

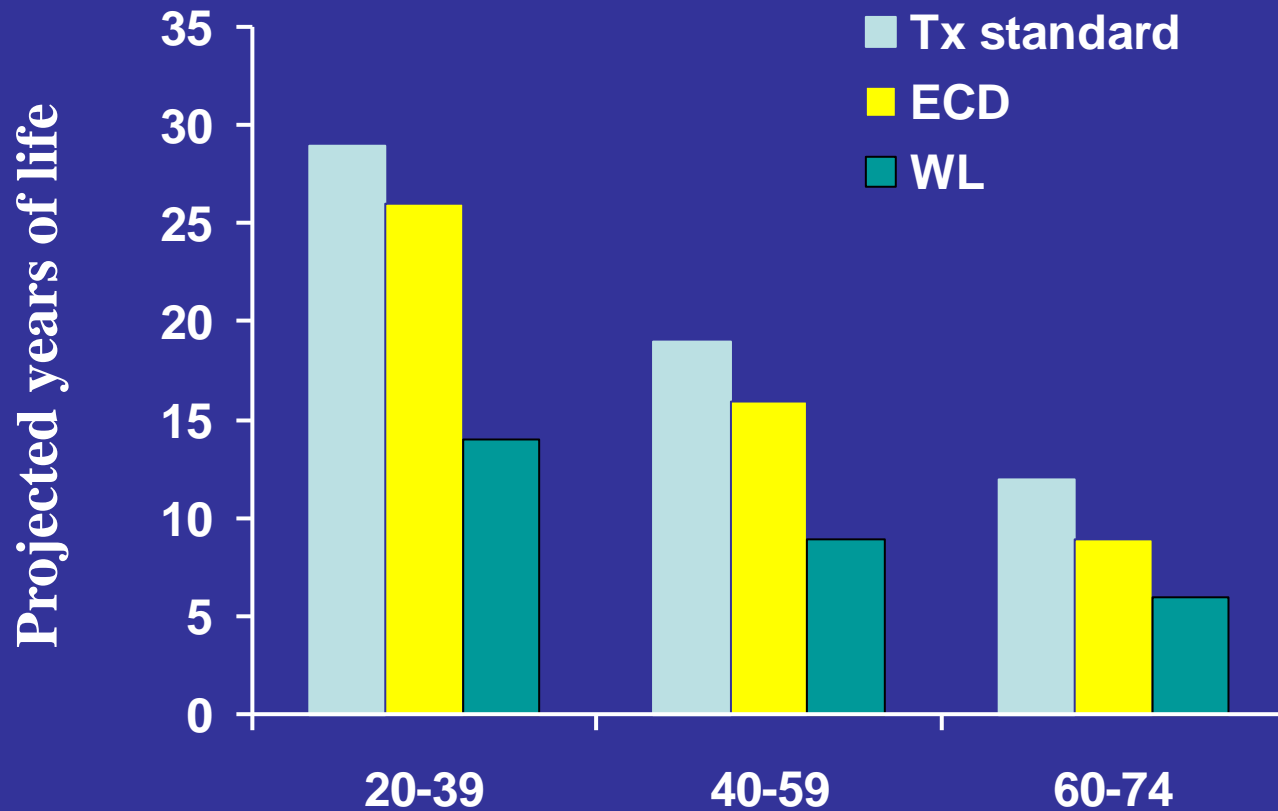
Sociedad Peruana de Nefrologia

Everolimus con bajas dosis de ICN en pacientes de novo.

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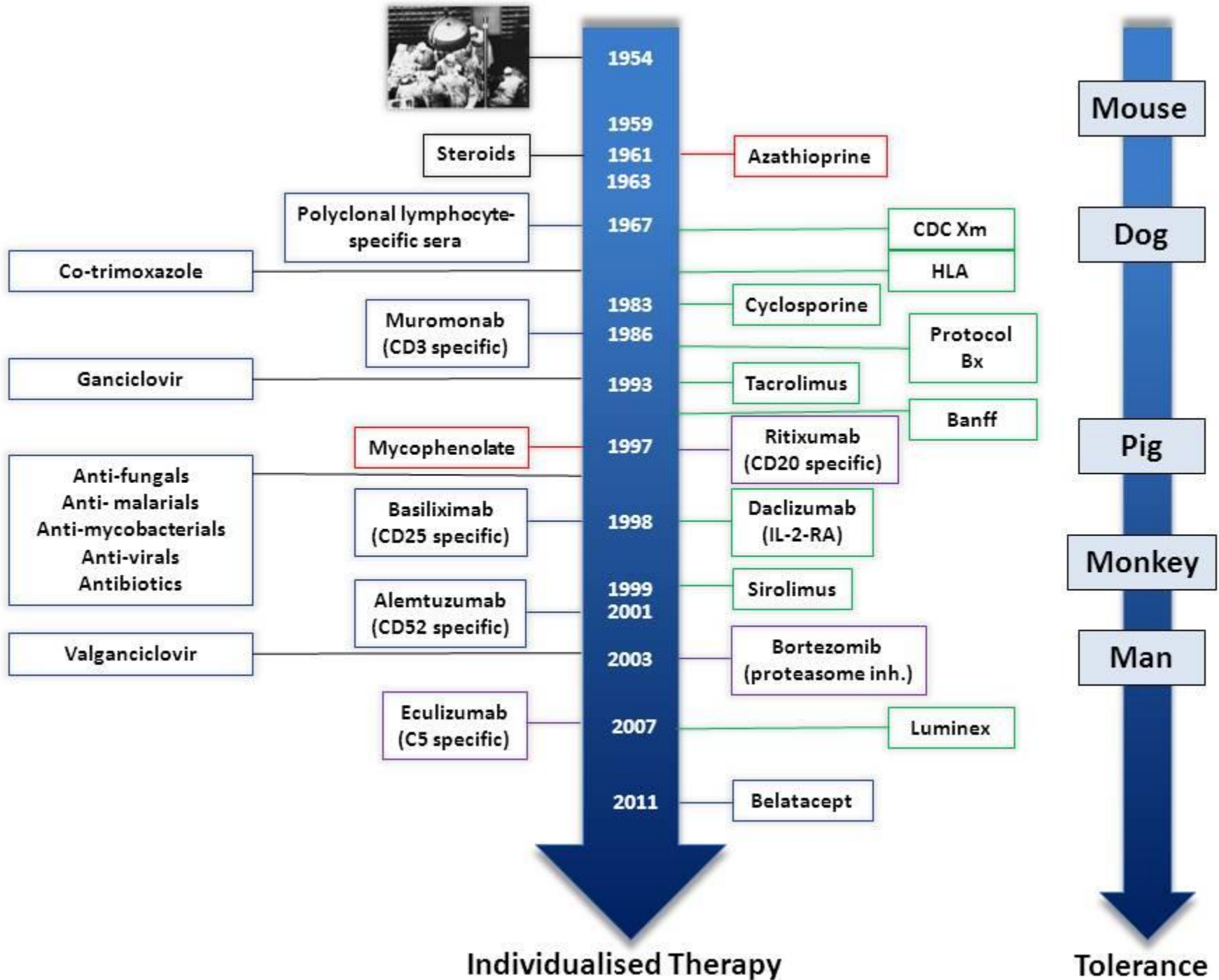
Vida media proyectada: Tx renal standard vs Tx con donantes “expandidos” vs lista de espera



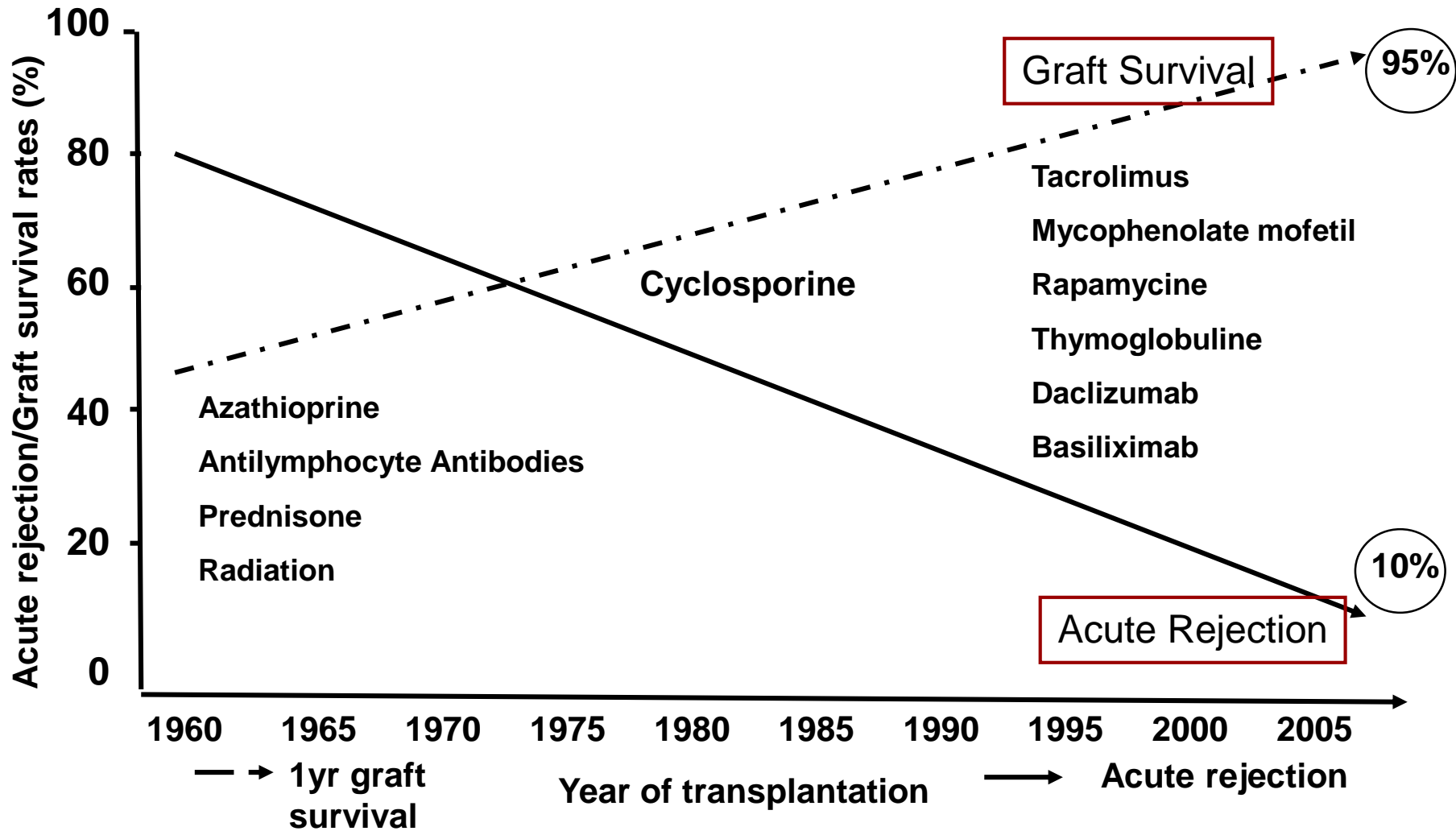
Age group

UNOS 2002





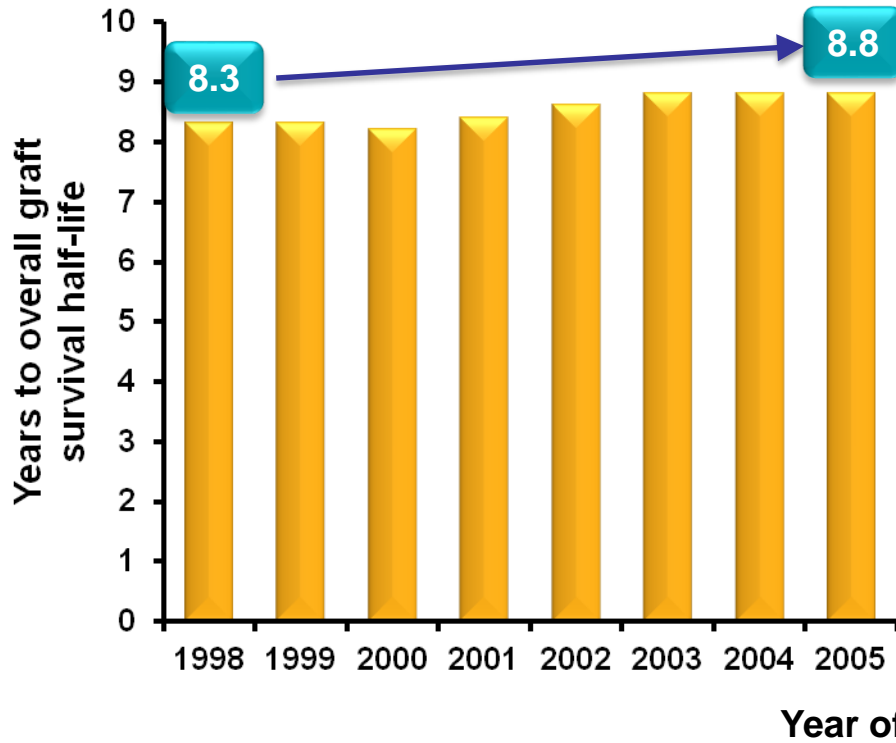
Improvements in acute rejection and graft survival are associated with more efficient immunosuppression



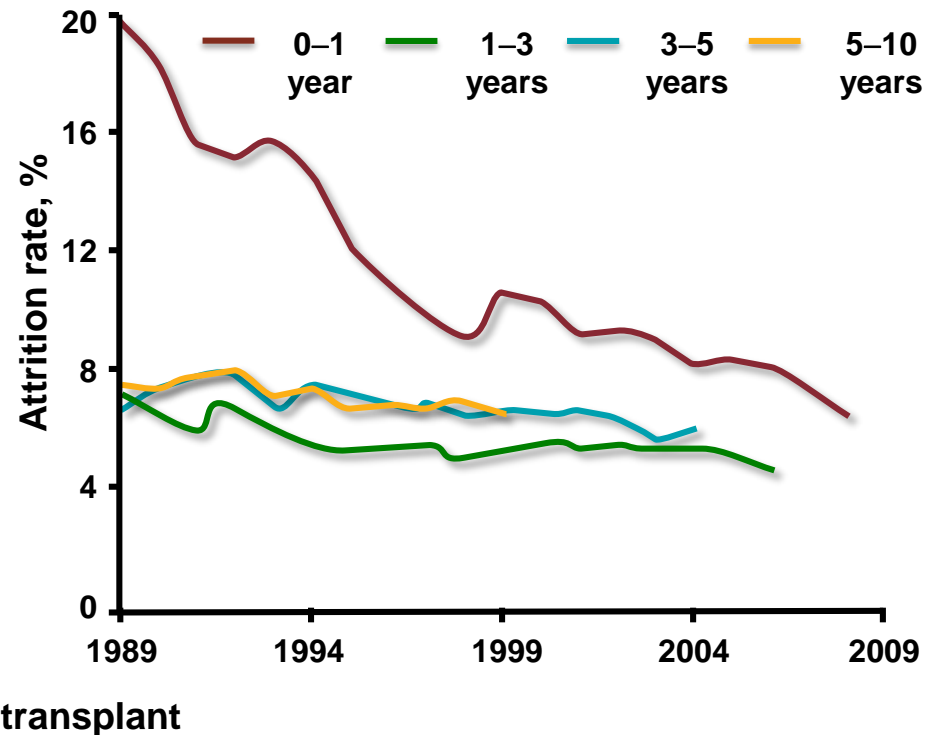
H Ekberg courtesy

... the improvement in long-term renal allograft survival was modest

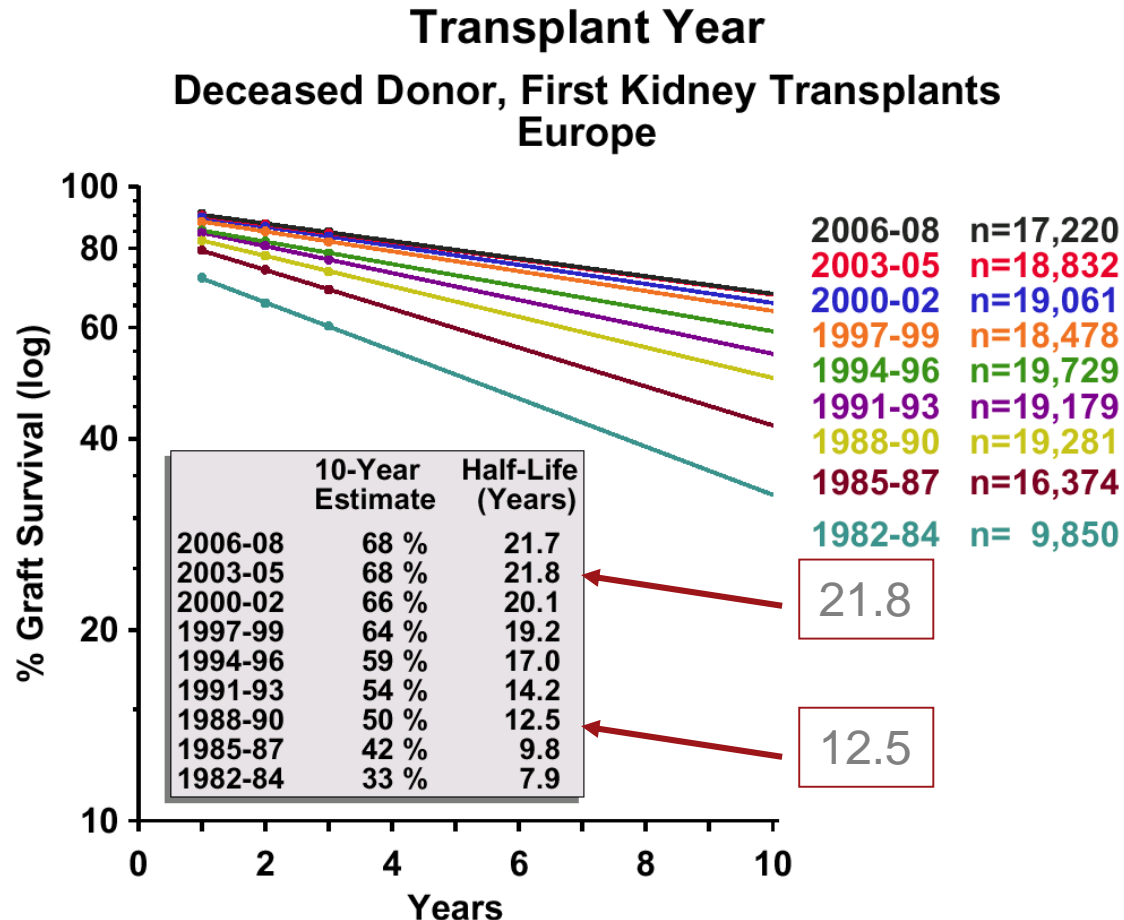
Kaplan–Meier estimates of cumulative graft half-lives by transplant year (forecasted)



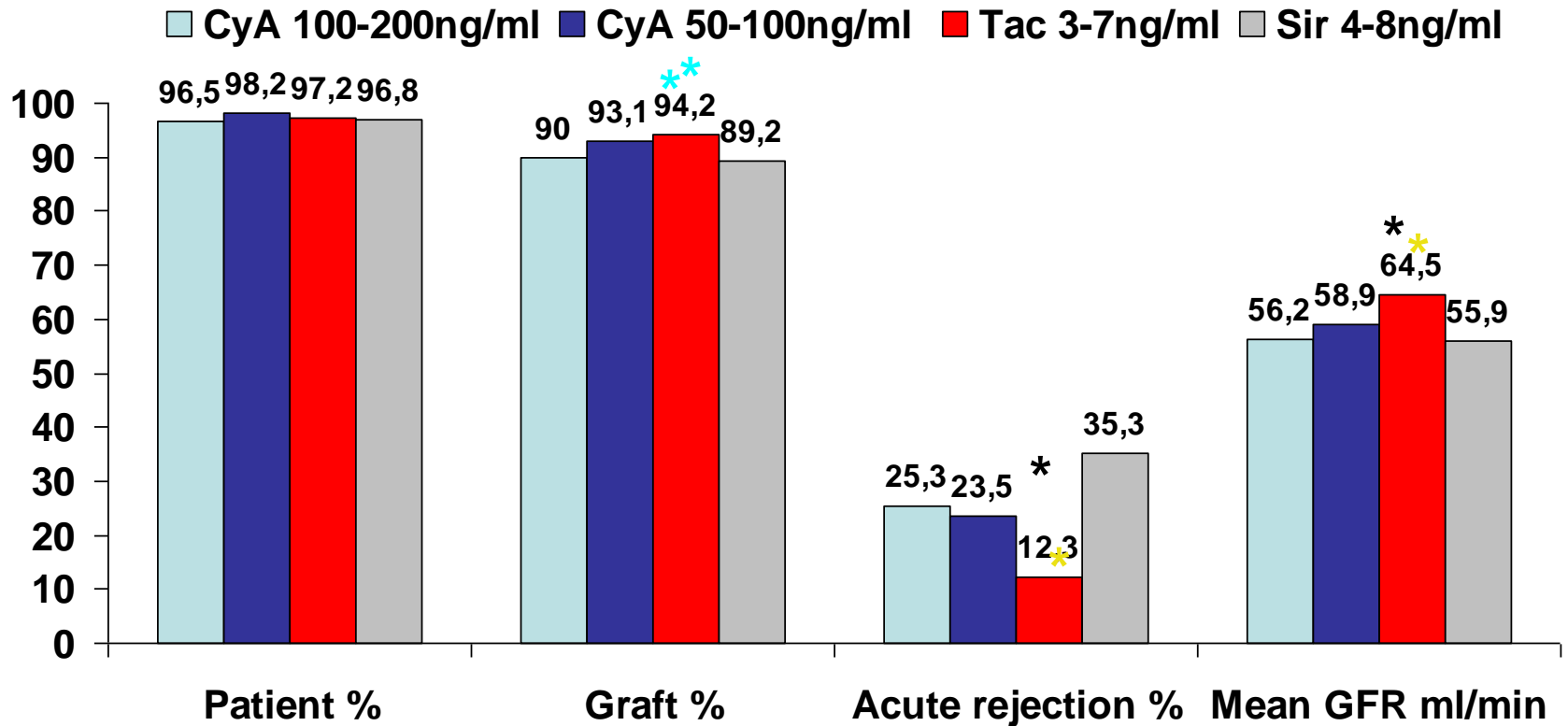
Cumulative graft failure yearly attrition rates of first kidney transplant from deceased SCD donor in USA (n=120,675)



Long-term Graft Survival Improvements Half-life (years): Europe



CyA (arm 1) versus daclizumab with CyA low-dose (2) or Tac low-dose (3) or Sir low-dose (4) with MMF and steroids N=1645

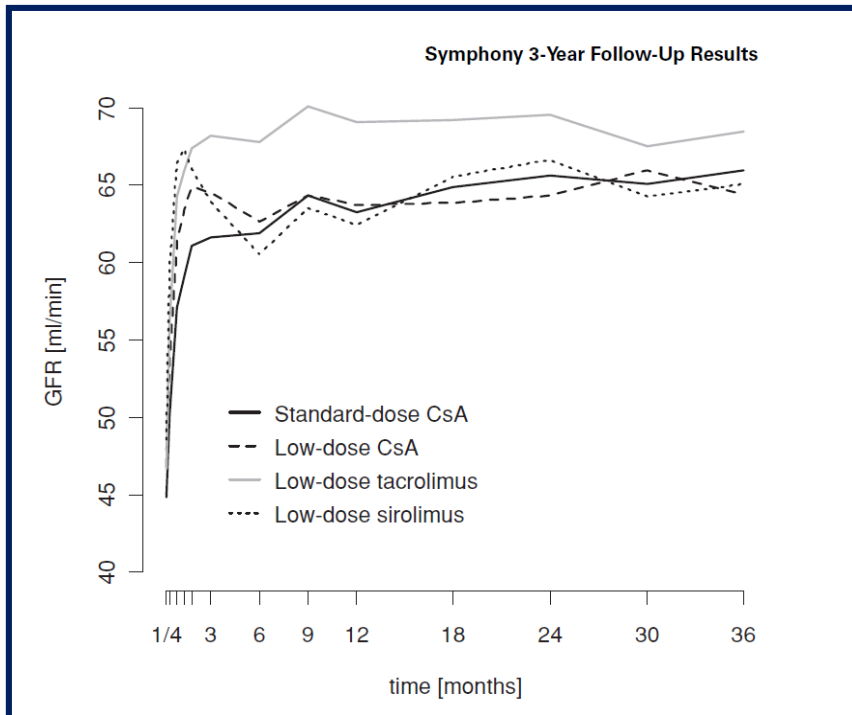


*p<0.05 vs. 1 & 4; *p<0.01 vs. 1, 3 & 4

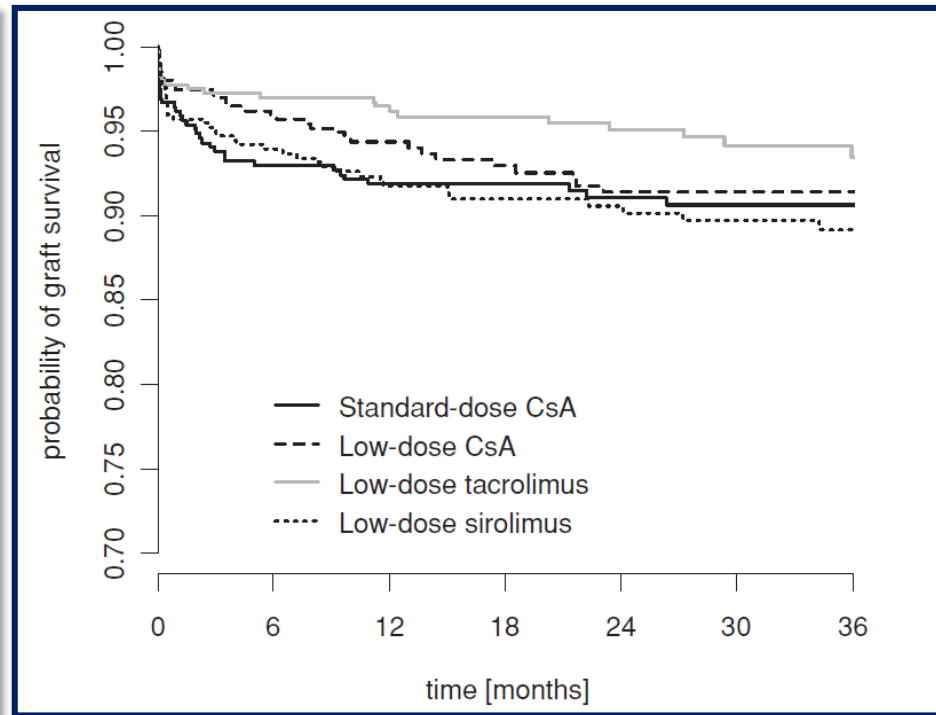
Ekberg NEJM 2007

Symphony: 3 años

GFR estimado C-G



Supervivencia injerto



Adverse events at 12 months post-transplantation

Estudio Symphony

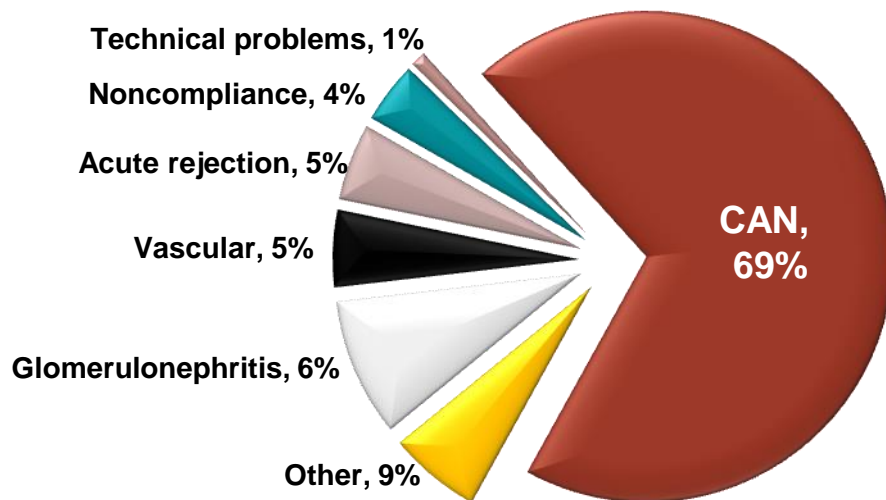
	CMV infections	Lymphocele	Delayed wound healing	Diarrhoea	Diabetes mellitus	Malignancy
2 g CellCept + standard-dose CsA	14.3%	6.3%	10.8%	15.6%	6.0%	1.3%
2 g CellCept + low-dose CsA	11.0%	5.6%	11.0%	13.0%	4.2%	1.0%
2 g CellCept + low-dose Tac	9.7%	4.0%	9.4%	25.3%	8.4%	2.0%
2 g CellCept + low-dose Srl	6.1%	11.6%	16.6%	19.5%	6.6%	2.4%
<i>p</i> value between groups	0.003	< 0.001	0.006	< 0.001	0.02	n.a.

n.a. = not assessed

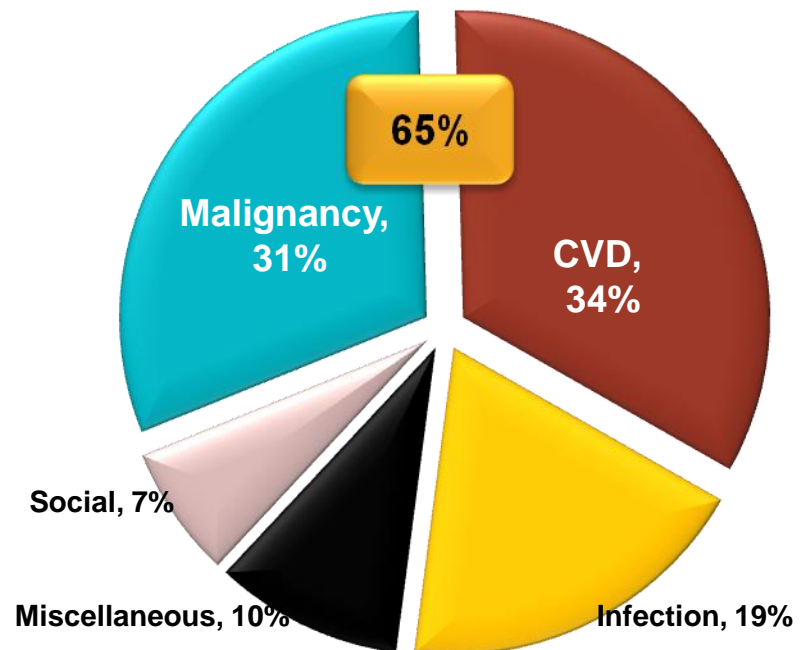
CAN, CVD and malignancy are the leading causes of graft failure and death with a functioning graft

ANZDATA registry data 2007–2011¹

Causes of kidney graft failure^a



Causes of death with functioning graft^b



^aData from 2007–2011; n=1071 patients in Australia; ^bData from 2007–2011; n=852 patients in Australia. CAN, chronic allograft nephropathy; CVD, cardiovascular disease; IFTA, interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy. ANZDATA registry 2012 report. Available at:

Forum Renal: 2600 pacientes (2000-2002, España)

Graft loss during 60 months

	< 40	40 - 60	> 60	total
Vascular/Thrombosis	22	33	18	73
Exitus (graft function)	9	73	75	157 30%
Acute Rejection	20	32	19	71
CAN	38	48	42	128 23%
Non primary fuction	2	10	12	24
<i>de novo</i> GN	2	0	1	3
Recurrent GN	7	4	1	12
Others*	24	39	32	32
Total graft loss	124	239	200	563

• Included: surgical, infection,
• lost follow-up

Acute rejection 12 m (14.8%)

Morales et al, NDT 2012

Forum Renal (2000-2002)

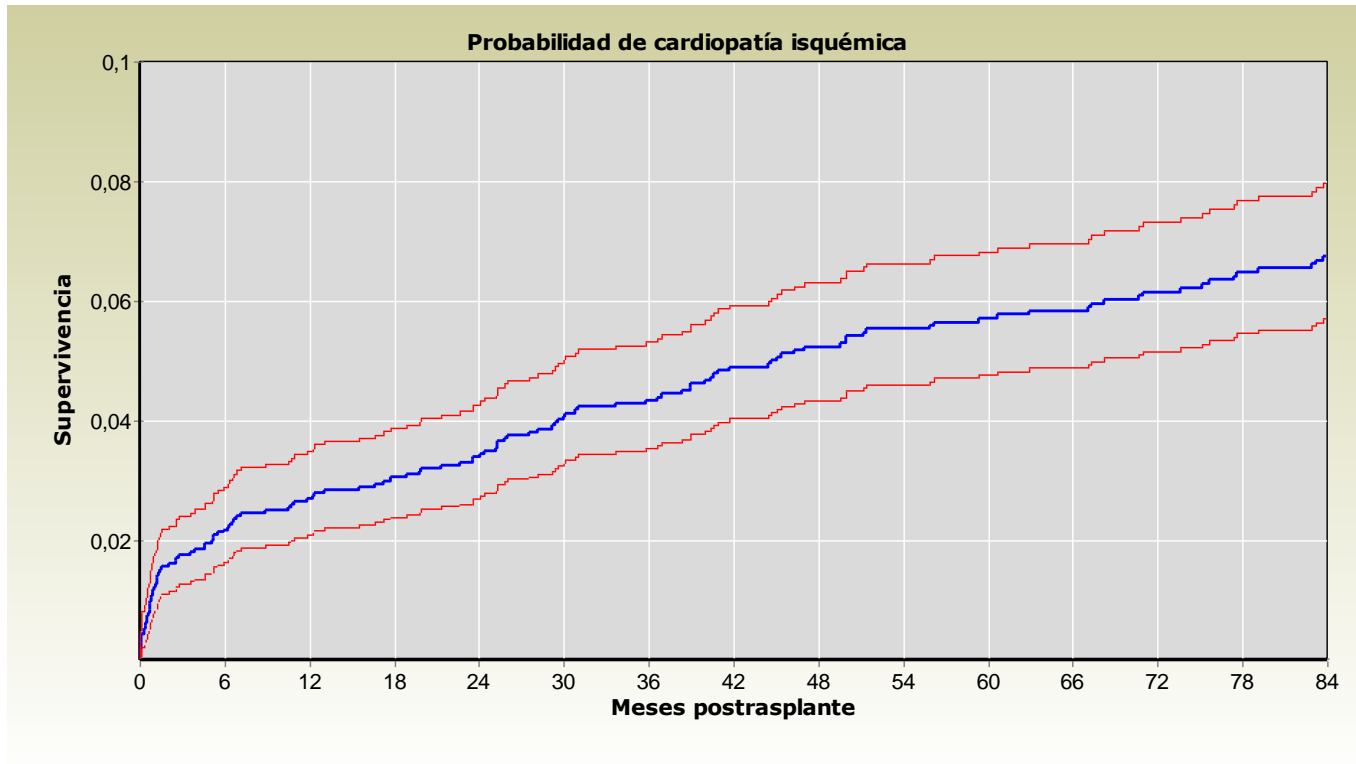
Causes of death during 5 years

	n=2592	1 ^{er} year	2 ^o year	3 ^o year	4 ^o year	5 ^o year
CDV disease*		32 (36%)	11 (37%)	13 (39%)	7 (24%)	14 (31%)
Infection		30 (33.7%)	4 (13.3%)	2 (6,1%)	5 (16,6%)	11(24.4%)
Others		15 (16.9%)	3 (10%)	3 (9,1%)	8 (26.6,1%)	9(20%)
Neoplasias		5 (5.6%)	8 (26.7%)	7 (21.2%)	3 (10%)	6 (13.3%)
Unkwon		4 (4.4%)	4 (13.3%)	6 (18.2%)	6 (20%)	4(8.8%)
Liver Disease		2 (2.2%)	0	2 (6.1)	1 (3,3%)	1(2.2%)
Accidental		1 (1.1%)	0	0	0	0
Total	227* (8.8%)	89	30	33	30	45

Morales et al, NDT 2012

* Included: ischemic cardiopathy, sudden death, other cardiac cause y CVAC

Probabilidad del primer episodio de enfermedad coronaria hasta los 7 años postrasplante = 6,8 %, IC del 95 % (5,7% al 8,0 %)



Enfermos con EC= 190

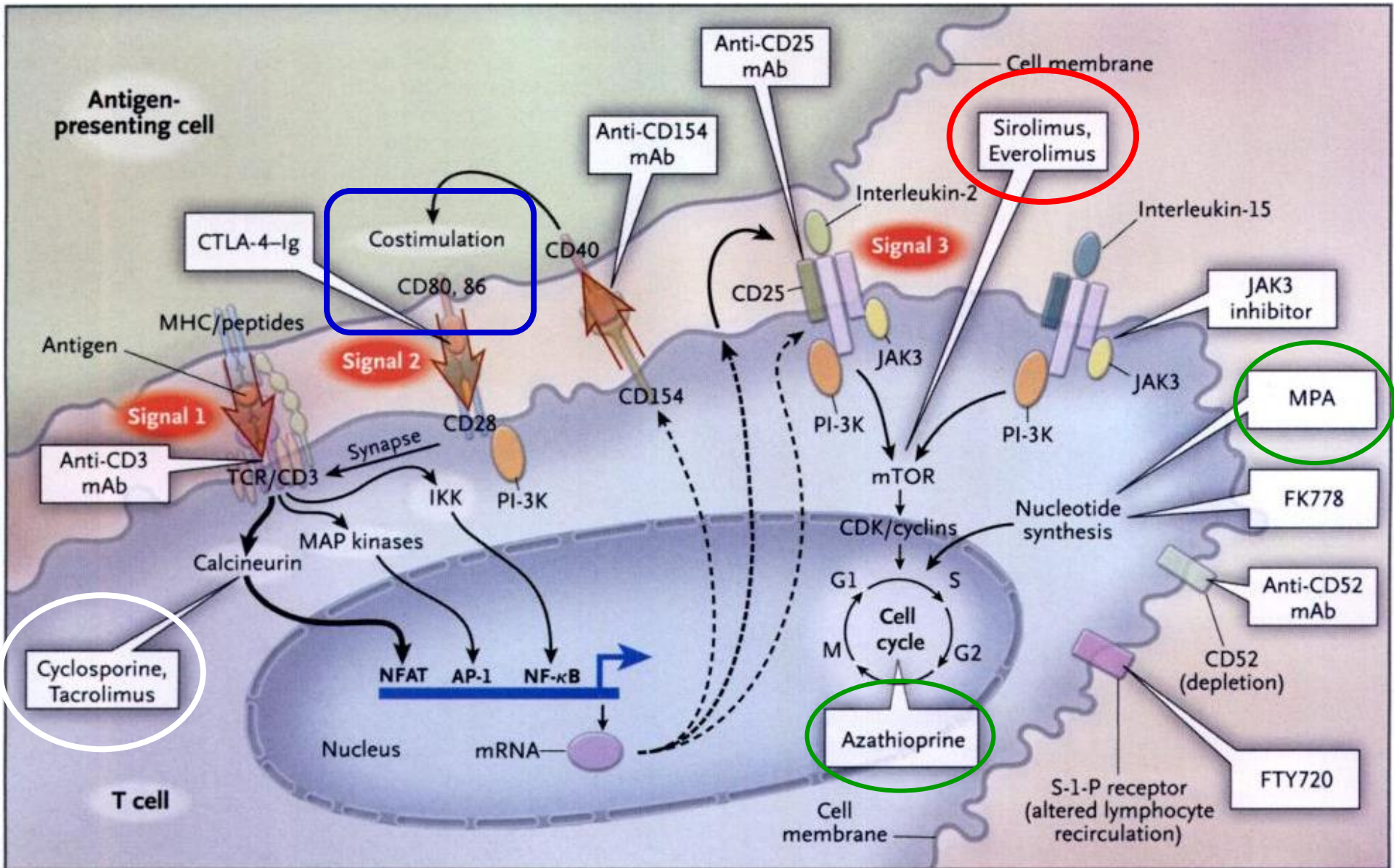
Enfermos con EC y datos basales = 130

Enfermos con EC a partir de 6 meses = 85

Marcen, ATC 2012

Forum Renal

Actuación de los principales inmunosupresores en el modelo de las tres señales



Classes of small molecule immunosuppressive drugs (ISDs)

- Immunophilin binding drugs
 - Cyclophilin binding
 - CNIs: cyclosporine; voclosporine (ISA247)
 - FKBP binding
 - CNI: tacrolimus
 - MToR inhibitors: sirolimus, everolimus
- Inhibitors of *de novo* purine or pyrimidine synthesis
 - IMPDH inhibitors: MMF, MPA
 - (DHODH inhibitors: leflunomide; brequinar)
- Antimetabolites
 - Azathioprine
- Sphingosine phosphate analogues
 - Fingolimod (FTY720)
- JAK3 inhibitors, eg CP690550
- PKC inhibitors, eg sotrastaurin (AEB071)

Adapted from P. F. Halloran.
Immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplantation.
N.Engl.J.Med. 351 (26):2715-2729, 2004.

Examples of protein based ISDs in use or in development for transplantation

- Depleting
 - Polyclonal anti-thymocyte globulin
 - Anti CD52 (alemtuzumab, campath-1H)
 - ~~X~~ Limited availability by Genzyme (Sanofi) for kidney transplantation
- Non depleting/partially depleting
 - Anti CD25 (IL-2R α): ~~daclizumab~~, basiliximab
 - ~~CTLA4~~ Ig (belatacept/LEA29Y) – **not going well commercially**
 - ~~Anti~~ CD2 (alefacept)
 - ~~Anti~~ LFA3 (efalizumab)
 - ~~TCR~~ 101: anti-TCR murine monoclonal antibody IgM
 - ~~Mu~~romonab-CD3
- Managing/preventing ABMR (see below)

Strategies to suppress anti-HLA or ABMR

- Conventional agents
- IVIG: low dose, high dose
- Plasmapheresis
- Immunoabsorption
- Rituximab
- Bortezomib
- Eculizumab
- Co-stimulation blockers
 - ?anti CD40, eg 4D11
 - Belatacept

**No sign of
Phase 2–3
program
in ABMR?**

Inmunosupresion ideal en 2014

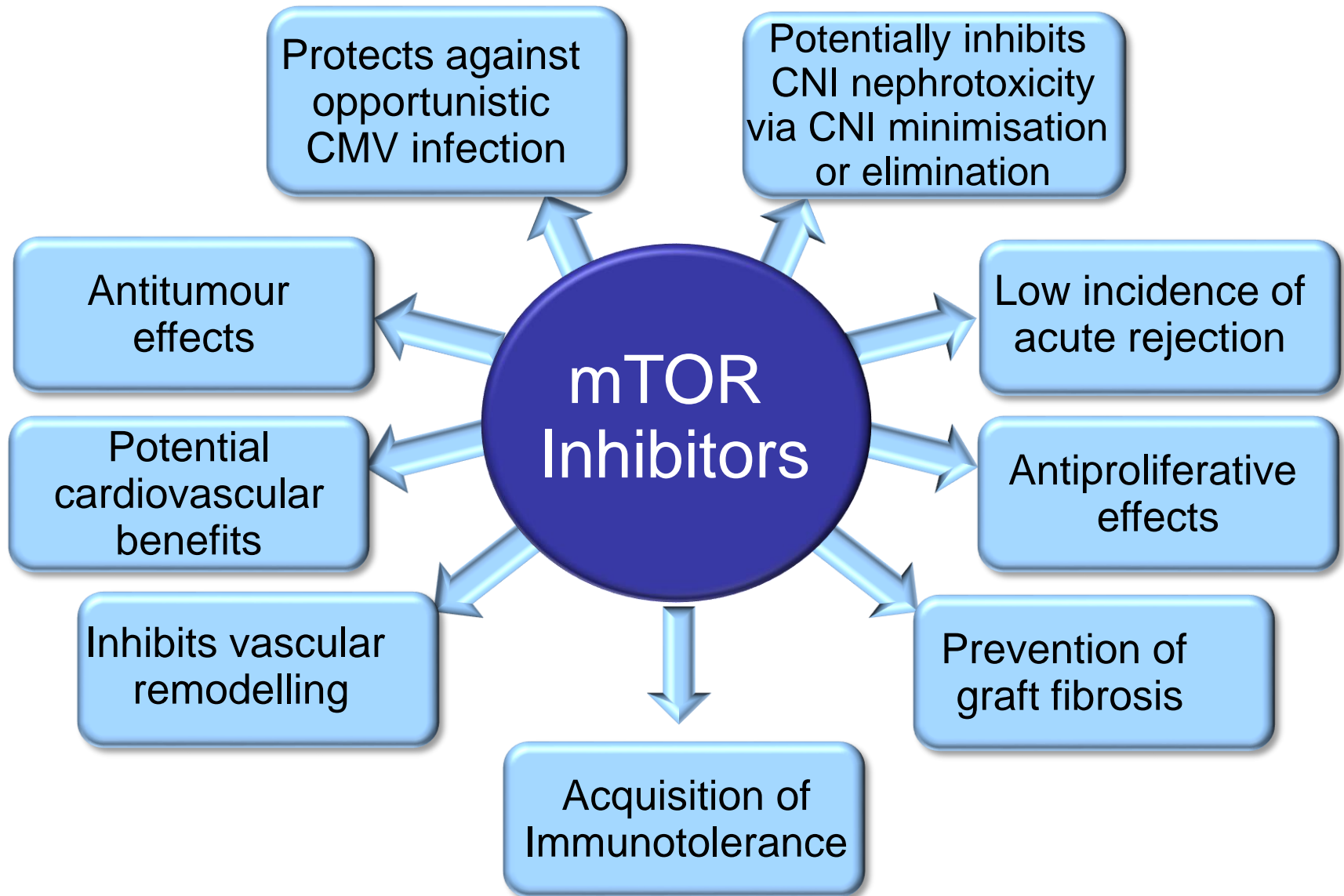
- Control del rechazo agudo y del RA Humoral
- Farmacos no nefrotoxicos
- Prevencion de la NCI/Rechazo cronico humoral
- Buen perfil cardiovascular
- Disminuir infecciones (CMV, BK...)
- Disminuir neoplasias

Need for new immunosuppressive strategies

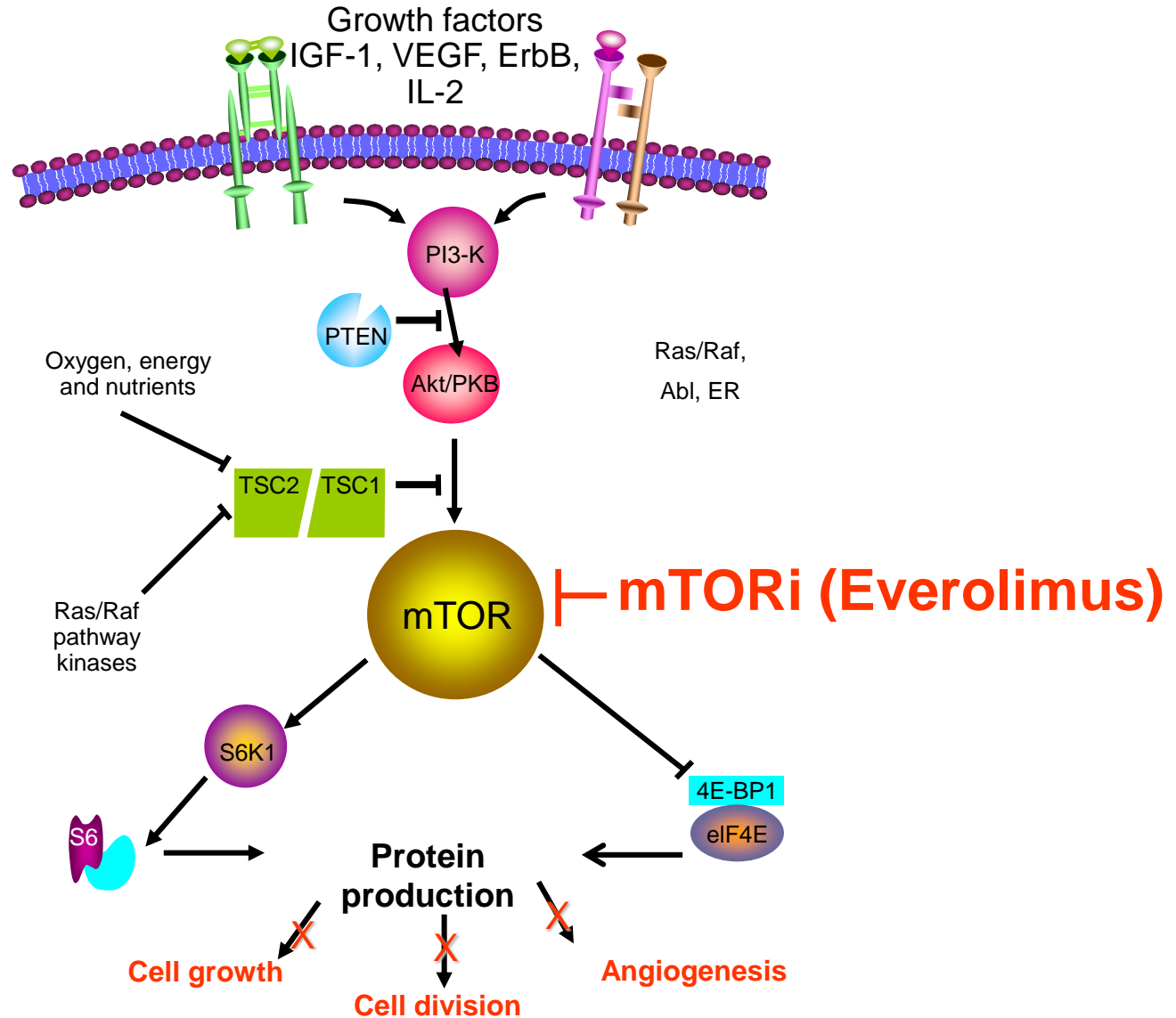
Improvement of immunosuppressive protocols with currently available drugs

- **new combinations**
- **time adapted protocols**
- **optimized MPA therapy**
- **CNI reduction/withdrawal**
- **safe steroid withdrawal**
- **new diagnostics**
- **individualization**
- **.....**

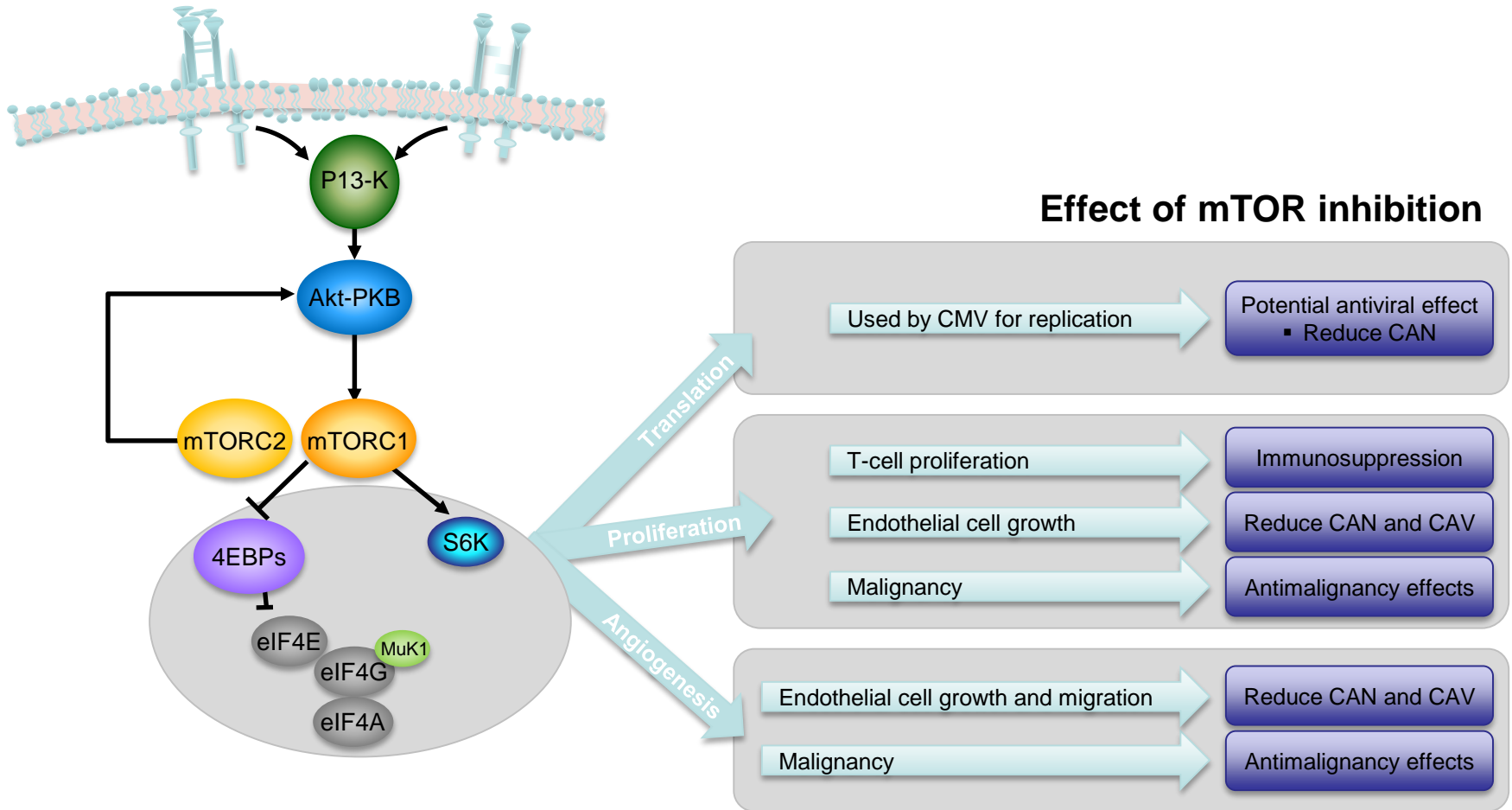
mTORi: a multifaceted approach to help improve long-term outcomes



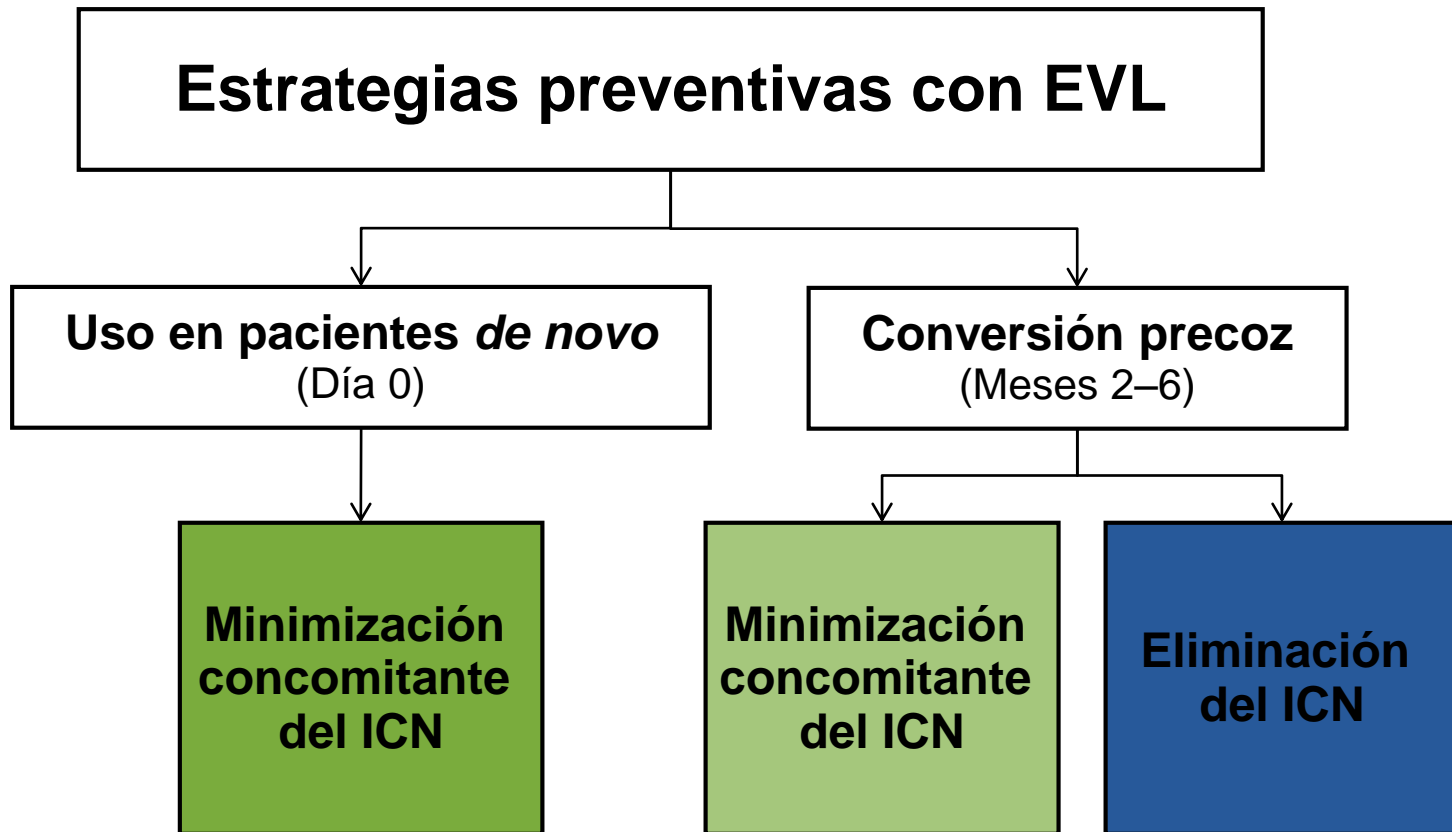
Antiproliferative effects of mTORi: blocking the mTOR pathway



mTOR pathway and Inhibition: pleiotropic effects



CÓMO Y CUÁNDO PODEMOS EMPLEAR EVEROLIMUS?



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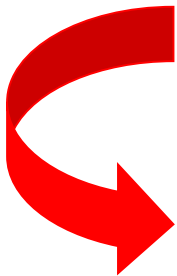
NUMBER 4



ISLET TRANSPLANTATION IN SEVEN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS USING A GLUCOCORTICOID-FREE IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE REGIMEN

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ELLEN TOTH, M.D., GARTH L. WARNOCK, M.D., NORMAN M. KNETEMAN, M.D., AND RAY V. RAJOTTE, PH.D.

- N=7 patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus
- **Immunosuppressive protocol:**
 - Tac: 2 mg 3-6 ng/ml
 - SRL: 0.2 mg/Kg 0,1 mg/Kg/day 12-15 ng/ml (3 months) 7-10 ng/ml
 - Tac: 5 doses
 - No steroids
- **Islet infusion until insulin-independence**



12 months:

- **No acute rejection**
- **Insuline-independence 100%**
 - **Mouth ulcers**
 - **No significant increase in lipids, creatinine**

Studies to support mTOR + CNI (CsA/FK)

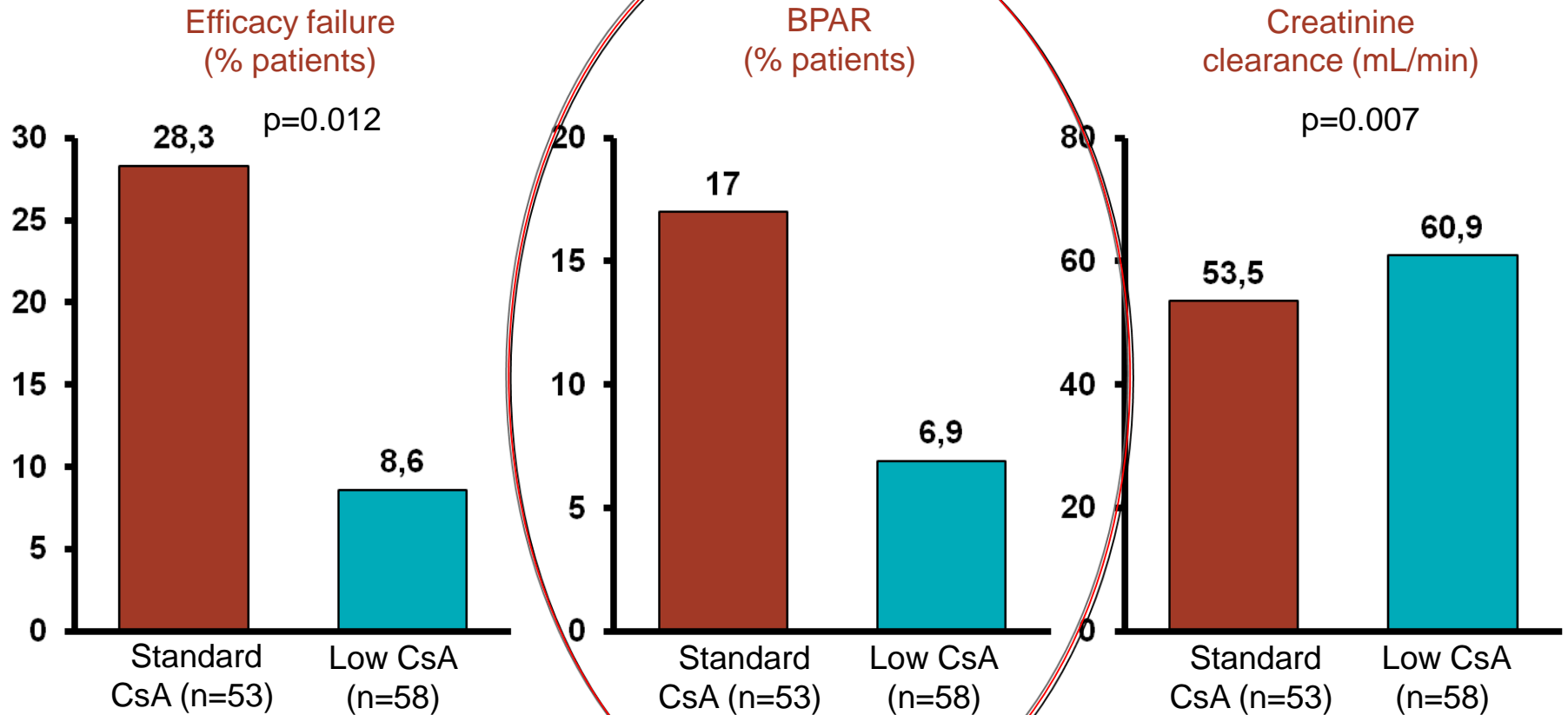
- Studies 301 – 302: SRL + CsA (FDA Approval)
- Study 310 (RMR) (EMEA Approval)
- Houston Experience (B.Kahan): SRL + Csa/FK
- Nebraska Experience (B.Stevens): SRL + CsA
- Mendez R – Prograf Study Group (Transplantation'05)
- TERRA Study (Astellas): SRL + FK (Vitko – Tx'06)
- Drexel University (Kumar et al. Transplant Immunology'08)
- OA.Gaber – Houston (Transplantation'10)
- Everolimus development: EVL + CsA

“Beneficios de los im-TORs en Trasplante Renal”

- 1. Prevención de la lesión inmunológica**
- 2. Preservación de la función renal**
- 3. Reducción en la incidencia de cáncer**
- 4. Prevención de las infecciones víricas**
- 5. Reducción riesgo cardio-vascular**
- 6. Prolongación supervivencia injerto**

Everolimus with CsA minimisation provides similar efficacy when compared with standard CsA

Study B156: 12-month efficacy



All patients received basiliximab, everolimus 3mg/day and steroids

Data from 1 year post-transplant

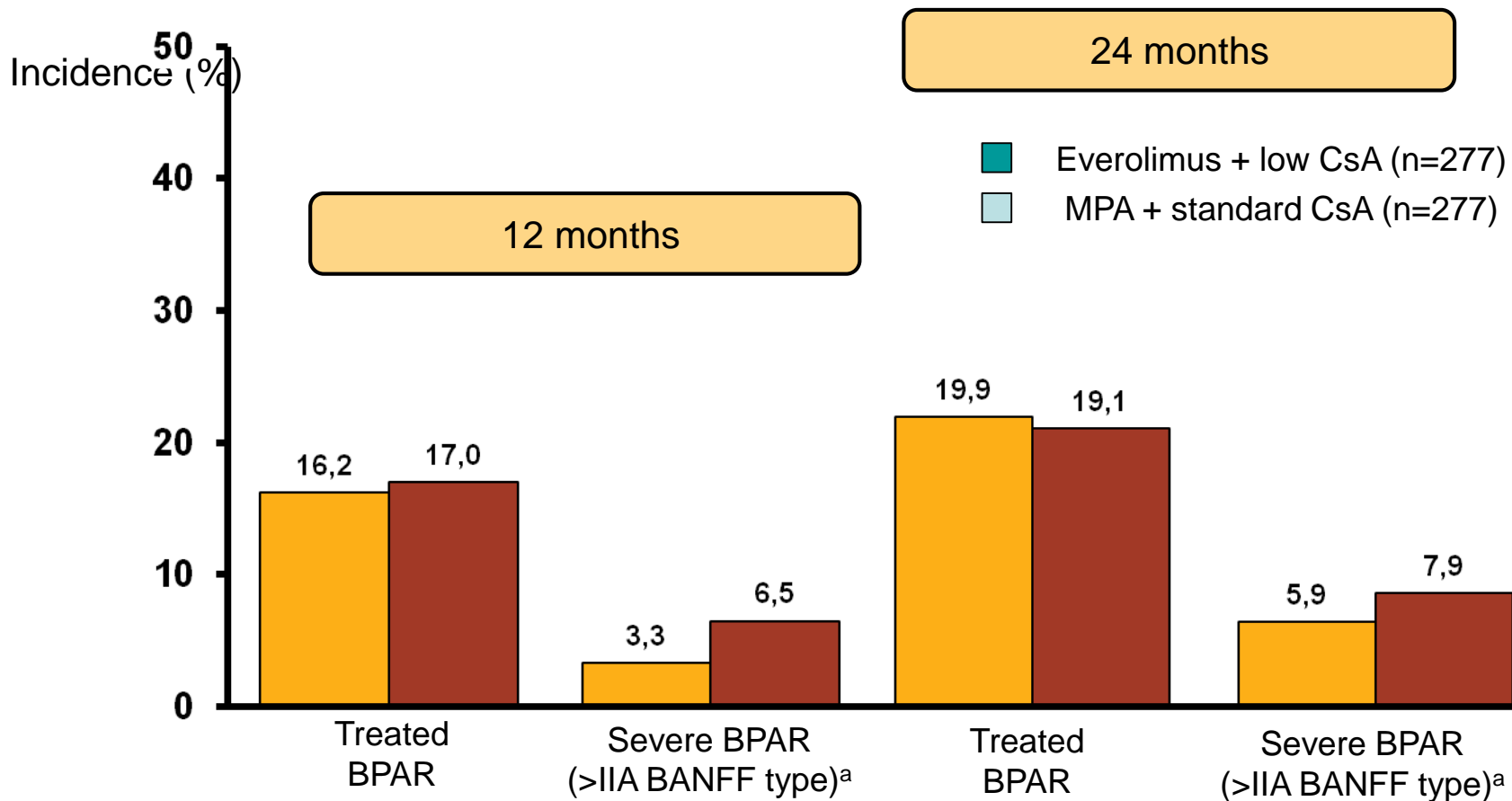
Efficacy failure = acute rejection, death, graft loss or loss to follow-up

CsA, cyclosporin; BPAR, biopsy-proven acute rejection

Nashan B *et al.*

Transplantation 2004;78:1332-40

Low incidence of severe BPAR with everolimus + low CNI versus standard CNI

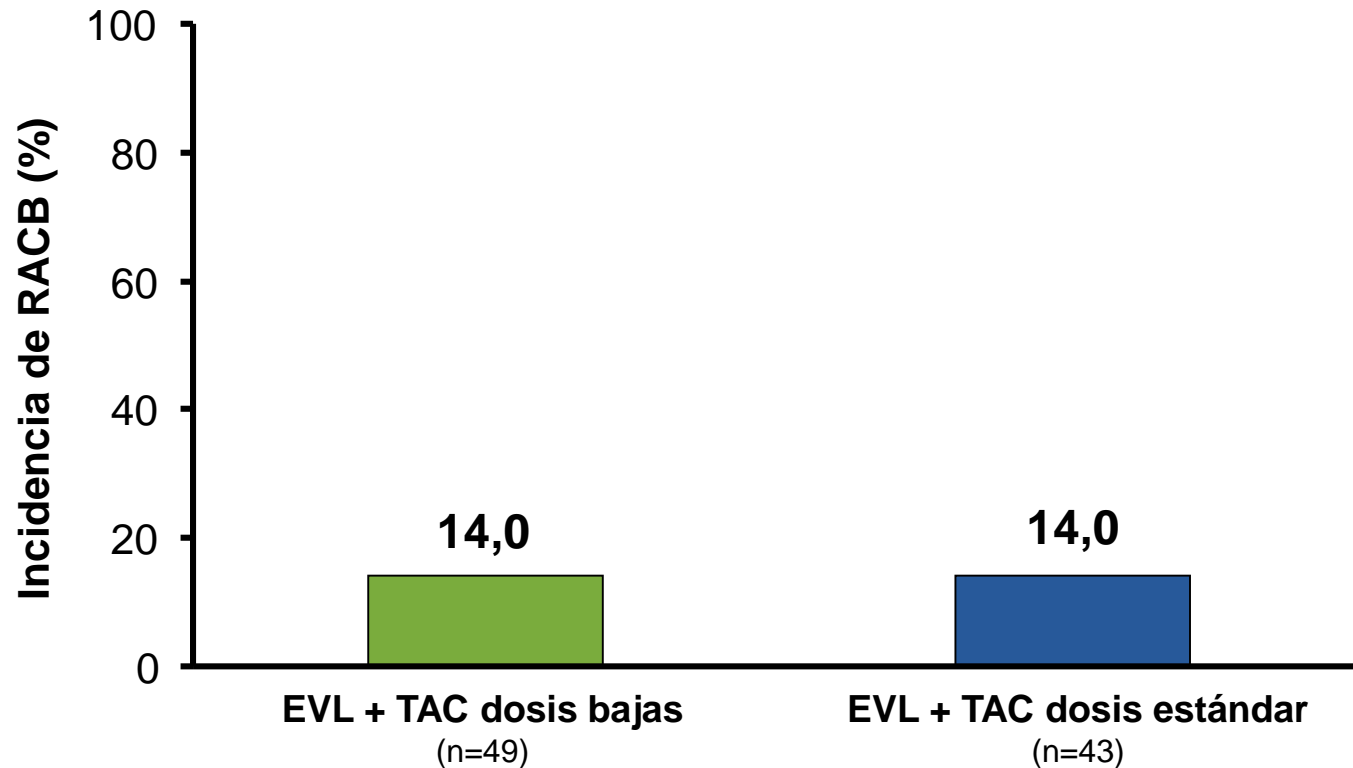


^aBiopsy graded IIA, IIB or III
 BPAR, biopsy-proven acute rejection;
 CNI, calcineurin inhibitor;
 CsA, cyclosporin;
 MPA, mycophenolic acid

Tedesco Silva H Jr *et al. Am J Transplant* 2010;10:1401–13;
 Tedesco-Silva H *et al. ATC* 2011 abstract 57

EVL PERMITE REDUCIR LAS DOSIS DE TACROLIMUS MANTENIENDO LA EFICACIA INMUNOSUPRESORA

US09: Resultados a 6 meses



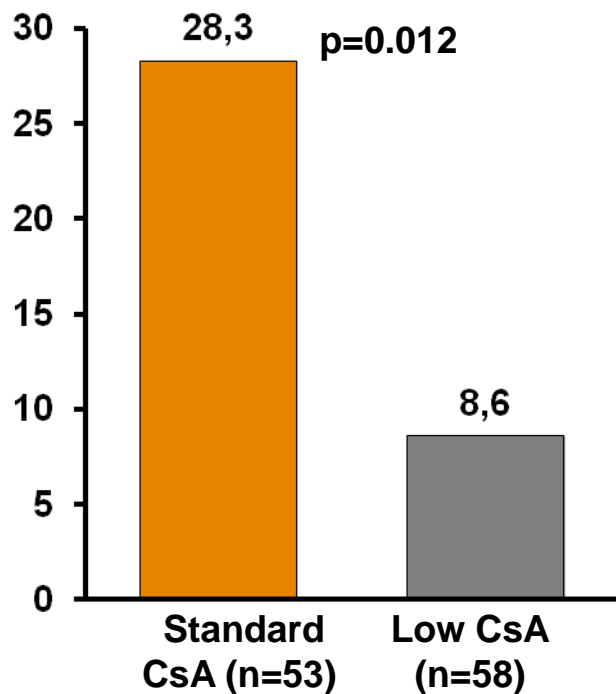
RACB: Rechazo agudo comprobado por biopsia

Chan L *et al. Transplantation* 2008;85:821-6

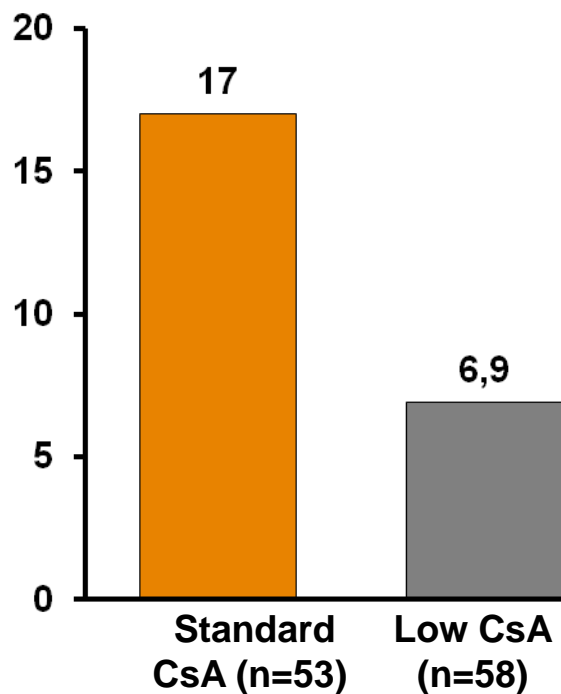
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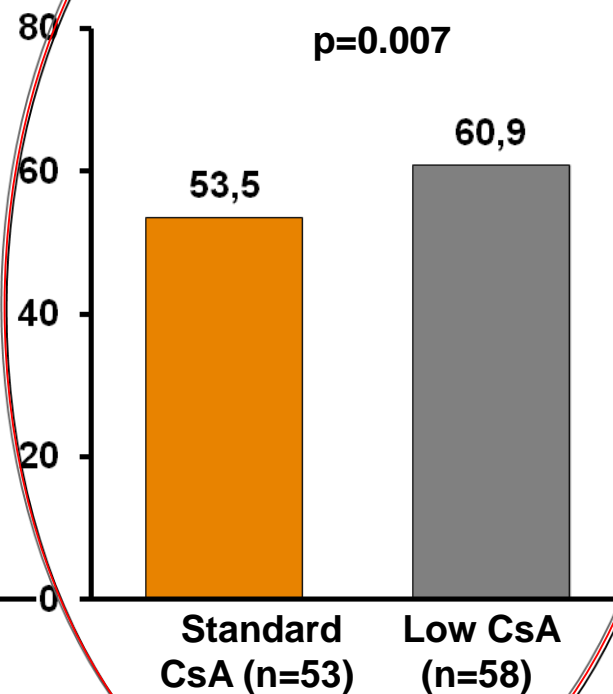
Efficacy failure
(% patients)



BPAR
(% patients)



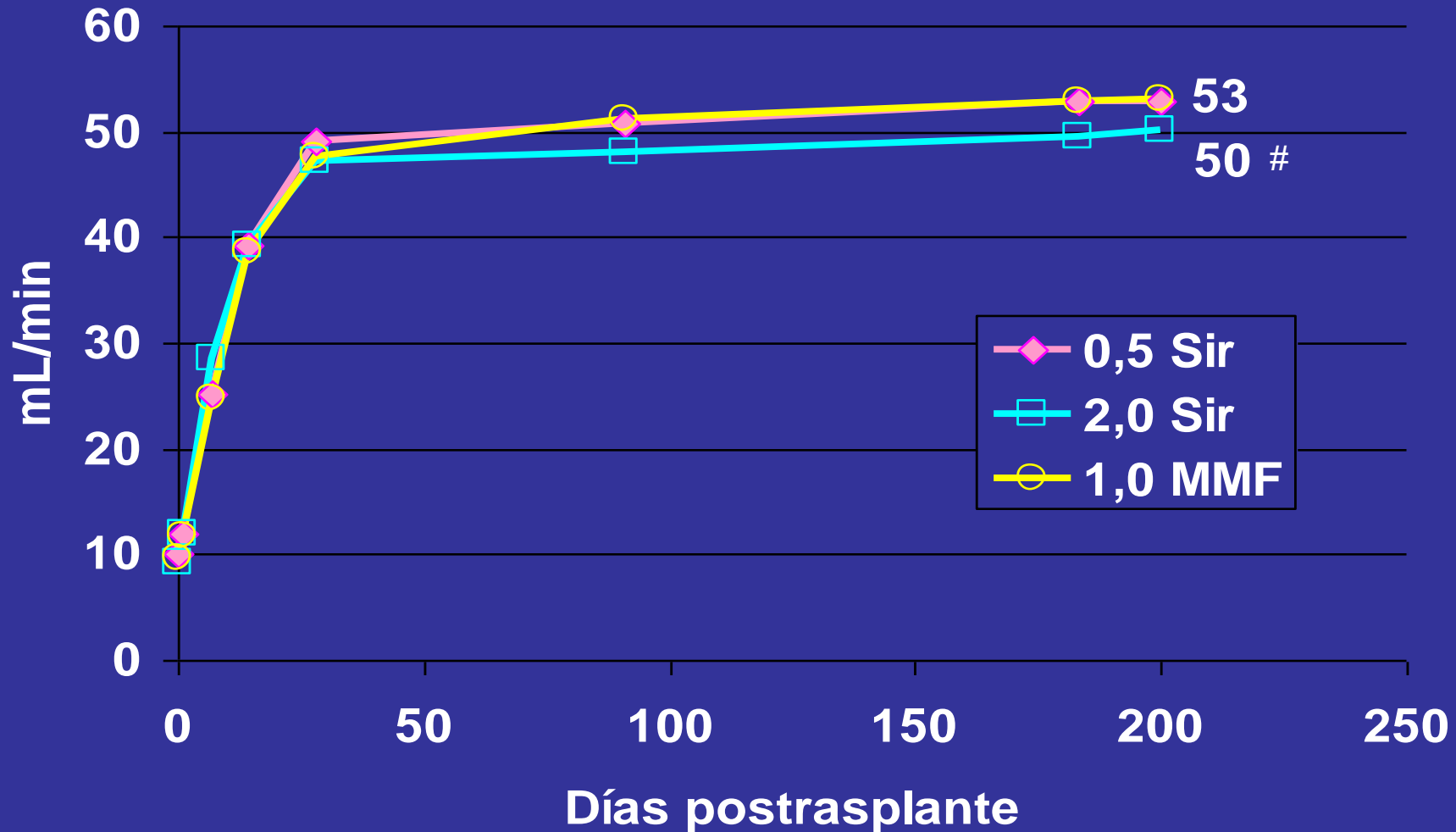
Creatinine
clearance (mL/min)



All patients received basiliximab, everolimus 3mg/day and steroids; Data from 1 year post-transplant
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Aclaramiento de creatinina (Cockcroft-Gault)

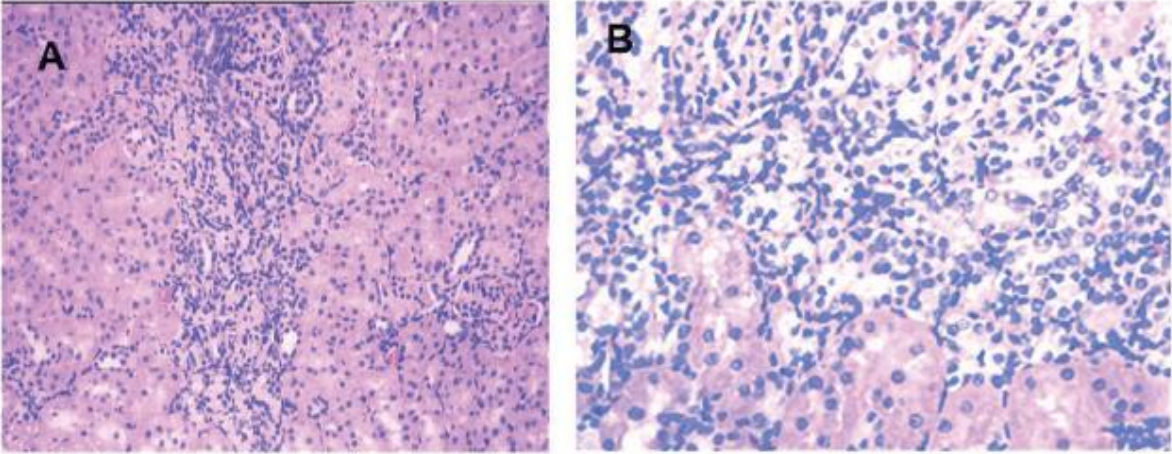
Tacrolimus+MMF vs Tacrolimus +SRL



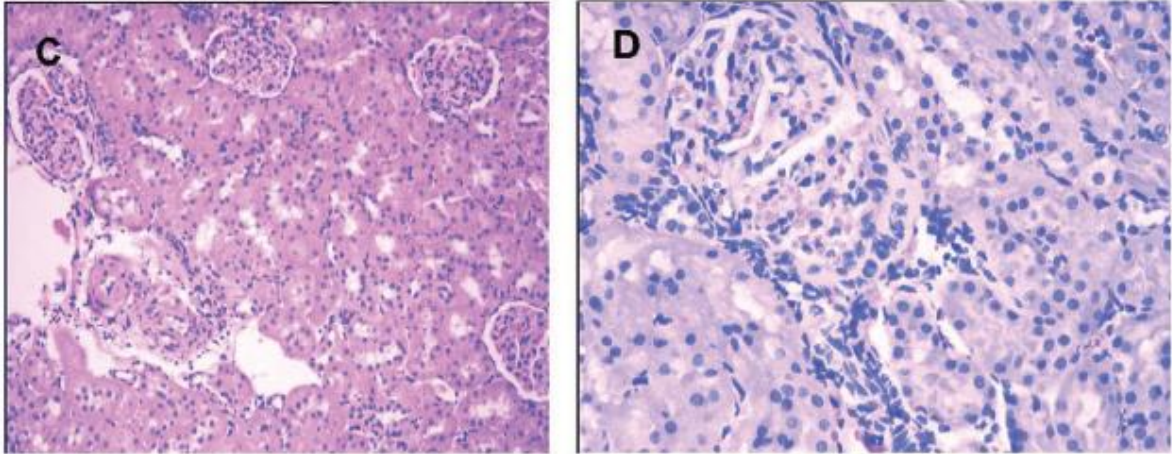
Vitko, Am J Transplant 2006

Kruskal Wallis test $p=0.019$

Different renal toxicity profiles in the association of CyA and Tacrolimus with Sirolimus in rats. Lloberas et al, NDT 2008



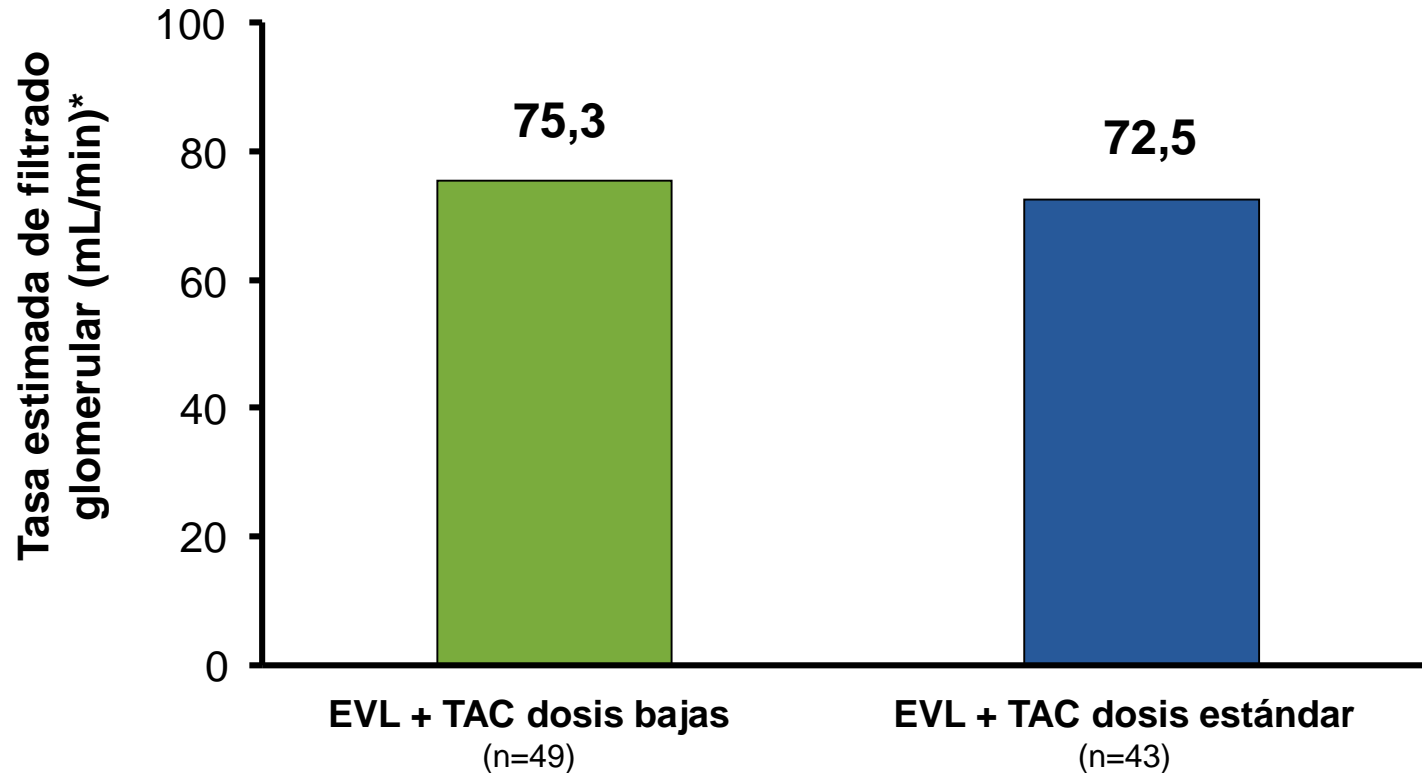
CsA+SRL



Tac+SRL

US09 MANTENIMIENTO DE LA FUNCIÓN RENAL

US09: Resultados a 6 meses



Everolimus con TAC a bajas dosis permite mantener la función renal con una excelente eficacia

*Según la formula de Nankivell

Actividad antitumoral de los inhibidores de mTOR



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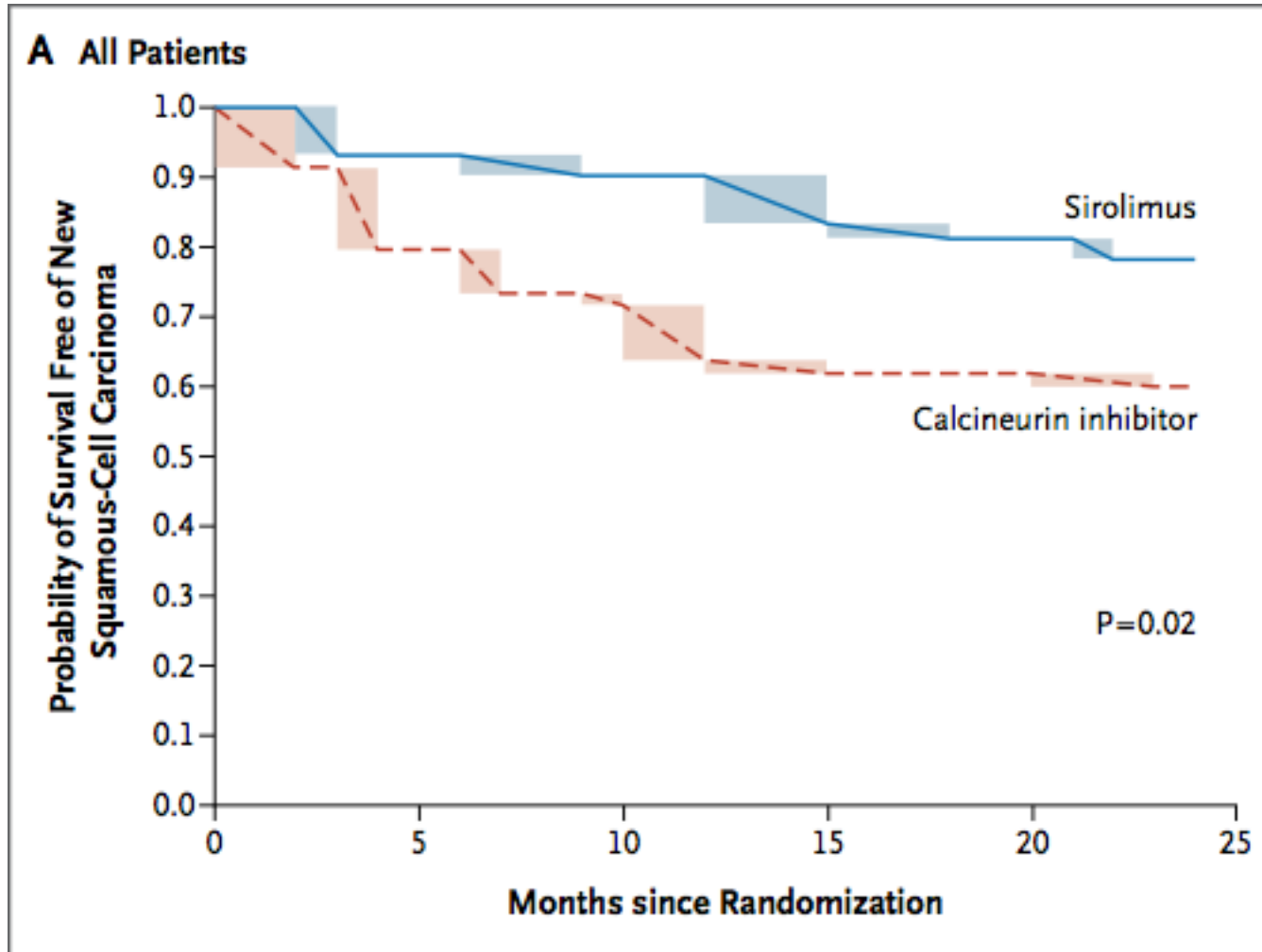
TRANSPLANTATION

CONVERSION TO SIROLIMUS: A SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF POSTTRANSPLANTATION KAPOSÍ'S SARCOMA^{1,2}

JOSEP M. CAMPISTOL,^{3,4} ALEX GUTIERREZ-DALMAU,³ AND J. VICENTE TORREGROSA³

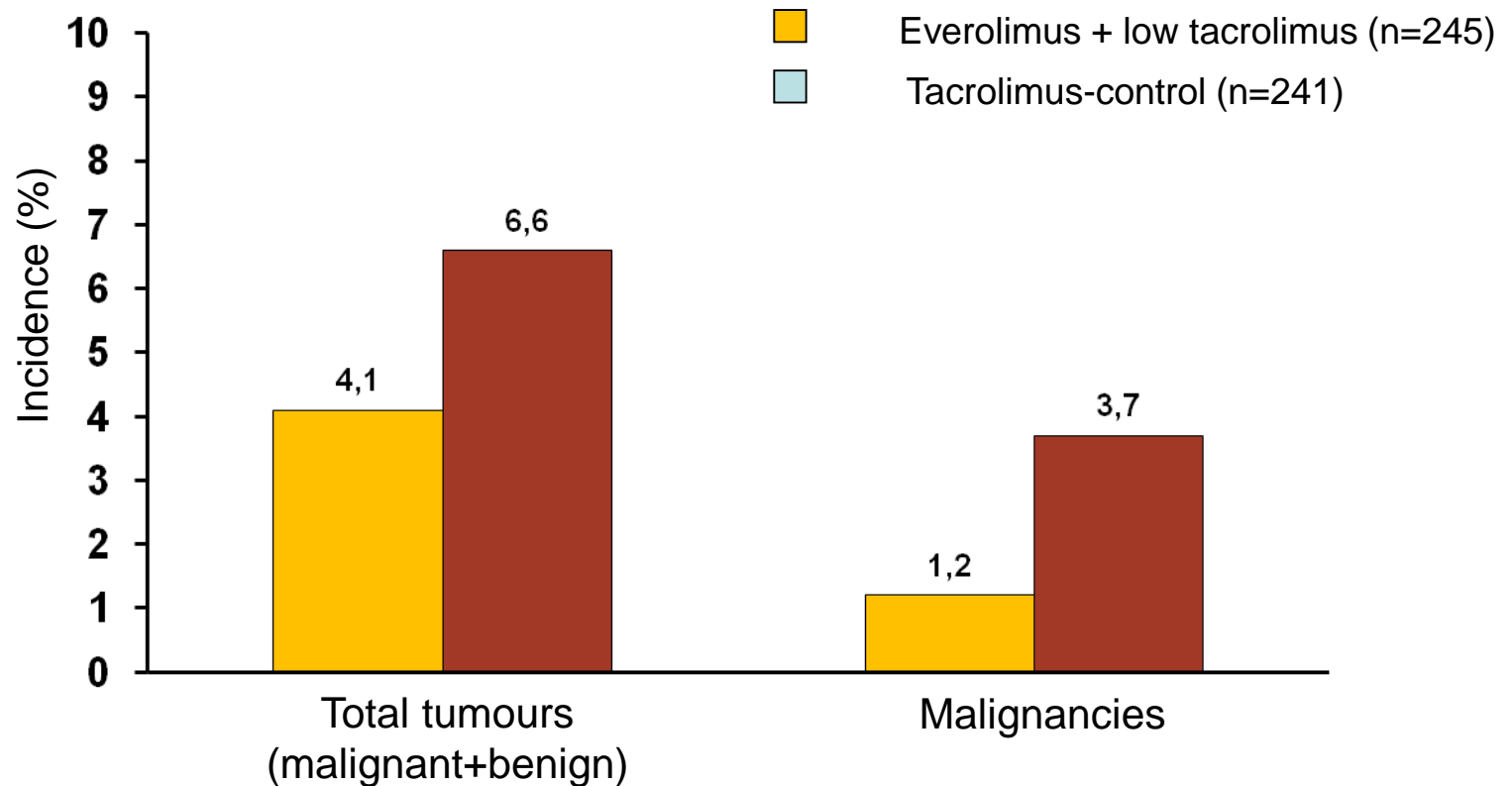
2004 March 15;77(5):760-2

Prevention of secondary skin cancer with sirolimus: all patients



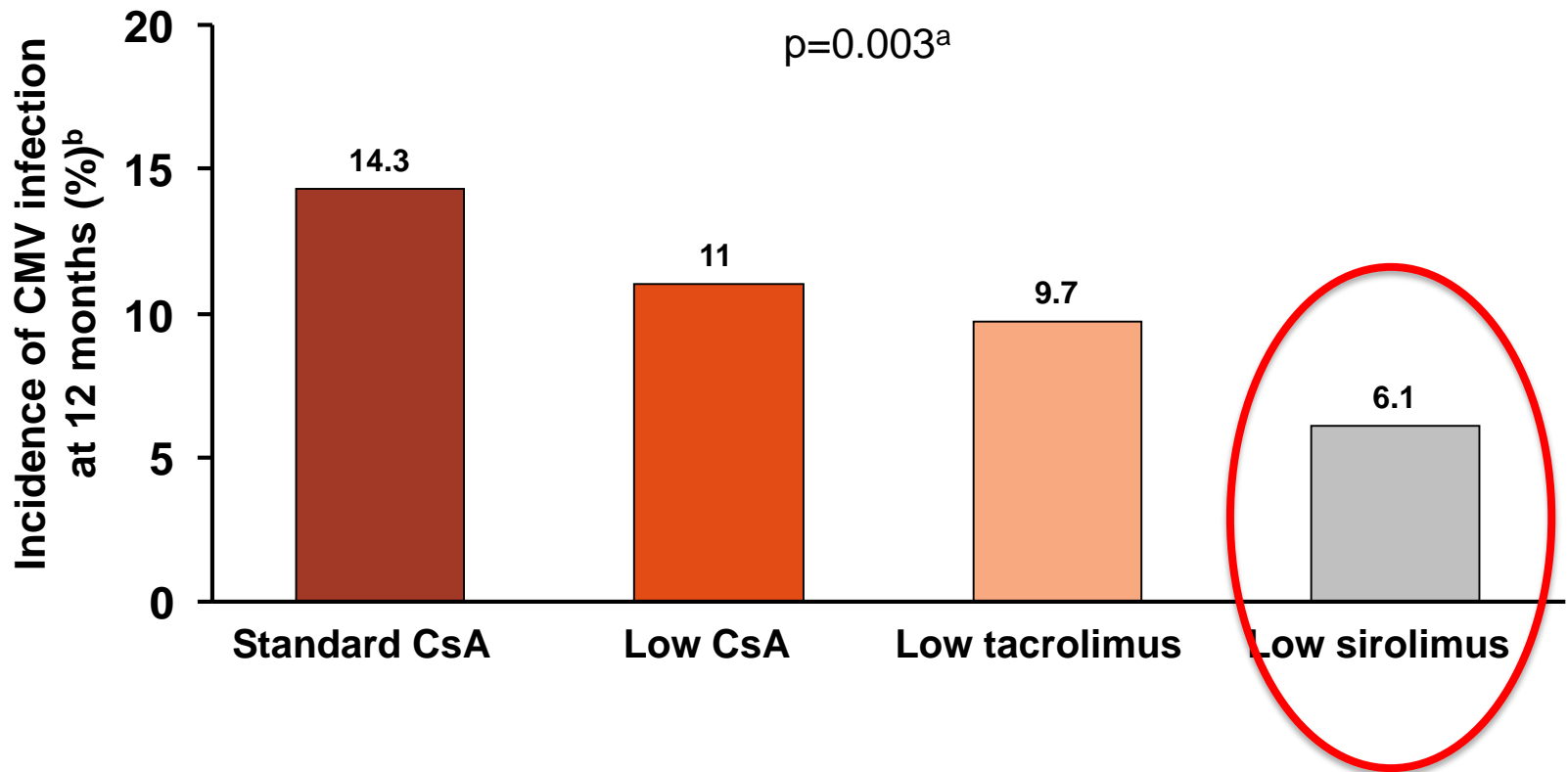
Everolimus with early CNI minimization is associated with fewer malignancies than standard CNI

H2304: 12-month analysis



mTOR inhibitor are associated with a significantly lower incidence of CMV infection

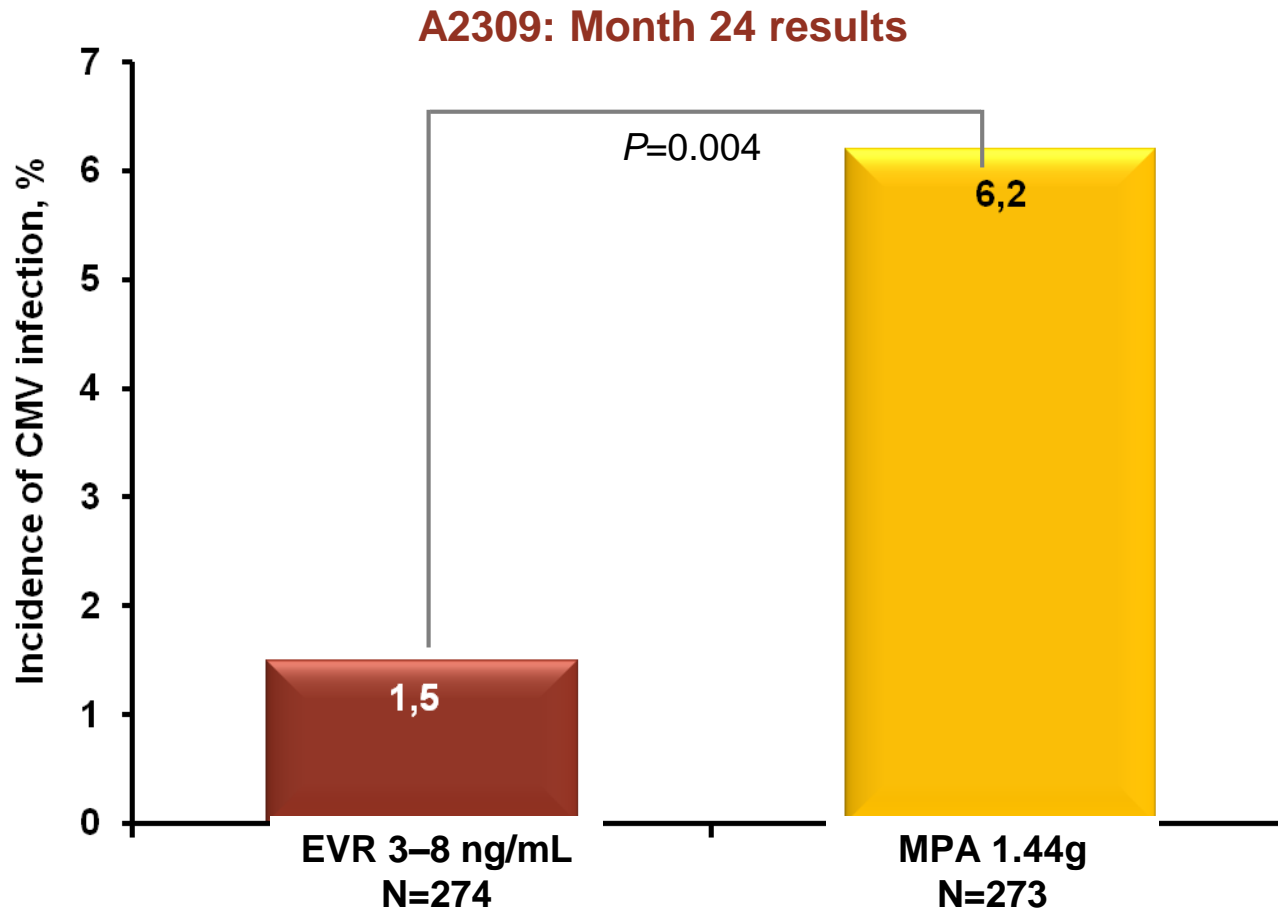
SYMPHONY: randomized, open-label, multicentre study investigating safety and efficacy of CNI-minimization or -elimination regimens in 1645 renal transplant recipients



^ap value across all arms; significant between-group difference; ^breported AEs
mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; CMV, cytomegalovirus; CNI, calcineurin inhibitor; CsA, cyclosporine A

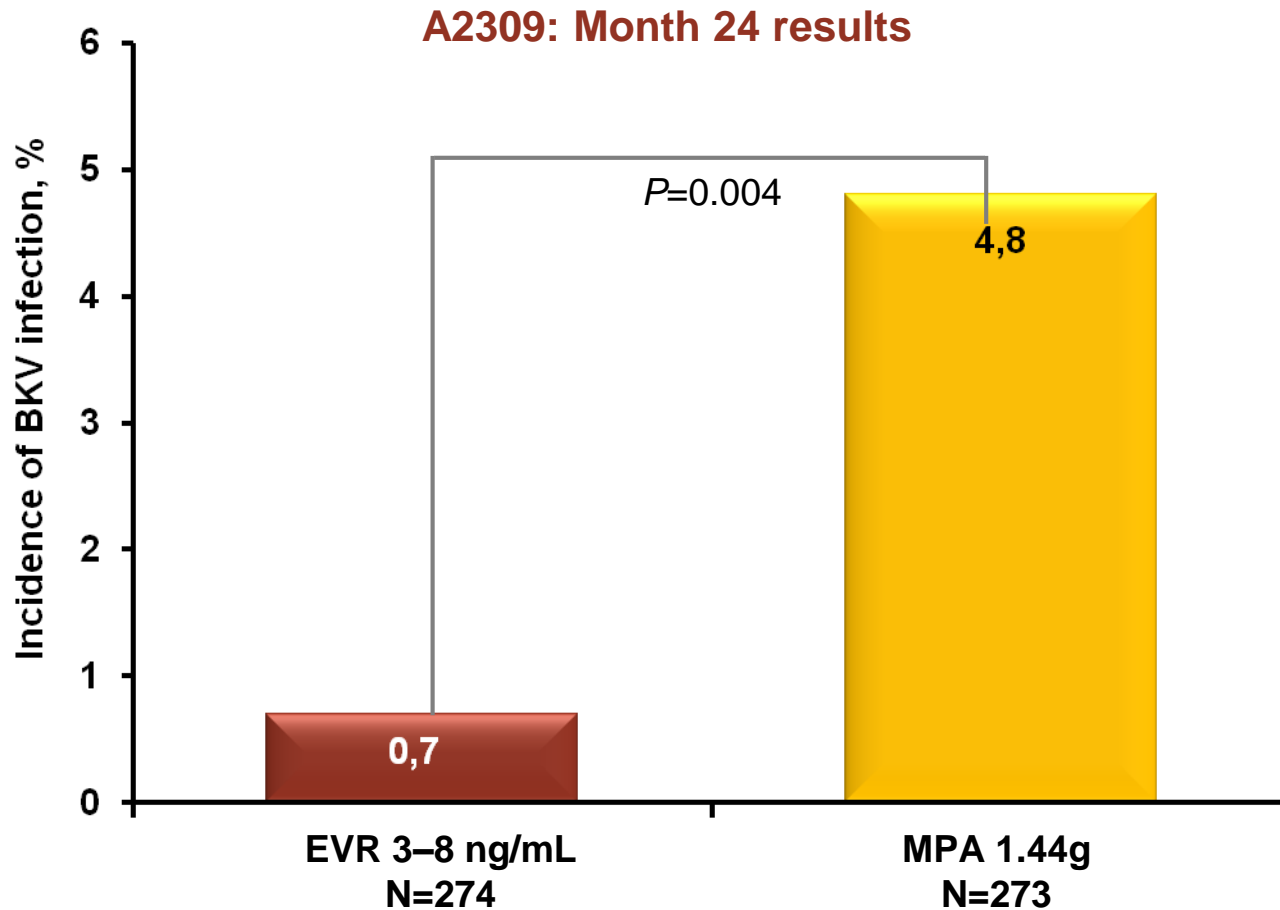
Ekberg H *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2007;357:2562–75

CMV infections were less frequent with *de novo* everolimus + low CNIs at 24 months



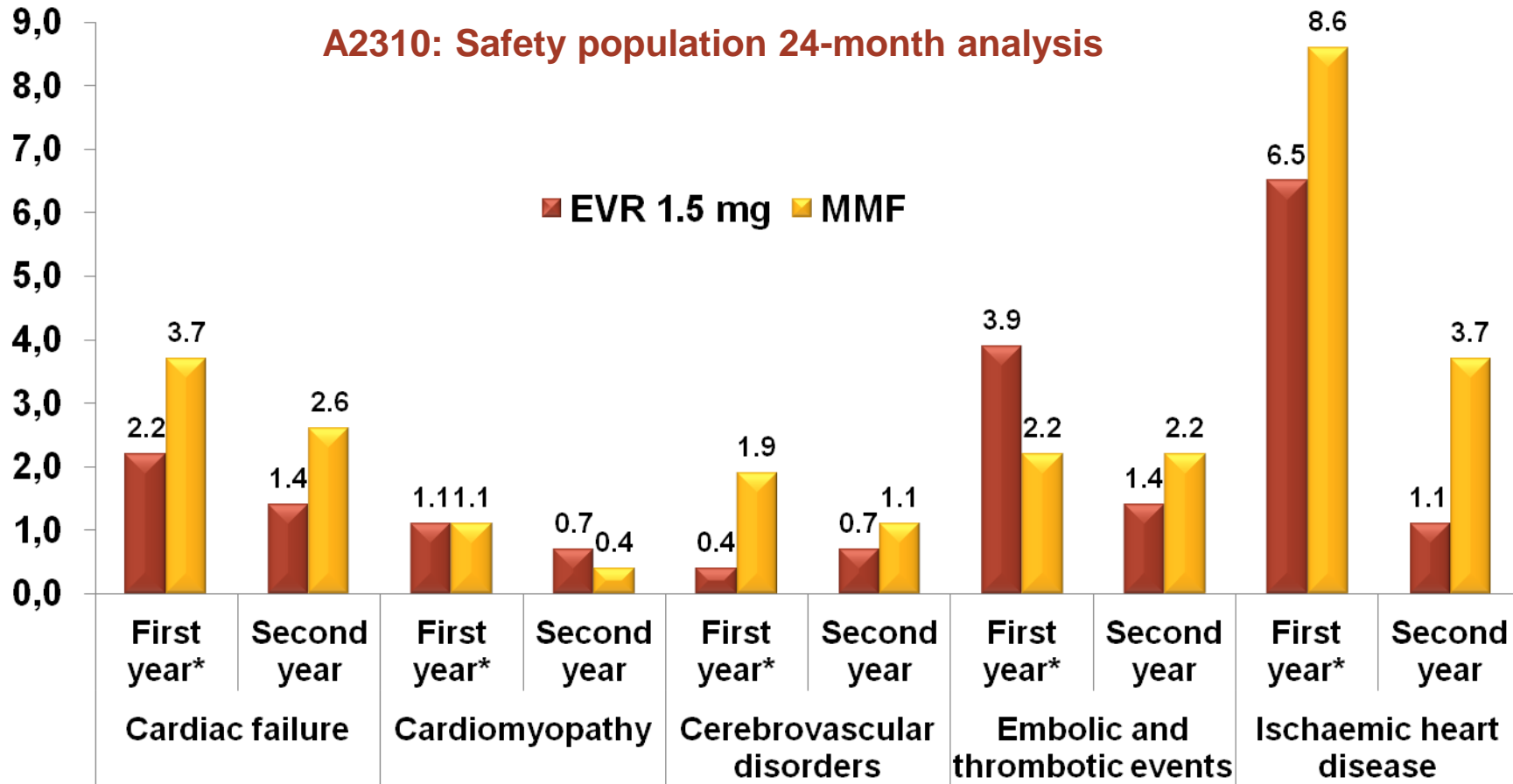
CMV, cytomegalovirus; EVR, everolimus; MPA, mycophenolic acid.
Cibrik D, et al. *Transplantation*. 2013;95:933-942.

BKV infections were less frequent with *de novo* everolimus + low CNIs at 24 months



BKV, BK virus; EVR, everolimus; MPA, mycophenolic acid
Cibrik D, et al. *Transplantation*. 2013;95:933-942.

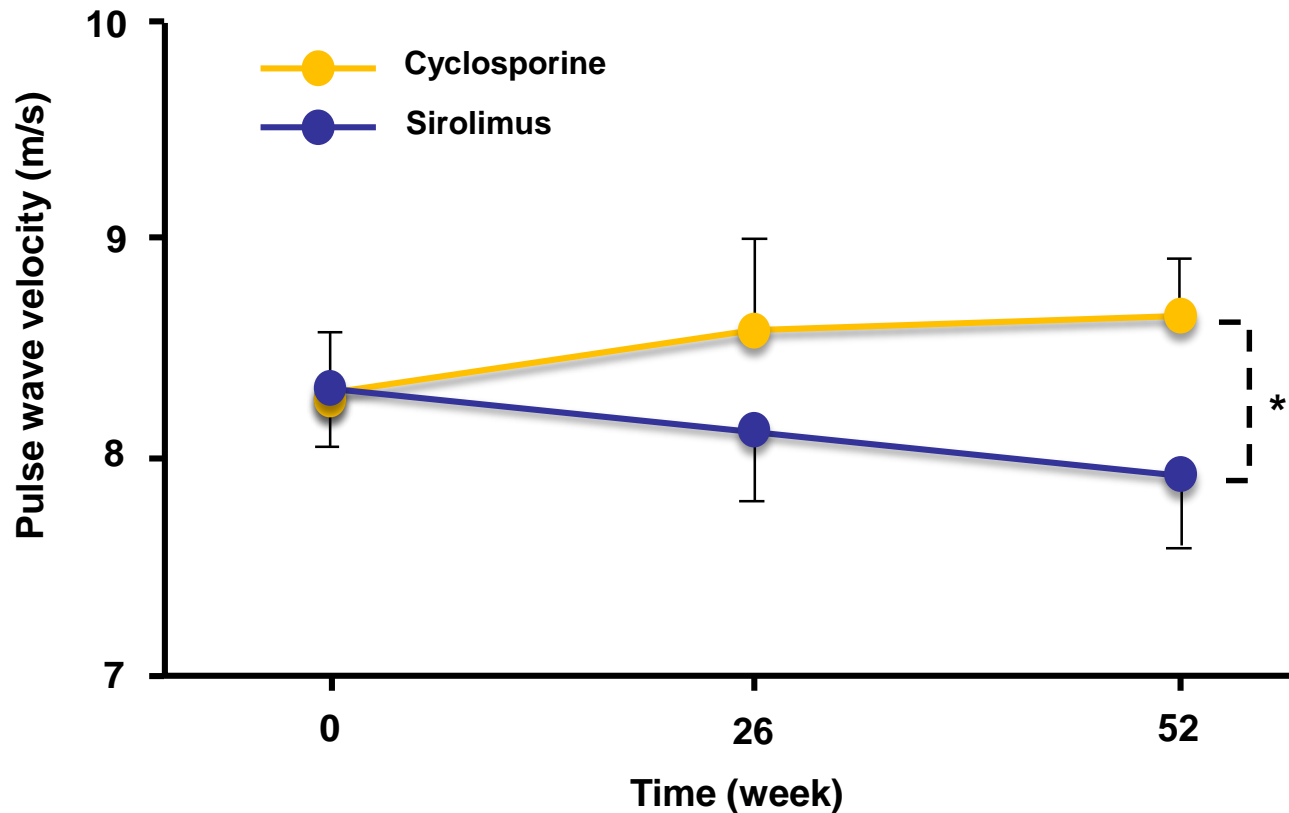
Lower incidence of cardiac failure, cerebrovascular disorders and ischemic heart disease with EVR vs MPA



*Excluding adverse events during the first 30 days (period of highest graft instability)

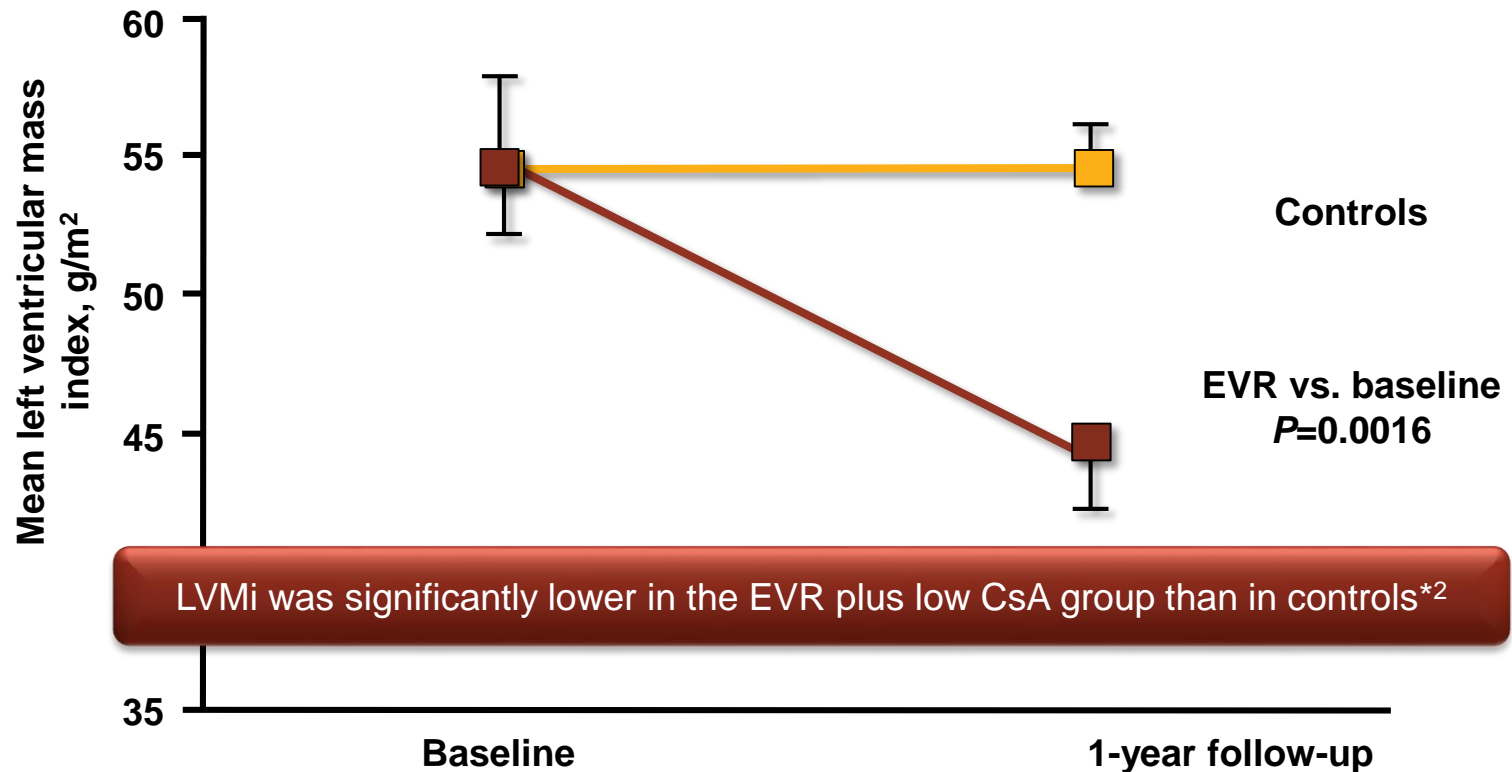
EVR, everolimus; MPA, mycophenolic acid

Sirolimus decreases aortic stiffness in renal transplant recipients vs. cyclosporine



De novo EVR plus minimized CNI improves left ventricular hypertrophy

- Left ventricular hypertrophy 1 year after kidney transplantation is associated with reduced long-term survival and increased risk of *de novo* heart failure¹

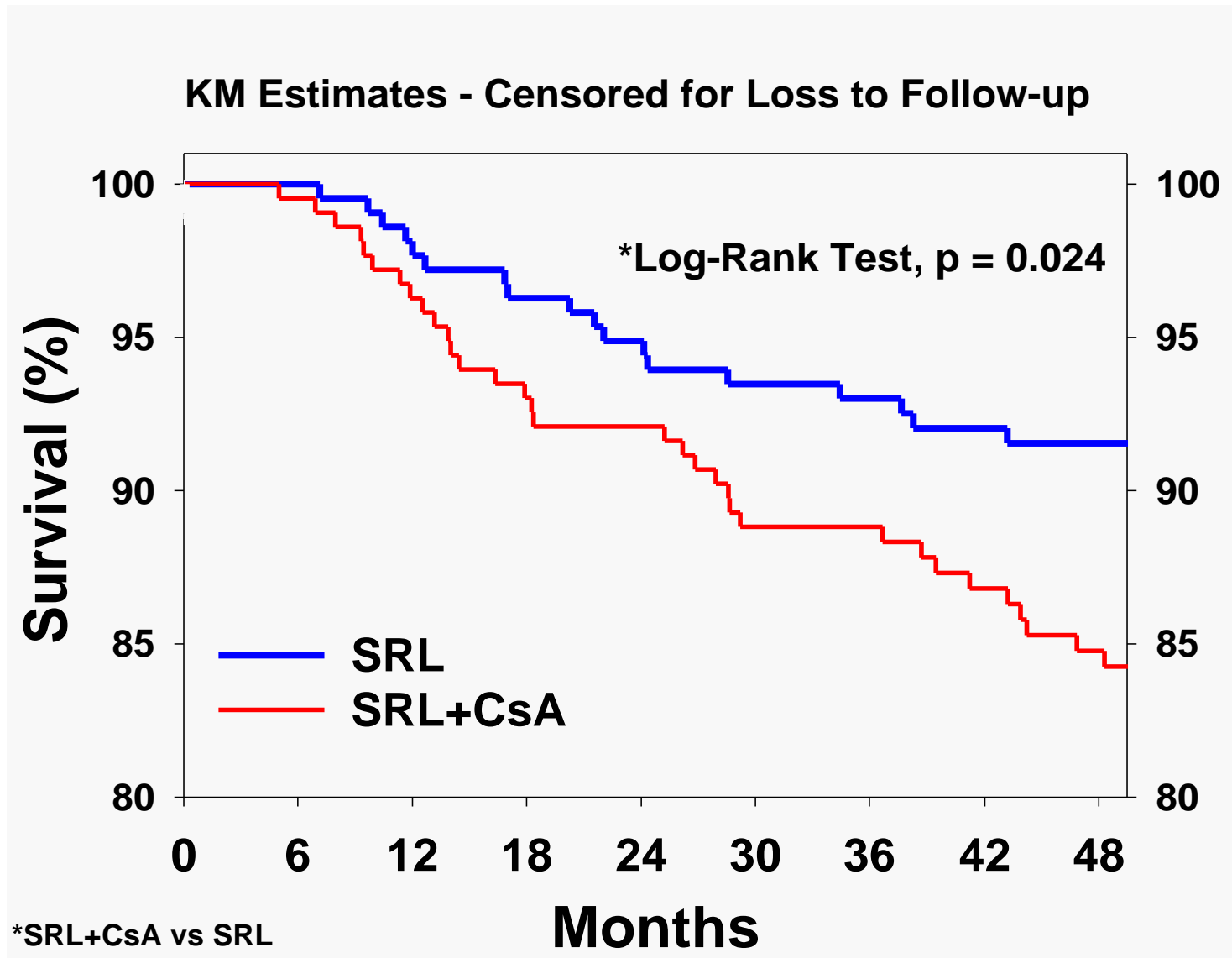


*Randomized controlled single-center trial in kidney transplant patients.

CsA, cyclosporine; EVR, everolimus; LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy.

1. Rigatto C, et al. *J Am Soc Nephrol* 2003; 14:462–8; 2. Paoletti E, et al. *Transplantation*. 2012;93:503–8.

Graft Survival at 48 Months



Inhibidores de imTOR en la individualización del tratamiento inmunosupresor *de novo*

A favor:

Inmunosupresión potente

No nefrotóxica (sin ICN o con minimización)

Reduce el riesgo de infecciones virales (CMV, BK)

Protección cardiovascular

Reduce el riesgo de cáncer

En contra:

Efectos adversos en general poco graves pero muy mal tolerados

Complicaciones post-quirúrgicas

Proteinuria

El potencial beneficio de su indicación en uso precoz requiere años para demostrar su eficacia

Los efectos secundarios de los im-TOR son dosis-dependiente

- Dehiscencia de la herida quirurgica
- Linfocele
- Retraso en al cicatrizacion de las heridas
- Leucopenia, trombopenia y anemia
- Hiperlipidemia
- Proteinuria
- Diabetes
- Hipopotasaemia
- Neumonitis

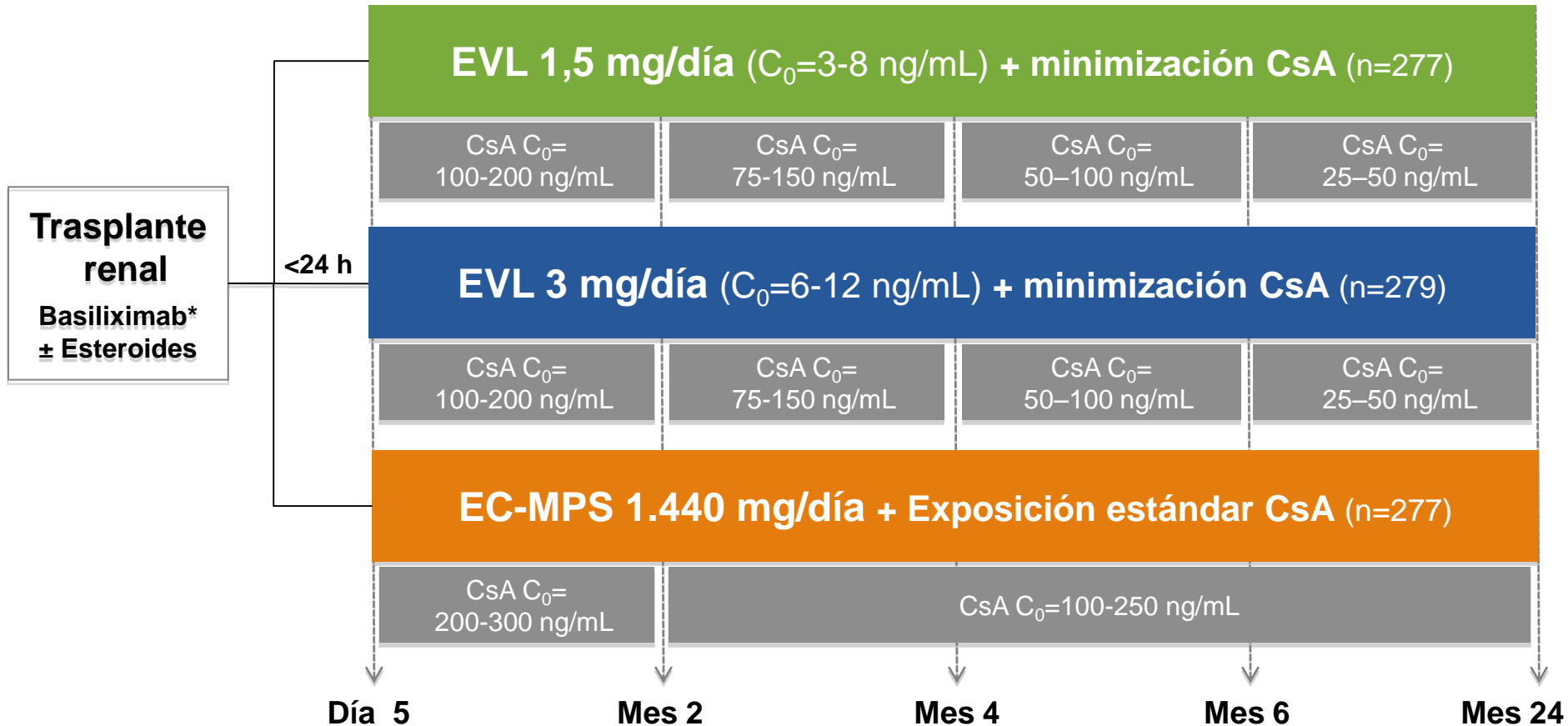
¿Qué pacientes no debería ser tratado de novo con un inhibidor de mTOR?

- Obesidad mórbida
- Dislipemia severa
- EPOC
- Insuficiencia venosa en EEII
- Malnutrición
- Cirugía compleja (injerto vascular simultáneo)
- Pacientes mayores de 65 años, diabéticos y obesos.

ESTUDIO A2309:

EVL con dosis reducidas de CsA como estrategia para la optimización de la función renal a largo plazo: Resultados de un estudio aleatorizado con 833 pacientes *de novo*

Diseño del estudio

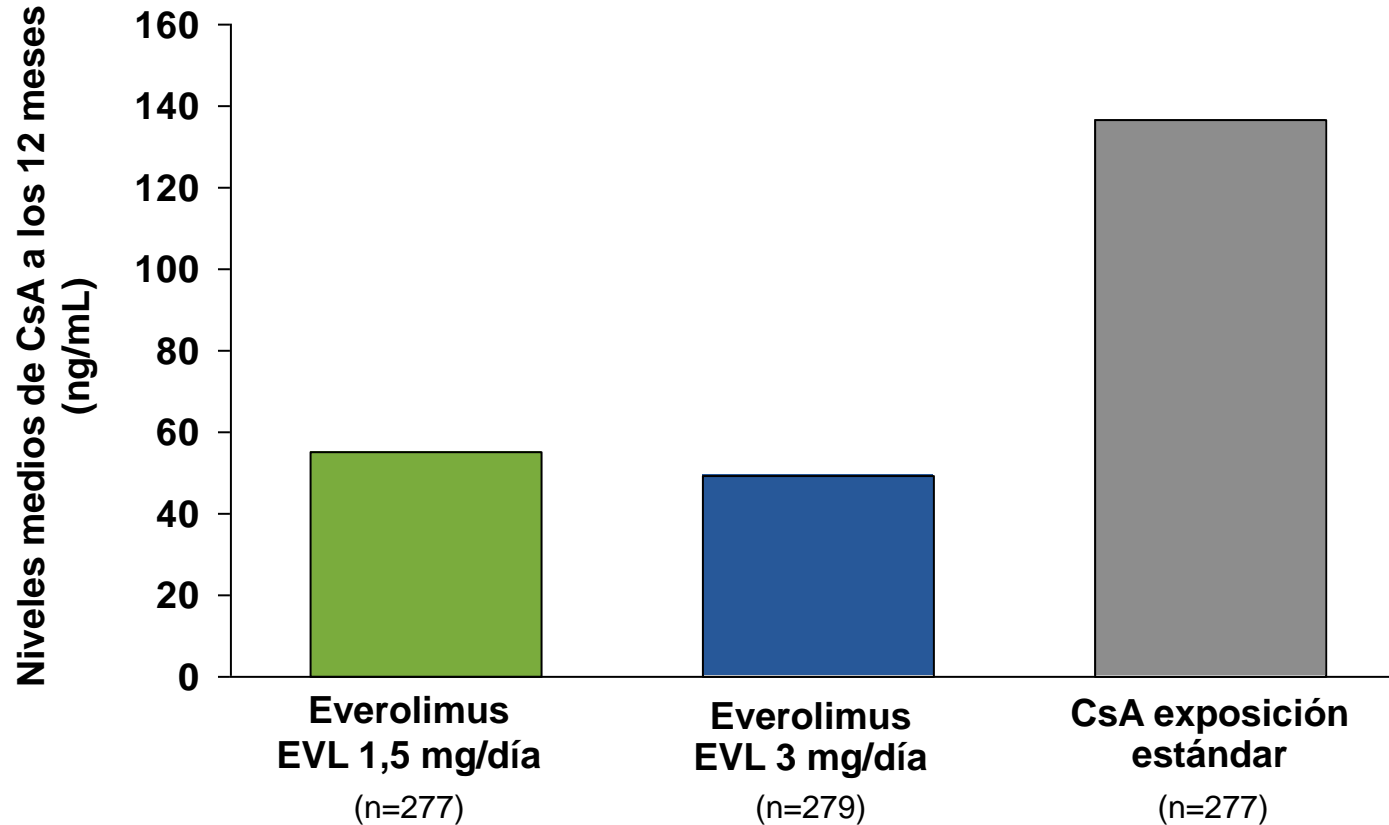


* Todos los pacientes recibieron basiliximab a las 2 h pre-trasplante y a los 4 días post-trasplante. Los esteroides orales se administraron según la práctica de cada centro. EC-MPS: Micofenolato sódico con recubrimiento entérico.

ESTUDIO A2309

EVL 1,5 MG/DÍA: ~60% DE REDUCCIÓN NIVELES MEDIOS DE CSA

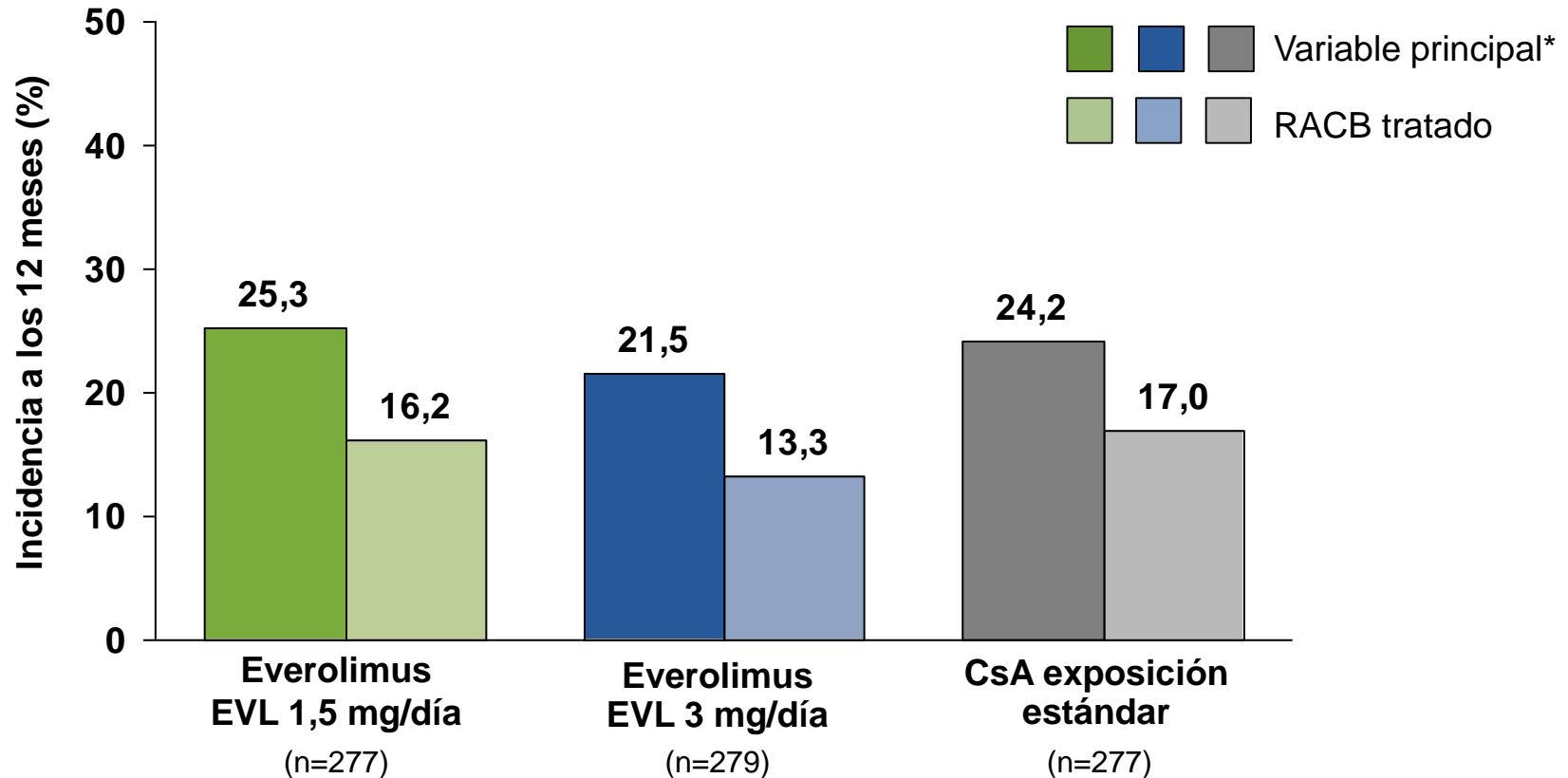
A2309: resultados a 12 meses



ESTUDIO A2309

El tratamiento con EVL + exposición reducida de CsA logra una eficacia similar al tratamiento con exposición estándar de CsA

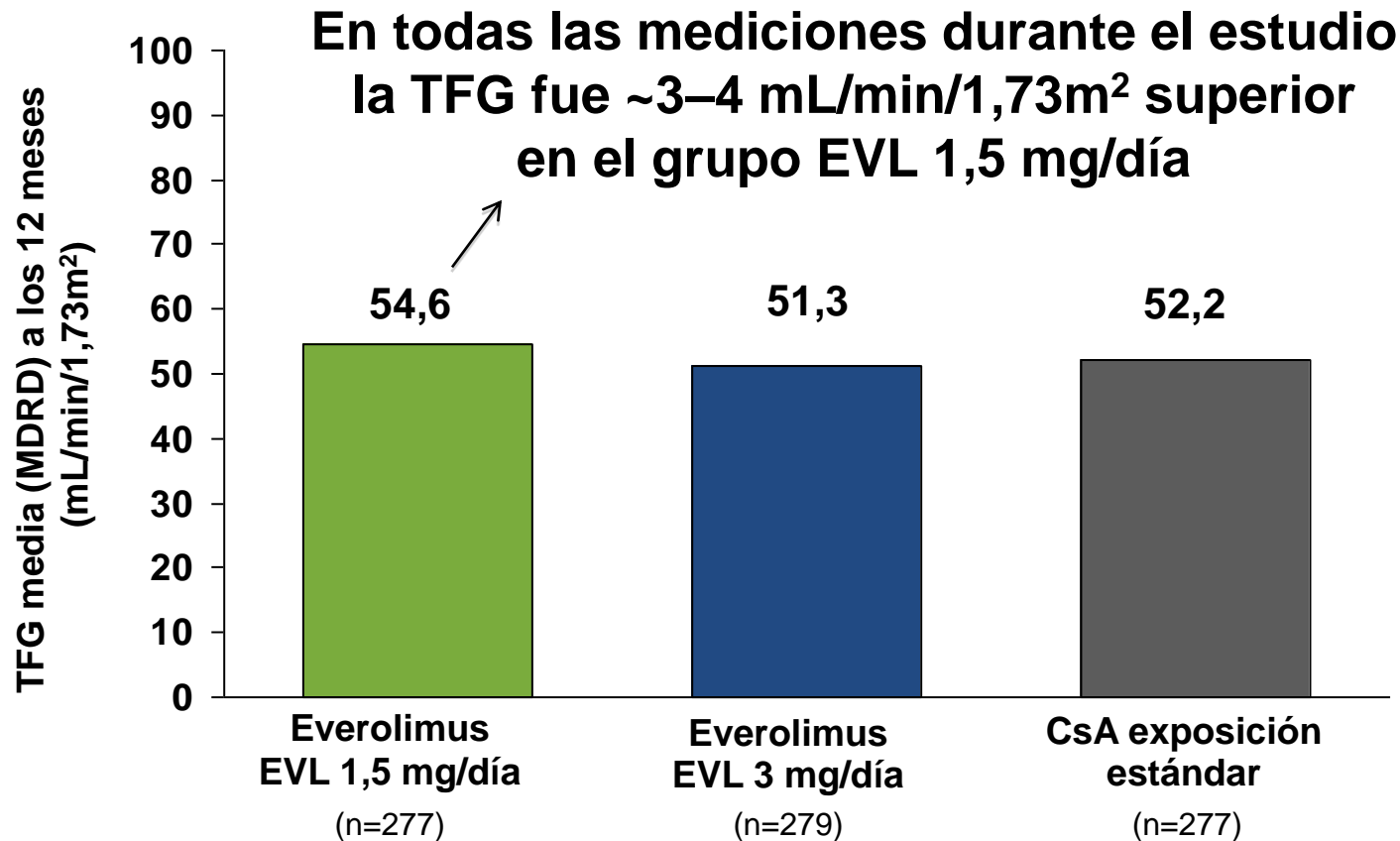
A2309: resultados a 12 meses



* RACB, pérdida del injerto, muerte o pérdida para el seguimiento
Tedesco-Silva H *et al.* Poster P-371, ESOT 2009

ESTUDIO A2309 FUNCIÓN RENAL MANTENIDA

A2309: resultados a 12 meses



TFG: tasa de filtrado glomerular

Tedesco-Silva H *et al.* Poster P-371, ESOT 2009

ESTUDIO A2309 SEGURIDAD

A2309: resultados a 12 meses

	EVL 1,5 mg/día (n=274)	EVL 3 mg/día (n=278)	CsA exposición estándar (n=273)
Cualquier efecto adverso	271 (98,9)	276 (99,3)	270 (98,9)
Virus BK	2 (0,7)	3 (1,1)	11 (4,0)
CMV	3 (1,1)	1 (0,4)	23 (8,4)
Edema periférico	123 (44,9)	120 (43,2)	108 (39,6)
Complicaciones de la herida quirúrgica	96 (35,0)	108 (38,8)	70 (25,6)
Hipercolesterolemia	47 (17,2)	50 (18,0)	34 (12,5)

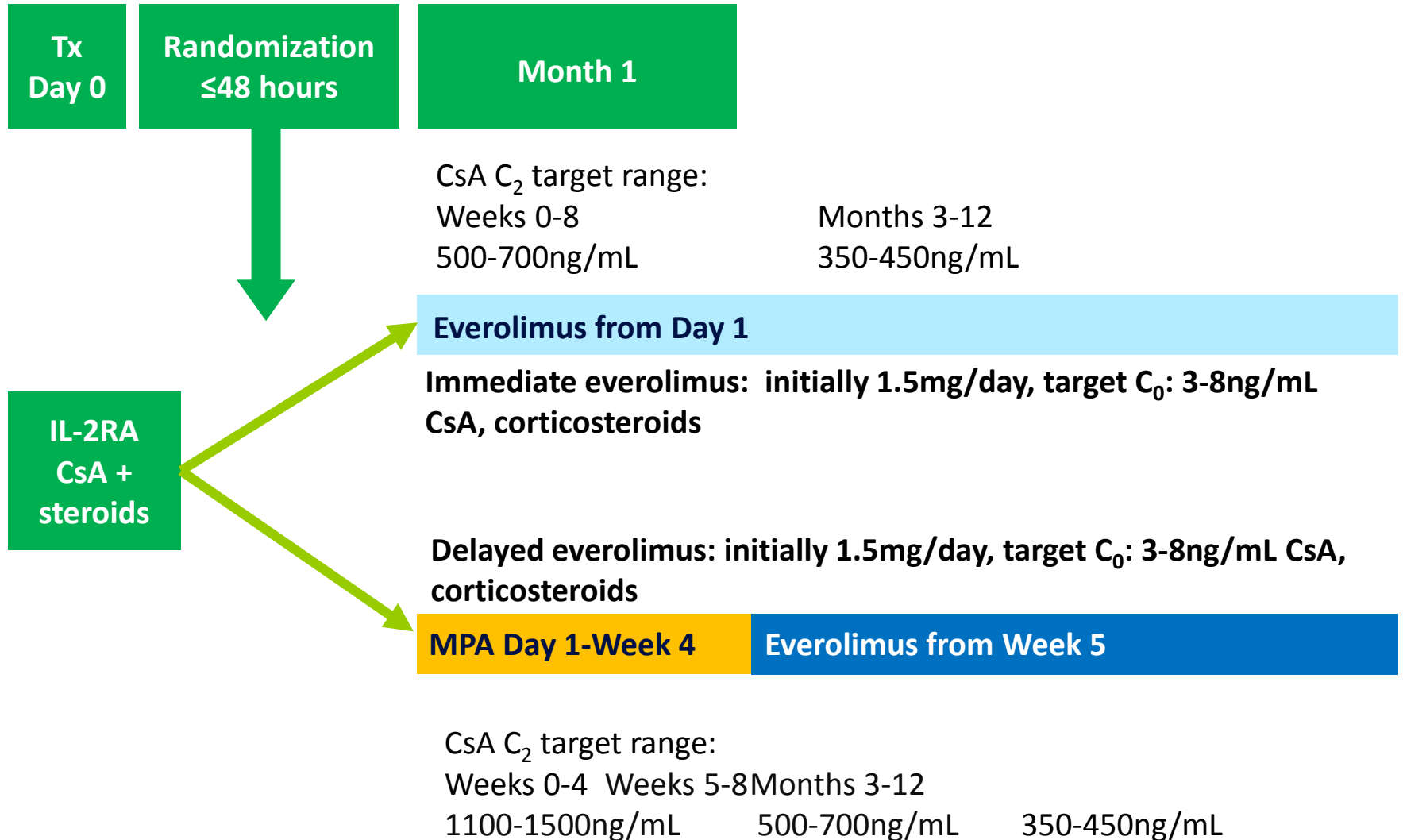
Efficacy and safety of *de novo* or early everolimus with low cyclosporine in deceased-donor kidney transplant recipients at specified risk of delayed graft function: 12-month results of a randomized, multicenter trial

- Population at protocol-specified risk of DGF:
 - Deceased-donor kidney Tx recipients (≥ 18 years old) with at least one of the following criteria :
 - Donor > 55 years old, and/or
 - CIT ≥ 24 hours and < 40 hours, and/or
 - Retransplantation
- “Primary failure endpoint”, is a composite efficacy/safety endpoint of :
 - DGF, defined as ≥ 1 dialysis session within first week post-transplant (except on D1)
 - Composite efficacy endpoint, defined as BPAR, GFL, death or loss to follow-up
 - WH disorder related to initial transplant surgery

Evaluated at 3 months Santal J et al. Transplant Int 2010

Study design

12-month, multicenter, open-label study



Primary and Efficacy endpoints to Month 3 and 12

	Month 3		Month 12		P value
	Immediate everolimus (n=65)	Delayed everolimus (n=74)	Immediate everolimus (n=65)	Delayed everolimus (n=74)	
Primary endpoint*	36 (55.4%)	47 (63.5%)	42 (64.6%)	49 (66.2%)	0.860
DGF	16 (24.6%)	18 (24.3%)	16 (24.6%)	18 (24.3%)	1.00
BPAR	7 (10.8%)	7 (9.5%)	13 (20.0%)	15 (20.3%)	1.00
Graft loss	5 (7.7%)	3 (4.1%)	6 (9.2%)	5 (6.8%)	0.75
Death	4 (6.2%)	2 (2.7%)	5 (7.7%)	2 (2.7%)	0.25
Wound healing complications	24 (36.9%)	28 (37.8%)	26 (40.0%)	28 (37.8%)	0.86
Loss to follow-up	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.7%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.1%)	0.24

* DGF (≥ 1 dialysis days 2-7), BPAR, graft loss, death, wound healing complication related to initial transplant surgery, loss to follow-up

CIRUGÍA DE TRASPLANTE RENAL

EVL: INICIAR Y CONTINUAR INDEFINIDAMENTE

Día 1 • Administrar EVL 0,75 mg 2 veces/día por vía oral con CsA o tacrolimus.

Día 3-5 • Realizar monitorización terapéutica del fármaco para medir los niveles plasmáticos del EVL y mantenerlos entre 3 y 8 ng/mL.

Niveles objetivo ICN (ng/mL)

CsA

Día 7
 C_2 1.100 – 1.300
 C_0 200 – 300

CsA + inducción

C_2 600 – 800
 C_0 100 – 200

Tacrolimus

7 – 9

Mes 1
 C_2 900 – 1.200
 C_0 200 – 300

C_2 500 – 700
 C_0 100 – 150

5 – 8

Mes 3
 C_2 500 – 700
 C_0 100 – 150

C_2 400 – 600
 C_0 75 – 100

4 – 7

Mes 6
 C_2 400 – 600
 C_0 50 - 100

C_2 300 – 500
 C_0 50 – 75

4 – 7

Mes 12
 C_2 300 – 500
 C_0 25 – 75

C_2 300 – 500
 C_0 25 – 75

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Administrar esteroides según la práctica local de cada centro

im-TOR + ICN

Recomendaciones: Everolimus de novo y mantenimiento

- Asociar preferentemente con Tacro
- Evitar la dosis de carga de Certican
- Utilizar dosis bajas de ambos
- Evitar la nefrotoxicidad (bajas dosis de Tacro)
- Mantener niveles de 5 TAC-5 Certican
- Considerar eliminar Esteroides

Beneficio potencial im-TOR+CNI

- **Pacientes de alto riesgo inmunologico**
- **TX pancreas-riñón e islotes**
- **Nefropatia cronica del injerto (fases iniciales)**
- **Incidencia de CMV**
- **Incidence de virus BK**
- **Incidencia de neoplasia**
- **Potencial para eliminar esteroides**
- **Riesgo cardiovascular ?**

Necesaria mayor experiencia
a largo plazo...Estudio
Transform

De novo Sirolimus US High-Risk Study (BCAR @ 1yr)

Thymo induction in 88% of pts

	SRL+TAC (n=224)	SRL+CsA (n=224)
Grade of rejection, ^{c,d} n (%)		
None	193 (86.2)	185 (82.6)
Any	31 (13.8)	39 (17.4)
Mild	12 (38.7) ^e	31 (79.5)
Moderate	13 (41.9)	5 (12.8)
Severe	2 (6.5)	2 (5.1)
Unclassified	4 (12.9)	1 (2.6)

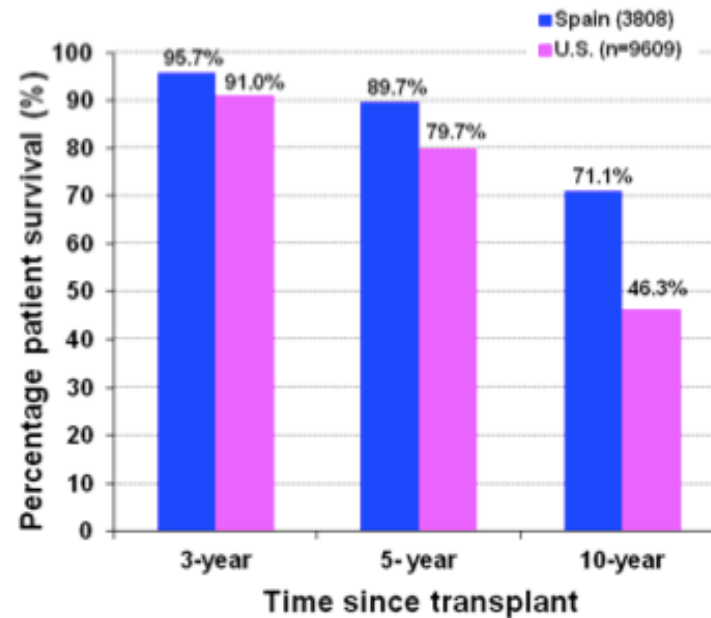
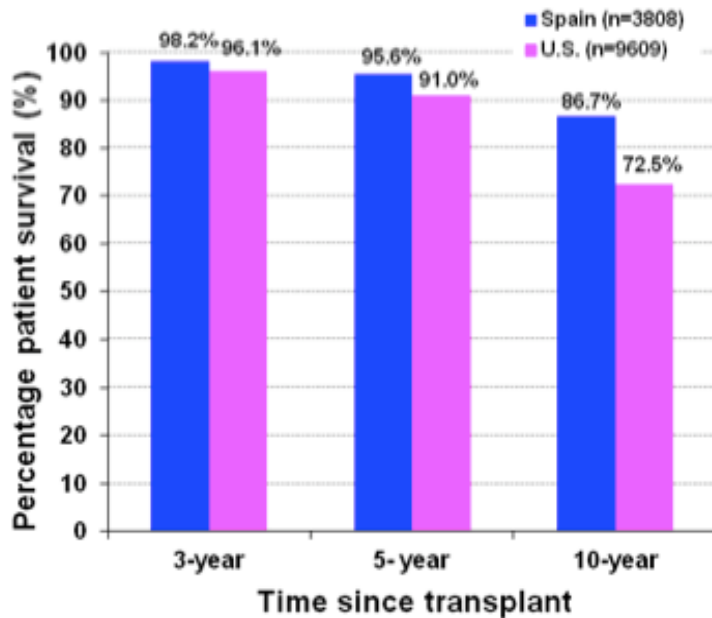
TRANSFORM: a novel study design to evaluate the effect of everolimus on long-term outcomes after kidney transplantation

- **Everolimus with reduced-exposure calcineurin inhibitor (CNI) therapy is a strategy designed to reduce the risk of chronic nephrotoxicity and other dose-dependent complications associated with CNI therapy.**
- **Primary end-point: Renal function at one year + incidence of acute rejection**
- **Number of patients: 2000**
- **40 countries**
- **Follow-up: 2 and 5 yr**
- **Novartis sponsor**

Original Articles

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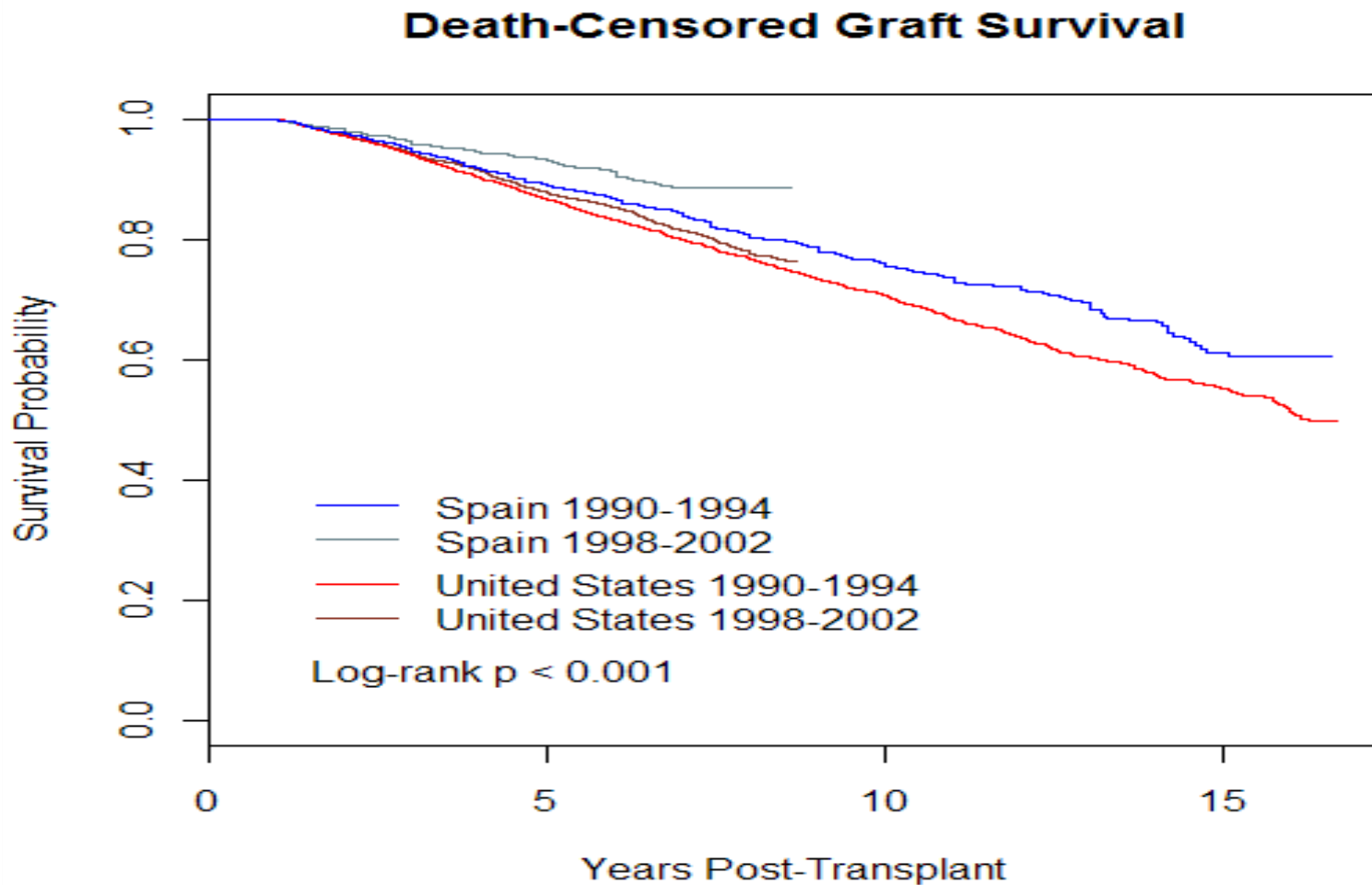


The 10-year recipient survival was 86.7% for Spanish and 76,5% for US recipients (P < 0.001).

In recipients with diabetes, the survival at 10 years were 71.1 and 46.3% (P < 0.001).

USA vs SPAIN

Death-censored Graft Survival: 1990-2002



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Conclusions. US kidney transplant recipients had more than twice the long-term hazard of DWGF compared with Spanish kidney transplant recipients and similar levels of death-censored graft function. Pre-transplant medical care, comorbidities, such as cardiovascular disease, and their management in each country's health system are possible explanations for the differences between the two countries.

Comparing kidney transplant outcomes; caveats and lessons

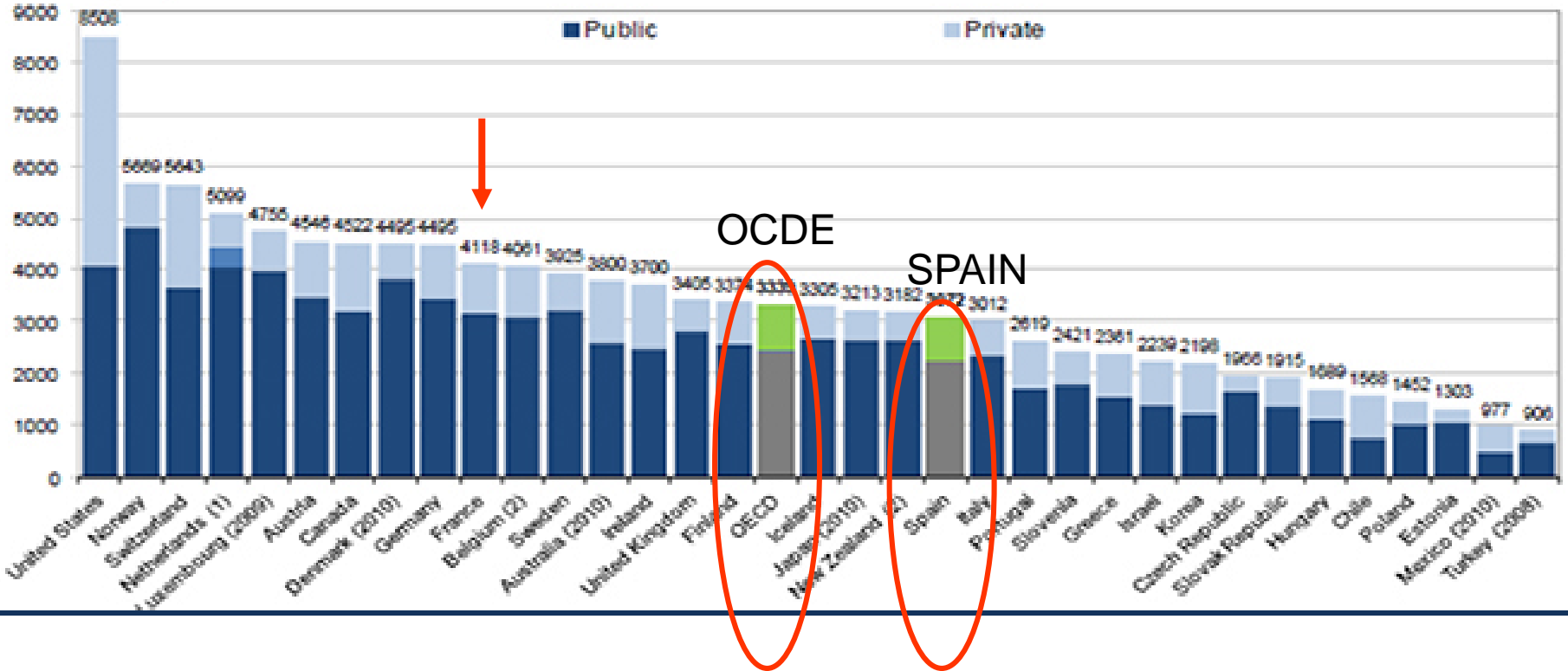
Sarah E. Yost¹ and Bruce Kaplan^{2,3}

It is possible that the long-term outcomes of kidney transplant in the USA are hampered by **financial barriers leading to non-adherence and lack of access to specialists** in the field of transplant. These factors undoubtedly contribute far greater than in other countries **that have nationalized healthcare or provide medication coverage for all constituents including Spain** Kidney transplant recipients **from Spain receive their care from the same medical team from the onset of ESRD through the post-transplant period** which could contribute to longterm patient and allograft survival. **In Spain, patients have access to medications including immunosuppression** paid by a publicly funded National Health Service regardless of their ability to pay

However, the study by Ojo et al. also highlights that mortality in renal transplant recipients can be influenced by factors **not easily captured on databases** and challenges us to consider variables in national registries that are currently unavailable.

Health expenditure per capita, public and private expenditure, OECD countries, 2011

US\$ PPP per capita



The percentage of the GDP, Gross Domestic Product, that Spain dedicates to health is fallen from 9.6 to 9.3 % in the last year (European most developed countries :

Spain invests in health 600 Euros less per inhabitant and year than the average of the Eurozone

Mensajes para llevar a casa

im-TOR + ICN

de novo

- Potente y específica terapia inmunosupresora
- Alta eficacia: baja incidencia de rechazo
- Capacidad para individualizar el tratamiento inmunosupresor
 - Eliminar ICN
 - Eliminar Esteroides
- Baja incidencia de infecciones virales
- Baja incidencia de cancer



**Muchas gracias por su
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