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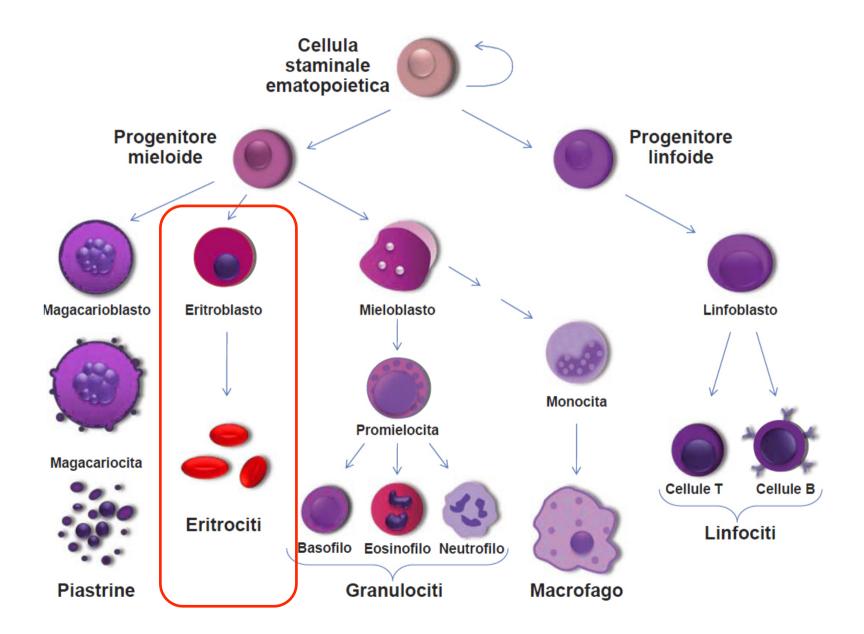
TALASSEMIA MAJOR: DAL TRAPIANTO ALLOGENICO ALLA TERAPIA GENICA



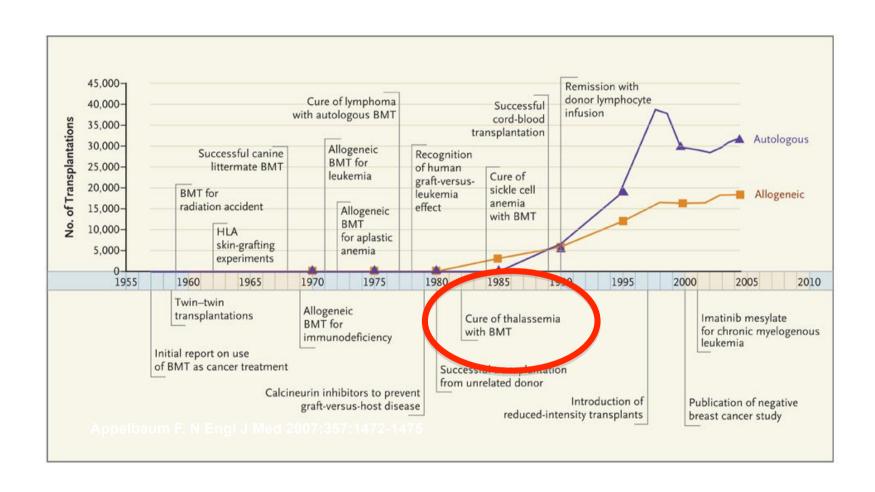
HCT in Thalassemia - Definition

- Cellular replacement therapy
- Replacement of the entire hemopoietic system and not only of the diseased erythropoiesis
- No immunological effect (GvL) is requested

HEMOGLOBINOPATY



Timeline Showing Numbers of Bone Marrow Transplantations and Advances in the Field, 1957-2006





THE LANCET

LONDON SATURDAY 15 JUNE 1985 No 8442 Adverse Reactions to Pyrimetha sulfadoxine in Context of AIDS ORIGINAL ARTICLES Mortality and Morbidity Results from the European Working Party on High Dr L. S. Young Blood Pressure in the Elderly Trial Dr L. S. Young
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R. Fagard, MD, F. Forette, MD, J. Forte, MD, R. Hamdy, MD, J. F. Henry, MD, 1389 Mr I. A. S. Dickson, FRCS, and others falley, MD, J. Petrie, MD, T. Strasser, MD, J. Tuomic Ultrasound in Urinary Schistosomiasis Dr E. Dochring and others Place of Intrarenal Pressure Measurement in Transplant Marrow Transplantation for Thalassaemia Following Busulp and Cyclophosphamide
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Sudden cardiac tamponade after chemotherapy for marrow transplantation in thalassaemia

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Published work suggests that cardiac tamponade occurs only occasionally after bone-marrow transplantation (BMT) but the worrying number of cases encountered in the transplant programme in Pesaro, Italy, has led to an analysis of this complication.

Cardiac tamponade occurred in 8 (2%) of 400 consecutive thalassaemic patients during conditioning for or within a month of BMT. 6 cases were fatal; these represented 9% of all causes of detth and 29% of these occurring between start of

been the drugs used for conditioning, acting alone or together with bacteraemia and trauma.

The frequency with which we encountered the syndrome, and the similarity among our patients in clinical picture, and in characteristics of the effusion, indicate that cardiac tamponade occurring in thalassaemic patients after start of chemotherapy as conditioning for BMT is a specific syndrome requiring rapid treatment.

Lancet 1992; 339: 287-89

Fate of iron stores in thalassaemia after bone-marrow transplantation

G.Lacarelli, E.Angelucci, C.Giardini, D.Baronciani, M.Galimberti, P.Polchi, M.Bartolucci, P.Muretto, F.Albertini

Lancet 1993; 342: 1388-91

Reversibility of Cirrhosis in Patients Cured of Thalassemia by Bone Marrow Transplantation

Pietro Muretto, MD; Emanuele Angelucci, MD; and Guide Lucarelli. MD

Ann Intern Med. 2002;136:667-672.

MARROW TRANSPLANTATION IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED THALASSEMIA

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Abstract In a study of the outcome of marrow transplantation in patients with advanced thalassemia, 40 patients with homozygous β -thalassemia who were 8 to 15 years of age (median, 10) received HLA-identical allogeneic marrow after treatment with busulfan and cyclophosphamide. Twenty-eight of the 40 patients were alive and free of disease 260 to 939 days after transplantation, and 2 patients were alive with thalassemia 372 and 1133 days after transplantation. The actuarial probabilities of survival and of disease-free survival at two years were 75 percent and 69 percent, respectively. Ten patients (25 percent) died. Three died of cardiac failure, interstitial pneumonitis or senticemia within 14 days of transplantation. Three died of infectious complications associated with acute graft-versus-host disease at 46 to 97 days, and two died of infectious complications of chronic graftversus-host disease at 249 and 290 days. Two patient

had transplant rejection and died with marrow aplasia 115 and 192 days after transplantation. One patient had rejection after four months and while the marrow was aplastic underwent a successful second transplantation; the patient was alive without thalassemia 624 days after the first transplantation. The actuarial probability of grade 2 or higher acute graft-versus-host disease in the 32 patients with initial sustained engraftment was 35 percent. Three patients had chronic graft-versus-host disease, which was fatal in two and still active on day 710 in the third.

We conclude that bone marrow transplantation can potentially save patients with advanced thalassemia from an otherwise inexorable progression to death from the complications of blood transfusions. The ultimate outcome in this group of patients must await a longer follow-up. (N Engl J Med 1987; 316:1050-5.)



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BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION IN PATIENTS WITH THALASSEMIA

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HEPATIC IRON CONCENTRATION AND TOTAL BODY IRON STORES IN THALASSEMIA MAJOR

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HCT indication in Hemoglobinopathies

Disease	Indication	Problem	Experience
Thalassemia Major	Transfusion dependency	High success of medical therapy	Large (>4000 HCTs)
SCD	Complication. Low treatment possibility for severe complications	Unpredictability of disease course.	Limited (500 HCTs)



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Hemopoietic stem cell transplantation in thalassemia: a report from the European Society for Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation Hemoglobinopathy Registry, 2000–2010

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Allogeneic hemopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) is the only method currently available to cure transfusion-dependent thalassemia major that has been widely used worldwide. To verify transplantation distribution, demography, activity, policies and outcomes inside the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT), we performed a retrospective non-interventional study, extracting data from the EBMT hemoglobinopathy prospective registry database. We included 1493 consecutive patients with thalassemia major transplanted between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2010. In total, 1359 (91%) transplants were performed on patients < 18 years old, 1061 were from a human leukocyte Ag-identical sibling donor. After a median observation time of 2 years, the 2-year overall survival (OS) and event-free survival (EFS; that is, thalassemia-free survival) were $88 \pm 1\%$ and $81 \pm 1\%$, respectively. Transplantation from a human leukocyte Ag-identical sibling offered the best results, with OS and EFS of $91 \pm 1\%$ and $83 \pm 1\%$, respectively. No significant differences in survival were reported between countries. The threshold age for optimal transplant outcomes was around 14 years, with an OS of 90-96% and an EFS of 83-93% when transplants were performed before this age. Allogeneic HSCT for thalassemia is a curative approach that is employed internationally and produces excellent results.

Bone Marrow Transplantation advance online publication, 11 January 2016; doi:10.1038/bmt.2015.293

HCT for thalassemia.

Data from the EBMT hemoglobinopathy registry.

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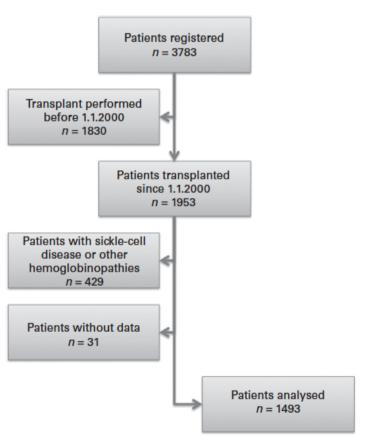


Figure 1. Study flow diagram. Patients registered in the EBMT ProMISe database and included in this report.

HCT Centers: 127

Europe 990 (66%)

- Asia 472 (32%)

Africa26 (2%)

Oceania

S. America1

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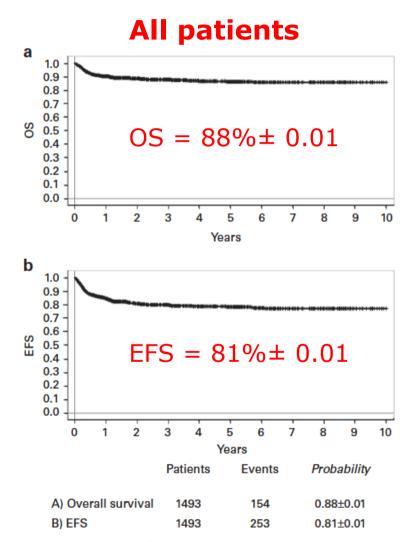
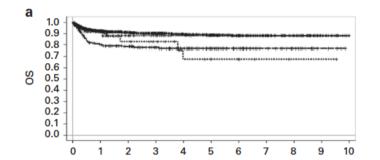
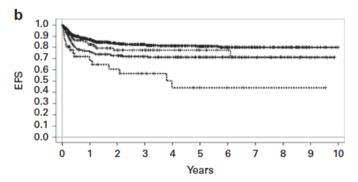


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	Patients	Events	2-year OS	Events	2-year EFS
a) MSD	1061	88	0.91±0.01	151	0.83±0.01
b) MFD	127	11	0.88±0.04	22	0.78±0.05
c) MMFD	57	8	0.68±0.11	8	0.68±0.11
d) UD	210	43	0.77±0.03	43	0.77±0.03
P-value		<0.001		<0	.001

^{*}donor information missing in 38 cases (2.5%)

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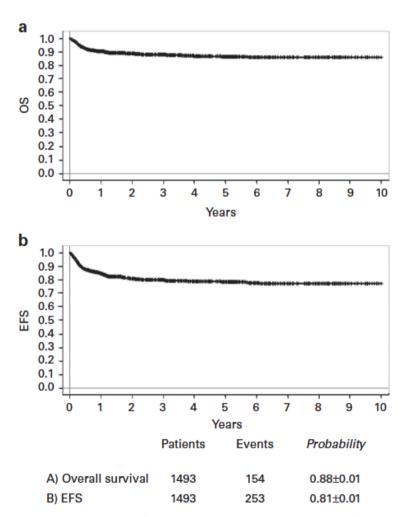
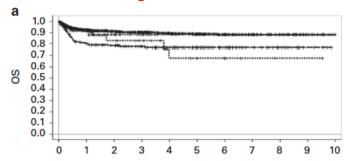
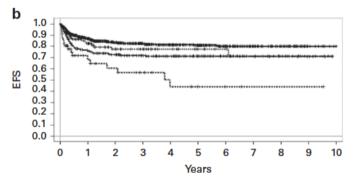


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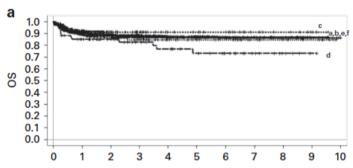
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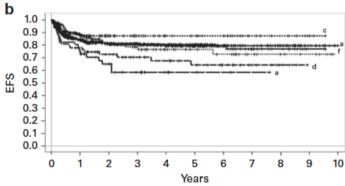
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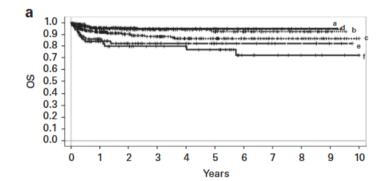
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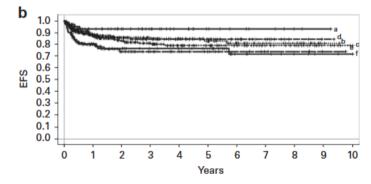




		A) OS		B) EFS	
	Patients	Events	2-year OS	Events	2-year EFS
a) Italy	581	55	0.89±0.02	90	0.82±0.02
b) Turkey	216	21	0.86±0.03	32	0.80±0.04
c) UK	133	10	0.91±0.03	14	0.87±0.03
d) Iran	68	14	0.85±0.04	21	0.73±0.06
e) Saudi Arabia	a 64	7	0.89±0.04	21	0.65±0.07
f) Others	431	47	0.88±0.02	75	0.81±0.02
P-value		0.347			<0.001

Figure 5. Transplant results by country. OS (**a**) and EFS (**b**) are shown. Countries performing < 50 transplants were included in the 'other' category.





		A) OS			B) EFS
	Patients	Events	2-yrs. OS	Events	2-yrs. pEFS
a) < 2 years	66	3	0.95±0.03	4	0.93±0.03
b) 2-<5 years	266	13	0.94±0.02	32	0.86±0.03
c) 5-<10 years	352	33	0.90±0.02	52	0.83±0.02
d) 10-<14 years	197	8	0.96±0.02	24	0.86±0.03
e) 14-<18 years	97	14	0.82±0.04	20	0.74±0.05
f) ≥18 years	82	16	0.80±0.05	18	0.76±0.05
P-value (for trend)		<0.001		<0.001	

Figure 6. Results by age group among patients who received an HLA-identical sibling donor transplant. OS (**a**) and EFS (**b**) are shown. Age data were missing for one patient.

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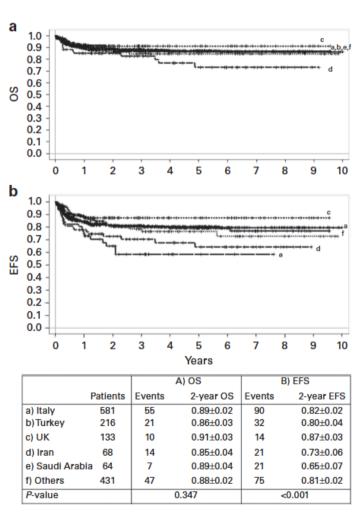


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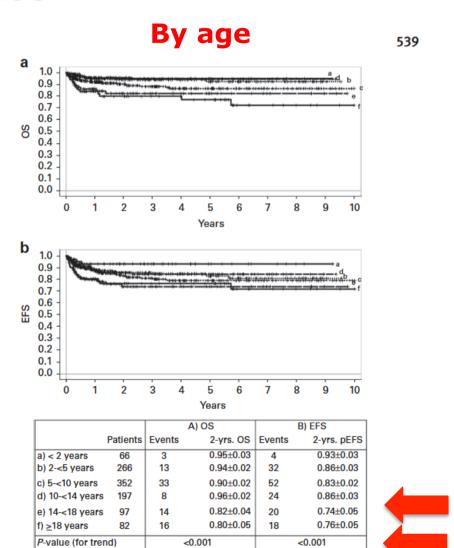
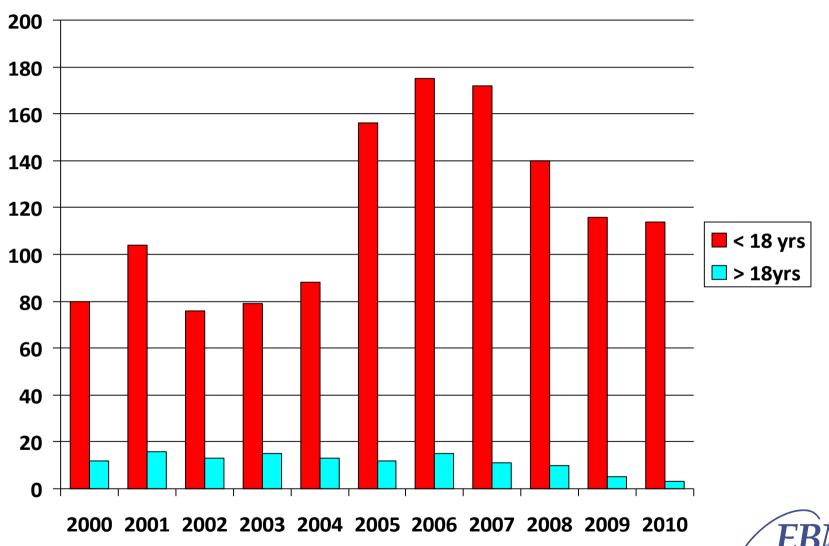


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EBMT REGISTRY: HCT and age



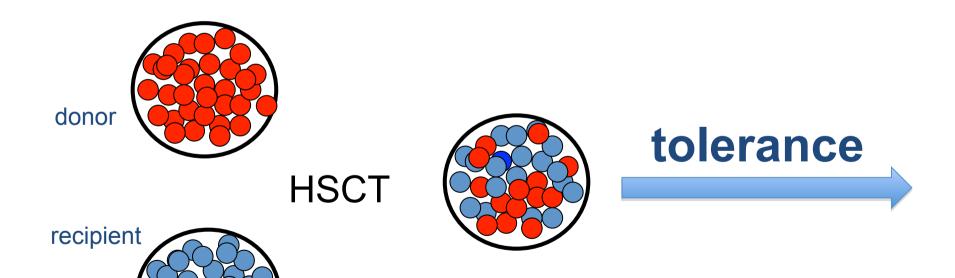


Chronic GvHD

- Chronic GvHD (# 1140 who survived at least 2 years with a functioning graft)
 - Limited $15\% \pm 1$
 - -Extended 6% ± 1
 - HLA id sibling $5\% \pm 1$
 - Family match 14% ±5
 - MUD 12%±3

Mixed chimerism

A permanent co-existence of donor and host hematopoietic cells

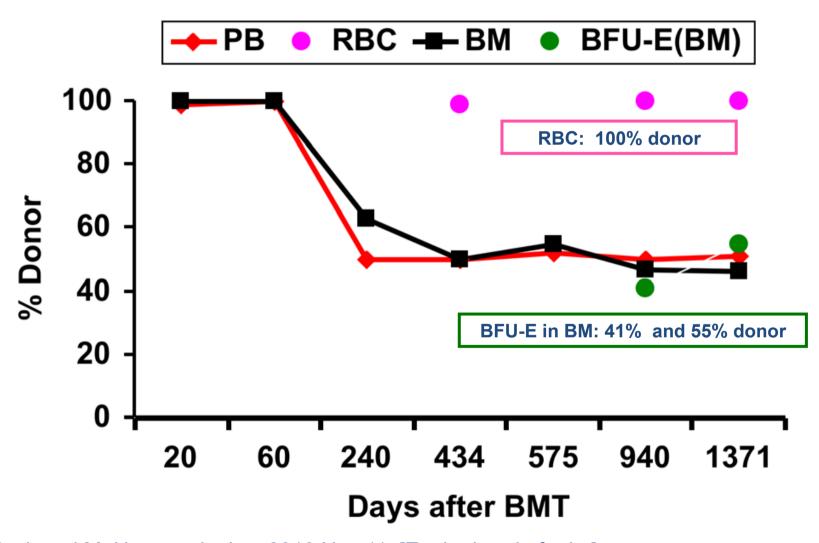


Mixed chimerism

34 (11%) patients over 335 prospectively studied. Follow up 2-14 years

Donor cells	Hb level	Beta chain
25 – 90%	9.3 – 14 g/dl stable	65 -100%

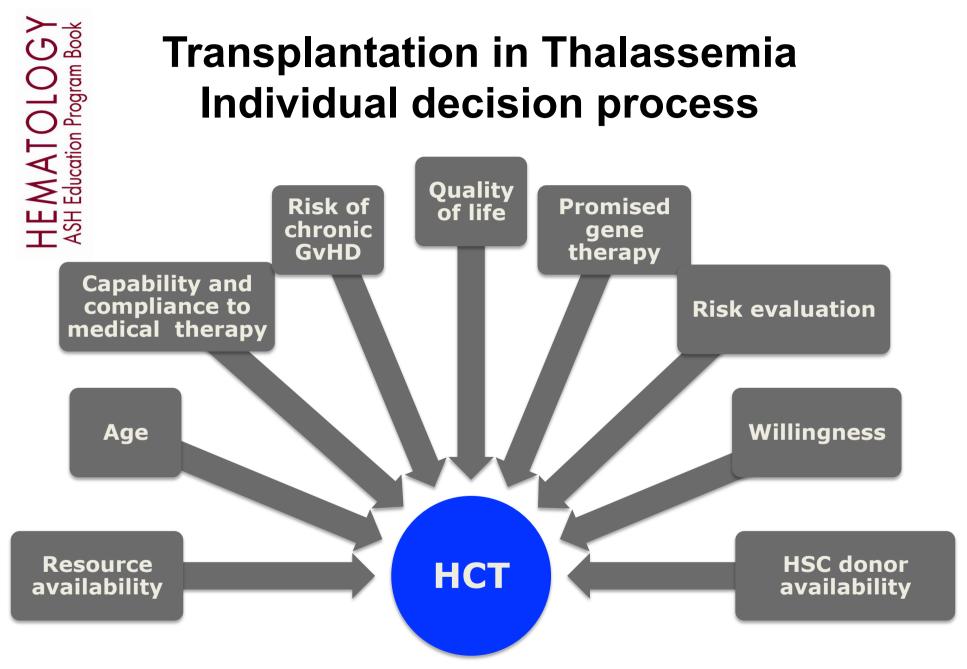
Split erythroid chimerism



Andreani M. Haematologica. 2010 Nov 11. [Epub ahead of print]

HCT limitations

- Mortality rate
- GvHD
- Adult patients
- Donor availability
 - MUD limited diffusion
 - Haplo experimental
 - Unrelated CB experimental

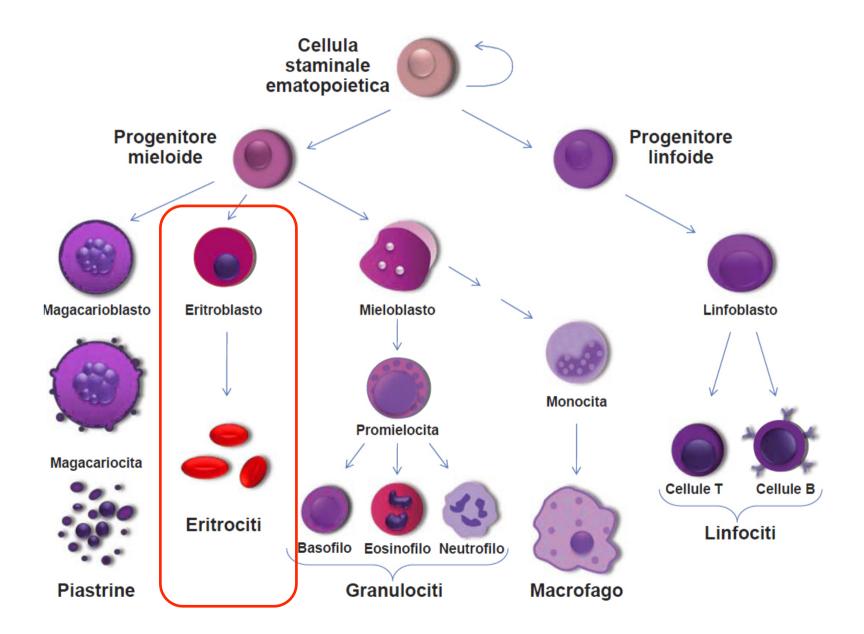


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Gene therapy: the use of genes as medicine

- It is based on the transfer of a therapeutic or working gene copy into somatic cells of an individual in order to repair a defective gene copy
- Thus it may be used to replace a faulty gene, or to introduce a new gene whose function is to cure or to favorably modify the clinical course of a condition

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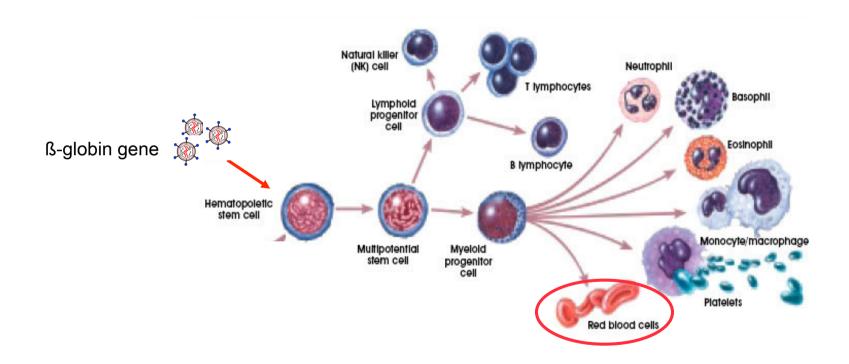
The success of gene therapy is based on:

- High titer vector and efficient gene transfer into target cells
- Efficient engraftment of transduced cells and maintenance of "stemness"
- Adequate and persistent level of transgene expression
- Correction of the disease
 Safety

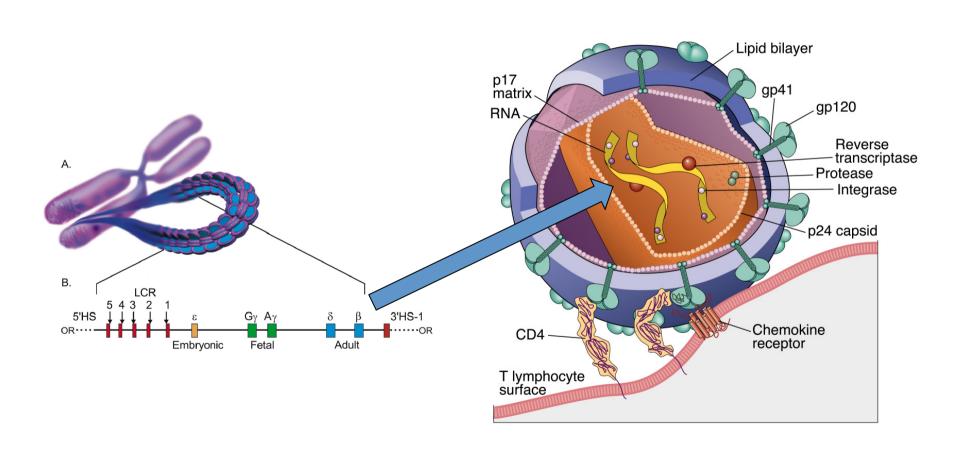
- An intense collaboration between researchers and clinicians
- A deep knowledge of the disease
- Infrastructures
- Grants for research
- Sponsor for trials

Gene Therapy in Thalassemia: Rationale

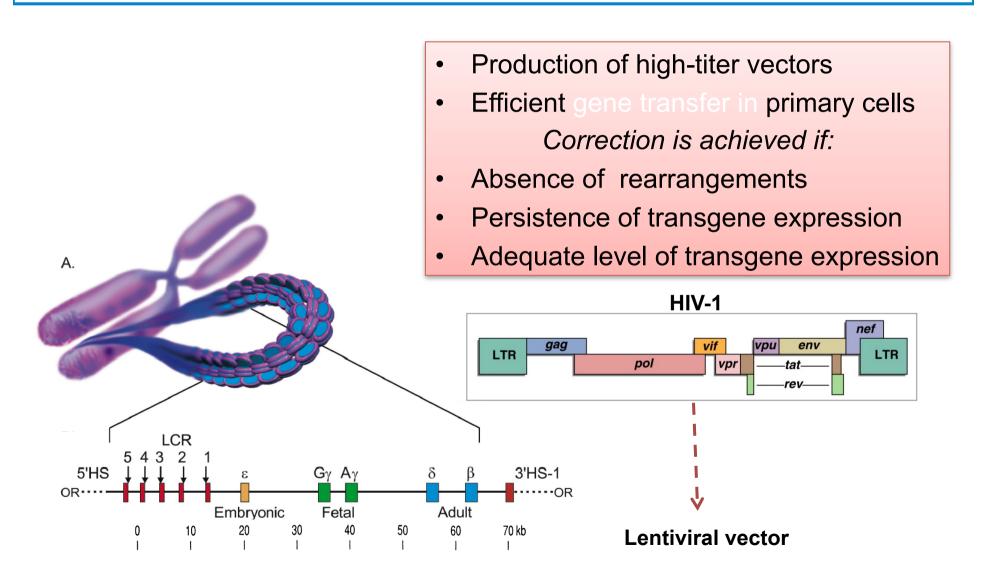
The ß-globin gene transfer into HSCs reduces globin chains unbalance in erythroid cells



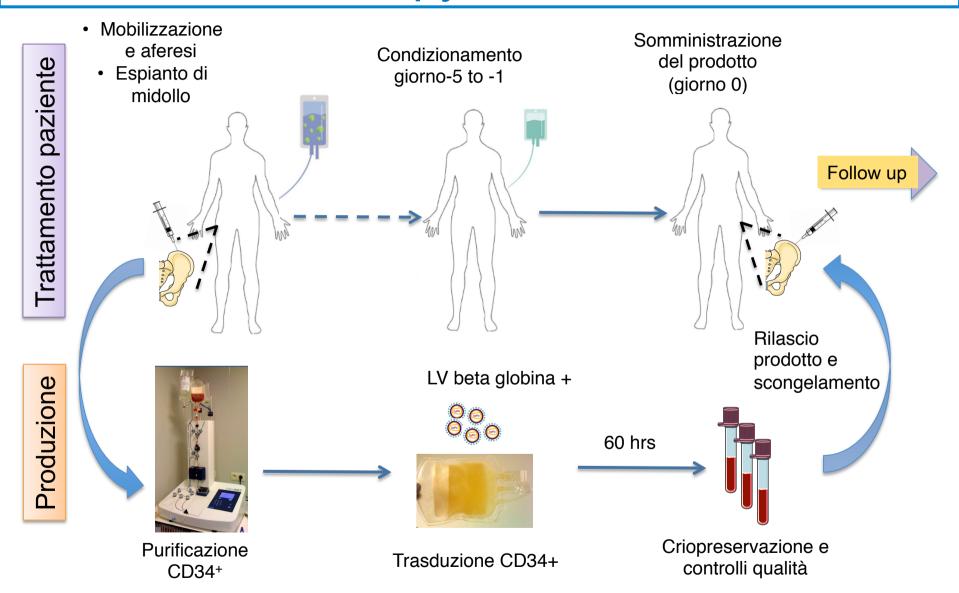
VIRUS the most suitable transfer



Gene transfer of ß-globin The challenge of making efficient vectors



Gene Therapy for thalassemia



Gene Therapy as a Treatment for Patients with β-Thalassemia Major

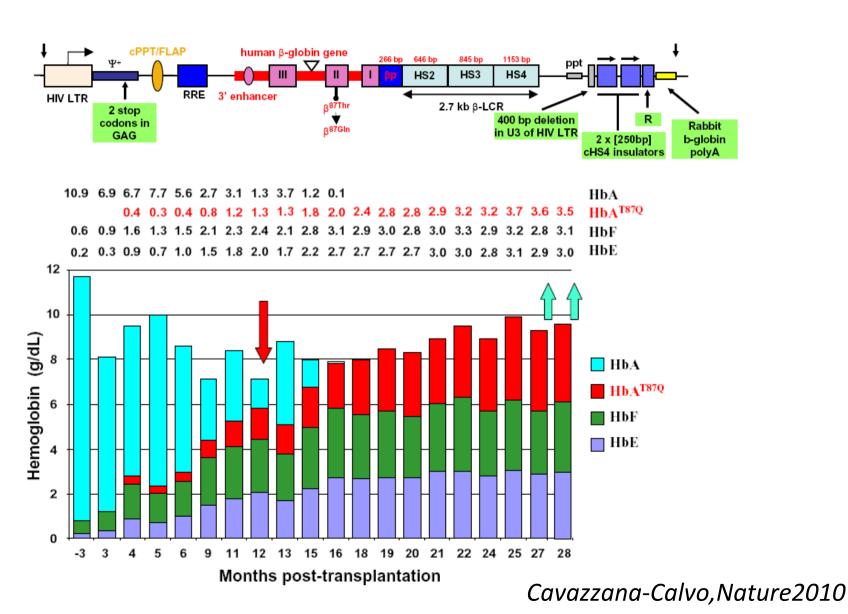
Pre-clinical Studies:

- Mouse models of β-thalassemia (May et al. Nature 2000) and sickle cell disease (Pawliuk et al. Science 2001) corrected by ex vivo gene therapy using lentiviral vectors
- Lentiviral vector, developed in the Leboulch laboratory (Science 2001; PNAS 2002), expresses functional β^{A-T87Q} globin

Clinical studies

- Ex vivo gene therapy using a lentiviral vector encoding β^{A-T87Q} —globin led to transfusion independence for at least 6 years in a subject with β^0 / β^E -thalassemia (*Study LG001*)
 - Cavazzana –Calvo et al., Nature 2010;467:318 322
- Promising results of ex vivo gene therapy using LentiGlobin BB305 Drug Product in 2 subjects with β^0/β^E —thalassemia major (Study HGB-205)
 - Cavazzana et al., 2014, EHA

Clinical Trial: Gene Transfer of the β^{87} lenti-vector into a β^E/β^0 thalassemia patient promotes transfusion independence



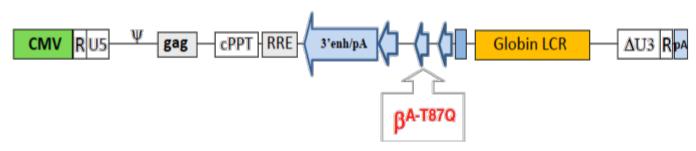
Gene Therapy as a Treatment for Patients with β -Thalassemia

BlueBird

Tiget-Thal

Lentiviral gene therapy in Transfusion Dependent β-thalassemia (TDT)

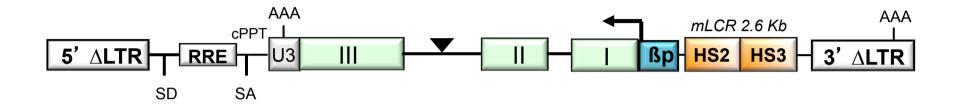
BB305 vector schematic



- Preclinical studies¹: expression of functional β^{A-T87Q} -globin corrected mouse models of β -thalassemia² and sickle cell disease³
- HSC transduction and β^{A-T87Q}-globin expression eliminated RBC transfusions in some thalassemia subjects (ASH 2014)⁴

^{1.} Takekoshi et al. PNAS 1995; 2. May et al. Nature 2000, Imren et al. PNAS 2002; 3. Pawliuk et al. Science 2001; 4. Cavazzana et al. Nature 2010. ASH 2014. EHA 2015

Terapia genica di BTHAL Studi preclinici: proof of concept



Validazione del potenziale terapeutico del vettore GLOBE nei modelli disponibili:

- ➤ topo mutante talassemico (Miccio et al., PNAS 2008; Miccio et al. PlosONE, 2011)
- Cellule da pazienti talassemici (Roselli et al., EMBO MolMed 2010)

Transfusion-dependent β Thalassemia (TDT) Ongoing Clinical Trials



(HGB-204)
Phase 1/2, multi-center, global study

- N=18 subjects (including 3 adolescents)
- Centralized transduction for drug product manufacturing
- Positive data presented at ASH 2014 and 2015
- · Enrollment completed

HGB-205

(Beta-thalassemia & sickle cell disease)

Phase 1/2, single-center study in France

- N=7 subjects (4 beta-thalassemia)
- Positive data presented at ASH and EHA in 2014 and 2015
- First patient with SCD ever treated with gene therapy in 2014
- · Enrollment completed

Subject and cellular product characteristics N=13 infused subjects

Subject Parameters at Enrollment				
Gender	11 female/2 male			
Age	Median 21y (range 16-35)			
	β^0/β^0 N=6			
HBB Genotype	$\beta^{E}/\beta^{0} N=4$			
7722 Conceypo	Other (1 each): β^+/β^0 , β^+/β^+ , β^x/β^0			
Pre-study pRBC transfusion vol (mL/kg/ month)	Median 14.0 (range 11.0-19.0)			
Splenectomy	Yes in 5 (39%)			
Drug Product Parameters				
Drug Product Vector Copy Number (VCN)	Median 0.7 (range 0.3-1.5)			
Drug product cell dose (CD34+ cells x10 ⁶ /kg)	Median 8.1 (range 5.2-14.0)			

Next steps: Additional β-thalassemia clinical trials

HGB-207

Transfusion-dependent β -thalassemia, non- β 0/ β 0 genotype

Phase 3, multi-center, global study

- N=15 adults and adolescents, and N=8 pediatric patients
- Launched in September 2016
- Primary endpoint = transfusion independence
- LentiGlobin manufacturing using transduction enhancers

HGB-212

Transfusion-dependent β -thalassemia, $\underline{\beta0/\beta0}$ genotype

Phase 3, multi-center, global study

- N=15 adults, adolescents and pediatric patients
- Initiation planned for 2017
- Primary endpoint = transfusion reduction
- LentiGlobin manufacturing using transduction enhancers

TIGET BTHAL Protocol

Promoter: Ospedale San Raffaele **Sponsor:** Telethon Foundation

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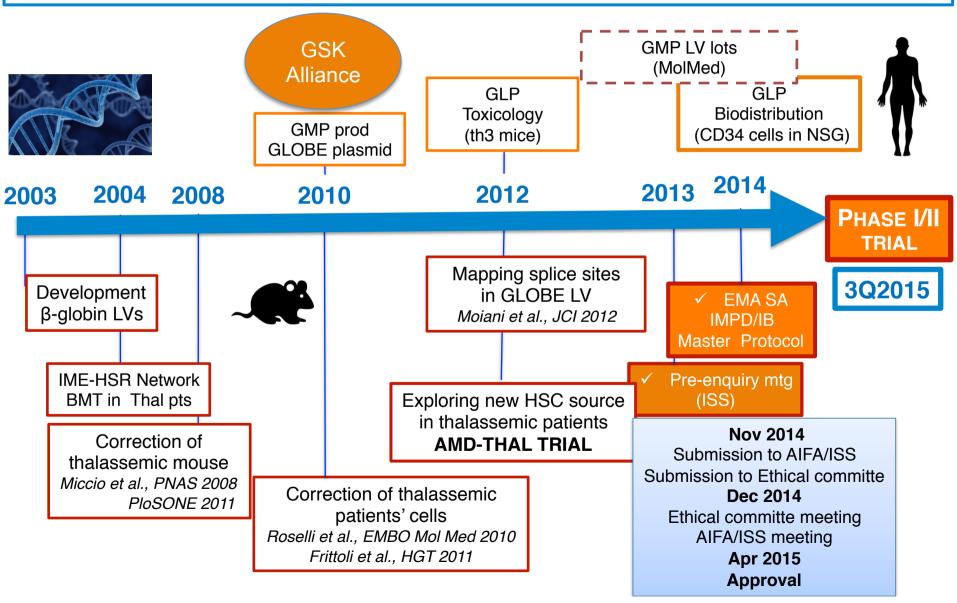


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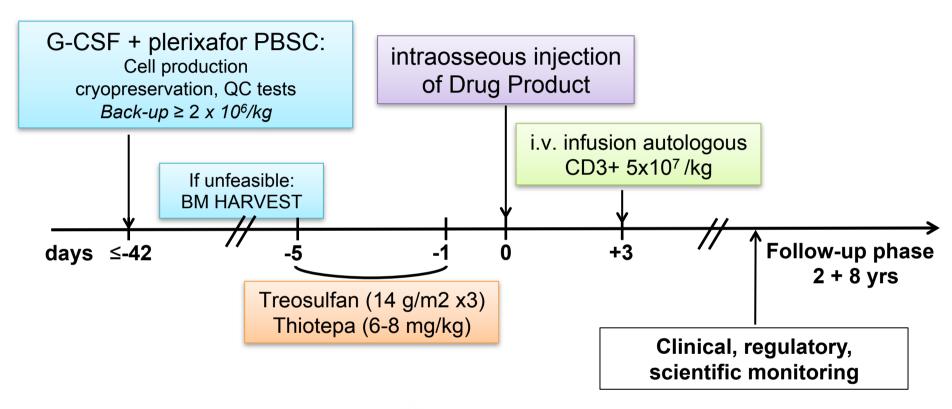




Gene Therapy in Thalassemia The long way to go



TIGET-BTHAL Disegno dello studio



3 consecutive age groups: Group 1 (n=3) ≥ 18 yrs Group 2 (n=3) 8-17 yrs Group 3 (n=4) 3-7 yrs



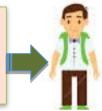




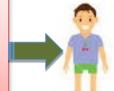
TIGET-BTHAL strategia a steps



GRUPPO 1. N=3 adulti ≥ 18 aa



GRUPPO 2. N=3 pediatrici 8-17 aa



GRUPPO 3. N=4 pediatrici 3-7 aa

Il trial può procedere all'inclusione del GRUPPO 2 e poi del GRUPPO 3 in base al raggiungimento dei seguenti criteri in almeno 2 pazienti su 3 del gruppo precedente:

- 1. Assenza di SAE legati alla mobilizzazione
- 2. Assenza di SAE legati all'infusione intraossea
- 3. Assenza di SAE precoci legati al prodotto (entro 60 giorni)
 - 4. Attecchimento ematologico entro il giorno +60
 - 5. Presenza delle cellule trasdotte nel midollo a +30/+60d

TIGET BTHAL CONCLUSIONI PRELIMINARI SICUREZZA

- ✓ Buona tollerabilità della procedura incluso condizionamento
- ✓ Buona tollerabilità dell'infusione intraossea
- ✓ Rapido attecchimento ematologico
- ✓ Assenza di eventi avversi seri legati alla terapia genica
- ✓ Attecchimento policionale senza segni di dominanza cionale ne integrazione in siti a rischio oncogenico

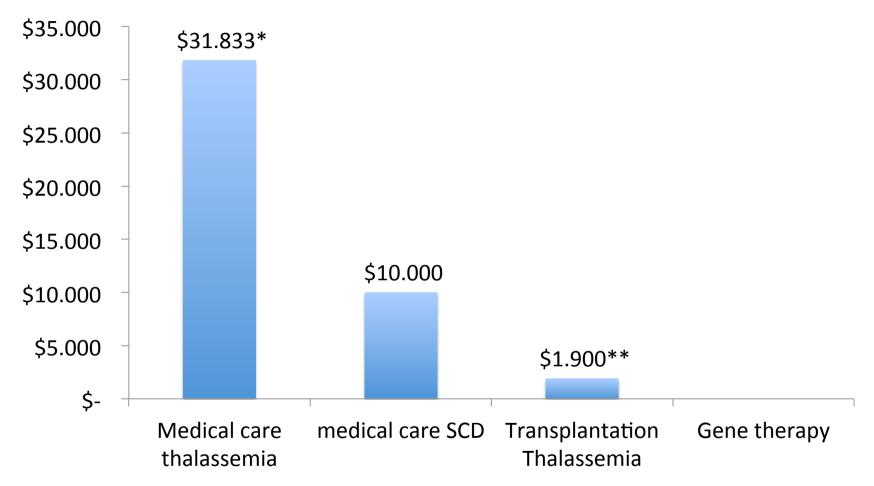
TIGET BTHAL: CONCLUSIONI PRELIMINARI EFFICACIA

- ✓ In tutti: ottima raccolta di cellule staminali e trapianto di alto numero di cellule trasdotte
- ✓ Presenza cellule geneticamente modificate in tutte le linee ematopoietiche nel midollo osseo e sangue
- ✓ Riduzione fabbisogno trasfusionale negli adulti
- ✓ Dati preliminare di efficacia incoraggianti nei bambini

The challenge

 Is gene therapy a cure for thalassemia or just a treatment to improve transfusion dependence?

Cost-effectiveness of HCT vs Medical care in Thalassemia and SCD. USD per expected life year.

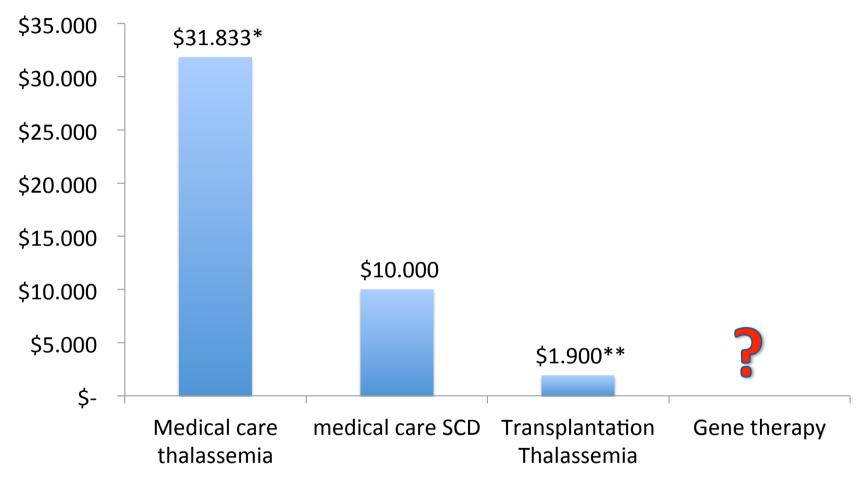


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