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**SCID: Treatment Plan/Long-term  
Outcomes/Quality of Life Data**

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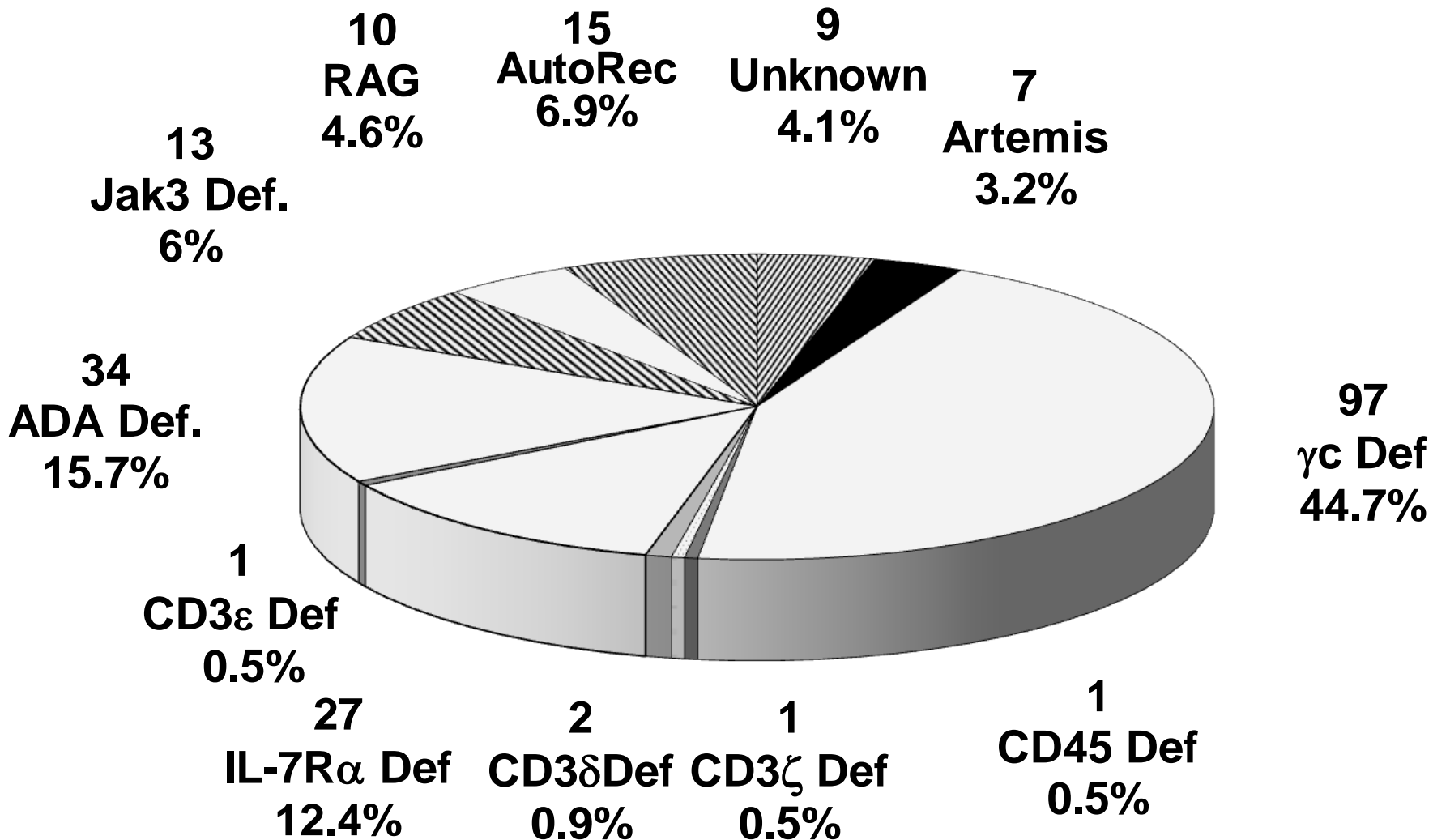
# Human Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)

A **fatal** syndrome of diverse genetic origin, characterized by absence of **T** and B cell (and sometimes NK cell) functions.

# Thirteen SCID-Causing Mutated Genes

- Cytokine Receptor Genes
  - *IL2RG*
  - *JAK3*
  - *IL7Ra*
- Antigen Receptor Genes
  - *RAG1*
  - *RAG2*
  - *Artemis*
  - *Ligase 4*
  - *DNA-PKcs*
  - *CD3 $\delta$*
  - *CD3 $\epsilon$*
  - *CD3 $\zeta$*
- Other Genes
  - *ADA*
  - *CD45*

# 217 SCIDS Seen at Duke: Genetic Types



# SCID Lymphocyte Phenotypes

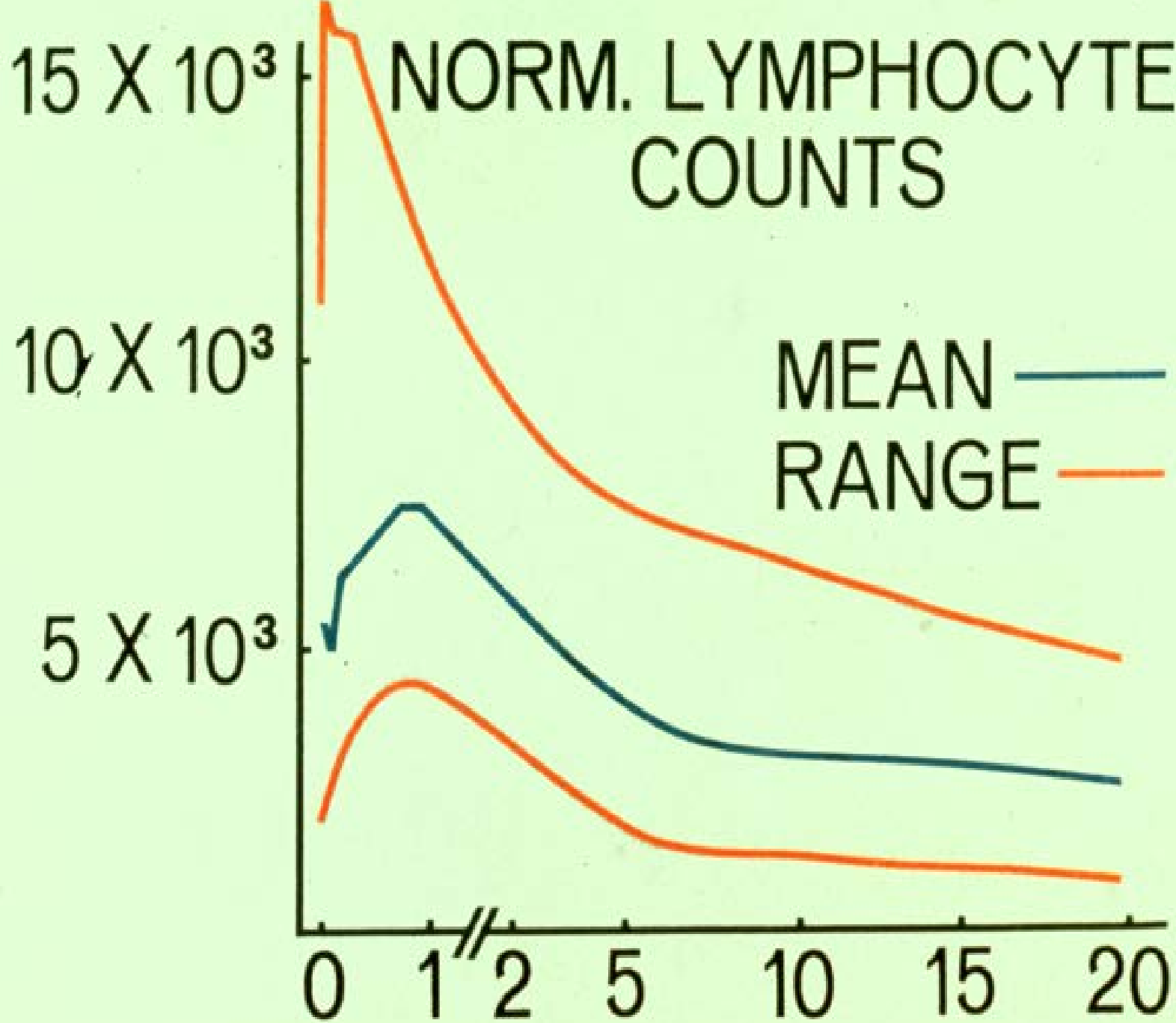
- T-B+NK-  
 $\gamma$ c-deficient (X-linked)  
Jak 3-deficient
- T-B+NK+  
IL-7R $\alpha$ -deficient  
CD3 $\delta$ -deficient  
CD3 $\epsilon$ -deficient  
CD3 $\zeta$ -deficient  
CD45-deficient
- T-B-NK-  
ADA-deficient
- T-B-NK+  
RAG1/RAG2-deficient  
Artemis-deficient  
Ligase 4-deficient  
DNA-PKcs

# T Cells

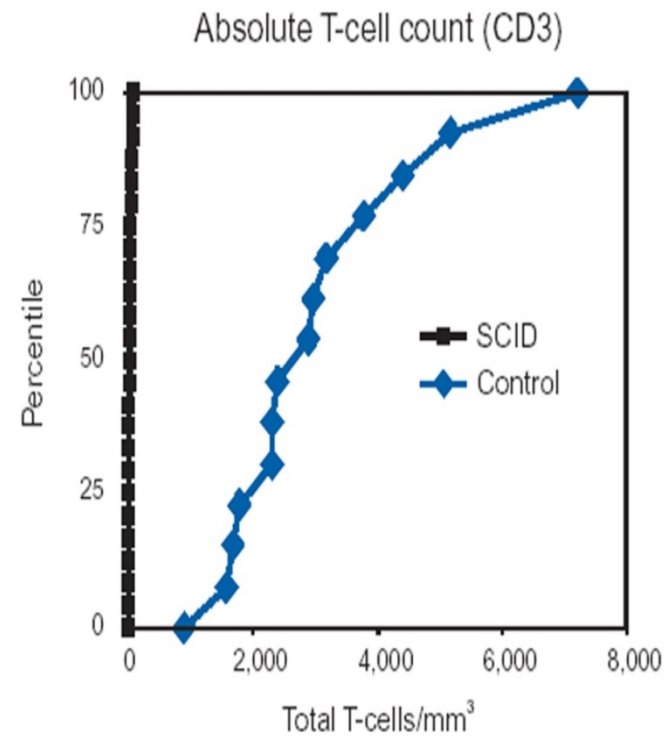
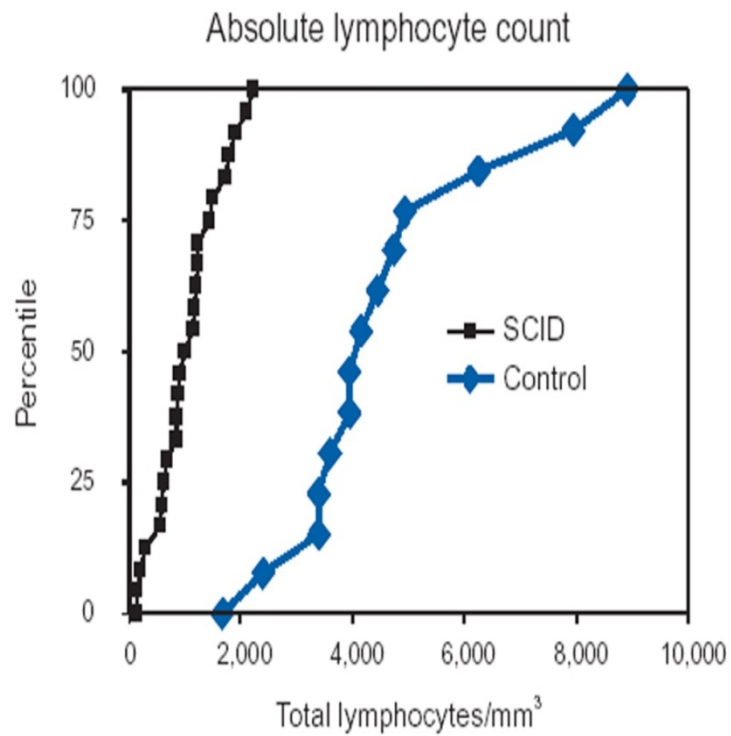
- Comprise 70% of circulating lymphocytes in normal individuals.
- Since SCIDs have no T cells, they are lymphopenic.
- Some (but not nearly enough) SCIDs have been discovered because the physicians caring for them recognized their lymphopenia.
- The lower limit of normal for an absolute lymphocyte count at birth is 2000 and at 6 months is 4000/cmm.

# NORM. LYMPHOCYTE COUNTS

MEAN ———  
RANGE ———



# Absolute Lymphocyte Count Distributions in SCID: 25 SCID and 14 Healthy Newborns at Birth

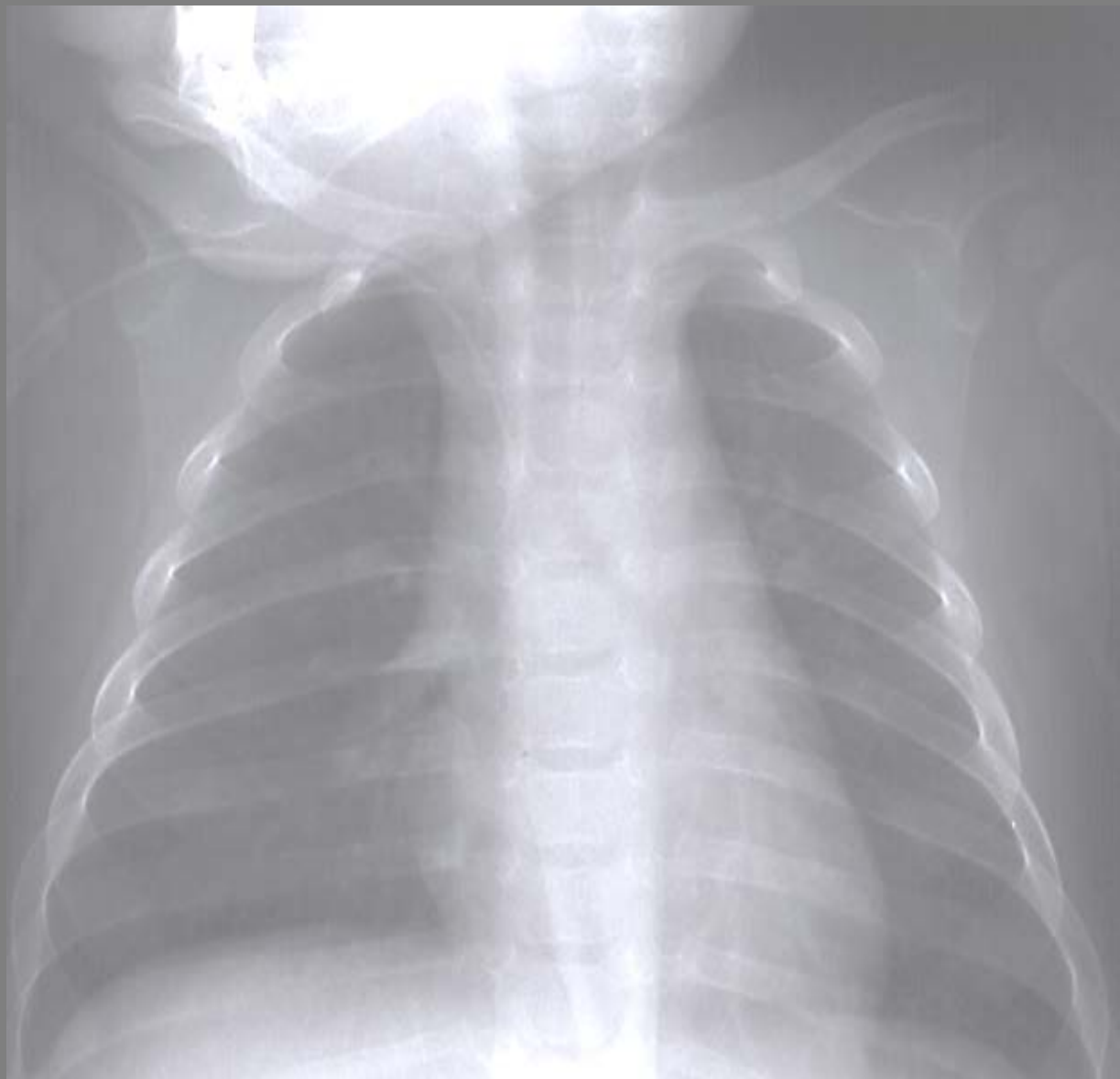




## SCID : Characteristics Common to All Types

- Thymus is present but small (< 1 gram).
- Lacks corticomedullary distinction.
- Absence of thymocytes.
- Absence of Hassell's corpuscles.





## SCID : Characteristics Common to All Types

- Known since 1968 that all types can be treated successfully by bone marrow transplantation, without a need for pre-transplant chemotherapy, because they have no T cells to reject the transplant.
- Until 33 years ago this required strict HLA identity between donor and recipient to avoid lethal graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) .
- Now possible to avoid this by rigorous T cell depletion of the donor marrow, which allows use of half-matched parental donors and the omission of immunosuppressive GVHD prophylactic drugs.

**Bone marrow cells**

**Hetastarch sedimentation**

**Soya bean lectin agglutination**

**BSA gradient**

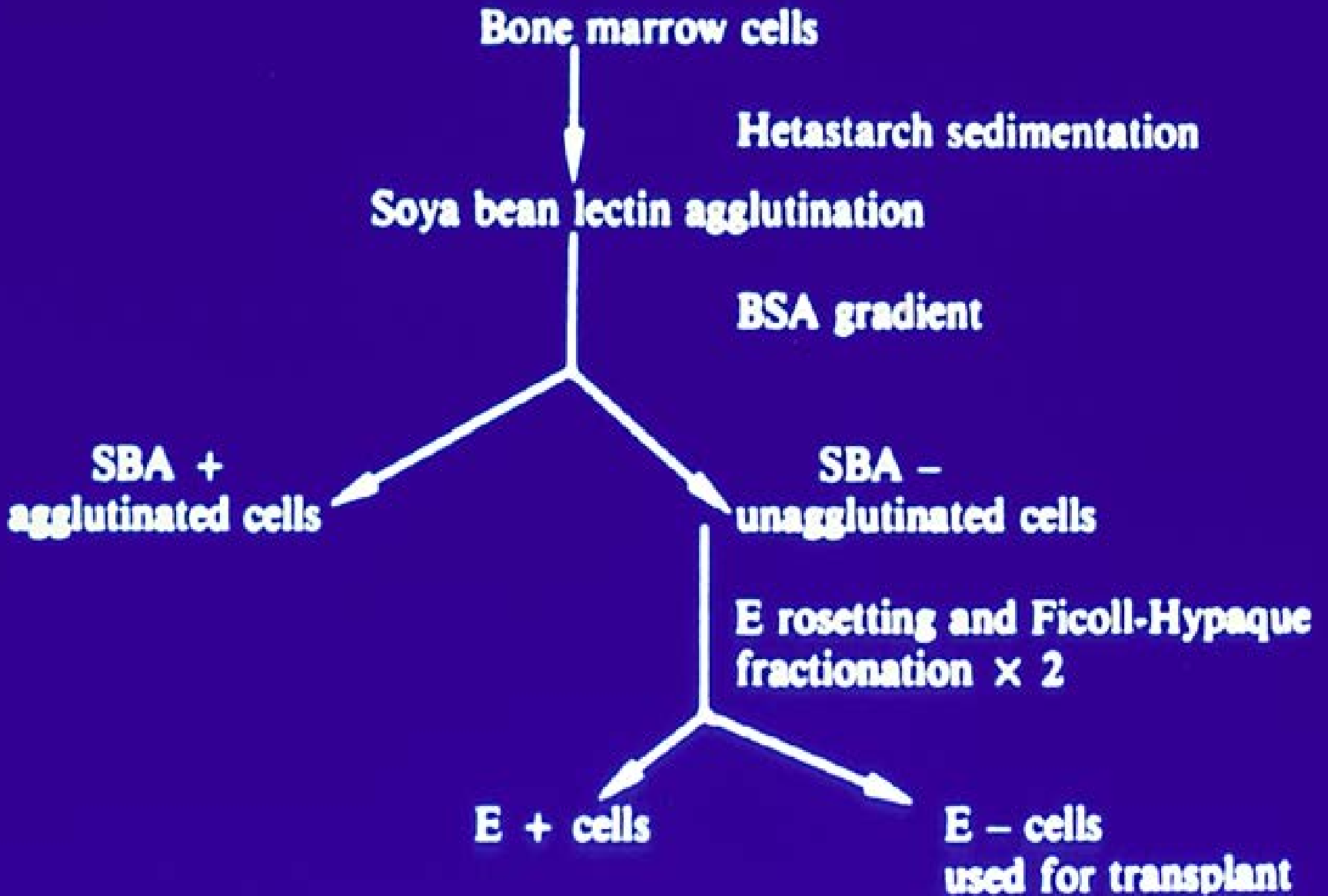
**SBA +  
agglutinated cells**

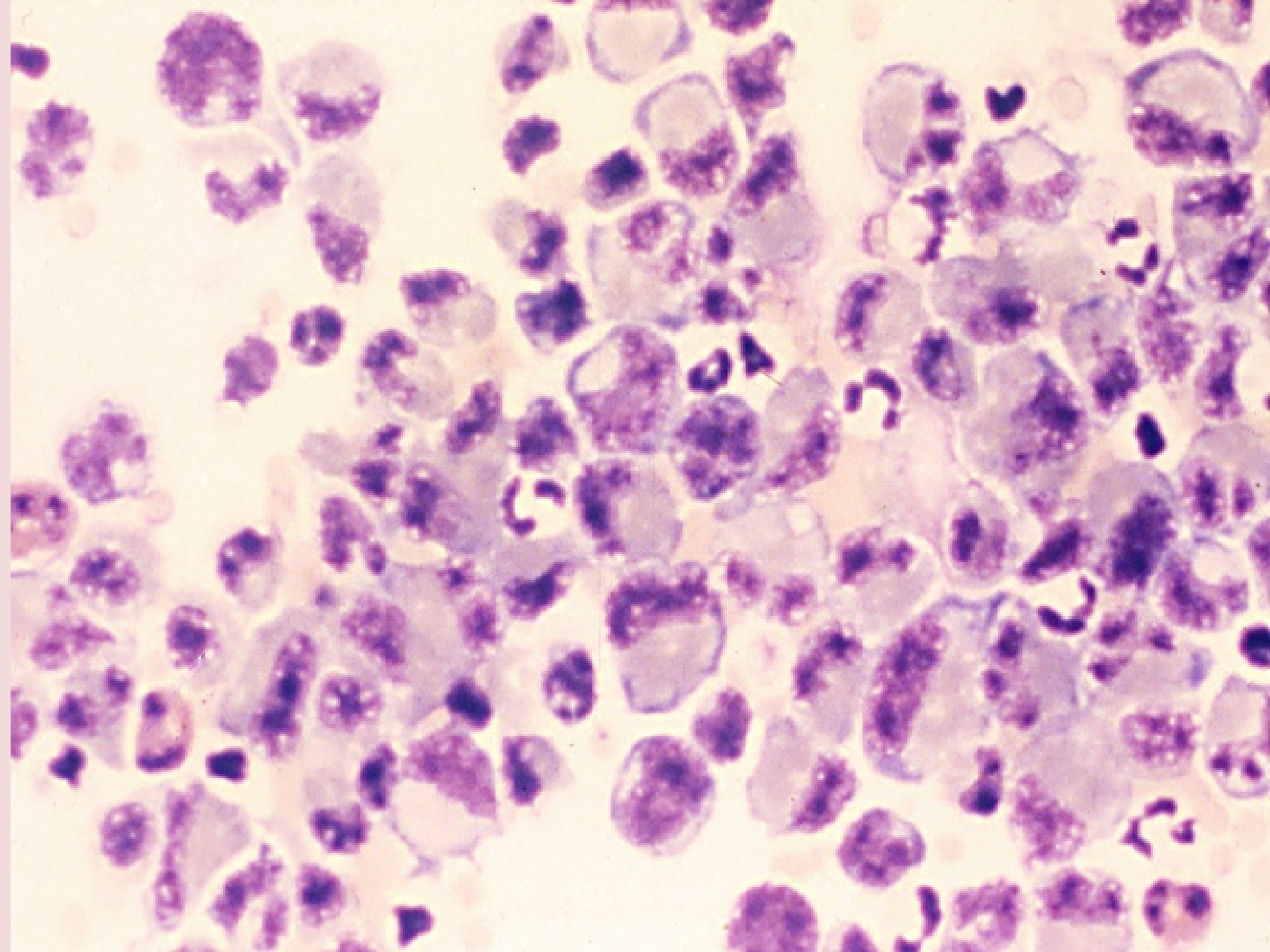
**SBA -  
unagglutinated cells**

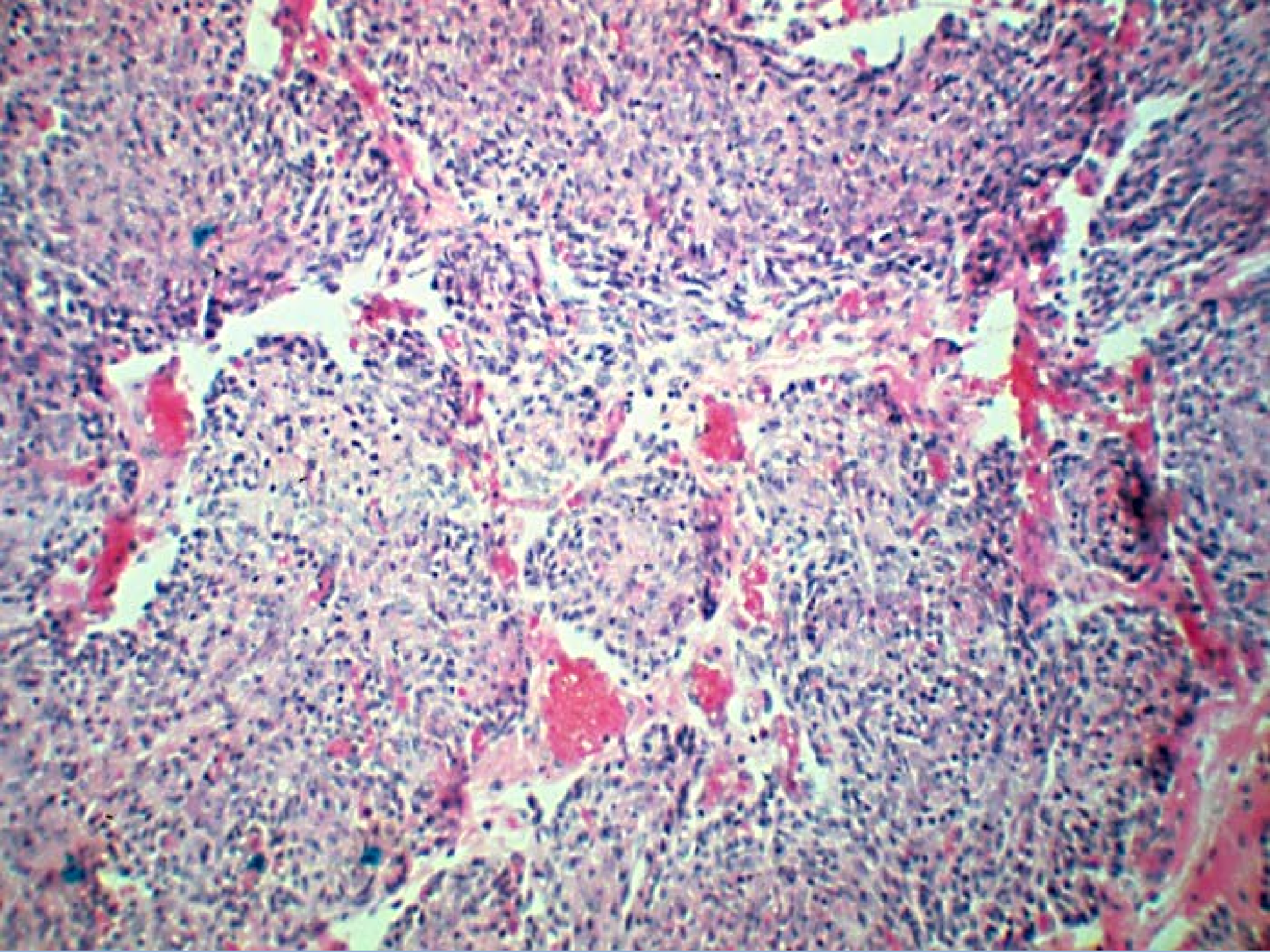
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fractionation × 2**

**E + cells**

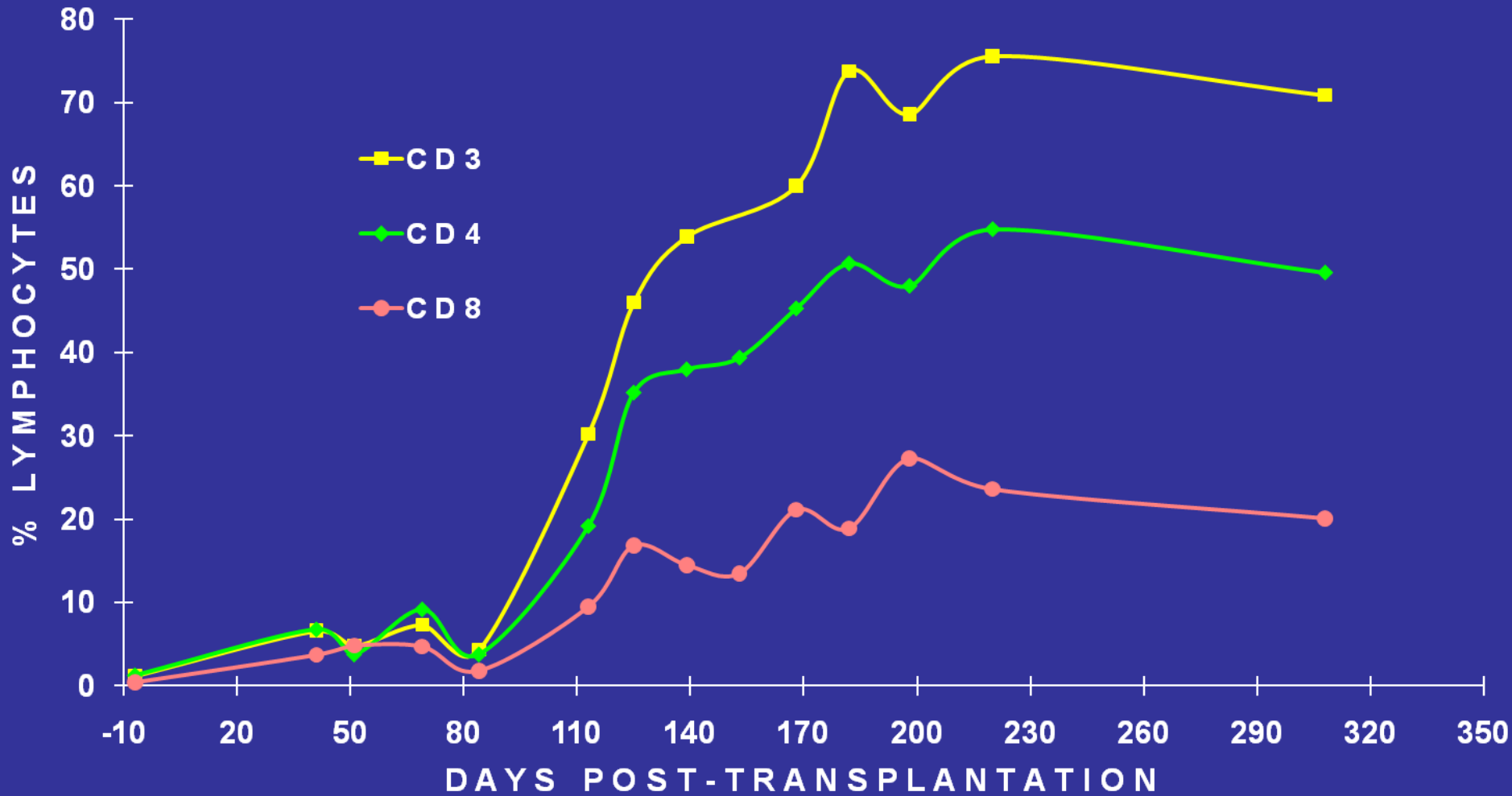
**E - cells  
used for transplant**





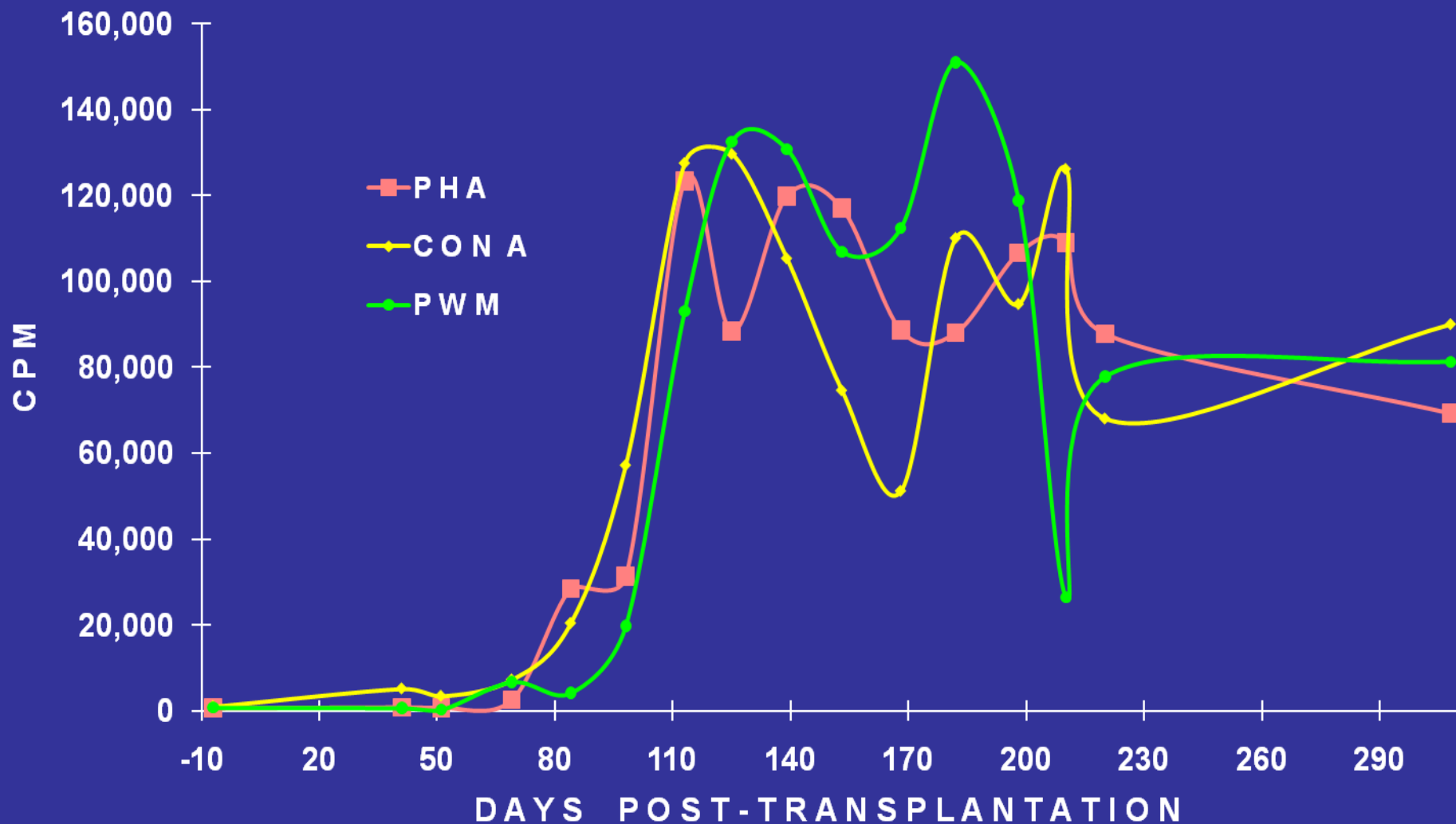


# T Cell Development in a Jak3 Def SCID Patient after T Cell-Depleted Haploidentical Marrow Transplantation





# Mitogen Responses in a Jak3 Def SCID after T Cell-Depleted Haploidentical Marrow Transplantation



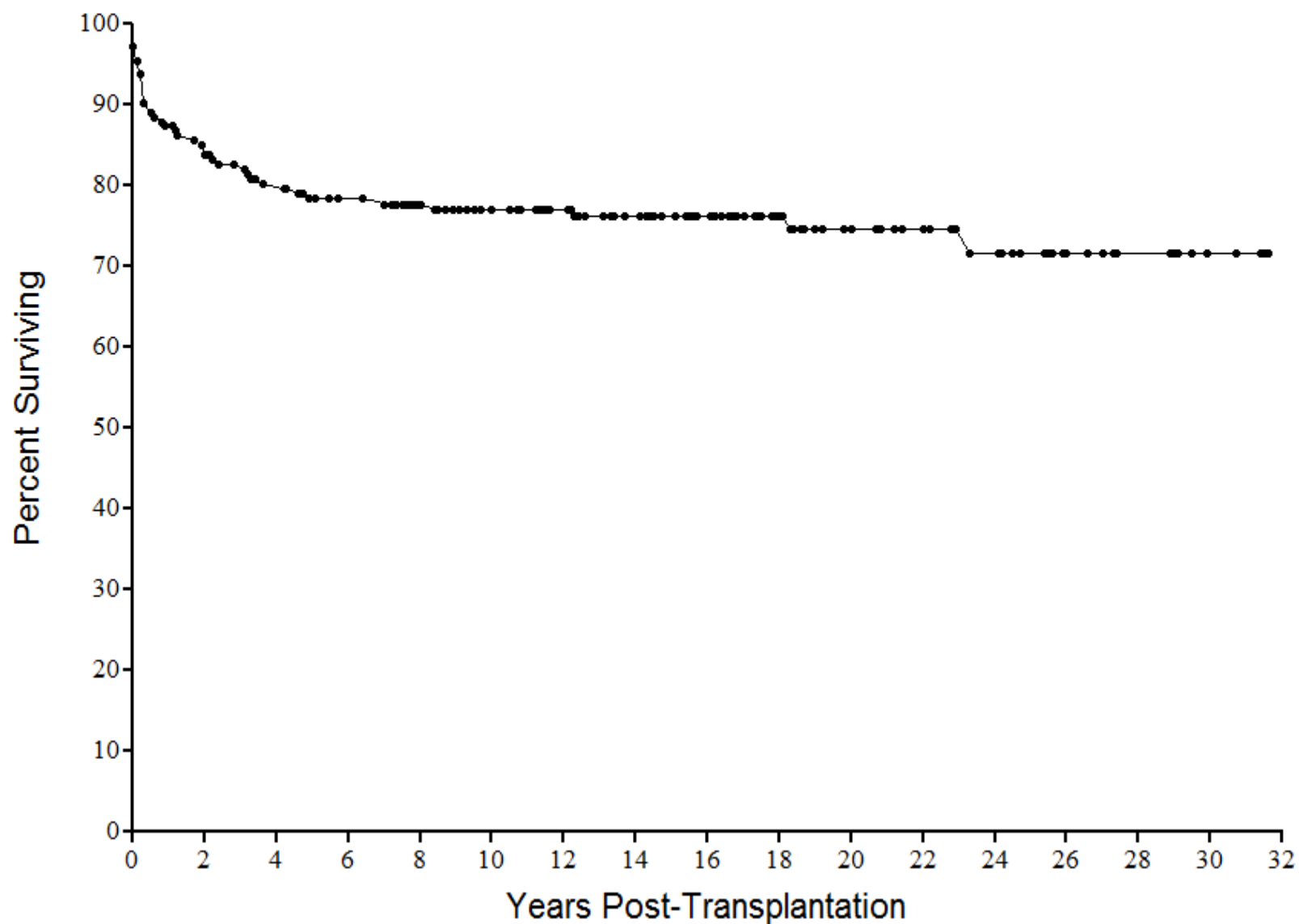
# Bone Marrow Transplantation\* for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency at Duke University Medical Center 5/19/82-7/31/15

- Number surviving: 133 of 176 or **76%**.
- Survivors range from **1 to 33** years post-transplantation.
- HLA-identical<sup>\*\*</sup>: 18 of 18 or **100%**.
- HLA haploidentical<sup>\*\*\*</sup>: 115 of 158 or **73%**.
- When transplanted before 3.5 months of life, 50/54 (**92.6%**) survive for **up to 33 years**.

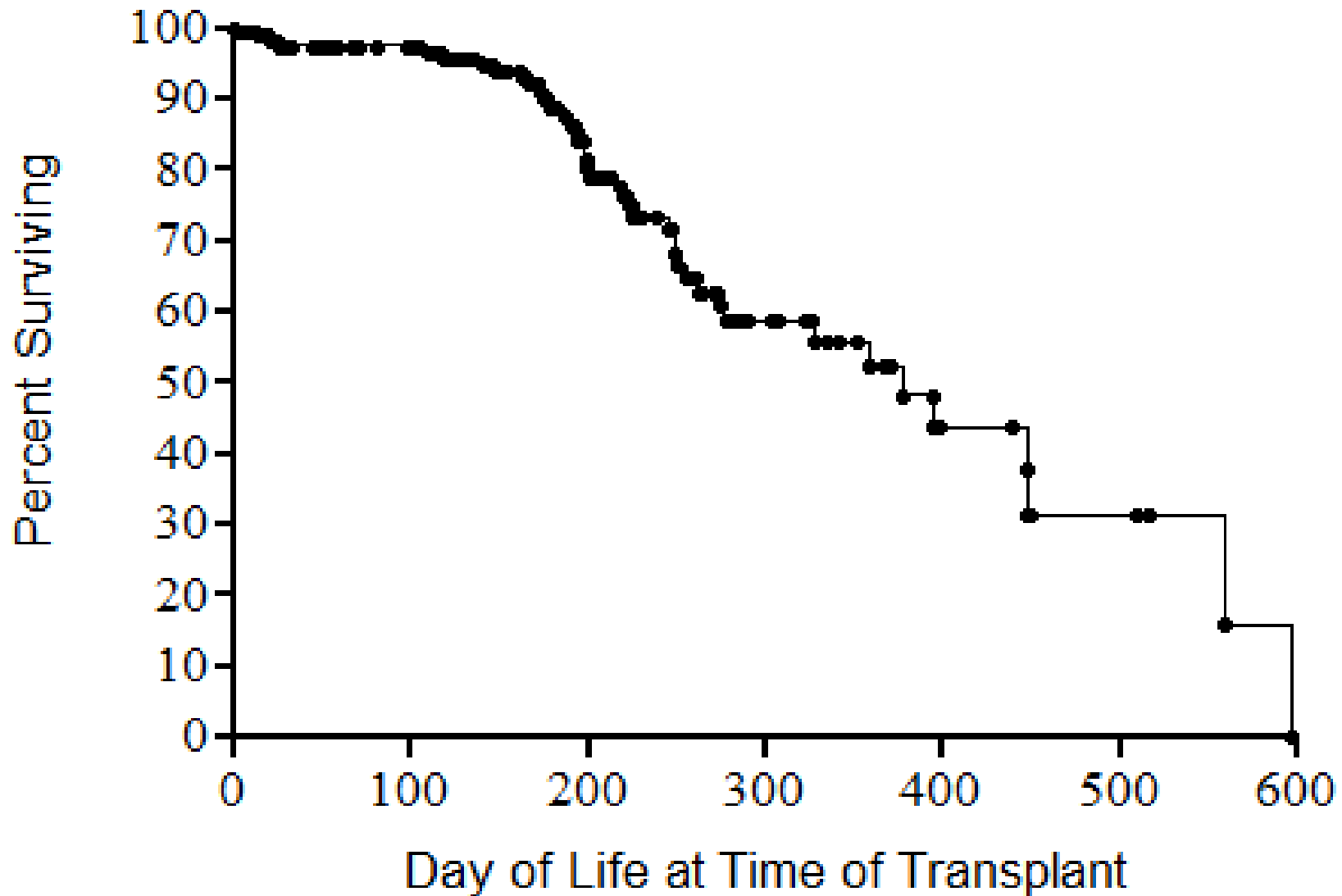
**\*Non-ablated; related donors.**

**\*\*10% of total \*\*\*90% of total**

32.5 Year Survival (76%) of 176 SCID Patients Given  
Non-ablated, Related Donor Bone Marrow Transplants at Duke  
University Medical Center: 18 HLA-identical, 158 HLA  
Haploidentical



Survival of 174 SCIDs According to Age at Time of Transplant

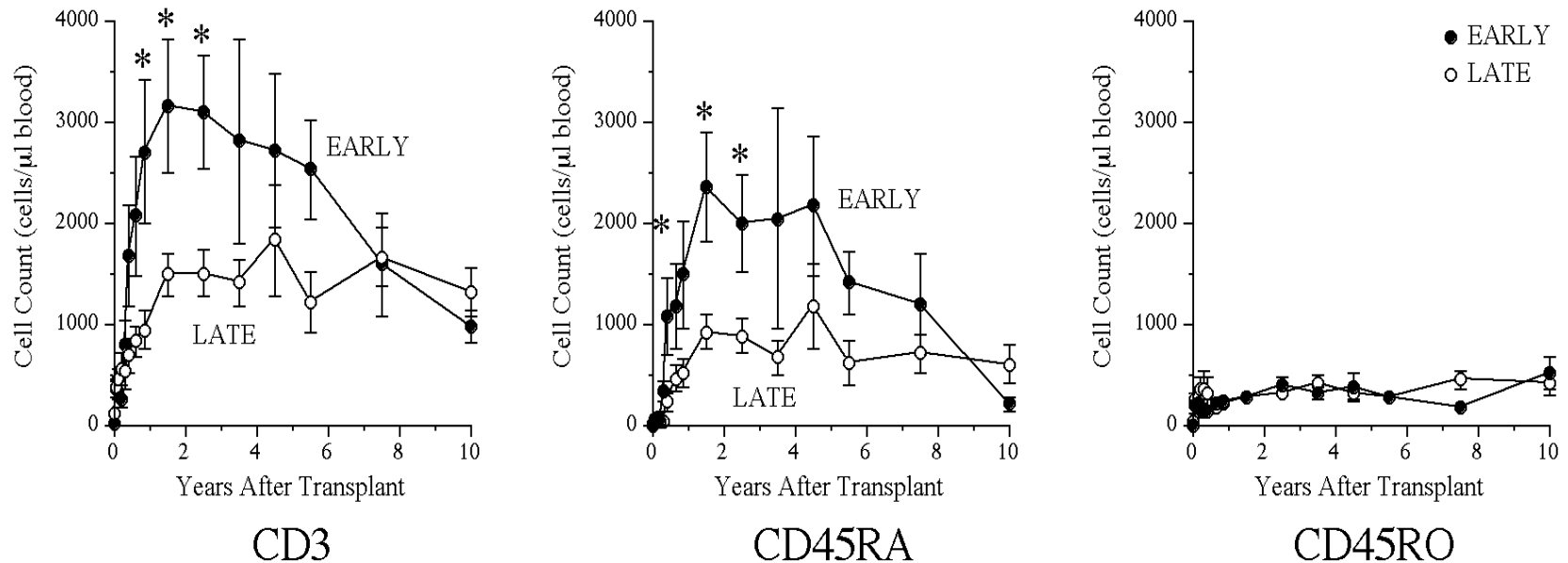


## Causes of Death in 43\* SCIDs After Marrow Transplantation

- CMV 9
- Adenovirus 9
- EBV /Lymphoma 6
- Enterovirus, Rotovirus 4
- Parainfluenza 3, Varicella 4, 2
- Herpes simplex/RSV 1 ea
- Pulmonary disease 4
- Candida or bacterial sepsis 4
- Nephrotic syndrome/chemo 2
- Mitochondrial defect 1
- CNS Infection 1
- VOD 1
- GVHD 0

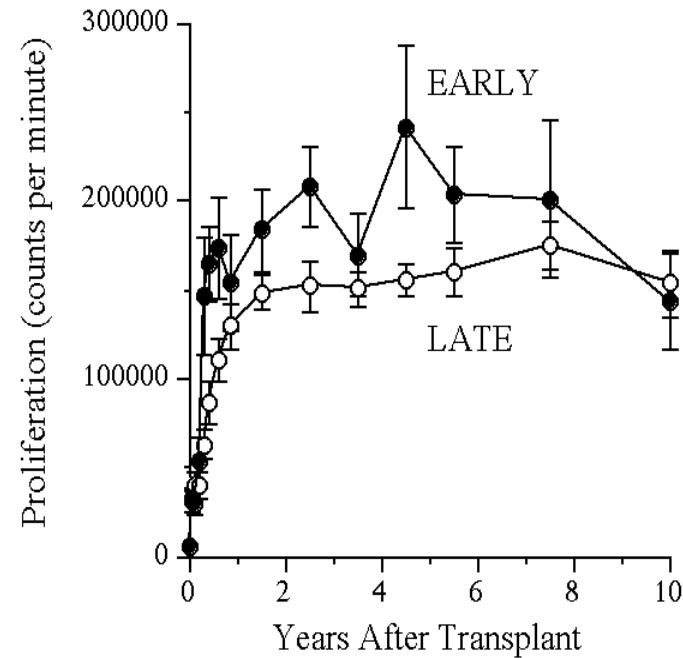
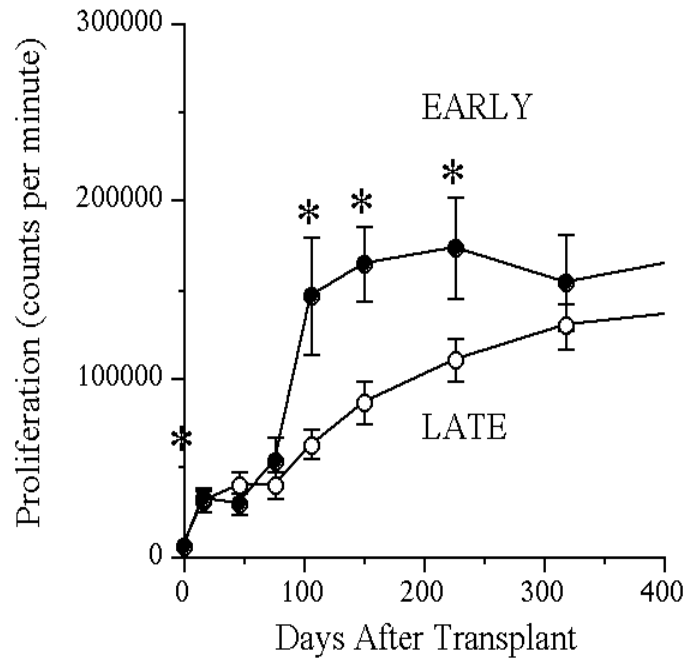
**\*32/43 (75%) died of viral infections they presented with.**

# Total (CD3+), Naïve (CD45RA+) and Memory (CD45RO+) T Cells of SCIDs Transplanted in the Neonatal Period (Early) Compared with Those Transplanted beyond that Period (Late)\*



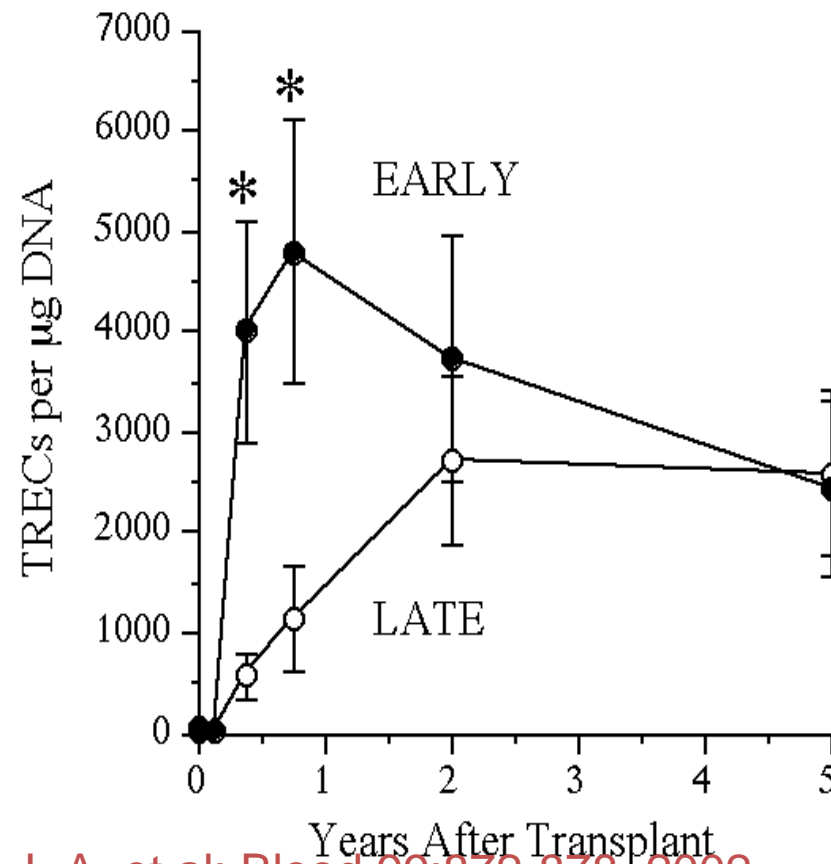
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# Responses to PHA by Lymphocytes of SCIDs Transplanted in the Neonatal Period (Early) Compared with Those Transplanted beyond that Period (Late)\*



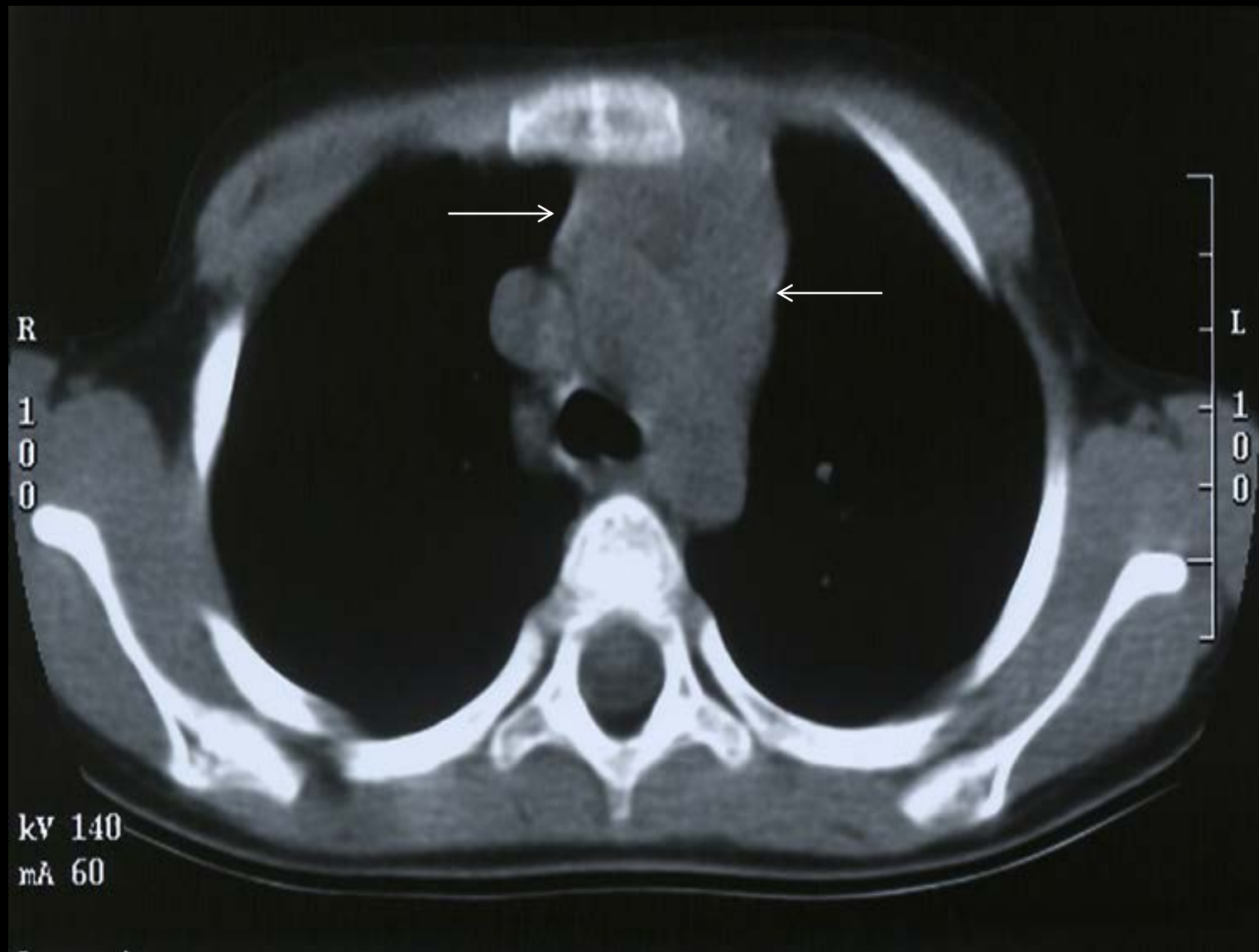
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# Thymic Output of SCIDs Transplanted in the Neonatal Period (Early) Compared with Those Transplanted beyond that Period (Late)\*



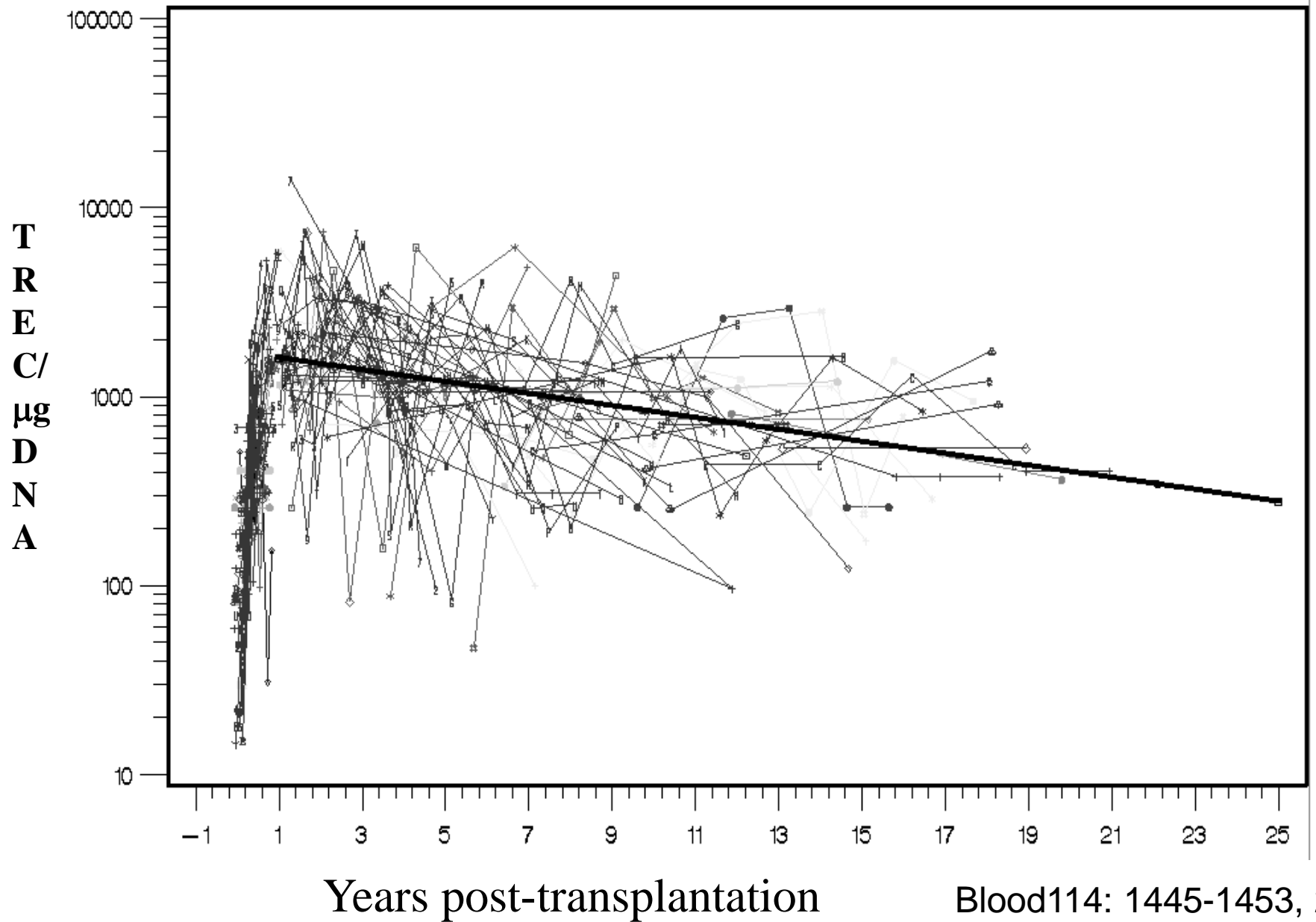
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# All of the TREC Data on 128 SCIDs

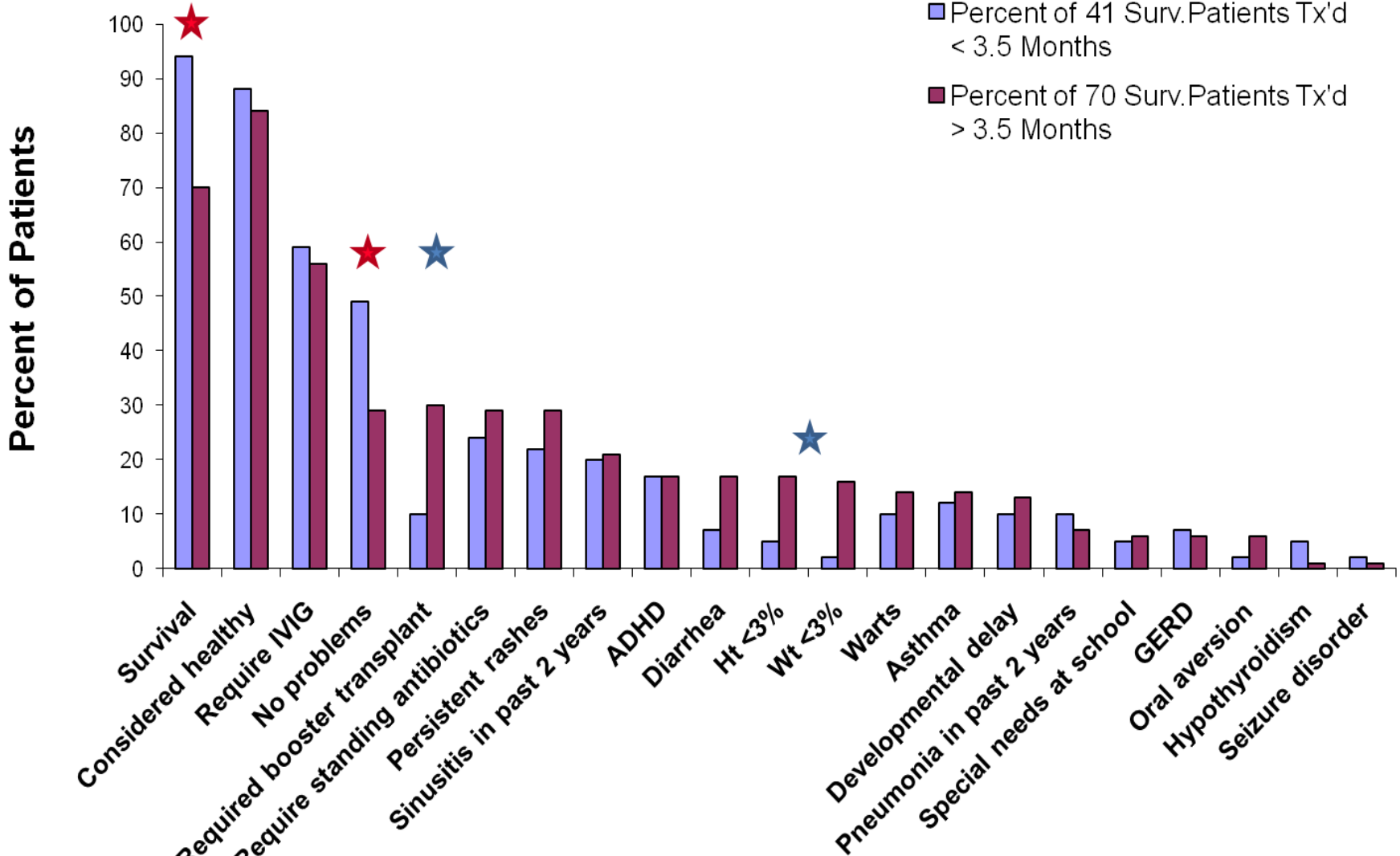


# Summary and Conclusions Re B Cell Function\*

- The most important factor determining the development of normal B cell function post-transplantation in SCID appears to be the underlying molecular defect.
- Several genetic types of SCID (ADA deficient, CD3 chain deficient and IL-7R $\alpha$ -deficient) develop normal B cell function after BMT despite having only their own B cells.
- Clearly, It is not necessary to use pre-transplant chemoablation to achieve B cell chimerism and function in the latter types of SCID.

\*Buckley et al J. Clin.Immunol, 33: 96-110, 2013.

# Clinical Status Post-transplantation

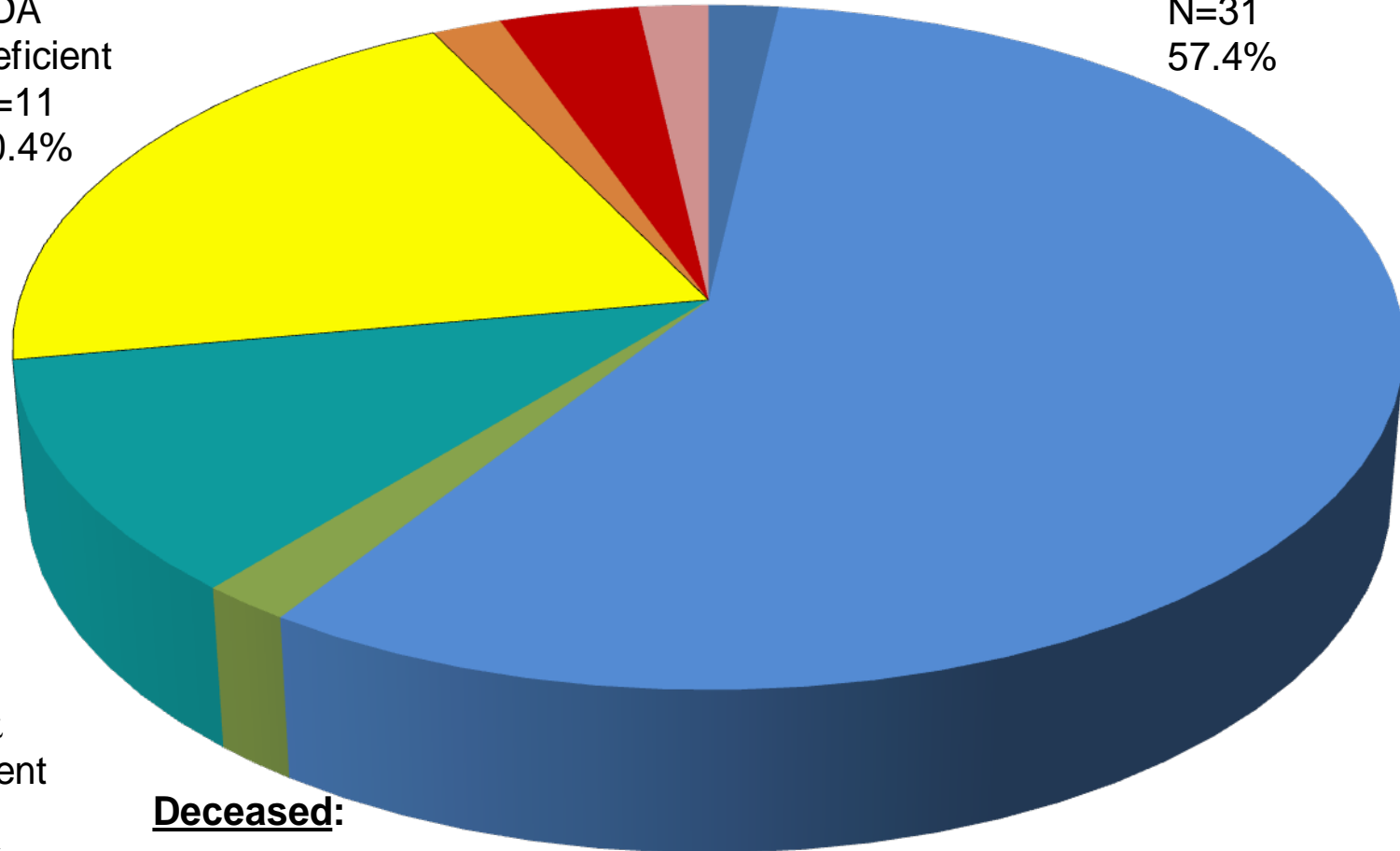


\*Railey MD J Pediatrics 155:834-840, 2009

**54 SCIDs Transplanted at Duke in the First 3.5 Months of Life: 5 HLA-identical, 49 Haploidentical, No Pre-Tx Chemo. Only 4 required more than 1 transplant. 50 (92.6%) Survive for up to 32.5 Years**

X-Linked  
N=31  
57.4%

ADA  
Deficient  
N=11  
20.4%



IL7Rα  
Deficient  
N=6  
11.1%

**Deceased:**

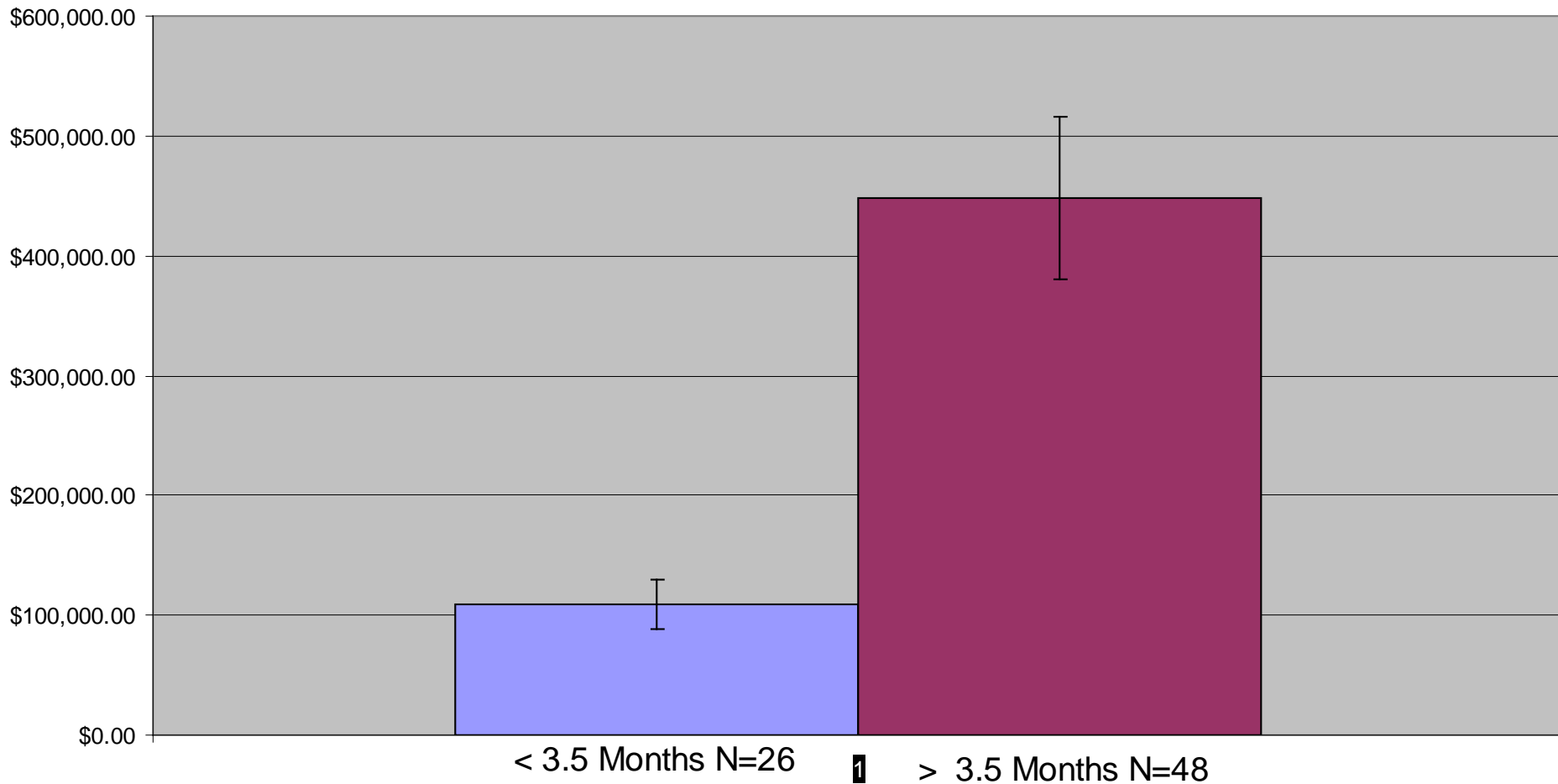
- 1 X-SCID**
- 1 ADA Def SCID**
- 1 IL7Rα Def SCID**
- 1 RAG2 Def SCID**

Jak3=1, RAG=2, AutoRec=1,  
CD3δ=1 Artemis=1

# Neonatal Bone Marrow Transplants

- Of the 54 SCID infants transplanted early, **37 were neonates (i.e. less than a month of age) and 12 of them were 10 days of age or less (earliest 7 days of age)**. Donors were mothers (10), fathers (2) or siblings (1). None were infected at the time of transplant.
- Except for the marrow cell infusion, the infants were outpatients. They were admitted overnight for the cell infusion, then discharged to an apartment and followed in the clinic every 1-2 weeks until T cell function developed. They did not have central lines and a majority were breastfed.

# Mean Total Costs of SCID Bone Marrow Transplants According to Age of the Patient at Transplantation (N=74)



# Concerns for the Future

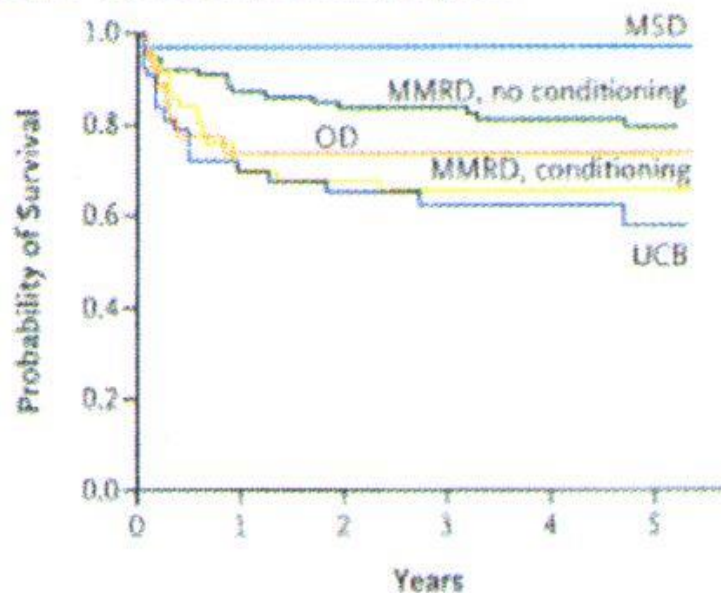
- How can we ensure that screen-positive infants are evaluated by an immunologist first to determine that the diagnosis is correct?
- How many screen-positive infants will receive unnecessary transplants?
- Who will be transplanting these infants? Do they have experience in treating SCID?
- How many SCIDs will receive unnecessary pre-transplant conditioning?



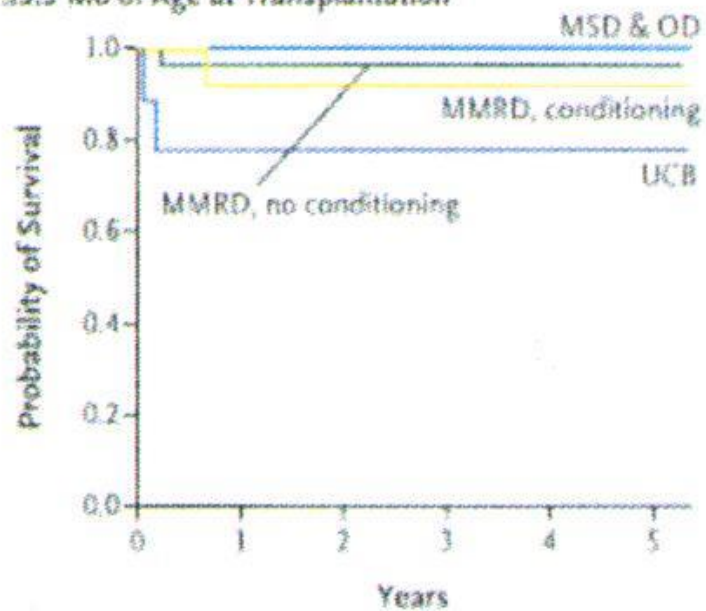
**NIAID Primary Immunodeficiency Treatment Consortium  
(PIDTC) Retrospective Study  
Transplantation Outcomes for 240 Severe Combined  
Immunodeficiency Patients, 2000–2009. New England Journal  
of Medicine 371: 434-446, 2014. PMID: 25075835.**

- Survival at 5 years, freedom from immunoglobulin substitution, and CD3+ T-cell and IgA recovery were more likely among recipients of grafts from matched sibling donors than among recipients of grafts from alternative donors.
- However, the survival rate was high regardless of donor type among infants who received transplants at 3.5 months of age or younger (94%) and among older infants without prior infection (90%) or with infection that had resolved (82%).
- **Among actively infected infants without a matched sibling donor, survival was best among recipients of haploidentical T-cell–depleted transplants in the absence of any pretransplantation conditioning.**
- Among survivors, reduced-intensity or myeloablative pretransplantation conditioning was associated with an increased likelihood of a CD3+ T-cell count of more than 1000 per cubic millimeter, freedom from immunoglobulin substitution, and IgA recovery but did not significantly affect CD4+ T-cell recovery or recovery of phytohemagglutinin-induced T-cell proliferation.
- The genetic subtype of SCID affected the quality of CD3+ T-cell recovery but not survival.

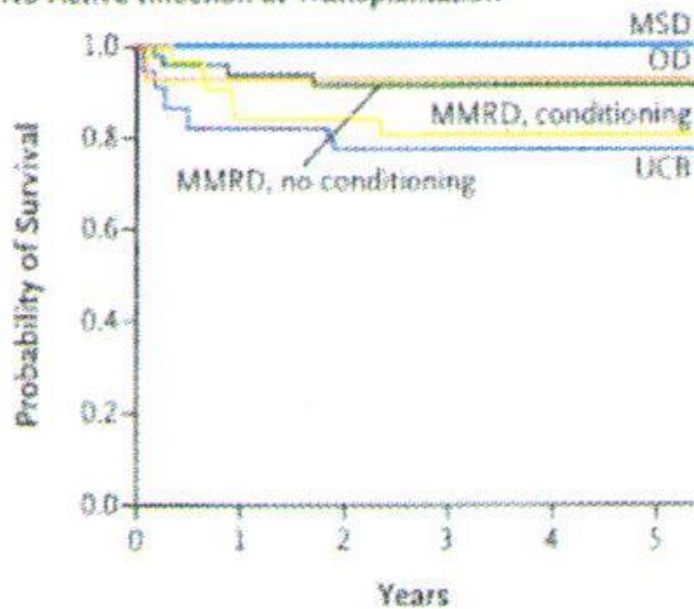
**E Donor Type and Conditioning Regimen**



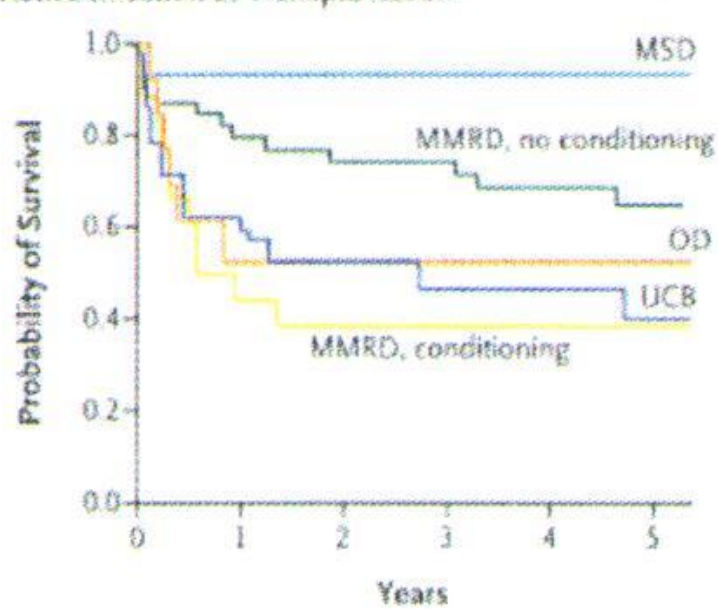
**F  $\leq 3.5$  Mo of Age at Transplantation**



**G No Active Infection at Transplantation**



**H Active Infection at Transplantation**



# Adverse Events from Pre-Transplant Chemotherapy

## Early

- Neutropenia, diminishing innate immunity
- thrombocytopenia, bleeding
- anemia
- mucositis
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- hair loss
- hemorrhagic cystitis
- **Veno-occlusive disease**

# Adverse Events from Pre-transplant Chemotherapy (cont'd)

- Late
  - kidneys, liver, heart, lungs
  - poor growth
  - poor tooth development
  - delayed puberty, **sterility**
  - malignancy

# Effects of Chemotherapy on Neurodevelopment and Neurocognition

- Lin M. Long-term neurocognitive function of pediatric patients with severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID): pre- and post-hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT). *J Clin Immunol* 2009;29(2):231-7.
- Titman P. Cognitive and behavioral abnormalities in children after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for severe congenital immunodeficiencies. *Blood* 2008;112(9)3907-3913.

# Conclusions

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- SCID is a pediatric emergency, and the potential exists to diagnose this condition routinely at birth.
- If a rigorously T cell depleted stem cell transplant from a relative can be done in the first 3.5 months of life without pre-transplant chemotherapy or post-transplant GVHD prophylaxis, before infections develop, there is a high (**92.6 percent**) probability of longterm success.
- T cell-depleted haploidentical marrow transplantation provides life-saving therapy for all forms of SCID, but it, like other forms of treatment, is not a perfect treatment.

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# Conditions with Low or Absent T Cells Detected by TREC Screening

## **Multisystem syndromes with variable T cell deficiency**

57% DiGeorge/chromosome 22q11.2 deletion

15% Trisomy 21

3% Ataxia telangiectasia

2% CHARGE syndrome

## **Secondary T lymphopenia**

25% Congenital cardiac anomalies

38% Other congenital anomalies

13% Vascular leakage, third spacing, hydrops

3% Neonatal leukemia

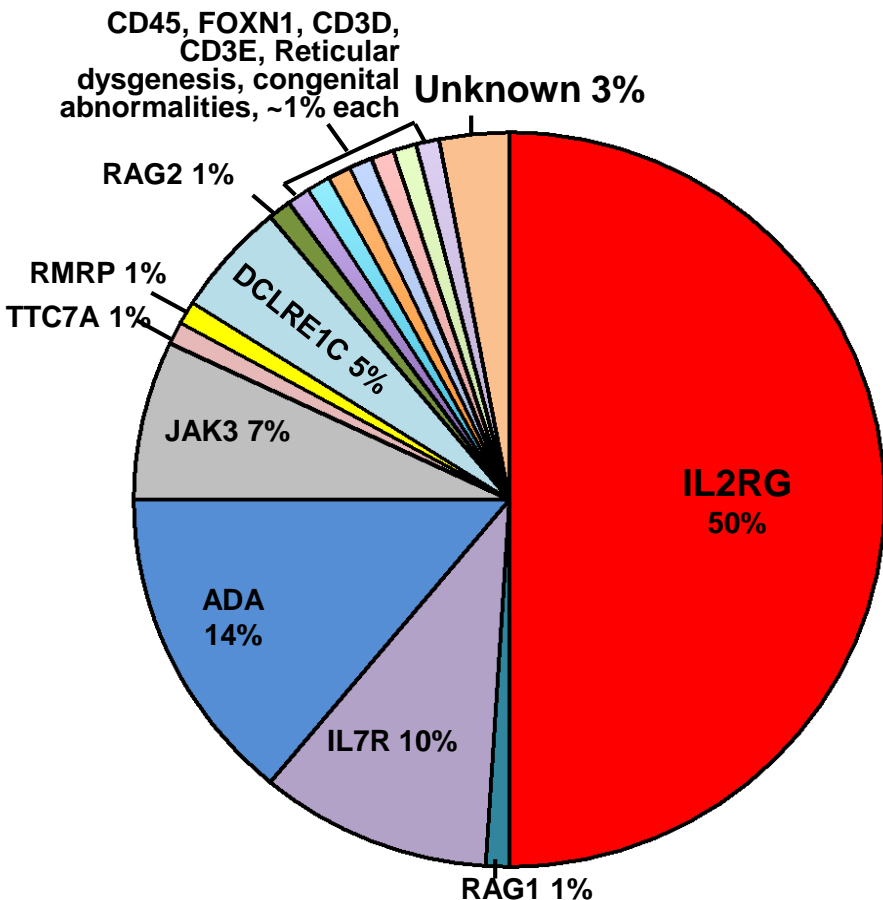
## **Extreme preterm birth alone—T cells become normal over time**

**“Variant SCID” or Idiopathic T lymphopenia**—Low T cells and TRECs, low naïve CD45RA T cells, no maternal engraftment, impaired T cell or antibody responses, no known gene defect



# SCID Cases reported from Transplant Centers

**Incidence 1 per 100,000**



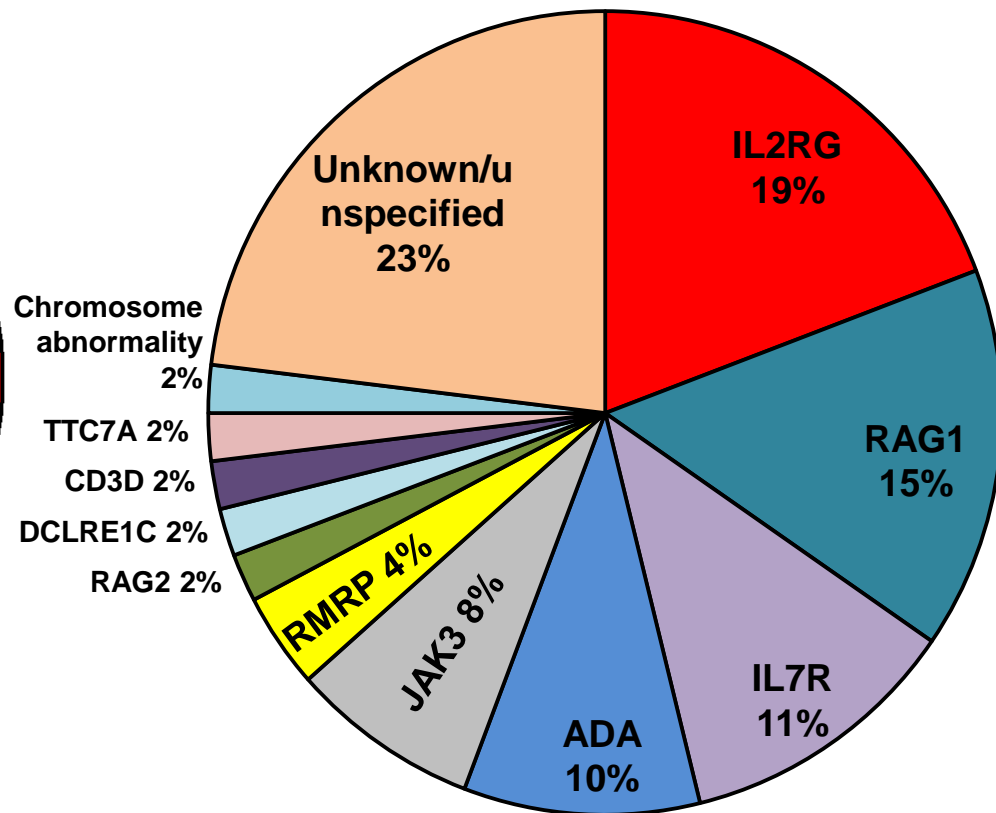
*Combined estimates from published series (Duke, European, PIDTC)*

# SCID Cases found by Newborn Screening

**52 cases in 3 Million Infants**

**1.715 per 100,000, or 1/58,000**

**Survival 92%**



*Kwan et al., Manuscript published, 2014*

# Implementation Status

