



# Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation In Phagocytic Disorders

Mohammad Reza Fazlollahi, MD  
Associate professor of  
Immunology, Asthma & Allergy Research Institute,  
Tehran University of Medical Sciences,

# Update on the Classification from the International Union of Immunological Societies Expert Committee (2022)

## Congenital defects of phagocyte number or function(table 5)

- 1. Congenital Neutropenias
- 2. Defects of Motility (LAD1,...)
- 3. Defects of Respiratory Burst (CGD,...)

**Table 1.** Indications for HSCT in PID, based on IUIS classification [1] and modification by Westhafen International BMT group [2] and British Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation ([www.bsbt.org](http://www.bsbt.org)).

<b>I. Combined Immunodeficiency (CID)</b>	
SCID	ADA, reticular dysgenesis, RAG 1/2, DELREC1C, Cornuans, DNA Ligase 4, DNA PKcs, X-linked, Jak 3 kinase, IL7R $\alpha$ , CD3 $\gamma$ $\delta$ , CD45, Zap70 kinase, Carcinin 1A
CID	CD40 ligand deficiency, CD4 lymphopaenia, MHC Class II, PNP, Omenn syndrome, Leaky SCID, MALT1, LCK, STR4, CIPS1
<b>II. CID with associated features</b>	
WAS, DiGeorge, CHARGE, Cartilage Hair Hypoplasia with CID, Nijmegen breakage syndrome <sup>1</sup> , DOCK 8, Tyk2, ICF, DKK, PI3K $\delta$ activating mutant, LRBA, ORAI 1, STIM1	
<b>III. Antibody Deficiencies</b>	
CVID, MDS with hypogammaglobulinaemia	
<b>IV. Immune Dysregulation</b>	
Hemophagocytic disorders	Familial HLH with genetic diagnosis (PRF1, UNC13D, MUNC 18-2, STX11); HLH without genetic diagnosis but with recurrent/refractory disease, affected sibling, absent NK function, CNS disease; Griscelli syndrome type 2 (RAB27A); Chediak Higashi syndrome (LYST)
Lymphoproliferative disorders <sup>2</sup>	XLPI (SH2D1A) and 2 (XIAP), Chronic active EBV (with or without lymphoma or HLH) <sup>3</sup> , ITK, CD27, MAGT1
Autoimmune Intractable Colitis	ALPS (homozygotes) STAT3 GOF, CTLA4, JIA, SLE, SS, Evans IPDC syndrome, IL-10, IL-10 receptor, immune deficiency with multiple intestinal atresias (TTC7a)
<b>V. Phagocytic cell disorders</b>	
Immunodeficiency with partial albinism, severe congenital neutropaenia, Schwachman-Diamond syndrome, LAD 1-3, X-linked CGD, AR CGD, GATA2	
<b>VI. Innate Defects</b>	
NEWO, STAT1, STAT5, IFN- $\gamma$ receptor, IL-12 receptor	



- The decision about the indication and the correct timing of HSCT indication for a patient diagnosed with a PID(IEIs)  
:

it should be individualized and based not only on the specific PID, but also on each patient's characteristics

# CGD

- CGD is a genetically heterogeneous disease, with an X-linked recessive (XL) form caused by hemizygous mutations of the *CYBB* gene encoding the gp91<sup>phox</sup> protein, and an autosomal recessive (AR) form caused by biallelic mutations of the *CYBA*, *NCF1*, *NCF2*, *NCF4*, and *CYBC1* genes encoding p22<sup>phox</sup>, p47<sup>phox</sup>, p67<sup>phox</sup>, p40<sup>phox</sup>, and EROS, respectively

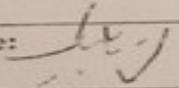
# case

- A 20-months-old boy, was referred to our center for investigations regarding history of hospital admission for sepsis which was occurred approximately 1 years ago.
- Her height and weight were at the 25<sup>th</sup>-50<sup>th</sup> percentile and the 50<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> percentile for her age respectively.
- Routine vaccination has been done without complications.
- He is the only child from non-consanguineous parents ,however his family history related to primary immunodeficiency is positive and **his cousin has CGD**

- He was diagnosed as CGD due to NBT and dihydrorhodamin test.

Date: 99.01.20

	Patient	Normal Ranges	Unit	Control
NBT assay (Slide test)	0%	90-100%	%	
DHR 1,23 assay	2.25	More than 100-200	----	361.8

Date/Signature: 

Comments:

Address: Immunology, Asthma & Allergy Research Institute, Children Medical Center  
No. 62, Dr. Gharib St, Tehran 14194, Iran, P.O. Box: 14185-863

*Date: 99.05.04*

**Sample:**

Blood

Muscle

CVS

Amniotic fluid

**Techniques are used in this investigation:**

PCR

PCR-RFLP

ARMS

Southern Blot

Western Blot

Sequencing

**Result:**

Exon 9 of *CYBB* gene was investigated. The mutation NM\_000397.3(*CYBB*):c.1016C>A (p.Pro339His) was found as hemizygous. This mutation has been previously reported in ClinVar as pathogenic.

- What is your decision about HSCT ?

# Which patients with CGD should undergo transplantation?(past)

- Survival of stem cell transplantation for CGD has increased from approximately 85% to 90%.
- HSCT is generally considered for:
  - **X-CGD**
  - **AR-CGD** patients who have an HLA genoidentical donor and one or more of the following complications:
    - non-availability of specialist medical care
    - non-compliance with long term antimicrobial prophylaxis
    - at least **one life-threatening** infection
    - severe granulomatous disease with progressive organ dysfunction (e.g. lung restriction)
    - steroid-dependent granulomatous disease (e.g. colitis)
    - ongoing therapy-refractory infection (e.g. aspergillosis)

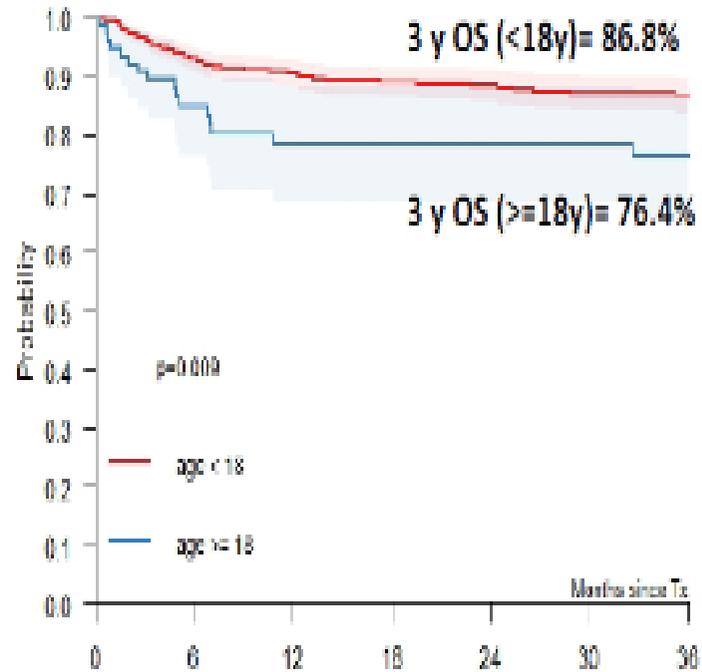


# Which patients with CGD should undergo transplantation?

- Very low superoxide production(DHR↓↓↓)
- An increased alkaline phosphatase level
- A history of liver abscesses
- Decrease in platelet count reflecting portal hypertension
- **Specific mutation ?**

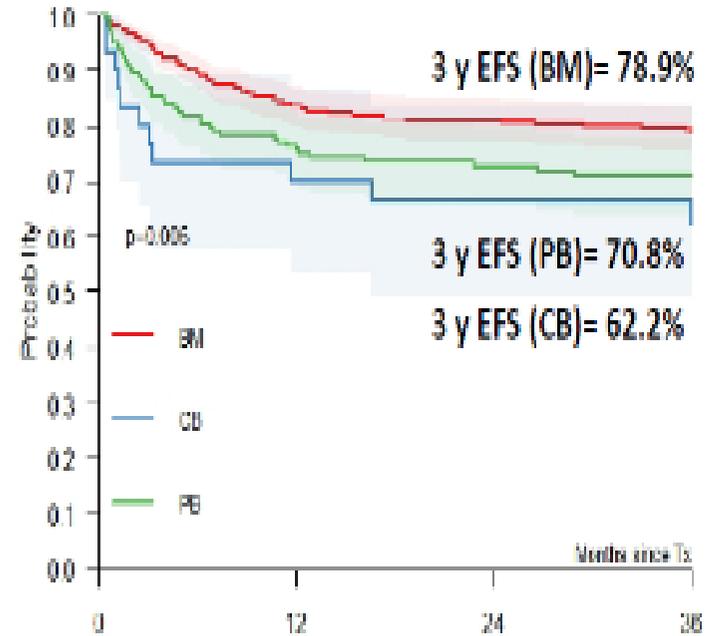
- Allogeneic HCT can be challenging in patients with CGD **due to the presence of refractory fungal or other microbial infections or preexisting pulmonary, liver, or gastrointestinal disease**, all of which are more common in patients with an older age at diagnosis or HCT.
- A large collaborative allogeneic HCT study of 712 patients observed three-year overall and event-free survival of **86 and 76 percent**, respectively.
- Patients transplanted **after age 18 years or with HLA-mismatched donors had inferior outcomes**.
- Choice of conditioning regimen did not influence OS or EFS.

## - Overall Survival by Age



N at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
age < 18 (85)	514	461	412	370	337	309	
age ≥ 18 (77)	54	47	45	41	39	35	

## D - Event-free Survival by Stem Cell Source

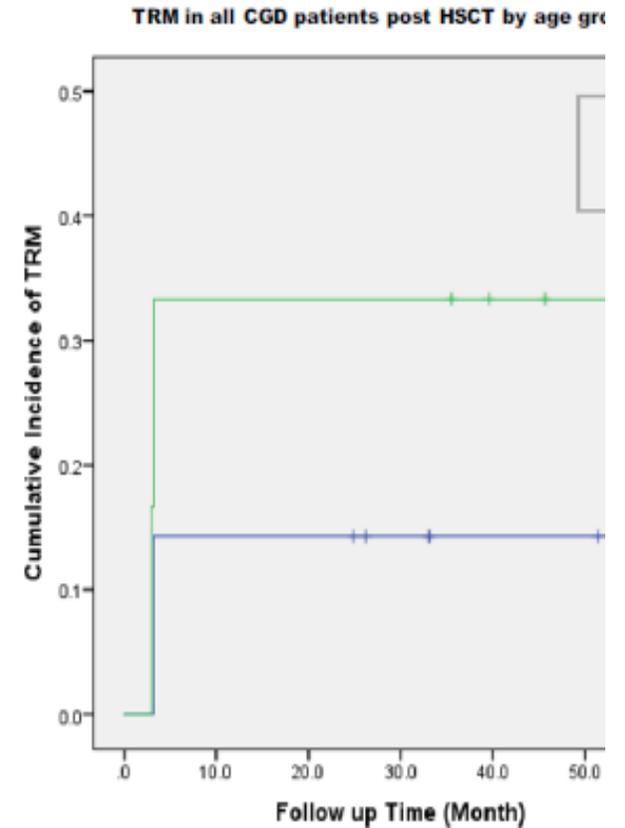
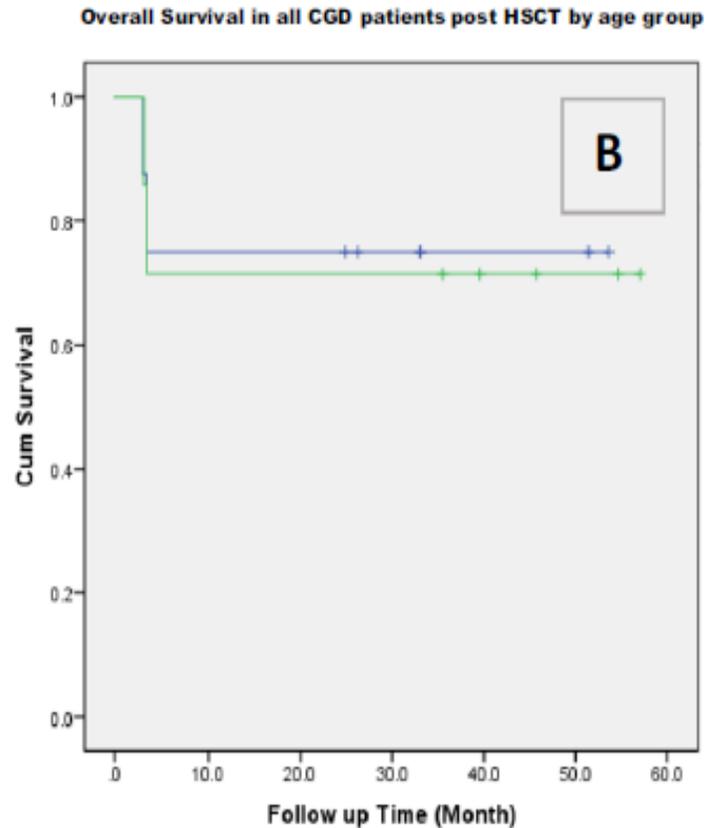
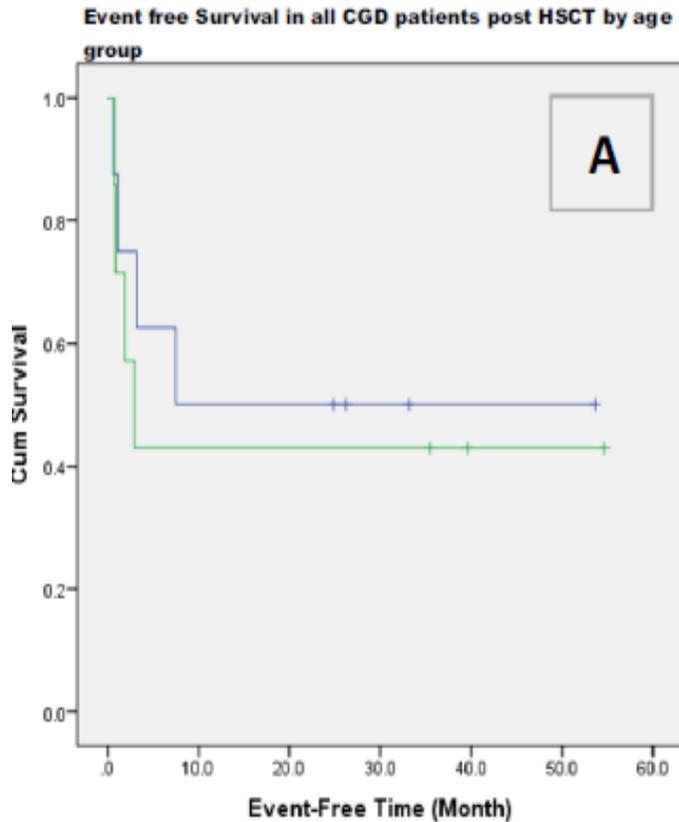


N at risk	0	12	24	36
BM	453	315	205	217
CB	30	20	10	16
PB	107	109	69	69

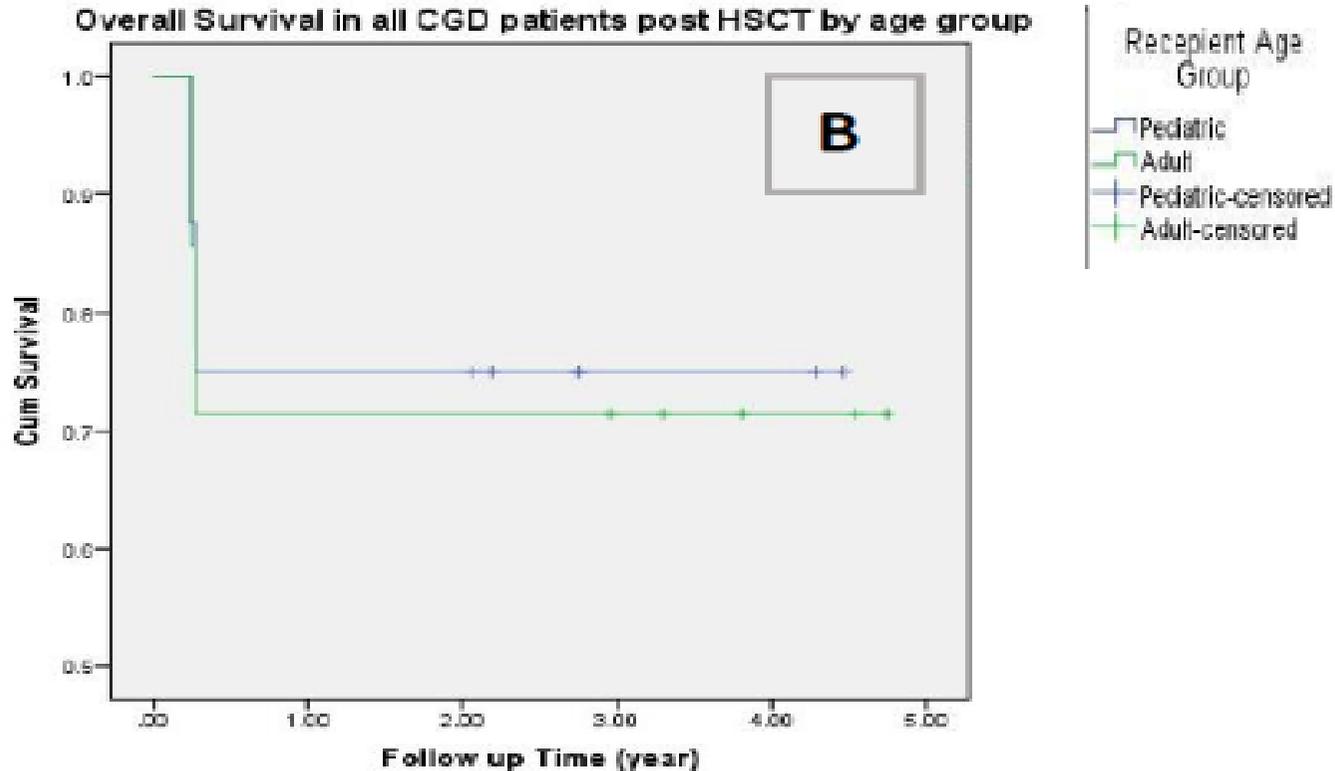
## A fludarabine and melphalan reduced-intensity conditioning regimen for HSCT in fifteen chronic granulomatous disease patients and a literature review

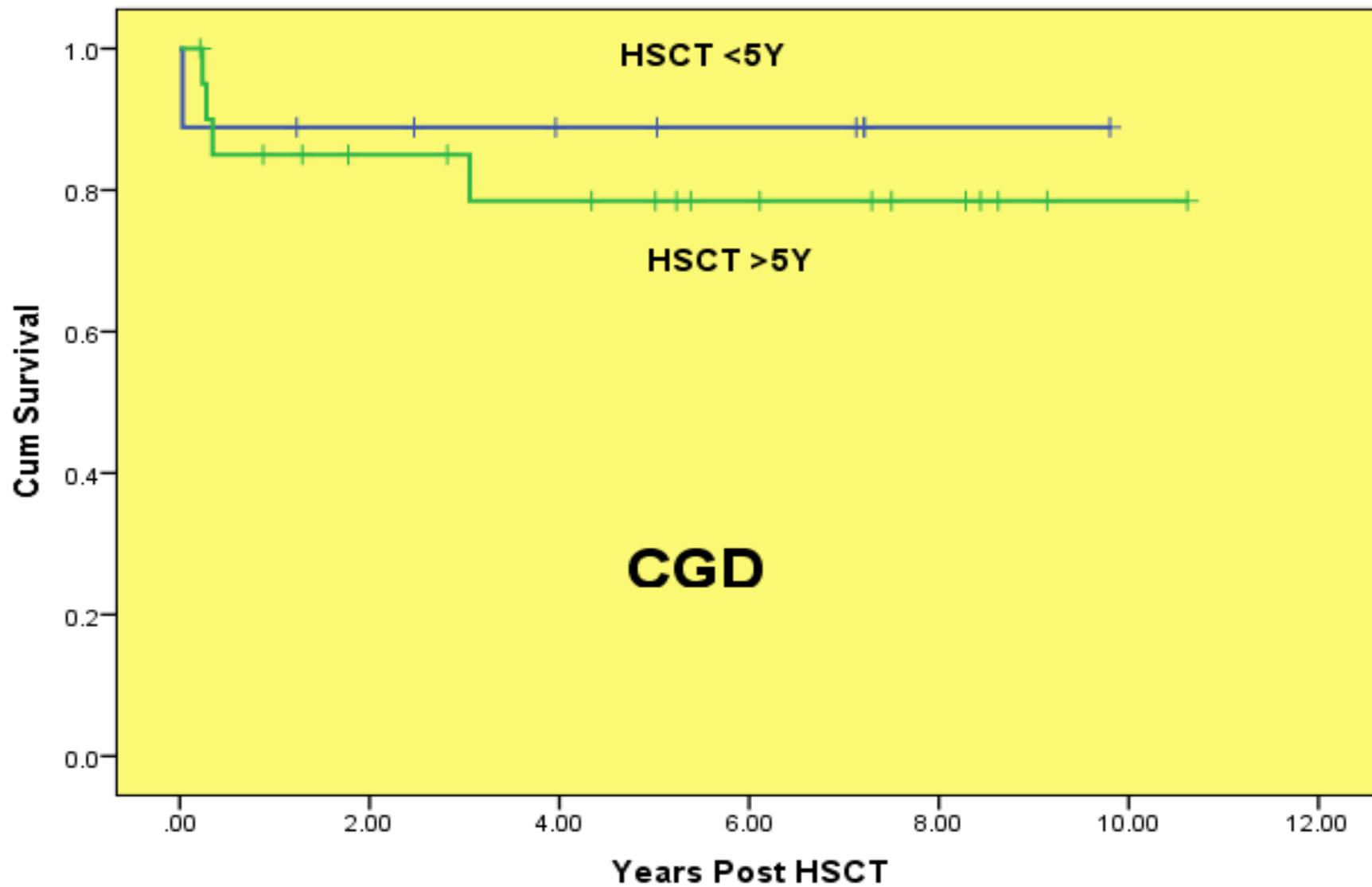
- We prospectively studied the outcomes of fifteen CGD patients undergoing HSCT with fludarabine and melphalan plus anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG).
- The three-year overall survival (OS) and event-free survival (EFS) rates were **73.3%** and 46.7%, respectively.
- Three years GVHD-FS (free survival) was 57.8% in all patients and it was **70% and 42.9% in children and adults**, respectively.

# Event-free survival (A), overall survival (B), and TRM (C) in **adult** and **pediatric** groups



A prospective report of fludarabine and melphalan reduced-intensity conditioning regimen for HSCT in fifteen chronic granulomatous disease patients :  
Overall Survival=73%





# Recent Update

- Survival following HSCT has increased from approximately 85% before 2000 to **greater than 90%** in recent reports. Children who undergo HSCT are also healthier with better QoL than those managed conservatively.
- As such, **HSCT should be considered for all patients with CGD regardless of sex, genetic mutation, and clinical manifestations.**
- It is preferable to perform HCT **as early as possible**

## Severe congenital neutropenia

- More than 90% of congenital neutropenia(CN) patients respond to G-CSF with an increase in ANC > 1000, and require fewer antibiotics and reduced hospitalization
- All CN patients are at risk of developing myelodysplasia (MDS) or AML, but the risks of malignant transformation and septic death appear higher in less responsive patients.
- Some studies demonstrate elevated risk with mutations in the G-CSF receptor gene and a specific mutation in the ELANE gene. (Gly185Arg mutation)
- SCT from an HLA-identical donor is therefore beneficial for CN patients refractory to G-CSF. Outcome of transplantation after the development of frank leukemia in CN is poor.

# Stem cell transplantation in severe congenital neutropenia

- HSCT is the only curative treatment of severe congenital neutropenia .
- Outcome of 136 SCN patients who underwent HSCT between 1990 and 2012 in European and Middle East centers.
- The 3-year overall survival (OS) was 82%, and transplant-related mortality (TRM) was 17%.

## HSCT IN Severe congenital neutropenia(SCN)

- The absolute indications for HSCT in SCN are a **failure to respond to G-CSF or the development of MDS/leukemia.**
- High-risk patients that should strongly be considered for HCT **include** patients who require **high doses of G-CSF (> 8 µg/kg/d)** with poor response in neutrophil counts.

# Leukocyte adhesion deficiency (LAD)

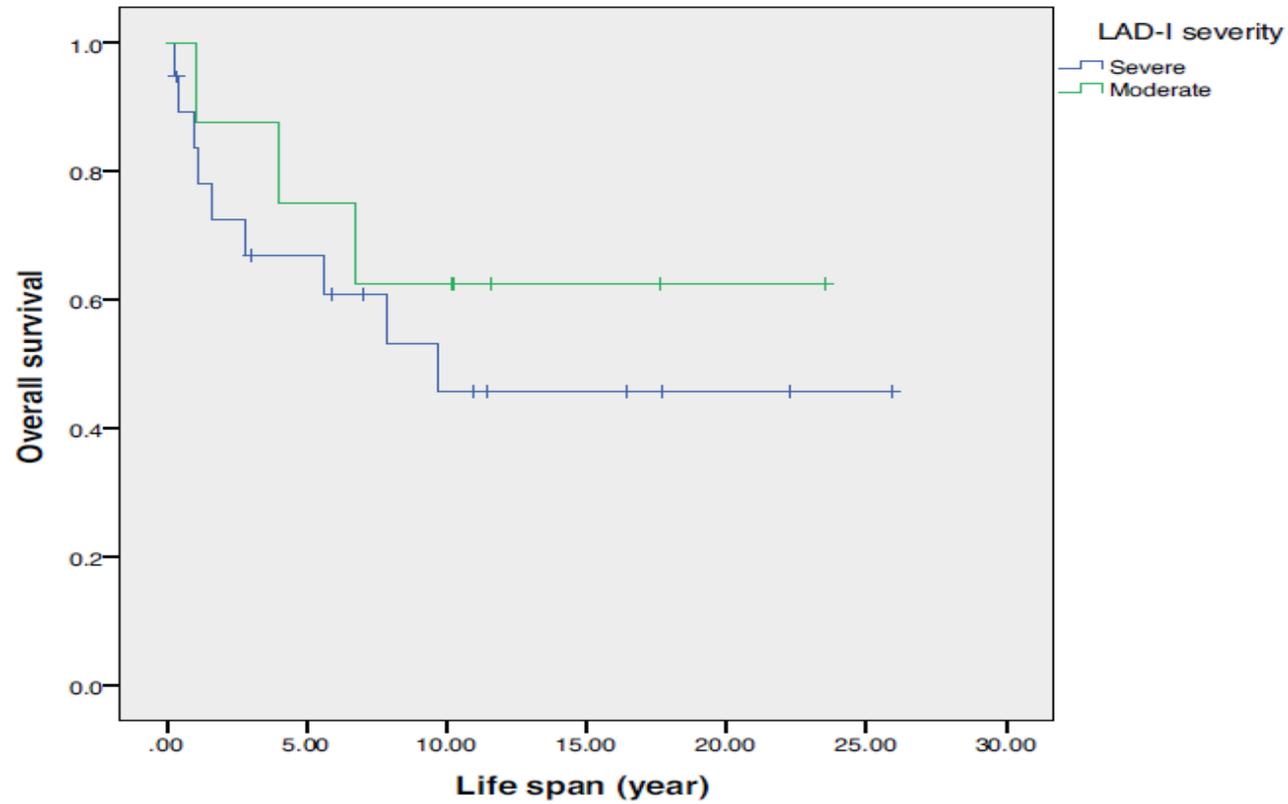
- **Complete** absence of CD11/CD18 leads to a **severe phenotype** of LAD **and often leading to death within the first 5 years of life**
- Good results have been achieved with genotypically identical and related HLA-mismatched donors (**70%**). This is in contradiction to most other non-SCID patients in whom HLA-mismatched transplants tend to do less well.

- The severe forms of LAD are usually treated with allogeneic HCT.
- A variety of conditioning approaches have been used. Three-year survival among a large cohort of 84 patients with LAD type I and type III was 83 percent, and transplant before 13 months of age and receipt of a MSD graft were associated with superior outcomes

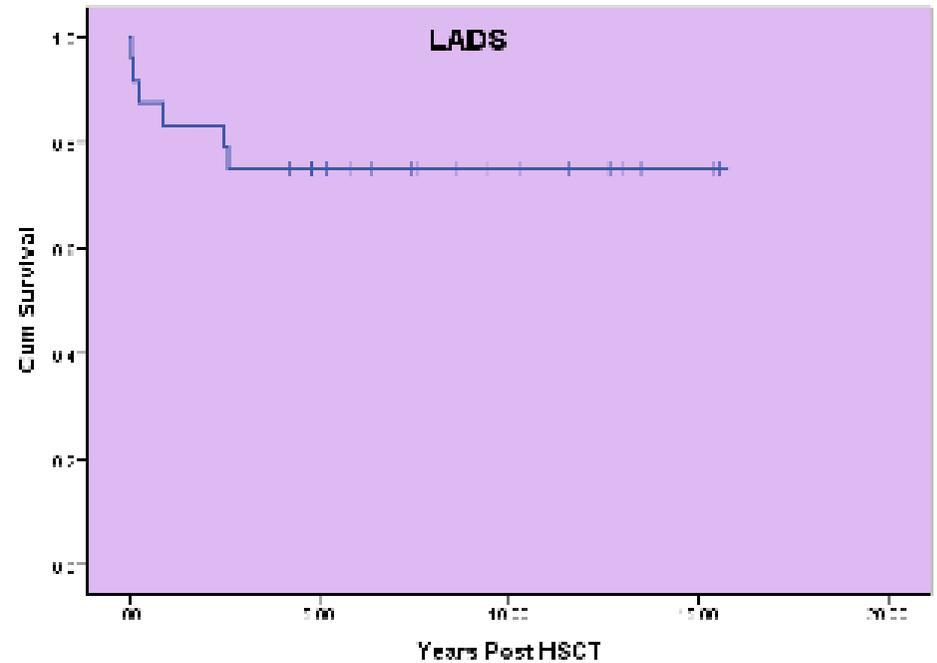
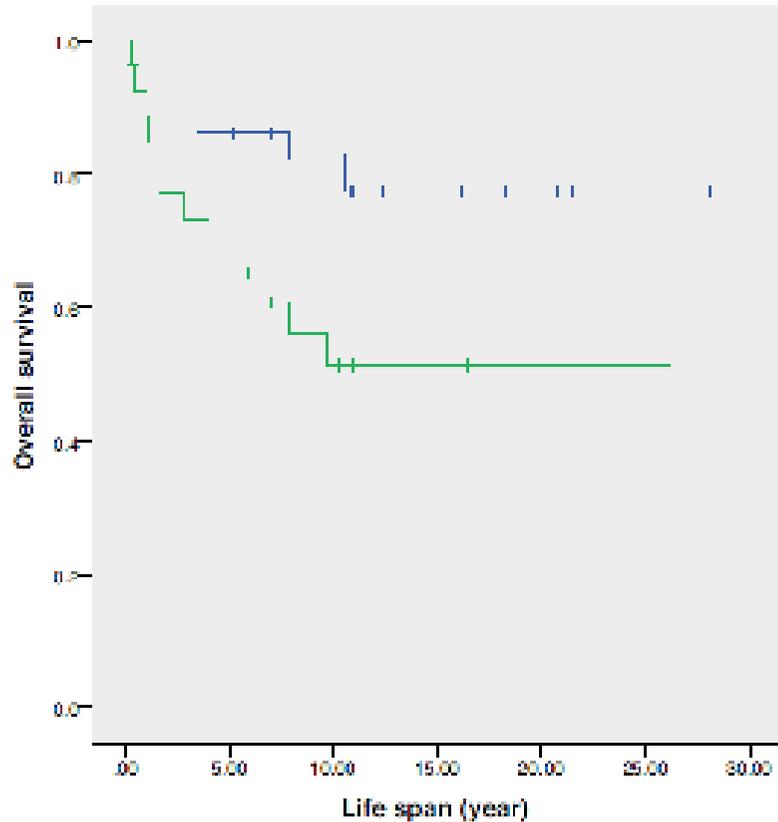
## Clinical and immunological characteristics of 69 leukocyte adhesion deficiency-I patients

- Sixty-nine patients (40 females and 29 males) with LAD-I
- The diagnosis median age of the patients was 6 months.
- The median diagnostic delay time was 4 months (min–max: 0–82 months).
- Forty-six patients (66.7%) were categorized as severe (CD18 and/or CD11a: below 2%); while 23 children (33.3%) were in moderate category (CD18 and/or CD11a: 2%–30%).
- The overall survival of patients with (31 patients) and without hematopoietic stem cell transplantation was 79.3% and 55.6%, respectively

The overall survival of patients with LAD-I without HSCT according to the severity classification (severe and moderate).



# The overall survival of patients with LAD-I in two groups (with HSCT and without HSCT)



- These results highlight the importance of **timely diagnosis** and treatment with **HSCT at the early childhood** in severe cases. **Moreover, similar results were obtained in our patients with moderate LAD-I.** Considering the progressive course of this disease, **even in its moderate form**, treatment with HSCT should be considered for patients with this type.

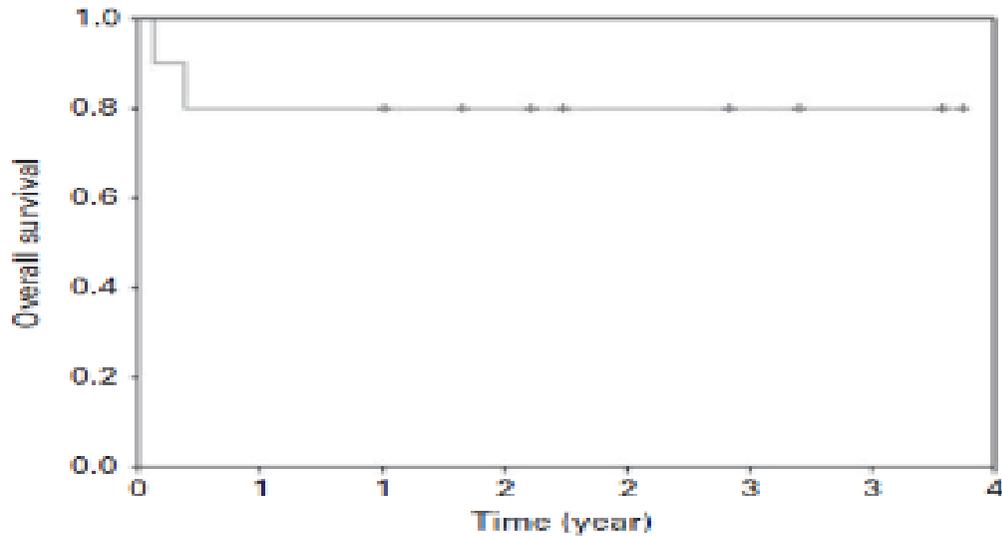


Figure 1 Cumulative OS of LAD-1 patients treated with the RIC regimen and allogeneic transplantation.

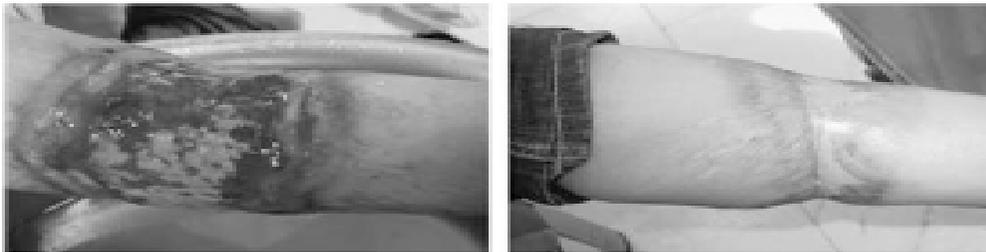


Figure 2 14-year-old girl diagnosed with moderate LAD and leg ulcer showing improvement after 4 months.

Hamidieh AA, Pourpak Z, Hosseinzadeh M, Fazlollahi MR, et al Bone Marrow Transplant. 2012 May;47(5): 646-50

**Reduced-intensity conditioning hematopoietic SCT for pediatric patients with LAD-1: clinical efficacy and importance of chimerism.**

