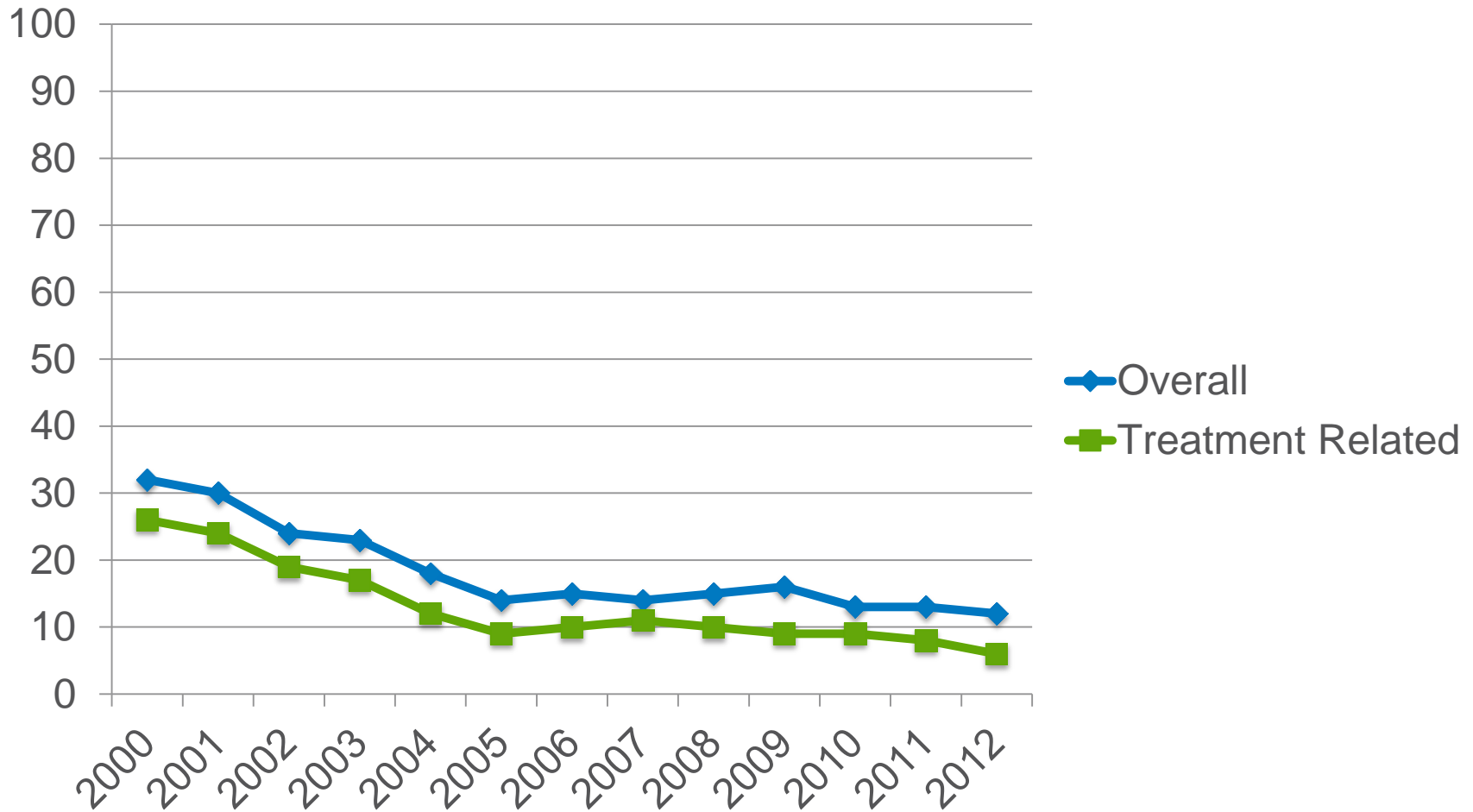


Early Organ Toxicity Post HCT

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100-Day Mortality by Year of HCT



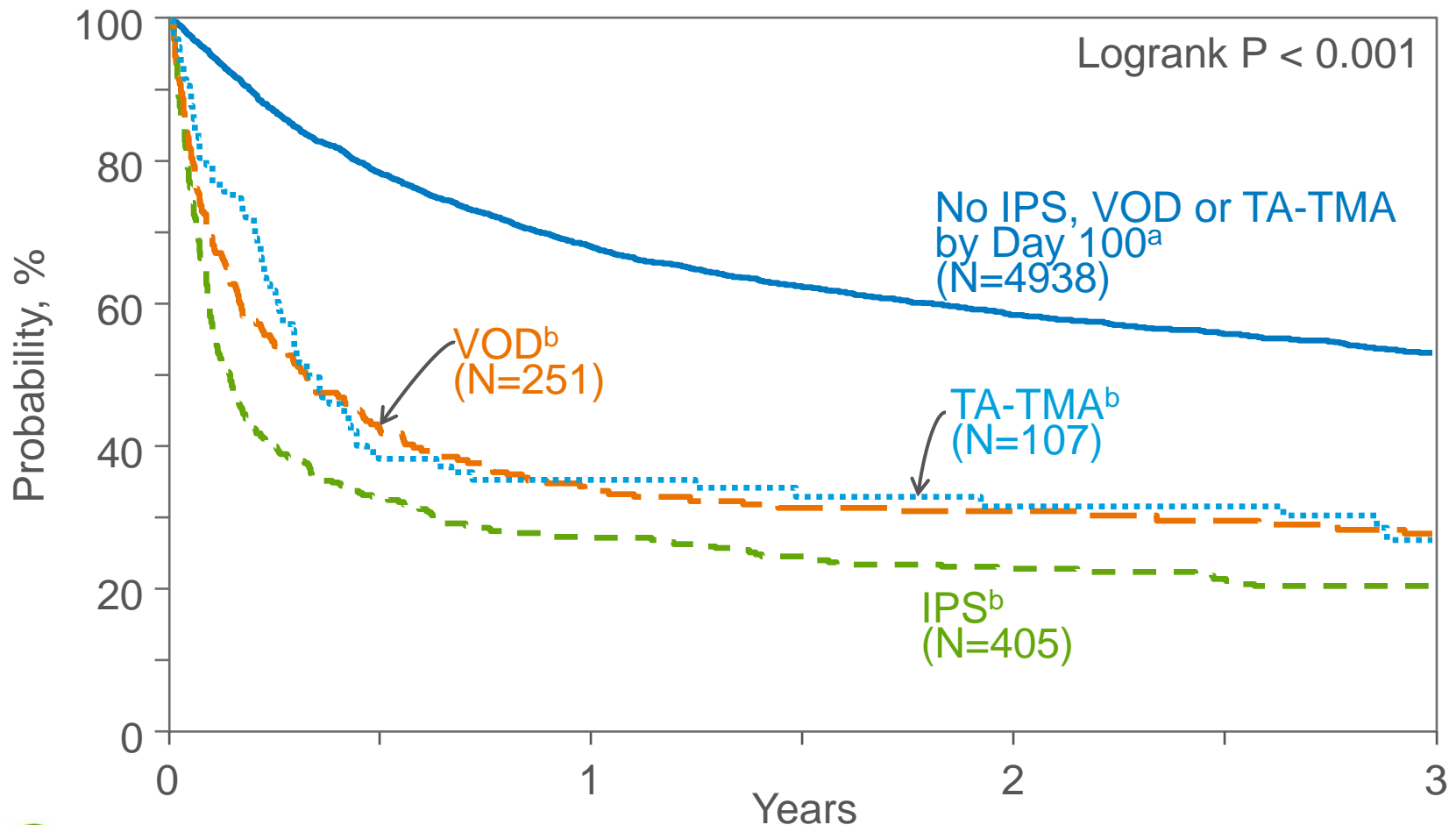
Introduction

- Hepatic Veno-Occlusive Disease (VOD), Transplant-Associated Thrombotic Microangiopathy (TA-TMA), and Idiopathic Pneumonia Syndrome (IPS) are phenotypically distinct complications that occur early post HCT and are associated with high mortality rates

Introduction

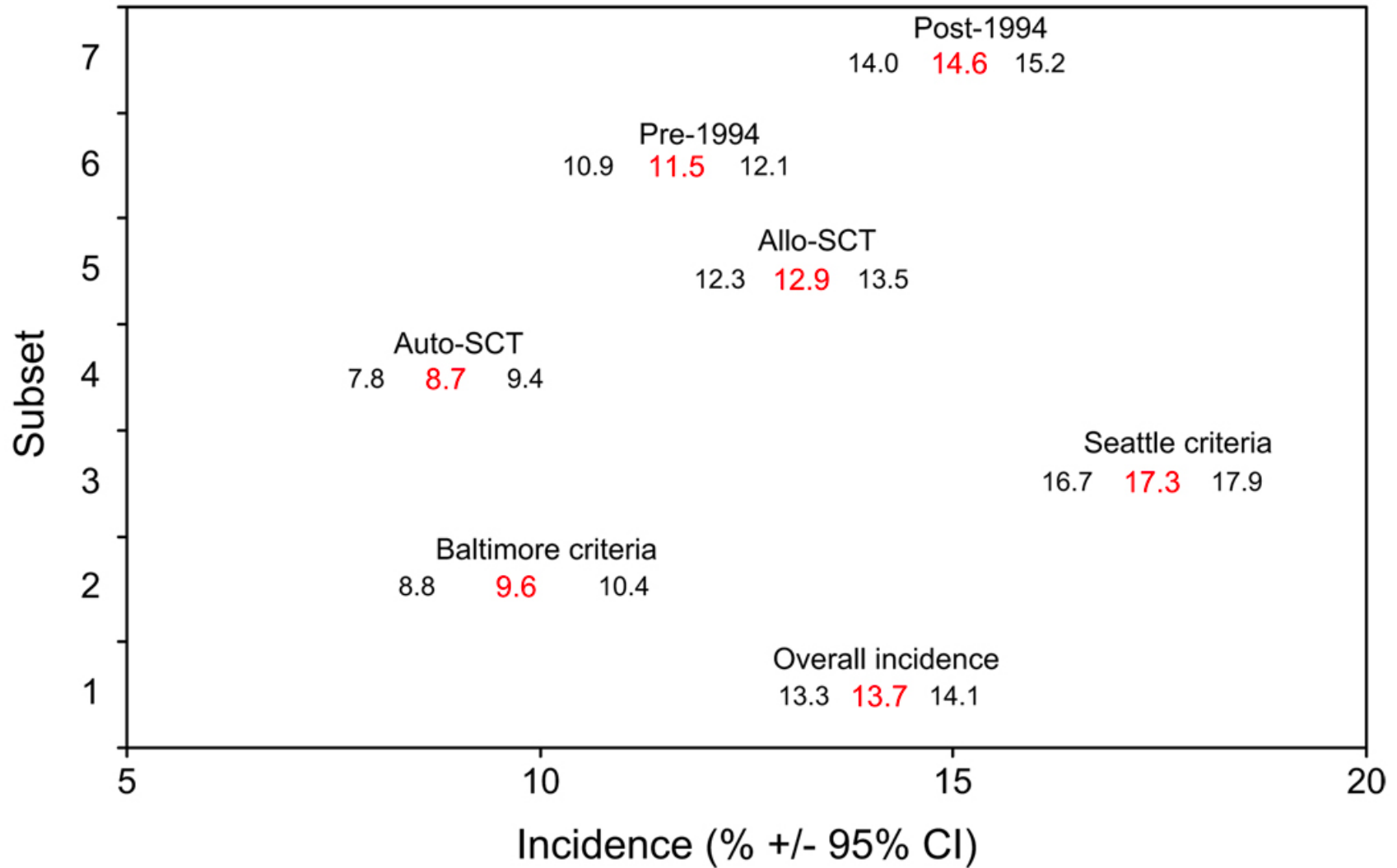
- Endothelial cell injury is a key final pathogenetic finding
- The phenotype is governed by the site of the endothelial cell injury
 - VOD – sinusoidal endothelial cells
 - TA-TMA – kidney
 - IPS - lung

Overall Survival in Patients Who Developed Organ Disorders Within the First 100 Days Post HCT

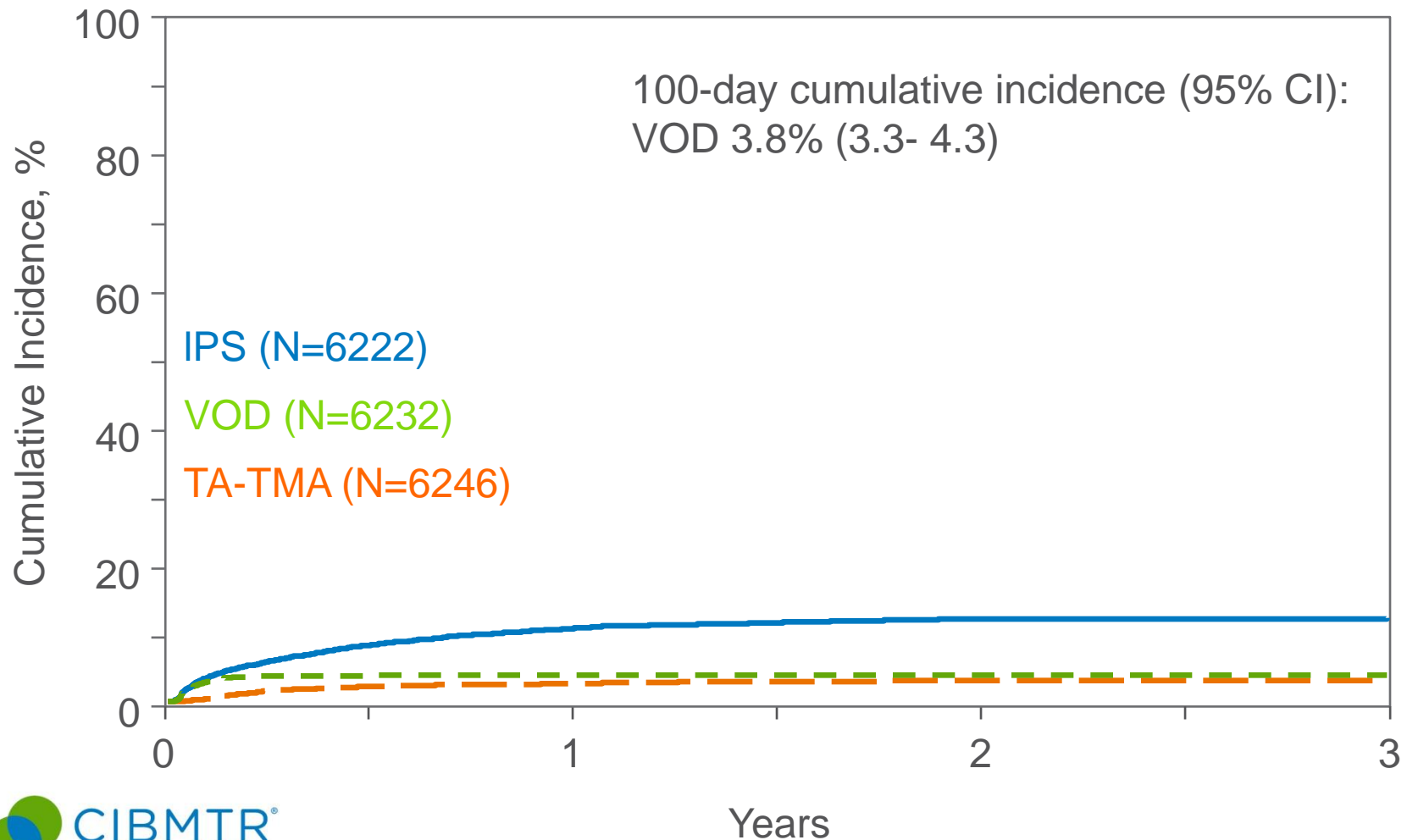


VOD

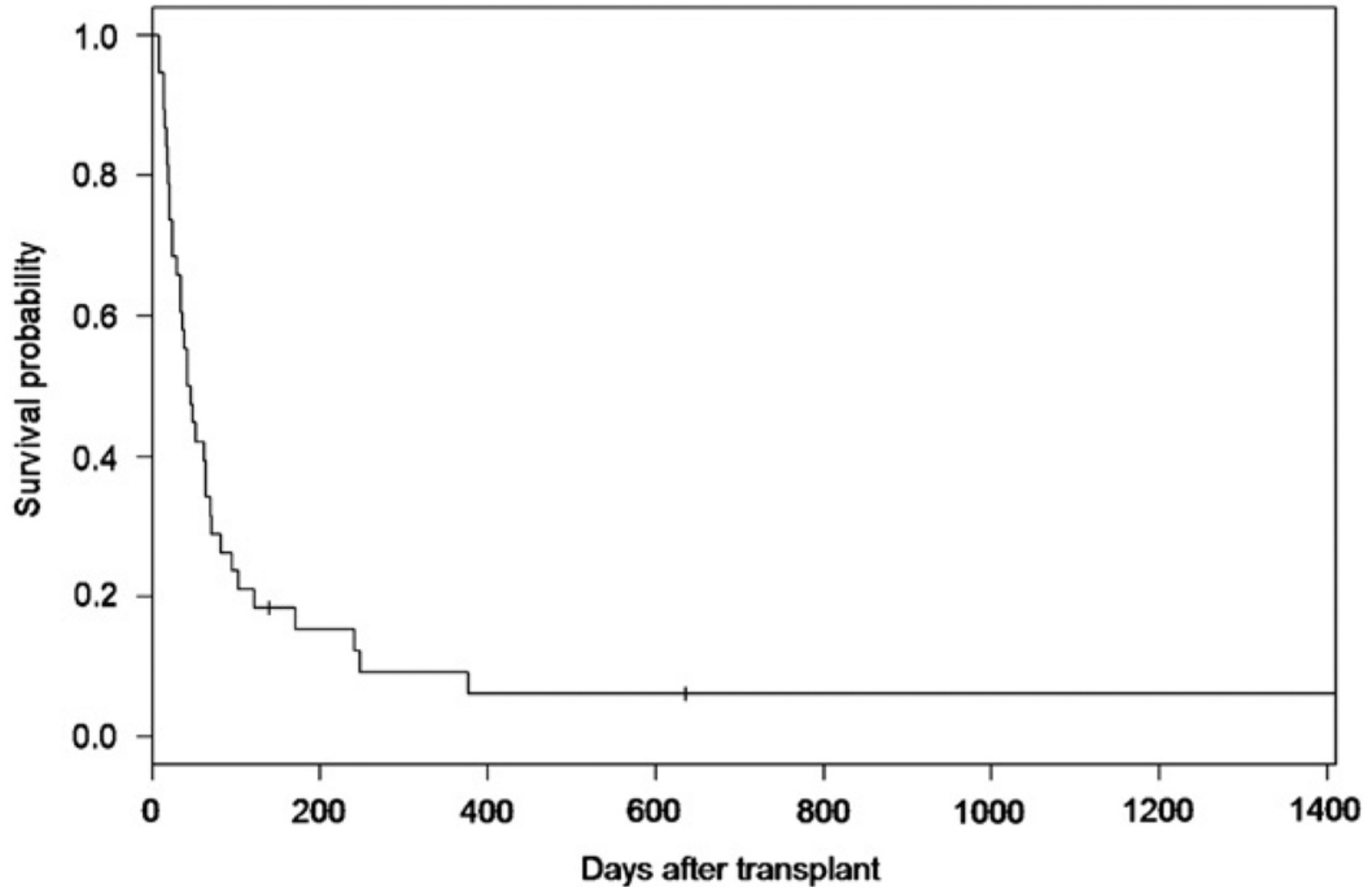
- Conditioning regimen mediated injury to sinusoidal endothelial cells in zone 3 of the hepatic acinus → high levels of cytokines (TNF- α and IL-1) and adhesion molecules
- Activation of pro-inflammatory pathways leading to further damage
- Gaps between endothelial cells → extravasation of cells → compressive narrowing of the sinusoids



Cumulative Incidence of Post-HCT Organ Disease



Survival: Retrospective Controls (n=38)



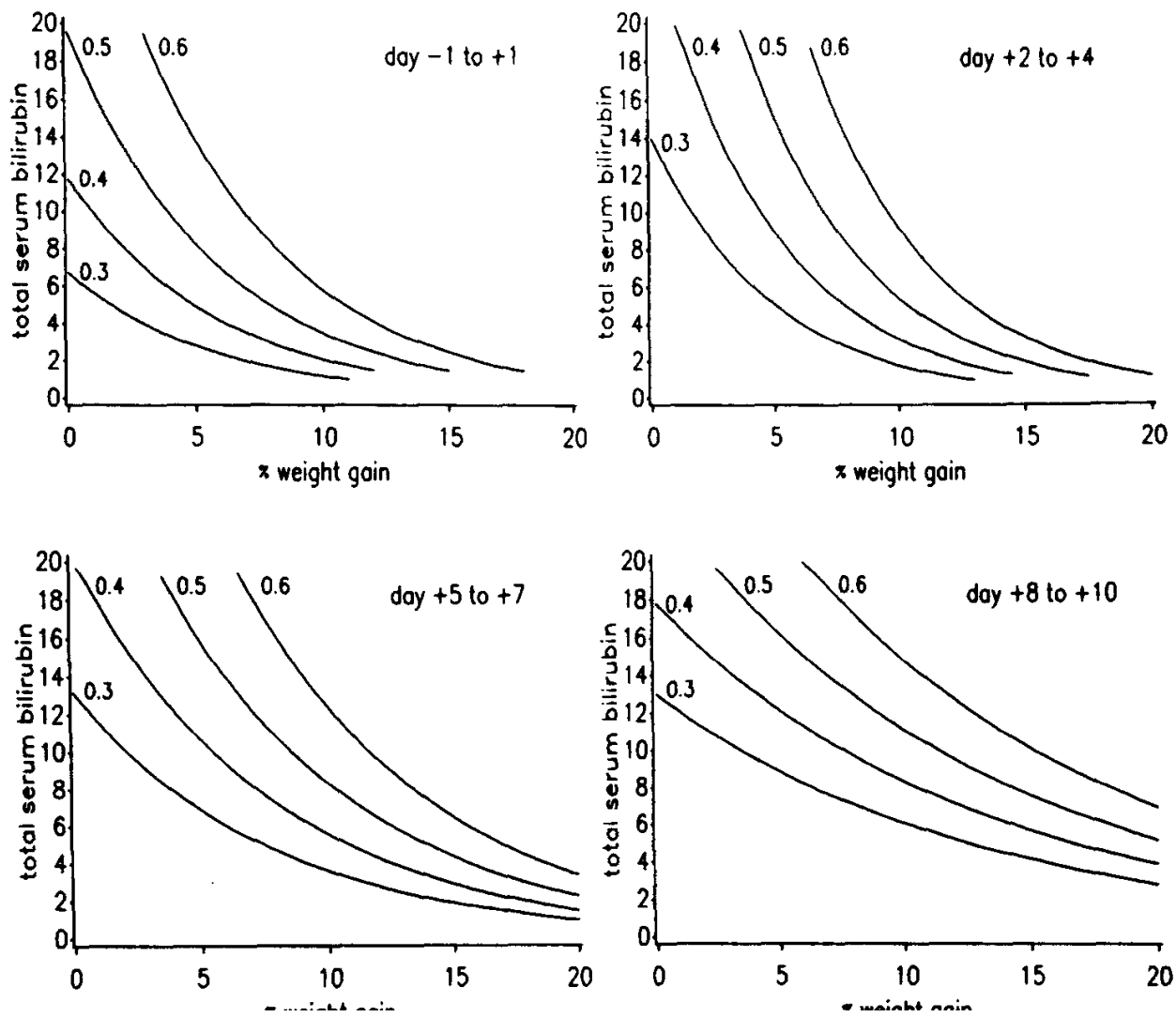
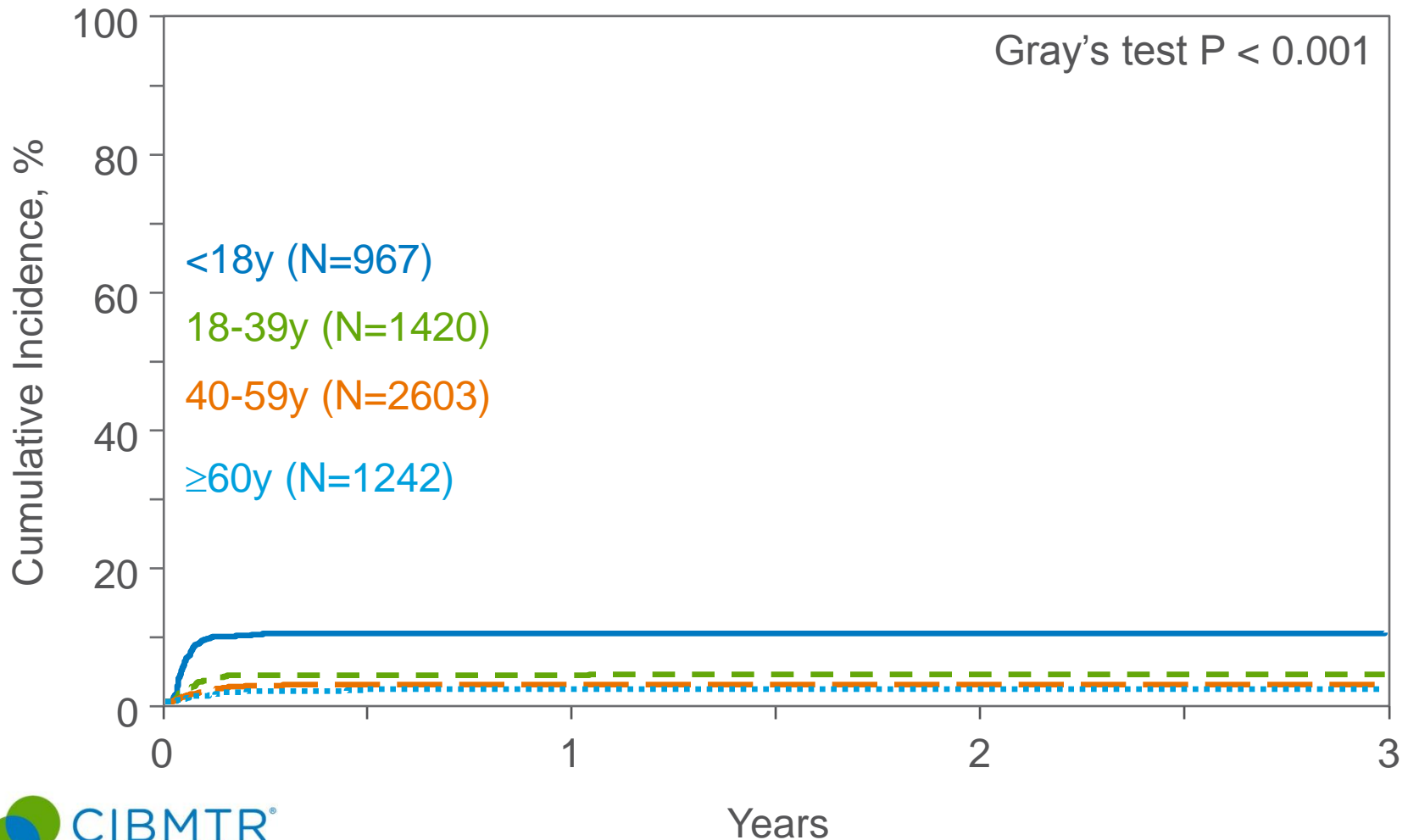


Fig 2. Contour lines estimating probability of developing severe VOD as $\geq 30\%$, $\geq 40\%$, $\geq 50\%$, and $\geq 60\%$ using total serum bilirubin (mg/dL) and percent weight gain above baseline. If the plotted point lies above the probability line, the probability of severe VOD is or exceeds the probability of that line.

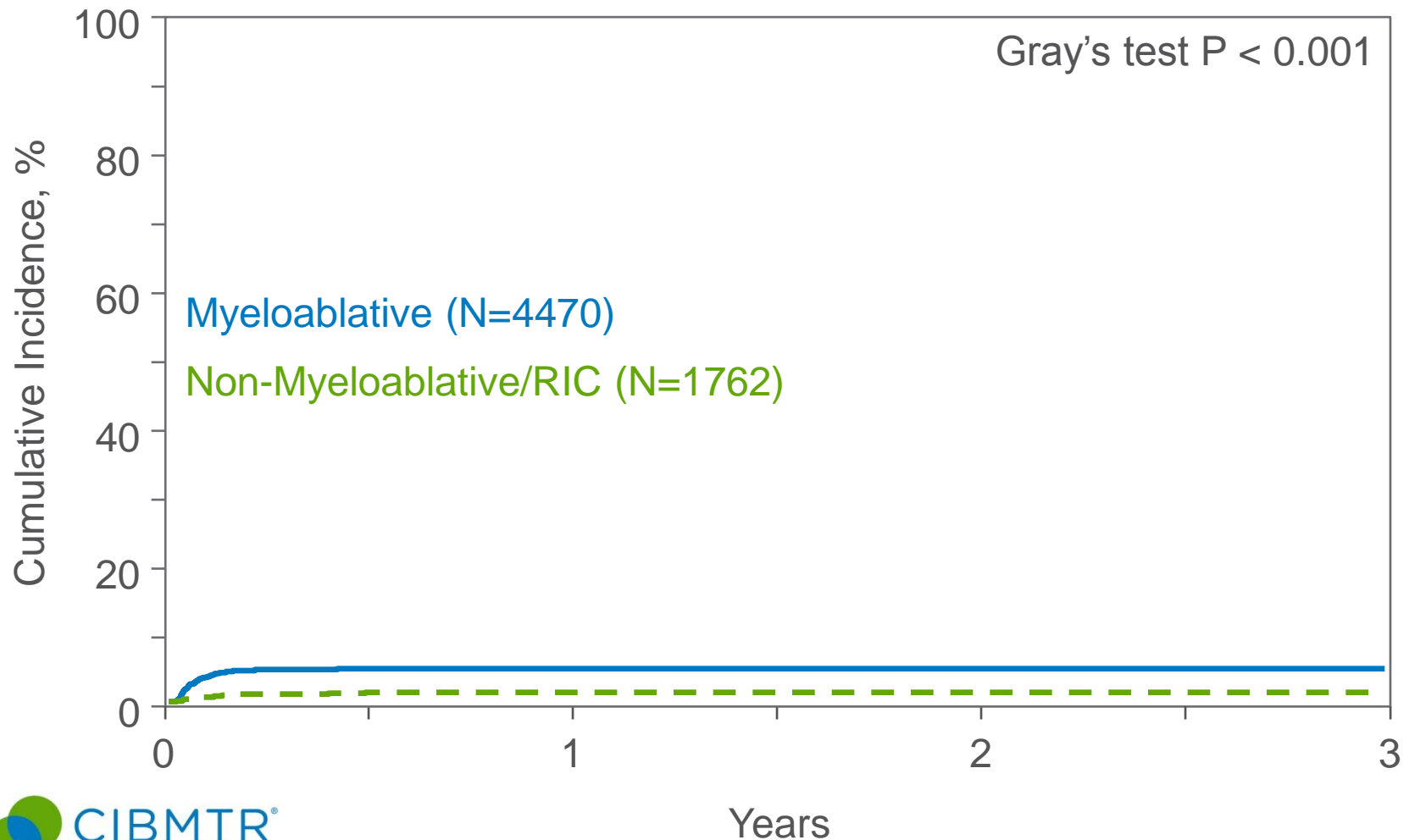
Risk Factors

- Pre-existing liver disease, including iron overload
- Exposure to gemtuzumab ozogamicin
- Allogeneic HCT vs. autologous HCT
- Second HCTs
- Conditioning regimen intensity
- Busulfan in combination with cyclophosphamide
- Underlying disease
- Age
- Use of sirolimus

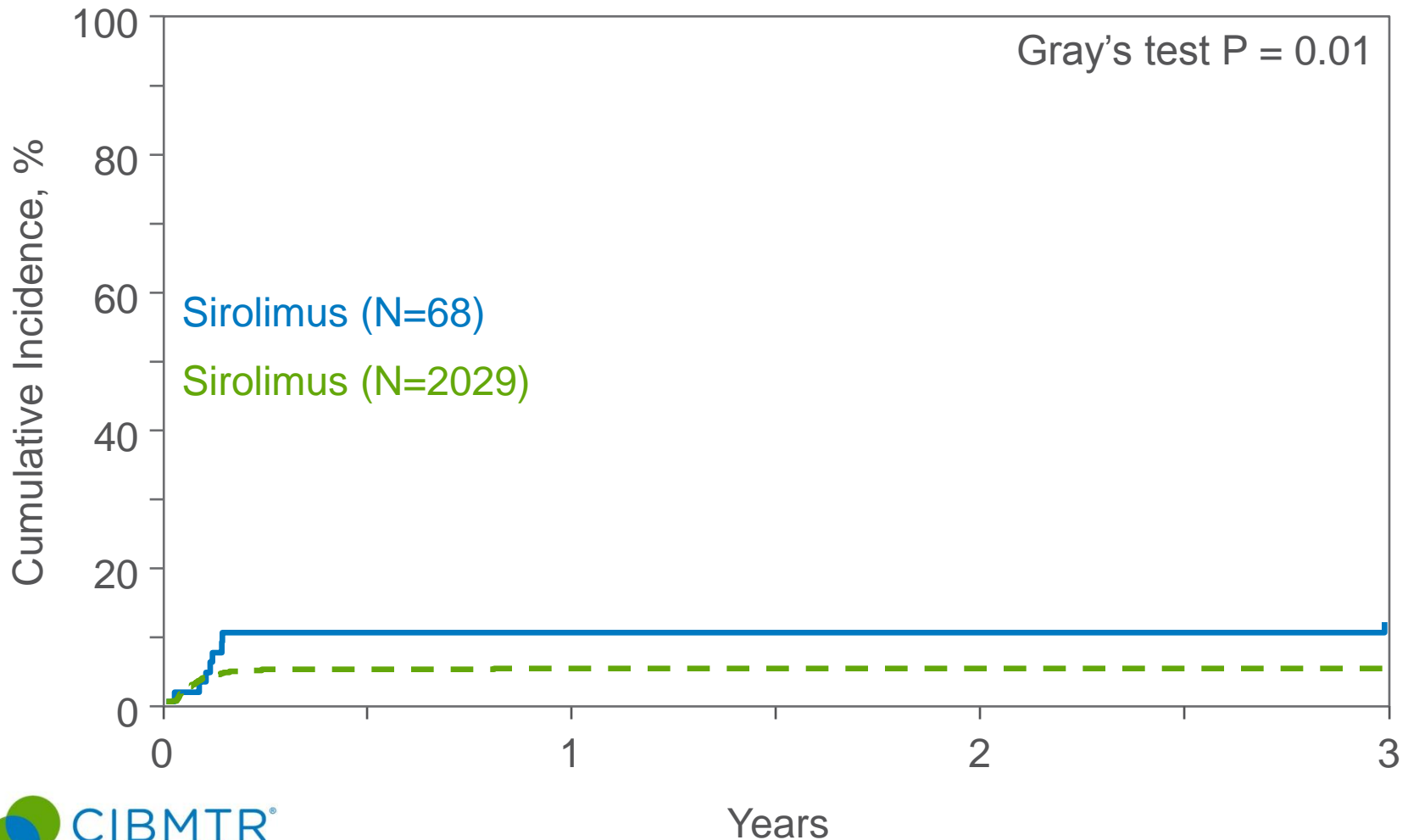
Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Age at HCT



Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Conditioning Regimen Intensity



Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Sirolimus Use - Myeloablative Conditioning Regimens with Busulfan Only



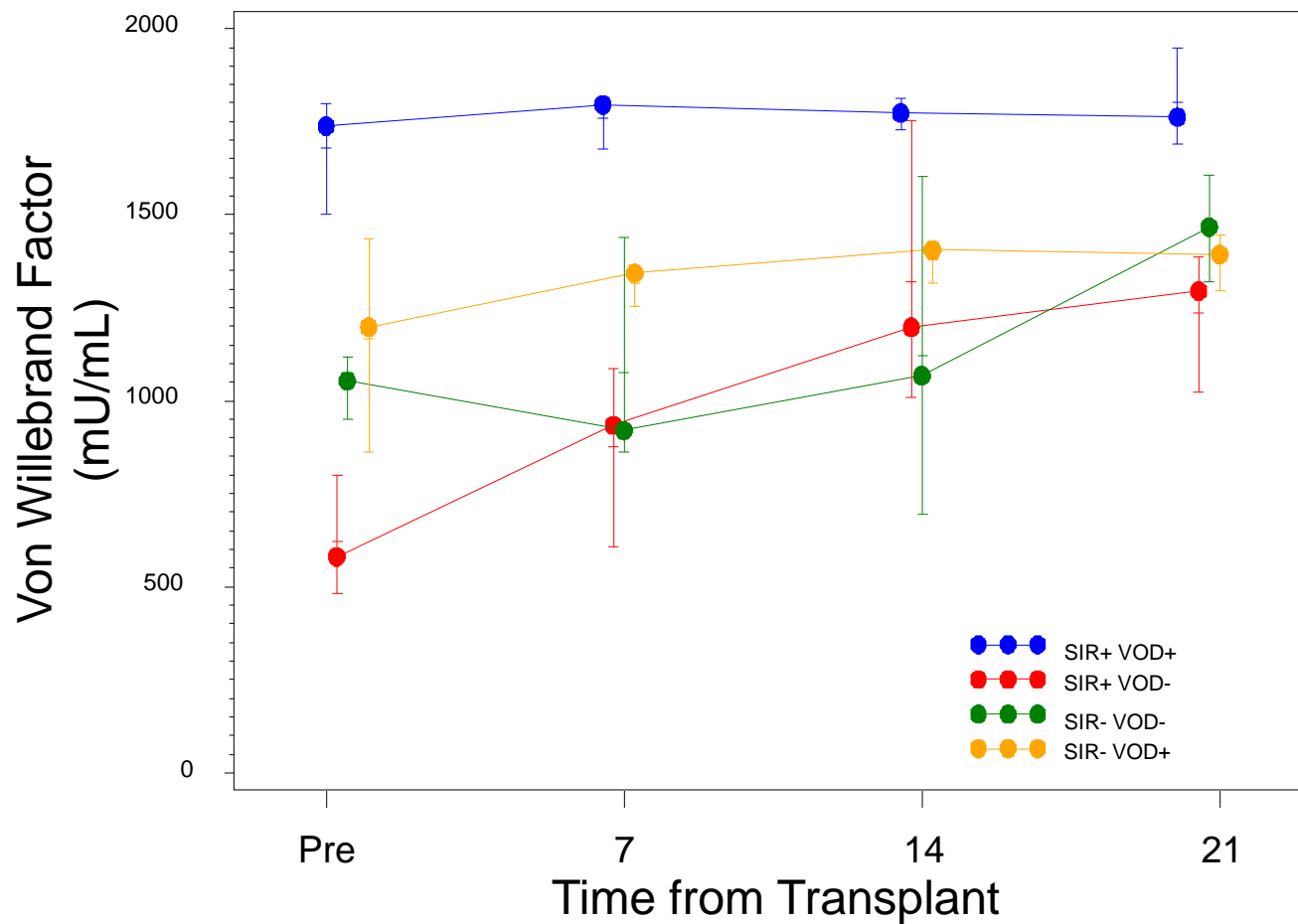
Non-significant Factors

- KPS
- Donor type
- Pre-existing liver disease
- TBI
- Busulfan
- Second HCT

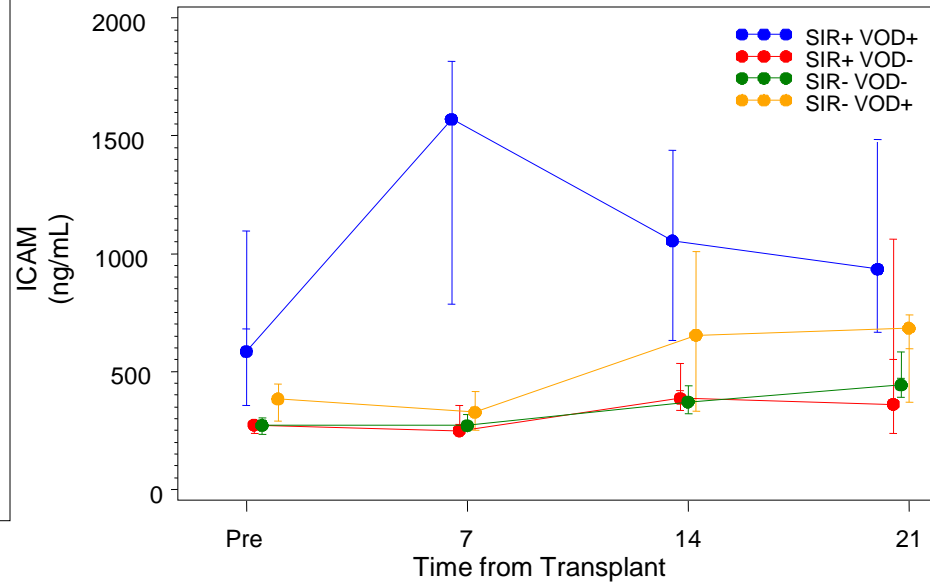
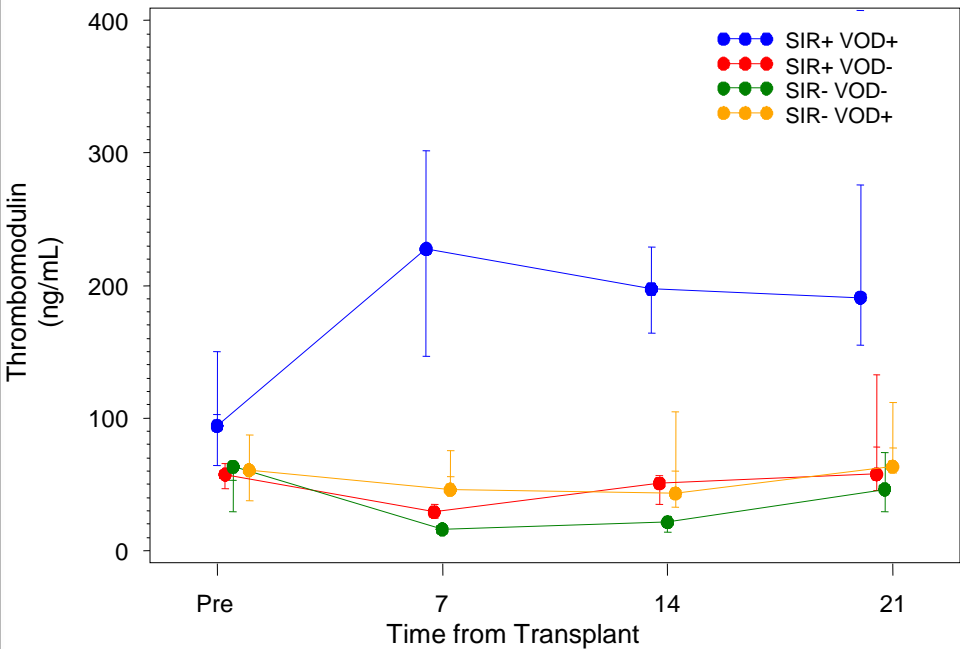
Prediction of VOD

- Hypothesis: VOD may be predicted by the measurement of biomarkers of endothelial injury, particularly in patients receiving sirolimus
- **von Willebrand Factor**
- **Thrombomodulin**
- **Soluble Intracellular Adhesion Molecule-1 (ICAM-1)**
- **E-Selectin**

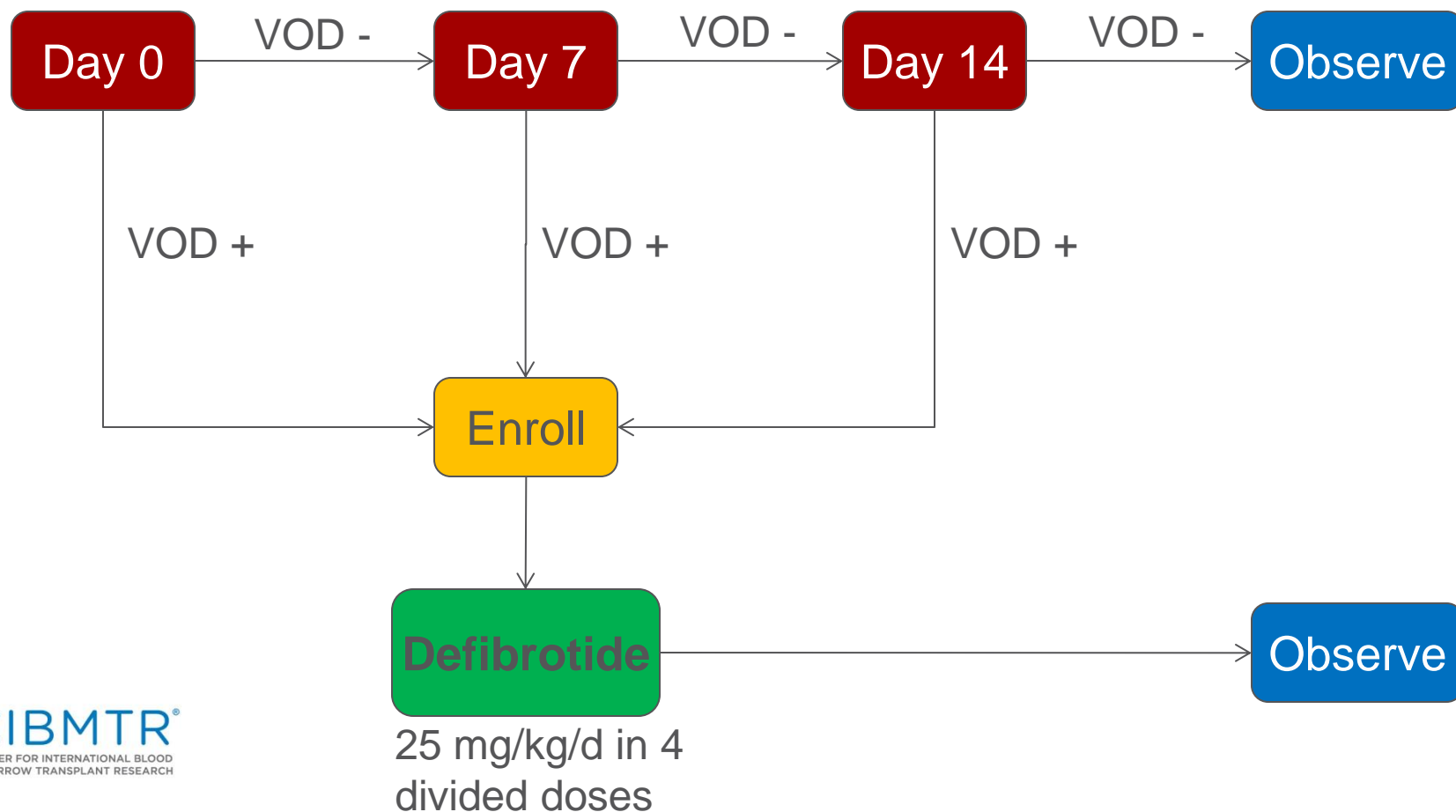
vWF



Thrombomodulin / ICAM-1



Pre-Emptive Therapy of VOD



TA-TMA

- EBMT:
 - 2-year incidence of 6.7% (95% CI 4-9)
 - median time of onset 44 days (range 13-319) post HCT
- A specific cause of small vessel injury remains unknown
- No association with low ADAMTS13 activity

Cumulative Incidence of Post-HCT TMA

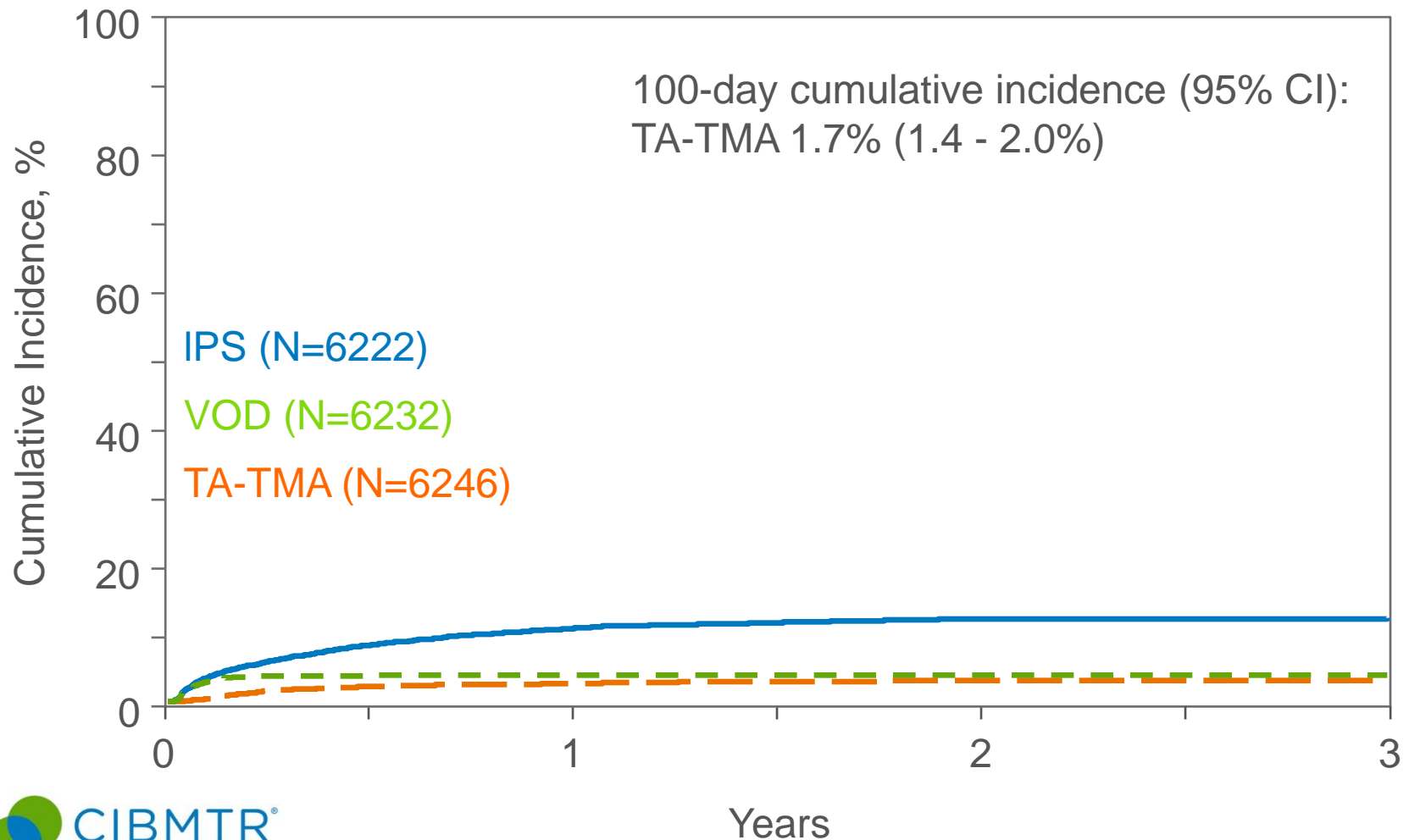
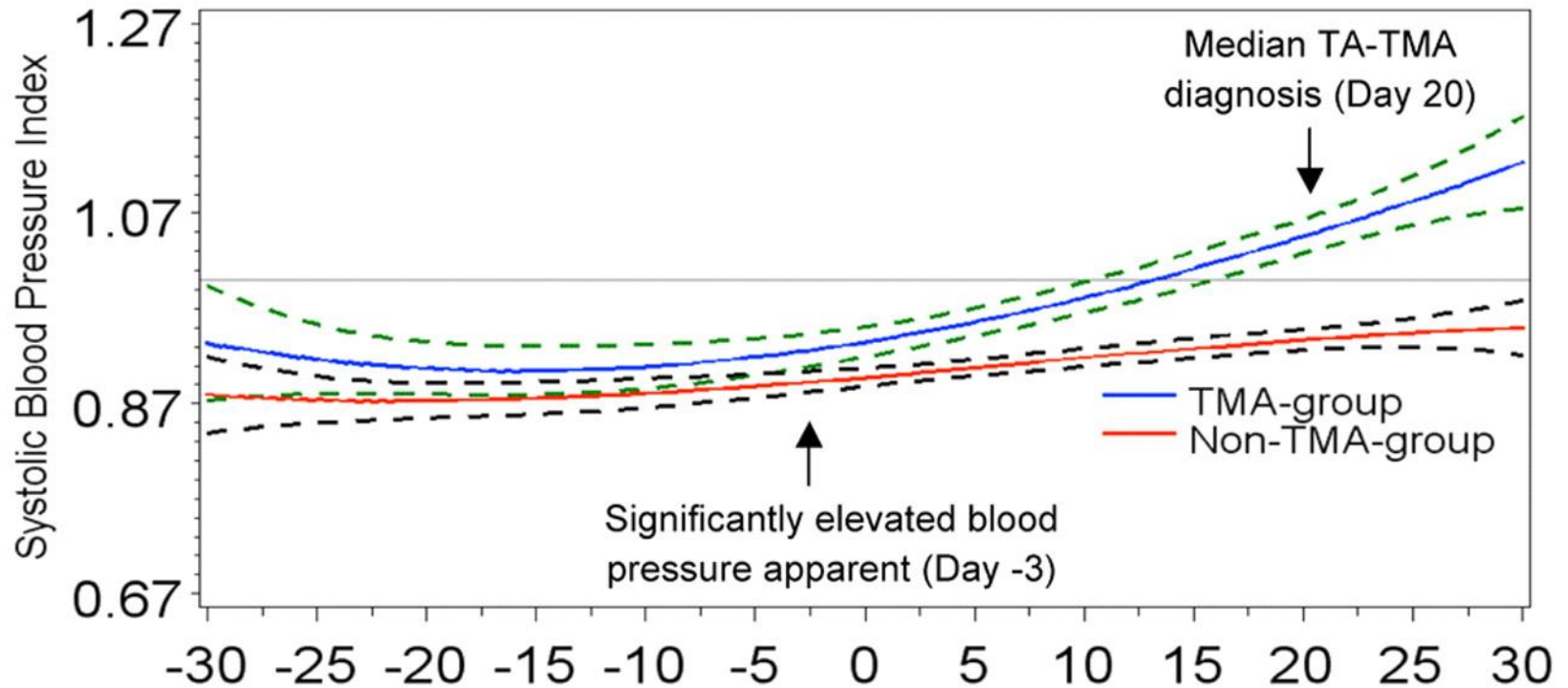


Table 1. Current diagnostic guidelines for TA-TMA

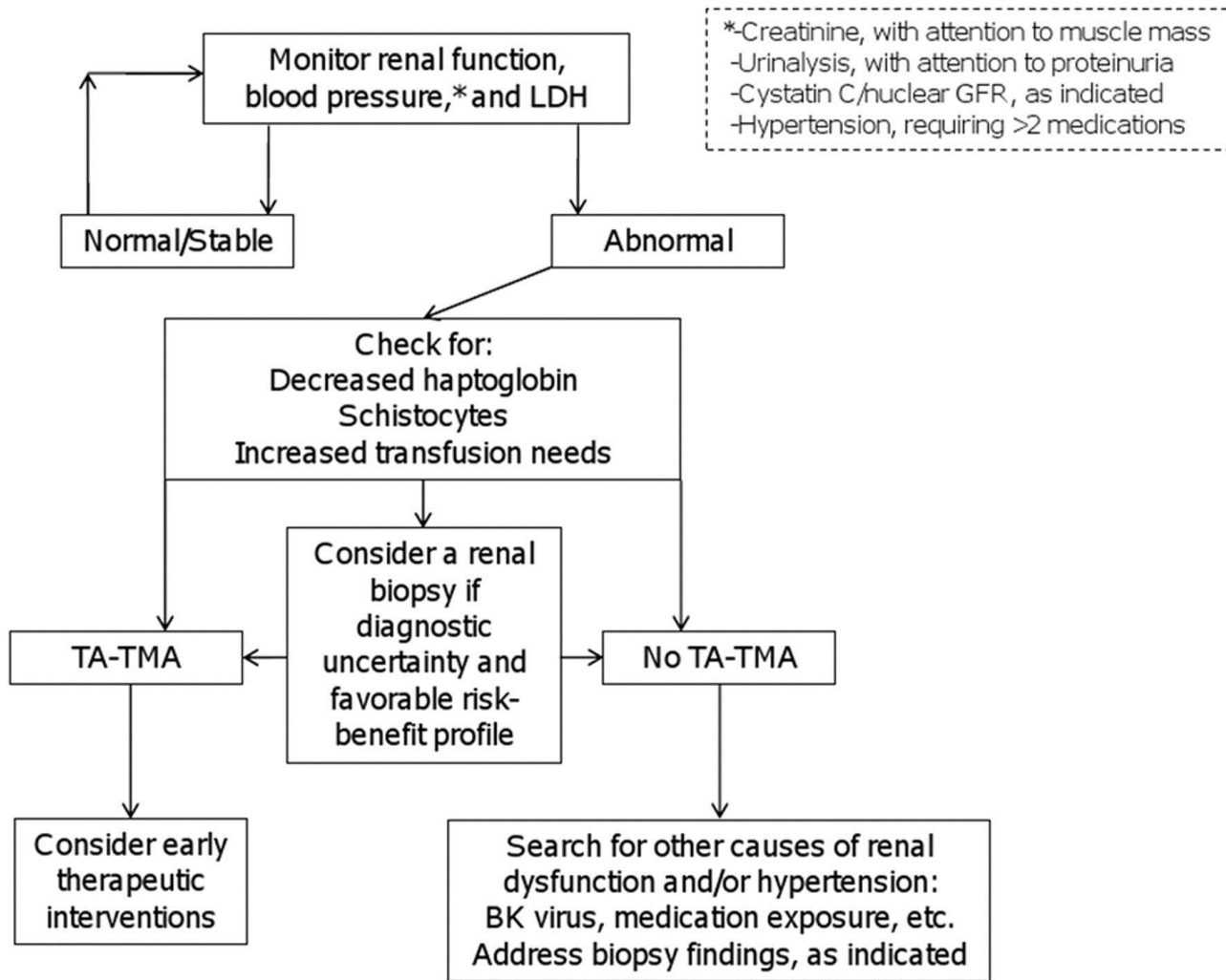
Category	Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network ¹⁸	International Working Group of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation ⁵⁸	Probable TMA as defined by validation study by Cho et al ⁵³
Schistocytes	≥ 2 per high-power field in peripheral blood	> 4% in peripheral blood	≥ 2 per high-power field in peripheral blood
LDH	Increased above institutional baseline	Sudden and persistent increase	Increased
Renal function	Doubling of serum creatinine or 50% decrease in creatinine clearance from baseline before transplantation		
Platelets		Thrombocytopenia: < 50 × 10 ⁹ /L or a ≥ 50% decrease in platelet count	Thrombocytopenia: < 50 × 10 ⁹ /L or a ≥ 50% decrease in platelet count
Red cells		Decreased hemoglobin or increased red blood cell transfusions	Decreased hemoglobin
CNS	Unexplained neurologic dysfunction		
Coombs test	Negative direct and indirect		Negative
Haptoglobin		Decreased	Decreased
Other			No coagulopathy

Elevated systolic blood pressure 3 days before stem cell infusion predicted later TA-TMA.



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A “renal-centric” approach to detect TA-TMA.

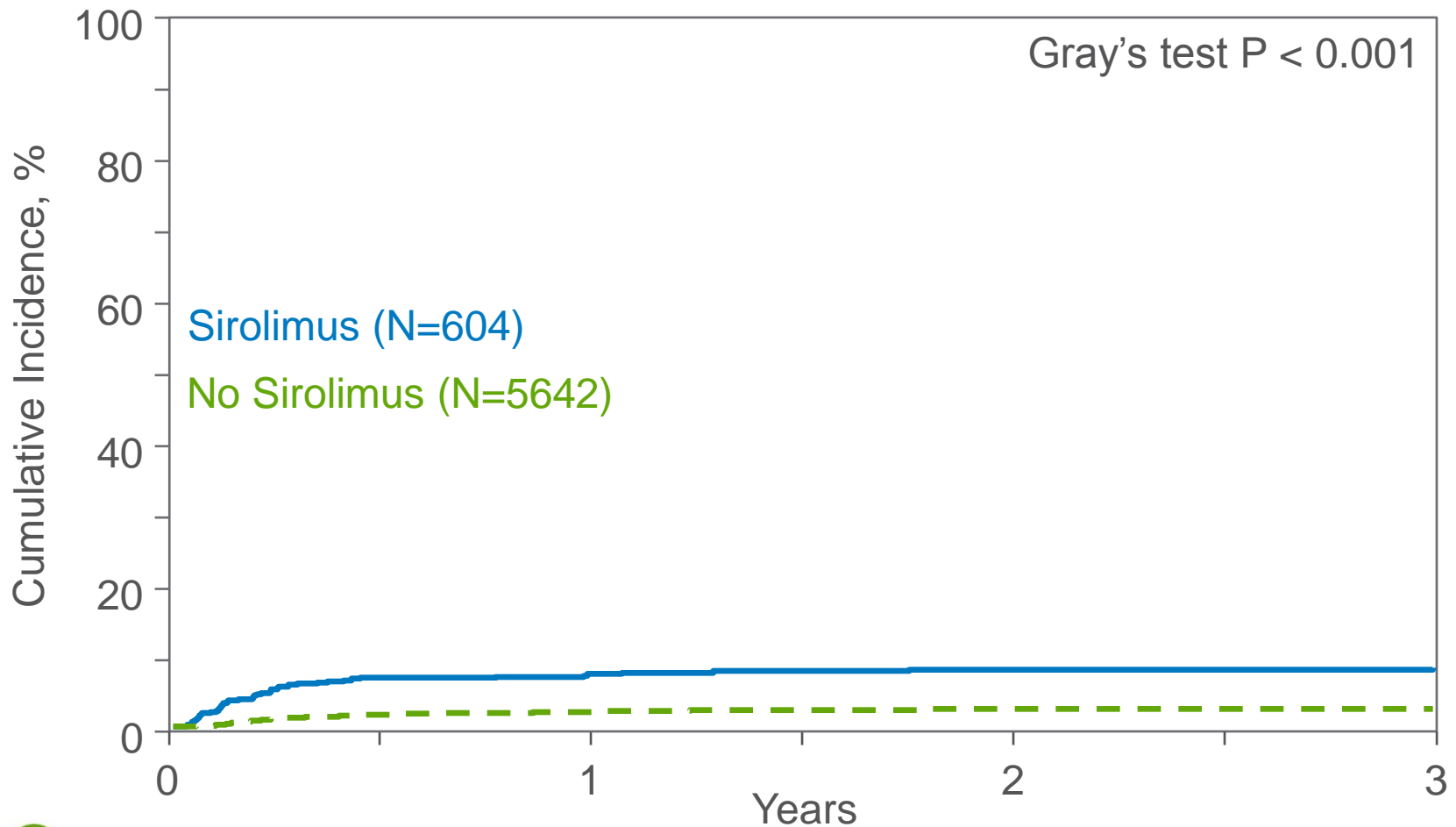


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Proposed Risk Factors

- Transplant type: Allogeneic HCT vs. autologous HCT
- Busulfan, fludarabine, platinum based chemotherapy
- TBI
- Fungal and viral infections
- Calcineurin inhibitors
- Use of sirolimus
- GVHD
- Coagulation cascade and role of complement

By Sirolimus Use



Non-significant Factors

- Age
- KPS
- Graft source
- Conditioning regimen intensity
- TBI
- Busulfan

Serum Neutrophil Extracellular Trap level as a novel biomarker of TA-TMA

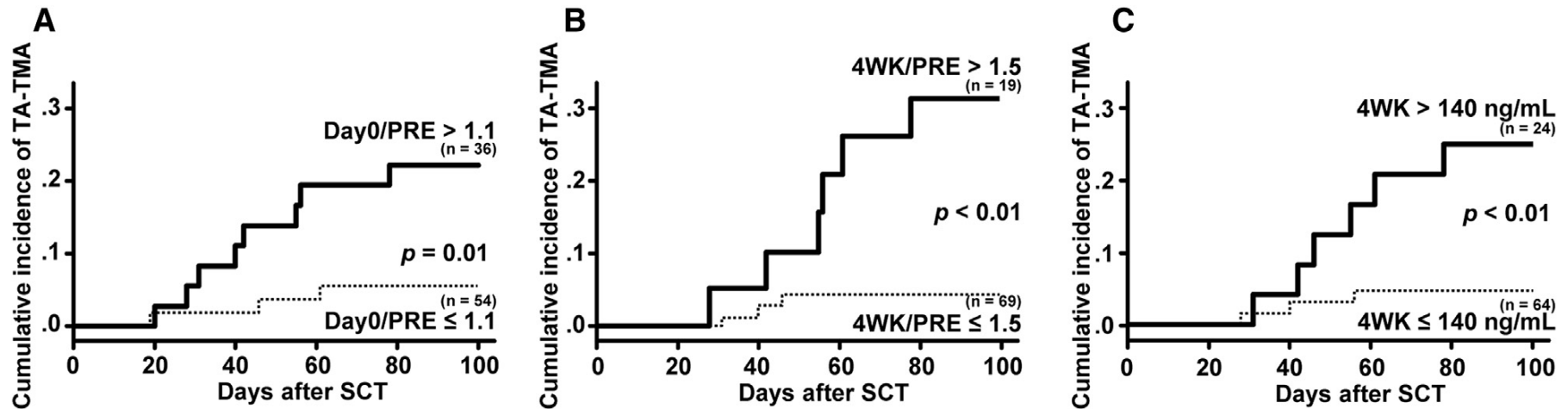


Figure 3. High NET levels are a risk factor for TA-TMA. (A) The incidence of TA-TMA relative to the Day0/PRE serum NET ratios. (B) The incidence of TA-TMA relative to the 4WK/PRE serum NET ratios. (C) The incidence of TA-TMA relative to absolute serum NET levels at 4WK. Note that elevations of either the serum NET ratios (Day0/PRE and 4WK/PRE) or absolute NET levels at 4WK are significant risk factors for TA-TMA.

NET levels and risk of TA-TMA

- In multivariate analysis:
 - Day 0 NET/Pre, over/under 1.1:
RR 3.55 (1.03-12.2; p=.04)

Therapy

- PE
- Withdrawal of CI
- Rituximab
- Novel agents

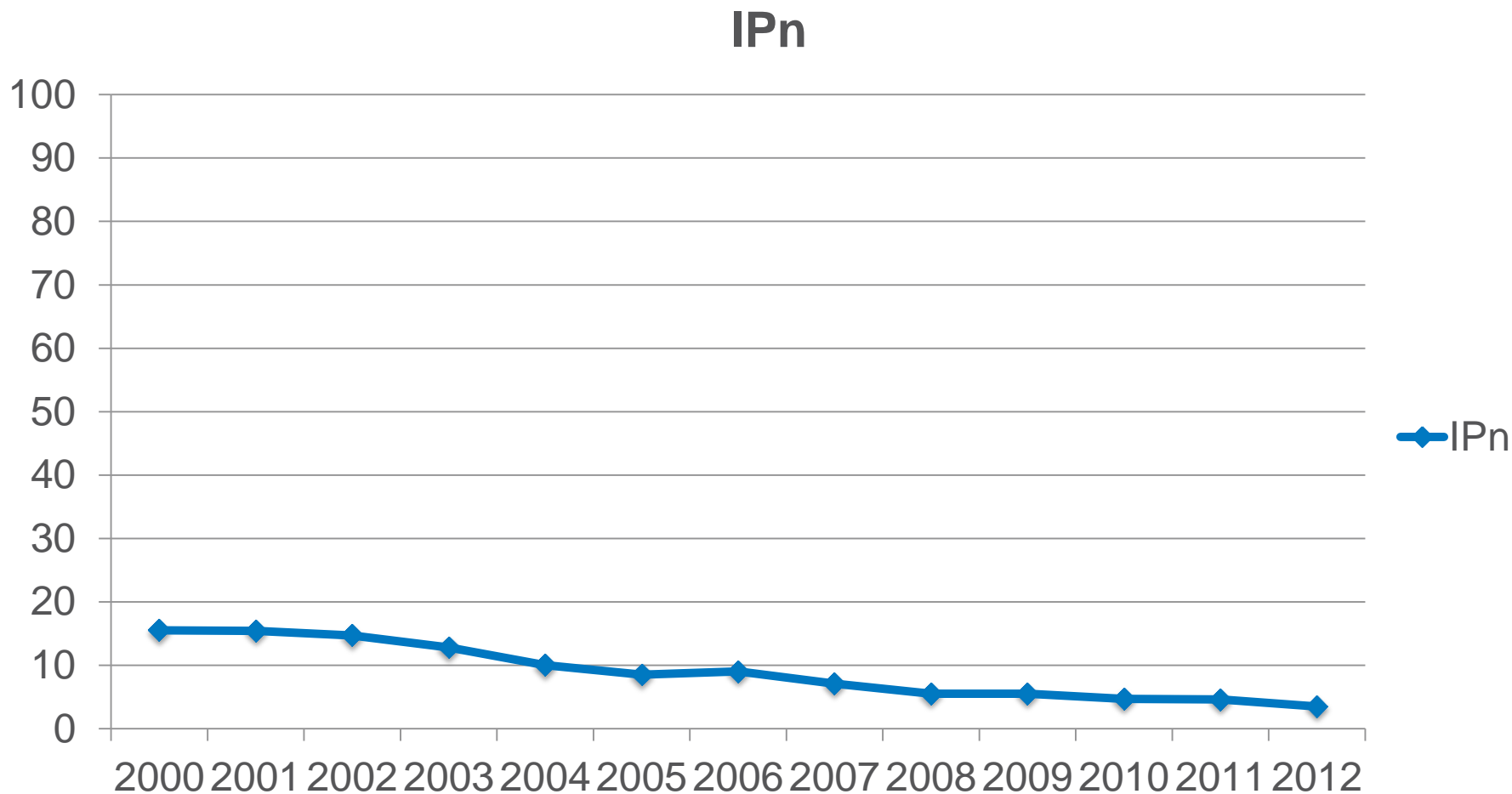
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Early Recognition

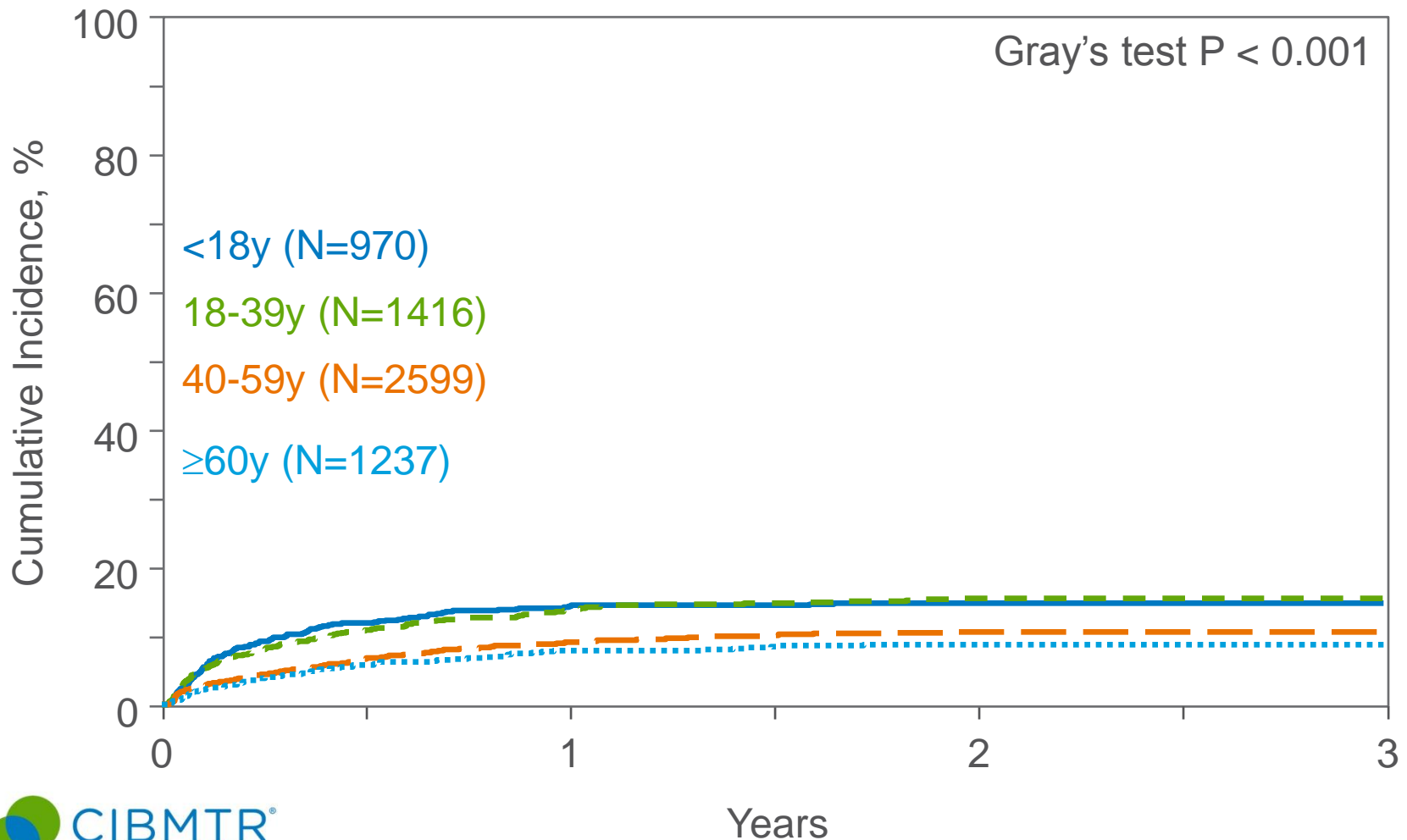
IPS

- Acute noninfectious lung injury
- Incidence 2% -10%
- a median time of onset 14-42 days post HCT
- CIBMTR: 100-day incidence of 6.2% (95% CI 5.7-6.9)
- Associated with high mortality rates (>50%)

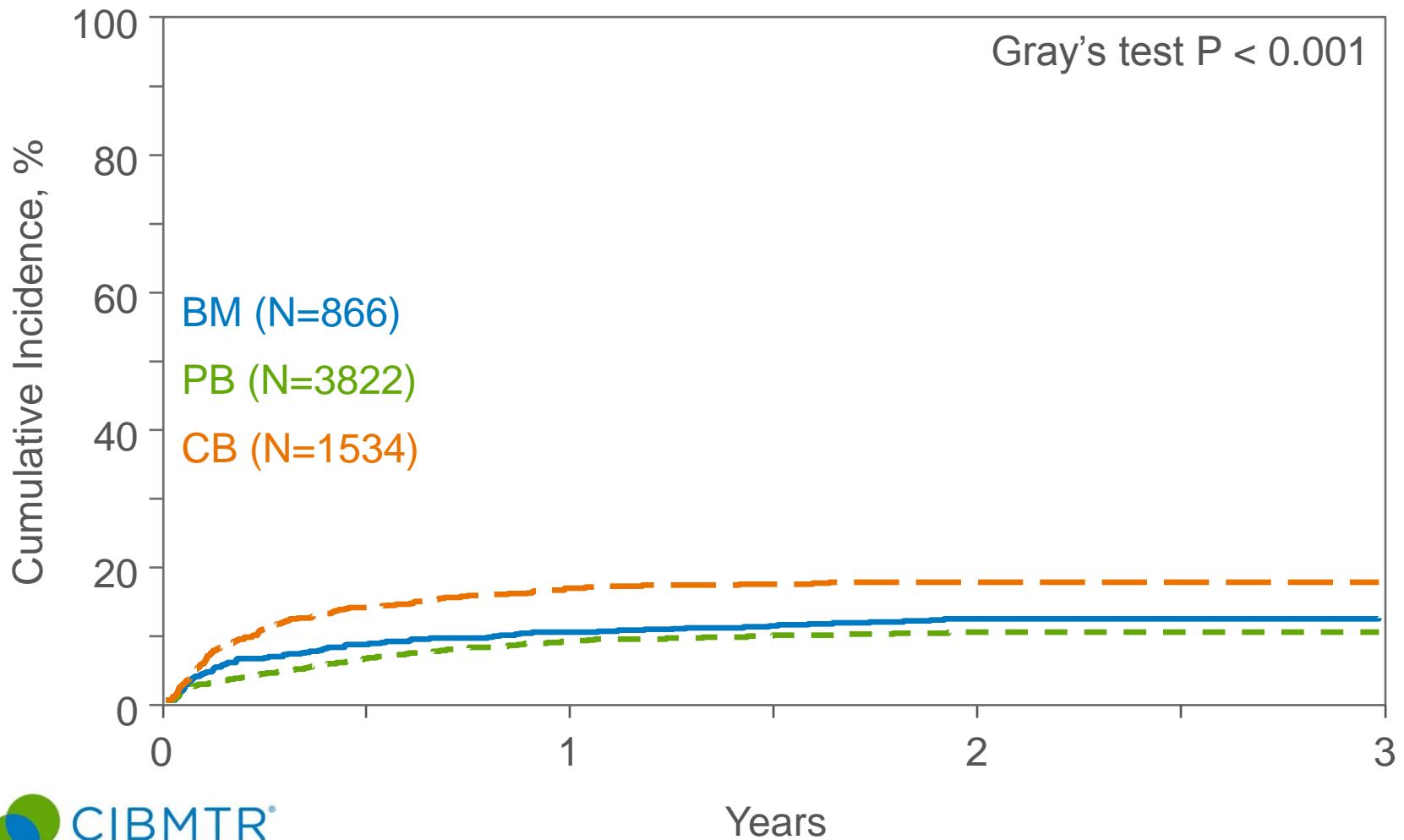
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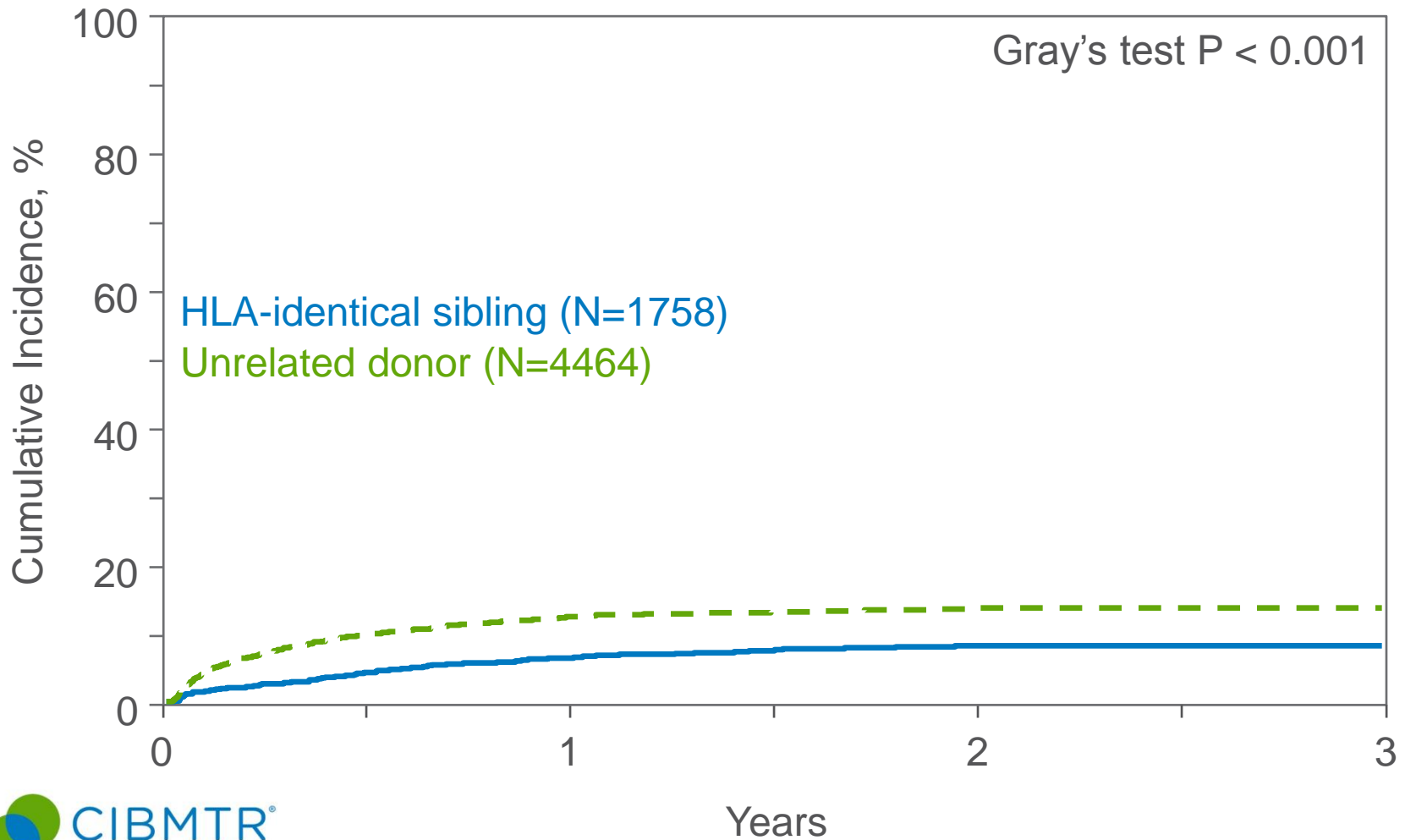
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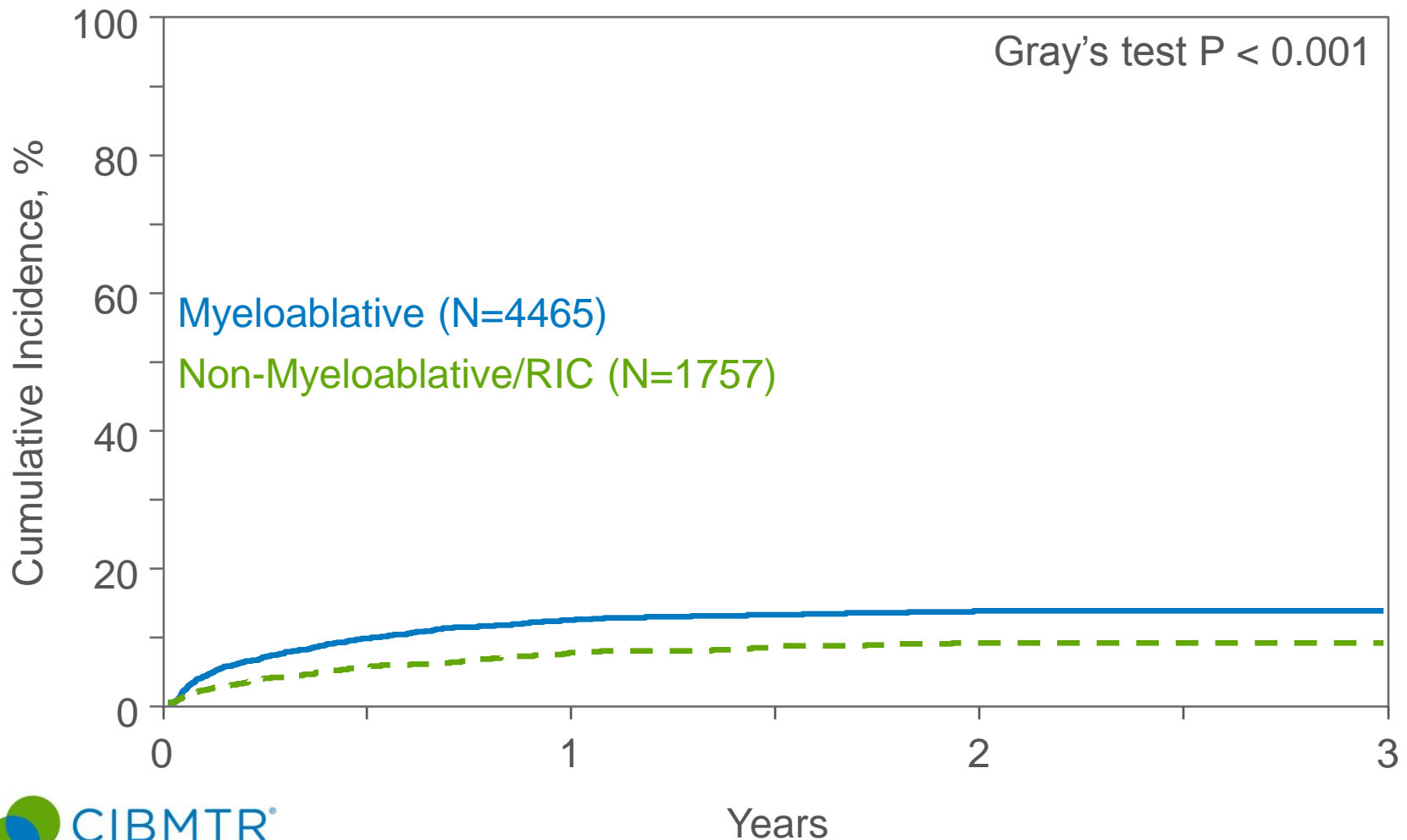
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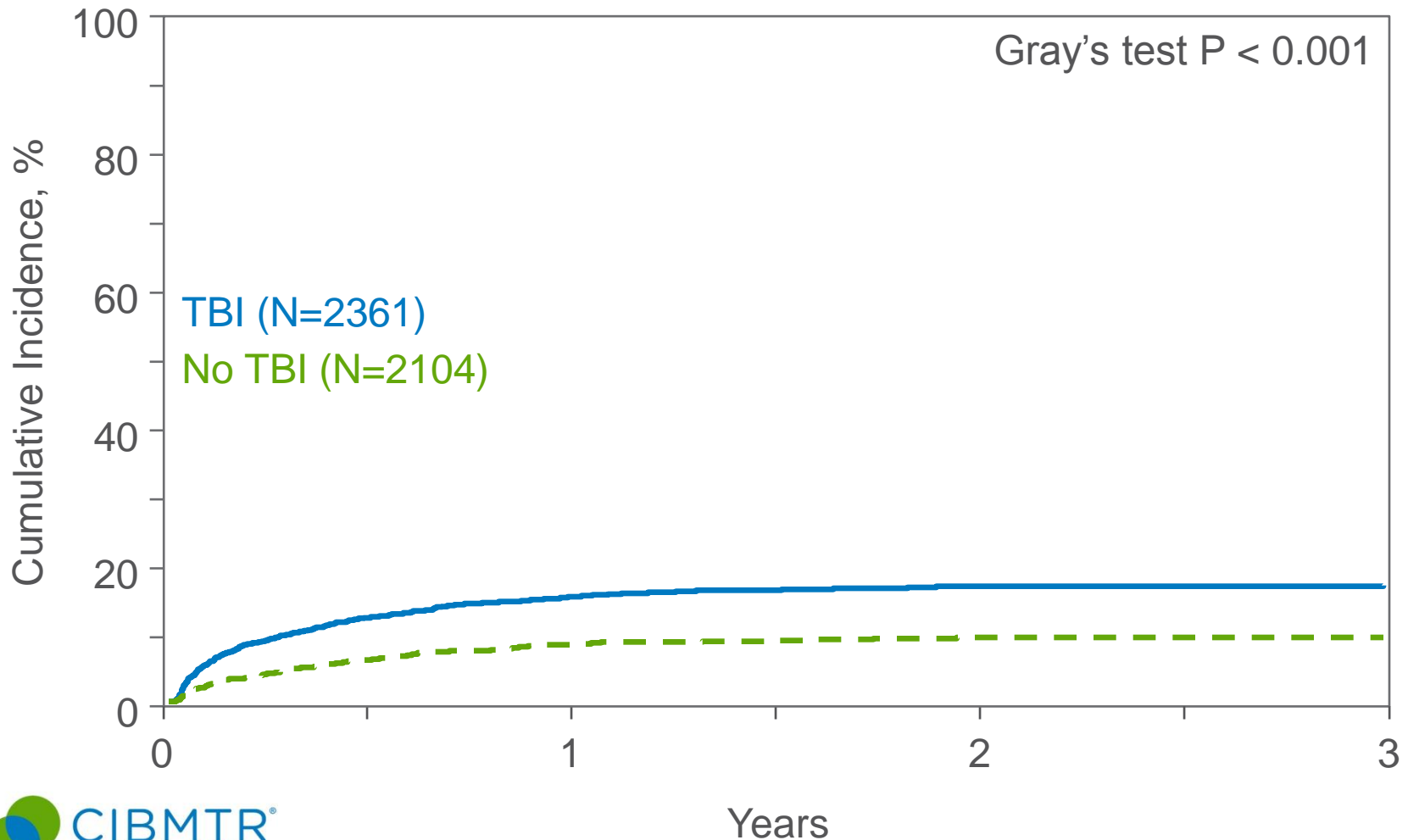
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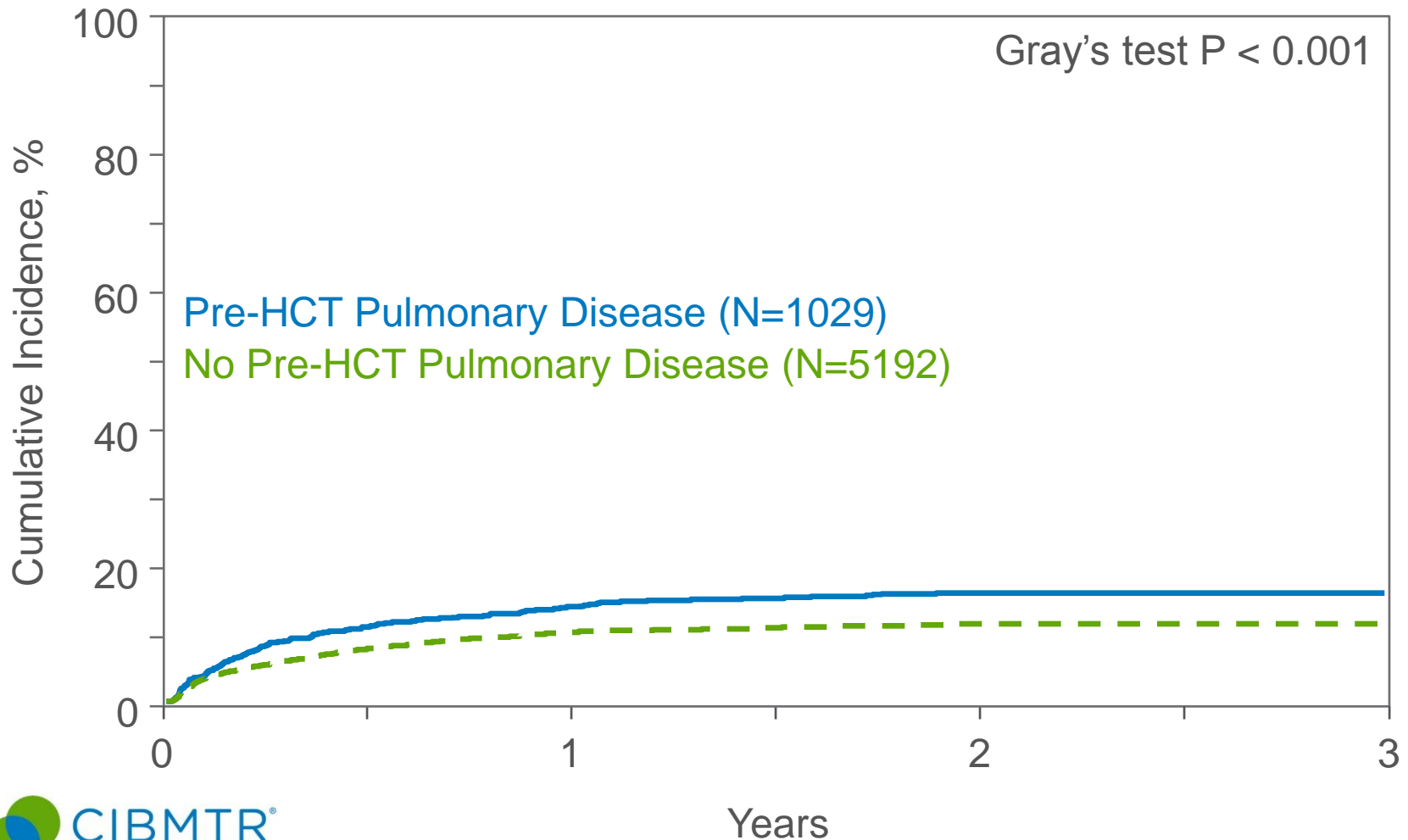
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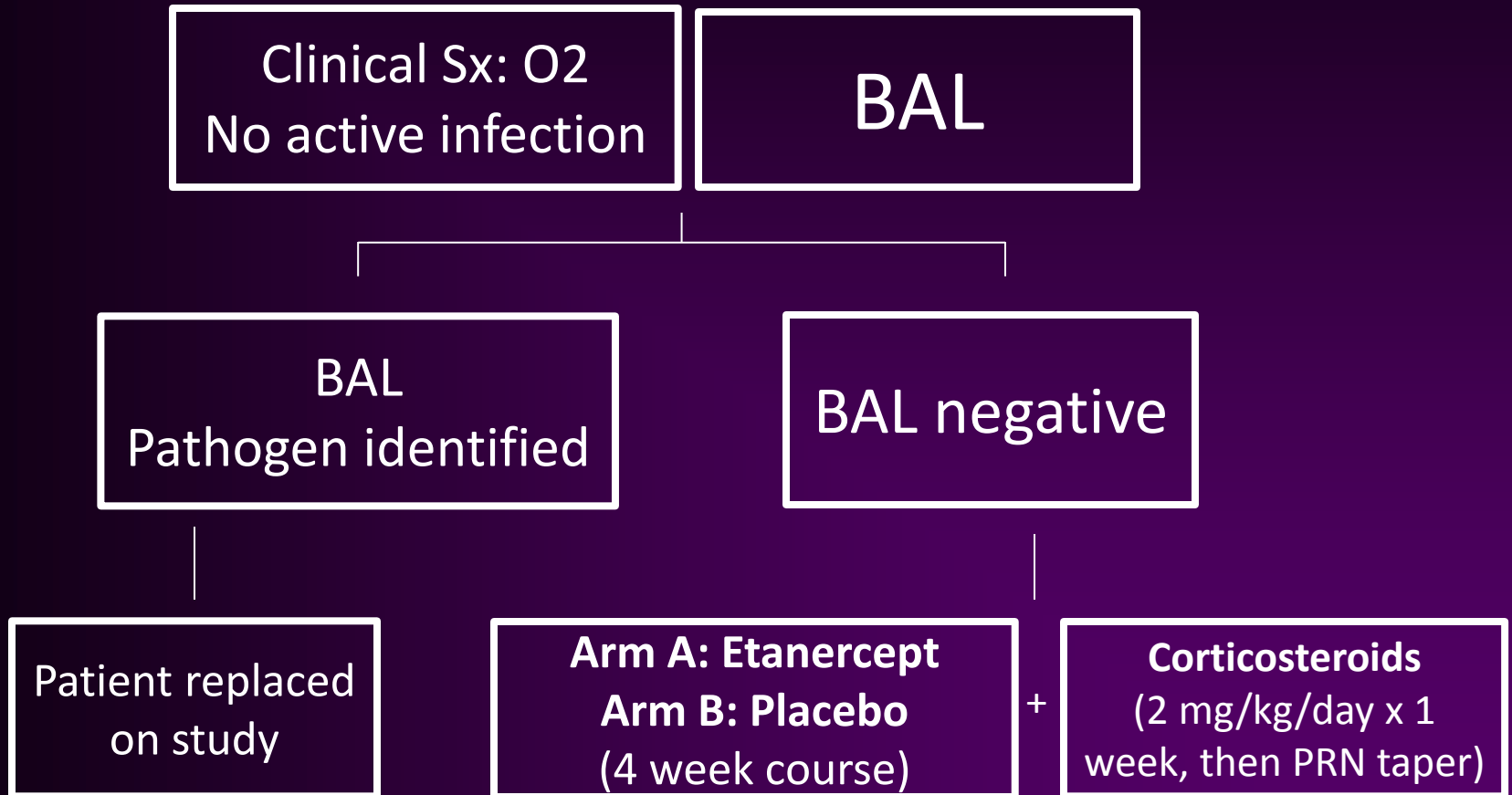
By TBI Use - Myeloablative Conditioning Regimens Only



By Presence of Pulmonary Disease Pre-HCT



Study schema: BMT CTN 0403



Response Rates: BMT CTN 0403

Therapy	Etanercept + steroids (n=16)	Placebo + steroids (n=18)
Day 28 Response (%)	62.5% (95% CI: 35.4-84.8)	66.7% (95%CI: 41.0-86.7)
Day 56 Response (%)	56.3% (95% CI: 29.9–80.3)	50.0% (95% CI: 26.0-74.0)

p = 0.80



Response and FiO2 at study entry

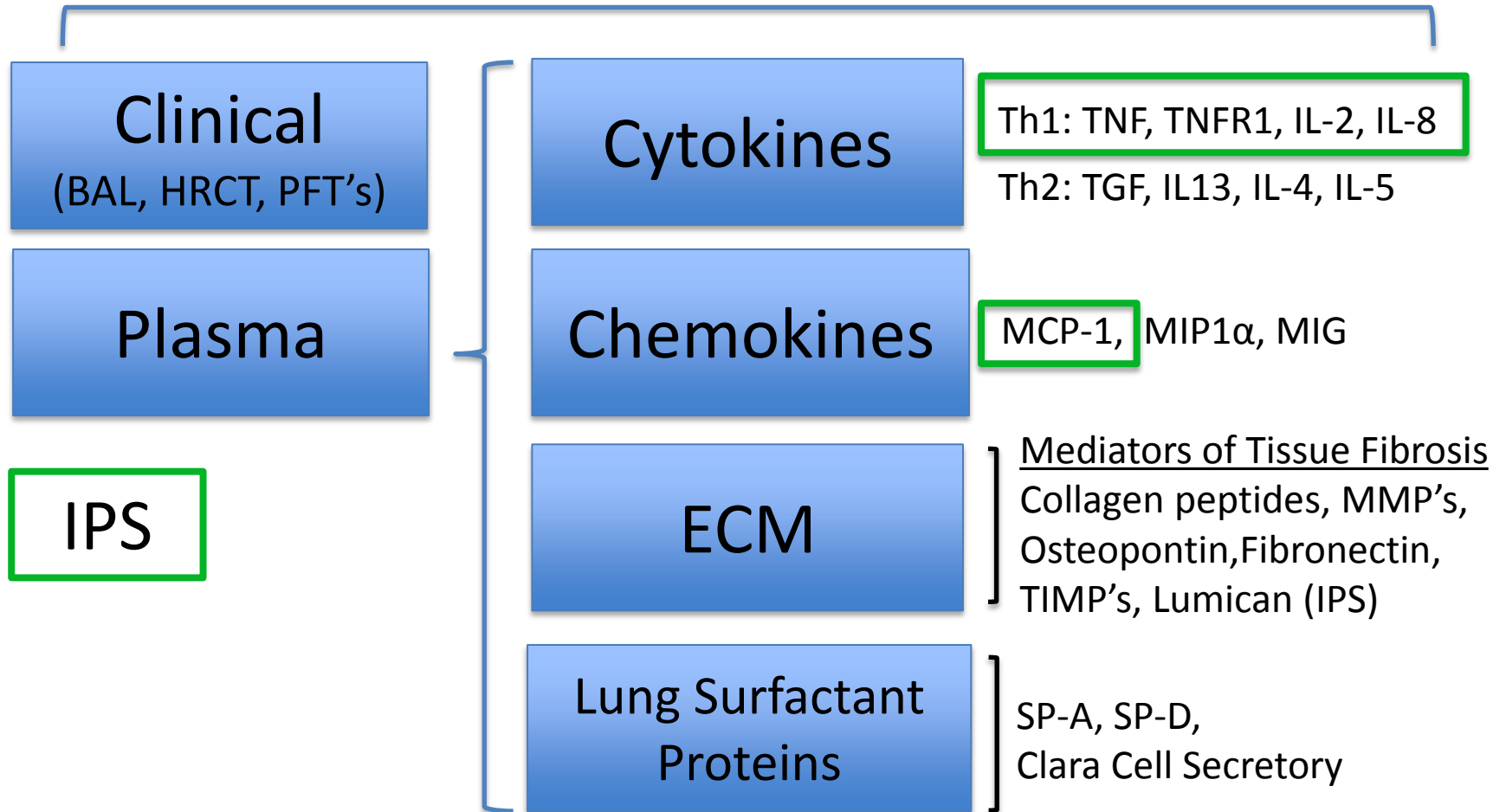
BMT CTN 0403:

- Responses were higher if treated at lower FiO2.
- Median FIO2 at study entry = 40%

Response by % FiO2 at study entry			
	≤ 40%	> 40%	Unknown
Etanercept + steroids	8/11 (73)	2/4 (50)	0/1
Placebo + steroids	10/11 (91)	1/6 (17)	1/1



Biomarkers in Lung injury



BMT CTN 1202 Protocol

Biomarker Approach	Sample Type	Subjects	Pre-HCT day -1 or 0	Days Post-HCT						
				7	14	21	28	42	56	90
				±2	±2	±2	±2	±3	±3	±10
Proteomic	Serum (5 mL blood)	1500 patients	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	EDTA plasma (5 ml blood)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gene Expression	PAXgene Lysates-source WBC RNA (15 mL blood)	240 patients ¹				X			X	X
	CytoChex tube for Immunophenotyping (5 mL blood)	240 patients ¹				X			X	X

Conclusion

- VOD/TA-TMA/IPS are associated with poor survival post HCT
- Contemporary estimates of the cumulative incidences are lower than published data → clinical trial design implications
- Emerging biomarkers should pave the way for better insight into pathogenesis and should guide future therapeutic trials

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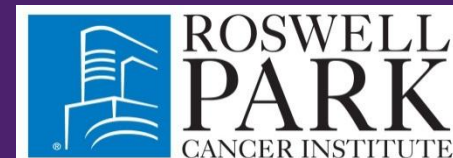
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Value of a Consensus Panel to
Adjudicate Cause-Specific Mortality
after Unrelated Donor Allogeneic
HCT for Use as the Primary Endpoint
in a Genome-Wide Association
Study (GWAS)

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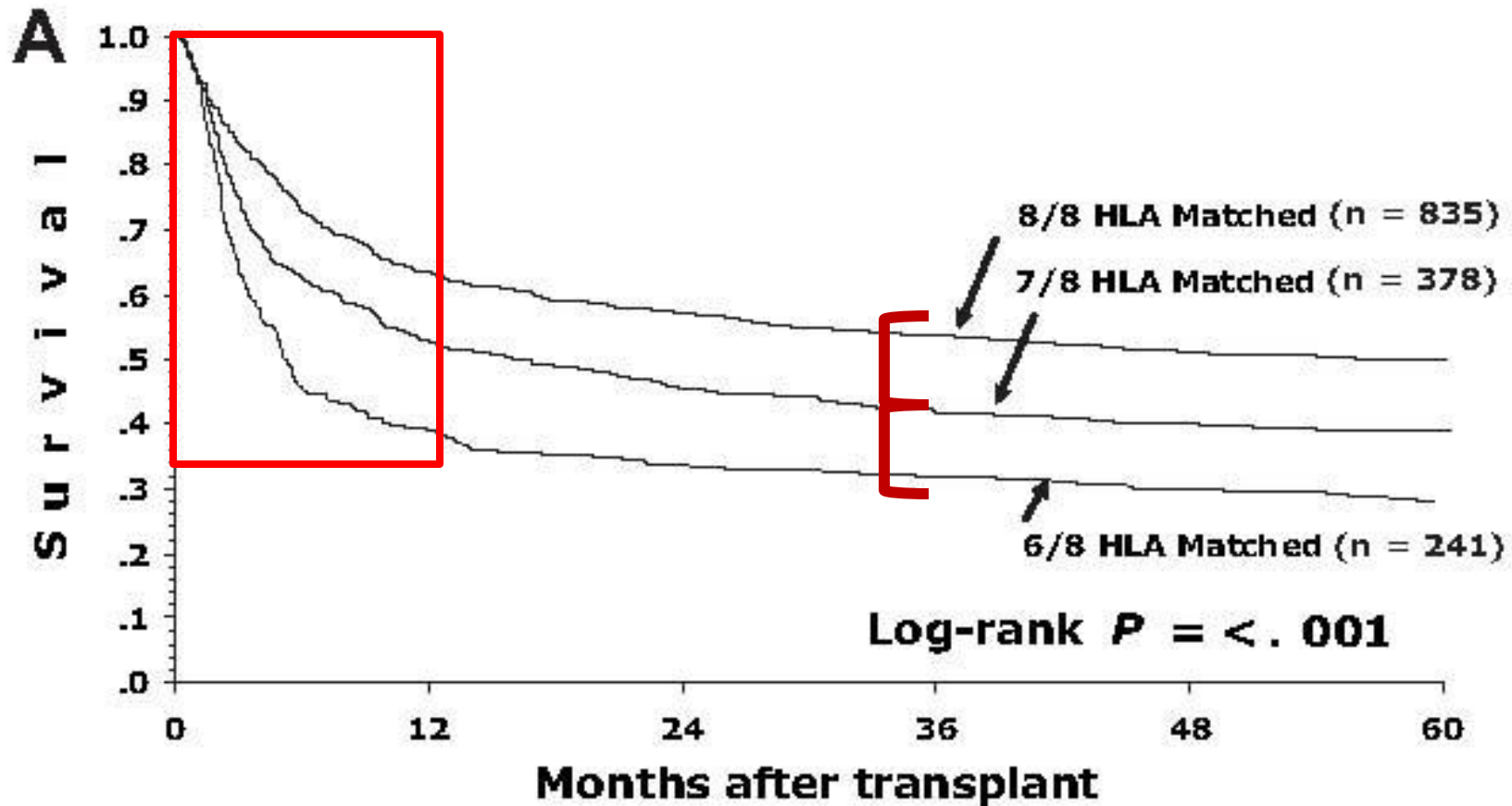
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- Genetic susceptibility to unrelated donor stem cell transplant-related mortality

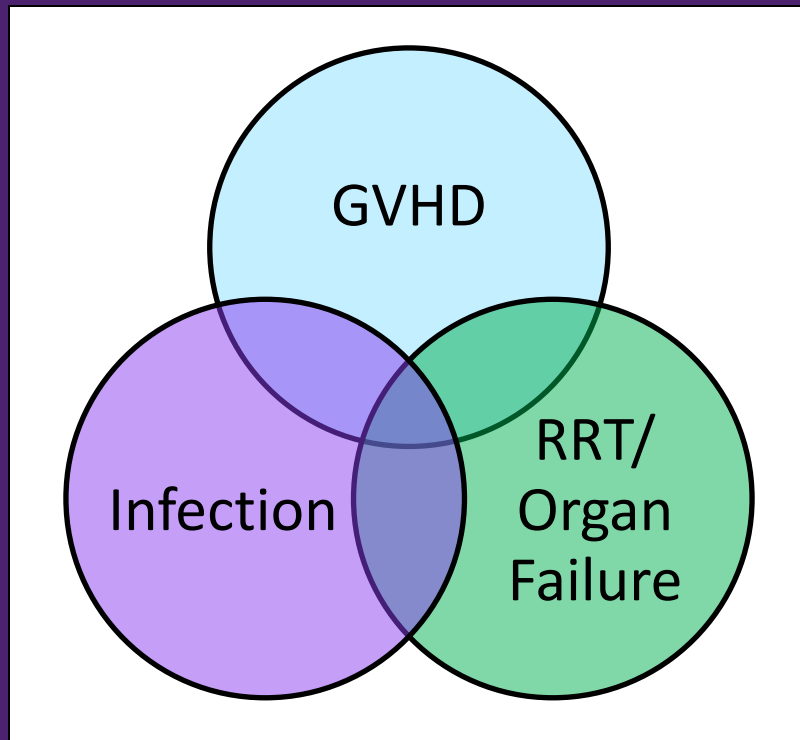
Objective

- Perform GWAS to test the contribution of recipient, donor, and R-D genetic variation to TRM by 1 year after URD HCT
- TRM is a complex phenotype, encompassing several subtypes (GVHD, infection, organ failure/RRT, other)
- Data and samples from CIBMTR/NMDP (>150 U.S centers)
- Risk of misclassification/confounding due to complex phenotype and reporting variability with high number of centers

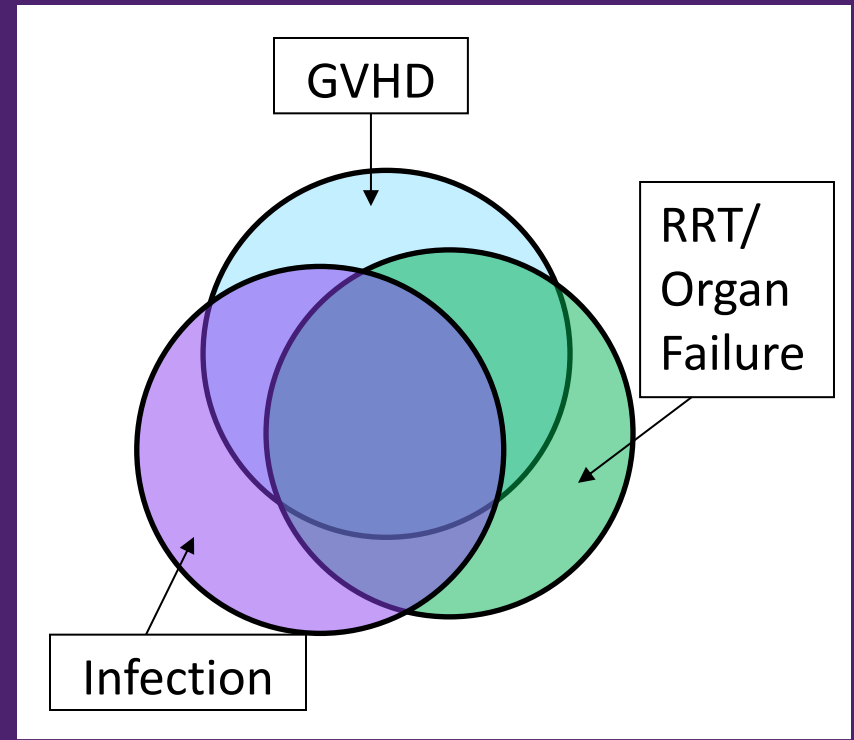
Majority of Deaths Occur <1 year post-HCT



TRM subtypes may have unique and shared genetic variants

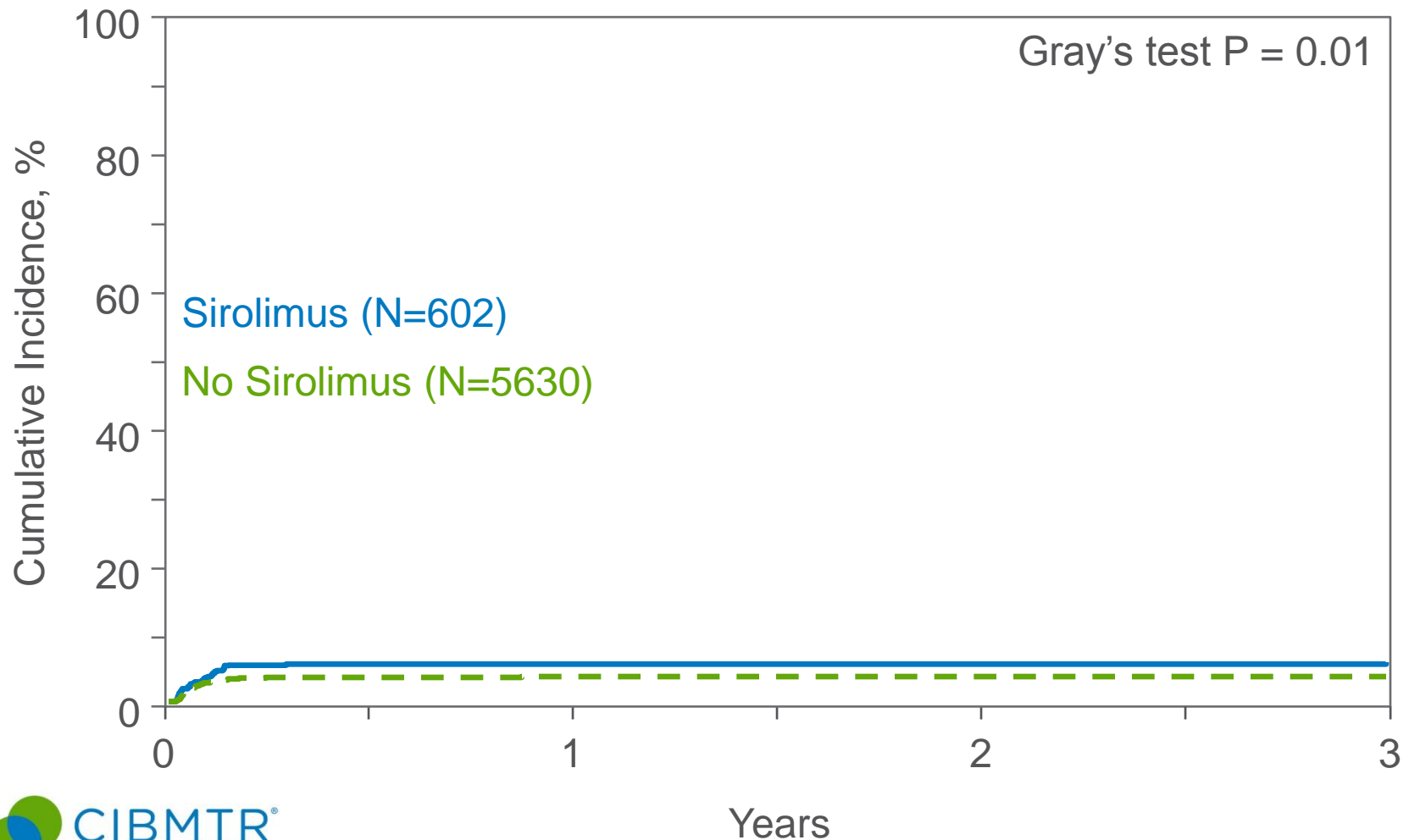


Genetic Variants Associated with TRM:
Unique Genetic Variants with **Little**
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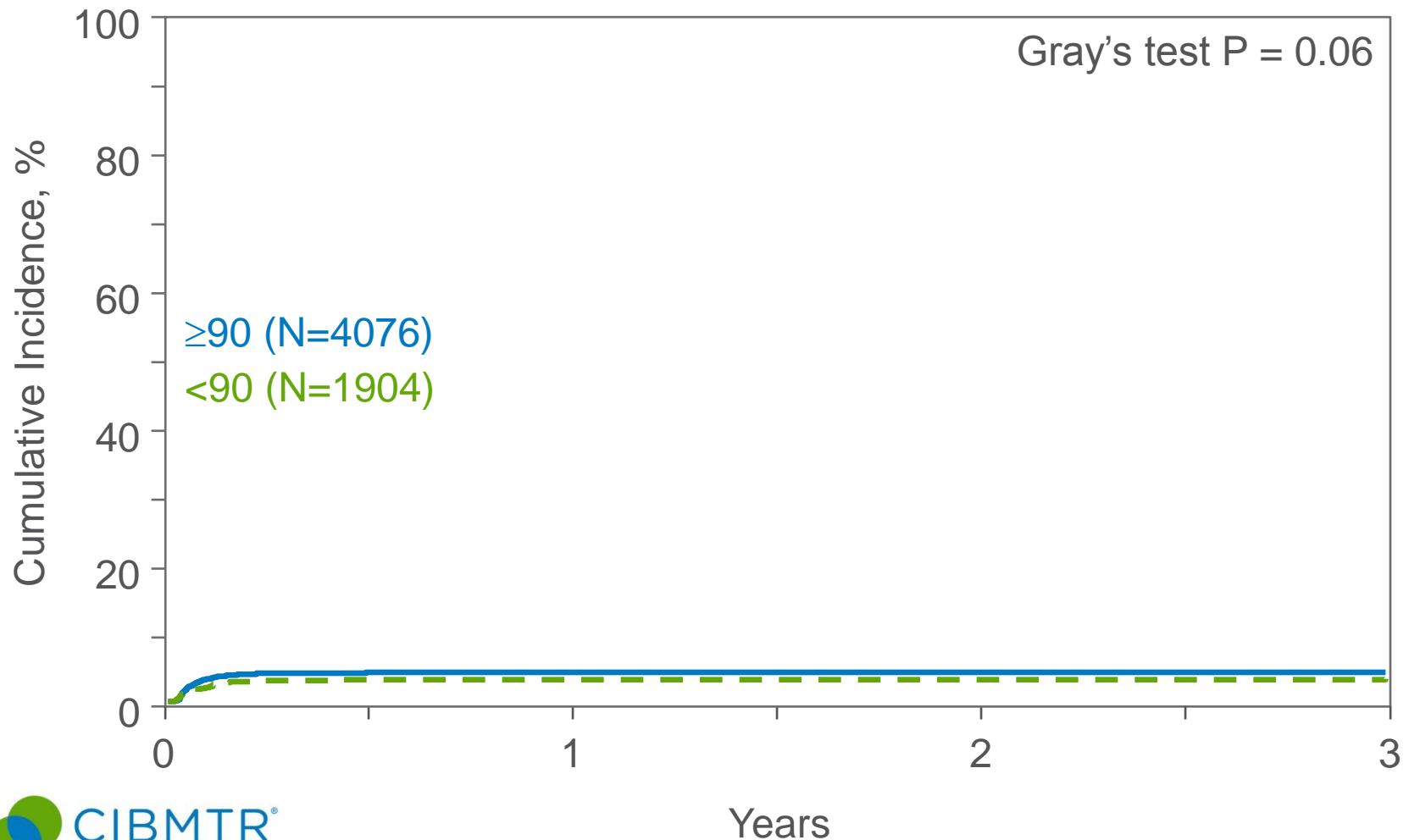


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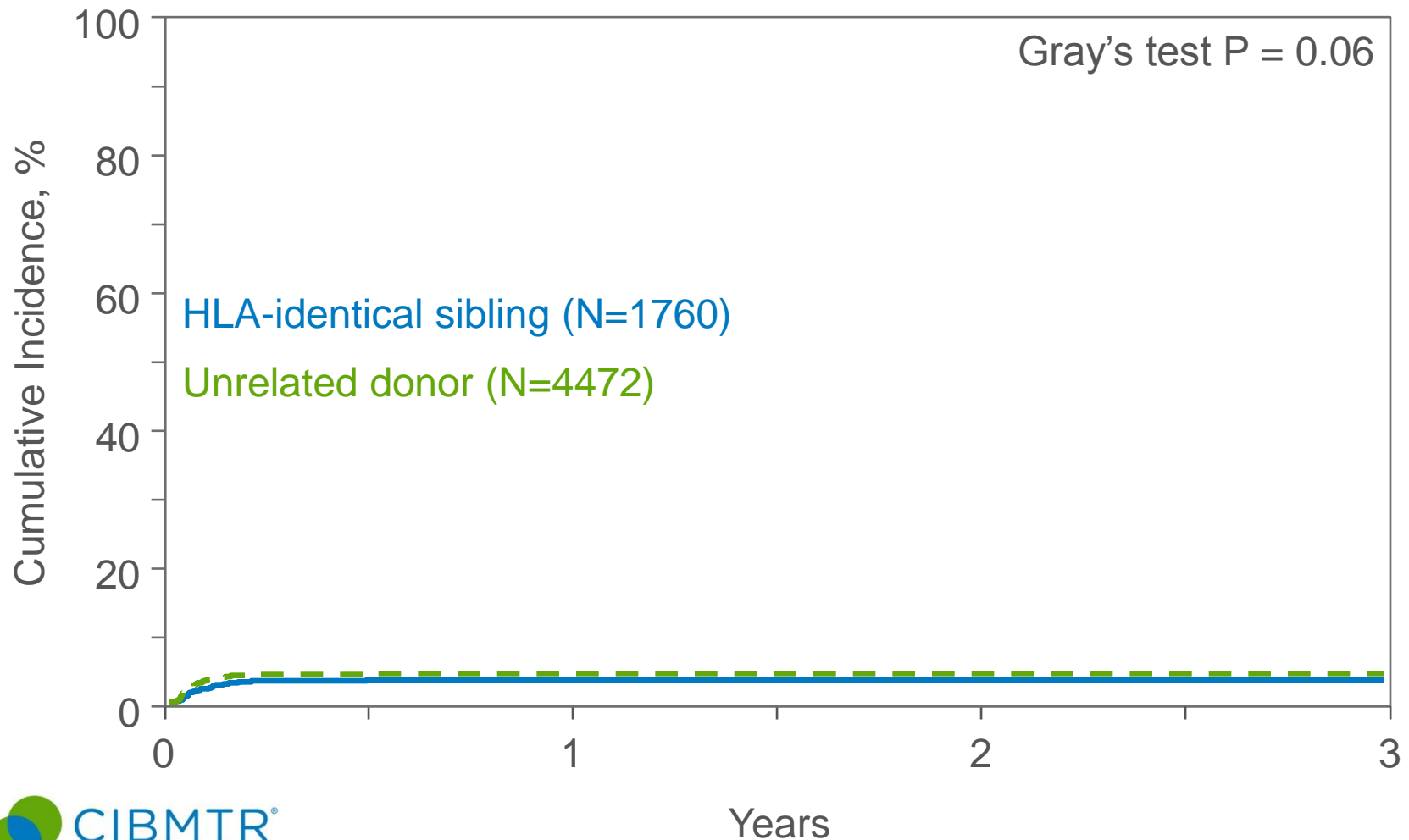
Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Sirolimus Use for GVHD Prophylaxis



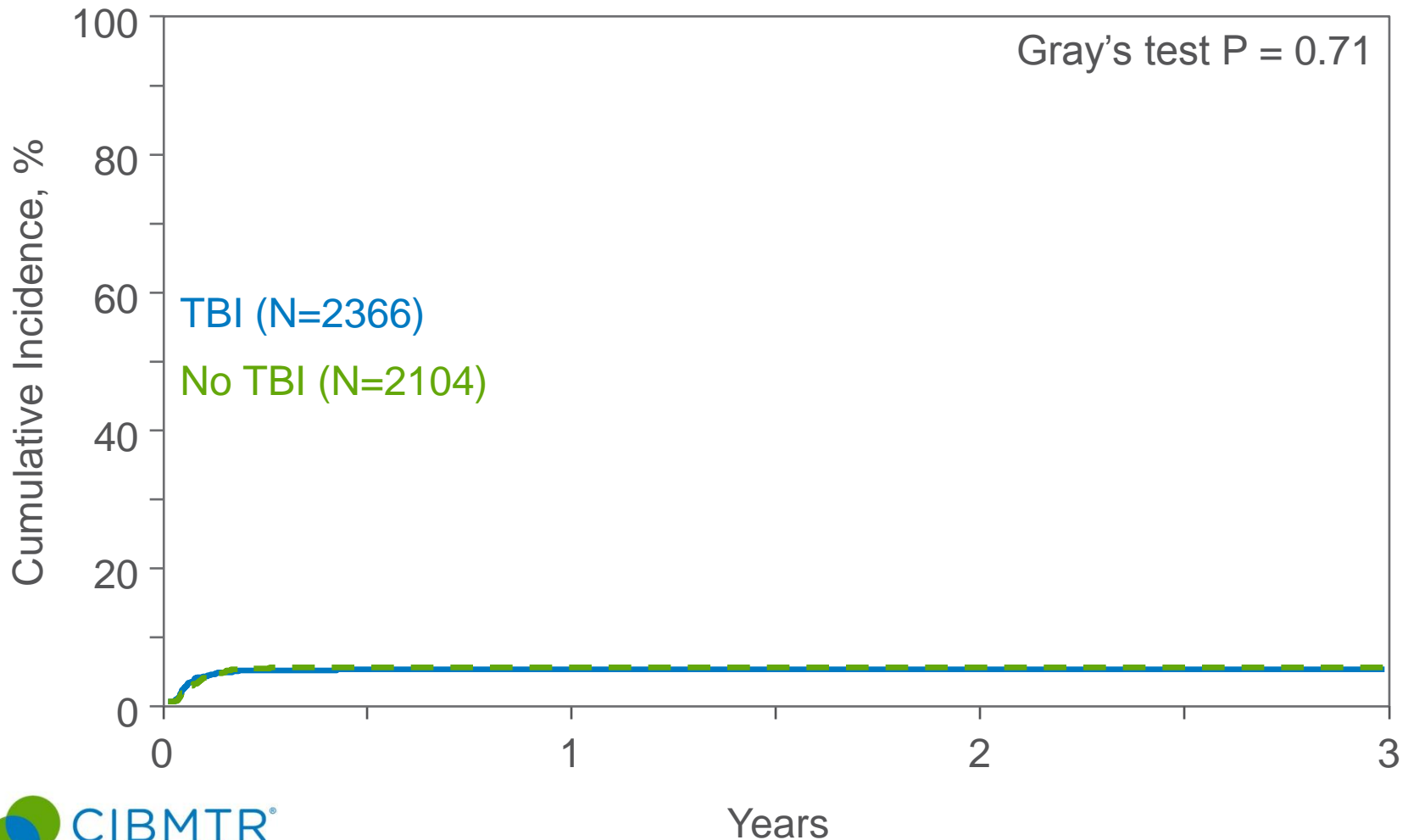
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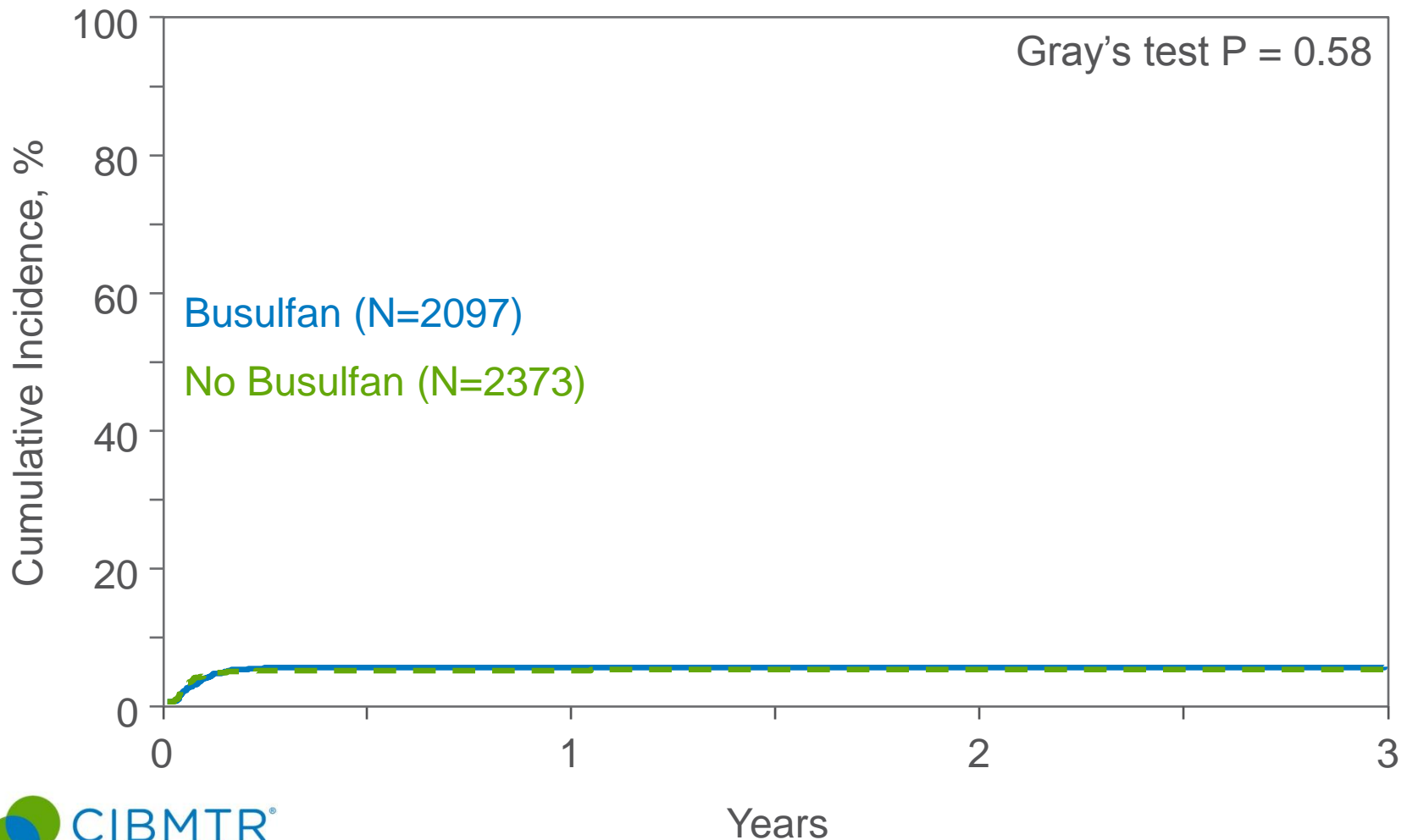
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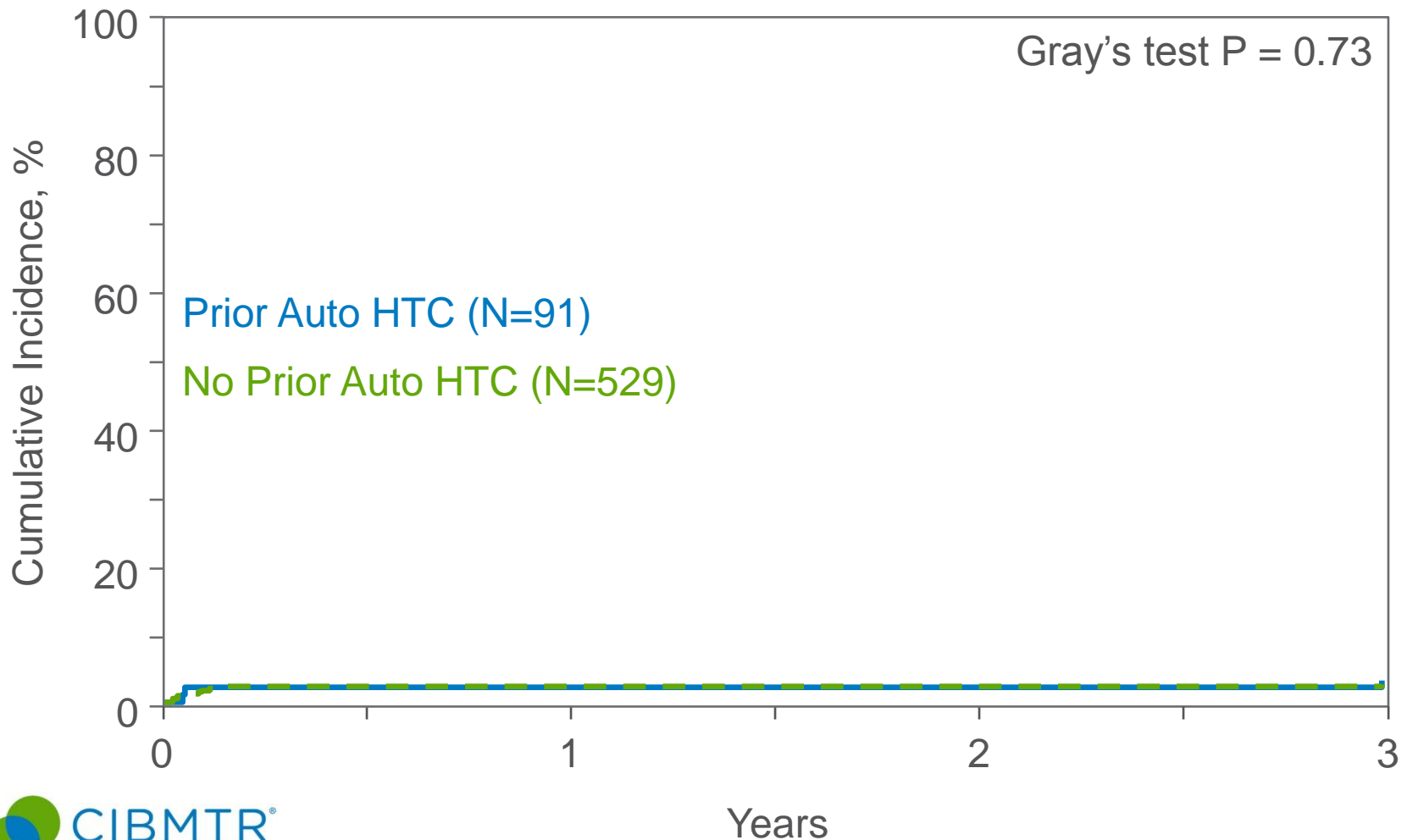
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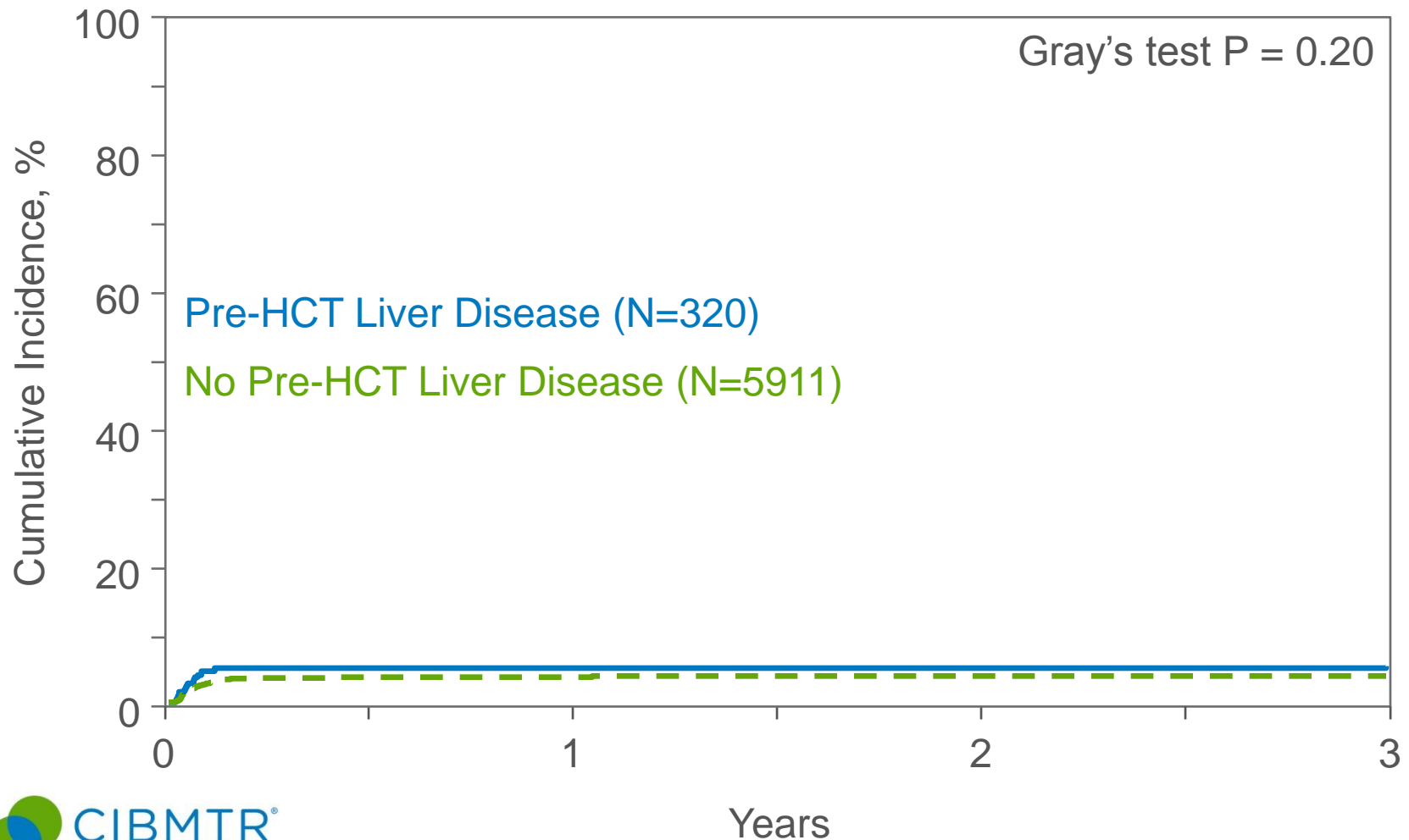
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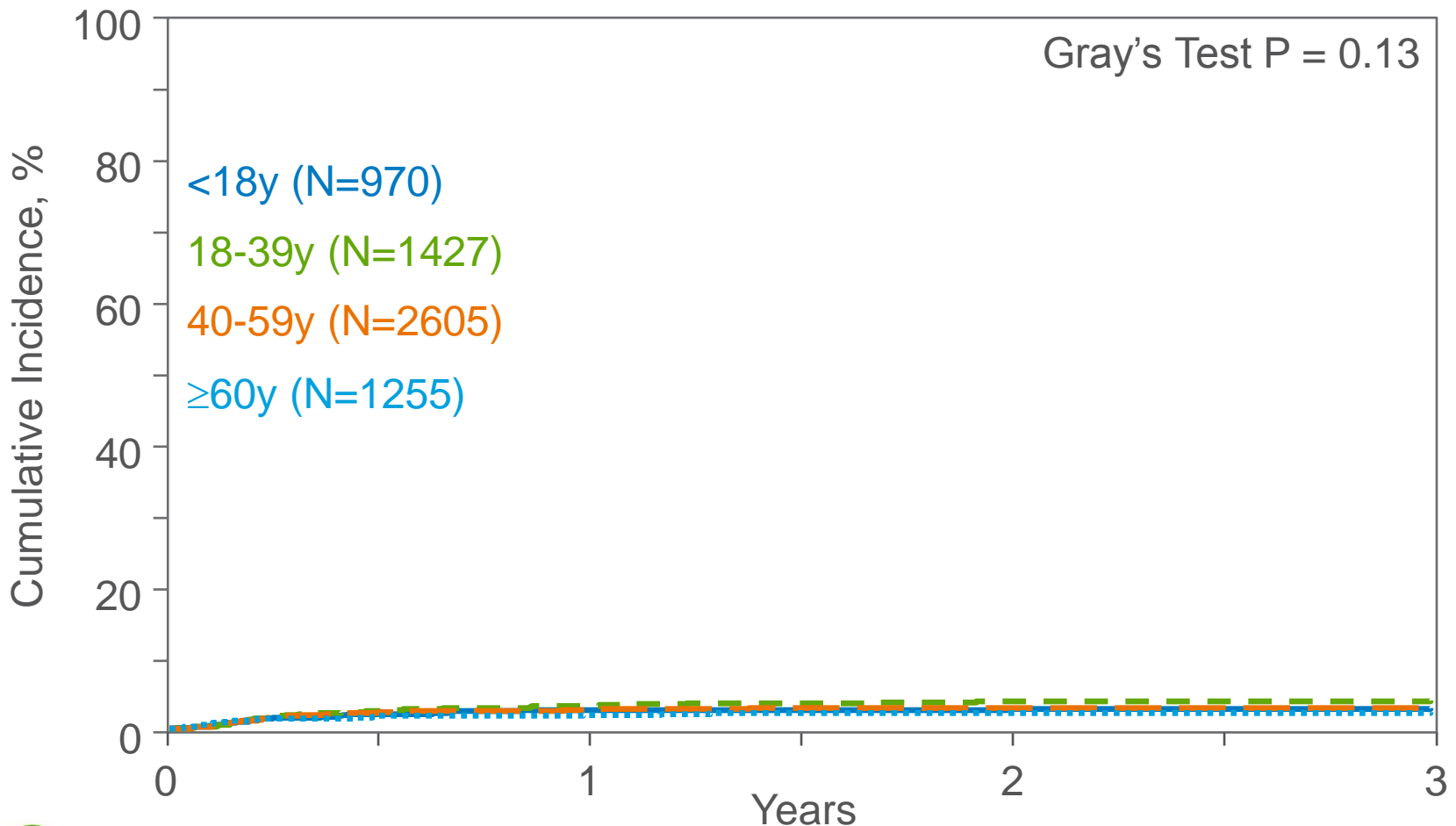
Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Prior Auto HCT - Patients with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Only



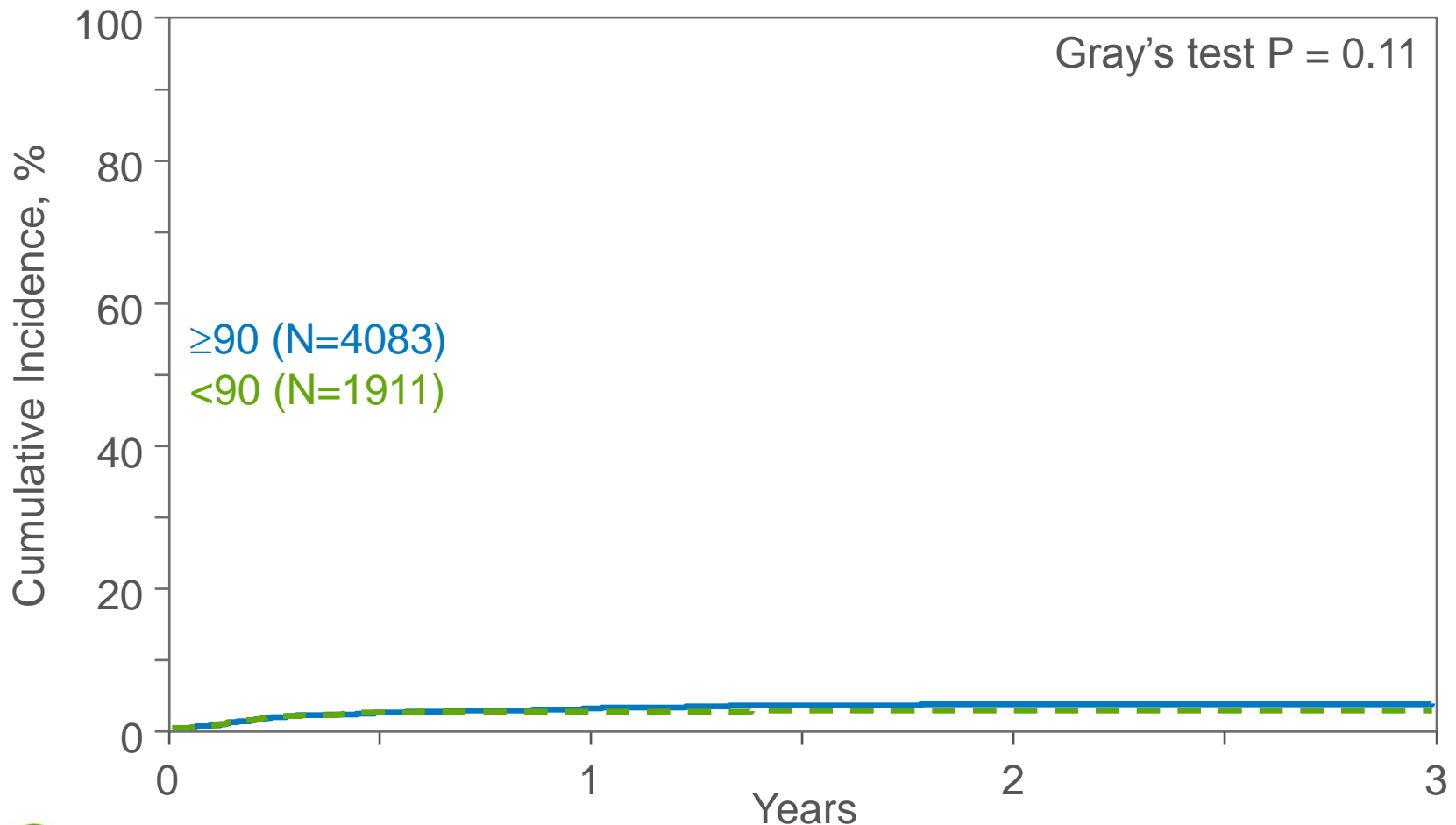
Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Presence of Liver Disease Pre-HCT



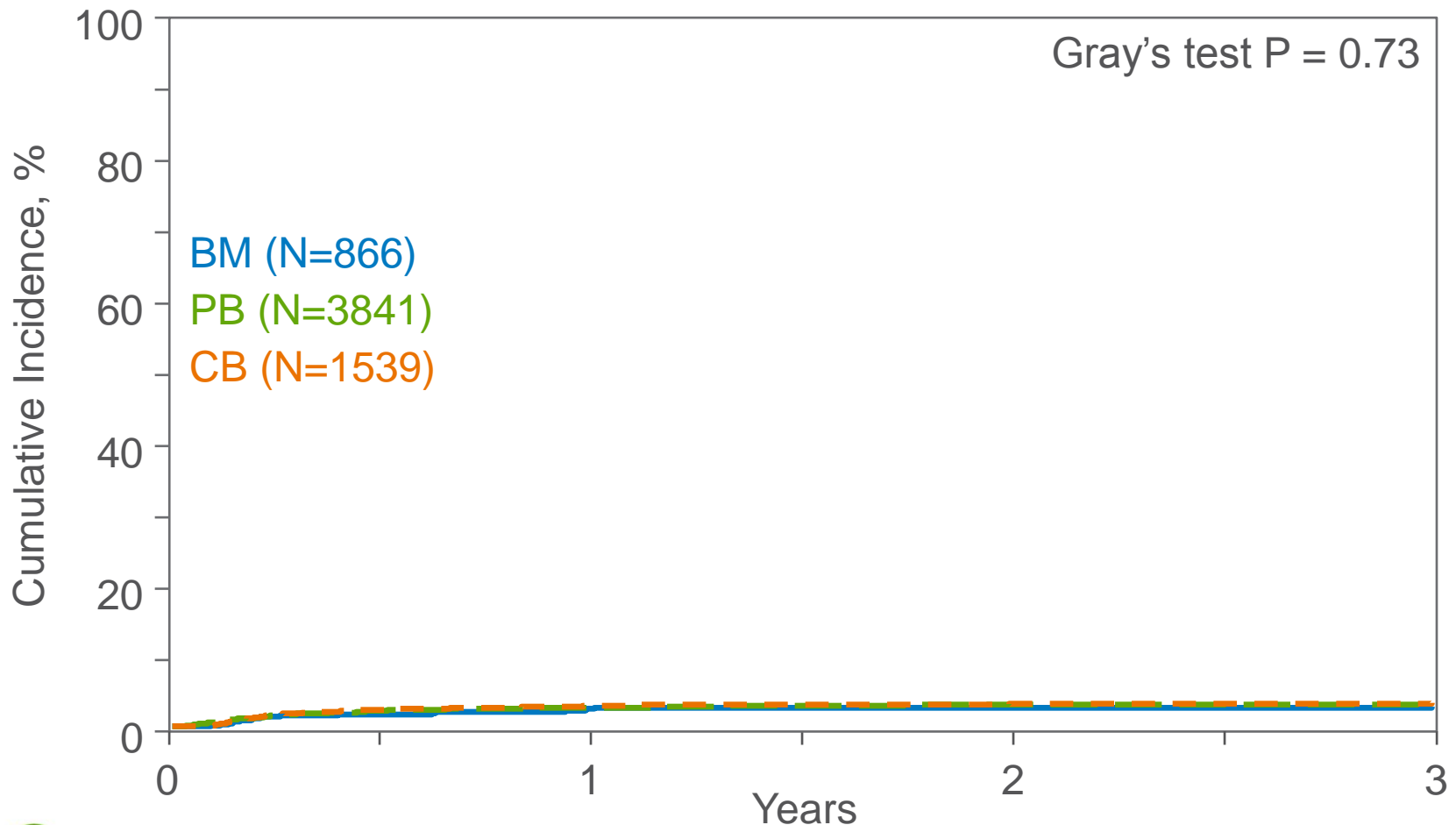
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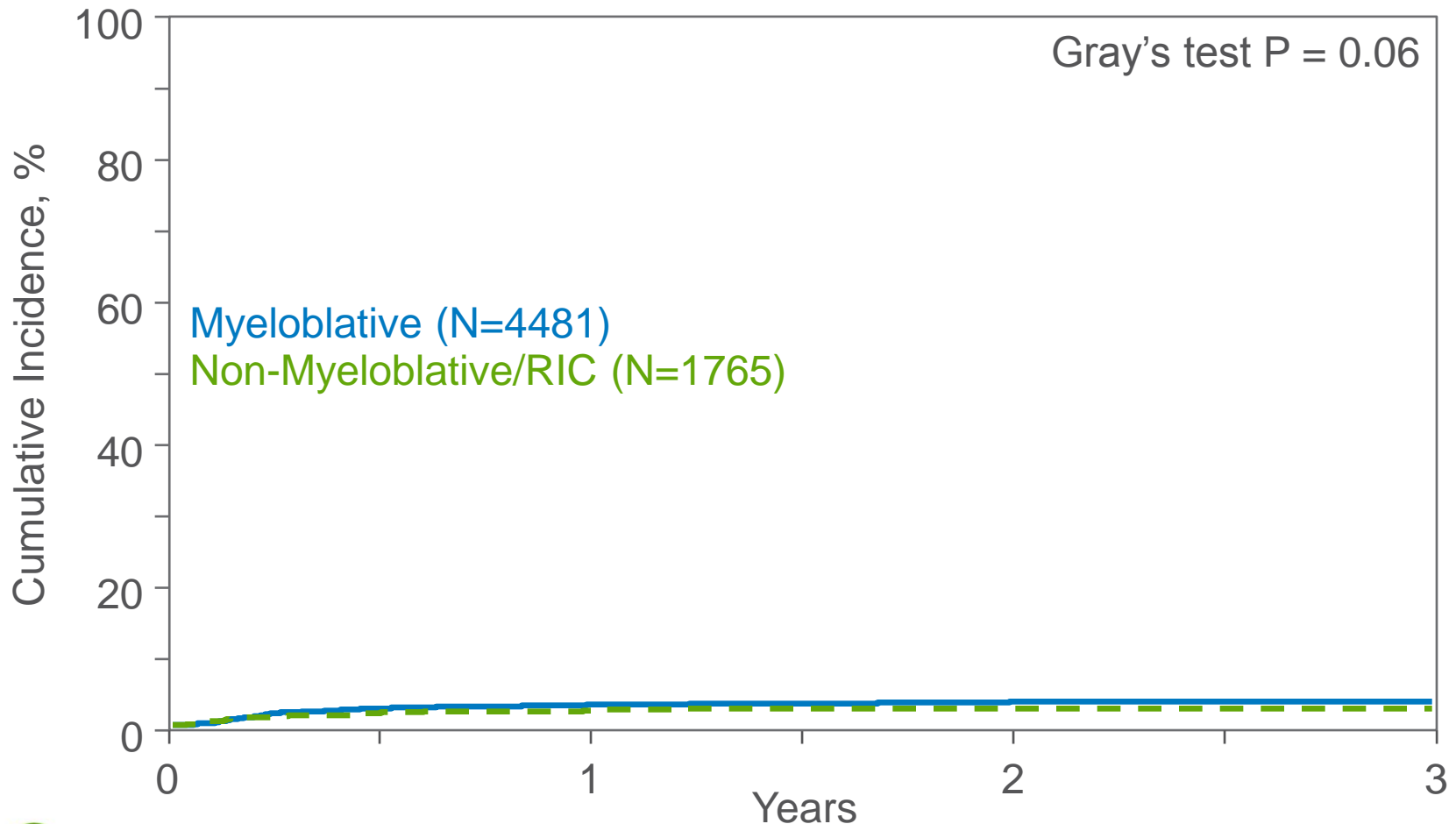
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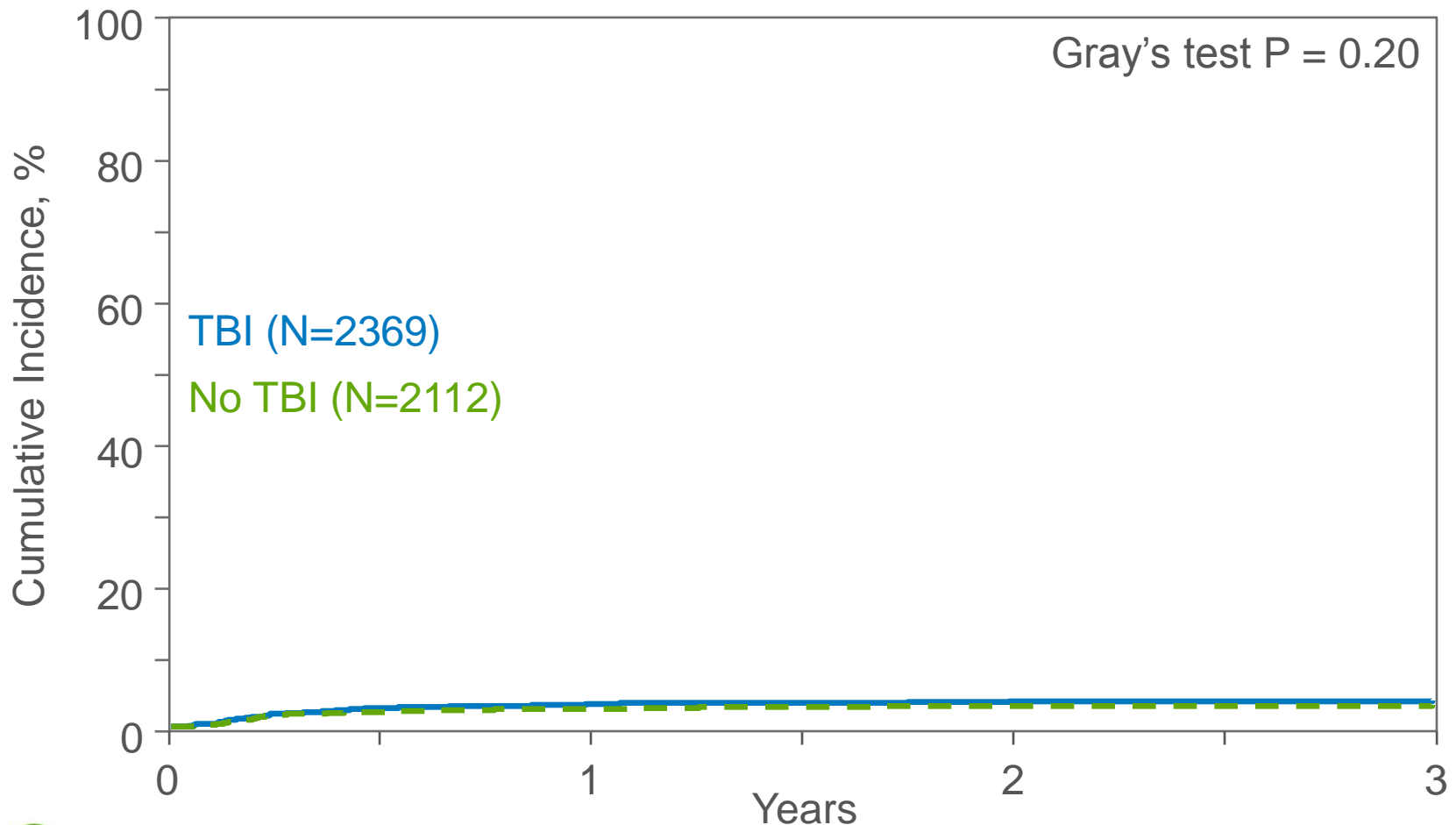
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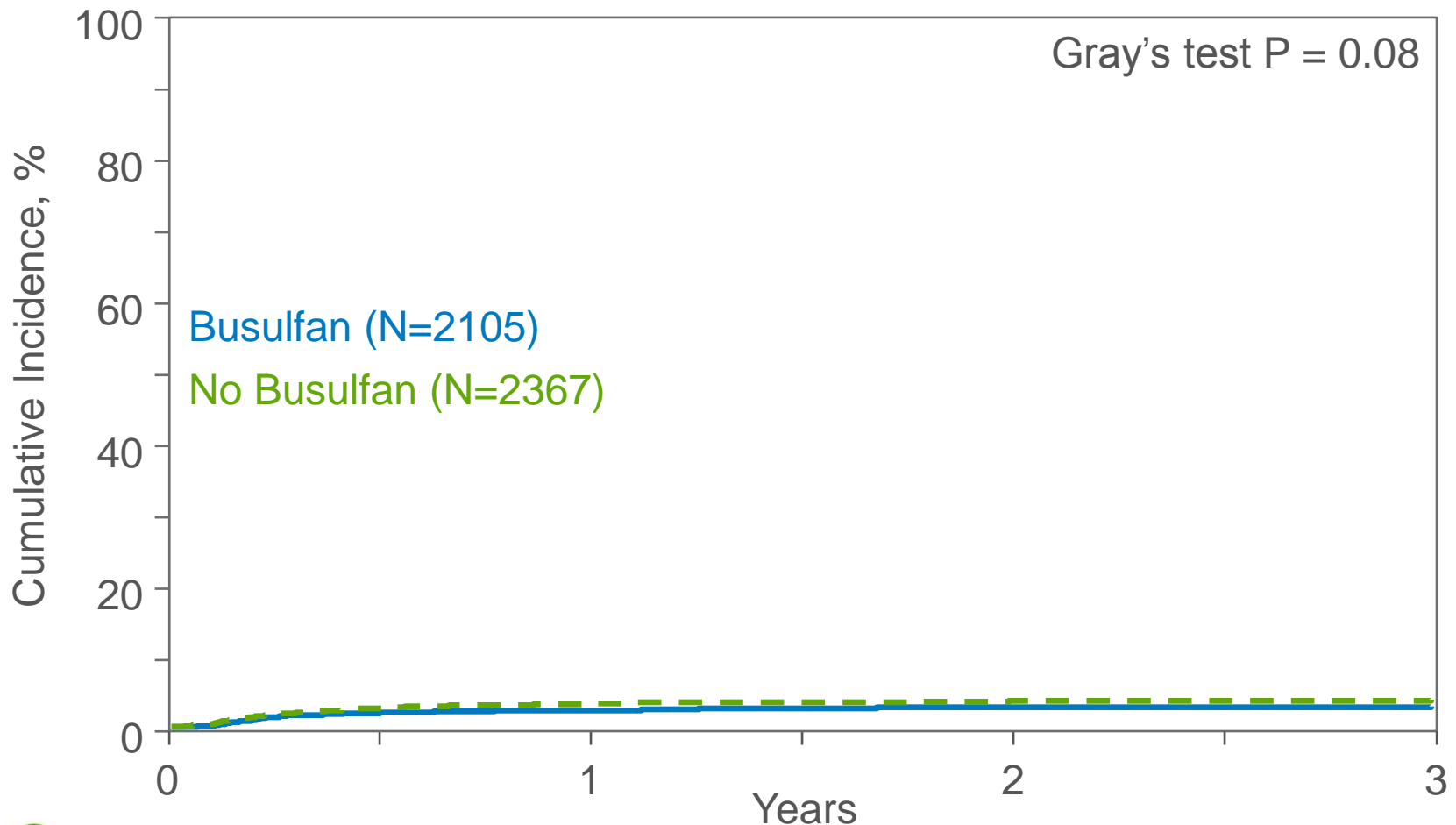
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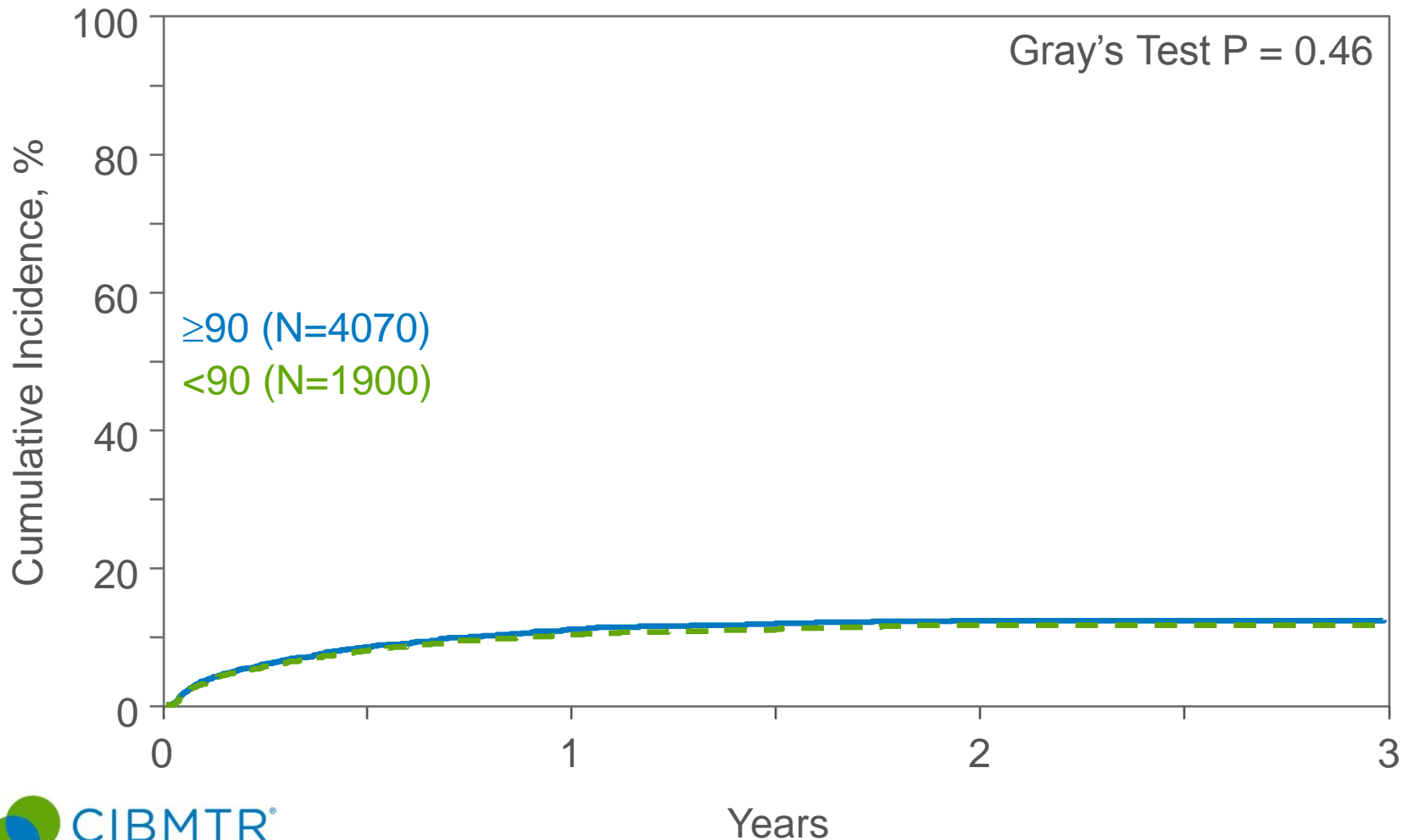
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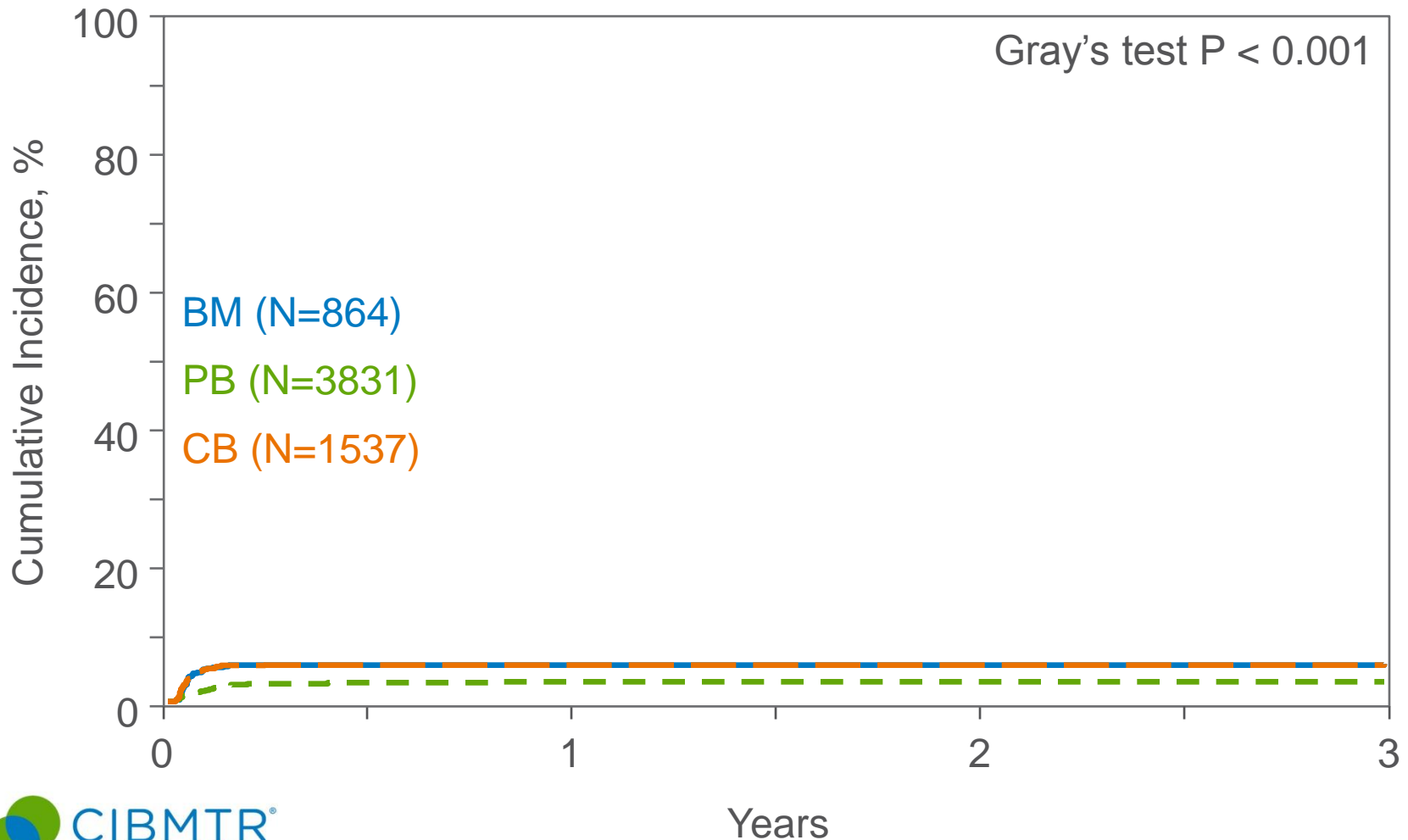
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Incidence of IPn/Pulmonary Hemorrhage by KPS at HCT



Incidence of Veno-Occlusive Disease by Graft Source



Patients

	SIR+VOD+	SIR+VOD-	SIR-VOD+	SIR-VOD-
Sample Size	13	26	9	15
Age, median (range)	45 (19-59)	42.5 (29-56)	34 (19-51)	48.5 (31-58)
Gender, male (%)	69	31	33	80
Donor Type				
Matched Related (%)	15	85	33	60
Matched Unrelated (%)	77	15	67	33
Time to neutrophil recovery Median (range)	14 (10-20)	13 (10-21)	17.5 (13-27)	16 (13-20)
Time to platelet recovery Median (range)	29 (14-138)	15 (8-39)	20 (15-102)	18 (14-26)
Acute GVHD (%)				
Grade 0 - I	69	69	53	44
Grade II - IV	23	31	40	56

Are there situations in which corticosteroids alone are sufficient to treat IPS

- **After reduced intensity (RIC) regimen?**

High response rates to steroids alone (71%) if post-RIC.

- **Early in the course of IPS (lower FiO₂ levels)?**

High response rate to steroids alone (91%) if FiO₂ ≤ 40%

Low response rates to steroids alone (17%) if FiO₂ > 40%



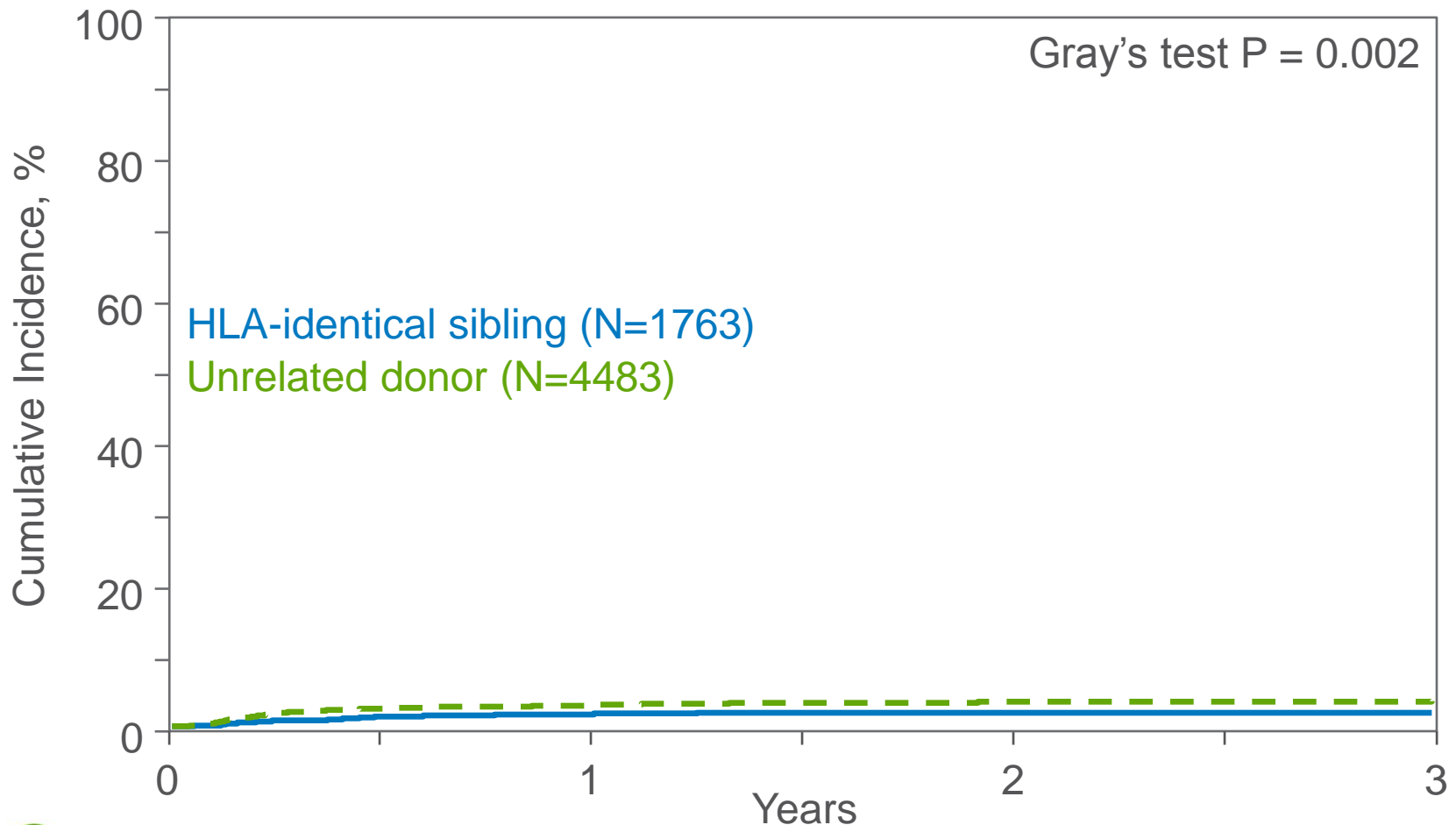
Table I. Clinical criteria for veno-occlusive disease.

Modified seattle criteria (Shulman & Hinterberger, 1992)	Baltimore criteria (Jones <i>et al</i> , 1987)
Two of the following criteria must be present within 20 d of transplant:	Bilirubin must be >34.2 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ (2 mg/dl) within 21 d of transplant and two of the following criteria must be present:
Bilirubin >34.2 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ (2 mg/dl)	Hepatomegaly
Hepatomegaly or right upper quadrant pain	Ascites
Weight gain (>2% from pre-transplant weight)	Weight gain (>5% from pre-transplant weight)

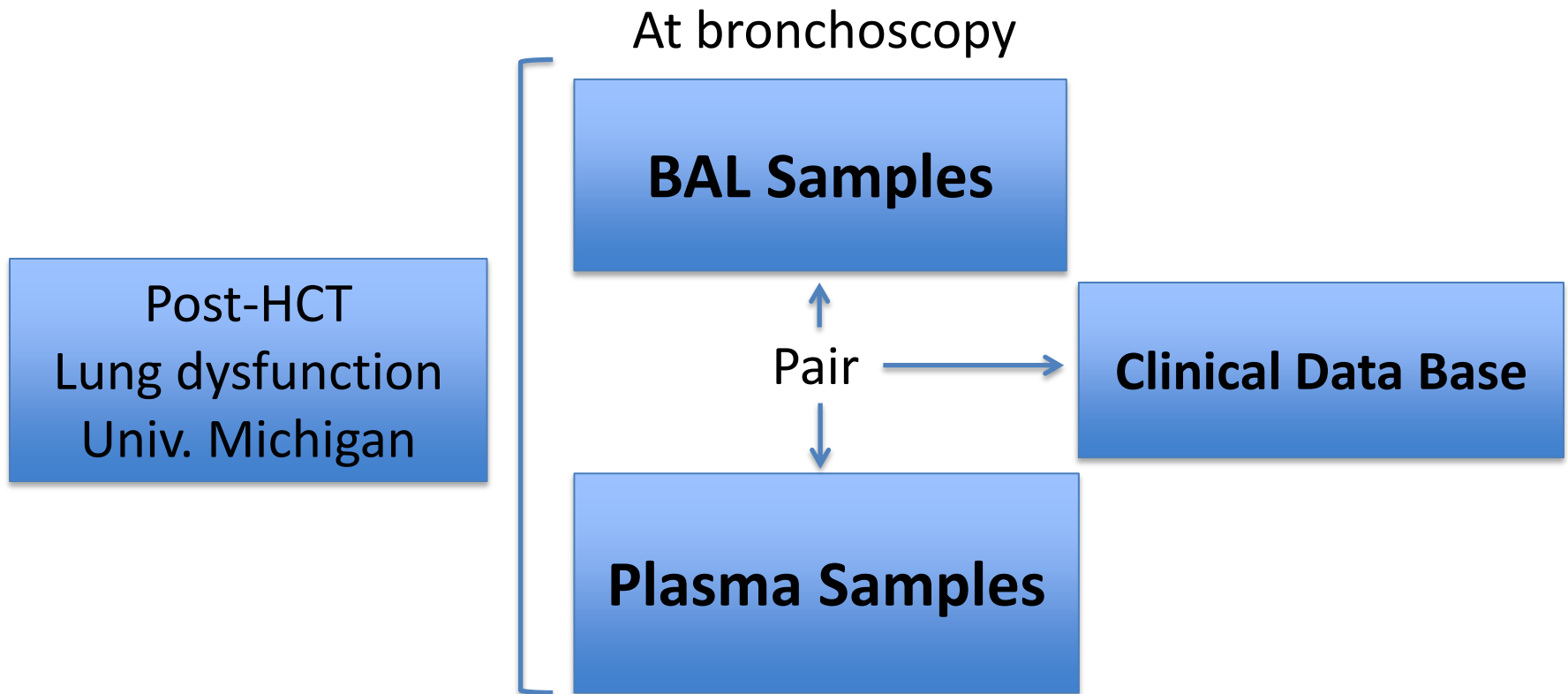
Modeling

Time	Biomarker	OR** (95% CI)	p **
Day -1	vWF \geq 1200 mU/mL	2.57 (1.27 - inf)	0.009
Day +7	vWF \geq 1400 mU/mL	2.35 (1.23 - inf)	0.01
	TM \geq 100 ng/mL	2.35 (1.23 - inf)	0.01
	sICAM1 \geq 400 ng/mL	3.04 (1.25 - inf)	0.01

Incidence of TA-TMA by Donor Type



Biomarkers in Lung Injury post-HCT Pulmonary Biorepository at Univ Michigan



Demographics: BMT CTN 0403

Factor		Etanercept (%) n= 16	Placebo (%) n = 18
Gender	Male	8 (50)	8 (44)
	Female	8 (50)	10 (56)
Age (yrs)			
	Median	47.7	46.4
	Mean	47.9	47.8
	SD	± 14.4	± 11.6
Disease			
	AML/MDS	3 (18)	11 (61%)
	ALL	3 (18)	4 (22)
	NHL	3 (18)	0 (0)
	Other	6 (38)	2 (11)



**Prospective Multi-Center Cohort for
the Evaluation of Biomarkers
Predicting Risk of Complications
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HCT**

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