



# New Era OF Allo-SCT

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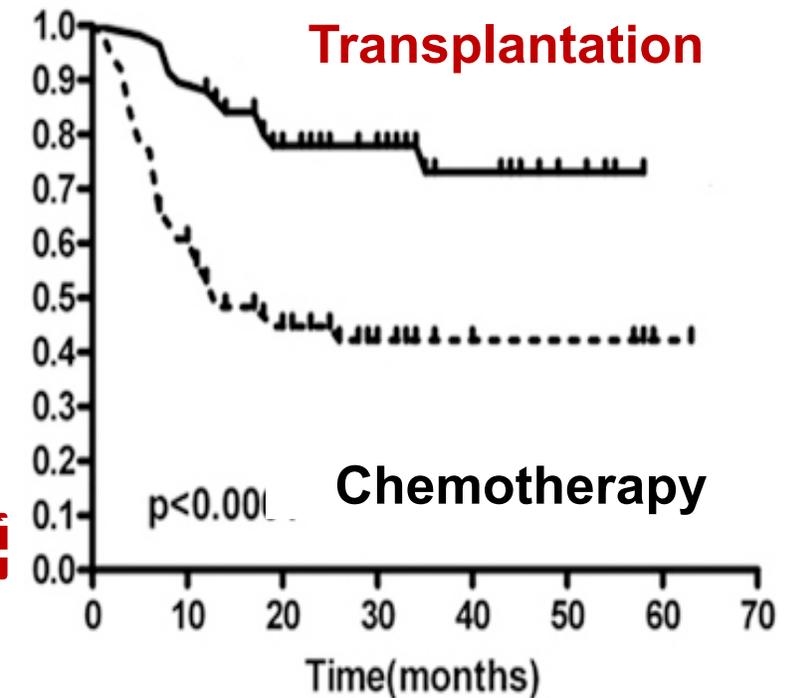
# Leukemia: A Life-Threatening Malignancy

Allo-HSCT remains a curative therapy for leukemia

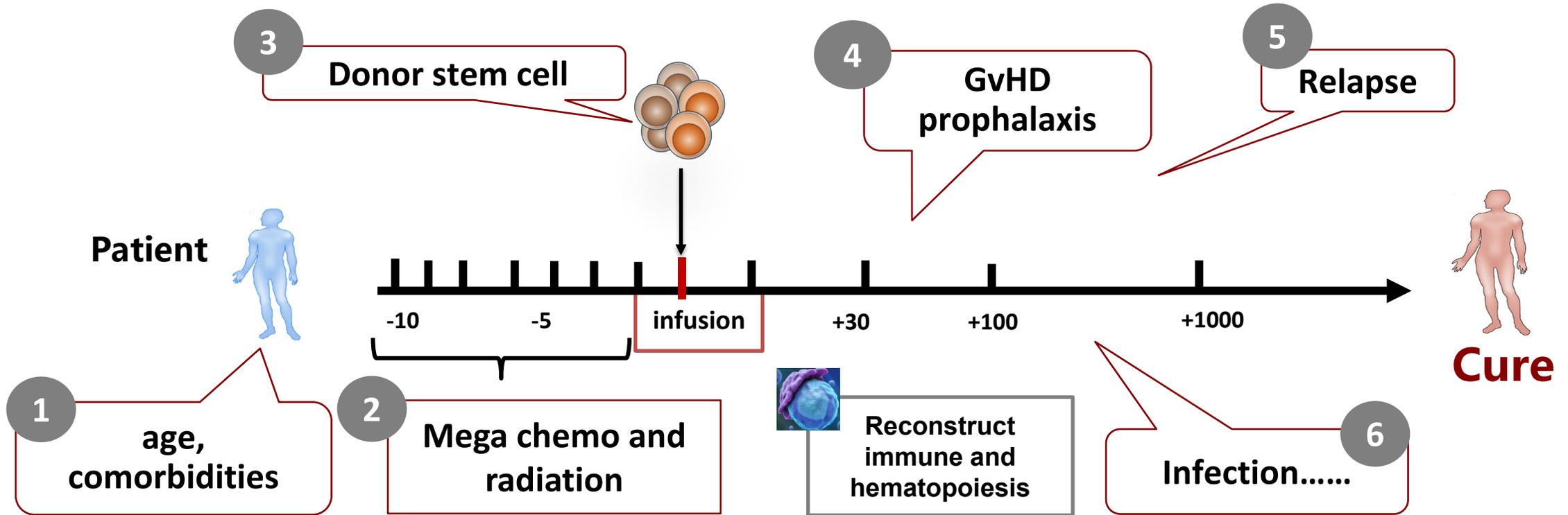
## Mortality of Cancer

### Estimated Deaths

			Males	Females			
Lung & bronchus	76,650	24%			Lung & bronchus	66,020	23%
Prostate	31,620	10%			Breast	41,760	15%
Colon & rectum	27,640	9%			Colon & rectum	23,380	8%
Pancreas	23,800	7%			Pancreas	21,950	8%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	21,600	7%			Ovary	13,980	5%
<b>Leukemia</b>	<b>13,150</b>	<b>4%</b>			Uterine corpus	12,160	4%
Esophagus	13,020	4%			Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,180	4%
Urinary bladder	12,870	4%			<b>Leukemia</b>	<b>9,690</b>	<b>3%</b>
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,510	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,460	3%
Brain & other nervous system	9,910	3%			Brain & other nervous system	7,850	3%
<b>All Sites</b>	<b>321,670</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>All Sites</b>	<b>285,210</b>	<b>100%</b>



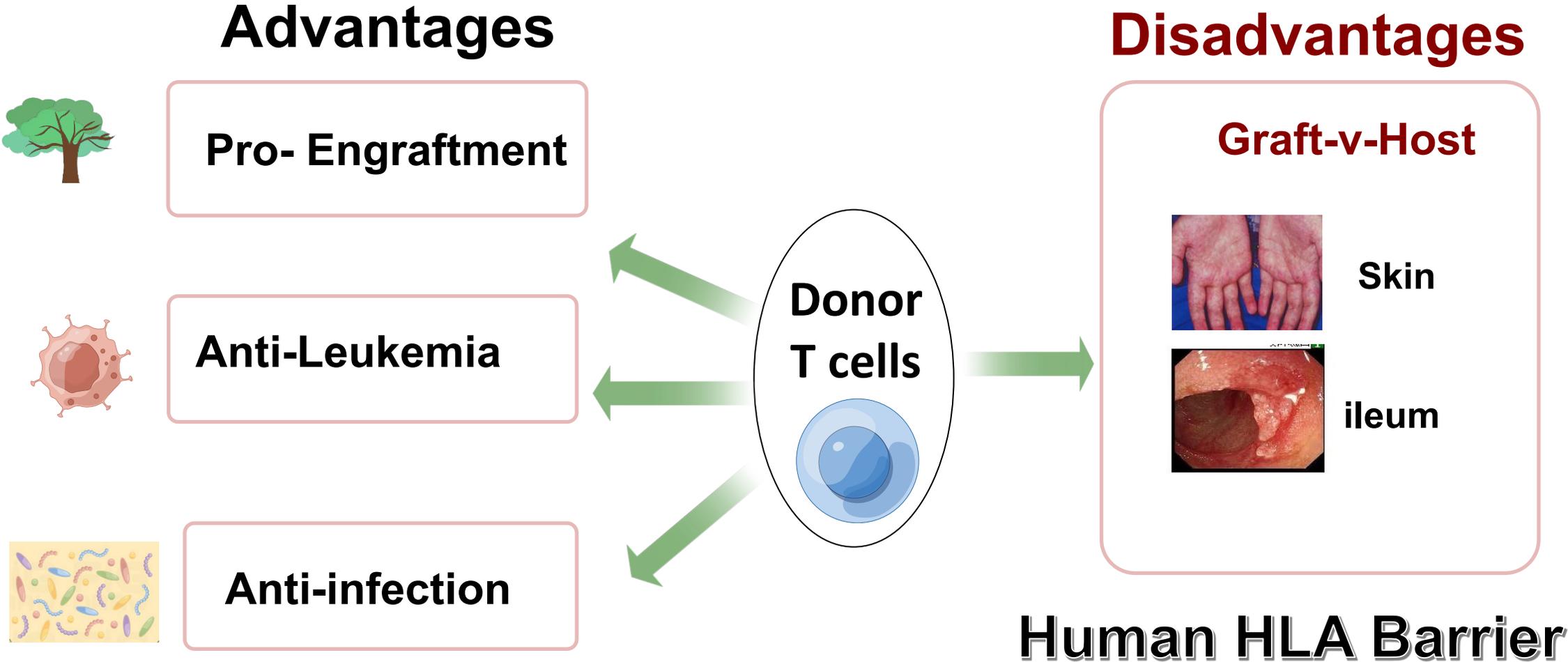
# HSCT as Therapeutic Platform



## Indications of HSCT

70 Types: **Leukemia**, Inherited Disease, .....

# Donor T cells play critical role in allo-HSCT



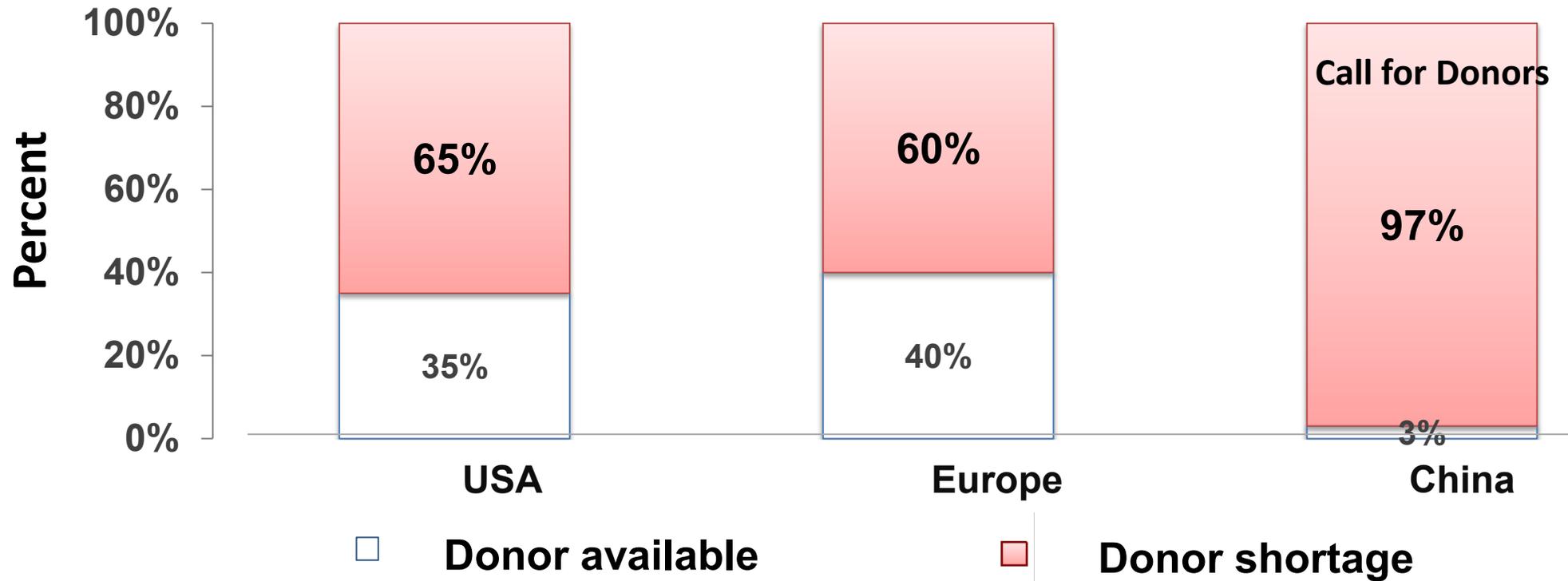
# Haplo-HSCT had been “Forbidden”

	HLA Matched	HLA Haplo-
GvHD	20-30%	70-90% ↑
Engraftment	95-99%	50-81% ↓
Non-Relapse Mortality	10-30%	50-70%
Overall Survival	60-70%	10-20% ↓



Donor had been restricted to **HLA-Matched before 2000**

# Donor shortage had been a challenge over the world



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USA 2017 ([www.cibmtr.org](http://www.cibmtr.org)), Europe 2017 (Passweg J. R. Bone Marrow Transplant 2019), Chinese Registry 2018

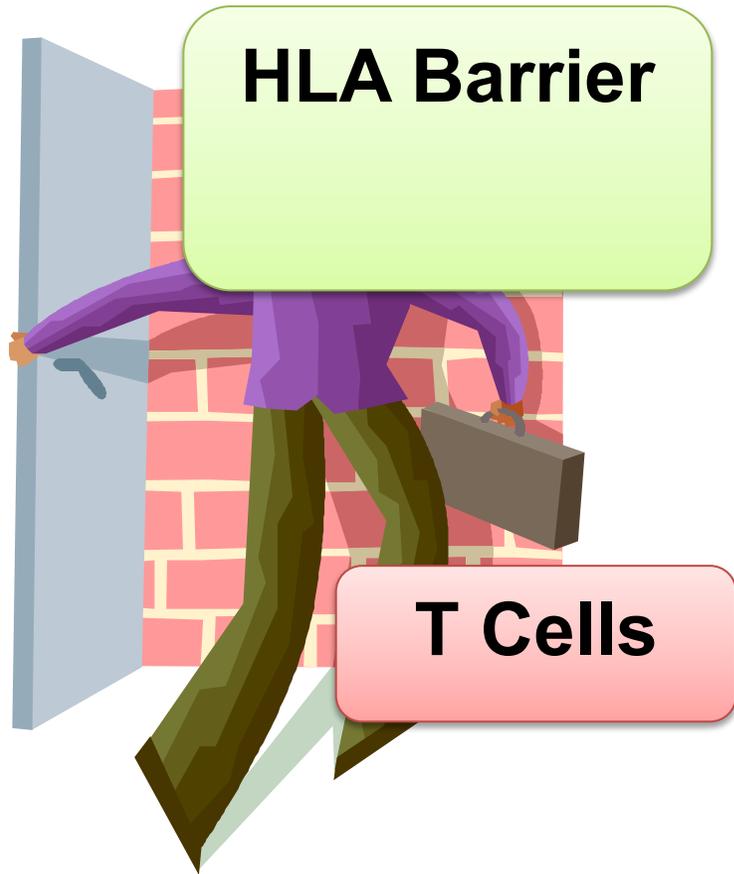
Aljurf M, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2019; 54(8): 1179-1188

Chen WQ, et al. Chin J Cancer Res. 2018; 30(1): 1-12

Miranda-Filho A, et al. Lancet Haematol. 2018; 5(1): e14-e24

Chin Hematology 1999; 20(2).91-93

# How to make a breakthrough for haplo-HSCT ?



T cell Suppression

1990s USA



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**regulating T Cell function**  
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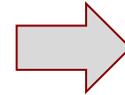
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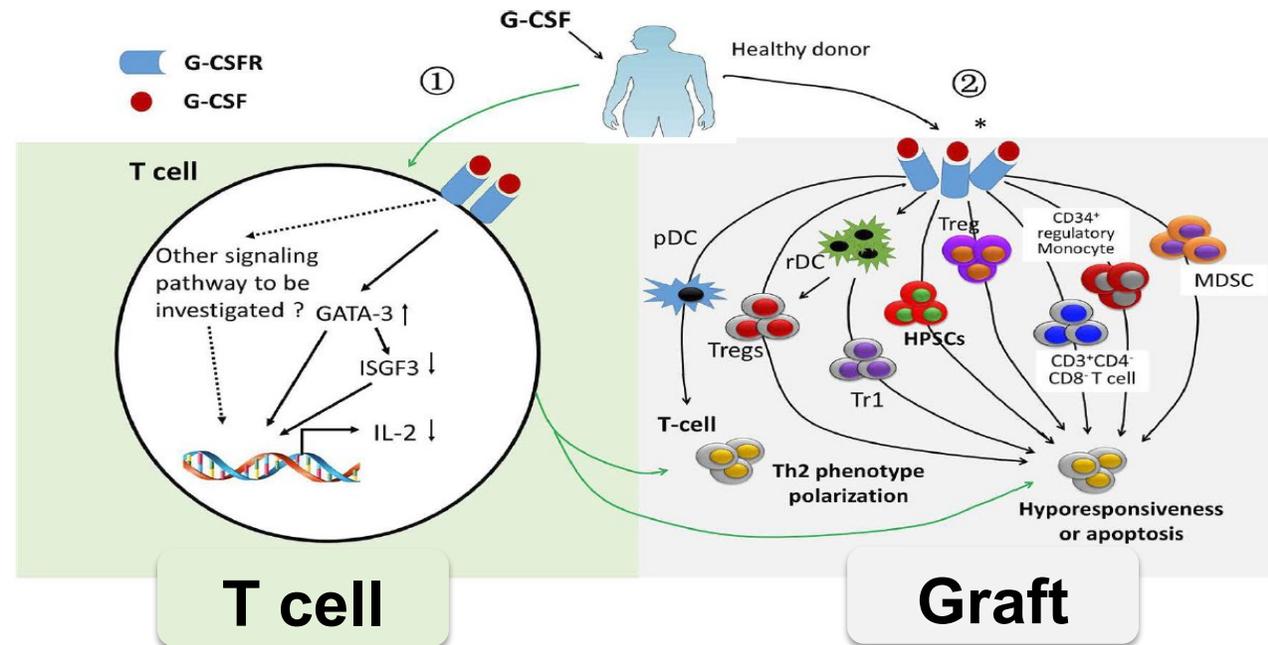
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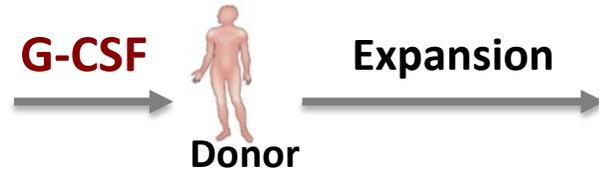


## G-CSF

- ① T cell hypo-responsiveness
- ② Chang graft composition

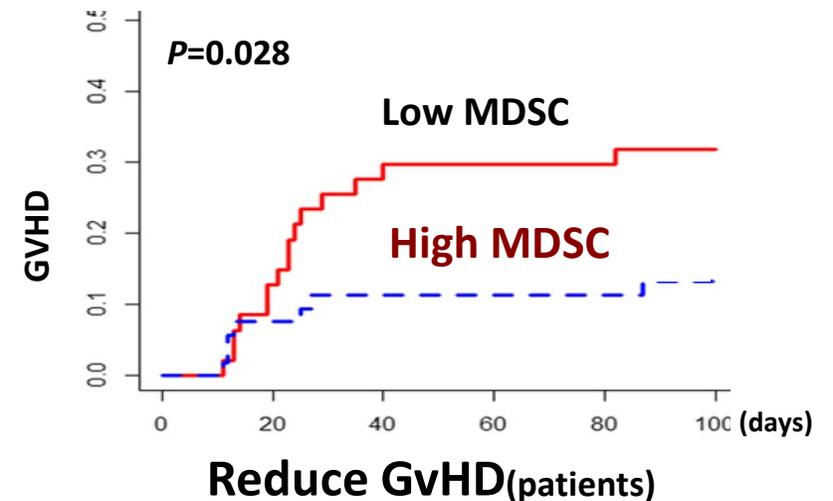
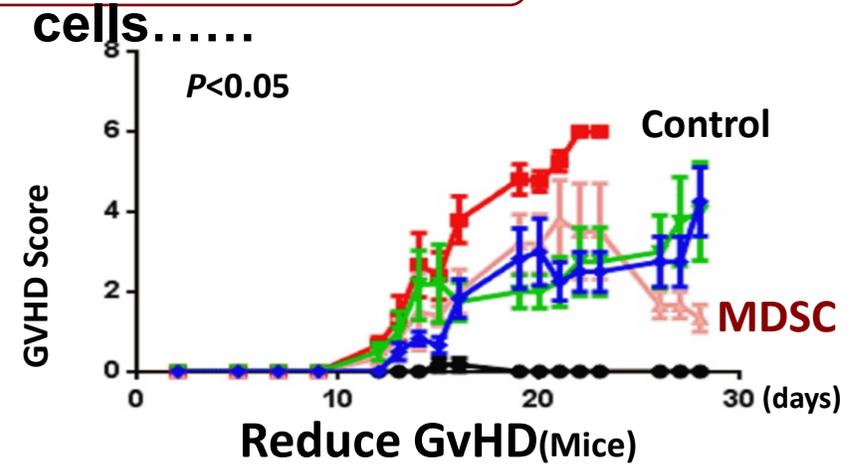
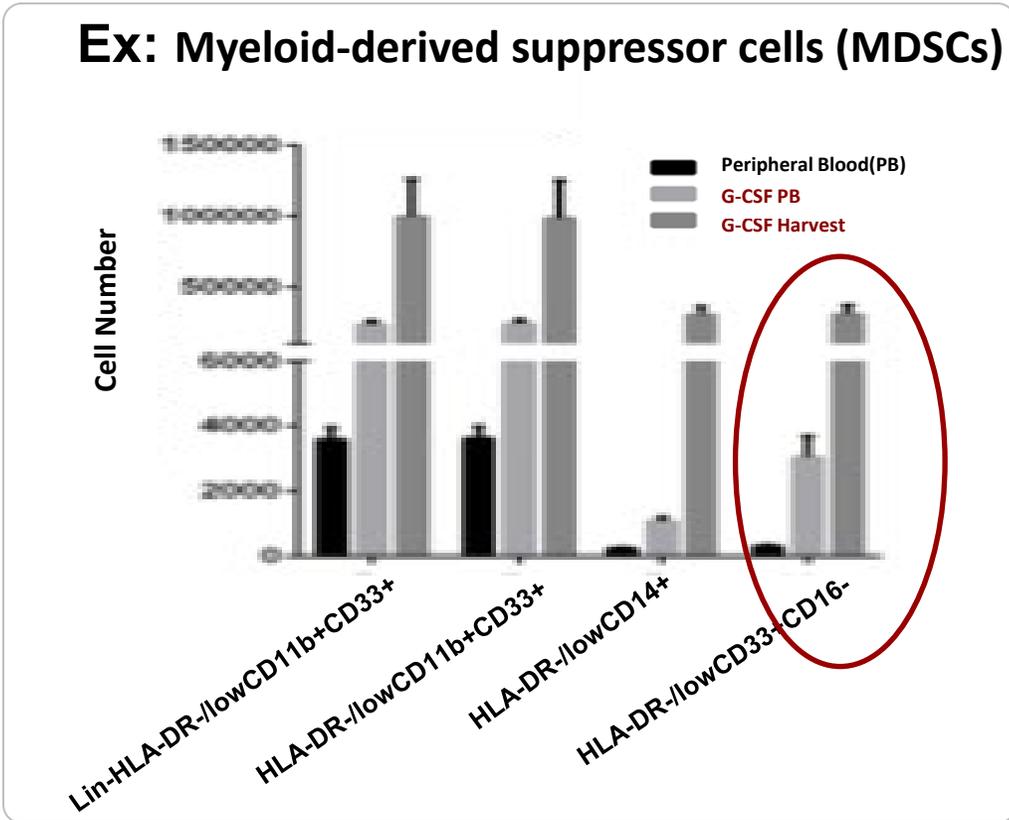


# In vivo application of G-CSF decreased GVHD



**New MDSCs, Regulatory B cells.....**

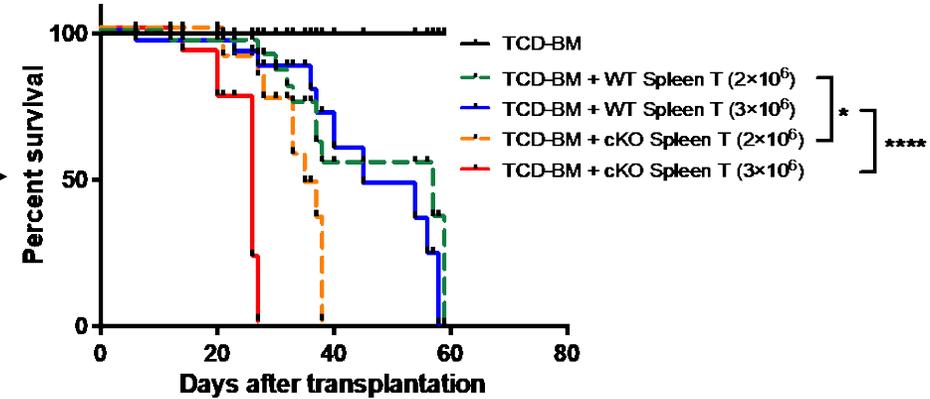
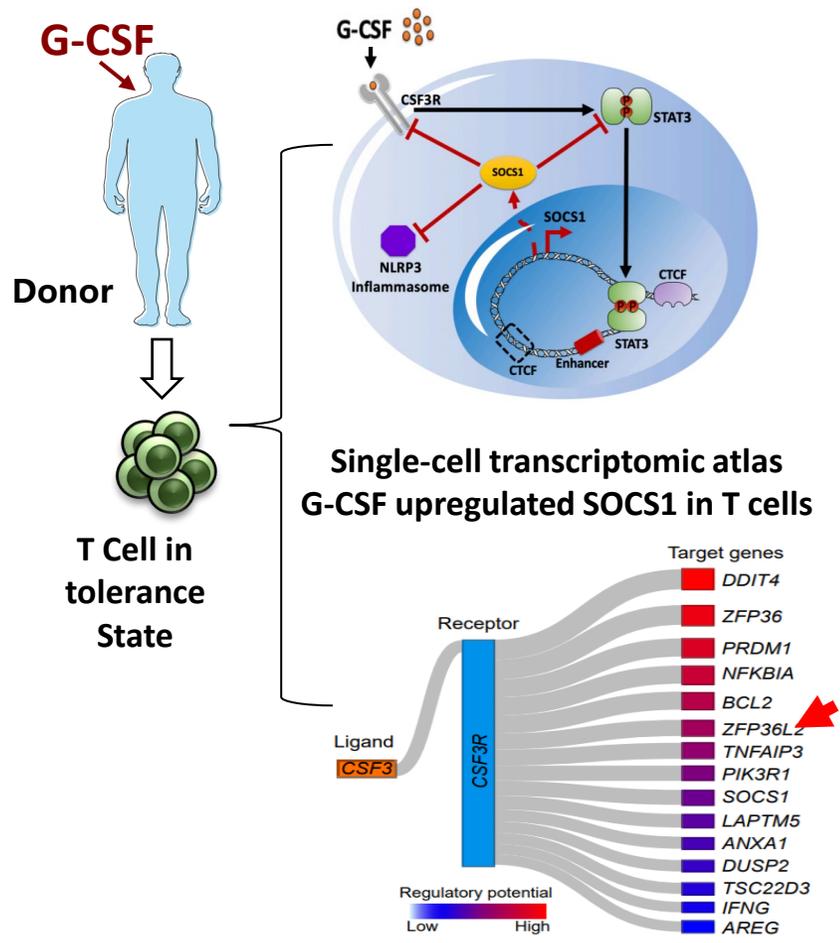
**Ex: Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs)**



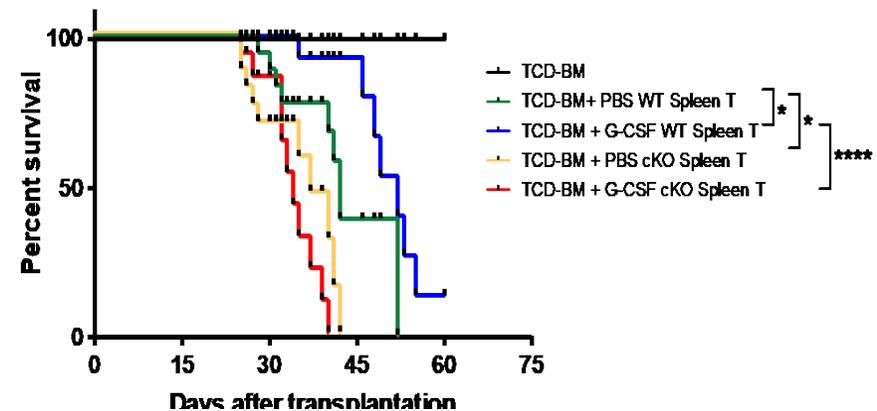
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# Firstly Identify molecular for G-CSF inducing T cell tolerance

## Multiomics Analysis revealed G-CSF upregulated SOCS1



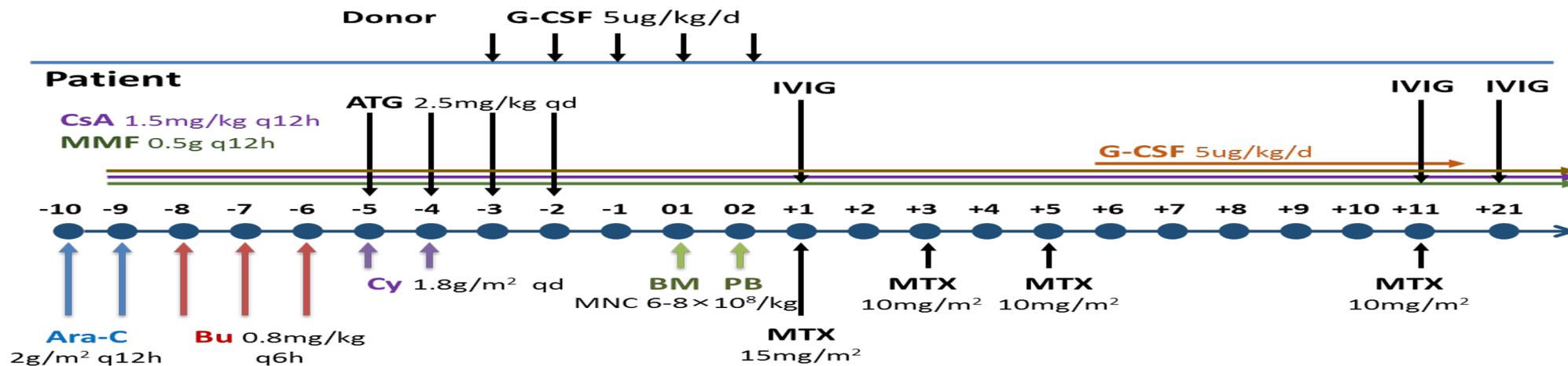
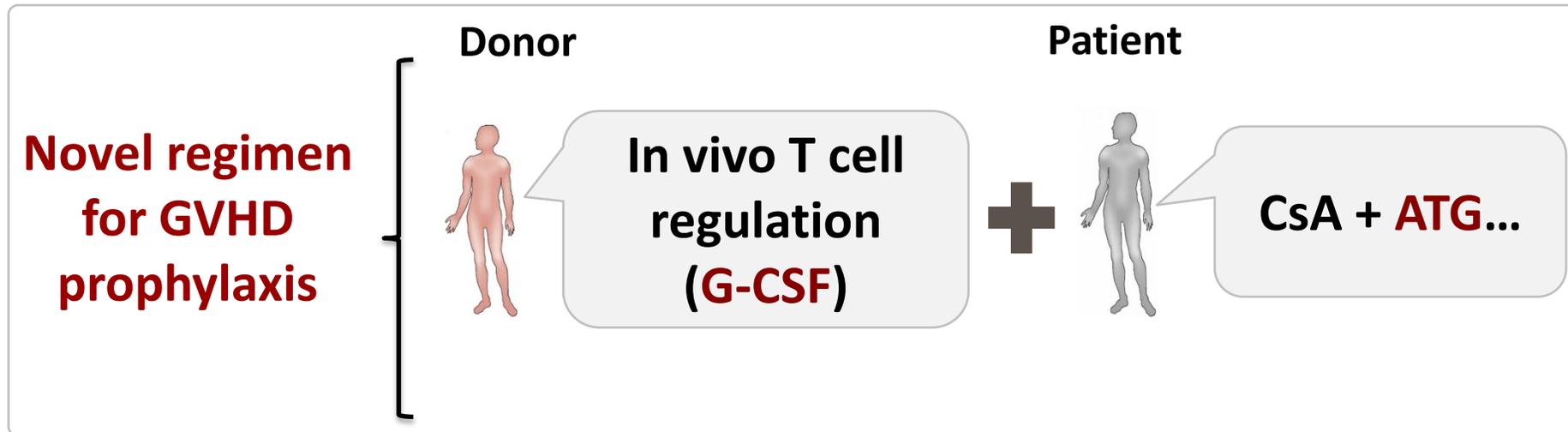
① T cell-specific SOCS1 conditional Knockout aggregates GVHD



② G-CSF ameliorates GVHD by SOCS1

Huang XJ. et al. *Advanced Science*. 2022:e2200978 (Corresponding)  
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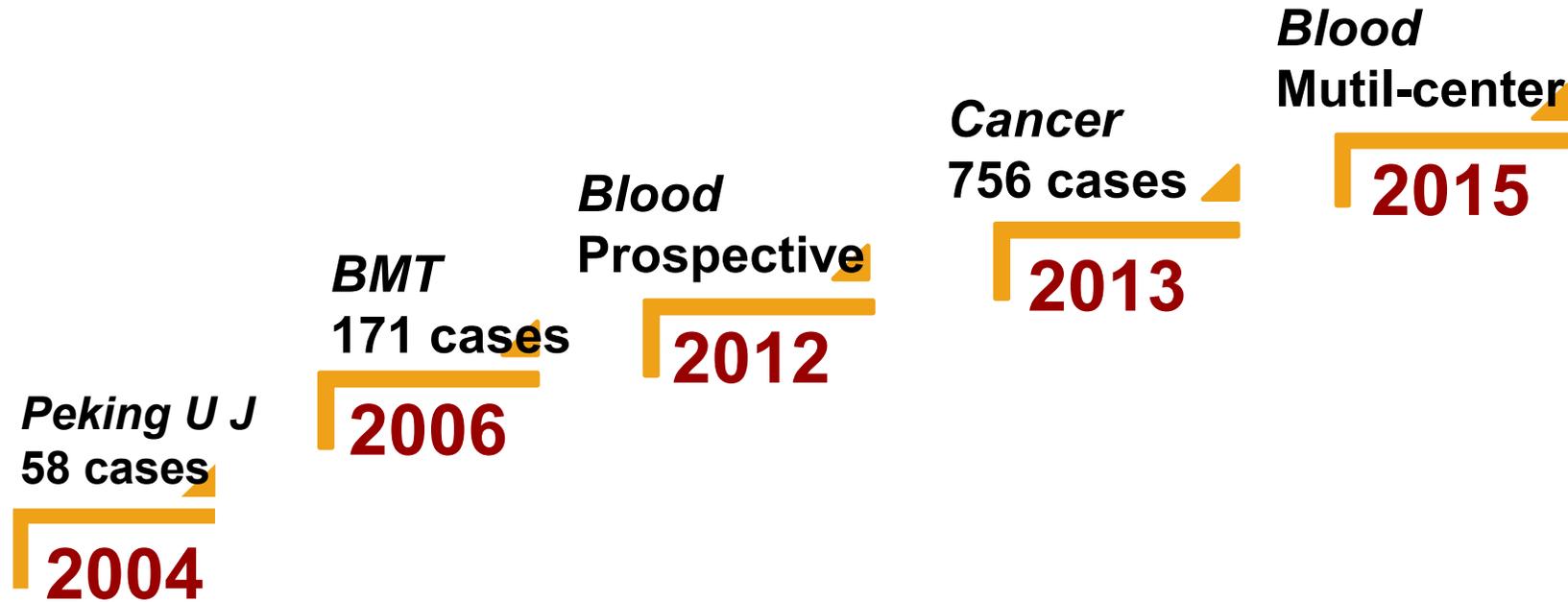
# Novel regimen for GVHD prophylaxis of haplo-HSCT



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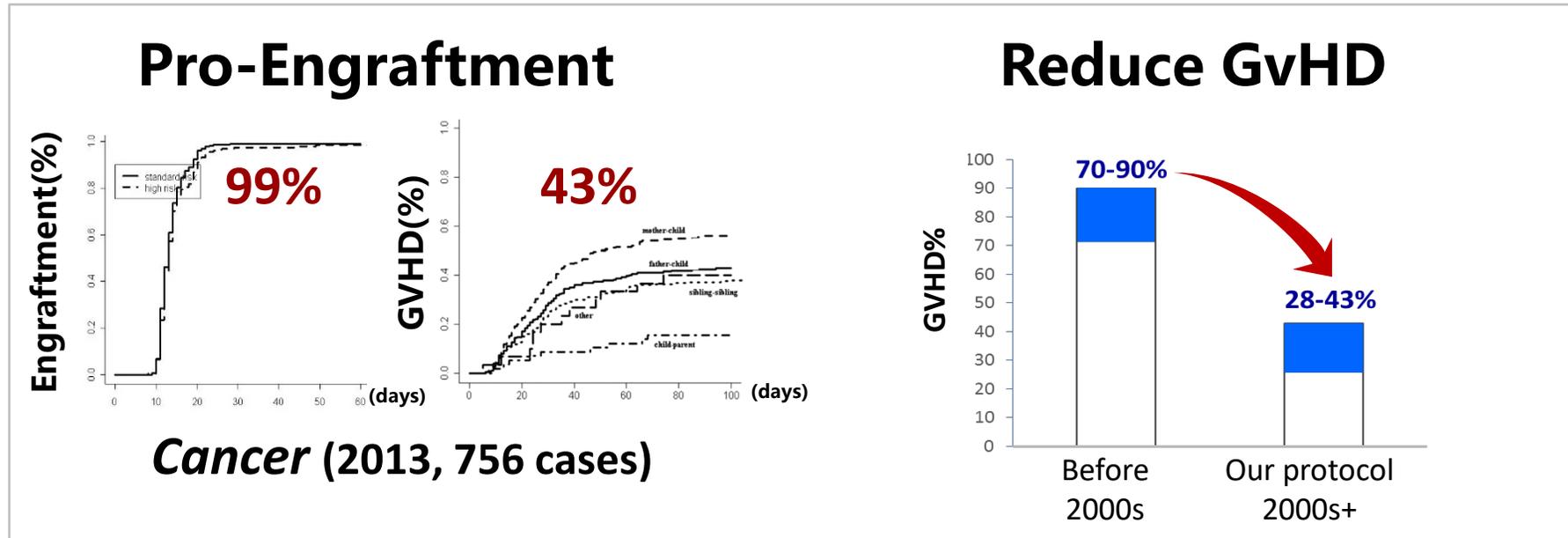
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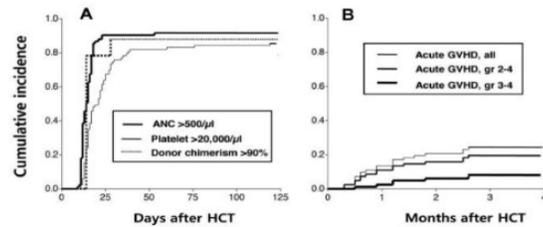
First Haplo-HSCT in 2000.....

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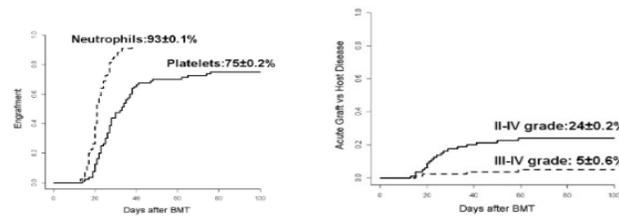


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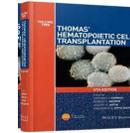
## Novel regimen was reproduced



Korea  
*Blood* (2011)



Italy&Israel  
*Blood* (2013)



**Thomas' Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation**  
Stem Cell Transplantation

2015 《Thomas' Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation》

Huang and other investigators from Peking University (Beijing, China) utilized rabbit ATG (Thymoglobulin) 10 mg/kg over 4 days, Whereas the effectiveness of the Beijing regimen was verified by these two external trials, it remains unclear whether each of its

**Effectiveness of the Beijing Regimen was verified**



Andrea Velardi

the Huang group in Beijing first applied G-CSF-priming of unmanipulated haplo-

*Blood* Commentary(2013):

Huang group **First applied** G-CSF priming of unmanipulated..  
Achieved promising engraftment rate, GvHD and survival

activity.<sup>8</sup> By applying a modified protocol, Di Bartolomeo et al have achieved promising results in terms of engraftment rate, incidence of GVHD, and survival.<sup>1</sup> Key features of their

# Breakthrough of GVHD prophylaxis in haplo-HSCT

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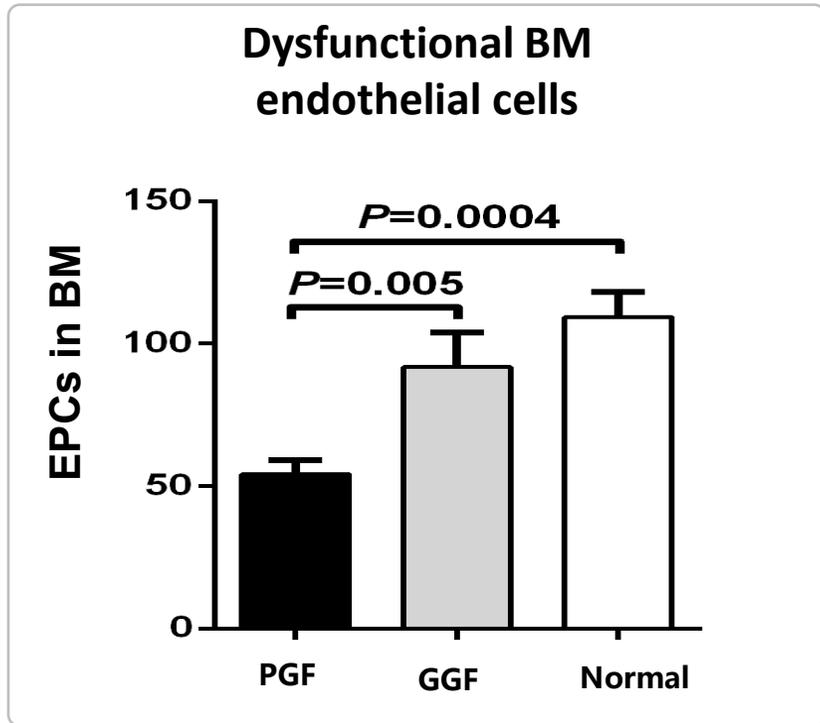
- ◆ **Novel Regimen for Immune Tolerance**
- ◆ **Reduce Graft-versus-Host Diseases**

# Could haplo-HSCT become the first-line option?

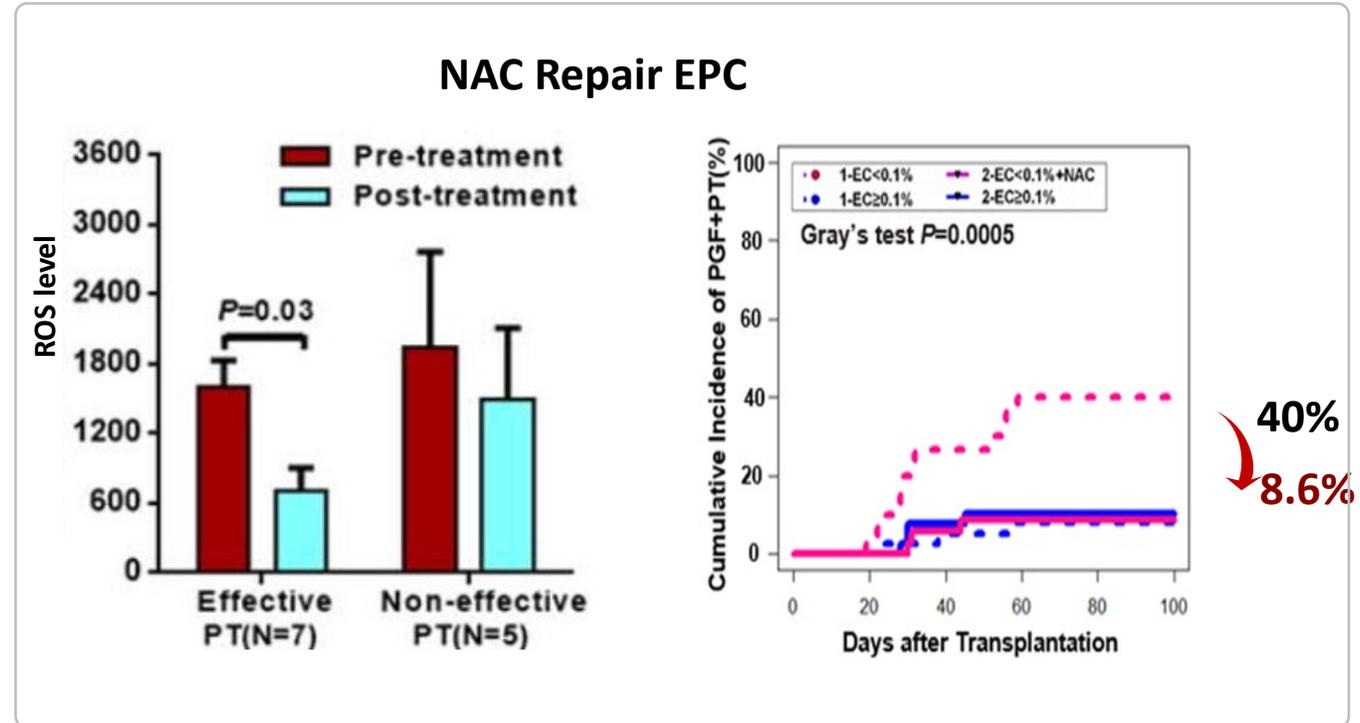
## Questions to be addressed

- ◆ How to avoid poor engraftment ?
- ◆ How to further decrease GvHD ?
- ◆ How to deal with relapse?
- ◆ How to choose the best donor ?
- ◆ .....
- ◆ **Can Haplo-HSCT be superior to chemotherapy ?**
- ◆ **Can Haplo be comparable to HLA matched donor ?**

# Finding new mechanism of poor graft function



PGF: poor graft function



GGF: good graft function

NAC: N-acetylcysteine

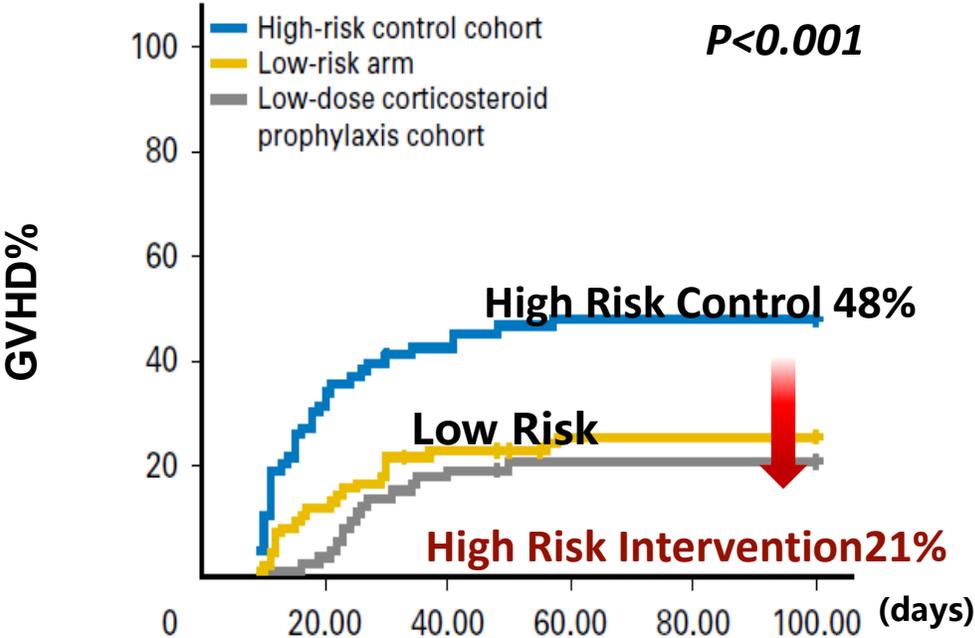
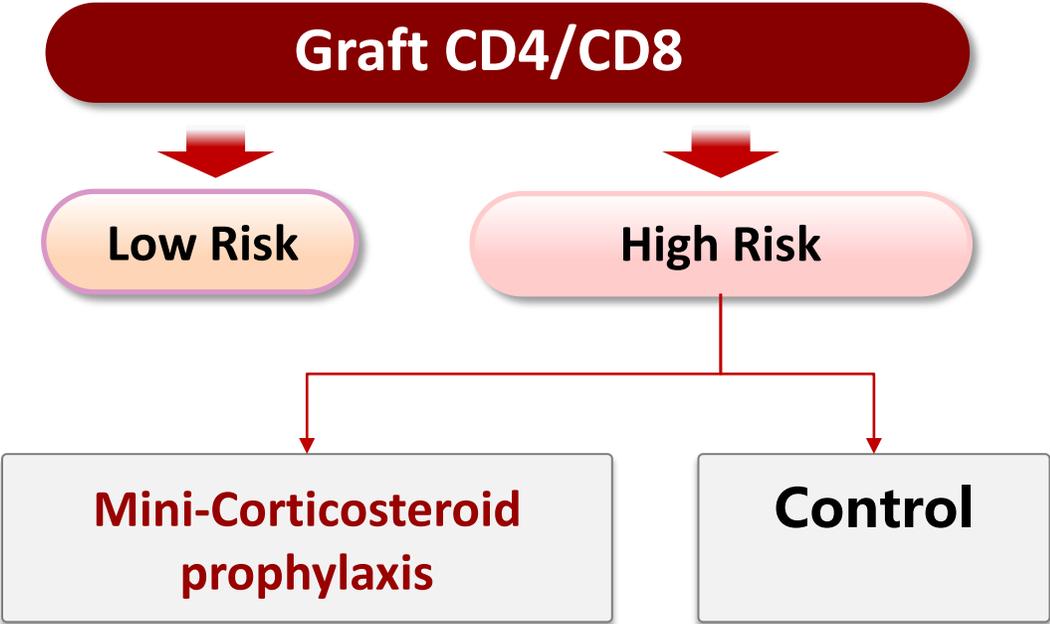
Bulletin du  
CANCER

Guideline

**“Management of graft failure--guidelines from the French Society”**

Cornillon J, et al. Bull Cancer. 2016;103(11S): S248-54

# Risk-directed prophylaxis further decreasing GVHD in haplo-SCT



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 JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY EDITORIAL  
 Graft-Versus-Host Disease Prevention:  
 Corticosteroids Revisited  
 Edwin P. Alyea, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA.  
 See accompanying article on page 1855

Harvard.U Prof.Alyea commented in *J Clin Oncol*

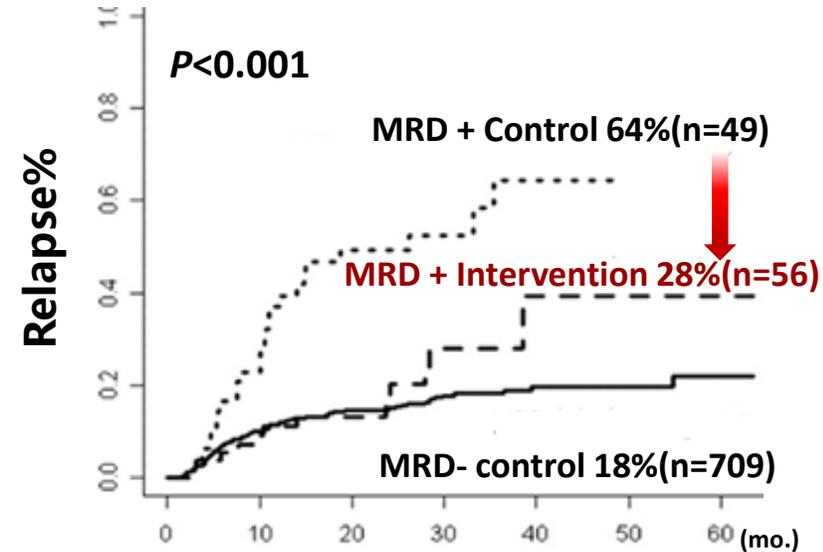
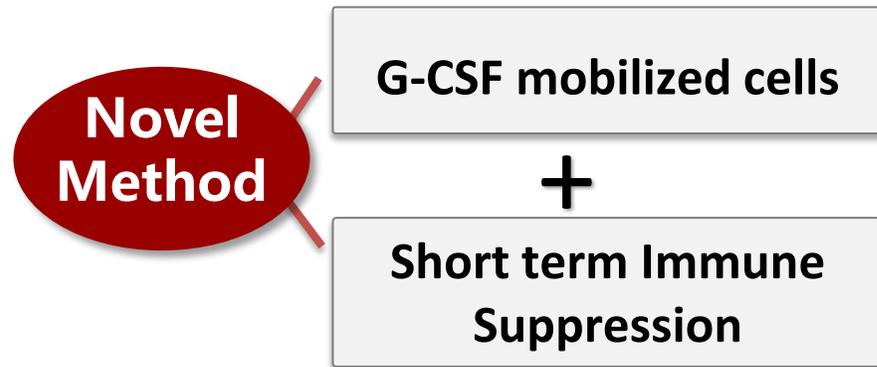
undergoing haploidentical transplantation. This trial provides an opportunity to consider both the opportunities and challenges of this type of trial design to identify new regimens to prevent GVHD and the applicability of these results to other transplantation settings.

**“Opportunities to prevent GVHD and applicability to other settings”**

*Alyea EP, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016; 34(16): 1836-7*

*Huang XJ. et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016; 34(6) (Corresponding)*

# Novel method for post HSCT Relapse after haplo-HSCT



Yair Reisner

According to **Huang et al in Beijing**, G-CSF-primed donor HSCs and robust posttransplantation GVHD prophylaxis reduced the risk of transplantation-related mortality (TRM) and **improved long-term survival**.<sup>10</sup> A follow-up study of 250 mis-

acute leukemia was higher in **haploidentical** recipients than in matched sibling recipients (42% vs 20%,  $P = .048$ ), presumably because of a **stronger GVL effect**.<sup>12</sup>

**Commented in Blood (2011) :**

**“G-CSF primed donor HSCs a stronger GVL effect...”**

*Reisner Y, et al. Blood. 2011; 118(23): 6006-17*

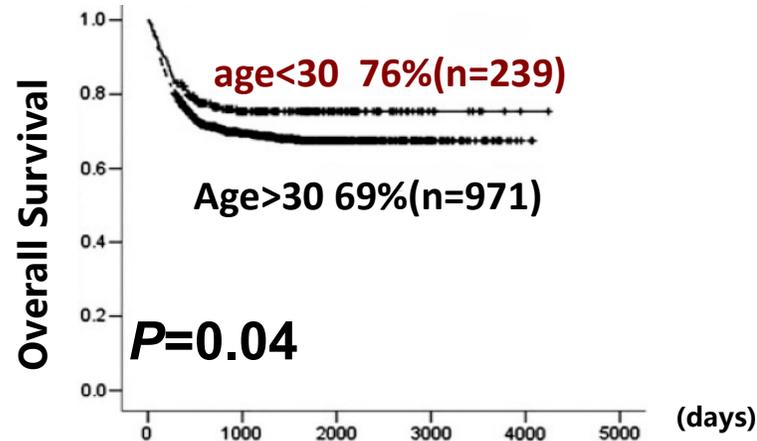
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*Huang XJ. et al. Sci China Life Sci. 2020;63(10) (Corresponding)*

*Huang XJ. et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2015;21(11) (Corresponding)*

# Establishment of first widely applied donor selection algorithm

## The Largest Haplo-HSCT cohort in the World (n=1210)



**Younger Donor Preferred**

Order	Donor Source
1 <sup>st</sup>	Offspring/NIMA mismatch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Little brother/NIMA mismatch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Old sister/NIMA mismatch or father
4 <sup>th</sup>	NIPA mismatch old sister or brother
last	Mother



Prof. Handgretinger  
Commented in *Blood*

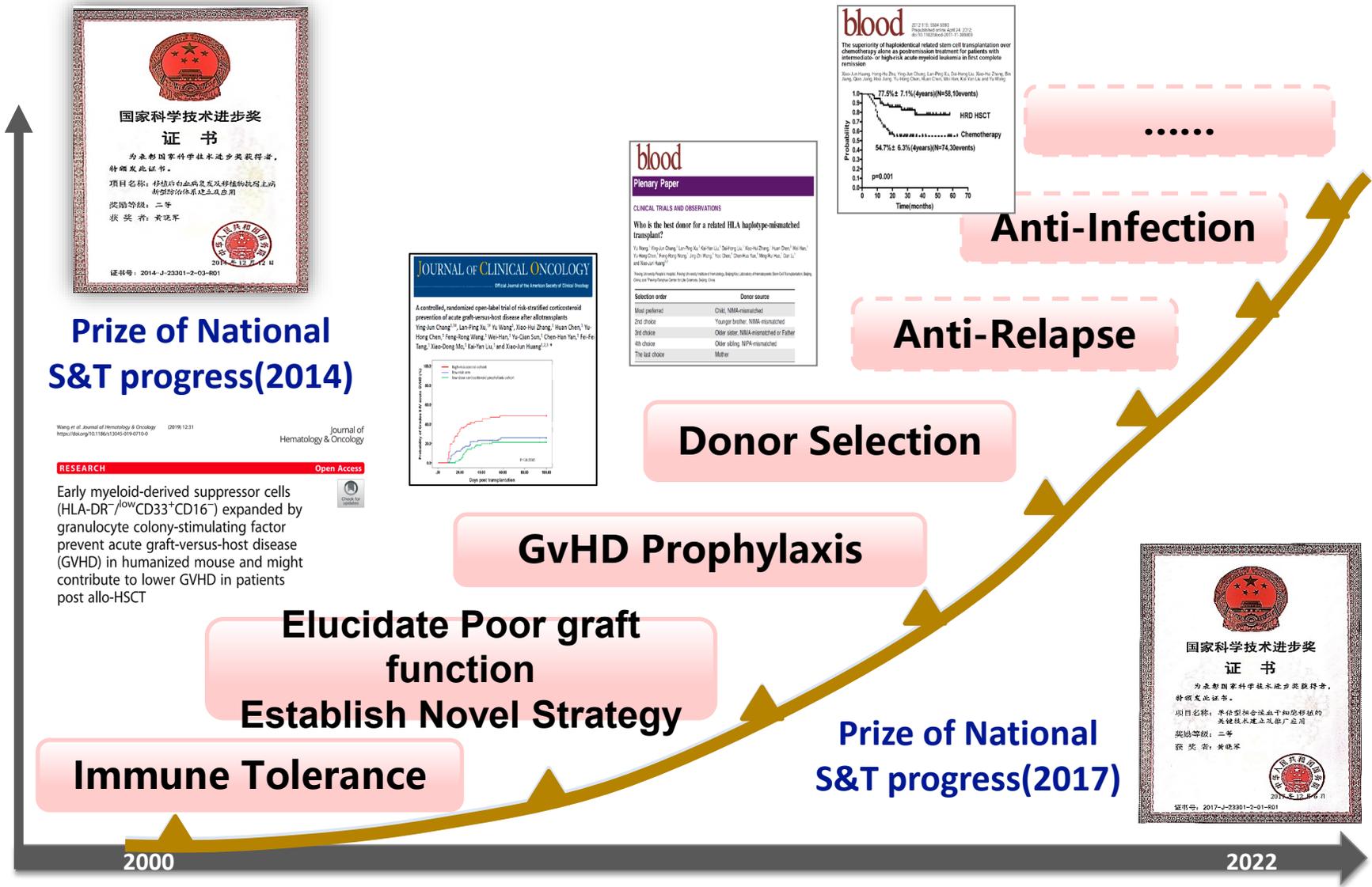
described in this study. Therefore, the analysis by Wang et al and their proposed algorithm for haploidentical donor selection will have a major impact on outcome for a large number of patients.

**Algorithm has a major impact for large number of patients**

Handgretinger R, *Blood*. 2014; 124(6): 827-28

Huang XJ. et al. *Blood*. 2014; 124(6) (Plenary Paper) (Corresponding)

# The First unmanipulated haplo-HSCT system--“Beijing Protocol”

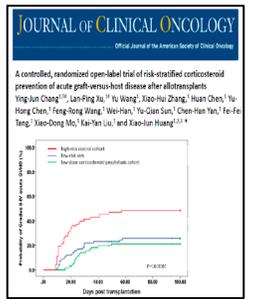


**Prize of National S&T progress(2014)**

Wang et al. *Journal of Hematology & Oncology* (2019) 12:31  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13041-019-01710-0>

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Early myeloid-derived suppressor cells (HLA-DR<sup>-</sup>/CD33<sup>+</sup>CD16<sup>+</sup>) expanded by granulocyte colony-stimulating factor prevent acute graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) in humanized mouse and might contribute to lower GVHD in patients post allo-HSCT



**blood**  
Plenary Paper

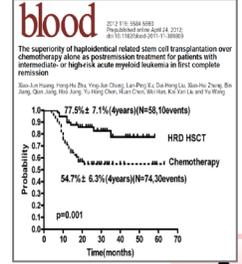
CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

Who is the best donor for a related HLA haplo-type mismatched transplant?

Yu Wang, Ying-Ju Zhang, Yun-Ping Xu, Kai-Yan Liu, Sheng-Jin Li, Min-Hu Zhang, Huan Chen, Hai-Nan Yu, Hong-Chen, Feng-Rong Wang, Jing-Di Wang, Yu-Chen Chen, Chen-Hui Sun, Hai-Pu Sun, Guo-Li and Xiao-Li Huang\*

Young donors' higher HLA-DQβ diversity reduces HLA-DQβ mismatch-related acute graft-versus-host disease in haplo-HSCT

Selection order	Donor source
1st choice	Child, NIMA-mismatched
2nd choice	Younger brother, NIMA-mismatched
3rd choice	Older sister, NIMA-mismatched or Father
4th choice	Older sibling, NPA-mismatched
The last choice	Mother



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**Anti-Infection**

**Anti-Relapse**

**Donor Selection**

**GvHD Prophylaxis**

**Elucidate Poor graft function**  
**Establish Novel Strategy**

**Immune Tolerance**

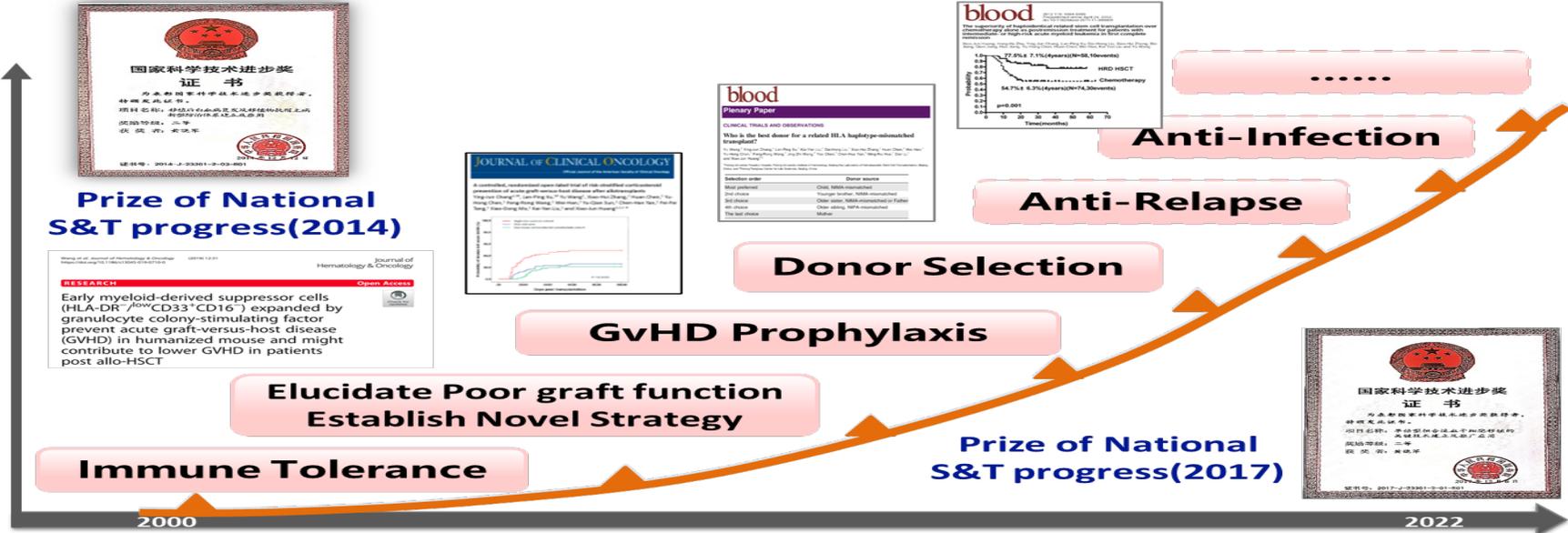
**Prize of National S&T progress(2017)**



2000

2022

# The First unmanipulated haplo-HSCT system--“Beijing Protocol”





**Jeff Szer**



**Yoshihisa Kodera**

## Current and past president of Worldwide Network for Blood & Marrow Transplantation (WBMT)

Over the past 15 years, by using a combination of G-CSF–mobilized bone marrow and peripheral blood cells, as well as antithymocyte globulin administration for the prophylaxis of GVHD and graft rejection, the Beijing group initiated one of the earliest clinical trials to explore unmanipulated myeloablative haplo-HSCT for leukemia [8]. The extensive chronic GVHD 19% to 23%); haplo-HSCT achieved similar clinical efficacy as allo-HSCT from an HLA-identical sibling donor or matched unrelated donor and was found

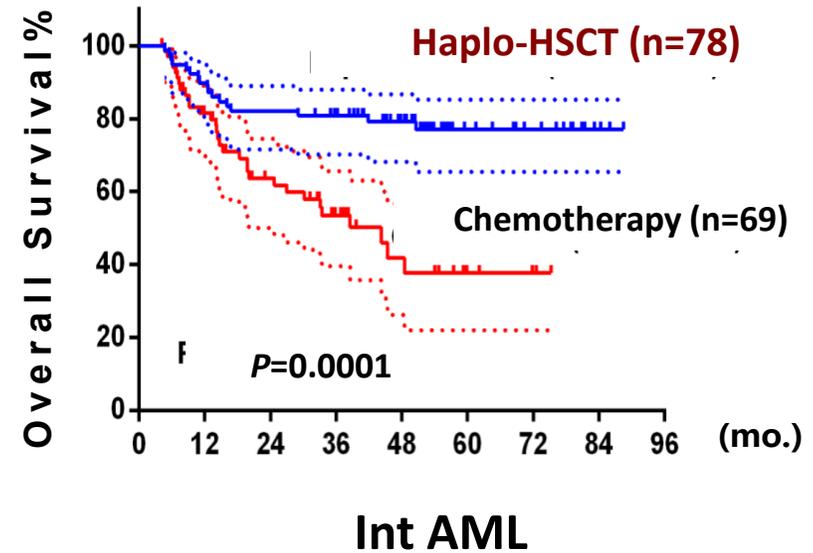
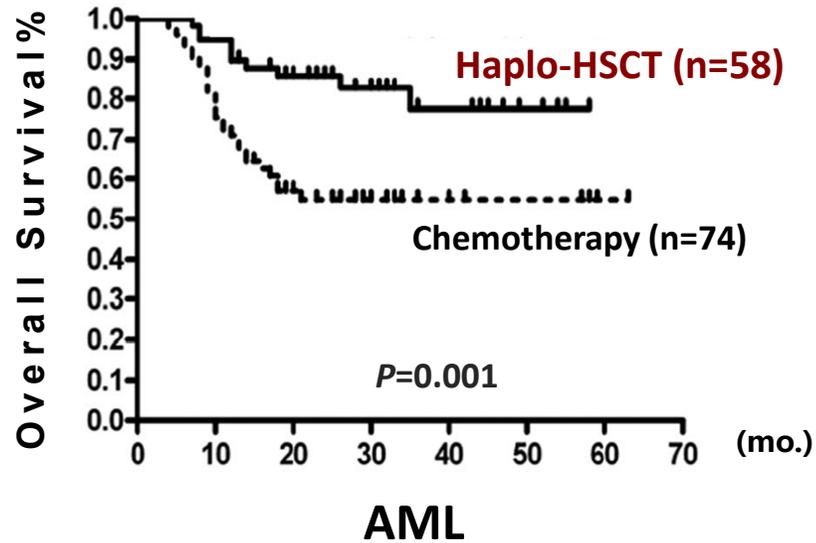
In recent years the Beijing Protocol has been improved in many aspects and developed into an integrated haplo-HSCT system. The indications for haplo-HSCT have been Beijing Protocol was shown to be a reliable treatment strategy for patients without a suitable HLA-matched donor for because of immunological or financial factors, thus providing the promise of a donor for almost every eligible patient. The

*Apperley J, et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2016; 22(1): 23-6*

“integrated haplo-HSCT system, reliable treatment without HLA matched donor, promise of every eligible patient...”

# Firstly enabling haplo-HSCT superior to chemotherapy

## First Prospective Study



**Overturning traditional concept “haplo-SCT is formidable”**

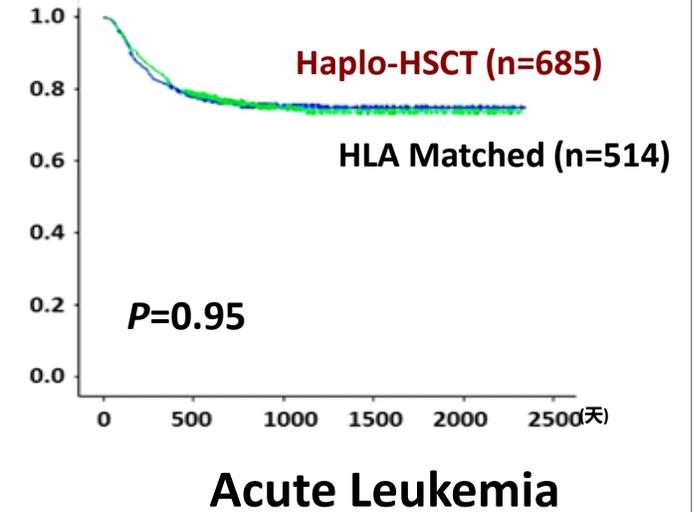
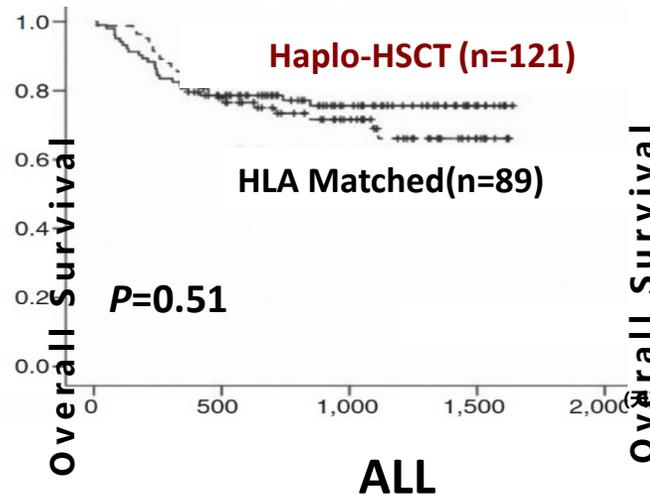
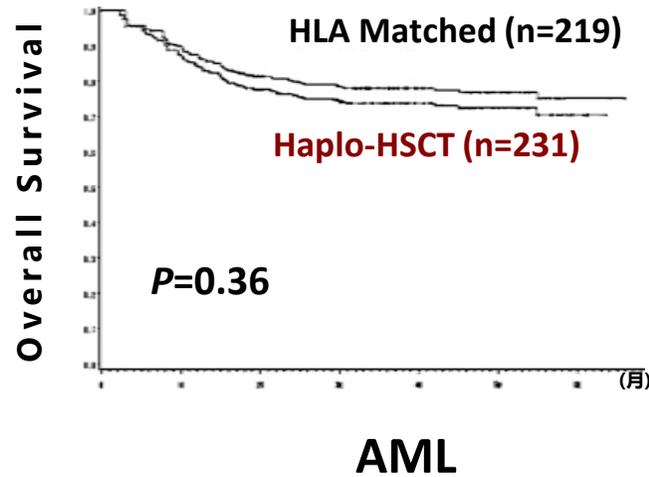
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Huang XJ. et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2018; 25(6) (Corresponding)

# Firstly enabling haplo-HSCT comparable to HLA matched HSCT

## Prospective Multicenter Studies



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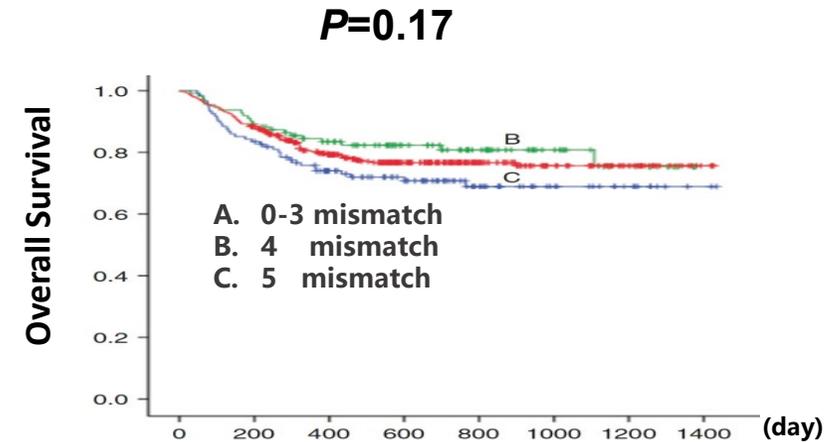
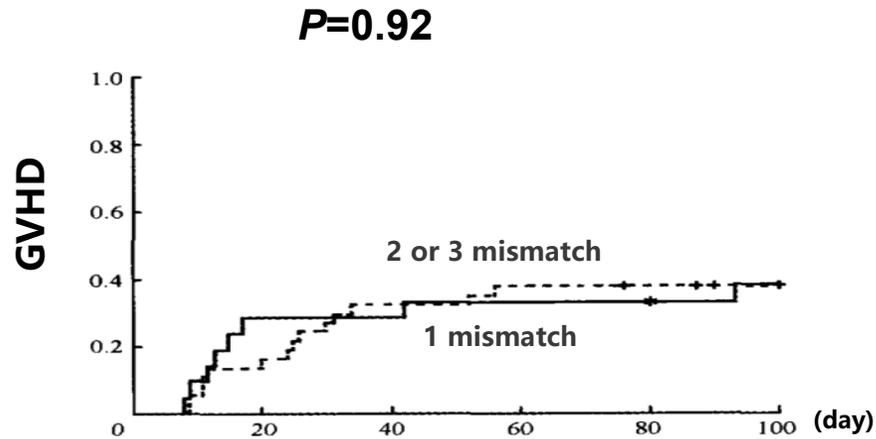
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Huang XJ. et al. *Leukemia*. 2018; 32(2) (Corresponding)

**AML:** acute myeloid leukemia

**ALL:** acute lymphocytic leukemia

# First time HLA disparity no longer affecting outcome



HLA mismatch **does not** affect GvHD

HLA mismatch **does not** affect OS

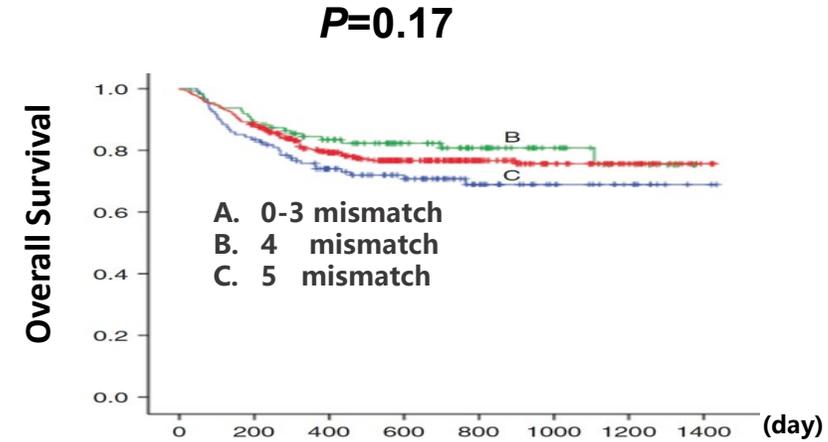
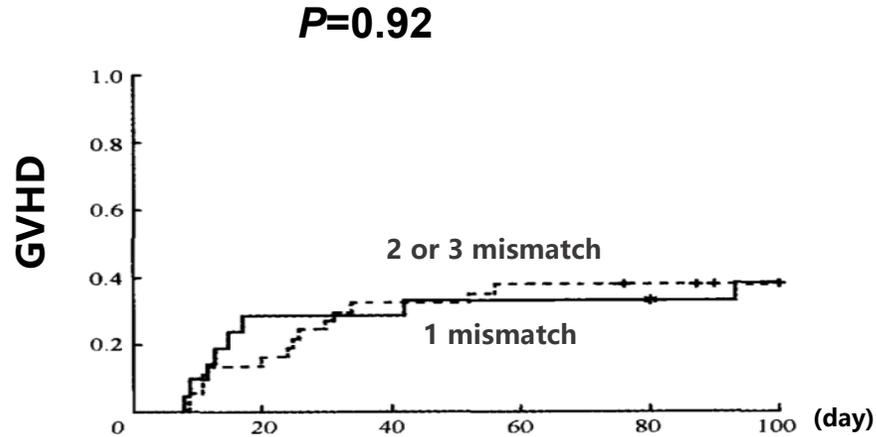
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(58 cases)  
2004  
*Peking U. J.*

Prospective  
(219 cases)  
2009  
*Clin Cancer Res*

Retrospective  
(595 Cases)  
2018  
*BMT*

Large Prospective  
(1199 cases)  
2018  
*Leukemia*

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nature  
REVIEWS CLINICAL  
ONCOLOGY



Leonido Luznik  
(2016)

the extent of HLA disparity did not affect overall survival.<sup>18,20,87</sup>

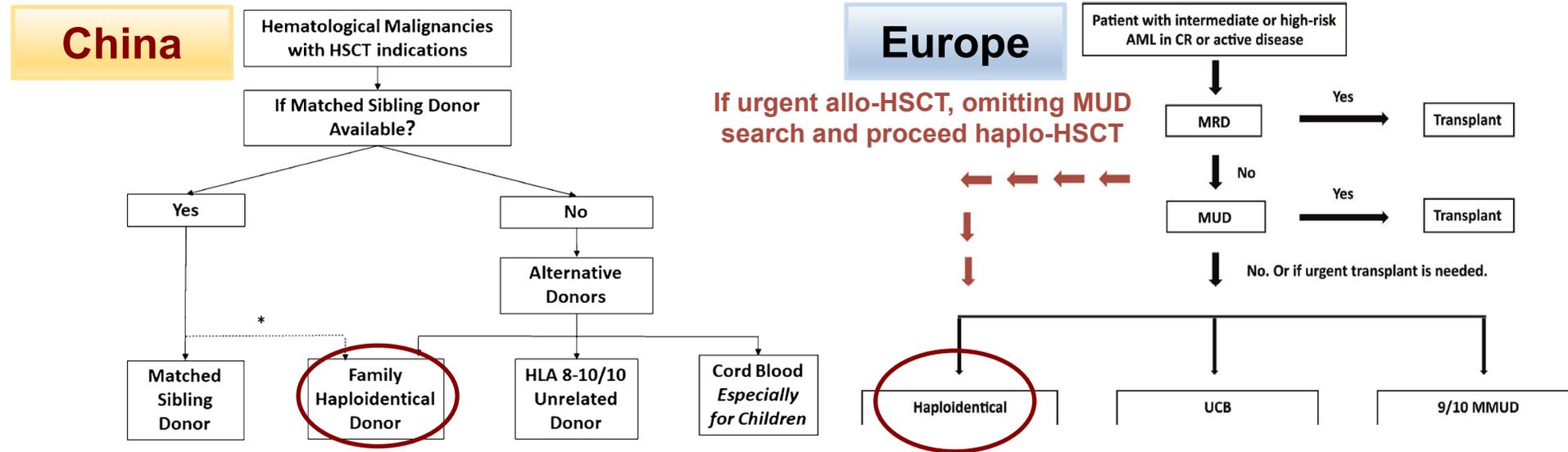
**“HLA disparity did not affect survival”**

*Kanakry CG, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2016; 13(2): 132*

**HLA barrier has been overcome**

# “Beijing Protocol” updated Guidelines

## Haplo-HSCT the first-line treatment for acute leukemia



Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation  
Journal homepage: www.bmt.org

ASBMT  
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANTATION

### Indications Guidelines American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (2015)

Majhail NS, et al. *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant.* 2015; 21(11): 1863-69

### GUIDELINE ARTICLE

### Haplo-HSCT Consensus Statement European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (2017)

Lee CJ, et al. *Haematologica.* 2017; 102(11): 1810-22



Journal of Hematology & Oncology  
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### Consensus of indications, conditioning regimens and donor selection Chinese Society of Hematology

Zhang XH, et al. *J Hematol Oncol.* 2021;14(1):145.

# Active in Academy and International Cooperation

## International Meeting as Host President

- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Network for Blood & Marrow Transplantation (WBMT, 2018)
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Asia Cellular Therapy Organization 2016
- ◆ 35<sup>th</sup> International Society of Hematology 2014
- ◆ 19<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Transplant Meeting 2014
- ◆ .....



# the 'Beijing Protocol' Have Revised International Transplant Guidelines/Consensus

## Haploidentical Transplantation Becomes First-Line Treatment for Leukemia

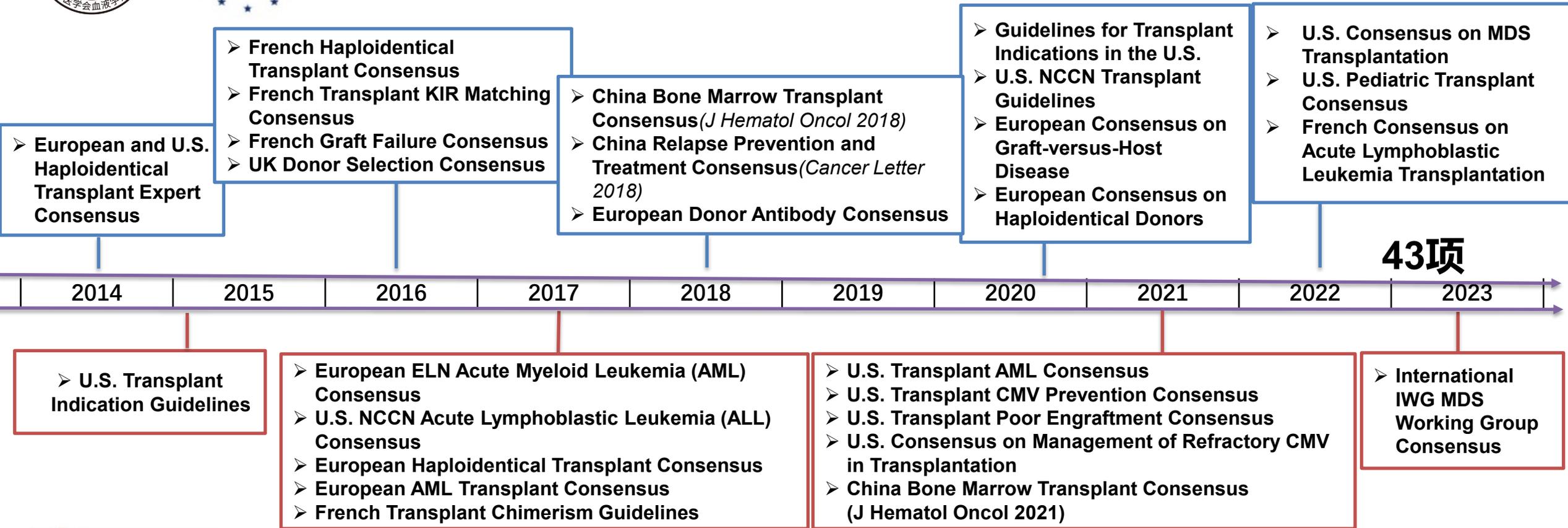


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# "Beijing Protocol" Achieves Best Global Efficacy

<b>Ex Vivo T Cell Depletion</b>	<b>Beijing Protocol</b> Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor	<b>U.S. Protocol</b> Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide
<b>Earliest Reported</b>	2004	2008
<b>Clinical Efficacy</b>		
- Transplantation Rate	99%	88-91%
- Graft-Versus-Host Disease	21-43%	16-42%
- Survival Rate	60-79%	40-65%
<b>Key Milestones for Efficacy</b>		
- Equivalent Efficacy to Full Match	2006	2013
- Superior Efficacy to Chemotherapy	2012	2014

*Luznik, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol.2016;  
Bashey A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2017;*

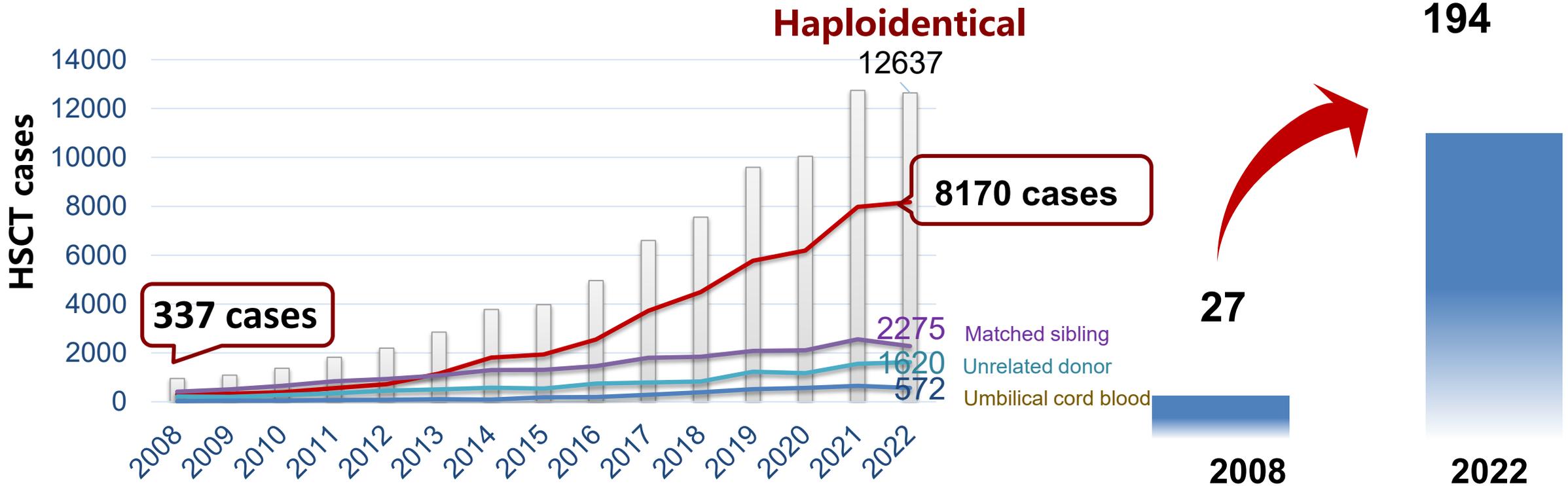
*Huang XJ , Blood. 2015, J Clin Oncol.2016, Leukemia. 2017  
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# "Beijing Protocol" has become the first allo-HSCT model in China

"Beijing Protocol" was applied in 94% of haplo-SCT

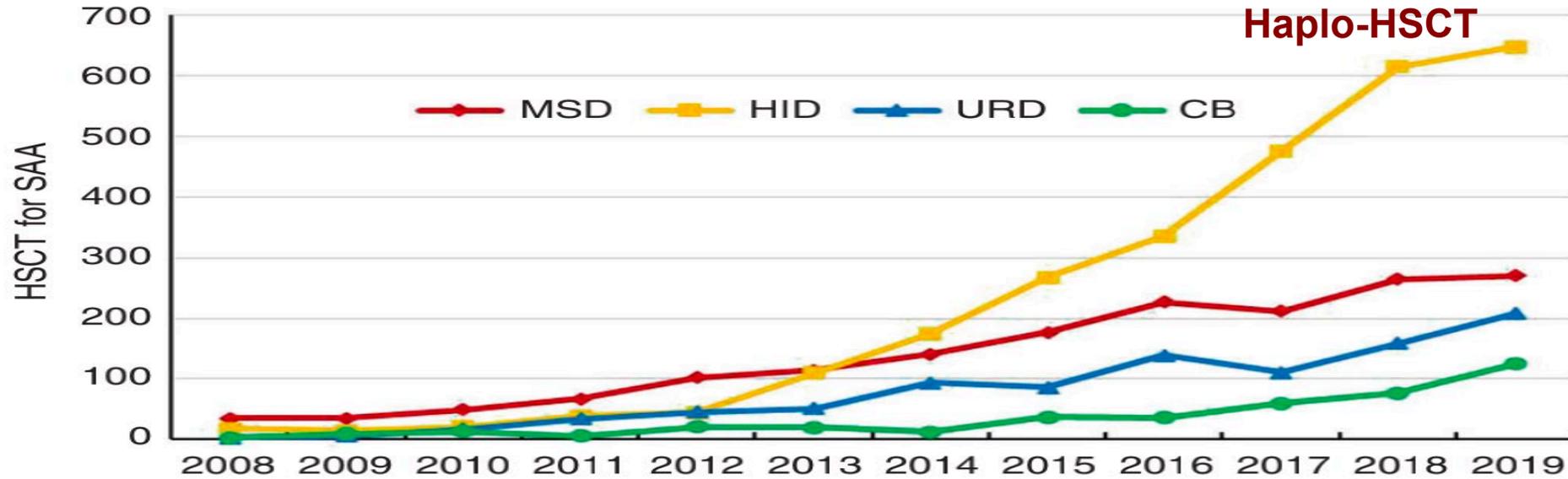
Transplant centers grew rapidly

Forty-six thousand cases completed in 15 years

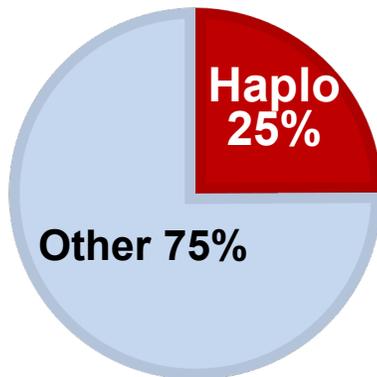


Since 2008, more than 600 visiting doctors have learned Beijing Protocol from mainland, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India...

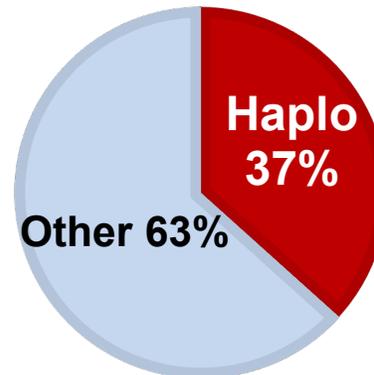
# Haplo-HSCT contributes to extension of HSCT indications



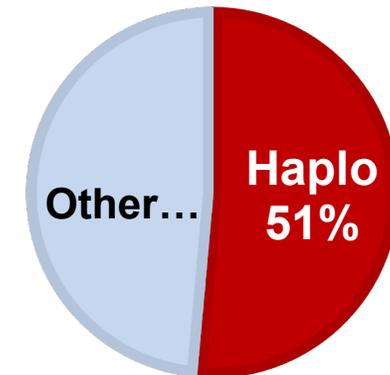
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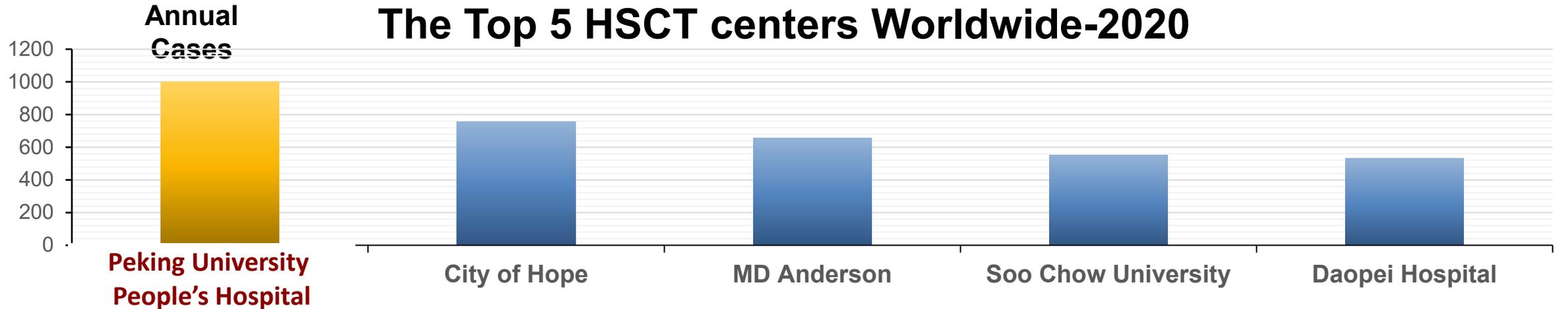
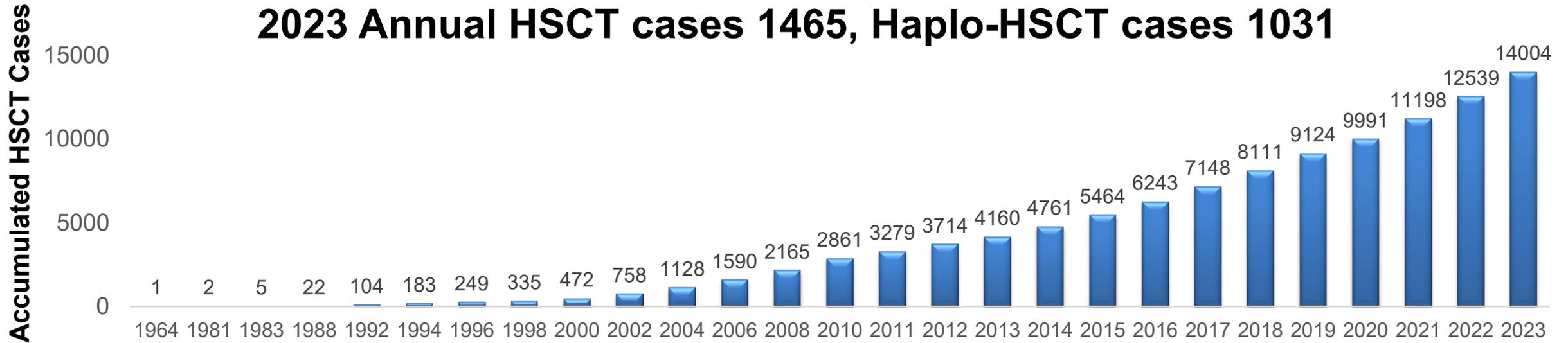
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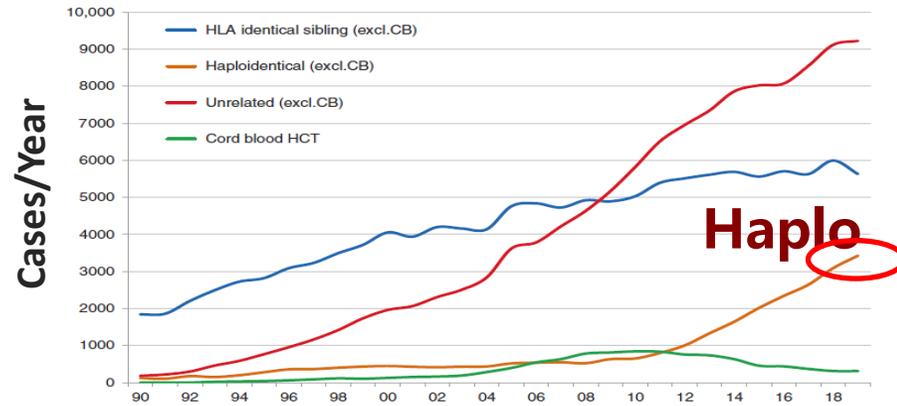
◆ Huang XJ, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2021.56(12) (Corresponding)

# The Largest HSCT Center Worldwide --- PUIH

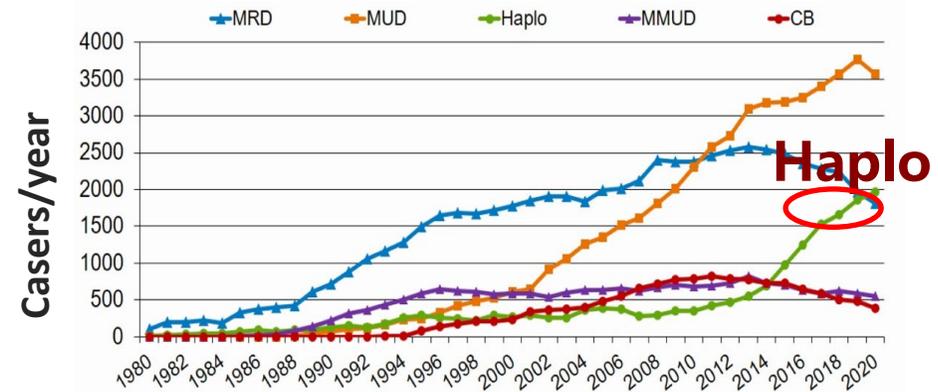
**2023 Annual HSCT cases 1465, Haplo-HSCT cases 1031**



# “Beijing Protocol” promotes rapid growth of haplo-HSCT worldwide



Europe Registry



USA Registry



more than half of the HLA haplotype-mismatched transplantations performed worldwide will follow similar protocols as described in this study. Therefore, the

**More than half of HLA mismatched HSCT follow similar protocol**

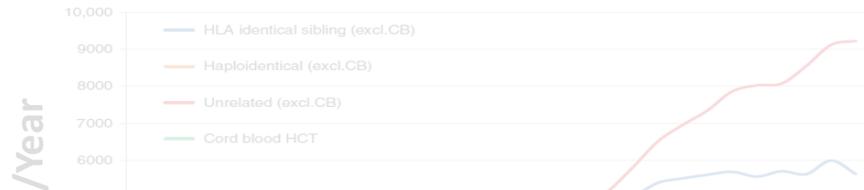
*Handgretinger R, Blood. 2014; 124(6): 827-28*



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Former Chairman of International Bone Marrow Transplant Registry Gale RP.

**We should not forget what China has given us in these two decades including “Beijing protocol” for HLA-haplotype-matched transplants**

*Gale RP, J Hematol Oncol. 2018; 11(1):34*



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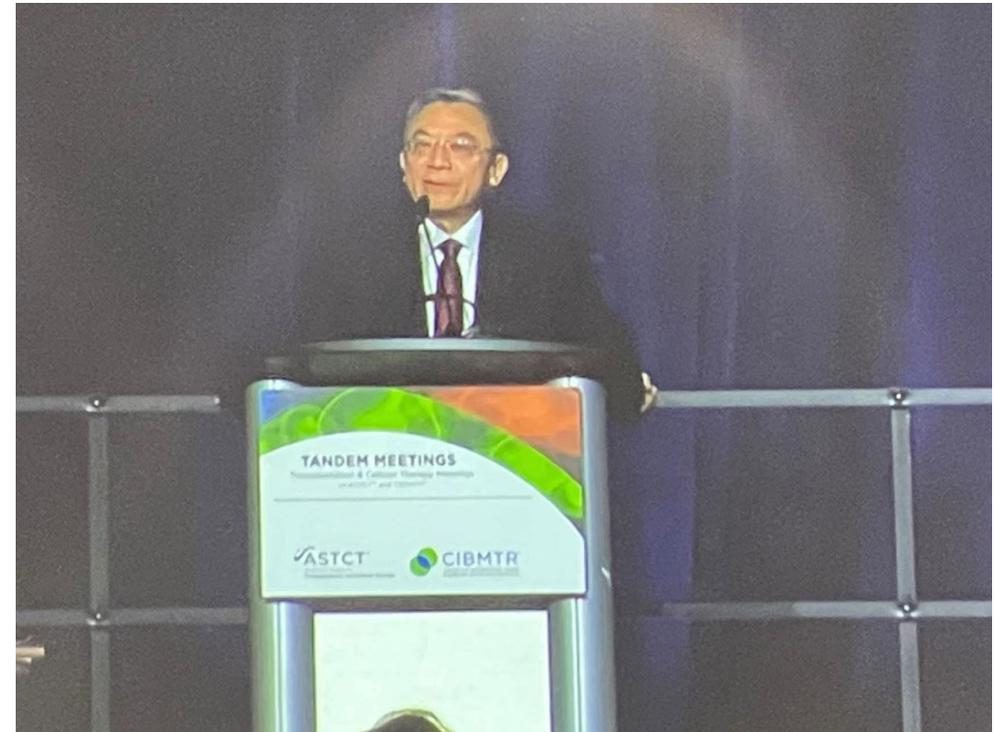
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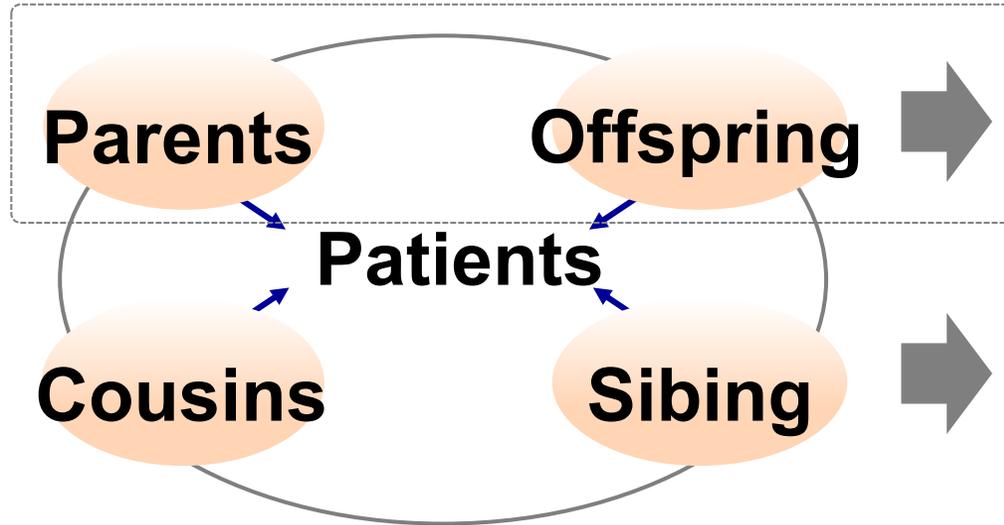
**2023-10-5 International Academy for Clinical Hematology awarded Academician Xiaojun Huang IACH International Collaboration Award**

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On February 23, 2024, the CIBMTR honored Academician Xiaojun Huang with the "Distinguished Service Award" in recognition of his exceptional contributions to international hematology through the establishment of the "Beijing Protocol."

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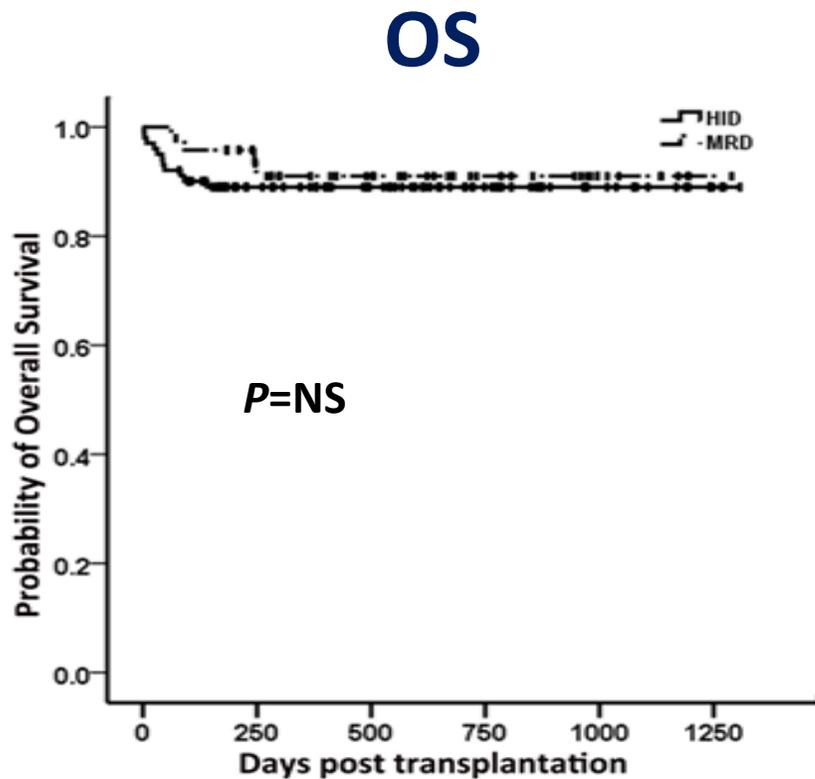
**Offspring to/from Parents:  
0% to almost 100%**

**Sibling Donors  
25% to 75%**

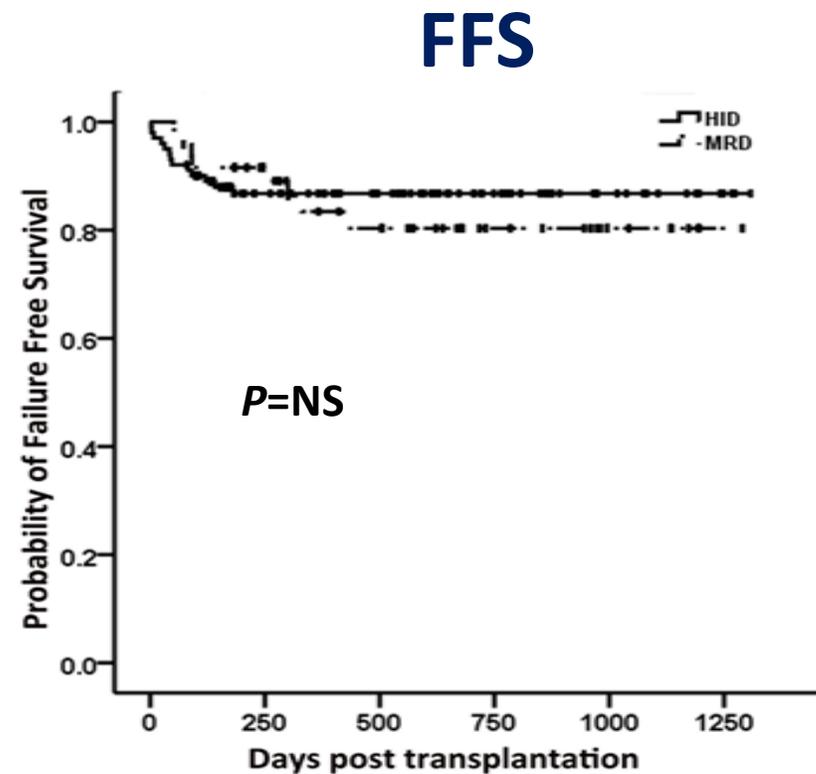
**“Beijing Protocol” prompted Haplo-HSCT From  
“Formidable” to “Feasible”**

**Everyone has a donor**

# Comparable survival between haplo and ISD SCT in SAA as **salvage** treatment

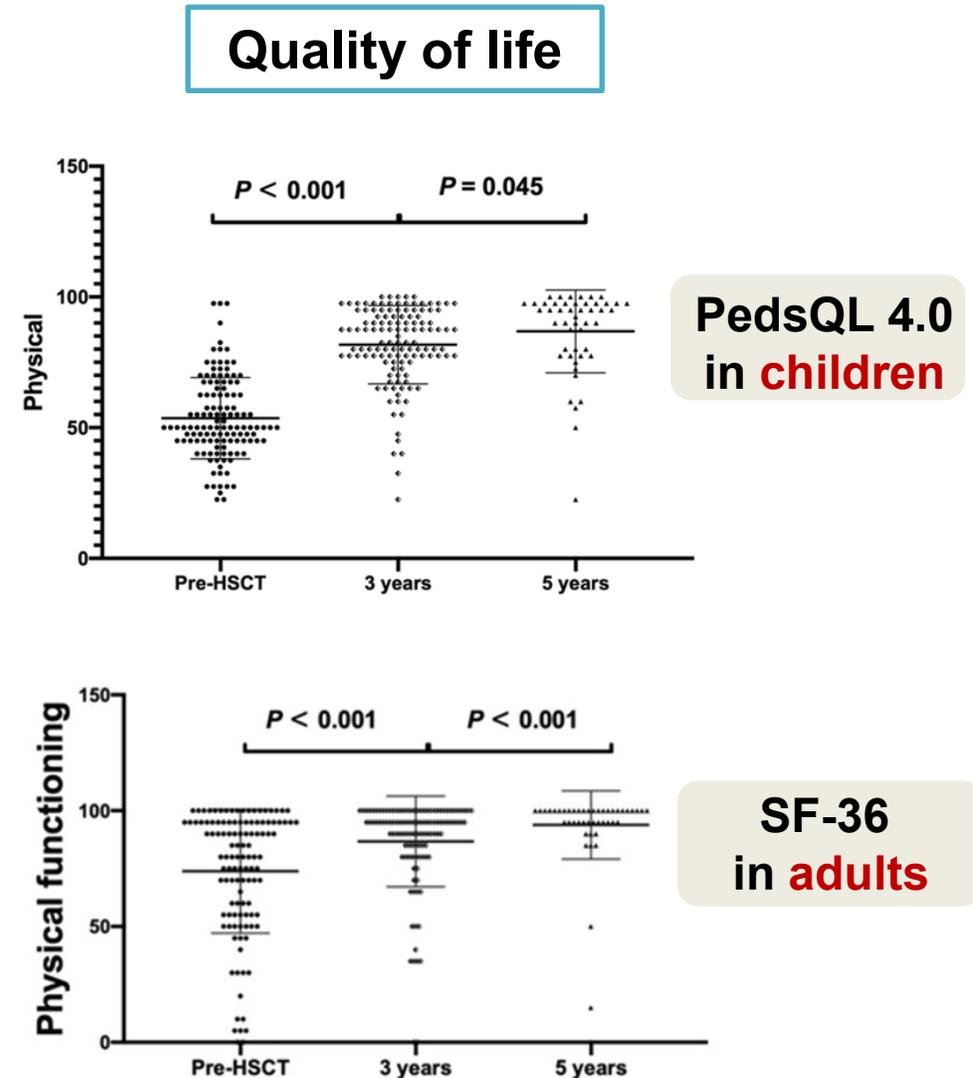
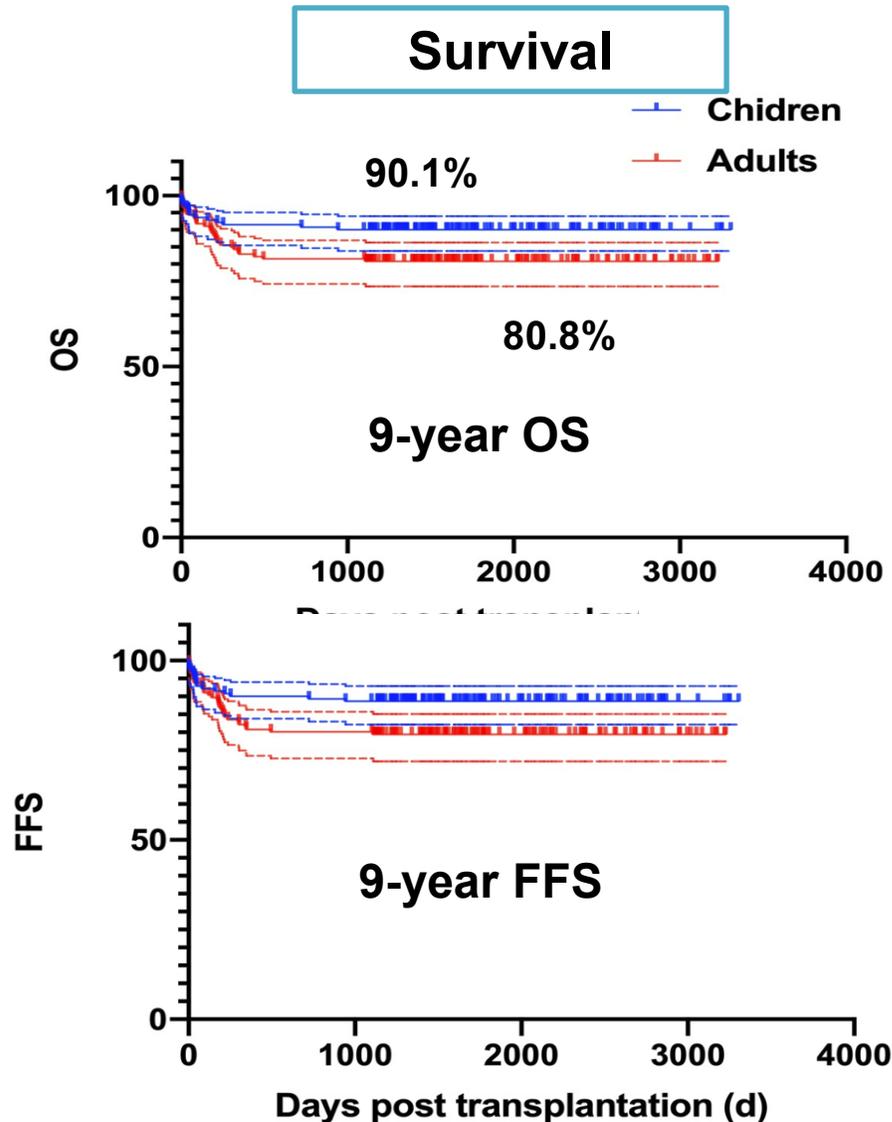


✓ 3-y OS: 89.0% vs 91.0%



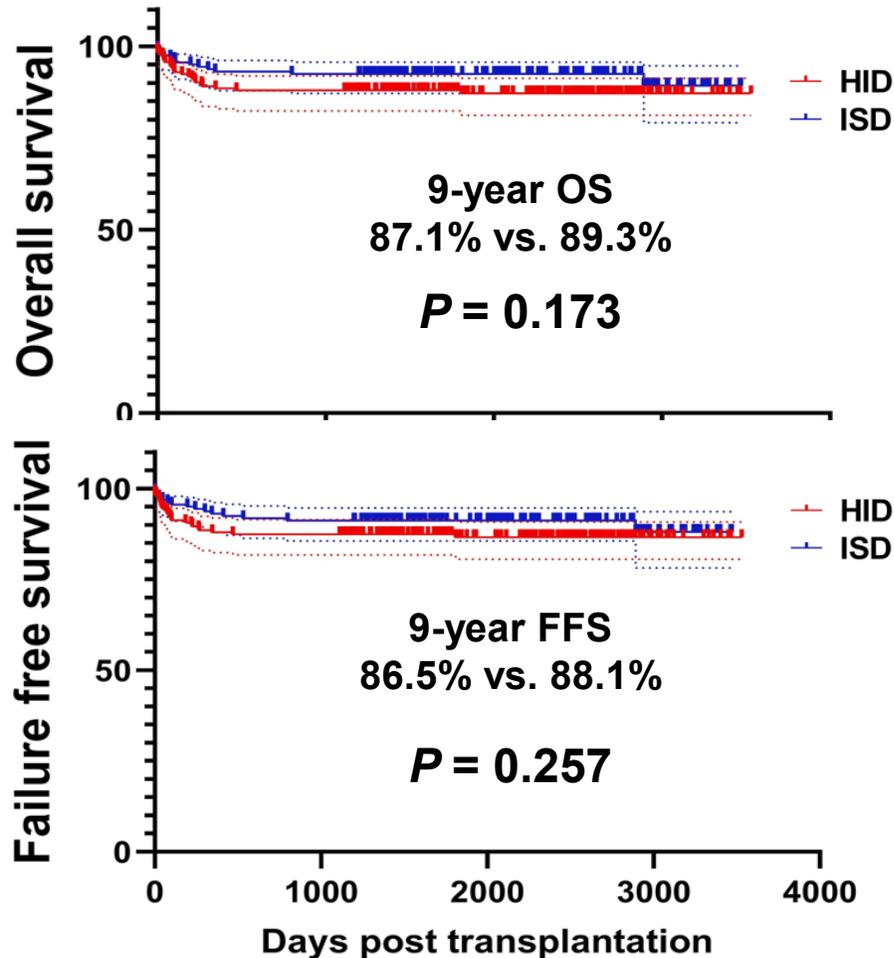
✓ 3-y FFS: 86.8% vs 80.3%

# Long-term follow-up of **salvage** haplo-SCT in SAA

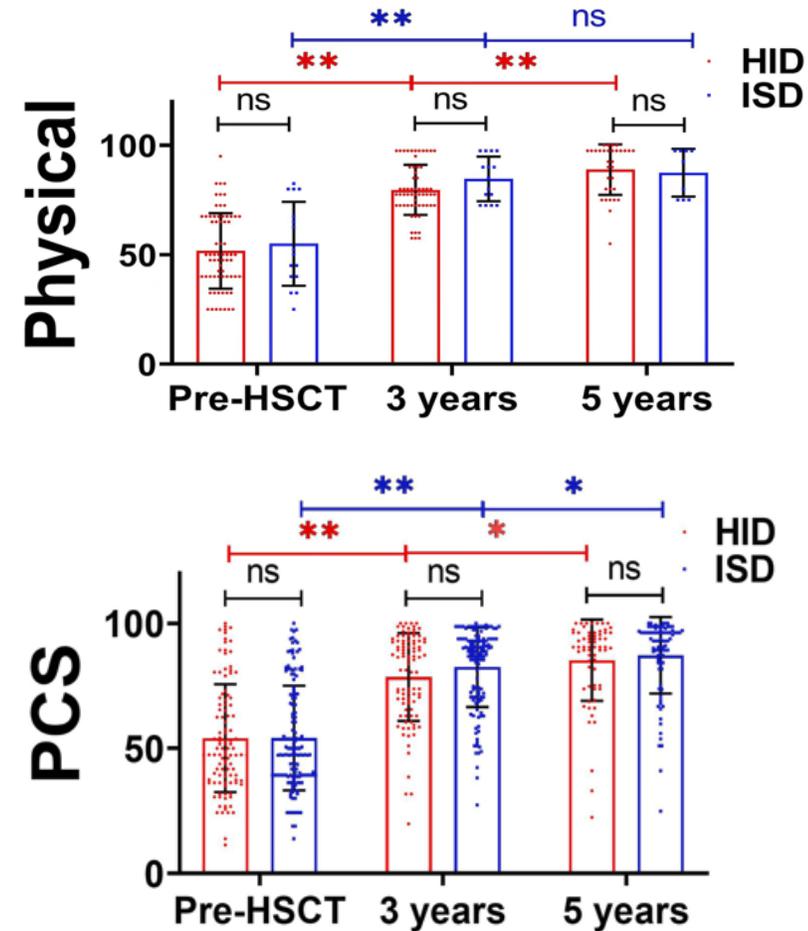


# Comparable long-term outcomes in **upfront** haplo and ISD SCT for SAA

## Survival



## Quality of life



PedsQL 4.0  
in **children**

SF-36  
in **adults**

# Long-term outcomes of haplo-HSCT for AA: Expert commentary

Science Bulletin

**Prof. Arnon Nagler**  
**Co-Chair of ALWP of the EBMT**



Prof. Arnon Nagler

thus no wonder that professor Xiao-Jun Huang and his group pioneered the non T depleted haplo transplants for hematological malignancies in China paving the way for many other transplant centers in the world, establishing the G-CSF primed bone marrow and peripheral blood combined stem cell source be confirmed in additional SAA patient cohorts and in multicenter studies. In conclusion, treatment of severe aplastic anemia including with HSCT has improved significantly over the past 4 decades and the study by Dr. Xu Lang-Ping on behalf of his colleagues from the Peking University People's Hospital and Institute of Hematology, Beijing, China is an important step forward.

*The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE*

**Prof. Neal S. Young**  
**National Institutes Of Health**

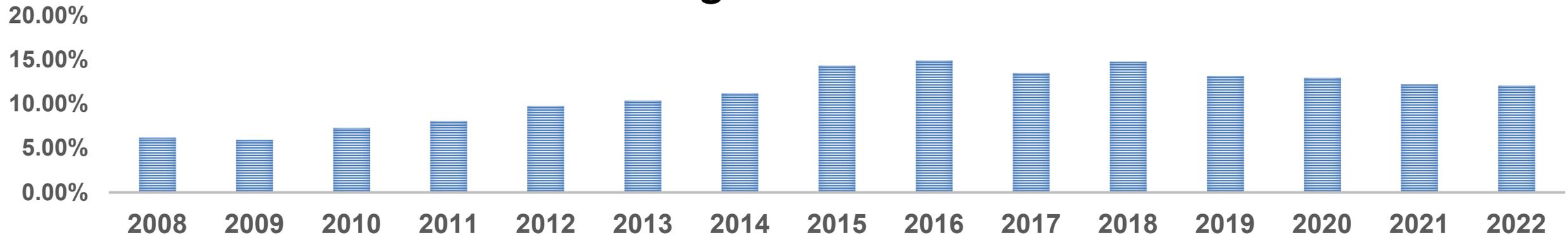


used to prevent GVHD. The results have been encouraging on the basis of extensive experience in Chinese centers, with much smaller series of transplant recipients in the United States and Europe (Table 3). Haploidentical transplantation has been advocated in China as first-line treatment for children.<sup>24</sup>

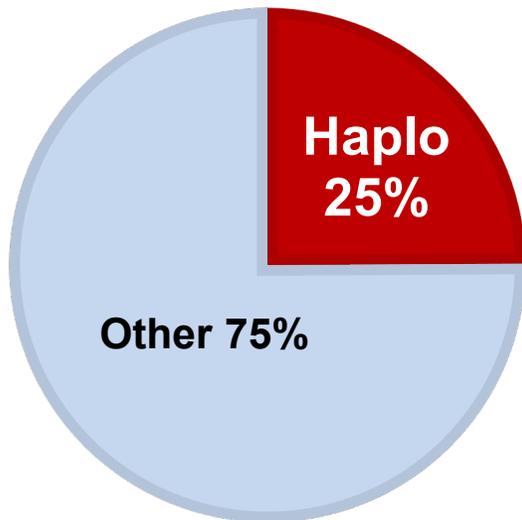
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# Increasing Haplo-HSCT for SAA in China

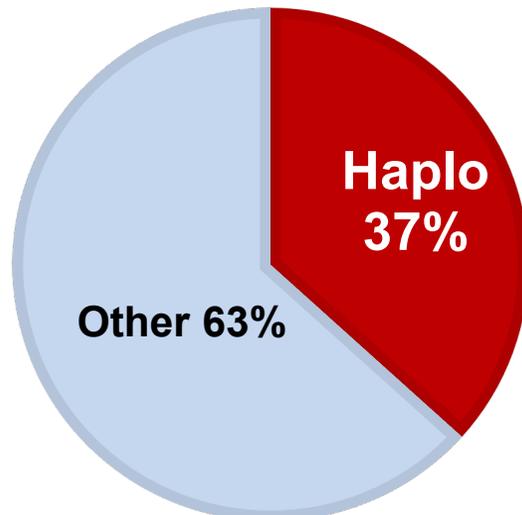
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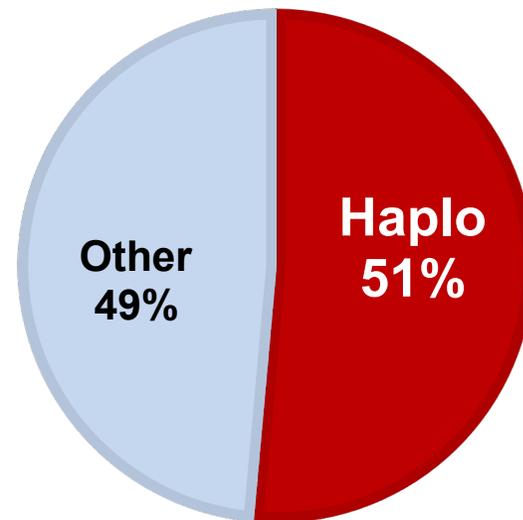
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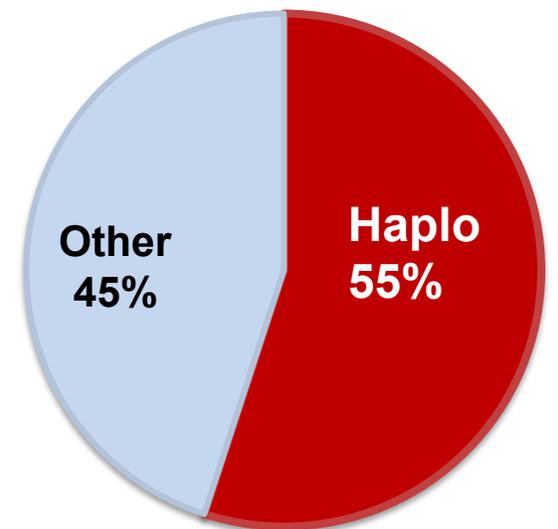
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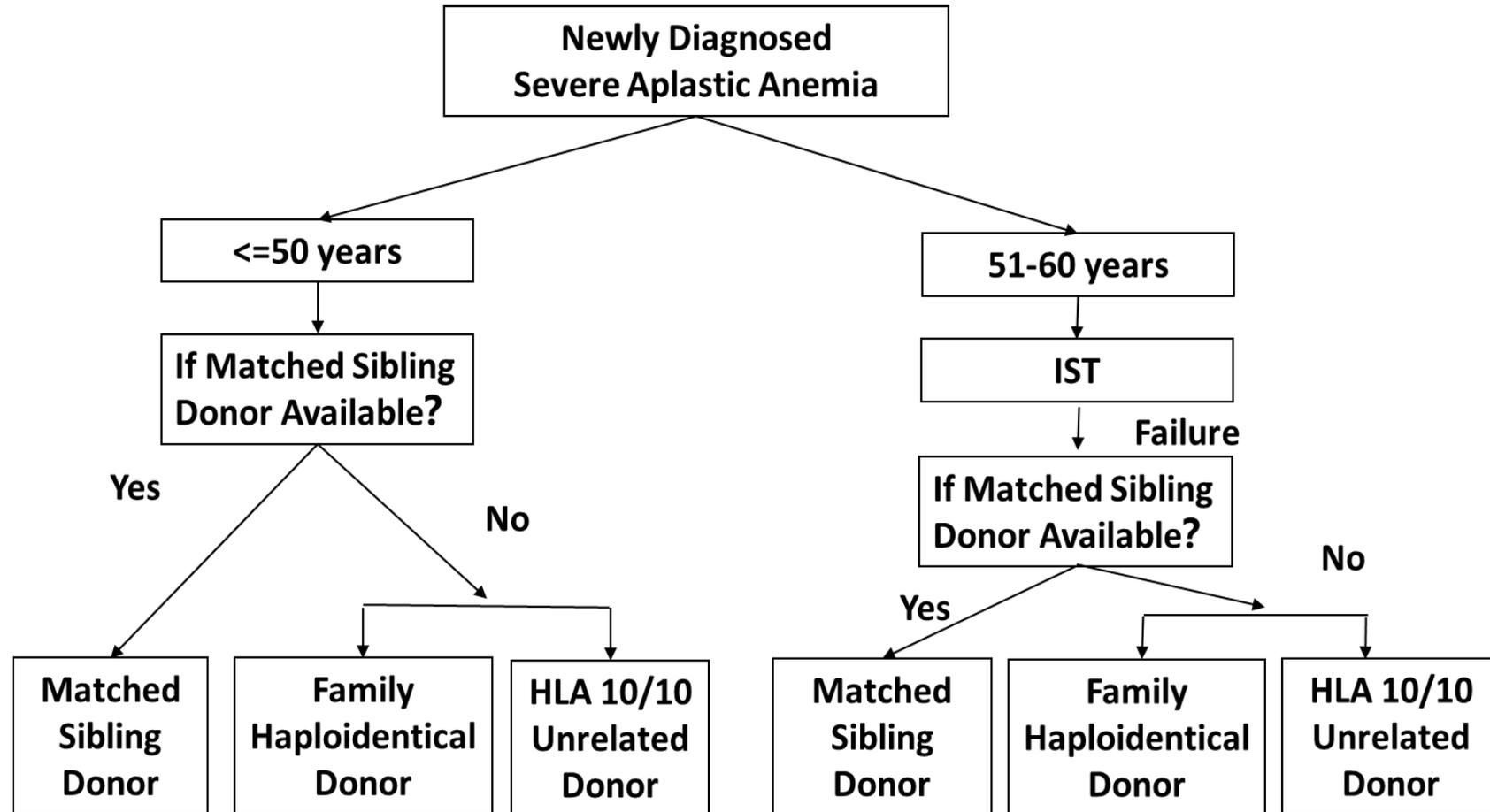
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**2020-2022**



# Chinese Society of Hematology Recommendations



**Haplo-HSCT for AA has been changed from second-line to first-line therapy.**

# Summary

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- ◆ **Beijing Protocol has realized everyone has a donor**
- ◆ **Haplo-SCT has been increasingly applied**

# Allo-HSCT



**Combination does better**

**Everyone has a donor**

