



# 2ND SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM OF THE WBMT

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**Stem Cell Transplantation in  
Autoimmune Diseases**

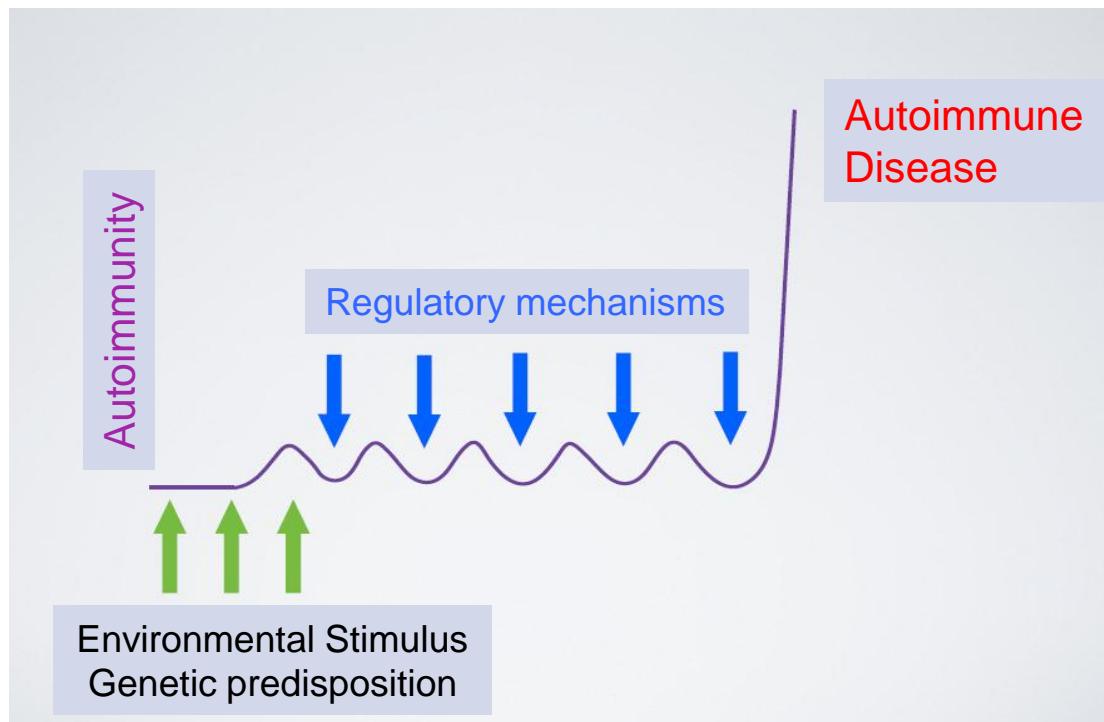
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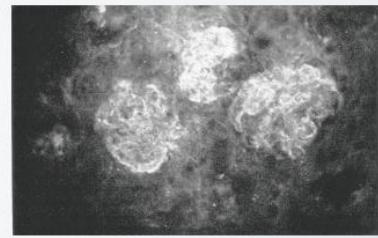
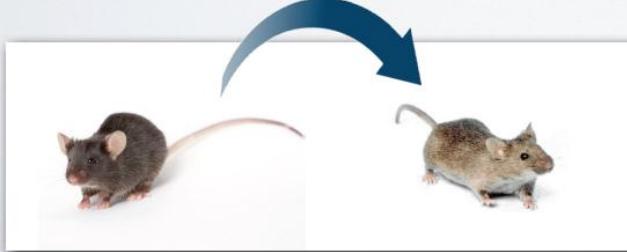
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ADOPTIVE TRANSFER OF THE DISEASES OF NEW  
ZEALAND BLACK MICE TO NORMAL MOUSE  
STRAINS

A. M. DENMAN, A. S. RUSSELL AND EVELYN J. DENMAN  
*M.R.C. Rheumatism Research Unit,  
Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire*

Transferência de autoimunidade  
*Clin Exp Immunol 1969*





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**Coincidental autoimmune disease in patients transplanted for conventional indications**

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DISEASE	n	REMISSIONS
<u>Allogeneic transplants</u>		
Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)	10	04 complete/06 temporary
Psoriasis	04	04 complete
Psoriatic arthritis	02	01 complete/01 temporary
Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	02	complete
Multiple sclerosis	03	complete
Crohn's disease	06	05 complete/01 relapse
Ulcerative colitis	01	complete
<u>Autologous transplants</u>		
Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)	01	temporary
Psoriasis	03	temporary
Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	04	3 complete/1 partial
Sjogren's syndrome	02	no remission
Crohn's disease	02	complete





## SCT in autoimmune disease

- ▶ **1996** European consensus meeting EULAR and EBMT on SCT in autoimmune disease (published 1997)
  - ▶ the hope that a ‘resetting’ of auto-aggressive immune responses might be possible
- ▶ **1996**-First SCT in SSc patient
- ▶ Today more than 1500 patients transplanted for autoimmune disease worldwide



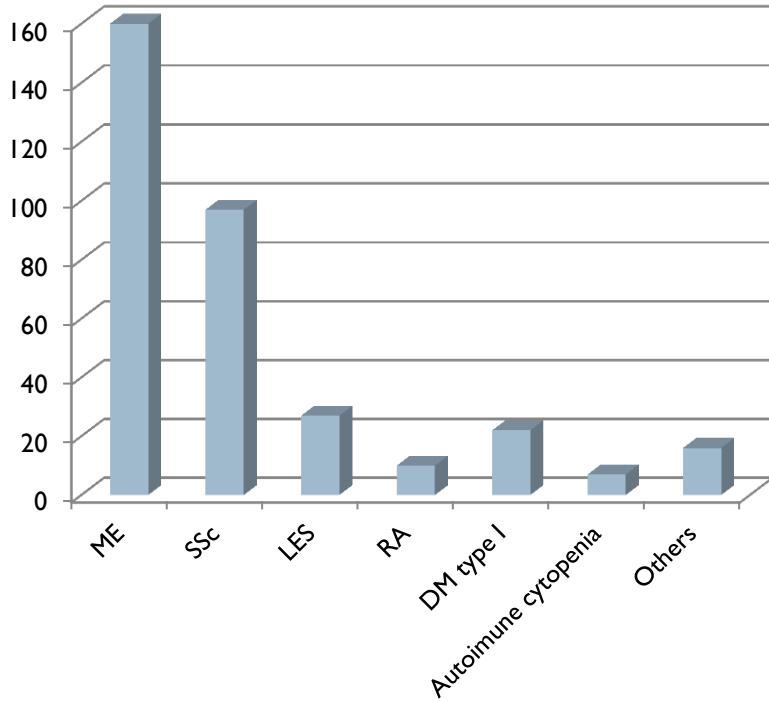


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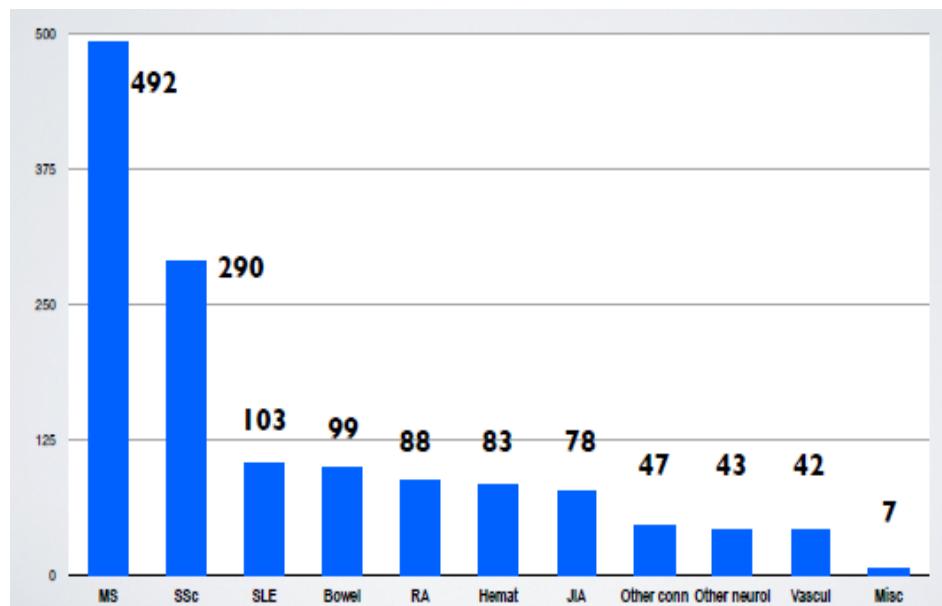


## North and South America



Pasquini MC et al, BBMT e-pub 2012

## Europe



D. Farge EBMT 2012



# SCT in Auto-Immune Diseases

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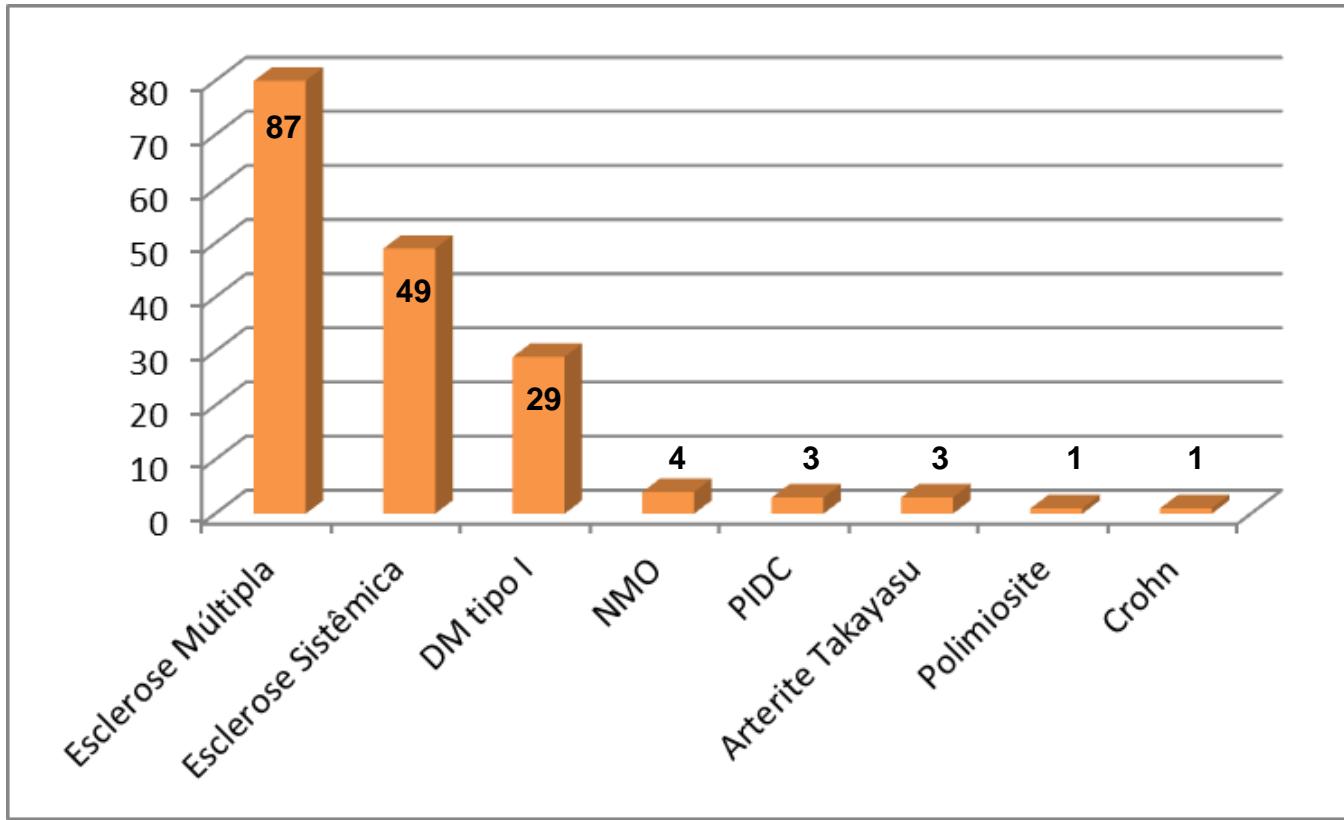
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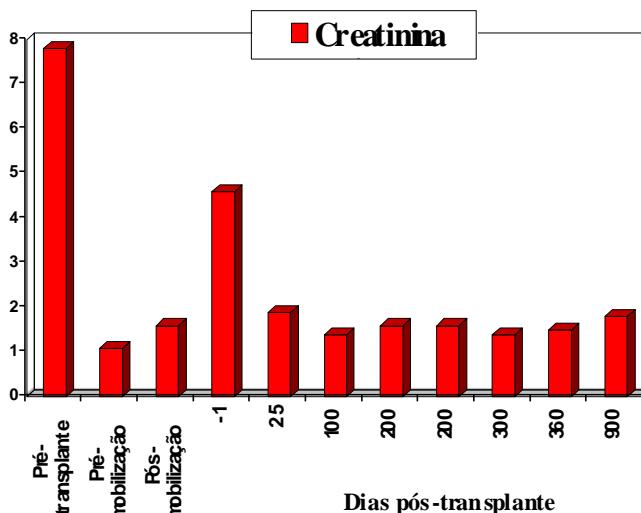
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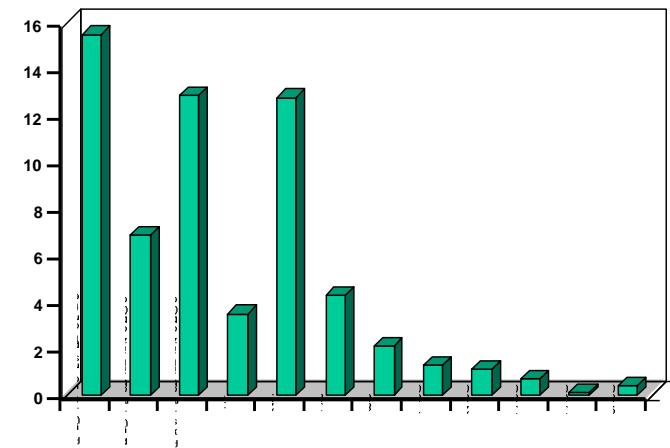
## Before SCT



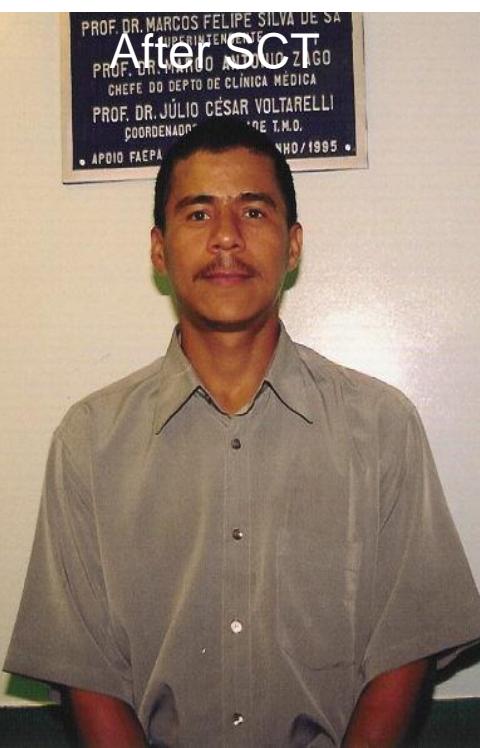
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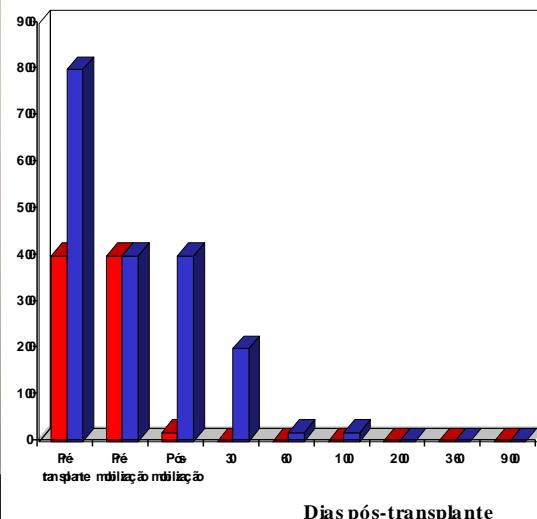
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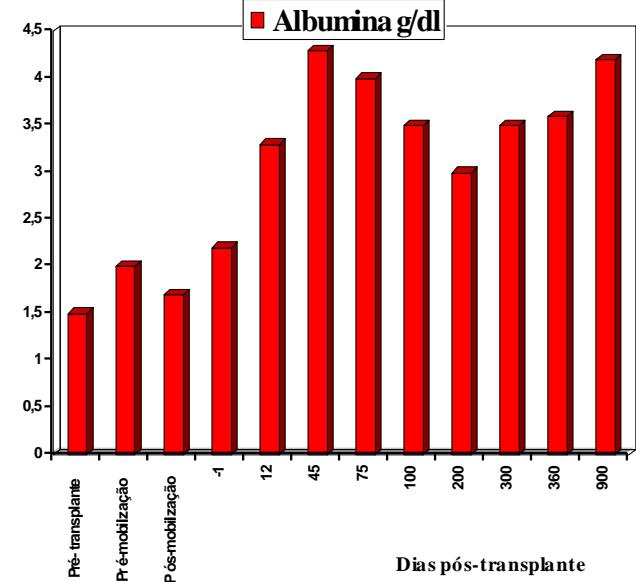
## After SCT



## FANhemigêneo e FANputihab



## Albumina g/dl





## SCT in Lupus

- ▶ 6 patients
  - ▶ 2 treatment free for more than 5 years in remission
  - ▶ 4 patients died of complications of diseases
- ▶ New protocol started 2013 with a combination of chemotherapy + Rituximab and stem cell rescue





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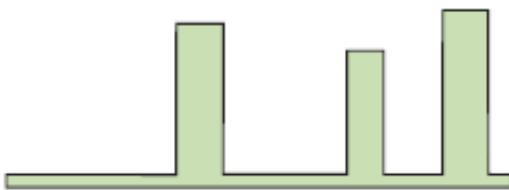
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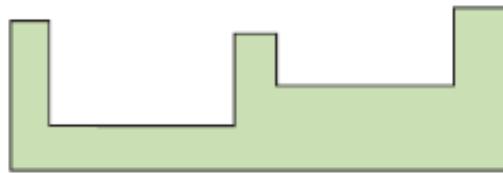


# Multiple Sclerosis

Relapsing-remitting



Progressive forms



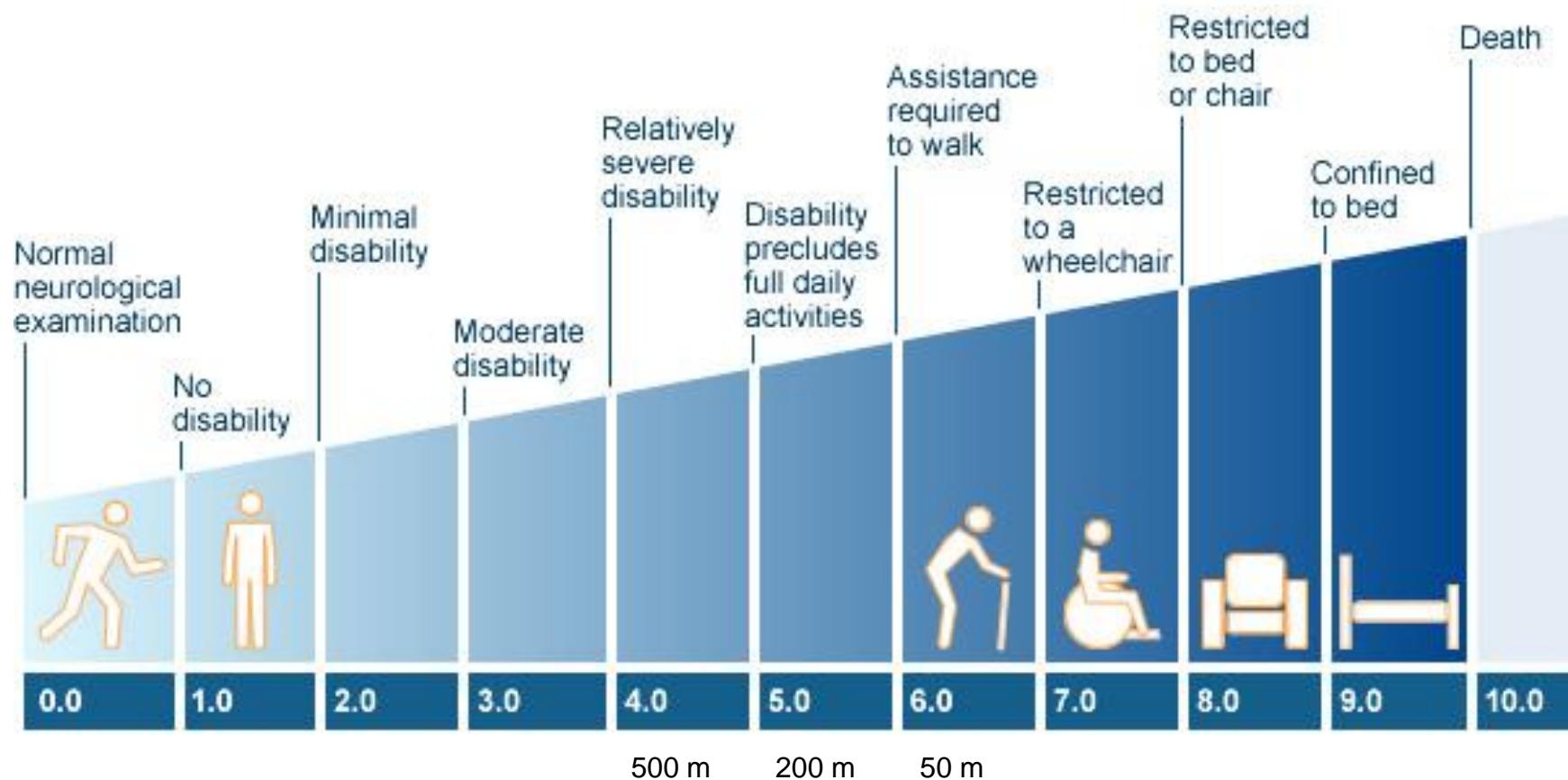
*Compston & Coles, Lancet 2002*





EDSS

# Expanded Disability Status Scale





# MS: EBMT database



## MS: EBMT database (n=503)

<b>Male / Female (%)</b>	<b>42 / 58</b>
<b>Median age at transplant (in years)</b>	<b>36 (12-65)</b>
<b>Median time from diagnosis to transplant (in years)</b>	<b>6 (&lt;1-34)</b>
<b>MS type (n =422)</b>	<b>n ( (%)</b>
Secondary progressive	204 (48)
Relapsing Remitting	103 (21)
Primary progressive	92 (18)
Progressive Relapsing	23 (5)
<b>Conditioning regimen (n=419)</b>	<b>n ( (%)</b>
<b>BEAM + ATG</b>	<b>198 (47)</b>
<b>BEAM alone</b>	<b>19 (4)</b>
<b>BEAM, missing ATG info</b>	<b>77 (15)</b>
<b>Cyclo + ATG</b>	<b>75 (18)</b>
<b>Cyclo + Thiotepa</b>	<b>4 (8)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>46 (9)</b>





# SCT for MS in Brazil

## ▶ Inclusion Criteria

- ▶ MS diagnosis based on Poser criteria > 1 year
- ▶ Age 18 to 60 years
- ▶ Relapsing-remitting MS
- ▶ Primary or secondary progressive MS
- ▶ EDSS: 3,0 – 6,5
- ▶ Disease progression over the previous 6 months
  - ▶ At least 1,0 point deterioration in EDSS (3,0 – 6,0)
  - ▶ At least 0,5 points when EDSS between 6,0 and 6,5

Project approved by the local ethical committees and the National Investigational Review Board (CONEP) Ministry of Health





# SCT for MS in Brazil

- ▶ **Transplant Protocol**
  - ▶ SCT mobilization –
    - ▶ Cyclophosphamide 2,0 gr/m<sup>2</sup> + G-CSF + Prednisone
  - ▶ **Conditioning**
    - ▶ BEAM + hATG + G-CSF + Prednisone
- ▶ **N= 21 patients**
  - ▶ EDSS  $\geq$  6,0 in 81% of the patients
    - ▶ 3 early deaths
  - ▶ Study interrupted
    - ▶ Conditioning switched to Cy 200 + rATG 4,5 mg/kg





# SCT for MS in Brazil

Condition	Total	BEAM/ATG =20	Cy/ATG = 21	P-value
EDSS				
Worse	14 (36,8%)	8 (44,4%)	6 (30%)	0,596
Stable	9 (23,7%)	3 (16,7%)	6 (30%)	
Better	15 (39,5%)	7 (38,9%)	8 (40%)	
Stable and better	24 (63,2%)	10 (55,6%)	14 (70%)	0,357
MRI				
Enhanced lesions	0	0	0	
Days at hospital		35,47	20,15	< 0,0001
Complications all		71,4%	40%	0,04
Mortality	3/41 (7,3%)	3/21 (14,3%)*	0/20 (0%)	
Event Free Survival**		47,2%	70%	
Median Follow Up		6 years	4 years	

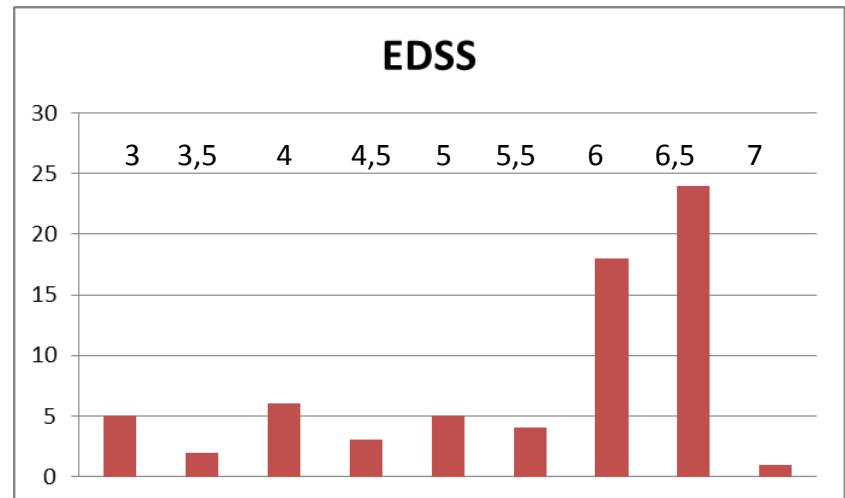
\*Study interruption criteria: mortality > 10%

\*\* stable or decreasing EDSS, no new lesions MRI, no relapse



# SCT for MS in Brazil

- ▶ 66 patients with Cy + ATG
- ▶ Med Age: 38 (19-59)
- ▶ Med EDSS: 6,0
- ▶ Time initial and SCT: 8,7 years
- ▶ Med follow up 3 years
- ▶ Toxicity:
  - ▶ Common CMV reactivation
  - ▶ FUO
  - ▶ Pneumonia
  - ▶ Urinary tract infection
- ▶ Transplant related mortality
  - ▶ Zero!!



MS type	Med years	Min	Max
Total	8,7	0,5	31,5
RR	6,0	0,5	20,2
PP	7,2	3,3	10,2
SP	10,3	4,0	31,5

# SCT for MS in Brazil

## ► Response definitions:

- ▶ Stable: stable EDSS without new MRI lesions, without any treatment after SCT
- ▶ Progression: 0,5 increase in EDSS, new lesions MRI and new treatment after SCT
- ▶ Improvement: any decrease of EDSS

	<b>ALL (66)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>RR (27)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>PP (4)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>SP (35)</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Improve</b>	25	36,7	14	51	2		13	37
<b>Worser</b>	17	25,1	2	18	1		14	40
<b>Stable</b>	26	38,2	11	31	1		8	23
<b>I+S</b>	51	74,9	25	82	3		21	60
<b>EDSS</b>								
<b>Med</b>	6,0		5,5		6,5		6,0	

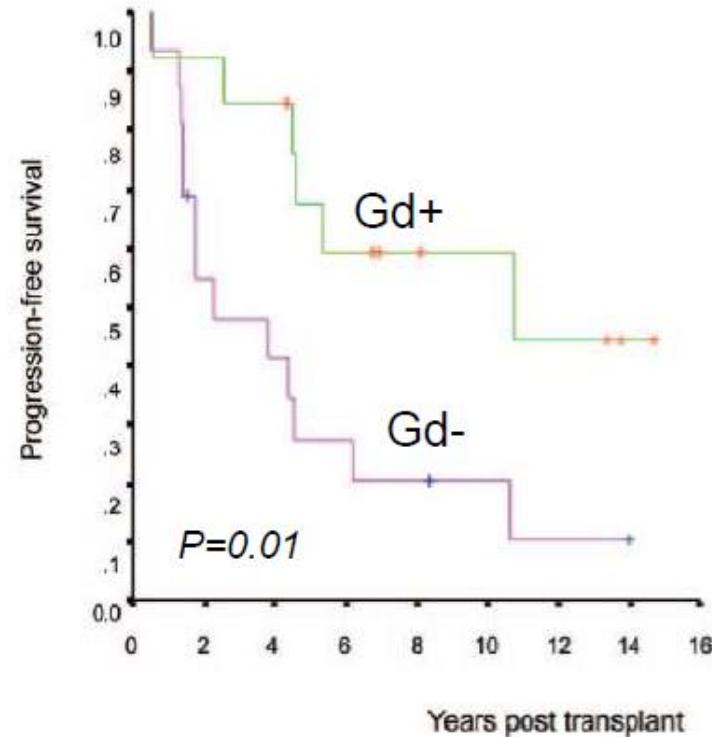
- One single patient with new MRI lesion
- 4 patients needed further treatment after SCT very easily treated

# MS: the greek experience

## Long-term results of stem cell transplantation for MS : A single-center experience

A. Fassas, V.K. Kimiskidis, I. Sakellari, et al.  
*Neurology* 2011;76:1066

- n=35
- Age at HSCT = 40 (19-54)
- FU (yrs) = 11.3 (1.6-14.6)
- Interval to HSCT = 7 (1-18)
- MS form at HSCT
  - SP=19, RP=3, RR=1, PP=1,  
Malignant=1
- EDSS at baseline= 6 (4.5-8)
- HSCT technology:
  - BEAM/ATG (15),
  - BEAM/ATG/CD34 sel (10)
  - Oral Busulphan (10)



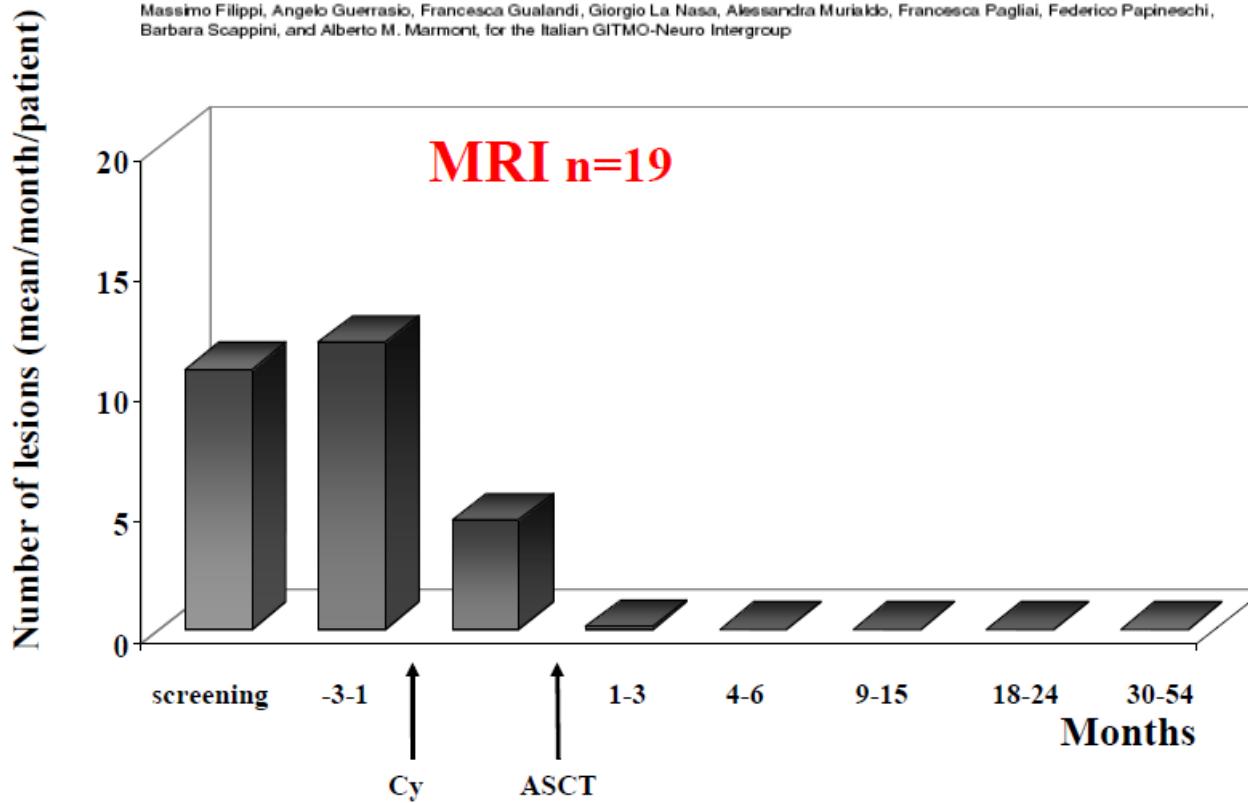
Progression-free survival by pretransplant MRI activity (presence of gadolinium-enhancing, new, or enlarging T2 lesions)

# MS: the Italian Experience

## TRANSPLANTATION

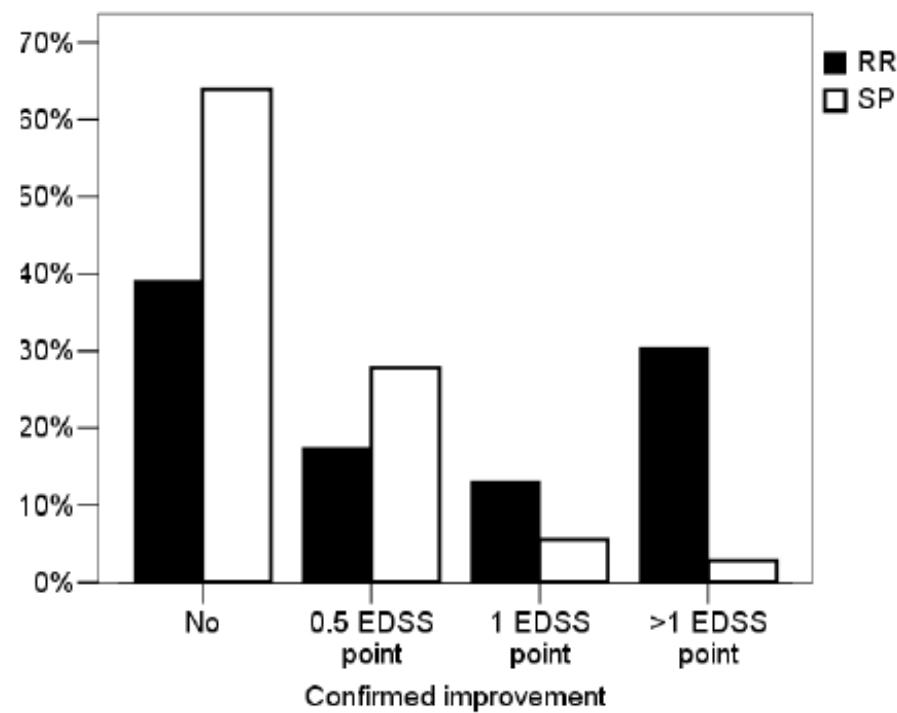
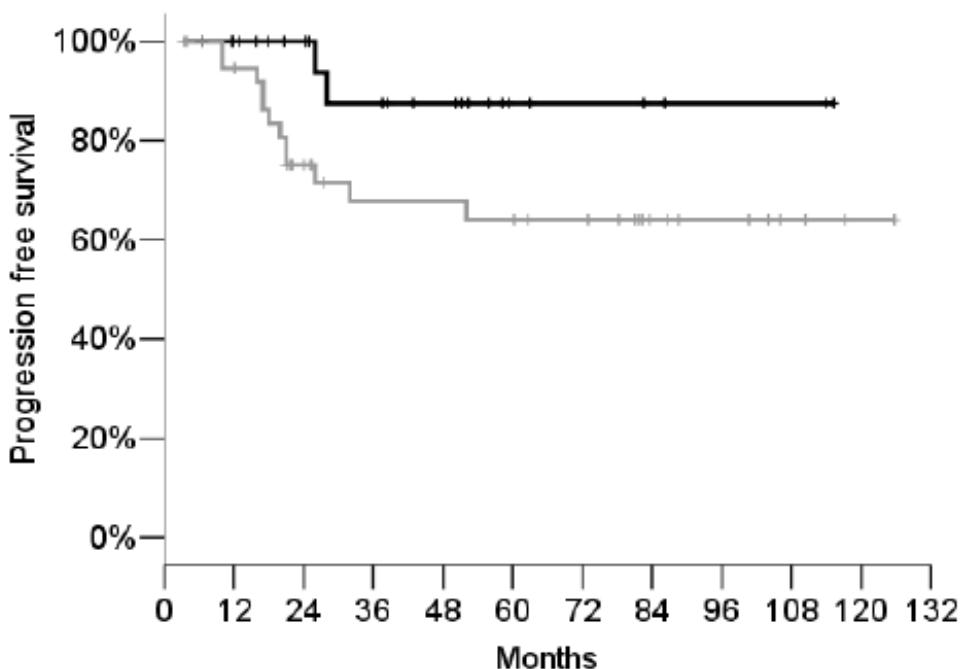
Autologous HSCT for severe progressive multiple sclerosis in a multicenter trial:  
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Riccardo Saccardi, Gian Luigi Mancardi, Alessandra Solari, Alberto Bosi, Paolo Bruzzi, Paolo Di Bartolomeo, Amedea Donelli,  
Massimo Filippi, Angelo Guerrasio, Francesca Gualandi, Giorgio La Nasa, Alessandra Muraldo, Francesca Pagliai, Federico Papineschi,  
Barbara Scappini, and Alberto M. Marmont, for the Italian GITMO-Neuro Intergroup



Saccardi et Al, Blood. 2005;105:2601-2607

# MS: the Italian Experience





▶ **LONG TERM OUTCOMES AFTER  
AUTOLOGOUS HEMATOPOIETIC CELL  
TRANSPLANTATION FOR MULTIPLE  
SCLEROSIS – A joint study from the Center for  
International Blood and Marrow Research  
(CIBMTR) and from the European Group for  
Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)**



Van Bekkum award – EBMT 2013





## MS – CIBMTR and EBMT

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>N=281 (%)</b>
EBMT	170 (60)
CIBMTR	111 (40)
Centers (EBMT/CIBMTR)	25 (17/8)
Age, median (range)	37 (14-65)
Age<40y	171 (61)
Female	164 (58)

**N=30 – Ribeirão Preto**





## MS – CIBMTR and EBMT

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>N=281 (%)</b>
EDSS prior to mobilization, median (range)	6.5 (1.5-9.5)
Median time from diagnosis to transplant, months	82 (1-413)
≥2 Prior lines of therapies	171 (61)
Disease Status at Mobilization	
Relapsing Forms	46 (16)
Progressive Forms	235 (84)

Muraro P et al – EBMT 2013





## MS – CIBMTR and EBMT

- ▶ Median follow up
  - ▶ 6,6 years
- ▶ Progression free survival
  - ▶ At 5 years – 49%
- ▶ Overall Survival
  - ▶ At 5 years – 93%

Muraro P et al – EBMT 2013



# Univariate analysis for MS Progression

Variable	HR (95% CI)	P-value
CIBMTR vs. EBMT	1.1 (0.81-1.5)	0.50
<b>Age</b>	<b>1.02 (1.0-1.04)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Fem vs. Male	0.92 (0.67-1.25)	0.60
Disease duration	1.0 (0.99-1.05)	0.26
Conditioning Intensity		0.44
Int vs. low	0.77 (0.51-1-17)	
High vs. low	0.88 (0.54-1.47)	
ATG	1.27 (0.83-1.95)	0.27
Other regimens vs. BEAM	1.08 (0.72-1.64)	0.70
<b>Progressive vs. Relapsing</b>	<b>1.72 (1.15-2.57)</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Chemoembolization	1.02 (0.58-1.82)	0.94
<b>&gt;2 vs. 1-2 lines of therapy</b>	<b>1.46 (1.06-2.00)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
2001-2006 vs. 1995-2000	1.18 (0.85-1.64)	0.34



# SCT in Auto-Immune Diseases

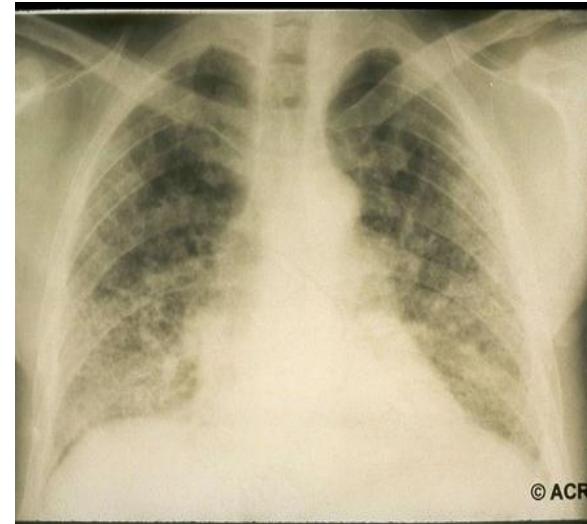
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# Systemic Sclerosis

- ▶ Prevalence: 20 to 75/100.000
- ▶ 30-60 years
- ▶ More prevalent in women
- ▶ Cardiac, pulmonar, gastrointestinal, skin and kidney



- ▶ Severe forms:
  - ▶ mortality of 50% in 5 years



# International Data on SCT in SS

- ▶ 2004: Farget et al. (Ann Rheumatic Dis)
  - ▶ 57 patients
    - ▶ Skin improvement in 70%
    - ▶ Stabilization of pulmonary function
    - ▶ 30% relapse
- ▶ 2007: Vonck et al. (Ann Rheumatic Dis)
  - ▶ 26 patients
    - ▶ Skin improvement in 81%
    - ▶ Stabilization of pulmonary function
    - ▶ 96% overall survival 5 years
    - ▶ 64% progression free survival





# SCT for SSc in Brazil and Chicago

## ▶ Inclusion Criteria

- ▶ Age < 60 years
- ▶ Progressive disease
- ▶ Diffuse skin involvement or
- ▶ Severe visceral involvement

## ▶ Exclusion criteria

- ▶ Advanced pulmonary fibrosis (DLCO<40%)
- ▶ Severe pulmonary hypertension (PAP>60mmHg)
- ▶ Cardiac involvement (LVEF < 50%)





# SCT for SSc in Brazil and Chicago

- ▶ N = 90 pts (31 Brazil, 59 Chicago)

Patients (n=90)	
Median age, years	42 (16–71)
Sex, female	73 (81%)
Ethnicity	
White	70 (78%)
Black	11 (12%)
Hispanic	5 (6%)
Biracial	3 (3%)
Native American	1 (1%)
Median disease duration from diagnosis to HSCT, months	25 (2–156)
History of Raynaud's phenomena	83 (92%)
Median modified Rodnan skin score	24 (3–47)
Diffuse systemic sclerosis	72 (80%)



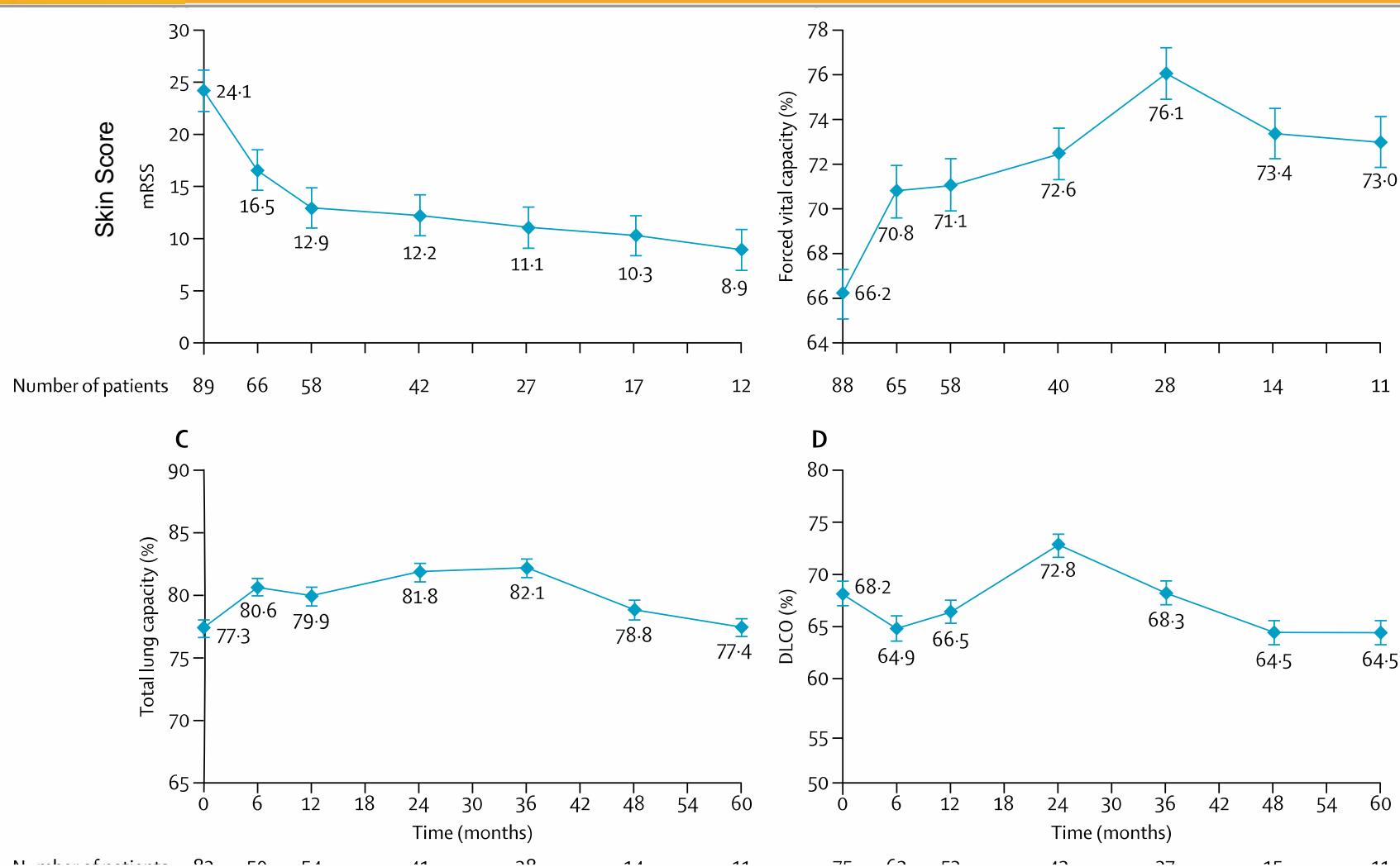


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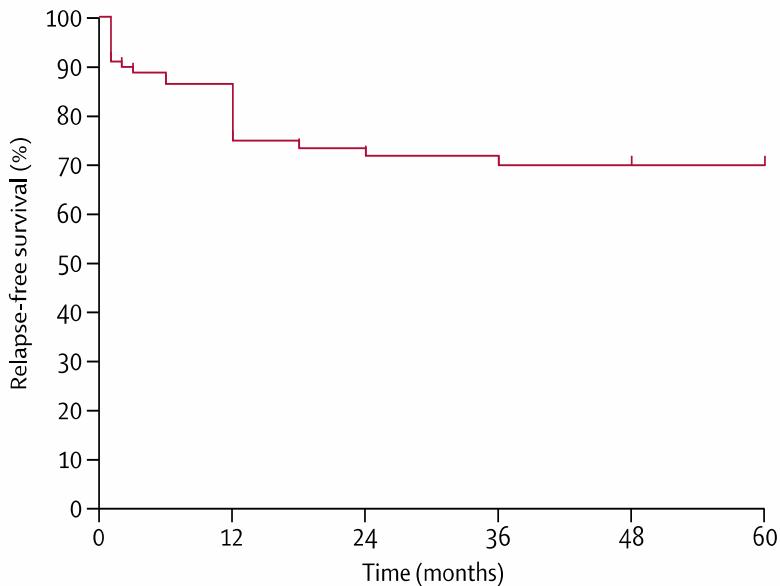
Diffuse systemic sclerosis	72 (80%)
Gastrointestinal track disorders	81 (90%)
Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease	51 (63%)
Patulous esophagus	52 (64%)
Gastrointestinal antral vascular ectasia	5 (6%)
Small bowel involvement	3 (4%)
Total parenteral nutrition	1 (1%)
Abnormal lung involvement on imaging	73 (81%)
Interstitial lung disease	73 (100%)
Nodules or micronodules	4 (5%)
Bronchiectasis	7 (10%)
Honeycombing	2 (3%)
Oxygen dependency	2 (3%)



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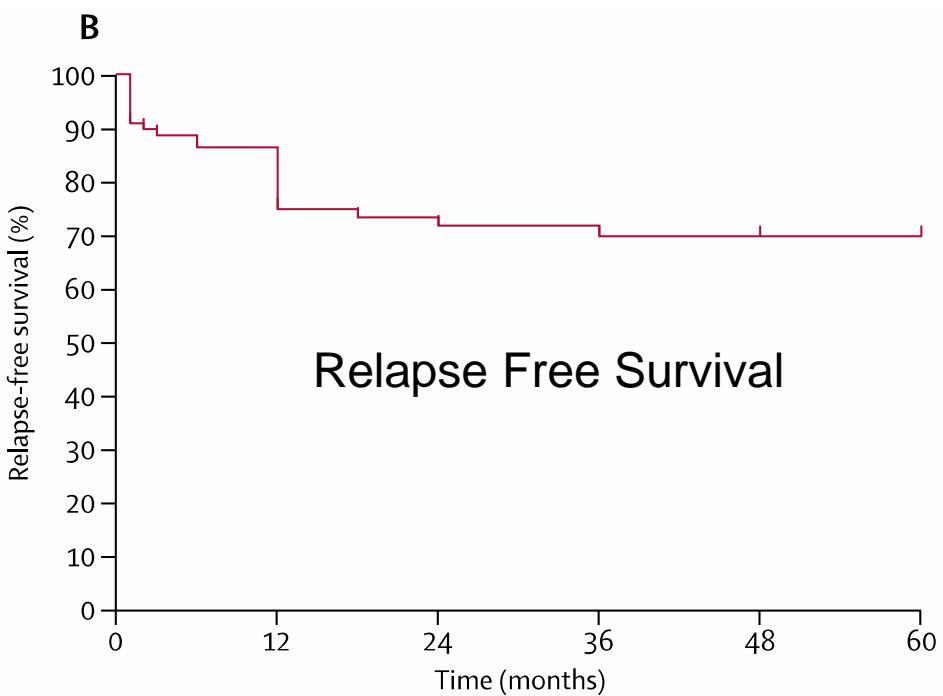


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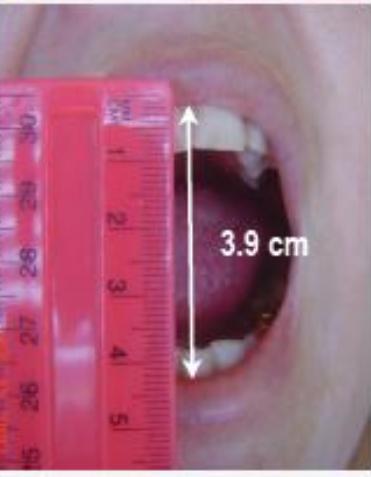
5 patients died early (TRM 6%)  
4 cardiac complications  
1 sepsis  
13 patients relapsed  
8 died of disease

Overall Survival = 78% at 5 years



Burt et al, Lancet 2013

# SCT in SSc – Cutaneous involvement



Pre  
(3,5cm)

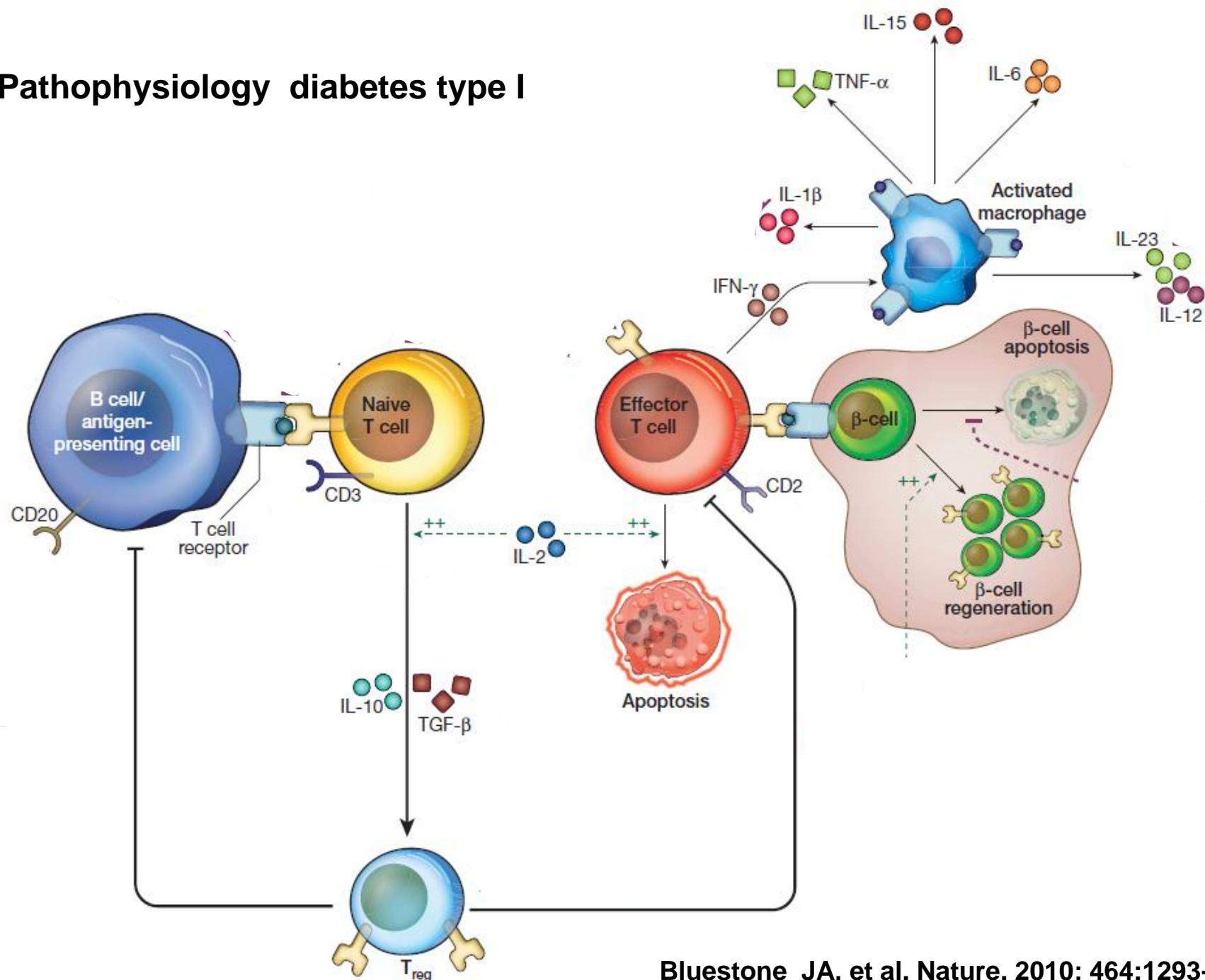
Day +90  
(4,7cm)



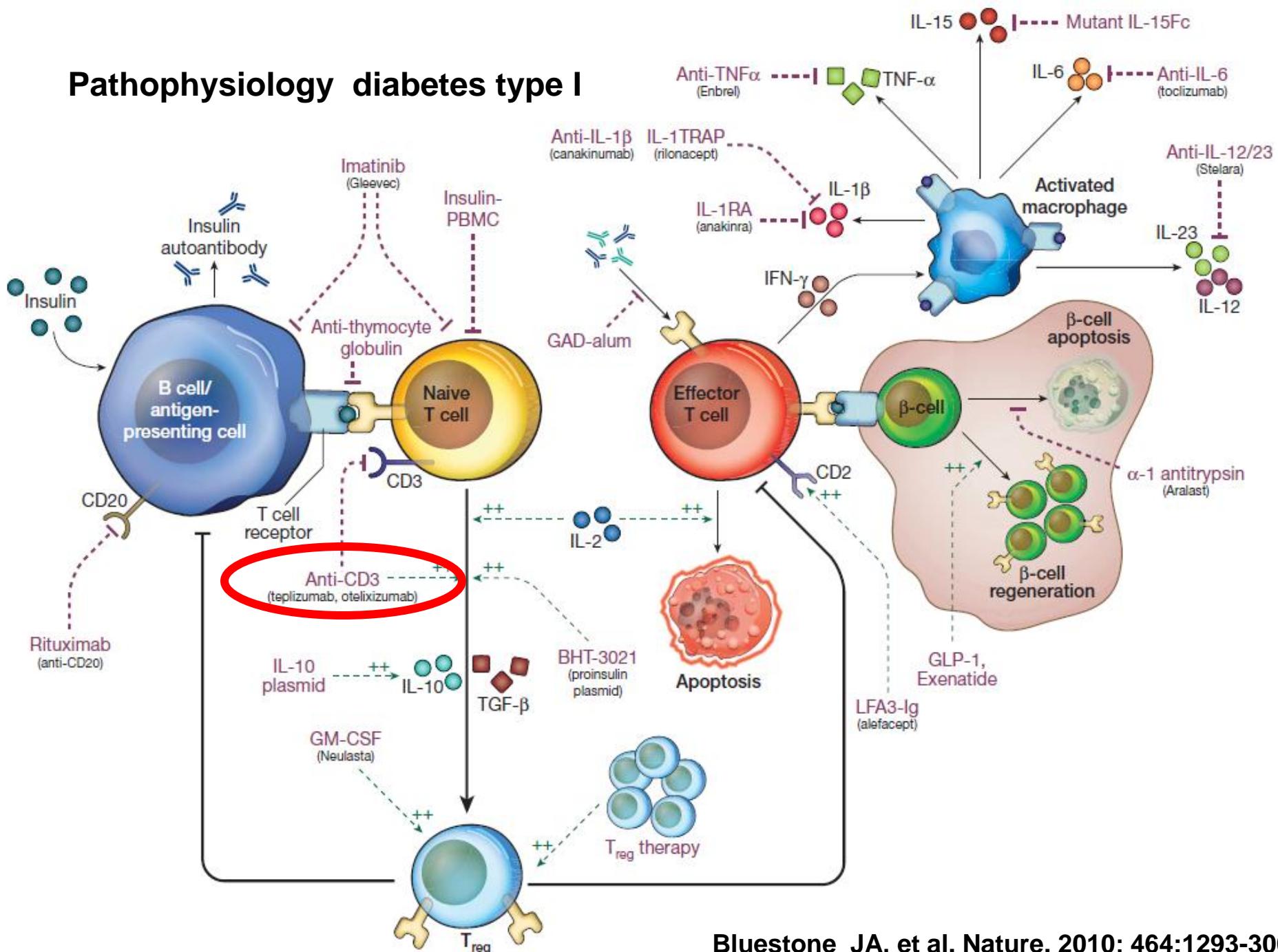
# Diabetes Mellitus type I



## Pathophysiology diabetes type I



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# Diabetes Mellitus type I

- ▶ Autoimmune Disease
- ▶ Previous trials
  - ▶ immunosuppression
    - ▶ Prednisone
    - ▶ Cyclosporine
    - ▶ OKT3
    - ▶ Azathioprine
  - ▶ Vaccination
  - ▶ GAD treatment

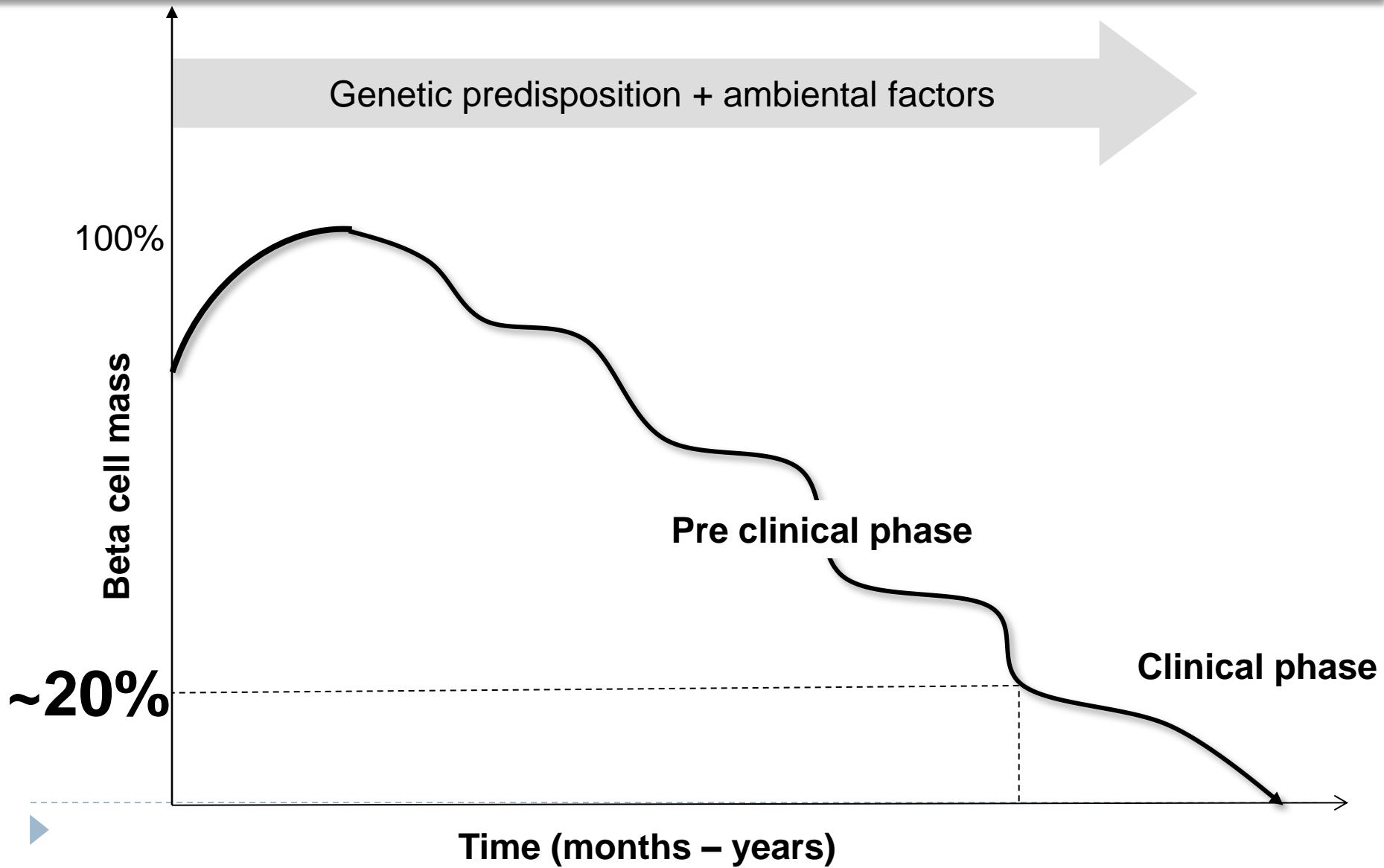


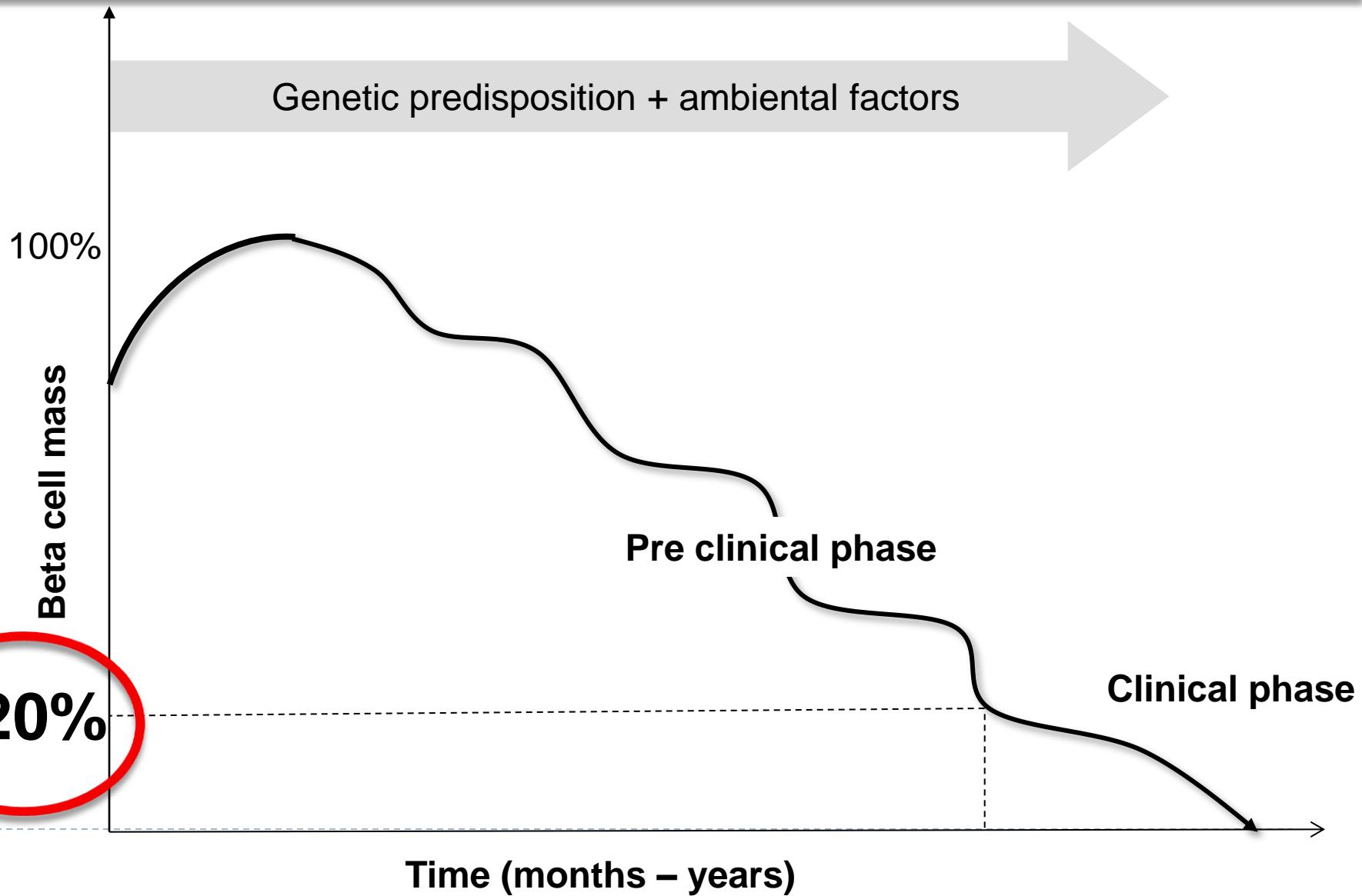


# Diabetes Mellitus type I

- ▶ Autoimmune Disease
- ▶ Previous trials
  - ▶ Immunossuppression: never insulin free
    - ▶ Prednisone
    - ▶ Cyclosporine
    - ▶ OKT3
    - ▶ Azathioprine
  - ▶ Vaccination: never insulin free
  - ▶ GAD treatment: randomized trial negative









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# SCT in type I Diabetes Mellitus

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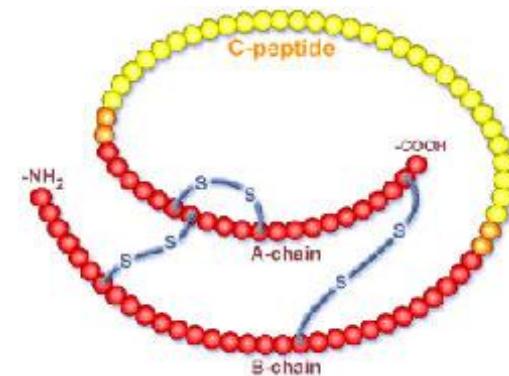
- ▶ Age 12 – 35 years
- ▶ No more than 4 weeks of diagnosis
  - ▶ Patient had to be transplanted within 6 weeks of diagnosis
- ▶ Anti-GAD positive

## ▶ Interruption criteria

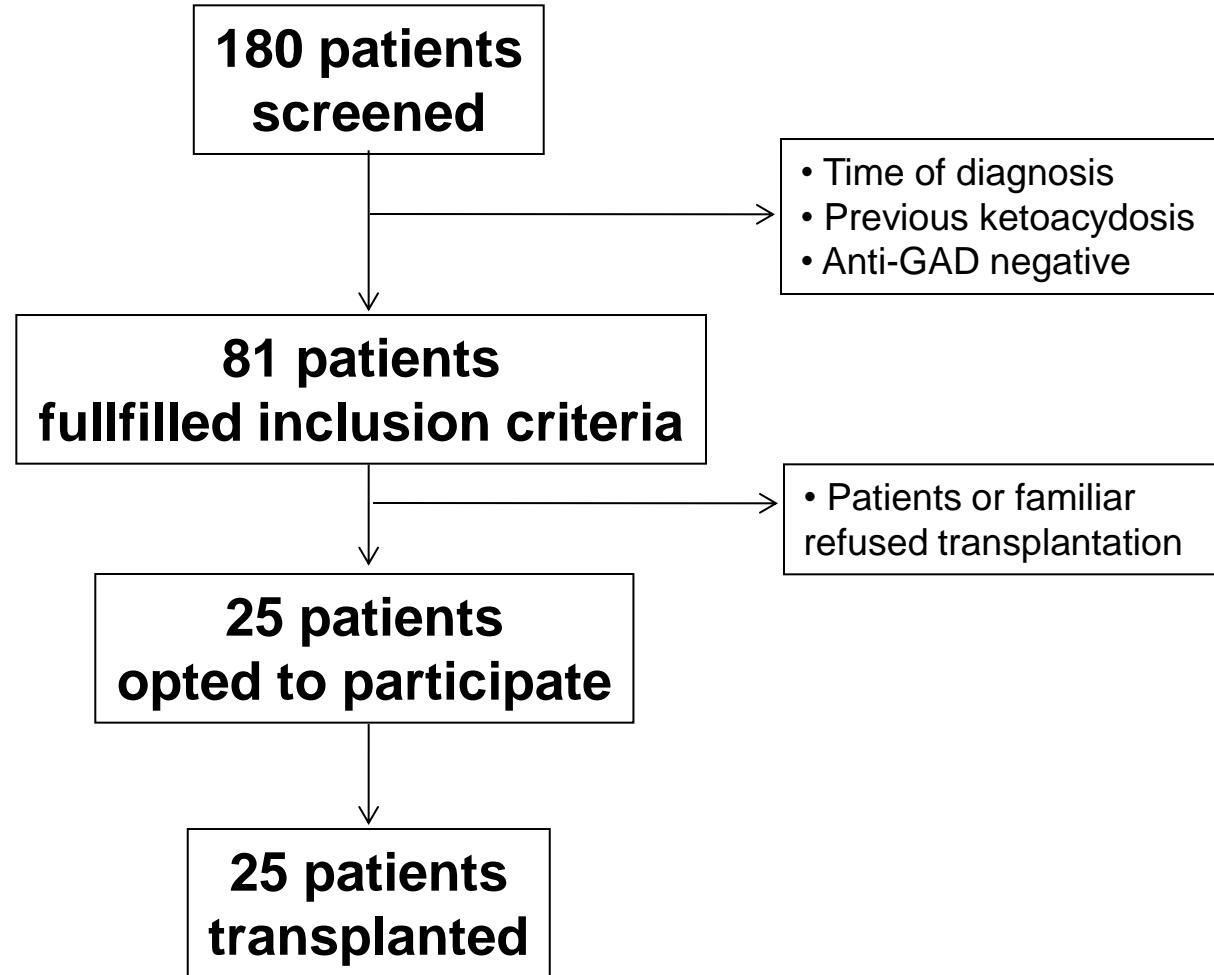
- ▶ 1 death

# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I

- ▶ Primary Endpoint
  - ▶ C-peptide levels : 2 hrs. mixed meal tolerance test
- ▶ Secondary Endpoints
  - ▶ Morbidity and mortality SCT
  - ▶ Exogenous insulin requirement
  - ▶ Serum levels of Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub>



# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I





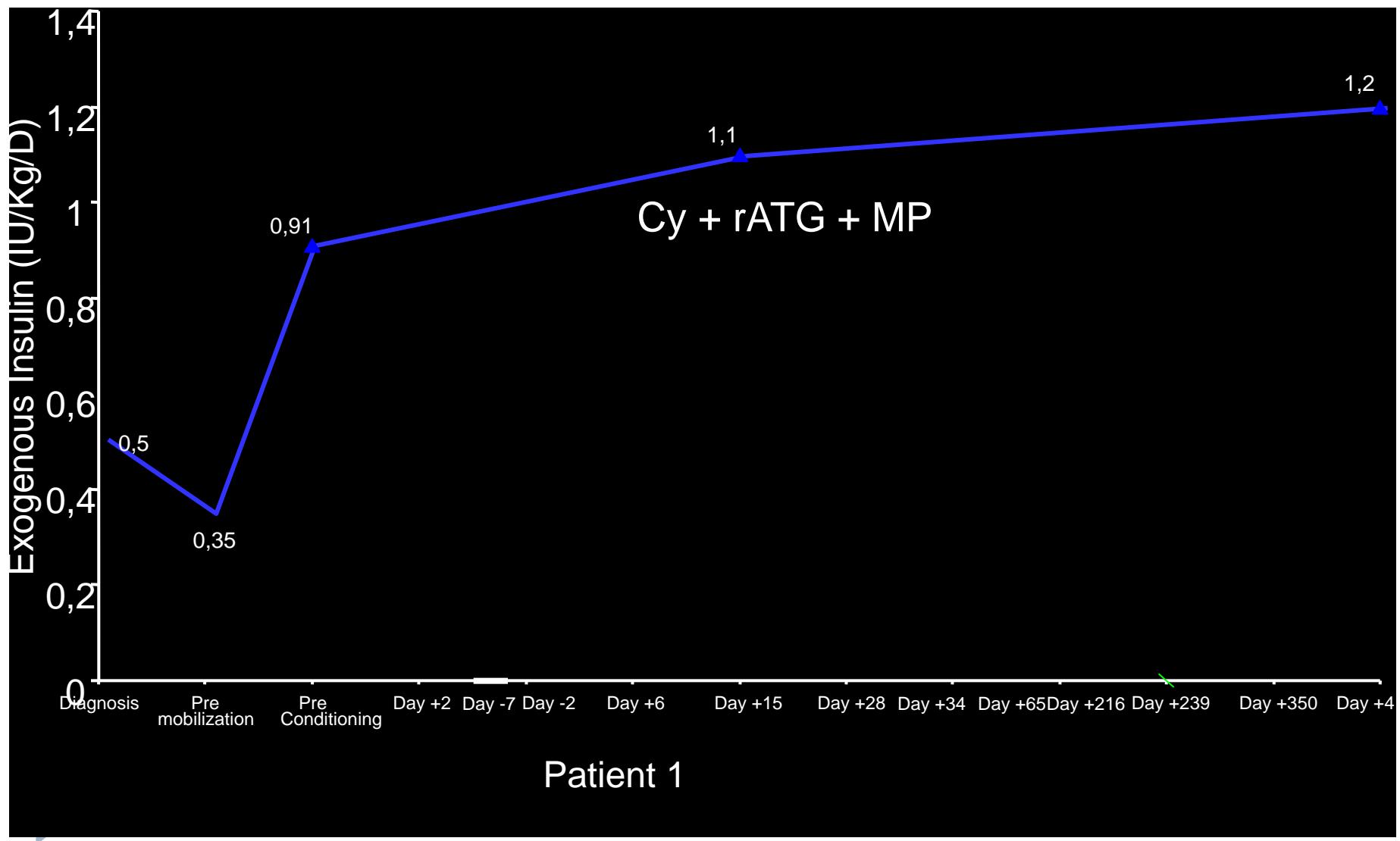
# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I

Condition	Mean
Age	Median 18,4 (13 – 31)
Blood Glucose Levels	398,6 mg/dl
GAD antibody	24,9 U/mL
Time until mobilization	37,7 days (24 – 56)
Duration of hospital stay	18,6 days (15 -24 days)
CD34x10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg	10,52 x 10 <sup>6</sup> /kg (4,98 – 23,19)
Neutrophil engraftment	9,3 days (8-11)
Platelet engraftment	10,4 (0 – 18)





# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I





# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I

## ▶ Inclusion Criteria

- ▶ Age 12 – 35 years
- ▶ No more than 4 weeks of diagnosis
  - ▶ Patient had to be transplanted within 6 weeks of diagnosis
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## ▶ Interruption criteria

- ▶ 1 death





# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I

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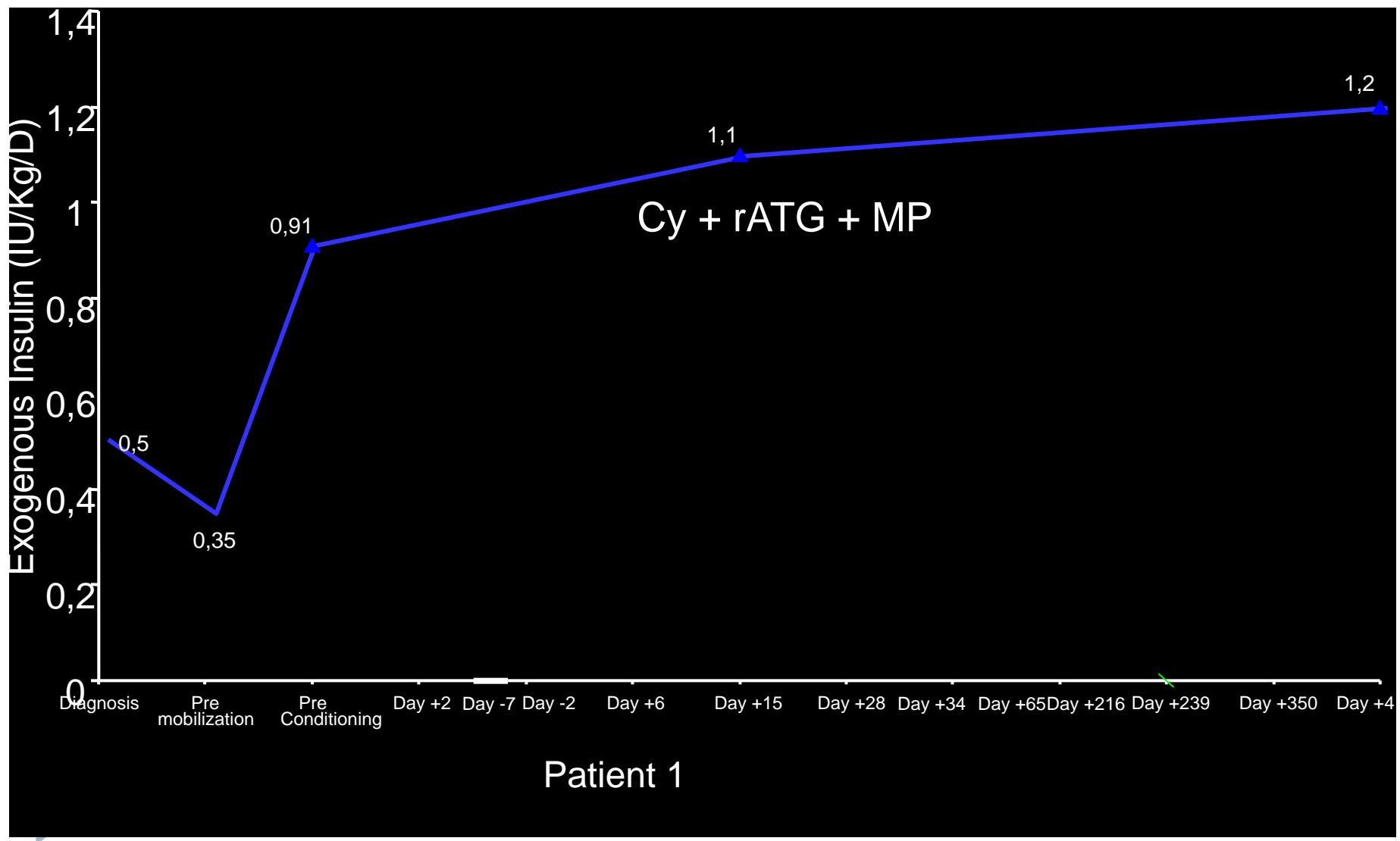
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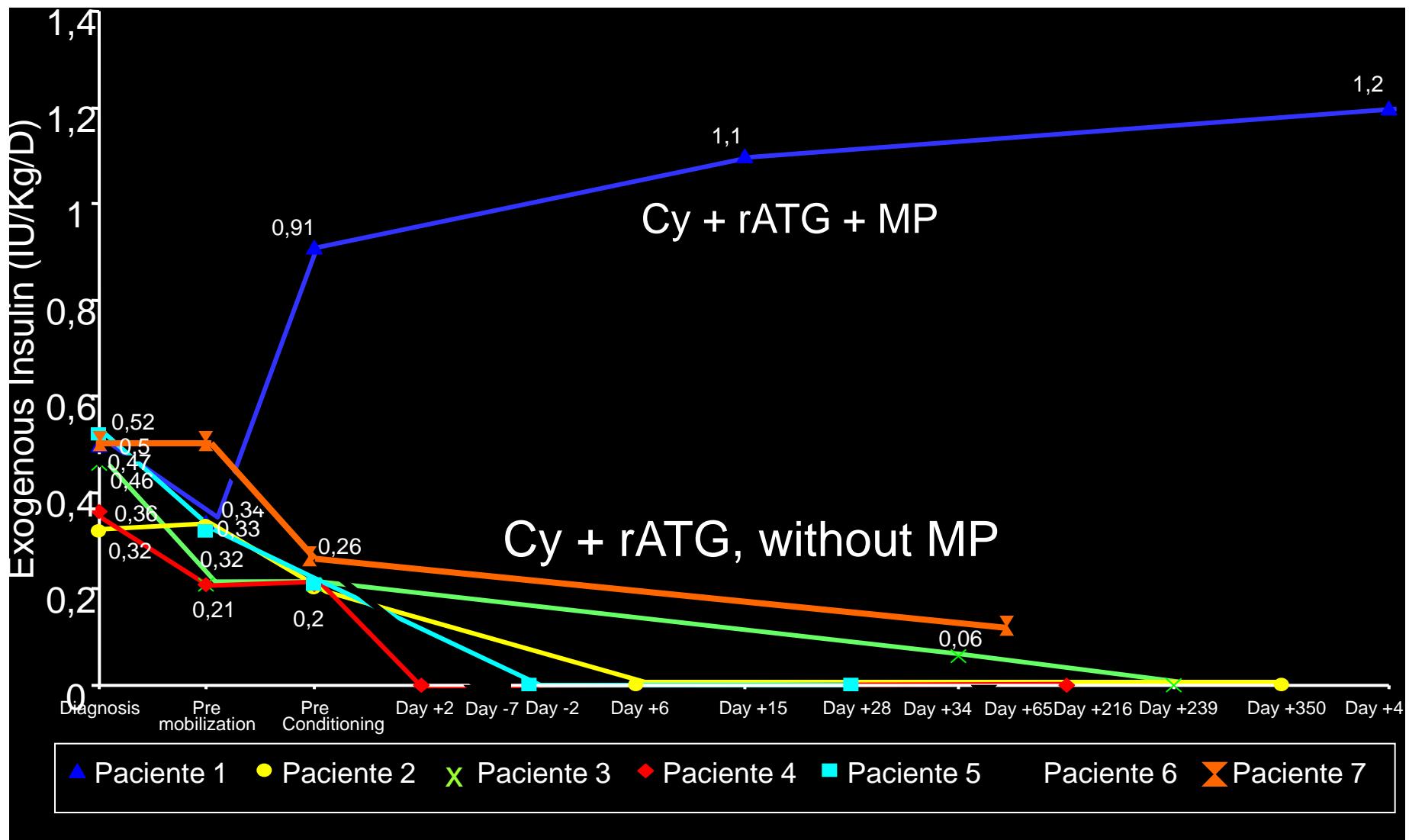




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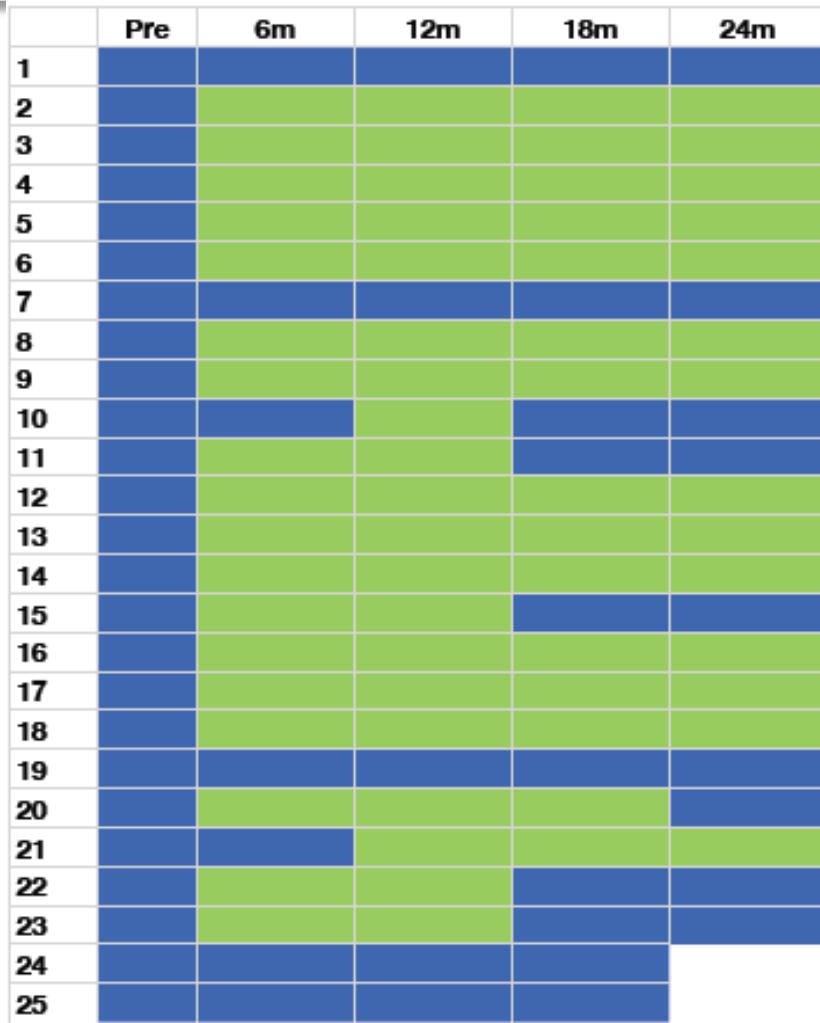


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patients insulin-free





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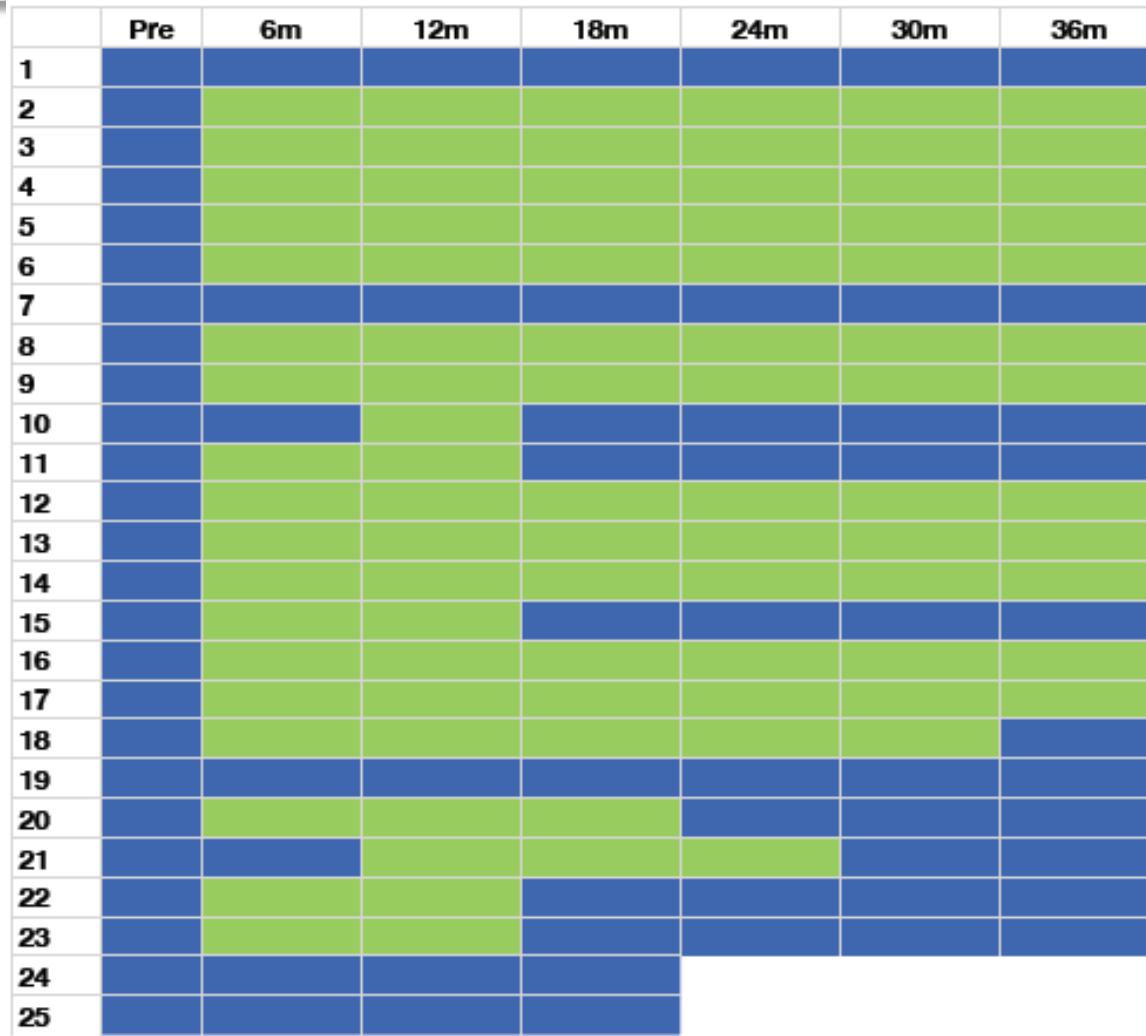


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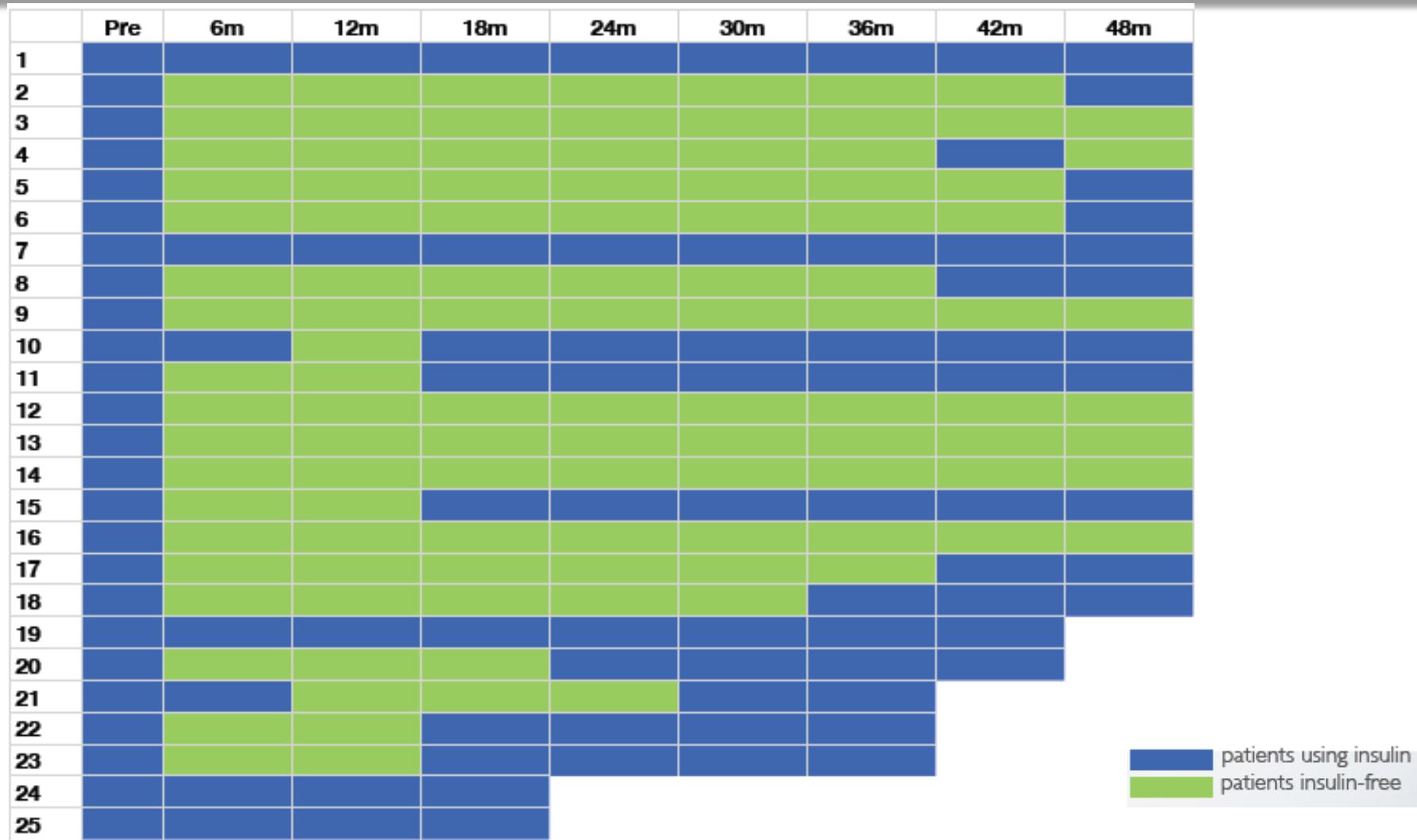


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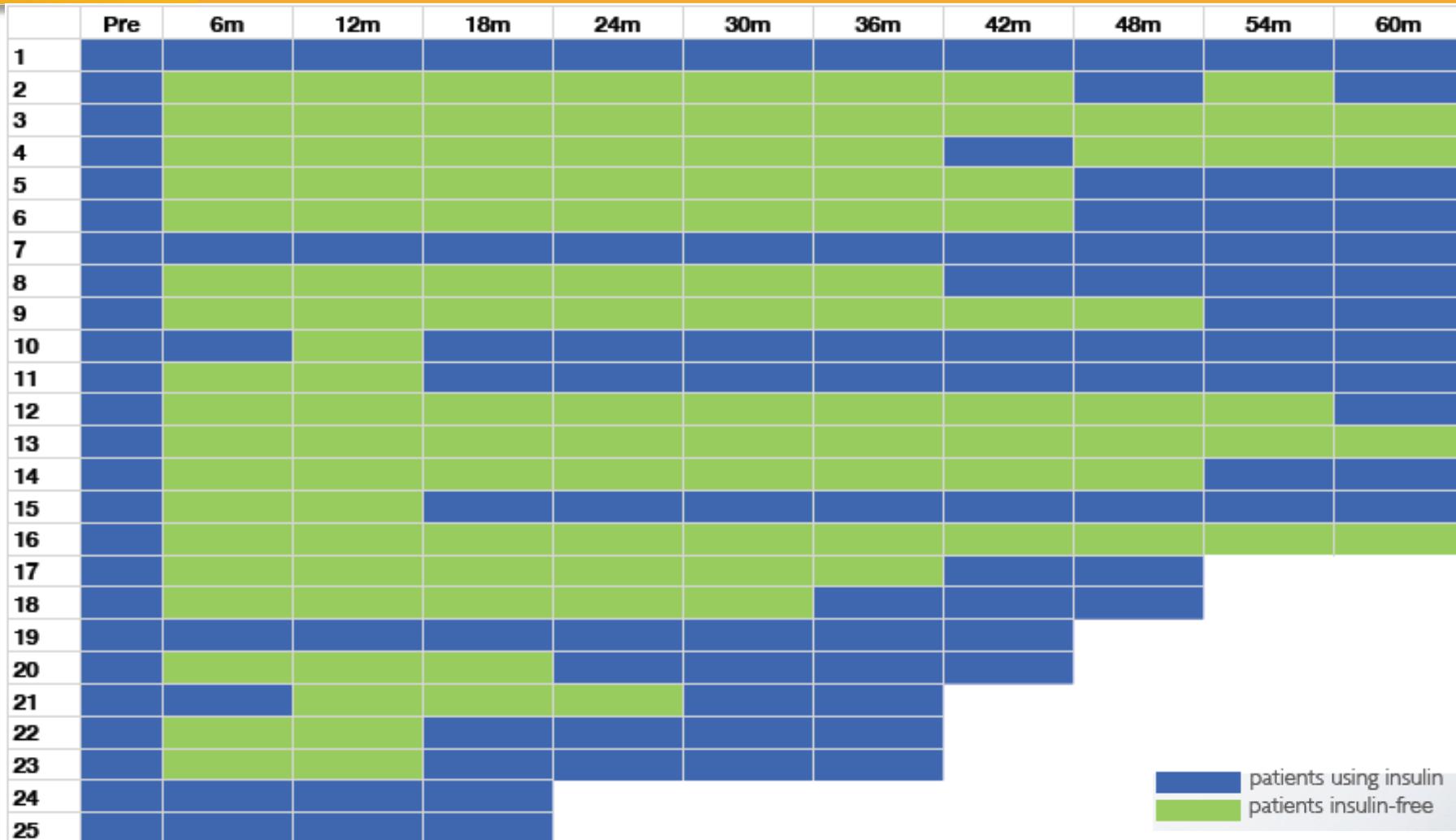


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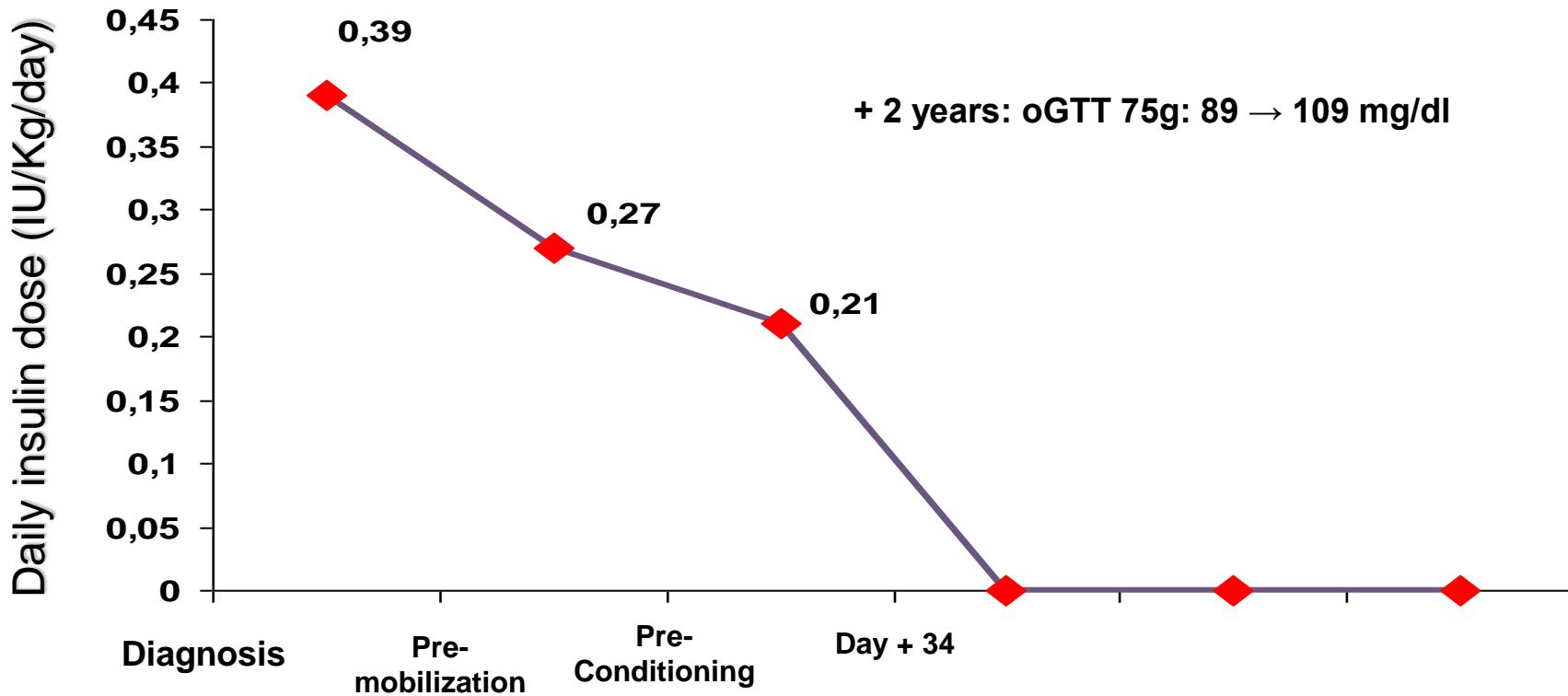


# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I





Paciente 3 - Masculino 21 anos.  
SC1 in Diabetes Mellitus type I



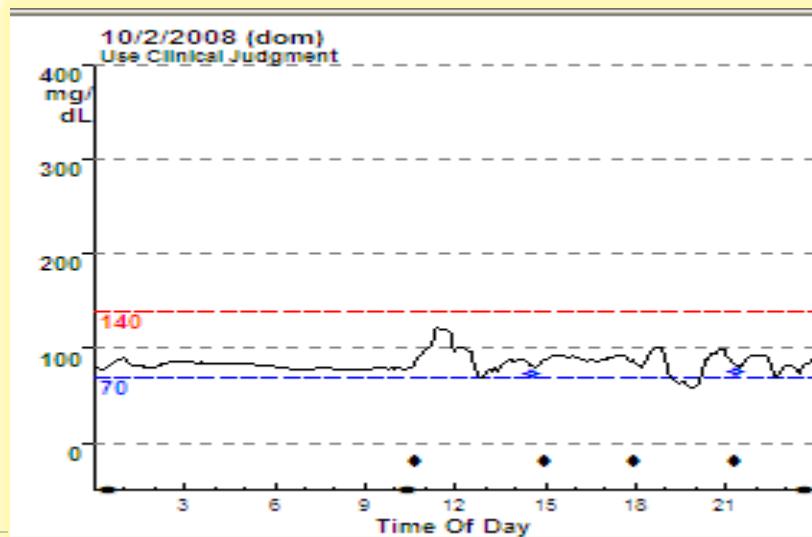
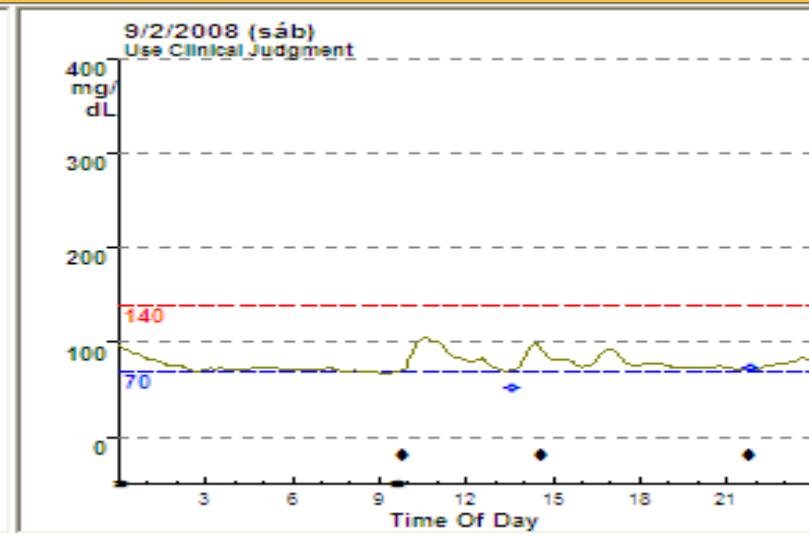
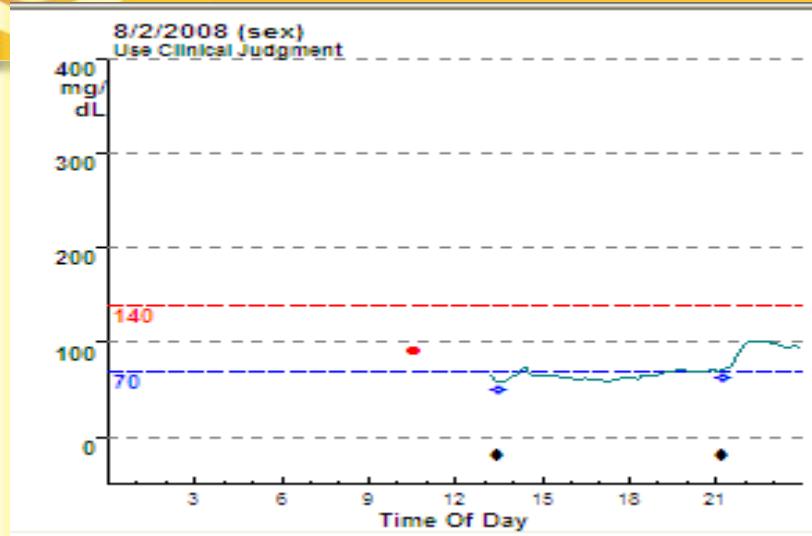
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# 3-day-Continuous Glucose Monitoring

Paciente 5 - Masculino - 21 años





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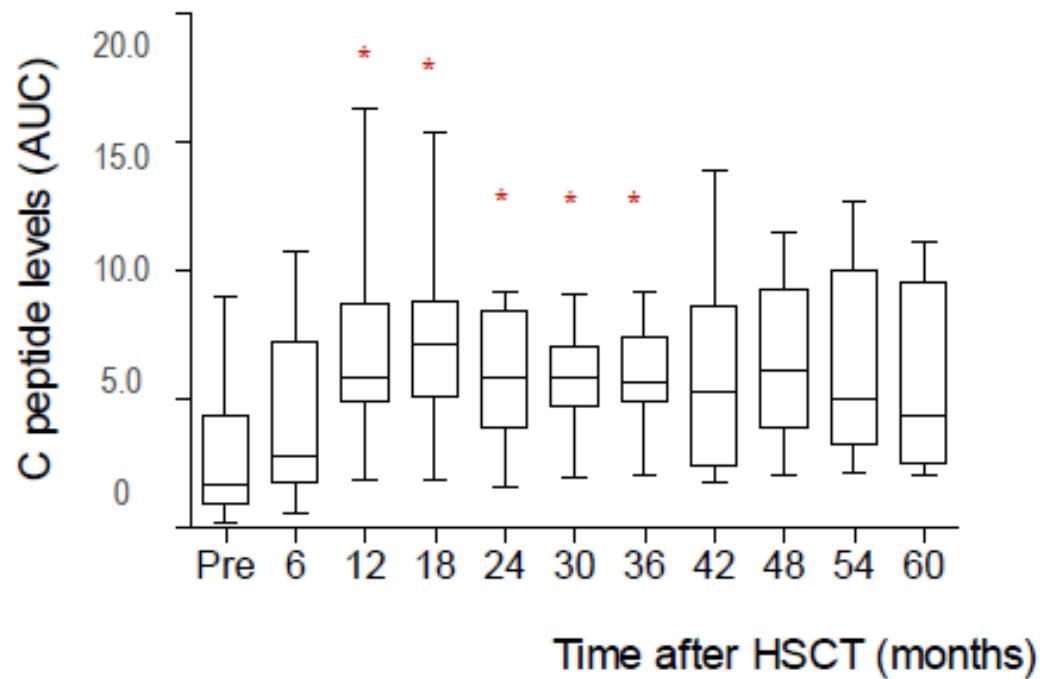
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# SCT in Diabetes Mellitus type I

## ▶ Prognostic factors

- ▶ Age
- ▶ C-peptide levels pre-transplant
- ▶ Time of the year!





# SCT for DM type I

- ▶ Prognostic factors
  - ▶ Previous ketoacidosis

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Diabetic Ketoacidosis at Diagnosis Influences Complete Remission After Treatment With Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes**

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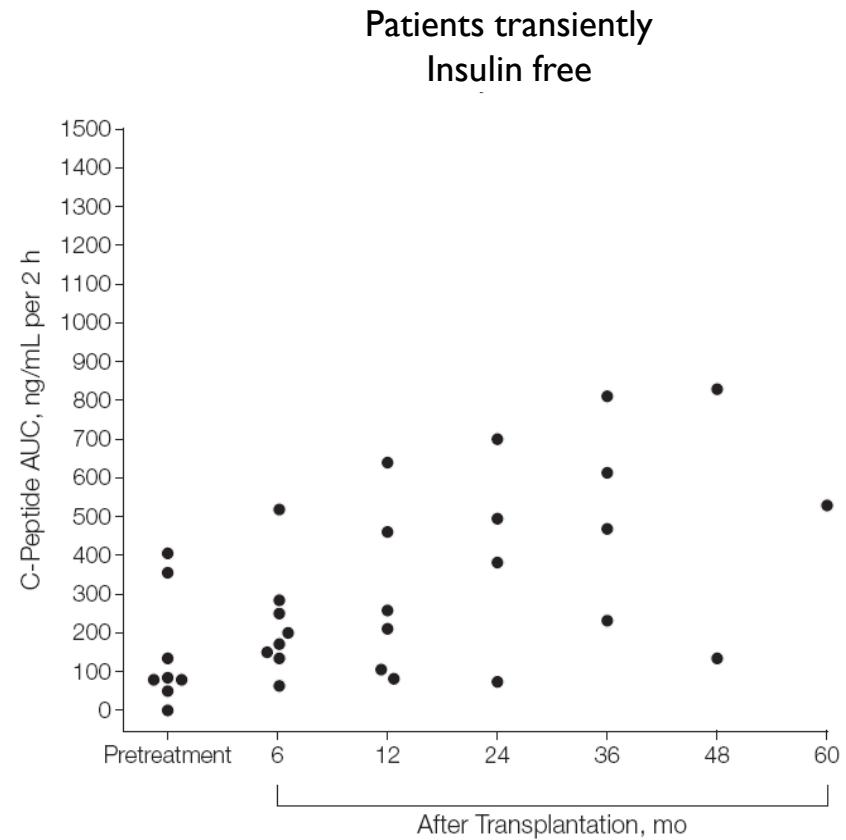
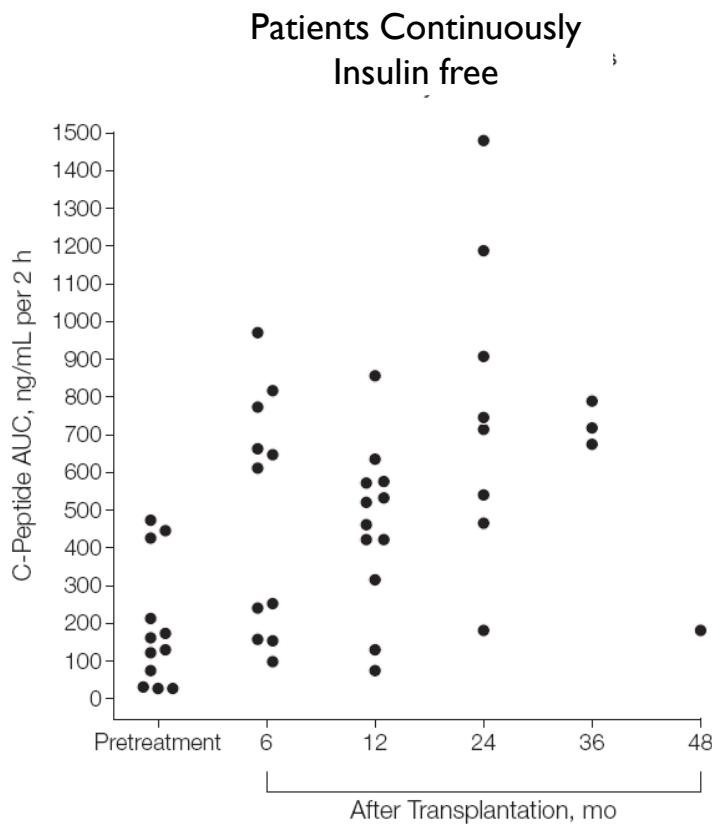
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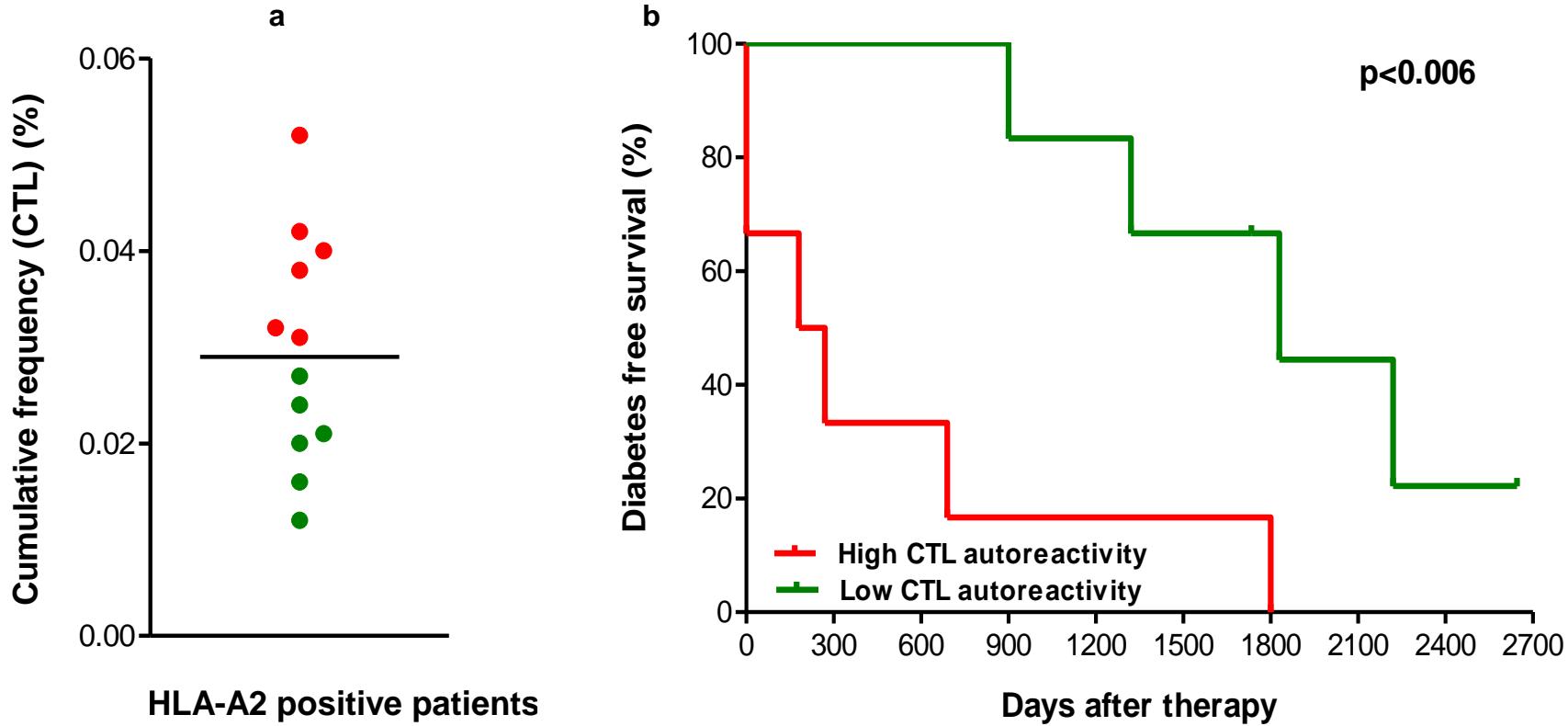
% insulin free : (70.6% in non-DKA vs. 27.3% in DKA, P = 0.051)

# C-peptide levels after SCT



JC Voltarelli et al. JAMA 2007  
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# Autoreactivity in DM type I



More or less than 3 years insulin free





# Ongoing and Future Programms

- ▶ MS
  - ▶ MISST Trial - randomized international study – SCT vs Natalizumab or Fingolimod
  - ▶ Neuromyelitis optica – new protocol
- ▶ Systemic Sclerosis
  - ▶ Randomized study (with and without Rituximab)
  - ▶ Retrospective study comparing CD34 selection versus no selection (EBMT)
  - ▶ Maintenance after transplant (MMF vs Mesenchymal stem cells) - EBMT
- ▶ Diabetes type I
  - ▶ MSC
    - ▶ 8 adults and 6 children already included – no response
    - ▶ AutoSCT with ATG, Cyclophosph, Fludara, ATG (ASTID)
      - ▶ Randomized Study vs best available treatment – continuous insulin infusion)
      - ▶ USA, France, England and Brazil - EBMT
- ▶ Crohn´s Disease



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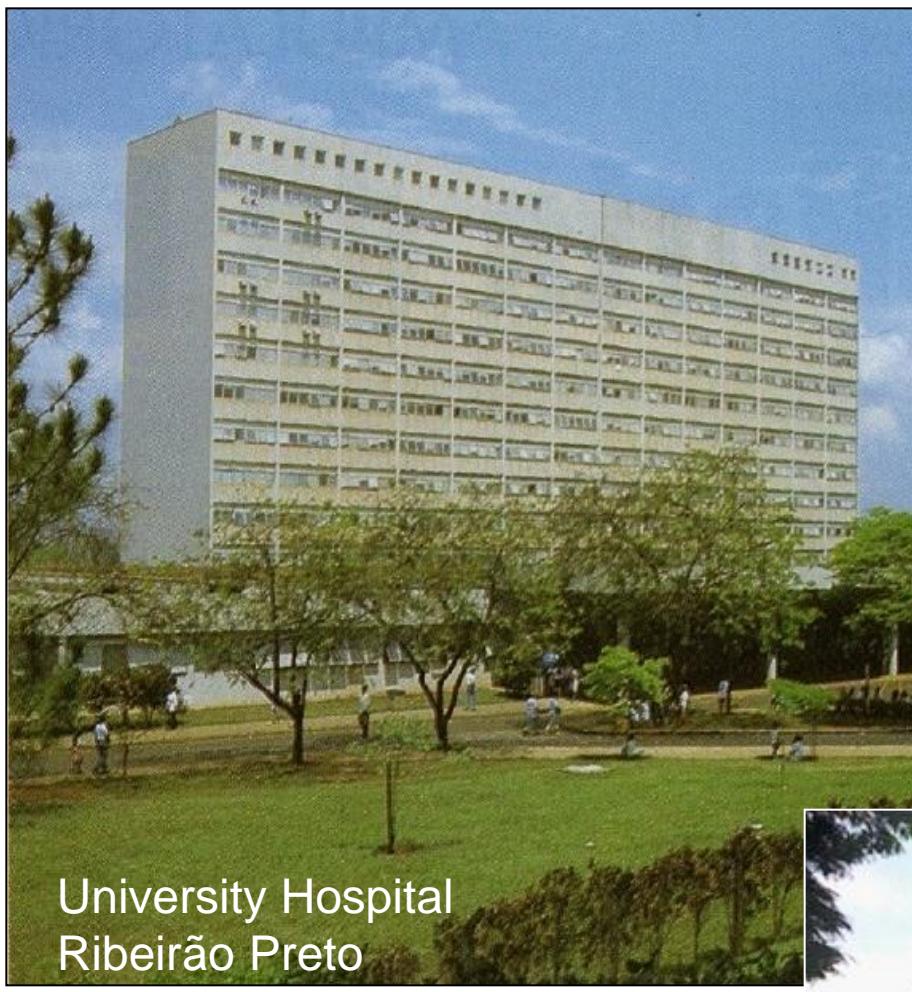


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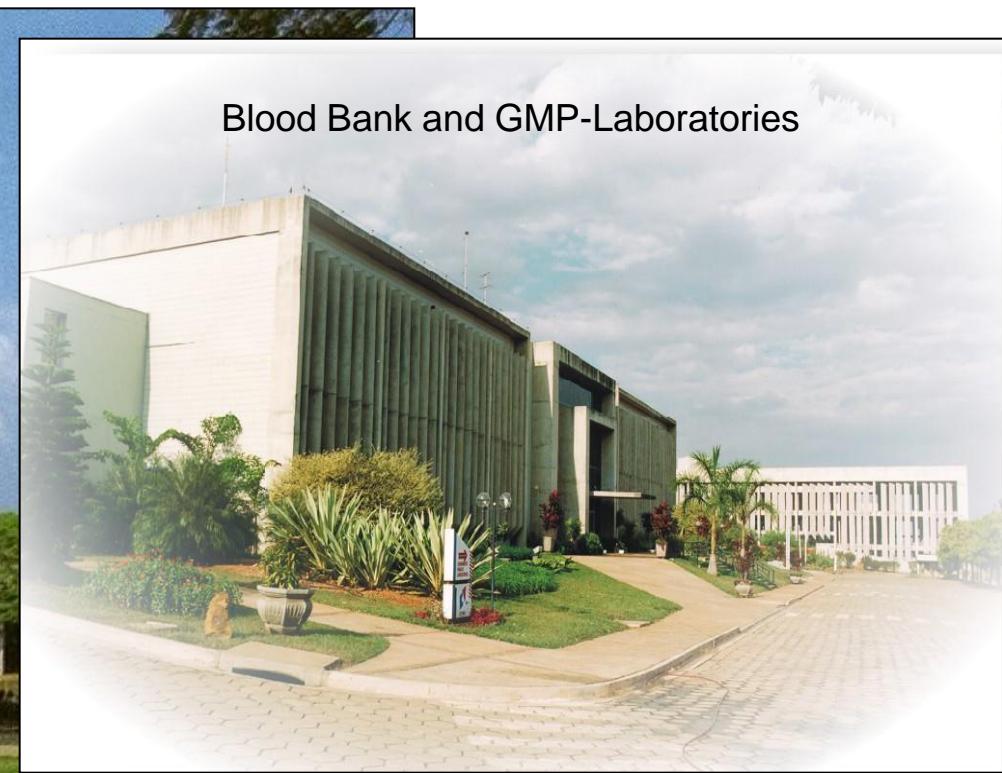


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