

Strategie immunosoppressive e rischio infettivo nel trapianto di organo solido

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Strategie immunosoppressive e rischio infettivo

- ✓ **what we learnt**
- ✓ **immunosuppression and CMV**
- ✓ **what we would like to have**

Alexis Carrel Nobel lecture 1912



....Thus, while **the problem of the transplantation of organs has been solved, from a surgical point of view.....** We need **a more fundamental study of the biological relationships existing between living tissues**

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1960

“for discovery of acquired immunological tolerance”

Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet



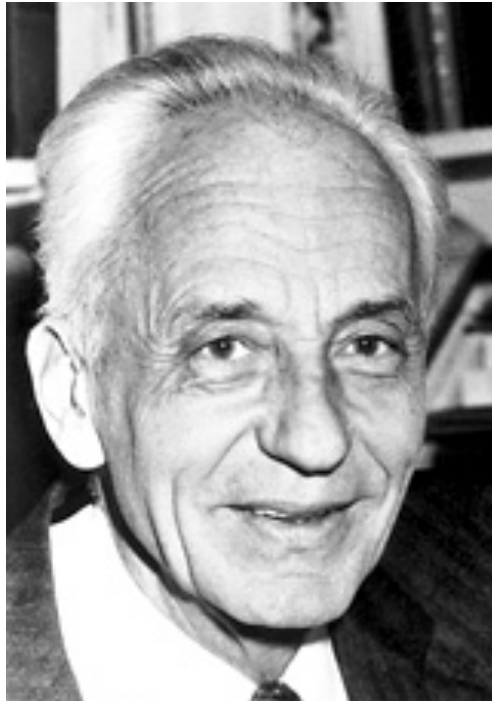
Sir Peter Brian Medawar



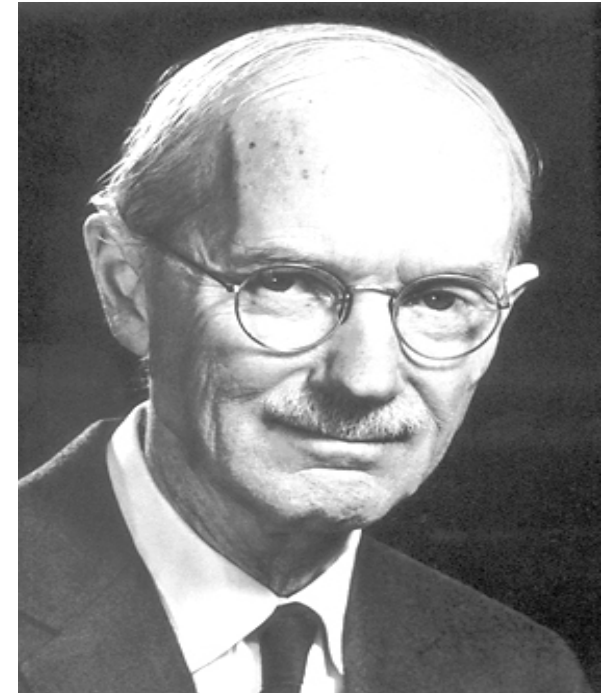
The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1980



Baruj Benacerraf

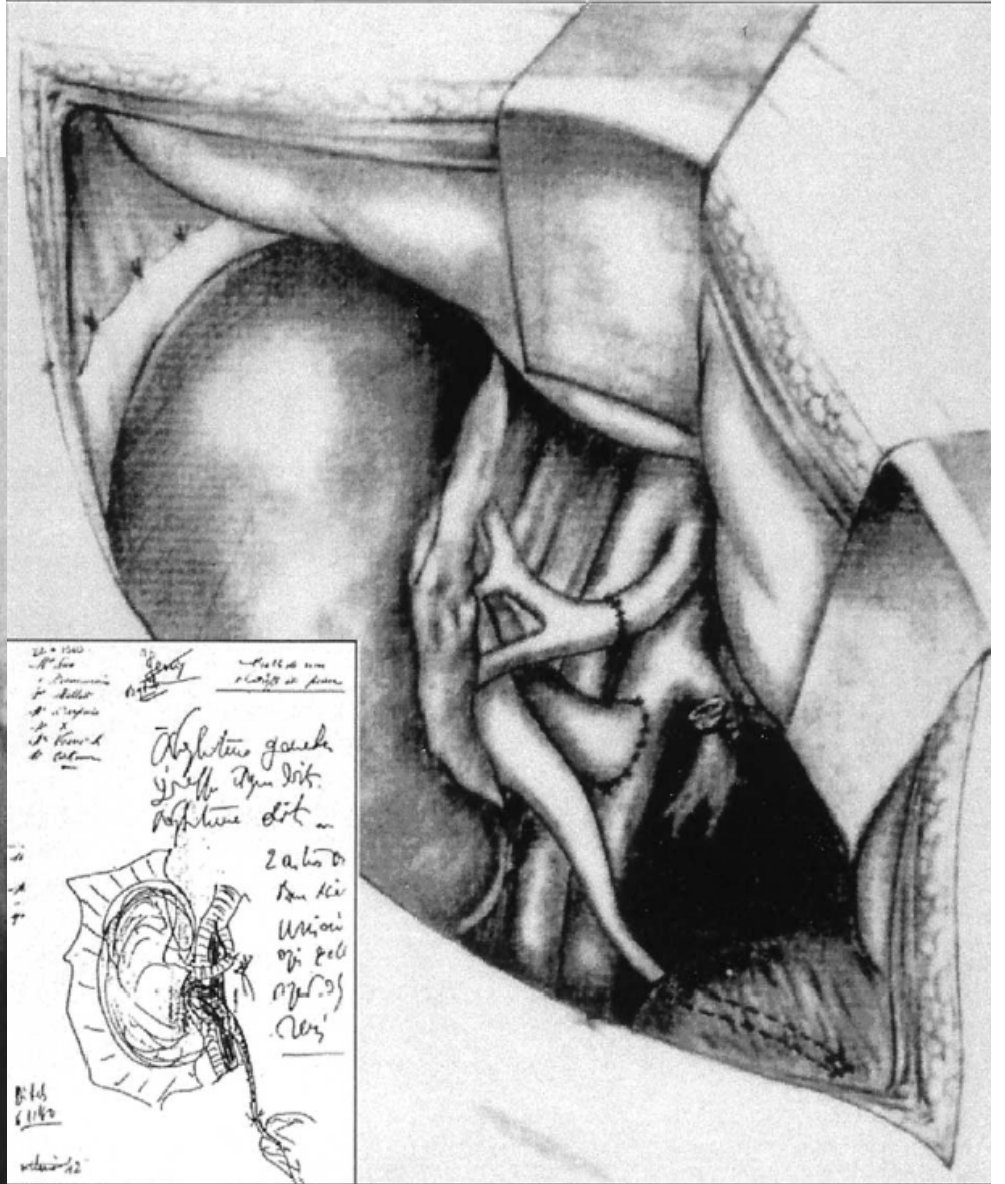


Jean Dausset



George D. Snell

“for their discoveries concerning genetically determined structures on the cell surface that regulate immunological reactions”.



1950

Surgical technique

Rejection / Tolerance

HLA differences

How to control the immune system ?

**The identical twins Herrick
1954 successful kidney transplant.**



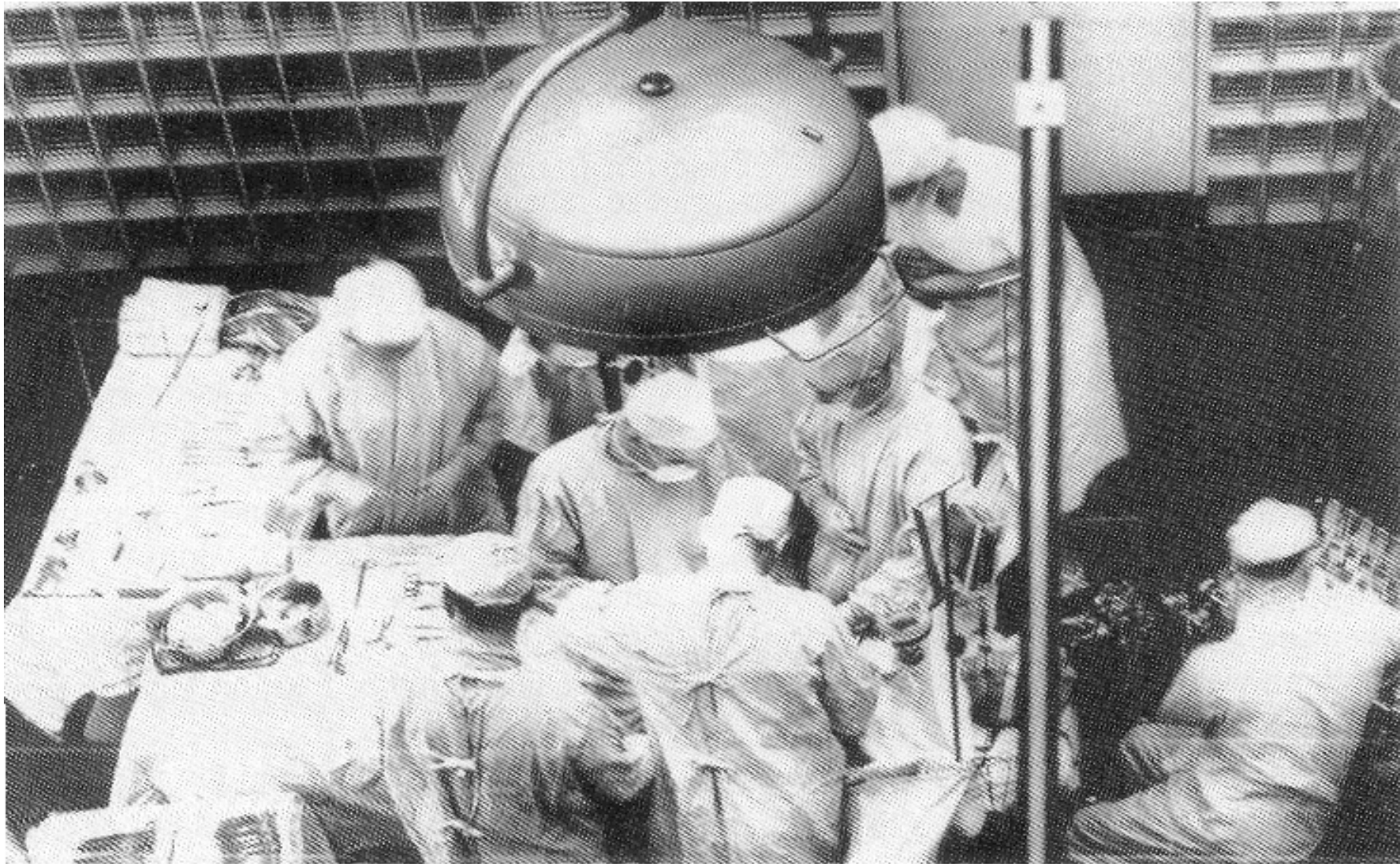


J. Hartwell Harrison

John P Merrill

Joseph E Murray

**23 December 1954 :
first successful kidney tx**



**The identical twins Herrick leave the hospital
the first participants in 1954 successful kidney transplant.**





Joseph E. Murray

1954

**the first successful
human kidney
transplant between
twins in Boston.**

**1990 Nobel prize
in Physiology & Medicine**

Organ Donation

- **living twins : genetic identity**
- **living related**
- **deceased cardiac death**

1950

- Sub-lethal irradiation
- Azathioprine

1954 - 1962

Factors in successful renal transplantation

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During the interval from 15 to 2½ months ago, 45 patients were treated at the University of Colorado Medical Center with renal homografts obtained from living volunteer donors. As a consequence of this experience, many aspects of renal homotransplantation have come into focus in-

transplantation. Furthermore, the mechanisms that caused death will be documented in the unsuccessful cases, and suggestions made for changes in management which may, in the future, help avoid the previously encountered lethal complications.

Finally note will be made of several un-

Factors in successful renal transplantation (1964)

- Pts Surv 6m 27/45 60 %
- Graft Surv 6m 27/45 60 %
- **Rejection** 42/45 **93 %**

- **Baseline : Splenectomy + Aza**
- **Rejection : 6g Steroid + Actinomycin +
Local Irradiation**



..... to temper the vigor of the immunologic assault..... the most significant alteration to be instituted will be the use of prophylactic prednisone..... The value of this change in the immunosuppressive protocol is still highly speculative.

T. E. Starzl 1964

1950 - 1980

- Sub-lethal irradiation
- Azathioprine

1954 - 1959

- ALS - ATG
- Azathioprine
- Steroids

1962 - 1978

- Ciclosporine A

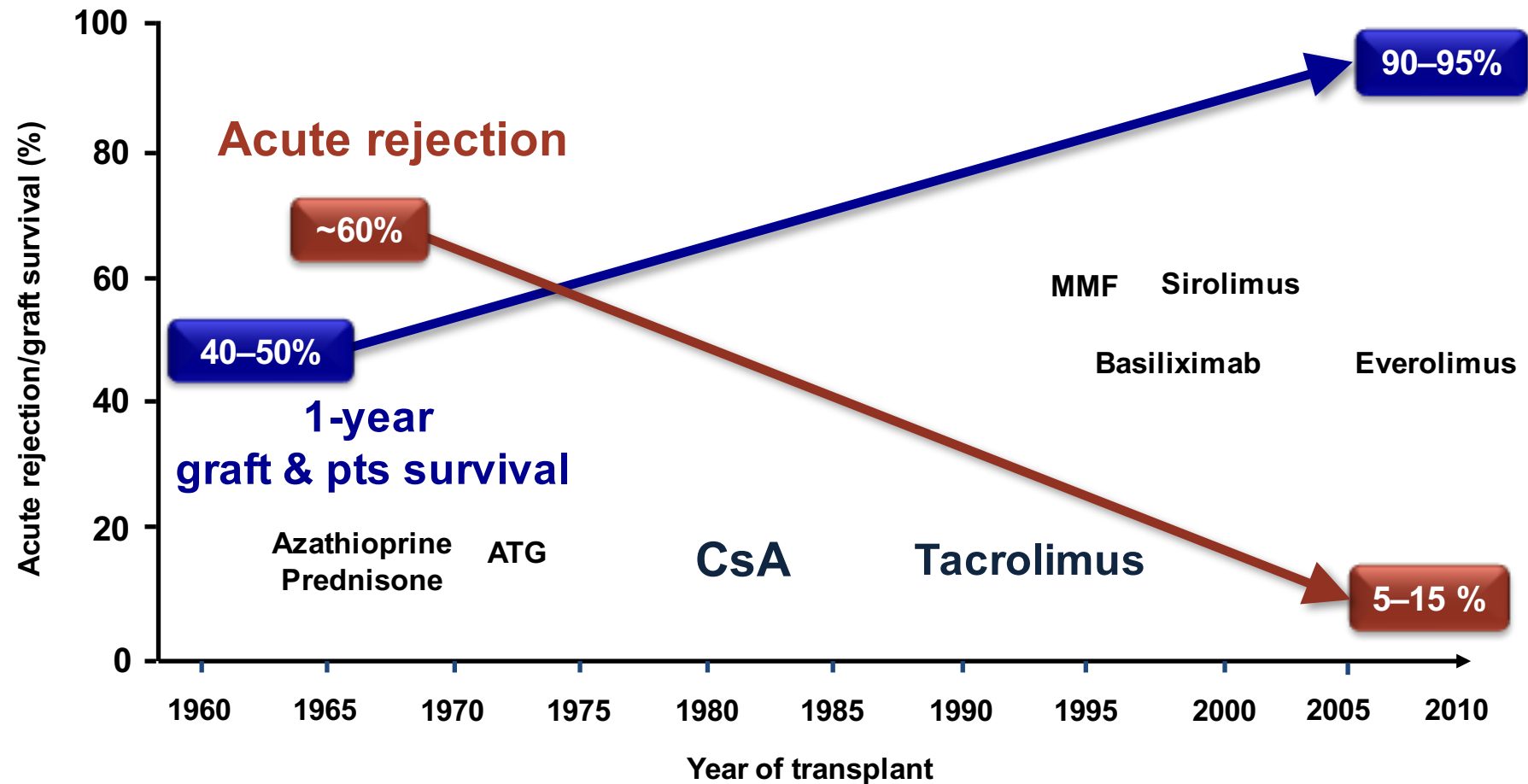
1979

Organ Transplantation

Evolution of immunosuppression

	Genetics	Immunosuppression	Year
Twins	Identity	None	1954
Related	Compatibility	Sublethal X ray + BM	1956
		Steroids	1959
Unrelated	Incompatibility	Azathioprine	1960
Deceased	Incompatibility	AZA + ster + ALS	1962

Considerable improvements have been made in the last 60 years in renal transplantation



Renal Transplantation 2017

- **Standard donor**
- **Old for Old**
- **Extended Criteria Donors**
- **Hyperimmunized pts**
- **Living donation**
 - **Standard / extended criteria donors**
 - **ABO incompatible**
 - **HLA incompatible positive crossmatch**
- **Deceased Cardiac Death**

Immunosoppressione 2017

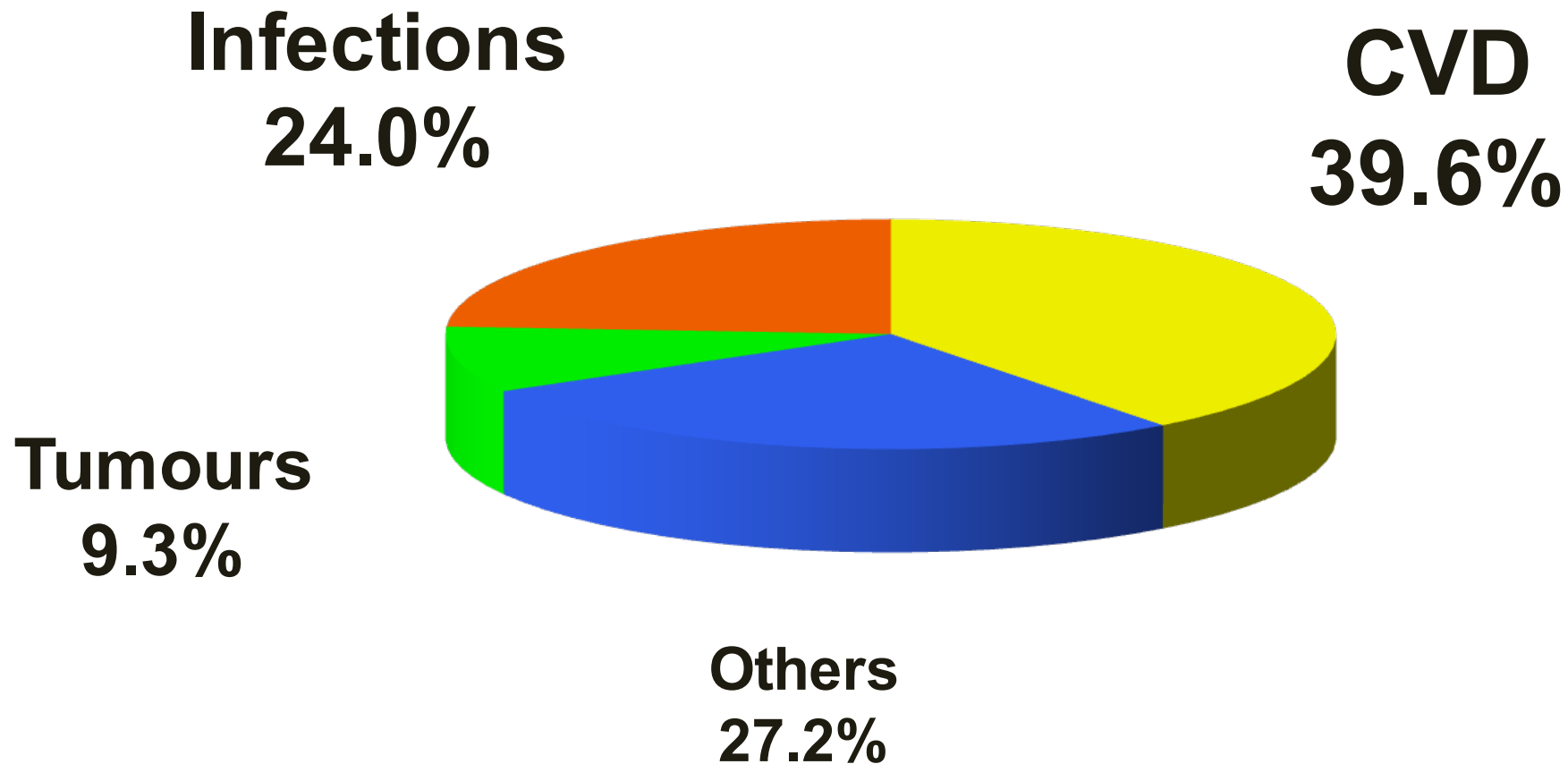
- ✓ **CNI** Cyclosporine / Tacrolimus
- ✓ **MMF / MPA / Aza**
- ✓ **mTORi** Everolimus / Sirolimus
- ✓ **Basiliximab**
- ✓ **Thymoglobuline**
- ✓ **Rituximab / Bortezomib**
- ✓ **Eculizumab**
- ✓ **Belatacept**

Una soluzione per tutti i casi



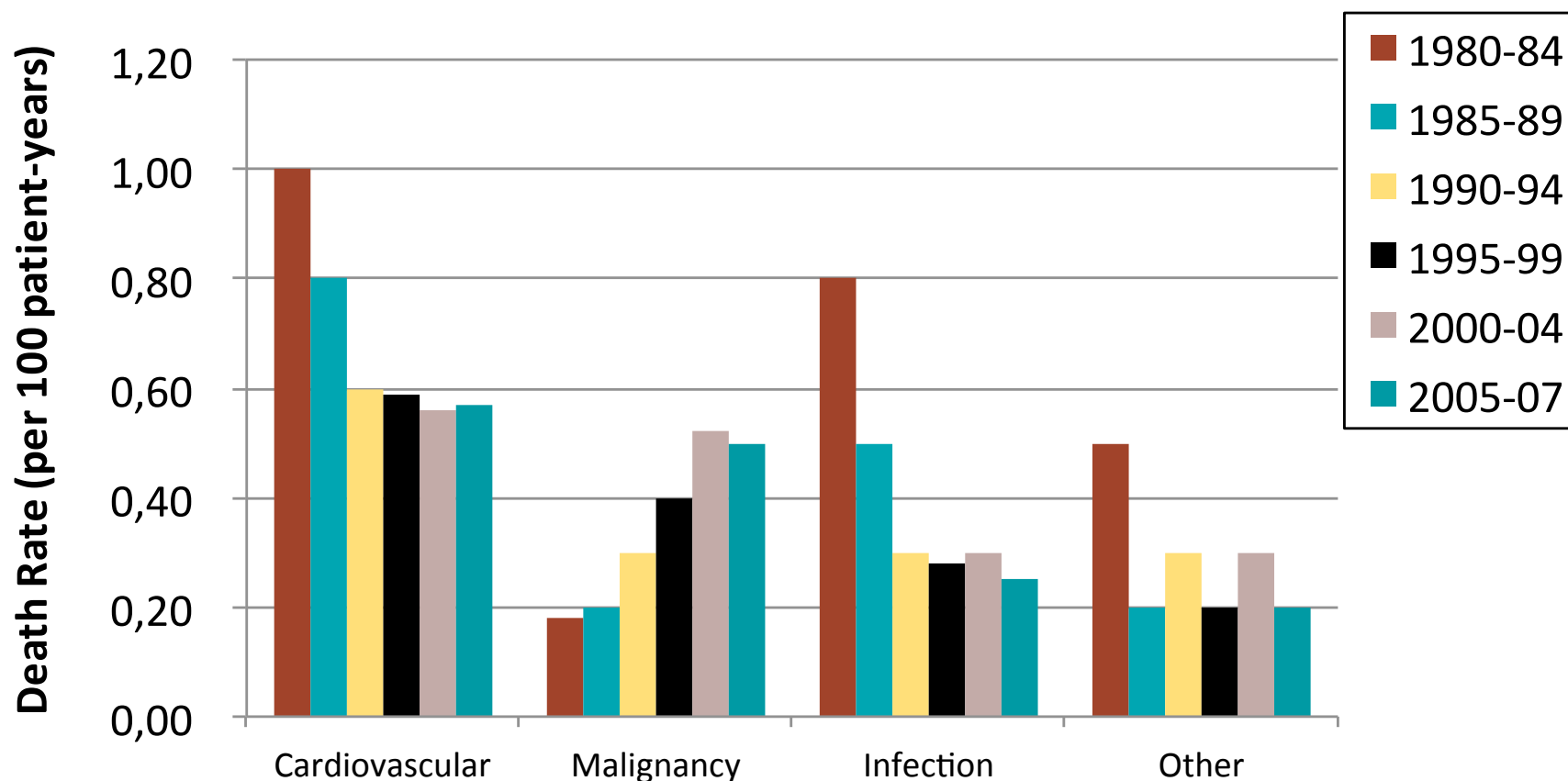
Causes of death with a functioning graft after renal transplantation

67.874 first renal transplants, 1994–2000



USRDS = United States Renal Data System

Adjusted death rates per 100 patient-years from cardiovascular disease, malignancy and infection reported in 5 yearly cohorts from 1980



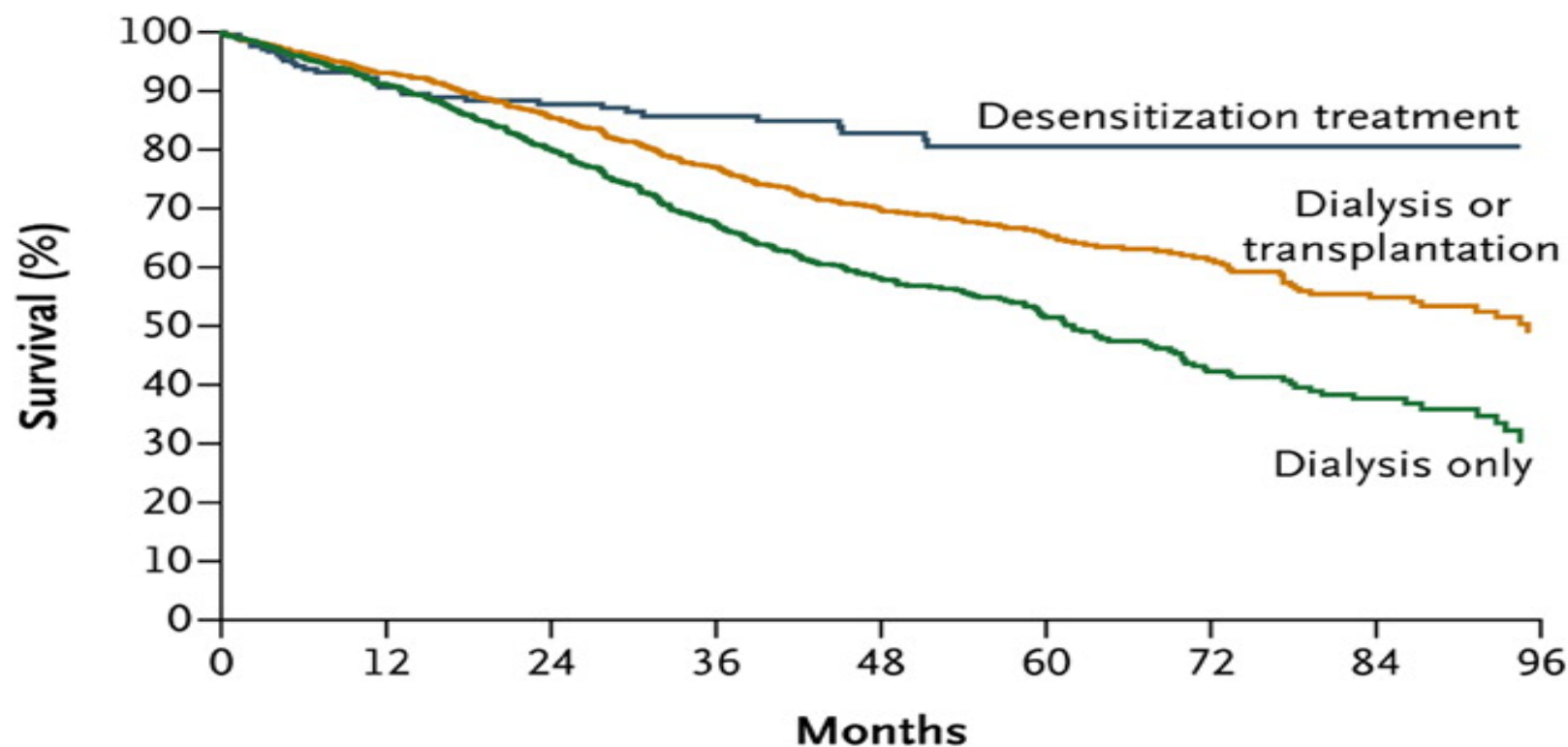
Pilmore H, et al. *Transplantation*. 2010;89:851-857.

**ABO incompatible tx
& Hyperimmunized pts
± positive cross-matches**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Desensitization in HLA-Incompatible Kidney Recipients and Survival

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**No. at Risk**

Desensitization treatment	210	170	143	110	75	58	42	28	14
Dual therapy	1027	854	688	497	321	230	157	96	41
Dialysis only	1012	822	626	419	250	159	93	54	17

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

ABO desensitization affects cellular immunity and infection control after renal transplantation

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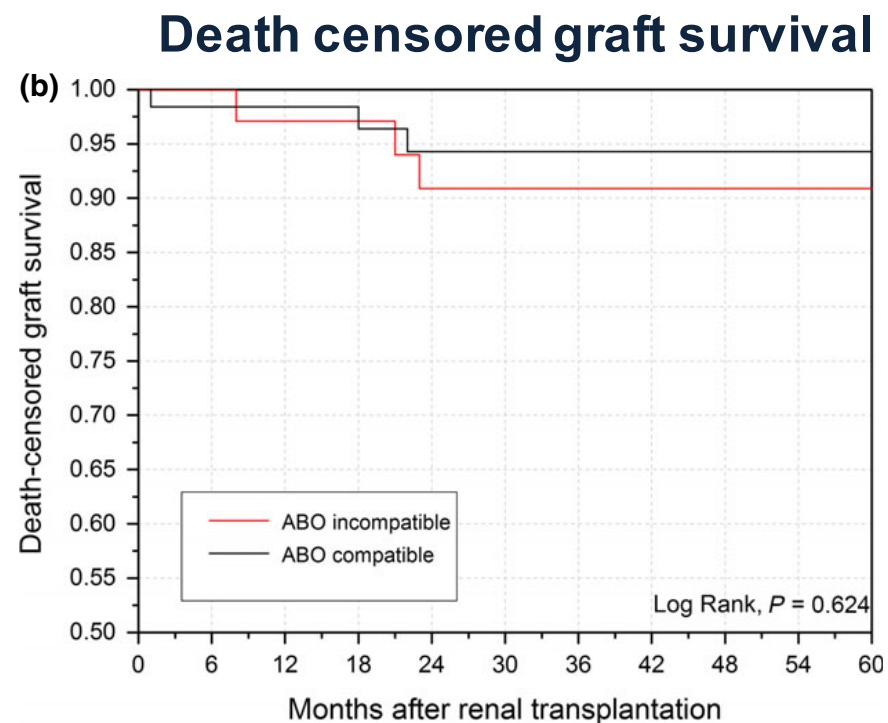
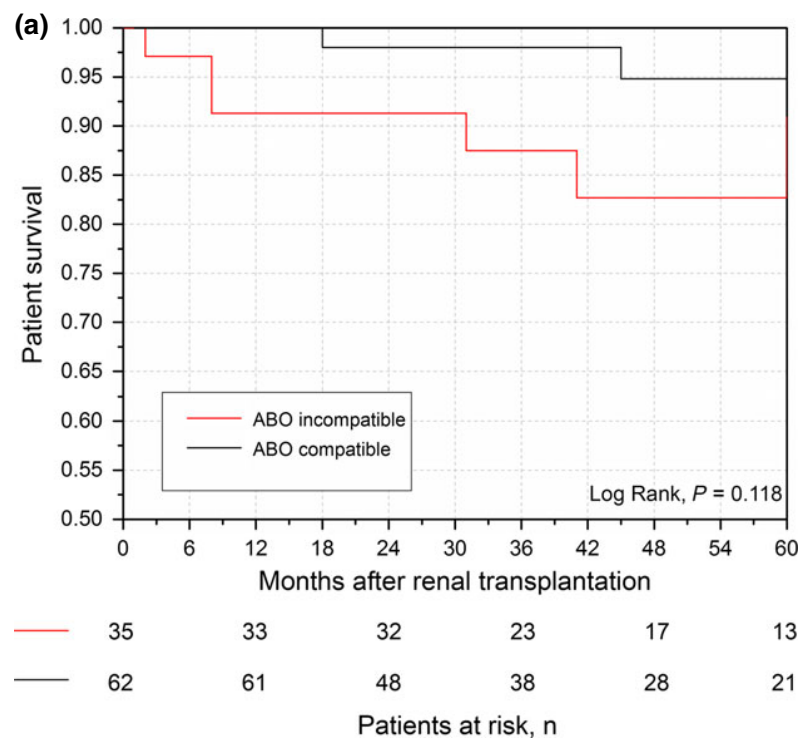
- ✓ **35 ABO-incompatible kidney transplant recipients**
- ✓ **62 ABO compatible KTRs, as controls**
- ✓ **Samples collected before, at +1, +2, +3, +6, and +12 months post-transplantation.**
- ✓ **CMV-, BKV-specific, and alloreactive T cells measured by interferon- γ ELISPOT assay.**
- ✓ **immunosuppression was quantified by enumeration of lymphocyte subpopulations and cytokines.**

Infectious complications: ABO compatible (cABO) versus ABO incompatible (iABO).

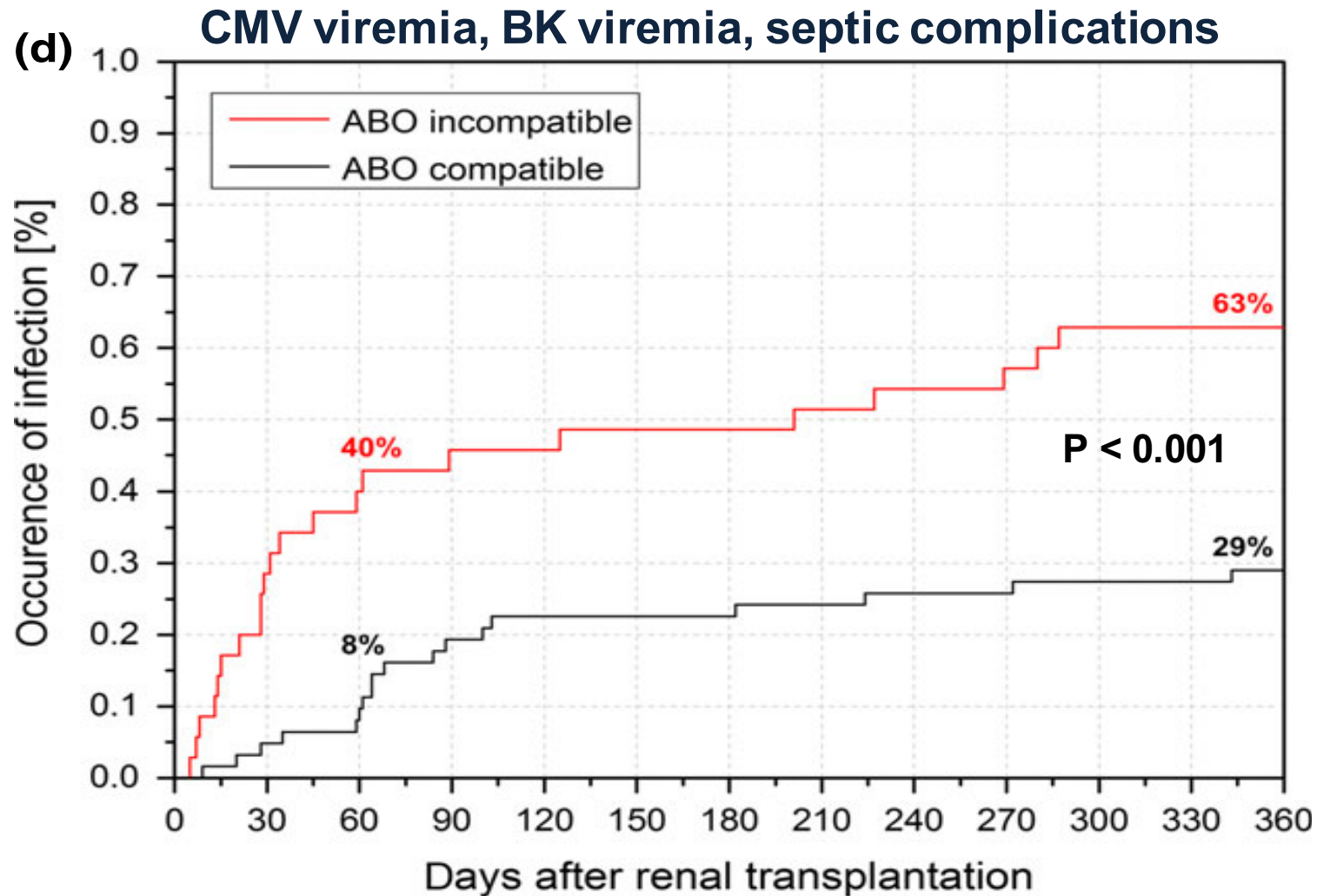
	cABO matched (n = 62)	ABO incompatible (n = 35)	P value
CMV seropositivity, n (%)	39 (63)	21 (60)	0.830
CMV viremia, n (%)	13 (21)	16 (46)	0.020*
Peak CMV viremia (copies/mL)*	4.2×10^3 (1.3×10^3 – 6.5×10^5)	3.2×10^3 (1.0×10^3 – 5.4×10^5)	
CMV D+R–, n (%)	6 (10)	5 (14)	0.519
CMV disease, n (%)	4 (6)	6 (17)	0.161
Transplant age at CMV viremia, months*	2 (0–9)	1 (0–11)	0.546
BK viremia, n (%)	6 (10)	8 (23)	0.130
Peak BK viremia (copies/mL)*	9.2×10^3 (4.5×10^3 – 8.7×10^4)	2.4×10^4 (7.1×10^3 – 8.4×10^6)	–
BK nephropathy, n (%)	0 (0)	3 (9)	0.044*
Transplant age at BK viremia, months*	4 (2–10)	3 (1–12)	0.395
EBV viremia, n (%)	7 (11)	0 (0)	0.047*
Peak EBV viremia (copies/mL)*	1700 (1.0×10^3 – 5.5×10^3)	–	–
PTLD, n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1
Transplant age at EBV viremia, months*	6 (3–12)	–	–
Septic complications, n (%)	3 (5)	5 (14)	0.132
Severe sepsis/septic shock	0 (0)	4 (11)	0.015*
Site of infection, n (%)			
Urinary tract infection	2 (3)	2 (6)	0.618
Pneumonia	1 (2)	2 (6)	0.295
Others/unknown	0 (0)	1 (3)	0.361
Transplant age at sepsis, months*	4 (2–8)	3 (0–5)	0.359
Deaths from septic complications, n (%)	0 (0)	3 (9)	0.044*
Any infection, n (%)	18 (29)	22 (63)	0.001*

*Median (range).

Pts survival: ABOi vs ABOc



Infections: ABOi vs ABOc



ABO compatible (cABO) versus ABO incompatible (iABO).

ABO-incompatible:

- more likely to develop CMV infection, BKV- associated nephropathy, and severe sepsis ($P = 0.001$).
- poor HLA-match showed the highest rates of infections and inferior allograft function ($P < 0.05$).
- CD3+, CD4+ T-cell counts, interferon- γ and IL-10 levels were lower in early post-transplantation ($P < 0.05$).
- impaired BKV and CMV-specific T-cell immunity ($P < 0.05$).
- lower frequencies of alloreactive T cells ($P < 0.05$).
- Desensitization procedures disrupt the T and B cells interaction and synergy



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Cancer Risk Following ABO Incompatible Living Donor Kidney Transplantation (1)

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- **318 ABOi recipients in the SRTS registry**
- **7 ABOi recipients with cancers (non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Merkel cell carcinoma, gastric adenocarcinoma, hepatocellular carcinoma, thyroid cancer, pancreatic cancer, and testicular cancer)**
- **no demonstrable association between ABOi and cancer ABOi**
- **IRR 0.83, 95% CI 0.33–1.71, p=0.3**
- **ABOc matched control IRR 0.99, 95% CI 0.38–2.23, p=0.5).**

Cancer risk after living donor kidney transplantation, comparing ABOi with ABOc matched ABO controls

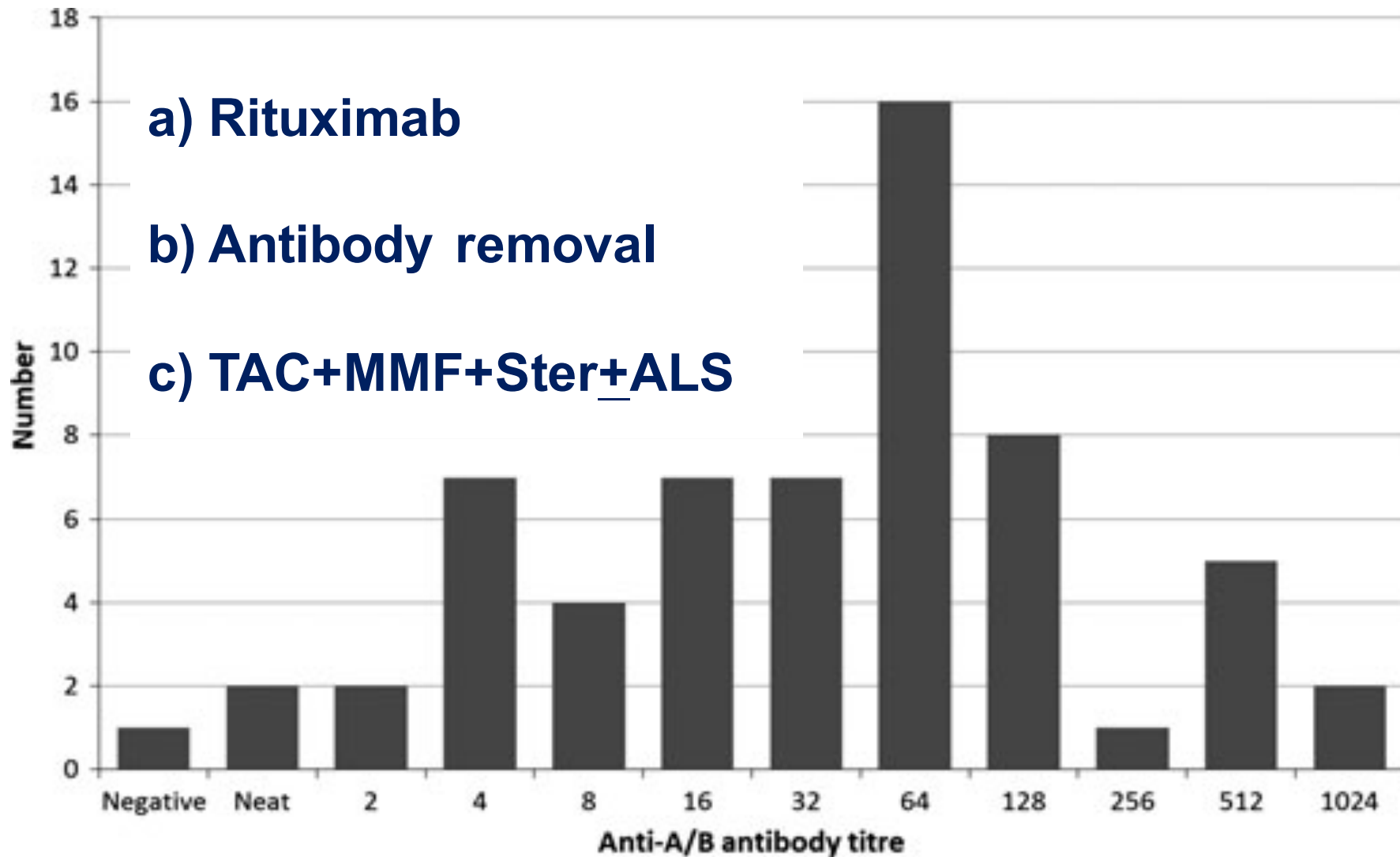
	ABOi	ABOc (entire cohort)	ABOc (matched controls) ^a
All Cancer			
Rate ^b	7.1	8.5	7.1
IRR (95% CI) vs. entire cohort	0.86 (0.02–4.85)	Reference	
IRR (95% CI) vs. matched controls	0.99 (0.38–2.23)		Reference
NHL			
Rate ^b	1.0	1.2	1.0
IRR (95% CI) vs. entire cohort	0.76 (0.02–4.29)	Reference	
IRR (95% CI) vs. matched controls	1.02 (0.02–8.38)		Reference

ABOi = ABO incompatible; ABOc = ABO compatible; IRR = incidence rate ratio; CI = confidence interval; NHL = non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

^{a)} Matched 5 to 1 on age at transplantation, gender, race, zero HLA mismatch status, retransplantation, and year of transplant to ABOi recipients.

^{b)} Per 1,000 person-years

Tailored desensitization strategies in ABO blood group incompatible renal transplantation



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3y GS death censored

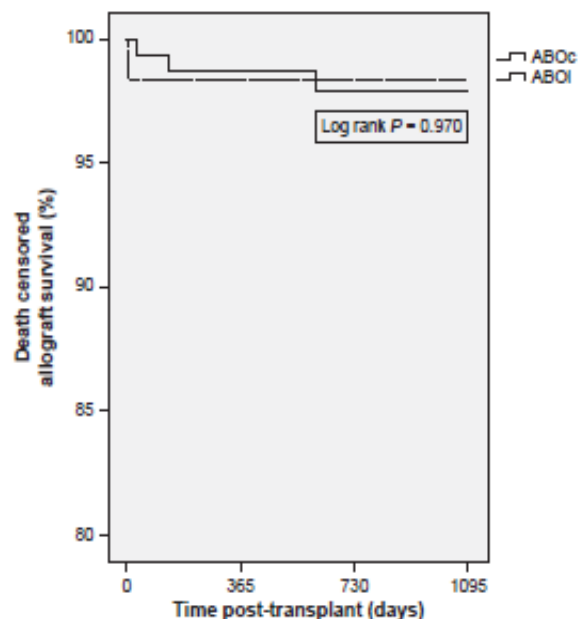


Figure 4 Kaplan-Meier survival curve of death-censored allograft survival at 3 years post-transplant.

1y Rejection free surv

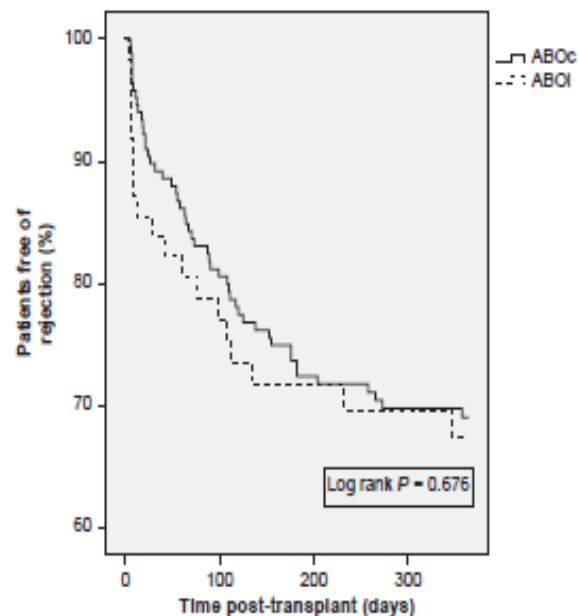


Figure 6 Kaplan-Meier survival curve of rejection-free survival 1 year post-transplant.

3y PT Surv

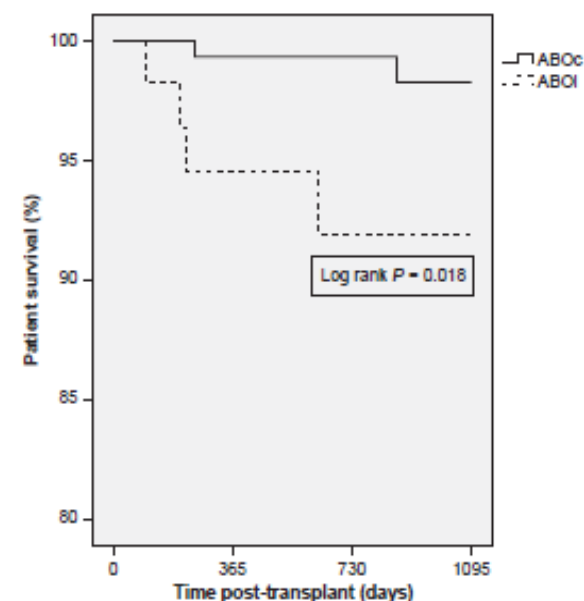
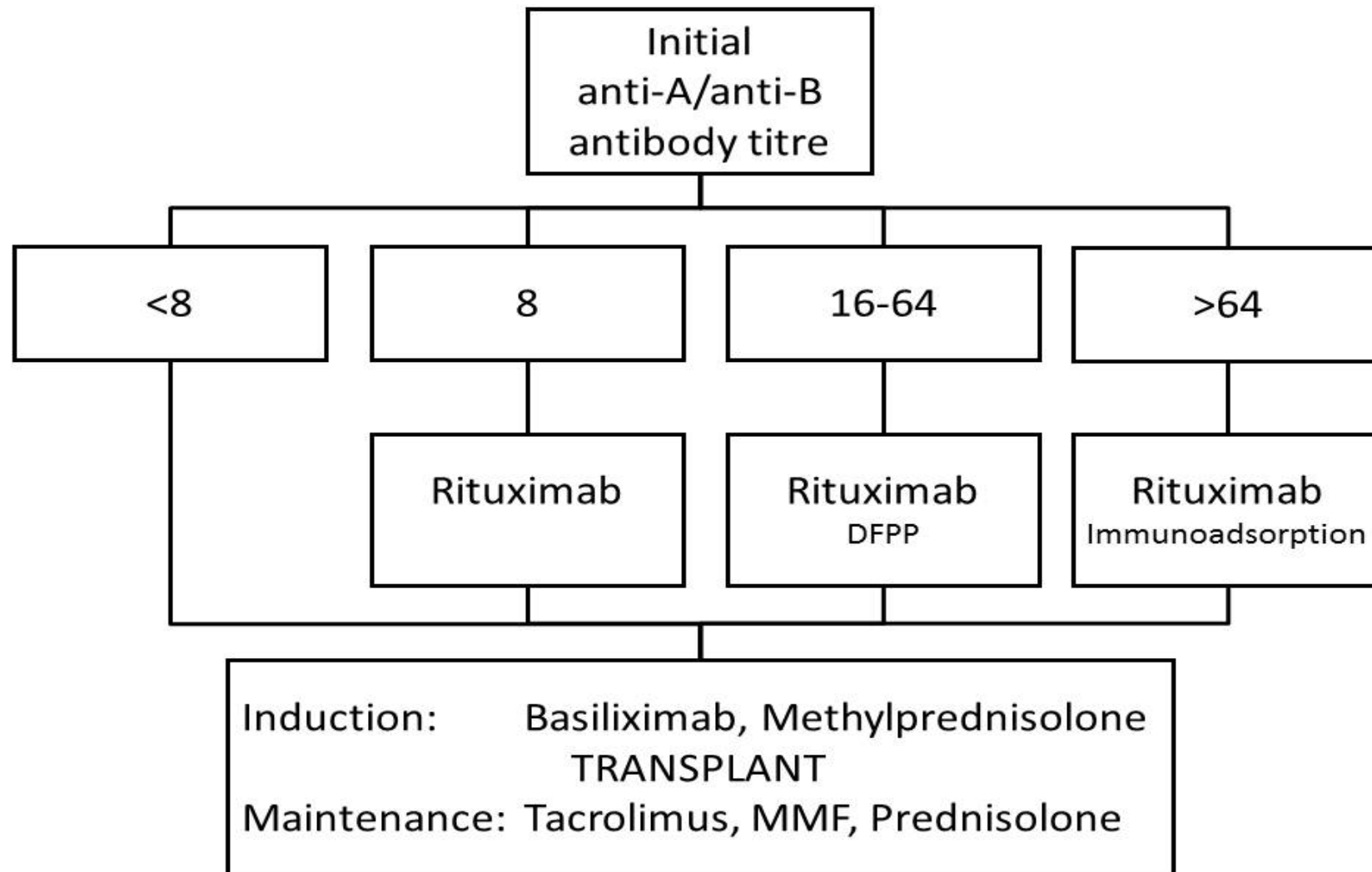


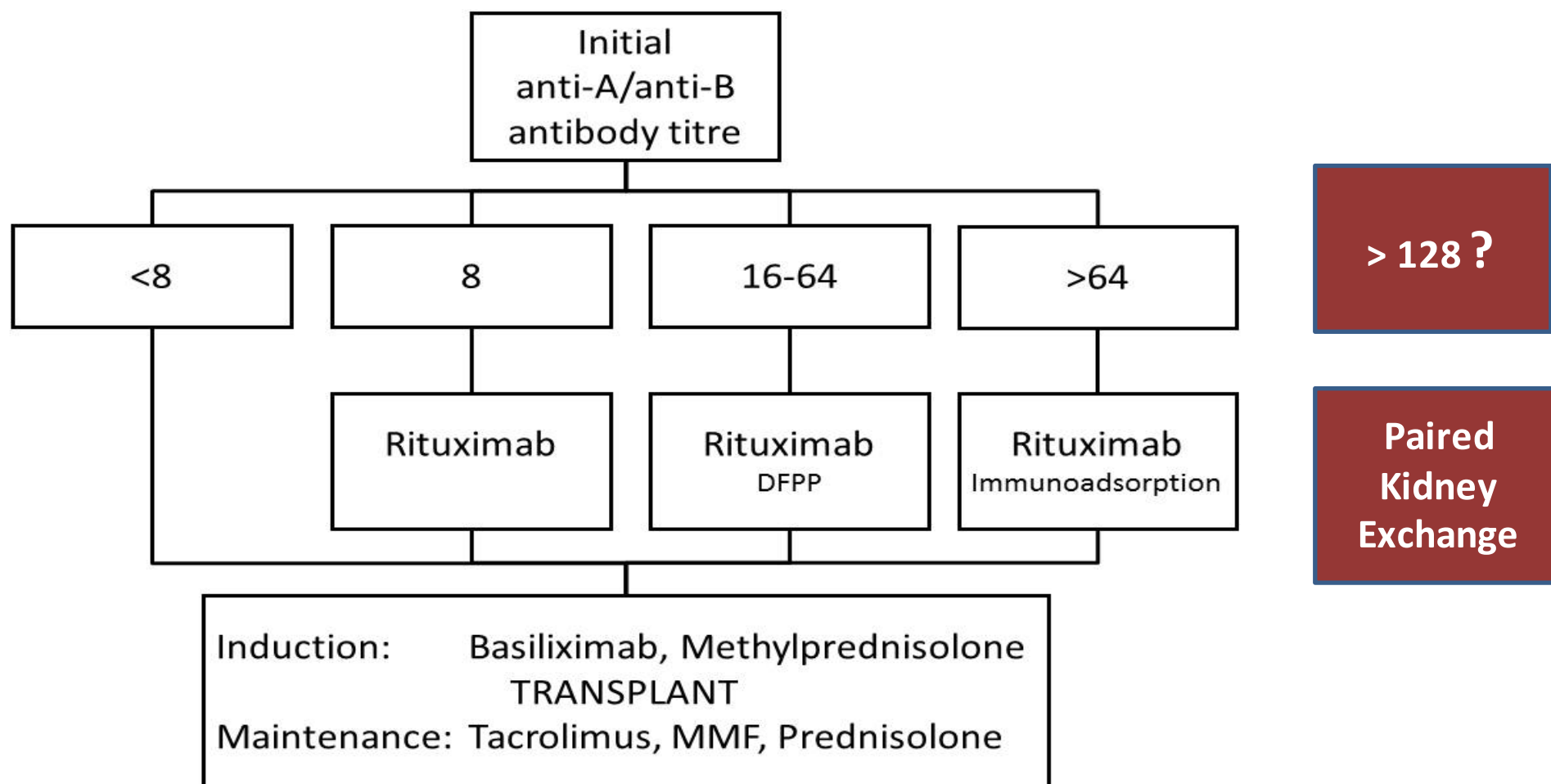
Figure 5 Kaplan-Meier survival curve of patient survival at 3 years post-transplant.

Guy's Hospital

tailored minimal desensitisation strategy



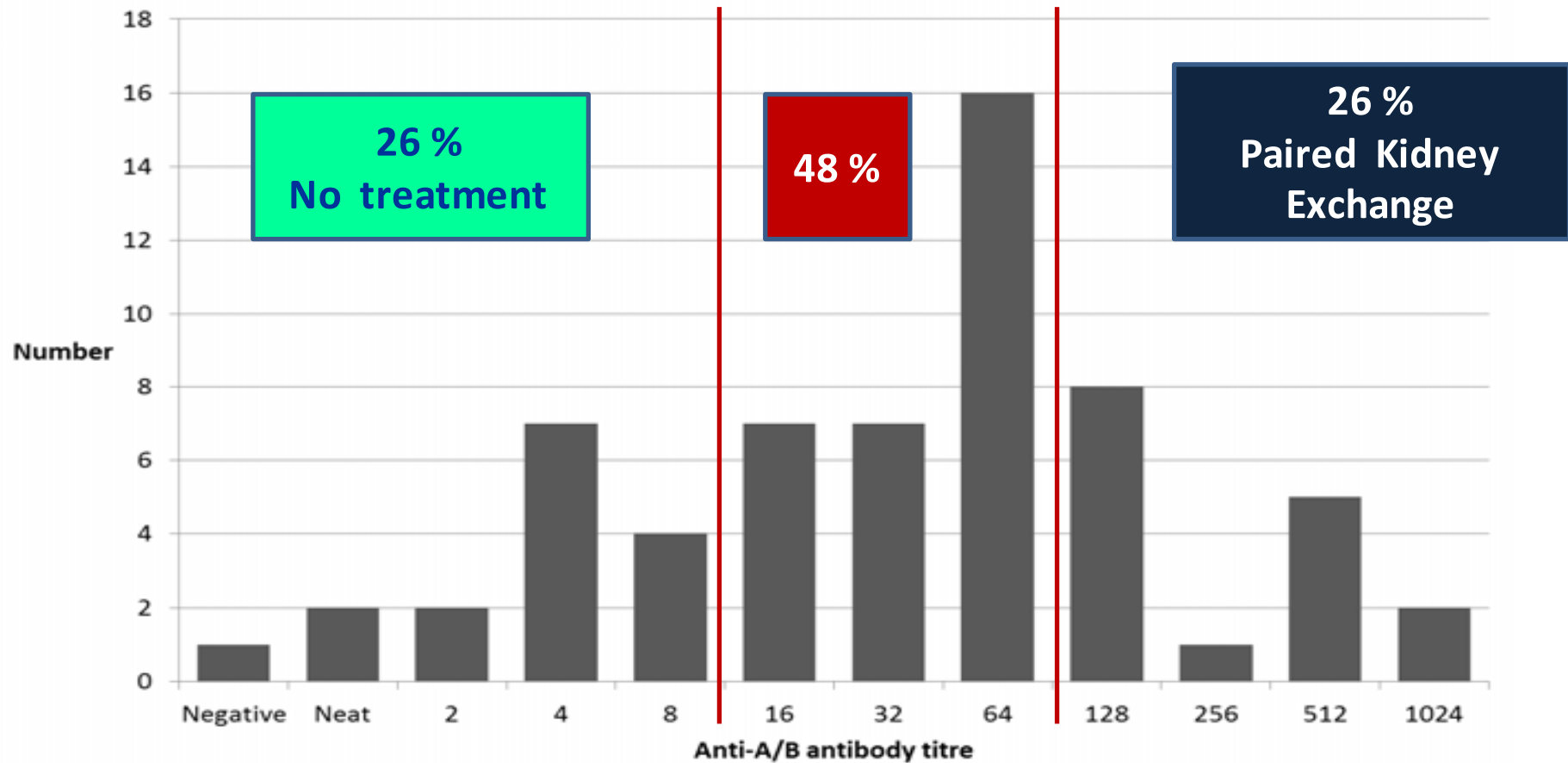
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Guy's Hospital, London

individualized desensitisation strategy

ABOi renal transplant recipients



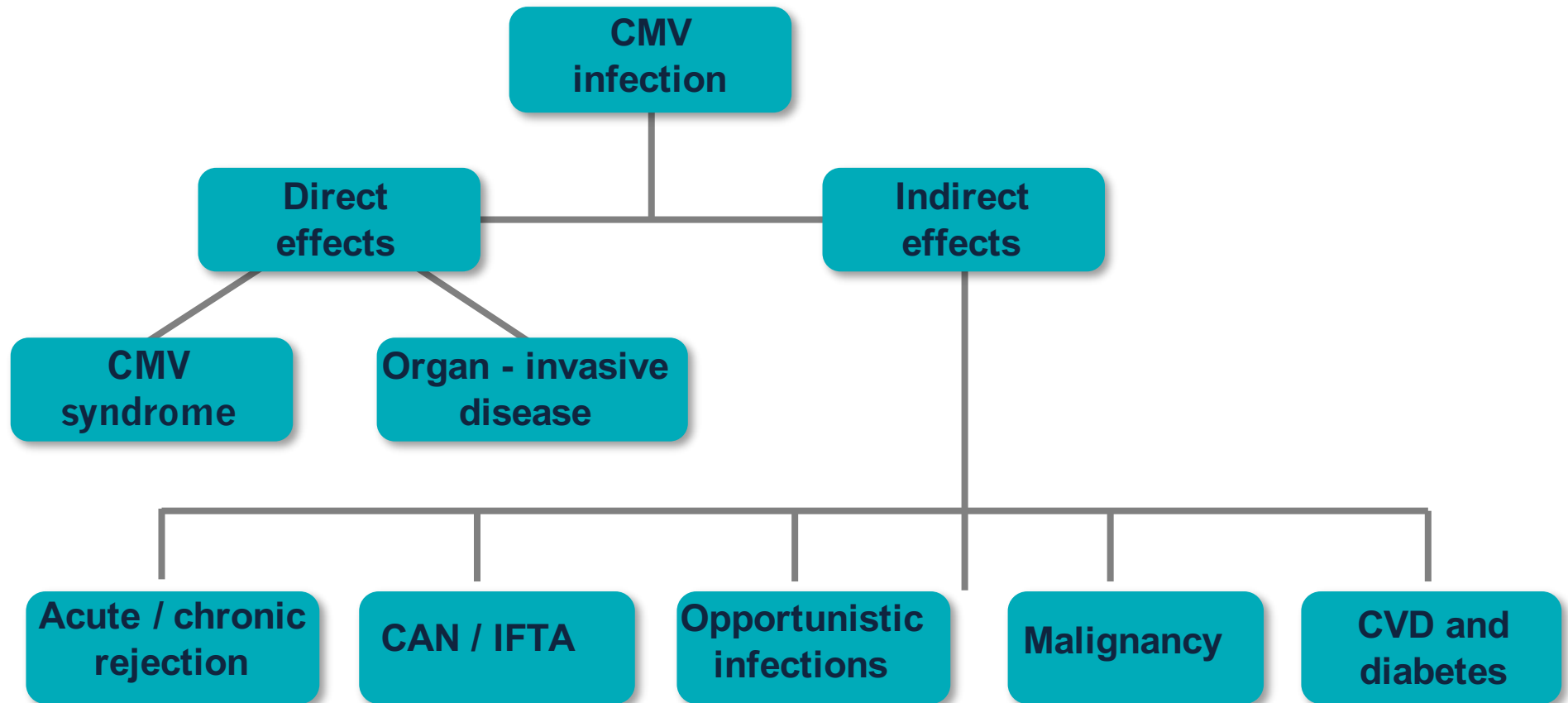
Strategie immunosoppressive e rischio infettivo

- ✓ **what we learnt**
- ✓ **immunosuppression and CMV**
- ✓ **what we would like do**

Unmet needs in CMV for the risk management of CMV infections

- **CMV infection and disease**
 - occur frequently after tx and are causes of CAN / IFTA, death
 - are independent risk factors for renal allograft rejection
 - CMV prophylaxis and pre-emptive antiviral therapy is addressed in recent guidelines.
- **Moreover:**
 - Late-onset disease is still observed
 - Antiviral resistance, although infrequent, has emerged
 - Evidence that mTOR-inhibitors may reduce replication

CMV infection has multiple detrimental effects in organ transplant recipients



CMV infection and renal transplantation

- **Prophylaxis vs preemptive therapy**
- **Preemptive therapy**
 - Units / copies PCR-DNA, when to treat?
 - Should we monitor specific CMV- quantiferon?
 - Should we monitor Elispot?

Benefits and limitations of prophylaxis versus preemptive therapy

Effect	Prophylaxis	Preemptive
CMV disease	+++	+++
Late CMV disease	++	—
CMV Relapse/treatment failure	++	++
Fewer opportunistic infections	+++	+
Improved graft survival	++	—
Prevention of rejection	++	—
Survival	++	—
Prevention other viruses	+	—
Post transplant lymphoma	+	—
Kaposi sarcoma	+	—
Safety	++	+++
Easier logistics	+++	+
Lower drug cost	+	+++
Lower monitoring cost	+++	+
Resistant CMV	++	++

+ is representative of the ease of use and strength of the evidence, +++ is the strongest evidence or favors the approach listed, a—means no evidence exists. Modified from Kotton et al. [2].

Several recent studies have reported reduced post-transplant CMV incidence with mTORis

Study	Duration, months	Immunosuppression	Patients, n	CMV incidence at 12 months, %
Tedesco-Silva <i>et al</i> 2007	12	Everolimus + low CsA + steroids	112	0.9
		Everolimus + low CsA + steroids + Bas	117	2.6
Nashan <i>et al</i> 2004	36	Everolimus + SD CsA + steroids + Bas	53	1.9
		Everolimus + low CsA + steroids + Bas	58	0
Ekberg <i>et al</i> 2007 ELITE-Symphony study	12	SD CsA + MMF + steroids	410	14.3
		Low CsA + MMF + steroids + Dac	413	11.0
		Low tacrolimus + MMF + steroids + Dac	411	9.7
		Low sirolimus + MMF + steroids + Dac	411	6.1
Ekberg <i>et al</i> 2007 CAESAR study	12	MMF + steroids + Dac	179	12.8
		Low CsA + MMF + steroids + Dac	183	10.9
		SD CsA + MMF + steroids	173	13.9
	24	CsA + azathioprine + ATG	80	41
Hernandez <i>et al</i> 2007		CsA + MMF + Bas	80	20
		Tacrolimus + MMF + Bas	80	25
	12	Sirolimus + MMF + prednisone	81	3
Larson <i>et al</i> 2006		Tacrolimus + MMF + prednisone	84	12

CMV, cytomegalovirus; mTORi, mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitor; CsA, cyclosporin; Bas, basiliximab; SD, standard dose; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; Dac, daclizumab; EC-MPS, enteric-coated mycophenolate sodium; ATG, anti-thymocyte globulin

The SYMPHONY study

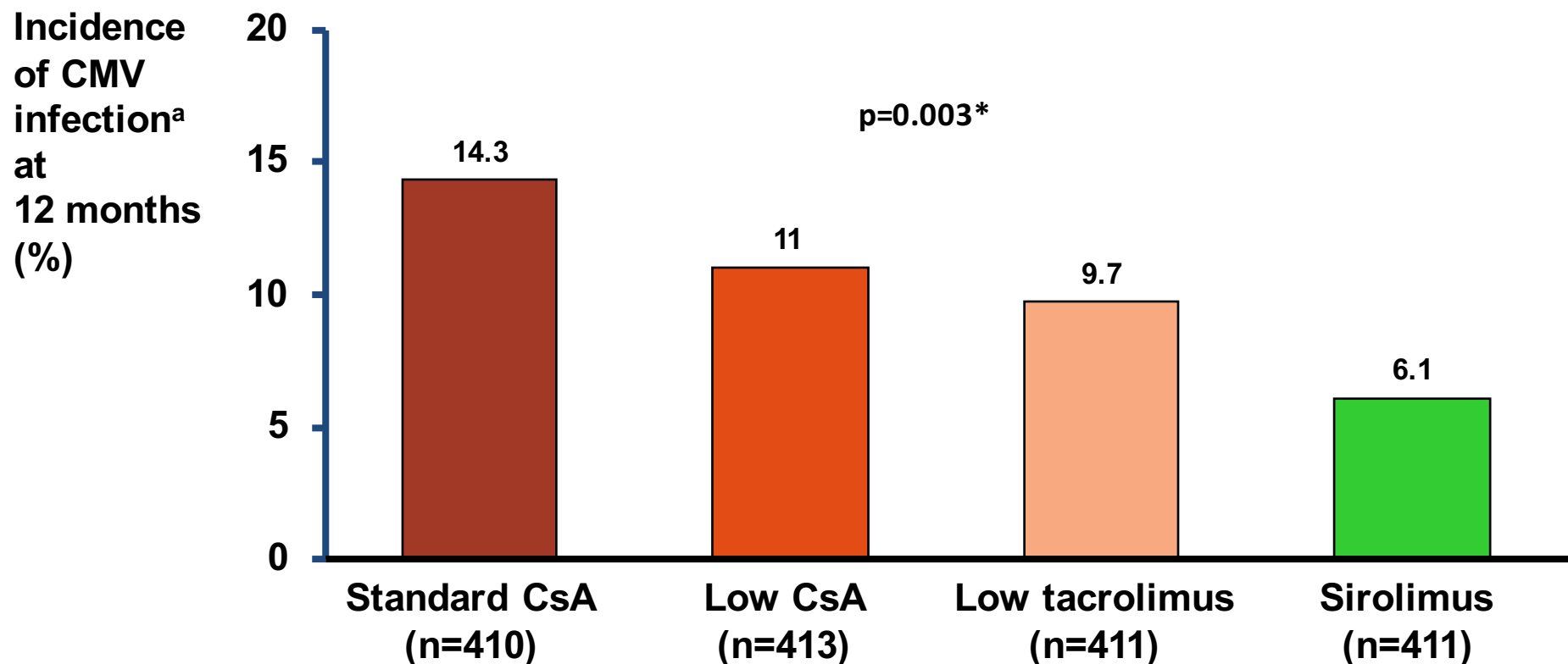
Reduced Exposure to Calcineurin Inhibitors in Renal Transplantation

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Regimen tested	n	eGFR (C-G)	BPAR (%)	Allograft Survival (%)
Standard-dose CSA (100-200 ng/mL thereafter)	390	57 ± 25	30.1	91.9
Low-dose CSA (50-100 ng/mL)	399	59 ± 25	27.2	94.3
Low-dose TAC (3-7 ng/mL)	401	65 ± 27	15.4	96.4
Low-dose SRL	399	57 ± 27	40.2	91.7

BPAR, biopsy proven acute rejection; CsA, cyclosporine A; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; SRL, sirolimus; TAC, tacrolimus.
Ekberg, et al, *New Eng J Med* 2007;357:2562-2575.

Symphony: significantly lower incidence of CMV infection with an mTORi than CNIs



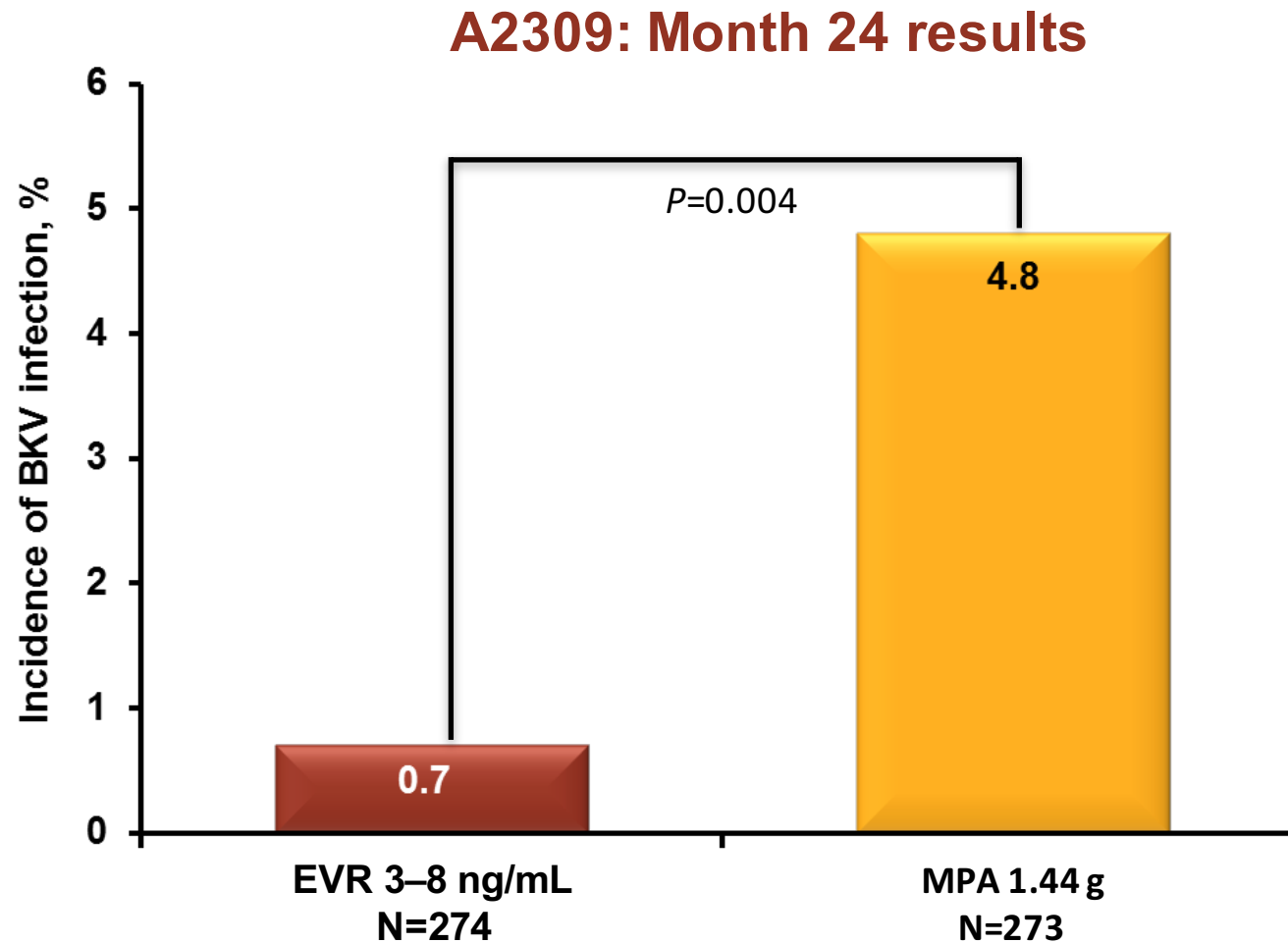
*p value across all arms; significant between-group difference

^aDetermined from reported adverse events

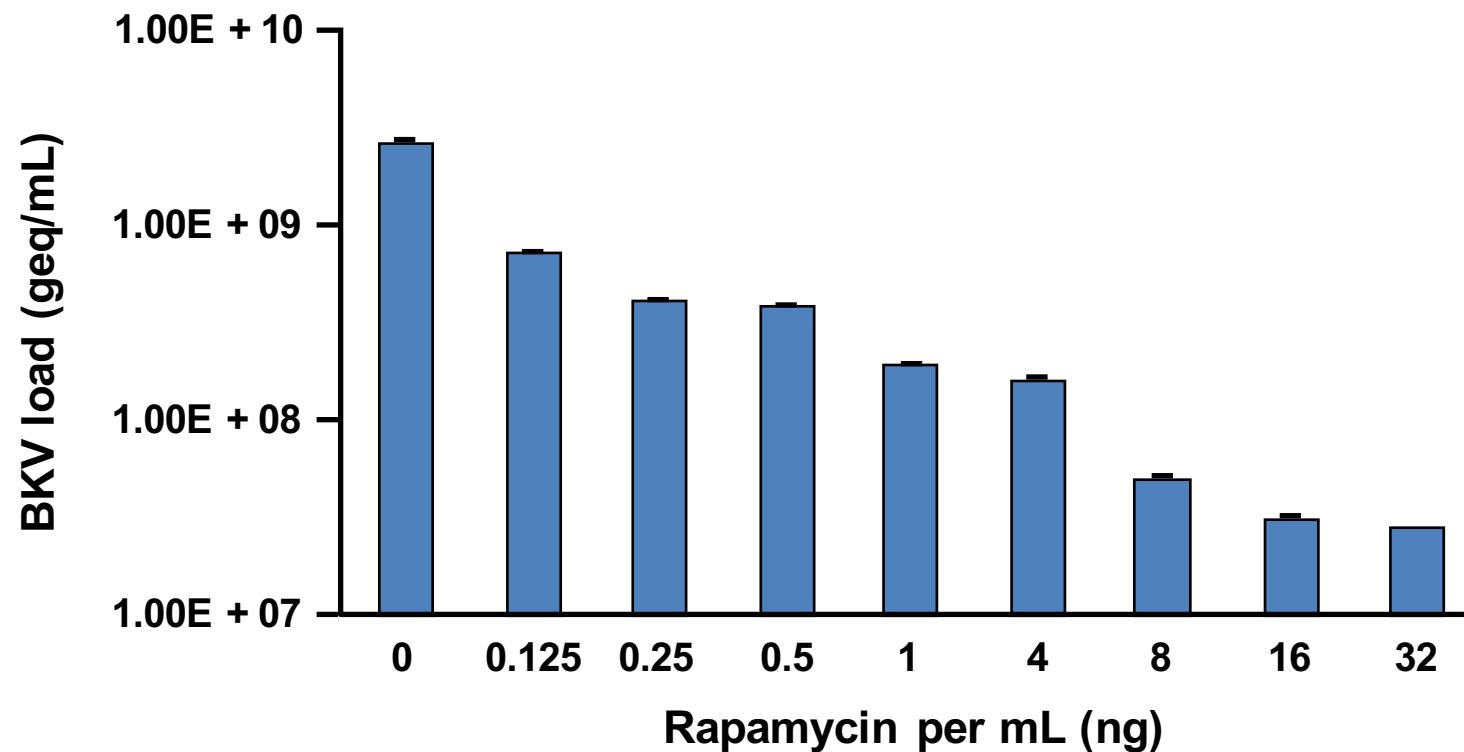
CMV, cytomegalovirus; mTORi, mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitor;
CsA, cyclosporin; CNIs, calcineurin inhibitors

Ekberg H *et al.* *N Engl J Med*
2007;357:2562–75

BKV infections are less frequent with *de novo* everolimus + low CNIs at 24 months



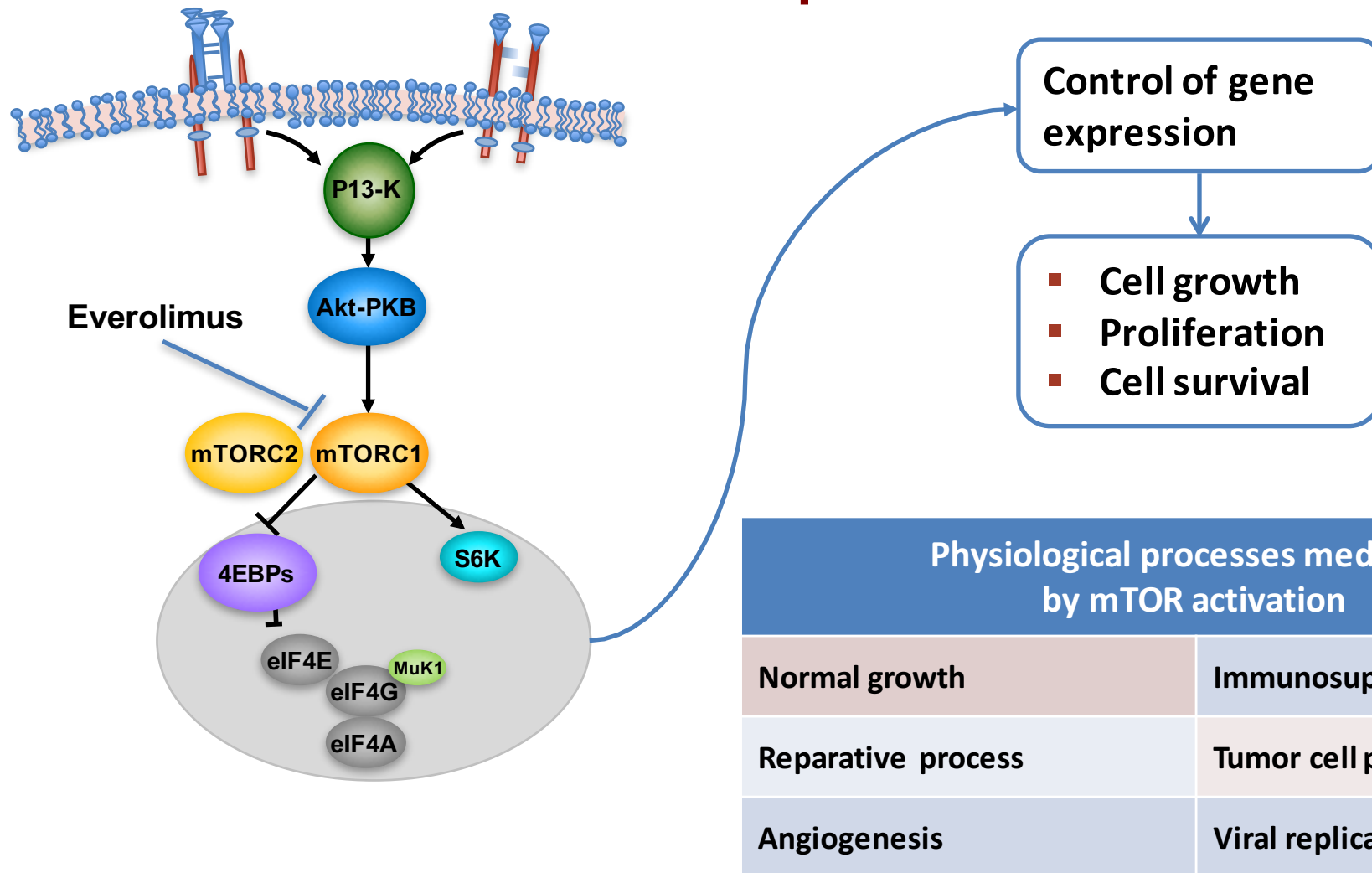
BKV replication in human renal tubular epithelial cells is inhibited by mTORi



BKV, BK virus; mTORi, mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitor
Hirsch, Ming. Unpublished data

Potential mechanisms for antiviral action of mTORis

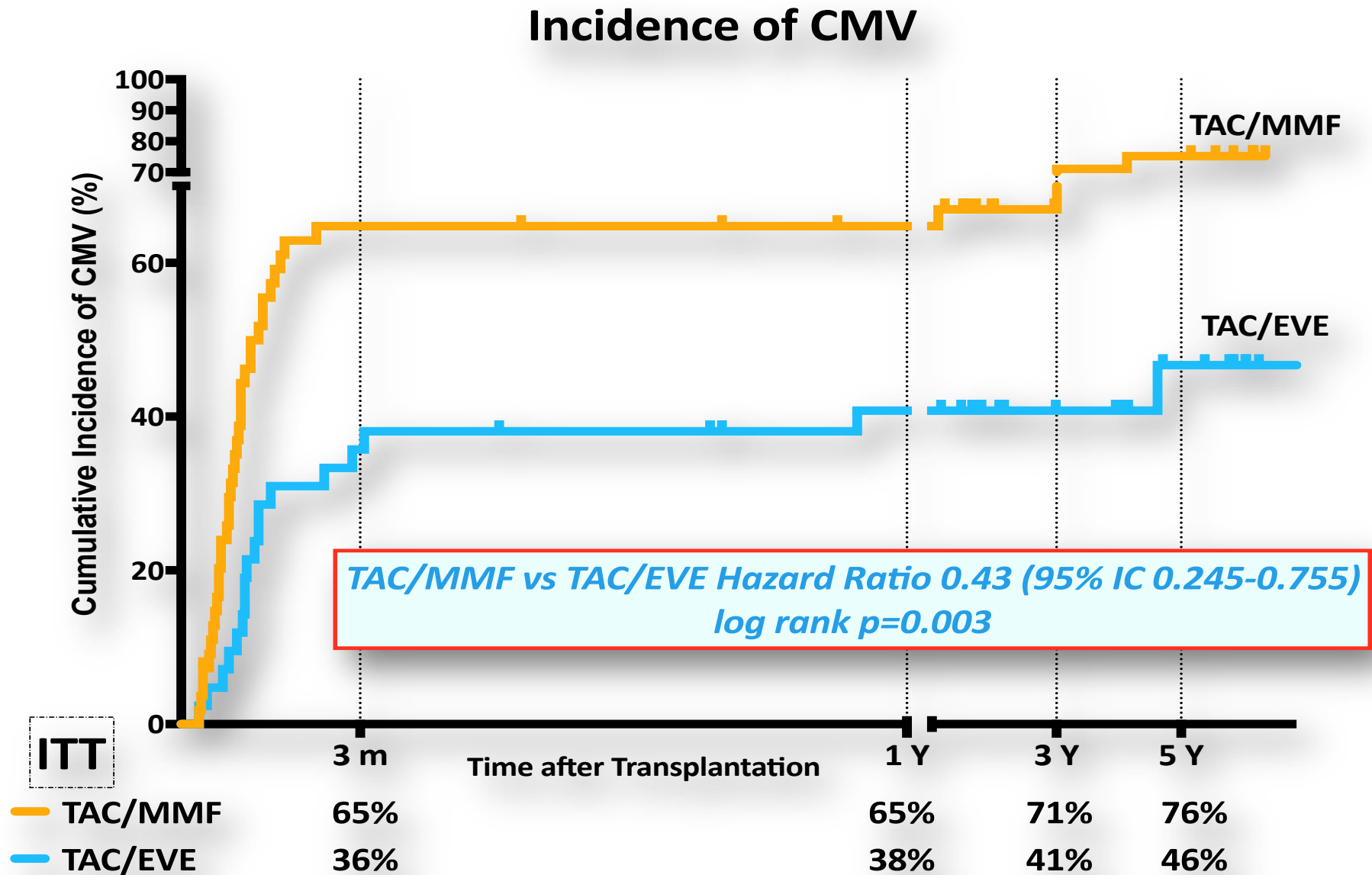
Everolimus has a central role in several pathways related to proliferation



AKT/PKB, protein kinase B; eIF4, eukaryotic translation initiation factor; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; mTORC, mammalian target of rapamycin complex; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; S6K, S6 kinase.

Populo H, et al. *Int J Mol Sci* 2012;13:1886–1918; Buchkovich NJ, et al. *Nature Reviews Microbiology* 2008; 6:266–75.

UCSC CMV preemptive therapy



Is Cytomegalovirus Prophylaxis Dispensable in Patients Receiving an mTOR Inhibitor–Based Immunosuppression? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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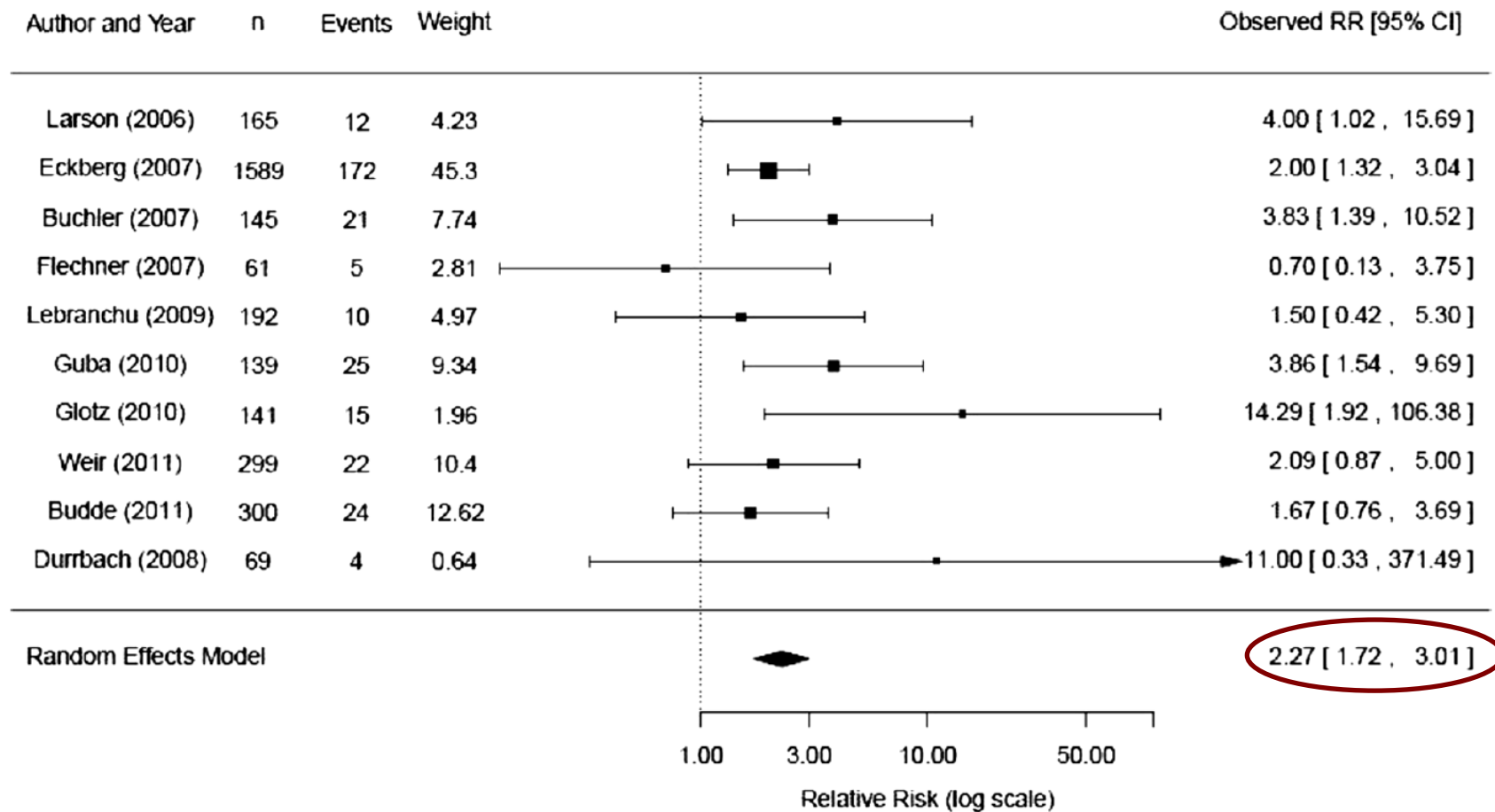
University Hospital Grosshadern, Ludwig Maximilian's University, Munich D

- ✓ **The current literature reviewed for RCTs in SOT comparing mTOR-I with a non-mTOR-I, CNI based treatment.**
- ✓ **Cytomegalovirus incidence was assessed in studies comparing**
 - ❖ **mTOR-In based vs a CNI based therapy: 10 trials, n=3,100 pts**
 - ❖ **mTOR-I + CNI based vs a CNI-based therapy 15 trials, n=7,100 pts**

(Transplantation 2012;94: 1208–1217)

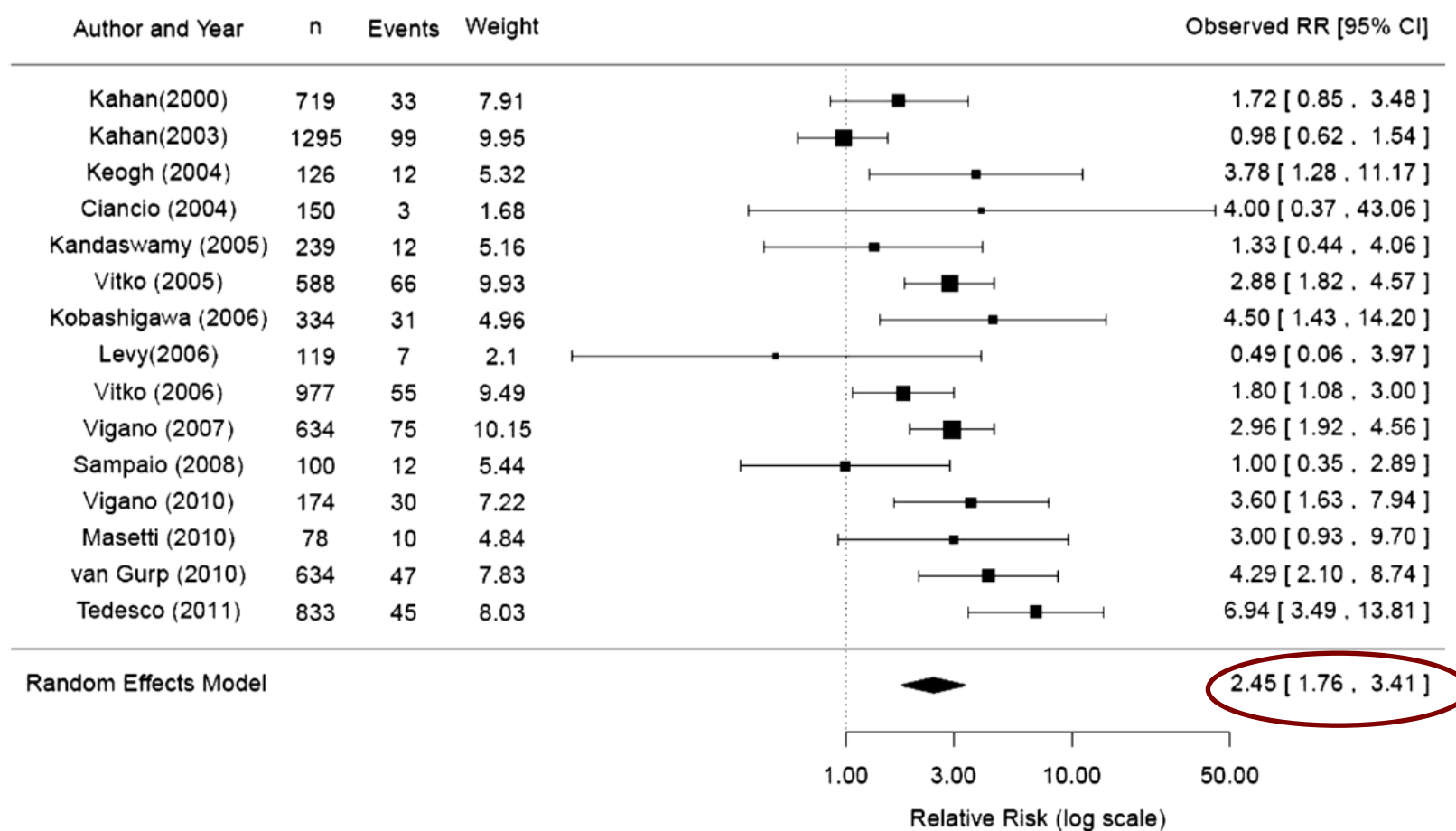
CMV occurrence mTORsi vs CNIs

TABLE 3. Forest plot indicating the odds ratio of the occurrence of CMV on mTOR-Is versus CNIs



CMV occurrence mTORsi + CNIs vs CNIs

TABLE 4. Forest plot indicating the odds ratio of the occurrence of CMV on a combination of mTOR-Is and CNIs versus CNIs



Conclusions

Unmet need in CMV for the risk management of CMV infections

- CMV infection, syndrome and disease are reduced with Everolimus vs standard CNIs therapy
- CMV prophylaxis may become dispensable in pts receiving mTORsi ?
- Need for a clinical trial : CMV standard prophylaxis vs preemptive therapy vs no prophylaxis

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Our Goal is

**immunosuppression-free state
(IFS) post-transplantation**

Long-Term Results in Recipients of Combined HLA-Mismatched Kidney and Bone Marrow Transplantation Without Maintenance Immunosuppression

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to improve consistency of the results, this study shows that long-term stable kidney allograft survival without maintenance IS can be achieved following transient mixed chimerism induction.

Keywords: Chimerism, immunobiology, kidney transplantation, living donors, tolerance

Abbreviations: AKI, acute kidney injury; BAFF, B cell

Posttransplant complications

A. Conventional immunosuppression

No.	Age at Tx	Sex	Survival	Creat	HTN	Hyper-lipid	<i>De novo</i> DM	Malignancy	Infection ¹	No. of drug IS + others
1	33	F	>11.6 years	1.1	—	+	—	—	+	3+5
2	42	F	>11 years	1	+	+	+	—	+	3+7
3	36	F	>10.8 years	1.4	+	+	+	—	—	2+12
4	38	F	>10.8 years	2.3	+	+	—	—	+	2+8
5	40	F	>10.7 years	1.2	+	+	—	—	+	3+5
6	42	F	>10.6 years	1	+	—	—	SCC BCC	—	2+1
7	26	M	>10.3 years	2	+	+	+	—	—	2+6
8	23	M	>9.7 years	1.3	+	—	—	—	—	3+2
9	27	M	>9.5 years	1.5	+	+	+	Melanoma, SCC	—	2+3
10	40	M	>9.2 years	1.9	+	+	+	—	—	3+9
11	20	F	>8.5 years	1.1	—	—	—	—	—	3+4
12	42	M	>8.4 years	2.1	+	—	—	—	—	2+2
13	32	M	>8.3 years	1.3	+	+	+	—	—	3+8
14	26	M	>8.2 years	0.95	+	+	+	—	+	2+9
15	42	F	>8.1 years	1.4	—	—	—	—	—	3+3
16	43	M	>7.9 years	1.2	+	+	—	—	—	3+5
17	31	M	>7.7 years	1.6	+	+	—	—	—	3+5
Graft loss										
18	37	F	29 days	reTx	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19	44	M	3.9 years	On HD	+	—	—	—	—	2+5 ³
20	45	M	6.3 years	On HD	+	+	—	—	—	2+12 ³
21	22	M	7.1 years	On HD	+	—	—	—	—	3+3 ³
Incidence of complication (p-value ⁴)					85% (p = 0.04)	65% (p = 0.005)	35% (ns ⁵)	10% (ns)	25% (ns)	

Posttransplant complications in tolerance

B. Tolerance protocol

No. ⁶	Age at Tx	Sex	Survival	Creat	HTN	Hyper-lipid	<i>De novo</i> DM	Malignancy	Infection	No. of drugs IS + others
1	22	F	>11 years	1.1	–	–	–	–	–	0+1
2	22	F	>10.5 years	2.2	+	–	–	–	–	1+1 ⁷
4	28	F	>8.8 years	2.0	+	–	–	–	–	2+2 ⁸
5	46	F	>7.8 years	2.5	+	–	–	–	–	1+1 ⁹
6	35	F	>4.8 years	1.5	–	–	–	–	–	0+1
7	37	F	>4.6 years	0.8	–	–	–	–	–	0
9	22	M	>4.2 years	1.1	–	–	–	–	–	0
Graft loss										
3	39	M	10 days				NA			
8	36	F	6 months				NA			
10	26	M	3 years				NA (on IS after 10 months)			
Incidence of complication					43%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

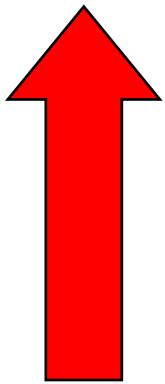
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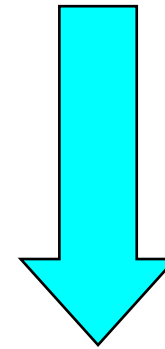
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Graft loss										
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8	36	F	6 months				NA			
10	26	M	3 years				NA (on IS after 10 months)			
					<u>tolerance</u>	43	0	0	0	0 %
Complications					no tolerance	85	65	35	10	25 %

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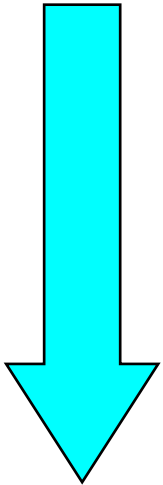
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