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siamo partiti e dove vorremmo  
(forse) arrivare

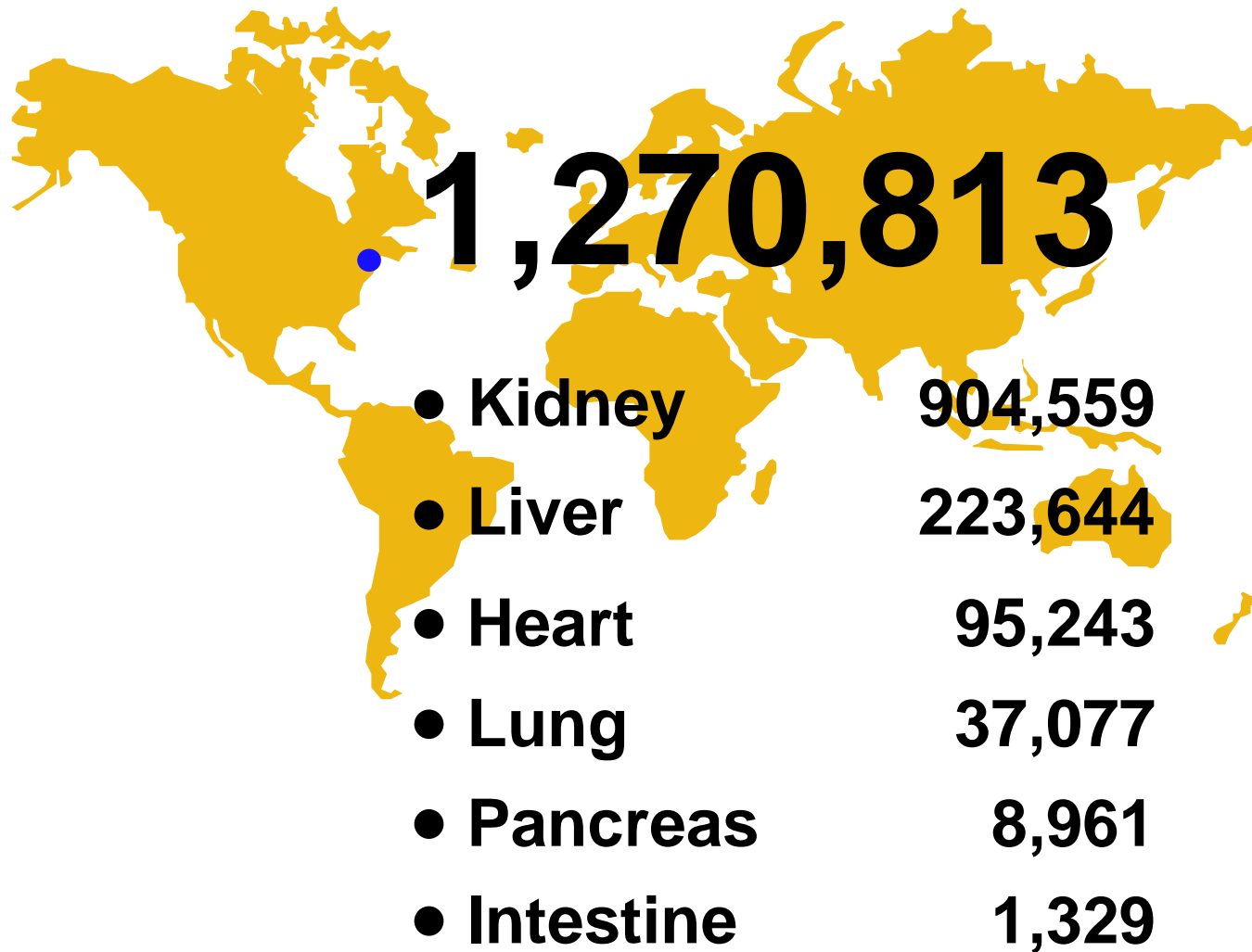
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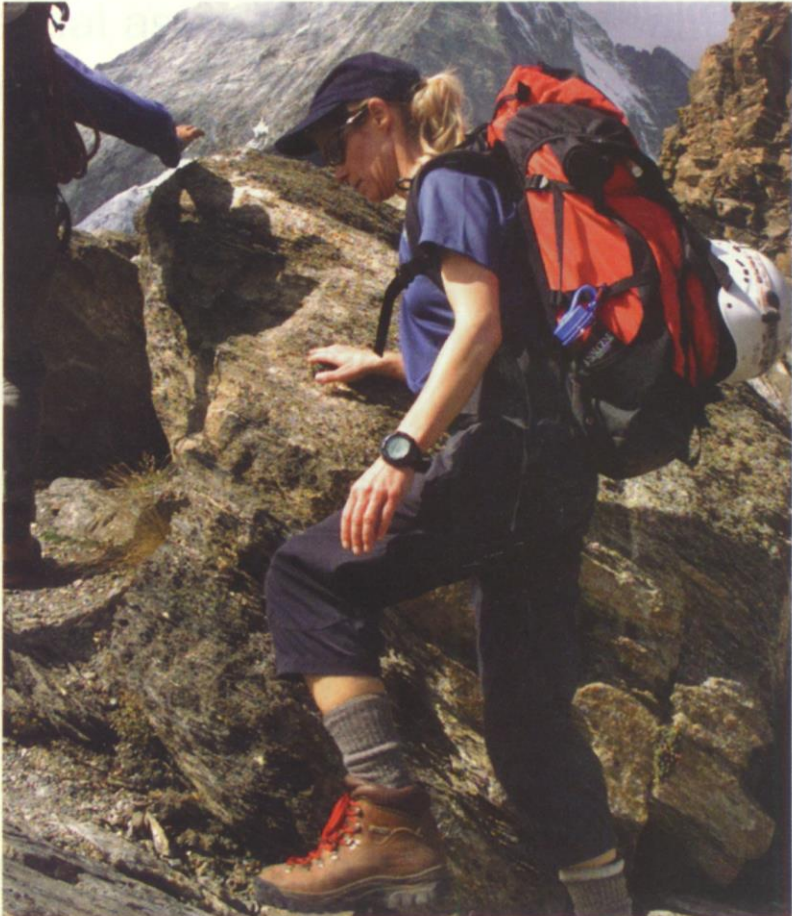
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# SOLID ORGAN TRANSPLANTS PERFORMED WORLDWIDE UP TO 2012



# HEART TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT CLIMBS THE MATTERHORN (Swiss Alps)

*42-year-old Kelly Perkins becomes the first person with a heart transplant to ascend the 4478-m peak*



Kelly Perkins on her climb



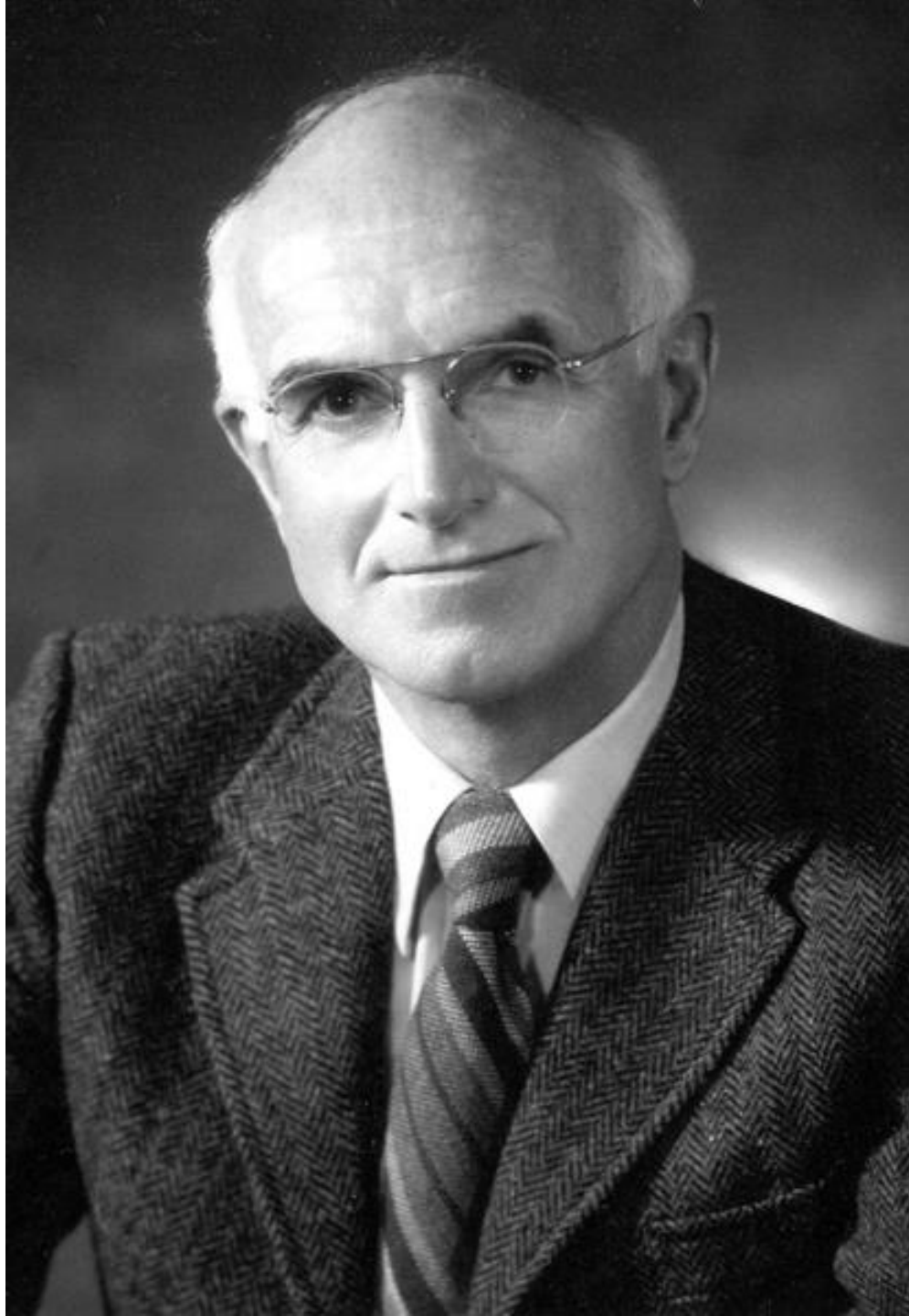
*The Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland*



*Nel 1951 il dottor David Hume e i suoi collaboratori all'Ospedale Peter Bent Brigham di Boston, eseguirono il primo trapianto di rene da un donatore cadavere, in un paziente che stava per morire per insufficienza renale acuta*

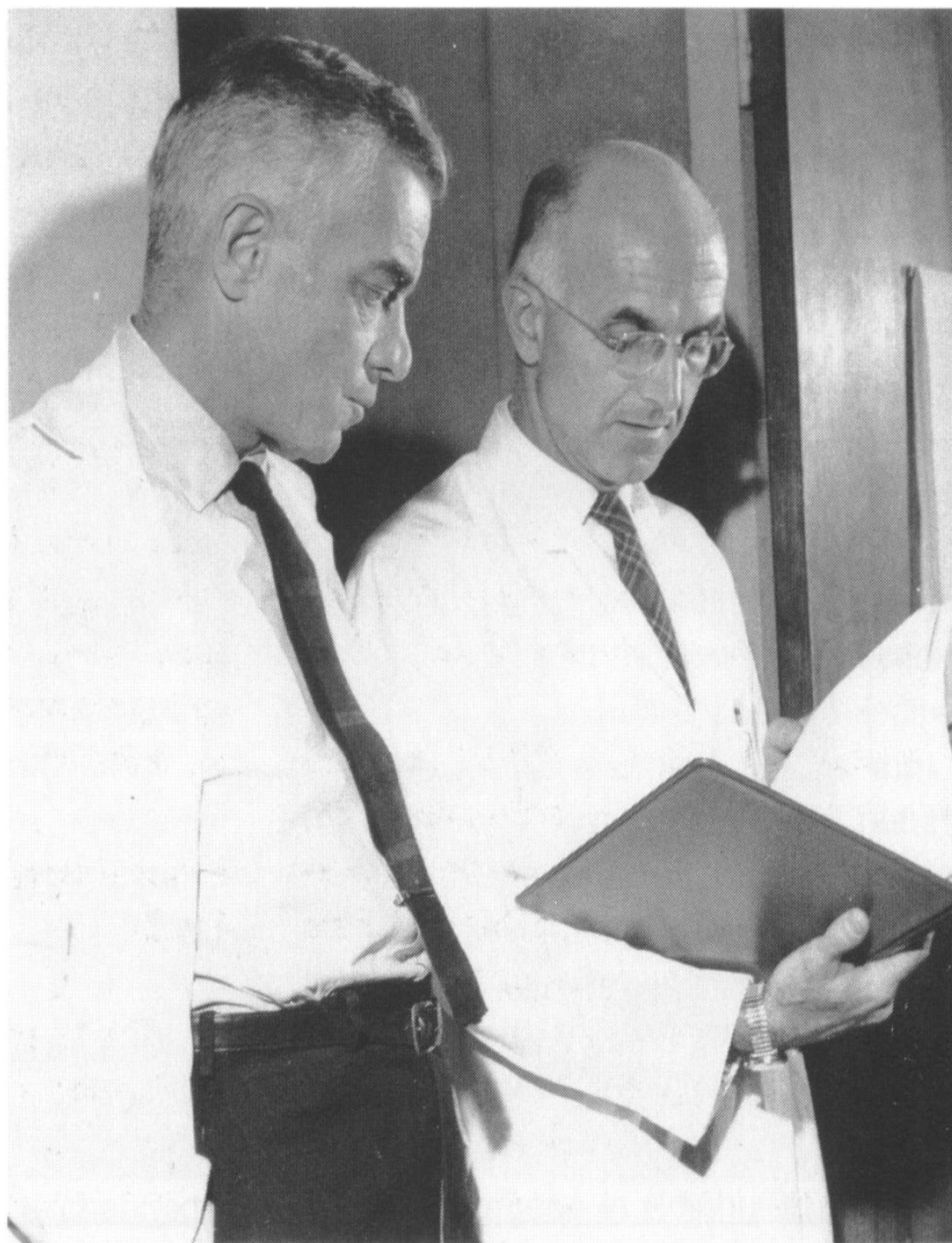
*In quell'anno e nel successivo Hume, in collaborazione con il dott Merrill, eseguì altri 9 trapianti da un soggetto ad un altro, posizionando il rene trapiantato nel braccio o nella coscia del ricevente*





## *L'idea dei gemelli identici*

*A Boston nel 1954 il dottor J.P. Merrill e il dottor J.E. Murray ragionarono che i gemelli identici, come non rigettavano il trapianto di cute, non avrebbero dovuto rigettare neppure il rene*





*“By the summer of 1954, we knew we’d solved the surgical barrier because we’d had dogs running around the labs with normally functioning transplanted kidneys for a couple of years”*

*Joseph E. Murray*





*The twins were Richard and Ronald Herrick (that they were identical was established with fingerprints with help of the police)*

## *A DAUTING PROSPECT*

*“I was worried about taking a normal person and doing a major operation not for his benefit but for another person’s*

*We were criticized for playing God”*

*Joseph Murray, 2001*

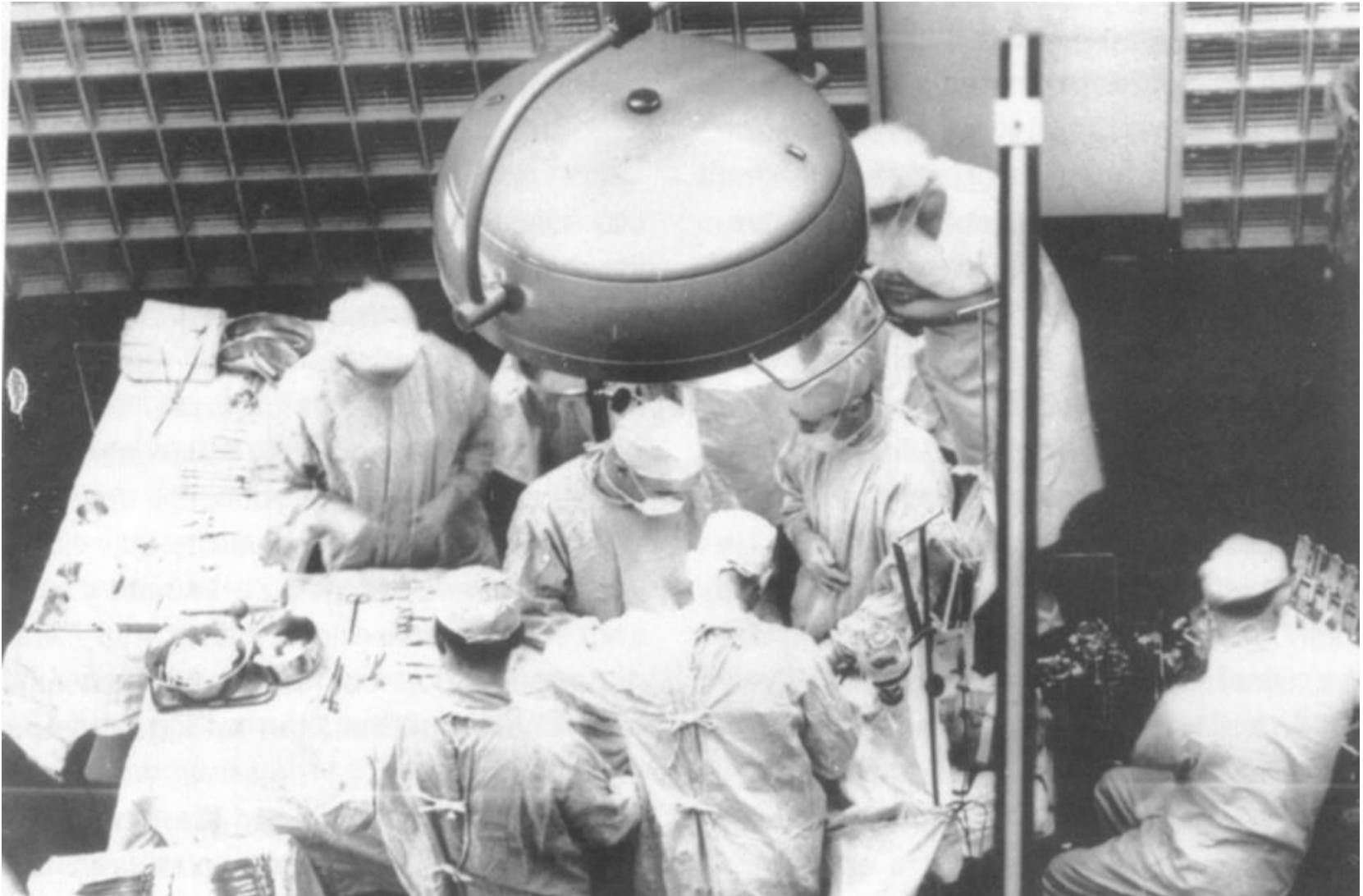


## *Ci fu una discussione pubblica*

*I più erano contrari. Così i dottori di Boston la decisione la presero da soli, con la famiglia Herrick*



*December 23, 1954*



*There was a collective hush in the operating room as blood began to flow into the implanted kidney and urine began to flow out of it*

*Joseph Murray, 2001*



*Q: Did your colleagues at the time question whether the information gained from work on dogs was applicable to humans?*

*A: Oh yes. Sure, everybody did. They'd say "Well, it'd work on the dog but not the human". But that doesn't make much sense because the physiology and the immunology are quite similar. I was a young surgeon then, and one of my close surgical friends said 'Joe, don't get involved with this, it will ruin your career'"*

*Si cominciano a fare trapianti anche tra fratelli che non erano gemelli*

*Per prevenire il rigetto si distruggeva con i raggi X gran parte del midollo osseo del ricevente, ma questo era un metodo molto pericoloso*

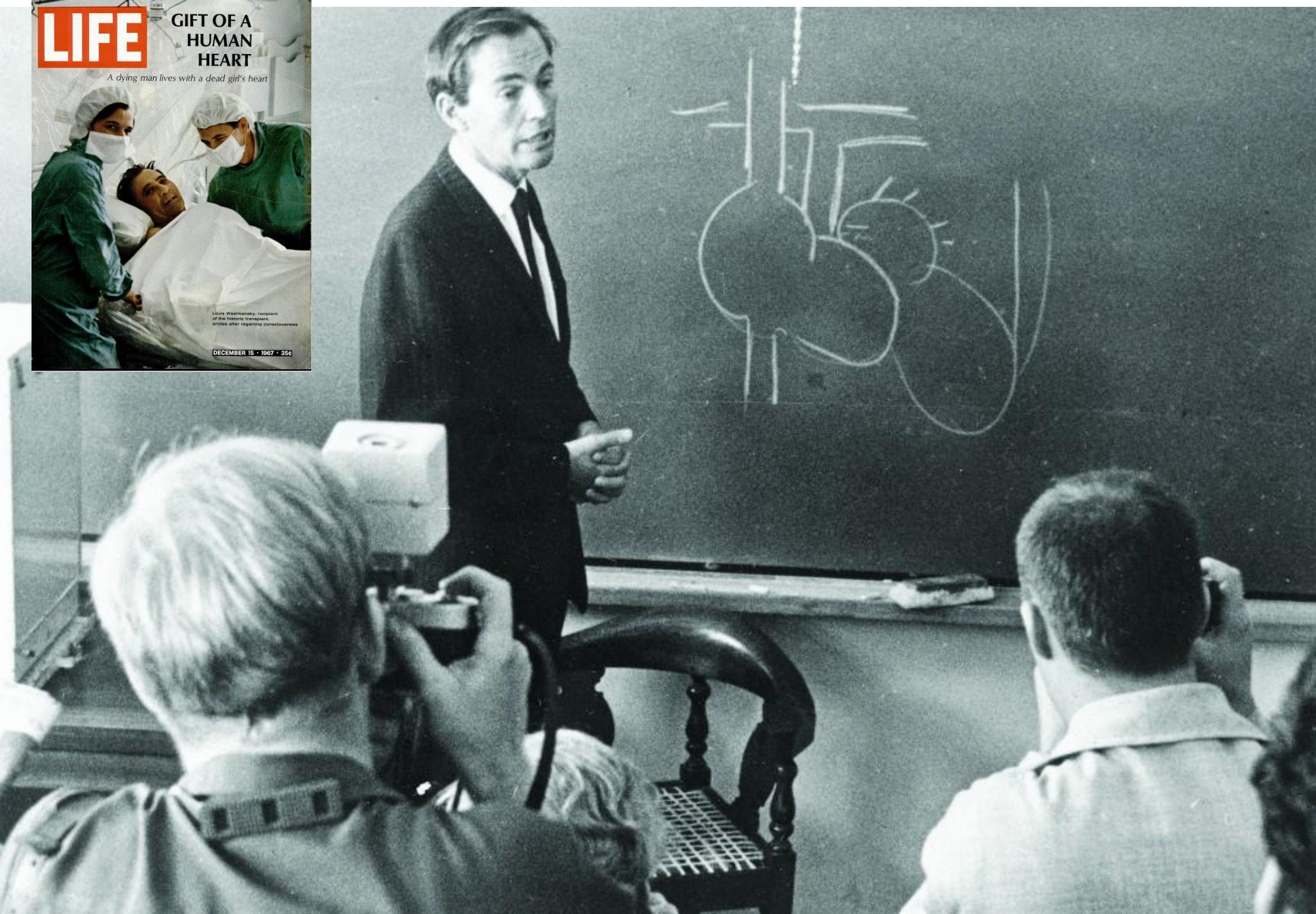
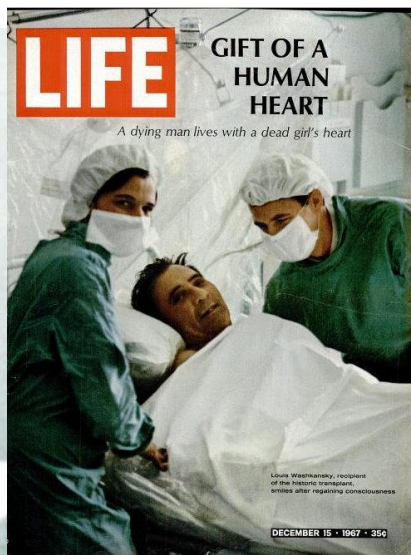
*Si avevano infezioni anche mortali e molti pazienti ebbero gravi emorragie*

*Elion e Hitchings, a Tuckahoe negli Stati Uniti, sintetizzarono la 6-mercaptopurina*

*Fra le righe di un lavoro pubblicato agli inizi degli anni '60, questi due ricercatori scrissero che il farmaco impediva anche la proliferazione dei linfociti*







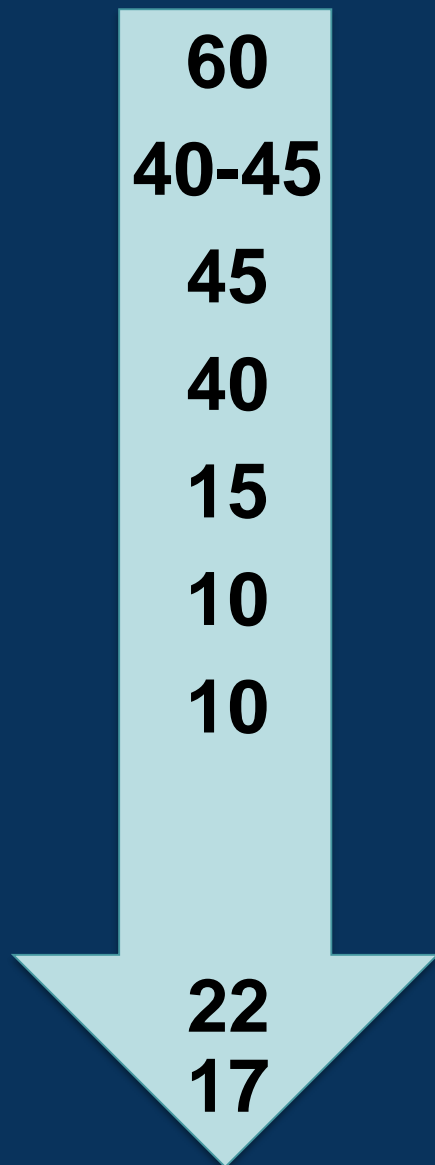
**Los Angeles Times**

January 30, 2015

# **Organ donors gave more than 2 million years of life to sick patients**

By KAREN KAPLAN

## Acute rejection (%)



CsA 1982

CsA + ST 1983

FK + ST 1991

RAPA + ST + AZA 1995

CsA + ST + MMF 1995

FK + ST + MMF 1996

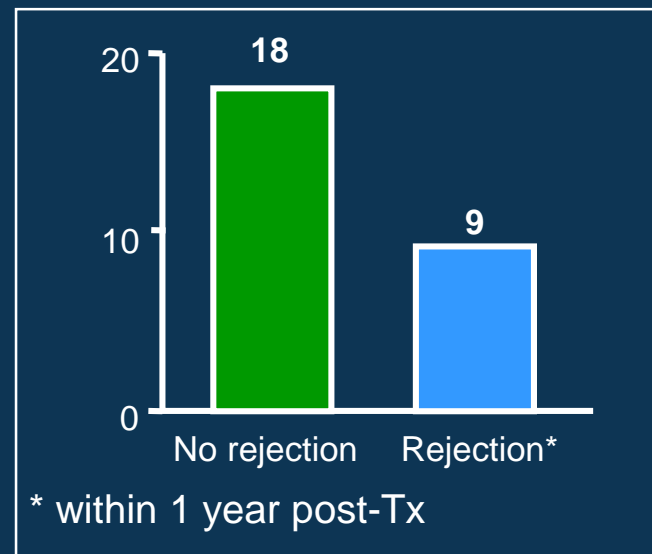
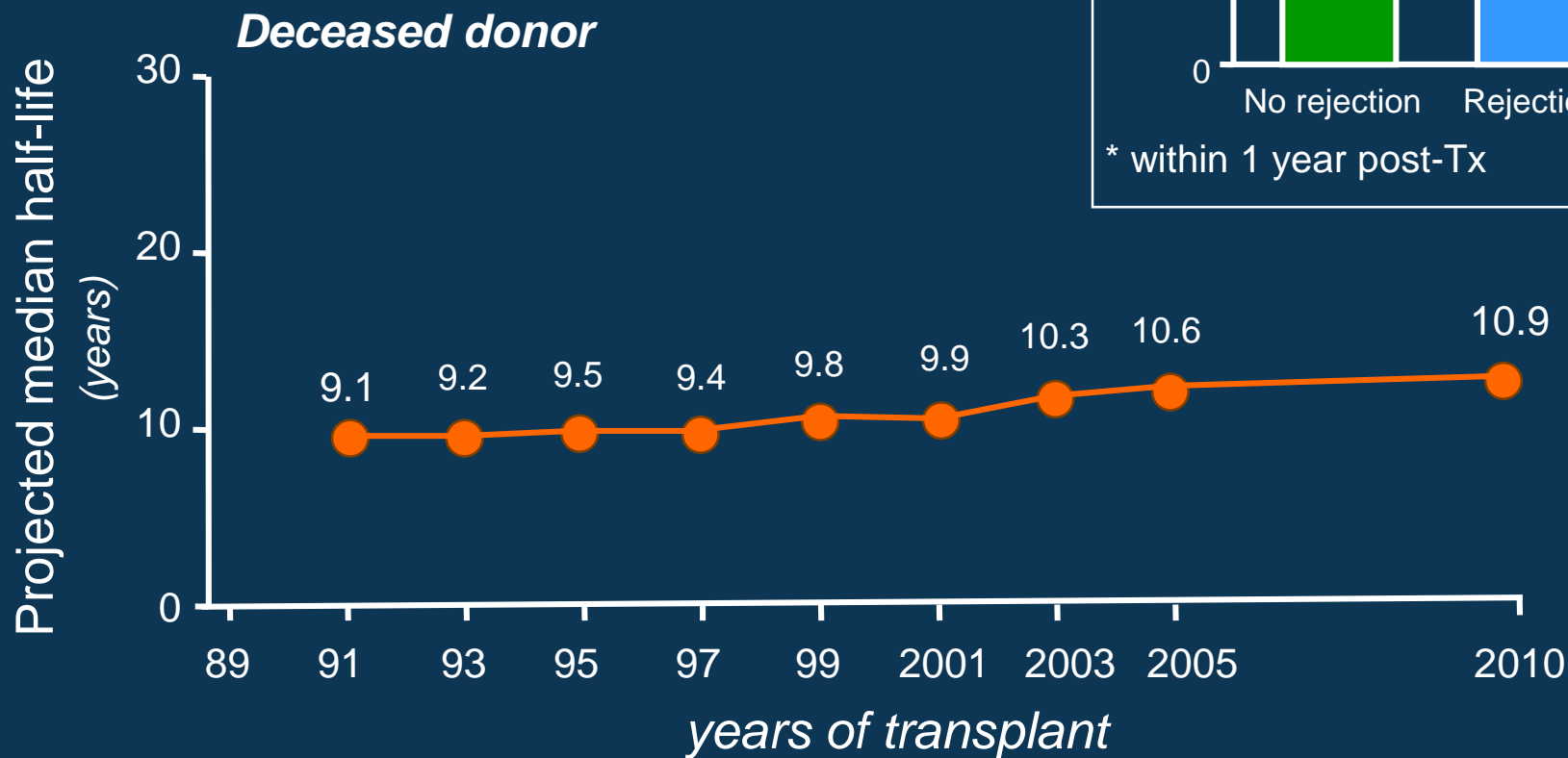
CsA + ST + RAPA 1996

Bas + ST + Belatacept 2010

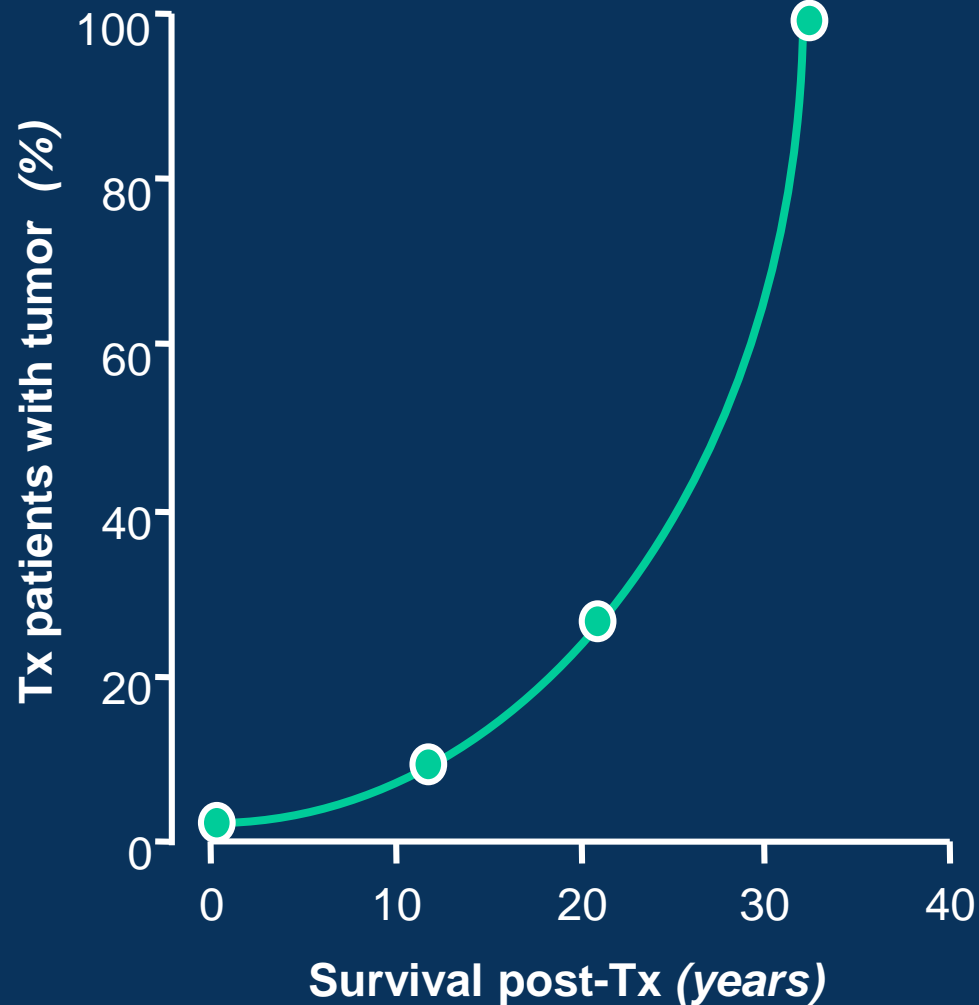
*(more intensive)*

*(less intensive)*

# LONG TERM GRAFT SURVIVAL AFTER RENAL TRANSPLANTATION HAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED IN THE PERIOD 1991-2010



# RISK OF DEVELOPING A TUMOR IN TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS





# THE PROMISE OF NOVEL IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS

## **Basiliximab**

*(chimeric monoclonal antibody against IL-2 R)*

## **CAMPATH-1H**

*(humanized anti-CD52 antibody - T and B cells depletion)*

## **Belatacept**

*(IgG/CTLA4 fusion protein selective blocker of T cell activation)*

## **Mycophenolate**

*(specific suppressor of T and B lymphocytes)*

## **Sirolimus**

*(m-TOR T cell proliferation inhibitor)*

## **Everolimus**

**Kidney Tx**  
*(Lancet)*

**Kidney Tx**  
*(Nashan et al., Lancet)*

**Kidney Tx**  
*(Calne et al., Lancet)*

**Kidney Tx**  
*(Kahan et al., Lancet)*

**Heart Tx**  
*(Eisen et al., N Engl J Med)*

**Kidney Tx**  
*(Vincenti et al., N Engl J Med)*

**1995**

**1997**

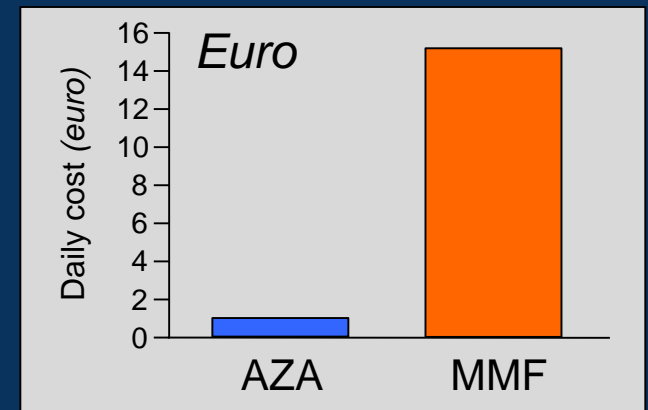
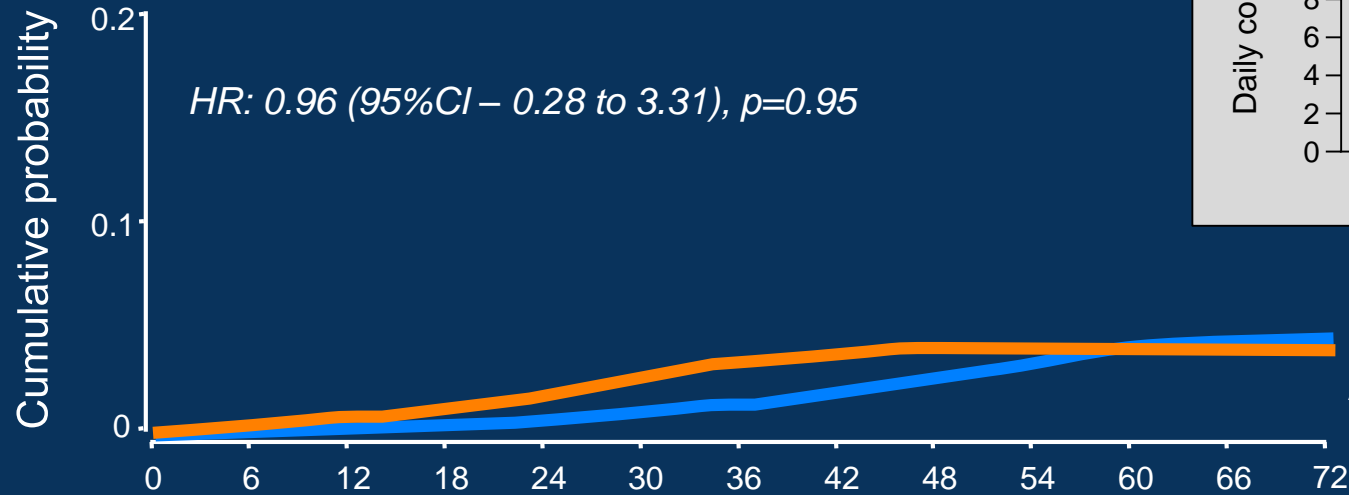
**1998**

**2000**

**2003**

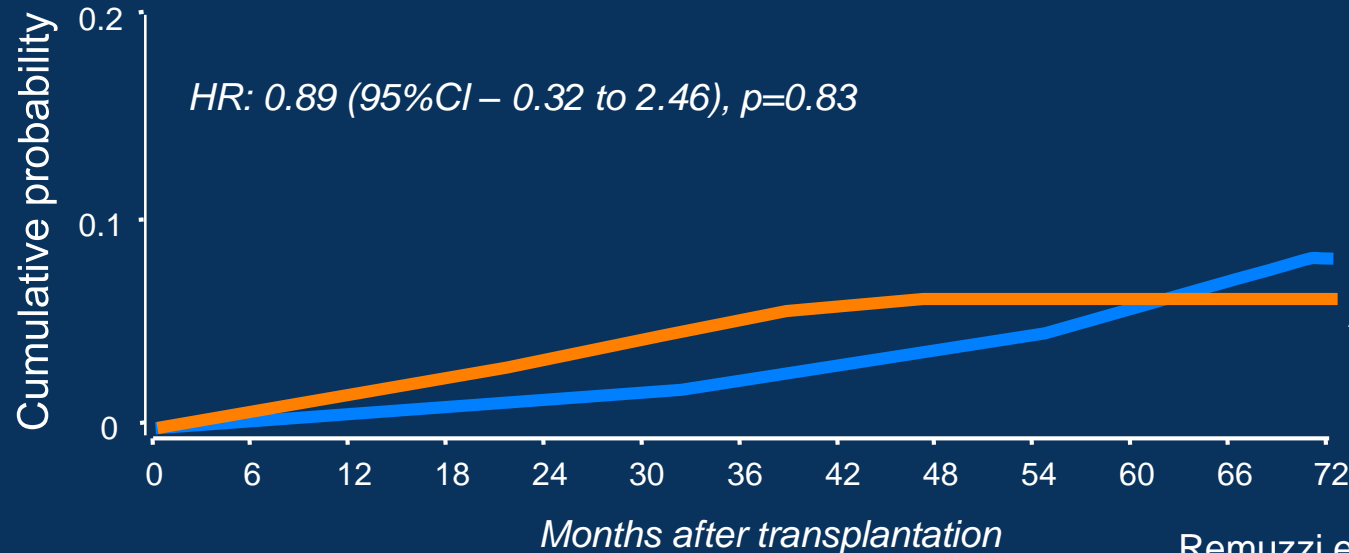
**2005**

## PATIENT DEATH



**Mycophenolate  
mofetil**  
**Azathioprine**

## DEATH-CENSORED GRAFT LOSS



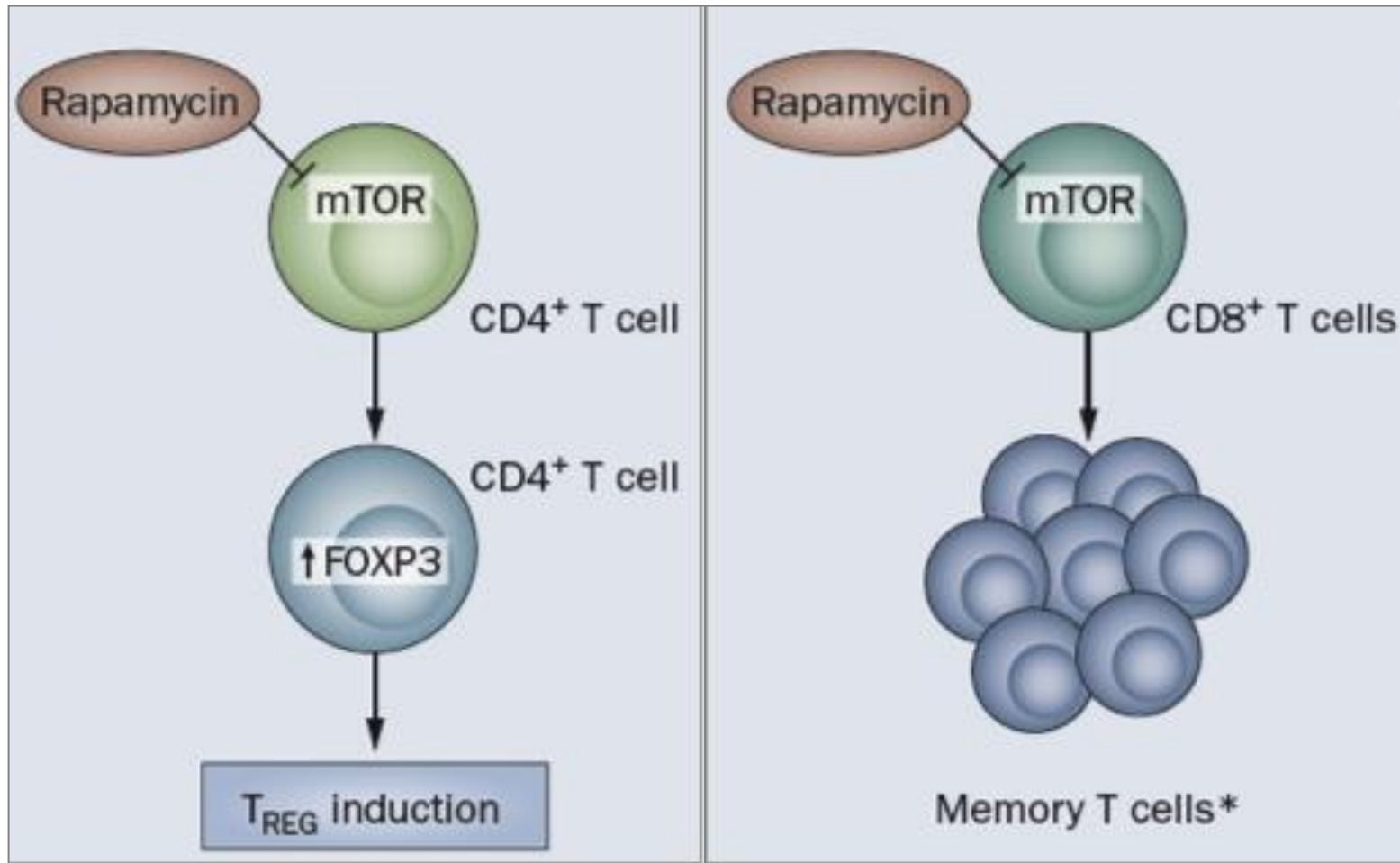
**Mycophenolate  
mofetil**  
**Azathioprine**

Remuzzi et al., *Lancet*, 2004

Remuzzi et al., *J Am Soc Nephrol*, 2007

# Time to rethink immunosuppression by mTOR inhibitors?

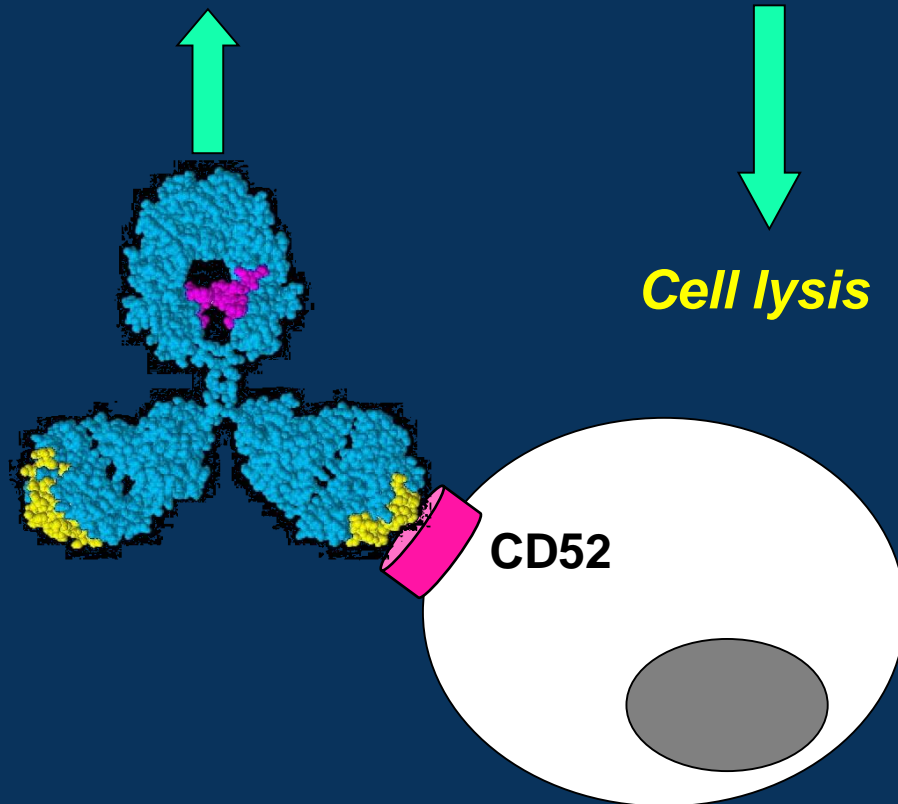
Marcus D. Sæmann and Giuseppe Remuzzi



# TOLERANCE-PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT

**Campath-1H** *Humanized monoclonal antibody directed against the CD52 antigen expressed on B and T lymphocytes*

*Classical complement pathway activation* - - - -> C5b-9



- T cells
- Mature B cells
- No memory B cells
- No plasma cells

# ACUTE HUMORAL REJECTION IN CAMPATH-1H BASED IMMUNOSUPPRESSION

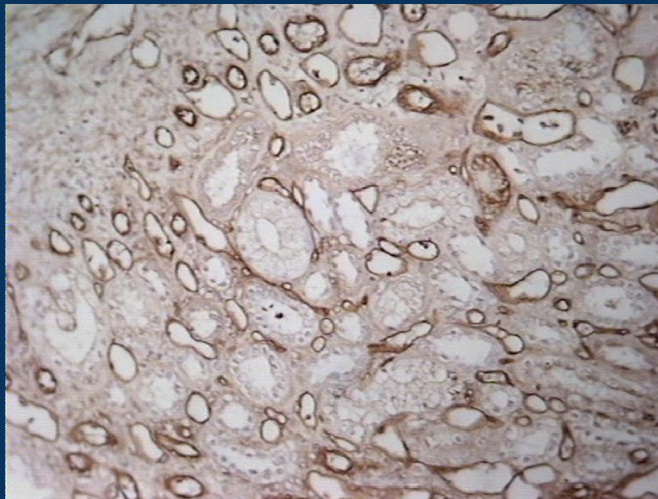
Glomerular thrombosis



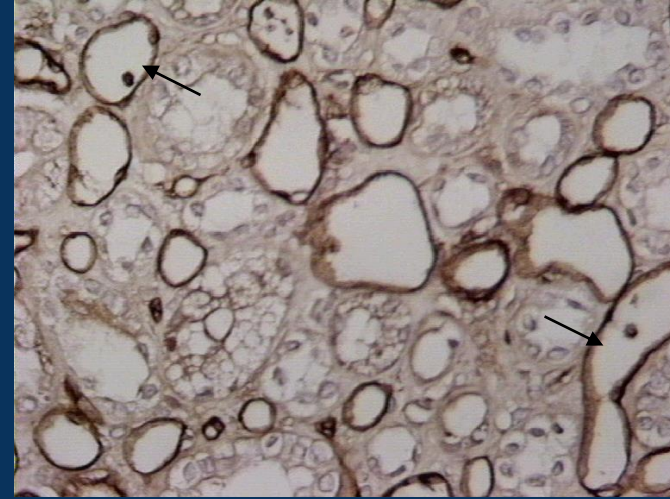
Acute tubular necrosis



C4d staining  
(glomerular peritubular capillaries)



C4d staining  
(peritubular capillary ectasia)



- Flow PRA test: In the recipient anti-HLA antibody against class I donor antigen B44

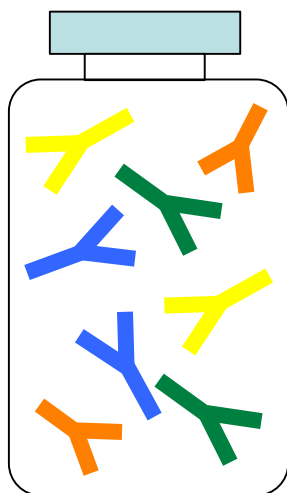


***B cell reconstitution in a B-cell activating factor rich environment allows preferential selection, survival and maturation of alloreactive B cells***

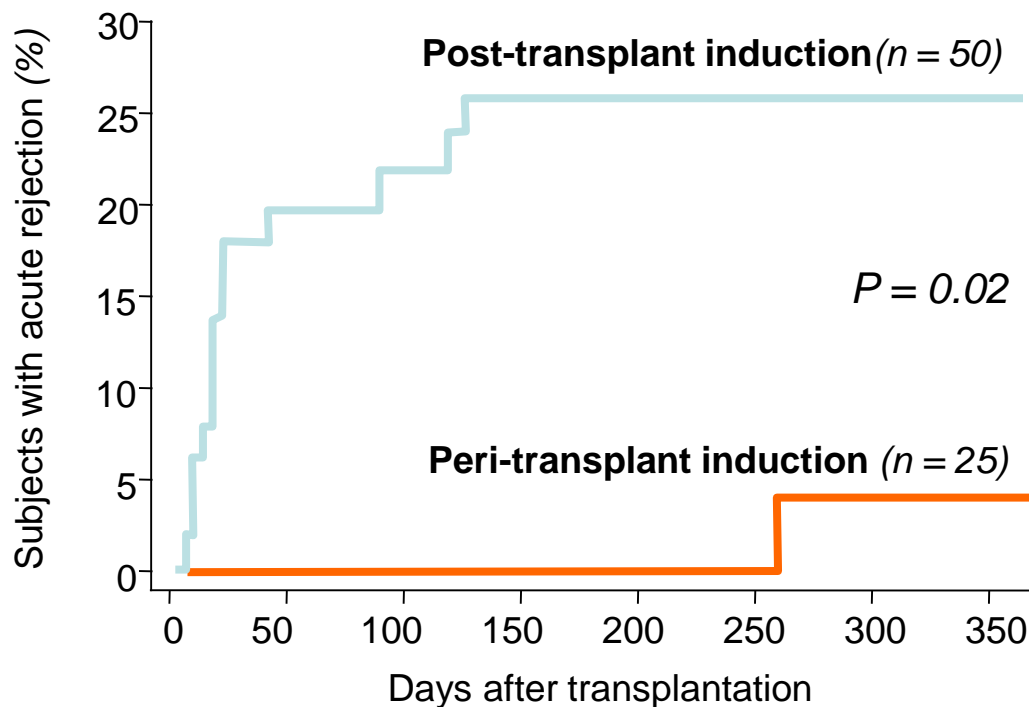
*Todeschini M et al J Immunol, 2013*

# RATG induces cytokine release syndrome\*, which may require dose reduction or even interruption

**RATG**



**Basiliximab + Low-dose RATG**



\* fever, chills, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia in 40 to 60% of patients

\* Patients on steroid-free immunosuppression

Ruggenti et al., *CJASN*, 2006

Gennarini et al., *J Transpl*, 2012

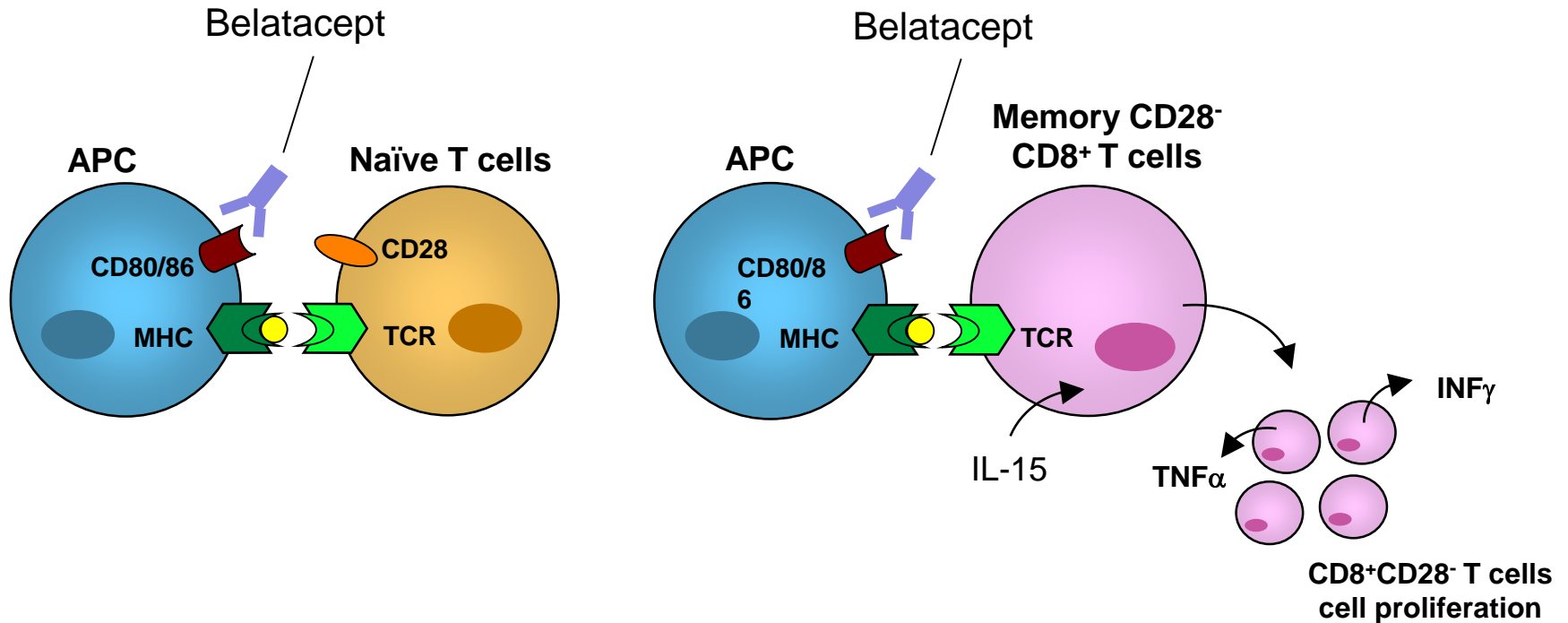
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Belatacept and Long-Term Outcomes in Kidney Transplantation

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Stephane Munier, M.Sc., and Christian P. Larsen, M.D., Ph.D.

# BELATACEPT: a high affinity variant of CTLA4Ig

## *Belatacept-resistant memory T-cell activation*



Traitanou et al., *Am J Transpl*, 2014

*Antigen-experienced T cells, in particular CD8<sup>+</sup>T cells, upon antigen rechallenge lose CD28 expression and became memory T cells with increased capability of mounting a rapid response independent of CD80/86-CD28 costimulation*

Lo et al., *Am J Transpl*, 2011

## HIGH ACUTE REJECTION RATE WITH BELATACEPT

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Biopsy-proven acute rejection\*  
%

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Belatacept MI	24.4
Belatacept LI	18.3
CsA	11.4

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*\* At month 84 post-transplantation*





## **Belatacept**

**1,420 -11,300 euro per month  
depending on treatment phase**

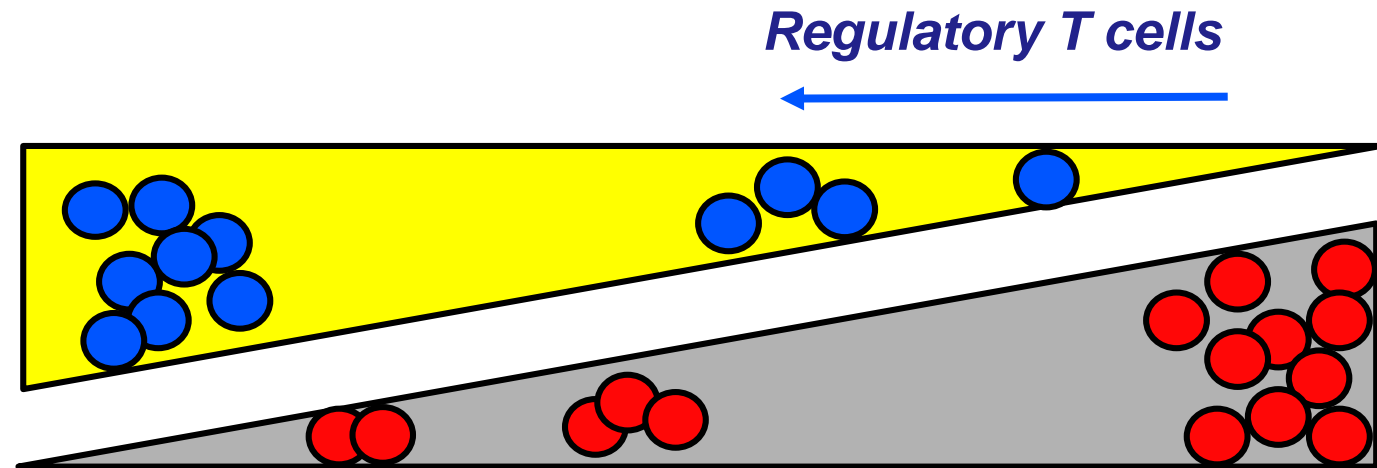
# Because of generalized immunosuppression transplantation brings new problems that need to be addressed

- *malignancies* *11-14 % at 10 year* Navarro et al., Transplant Proc, 2008  
Adami et al., Br J Cancer, 2003
- *opportunistic infections* *40 % at 2 year* Wujciuk et al., Transplant Int, 2015
- *cardiovascular disease* *12 % at 10 year* Seoane-Pillado et al., BMC Cardiovascular Dis, 2017

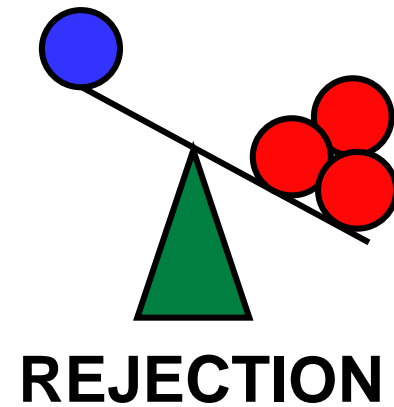
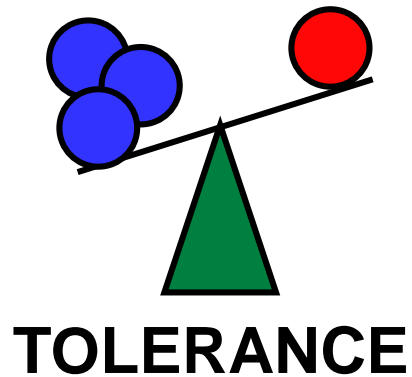
*One of the major questions remaining in clinical transplantation is whether it will be possible to induce states of true tolerance with little or no long-term drug therapy*

*...ideally one would like to alter the host's initial contact with the graft to promote a state of donor-specific unresponsiveness*

*Carpenter, N Engl J Med, 1993*



*Effector T cell clone size*



# TOLERANCE AFTER RENAL AND BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION





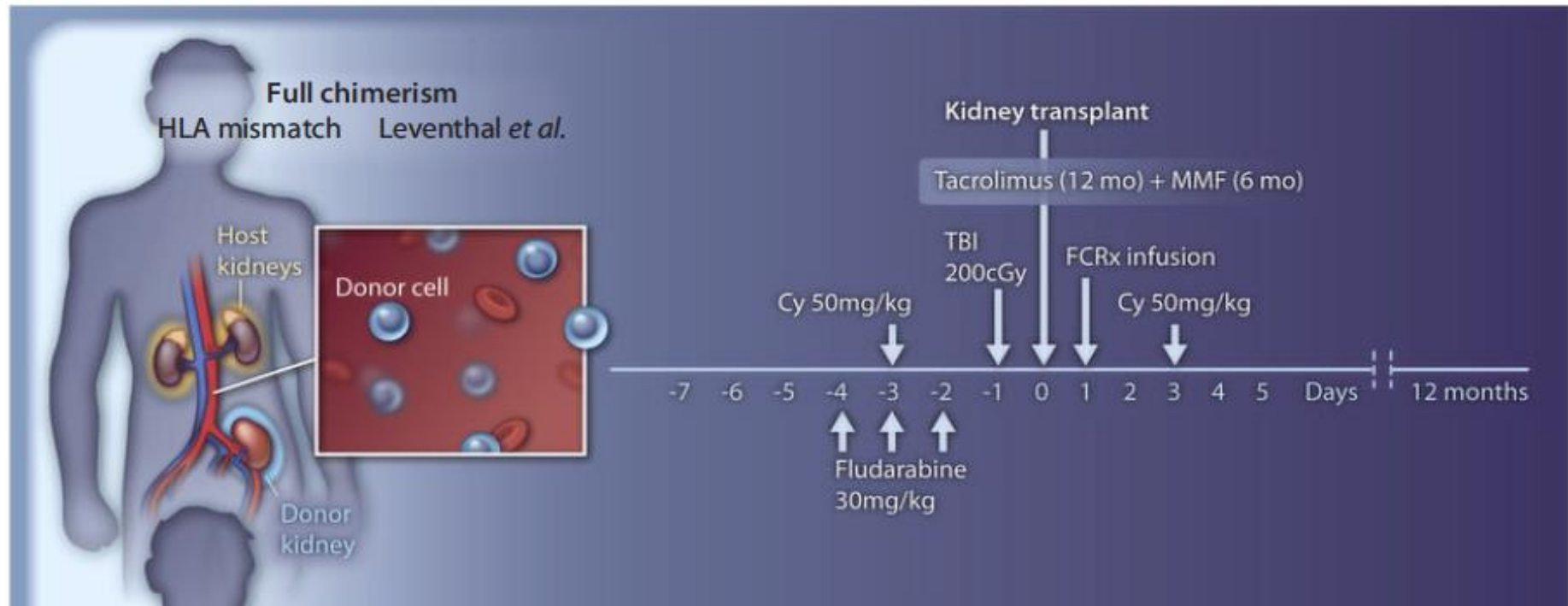
# Stanford University







# DURABLE FULL CHIMERISM AND TOLERANCE AFTER RENAL AND HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION



- 37 recipients of HLA-mismatched kidneys from living related and unrelated donors
- FCRx infusion: a mixture of donor hematopoietic stem cells and tolerogenic graft facilitating cells from GCS-F-mobilized peripheral blood cells + donor T cells
- Immunosuppression discontinued at 1 year post-Tx

Leventhal et al., *Science Transl Med*, 2012

Markmann et al., *Science Transl Med*, 2012

*2 patients lost their renal allografts within the first year post-transplant related to opportunistic infections*

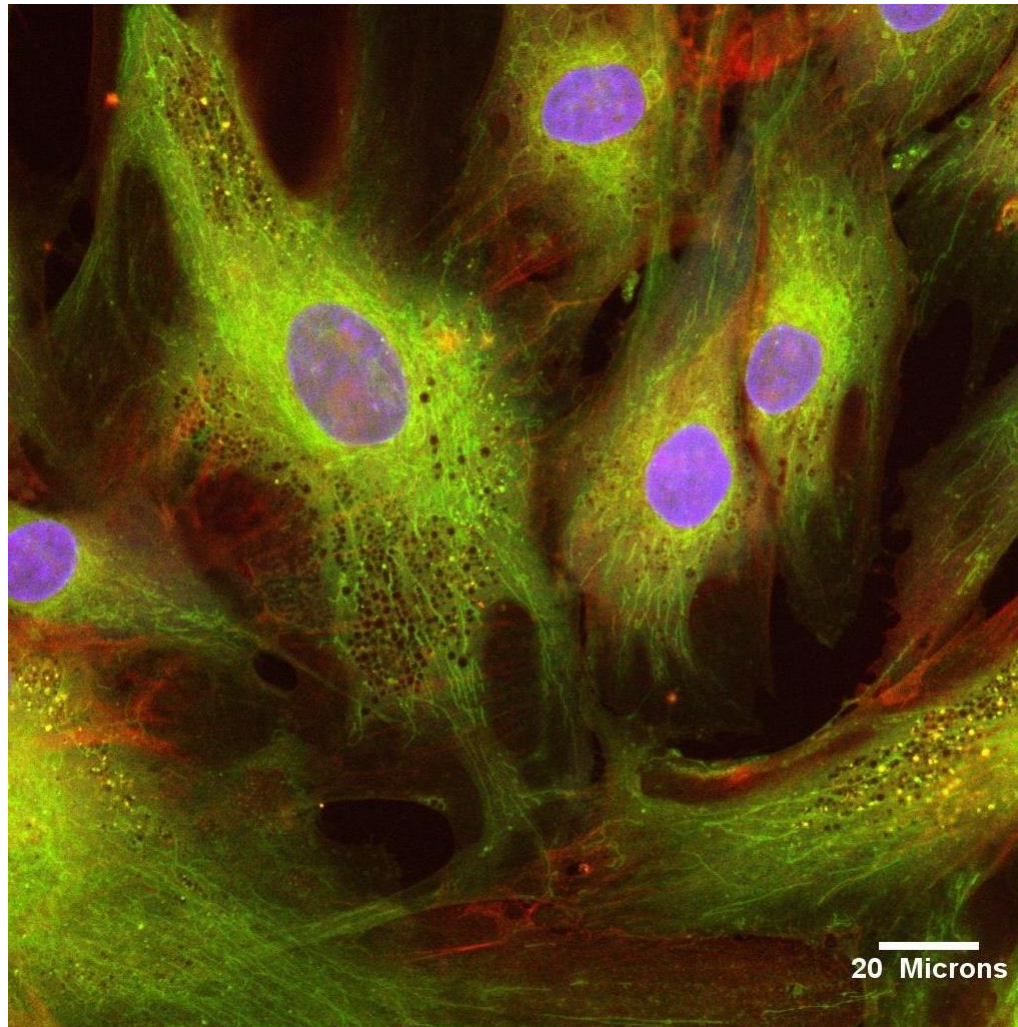
*2 patients developed GVHD (one of them died due to grade 3 GVHD plus CMV colitis at 11 months after transplantation)*

*High incidence of infections including BK viremia, CMV activation, pneumonia, bacterial meningitis, disseminated histoplasmosis, aspergillosis*

Kawai et al., Am J Transplant, 2019

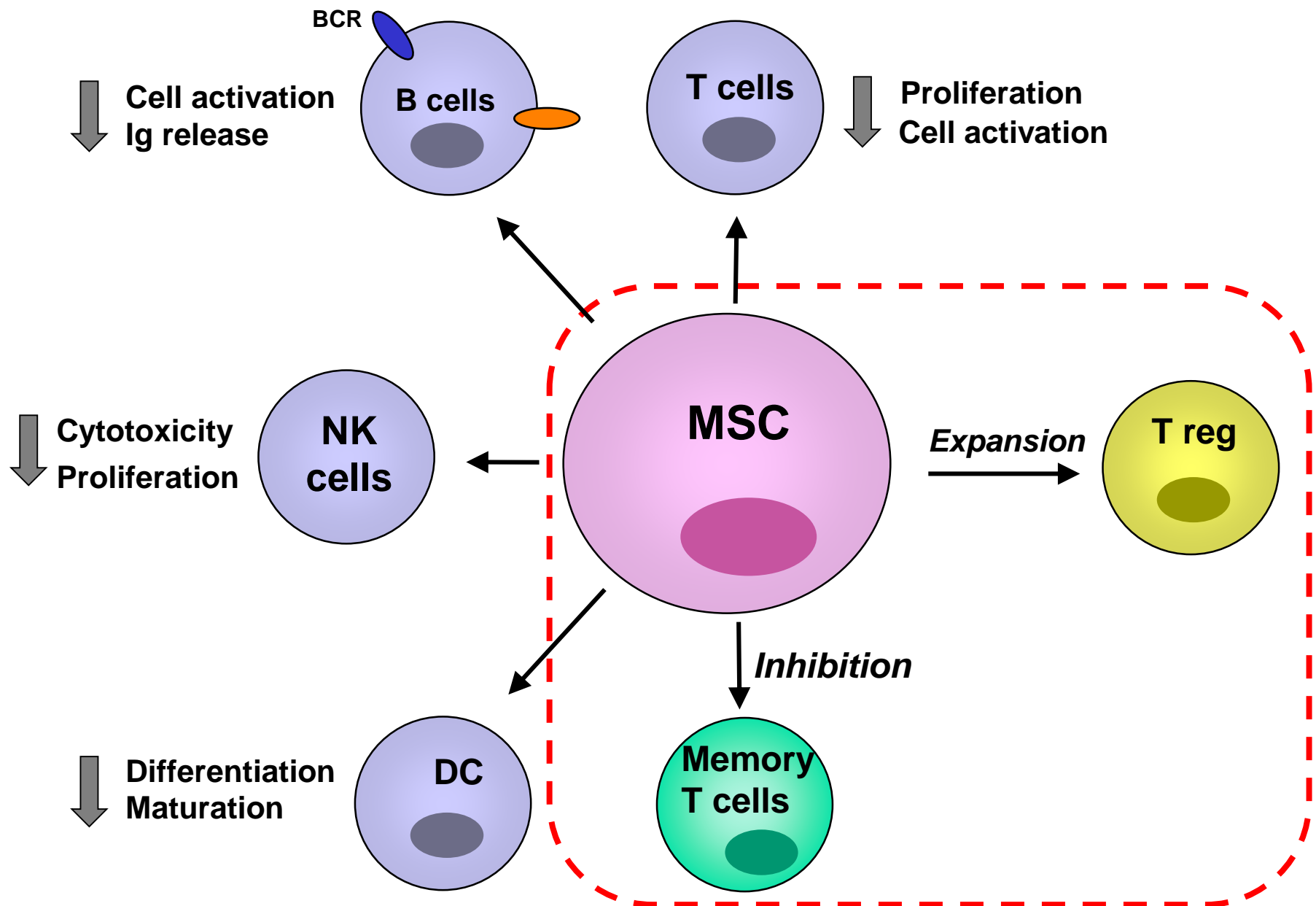


# BONE MARROW-DERIVED MESENCHYMAL STROMAL CELLS FOR TOLERANCE INDUCTION

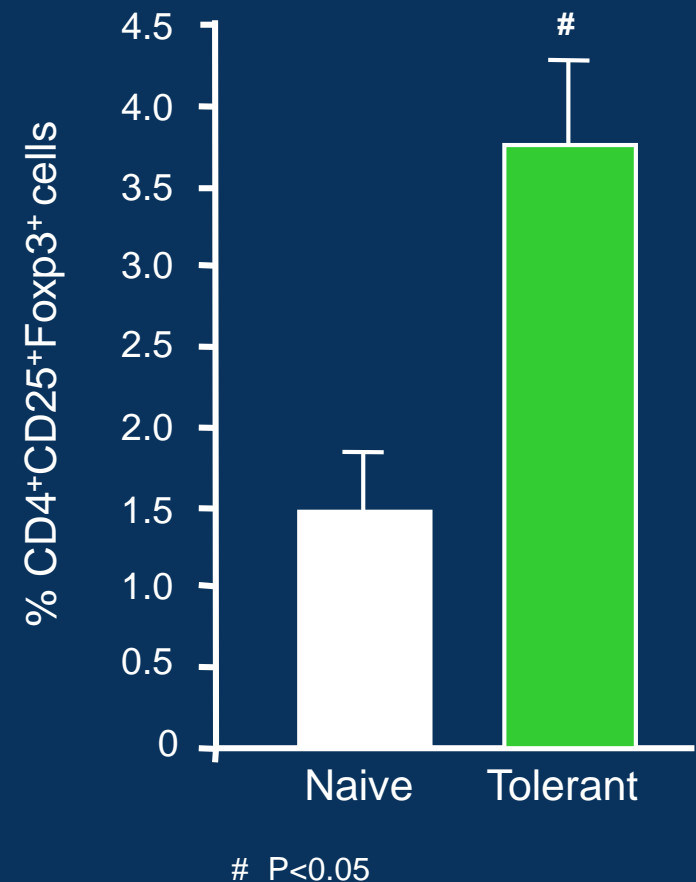
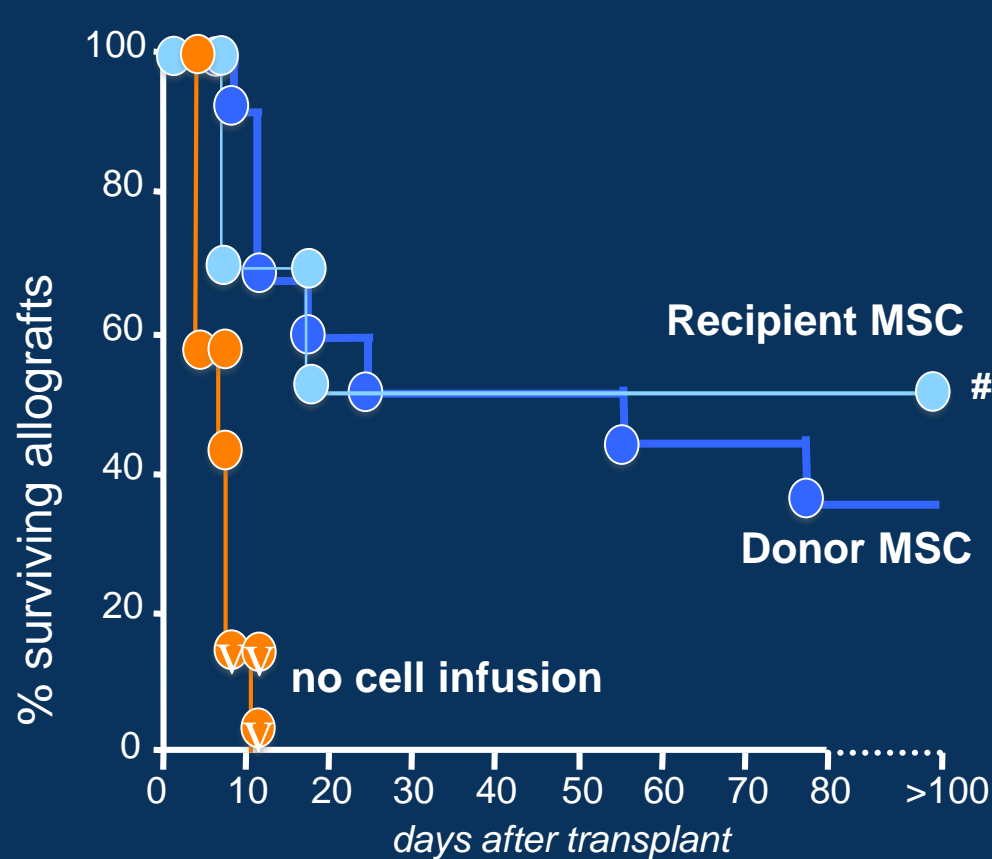


- *Unique for their low immunogenicity and immunoregulatory properties*





# AUTOLOGOUS MSC PROLONG HEART TRANSPLANT SURVIVAL MEDIATED BY CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup> REGULATORY T CELLS



# AUTOLOGOUS BONE MARROW-DERIVED MSC TO INDUCE TOLERANCE IN LIVING-DONOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

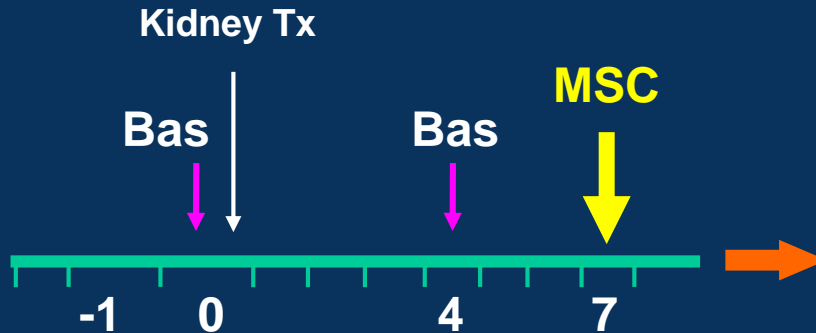


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pre- and post-transplant patient monitoring and follow-up

# LIVING TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

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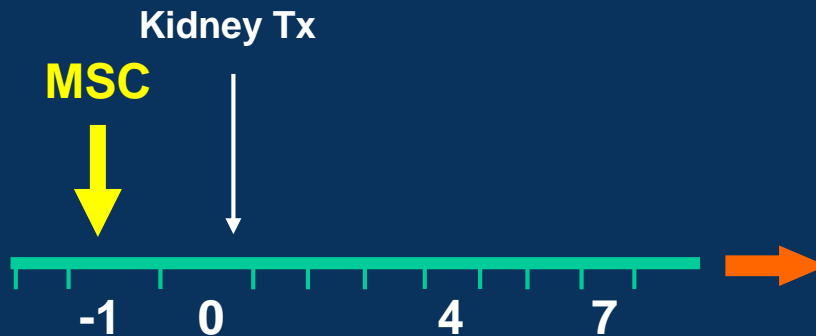


Engraftment syndrome: YES

Acute graft rejection: NO

IL-2 dependent Treg expansion ↑

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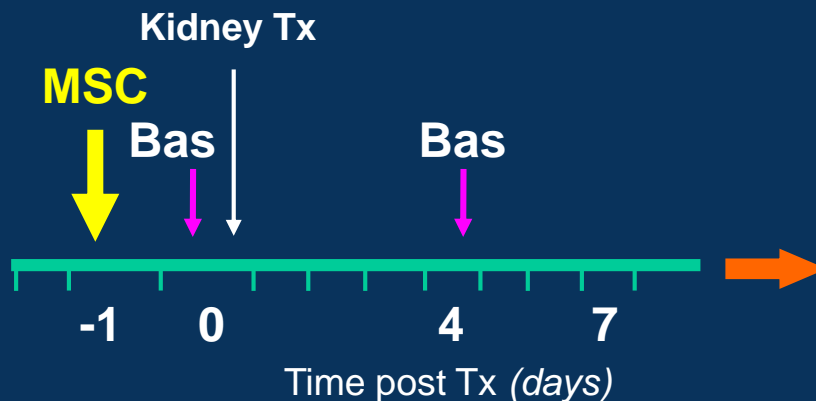


Engraftment syndrome: NO

Acute graft rejection: YES (1)

IL-2 dependent Treg expansion ↑

2 \*



Engraftment syndrome: NO

Acute graft rejection: NO

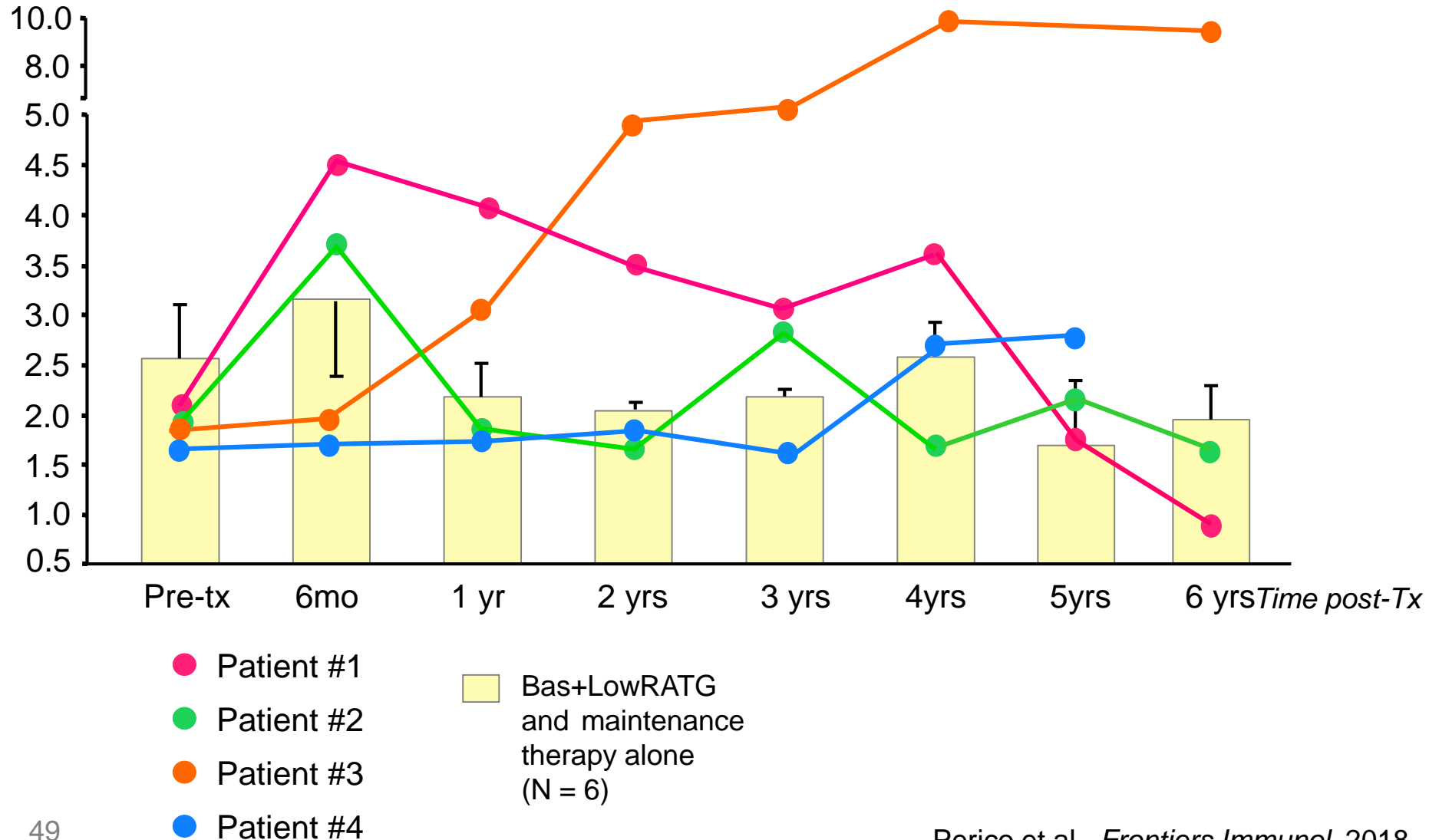
IL-2 dependent Treg expansion ↑





# THE HIGH RATIO OF Treg/Tmemory COULD FAVOUR A STATE OF IMMUNE REGULATION

**Treg/memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (ratio)**





## Patient #3 C.M.

MSC infusion

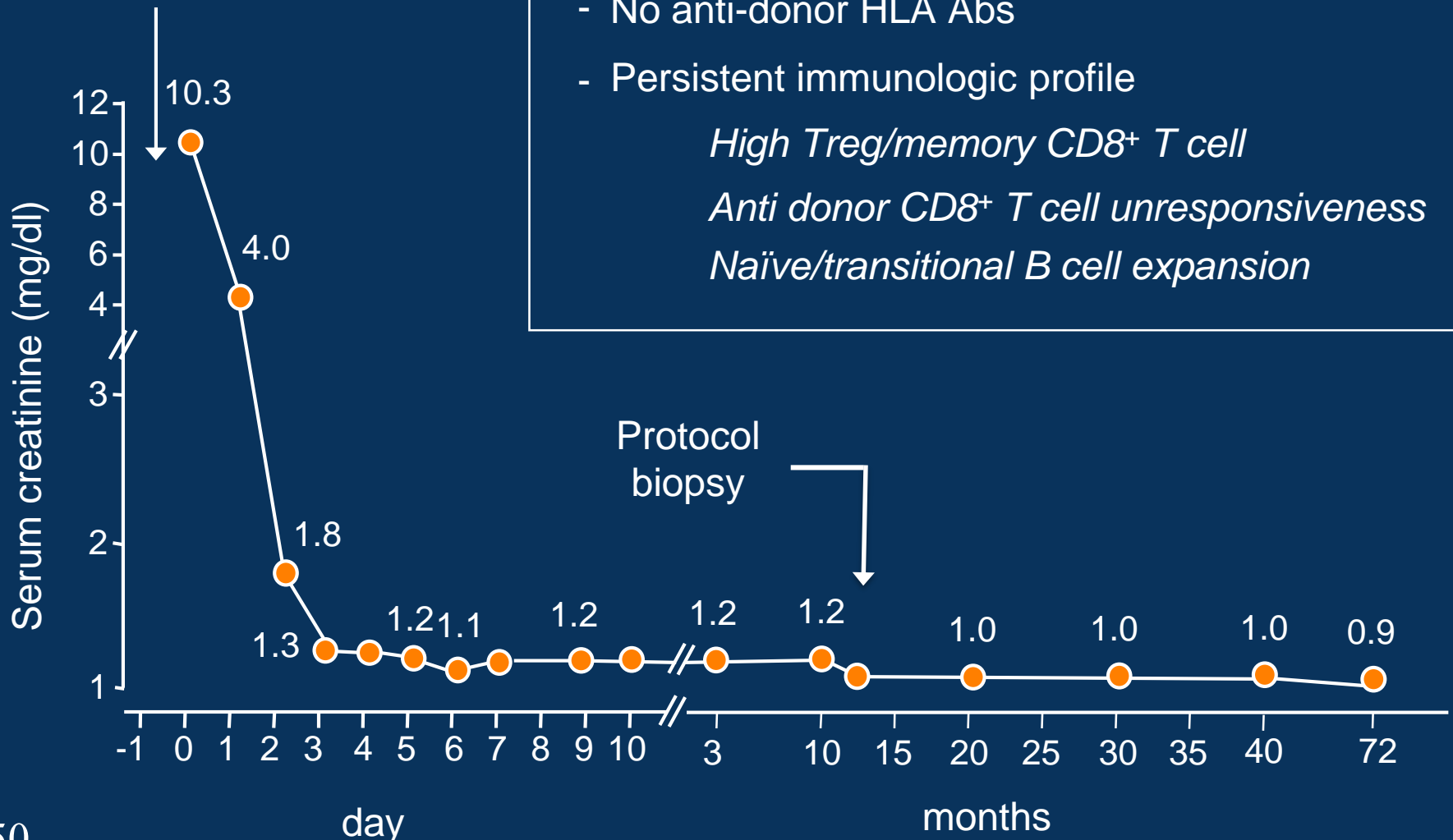
### A pro-tolerogenic environment

- Stable graft function (S.creat <2.5 mg/dl)
- No proteinuria
- No anti-donor HLA Abs
- Persistent immunologic profile

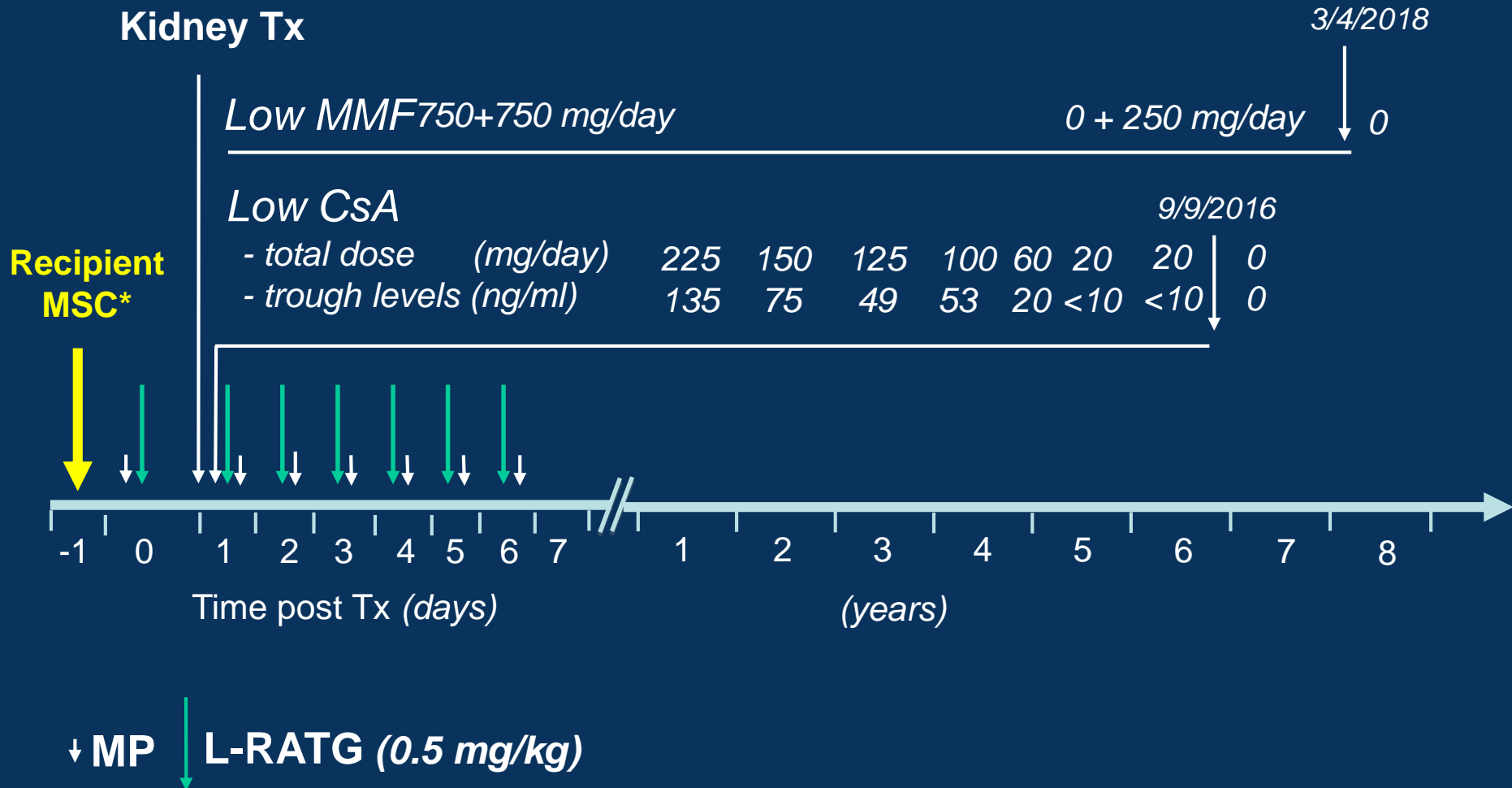
*High Treg/memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell*

*Anti donor CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell unresponsiveness*

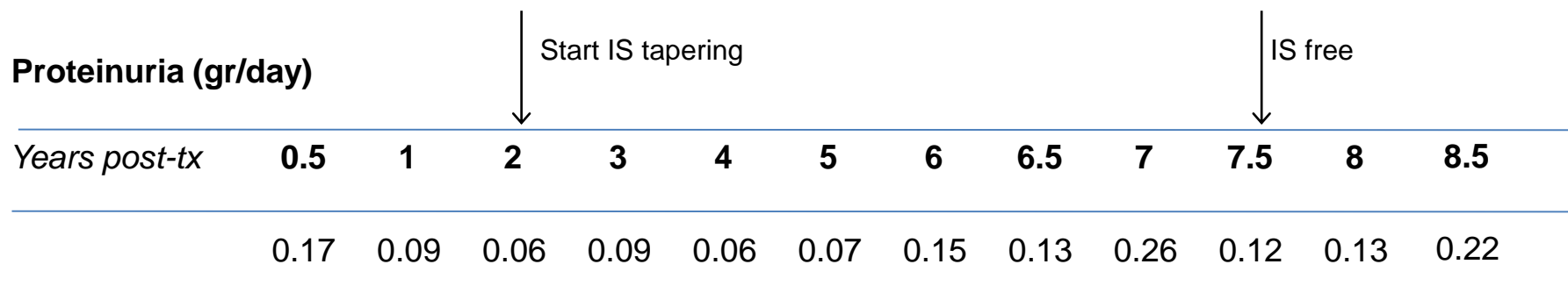
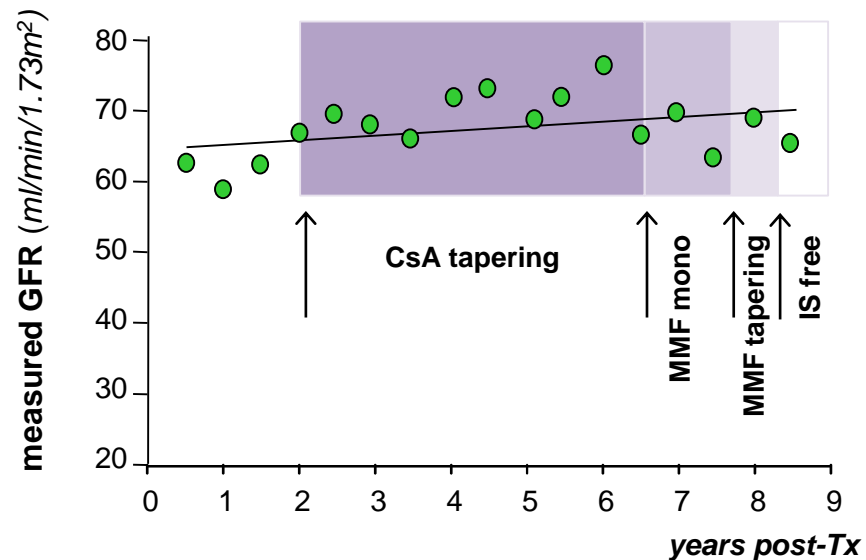
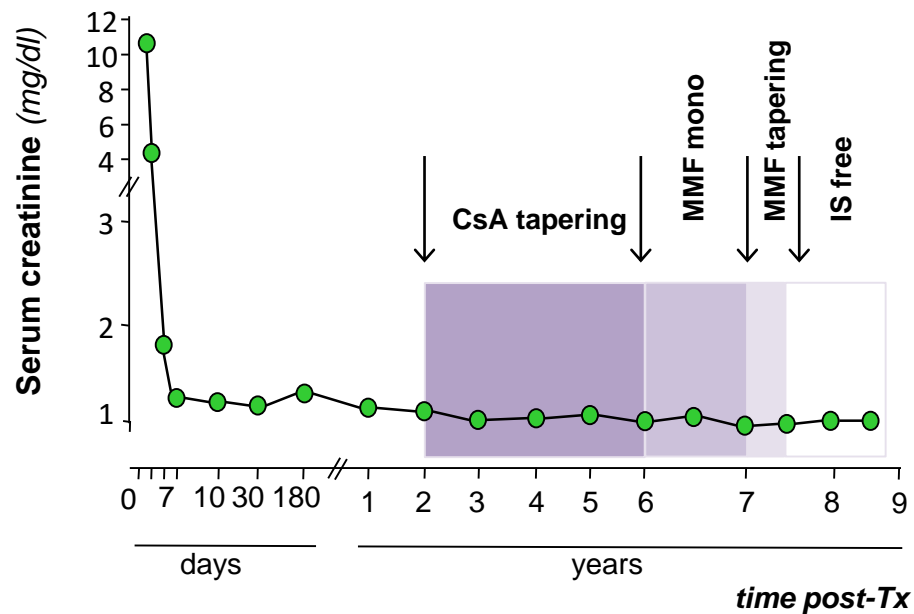
*Naïve/transitional B cell expansion*



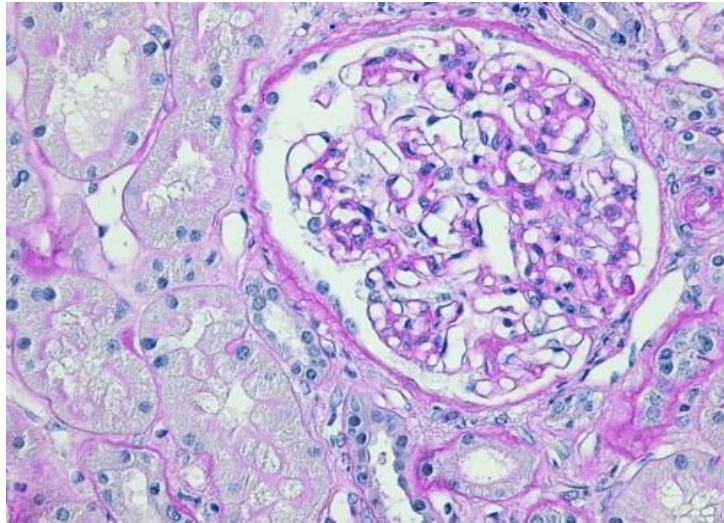
# PATIENT #3: STOP IMMUNOSUPPRESSION



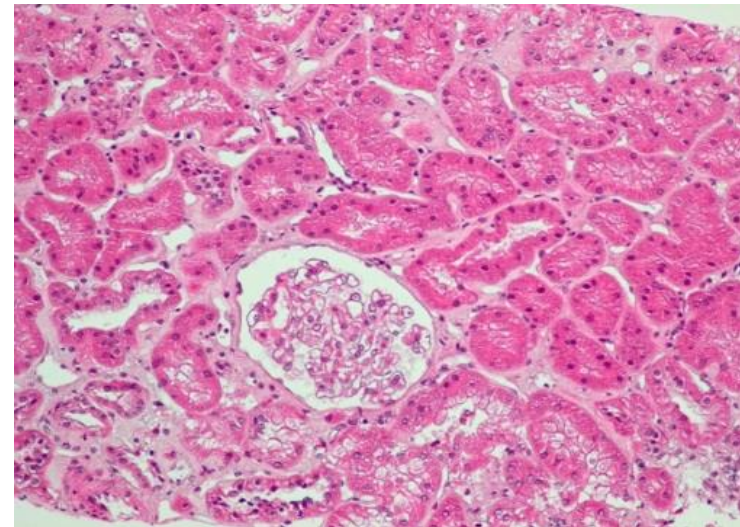
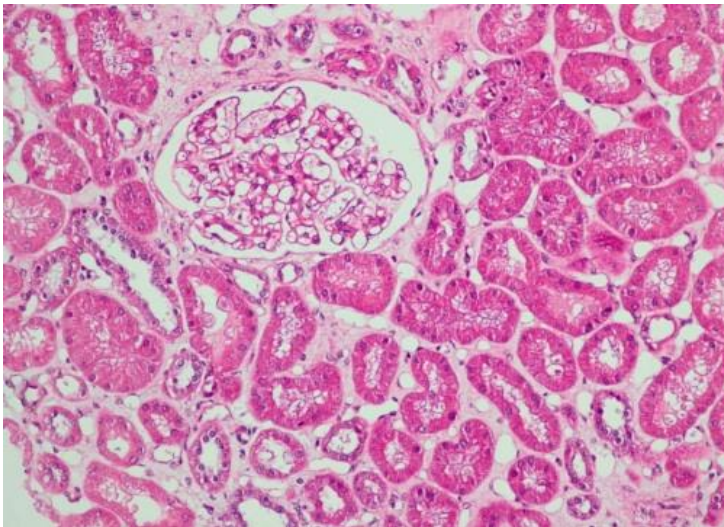
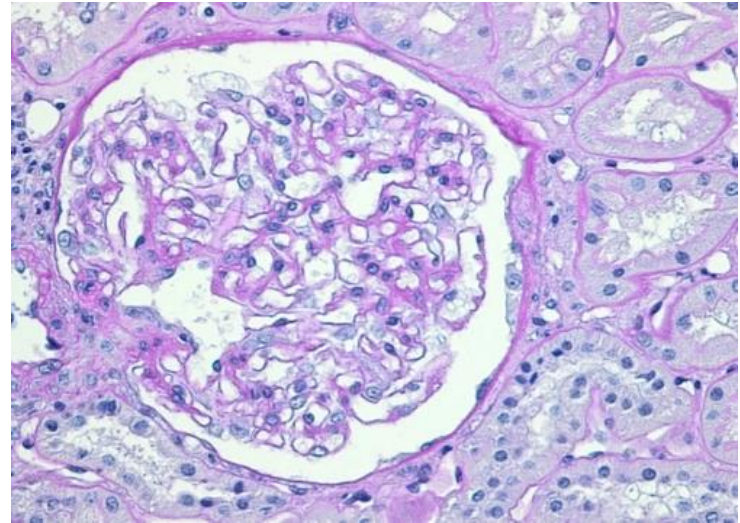
\* Dose:  $2 \times 10^6$ /kg i.v.



1 year post transplant



8 years post transplant



# THIRD-PARTY BONE MARROW-DERIVED MSC TO INDUCE TOLERANCE IN CADAVERIC KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS RECIPIENTS



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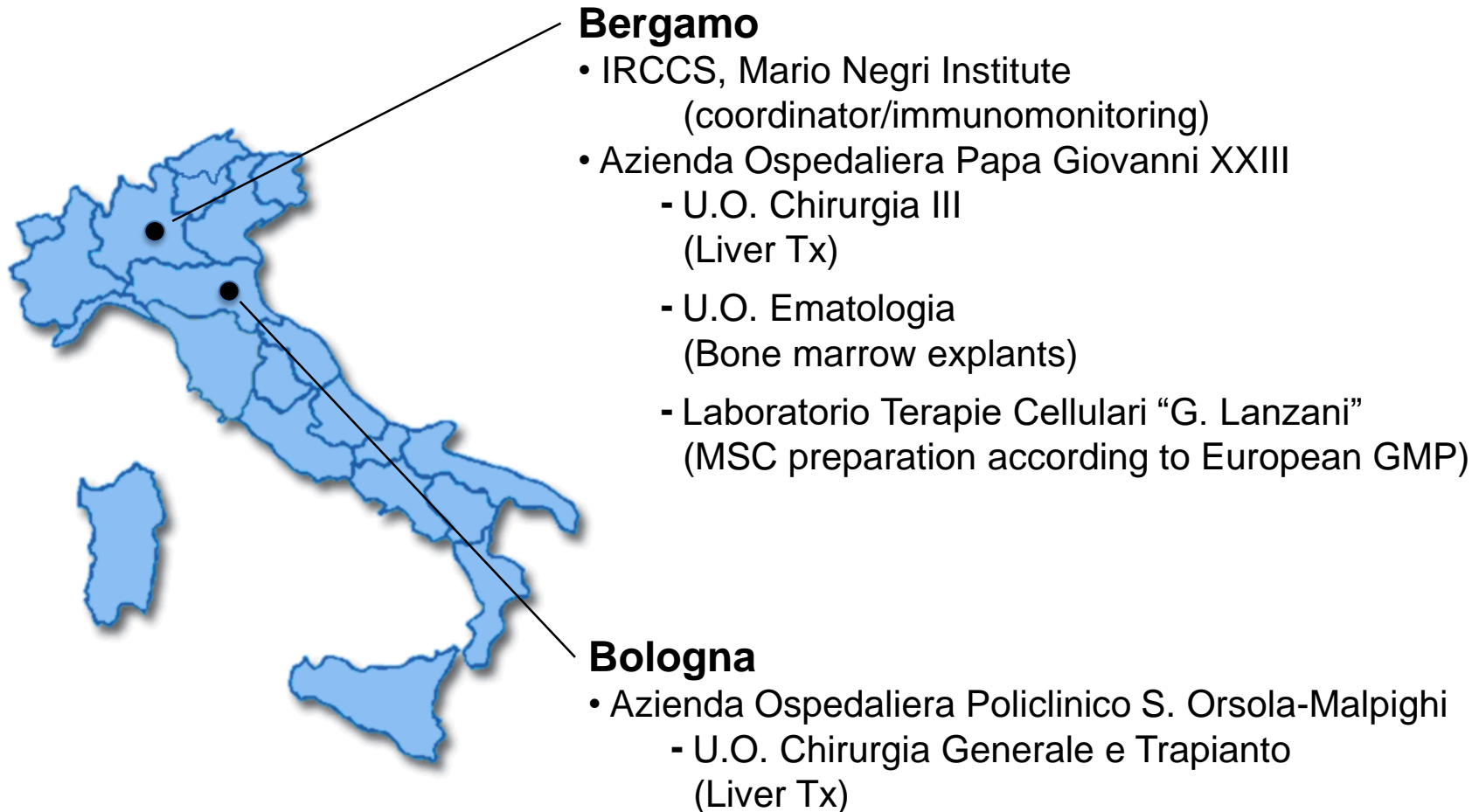
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pre- and post-transplant patient monitoring and follow-up

**7 patients randomized (4 to MSC treatment)**



# THIRD-PARTY BONE MARROW-DERIVED MSC TO INDUCE TOLERANCE IN LIVER TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS





**New York Times**

May 14, 2019

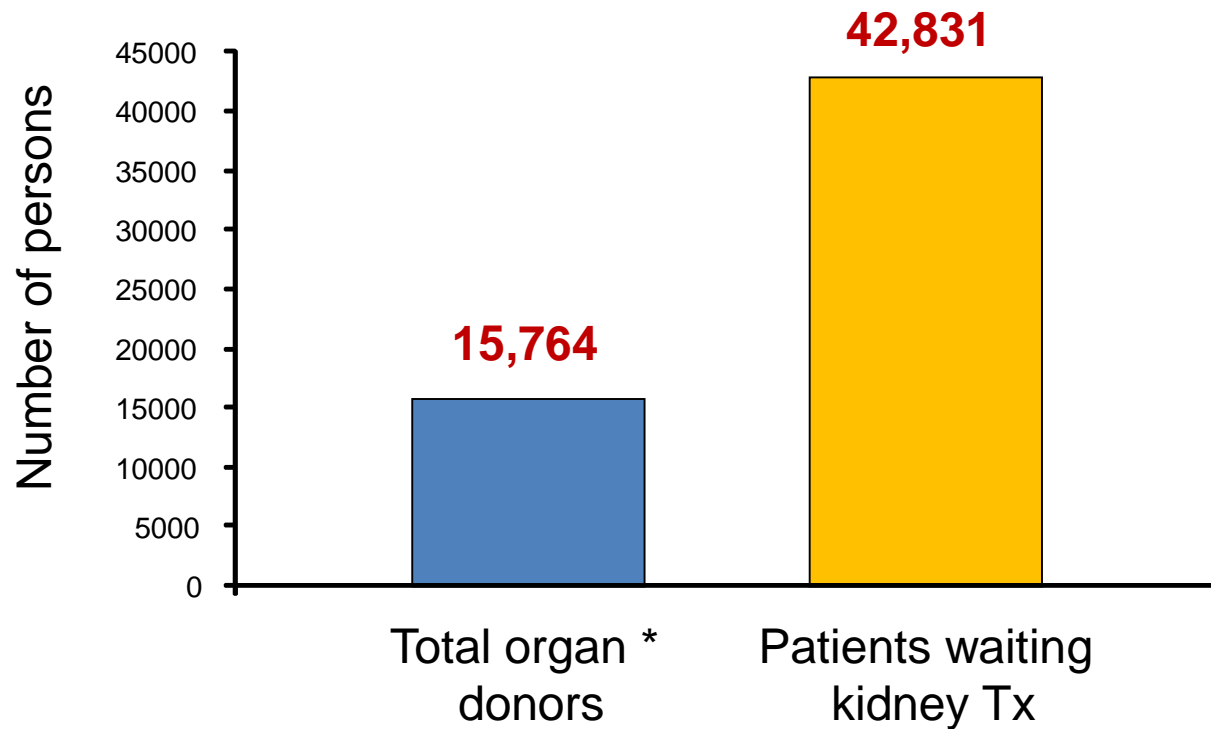
# **Stem Cell Treatments Flourish With Little Evidence That They Work**

By Denise Grady and Reed Abelson

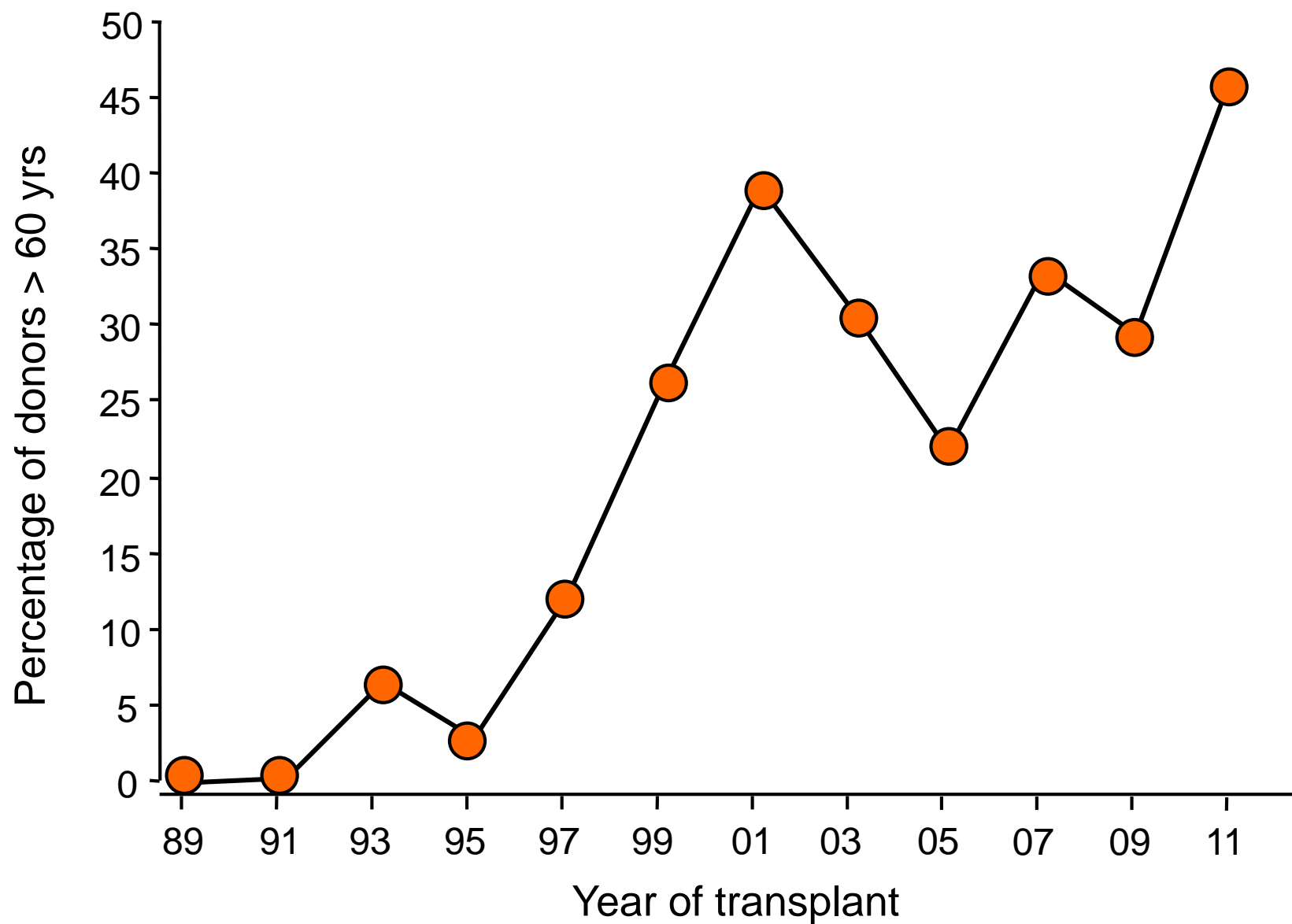
Many people have become captivated by the idea of using stem cells to fix their damaged joints, and some claim to have been helped

But there is no clear evidence that these treatments work, and their safety has yet to be established. Most researchers, including those at the National Institutes of Health, think that efforts to sell therapies involving adult stem cells, which can develop into different types of cells to replenish tissue, have gotten way ahead of the science

## Discrepancy between organ donors and patients on waiting list for a kidney transplant in Europe (2017)



\* Both deceased and living donors





# KIDNEY GRAFT OUTCOME ACCORDING TO DONOR CHARACTERISTICS AND PROCEDURE

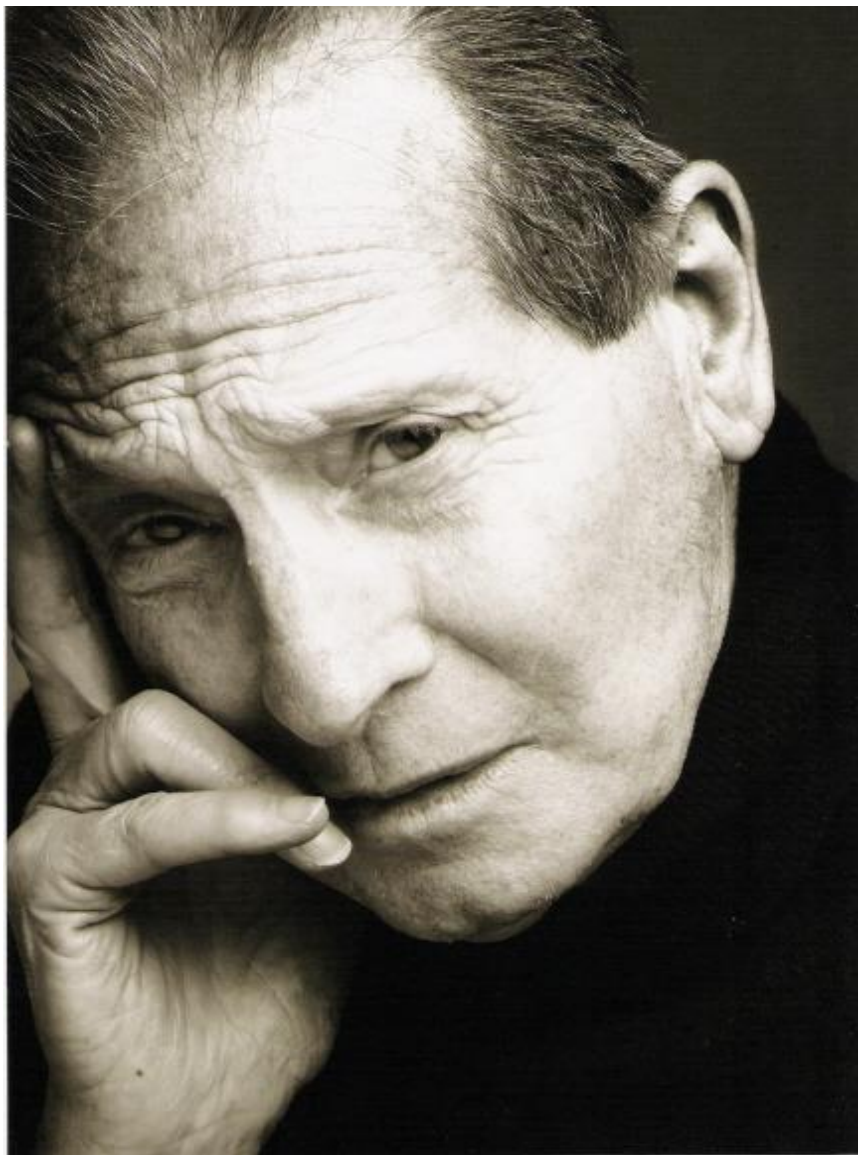
	Dual transplants (%)	2-year survival (%)
Donor age ( <i>years</i> )		
< 60 (ideal)*	0	95
60-69°	28	93
70-79°	78	92
≥ 80#	95	92

Remuzzi et al., *N Engl J Med*, 2006  
 Rigotti et al., *N Engl J Med*, 2009  
 Ruggenenti et al., *Am J Transplant*, 2017

*Doctor, should I remain on  
dialysis or accept the  
expanded criteria donor  
kidney offered to me?*

*Heldal and Midtvedt, Am J Kidney Dis, 2012*



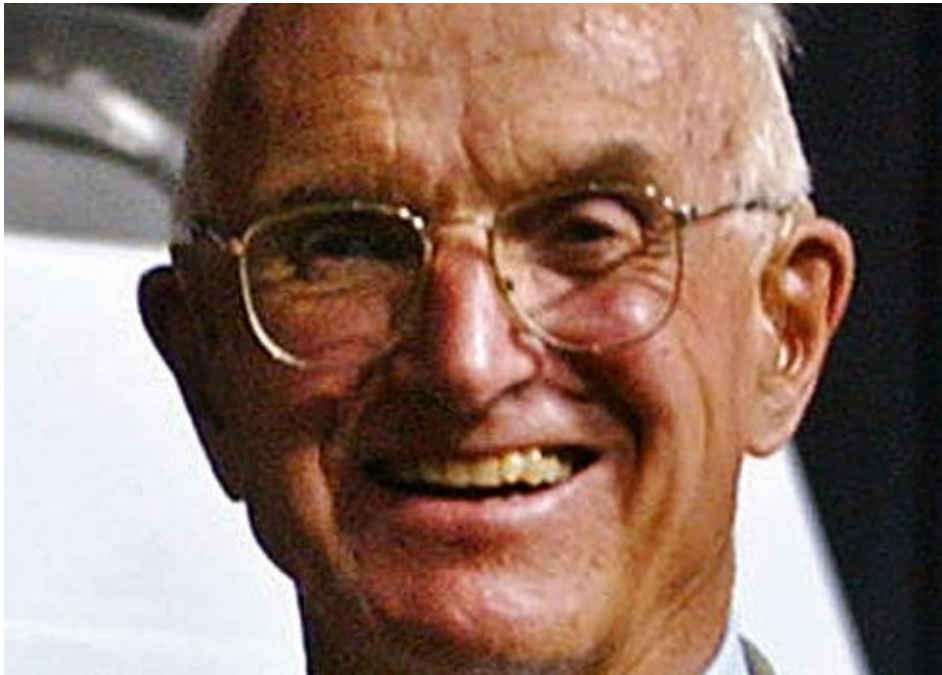


Conservatorio Teatrale, Roma  
*Dizione, Impostazione Vocale, Recitazione*

New York Times  
November 27, 2012

# Joseph E. Murray, Transplant Doctor and Nobel Prize Winner, Dies at 93

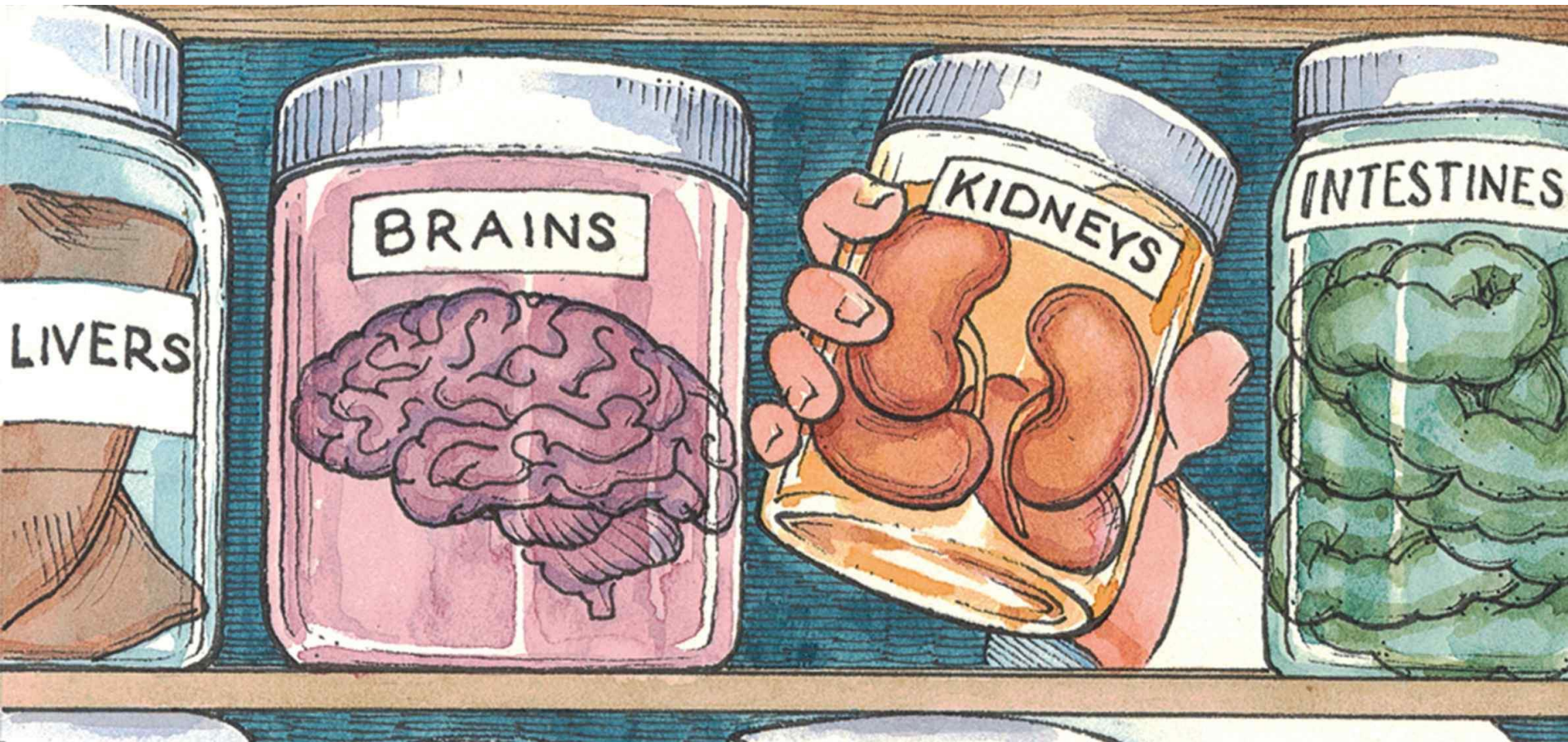
By CORNELIA DEAN



*We're victims of our success*

*Lack of donor organs is literally an insoluble problem until you can create organs in some other way*





Geoffrey Carr, *The Economist*, 2017

- *Will organs created in the lab be a solution?*







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