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# Thérapeutiques pré-transplantation

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## Modulation de la dose-intensité / modulation de l'immunosuppression

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## Donor

- Match sibling or UD
  - 6/6 vs 8/8 vs 10/10
- Mismatched RD or UD

## Stem Cell Source

- Bone Marrow
- primed BM
- PBSC
- Cord Blood

## Dis. Status

- CR1
- CRn
- advanced

## Patient

- Age
- Comorbidities

# Allo SCT

## Disease

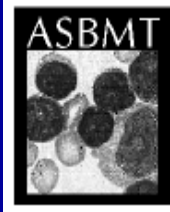
- Cytology
- Gen Abnormality
- Response to Trt

## Conditioning preparation

- Standard Myeloablative
  - TBI or No TBI
- Reinforced Myeloablative
- **NMAC or RIC or RTC**

## GVHD prophylaxis

- CSA /CSA + MTX
- Tacrolimus
- Ex vivo T Cell depletion
- **ATG**
- HD CY post HSCT



# Historical markers in the development of allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation

*E. Donnall Thomas,<sup>1</sup> Karl G. Blumé<sup>2</sup>*

1949-1951: THE HUMORAL HYPOTHESIS

1954-1956: THE CELLULAR HYPOTHESIS

1956-1959: ADVANCES IN MARROW GRAFTING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH ANIMAL STUDIES

1956-1959: RECOGNITION OF THE POTENTIAL OF MARROW GRAFTING IN THE TREATMENT OF HUMAN DISEASE

1960-1967: PESSIMISM ABOUT ALLOGENEIC MARROW GRAFTING IN HUMAN PATIENTS BUT PROGRESS IN ANIMAL MODELS OF ALLOGENEIC MARROW GRAFTING

1968-1975: THE BEGINNING OF THE MODERN ERA OF HUMAN MARROW TRANSPLANTATION

1976-1986: WIDENING APPLICATION OF ALLOGENEIC MARROW GRAFTING FOR HUMAN PATIENTS

1986-PRESENT: HEMATOPOIETIC CELL TRANSPLANTATION AS STANDARD THERAPY

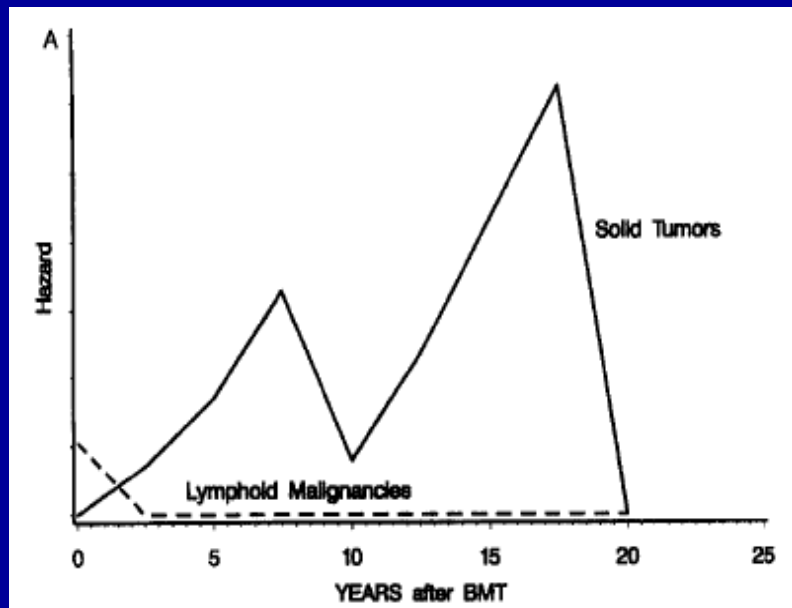
1999- now

**TBI / BM / Sibling**

- **No TBI**
- **PBSC**
- **UD/CB**
- **RIC**
- **Haplo**

# Malignancies After Marrow Transplantation for Aplastic Anemia and Fanconi Anemia: A Joint Seattle and Paris Analysis of Results in 700 Patients

By H.J. Deeg, G. Socié, G. Schoch, M. Henry-Amar, R.P. Witherspoon, A. Devergie, K.M. Sullivan, E. Gluckman, and R. Storb



**Table 4. Predictors of Posttransplant Solid Tumors by Multivariable, Stepwise Proportional Hazards Model**

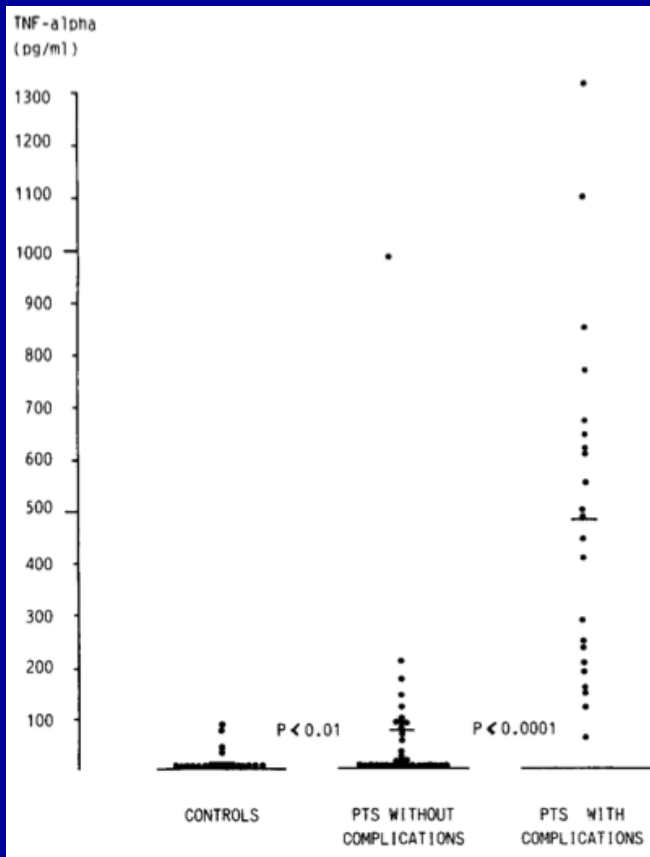
Patient Population	Step Entered in Model	Univariable P	Multivariable P	RR (95% CI)
<b>All patients</b>				
Azathioprine/chronic GVHD*	1	.0001	.0005	11.7 (3.9-34.6)
Fanconi anemia	2	.0002	.0001	11.2 (3.9-34.6)
<b>Non-Fanconi patients</b>				
Azathioprine/chronic GVHD*	1	.0001	.0043	7.5 (1.8-30.2)
Irradiation	2	.0024	.0424	3.9 (1.0-15.0)
Age	3	.0525	.0252	1.1 (1.0-1.12)

\* Azathioprine modeled as a time-dependent variable and assumed to be started at diagnosis of chronic GVHD (see Materials and Methods).

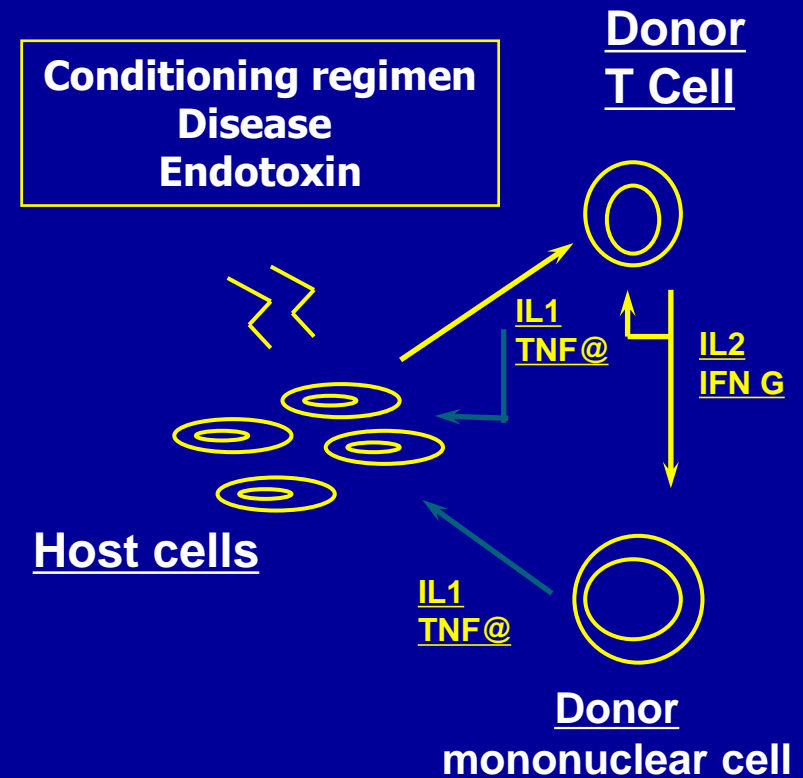
**Post transplant malignancies**

# Historical Myeloablative Conditionings

## Cytotoxicity and Procedure Toxicity

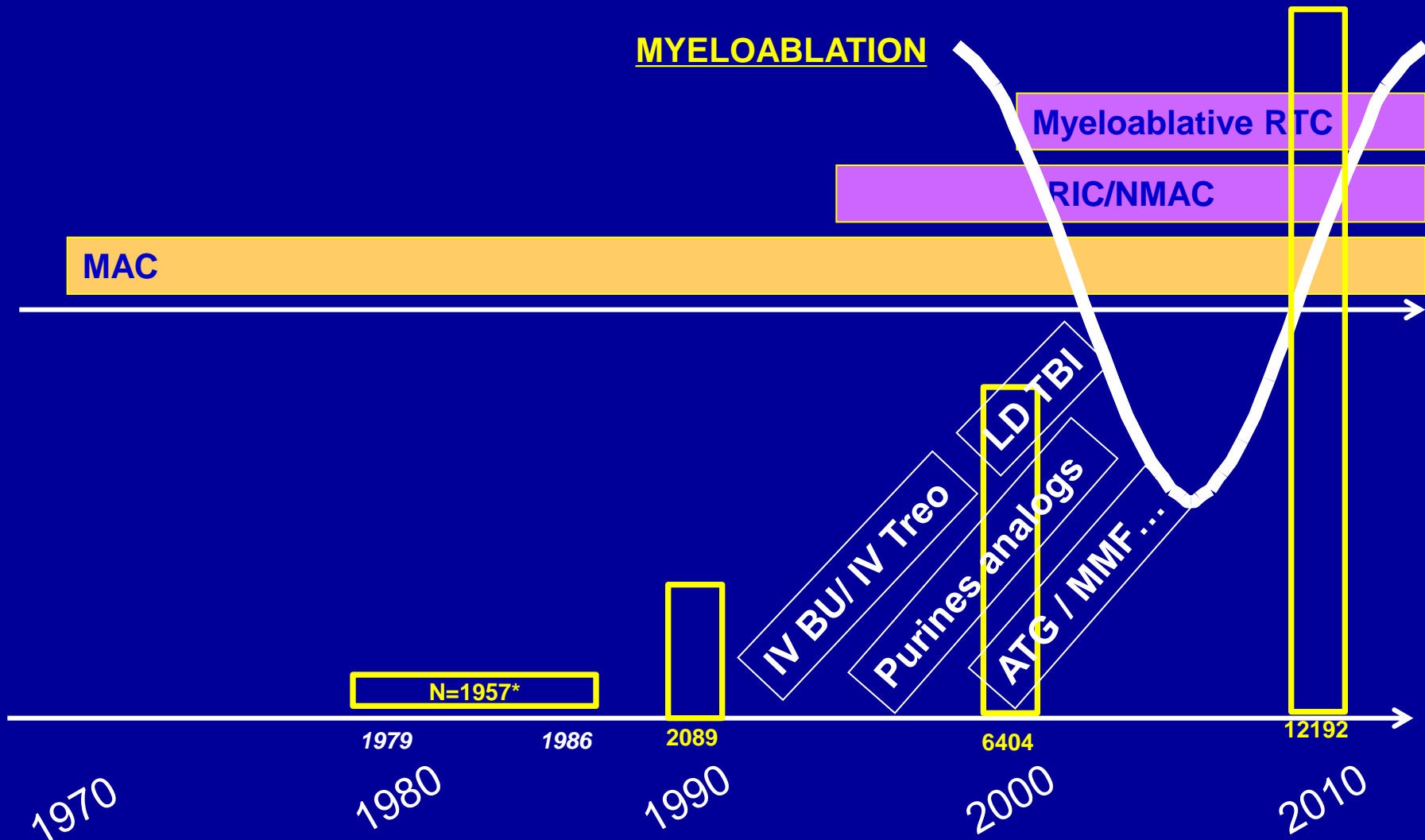


Holler, E, Blood 1990

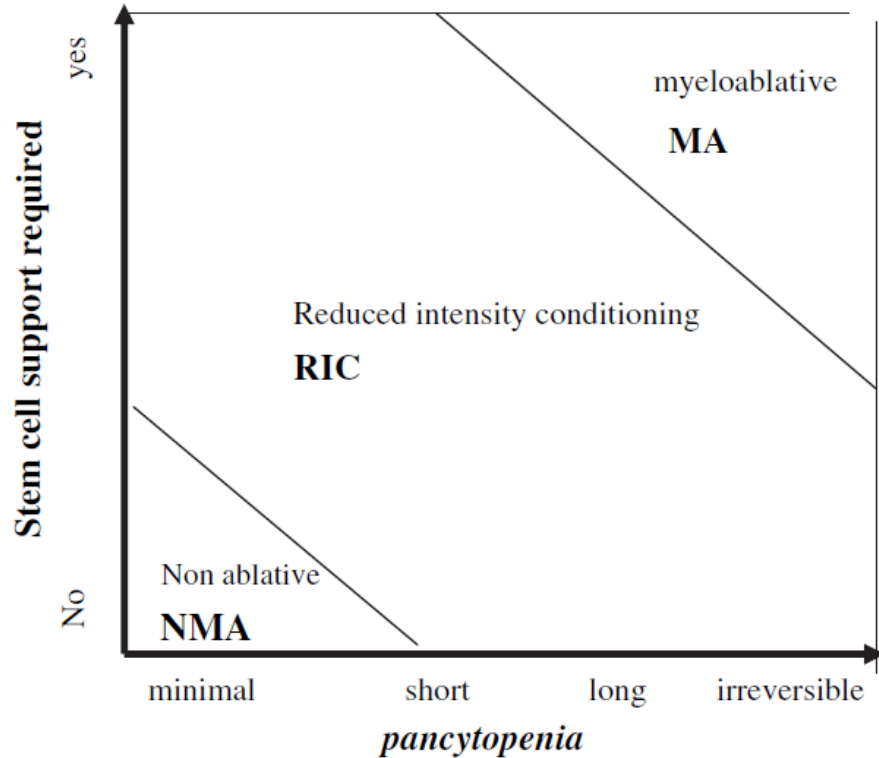


# Conditioning Regimens History

## MYELOABLATION



# Conditioning intensity definition



## **Myeloablative (MA)\***

TBI  $\geq 5$  Gy single dose or  $\geq 8$  Gy fractionated  
Bu  $> 8$  mg/kg orally or intravenous equivalent

## **Nonmyeloablative (NMA)†**

TBI  $\leq 2$  Gy  $\pm$  purine analog

Flu + Cy  $\pm$  ATG

Flu + AraC + Ida

Cladribine + AraC

Total Lymphoid Irradiation + ATG

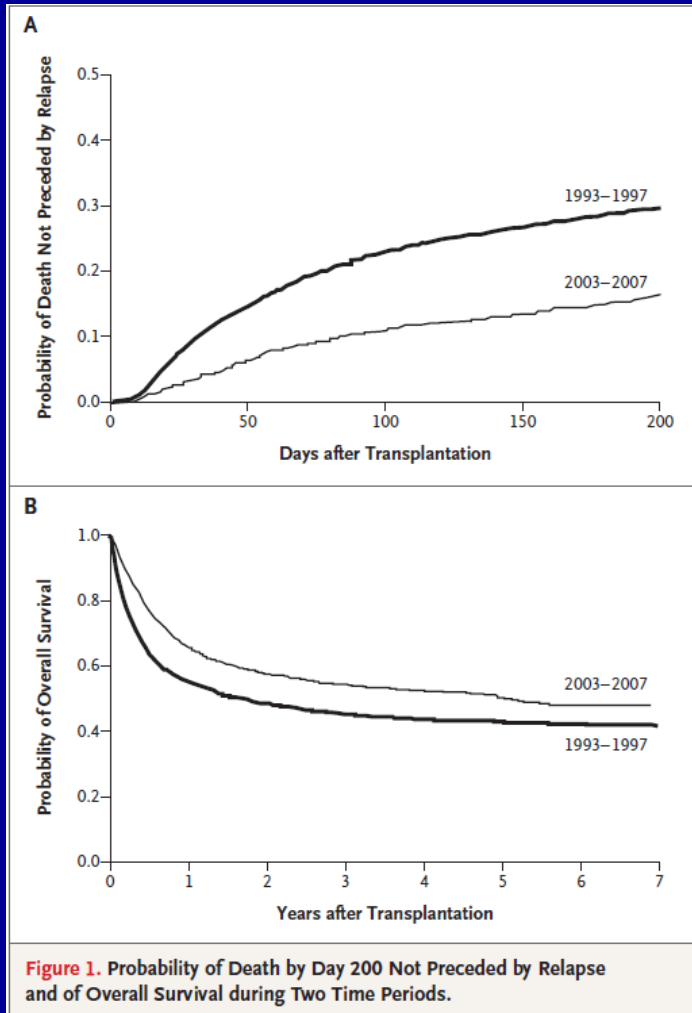
# What was/is (were/are) the goal(s)?

- Absence of induced deaths?
  - First step
- Disease control?
  - Of course
- Higher survival and higher cure?
  - Not bad

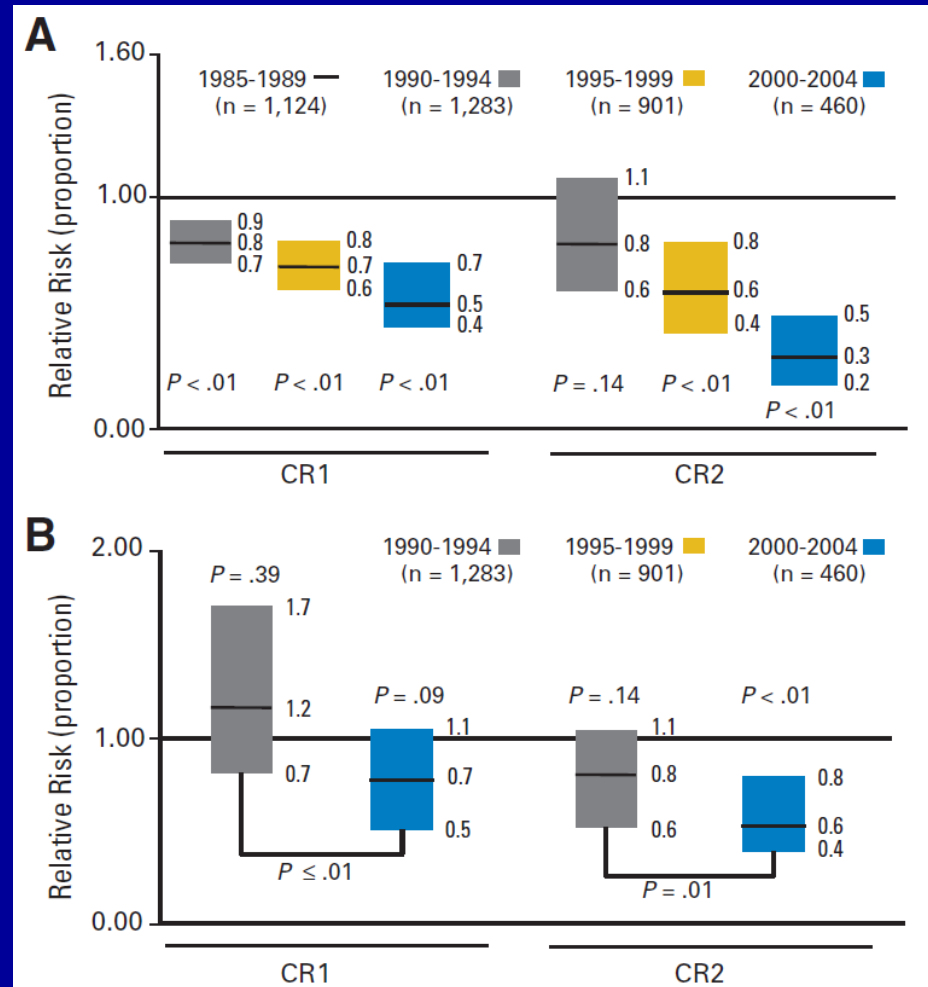
**Survival + Cure + Quality of Survival !**



# Reduced procedure related toxicity?



Gooley, T, NEJM 2010



Horan, J, J Clin Onco 2011

MRD

UD

# Reasons for an overall reduced NRM

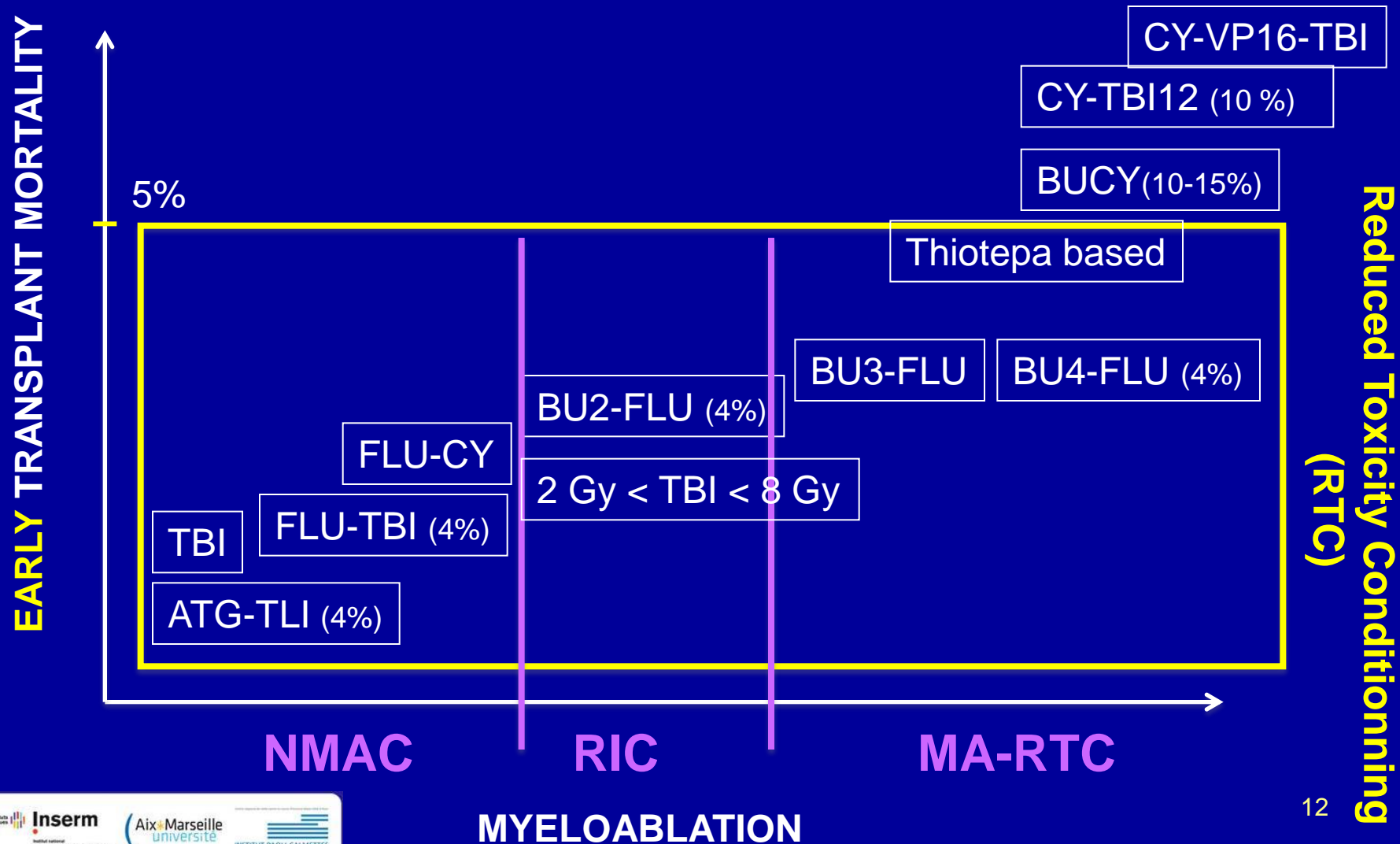
- Implementation of standard operating procedures
- Improved transplant management
  - Shorter initial neutropenia
  - Effective drug PK
- Improved complication management
  - More effective approaches for GVHD prevention
  - More effective approaches for fungal infections and CMV disease
  - Advances in nephrology, critical care and transfusion medicines
- Better donor selection
  - Improvement in HLA typing and matching
- Better disease monitoring
  - MRD monitoring
- Better patient selection
  - Comorbidities score
- Reduced intensity conditioning?

# Further Reduced NRM after RIC?

Study	Dg/ Age	CDT	N	NRM
<b>Luger,</b> BMT 2011, CIBMTR	AML/MDS 1-82	MAC 37 (1-82)	3731	1
		RIC BM 35 (16-69)	273	0,96 (0,77-1.19)
		RIC PBSC 41 (1-78)	768	0,90 (0,77-1,05)
		NMA 41 (19-75)	407	1,05 (0,87-1,28)
<b>Cornelissen,</b> ASH 2011, Hovon	CR1 AML 45 (40-60)	MAC	237	<b>24% +/- 3</b>
		RIC	144	<b>9% +/- 3</b>
<b>Lioure,</b> Blood 2012, Goelams	CR1 AML 44 (17-60)	CY-TBI < 50y	117	15.8% (9.8-23)
		F-B-ATG > 50y	47	6.5% (0.2-16)

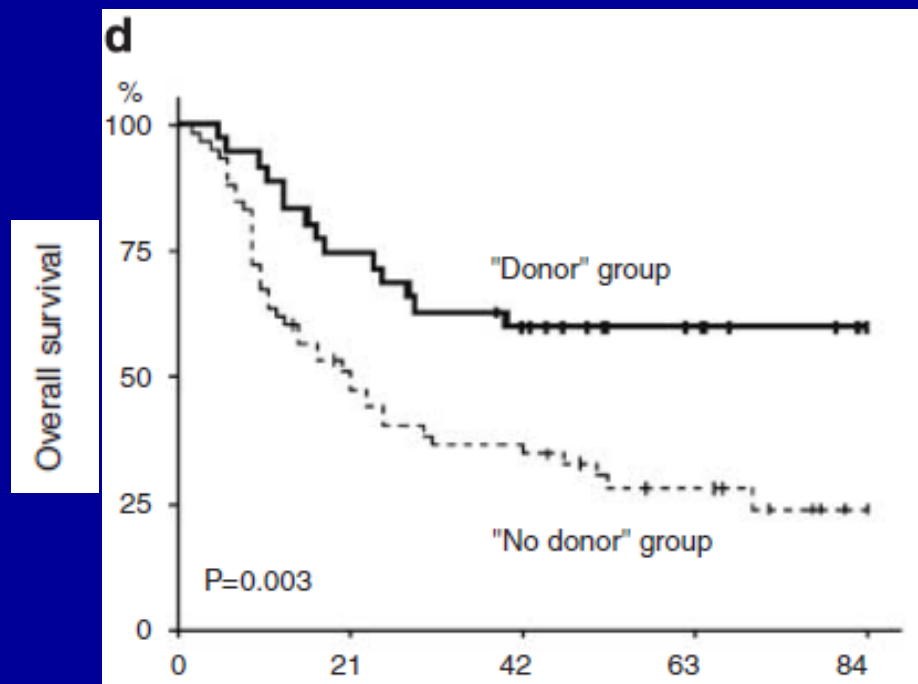
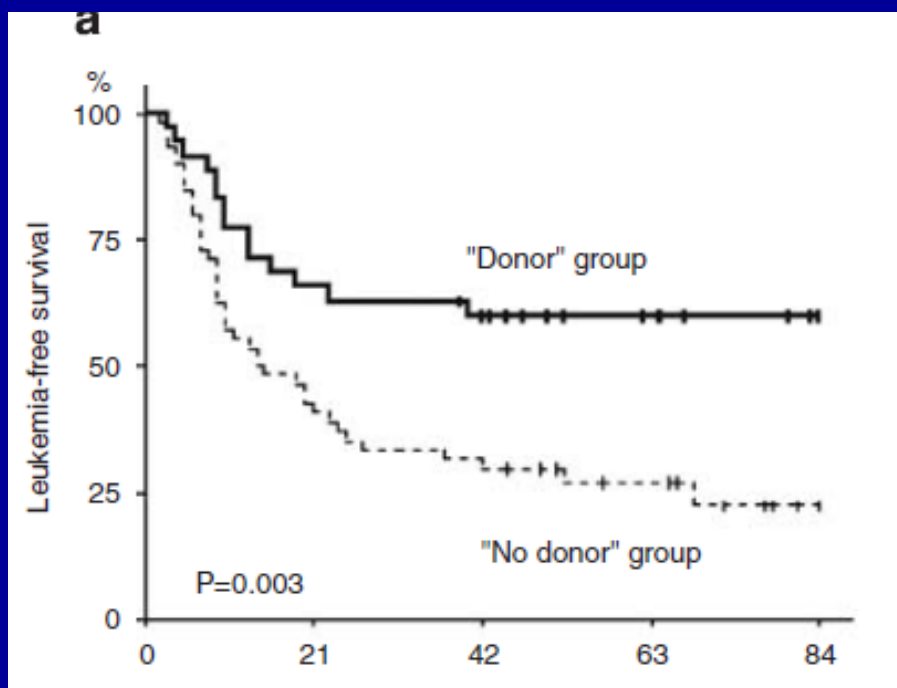
# Reduced early mortality is a mandatory goal

When a patient is gone, he cannot be cured!



# *RIC allo SCT for patients with AML*

## *Long term results of a "donor" vs. "no donor" comparison*



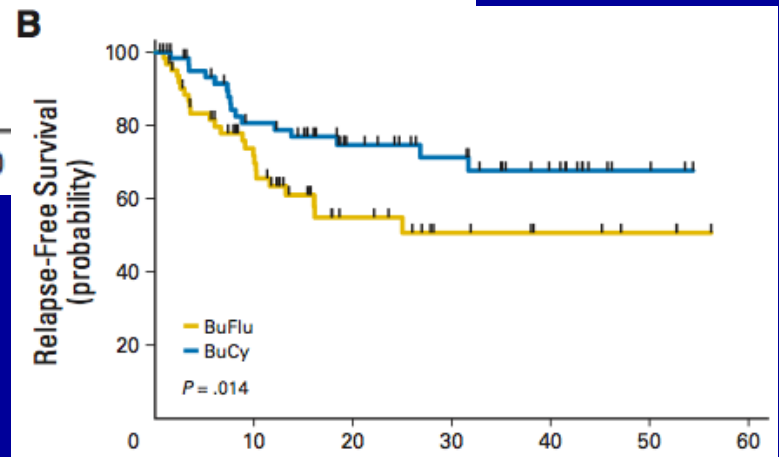
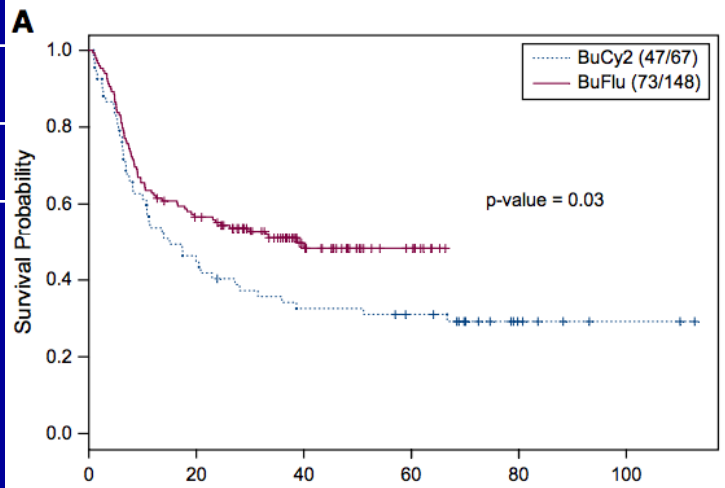
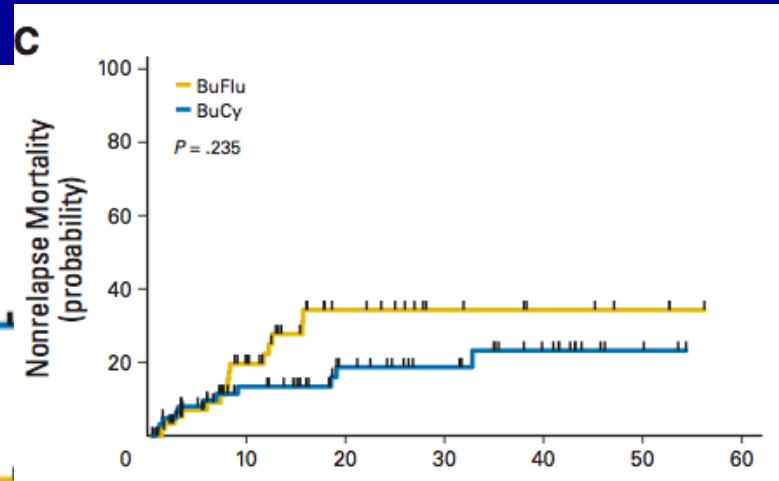
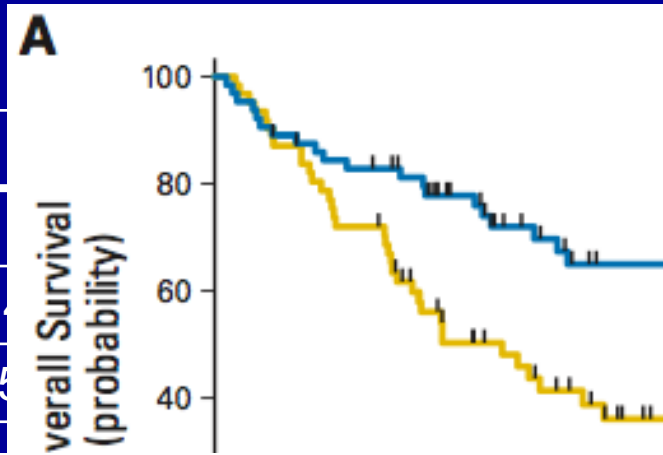
Mohty , M, *Leukemia* 2009

# *RIC vs. Standard CDT before allo HSCT in patients with AML in CR1: a prospective, open-label randomised phase 3 trial*

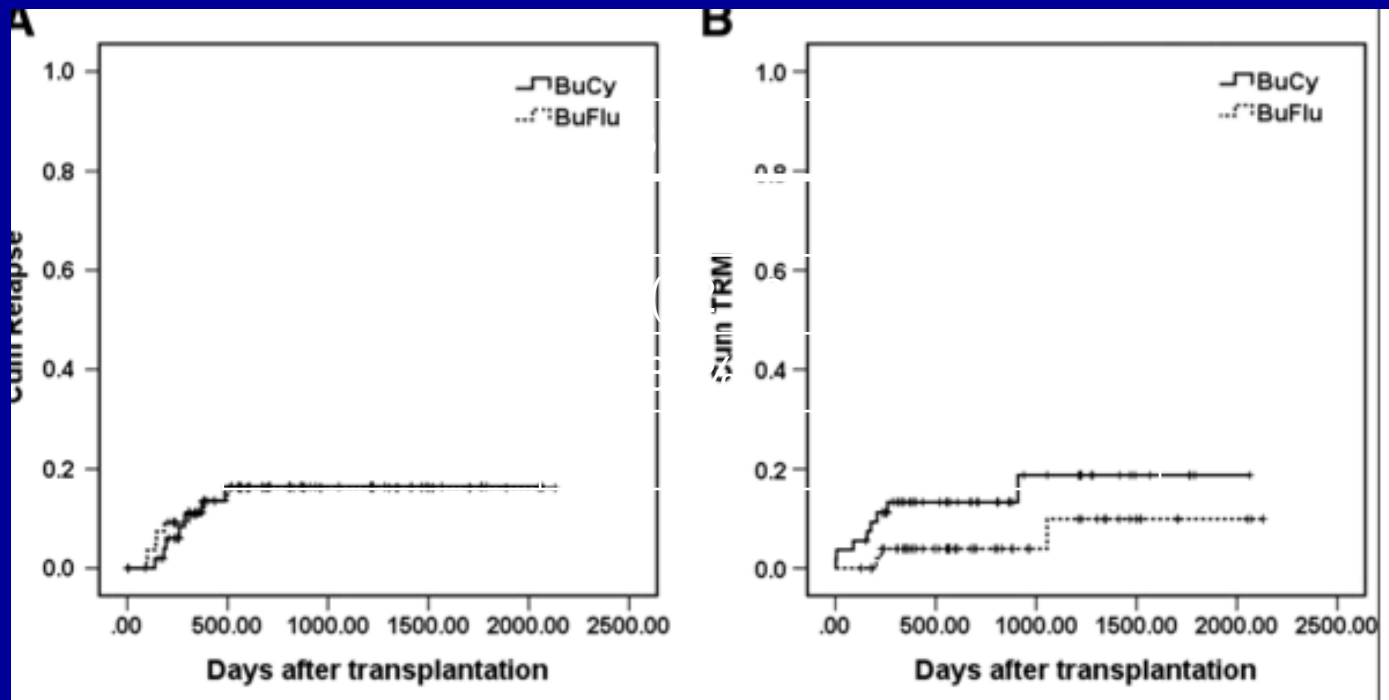
	<b>RIC</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
N	99	96	
CDT	<b>Flu-TBI (2gy x 4)</b>	<b>Cy-TBI (2gy x 6)</b>	
Age	45 (18-60)	44 (18-60)	
NRM	13%	18%	0.62 (0.30-1.31)
Relapse	28%	26%	1.10 (0.63-1.90)
Survival	61%	58%	0.77 (0.48-1.25)
DFS	58%	56%	0.85 (0.55-1.32)

# Randomized trial of MAC regimens BUCY vs. BUFLU

N	148
Age	5-18
AML/ALL	5/143
CR	143



# Bu + FLU as a myeloablative CDT compared with BU + CY for AML in CR1 undergoing allo H SCT: a prospective and multicenter study





# Randomized Study of 2 RIC Strategies for HLA-Matched, Related Allo PBSC T

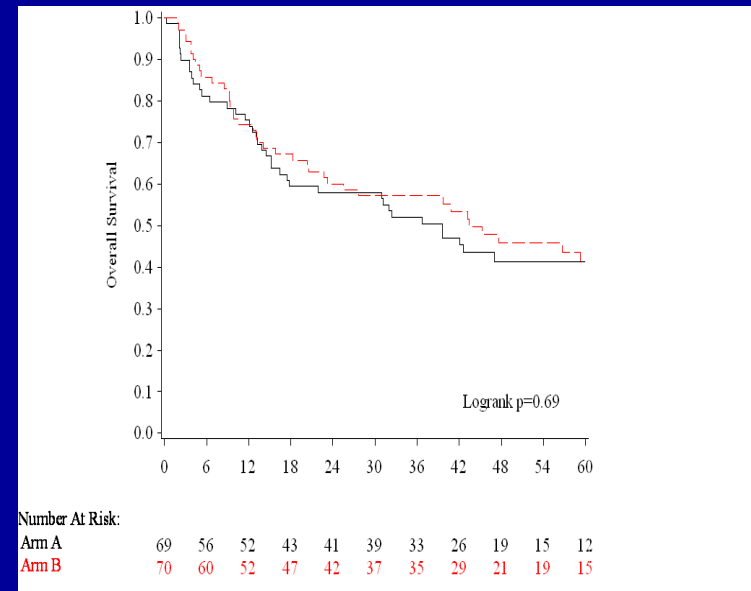
Fluda-BU-ATG	D-5	D-4	D-3	D-2	D-1	D0	D+1
Fludarabin: 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X	X		
Po Busulfan: 4 mg/kg		X	X				
Thymoglobulin: 2.5 mg/kg			X				
PBSC Transplant						X	
CSA: 3 mg/kg				X	X	X	X→

Fluda-TBI	D-5	D-4	D-3	D-2	D-1	D0	D+1
Fludarabin: 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup>		X	X	X			
TBI: 2 gy						X	
PBSC Transplant						X	
CSA: 3 mg/kg				X	X	X	X→
MMF: 2g/day (d1→d+28)							X→

	Flu-Bu-ATG	Flu-TBI
2-4 aGVHD	<b>47%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Ext cGVHD	61%	46%
NRM	<b>38%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Relapse	<b>27%</b>	<b>54%</b>

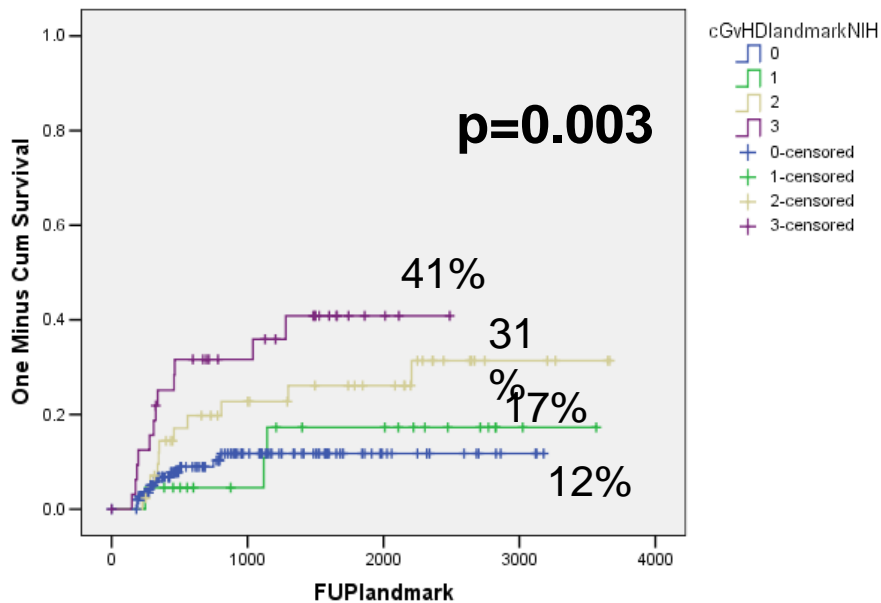
	Flu-Bu-ATG N=69	Flu-TBI N=70
Age	54 (21-65)	52 (34-65)
- AML/HMY	37%	27%
- HLY	63%	73%
- Advanced	63%	65%



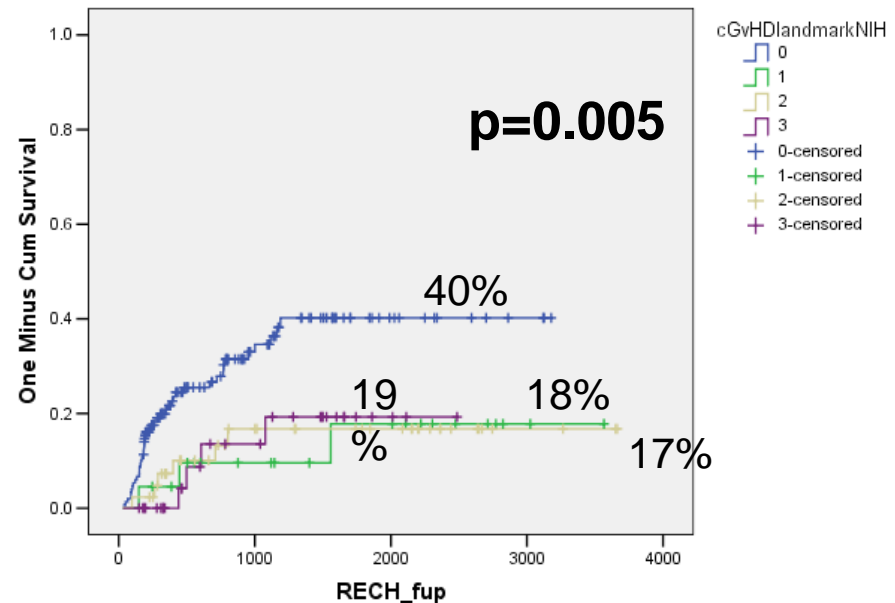
# Reduced toxicity approach

## Does GVHD remain the same old challenge?

### Non Relapse Mortality

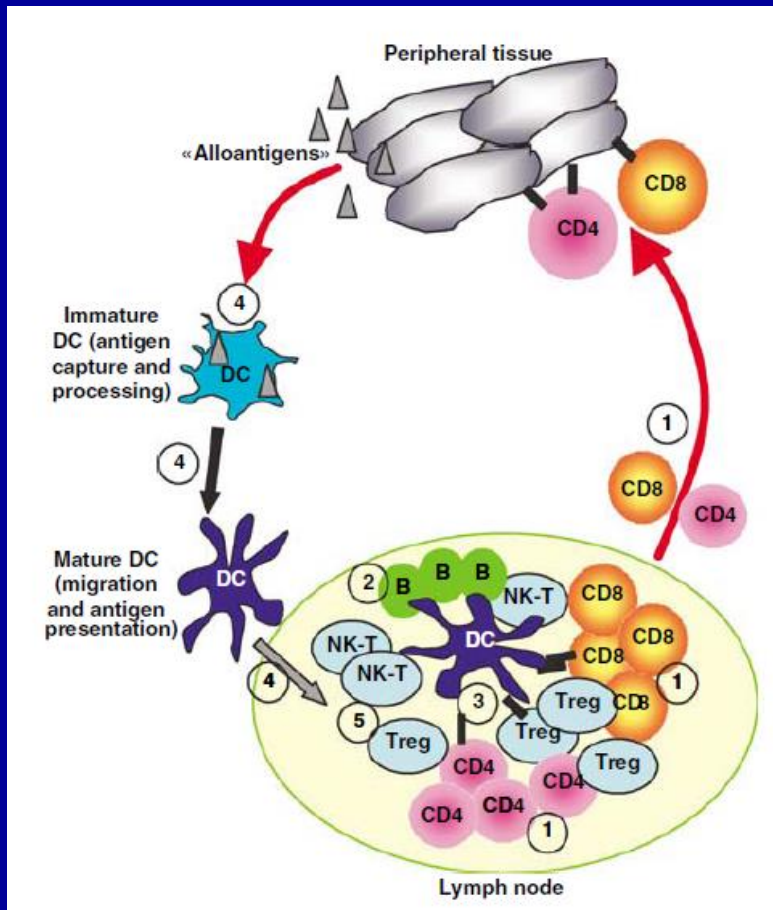


### Relapse



**0: No GVHD; 1: Mild; 2: Moderate; 3: Severe**

# Mechanisms of action of antithymocyte globulin: T-cell depletion and beyond



- *The polyclonal nature of Thymoglobuline is reflected in its diverse effects on the immune system:*
  - *T-cell depletion in blood and peripheral lymphoid tissues*
  - *Interference with leukocyte/endothelium interactions*
  - *Apoptosis in all B-cell lineages*
  - *Induction of Tregs / NKT cells*
- *Thymoglobuline provides multifaceted immunomodulation*

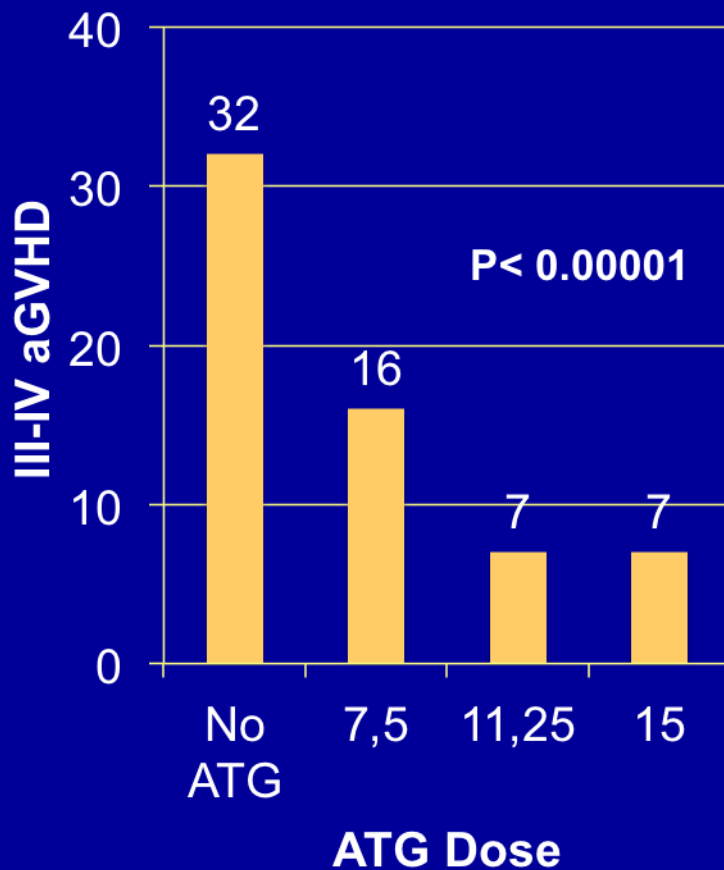
# GVHD prophylaxis with ATG: Which is more important, dose or timing?

- 257 adults with MUD or Haplo HSCT
- Age: 32 (15-64)
- CR1 + CR2: 66%
- CY-TBI: 56%

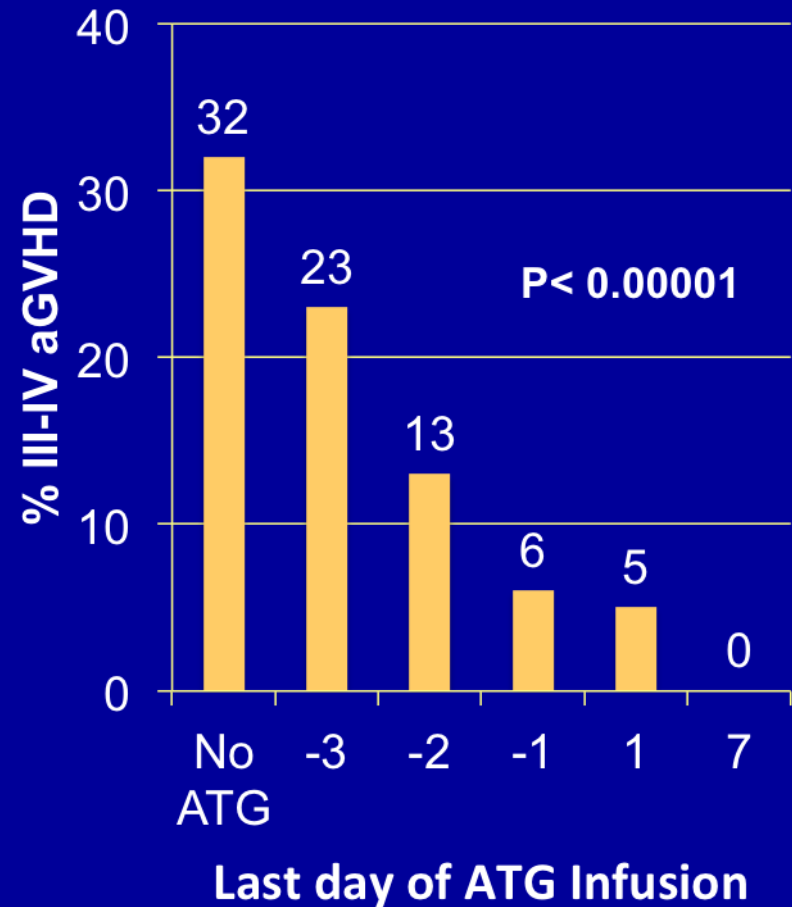
DOSE mg/kg	TIMING
0	day -3
7,5	day -2
11,25	day -1
15	day +1
	day +7

*Sormani, EBMT, 2007*  
*Courtesy from A Bacigalupo<sup>20</sup>*

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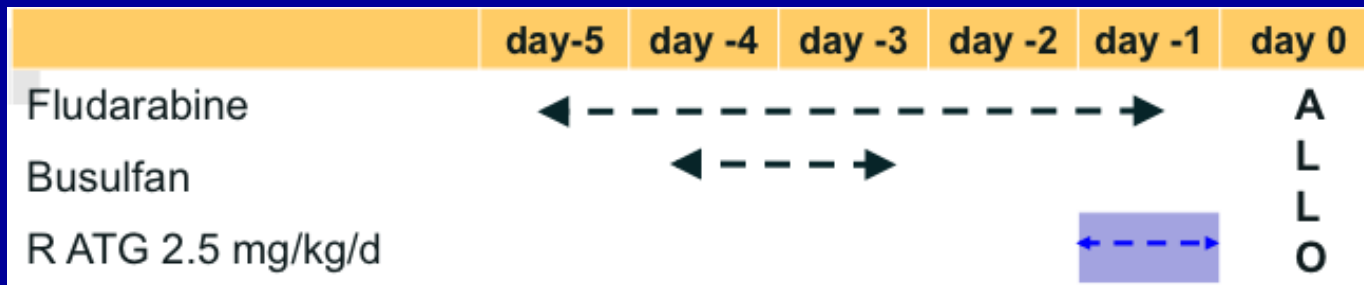


***MV analysis: Timing***



Sormani, EBMT, 2007

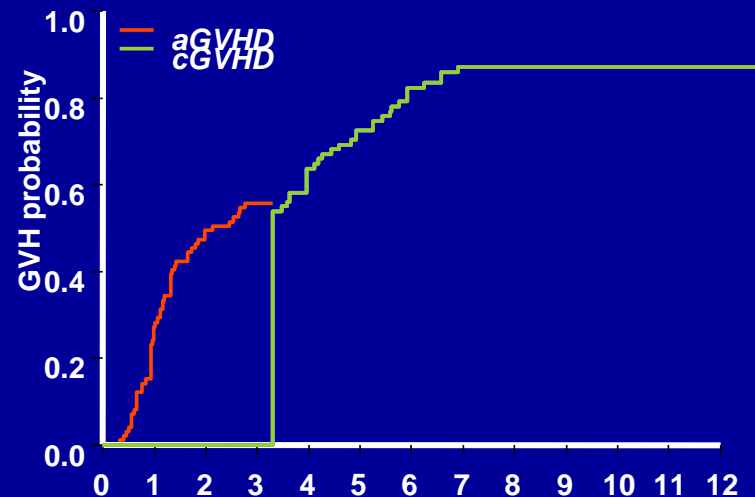
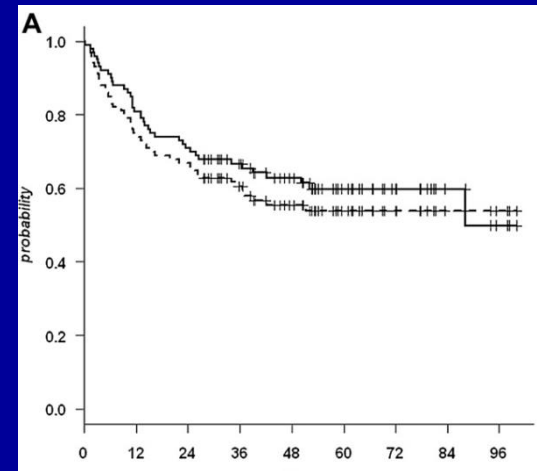
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	N=100
Patient Age	50 (18-64)
– Age ≥ 55	23
Comorbidity Score >2	21

DIAGNOSIS	N=100
• Acute Leukemia	• 39
• Myeloid Malignancies	• 16
• Lymphoid Malignancies	• 45

DISEASE STATUS	N=100
• CR1/CP1	• 45
• CR>1 or RP/Stable	• 39
• Refractory	• 14



# rATG: 2.5 vs. 5 mg/kg

## Retrospective study on 229 patients

	day-5	day -4	day -3	day -2	day -1	day 0
Fludarabine	←	-----	-----	-----	→	A
Busulfan		←	-----	→		L
R ATG 2.5 mg/kg/d					←-----→	L
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# Patient characteristics

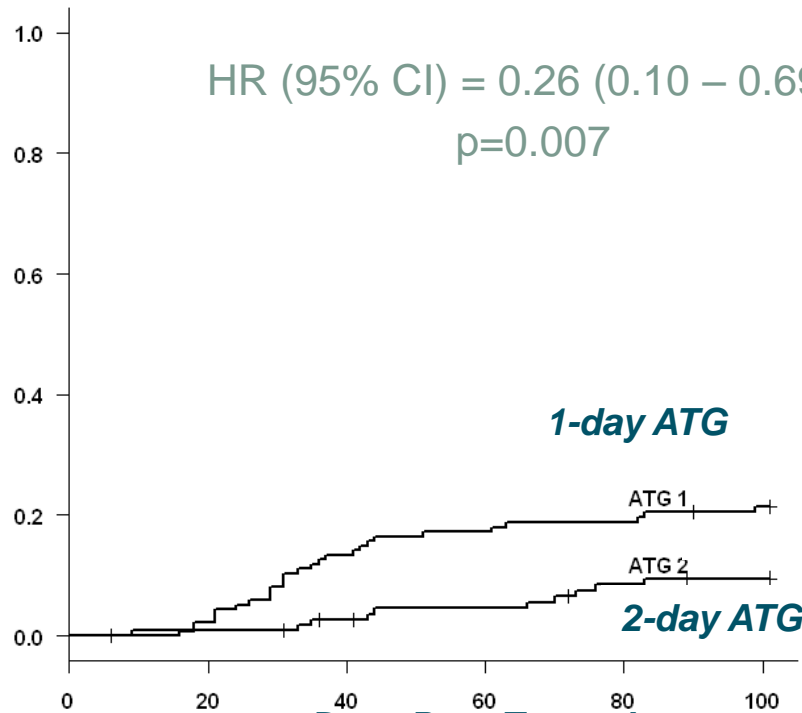
	1-day ATG: 2.5 mg/kg (N=124)	2-day ATG 5 mg/kg (N=105)	p-value
Follow-up	62 [10-108]	16 [2.5-55]	<0.0001
<b>Age</b>	<b>51 [18-70]</b>	<b>58 [24-68]</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Myeloid Malignancies	56%	49%	0.3497
Kahl classification			
Low	19%	23%	0.6309
Standard	57%	51%	
high	24%	26%	
IV Busulfan	5%	98%	<0.0001
<b>Unrelated Donor</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>



# Graft vs. Host Disease

## Grade 3-4 Acute GvHD

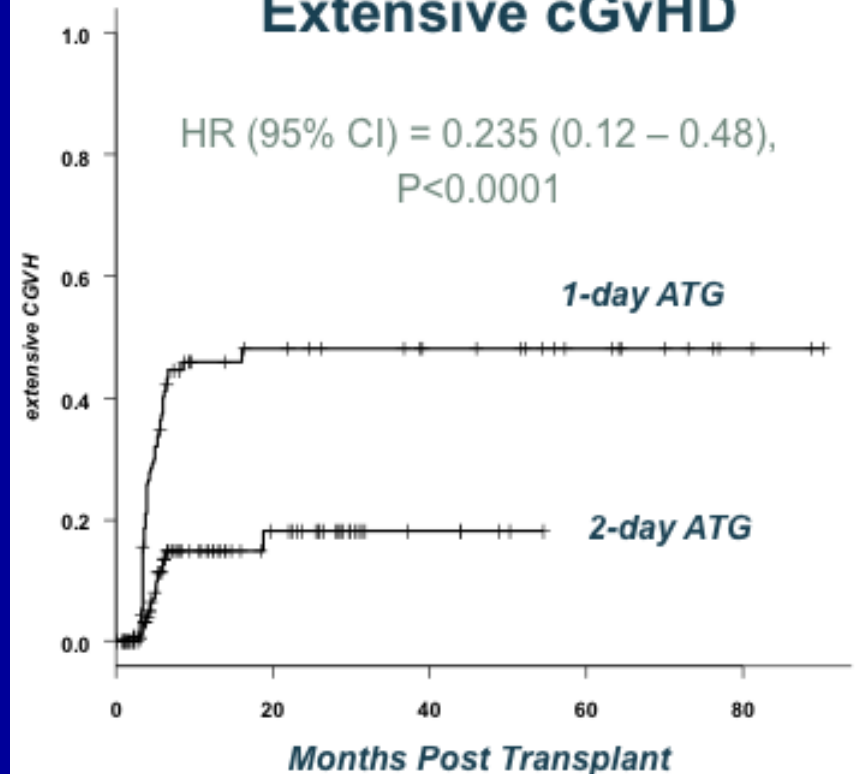
HR (95% CI) = 0.26 (0.10 – 0.69),  
p=0.007



Days Post Transplant

## Extensive cGvHD

HR (95% CI) = 0.235 (0.12 – 0.48),  
P<0.0001

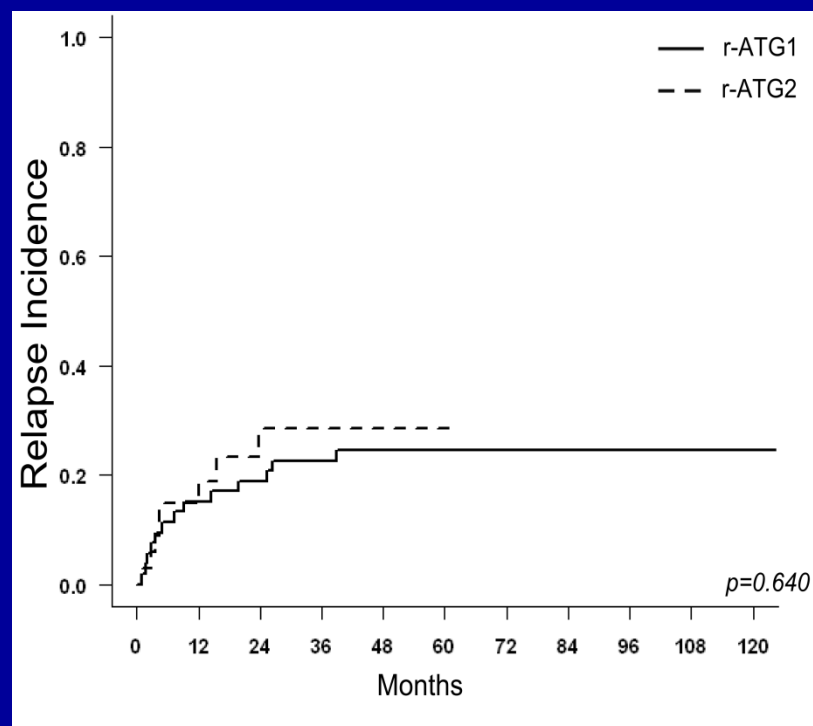
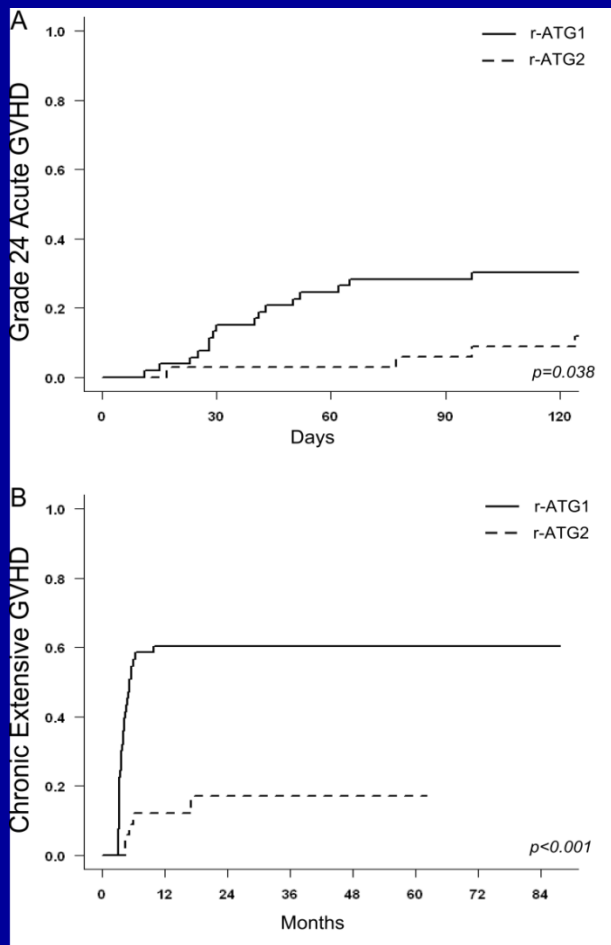


# AML/MDS patients after MRD HSCT

<i>Variable</i>	<i>1-day ATG (N=53)</i>	<i>2-day ATG (N=22)</i>	<i>p-value</i>
Transplantation year	2004 [2000-2009]	2008 [2003-2010]	<0.0001
<b>Age</b>	<b>49 [18-70]</b>	<b>60 [31-68]</b>	<b>0.032</b>
AML/MDS	89% / 11%	82% / 18%	0.325
High Risk Disease*	40%	45%	0.415
<b>CsA/CsA+MMF</b>	<b>81% / 19%</b>	<b>100% / 0</b>	<b>0,024</b>

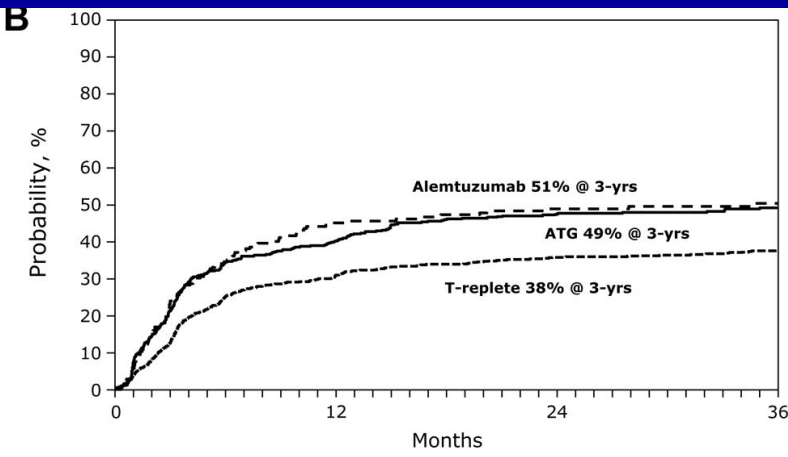
- \*High risk AML: secondary AML, Adverse caryotype, no CR at the time of transplantation
- \*High risk MDS: high risk IPSS, therapy related MDS

# The increase from 2.5 to 5 mg/kg of r-ATG dose in RIC reduces acute and chronic GVHD after allo MRD HSCT

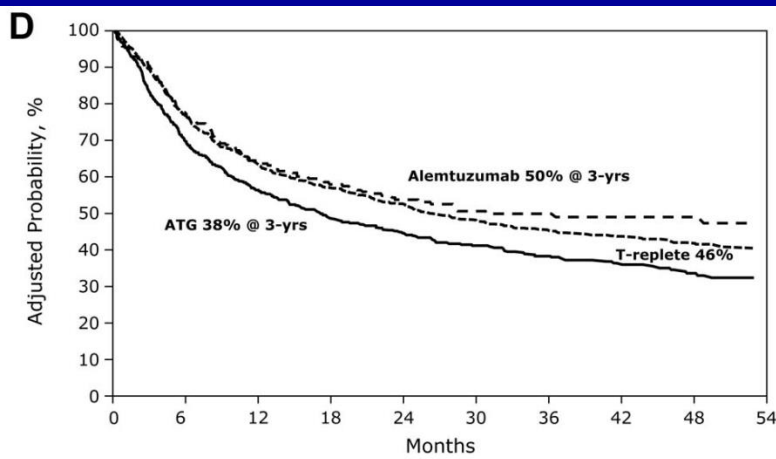


Devilleir, R , BMT 2012

# Impact of immune modulation with anti-T-cell antibodies on the outcome of reduced-intensity allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for hematologic malignancies



The median total dose of alemtuzumab was 60 mg. Among patients who received ATG, approximately 70% of recipients received rabbit ATG (median dose, 7 mg/kg) and 27%, horse ATG (median dose, 40 mg/kg). The type of ATG administered was not reported for 3% of patients.



# Importance of Dose ?

Blaise, Exp Hematol, 2010  
Devillier, R, BMT, 2012  
Crocchiolo, R, Cancer, 2013

Duggan, P, BMT, 2002  
Hamadani, BBMT, 2009  
Malard, BBMT, 2011  
Devillier, R, BMT, 2012  
Siddiqi, Hematology, 2012  
Crocchiolo, R, Cancer, 2013

Faucher, exp Hematol, 2003  
Mohty, Blood, 2003  
Mohty, Leukemia, 2003  
Hamadani, BBMT, 2009  
Soiffer, Blood, 2011

SURVIVAL

GVHD: High  
NRM: High

OPTIMAL  
WINDOW ?

GVHD: Low  
Infections: high  
NRM: High  
Relapses: High

2.5

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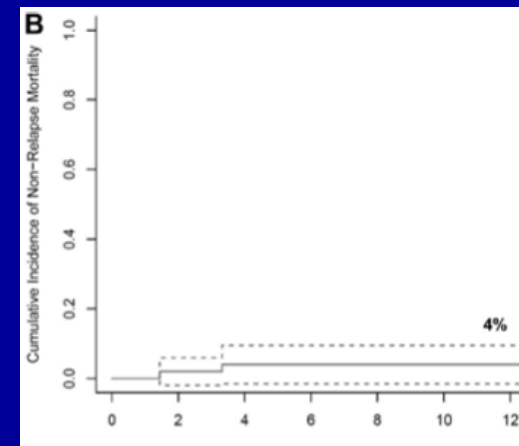
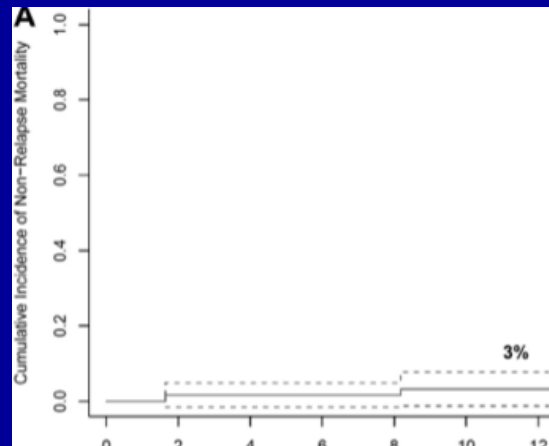
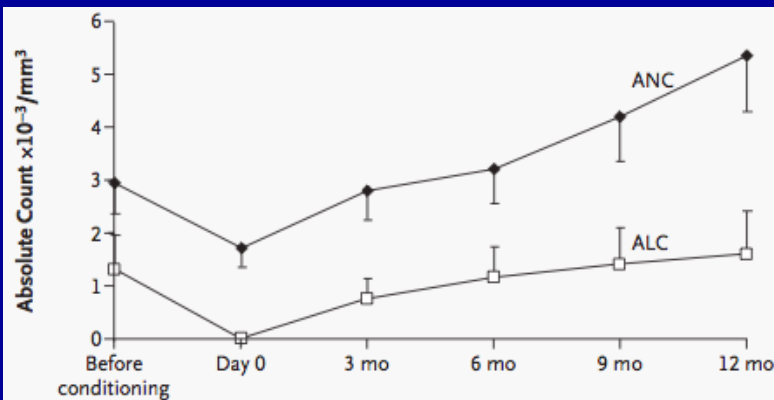
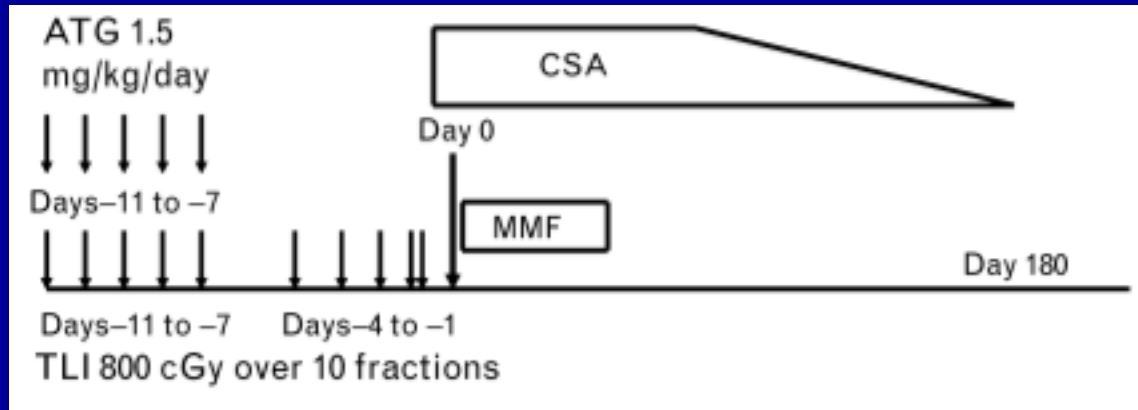
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mg/kg

R-ATG dose

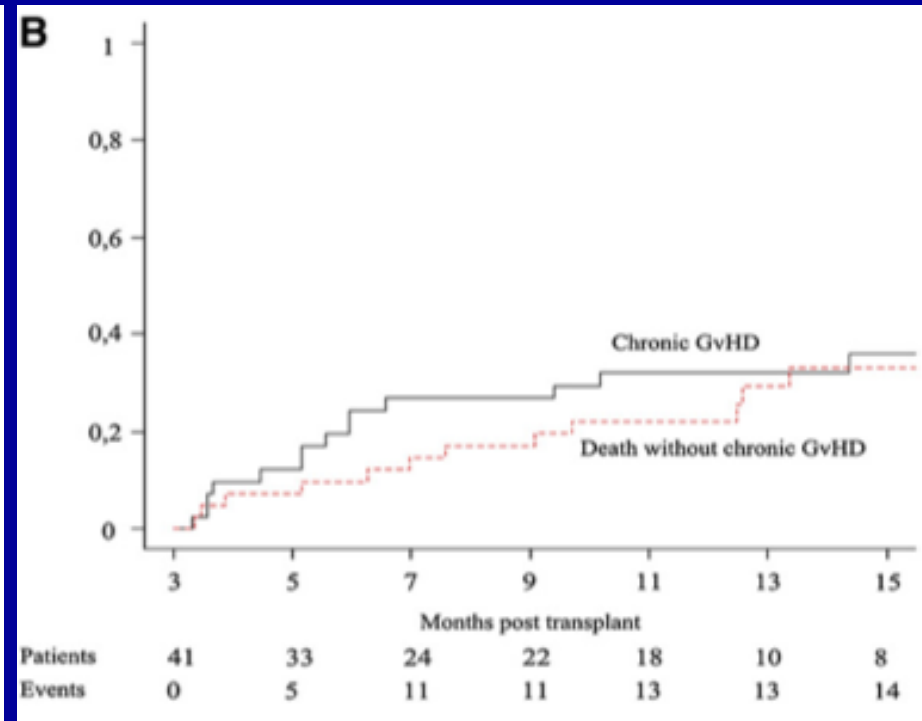
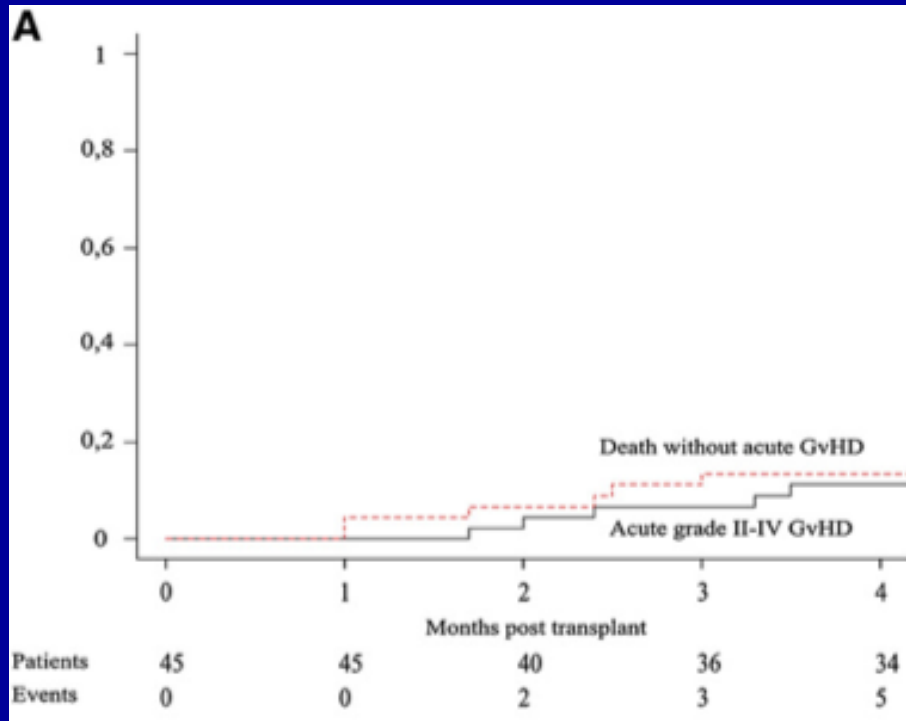
# What about timing?

# Protective Conditioning for AGVHD



Lowsky, NEJM, 2005  
Kohrt, Blood, 2009

# Multicenter Experience using TLI and ATG as conditioning for allografting in hematological malignancies



**Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 18:1600-1613, 2012**



# THE ADDITION OF ONE-DAY REST BETWEEN LAST ATG INFUSION AND STEM CELL INFUSION DID NOT AFFECT GVHD OCCURRENCE AFTER ALLOGENEIC TRANSPLANTATION WITH FLUDARABINE-BUSULFAN-ATG CONDITIONING

	No rest	1-day ATG rest	p
N. patients	57	51	
Age	57 (21-68)	58 (20-71)	0.27
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Disease risk* : low/interm/high/very high	3/41/10/2 **	3/34/13/1	0.77

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Incidence at 2-y=			
Grade 2-4 aGvHD	23% (12-34)	24% (12-36)	0.73
Grade 3-4 aGvHD	11% (3-19)	4% (0-9)	0.23
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## THE ADDITION OF ONE-DAY REST BETWEEN LAST ATG INFUSION AND STEM CELL INFUSION DID NOT AFFECT GVHD OCCURRENCE AFTER ALLOGENEIC TRANSPLANTATION WITH FLUDARABINE-BUSULFAN-ATG CONDITIONING

	No rest	1-day ATG rest	p
N. patients	57	51	
Age	57 (21-68)	58 (20-71)	0.27
Donor : sibling/MUD/MMUD	36/14/7	23/19/9	0.17
Disease risk* : low/interm/high/very high	3/41/10/2 **	3/34/13/1	0.77
Incidence at 2-y=			
Grade 2-4 aGvHD	23% (12-34)	24% (12-36)	0.73
Grade 3-4 aGvHD	11% (3-19)	4% (0-9)	0.23
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<b>Relapse/progression</b>	<b>39% (26-52)</b>	<b>27% (17-37)</b>	<b>0.04</b>

# Conclusions

- rATG is efficient preventing severe forms of GVHD
- In the setting of minimal conditioning it prompts
  - Myeloid and lymphoid engraftment
  - GVHD prevention
- In the setting of RIC or MA-RTC
  - An intermediate dose
    - Triggers engraftment
    - Prevents GVHD
    - Is not associated with increased disease relapse
    - Is not associated with increased infection rates
  - Optimal timing ? Yet to be determined
    - Caution if few hours before graft infusion
    - Allow tuning of Immunosuppression / T-cell depletion effects
    - Probable balance dose / timing

# Reduced Toxicity Conditionings in older pts

## NMAC vs. RIC vs. MA-RTC

Study	NMAC Seattle Cons
N	274
Age	60 (5-74)
AML	100%
CR1 / CR>1 /adv	58% / 36% / 6%
CDT TBI2 BU2 BU4	100%
Thymoglobulin	0%
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CDT TBI2 BU2 BU4	100%	100%
Rabbit ATG	0%	100%
MRD / UD	43% / 57%	56% / 44%

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N	274	102	79
Age	60 (5-74)	58 (20-70)	58 (55-76)
AML	100%	100%	80%
CR1 / CR>1 /adv	58% / 36% / 6%	76% / 20% / 4%	32% / 23% / 47%
CDT TBI2 BU2 BU4	100%	100%	100%
Thymoglobulin	0%	100%	1 AG mm / UD
MRD / UD	43% / 57%	56% / 44%	52% / 48%



# Reduced Toxicity Conditionings in older pts

## NMAC vs. RIC vs. MA-RTC

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Graft Failure	12	0	0
G 2-4 aGVHD	52%	23%	41%
cGVHD	43%	32%	43%
NRM	16%-26%	24%	26%

# Reduced Toxicity Conditionings in older pts

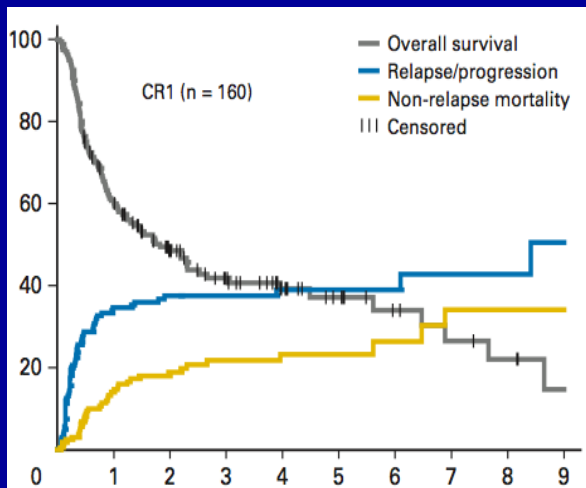
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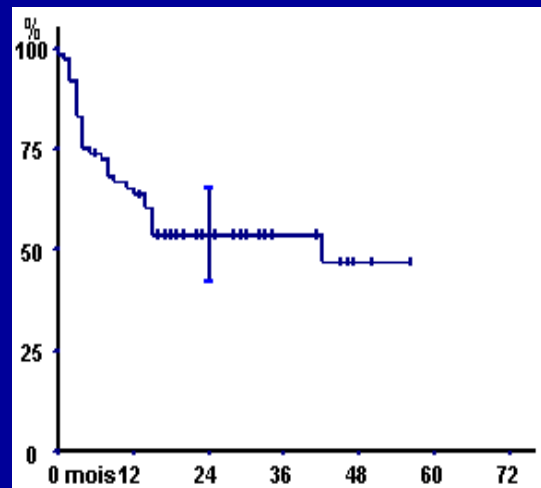
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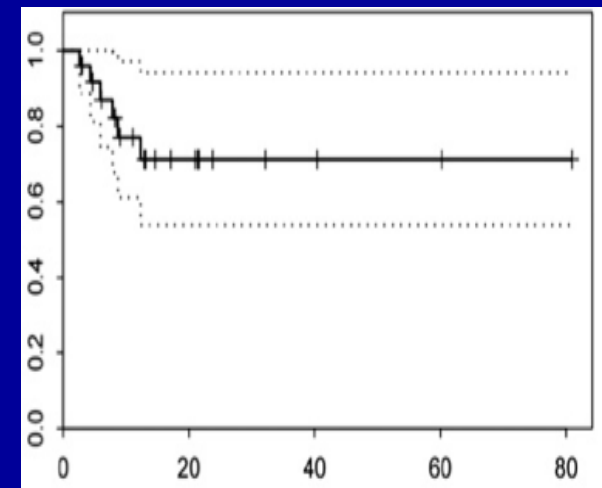
### CR1 AML



NMAC  
N=160



RIC  
N=78



MA-RTC  
N= 25

# Fifteen years of RTC...So?

- **Achievements in transplantation**
  - Stable engraftment
  - Decreased NRM
  - There is an efficient allogeneic antitumor effect
- **Achievements in therapy**
  - Older and/or unfit patients
  - Different diagnoses
  - Alternative donors: Haploidentical Donor

**Thus...RTC (RIC/MA-RTC) have changed the stage!**

# What's next?

## Remaining major issues

- **Tumor control**

- Are MA-RTC a step forward?
  - *Dose Intensity studies*
- Optimal Immunosuppression?
  - *Ex vivo T Cell depletion vs. No?*
- Post Transplant intervention?
  - Cellular immunotherapy
  - Tumor antigen vaccination
  - Targeted therapy

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Flu-IV Bx2-rATG2

Flu-IV Bx3(+50%)-rATG2

Flu-IV Bx4(+100%)-rATG2

- **Quality of life**

- Efficiency must be evaluated on composite events:

**Tumor control + survival + quality of survival**

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