

USO DI G-CSF BIOSIMILARI + PLERIXAFOR NELLA MOBILIZZAZIONE DI CSE AUTOLOGHE



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CD34⁺ YIELD

LOW NUMBER OF APHERESIS

**GOALS OF STEM CELL COLLECTION ARE TO
MAXIMIZE THE CD34⁺ CELLS COLLECTED
PER KG RECIPIENT WEIGHT WITH THE LEAST
NUMBER OF APHERESIS DAYS TO ACHIEVE
THE CD34⁺ CELL DOSE NEEDED FOR
HSCT**

A "PURE" GRAFT

NO ADVERSE REACTION

Mobilisation Strategies used in Clinical Practice

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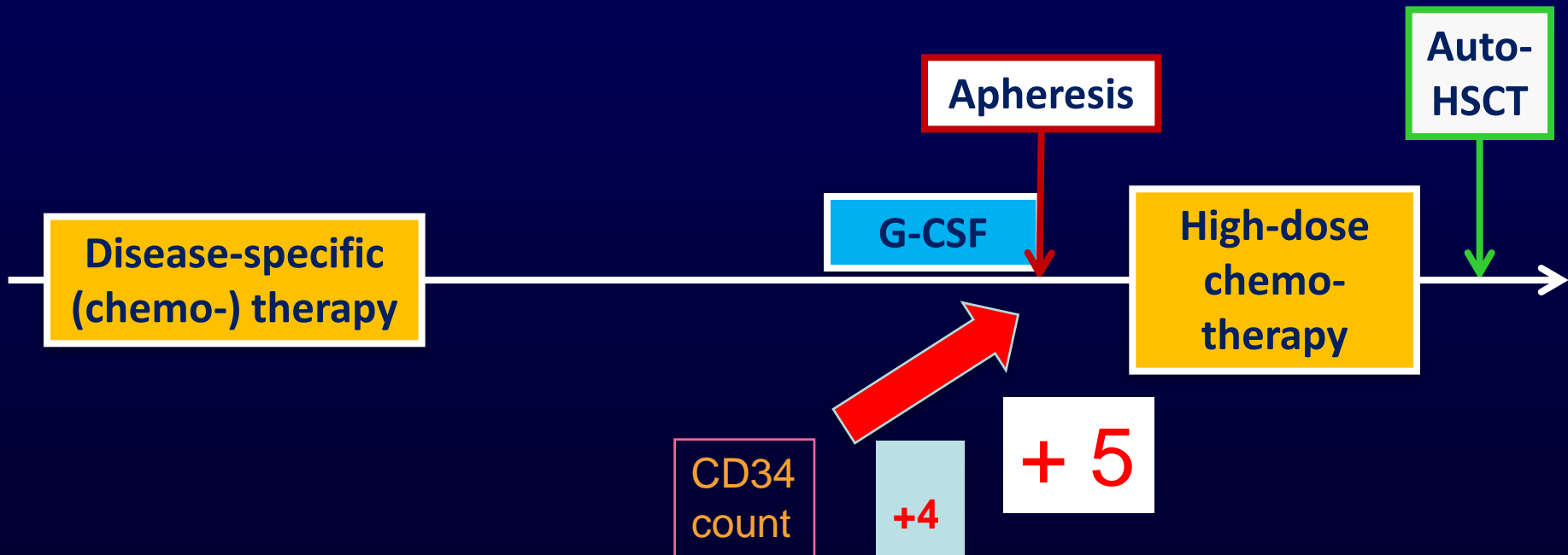
- Haematopoietic growth factors
 - G-CSF, **filgrastim**
 - G-CSF, biosimilar Filgrastim
 - G-CSF, **lenograstim**
- **Plerixafor** in combination with G-CSF for poorly mobilising patients
(use on demand or just in time-pre-emptive)

Other Treatment Options

- Haematopoietic growth factors
 - **Peg-G-CSF** (pegfilgrastim)
 - **Lipeg G-CSF** (Lonquex)
 - **GM-CSF , SCF** (US)
- **Chemotherapeutic agents**
 - Chemotherapy apart from disease treatment
 - Disease-specific regimens
- **Growth factor + chemotherapy**

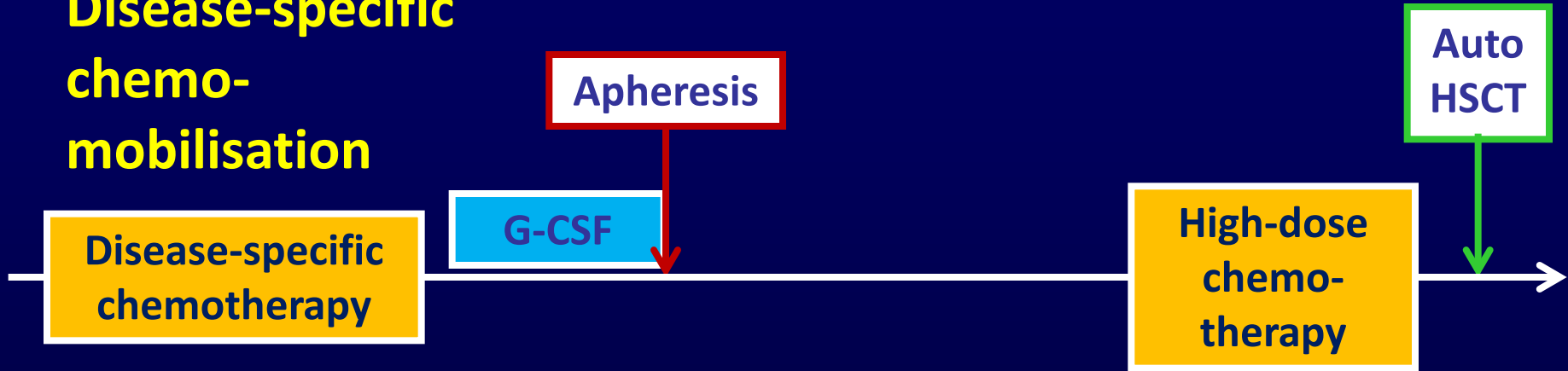
Current PBSC mobilisation strategies: *Steady state (cytokines only)*

G-CSF monotherapy is the most commonly used steady state strategy

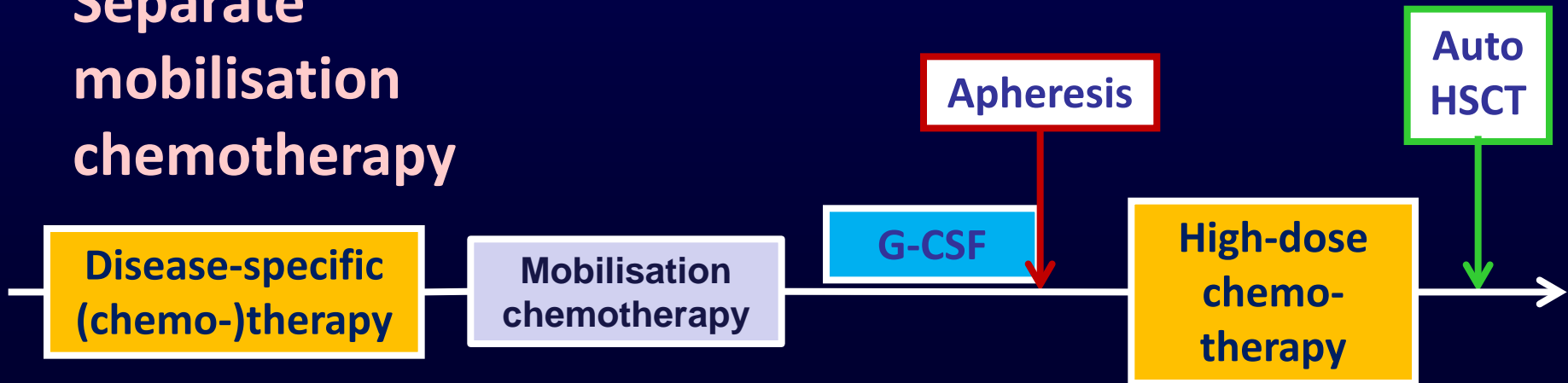


Current PBSC mobilisation strategies: *Chemo-mobilisation*

Disease-specific chemo-mobilisation

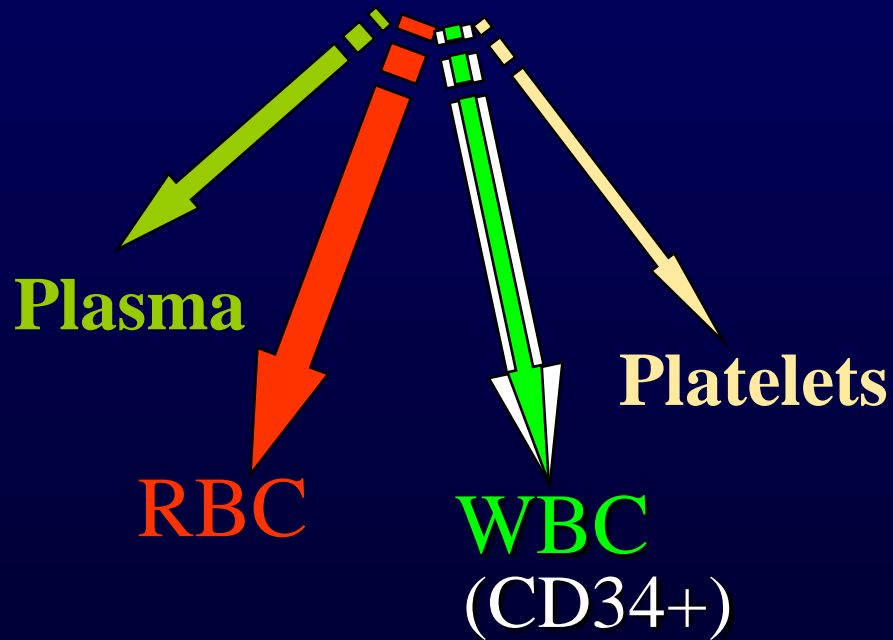


Separate mobilisation chemotherapy



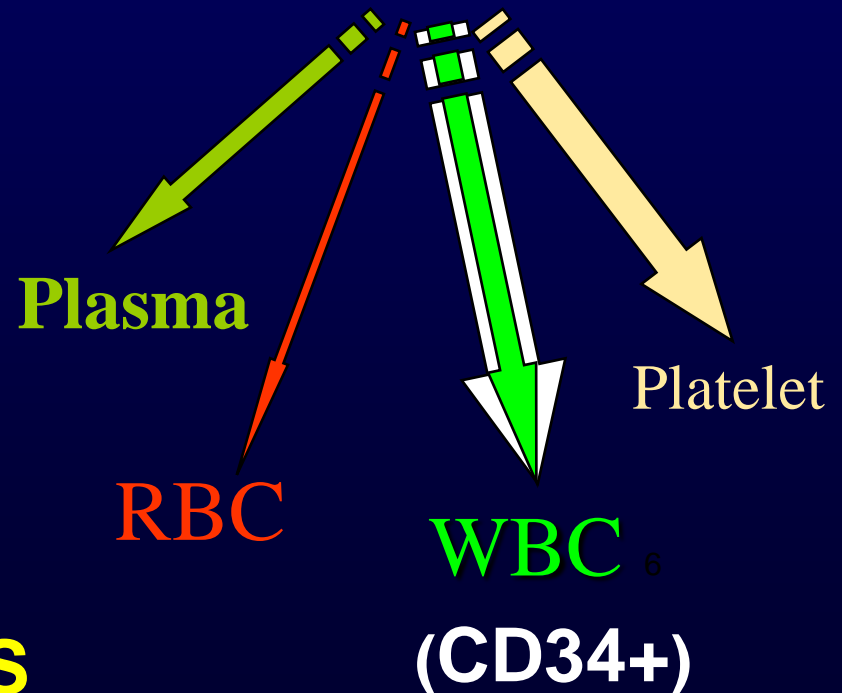
GRAFT COMPOSITION

BONE MARROW



**TOTAL NUCLEATED CELLS
(TNC) and MNC**

PBSC



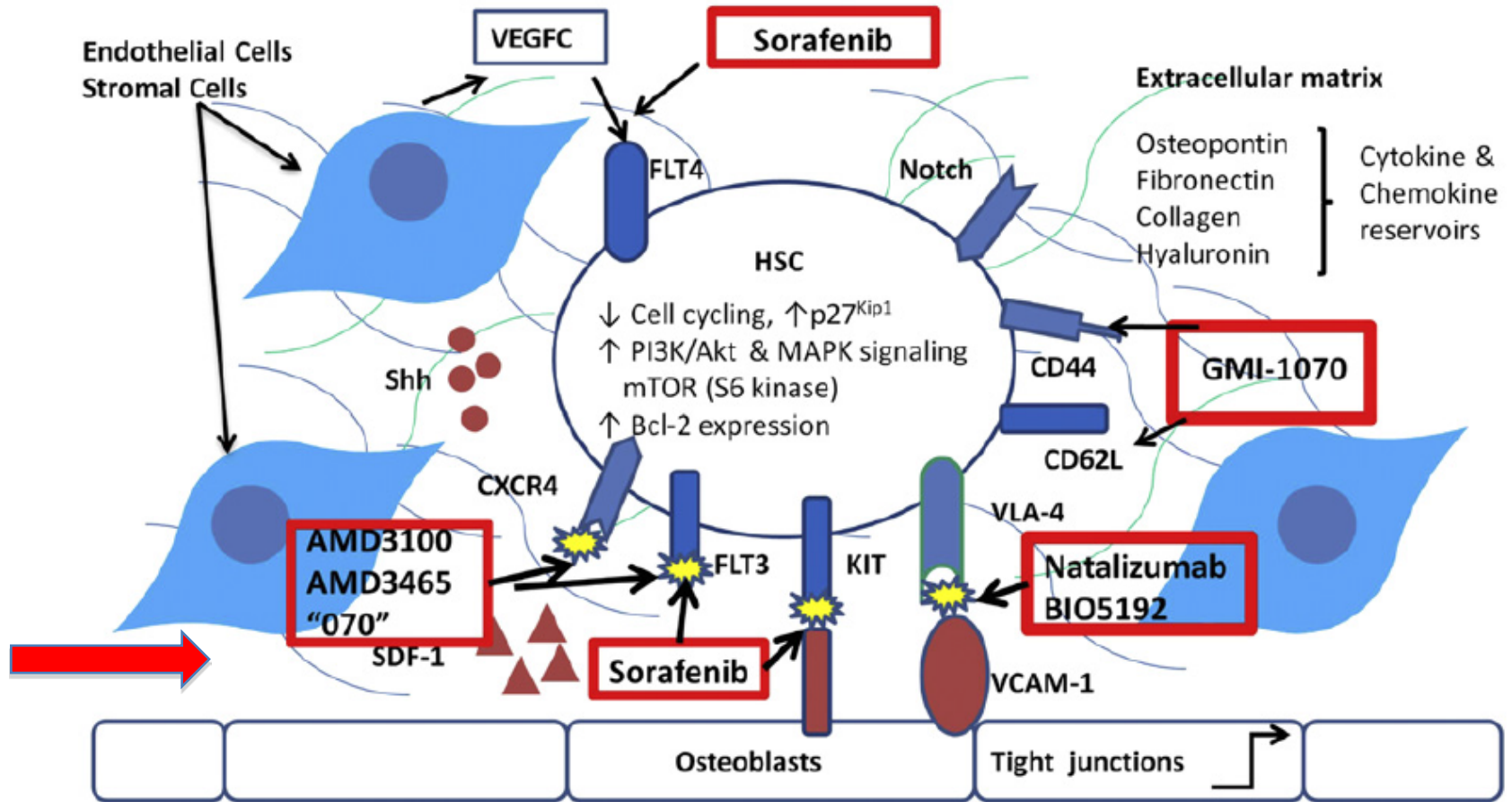


Fig. 1. Interacting tethers involved in stem cell-stromal interactions [22]. Small molecule and antibody inhibitors of these pathways are shown in the red boxes. This research was originally published in *Blood* [22]. ©The American Society of Hematology. Reproduced with permission of American Society of Hematology (ASH) via Copyright Clearance Center.

Pre-emptive use of plerixafor in auto-SCT

Chemotherapy / G-CSF mobilization

(Day 10/4) PB CD34⁺ count or
1st apheresis < 1 x 10⁶ CD34⁺ cells/Kg

< 10 cells/μL

10 - 20 cells/μL

> 20 cells/μL

Give plerixafor in evening

Measure CD34⁺ in PB in the morning

Dynamic approach based on patient's disease characteristics, treatment history, CD34⁺ cell requirement

A P H E R E S I S

Autologous haematopoietic stem cell mobilisation in patients with multiple myeloma and lymphoma:

First part of a consensus on behalf of the EBMT investigators

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

European data on stem cell mobilization with plerixafor in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma patients. A subgroup analysis of the European Consortium of stem cell mobilization

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The effectiveness of the novel hematopoietic stem cell mobilizing agent plerixafor was evaluated in nationwide compassionate use programs in 13 European countries. A total of 580 poor mobilizers with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), Hodgkin's lymphoma (HL) and multiple myeloma (MM) were enrolled. All patients received plerixafor plus granulocyte CSF with or without chemotherapy. Overall, the collection yield was significantly higher in MM patients ($>2.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 81.6%; $>5.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 32.0%) than in NHL patients ($>2.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 64.8%; $>5.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 12.6%; $P < 0.0001$) and also significantly higher in HL patients ($>2.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 81.5%; $>5.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg: 22.2%) than in NHL patients ($P = 0.013$). In a subgroup analysis, there were no significant differences in mobilization success comparing patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma and mantle cell lymphoma. Our data emphasize the role of plerixafor in poor mobilizers, but further strategies to improve the apheresis yield especially in patients with NHL are required.

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Keywords: plerixafor; mobilization; lymphoma subtypes; European centers

EXPERT OPINION

1. Introduction
2. First question: patients' selection and timing of PLX administration
3. Second question: mobilization in Hodgkin lymphoma patients
4. Third question: mobilization in solid tumors
5. Fourth question: overweight and obesity and stem-cell mobilization with PLX
6. Fifth question: pharmacodynamic effect and the timing of PLX
7. Sixth question: different graft composition
8. Seventh question: disruption of the interaction of malignant cells with their protective environment by PLX and their sensitization to cytotoxic therapy
9. Eighth question: PLX and healthy donors

Plerixafor: what we still have to learn

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Plerixafor, a hematopoietic stem cell mobilizer, is indicated in combination with G-CSF to mobilize hematopoietic stem cells to the peripheral blood for collection and subsequent autologous transplantation in patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma. Current evidence suggests that the addition of plerixafor with chemotherapy plus G-CSF is safe and effective in the large majority of the patients with low blood CD34⁺ cell count after mobilization and/or poor yield after the first collection. Nevertheless, there are several questions strongly debated, and in this paper, we would like to identify areas of possible future use and development of the drug.

Keywords: autologous transplantation, mobilization, peripheral blood stem cells, plerixafor

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1. Introduction

Plerixafor (PLX) is a new mobilization agent that is approved for use in combination with G-CSF to mobilize hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) in patients with multiple myeloma (MM) and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) and scheduled for high-dose chemotherapy and autologous transplant [1]. PLX significantly improves the mobilization capacity of G-CSF, and published data have shown that the association of PLX plus chemotherapy is feasible, safe and able to improve HSCs mobilization by several fold [2]. Nevertheless, there are several questions strongly debated, and in this paper, we would like to identify areas of possible future use and development of the drug.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Proposed definition of ‘poor mobilizer’ in lymphoma and multiple myeloma: an analytic hierarchy process by *ad hoc* working group Gruppo italianoTrapianto di Midollo OsseoA Olivieri¹, M Marchetti², R Lemoli³, C Tarella⁴, A Iacone⁵, F Lanza⁶, A Rambaldi⁷ and A Bosi⁸
on behalf of the Italian Group for Stem Cell Transplantation (GITMO)**A patient with MM or lymphoma and candidate for ASCT is a:****‘Proven’
poor mobiliser**

If he/she received adequate mobilisation (G-CSF dose $\geq 10 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ if used alone or $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ after chemotherapy) and he/she shows: peak CD34⁺ circulating cell count $< 20/\mu\text{L}$ on days 4–6 after start of mobilisation with G-CSF alone or up to 18–20 days after chemotherapy and G-CSF
OR
 $< 2. \times 10^6$ harvested CD34⁺ cells/kg per planned SCT by ≤ 3 aphereses

**‘Predicted’
poor mobiliser**

If he/she fulfils ≥ 1 major criterion or ≥ 2 minor criteria

Major criteria

- Failed previous mobilisation attempt
- Prior extensive radiotherapy to marrow-bearing tissue
- Full courses of previous therapy including melphalan, fludarabine or other therapies potentially affecting stem cell mobilisation

Minor criteria

- Advanced phase disease, i.e. ≥ 2 prior cytotoxic lines
- Refractory disease
- Extensive BM involvement at mobilisation
- BM cellularity $< 30\%$ at mobilisation
- Age > 65 years

**Key concepts and critical issues on epoetin and filgrastim biosimilars.
A position paper from the Italian Society of Hematology, Italian Society
of Experimental Hematology, and Italian Group for Bone Marrow Transplantation**

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The ESMO position paper on biosimilars in oncology: enhancing the provision of accurate education and information

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Plerixafor and Filgrastim XM02 (Tevagrastrim®) as a first line peripheral blood stem cell mobilisation strategy in patients with multiple myeloma and lymphoma candidated to autologous bone marrow transplantation

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Comparison of biosimilar filgrastim, originator filgrastim, and lenograstim for autologous stem cell mobilization in patients with multiple myeloma.

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STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS: mobilization data of 250 patients with MM in first-line therapy were included. chemomobilization with CAD until completion of PBSC collection. **RESULTS:** All but one patient reached the collection goal of a minimum of at least 2×10^6 CD34+ cells/kg body weight during a median of one (range, one to three) leukapheresis session.

No significant differences in CD34+ mobilization and collection yields between the filgrastim-mobilized (median, 10.5; range, 2.7-40.4), Filgrastim Hexal-mobilized (median, 9.9; range, 0.2-26.0), and lenograstim-mobilized (median, 10.7; range, 3.1-27.9 CD34+ cells $\times 10^6$ /kg body weight) patients were observed.

CONCLUSION: this retrospective study did not detect any significant differences between the three G-CSF variants.

**STUDIO MULTICENTRICO SUL RUOLO
DEL G-CSF BIOSIMILARE IN
COMBINAZIONE AL PLERIXAFOR
NELLA MOBILIZZAZIONE DI
CELLULE STAMINALI AI FINI DI
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Factors affecting successful mobilization with plerixafor: an Italian prospective survey in 215 patients with multiple myeloma and lymphoma

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A comparative analysis of biosimilar vs. originator filgrastim in combination with plerixafor for stem cell mobilization in lymphoma and multiple myeloma: a propensity-score weighted multicenter approach

imbalances between the two study groups in terms of patient and mobilization characteristics.⁵

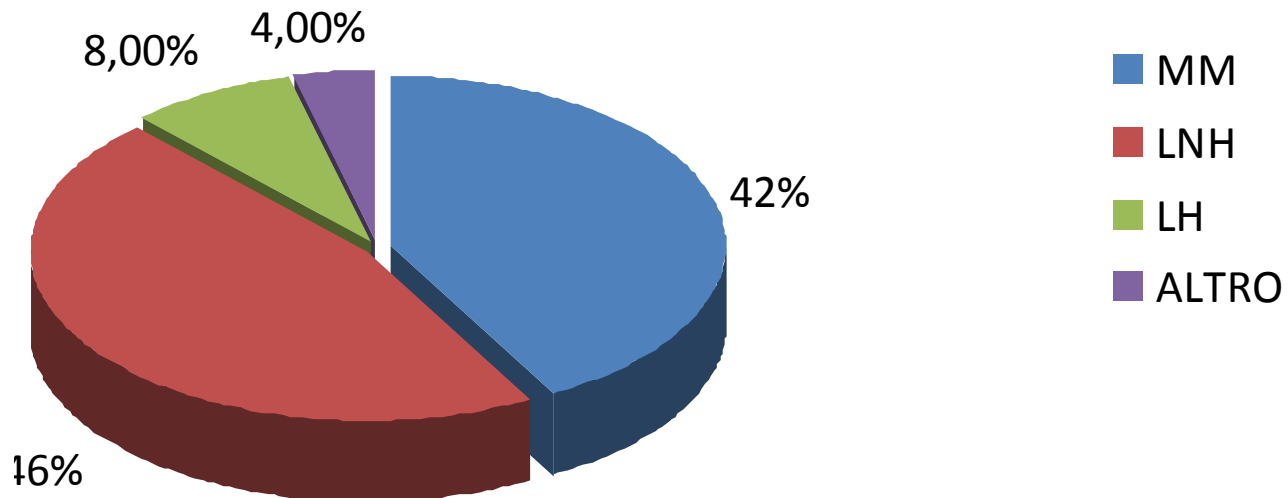
A total of 296 patients were included in the analysis. Forty-two percent of patients ($n = 123$) were affected by MM, 49% ($n = 143$) by NHL and 9% ($n = 29$) by HL. Forty percent of patients ($n = 118$) underwent chemo-mobilization, while 60% ($n = 178$) steady-state mobilization. One hundred and ninety-seven patients (67%) received originator filgrastim combined with plerixafor (OR + PLX), while 99 patients (33%) were given biosimilar filgrastim and plerixafor (BIO + PLX). The median PB-CD34+ count before and after plerixafor administration were 8/mcl (IQR 3–12), and 33/mcl (IQR 15–58), respectively, with an average 6-fold increase.

Patients included in the BIO + PLX cohort were more likely to exceed the PB-CD34+ threshold of 5/mcl before plerixafor administration, as compared to the OR + PLX group, as evidenced by propensity score weighted analysis (weighted OR = 3.6; robust 95% CI 1.5–8.4). Further, patients receiving BIO + PLX showed higher probability of reaching the PB-CD34+ threshold of 20/mcl after plerixafor

DISEASE	PATIENTS (n.)	%
MM	43	42%
LNH	47	46%
LH	8	8%
OTHER	4	4%
total patients	102	100%

**BIOSIMILAR G-CSF
AND
PLERIXAFOR**

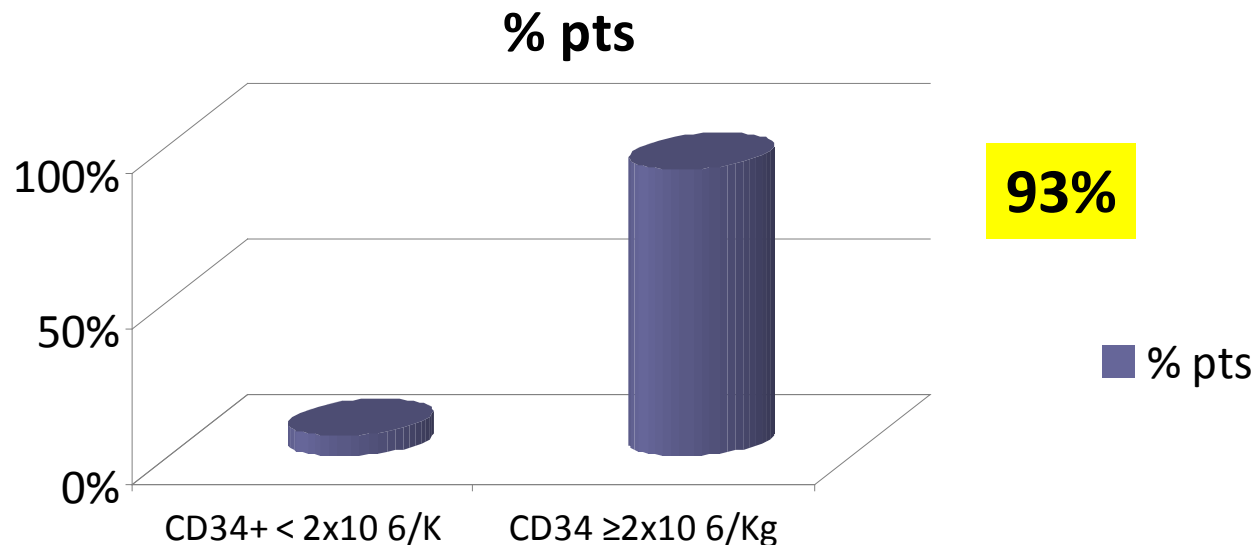
DISEASE TREATED



CD34+ CELLS/ μL POST-MOBILIZATION WITH PLERIXAFOR AND G-CSF BIOSIMILAR

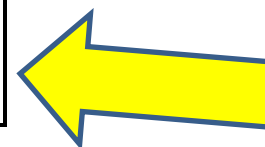
	CD34 < 20/ μL (Mobilized Blood)	CD34 \geq 20/ μL
% of patients (N=43)	12% (11 pts)	88% (83 pts)

**Median CD34+ cells/ μL = 50 $\times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
(3-208 range) (30-72 IQR)**



	CD34 < 2x10⁶/Kg (Mobilized Blood)	CD34 ≥ 2x10⁶/Kg
% of patients	7% (7 pts)	93% (90 pts)

	CD34 < 2x10⁶/Kg (Mobilized Blood)	CD34 = 2-5 x10⁶/Kg	CD34 ≥ 5 x10⁶/Kg
% of patients	7% (7 pts)	58% (56 pts)	35% (34 pts)



	Pazienti totali	MM	NHL	HL
FOLD INCREASE CD34⁺ CELLS/μL	4.9	4.5	5.3	5.2

Comparative evaluation of mobilization capacity of originator G-CSF vs biosimilar G-CSF(both of them used in combination with plerixafor)

	ORIGINATOR n=197	BIOSIMILARE n=99
CD34>20 uL	57%	88%
	OR= 6.7 (95% CI 2.5-18.3)	
CD34>2x10e6/Kg	82%	93%
	OR= 4.0 (95% CI 1.2-13.1)	



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Results of a Prospective Randomized, Open-Label, Noninferiority Study of Tbo-Filgrastim (Granix) versus Filgrastim (Neupogen) in Combination with Plerixafor for Autologous Stem Cell Mobilization in Patients with Multiple Myelo

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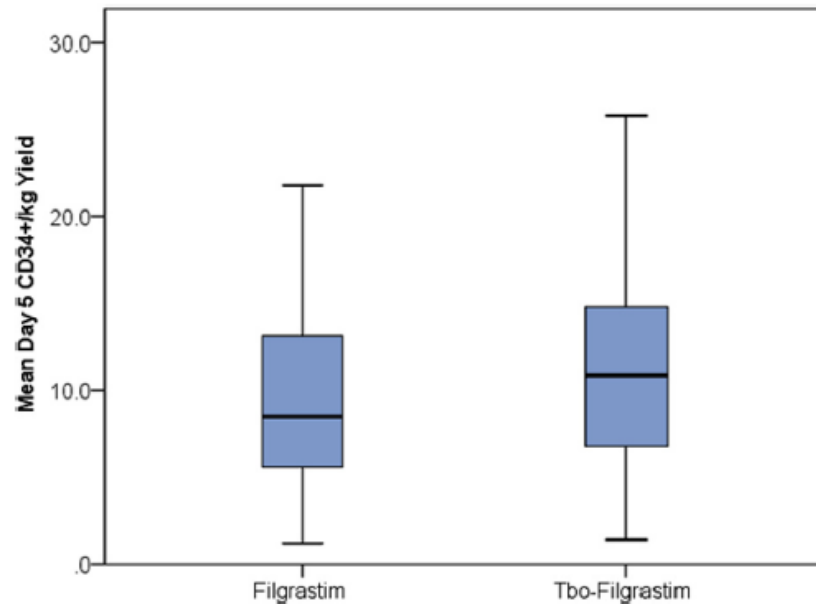


Figure 2. Day 5 mean CD34⁺ peripheral blood stem cell collection yield in the tbo-filgrastim and filgrastim arms.

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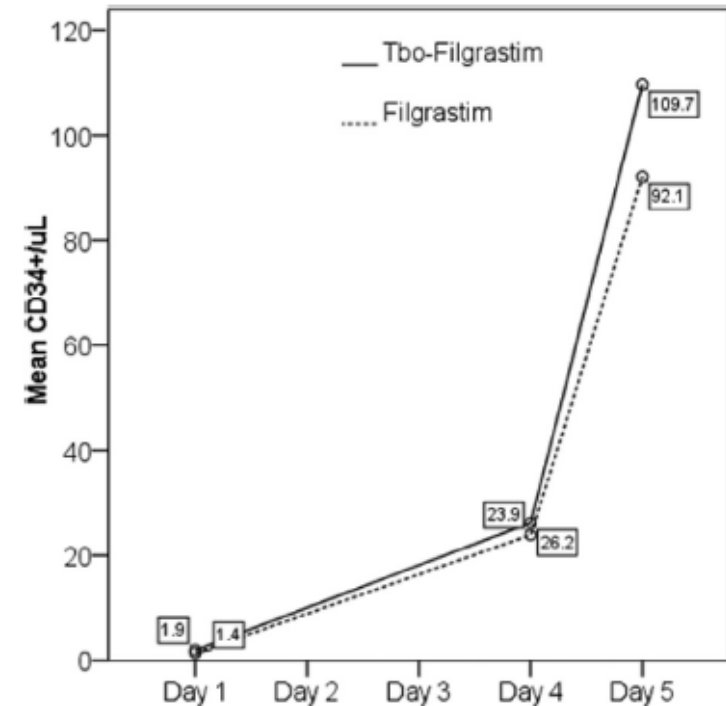


Figure 3. Mean peripheral blood CD34⁺ cell mobilization by treatment arm.

CONCLUSIONI

- Le CSE mobilizzate con G-CSF BIOSIMILARE + plerixafor sono numericamente e funzionalmente sovrapponibili a quelle raccolte dopo G-CSF originator.
- Le CSE raccolte con plerixafor hanno caratteristiche funzionali differenti rispetto alle CSE mobilizzate con G-CSF +/- Chemio (Aumento di linfociti e calo PMN)
- I dati attuali derivano da studi retrospettivi e risentono dalle modalità di impiego del PLX (on demand o poor (very poor) mobilizers con precedente fallimento di Mob
- **Necessità di studi prospettici nel settore**