

# **Biomarcatori e fattori di rischio per pre-emptive therapy della GvHD acuta**

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# PROBLEMA

VORREI CONOSCERE QUALI SONO I  
PAZIENTI A RISCHIO DI GHVD

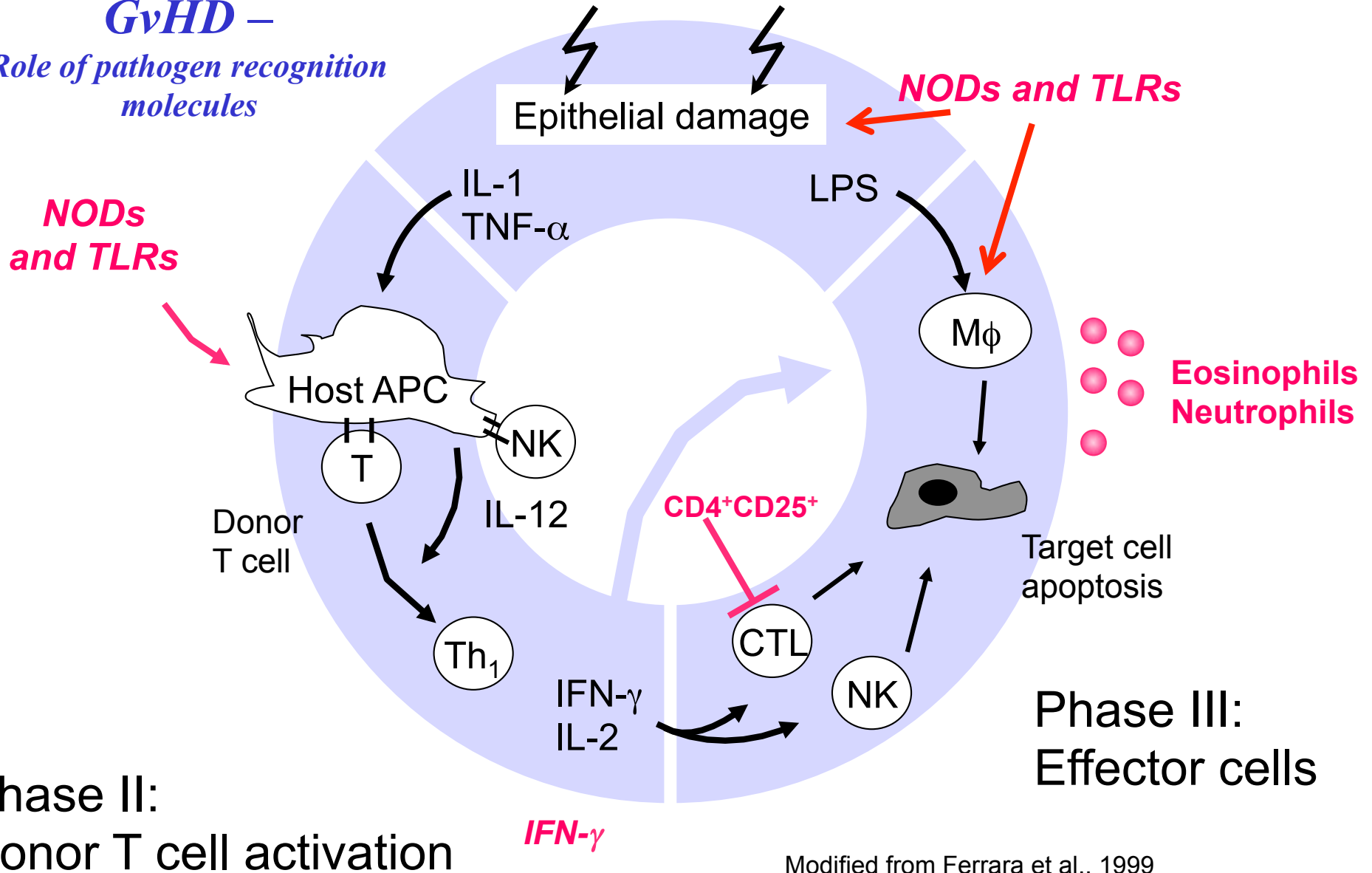
E , QUALORA LA SVILUPPINO, QUALI  
SONO QUELLI A RISCHIO DI  
COMPLICAZIONI LETALI

*Activation of innate immunity triggers*

*GvHD –*

*Role of pathogen recognition molecules*

**Phase I:**  
Recipient conditioning

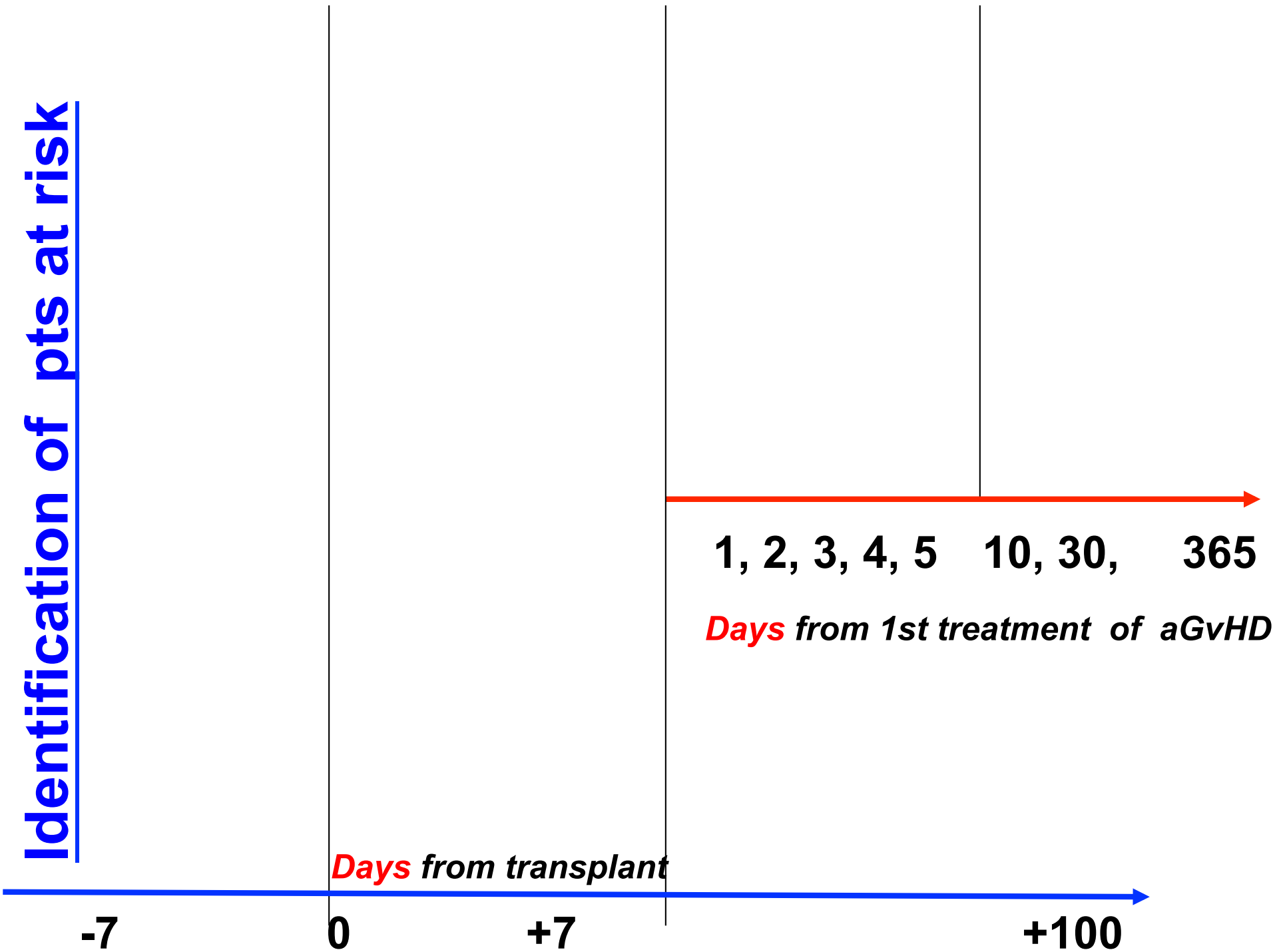


Phase II:  
Donor T cell activation

Phase III:  
Effector cells

Modified from Ferrara et al., 1999  
With modifications as added during GVHD course

Identification of pts at risk



# What are the factors predicting acute GvHD ?

**Patients studied = 1361**

**Unmanipulated, malignant, alive day +10**

<b>AML 390</b>	<b>median age 35 (D and Ric)</b>
<b>ALL 245</b>	<b>median yy Tx 1997</b>
<b>CML 378</b>	<b>HLA= 959 Altern 402</b>
<b>MDS 130</b>	<b><i>ATG no 1046 yes 315</i></b>
<b>Lymph 85</b>	<b>BM 1201 PB 160</b>

# GvHD II+

Variable		RR	P
<i>Baseline</i>	<i>Compared</i>		
ATG no	yes	.51	0.0000
YY<=97	YY >97	.58	0.0000
Don=	Alt don	2.0	0.0000
DA <=35	>35	1.2	0.02
CR1	CR>1	1.2	0.02
MA	RIC		
RA <=35	>35		
FD MR	other		

# Worse outcomes with Any single locus mismatch

	n	RR (95% CI)	P-value
Survival	952	1.18 (1.07-1.30)	0.0009
DFS	945	1.16 (1.03-1.31)	0.004
TRM	945	1.34 (1.16-1.54)	<0.0001
Relapse	945	0.90 (0.81-1.00)	0.04
Engraftment	956	OR 0.90 (0.80-1.01)	0.06
Acute GVHD	957	1.38 (1.13-1.63)	0.0008
Chronic GVHD	910	0.96 (0.91-1.03)	0.25

❖ A single mismatch is associated with worse survival, DFS, TRM, acute GVHD

# *Cytokine and Immune response gene SNPs and GvHD*

**Table 3.** Non-human leucocyte antigen (HLA) gene polymorphisms associated with allo stem cell transplantation

Gene polymorphism	Association with HSCT if present in Recipient or Donor	Reference
TNFD3/d3	Recipient increased aGvHD/decreased survival	Middleton <i>et al.</i> (1998)
TNFD*4	Recipient or donor — increased aGvHD	Nordlander <i>et al.</i> (2002)
TNF-308*A	Donor — increased aGvHD Donor — toxic complications	Takahashi <i>et al.</i> (2000) Wang <i>et al.</i> (2002) Bogunia-Kubik <i>et al.</i> (2003)
TNF-488*A	Recipient — increased aGvHD and cGvHD, early death	Mullighan <i>et al.</i> (2004)
TNFD*4 or 5	Recipient — decreased survival	Bettens <i>et al.</i> (2006)
TNFD*4	Recipient — increased aGvHD	Remberger <i>et al.</i> (2003)
TNFD*4 and TNFSF2-101x	Donor or recipient — decreased survival	Keen <i>et al.</i> (2004)
TNF-863, -857	Donor and/or recipient — increased GvHD & lower relapse	Ishikawa <i>et al.</i> (2002)
IL-10-1064 (11-15)	Recipient — increased GvHD	Cavet <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Lack of IFN $\gamma$ allele2/2	Recipient — protective for GvHD	Mlynarczewska <i>et al.</i> (2004)
IL-6-174, IFN $\gamma$ 3/3	Recipient — increased a and cGvHD	Cavet <i>et al.</i> (2001)
IL-6-174	Recipient — increased cGvHD	Socié <i>et al.</i> (2001)
IL-10-5a2A/A	Recipient — decreased aGvHD	Lin <i>et al.</i> (2003)
IL-1-Ra VNTR (allele 2)	Donor — protection from aGvHD	Cullup <i>et al.</i> (2001)
TNF d3/d3; IL-10 (11-15)	(CBT) No association with aGvHD	Kogler <i>et al.</i> (2002)
VDR-intron 8	Recipient — increased aGvHD Donor — decreased TRM	Middleton <i>et al.</i> (2002)
ER $\alpha$ intron 1	Recipient — occurrence GvHD Lower survival	Middleton <i>et al.</i> (2003)
TNFRII 196R	Recipient — increased aGvHD Donor — increased cGvHD	Stark <i>et al.</i> (2003)

***Further genes: FAS, IL7R, IL4, IL23R***

***AM Dickinson,  
Int J Immunogenetics***



# Conclusione 1:

## **pazienti a rischio pre condizionamento**

# fase >CR1 , donatore >35 anni

*Rischio 1.2 (rilevante ?)*

# polimorfismo citochine

*Controverso ancora non standardizz*

**# Tipo di donatore, HLA=, e tipo di profilassi  
(per es ATG) , con anno di trapianto**

*Rischio 2 ( clinicamente rilevante )*

***Non ci sono studi di terapia pre-emptive in base a questi fattori di rischio***

Identification of pts at risk

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GvHD

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10, 30, 365

*Days from 1st treatment of aGvHD*

*Days from transplant*

-7

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# **CD3<sup>+</sup>/Tregs Ratio in Donor Grafts Is Linked to Acute Graft-versus-Host Disease and Immunologic Recovery after Allogeneic Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation**

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*Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 18: 887-893 (2012)*

<b>CD3 /Treg ratio</b>	<b>GvHD</b>	<b>CMV</b>	<b>CMV</b>
	<b>II-IV</b>	<b>CTL</b>	<b>inf</b>
<b>Low Risk</b> <36	<b>20%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>High risk</b> ≥36	<b>84%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69%</b>
	<b>.001</b>	<b>.001</b>	<b>.001</b>

**Table 4. Univariate Analysis of Potential Factors Affecting Grade II-IV aGVHD and CMV Infection/Disease**

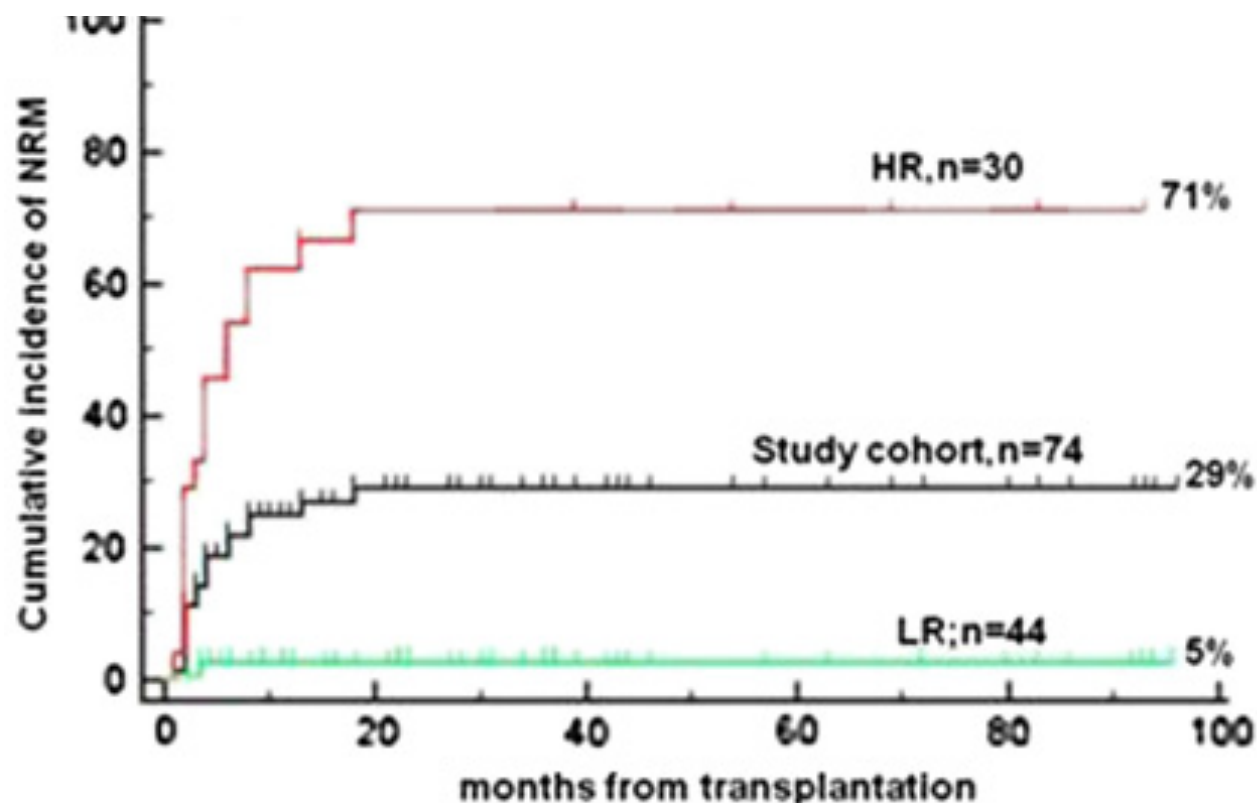
Factor	Grade II-IV aGVHD, <i>P</i> value	CMV Infection/Disease, <i>P</i> value
HLA mismatch, yes/no	.02	NS
ATG use, yes/no	NS	NS
gCD3/Tregs R, H/L	<.001	<.001
Donor type, MUD/sibling	NS	NS
Donor age	NS	—
Donor CMV serology, high risk/not high risk	—	<.001
aGVHD (grade II-IV), yes/no	—	<.001

Conditioning regimen intensity: 100% full ablative; transplantation source: 100% PBSC.

# Outcome of Allogeneic Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation by Donor Graft CD3<sup>+</sup>/Tregs Ratio: A Single-Center Experience

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(*M. Delia et al. / Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 19 (2013) 492–503*)



## **Conclusione 2:** **pazienti a rischio giorno 0**

# rapporto CD3/Treg predice GvHD , CMV e NRM

*In corso studio prospettico*

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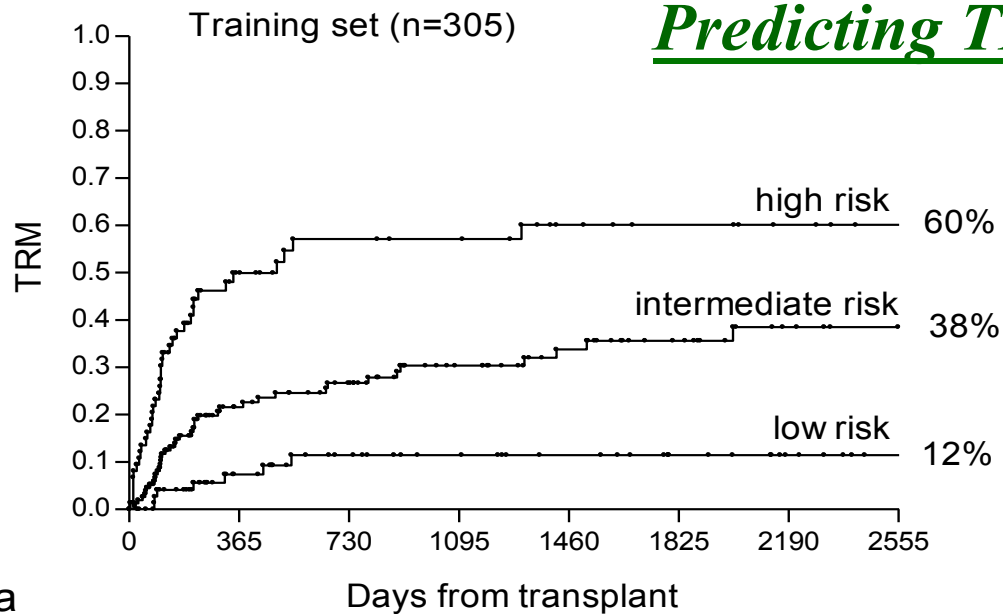
*Variables selected on DAY +7 by the COX model  
as predictive of TRM*

<i>Variables</i>	<i>P value</i>
Cholinesterase	0.01
Tot serum proteins	0.08
<b>BUN</b>	<b>0.0025</b>
$\gamma$ GT	0.003
Donor type	0.001
Cell dose	0.04

*(Sormani et al Bone Marrow Transplant 2003; 32: 205)*

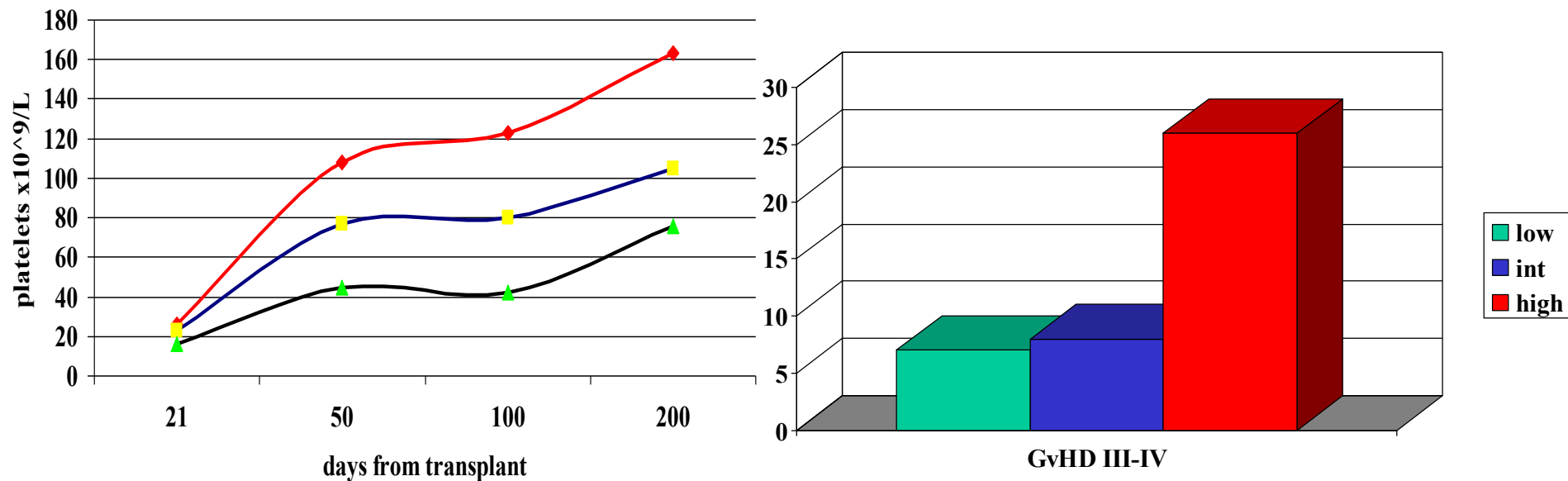


## Predicting TRM on day +7 after Tx



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*(Sormani et al. Bone Marrow Transpl. 2003; 32: 205).*



170 patients were randomized and are evaluable

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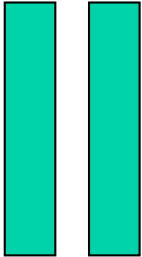
CY-TBI/ CY-THIO



HSCT

ATG

3.75 3.75



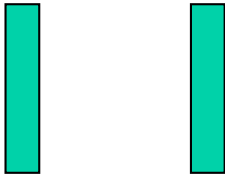
random

Score HR+IR



ATG

1.25 1.25



No ATG

day -7

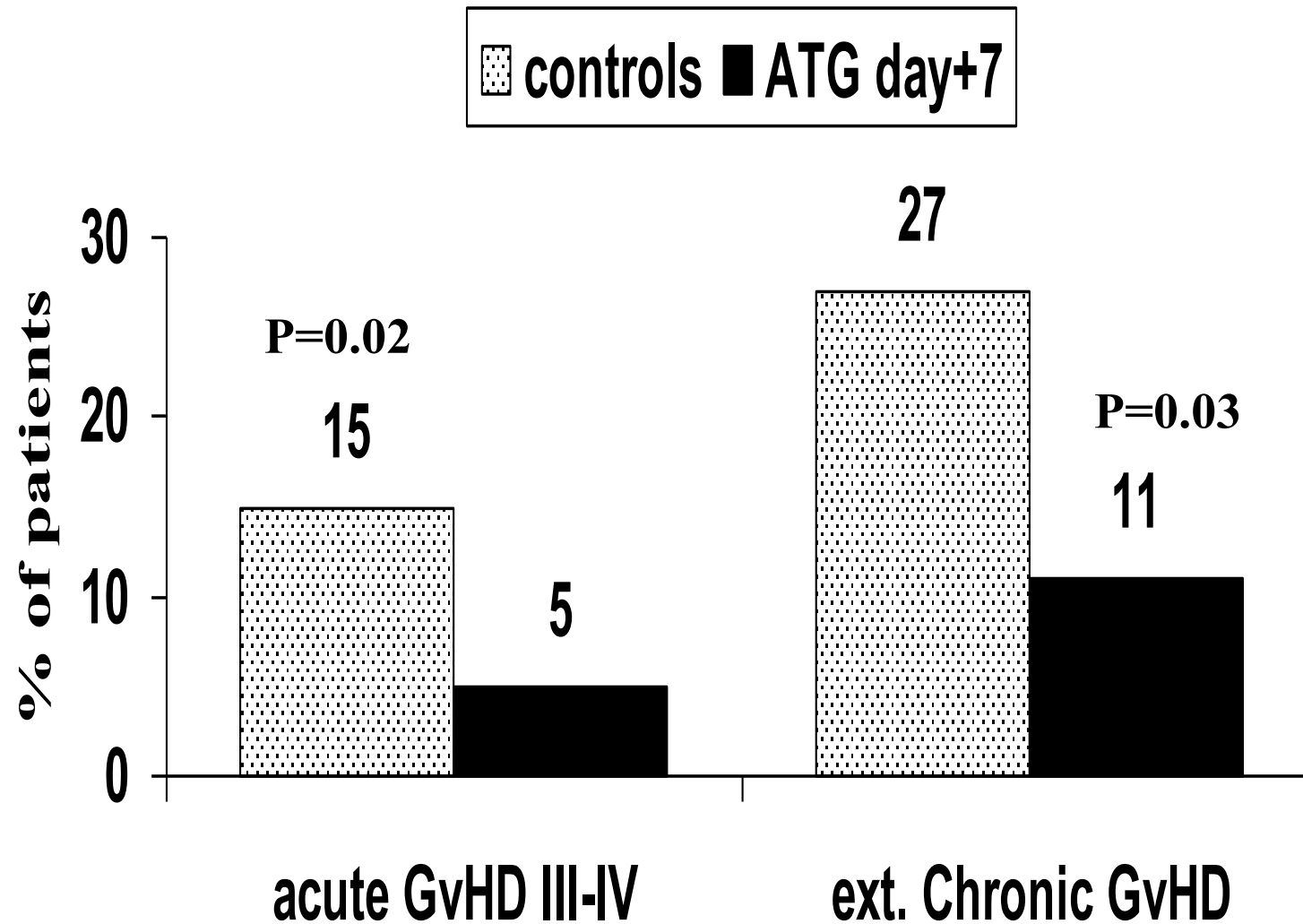
day 0

day 7

d7

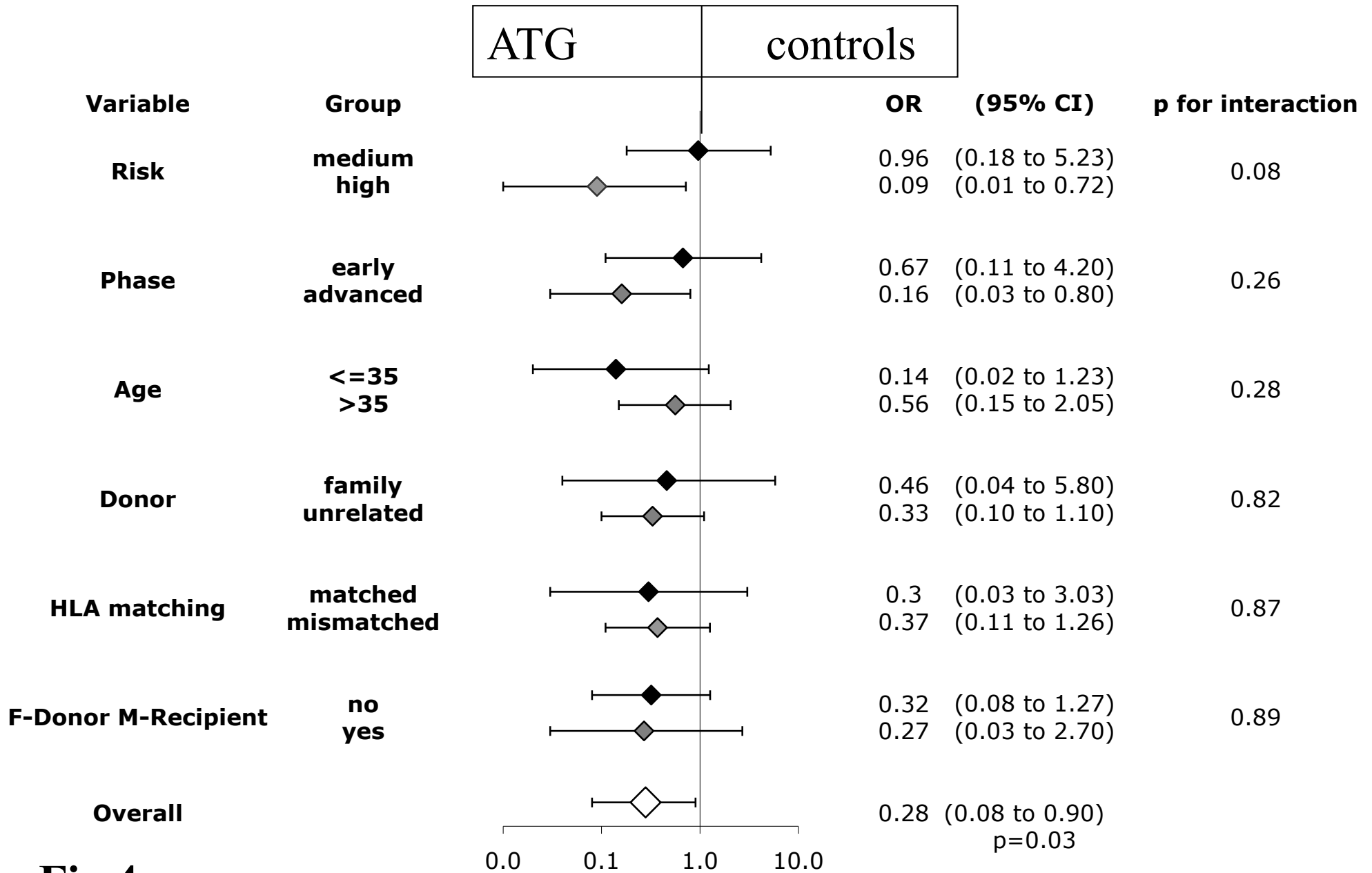
d9

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**Fig.3**

# GvHD III-IV



**Fig.4**

## Conclusione 2:

### **pazienti a rischio giorno +7**

E' possibile identificare pazienti a rischio di GvHD severa al giorno+7 dopo il trapianto

***La terapia pre-emptive gg+7 , riduce significativamente la GvHD III-IV in pazienti ad alto rischio, ma non la TRM***

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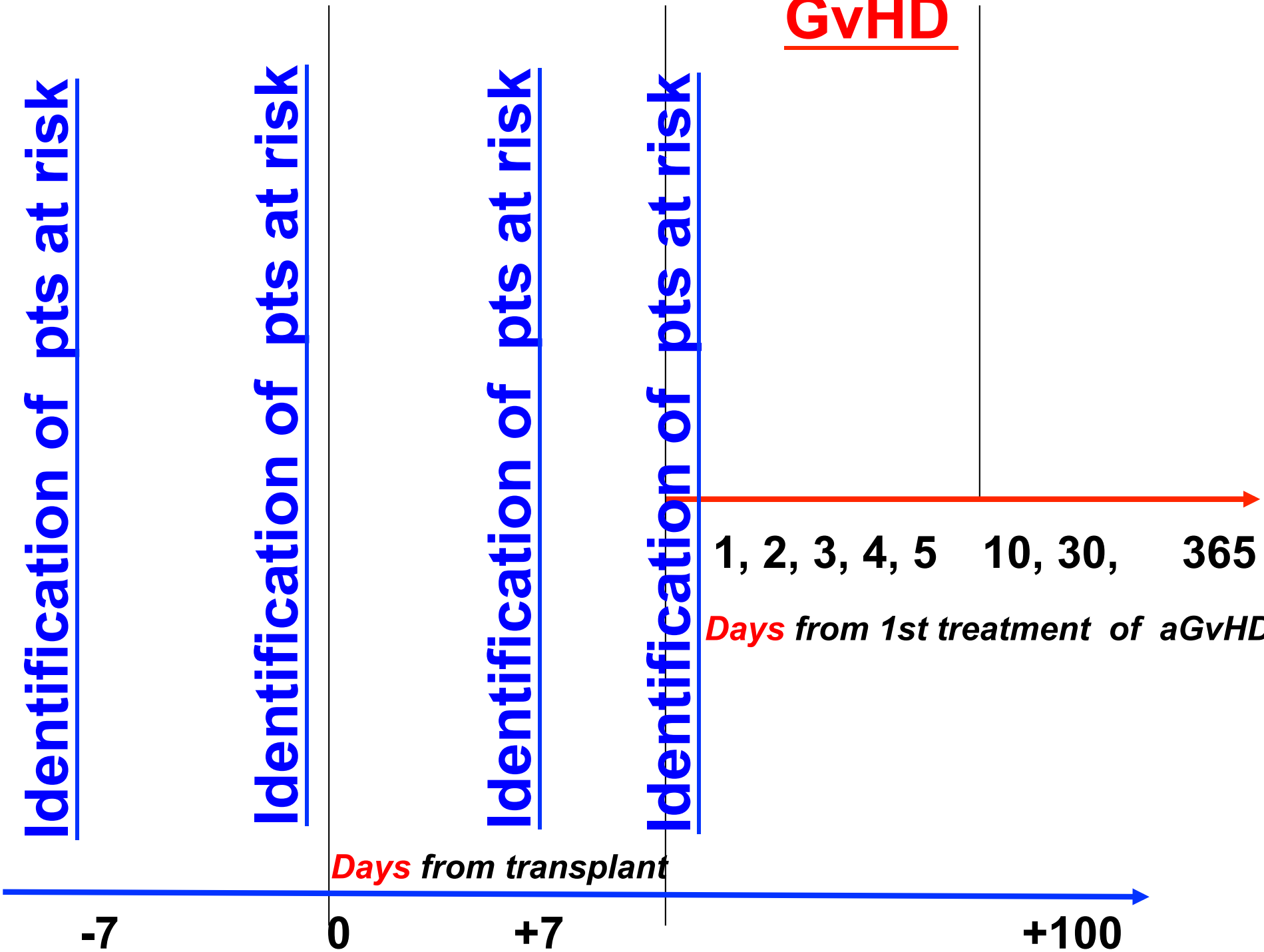
*Days from transplant*

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# A prognostic score for acute graft-versus-host disease based on biomarkers: a multicentre study



Lancet Haematol 2015;  
2: e21-29

*John E Levine, Thomas M Braun, Andrew C Harris, Ernst Holler, Austin Taylor, Holly Miller, John Magenau, Daniel J Weisdorf, Vincent T Ho, Javier Bolaños-Meade, Amin M Alousi, James L M Ferrara, for the Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network*

## Biomarkers:

**TNFR1:** surrogate for TNF $\alpha$ , amplifies GI injury

**ST2** regulated by TNF + its ligand IL33 , affects inflamm.bowel disease

**Reg3 $\alpha$ :** produced by Paneth cells, protects GI epithelium from infect.

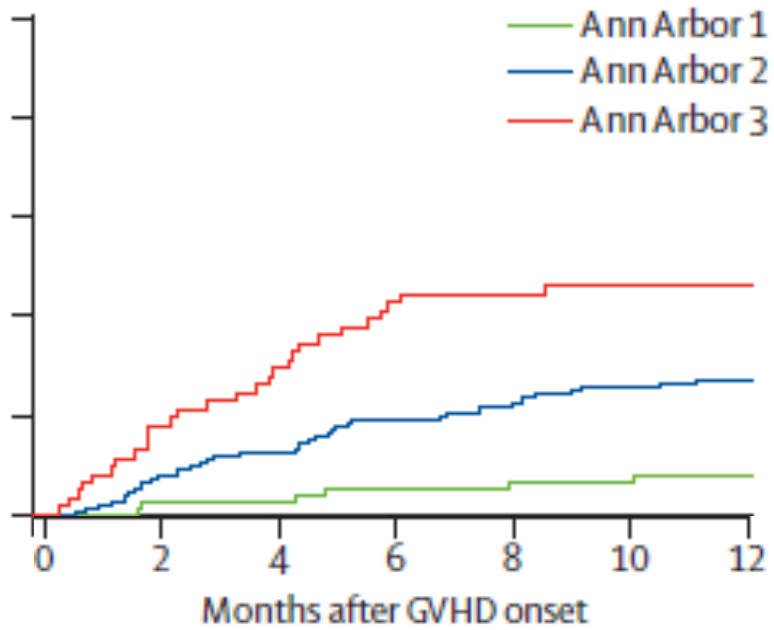
**Plasma samples taken 48 hours before/after initiation of glucocorticoid treatment of acute GvHD**

damage.<sup>35</sup> The concentrations of these biomarkers at GVHD onset seem to reflect gastrointestinal tract disease activity that does not correlate with the severity of gastrointestinal symptoms at that time.

To our knowledge, this study is the first to use biomarkers to classify patients at onset GVHD of according to risk of treatment failure and non-relapse mortality outside of single centres. The biomarker algorithm was validated in patients from a wide range of centres with a large variety of personnel and biases and was superior to clinical grading for determining risk. This study suggests that GVHD biomarker algorithm scores might be useful to design risk-stratified trials of primary GVHD therapy.



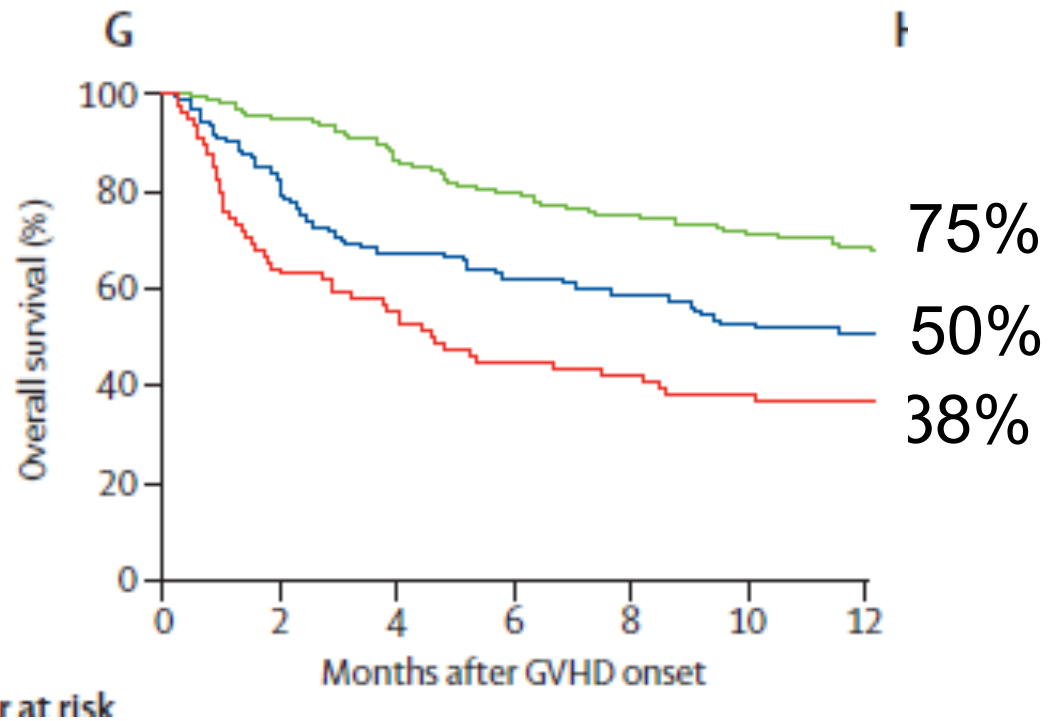
C Validation set (n=300)  
(BMT CTN)



Non relapse mortality

46%  
27%  
8%

Survival



## **Conclusione 3:**

**pazienti a rischio alla DIAGNOSI  
di GvHD**

E' possibile identificare pazienti a rischio di GvHD severa – quindi TRM - alla diagnosi di GvHD, mediante 3 biomarkers

***Non ci sono studi di terapia pre-emptive in base a questo modello  
Ann Arbor***

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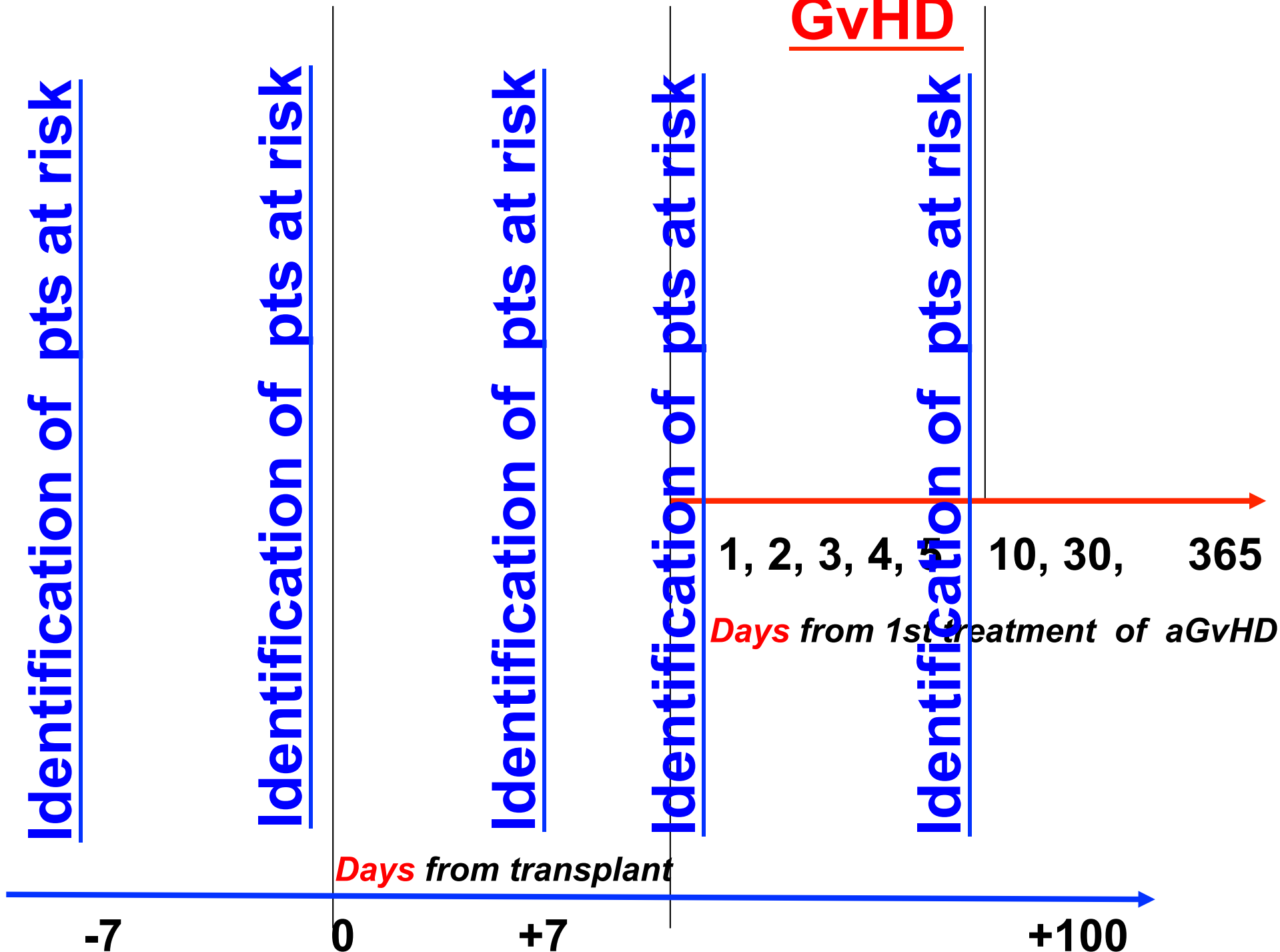
*Days from transplant*

-7

0

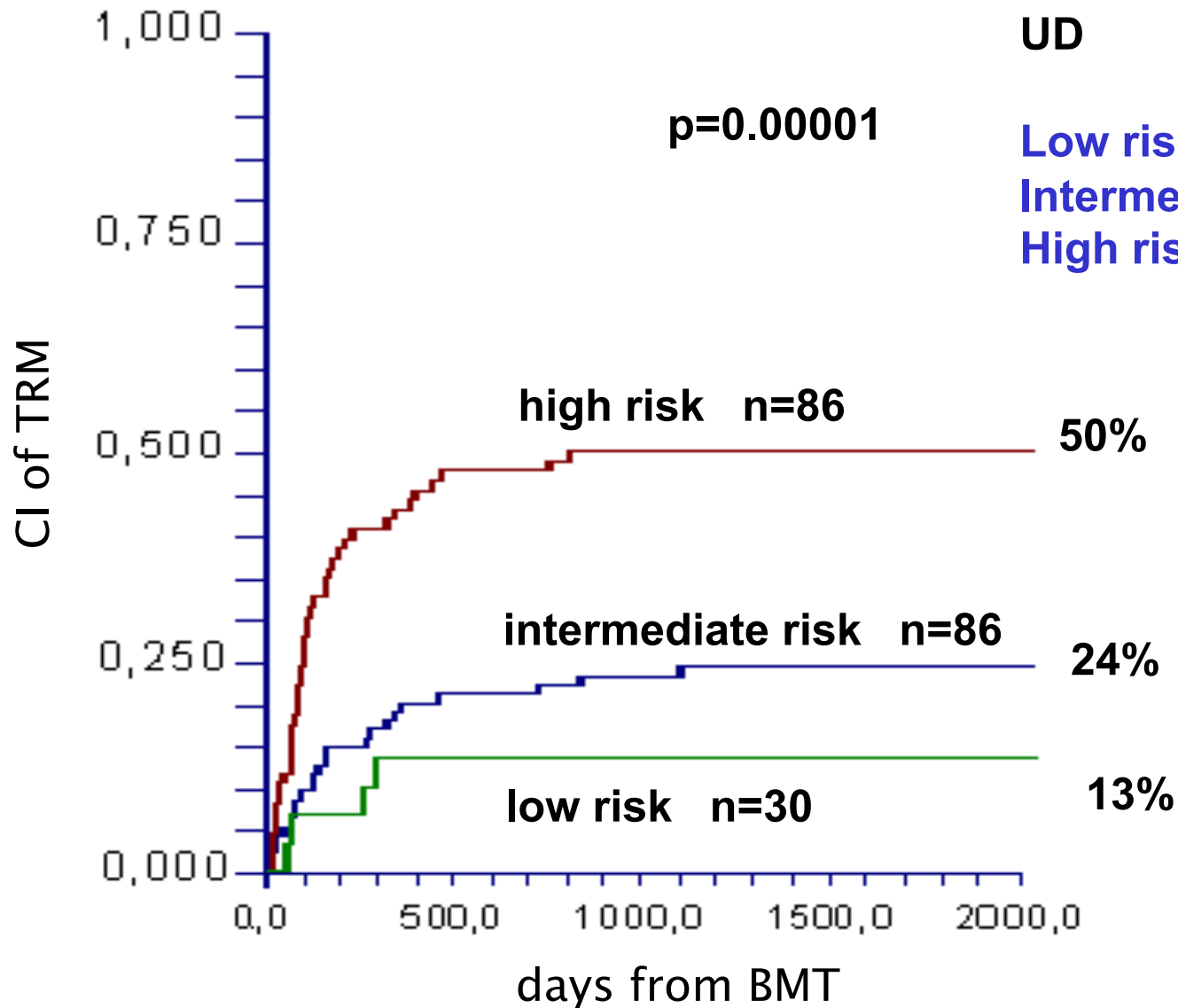
+7

+100



# Risk score DAY +5

aGvHD =>II  
Response day 5  
Age =>33  
Disease phase =>CR1  
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Low risk = 0  
Intermediate risk = 1  
High risk >1

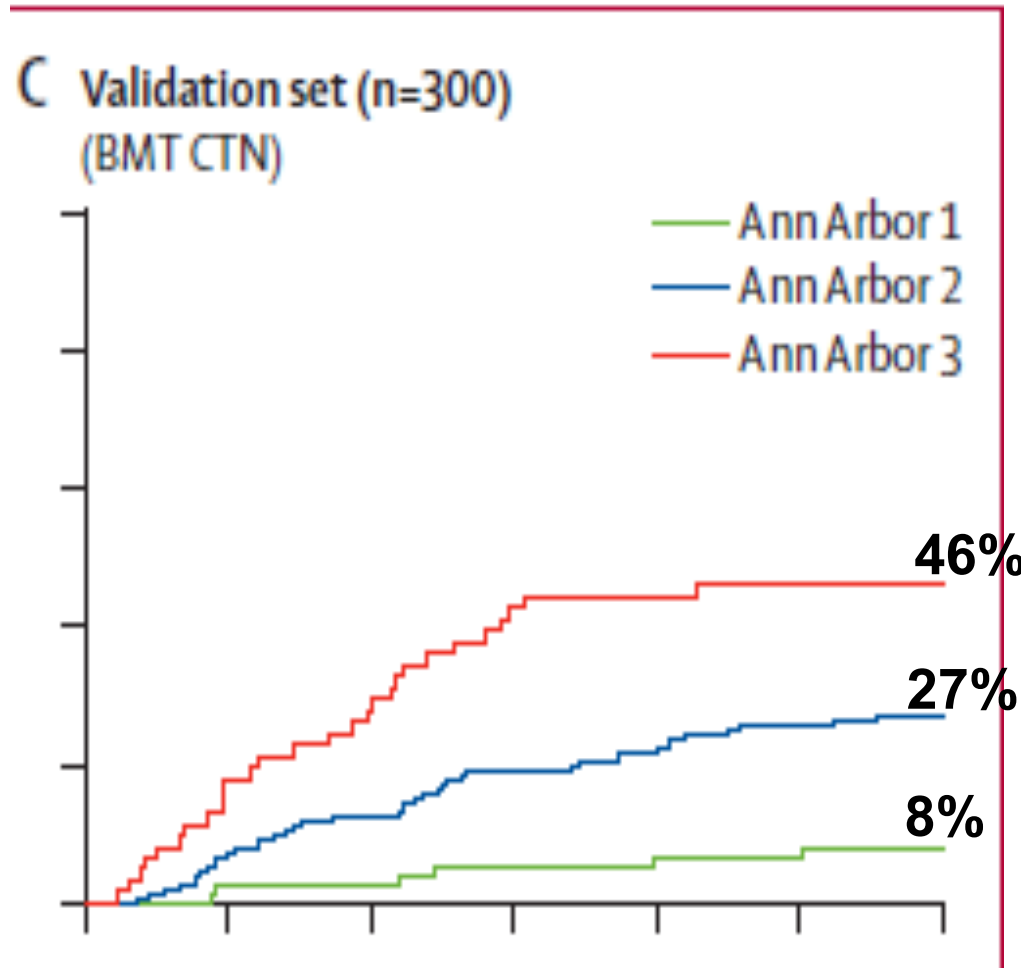
## **Conclusione 4:**

**pazienti a rischio dopo terapia di prima linea GvHD (gg +5 di terapia)**

**E' possibile indentificare pazienti ad alto rischio di TRM dopo 5 giorni di terapia della GvHD acuta**

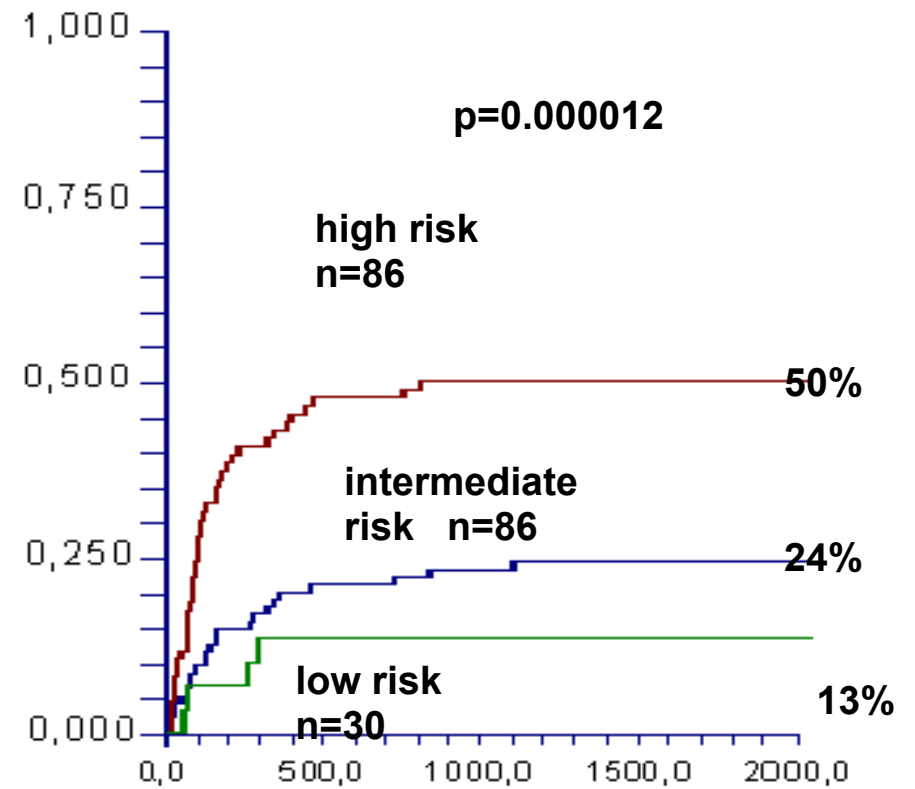
***Non ci sono studi di terapia pre-emptive in base a score day+5***

**Day -2 +2 from PRED**  
**ST2, TNFR1, Reg3 $\alpha$**

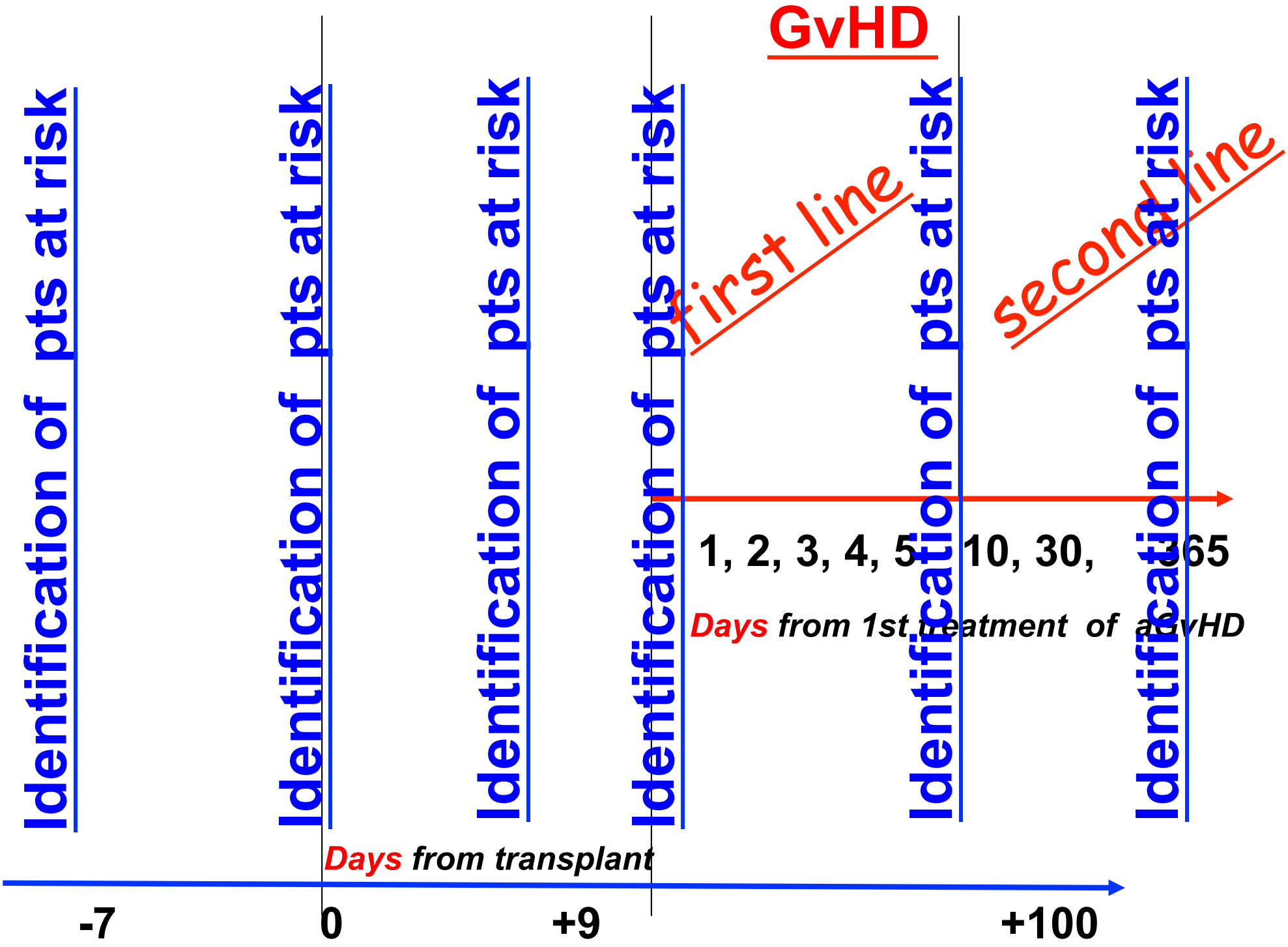


*Lancet 2015; 2; e21*

**Day +5 from PRED**  
**Resp/ GvHDII /age /don**  
**Dis phase**



*Blood. 2006 ;15:107:4177*



# E la risposta?

E' possibile valutare **rapidamente** se un paziente risponde ?



# Score dinamico GvHD

## 24 variabili

GvHD (cute int feg globale)

Intestino (diarrea + vomito)

Infezioni (febbre, sepsi, batt fung vir)

Polmone (0/1)

Ematologia (piastrine 50)

Fegato ggT (40)

TAM LDH (300)

Nutrizionale CHE (2000,4000); TIBC (100,200); PT (5) ;

Nutrizionale parenterale (0/1)

Sicca sindr (0,1,2)

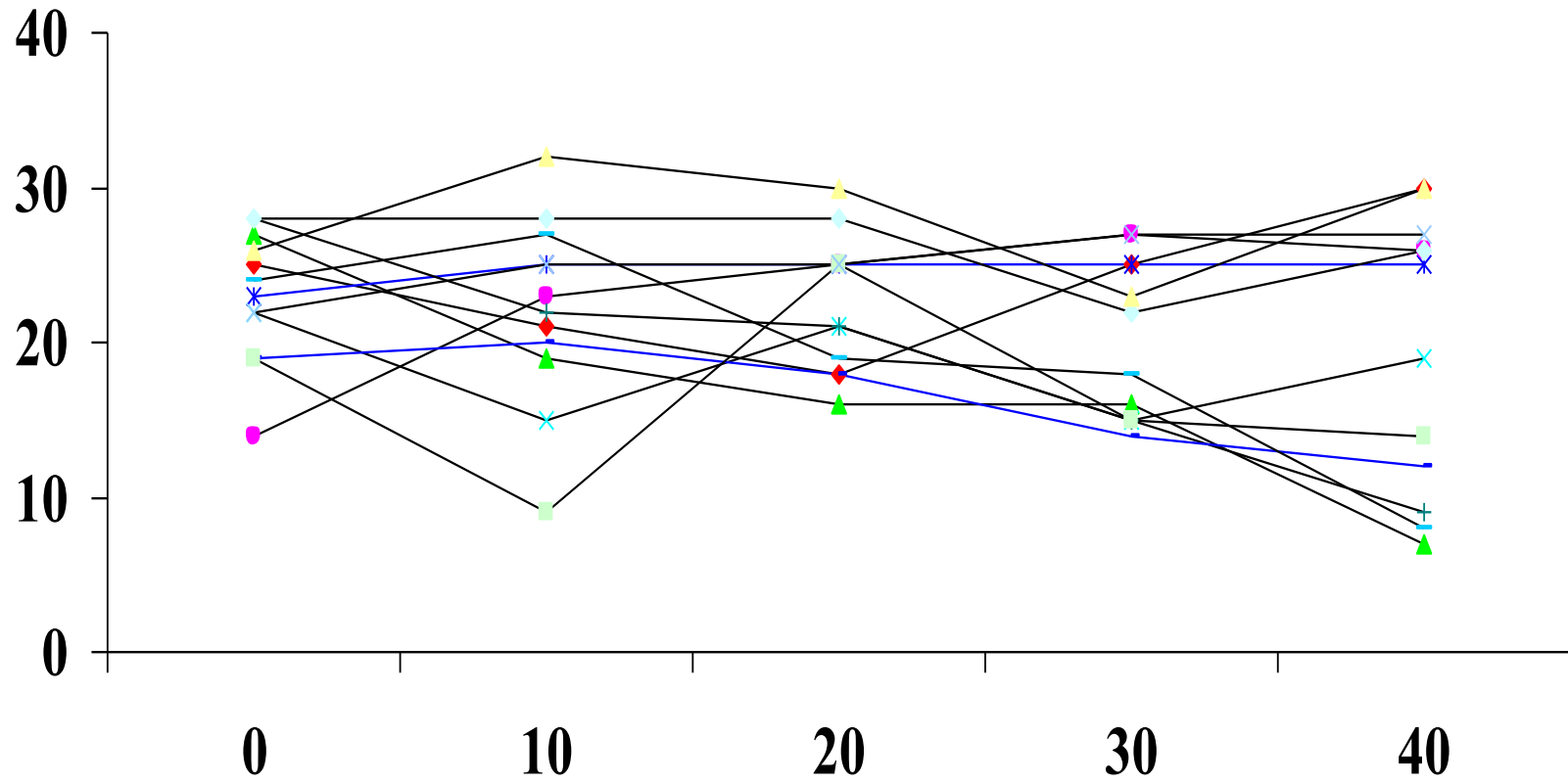
Dose di steroidi (0,<0.5,0.5-1,>1)

Ricovero (ambulatorio, DH, degente)

PF oggettiva (0,1,2)

PF soggettiva (0,1,2)

# RISPOSTE DURANTE LA TERAPIA



## **Conclusione 5:**

**pazienti a rischio DURANTE la  
terapia della GvHD**

**monitorare i pazienti DURANTE il  
trattamento per GvHD ??**

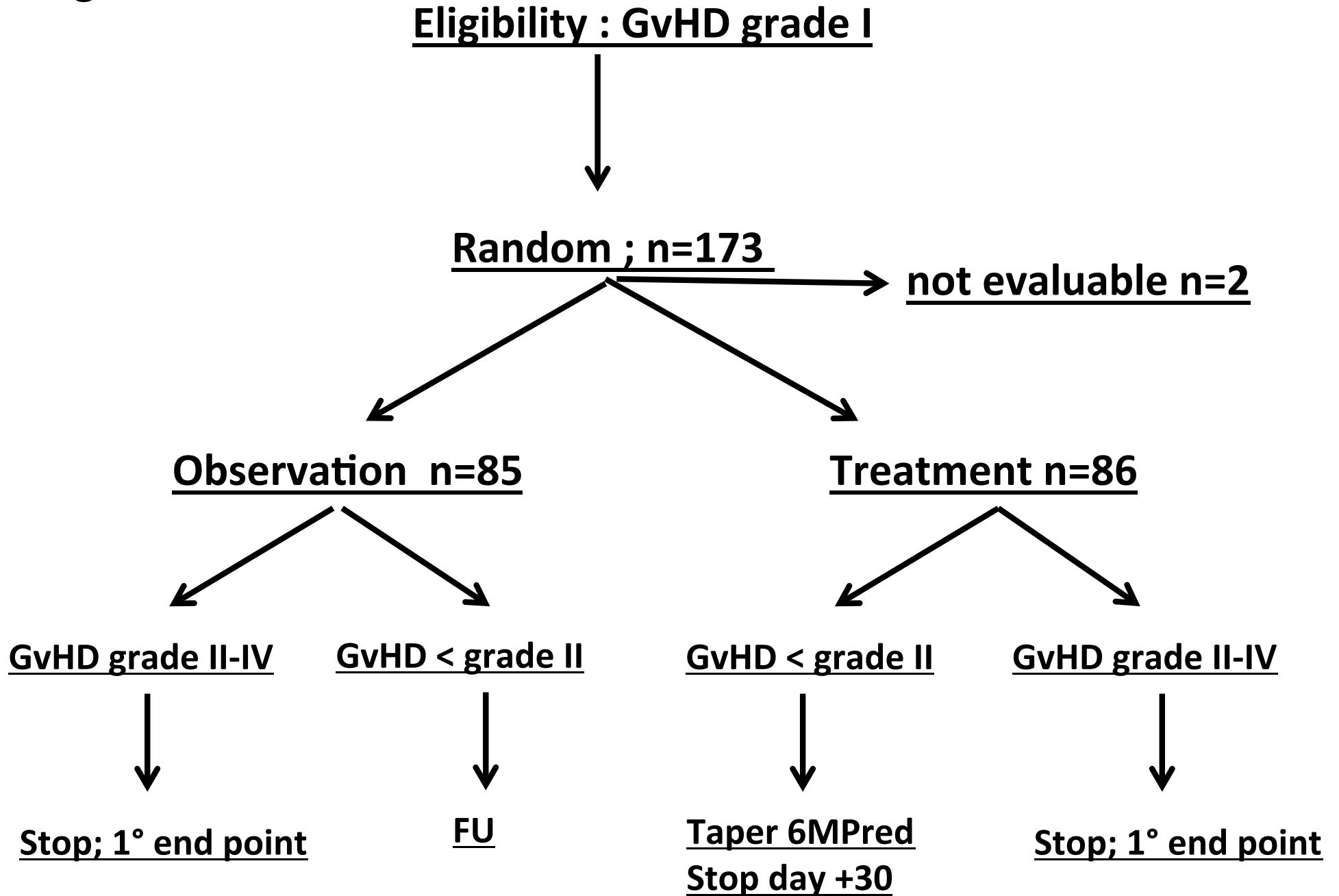
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Se trattassimo i pazienti MOLTO  
pecocemente

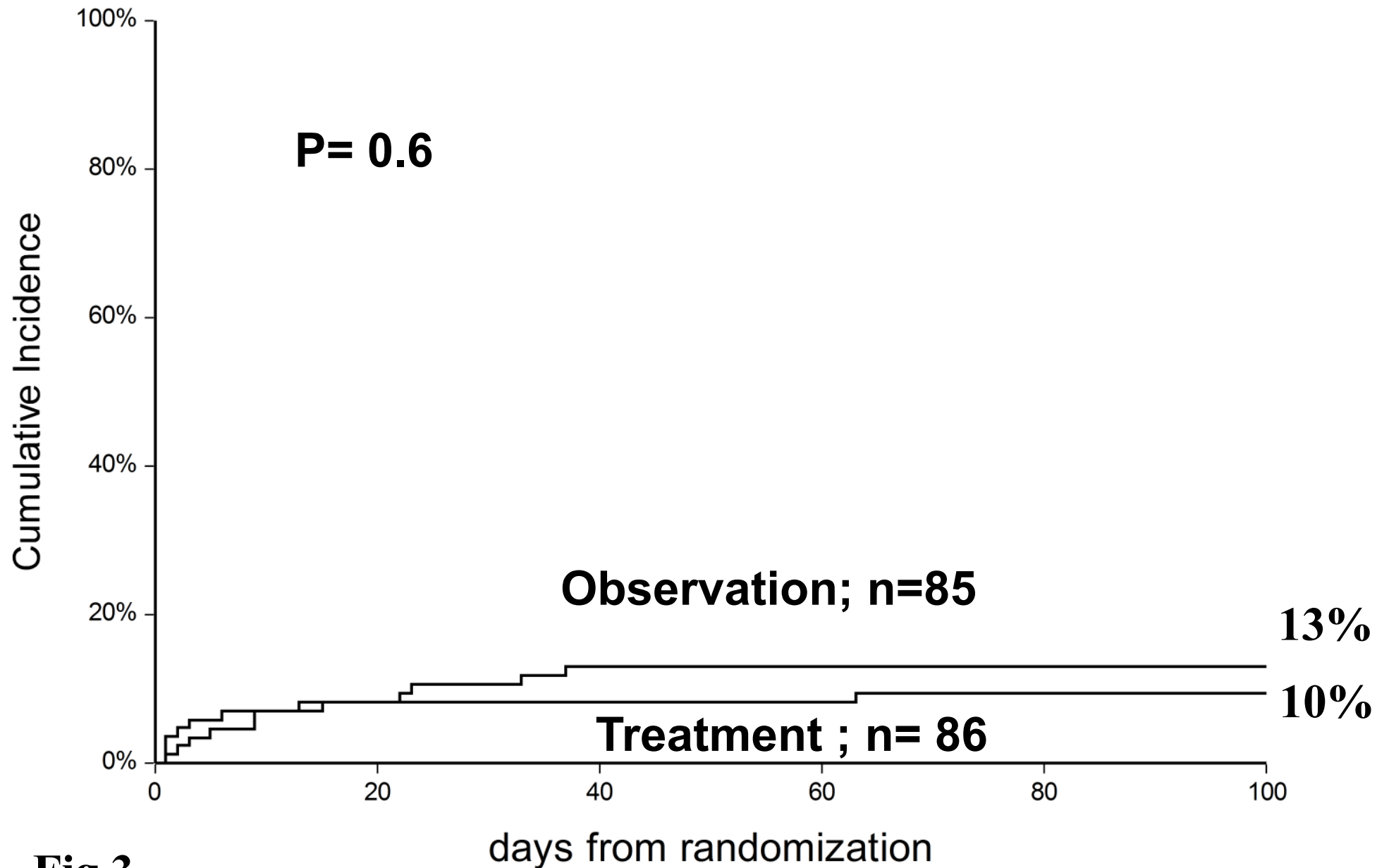
Per esempio GvHD grado I

Si potrebbe prevenire evoluzione in  
grado III-IV ??????????

**Fig.1**



# RAMP: Cumulative incidence of acute GvHD grade III-IV



**Fig.3**

**Conclusione 6:**

**Terapia molto precoce**

**NON modifica la storia naturale della  
malattia**

# PROBLEMA

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E , QUALORA LA SVILUPPINO, QUALI SONO QUELLI A RISCHIO DI COMPLICAZIONI LETALI



# Identificare i pazienti a rischio

- # prima del trapianto      si'
- # giorno 0 si'
- # giorno +7 dal trapianto      si'
- # alla diagnosi di GvHD      si'
- # giorno +5 di terapia linea1      si'
- # durante terapia linea2      FORSE

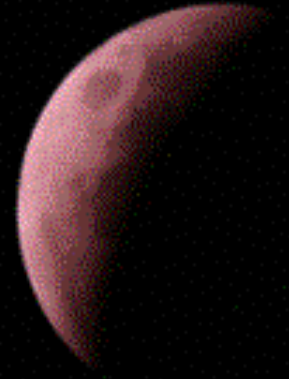
*studio prospettico di terapia pre-emptive day+7: positivo*

**Pre-emptive day +7 : riduz GvHD III-IV**

**RAMP : steroidi alla diagnosi GvHD  
grado I, vs osservazione  
= nessun effetto su GvHD III-IV**

**Profilassi / pre-emptive e' la risposta  
Terapia ad oggi non modifica storia  
naturale della GvHD**

**Tutto quello che e' dopo il gg +7 serve?**



grazie

**GITMO Centers**

*GvHD studies*

*Prophylaxis*

*Pre-emptive Tx*

*Treatment*

