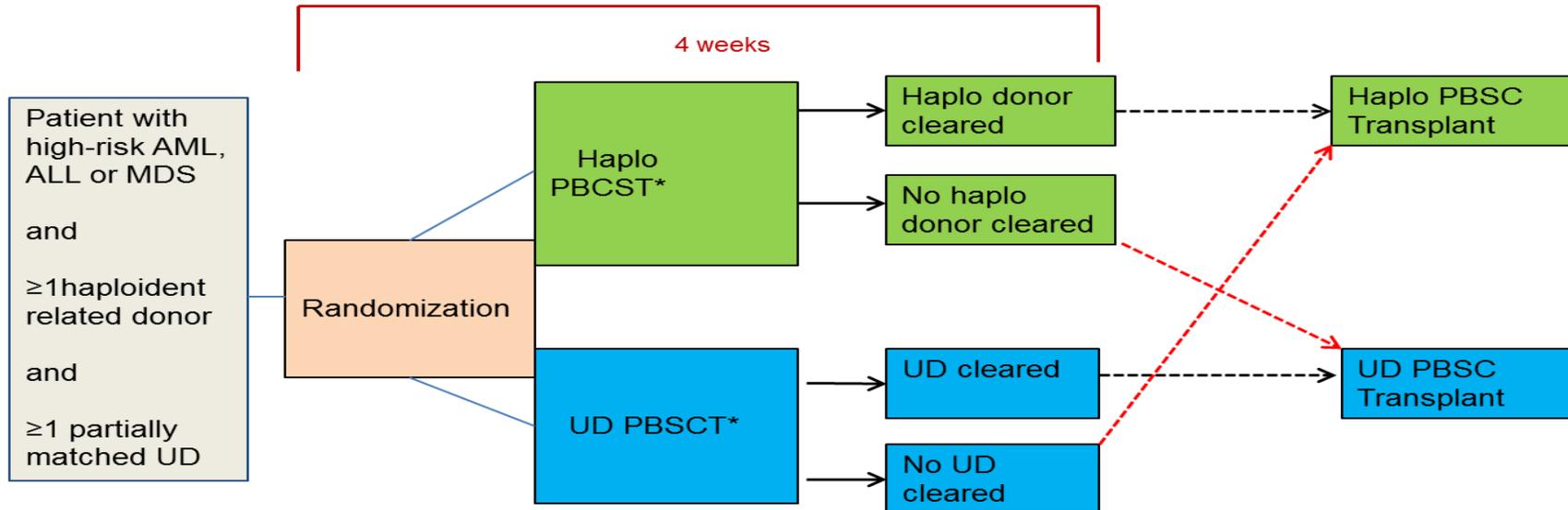


# HAMLET Study

## HAploidentical versus Mismatched UnreLateEd donor Transplantation

HAMLET  
DKMS-16-01  
EudraCT: 2015-005399-12

### Trial Scheme



### First Results at EHA 2025:

Haplo-identical related donors and partially mismatched unrelated donors lead to comparable outcomes. No significant differences were found for any endpoint after transplantation with both donor types



# CD45RADLIHaplo

**A multicenter phase I/II trial of memory T cell donor lymphocyte infusions after transplantation of CliniMACS TCR $\alpha$ / $\beta$  and CD19 depleted stem cell grafts from haploidentical donors for hematopoietic cell transplantation**



# Study design

Phase I: “**3 + 3 design**” → Determination of the dose level for Phase II

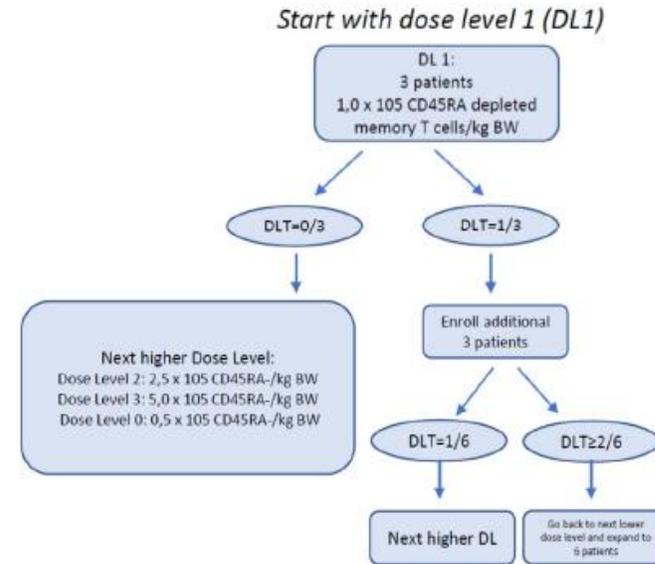
**Staged inclusion** of three patients in each cohort:

- Follow-up of each first patient of each dose must be waited until day 100
- Release of additional patients by sponsor representative; simultaneous inclusion then possible
- Opening of new cohort only after day 100 of all patients
- A **DSMB** will be involved in each cohort as a decision-making body

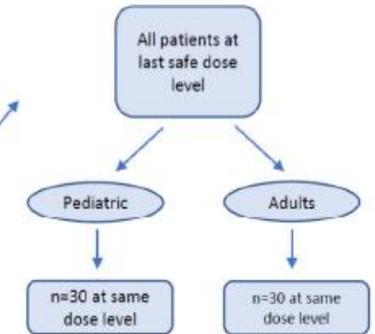
Patients can be replaced,

- If you have withdrawn your consent
- In case of screening failures (patients only with visit 1)
- If their HHCT had less than  $4 \times 10^{10}$

## Phase I: Dose Escalation



## Phase II: Expansion Phase



- Phase I: only adults and children >6 years
- Phase II: Study population is stratified into adults and children 30/30 (Phase I+II: total of 60 patients)
- Phase II: younger children  $\geq 8$  weeks can also be included



# Inclusion criteria - indications

- Adult and pediatric patients with hematological malignancies in complete remission (CR), partial remission (PR), or with stable disease
  - Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) (patients with high-risk AML in CR1, patients with relapsed or primarily refractory AML)
  - Acute lymphoid leukemia (ALL) (patients with high-risk ALL in CR1, patients with relapsed or primary refractory ALL)
  - Hodgkin's disease (patients with relapsed or primary refractory Hodgkin's disease)
  - Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (patients with relapsed or primary refractory non-Hodgkin lymphoma)
  - Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) / myeloproliferative syndrome (MPS) (patients with refractory MDS/MPS)
  - Multiple myeloma (MM) (patients with relapsed or refractory MM)

## Additional inclusion criteria:

- The decision for haploidentical HHCT according to hospital routine with TCR  $\alpha/\beta$  and CD19-depleted stem cells was made before inclusion of the patient in this study.

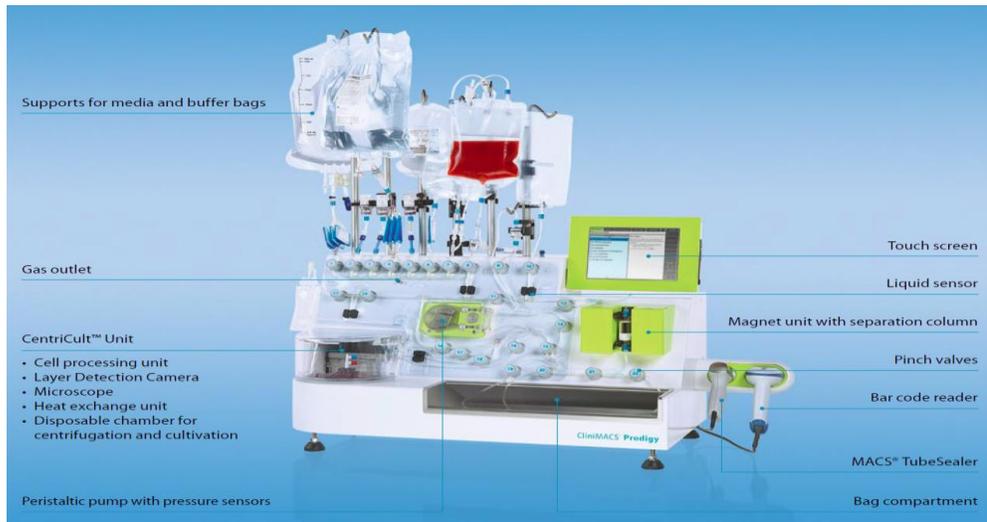
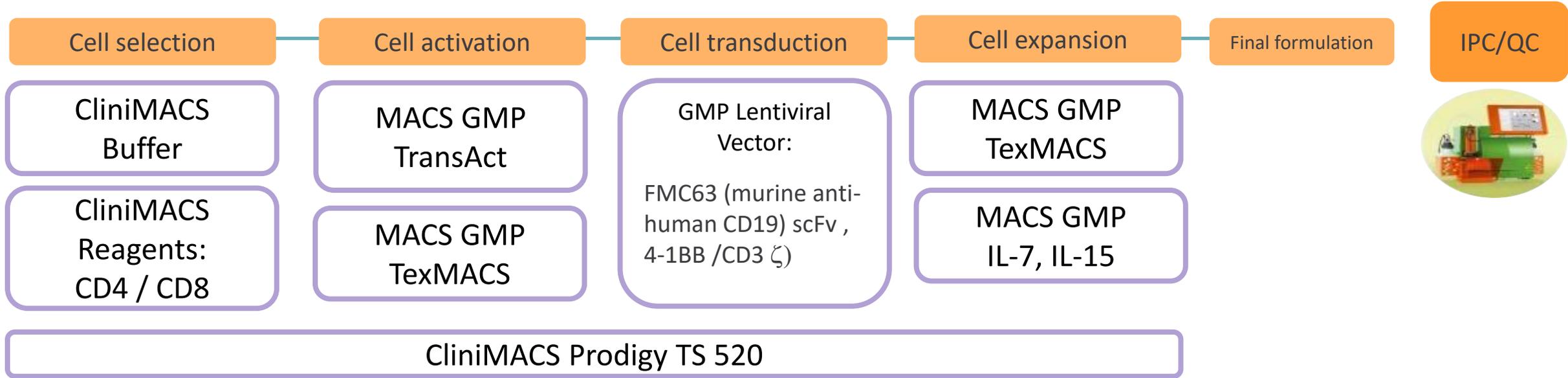


# Conclusions

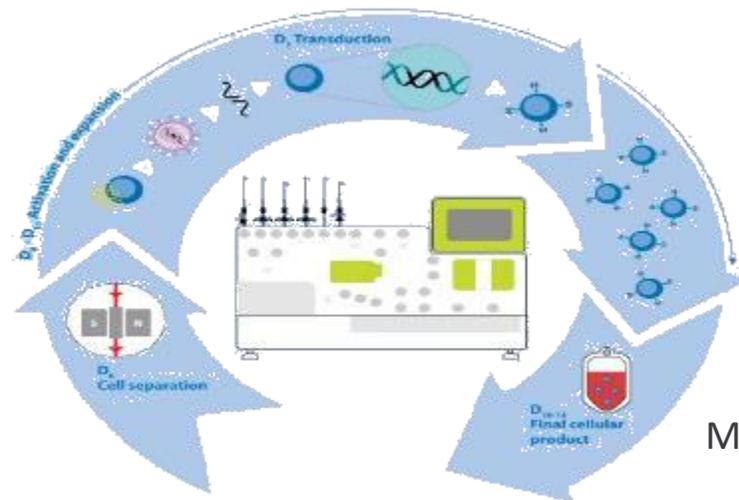
- ✓ Large body of retrospective evidence for T-cell replete haplo SCT using Post-Cy as almost equivalent to MUD
- ✓ Excellent equivalent results with TCRalpha/beta depleted Haplo SCT
- ✓ Haploidentical SCT is a feasible and safe source of stem cells with similar results as in 10/10 MUD SCT
- ✓ Pending results of prospective Study of Haplo vs 9/10 MM (HAMLET/Sponsor DKMS)
- ✓ Ongoing prospective Study of CD45 RA DLI after TCRalpha/beta depleted Haplo SCT
- ✓ Haplo excellent Platform for additional post SCT cellular therapies



# New concept for decentralized CAR-T production



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# Joint GMP stem cell laboratory Children's Hospital/Medical Clinic

- 2 Class B clean rooms
- 4 CliniMACS columns
- 3 Miltenyi Prodigy
- at the GMP Center UKT: 1 Class B clean room + C Lab
  
- Manufacturing authorization for:
  - Stem cell preparation
  - CD34, CD3/CD19, TCAb /CD19 depletion
  - MSC
  - Virus-specific T cells
  - CAR-T CD19
  - CAR-T CD19/CD22



# Physician-specific and study-specific manufacturing authorization for: CD 19 CAR-T - CD 19/22 CAR-T

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<b>Teil 1 - HERSTELLUNGSTÄTIGKEITEN</b>		
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Biologische Arzneimittel</b>	
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	1.3.1.4 <i>Gentherapeutika</i> Andere - CD19-spezifische Chimäre Antigen-Rezeptor-T-Lymphozyten, hergestellt mittels des lentiviralen Vektors Anti-CD19-CAR LV und autologen Leukapheresaten - CD19/CD22-spezifische Chimäre Antigen-Rezeptor-T-Lymphozyten (entsprechend der Spezifikation SP033-V.01), hergestellt mittels des Lentiviral Vector aCD22-19 CAR-BB28 und autologen Leukapheresaten (MB-CART-CD19/CD22 BB28)	
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	1.3.2.4 <i>Gentherapeutika</i>	
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CD19/22 IMP 3rd Generation CAR-T  
CD28 and 4-1BB (CD137) co-stimulatory domains

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CD19/22 AH 2nd Generation CAR-T, 4-1BB

## NEW also for the following Indications for physician-specific preparation:

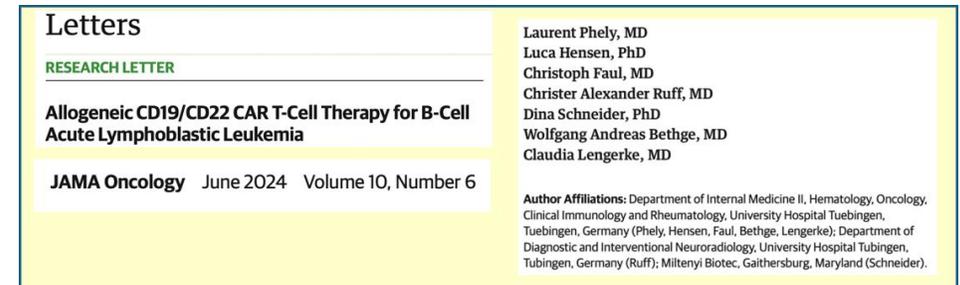
- CD19/CD22 CAR-T:
- PTLD
  - Burkitt lymphoma
  - CLL
  - CLL with Richter transformation in DLBCL
  - Marginal zone lymphoma
  - CD19 negative/CD22 positive
  - R/R disease due to lymphoma/ALL after CAR-T or bispecific AK
  - therapy-refractory ALL CD19 negative, CD22 positive
  - CD19+/- CD22 positive disease (lymphoma/ALL) relapse after allo

- CD19 CAR-T:
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
  - Systemic scleroderma
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Immune thrombocytopenia
  - Myasthenia Gravis
  - Autoimmune myositis
  - Phephigus Vulgaris
  - ANCA-associated vasculitis
  - Rheumatoid arthritis

# Physician-specific CD 19 CAR-T - CD 19/22 CAR-T Applications and Individual Treatment Trials as Medical Emergency

## Patient Cohort – Bispecific CD19/CD 22 CAR-T Cell Product 2nd Generation 4-1BB

- **First patient treated:** January 2021
- **Total patients treated:** 9
- **Patients with prior allogeneic transplant:** 7
- **Autologous (patient-derived) or allogeneic (donor-derived) lymphocytes were used**
- **Diagnoses:**
  - B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) n=3
  - Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) n=1
  - Richter transformation – DLBCL n=2
  - Primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma (PMBCL) n=1
  - Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD) n=1
  - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) n=1
- **Repeated CAR-T cell infusions resulted in renewed responses (complete remissions) after relapse associated with CAR-T cell depletion.**



# Outcome

	Diagnosis	CAR-T	Best Response	PFS (months)	OS (months)	Cause of death
#1 male 61y	MCL	1 x auto CAR	PD	0,9	0,9 †	Candida-Sepsis †
#2 female 58y	c-ALL	2 x auto CAR 1 x allo CAR	CR	4,1	58	
#3 male 61y	c-ALL	2 x auto CAR	CR	49	60 †	E.Coli Sepsis, COVID †
#4 female 25y	PMBCL	1 x allo CAR	PD	1,3	1,3 †	Progress, intestinal GvHD, fungal infection †
#5 male 43y	Richter-transformation (DLBCL)	1 x auto CAR	CR	13,6	26,3	-
#6 female 66y	PTLD	1 x autoCAR	CR	-	25,2	-
#7 male 66y	DLBCL	1 x auto CAR	PD	0,8	0,8 †	Progress †
#8 male 65y	Richter-t (DLBCL)	1 x auto CAR	CR	-	15,6	-
#9 female 61y	c-ALL	1 x auto CAR	CR	-	6,4	-



# Dual CD19 and CD22-targeted in-house CAR-T cells in B-cell leukemias and lymphomas (Phase I study)

- Investigator -initiated trial (IIT)
- 36 patients (adults and children >12 years)
- Treatment period: 2025 to 2028
- Indications (Basket): B-cell leukemias (children) or lymphomas (adults) with CD19 and/or CD22 expression in specific clinical situations (indications outside of existing approved finished products)
- CAR-T cells: directed against two antigens (CD19 and CD22), third generation, CD28 and 4-1BB (CD137) co-stimulatory domains, manufactured in-house (GMP), manufacturing license for this study available
- Previous experience with CD19/CD22 second-generation CAR-T cells: Publication from the UKT: Phely et al, JAMA Oncology , 2024, a total of 21 patients treated in curative trials (adults and children)



# Inclusion Criteria

On request PEI:

Separation of disease entities for children and adults

Children > 12 years

Start with adult cohort, then opening children

## (1) Cohort 1: Adults $\geq 18$ years: refractory/relapsed B-cell lymphoma, Richter's transformation/ Burkitt lymphoma /NHL/CLL

- ❖ After at least two of the more systemic therapies including therapy with approved bispecific antibodies or commercial CAR-T cells or with contraindication to such therapies
- ❖ Relapse after treatment with anti-CD19 or anti-CD22 targeted therapies (including CAR-T cells)
- ❖ Patients with CNS involvement if the disease is controlled at inclusion
- ❖ for auto /allo transplantation who cannot or do not want to receive this therapy (e.g. refractory diseases where CAR-T cells are used as a bridge to allo transplantation)

## (2) Cohort 2 : Children 12-17 years: Acute Lymphatic Leukemia

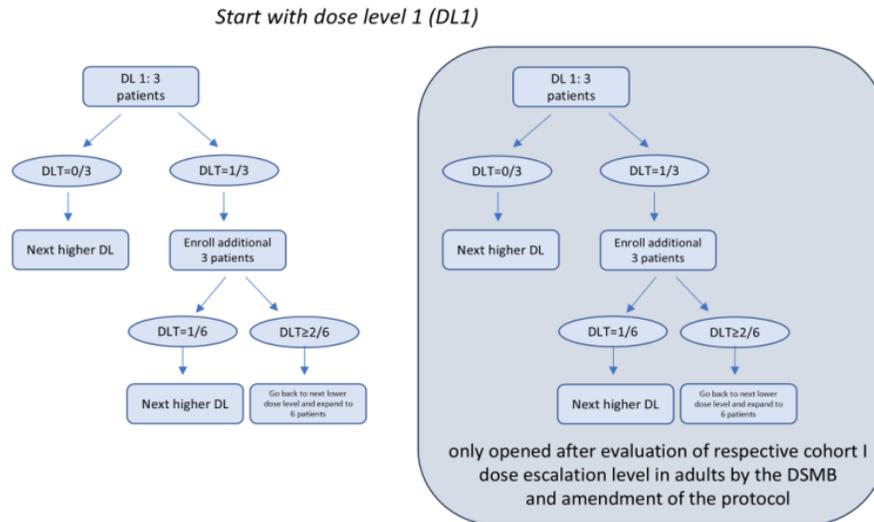
- ❖ Disease progression with second **or** later relapse of ALL with >5% blasts **or** molecular recurrence without approved treatment option with CAR-T, bispecific or cytotoxic antibodies
- ❖ Relapse after allotransplantation or after treatment with anti-CD19 or anti-CD22 targeted therapies
- ❖ Patients recommended for allotransplantation who cannot or do not want to receive this therapy
- ❖ Patients in hematological remission after induction who cannot continue standard therapy (for medical or other reasons)
- ❖ Patients with extramedullary disease (CNS, testis , etc.), if the disease is controlled at inclusion
- ❖ Patients with Ph + ALL who are intolerant to tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs), or with relapsed disease after at least 2 different TKIs



# IIT Trial CD19/CD22 Phase I B-cell malignancies: study design

Cohort I: Lymphoma, adults

Cohort II: ALL, children



## Dose levels within the cohorts:

Dose level cohorts

1.  $0.5 \times 10^6$  CAR-transduced T cells/kg
2.  $1 \times 10^6$  CAR-transduced T cells/kg
3.  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-transduced T cells/kg
0.  $0.25 \times 10^5$  CAR-transduced T cells/kg

Statistics, Safety Variables and Stopping Rules

### Analysis populations

All patients who are treated with the IMP will be included in the analysis of safety/toxicity, clinical response and further secondary endpoints.

### Statistical analyses

For each cohort and each dose level in each of the three dose level groups, results of dose-limiting toxicities and related safety/toxicities will be listed individually and if reasonable, also evaluated separately by using appropriate descriptive statistics. The safety and efficacy of MB-CART2219.1 in the will be further assessed in relation to prior published historical control group data, since the rarity of the patient population does not allow for fully powered randomized comparison. Safety and efficacy data of this trial will guide decisions about further development of MB-CART2219.1 as an active agent in the respective indications.

Figure 2: Dose escalation schema

Pre treatment phase			Treatment phase	Follow-up	
Days -45 to -15 Screening Outpatient	Day -14 Leukapheresis Outpatient	Days -5 to -3/ Days -6 to -4 Inpatient	Day 0 MB-CART19 CD19/22 Infusion Inpatient	Follow-up I Days 1 to 28 Inpatient at least until day 7	Follow-up II Months 2 to 6 Outpatient

Figure 3: Overall Study Design



### CAR-T cell studies

Entity	Description	Framework conditions
Lymphomas/ Car-T cells	Phase II study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of MB-CART2019.1 compared with standard therapy in participants with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (RR DLBCL)   DALY 2-EU	<b>Recruitment ended</b>  Info: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Myeloma/ Car-T cells	Line therapy for non-transplant eligible patients with VRD followed by ciltacabtagene Autoleucel vs VRD followed by lenalidomide maintenance   Cartitude-5	<b>open</b>  Info: Dr. Besemer
Lymphomas/ALL	A phase I/II dose finding and efficacy study of MB-CART-CD19/CD22 in patients with relapsed/refractory B-cell malignancies	<b>open</b>  Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Autoimmune Diseases	<b>An open-label phase I/IIa, multicentre, interventional single-arm trial of MBCART19.1 in patients with refractory SLE</b>  <i>Use of MB-CART19 also for autoimmune diseases (SLE, MS, myositis)</i>	<b>open</b>  planned Info: Prof. Dr. Henes

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