



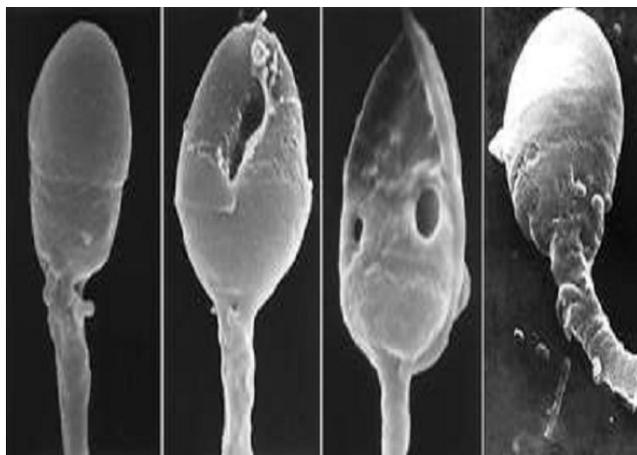
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Parere del Comitato sul tema della **126**
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"CRIOCONSERVAZIONE DEI GAMETI MASCHILI"

Il Comitato riconosce l'importanza di curare l'infertilità maschile e/o di coppia, o di prevenirla nel caso di interventi che possano comprometterla, attraverso la pratica della crioconservazione del seme maschile. La sua attuazione può essere ottenuta con costi contenuti ed efficaci risultati. Ne consegue che la crioconservazione del seme maschile può essere opportunamente posta a carico del Servizio Sanitario Regionale.

1. Criteri di accesso: si ritiene eticamente riconoscibile il diritto all'accesso ai seguenti soggetti:

- a) soggetti in trattamento di Procreazione Assistita nell'ambito del Servizio Sanitario Regionale;
- b) soggetti che siano in procinto di sottoporsi a terapie potenzialmente dannose per la funzione riproduttiva.

4. Accesso da parte di minori: il Comitato rileva che non vi sono ostacoli di natura etica perché il minore possa richiedere ed ottenere il prelievo dei gameti in previsione di terapie potenzialmente dannose per la funzione riproduttiva. Al di sotto del sedicesimo anno di età va richiesto il consenso di chi esercita la potestà genitoriale.

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RACCOMANDAZIONI AIOM- SIE - SIGO SU ONCOFERTILITÀ

2. Ogni giorno in Italia vengono diagnosticati almeno 30 nuovi casi di tumore in pazienti di età inferiore ai 40 anni, pari al 3% della casistica generale.

4. I trattamenti antitumorali quali chemioterapia, radioterapia e terapie biologiche, sebbene abbiano, da una parte, migliorato significativamente la sopravvivenza dei pazienti affetti da tumore, dall'altra sono associati a un elevato rischio di infertilità temporanea o permanente. Tale tasso d'infertilità è variabile e dipende da molteplici fattori quali: tipo della neoplasia, classe, dose e posologia del farmaco impiegato, estensione e sede del campo di irradiazione, dose erogata e suo frazionamento, età e sesso del paziente, anamnesi di pregressi trattamenti per infertilità.

USA:

- > 1 milione di sopravvissuti da HL, NHL, Leucemie;
- 130.000 nuovi casi annui;
- sotto i 50y predominano HL (64%) e ALL (75%); con % curative rispettivamente di 80% e 40-90%;
- 17-20% di NHL e AML in paz sotto i 50y con % cura attorno al 60%;
- HSCT/BMT: nel 2009 109.000 sopravvissuti, proiezione per il 2020 di 242.000 (circa 2% di tutti i “cancer survivors”) e il 70% va incontro al trapianto (allogenico o autologo) sotto i 40y; fertilità post-trattamento tra 3 e 8%.

Carter et al, Bone Marrow transplantation 2006
Loren AW, Am Soc Haematology 2015
Leader A et al, BJH 2011

I tumori più frequenti in età 20-39 anni. Maschi.

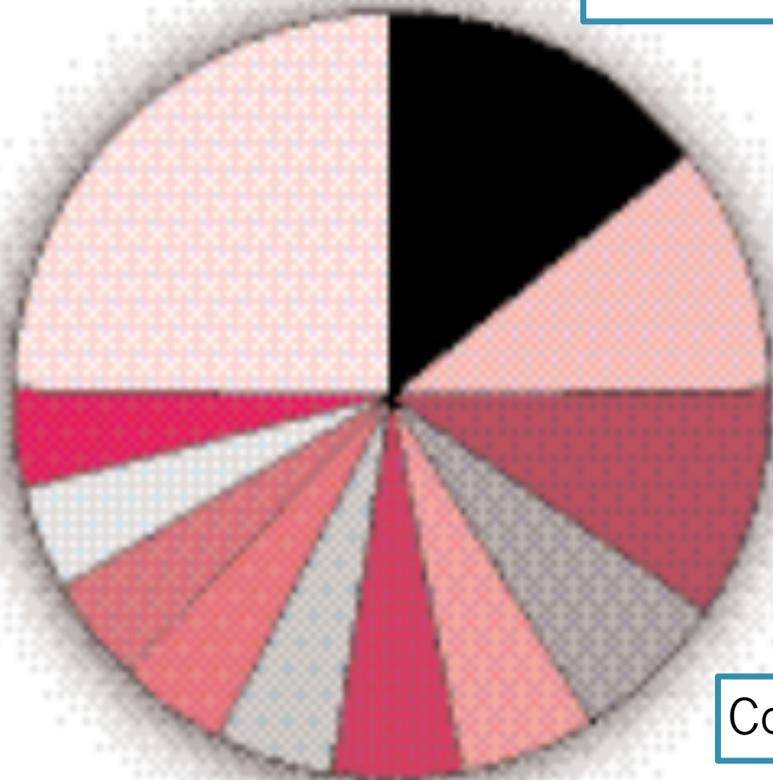
Casi annui stimati in Veneto nel 2014 e % sul tot. tumori 20-39 anni.

SEDE	Casi/anno	% sul tot tumori
Testicolo	88	22.3%
Cute melanomi	53	13.5%
Tiroide	35	8.9%
Linfoma di Hodgkin	34	8.5%
Linfomi non Hodgkin	28	7.2%
Totale eccetto pelle	395	100%

I tumori più frequenti nei giovani adulti



Maschi 20-44 anni



Testicolo

Linfoma non Hodgkin

Melanoma

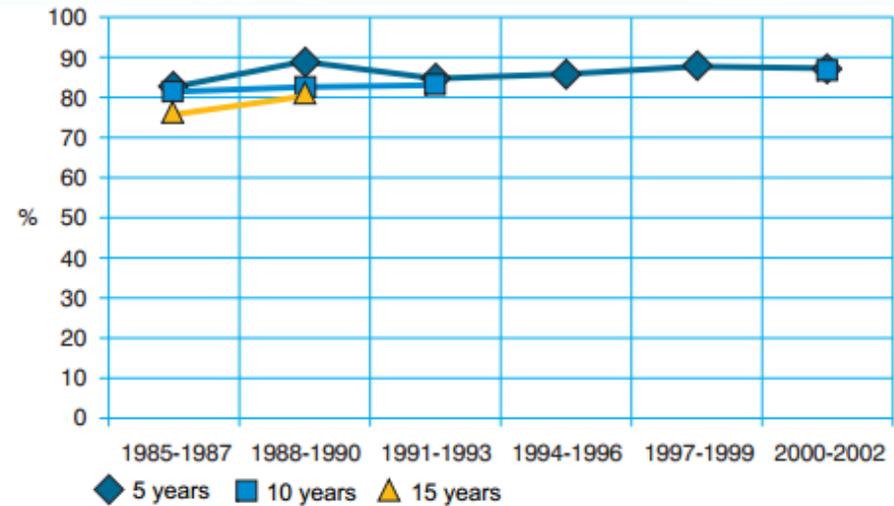
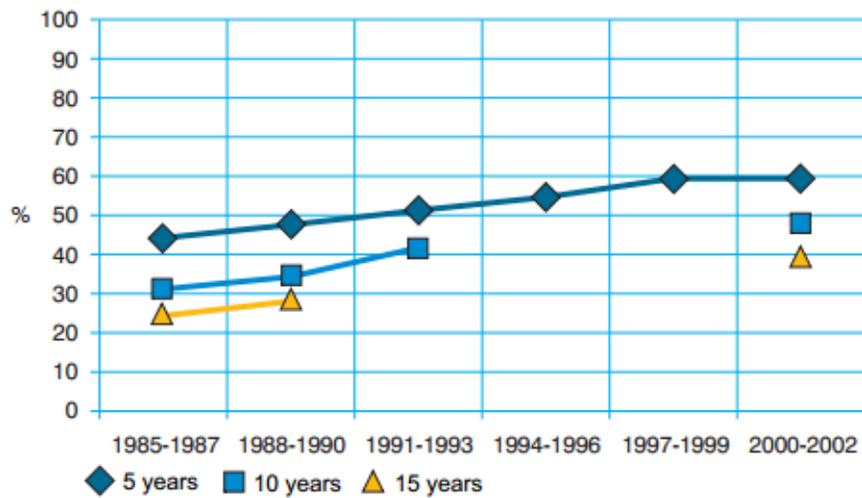
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Linfoma di Hodgkin

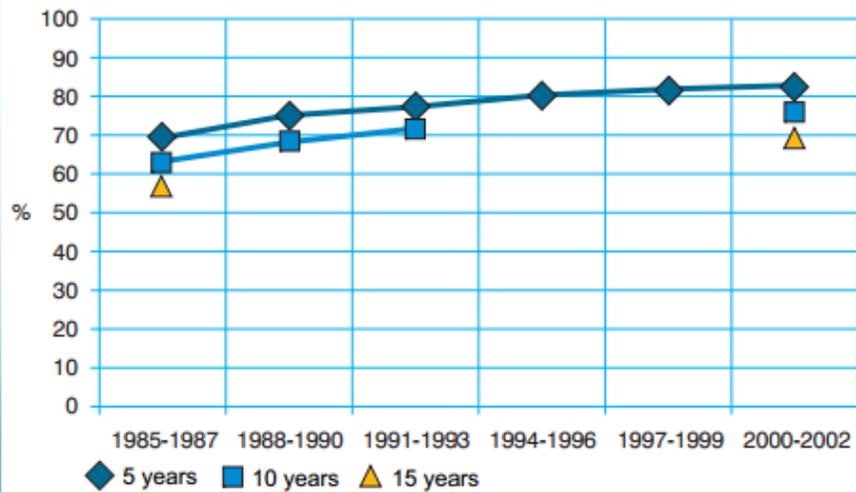


Associazione italiana
Registri Tumori

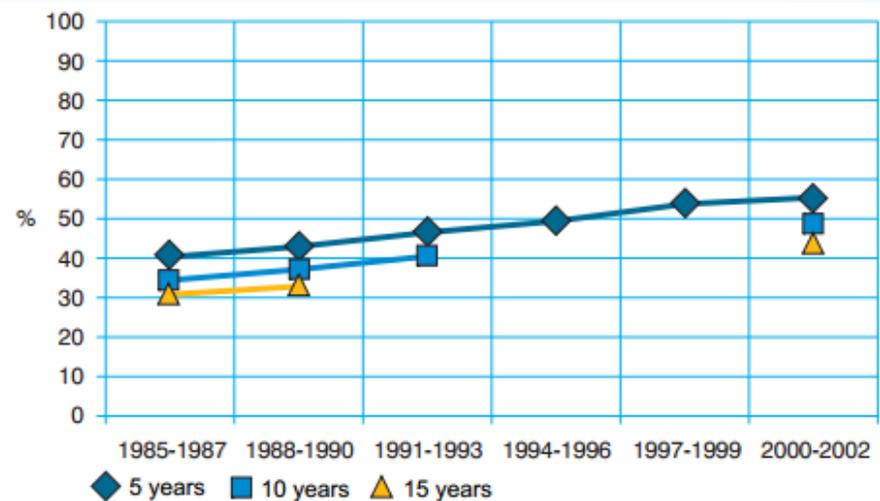
Sopravvivenza per tumore in Italia



Linfomi non Hodgkin



Tumori del testicolo



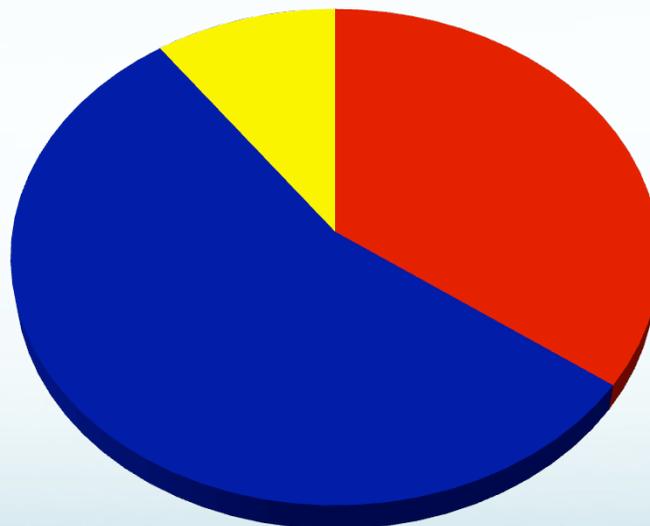
Linfomi di Hodgkin

Tutti tumori

CRIOCONSERVAZIONI TOTALI N. 5416

Altre patologie 10%

Infertilità 35%



Tumori 55%

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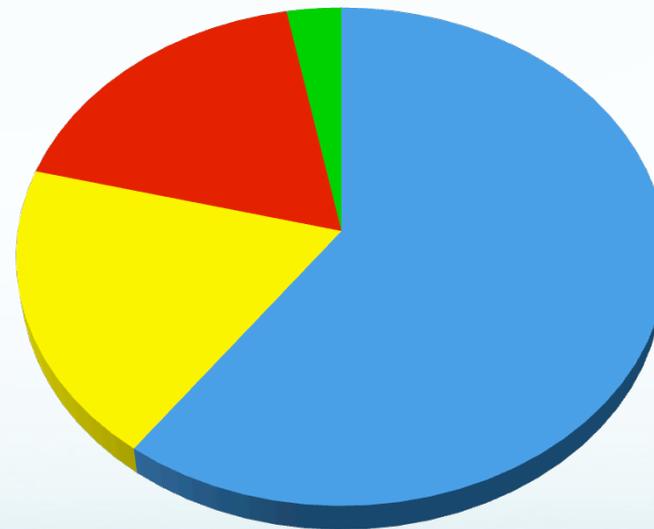
Distribuzione tumori alla crioconservazione

Altri Tumori 18%

Linfoma non Hodgkin 3%

Linfoma
di Hodgkin 19 %

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Tumori del testicolo 60%

Preservare la fertilità: l'informazione negata - Dossier ProFert, 2012 (Milano-Roma-Bologna-Napoli)

roduttiva (...), ma è davvero questo che succede in Italia, nella realtà quotidiana? Una indagine condotta nei principali ospedali italiani, per valutare la possibilità futura di procreare, ci si accorge di come **i pazienti, sia uomini che donne, non abbiano a disposizione tutti gli strumenti necessari per preservare la fertilità** della vita (dunque anche la riproduzione) dopo la guarigione. **Persino in quegli ospedali dove la preservazione della fertilità è offerta, la pratica è ancora in fase di sperimentazione e non è standardizzata**. **La mancanza di informazione e di servizi dedicati, è un elemento di speranza per i pazienti e per i loro familiari, e rappresenta un'opportunità di miglioramento per il sistema sanitario italiano.**

Fertility considerations and preservation in haemato-oncology patients undergoing treatment

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“...One study showed that 51% of men diagnosed with cancer wished to preserve their reproductive potential, whereas this figure rose to 77% among childless men...” (Schover et al, 2002).



Classes of chemotherapy and their mechanisms of action Giwerzman et al, 2000, Vakalopoulos I et al, 2015

Class of agent	Name of drugs	Mechanism	Cell cycle
Alkylating agents	Cyclophosphamide, nitrogen mustard, chloroethyl nitrosurea, busulfan, chlorambucil, melphalan, thiotepa	Cross-link DNA strand, interrupt RNA and protein synthesis	Non-specific
Cisplatin and analogues	Cisplatin, carboplatin	Interferes with DNA synthesis without affecting normal RNA and protein synthesis	Possibly specific (G2 arrest)
Vinca alkaloids (aneuploidy inducers)	Vincristine, vinblastine	Bind tubulin and cause dissociation of the microtubule apparatus	Specific: G1 and S phase
Antimetabolites	Methotrexate, aminopterin, 5-fluorouracil, cytarabine	Inhibit cellular metabolites by acting as false substrates for reactions required in DNA or RNA synthesis	Non-specific
Topoisomerase interactive agents (radiomimetics)	Bleomycin, actinomycin, doxorubicin, daunorubicin	Interact with enzyme- DNA complex. Prevents resealing of the top I-mediated DNA single strand breaks	Specific: G2 arrest/S-phase apoptosis

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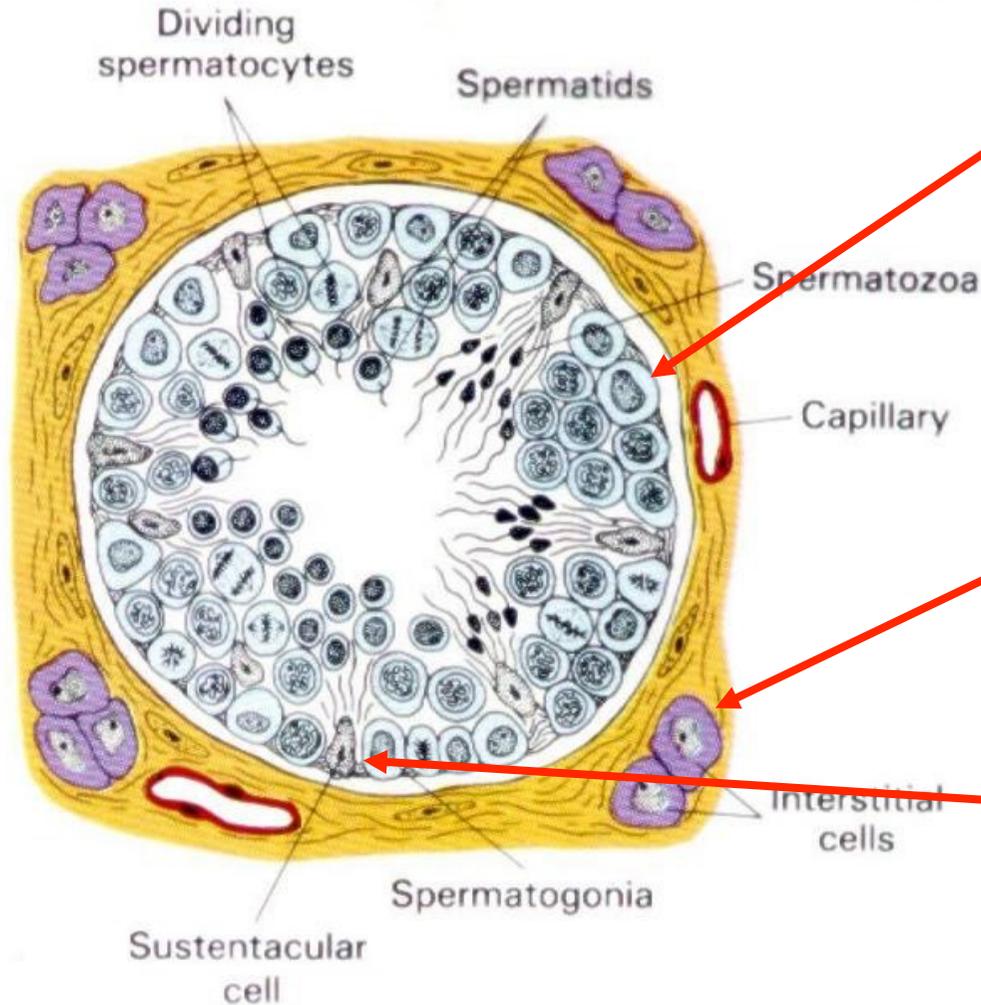
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Group	Agent	Mode of Action	Degree of Gonadotoxicity
Alkylating agents		Addition of alkyl groups to DNA, altering DNA structure and function	
	Chlorambucil		Prolonged azoospermia
	Cyclophosphamide		
	Procarbazine		
	Melphalan		
	Carmustine		Azoospermia in adulthood after treatment before puberty
	Lomustine		
	Busulfan		Azoospermia likely, but always given with other highly sterilizing agents
	Ifosfamide		
Platinum analogs		Formation of DNA adducts, DNA interstrand cross-links	
	Cisplatin		Prolonged azoospermia
	Carboplatin		Prolonged azoospermia not often observed at indicated doses

Table 2 Risk of treatment-related infertility with the main anticancer therapies (modified from the original [9])

Degree of risk	Type of anticancer treatment	
	Women	Men
High risk (>80 % risk of permanent amenorrhea in women; prolonged azoospermia in men)	-HSC transplantation with cyclophosphamide/TBI or cyclophosphamide/busulfan -External beam radiation to a field that includes the ovaries -CMF, CEF, CAF, TAC x 6 cycles in women ≥ 40 years	-Radiation > 2.5 Gy to testis -Chlorambucil (1.4 g/m ²) -Cyclophosphamide (19 g/m ²) -Procarbazine (4 g/m ²) -Melphalan (140 mg/m ²) -Cisplatin (500 mg/m ²) -BCNU (1 g/m ²) and CCNU (500 mg/m ²)
Intermediate risk (40 % - 60 % risk of permanent amenorrhea in women; likelihood of azoospermia in men especially when given with other sterilizing agents)	-BEACOPP -CMF, CEF, CAF, TAC x 6 cycles in women age 30–39 -AC x 4 cycles in women ≥ 40 years -AC or EC x 4 → Taxanes	-Busulfan (600 mg/kg) -Ifosfamide (42 g/m ²) -BCNU (300 mg/m ²) -Nitrogen mustard -Actinomycin D
Low risk (<20 % risk of permanent amenorrhea in women; only temporary reductions in sperm counts in men especially when not given with other sterilizing agents)	-ABVD in women ≥ 32 years -CHOP x 4–6 cycles -CVP -AML therapy (anthracycline/cytarabine) -ALL therapy (multi-agent) -CMF, CEF, CAF, TAC x 6 cycles in women ≤ 30 years -AC x 4 cycles in women ≤ 40 years	-Carboplatin (2 g/m ²) -Doxorubicin (770 mg/m ²) -Thiotepa (400 mg/m ²) -Cytosine arabinoside (1 g/m ²) -Vinblastine (50 g/m ²) -Vincristine (8 g/m ²)
Very low or no risk (risk of permanent amenorrhea in women; temporary reductions in sperm count in men but additive effects are possible)	-ABVD in women < 32 years -Methotrexate -Fluorouracil -Vincristine -Tamoxifen	-Amsacrine -Bleomycin -Dacarbazine -Daunorubicin -Epirubicin -Etoposide -Fludarabine -Fluorouracil -6-mercaptopurine -Methotrexate -Mitoxantrone, -Thioguanine -Prednisone -Interferon-α
Unknown risk (risk of permanent amenorrhea in women; effect on sperm production in men)	-Monoclonal antibodies (trastuzumab, bevacizumab, cetuximab) -Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (erlotinib, imatinib)	-Oxaliplatin -Irinotecan -Monoclonal antibodies (trastuzumab, bevacizumab, cetuximab)

Radiotherapy



4 Gy
interphase death
permanent damage to
germ cells (spermatogonia)

Leydig cells
20-30 Gy: hypogonadism

spermatogenesis
0.1 – 1.2 Gy

TABLE 1. Radiotherapy Protocols With High or Intermediate Impact on Ovarian and Testicular Function

High risk of prolonged azoospermia in men or amenorrhea in women

Total Body Irradiation (TBI) for bone marrow transplant/stem cell transplant^{9,15,16}

Testicular radiation dose > 2.5 Gy in adult men^{9,17}

Testicular radiation dose ≥ 6 Gy in prepubertal boys^{18,19}

Pelvic or whole abdominal radiation dose ≥ 6 Gy in adult women²⁰⁻²²

Pelvic or whole abdominal radiation dose ≥ 10 Gy in postpubertal girls²¹⁻²⁴

Pelvic radiation or whole abdominal dose ≥ 15 Gy in prepubertal girls²¹⁻²⁴

Intermediate risk

Testicular radiation dose 1-6 Gy from scattered pelvic or abdominal radiation^{13,16}

Pelvic or whole abdominal radiation dose 5-10 Gy in postpubertal girls^{21,24}

Pelvic or whole abdominal radiation dose 10-15 Gy in prepubertal girls^{21,22,24}

Craniospinal radiotherapy dose ≥ 25 Gy¹⁴

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**EFFETTI DELLE TERAPIE
SULLA
SPERMATOGENESI**

Impact of lymphoma treatments on spermatogenesis and sperm deoxyribonucleic acid: a multicenter prospective study from the CECOS network

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Treatment groups according to different drugs used.

Treatment groups	Type of protocols
ABVD group	ABVD R-ACVBP ACVBP
ABVD + radiotherapy group	ABVD ABVDP ABVDP + VABEM EBVP
CHOP group	ACVBP CHOP R-ACVBP + MTX + VP16 + Cy R-CVP ACVBP R + MTX + IFM + VP16 R-ACVBP +MTX R-CHOP R- mini CHVP + interferon R-ACVB + MTX+ VP16 + IFM + Cy R-CHOP
MOPP-ABV group	BEACOPP + ABV BEACOPP



Fertil Steril 2014

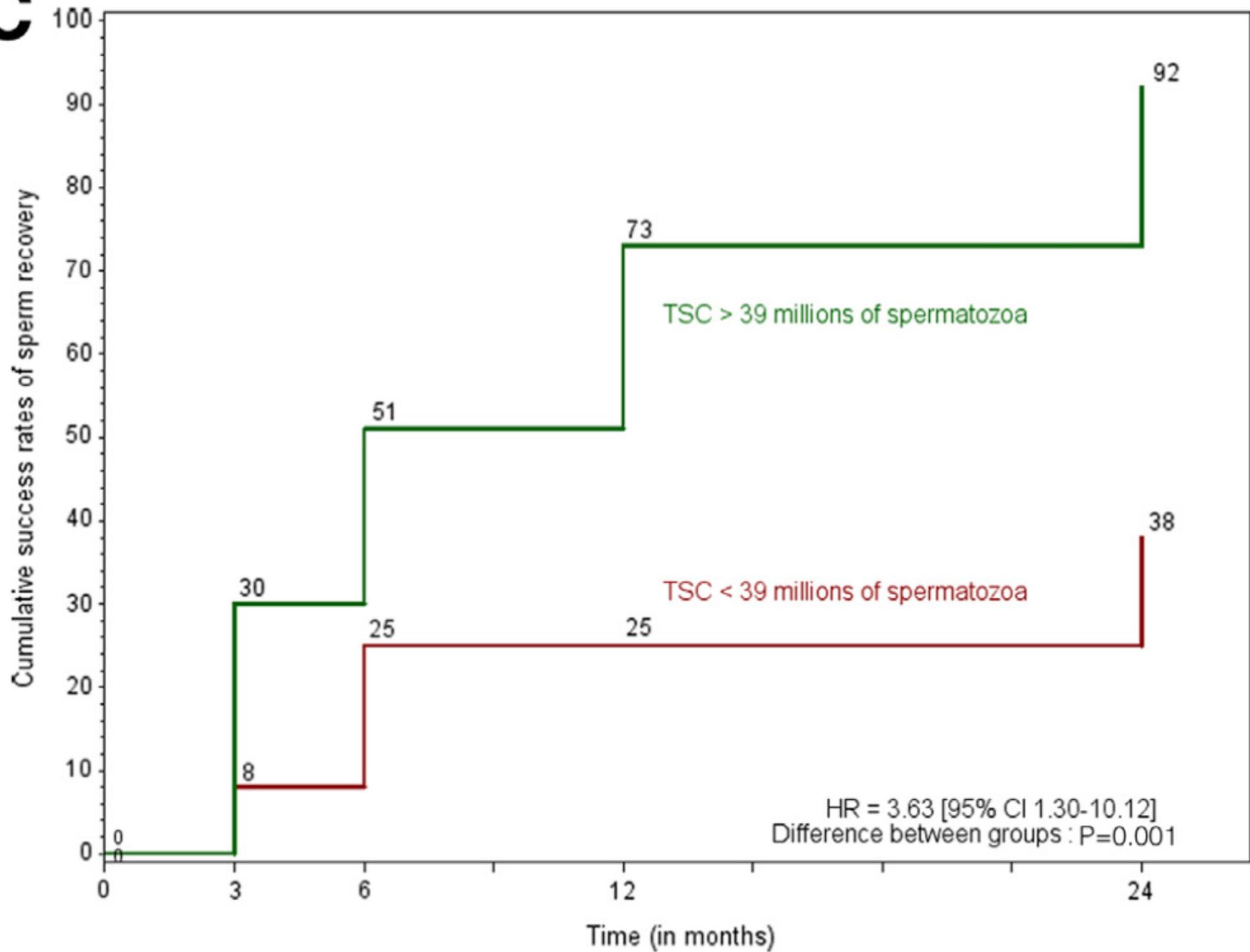
TABLE 1**Sperm characteristics at follow-up time points according to treatment.**

Charactrtistics	Before treatment	After treatment			
		3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	24 mo
ABVD, n	18	14	16	14	12
Sperm count, 10 ⁶ /mL	45.62 ± 47.08	7.88 ± 7.71 ^a	15.56 ± 17.24 ^a	28.49 ± 30.32	51.52 ± 52.23
Vitality, %	58.61 ± 13.26	58.09 ± 23.37	54.62 ± 25.45	66.83 ± 23.60	67.33 ± 6.96 ^a
Motility, %	30.89 ± 12.64	30.45 ± 16.58	29.00 ± 15.72	35.21 ± 14.29	42.00 ± 13.74 ^a
Total sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	174.41 ± 336.96	33.45 ± 41.48 ^a	60.61 ± 103.71 ^a	143.91 ± 205.51	242.20 ± 208.85
Total motile sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	47.48 ± 69.08	15.83 ± 17.11	23.75 ± 33.44	57.37 ± 97.50	104.86 ± 93.50
ABVD + Radiotherapy, n	39	34	28	30	19
Sperm count, 10 ⁶ /mL	57.89 ± 47.02	22.07 ± 29.04 ^a	33.91 ± 32.33 ^a	49.71 ± 52.53	59.08 ± 47.22
Vitality, %	61.10 ± 17.92	62.68 ± 17.68	64.08 ± 21.45 ^a	60.48 ± 21.36	68.37 ± 15.13
Motility, %	42.00 ± 13.48	35.63 ± 15.86	37.89 ± 18.14	36.55 ± 18.09	44.58 ± 13.23
Total sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	217.45 ± 222.05	74.89 ± 130.30 ^a	126.25 ± 150.62	184.27 ± 214.18	241.24 ± 220.21
Total motile sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	88.16 ± 82.12	31.20 ± 50.12 ^a	55.78 ± 65.40 ^a	82.54 ± 97.38	97.33 ± 74.17 ^a
CHOP, n	13	11	13	11	9
Sperm count, 10 ⁶ /mL	78.09 ± 74.87	0.59 ± 1.24 ^a	9.54 ± 21.73 ^a	36.16 ± 78.26 ^a	45.78 ± 57.92
Vitality, %	63.33 ± 20.60	19.75 ± 29.67 ^a	26.14 ± 34.14	59.00 ± 33.97	62.00 ± 33.34
Motility, %	39.62 ± 15.87	13.75 ± 22.00 ^a	18.18 ± 26.39 ^a	28.00 ± 27.00	36.43 ± 28.09
Total sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	215.16 ± 174.23	1.18 ± 2.37 ^a	32.09 ± 90.66 ^a	126.88 ± 281.71	165.76 ± 222.91
Total motile sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	83.46 ± 69.00	0.69 ± 1.50 ^a	13.79 ± 30.16 ^a	75.47 ± 153.30	99.01 ± 109.24
MOPP-ABV, n	5	2	5	4	2
Sperm count, 10 ⁶ /mL	45.58 ± 41.24	0.00 ± 0.00	0.02 ± 0.04	7.00 ± 14.00	177.00 ± 250.32
Vitality, %	53.00 ± 9.38	Nm	0.00 ± 0.00	41.00 ± 57.98	86.00 ± -
Motility, %	40.00 ± 9.46	Nm	3.20 ± 7.16	16.67 ± 28.87	30.00 ± 42.43
Total sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	129.63 ± 122.18	0.00 ± 0.00	0.07 ± 0.16	14.70 ± 29.40	460.20 ± 650.82
Total motile sperm count, 10 ⁶ /ejaculate	56.07 ± 60.20	Nm	0.01 ± 0.03	9.80 ± 16.97	276.12 ± 390.49

Note: Values are mean ± standard deviation. Nm = not measurable.

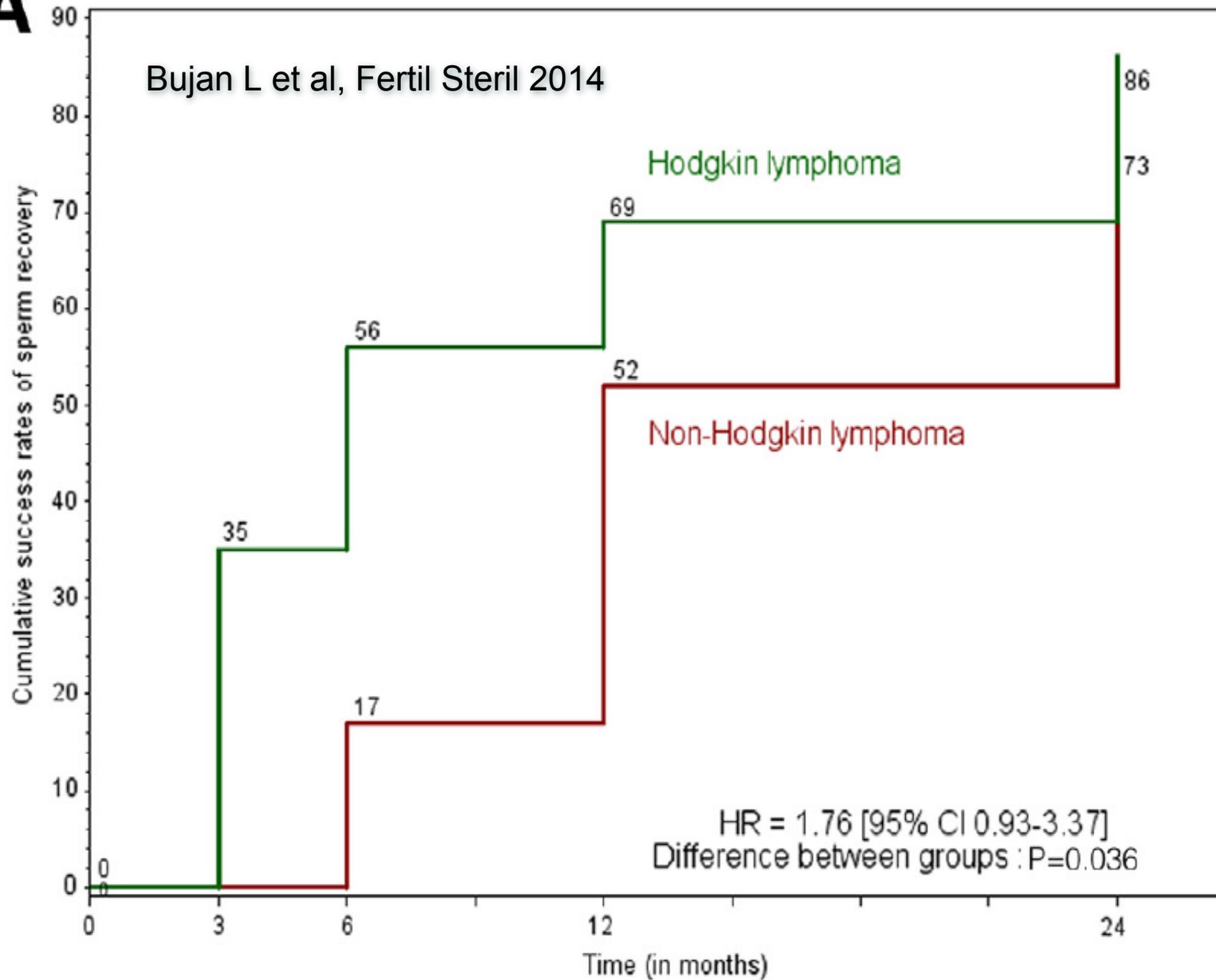
^a *P* < .05, difference between before treatment and after treatment values (3, 6, 12, and 24 months).

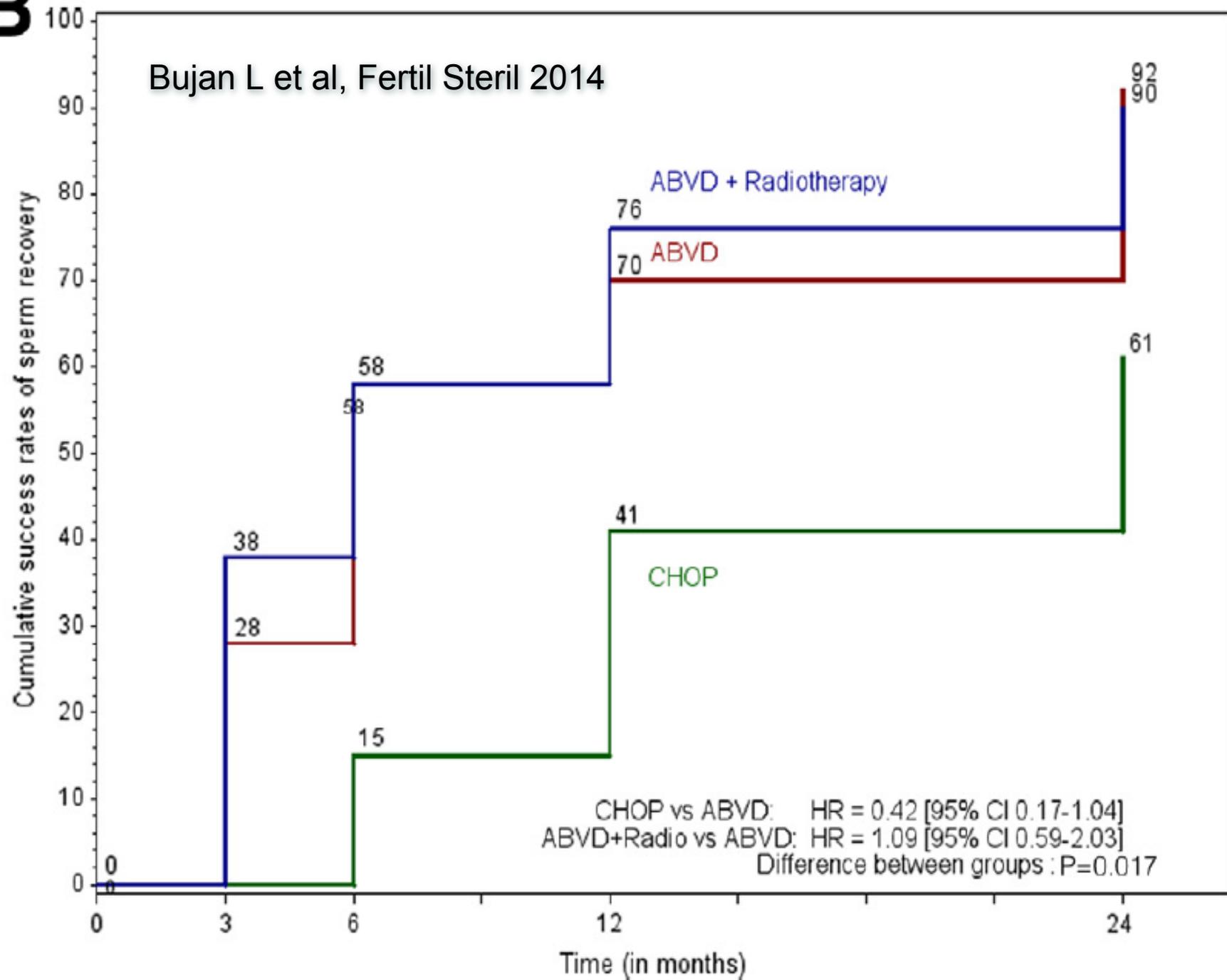
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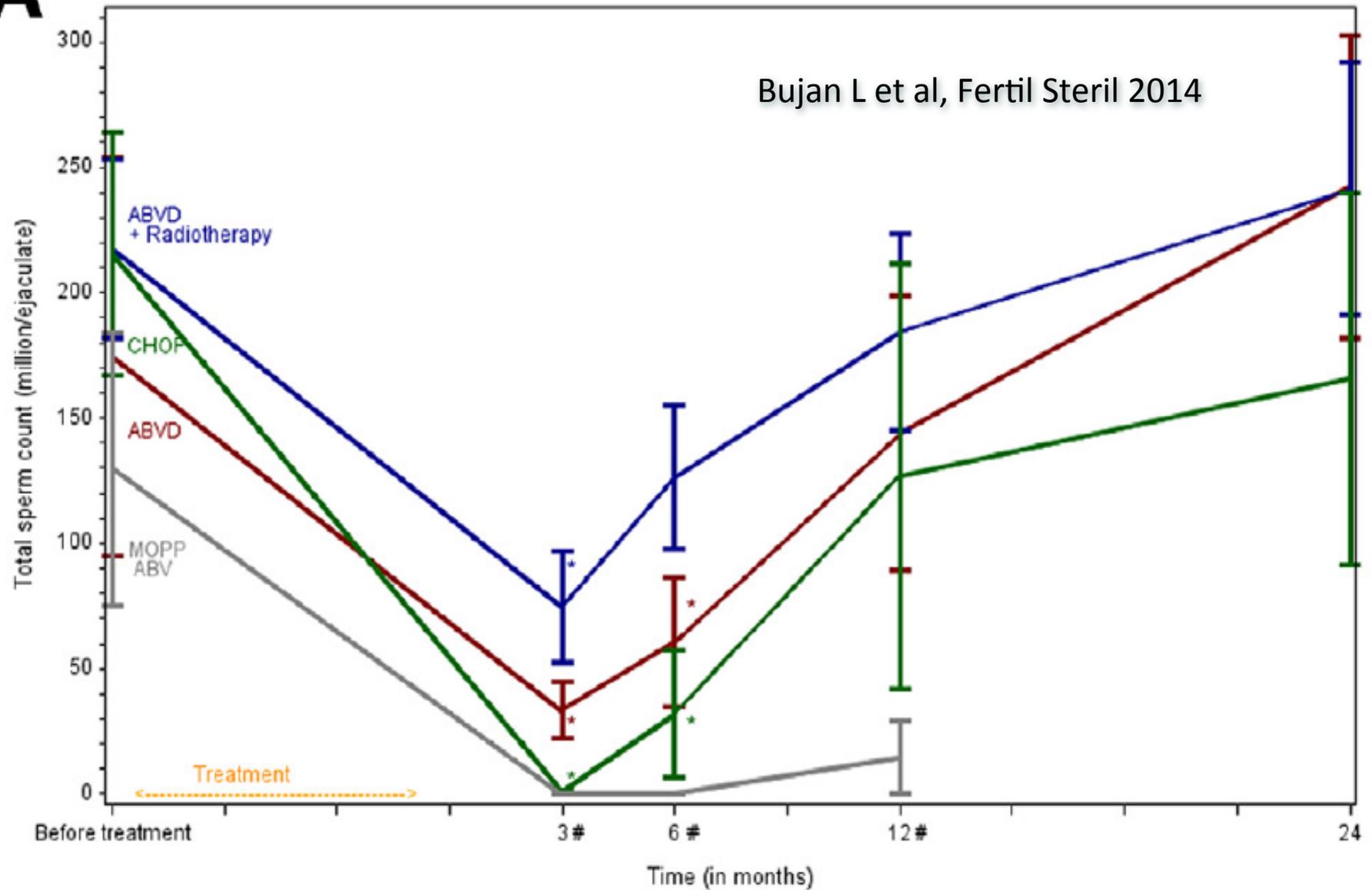
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n=18 ABVD
n=39 ABVD + Radiotherapy
n=13 CHOP
n=5 MOPP-ABV

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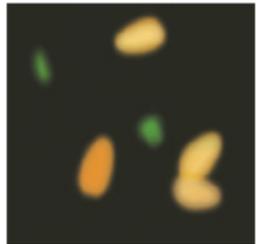
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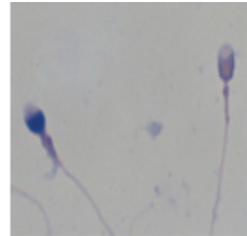
Clinical utility of sperm DNA fragmentation testing: practice recommendations based on clinical scenarios

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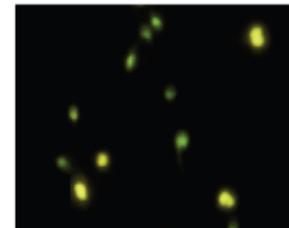
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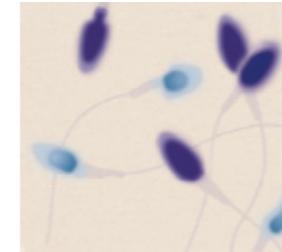
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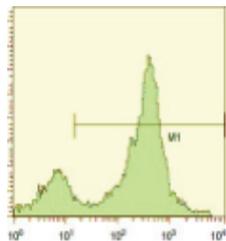
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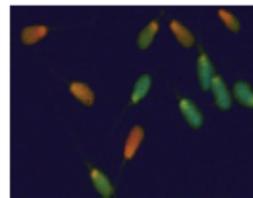
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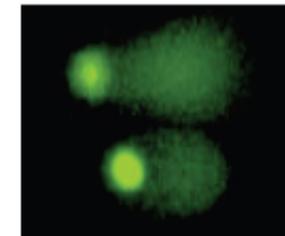
TUNEL test



Sperm chromatin structure assay (SCSA)

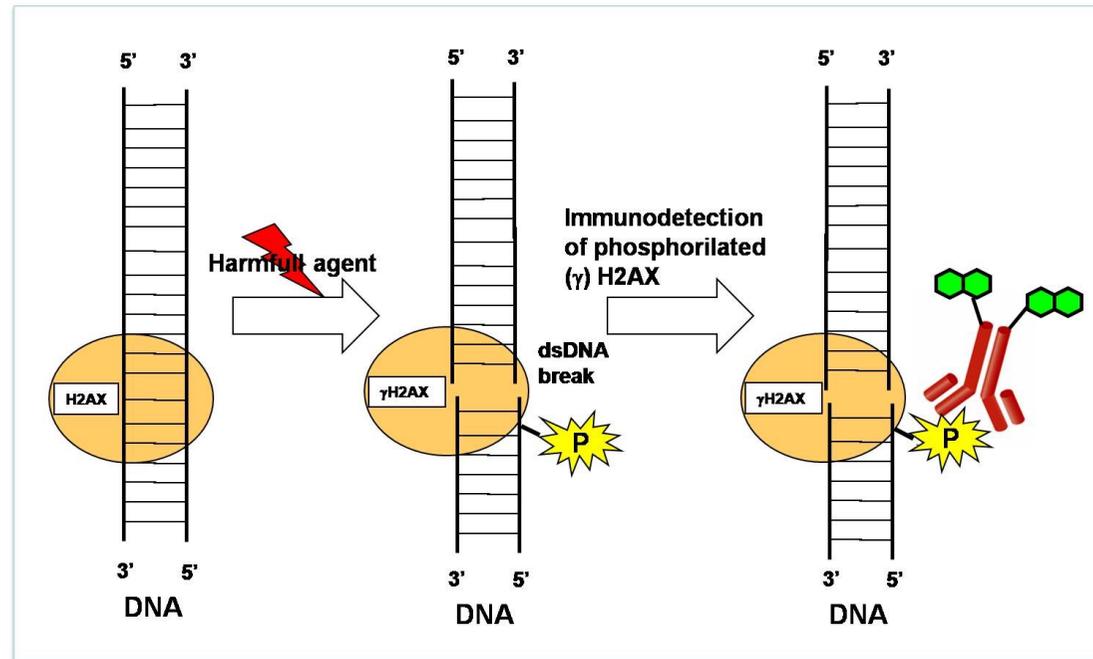


Sperm chromatin Dispersion test (SCD)
Halo-test



COMET assay

γ H2AX



Pro: Consente di ottenere un valore delle rotture sul doppio filamento. Il citofluorimetro consente l'analisi di numerose cellule in un breve tempo.

Cont.: nei soggetti gravemente oligozoospermici è necessario utilizzare un microscopio a fluorescenza.

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TABLE 2

DNA fragmentation and abnormal chromatin (%).

	Control group fertile men	Lymphoma (HL + NHL) group				
		Before treatment	After treatment			
			3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	24 mo
N	51	71	38	38	43	34
DFI	8.6 [6.6–14.3]	15.9 [9.8–27.1] ^{a,b}	17.4 [10.2–25.0] ^{a,b}	15.0 [9.6–23.2] ^{a,b,c}	16.7 [8.6–23.4] ^{a,b,c}	14.4 [8.9–24.8] ^{a,b,c}
HDS	5.3 [4.5–6.2]	6.1 [4.9–7.0] ^a	6.2 [4.9–8.6] ^a	5.4 [4.3–7.5]	5.8 [4.4–6.8]	5.7 [5.0–7.0]
DFI+HDS	14.3 [11.3–20.7]	22.5 [16.4–34.4] ^{a,b}	24.8 [17.1–33.4] ^{a,b}	20.8 [16.3–29.2] ^{a,b,c}	22.2 [14.8–27.9] ^{a,b,c}	21.9 [15.0–31.4] ^{a,b}
TUNEL	7.9 [6.6–13.2]	12.7 [7.1–15.7] ^a	7.6 [5.8–12.4] ^{a,c}	9.8 [7.1–13.9] ^c	9.3 [6.6–14.7] ^c	10.5 [7.3–14.3]

Note: Values are medians [interquartile range: Q1–Q3]. DFI = DNA fragmentation index; HDS = highly DNA stainable cells were assessed by sperm chromatin structure assay; TUNEL = terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase (TdT)-mediated dUTP nick-end labelling assay.

^a $P < .05$, difference between control group and lymphoma group.

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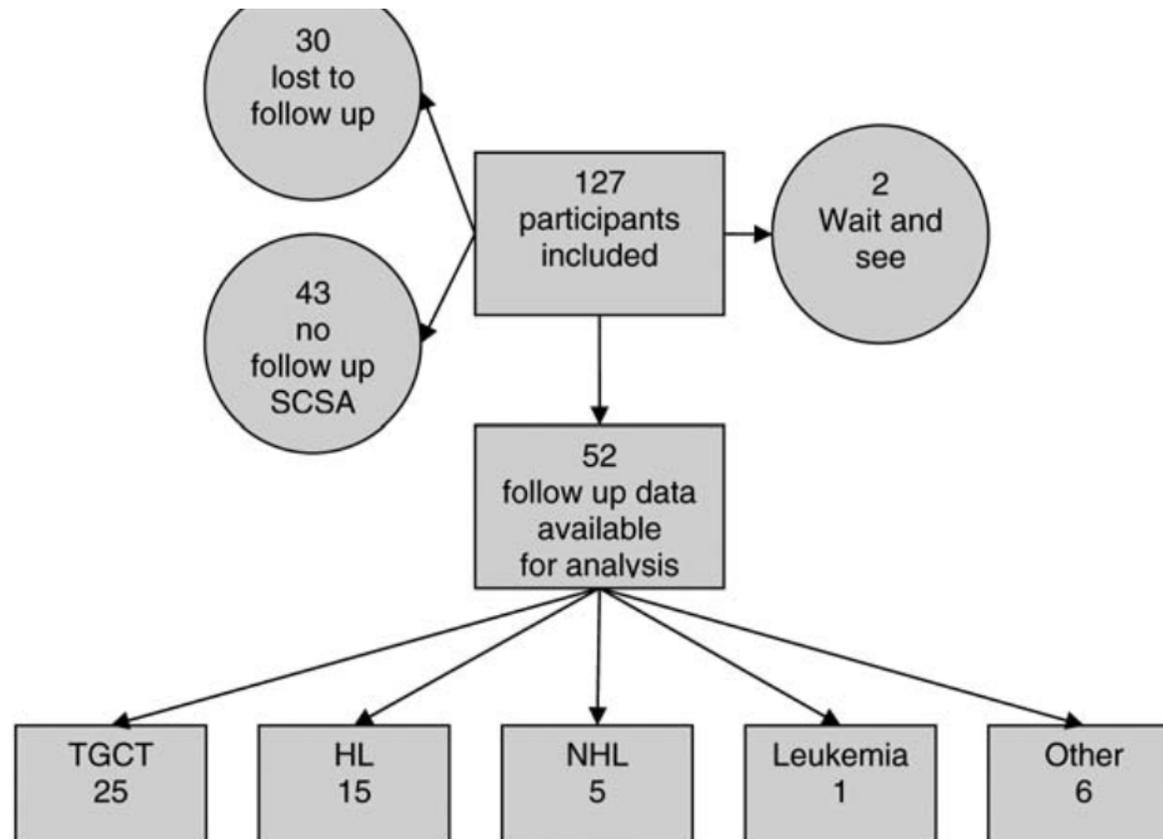
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Bujan. Lymphoma treatment and spermatogenesis. *Fertil Steril* 2014.

Sperm DNA integrity in cancer patients before and after cytotoxic treatment

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Table I Semen parameters

Parameter	n
Sperm count ($\times 10^6$)	
Sperm concentration ($\times 10^6$)	
Progressive motility (%)	
Normal morphology (%)	
DFI (%)	

All values are median (range). DFI is significantly lower in patients compared with other diagnosis groups (P = 0.028). TGCT, testicular germ cell tumor.

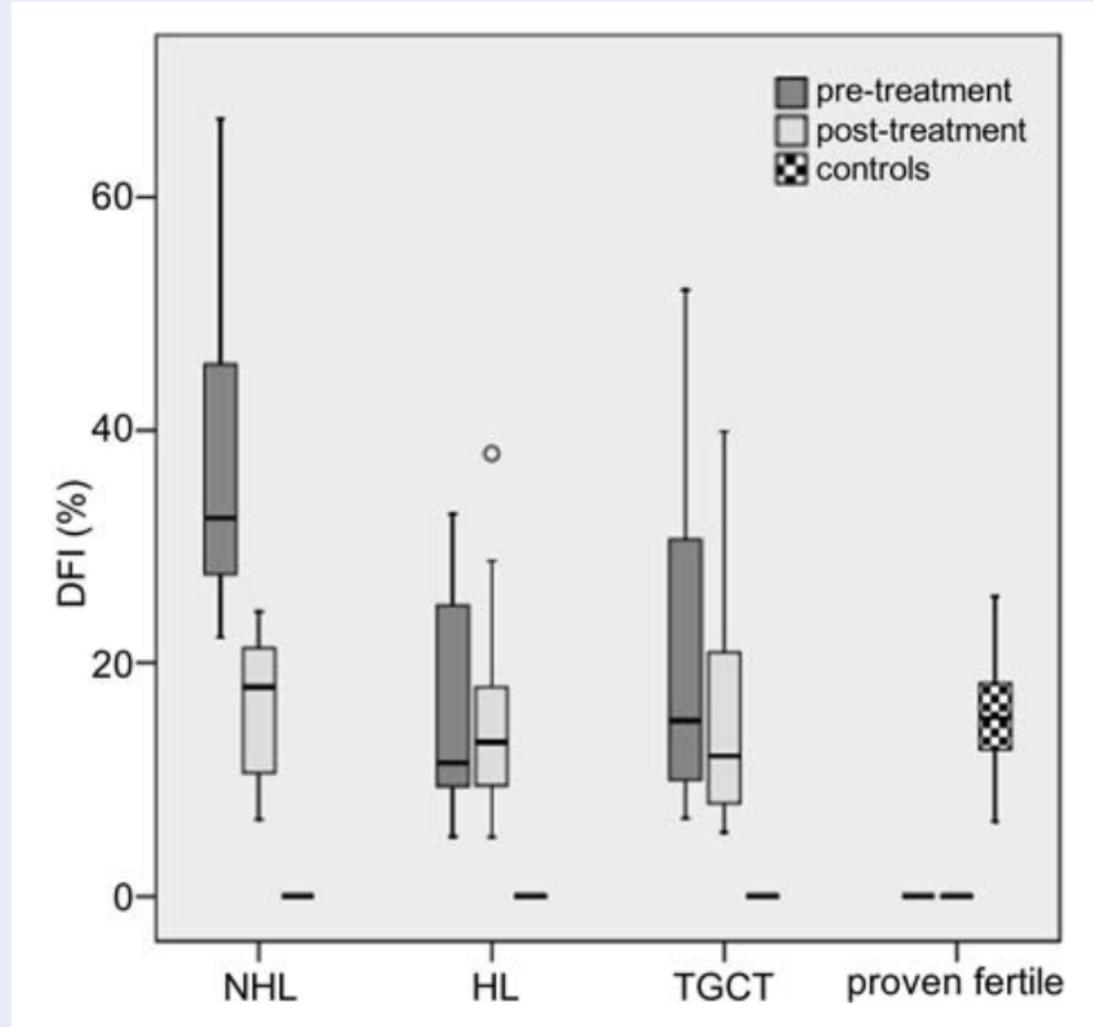


Figure 2 Pre- and post-treatment DFI values in the three most prevalent cancer diagnosis groups ($n = 5$ NHL, $n = 15$ HL, $n = 25$ TGCT) and 22 fertile controls. Boxes show the mean DFI with standard deviation, whiskers show the range of non-outlier DFI values, open circle represents an outlier.

Parameter	Other
	19
	9.7) 83.2 (8.6–1282.6)
	.2) 42.0 (4.3–283.0)
	50.0) 42.0 (12.0–84.0)
	.0) 6.0 (1.0–12.0)
	2.3) 11.1 (3.8–58.7)

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Impact of chemotherapeutics and advanced testicular cancer or Hodgkin lymphoma on sperm deoxyribonucleic acid integrity Fertil Steril 2010

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Livelli significativamente più alti di danno del DNA spermatico
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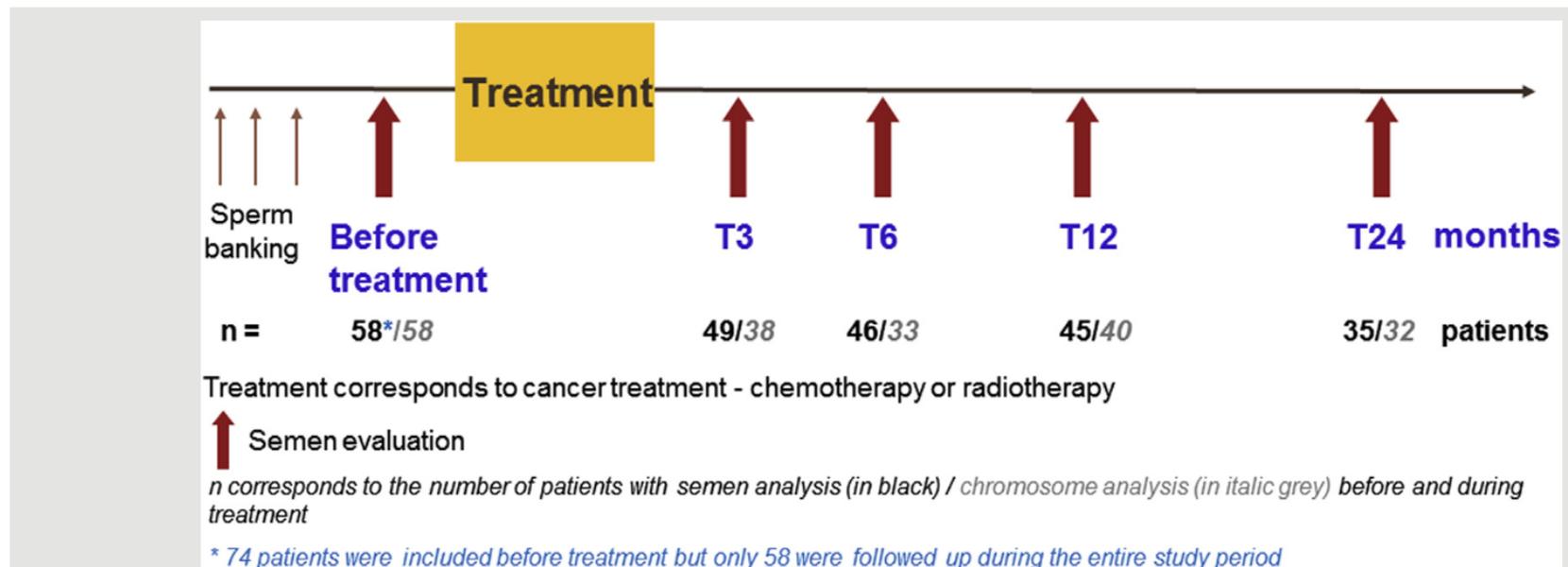
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Impact of Hodgkin or non-Hodgkin lymphoma and their treatments on sperm aneuploidy: a prospective study by the French CECOS network

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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 1

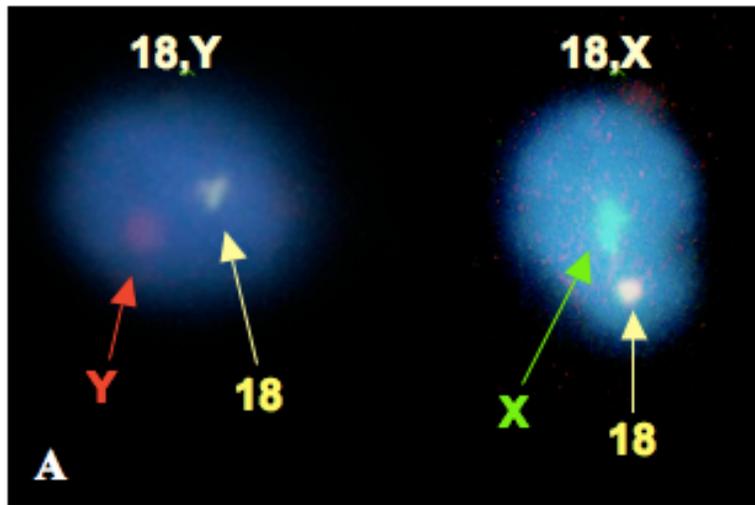


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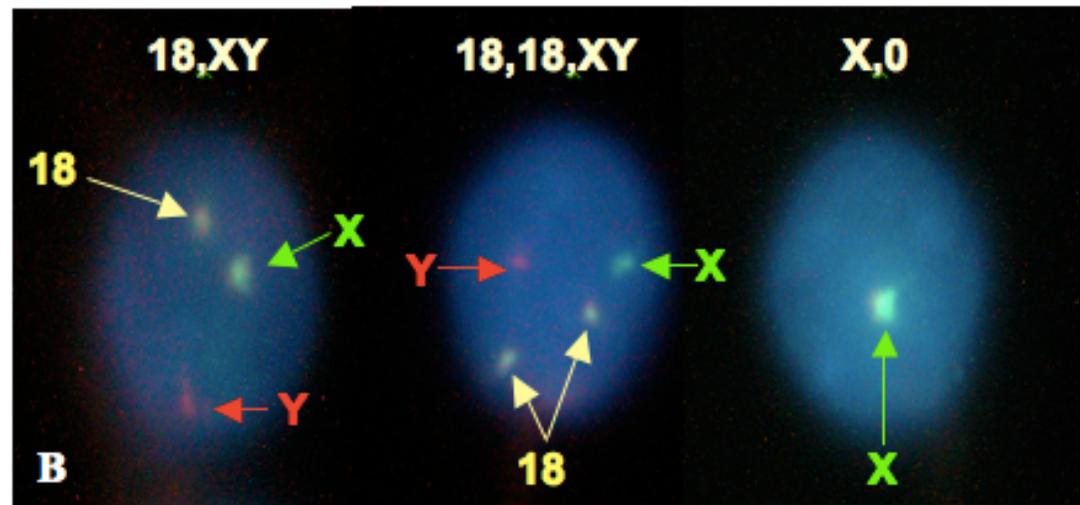
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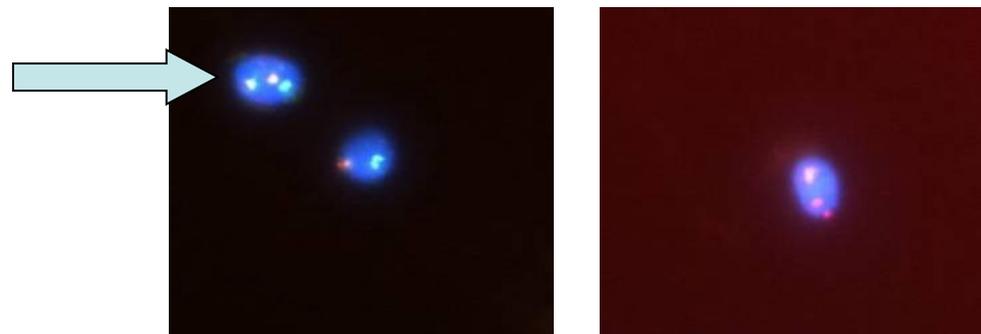
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Spermatozoi euploidi



Spermatozoi aneuploidi





Implication of sperm chromosomal abnormalities in recurrent abortion and multiple implantation failure

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- La maggior parte degli studi rivela che il fallimento dell'impianto embrionario in corso di IVF potrebbe essere di origine maschile ed essere attribuibile ad un aumento delle aneuploidie spermatiche.
- L'etiologia dell'aborto ripetuto è determinata solo nel 30% dei casi. L'eventuale contributo paterno è poco investigato.

TABLE 1

Comparative analysis of sperm characteristics and chromosome content (in %) in the control group and the lymphoma group (HL and NHL) before treatment.

Parameter	Control group (n = 29)		Lymphoma group (n = 74)		HL group (n = 56)		NHL group (n = 18)	
Sperm characteristics								
Volume (mL)	3.50	3.09–5.09	3	2.09–4.09 ^a	3.05	2.05–4.55 ^a	2.90	2.50–3.70 ^a
Sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /mL)	86.25	19–126	46.39	22–75	45.89	22.50–64.35	48	19–102
Vitality (%)	71	64–82	61	53–73 ^a	60	54–72 ^a	65	51–80
Motility (%)	45	40–50	40	30–50	40	32–47	35	30–50
Total sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /ejaculate)	270	157–379	120	60–272 ^a	120	59–234 ^a	126	76–328

TABLE 2

Sperm characteristics according to treatment and time points in the 58 lymphoma patients.

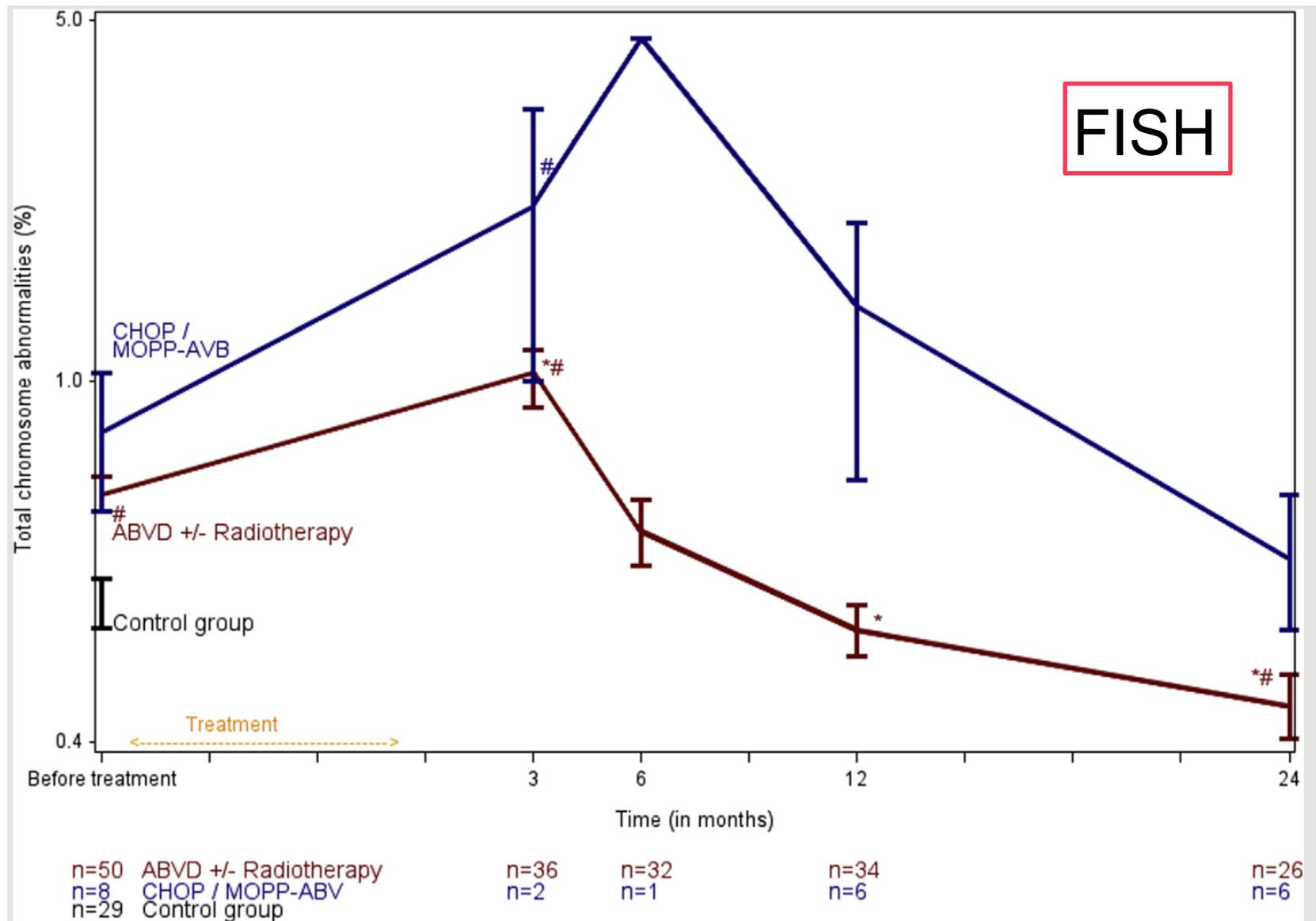
Treatment regimen	Before treatment	After treatment								
		3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	24 mo					
ABVD \pm radiotherapy										
N (%) ^a	50	41 (82)	38 (76)	37 (74)	28 (56)					
Volume (mL)	3.15	2.50–4.59	3.20	2.80–4.40	3.55	2.30–4.80	3.70	2.40–4.90	4.25	3–6.40 ^b
Sperm count (10^6 /mL)	40.50	22–66	10.80	6.59–20 ^b	20.30	4.80–52 ^b	40	16–65	42	28.30–75.50
Vitality (%)	60	52–74	64	52–78	66	50–75	66	60–76 ^b	70	62–75 ^b
Motility (%)	40	30–48	35	30–45	35	30–48	40	30–45	41	35–50 ^b
Total sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /ejaculate)	130.83	59.78–272.59	36	16.79–89.25 ^b	56.86	20.99–146.78 ^b	128.95	55–271.82	168.40	106.54–329.79 ^b
Total motile sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /ejaculate)	53.61	18.34–112.01	15.92	3.99–35.70 ^b	17.63	11.34–82.36 ^b	51.58	19.73–124.02	97.60	39.24–157.66 ^b
CHOP/MOPP-ABV										
N (%) ^a	8	8 (100)	8 (100)	8 (100)	7 (88)					
Volume (mL)	2.85	2.24–3.30	2.60	1.94–3.90	2.09	2.09–4.05	2.50	2.15–3.55	2.59	2.09–3.80
Sperm count (10^6 /mL)	83	47.39–114.59	0	0–0.27 ^b	0.01	0–7.55 ^b	23.10	0.20–61.50	57.59	23–160
Vitality (%)	76	53–80	0	0–40	22	0–61	76	68–82	81	78–85
Motility (%)	48	35–57	0	0–30	16	0–50	50	30–50	55	30–60
Total sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /ejaculate)	277.92	115.74–376.15	0	0–0.57 ^b	0.04	0–17.42 ^b	53.59	0.50–212.23	269.50	48.29–607.99
Total motile sperm count ($\times 10^6$ /ejaculate)	115.95	59.49–143.25	0	0–0.34 ^b	0.04	0–20.69 ^b	26.79	0.07–134.76	107.80	28.97–297.85

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^a N = % of compliance with the survey.

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Mean percentages of total chromosomal abnormalities and SEMs before and during posttreatment follow-up according to type of treatment (ABVD ± radiotherapy, or CHOP/MOPP-ABV) and in the control group. * $P < .05$, pre- and posttreatment difference. # $P < .05$, difference between controls and lymphoma patients.



DATI AMBIGUI E CONTRADDITTORI



- Differenti approcci metodologici usati
- Differenti popolazioni studiate in termini di neoplasia
- Variabilità dei trattamenti considerati
- bassa numerosità dei campioni

The determination of reproductive safety in men during and after cancer treatment

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- Sono necessari ulteriori studi clinici prospettici, con popolazioni ed end-points omogenei, per chiarire le conseguenze sullo stato gonadico, in particolare sull'integrità genomica dei gameti maschili, delle terapie anti-neoplastiche.
- Stilare linee-guida cliniche condivise al fine di fornire ai pazienti un counseling chiaro ed esaustivo sulle possibilità, il "timing" ed i rischi di concepimento a seguito dei trattamenti anti-neoplastici.

Risk of Birth Abnormalities in the Offspring of Men With a History of Cancer: A Cohort Study Using Danish and Swedish National Registries

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Type of congenital abnormality	Yes (n = 8670)		No (n = 1769095)		RR (95% CI)†	P‡
	No. of patients	Prevalence, %	No. of patients	Prevalence, %		
Any	420	4.84	77844	4.40	1.12 (1.02 to 1.24)	.018
Any major	322	3.71	57067	3.23	1.17 (1.05 to 1.31)	.004
Selected groups of congenital abnormalities§						
Abdominal wall	3	0.03	511	0.03	1.2 (0.4 to 3.7)	.76
Alimentary tract atresia	14	0.16	1704	0.10	1.7 (1.0 to 2.8)	.054
Cardiovascular	88	1.01	17772	1.00	1.0 (0.9 to 1.3)	.92
Central nervous system	8	0.09	1915	0.11	0.9 (0.4 to 1.7)	.65
Chromosomal, non-Down	2	0.02	1179	0.07	0.3 (0.1 to 1.4)	.13
Cleft lip	17	0.20	2731	0.15	1.3 (0.8 to 2.0)	.33
Cleft palate	8	0.09	1410	0.08	1.2 (0.6 to 2.3)	.68
Club foot	15	0.17	2657	0.15	1.2 (0.7 to 1.9)	.58
Craniosynostosis	5	0.06	967	0.05	1.1 (0.4 to 2.5)	.90
Cystic kidney	7	0.08	547	0.03	2.6 (1.2 to 5.5)	.012
Diaphragmatic hernia	1	0.01	447	0.03	0.5 (0.1 to 3.2)	.43
Down syndrome	5	0.06	1941	0.11	0.5 (0.2 to 1.3)	.15
Hypospadias	27	0.31	4506	0.25	1.2 (0.8 to 1.8)	.30
Kidney dysgenesis, agenesis or hypoplasia	5	0.06	440	0.02	2.3 (1.0 to 5.6)	.061
Limb reduction	10	0.12	912	0.05	2.2 (1.2 to 4.2)	.011
Neural tube	5	0.06	777	0.04	1.3 (0.5 to 3.2)	.54
Phacomatosis	4	0.05	336	0.02	2.4 (0.9 to 6.5)	.078
Polydactyly	7	0.08	1659	0.09	0.8 (0.4 to 1.8)	.69
Pyloric stenosis	13	0.15	1493	0.08	1.8 (1.0 to 3.1)	.04
Skeletal	2	0.02	375	0.02	1.1 (0.3 to 4.4)	.91
Syndactyly	11	0.13	1510	0.08	1.5 (0.8 to 2.7)	.19



PROBLEMATICHE NEL MASCHIO PREPUBERE

- Crioconservazione da biopsia testicolare prima dell'inizio delle terapie oncologiche che possono impedire l'inizio della spermatogenesi
- Possibilità di crioconservare tessuto testicolare (spesso in piccola quantità, circa 0.1 cm³) contenente cellule staminali spermatogoniali (SSCs) prima dei trattamenti oncologici e autotrapiantarle nel/i testicolo/i in futuro per ripristinare la spermatogenesi
- Essenziale eliminare il rischio di reintrodurre cellule maligne

- Più di 14 maschi di età inferiore a 15 anni ricevono una diagnosi di tumore ogni giorno (Howlader H et al 2011)
- Più dell'80% di tali tumori sono testicolari (Howlader H et al 2011)

- **- ALL: 40% dei tumori sotto i 14 anni di età sono agli stadi avanzati al momento della diagnosi**
- In più del 30% dei casi la localizzazione testicolare è confermata all'esame istologico

Therapy and Fertility in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: A Study of the Effects of Chemotherapy on Spermatogenesis in Testicular Populations and Future Fertility

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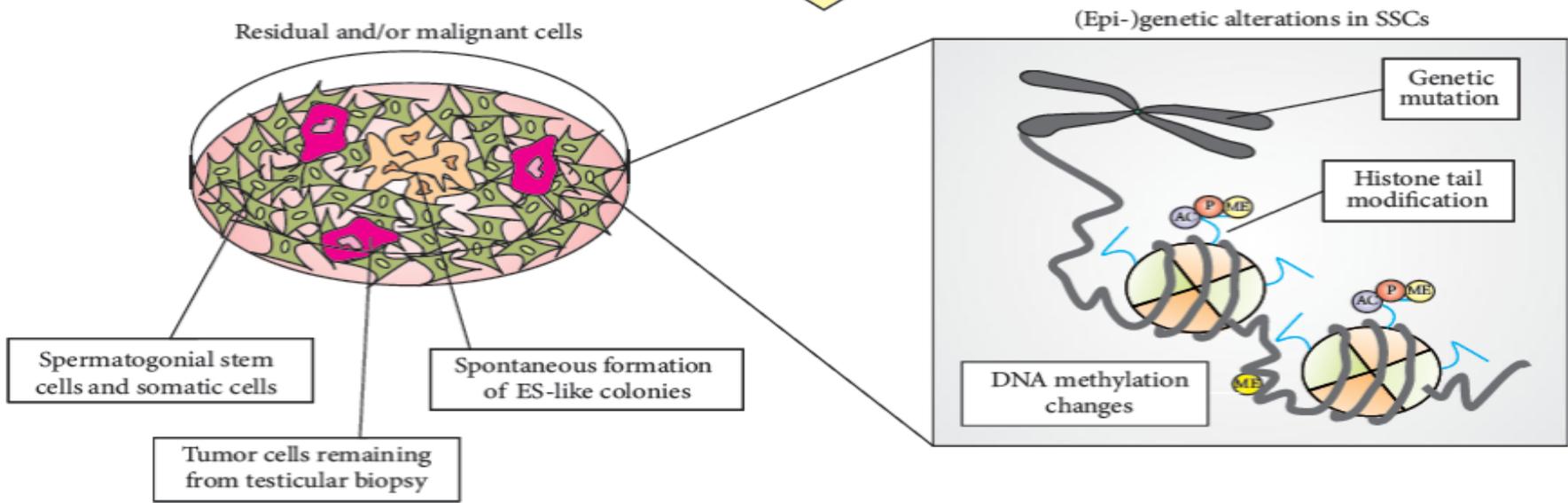
Eliminating acute lymphoblastic leukemia cells from human testicular cell cultures: a pilot study

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- Le cellule di leucemia linfoblastica acuta (ALL) poste in coltura assieme alle cellule spermatogenetiche, dopo 26 giorni non sono più evidenziabili mediante tecnica “minimal residual disease” (MDR-PCR), anche quando presentavano concentrazioni iniziali elevate (40%).
- Dopo 52 giorni di coltura la positività di ZBTB16, UCHL1 e GPR125 (markers specifici degli spermatogoni) mediante RT-PCR confermava la presenza degli spermatogoni.

Risks of *in vitro* SSC propagation



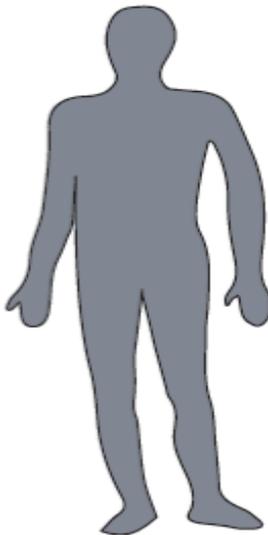
Potential hazards of SSC transplantation and colonization

For recipient man:

Reintroduction of original tumor cells that linger in SSC cultures

Novel carcinogenesis by teratoma formation from ES-like cells

Failure to complete meiosis and subsequent arrest of spermatogenic development



For offspring of recipient man:

Genetic or epigenetic abnormalities



Review Article

Restoring Fertility in Sterile Childhood Cancer Survivors by Autotransplanting Spermatogonial Stem Cells: Are We There Yet?

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Spermatogenesis following male germ-cell transplantation

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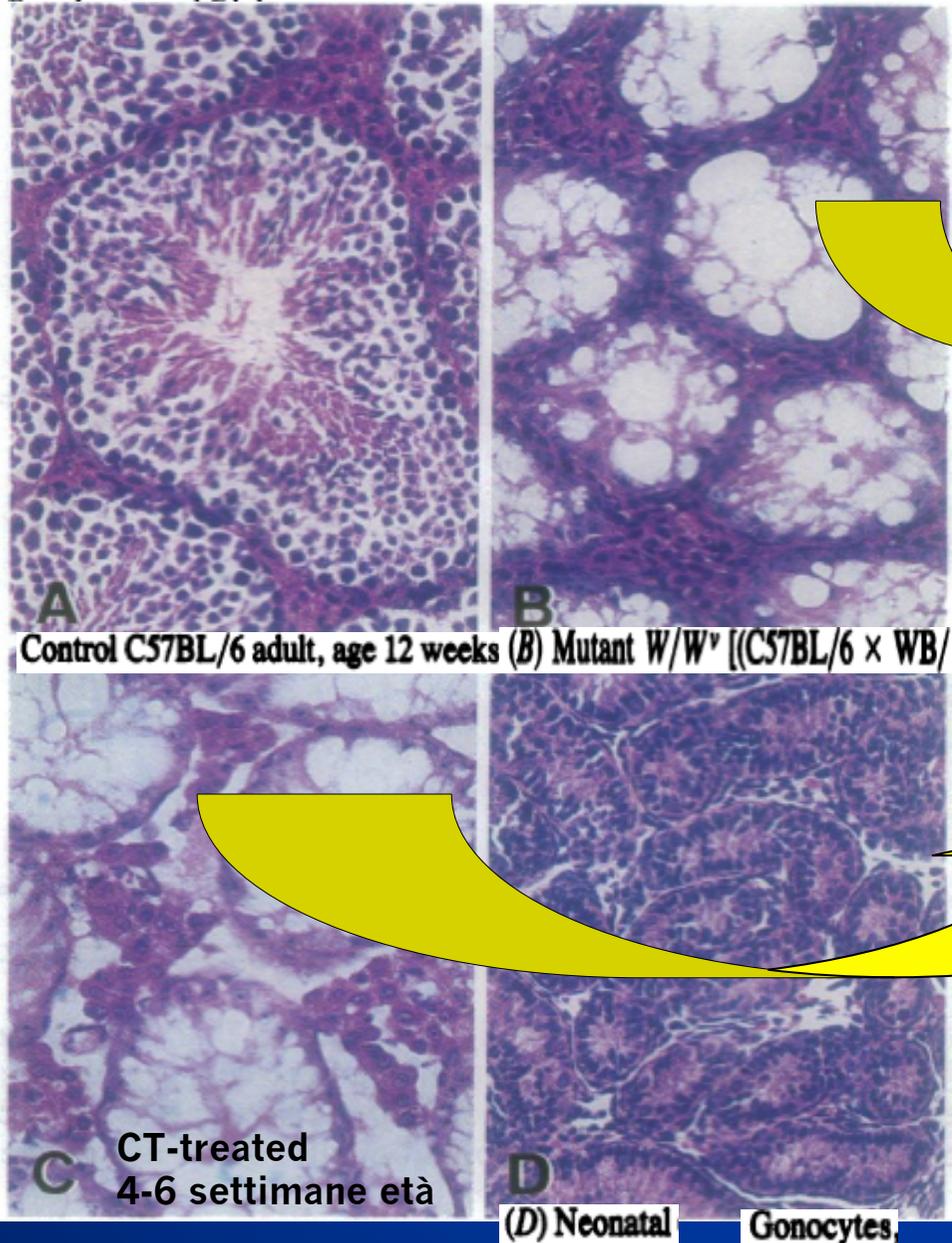
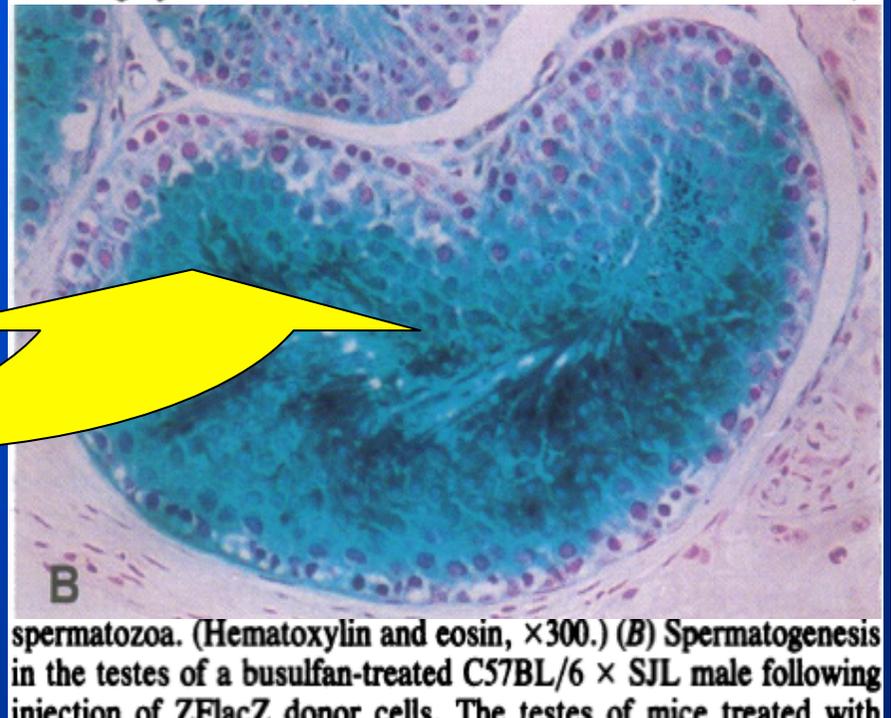


FIG. 5. (A) Spermatogenesis in the testes of a W/W mouse following injection of donor cells isolated from the testes of C57BL/6



spermatozoa. (Hematoxylin and eosin, $\times 300$.) (B) Spermatogenesis in the testes of a busulfan-treated C57BL/6 \times SJL male following injection of ZFlacZ donor cells. The testes of mice treated with

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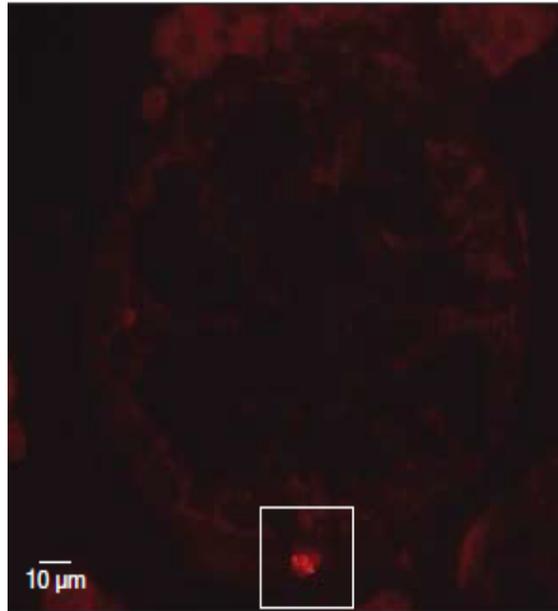
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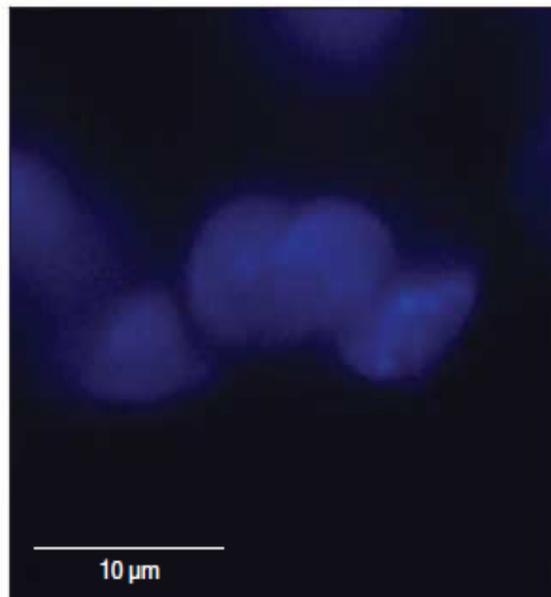
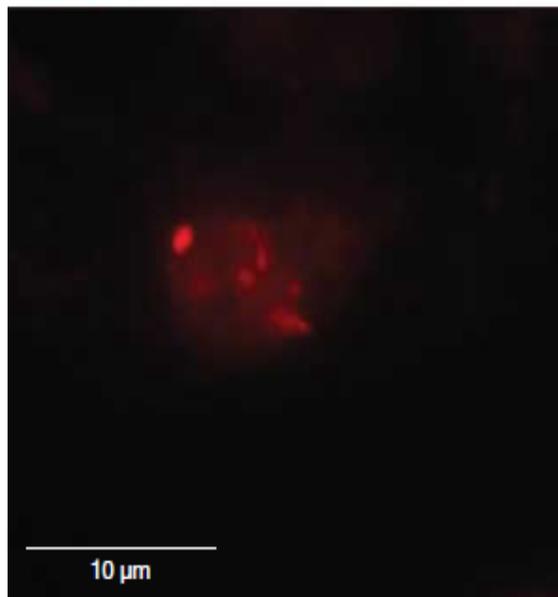
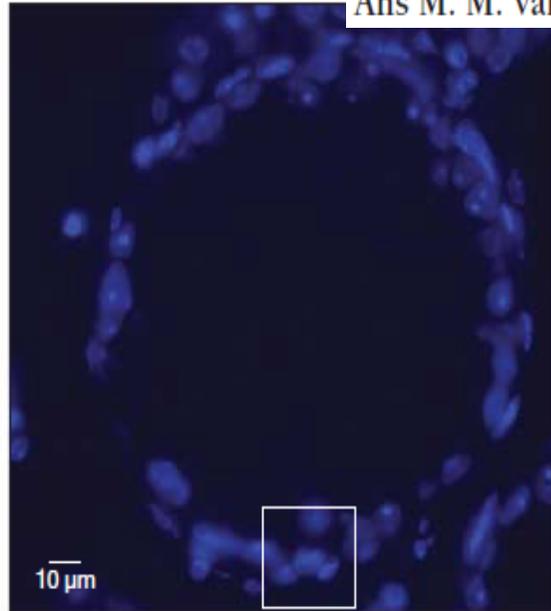
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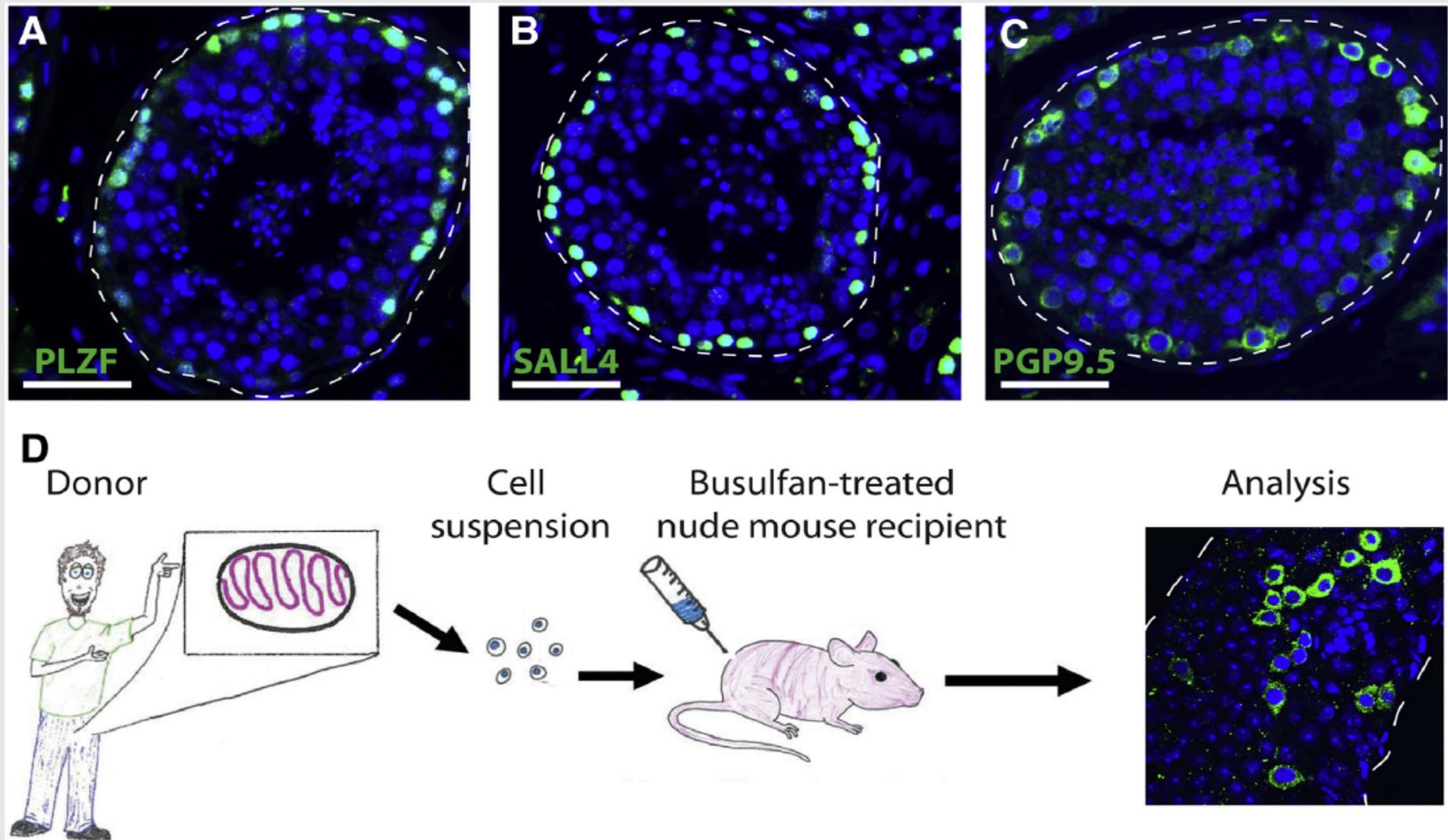


B DAPI



- Le prime cellule staminali germinali (GSCs) compaiono dopo 2.5 settimane di coltura.
- SSCs isolate sono in grado di propagare in vitro fino a 20 settimane dopo lo xenotrapianto (soggetto di 6.5 anni) e dopo 15 settimane per il soggetto di 8 anni.
- Si stima che 35 giorni di coltura di SSCs o 58-83 giorni di coltura per GSCs siano necessari per raggiungere la crescita esponenziale di 1300 volte stimata come necessaria per ripopolare il testicolo umano adulto dopo l'autotrapianto

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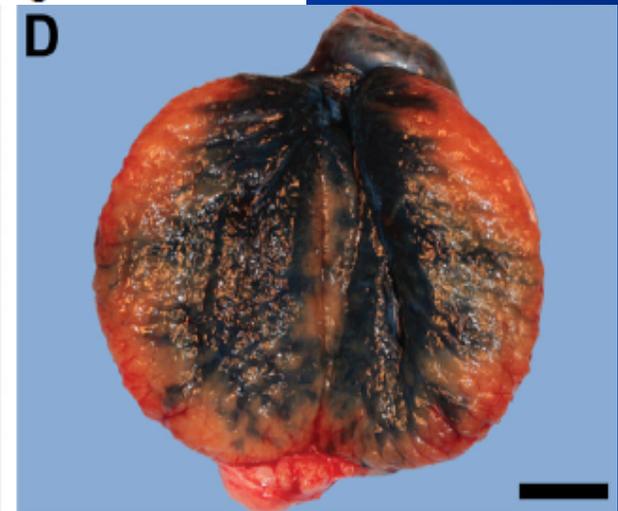
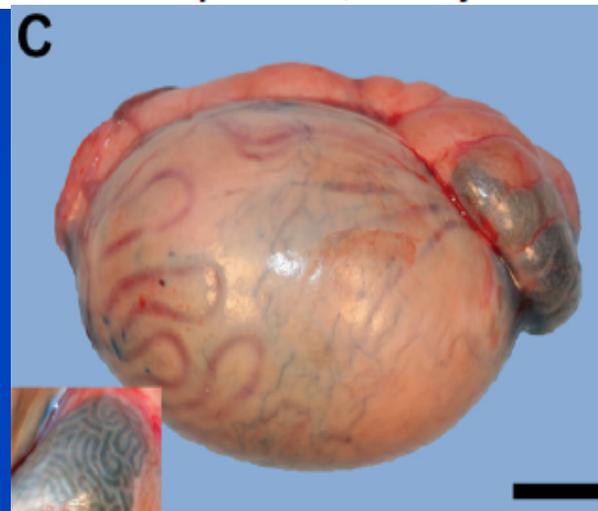
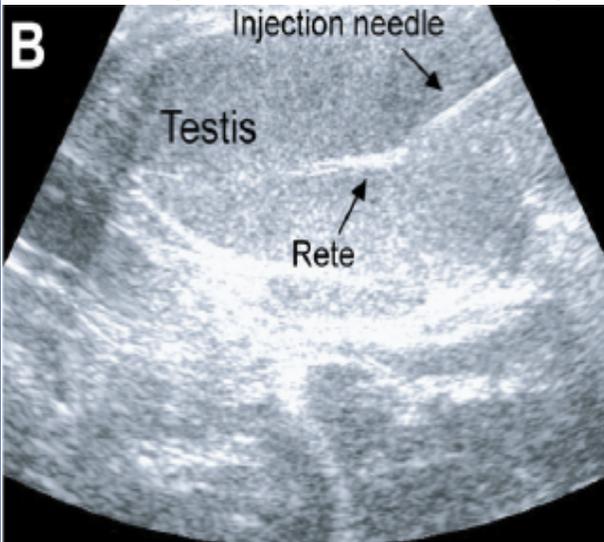


Experimental techniques to assay human spermatogonia. (A, B, and C) Expression of spermatogonia markers PLZF (A), SALL4 (B), and PGP9.5 (C) is limited to germ cells located on the basement membrane of human seminiferous tubules. Thus, they are reliable markers to screen test cell populations for human spermatogonia. DAPI (blue) stains all cell nuclei. Scale bar = 50 μm . (D) Human-to-nude mouse xenotransplantation assay. Human testicular tissue is made into a cell suspension and then transplanted into the testis of busulfan-treated infertile nude mice. Two months after the transplantation, the testes are recovered, the tunica is removed, and the seminiferous tubules are gently dispersed to make a whole mount. The tubules are then stained with antiprimate antibody (122) to recognize the colonies of human spermatogonia (green).

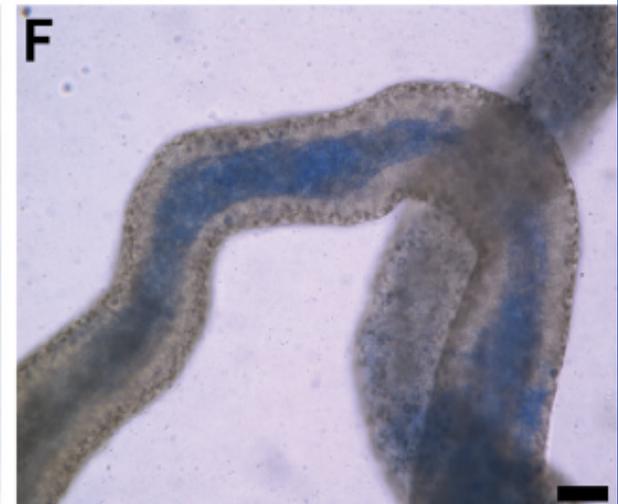
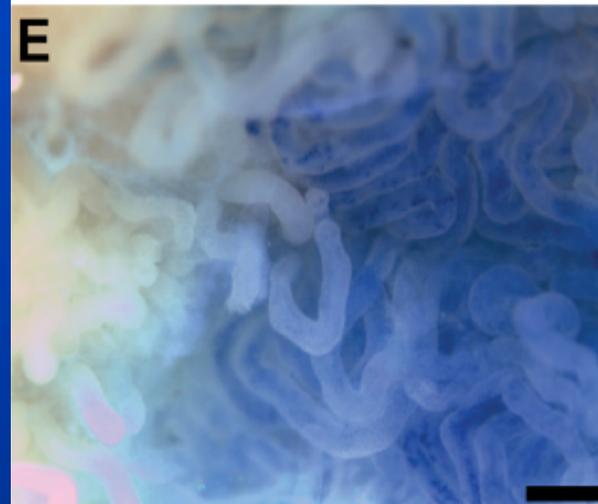
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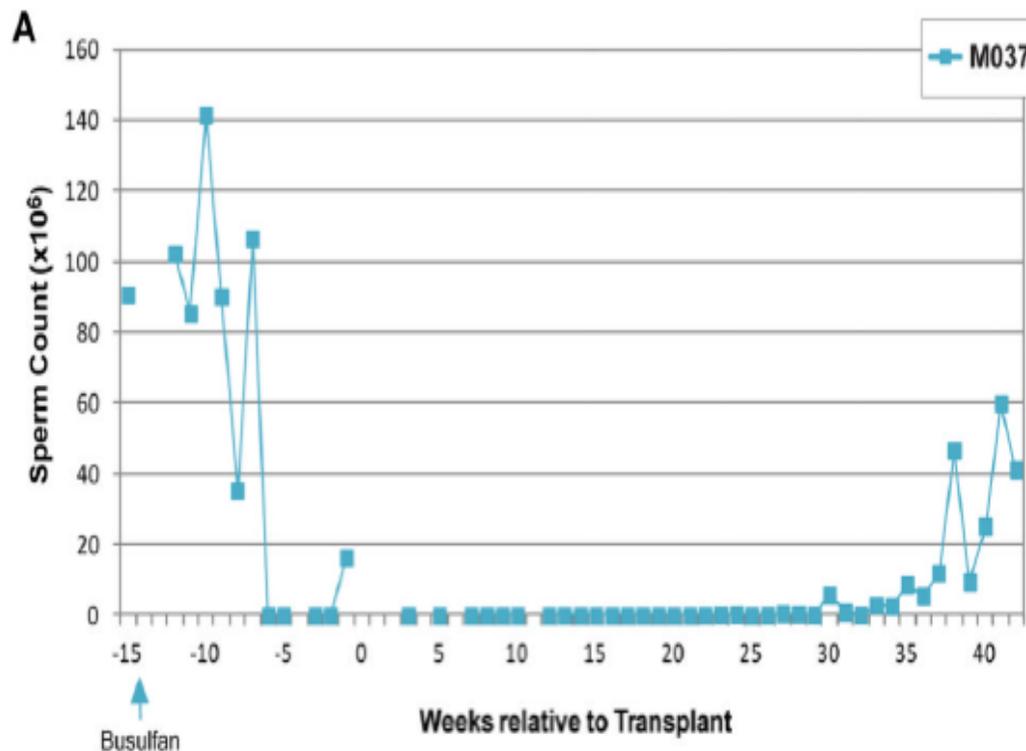
SSCs del donatore sono reintrodotte nei tubuli seminiferi del testicolo residuo attraverso la rete testis. La loro presenza nel 60-80% dei tubuli seminiferi è confermata mediante blue dye



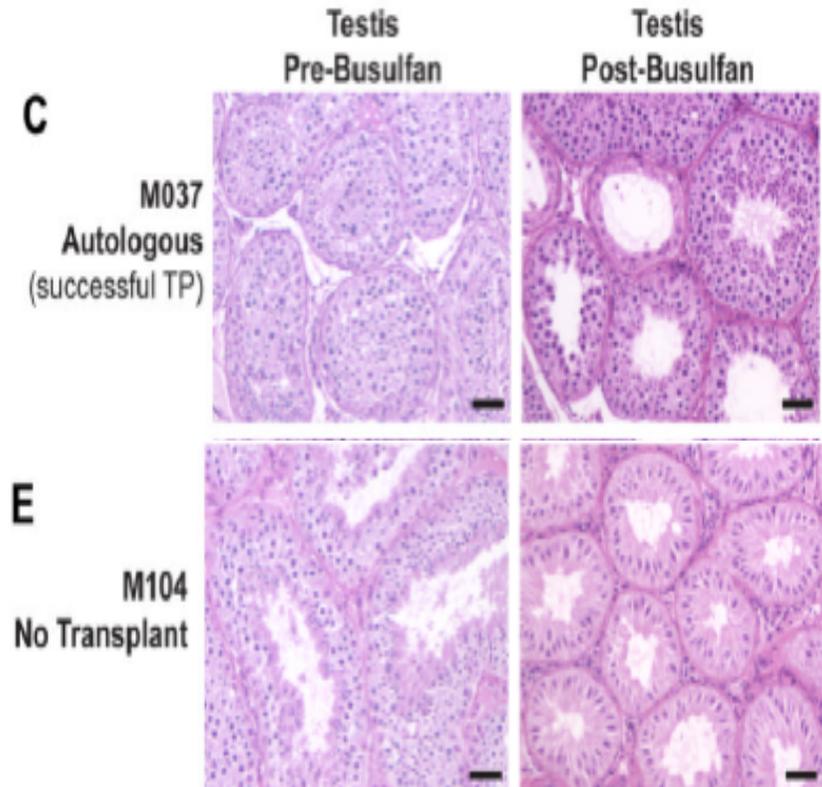
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TRAPIANTO AUTOLOGO SSCs marcate con vettori lentivirus



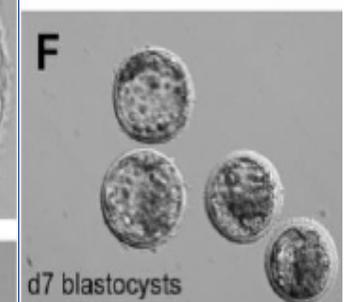
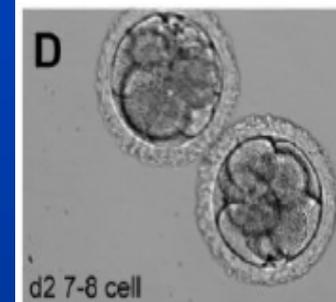
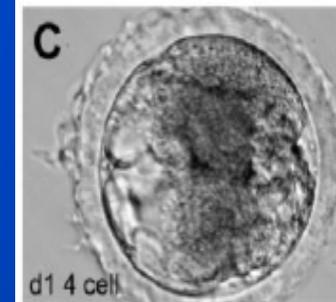
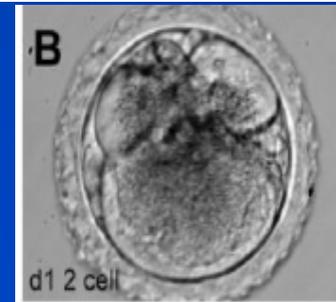
Spermatozoi positivi al lentivirus si riscontrano dalla 30° settimana fino a 63 settimane dopo autotrapianto in >75% (9/12) Rhesus adulti e 22-26% (9/45) ricoveranti prepuberi.

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- L'autotrapianto di SSCs ha avuto successo nel 70.5% dei casi mentre l'allotrapianto nel 33.3% dei casi in termini di recupero di spermatozoi nell'eiaculato
- La competenza e la funzione degli spermatozoi è stata dimostrata dalla fertilizzazione di ovociti Rhesus e dalla formazione di embrioni fino allo stadio di blastocisti





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