

# Heart Transplantation current and future

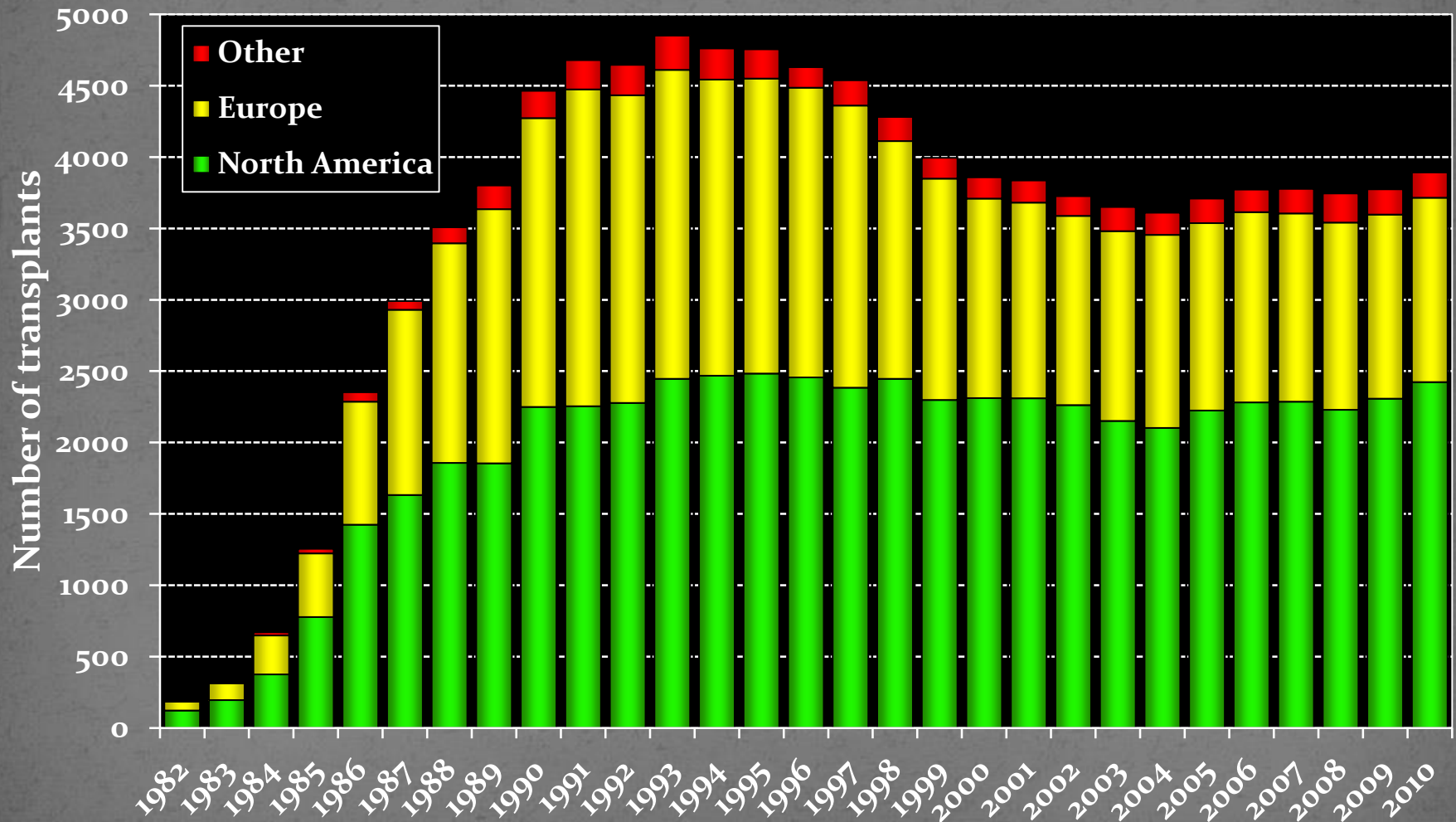
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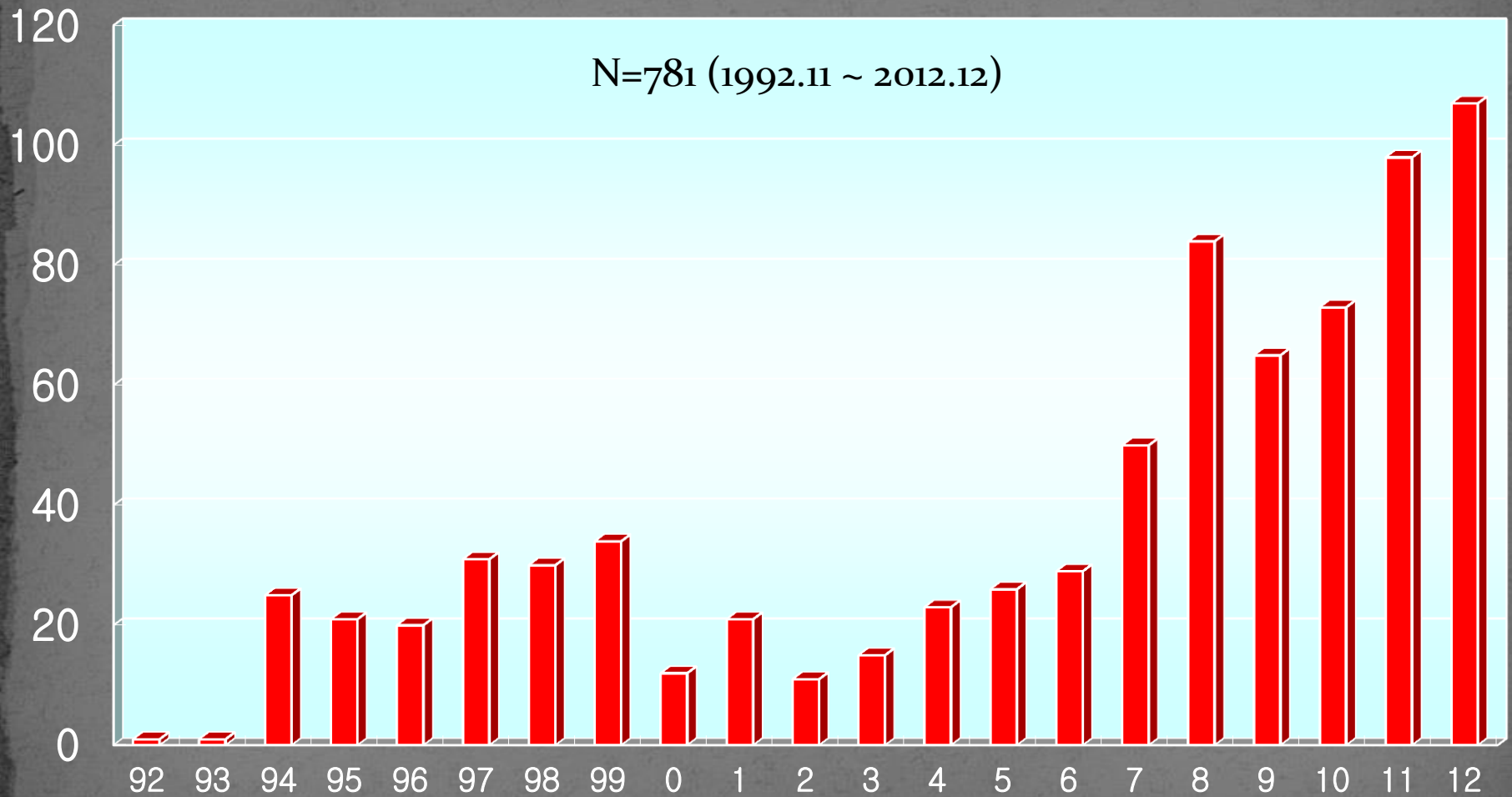
# Current Status



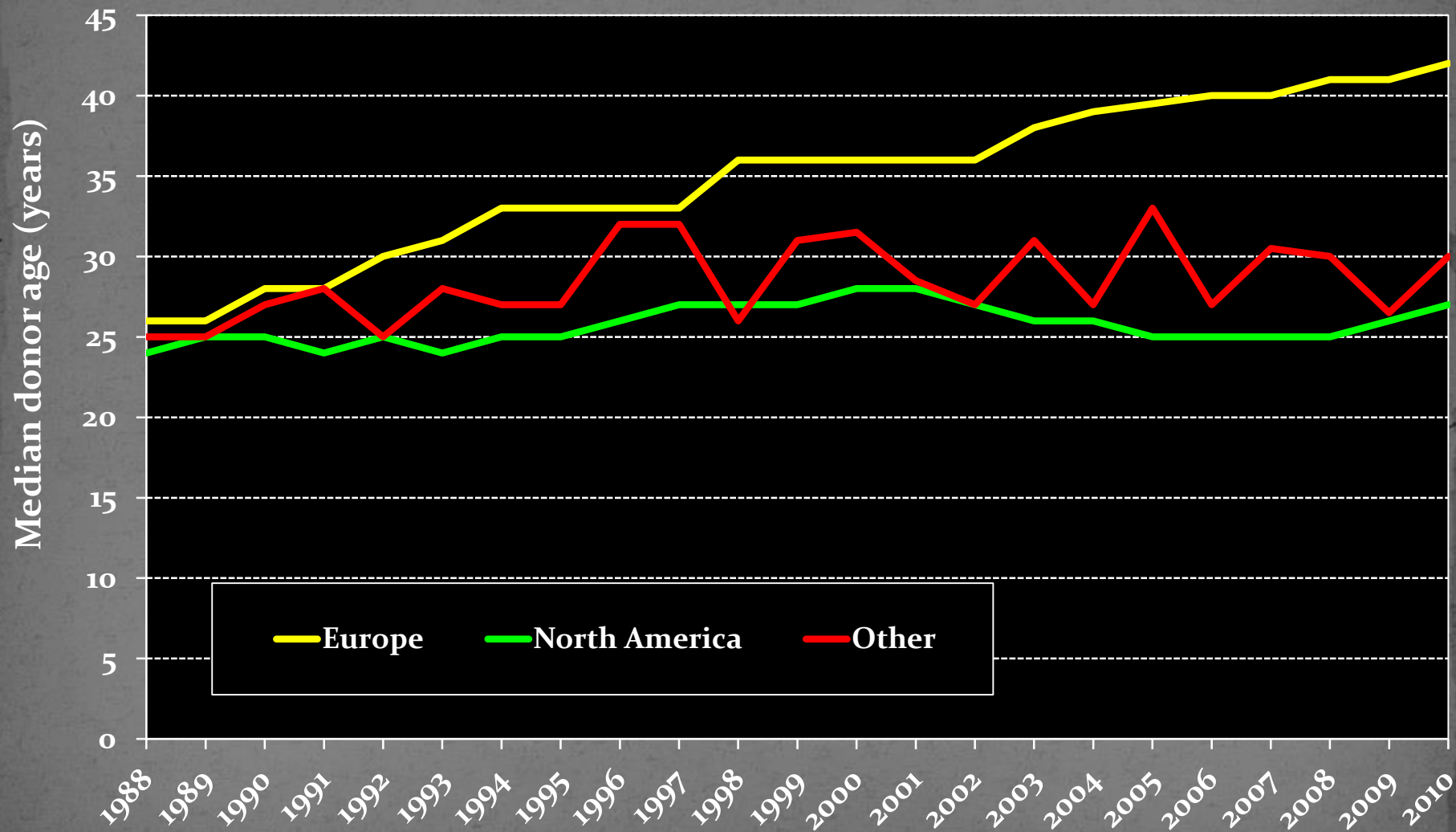
# Number of Heart Transplants



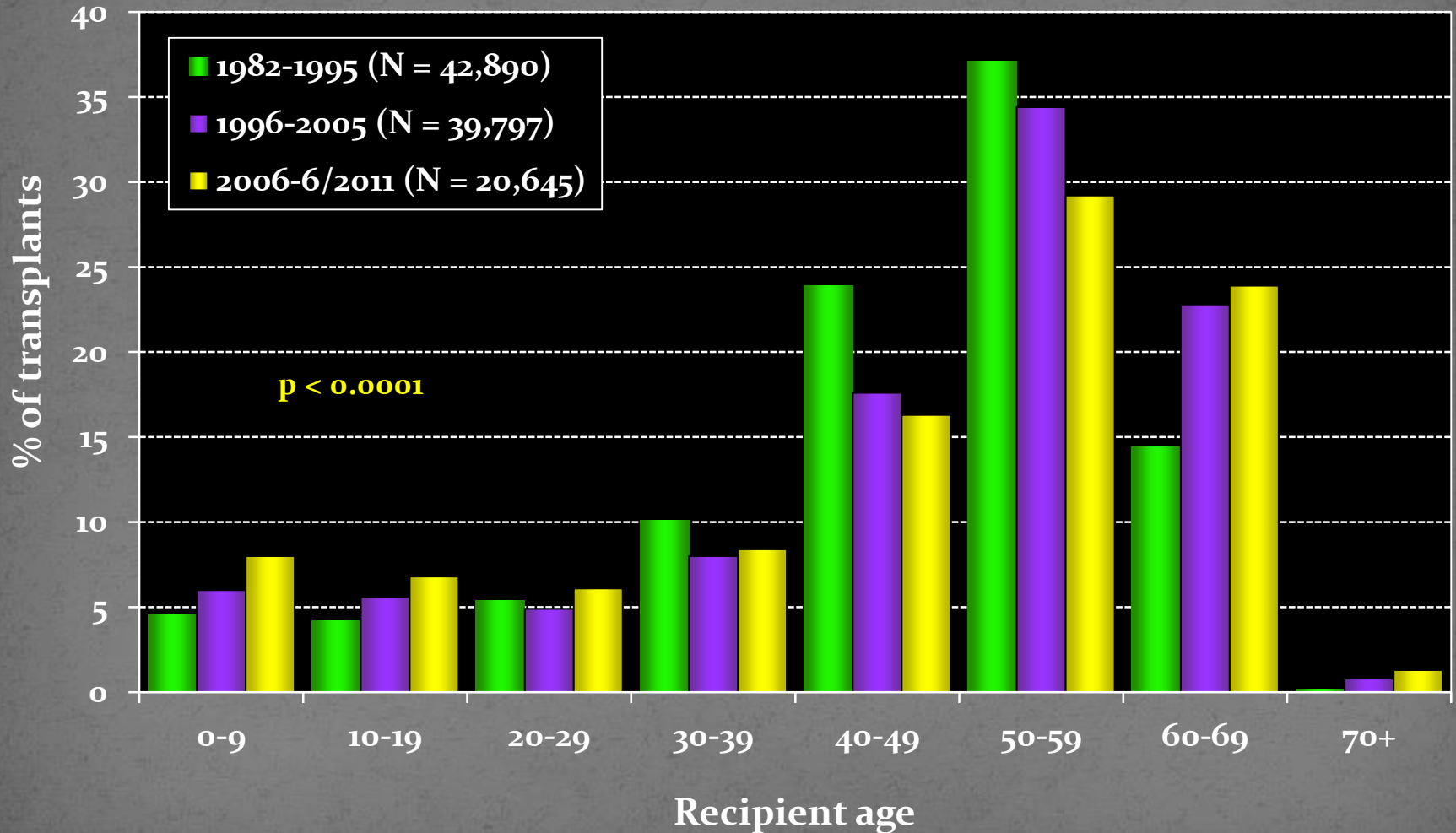
# Heart Transplants in Korea



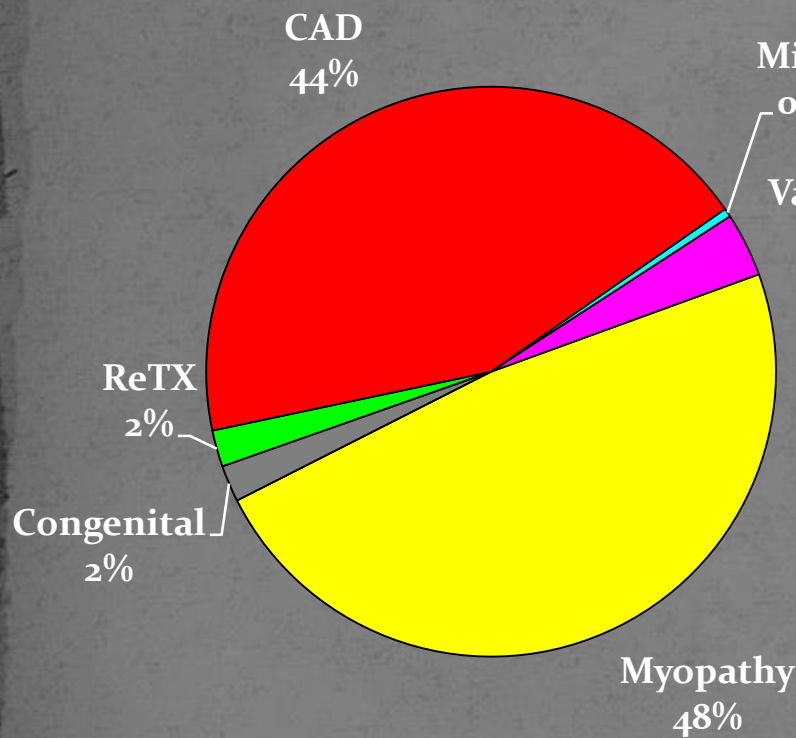
# Adult Heart Transplants ; Median Donor Age by Location



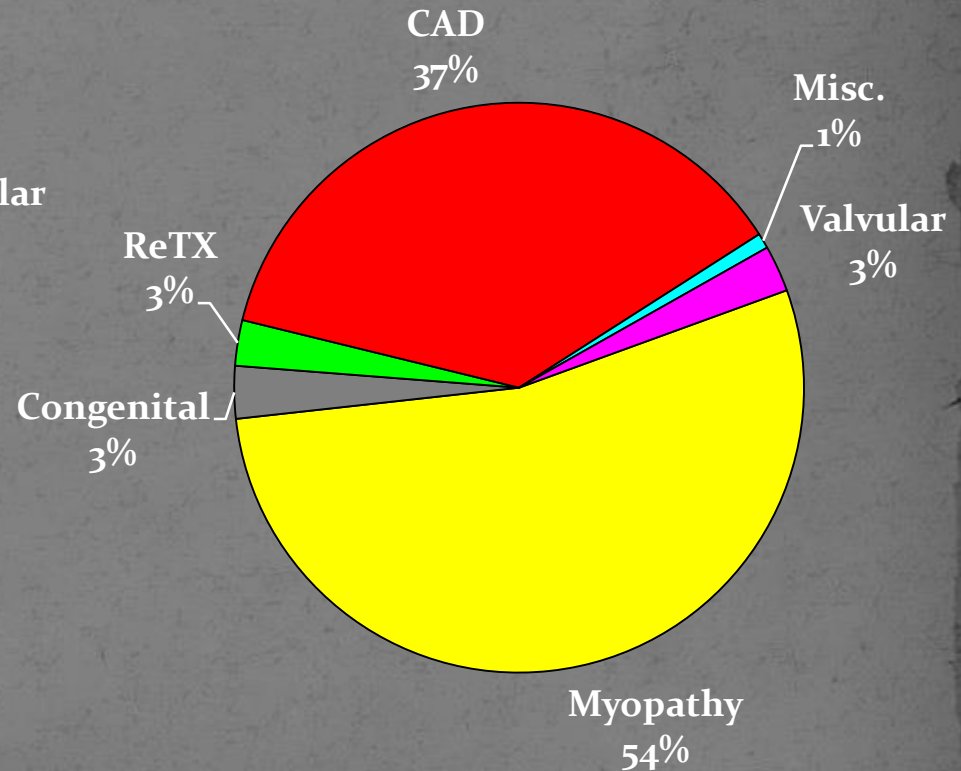
# Recipients Age by Era



# Diagnosis in Adult Heart Transplants



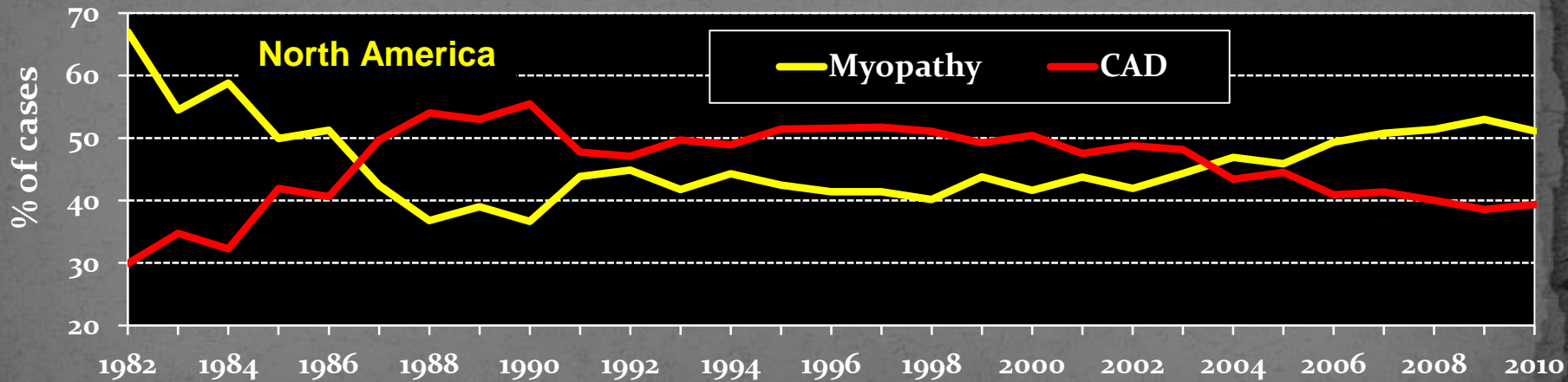
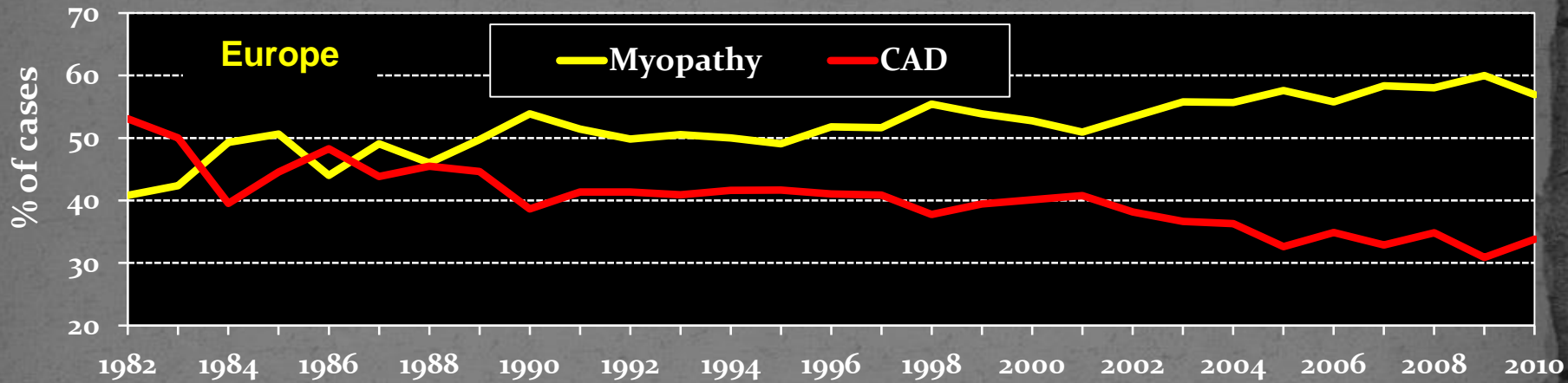
1/1982 - 6/2011



1/2006 - 6/2011

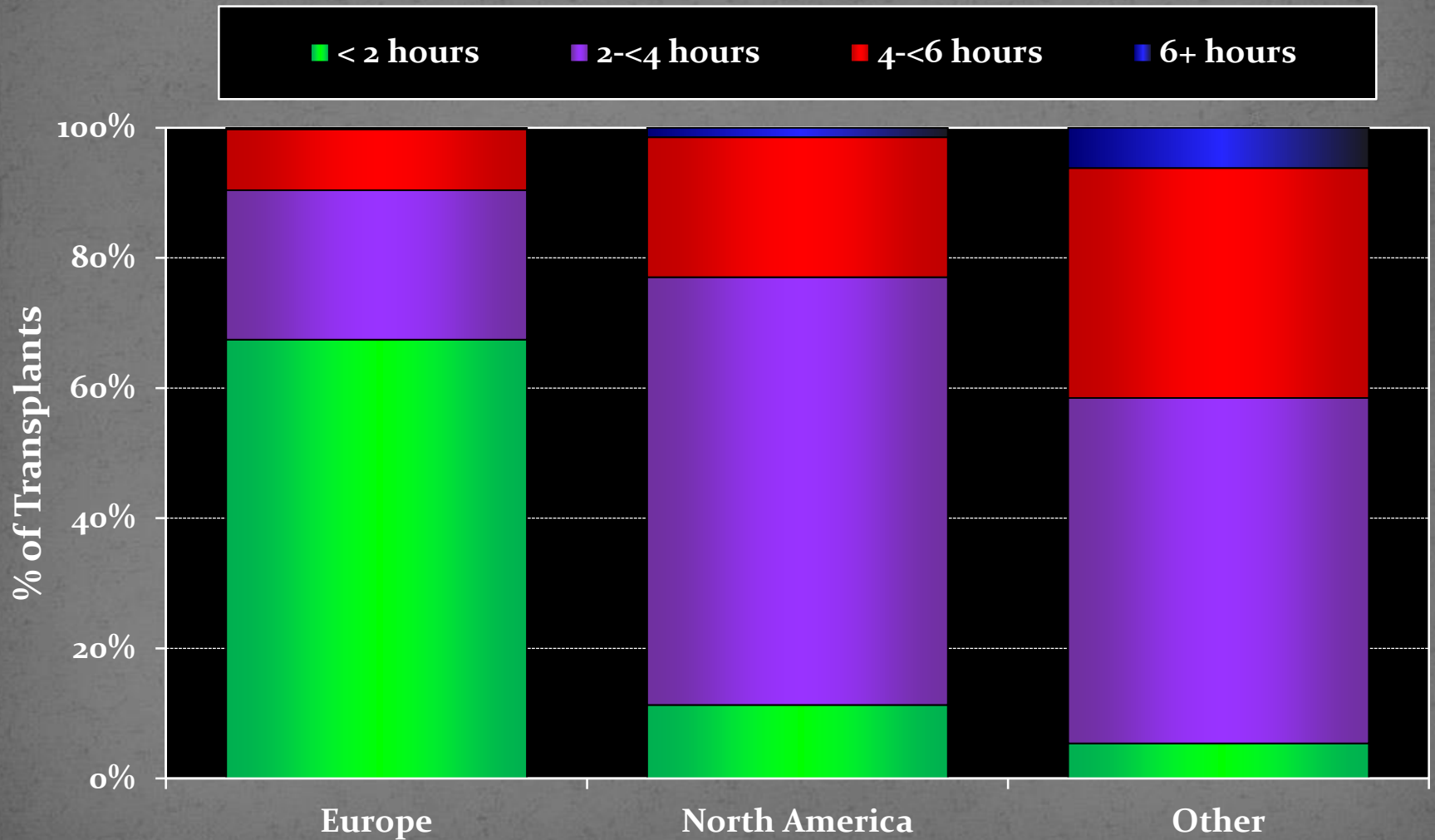
# Adult heart Transplants

## Diagnosis: Cardiomyopathy vs. CAD



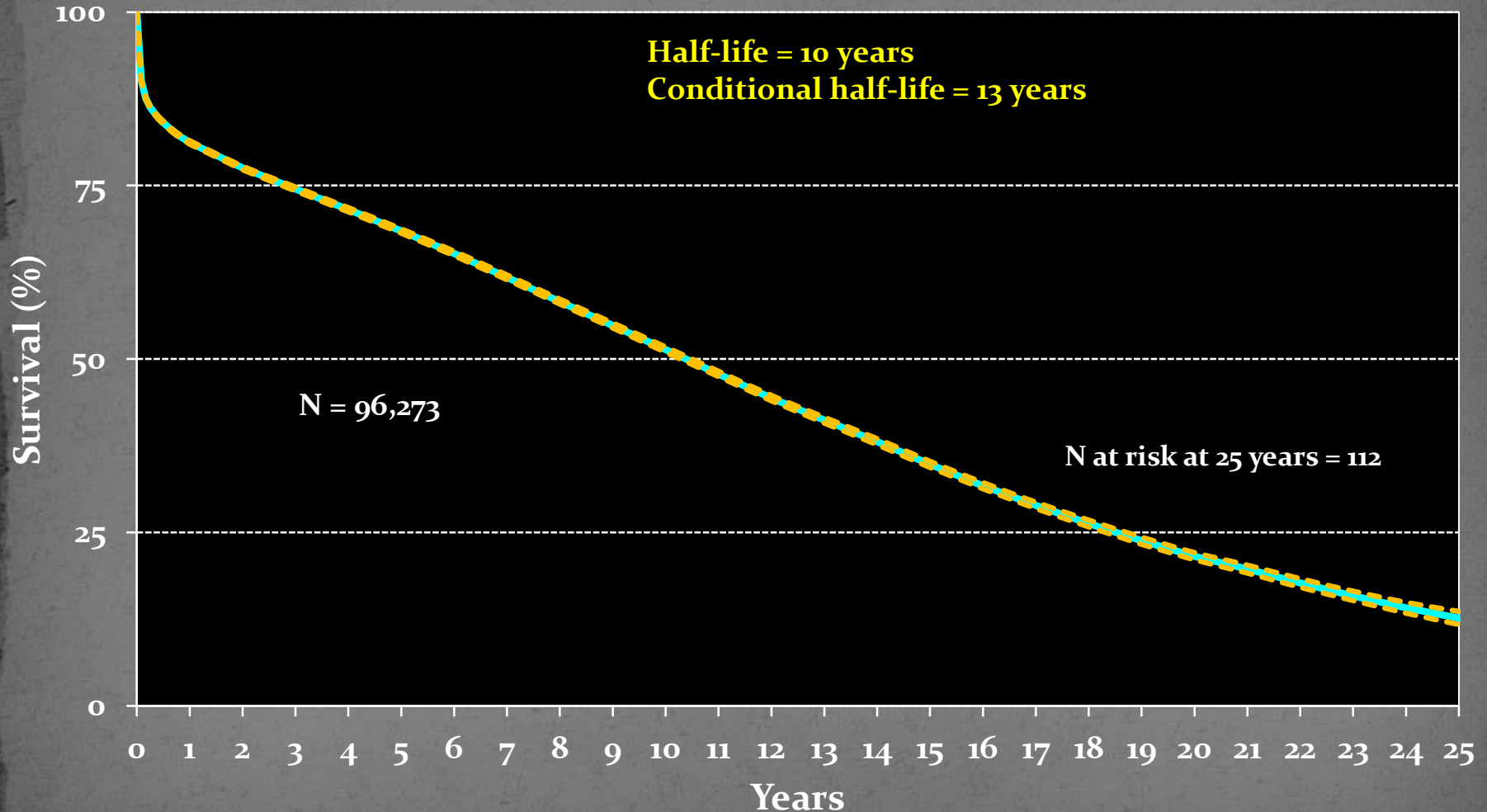


# Adult Heart Transplants Ischemic time Distribution

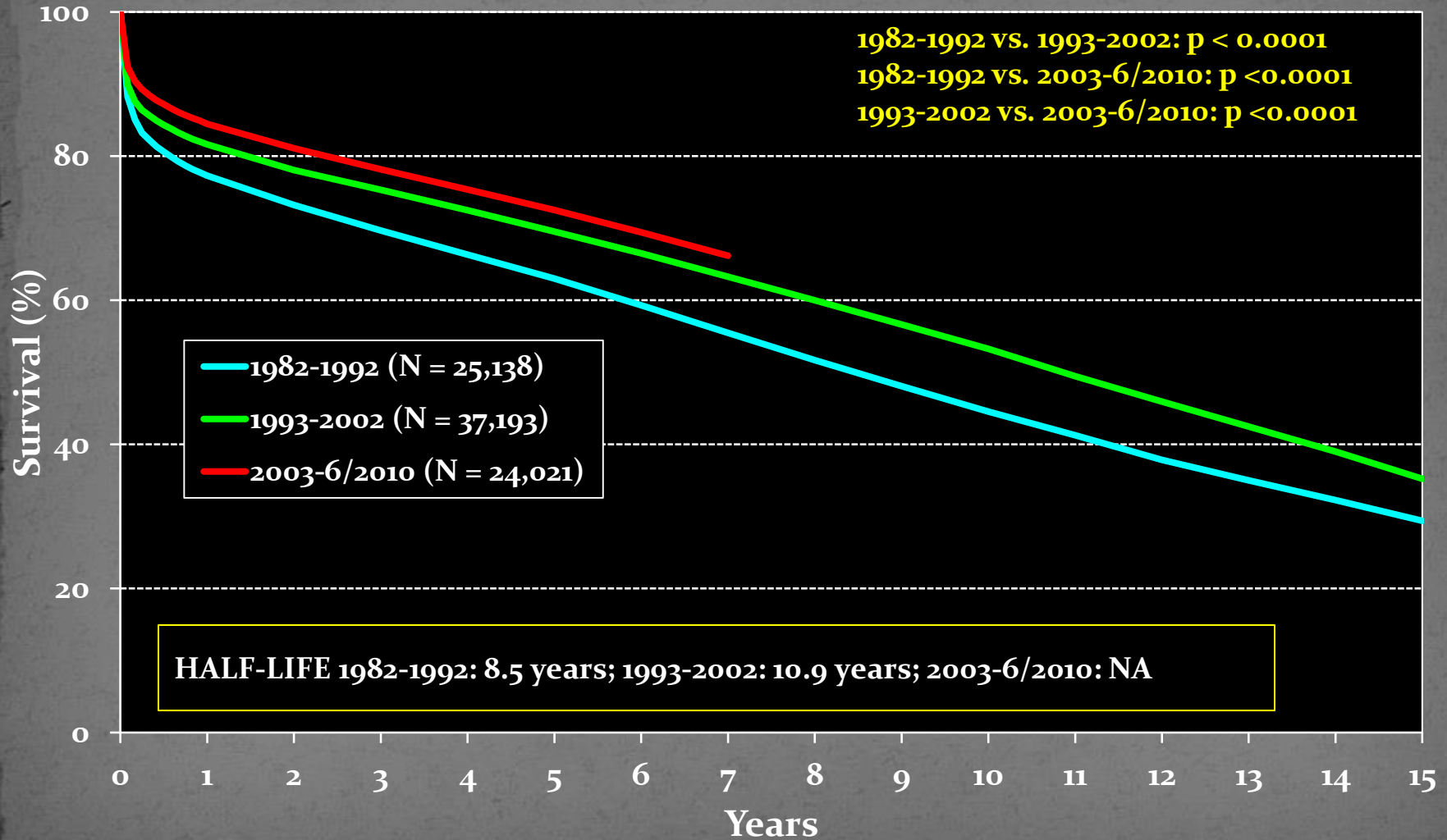


# Heart Transplants Survival

(Transplants: January 1982 - June 2010)

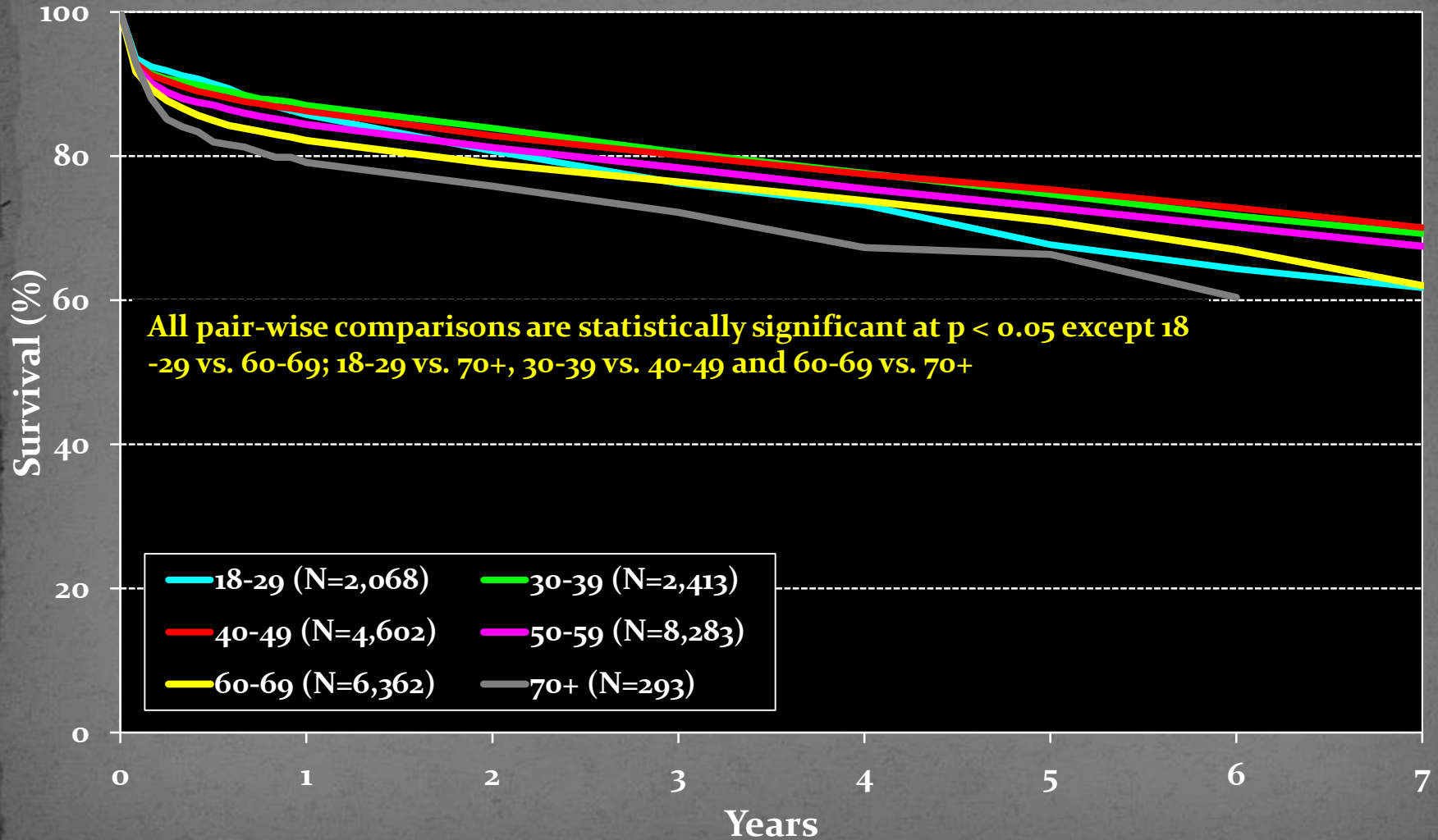


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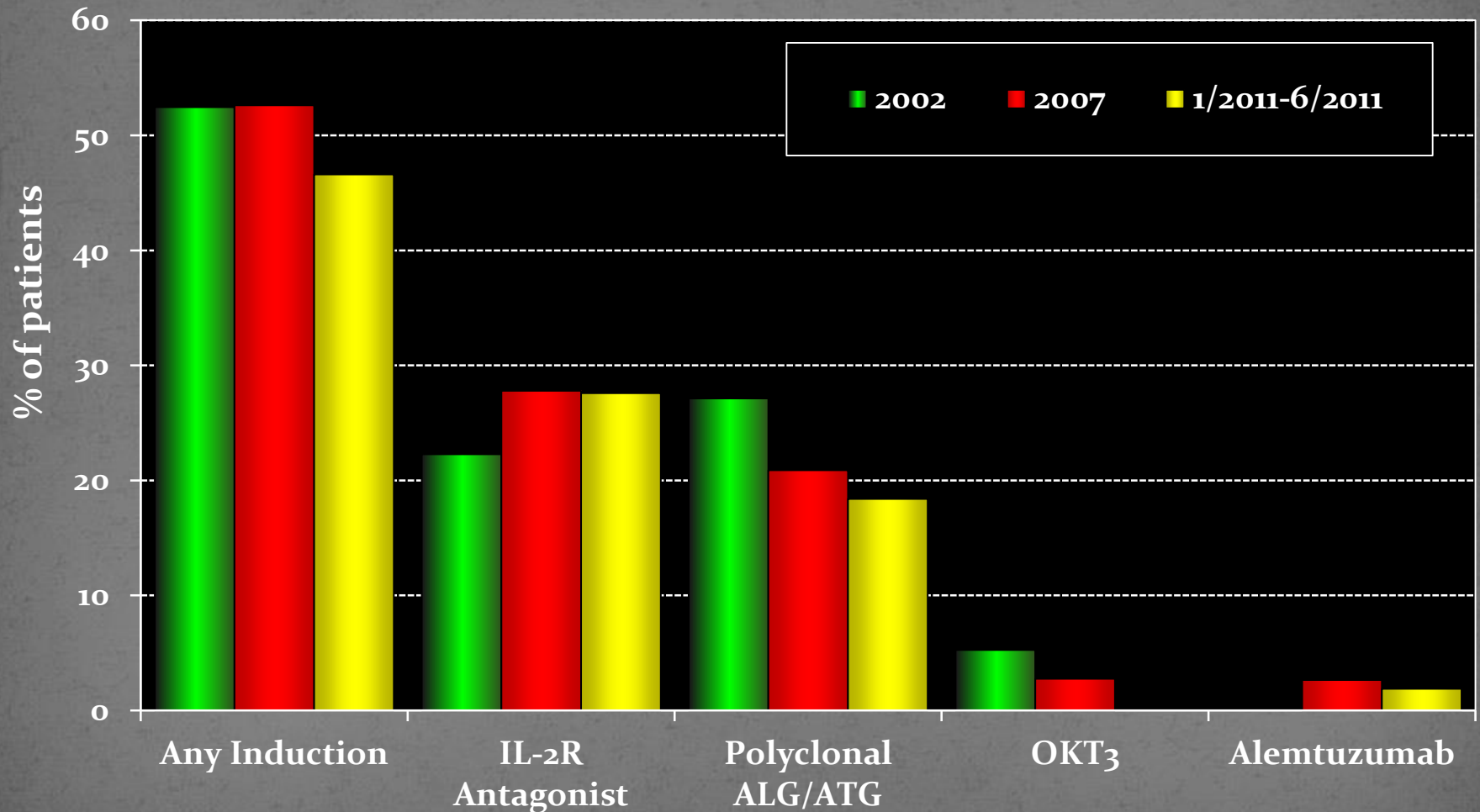


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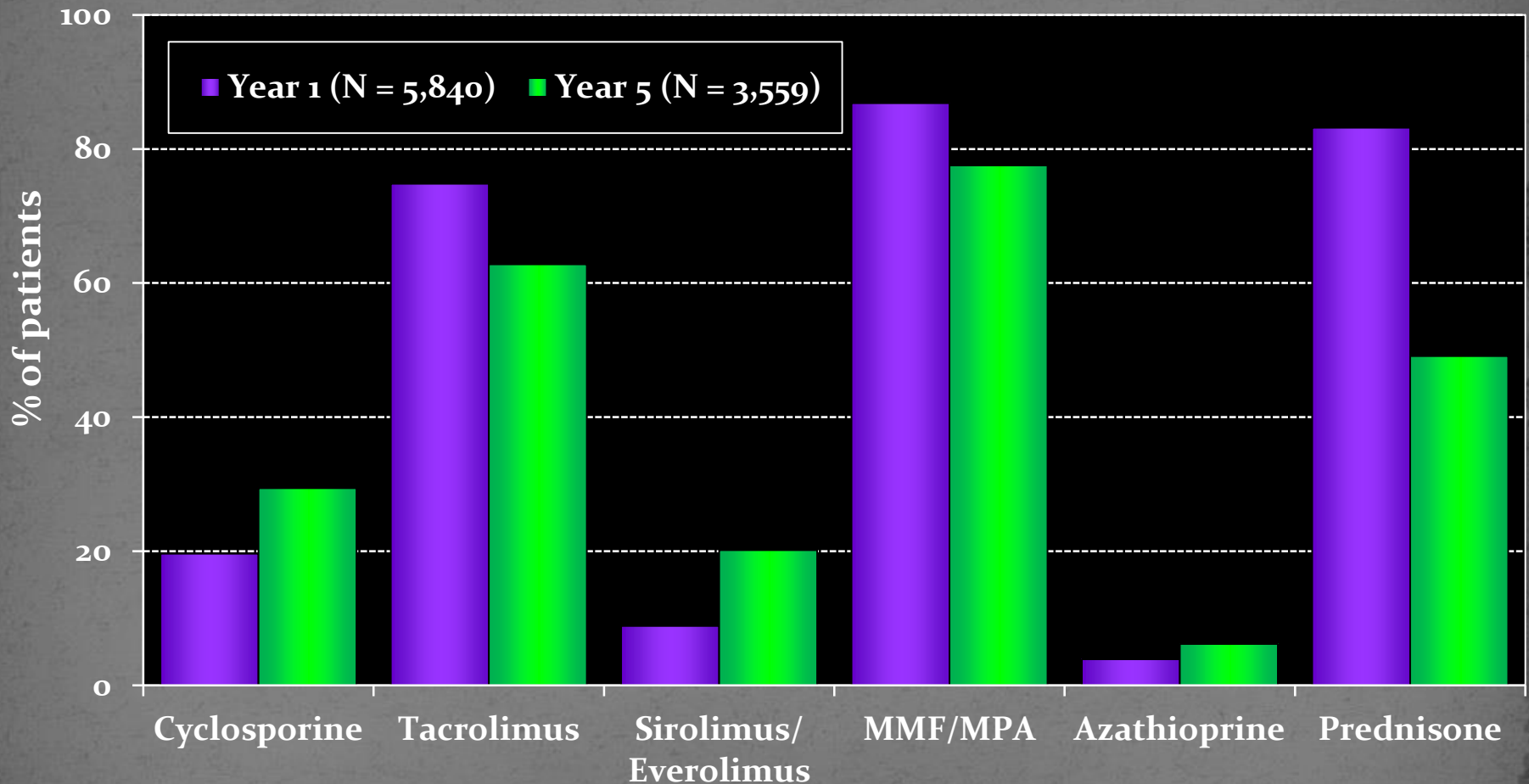
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# Adult Heart Recipients Induction Immunosuppression

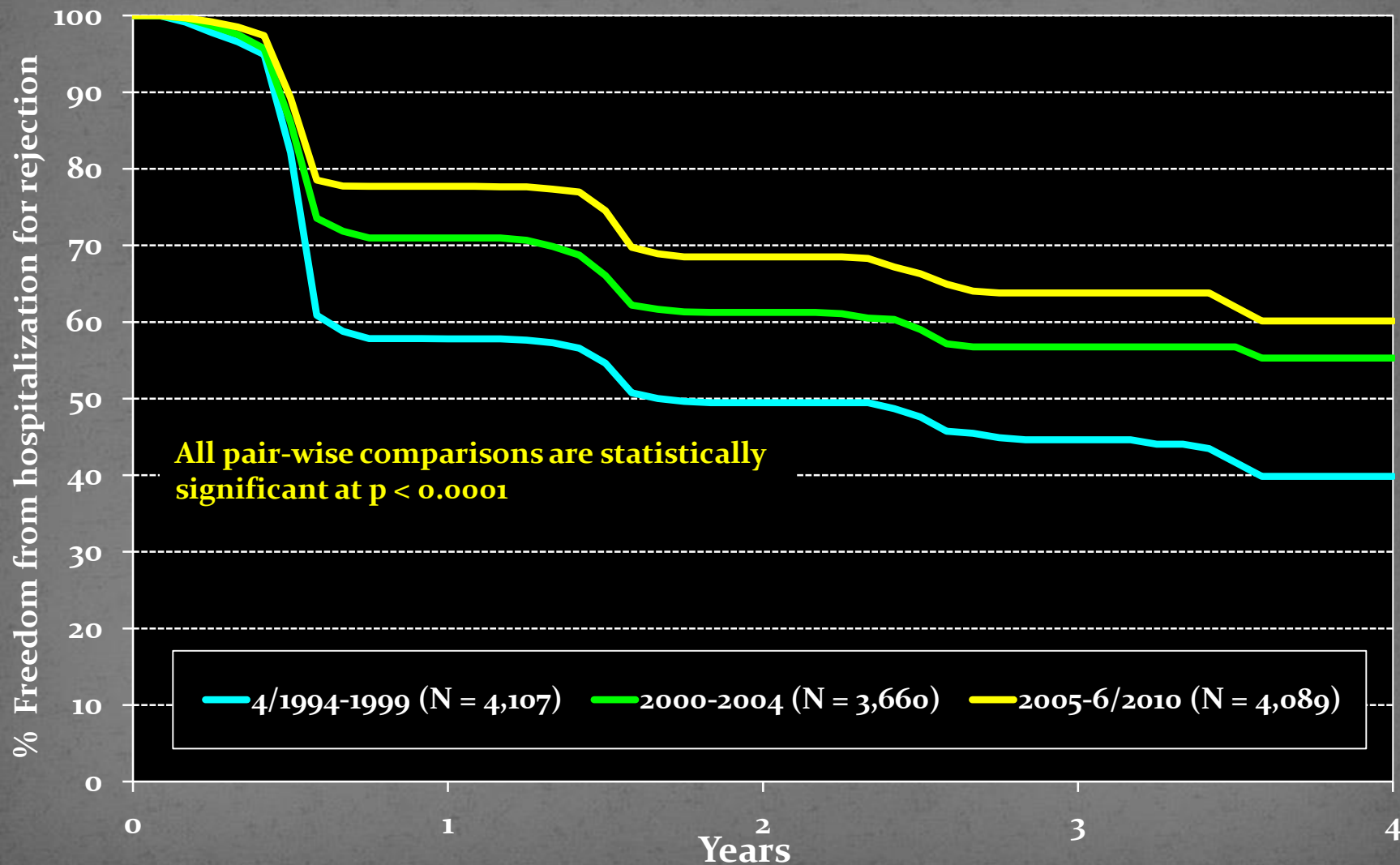


# Maintenance Immunosuppression at Time of Follow-up (January 2008 – June 2011)



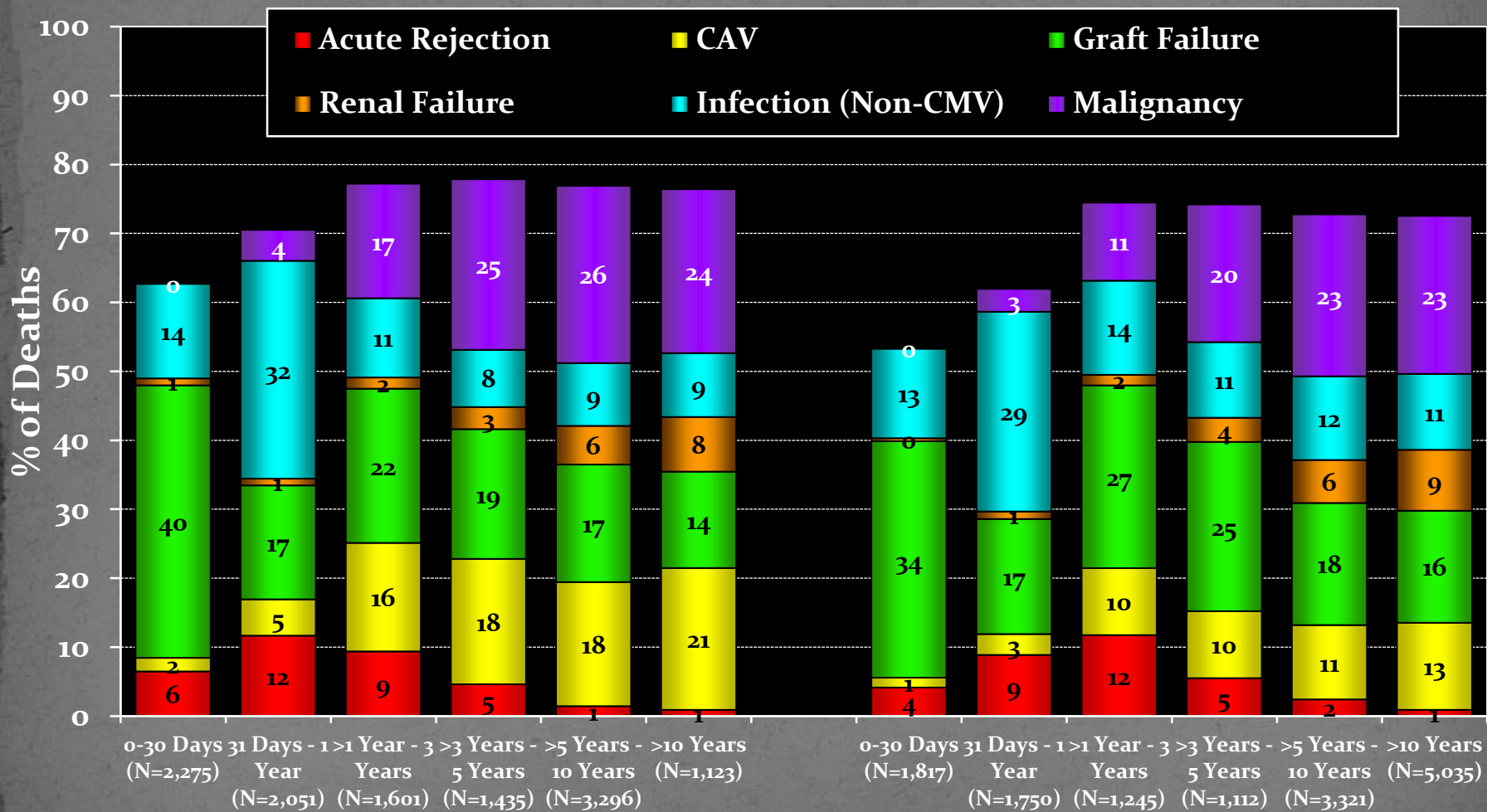
NOTE: Different patients are analyzed in Year 1 and Year 5

# Freedom from Hospitalization for Rejection For Adult Heart Recipients



# Adult Heart Recipients

## Cause of Death



Deaths 1994 - 2001

Deaths 2002 - 6/2011



# Post-heart Transplant Morbidity for Adults (Follow-ups: January 1995 – June 2011)

Outcome	Within <u>1 Year</u>	Total N with <u>known response</u>	Within <u>5 Years</u>	Total N with <u>known response</u>	Within <u>10 Years</u>	Total N with <u>known response</u>
Hypertension*	72.8%	(N = 25,542)	92.6%	(N = 11,853)	–	
Renal Dysfunction	26.7%	(N = 27,478)	53.0%	(N = 13,481)	68.2%	(N = 4,339)
<i>Abnormal Creatinine &lt; 2.5 mg/dl</i>	18.3%		33.2%		37.5%	
<i>Creatinine &gt; 2.5 mg/dl</i>	6.6%		15.8%		21.1%	
<i>Chronic Dialysis</i>	1.5%		2.9%		6.1%	
<i>Renal Transplant</i>	0.3%		1.2%		3.6%	
Hyperlipidemia*	60.2%	(N = 26,810)	88.0%	(N = 13,191)	–	
Diabetes*	26.5%	(N = 27,474)	38.0%	(N = 13,306)	–	
Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy	7.9%	(N = 24,790)	30.4%	(N = 9,819)	49.7%	(N = 2,482)

# The Future

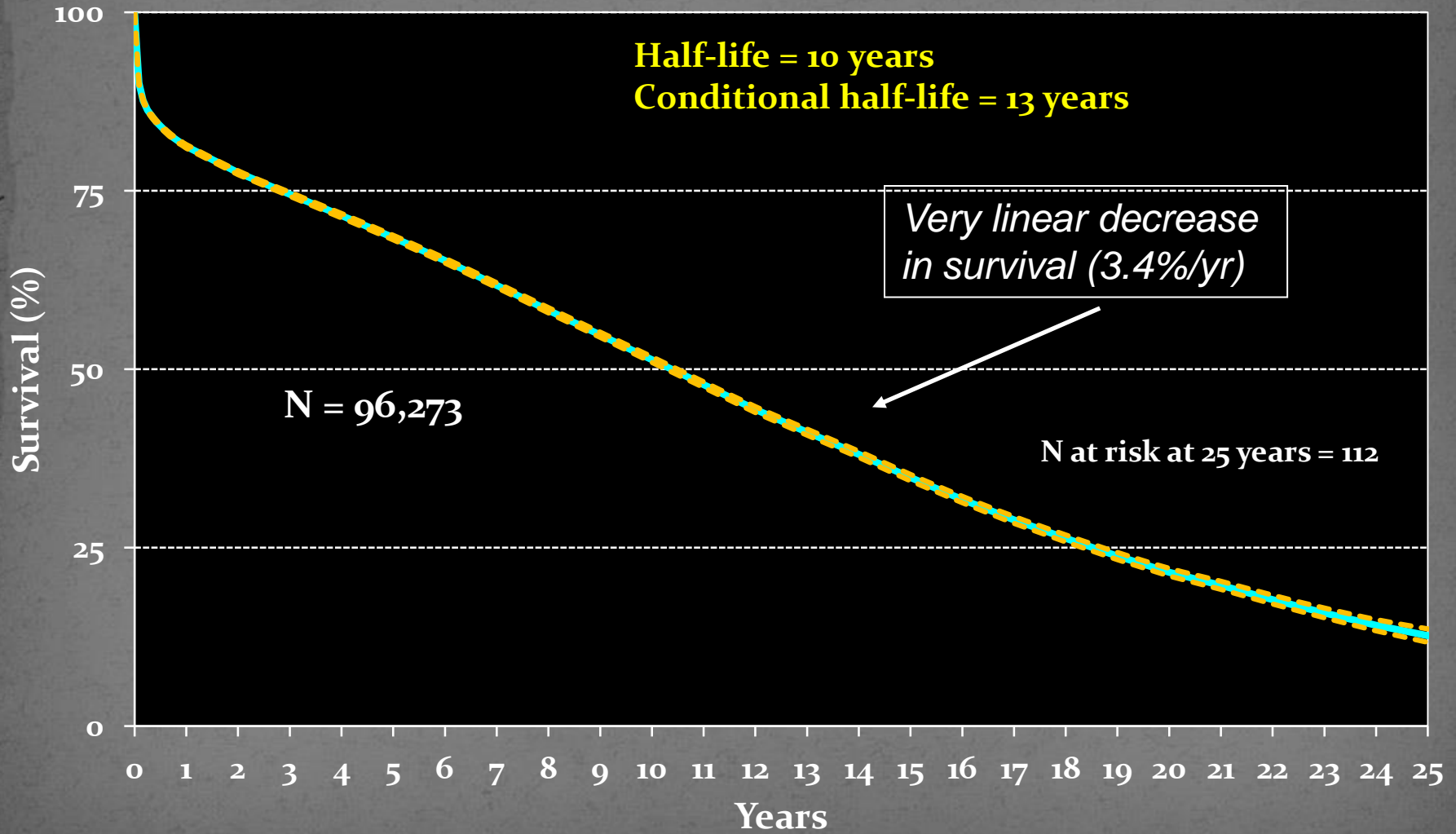
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**Improving outcomes**

**Donor Shortage**

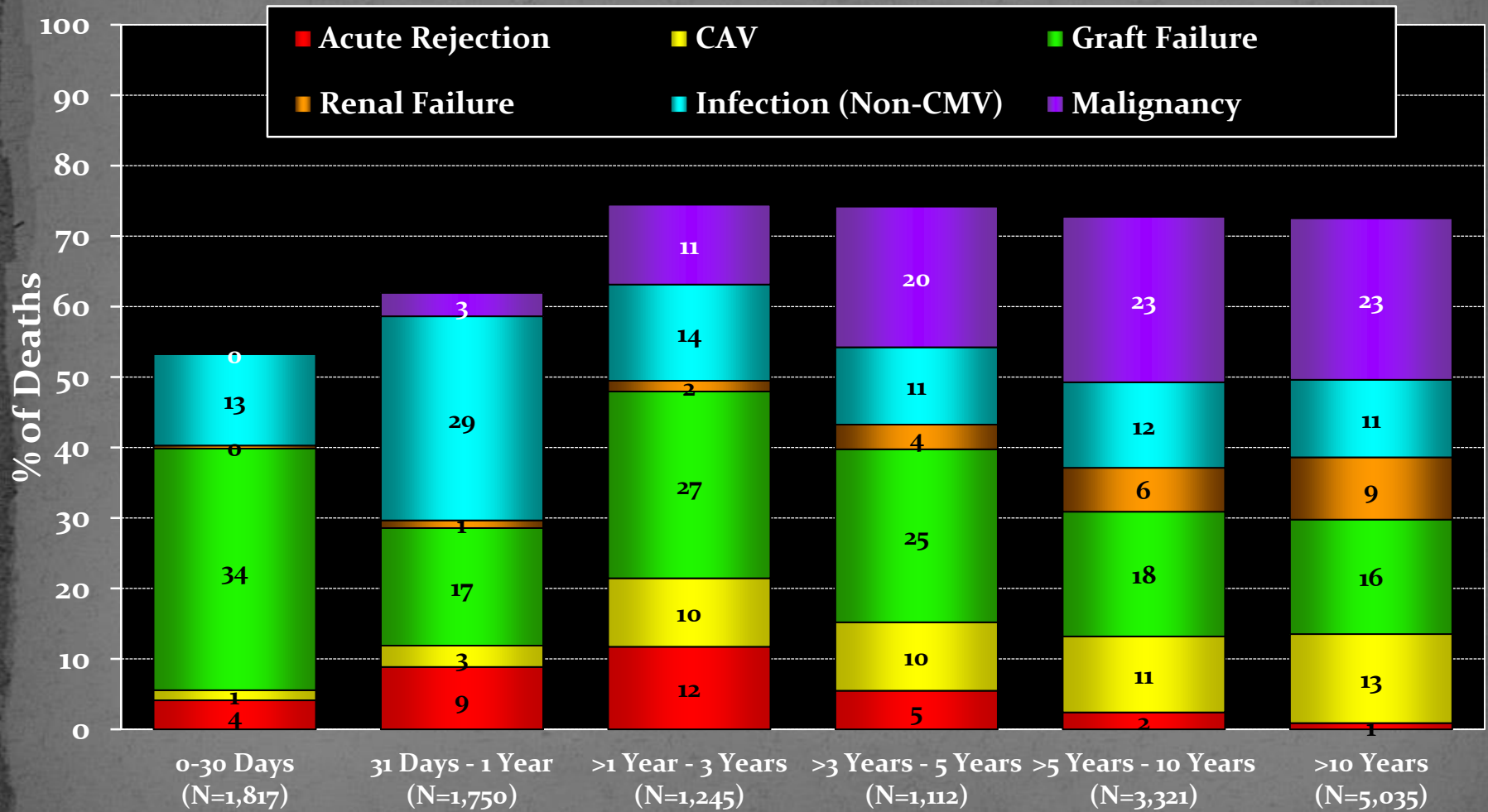
# Heart Transplants

(Transplants: January 1982 - June 2010)



# Adult Heart Recipients

## Cause of Death (January 2002 - June 2011)



# Improving Outcomes

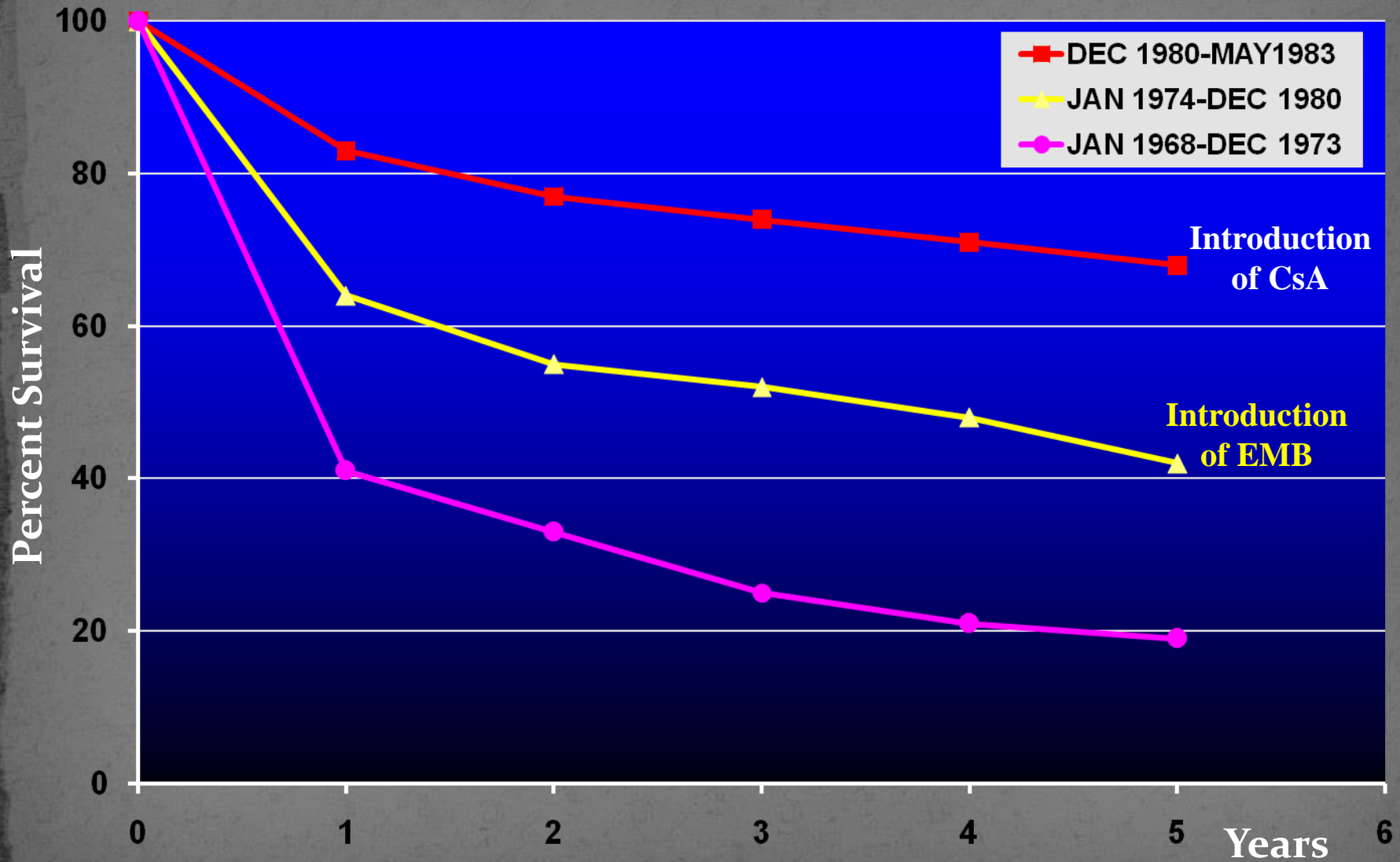
## Hurdles to be overcome

- Acute rejection
- Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy (chronic rejection)
- Malignancy

# Acute Rejection

- Noninvasive diagnosis
- Effective immunosuppression

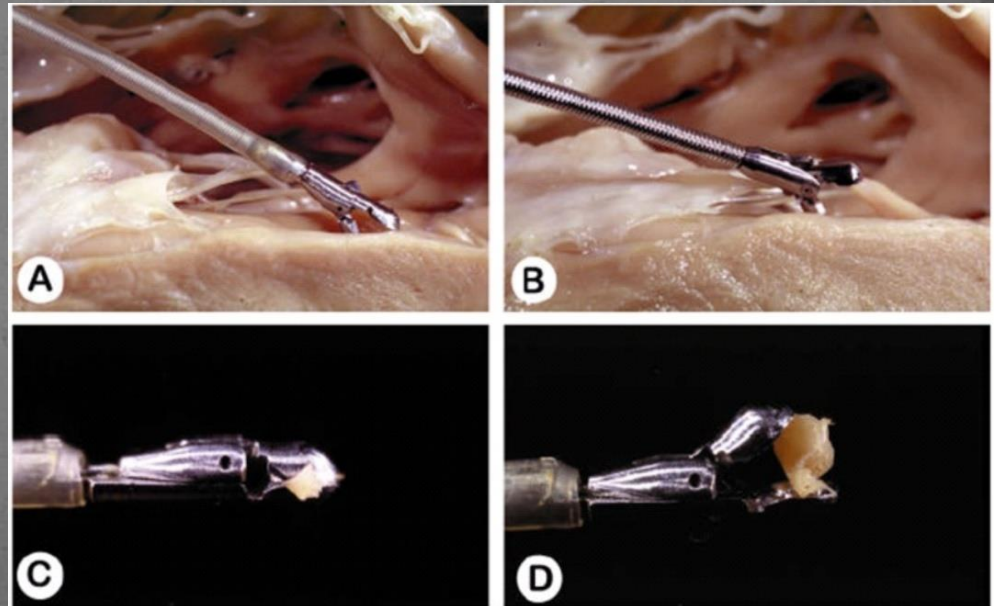
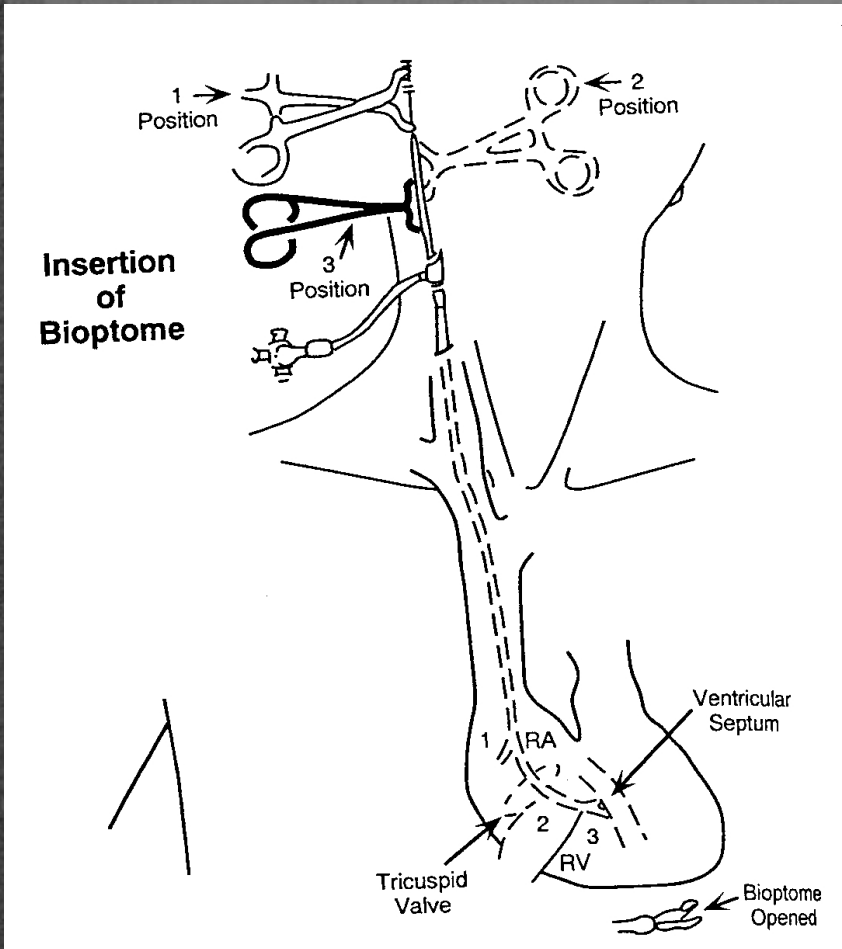
# Breakthrough of Heart TPL



# Endomyocardial Biopsy

- Biopsy at blind site and small pieces
  - Adequate number !
- Invasive procedure
  - Biopsy related complication in 3.3%
  - TR is related to Repeated biopsy
    - moderate to severe in as many as one-third

Chan MC et al. *J Heart Lung Transplant.* 2001;20(7):709

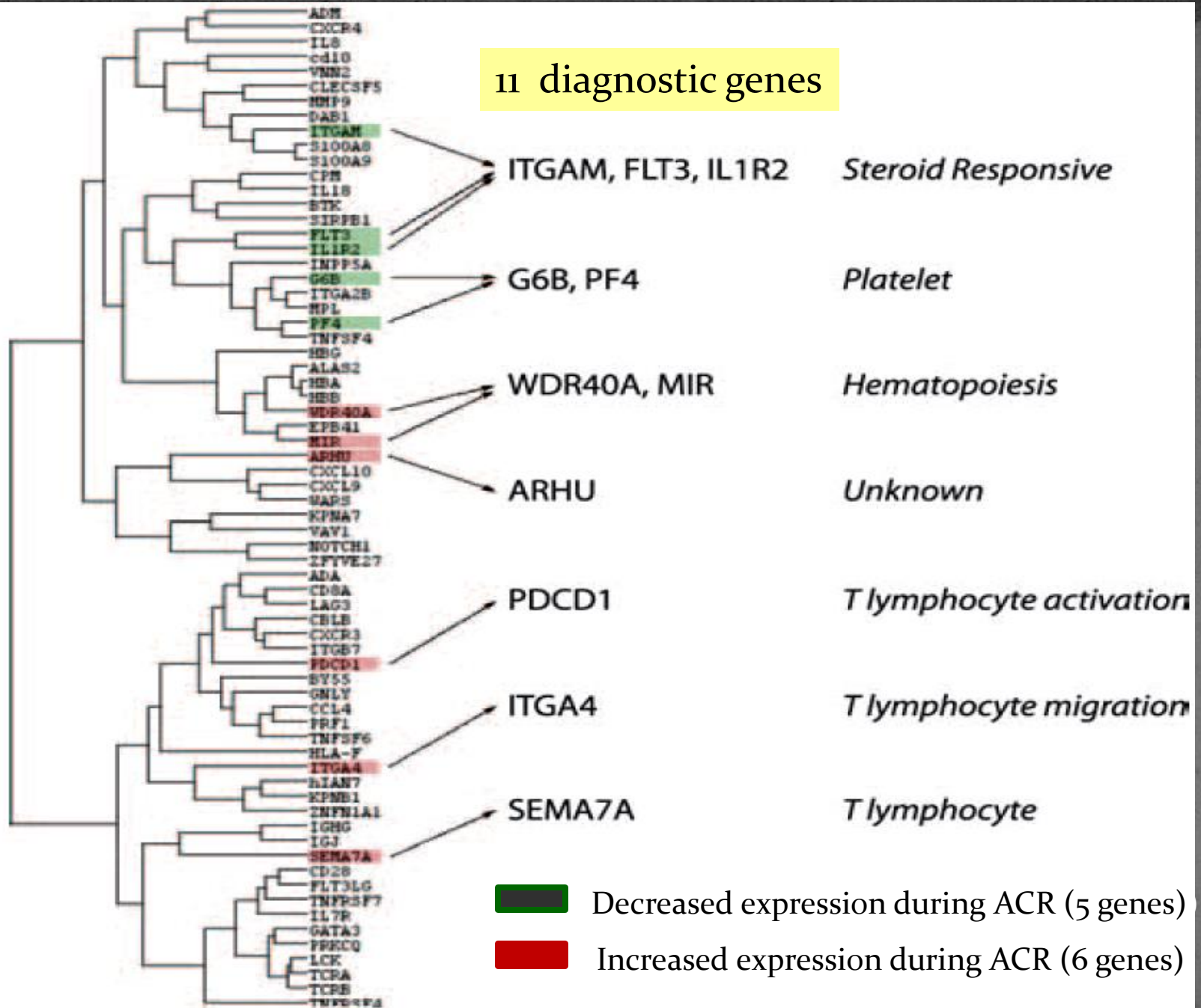




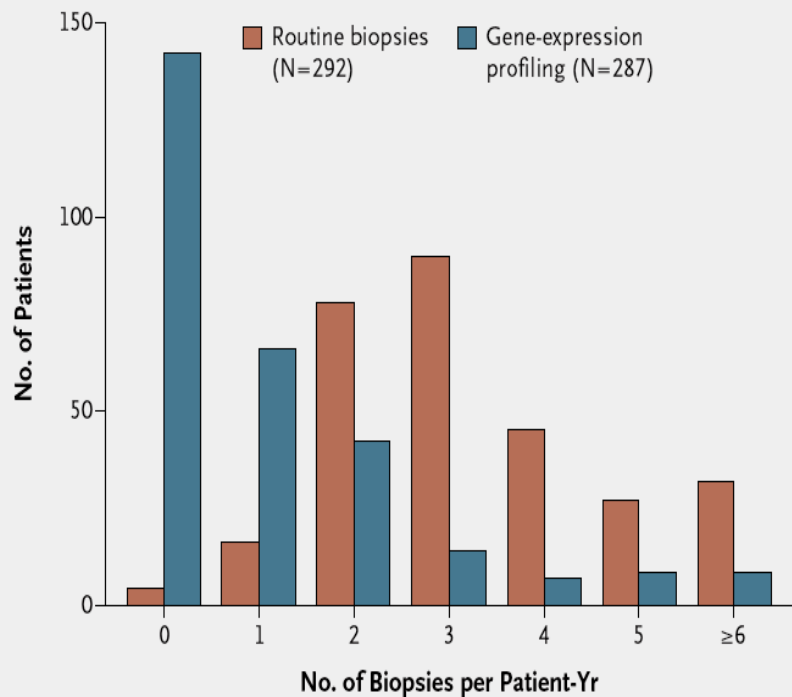
# Noninvasive Diagnosis

- Molecular techniques
- Noninvasive imaging study
- Using biomarker

11 diagnostic genes

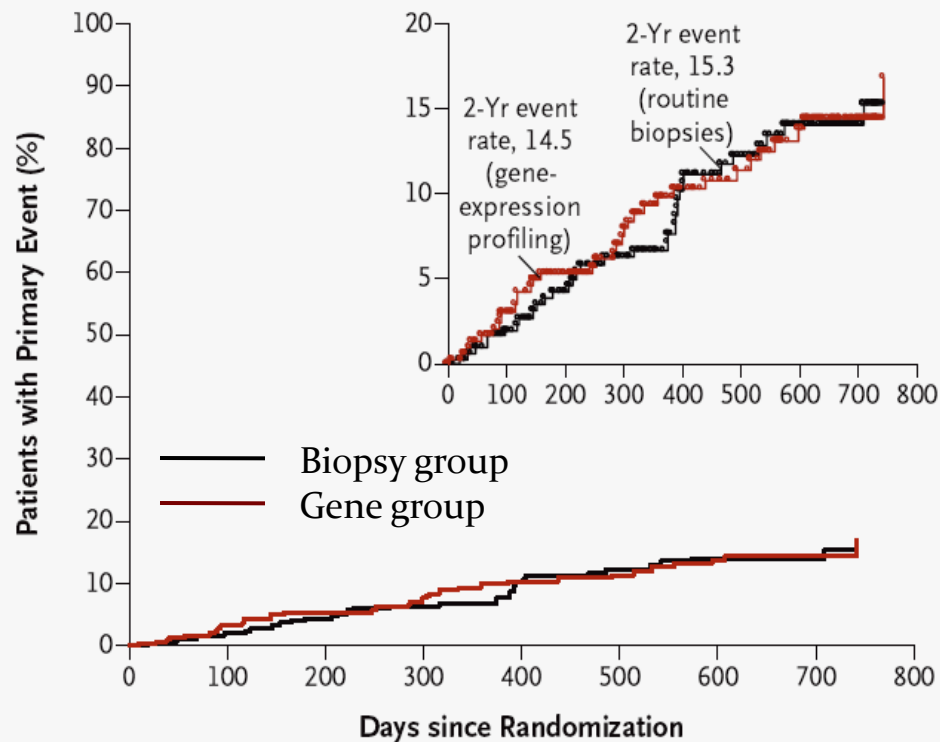


# IMAGE (Invasive Monitoring Attenuation through Gene Expression) trial



409 biopsies in gene group  
1249 biopsies in biopsy group

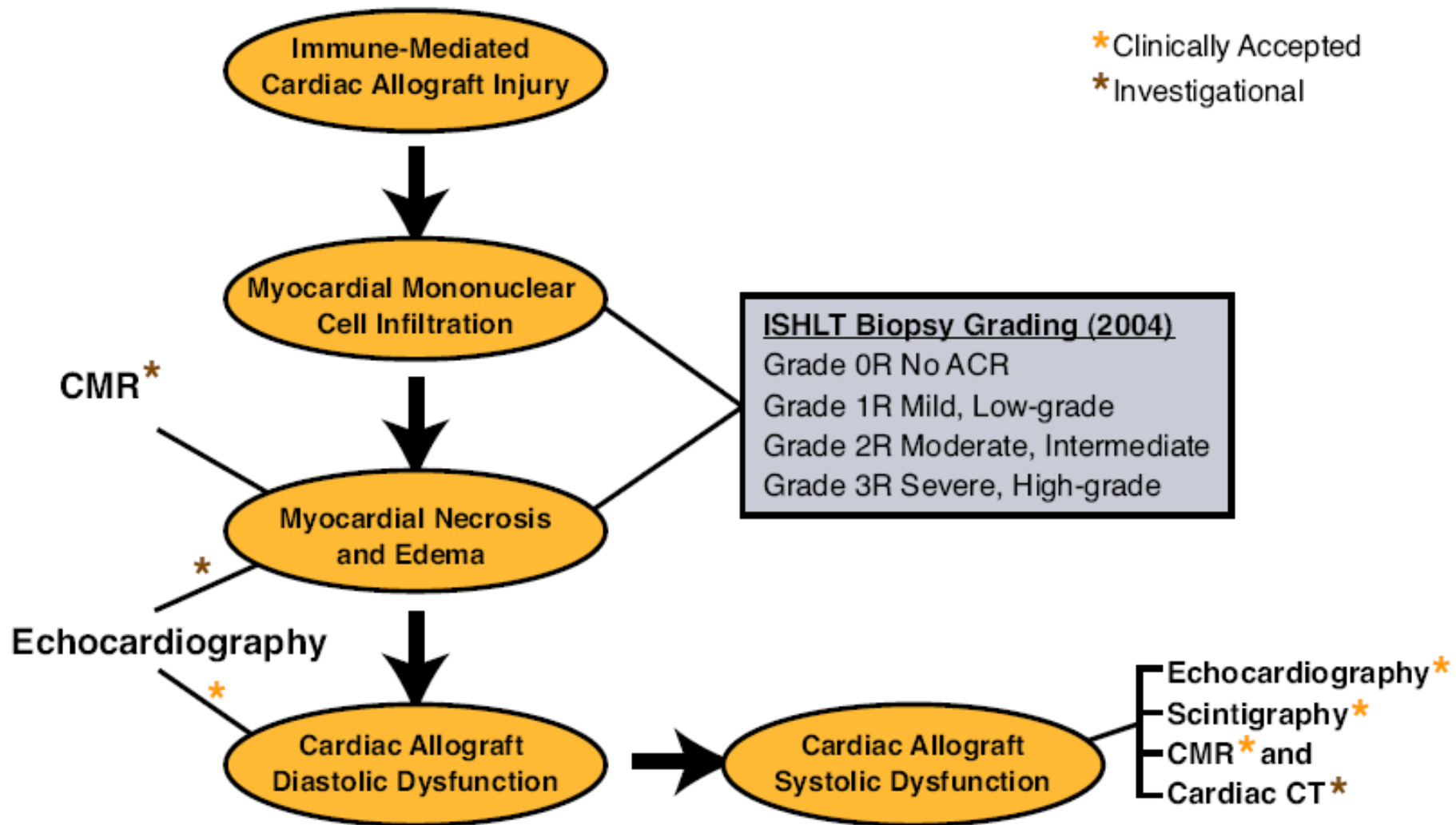
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No. at Risk

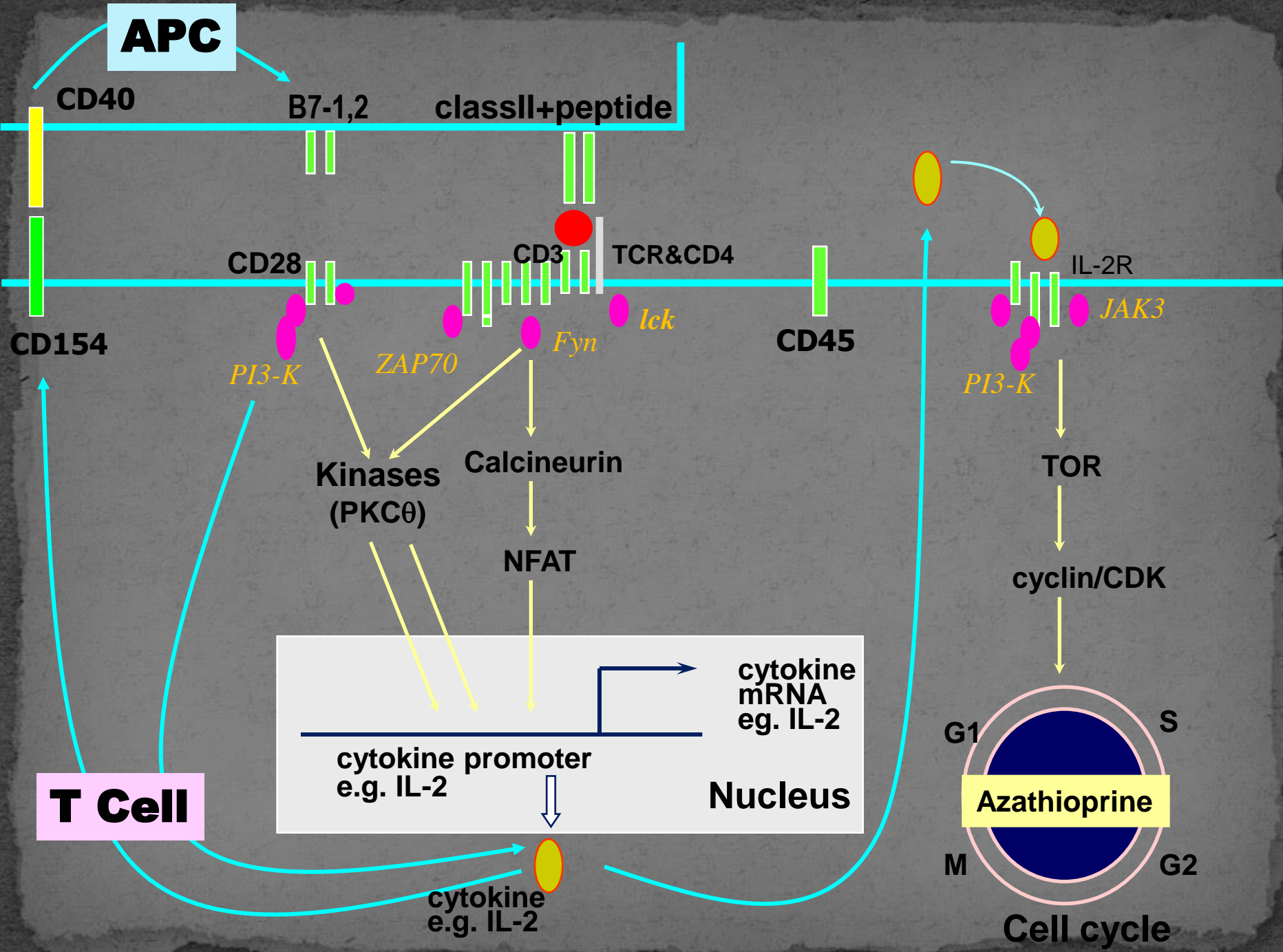
Routine biopsies	305	278	252	221	181	160	137	137	73
Gene-expression profiling	297	273	252	207	177	162	133	130	36

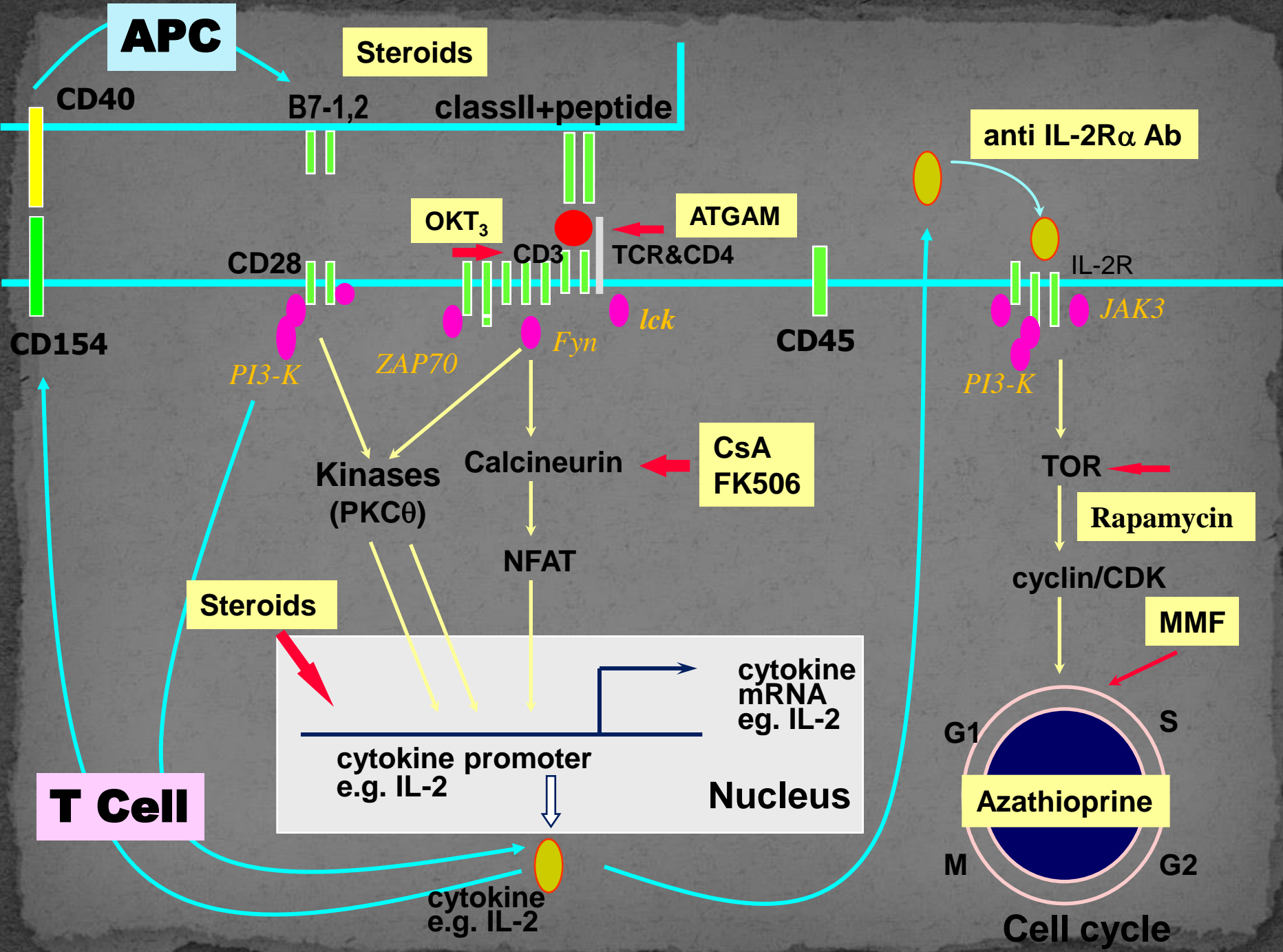
# Noninvasive Imaging Techniques to Detect Acute Cellular Rejection (ACR)



# Future Immunosuppression

- More specific to graft
  - ➡ Less generalized immunosuppression
  - ➡ Less infection
- Less systemic side effects
  - ➡ Less CV and metabolic side effects
- Favorable nonimmune effects
  - ➡ Less cardiac allograft vasculopathy
  - ➡ Less malignancy





**APC**

**Steroids**

**anti IL-2R $\alpha$  Ab**

**OKT<sub>3</sub>**

**ATGAM**

**CD154**

CD28

CD3

TCR&CD4

CD45

IL-2R

*PI3-K*

*ZAP70*

*Fyn*

*lck*

*PI3-K*

*JAK3*

**CsA  
FK506**

**Rapamycin**

**Steroids**

**Kinases  
(PKC $\theta$ )**

**Calcineurin**

**NFAT**

**TOR**

**Rapamycin**

**cyclin/CDK**

**MMF**

cytokine promoter e.g. IL-2

cytokine mRNA e.g. IL-2

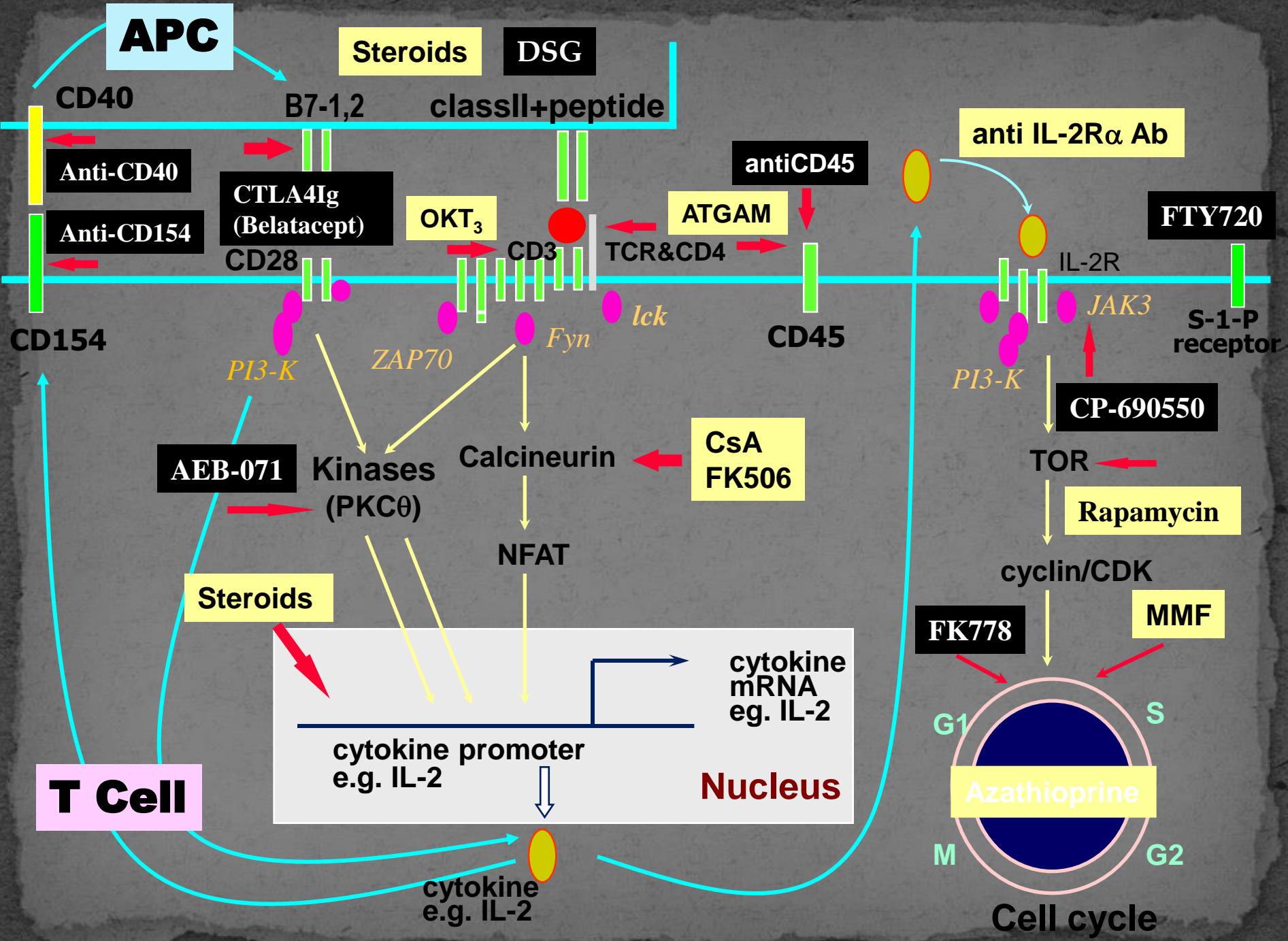
**Nucleus**



**Cell cycle**

**T Cell**

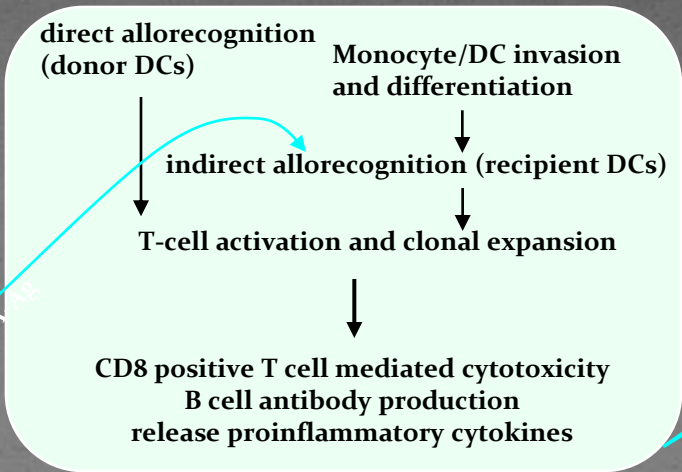
cytokine e.g. IL-2





# **CAV and Chronic Rejection**

# *Alloimmune response*



# *Infection*

## **CMV infection**

- Systemic and vascular cytokine release
- Vascular oxidative stress
- eNOS-Dysregulation

# *Alloimmune-independent injuries*

- Brain-death
- Preservation damage
- Ischemia reperfusion injury

- Metabolic disorders (hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia)
- Hypertension

# *Donor-transmitted disease*

## *Vascular remodeling*

- Inadequate compensatory response
- Constrictive remodeling

# *Repair mechanism*

- Dysfunction of hematopoietic/circulating progenitors and cardiac stem cells
- Dysregulated intragraft angiogenesis

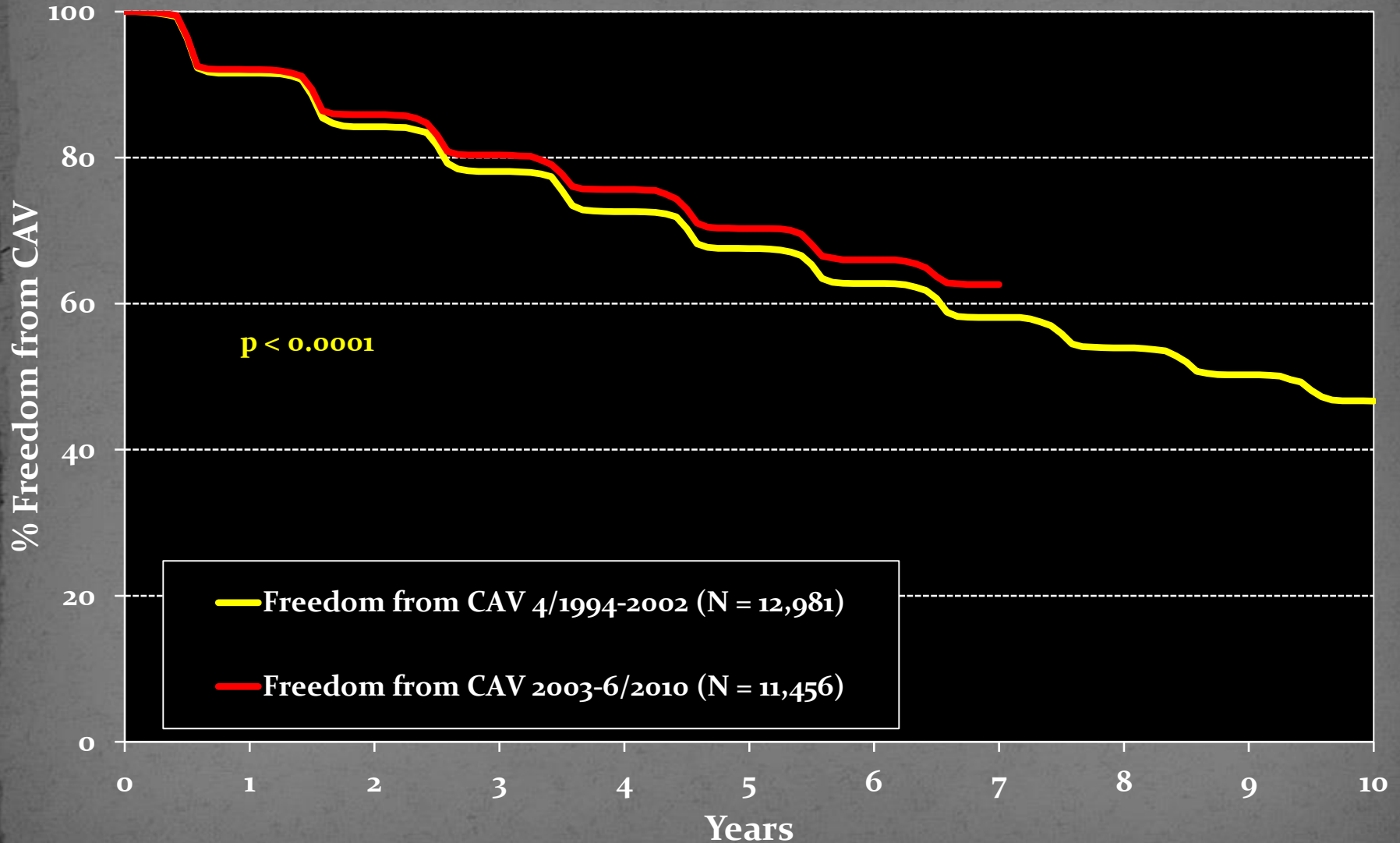
**Vascular inflammation**  
(expression of chemokines, cytokines, MHC II molecules, TLR)

**Endothelial dysfunction**  
(expression of adhesion molecules, vasomotor dysfunction, prothrombotic state, Apoptosis, SMC-proliferation)

**Transplant atherosclerosis**

Shedding soluble HLA-AB  
Innate immune response via Toll-like receptor (TLR)

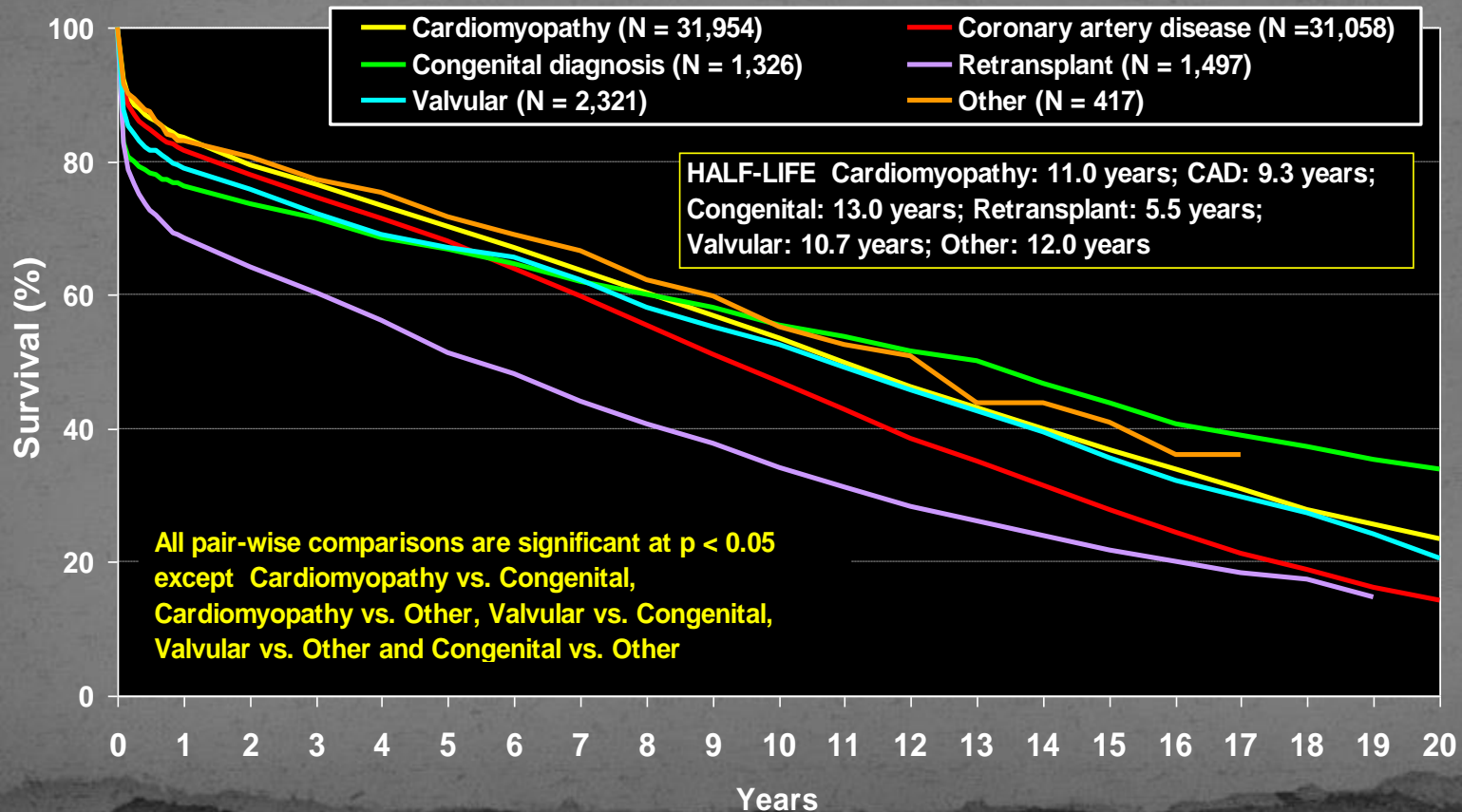
# Freedom from Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy For Adult Heart Recipients

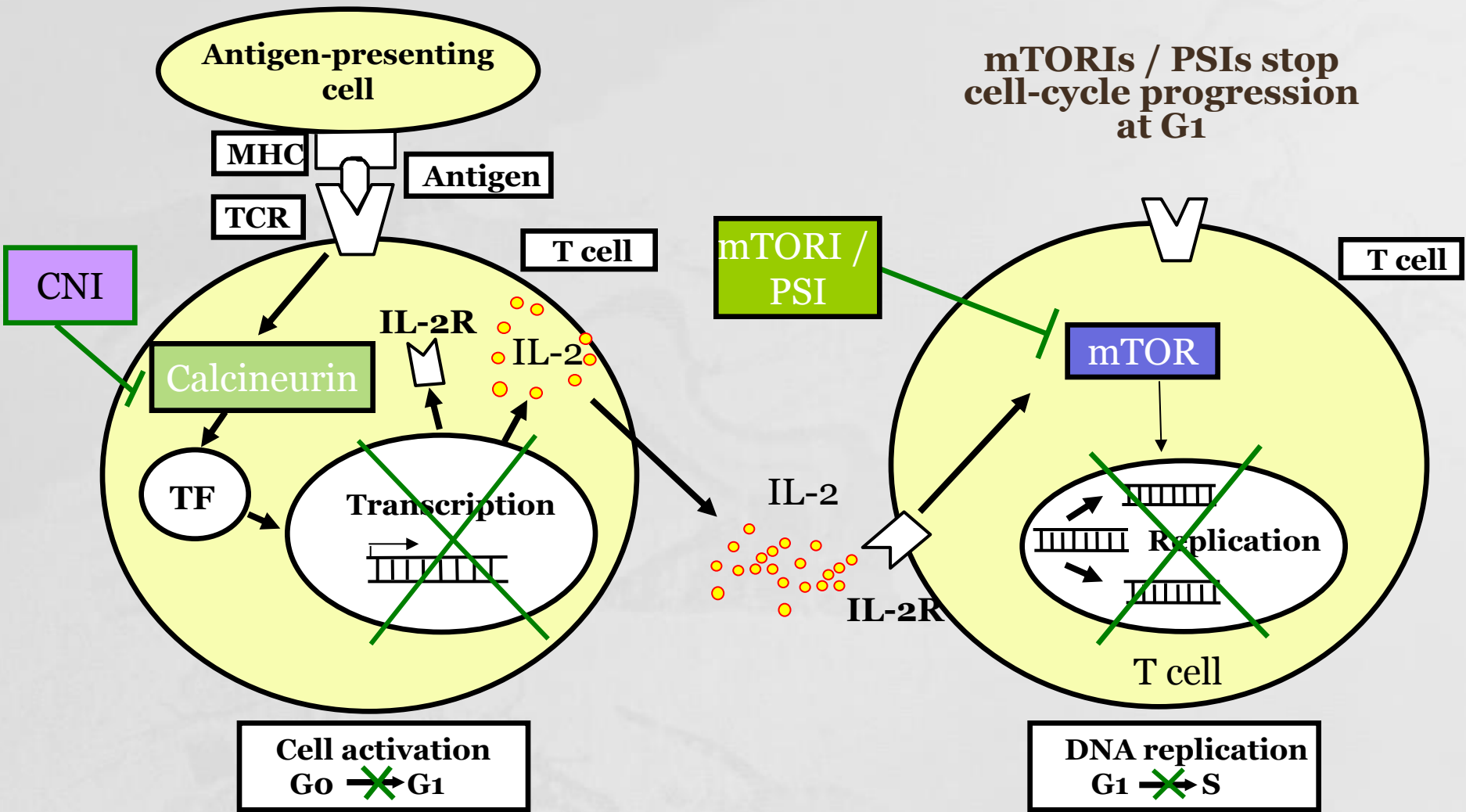


# Prevention and Treatment of CAV

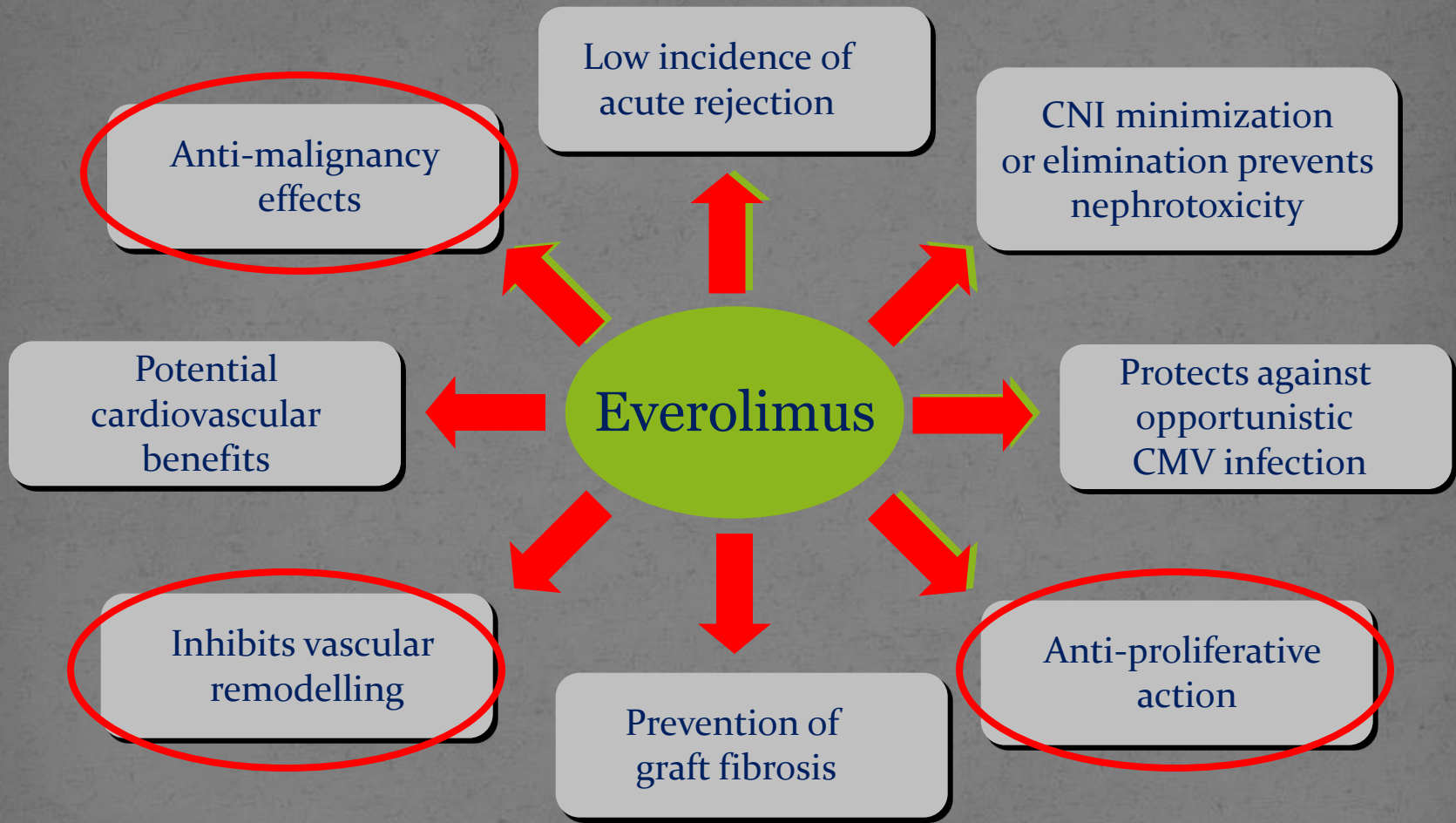
## ● Retransplantation

- ◆ The only definitive treatment for CAV
- ◆ Lower survival than the primary transplantation





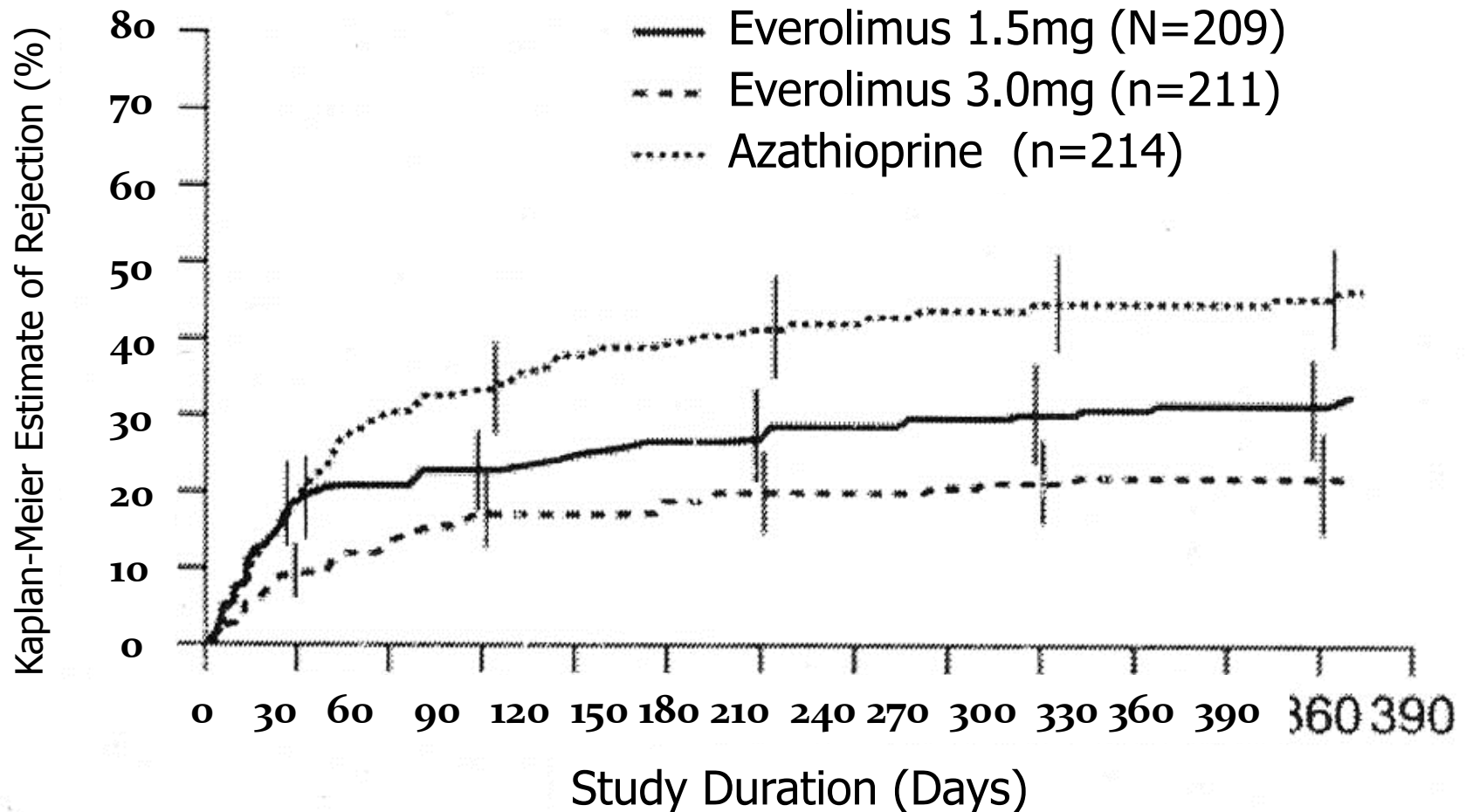
mTORi, mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitor; PSI, proliferation signal inhibitor; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; TCR, T cell antigen receptor; CNI, calcineurin inhibitor; IL-2R, interleukin-2 receptor; TF, transcription factor; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin



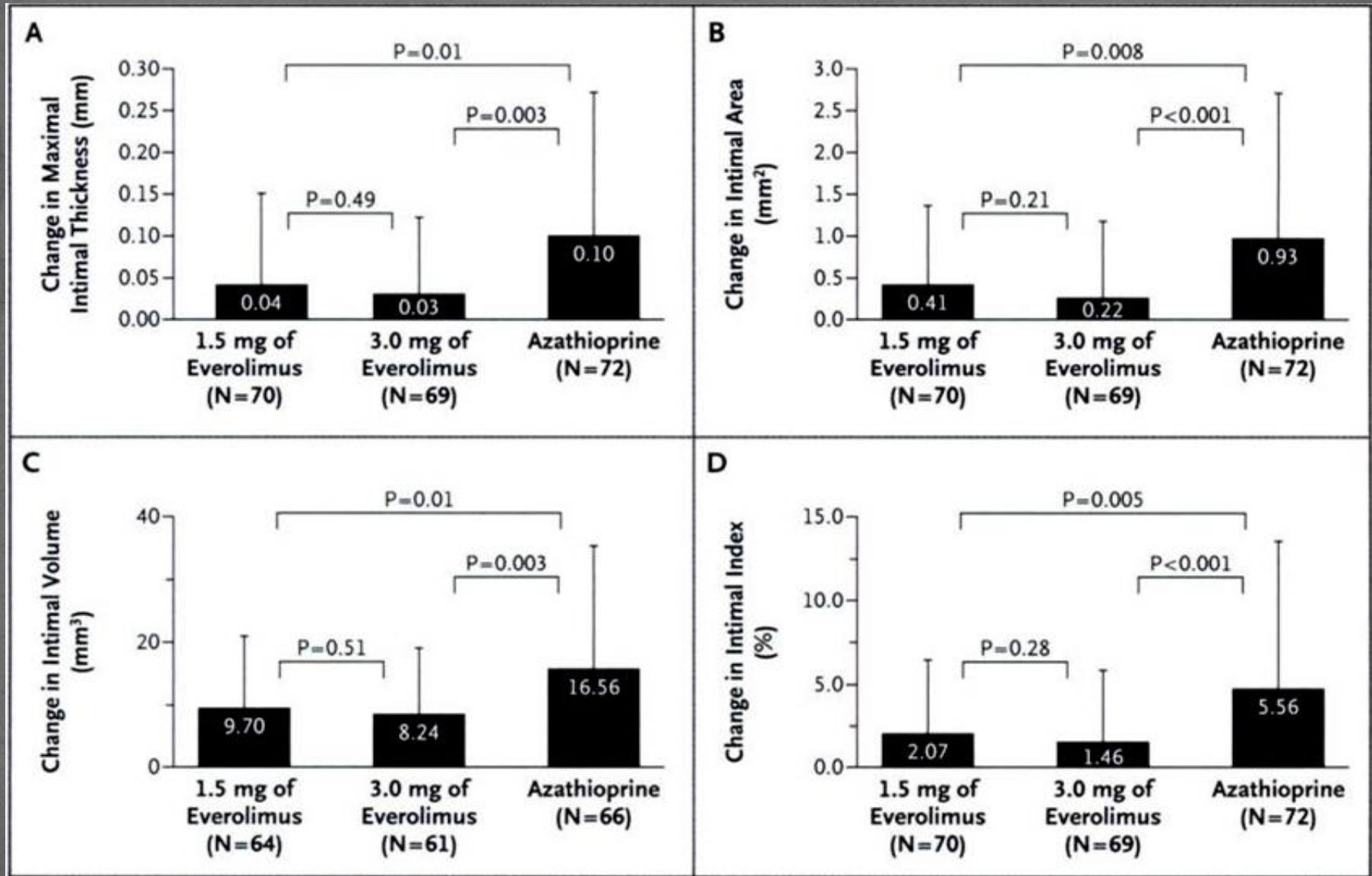
CNI, calcineurin inhibitor; CMV, cytomegalovirus

# Everolimus vs Azathioprine

In Heart transplantation



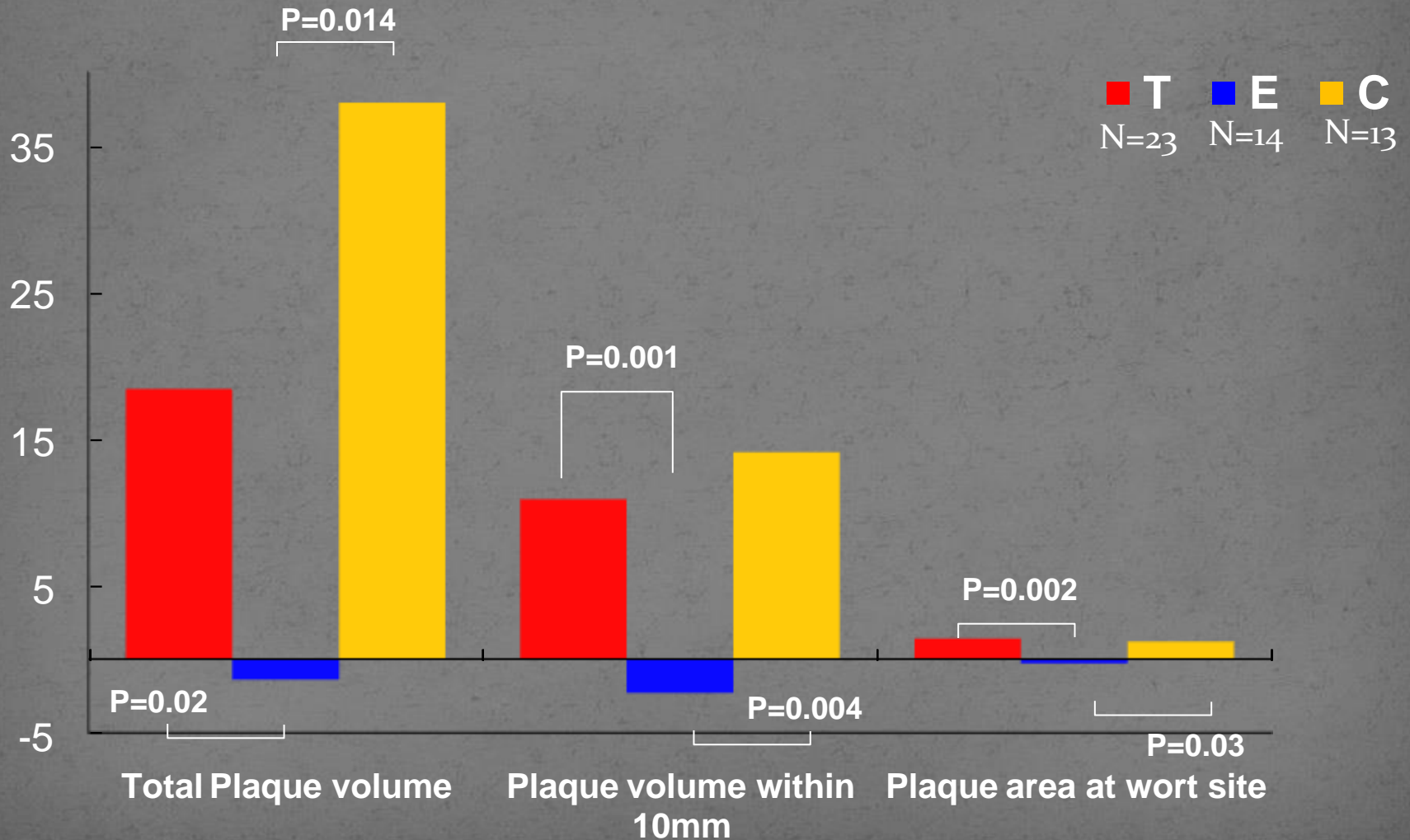
# Everolimus vs Azathioprine





# Results- IVUS data

Changes of plaques during the 1<sup>st</sup> year



# Prevention and Treatment of CAV

## Emerging new strategies

- Inhibition of growth factors, cytokines, and circulating antibodies
- Cell therapy
  - ◆ Hematopoietic and vascular progenitors for angiogenesis
- Tolerance induction

# Malignancies

# Malignancies after Heart TPL

## ● Etiology

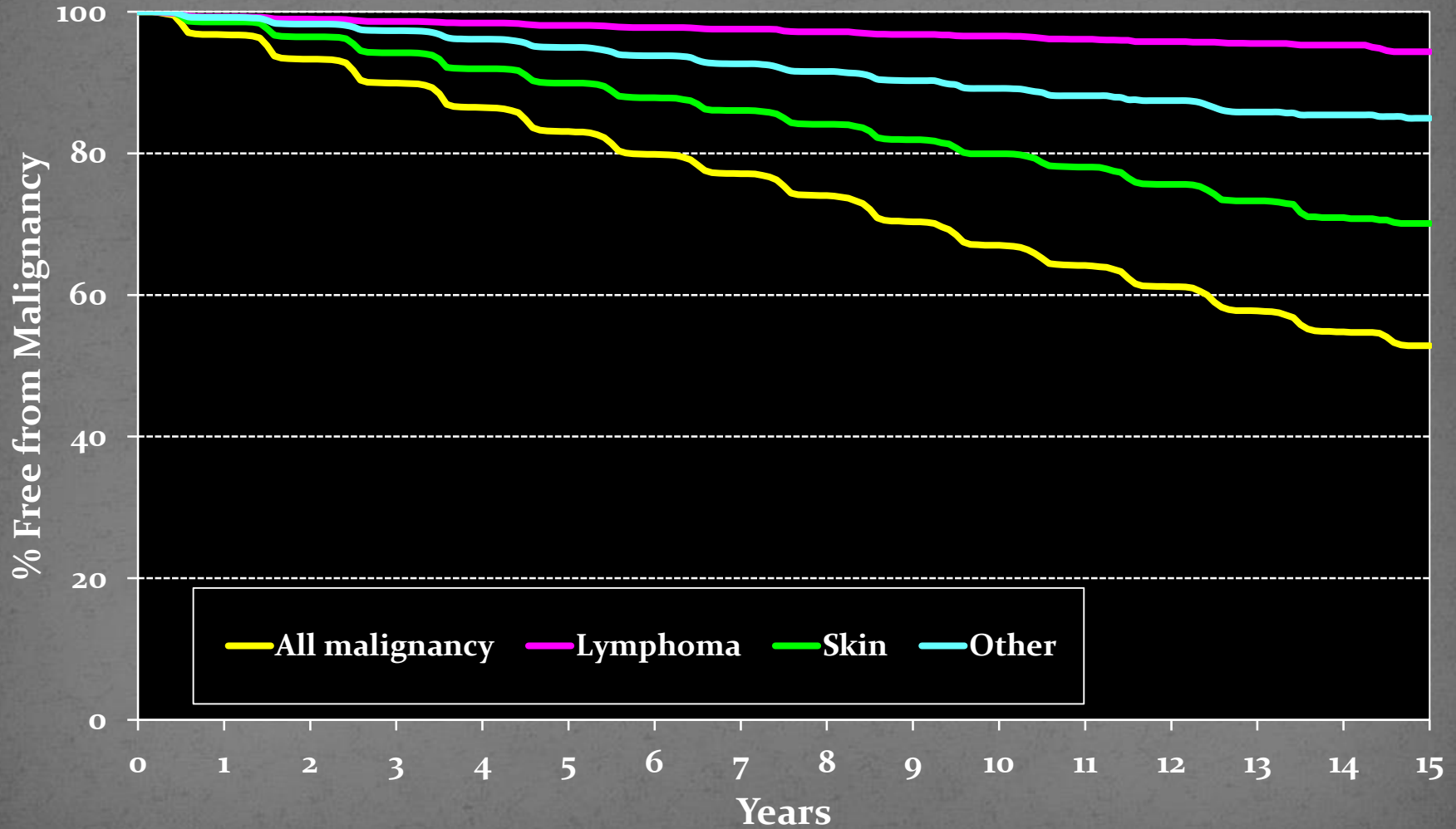
- ▶ Suppressed tumor surveillance system
  - Cytolytic drugs ; increased PTLT
- ▶ Smoking
- ▶ Virus ; EB virus – PTLT, HHV8 – Kaposis' sarcoma

## ● Types

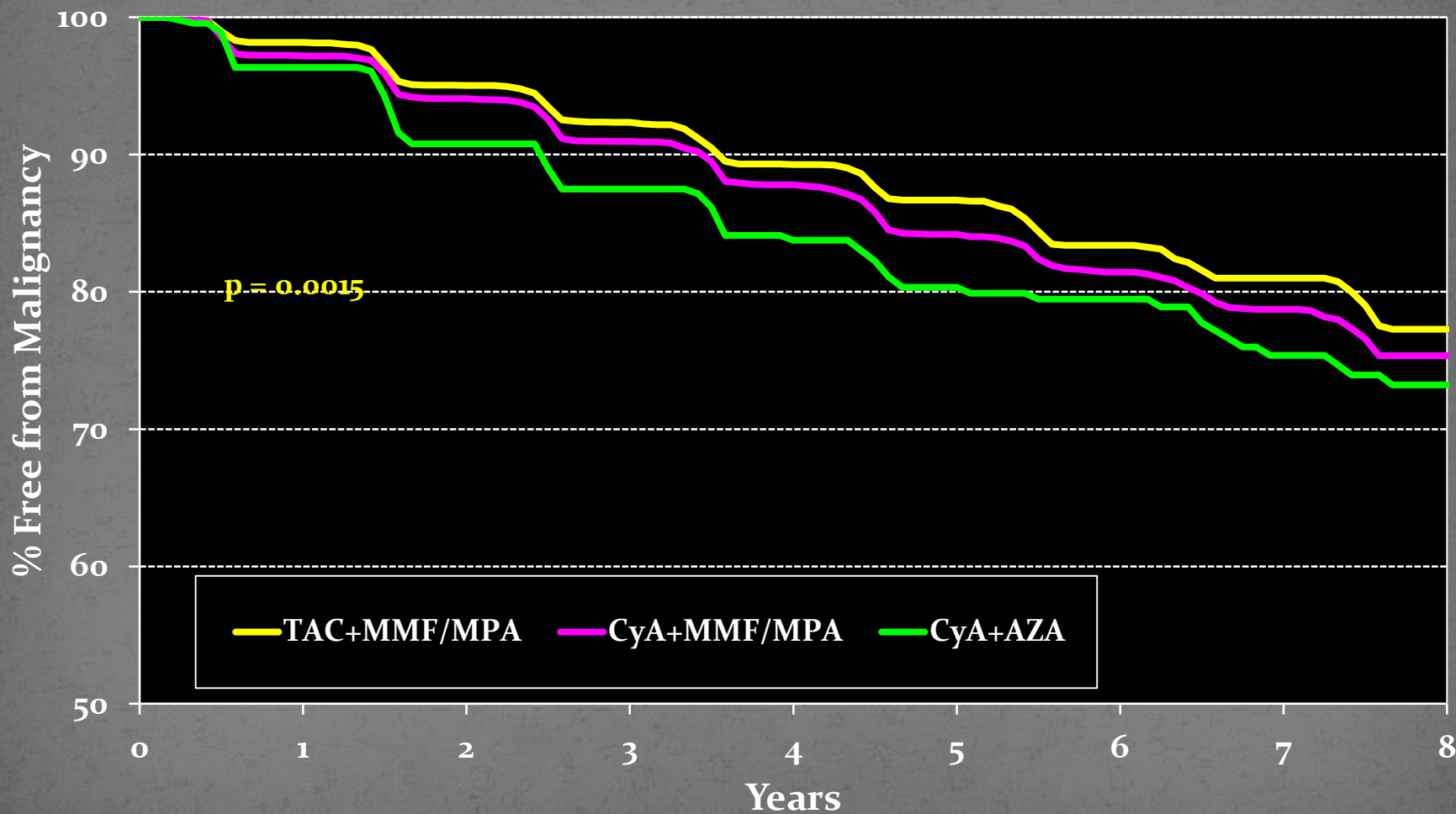
- ▶ High incidence
  - Skin cancer, PTLT(lymphoma), anal cancer
- ▶ Other cancers common to usual person
  - Breast cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer etc
  - nearly same incidence

# Freedom from Malignancy

## For Adult Heart Recipients (April 1994 – June 2011)



# Freedom from Malignancy by Maintenance Immunosuppression (January 2001 - June 2010)



# Improving Outcomes

- Acute rejection
- Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy (chronic rejection)
- Malignancy



Induction of Immune Tolerance

# Immune tolerance

## Central tolerance

- Combined bone marrow transplantation
- Thymic injection of donor cells

## Peripheral tolerance

- Anergy
- AICD (activation-induced cell death)

- ◆ Modulation of T-cell costimulation pathways
- ◆ Induction of regulatory T-cell (CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>) and anergic CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell
- ◆ Manipulation of dendritic cell
  - ➔ Silencing NF-κB protein RelB
  - ➔ Induction of alloAg presenting plasmacytoid DCs



# Development of Belatacept

● CTLA (cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associate Ag)

- Bind to CD80 and 86 (B7-1,2)
- Inhibit CD28-B7 interaction

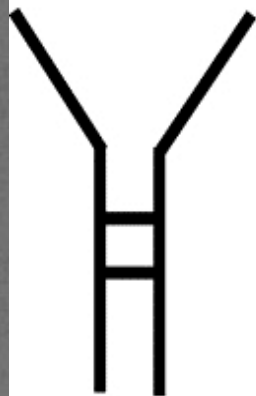
Belatacept (LEA29Y)

Leucine<sub>104</sub> → Glutamate<sub>E</sub>

Alanine<sub>29</sub> → Tyrosine

CTLA4Ig

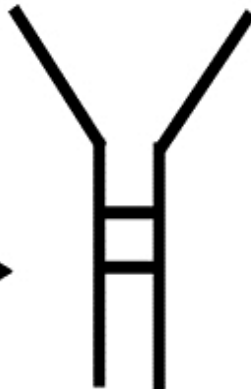
L104E (CDR3)  
mutant identified



Codon  
mutagenesis  
24 aa of  
CDR1 & CDR3



2,300 mutants  
screened for  
increased binding  
properties  
for CD86



2-fold slower off  
rate from CD86  
vs. CTLA4Ig  
(equal on)

Mutagenesis /  
screening repeated  
with L104E mutant



To identify  
additional  
increased binding  
properties  
for CD86




4 fold slower off rate from  
CD86 vs CTLA4Ig  
+  
2-fold slower off rate from  
CD80 vs CTLA4Ig  
+

~10-fold more potent  
inhibition of T-cell activation  
in-vitro vs CTLA4Ig

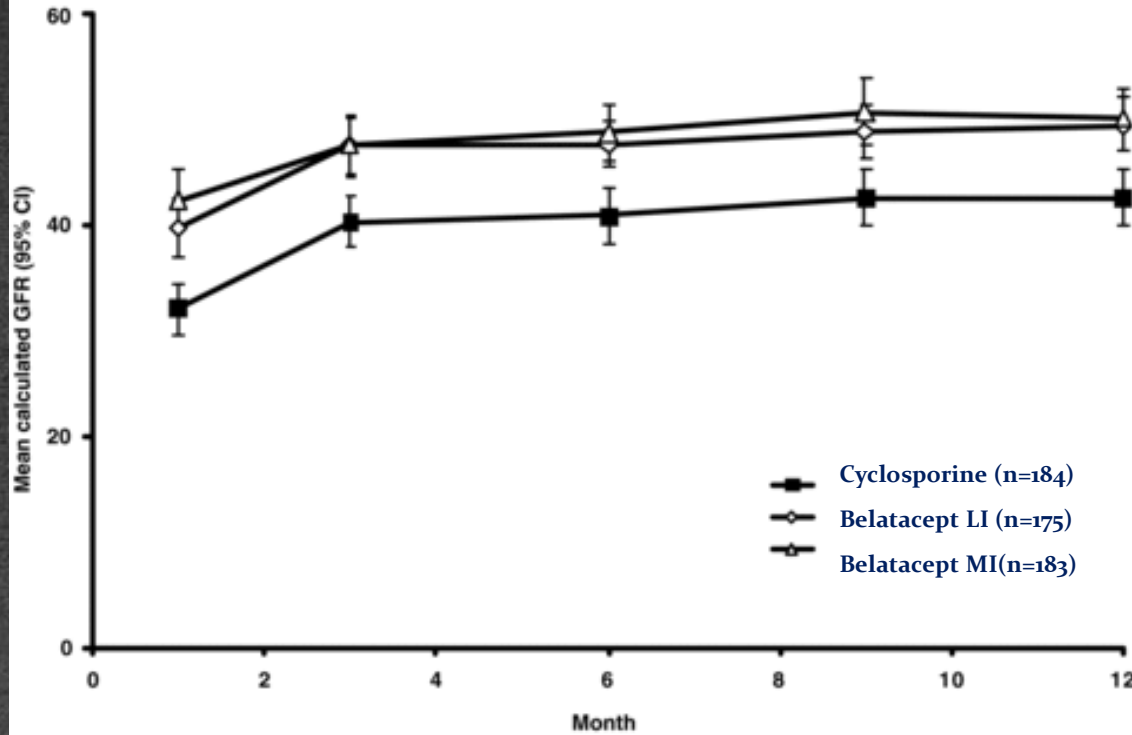
# Belatacept (*LEA29Y*)

## ● Belatacept

- ◆ A second-generation of CTLA4Ig
- ◆ Belatacept-based vs Cyclosporine-based
  - ➔ In phase II; same acute rejection in KT but lower chronic rejection and higher GFR
  - ➔ Phase III trial 
- ◆ Belatacept with mTOR inhibitor regimen
  - ➔ Evaluation of the effectiveness of immune tolerance in progress
- ◆ Belatacept with Efalizumab (anti-LFA-1)
  - ➔ Possible combination for tolerance induction

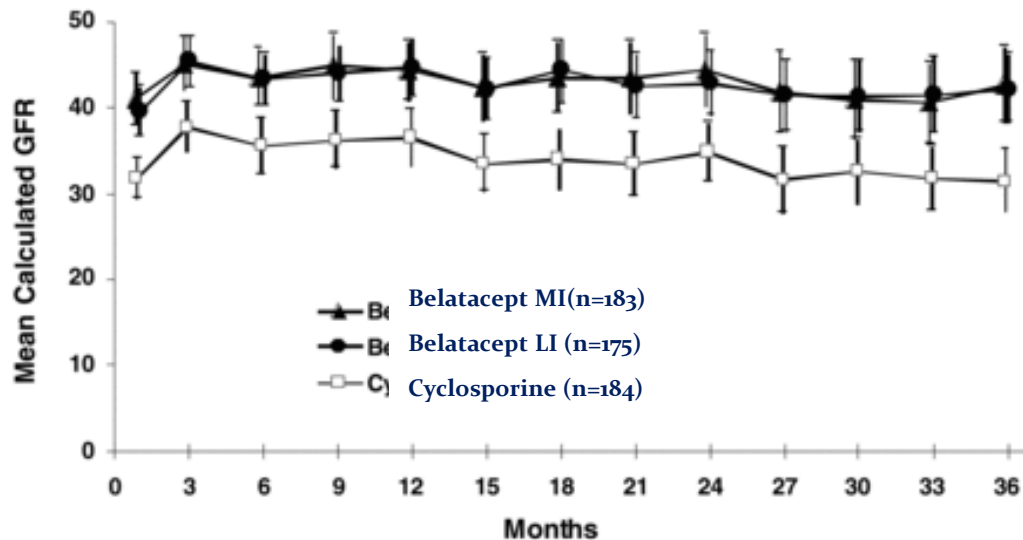


# A Phase III Study of Belatacept Versus Cyclosporine in Kidney Transplants from Extended Criteria Donors (BENEFIT-EXT Study)



In Belatacept group

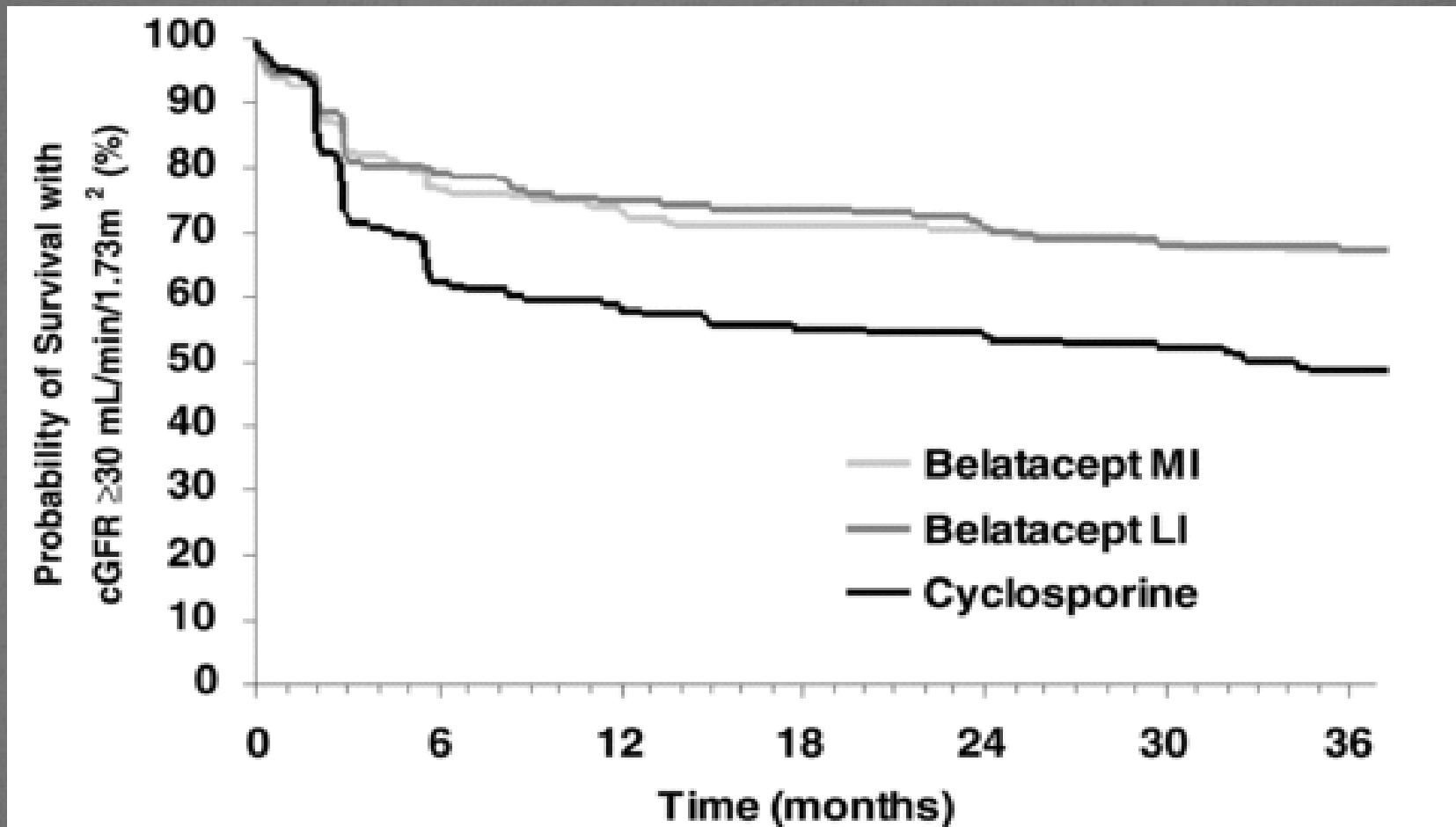
- Similar acute rejection
- Similar overall infection and malignancy
- Favorable CV and metabolic complications
- More PTLD and tuberculosis



Patients with Measurements

Bela MI	182	177	161	153	165	145	143	140	152	129	136	139	152
Bela LI	173	168	152	149	157	140	142	144	158	139	140	132	154
CsA	184	172	153	147	159	139	140	137	154	126	132	133	143

# BENEFIT-EXT Study



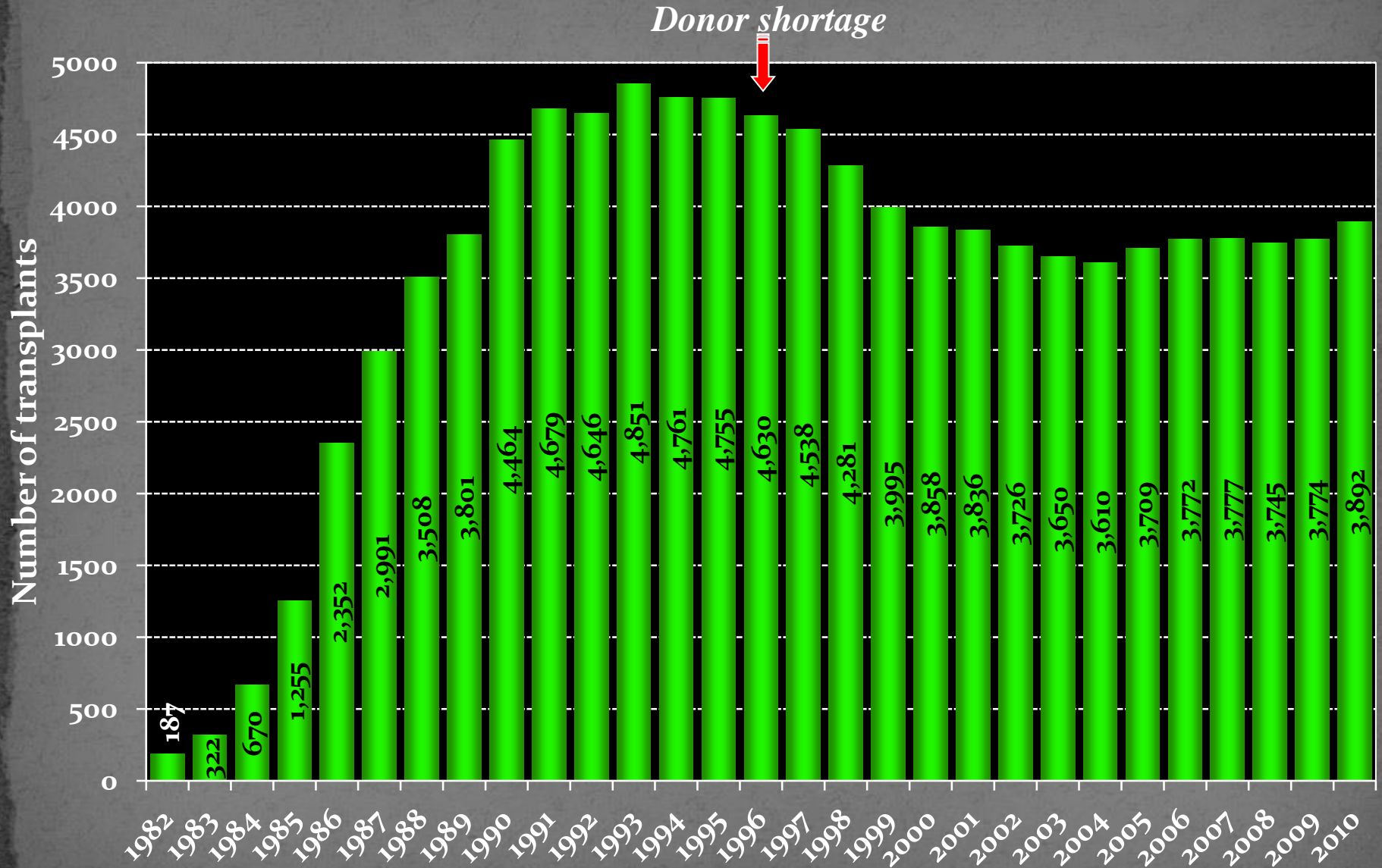
## Patients at Risk

MI	184	141	135	131	129	125	116
LI	175	139	131	129	124	118	112
CsA	184	114	106	100	98	95	82

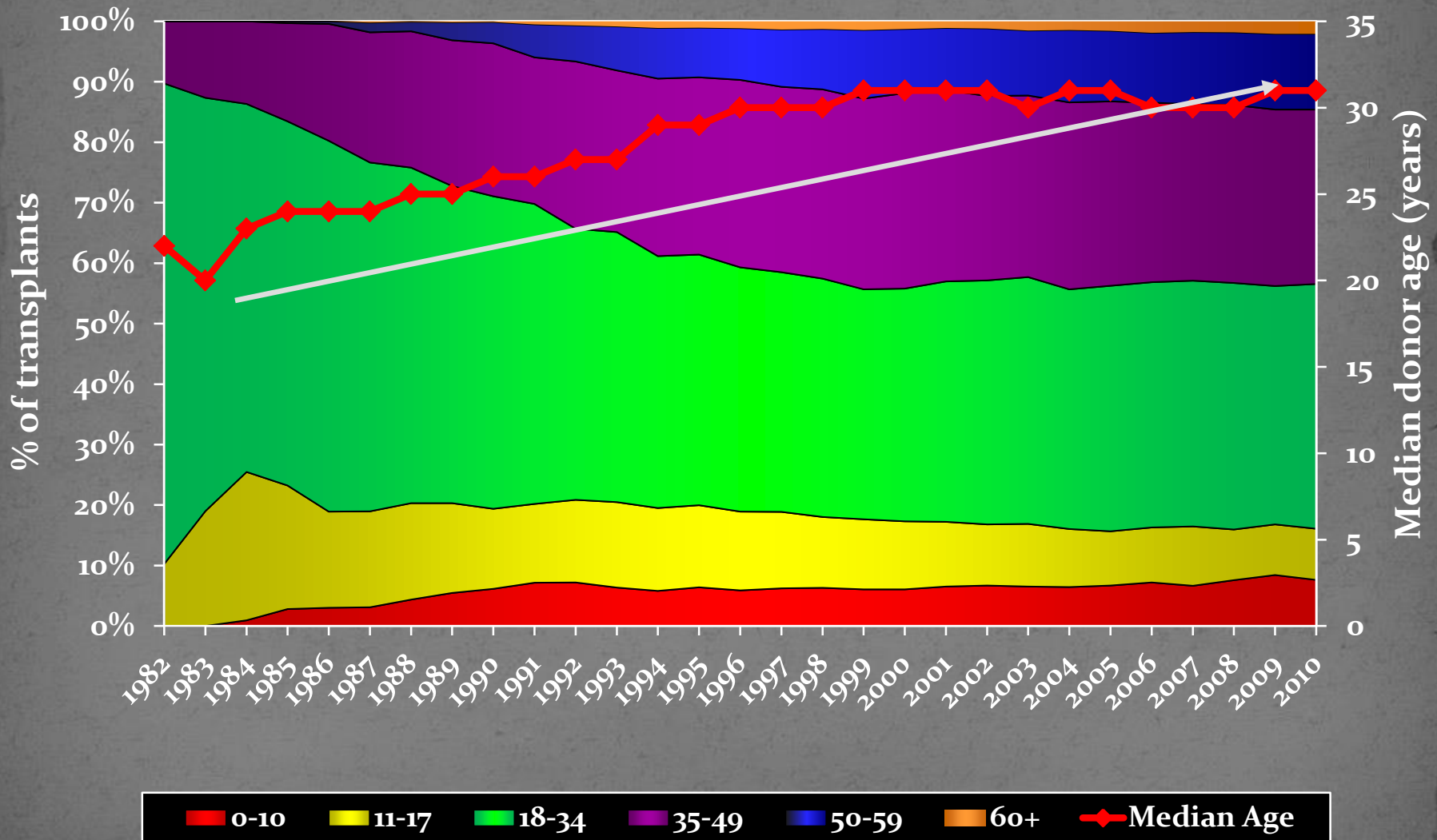


# Donor Shortage

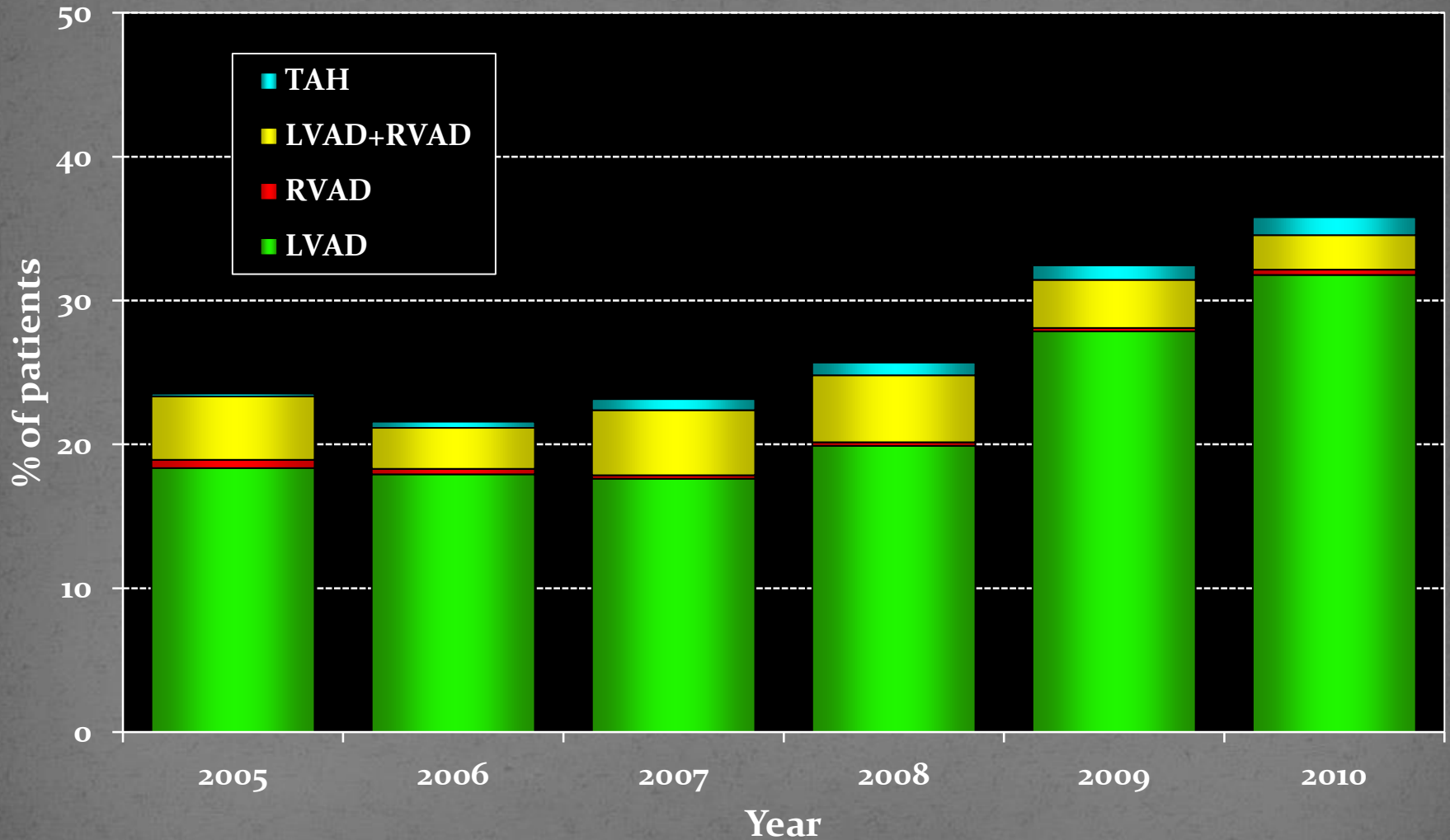
# Number of Heart Transplants



# Adult Heart Transplants; Donor Age



# % of Patients Bridged with MCS





# **XENOTRANSPLANTATION**

**The Future for Donor Shortage**

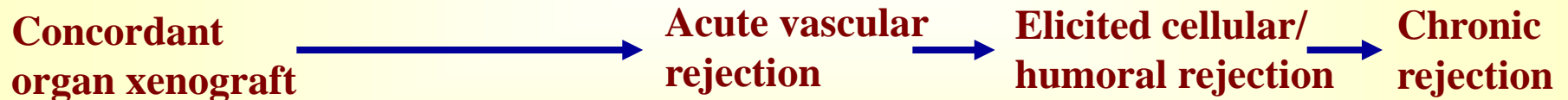
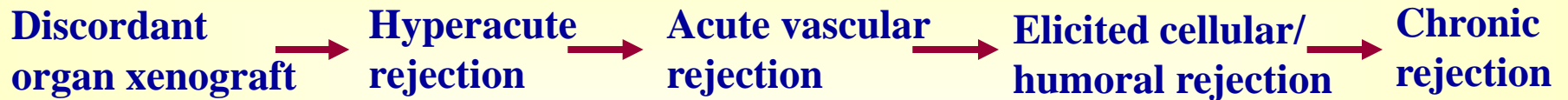


# Index of Dissimilarity

<i>Species</i>	<i>Index of dissimilarity</i>
Hominoidea(humans and apes)	
Homo sapiens (human)	1.0
Gorilla gorilla (gorilla)	1.09
Pan troglodytes (chimpanzee)	1.14
Pongo pygmaeus (orang-utan)	1.22
Hylobates lar (gibbon)	1.28
Cercopithecoidea (Old World monkeys)	2.23 - 2.26
Ceboidea (New World monkeys)	2.7 - 5.0
Non-primates	
Bos taurus (bull)	32
Sus scroga (pig)	> 35

# Anti $\alpha$ -Gal Natural Abs

- Preformed xenoreactive natural antibodies to Pig heart
- >80% of complement-fixing xenoreactive natural Abs
- Human, Apes (higher primates), Old world monkey
  - cannot produce Gal  $\alpha$  1-3Gal due to absence of  $\alpha$ 1,3-galactosyl transferase
  - instead use  $\alpha$  1-2 fucosyl transferase to form H substance
- Appears after birth due to exposure to environment bacteria
- Loss of the galactosyl transferase and formation of anti  $\alpha$ -gal Abs give survival advantage (protection from environmental pathogen)



# Escape Hyperacute Rejection

- Removing preformed antibodies
  - ◆ Only transient effect and often marked rebound
  - ◆ Depletion of the B-1 population of B cells entirely
- Expression of human complement regulatory proteins
  - ◆ hDAF gene, hMCP gene, hCD59 gene
- Removing the  $\alpha$ -gal determinant
  - ◆ Expression of  $\alpha$ -1,2 fucosyl transferase
  - ◆ With a galactosidase for complete suppression of  $\alpha$ -gal
  - ◆ Elimination of  $\alpha$ -1,3 galactosyl transferase

# Escape Hyperacute Rejection

## Recent advance

- Expression of  $\alpha$ -1,2 fucosyl transferase



- Elimination of  $\alpha$ -1,3 galactosyl transferase
  - ➡  $\alpha$ -1,3 galactosyl transferase knock out animal

# Physiological Barriers

- Perhaps the most important potential barrier
  - Primate surviving with pig kidney ; marked anemia
  - Human recipient with baboon liver ; lower levels of serum uric acid and cholesterol
  - Lack of appropriate stem cell growth factors in some species
  - For metabolically more complex organ (liver) , significant deficiencies may exist
- But for heart
  - If appropriate size, may function adequately
- Consider species-specific life span

# Hurdles to be Overcome

- Acute/delayed vascular rejection
- Acute cellular rejection
- Chronic rejection
- Physiologic barrier

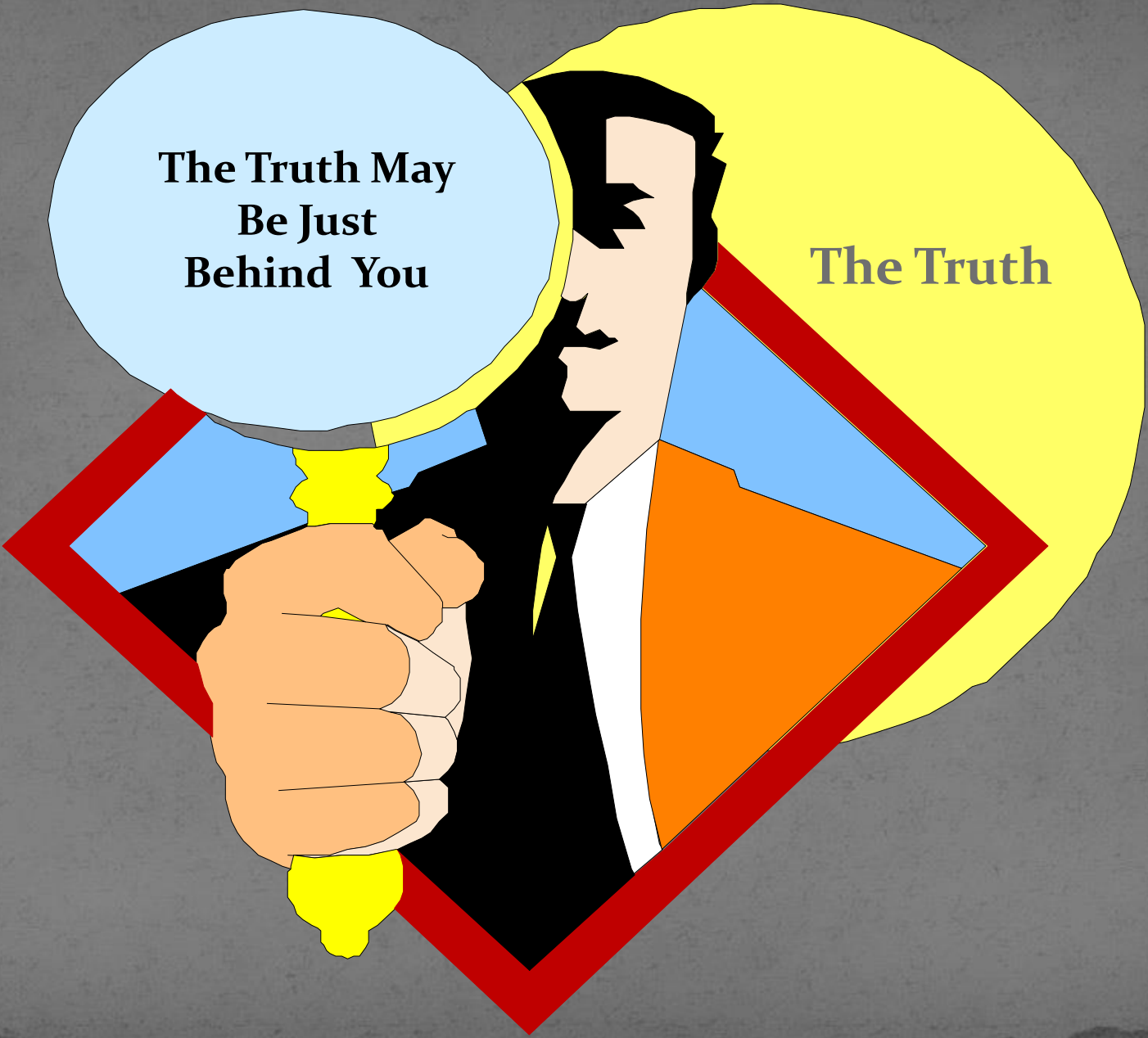


# The Future

Immune Tolerance  
Xenotransplantation

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Can We ?



**The Truth May  
Be Just  
Behind You**

**The Truth**

# HEART TRANSPLANTATION

The Rising Sun