

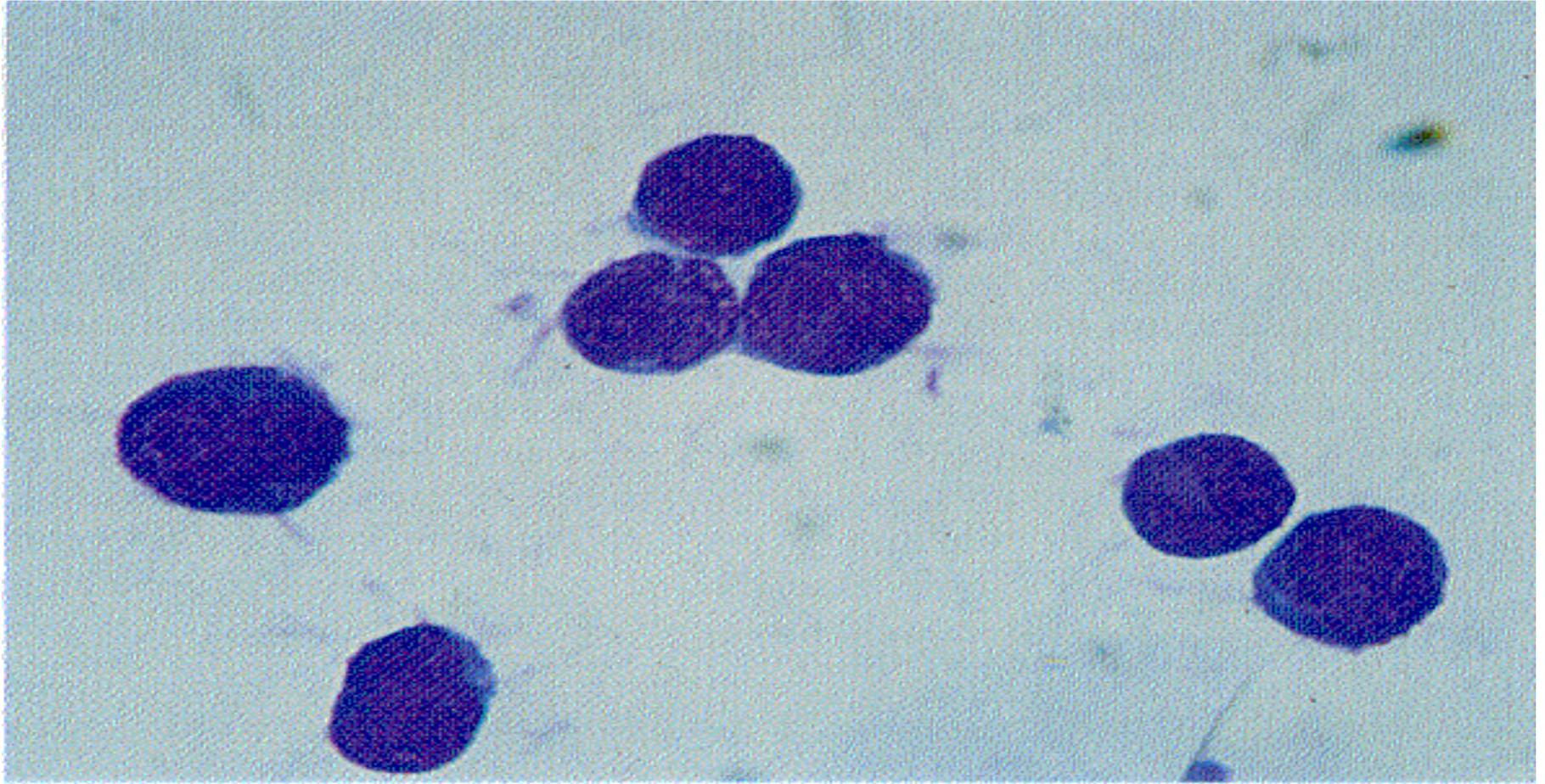
**RACCOLTA E TRAPIANTO
DI
CELLULE STAMINALI
EMOPOIETICHE**

TRAPIANTO DI CELLULE STAMINALI EMOPOIETICHE

E' la trasfusione di cellule staminali emopoietiche prelevate in quantita' adeguata da un donatore idoneo (*trapianto allogenico*) o dal paziente stesso (*trapianto autologo*)

HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION

<i>TYPE OF TRANSPLANT</i>	<i>DONOR</i>	<i>HLA MATCHING</i>	<i>SOURCE OF HSC</i>
SYNGENIC	SIBLING	IDENTICAL	BM or PB
ALLOGENIC	SIBLING UNRELATED	IDENTICAL IDENTICAL or MISMATCHED	BM, PB, CB
	SIBLING PARENT CHILD	MISMATCHED	
AUTOLOGOUS	SELF		BM or PB



FREQUENZA DELLE CELLULE STAMINALI CD34

- **MIDOLLO OSSEO:**

CONDIZIONI BASALI
STIMOLATO

1%
5%

- **SANGUE PERIFERICO**

CONDIZIONI BASALI
STIMOLATO

0.1%
1%

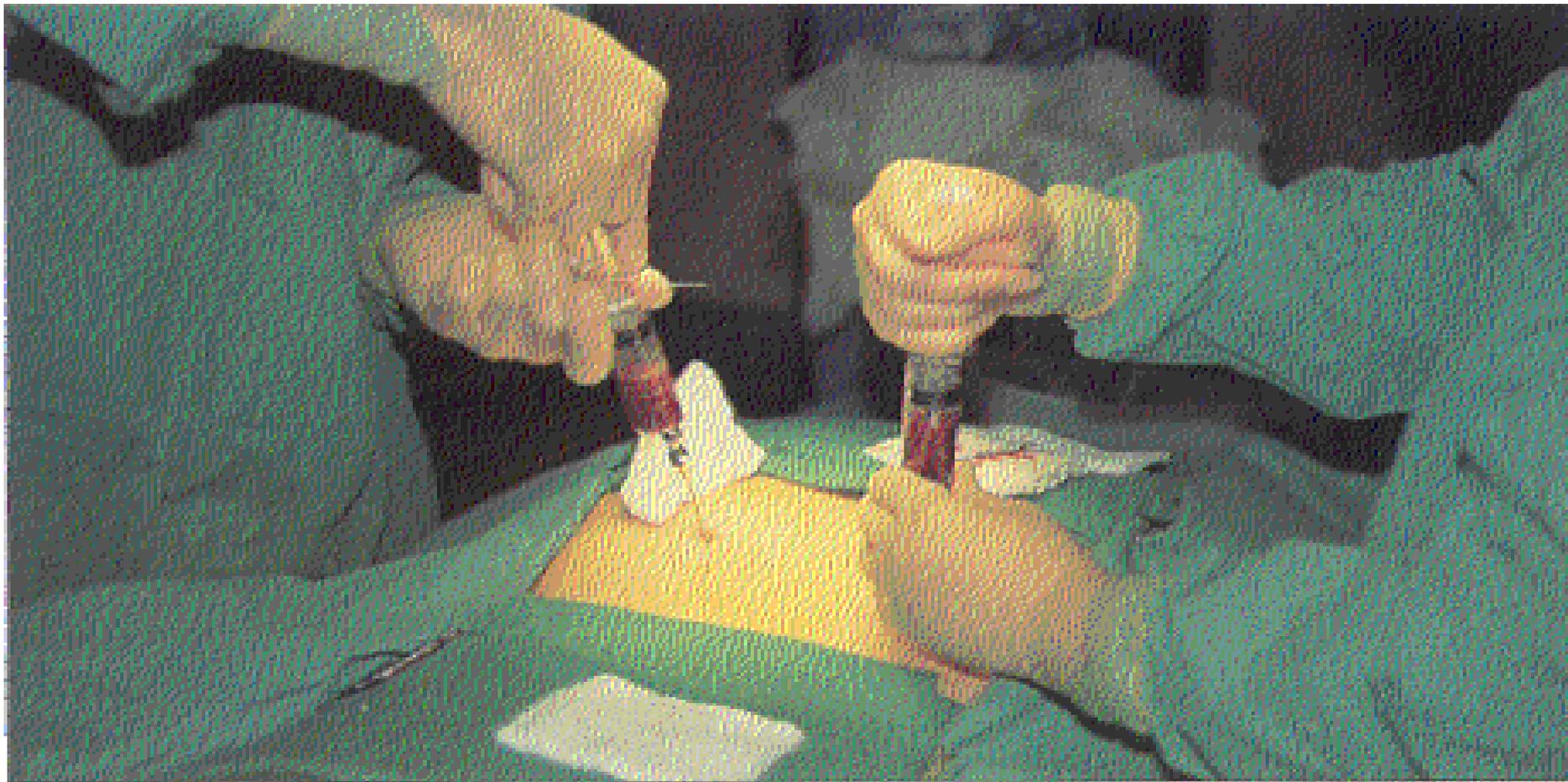
RACCOLTA CELLULE STAMINALI MIDOLLO

**ASPIRAZIONI MULTIPLE DALLA CRESTA ILIACA
POSTERIORE IN ANESTESIA GENERALE.**

(cresta iliaca anteriore e sterno)

**IL MIDOLLO VIENE ASPIRATO, PROCESSATO E
QUINDI CRIOPRESERVATO
O SUBITO REINFUSO**

RACCOLTA DI CELLULE STAMINALI DA MIDOLLO OSSEO

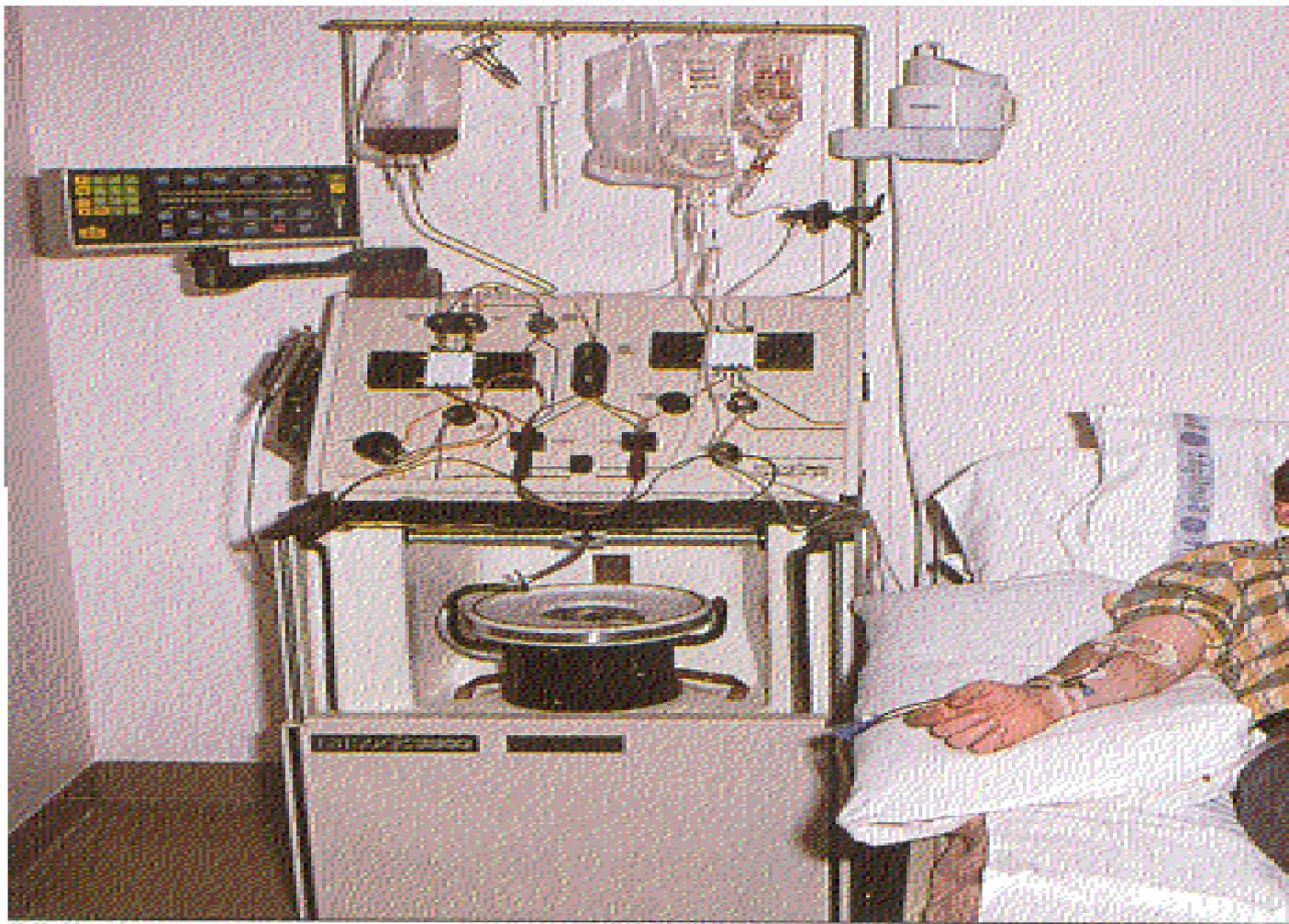


RACCOLTA CELLULE STAMINALI SANGUE PERIFERICO

- **La raccolta di cellule staminali da sangue periferico avviene tramite passaggio del sangue in una macchina che e' in grado di identificare le cellule staminali e di trattenerle, restituendo tutte le altre cellule al paziente.**

- **Le cellule staminali cosi' raccolte vengono concentrate e criopreservate o subito reinfuse.**

RACCOLTA DI CELLULE STAMINALI DA SANGUE PERIFERICO



Criopreservazione delle cellule staminali emopoietiche (CSE)

- CSE vitali per 2-3 giorni a temperature $>$ a t. di congelamento
- La criopreservazione mantiene inalterate le caratteristiche biologiche oltre i limiti di tempo naturali.
- Si esegue con congelatore programmato in azoto liquido
- Possibili danni della crioconservazione:**
 1. Cristalli di ghiaccio e danno degli organuli cellulari
 2. Cristalli di ghiaccio extracellulari e disidratazione delle cellule
 3. Reidratazione ed espansione delle cellule durante lo scongelamento
 4. Funzionamento parziale degli enzimi cellulari a basse temperature con possibile accumulo di metaboliti tossici intermedi



Criopreservazione delle cellule staminali emopoietiche (CSE)

Crioconservante:

dimetilsolfossido (DMSO) al 5-10%
(disidratazione parziale intracellulare)

Principi base:

- DMSO aggiunto al plasma pochi ml alla volta mentre viene raffreddato su ghiaccio (reazione esotermica) → midollo
- Viene mantenuto lo stesso profilo termico delle componenti della miscela



Crioconservazione e scongelamento

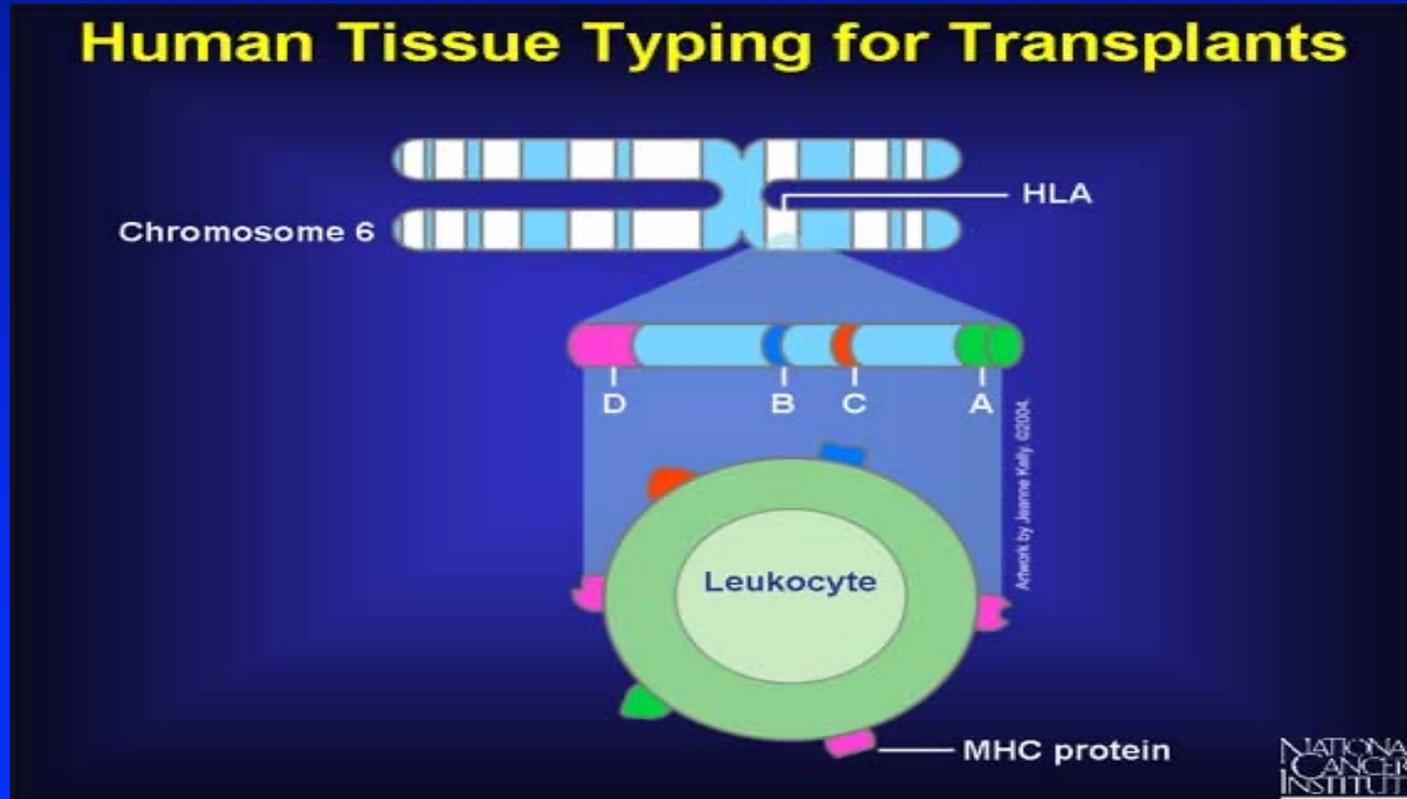
- A lungo termine a $-196\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, a $-80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ per brevi periodi
- Tempo 3-5 anni (max 10 anni ma con controllo della vitalità)
- Scongelamento delle sacche a bagno maria ($37\text{-}38\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) nel più breve tempo possibile
- Reinfusione subito dopo lo scongelamento



Trapianto di cellule staminali emopoietiche autologhe

- **Condizionamento: intensificazione della chemioterapia ovvero chemioterapia ad alte dosi**
- **Reinfusione delle CSE autologhe: funzione di “salvataggio”**
- **Efficacia terapeutica dal regime di condizionamento NON dalla reinfusione delle CSE autologhe**

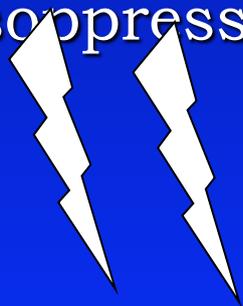
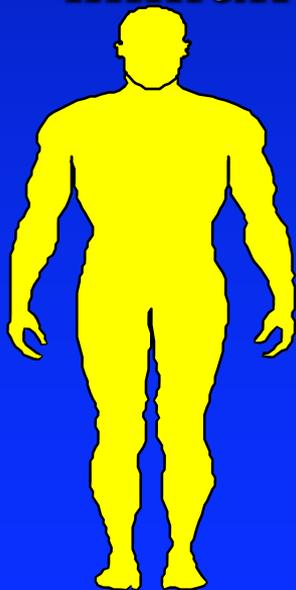
Trapianto di CSE allogeniche e sistema HLA



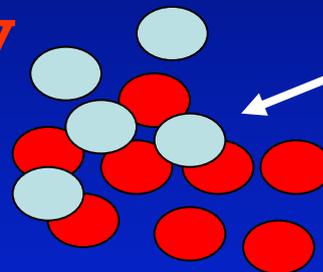
Trapianto allogenico di cellule staminali emopoietiche

Condizionamento

- mieloablativo
- immunosoppressivo

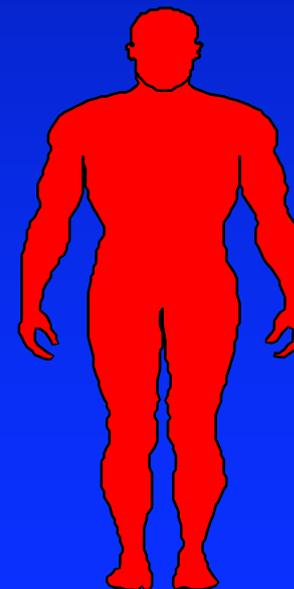
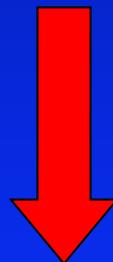


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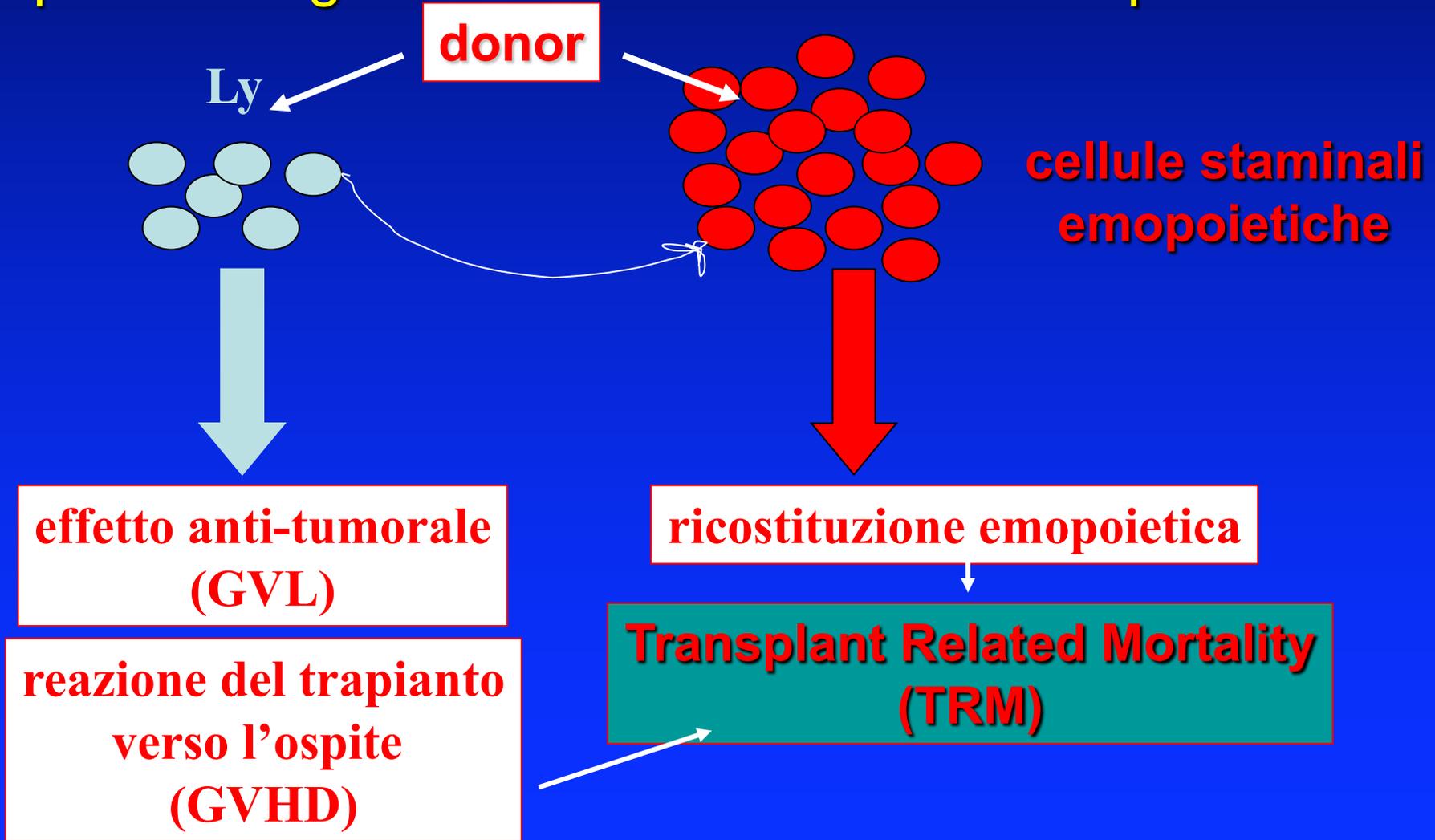
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cellule staminali
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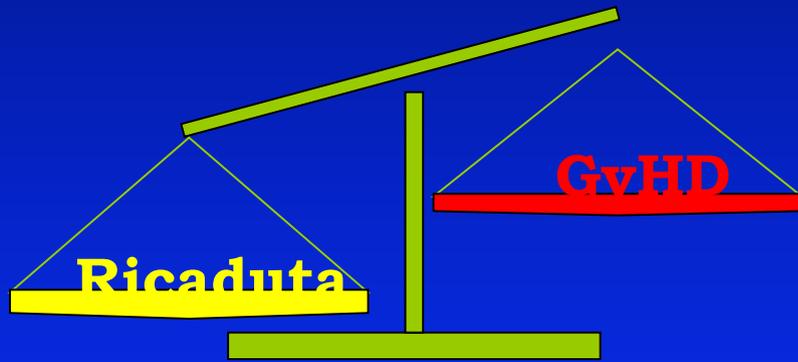


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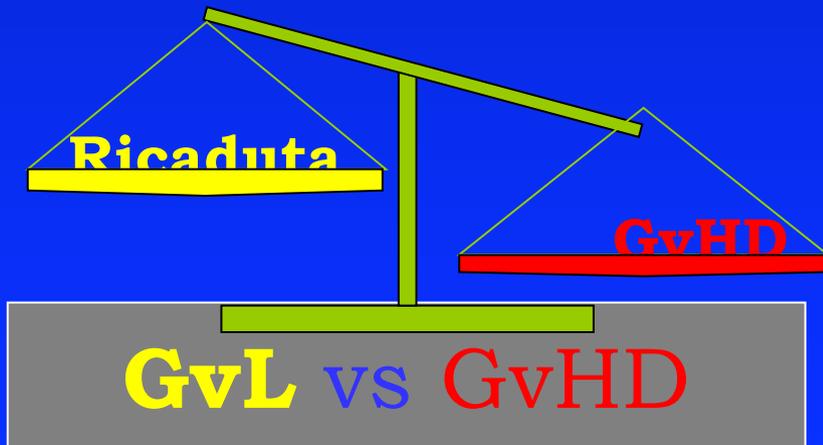
Trapianto allogenico di cellule staminali emopoietiche



Graft-versus-Host reaction



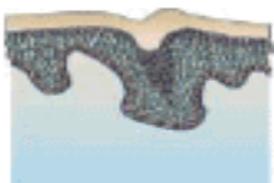
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Maggiore prob. di ricaduta



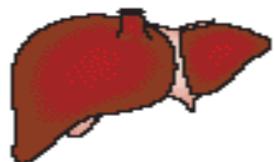
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Epithelial tissues

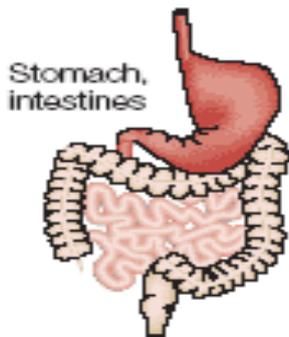
Skin



Liver



Stomach, intestines



Fibroblasts



Haematopoietic system

Neutrophil



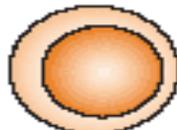
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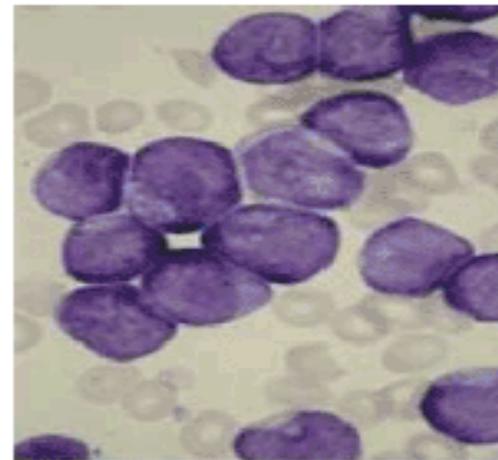
Antigen-presenting cell



T cell

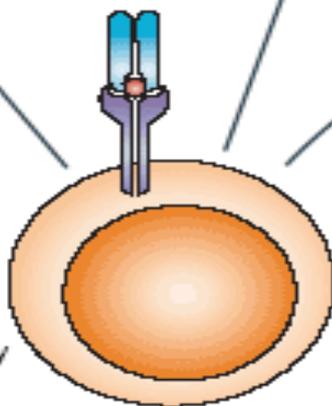


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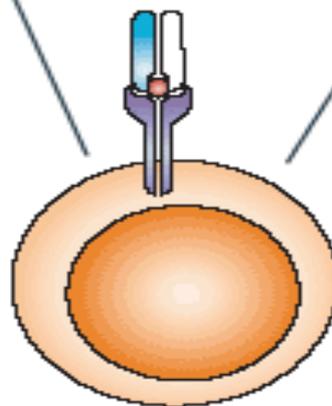
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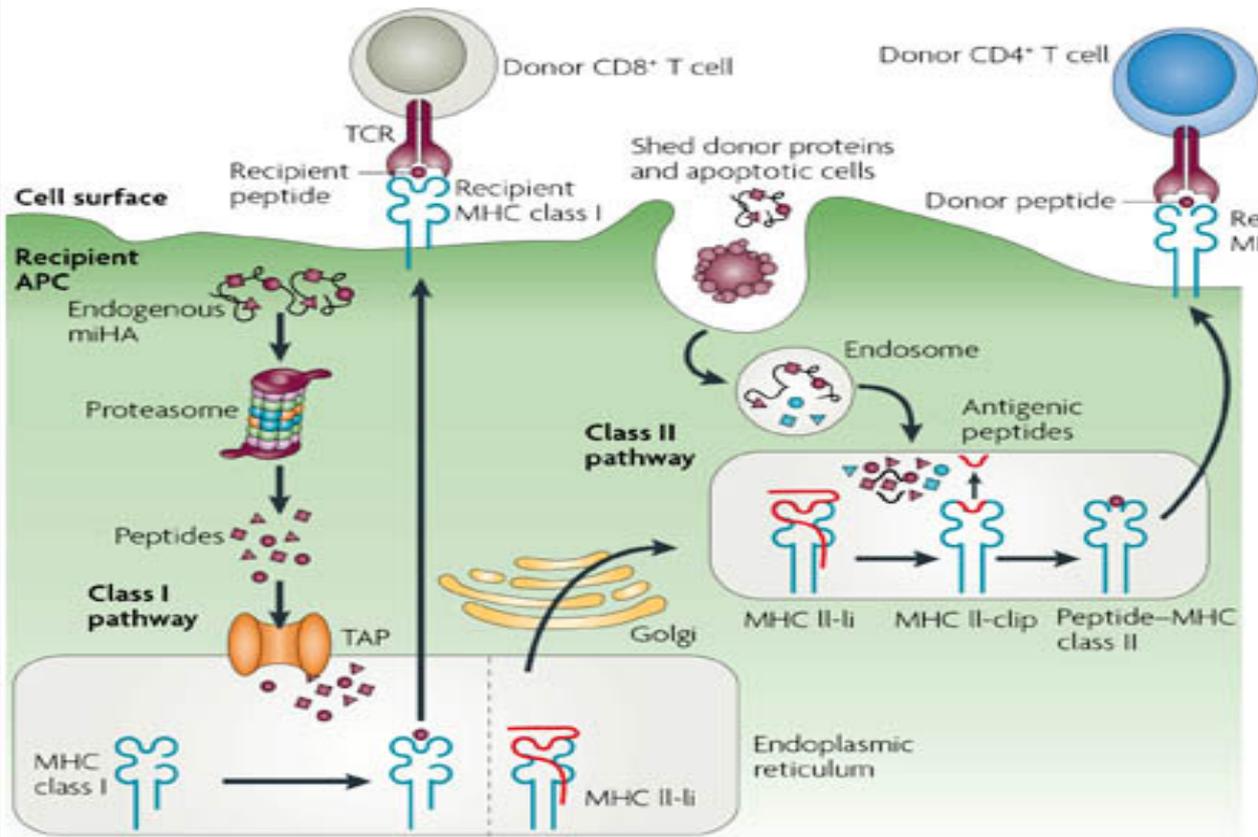


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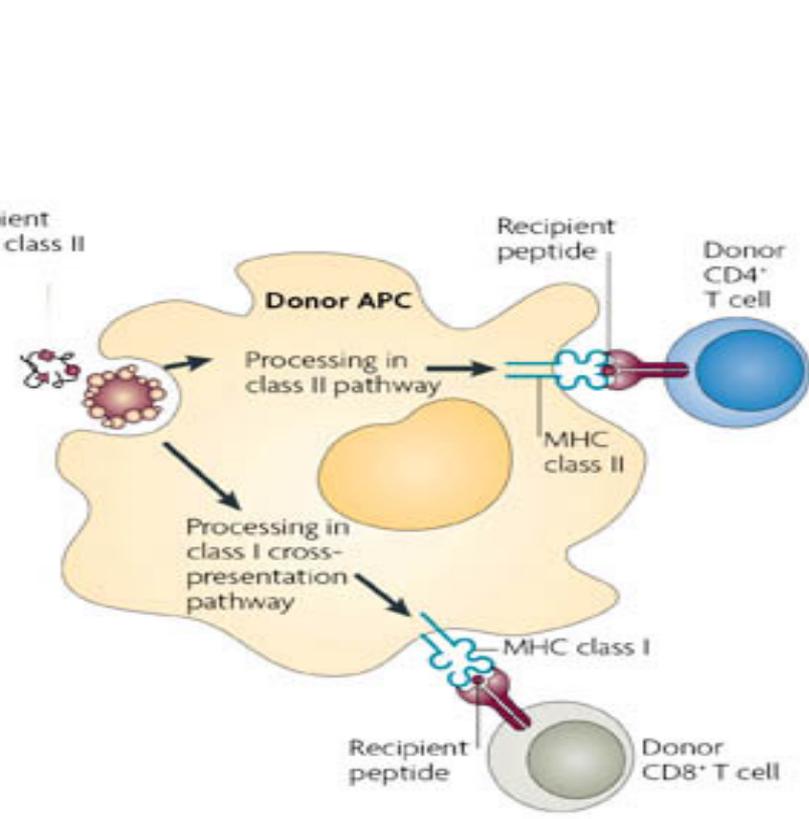
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a Initiation phase of GVHD



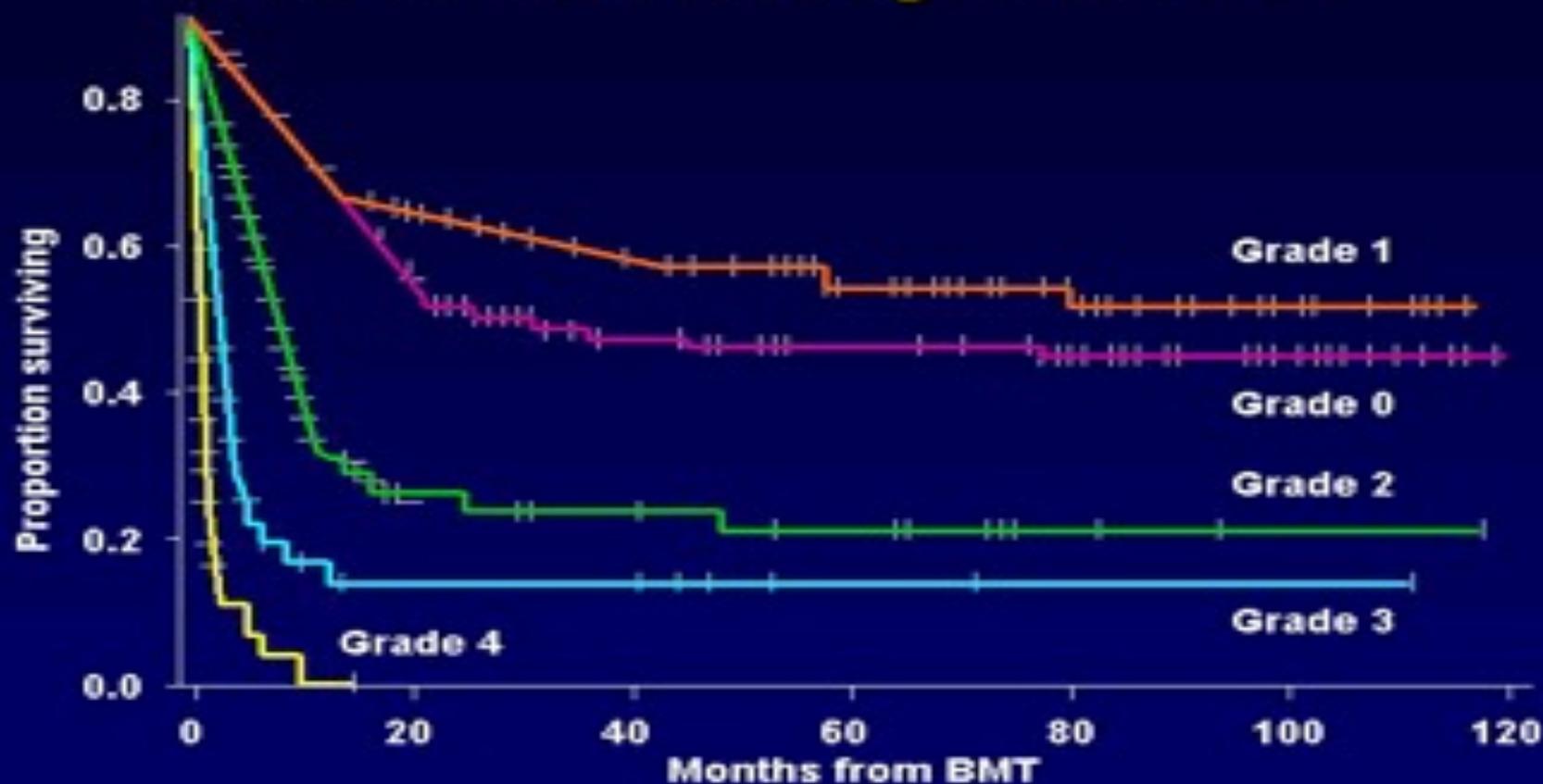
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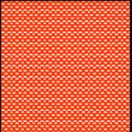
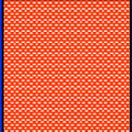




Survival After Allogeneic BMT



GRADING GVHD

<u>ORGANO</u>	<u>ESTENSIONE</u>	<u>STADIO</u>	<u>GRADO</u>	<u>GRADO</u>	<u>GRADO</u>	<u>GRADO</u>
						
<u>CUTE</u>	RASH < 25%	+				
	25-50%	++				
	> 50%	+++				
	BOLLE	++++				
<u>FEGATO</u>	2-3	+				
	BILIR. 3.1-6	++				
	mg% 6.1-15	+++				
	>15	++++				
<u>INTESTINO</u>	DIARREA >500 ml/die	+				
	>1.000	++				
	>1.500	+++				
	DOLORE ILEO	++++				
<u>PERF.ST.</u>	COMPROMISS.	+				
		++				
		+++				

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS of Chronic GVHD

ORGAN/SITE	
SKIN	Erythema, maculopapular rash, pruritus, poikiloderma, lichen-like features
NAILS	dystrophy
SCALP	alopecia
MOUTH	Lichen, xerostomia, mucositis
EYES	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, photophobia, blepharitis
GI tract	Strictures of oesophagus, anorexia, weight loss
LIVER	Bilirubin or ALP > 2 x ULN
LUNG	BOS
MUSCLES, JOINTS	Fascitis, joint contractures, myositis, cramps, arthralgias
HEMATOPOIETIC &	Thrombocytopenia, eosinophilia, lymphopenia

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- ❖ Condizionamento mieloablativo (>Tox)
- ❖ Condizionamento ad intensità ridotta (< Tox)
- ❖ Condizionamento immunosoppressivo (<< Tox)

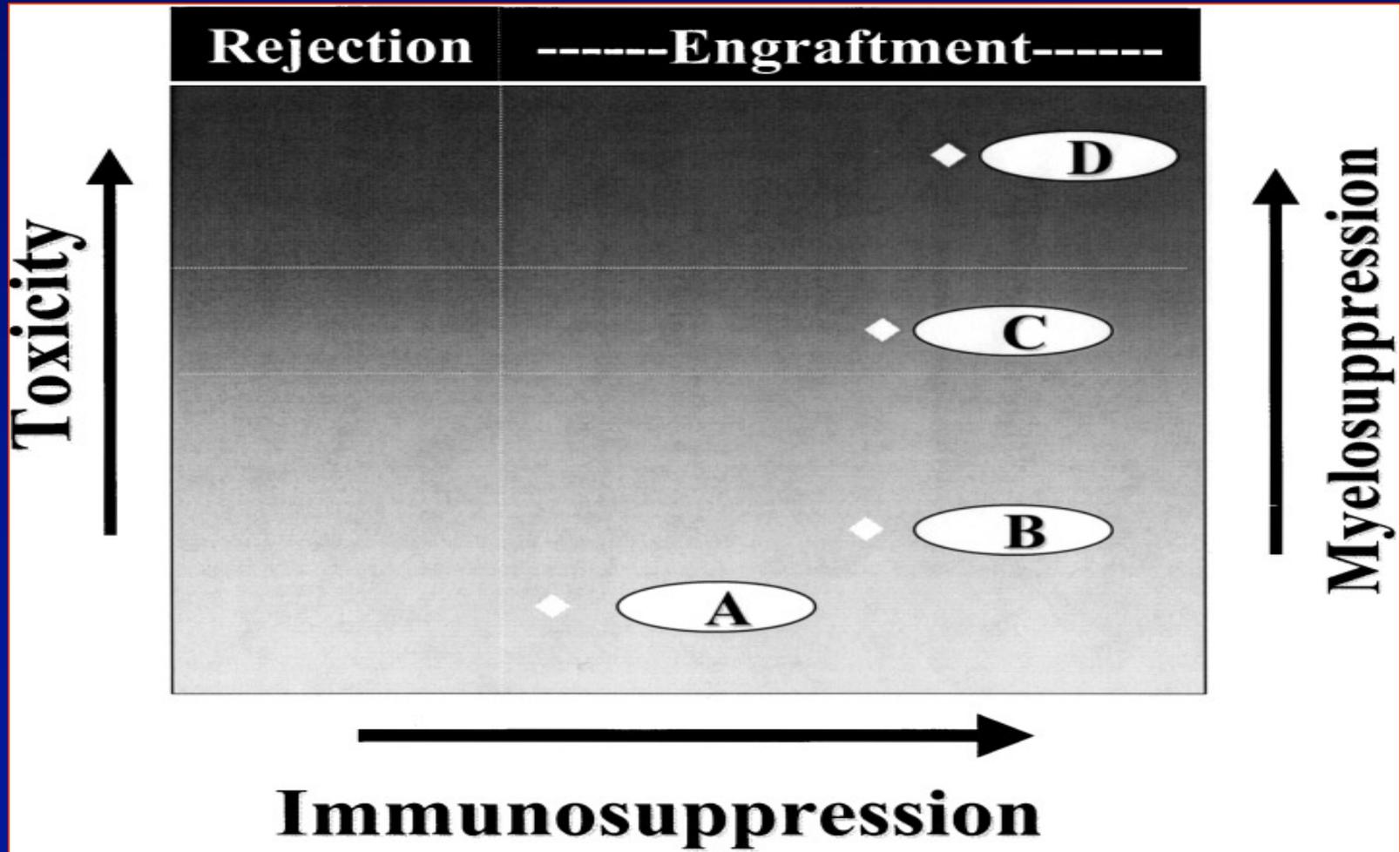


Su che cosa si basa un TRAPIANTO DI CSE NON MIELOABLATIVO ?

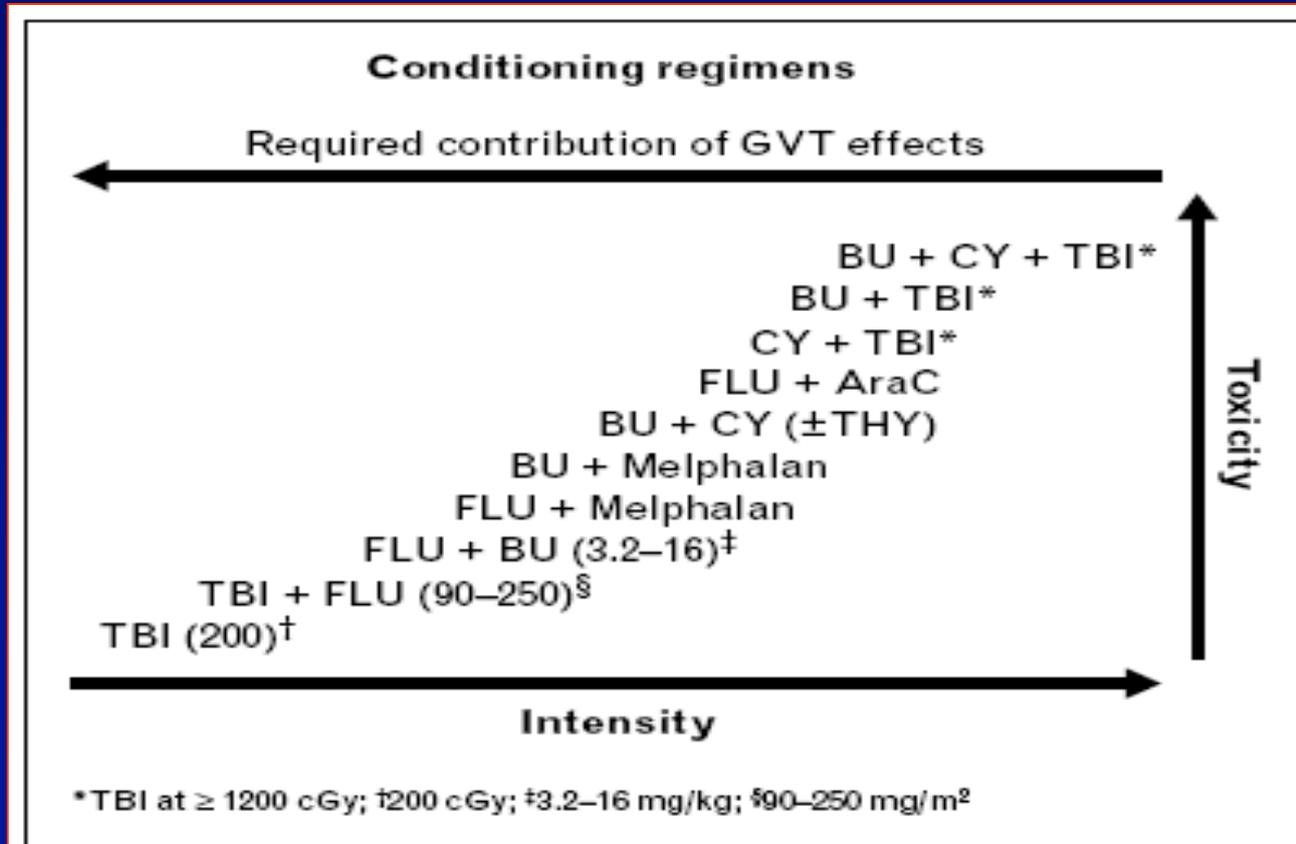
- CONDIZIONAMENTO AD INTENSITA' RIDOTTA
- CHIMERISMO MISTO DONATORE/RICEVENTE
- GRAFT *versus* TUMOR PIU' VELOCE E COMPLETA



Esiste un solo tipo di Allo-SCT non mieloablativo?

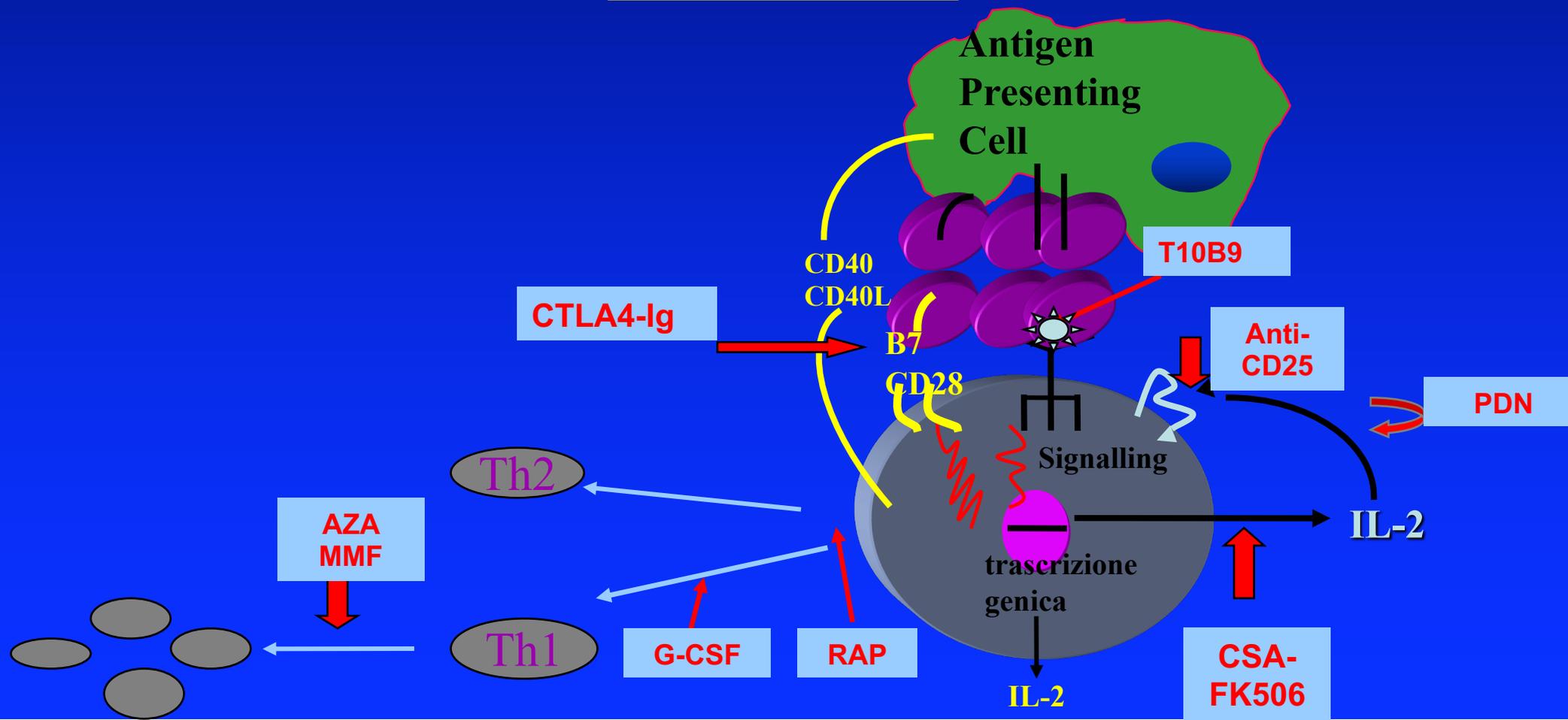


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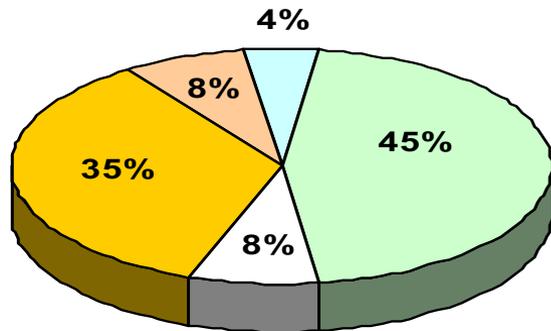


AraC, cytosine arabinoside; BU, busulfan; CY, cyclophosphamide; FLU, fludarabine; TBI, total body irradiation; THY, thymoglobulin.

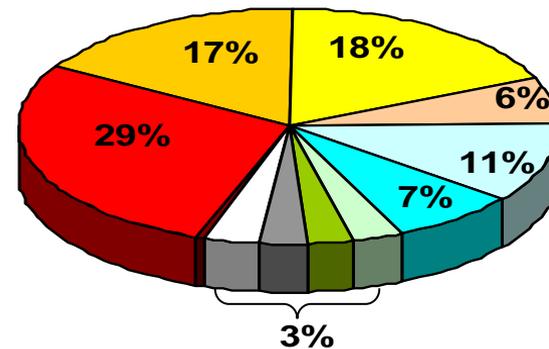
GVHD



**Patologie dei pazienti
in ricerca nel 1990**



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in ricerca nel 2009**



- Leucemia mieloide acuta
- Leucemia linfoblastica acuta
- Linfomi
- Mielodisplasia alto rischio
- Immunodeficienze e disordini congeniti
- Mieloma multiplo

- Leucemia mieloide cronica
- Talassemia
- Mielofibrosi idiopatica
- Anemia aplastica severa
- Neuroblastoma



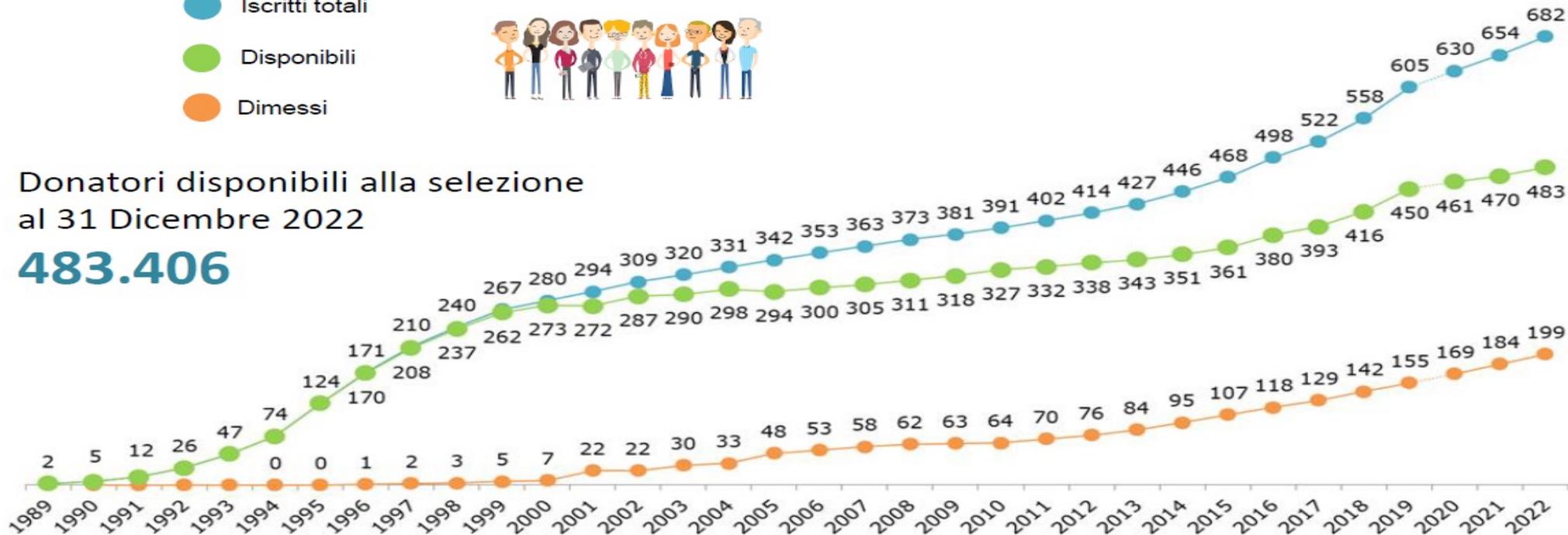
Trend dell'inventario IBMDR

- Iscritti totali
- Disponibili
- Dimessi



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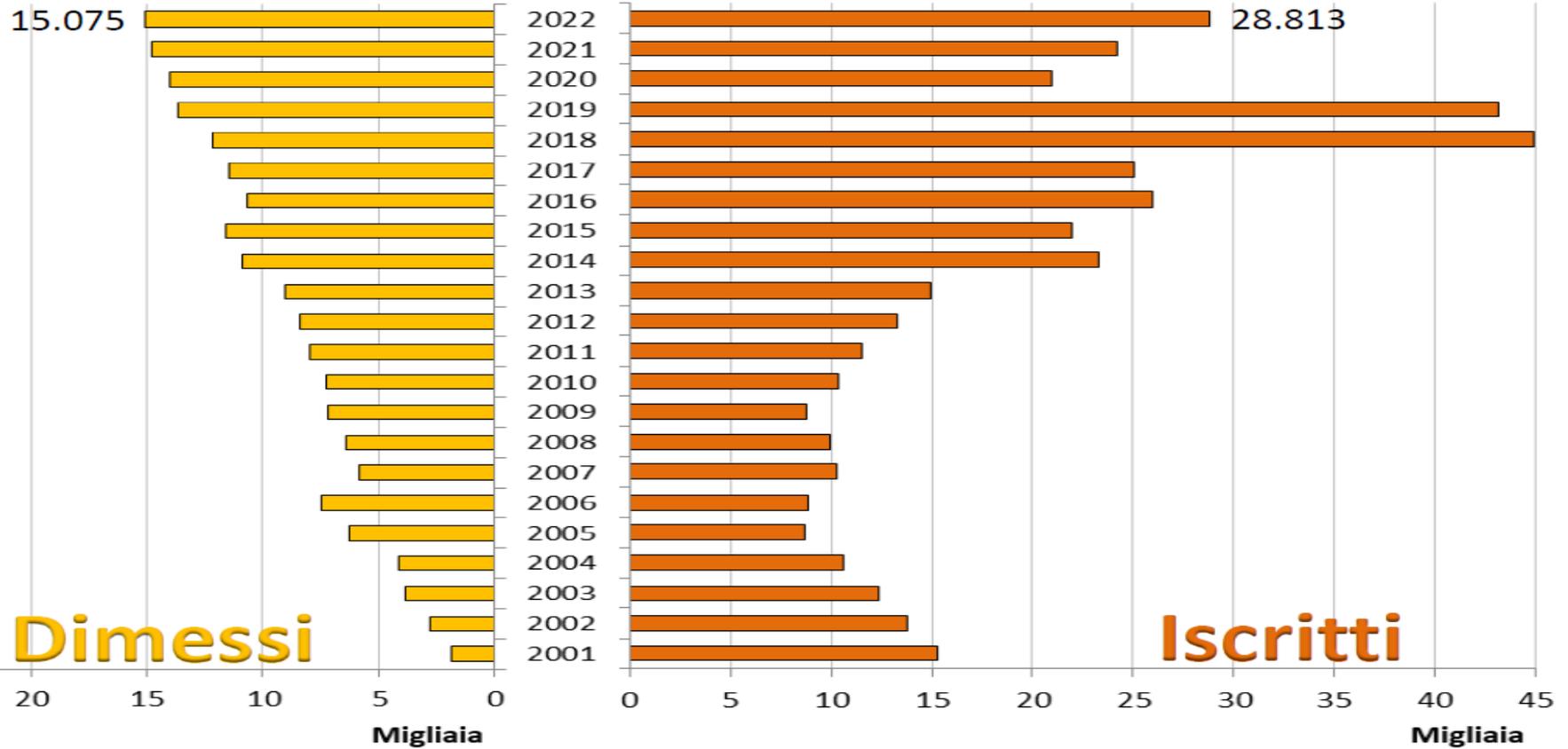


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Donatori reclutati e dimessi per anno al 31 Dicembre 2022

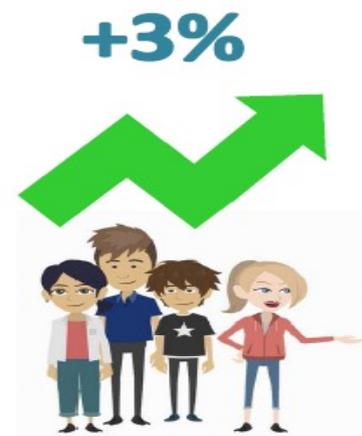




Bilancio IBMDR - donatori reclutati

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ABRUZZO E MOLISE	265	199	66
BASILICATA	58	130	-72
CALABRIA	166	256	-90
CAMPANIA	675	126	549
EMILIA ROMAGNA	4888	1862	3026
FRIULI VG	1066	399	667
LAZIO	2237	529	1708
LIGURIA	310	596	-286
LOMBARDIA	5175	3420	1755
MARCHE	403	366	37
PIEMONTE	3399	1491	1908
Prov. BZ	420	193	227
Prov. TN	882	180	702
PUGLIA	1665	463	1202
SARDEGNA	726	868	-142
SICILIA	501	358	143
TOSCANA	909	952	-43
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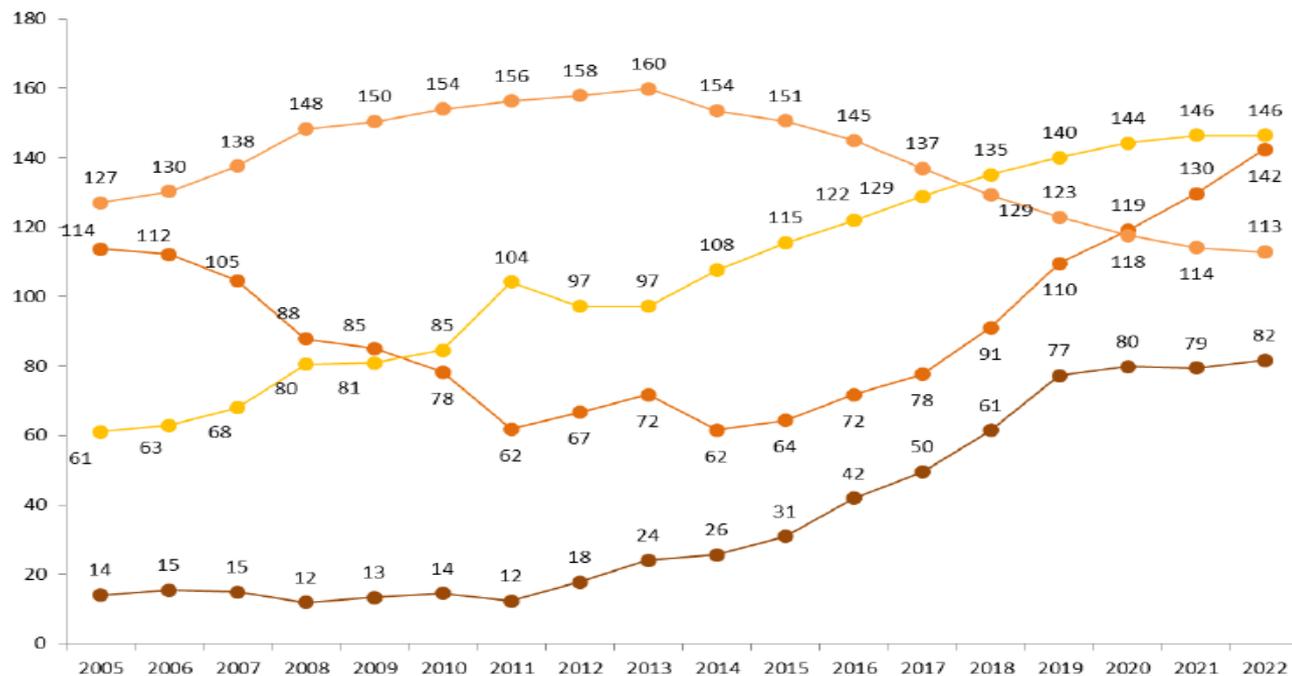
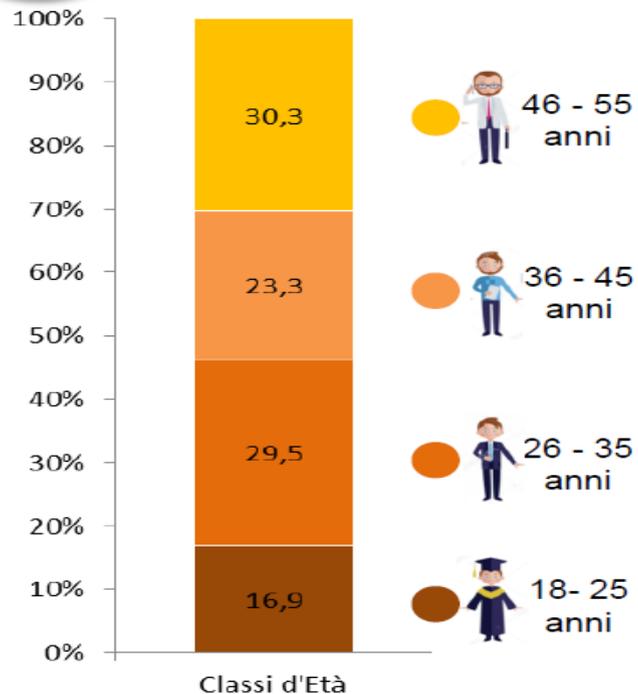
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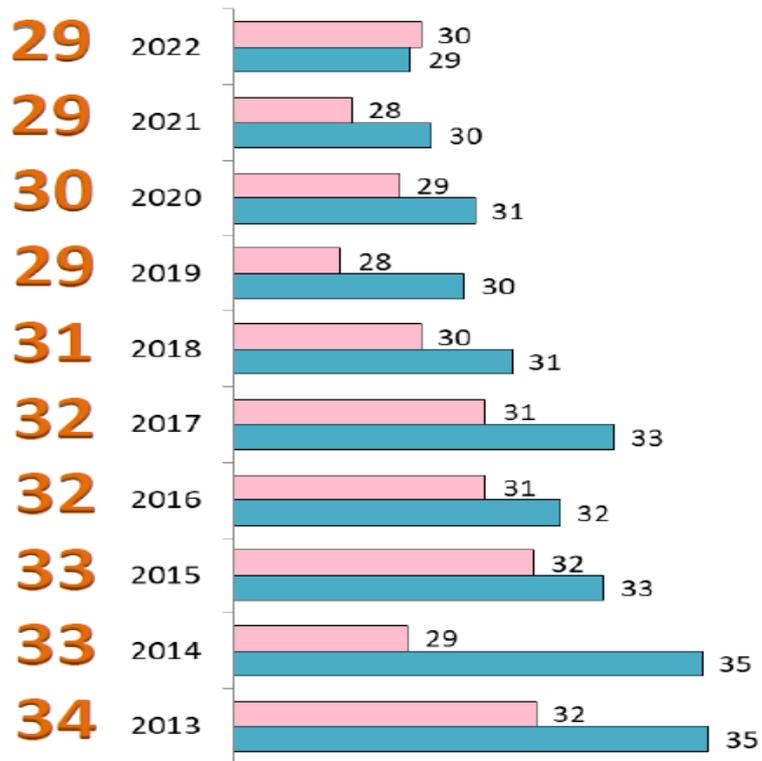
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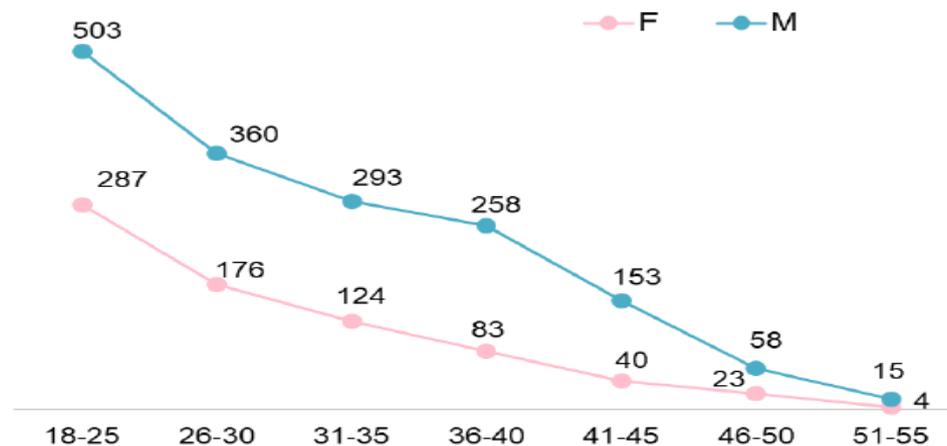


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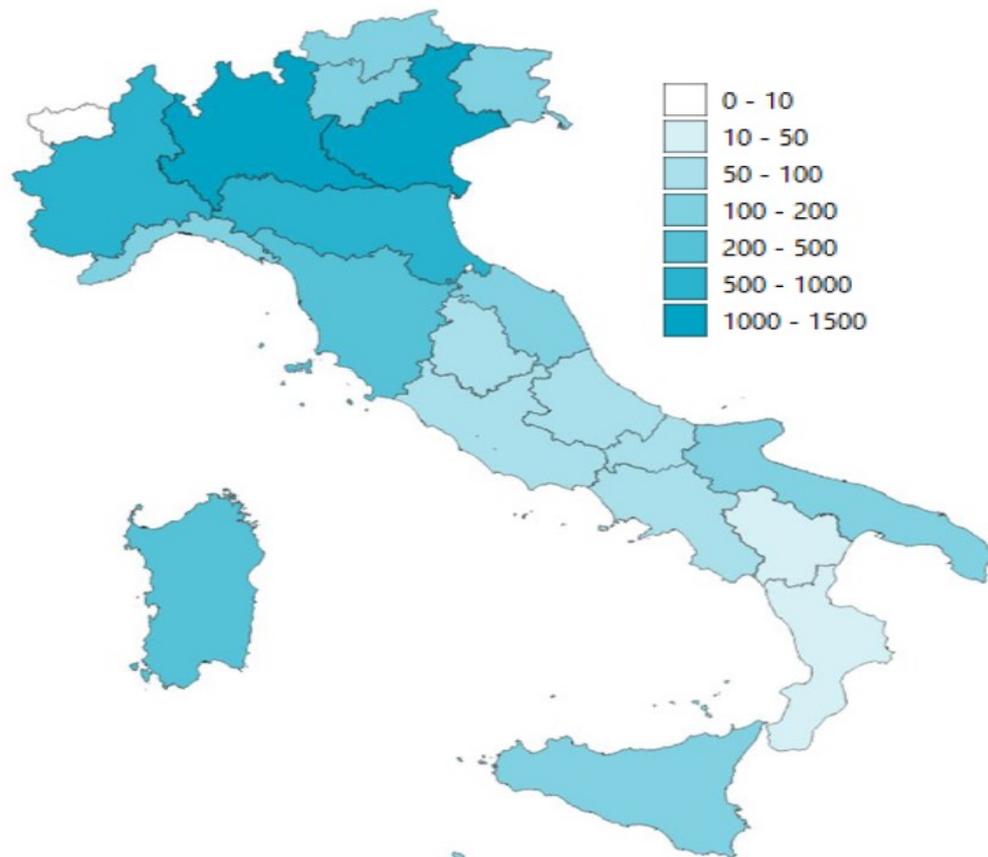


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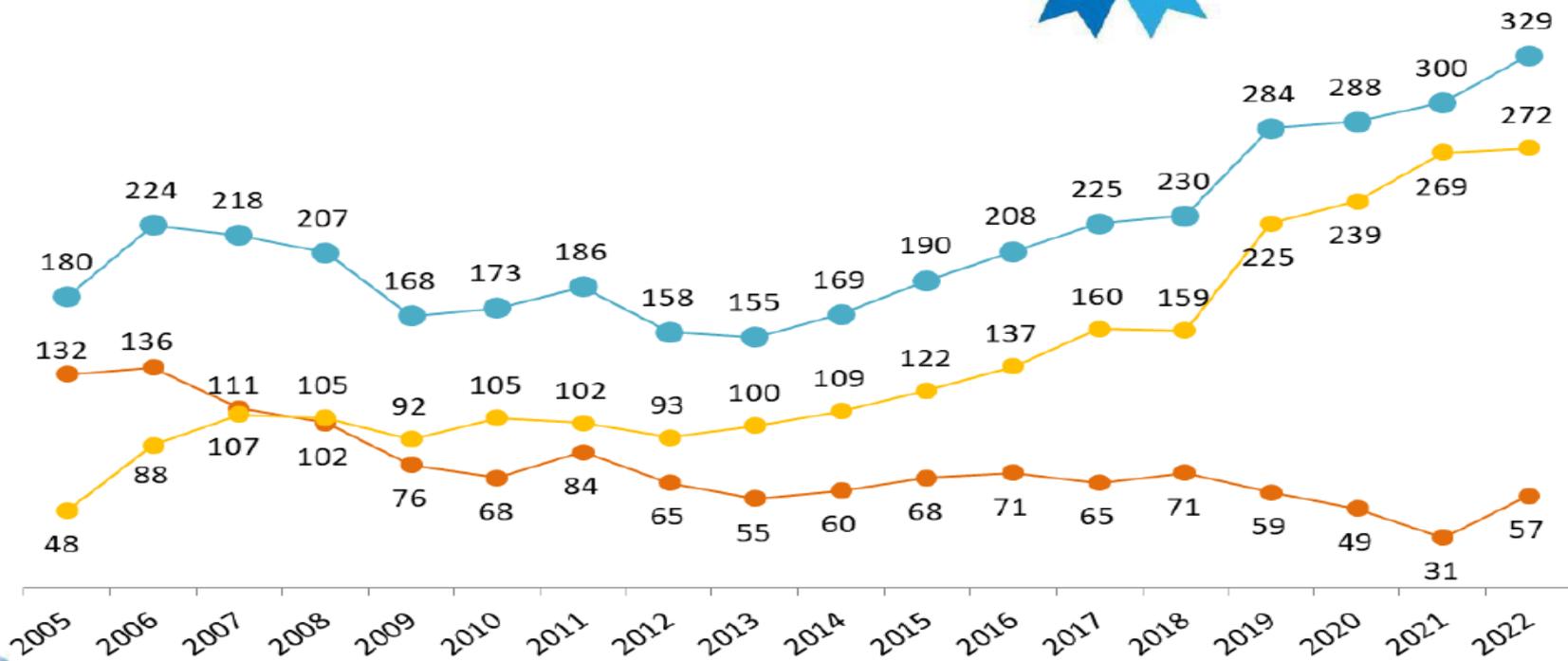
Numero totale prime donazioni IBMDR e sorgente CSE

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Abruzzo-Molise	35	30	65
Basilicata	15	13	28
Calabria	20	13	33
Campania	25	27	52
CSR - Sanit. Esercito	15	6	21
Emilia-Romagna	232	269	501
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	87	82	169
Lazio	48	28	76
Liguria	102	36	138
Lombardia	698	527	1225
Marche	55	49	104
Piemonte	268	350	618
Prov. autonoma BZ	56	52	108
Prov. autonoma TN	35	67	102
Puglia	102	83	185
Sardegna	158	127	285
Sicilia	54	66	120
Toscana	94	113	207
Umbria	52	2	54
Valle d'Aosta	2	4	6
Veneto	538	587	1125
ITALIA	2691	2531	5222





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MIDOLLO

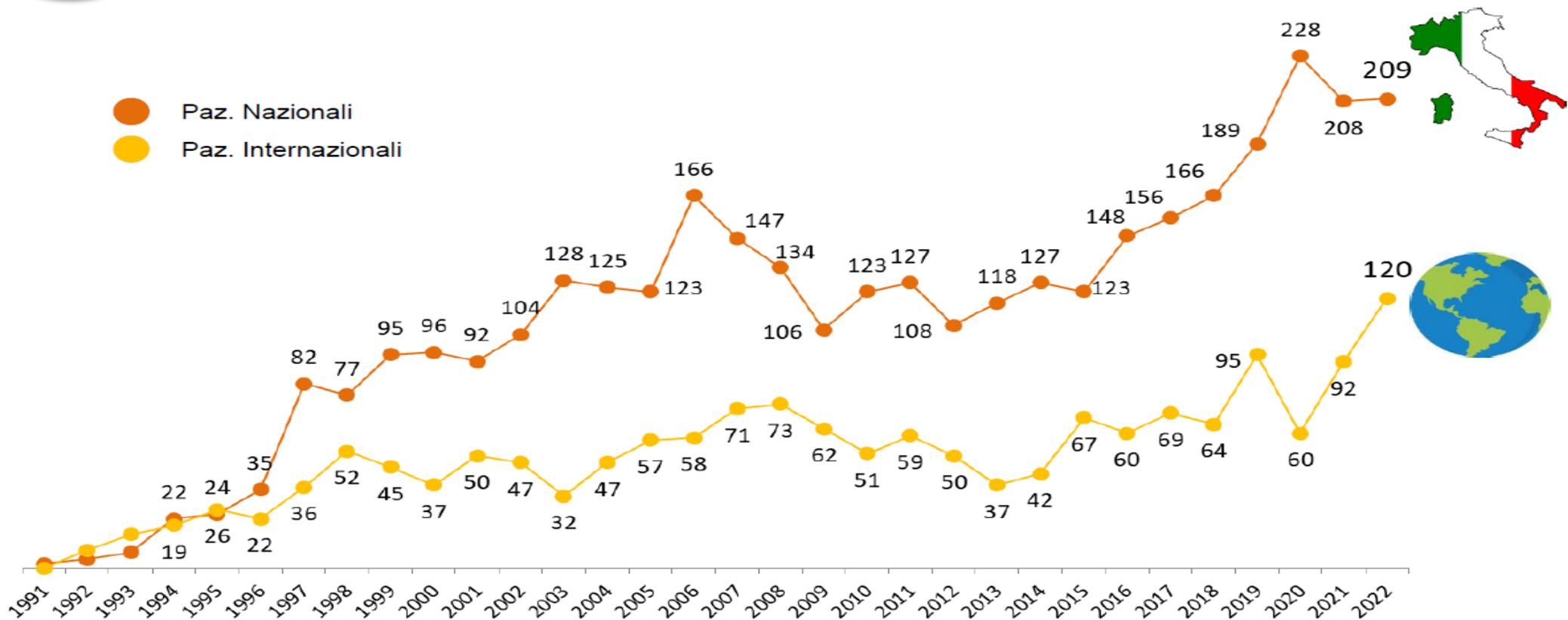
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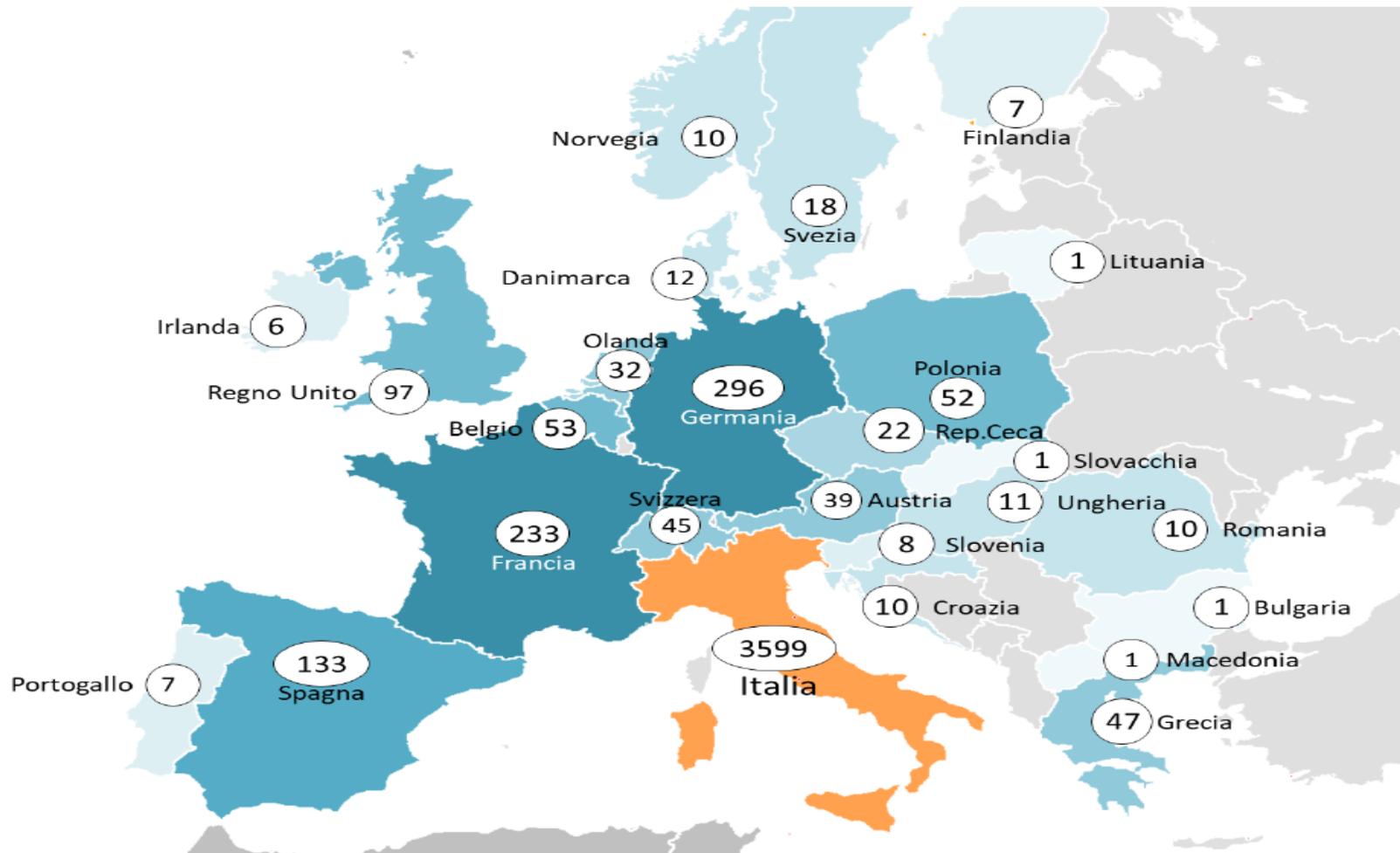


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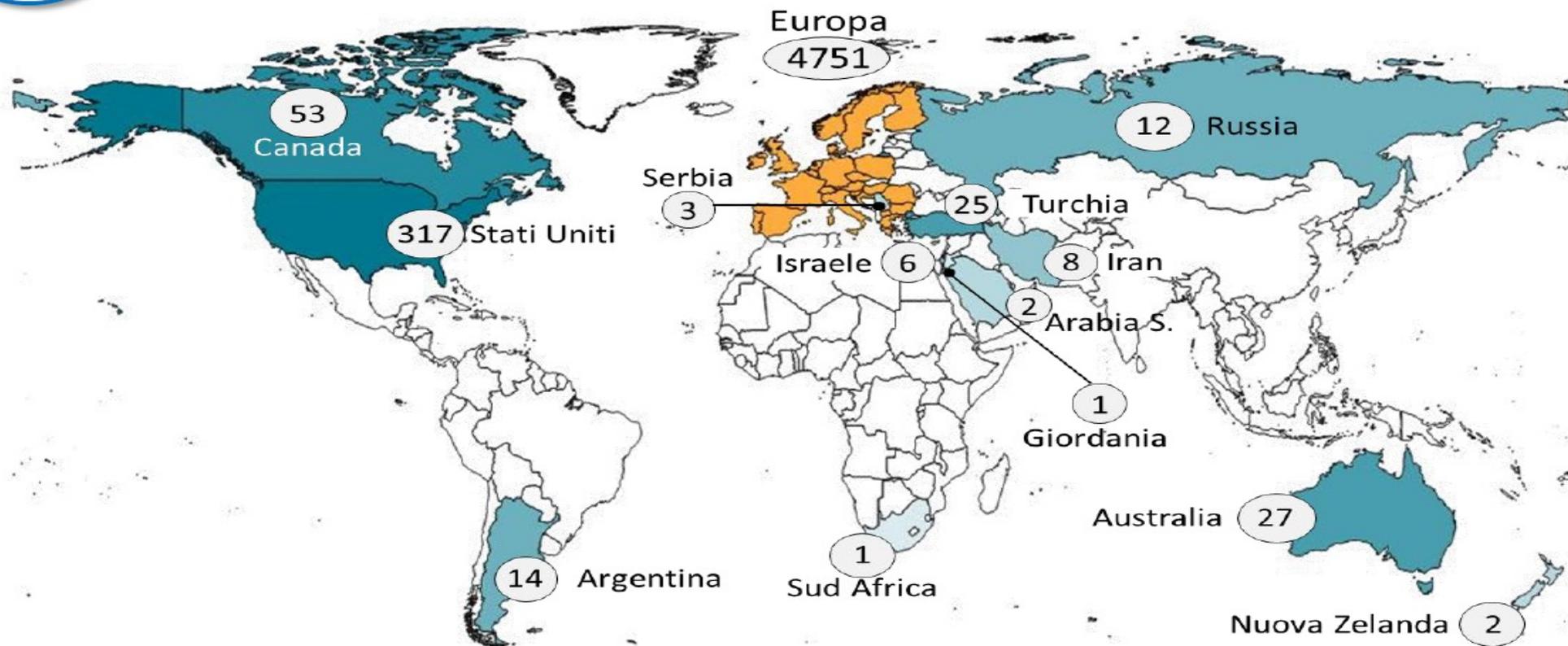


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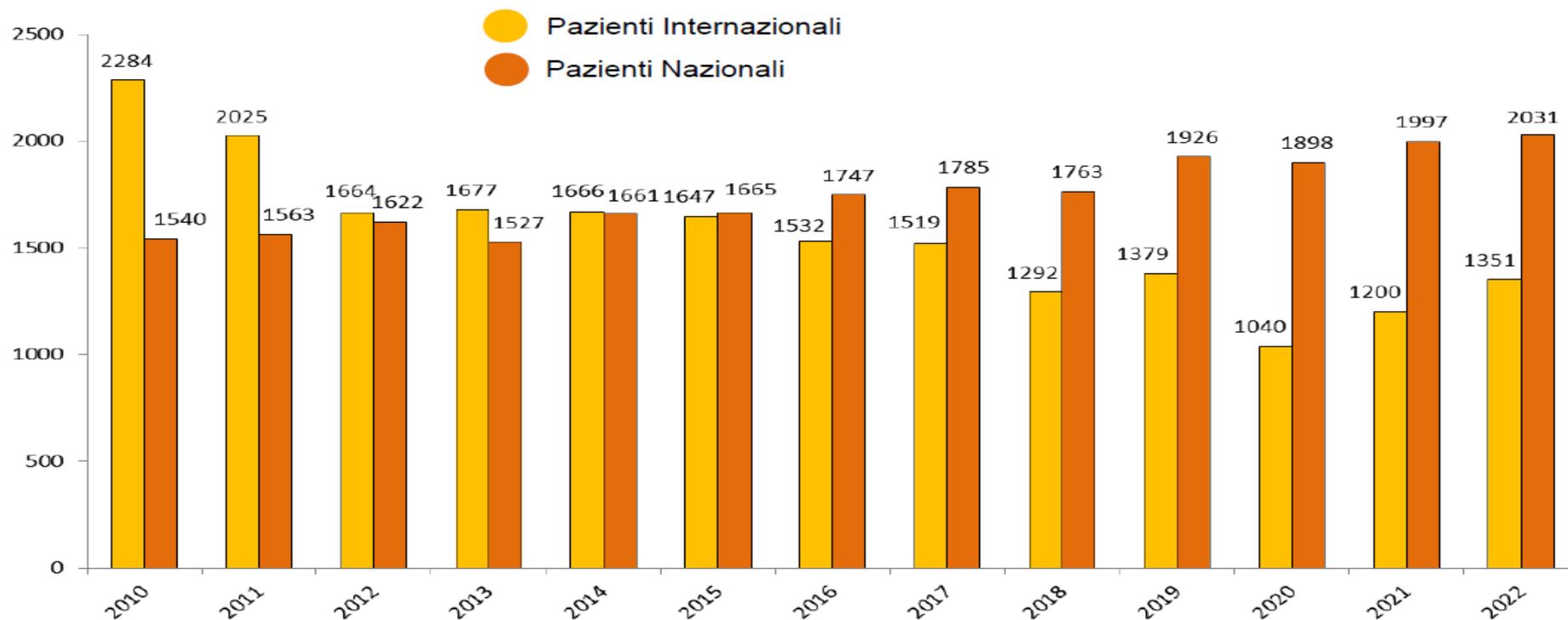


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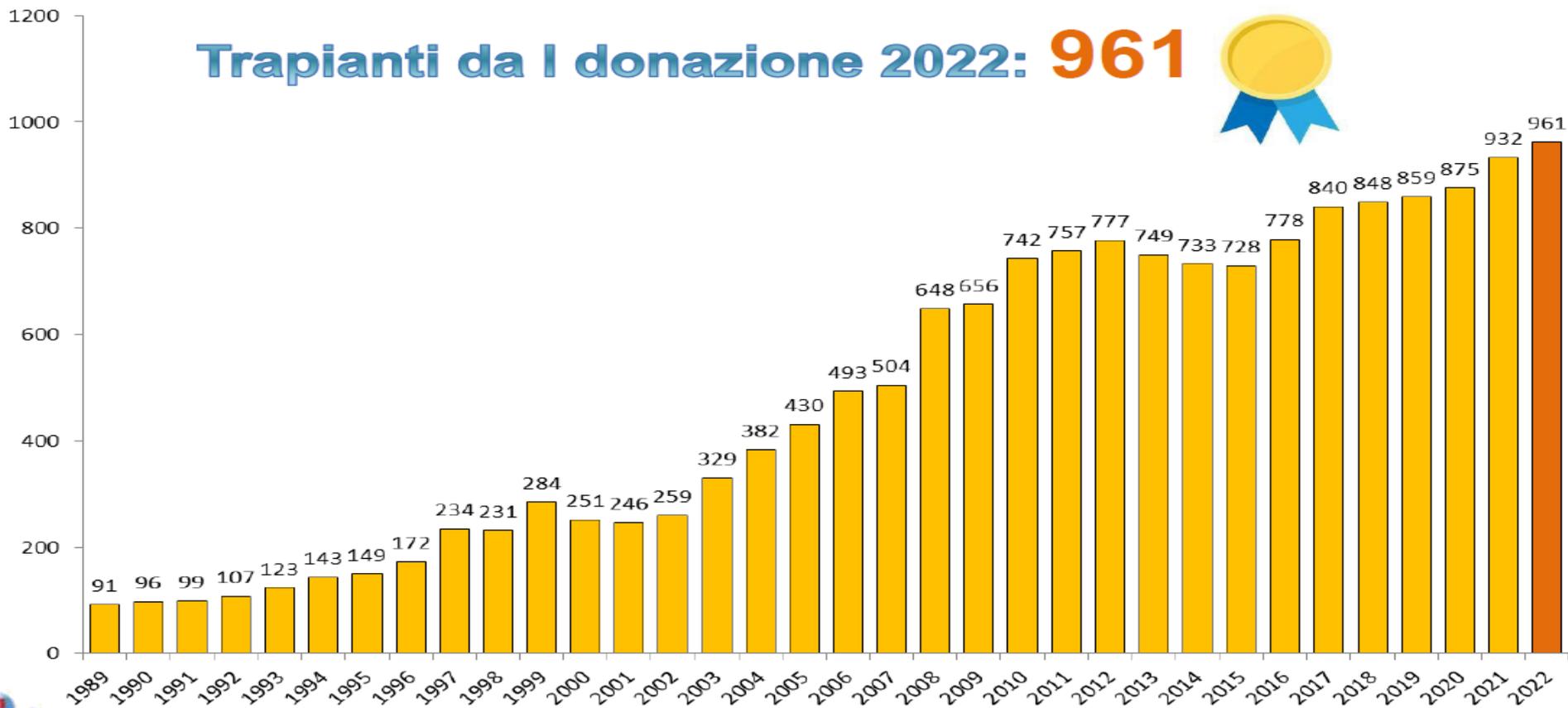
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Primi trapianti di CSE da non familiare in Italia

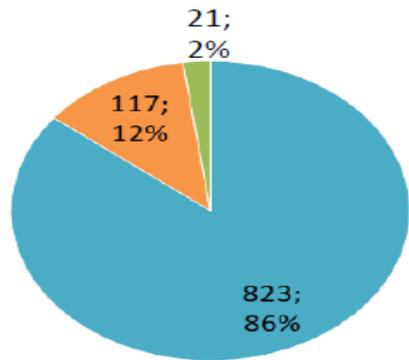
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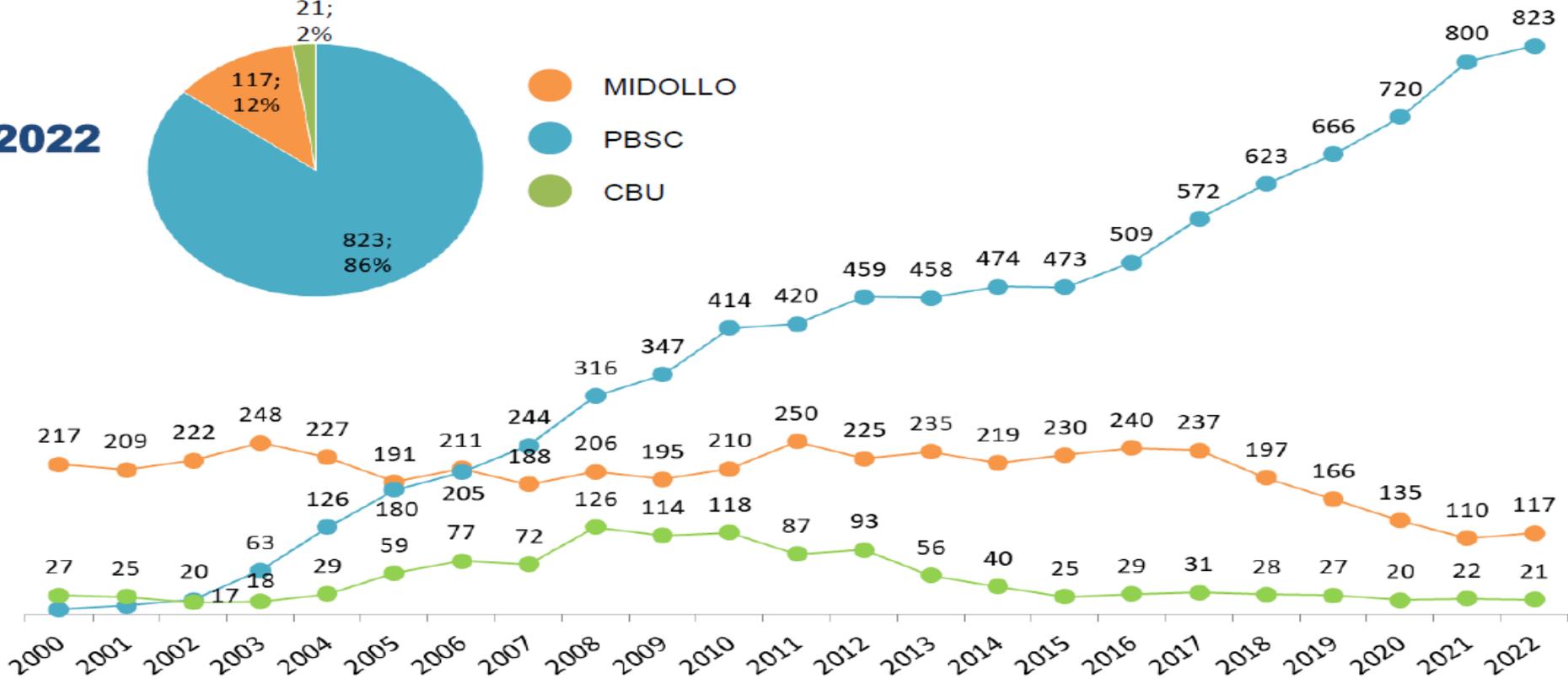


Sorgente CSE nei trapianti da non familiare in Italia

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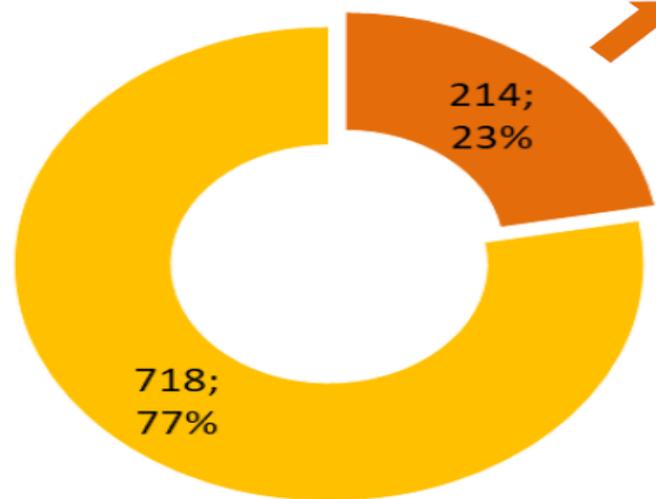
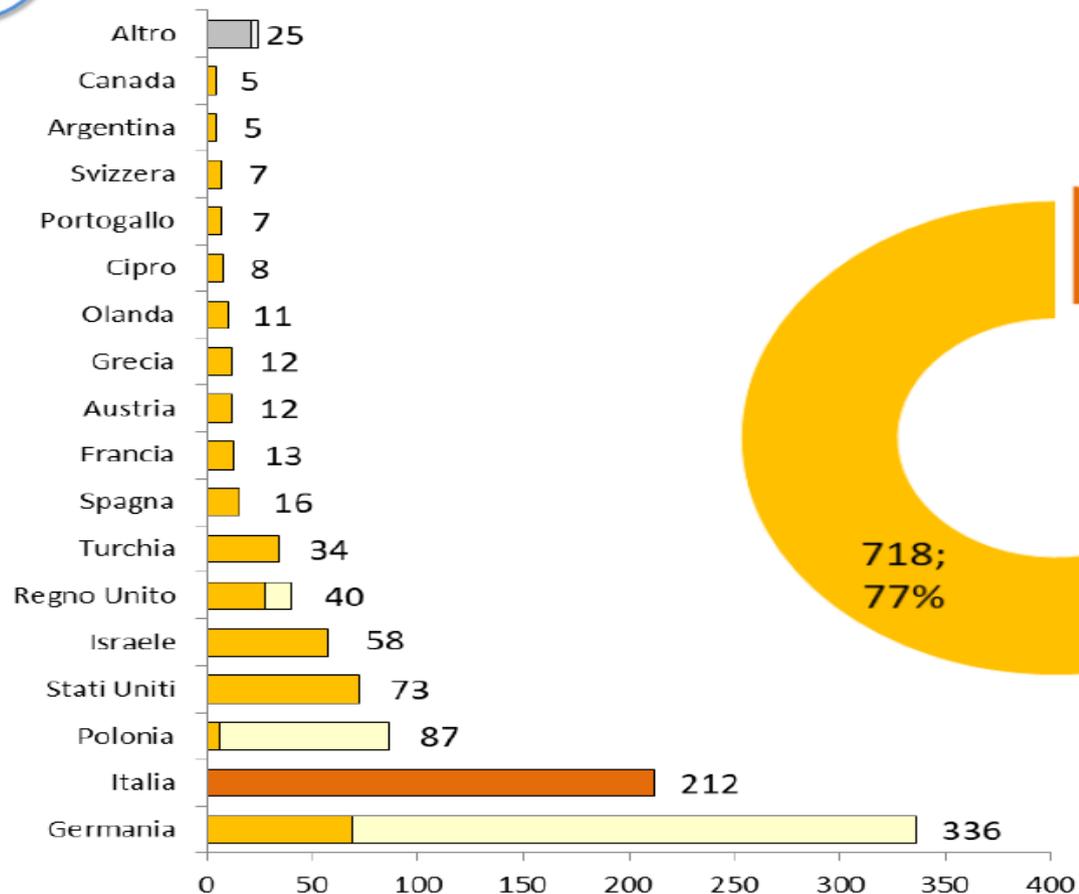
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Trapianti 2022: Provenienza CSE

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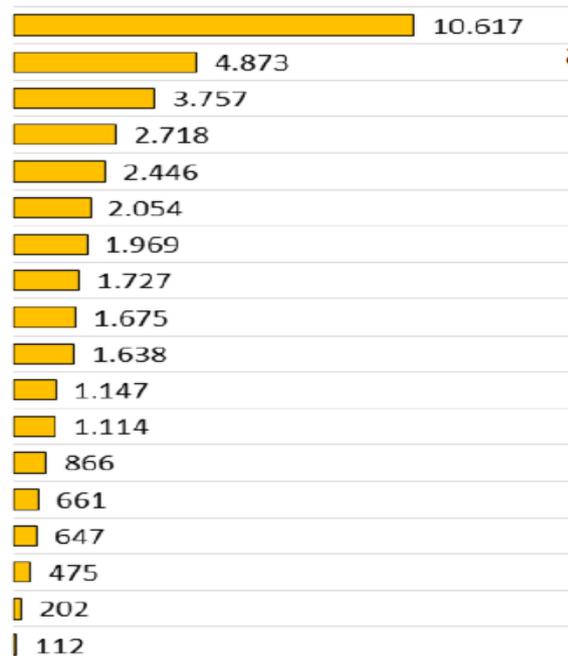
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Firenze	2.446
Torino	2.054
Campania	1.969
Puglia	1.727
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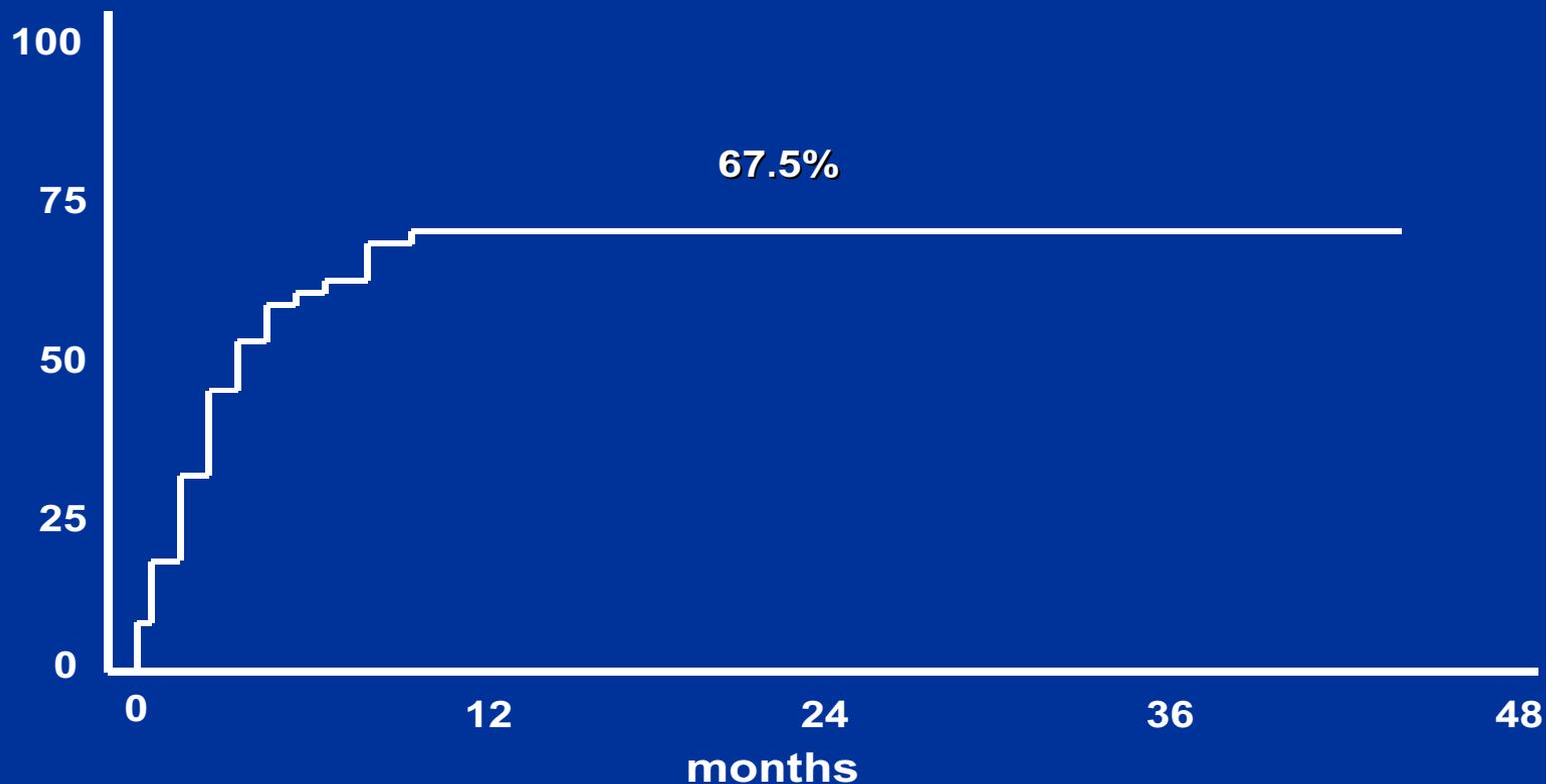
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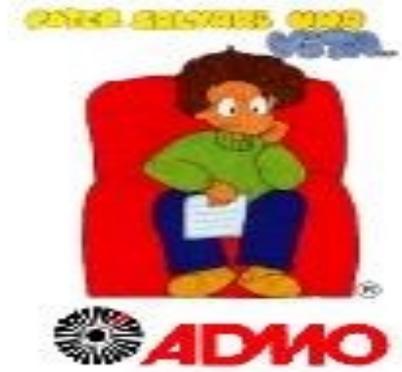
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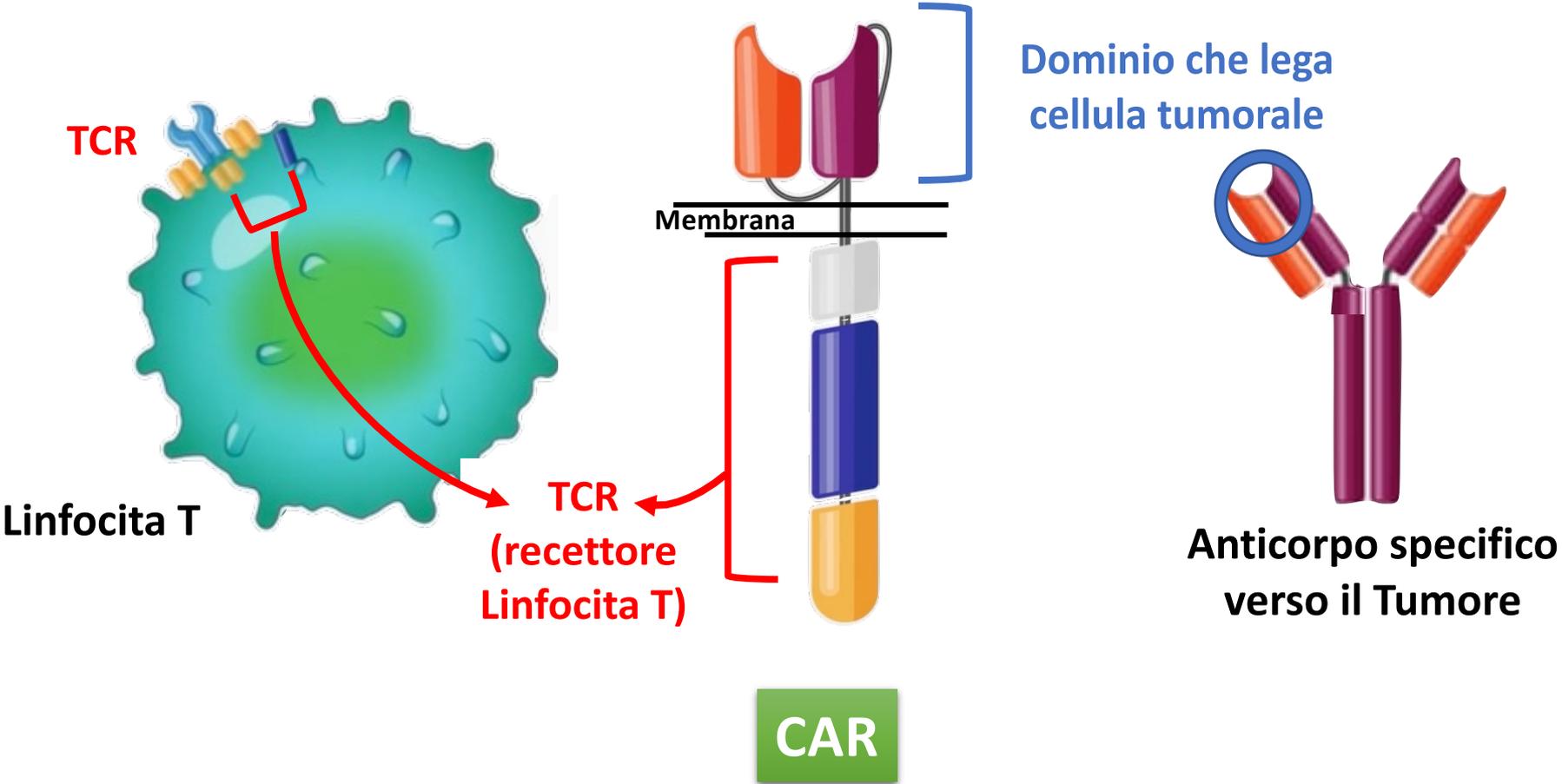
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Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cells (CAR-T):

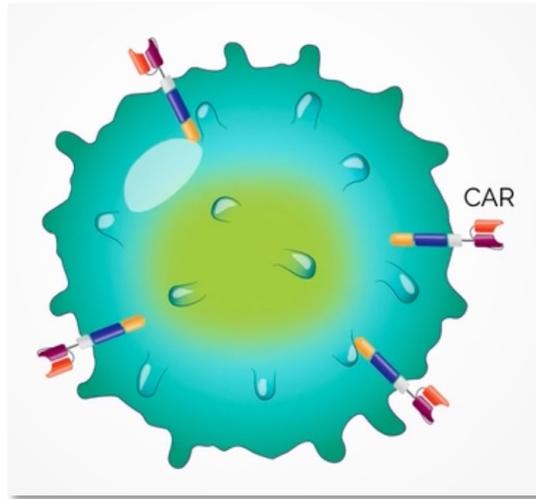
what are
and
how they work



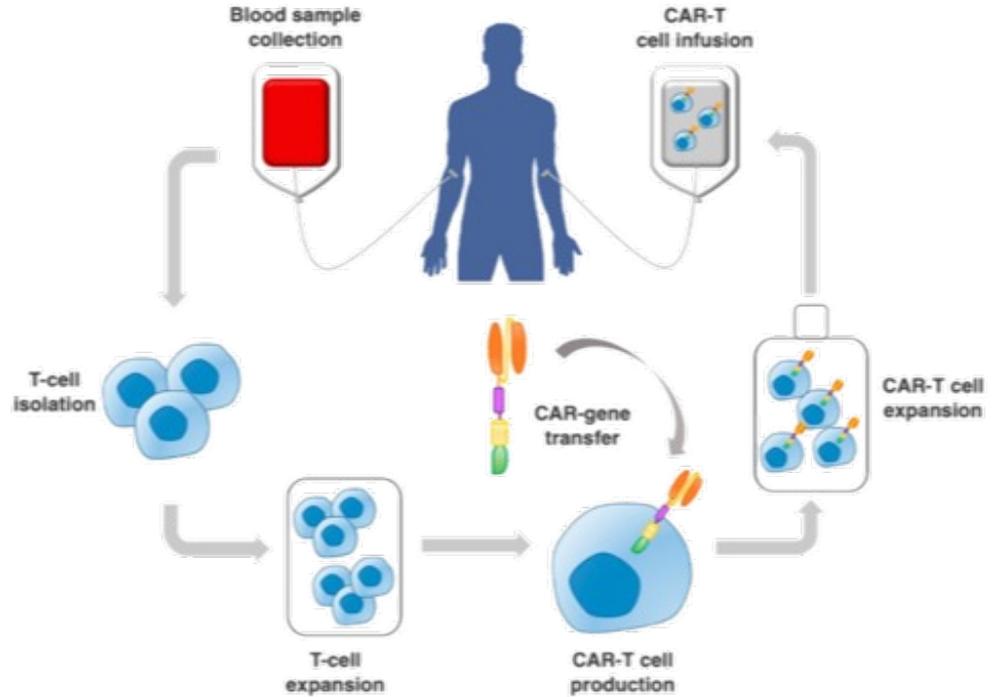
Chimeric Antigen Receptor



CAR T-Cell Therapy Fights Cancer with a Live Weapon

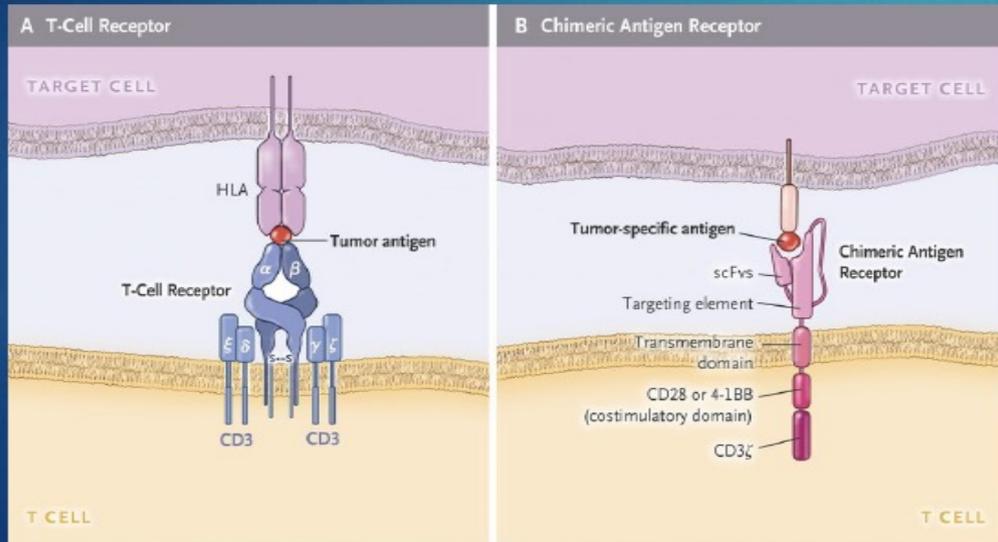


CAR-T cells

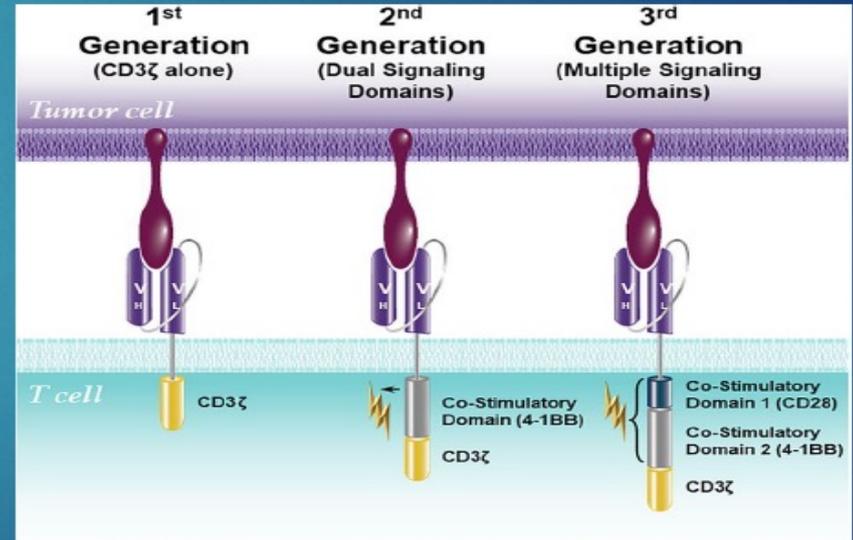


What are CAR-T Cells

- genetically redirect and reprogram T cells to overcome tolerance in cancer;
- patient's own T cells genetically engineered with gene encoding chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) that binds a tumor antigen;
- CARs consist of:
 - extracellular immunoglobulin-derived variable heavy and light chains to direct specificity;
 - intracellular signaling molecule comprised of TCR CD3 zeta chain;
 - co-stimulation signaling, such as CD28 and 4-1BB, that increases expansion and potency of engineered T cells.



Structure of CARs and T-Cell Receptors.
June CH, Sadelain M.
N Engl J Med 2018;379:64-73



An introduction to chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell immunotherapy for human cancer
Feins S. et al.
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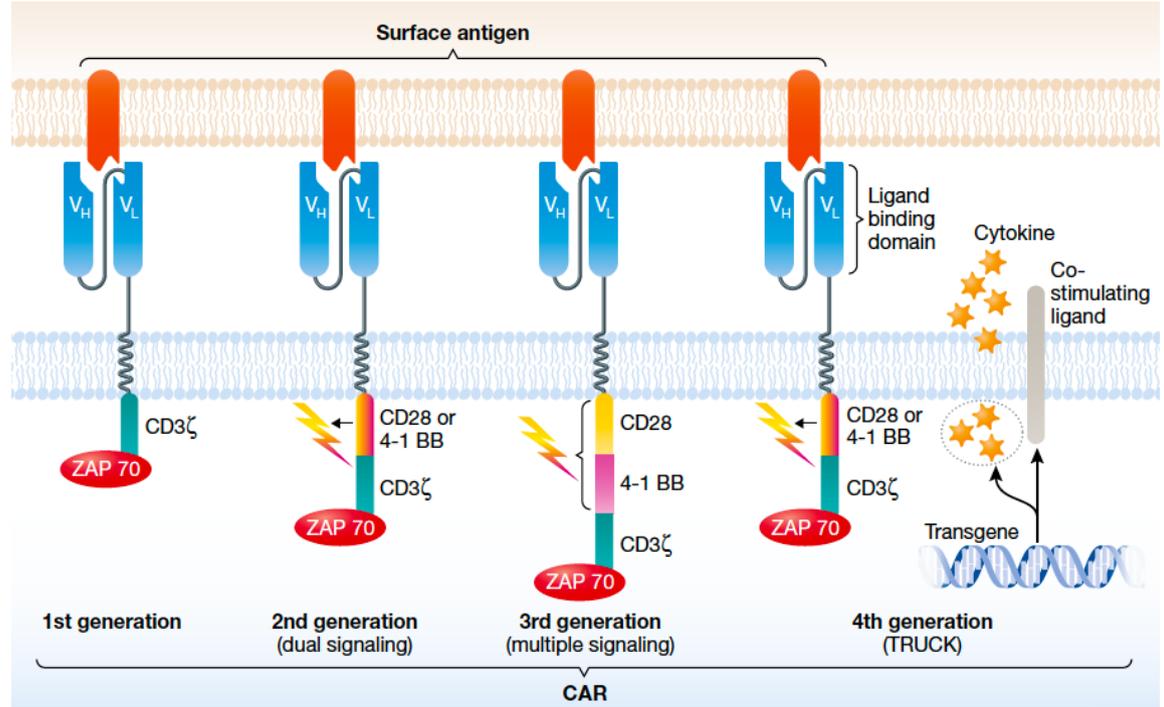
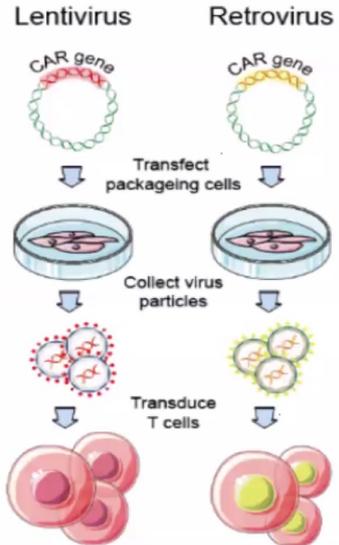
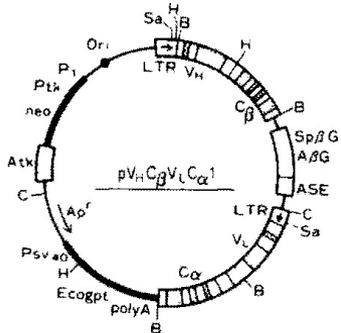
Different CAR generation

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EXPRESSION OF CHIMERIC RECEPTOR COMPOSED OF IMMUNOGLOBULIN-DERIVED V REGIONS AND T-CELL RECEPTOR-DERIVED C REGIONS

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Cytotoxicity

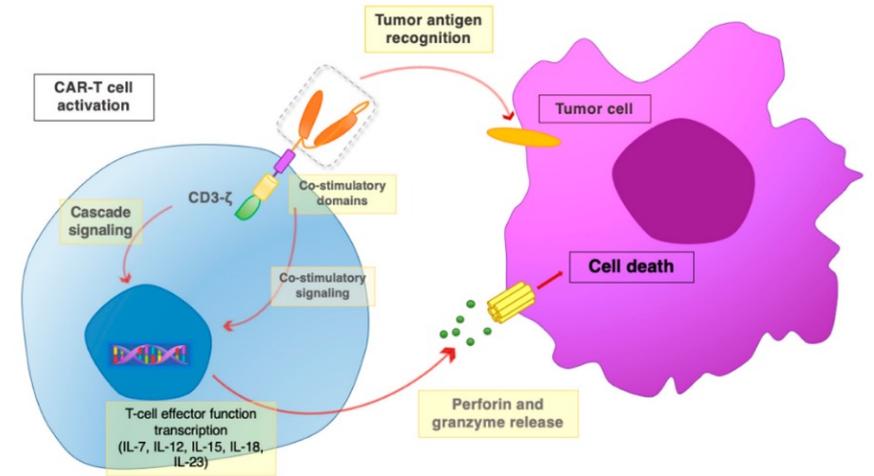
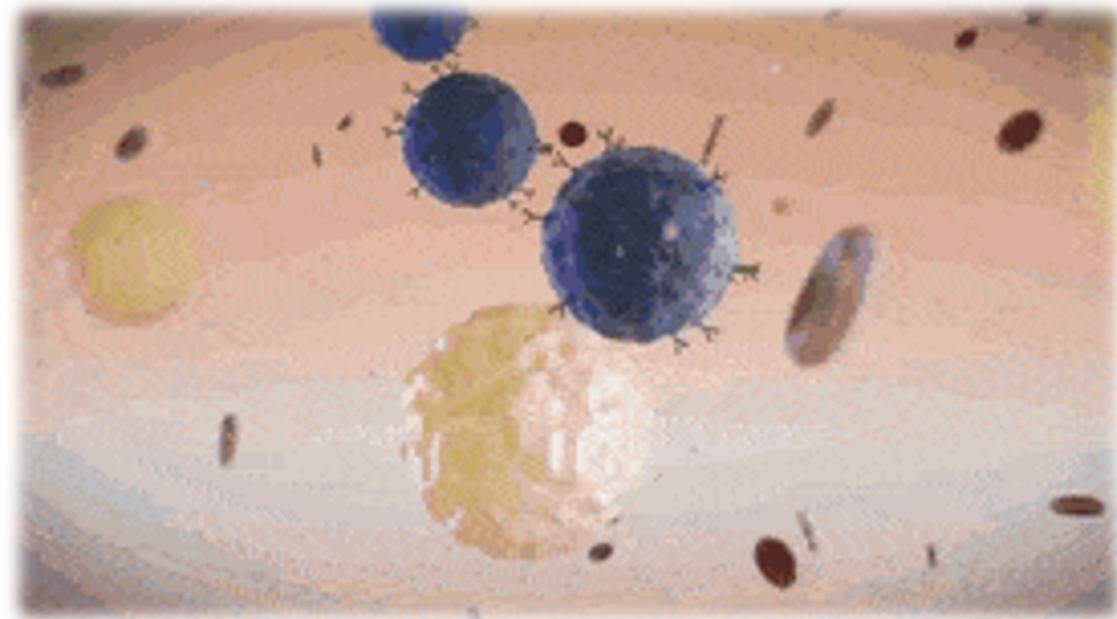
Proliferation/cytokine production

Survival

Kuwana et al. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* 1987; Gross et al. *Transplant Proc* 1989; Hartmann et al., *EMBO Mol Med*. 2017



CAR T-Cell Therapy Fights Cancer with a Live Weapon



Killing mechanisms of CAR-T cells:

- Perforin and granzyme axis: *targeting antigen positive fraction*
- Cytokine secretion: *stromal cell sensitization*
- Fas and FasL axis: *targeting antigen-negative fraction*

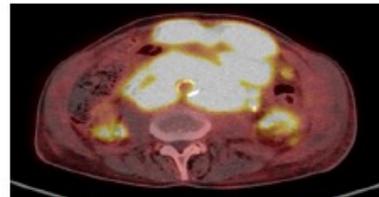
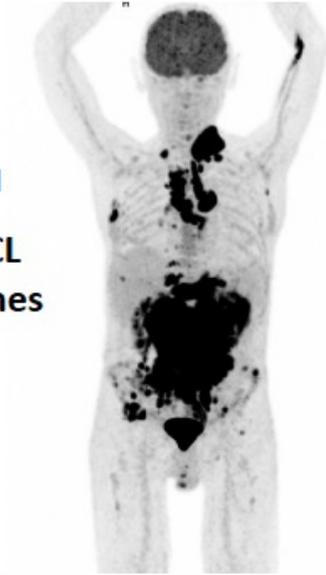
Emerging immunotherapies will enhance the immune response against tumor cells

To use the own immunity of the patient to cure cancer

Case report

THE, male, 63 years old

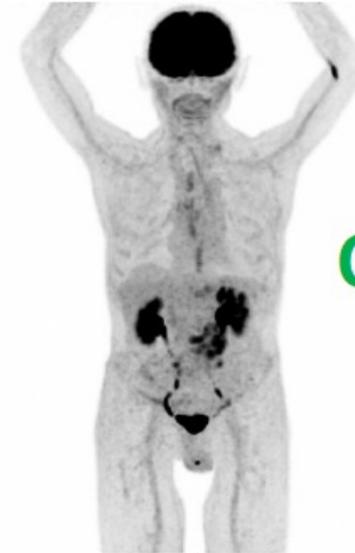
- R/R DLBCL
- 3 prior lines



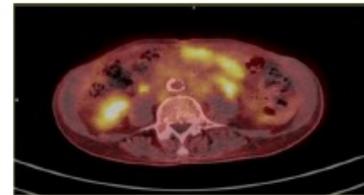
Metabolic tumoral volume 1200ml



CAR T-cells

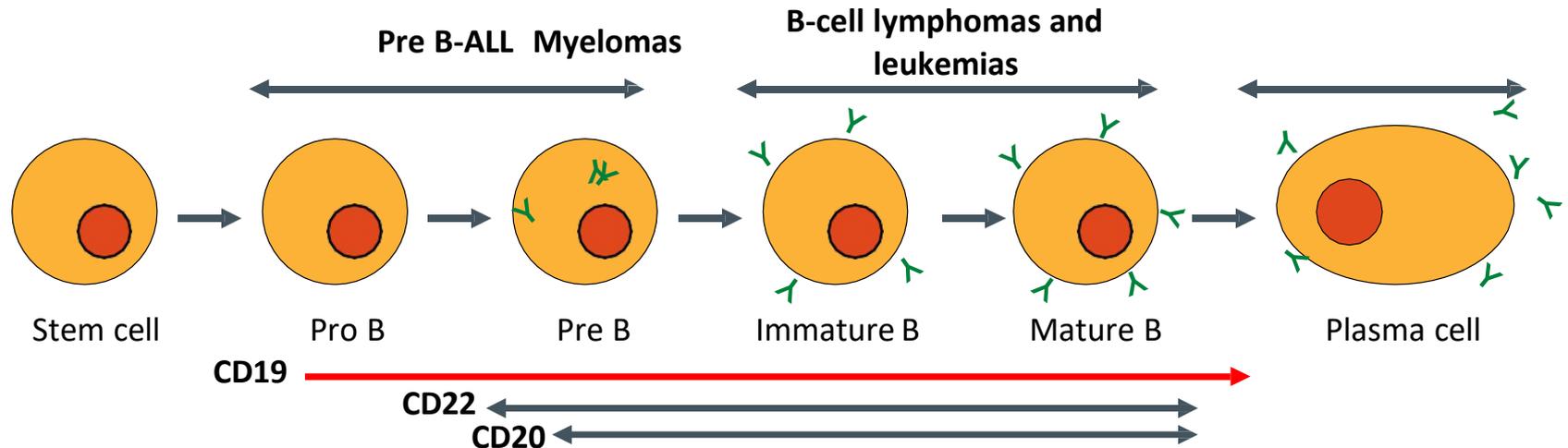


CURE



CD19 expression

- CD19 expression is restricted to B-cells and possibly follicular dendritic cells
- CD19 is not expressed on pluripotent bone marrow stem cells
- CD19 is expressed on the surface of most B-cell malignancies
- Antibodies against CD19 inhibit growth of tumor cells

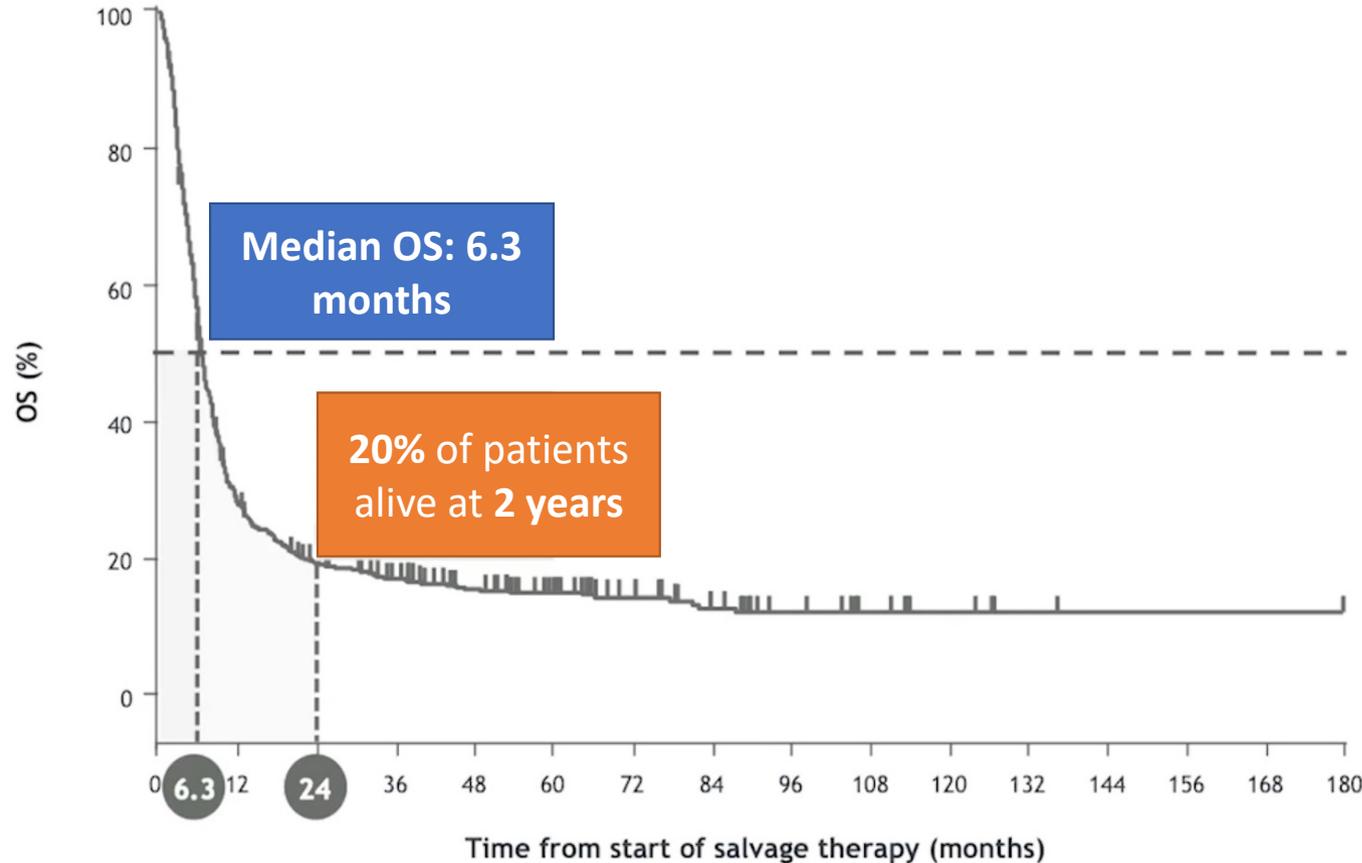


Scholar 1 study in r/r DLBCL patients

SCHOLAR-1 (N=636)

Included patients with:

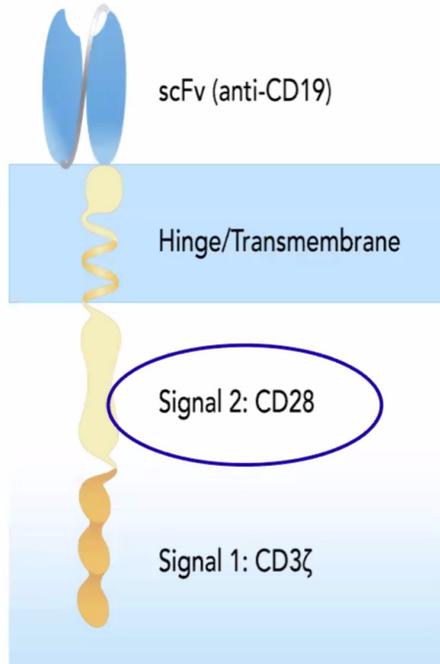
- **Primary refractory disease**
- **Refractory to ≥ 2 lines of therapy**
- **Relapse ≤ 12 months post ASCT**



Pivotal phase II DLBCL Trials (≥ 2 lines of therapy)

ZUMA 1 trial

Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Axi-cel)

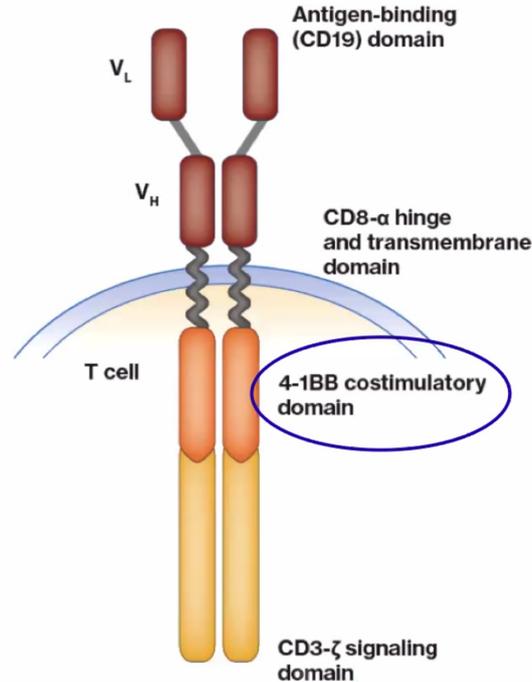


Vector: Retrovirus

Starting material: PBMCs

JULIET trial

Tisagenlecleucel (Tisagen)

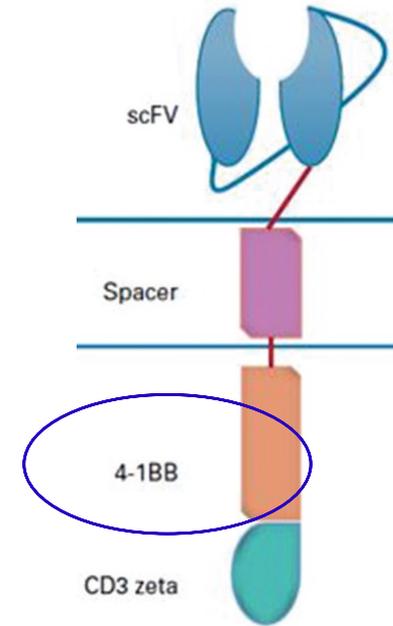


Vector: Lentivirus

Starting material: CD3 $^+$

TRASCEND-NHL-001 trial

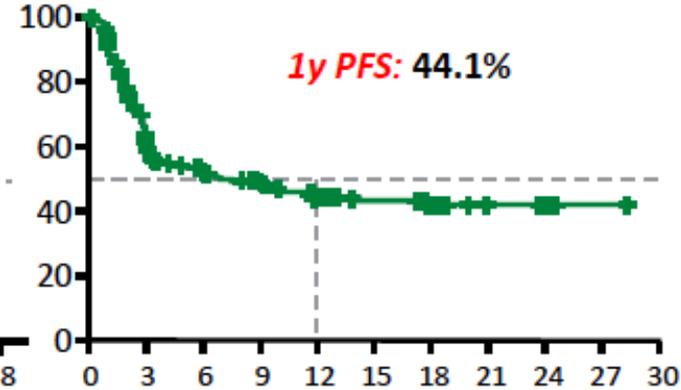
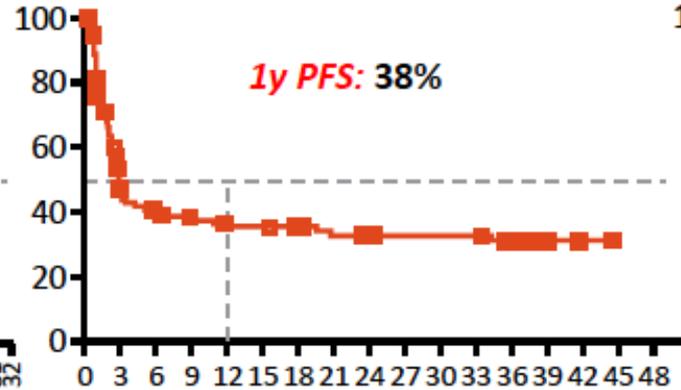
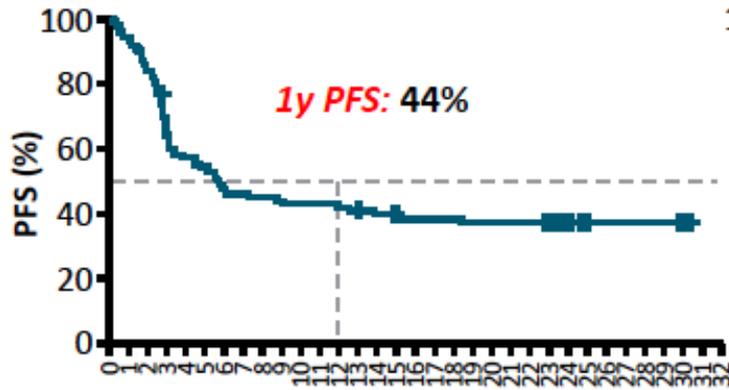
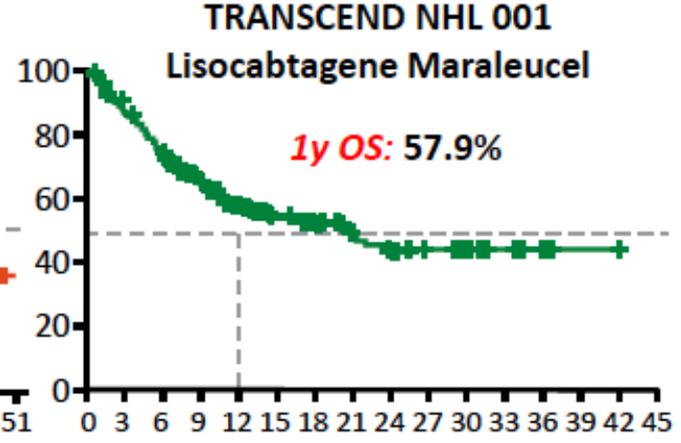
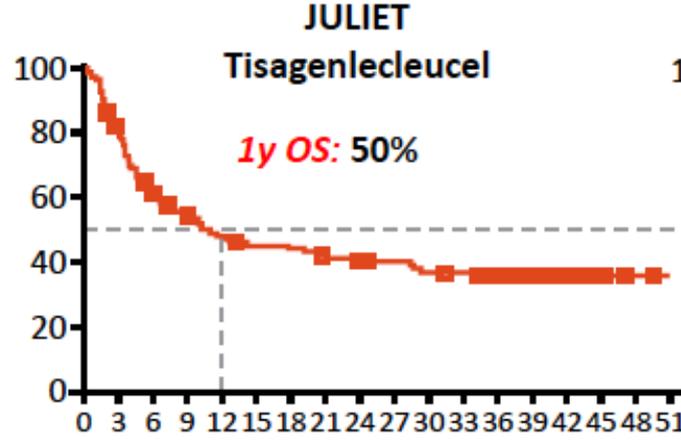
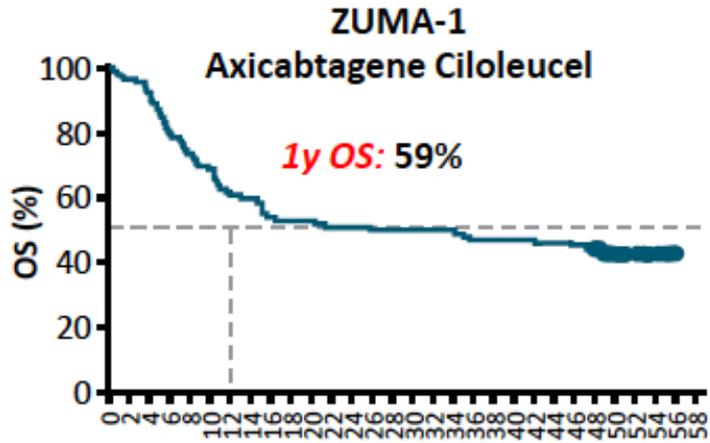
Lisocabtagene maraleucel



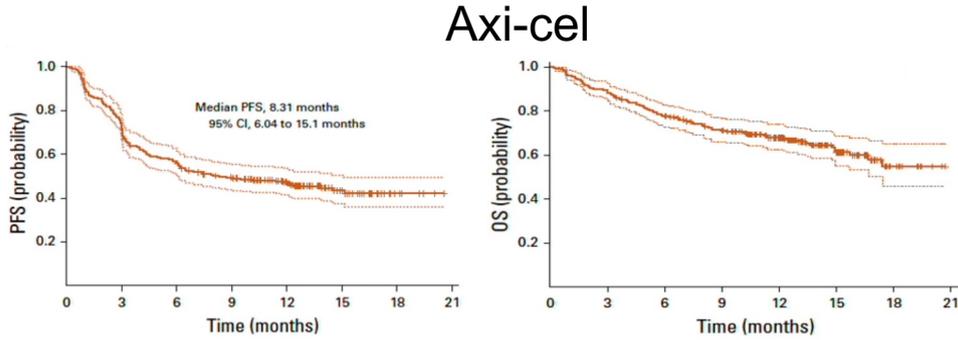
Vector: Lentivirus

Starting material: CD4/CD8

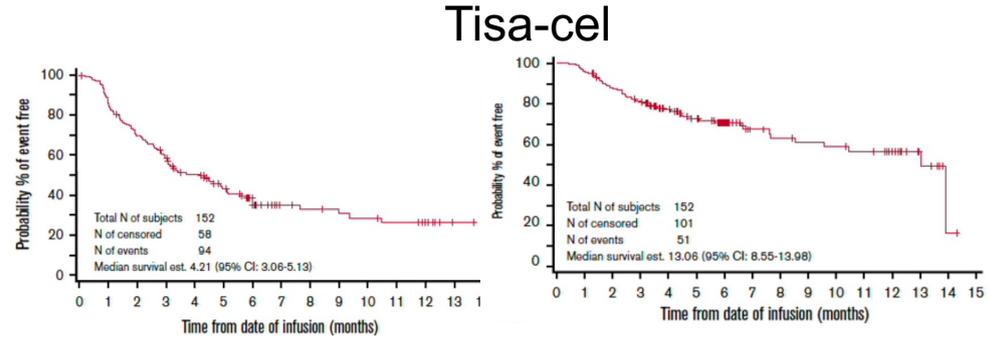
Pivotal Anti CD19 CAR T Cell Therapy Trials in DLBCL



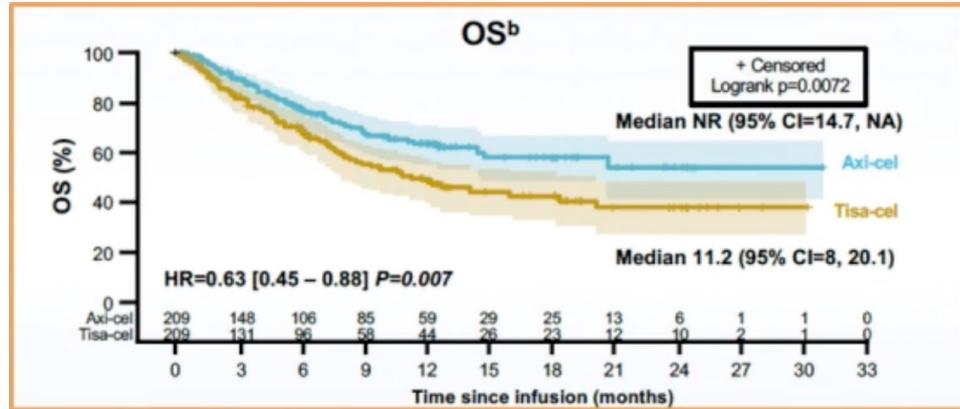
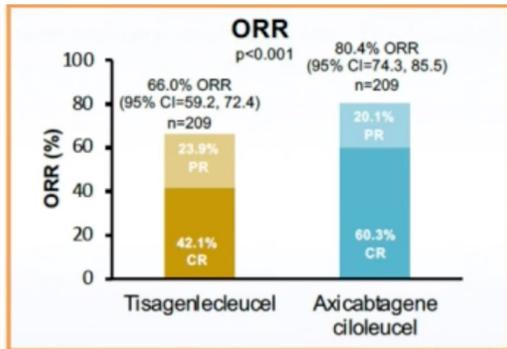
Real Life experiences outcomes



Nastopil et al., JCO 2020



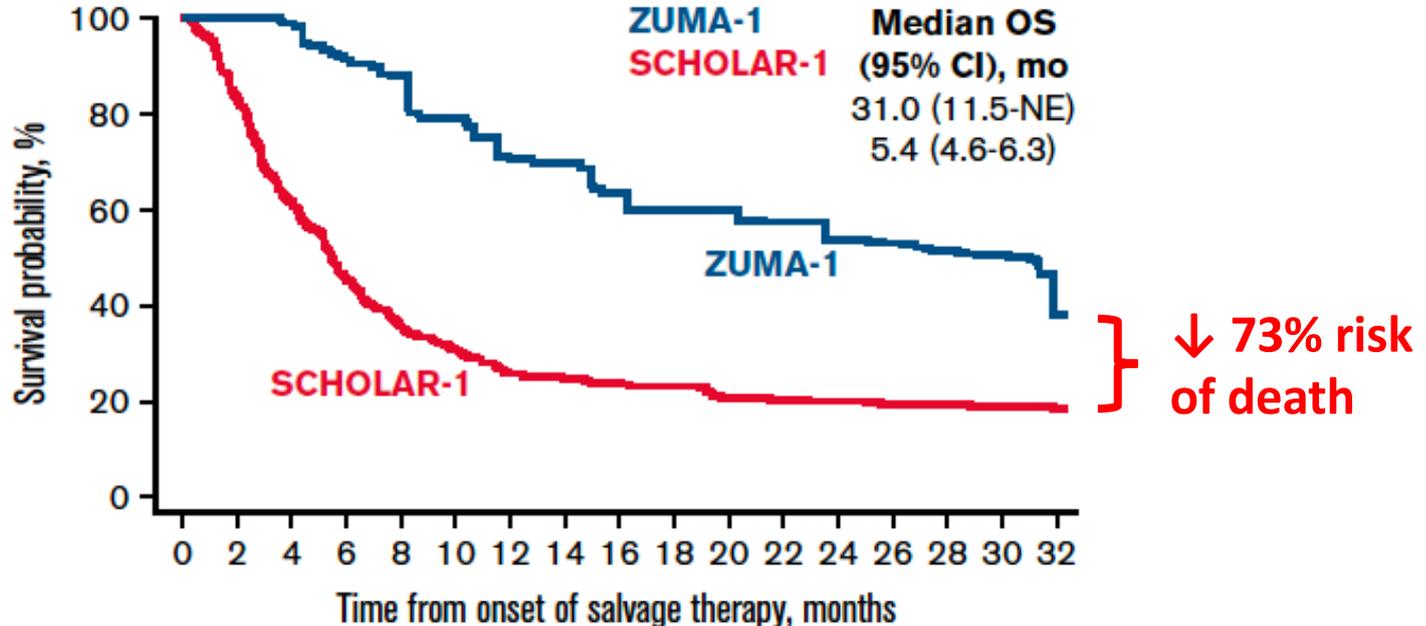
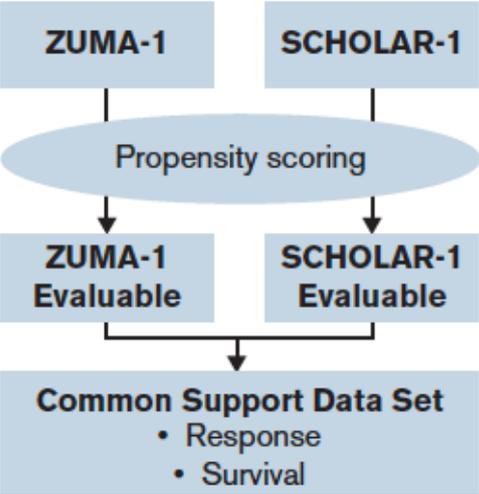
Pasquini et al., Blood Adv 2020



Bachy et al. Nat Med 2022



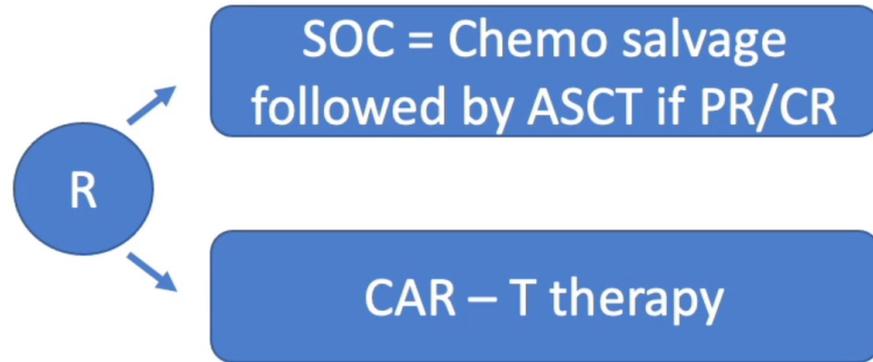
Comparison of 2ys outcome with ZUMA-1 vs. salvage chemotherapy in refractory DLBCL



	ZUMA-1	SCHOLAR-1	Ratio
12-mo OS rate (95% CI), %	71 (46-91)	26 (22-32)	2.7 (1.7-3.8)
24-Mo OS rate (95% CI), %	54 (30-80)	20 (16-26)	2.7 (1.4-4.3)
Median OS (95% CI), mo	31 (11.5-NE)	5.4 (4.6-6.3)	25.6 (6.0-NE)



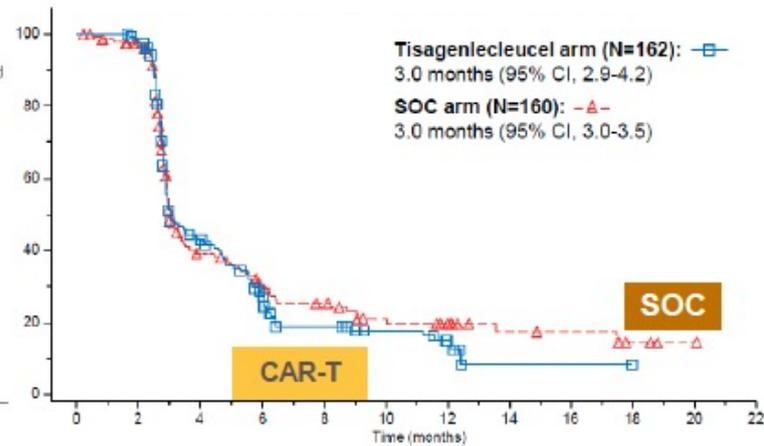
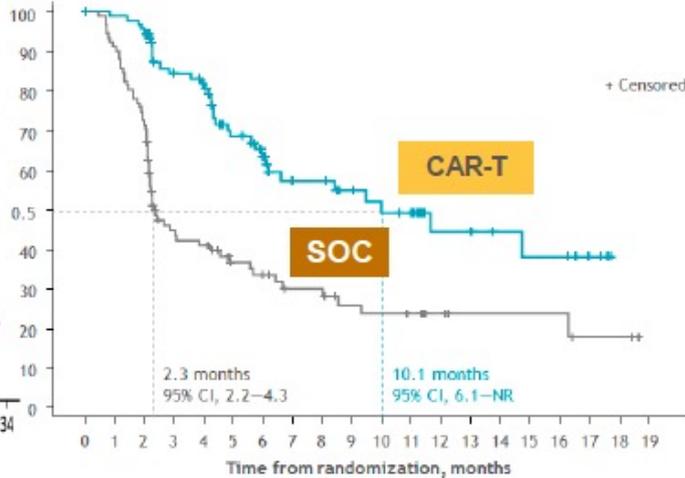
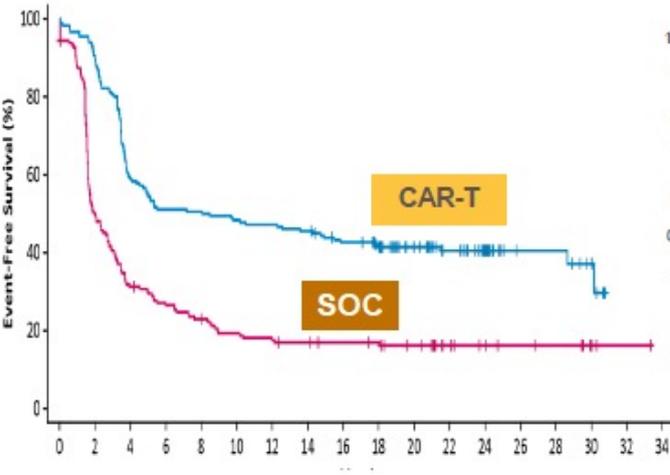
Can CAR-T cell beat autoSCT in 2nd line?



Axi-cel	ZUMA-7
Liso-cel	TRANSFORM
Tisa-cel	BELINDA



Randomized Ph3 Studies (CAR-T vs. SOC ASCT): EFS



ZUMA-7

Transform

BELINDA

Median EFS = 8.3 vs. 2 mons

Median EFS = 10.1 vs. 2.3 mons

Median EFS = 3 vs. 3 mons

1. Progression or death
2. **New treatment**
3. **No CR/PR by 150 days**

1. Progression or death
2. **New treatment**
3. **No CR/PR by 9wks**

1. Progression or death
2. SD/PD @ **after 12wks**

ORR: 83% vs. 50%
CR: 65% vs. 32%

ORR: 86% vs. 48%
CR: 66% vs. 39%

ORR: 46.3% vs. 42.5%
CR: 28.4% vs. 27.5%



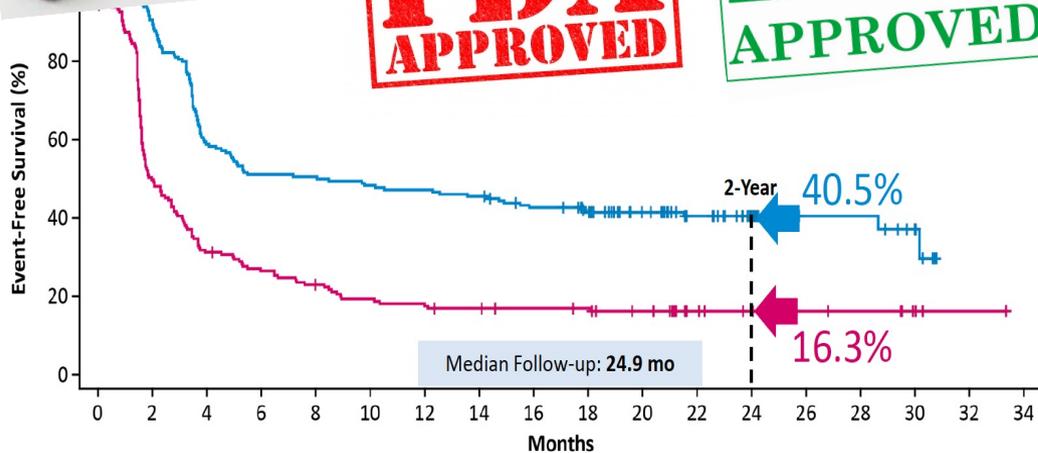
Primary EFS endpoint: Axi-cel and Lisa-cel are superior to SOC



Median FU: 24.9 months

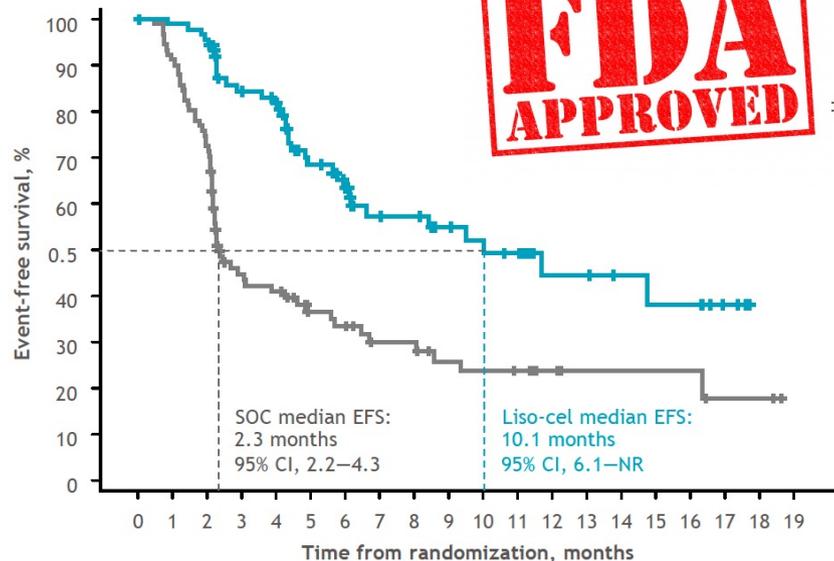
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Median FU: 6.2 months

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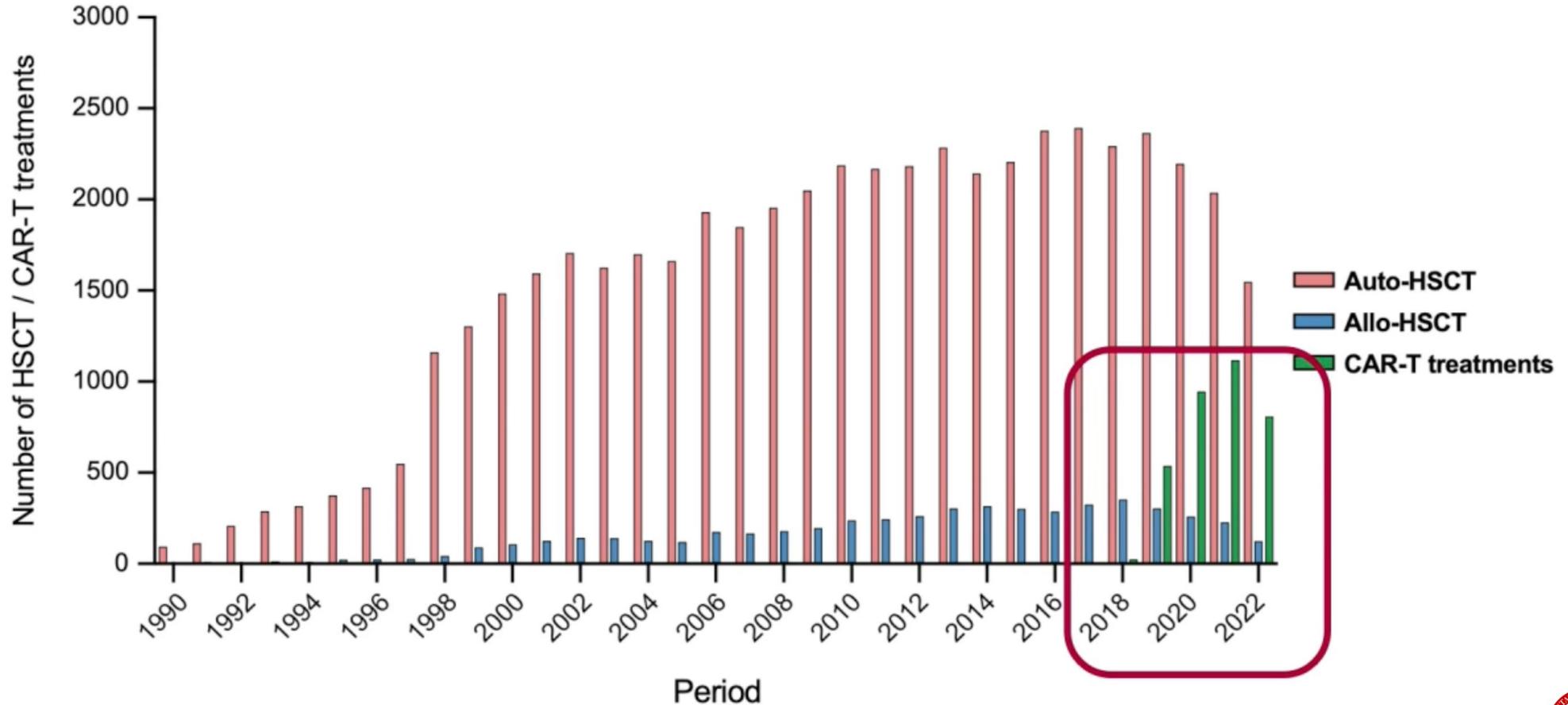
HR 0.398 (95% CI, 0.308-0.514); **$P < 0.0001$**

	Median EFS (95% CI), mo	24-mo EFS Rate (95% CI), %
Axi-cel (N=180)	8.3 (4.5-15.8)	40.5% (33.2-47.7)
SOC (N=179)	2.0 (1.6-2.8)	16.3% (11.1-22.2)

	Liso-cel arm (n = 92)	SOC arm (n = 92)
Patients with events, n	35	63
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.349 (0.229—0.530) $P < 0.0001$	
6-month EFS rate, % (SE)	63.3 (5.77)	33.4 (5.30)
Two-sided 95% CI	52.0—74.7	23.0—43.8
12-month EFS rate, % (SE)	44.5 (7.72)	23.7 (5.28)
Two-sided 95% CI	29.4—59.6	13.4—34.1



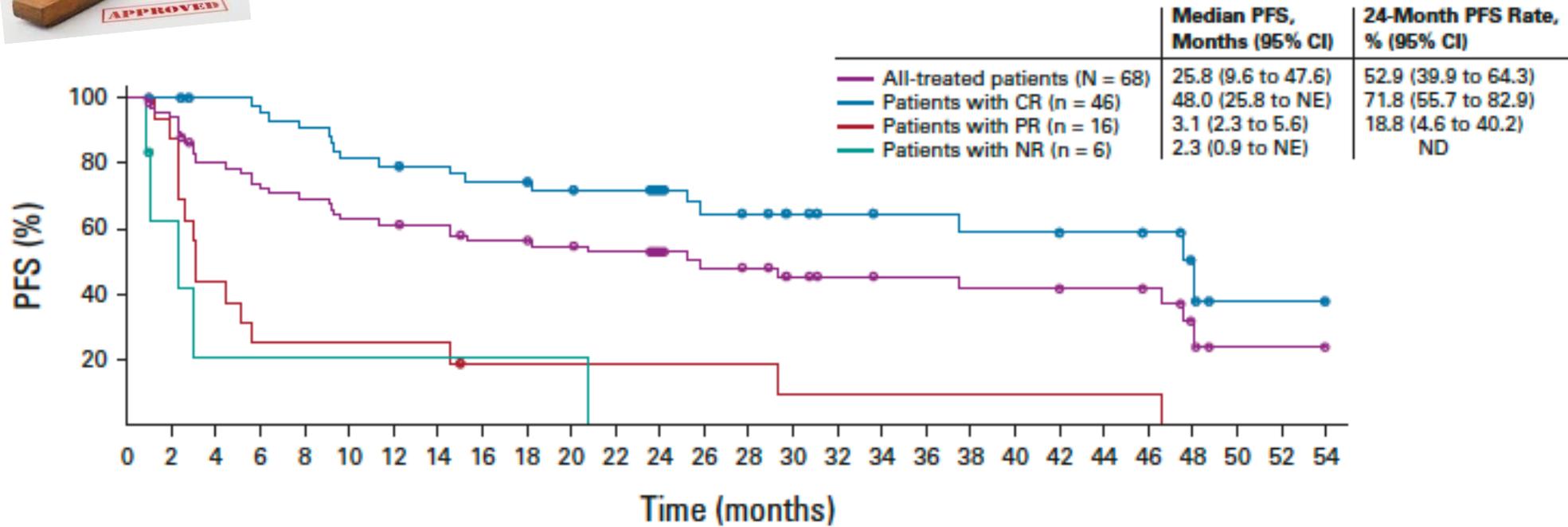
HCT and CART cell activity over time for DLBCL_EBMT registry



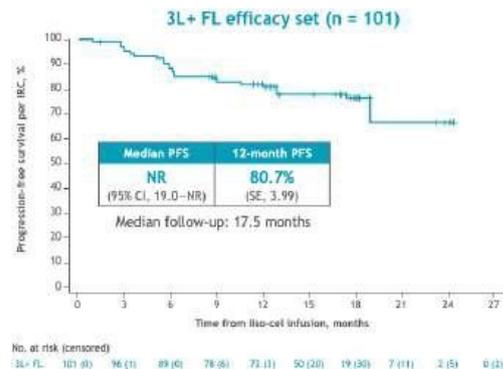
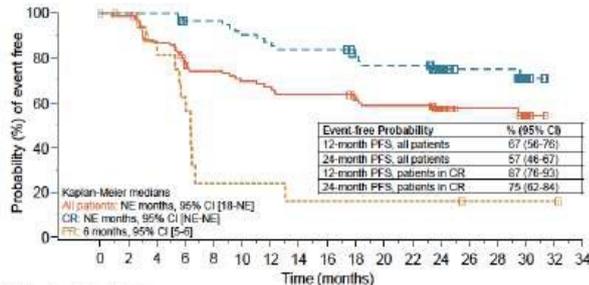
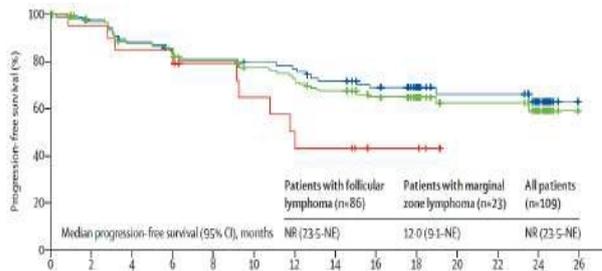
Current Status of CD19-CAR-T: Mantle Cell Lymphoma



Brexu-cel; ZUMA 2



Current Status of CD19-CAR-T: Follicular Lymphoma



	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel ZUMA-5	Tisagenlecleucel Elara	Lisocabtagene Maraleucel TRANSCEND-FL
n	124	97	107
Median # prior lines	3	4	3
Chemorefractory	68%	78%	67%
POD24	55%	60%	54%
CR rate	79%	68%	94%
Median PFS, m	NR	NR	NR
PFS	65% at 18m	57% at 24m	81% at 12m
CRS (Any/severe) %	82/7	49/0	58/1
NT (Any/severe) %	59/19	4/1	15/2



AIFA indications_Lymphoma



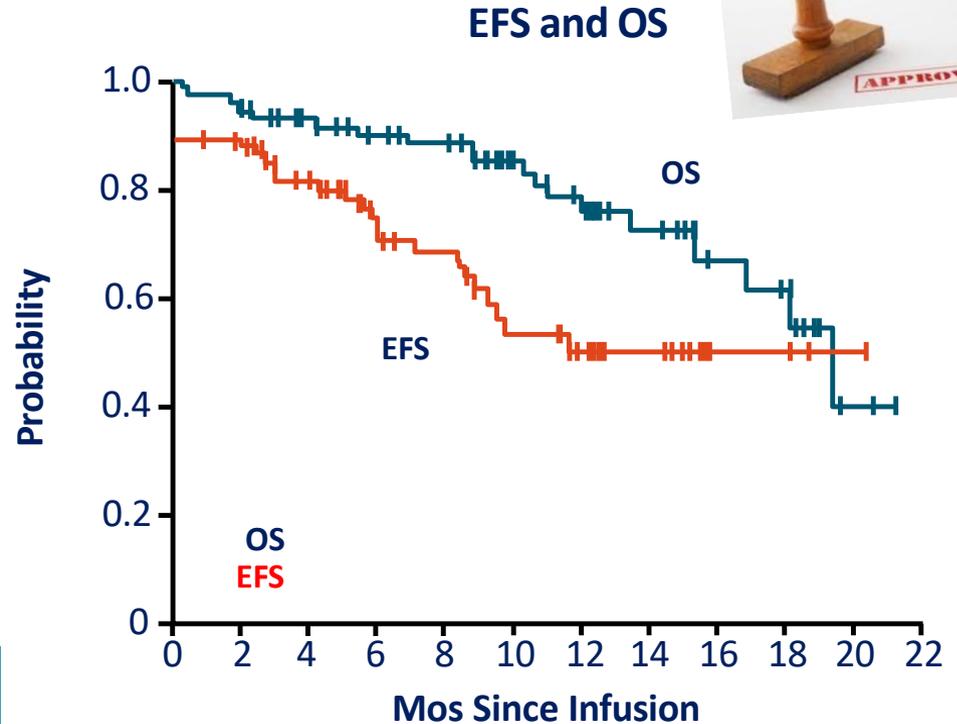
- DLBCL (18-75 anni)
 - Axi-cel:
 - II linea in refrattari e recidiva < 12 mesi (Autunno 2023)
 - Dalla III linea in poi
 - Tisa-cel:
 - Dalla III linea in poi
 - Liso-cel (Febbraio 2024):
 - Dalla III linea in poi
- PMBCL (18-75 anni)
 - Axi-cel: dalla III linea in poi
 - Liso-cel (Febbraio 2024): dalla III linea in poi
- MCL (> 18 anni)
 - Brexu-cel: dalla III linea in poi (almeno un BTKi)
- FL (> 18 anni)
 - Axi-cel: dalla 4^a linea in poi
 - Tisa-cel: dalla 3^a linea in poi
 - Liso-cel: grado 3B dalla III linea in poi (18-75 anni)



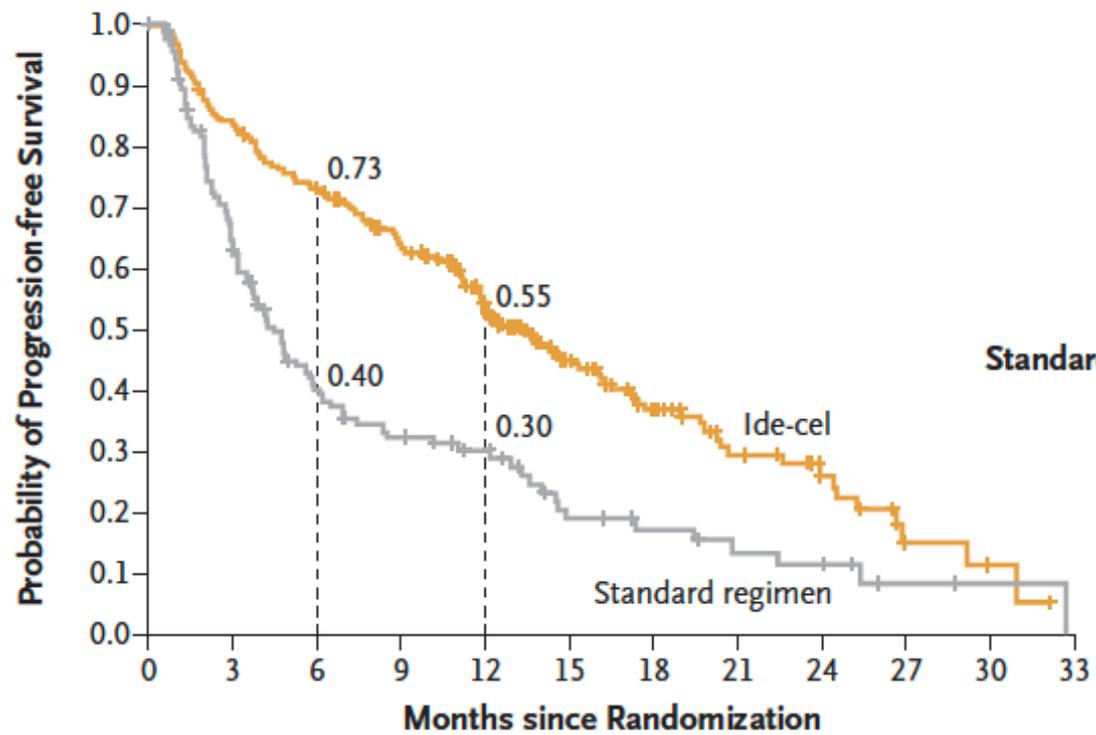
ELIANA: Tisagenlecleucel in Children and Young Adults With R/R B-ALL

- International, open-label, single-arm phase II study (N = 92)
 - Patients aged 3-21 yrs with relapsed or refractory B-cell ALL
 - Patients underwent lymphodepletion with fludarabine + cyclophosphamide followed by single-dose tisagenlecleucel
 - At baseline: median number of prior therapies, 3; prior allogeneic SCT, 46%; median BM blast count at time of treatment, 74%
- ORR at 3 mos: 81%

Outcome, %	Mo 6	Mo 12
OS	90	76
Event-free survival	73	50



KarMMa: Idecabtagene Vicleucel for R/R Multiple Myeloma



Median Progression-free Survival (95% CI)
mo

Ide-cel	13.3 (11.8–16.1)
Standard Regimen	4.4 (3.4–5.9)

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.49 (95% CI, 0.38–0.65)
P<0.001

No. at Risk

Ide-cel	254	206	178	149	110	62	40	22	14	4	2	0
Standard regimen	132	75	42	32	25	13	10	7	6	2	1	0

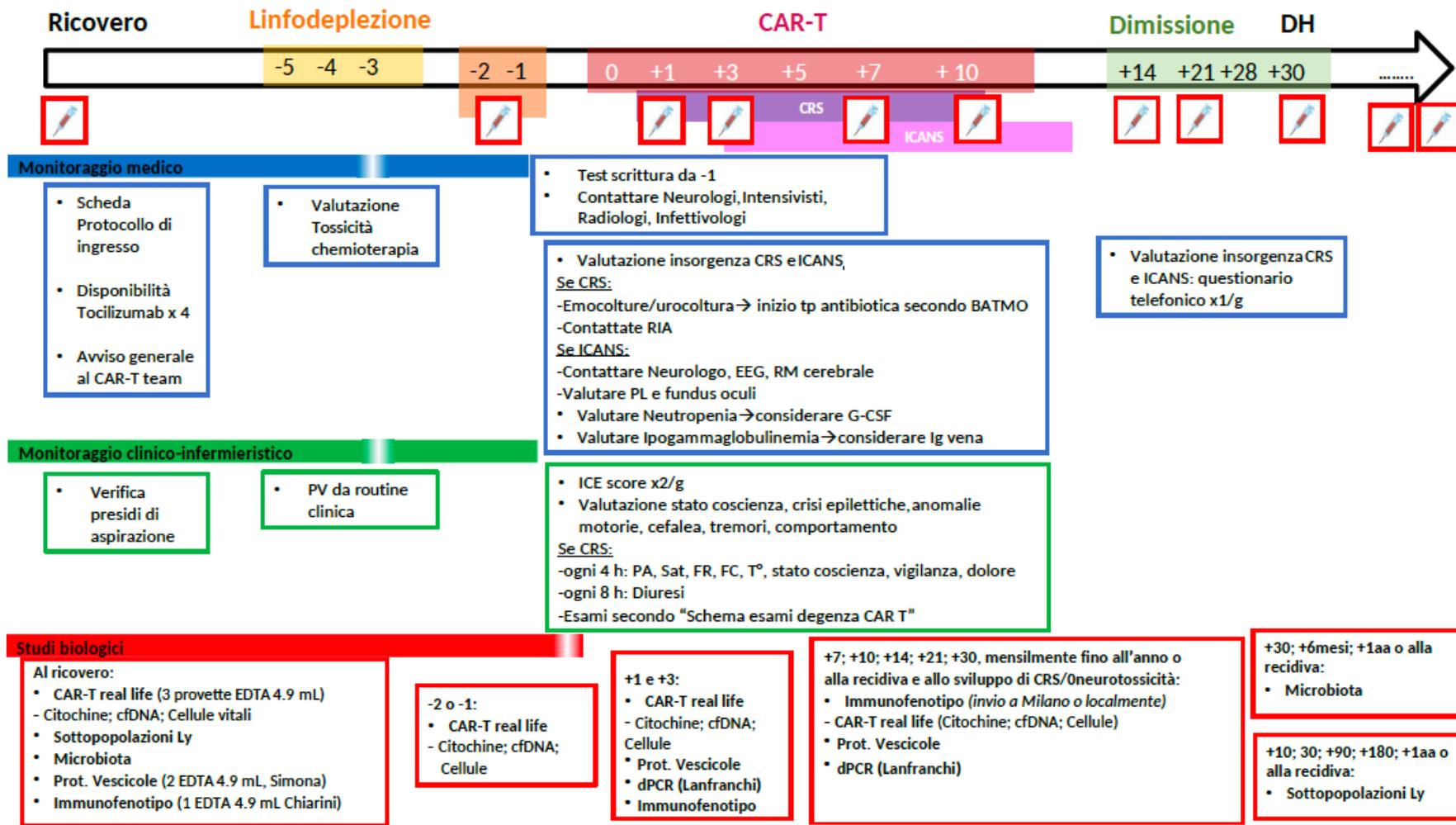


CAR-T

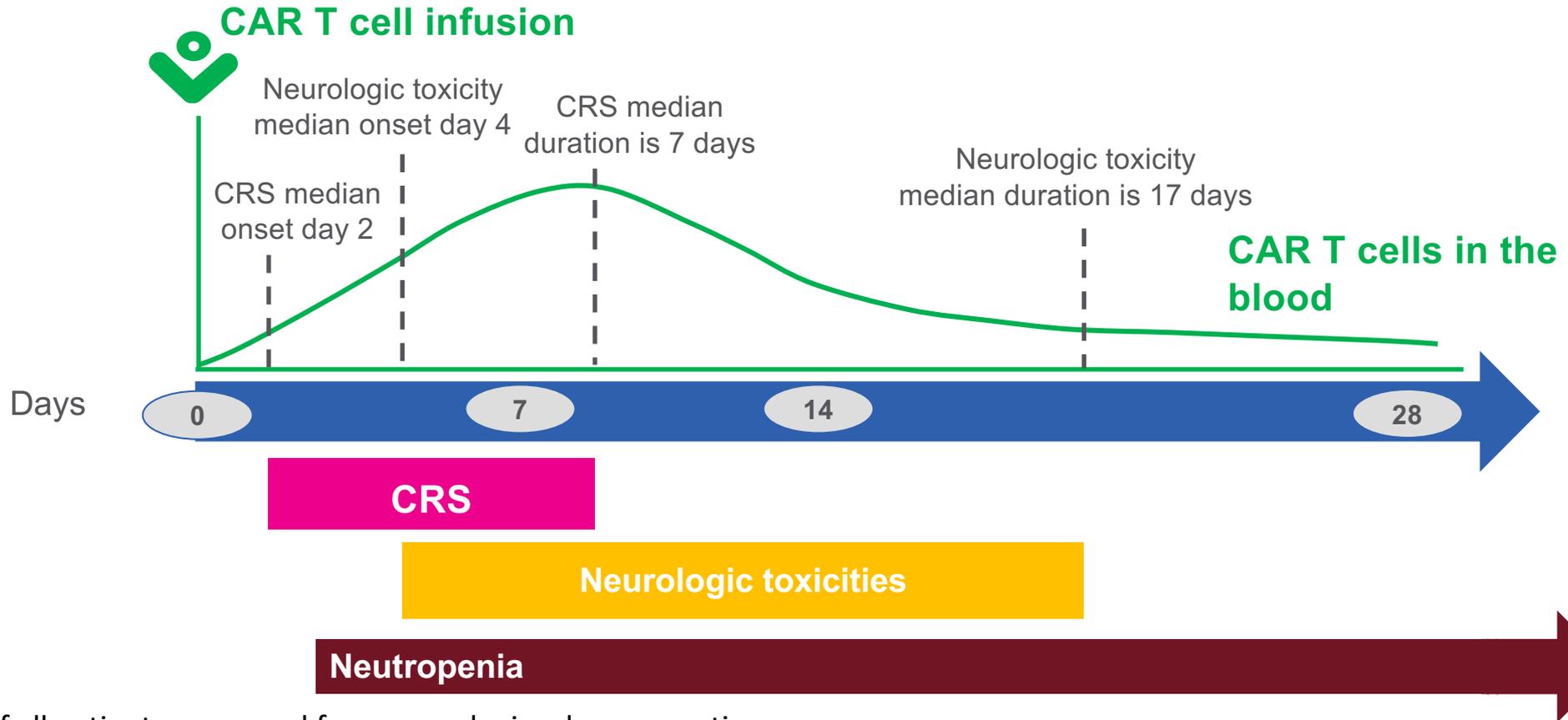
Gestione delle complicanze

1. CRS (Cytokine Release Syndrome)
2. ICANS (Immune effector Cell-associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome)
3. HLH/MAS (Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis Macrophage Activation Syndrome)

Bio CAR-T BS study Flow Chart



Timing of toxicities



98% of all patients recovered from neurologic adverse reactions
98% of all patients recovered from CRS

Adapted from Lee DW, et al. *Blood*. 2014;124:188-195. 2.

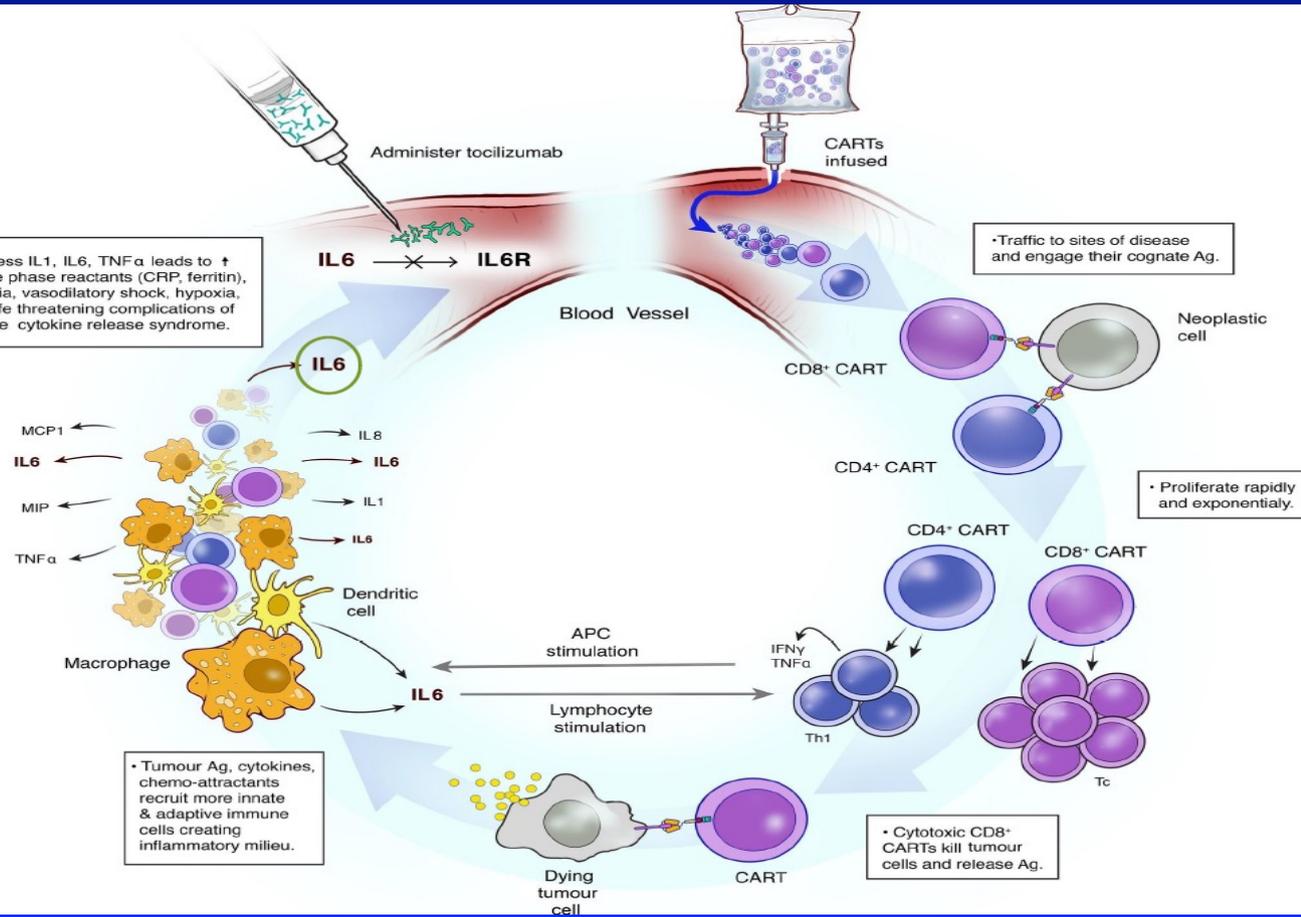


CRS



About Us

• Excess IL1, IL6, TNF α leads to \uparrow acute phase reactants (CRP, ferritin), pyrexia, vasodilatory shock, hypoxia, and life threatening complications of severe cytokine release syndrome.



Administer tocilizumab

CARTs infused

• Traffic to sites of disease and engage their cognate Ag.

• Proliferate rapidly and exponentially.

• Cytotoxic CD8+ CARTs kill tumour cells and release Ag.

• Tumour Ag, cytokines, chemo-attractants recruit more innate & adaptive immune cells creating inflammatory milieu.

Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)

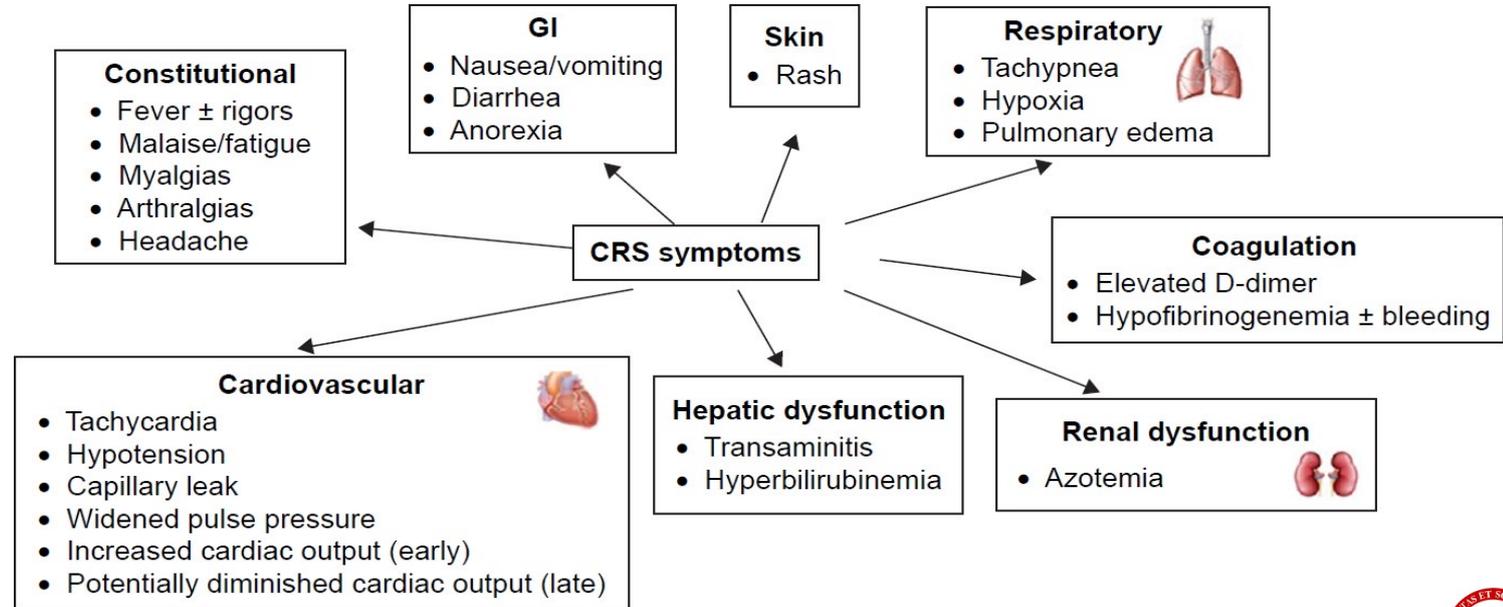
CLINICAL SYMPTOMS

From mild flu-like symptoms



Severe inflammatory syndrome

CLINICAL EFFECTS



Factors associated with risk of CRS

CAR product

- Costimulatory domain: CD28 vs 4-1BB
- CD4/CD8 ratio
- Cell dose
- Peak of in vivo expansion



Patient and Disease

- High tumor burden before LD (i.e BM involvement; TMTV; LDH)
- Aggressive disease vs Indolent
- Endothelial Activation signs (elevated CRP, Thrombocytopenia)
- mEASIX score = (lactate dehydrogenase [LDH in U/L] x C-reactive protein [CRP in mg/dL])/platelets [PLTs in 10⁹ cells/L])

Other factors

- Lymphodepletion regimen
- Early onset CRS (< 2 days)

CAR-T toxicities in Clinical trials

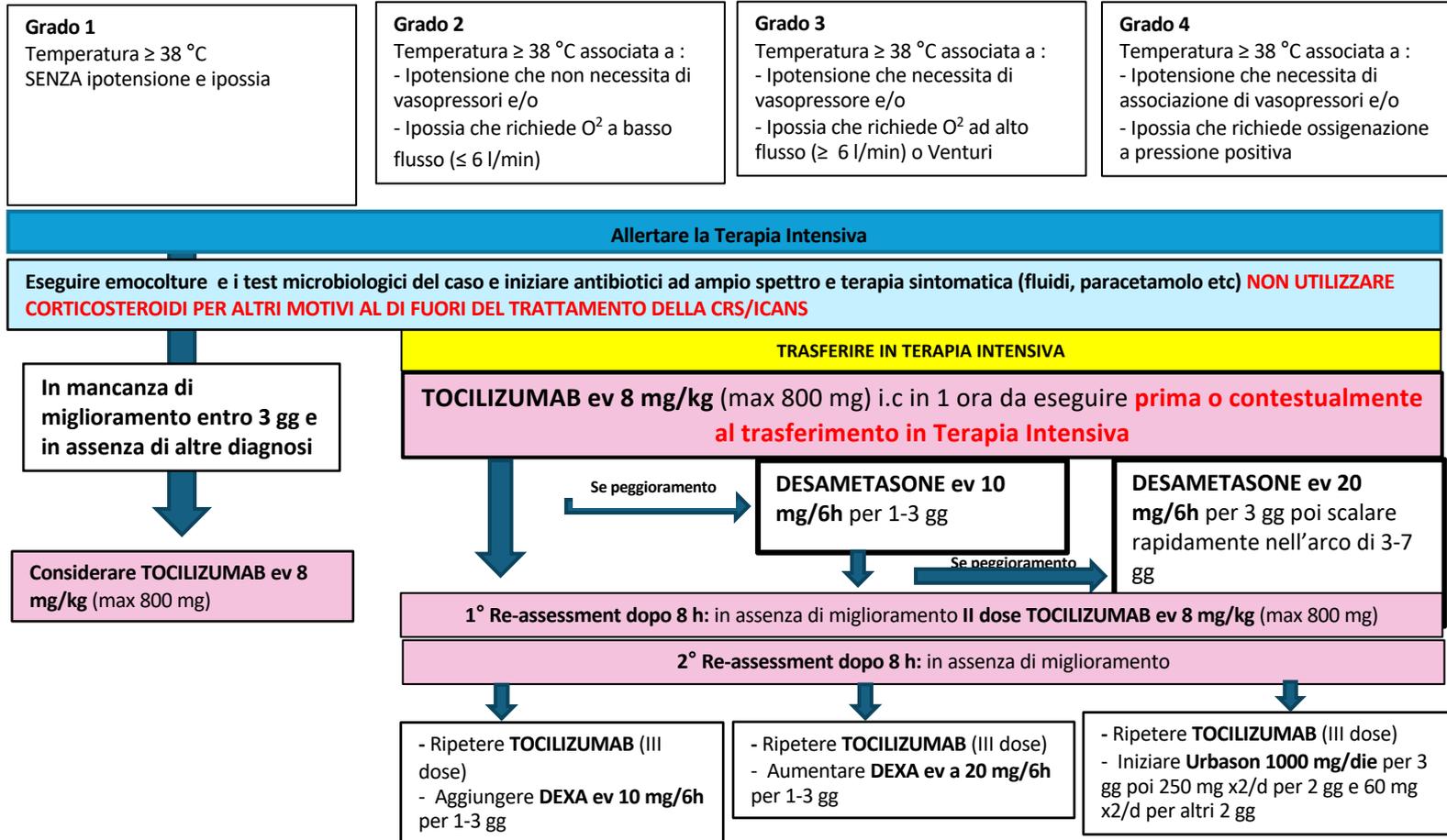
Product	CRS			ICANS/Neurologic Events			Other AEs
	Incidence: Any Grade/ Grade ≥ 3 , %	Median Time to Onset, Days	Median Duration, Days	Incidence: Any Grade/ Grade ≥ 3 , %	Median Time to Onset, Days	Median Duration, Days	
Axicabtagene ciloleucel ^{8,10-12}	82-93/6-13	2-4	6-7	59-64/19-28	4-6	15-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 cytopenias: 29% to 34% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 11% to 18% • B-cell aplasia at 12 months: 36% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 14% to 18%
Brexucabtagene autoleucel ^{14,19}	91-92/18-26	3-5	8-10	81-87/35-37	6-7	15-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 cytopenias: 36% to 55% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 9% to 16% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 25% to 32%
Ciltacabtagene autoleucel ²²	95/5	7	4	23/3	8	7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 neutropenia: 30% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 12% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 23%
Idecabtagene vicleucel ²¹	85/9	1	7	28/4	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 neutropenia: 41% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 21% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 23%
Lisocabtagene maraleucel ²⁰	36-49/1-2	4-5	4-5	12-31/4-10	7-11	6-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 cytopenias: 30% to 43% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 8% to 14% • B-cell aplasia at 2 mo: 97% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 7% to 15%
Tisagenlecleucel ⁹	53-77/0-48	3-4	4-8	43-71/6-22	5-8	5-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged grade ≥ 3 neutropenia: 16% to 40% • Hypogammaglobulinemia: 17% to 53% • Grade ≥ 3 infections: 21% to 48%

ASTCT Guidelines for Grading of CRS

Parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Fever	Temp $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temp $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temp $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temp $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
<i>with</i>				
Hypotension	None	Not requiring vasopressors	Requiring a vasopressor with or without vasopressin	Requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)
<i>and/or</i>				
Hypoxia	None	Requiring low-flow nasal cannula or blow-by	Requiring high-flow nasal cannula, facemask, nonrebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Requiring positive pressure (eg, CPAP, BiPAP, intubation, and mechanical ventilation)

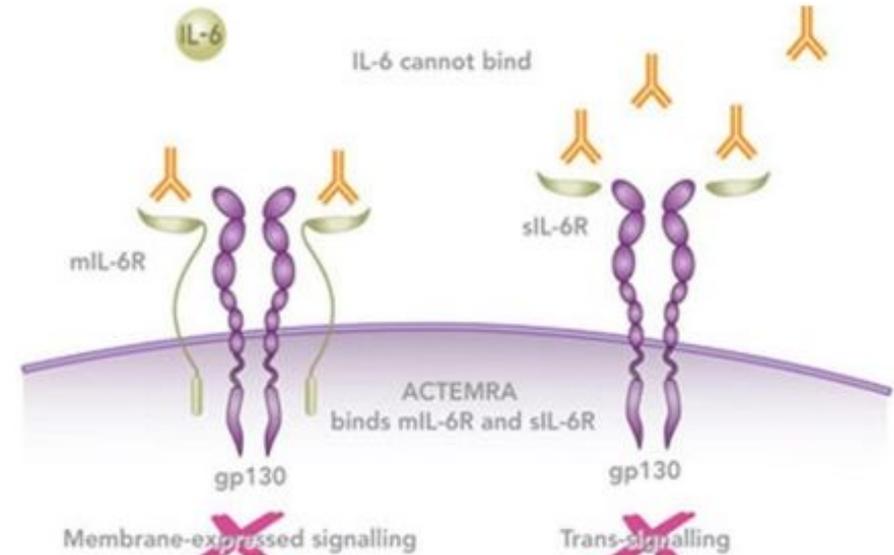


CRS management according ASCTC



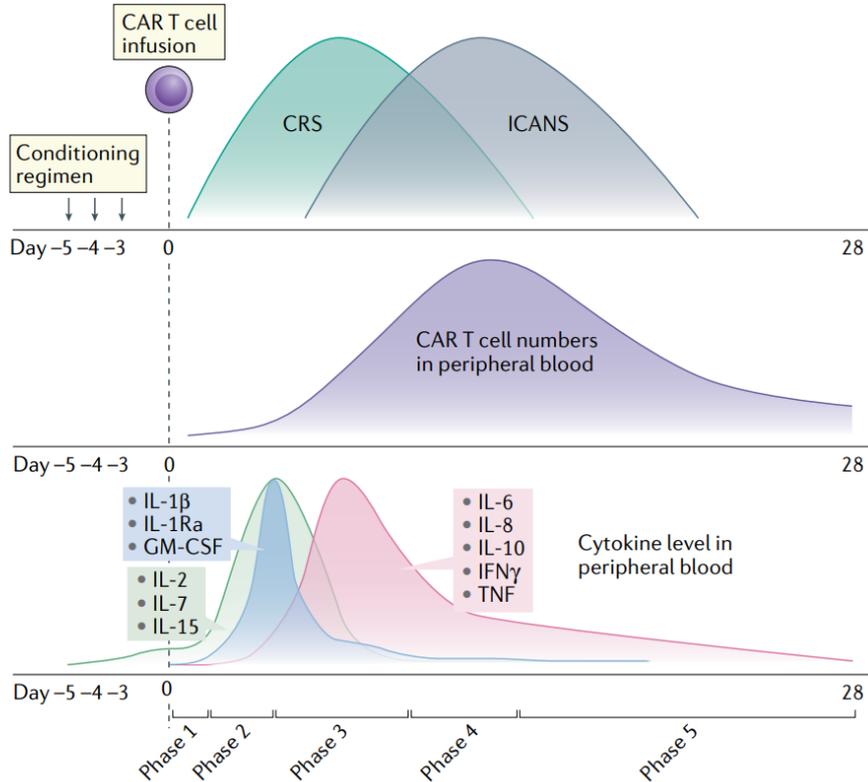
Tocilizumab

- Humanized anti-IL-6 receptor monoclonal antibody
- Binds directly to IL-6 receptor → blocks binding and signaling
- FDA approval for CAR-T-cell induced CRS
- Dosing: 8 mg/kg IV Q6H for up to 3 doses in a 24-hour period (max of 4 total doses)
- Median time to defervescence is 4 hours



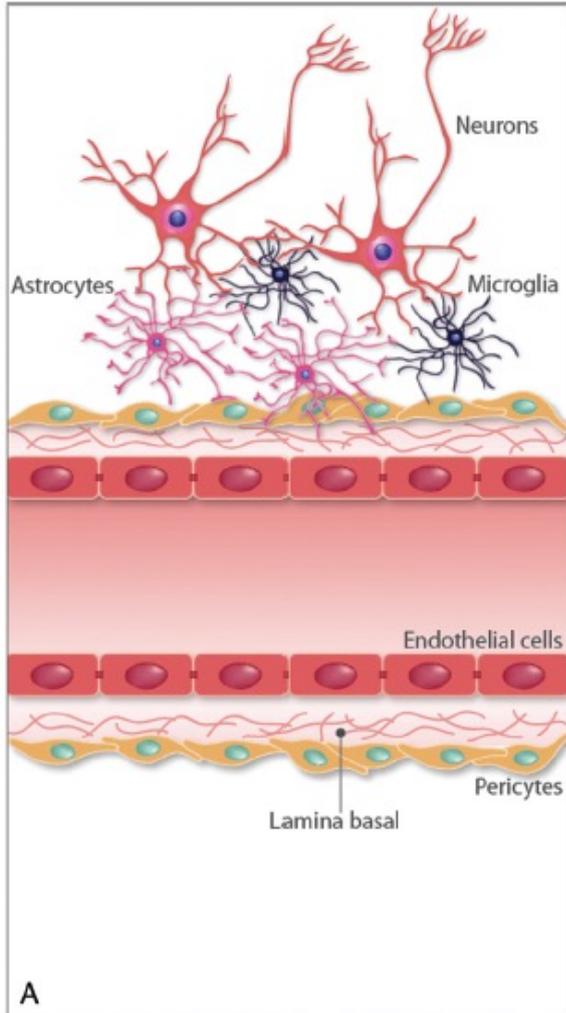
Neurotossicità

ICANS= Immune effectors Cells Associated Neurologic Syndrome

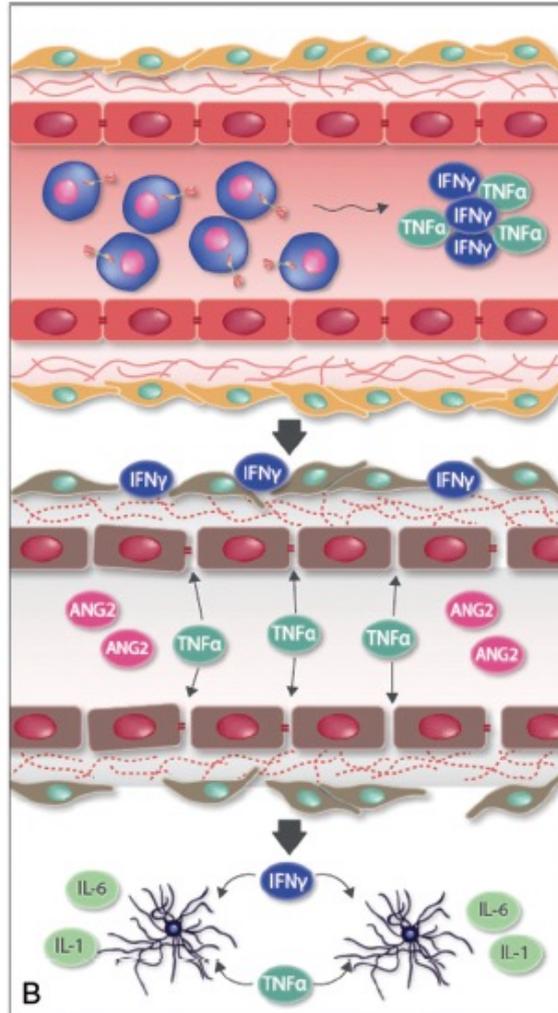


- Attivazione endoteliale
- Permeabilità microvascolare
- Alterazione della barriera emato-encefalica
- Increased level of cytokines:
IL1a, IL6, IL10, G-CSF, TNF α , IFN γ , IFN α 2, FLT3L,
eotaxin, fractalkine, and GRO

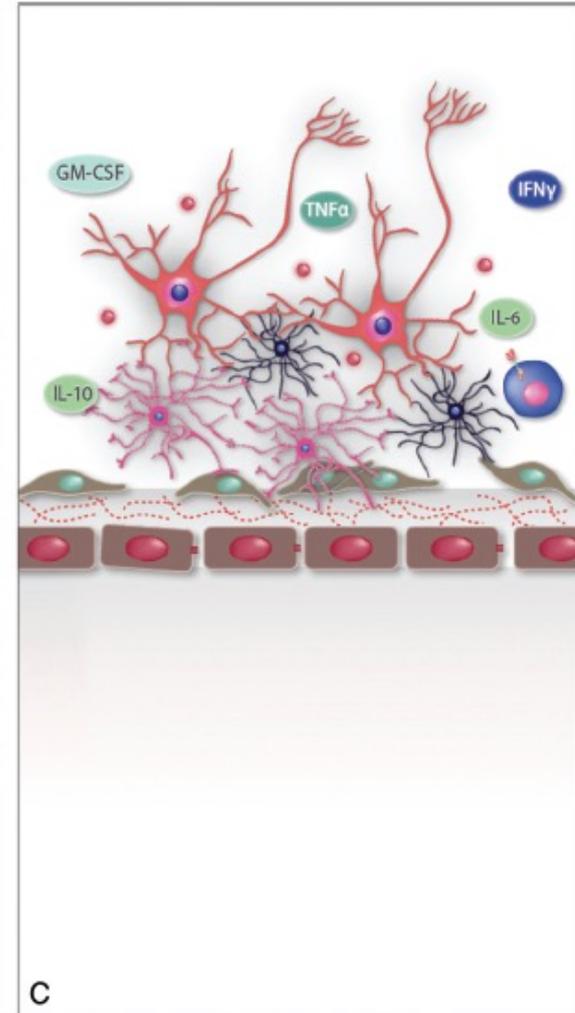
BEE NORMALE



CAR-T cells: ↑ TNF α e INF γ



↑ citochin (IL6, IL10; TNF α e INF γ) --> attivazione microglia



Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)

- **Encefalopatia** su base tossica, con i seguenti sintomi:

- **AFASIA** espressiva
- Deterioramento della **scrittura**
- Moderata **cefalea**
- Sonnolenza
- Tremori
- **Confusione e delirium**
- **Crisi epilettiche**
- **Edema cerebrale**
- **Incontinenza**

- **Esami strumentali:**

- **EEG:** rallentamento diffuso o convulsioni
- **Liquor** positivo per CARTs
- **RM:** edema in casi più gravi

Day 4, MMSE 29/30

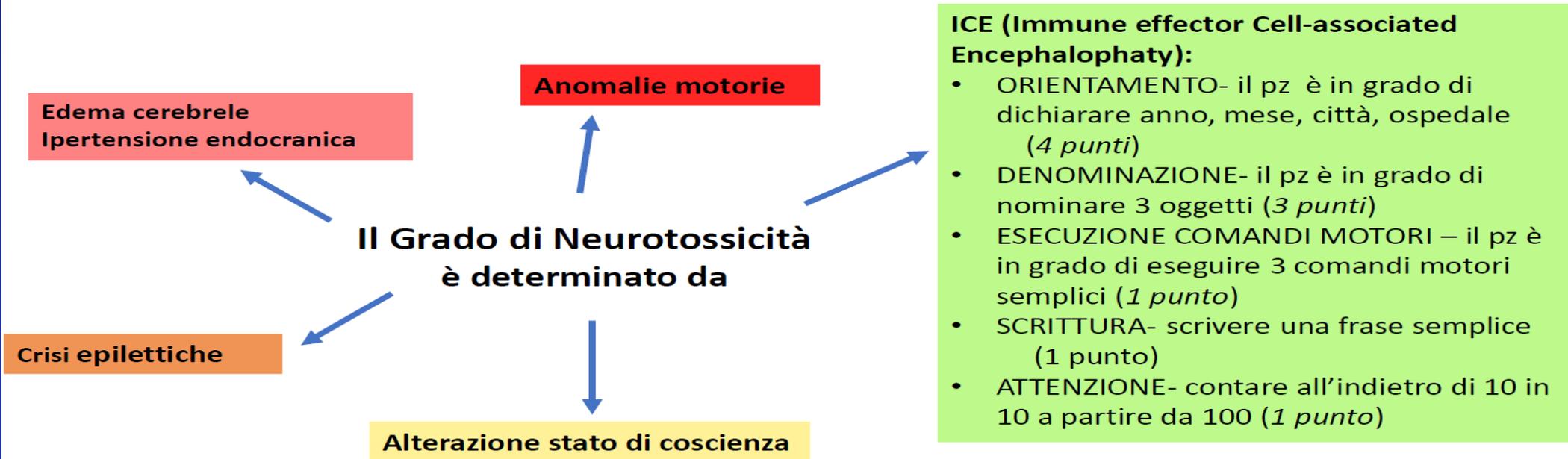
I love Shawnee, KS.

Day 5, MMSE 27/30

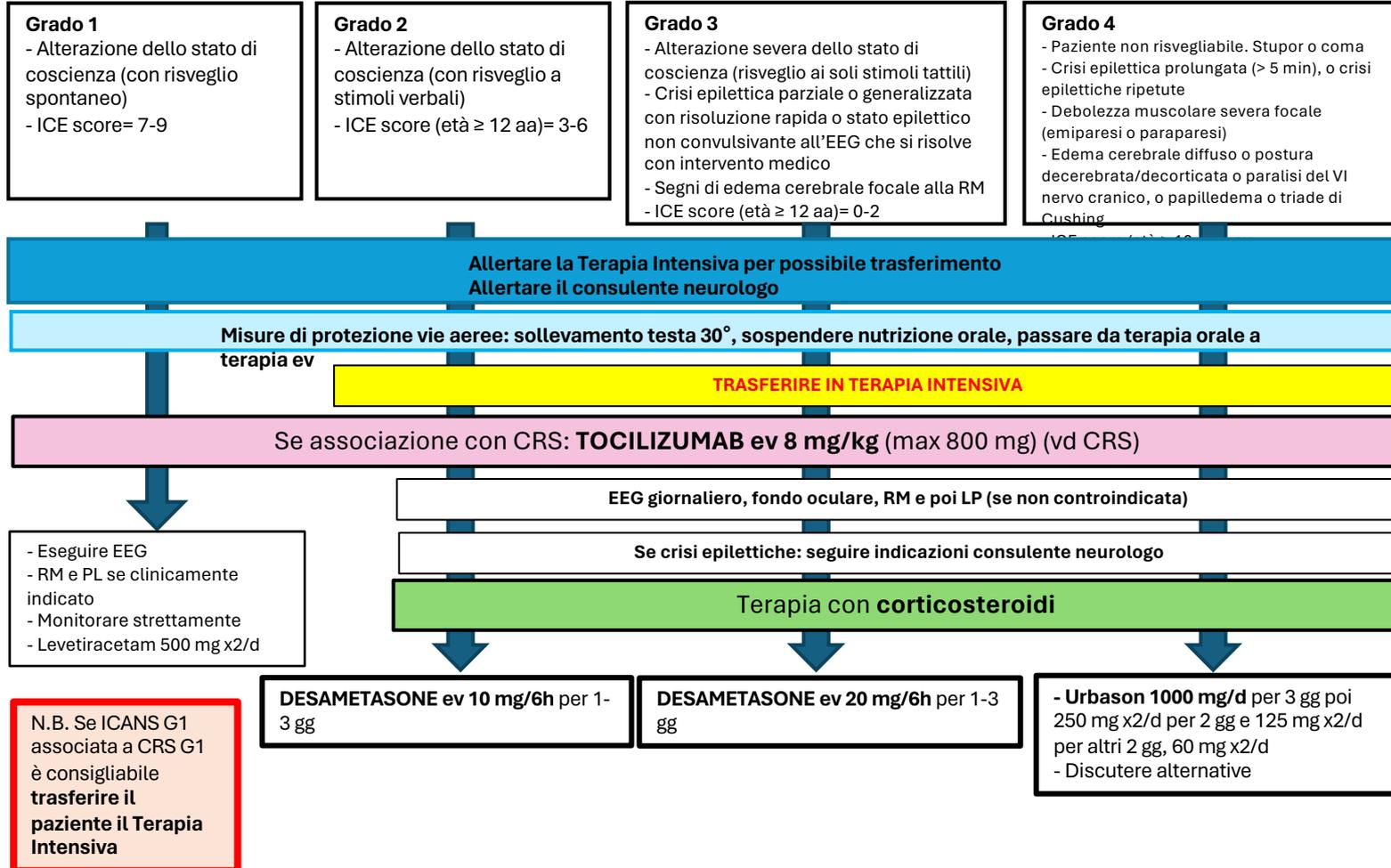
Shawnee, KS
at 10:00

2) ICANS - CRITERI PRINCIPALI della Tossicità Neurologica

Ogni sintomo neurologico deve essere considerato CAR T correlato fino a prova contraria



Grading Neurotossicità (ICANS)



3) HLH/MAS

CRITERI DIAGNOSTICI

1. CRS
2. Ferritina > 10.000ng/ml
Almeno 2 tra:
 - **≥ Iperbilirubinemia** (x3-10v ULN) o incremento AST e/o ALT (x 5-20v ULN)
 - **Oliguria** (<80ml in 8h) o **incremento creatininemia** (x3v baseline o x3-6v ULN)
 - **Edema polmonare** (dispnea a riposo, fabbisogno O2)
 - **Emofagocitosi confermata** da reperti morfologici e CD68+ al BM/organi

GESTIONE di sospetta HLH/MAS

TOCILIZUMAB + CORTICOSTEROIDI
a seconda del grado CRS

Monitorare ferritina, LDH, fibrinogeno,
AST, ALT, GGT, bilirubina, creatinina

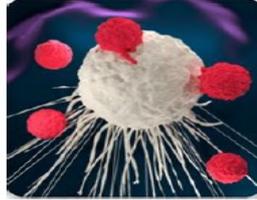
Dopo 48h,
miglioramento?

SI

Prosegui come
per CRS

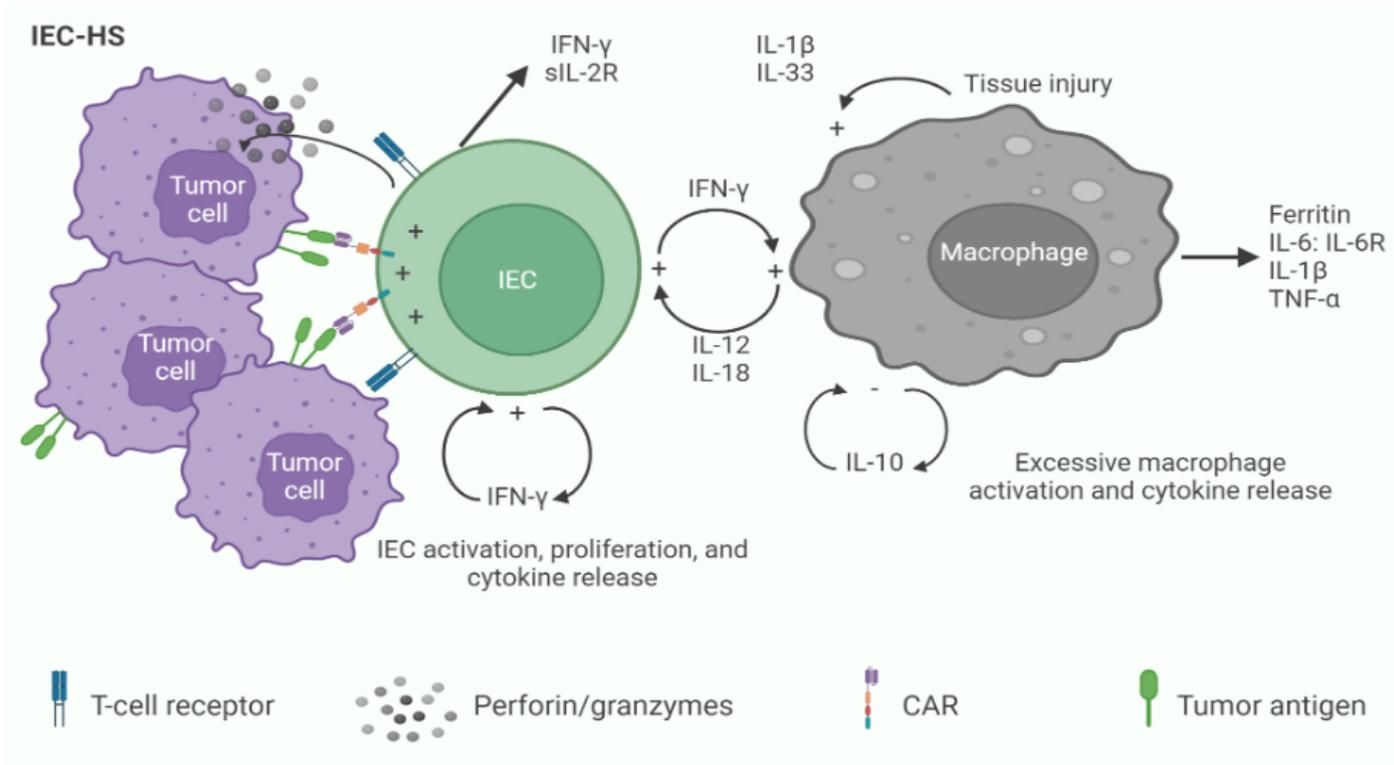
NO

Considera
ETOPOSIDE 75-100mg/m² ogni 4-7gg
CITARABINA intratecale 100mg +/-
IDROCORTISONE 50-100mg per neurotossicità



Immune Effector Cell-Associated Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis-Like Syndrome (IEC-HS)

Underlying mechanism of pathologic immune activation in IEC-HS*



Prevalenza: <5%

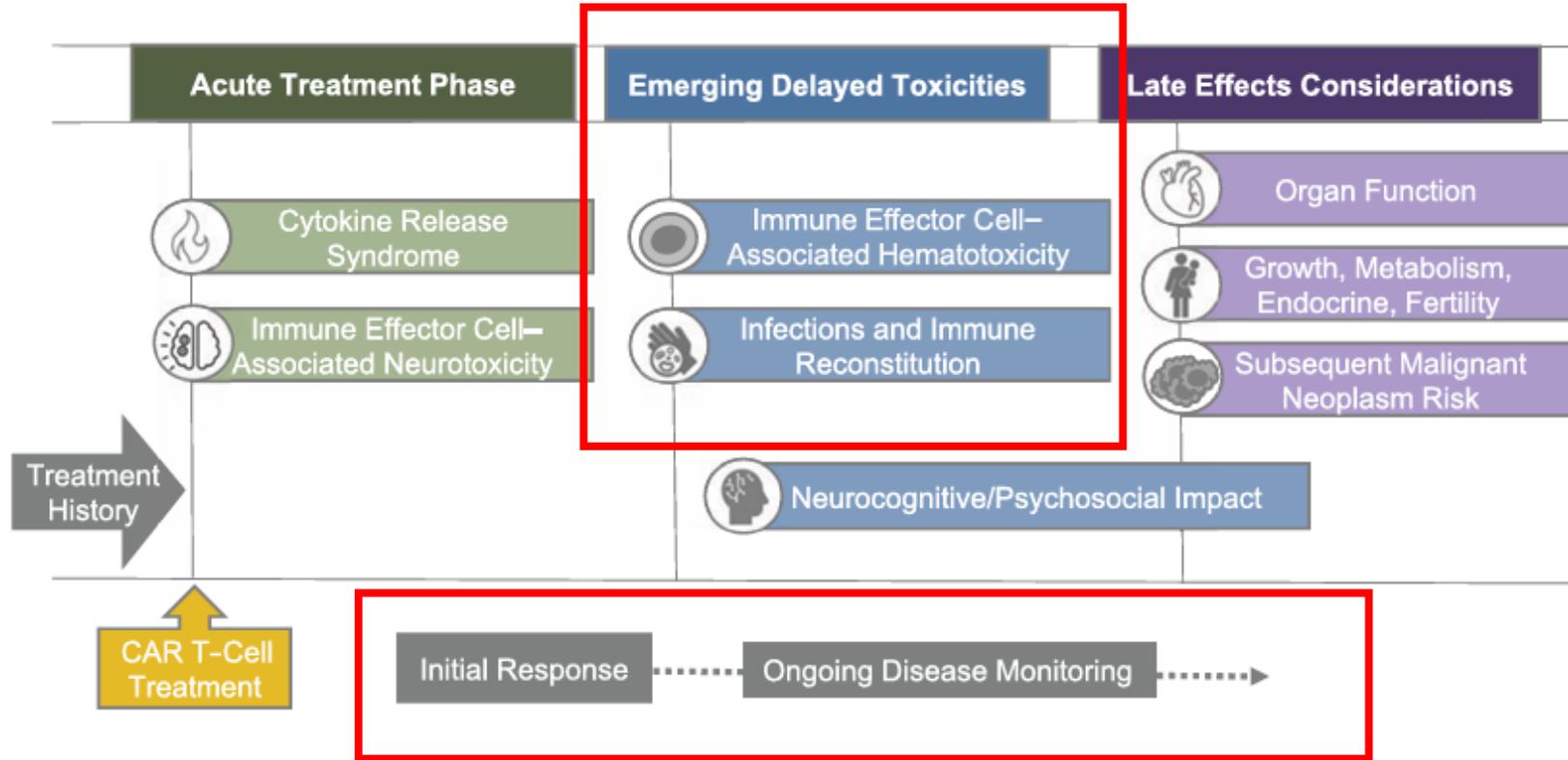
Mortalità: >50%

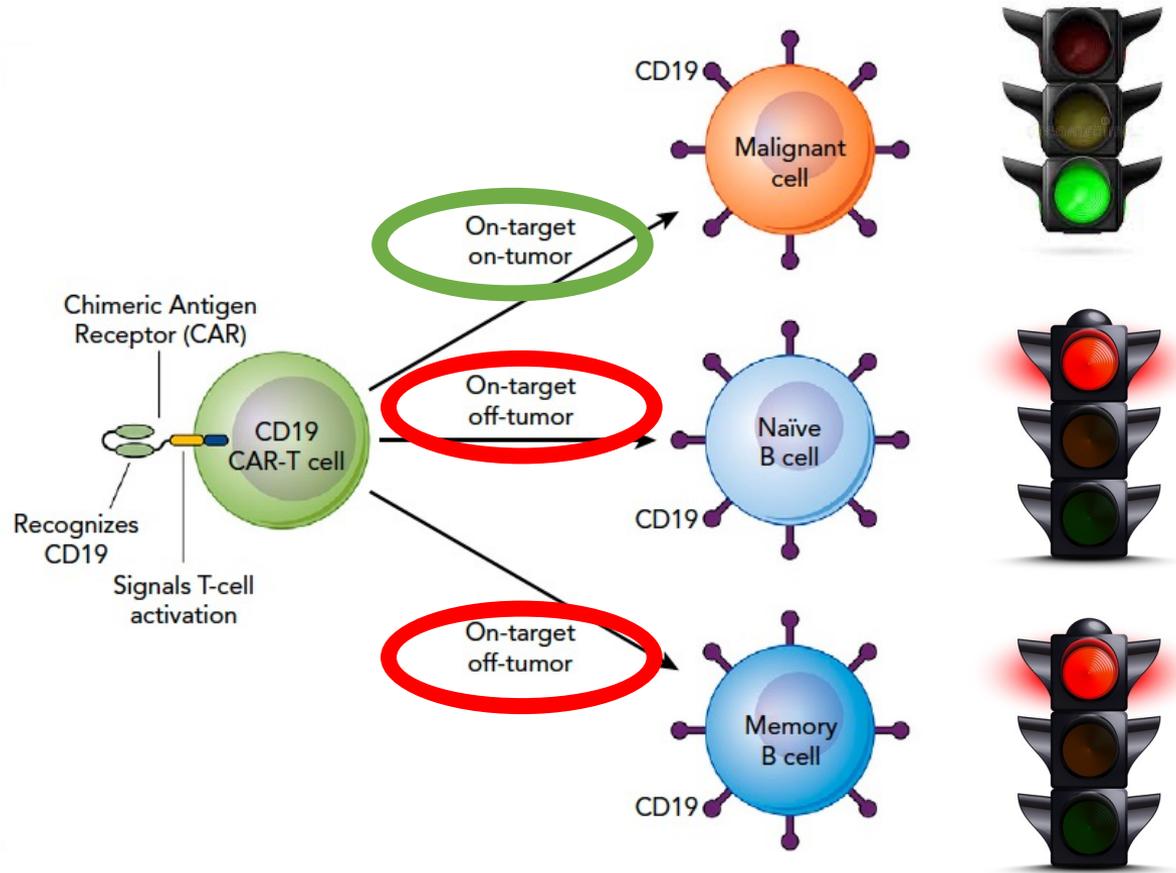
CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; IEC, immune effector cell; IEC-HC, IEC-associated HLH-like syndrome IFN- γ , interferon gamma; IL, interleukin; R, receptor; sIL-2R, high soluble interleukin 2-R; TNF- α , tumor necrosis factor α .

Hines MR, Knight TE, et al. Immune Effector Cell-Associated Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis-Like Syndrome. Transplant Cell Ther. 2023



Long-term follow-up of CD19-CAR Tcell therapy





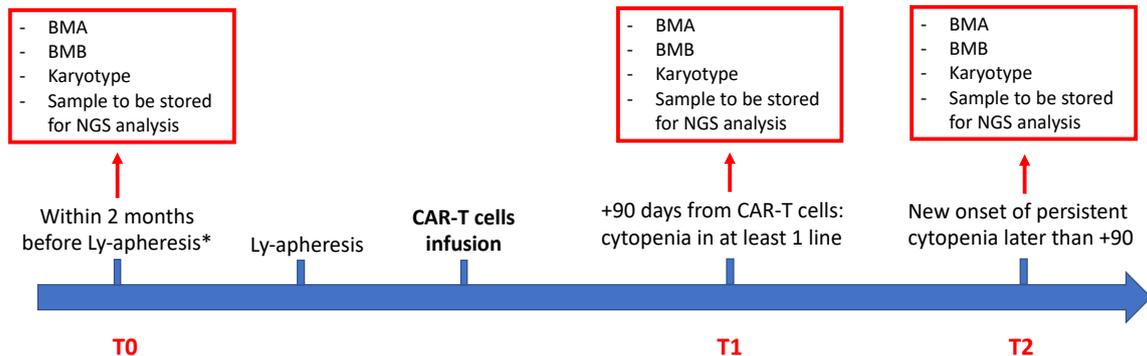
ClonHema-CAR-T Study

Study of clonal hematopoiesis on patients undergoing CAR-T cells therapy

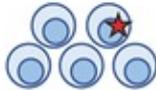
(ClonHema-CAR-T Study)

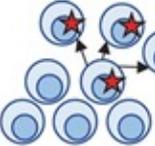
PI: Prof. D. Russo

✓ **Approved**




Hematopoietic
Stem Cells


Driver
Mutation Emerges

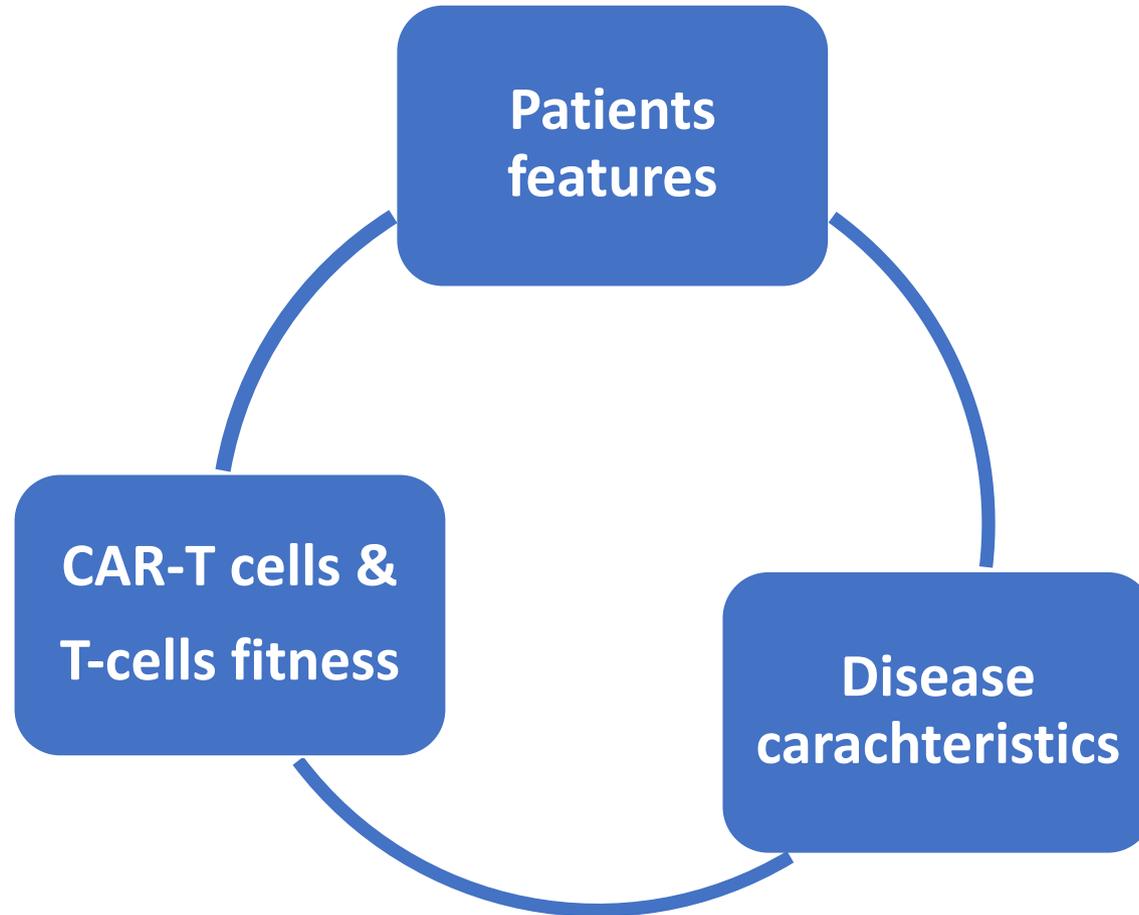

Selection &
Clonal Expansion



- Bergamo – A. Rambaldi
- Brescia – D. Russo
- Firenze - R. Saccardi
- Milano (Humanitas Cancer Center) – S. Bramanti
- Milano (San Raffaele) – F. Ciceri
- Milano (Niguarda) – G. Grillo
- Napoli – F. Pane
- Padova – A. Biffi
- Palermo – M. Musso
- Pescara – M. Di Ianni
- Reggio Calabria – M. Martino
- Roma (Gemelli) – S. Sica
- Roma (Umberto I) – A.P. Iori
- Vicenza – C. Borghero



Factors associated with the response to CAR-T



T-cells fitness

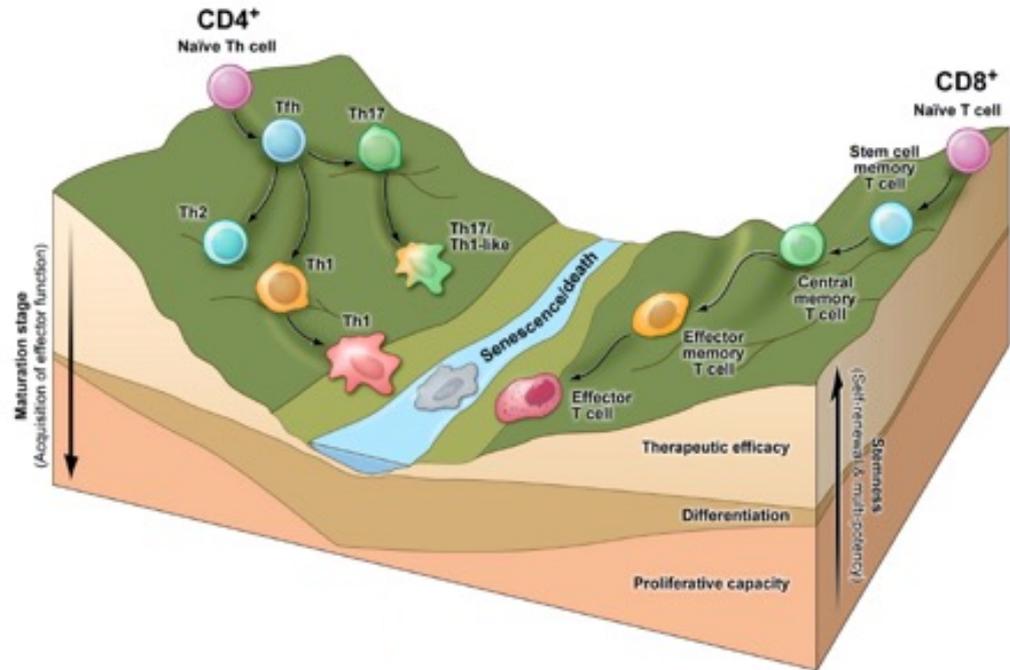
Not all T cells are created equally



CD45RA	+	+	-	-	+
CD45RO	-	-	+	+	-
CCR7	+	+	+	-	-
CD62L	+	+	+	-	-
CD28	+	+	+	+/-	-
CD27	+	+	+	+/-	-
IL-7R α	+	+	+	+/-	-
CXCR3	-	+	+	-	-
CD95	-	+	+	+	+
CD11a	-	+	+	+	+
IL-2R β	-	+	+	+	+
CD58	-	+	+	+	+
CD57	-	-	-	+/-	+

Stemness	Senescence
Proliferative potential	Cytotoxicity
Lymphoid homing	Tissue tropism
Antigen independence	Antigen addiction
Lipid metabolism	Glycolytic metabolism
Low $\Delta\psi_m$	Oxidative stress

Impairment of antitumor efficacy with progressive T cell differentiation



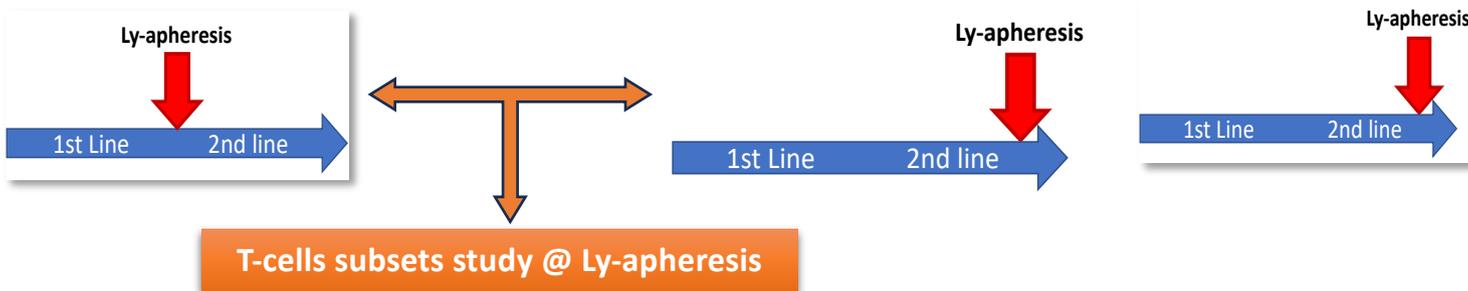
CAR-T BS Study: Pre-emptive/early Ly-apheresis program



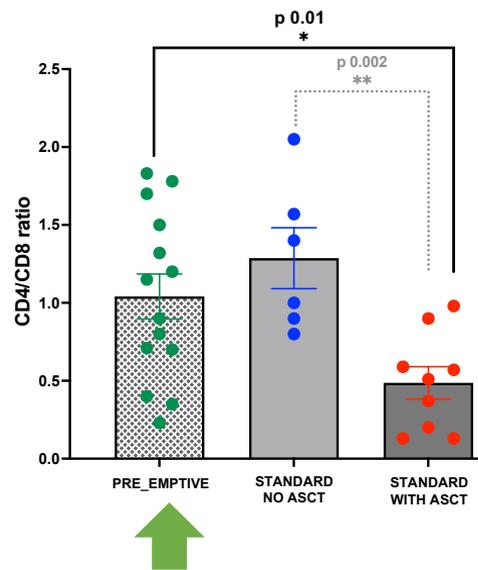
«PRE-EMPTIVE Ly-apheresis»

HIGH RISK DLBCL patients

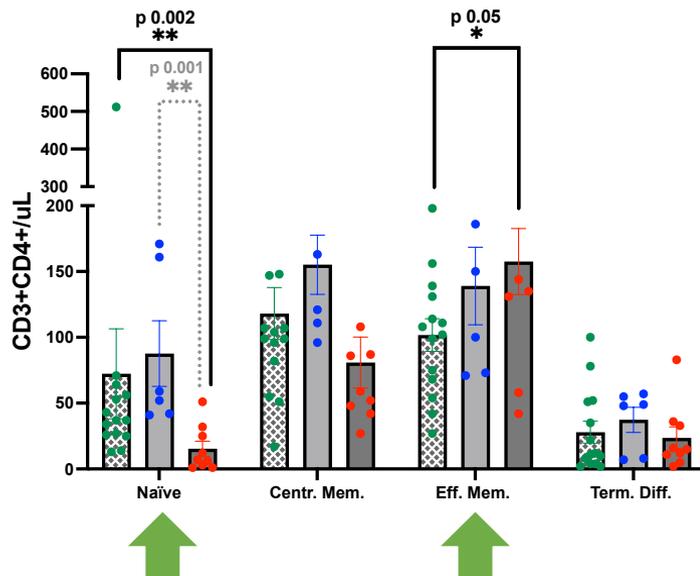
- PRIMARY REFRACTORY
- PET+ before ASCT
- RELAPSE WITHIN 1 year



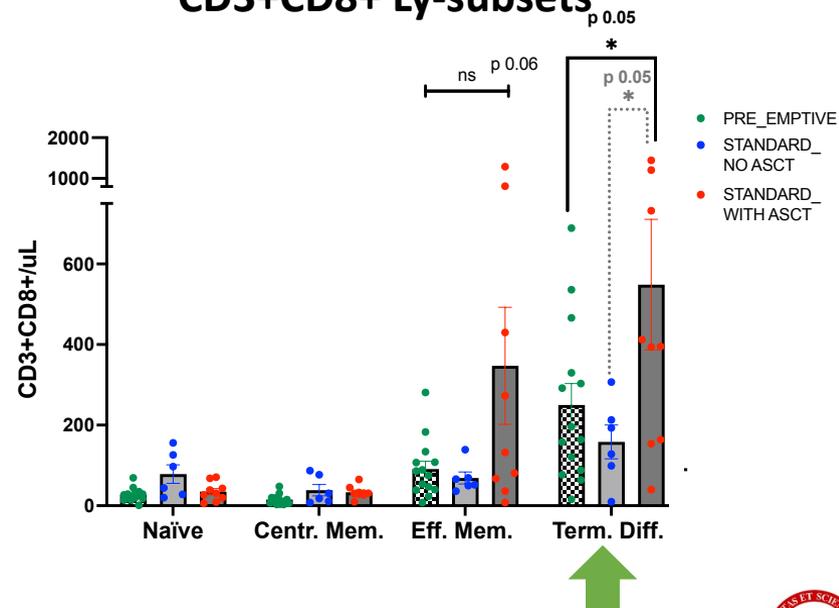
CD4+/CD8+ ratio



CD3+CD4+ Ly-subsets



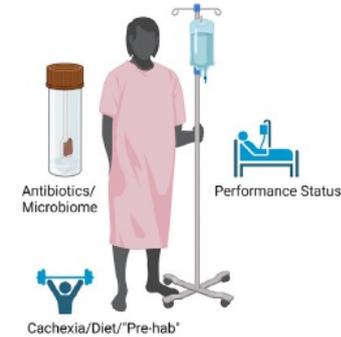
CD3+CD8+ Ly-subsets



Strategies to optimize CAR-T cells therapy

Patients features

AVOID
DETERIORATION
of HOST FACTORS



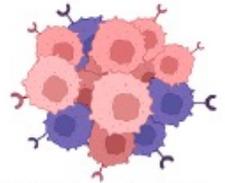
CAR-T cells product

IMPROVE T cells
FITNESS
OPTIMIZE CAR-T
cells



Disease characteristics

AVOID TUMOR-
INTRINSIC
RESISTANCE



Multiple lines of ineffective
chemotherapy

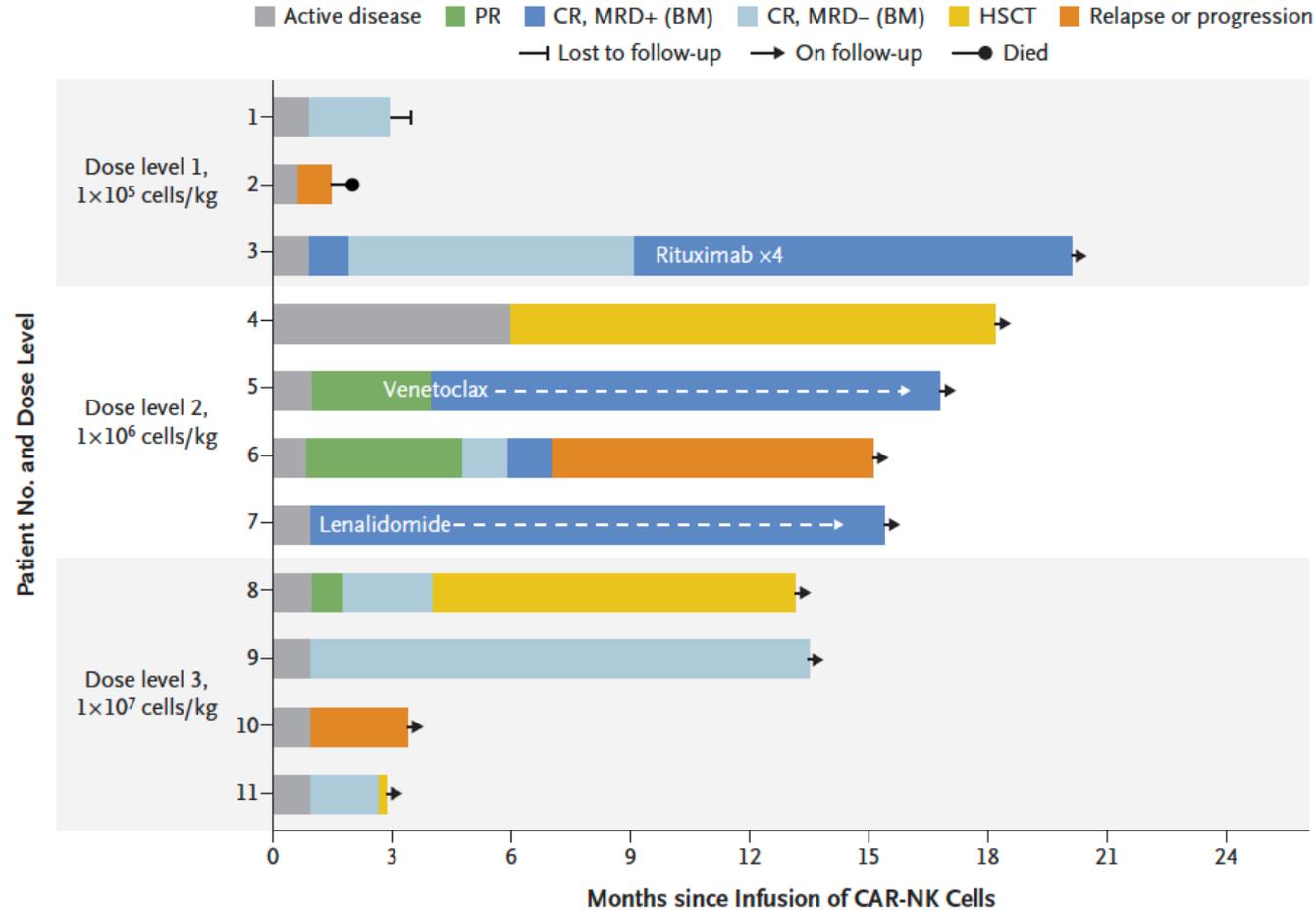
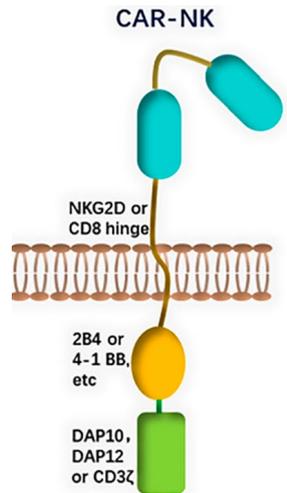
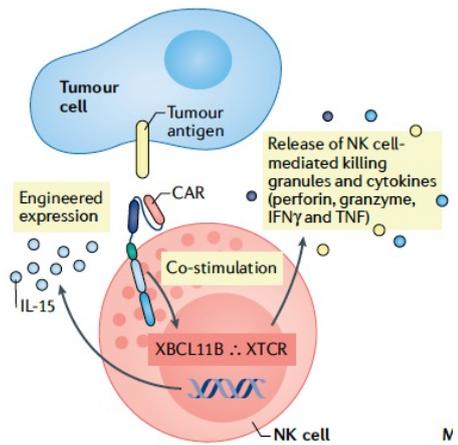
Non-CAR T Therapies that
target BCMA or CD19



Unnecessary systems
delays

Late referrals

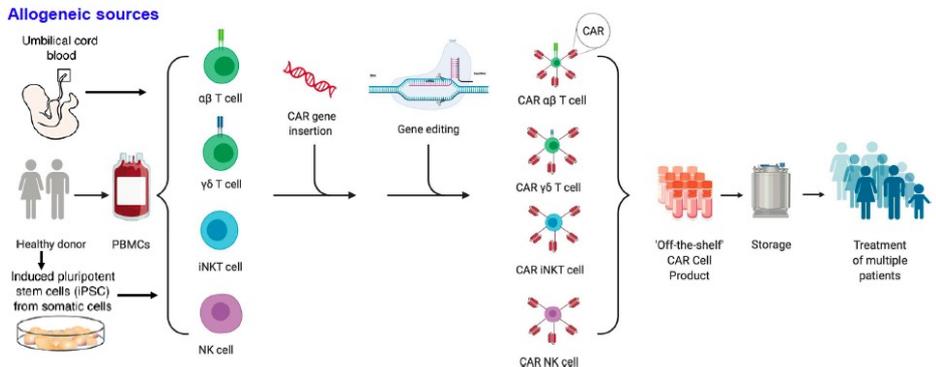
NK cells as alternative source of CAR-T



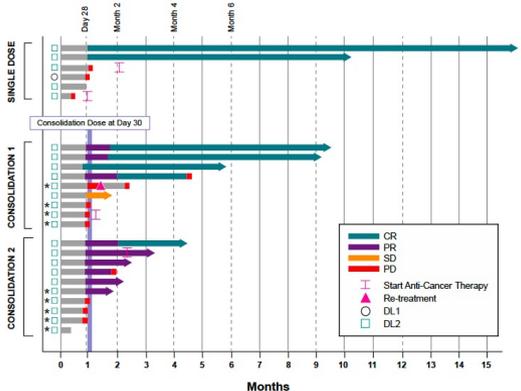
Sivori et al., J. Clin. Med. 2019; Liu et al., NEJM 2020



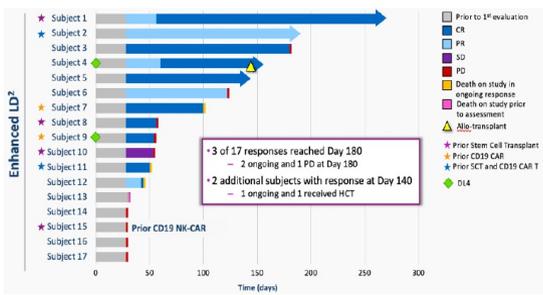
Efficacy in phase 1 **allogeneic** CAR-T trials in r/r DLBCL



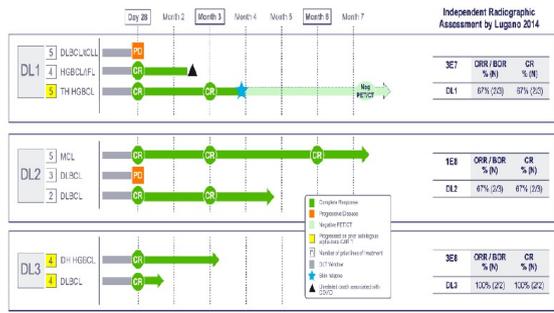
ALLO-501 (CD19 αβ CAR)
ORR/CR rate % = 48/28



PBCAR0191 (CD19 αβ CAR)
ORR/CR rate % = 69/56



ADI-001 (CD20 γδ CAR)
ORR/CR rate % = 75/75



- No GVHD,
 Grade ≥3 NE or
 CRS

- ↑ grade ≥3
 infections

