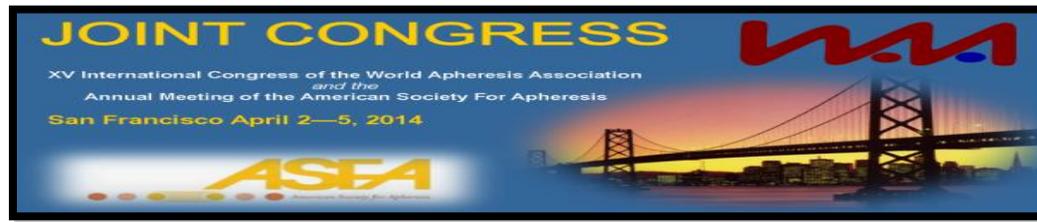


# *STEM CELL COLLECTION IN MOBILIZATION FAILURE*



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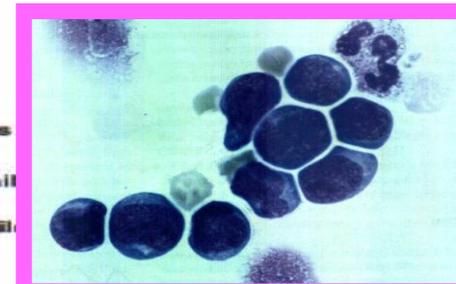
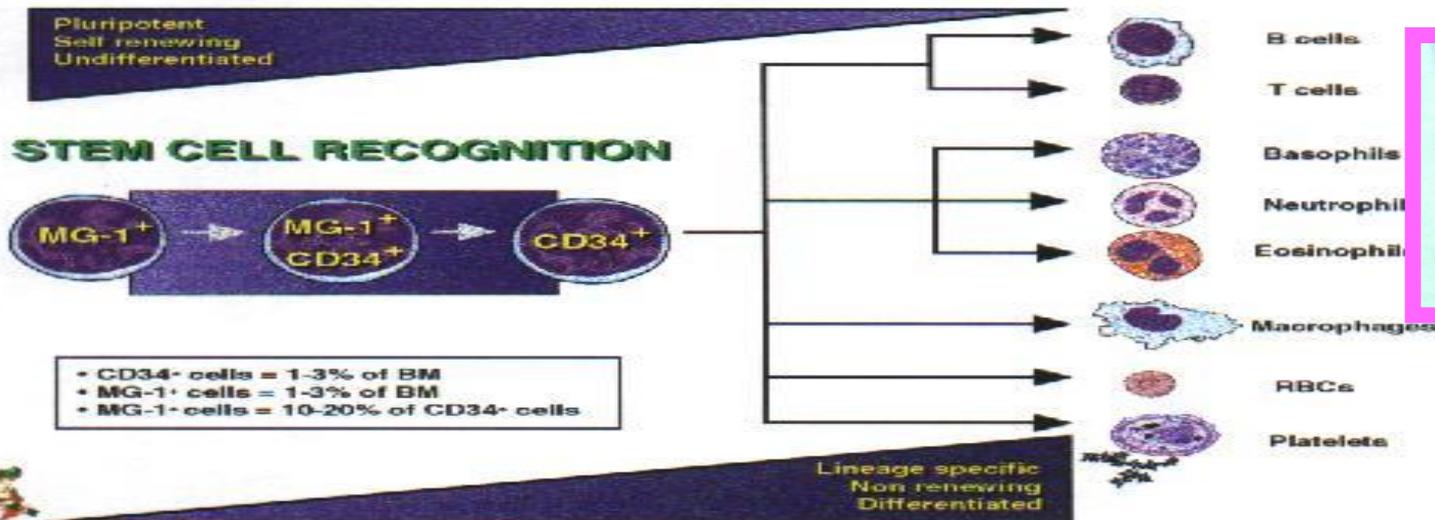
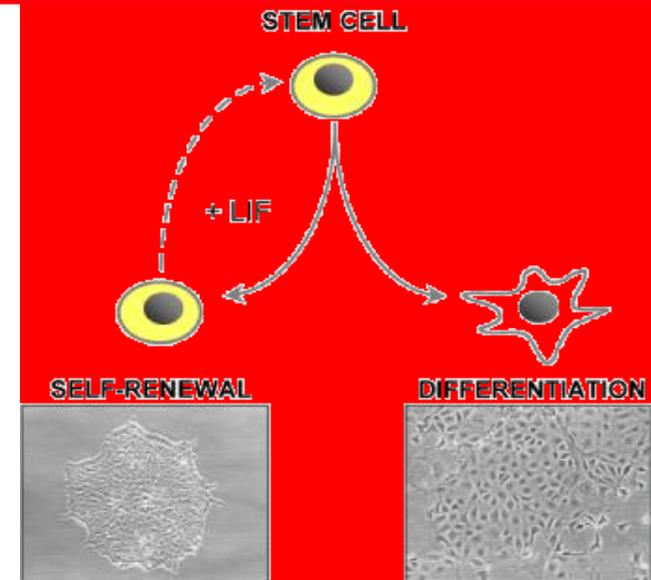
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  - Plerixafor
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- Mobilization Guides of EBMT and ASBMT

# *INTRODUCTION*

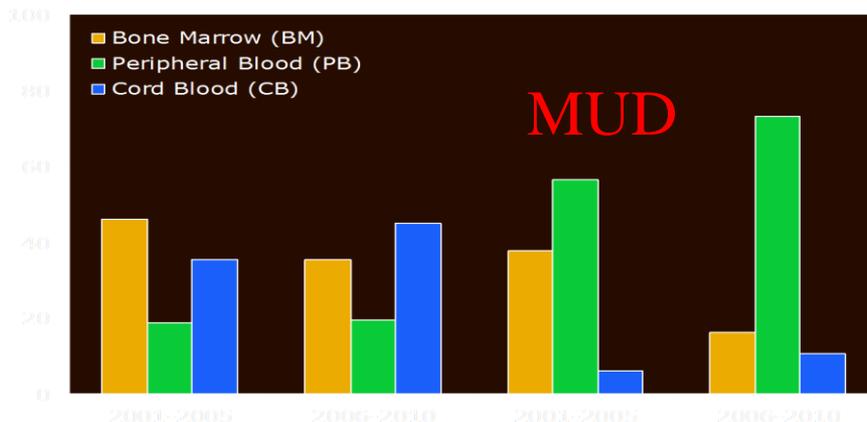
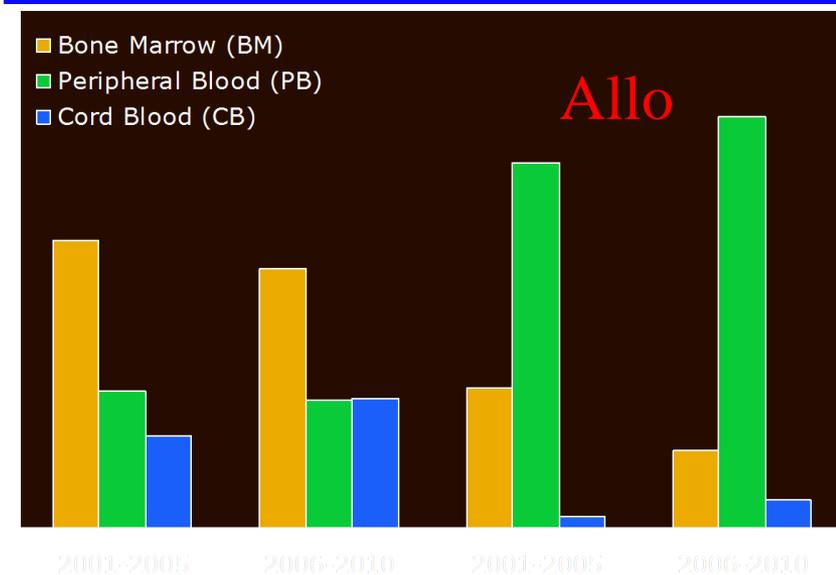
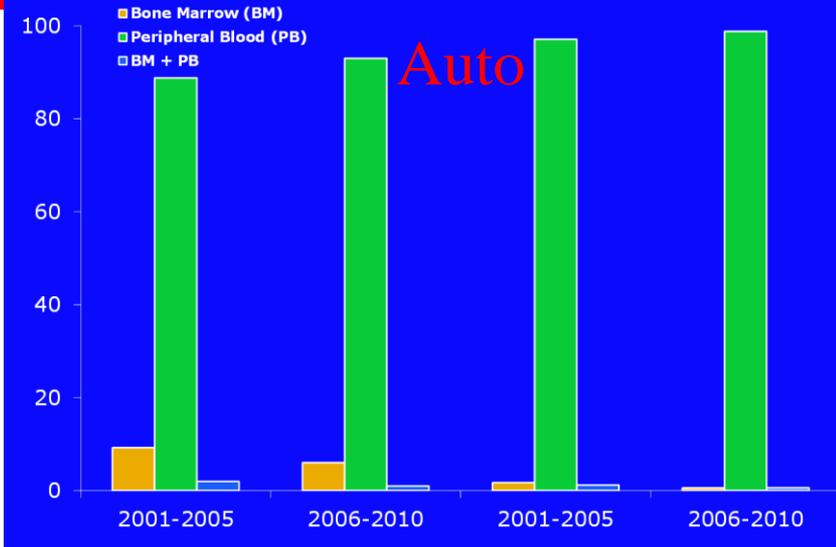
# Hematopoietic Stem Cell

- can renew itself (Self-Renewal)
- can differentiate to a variety of specialized cells (Differentiation)
- can mobilize into peripheral blood (Mobilization)
- Clonal cells



# Stem Cell Source

- **Bone marrow**
- **Peripheral Blood**
- **Cord Blood**



# Peripheral Blood Stem Cells

- The most frequently used source of HSCs
  - Does not require general anesthesia
  - Decrease risk to donor
  - Faster engraftment compared to BM
- But
  - Need for mobilization regimen
  - Increased risk of chronic GVHD

# Hematopoietic Stem Cell Mobilization

- The concentrations of HSCs are 10-100 times greater in the BM compared to the PB.
  - 0.1% of PB mononuclear cells
  - 1-4% bone marrow cells
- Therefore, methods to increase the circulating concentrations of HSCs are necessary to ensure adequate and successful collections.
- Agents used to mobilize HSCs include the administration of cytokines with or without chemotherapy prior to scheduled collection periods.

*CURRENT*

*MOBILIZATION STRATEGIES*

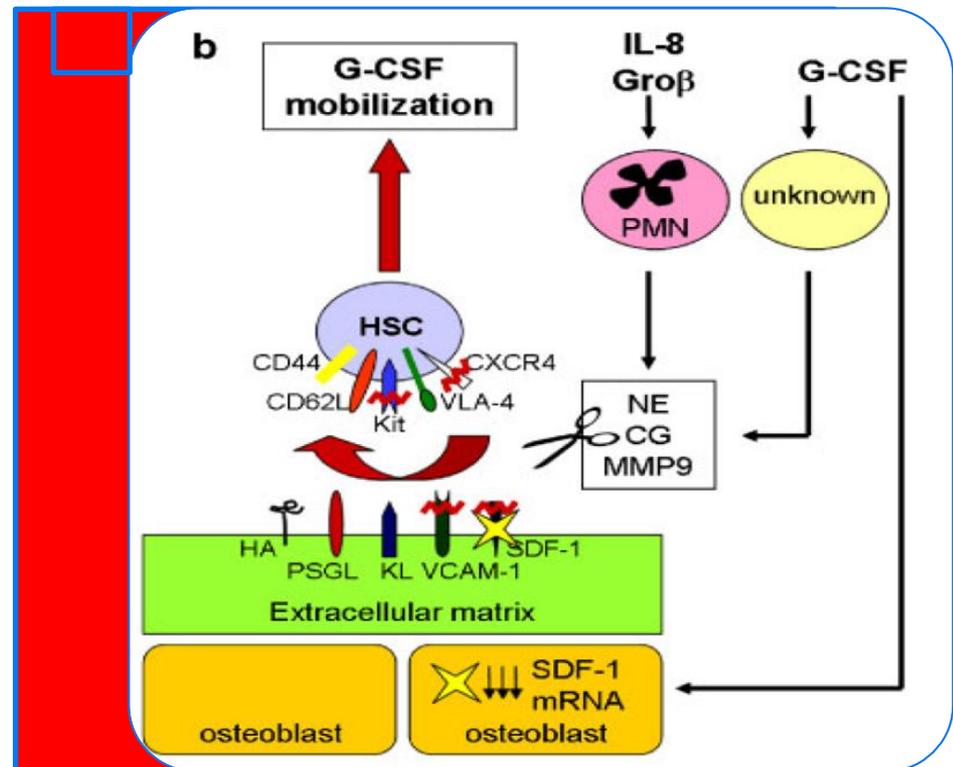
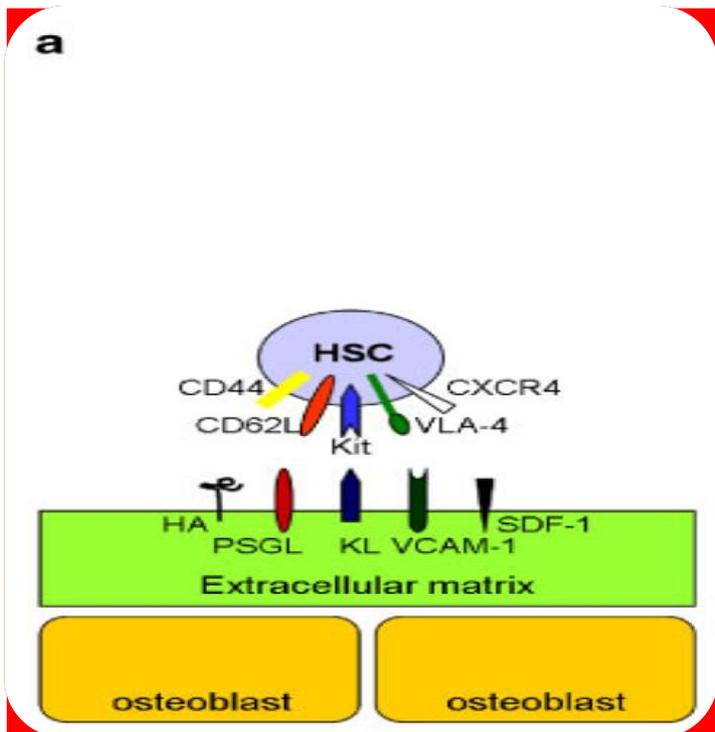
# “Players” in mobilization & Mobilization Mechanism

- The HSC niche and microcirculation
- The adhesive and chemotactic interactions
  - The role of proteases
  - The role of BM macrophages
  - The role of complement, the thrombolytic pathway, and chemotactic gradients of SDF-1 and sphingosine-1-phosphate
  - The role of  $\alpha$ -adrenergic sympathetic nerves

# Mechanisms of Stem Cell Mobilization with G-CSF

## Adhesive interactions between HSC and matrix components in the BM

## G-CSF Mobilization



Cathepsin G (CG), chemokine receptor-4 (CXCR4), hematopoietic stem cell (HSC), hyaluronic acid (HA), interleukin 8 (IL-8), kit ligand (KL), matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP-9), neutrophil elastase (NE), stromal cell derived factor-1 (SDF-1), vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1), very late antigen-4 (VLA-4), P-selectin glycoprotein ligand-1 (PSGL). Source: Nervi B, et al. *J Cell Biochem.* 2006;99:690-705

# Is There an Ideal Mobilization Regimen?

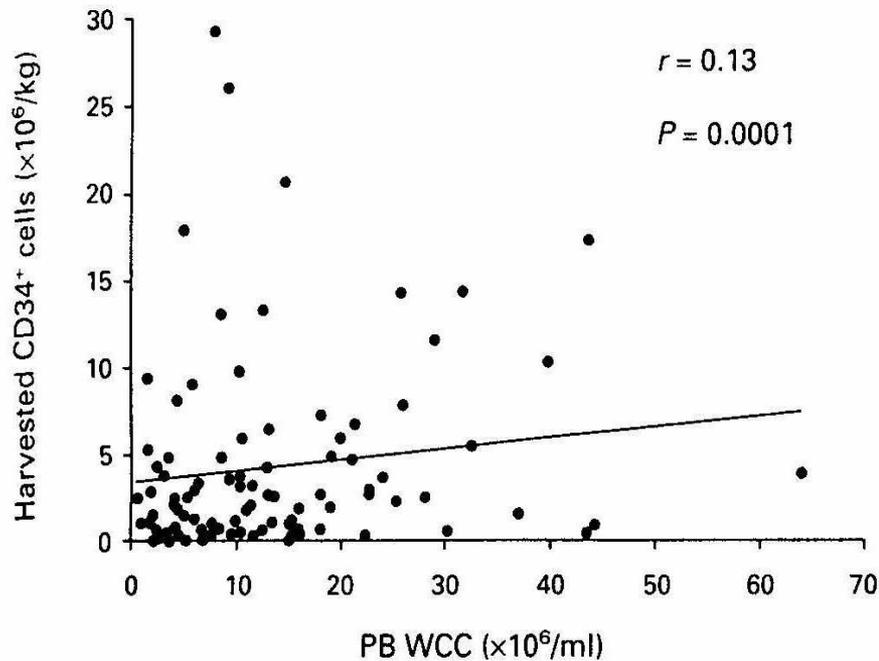
- Proposed characteristics of an ideal regimen for autologous-HSCT
  - Capable of mobilizing a sufficient number of stem cells for collection
  - Results in prompt and durable engraftment
  - Able to predict the day of collection
  - Requires a minimal number of apheresis procedures
  - Low failure rate
  - Low toxicity profile
  - Cost Effective
  - Low tumor contamination

# Common Mobilization Regimen

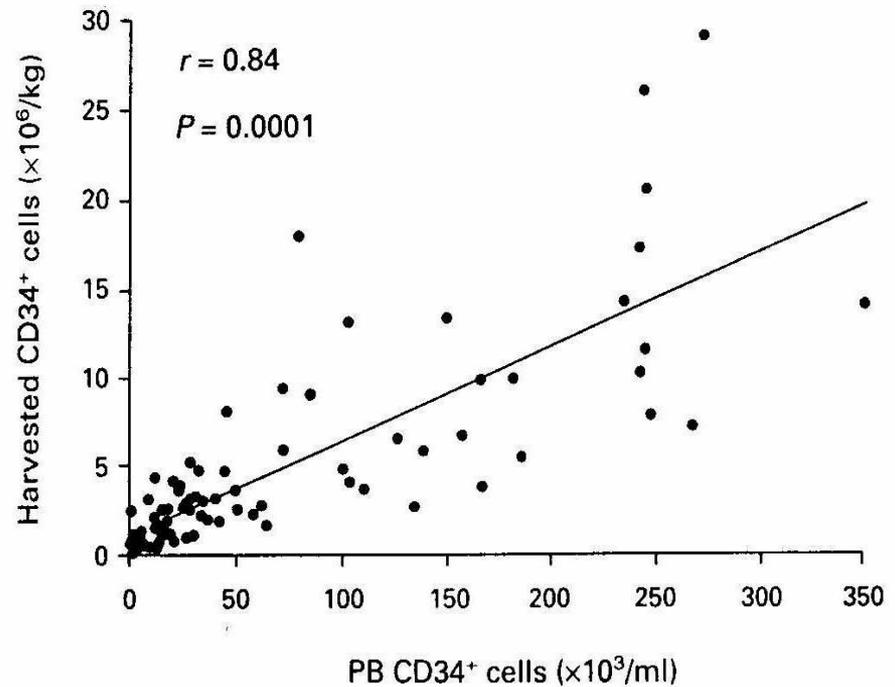
- Hematopoietic growth factors
  - Approved by FDA & EMA
    - G-CSF, GM-CSF, Plerixafor (in combination with G-CSF)
  - Other cytokines
    - Pegfilgrastim, erythropoietin, stem cell factor (SCF)
- Chemotherapy+ Growth factors
  - Cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, etoposide, etc
  - Disease-specific regimens: ICE, IVE, VIGEP

# Collection time and PB CD34+ cell

## Correlation between PB CD34+ cells/ $\mu$ L and CD34+ cells/kg collection



**Figure 1** Preceding day peripheral blood WCC vs CD34 content of harvest.



**Figure 2** Preceding day peripheral blood CD34 count vs CD34 content of harvest.

*MOBILIZATION FAILURE*

# What's a Poor Mobilizer?

- **Poor or failed mobilization**
  - **Is often defined as a collection of  $<2 \times 10^6$  cells/kg**

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- L. Bik To, et al. How I treat patients who mobilize hematopoietic stem cells poorly. BLOOD 2011; 118(17): 4530-4540

# Mobilization Failure Rates with Traditional Approaches

Author	Patient Population	Regimen	CD34 <sup>+</sup> Yield, × 10 <sup>6</sup> /kg	FD	Failure Rate, %
Bensinger et al. <a href="#">[39]</a>	MM, lymphoma, BC, other	n = 124 CM + G-CSF/GM-CSF	10.75	O	7
		n = 119 G-CSF	5.21		5
Pusic et al. <a href="#">[20]</a>	MM, lymphoma	n = 976 G-CSF	3.36	M	18.6
		n = 64 CM + G-CSF	5.43		18.75
Gertz et al. <a href="#">[73]</a>	MM, lymphoma	n = 1775 G-CSF ± Cy	NR	O	47
Pavone et al. <a href="#">[72]</a>	Lymphoma	n = 97 Cy + G-CSF	28.8 (median for all cohorts)	O	17.9
		n = 87 DHAP + G-CSF			
		n = 83 MAD + G-CSF			
Roberts et al. <a href="#">[75]</a>	MM, lymphoma	n = 97 CM + G-CSF	NR	O	29.9
		n = 155 G-CSF	NR		38.1
Alegre et al. <a href="#">[21]</a>	MM	n = 18 Cy + GM-CSF	6.8	NA	NR
		n = 22 G-CSF	4.9		NR
Narayanasami et al. <a href="#">[100]</a>	Lymphoma	n = 22 G-CSF	2.5	M	4.5
		n = 24 Cy + G-CSF	7.2		4.2
Desikan et al. <a href="#">[23]</a>	MM	n = 22 G-CSF	5.8	O	23
		n = 22 Cy + G-CSF	33.4		18
Dazzi et al. <a href="#">[101]</a>	NHL	n = 12 G-CSF	2.89	NA	NR
		n = 12 Cy + G-CSF	6.41		NR
Schiller <a href="#">[191]</a>	MM	n = 37 Cy + G-CSF	4.65	M	0

## Factors described to be predictive of poor PBSC collection

Age (older patients)<sup>1,2</sup>

Disease (more advanced stage)<sup>1-3</sup>

Prior chemotherapy

- Higher no. of prior treatment lines<sup>1-4</sup>
- Type of chemotherapy (fludarabine, lenalidomide [controversial] or melphalan)<sup>1-5</sup>

Prior irradiation<sup>1,2</sup>

Low CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count in PB before apheresis<sup>3,4,7</sup>

Low platelet count before mobilisation (controversial)<sup>8,9</sup>

**CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count in PB before apheresis is presumably the most robust predictor for poor PBSC collection<sup>1,3,4,7</sup>**

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7. Sinha et al. Bone Marrow Transplant 2011;46:943-9.

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9. Nakasone et al. Am J Hematol 2009;84:809-14.

# Factors Associated With Poor Mobilization

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### Predicting the successful peripheral blood stem cell mobilization and harvesting

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Multivariate analyses = Trombocytopenia

Previously defined factors affecting the mobilization success include age, prior chemotherapy lines, exposure to myelotoxic agents, extended field radiotherapy and bone marrow infiltration with the primary disease. The purpose of this study was to retrospectively analyze the influence of the predictive factors for a successful peripheral stem cell mobilization. We enrolled a total of 145 patients into the study (non-Hodgkin lymphoma (n: 40), Hodgkin lymphoma (n: 36), myeloma (n: 64), solid tumors (n:5)) who received autologous stem cell transplantation between 2009 and 2012. In multivariate analysis only platelet count was found to be related with mobilization outcome ( $p < 0.05$ ). Knowing predictive factors for successful mobilization may be useful to define the best timing for mobilization and the most appropriate mobilizing agents for proper patient population.

# Consequences of Suboptimal Mobilization?

- Failure to mobilize a sufficient number of CD34+ cells may result in:
  - Increased number of days of apheresis
  - Need for another mobilization attempt or bone marrow harvest
  - Ineligibility to receive a potentially curative therapy (HSCT)
  - Additional burden on patients
- Use of sub-optimal apheresis product may lead to
  - Delayed, partial, or failed stem cell engraftment<sup>1</sup>
  - Increased need for transfusions<sup>2</sup>

1. Haas R, et al. *Blood* 1994;

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*SALVAGE MOBILIZATION*

*STRATEGIES*

# Salvage Mobilization Strategies

- Large volume apheresis
- High dose cytokine
  - High dose G-CSF
  - Pegfilgrastim
  - SCF, GM-CSF, IL-3
  - Combination of cytokines
- Chemomobilization
  - Chemotherapy + G-CSF
- Plerixafor (SDF-1 alpha inhibitor)
  - G-CSF+ Plerixafor
  - Chemotherapy + G-CSF + Plerixafor
- BM harvest
- Experimental: GH, PTH, TPO, SB251353, CTCE-0021

# Limitations of Salvage Mobilization Strategies

Strategy	Complications
<b>Repeat Mobilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● High product volume when combined with previous collection</li><li>● Higher cost &amp; morbidity</li><li>● Associated with high failure rate</li></ul>
<b>Alternative Cytokines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Higher dose of G-CSF</li><li>● Combine G-CSF with GM-CSF</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Associated with added toxicity or lack of efficacy</li></ul>
<b>Addition of Chemotherapy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Toxicity, neutropenic fever, admission costs</li></ul>
<b>Traditional Bone Marrow Harvest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Slower engraftment</li><li>● Increased cost, risk (due to anesthesia) and pain for patient</li></ul>

# Current PBSC mobilization strategies:

## *Chemo-mobilization\**

### Disease-specific chemo-mobilization

#### MM:

DPACE, VDT-PACE, CAD

#### (Relapsed) lymphoma:

ABVD, BEACOPP, (R)-CHOP, (R)-DA-EPOCH, (R)-DHAP, carbo-DHAP, dexamethasone-BEAM, (R)-mini-BEAM, (R)-ICE, IVE, R-AVCBP, R-Bendamustine, VIM

### Separate mobilization chemotherapy

Cyclophosphamide-based

Etoposide-based

- Cy (range of 1.5–4.0 g/m<sup>2</sup> feasible) plus G-CSF 10 µg/kg on days 3-14
- Leukapheresis: After white count recovery (usually days 12-15)

\*Selection based on clinical practise of the expert group

# Chemo-mobilization

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## Which regimen is better for stem cell mobilization in lymphoma patients?

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Disease specific chemotherapy protocols such as ASHAP /VGEPP are safe and similar mobilization capacity as cyclophosphamide alone

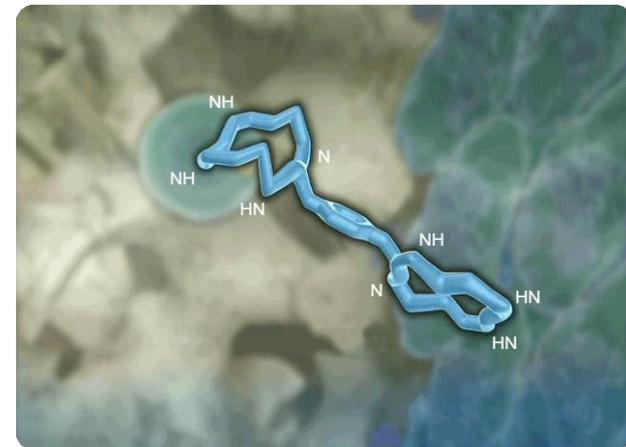
Chemotherapy combined with G-CSF is an effective method for hematopoietic stem cell mobilization, standard chemotherapy protocol leading to best stem cell yield is not defined. In our study, we aimed to assess the impact of chemotherapy choice on mobilization outcome in lymphoma patients. Patients were mobilized with cyclophosphamide ( $n: 15$ ), ASHAP ( $n: 11$ ) or VGEPP ( $n: 12$ ) protocols. Groups were similar according to collected CD34+ cell count, total nucleated cell count and median apheresis days. Five out of fifteen (33%) patients could not be mobilized in Cy group but there was only one failed mobilization attempt in both salvage groups (9% with ASHAP vs 8% with VGEPP). In conclusion, we showed that VGEPP and ASHAP are safe protocols in terms of stem cell mobilization and have similar mobilization capacity as cyclophosphamide alone.

*MOBILIZATION FAILURE:*

*PLERIXAFOR*

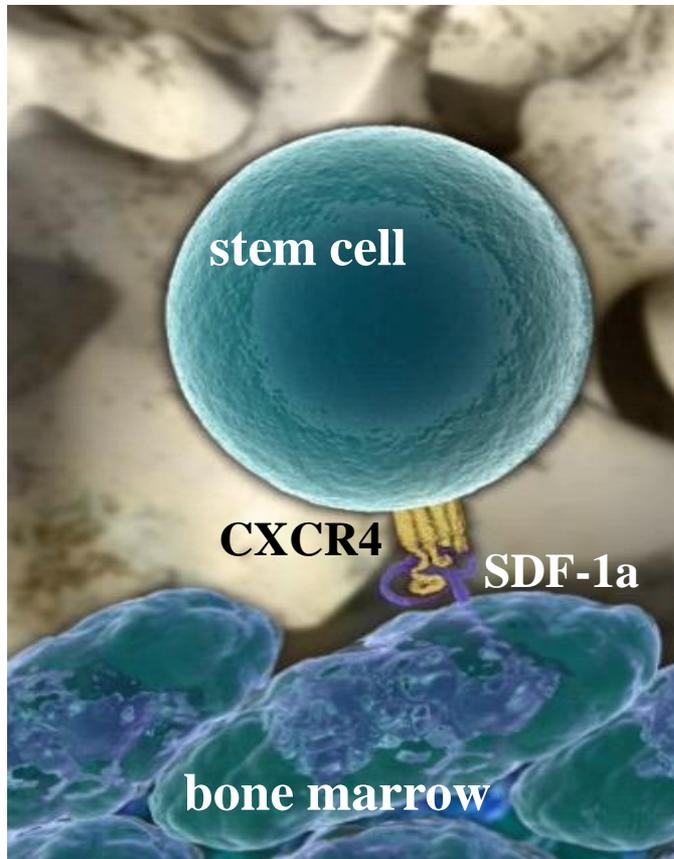
# Plerixafor (Mozobil™)

- Reversible inhibitor of CXCR4
- Causes mobilization by disrupting of the SDF-1/CXCR4 interaction.
- Synergizes with G-CSF through its different mechanism of action.
- A single subcutaneous dose of plerixafor at 160–240 µg/kg: 6- to 10-fold increase in CD34<sup>+</sup> cell



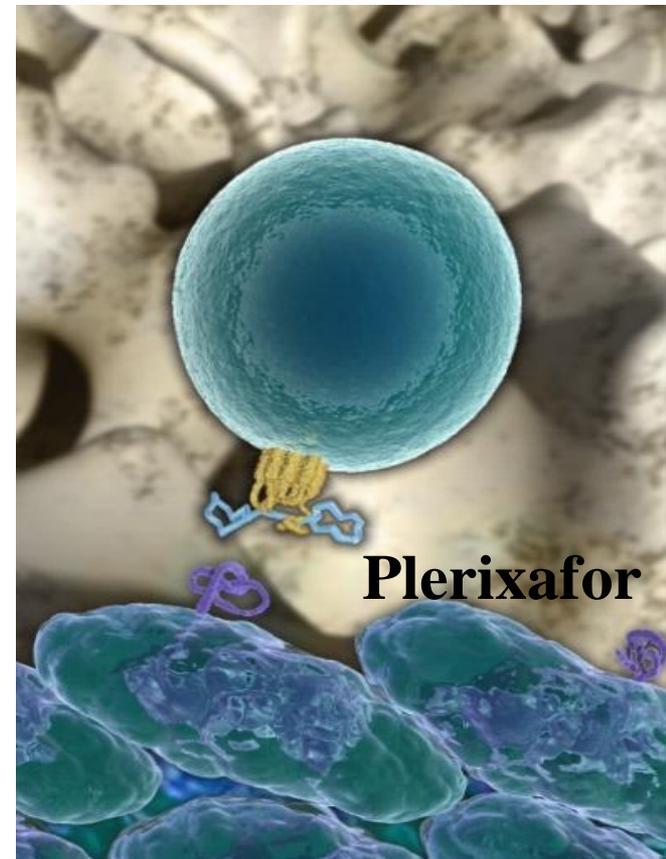
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# Mechanism of Action of Plerixafor



SDF-1 $\alpha$  and CXCR4 play key regulatory roles in stem cell trafficking to, and retention by the bone marrow.

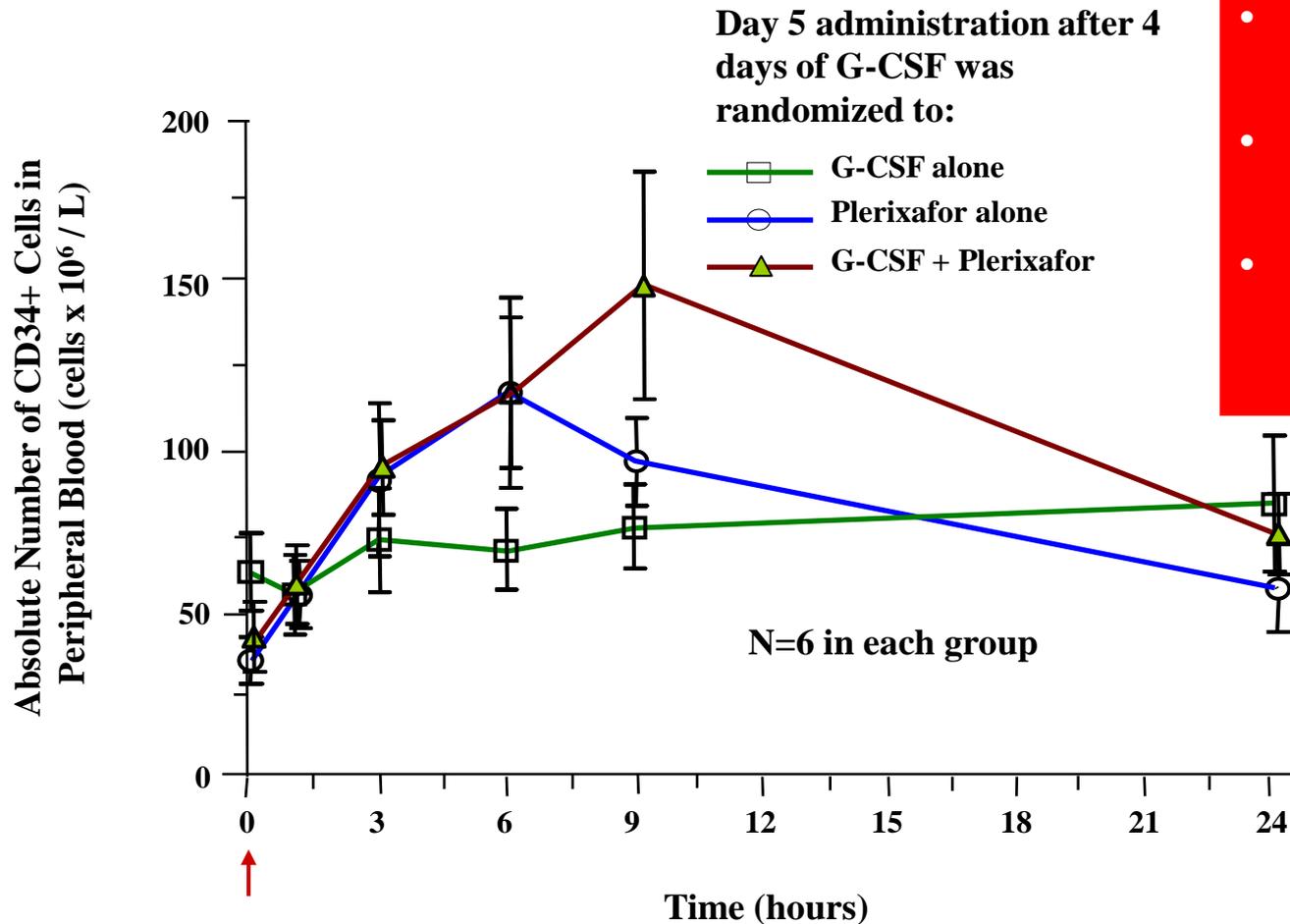
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Plerixafor blocks the CXCR4/SDF-1 $\alpha$  interaction, releasing stem cells from the bone marrow into the circulating blood.

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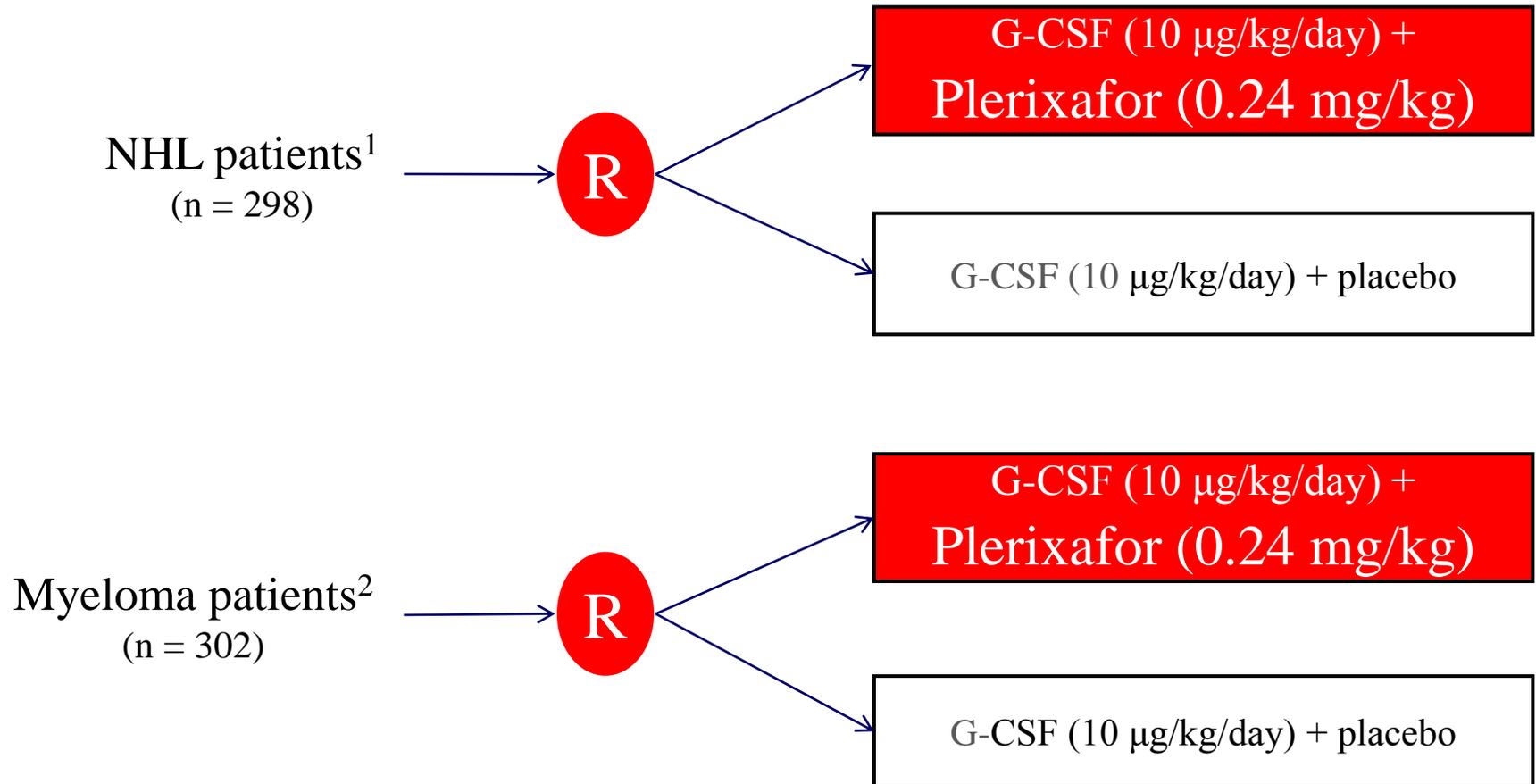
# Kinetics of Mobilization After Plerixafor + G-CSF



- Efficacy as single agent
- Synergistic with G-CSF
- Increases likelihood of successful CD34+ cell mobilization

Time calculated after 4 days of G-CSF therapy and randomization to one of three groups on day 5

# Efficacy – Phase III Trials in MM and NHL

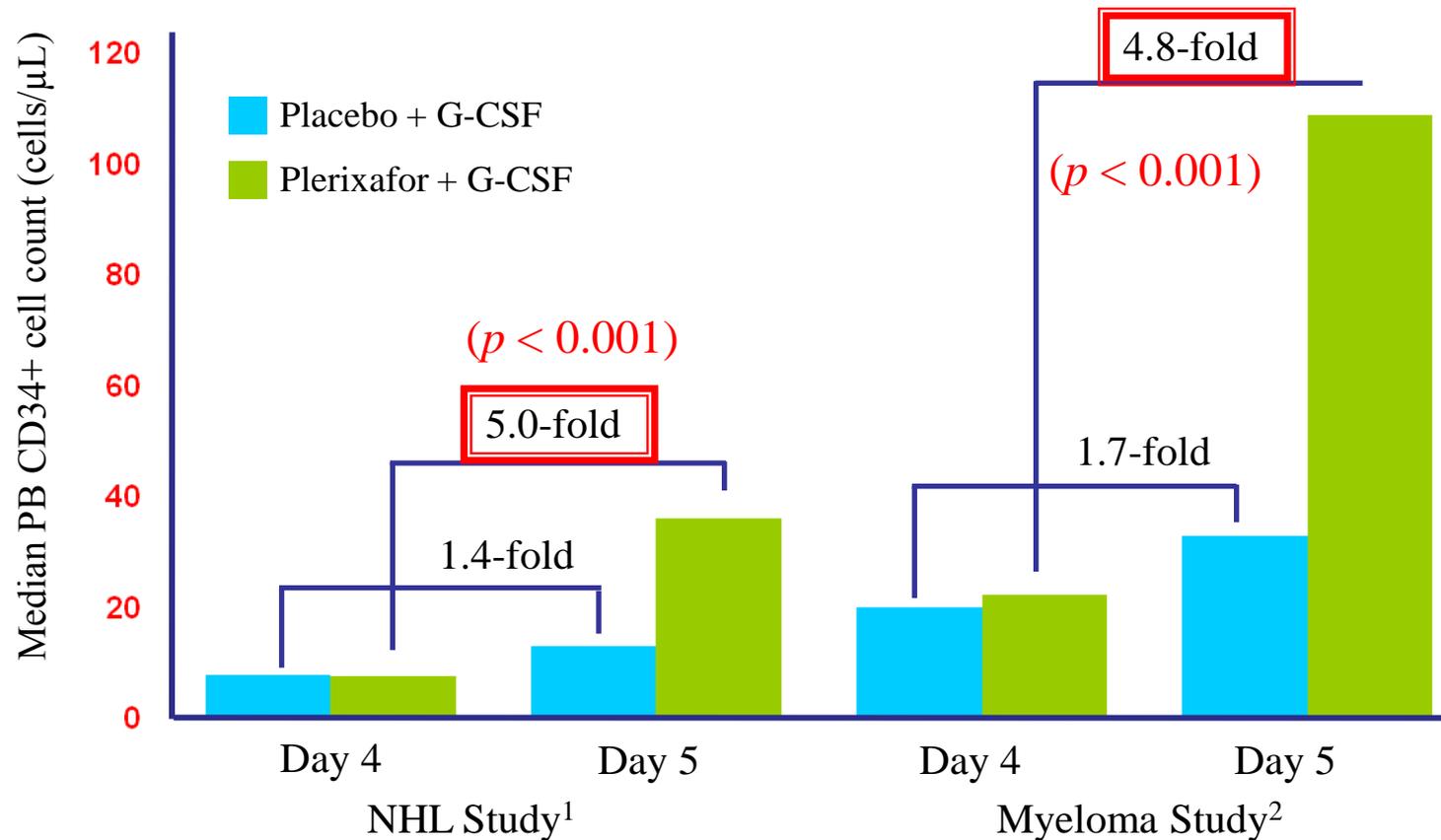


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# Efficacy – Phase III Trials in MM and NHL

## *PB CD34+ Cell Levels with G-CSF + Plerixafor*

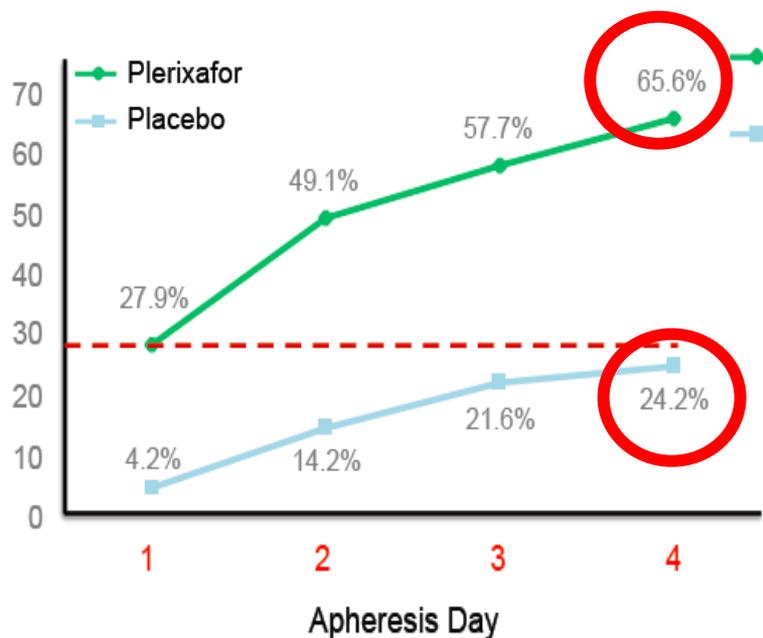


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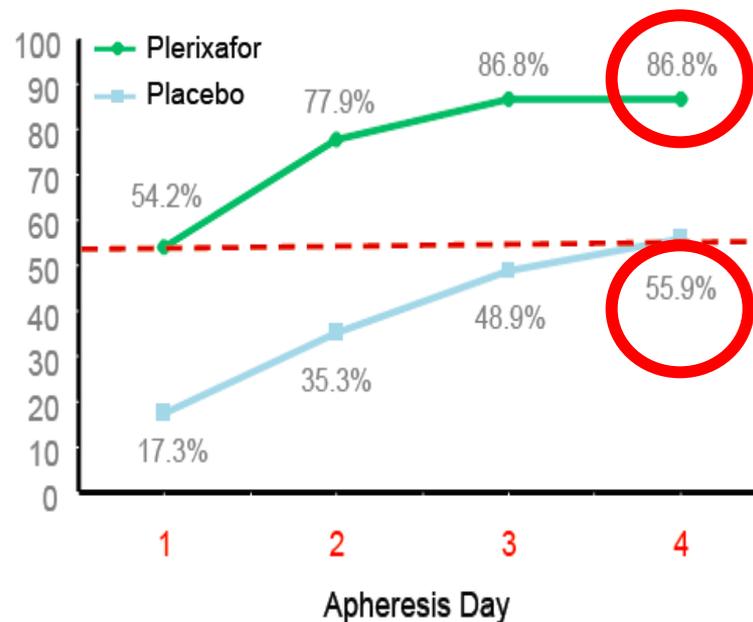
## NHL Patients Achieving $\geq 5 \times 10^6$ CD34+



**Efficacy and Safety  
in Optimal Conditions**

**FDA Approval**

## MM Patients Achieving $\geq 6 \times 10^6$ CD34+



**Evidence of Limited Utility  
in Clinical Context**

**EMA Approval**

# Efficacy – Phase III Trials in MM and NHL

Patients with  
Myeloma

Placebo + G-CSF  
n = 154



7 entered rescue

**100% achieved  $\geq 2 \times 10^6$  cells/kg**  
**100% underwent transplant**

57% underwent tandem transplant

Patients with  
NHL

Placebo + G-CSF  
n = 148

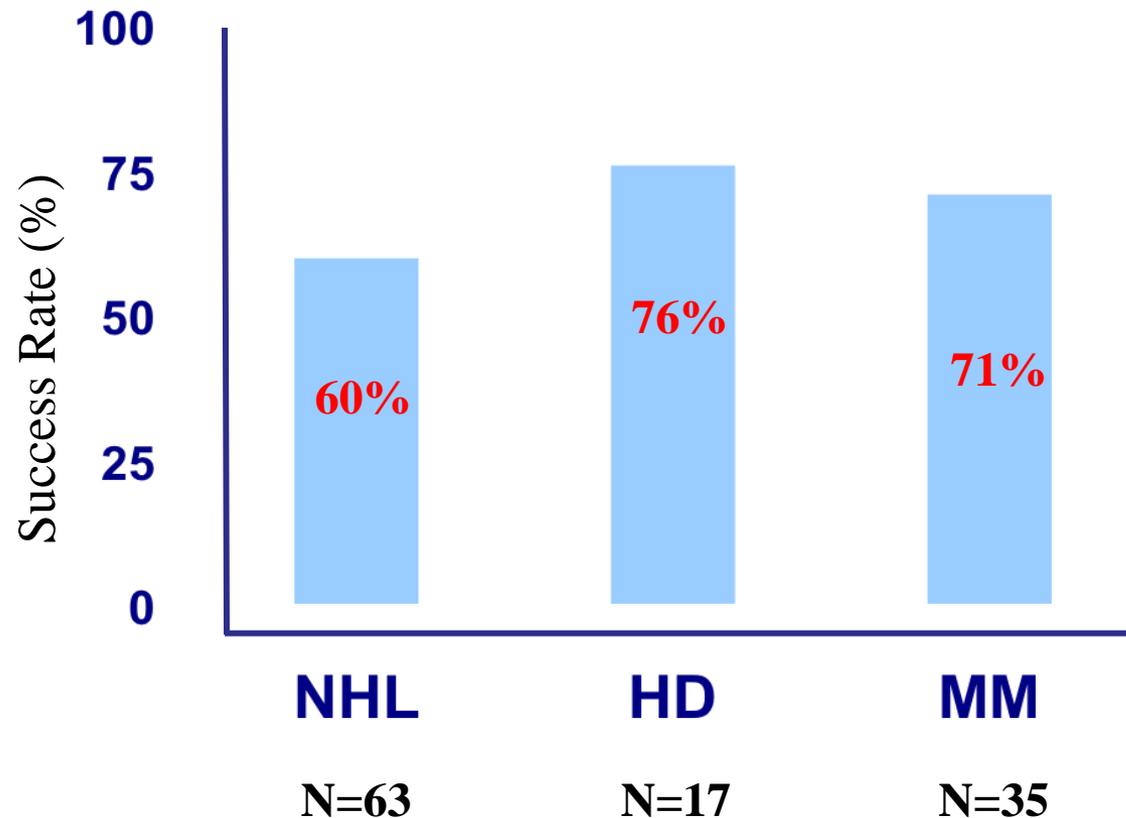


52 entered rescue

**63.5% achieved  $\geq 2 \times 10^6$  cells/kg**  
**88% underwent transplant**

# Effectiveness – American Compassionate Use Program

**66% of cases collected  $\geq 2 \times 10^6$  CD34+ Cells/kg**  
*Comparison by Disease Type*





# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms

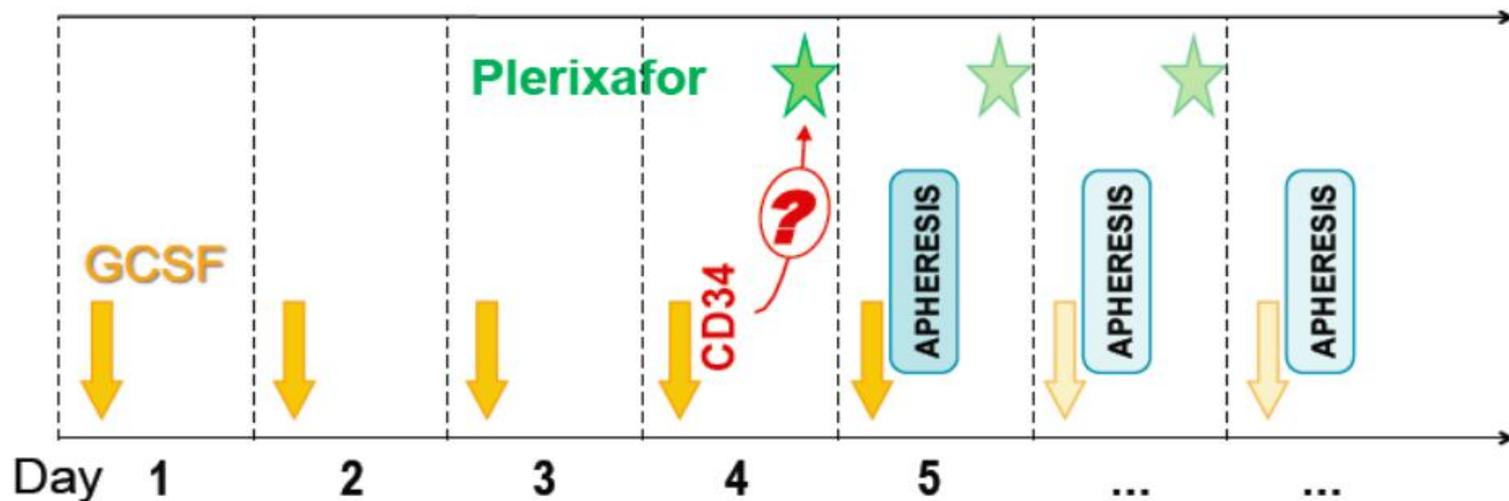
- Risk-adapted algorithms have been proposed:
  1. Preemptive plerixafor in predicted poor mobilizers
  2. Immediate salvage plerixafor for patients with suboptimal mobilization
  3. Remobilization with plerixafor in failed mobilizers.

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

## Preemptive plerixafor

- The rational use of preemptive plerixafor **depends on identifying potential poor mobilizers.**

### PB day 4 CD34 level-based Preemptive Model



# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

## Immediate salvage plerixafor

- Immediate salvage plerixafor for patients with suboptimal mobilization;
  - The rational use of immediate salvage plerixafor **depends on real-time indicators to define “poor” and “slow” mobilizers during a mobilization attempt.**
  - These include a **suboptimal PB CD34 cell level** or **suboptimal apheresis yield or both** at the expected first day of apheresis which predicts failure to collect the target yield within an acceptable number of apheresis days.

## Immediate salvage plerixafor

- Immediate salvage plerixafor
  - There is no validated data to define cutoffs for the addition of plerixafor;
  - However, one published algorithm prescribes **the addition of plerixafor on day 5 of G-CSF if the PB CD34 level is 10/ $\mu$ L when collecting cells for 1 transplantation, and 20/ $\mu$ L when collecting cells for 2 transplantations.**
  - **A first-day apheresis yield of 0.5 x10<sup>6</sup> CD34 cells/kg indicates need for salvage, although higher cutoffs such as a first-day apheresis of 50% of the target yield are also used.**

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

## Remobilization with plerixafor

- Remobilization with plerixafor in failed mobilizers;
  - In failed mobilizers, a remobilization regimen with the addition of plerixafor enables reaching the CD34 cell target in 70% of patients so there is little doubt about its efficacy.
  - One should ensure that there is 4 weeks of break before remobilization.
  - Concerns have been raised about the higher nucleated cell content in the apheresis product affecting apheresis and increasing the infusion volume.
  - This may be overcome by modifying the apheresis Software.

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor: Remobilization with plerixafor

- **Remobilization with plerixafor in failed mobilizers;**
  - Plerixafor-containing regimens have a 30% failure rate among prior failed mobilizers
    - It could not restore low or defective HSC reserve or niche.
  - ✓ Understanding how these factors operate at the molecular level
  - ✓ Steering the development of targeted approaches
  - ✓ Alternative mobilization algorithms **will define the next era of mobilization strategy.**

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

## Risk-Adapted Algorithm

## Based on CD34 targets and daily yield of CD34

- They monitor CD34 levels in PB on days 4 or 5 of steady state GCSF mobilization and the daily yield of CD34+cells.
- Patients get plerixafor **on day 5**
  - if low CD34 (<10 cells/ $\mu$ L) or**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day collection <0.5 x10<sup>6</sup>/kg**
- Failure rates, days of apheresis, and total days of mobilization/collection are lower.
- However, per-patient costs of PBSC mobilization increases.

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

Risk-Adapted Algorithm	Based on CD34 targets and daily yield of CD34
<b>Pre-collection PB CD34<sup>+</sup> count on day 5 of G-CSF</b>	
• If CD34 <sup>+</sup> count is <10 cells/ $\mu$ L and patient needs a minimum CD34 <sup>+</sup> cell dose of $2.5 \times 10^6$ /kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administer plerixafor at 5 pm</li><li>• Continue G-CSF (10 <math>\mu</math>g/kg)</li><li>• Perform collection of stem cells next morning (day 6) and assess need for more plerixafor doses based on the collection</li></ul>
• If CD34 <sup>+</sup> count is 10 cells/ $\mu$ L and patient needs a minimum CD34 <sup>+</sup> cell dose of $2.5 \times 10^6$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No plerixafor given</li><li>• Perform a large-volume collection (approximately 4–6 BV)</li></ul>
• If CD34 <sup>+</sup> is >10 but <20 cells/ $\mu$ L and patient needs a minimum CD34 <sup>+</sup> cell dose of $5.0 \times 10^6$ /kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform a large-volume collection (approximately 4–6 BV)</li><li>• Administer plerixafor that evening</li><li>• Continue G-CSF</li><li>• Continue collection the following morning and assess need for more plerixafor doses</li></ul>
• If CD34 <sup>+</sup> count is 20 cells/ $\mu$ L and patient needs a minimum CD34 <sup>+</sup> cell dose of $5.0 \times 10^6$ /kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No plerixafor to be given</li><li>• Perform a large-volume collection (approximately 4–6 BV)</li></ul>
<b>Day 1 collection product CD34<sup>+</sup> count/kg</b>	
• If on the first day of collection the collected product contains less than one-half of the desired dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administer plerixafor that evening</li><li>• Continue G-CSF</li><li>• Perform collection the following morning</li><li>• Assess need for repeating plerixafor</li></ul>

# Efficient Mobilization Strategies and Algorithms using Plerixafor

## Based on CD34 targets and daily yield of CD34

Lymphoma

For steady state disease;

- G-CSF 10 µg/kg sq; single dose 4 d.
- On Day 4, check PB CD34+. If  $<10/\mu\text{L}$ , add plerixafor 240 µg/kg. Collect on Day 5

For active relapse;

- Salvage chemotherapy + G-CSF.
- When WBC recovers  $>1 \times 10^9/\text{L}$  check PB CD34+. If CD34+  $<10/\mu\text{L}$  continue to check daily. If after 3 d CD34+  $<10/\mu\text{L}$ , add plerixafor.

Myeloma

For steady state disease;

- G-CSF 10 µg/kg single dose x 4 d.
- If collecting for 1 transplant: if CD34+  $<10/\mu\text{L}$ , add plerixafor.
- If collecting for  $>1$  transplant: if CD34+  $<20/\mu\text{L}$ , add plerixafor.

If myeloma relapse or refractory to induction;

- Cy 1.5 g/m<sup>2</sup> x 2 d, begin G-CSF 5 µg/kg on Day 3, check PB CD34+ when WBC  $>1 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ .
- If CD34+  $<10/\mu\text{L}$  continue to check for three consecutive days. If PB CD34 remains  $<10/\mu\text{L}$  begin plerixafor.

Lymphoma  
Myeloma  
mobilization

- If day 1 yield  $<1.5 \times 10^6$  CD34+/kg, add plerixafor.
- If yield beyond day 1  $<0.5 \times 10^6$  CD34+/kg, add plerixafor.
- If plerixafor is added and CD34+ cell yield  $<0.5 \times 10^6$  CD34+/kg on 2 consecutive days, patient is a collection failure and all therapy ceases.

# Algorithms for Preemptive Plerixafor Use in Stem Cell Mobilization

Study	Target CD34 <sup>+</sup> Cell Yield, cells/kg	Criteria for Plerixafor Administration	Failure Rate, %
Costa et al.[95]	6 × 10 <sup>6</sup> (some MM)	Prestablished PB CD34 <sup>+</sup> target derived from cost simulation. For example, threshold target of 3 × 10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg of 25 for MM + G-CSF	M
	3 × 10 <sup>6</sup> (all others)		
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	3 × 10 <sup>6</sup> (all others)		
Abhyankar et al. [96]	2.5 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	<p>Day 4 PB CD34<sup>+</sup> &lt; 20 cells/μL: Begin apheresis on Day 5</p> <p>Day 4 PB CD34<sup>+</sup> ≥ 20 but &lt; 20 cells/μL: If target is 2.5, begin apheresis without P; if target is 5, begin apheresis but administer P at night</p> <p>Day 5 PB CD34<sup>+</sup> ≥ 20 cells/μL: Begin apheresis without P</p> <p>Apheresis day 1 cell yield &lt; 50% of desired collection: Administer P</p>	M

Failure rate was 2-5% with preemptive plerixafor use

# Algorithms for Preemptive Plerixafor Use in Stem Cell Mobilization

Study	Target CD34 <sup>+</sup> Cell Yield, cells/kg	Criteria for Plerixafor Administration	FD	Failure Rate, %
Micallef et al.[99]	2 × 10 <sup>6</sup> (minimum)	Day 5 PB CD34 <sup>+</sup> daily apheresis yield <0.5 × 10 <sup>6</sup>		5
Micallef et al.[98]	2 × 10 <sup>6</sup> (minimum)	PEP	M	19
				5
			PEP1 + G-CSF	1
			n = 98 PEP2 + G-CSF	1
LaPorte et al.	<12	<1 × 10 <sup>6</sup> or ≤50% of previous day's yield	M	1
		Day 4 PB CD34 <sup>+</sup> <7 cells/μL, give P; day 5 PB CD34 <sup>+</sup> <10/L, give P, begin apheresis on day 6 or day 1 yield <50% target collection	U	6

Failure rate was 1-6% with preemptive plerixafor use

# Economic Evaluation of Algorithms including Plerixafor

- Investigations on both clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness are needed for chemomobilization versus steady-state mobilization with Plerixafor + G-CSF, for preemptive plerixafor versus upfront plerixafor, and for the role of chemomobilization + G-CSF + Plerixafor in first-line and secondary mobilization.
- Pharmacoeconomics and cost endpoints should be incorporated into all future plerixafor trials, and are warranted for existing trial data.

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*OTHER OPTIONS IN  
MOBILIZATION FAILURE*

# Salvage BM harvest

## ➤ Salvage BM harvests:

### ✓ may be attempted in rare circumstances:

(1) Refractory poor mobilization despite novel agents,

(2) When these agents are unavailable, or

(3) In the presence of contraindication to apheresis or stem cell mobilization regimens.

### ✓ It is more advisable:

➤ to seek enrollment on a clinical trial

➤ a compassionate use program of a novel mobilization agent before resorting to salvage BM harvest.

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# Experimental agents

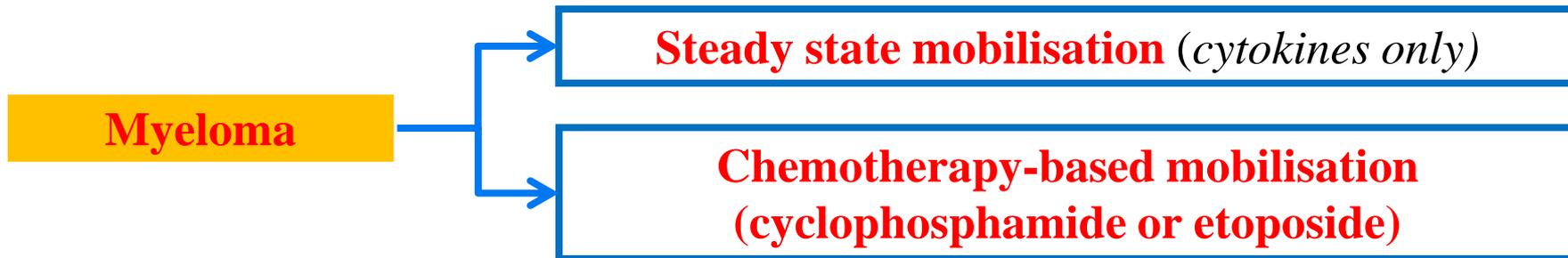
- Alternative CXCR4 inhibitors
- Inhibitor of VLA4
- Bortezomib
- Parathyroid hormone (PTH)

# *GUIDES FOR STEM CELL COLLECTION IN MOBILIZATION FAILURE*



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# Consensus: *PBSC mobilization strategies for MM patients*



- Decision whether to use steady state or chemo-mobilization should be based on local guidelines
- However, it is less likely to obtain sufficient CD34<sup>+</sup> cell numbers with steady state mobilization
- Cyclophosphamide monotherapy:
  - range of 1.5–4.0 g/m<sup>2</sup> feasible

# Consensus: *PBSC mobilization strategies for lymphoma patients*



- Disease-specific chemotherapy approaches are suggested to avoid the burden of additional chemotherapy cycles
- Steady state mobilization may be an option for selected patients:
  - patients in complete remission
  - patients ineligible for chemo-mobilization

# Consensus:

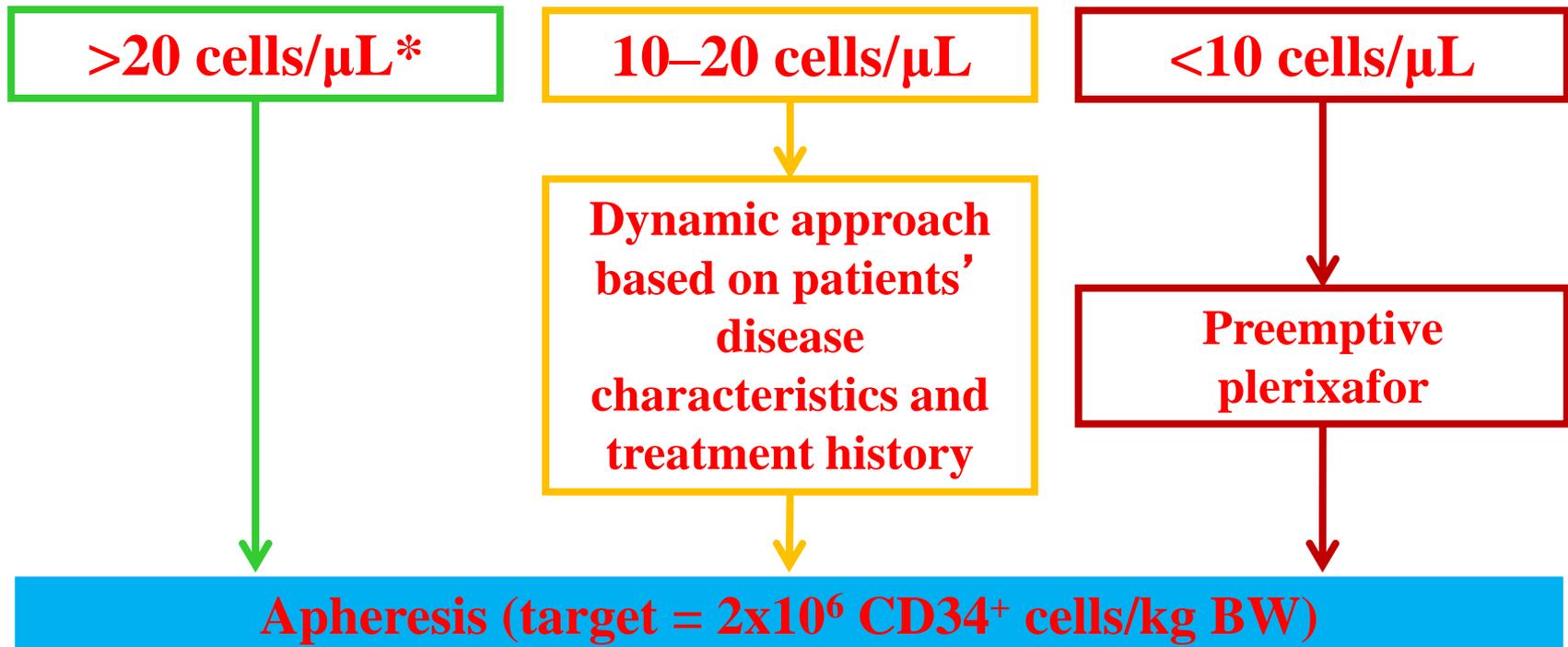
## *Optimization of mobilization protocols*

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- Change chemo-mobilisation strategy
  - Steady state → chemo-mobilisation
  - Chemo-mobilization → alternative chemo- mobilisation approach
- Addition of most recent mobilization agents such as plerixafor

# Consensus: *Proactive intervention to rescue mobilization failure*

## CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count prior to apheresis



Readily available and robust techniques to determine CD34<sup>+</sup> cell counts are needed

\*No proactive intervention required.  
BW, body weight.

# Conclusions

- PBSC mobilization can be optimized with an appropriate strategy adapted to each patient
  - based on disease and treatment features
  - individual collection goal
- A low CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count in PB prior to apheresis is a candidate predictor for poor PBSC collection
- Determination of CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count is suggested
  - might estimate patients' risk for poor PBSC collection
  - allows proactive intervention to rescue mobilization failure

- ✓ Cytokine-alone strategies should not be used for remobilization.
- ✓ Plerixafor should be included in the remobilization regimen for patients failing a non–plerixafor-containing mobilization attempt
- ✓ Remobilization options: P + G-CSF and CM + G-CSF + P.
- ✓ The addition of plerixafor to CM should be explored in prospective trials.
- ✓ CM is an acceptable strategy for patients with failed cytokine-only mobilization.
- ✓ Bone marrow harvest should be reserved as a third-line approach

- ✓ Each center should develop and implement its own algorithms
- ✓ Algorithms should include center-specific data regarding:
  - priorities of the transplantation center,
  - priorities of patients and caregivers,
  - relationship of PB CD34<sup>+</sup> cell count to collection yield in the center,
  - center-specific cost assessments,
  - minimum and target cell collections.

# Take Home Messages-1

- ✓ PBSC is the main source of stem cell for HSCT
- ✓ Poor mobilization cannot be completely predicted.
- ✓ Close monitoring of circulating CD34+ cells allows for precise time to harvest.
- ✓  $>2 \times 10^6$  CD 34+ cells/kg is enough to achieve a good engraftment.
- ✓ Mobilization Failure rate is 5-30% with conventional regimens

# Take Home Messages-2

- Strategies to manage hard to mobilize patients:
  - ✓ Addition of chemotherapy:
    - Chemotherapy plus growth factor enhances mobilization
    - When the chemotherapy is indicated for treatment of the malignancy.
  - ✓ Harvesting the BM
  - ✓ **Plerixafor in combination with G-CSF,**

# Take Home Messages-3

- **Plerixafor in combination with G-CSF,**
  - FDA/EMA approved for HSC mobilization in NHL and MM
  - Mobilizes HSCs by inhibition of SDF-1 and CXCR4 interaction.
  - Synergistic with G-CSF.
  - The combination with G-CSF:
    - reduce the number of apheresis required for PBPC collection
    - enhance to ability to perform autologous HSCT in “hard to mobilize” patients.
    - may overcome poor mobilization in 60% of the cases.
- Dual inhibitor approach may ultimately provide a more efficient method to collect HSC in a single day