

# Réanimation au temps des CAR-T Cells : Impact sur le profil patient en réanimation

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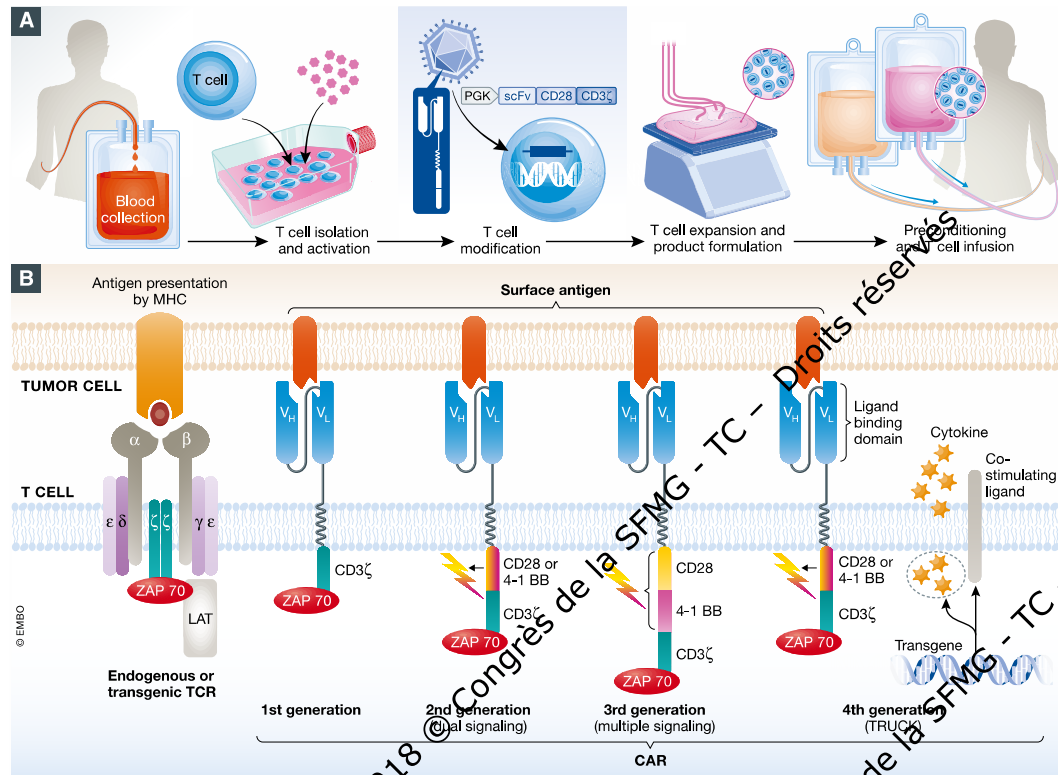
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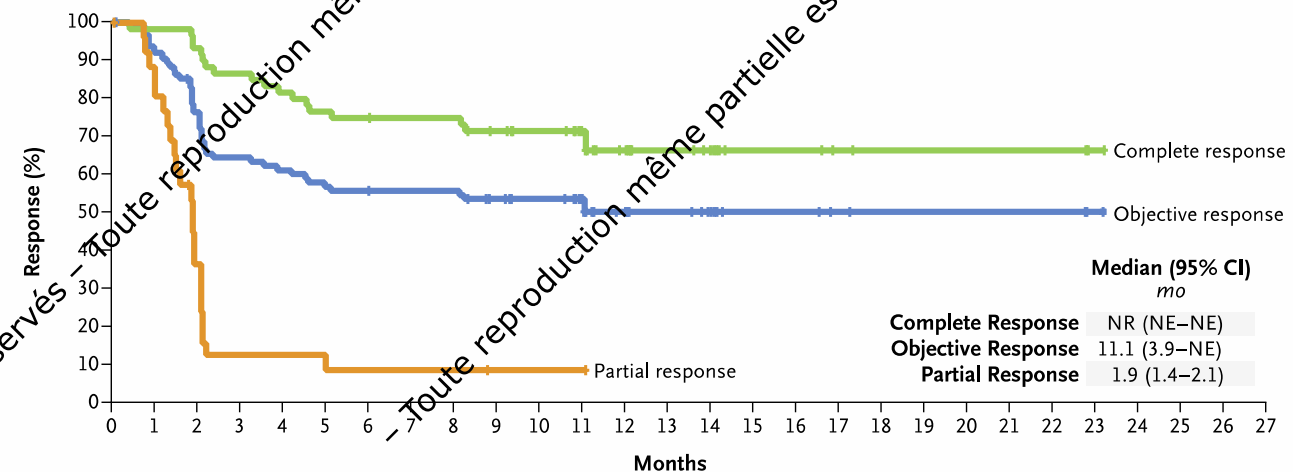
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# CAR-T: a potential « game changer »



**A Duration of Response**

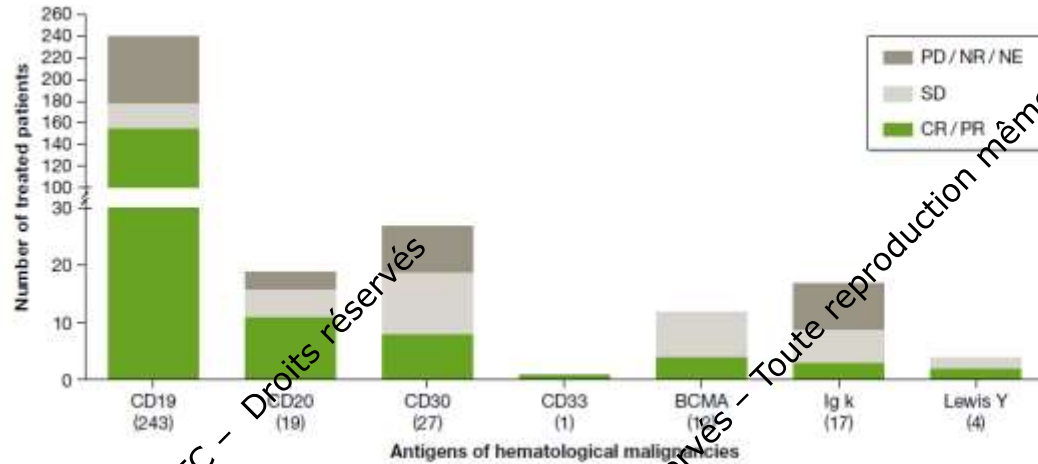


	Median (95% CI) mo
Complete Response	NR (NE-NE)
Objective Response	11.1 (3.9-NE)
Partial Response	1.9 (1.4-2.1)

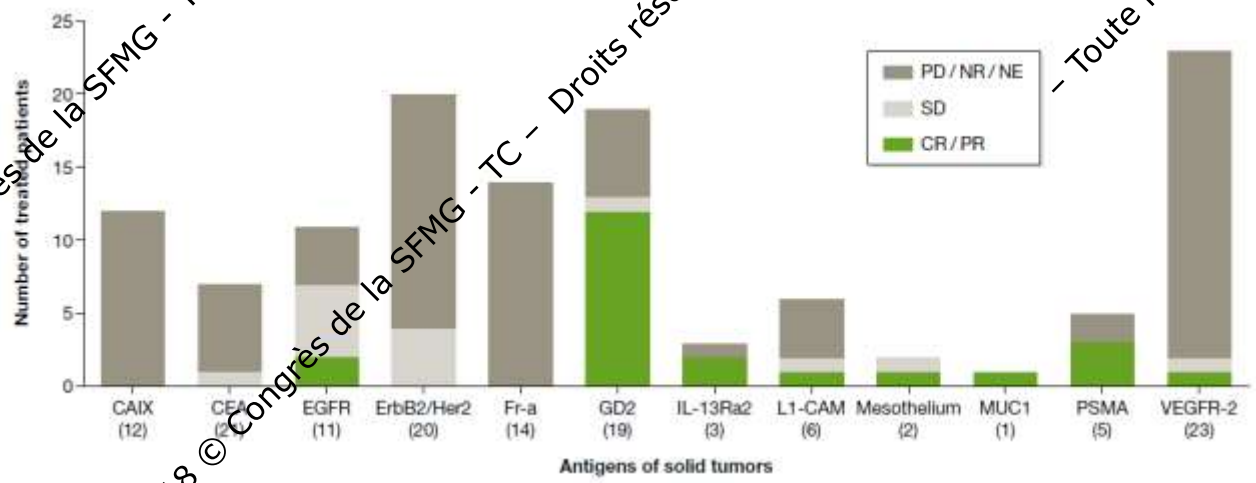
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Complete response	63	61	58	53	50	47	46	45	45	41	37	30	19	16	12	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	1	0
Objective response	89	82	67	56	53	49	48	47	47	42	38	31	19	16	12	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	1	0
Partial response	26	21	9	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0											

# CAR-T: A limited experience



2017:  
 ~ 400 CAR-T patients reported  
 2/3 with anti-CD19 CAR-T

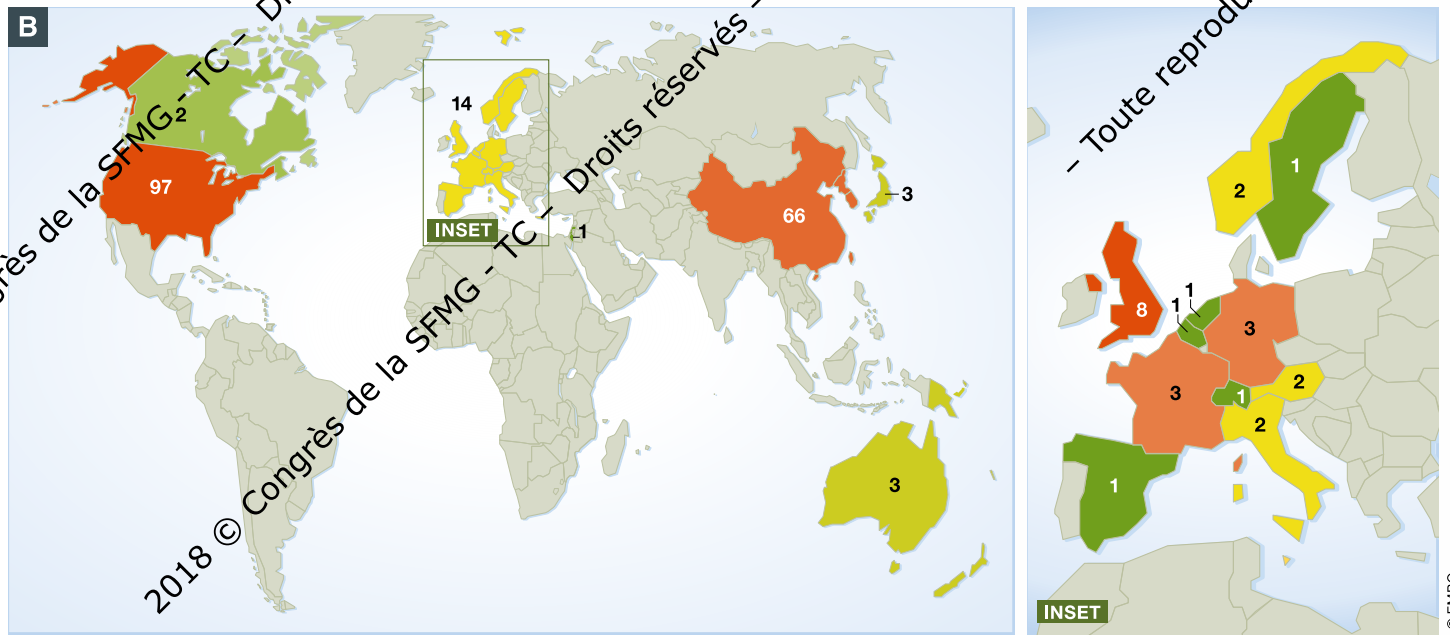
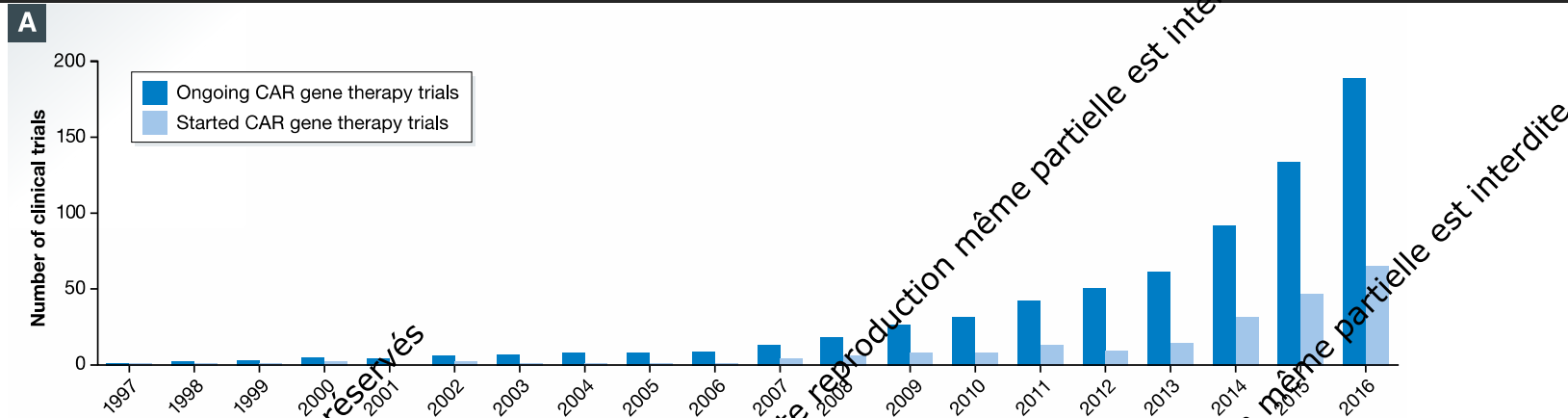


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# CAR-T: an exponential progression



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# CAR-T Cells recipients and ICU

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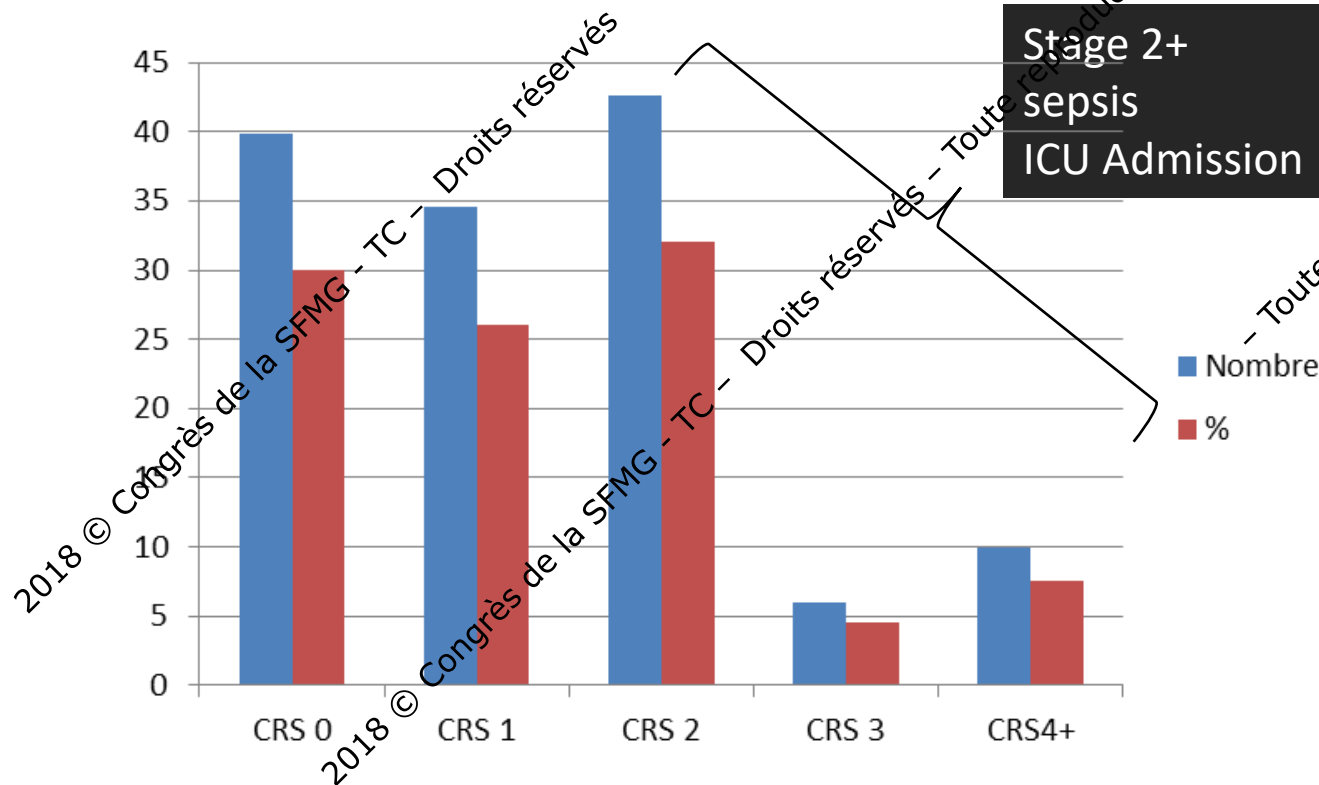
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# Half CAR-T Cells recipients will require ICU

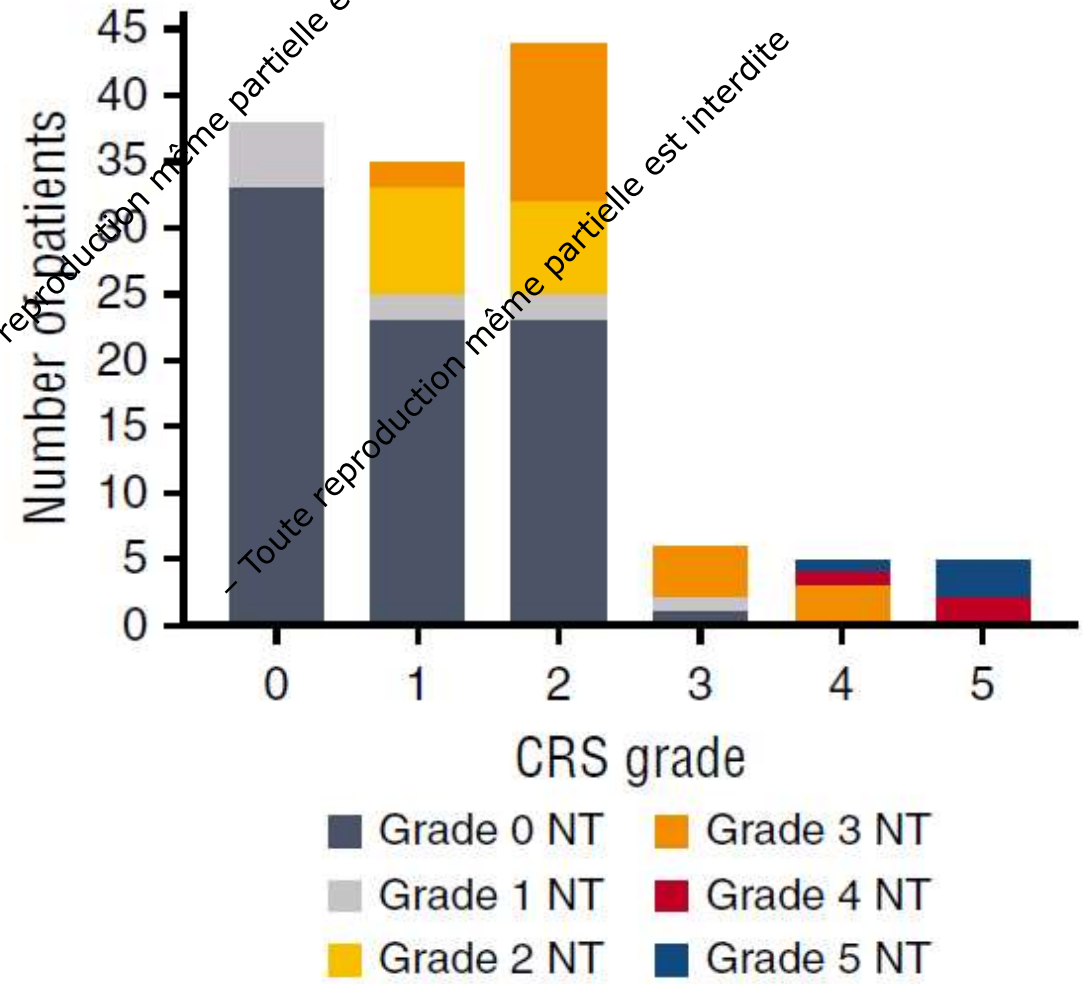
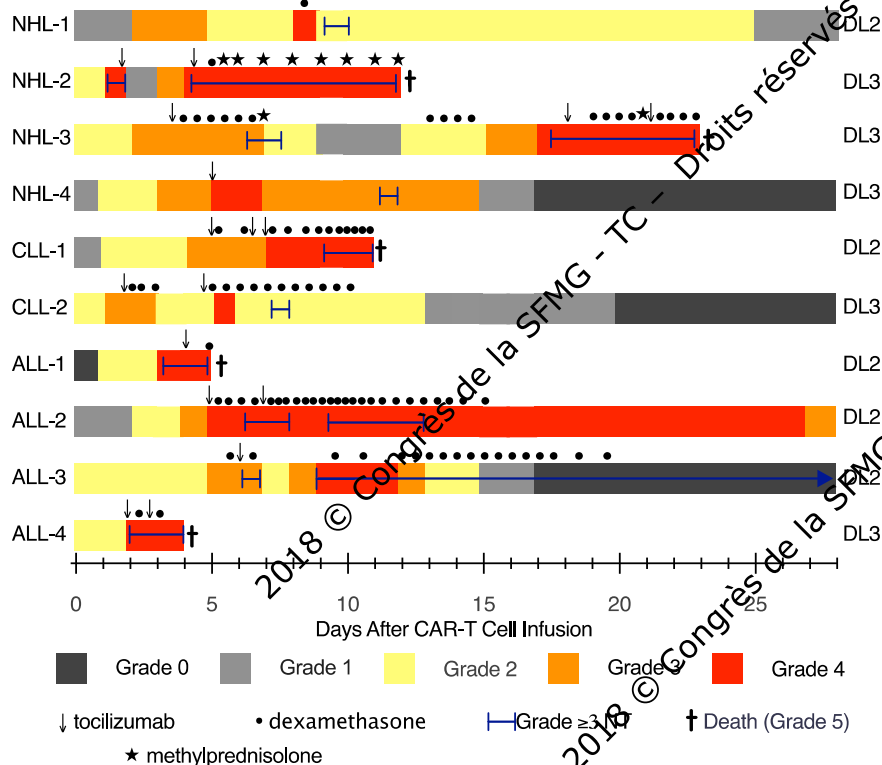
- CAR-T Anti-CD19
- 133 patients (47 ALL, 24 CLL, 62 NHL)



# Half CAR-T Cells recipients will require ICU

- Early CRS = severe CRS
- Severe CRS = Neuro toxicity

Figure 1



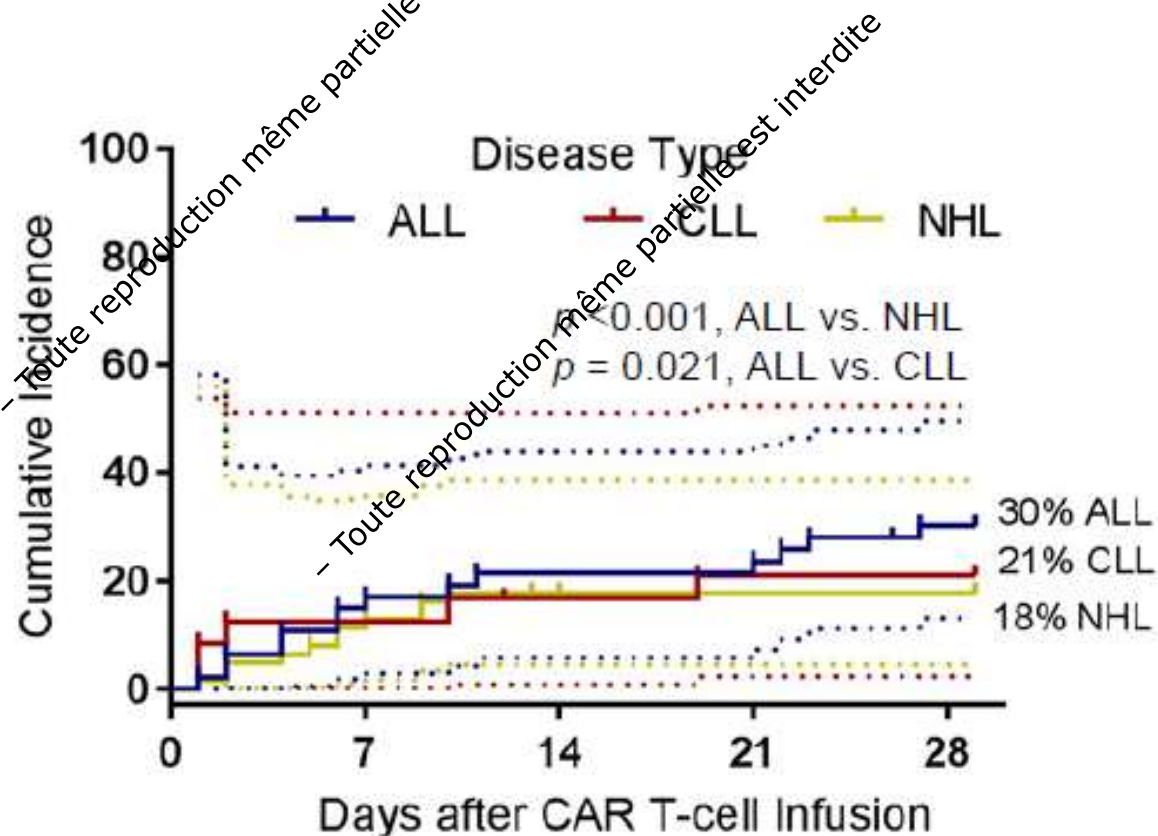


# Expect CRS but assume Sepsis

- Cumulative rate of infection ~40-50%
- High rate of viral and fungal infection

Adjusted ratio of infection density

ALL>CLL>LNH (Ratio 2.7 and 4.4)  
Prior regimen >4 (Ratio 3,5)  
Dose >2\*10<sup>7</sup> (Ratio >7)



# Expect CRS but assume Sepsis

- No reporting of adjusted risk (collinearity)
- Risk factors as usual in high risk patients

Post-CAR-T cell infusion variables	Unadjusted HR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	P value
CAR-T cell dose level, cells/kg		
2x10 <sup>7</sup> versus 2x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.19 (1.07-9.51)	0.038
2x10 <sup>7</sup> versus 2x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.15 (1.24-8.01)	0.016
ANC <500 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> on day of infection	2.04 (0.85-4.89)	0.11
CRS grade		
0 versus 1-3 versus 4-5 <sup>b</sup>	3.38 (1.99-5.73)	<0.001
Neurotoxicity grade		
0 versus 1-2 versus 3-5 <sup>c</sup>	1.76 (1.11-2.78)	0.015
Tocilizumab use <sup>d</sup>	3.45 (1.23-9.67)	0.019
Corticosteroid use <sup>d</sup>	1.50 (0.43-5.23)	0.5
ICU admission	4.35 (1.78-10.65)	0.001

CAR-T cells dose

Neutropenia

Severity

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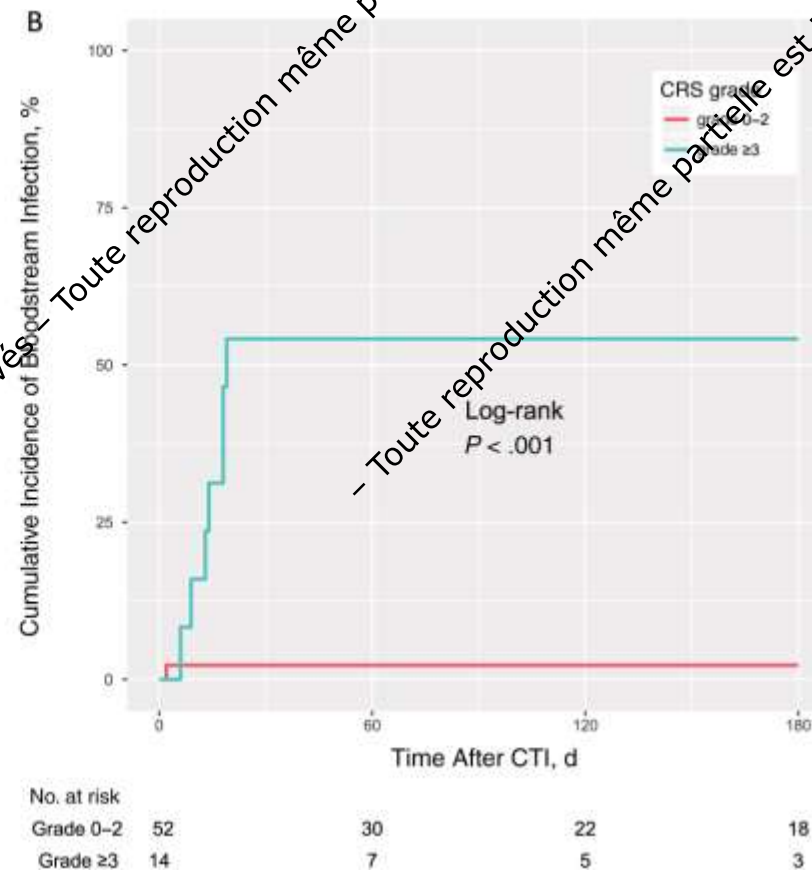
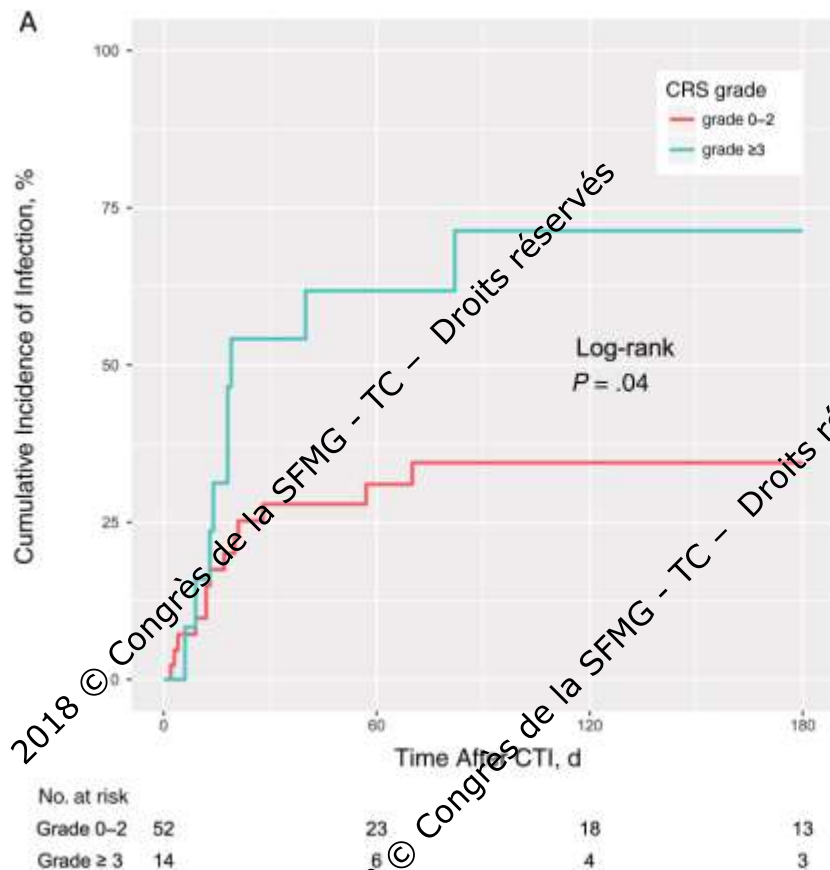
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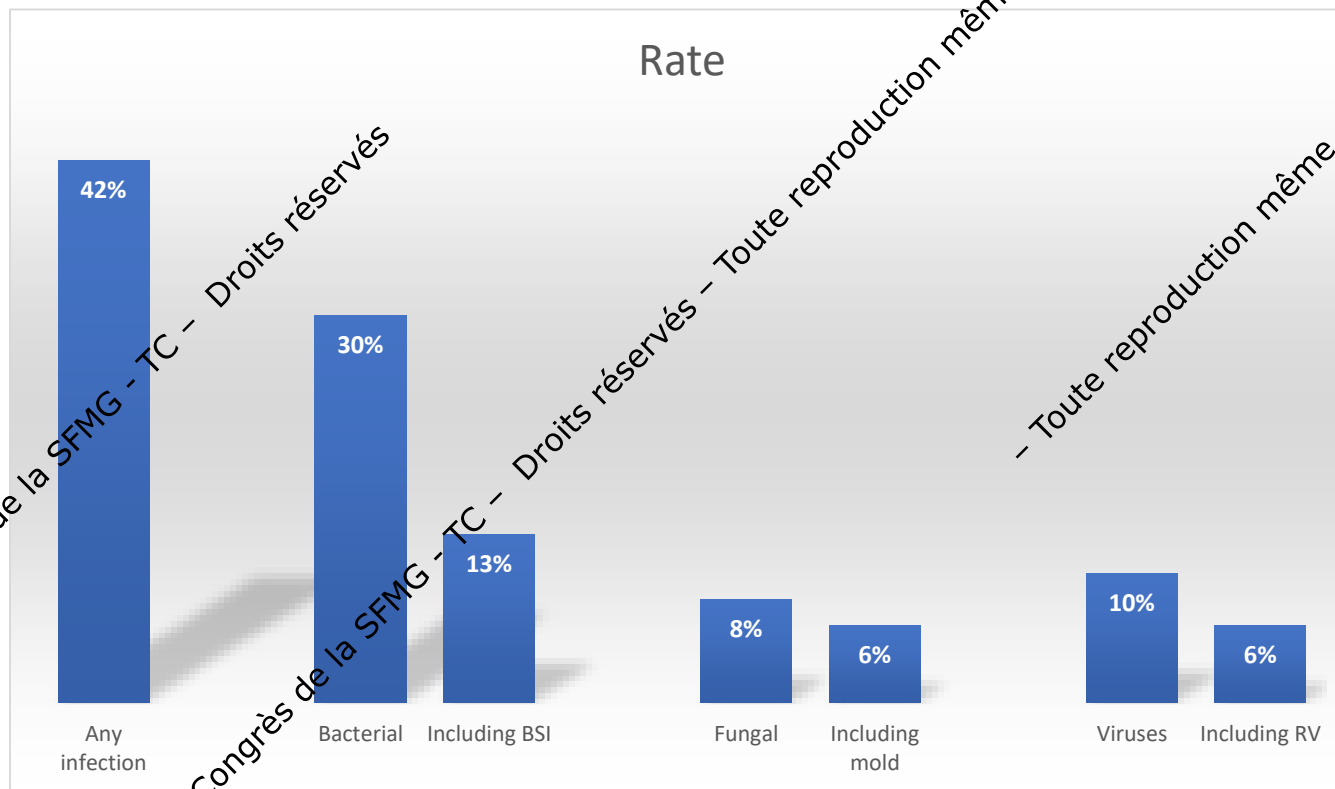
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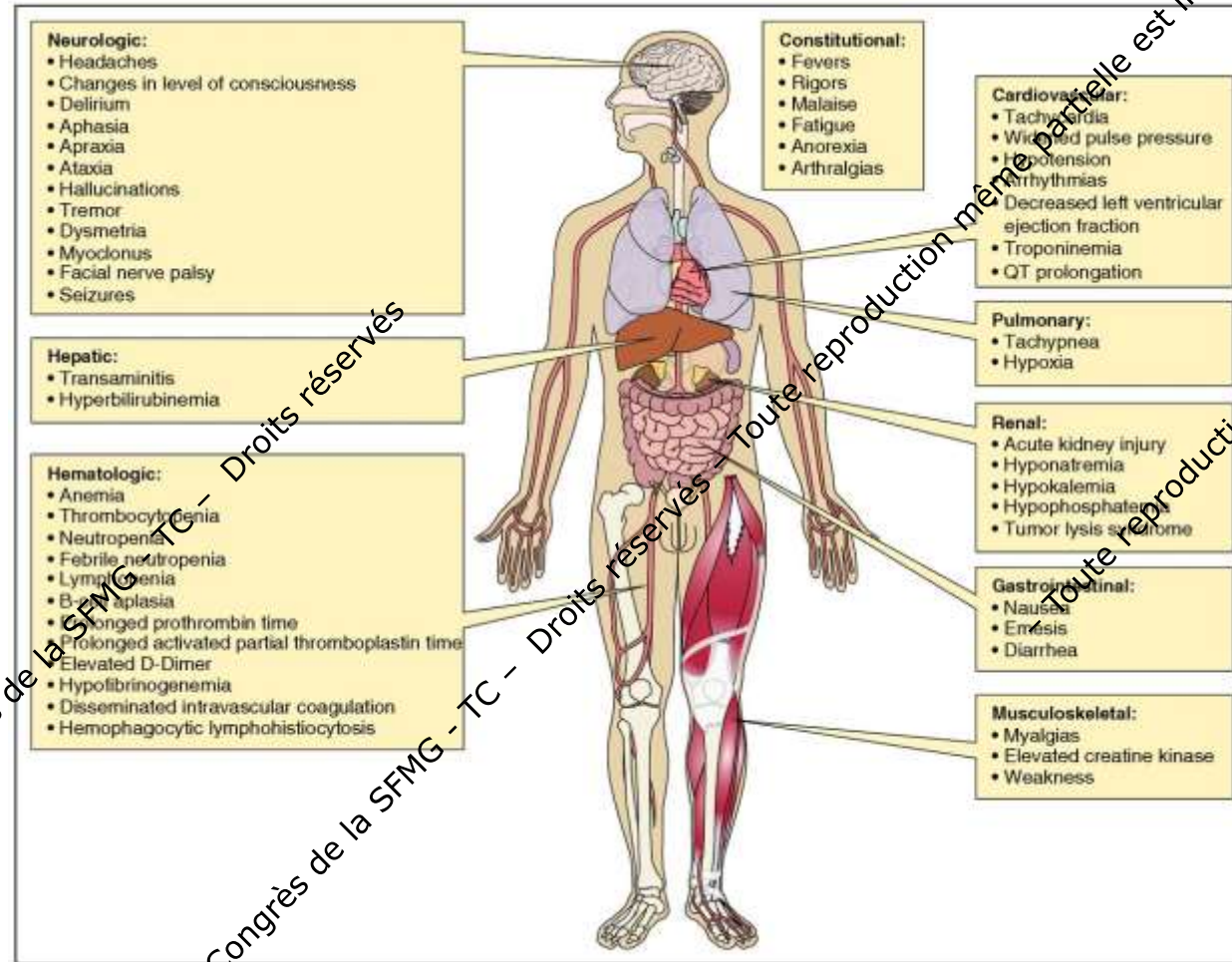


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# CAR-T cells as source of MOF



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# How to prepare for CAR-T in ICU

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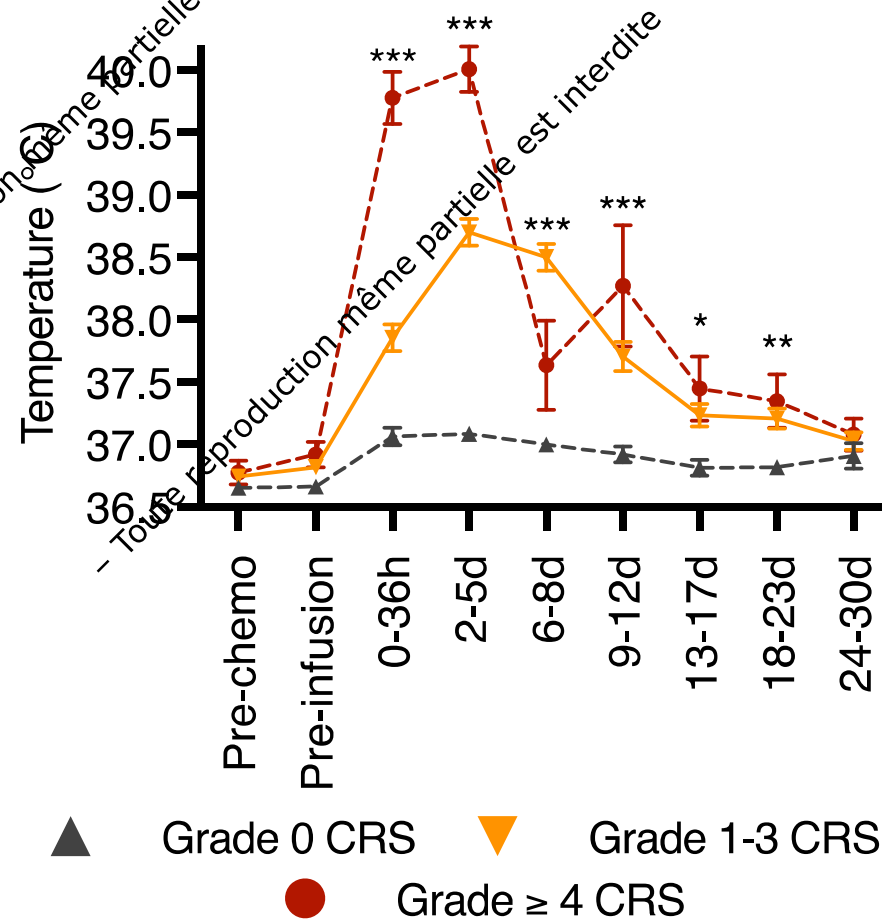
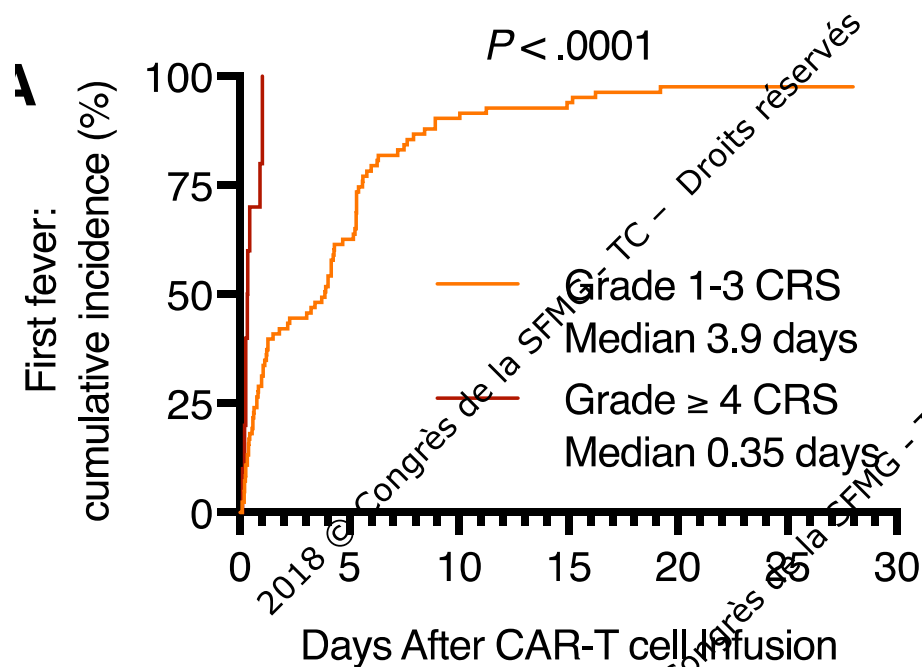
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# Anticipation of ICU admission

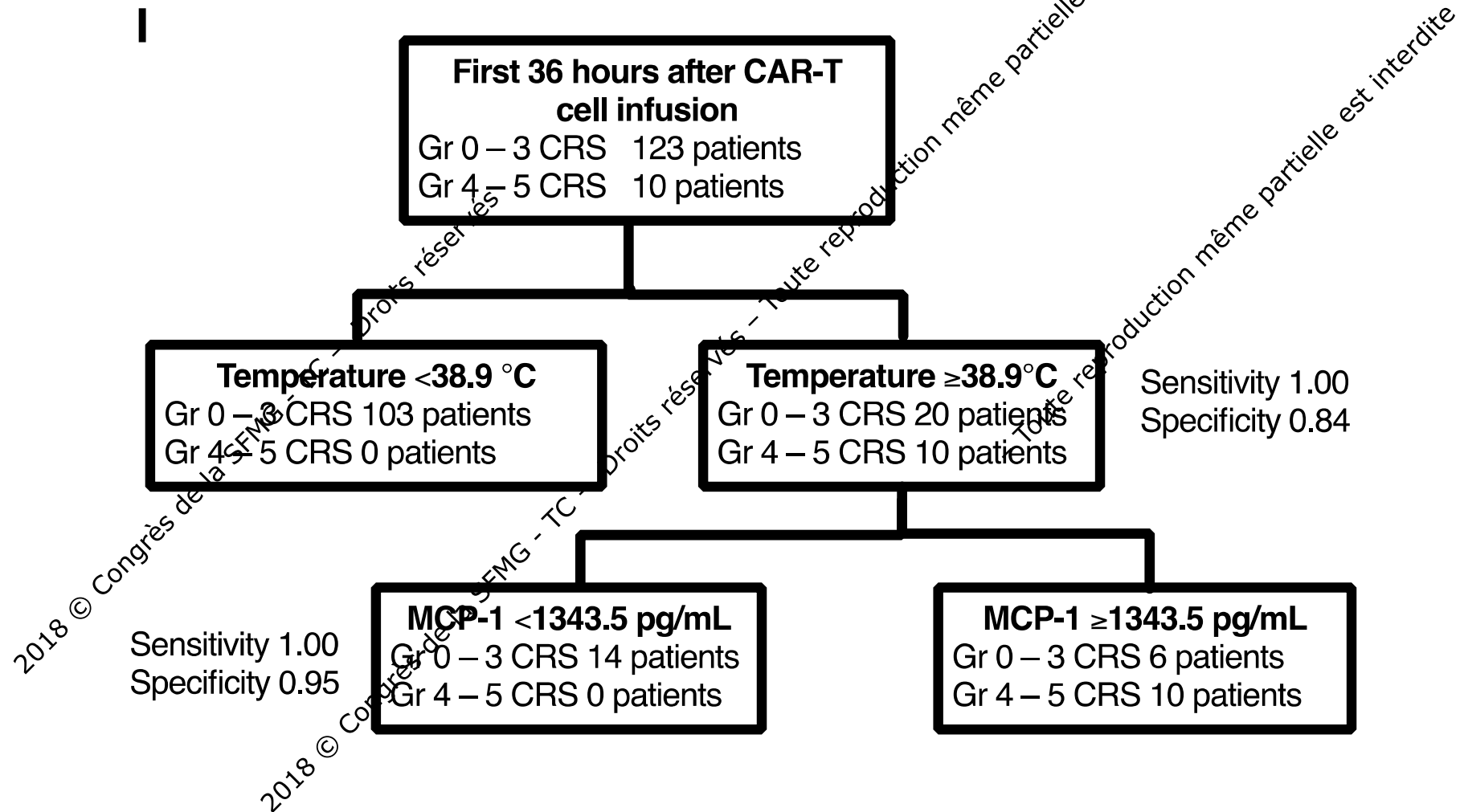
- ICU team is informed of every CAR-T infusion
- ICU involved in older potential recipients / Comorbid patients
- Grade 2 CRS/NT requires ICU admission
- Grade 2 CRS/NT should be treated as sepsis
- Specific therapies (Anti-IL6/Steroids) are validated collegially

# Identification of high risk patients





# Early fever or high fever = severe CRS

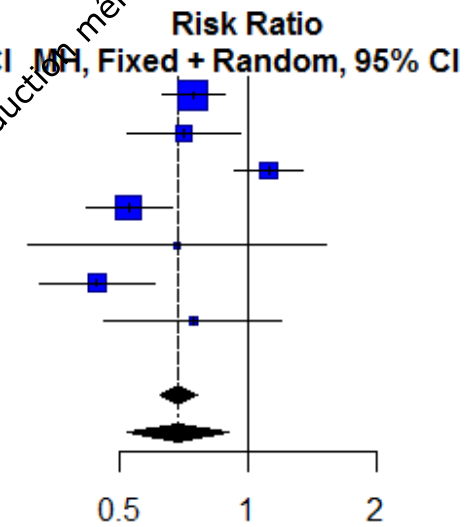


# Early ICU Admission

- General population of Critically Ill Cancer Patients

Study	Experimental		Control		Weight (fixed)	Weight (random)	Risk Ratio	
	Events	Total	Events	Total			MH, Fixed + Random, 95% CI	MH, Fixed + Random, 95% CI
Azoulay, 2013	144	471	241	560	37.8%	17.4%	0.74 [0.63, 0.88]	
Bird, 2012	41	107	50	92	9.5%	15.1%	0.71 [0.52, 0.96]	
Doukhan, 2017	103	246	38	54	11.0%	17.1%	1.11 [0.93, 1.34]	
Lee, 2015	64	221	168	304	24.9%	16.4%	0.52 [0.42, 0.66]	
Iengline, 2012	10	42	7	20	1.7%	7.1%	0.68 [0.30, 1.52]	
Song, 2012	32	100	72	99	2.7%	15.0%	0.44 [0.32, 0.60]	
Thiery, 2005	48	105	8	13	2.5%	11.8%	0.74 [0.46, 1.20]	
<b>Total (fixed effect, 95% CI)</b>	<b>1272</b>		<b>1142</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0.69 [0.62, 0.76]</b>	
<b>Total (random effects, 95% CI)</b>					<b>--</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.69 [0.52, 0.90]</b>	

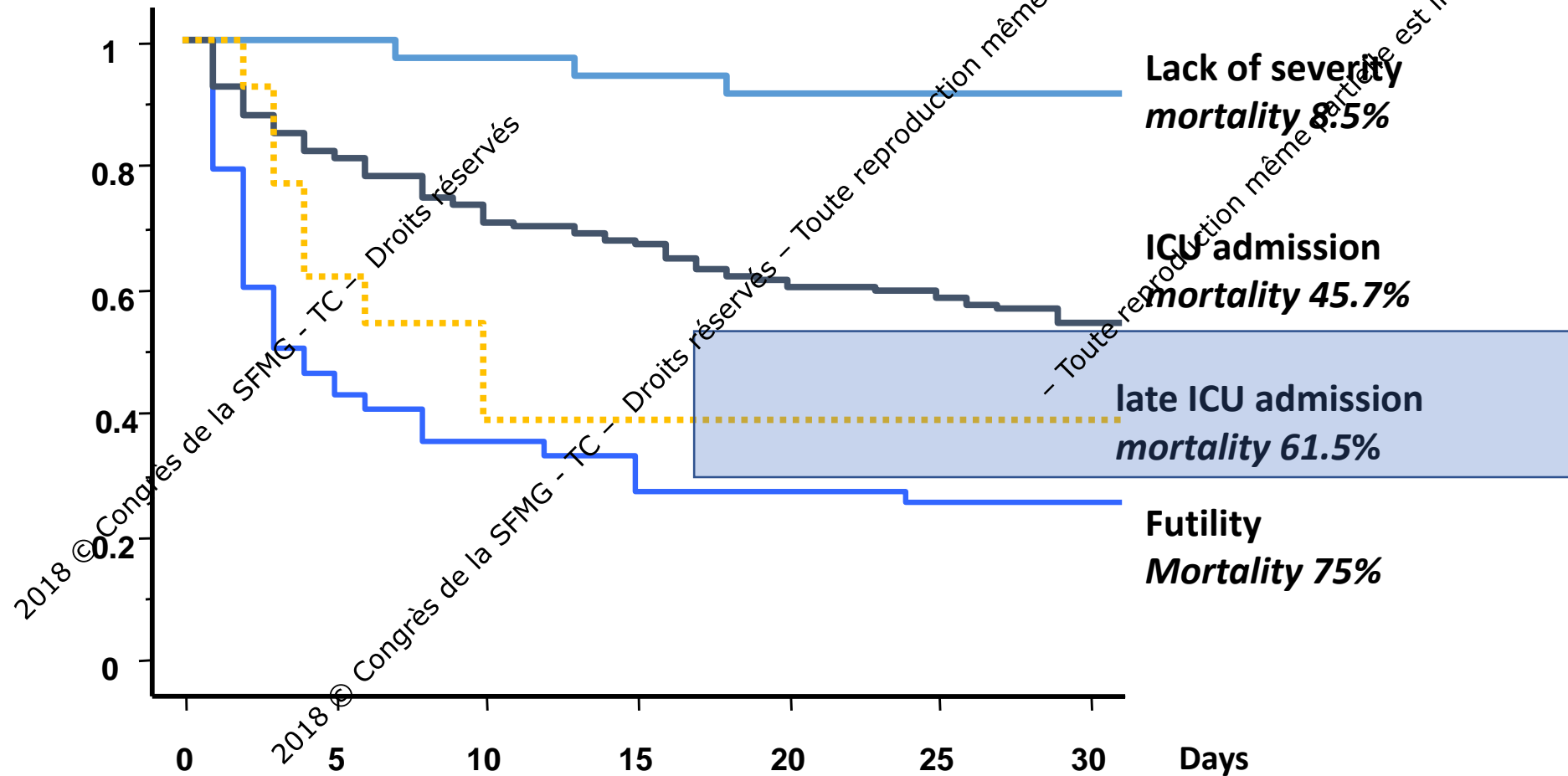
Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.10; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 40.64, df = 6 (P < 0.001), I<sup>2</sup> = 85%  
 Test for overall effect (fixed effect): Z = -7.56 (P < 0.001)  
 Test for overall effect (random effects): Z = -2.72 (P < 0.01)



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# Early ICU Admission

- Poor reliability of severity assessment, increased mortality of late admission



Multidisciplinary round is the rule

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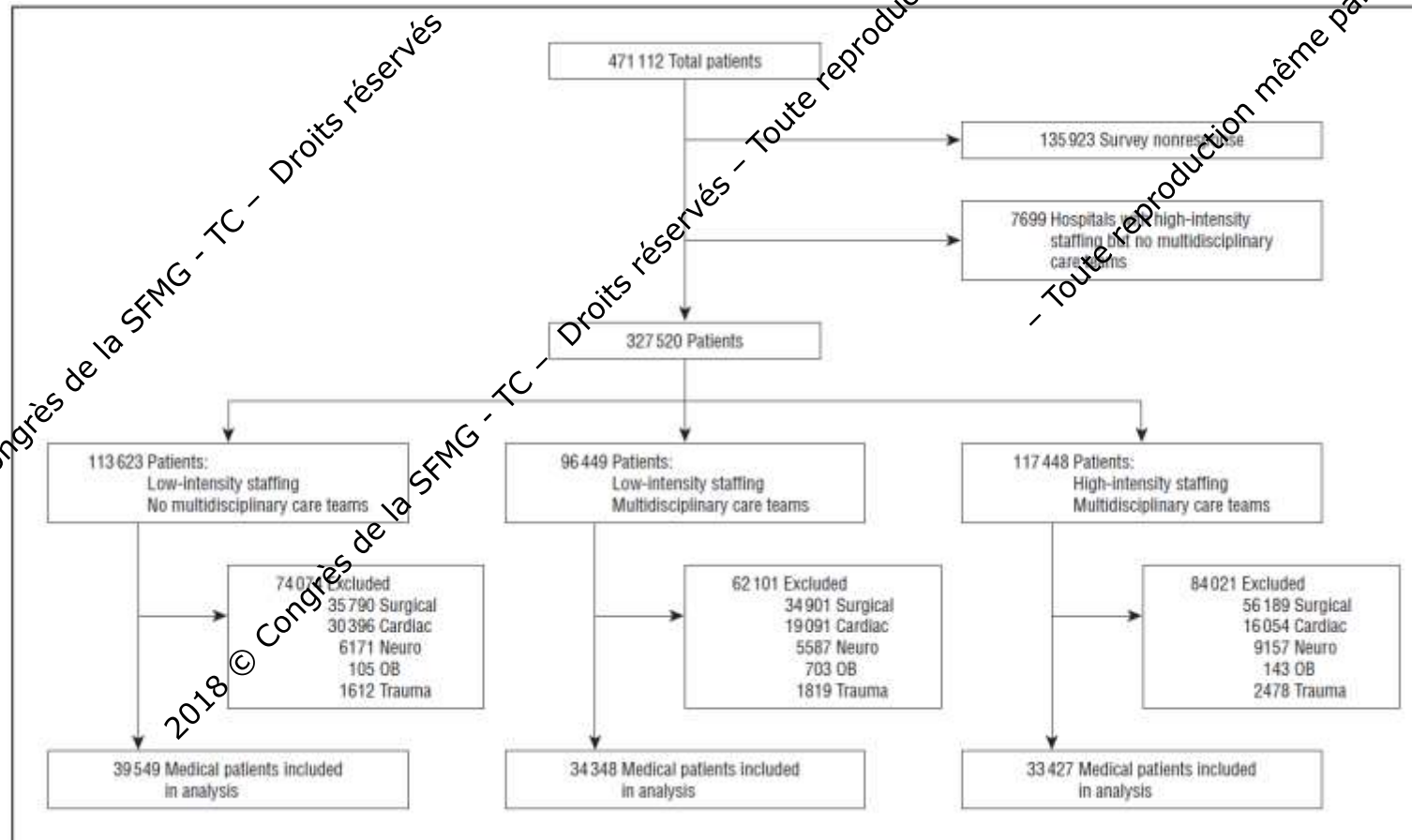
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**Table 4. Planned Subgroup Analysis for Association Between Intensivist Physician Staffing and 30-Day Mortality<sup>a</sup>**

Variable	Subgroup					
	Ventilated Patients (n=8 177)		Top Quartile of MediQua Atlas Score (n=21 594)		Patients With Sepsis (n=11 321)	
	OR (95% CI)	P Value	OR (95% CI)	P Value	OR (95% CI)	P Value
<b>Model 1: multidisciplinary care staffing alone</b>						
No multidisciplinary care	1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]	
Multidisciplinary care	0.81 (0.71-0.92)	.001	0.83 (0.74-0.93)	.001	0.80 (0.70-0.92)	.002
<b>Model 2: intensivist physician staffing alone</b>						
Low intensity	1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]	
High intensity	0.83 (0.71-0.96)	.02	0.82 (0.73-0.91)	<.001	0.81 (0.70-0.94)	.005
<b>Model 3: interaction between intensivist physician staffing and multidisciplinary care</b>						
Low intensity + no multidisciplinary care	1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]		1 [Reference]	
Low intensity + multidisciplinary care	0.85 (0.74-0.96)	.01	0.88 (0.78-0.99)	.03	0.85 (0.73-0.98)	.03
High intensity + multidisciplinary care	0.74 (0.63-0.88)	.001	0.76 (0.67-0.85)	<.001	0.74 (0.63-0.87)	<.001

# Pitfalls

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# Beware limits of current CRS staging

	Penn grading scale [16]	CTCAE v4.0 [35]	2014 Lee et al. [36]
Grade 1	Mild reaction: treated with supportive care such as antipyretics, antiemetics	Mild reaction; infusion interruption not indicated; intervention not indicated	Symptoms are not life-threatening and require symptomatic treatment only, e.g., fever, nausea, fatigue, headache, myalgias, malaise
Grade 2	Moderate reaction: some signs of organ dysfunction (e.g., grade 2 creatinine or grade 3 LFTs) related to CRS and not attributable to any other condition. Hospitalization for management of CRS-related symptoms, including fevers with associated neutropenia, need for IV therapies (not including fluid resuscitation for hypotension)	Therapy or infusion interruption indicated but responds promptly to symptomatic treatment (e.g., antihistamines, NSAIDs, narcotics, IV fluids); prophylactic medications indicated for >24 h	Symptoms require and respond to moderate intervention. Oxygen requirement < 40% or hypotension responsive to fluids or low-dose pressors or grade 2 organ toxicity

- Example: CTCAE definition of AKI less stringent than consensus definition
- CTCAE kidney dysfunction stage 2 = severe AKI (KDIGO stage 3)
- To reach AKI stage 1 (+26  $\mu\text{mol}$  sCreat or +50%):
  - 5 to 10 hours with > 40% decrease in GFR
  - AKI stage 1 = +50% short term mortality
  - AKI stage 1 = increased risk in readmission, long term mortality, and CKD



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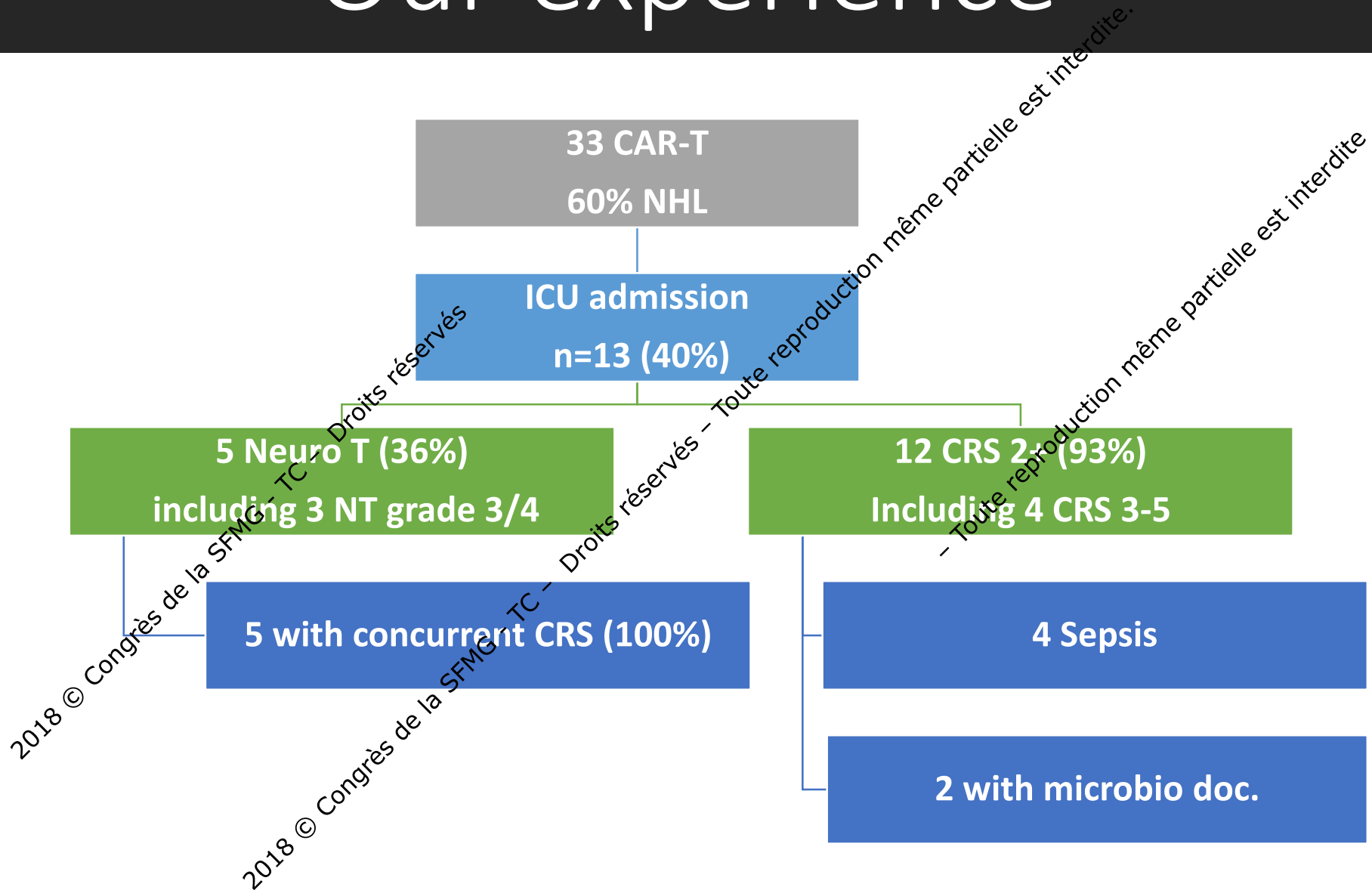
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# Our experience



# Our experience

- **ALL-B = 9 Pts/13**
- Anti-IL6 systematically required
- Steroids required in 2/3 of ICU CAR-T patients
- **Confirmed sepsis in 1/3 of ICU CAR-T patients**
- Septic patients may reach apyrexia after Toc
- 2 early deaths (<15 days)
- 4 Early failures

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# Before CAR-T

- Be available for trials kick-off / institution selection
- Assessing performance status
- Assessing overall risk of ICU admission
- Introducing ICU team to the patients and their next of kin
- According to institution processes
  - Monitoring during apheresis

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# Day of CAR-T infusion

- Be available
- Record day of infusion / anticipate ICU admission
- Early evaluation by outreach team if fever
- Early ICU admission
  - High risk patients
  - Early CRS + minimal organ dysfunction
  - CRS stage 2 or more: Assume sepsis and ICU admission

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# After ICU admission

- Antibiotics systematically
- Antifungal therapy if needed
- Anti-IL6 if CRS
- Steroids : severe CRS and Neurotoxicity
- Multidisciplinary rounds
- Adjust according to trials

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# Conclusion

- Potential game changer
- A high number of potential recipients
- A high rate of ICU admission
- A high rate of sepsis to be expected
- CRS stage 2: 50% chances of infection
- Early ICU admission since predicting "clinical worsening" is unreliable
- Multidisciplinary rounds because we care for our patients

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