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### **ABSTRACT**

In 2014, the National Institutes of Health sponsored the second Consensus Development Project on Criteria for Clinical Trials in Chronic Graft-vs-Host (GVHD). The purpose was to update recommendations about key elements of chronic GVHD research, including definitions for diagnosis, severity scoring, and response measures, based on empirical data published since the first 2005 Consensus Conference. The most significant modifications were to the response assessments, since studies demonstrated difficulty with the first consensus definitions. The Response Measures Validation study is a multi-center, prospective

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