

Nuovi farmaci nella terapia delle complicanze endoteliali del trapianto



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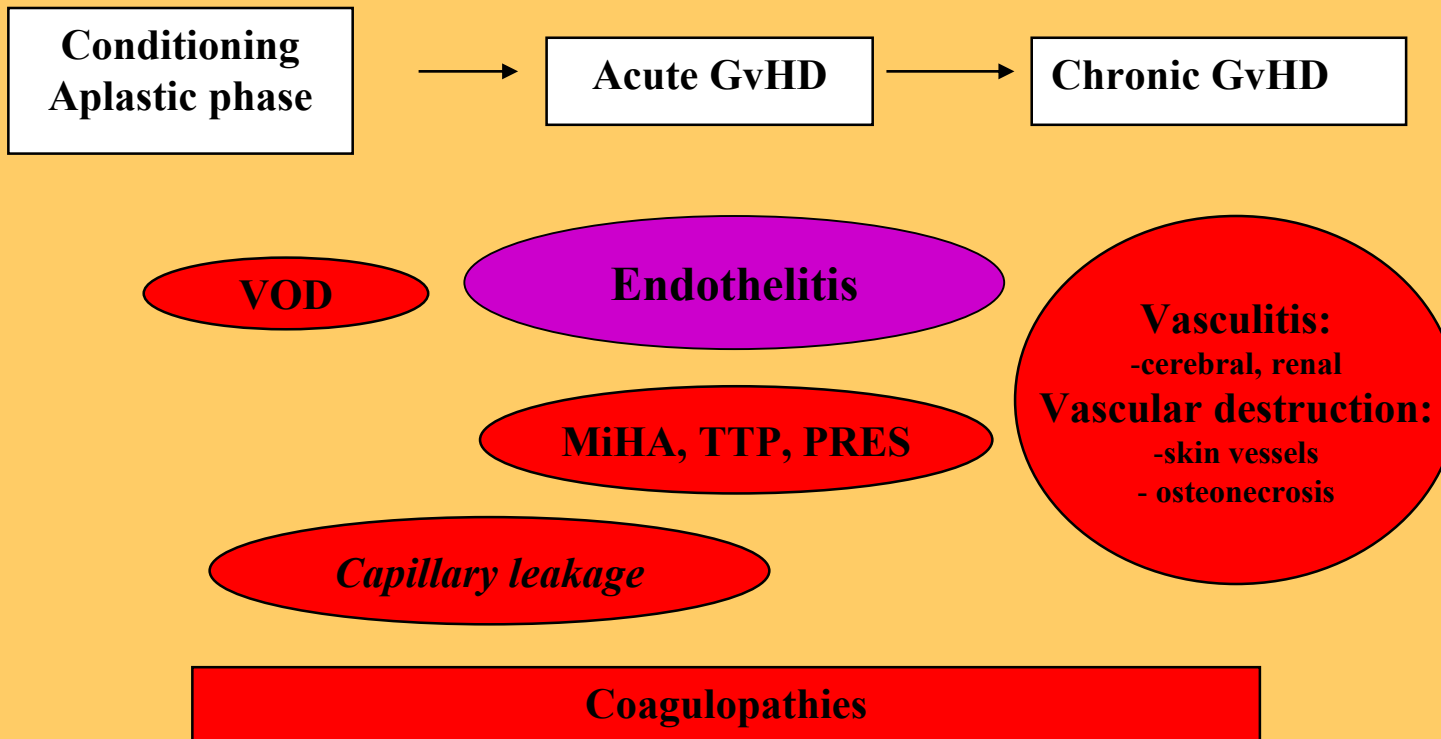
Endothelial complications after HSCT

Time course within different HSCT phases

Day -7 to +28

until Day +100

>Day +100



- Fibrin-related aggregates
- Platelet and leukocyte adhesion to the endothelium
- Endothelial apoptosis

Organ dysfunction

endothelial dysfunction

endothelial activation

procoagulant status

inflammatory response

↑ permeability

vasoconstriction

Endothelium

IL-1 / IL-2 / TNF- α / IFN- γ

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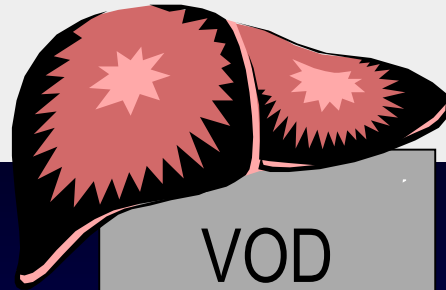
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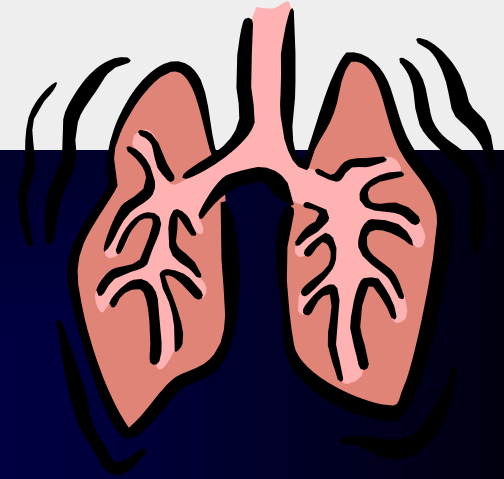
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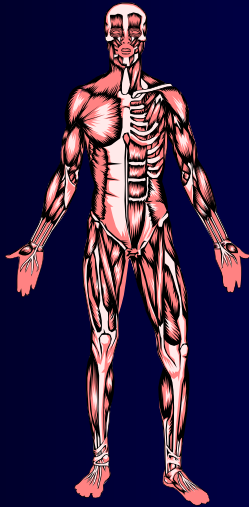
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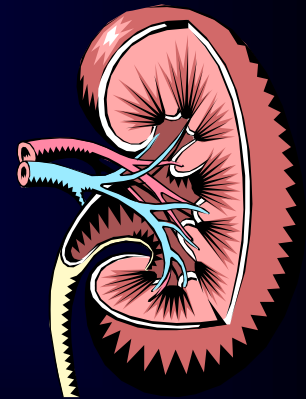
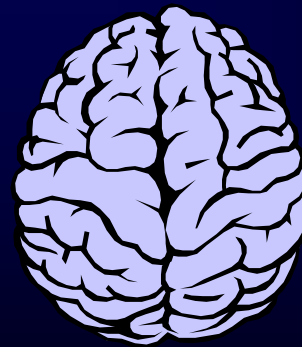
VOD



Diffuse alveolar haemorrhage



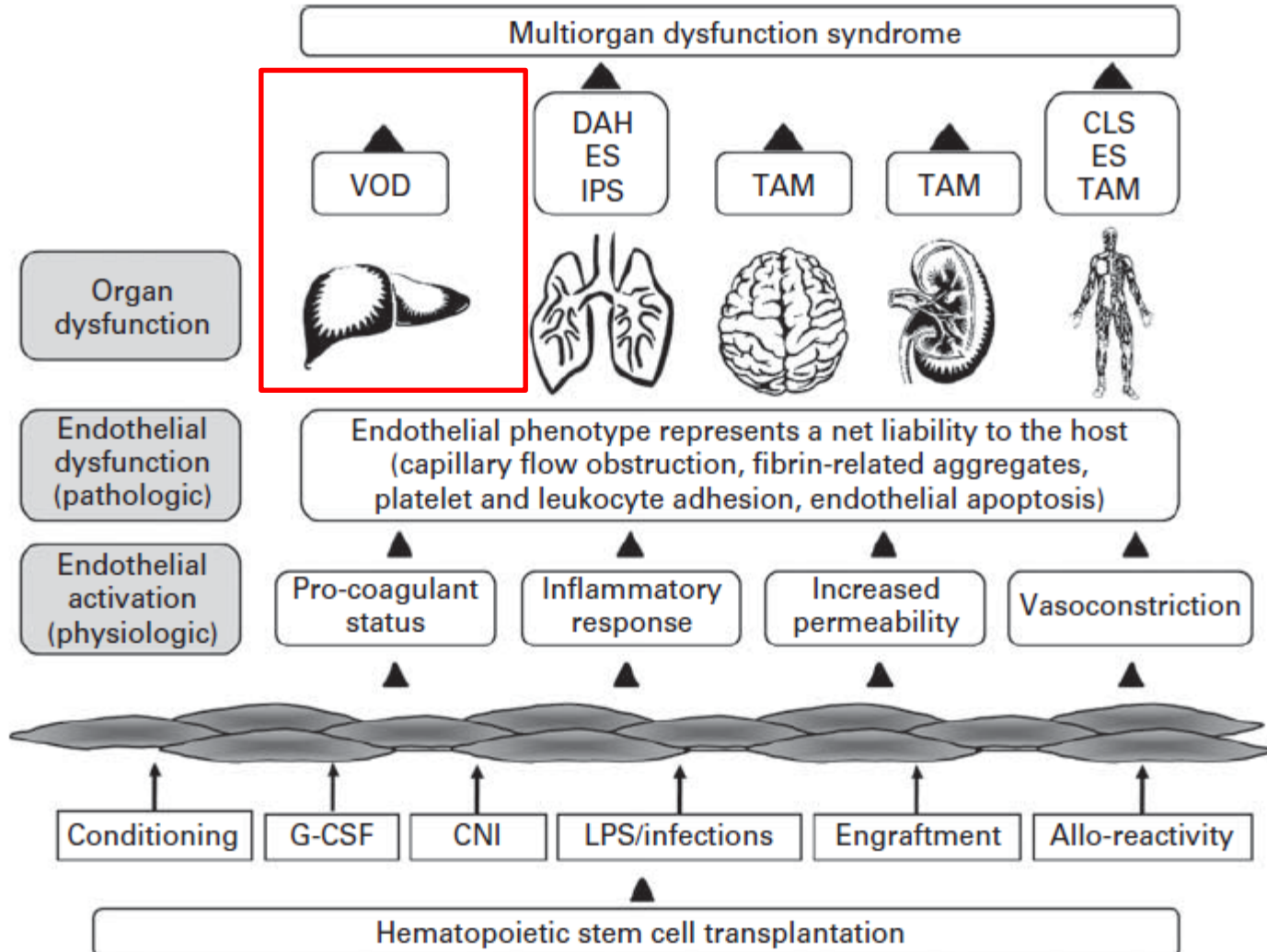
Thrombotic microangiopathy,
Capillary leak syndrome,
Engraftment syndrome



Thrombotic microangiopathy

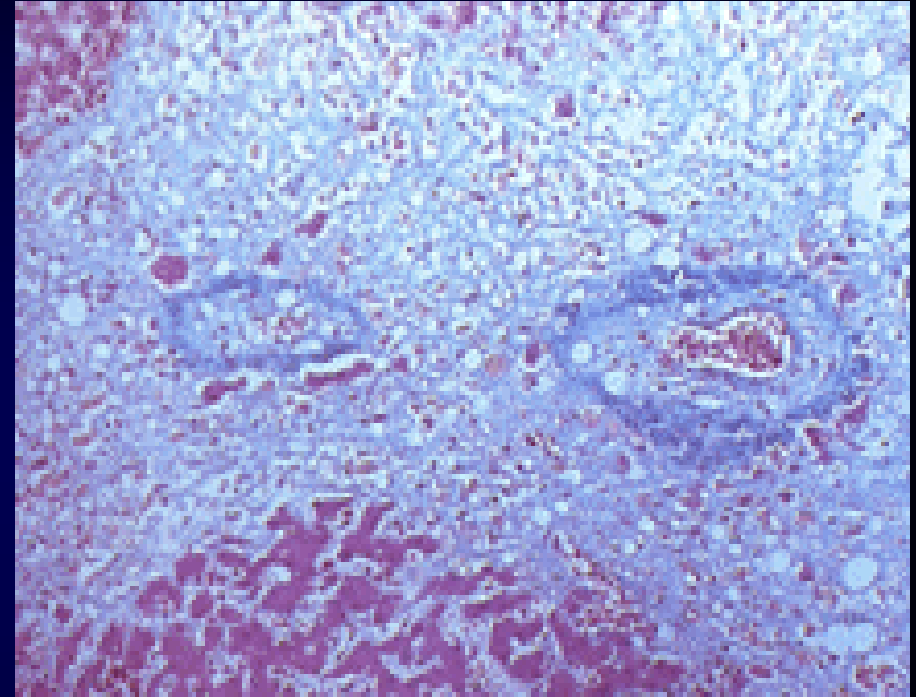
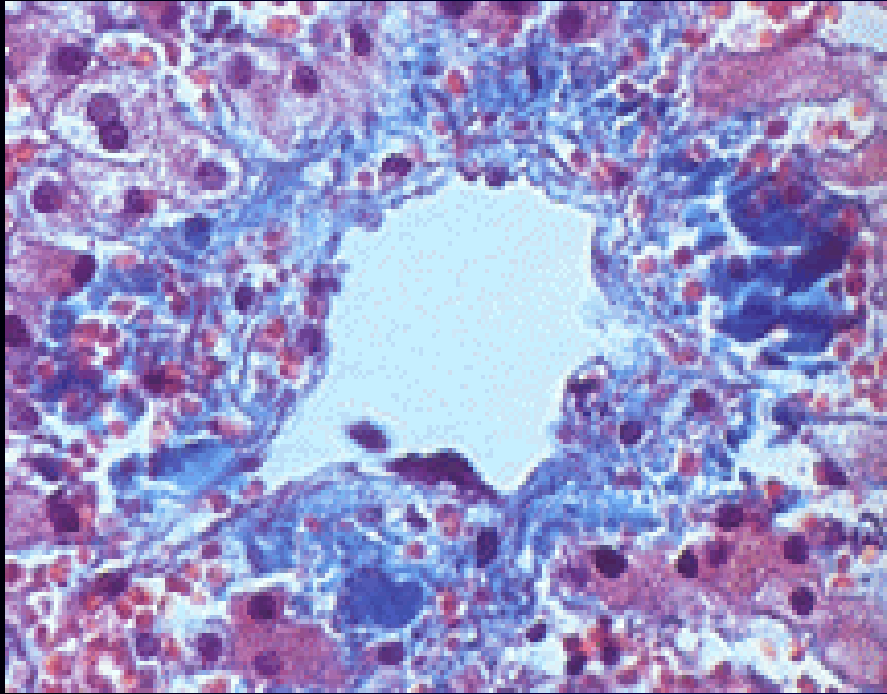
Endothelial complications after HSCT

The clinical spectrum



Veno-occlusive disease (VOD)

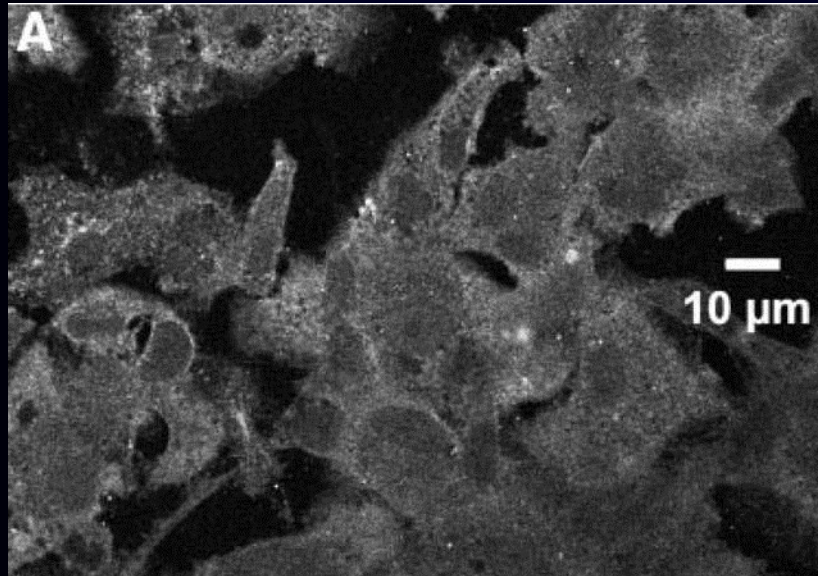
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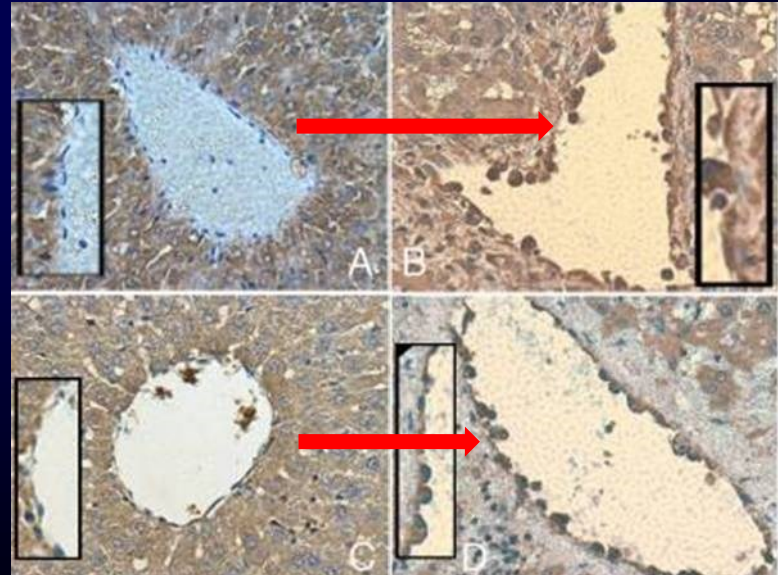
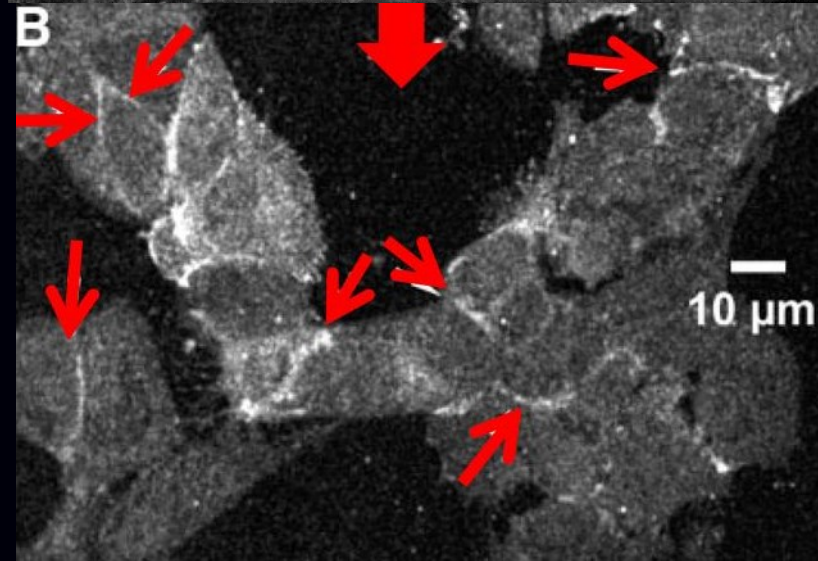
Concentric non-thrombotic narrowing of
the lumen of small intrahepatic veins
→ obstruction of sinusoidal flow

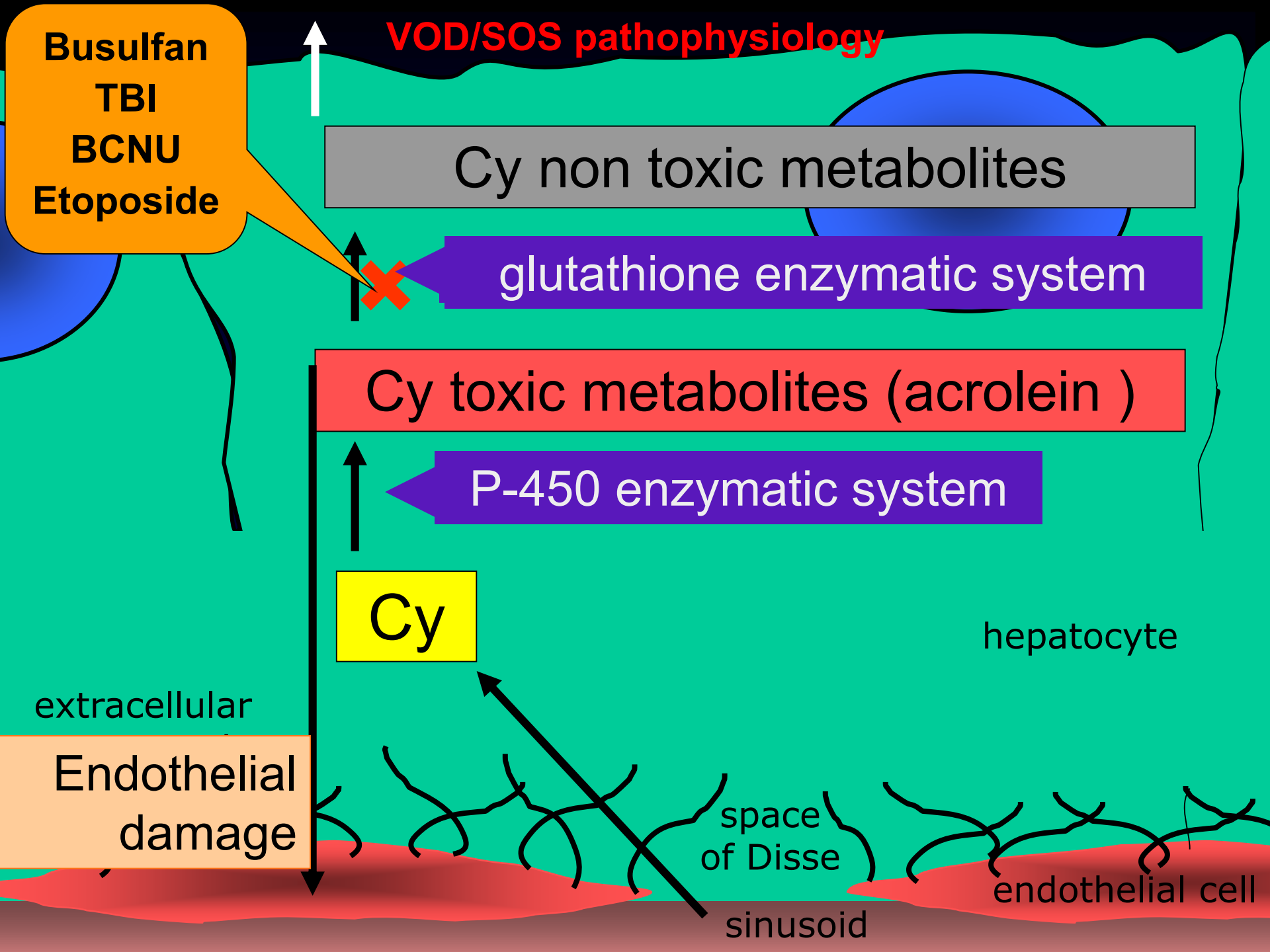
Veno-occlusive disease/sinusoid obstruction syndrome (SOS)

Pathogenic insights from the last decade

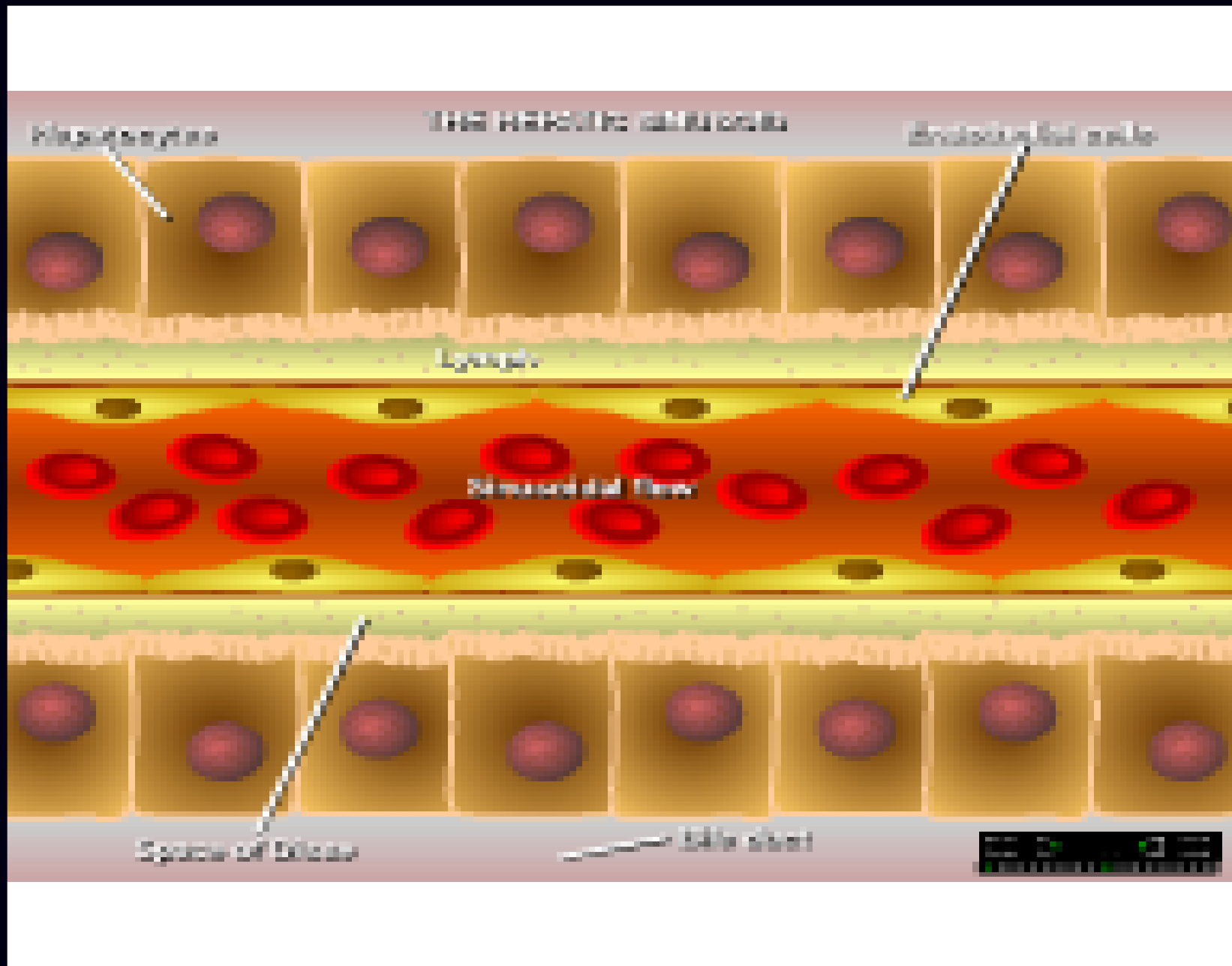


First morphological changes observed in VOD occur in the sinusoidal endothelial cells



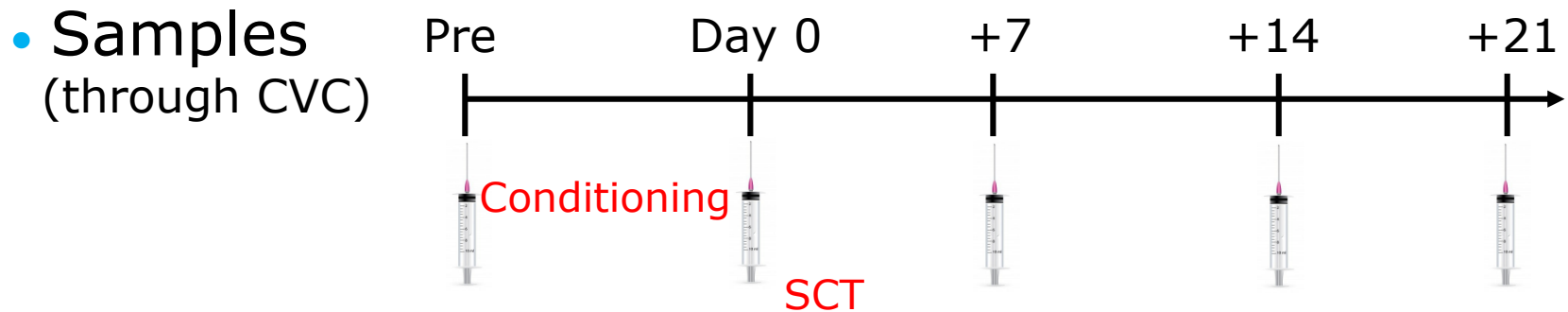


VOD/SOS pathogenesis



Endothelial dysfunction after HSCT

- HSCT performed between 2007–2010
 - **Autologous** HSCT (BEAM / MLF)
 - **Allogeneic** HSCT (Cy-TBI / Flu-MLF) (MAC vs RIC)



- Soluble markers of endothelial damage

- von Willebrand factor (vWF)
- ADAM-13 activity
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- TNF- α receptor I (sTNFR I)

**Double peak after allo-HSCT,
around d0 and d+21**

ex vivo studies

Endothelial changes after HSCT

Phenotype	Auto-HSCT	Allo-HSCT
-Proinflammatory	++	++
-Prothrombotic	±	+++
-Proliferation	++	++
-Proapoptotic	-	++

Veno-occlusive disease (SOS)
Thrombotic microangiopathy

VOD/SOS

Diagnostic criteria

Modified Seattle criteria

- Presentation before Day 20 post-HSCT of two of the following:
 - Bilirubin >2 mg/dL (>34 $\mu\text{mol/L}$)
 - Hepatomegaly or right upper quadrant pain
 - Weight gain ($>2\%$ basal weight)

Baltimore criteria

- Bilirubin level >2 mg/dL (>34 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) before Day 21 post-HSCT and at least two of the following:
 - Painful hepatomegaly
 - Ascites
 - Weight gain ($\geq 5\%$ basal weight)

Incidence and outcome of VOD

- The incidence of VOD reported in the literature varies greatly
- This wide range is due to variations in:¹⁻³
 - Diagnostic criteria
 - Patient- and transplant-related risk factors
 - Sample size
- Two recent studies suggest that the incidence of VOD is 8–14% but can be up to 60% in high-risk patients^{1,2}
- VOD is a progressive disease with ranging in severity from a mild, to a severe disease associated with MOF (including renal failure, encephalopathy and coma) and death
- Severe VOD is associated with a high mortality rate of >80%¹

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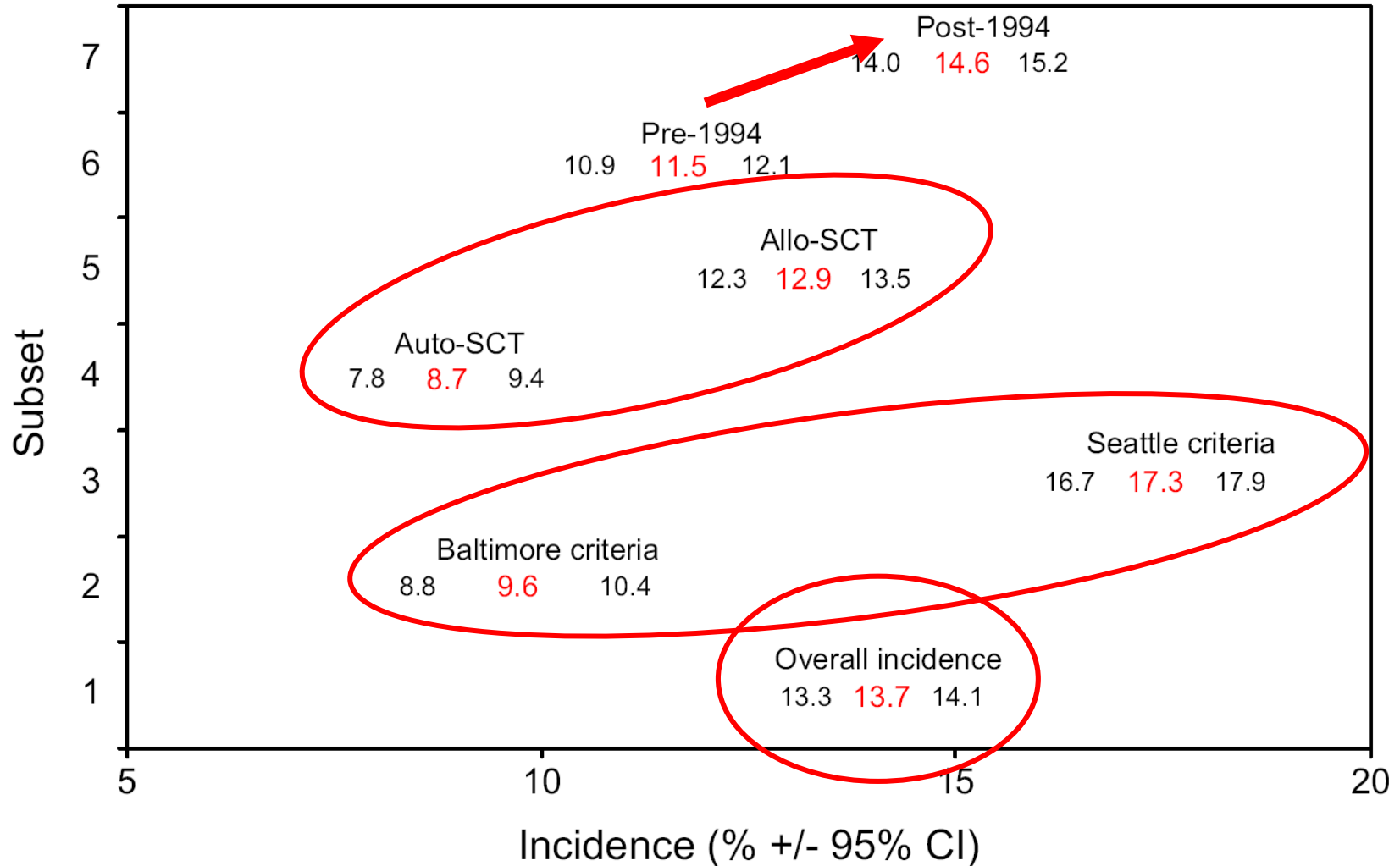
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VOD/SOS

Incidence

Hepatic Veno-Occlusive Disease following Stem Cell Transplantation: Incidence, Clinical Course,



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VOD/SOS

Incidence and outcome; Eric Carreras et al, BBMT 2011

(n=845)	Seattle criteria	Baltimore criteria
VOD cases	117 (Cuml 14% ± 2%)	73 (Cuml 12% ± 2%)
Diagnostic day	+ 9 (0–44)	+ 8 (0–44)
Mild-Moderate VOD	79 (68%)	38 (52%)
Severe	38 (32%)	35 (48%)
Severe VOD with MOF	26 (22%)	26 (36%)

Cuml: cumulative incidence

VOD/SOS

Incidence and outcome; Eric Carreras et al, BBMT 2011

Risk factors for VOD (Baltimore criteria)

Unfavourable	Favourable	Uni variate	Multi variate	Odds Ratio	95% CI
<1997	≥1997	0.014			
CML	Other diagnosis	0.053	0.031	1.96	1–3.6
Unrelated	HLA=sibling	0.001	<0.001	3	1.7–5.4
BM	PBSC	0.025			
Non selected	CD34+ selection	0.017			
Liver disease	Normal liver	0.001	<0.001	3.35	1.7–6.6
↑ ALT	Normal ALT	0.004			
KI <90	KI ≥90	0.02	<0.001	3.18	1.7–5.7

Except for RIC, no relevant changes in risk factors

VOD/SOS

Incidence and outcome; Eric Carreras et al, BBMT 2011

VOD incidence (using Baltimore criteria)

MAC	<1997		≥1997	
	VOD/total	Cuml	VOD/total	Cuml
Whole series	44/385	12%	26/310	8%
P value	0.19			
HLA = sibling	29/335	9%	15/204	7%
P value	0.61			
Unrelated	15/50	33%	11/106	11%
P value	0.002			

Cuml: cumulative incidence

Clearly less VOD among MAC-HSCT from unrelated donor,
no differences among those from an HLA identical sibling

Improvement in management in UNR-HSCT? Better donor selection?

VOD/SOS

Incidence and outcome; Eric Carreras et al, BBMT 2011

VOD incidence (using Baltimore criteria)

≥1997	RIC		MAC	
	VOD/total	Cuml	VOD/total	Cuml
Whole series	3/142	2%	26/310	8%
P value	0.01			
HLA = sibling	0/103	0%	15/204	7%
P value	0.005			
Unrelated	3/39	8%	11/106	11%
P value	0.56			

Cuml: cumulative incidence

Clearly less VOD among RIC-HSCT from HLA identical sibling, no differences among those receiving an unrelated donor HSCT

Allo-reactivity counterbalances the beneficial effect of RIC?

VOD/SOS

Incidence and outcome; Eric Carreras et al, BBMT 2011

Evolution and outcome

(n=845)	Seattle criteria	Baltimore criteria
Severe with MOF	26/117 (22%)	26/73 (36%)
Died due to VOD	20/117	20/73
Mortality rate by VOD	Cuml 17% ± 3%	Cuml 27% ± 5%
– < year 1997	Cuml 22% ± 5%	Cuml 36% ± 7%
– ≥ year 1997	Cuml 9% ± 4%	Cuml 14% ± 6%

P=0.06 (for Seattle criteria comparison) and *P=0.04* (for Baltimore criteria comparison) are indicated by red brackets and arrows.

Cuml: cumulative incidence

Since 2000 all patients fulfilling the Baltimore criteria received **defibrotide**

VOD + MOF (n=26)	Died of VOD	Did not die of VOD
Defibrotide NO (n=18)	14 (78%)	4
Defibrotide YES (n=8)	2 (25%)	6

P=0.007 is indicated between the rows.

Prophylaxis VOD/SOS

Act on risk factors

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SPECIAL REPORT

Sinusoidal obstruction syndrome/veno-occlusive disease: current situation and perspectives—a position statement from the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)

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Transplant-related

Allo-HSCT > auto-HSCT
Unrelated donor
HLA-mismatched donor
Myeloablative conditioning regimen
BU-based conditioning regimen
TBI-based conditioning regimen
Non-T-cell-depleted graft
Second HSCT

Patient- and disease-related

Age > younger (in adult patients)
Receiving norethisterone
Karnofsky score below 90%
Genetic polymorphism (GSTM1, GSTM11, heparanase)
Advanced disease (beyond second CR or relapse)
Metastatic disease
Deficiency and resistance to activated protein C

Hepatic related risk factors

Transaminase > 2.5 ULN
Serum bilirubin > 1.5 ULN
Cirrhosis
Hepatic fibrosis
Active viral hepatitis
Hepatic irradiation
Previous use of gemtuzumab ozogamicin
Use of hepatotoxic drugs
Alcohol overload

Pediatric specific risk factors

Hemolytic uremic syndrome, adrenoleucodystrophy, osteopetrosis
High-dose HSCT in neuroblastoma
Young age (< 2 years of age)
Low weight

- Prefer low-toxicity regimens (i.v. Bu, BuFlu; hyper-fract. TBI)
- Prevent alloreactivity: donor selection, IST

- Avoid hepatotoxic drugs (or modify the dose, i.e. Mylotarg)
- Delay HSCT in case of reversible liver disease

Prophylaxis VOD/SOS

Pharmacological prophylaxis

Drug	Efficacy
Unfractionated heparin and low molecular weight heparin	Meta-analysis ¹ →inconclusive results
Prostaglandine E1	No efficacy, high toxicity ²
N-acetilcisteina	Few evidences
Antitrombine III	No efficacy ³

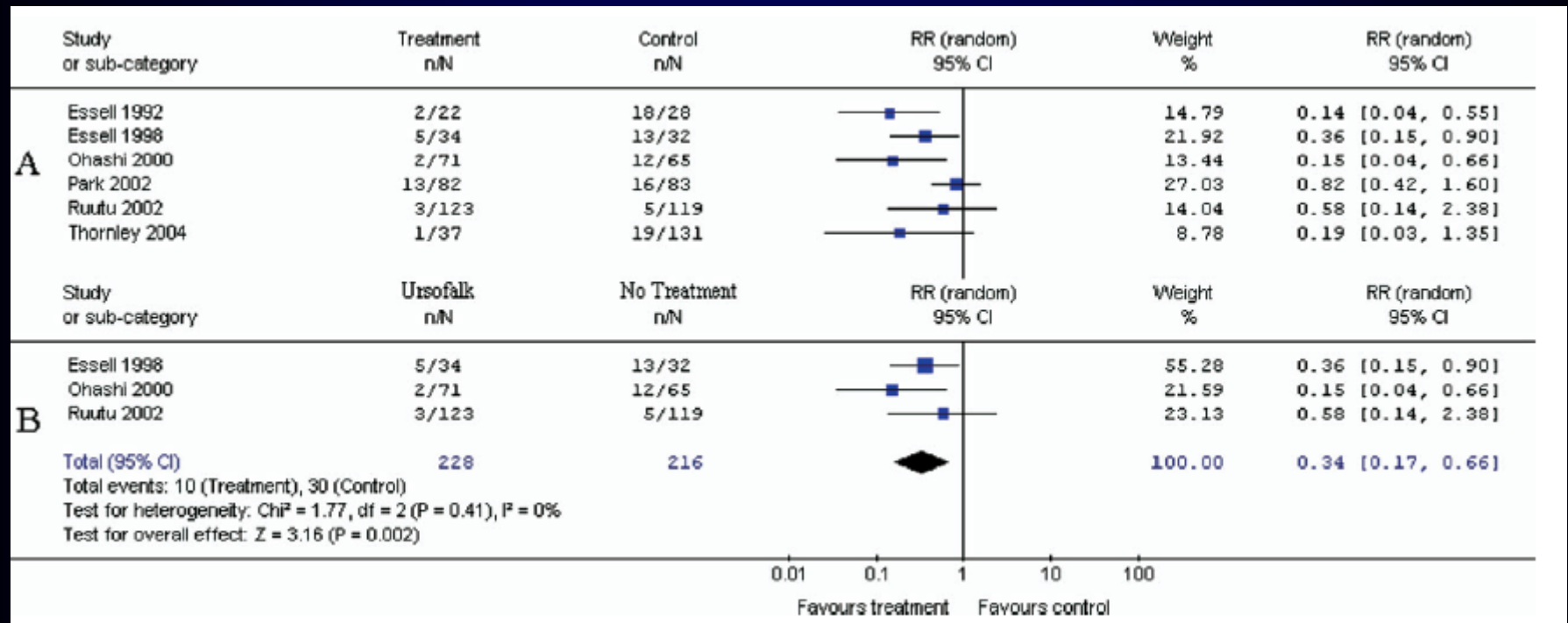
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Systematic Review of Controlled Clinical Trials on the Use of Ursodeoxycholic Acid for the Prevention of Hepatic Veno-occlusive Disease in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

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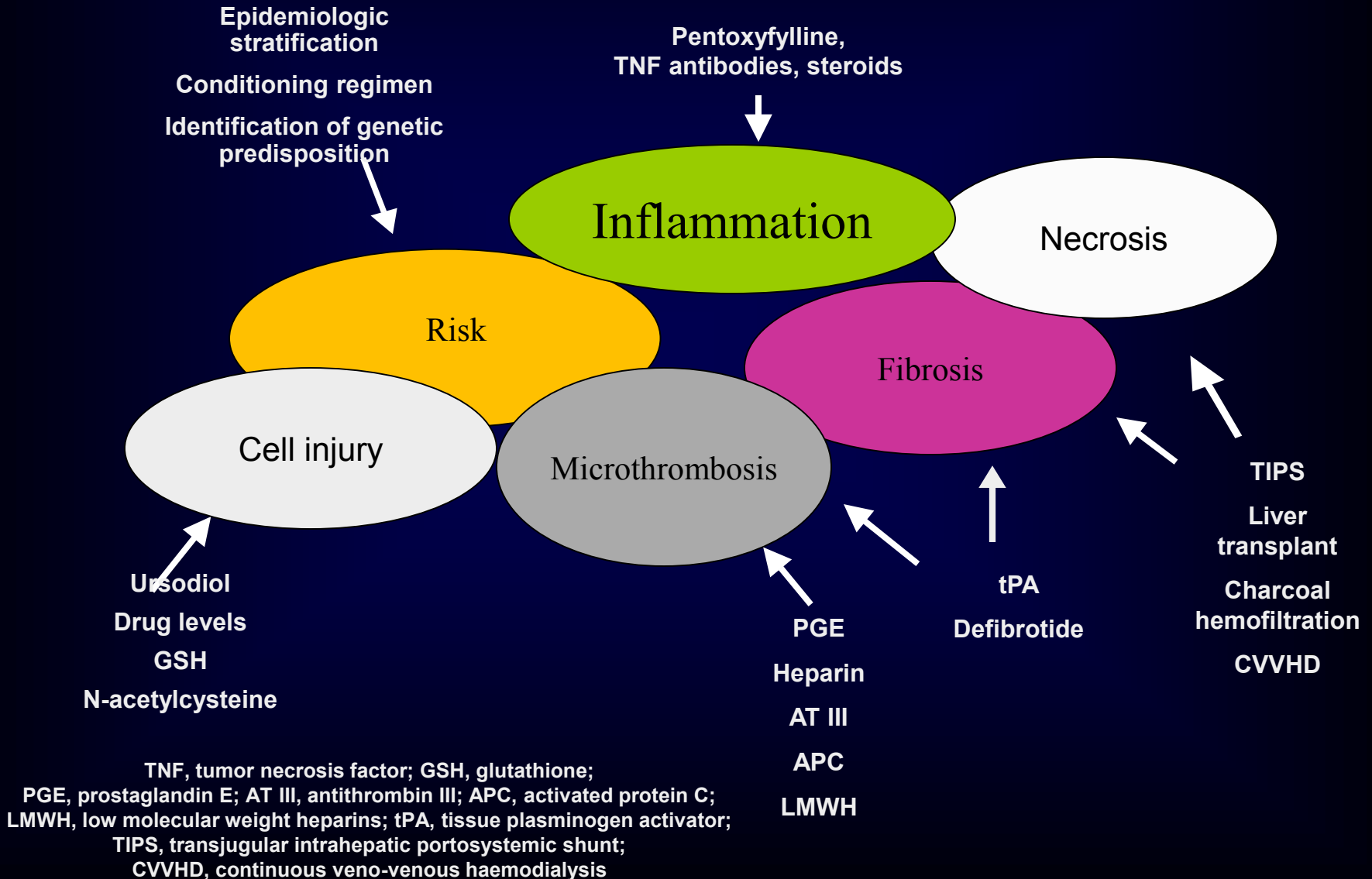
Ursodeoxycholic acid reduce the risk of VOD/SOS (RR 0,34; CI 0,17-0,66) in a systematic review of 6 studies (4 randomized)

Figure 2. Forest plots of (A) hepatic veno-occlusive disease (primary outcome) in all studies and (B) pooled estimate of hepatic veno-occlusive disease from randomized trials. CI indicates confidence interval; RR, relative risk.



Treatment of VOD/SOS

Potential points of intervention



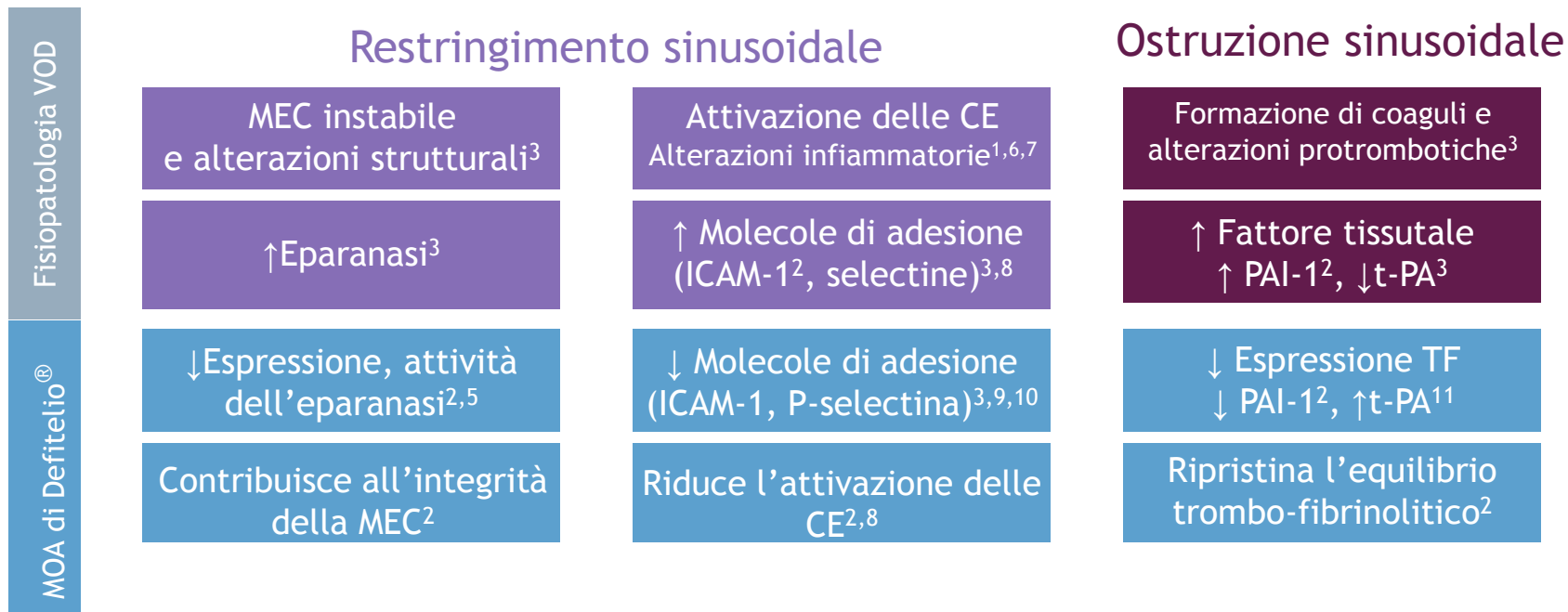
Biological properties of defibrotide

- The major effects of defibrotide are:
 - **Reducing inflammation¹** by decreasing local cytokine release¹
 - **Inhibiting thrombosis** by decreasing levels of tissue thromboplastin and increasing TFPI¹
 - **Inducing fibrinolysis** by increasing levels of tPA and by reducing PAI-1 levels, which have been demonstrated to play a key role in VOD¹⁻⁴
 - **Blocking TF expression**, the most important activator of the coagulation cascade which may help reduce microvascular fibrin deposition^{1,3,4}
 - **Modulating platelet activity** by increasing levels of endogenous prostaglandins (PGI-2 and E-2)¹⁻³

Defibrotide protects and stabilises endothelium without enhancing systemic bleeding¹

Defitelio® ha come bersaglio la cellula endoteliale e svolge azioni multifattoriali per trattare la sVOD¹

- > Defitelio® esercita effetti mediati dalla cellula endoteliale sulle maggiori cascate di eventi nella sVOD²⁻⁴




MEC, matrice extracellulare; CE, cellula endoteliale; ICAM-1, molecola di adesione intercellulare 1; P-selectina, selectina piastrinica; PAI-1, inibitore dell'attivatore del plasminogeno-1; t-Pa, attivatore tissutale del plasminogeno; TF, fattore tissutale; MOA, meccanismo d'azione (mode of action)

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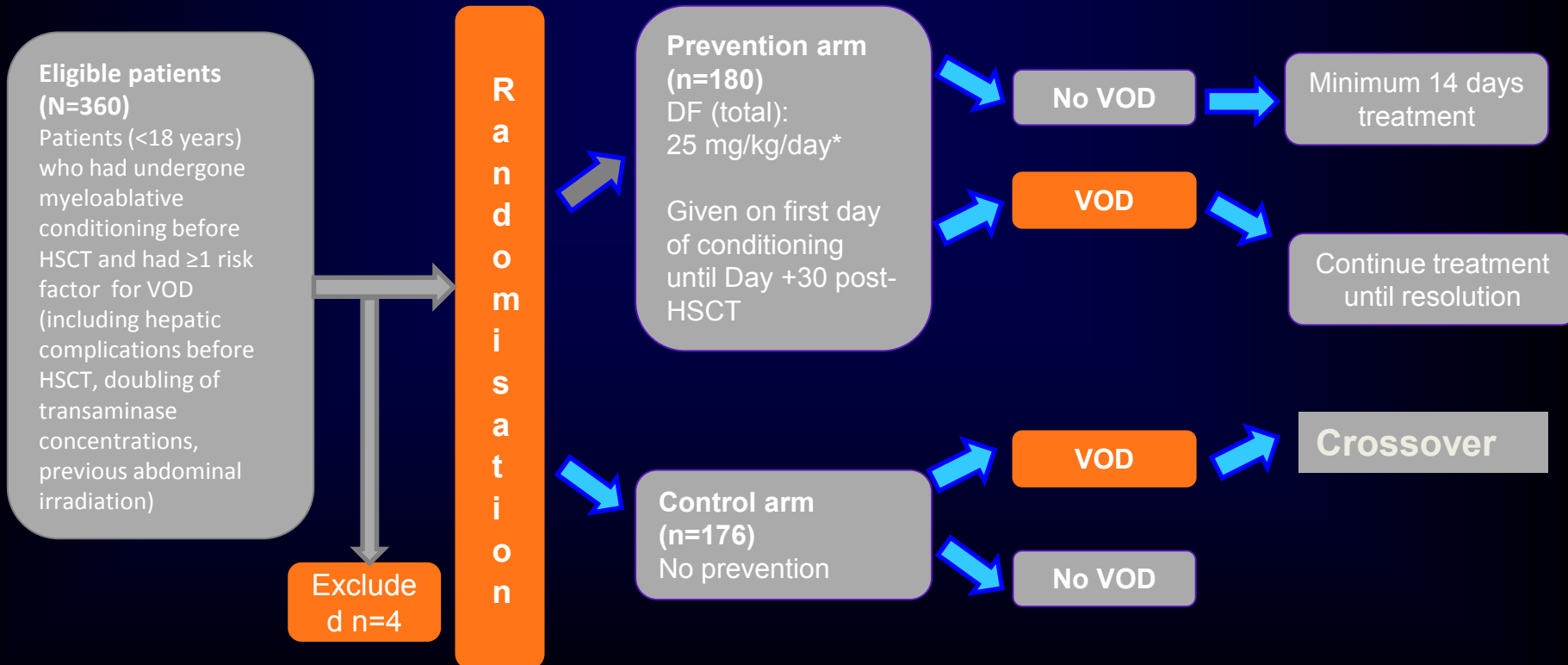
Prophylaxis VOD/SOS

Defibrotide

Defibrotide for prophylaxis of hepatic veno-occlusive disease 
in paediatric haemopoietic stem-cell transplantation:
an open-label, phase 3, randomised controlled trial

Lancet 2012; 379: 1301-09

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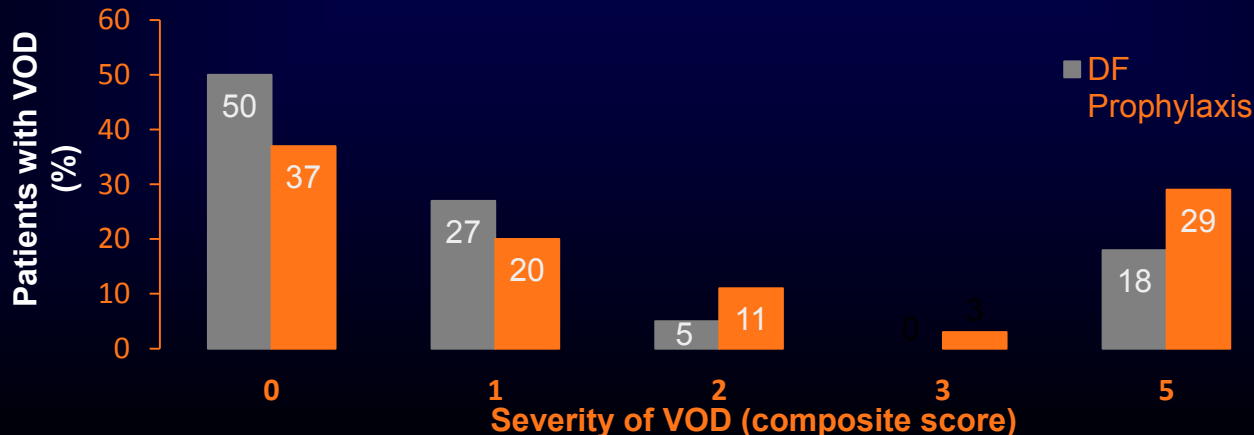
Defibrotide

Primary end-point, Incidence of VOD

Intent-To-Treat Analysis: all randomised patients

	Defibrotide Prophylaxis	Control	P value
Competing Risk:	12% (22/180)	20% (35/176)	0.0488^(b)
CICR (95% CI) ^(a)	0.13 (0.08,0.19)	0.20 (0.15,0.27)	

- Severity of VOD, as assessed by composite severity score based on MOF and death up to 100 days post-HSCT, was lower than controls (Wilcoxon test p=0.0340, based on ITT population at Day + 100)



Defibrotide

Lower incidence of VOD-associated renal dysfunction and aGVHD

Event	Defibrotide (n=180) n (%)	Control (n=176) n (%)
Respiratory failure	11 (6)	15 (9)
Renal failure	2 (1)	10 (6)*
Encephalopathy	1 (1)	3 (2)
Mortality	4 (2)	10 (6)
No organ failure or mortality	169 (94)	159 (90)

Allogeneic SCT	DF Prophylaxis (n=122)	Control (n=117)	p-value
Acute GvHD by Day+100	47% (57)	65% (76)	0.005*
- GvHD Grade 1	25% (30)	28% (33)	0.003**
- GvHD Grade 2	15% (18)	26% (30)	
- GvHD Grade 3	4% (5)	8% (9)	
- GvHD Grade 4	3% (4)	3% (4)	

Treatment of VOD/SOS

Who, when and how?

The first step in the treatment of SOS/VOD is symptomatic

- Maintenance of adequate fluid and electrolyte balance
- Avoid hepatotoxic and nephrotoxic drugs
- Careful use of diuretics (furosemide or spironolactone)
- In the event of progression of symptoms support strategies: analgesia, paracentesis, thoracentesis, oxygen therapy
- Possible hemodialysis / hemofiltration

Treatment of VOD/SOS

Tissue plasminogen activator

Author	No of patients	Dose (mg/d)	Duration (d)	Heparin (yes/no)	No of responses	Life-threatening hemorrhage
Baglin et al. (1990)	1	50	4	No	1	0
Bearman et al. (1997)	42	5.4–120	2–4	Yes	12	10
LaPorte et al. (1992)	1	50	4	No	1	0
Rosti et al. (1992)	1	50	4	No	1	0
Ringden et al. (1992)	1	50	4	No	0	1
Leahey et al. (1996)	9	5–10	2–4	Yes	5	0
Feldman et al. (1995)	3	15	4	No	3	0
Goldberg et al. (1996)	1	20	4	Yes	1	0
Higashigawa et al. (1995)	1	2–3	4	Yes ¹	1	0
Hagglund et al. (1995)	10	3–50	3–8	Yes²	4	4
Lee et al. (1996)	3	10–20	7–14	Yes	3	0
Yu et al. (1994)	3	0.25–0.5 ³	4	No	2	0
Schriber et al. (1999)	37	30–40	1–21	Yes	10⁴ (9)⁴	13
Kulkarni et al. (1999)	17	10	1–12	Yes	6	0

¹patient also received PGE; ²three patients received heparin, seven patients did not; ³dose reported as mg/kg; ⁴in patients who met established criteria for VOD

Treatment of VOD/SOS

Defibrotide

Table 2. Main studies on defibrotide in SOS/VOD

Reference; Phase; Number of patients	Condition	Design	Key points	Others results
Richardson <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷ Retrospective CUP N = 19	Adult and pediatric Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT	Compassionate use; DF: 5–60 mg/kg per day (intra-pt dose escalation, until response/toxicity)	CR: 42% Minimal toxicity at doses tested	Day +100 survival: 32%
Richardson <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁸ Phase I/II N = 88	Adult and pediatric Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT	Emergency use; DF: 5–60 mg/kg per day (intra-pt dose escalation, until response/toxicity)	CR: 36% Active dose range 25–40 mg/kg per day	Day +100 survival: 35% No serious AEs attributed to DF
Richardson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁷ Phase II N = 149	Adult and pediatric Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT	Randomized, dose-finding; Arm A: DF 25 mg/kg per day Arm B: DF 40 mg/kg per day For 14 days or more.	Day +100 CR: 46% Effective dose 25 mg/kg per day	Day +100 survival: 42% Overall SAE incidence: 8% (greater at 40 vs 25 mg/kg per day)
Richardson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁸ Phase III N = 102	Adult and pediatric Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT	Non-randomized, comparison with historical control; DF: 6.25 mg/kg i.v. q6h (25 mg/kg per day) for 21 days or more.	Day +100 CR DF 24% HC 9% (P = 0.0131)	Day +100 mortality: DF 62%; HC 75% (P = 0.0341) Hemorrhagic AEs: DF 65%; HC 69%
Richardson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁹ Prospective T-IND N = 470	Adult and pediatric SOS/VOD non-HSCT (N = 45) SOS/VOD post HSCT (N = 141) Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT (N = 284)	Investigational new drug protocol; DF: 6.25 mg/kg i.v. q6h (25 mg/kg per day) for 21 days or more.	Day +100 CR Non-HSCT 40% SOS/VOD post HSCT 47% Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT 29%	Day +100 survival: Non-HSCT 62% SOS/VOD post HSCT 69% Severe SOS/VOD post HSCT 48% Overall hemorrhagic AEs: 18%

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Defibrotide for the treatment of VOD/SOS

Clinical trials

	Protocol 2005-01 ¹	Protocol 2006-05 ²	Protocol 99-118 ³
Study design	Pivotal, historically controlled (severe VOD)	Treatment IND	Randomized, open-label dose-finding study
Treatment schedule	TG: DF 25 mg/kg/day HC: treated as per institutional standard	DF 25 mg/kg/day	Arm A: DF 25 mg/kg/day Arm B: DF 40 mg/kg/day
Number of patients	TG: 102 HC: 32	104 (405)	Total: 149 Arm A: 75 Arm B: 74
Sites	35 centres in USA, Canada, Israel	36 (72) centres in USA	6 centres in USA
Status	Complete	Interim analysis	Complete

TG, treatment group; HC, historical control;
DF, defibrotide

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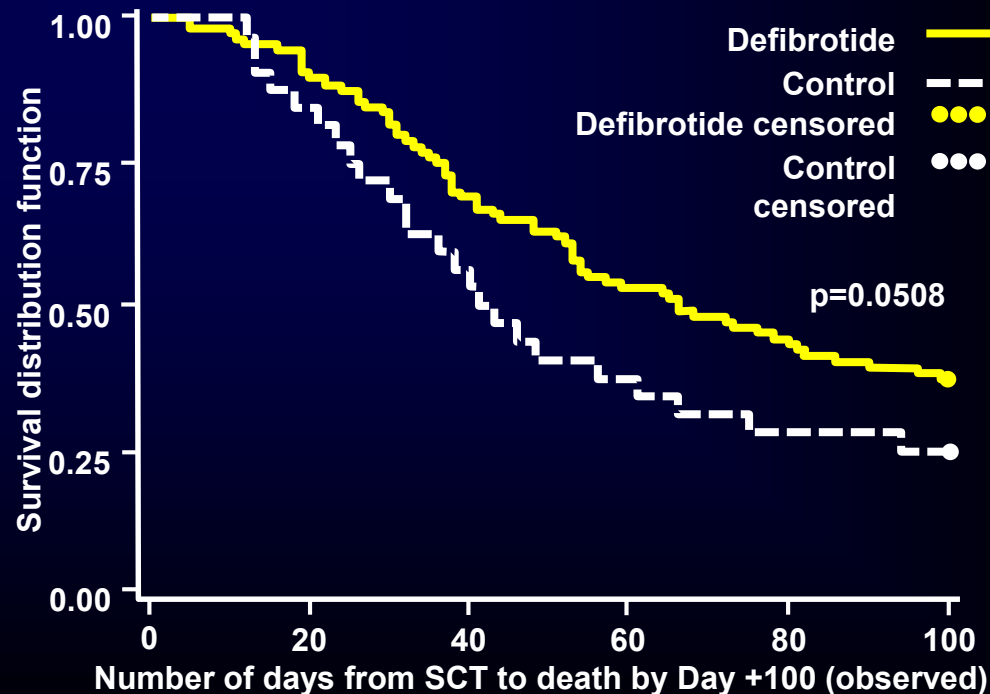
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	DF arm (102 pts)	Historical control group (32 pts)	p
CR	24%	9%	0.013
+100 OS	38%	25%	0.034
Hemorrhagic adverse events	65%	69%	Ns

Given the life-threatening nature of SOS/VOD a trial randomizing patients to placebo or supportive care was rejected



**Defibrotide for the Treatment of Severe Hepatic
Veno-Occlusive Disease and Multiorgan Failure
after Stem Cell Transplantation: A Multicenter,
Randomized, Dose-Finding Trial**

Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 16: 1005-1017 (2010)

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- ✓ 25 mg/kg per day (n = 75) vs 40 mg/kg per day, (n = 74).
- ✓ CR rate (49 vs 43%; P = 0.613)
- ✓ day +100 OS (44 vs 39%; P = 0.619).

The effect of dose

Dose (mg/kg/day)	Complete Response (D +100)	Confidence Interval (LL, UL)
10	9.7% (3/31)	0.0%, 20.1%
25	28.8% (23/80)	18.8%, 38.7%
40	24.5% (12/49)	12.4%, 36.5%
60	36.4% (8/22)	16.3%, 56.5%

*Pooled data
from all studies*

3 Richardson PG, et al.

Results of the large prospective study on the use of defibrotide (DF) in the treatment of hepatic veno-occlusive disease (VOD) in hematopoietic stem cell transplant(HSCT). Early intervention improves outcome - updated results of a treatment IND (T-IND) expanded access protocol.

ASH Annual Meeting Abstracts 2013; 122: 700–700.

	CR Day +100	Survival Day +100
<i>These studies led to the approval in 2014 of DF for treatment of severe SOS/VOD after HSCT in European countries by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).</i>		
DF Pediatric (n=52)	55% (10/52)	55% (20/52)
DF Adult (n=52)	25% (13/52)	25% (13/52)
Ventilator-/ dialysis-dependent (n=36)	22% (8/36)	25% (9/36)

	Severe VOD 248 pts	Non severe VOD 141 pts	adult	children
CR	47 %	47%	27%*	41%*
+100 OS	48%	69%	49%*	60%*
* p< 0.05				

*Pooled data
from all studies*

Treatment of VOD/SOS

Defibrotide

The effect of timely treatment

Delay in the initiation of Defibrotide treatment > 2 days from VOD/sVOD diagnosis results in higher mortality at Day 100 post-SCT

Richardson, ASH 2009

Time from VOD diagnosis to DF Administration
(N=103)*

Mandatory: timely initiation of treatment when diagnostic criteria are met

Delay in the initiation of Defibrotide treatment > 3 days from VOD diagnosis results in higher mortality at Day 100 post-SCT

Niederwieser, EBMT 2011

Time from VOD diagnosis to DF Administration
(N=572)

*Pooled data
from all studies*

≤ 3 Days

> 3 Days

P-value

Survival at Day+100

242/401 (60%)

84/171 (49%)

0.048

p values calculated based on the Chi square test.

* Data for 1 pt was missing at the time of analysis

Defibrotide for the treatment of VOD/SOS

Adverse events

	All patients treated 25 mg/kg/day n=419	Patients at 25 mg/kg/day eligible for 2005-01 n=231	Patients treated at 40 mg/kg/day n=75	HC n=32
All adverse events	363 (87%)	196 (85%)	74 (99%)	32 (100%)
All hemorrhagic events	169 (40%)	109 (47%)	43 (57%)	23 (72%)

- Safety database of 1986 patients with VOD treated with DF showed that the frequency of treatment-related SAEs was low
- Most frequent include gastrointestinal hemorrhage (2.57%), pulmonary hemorrhage (2.32%), hypotension (1.56%), coagulopathy (1.36%) and epistaxis (1.01%)
- Other events were reported with less than 1% frequency

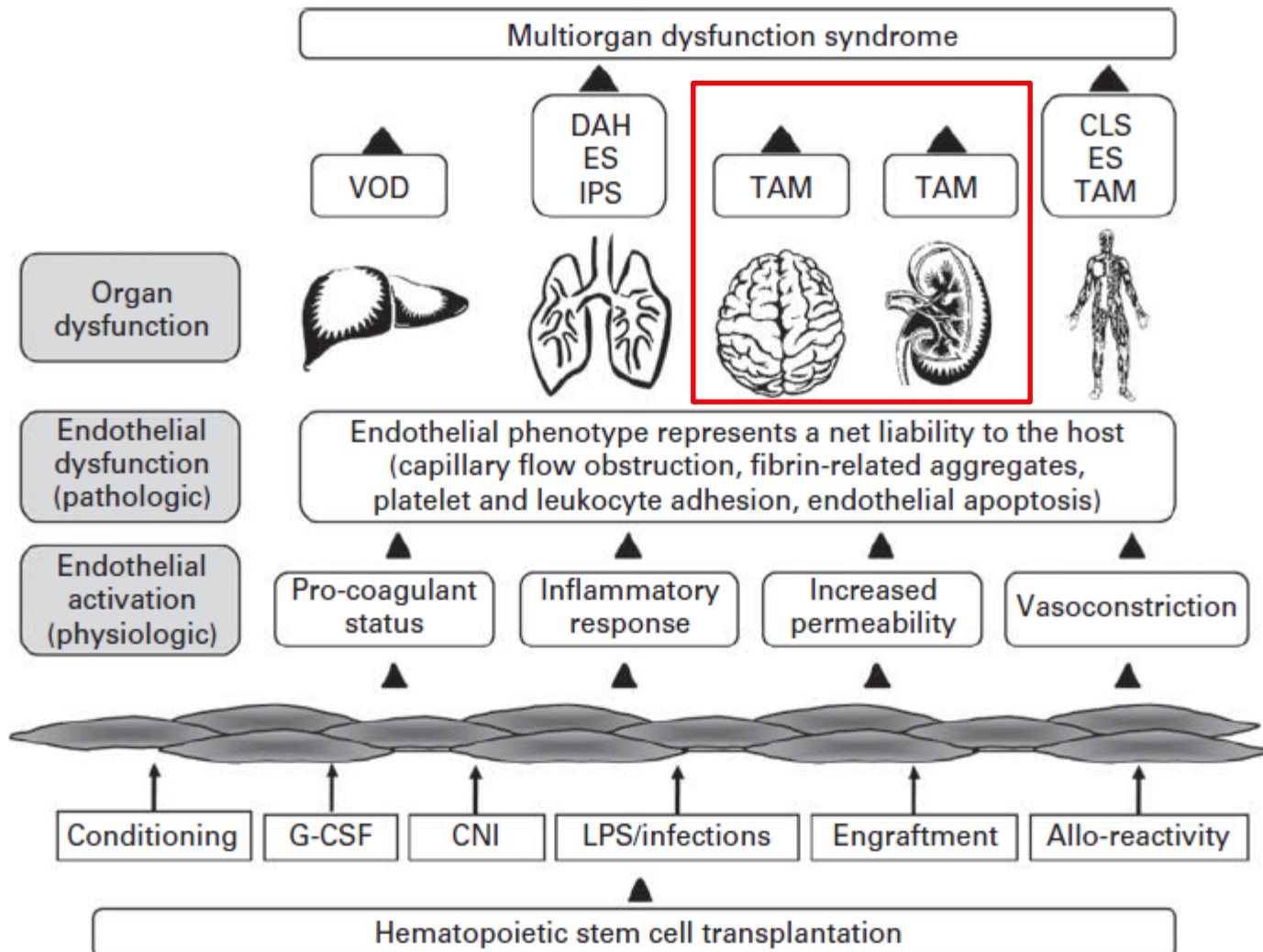
Defibrotide for the treatment of VOD/SOS

Summary

- ✓ **Defibrotide is the first and only therapy approved in the European Union for the treatment of severe VOD in HSCT**
- ✓ **Defibrotide is recommended for the treatment of severe VOD by the EBMT and the latest BCSH/BSBMT guidelines**
- ✓ **Defibrotide is indicated in adults, adolescents and children and infants >1 month of age**
- ✓ **The recommended dose for administration is 6.25 mg/kg body weight every 6 hours (25 mg/kg/day), and it should be administered for a minimum of 21 days**
- ✓ **Standardized (early) diagnostic criteria, severity stratification and response criteria are essential to compare data**
- ✓ **Confirmatory randomized trials would be useful, but likely hard to be performed**

Endothelial complications after HSCT

The clinical spectrum



Complement-mediated hemolytic anemias

A tentative classification

Primary: impairment of physiologic complement regulation

- ✓ Systemic impairment: atypical hemolytic-uremic syndrome (aHUS)
- ✓ Local (blood cell surface) impairment: paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria

Secondary: hyperactivation of the complement cascade

- ✓ Antibody-mediated hemolytic anemias
 - Cold agglutinine disease
 - Cold paroxysmal hemoglobinuria (Donath-Landsteiner Ab)
 - Other AIHA
- ✓ Thrombotic microangiopathies
 - Typical (sporadic) hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS)
 - Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)
 - **Transplant-associated microangiopathies (TAM)**



Diagnostic criteria for hematopoietic stem cell transplant-associated microangiopathy: results of a consensus process by an International Working Group

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Table 1. Ranking of candidate criteria.

N.	Diagnostic criterion	Sum of ranks
1	RBC fragmentation	323
2	De novo, prolonged or progressive thrombocytopenia	301
3	Sudden and persistent increase in LDH	283
4	Hb decrease or increased RBC transfusion requirement	252
5	Sudden and persistent increase in BUN or creatinine	240
6	Direct antiglobulin test negative	235
7	Refractoriness to platelet transfusions	222
8	Neurologic abnormality	218
9	Decreased haptoglobin	199
10	Reticulocyte increase	178
11	Exclusion of disseminated intravascular coagulation	161
12	Exclusion of high levels of cyclosporine A	153
13	Increased free hemoglobin	146
14	Exclusion of veno-occlusive disease	142
15	Exclusion of aspergillosis	141
16	Exclusion of graft-versus-host disease	139
17	ADAMTS13 decreased or absent	137
18	Renal pathology demonstrating thrombotic microangiopathy	136
19	Decrease of the large fraction of vWF-multimeric pattern	132
20	Exclusion of disease relapse	122
21	Exclusion of active cytomegalovirus disease	111
22	Exclusion of adenovirus	108
23	Exclusion of collagen vascular disease	102
24	Exclusion of malignant hypertension	100
25	Exclusion of human herpes virus 6	90
26	Refractoriness to plasma exchange/FFP replacement	87
27	Exclusion of parvovirus B19	81

Table 3. The definition of transplant-associated microangiopathy (TAM) by the International Working Group.

All of the following present

- Increased percentage (>4%) of schistocytes in peripheral blood
- De novo, prolonged or progressive thrombocytopenia (platelet count less than 50x10⁹/L or a 50% or greater decrease from previous counts)
- Sudden and persistent increase in LDH
- Decrease in hemoglobin concentration or increased red blood cell transfusion requirement
- Decrease in serum haptoglobin concentration

Transplant-associated microangiopathies (TAM)

Diagnostic criteria and clinical presentation

Table 1. Current diagnostic guidelines for TA-TMA

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

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Triggers

- Conditioning regimen: TBI, busulfan, etc
- Infections: Aspergillus, HSV, CMV, etc
- Immunosuppression: CNI, mTOR inhibit.
- GvHD
- Complement dysfunction/dysregulation?

Promoting factors



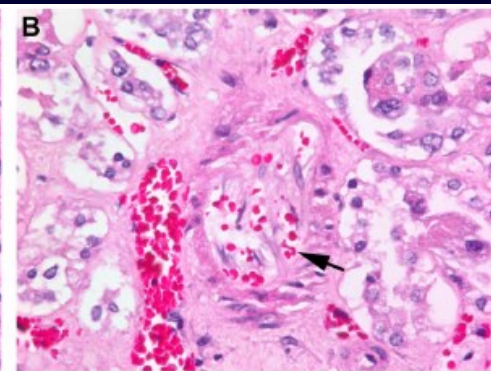
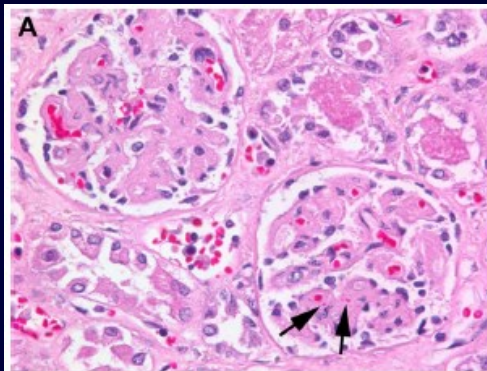
Multifactorial systemic endothelitis

Small vessels, big trouble in the kidneys and beyond: hematopoietic stem cell transplantation-associated thrombotic microangiopathy

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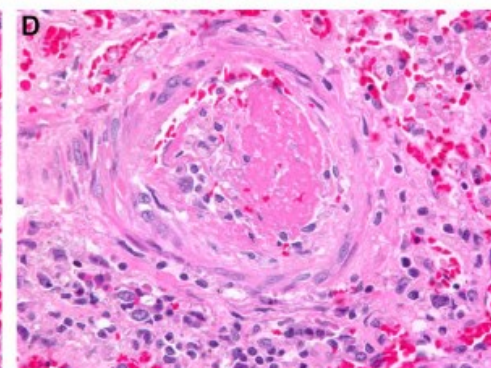
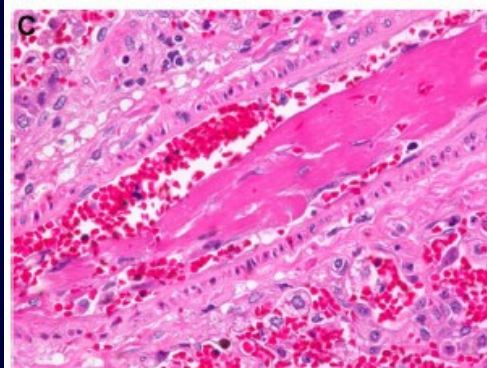
Systemic endothelial damage and red cell extravasation

Renal cortex and glomeruli



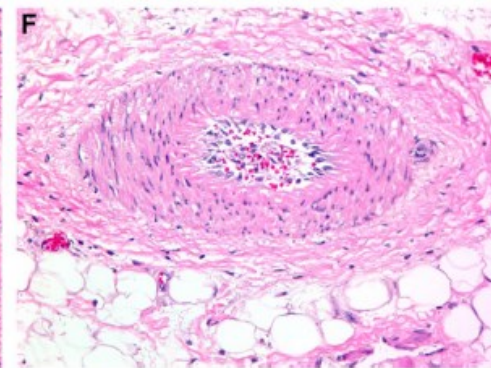
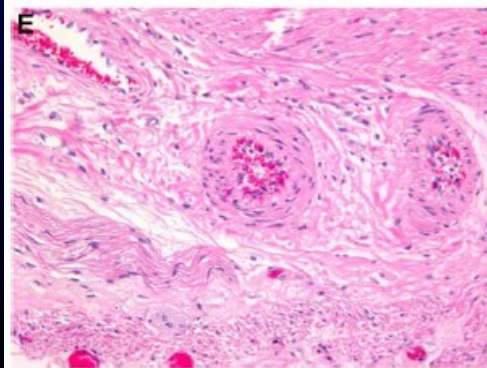
Renal glomerule and arteriole

Lung arteriole



Pulmonary arteriole

Mesenteric arteriole



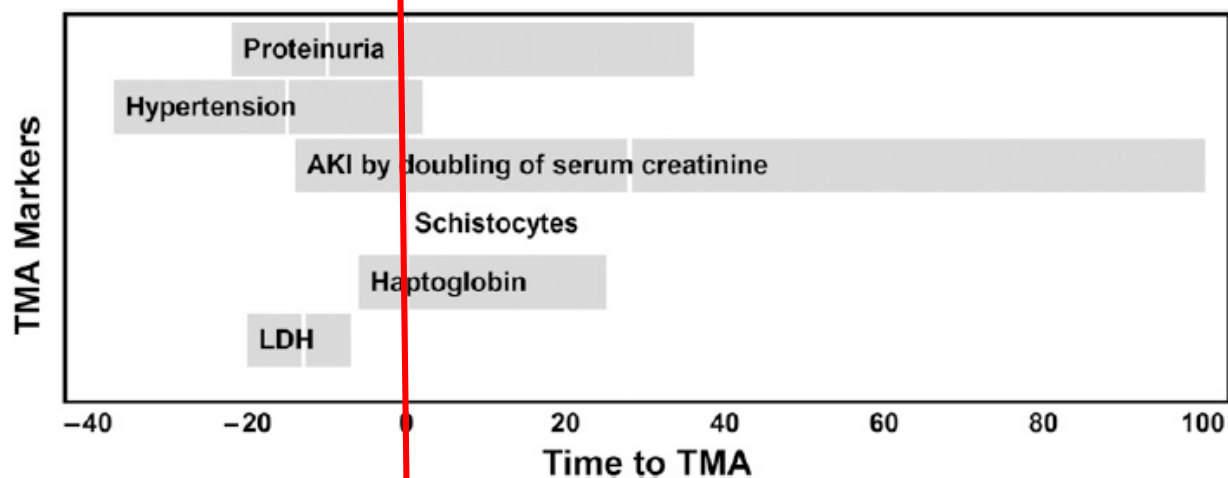
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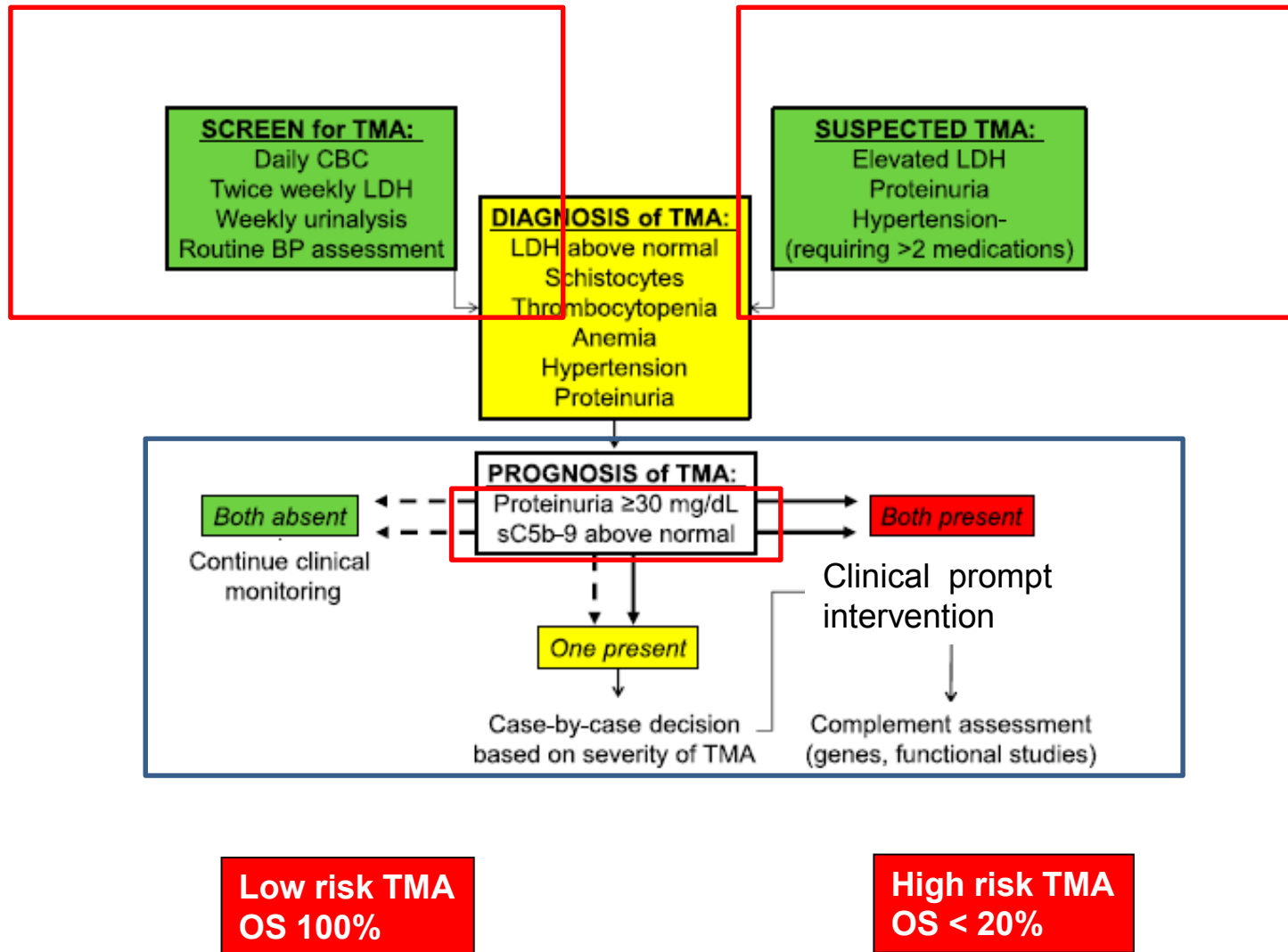


Diagnostic and risk criteria for HSCT-associated thrombotic microangiopathy: a study in children and young adults

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Proteinuria ≥ 30 mg/dL	26 (66.7%)	16 (31.4%)	<.01
Proteinuria lasting >2 wk	25 (64.1%)	15 (29.4%)	<.01
Urine protein/creatinine ratio	2.8 [1.0-3.9]	0.8 [0.4-2.0]	.02
Subjects with elevated sC5b-9	26/39 (67%)	4/20 (20%)	<.01





THROMBOSIS AND HEMOSTASIS

Abnormalities in the alternative pathway of complement in children with hematopoietic stem cell transplant-associated thrombotic microangiopathy

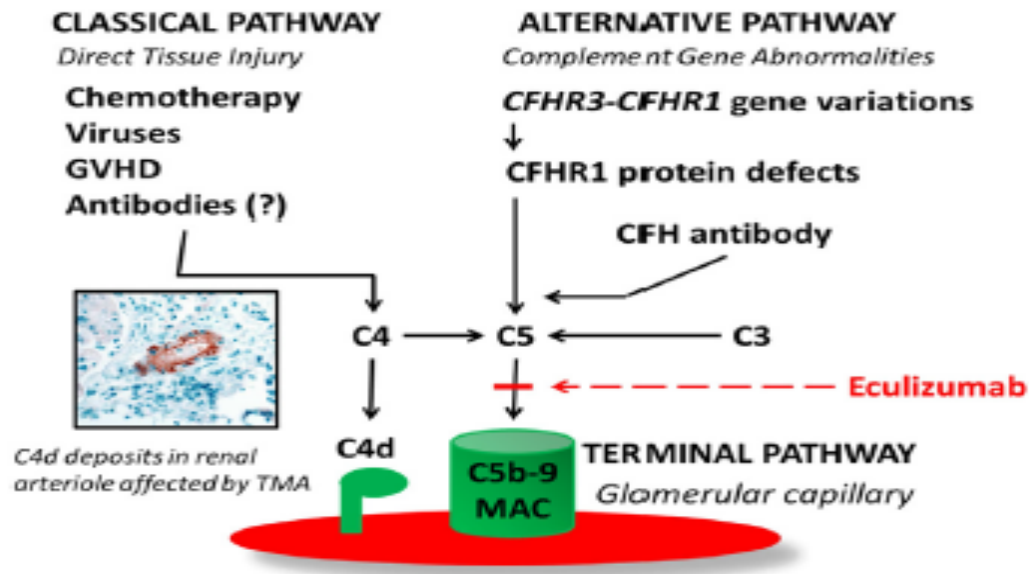
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Table 2. Complement system analysis in patients with HSCT-TMA

Patient	Transplant type	<i>CFI,CFH,MCP,CFB,CFR5</i> (direct sequence analysis)	Recipient <i>CFH-CFHR5</i> (MLPA)	Donor <i>CFH-CFHR5</i> (MLPA)	CFH antibody (ELISA)	CFHR1 protein analysis (western blot)
1	autologous	normal alleles	*del(<i>CFHR3-CFHR1</i>)	n/a	absent	present
2	autologous	normal alleles	*del(<i>CFHR3-CFHR1</i>)	n/a	absent	present
3	autologous	normal alleles	*del(<i>CFHR1-CFHR4</i>)	n/a	absent	present
4	allogeneic	normal alleles	*del(<i>CFHR3-CFHR1</i>)	normal allele	present	present
5	allogeneic	normal alleles	*del(<i>CFHR3-CFHR1</i>)	*del(<i>CFHR3-CFHR1</i>)	present	present
6	allogeneic	normal alleles	normal allele	normal allele	present	present

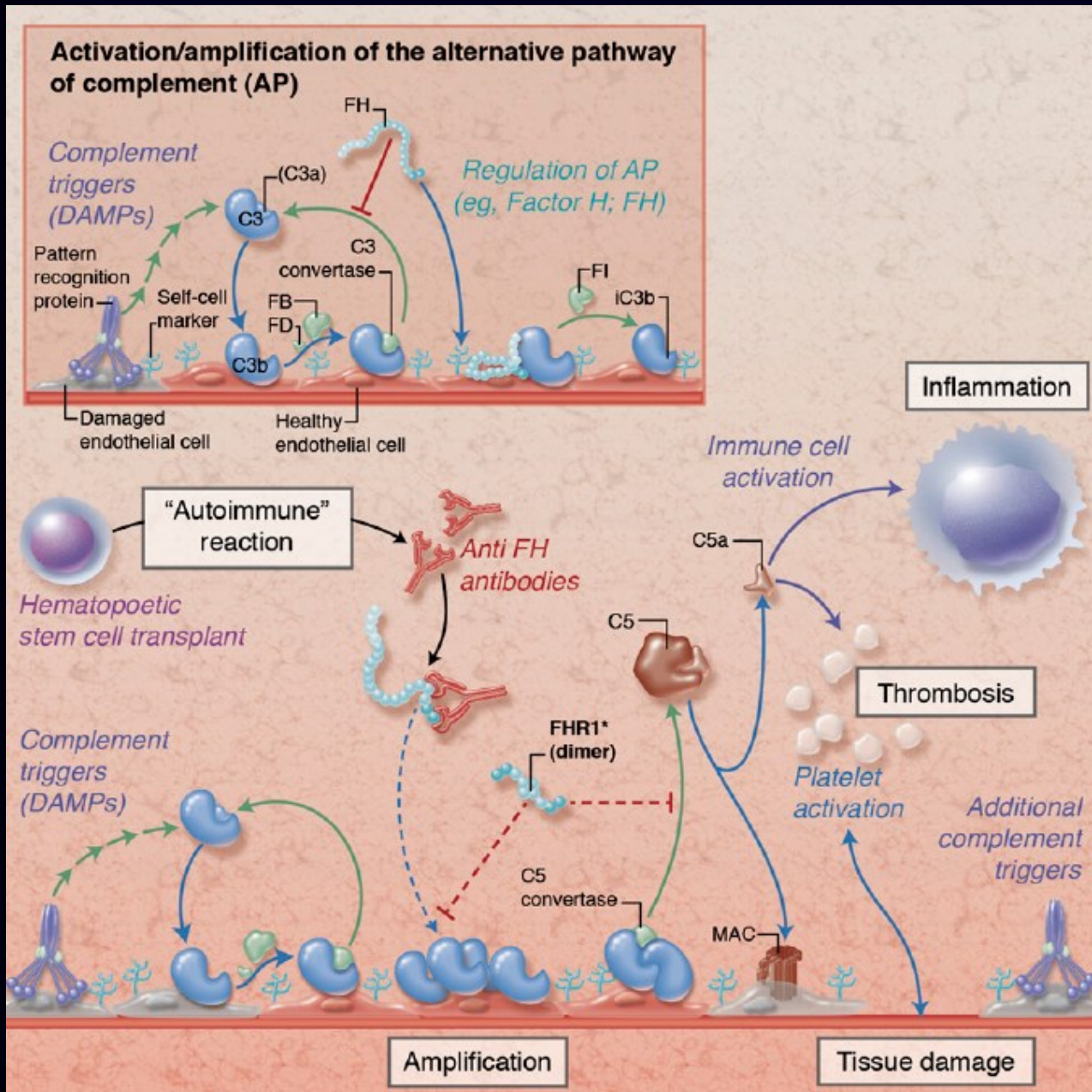
CFR, complement factor H-related gene 5.

*del refers to heterozygous deletions.



Transplant-associated microangiopathies (TAM or TA-TMA)

Complement-mediated pathophysiology

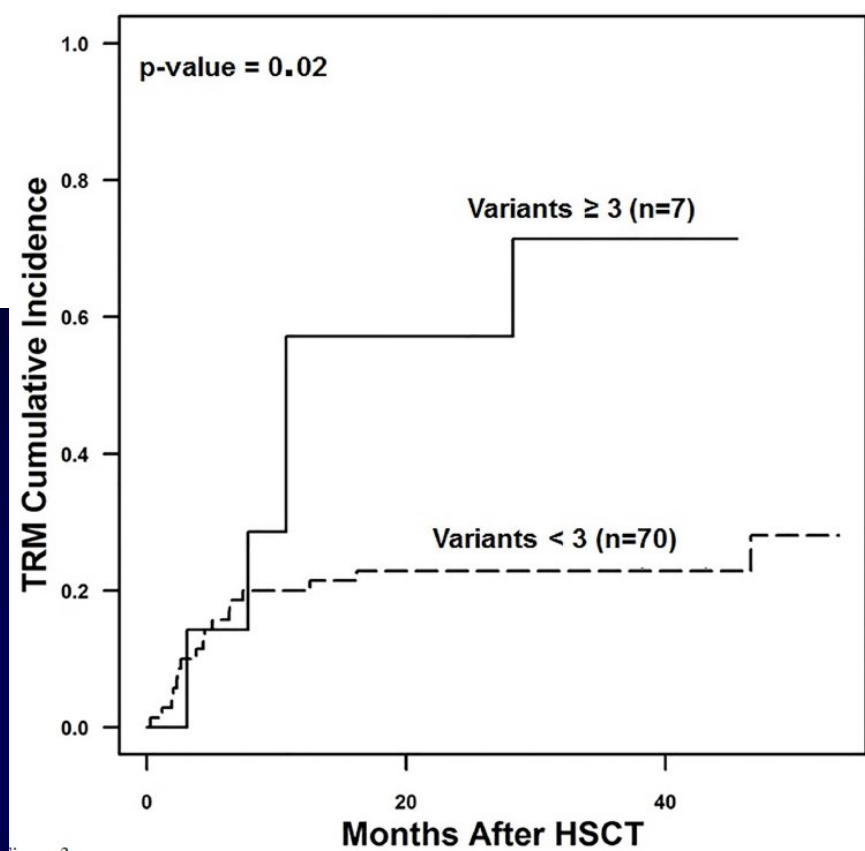


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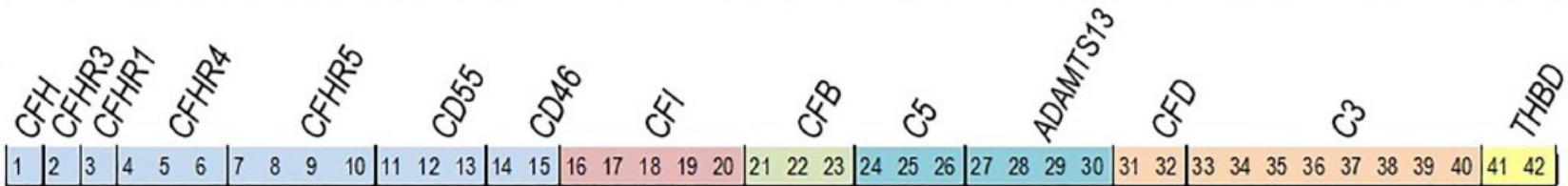
The genetic fingerprint of susceptibility for transplant associated thrombotic microangiopathy

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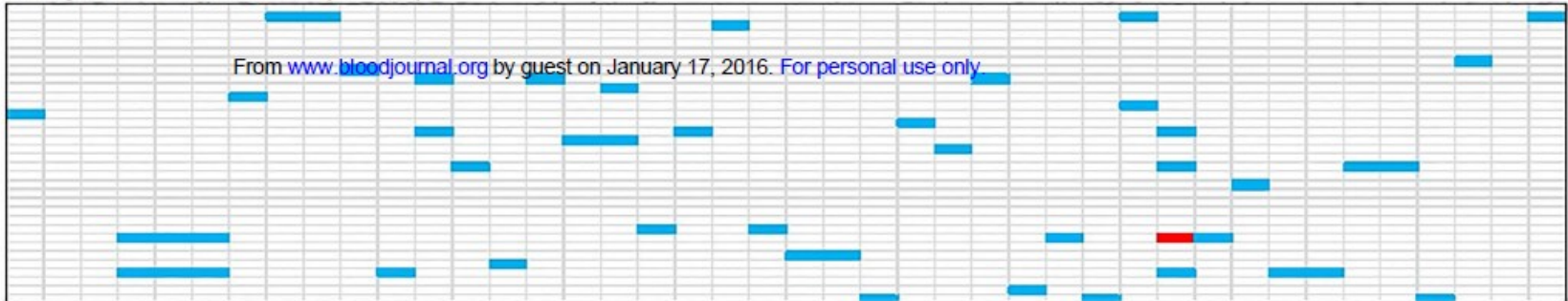
- ✓ 17 candidate complement related genes studied in HSCT (n=77; n=34 TA-TMA)
- ✓ Gene variants (1 or >1) found in 56% of TA-TMA vs 9% of non-TMA (p<0.0001); 3 or >3 variants (found only in non-caucasian) associated with higher TRM (71%)
- ✓ Functional complement derangement demonstrated in pre-HSCT samples of patients with gene variants
- ✓ **Genetic predisposition to TA-TMA?**



B



Subjects with TMA (n=34)



Transplant-associated microangiopathies (TAM or TA-TMA)

Prophylaxis and treatment

Prophylaxis

- ✓ No effective prophylaxis
- ✓ Early diagnosis for early (pre-emptive?) treatment

Treatment

- ✓ No established treatment
- ✓ Different strategies (even in combination)
 - ✓ Best supportive care (...)
 - ✓ Withdrawal of offending causative agents (e.g., CNI)
 - ✓ Treatment of concomitant conditions (e.g., GvHD, infections, hypertension, etc)
 - ✓ Etiologic/pathogenic treatment?

Treatment of transplant-associated microangiopathies

Etiologic treatment

No effect:

- Corticosteroids
- Antifibrinolytics
- Prostacyclin infusions
- Eparin
- Vincristine
- Thrombolytic therapy
- **i.v. immunoglobulins**
- Splenectomy
- Daclizumab

Potential Efficacy:

- Plasmapheresis*
 - Daclizumab
 - Rituximab
 - **Defibrotide**
 - **Eculizumab**
- } Few cases

*= generally not effective, Choi et al Drugs 2009

Uderzo C et al., J Bone Marrow Res 2014; Uderzo et al , BMT 2000; Sarode et al, BMT 1995; Roy et al, BMT 2001; Holler et al, Blood 1989; Fuge et al, BJH 2001; Corti et al, BMT 2002; Au et al, BJH 2007



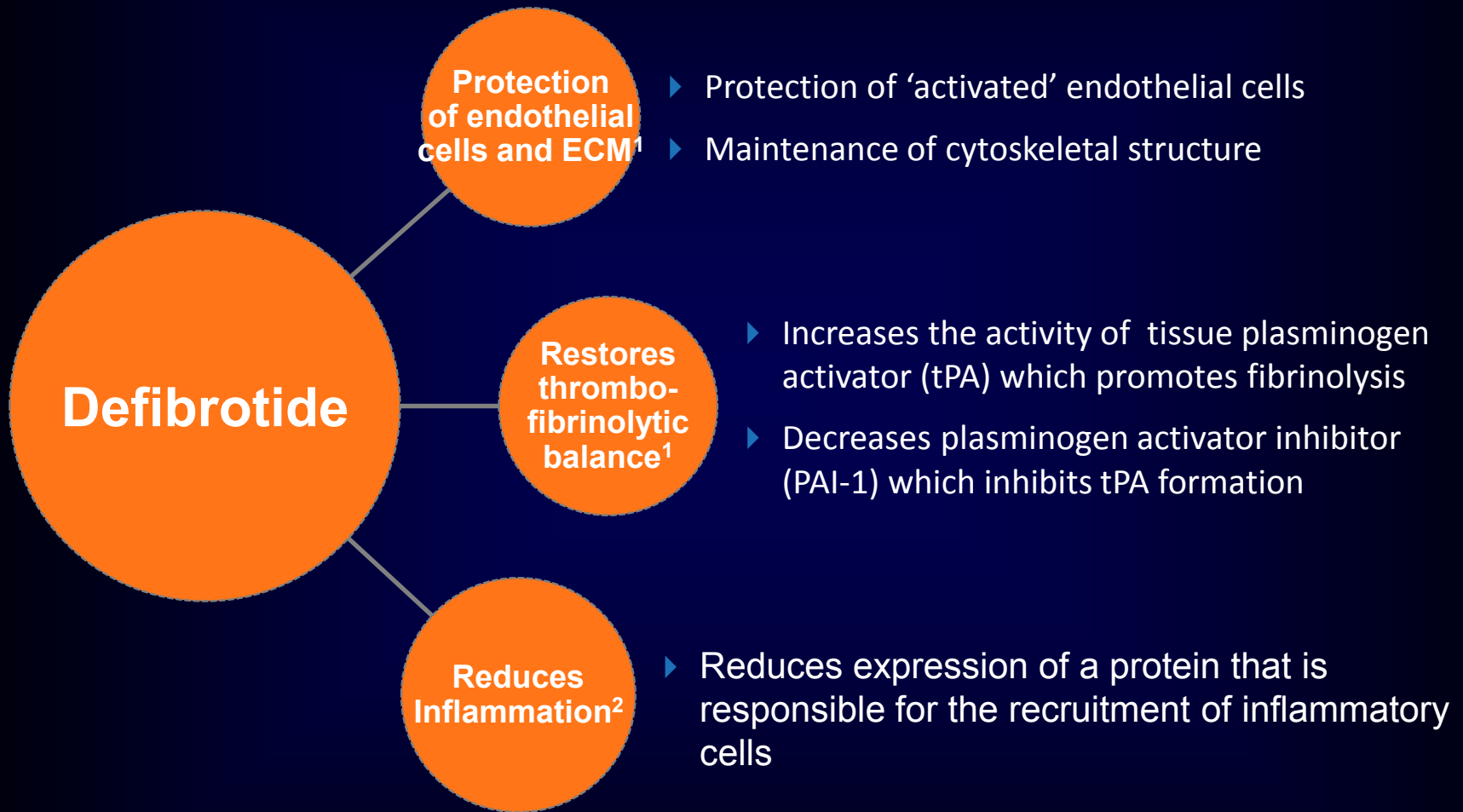
Transplant-Associated Thrombotic Microangiopathy (TA-TMA) and Consensus Based Diagnostic and Therapeutic Recommendations: Which TA-TMA Patients to Treat and When?

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Proposed treatments	
A) Defibrotide Treatment	<p>Induction: 25 mg/kg/day /iv. in 4 divided doses for at least 4 to 6 weeks (i.e. until 2 weeks of "TA-TMA complete remission")</p> <p>Consolidation (beyond 6 weeks) for poor responders: should be discussed with the coordinating investigator</p>
B) Terminal complement blocking therapy (Eculizumab)	<p>Induction dose (i.e 300 mg iv.between 5 to 10 Kg /BW, until 900 mg iv. between 40 kg / BW and over),</p> <p>Maintenance dose (i.e 300 mg iv. every 2 weeks if patient weight is between 5 to 10 Kg, until 1200 mg iv. every 2 weeks if patient weight is 40 kg or over) Eculizumab dosing schedule will be used with dose adjustments guided by pharmacodynamic monitoring of complement blockage and clinical response (i.e. until 3-4 treatments with sC5b-9 and CH50 normalization)</p>

Plasma-exchange?

Mechanisms of action of defibrotide



1. Defitelio® Summary of Product Characteristics.

http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/EPAR_-_Product_Information/human/002393/WC500153150.pdf;

2. Richardson PG et al. *Expert Opin Drug Saf* 2013;12:123–136

Defibrotide for the treatment of TA-TMA

DF 40 mg/Kg (os) for 41 days

- 12 pts
- CR: 5 pts
- PR 3 pts
- Stable 1 pt
- NR 3 pts

Corti P, BMT 2002, 29

Table IV. Def

Study

Wolff et al.^[75]

Besisik et al.^[11]

Corti et al.^[125]

Response

CR

NC

CR

CR

CR

CR

CR

Table 1 Patients, TTP characteristics and outcome

Patients	Sex	Age years	Diagnosis at BMT	BMT type	TTP index	LDH max ^a	TTP grade	Symptoms	DFT therapy (days)	No. of plasma phereses	Outcome		Cause of death
											TTP	Patients	
1	M	3	AML (1st CR)	Rel	<20	2t	mild	—	17	—	TR	alive	—
2	M	1	FEL	Unrel	>20	3t	severe	SHS	51	—	TR	alive	—
3	M	12	ALL (2nd CR)	Rel	>20	2t	severe	SHS	98	—	TR	alive	—
4	F	7	ALL (3rd CR)	Unrel	>20	5t	severe	SHS	61	—	TR ^b	alive	—
5	F	35	CML (1st CP)	Unrel	>20	7t	severe	CNS	23	2	NR	dead	PC
6	F	16	ALL (3rd CR)	Unrel	>20	2t	severe	—	46	2	PR	dead	PD
7	M	33	HL (PD)	Rel	>20	2t	severe	K,SHS	30	—	TR	alive	—
8	M	20	ALL (3rd CR)	Unrel	>20	2t	severe	CNS, SHS	17	3	NR	dead	IP
9	M	35	ALL (2nd CR)	Unrel	>20	5t	severe	—	34	—	PR	dead	PG
10	F	37	AML (1st CR)	Rel	<20	2t	mild	—	38	—	TR	alive	—
11	F	55	CML (1st CP)	Rel	>20	1t	severe	SHS	64	2	NR	dead	GG
12	F	30	AML (PD)	Unrel	>20	2t	severe	SHS	41	3	PR	dead	IP

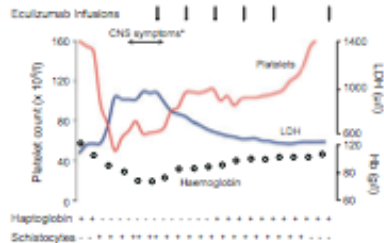
Successful use of eculizumab in a patient with post-transplant thrombotic microangiopathy

Transplantation-associated thrombotic microangiopathy (TA-TMA) represents a challenge after allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) because of diagnostic uncertainties, lack of established treatment, and an overall poor prognosis (Laskin et al, 2011). We report the case of a 61-year-old man who was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2009. He was initially treated with a combination of bortezomib, doxorubicin and dexamethasone, followed by high-dose melphalan with autologous HSCT. Following disease relapse in 2011, he received three courses of bortezomib, thalidomide dexamethasone, and was then included in a sequential autologous-allogeneic tandem approach that comprised high-dose melphalan and auto-HSCT followed by two Gray total body irradiation-conditioned allo-HSCT (Karlin et al, 2011). Two months post-HSCT, the patient was diagnosed with graft-versus-host disease (GvHD) of the skin (stage 3) and gut (stage 1), which responded to methylprednisone 2 mg/kg. Three months later, GvHD of the gut reappeared during steroid tapering. Although the GvHD responded to the increased doses of steroids, the patient developed a severe TA-TMA (Fig 1). As already reported in such a situation, acute renal failure was absent (Choi et al, 2010). A concomitant diagnosis of cytomegalovirus (CMV) & Epstein Barr virus (EBV) infections was made. Ciclosporin was stopped, treatment with Foscanet was initiated and the patient received one injection of Mabthera. Seven days later, he developed a progressive involvement of the central nervous system, with confusion and peripheral facial paralysis, while the biological characteristics of TA-TMA remained stable (Fig 1). Ciclosporin was no longer detectable in the blood. CMV & EBV infections responded to treatment at that time. Magnetic resonance imaging and a lumbar puncture were normal. Complement proteins (C3, C4, Factor H, Factor I) were in the normal ranges. Testing for anti-complement Factor H antibodies was negative. No decrease in ADAMTS 13 (a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with a thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13) activity was identified. Given the devastating prognosis, we administered eculizumab to this patient according to atypical haemolytic and uraemic syndrome dosage (900 mg weekly for four weeks, followed by 1200 mg every two weeks). The patient's neurological status improved dramatically within 48 h after the first infusion of eculizumab. Clinical improvement was associated with rapid normalization of disease activity markers: platelet counts increased, and lactate dehydrogenase levels decreased quickly (Fig 1). Complete C5 blockade, defined by a 50% haemolytic

complement (CH₅₀) activity below 10% was observed 24 h after the first infusion of eculizumab and during the entire study period. Concomitantly, the number of circulating endothelial cells (CEC), a known prognostic marker in thrombotic microangiopathy (Erdbruegger et al, 2006), decreased drastically. The levels of CEC were about 1200/ml before eculizumab infusion compared with 512/ml at 36 h and 5/ml at 3 days post-injection. The patient was discharged two weeks later with normal neurological status. Three months later, eculizumab treatment was stopped because there were no signs of TMA. After a 3-month follow-up period, the patient had completely recovered and continues to do very well. Given the progressive course of the disease after the mabthera injection, it seemed unlikely that the recovery was due to this treatment. The rapid clinical response to eculizumab supports the concept that TA-TMA might involve aberrant and autonomous complement activation despite the control of the potential causes (calcineurin inhibitors, GvHD & herpes virus infections). The dramatic resolution of symptoms after eculizumab administration suggests that TA-TMA is an area deserving further careful investigation of therapeutic complement blockade.

9 months post-TMA with involn

LDH (U/l)



Platelets
(x10³/mm³)

H**hb**
(g/dL)

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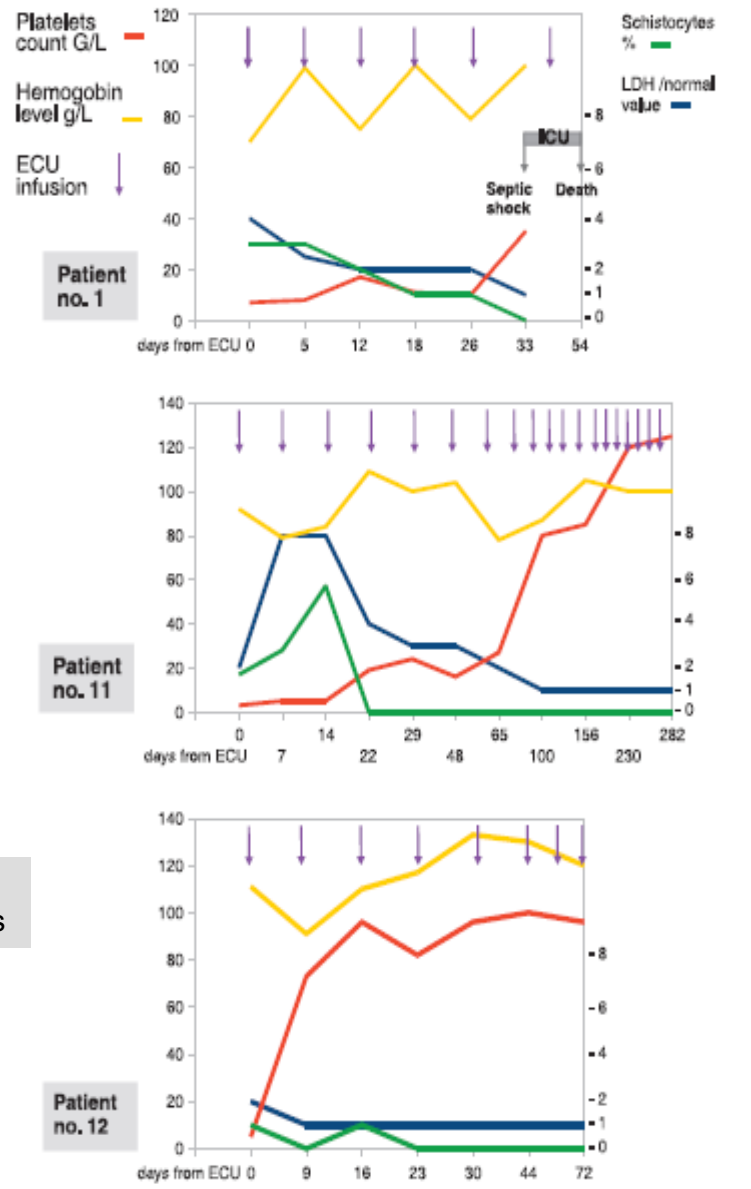
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Use of Eculizumab in Patients With Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant-Associated Thrombotic Microangiopathy: A Study From the SFGM-TC

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Eculizumab® start in post allo TMA, N = 12

Induction

Eculizumab® stop, n=5

- Failure and death, n=3
- Progressive severe aGvHD with or without relapse, and death n=2

N = 7

Maintenance

Eculizumab® stop, n=6

- Failure and death, n=2
- Failure and alive, n=1
- Response and death n=1
- Response and alive, n=2

Responding (on therapy at day 70) n=1

900 mg every week during 4 weeks, followed by a maintenance dose of 1200 mg every 14 days

In summary, Eculizumab achieved an overall hematological response rate of 50% (6/12) and an overall survival rate of 33% (4/12) with a median follow-up of 432 days.

Eculizumab Therapy in Children with Severe Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation–Associated Thrombotic Microangiopathy



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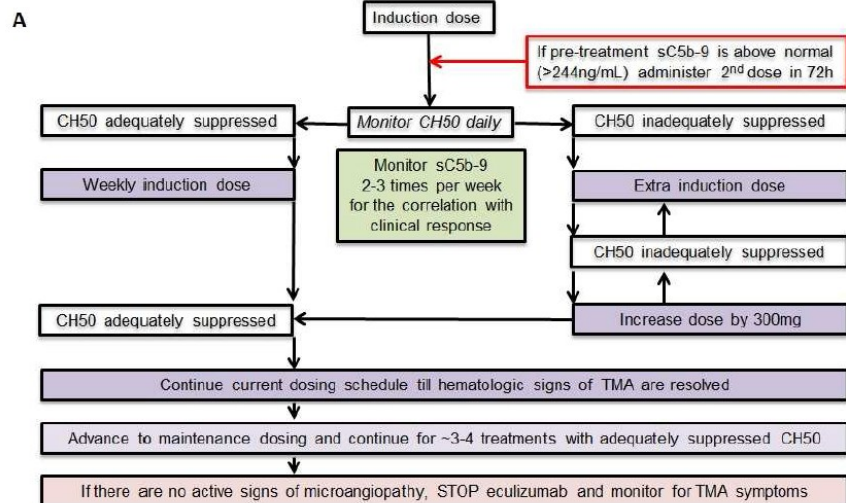
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Variable eculizumab clearance requires pharmacodynamic monitoring to optimize therapy for thrombotic microangiopathy after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

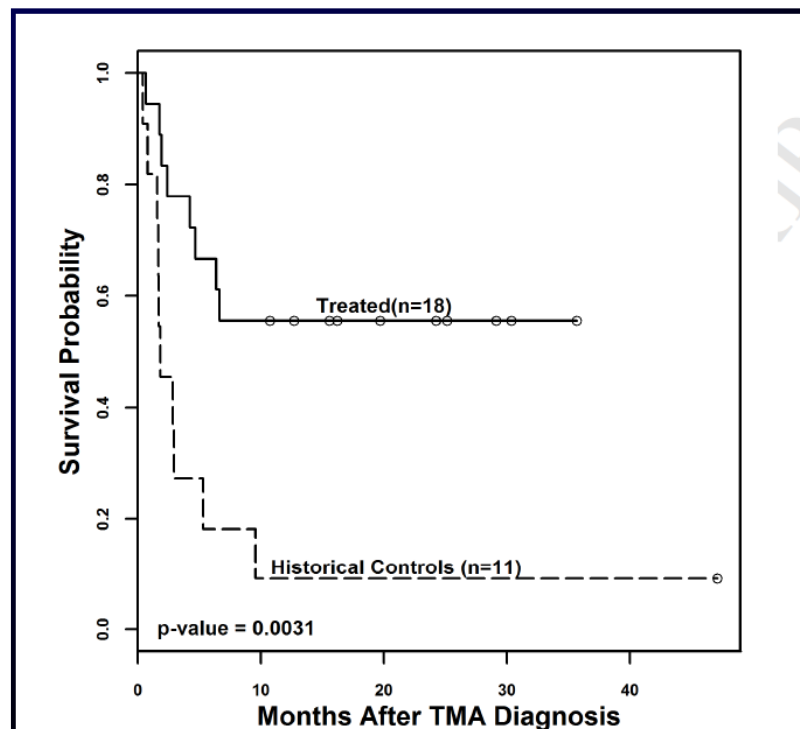
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Adequate CH50 suppression is serum CH50 level <10% of normal

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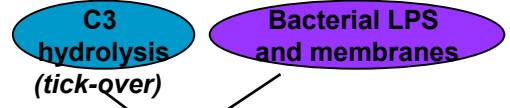
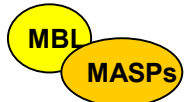
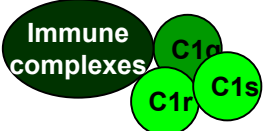
Patient weight	Induction dose	Maintenance dose
40 kg and over	900 mg	1200 mg every 2 weeks
30 kg to less than 40 kg	600 mg	900 mg every 2 weeks
20 kg to less than 30 kg	600 mg	600 mg every 2 weeks
10 kg to less than 20 kg	600 mg	300 mg every 2 weeks
5 kg to less than 10 kg	300 mg	300 mg every 2 weeks



Classical pathway

Lectin pathway

Alternative pathway



Classical pathway inhibitors:
 • C1s inhibitors (TNT)
 • C1-INH
 • PIC

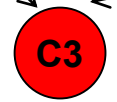
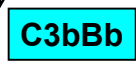
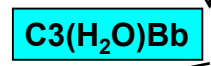
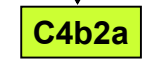
Lectin pathway inhibitors:
 • MASP-1/MASP3 inh
 • MASP-2 inh

Proximal complement inhibitors (alternative pathway-specific):

- Factor B (fB) inhibitors
- Factor D (fD) inhibitors
- Properdin (P) inhibitors
- Factor H (fH)-based protein (e.g., TT30)
- Complement Receptor 1 (CR1)-based proteins*

*: may also modulate other complement pathways

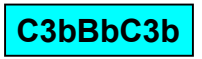
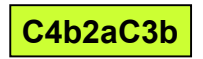
C3 convertases



Broad C3 inhibitors:
 • Compstatin and derivatives

Amplification loop

C5 convertases



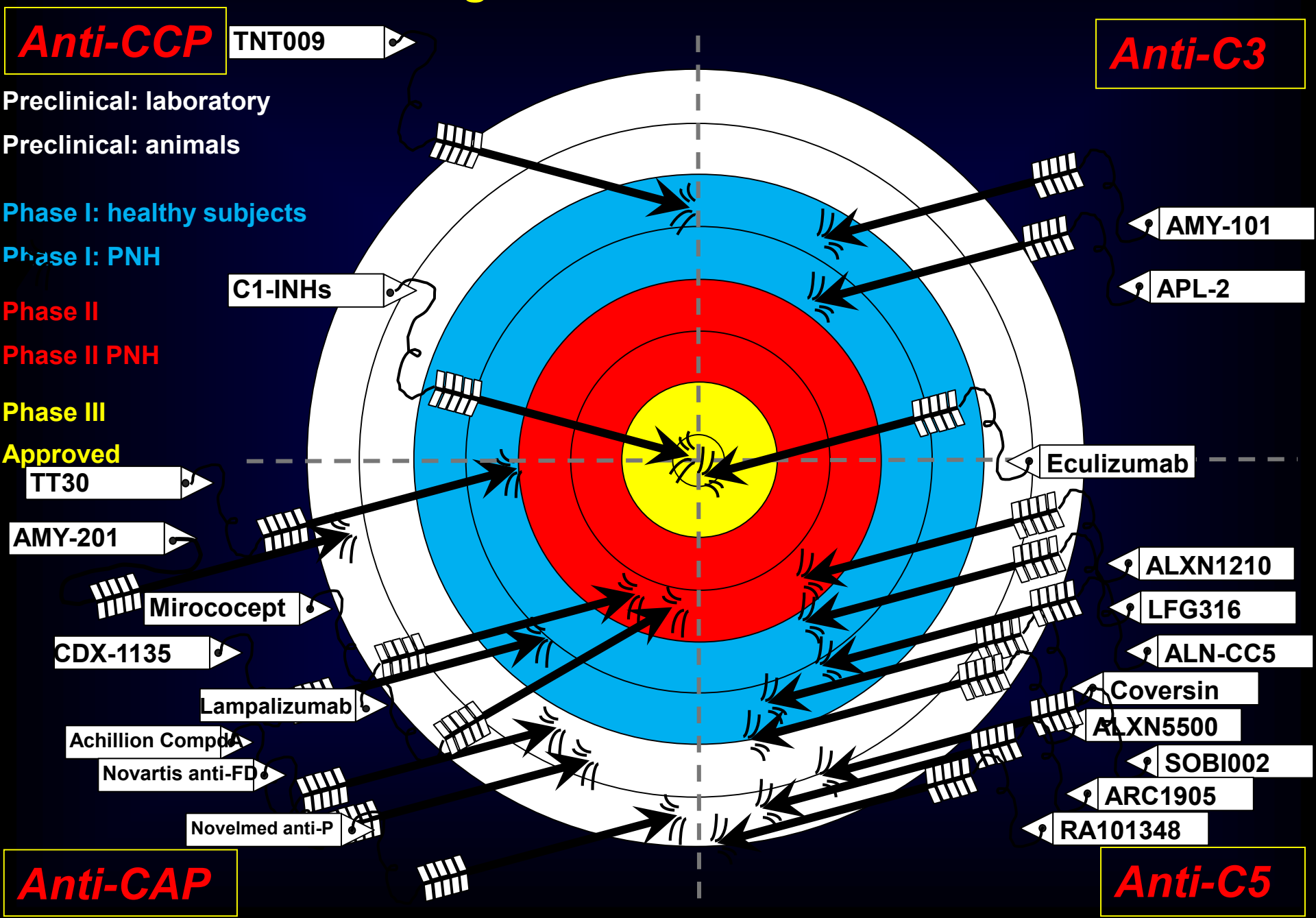
Novel anti-C5 agents:
 • Other mAbs
 • Small peptides (e.g.,

Molecules vs drugs



Lytic complex

The target of clinical translation



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Thank you!