Title	Prevention and treatment of severe GVHD after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, applied as consolidation immunotherapy in patients with hematological malignancies. A prospective randomized phase III trial				
Summary	Objective: This clinical study includes two parts. The first part aims at determining if using a time restricted immunosuppressive regimen as compared to a standard one in patients after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation could enhance graft-versus-leukemia (GVL) effect without compromising this by a substantial increase of acute graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). The second part aims at improving the response rate to treatment of severe acute GVHD by adding ATG-Fresenius to standard high dose prednisolone, an anti-inflammatory drug used as first-line treatment of this disease. Primary outcome: 1 st part of the study: Proportion of patients with non-severe GVHD (acute GVHD grade I, grade II without gut infiltration, or chronic GVHD not requiring systemic treatment) within day180 after randomization / registration. 2 nd part of the study: Proportion of patients in each treatment arm who experience a complete remission from GVHD or partial remission from GVHD at day 28 without treatment failure (initiation of secondary treatment). Disease: Hematological malignancies Treatment: 1 st part of the study: Myfortic® + cyclosporine A (time restricted immunosupression) Myfortic® + cyclosporine A (prolonged standard immunosupression)				
Principal inclusion criteria	 2nd part of the study: now closed For randomization 1: Male or female. Age: 18-65 years old. Hematological malignancies. Planned allogeneic stem cell transplantation. Additional for randomization: A planned unmanipulated (non-T-cell depleted) allogeneic SCT. Additional for registration: A planned T-cell depleted allogeneic SCT. Related or unrelated donor with a 8/8 HLA match (HLA A, B, C, DRB1). Good performance status. Female patients are non-pregnant. Informed consent given by patient. For randomization 2: now closed 				
Type of trial	Phase	3			
	Number of patients	 1st randomization : 400 (internationally) 2nd randomization : 110 (internationally) 			
	Patient allocation	Patients are randomized			
	Blinding to treatment	No			

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Status	Start of study (October 2010			
	Approximate duration		3 years (+ 5 years of post-transplant follow-up)			