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# CMV Disease in Transplant Recipients: Strategies, Challenges and Opportunities



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# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for **CMV Disease in Transplant Recipients: Strategies, Challenges and Opportunities**, a continuing medical education symposium presented during the 47th Annual Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

We would also like to thank our esteemed speakers for sharing their time and expertise. Through this program, they will address the risk factors for cytomegalovirus (CMV) in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients, the clinical features of transplant patients with CMV, and challenges and therapeutic strategies for managing CMV infection and drug resistance.

This workbook includes the presenters' slides to help guide you through the program. If you would like to receive 2.5 continuing education contact hours, please complete the Evaluation form.

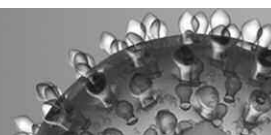
We hope that you will find this program rewarding and informative.

# PROGRAM AGENDA

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Registration and Dinner Buffet
5:30 PM to 5:35 PM	Welcome <i>Robert M. Colleluori</i> <i>President, CEO</i> Robert Michael Educational Institute LLC
5:35 PM to 6:05 PM	Overview of CMV Infection in Transplant Recipients <i>Robert H. Rubin, MD, FACP, FCCP</i>
6:05 PM to 6:35 PM	Managing CMV in Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Recipients: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Michael J. Boeckh, MD</i>
6:35 PM to 7:05 PM	Cytomegalovirus Disease in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients <i>Raymund R. Razonable, MD</i>
7:05 PM to 7:35 PM	CMV Drug Resistance: Clinical Impact and Potential Strategies <i>Sunwen Chou, MD</i>
7:35 PM to 8:00 PM	Panel Question-and-Answer Session



# SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW



## Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of physicians and clinical pharmacists involved in the care of patients who are at risk for cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection.

## Activity Purpose

This symposium is intended to assist clinicians and pharmacists in understanding how to prevent and manage CMV infection in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients and solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients.

## Statement of Need

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in recipients of hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) and solid organ transplant (SOT). Immunosuppression following transplantation is an important risk factor for the development of CMV infection. In turn, CMV disease is associated with an increased risk of graft loss, development of bacterial or fungal opportunistic infections, and increased mortality in this patient population.

Several strategies exist to prevent CMV infection and disease in transplant recipients. Because each strategy has inherent advantages and limitations, controversy exists regarding the best method for CMV prevention. Despite significant progress in elucidating the pathophysiology of CMV infection and the spectrum of disease in transplant recipients, diagnostic and therapeutic challenges remain. Thus, a clear need exists for additional research into and improved therapies for patients who have this persistently ominous pathogen.

## Educational Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- List risk factors for cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients and solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients
- Describe clinical features of CMV disease in transplant recipients
- Explain therapeutic strategies for the management of CMV infection in transplant recipients
- Identify challenges in managing CMV infection in transplant recipients, including potential strategies to optimize patient outcomes
- Cite the mechanisms and clinical implications of drug resistance in CMV

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### **Robert H. Rubin, MD, FACP, FCCP**

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After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree *magnum cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* from Williams College, Dr. Rubin earned a medical degree *cum laude* from Harvard Medical School. He served his internship and residency at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and his infectious diseases training at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Rubin also is a graduate of the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Rubin's clinical and research interests include infection in the immunocompromised host, experimental pharmacology and drug development, and clinical research. He directs the Clinical Investigator Training Program (CITP), which is a 2-year program leading to a Master of Science degree from Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Rubin was the first chairman of the Infectious Disease Section of the American Society of Transplantation and is currently Chairman of that section for the Transplantation Society. He is the founding editor of the journal *Transplant Infectious Disease* and is a member of multiple editorial boards. Dr. Rubin has published more than 400 articles, seven books, and multiple teaching modules on the Internet for distance learning.

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### **Michael J. Boeckh, MD**

*Associate Member, Program of Infectious Diseases  
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Michael J. Boeckh, MD, is an associate member of the Program of Infectious Diseases at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Associate Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington. After training in internal medicine in Berlin, Germany, he came to Seattle in 1990, where he completed a fellowship in infectious diseases at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington School of Medicine. He stayed on as a faculty member.

Dr. Boeckh's major clinical research interest is the epidemiology, immune response, transmission, and prevention of cytomegalovirus (CMV) in immunocompromised patients. Another focus of his work is the pathogenesis and management of respiratory viruses in stem cell transplant recipients. Dr. Boeckh has published numerous articles on CMV and respiratory viral infections in transplant recipients and is the author of several overview articles and book chapters on the management of viral infections in immunocompromised patients.

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### **Raymund R. Razonable, MD**

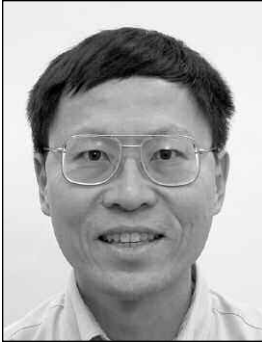
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Raymund R. Razonable, MD, is currently a consultant in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Mayo Clinic and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. After graduating with honors as Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Razonable pursued training in internal medicine at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York and later in infectious diseases at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. During his training, he received awards of distinction, including the Alexander Award as the Most Outstanding Medical Resident and the Geraci Award for the Most Outstanding Infectious Disease Fellow.

Dr. Razonable's clinical and research interests are centered primarily on transplant infections. He has published more than 75 original and review articles, book chapters, and other manuscripts in the field of infectious diseases. The vast majority of his work has revolved around the epidemiology, risk factors, treatment, and outcomes of cytomegalovirus (CMV) disease after solid organ transplantation. He is currently working on the interaction between virus and the immune system in an effort to understand the pathogenesis of CMV disease.

Dr. Razonable has served as a reviewer for more than 20 medical journals and is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*. He is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, Infectious Diseases Society of America, and American Society of Transplantation.

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### **Sunwen Chou, MD**

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Sunwen Chou, MD, is Professor of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University and its affiliated VA hospital in Portland. In recent years his long-standing program of cytomegalovirus research has focused on antiviral drug resistance, with emphasis on the associated clinical situations, genetic mechanisms, and molecular diagnostic considerations. This work has helped to define the drug resistance properties conferred by viral mutations observed in treated patients. Dr. Chou is currently exploring the role of experimental drugs with different antiviral mechanisms as a means of avoiding cross-resistance.

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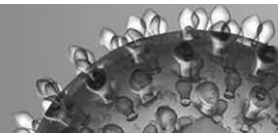
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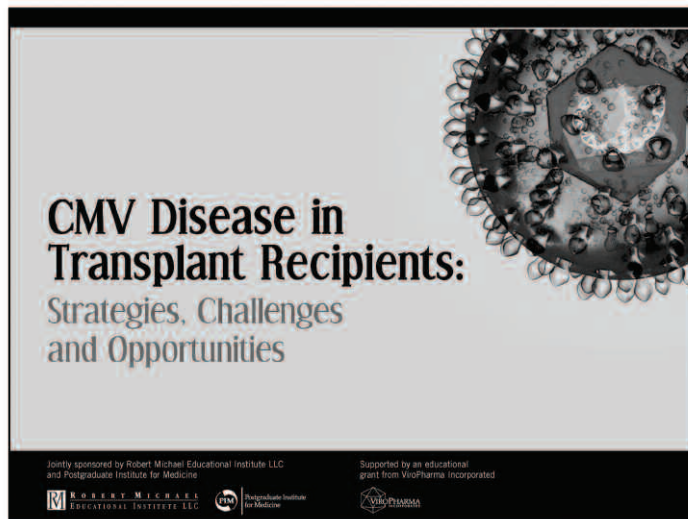
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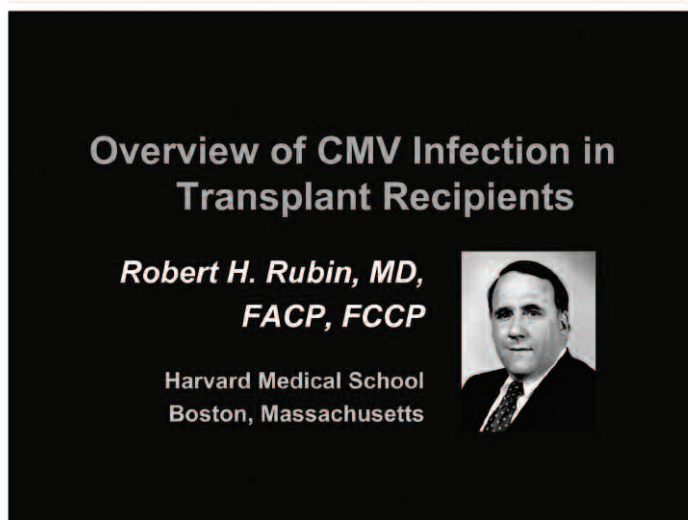
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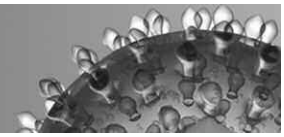
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## Transformation of Organ Transplantation

**From:** Interesting experiment in human immunobiology

**To:** Most practical means of rehabilitating patients with end-stage organ dysfunction of diverse etiology

**Result:** 90%+ one-year survival of allograft

- Heart
- Kidney
- Liver
- Lung (75%)

Evidence of infection >50% in first year

Rubin RH, Young LS. *Clinical Approach to Infection in the Compromised Host*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum; 2002.

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## General Principles of Infectious Diseases (ID) in Transplant Recipients

- Prevention of infection is the goal
  - Early diagnosis of infection is key to survival
  - Impaired inflammatory response attenuates severity and symptoms; early diagnosis made difficult
  - Aggressive biopsy, advanced imaging
- Microbial burden is key prognostic factor

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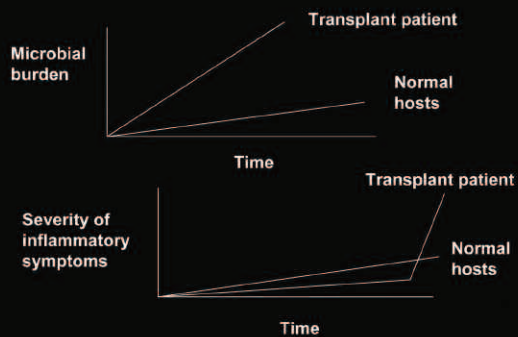
## CMV Infection in the Organ Transplant Patient

- Most important single pathogen
  - Also important as a model of the effects of possible virus
- Beta herpesvirus
  - Direct effect
    - Classic ID syndromes (mononucleosis, pneumonia, fever of undetermined origin, colitis, etc)
  - Indirect effects
    - Oncogenesis
    - Contributes to net state of immunosuppression
    - Allograft injury

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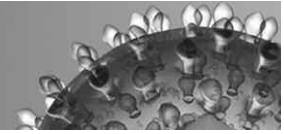
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## Infection in Transplant Patients and Normal Hosts



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## Pathogenesis of CMV in the Transplant Patient

- TNF → TNF receptors – initiates reactivation from latency on latently infected cells
  - Activation of protein kinase C and nuclear factor –  $\kappa$ B
  - Results in formation of activated p65/p50 nuclear factor –  $\kappa$ B heterodimer
  - Translocates into nucleus
  - Binds to CMV immediate early enhancer region → initiation of CMV replication

TNF=tumor necrosis factor.

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## Other Pathways for Reactivating CMV

- Stress catecholamines → increased cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) → stimulation of the reactivation process
- Proinflammatory prostaglandins → CMV activates through cAMP

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## Other Pathways for Reactivating CMV

- CMV activation linked with inflammation, infection, and stress
- Amplification and dissemination
  - The “Second Wave”

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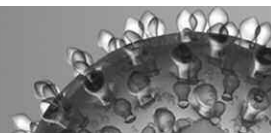
## Pathogenesis of the Direct Effects of CMV

- Key host defense: MHC-restricted, virus-restricted, cytotoxic T-cell response
- Initial site of invasion, replication
  - Vascular endothelial cells → lytic infection
  - Result: “viral vasculitis”
- Antigenemia assay = after endothelial cell recapture → phagocytosis of products of lysis → antigenemia
- Hypothesis: vascular injury → future atherosclerosis; vasculopathy of transplanted organ

MHC=major histocompatibility complex.

Rubin RH, Young LS. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum; 2002.

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## Characteristics of CMV Tissue Invasion

- Fewer lytically infected cells
- Increased number of activated leukocytes
- Proposed mechanism: a few CMV-infected cells → interleukin-1, which greatly increases activated leukocytes, which injure tissue

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## Epidemiology and Consequences of CMV Infection

- Acquisition: transplant, transfusion, intimate contact
- Seropositive = latent virus capable of being reactivated
- Reactivation = inflammation and proinflammatory cytokines (eg, TNF)

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## CMV Infection, Immunosuppression, Clinical Disease

Type	Donor, Recipient Status	Immuno-suppression	Symptomatic Disease
Primary	D+, R-	"Any"	50%
Reactivation	D-, R+	No ATG	10%~15%
Reactivation	D+, R+	No ATG	25%
"Cytokine storm"	D±, R±	ATG	> 50%

\*3-6 weeks after cytokine storm, 50%+ symptomatic disease.  
ATG=Antithymocyte globulin.

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## Antimicrobial Therapy in the Organ Transplant Patient

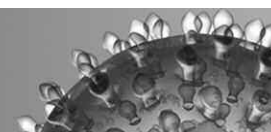
- Antiviral drugs
  - Ganciclovir
    - IV Primary resistance NO!
    - Oral valganciclovir
    - Oral ganciclovir ( +/- efficacy)
    - IV foscarnet
- Use of antiviral drugs
  - How long to treat?
    - "Long enough!"
  - Prophylaxis
  - Preemptive
  - Therapeutic

Rubin RH, Young LS. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum; 2002.

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## Prevention of Direct Manifestations of CMV

- Prophylaxis
- Preemptive
- Therapeutic

“Viremia = Truth”

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## Timetable of Infection Post Organ Transplant

- Use: predictive value of + or – very high
  - Guide to risk of infection
  - Diagnosis in the face of difficult symptoms (eg, colitis, pneumonia)
  - Opportunistic infection – and HCV burden
- Time posttransplant for symptomatic disease
  - 1st month: No opportunistic infections; “surgical complications”
  - 1–6 months: Virus +/- opportunistic infection
  - 6 months: 80% good result = respiratory virus (flu), asymptomatic nodules  
10% chronic hepatitis  
10% “ne’er do wells”

HCV=hepatitis C virus.

Rubin RH, Young LS.  
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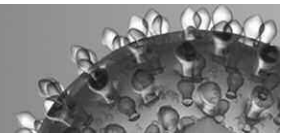
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## Clinical Syndrome with CMV and Other Infections

- Increase in other viruses
  - HCV
  - HBV
  - EBV
- 90%+ of opportunistic infections, in setting of viral infection
- EBV-induced PTLD → 7- to 10-fold increased incidence of PTLD

EBV=Epstein-Barr virus; HBV=hepatitis B virus; PTLD=posttransplantation lymphoproliferative disorder.

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## Future Issues

1. Diagnosis of indirect syndromes
2. Importance of human herpesvirus-6
3. How to best treat or prevent virus
4. Optimal immunosuppression

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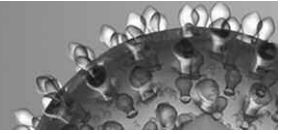
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**Picabia:** *Our heads are round so that our thinking can change directions.*

**Voltaire:** *Medical skill involves keeping the patient amused while Nature cures.*

**Holmes:** *I firmly believe that if the whole materia medica could be sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be all the better for mankind and all the worse for the fishes.*

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## Managing CMV in Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Recipients: Challenges and Opportunities

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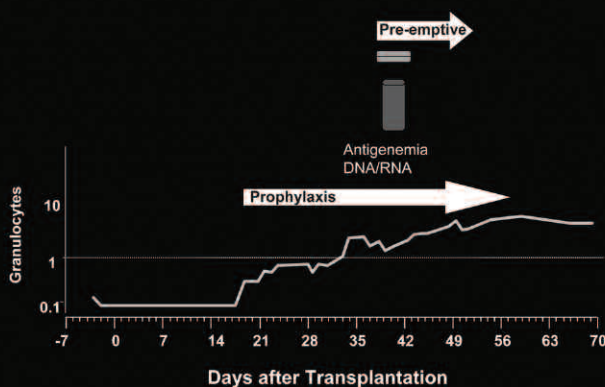
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## Current Prevention Strategies CMV



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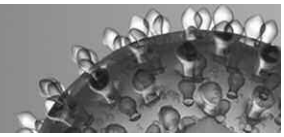
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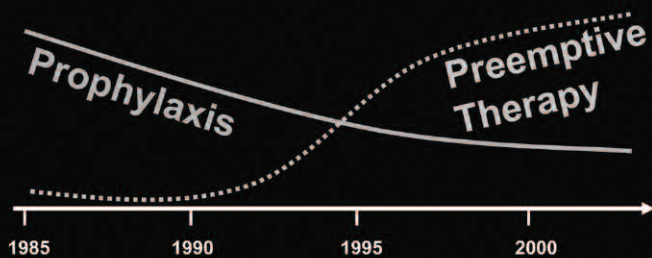
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## CMV Prevention in HCT Recipients History



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## Why Not Prophylaxis ?

- It works but...
  - Toxicity
  - Overtreatment
  - Delayed immune reconstitution
  - Lack of improvement in overall survival with presently available drugs (except acyclovir)

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## Managing CMV Issues

- **Matched related HCT setting**
  - Preemptive therapy works well for CMV
    - Some breakthrough disease but no mortality disadvantage
  - Over-treatment of low-level reactivation
  - Drug toxicity
- **Unrelated donor and T-cell depleted HCT setting**
  - Persistent mortality disadvantage
  - Preemptive therapy insufficient to control CMV
  - Drug toxicity

Boeckh & Nichols Blood 2004

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## Reduction of GCV or VGCV-related Neutropenia Strategies

- **Limit use of marrow-toxic drugs**
  - Hold/replace concomitant medications (e.g. TMP-SMX, MMF, Imatinib)
- **Preemptive use of G-CSF**
  - Studied in HIV-infected patients (Dubreuil-Lemaire et al. Eur J Haematol 2000, Kuritzkes et al. AIDS 1998)
- **Foscarnet (Reusser et al. Blood 2002)**
  - Equivalent to IV GCV for CMV disease-free survival
  - Less neutropenia
- **Cidofovir: no randomized trials**

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## Control of CMV Future Strategies

- Novel anti-CMV drugs
  - Maribavir
- T cell therapy
- Vaccination strategies

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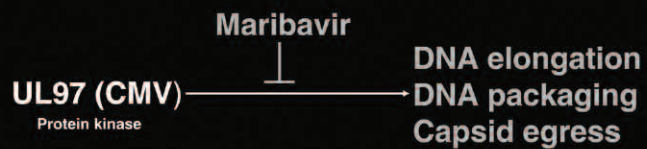
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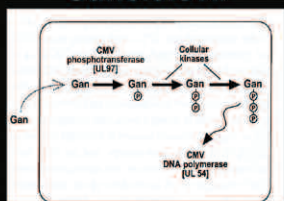
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## Anti-CMV Drugs: Mechanism of Action



### Ganciclovir



Alternate substrate  
Incorporation into growing DNA  
→ Chain termination

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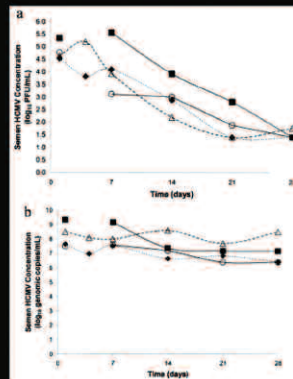
## Maribavir Specificity

- Maribavir has been shown to inhibit replication of EBV *in vitro*
- Active against ganciclovir-resistant strains *in vitro*
- Maribavir does not have significant activity against:
  - HSV-1, HSV-2
  - VZV
  - murine CMV
  - HHV-6 or HHV-7
  - HBV
  - HIV

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## Phase I Dose Escalation Trial of 1263W94 (Maribavir) in HIV-Infected Men with Asymptomatic HCMV Shedding

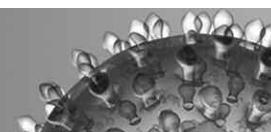
(a) Median concentration-time profiles of HCMV in semen, measured in PFU per milliliter by using plaque assays. Symbols:  $\square$ , 100 mg t.i.d. ( $n=7$ );  $\circ$ , 200 mg t.i.d. ( $n=5$ );  $\triangle$ , 400 mg t.i.d. ( $n=6$ );  $\times$ , 600 mg b.i.d. ( $n=6$ ). (b) Median concentration-time profiles of HCMV DNA in semen, measured in  $\log_{10}$  copies per milliliter by using PCR analysis. Symbols:  $\square$ , 100 mg t.i.d. ( $n=7$ );  $\circ$ , 200 mg t.i.d. ( $n=4$ );  $\triangle$ , 400 mg t.i.d. ( $n=5$ );  $\times$ , 600 mg b.i.d. ( $n=2$ ).



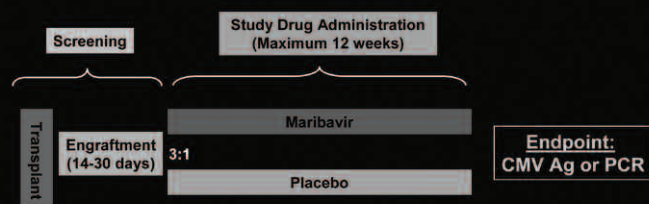
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## Phase II Study in HCT Study Design



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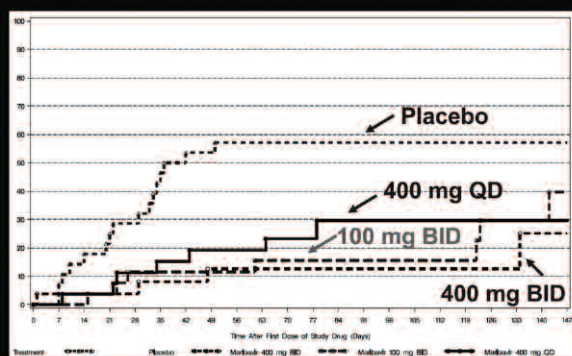
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## Maribavir

### Phase II: CMV Infection (pp65 AG/PCR)



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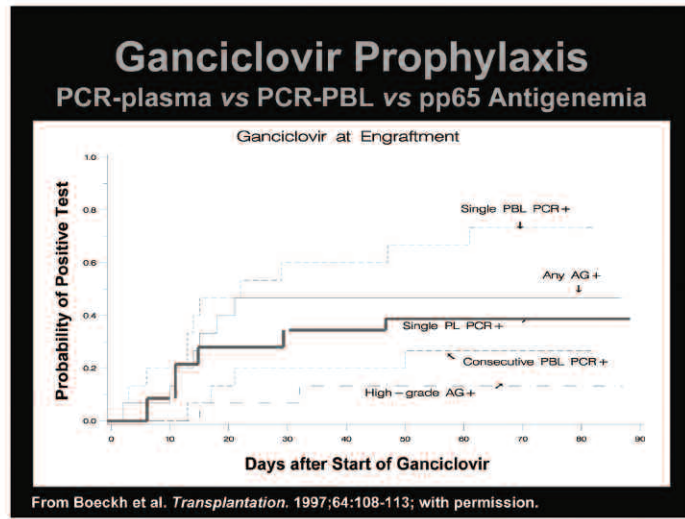
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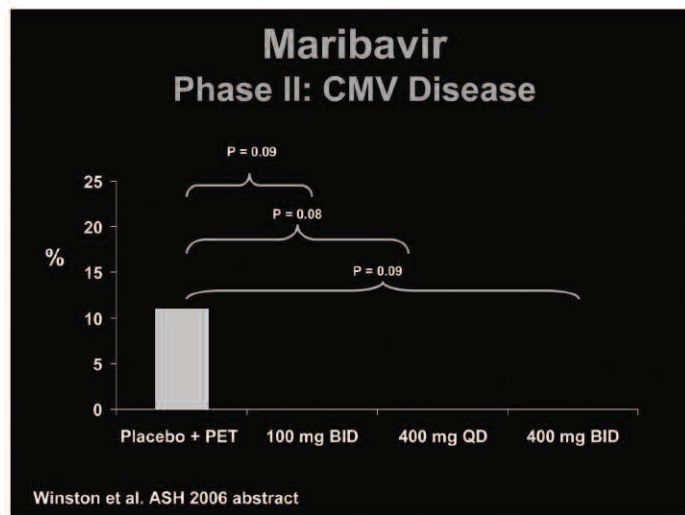
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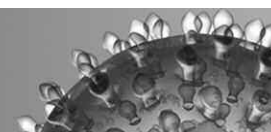
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## Maribavir Safety in Phase II HCT Study

Related AEs	Placebo	100 mg BID	400 mg QD	400 mg BID
N	28	28	28	26
GVHD, 2-4	13 (46%)	4 (14%)	8 (29%)	6 (23%)
Taste dist.	0	6 (21%)*	5 (18%)*	8 (31%)*
Nausea	0	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	4 (15%)
Diarrhea	0	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	0
Vomiting	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	1 (4%)
Dry mouth	0	1 (4%)	0	1 (4%)
Rash	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	0

\* P < 0.05

Winston et al. ASH 2006 abstract

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## Maribavir D/C due to Related Adverse Events

AEs	Placebo	100 mg BID	400 mg QD	400 mg BID
N	28	28	28	26
Taste dist.	0	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)
Nausea	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	3 (12%)
Vomiting	0	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)
Dysphagia	0	0	0	1 (4%)
GERD	1 (4%)	0	0	0
Rash	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	0	0
Total	3 (11%)	4 (14%)	3 (11%)	9 (35%)

Winston et al. ASH 2006 abstract

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## Maribavir Safety in Phase II HCT Study

- No significant differences in
  - Viral signs
  - ECG parameters
  - Liver function tests
  - Renal function
  - Platelet counts
  - Red blood cell counts

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## Maribavir Safety in Phase II HCT Study

	Plac	100 BID	Maribavir 400 QD	400 BID
<u>Neutropenia on study drug</u>				
ANC < 1000	14%	21%	18%	15%
ANC < 750	14%	14%	11%	12%
ANC < 500	7%	11%	7%	4%
<u>Neutropenia until day 100</u>				
ANC < 1000	39%	25%	21%	35%
ANC < 750	39%	14%	18%	27%
ANC < 500	21%	11%	11%	12%

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## Maribavir Summary

- Maribavir was well tolerated
  - No laboratory side effects
  - Taste disturbance in some patients
- Maribavir reduced CMV reactivation
- A phase III study is ongoing

Winston et al. ASH 2006 abstract

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## Phase III Study in HCT Study Design

Major inclusion criteria:

- Allogeneic HCT, age  $\geq 18$
- Donor or recipient CMV seropositive

**Primary Endpoint:**  
CMV disease

Screening

Study Drug Administration  
(Maximum 12 weeks)

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Transplant

Engraftment  
(14-30 days)

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Maribavir

GCV/FSC for PCR/AG+

Placebo

Post-study f/u

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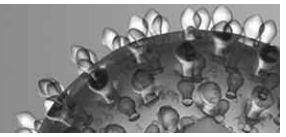
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## Immune Augmentation Strategies

- **CMV-specific T cell therapy**
  - Specific clones
  - Lines
  - Rapid expansion/selection
- **CMV vaccination**
  - Donor + recipient
  - Combination with T cell therapy
- **Non-specific enhancement**
  - Keratinocyte growth factor
  - IL-7
  - T cell precursors

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## Current Vaccine Candidates

### Summary of current status of CMV vaccines

Vaccine	Comments/status
Live, attenuated vaccines <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AD169 vaccine</li><li>• Towne vaccine</li><li>• Towne/Toledo chimeras</li><li>• gB protein subunit vaccine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reactogenic; this vaccine is no longer in clinical trials</li><li>• Limited efficacy in renal transplant recipients; studies still ongoing.</li><li>• Prime-boost effect when administered with recombinant gB</li><li>• Phase I study in CMV-seropositives; vaccine was safe, well tolerated</li><li>• Safe, well tolerated, immunogenic</li><li>• Efficacy studies ongoing</li></ul>
ALVAC vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• gB and pp65 (UL83) ALVAC vaccines evaluated in Phase I clinical trials</li><li>• Immunogenic, well tolerated</li><li>• No 'prime-boost' effect with ALVAC-gB and purified recombinant gB</li><li>• Phase I studies in healthy volunteers</li><li>• Immunogenic, well tolerated</li></ul>
DNA vaccines	
Vaccines only evaluated in preclinical models	
VEE- and pox-vectored vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preclinical testing only</li><li>• Immunogenic in animal models</li></ul>
Peptide vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preclinical testing only</li><li>• Potential for ex vivo expansion of CMV-specific T-cells for adoptive transfer</li></ul>
Dense-body vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preclinical testing only</li><li>• Immunogenic in animal models</li><li>• Enriched for pp65 (UL83); noninfectious</li></ul>

VTE, Venezuelan equine encephalitis; gB, a glycoprotein; pp65, human cytomegalovirus phosphorylated matrix protein.

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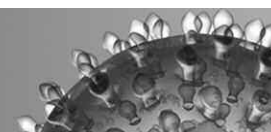
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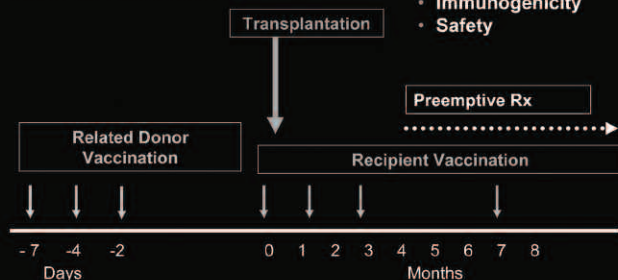
## CMV DNA Vaccine

### Phase II: HCT Recipient +/- Donor Vaccination

- Related donor: sero - or +
- Recipients: sero +
- Vaccine: gB and pp65 plasmid (Vical Inc.)

#### Endpoints

- Viral load
- Need for PET
- Immunogenicity
- Safety



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## Summary

- **Current anti-CMV strategies have reduced the incidence of CMV disease but**
  - A mortality disadvantage persists in high-risk seropositive recipients
  - Breakthrough disease continues to occur
  - Toxicity remains a problem
- **New strategies include**
  - Novel drugs, e.g., maribavir
  - Combined virologic and immunologic monitoring
  - T cell therapy
  - Vaccination

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## Cytomegalovirus Disease in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients

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## Objectives

- Impact of CMV on transplant outcomes
- Risk factors for CMV in solid organ transplant (SOT)
- Prevention and treatment of CMV in SOT
- Emerging syndromes
  - Delayed-onset CMV disease
  - Ganciclovir (GCV)-resistant CMV
  - Compartmentalized CMV disease

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## Clinical Case No. 1

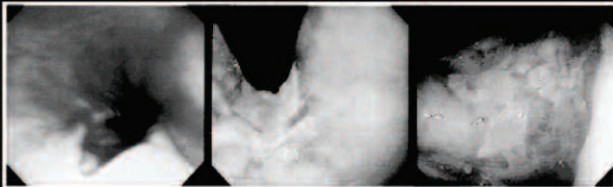
- 64-year-old woman with chronic glomerulonephritis (GN)
- LUDKT/thymoglobulin/tac-MMF-pred
- 6th week – acute rejection/corticosteroids
- CMV D+/R- → VGCV x 3 months
- 4th month: fever, vomiting, diarrhea
- CMV PCR: 474,000 copies/mL blood

tac-MMF-pred=tacrolimus-mycophenolate mofetil-prednisone; LUDKT=living unrelated donor kidney transplant; PCR=polymerase chain reaction; VGCV=valganciclovir.

Eid AJ, et al. *Clin Transplant*. 2007; in press.

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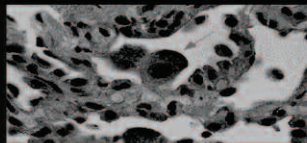
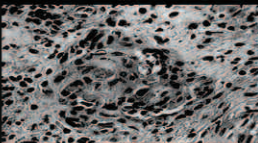
## Gastrointestinal CMV Disease Causing Mucosal Ulceration



Esophageal ulcer in a 25-year-old patient with AIDS

Ulcer in gastric cardia of a 57-year-old patient with severe chronic obstructive lung disease taking corticosteroids

Colonic ulcer in a 54-year-old kidney transplant patient

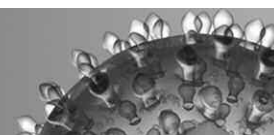


Top: From Goodgame RW. *Ann Intern Med*. 1993;119:924-935; with permission.

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## Direct Effects of CMV (2000–2006)

- CMV syndrome 50%-60%
  - Fever with myelosuppression
- Invasive CMV disease 40%-50%
  - Hepatitis
  - Pneumonia
  - Gastrointestinal disease (90%)
  - Retinitis
  - Encephalitis
  - Others

Eid AJ, Razonable RR. *Curr Opin Organ Transplant*. 2007 December; in press.

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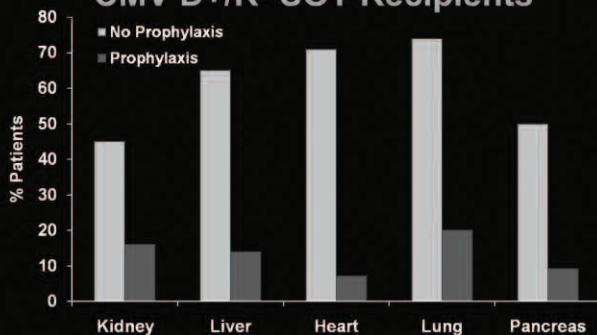
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## Current Burden of CMV Disease in CMV D+/R- SOT Recipients



Gane E, et al. *Lancet*. 1997;350:1729-1733.  
 Humar A, et al. *Am J Transplant*. 2005;1462-1468.  
 Lowance D, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1999;340:1462-1470.  
 Paya C, et al. *Am J Transplant*. 2004;4:611-620.  
 Macdonald PS, et al. *J Heart Lung Transplant*. 1995;14(1 Pt 1):32-38.

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## Indirect Effects of CMV

- Acute rejection
- Chronic rejection
  - Accelerated transplant vasculopathy
  - Bronchiolitis obliterans
- Opportunistic infections
  - Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)–related posttransplantation lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD)
  - Fungal superinfections
- Viral interactions: herpes and other viruses
- Mortality

Rubin RH. *JAMA*. 1989;261:3607-3609.  
Rubin RH, Young LS. *Clinical Approaches to Infection in the Compromised Host*.  
New York: Springer; 2000:573-579.

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## Risk Factors for CMV Disease in Solid Organ Transplantation

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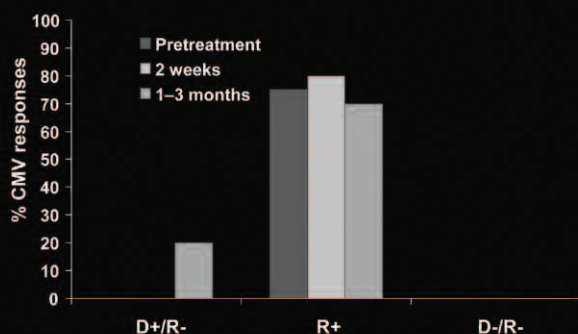
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## CMV-Specific T-Cell Responses Following Alemtuzumab Induction



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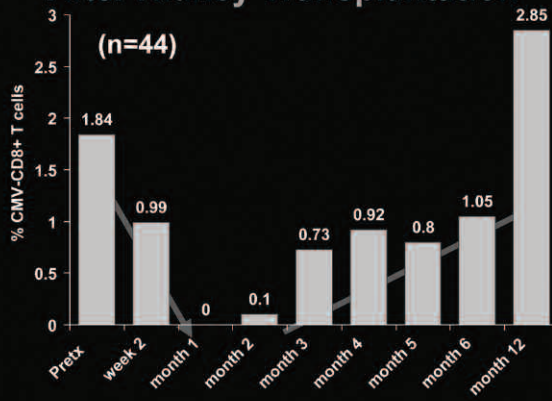
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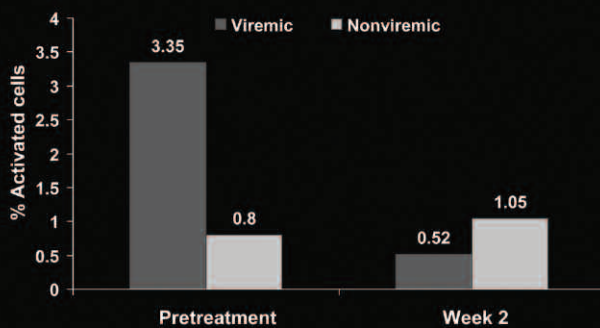
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Eid AJ, Brown RA, Razonable RR. Kinetics of CMV-specific immune reconstitution after kidney transplantation. [Unpublished]

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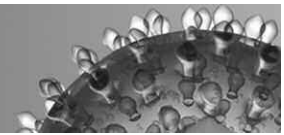
## CMV pp65-Activated CD8+ T Cells and Correlation with Viremia



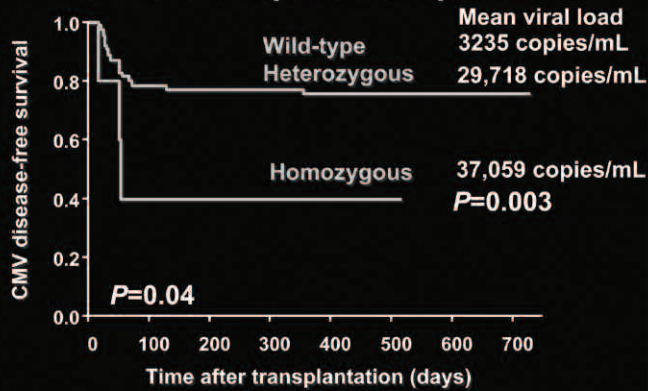
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## CMV and Toll-Like Receptor 2 in Liver Transplant Recipients



Kijpittayarit S, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2007;44:1315-1320.

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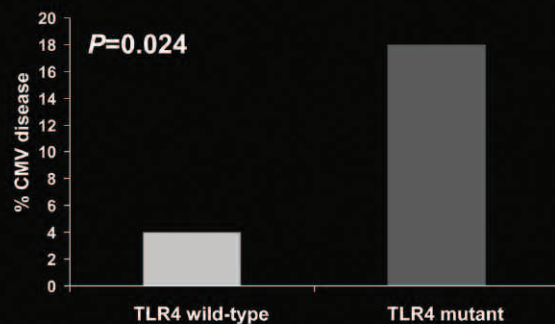
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## CMV and Toll-Like Receptor 4 in Kidney Transplant Recipients



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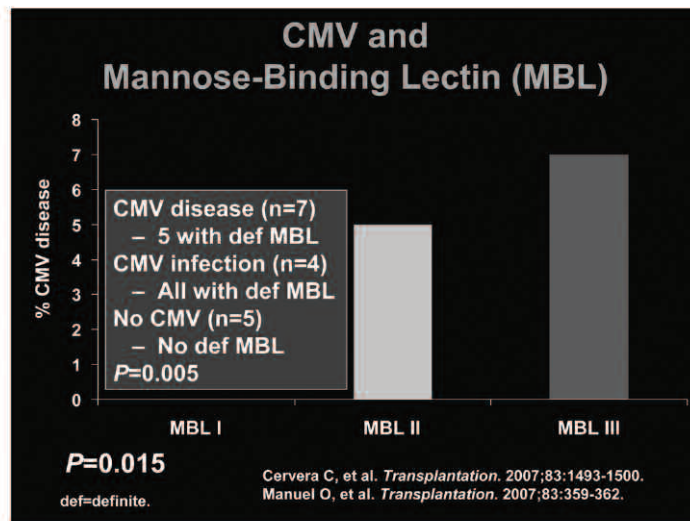
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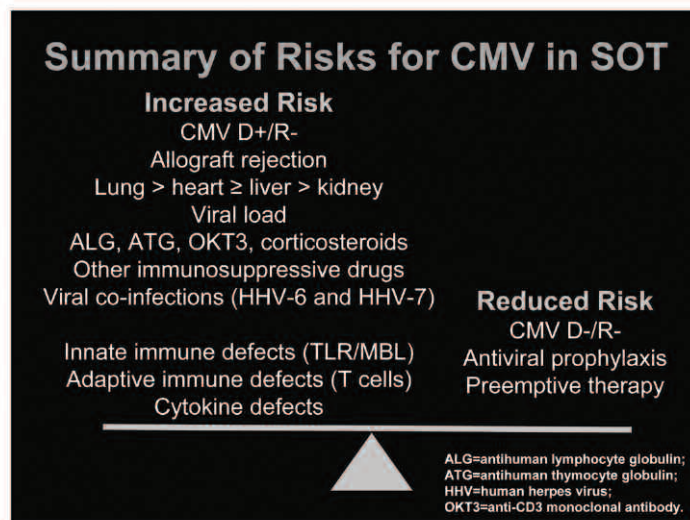
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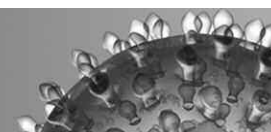
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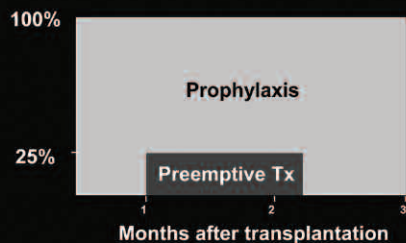
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## Prevention of CMV Disease After SOT



- **Prophylaxis**
  - Universal
  - Eliminates direct and indirect effects of CMV
  - Risk of late-onset CMV disease after prophylaxis

- **Preemptive therapy**
  - Initiated based on virologic markers
  - Minimizes drug exposure
  - May not eliminate the indirect effects of CMV
  - Some episodes may escape detection

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## Preemptive Therapy (1 of 2)

45 SOT patients

↓ Twice-weekly CMV PCR

IV GCV  
5 mg/kg BID  
(n=23)

VGCV  
900 mg PO BID  
(n=22)

14 days	Median time to negative PCR ( $P=0.9$ )	15.2 days
1.73 days	Half-life of viral decline ( $P=0.7$ )	2.16 days

Mattes FM, et al. *J Infect Dis.* 2005;191:89-92.

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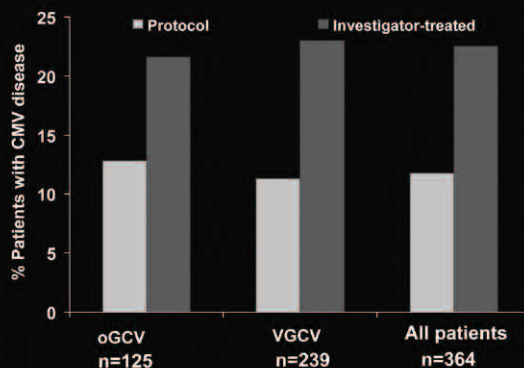
## Preemptive Therapy (2 of 2)

- **Compliance**
  - 7 of 17 (41%) patients who developed CMV disease missed at least 1 CMV PCR prior to diagnosis of CMV disease
- **Rapid replication in CMV D+/R-**
  - 25% of CMV D+/R- had negative CMV PCR during the week prior to the onset of clinical disease

Walker JK, et al. *Transplantation*. 2007;83:874-882.  
Razonable RR, et al. *J Infect Dis*. 2003;187:1807-1808.

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## Oral GCV (oGCV) vs VGCV Prophylaxis in CMV D+/R- Non-Lung SOT Patients

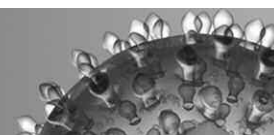


Paya CV, et al. *Am J Transplant*. 2004;4:611-620.

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## Anti-CMV Prophylaxis: Meta-analyses

Study Author	CMV Disease (Relative Risk)	All-Cause Mortality (Relative Risk)
Hodson	0.42 (0.34–0.52)	0.63 (0.43–0.92)
Kalil	0.20 (0.13–0.31)	0.62 (0.40–0.96)
Small	0.34 (0.24–0.48)	0.99 (0.68–1.43)

Eid AJ, Razonable RR. *Curr Opin Organ Transplant*. 2007 December; in press.

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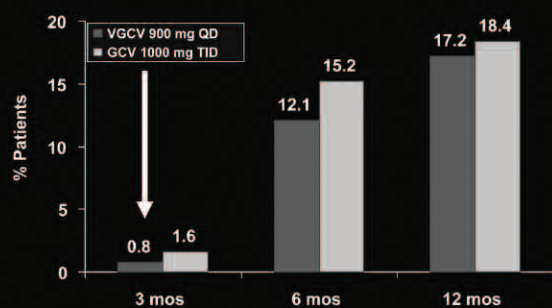
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## Delayed-Onset Primary CMV Disease in D+/R- SOT Patients



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## Risk Factors for Delayed CMV Disease

Variable	Hazard Ratio
CMV D+/R-	11.00
Allograft rejection	6.60
Female gender	2.19
Blood group A	2.36
Low creatinine clearance	4.28
MMF use at end of prophylaxis	1.99
Prednisone use at end of prophylaxis	2.70

Arthurs SK, et al. *J Heart Lung Transplant*. 2007. In press.  
Arthurs SK, et al. *Liver Transplant*. 2007. In press.  
Freeman RB, et al. *Transplantation*. 2004;78:1765-1773.  
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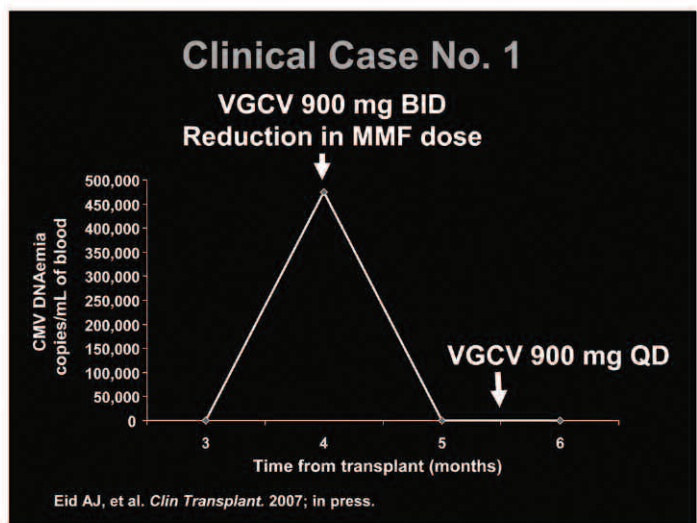
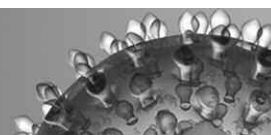
## Treatment of CMV Disease

- IV GCV is the preferred drug for treating CMV disease in SOT recipients
- Typically, treat CMV disease for 2 to 4 weeks
- However, duration of treatment must be guided by molecular methods
  - Challenge: compartmentalized CMV diseases

Cytomegalovirus. *Am J Transplant*. 2004;4(Suppl 10):51-58.

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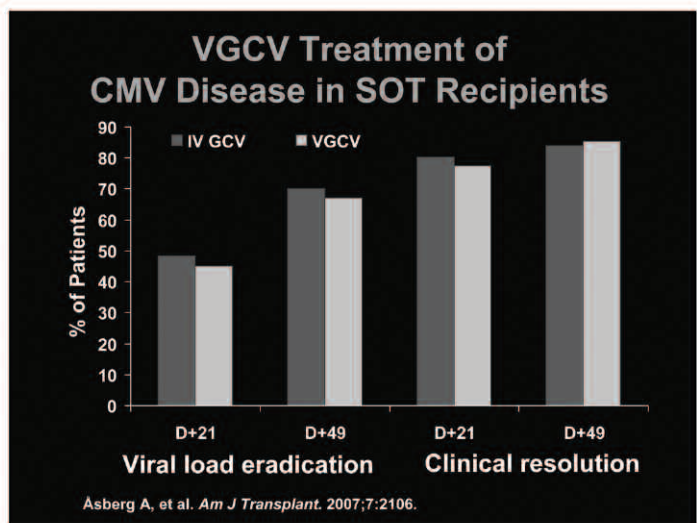
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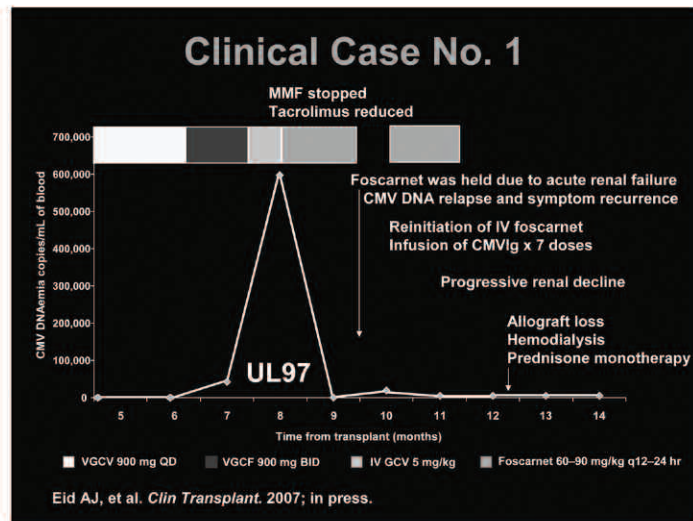
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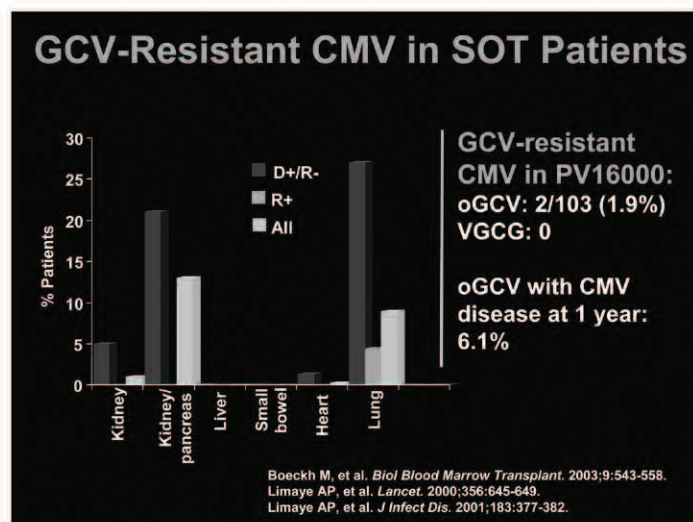
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## Antiviral Drug Resistance: Risk Factors

- Lack of CMV-specific immunity (D+/R-)
- High viral replication
- Multiple episodes of CMV disease
- Potent immunosuppression
- Lung and kidney–pancreas transplant recipients
- Prolonged antiviral drug administration
- Suboptimal tissue–plasma drug concentration

Razonable RR, Paya CV. *Herpes*. 2003;10:60-65.

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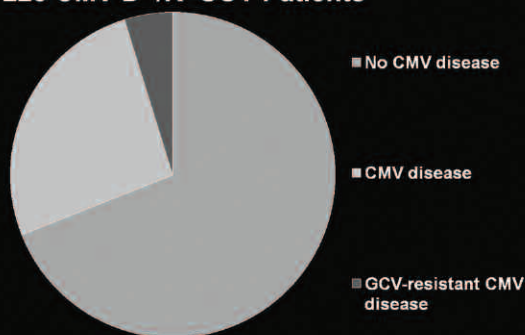
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## Drug-Resistant CMV in the Era of VGCV Prophylaxis

225 CMV D+/R- SOT Patients



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## GCV-Resistant CMV: Clinical Features

Late-onset CMV disease

Tissue-invasive CMV disease

Recurrent CMV disease

Decreased allograft survival

High mortality

- Alternative drugs: foscarnet (FOS), cidofovir, FOS-GCV
- Investigational drugs: leflunomide, maribavir

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## Clinical Case No. 2



GCV-induced neutropenia in a 37-year-old CMV D+/R- liver transplant recipient with a history of CMV disease  
Negative CMV PCR results in blood

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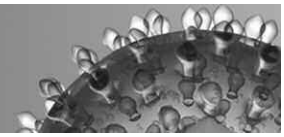
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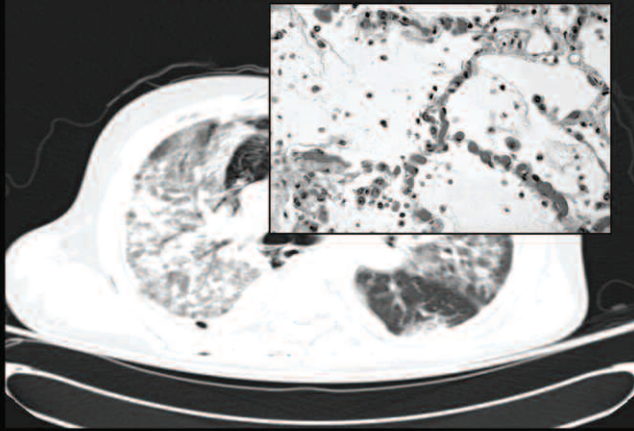
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## Compartmentalized CMV Disease

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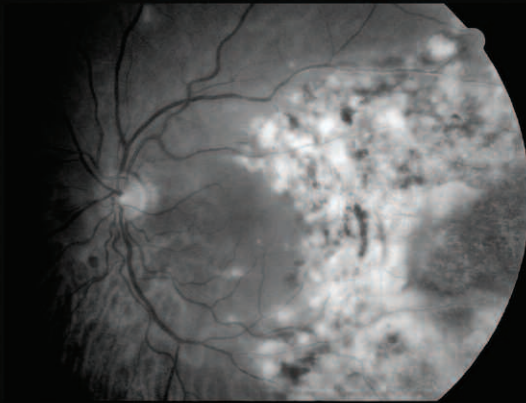
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## CMV Retinitis



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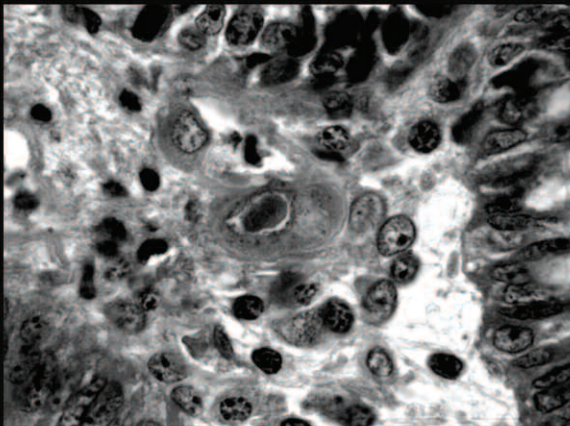
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## Tissue-Invasive CMV Disease



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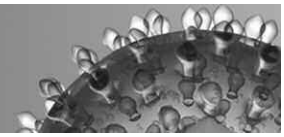
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## Conclusions

- CMV remains an important pathogen in SOT
  - Direct and indirect effects
- Benefits of preventive measures to decrease the incidence of CMV and its indirect effects
  - Delays disease onset in a subset of patients
- Current challenges: delayed-onset CMV disease, GCV-resistant CMV, and compartmentalized disease
- Improved strategies for management are needed

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## CMV Drug Resistance: Clinical Impact and Potential Strategies

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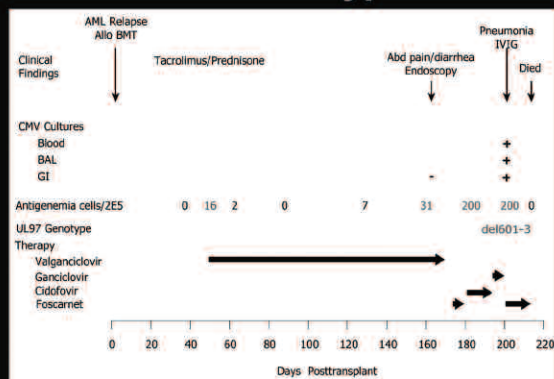
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## CMV Resistance – Typical Setting



Abd=abdominal; Allo BMT=allogeneic bone marrow transplant; AML=acute myelogenous leukemia; BAL=bronchoalveolar lavage; GI=gastrointestinal.

Marfori JE, et al. *J Clin Virol*. 2007;38:120-125.

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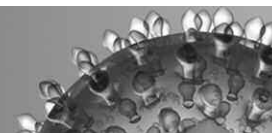
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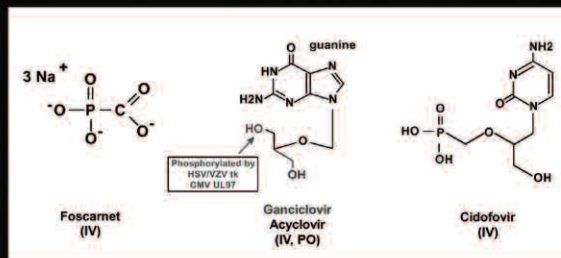
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## Current CMV Antivirals (Viral DNA Polymerase Inhibitors)



Main adverse effects (may be dose-limiting)

- Ganciclovir (GCV)/valganciclovir: marrow suppression
- Foscarnet (FOS), cidofovir (CDV): nephrotoxicity

HSV=herpes simplex virus; VZV=varicella zoster virus.

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## Risk Factors for CMV Drug Resistance

- Prolonged drug exposure (usually months)
- Host immunodeficiency
  - Transplant, HIV, medications, cancer, etc
  - Primary infection (eg, D+R- transplant)
  - Specific transplant organs (eg, lung, pancreas)
- Suboptimal antiviral drug activity
  - Missed doses because of toxicity, etc
  - Oral bioavailability/adherence
- Increasing circulating CMV load or disease while on therapy: may or may not be drug resistance

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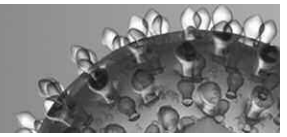
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## CMV Resistance – Phenotypic Assays

- Drug vs. viral isolate in cell culture
- $IC_{50}$ : drug concentration that inhibits virus by 50%
- Difficult to standardize
  - Slow-growing virus, often not available to test
  - Calibrated inoculum required, may take weeks
  - Quantitation assays inefficient
  - Growth affected by cell culture condition
- Not fast enough to guide clinical decisions
- Most resistant isolates have 2x – 10x increased  $IC_{50}$ ; can be higher if multiple viral mutations

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## CMV Resistance – Genotypic Assays

- Amplify UL97 and *pol* sequences from isolate or direct from clinical specimen; check for mutations
- UL97 codons: 460, 520, 590–607 affect GCV only
  - Detect mutations by sequencing, restriction enzyme digestion, etc
- *pol* codons: 300–1000 may affect all current drugs
- Check amino acid changes against known database of mutations conferring resistance
- Detection threshold ~20% mutant population
- Turnaround time of <1 week may improve clinical decision-making

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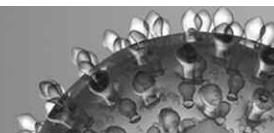
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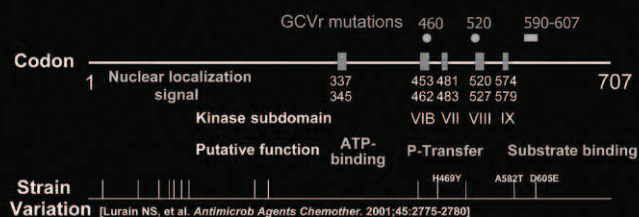
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## CMV UL97 Kinase Mutations



**Normal Function of UL97**

- Serine-threonine kinase
- Essential for normal release of infectious virus

**Incidental Function of UL97**

- Phosphorylates acyclovir (ACV), GCV
- Likely GCV-binding domain, includes codons 460, 520, 590-607 (where various resistance mutations occur)

Most common UL97 mutations detected in GCV-resistant CMV

All resistant isolates (n=79)	Oral GCV recipients (n=29)
A594V (29%)	C592G (37%)
L595S (23%)	A594V (26%)
M460V (14%)	M460I (22%)
C592G (13%)	A594T (15%)
M460I (9%)	
H520Q (5%)	

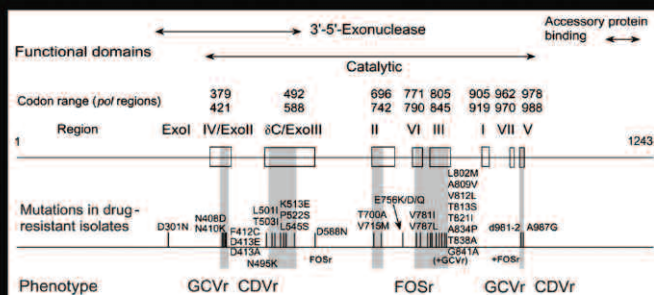
(76/79 have UL97 mutation)

Chou S, et al. *J Infect Dis.* 2002;185:162-169.

ATP=adenosine triphosphate.

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## CMV DNA Polymerase Mutations and Associated Phenotypes



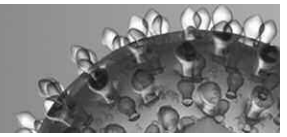
All listed mutations have been found in clinical isolates and validated by marker transfer.

[Chou S, et al. *J Infect Dis.* 2003; 188:32-39, updated with recent data]

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## Evolution of Resistance Mutations

- After initial GCV exposure (weeks–months)
  - UL97 mutations are seen first (>90% of CMVr)
  - Later, *pol* mutations add on to cause high-grade GCV resistance (~30x) and CDV cross-resistance
- After FOS exposure: other *pol* mutations, usually with limited or no GCV-CDV cross-resistance
- Therefore, FOS is the usual second-line drug after GCV resistance develops; however,
- Single or multiple *pol* mutations are known that confer multi-drug resistance, because all current drugs target the CMV DNA polymerase

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## Frequency of GCV Resistance

- AIDS/retinitis<sup>1</sup>
  - 20%–5% after 1 year depending on HAART
- Transplant setting (solid organ)
  - Almost always in primary infection (D+R-)
  - 5%–10% of (D+R-) recipients overall<sup>2</sup>
    - 3%–6% oral ganciclovir, 0% valganciclovir; non-lung<sup>3</sup>
    - 5% of 80 heart, 4/32 with disease<sup>4</sup>
  - Higher incidence in lung transplant recipients
    - 16% of 120<sup>5</sup>
    - 3/11 with 1 death<sup>6</sup>
  - Median onset of resistance 5–6 months post-transplant

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HAART=highly active antiretroviral therapy.

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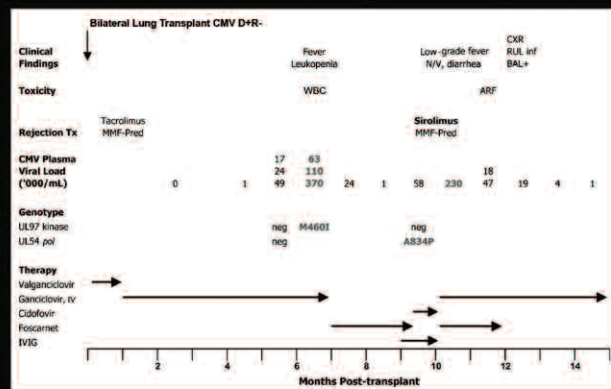
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## Treatment of GCVr CMV

- Foscarnet (the standard alternative treatment)
  - Renal toxicity in setting of other transplant medications
  - Fluid/electrolyte management problems
  - Some suggest combining with GCV
- Cidofovir (doubtful, toxicity often limiting)
  - Best to have *pol* genotypic data
- Immunomodulators with anti-CMV activity
  - mTor inhibitors: sirolimus, everolimus
  - Other (leflunomide, FK778, antibodies, etc)
  - May have adjunctive role, not FDA-approved
- Experimental anti-CMV drugs
  - For example, maribavir, in Phase III clinical trials

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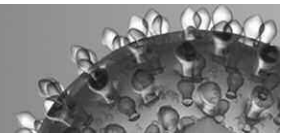
## Resistance – Lung Transplant



ARF = acute renal failure; N/V=nausea/vomiting; BAL=bronchoalveolar lavage; CXR=chest x-ray; MMF-Pred=mycophenolate mofetil-prednisone; RUL inf=right upper lobe infiltrate; Tx=treatment; WBC=white blood cell.

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## GCV-FOS Combination Treatment

- **In vitro GCV-FOS synergy?**
  - Published data conflicting (methods/criteria)
  - Not observed in my laboratory (additive/not antagonistic)
- **Clinical experience**
  - Prospective study in stem cell transplant (STC)/solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients<sup>1</sup>
    - GCV 5 mg/kg bid vs GCV 5 mg/kg/d + FOS 90 mg/kg/d
    - As initial pre-emptive treatment — resistance not suspected
    - Monitored by clearing of CMV DNA in blood by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
    - Result: combination trending worse as initial therapy
  - In setting of possible GCV resistance
    - GCV + FOS useful in some cases not responding to GCV
    - Case reports/small series<sup>2</sup>/no controls
    - Review: Drew WL, *J Clin Virol.* 2006;35:485-488
  - Main problem is toxicity; half-dose treatment unproven

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## Host Factor Treatment

- Reduce overall immunosuppression if possible
- Cellular kinase inhibitors (not FDA-approved for CMV)
  - Roscovitine, sirolimus, etc
  - Measurable *in vitro* anti-CMV effect
    - IC<sub>50</sub>: sirolimus = 0.14 nM; A77-1726 (leflunomide) = 8 µM
  - ~50% risk ratio CMV disease with sirolimus vs. azathioprine/mycophenolate
    - Review: Webster AC, et al. *Transplantation.* 2006;81:1234-1248
- Other unapproved medications (anecdotal use)
  - Leflunomide +/- FOS<sup>1-3</sup>
    - Watch for hepatotoxicity
  - Artesunate

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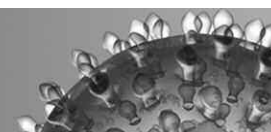
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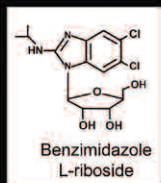
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## Experimental Drug: Maribavir



### UL97 kinase inhibitor: a new antiviral mechanism

- UL97 kinase required for normal CMV assembly
- Distinct from incidental role in phosphorylating GCV
- Maribavir has no activity against HSV, VZV (unlike GCV)

### Clinical experience to date

- Phase I trial in AIDS<sup>1</sup>
  - Orally bioavailable, low toxicity (taste disturbance)
  - Reduced viral shedding ~3 log in 4-week trial
- Phase II trial in stem cell transplants<sup>2</sup>
  - Posttransplant prophylaxis for up to 12 weeks
  - Well tolerated, reduced viral reactivation ~50%–75%
- Phase III prophylaxis trials ongoing (stem cell)
- Phase III trials starting (liver transplant)
- No data on treatment of invasive disease

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2. ViroPharma, unpublished data.

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## Maribavir – Antiviral Properties

- Selective and potent inhibition of UL97 kinase<sup>1</sup>
- Cellular factors affect antiviral activity<sup>2</sup>
  - Cell type, state of activation
  - Some cellular kinase inhibitors enhance maribavir activity
- Viral factors – strain differences (little information so far)
- Relationship to existing drugs – GCV/CDV/FOS<sup>3</sup>
  - Antagonizes GCV (UL97 phosphorylation)
  - Likely additive with others
- Resistance – being explored in cell culture
  - UL97 mutations (c353, 397, 409, 411) confer medium to very high level resistance<sup>4</sup>
  - UL27 mutations (various): low-level 2x – 5x resistance<sup>5</sup>
  - No cross-resistance with GCV/CDV/FOS<sup>6</sup>

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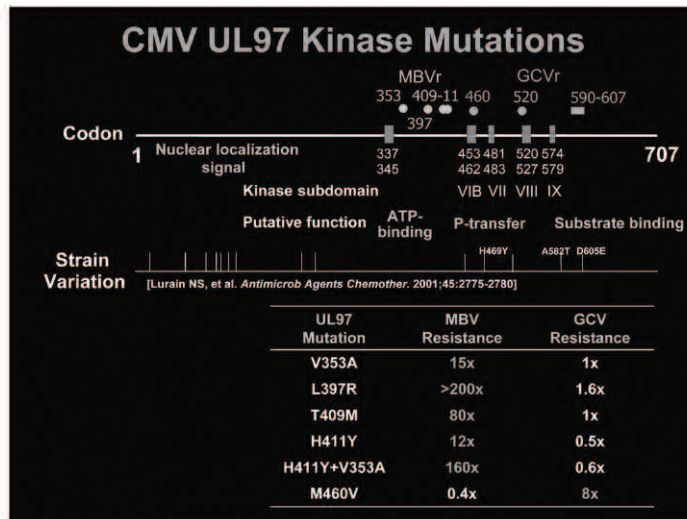
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## CMV Resistance – Summary

- Risk factors (D+R-, lung, treatment duration, etc)
- If increasing viral load during prolonged treatment, confirm with genotypic testing if possible
- Based on known mutation patterns, FOS is usual alternative for GCV  
GCV+FOS combination: possible but may be toxic
- Optimize immunomodulation
- New drug: maribavir (anti-UL97 Phase III)
  - Low toxicity, no cross-resistance noted to date
  - Antagonizes GCV but may be synergistic with cellular kinase inhibitors
  - Encourage clinical trial participation (currently as preventive treatment post transplant)

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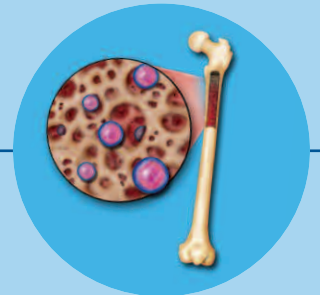
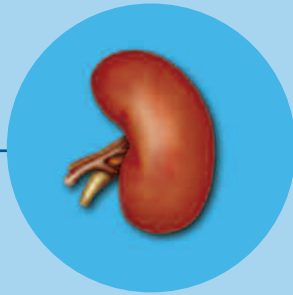
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