

La ciclofosfamide post-trapianto è preferibile rispetto al siero antilinfocitario nella profilassi della GVHD acuta del trapianto da donatore HLA compatibile?

Le ragioni del sì.

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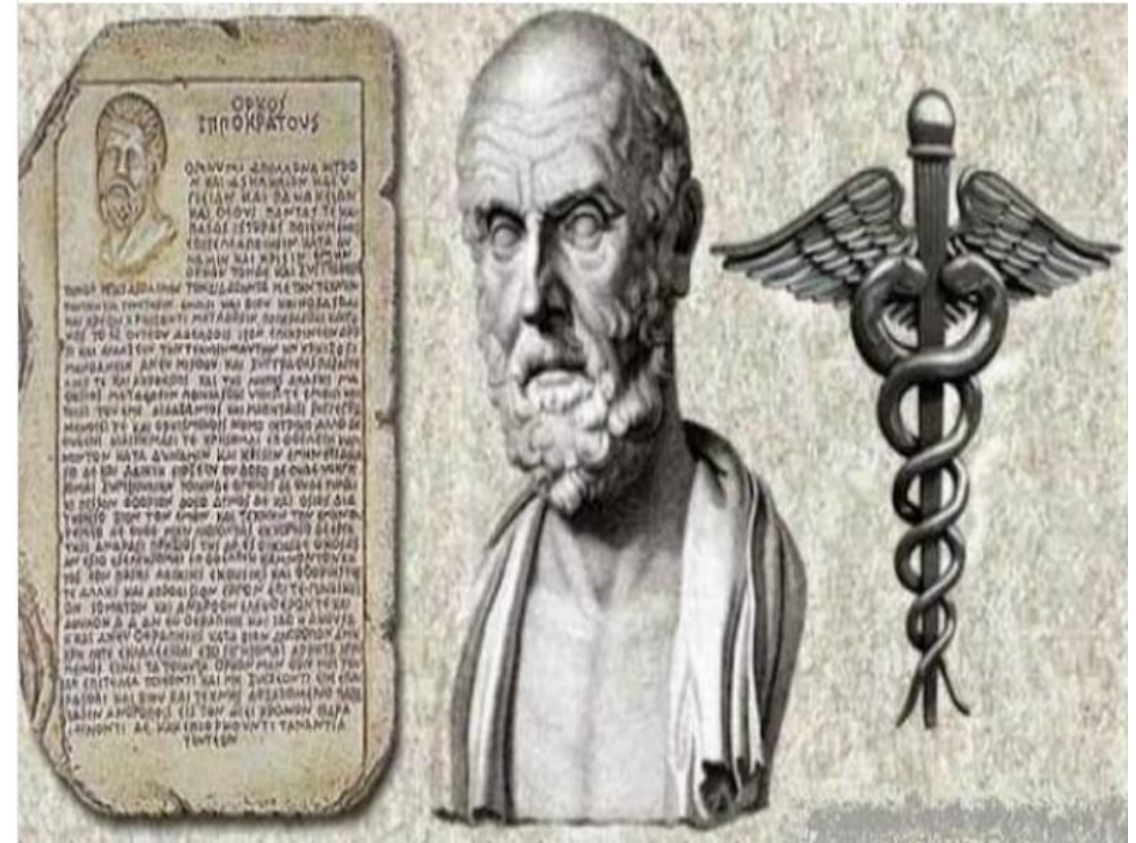
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«La ragione e il torto non si dividono mai con un taglio così netto che ogni parte abbia soltanto dell'uno e dell'altra»

Esistono soltanto due cose: scienza ed opinione; la prima genera conoscenza, la seconda ignoranza.



«I Promessi Sposi» cap.I



Post-Transplantation Cyclophosphamide-Based Graft-versus-Host Disease Prophylaxis

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**Multicenter phase 3 trial random (1:1)
Cyclophosphamide–tacrolimus–MMF(experimental)**

**Tacrolimus–methotrexate (standard).
The patients underwent HSCT from an
HLA-is sibl.or a MUD or 7/8 misMUD, after RIC.**

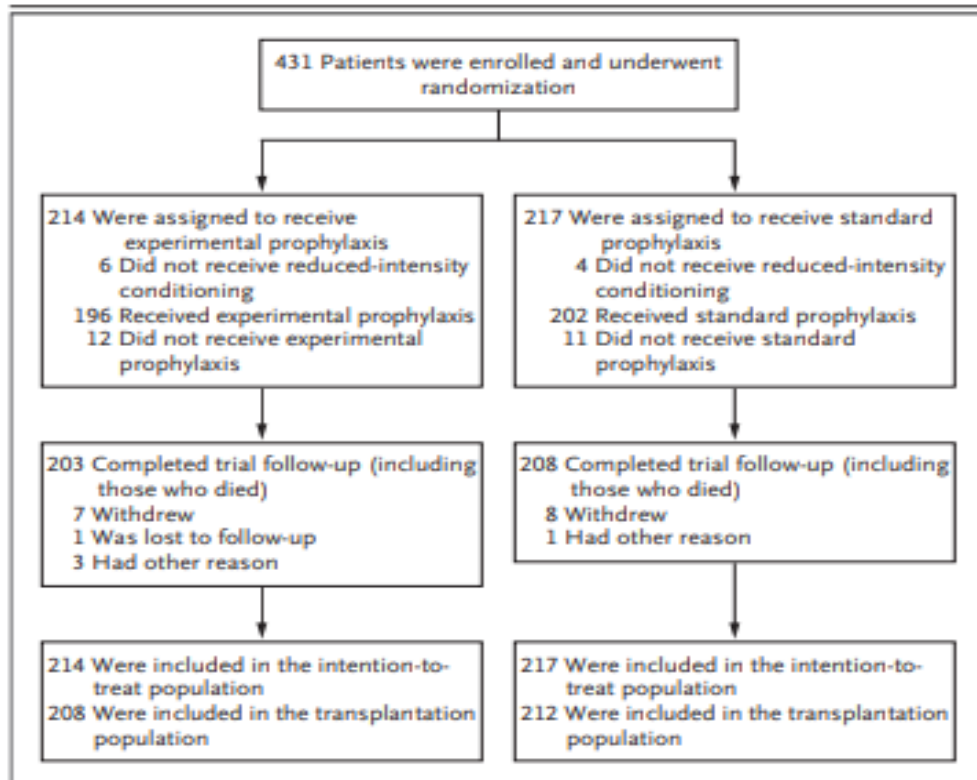


Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients in the Intention-to-Treat Population.*

Characteristic	Experimental- Prophylaxis Group (N=214)	Standard- Prophylaxis Group (N=217)	All Patients (N=431)
Male sex — no. (%)	134 (62.6)	126 (58.1)	260 (60.3)
Age			
Mean — yr	64.2±8.5	64.5±8.9	64.3±8.7
≥65 yr — no. (%)	120 (56.1)	125 (57.6)	245 (56.8)
Karnofsky performance-status score ≥90 — no. (%)‡	106 (49.5)	108 (49.8)	214 (49.7)
Primary disease — no. (%)			
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	12 (5.6)	27 (12.4)	39 (9.0)
Acute myeloid leukemia	107 (50.0)	100 (46.1)	207 (48.0)
Myelodysplastic syndrome	63 (29.4)	65 (30.0)	128 (29.7)
Other§	32 (15.0)	25 (11.5)	57 (13.2)
Donor type and HLA matching — no. (%)			
Related donor 6/6	60 (28.0)	68 (31.3)	128 (29.7)
Unrelated donor 7/8	7 (3.3)	8 (3.7)	15 (3.5)
Unrelated donor 8/8	147 (68.7)	141 (65.0)	288 (66.8)

GRFS: HR 0.64; P=0.001

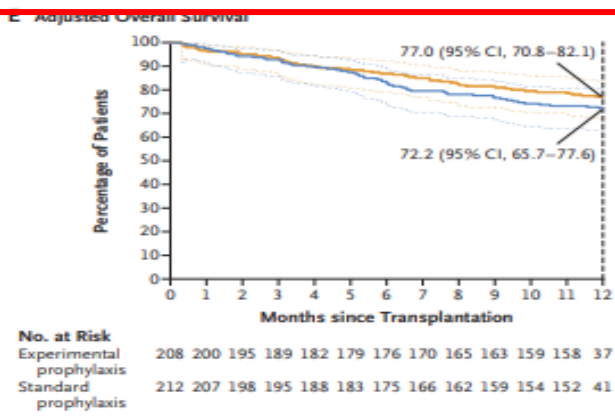
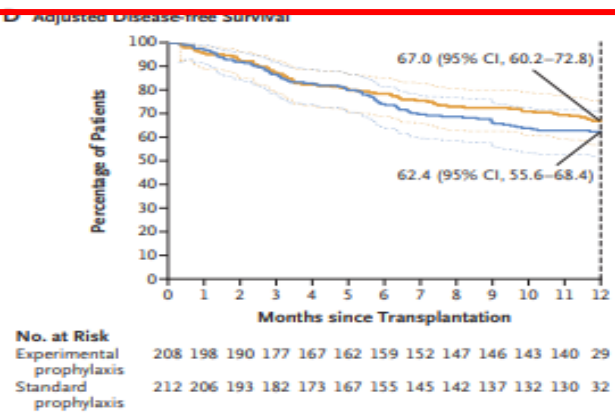
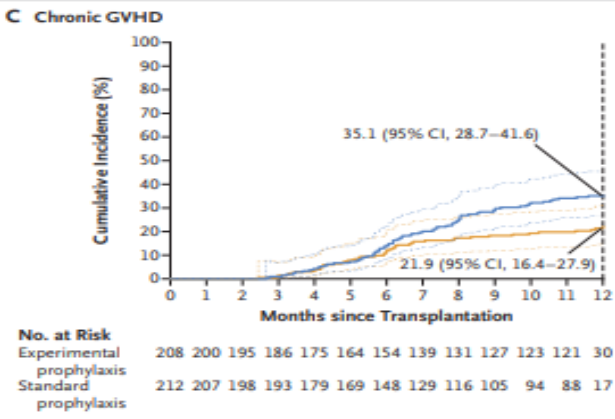
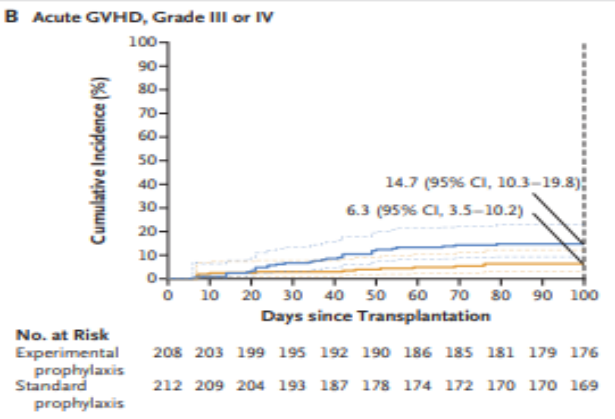
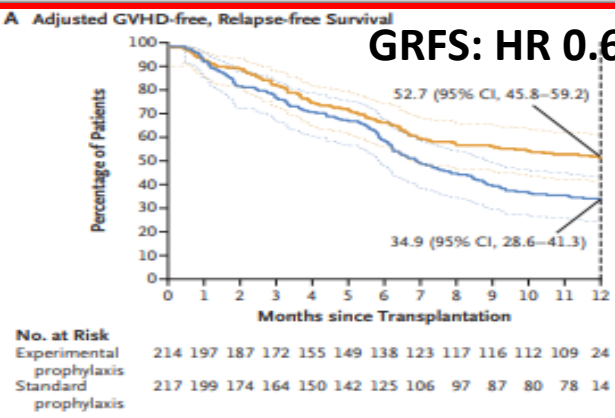


Table 2. Secondary End Points.*

End Point	Experimental-Prophylaxis Group	Standard-Prophylaxis Group
	percent (95% confidence interval)	
Adjusted 1-yr survival		
Overall	77.0 (70.8–82.1)	72.2 (65.7–77.6)
Disease-free	67.0 (60.2–72.8)	62.4 (55.6–68.4)
Cumulative incidence of 1-yr transplantation-related death	12.3 (8.2–17.2)	17.2 (12.4–22.6)
Cumulative incidence of 1-yr relapse and progression	20.8 (15.5–26.7)	20.2 (15.0–25.9)
Cumulative incidence of acute GVHD at day 100†		
Grade II to IV	53.8 (46.7–60.4)	51.9 (44.9–58.4)
Grade III or IV	6.3 (3.5–10.2)	14.7 (10.3–19.8)
Cumulative incidence of chronic GVHD at 1 yr	21.9 (16.4–27.9)	35.1 (28.7–41.6)
Cumulative incidence of neutrophil recovery at day 28	90.3 (85.3–93.6)	93.4 (89.0–96.1)
Cumulative incidence of platelet recovery to >20,000 platelets/microliter at day 100	90.3 (85.3–93.7)	92.8 (88.2–95.6)
Cumulative incidence of infections at 1 yr		
Grade 2 or 3	40.0 (33.2–46.7)	30.4 (24.3–36.7)
Grade 2	33.7 (27.3–40.2)	20.5 (15.3–26.2)
Grade 3	12.2 (8.2–17.1)	13.3 (9.1–18.3)
Cumulative incidence of CMV reactivation at day 100	7.3 (4.3–11.4)	7.1 (4.1–11.1)
Immunosuppression-free survival at 1 yr‡	50 (42.8–57.2)	39.7 (32.9–46.8)

No significant differences in:
 relapse
 engraftment and hematopoietic recovery
 NRM
 severe infections
 OS

BUT WITHOUT ATG!!

Why ATG??

authors		aGVHD II-IV		aGVHD III-IV		cGVHD mod/ sev		cGVHD		NRM		RELAPSE		DFS		GRFS	
		ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO
Finke 2017 (ATG - F)	Pr MAC 202 PB 164 BM 37	33%	51% p=0.011	11%	24% p=0.054	14%	52% p<0.0001	30%	58% p<0.0001	21%	34% p=0.15	35%	30% p=0.15	44%	36% p=0.15	34%	13% p=0.0003
Kroger 2016 (ATG - F)	Pr HLA id PB MAC AL	10%	18% p=0.15	2%	8% p=0.15	10,8%	46% p<0.001	32%	68% p<0.001	14%	12% p=0.6	32%	25% p=0.21	59%	64% p=0.21	36%	16% p=0.054
Soiffer 2017 JCO (ATG - F)	Pr MAC MUD 224 AML MDS	23%	40% p=0.004	4%	11% p=0.09	12%	33% p<0.001	16%	38% p<0.001	21%	13% p=0.5	32%	21% p=0.1	47%	65% p=0.04	48%	18% p=0.15
Walker 2020 Lancet oncol (Thymo)	Pr 203MUD MMUD(20%) MAC 70% PB 88%	50%	37% p=0.012	28%	28% p=1	13%	18% p=0.15	26%	41% p=0.06	21%	31% p=0.16	17%	16% p=0.73			45%	24% p=0.003

Prophylaxis and management of graft versus host disease after stem-cell transplantation for haematological malignancies: updated consensus recommendations of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Anti-thymocyte globulin as graft-versus-host disease prevention in the setting of allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplantation: a review from the Acute Leukemia Working Party of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation

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Name	Type of antibodies	Lympho-depletion <i>in vivo</i>	GvHD prevention (total dose administered)
Antithymocyte globulin (ATG)			
ATGAM (ATG-h)	Polyclonal IgG from horses immunized with human thymocytes	+/-	- ^{21*}
ATG-Thymoglobuline (ATG-T)	Polyclonal IgG from rabbits immunized with human thymocytes	+	+ (2.5-10 mg/kg)
ATG-Fresenius / Neovii (ATG-F)	Polyclonal IgG from rabbits immunized with human Jurkat T leukemia cell line	+	+ (15-60 mg/kg)

rATG (Thymoglobulin [Sanofi, Paris, France] or Grafalon [Neovii, St Gallen, Switzerland]) is recommended for preventing GVHD in patients undergoing matched unrelated donor allogeneic stem-cell transplantation†	100	1
rATG can also be recommended for preventing GVHD in patients undergoing MRD allogeneic peripheral blood allogeneic stem-cell transplantation; rATG is recommended for patients who are at a high risk of GVHD	95	2B

Table 4. Proposed indications for immunoregulation with ATG in patients given PBSCT from allogeneic donors.

	Recommendation for ATG	Dose and timing of ATG
Myeloablative PBSCT from matched sibling donors ¹⁸	standard of care	ATG-F 10 mg/kg/day on days -3, -2 and -1.
Myeloablative PBSCT from HLA-matched unrelated donors ^{16,18,17}	standard of care	ATG-F 20 mg/kg/day on days -3, -2 and -1*. ATG-T 0.5 mg/kg on day -2 and 2 mg/kg on days -1 and +1.
RIC-PBSCT fludarabine-busulfan ¹⁸	recommended	ATG-T 2.5 mg/kg/day on days -2 and -1.
Non-myeloablative PBSCT	developmental	/
HLA-haplo-identical stem cell transplantation (Beijing approach) ¹⁸	standard of care	ATG-T 2.5 mg/kg/day from days -5 to -2.

* some centers use smaller doses such as 15 mg/kg total dose.



Serum weaknesses

1) ATG formulations are not the same: there are not comparative head – to – head study.

	Polverelli et al., 2018, [25], (n = 77)		Oostenbrink et al., 2019, [26], (n = 58)		Liu et al., 2021, [27], (n = 214–Total, n = 67–Selected for ATG-T, ATG-G) *		Butera et al., 2021, [29], (n = 395)		Wang et al., 2023, [28], (n = 186)	
Type of ATG utilised	ATG-T	ATG-G	ATG-T	ATG-G	ATG-T	ATG-G	ATG-T	ATG-T	ATG-G	ATG-T
Number of patients	n = 31 (40%)	n = 46 (60%)	n = 42 (72%) High-dose n = 24, Low-dose n = 18	n = 16 (28%) High-dose n = 9 Low-dose n = 7	n = 44 (66%)	n = 23 (34%)	n = 197 (50%)	n = 198 (50%)	n = 107 (58%)	n = 79 (42%)
Age (years), median (range)	45 (17–61)	48 (18–66)	9 (1–18)	6 (1–17)	27 (6–50)	26 (3–52)	52.4 (20.7–69.4)	50.4 (20.7–66.8)	25 (3–59)	30 (3–65)
Sex, (%) Male Female	n = 23 (74%) n = 8 (26%)	n = 29 (63%) n = 19 (37%)	NR	NR	n = 27 (61.36%) n = 17 (39.64%)	n = 13 (56.52%) n = 10 (43.48%)	n = 99 (50%) n = 98 (50%)	n = 117 (59%) n = 81 (41%)	n = 63 (58.9%) n = 44 (41.1%)	n = 50 (63.3%) n = 29 (36.7%)
Dose of ATG (total, mg/kg)	7.5 mg/kg	30 mg/kg	High-dose 10 mg/kg Low-dose 6–8 mg/kg	High-dose 60 mg/kg Low-dose 45 mg/kg	MRD 12.5 mg/kg Haplo 10 mg/kg	MRD 25 mg/kg Haplo 20 mg/kg	5 mg/kg	6–7.5 mg/kg	20 mg/kg	10 mg/kg
Follow-up (days/months), median (range)	20 (1–88) months	22 (2–60) months	NR	NR	26.65 (0.50–186.78) months	24.34 (3.0–76.15) months	81.5 (50.2–119.3) months	81.5 (50.2–119.3) months	NR	NR
Diagnosis	Acute leukaemia n = 17 (56%) MDS n = 1 (3%) MPNs n = 1 (3%) Lymphoproliferative neoplasms n = 11 (35%) Others n = 1 (3%)	Acute leukaemia n = 24 (52%) MDS n = 7 (15%) MPNs n = 2 (5%) Lymphoproliferative neoplasms n = 12 (26%) Others n = 1 (2%)	ALL n = 17 (40%) AML n = 25 (60%)	ALL n = 16 (100%)	Severe aplastic anaemia	Severe aplastic anaemia	ALL n = 23 (11.7%) AML/MDS n = 111 (56.3%) MPN n = 14 (7.1%) LPD n = 49 (24.9%)	ALL n = 23 (14.7%) AML/MDS n = 88 (44.4%) MPN n = 14 (9.6%) LPD n = 42 (31.3%)	ALL n = 4 (3.7%) ALL n = 29 (27.1%) AML n = 42 (39.3%) CLL n = 1 (0.9%) CML n = 23 (21.5%) MDS n = 7 (6.5%) NHL n = 1 (0.9%)	ALL n = 4 (5.1%) ALL n = 16 (20.3%) AML n = 43 (54.4%) CLL n = 0 (0%) CML n = 6 (7.6%) MDS n = 6 (7.6%) NHL n = 1 (5.1%)
Conditioning regimen	MAC n = 16 (52%) RIC n = 15 (48%)	MAC n = 22 (48%) RIC n = 24 (52%)	NR	NR	FLU + CY ⁵ n = 15 (34.01%) BU + CY ⁵ n = 29 (65.91%)	FLU + CY ⁵ n = 4 (17.39%) BU + CY ⁵ n = 19 (82.61%)	MAC n = 154 (78.2%) RIC n = 43 (21.8%)	MAC n = 107 (54%) RIC n = 91 (46%)	TBI/CY ¹ n = 10 (9.3%) TBI/CY ² n = 3 (3.8%) BU/CY ² n = 60 (56.1%) Haplo ³ n = 30 (28.0%) FB3 ⁴ n = 6 (5.6%) Other n = 1 (0.9%)	TBI/CY ¹ n = 3 (3.8%) TBI/CY ² n = 3 (3.8%) Haplo ³ n = 21 (26.6%) FB3 ⁴ n = 6 (7.6%) Other n = 0 (0%)
Stem cell source, (%) BM PBSC	BM n = 5 (16%) PBSC n = 26 (84%)	BM n = 5 (11%) PBSC n = 41 (89%)	BM n = 34 (81%) PBSC n = 8 (19%)	BM n = 14 (87%) PBSC n = 2 (13%)	BM + PBSC n = 28 (63.64%) BM n = 10 (22.73%) PBSC n = 6 (13.64%)	BM + PBSC n = 18 (78.26%) BM n = 2 (8.7%) PBSC n = 3 (13.04%)	BM n = 25 (12.7%) PBSC n = 172 (87.3%)	BM n = 30 (15.15%) PBSC n = 168 (84.85%)	NR	NR

ATG Formulation	Type of Antibodies	Recommended Dose for GvHD Prophylaxis (Total, mg/kg)
h-ATG	Polyclonal IgG from horses immunised with human thymocytes	-
ATG-T	Polyclonal IgG from rabbits immunised with human thymocytes	2.5–10
ATG-G	Polyclonal IgG from rabbits immunised with human Jurkat T leukaemia cell line	15–60

“It is important to know that antilymphocyte globulin is produced in rabbits after vaccination with the human Jurkat T-cell line, whereas antithymocyte globulin is produced after vaccination with human thymocytes. Because of the different immunologic properties of these distinct preparations and the lack of reliable comparative studies, the different brands and doses are not interchangeable and our results with antilymphocyte globulin may not be generalizable to antithymocyte globulin”.

N. Kröger, C.Solano, F. Bonifazi NEJM 2016

High dose PT Cyclophosphamide as GVHD prophylaxis is a standard (drug, time , doses)

Table 1 Studies with matched-sibling and unrelated donors

Author	Year	Population	Graft	Conditioning	PTCy mg/kg	Other	N	aGVHD II-IV	aGVHD III-IV	cGVHD	cGVHD, ext/mod/sev	NRM	OS
Luznik [3] (P)	2022	HLA-matched	BM	MAC	100	-	109	38%	10%	NR	27%	16%	76% @2y
Zu [4] (P)	2022	URD	PBSC	MAC	40	ATG+CSA+MMF	53	25%	8%	14%	8%	13%	79% @2y
Bolaños-Meade [5] (P)	2019	MSD and URD	PBSC	RIC	100	TAC+MMF	92	27%	2%	28%	22%	11%	71% @1y
Kanakry [6] (P)	2014	HLA-matched	BM	MAC	100	-	92	51%	15%	14%	14%	16%	67% @2y
Moiseev [7] (P)	2016	URD	PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC+MMF	86	19%	4%	NR	16%	16%	69% @2y
Gooptu [8] (CIBMTR)	2021	URD	88% PBSC	RIC	100	CSA/TAC+MMF	187	29%	4%	29%	NR	8%	67% @2y
Gooptu [8] (CIBMTR)	2021	URD	88% PBSC	MAC	100	CSA/TAC+MMF	97	32%	4%	25%	NR	15%	77% @1y
Brissot [9] (EBMT)	2020	URD	90% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	NR	174	29%	9%	31%	19%	15%	63% @2y
Mehta [10] (R)	2022	MSD	99% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC±MMF	140	44%	11%	19%	10%	11%	65% @3y
Mehta [10] (R)	2022	URD	77% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC±MMF	246	52%	8%	18%	9%	13%	61% @3y
Berro [11] (R)	2020	URD	96% PBSC	80% MAC	100	TAC+MMF	28	25%	4%	NR	4%	25%	61% @2y
Cooper [12] (R)	2020	MSD and URD	94% PBSC	78% MAC	100	TAC+MMF	49	NR	6%	NR	21%	9%	82% @2y
Holtan [13] (P)	2022	MSD and URD	PBSC	RIC	100	TAC+MMF	214	NR	6%	22%	NR	NR	77% @1y
Broers [14] (P)	2022	HLA-matched	PBSC	RIC	100	CSA	99	33%	6%	25%	24%	10%	65% @3y
Brissot [15] (P)	2021	HLA-matched	PBSC	RIC	100	CSA	43	35%	9%	26%	NR	14%	79% @1y
Carnevale-Schianca [16] (P)	2021	HLA-matched	PBSC	NR	100	TAC+MMF	85	6%	NR	7%	7%	4%	82% @1y
Chevallier [17] (P)	2021	MSD and URD	PBSC	RIC	100	-	27	59%	19%	NR	23%	15%	81% @1y
Solomon [18] (P)	2014	HLA-matched	PBSC	RIC	100	SIR	26	46%	15%	31%	NR	4%	71% @2y
Greco [19] (R)	2016	MSD and URD	PBSC	MAC	100	SIR±MMF	28	23%	4%	13%	4%	14%	64% @2y
Kunacheewa [20]	2020	MSD	PBSC	MAC	100	ATG	21	19%	10%	18%	0%	19%	52% @5y
Spyridonidis [21] (EBMT)	2022	URD	PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	ATG+Others	151	23%	8%	33%	10%	13%	67% @2y
Kwon [22] (R)	2019	MSD	86% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	CSA+MMF30	57	23%	9%	34%	17%	9%	78% @2y
Shaw [23] (P)	2021	MMUD	BM	RIC	100	TAC+MMF	40	33%	0%	18%	NR	10%	79% @1y
Shaw [23] (P)	2021	MMUD	BM	MAC	100	TAC+MMF	40	43%	18%	36%	NR	8%	72% @1y
Battipaglia [24] (EBMT)	2019	MMUD	91% PBSC	MAC and RIC	NR	NR	93	30%	9%	39%	17%	16%	56% @2y
Jimenez Jimenez [25] (CIBMTR)	2022	MMUD	50% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC+MMF or SIR+MMF	82	NR	15%	9%	NR	19%	66% @2y
Modi [26] (R)	2021	MMUD	96% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC+MMF30	25	24%	NR	16%	NR	17%	70% @1y
Mehta [27] (R)	2022	HLA-matched	85% PBSC	MAC and RIC	100	TAC	242	38%	8%	14%	8%	10%	68% @2y
Koura [28] (P)	2021	HLA-matched	NR	MAC and RIC	100	Abatacept	10	NR	0%	NR	0%	NR	NR

2) Delayed immune reconstitution: higher incidence of infectious complications

ATG and infectious complications

authors		aGVHD II-IV		aGVHD III-IV		cGVHD mod/ sev		cGVHD		NRM		RELAPSE		DFS		GRFS	
		ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO	ATG	NO
Finke 2017 (ATG - F)	Pr MAC 202 PB 164 BM 37	33%	51%	11%	24%	14%	52%	30%	58%	21%	34%	35%	30%	44%	36%	34%	13%
			p=0.011		p=0.054		p<0.0001		p<0.000		p=0.15		p=0.15		p=0.15		
In the ATG-F were more frequent: HSV inf. (25.5% vs 15.8%), CMV reactivation OR: 2.22 (95% CI 1.41–3.49; p=0.0006) and PTLD (5 vs 1)																	
Kroger 2016 (ATG - F)	Pr HLA id PB MAC AL	10%	18%	2%	8%	10,8	46%	32%	68%	14%	12%	32%	25%	59%	64%	36%	16%
			p=0.15		p=0.15	%	p<0.001		p<0.001		p=0.6		p=0.21		p=0.21		
The rate of CMV and EBV reactivation and fungal infection was not different.																	
Soiffer 2017 JCO (ATLG)	Pr MAC MUD 224 AML MDS	23%	40%	4%	11%	12%	33%	16%	38%	21%	13%	32%	21%	47%	65%	48%	18%
			p=0.004		p=0.09		p<0.001		p<0.001		p=0.5		p=0.1		p=0.04		
1y. CI of CMV reactivation was 62 % vs 44% for ATLG and placebo (P=.03).																	
Walker 2020 Lancet oncol (Thymo)	Pr 203MUD MMUD(20%) MAC 70% PB 88%	50%	37%	28%	28%	13%	18%	26%	41%	21%	31%	17%	16%			45%	24%
		I-IV	p=0.012		p=1		p=0.15		p=0.06		p=0.16		p=0.73				
The incidence of serious infections did not differ between the treatment groups																	



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Effect of Antihuman T Lymphocyte Globulin on Immune Recovery after Myeloablative Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation with Matched Unrelated Donors: Analysis of Immune Reconstitution in a Double-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial



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Table 2

Multivariable Cox Regression Models for Clinical Outcomes, Treating Each Phenotypic Parameter as a Time-Dependent Variable (Tregs, Tconv, CD19⁺ B-lymphocytes)

Event	aTreg ^a			aTconv ^a			aCD19 ⁺ **		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	p
OS	.28	.11 .74	<u>.0099</u>	.14	.06 .31	<u><.0001</u>	.59	.36 .96	<u>.035</u>
PFS	.34	.15 .78	<u>.011</u>	.22	.11 .46	<u><.0001</u>	.83	.52 1.33	.44
NRM	.06	.01 .30	<u>.0008</u>	.01	.00 .10	<u><.0001</u>	.50	.21 1.19	.12
Relapse	.52	.20 1.35	.18	.48	.22 1.04	.06	1.08	.64 1.86	.78
Moderate/severe GVHD-free survival	.49	.23 1.04	.06	.36	.20 .65	<u>.0007</u>	.70	.46 1.06	.09
cGVHD	1.45	.43 5.39	.56	2.84	.82 10.57	.10	1.21	.63 2.44	.59
Moderate/severe cGVHD	1.41	.39 5.71	.62	2.79	.74 11.35	.13	.95	.48 2.00	.90

All absolute cell counts were log₁₀ transformed (*a) before modeling. HR reflects relative risk for unit change on the log₁₀ scale. Each phenotypic parameter was treated as a time-dependent variable in the models. HR indicates hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

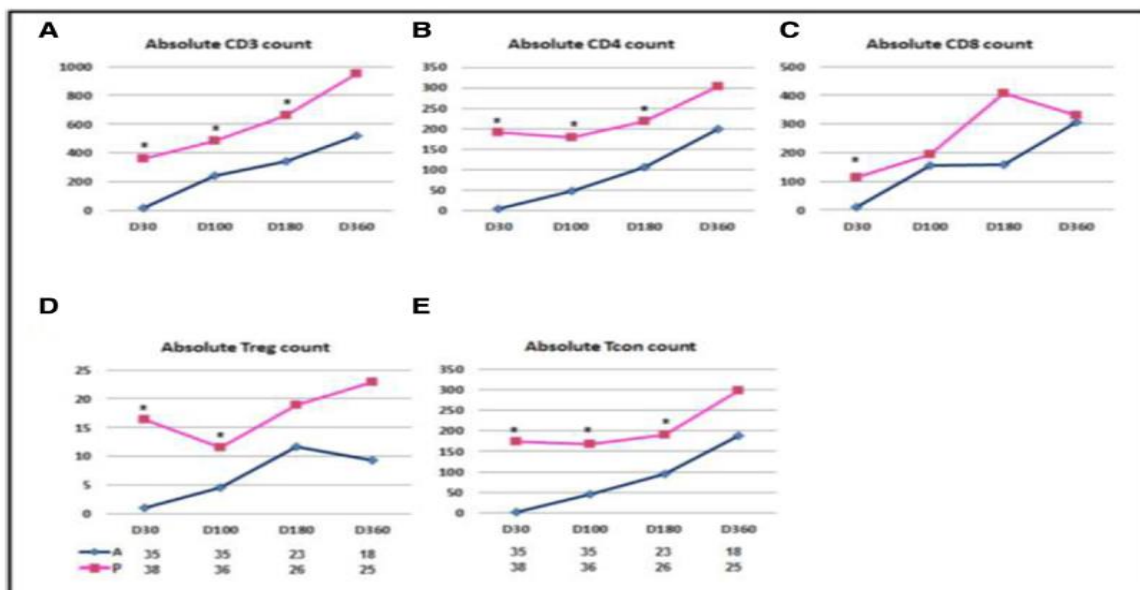
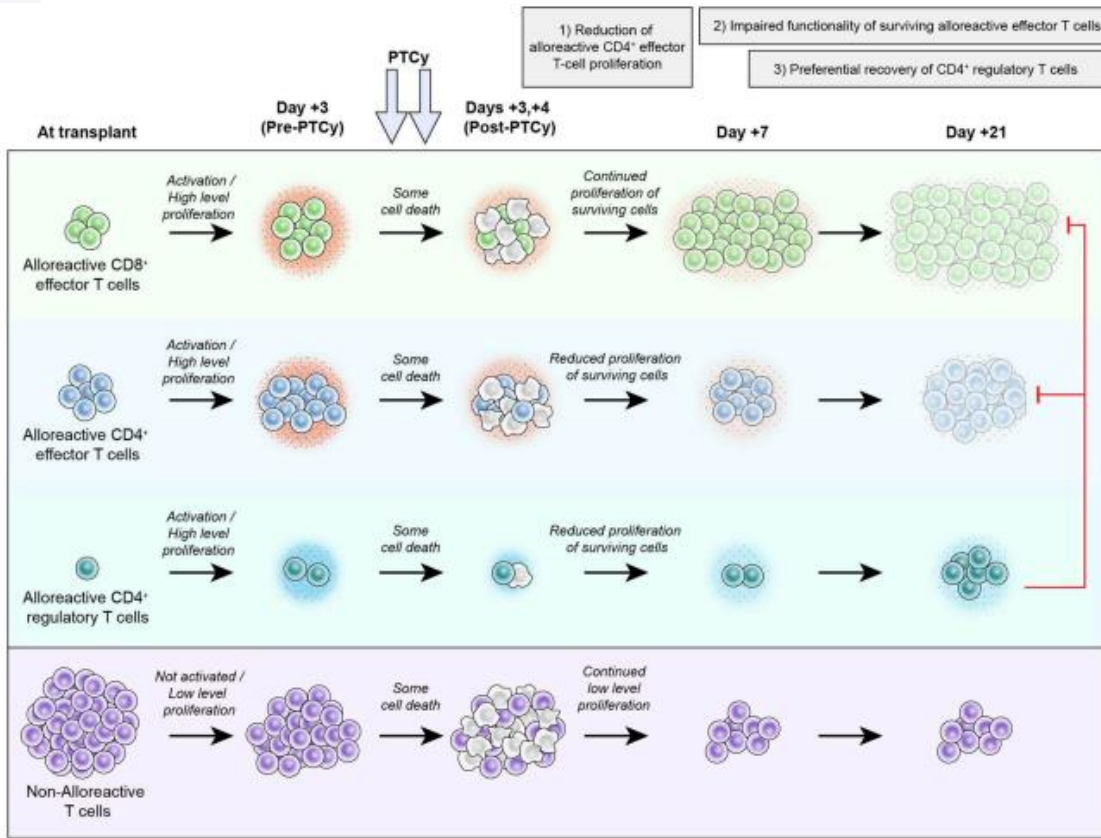


Figure 1. (A) Post-allogeneic transplant reconstitution of major T cell populations (CD3⁺, CD4⁺, CD8⁺ CD4⁺25⁺127⁻/Tregs, CD4⁺25⁻127⁺/Tconvs) by conditioning regimen at days 30, 100, 180, and 360. The median cell counts/ μ L for each population is represented at each time point. Significant P values are represented by an asterisk at each time point. Absolute CD3⁺ and CD4⁺ counts were significantly lower in the ATLG arm at days 30, 100, and 180 but not at day 360 (Figure 1A and 1B). CD8⁺ counts were significantly lower in the ATLG arm only at day 30 post-transplant (Figure 1C). Treg counts were significantly lower in the ATLG arm at days 30 and 100 but normalized thereafter (Figure 1D). Tconv counts were significantly lower in the ATLG arm at days 30, 100, and 180 but normalized at 1 year (Figure 1E).

Conclusions: ATLG severely compromises the generation of naive CD4⁺ cells (Treg and Tconv), potentially affecting the diversity of the TCR repertoire and T cell responses against malignancy and infection.

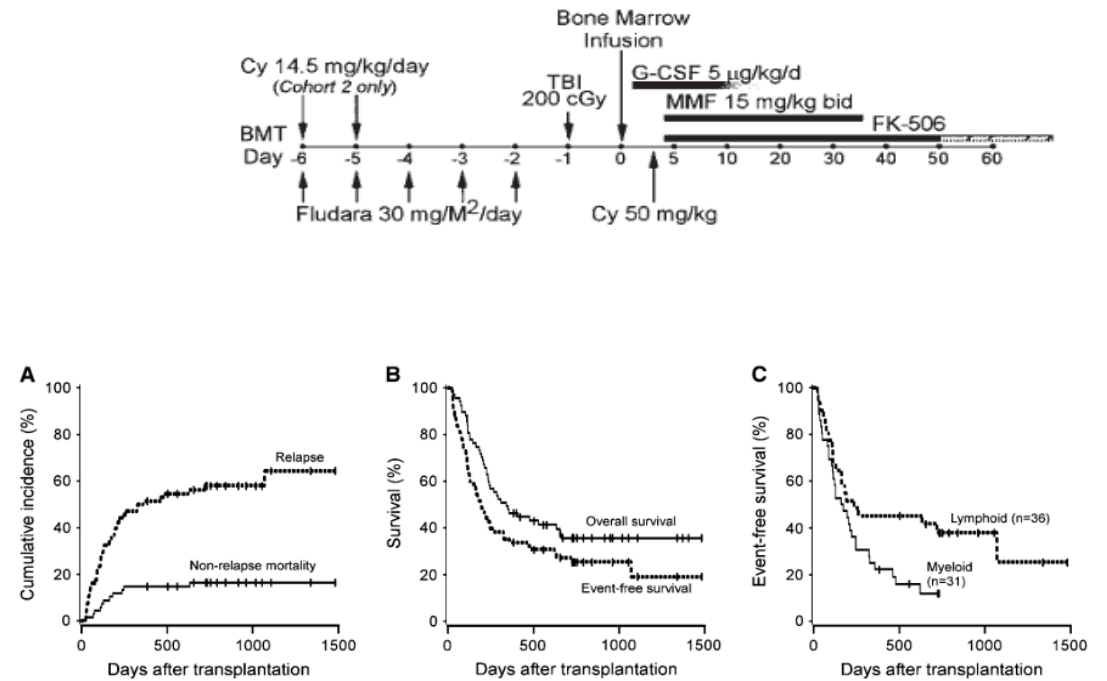
Mechanisms of Graft-versus-Host Disease Prevention by Post-transplantation Cyclophosphamide: An Evolving Understanding

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Nonmyeloablative Bone Marrow Transplantation from Partially HLA-Mismatched Related Donors Using Posttransplantation Cyclophosphamide

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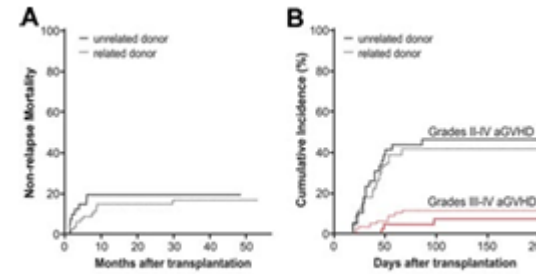
2008

PTCy as GVHD prophylaxis after HLA matched transplant

High-dose cyclophosphamide as single-agent, short-course prophylaxis of graft-versus-host disease

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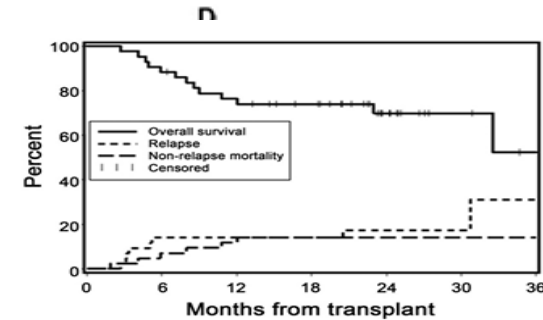


MAC

Posttransplantation cyclophosphamide for prevention of graft-versus-host disease after HLA-matched mobilized blood cell transplantation

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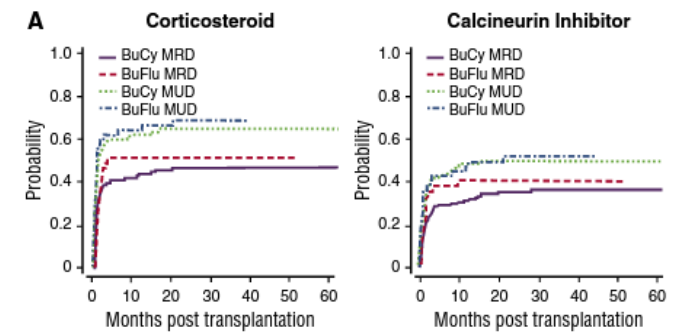


MAC

Low immunosuppressive burden after HLA-matched related or unrelated BMT using posttransplantation cyclophosphamide

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Blood 2017



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Inclusion criteria

Age \geq 18 years
Diagnosis of AML in CR1
Transplant from HLA identical sibling
EBMT registry
ATG vs PTCy as
Transplant performed between 2008-2018

N. patients



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Post-transplant cyclophosphamide versus antithymocyte globulin in patients with acute myeloid leukemia in first complete remission undergoing allogeneic stem cell transplantation from 10/10 HLA-matched unrelated donors

Inclusion criteria

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Diagnosis of AML in CR1
Transplant from 10/10 MUD HR
EBMT registry
ATG (Thymoglobuline 5 mg/kg) vs PTCy as
Transplant performed between 2010-2017

N. patients



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Results

TABLE 2. Cumulative Incidence (95% CI) of GVHD and 2-Year Survival Outcomes

	ATG	PTCY	P
GVHD			
100-d grade II-IV aGVHD	17 (16-19)	19 (13-25)	.81
100-d grade III-IV aGVHD	6 (5-7)	6 (3-10)	.96
2-y cGVHD, any grade	30 (28-32)	37 (29-46)	.02
2-y cGVHD, extensive	12 (10-14)	16 (11-23)	<.01
2-year survival outcomes			
LFS			
OS			
GRFS			
RI			
NRM			

B

Incidence of NRM

NRM

— PTCY
— ATG

cGVHD at 2 years, was significantly lower in the ATG group compared with the PTCY group (P < .02).

TABLE 3. Mu

ATG vs PTCY	HR (95% CI)	P
LFS	1.00 (0.77-1.31)	.99
OS	0.97 (0.72-1.32)	.86
GRFS	0.85 (0.67-1.03)	.16
RI	0.97 (0.72-1.31)	.85
NRM	1.15 (0.63-2.11)	.65
Grade II-IV acute GVHD	0.96 (0.66-1.41)	.84
Grade III/IV acute GVHD	0.82 (0.43-1.58)	.56
Chronic GVHD, all grades	0.71 (0.52-0.97)	<.04
Extensive chronic GVHD	0.60 (0.38-0.93)	<.03

A

Cumulative Incidence of Relapse

Relapse

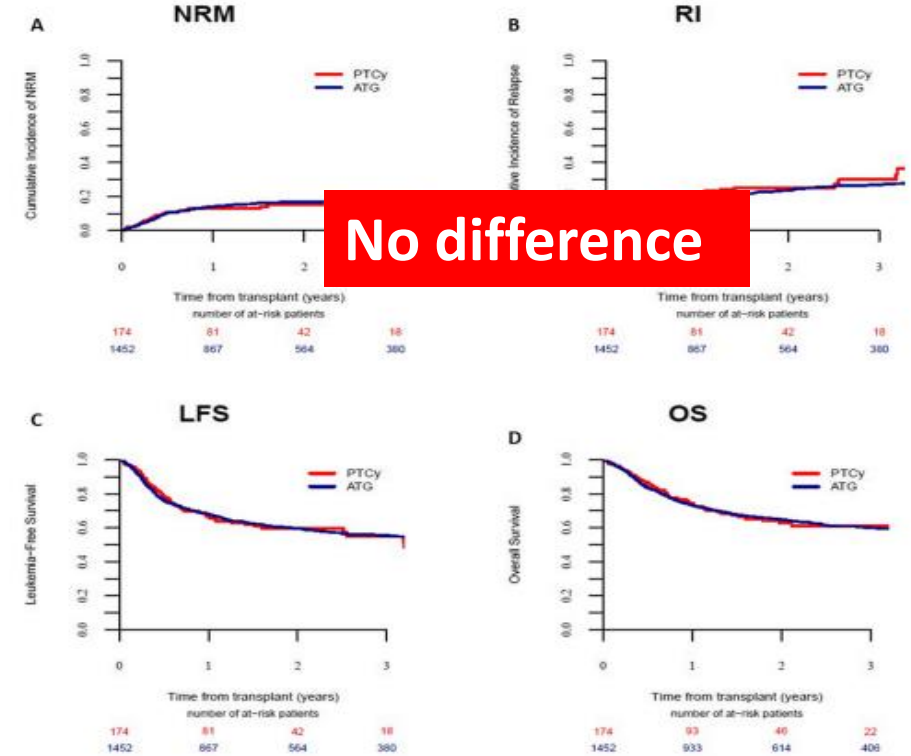
— PTCY
— ATG

Results

Table 2 Cumulative incidence of GVHD

	180-day acute GVHD II-IV	180-day acute GVHD III-IV	2-year chronic GVHD	2-year ext. chronic GVHD
PTCY	28.8% [22.2–35.7]	8.8% [5.1–13.7]	31.4% [23.3–39.8]	18.5% [12–26.1]
ATG	29.2% [26.8–31.6]	9% [7.6–10.6]	33.6% [31–36.2]	13.1% [11.2–15]
p value	0.68	0.89	0.43	0.11

Abbreviations: ATG antithymocyte globulin, Ext extensive, GVHD graft-versus host disease, PTCY post-transplantation cyclophosphamide



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ATG versus PTCy in matched unrelated donor haematopoietic stem cell transplantations with non-myeloablative conditioning

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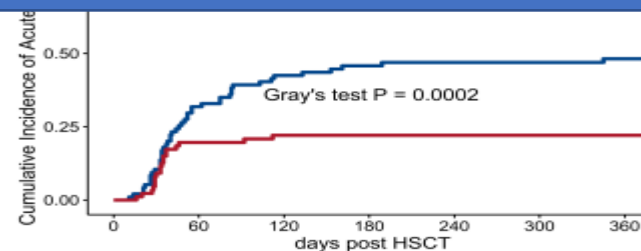
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Inclusion criteria

All hematological malignancies
 10/10 MUD
 2 centres from Netherlands
 NMAC regimen
 PBSC in 99% of patients
 ATG (total dose 8 mg/kg)
 Transplant performed

Results

	Acute GvHD II-IV		Chronic GvHD mod/sev		OS		GRFS		Relapse incidence		NRM	
	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
ATG vs. PTCy	0.40 (0.23-0.68)	0.001	1.07 (0.57-2.00)	0.84	0.78 (0.49-1.20)	0.29	0.85 (0.57-1.30)	0.43	1.06 (0.64-1.70)	0.83	0.46 (0.20-1.10)	0.072
Age (≤40, >40)	0.99 (0.45-2.19)	0.98	1.85 (0.57-6.00)	0.31	1.78 (0.81-3.90)	0.15	1.43 (0.74-2.80)	0.289	0.82 (0.41-1.70)	0.59	4.46 (0.58-34.0)	0.15
Disease risk (non-adverse vs. adverse)	1.17 (0.64-2.15)	0.61	1.38 (0.62-3.10)	0.43	1.64 (0.91-3.00)	0.099	1.83 (1.09-3.10)	0.023	3.46 (1.73-6.90)	0.001	0.95 (0.36-2.50)	0.91
Disease response (CR1 vs. other)	1.21 (0.69-2.14)	0.51	0.67 (0.32-1.40)	0.29	1.26 (0.74-2.20)	0.39	1.11 (0.69-1.80)	0.67	1.15 (0.63-2.10)	0.64	1.28 (0.53-3.10)	0.58
Diagnosis (AML/MDS vs. other)	1.19 (0.63-2.23)	0.60	1.76 (0.80-3.90)	0.16	0.85 (0.46-1.60)	0.60	1.11 (0.66-1.90)	0.70	1.47 (0.76-2.80)	0.26	0.67 (0.25-1.80)	0.43



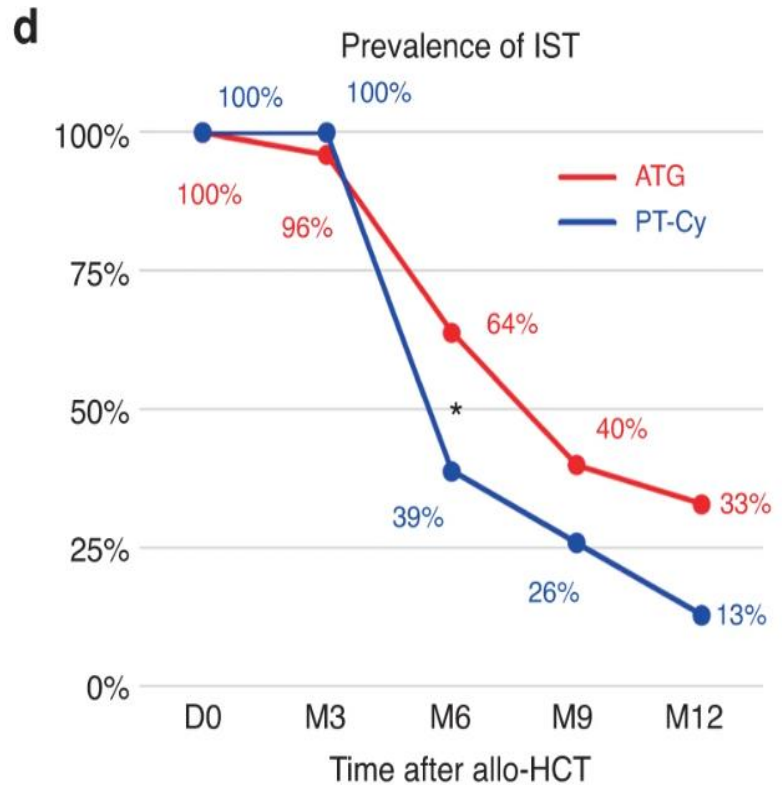
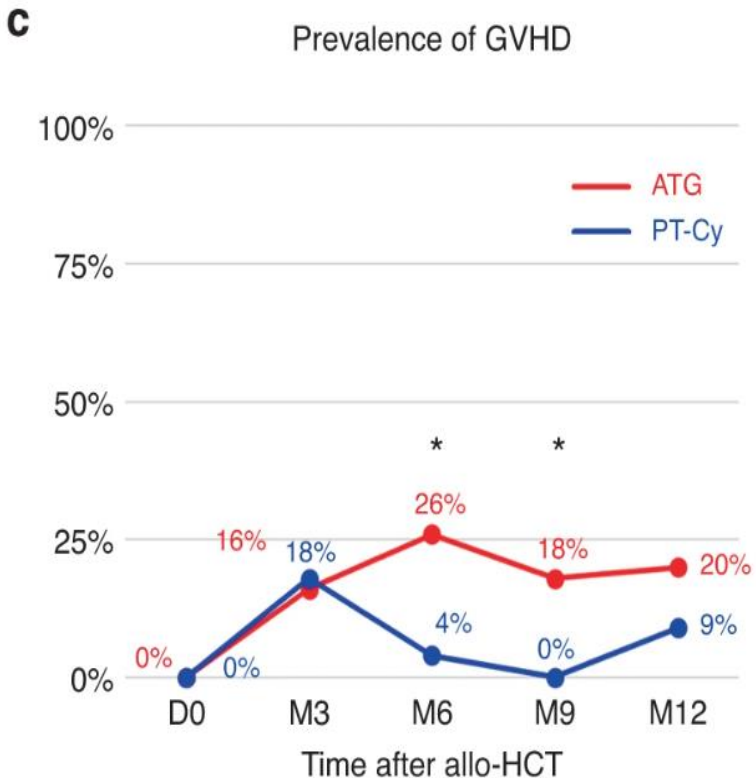
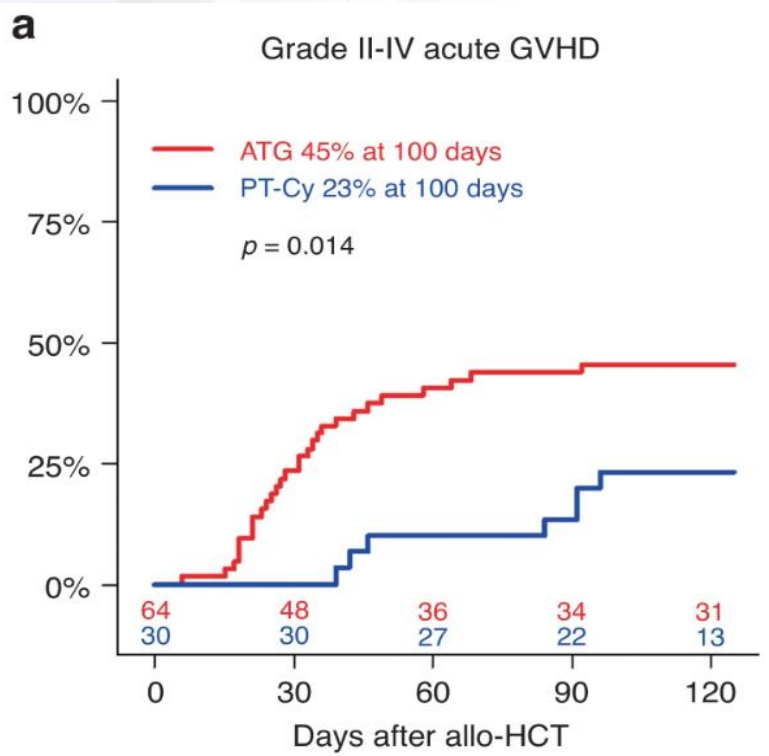
GVHD prophylaxis with post-transplant cyclophosphamide results in lower incidence of GVHD and allows faster immunosuppressive treatment reduction compared to antithymocyte globulin in 10/10 HLA-matched unrelated allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation

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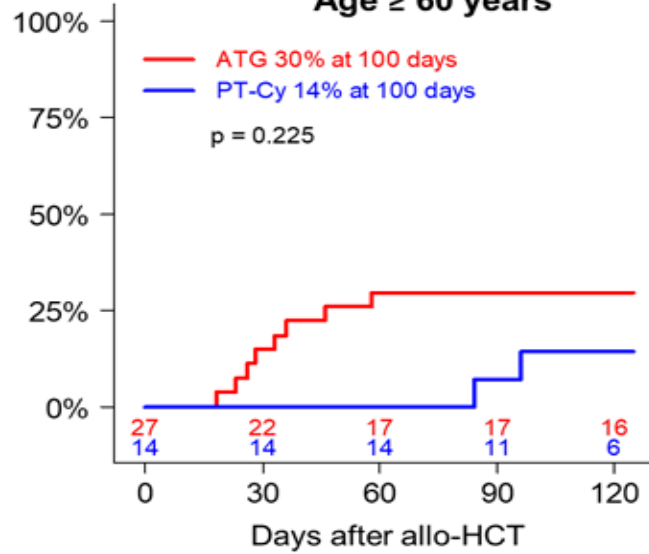
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Single center experience/ retrospective study
ATG vs HD PTCy GVHD prophylaxis.

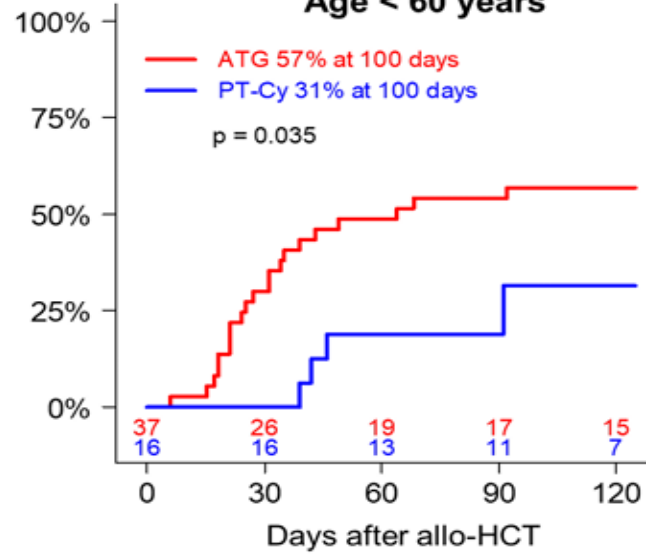
	ATG group (n = 64)		PT-Cy group (n = 30)		p
	n	%	n	%	
Age, median (range)	55	(22-70)	59	(18-75)	0.629
Conditioning					
TBF-MAC	0	0%	4	13%	< 0.001
TBF-RIC	0	0%	5	17%	
FB2	64	100%	0	0%	
CyFluTBI2	0	0%	21	70%	



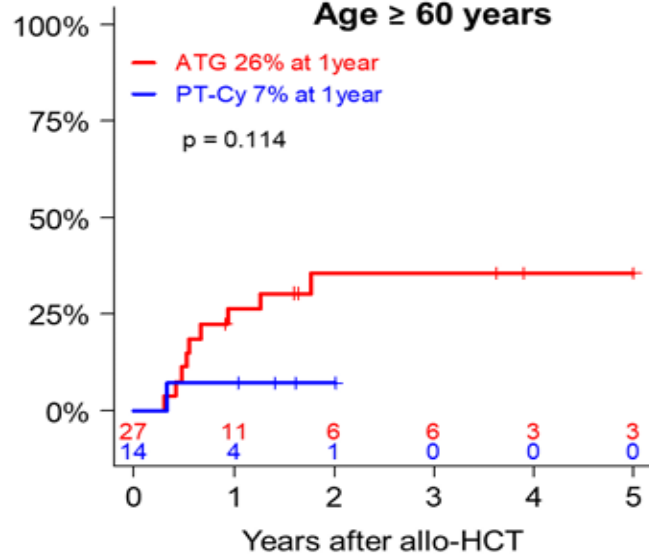
**A) Grade II-IV acute GVHD
Age ≥ 60 years**



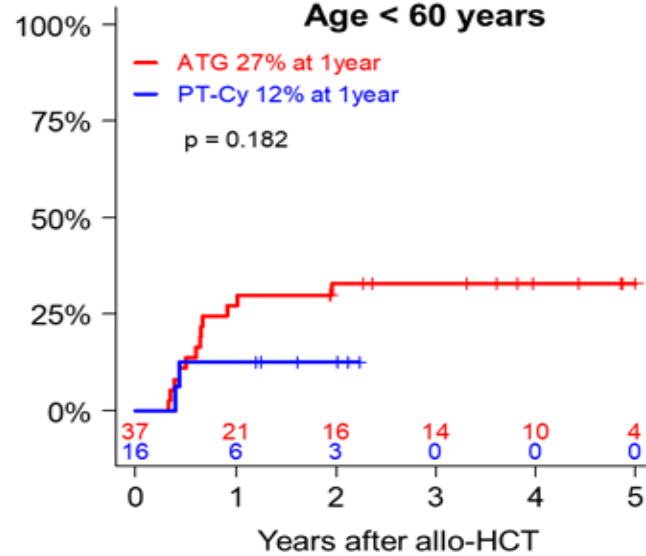
**B) Grade II-IV acute GVHD
Age < 60 years**



**C) Moderate or Severe cGVHD
Age ≥ 60 years**



**D) Moderate or Severe cGVHD
Age < 60 years**



All patients engrafted.

	PT Cy	ATG
<u>neutrophil recovery</u> (>0.5 G/L)	+19	+17 (p = 0.049)
<u>platelet recovery</u> (>20 G/L)	+26	+10 (p < 0.001)

Supplemental Table 3: Multivariate analysis, with a focus on the impact of PT-Cy versus ATG as GVHD prophylaxis (Reference arm is ATG HR=1)

	HR	95% CI	p
Acute GVHD			
Grade 2-4	0.42	(0.18 - 0.97)	0.043
Grade 3-4	0.94	(0.28 - 3.13)	0.915
Chronic GVHD			
All grades	0.58	(0.20 - 1.67)	0.310
Moderate to severe	0.54	(0.16 - 1.84)	0.327
Relapse	0.91	(0.32 - 2.56)	0.860
NRM	0.23	(0.03 - 1.92)	0.175
PFS	0.64	(0.26 - 1.56)	0.324
OS	0.51	(0.17 - 1.54)	0.231

“The samples sizes does not allow firm conclusions, notably in case of non-significant difference that should not be interpreted as an equivalence”.



PTCy would seem less GVHDthen more relapse???

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Inclusion criteria

Age ≥ 18 years

Diagnosis of ALL Ph+ in CR1

Transplant from MSD or 10/10 MUD HR

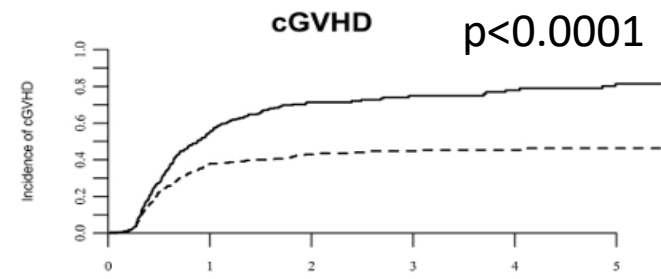
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EBMT registry

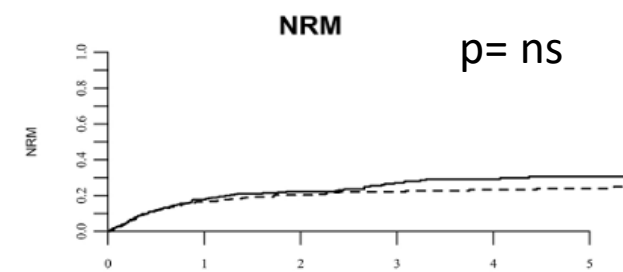
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ATG
n= 620

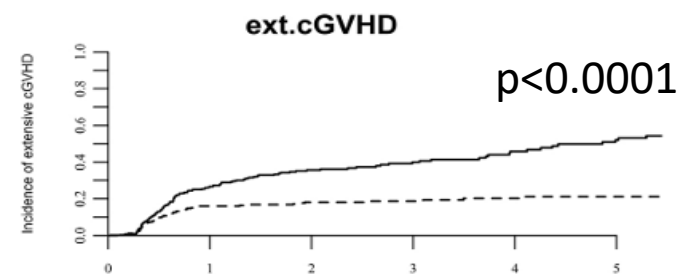
NO
n= 550



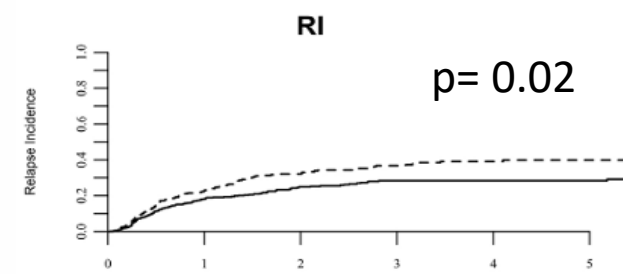
	Time from transplant (years)				
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- - ATG 528	165	104	74	50	35



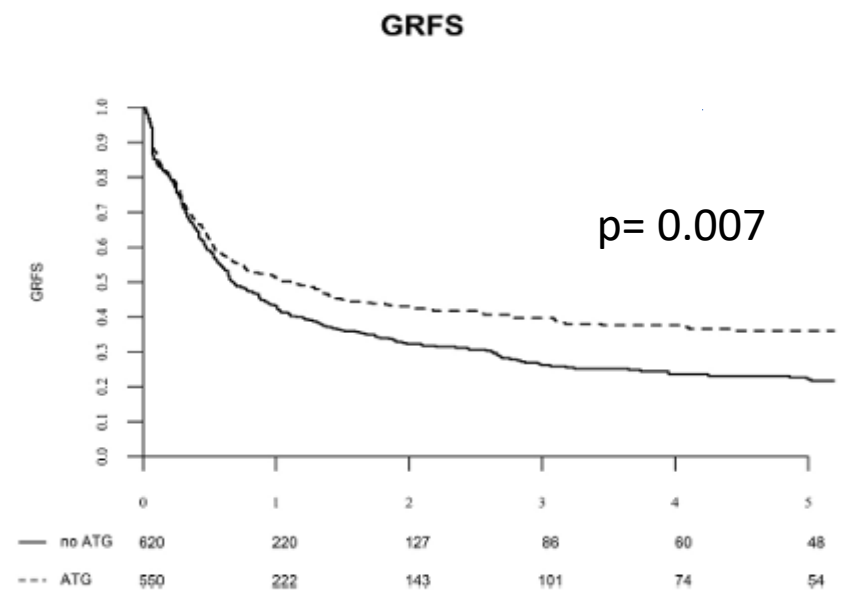
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	0	1	2	3	4
— no ATG 620	320	201	144	108	87
- - ATG 550	278	183	127	90	66



	Time from transplant (years)				
	0	1	2	3	4
— no ATG 583	232	139	96	67	51
- - ATG 528	226	152	105	77	57



	Time from transplant (years)				
	0	1	2	3	4
— no ATG 620	320	201	144	108	87
- - ATG 550	278	183	127	90	66



	Time from transplant (years)				
	0	1	2	3	4
— no ATG 620	620	220	127	86	60
- - ATG 550	550	222	143	101	74

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NRM

Inclusion criteria

Age \geq 18 years

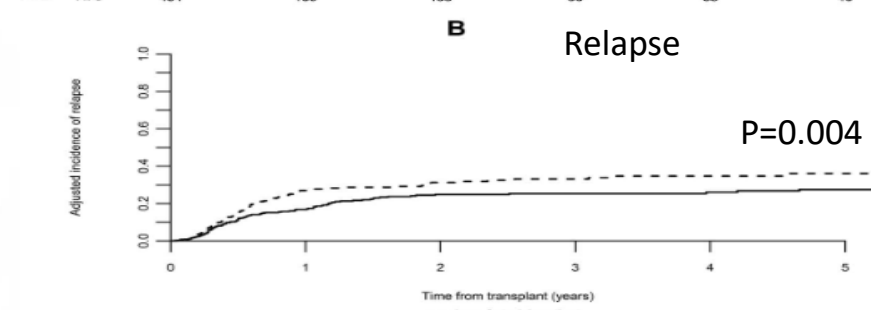
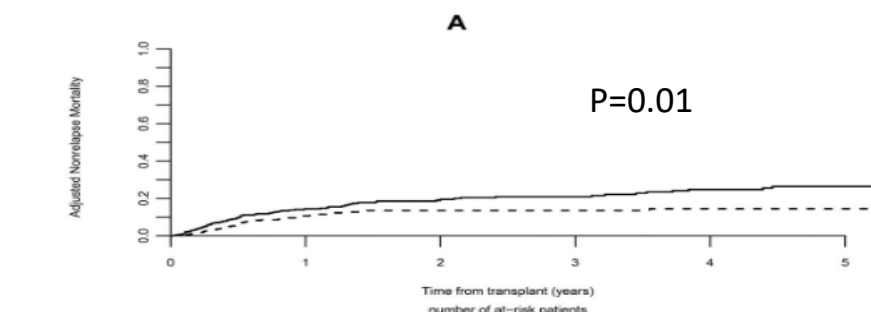
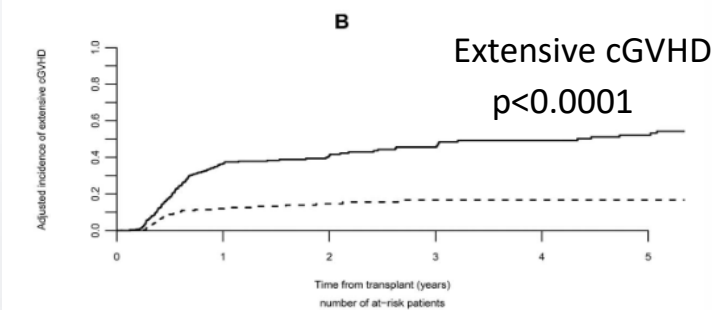
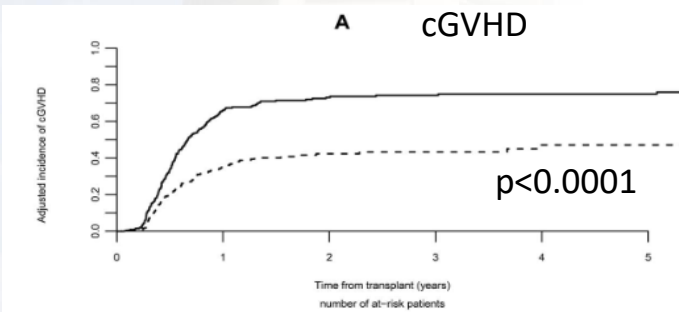
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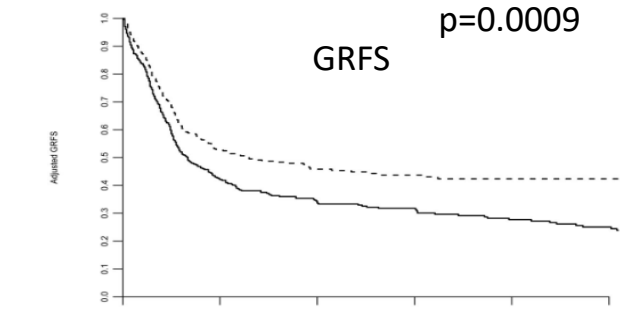
EBMT registry

Transplant performed between 2007-2016



ATG
n = 420

NO
n = 520



GVHD occurrence does not reduce AML relapse following PTCy-based haploidentical transplantation: a study from the ALWP of the EBMT



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Inclusion criteria

Diagnosis of AML, PIF or relapsed Transplant from HAPLO EBMT registry
PTCy as GVHD prophylaxis
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aGVHD

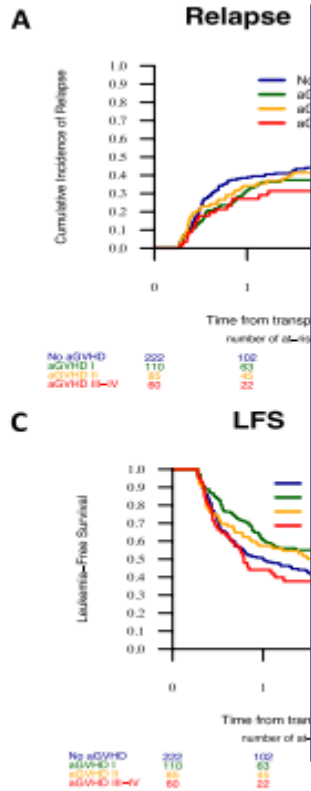
cGVHD

E

Relapse

F

NRM



“In conclusion, these data suggest a dissociation of graft-versus-leukemia effects from GVHD in patients with active AML treated with PTCy-based Haplo-HCT.”

n.= 670

Article

Post-transplant cyclophosphamide prevents xenogeneic graft-versus-host disease while depleting proliferating regulatory T cells

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GVHD ≠ GVL

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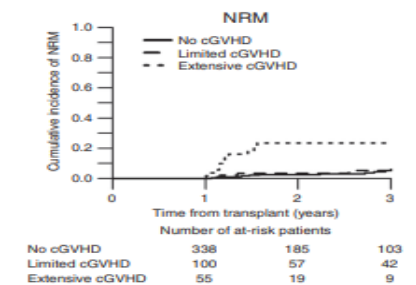
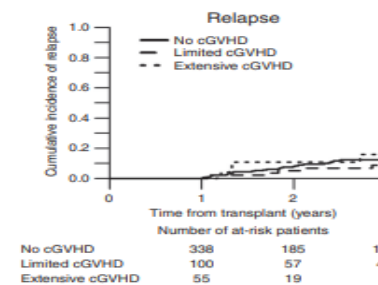


ARTICLE

The association of graft-versus-leukemia effect and graft-versus host disease in haploidentical transplantation with post-transplant cyclophosphamide for AML

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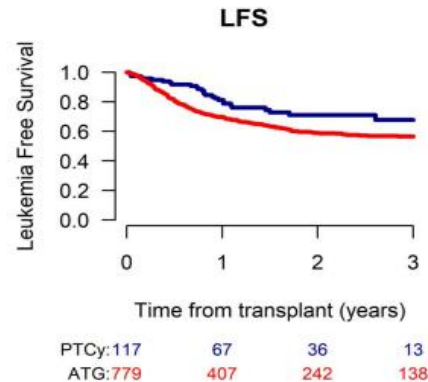
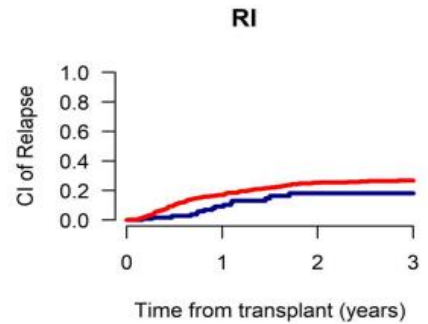


TABLE 2 Univariate comparison of posttransplant cyclophosphamide and antithymocyte globulin.

Variable	PTCY, n = 117	ATG, n = 779	p
Relapse incidence	18.0% (10.0%-27.5%)	25.0% (22.0%-29.0%)	.046
Nonrelapse mortality	11.0% (6.0%-18.0%)	16.0% (13.0%-19.0%)	.29
Leukemia-free survival	71.0% (60.0%-69.5%)	59.0% (55.0%-63.0%)	.01

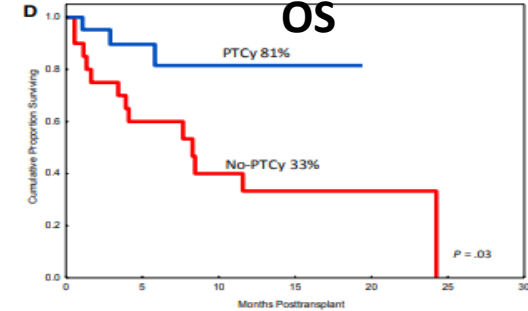
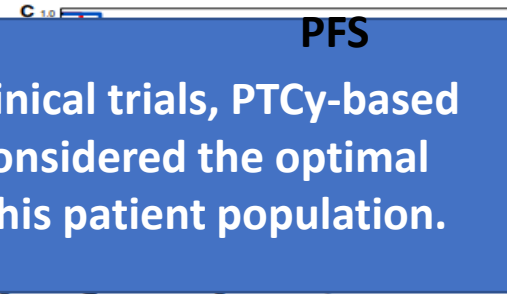
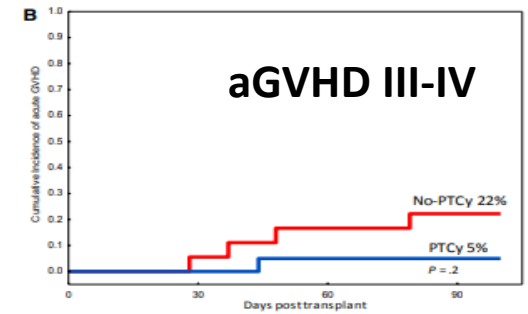
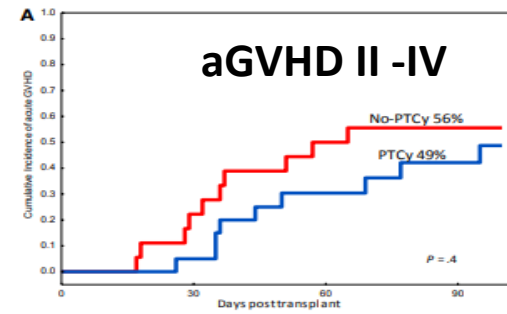
Factor	RI		NRM		LFS	
	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
Immunosuppression: ATG vs. PTCY	1.54 (0.88-2.68)	.13	1.62 (0.78-3.36)	.19	1.57 (1.01-2.45)*	.045*
Diagnosis						
Ph-negative BCP-ALL	1.00		1.00		1.00	
Ph-positive BCP-ALL	0.87 (0.61-1.25)	.46	0.89 (0.58-1.36)	.58	0.87 (0.66-1.15)	.33
TCP-ALL	0.79 (0.51-1.22)	.28	0.59 (0.32-1.08)	.085	0.71 (0.5-1.01)	.06
Patient age per 10 years	0.97 (0.85-1.1)	.59	1.24 (1.06-1.46)*	.009*	1.07 (0.96-1.18)	.22
Karnofsky score: ≥90 vs. <90	0.94 (0.63-1.39)	.74	1.2 (0.72-2.01)	.48	1.03 (0.75-1.4)	.87
Patient sex: Female vs. male	0.83 (0.6-1.15)	.26	0.73 (0.49-1.09)	.12	0.79 (0.61-1.01)	.06
Donor sex: Female vs. male	0.59 (0.4-0.87)*	.008*	0.71 (0.44-1.14)	.16	0.64 (0.47-0.86)*	.003*
Conditioning: RIC vs. MAC	1.37 (0.88-2.14)	.17	0.71 (0.41-1.25)	.24	1.05 (0.74-1.49)	.76
Conditioning: TBI vs. CHT	0.78 (0.55-1.11)	.16	0.83 (0.54-1.27)	.39	0.8 (0.61-1.05)	.11
Source of stem cells: PB vs. BM	0.51 (0.32-0.8)*	.004*	1.33 (0.58-3.07)	.5	0.69 (0.46-1.02)	.065

Posttransplantation Cyclophosphamide Improves Transplantation Outcomes in Patients With AML/MDS Who Are Treated With Checkpoint Inhibitors

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While awaiting prospective clinical trials, PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis may be considered the optimal transplantation strategy for this patient population.

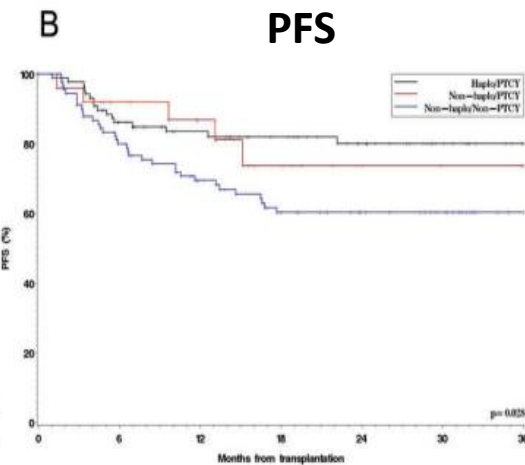
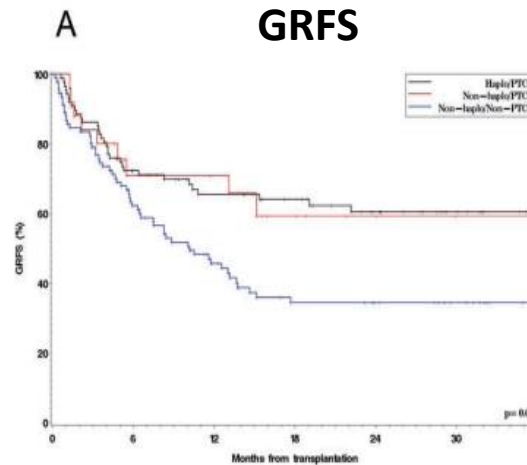


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Table 3 Multivariable analysis for CIR, NRM, and GVHD.

Variable	CIR		NRM		G2-4 aGVHD		cGVHD	
	HR	p	HR	p	HR	p	HR	p
Age								
≤50 (n = 187)								
>50 (n = 22)	1.9	0.26	2.5	0.069				
Remission status at allo								
Non-CR (n = 88)								
CR (n = 121)	0.4	0.018	0.7	0.38				
Intervening salvage								
No (n = 109)								
Yes (n = 100)	2.9	0.003	0.7	0.34				
Haplo/PTCY								
No/No (n = 91)								
Yes/Yes (n = 87)	0.2	0.006	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.12	0.5	0.026
No/Yes (n = 25)	0.7	0.53	0.2	0.056	0.5	0.07	0.2	0.011
ATG								
No (n = 163)								
Yes (n = 46)	0.9	0.78	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.058	0.8	0.42



GS2-2 POST-TRANSPLANTATION CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE VERSUS ANTITHYMOCYTE GLOBULIN AFTER RIC REGIMEN ALLO-HCT: FIRST ANALYSIS OF A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED MULTICENTER TRIAL IN RECIPIENTS OF 10/10 MATCHED DONORS

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All diagnosis
Transplant from MSD MUD 10/10
PTCy vs Thymoglobulin (5 mg/kg) as GVHD prophylaxis
Conditioning regimen of FB2
The stem cell source was PB.

ATG
n= 37

PTCy
n= 43

	Cy PT	ATG	p
aGVHD II - IV	34,9%	24,3%	n.s.
aGVHD III - IV	9,3%	2,7%	n.s.
1y cGVHD	26%	30%	n.s.
1y.PFS	68,5%	67,1%	n.s.
1y PFS	78,9%	80,4%	n.s.
NRM	14%	22,1%	n.s.
GRFS	52,2	42,2%	n.s.

Conclusions: the use of PTCY for GVHD prophylaxis resulted in similar outcomes to ATG

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La ciclofosfamide post-trapianto è preferibile rispetto al siero antilinfocitario nella profilassi della GVHD acuta del trapianto da donatore HLA compatibile?

Le ragioni del sì.

1) PT Cy: strategia consolidata, standardizzata e riproducibile.

2) In alcuni lavori

3) Nessuno studio


4) E' possibile che

Mancano studi prospettici randomizzati di confronto

i ATG.

GVL.

5) In alcuni casi potrebbe la profilassi con PT Cy potrebbe essere vantaggiosa.



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