

# **Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Myelofibrosis**

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**The following diagnoses will be included in our discussion:**

- **Primary Myelofibrosis (PMF)**
- **Polycythemia vera (PV)**
- **Essential Thrombocythemia (ET)**

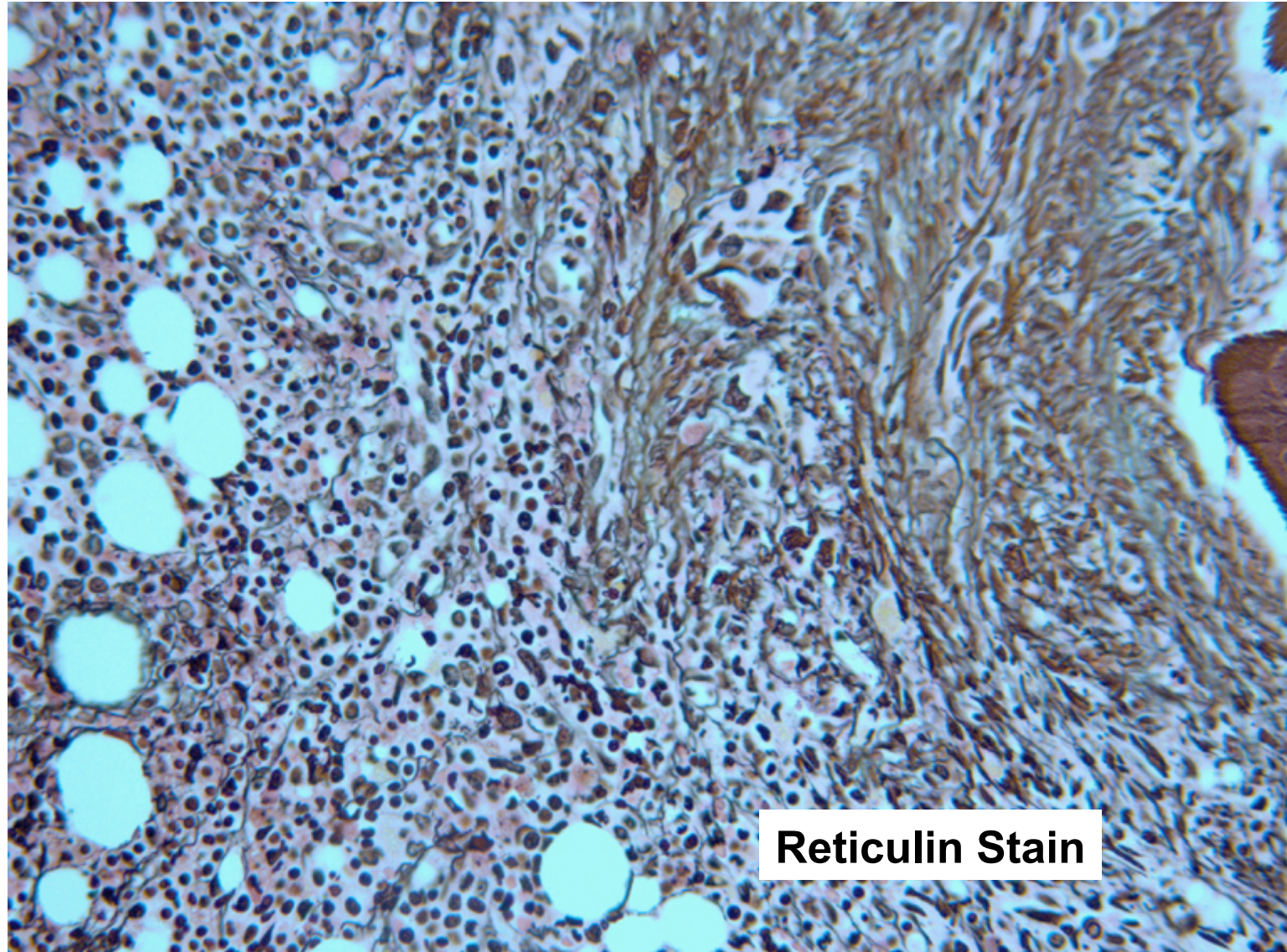
# Outline

- **Why transplant patients with myelofibrosis?**
- **How safe is transplantation?**
- **How effective is transplantation?**
- **Who should be transplanted and when?**
- **Summary and conclusions**

**Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)  
– which cause myelofibrosis –  
are diseases of blood forming stem  
cells:**

**Therefore, it should be possible to  
cure them by replacing the  
patient's stem cells  
with healthy stem cells.**

# PMF *Pre* -Transplant



# Risk Factors (DIPSS)

**-Developed for non-transplanted patients-**

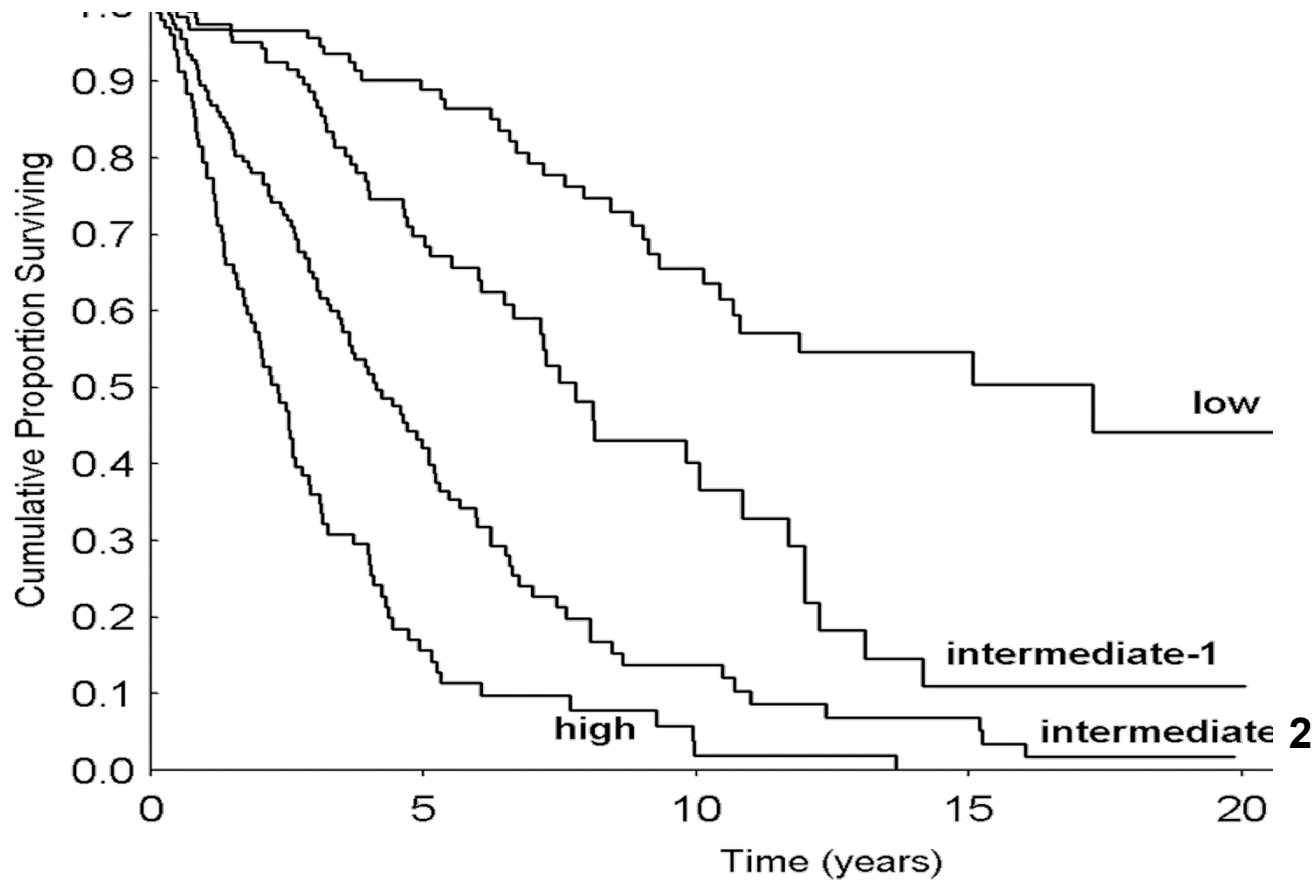
- Anemia
- WBC > 25,000
- Myeloblasts in blood
- Age (> 65 years)
- Symptoms

**DIPPS**

- Abnormal chromosomes
- Low platelet count
- Needing transfusions

**DIPPS plus**

# Survival by DIPSS Category (no transplant)



# Not included in current classifications:

- Severity of marrow fibrosis (and fibrosis in other organs)
- Spleen size (portal hypertension)
- Duration of the disease
- Mutations



# Could those factors be important for transplantation?

- Severity of marrow fibrosis (and fibrosis in other organs) ► Non-relapse mortality
- Spleen size ► Delayed engraftment; difficult transfusion support
- Duration of the disease ► More comorbidities
- Mutations ► ?

# Patient and Disease Characteristics

	Value
<b>No. of patients</b>	<b>170</b>
Age range y (median)	12.1–78.9 (51.5)
Sex, male/female, no (%) of patients	93 (55) / 77 (45)
Months from diagnosis to HCT (ms), range (median)	2-314 (15)
<b>Type of myelofibrosis, no. (%)</b>	
Primary	101 (59)
Secondary	69 (41)
Essential thrombocythemia	46 (67)
Polycythemia vera	22 (32)
Hairy cell leukemia	1 (1)
<b>Cytogenetics no. (%)</b>	
Favorable	17 (10)
Normal	88 (52)
Unfavorable	25 (15)
Other/unknown	40 (23)
<b>JAK2 mutational status, no. (%)</b>	
JAK2 wild-type	51 (30)
JAK2-V617F mutant	43 (25)
Not done	76 (45)

# Patient and Disease Characteristics

	Value
<b>Grade of bone marrow fibrosis, # (%)</b>	
1	13 (8)
2	37 (22)
3	41 (24)
4	79 (46)
<b>DIPSS components, # (%)</b>	
Age > 65 years	9 (5)
Symptoms	79 (47)
Anemia (Hgb < 10 g/d)	120 (71)
WBC > 25 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	50 (29)
Blasts in blood ≥ 1%	95 (56)
<b>Splenectomy, # (%)</b>	
No	136 (80)
Yes	31 (18)
Unknown*	3 (2)
<b>DIPSS Score # (%)</b>	
Low	21 (12)
Intermediate-1	48 (28)
Intermediate-2	50 (30)
High	51 (30)

Scott *et al.*,  
*Blood* 119:  
2657-2664, 2012

# Transplant Characteristics

	N (%)
<b>Conditioning for Allogeneic HCT, no. (%)</b>	<b>167</b>
Bu* 16mg/kg oral + Cy 120 mg/kg	91 (54)
Bu* 16mg/kg oral + Cy 120 mg/kg + ATG	15 (9)
<b>Cy 120 mg/kg + Bu* 16 mg/kg IV</b>	<b>18 (11)</b>
Flu 120 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + Bu* 16 mg/kg oral	3 (2)
Flu 250 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + Bu* 16 mg/kg IV +ATG	4 (2)
Flu 120 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + Bu* 12.8 mg/kg IV +ATG	3 (2)
Bu* 16mg/kg oral + TBI 2 Gy	1
Bu 7 mg/kg oral + TBI 12 Gy	8 (5)
Cy 120mg/kg + TBI 12-14 Gy	5 (3)
Flu 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + Melphalan 140 mg/kg	3 (2)
Treosulfan 42 gm/m <sup>2</sup> + Flu 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Flu 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + TBI 2-3 Gy</b>	<b>13 (8)</b>
I-131 + Flu 90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + TBI 2 Gy	1
Cy 29 mg/kg + Flu 120 mg/m <sup>2</sup> + TBI 2 Gy + Cy 50 mg/kg <sup>†</sup>	1

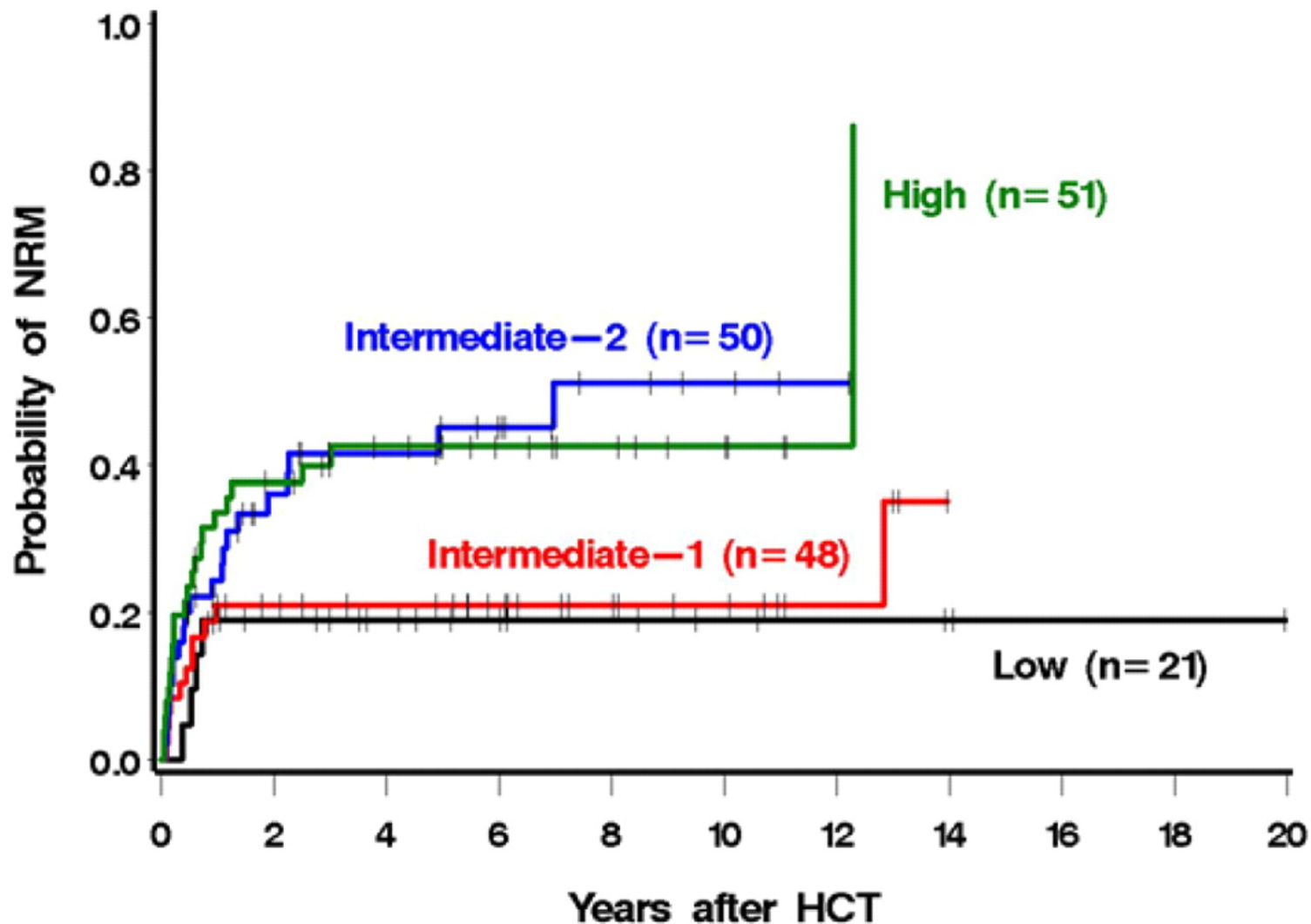
\*Busulfan was targeted to obtain plasma steady-state concentrations of 800 to 1000 ng/mL

<sup>†</sup>Haploidentical donor

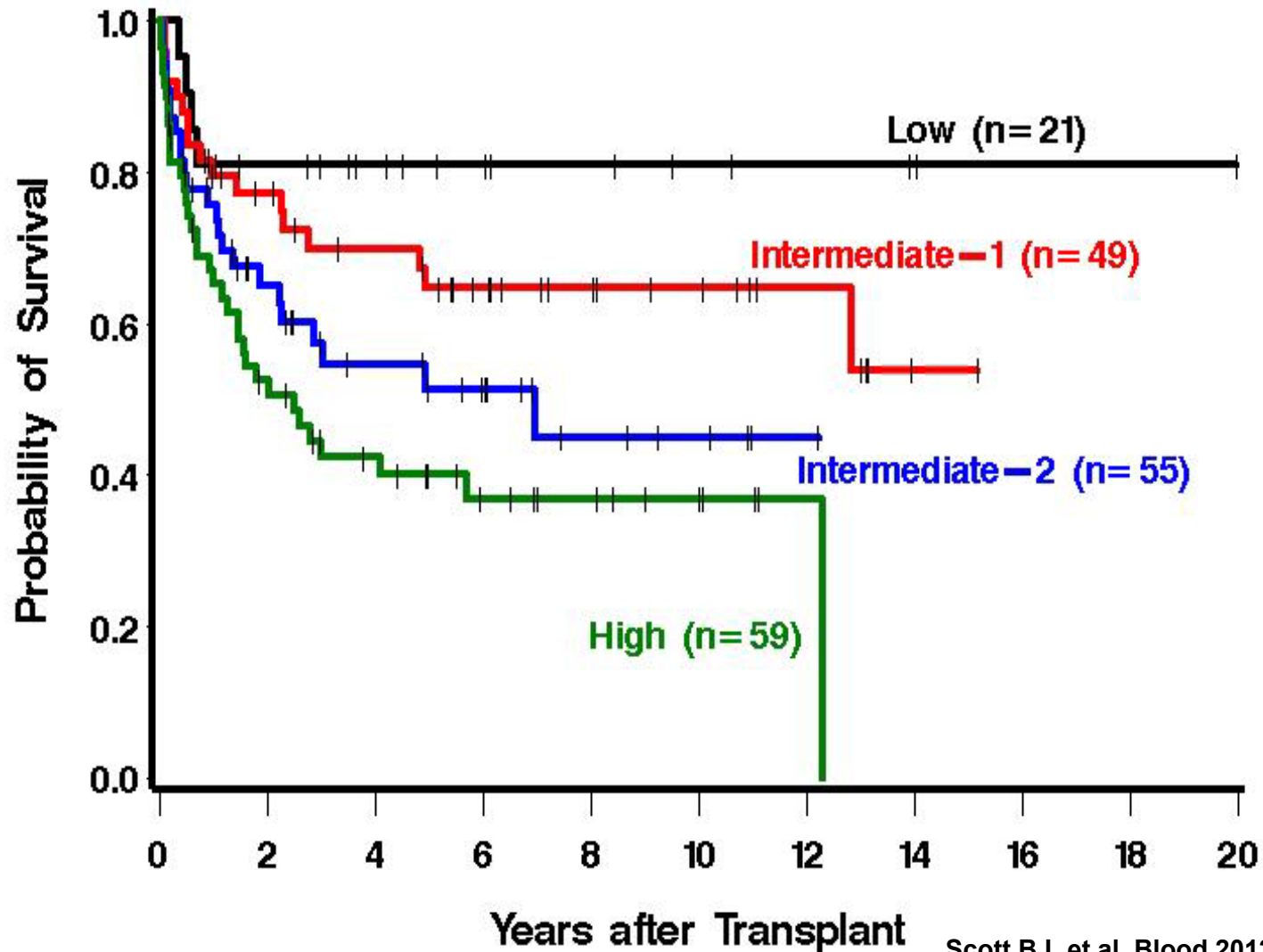
# Transplant Characteristics

	<i>N (%)</i>
<b>Donor Type, # (%)</b>	<b>170</b>
Syngeneic	3 (2)
Allogeneic	167 (92)
<b>Related Donor</b>	<b>83 (50)</b>
HLA-matched	79 (95)
HLA-Mismatched	4 (5)
<b>Unrelated Donor</b>	<b>84 (50)</b>
HLA-Matched	66 (79)
HLA-Mismatched	18 (21)
<b>Source of Stem Cells # (%)</b>	<b>170</b>
Bone Marrow	45 (26)
Peripheral Blood	125 (74)
<b>GVHD Prophylaxis for Allogeneic HCT, #(%)</b>	<b>167</b>
Cyclosporine + Methotrexate	100 (60)
Cyclosporine + Mycophenolate	14 (9)
Tacrolimus + Methotrexate	49 (29)
Tacrolimus + Mycophenolate	4 (2)

# Non-Relapse Mortality by DIPSS



# Survival after Transplantation



# Causes of Death

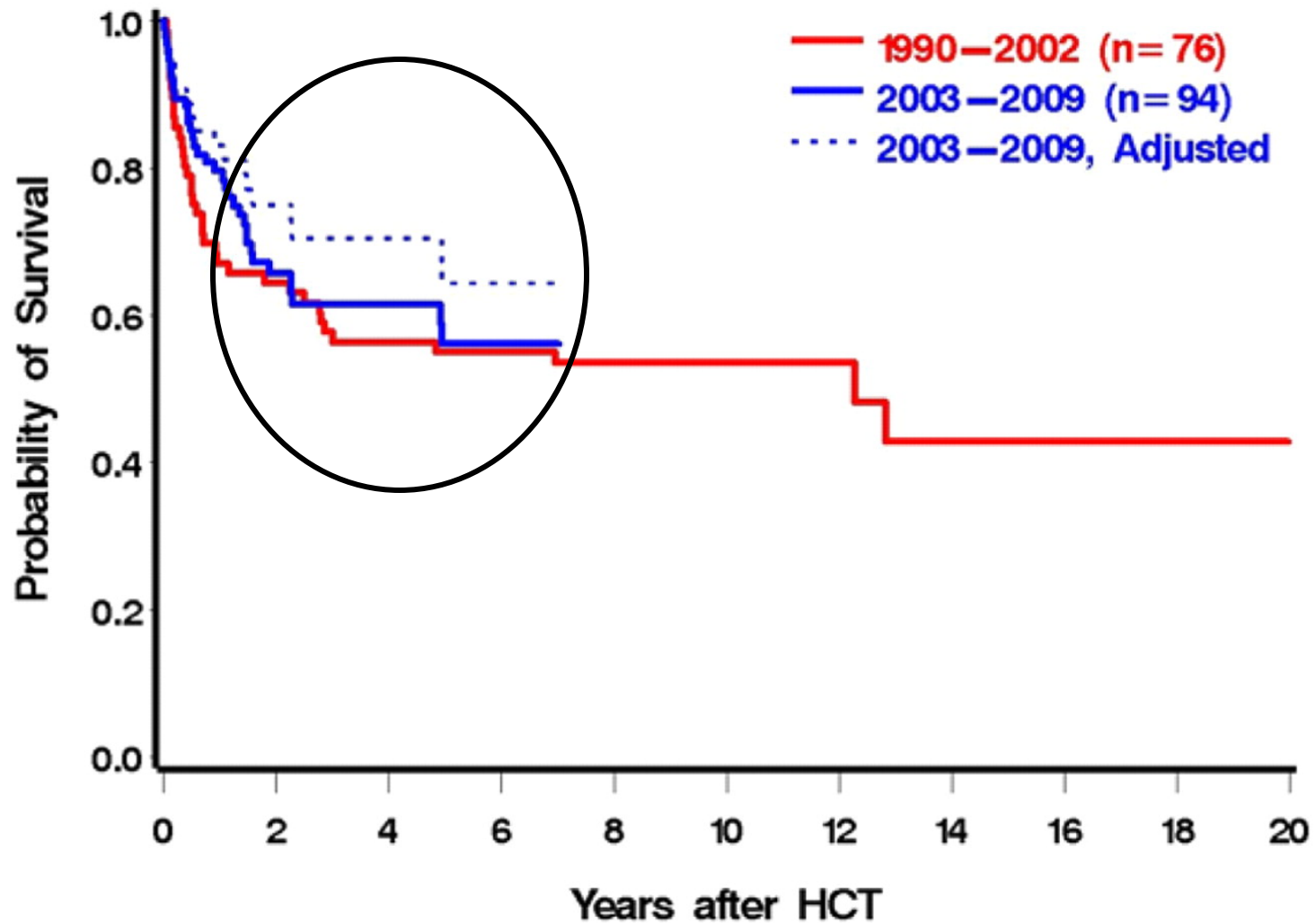
Cause	# (%)
Relapse	13 (18)*
GVHD	18 (25)
Infection	17 (24)
Multiorgan failure	13 (18)
Graft Failure/Rejection	8 † (11)
Secondary Cancer	2 (3)
Intracranial Hemorrhage	1 (1)

\*6 patients who relapsed are alive.

†Two patients with graft failure had autologous recovery and are alive.

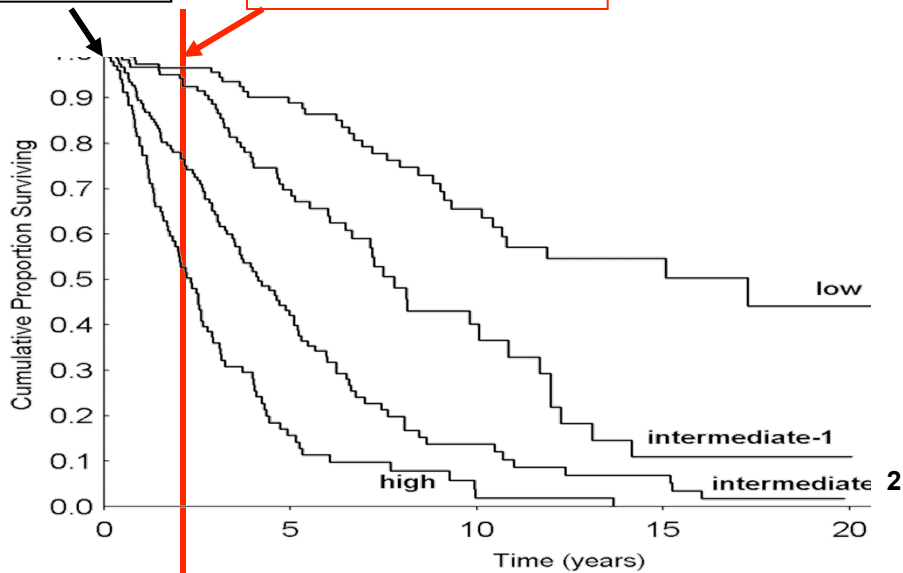


# Overall Survival by year of HCT



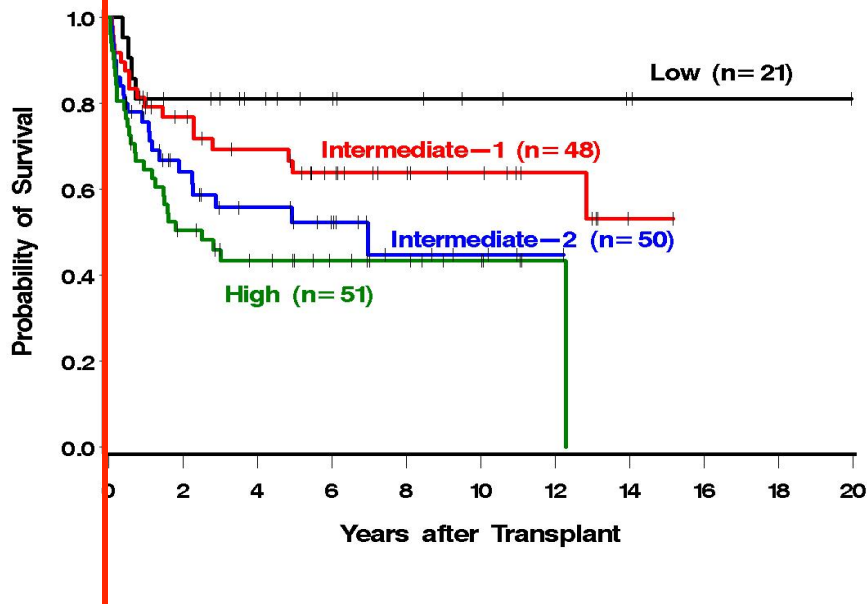
**Diagnosis**

**Transplantation**



# No Transplant

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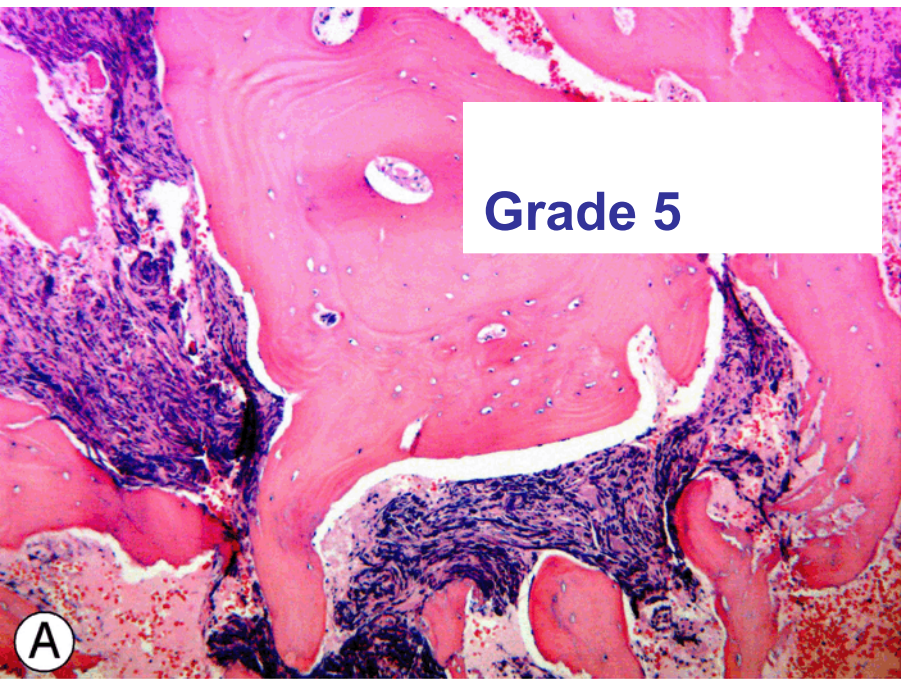


# Transplant

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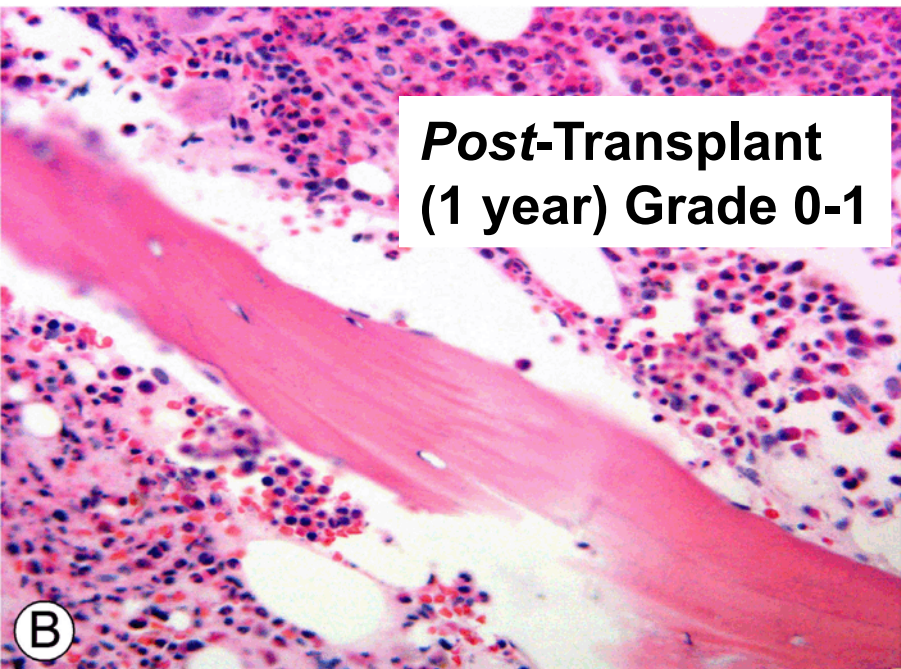
# Survival without and with Transplantation (by DIPSS)

<b>DIPPS Risk</b>	<b>Survival (median; years)</b>	
	<b>No Transplant (at reporting)</b>	<b>Transplant (med F/U 5.9)</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>Not reached</b>	<b>Not reached</b>
<b>Intermediate 1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>Not reached</b>
<b>Intermediate 2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>High</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>



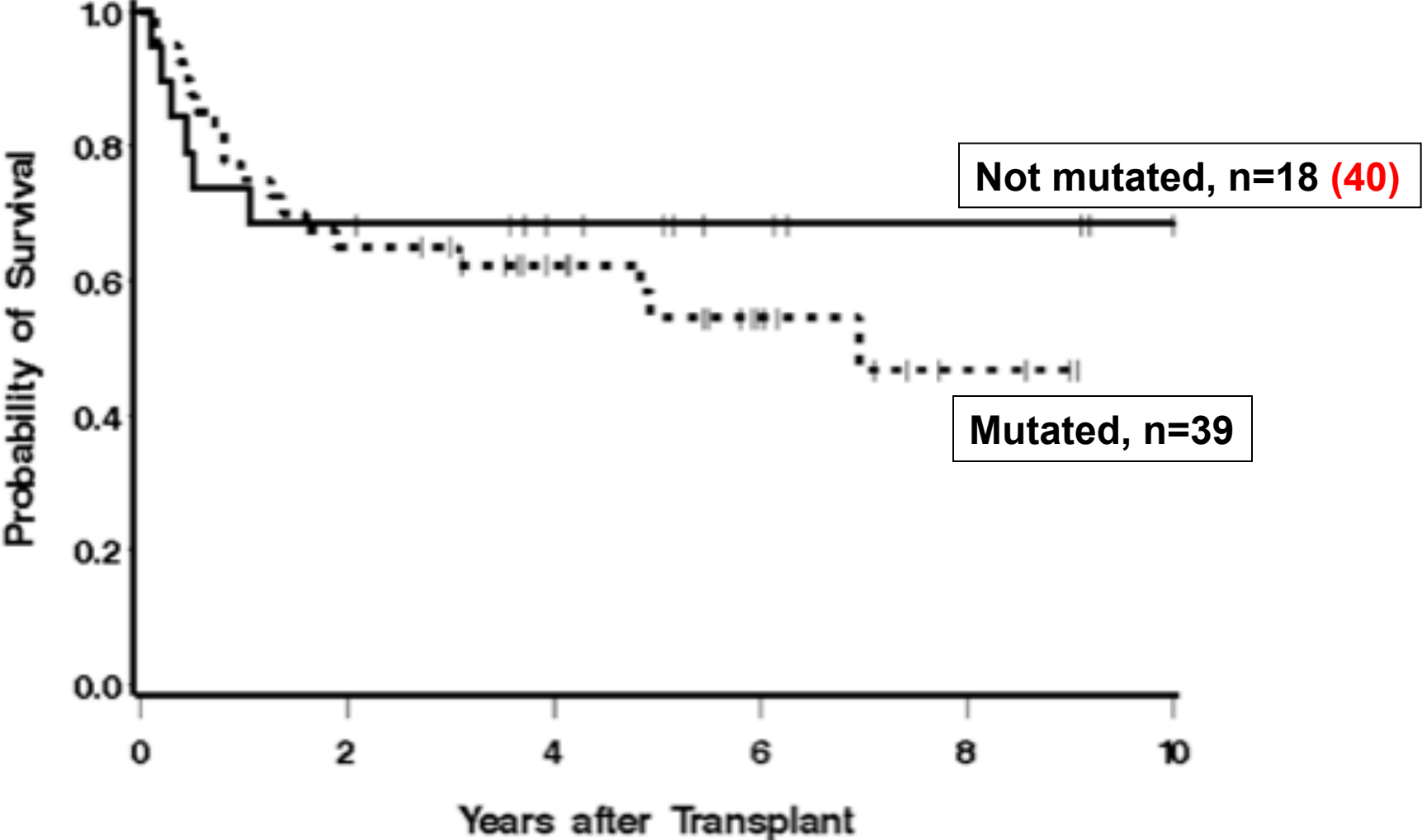
Grade 5

**Osteosclerosis:  
Regression after  
*high dose*  
*conditioning* and  
HCT  
(H&E; x250)**



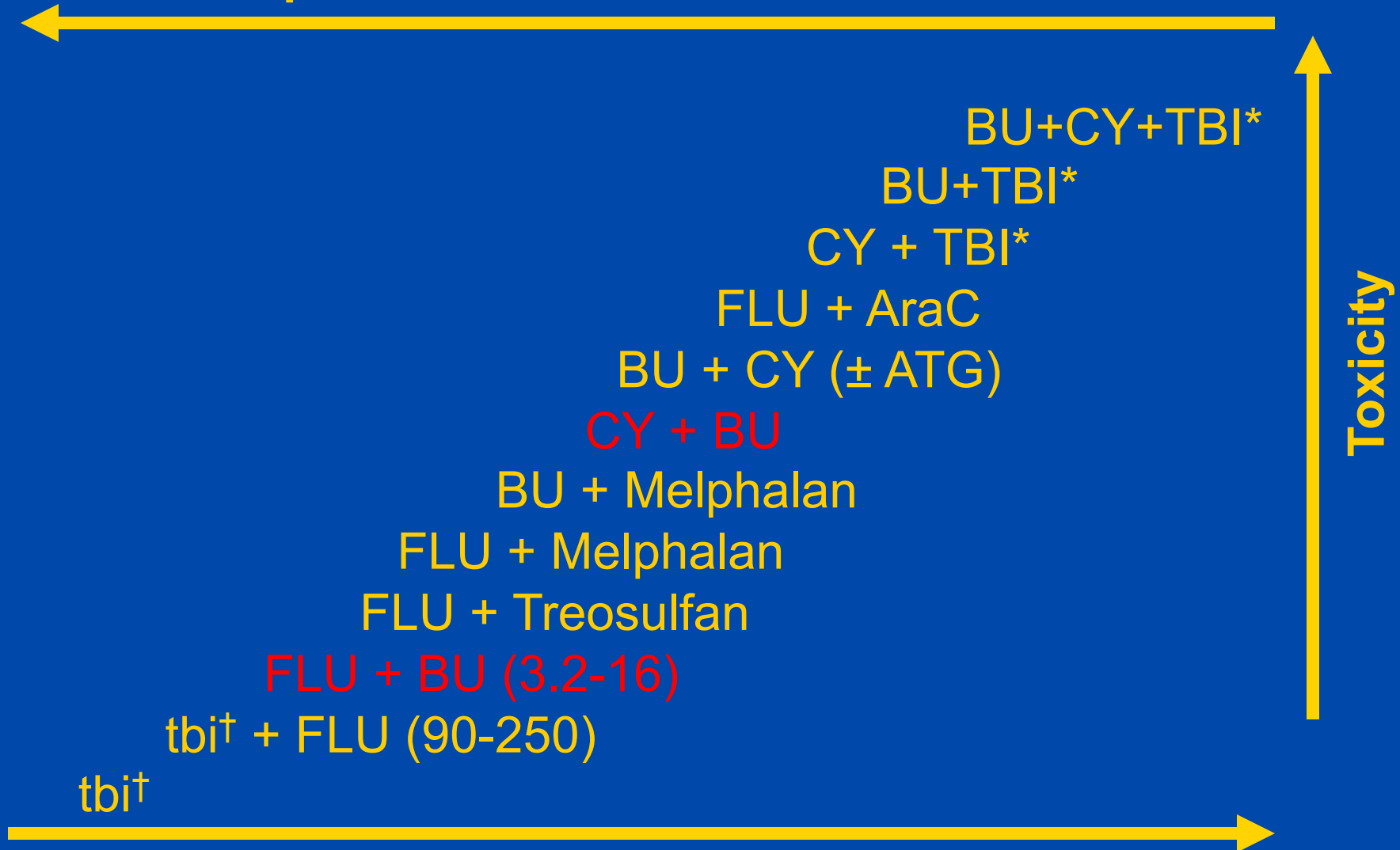
**Post-Transplant  
(1 year) Grade 0-1**

# Survival after HCT by JAK 2 mutation (V617F)



# Conditioning Regimens

Required Contribution of GVT Effect

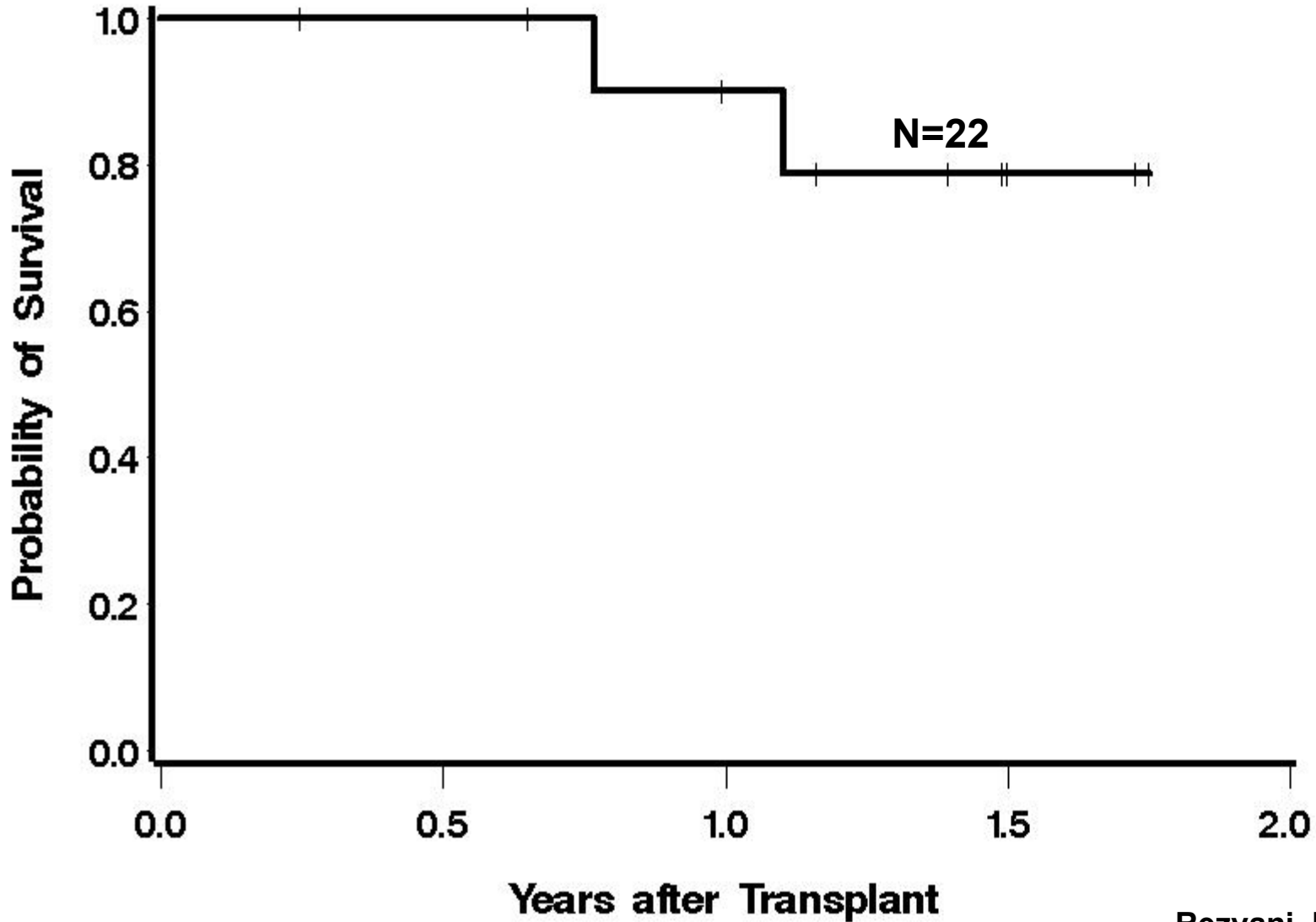


\*TBI at  $\geq 12$  Gy; †2 Gy;

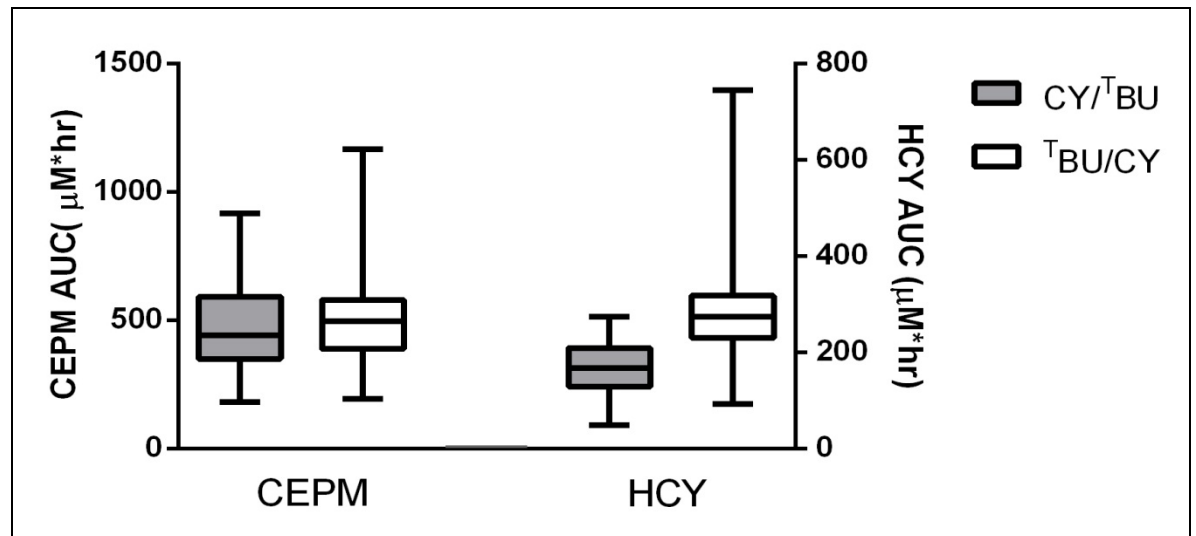
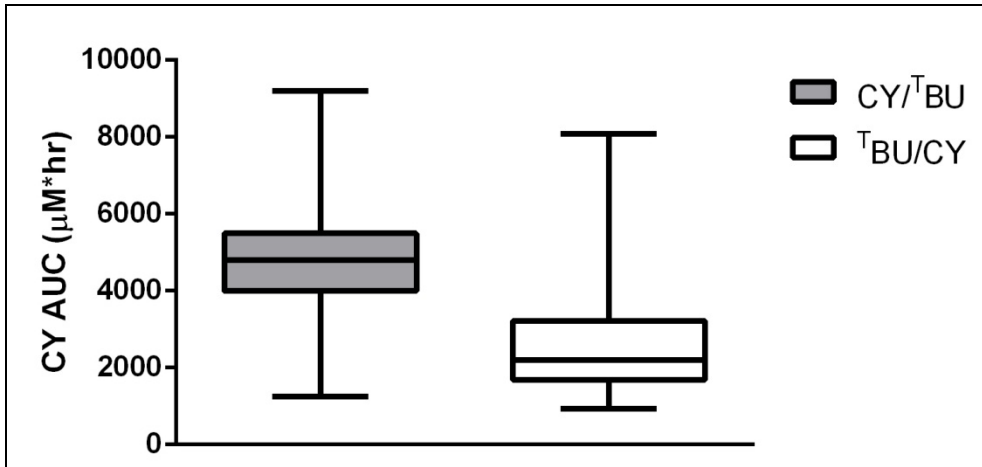
Intensity

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# Myelofibrosis: CY → BU Conditioning

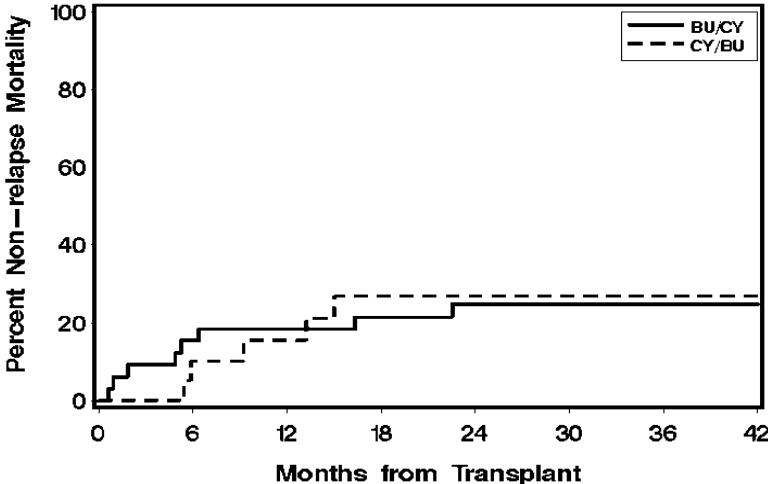
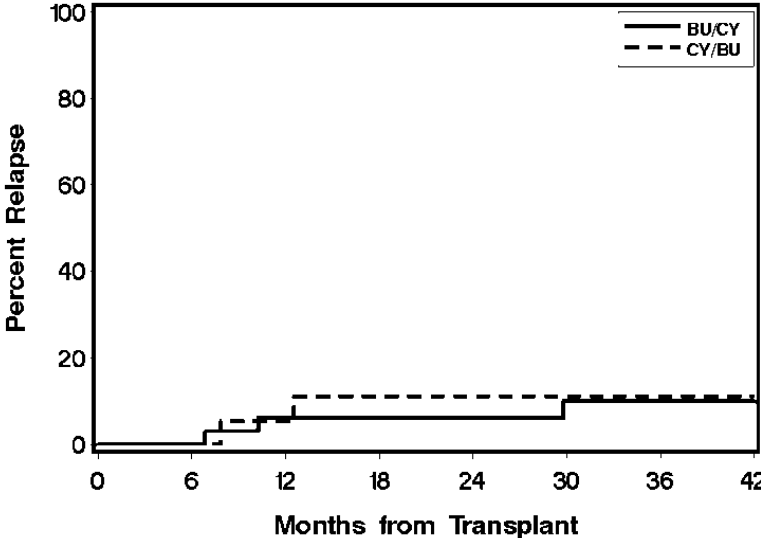
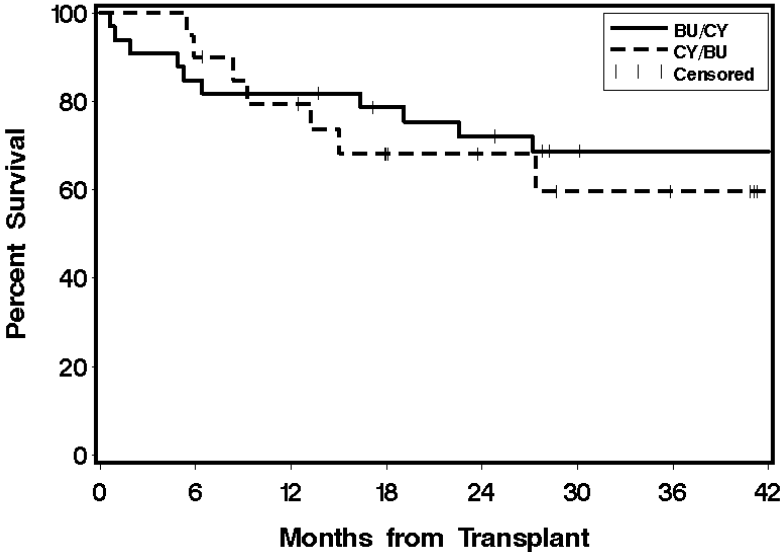


# Cytoxan Pharmacogenetics

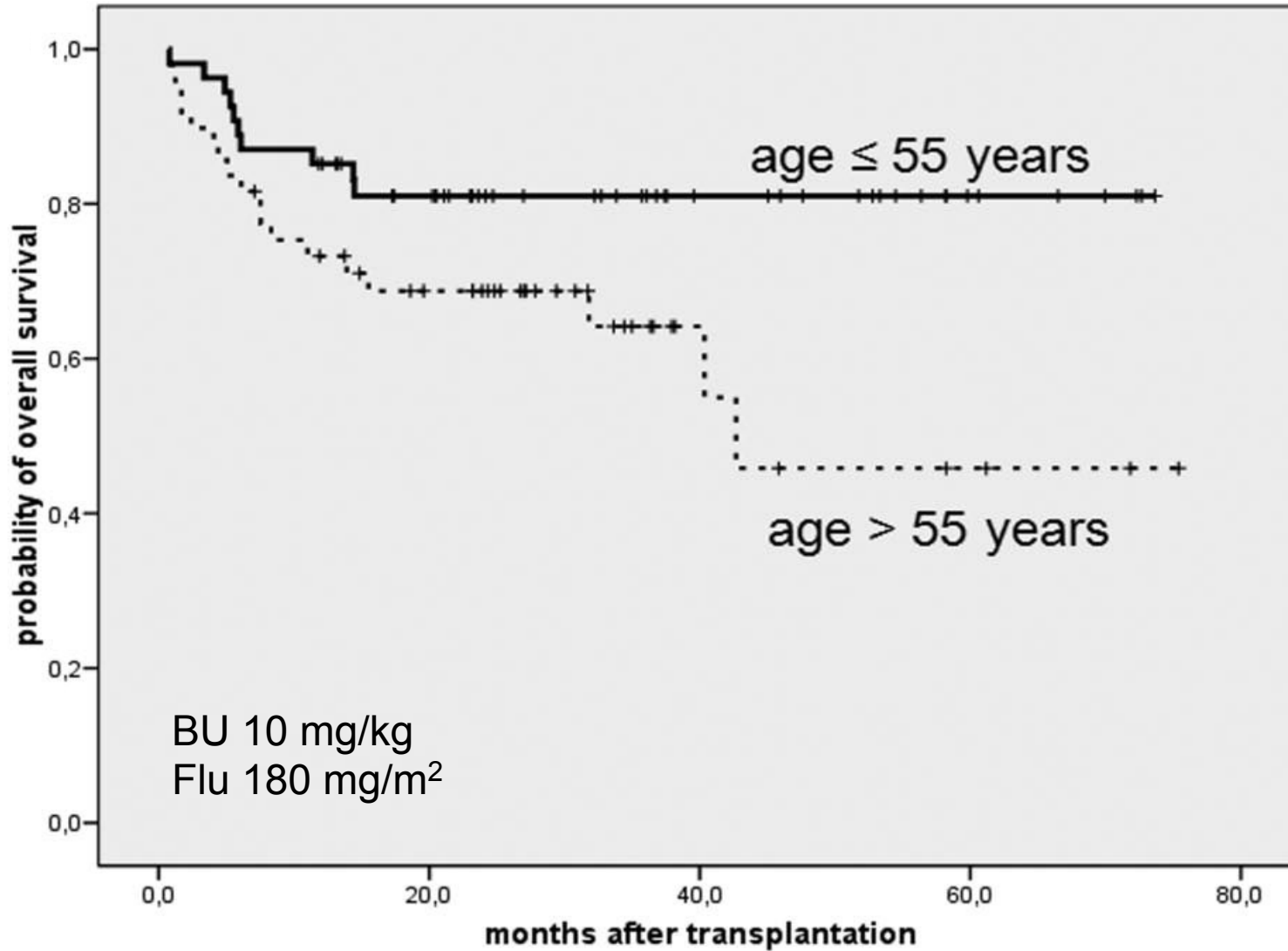




# Results with CY $\rightarrow$ BU



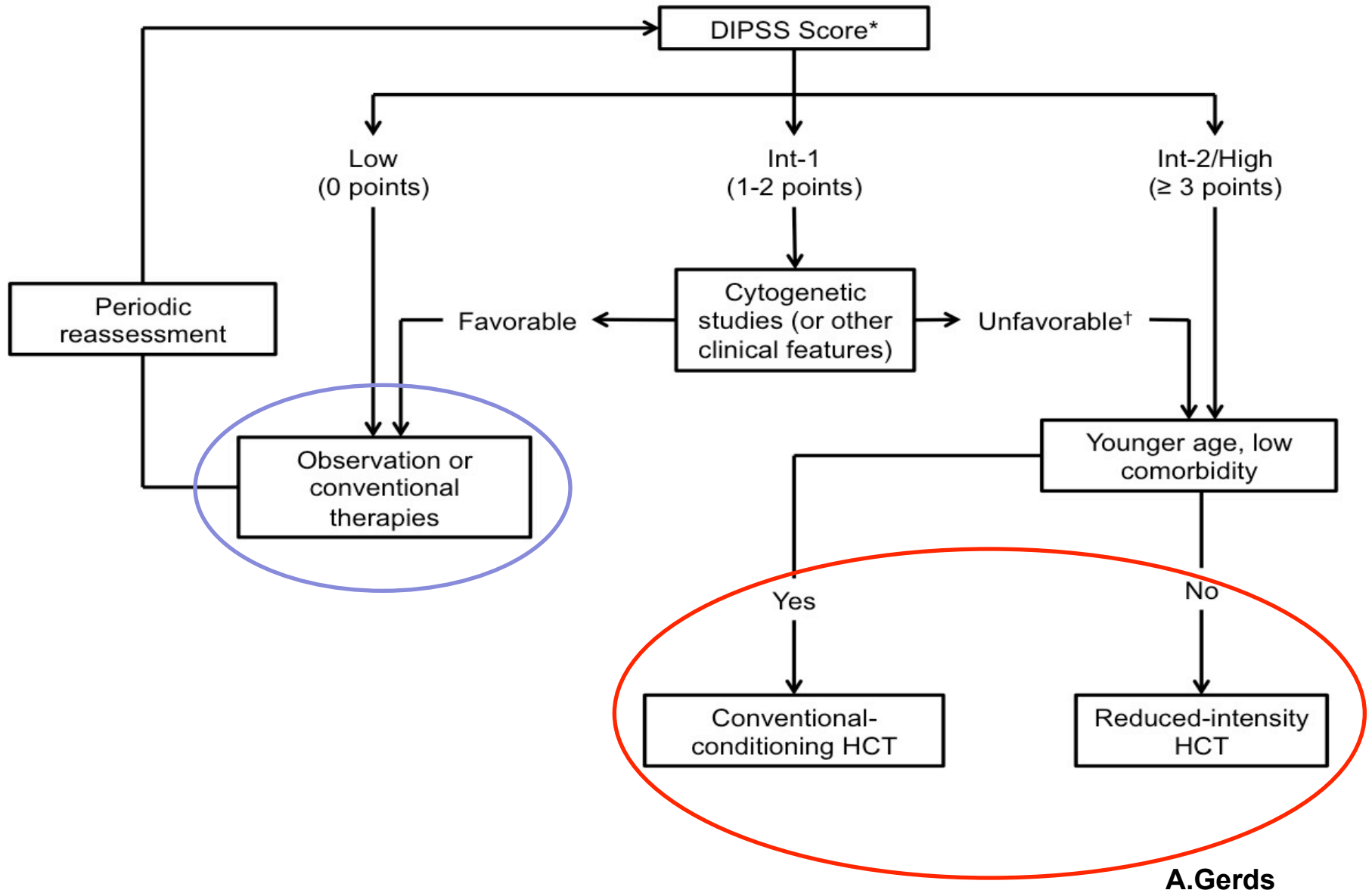
# Overall Survival by Age



# Problems

- **GVHD**
- **Organ toxicity**
- **Relapse**

# Decision Tree



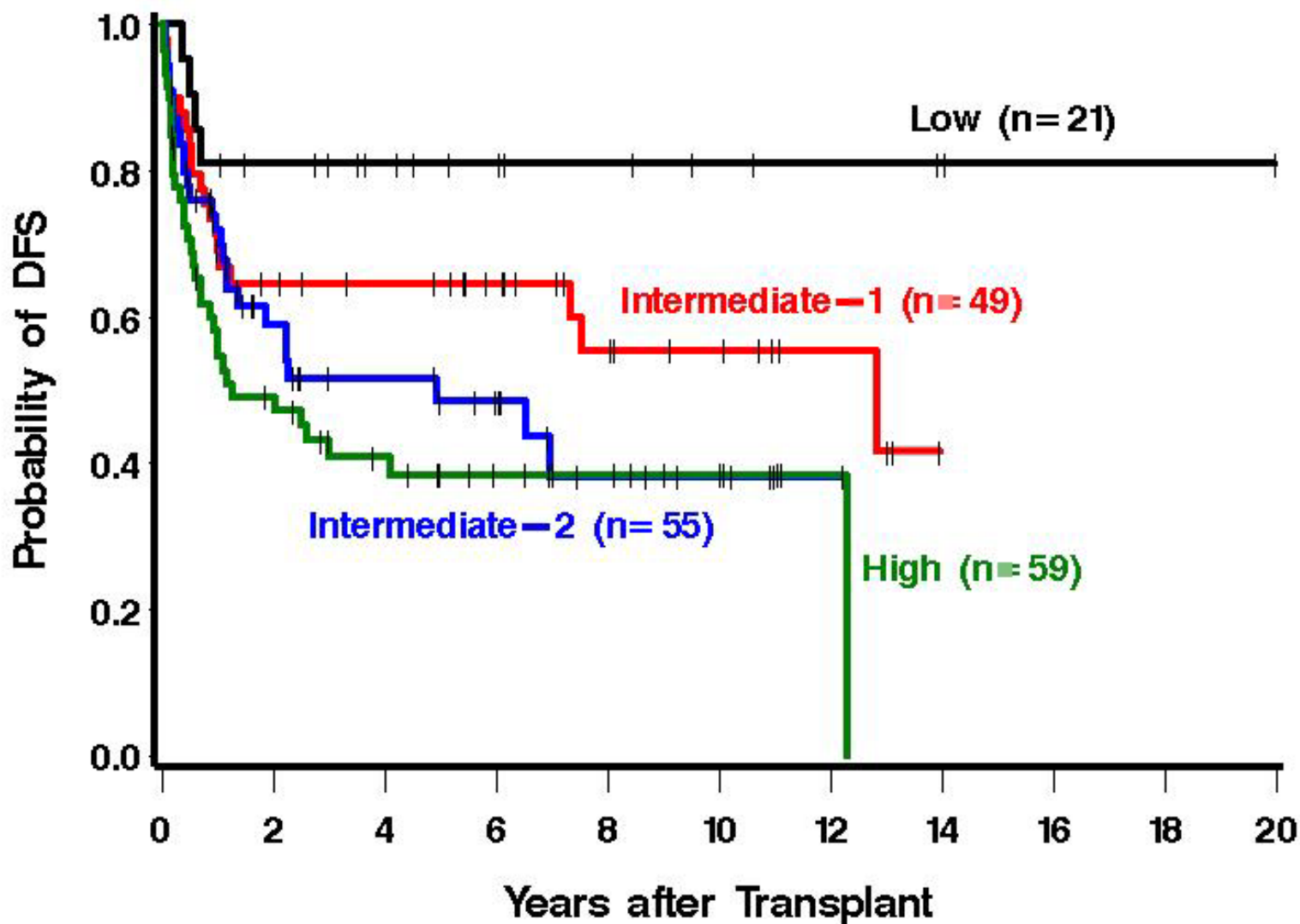
# Summary

- **HCT offers effective, curative therapy for patients with MF**
  - Follow-up extending to 20 years
  - Few relapses
- **Safety has improved**
  - Decreasing NRM
- **HCT for MF is appropriate for most patients with advanced MF and for select patients with early stage disease**

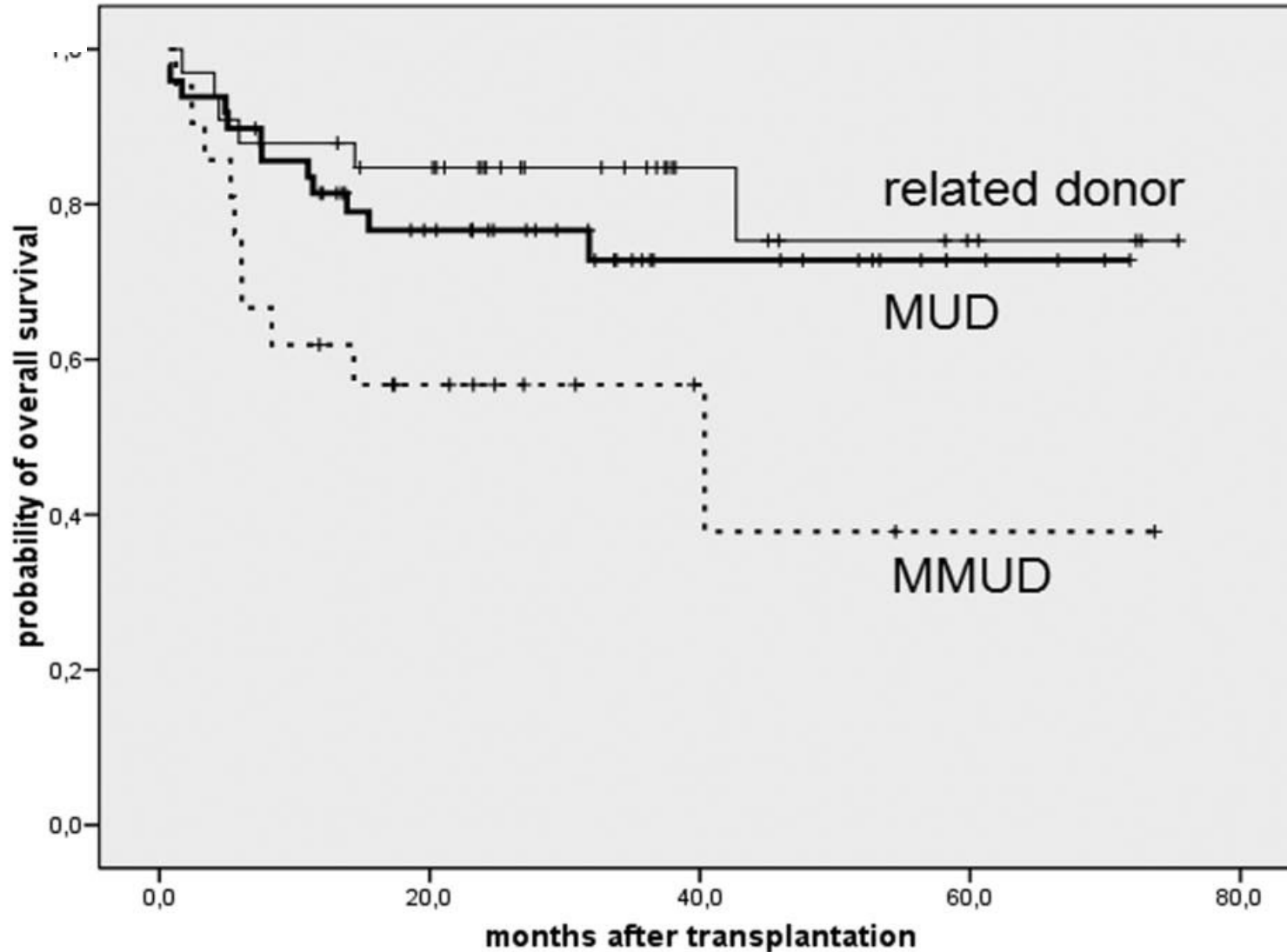
# Thank you

- **Ted Gooley**
- **Bart Scott**
- **Olga Sala-Torra**
- **And, of course, all our patients**

# Relapse-Free Survival

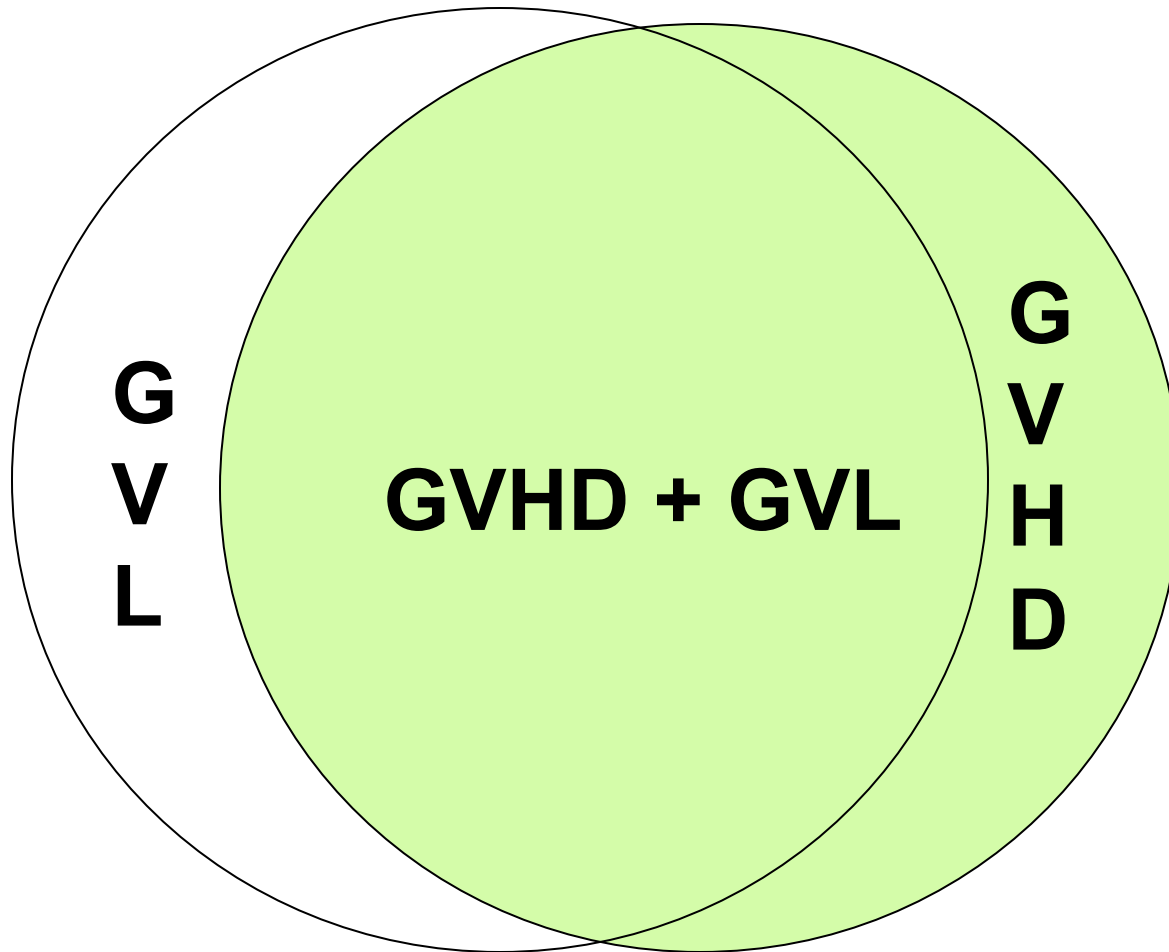


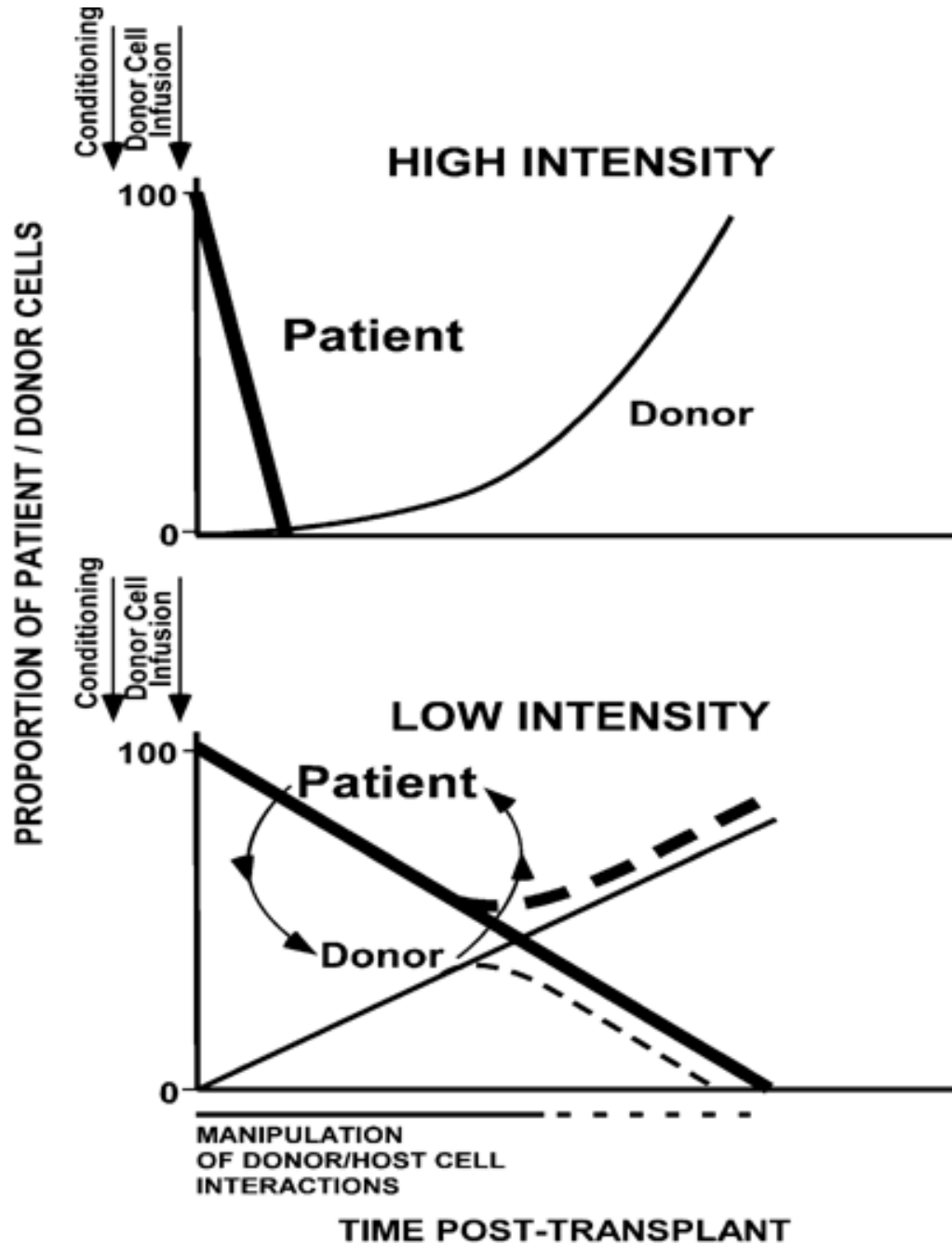
# Overall Survival by Donor Type





# GVH Reaction





# Donor/Host Interactions: High Intensity versus Low Intensity Conditioning