# CMV-specific cell-mediated immune response: utility on management of CMV infection in Kidney transplantation



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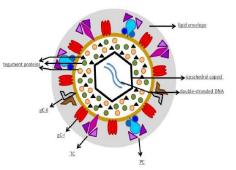
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### **Outline**

- Background, CMV infection
- Current preventive strategies

- CMV T-cell immunity (CMV-TCI)
  - Mechanism
  - Use in Prevention
  - Use on treatment
- Conclusions

## CMV is a Herpes Virus



#### Human Herpes Viruses (8 types)

#### Neurotropic, 3 (Alpha- Herpes virus)

- HSV (HHV-1 & HHV-2 causing cold sores and genital herpes)
- HZV (HHV-3, chickenpox / shingles)

# **Lymphotrophic**, **5** (Beta and Gamma-Herpes viruses)

- Beta
  - CMV (HHV-5)
  - HHV-6
  - HHV-7
- Gamma
  - HHV-8 (Kaposis sarcoma)
  - EBV (HHV-4, Epstein Barr Virus-related disorders)

## Methods of transmission



**Exposure to maternal** blood, vaginocervical among children secretions. or breast milk



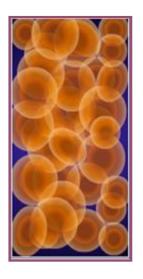
Close contact in day care centres



Sexual transmission



Close contact among adults



Blood transfusion



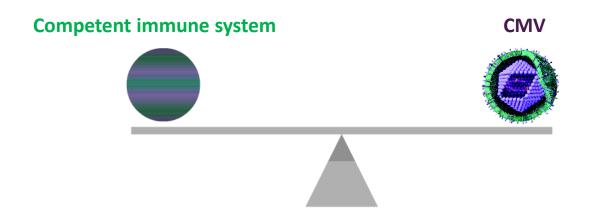
<u>Organ</u> transplantation

#### CMV has been found in:

Blood, cervical & vaginal secretions, saliva, tears, urine, faeces, semen, breast milk, transplanted donor organs

## CMV and the immunocompetent host

- The human host devotes around 10% of its T-cell immune system to the control of CMV replication
- CMV replication is effectively controlled in people with a competent immune system, and CMV and its host exist in harmony



 Primary infection is generally asymptomatic although in some cases it may be associated with mononucleosis-like syndrome

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## CMV and the immunocompromised host

- The absence of an effective T-cell immune response is central to the pathogenesis of CMV disease
- Consequently, CMV is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in individuals whose immune system is suppressed because of immunosuppressive drugs

Compromised immune system

An increased risk of CMV replication

- 1. Pocket Reference to Cytomegalovirus. Emery VC. Current Medicines Group, 2006.
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## **CMV** Transmission in Transplantation

Seropositive donor (D+)

Seronegative recipient (R-)

Risk of primary infection

Seropositive donor (D+)

**Seropositive recipient (R+)** 

Risk of superinfection with donor virus or reactivation of recipient virus

**Seronegative donor (D-)** 

**Seropositive recipient (R+)** 

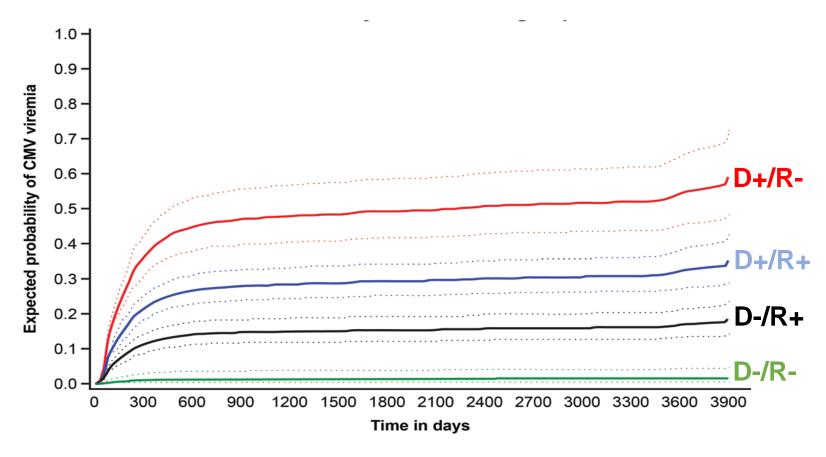
Risk of reactivation of latent infection

**Seronegative donor (D-)** 

**Seronegative recipient (R-)** 

Risk of primary infection from other source

# Cumulative frequency of CMV viremia by CMV D/R risk group



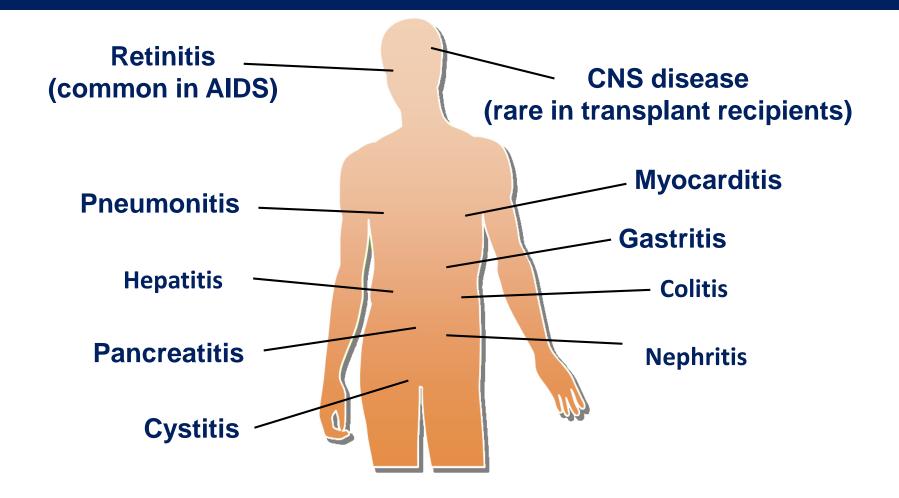
#### Risk factors for CMV associated disease in SOT

- Donor Recipient Status (D+/R-)
- CMV viral load

Degree of MHC complex mismatch

Amount of immunosuppression

## CMV Infection: Direct effects



Rubin RH In: Rubin RH, Young LS, eds. Clinical Approach to Infection in the Compromised Host. New York, NY: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers; 2002: Chapter 8.

## CMV Infection: Indirect effects

Acute rejection rejection

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Chronic allograft nephropathy

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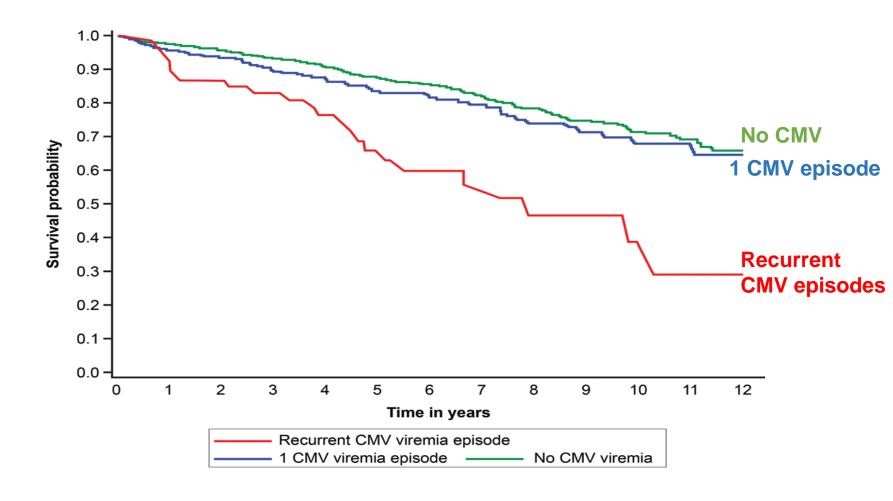
New-onset diabetes after renal transplantation

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Cardiovascular risk after renal transplantation

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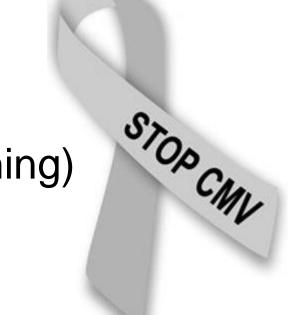
# CMV infection has deleterious impact on graft survival



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## Prevention of CMV infection: strategies

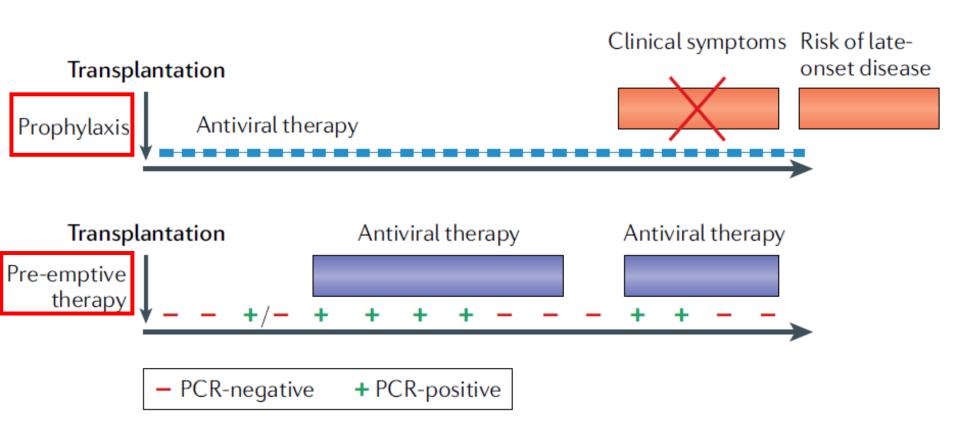
- Prophylaxis (Antivirals)
- Pre-emptive therapy (Screening)



## **CMV** Prevention



# CMV Prophylaxis

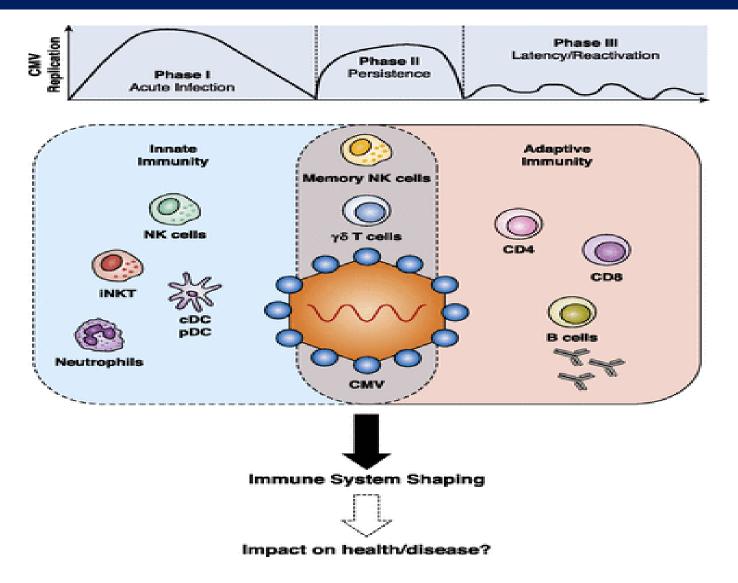


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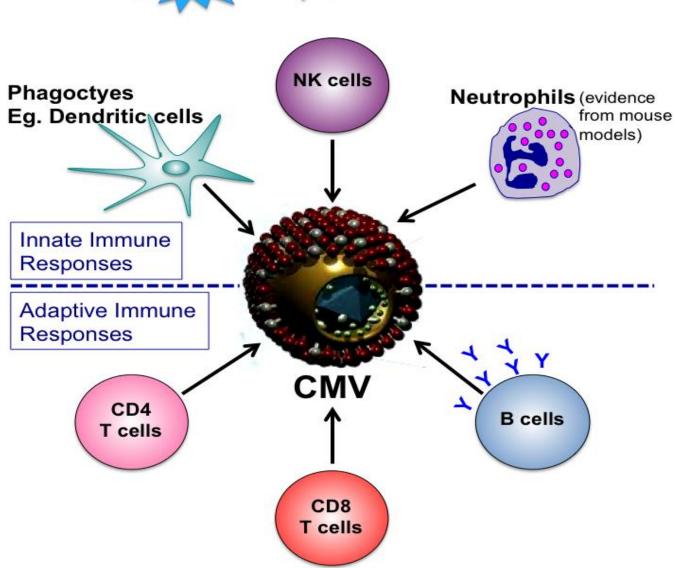
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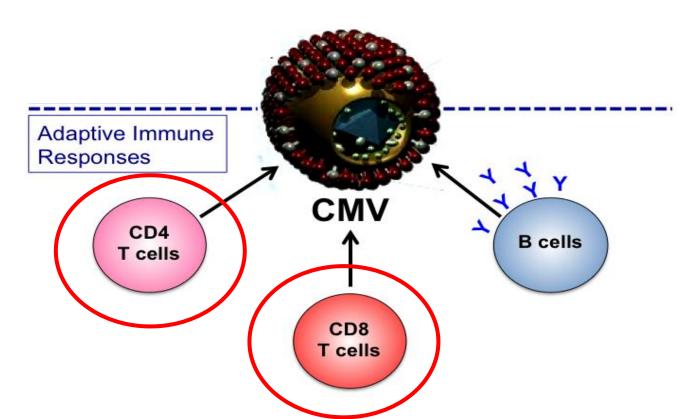


# Immune responses to CMV



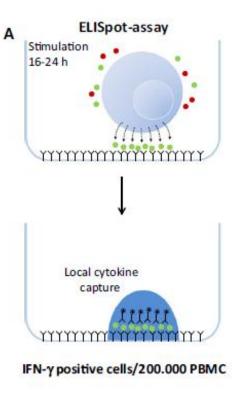


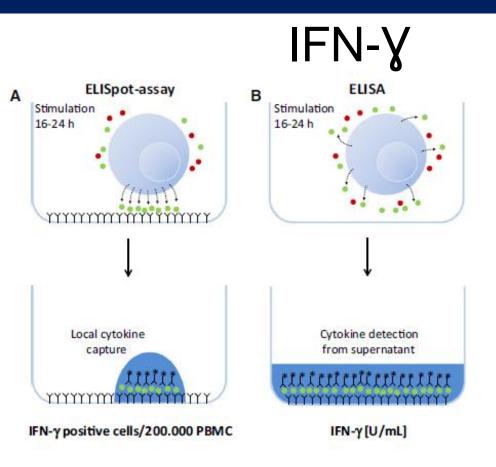
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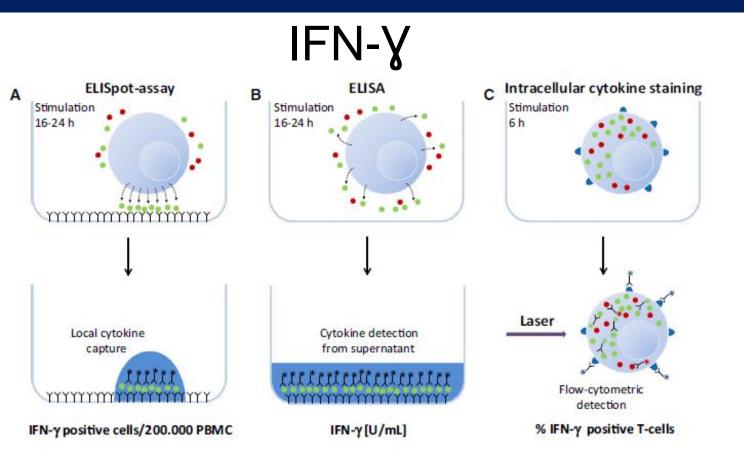




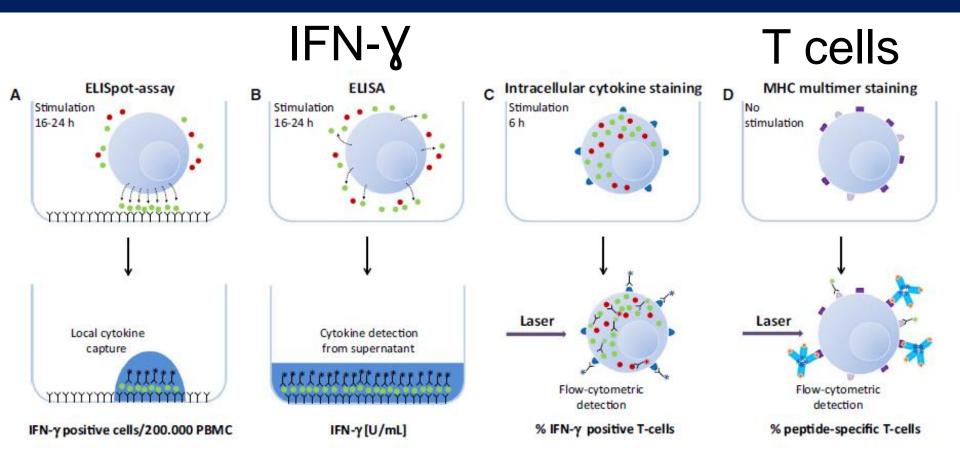








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## CMV-CMI assays

QuantiFERON-CMV®

- ELISPOT-based CMV-CMI assays
  - \* T-Track CMV®
  - \* T-SPOT®-CMV

Viracor CMV T cell Immunity Panel (TCIP)

# What is the role of cell-mediated immunity in the control of CMV infection?

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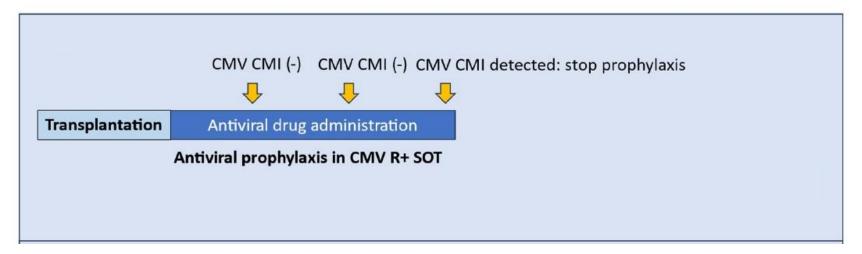


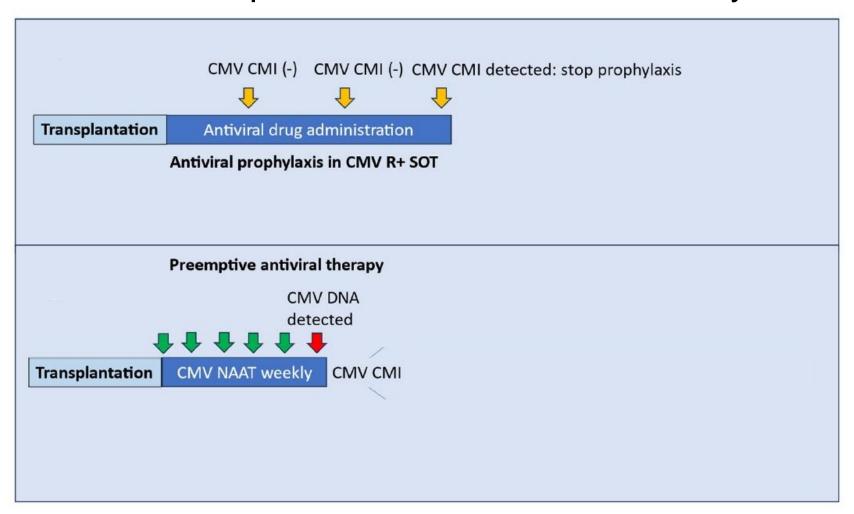


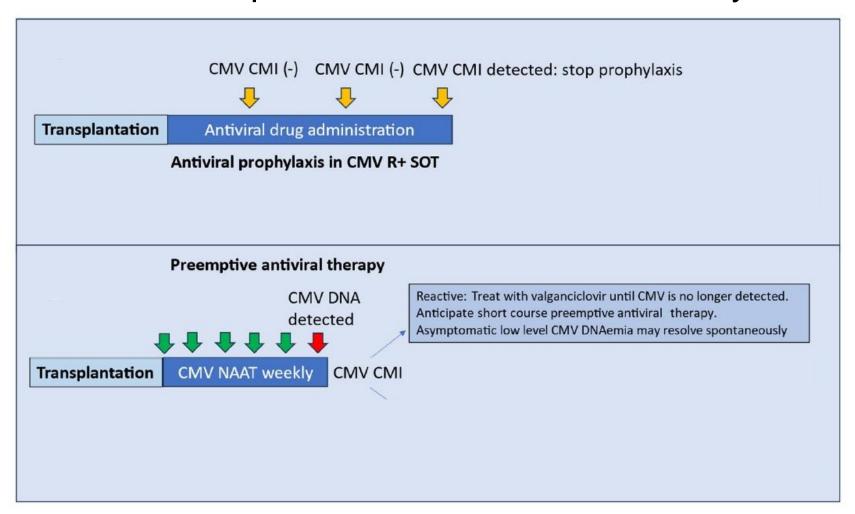
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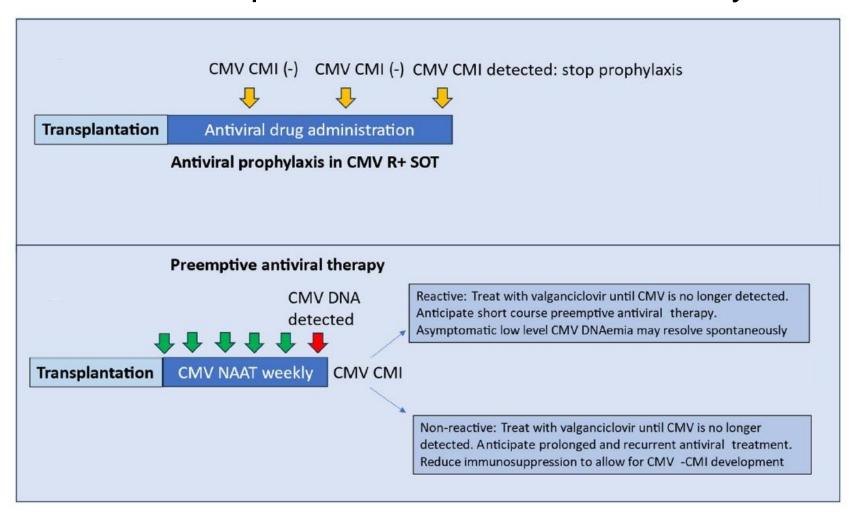
# Utility of CMV-Specific Immune Monitoring for the Management of CMV in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients: A Clinical Update

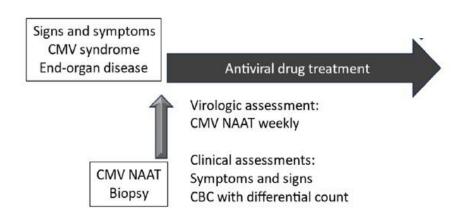
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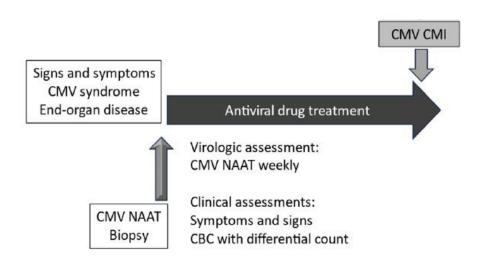


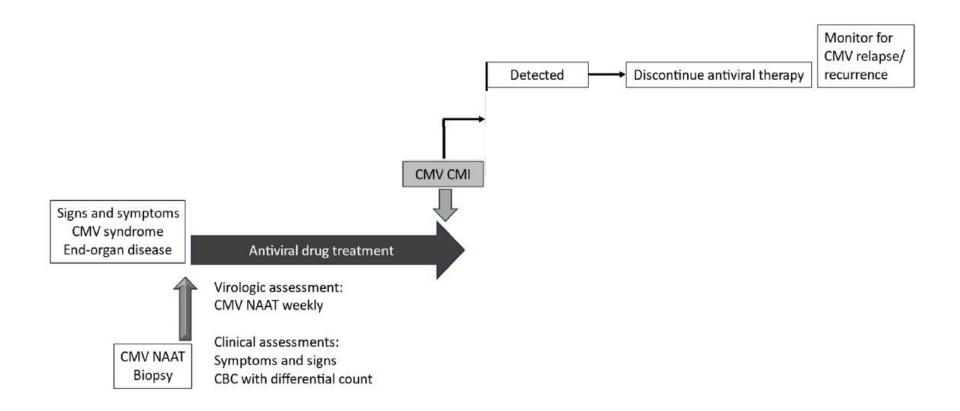


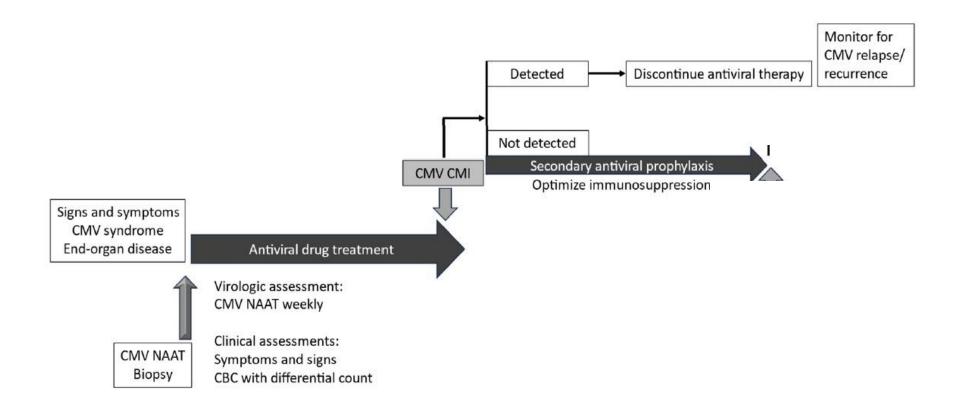




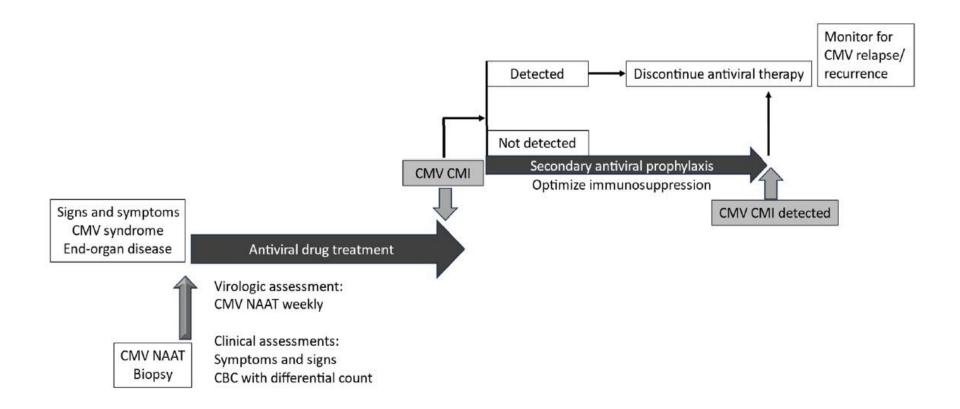








## Strategies for CMV disease treatment that incorporates CMV-specific cell-mediated immunity



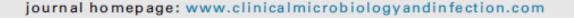
### Utility of CMV-Specific Immune Monitoring

- Prior to transplantation: to predict risk of CMV infection posttransplantation
- In patients with asymptomatic CMV DNAemia: to determine if antiviral treatment is truly indicated
- 3. At the end of primary prophylaxis: to determine if extended prophylaxis or close viral load monitoring might be of benefit
- 4. At the end of treatment of CMV infection: to support the need for secondary prophylaxis



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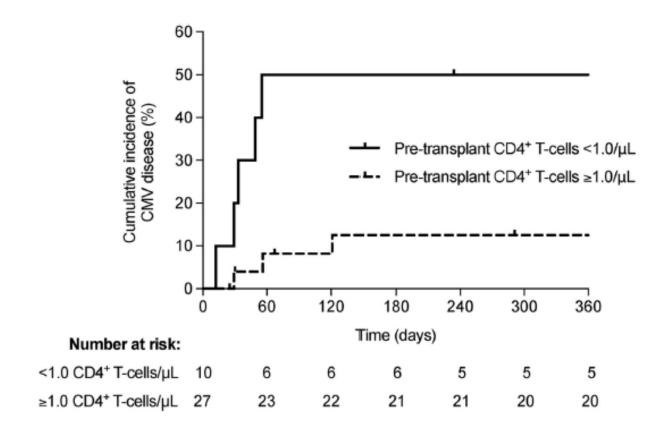
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### 124 CMV-seropositive KT recipients four Spanish institutions

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# Cumulative incidence of CMV disease during the first year after transplantation according to the CMV-specific CD4 T-cell count at the pre-transplant assessment



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#### SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE





### Cytomegalovirus Cell-mediated Immunity Assays in Pediatric Transplantation

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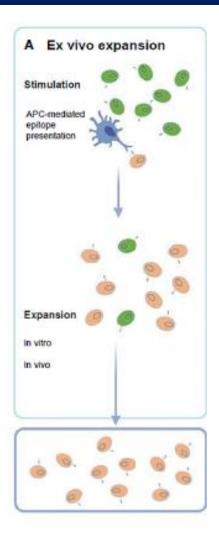


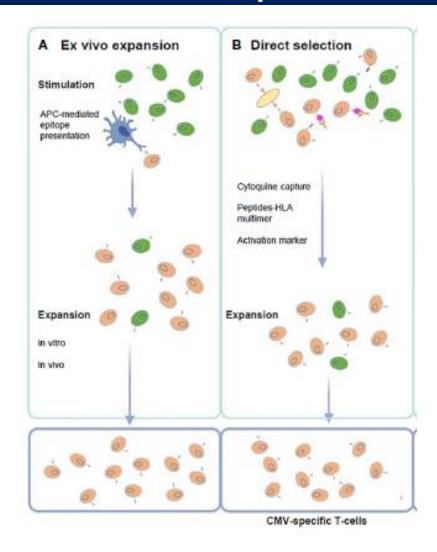


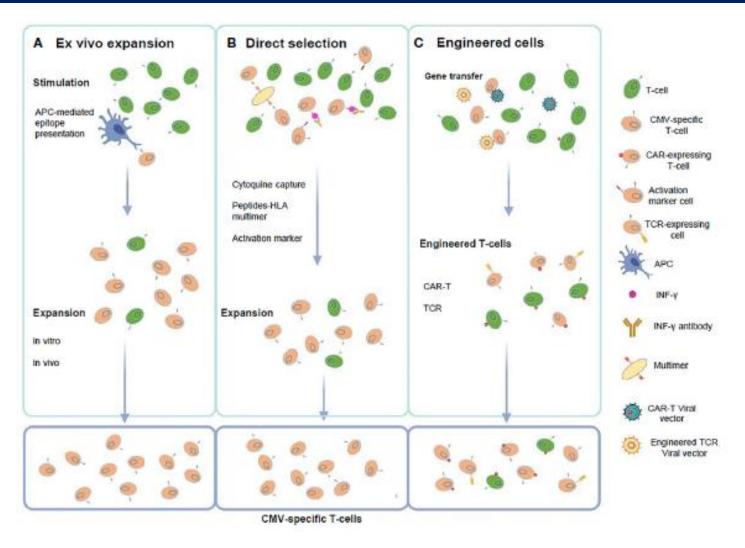
#### Is It Feasible to Use CMV-Specific T-Cell Adoptive Transfer as Treatment Against Infection in SOT Recipients?

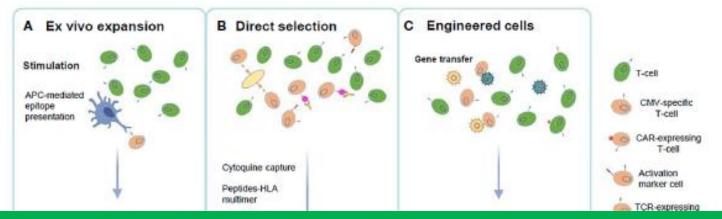
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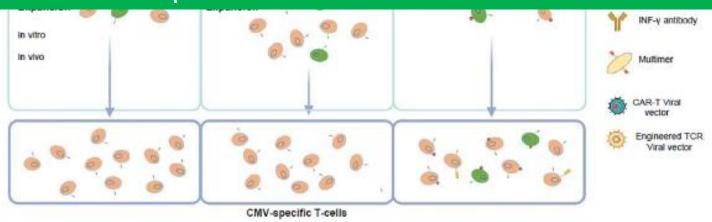








**VSTs** are safe and effective in the treatment of viral infections post-HSCT over the last two decades



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#### Role of Virus-Specific T Cell Therapy for Cytomegalovirus and BK Infections in Kidney Transplant Recipients

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## Registered clinical trials of virus-specific T cells in solid organ transplantation

ID	Cell Therapy	Targets	Indication	N	Solid organ transplant	Virus-specific T Lymphocyte Donor	Primary Endpoint	Site
NCT02779439	CTL	CMV, EBV, ADV	Resistance to Rx >2 wk	25	Any	Allogeneic	Infusion related safety at 1 wk	Sydney
NCT02532452	CTL	EBV, CMV, ADV, or BKV	Any Infection	100	Any	Allogeneic	Infusion related toxicity	Cincinnati
NCT03010332	CTL	CMV	Intolerant to or failed Rx	N/A	Any	Allogeneic (ATA230)	N/A	Atara Biotherapeutics
NCT03950414	CTL	CMV	Intolerant to or failed Rx	20	Kidney	Allogenic	Safety and tolerability	Madison, Wisconsin

CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocytes; CMV, cytomegalovirus; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; ADV, adenovirus.





### Cytomegalovirus Cell-Mediated Immunity: Ready for Routine Use?

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### Conclusions

- Cell-mediated immunity is considered the most important factor in controlling CMV infection.
- Patients deficient in cell-mediated immunity are at greatest risk for CMV disease.
- CMV-specific CD4+ and CD8+ lymphocytes play an important role in immune protection after primary infection or reactivation of latent disease.

### Conclusions

- CMV-specific cell-mediated immunity could provide an opportunity for implementing personalized medicine to manage CMV infection in kidney transplantation:
  - Assays to predict the risk of development of subsequent CMV disease
  - Tailoring duration of antiviral prophylaxis
- Cell therapy utilizing Virus-specific T cell therapy offers an attractive alternative approach to traditional interventions in the treatment of CMV after kidney transplant.

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