

Urgency-Allokation bei Herztransplantationen und die Rolle von Eurotransplant

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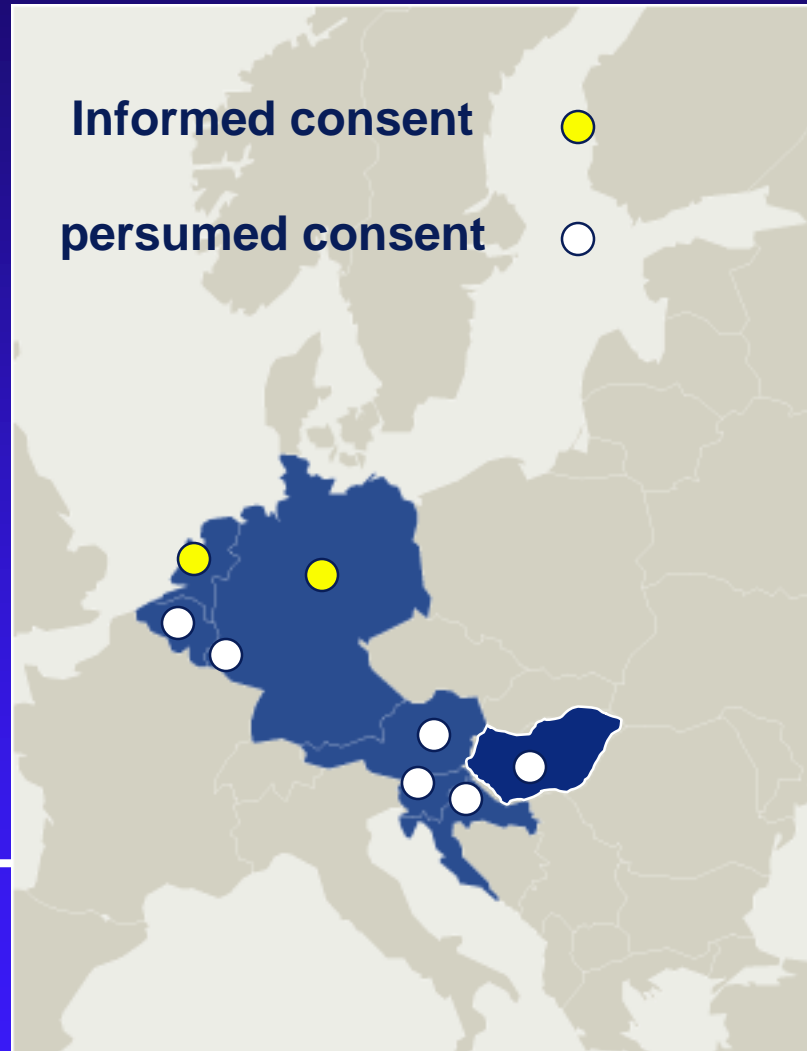


Eurotransplant

A Real International Organisation

Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Germany
Hungary
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Slovenia

Total



8 Mill
11 Mill
4 Mill
82 Mill
10 Mill
0.5 Mill
17 Mill
2 Mill

134.5 Mill

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Overview of ET countries 2016

Country	Population %	Listing %	Heart donor %	Transplant %
Austria	6%	5%	12%	10%
Belgium	8%	10%	13%	12%
Croatia	3%	3%	6%	6%
Germany	61%	64%	50%	51%
Hungary	7%	4%	10%	10%
Luxembourg	0.5%	Belgium	Belgium	Belgium
Netherlands	13%	9%	7%	6%
Slovenia	1.5%	5%	2%	5%
Total number	134.5 Mill	1130	826	608

Overachievers: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary
Underachievers: Germany, Netherlands

High Urgency

- 2 HU statuses: assessed by treating physician
 - National HU status:
 - » granted according national policies (not in Germany)
 - International HU status:
 - » Assigned by independent team of auditors
 - » Guided by well defined criteria
 - » Granted for 8 weeks, renewal possible
 - » Re-submission after rejection possible after 1 week (auditors are informed about earlier decision)

High Urgency definition

- Inotropic therapy ≥ 48 h:
 - RHC (< 2.2 CI, $S_{vo}O_2 < 55\%$, PCWP: ≥ 10)
 - Dobutamine $> 7.5 \mu\text{g/kg/min}$ \pm milrinone $> 0.5 \mu\text{g/kg/min}$
 - Signs of beginning end-organ failure
 - » Na < 136 , Crea, transaminases, symptomatic cerebral perfusion deficit (neurological report)
- VAD complication:
 - Life threatening technical malfunction or VAD complications
 - VAD infection, pos blood culture (driveline excluded)
 - Repeated VAD-related cerebral events (but TX candidate)
- Re-TX within 1 week due to PGF

HU Contraindications

- Multi organ failure
- Emergency indication without preceding evaluation after:
 - Cardiac surgery
 - Large MCI
 - Fulminant myocarditis
- Acute Re-TX other than PGD
- VAD complication 1-2 weeks after implantation without prior stabilisation of patient
- Recipient >65 years

Mandatory Data

- Current treatment data
- Current RHC data (not older than 5 days)
- Blood gas analysis
- Current laboratory data
- Echocardiography
- If applicable: respiratory parameters

HU Audit

- Mandatory data + request sent to ET
- Complete Data forwarded to Audit Committee
 - 3 independent, blinded experts (1 week on call)
 - Answer must be sent within 6-8 hours
 - Accepted, rejected, further questions
 - Majority rule
- Center has right to object rejected HU request once
 - 2nd decision of auditors is final
 - 80% of requests accepted
 - Any deviation is reported to national authorities and chair of Thoracic advisory committee

Eurotransplant Heart Allocation Policy Change

RThAC02.10 ([report 07.07.2010](#))

All pediatric heart or heart+lung transplant candidates are granted the HU status,
as soon as they are registered on the waiting list in an active urgency.

ET-Definition of a Pediatric Heart and HLTX Transplant Candidate

- age < 16 years
- still in maturation
(report by radiologist or
endocrinologist + X-ray left hand)

In period 23.04.2011-05.9.2012

Request for 'in maturation' status
was made for 5 patients
Status dd. 05.9.2012, all received
HTx



Allocation Factors

- Rank tier System:

- Recipient Data:

- » Donor to recipient country balance
 - » Medical urgency
 - » Pediatric status
 - » Donor to recipient ABO group relations
 - » Resident status (Belgium only)
 - » 1A (Intermacs 2), 1B (Intermacs 3) (Netherlands only)
 - » Degree of sensitisation (Germany only)

- Donor Data:

- » Donor size min – max (specified by gender)
 - » Donor age (min – max)
 - » Acceptance of: HbsAG+, HBcAb+, HCV+, CMV, Sepsis, meningitis, Malignant tumor, Drug abuse, domino transplant

- Waiting time: separate counters for each urgency status

Special Considerations

- Country Balance:
 - Cumulative difference of donor hearts imported vs. exported between 2 countries
 - Starting point: September 1st 2004
 - HU Balance, Total Balance calculated separately and updated online.
- Hospitalized pediatric above non-hospitalized pediatric
- ACO: accepted combined organ transplants
 - HNTX, Heart-Liver
 - Accepted via own audit group
- Heart Lung Transplantation above Heart Transplantation
- 10% Extended donor height profile: not in Germany
- AB0 compatibility: different systems:
 - ET-AB0 compatible above AB0 compatible (all except Germany)
 - AB0 identical above modified AB0 compatible (Germany)

Rank Tiers Differences

Austria	Belgium/Luxembourg	Germany	Slovenia/Croatia/Hungary	Netherlands
Int HU +Neg HU Bal+ Hosp child	Int HU +Neg HU Bal+ Hosp child	Int HU +Neg HU Bal+ Hosp child	Int HU +Neg HU Bal+ Hosp child	Int HU +Neg HU Bal+ Hosp child
Int HU+ Neg HU Balance	Int HU+ Neg HU Balance	Int HU+ Neg HU Balance	Int HU+ Neg HU Balance	Int HU+ Neg HU Balance
Local/Regional HU peds/adults	Regional HU			1A Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults
Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults	Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults	Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults	Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults	1B Nat HU+ Int HU+ neg total Balance peds/adults
National ACO	National ACO	National ACO	National ACO	National ACO
Local elective	Regional elective		Regional elective	
National elective	National elective	National elective	National elective	National elective
10% rule (all above)	10% rule (all above)		10% rule (all above)	10% rule (all above)
International	International	International	International	International

Sub-Rank Tiers Differences

Austria	Belgium/Luxembourg	Germany	Slovenia/Croatia/Hungary	Netherlands
AB0 ET Comp HLTX	AB0 ET Comp HLTX	1 st main rank like Austria	AB0 ET Comp HLTX	AB0 ET Comp HLTX
AB0 ET Comp HTX	AB0 ET Comp HTX	HLTX > HTX	AB0 ET Comp HTX	AB0 ET Comp HTX
AB0 Comp HLTX	AB0 Comp HLTX	Immunized > not immunized	AB0 Comp HLTX	AB0 Comp HLTX
AB0 Comp HTX	AB0 Comp HTX	AB0 identical	AB0 Comp HTX	AB0 Comp HTX
	>3 main rank:	Mod AB0 comp		
	AB0 ET Comp HLTX	AB0 comp		
	AB0 Comp HLTX			
	AB0 ET Comp HTX			
	AB0 Comp HTX			

Allocation Algorithm Austria I

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Austria

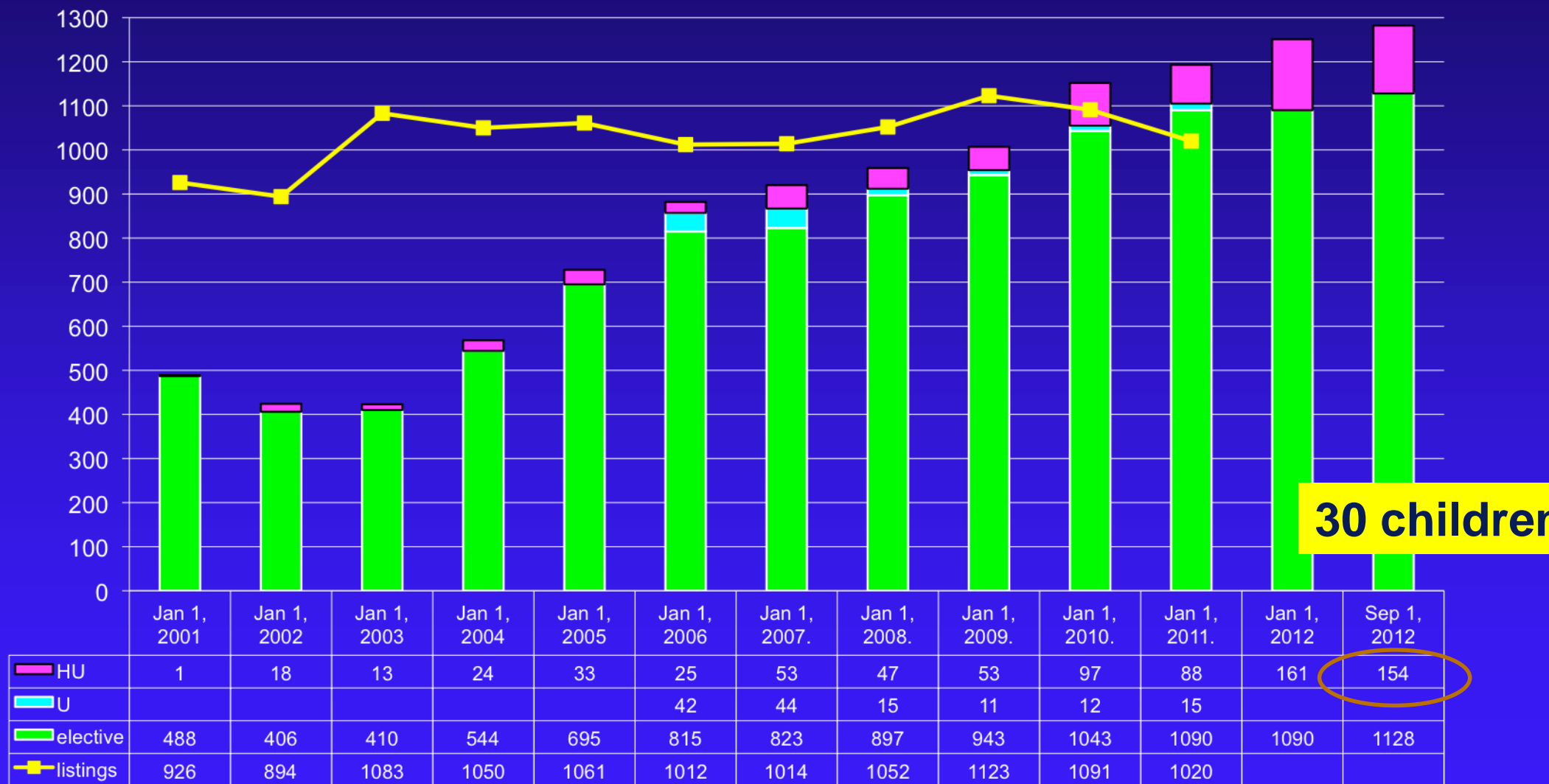
Main rank tiers	1st sub rank tier	2nd sub rank tier
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance) and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance) and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance) and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance) and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart only
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance)	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance)	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance)	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU (neg. HU balance)	ABO comp	Heart only
Local HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Local HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart only
Local HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Local HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart only
Local HU	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Local HU	ET comp	Heart only
Local HU	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Local HU	ABO comp	Heart only
Regional HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Regional HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart only
Regional HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Regional HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart only
Regional HU	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Regional HU	ET comp	Heart only
Regional HU	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Regional HU	ABO comp	Heart only
[Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)] and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart-Lung
[Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)] and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart only
[Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)] and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
[Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)] and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart only
Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)	ET comp	Heart only
Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Nat. HU or Int'l HU (neg. total balance)	ABO comp	Heart only
Nat. ACO	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Nat. ACO	ET comp	Heart only
Nat. ACO	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Nat. ACO	ABO comp	Heart only
Local Elective	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Local Elective	ET comp	Heart only
Local Elective	ABO comp	Heart-Lung

Allocation Algorithm Austria II

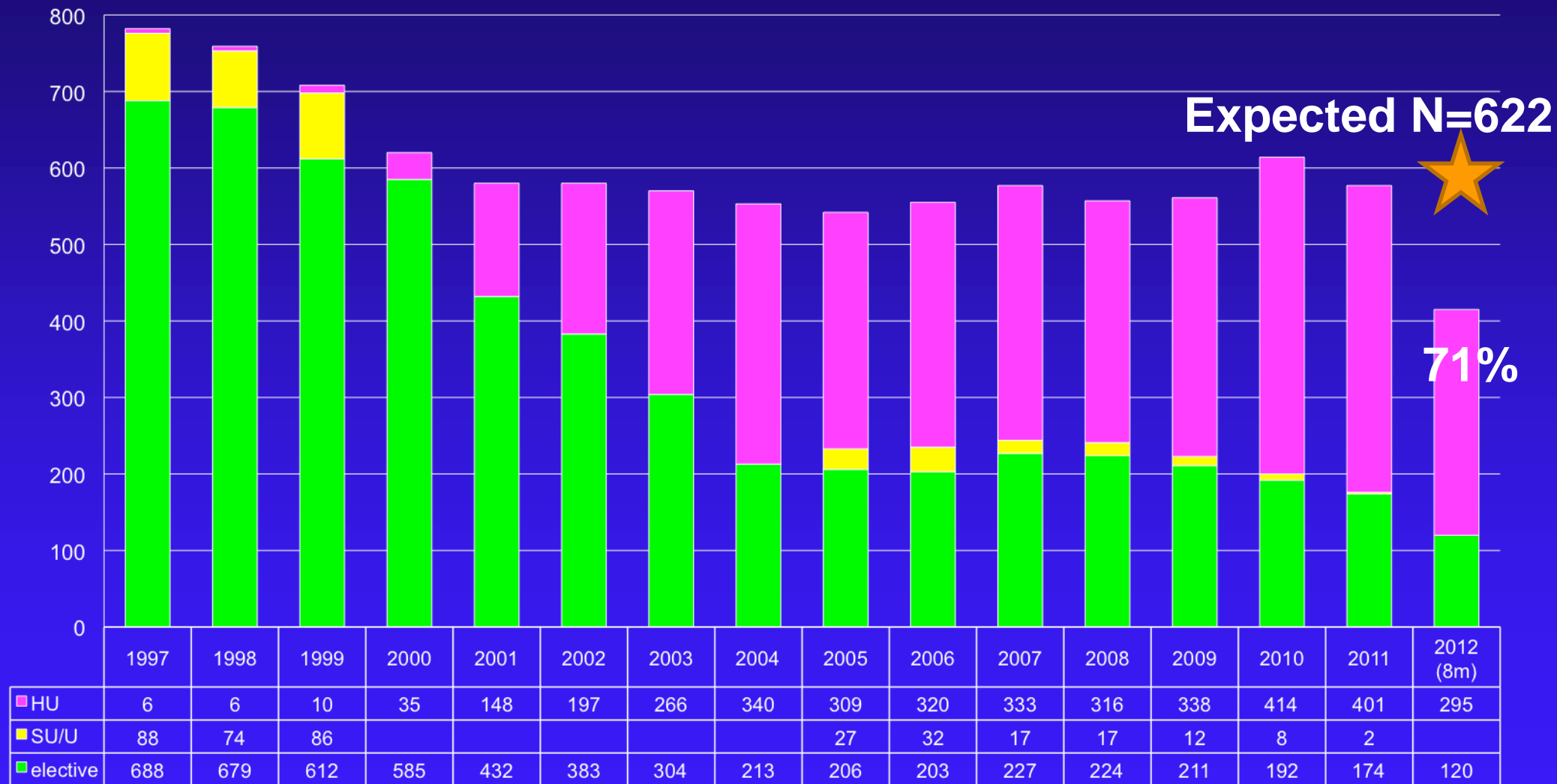
Local Elective	ABO comp	Heart only
National Elective	ET comp	Heart-Lung
National Elective	ET comp	Heart only
National Elective	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
National Elective	ABO comp	Heart only
Repeat the above for the 10% rule		
Int'l HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU and hospitalized child	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU and hospitalized child	ABO comp	Heart only
Int'l HU	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l HU	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l HU	ABO comp	Heart only
Int'l ACO	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l ACO	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l ACO	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l ACO	ABO comp	Heart only
Int'l Elective	ET comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l Elective	ET comp	Heart only
Int'l Elective	ABO comp	Heart-Lung
Int'l Elective	ABO comp	Heart only
Repeat the above for the 10% rule		
Children aged < 2 years with incompatible ABO and centre has protocol		
Belgian non-residents		

Heart-transplant Waitinglist- registrations

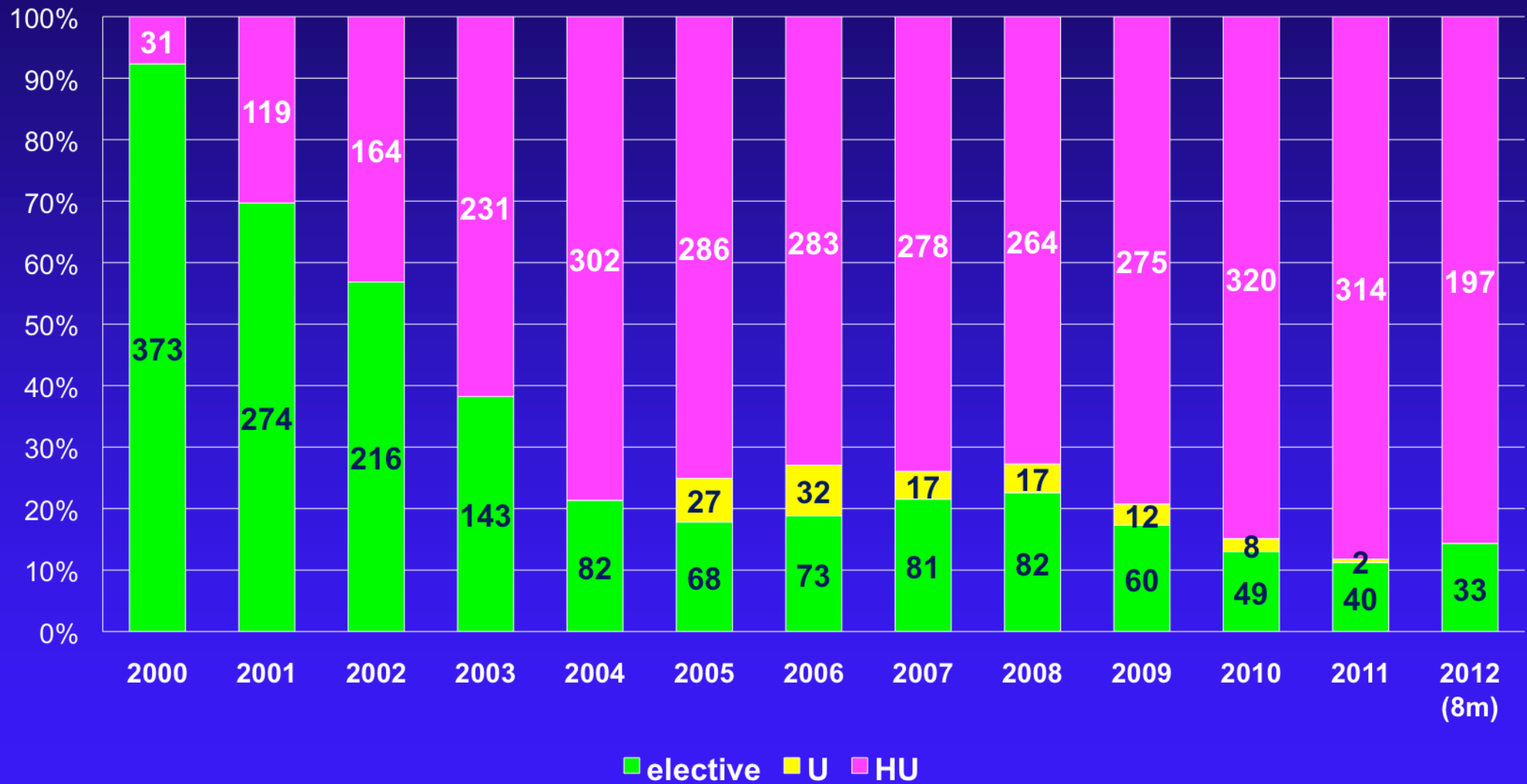
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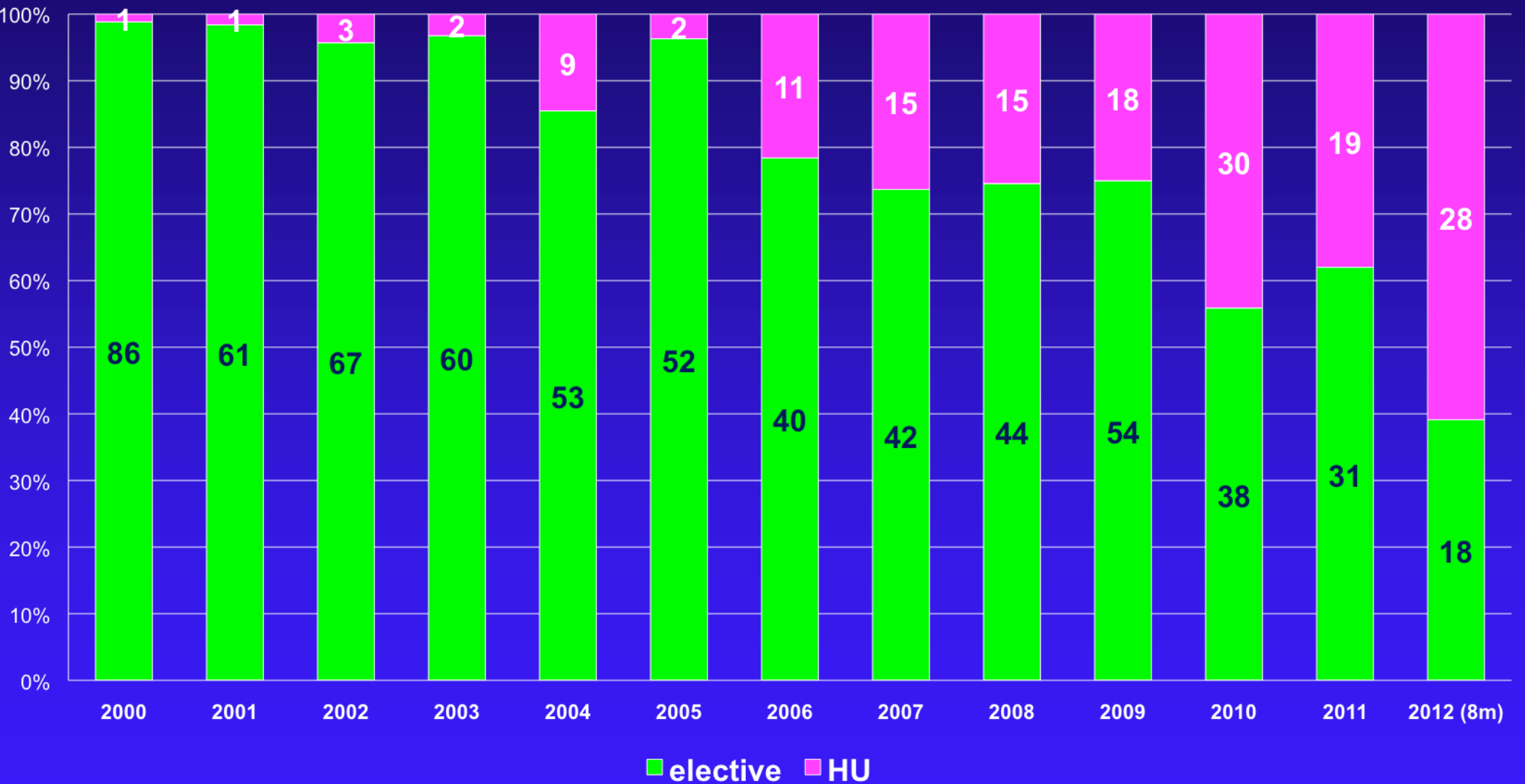
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Germany Transplants

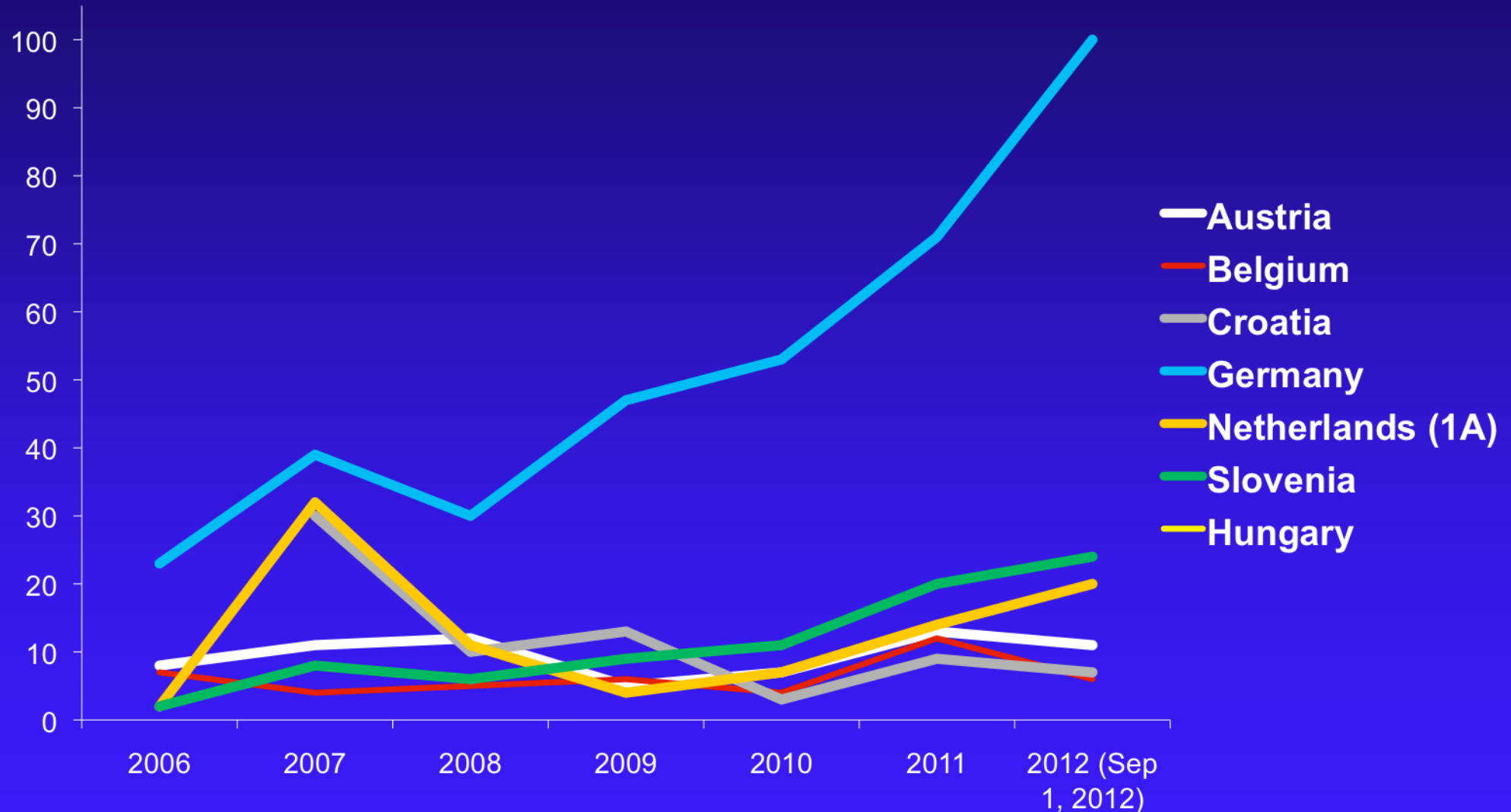


Austria Transplants

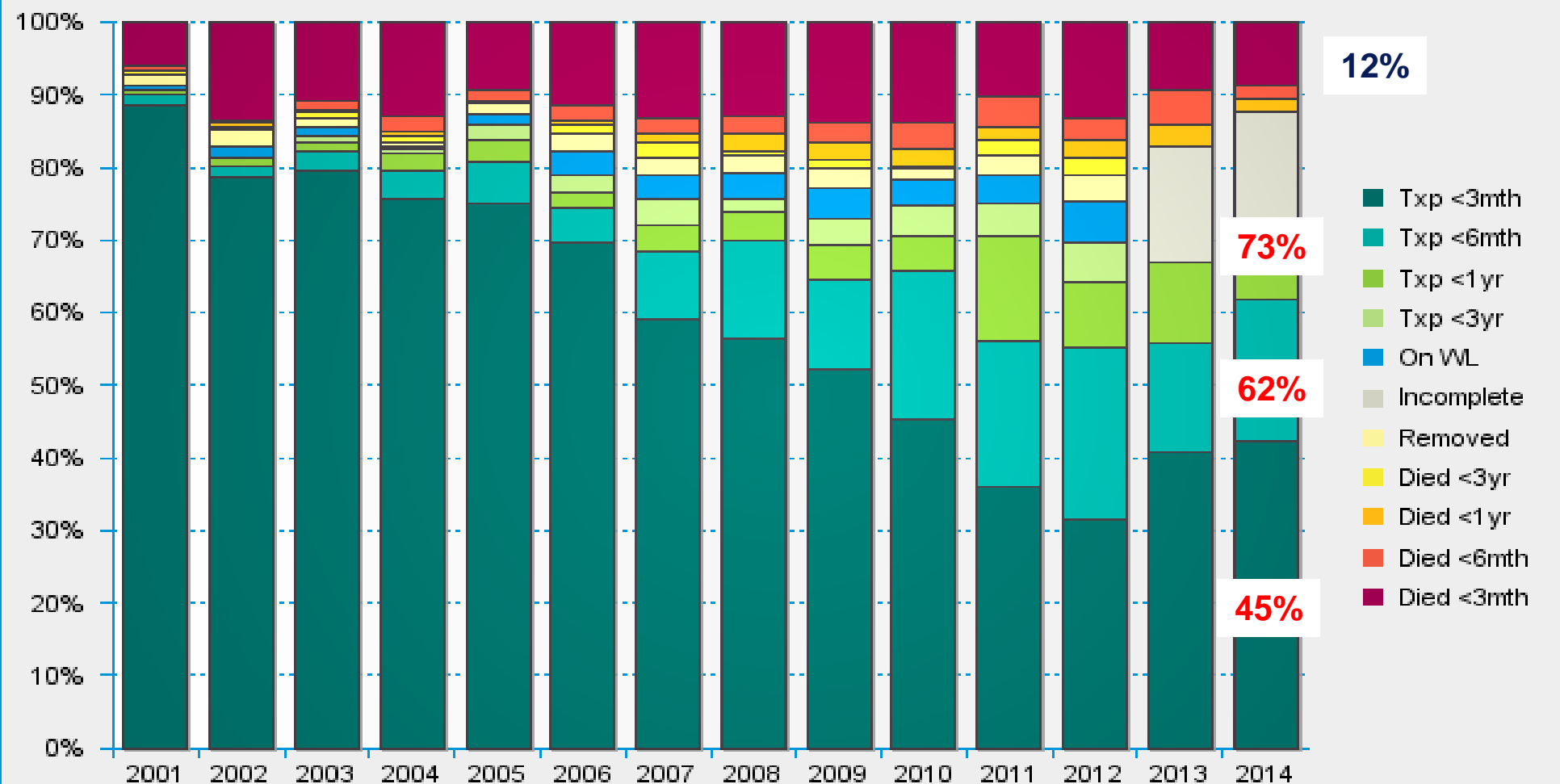


Median waiting time in HU status - heart

Transplanted patients, Eurotransplant 2006 - 09/2012



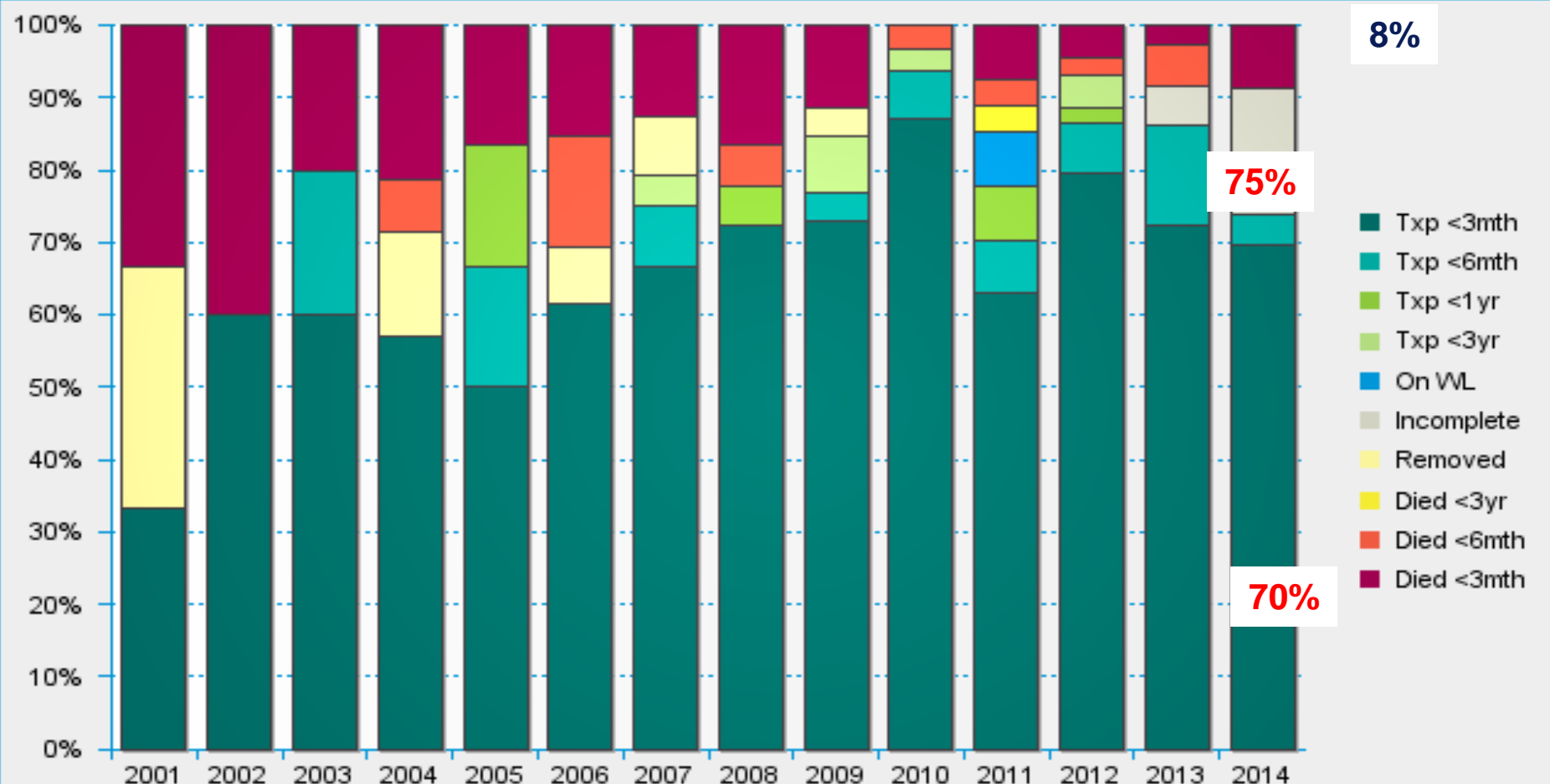
Heart waiting list HU registrations in Germany, by year - outcome after 3 years



statistics.eurotransplant.org : 4135P_Germany_heart : 08.04.2016 : From date of first HU registration.

Removals later than 3 years after registration are not shown. Deceased on waiting list includes removals through deterioration.

Heart waiting list HU registrations in Austria, by year - outcome after 3 years



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ORIGINAL CLINICAL SCIENCE

Is it time for a cardiac allocation score? First results from the Eurotransplant pilot study on a survival benefit–based heart allocation

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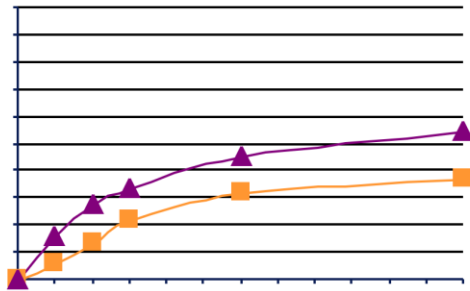


**Cardiac Allocation
score**

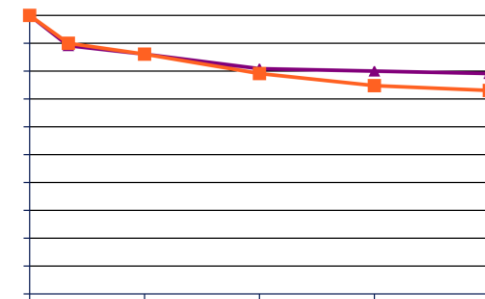
**Waitlist or Urgency
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**Post- Tx or Outcome
component**

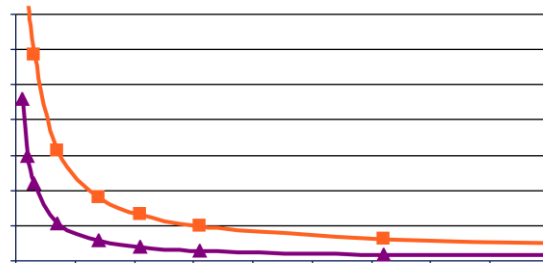
Waiting list mortality



Post-transplant mortality

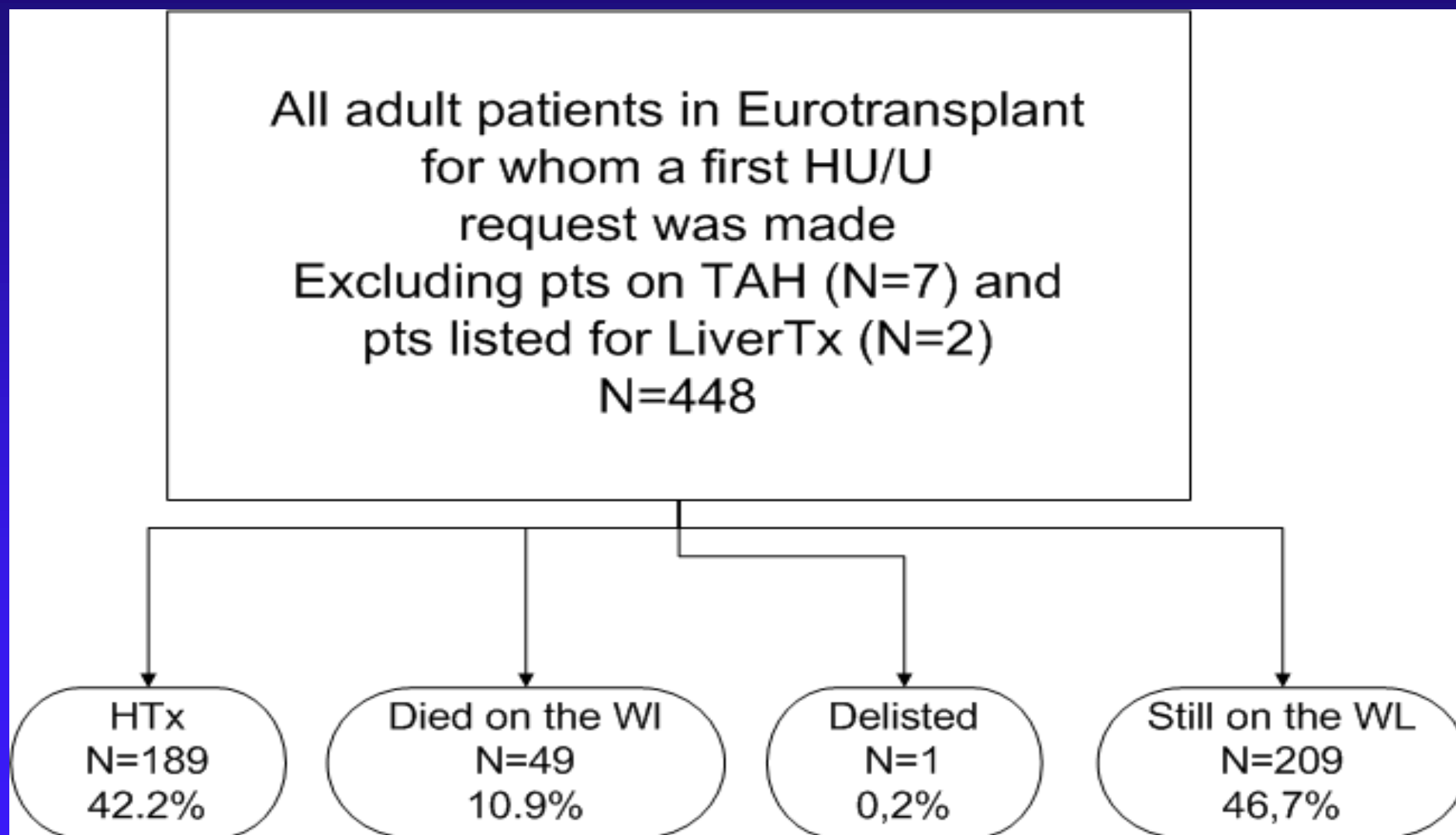


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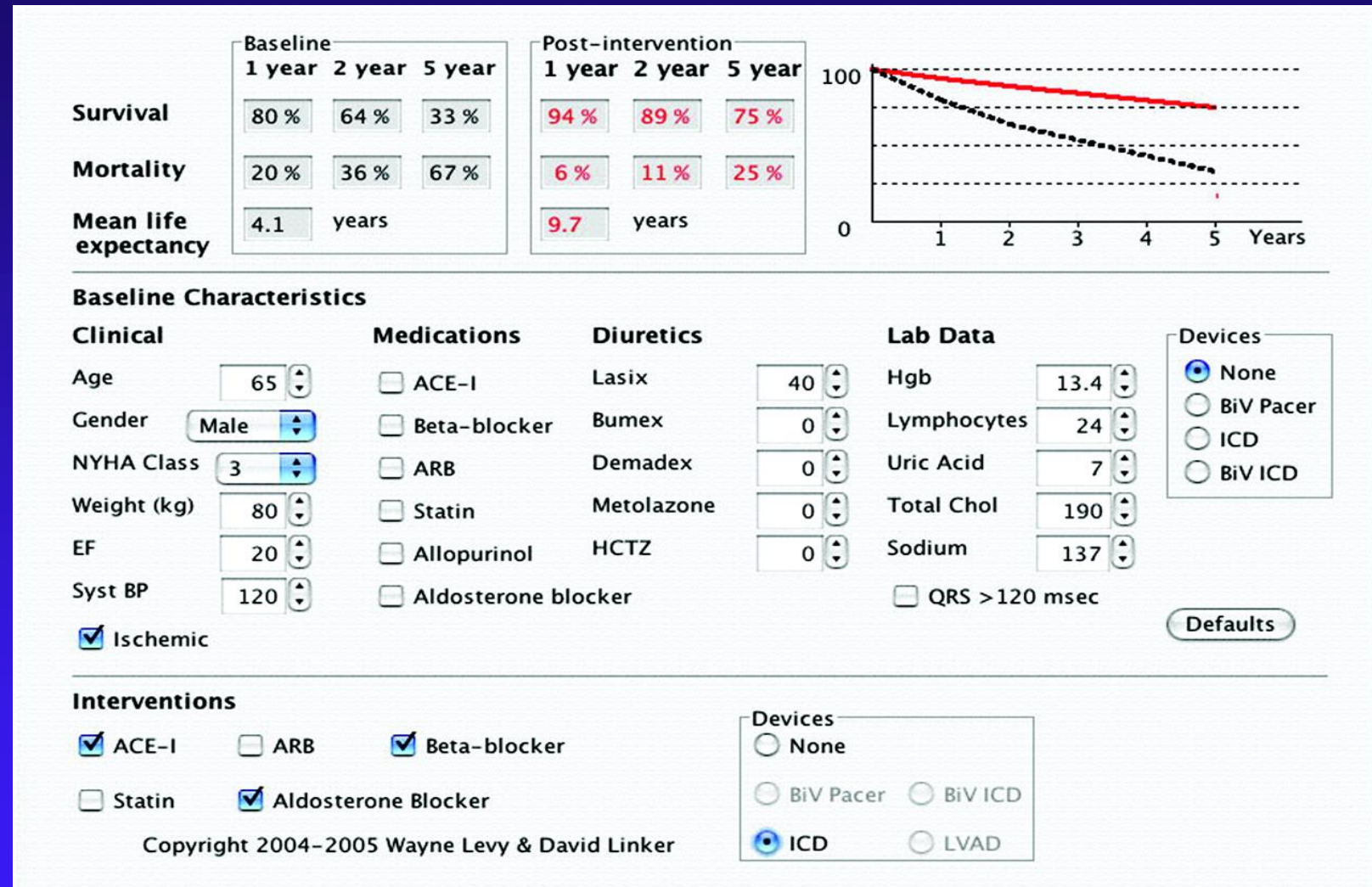


WL outflow@ 3 months after HU request

Listing period Oct 6-2010-June 5, 2011 , WL evaluated at Sep 6 2011, Post-Tx evaluated at Nov 6 2011

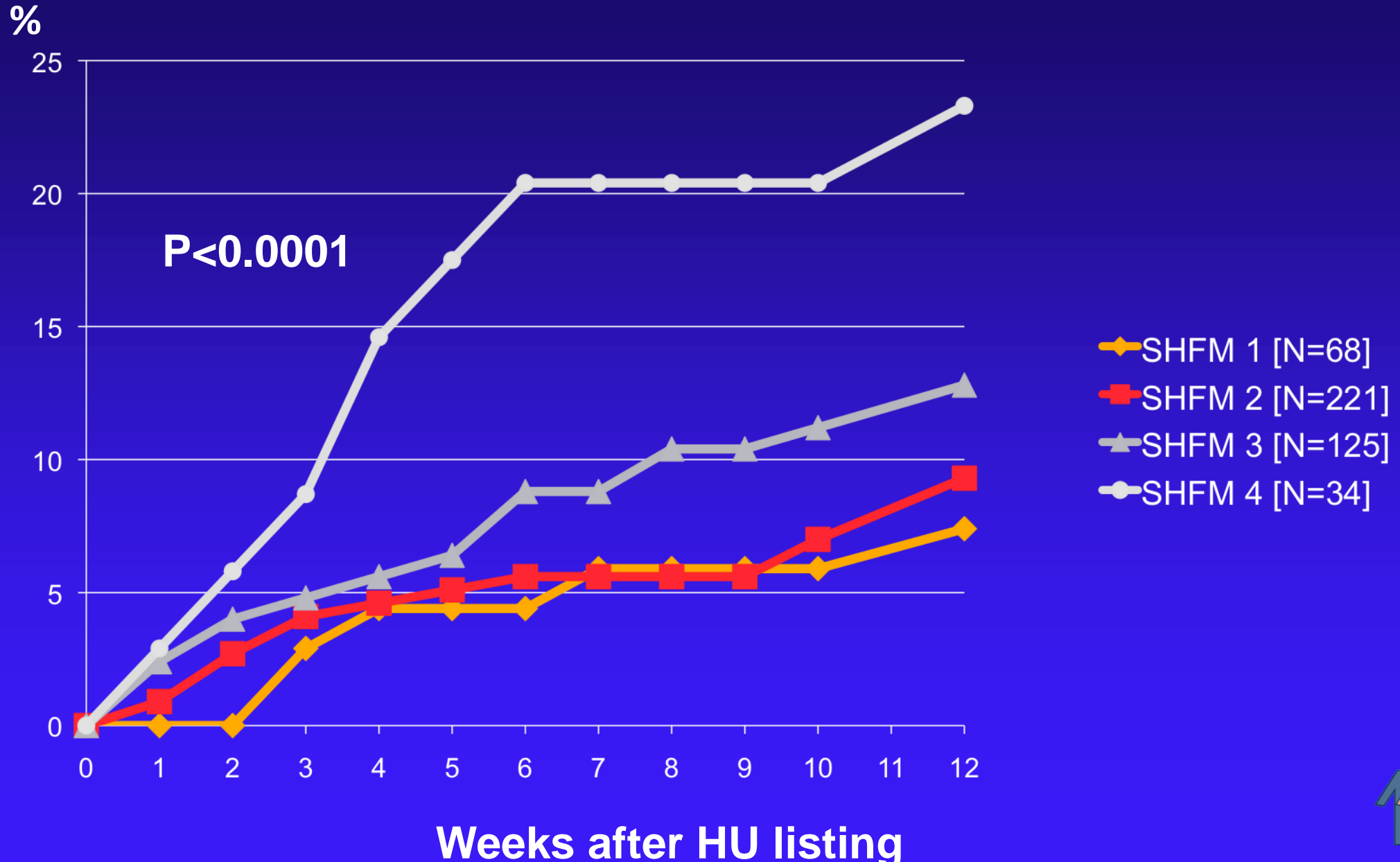


The Seattle Heart Failure Model has been implemented as an interactive program that employs the Seattle Heart Failure Score to estimate mean, 1-, 2-, and 5-year survival and the benefit of adding medications and/or devices for an individual patient



Levy, W. C. et al. Circulation 2006;113:1424-1433

Mortality on the HU heart transplant waiting list by Seattle Heart Failure Model



Creation of a Quantitative Recipient Risk Index for Mortality Prediction After Cardiac Transplantation (IMPACT)

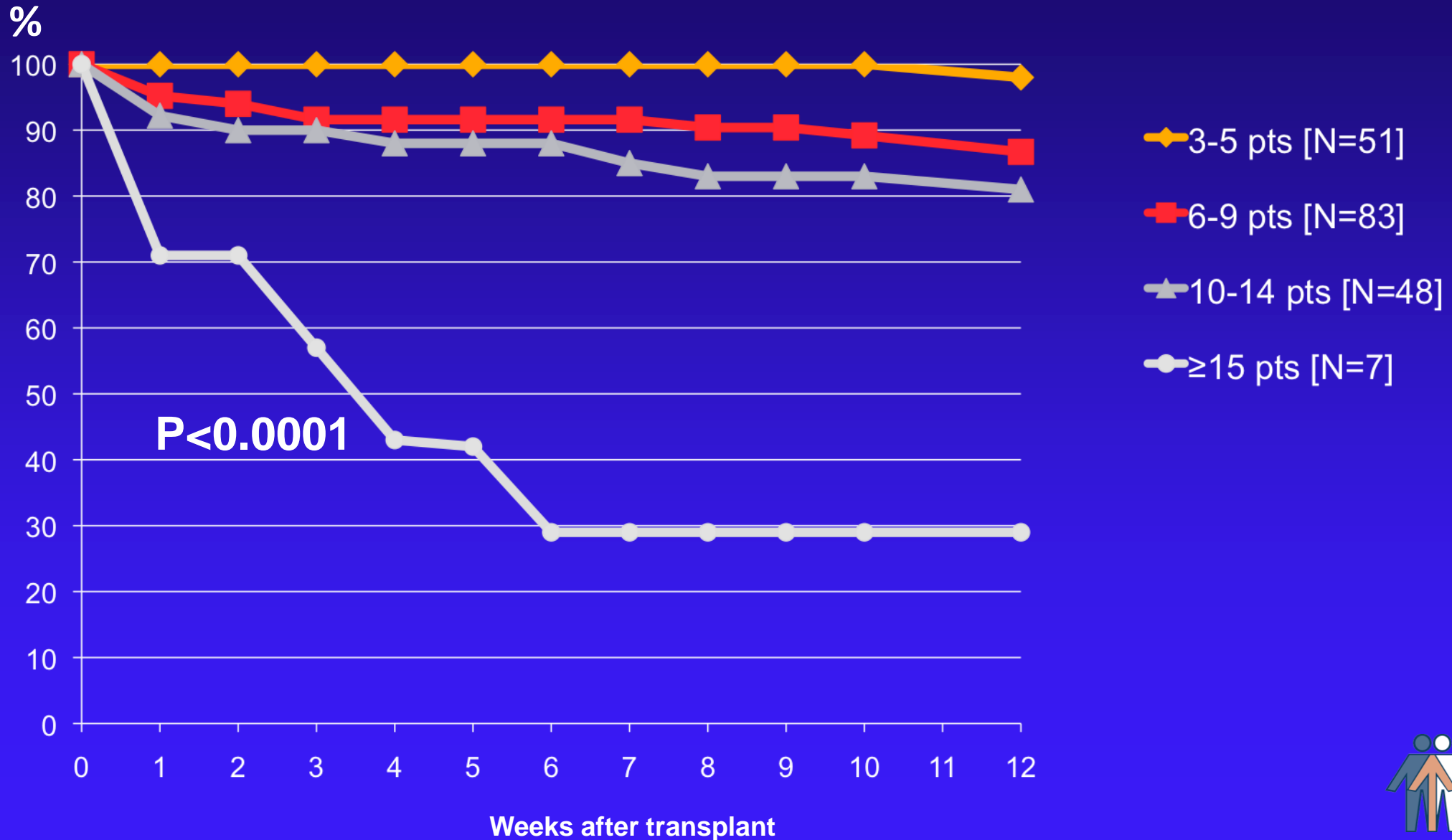
Eric S. Weiss, MD, MPH, Jeremiah G. Allen, MD, George J. Arnaoutakis, MD, Timothy J. George, MD, Stuart D. Russell, MD, Ashish S. Shah, MD, and John V. Conte, MD

Ann Thorac Surg 2011;92:914–22

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Covariates ^a	Univariate Analysis OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> Value	Multivariable Analysis OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> Value ^b	Points Assigned
Age greater than 60	1.29 (1.18–1.43)	<0.001	1.35 (1.21–1.50)	<0.001	3
Bilirubin (serum)					
0–0.99	Reference		Reference		
1–1.99	1.30 (1.17–1.44)	<0.001	1.28 (1.14–1.43)	<0.001	1
2–3.99	1.70 (1.46–1.98)	<0.001	1.49 (1.27–1.75)	<0.001	3
≥4	2.12 (1.85–2.44)	<0.001	1.96 (1.68–2.29)	<0.001	4
Creatinine clearance					
>50 mL/minute	Reference		Reference		0
30–49 mL/minute	1.10 (1.00–1.22)	0.04	1.21 (1.07–1.35)	0.001	2
<30 mL/minute	2.89 (2.32–3.58)	<0.001	2.45 (1.93–3.11)	<0.001	5
Dialysis between listing and transplant	3.11 (2.46–3.94)	<0.001	1.93 (1.49–2.51)	<0.001	4
Female sex	1.18 (1.07–1.31)	0.001	1.39 (1.23–1.57)	<0.001	3
Heart failure etiology					
Ideopathic	Reference		Reference		0
Ischemic	1.26 (1.15–1.39)	<0.001	1.30 (1.16–1.45)	<0.001	2
Congenital	2.57 (2.02–3.26)	<0.001	2.80 (2.15–3.65)	<0.001	5
Other	1.25 (1.06–1.47)	0.008	1.22 (1.02–1.46)	0.02	1
Infection	1.68 (1.47–1.91)	<0.001	1.33 (1.16–1.54)	<0.001	3
IABP	1.70 (1.44–2.02)	<0.001	1.26 (1.04–1.53)	0.02	3
Mechanical ventilation prior to transplant	3.69 (3.02–4.51)	<0.001	2.10 (1.66–2.67)	<0.001	5
Race					
Caucasian	Reference		Reference		
African American	1.19 (1.05–1.34)	0.005	1.36 (1.19–1.56)	<0.001	3
Hispanic	1.01 (0.84–1.21)	0.94	1.07 (0.88–1.30)	0.65	0
Other	1.08 (0.81–1.43)	0.61	0.98 (0.72–1.34)	0.90	0
Temporary circulatory support	5.42 (4.08–7.42)	<0.001	3.26 (2.35–4.53)	<0.001	7
Ventricular assist device					
Older gen pulsatile	1.34 (1.19–1.52)	<0.001	1.30 (1.14–1.50)	<0.001	3
New gen continuous (excluding HMII)	1.99 (1.07–3.69)	0.03	2.04 (1.06–3.97)	0.03	5
Heartmate II	1.07 (0.77–1.50)	0.68	1.22 (0.87–1.72)	0.25	0
Ann Thorac Surg 2011;92:914–22	–	–	–	–	50 points

Post-transplant survival rates by IMPACT score

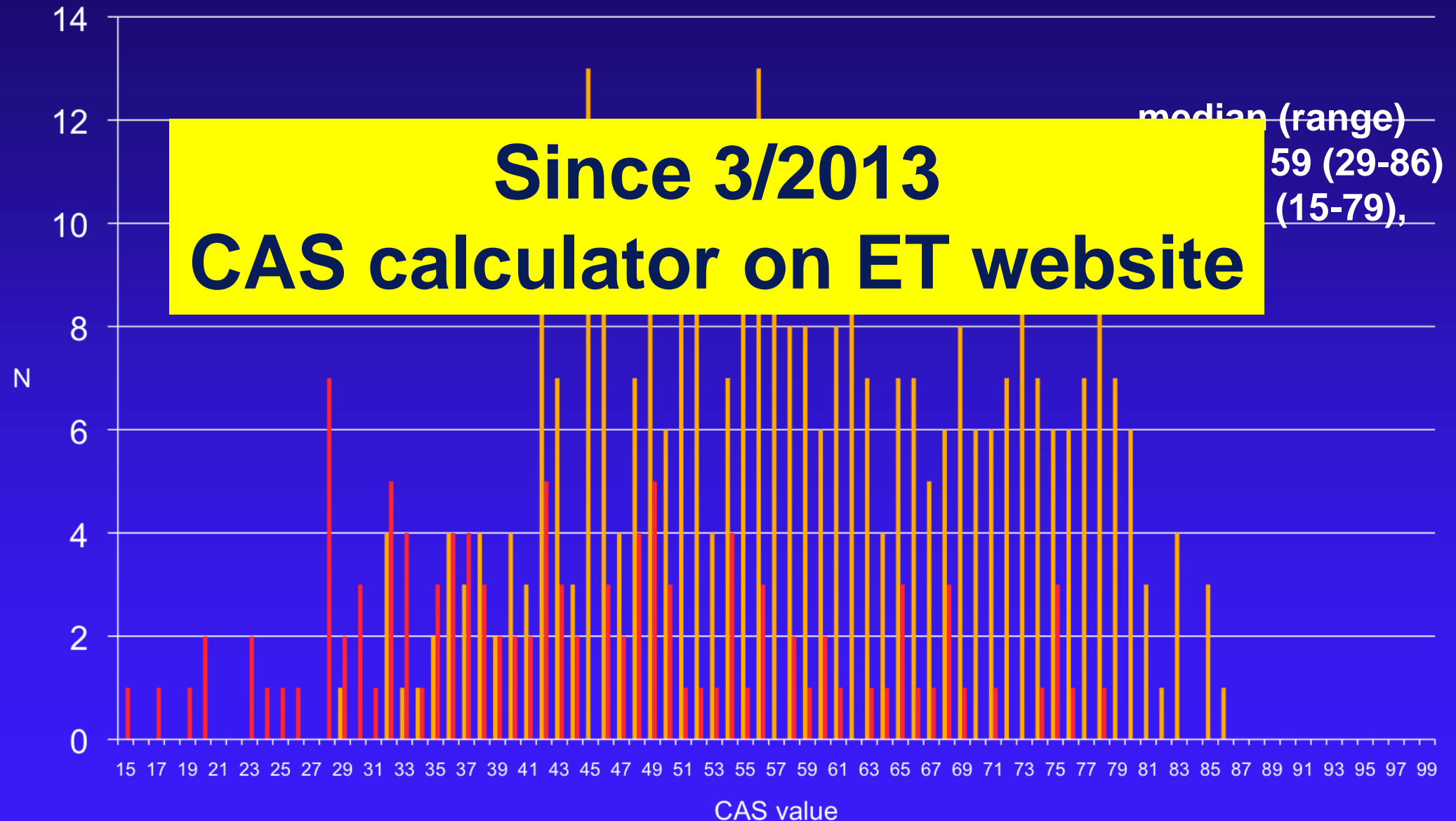


Multivariate Analysis for Waiting List & Post TX mortality

SHFM	1	2	3	4	P-value
All patients	1	2.00 (0.78-5.17)	2.96(1.13-7.75)	6.39(2.17-18.40)	0.001
Non-VAD	1	1.73(0.40-7.45)	3.11(0.73-13.25)	7.53(1.64-34.44)	0.001
VAD	1	3.26(0.82-10.31)	2.22(0.45-10.99)	5.12(0.56-52.63)	0.19
Impact	3-5	6-9	10-14	≥15	P-value
All patients	1	3.58 (0.79-16.18)	6.73 (1.49-30.25)	37.76 (7.19-198.12)	<0.0001
Non-VAD	1	2.77 (0.59-12.97)	9.67(2.12-44.22)	45.84(8.65-242.98)	<0.0001
VAD	1	11	1	2.51	0.54

Distribution of CAS values, by VAD support

no VAD VAD



Benefit vs. Problems of ET Allocation

- Pediatric patients have advantage
- For non-German countries HU has a benefit
- Smaller Countries still can have their own allocation process and have access to large donor pool
- HU situation in Germany problematic (German donor problem)
- HU situation for VAD's needs attention

Summary

- ET is a true international organisation with 8 countries and 7 languages
- Different laws, different donor numbers
- Country balances necessary
- HU system with audit committee
- HU waiting time increases massively in Germany (median >70d)
- Strong need for new allocation algorithm
- New allocation algorithm might work well in non-VAD patients