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**Tolerance induction combining T-cell depletion  
and posttransplant cyclophosphamide in  
non-ablative haploidentical HSCT**

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# TCD Haplo-HSCT in patients with Leukemia

**Clinical problems:  
Rejection & GvHD**



**Mouse Models**



**Discovery of «veto» effect and Megadose**

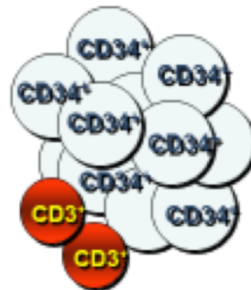
Haplo HSCT: MAC, immunoselected CD34<sup>+</sup> cells,  
no post-Tx immune suppression.  
(first pilot study launched in March 1993)



**Myeloablative  
conditioning  
regimen**



**Megadose CD34<sup>+</sup>  
(≥10 x 10<sup>6</sup>/kg)**



**Ex vivo T-cell depletion  
(CD3 ≤1 x 10<sup>4</sup>/kg)**

*No post-Tx immune suppression*

Aversa et al  
Blood 1994; NEJM 1998, JCO, 2005

**Regulatory activity of CD34<sup>+</sup>  
cells: evidence for a  
T-cell mediated**

GUR et al BLOOD, 15 MARCH 2005

**... suggest that cells within the  
... are endowed with  
regulatory “veto like” activity that  
... their own engraftment.**

HSCT Programme  
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TREATMENT OF HIGH-RISK ACUTE LEUKEMIA WITH T-CELL-DEPLETED STEM CELLS FROM RELATED DONORS WITH ONE FULLY MISMATCHED HLA HAPLOTYPE

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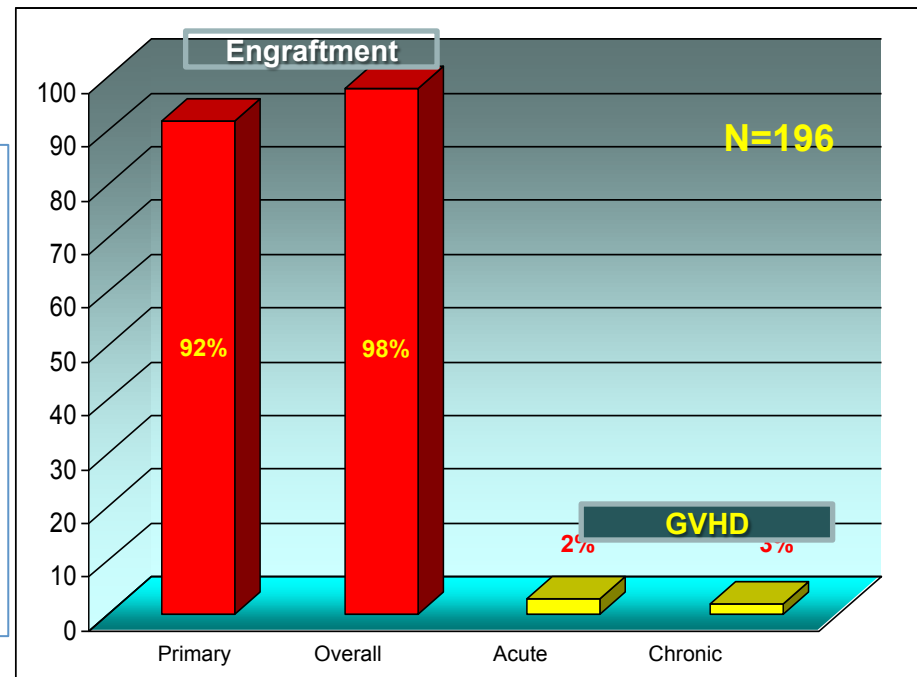
ORIGINAL REPORT

Full Haplotype-Mismatched Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation: A Phase II Study in Patients With Acute Leukemia at High Risk of Relapse

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Megadose TCD in haplo-HCT:

- can neutralize or tolerize host anti-donor T cells,
- can facilitate engraftment following a MAC
- prevents GVHD in the absence of any post-transplant immune suppressive therapy.



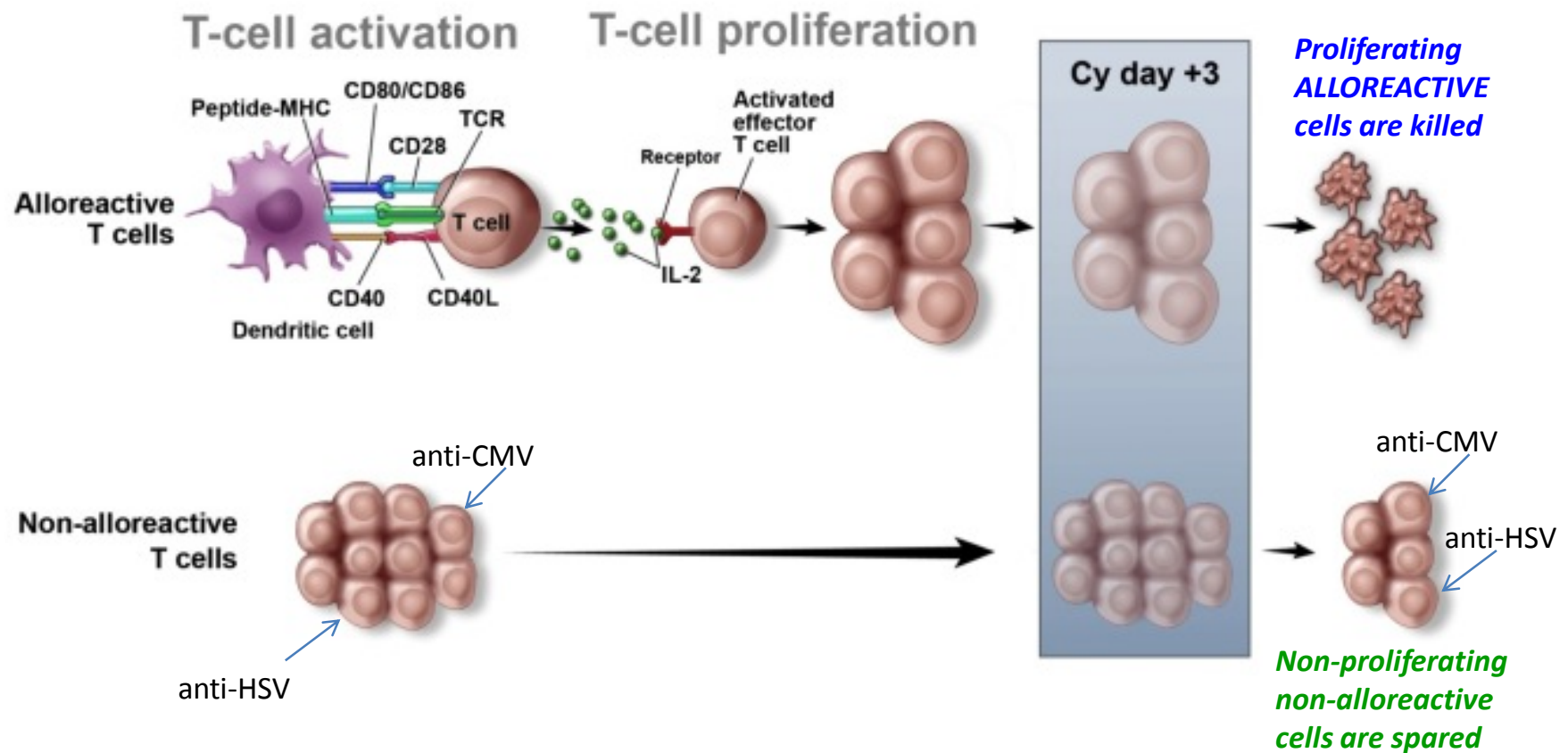
# Challenge in HaploHSCT

- TCD haplo-HSCT, with its minimal risk of GVHD, if combined with a reduced intensity conditioning (RIC) could potentially offer safe treatment modality for:
  - Elderly,
  - Patients with hematological malignancies who cannot tolerate harsh conditioning,
  - Treatment of non-malignant hematological diseases.

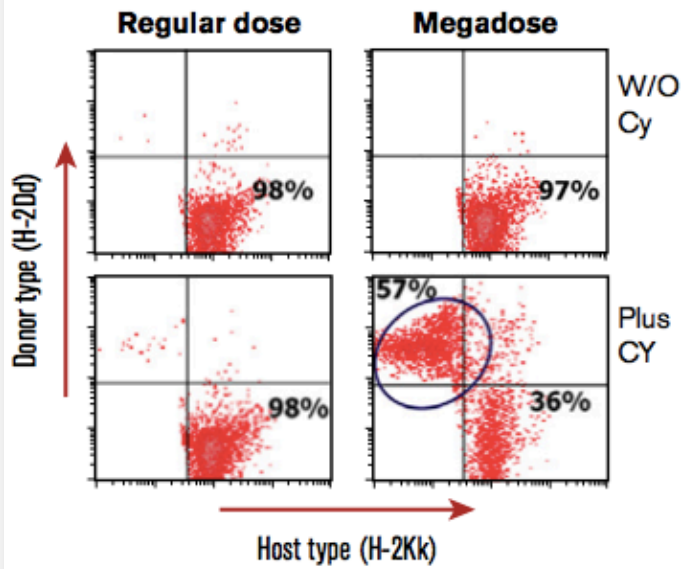
# Working Hypothesis

- **RIC** is associated with
  - High risk of graft rejection by the residual host T cells
- **Partial TCD (CD3/CD19)** is associated with
  - High risk of GvHD due to the infusion of CD3 > threshold for GVHD ( $>1 \times 10^5/\text{kg}$ )
- **PTCY** is associated with
  - In vivo Depletion of bidirectional alloreactivity (HvG and GvH)

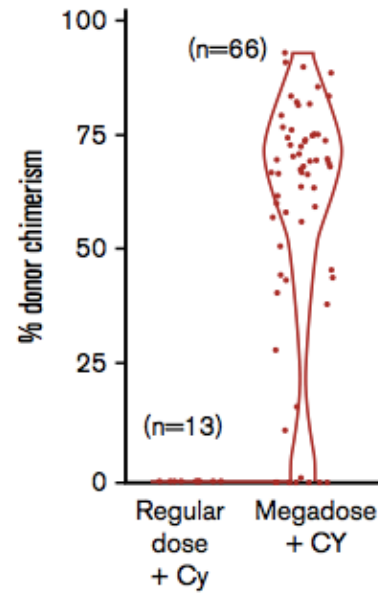
# Selective alodepletion with high dose, post-transplantation cyclophosphamide (PT/Cy)



# A Preclinical data

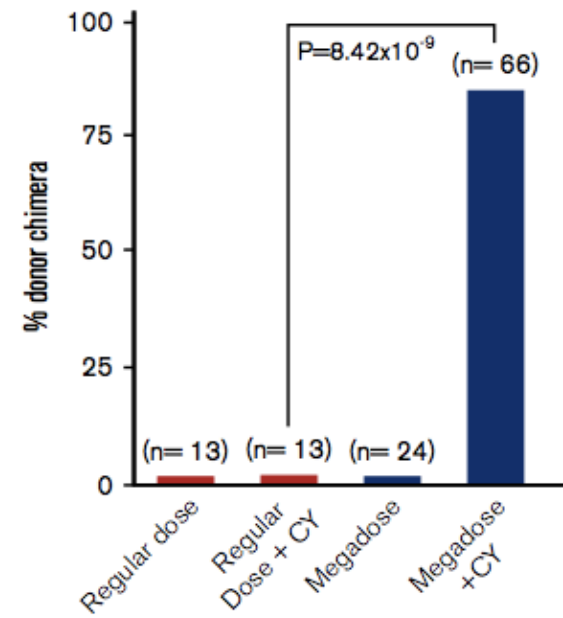


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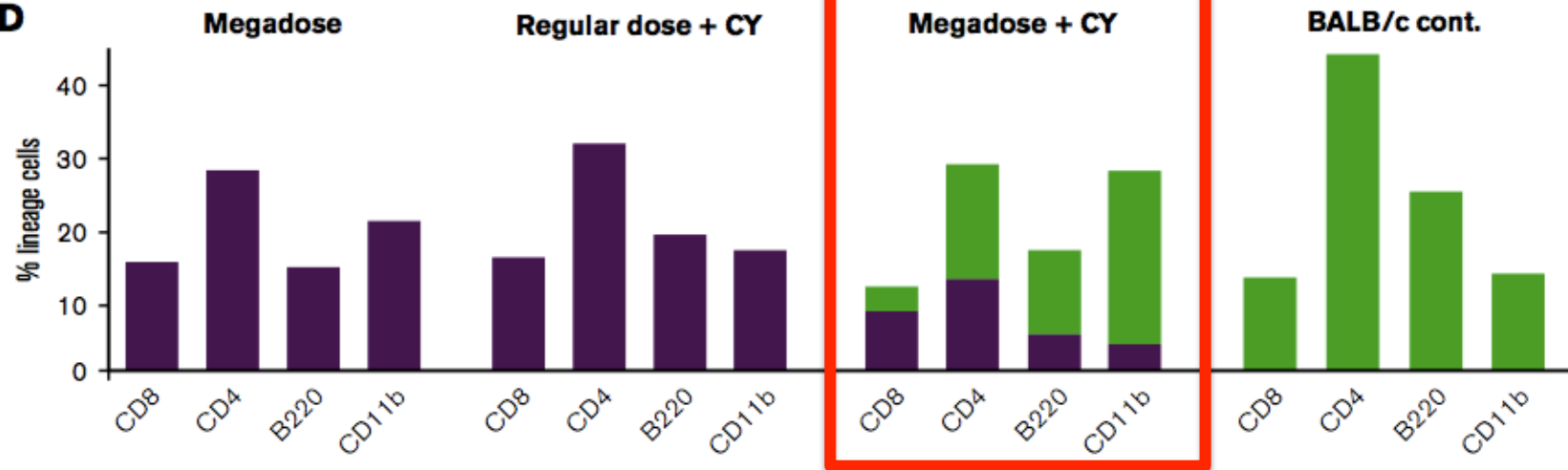


# C

## TCD plus 2 GY



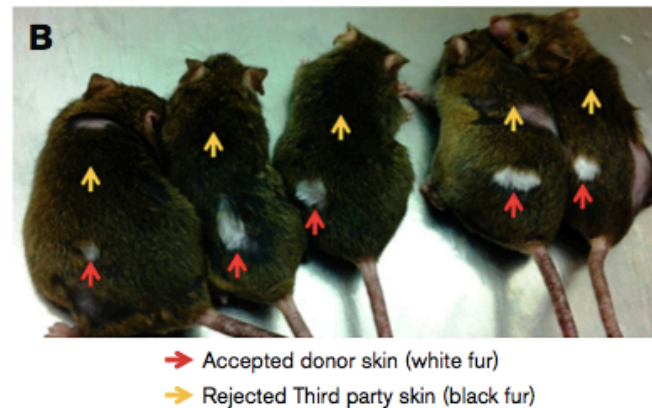
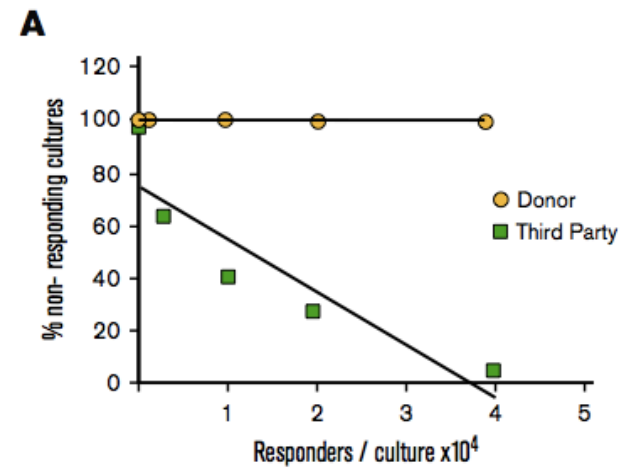
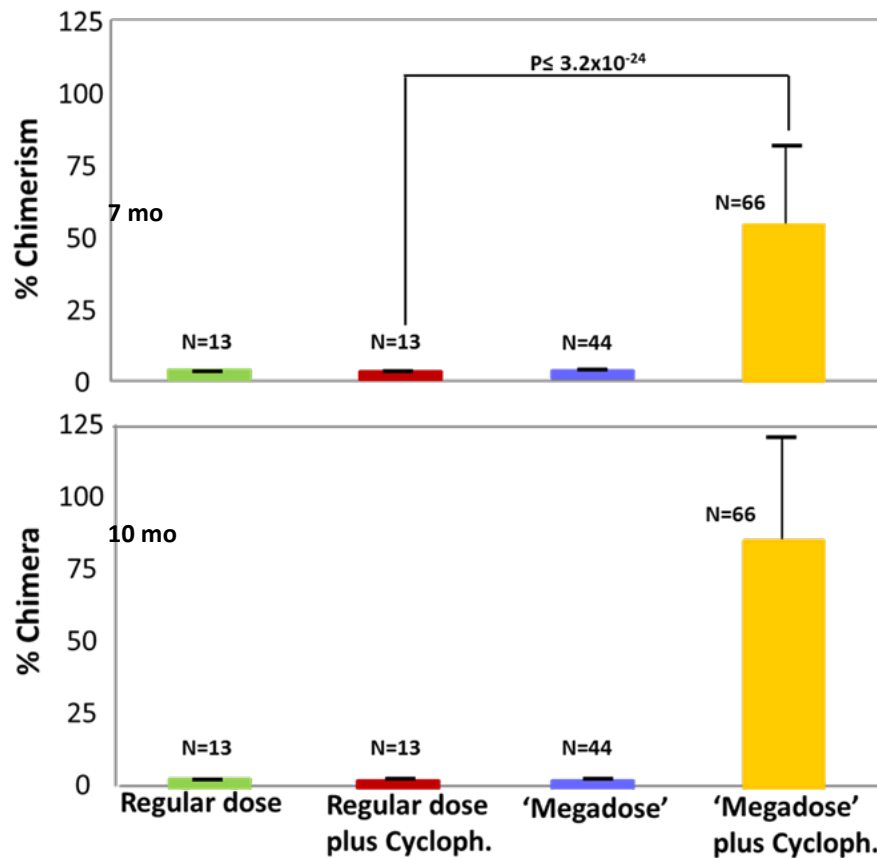
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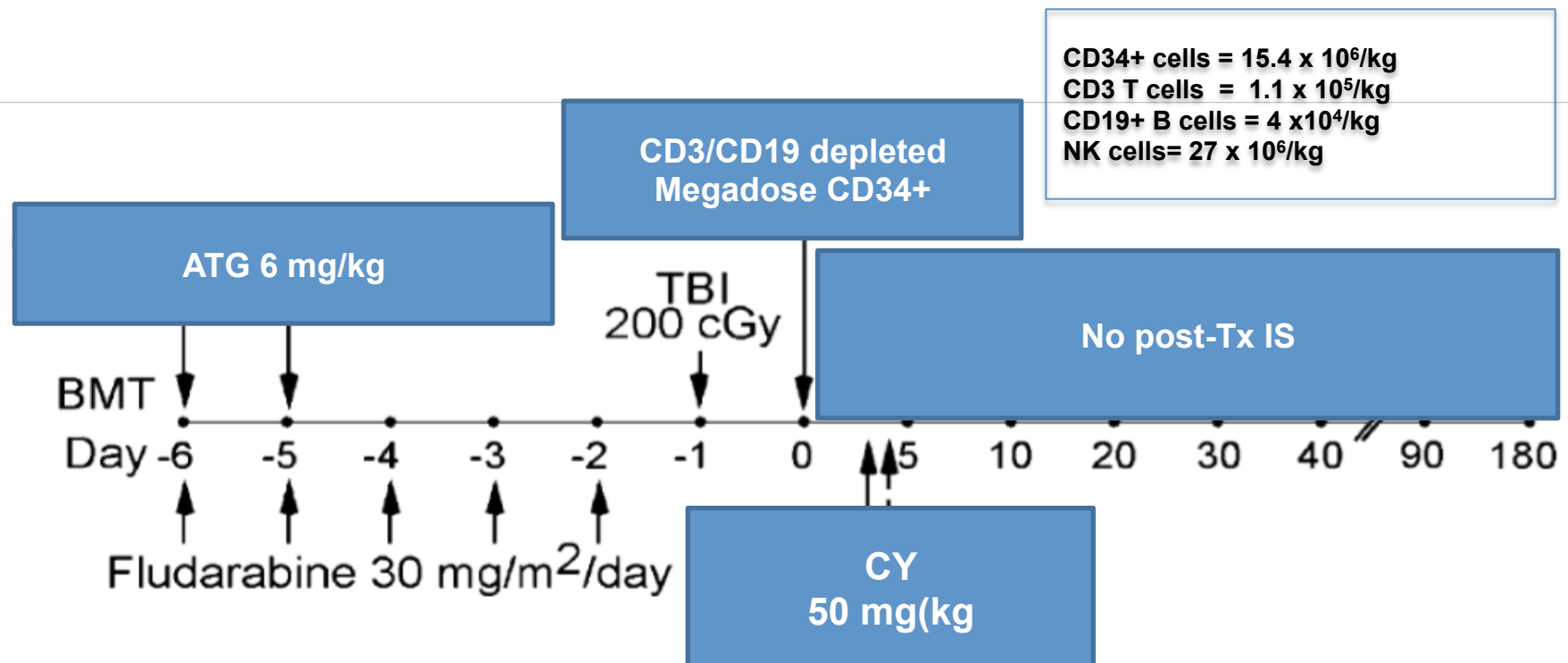


# Preclinical data

Chimerism Level:  
7-10 Months after SCT



# Pilot clinical study



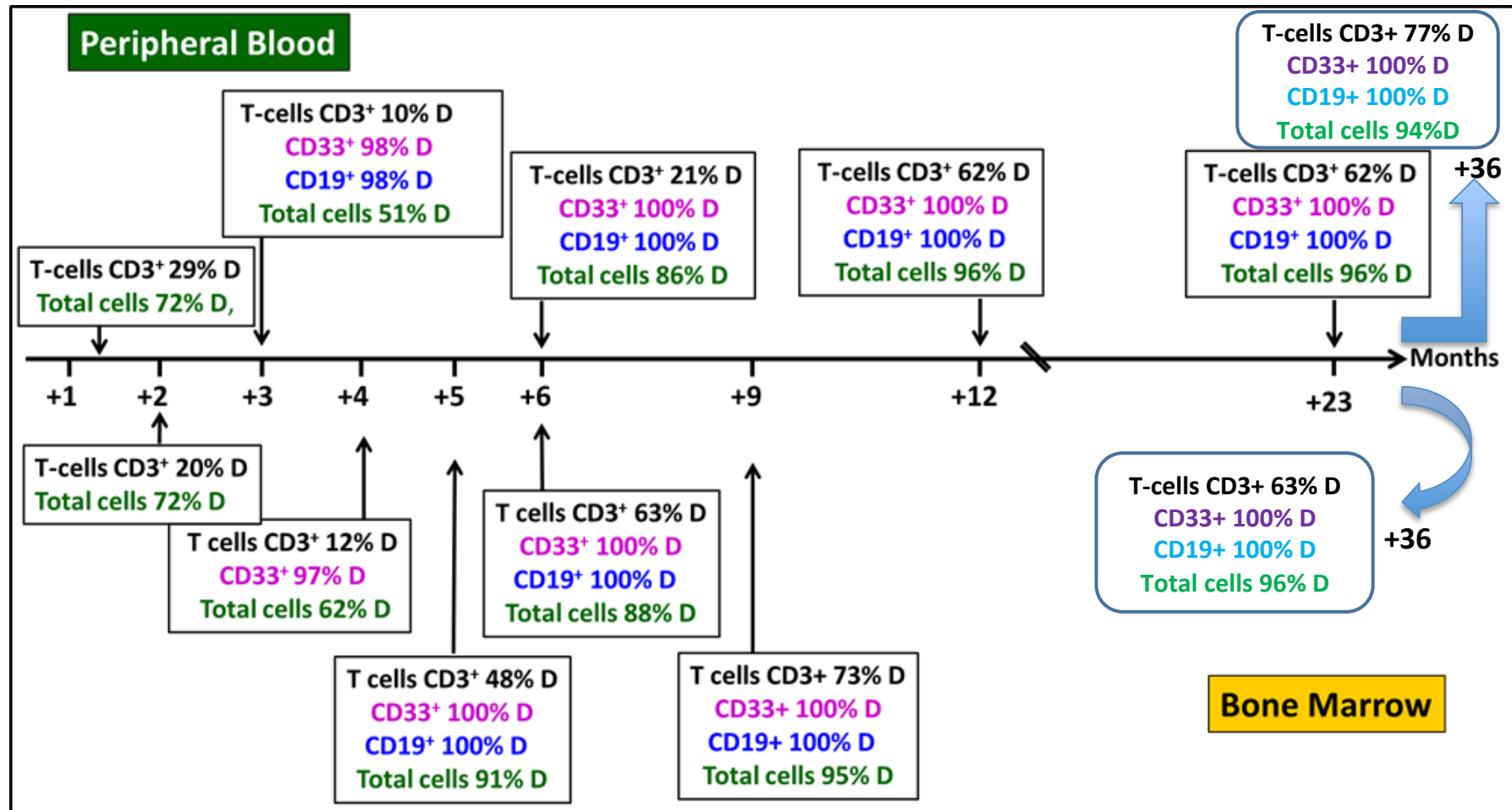
## Immune tolerance induction by nonmyeloablative haploidentical HSCT combining T-cell depletion and posttransplant cyclophosphamide

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- Pt # 1
  - 54 y, male, MM, Tx June 2015
- Pt # 2
  - 50 y, male, MM, Tx Nov 2015
- Pt # 3
  - 49 y, female, HD, Tx Dec 2016

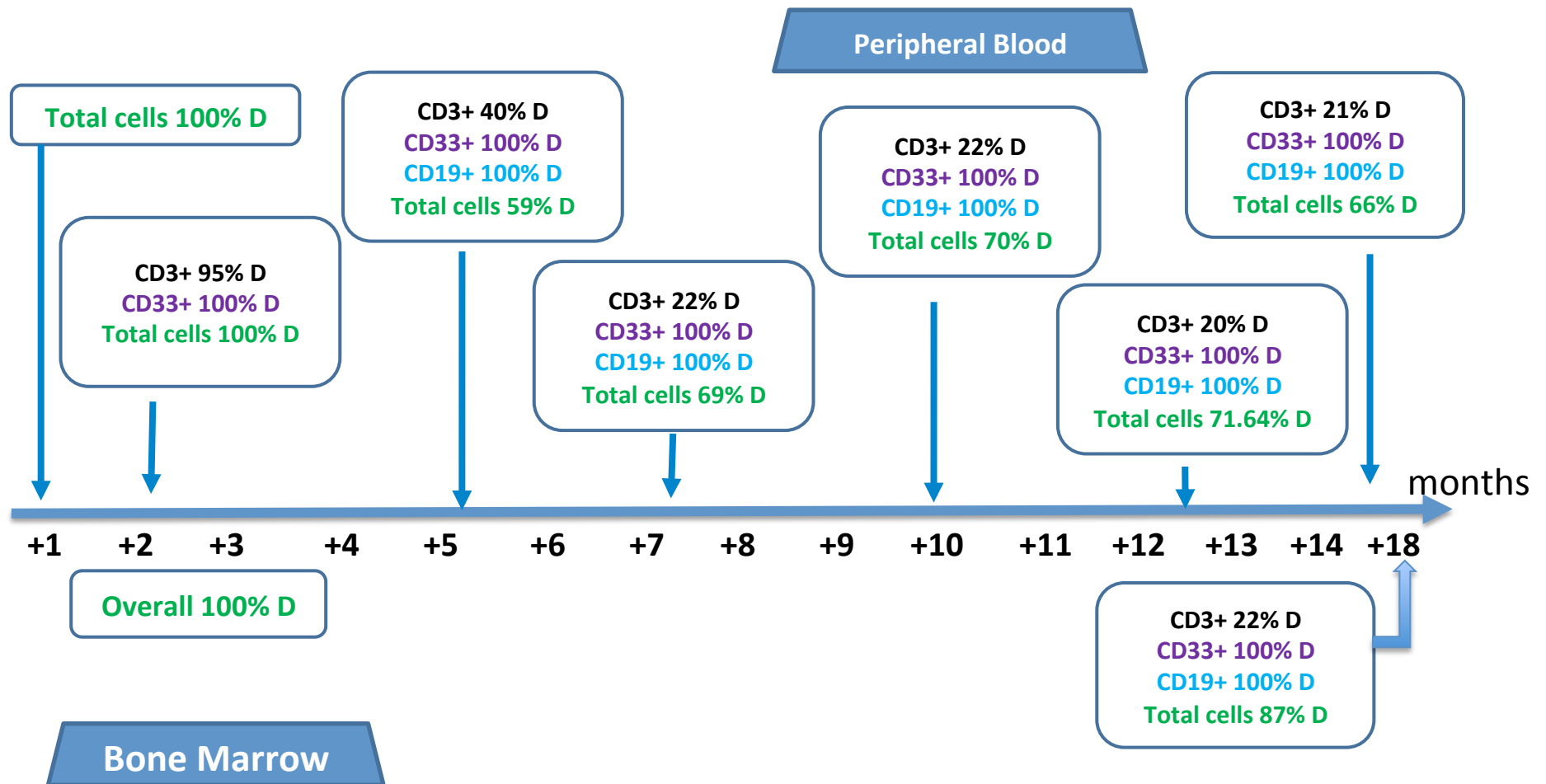
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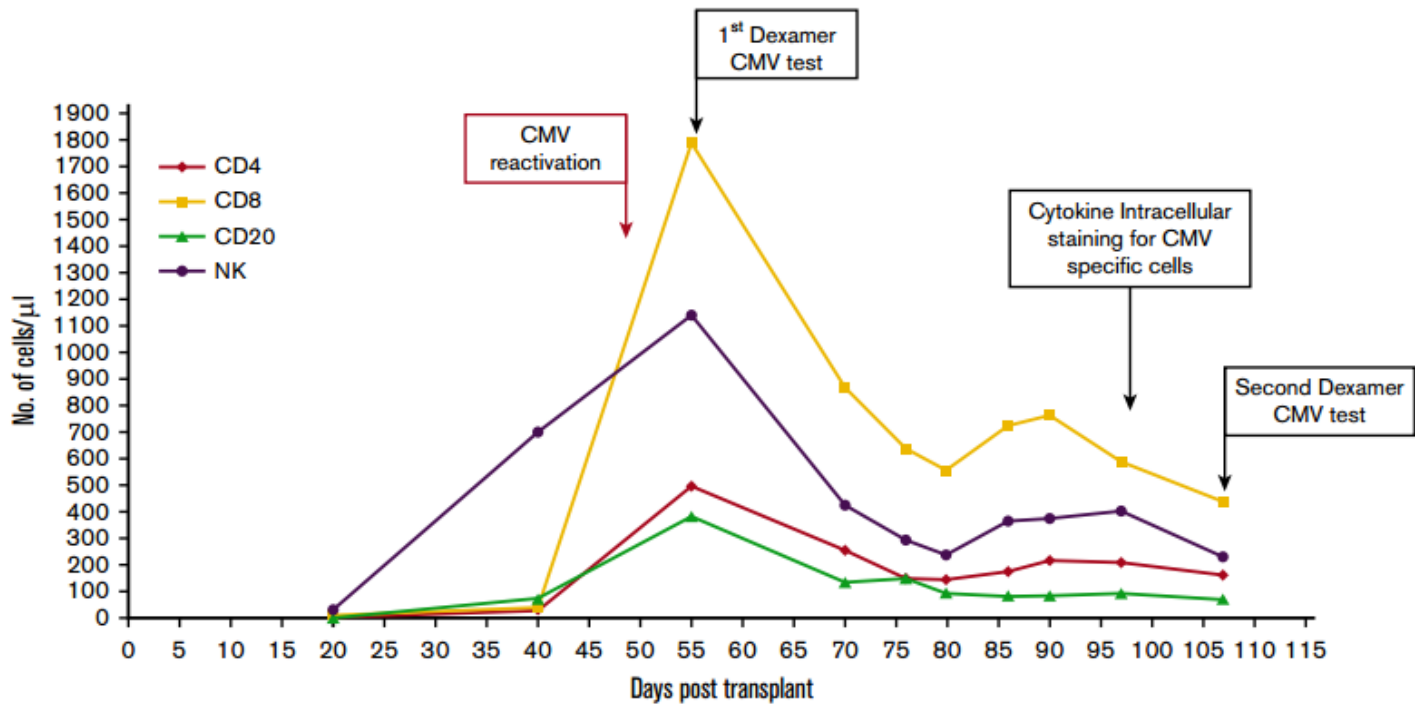
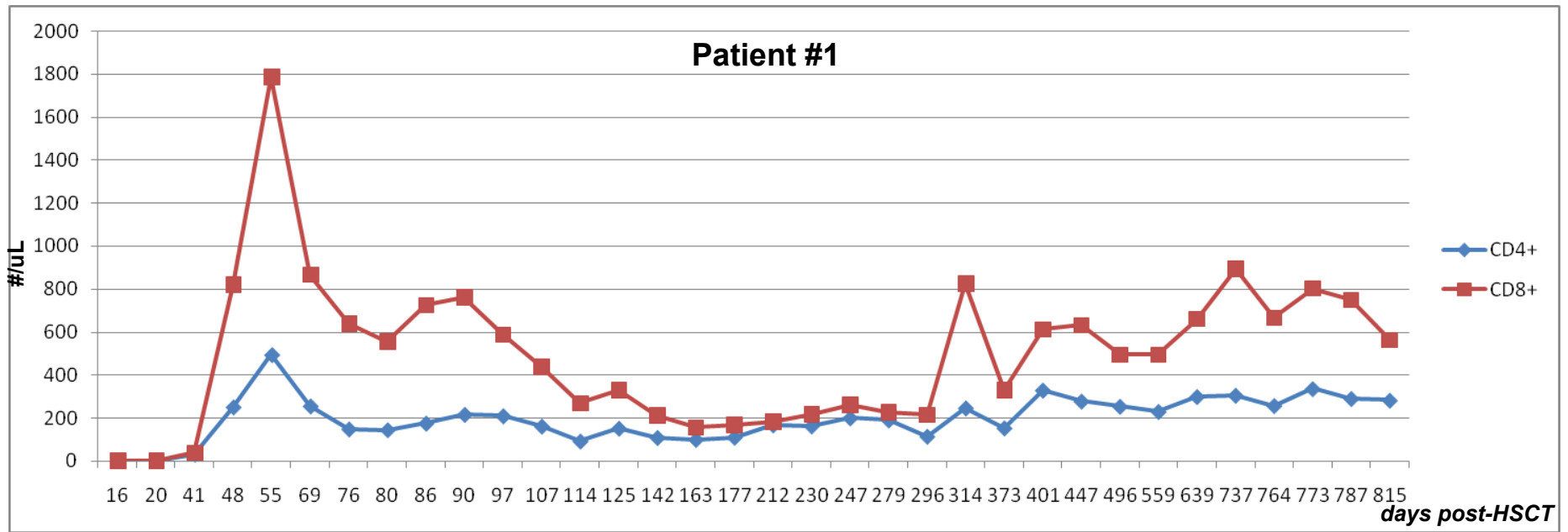
# pt 1



# Chimerism analysis at different time points (% donor cells out of the total PBMC and BM)

# pt 3



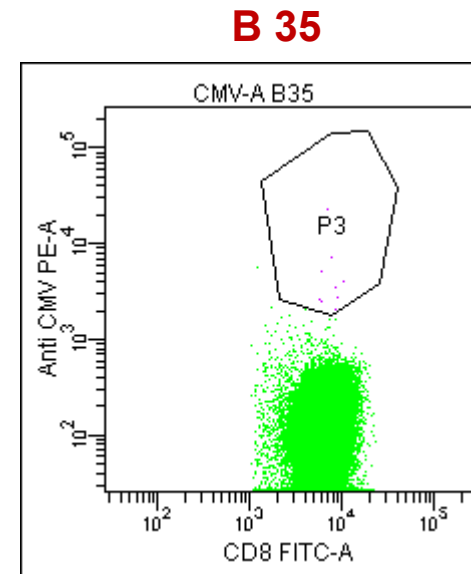
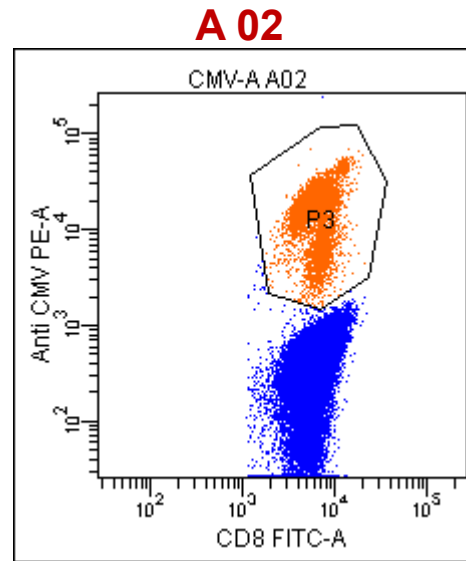


## CMV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell: +55d

HLA status:

Donor **A 02**, 03 – **B 35**, 08

Recipient **A 02**, B 08

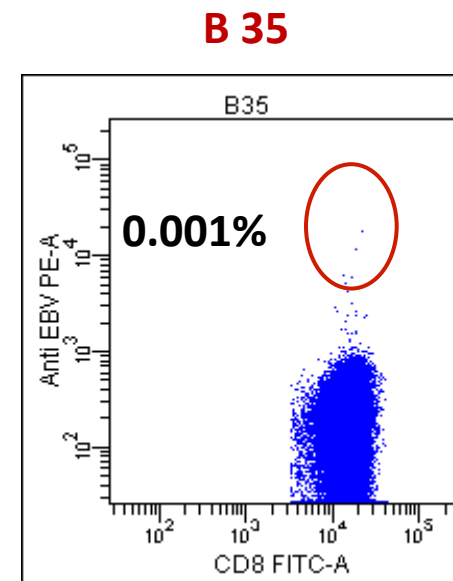
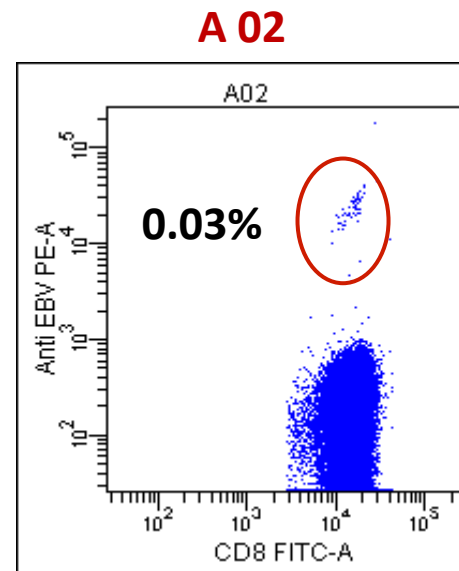


## EBV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell: +114d

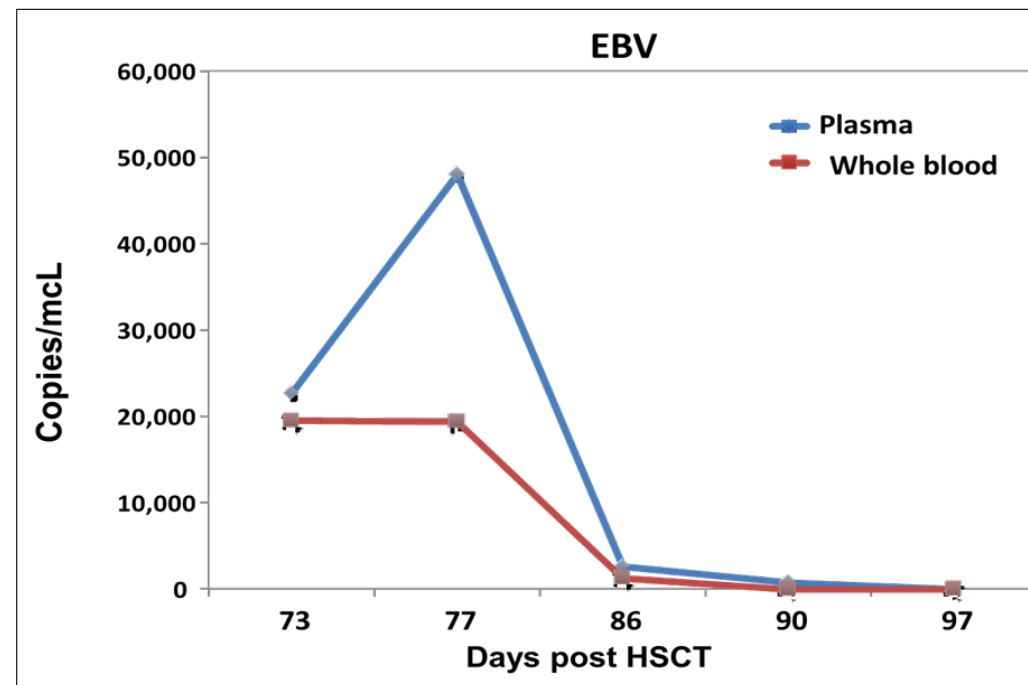
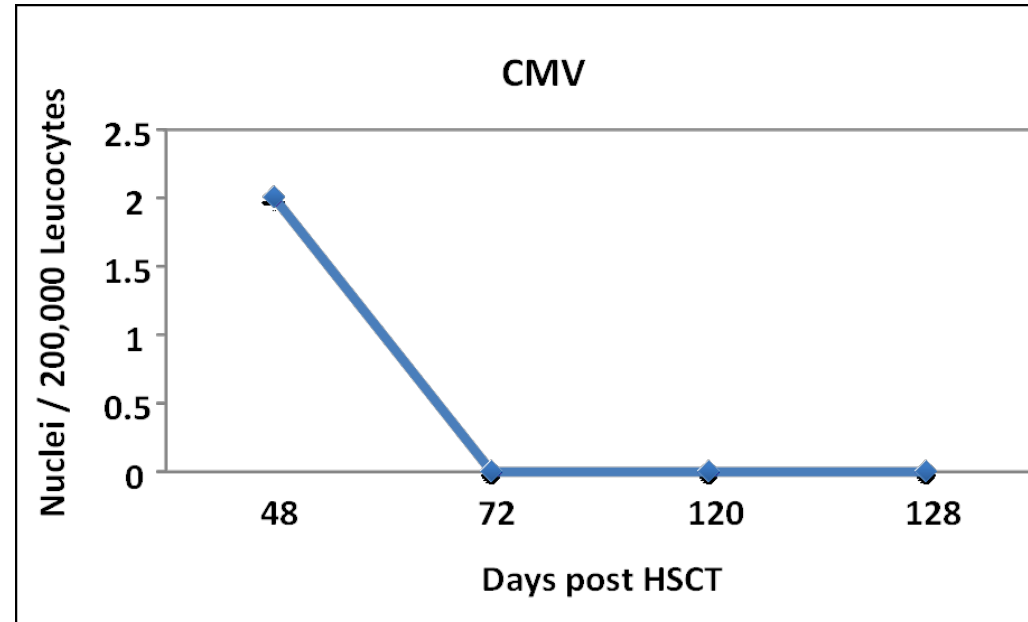
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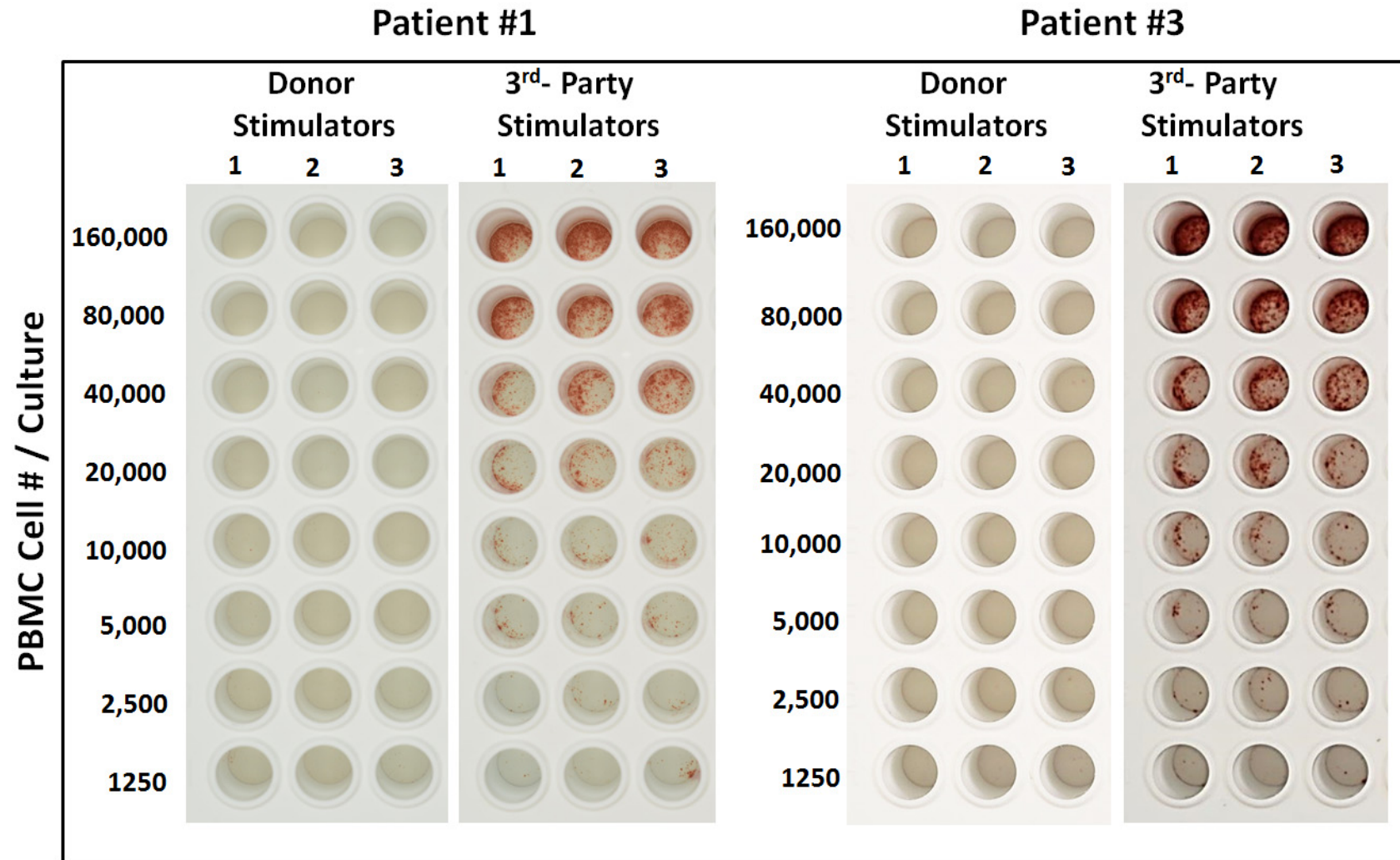


# Immune Control of CMV and EBV Reactivation





# Analysis of CTLp against donor and 3<sup>rd</sup> party target cells by INF- $\gamma$ ELISPOT assay



# Pt # 2

- 50 yr, male, advanced MM with unfavorable cytogenetics (complex karyotype: 50 XY, +5, +7, +9, -13, +19, +21 and a 13q14 monosomy on FISH).
- Previous therapy: Len-Dex , tandem autoHSCT, Lena x 36 months. Relapse, VD x 8 →vgPR
- Nov 2015, haploHSCT, from a cousin. Transient engraftment (50% donor cells on day +17), graft failure (0.04% donor-type chimerism) on day +30. Spontaneous rescue.
- After 5 months, second haploHSCT (different donor), our standard MAC+alfa/beta TCD
- At 2 yrs: full donor, no sign of GvHD, very good immunological reconstitution, excellent quality of life, and CR.

# Future applications:

- Non-malignant hematological disorders
- solid organ transplantation



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