



# Use of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) in Immunocompromised Populations

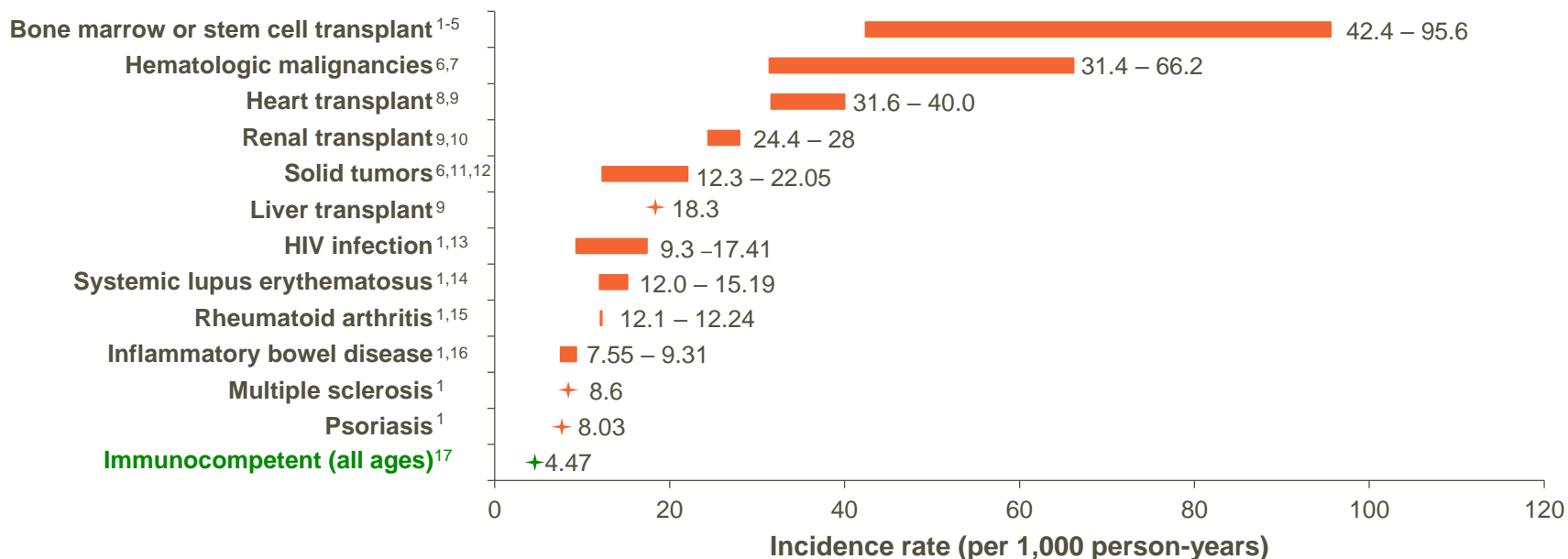
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# Unmet Need: Patients With Immunocompromising Conditions Have a Higher Risk of HZ



Incidence Rates of HZ in Adult Patients

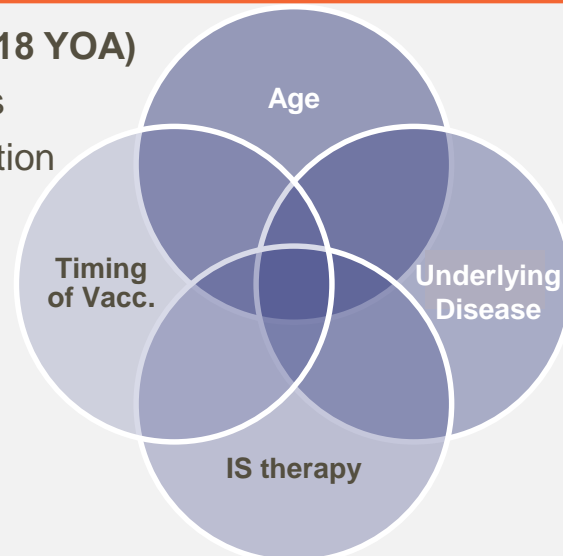


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## Addressing the Unmet Need in Immunocompromised (IC) Adults ( $\geq 18$ YOA)

- IC populations are very heterogeneous, both across and within groups
- Not feasible to define every possible IC condition/medication combination
- Immune responses and vaccine safety in IC populations are primarily influenced by:
  - Age
  - Underlying disease
  - Immunosuppressive therapy (IS)
  - Timing of vaccination (before, during, after therapy)



IC, immunocompromised; IS, immunosuppressive; RZV, recombinant zoster vaccine; Vacc, vaccination; YOA, years of age

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# Addressing the Unmet Need



## RZV Clinical Development Program in IC Populations

### Phase III



**Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (auHSCT)<sup>1</sup>**  
Efficacy, Immunogenicity, Safety  
N=1846



**Hematologic Malignancies (HM)<sup>2</sup>**  
Immunogenicity, Safety, Post-hoc Efficacy  
N=562



**Solid Tumors (ST)<sup>3\*</sup>**  
Immunogenicity, Safety  
N=232



**Renal Transplant (RT)<sup>4</sup>**  
Immunogenicity, Safety  
N=264

### Phase I/II



**Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)<sup>5</sup>**  
Immunogenicity, Safety  
N=123



**Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (auHSCT)<sup>6</sup>**  
Immunogenicity, Safety  
N=89

\*Phase II/III study.

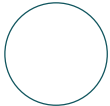

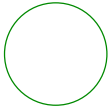
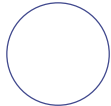
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## RZV Phase III Clinical Development in IC Populations

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Underlying Disease	Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (auHSCT) <sup>1</sup>	Hematologic Malignancies (HM) <sup>2</sup>	Solid Tumors (ST) <sup>3*</sup>	Renal Transplant (RT) <sup>4</sup>
Age	18+ (18-49, 50+)	18+ (18-49, 50+)	18+ (18-49, 50+)	18+ (18-49, 50+)
Immunosuppressive (IS) Treatment	Pre-HSCT conditioning, Post-HSCT therapy (+/- antivirals)	IS chemotherapy per SOC	IS chemotherapy per SOC	Chronic IS per SOC
Timing of Vaccination	50-70d post-auHSCT	During Chemo (+/- 10d) After Chemo (10d-6mo)	PreChemo <sup>†</sup> OnChemo <sup>†</sup>	>4-18 mo post-allograft
Endpoints	Efficacy, Immunogenicity, Safety	Immunogenicity, Safety, (Post-hoc Efficacy)	Immunogenicity, Safety	Immunogenicity, Safety

\*Phase II/III study. <sup>†</sup>Dose 1 given either 8-30 days before the start of a cycle (PreChemo group) or at the start of a cycle (OnChemo group).

Chemo, chemotherapy; d, day; IS, immunosuppressive; Mo, month; RZV, recombinant zoster vaccine; SOC, standard of care.

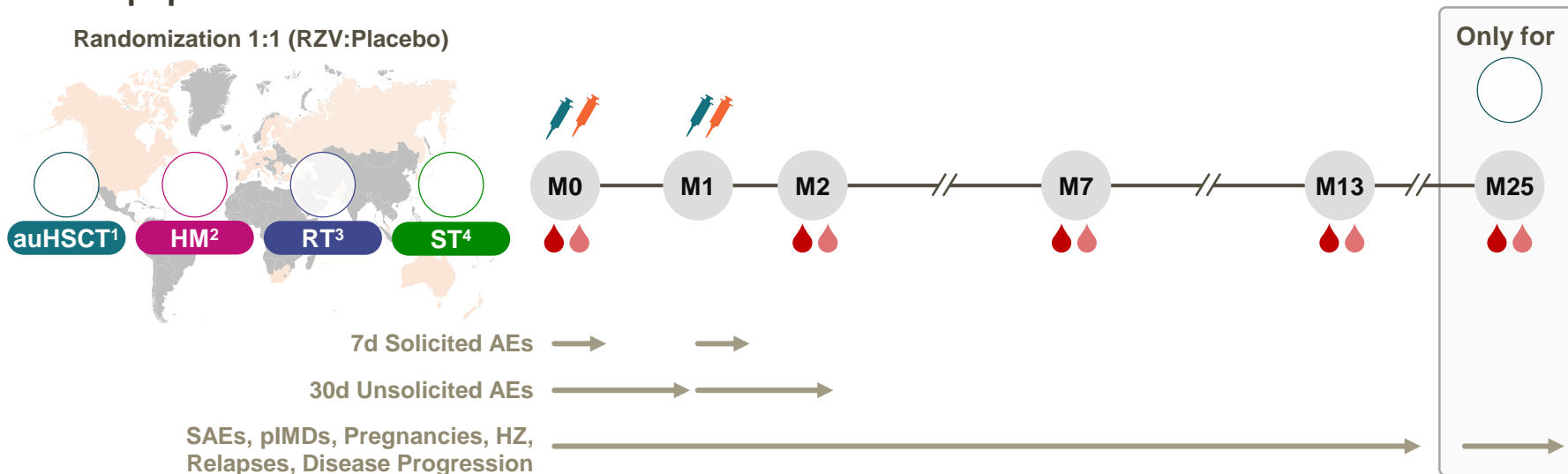
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IC population ≥18 YOA

Randomization 1:1 (RZV:Placebo)



RZV; 
 Placebo; 
 blood sampling for humoral immunogenicity; 
 blood sampling for cell-mediated immunity

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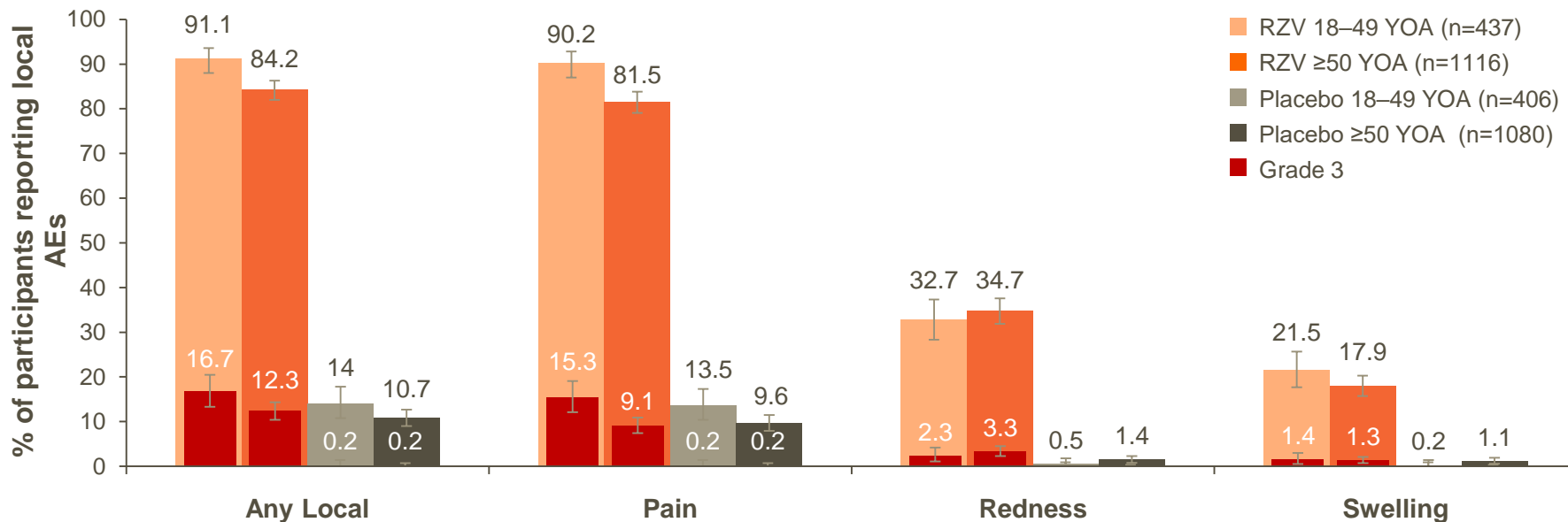


# Pooled Reactogenicity in Immunocompromised Patients

# Percentage of Participants With Solicited Local AEs



Reported across 6 pooled studies – 7 days post-vaccination; Overall – TVC



**Solicited local AEs were mostly mild/moderate in intensity and lasted a median of 3 days. Grade 3 solicited local AEs had a median duration of 1-2 days.**

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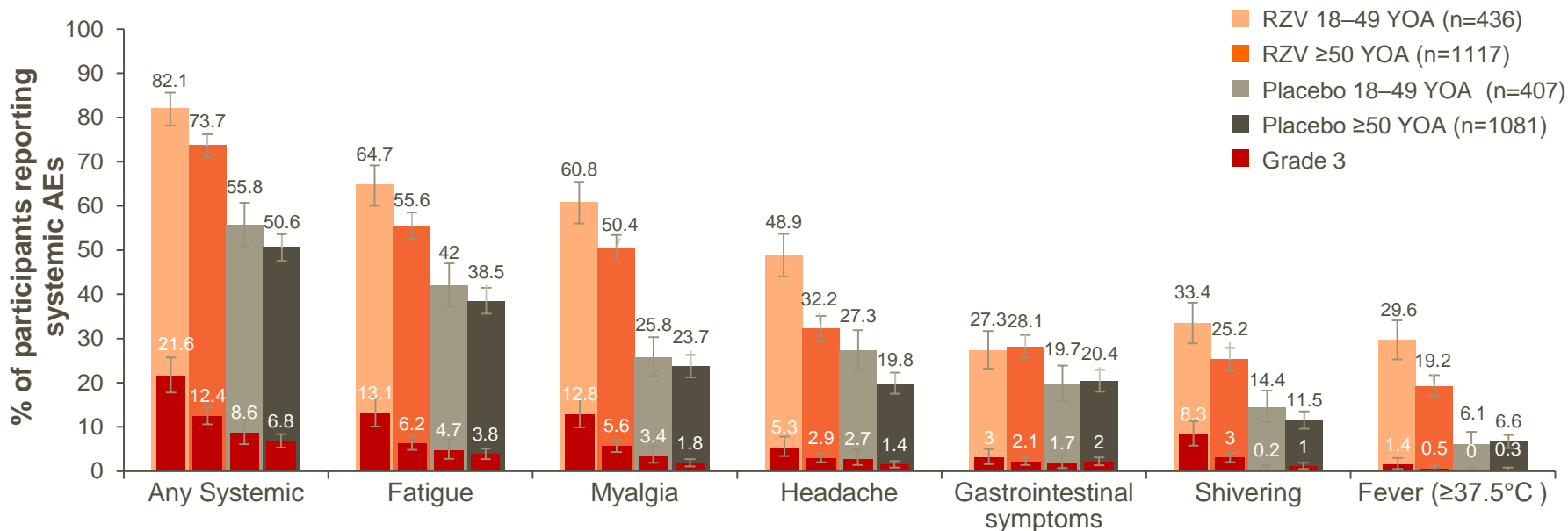
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# Percentage of Participants With Solicited General AEs



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**Solicited general AEs were mostly mild/moderate and lasted ≤3 days. Grade 3 solicited general AEs lasted ≤2 days (median duration)**

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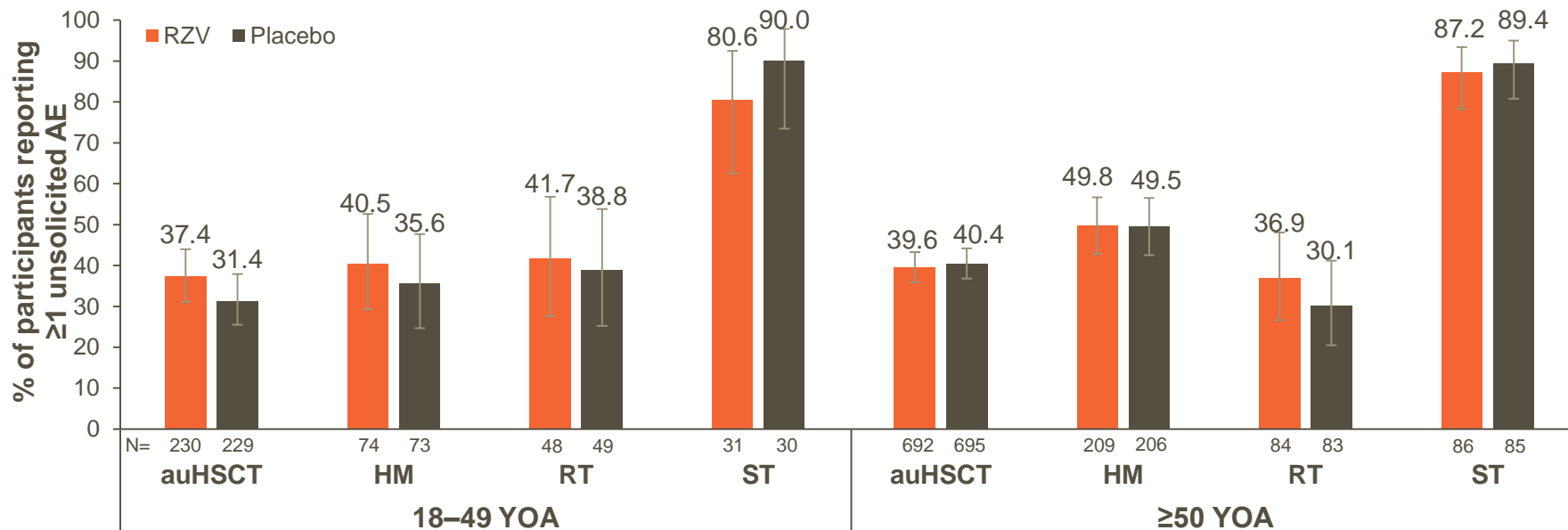
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# Unsolicited Adverse Events (AEs)



Percentage of participants reporting  $\geq 1$  unsolicited AE 30 days post-vaccination per study – TVC

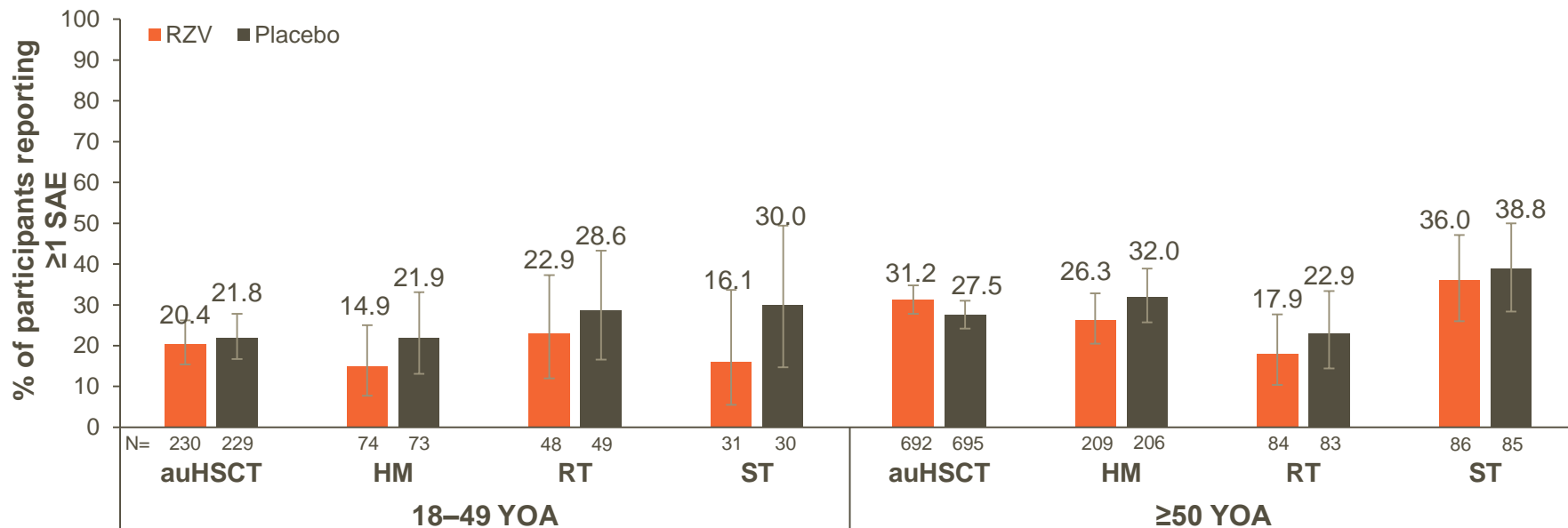


Across studies, the percentage of adults reporting  $\geq 1$  unsolicited AE was similar between RZV and placebo groups

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# Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)

Percentage of participants reporting  $\geq 1$  SAE from dose 1 until 1-year post-last dose per study – TVC



The percentage of adults with  $\geq 1$  SAE, causally related SAEs, fatal SAEs and pIMDs was similar between RZV and placebo and between age groups

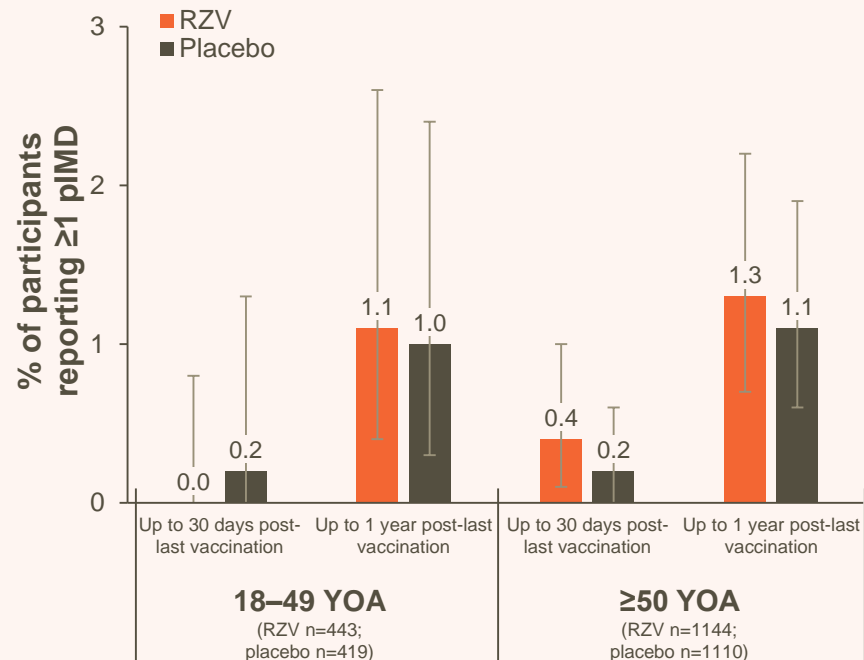
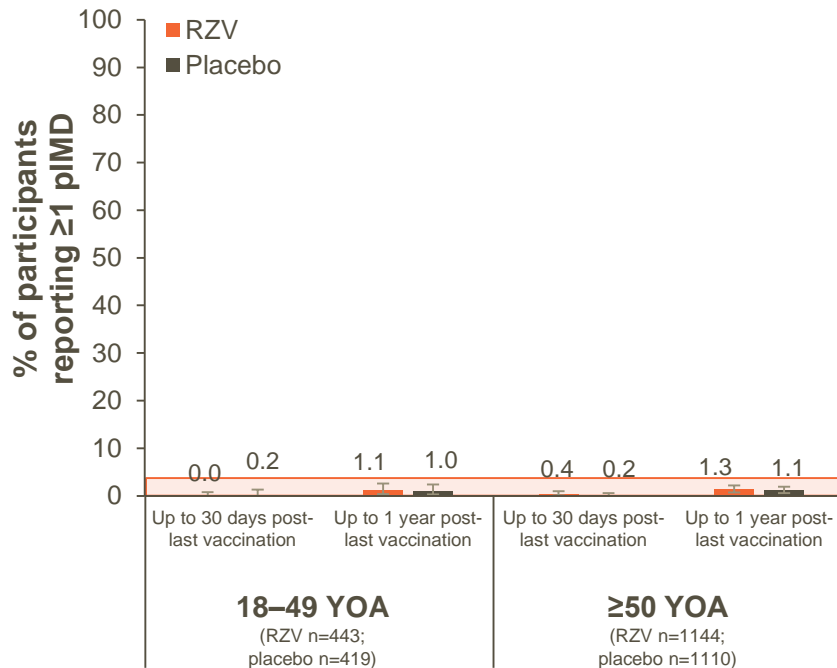
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# Potential immune mediated diseases (pIMDs)



Percentage of participants reporting  $\geq 1$  pIMD during selected study periods – TVC (pooled)



# Safety: Underlying Disease-related Events



- Proportion of patients with disease progressions or disease relapse were balanced between RZV and placebo groups.

auHSCT<sup>1</sup> HM<sup>2</sup>

- 4 biopsy-confirmed allograft rejections in the RZV group.
- 7 biopsy-confirmed allograft rejections in the placebo group.

RT<sup>3</sup>

- No impact on renal-allograft function based on serum creatinine levels.

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# Vaccine Efficacy in Immunocompromised Patients

Pivotal Vaccine Efficacy: auHSCT

Post-hoc Vaccine Efficacy: HM



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# Vaccine Efficacy in IC Patients



First or only episode of HZ – mTVC

	RZV			Placebo			VE (95% CI)	Median follow up
	N	n	HZ Incidence Rate (per 1000 person years)	N	n	HZ Incidence Rate (per 1000 person years)		
 auHSCT <sup>1,2</sup>	870	49	30	851	135	94.3	68.2 (55.6, 77.5)	21 months
18-49	213	9	21.5	212	29	76	71.8 (38.7, 88.3)	
≥50	657	40	33	639	106	100.9	67.3 (52.6, 77.9)	
PHN	870	1	0.5	851	9	4.9	89.3 (22.5, 99.8)	
 HM <sup>3*</sup>	259	2	8.5	256	14	66.2	87.2 (44.3, 98.6)	11 months

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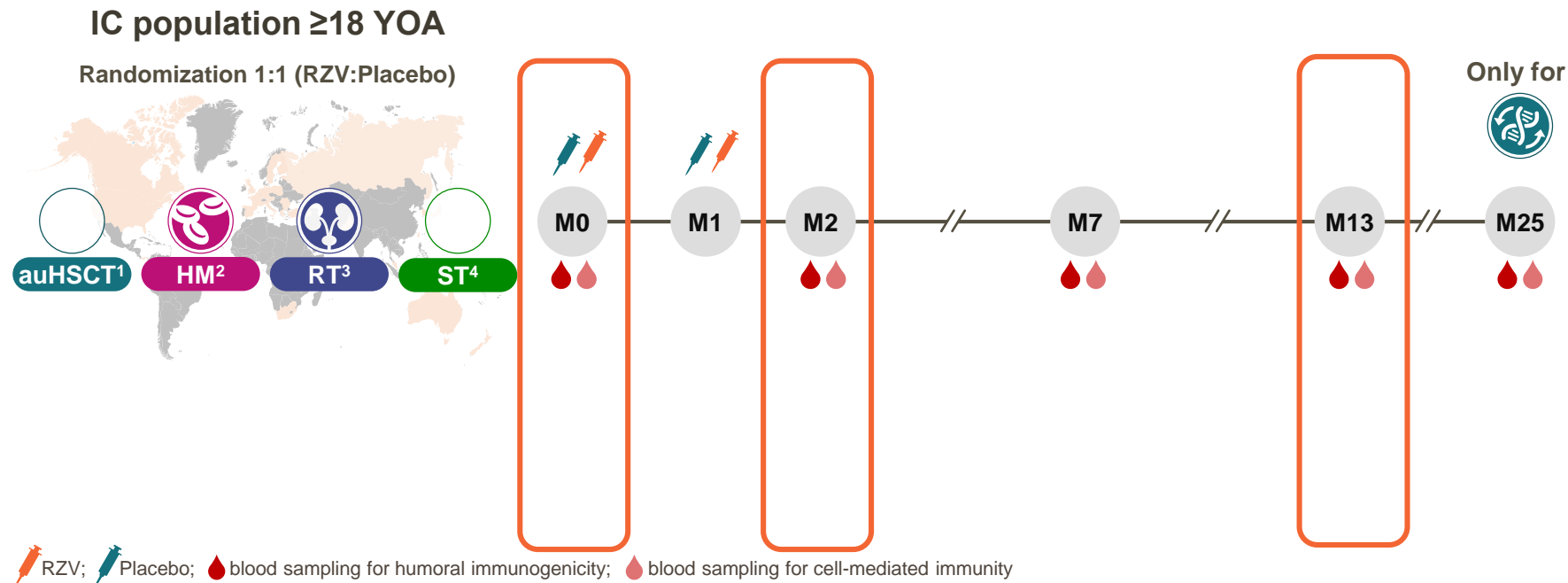


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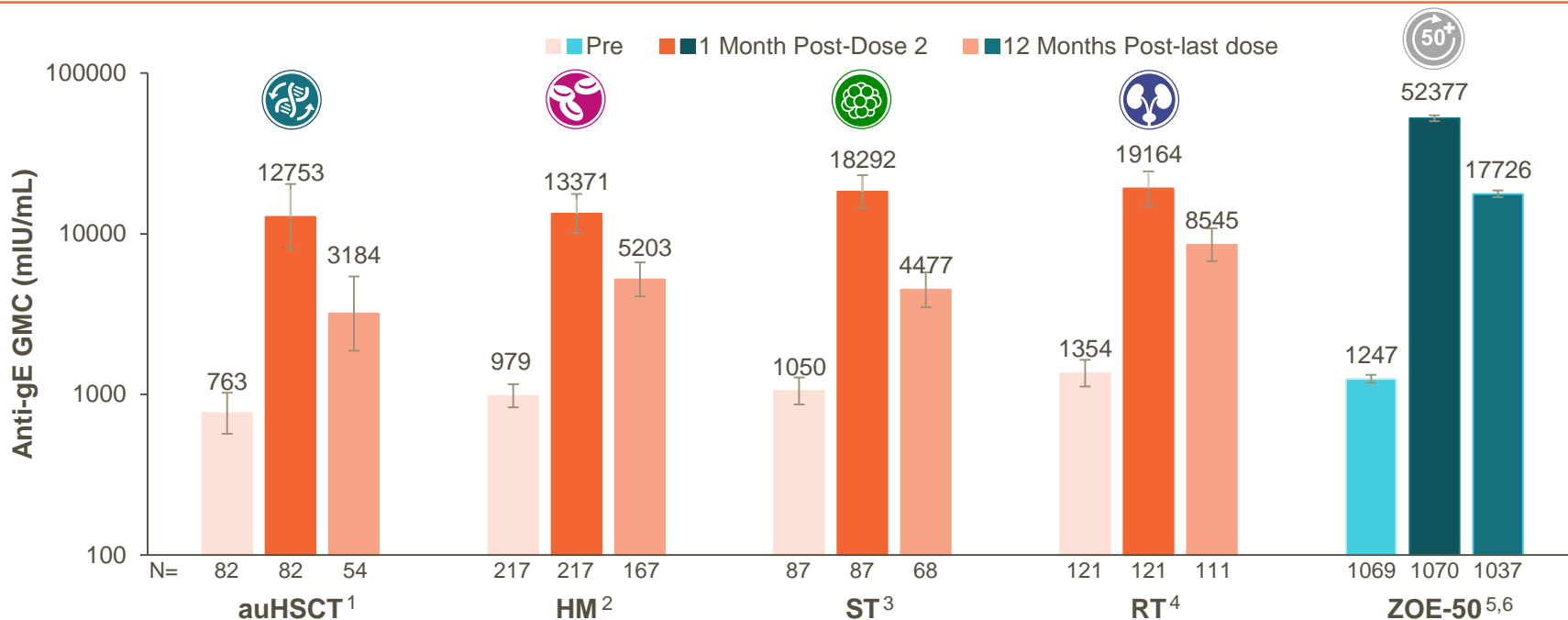


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# RZV Humoral Mediated Immunity

Anti-gE GMCs (ELISA) Pre-, 1 month post dose 2, and 12 months post last dose – ATP cohort for immunogenicity



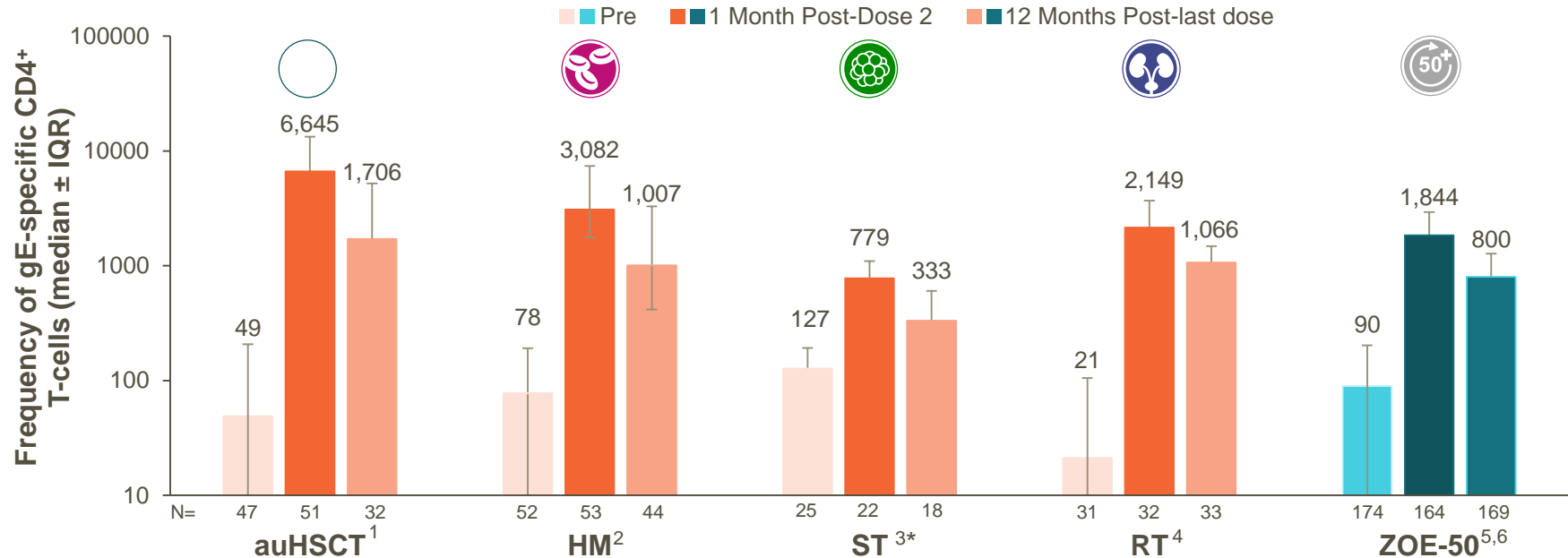
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# RZV Cellular Mediated Immunity



Median Frequency for gE-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells Pre-, 1 Month post dose 2, and 12 Months post last dose – ATP cohort for immunogenicity



Error bars represent 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> IQR. Each population was evaluated in a separate study. **There are no head-to-head comparisons between immunocompromised populations.**

\*For ST study: on-chemo group (1st dose administered 8-30 days before chemotherapy and 2nd dose on the day of chemotherapy).

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## RZV Clinical Development Program in IC Patients



auHSCT<sup>1</sup>



HM<sup>2</sup>



ST<sup>3</sup>



RT<sup>4</sup>

- Reactogenicity profile is expected based on clinical experience and nature of underlying conditions
- AEs, SAEs, pIMDs, relapses, disease progressions, and allograft rejections were balanced between the RZV and placebo groups
- Efficacy demonstrated in 2 populations: 68.2% (95% CI: 55.6-77.5) in auHSCT recipients and 87.2% (95% CI: 44.3-98.6) in HM\* patients
- RZV is immunogenic even considering the impact of age, underlying disease, immunosuppressive treatment and immunization either before, during or after immunosuppressive treatments

RZV immunogenicity and safety data support a favorable benefit risk profile in IC adults ≥18 YOA, who are at an increased risk of HZ

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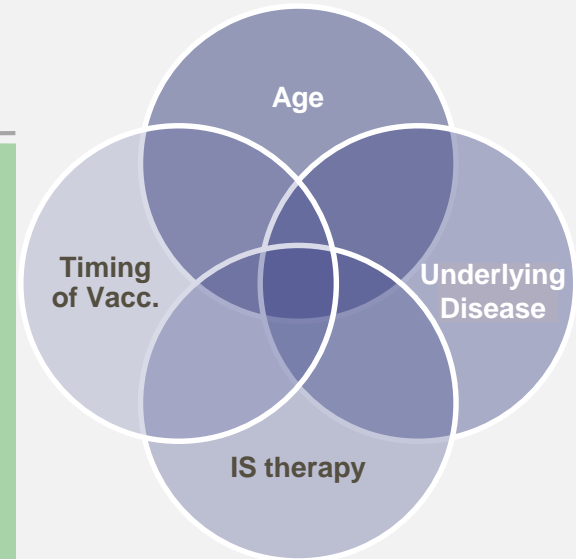
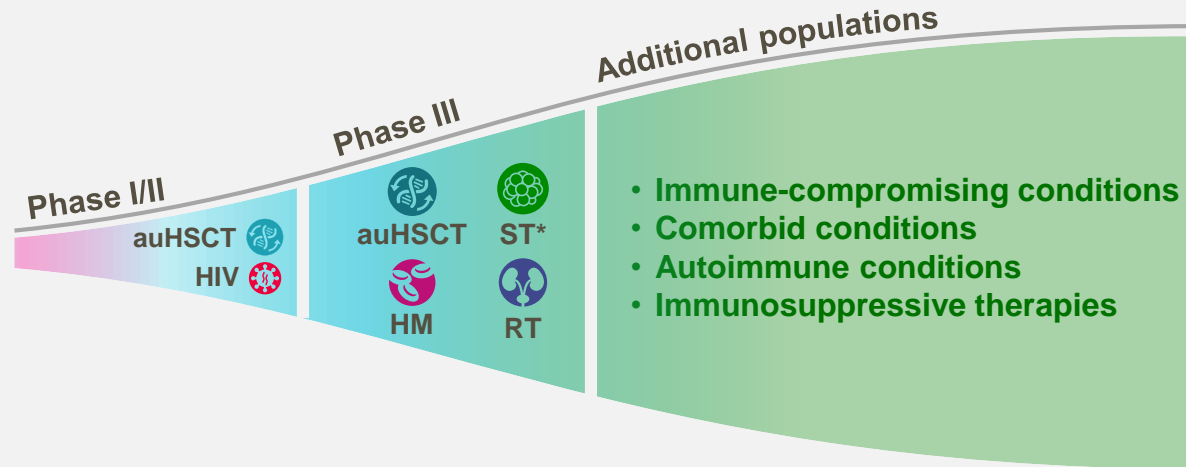
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