

# Anemia (3).ms 18.11.2020

## Hemolytic Anemia

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- hemolytic anemia: premature, early destruction of RBCs, so the bone marrow is not able to compensate with the erythrocytes loss
- could be congenital or acquired

## Case 3

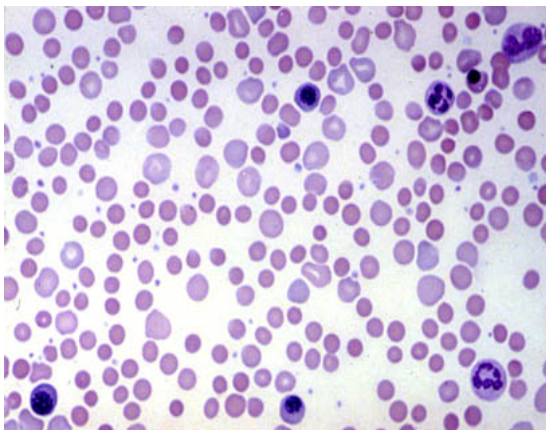
24 yr old female presented with “anemia syndrome” and jaundice. She was found to have splenomegaly.

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production

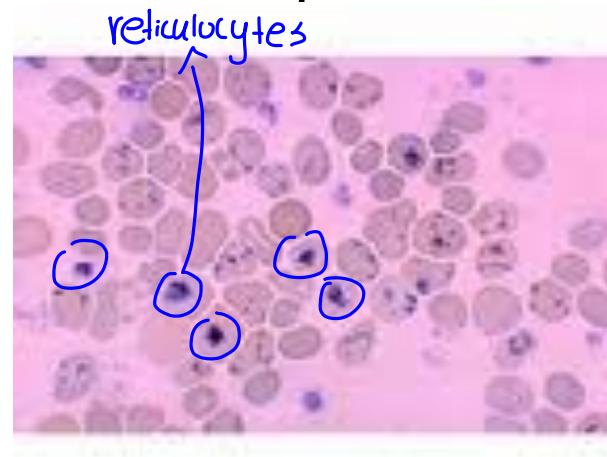
Hb 8, wbc 12k, Plt 212k, retics @ 12%, LDH 1400, bilirubin 7mg/dl, d 2.5mg/dl, DAT +3. Bld film spherocytes, polychromasia.

it is used to detect autoimmune hemolysis

Bld film

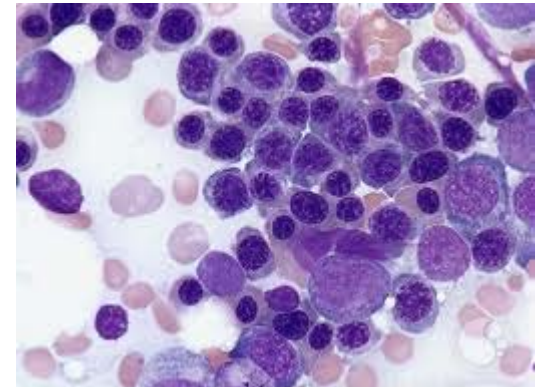


Supravital stain (retics)



# Case 3

CT Abdomen    AbdominalUS    BM aspirate



BM:erythroid hyperplasia with  
megaloblastoid changes

*autoimmune hemolysis anemia*

**Diagnosis: AIHA. Treated with steroids + folic acid, complete response, but 9 months later had NHL.**

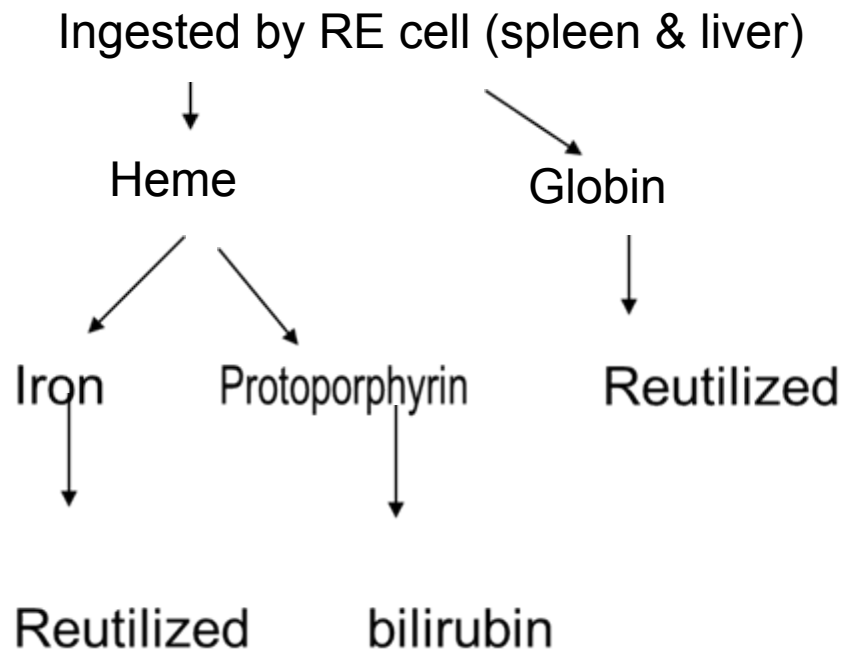
# Hemolysis= RBC destruction= Shortend RBC Survival with or without anemia

classification types

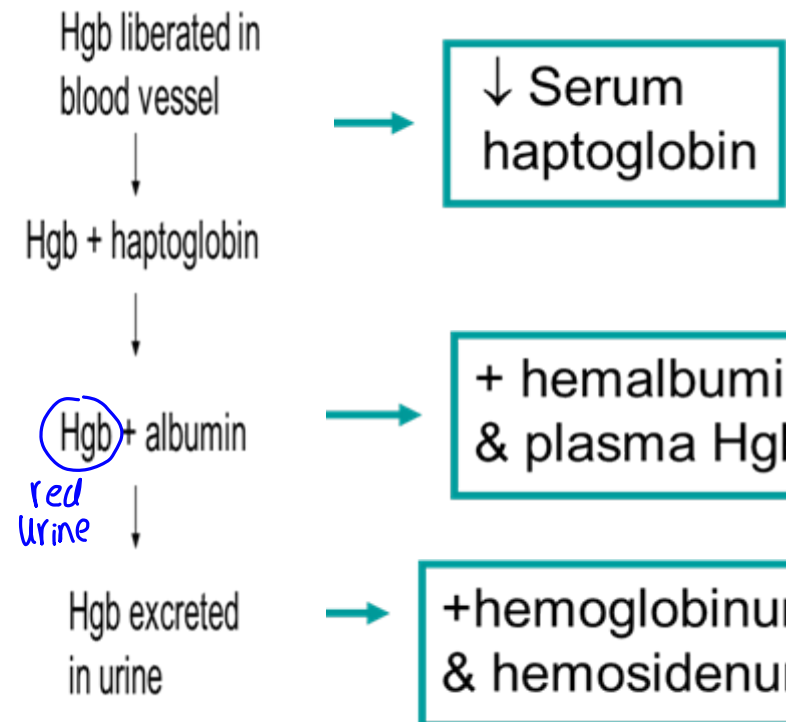
## Hemolytic Anemias –Classification

- ① • **By sites** of red cell destruction: intra v<sup>(A)</sup>  
extravascular
- ② • **Acquired** (immune, Non-immune).  
<sup>(A)</sup>  
**v congenital** (membrane: HS, Enzymopathies: G6PD def/PK, Hb-pathies: Thal, ss)
- ③ • **By mechanism of red cell damage:**

## Extravascular Hemolysis



## Intravascular Hemolysis



# Hemolysis

## Evidence for increased red cell production

- **In the blood:**

- Elevated reticulocyte count (corrected/RPI)
- Circulating NRBCs may be present

- **In the bone marrow:**

- erythroid hyperplasia
- reduced M/E (myeloid/ erythroid erythroid ratio)

- **In the bone:**

- Deforming changes in the skull and long bones (“ frontal bossing ”) *expansion*

# General Clinical Features

- 1- **Anemia syndrome**
- 2- **Splenomegaly**
- 3- **gallstones.** *extravascular type*
- 4- **Dark urine (tea-colored or red)**
- 5- **Patients may have chronic ankle ulcers.**
- 6- **Aplastic crises associated with Parvovirus B19, may occur**
- 7- **Increased requirement for folate**

## **Gallbladder stones/ biliary/ pigment stones**





## **Parvovirus B19**

- **Non-encapsulated DNA virus.**
- **Infects and lyses RBC precursors in marrow, causing 7-10d cessation of erythropoiesis.**
- **Normal individuals have no significant hematologic effect, since RBCs have normal life span.**
- **In pts with hemolytic anemias , loss of red cell production causes Aplastic Crisis**

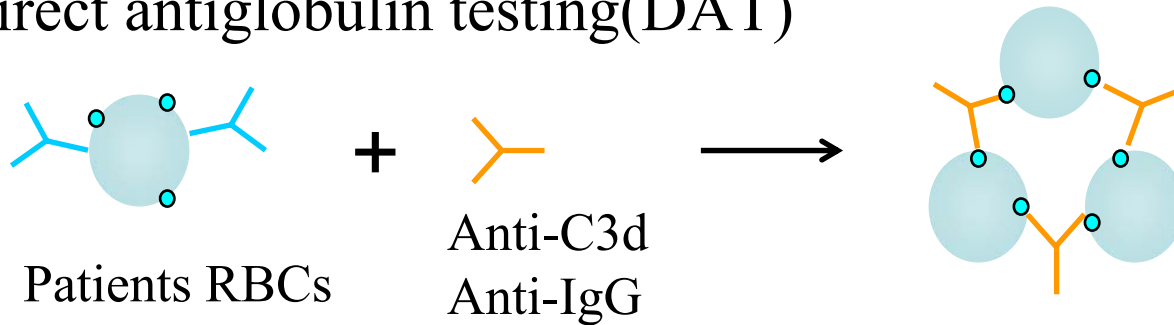
# Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia

- Warm antibodies (IgG-mediated)
  - Primary 45%
  - Secondary *to viral or bacterial infections* 40%
    - Lymphoproliferative disease *• mycoplasma pneumoniae*
    - Connective tissue disease *• covid infection*
    - Infectious disease
  - Drug-induced 15%
- Laboratory testing
  - Normocytic/macrocytic anemia
  - Peripheral smear - spherocytosis

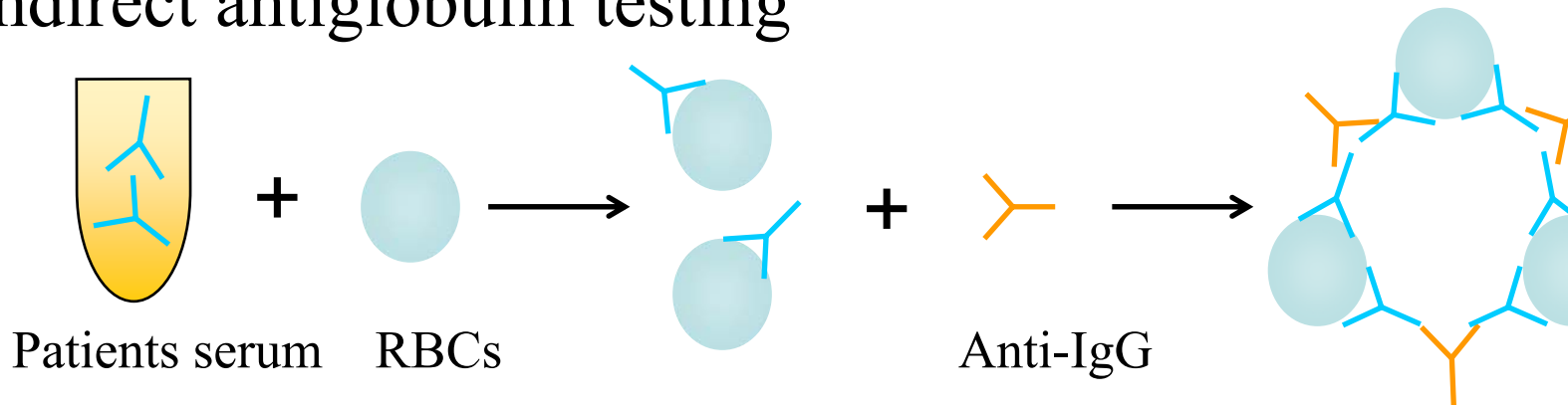
you applied agent have RBCs antibodies if the patient RBCs are coated with antibodies → interaction → agglutination ⊕ test

# Anti-Globulin (Coombs) Testing

## Direct antiglobulin testing (DAT)



## Indirect antiglobulin testing



# Treatment of Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (Warm Antibody type)

- Treat underlying disease if indicated  
*look for other causes if found*
- Prednisone (1 mg/kg/day for two weeks, then taper)
- Splenectomy ??
- Other
  - Immunosuppressive agents *Corticosteroids are the first line therapy*
  - IVIG

# Hemolytic Anemia with Intravascular Hemolysis

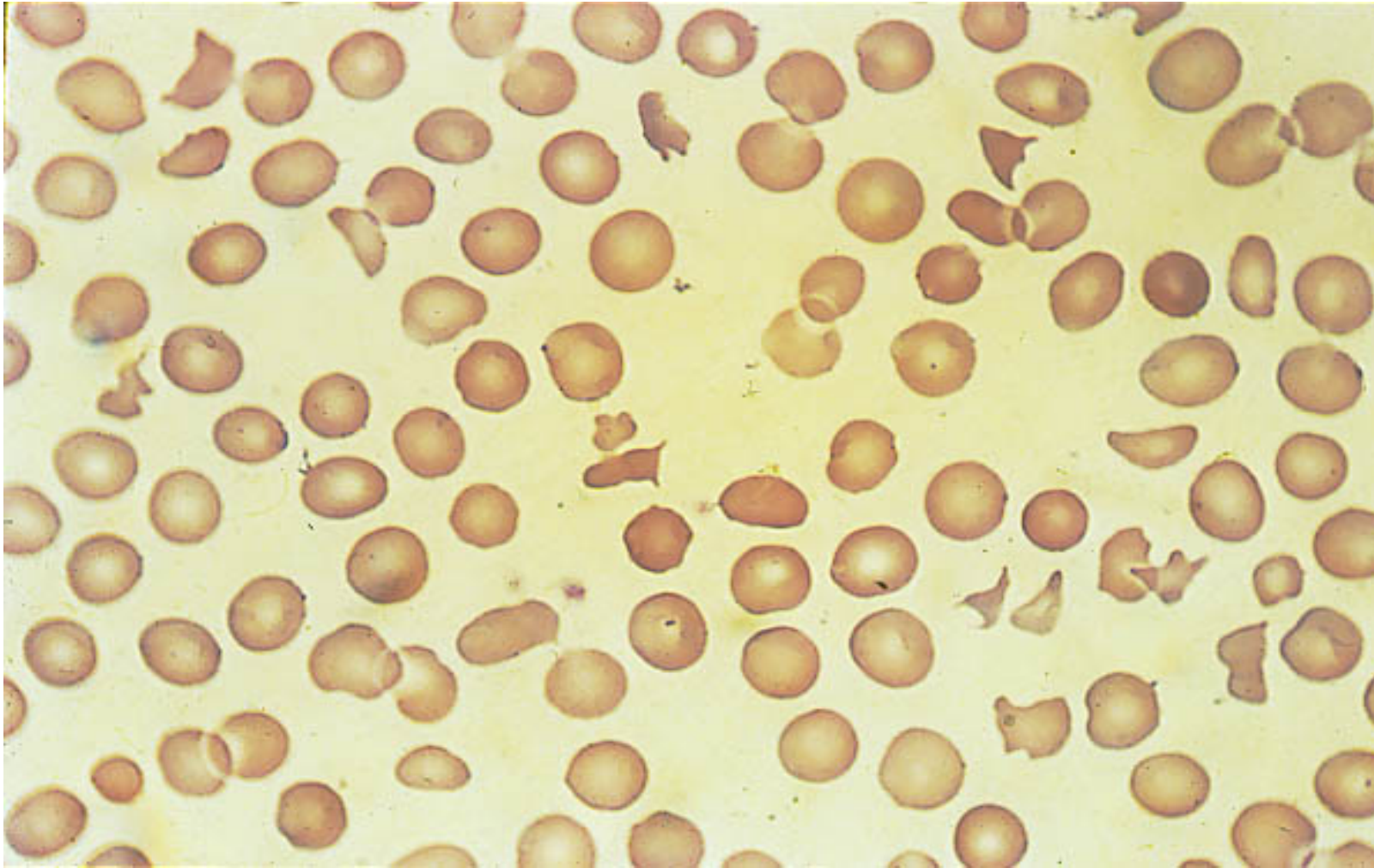
- ① • Mechanical damage (Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia)  
*Prosthetic heart valves*
- Chemical damage (Burns) *inhalation injuries or severe burns*
- Infection (Malaria or Babesiosis)
- Transfusion reaction (ABO incompatibility)

# Differential Diagnosis of Microangiopathic Hemolytic Anemia

- Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) *is a disease characterized by presence of many schistocytes*
- Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
- Vasculitis
- Malignant hypertension
- Metastatic neoplasm with vascular invasion
- Preeclampsia/HELLP syndrome of pregnancy

# Schistocytes: Microangiopathic Hemolytic Anemia

*Fragmented cells*



*Aplastic anemia because of BM failure*

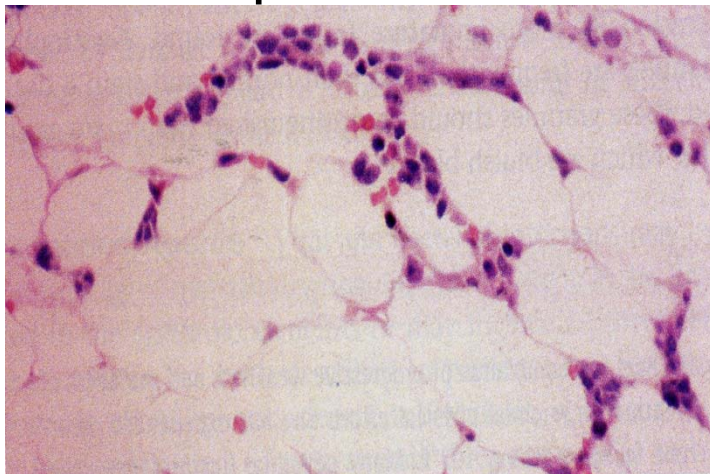
## Case 3 B

19 yr old male presented with “anemia syndrome”, fever and easy bruising. No splenomegaly

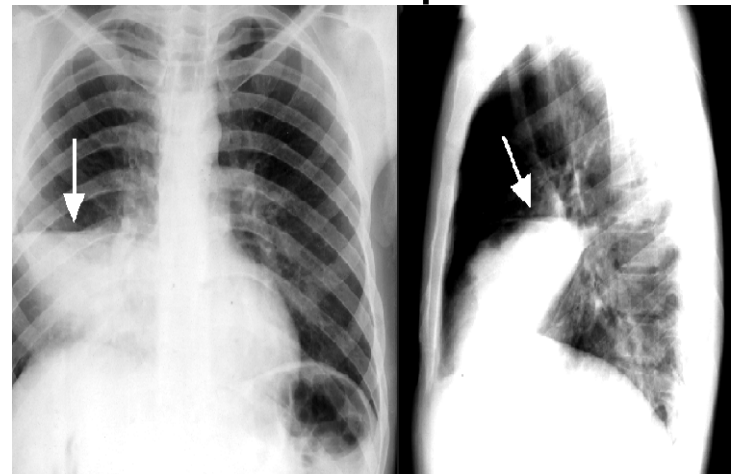
Hb 6 g/dl, WBC 1500 : N10%, L 80%, others 10%.

Retics© 0,001%. MCV 105fl, Plt 20k.

BM/ Trepine



CXR/lobar pneumonia





# APLASTIC ANEMIA

*Could be acquired or idiopathic*

- Aplastic anemia is a severe, life threatening syndrome in which production of erythrocytes, WBCs, and platelets has failed.
- Aplastic anemia may occur in all age groups and both genders.
- The disease is characterized by peripheral pancytopenia and accompanied by a hypocellular bone marrow.

# APLASTIC ANEMIA

- The primary defect is a reduction in or depletion of hematopoietic precursor stem cells with decreased production of all cell lines
  - This may be due to quantitative or qualitative damage to the pluripotential stem cell.
  - In rare instances it is the result of abnormal hormonal stimulation of stem cell proliferation
  - or the result of a defective bone marrow microenvironment
  - or from cellular or humoral immunosuppression of hematopoiesis.

# Causes of Bone Marrow Failure

## Acquired

-Idiopathic

-PNH

## Secondary

-Drugs

-- radiation

-Viruses

## Inherited

-Fanconi anemia

-Diamond-Blackfan Anemia

-Other rare conditions

# Clinical manifestations of AA

»Anemia syndrome

»Neutropenia syndrome

»Thrombocytopenia  
syndrome

»Combination of the above

## Presenting Symptoms of Aplastic Anemia

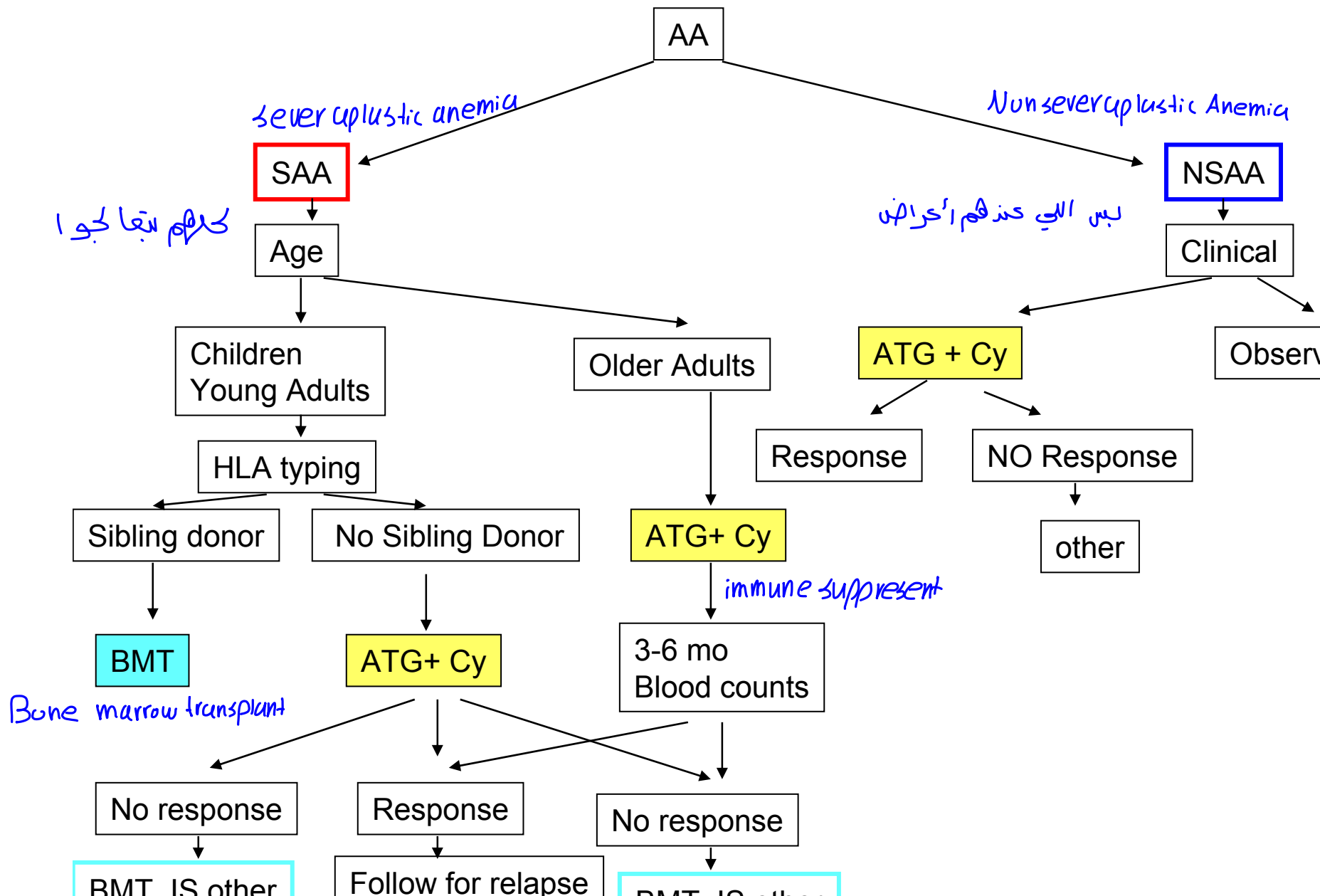
Symptoms	Number of Patients
Bleeding	41
Anemia	27
Bleeding and anemia	14
Bleeding and infection	6
Infection	5
Routine examination	8
Total	101

less platelets count higher age and more risk of bleeding

## Classification of aplastic anemia

Classification	Criteria
Severe	BM cellularity < 25% (or < 50% if < 30% of BM is hematopoietic cells) AND $\geq 2$ of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peripheral blood neutrophil count &lt; <math>0.5 \times 10^9/L</math></li><li>• Peripheral blood platelet count &lt; <math>20 \times 10^9/L</math></li><li>• Peripheral blood reticulocyte count &lt; <math>20 \times 10^9/L</math></li></ul>
Very severe	As above, but peripheral blood neutrophil count must be < $0.2 \times 10^9/L$
Nonsevere	Hypocellular BM with peripheral blood values not meeting criteria for severe aplastic anemia

# Treatment Algorithm for AA



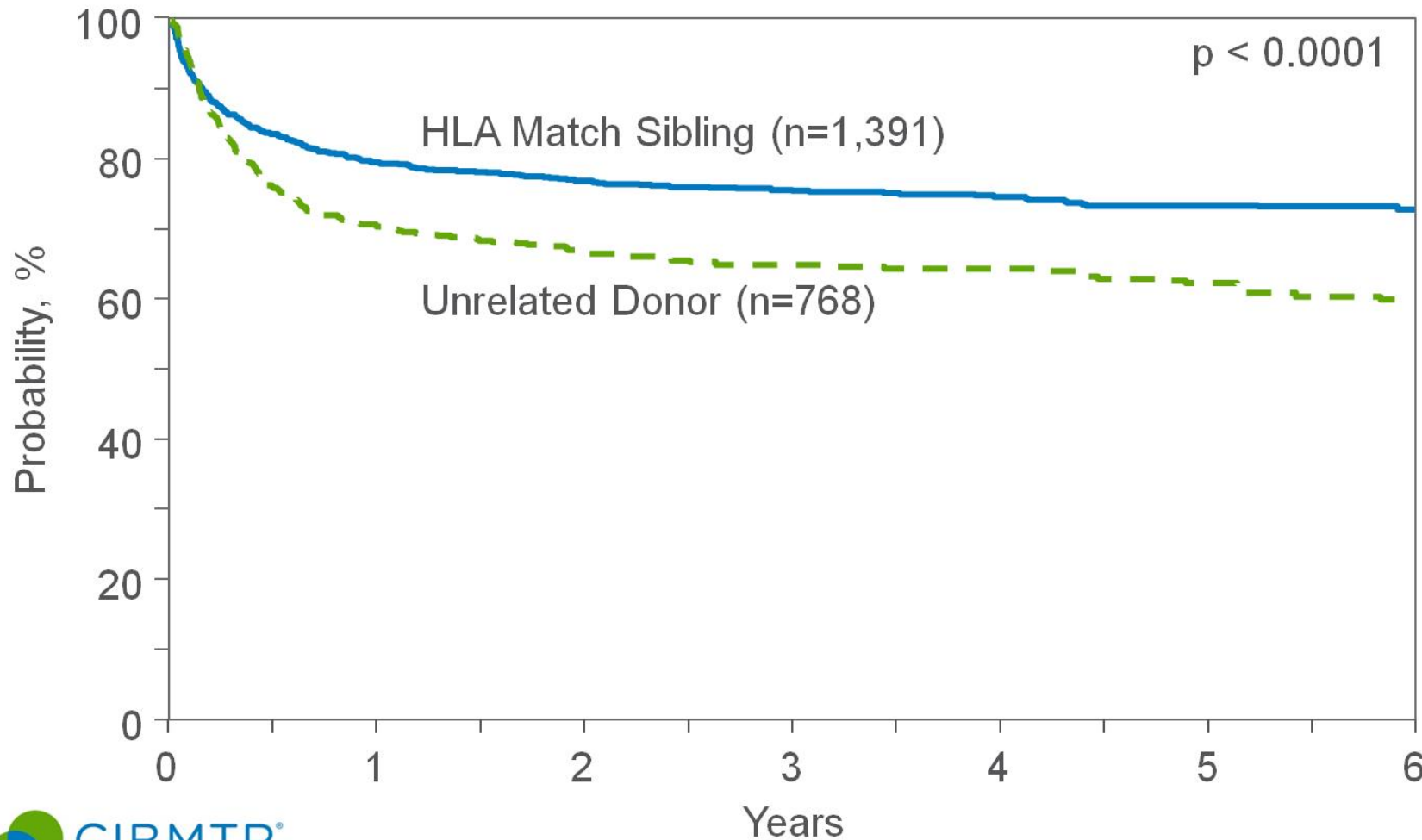
# Treatment of AA

- » Remove causative agent, if known
- » Supportive care
  - RBC transfusions
  - Treat infections *prophylaxis*
  - Treat Bleeding
- » **Bone marrow transplant**
- » Immune suppression
  - \_ CSA
  - \_ ATG
- Combination of the above



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## Survival after Allogeneic Transplants for Severe Aplastic Anemia, $\geq 20$ Years, 2002-2012



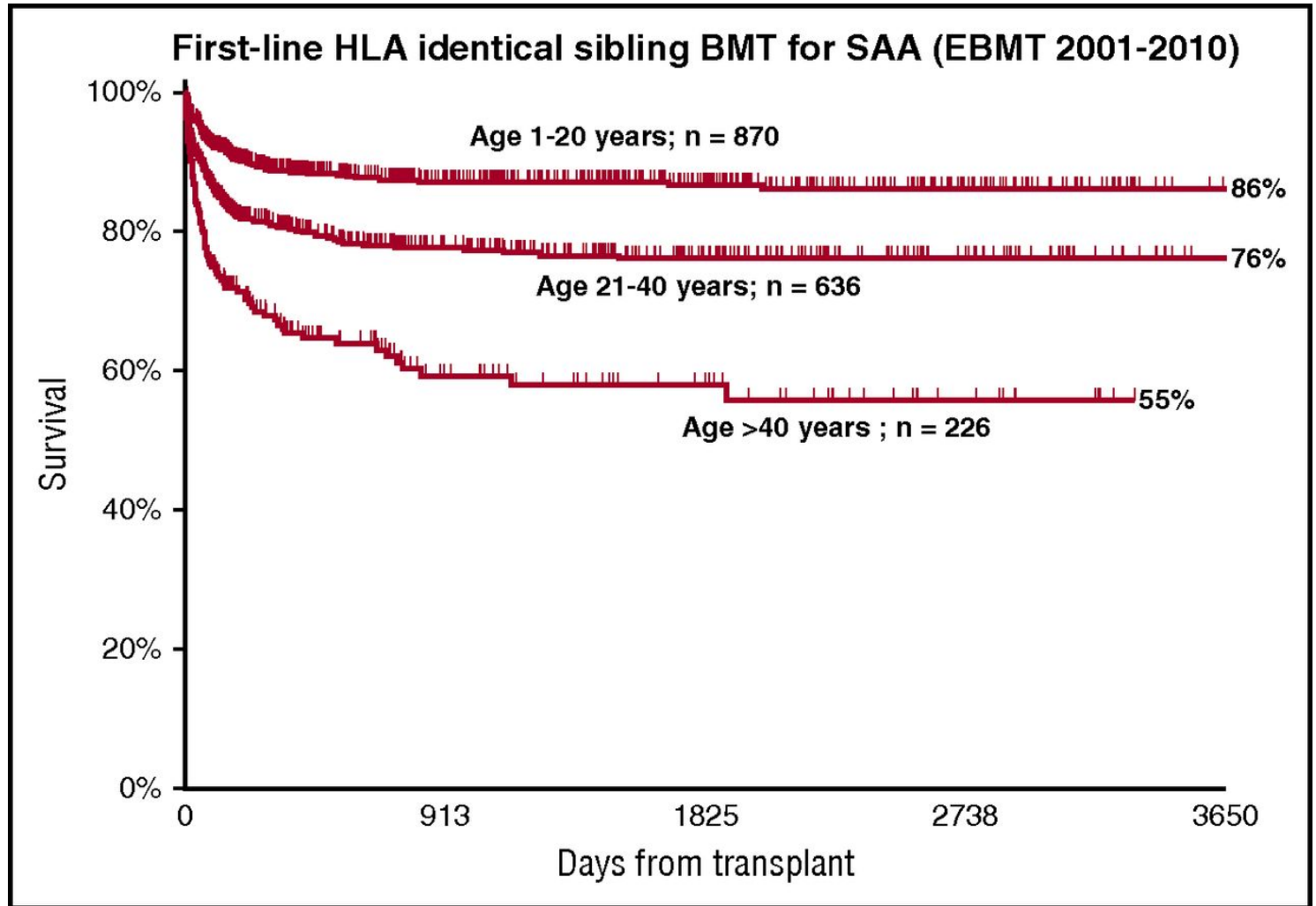
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## Immunosuppression for AA

Table 1. Intensive immunosuppression (ATG plus cyclosporine) for severe aplastic anemia

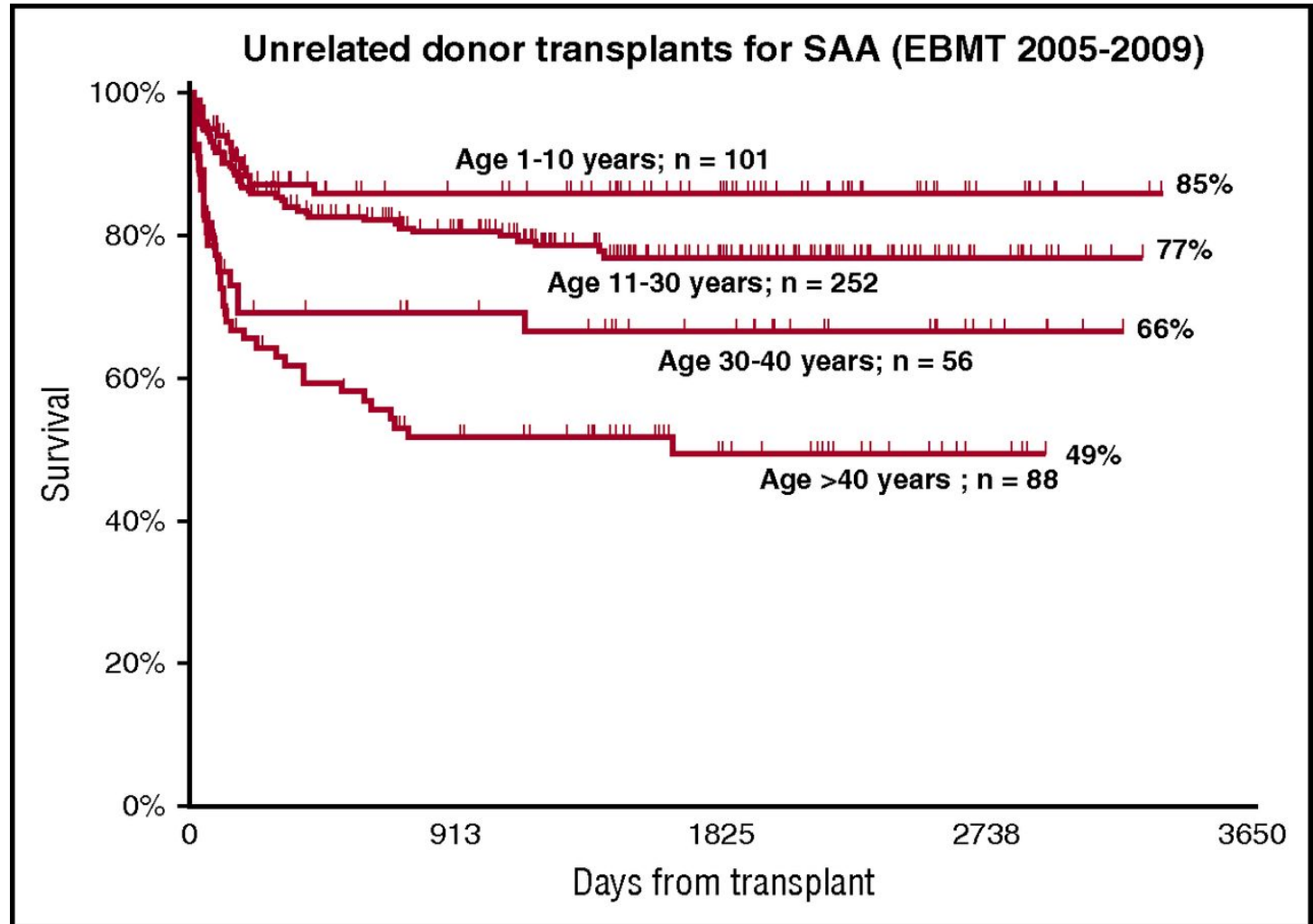
Study	N	Median Age (years)	Response	Relapse	Clonal Evolution	Survival
German <sup>108</sup>	84	32	65%	19%	8%	58% at 11 yrs
EGMBT <sup>71</sup>	100	16	77%	12%	11%	87% at 5 yrs
NIH <sup>70</sup>	122	35	61%	35%	11%	55% at 7 yrs
Japan* <sup>72</sup>	119	9	68%	22%	6%	88% at 3 yrs
NIH* <sup>81</sup>	104	30	62%	37%	9%	80% at 4 yrs

**A strong age effect in patients with aplastic anemia, after transplantation from an HLA identical sibling.**

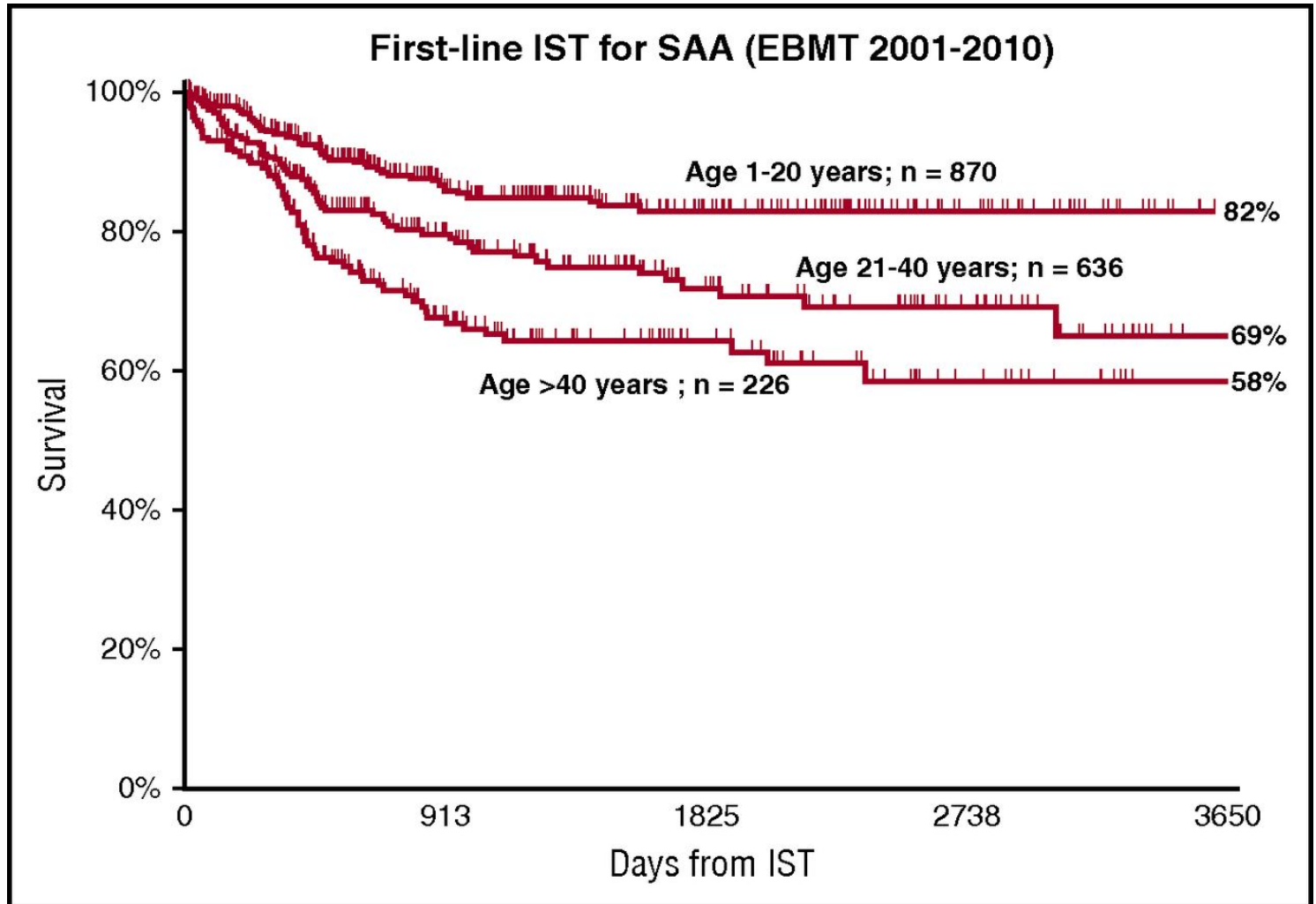


Andrea Bacigalupo Blood 2017;129:1428-1436

The age effect in UD transplants: best outcome is seen for very young patients, for whom first UD BMT may be considered.



The age effect in patients receiving first-line IST. Data from the EBMT registry.



- Peripheral cytopenia but normal bone marrow

## RELATED DISORDERS

- 1- Disorders in which there is peripheral pancytopenia, but the bone marrow is normocellular, hypercellular, or infiltrated with abnormal cellular elements (Myelophthestic anemia)
  - replacement of bone marrow by fibrotic, granulomatous, or neoplastic cells
- 2- Pure red Cell aplasia
- 3- Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)