

HSCT for Thalassemia Major

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| 1. Have Transfusion | 1. Have transplantation |
| or | or |
| 2. Half transplantation | 2. Have transplantation |

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- No science.

T.M is 4-mos old **1st boy** for a 42 y/o mother and a 58y/o father.

He feels SOB and choking with breast feeding.

o/E: Pallor, jaundice, HSM.

CBC/DD & Hb EP: hypochr. Microcyt. anemia (7 gm), retic 11% ,

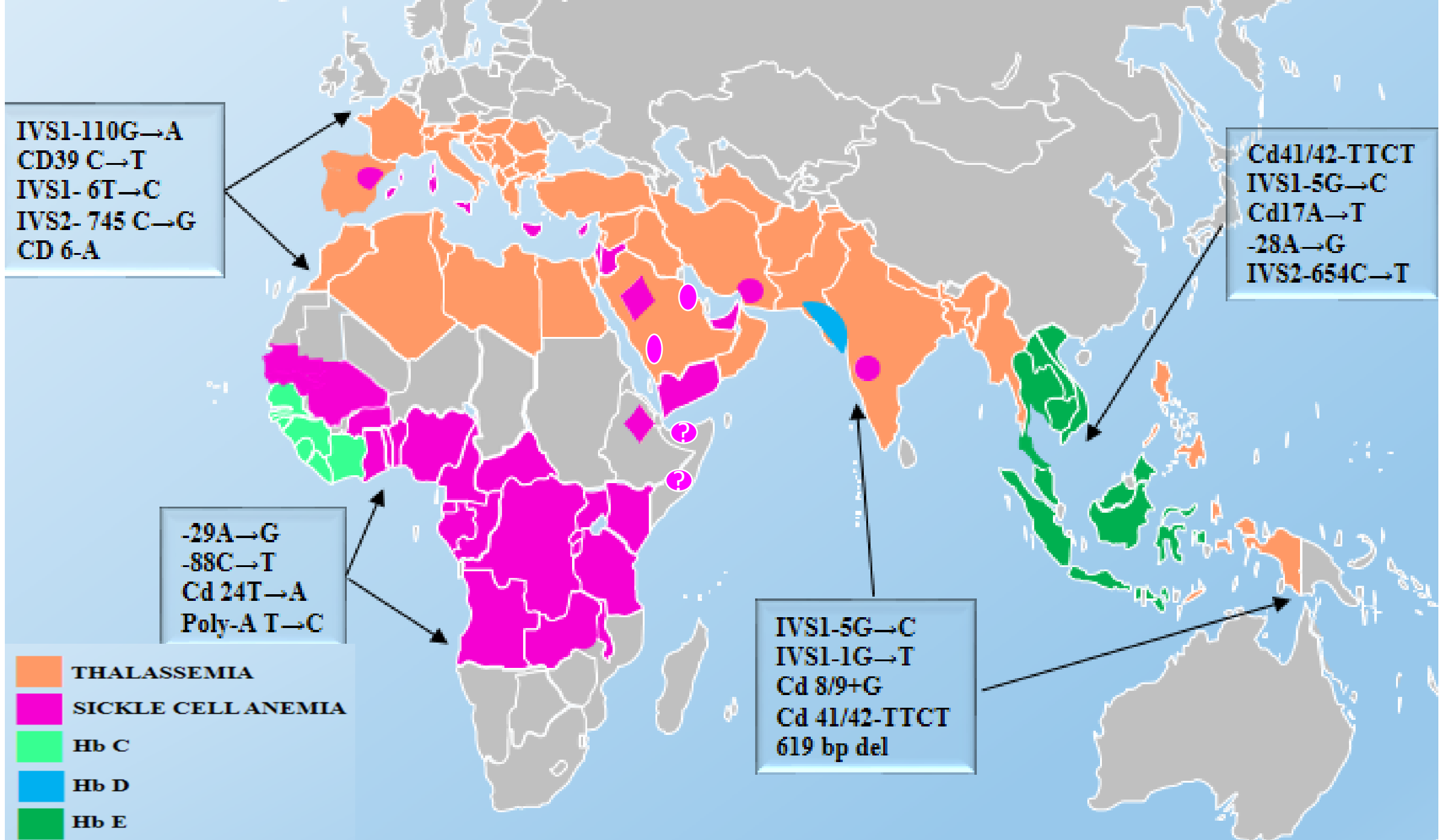
HbEP: A2 is 5.2%, Hb F: 7% , Hb

Well: he's like his cousin who required Transfusions but died at the age of 4

Mother:

1. Is it benign or malignant?
2. Does it kill like acute leukemia (ALL)?
3. I wished he will be a doctor! AndMarry !
4. Is he going die like his cousin?
5. How can you **US** ?

It depends !!!!!!!





Academic center



Do EBM (not EBMT)
Do Research
Do Publish

**Believe what
they publish
& what similar
others publish**

**If he dies before he goes ,
No one would know.....
That TM made him Go !**



We have to be realistic



Can we make it better



Thalassemia major: what a disease



TM: How they live & die ?

No marriage

TM comprehensively Kills !

No jobs

Cardiomyopathies/
Arrhythmia

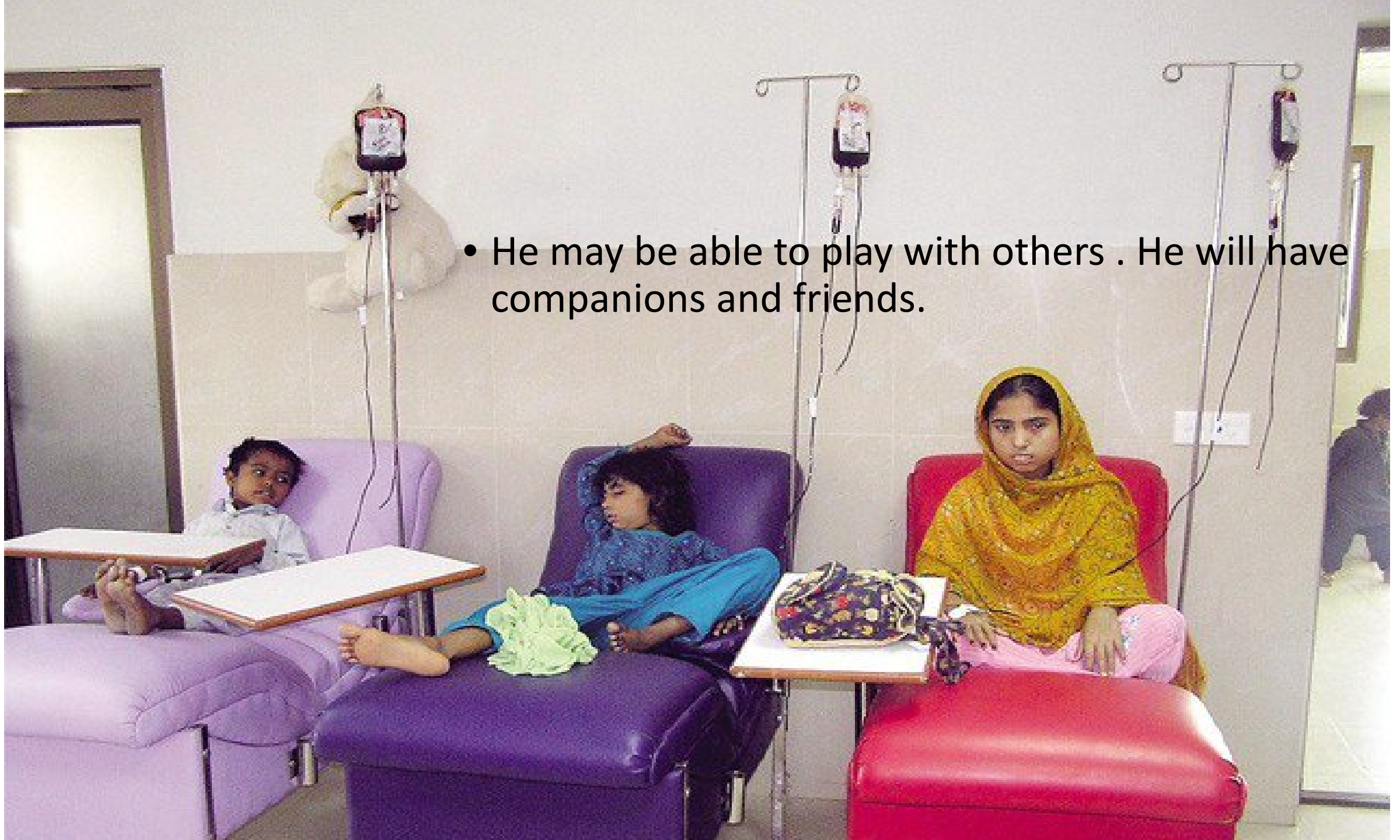
Liver cirrhosis

HCV/HBV/other infections

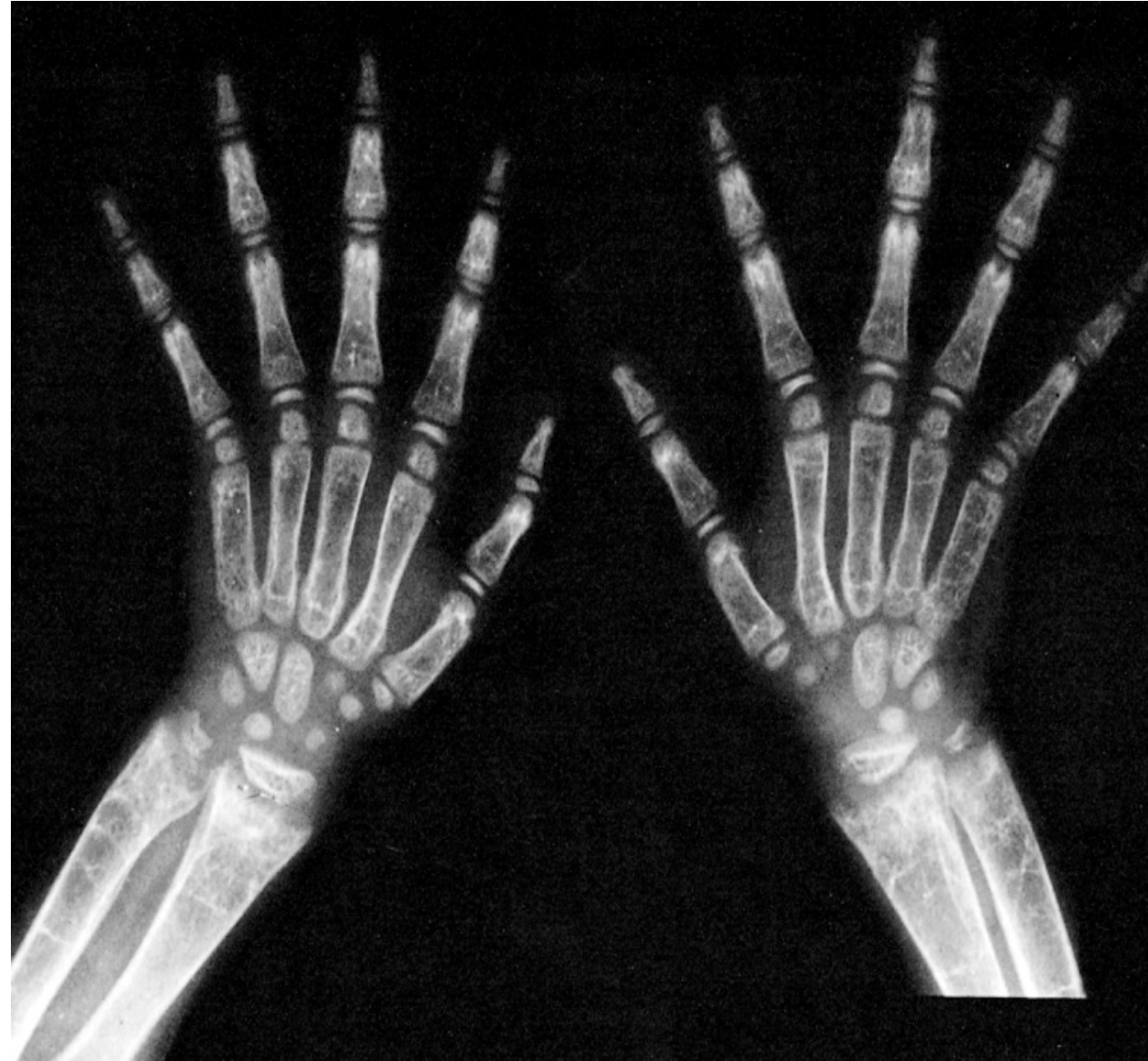
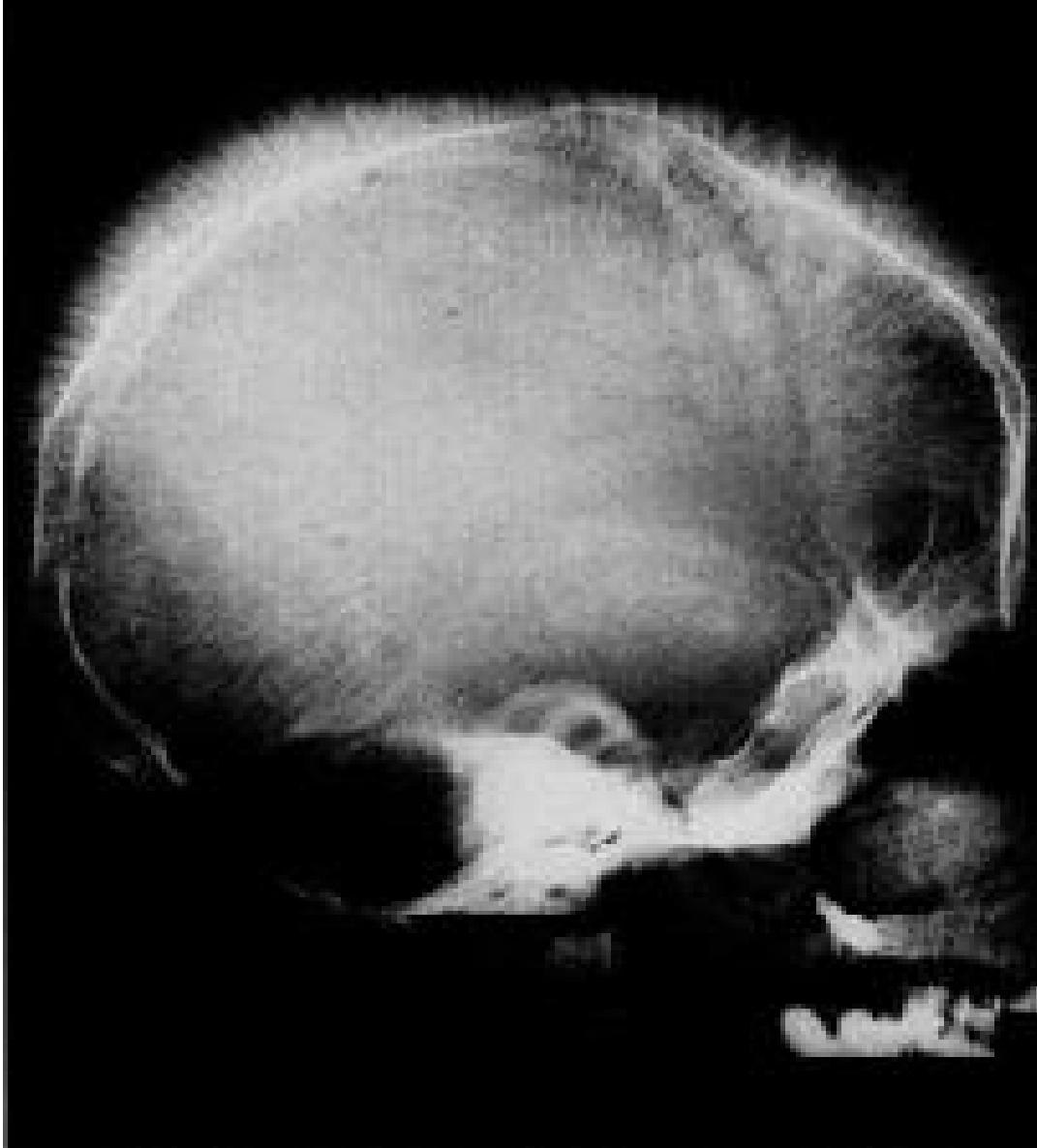
Transfusions-Chelation (insufficient)

Poor growth, development, deformities

- He may be able to play with others . He will have companions and friends.

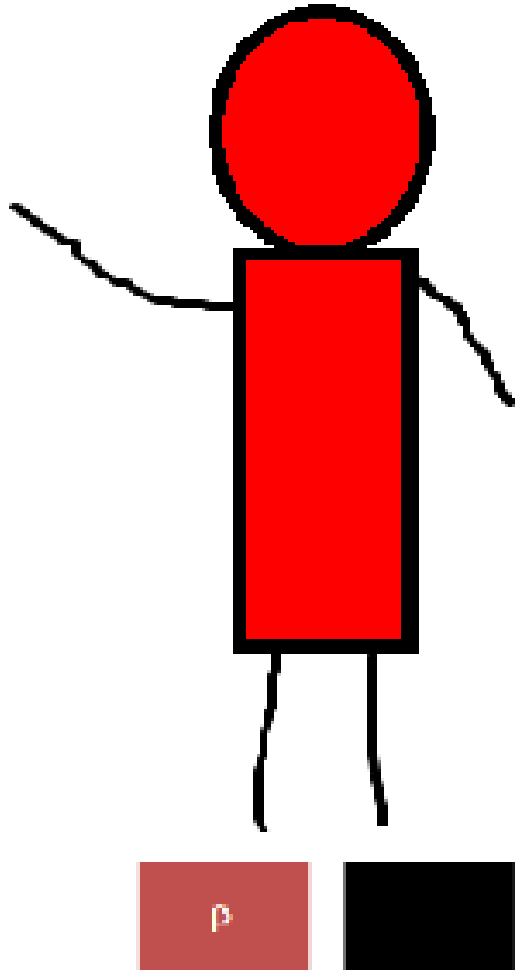


Intelligent but this may be his skull

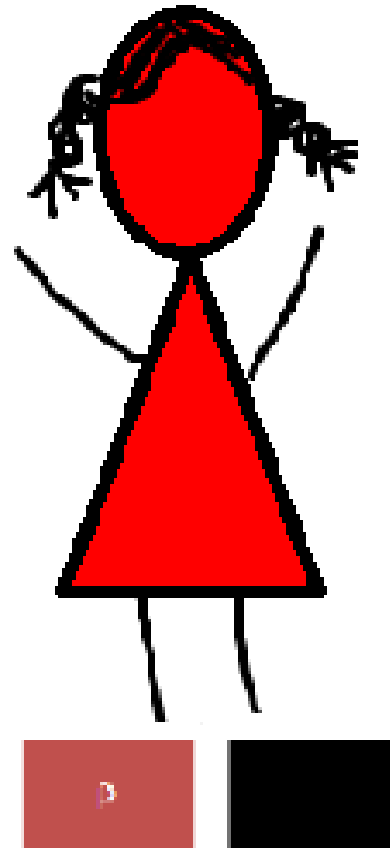


he will be an artist : draws picture about his life

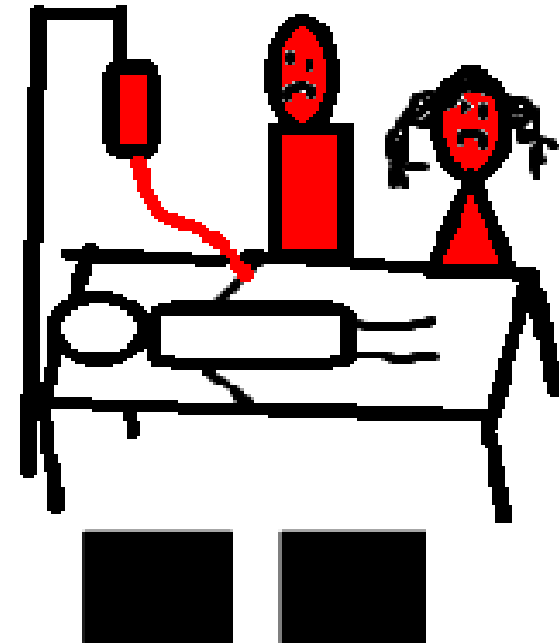
Father THALASSEMIA
MINOR



Mother THALASSEMIA
MINOR



Timour THALASSEMIA
MAJOR



When may he die?

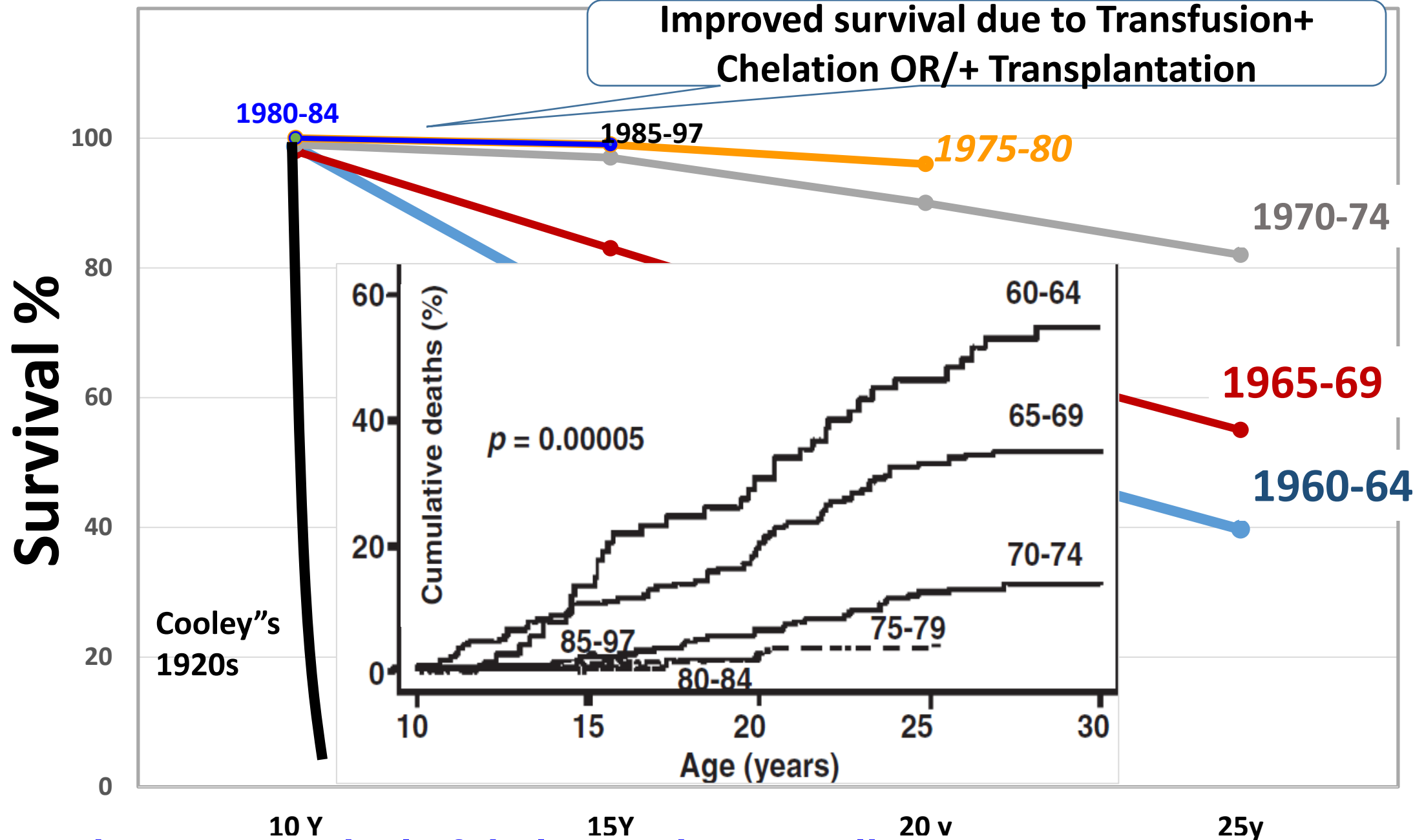


Figure 1. Survival of thalassemia : an Italian success story



[haematologica]
2004;89:1179-1186

DANIELE PRATI

Thalassemia • Research Paper

Clinical and histological characterization of liver disease in patients with transfusion-dependent β -thalassemia. A multicenter study of 117 cases

A B S T R A C T

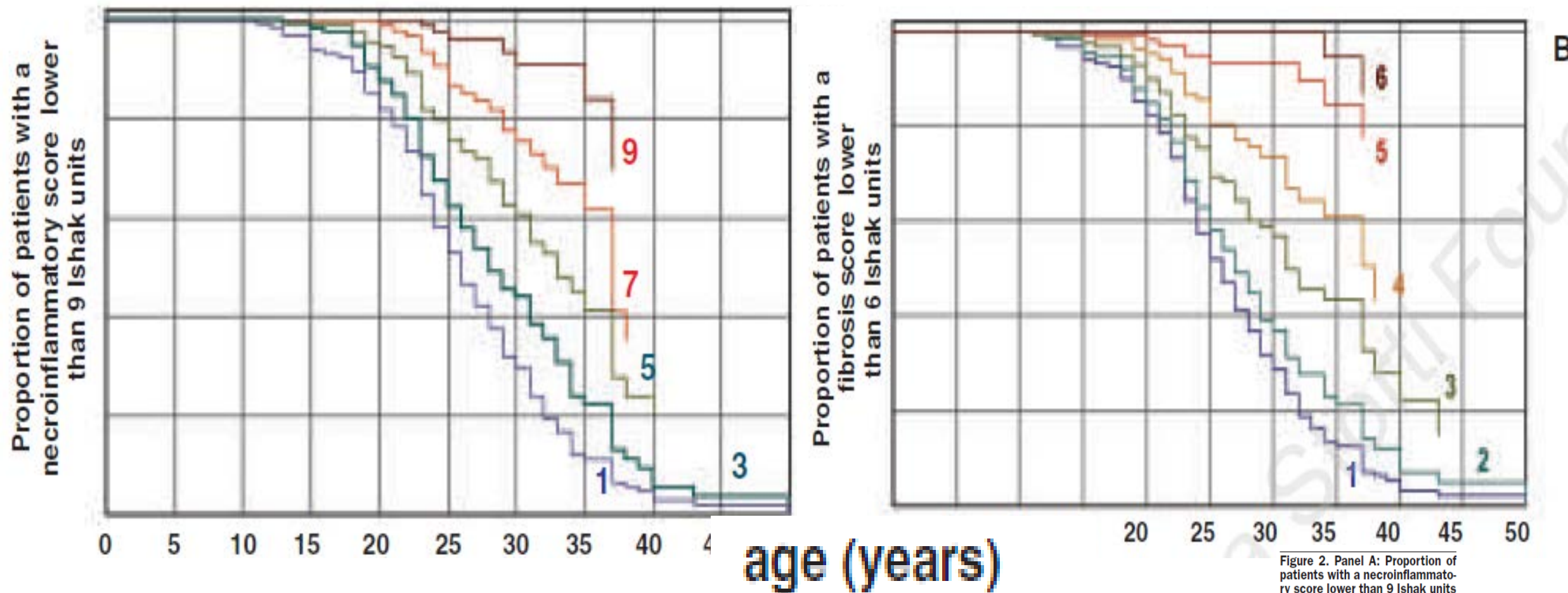
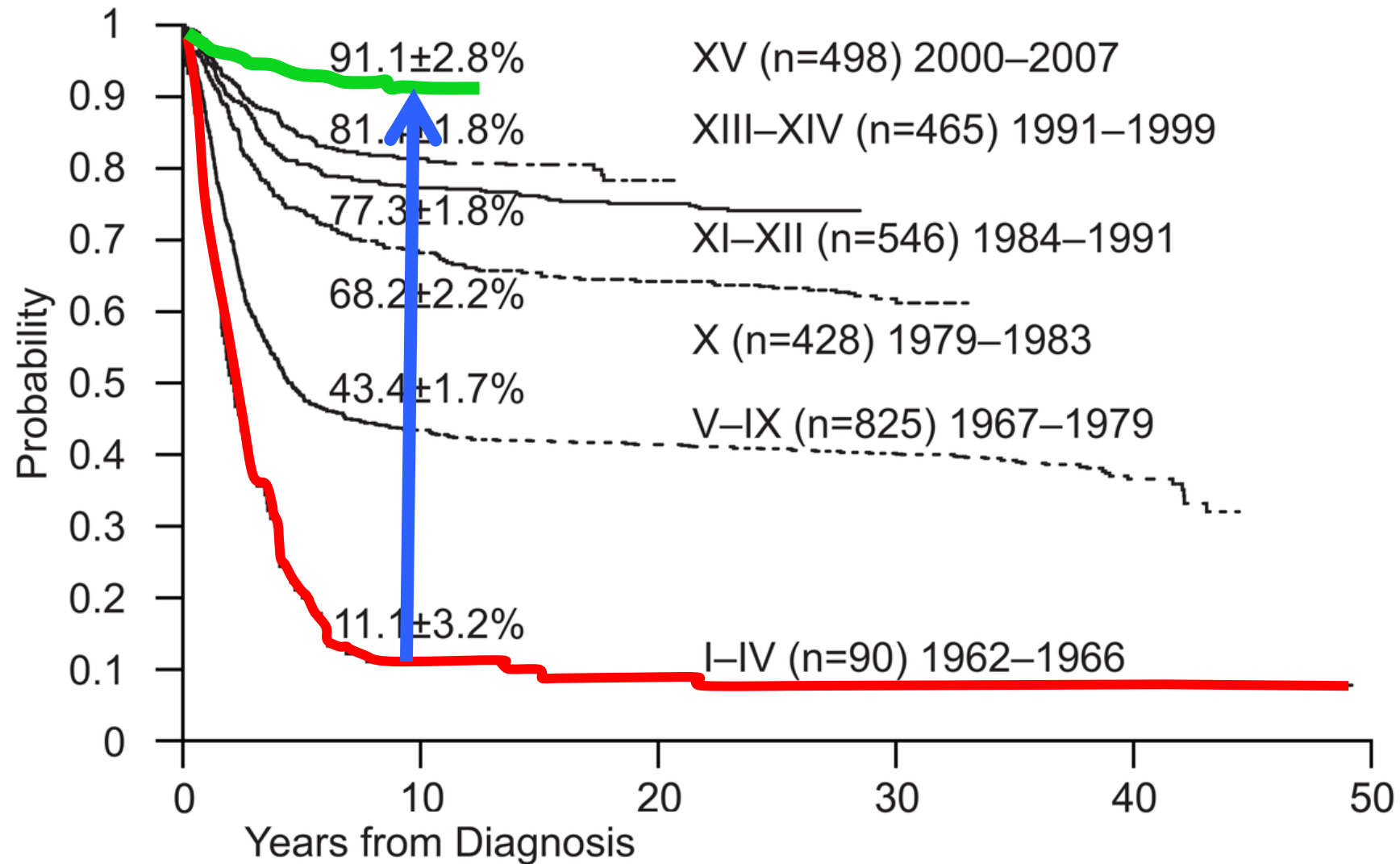


Figure 2. Panel A: Proportion of patients with a necroinflammatory score lower than 9 Ishak units as a function of age. Panel B: Proportion of patients with a fibrosis score lower than 6 Ishak units as a function of age.

Early endeavors focused on Transfusion

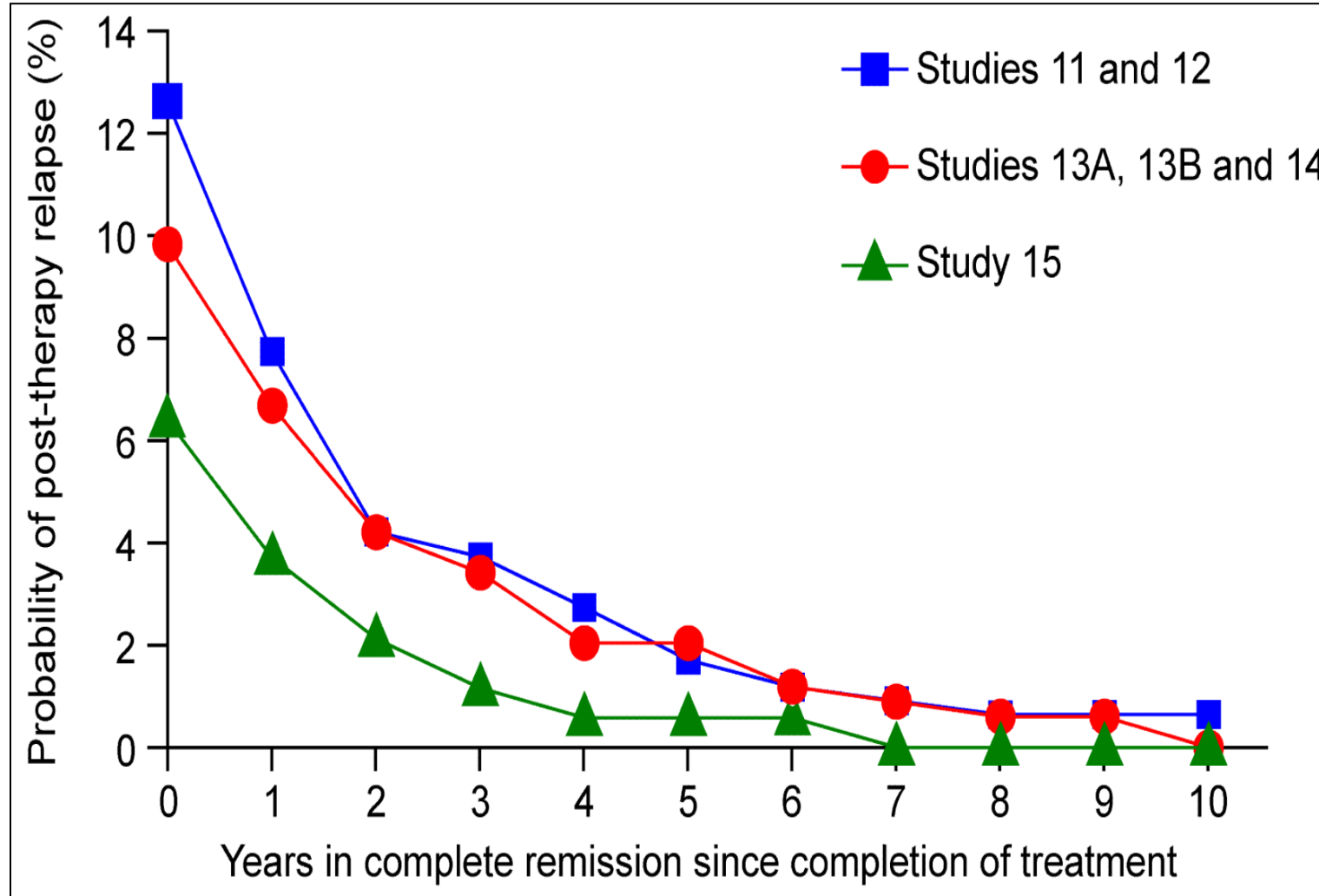
- **Transfusion + Chelation= life**
- **No transfusion: No life**

Is it benign or malignant?
An...emia or Leuk..emia?



10 Y OS for 2852 children with newly diagnosed ALL who were enrolled in 15 consecutive Total Therapy studies at SJCRH 1962-2007

A Revised Definition for Cure of Childhood ALL



Medical Attitude Paradox:

→ Benign diseases kill

Acute Leukemia is less likely to kill



**Even Farmers
are Comprehensive**

**So be comprehensive
H.A.V.E Transfusion or Transplantation**

Pediatric ALL specialists
Intense fight: “Face your enemy” & keep fighting
until we die or we kill the enemy!



SCA & TM specialists

Turning a back to an enemy: “It is benign”



No or PRN Transfusion
for Adults in many areas

Challenges in the management of TM:

- The size of the problem
- Political unrest
- Economic issues
- Rigidity issues
- Awareness (medical Professionals): *let it go let it go let it go*
- WBMT mission is not clear: Sheikh to the audience.
 - The money of WBMT activity = 40 fellow x 6 months each at KFSHRC or 20 at UMN.

Perspectives

The inherited diseases of hemoglobin are an emerging global health burden

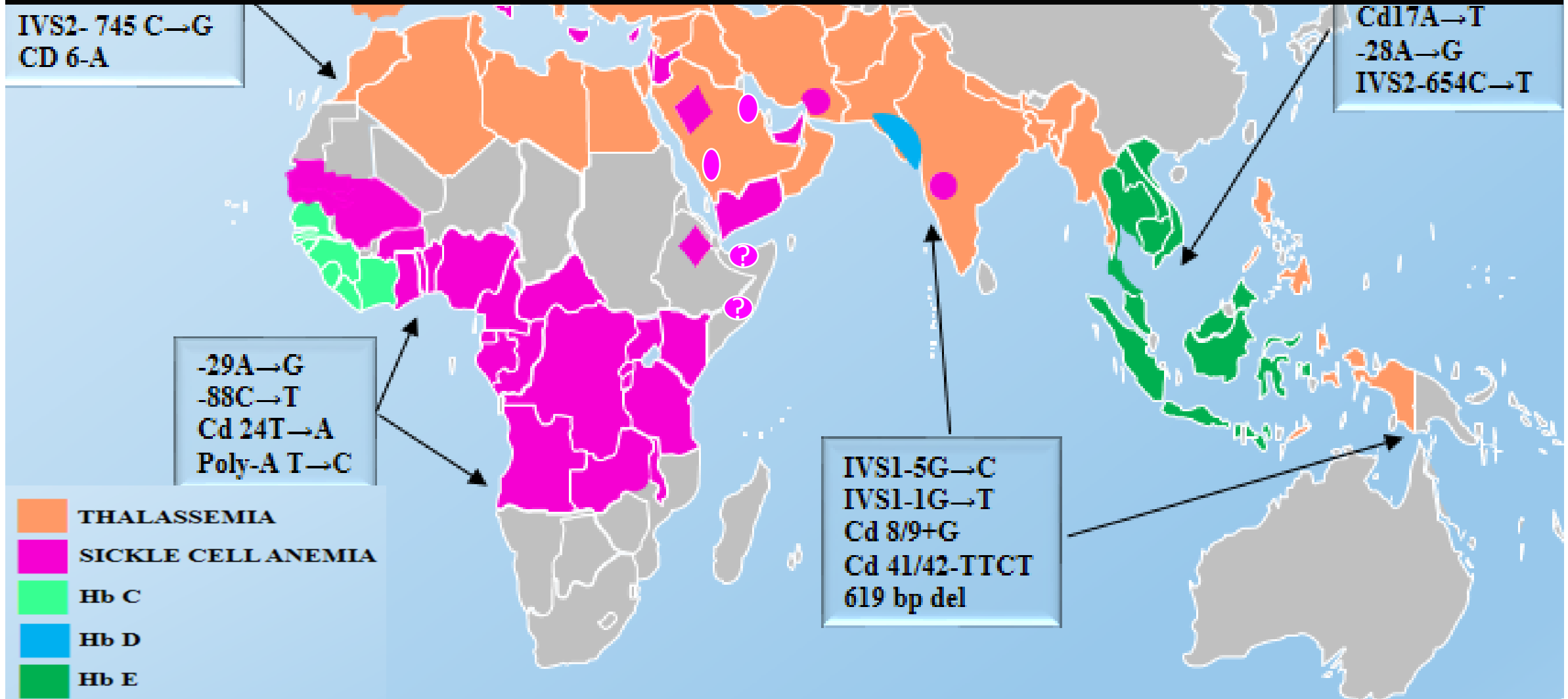
Table 1. Breakdown of the annual number of births with the different hemoglobin disorders from data available²

Major hemoglobin disorder	No. of annual births
β thalassemia major	22 989
HbE β thalassemia	19 128
HbH disease	9 568
Hb Bart hydrops (α^0/α^0)	5 183
SS disease	217 331
S β thalassemia	11 074
SC disease	54 736

Global: 80-90 Millions carriers of Thalassemia genes

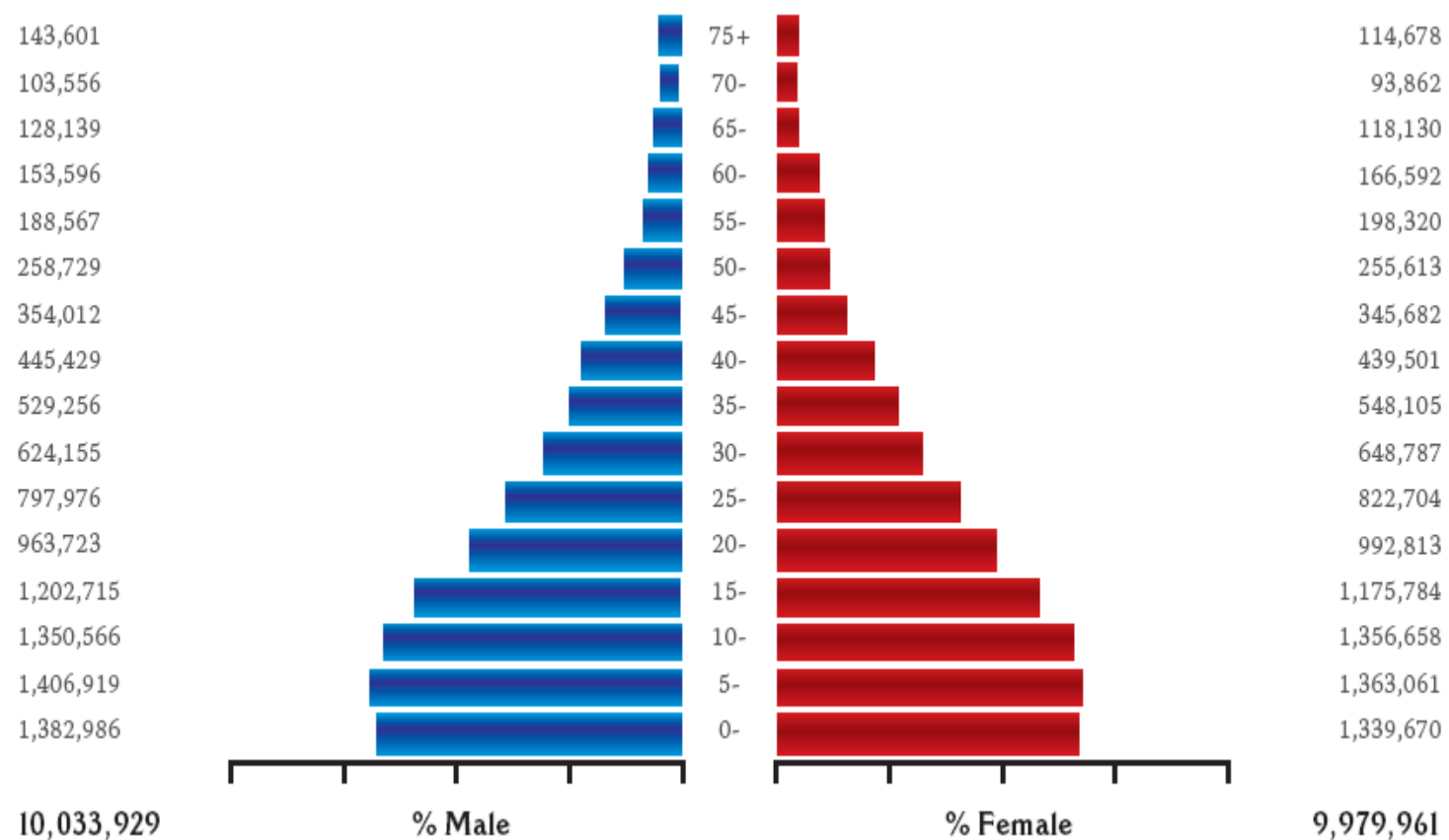
50,000–100,000 children with β -TM die /year in L/M-Income countries

Report of a Joint WHO–Geneva 17–19 May 2006.



1st conclusion of the conclusion

- **TM kills at young age**
- **TM kills the future**



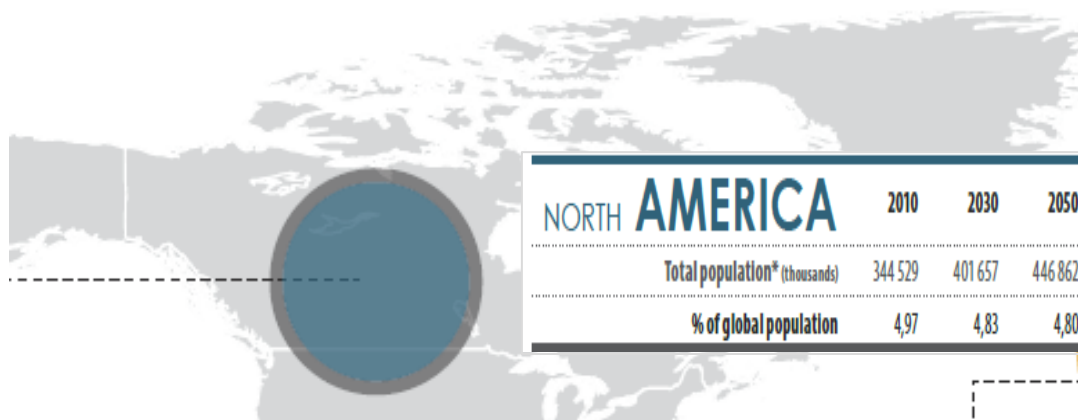
Estimated Mid-point 1998-2007 Population for GCC States' Nationals by Gender.

Ten-Year Cancer Incidence 1998-2007
GCCCP Report, 2011



How much deaths due to Thal + SCA/year
SCA in SA alone is 150,000
TM in SA: ??????

Minster of Health, Arab News 2015



EUROPE	2010	2030	2050
Total population* (thousands)	738 199	741 233	719 257
% of global population	10,70	8,91	7,73



DEMOGRAPHICS
 THE MEDIAN ESTIMATE FOR WORLD POPULATION IN 2050 IS 9 B
 THE POPULATION OF ASIA AND AFRICA IS EXPECT
 ANTICIPATING A
 YOUTH SURGE

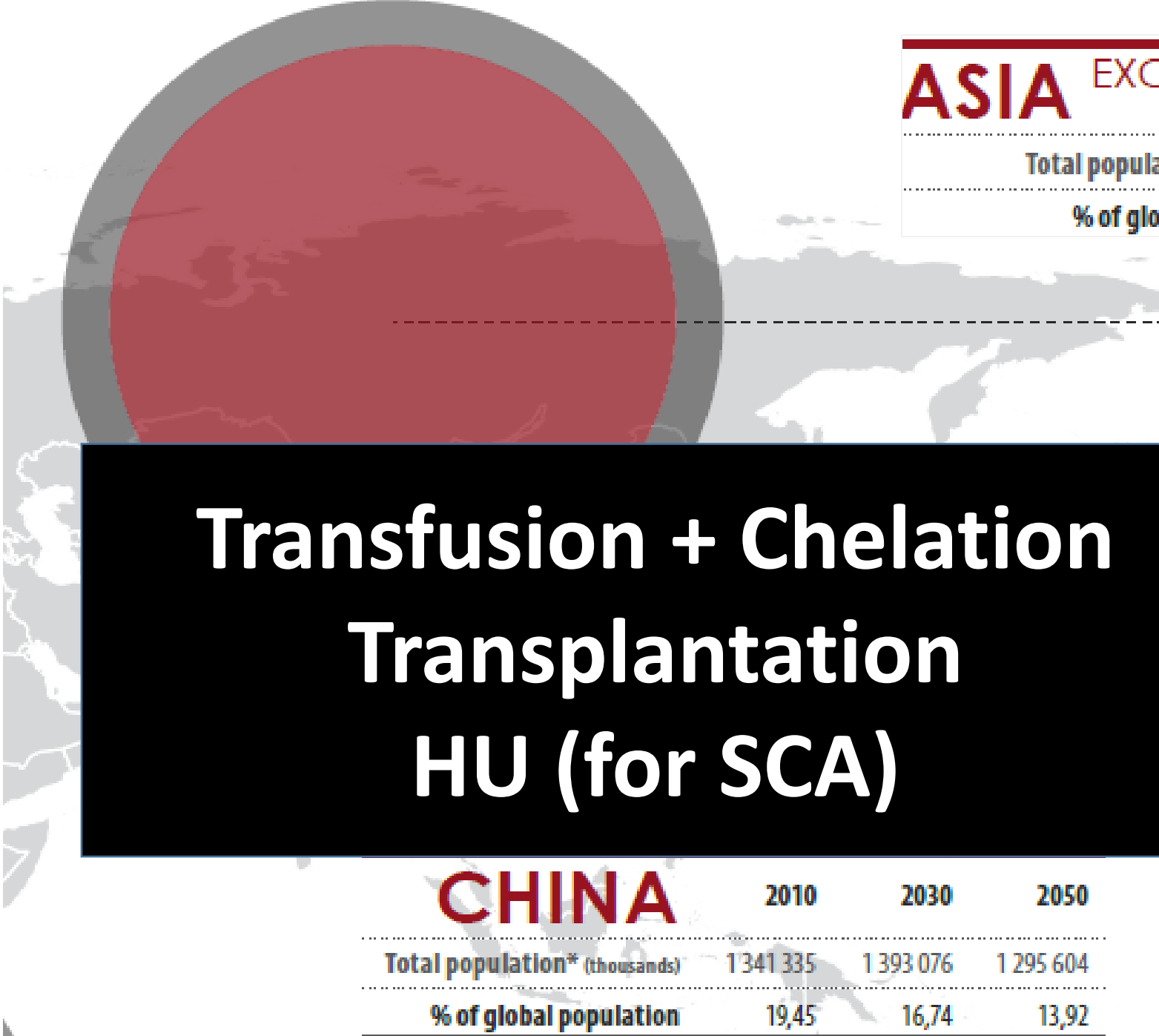
**2 SCA
 2TM/HbE**

**Have Transfusion+C
 Half Transplantation
 Hydroxyurea (for SCA)**

AFRICA	2010	2030	2050
Total population* (thousands)	1 022 234	1 562 047	2 191 599
% of global population	14,82	18,77	23,55



2.2 ← 1 bn



ASIA EXCLUDING CHINA	2010	2030	2050
Total population* (thousands)	2 822 917	3 474 665	3 846 616
% of global population	40,94	41,76	41,33

**1.4 SCA
1.4TM/HbE**

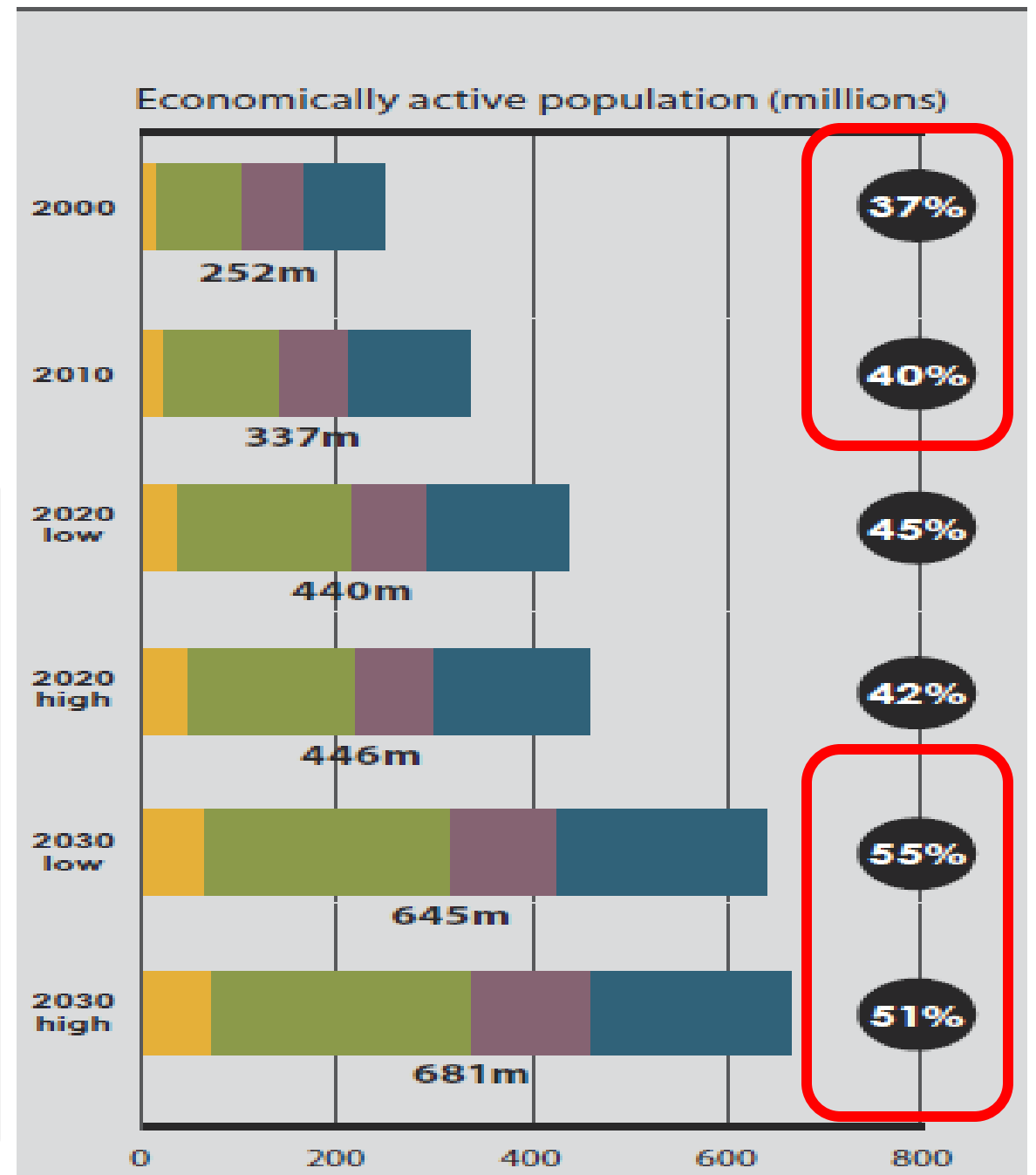
**Transfusion + Chelation
Transplantation
HU (for SCA)**

CHINA	2010	2030	2050
Total population* (thousands)	1 341 335	1 393 076	1 295 604
% of global population	19,45	16,74	13,92

Job and QOL will be
a major goal of R/

THE JOB CREATION CHALLENGE

WITHIN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, THE
ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION
IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO
INCREASE ACROSS ALL SUB-REGIONS,
ESPECIALLY IN EASTERN AFRICA



5 May 2010-present
ONGOING

Figure 17:

SOCIAL UPRISING

This map shows a selection of social uprisings that took place across the globe in 2011 and highlights some of the main triggers to social unrest.

Social uprising overlaps with
Thalassemia Major

CHINA JASMINE REVOLUTION/PROTEST
20 February-20 March 2011
ENDED

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ARAB SPRING
15 March 2011-present
ONGOING

SOUTH KOREA OCCUPY MOVEMENT
14 October 2011
ENDED

JORDAN ARAB SPRING
14 January 2011-9 February 2011
ENDED ON 9 FEBRUARY 2011

LEBANON ARAB SPRING
12 January 2011-present
ONGOING

KUWAIT ARAB SPRING
19 February 2011-present
ONGOING

MYANMAR JUST DO IT AGAINST MILITARY DICTATORSHIP
March 2011-present
ONGOING

HONG KONG, CHINA 1 JULY PROTEST (ANNUAL)
1 July 2011
ENDED (ANNUAL ONE DAY EVENT)

MALAYSIA OCCUPY DATARAN
30 July 2011-present
ONGOING

AUSTRALIA OCCUPY MOVEMENT
15 October 2011-present

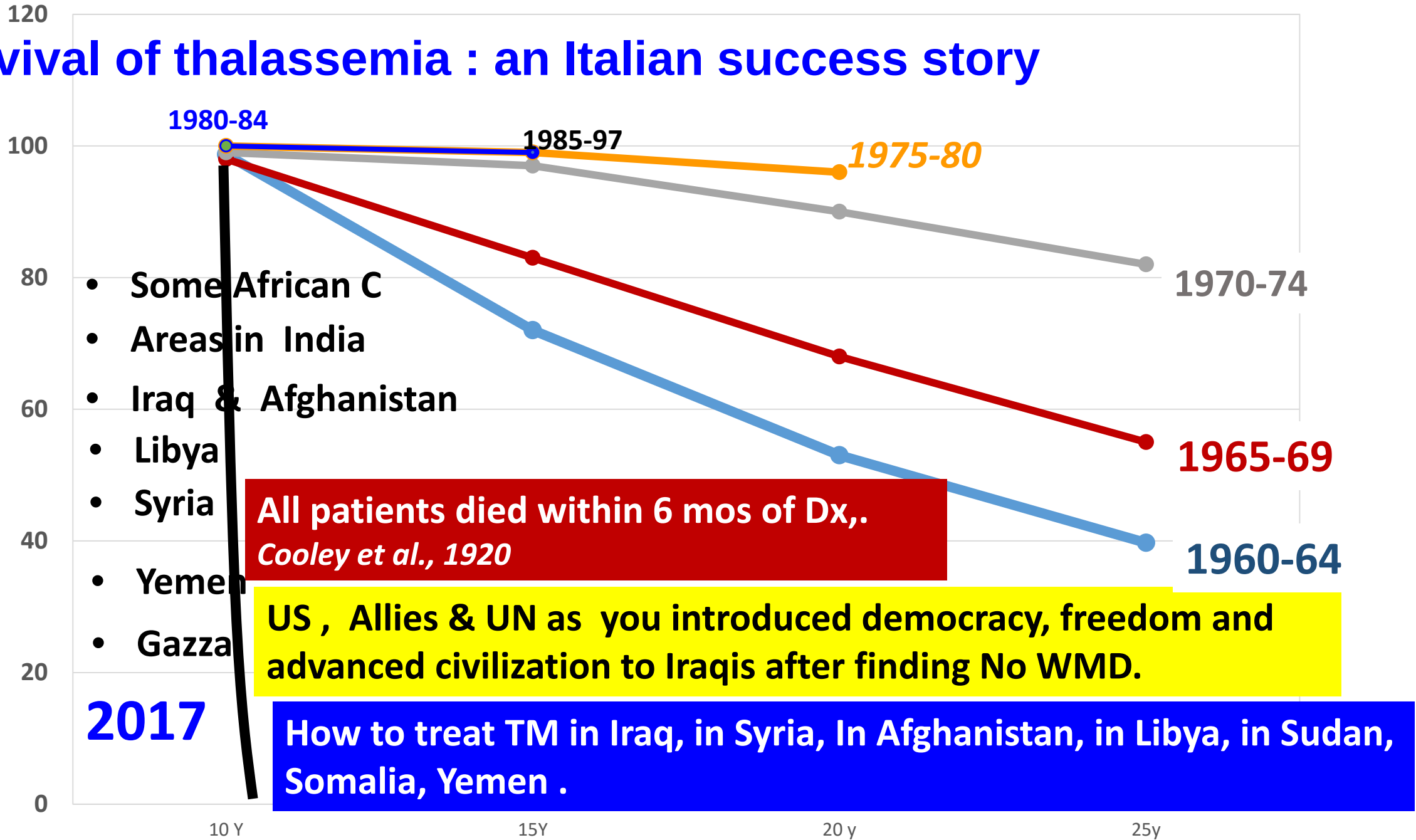
BAHRAIN ARAB SPRING
14 February 2011-present
ONGOING

MALDIVES 2011 PROTEST
May 2011
ENDED

DJIBOUTI PROTEST
28 January 2011-11 March 2011
ENDED ON 11 MARCH 2011

YEMEN, REP. ARAB SPRING
27 January 2011-present
ONGOING

Survival of thalassemia : an Italian success story



**Available transfusion service for
Hb-pathies in the world:
17% only**

WHO report 2015

Osman A slide

Global epidemiology of hemoglobin disorders and derived service indicators

WHO region	Estimated annual births β thalassaemias Transfusion			
	Total	Transfusion-dependent	% of Tx-dependent patients transfused	Annual deaths because not transfused
African	1 386	1 278	2.7	97%
American	341	255	52.4	121
EMRO	9 914	9 053	17.8	75%

^a All figures are minimum estimates.

- Bernadette Modell, Matthew Darlison
Volume 86, Number 6, June 2008, 480-487
- Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Yearly Cost of BTIC of TM

Type of costs	Total
Blood	1118.0
Medical Visits	182.9
Nursing Services	303.7
Laboratory Services	136.6
Diagnostic Services	216.0
Medicine	5026.4
Deferoxamine pump and other consumer items in home	155.0
Hospitalization	103.4
Splenectomy	44.8
Going to the service providing centers	205.3
Transportation	69.8
Lost opportunities for patients	356.2
Lost opportunities for patients' families	217.4
Building rent and other costs related to buildings	186.3
Lost welfare	No data ^b
Total	8321.8

Asian Experience & Available services For TM

Country	Transfusion	Iron chelation			BMT	PND	National program
		DFO	L1	Exjade			
Bangladesh	Enough? Safe? For all ?	(+)	—			—	
Cambodia		(+)	—			—	
China							
Guangxi		(+)	(+)		(+)	+	
Hong Kong		+	+	(+)	+	+	+
Taiwan		+	+	(+)	+	+	+
India		(+)	(+)		(+)	(+)	
Indonesia		(+)	(+)			(+)	
Laos		(+)	—			—	
Malaysia		+	+	(+)	+	+	+
Maldives		+	+		(+)	—	+
Myanmar		(+)	—			—	
Philippines		(+)	—	(+)		—	
Singapore		+	+	(+)	+	+	+
Sri Lanka		+	+			—	+
Thailand		+	+	(+)	+	+	+
Vietnam		(+)	(+)		(+)	—	

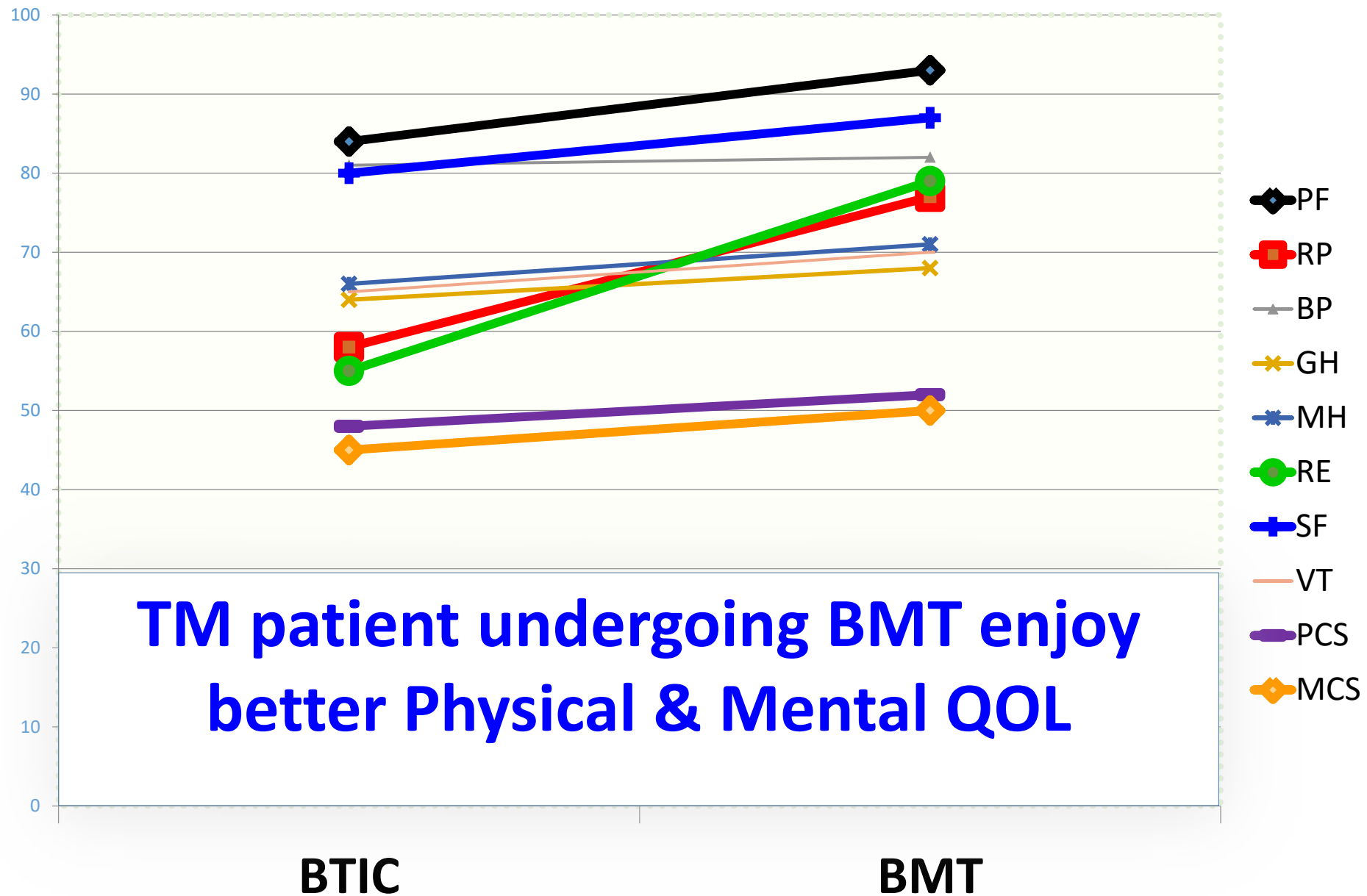


Comparison of Blood Transfusion Plus Chelation Therapy and Bone Marrow Transplantation in Patients with β -Thalassemia: Application of SF-36, EQ-5D, and Visual Analogue Scale Measures



Mehdi Javanbakht¹, Ali Keshtkaran², Hossien Shabaninejad^{3,4}, Hassan Karami^{2*}, Maryam Zakerinia⁵, Sajad Delavari⁶

QOL Component	SF-36 Subscales	BTIC		BMT		<i>p</i>
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING	PF	84.93	17.60	93.07	10.90	.004 ^a
ROLE LIMITATIONS	RP	58.88	38.32	77.84	29.14	.003 ^a
<i>Bodily pain</i>	BP	81.68	20.09	81.36	20.82	.928
<i>General health</i>	GH	64.24	21.82	68.41	20.22	.259
<i>Mental Health</i>	MH	65.66	19.78	70.55	15.48	.133
ROLE LIMITATIONS	RE	55.92	40.35	78.79	39.43	.001 ^a
<i>Social functioning</i>	SF	80.02	21.35	86.93	20.70	.058
<i>Vitality</i>	VT	65.89	18.24	69.89	16.96	.195
PHYSICAL COMPONENT SCALE	PCS	48.23	7.09	51.65	6.60	.005 ^a
MENTAL COMPONENT SCALE	MCS	45.19	9.76	49.53	9.59	.010



Better QOL after HSCT if done early & No cGVHD

Study	Tools used	Patients	Results and conclusions of the study
Cheuk et al, BMT 2008 (8)	WHOQOL-BREF(HK) PedsQLTM4.0 Cross-sectional analysis	74 TM on supportive care 24 TM > HCT	Adults >18 y: Overall health better after HCT – less medical aids, higher activity, better relationships and physical health. Children <18 y: Better physical function after HCT. Lower scores on school attendance restriction and hospital visits
Caocci et al, BBMT 2011(85)	PedsQLTM4.0 Before HCT, 3, 6, & 18 mos after HCT	28 TM-HCT patients	- Physical function declined until 3 mo> HCT then increased. - No significant DD in emotional, social or psychosocial domains
La Nasa et al, Blood 2013 (86)	SF36 , FACT- BMT Cross-sectional analysis	109 Ex-TM (HCT 1980 - 2000) vs124 TM on Supportive care	- Higher HRQoL following HCT. - Older age & cGVHD affected HRQoL negatively
Javanbakht M et al., 2015 Int'l J health policy manag	SF-36 cross-sectional	Total 160 on BTIC vs. 50 after HSCT	Significant better physical function, Role limitation, mental component scale after HSCT. Other parameters favors HSCT .

- WHOQOL-BREF(HK) – World Health Organization Quality of Life Measure Abbreviated
- PedsQLTM4.0 – Pediatric Quality of Life Version 4.0
- SF-36 – Short Form 36 version 1 ,
- FACT-BMT - Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy – Bone Marrow Transplant
- HCT- Hematopoietic Cell Transplant;
- cGVHD - chronic graft-versus-host disease ,
- HRQoL – Health related quality of life
- BTIC= Blood transfusion and iron Chelation

Not only Patients but also their parents are affected

Caocci et al. *BMC Blood Disorders* 2012, 12:6

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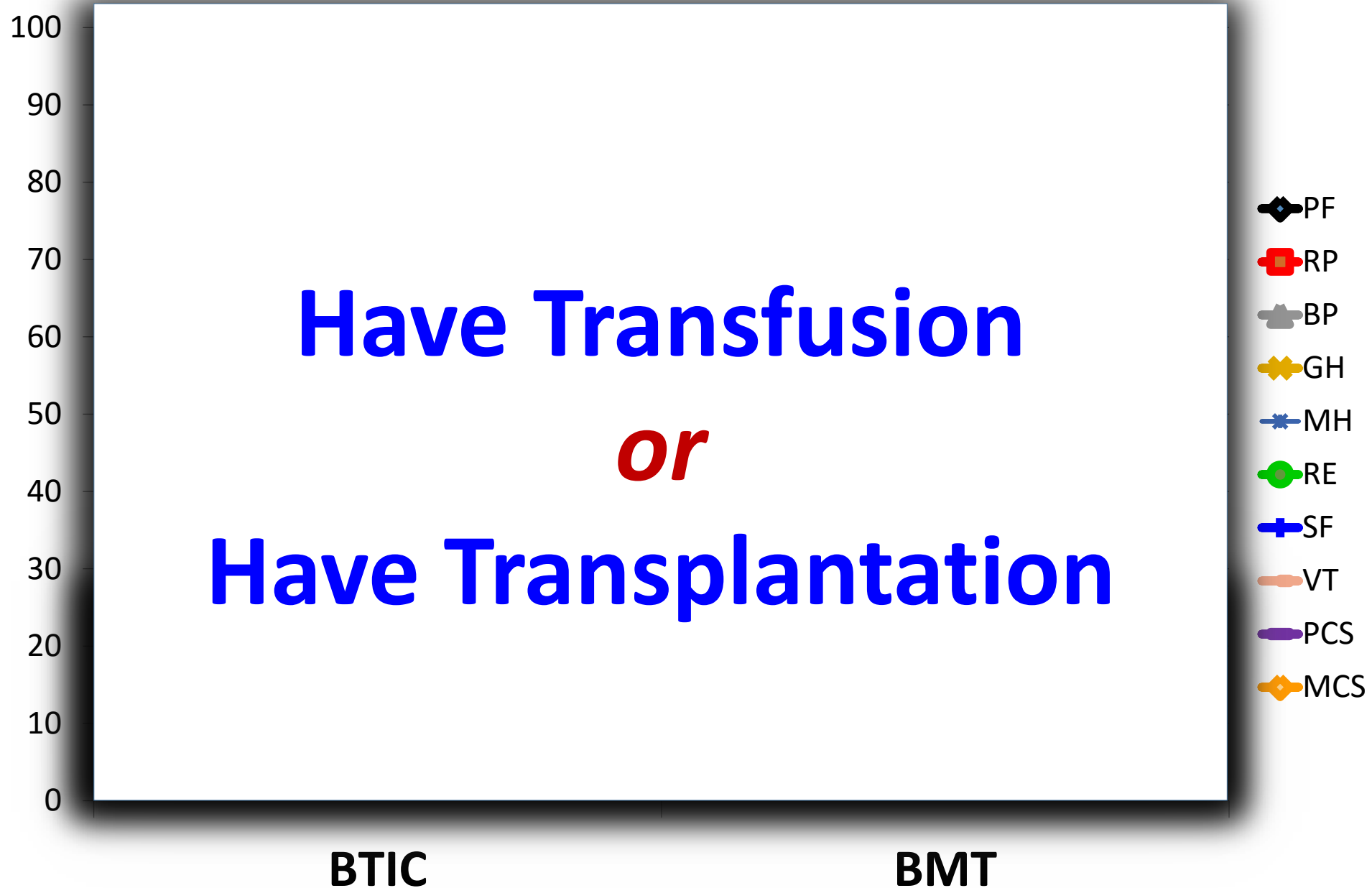
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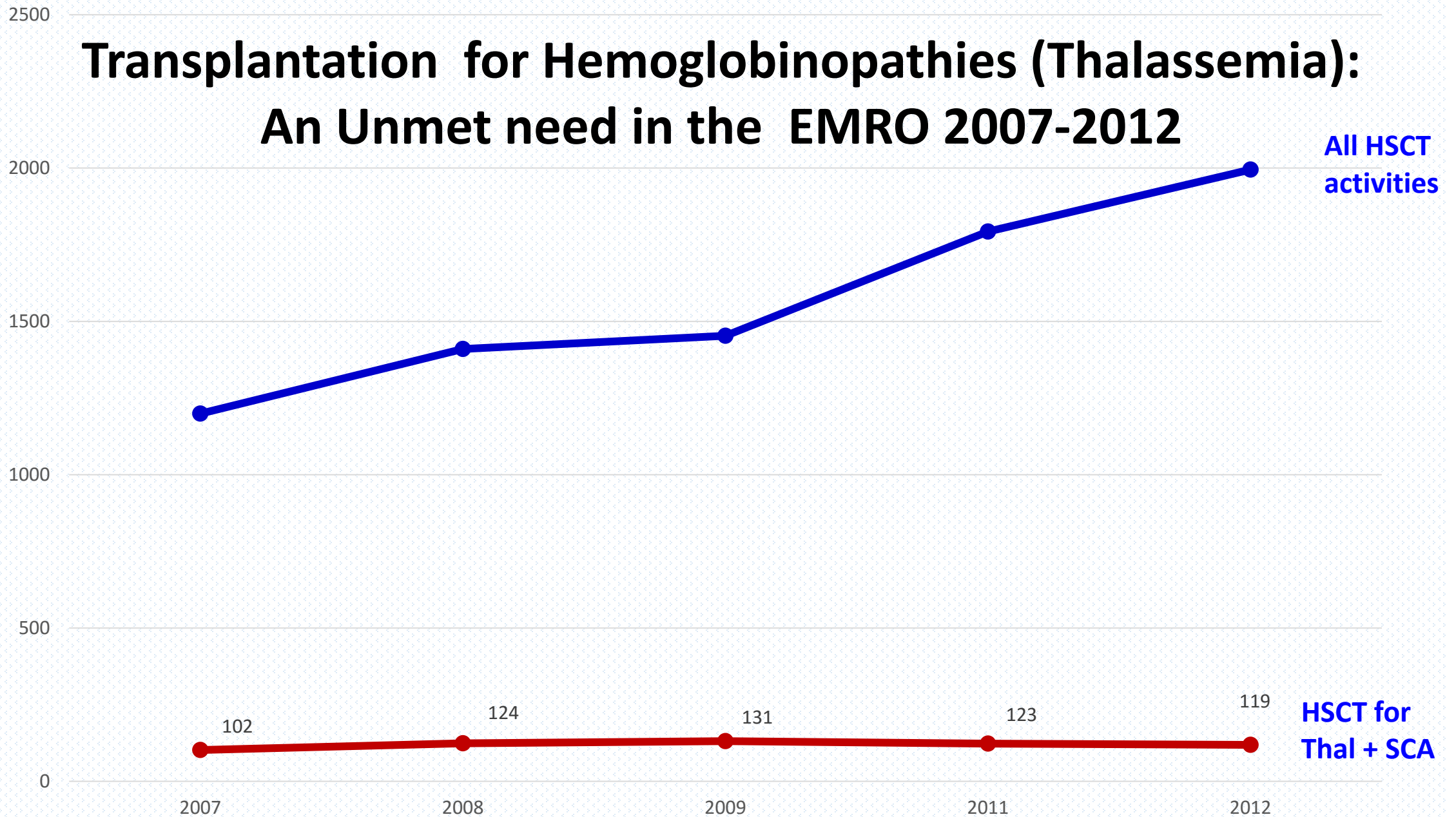
Health related quality of life in Middle Eastern children with beta-thalassemia

Differences in child and parent PedsQL domain scores, expressed as median and inter-quartile ranges

PEDsQL scale	Patients	Parents	Difference (95% CI)	P value
Physical Functioning	75 (56.3, 91.40)	75 (55.5, 85.18)	3.75 (-1.55, 7.8)	0.112
Emotional Functioning	85 (60, 100)	75 (50, 95)	10 (2.5, 15)	0.002*
Social Functioning	82.50 (60, 91.25)	75.8 (65, 90)	0.74 (-3.5, 7.5)	0.576
School Functioning	75.00 (50, 85)	70 (50, 80)	2.5 (-5, 7.5)	0.465
Psychosocial Health Summary	79.15 (61.88, 88.30)	70.3 (59.58, 83.72)	4.2 (0.85, 7.5)	0.015*
Total Summary Score	77.75 (61.45, 88.28)	74.35 (60.35, 82.77)	2.45 (4.62, 4.9)	0.047*

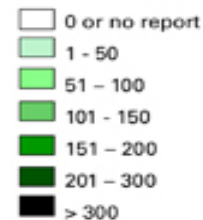


Transplantation for Hemoglobinopathies (Thalassemia): An Unmet need in the EMRO 2007-2012

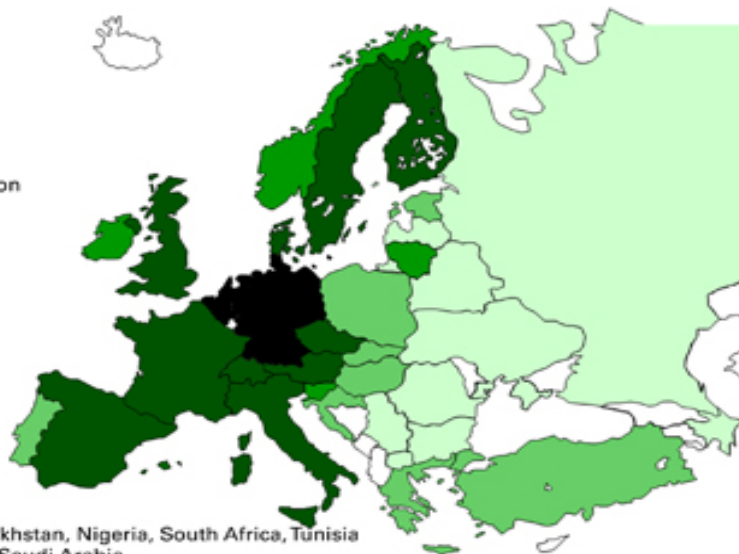


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Allogeneic transplants
per 10 million population

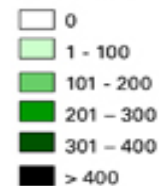


Algeria, Iran, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia
Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia
Israel

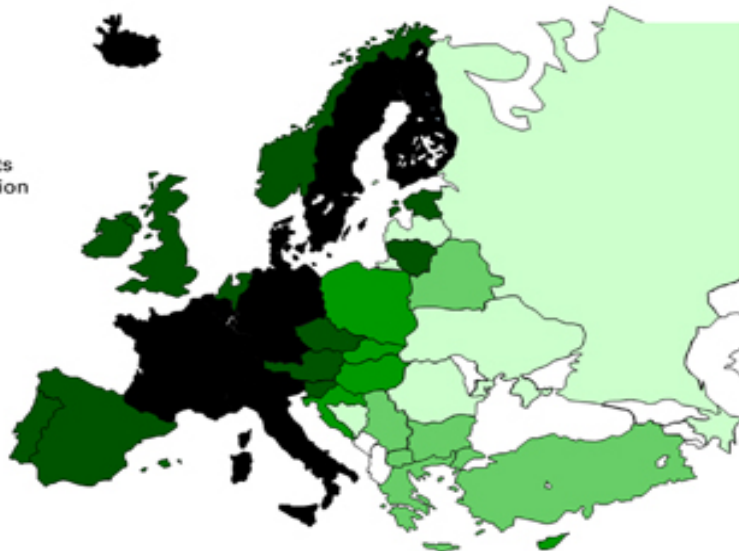


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Autologous transplants
per 10 million population

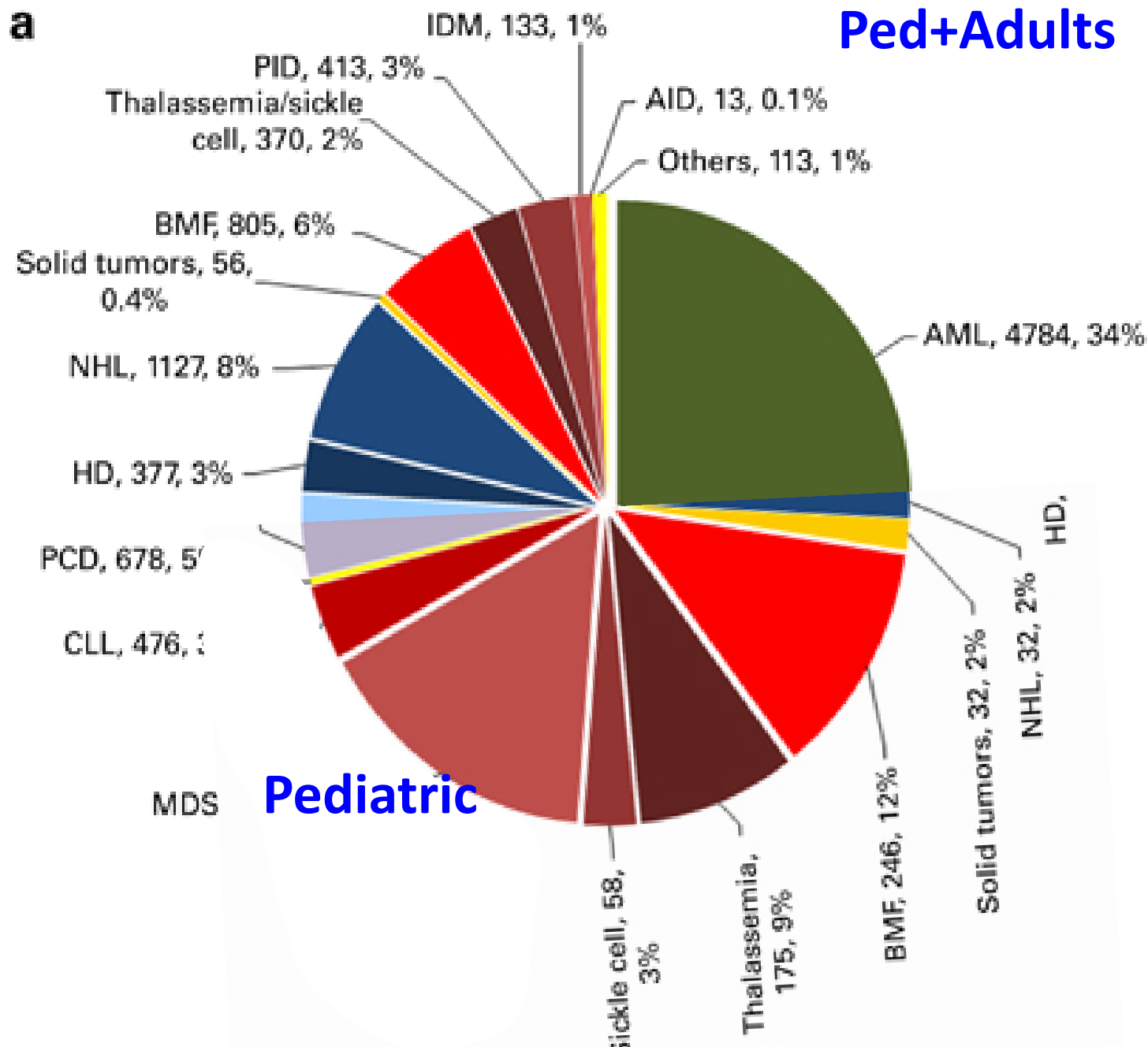


Nigeria
Algeria, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia
Lebanon
Israel

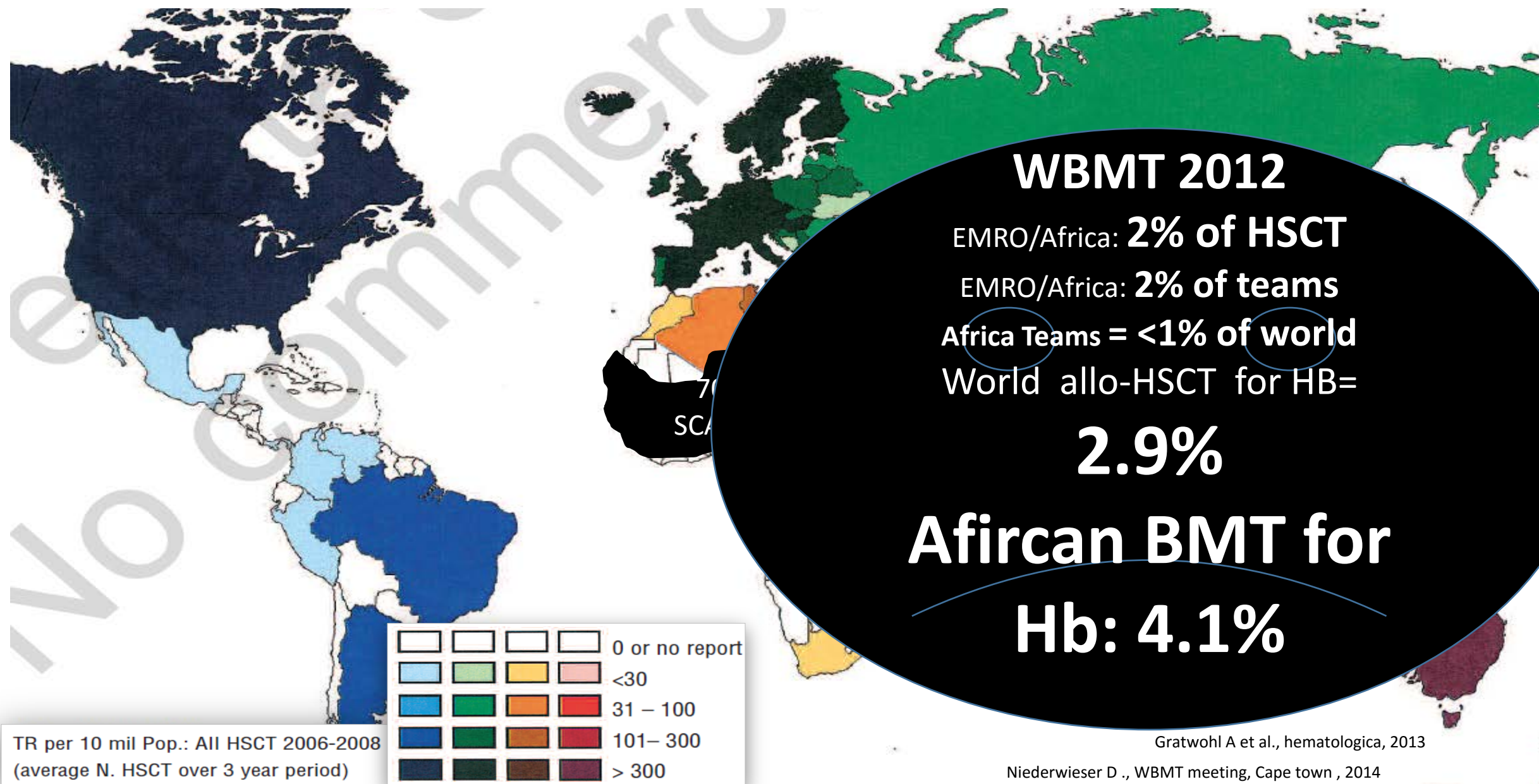


Passwig J et al., BMT 2014

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Transplant rates for the total number of HSCT in participating countries by WHO regions 2006-2008. (n of HSCT, allo- & auto- combined, by 10 million inhabitants).



Gratwohl A et al., hematologica, 2013

Niederwieser D., WBMT meeting, Cape town, 2014

Why we are not offering TM transfusion or Transplantation?

- Where the money goes?????



Each warplane costs \$12,000 per hour to fly, and each helicopter \$3,000 per hour, according to IHS.

Math of War and TM management

- **10 hours x 100 planes = 12,000 x 10 h x 100 planes = 12,000,000 USD**
- **12,000,000 / 10,000 = 1,200 LC-BMT per day**
- **Total LC-BMT in 1 mo = 36,000 BMT per month**
- **No criminal, no need for UN resolution but dissolution**

Replace pilots by Hematologist

\$50m

EARTHWORKS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

TOTAL

\$270m

\$5m

MEDICAL
CENTRE

\$15m

MEDIA
CENTRE

\$15m

270,000,000 / 10,000

=

27,000 BMT-LC



Who is responsible ?

- When will not remember the sword of our enemy, but the **silence** of our friends

An African proverb

Just start; we will reach there very soon

B



The development of the National Thalassaemia Centre, Kurunegala, Sri Lanka.

The building contains wards for both children and adults, counselling facilities and laboratories for screening and field-study research. (A) Early construction. (B) Completed building.

If they wanted to go they should have prepared
???

Real work
No image
No show !!



Clinic Science

Challenges in Transplantation of Thalassemia

- 1. Information-education-consenting**
- 2. Cost**
- 3. Prioritization (Paradox of Benign)**
- 4. Donors**
 - 1. MSD &MRD**
 - 2. MUD, CBT**
 - 3. Haploidentical**
- 5. Iron Overload & accumulated morbidity**
- 6. Suppression of chronic inflammation pre-transplant**

1- Information/Awareness

7%

Low utility of curative strategies (BMT) for SCA is partly attributable to lack of information.

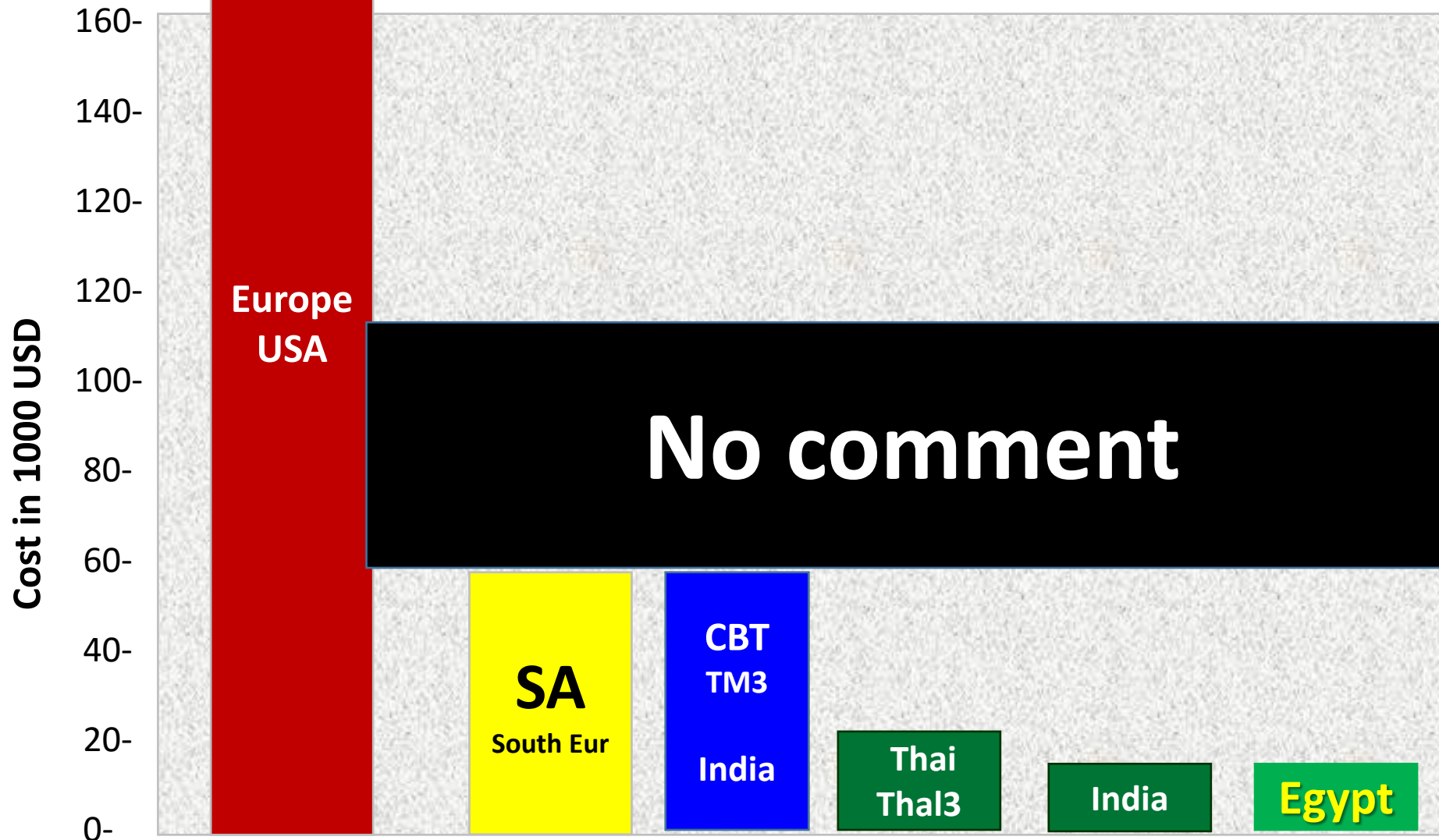
WBMT is the best venue for:

- 1- Awareness,**
- 2- Registries**
- 3- National centers**

• Jae GA et al., Ethnicity and Health. 2011

2. Cost

Claimed high cost of BMT?



- Krejci M et al., BMT 2006
- Jae GA et al., Ethnicity and Health. 2011
- Issaragrisil S et al., BMT 2008
- Sharma SK et al., Medit J of Hematol. & Infect Dis., 2014
- Kamel HM et al., BMT 2008

The majority of cancers in Africa are diagnosed at an advanced stage

CML

Many would need TKI-G2 and HSCT

Affordability
Availability
Accessibility

HSCT

Set-up
Donor availability
Referral system
Awareness

Modified from:
Kamel HM et al., BMT 2008

TKI-G2

Toxicity profile
Morbidity profile
Compliance
Longevity issues
Fertility issues

Phasing out the solution for TM

H.A.V.E. Transfusion

OR

TRANSPLANT

2014

2016

2018

2020

2022

2024

2026

2028

2030

Donors

Results of BMT for β –Thalassemia .

Historical results from Pesaro experience during 1980s-1990s

Pesaro Class	Regimen	OS%	TFS%
1	Bu 14 – Cy 200	93	90
2	Bu 14 – Cy 200	87	84
3	Bu14-Cy120-160	66	62

Lucarelli G et al., 1992

Sodani P, 2004

Angelucci E et al.,2009

Recent results are better : EBMT report Hb-pathy registry:

	Patients	Overall Survival	Thalassemia Free Survival
<= 2 years	96	0.94 ± 0.03	0.90 ± 0.03
2-5 years	388	0.92 ± 0.02	0.82 ± 0.02
5-10 years	473	0.88 ± 0.02	0.81 ± 0.02
10-14 years	248	0.94 ± 0.02	0.83 ± 0.02
14-18 years	154	0.78 ± 0.04	0.70 ± 0.04
> 18 years	133	0.77 ± 0.04	0.74 ± 0.04

The earlier, the better

- N: 1493 β -TM
- Transplanted after 2000
- From **MSD** , (MRD, MUD, CBT)
- Stratified by age
- Median age 7.2 y (0.3–45.1)
- Only 133 (9.8%) were adults ≥ 18 years
- Difference in outcome $\rightarrow$ **p value of < 0.001**

MSD

OS: 91 ± 0.01% & TFS: 83 ± 0.01%

Adults: still an unmet needs

Centers Avoid Adults or Adults centers avoid or publishers avoid both

MSD or MRD transplantation for Thalassemia Major

Study	Number	Age	OS	TFS
Lucarelli G et al., NEJM 1990	222	Children	82	75
Lucarelli et al Blood 1996	107	Adults	66	63
Argiolu F et al., BMT, 1997	37	Children	88	88
Clift RA et al., BMT, 1997	68	Children	94	81
Dennison D et al., BMT 1997	50	Advanced , Older	76	68
Ghavamzadah A et al., BMT1997	60	Children	83	73
Issaragrisi S et al., BMT 1997	21	Advanced, Older	76	53
Lin HP et al., BMT 1997	28	Children	86	82
Li CK et al., BMT 2002	44	Children	86	82
Lawson SE et al., Brit J Hematol 2003	54	Children	95	82
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	35 class 3	Children	87	80
Sablof 2011	75 class 2	Children	91	88
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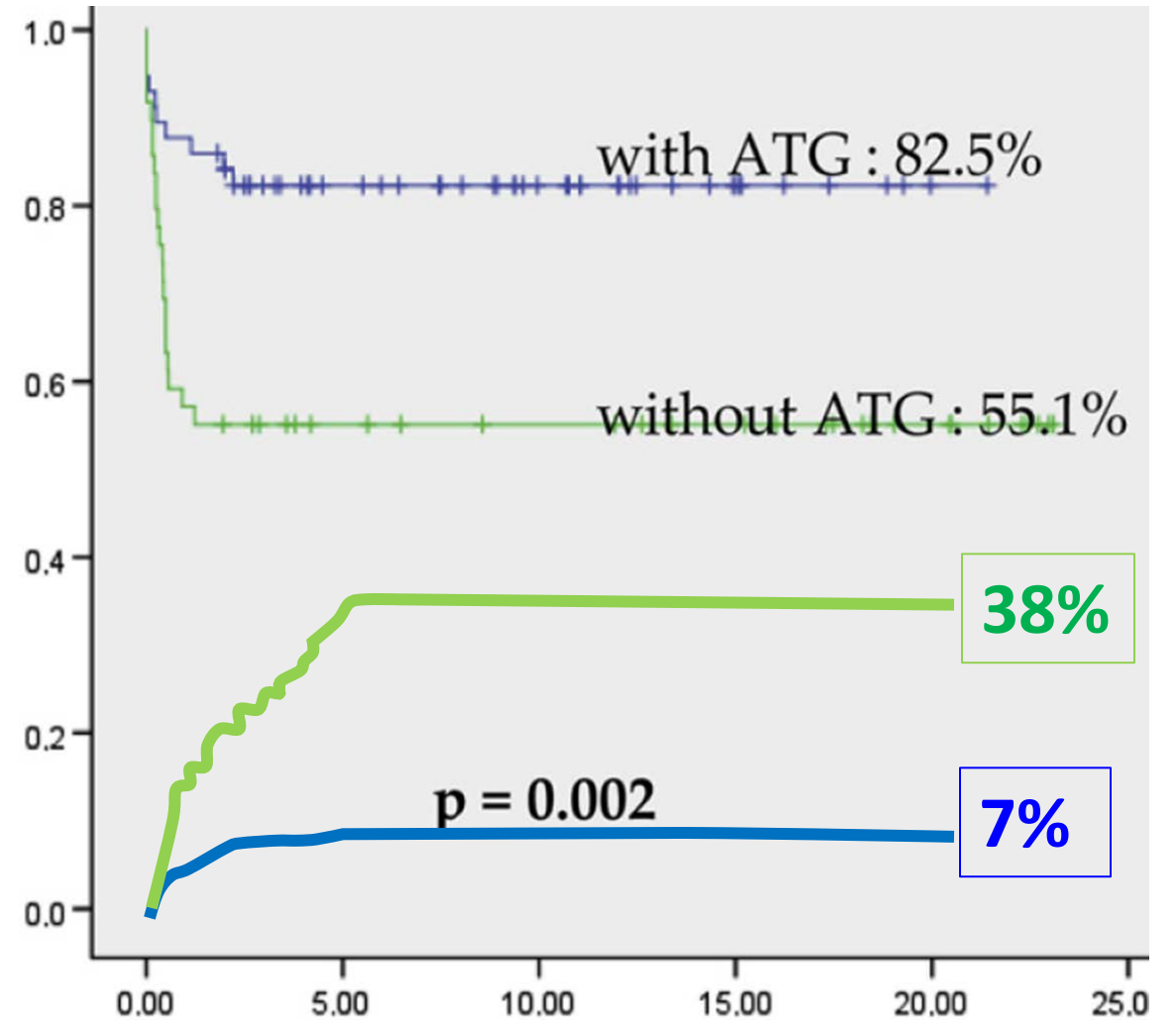
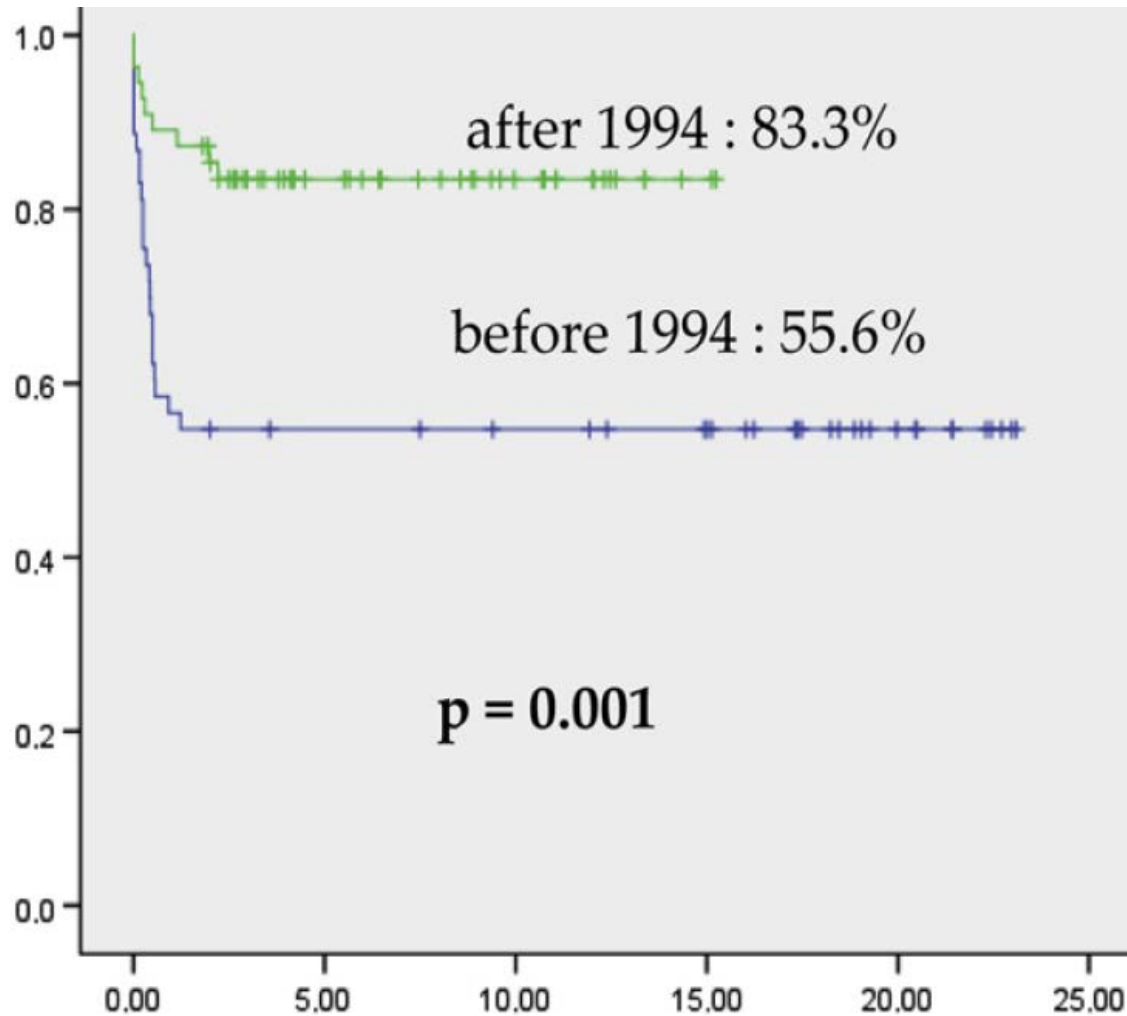
Wait & Lose

Wait & lose

The French experience: 6 risk “YAACSS”

- 1. Year of transplant $\leq$ 1994: multiple factors**
- 2. Age of patient 14 or above**
- 3. ATG use**
- 4. Class 1-2 vs 3**
- 5. Splenectomy (*)**
- 6. Sib vs. others**

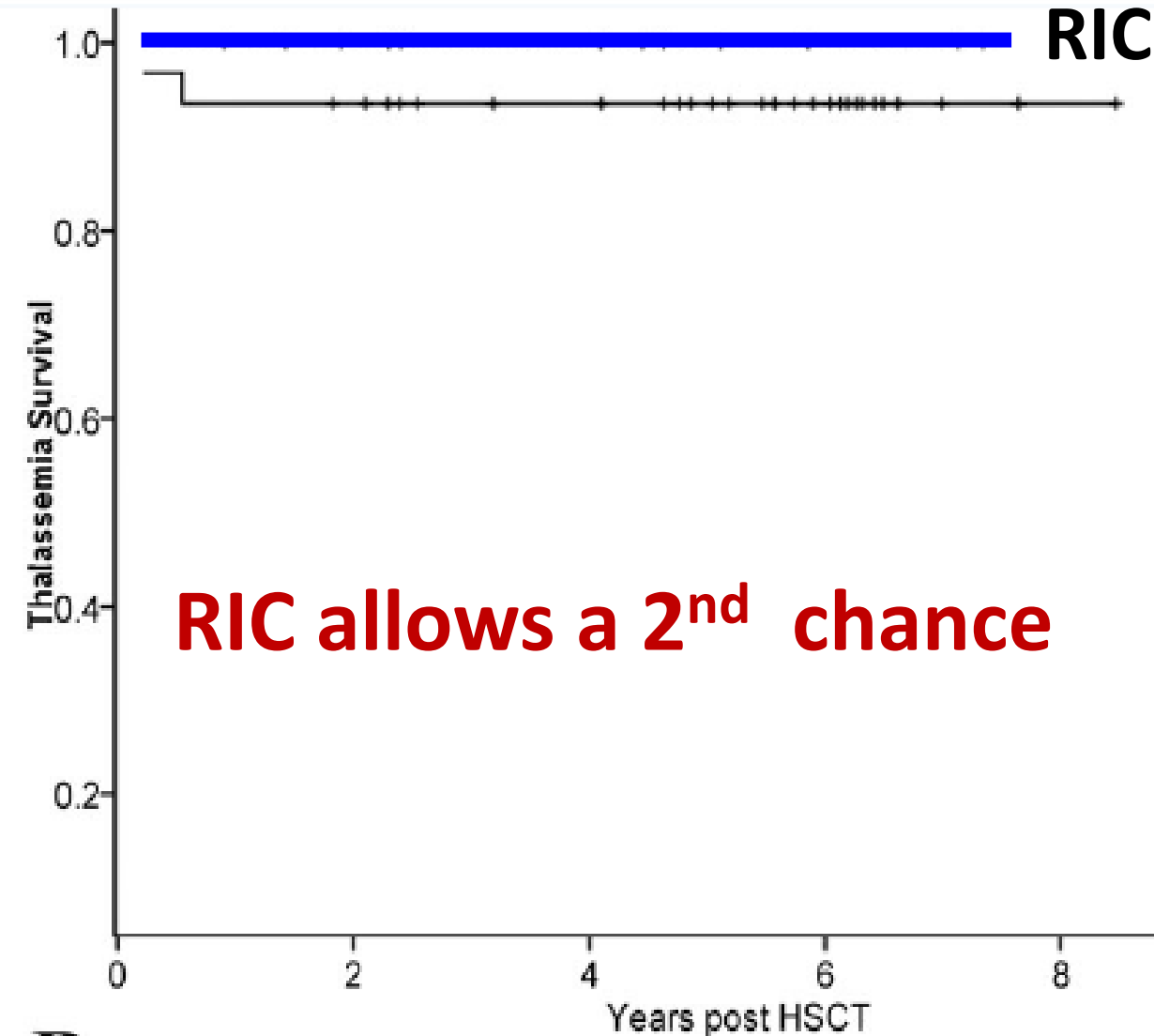
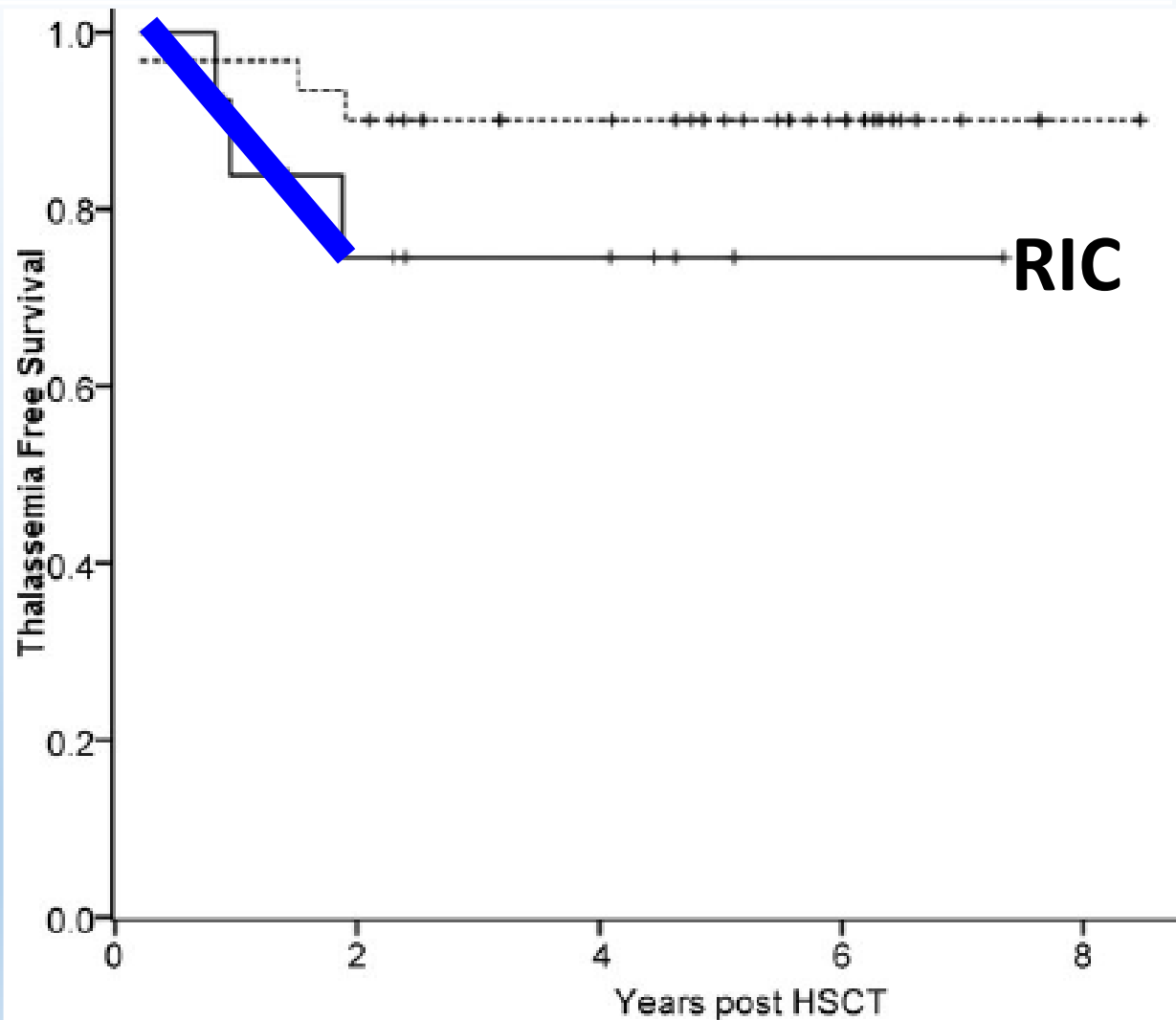
French experience



Actuarial survival and TFS at 15 years

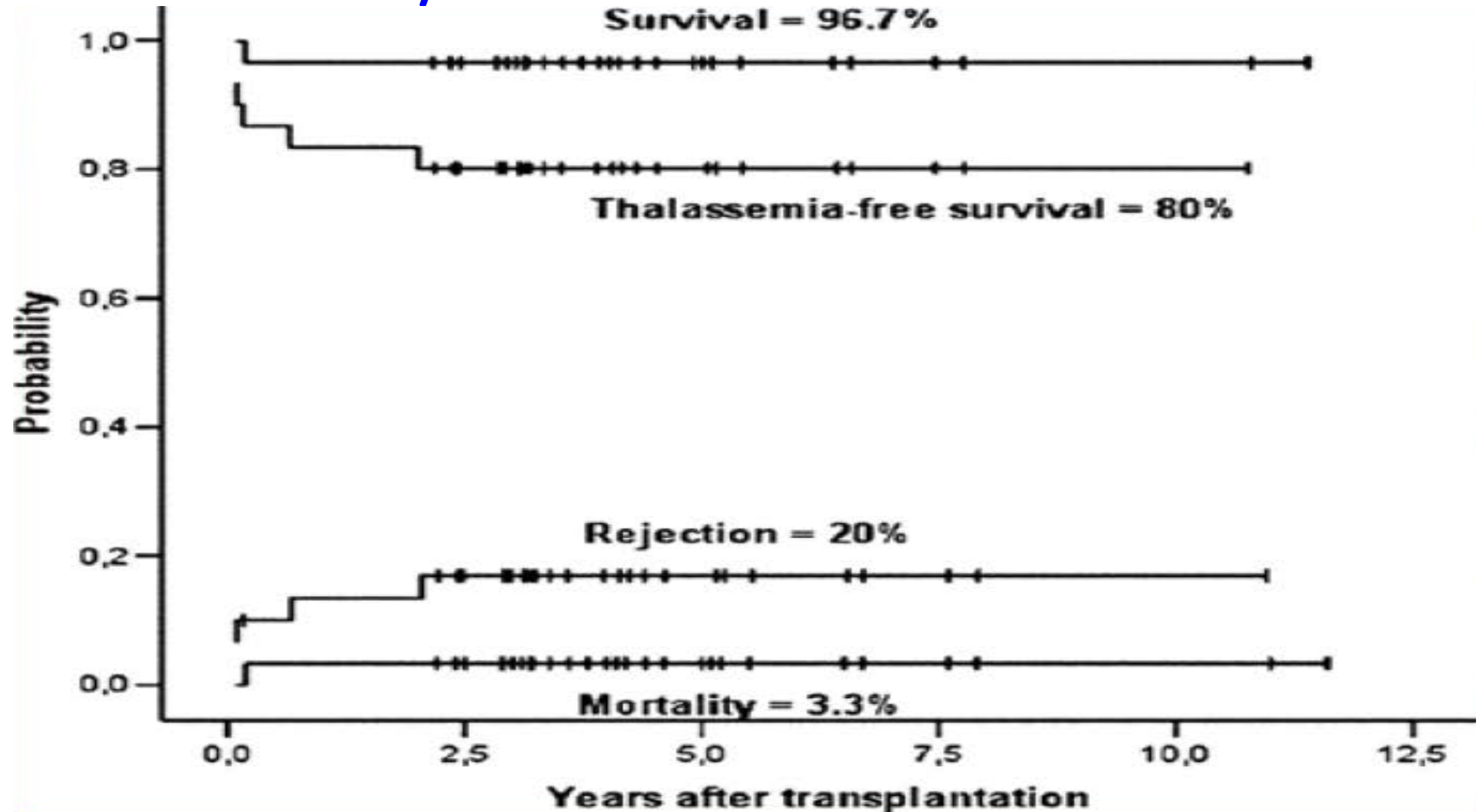
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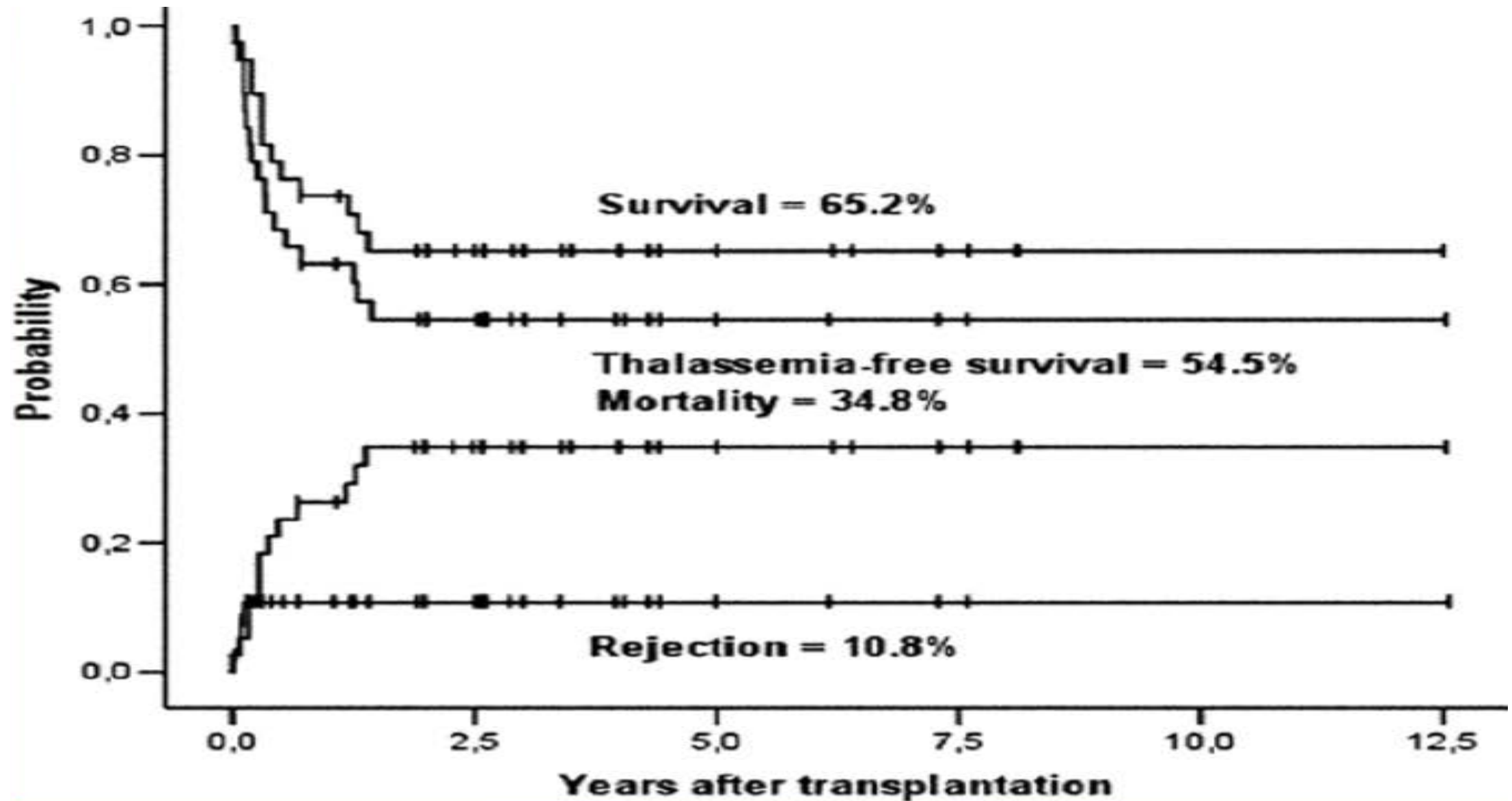


Close your eyes

MUD-Class 1/2



MUD-Class-3 TM

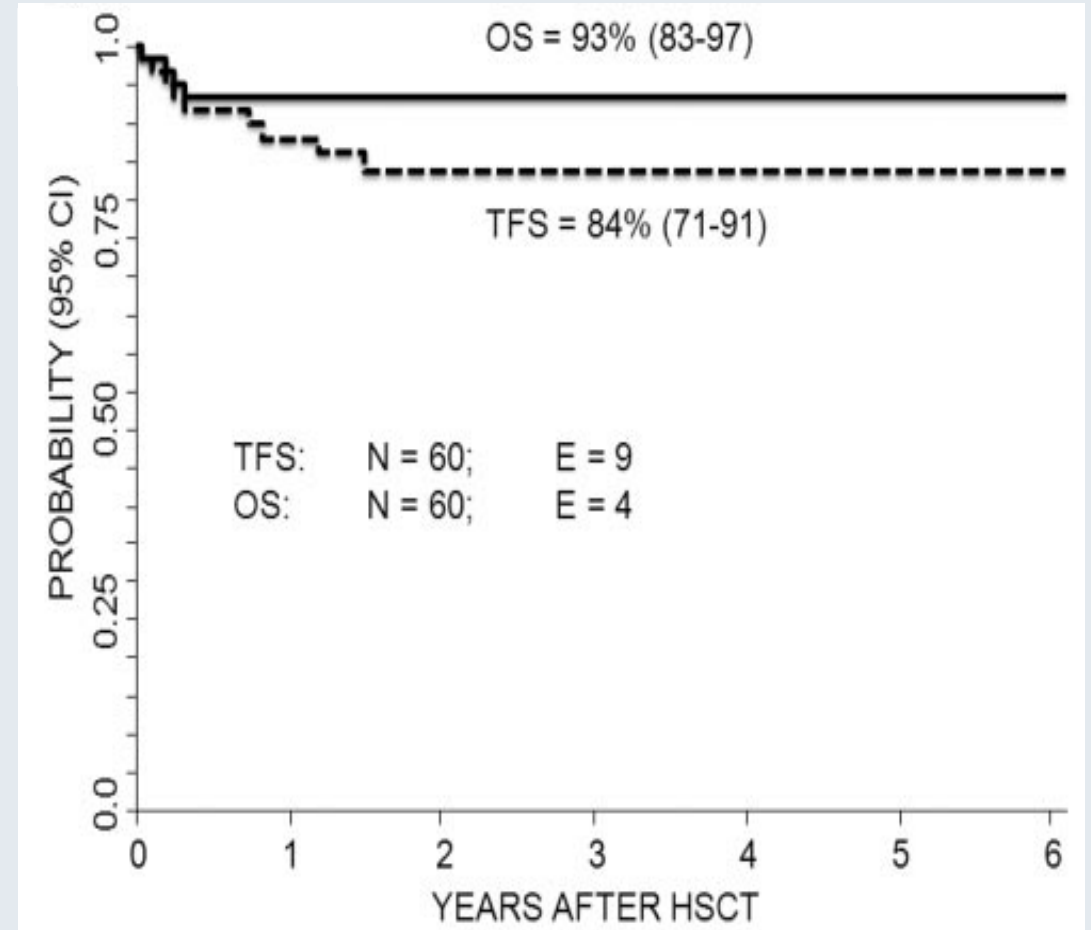
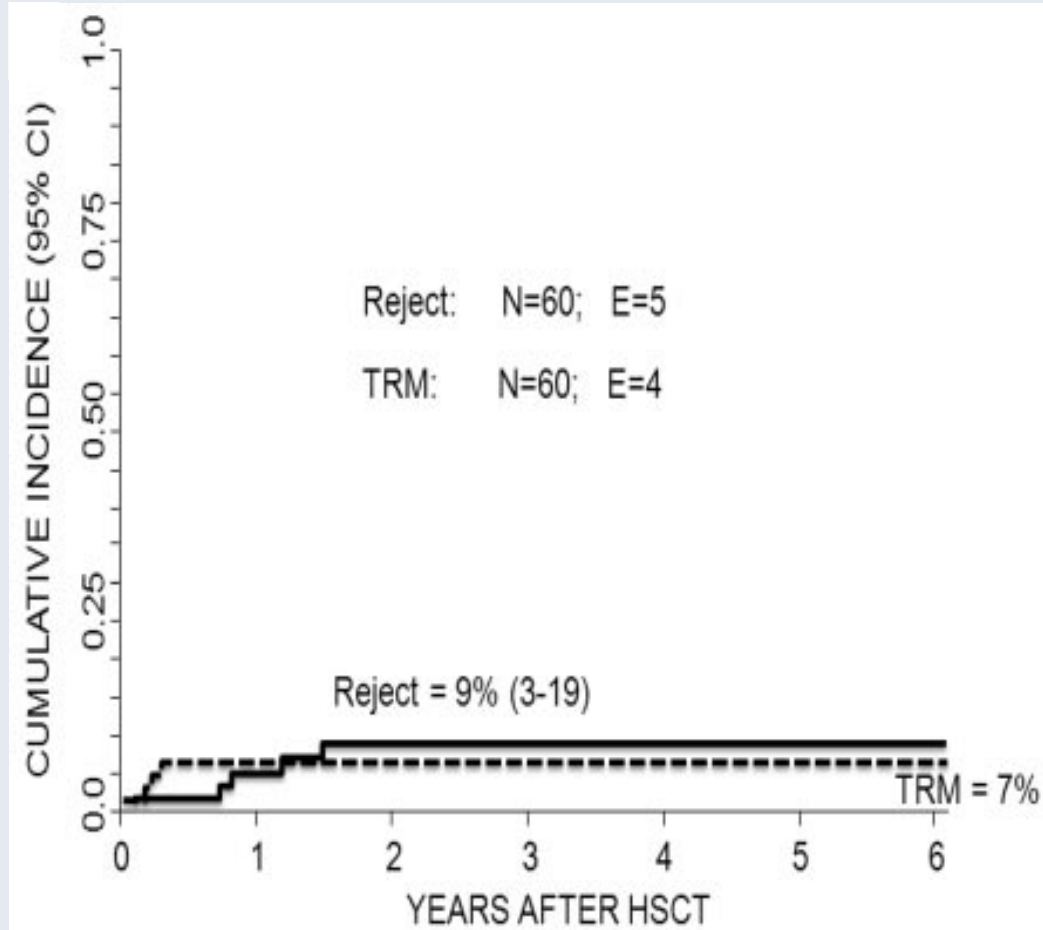


Outcomes of URD & CBT in Children & AYA with TM

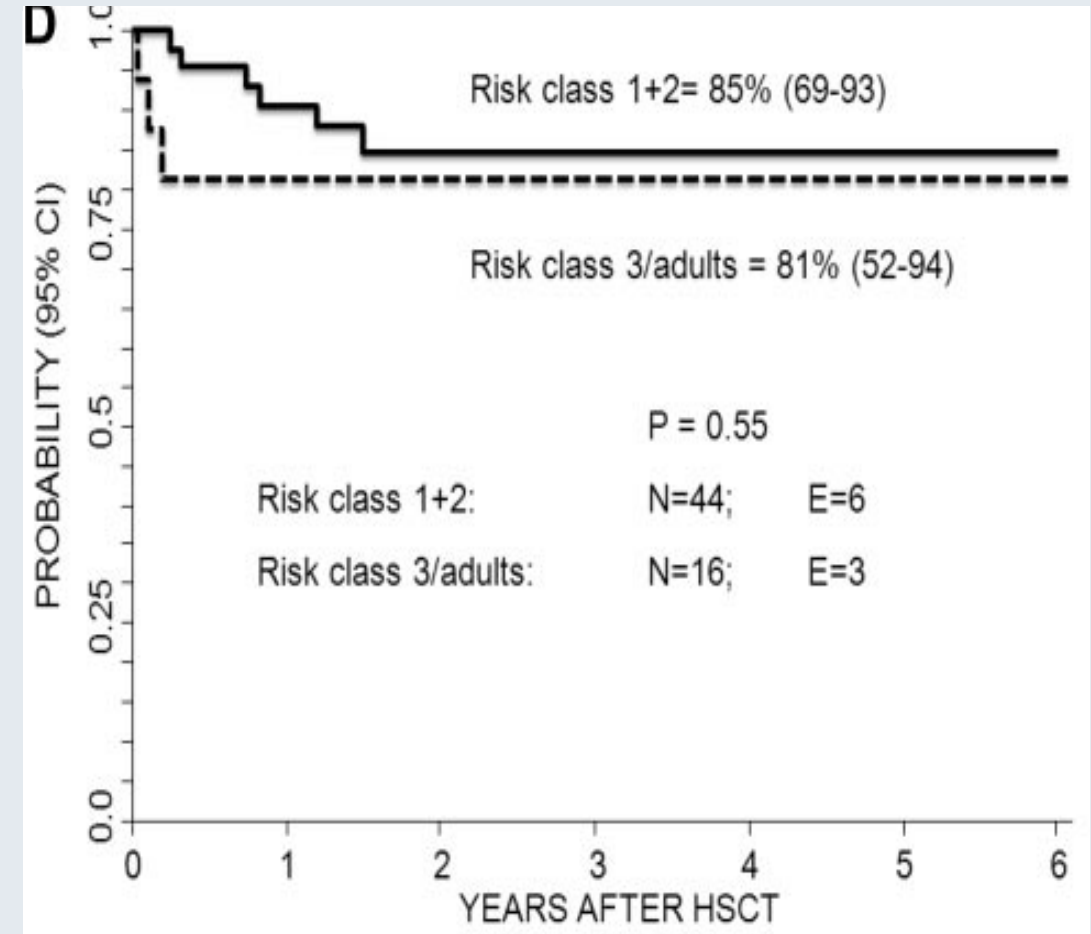
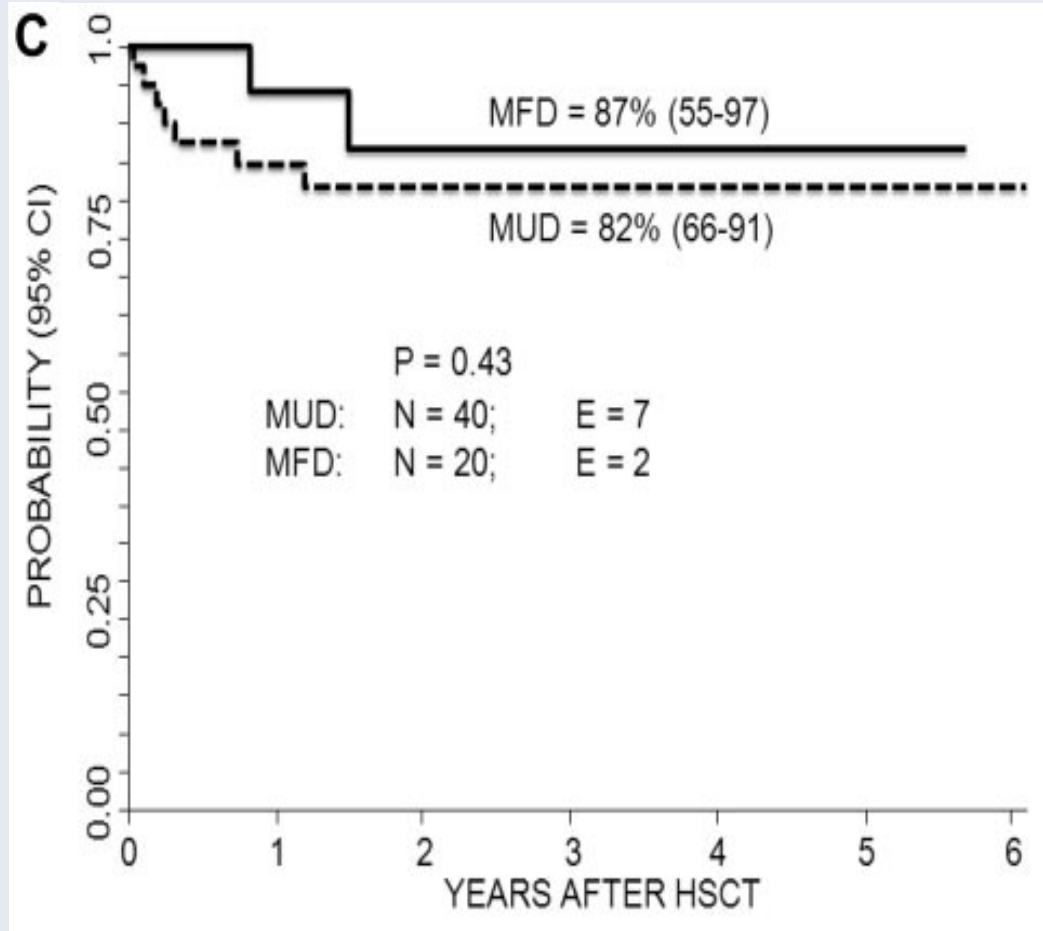
First author	N° pts	Source	Age median years (range)	OS 90s	TFS 80s	TRM 10	Rejection 10s	aGvHD 25	cGvHD 15
La Nasa (2002) ¹²	32	BM	14 (2-28)	79	66	19	12.5	41	25
La Nasa (2005) ¹³	68	BM	15 (2-37)	79.3	65.8	20	13	40	18
Hongeng (2006) ⁵¹	21	BM	4 (0.7-12)	85.7	71	14.3	14.3	42	14
Locatelli (2011) ⁹	122	BM	10.5 (1-35)	84	75	16.4	13.1	28	13
Ruggeri (2011) ¹⁷	35	CB	4 (0.5-14)	62	21	34	57	23	16
Jaing (2012) ¹⁶	35	CB	5.5 (1.2-14)	88.5	88.5	11.4	0	47	35
Li (2012) ¹⁵	52	BM/PB	6 (2-15)	92.3	90.4	7.7	1.9	9.6	0
Anurathapan (2014) ⁵²	26	BM/PB	8 (2-10)	94	82	7	0	28	15
Shah (2015) ¹⁸	9	CB	3.8 (1.5-7)	100	56%	0	44%	33%	11%

from: La Nasa G et al., Med J Hemat Inf Dis 2016

URD & CBT



URD & CBT: TFS by Donor source and recipient Class/Age



RIC for Thalassemia using: FLU-ATG-Treosulfan

Number of patients	39 (100%)	Number of BM cells infused	
Gender		(nucleated cells $\times 10^8/\text{kg}$; median, range)	5 (2–13)
Males	24 (62%)	Conditioning regimen	
Females	15 (38%)	Thiotepa + Treo + Flu	8 (21%)
Age at HSCT (years, median, range)	8 (1–29)	Thiotepa + Treo + Flu + ATG	31 (79%)
Pesaro class at time of HSCT		GvHD prophylaxis	
Class 1	16 (41%)	CsA + MTX ^a	8 (21%)
Class 2	11 (28%)	CsA + MTX + ATG ^b	31 (79%)
Class 3/adults	12 (31%)	Number of days to PMN recovery ^c	21 (14–30)
Type of donor employed		(median, range)	
Matched family donor	8 (21%)	Number of days to PLT recovery ^d	22 (11–32)
Matched unrelated donor	31 (79%)	(median, range)	
Stem cell source		Graft failure ^e	3 (8%)
Bone marrow	35 (90%)	Chimerism ^f (median, range)	100% (60–100)
Cord blood	2 (5%)		
Peripheral blood	2 (5%)		

HSCT, haematopoietic stem cell transplantation; Treo, Treosulfan; Flu, Fludarabine; ATG, anti-thymocyte globulin; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; CsA, cyclosporine; MTX, Methotrexate; PMN, polymorphonuclear neutrophils; PLT, platelets.

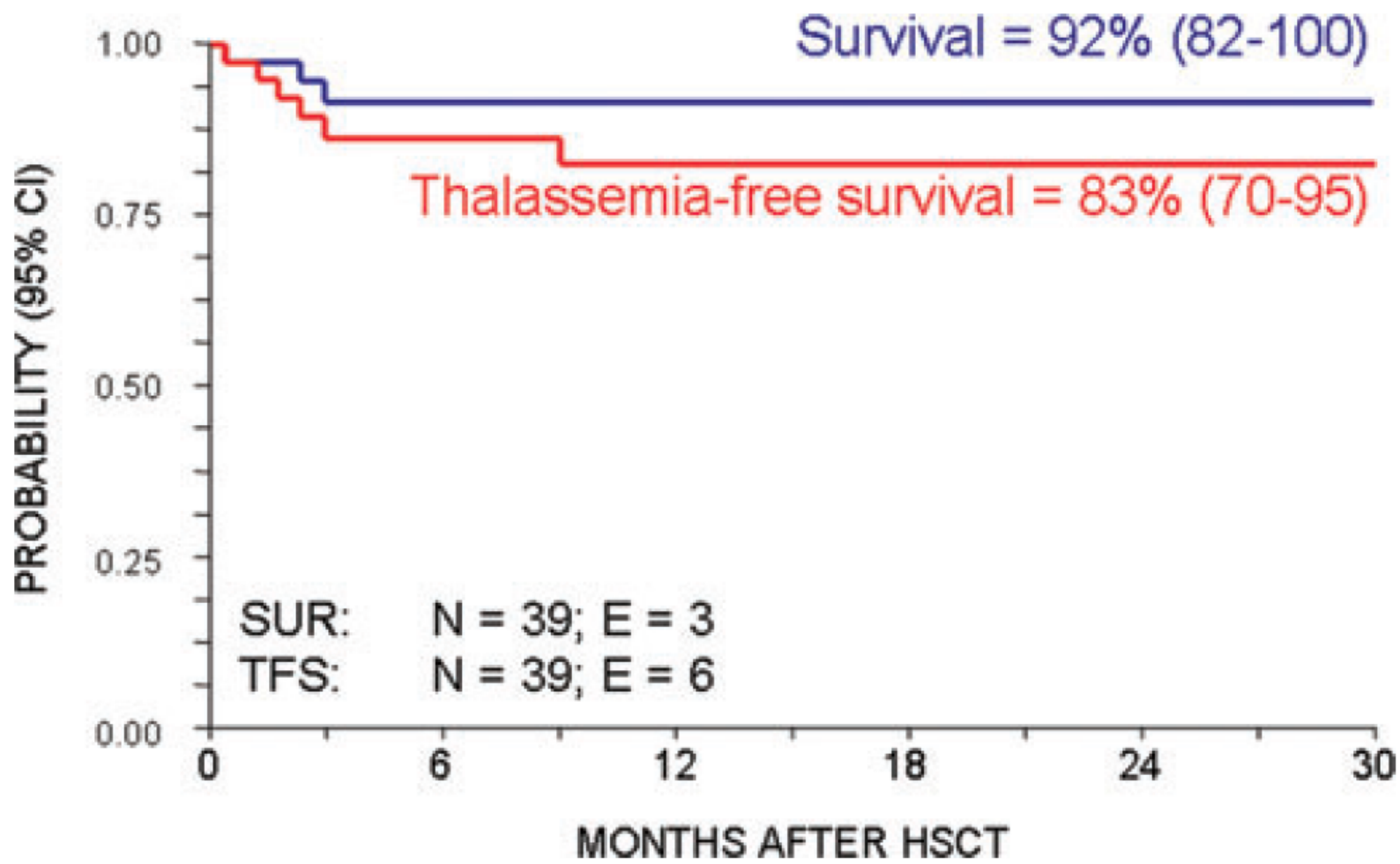
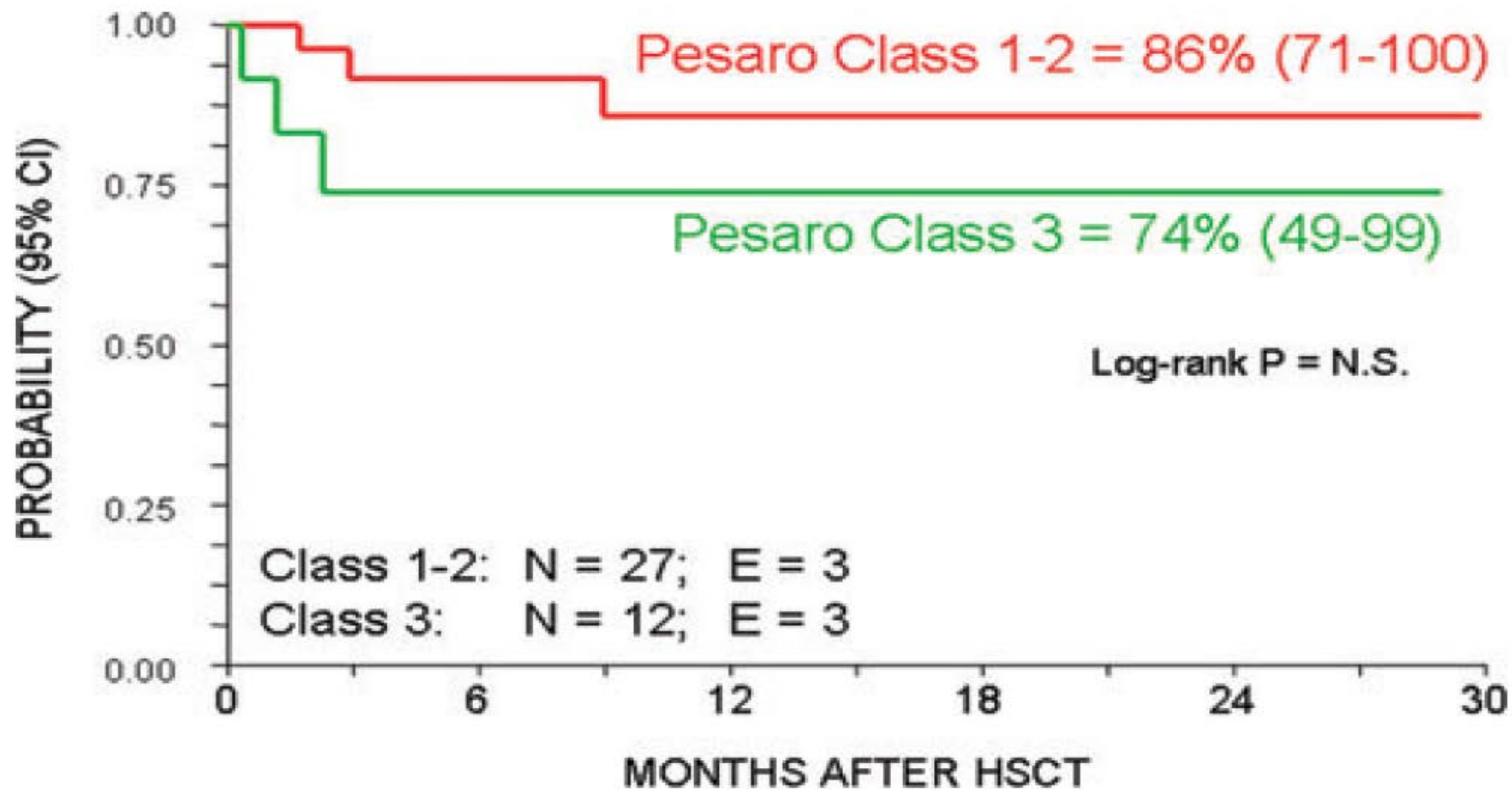


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier estimate of survival and survival with transfusion independence in patients given the combination of thiotepa, treosulfan, and fludarabine in preparation to the allograft.



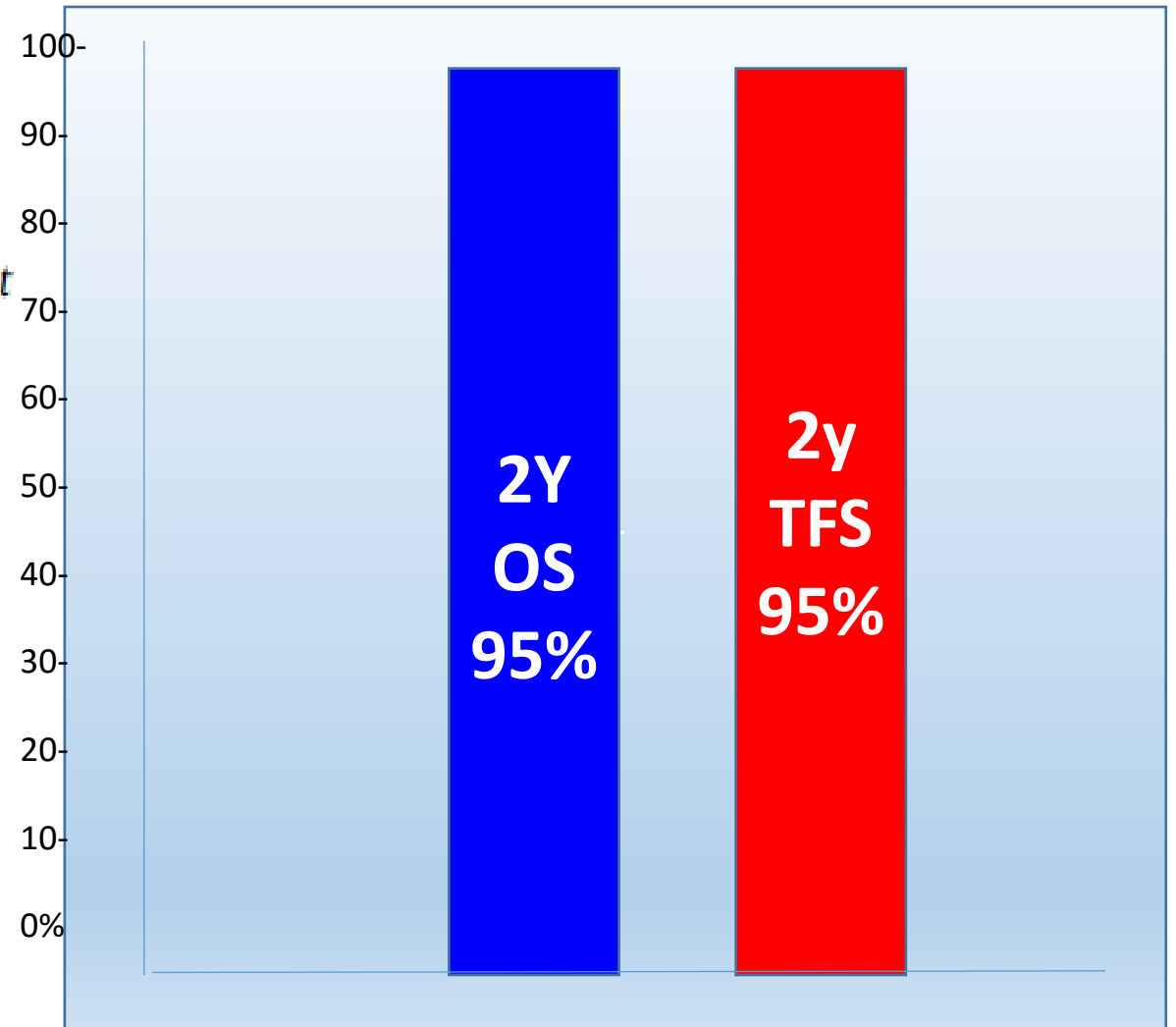
Haplo HSCT for TM 2017

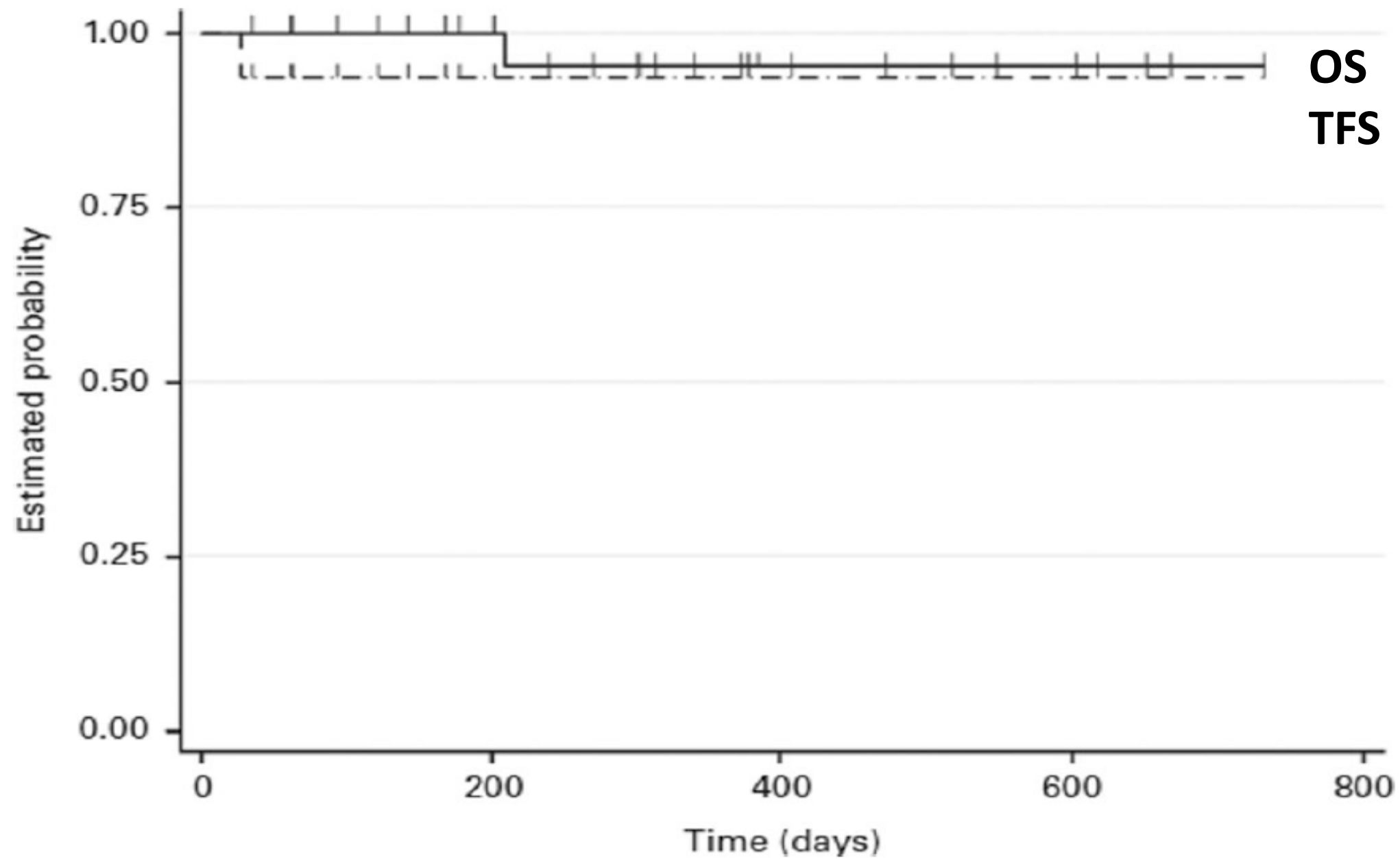
- **The majority of EMRO countries did it**
- **Results : promising**
- **Role of ATG and Risks of PTCy:**
 - HCV
 - Bilharziasis
 - **NecroInflammatory Liver with TM**

A Novel Approach of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation for Severe Thalassemia from Haploidentical Donors with Favorable Outcomes

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- **N:31**
- **Age: 10 (2-20)**
- **TCR-PBSC graft**
- **GF: 2/31; 29 → 100% DC**
- **A-GVHD: 9/31 (Grade II only)**
- **C-GVHD: 5/31 (limited only)**
- **Projected OS/TFS @ 2y=95%**





Principles, Themes and Promising conditioning

TM =

- chronic Inflammation
- Allo-immunization
- Immune Disturbance
- Germ line mutation
- High Disease Burden
- Iron-Overload
- 2 HLH

TM=

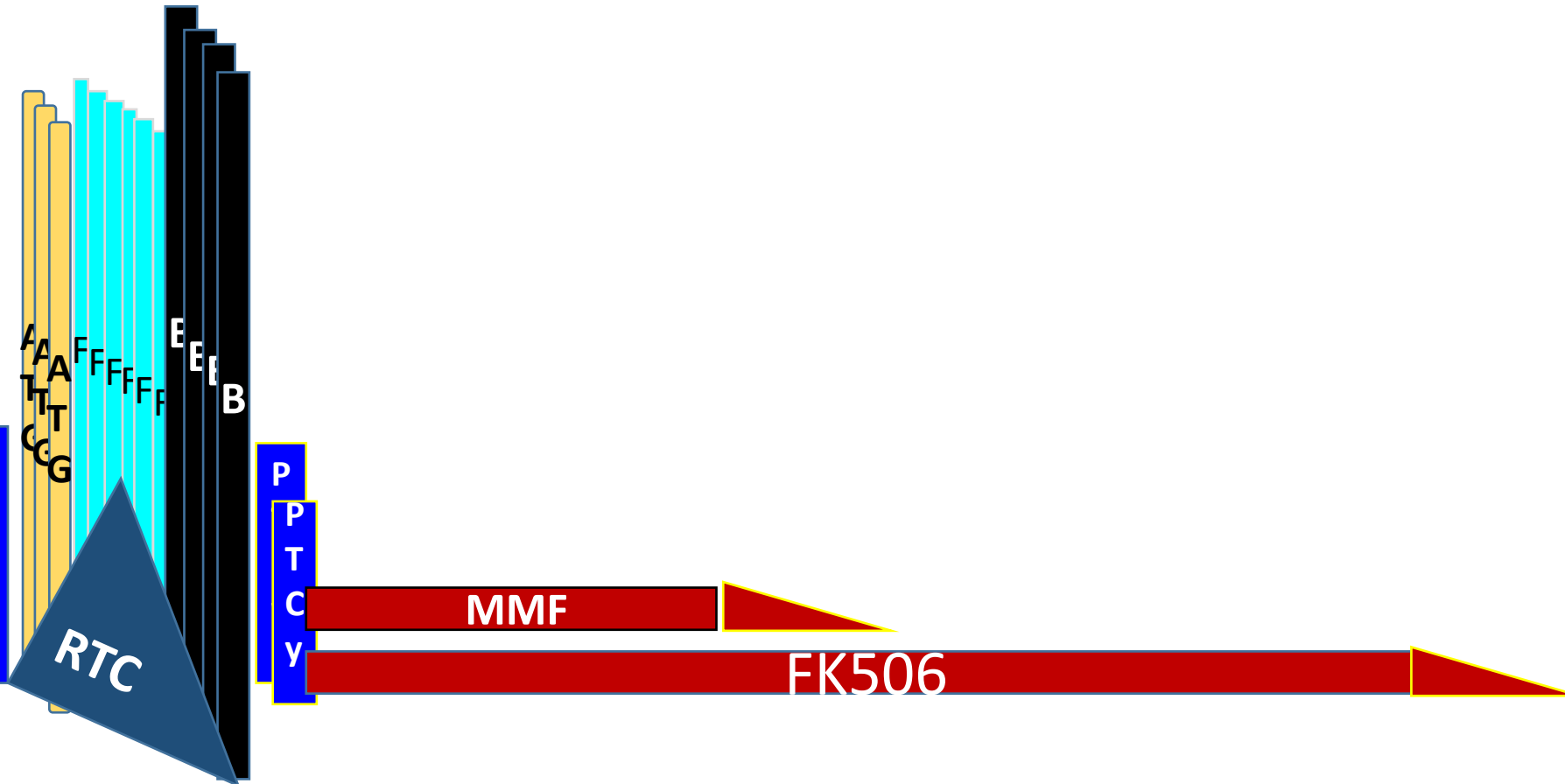
- Comorbidities
- Less tissue reserve

TM=

- HLA-disparity Reject & react (GVHD)

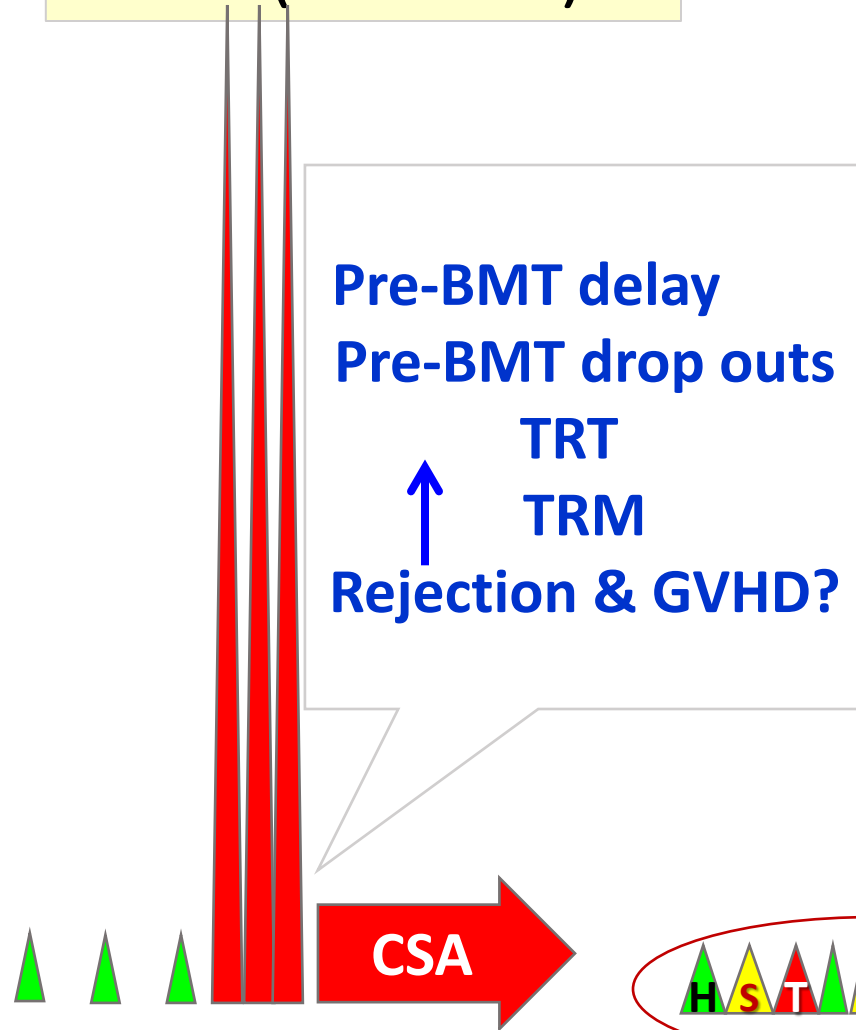
PTIS

Hydroxyurea
Hypertransfusion
(FLU + Dex) x5 d x 2 courses
Intense chelation

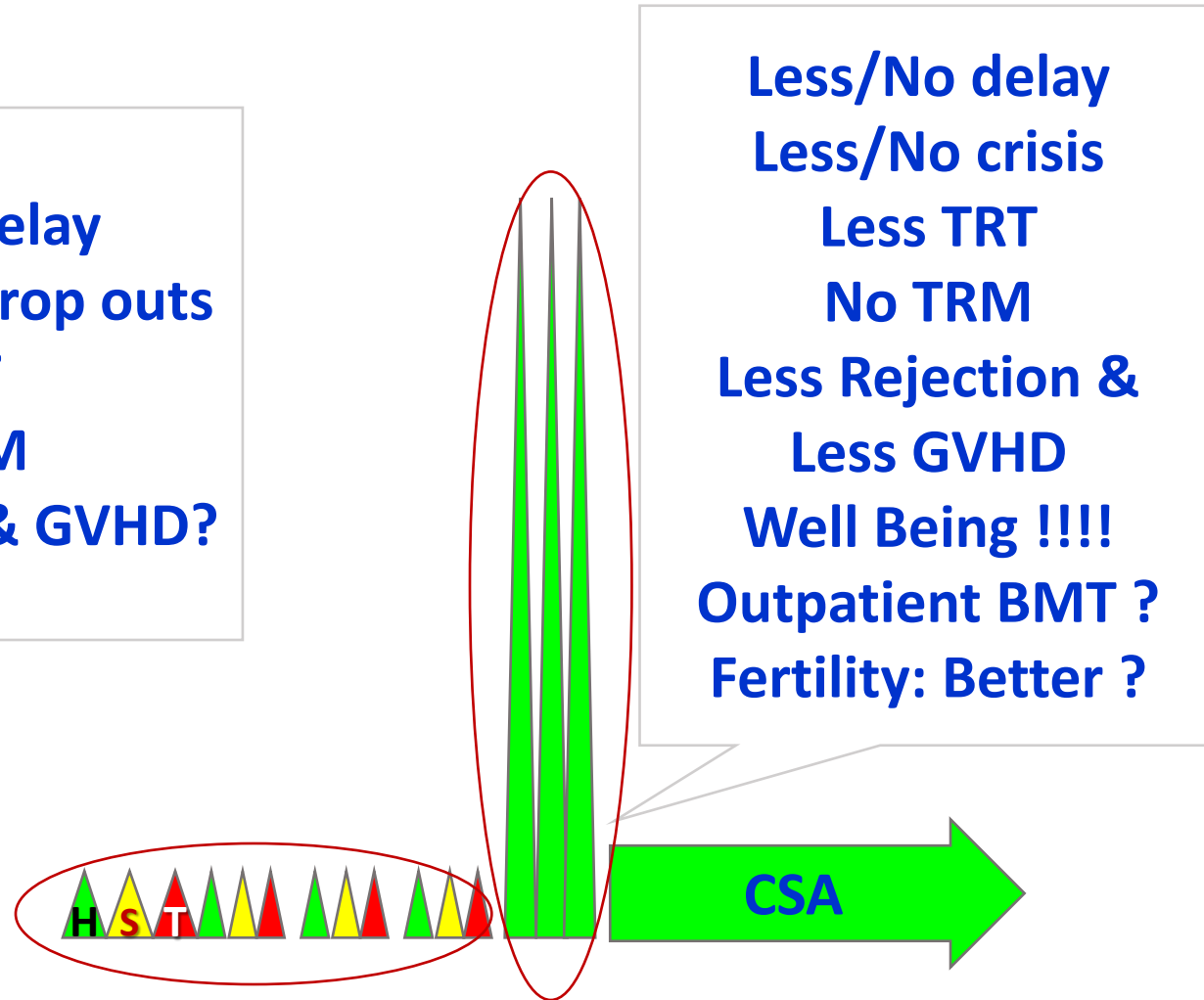


Change of paradigm of Conditioning

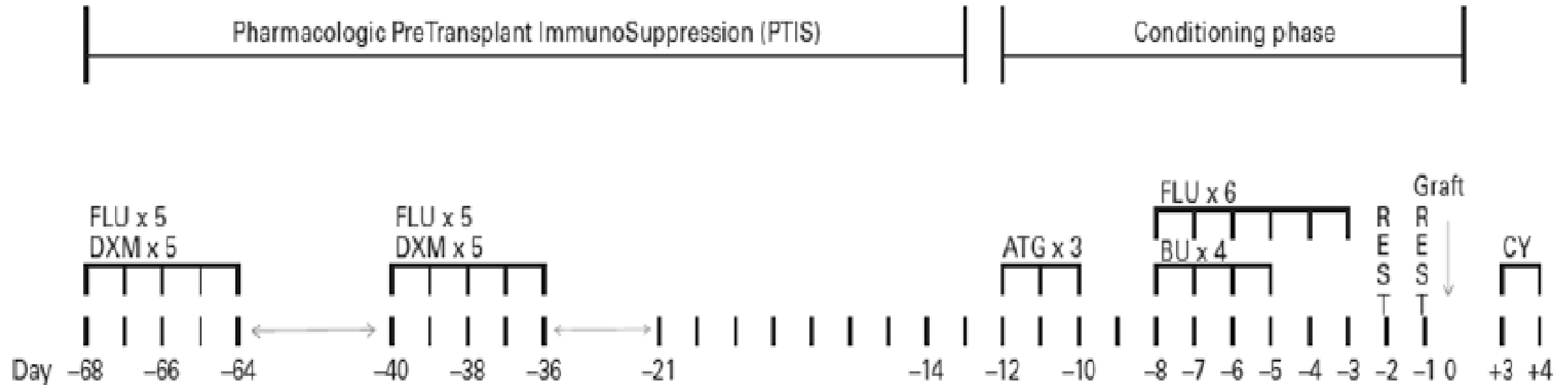
MAC (Hit & run)



Phased-out RTC



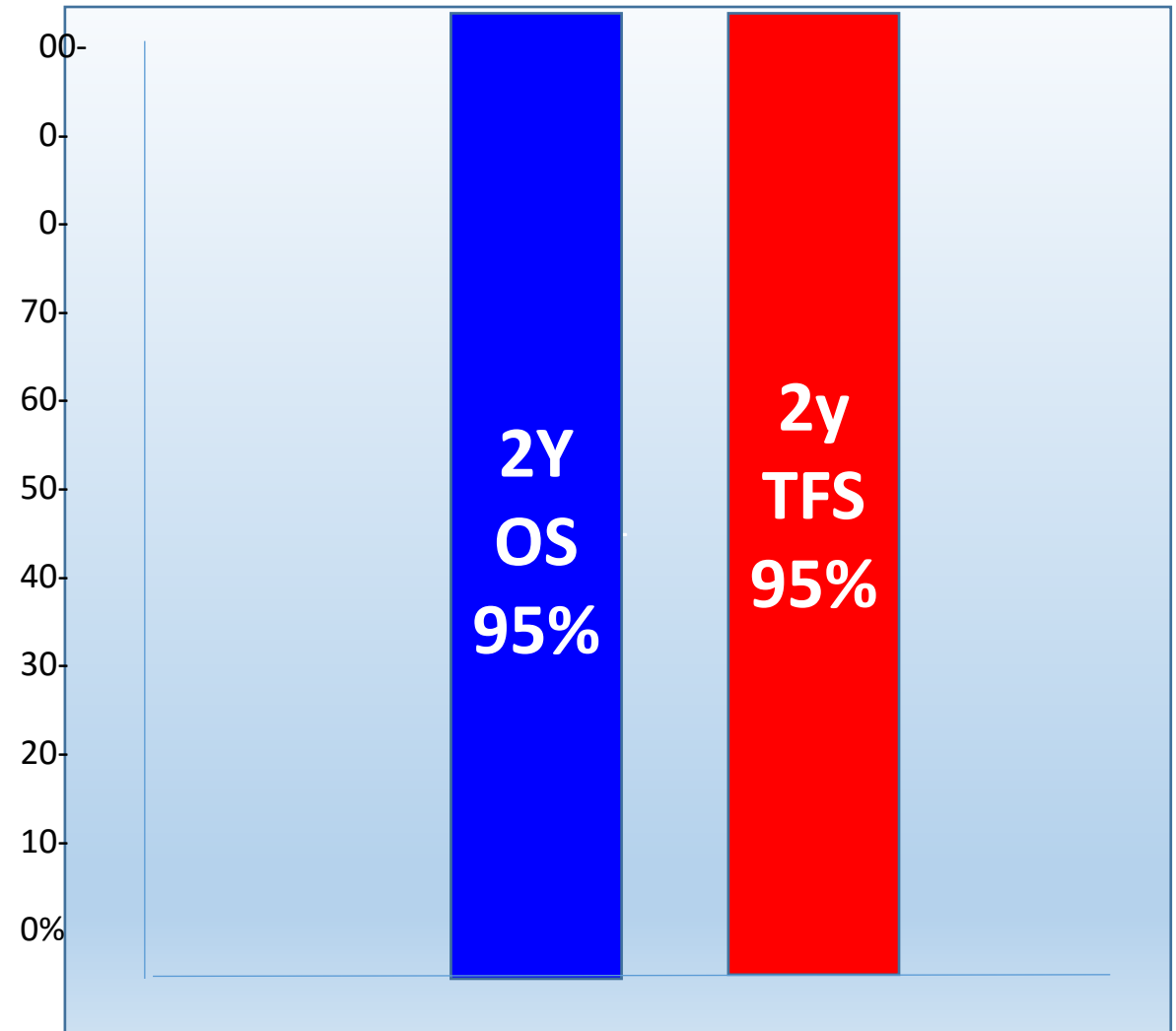
Thalassemia (Pre-) Transplant Platform



Haploidentical Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (Haplo-SCT) with Pre-Transplant Immunosuppression and Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide (Post-Cy) in Severe Thalassemia: A Novel Approach Transplant for Nonmalignant Diseases

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- Donors **11 Mothers 4 fathers**
- **12/15 class3**
- N:15 → 14/15 (93% FDC)
- 1/15 needed 2nd BMT
- Age: 16 (2-20)
- **TCR-PBSC graft**
- GF: 1/15; 14 → 100% DC
- A-GVHD: 6/15 (Grade I-III only)
- **C-GVHD: 1/15 (limited only)**
- Projected **OS/TFS @ 2y=100%**



To “”TRANSFUSE””:

1. Safety is a major problem with C
2. Blood banking infra-structure
3. Life-long commitment
4. Chelation
5. Procurement
6. Cost , cost, and cost
7. Effectiveness compared to Transp
8. Let's be practical and go to WHO

For “”TRANSPLANTation”” :

1. Safe now: well tested
2. Transfusion-free Survival
3. Once in life time for >90%
4. No Chelation
5. No Procurement
6. & 7. Cost: very cost effective if you do it the Egyptian/Indian way (15 K USD)

Recommendation summary of HSCT in Thalassemia Major

Indication	Transfusion dependency
When? How? Where?	• ASAP • Better prepared with BTIC • At experienced Centers • Centers in high prevalence areas should get the necessary experience to perform alternate donor SCT • If comprehensive BTIC is not available, all sources of Stem cells should be entertained. • Not all TM are equal: do necessary modifications • WBMT should have a more active role.....

Just do it: start from scratch- Allah will help start
Thalassemia National Centers until TM is gone or we
are gone





Don't worry, one day I will be great

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How much the cost of this house



UCBT in India: Breaking the Cost Barrier: *Abstract 4768*

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- **Background** UCBT) is the only feasible option for patients who need to undergo unrelated HSCT in India but lack of experience and huge costs are perceived barriers. Data from USA showed mean cost of graft for pediatric UCBT was \$58,910 and mean cost per day survived in first 100 days (excluding graft cost) was \$4522 ((Majhail NS et al. *Pediatr Blood Cancer* 2010;54:138–143). The costs of UCBT among children in India have not been described previously.

- **Method** –We calculated the costs of **UCBT** within the first 100-days among four **children** who received UCBT at **Sir Ganga Ram hospital** from **April 2008 to Dec 2010**. We also analyzed costs of transplantation in relation to patient age, weight, single vs.double cord, conditioning, Graft vs. Host Disease (GVHD) and mean duration of stay before day 100.

- **Results** –The 100-day probability of OS was 100%. The mean cost per day survived (excluding costs of graft acquisition) was \$402 (range \$360–460) for UCBT recipients. Average total cost of each UCBT was \$43500 (Range \$32000–52000). Average duration of **stay in hospital in first 100 days was 89 days** (range 75–100). All grafts were procured from a **public cord bank** in **India**. Average **cost of graft per cord unit was \$5000**. Diagnosis was thalassemia major-2, Familial Hemophagocytic Lympho Histiocytosis (HLH)-1 and AML-1.

- **Lowest cost: AML (\$32,000) & highest: TM-Pesaro class III (\$52,000).**

- *Mean age was 2.75 years (range 1–5 year).*
- *Mean weight was 12.25 kg (range 10–16 kg).*
- *Mean cell dose infused was 7×10^7 nucleated cells/kg weight of recipient (range $3\text{--}10 \times 10^7$ nucleated cells/kg). Conditioning was Busulfan and Cyclophosphamide (BuCY) and Rabbit Anti-Thymoglobulin (ATG) for two patients (1 Thalassemia, 1 AML) costing \$1500 per patient, Fludarabine & Melphalan and Campath for HLH costing \$2500 and*

- **Treosulfan, Thiotepa, Fludarabine and ATG for class III TM cost: \$7,500.**

- *Mean cost per day for single cord was \$385 and for double cord UCBT was \$420. One patient rejected the graft. Three engrafted at median of 32 days (range 28–39 days). GVHD was seen in two patients (both with double cord). CMV reactivation was seen in all cases. Invasive aspergillosis was seen in one patient who had thalassemia and it lead to highest expenditure. Campath based conditioning was associated with maximum hospital stay in child with HLH. All had Lansky score >90 pre-transplant No one needed dialysis, mechanical ventilation or hepatic veno-occlusive disease.*

- **Conclusions**

- Total cost of UCBT in India is less than the cost of the UCBT graft in USA and

- **Mean cost /day in India is almost $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of cost in USA.**

- Low cost of UCBT in India would make this treatment feasible for many more patients who need to undergo unrelated HSCT.