

**Tacrolimus de Liberación Prolongada
15 años después:**

*El valor de las nuevas evidencias en Trasplante
Hepático*

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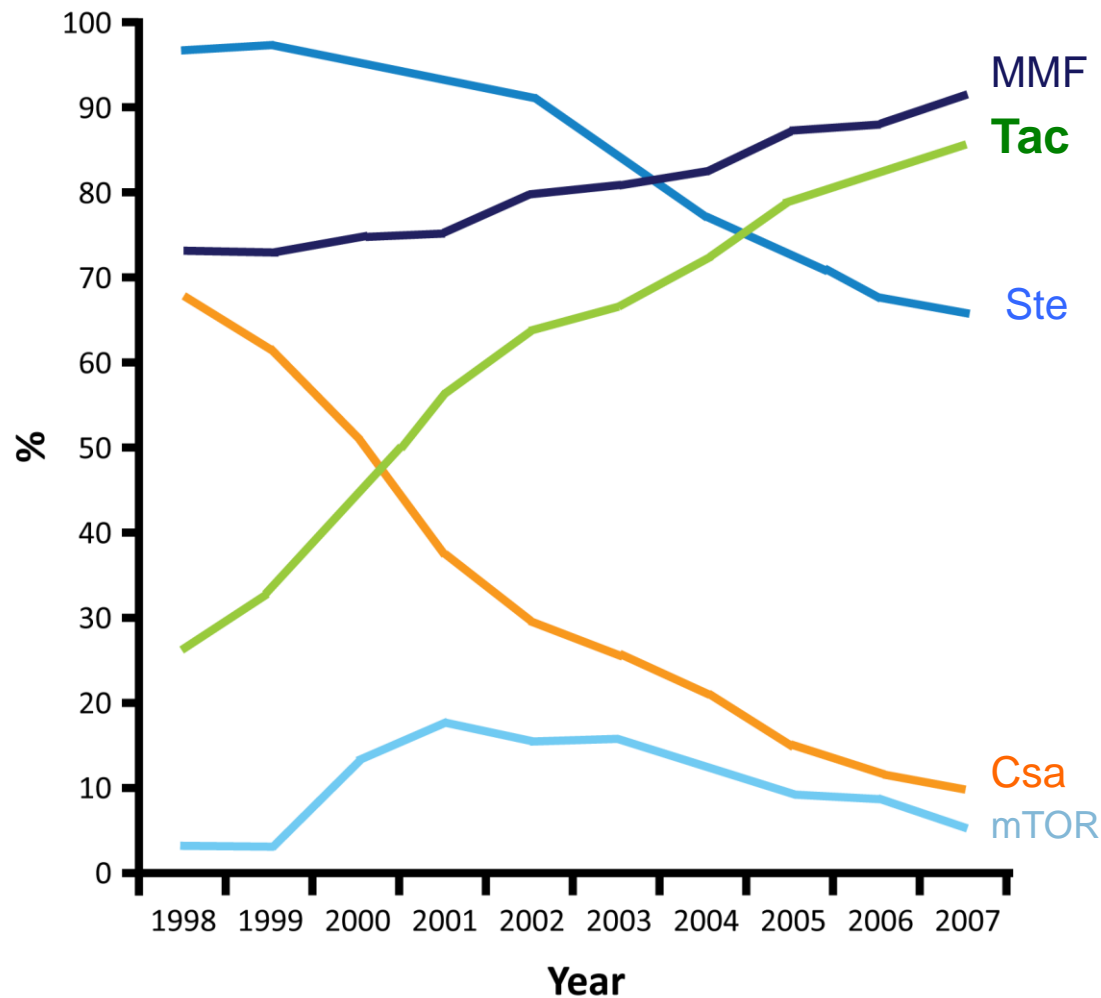
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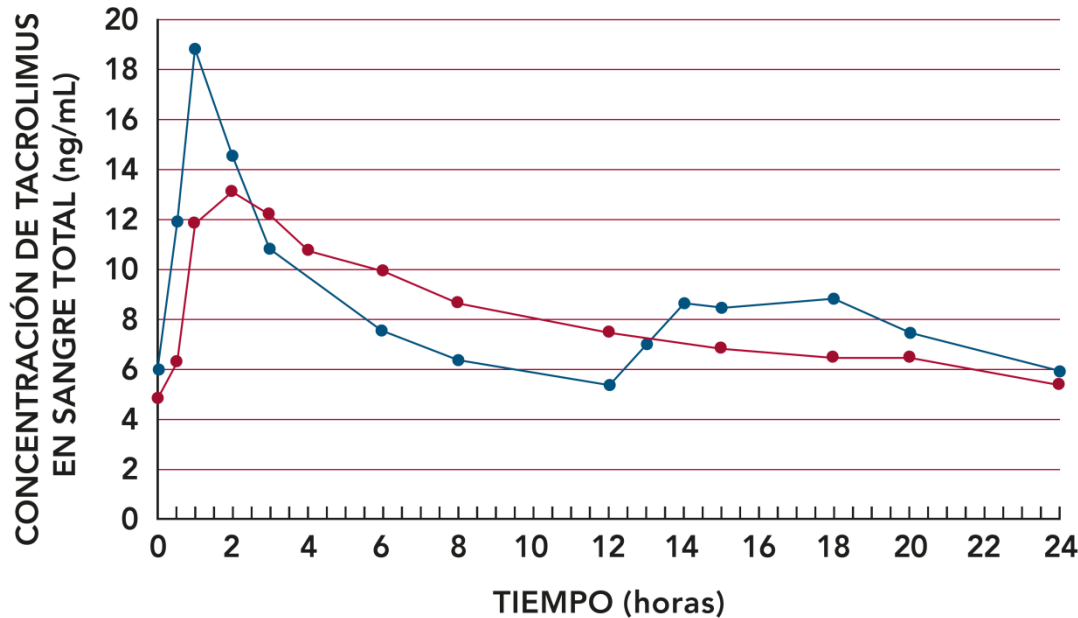
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Media de los niveles totales en sangre de 24h



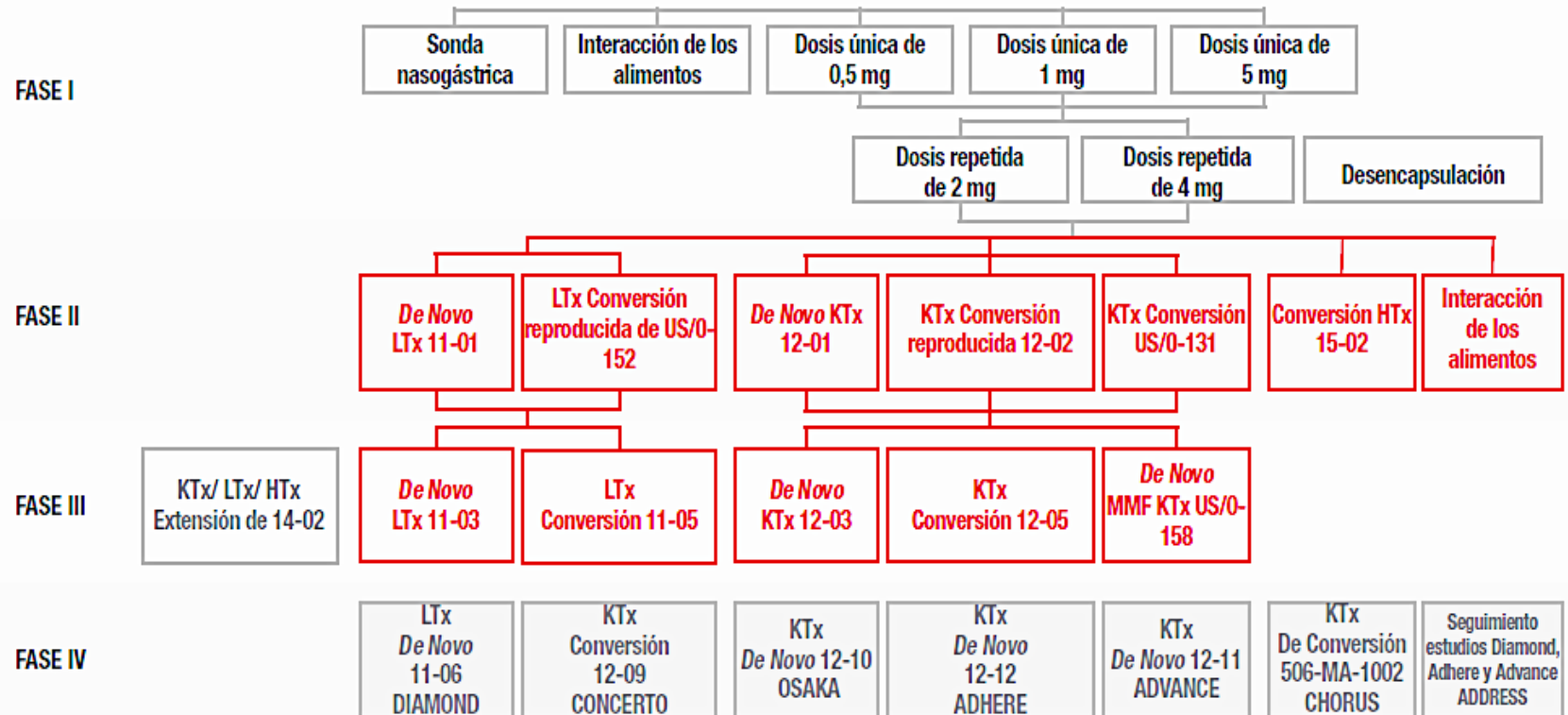
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● Tacro LR

Curva más lineal
Sólo una $C_{máx}$, menor y por la mañana
Se evita el pico de la noche
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Heffron et al. 2007

Desarrollo Clínico de TAC-LR (FK-506E- MR4)



Más de 12.000 pacientes
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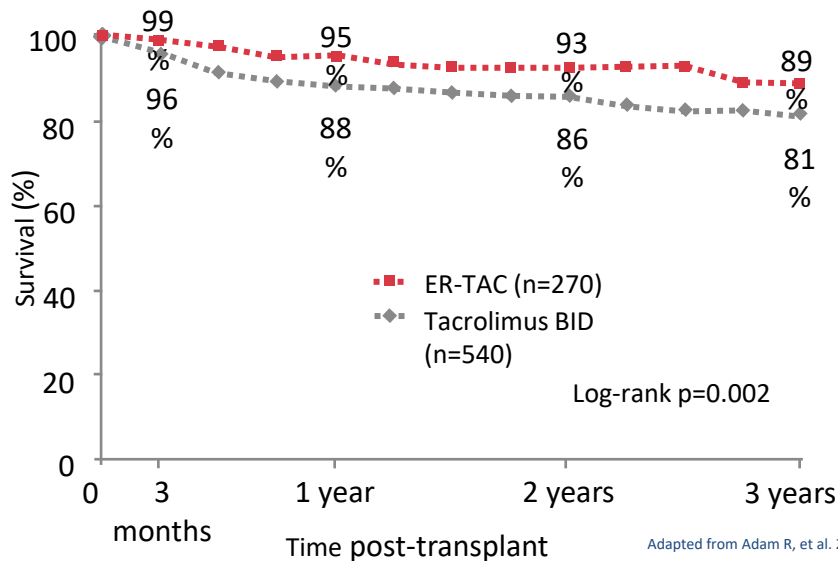
Pharmacokinetics of prolonged-release tacrolimus versus immediate-release tacrolimus in de novo liver transplantation: A randomized phase III substudy

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Improved Survival in Liver Transplant Recipients Receiving Prolonged-Release Tacrolimus in the European Liver Transplant Registry

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Graft survival over 3 years: propensity score-matched cohort

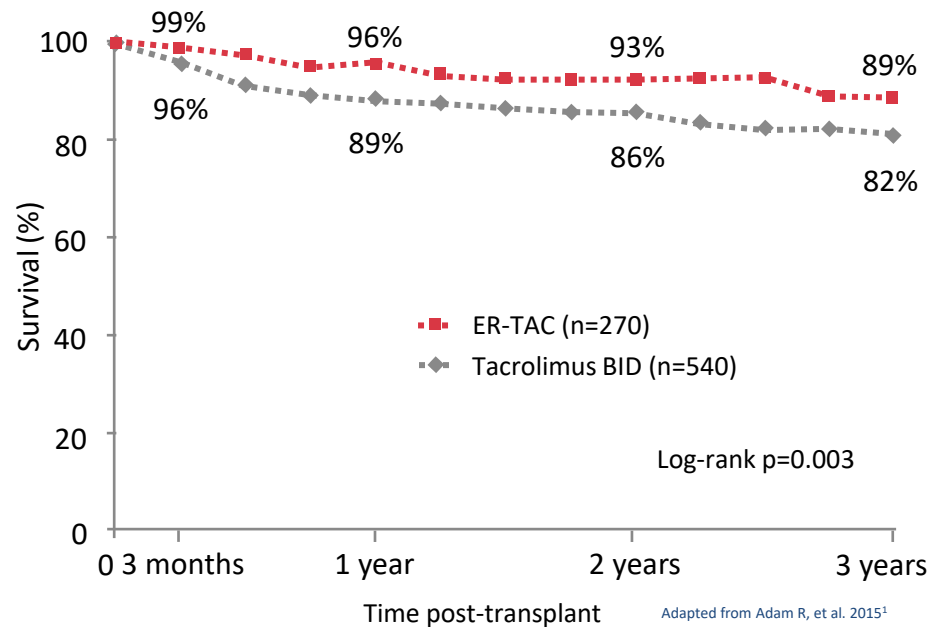


8% difference in graft survival with ER-TAC vs. tacrolimus BID (p=0.002)

Patients at risk

Time post-transplant	ER-TAC	Tacrolimus BID
0	270	540
3 months	260	503
1 year	166	364
2 years	72	167
3 years	39	58

Graft survival over 3 years: propensity score-matched cohort



**7% difference in
patient survival with
ER-TAC vs.
tacrolimus BID
(p=0.003)**

Patients at risk

ER-TAC	260	168	73
Tacrolimus BID	505	366	169

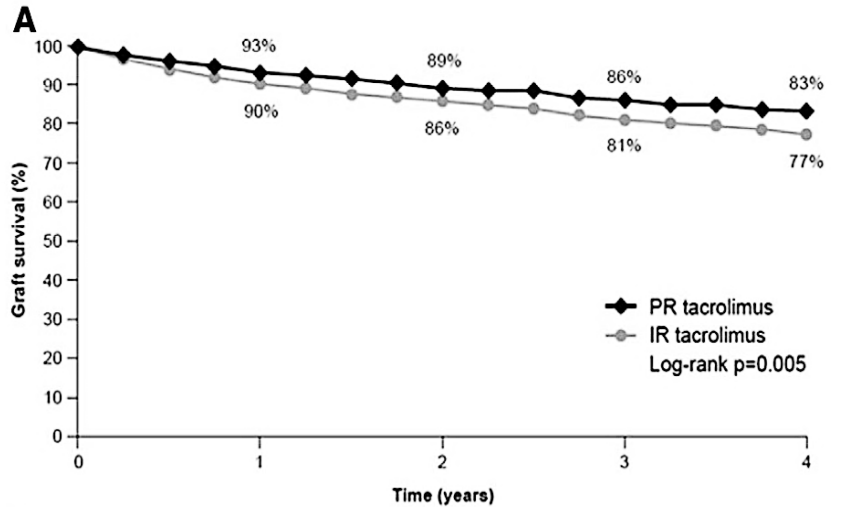
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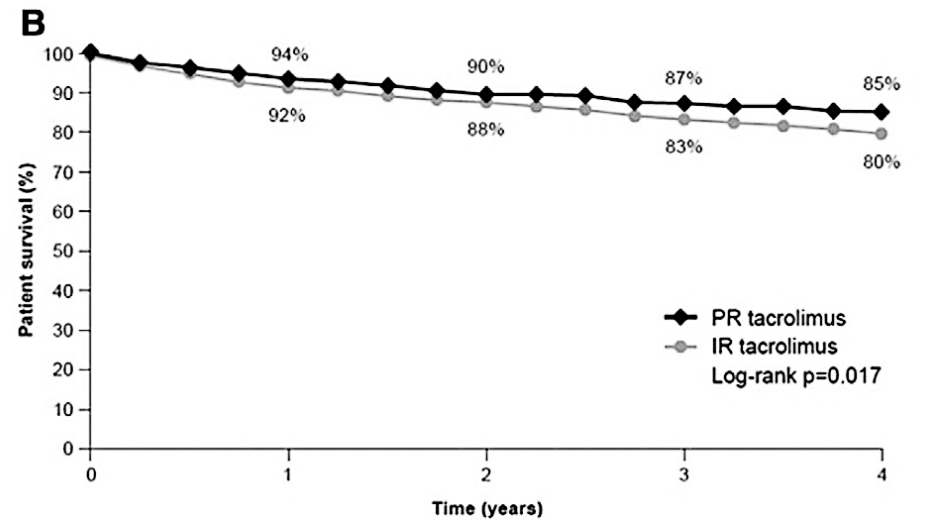
Improved Survival in Liver Transplant Patients Receiving Prolonged-release Tacrolimus-based Immunosuppression in the European Liver Transplant Registry (ELTR): An Extension Study

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Patients at risk	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years
PR tacrolimus	669	412	241	130
IR tacrolimus	1508	1121	790	559



Patients at risk	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years
PR tacrolimus	672	415	245	134
IR tacrolimus	1525	1137	803	571

One graft loss could be avoided for each 14 patients treated with prolonged-release tacrolimus instead of bd formulations

ELTR, European Liver Transplant Registry; IR, immediate-release; LT, liver transplant; PR, prolonged-release.

¿Que factores podriamos cambiar para mejorar los resultados a largo plazo?

¿Podemos reducir algunos factores de riesgo de pérdida de injerto si optimizamos la INMS?

- . Nefrotoxicidad 
- . No adherencia al Tratamiento
- . Variabilidad de Exposición al fármaco

DIAMOND



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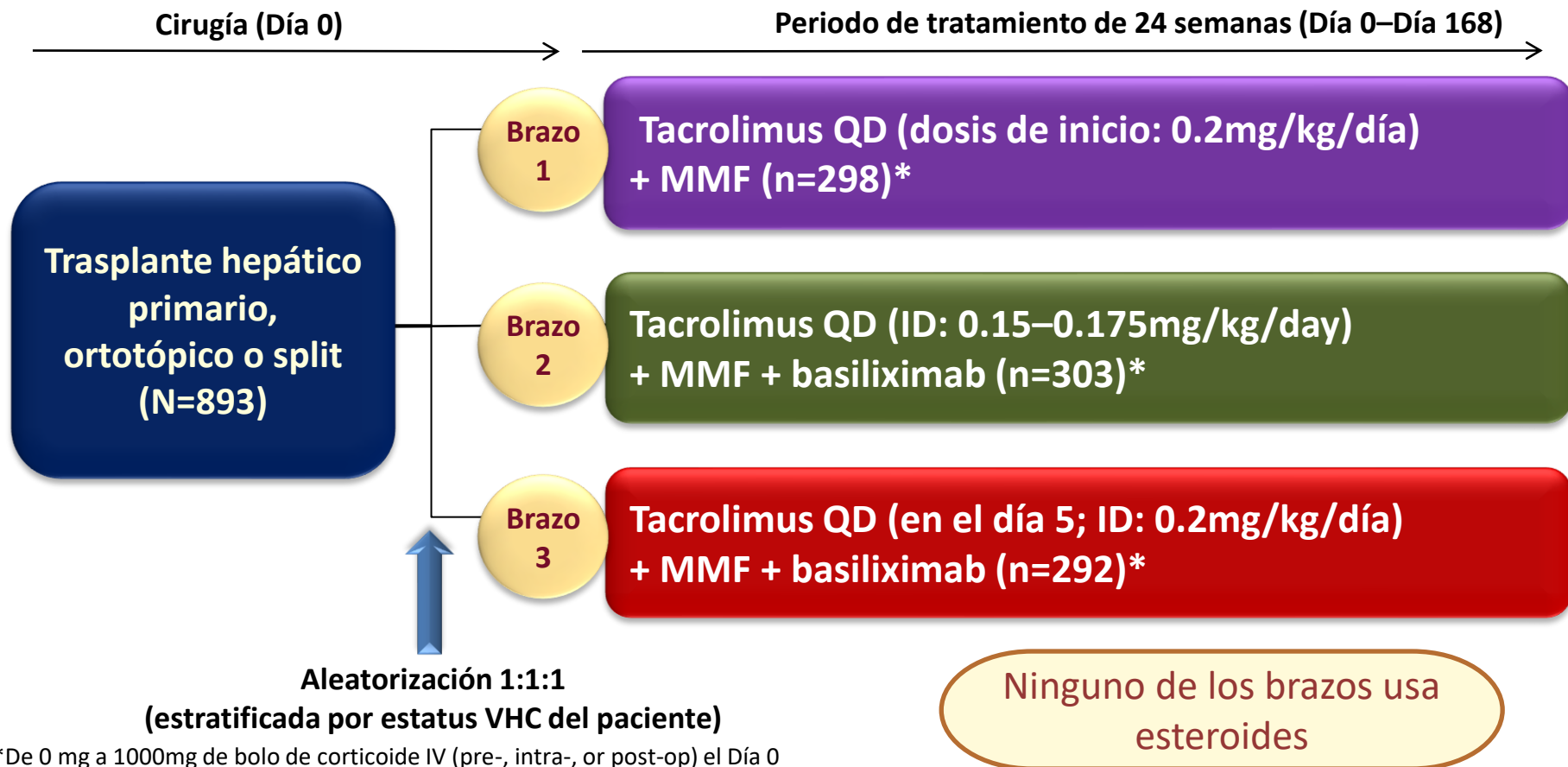
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Renal Function in *De Novo* Liver Transplant Recipients Receiving Different Prolonged-Release Tacrolimus Regimens—The DIAMOND Study

DIAMOND diseño del estudio

Fase IIIb, multicéntrico, aleatorio, abierto, comparativo de grupos paralelos



*De 0 mg a 1000mg de bolo de corticoide IV (pre-, intra-, or post-op) el Día 0

La FT de advagraf recomienda que su administración debe iniciarse aproximadamente 12-18 horas después de que haya finalizado la cirugía. Para más información, consultar <https://cima.aemps.es/cima/publico/home.html>

Objetivos del estudio

Variable principal



Función renal valorada por eGFR (MDRD4)

Objetivos secundarios



Eficacia - endpoint compuesto:

- **pérdida de injerto** (retrasplante o muerte)
- **rechazo agudo** (BCAR)

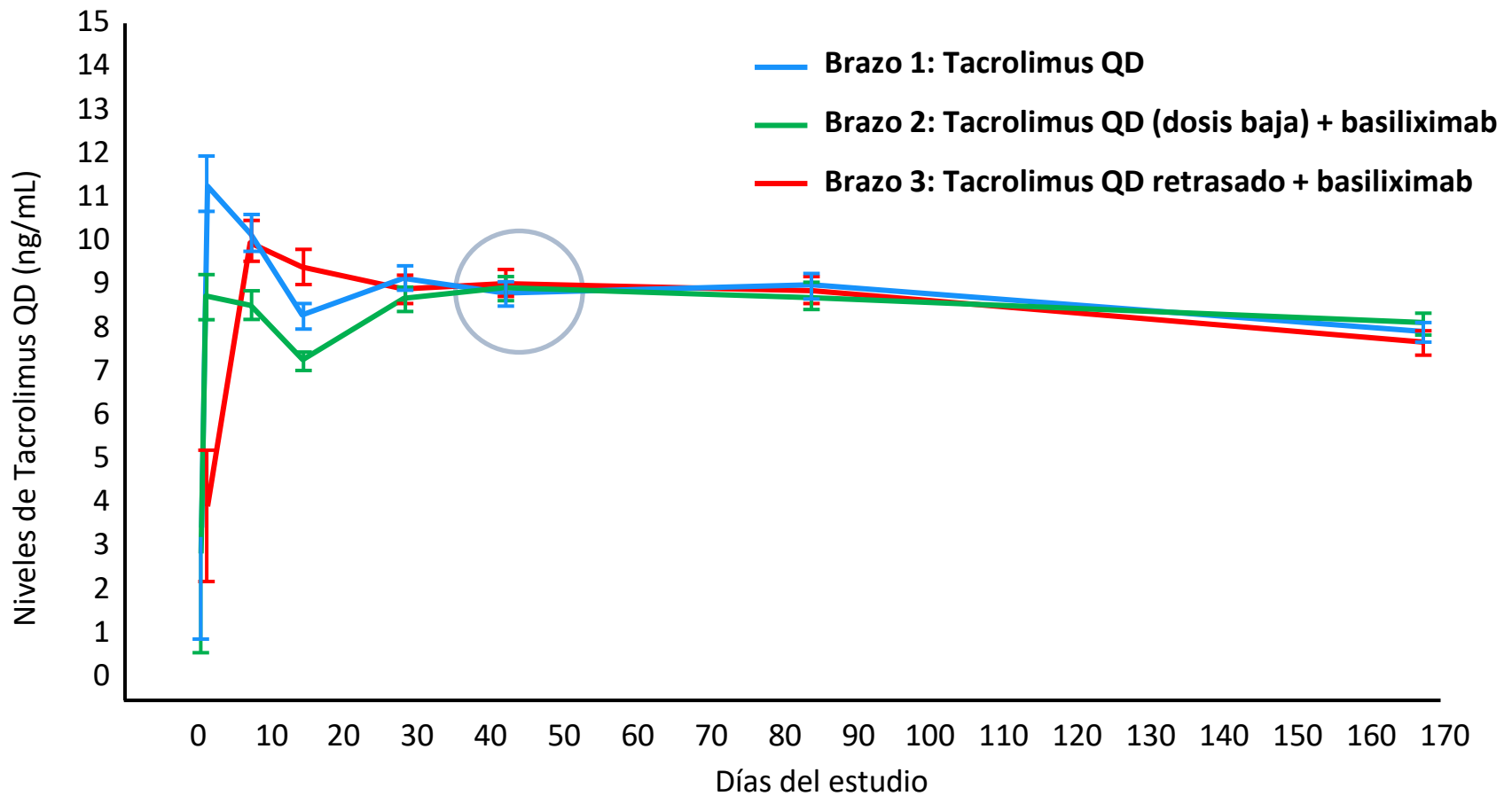
Seguridad

Baseline demographics (recipients)

Characteristics	Arm 1 (n=283)	Arm 2 (n=287)	Arm 3 (n=274)
Sex; male, n (%)	201 (71.3)	203 (70.7)	190 (69.3)
Age; mean (SD), years	54.3 (9.1)	54.0 (9.7)	53.7 (10.6)
<65, n (%)	262 (92.6)	263 (91.6)	246 (89.8)
Race, n (%)			
Caucasian	272 (96.5)	269 (93.7)	257 (93.8)
Other (black/African, Asian, other)	10 (3.5)	18 (6.3)	17 (6.2)
Weight; mean (SD), kg	77.0 (16.6)	78.0 (17.0)	78.1 (16.2)
BMI, mean (SD), kg/m ²	26.2 (4.9)	26.5 (5.4)	26.7 (4.7)
GFR (MDRD4), mean (SD), mL/min/1.73m ²	90.6 (39.1)	89.3 (40.7)	89.9 (34.6)
Renal disorders, n (%)	55 (19.4)	49 (17.1)	47 (17.2)
Arterial hypertension, n (%)	89 (31.4)	73 (25.4)	62 (22.6)
Insulin-dependent diabetes, n (%)	46 (16.3)	40 (13.9)	37 (13.5)
Alcoholic cirrhosis, n (%)	82 (29.0)	109 (38.0)	76 (27.7)
HBV-positive, n (%)	33 (11.7)	42 (14.6)	29 (10.6)
CMV-positive, n (%)	175 (62.1)	188 (65.5)	175 (63.9)
HCV-positive, n (%)	88 (31.2)	77 (26.8)	77 (28.1)
EBV-positive, n (%)	229 (81.2)	218 (76.0)	213 (77.7)

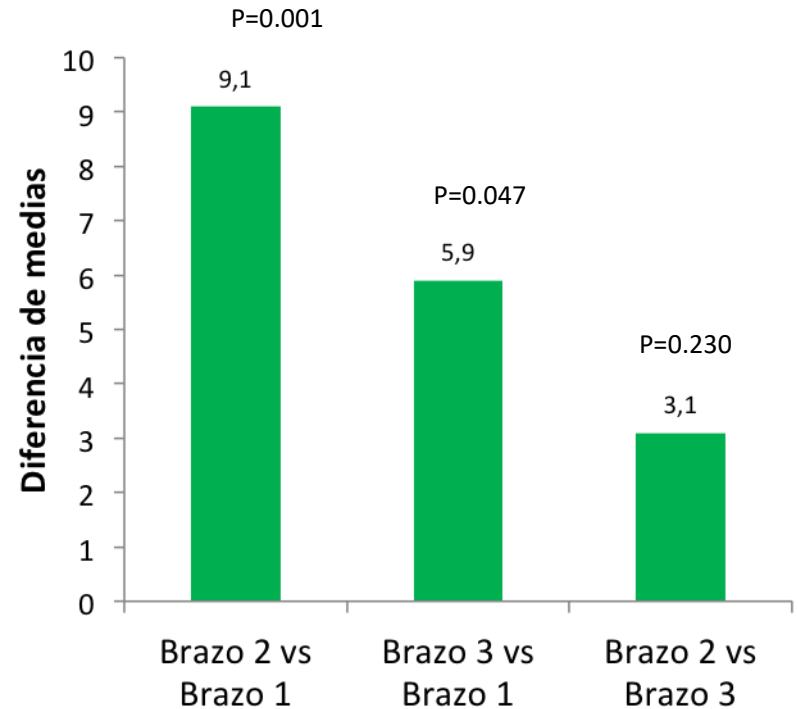
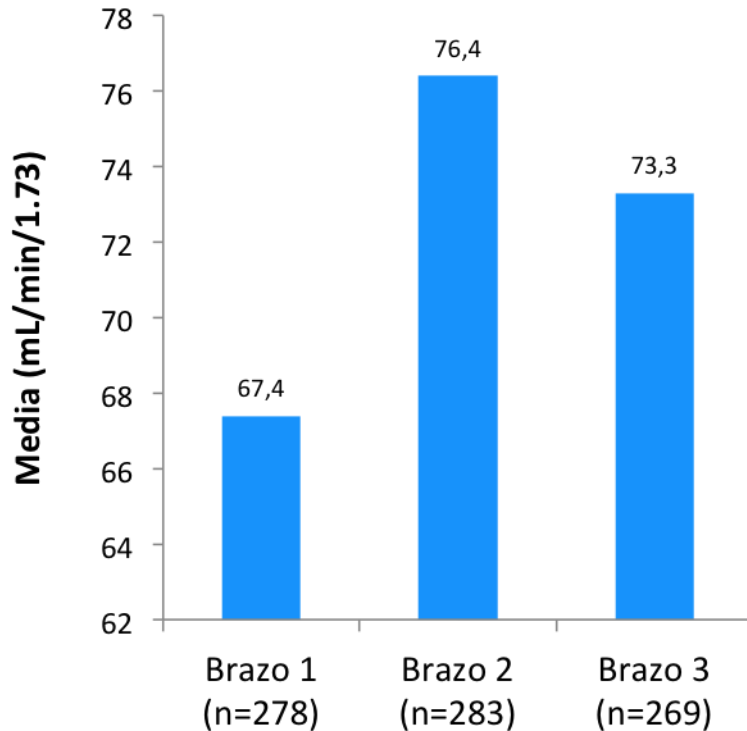
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Exposición de Tacrolimus QD a lo largo de las 24 semanas de tratamiento



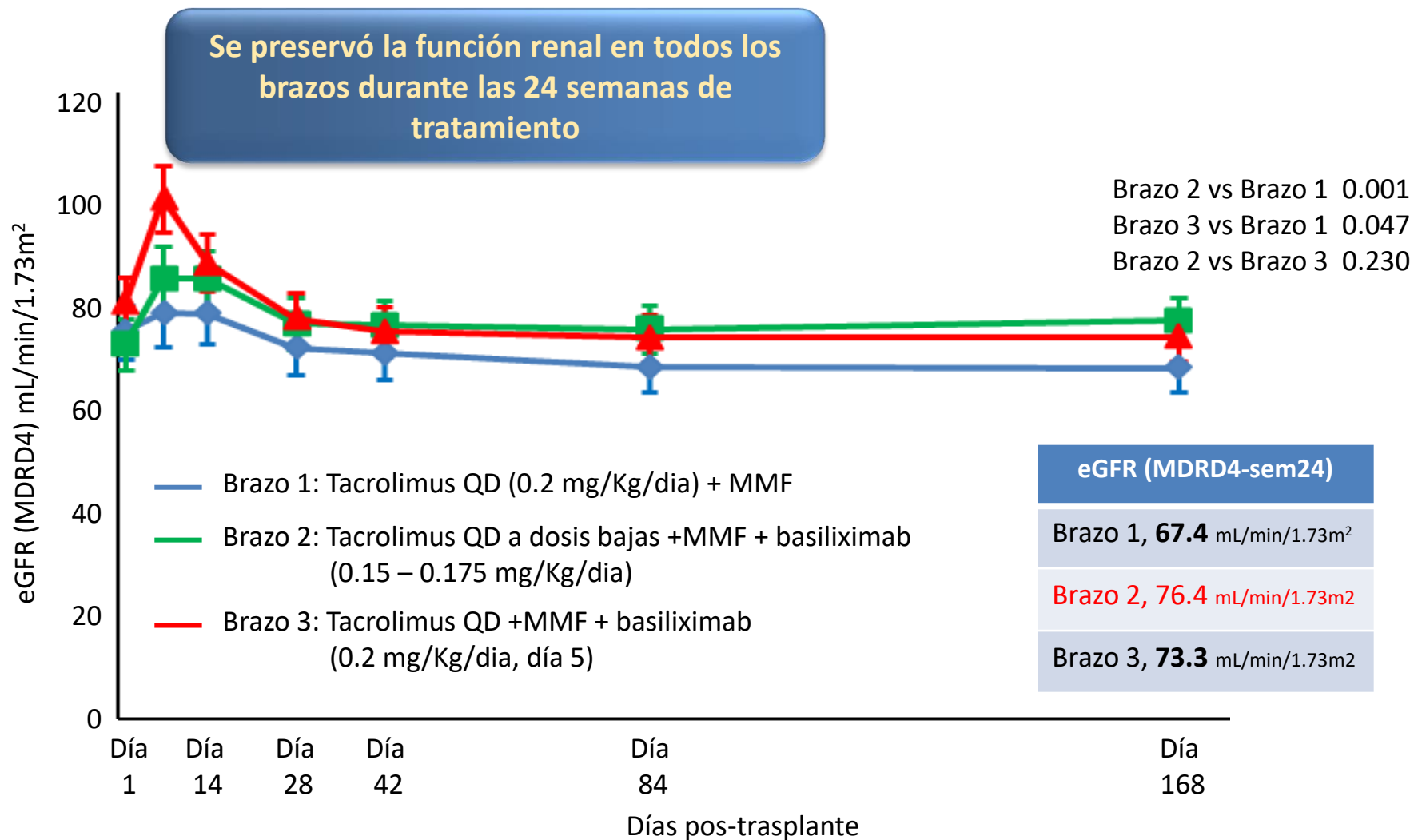
Analisis en población completa (FAS)

Variable Principal: eGFR (MDRD4) en la semana 24

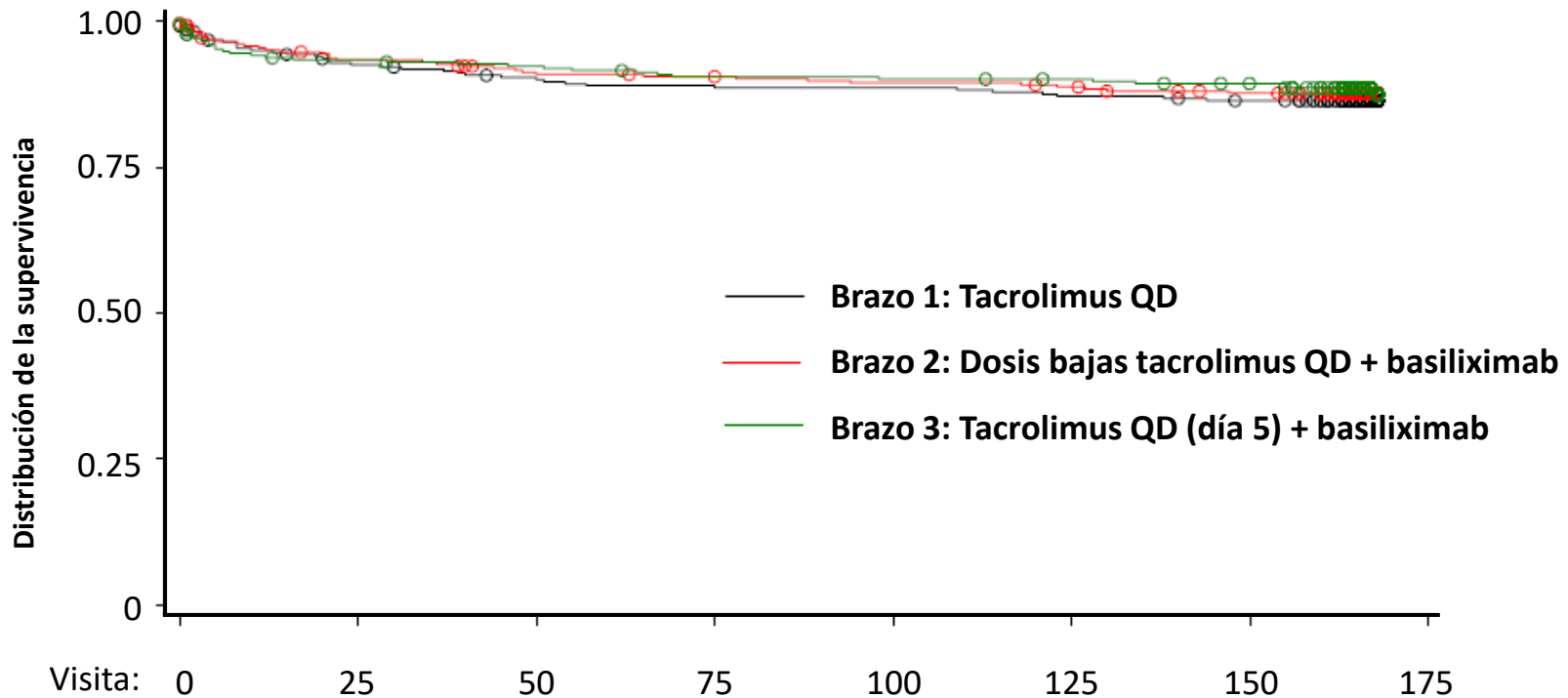


Los brazos 2 y 3 se asociaron con una función renal significativamente mejor en la semana 24 comparados con el brazo 1

Variable Principal: eGFR (MDRD4) en el tiempo



VARIABLES SECUNDARIAS: SUPERVIVENCIA DEL INJERTO (ANÁLISIS KAPLAN-MEIER) EN LA SEMANA 24



- **Supervivencia del paciente: 89.3%, 89.1% y 90.4% en Brazos 1–3, (p=ns)**
- **Pacientes sin rechazo agudo: 79.9%, 85.7% y 79.6%**
(Brazo 2 vs 1: $p=0.0249$, Brazo 3 vs 1: $p=ns$; Brazo 2 vs 3: $p=0.0192$)

Conclusiones:

- La función *renal se conservó* en todos los grupos de tratamiento con tacrolimus LR al final del estudio.
- *La dosis inicial baja de Tacrolimus LR o el retraso de 5 días después del trasplante más MMF y basiliximab*, mejoró significativamente la función renal (eGFR [MDRD4]) en la semana 24 en comparación con la dosis estándar de Tacrolimus LR más MMF sin basiliximab.
- Una dosis *más baja de tacrolimus LR 0,15-0,175 mg/kg/día iniciada el día 0 postrasplante + MMF + basiliximab* fue el régimen óptimo para preservar la función renal manteniendo la eficacia.



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Long-term, Prolonged-release Tacrolimus-based Immunosuppression in De Novo Liver Transplant Recipients: 5-year Prospective Follow-up of Patients in the DIAMOND Study

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DIAMOND Follow-up: Study Design and Endpoints

- This study was a **5-years**, non-interventional, prospective follow-up of patients who received a liver transplant and were assigned to treatment with PR-Tac as participants in the **DIAMOND** study.
- Patients were grouped according to their **original randomized treatment arm in the DIAMOND study** and maintained on their usual immunosuppressive regimen according to standard clinical practice.

Primary endpoint:

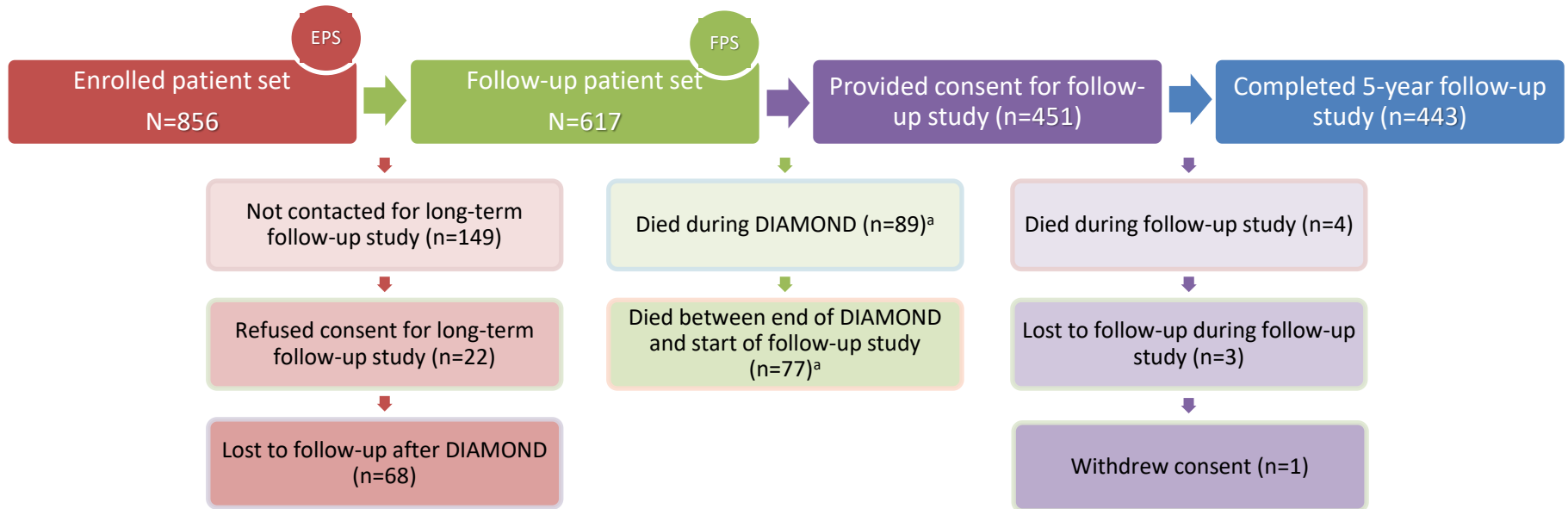
Overall **graft survival**, defined as time from transplantation to graft loss (re-transplantation or death).

Secondary endpoints:

Overall **patient survival**, estimated **GFR** and **AR** and **BCAR** episodes

AR, acute rejection; BCAR, biopsy-confirmed acute rejection; EOS, end of study ; FAS, full-analysis set; QD, once daily; MMF, mycophenolate Mofetil; MDRD4, modification of Diet in Renal Disease

Patient Disposition and Analysis Sets



^a Patients who died during DIAMOND or between DIAMOND and the start of the follow-up study were included in the FPS but were not considered to have completed the follow-up study. DIAMOND, ADVAGRAF studied in combination with mycophenolate mofetil and basiliximab in de novo liver transplantation

EPS, enrolled patient set; FPS, follow-up patient set.

Baseline Demographics and Clinical Characteristics (FPS)

Parameter	Arm 1 ^a (n=196)	Arm 2 ^b (n=212)	Arm 3 ^c (n=209)	Total (N=617)
Age, years, mean (SD)	54.4 (9.1)	54.0 (10.1)	54.4 (10.0)	54.3 (9.8)
Male sex, n (%)	142 (72.4)	155 (73.1)	146 (69.9)	443 (71.8)
Ethnicity, white, n (%)	189 (96.4)	200 (94.3)	201 (96.2)	590 (95.6)
Body mass index, kg/m ² , mean (SD)	26.5 (4.8)	26.9 (5.5)	26.4 (4.4)	26.6 (4.9)
eGFR (MDRD4), mL/min/1.73 m ² , mean (SD) ^d	66.9 (26.7)	73.55 (34.1)	68.5 (28.9)	69.7 (30.2)
Last measured tacrolimus trough level (ng/mL), mean (SD) ^d	8.1 (3.9)	8.5 (4.6)	7.8 (4.0)	8.1 (4.2)
Patients with graft loss prior to start of follow-up study, n (%)	36 (18.4)	34 (16.0)	31 (14.8)	101 (16.4)
Recipient viral status, n (%)				
CMV positive	130 (66.3)	150 (70.8)	140 (67.0)	420 (68.1)
HBV negative	170 (86.7)	180 (84.9)	185 (88.5)	535 (86.7)
HCV negative	134 (68.4)	154 (72.6)	149 (71.3)	437 (70.8)
HIV negative	195 (99.5)	212 (100.0)	206 (98.6)	613 (99.4)
Donor age, years, mean (SD)	51.8 (17.5)	51.3 (18.0)	51.3 (17.9)	51.5 (17.8)
Organ donor type, n (%)				
Deceased	190 (96.9)	207 (97.6)	202 (96.7)	599 (97.1)
Living nonrelated	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	5 (0.8)
Living related	4 (2.0)	4 (1.9)	5 (2.4)	13 (2.1)

^a Arm 1: prolonged-release tacrolimus (initial dose 0.2 mg/kg/day) + MMF.

^b Arm 2: prolonged-release tacrolimus (initial dose 0.15–0.175 mg/kg/day) + MMF + basiliximab.

^c Arm 3: prolonged-release tacrolimus (initial dose 0.2 mg/kg/day delayed until Day 5) + MMF + basiliximab

^d Measured at DIAMOND EOS (Day 168 ± 42 days)

CMV, cytomegalovirus; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; EOS, end of study; FPS, follow-up patient set; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCV, hepatitis C virus; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; MDRD4, 4-variable modification of diet in renal disease; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; SD, standard deviation.

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Total Daily Dose of Prolonged-release Tacrolimus and Whole-blood trough levels over time (FPS)

Visit	Time point	Arm 1 ^a (n=196)		Arm 2 ^b (n=212)		Arm 3 ^c (n=209)		Total (N=617)	
		Total Daily Dose	Whole-blood trough levels	Total Daily Dose	Whole-blood trough levels	Total Daily Dose	Whole-blood trough levels	Total Daily Dose	Whole-blood trough levels
1	DIAMOND EOS (Day 181)	0.09 (0.06)	8.2 (4.0)	0.09 (0.07)	8.5 (4.6)	0.09 (0.06)	7.9 (4.0)	0.09 (0.06)	8.2 (4.2)
	n	190	185	207	205	192	191	589	581
2	1 year (Days 182–547)	0.06 (0.03)	7.4 (3.0)	0.06 (0.04)	7.3 (3.0)	0.07 (0.05)	7.6 (2.6)	0.06 (0.04)	7.4 (2.8)
	n	122	133	125	140	132	135	379	408
3	2 years (Days 548–913)	0.04 (0.03)	6.7 (2.6)	0.05 (0.03)	6.2 (2.4)	0.05 (0.04)	6.8 (3.2)	0.05 (0.03)	6.6 (2.8)
	n	118	126	124	130	125	127	367	383
4	3 years (Days 914–1278)	0.04 (0.02)	5.4 (1.8)	0.04 (0.03)	5.7 (2.7)	0.05 (0.03)	5.7 (2.3)	0.04 (0.03)	5.6 (2.3)
	n	110	120	117	124	120	125	347	369
5	4 years (Days 1279–1643)	0.04 (0.02)	5.1 (1.8)	0.04 (0.03)	5.4 (2.7)	0.04 (0.03)	6.3 (5.3)	0.04 (0.03)	5.6 (3.7)
	n	110	116	115	122	119	127	344	365
6 / EOS	5 years (Days 1644–2009)	0.04 (0.02)	5.4 (1.9)	0.04 (0.03)	4.9 (2.0)	0.04 (0.03)	5.4 (2.4)	0.04 (0.03)	5.2 (2.1)
	n	110	117	113	122	119	121	342	360

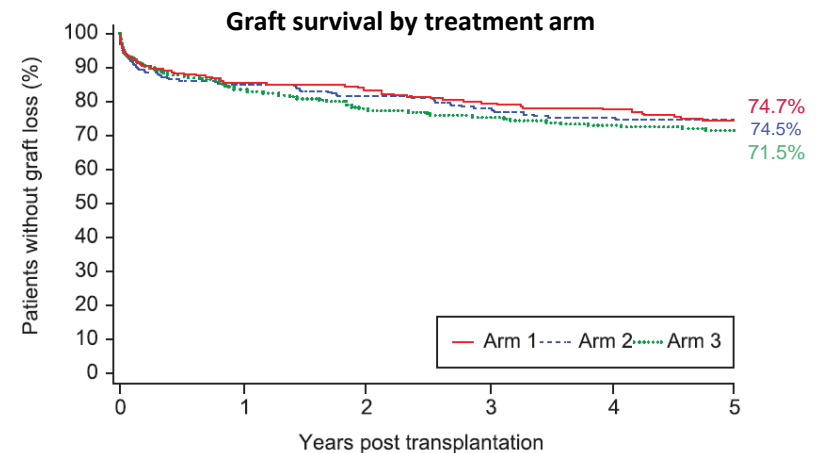
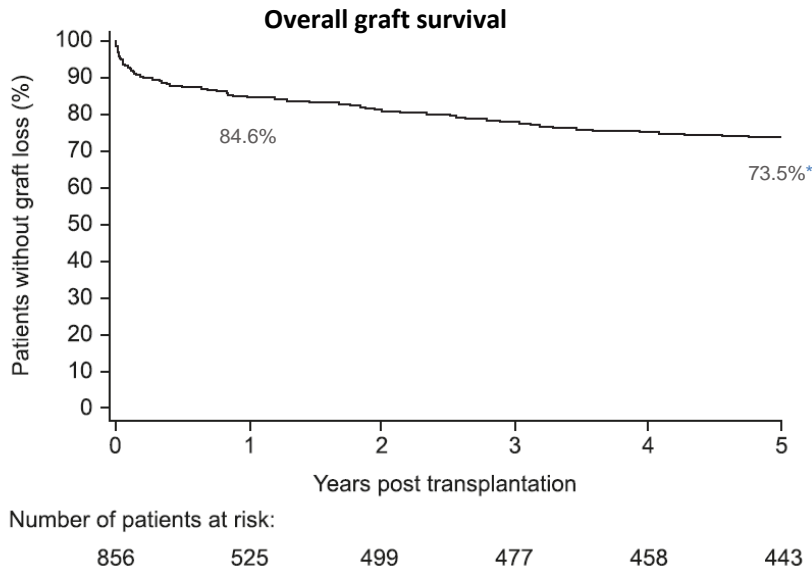
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EOS, end of study; FPS, follow-up patient set; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; SD, standard deviation.

2. Friman S, Tisone G, Nevens F, Lehner F, Santaniello W, Bechstein W et al. Long-term, Prolonged-release Tacrolimus-based Immunosuppression in De Novo Liver Transplant Recipients: 5-year Prospective Follow-up of Patients in the DIAMOND Study. *Transplantation Direct*. 2021;7(8):e722.

Results Graft Survival (EPS)

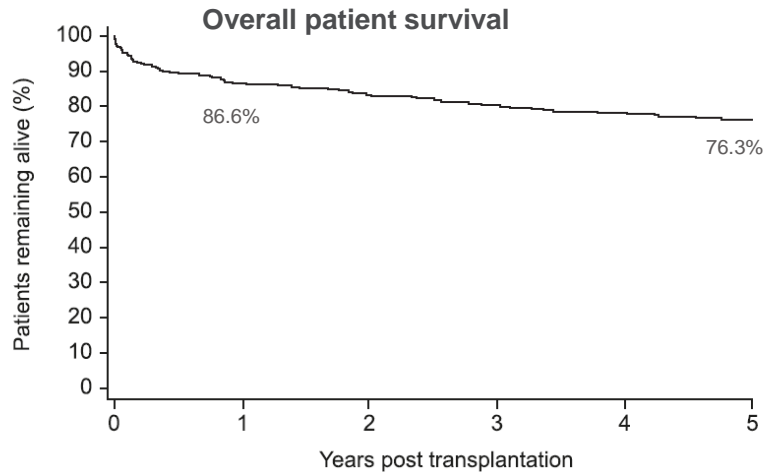


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***Graft survival in patients who remained on Prolonged release Tacrolimus at 5 years was 87.3%**

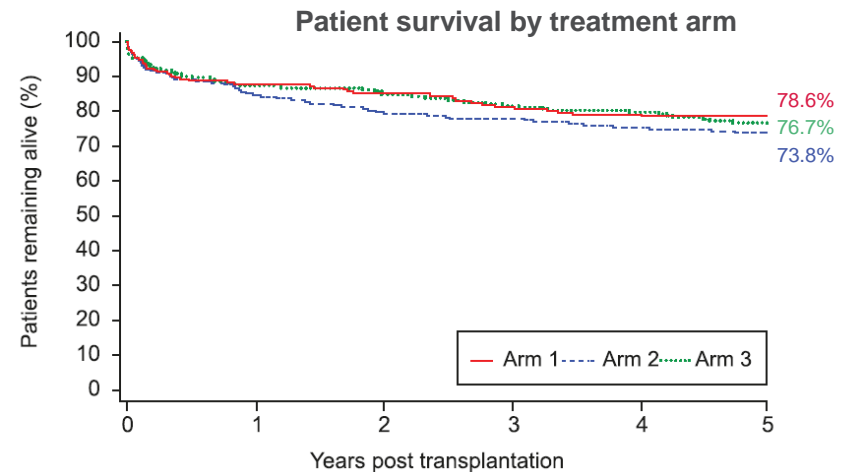
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Results Patient Survival (EPS)



Number of patients at risk:

Years post transplantation	0	1	2	3	4	5
Number of patients at risk	856	536	510	490	473	459



Number of patients at risk:

Years post transplantation	0	1	2	3	4	5
Arm 1	288	166	163	158	151	147
Arm 2	291	184	172	162	158	152
Arm 3	277	186	175	170	164	160

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***Patient survival in patients who remained on Prolonged release**

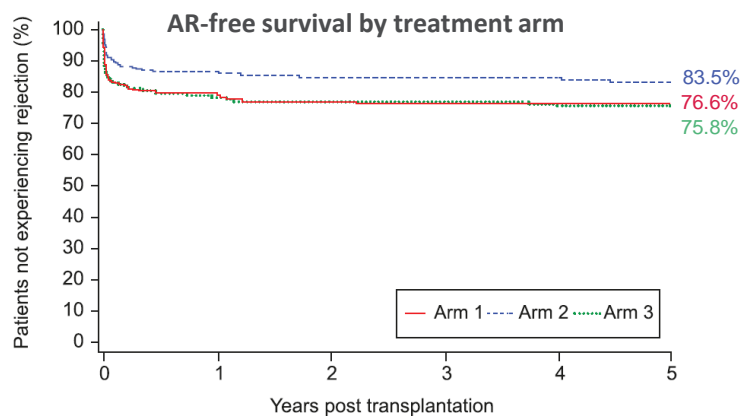
Tacrolimus at 5 years was 90.6%

EPS, enrolled patient set; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil.

Results: eGFR

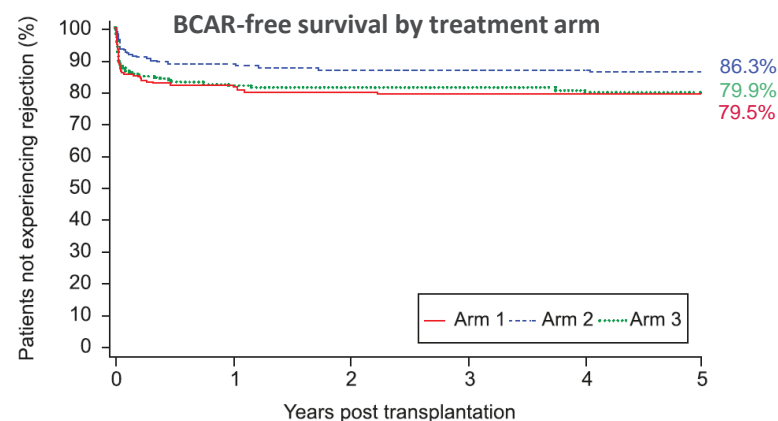
- **eGFR** rate at the end of the **24-week** initial study and **5-years** post-transplant was **62.1** and **61.5** mL/min/1.73 m², respectively, and was similar between the three treatment arms.
- **Graft survival at 5 y** was generally comparable in patients with 12-month eGFR 30–60 mL/min/1.73 m² or ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m², irrespective of treatment arm
- **5-years overall survival** was *numerically lower in patients with baseline eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m² than in patients with baseline eGFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m²*, irrespective of treatment arm (EPS).

Results AR and BCAR (EPS)



Number of patients at risk:

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Arm 1	288	119	118	114	113	112
Arm 2	291	136	131	128	128	126
Arm 3	277	128	121	119	119	118



Number of patients at risk:

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Arm 1	288	123	122	119	118	117
Arm 2	291	140	135	132	132	130
Arm 3	277	134	127	126	126	125

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We found that AR- and BCAR-free survival rates at 6 months in Arm 2 were numerically higher than those in Arm 1 or Arm 3, and the difference was maintained through to 5 years post-Tx

AR, acute rejection; BCAR, biopsy-confirmed acute rejection; EPS, enrolled patient set; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil.

Eventos adversos y reacciones adversas al fármaco informados durante el período de seguimiento a largo plazo (FPS)

.El **perfil de seguridad** de los pacientes en el estudio de seguimiento fue consistente con los del estudio DIAMOND primario.

.Ningún paciente tuvo EA que condujeran a la **interrupción del tratamiento con tacrolimus**.

.El 1% de pacientes tuvo **reacciones adversas** que se consideraron probablemente relacionadas con tacrolimus.

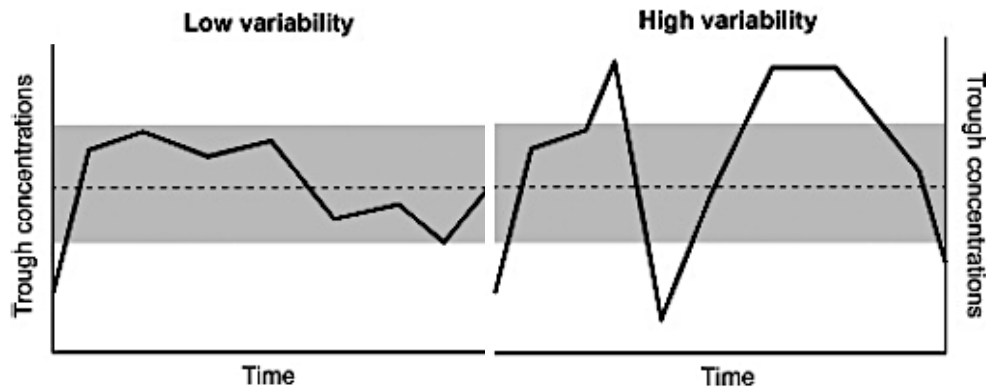
.Solo 22 (3,6%) de los pacientes desarrollaron **diabetes**, incluidos 21 ,entre el final del estudio DIAMOND y la prestación del consentimiento informado para el estudio de seguimiento. La baja incidencia de diabetes durante el estudio de seguimiento probablemente estuvo relacionada con la **baja proporción de pacientes (15%) que tomaban esteroides**.

¿Que factores podriamos cambiar para mejorar los resultados a largo plazo?

- ¿Podemos reducir algunos factores de riesgo de pérdida de injerto si optimizamos la INMS?

- . Nefrotoxicidad
- . **Variabilidad de Exposición al fármaco**
- . No adherencia al tratamiento

Tacrolimus intra-patient variability and non-adherence

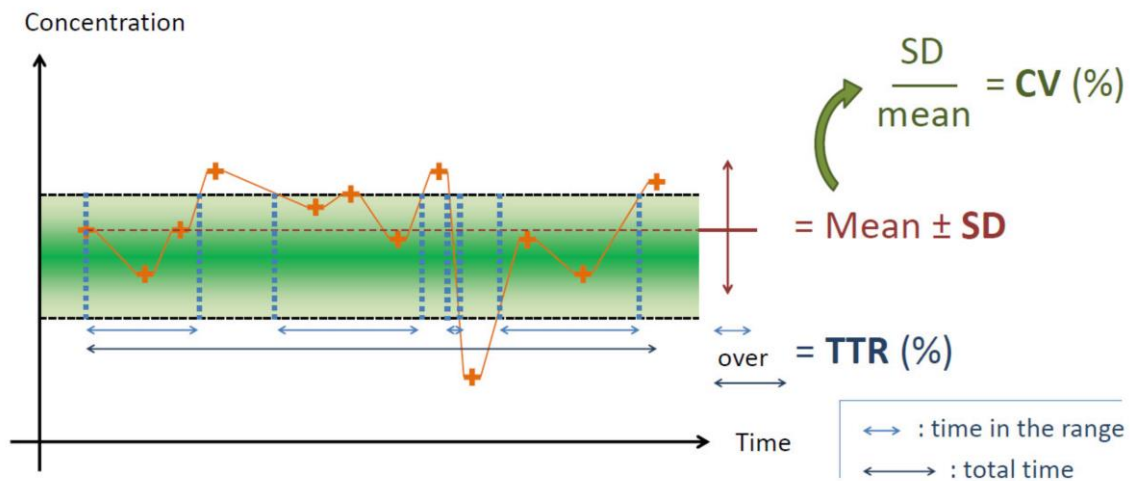


clinically harmful effects

Factors

Nonmodifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pharmacogenetics: polymorphisms in CYP3A genes• Circadian rhythm of tacrolimus exposure
Slightly modifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonadherence• Gastrointestinal events (diarrhea, vomiting)• Any clinical situation motivating liver graft dysfunction• Low serum proteins (hypoalbuminemia)• Anemia
Highly modifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food (dietary fat content, grapefruit juice, pomelo)• Drug–drug interactions: antifungals, antivirals, other immunosuppressants, and other drugs• Herbal products• Uncontrolled generic substitution

TOOLS TO MEASURE tacrolimus intra-patient variability



CV, coefficient of variation; IPV, intra-patient variability; PR, prolonged release; SD, standard deviation; TTR, time in therapeutic range.

Coste G, Lemaitre F. *Pharmaceutics*. 2022;14(2):379.

High tacrolimus intra-patient variability is associated with graft rejection and DSA

Risk factors for a graft-rejection episode						
Variable	Univariate analyses			Multivariate analyses		
	OR	95%CI	P value	OR	95%CI	P value
Tacrolimus trough level <5 mg/mL (n=34)	3.00	1.05–8.96	0.02	3.68	1.30–10.41	0.014
CV-IPV tacrolimus (continuous variable)	2.70	1.99–13.45	0.01	1.10	1.01–1.11	0.008
CV-IPV>35%	3.05	1.05–8.96	0.03	3.07	1.14–8.24	0.030
CV>IPV>40%	2.97	0.91–9.30	0.04	4.16	1.38–12.50	0.010

Risk factors for developing <i>de novo</i> donor-specific antibodies after liver transplantation						
Variable	Univariate analyses			Multivariate analyses		
	OR	95%CI	P value	OR	95%CI	P value
CV-IPV tacrolimus (continuous variable)	1.92	-1.28–21.39	0.08	1.1	1.0–1.12	0.006
CV-IPV>35%	4.66	1.22–19.82	0.02	4.83	1.39–16.72	0.01
CV>IPV>40%	9.10	2.28–40.63	<0.001	9.73	2.65–35.76	0.001

Adapted from Del Bello A, et al 2018¹

Predictive factors for BPAR:

- Tacrolimus IPV of >35% or >40%
- Tacrolimus trough level of <5 ng/mL

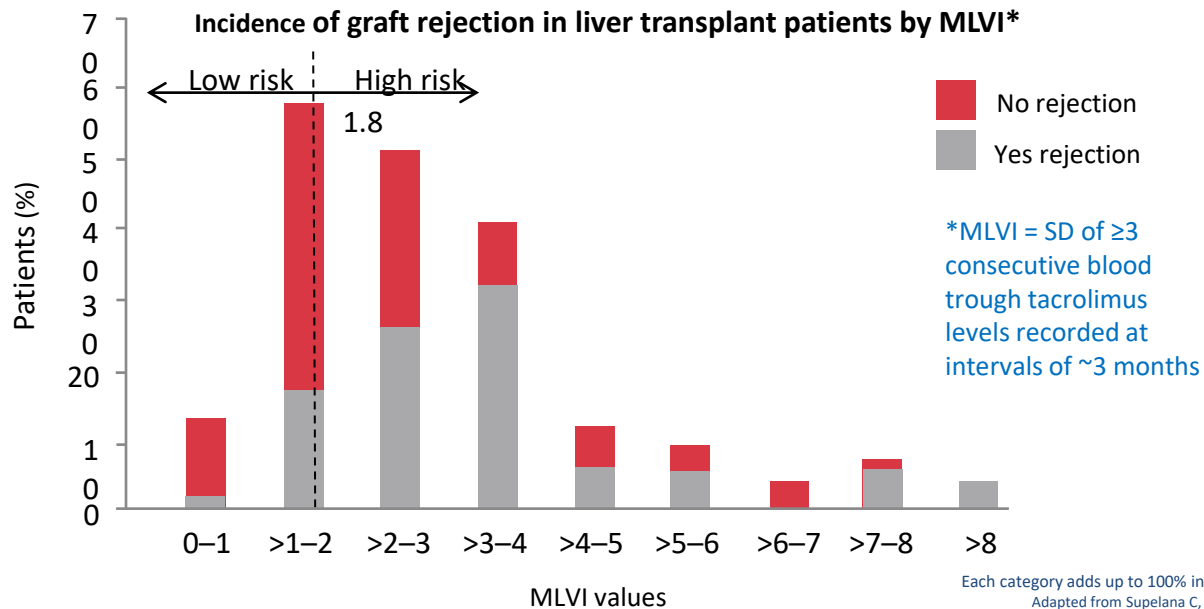
Predictive factors for *de novo* DSA:

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BPAR, biopsy-proven acute rejection; CV-IPV, Coefficient of variability-intra-patient variability; DSA, donor-specific antibody; IPV, intra-patient variability; OR, odds ratio

1. Del Bello A, et al World J Gastroenterol. 2018 Apr 28;24(16):1795–1802.

High intra-patient variability in tacrolimus level is a risk factor for graft loss in liver transplant patients



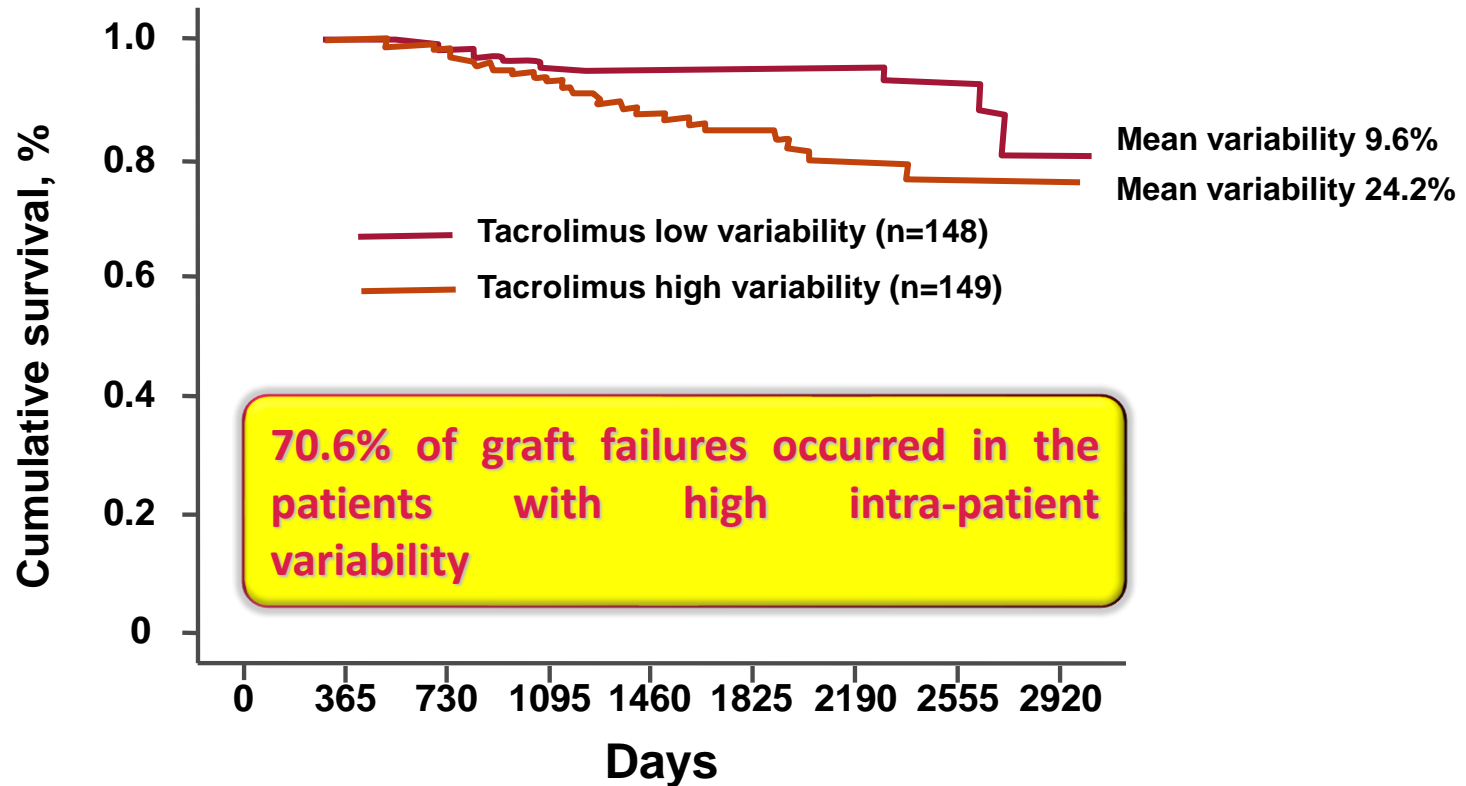
Variability was significantly higher in patients with BPAR vs those without (mean MLVI 3.8 [SD=3.2] vs 2.3 [SD=1.5]; p=0.003)

MLVI, medication level variability index; SD, standard deviation

1. Supelana C, et al. Liver Transpl 2014;20(10):1168-1177

High within-patient variability in tacrolimus exposure is a predictor of graft failure

Graft survival censored for death, $p=0.003$

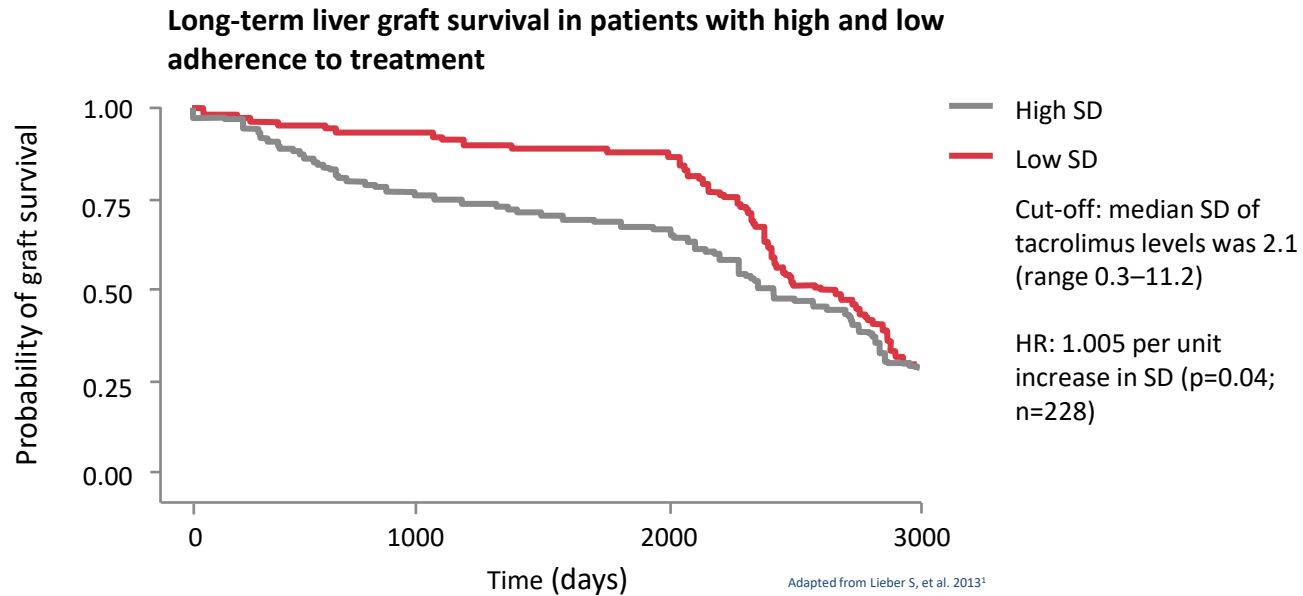


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Non-adherence to tacrolimus is a significant risk factor for graft loss in liver transplant patients

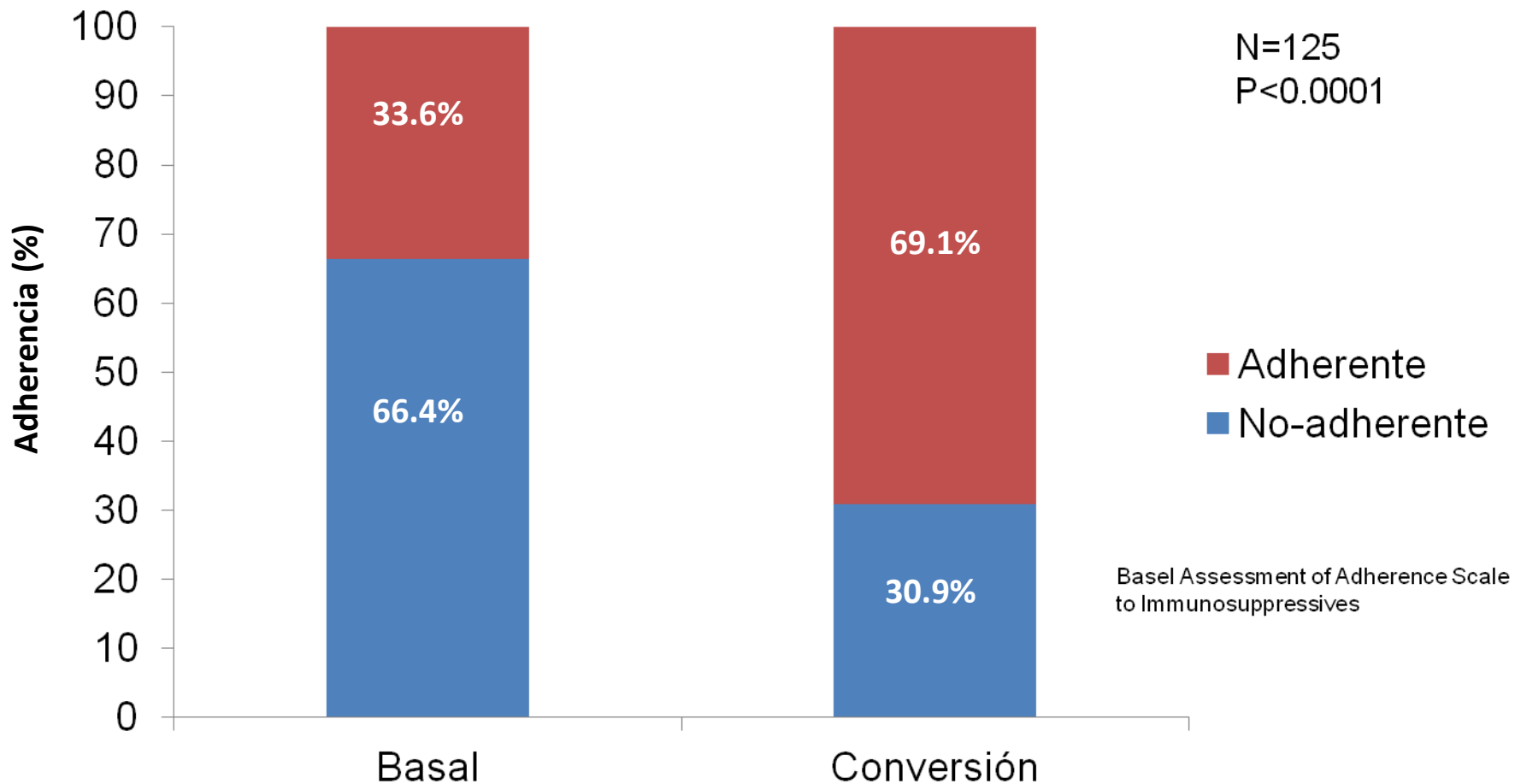


Patients with low adherence to treatment in the first 6–18 months post-transplant were more likely to lose their graft during the first 3000 days ($p=0.04$)

HR, hazard ratio; SD, standard deviation

1. Lieber S, et al. Dig Dis Sci 2013;58(3):824–834

Eficacia, seguridad y **adherencia** a los inmunosupresores en TxH estables convertidos de ***tacrolimus LI a tacrolimus LR***

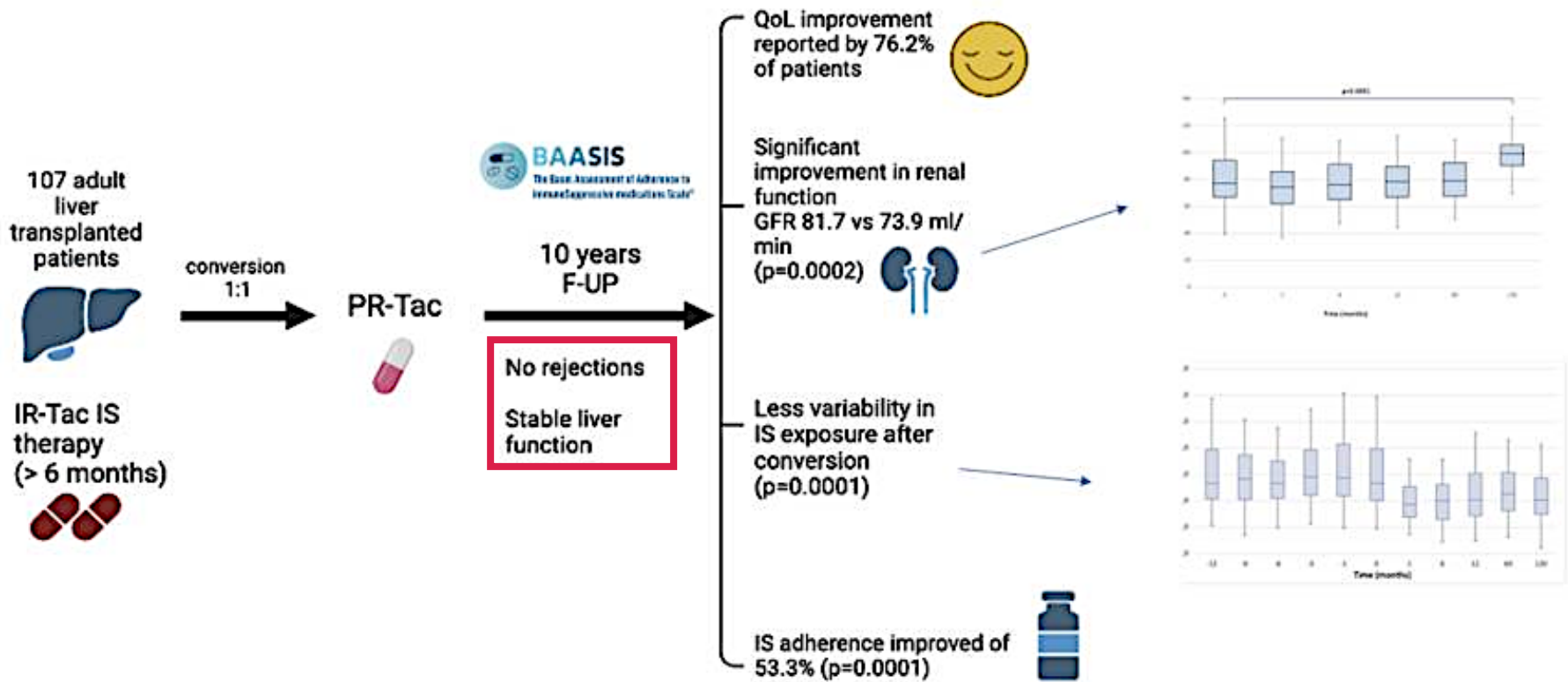


Immunosuppressant treatment adherence, barriers to adherence and quality of life in renal and liver transplant recipients in Spain

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- Data from **1983 RT patients and 1479 LT patients** were analyzed
- High-intensity treatment regimens **were associated with poorer QOL (EuroQol <70) compared with** low-intensity treatment regimens.
- **Most RT (71.0%) and LT (61.4%) patients** would prefer to suppress the evening dose if they were able to

10 years follow-up after conversion to prolonged-release tacrolimus after Liver Transplantation





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