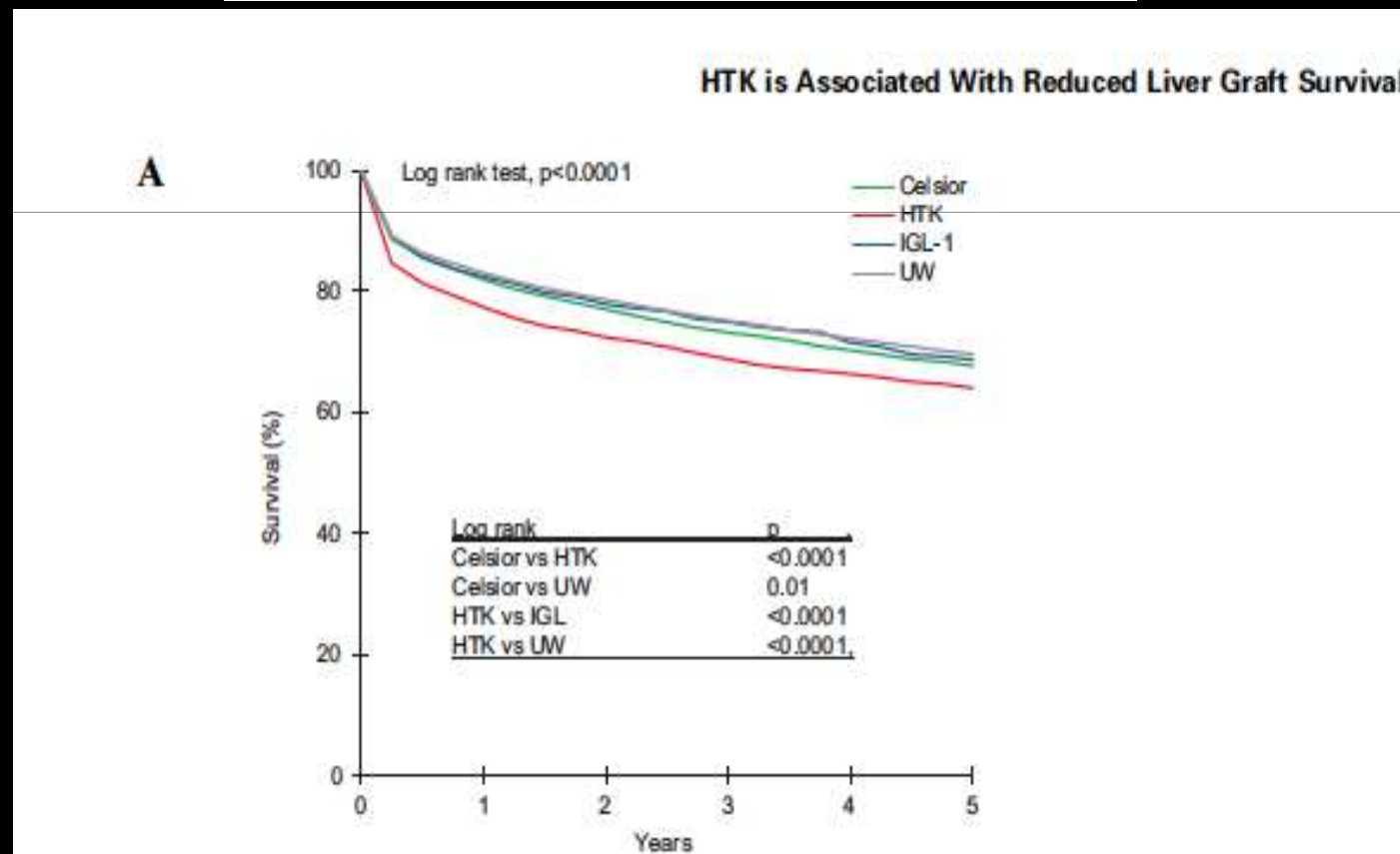


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# Propensity score matching

- To control for differences in baseline characteristics between groups
- Patients were paired on a 1:2 ratio [HTK (n=4964):Others (n=9928)] according to similar pre-defined characteristics
  - All unmatched patients were excluded from the analysis

Recipient gender  
Period (2003-2007 vs 2008-2012)  
Recipient\_HIV status  
Recipage  $\geq$  60 yrs  
Urgency  
Hepatocellular carcinoma in dis1 or dis2  
Donor age  $\geq$  55 yrs  
Cadaveric full size graft  
ABO Blood group compatibility  
Cold ischemia time  $\geq$  6hrs  
Centers performing more than 10 living donors

- Univariate, multivariate and Kaplan–Meier analyses were repeated using these matched patients

## Multivariate analysis - Cox Model Before Propensity matching (n= 31,129)

Risk Factors	p	Risk ratio	95% CI
LT1 unos1	<.0001	1.78	[1.65;1.92]
HIV pos	<.0001	1.42	[1.21;1.65]
Rec antiHCV pos	<.0001	1.39	[1.32;1.46]
LT1 ischemia time ≥ 12 hrs	<.0001	1.34	[1.25;1.43]
<b>LT1 HTK</b>	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>[1.21;1.35]</b>
LT1 donor age ≥ 65 yrs	<.0001	1.28	[1.22;1.36]
HBsAg neg	<.0001	1.26	[1.16;1.35]
Not Cadaveric Full size	<.0001	1.25	[1.16;1.35]
LT1 recip age ≥ 60 yrs	<.0001	1.22	[1.16;1.28]
LT1 non Iso blood group	0.0092	1.12	[1.03;1.22]
Rec Male	<.0001	1.11	[1.05;1.16]
Main dis not Cirrhosis	0.0014	1.08	[1.03;1.13]
No Pts center < 500	0.0106	1.08	[1.02;1.14]

## Multivariate analysis - Cox Model Before Propensity matching (n= 34,520) - *Stratified by Center* -

Risk Factors	p	Risk ratio	95% CI
HIV pos	<.0001	1.50	[1.28;1.75]
Rec antiHCV pos	<.0001	1.41	[1.34;1.47]
ACHF as main disease	<.0001	1.34	[1.22;1.47]
LT1 donor age ≥ 65 yrs	<.0001	1.32	[1.24;1.39]
LT1 Red or Split	<.0001	1.30	[1.16;1.44]
HBsAg neg	<.0001	1.24	[1.15;1.33]
LT1 non Iso blood group	<.0001	1.23	[1.14;1.34]
LT1 recip age ≥ 60 yrs	<.0001	1.23	[1.17;1.28]
LT1 ischemia time ≥ 12 hrs	<.0001	1.19	[1.11;1.27]
<b>LT1 HTK</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>[1.02;1.20]</b>
Rec Male	0.0001	1.10	[1.05;1.15]
Main dis not Cirrhosis	0.0003	1.09	[1.04;1.14]
interaction HTK Age D	0.01	0.84	[0.74;0.96]

## Multivariate analysis - Cox Model After Propensity matching (n= 12,809)

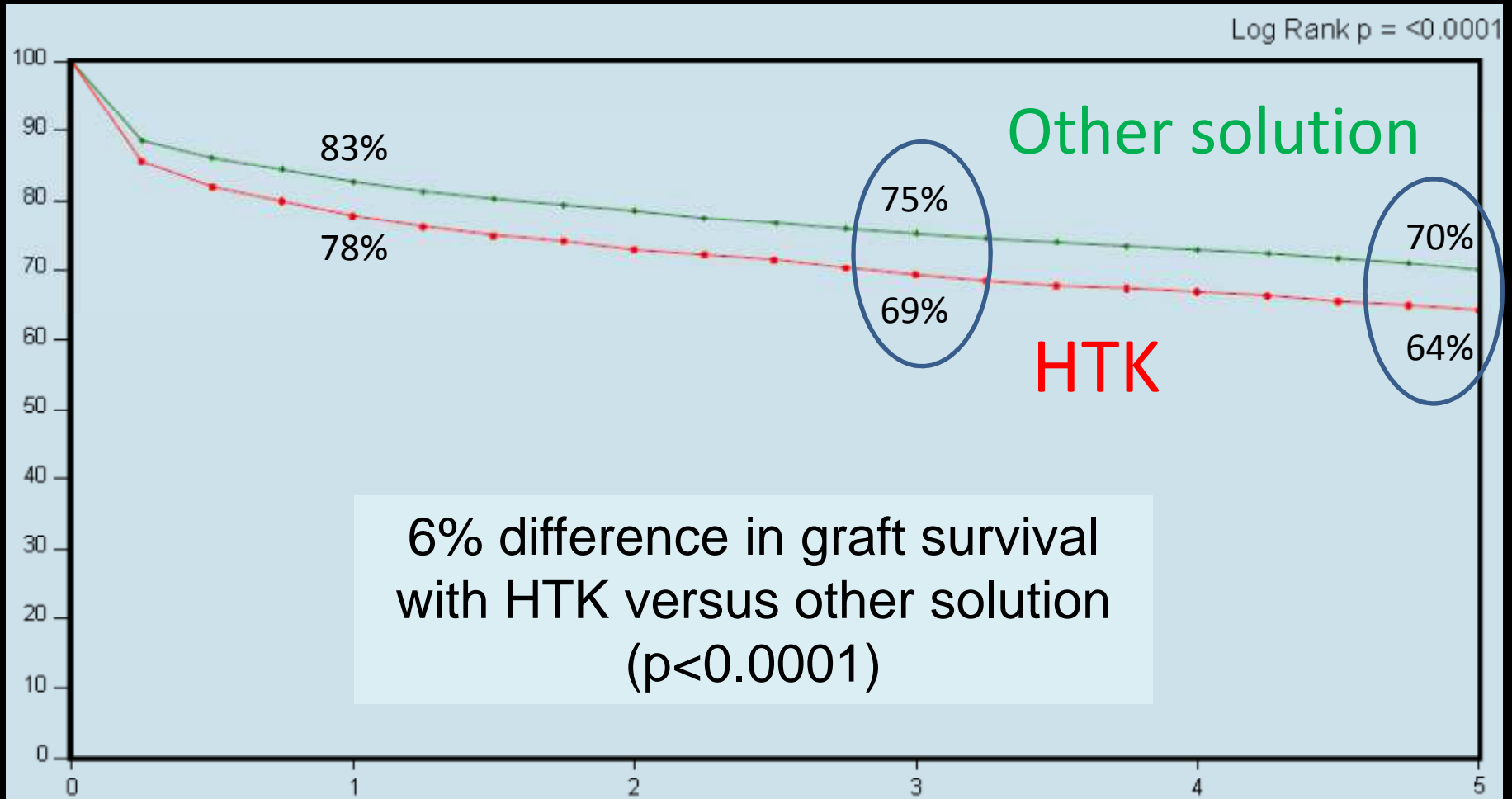
Facteur de risque	p	Risk ratio	95% CI
LT1 Unos1	<.0001	1.66	[1.48;1.87]
Rec antiHCV pos	<.0001	1.42	[1.32;1.54]
LT1 ischemia time ≥ 12 hrs	<.0001	1.37	[1.25;1.50]
LT1 donor age ≥ 65 yrs	<.0001	1.34	[1.23;1.46]
Not Cadaveric Full size	0.0007	1.29	[1.12;1.50]
<b>LT1 HTK</b>	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>[1.19;1.38]</b>
HBsAg neg	0.0020	1.22	[1.08;1.39]
LT1 recip age ≥ 60 yrs	<.0001	1.21	[1.12;1.31]
LT1 non Iso blood group	0.0067	1.19	[1.05;1.36]
Rec Male	0.0061	1.11	[1.03;1.20]
Main dis not Cirrhosis	0.0144	1.09	[1.02;1.17]

## Multivariate analysis - Cox Model After Propensity matching (n= 31,925) - Stratified by Center -

Facteur de risque	p	Risk ratio	95% CI
Rec antiHCV pos	<.0001	1.43	[1.32;1.54]
ACHF as main disease	<.0001	1.35	[1.18;1.54]
HBsAg neg	0.0001	1.28	[1.13;1.45]
LT1 recip age ≥ 60 yrs	<.0001	1.24	[1.15;1.33]
LT1 nonlsogr blood gp	0.001	1.23	[1.09;1.40]
LT1 ischemia_time ≥ 12 hrs	<.0001	1.23	[1.12;1.35]
LT1 donor age ≥ 65 yrs	<.0001	1.23	[1.13;1.34]
LT1 reduced or split	0.04	1.22	[1.01;1.47]
<b>LT1 HTK</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>[1.00;1.22]</b>
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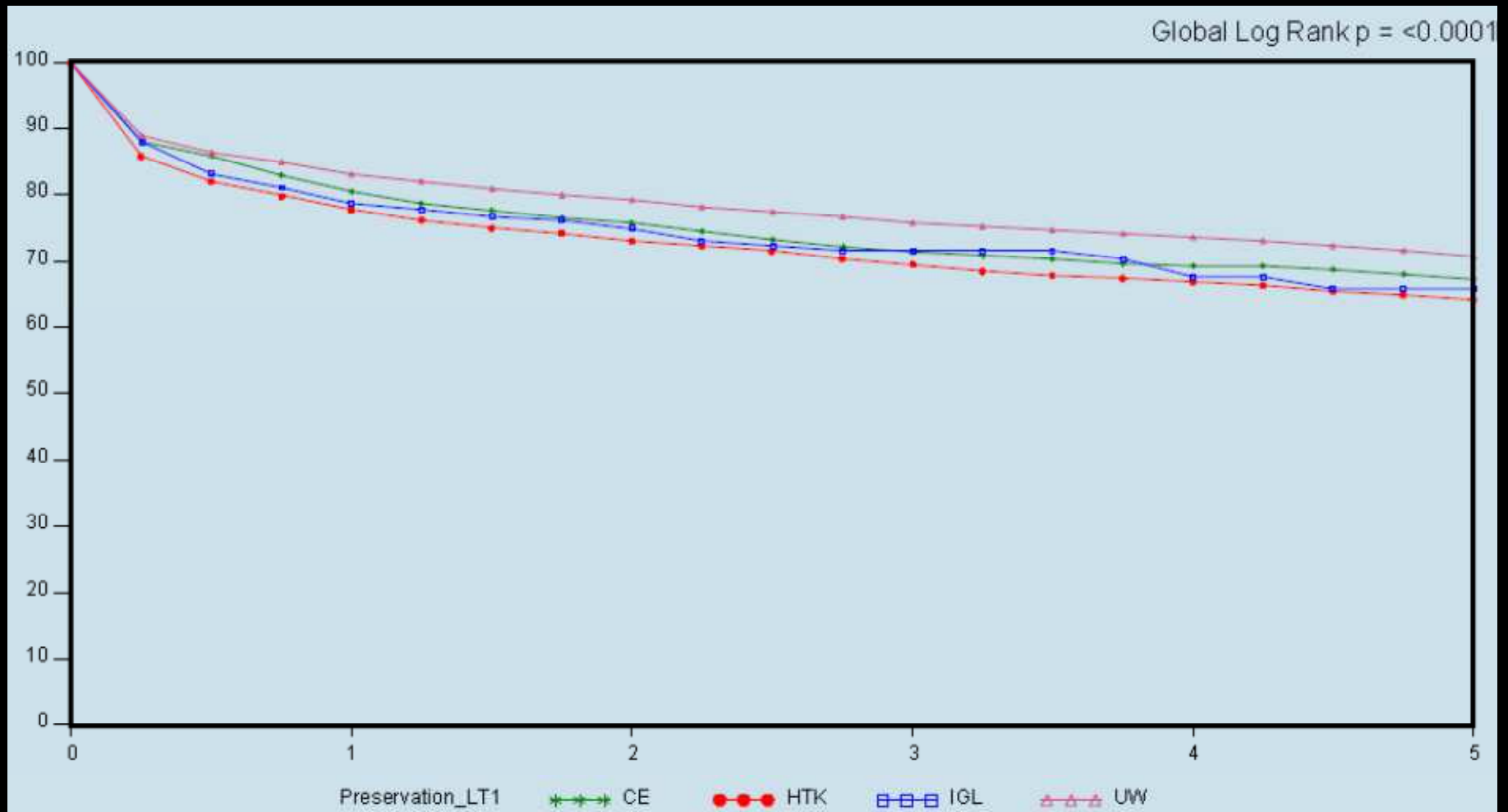
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### - Detail of Other solution -



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2. Did these results are confirmed by other studies ?

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Z. A. Stewart, A. M. Cameron, A. L. Singer, R. A. Montgomery and D. L. Segev\*

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**UNOS Database (2004-2008)  
HTK (n= 4755) versus UW (n= 12673)**

« After adjusting for donors, recipient and graft factors that affect graft survival, HTK preservation was associated with an **increased risk of graft loss** (HR 1.44, p= 0.002) especially with DCD allografts and those with cold ischemia time over 8 hours...

Furthermore HTK preservation was associated with a **1.2-fold higher odds of early (< 30 days) graft loss** compared to UW »

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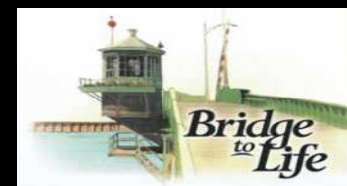
# Conclusion

- 1- Comparison of preservation solutions used in Europe in a recent 9-year period demonstrate similar results for UW, IGL and Celsior but worst results for HTK
- 2- 1- and 3-yr Graft survival is 5 and 6% lower with HTK compared to all the other solutions
- 3- The mechanisms involved in these results are still unknown but PNF and Graft Dysfunction are significantly more frequently involved in Graft Loss after HTK use
- 4- These data confirmed by propensity score analysis share the 1.2 fold higher risk of graft loss demonstrated by a UNOS study

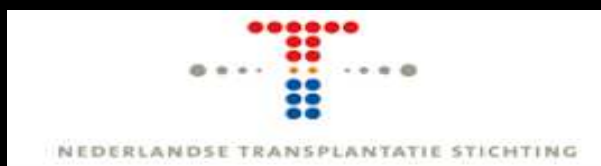
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