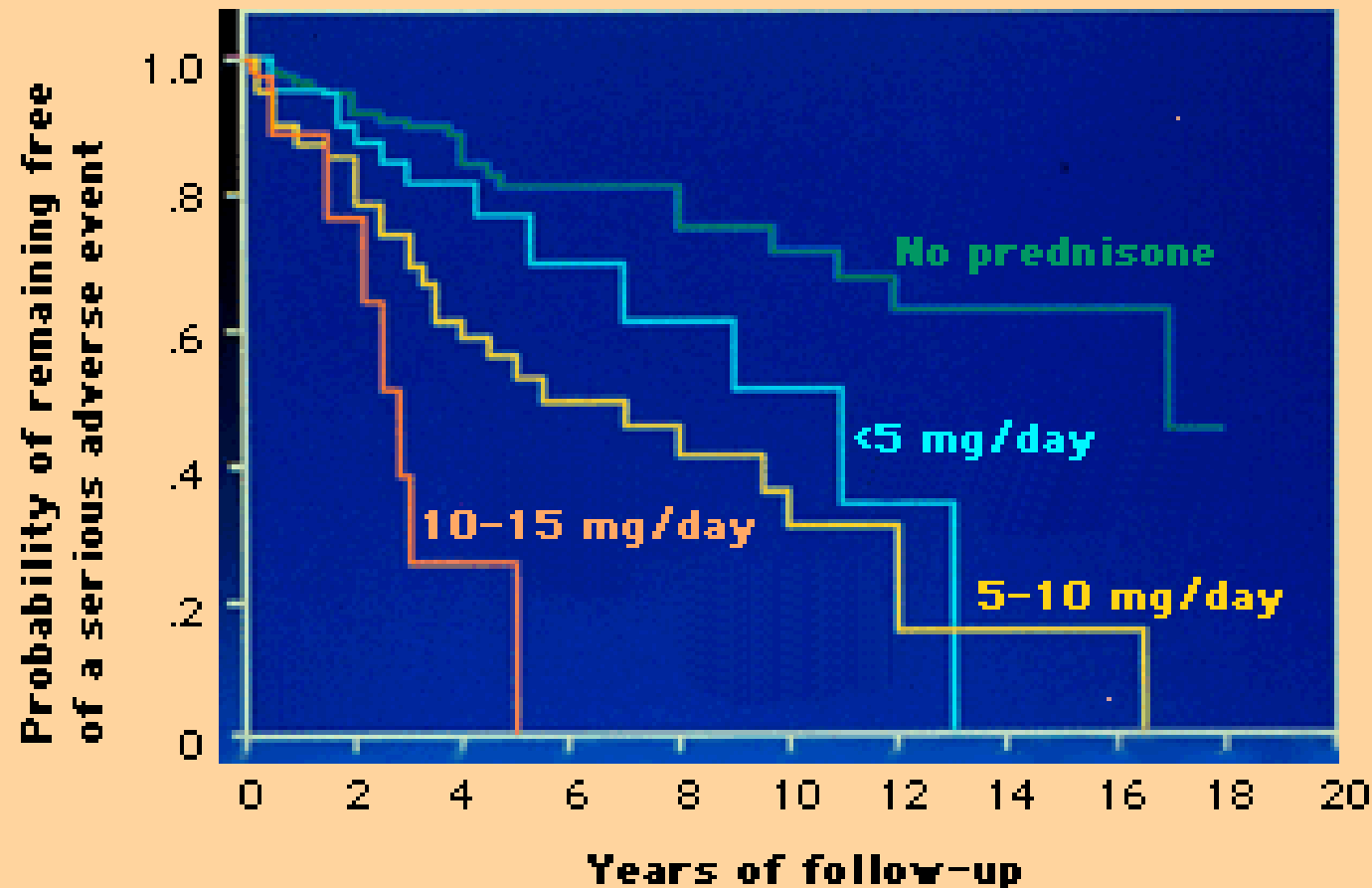


Ahorro de esteroides en el trasplante renal

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Serious adverse events in RA patients treated with steroids (Saag et al, 1994)



European best practice guidelines for renal transplantation

Late steroid or cyclosporine withdrawal.

GUIDELINES: A.

In order to reduce or avoid long-term serious adverse effects of corticosteroids, such as bone fractures, diabetes mellitus, arterial hypertension, osteoporosis and eye complications, steroid withdrawal should be considered

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Questions in steroid sparing/withdrawal

- Concomitant immunosuppression
- Patients' selection (age, race, previous AR..)
- Time after transplantation
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Steroid-sparing strategies in the “CsA era”

Changes in renal function after steroid withdrawal in established patients (n=100; Time after Tx : 1- 6 y)



AZA + CSA

Ratcliffe PJ et al : Lancet 1996; 348:643

CsA MONOTHERAPY vs AZATHIOPRINE-PREDNISONE FROM THREE MONTHS AFTER KT (CsA+PDN)

	CsA monotherapy (n= 64)	AZA+ST (n=63)	p
AR (3 m)	30%	25%	ns
2-y sCr ($\mu\text{mol/l}$)	180$\pm$78	126$\pm$35	0.001
5-y GS	78%	87%	
Cost (DFL)	53$\pm$44	40.8$\pm$18	<0.005

HILBRANDS et al . Transplantation 1996;61:1105.

Late STW in CsA-treated KTx patients

	STW (n= 42)	ST main (n= 42)	Dif (95% CI)
↓ Renal F (%)	40	10	30 (14-48)
AR (%)	26	2	24 (10-38)
Cholest-low d	21%	56%	(-54 - -15)
Glyc Hb	5.8±0.7	6.2±0.9	0.4 (0.1-0.8)

Hollander et al. JASN 1997; 8: 294.

CsA MONOTHERAPY vs AZATHIOPRINE + CsA
AT STEROID WITHDRAWAL (6 m after Tx; sCr < 2 mg/dl/))

	CsA monotherapy (n= 58)	CsA+AZA (n=58)	p
5-y Steroid resumption (AR)	57%	29%	<0.02
2-y sCr (mg/dl)	1.7	1.4	ns
5-y GS	90%	88%	ns

Sandrini et al. Transplantation 2000; 69: 1861.

A Meta-Analysis of steroid withdrawal trial

Acute rejection (9 studies, n=1461)

	$\Delta\%$	95% CI	p
AR after SRW	14	10-17	<0.001

Graft survival (9 studies, n=1899)

	RR	95%CI	
RR graft failure	1.38	1.08-1.67	<0.012

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GUIDELINES:

B. Steroid withdrawal is safe only in a proportion of graft recipients and is recommended only in low-risk patients.

The efficacy of the remaining immunosuppression should be considered.

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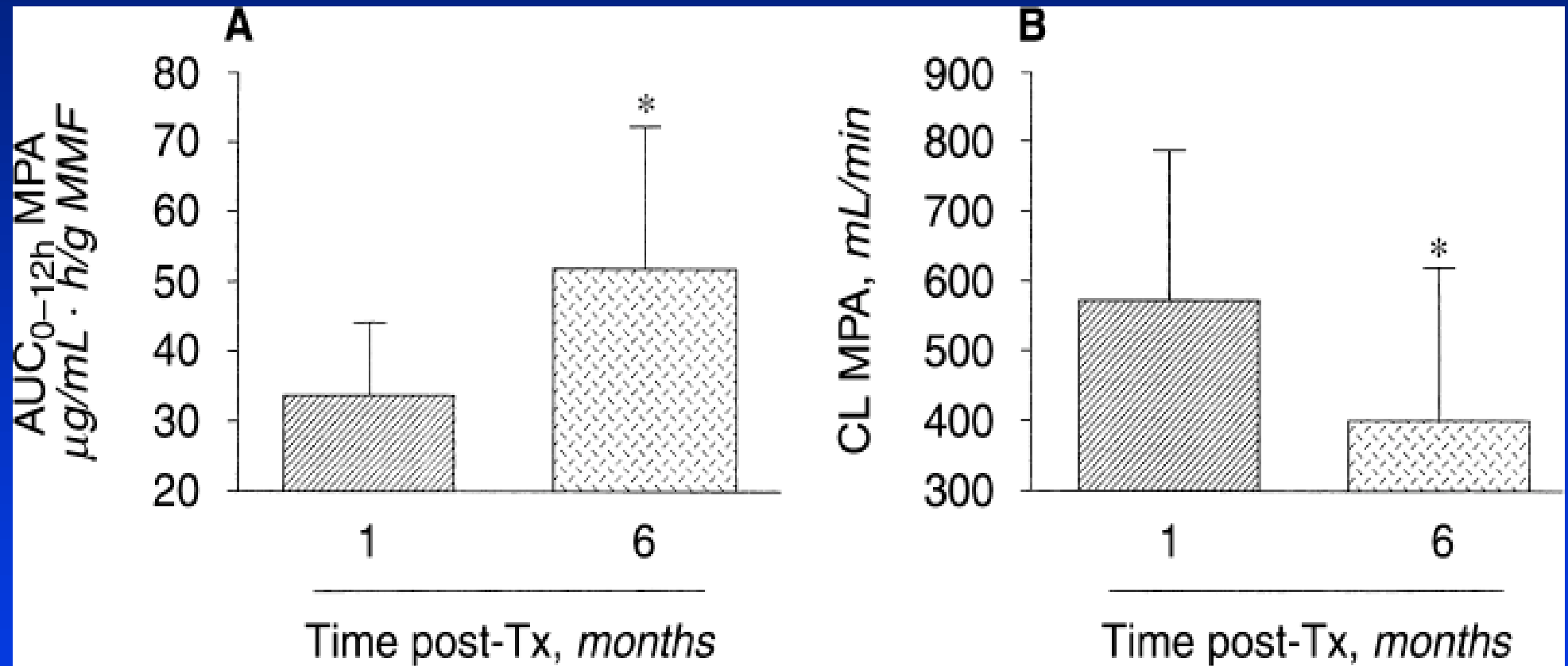
GUIDELINES:

- C. After steroid withdrawal, graft function has to be monitored very carefully because of the risk of a delayed but continuous loss of function due to chronic graft dysfunction.
In the case of functional deterioration or dysfunction, steroids should be re-administered.

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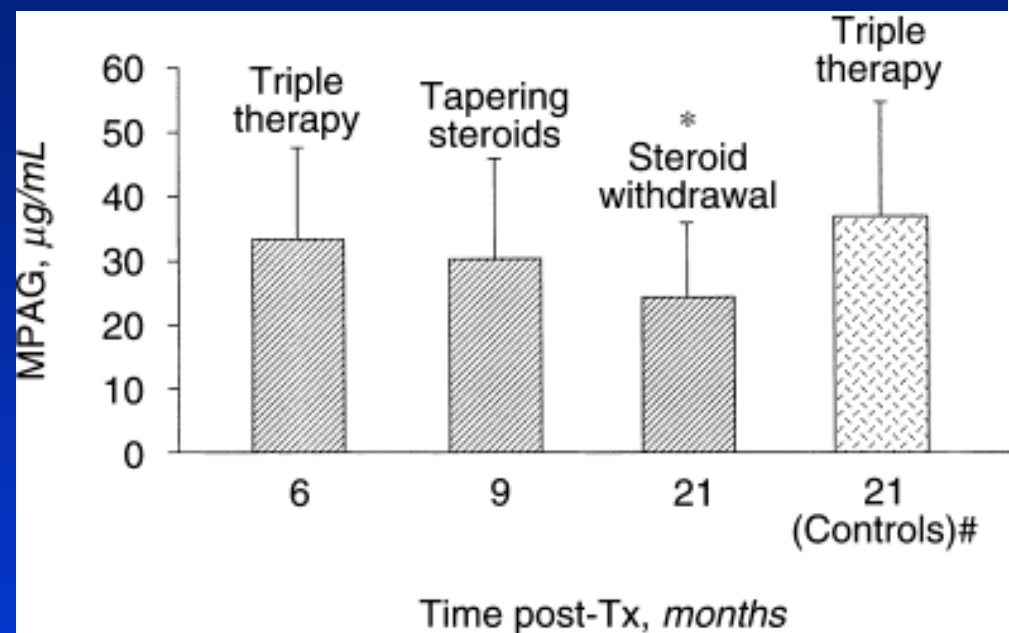
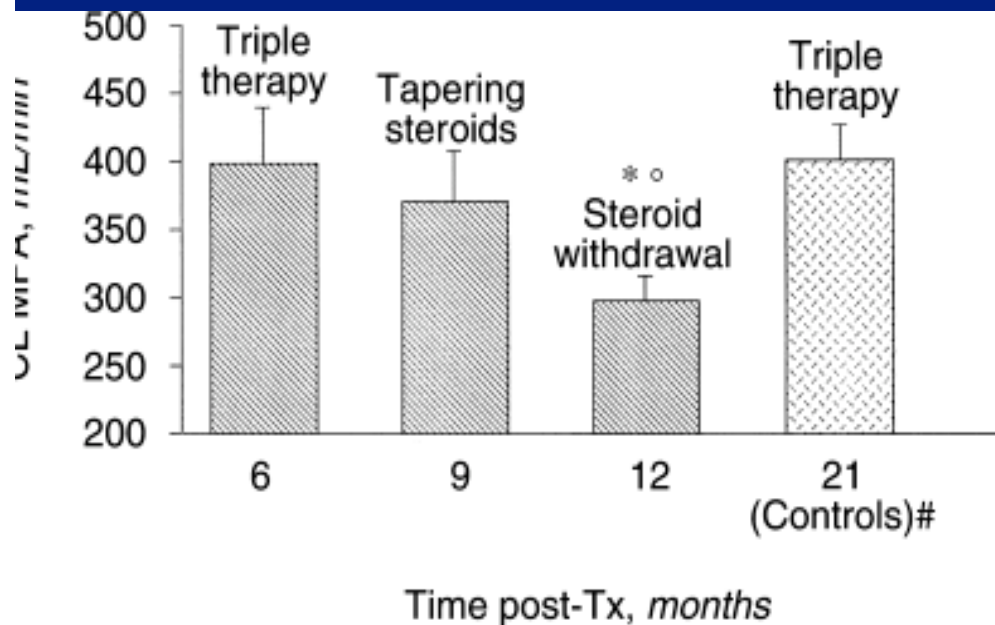
Steroid-sparing strategies with new immunosuppressants

**AUC and plasma clearance of MPA within the first month after Tx
(high dose steroids) and at 6 months post-Tx (lower maintenance steroid regimen)**



Cattaneo et al., *Kidney Int* 2002; 62: 1060.

Changes in in MPA clearance and MPAG levels



Reversion of the enhanced activity of uridine diphosphate-GT* induced by steroid ?
(*responsible for MPA metabolism)

Cattaneo et al., Kidney Int 2002; 62: 1060.

Steroid-free (day 0) immunosuppression after kidney transplantation

MMF+ATG+CsA

n = 68

ATG+CsA

n = 190 (hist controls)

p

Acute rejection

15%

37.4%

0.0006

EBV i

15%

46.8%

0.0005

Similar CMVi

Similar renal function

Birkeland, 1998

Complete steroid avoidance immunosuppression protocol in pediatric renal transplantation

Prevalence of Hypertension

Daclizumab + Tacrolimus + MMF

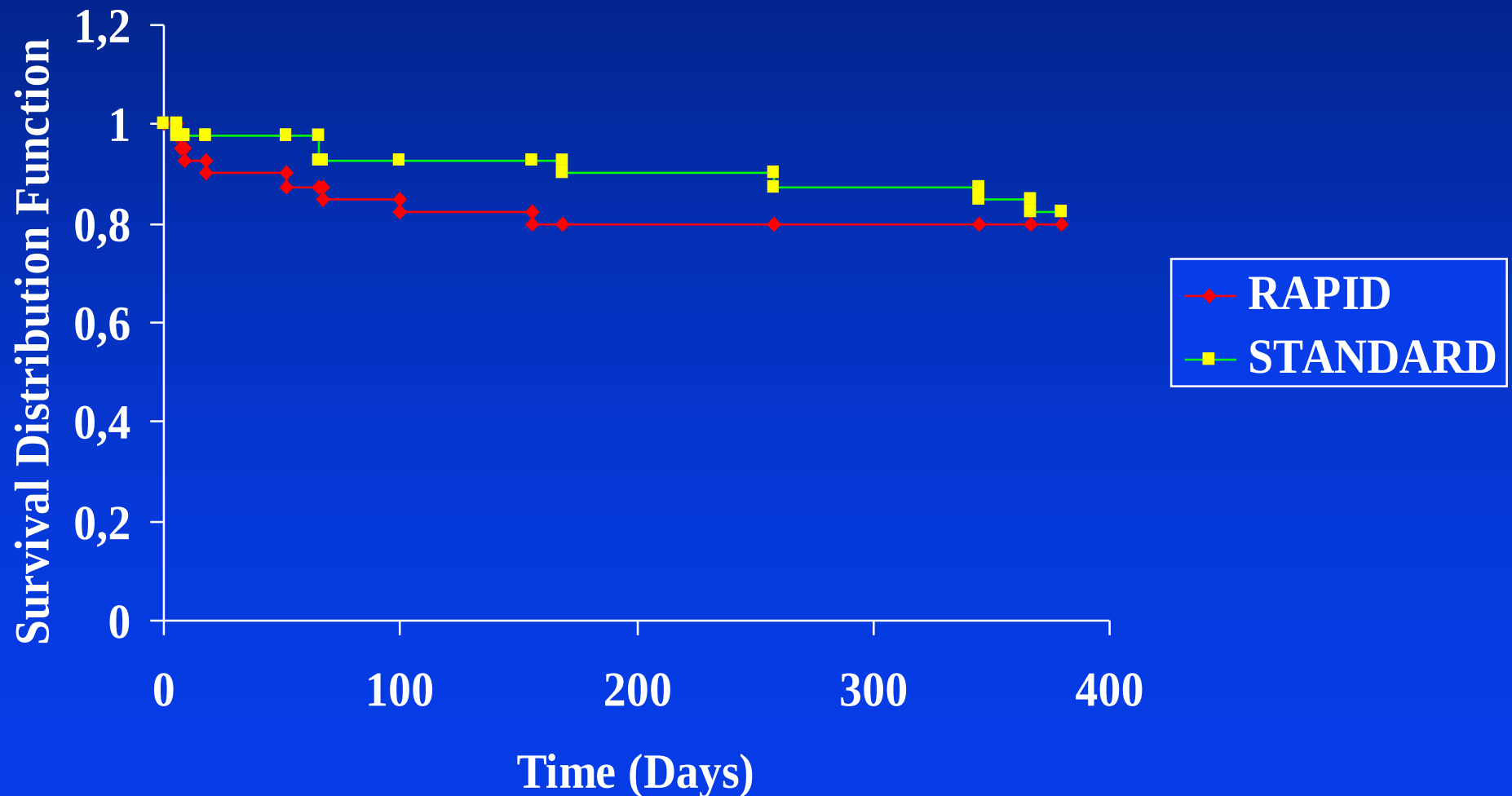
Months posttransplant	Steroid free	Steroid based	<i>p</i>
1	40% (4/10)	81.1% (30/37)	0.024
3	10% (1/10)	73.0% (27/37)	0.0009
6	0% (0/7)	70.2% (26/37)	0.003

Rapid steroid withdrawal (day 5) with Simulect, CsA and MMF

	Rapid N=40 (%)	Standard N=43 (%)
Biopsy Proven Rejection		
at 6 months	8 (20.0)	4 (10.0)
at 12 months	8 (20.0)	7 (17.7)
Banff '97 Grade		
IA	6 (75.0)	4 (57.0)
IB	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
IIA	2 (25.0)	2 (29.0)
IIB	0 (0.0)	1 (14.0)
III	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

Kaplan-Meier Survival Function Estimates

Biopsy Confirmed Rejections



Serum Creatinine (mg/dL)

		Rapid	Standard
Week 12	n	40	39
	mean (+/-SD)	1.39 +/-0.42	1.68 +/-1.10
	median	1.30	1.30
Week 24	n	40	38
	mean (+/-SD)	1.47 +/-0.54	1.61 +/-1.20
	median	1.60	1.37
Week 52	n	40	39
	mean (+/-SD)	1.46 +/- 0.55	1.48 +/- 0.41
	median	1.30	1.40

Rapid steroid discontinuation in LRD Kt (n= 51)

- Thymoglobulin (1.25 mg/kg intraop and qdx4);
- Methylprednisolone 500 mg intraop.,
- Prednisone 1 mg/kg 1 day, 0.5 mg/kg 2 days, 0.25 mg/kg 2 days, then d/c
- MMF, 1 g b.i.d
- CSA 4 mg/kg/d

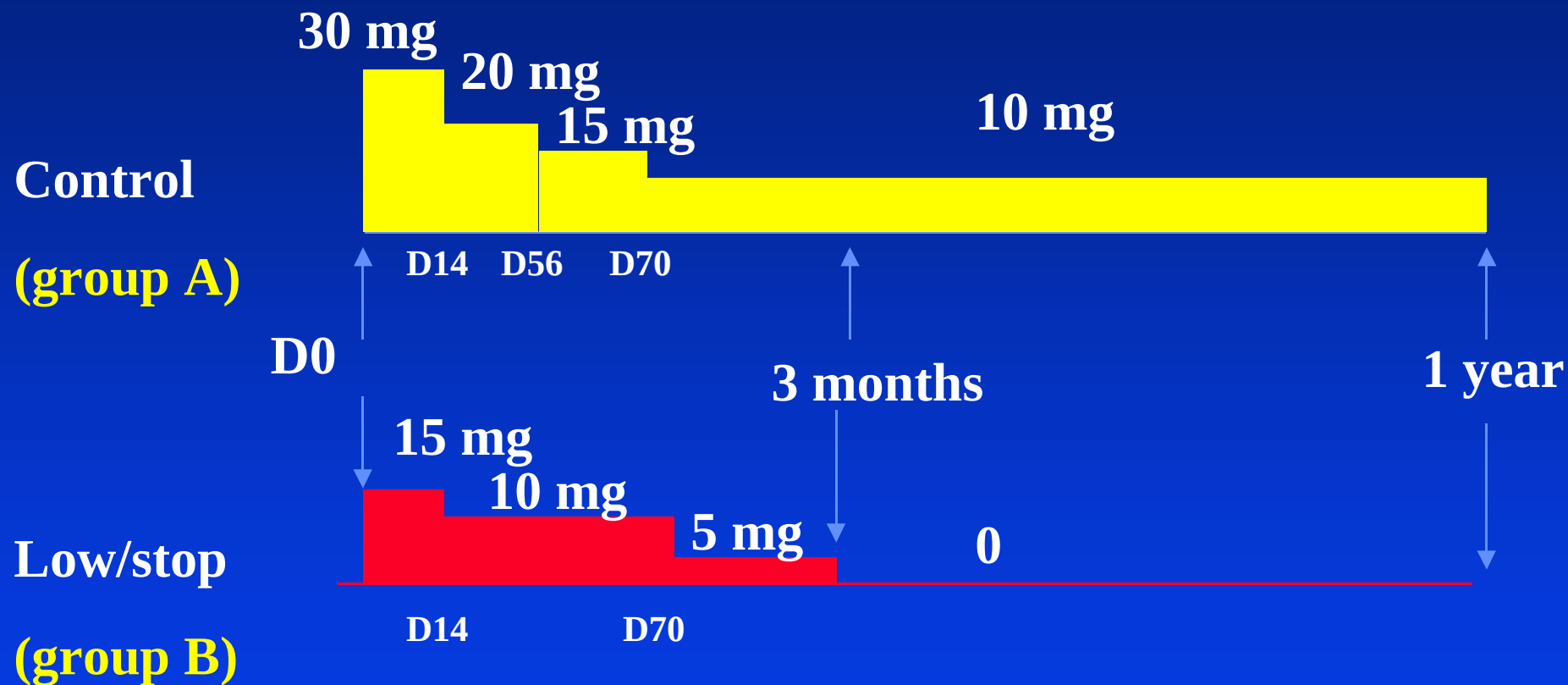
Matas et al, Am J Transplant. 2001 ;1:278.

Rapid steroid discontinuation in LRD Kt (n= 51)

- Acute rejection free (6 and 12 m): 87%
- sCr (3 and 6 m) : 1.7 +/- 0.5 mg/dl
- No differences with historical controls
(triple therapies AZA/MMF without induction)

Matas et al, Am J Transplant. 2001 ;1:278.

Steroid dose reduction and withdrawal (3 m) in MMF-treated KTx patients (n= 500)



MMF 2g/d + CsA (+/-induction)

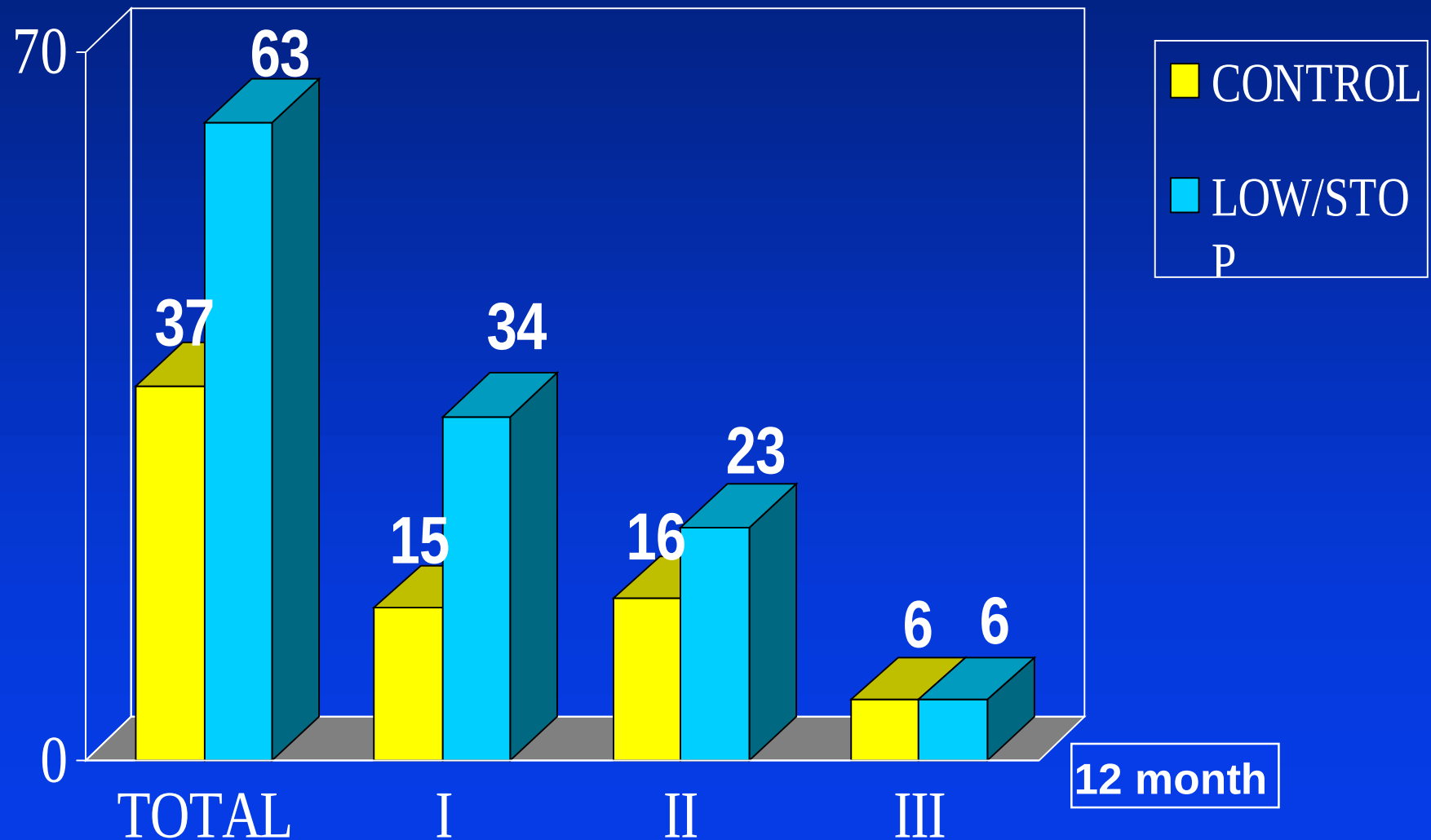
(double-blind, multicenter, randomised study)

Vanrenterghem et al. Transplantation. 2000; 70:1352.

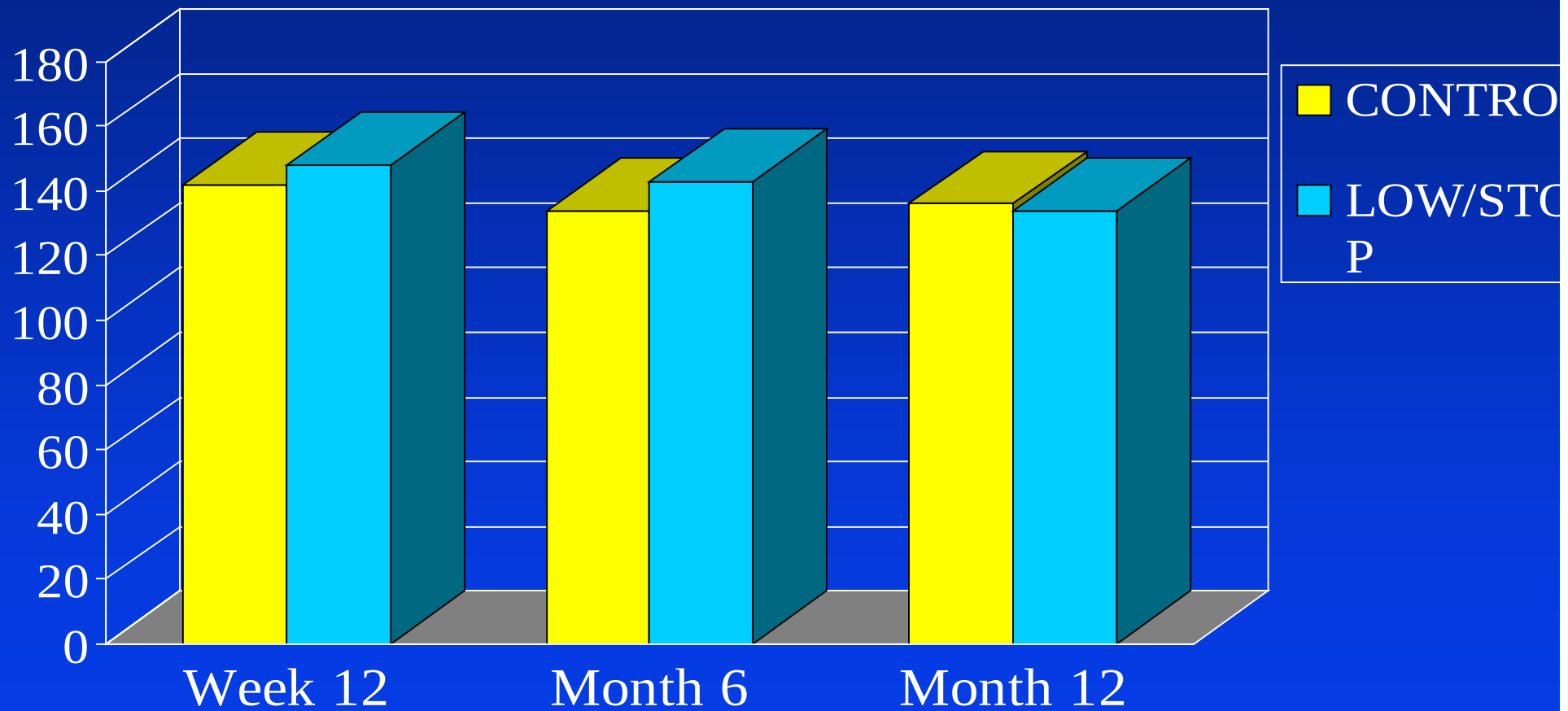
Biopsy-Proven Acute Rejection during 12 months (percentage of pts)

	CONTROL STERIODS	LOW / STOP STERIODS
DAY 0 TO D82	14%	23%
DAY 0 TO D365	15%	25%

Severity of Biopsy-Proven Acute Rejection Episodes (number of pts)



Changes in mean serum creatinine ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)



Long term cardio-vascular risk factors at 12 months

	CONTROL STEROIDS	LOW/STOP STEROIDS
Systolic B.P.	141	134**
Diastolic B.P.	83	79*
Cholesterol (mmol/L)	6.27	5.6*
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	2.16	1.88*

* $p < 0.01$; ** $p < 0.001$

Bone density at 12 months

	CONTROL STEROIDS	LOW/STOP STEROIDS
L2 (%)	94.3	100.3*
L3 (%)	93.4	99.5*
L4 (%)	91.2	94.1**

* $p < 0.01$; ** $p=0.09$

STW at 3 months in KTx recipients on CsA + MMF (planned recruitment: n= 500)

Groups	maintenance (n = 134)	withdrawal (n=132)
1-y AR-TF	9.8%	30.8%
1-y BPAR	4.9%	22.4%

Enrollment stopped at 266 pts

STW Study Group. Transplantation 1999; 68: 1865.

STW at 3 months in KTx recipients on CsA + MMF (planned recruitment: n= 500)

Cumulative incidence of biopsy-proven acute rejection
stratified by race and treatment (1-y)

STW/blacks	47%
STW/non-blacks	18%
STM/blacks	7%
STM/non-blacks	6%

n= 266

STW Study Group. Transplantation 1999; 68: 1865.

Tacrolimus-based immunosuppression and steroid withdrawal

Patients	Steroid withdrawal
Adults	69%
Pediatric	66%

Shapiro et al, 95, 99.

Sirolimus-based immunosuppression and steroid withdrawal

Study group	12 m		18 m	
	on treatment	STW	on treatment	STW
1 (n=20)	16	75%	14	100%
2 (n=20)	16	81%	15	87%
Total		78%		93%

(initial doses of SRL : 0.5 - 7 mg/m²)

Kahan et al. 1998.

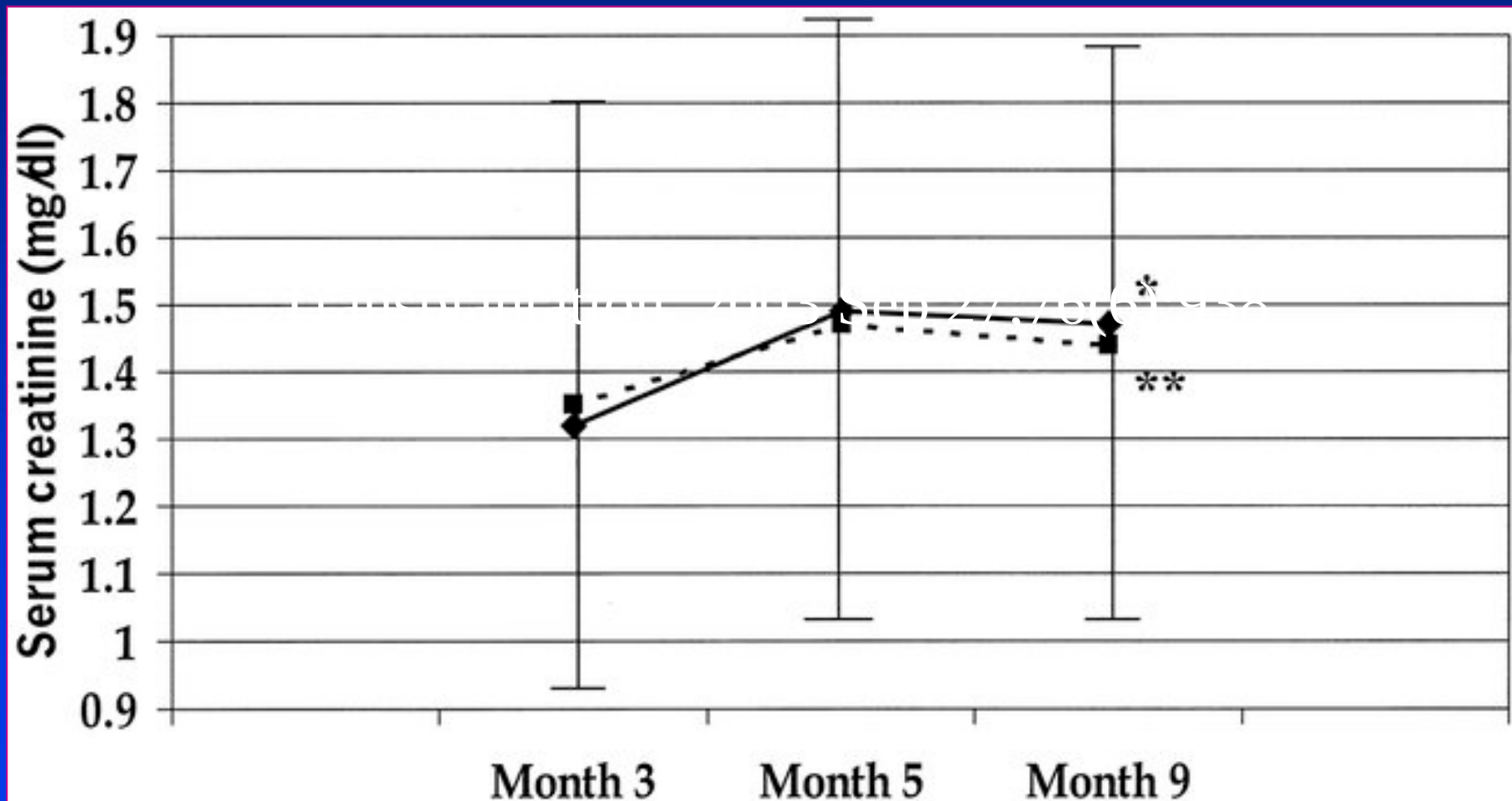
MMF(2 g/d), low-dose TAC, ZPX (5 doses)
and steroid withdrawal at 150 d after Tx
(n= 79, 12 m)

BPAR	11.4%
PS	98.7%
GS	97.5%
CrCl	54.5 ml/min

Improved lipidic profile

Kuypers et al., Clin Transplant. 2003 ;17:234.

Withdrawal of steroids in AA treated with SRL-TRL



Hricik et al, Transplantation. 2003, 27;76: 938.

STW vs CsAW in Renal Transplantation (6 m)

(Dutch Multicentre Study)

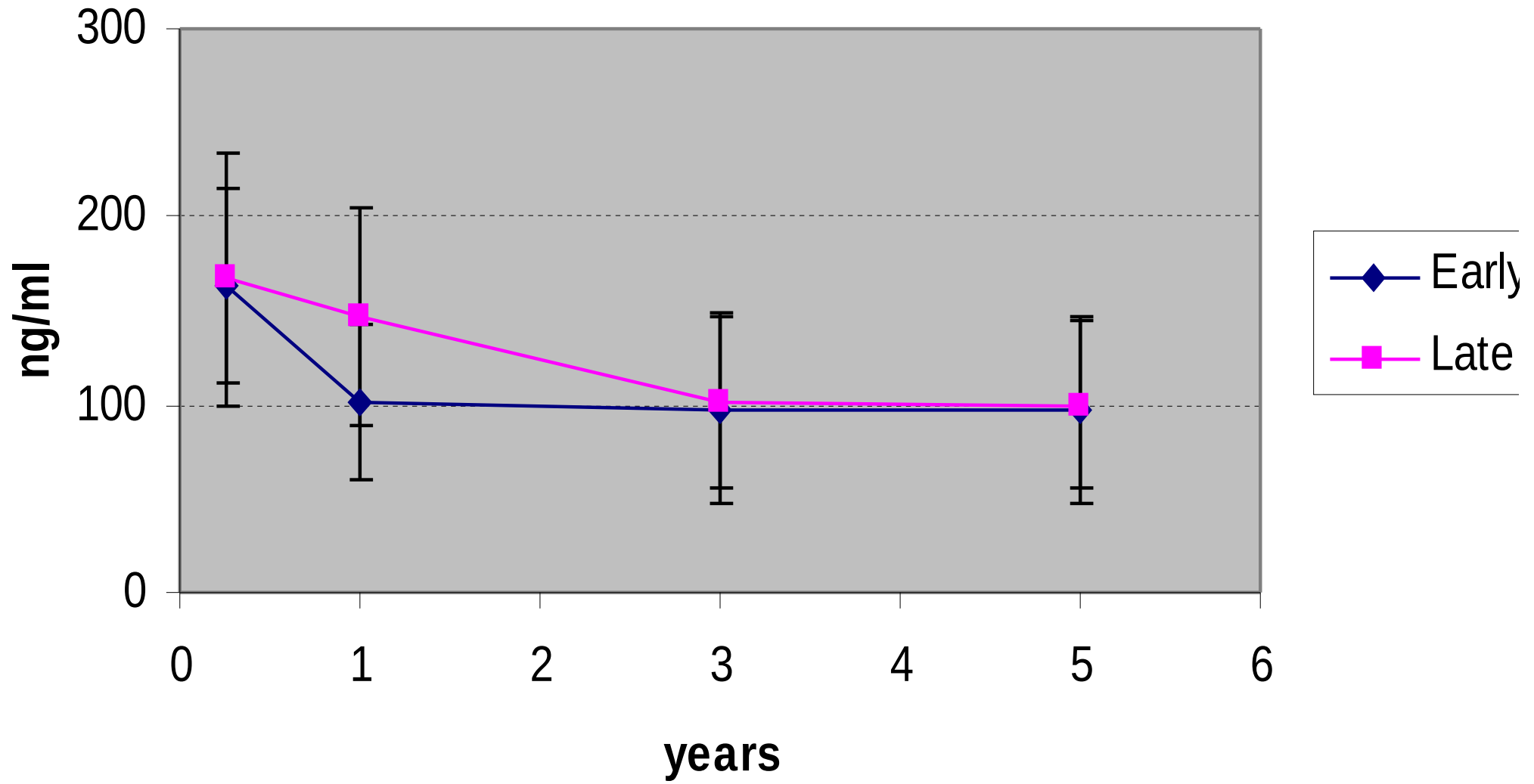
	MMF/PD	MMF/CsA	MMF/CsA/PD	p
Patients	63	76	73	
AR	14(22%)	3(4%)	1(1%)	0.0001
Banff I	5	2	1	
Banff 2 $\geq$	9	1	0	
Anti-rejection				
MPD	13	4	1	
Anti-T cell	6	2	0	
BPCR	9	4	1	

Steroid withdrawal in MMF-treated patients

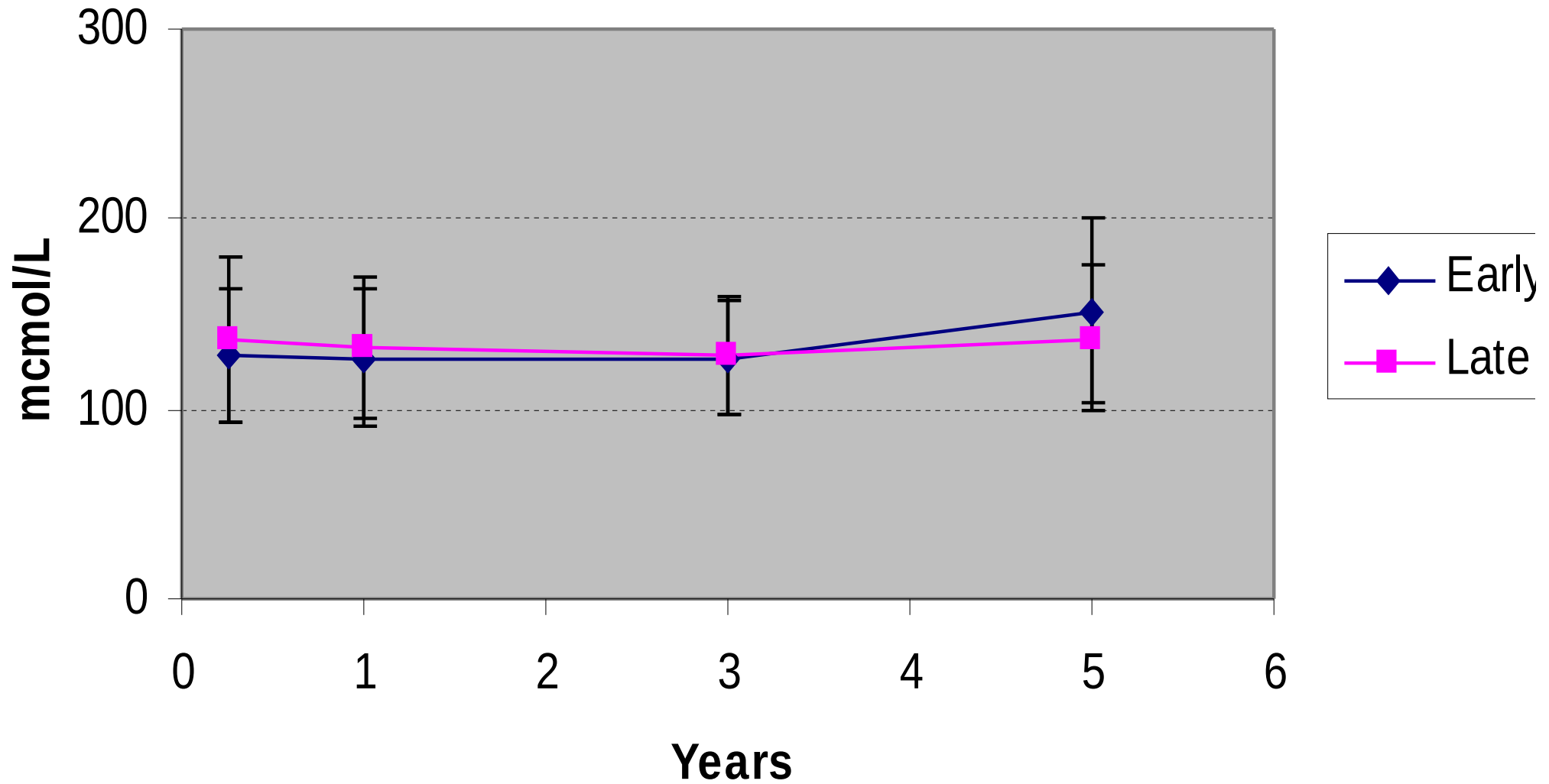
Early : < 6 m post-Tx (n= 35)

Late : > 6 m post-Tx (n= 56)

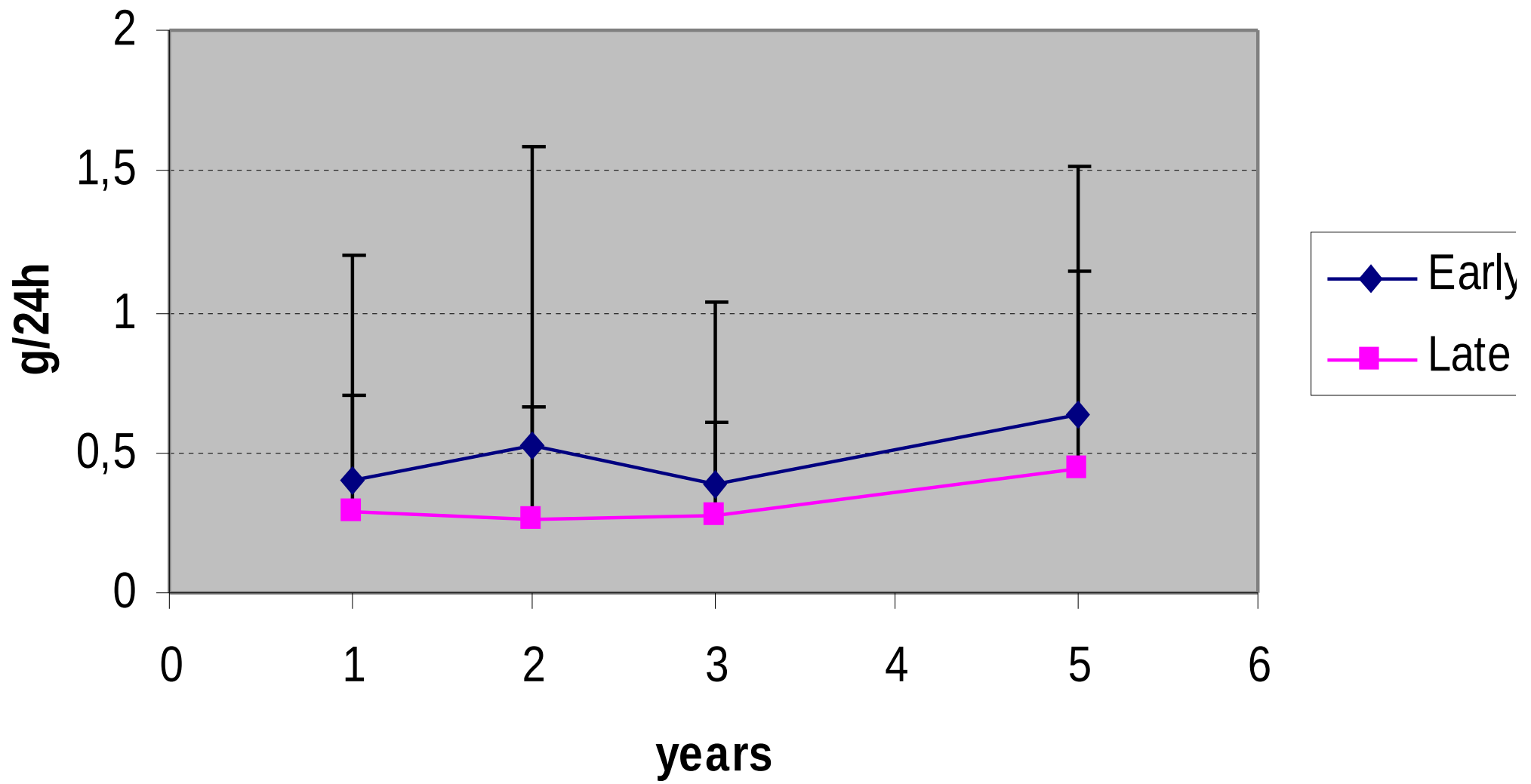
CsA levels



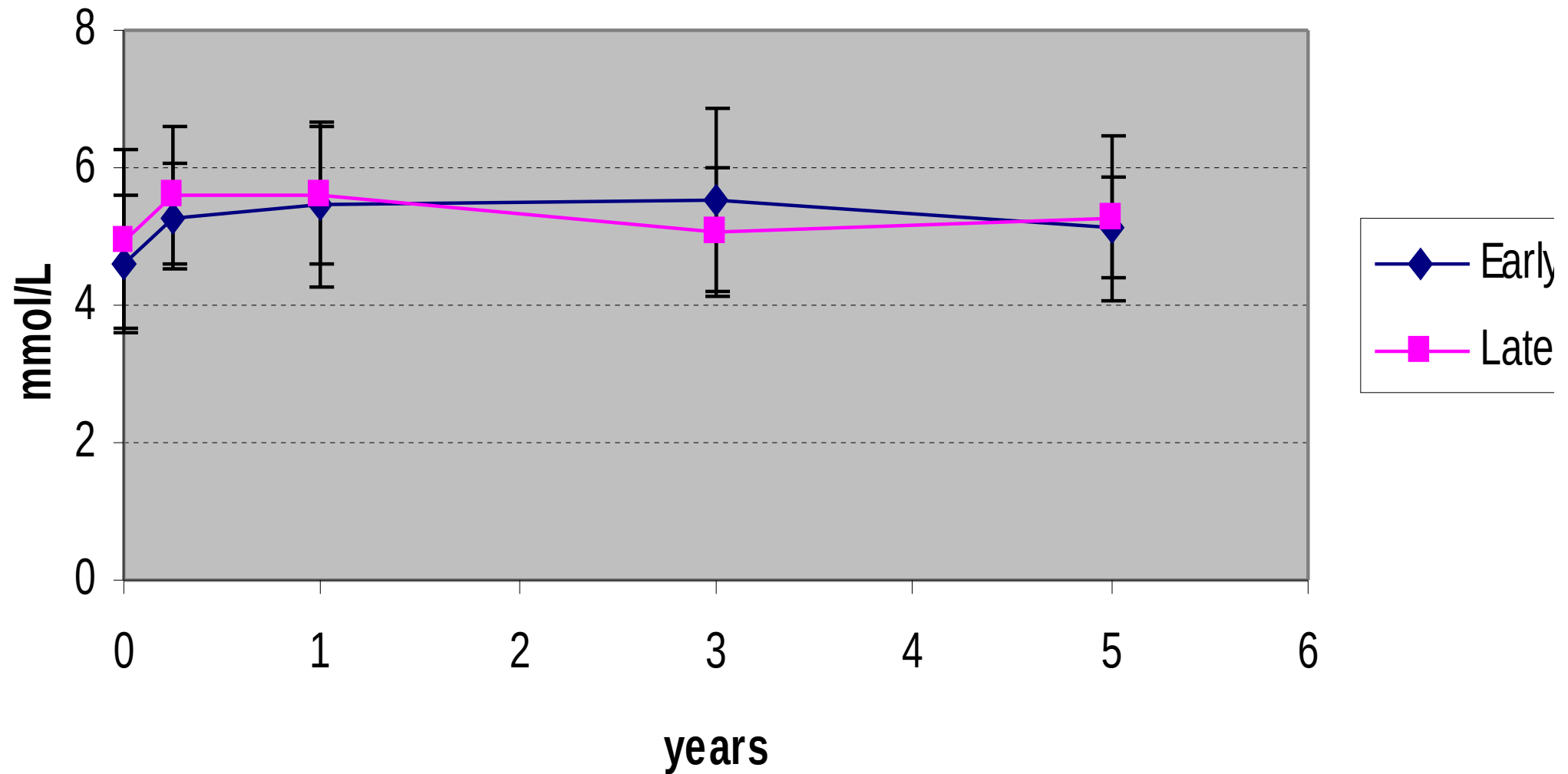
Serum creatinine



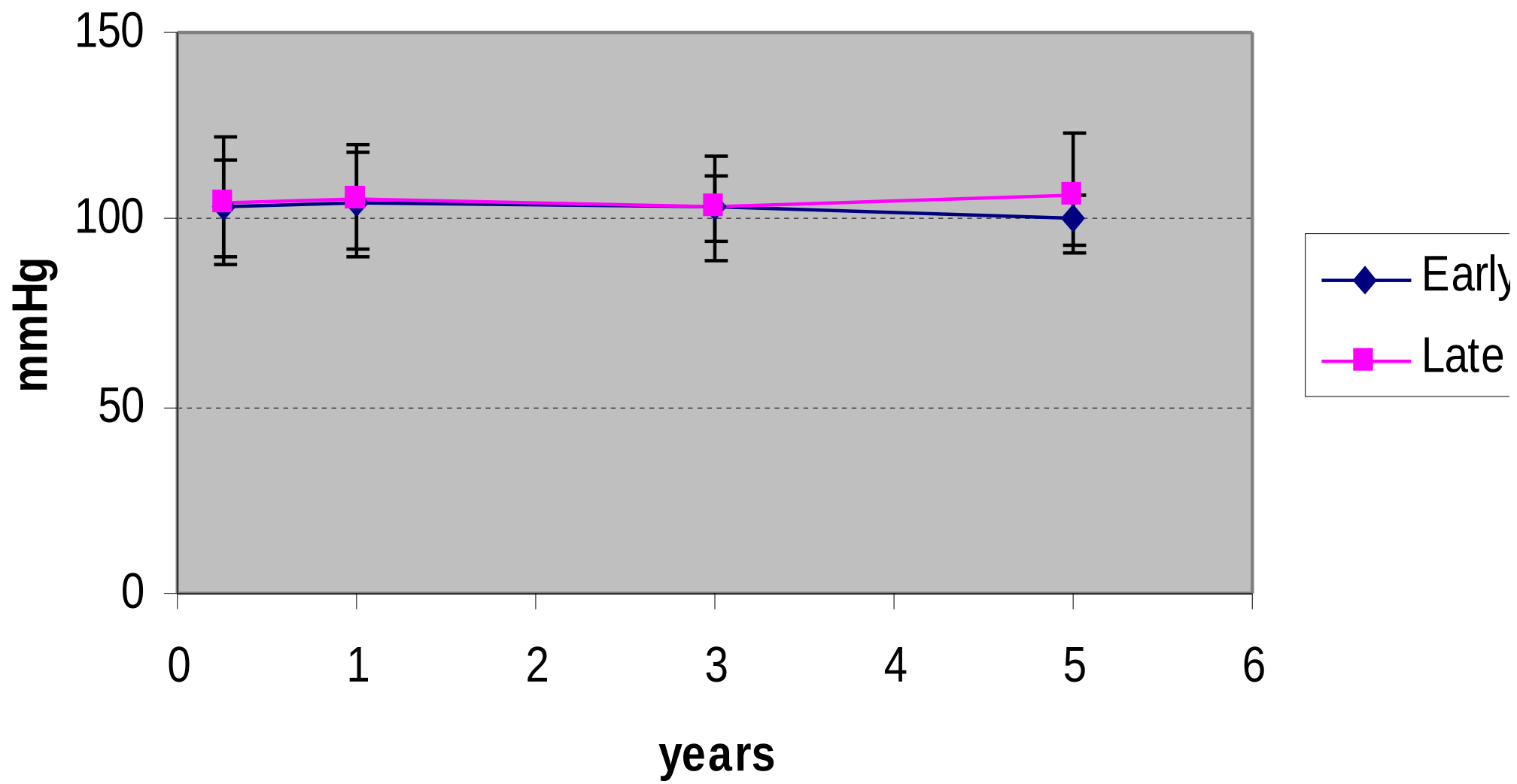
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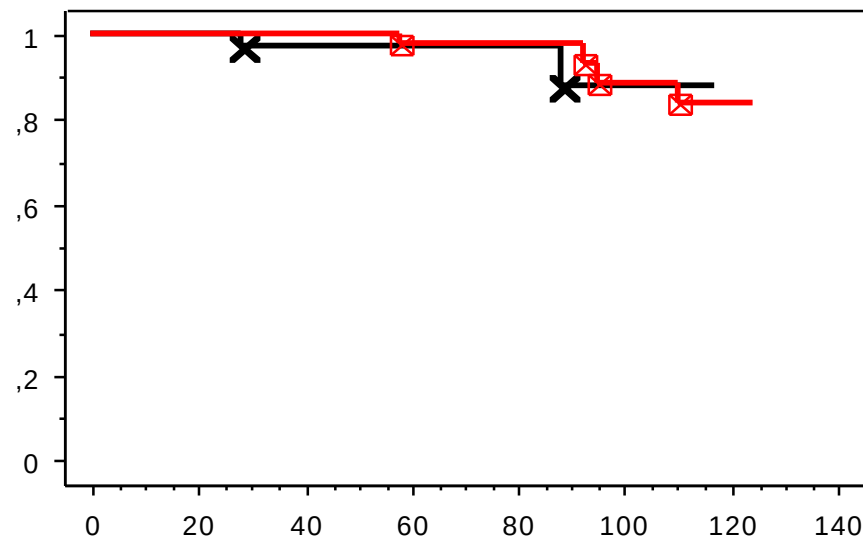


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Graft survival (censoring for DFG)

Cumulative graft survival



Early (n=35)
Late (n=56)

Months

Early ; HCV-MPGN; CTN

Late. 4 CTN

Logrank test (Mantel-Cox) $P = 0,8$

Risk factors for graft failure

Multivariate analysis

Variable	RR	95% CI	P
Dialysis time	1.0	0.984-1.017	1
PRA (%)	1.074	1.017-1.134	0.01
AR (yes)	6.1	0.95-39.2	0.01

Conclusiones

- El ahorro de esteroides aparece factible con los nuevos inmunosupresores
- Los pacientes de alto riesgo deberían ser excluidos de estas estrategias
- Control estricto a corto y largo plazo
- Evitar esteroides o retirarlos ?