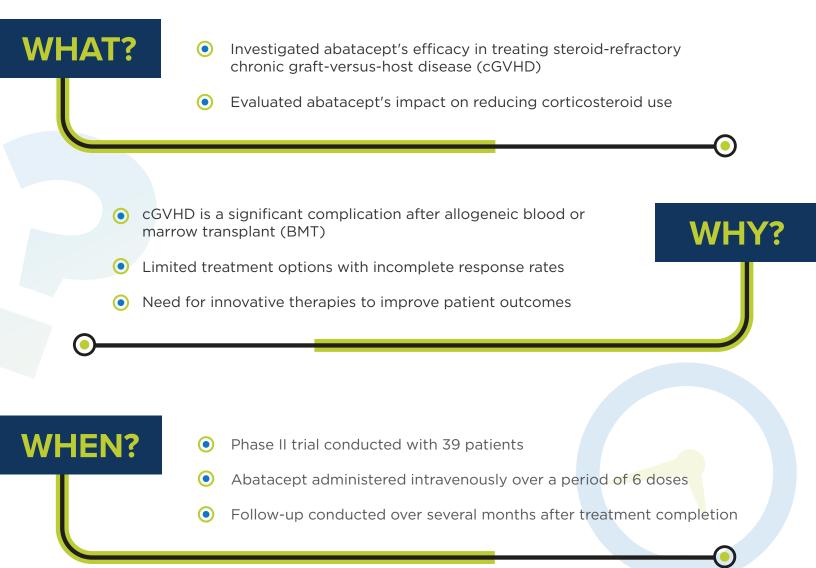


WHO?

# Abatacept in Steroid-Refractory cGVHD: A Phase II Study



• Included 39 patients with steroid-refractory cGVHD

• Recipients of allogeneic (cells from a donor) BMT

• Subjects already taking immunosuppressive agents

### RESULTS

- 58% overall response rate with abatacept treatment
- Notable improvement in lung, liver, GI tract, and mouth manifestations
- Durable reduction in corticosteroid dose post-treatment

Read the abatacept study results in Blood: (DOI: 10.1182/blood.2022019107)

• Promising alternative for cGVHD treatment with potential for improved outcomes



- Highlights abatacept's dual mechanism of B and T cell interaction modulation
- Encourages further research and combination strategies
- Offers hope for patients who may not respond to current therapies

## **FROM THE EXPERTS**

"Abatacept resulted in improvement in chronic graft versus host disease in 58% of patients, with a concomitant reduction in steroid use. This offers a novel therapeutic approach to treating patients with chronic graft versus host disease, in particular in settings where the currently approved drugs are not tolerated or lack efficacy."



#### Jacalyn Rosenblatt, MD

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"We are excited about the provocative results of this study and the potential for abatacept to serve as a potentially effective agent for patients with Graft versus Host Disease."

#### David Avigan MD

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