



Global Leukemia Academy Virtual Breakout: Pediatric ALL Patients

Emerging and Practical Concepts and
Controversies in Leukemias

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Virtual Breakout: Pediatric ALL Patients Session Opening

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Objectives of the Program

Understand current treatment patterns for ALL including incorporation of new technologies

Uncover when genomic testing is being done for ALL, and how these tests are interpreted and utilized

Understand the role of stem cell transplantation in ALL as a consolidation in first remission

Comprehensively discuss the role of MRD in managing and monitoring ALL

Gain insights into antibodies and bispecifics in ALL: what are they? When and how should they be used? Where is the science going?

Discuss the evolving role of ADC therapies in ALL

Review promising novel and emerging therapies in ALL

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Chair: Patrick Brown

TIME UTC-3	TITLE	SPEAKER
17.00 – 17.15	Session opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">Educational ARS questions for the audience	Patrick Brown
17.15 – 17.35	First-line treatment of pediatric ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&A	Lia Gore
17.35 – 17.55	Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children including HSCT and COVID-19 considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&A	Franco Locatelli
17.55 – 18.15	Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&A	Patrick Brown
18.15 – 18.45	Case-based panel discussion: Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in pediatric patients Panelists: María Sara Felice (Arg), Oscar González Ramella (Mex), Adriana Seber (Bra), Carlos Andres Portilla (Col)	Maria Sara Felice Carlos Andres Portilla Discussion
18.45 – 19.00	Session close <ul style="list-style-type: none">Educational ARS questions for the audience	Patrick Brown

Educational ARS Questions

Patrick Brown



VOTING QUESTION

Educational Questions Pediatric ALL

Question 1: Which assertion is correct for children with ALL?

- a) All patients with MLL-rearranged ALL should be transplanted
- b) All patients with BCR-ABL-positive ALL should be transplanted
- c) No patient with BCR-ABL-positive ALL should be transplanted
- d) AlloSCT is part of treatment for children with early relapsed ALL

VOTING QUESTION

Educational Questions Pediatric ALL

Question 2: Which assertion is correct for children with ALL?

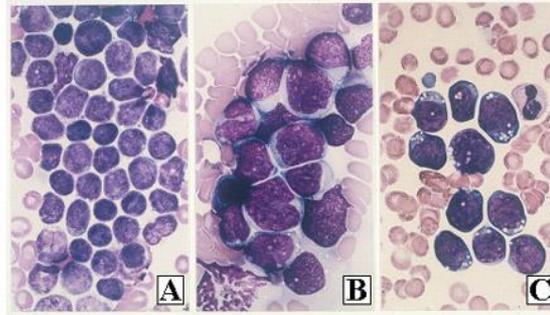
- a) Blinatumomab and inotuzumab are part of first-line treatment
- b) Blinatumomab and inotuzumab cannot be administered sequentially
- c) Therapeutic drug monitoring of asparaginase improves outcome
- d) Dexamethasone and vincristine are standard components of maintenance therapy

First-Line Treatment of Pediatric ALL

Lia Gore



Therapy for Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in the Front Line



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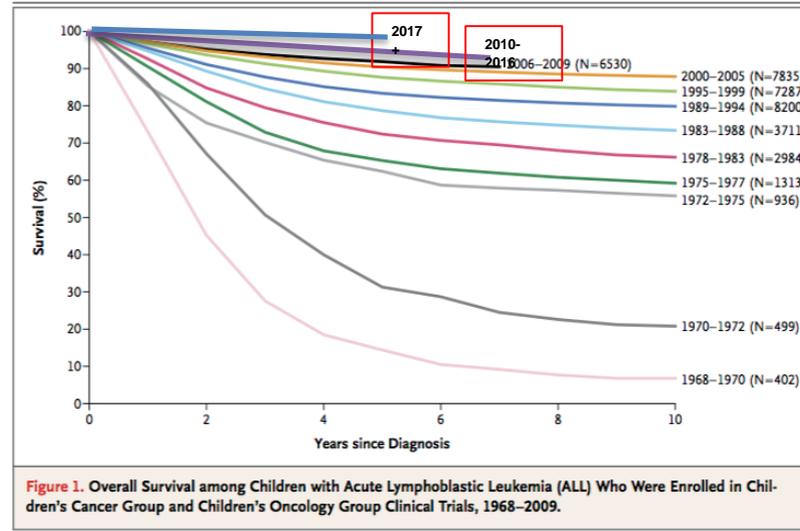
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Success in Treating the Most Common Childhood Cancer

- 1948 – first case of temporary remission reported by Farber et al
- Successive generations of treatment show improved outcomes
- Current regimens offer survival of 90%–99% for most patients



Mullighan, Hunger. *N Engl J Med.* 2015.

Outcomes for Patients With Favorable Genetics and CNS1 in Current COG Trials

NCI Risk	Day 8 MRD	Day 29 MRD	5-Year EFS	5-Year OS	n
Standard	<1%	<0.01%	95.7%	99.1%	1129
Standard	≥1%	<0.01%	91.7%	99.4%	170
Standard	Any	≥0.01%	88.1%	96.8%	369
High	<1%	<0.01%	94.9%	98.1%	243
High	≥1%	<0.01%	93.6%	95.5%	50
High	Any	≥0.01%	75.4%	90.4%	121

	<10 Yr Old n = 107 (44%)	≥10 Yr Old n = 136 (56%)	P Value
5-year EFS	98.0%	92.4%	.126
5-year OS	98.7%	97.8%	.411

Simplified Treatment of ALL

DIAGNOSIS

Induction: 3 or 4 drugs on the basis of risk factors



Consolidation: target the CNS



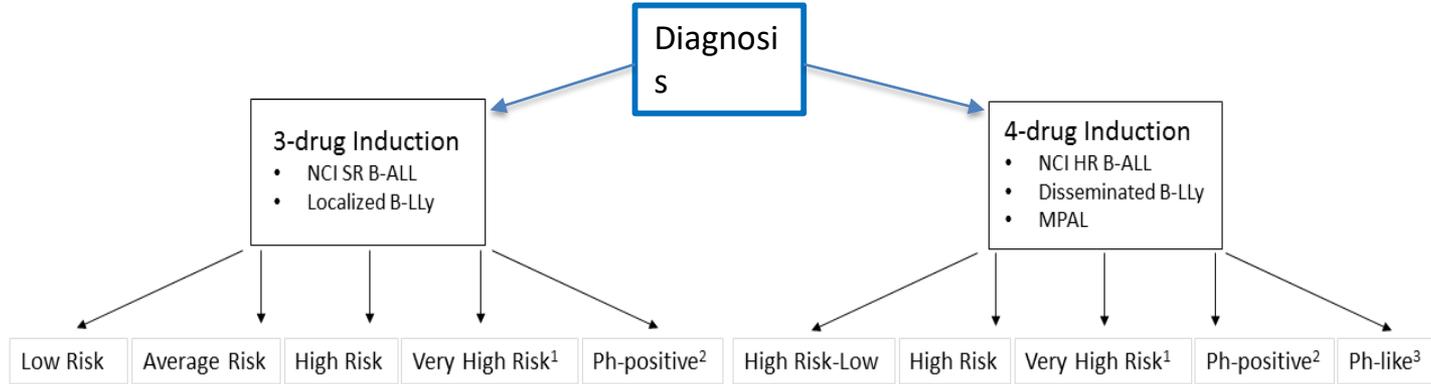
Intensification/"reinduction"



Maintenance (antimetabolite based)



Overall Schema of Current ALL Therapy



Risk stratification based on biologic and genetic features at diagnosis and response to induction chemotherapy remain the best predictors of outcome for all patients



Induction

- 3-drug induction = steroid, VCR, ASP
 - NCI standard risk
 - Except CNS3, testicular disease, steroid pretreatment
 - Localized B-lymphoblastic lymphoma (B-LLy)
- 4-drug induction = steroid, VCR, ASP, + daunorubicin
 - NCI high risk
 - NCI standard risk with CNS3, testicular, steroid pretreatment
 - Disseminated B-LLy
 - MPAL

Postinduction risk-stratification is based on response to induction

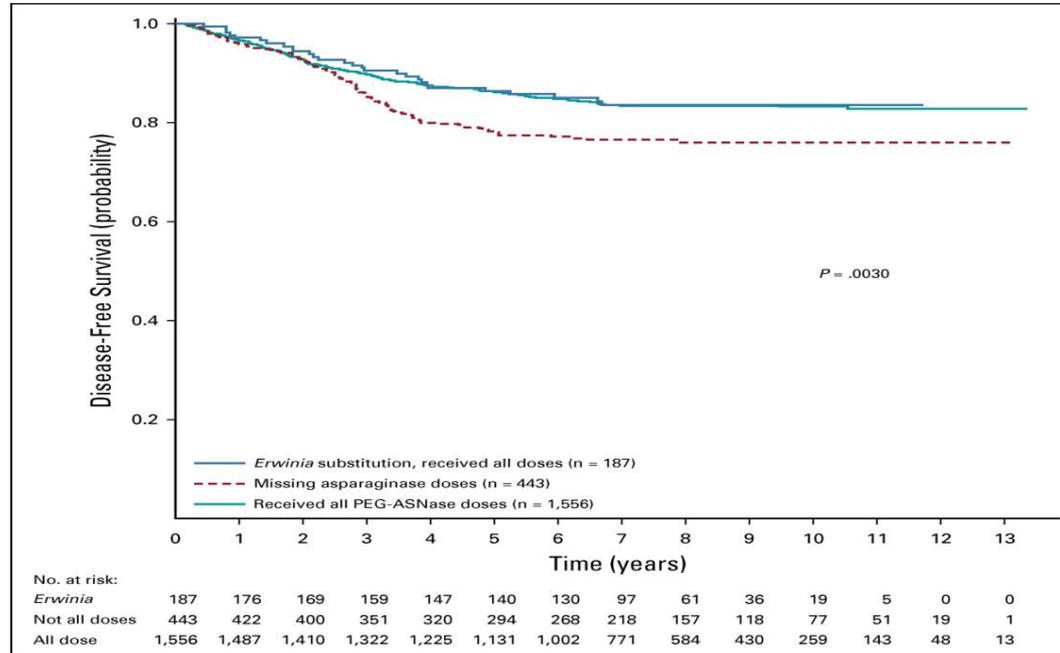


Observations on the History of Frontline ALL Therapy

- Induction with steroids, vincristine, and asparaginase are key elements that, to date, cannot be removed from therapy
 - Asparaginase intensification improves outcomes in most risk groups: T-, B-, and LLy (multiple iBFM, DFCI, POG, COG trials: Amylon 1999; Silverman 2001; Pession 2005; Pieters 2011; Gupta 2020) but not in SR-low (Mattano 2014), and is not without toxicity
 - Prednisone pre-phase separates out good responders (Schrappé 1998)
- Daunorubicin increases survival for high-risk patients (Gaynon 1988; Nachman 1997, 1998; Veerman 2009)
- Intensified consolidation not needed for excellent outcomes in SR patients (Maloney 2013, 2019)
- Pulses of maintenance therapy cure more patients (HR = 0.54) (Conter 2007; De Moerloose 2010)
 - Dexamethasone vs prednisone matters (Mitchell 2005; Larson 2016)
 - 6-MP and 6-TG are both effective in maintenance (Harms 2003), but 6-TG leads to more VOD/SOS (Stork 2010)
- CNS-directed therapy is essential for cure
 - Intrathecal therapy can replace cranial irradiation (Clarke 2003)
 - 24 Gy is not better than 18 Gy (Steinherz 1989; Schrappé 1998)
 - IT methotrexate can also decrease marrow relapse (Clarke 2003)
- Modern combination regimens equalize outcomes for most patients with B- and T-cell ALL
- TKIs have changed the outcome for Ph+ disease and eliminated HSCT in CR1 for the majority of patients
- Infants with *KMT2A* rearrangements have a dismal prognosis with any regimen tested to date



Asparaginase Intensity but Not Product in HR Patients Affects Outcomes



Gupta, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2020.



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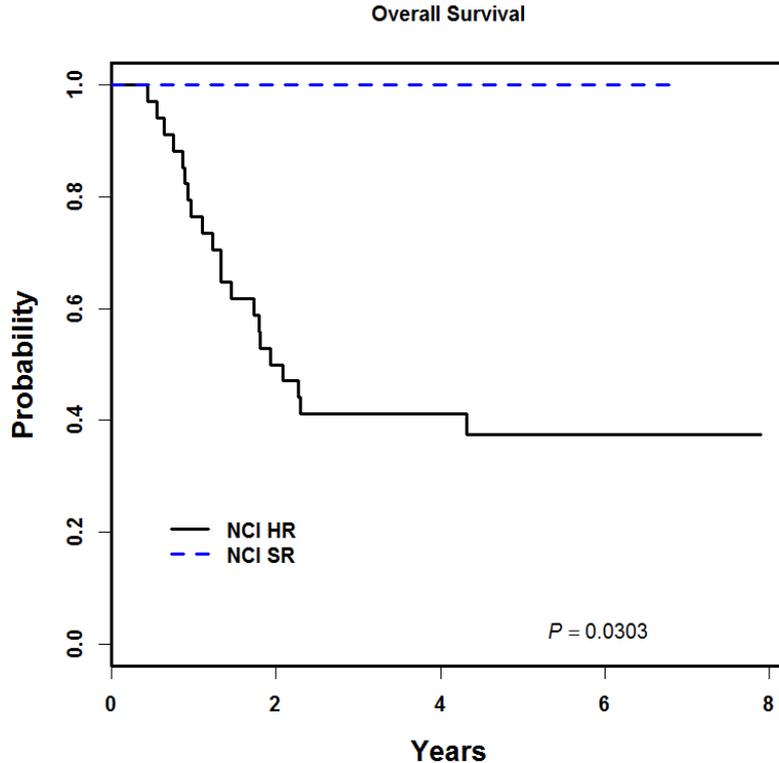
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3 vs 4 Drugs: Adding Daunorubicin

Evidence	Study/Trial	Daunorubicin Dose	Additional Information
Standard of care established	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veerman (2009)-DCOG-ALL-9 2. Gaynon (1988)-CCG-193P 3. Nachman (1997) 4. Nachman (1998) 5. Buchmann (2003)-POG 8303 	25 mg/m ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dexamethasone. IT during induction. No infant data. HD MTX plus 2 intensification phases 2. Prednisone. CNS prophylaxis given. No infant data 3. Prednisone. IT cytarabine on day 0. No infant data 4. Prednisone. IT cytarabine on day 0. No infant data 5. Prednisone. All patients had initial therapy and developed first relapse. Infant (<1 yr) data (n = 14)
Evidence	Study/Trial	Daunorubicin Dose	Additional Information
Infant data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lauer (1998) POG 8398 2. Reaman (1999) CCG-107/1883 3. Saltzer (2014) 4. Pieters (2019) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0.83 mg/kg IV days 2, 8, 15, 22 2. 12.5 (<3 mo) or 25 mg/m² (4-11 mo) IV/week 3. 15 mg/m² (<7d); 20 mg/m² (7d-<6 mo); 22.5 mg/m² (6-12) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infants grouped <6 months (60%) and >6 months (40%). CNS prophylaxis given (triples) 2. Infants grouped <3 months, 3-5 months, 6 to <1 year. Given intrathecal Ara-C and MTX 3. IT MTX d1, IT HC/Ara-C d15, IT MTX/HC d29
Evidence	Study/Trial	Daunorubicin Dose	Additional Information
Dex > Pred	Larson (2016)-AALL0232	25 mg/m ²	Dexamethasone had superior outcome in younger children (1-9 yo) compared with prednisone. Older patients had more toxicity with Dex than Pred



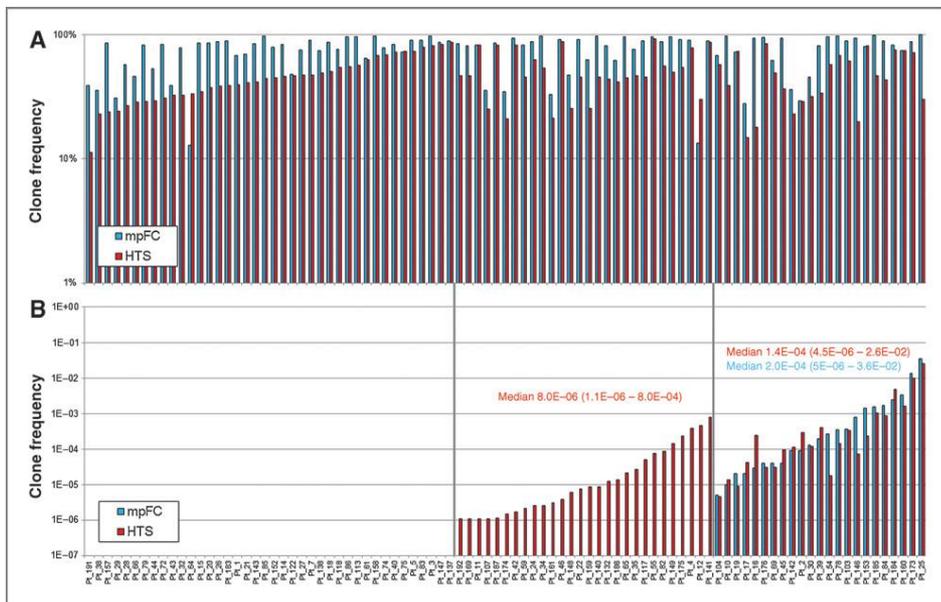
Overall Survival After Induction Failure by (M3) Marrow Status



	5-Year OS \pm SE
AALL0232 (HR)	37.4% \pm 10.5%
AALL0331 (SR)	100%

AALL0232 PI: Eric Larsen, MD
AALL0331 PI: Kelly Maloney, MD

Improving MRD Detection by Next-Generation/High-Throughput Sequencing (HTS)



Wu, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2014.

- HTS of clonotypic Ig/TCR rearrangements detects MRD at $\sim 1/1,000,000$
- Pilot study of ~ 300 pts from AALL0331 showed that 20% had no detectable residual clonal sequence at any level at day 29
 - HTS-neg pts had a 5-yr EFS of 98.1% and OS 100%
- Includes pts with and without favorable genetics

Kirsch SIOF 2016 and Wood ASH 2016



Observations on the History of Frontline ALL Therapy

- Cytogenetic and molecular abnormalities/variations matter
 - *KMT2A*, Ph+/*BCR-ABL*, Ph-like, *ETV6-RUNX1*, triple trisomy, high hyperdiploidy iAMP21, *TCF-PBX1*, *CRLF2*, and severe hypodiploidy all confer different prognostic implications
 - Impact of advancing technology on treatment and outcomes
 - Changing role of HSCT in the front line
- MRD matters (van Dongen 1998; Coustan-Smith 2000; Borowitz 2008)
 - Lower is better; none is best – but by what method?
- Many patients with ALL can be cured with simple therapy (Kirsch SIOP 2016 and Wood ASH 2016)
 - 4-6 weeks of 3-drug induction
 - Appropriate CNS prophylaxis
 - Pulses of maintenance therapy
- Escalating MTX improves outcomes for some patients
- Addition of rituximab (GRAALL 2005) improves outcomes for adults (Maury 2016); pediatric outcomes unknown
- Adding anthracycline during induction plus 4 weeks of CPM/Ara-C/6-MP consolidation therapy or 8 weeks of delayed intensification (Protocol IIa + IIb) cures another ~10% of patients
- A major cause of morbidity and mortality in children with ALL is treatment-related toxicity and late effects



Role of End-Induction HTS-MRD

- Conservatively estimating true EFS of HTS-MRD–undetectable patients at 96%, and accounting for 20% of AR patients, EFS of patients with detectable HTS-MRD should be ~88%
 - Wood/UW cohort – 87.4% EFS for an approximately equivalent population
- Patients with noninformative HTS had a 5-year EFS of 78.5% (included NCI HR patients)
- From COG 0331 (SR) and 0232 (HR) samples, HTS detected dominant clone in 93.2% of patients
 - Among SR patients, 19.9% had no detectable residual clonal sequence at any level at EOI; these patients had an outstanding EFS of 98.1% +/- 0.2%
- Proportion of undetectable samples did not vary between cytogenetic risk groups (so likely similar among SR/AR patients)

COG Classification Table*

Risk Group	SR-Favorable (SR-Fav)	SR-Average (AR)		HR-Favorable (HR-Fav)	High Risk ¹ (HR)					Very-High Risk (VHR)
Projected 5-year EFS	>95%	85-95%		>94%	65-92%					<65%
NCI Risk Group	SR	SR	SR	HR <10yr	SR	SR	SR	HR (except HR-Fav)	HR	HR
CNS ¹	1/2	1/2	1	1	2	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
Cytogenetics ²	Fav	Fav	Neut	Fav	Neut	Unfav	Any	Any	Any	Any ³
Day 8 PB MRD (%)	<1	≥1	Any	n/a	Any	Any	Any	n/a	n/a	n/a
EOI MRD (%)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	≥0.01 ⁴	<0.01	≥0.01 ⁴	≥0.01
EOC MRD (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Any	n/a	<0.01	≥0.01
Total pt accrual/yr	521	348		38	598					24
Fraction of patients (%) ⁵	30	20		2	35					1

*BFM has similar classification categories; efforts to facilitate data comparisons when possible.

What About Lymphoblastic Lymphoma?

ALL-focused regimens are often used to treat HR B-cell or T-cell ALL and lymphoblastic lymphoma – often on the same protocol or on an arm of an ALL protocol

- Several trials have compared various ALL or lymphoma regimens
 1. LSA212 v COMP (non-daunorubicin regimen)
 2. LSA212 v A-COP+ (adriamycin)
 3. Daunorubicin in NHL-BFM-86 was the same in both arms

Regimen Used	Daunorubicin Dose (Regimen)	Other Drugs Used During Induction (Regimen)
1. NHL-BFM-86	1. 30 mg/m ² weekly	1. Prednisone, vincristine, L-asparagine with MTX
2. NHL-BFM-95	2. 30 mg/m ² weekly	2. Prednisone, vincristine, L-asparagine with MTX, 6-MP, Ara-C, cyclophosphamide
3. UKCCSG 86	3. 45 mg/m ² days 1, 2 (weekly)	3. Prednisone, vincristine, L-asparagine with MTX
4. LSA212	4. 60 mg/m ² days 12, 13	4. Prednisone, vincristine, L-asparagine with Ara-C and cyclophosphamide

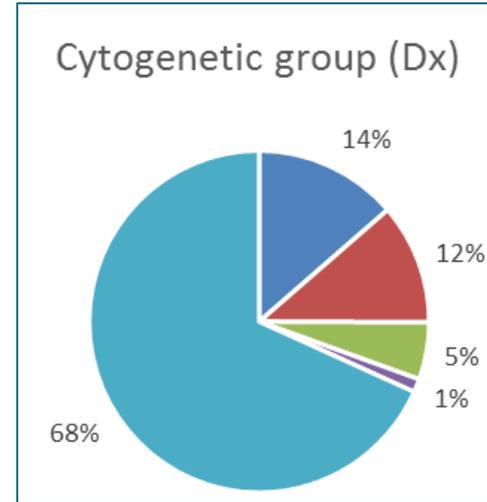
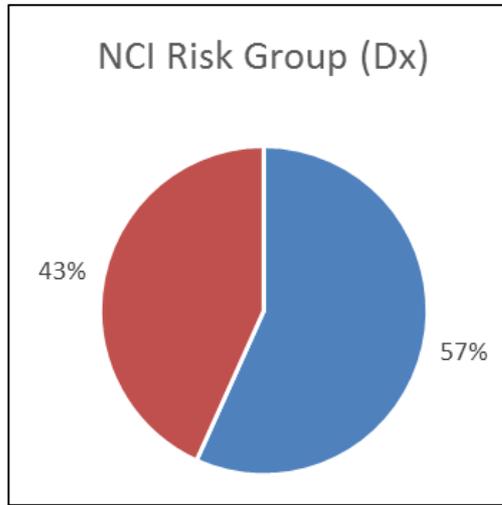
- Many study investigators anticipate that the LLy arm will not achieve statistical significance for an endpoint, but data are gathered and reported in final outcomes
- Data collected and reported on these trials support the findings of ALL outcomes with some differences
 - To date, there is no equivalent to MRD as a prognostic indicator in ALL
 - Most patients with LLy do quite well with combination regimens as above



Continued Need to Improve AR/SR ALL Outcomes

- ~600 NCI HR and ~1200 NCI SR patients enroll on COG trials each year
- Despite better outcome, SR pts contribute about half of treatment failures
 - 5-year EFS rate 77% for HR ALL (AALL0232) and 89% for SR ALL (AALL0331)
 - For every 1000 B-ALL patients, there are ~77 events among HR patients and ~73 events among SR patients
- Improving EFS for SR (and particularly AR) patients will therefore significantly reduce the overall burden of relapse in ALL

Standard- and Low-Risk ALL Remain Major Contributors to Relapse



Status of Immunotherapy for ALL

- Various immunotherapy approaches are available for patients with B-ALL – primarily in use for relapsed disease
 - 1) Monoclonal antibodies
 - 2) Antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)
 - 3) Bispecific T-cell engagers (BiTEs)
 - 4) Cellular immunotherapies (CAR T cells, NK cells)
 - 5) Experimental: Trispecific T-cell engagers (TriTEs), dual-affinity retargeting antibodies (DARTs), and simultaneous multiple interaction T-cell engagers (SMITEs)
- Immunotherapies for T-cell disease have lagged behind but are gaining
- Early access to novel agents for pediatrics has been revolutionary for patients with relapsed and refractory ALL – could it be for newly diagnosed patients? Those with excess morbidity and mortality from current approaches?



Status of Immunotherapy for ALL in the Front Line

- Cooperative groups worldwide are now introducing various immunotherapy constructs into frontline clinical trials
- Coordination of findings and development of future studies depend on cooperation among investigators and pharmaceutical sponsors globally
- Further implications for
 - Risk stratification
 - Biologic and genetic features of leukemia cells
 - Response kinetics
 - Surrogate and biomarkers of efficacy



Clinical Trial Questions in COG: Introduction of Molecularly or Immunologically Targeted Therapy in B-ALL

	Risk Group	Projected 5-yr DFS	Therapeutic Question	COG Study Number
33%	SR-Favorable	>95%	Standard therapy with 2-year duration of maintenance therapy for boys and girls	AALL1731 and AALL1732
2%	HR-Favorable	>94%		
32%	SR-Avg & High	~89%	Blinatumomab	AALL1731
27%	High Risk	~80%	Inotuzumab	
			} Randomized	AALL1732
2%	Very High Risk	<50%	CAR T-cell therapy	AALL1721
5%	Ph+, Ph-like	60%–85%	Molecularly targeted therapy	AALL1631 and 1521

- All patients on AALL1731 and AALL1732 will receive q 12 week pulses of VCR/steroid
- All boys and girls on AALL1731 and AALL1732 will receive therapy for 2 years from the phase that starts after consolidation

Current/Recent Trials for ALL – Frontline and Relapse

	Trial	Disease	Primary Objective	Status
B-ALL	AALL1731	Newly diagnosed SR B-ALL	Randomized trial of blinatumomab added to standard chemotherapy	Open
	AALL1732	Newly diagnosed HR B-ALL	Randomized trial of inotuzumab added to standard chemotherapy	Open
	AALL1721	Newly diagnosed VHR B-ALL	Efficacy of CAR T in CR1	Open
Ph+/like	AALL1631	Newly diagnosed Ph+ ALL (to add Ph-like B-ALL with ABL1-class alterations)	Randomized trial of imatinib added to AALL0232 vs EsPhALL backbone	Open
	AALL1521	Newly diagnosed Ph-like B-ALL with JAK-STAT pathway alterations	Safety/efficacy of adding ruxolitinib to AALL1131 chemotherapy	Open
Infant	AALL15P1	Newly diagnosed infants with KMT2A-rearranged ALL	Safety of adding azacitidine to Interfant backbone	Recently completed*
T-ALL	AALL1231	Newly diagnosed T-ALL/LLy	Randomized trial of bortezomib	Closed*
Relapse	AALL1331	First relapse B-ALL	Randomized trial of blinatumomab vs chemotherapy	Recently completed*
	AALL1621	2 nd /greater relapse B-ALL	Safety and efficacy of inotuzumab	Under amendment
	AINV18P1	1 st relapse T-ALL/LLy and 2 nd /greater relapse B-ALL	Safety of palbociclib	Open

International Cooperation Is Essential





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Q&A

Current Treatment Options for Relapsed ALL in Children Including HSCT and COVID-19 Considerations

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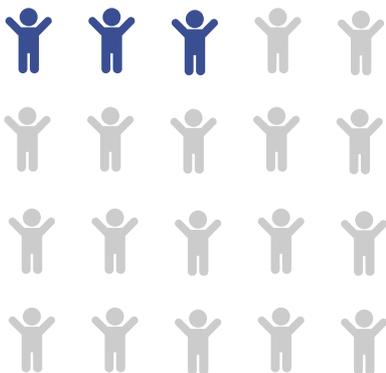
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Bluebird bio	Speakers' bureau and Consultancy
SOBI	Consultancy

Background



RELAPSE RATE:

Approximately 15-20% of children with ALL relapse after standard treatment¹

PROGNOSIS OF RELAPSED ALL LARGELY DEPENDS ON²⁻⁶

✓ Time from diagnosis to relapse

✓ Site of relapse

✓ Blast immune-phenotype

Almost all children with relapsed T-ALL and 2/3 of those with BCP-ALL are candidates for alloH SCT after a second morphological complete remission (M1 marrow) is achieved⁷⁻⁸

BCP-ALL; B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia; alloH SCT, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

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Immuno-phenotype	B-cell precursor			(pre) T		
Time-Point/Site	Extra-med. Isolated	Bone marrow combined	Bone marrow isolated	Extra-med. isolated	Bone marrow combined	Bone marrow isolated
Very early	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
Early	SR	SR	HR	SR	HR	HR
Late	SR	SR	SR	SR	HR	HR

Late defined as: >6 months after cessation of frontline therapy, ie,
>30 month after initial diagnosis

IntReALL-BCP 2020 – New risk stratification

VHR (15%)

- TP53 alteration
- Hypodiploidy
- T(1;19)/(17;19)
- MLL/AF4
- Very early relapse (<18 mo)

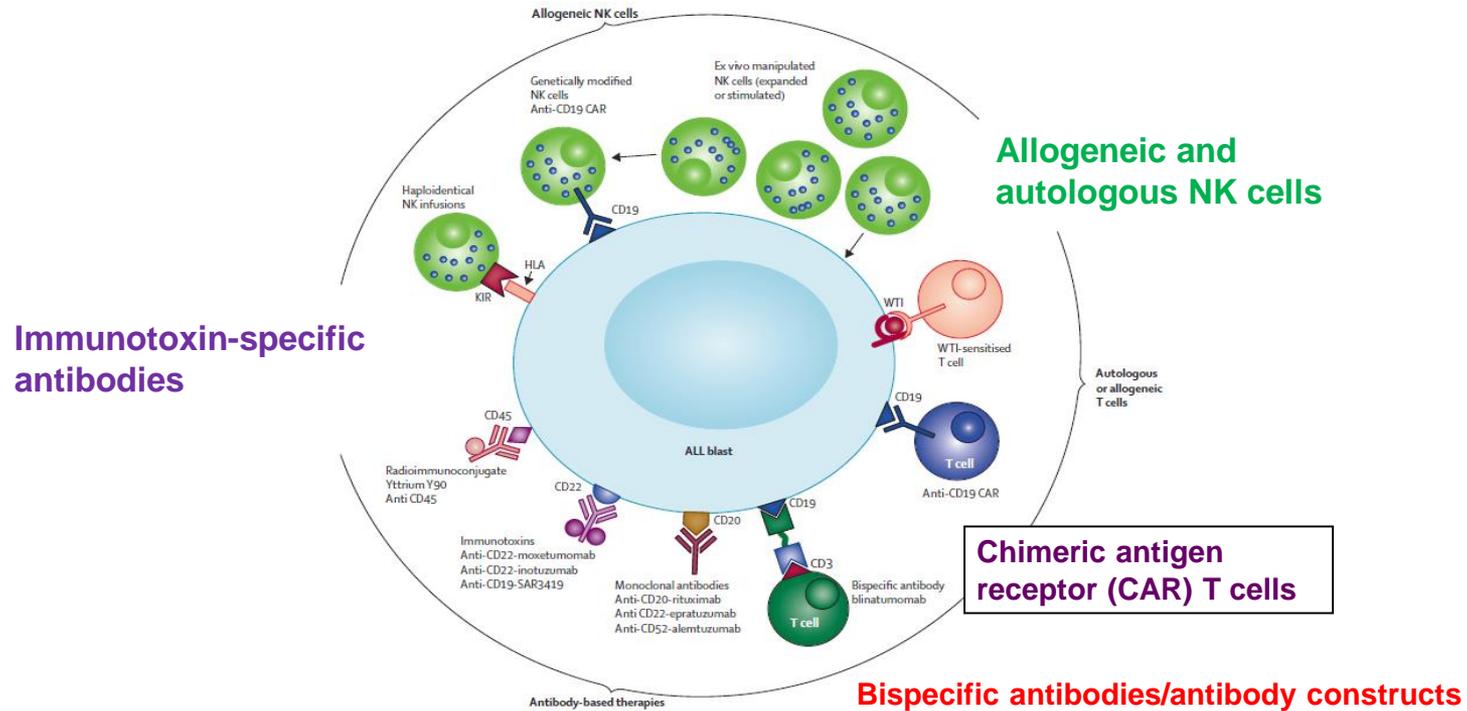
SR (60%)

- Late isolated or combined medullary/extramedullary relapse (HSCT depending on MRD response)

HR (25%)

- Early isolated or combined medullary/extramedullary relapse

New immunological approaches under investigation in childhood ALL



A phase I/II study of inotuzumab ozogamicin as a single agent and in combination with chemotherapy for pediatric CD22-positive relapsed/refractory ALL, ITCC-059 study

Patient population and study design

Stratum 1: R/R CD22 positive BCP-ALL patients, aged 1-18 years

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| • Stratum 1A | Single agent InO | Enrolment completed |
| • Phase 2 | InO to determine preliminary activity | Open at DL2 |
| • Stratum 1B | InO in combination with adjusted R3 block | Not yet open |

Stratum 2: Other CD22 positive B-cell malignancies

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| • Stratum 2 | Explorative cohort | Open at DL2 |
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Dose level 2: 1.8 mg/m² in course 1

- C1D1: 0.8 mg/m²
- C1D8 and C1D15 (and next doses): 0.5 mg/m²

Patient characteristics

	N=25
Age, median (range), y	11 (1.7-16.9)
Disease Status	Refractory, 3 (12%) ≥2 nd relapsed ALL, 15 (60%) and 1 st relapse post-HSCT, 7 (28%)
Prior treatment regimens, median, range	2 (2-7)
Previous HSCT	11 (44%)
WBC, median x10 ⁹ /L	3.5 x10 ⁹ /L (range 0.2-8.6)

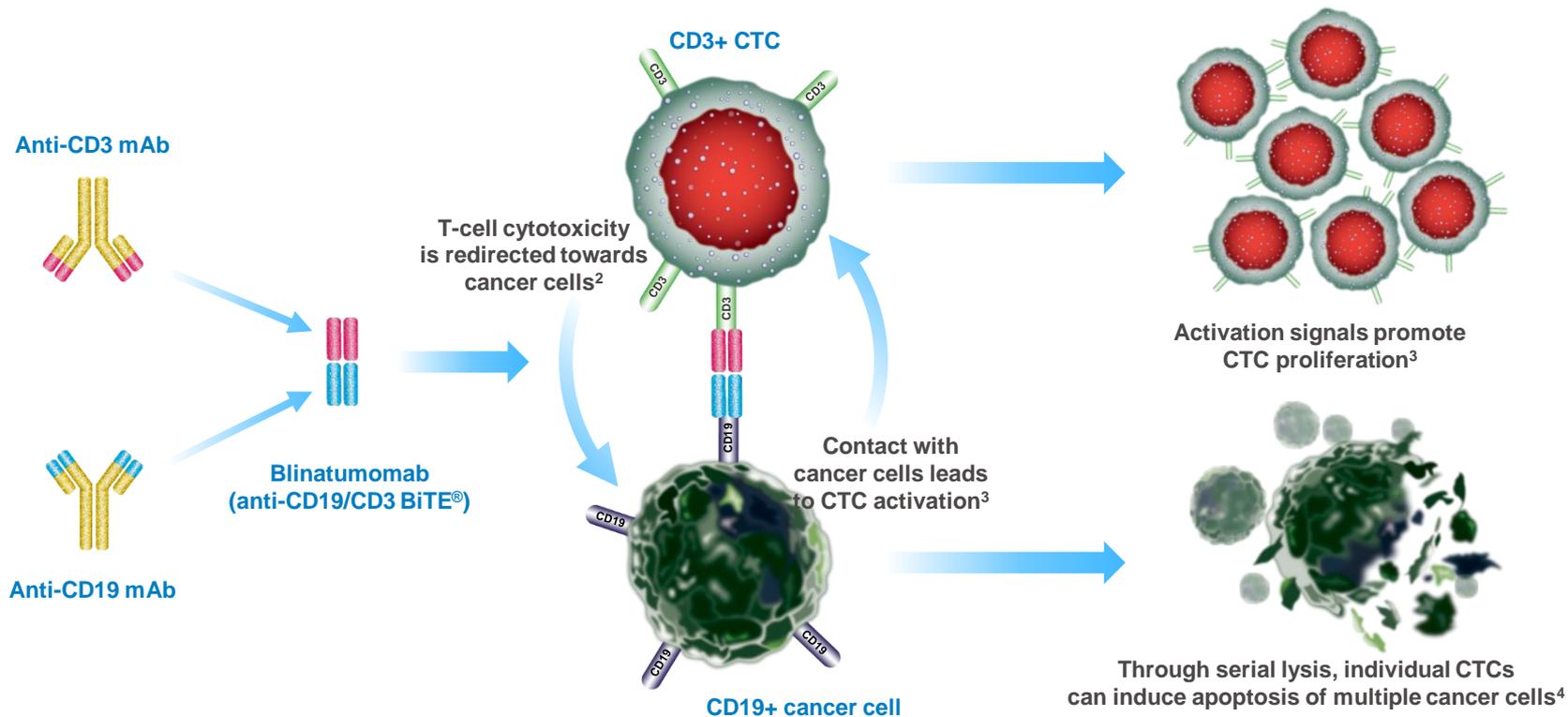
- **Toxicity: Febrile neutropenia/infections and Gr 3-4 transaminases elevation related to InO**
- **2 cases of VODs (gr 3-4) were reported after InO, both after further chemotherapy (including HD-MTX) for R/R disease. None of these pts received any HSCT**

Results, n = 20

ORR after 1 course	80% 75% at DL1 85% at DL2 (CR n = 15, CRp n = 1, CRi n = 4)
Achievement of MRD neg	79% (n = 15)
Median FU	13.3 months (range 1.1–14.0)
Median duration of response	8 months (range 1.1–14.0)
6-m EFS/OS	63.3% (95% CI: 45.8–87.6) 66.7% (95% CI 47.9-93.0)
12 m EFS/OS	33.4% (95% CI: 16.5–67.4) 38.7% (95% CI: 21.3–70.4)

- 8 patients received a consolidation treatment with HSCT (n = 6) or CAR T cells (n = 2) (median of 61 days [range 23-125] after the last InO dose)
- 2/13 patients with available samples showed CD22-negativity at relapse

The BiTE[®] blinatumomab: Designed to bridge cytotoxic T cells (CTCs) to CD19-expressing cancer cells, resulting in cancer cell death¹



BiTE[®], bispecific T-cell engager; mAb, monoclonal antibody.

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Phase I/Phase II Study of Blinatumomab in Pediatric Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

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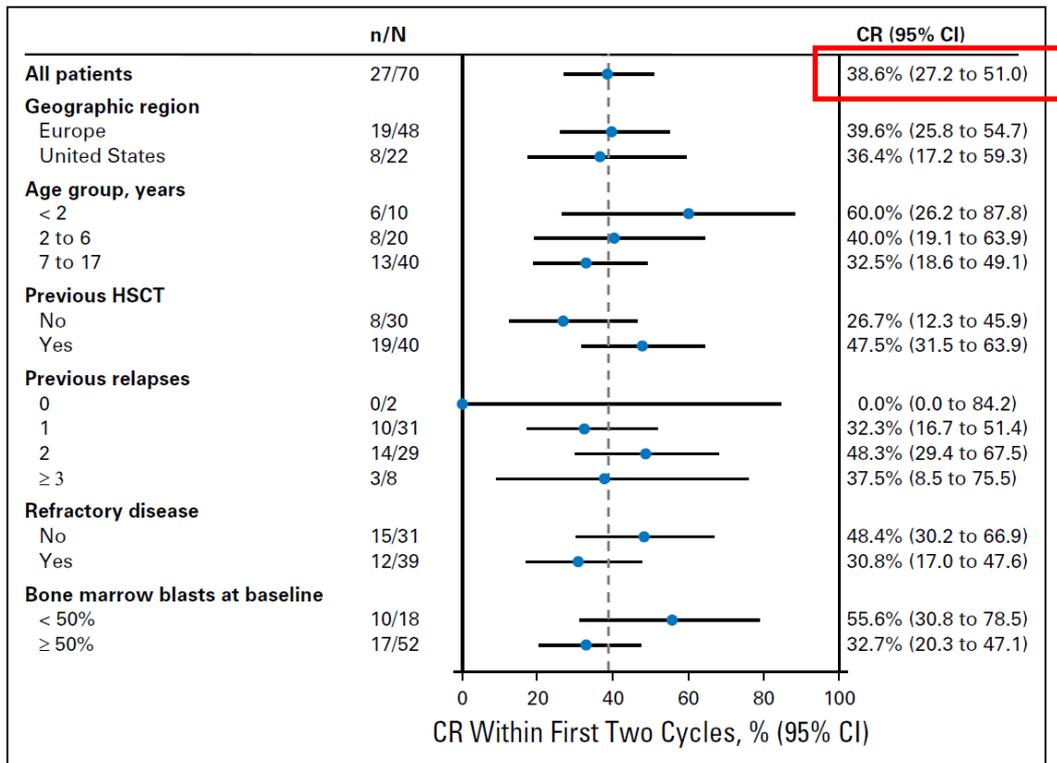
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Blinatumomab antileukaemic activity across different groups





High Remission Rates In Pediatric Patients With Resistant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Treated With Blinatumomab: Updated Analysis Of An Expanded Access Study (RIALTO)

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Patient eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- Age >28 days and <18 years
- CD19-positive B-precursor ALL with $\geq 5\%$ blasts in the bone marrow, or <5% blasts but with minimal residual disease (MRD) level $\geq 10^{-3}$
- Relapsed/refractory disease defined as
 - ≥ 2 relapses
 - Relapse after alloHSCT
 - Refractory to prior treatments
- Prior treatment with blinatumomab was allowed, provided the patient was not blinatumomab-refractory or intolerant, and leukemic cells were CD19 positive

Key exclusion criteria

- Clinically relevant CNS pathology
- Chemotherapy within 2 weeks, radiotherapy within 4 weeks, or immunotherapy within 6 weeks
- Grade 2–4 acute GvHD or active chronic GvHD
- Immunosuppressive agents to prevent or treat GvHD within 2 weeks

Best response during first 2 cycles of blinatumomab

Response	Patients with $\geq 5\%$ blasts at baseline (N = 98)	
	n (%)	95% CI
CR in first 2 cycles, n (%)	58 (59)	48.8–69.0
CR with full recovery of peripheral blood counts	39 (67)	30.0–50.2
CR with incomplete recovery of peripheral blood counts	6 (10)	2.3–12.9
CR without recovery of peripheral blood counts	13 (22)	7.3–21.6
MRD response	46 (47)	36.8–57.3
MRD non-responsive	19 (19)	21.1–28.6
Proceeded to HSCT, n (%)	36 (62)	48.4–74.5
Hypoplastic or acellular bone marrow	1 (1)	0.0–5.6
Partial remission	0	0.0–3.7
Non-CR		
Stable disease	5 (5)	1.7–11.5
Progressive disease	20 (20)	12.9–29.7
Not evaluable	1 (1)	0.0–5.6
No response data	13 (13)	7.3–21.6
Prior HSCT	45 (46)	35.9–56.3
Genetic abnormality	30 (31)	21.9–40.9

Response within first 2 cycles of blinatumomab

Patient Subgroup	CR		CR with full haematological recovery		MRD	
	n/N1	%	n/N1	%	n/N1	%
Baseline blast category						
<5%	11/12	92	3/12	25	11/12	92
5-49%	39/55	71	26/55	47	33/55	60
≥50%	19/42	45	13/42	31	13/42	31
Genetic abnormality						
Yes	17/32	53	11/32	34	11/32	34
No	52/78	67	31/78	40	46/78	59
t(17;19)	2/2	100	2/2	100	2/2	100
Down syndrome	4/4	100	2/4	50	4/4	100
Prior HSCT						
Yes	28/45	62	19/45	42	22/45	49
No	41/65	63	23/65	35	35/65	54
Prior blinatumomab	4/4	100	4/4	100	3/4	75
Prior relapses						
1	17/30	57	12/30	40	13/30	43
≥2	42/63	67	24/63	38	36/63	57

alloHSCT, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; CR, complete remission; MRD, minimal residual disease. n/N1, number of responders/total number of patients with evaluable data under each category.

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Superior Event-free Survival With Blinatumomab Versus Chemotherapy in Children With High-risk First Relapse of B-cell Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: A Randomized, Controlled Phase 3 Trial

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Open-label, randomised, phase III trial: 47 centres, 13 countries

Key eligibility criteria

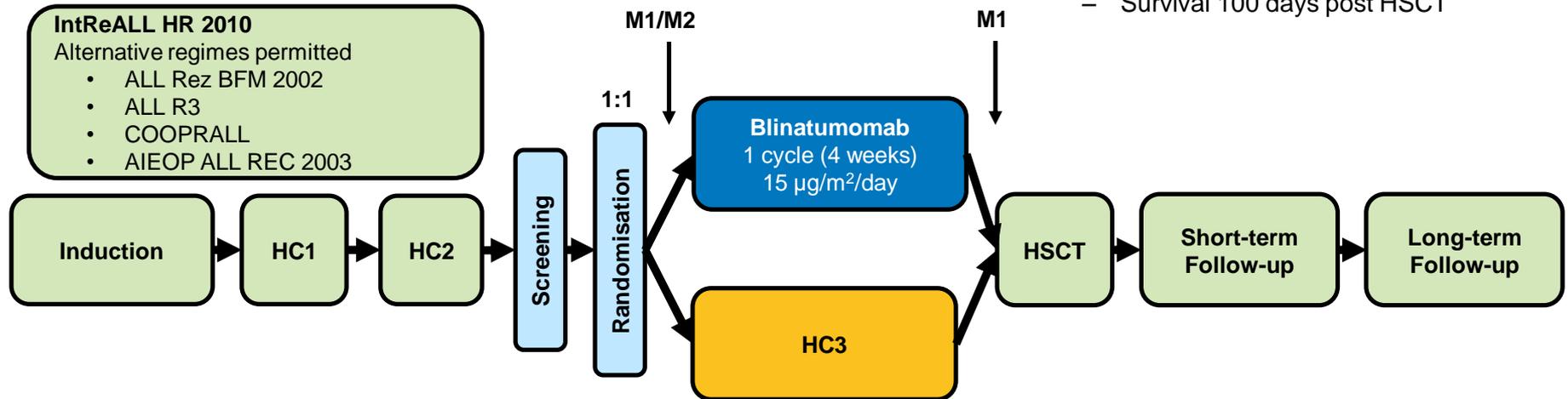
- Age >28 days <18 years
- HR 1st relapse Ph- BCP-ALL
- M1 or M2 marrow at randomisation
- No CNS disease, unless treated before enrolment
- No clinically relevant CNS pathology

Stratification

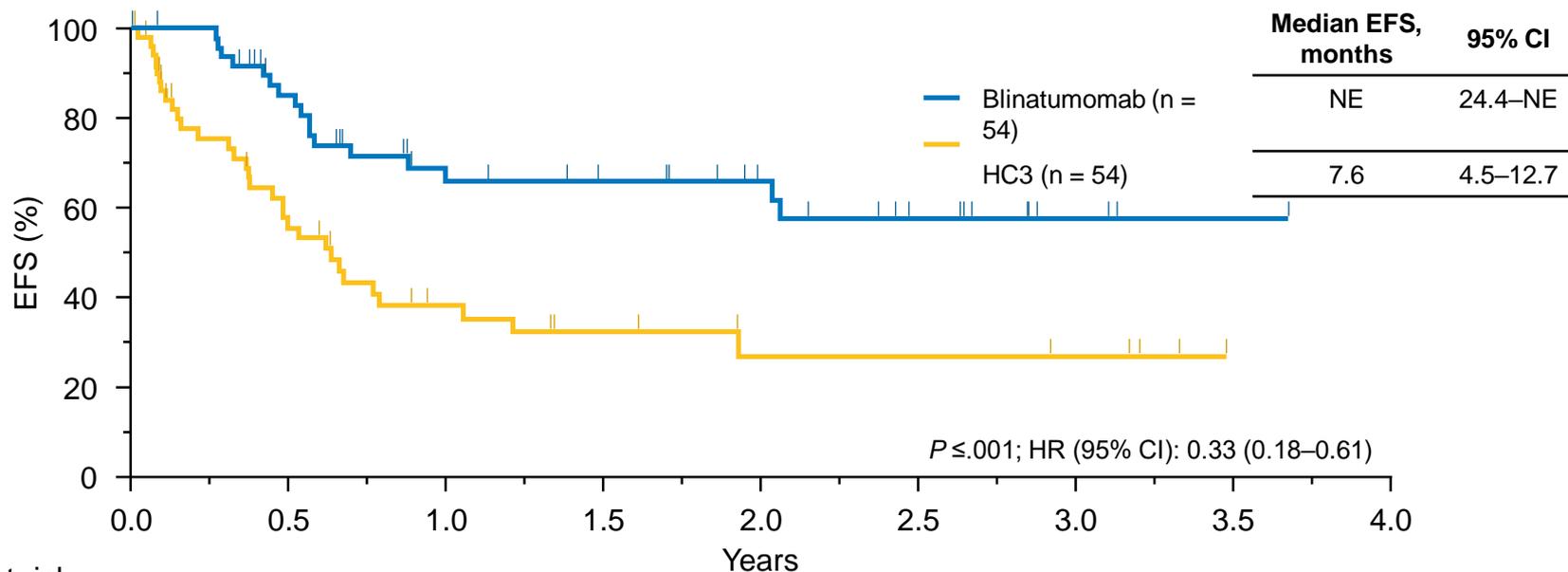
- Age: <1 year, 1 to 9 years, >9 years
- BM status at end of HC2
 - M1 with MRD $>10^{-3}$
 - M1 with MRD $<10^{-3}$
 - M2

Endpoints

- Primary: EFS
- Secondary
 - OS
 - MRD response (end of blinatumomab or HC3)
 - Cumulative incidence of relapse
 - Incidence of AEs
 - Survival 100 days post HSCT



Superior EFS in the blinatumomab arm



Subjects at risk:

	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	
Blinatumomab	54	50	38	29	24	23	21	19	16	13	10	7	4	1	1	0				
HC3	54	35	25	17	13	11	9	8	5	5	5	5	4	2	0					



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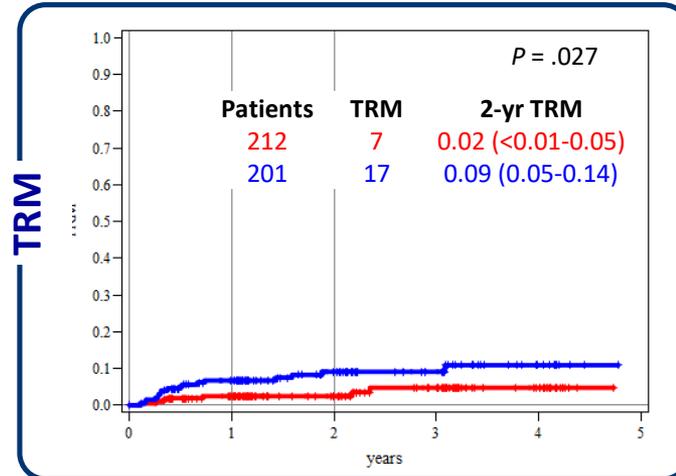
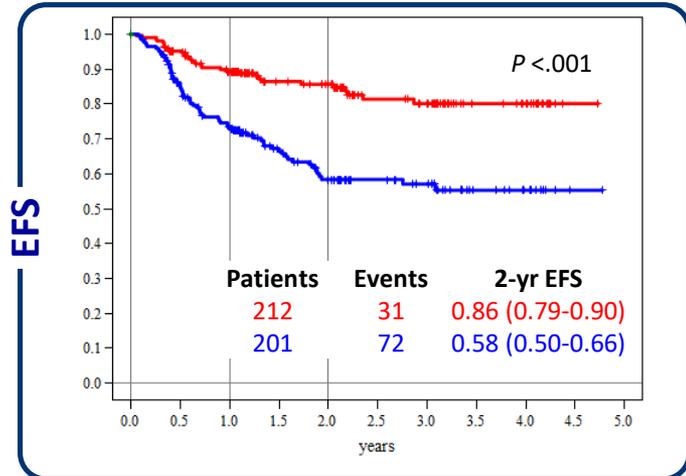
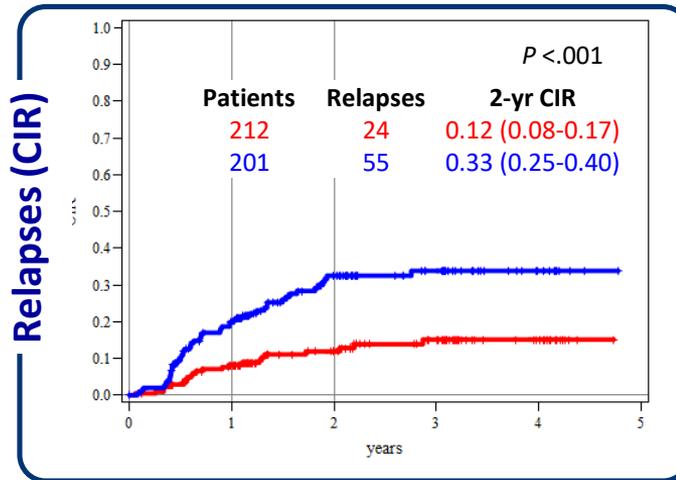
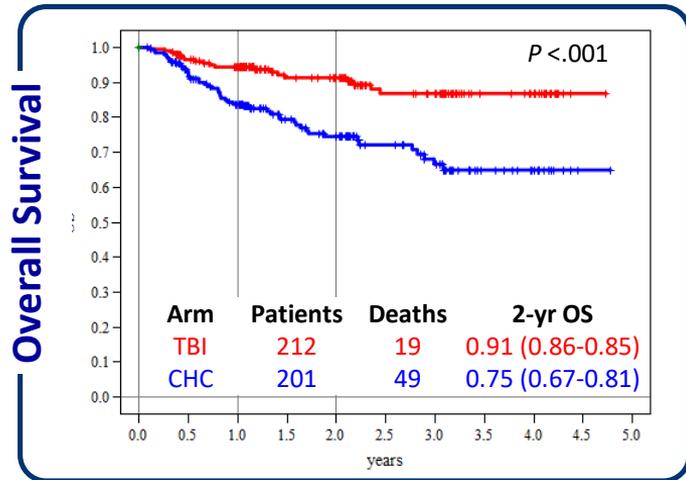
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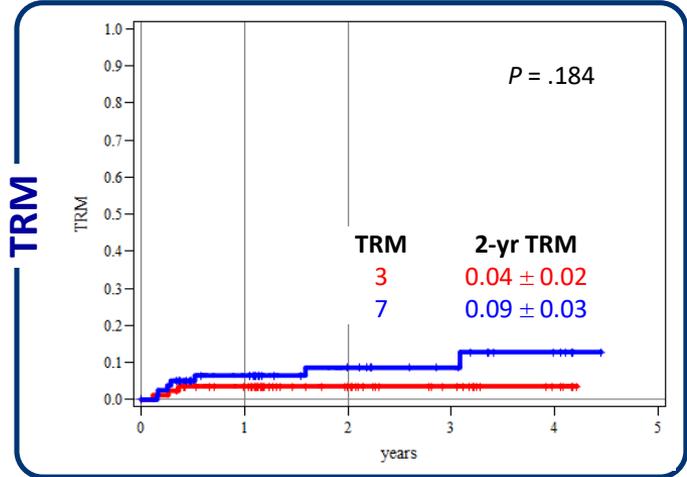
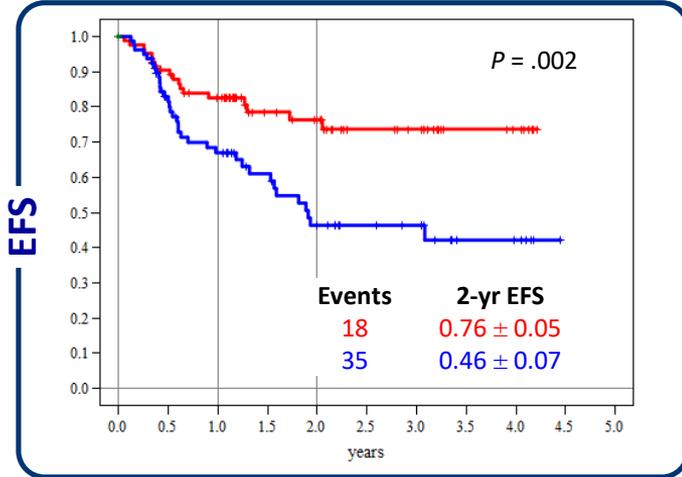
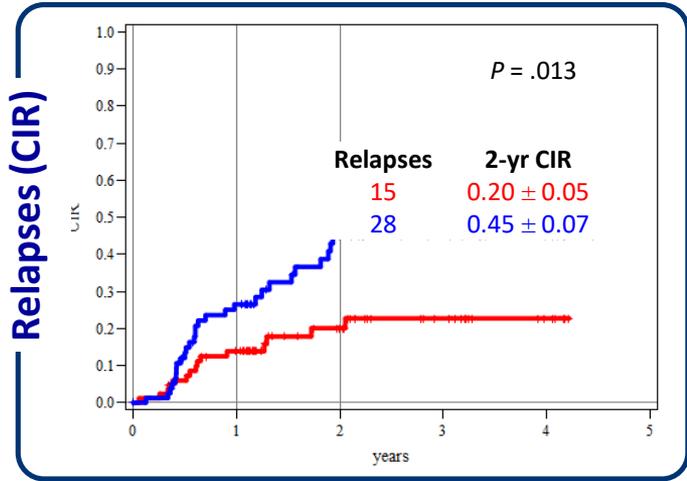
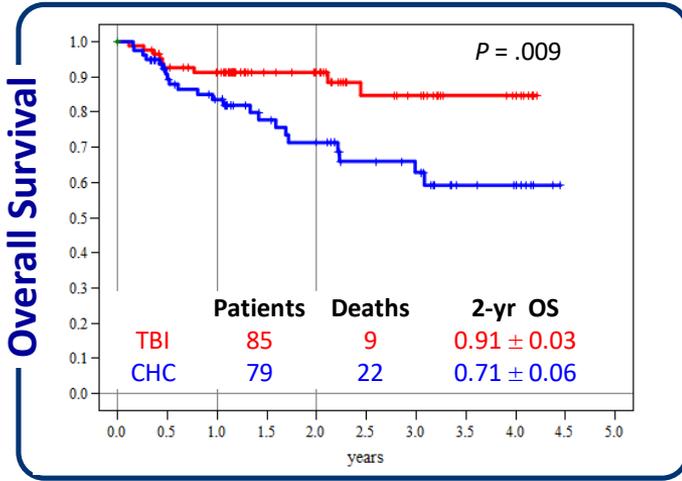
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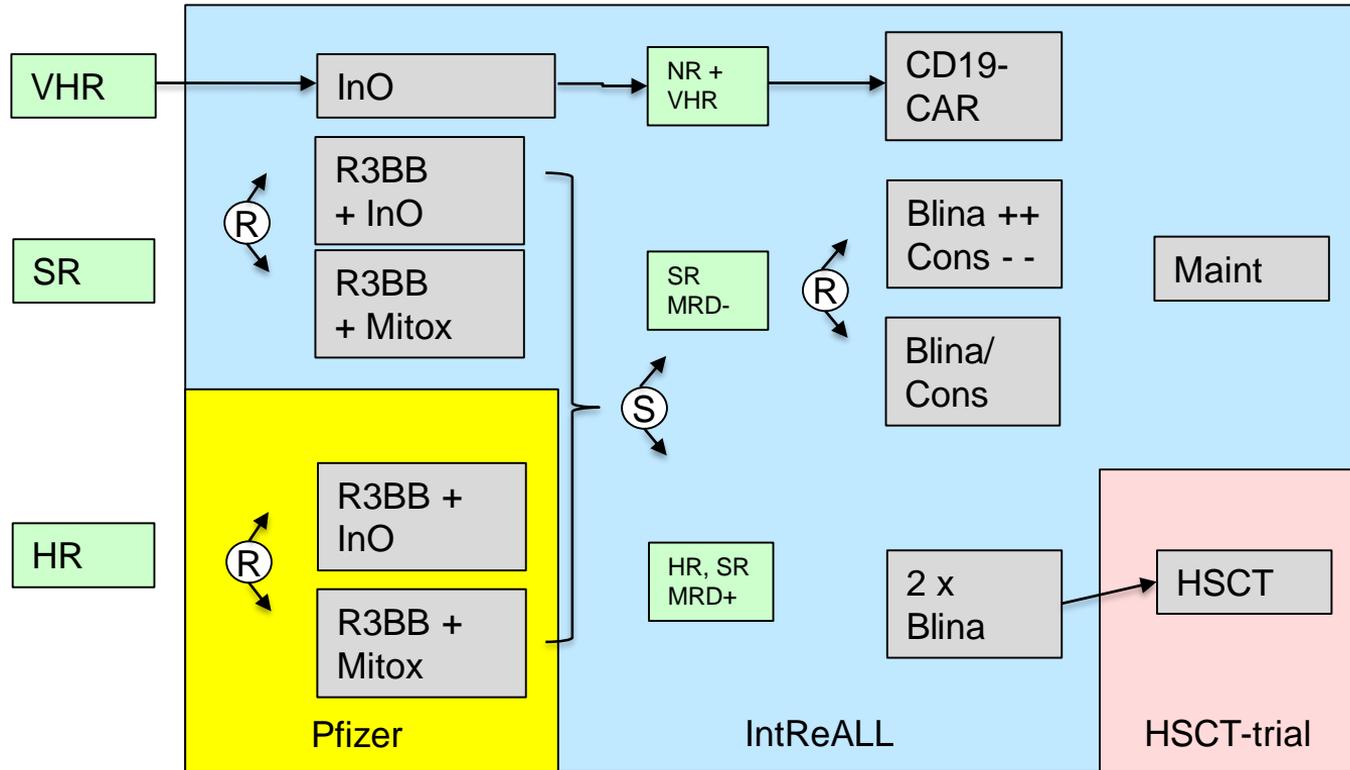
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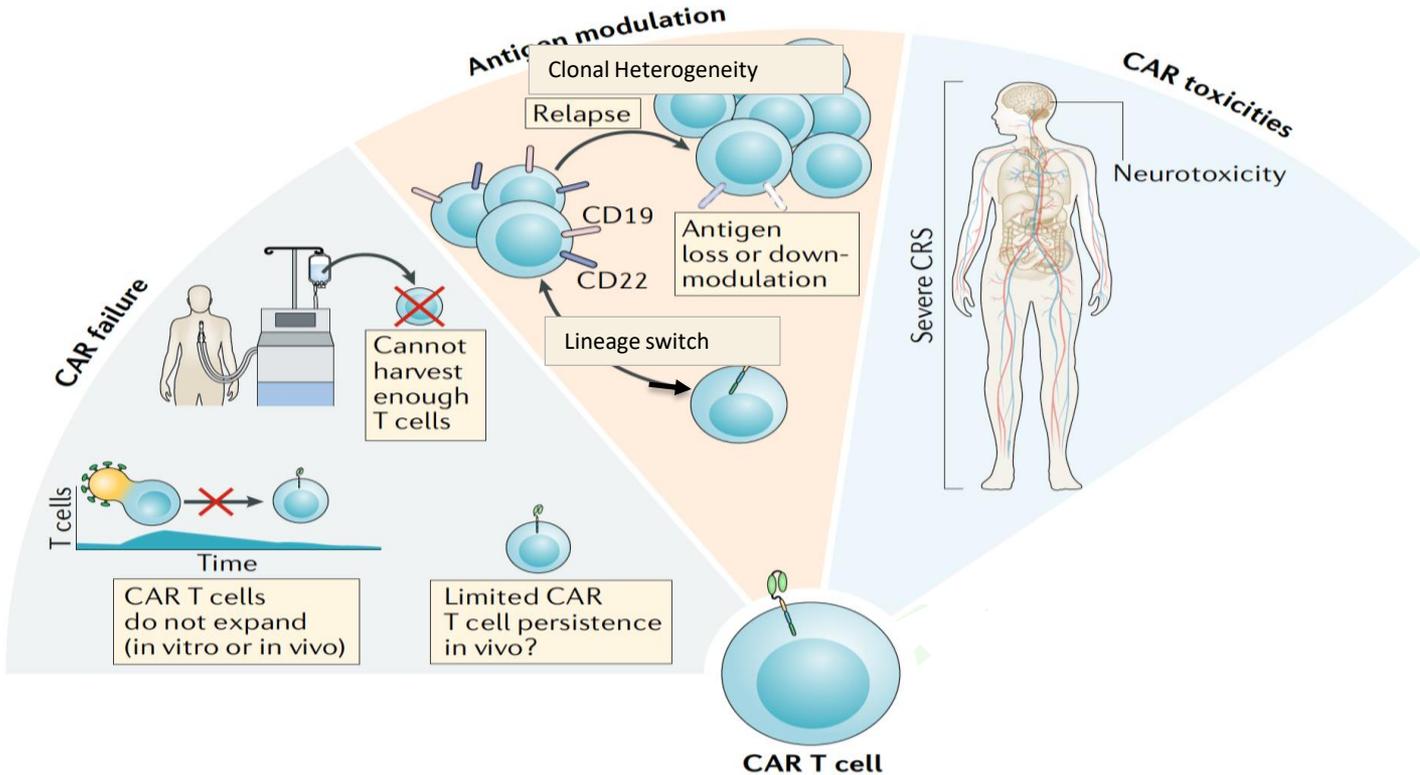
Results: CR2 Intention to treat



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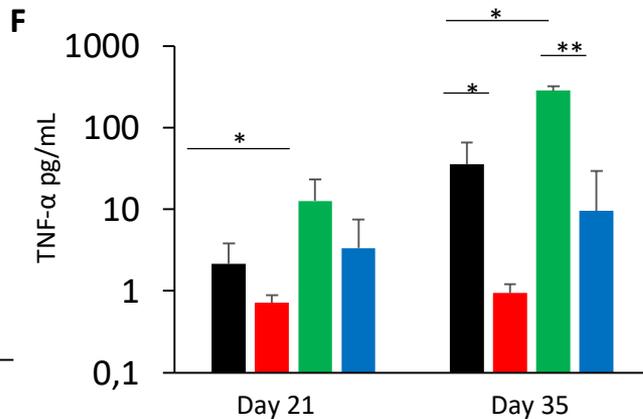
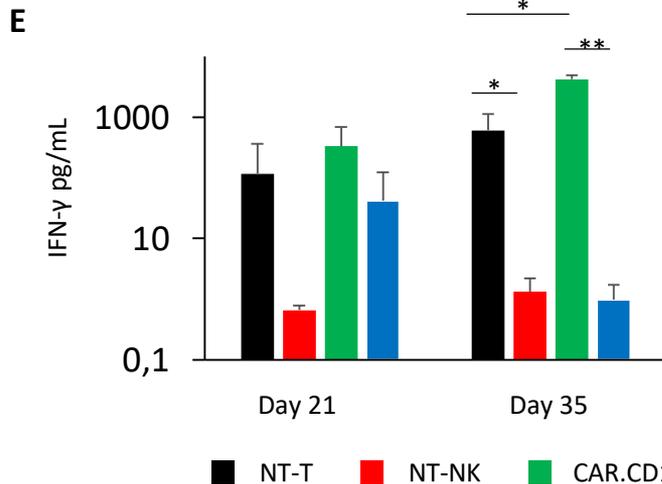
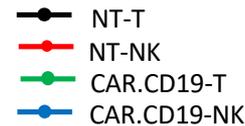
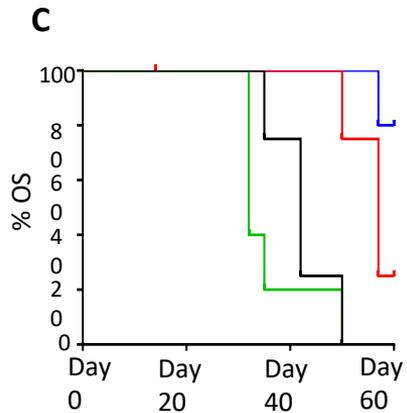
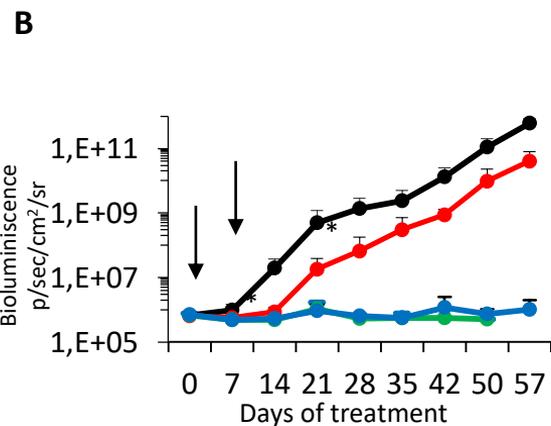
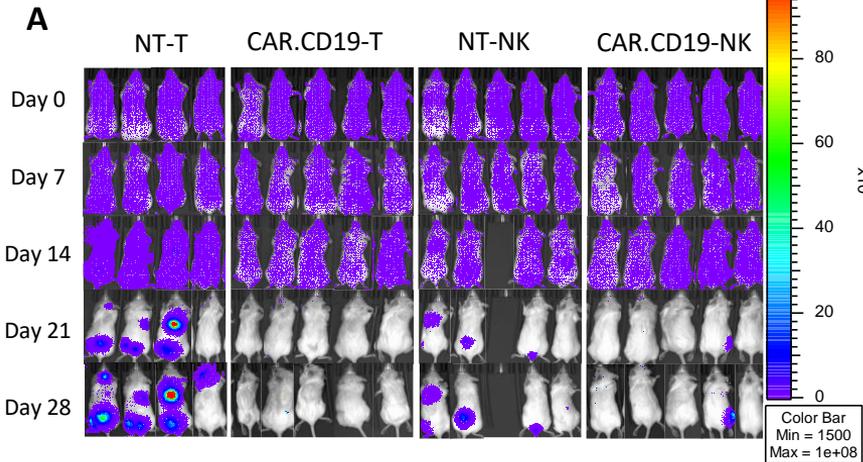


Current limitations of CAR T cells



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CAR NK cells



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NT-T vs CAR.CD19-NK	.003
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Q&A

Bispecific T-Cell Engagers for Pediatric ALL

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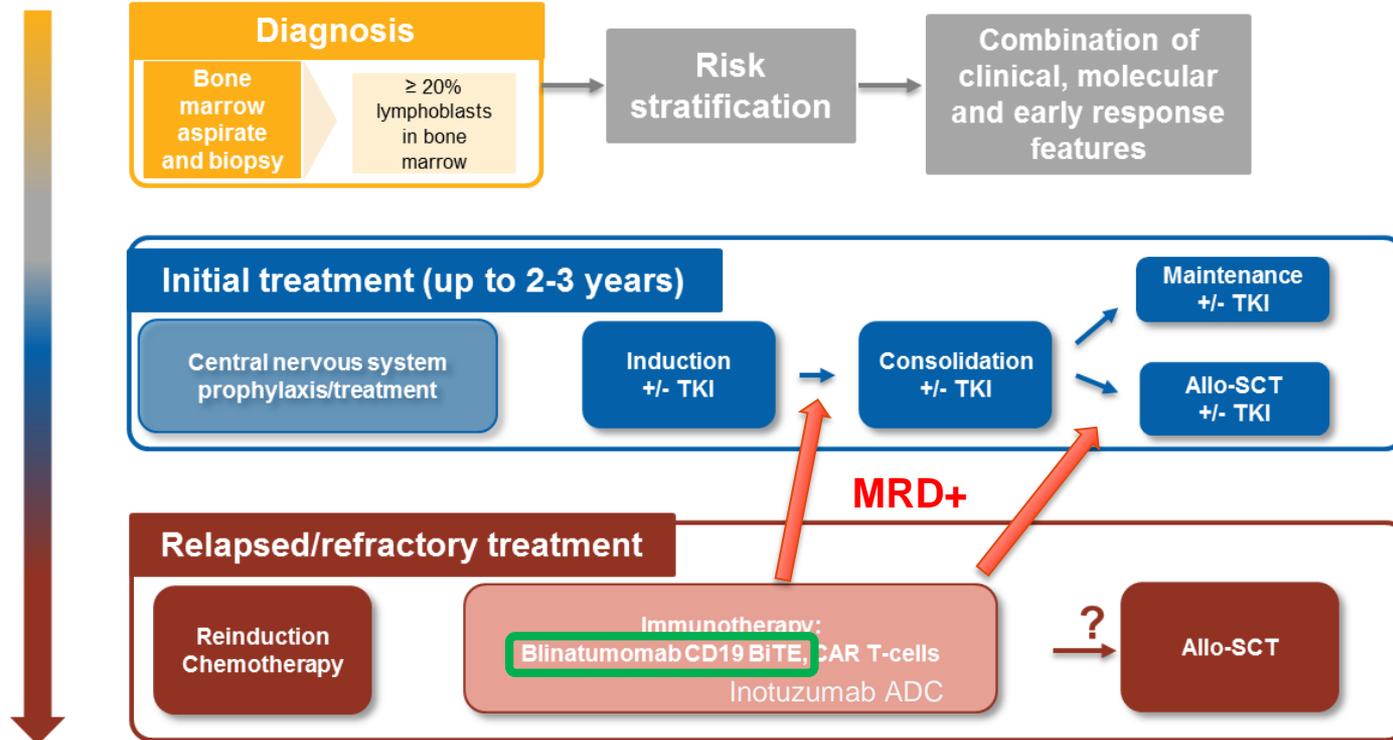


BiTE Immunotherapy for Pediatric ALL

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Diagnosis and Treatment of ALL



Allo-SCT, allogeneic stem cell transplant; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor (for BCR-ABL-positive disease)

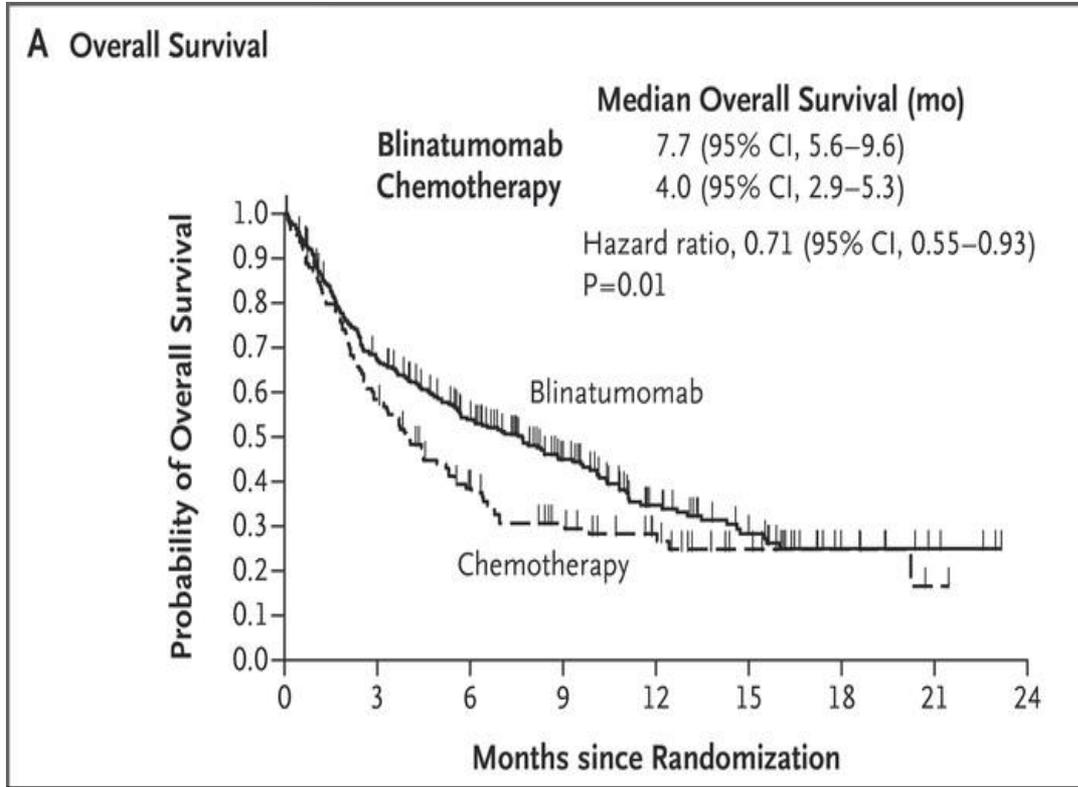
Response Rates and Survival in Relapsed/Refractory B-ALL

Agent	Type	Target	Responses (CR / MRD-)	Toxicities	FDA indication	Cost
Blinatumomab ¹	BiTE	CD19	44% / 33%	CRS, neurotoxicity	Adult and pediatric R/R B-ALL, MRD+	\$180K
Inotuzumab ²	Immuno-conjugate	CD22	81% / 63%	Hepatotoxicity	Adult R/R B-ALL	\$168K
Tisagenlecleucel ³	CAR T cell	CD19	81% / 81%	CRS, neurotoxicity	Refractory or 2 nd /greater relapse; age up to 26 years	\$475K

Unprecedented initial response rates . . . BUT . . .

Survival in R/R ALL (adult)

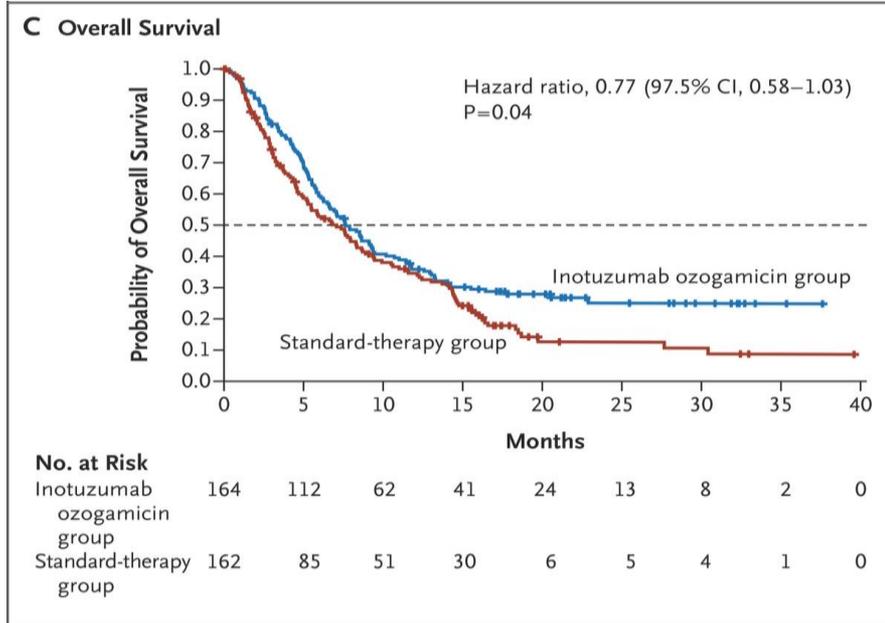
Blinatumomab



Blina: Improved survival initially, but not durable

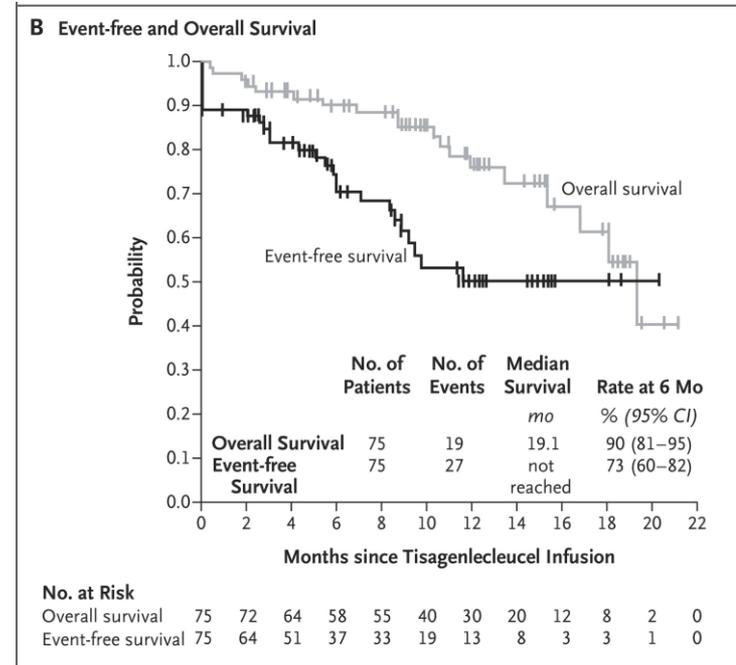
Survival in R/R ALL

Inotuzumab Ozogamicin¹



Ino: Improved survival initially, but not durable

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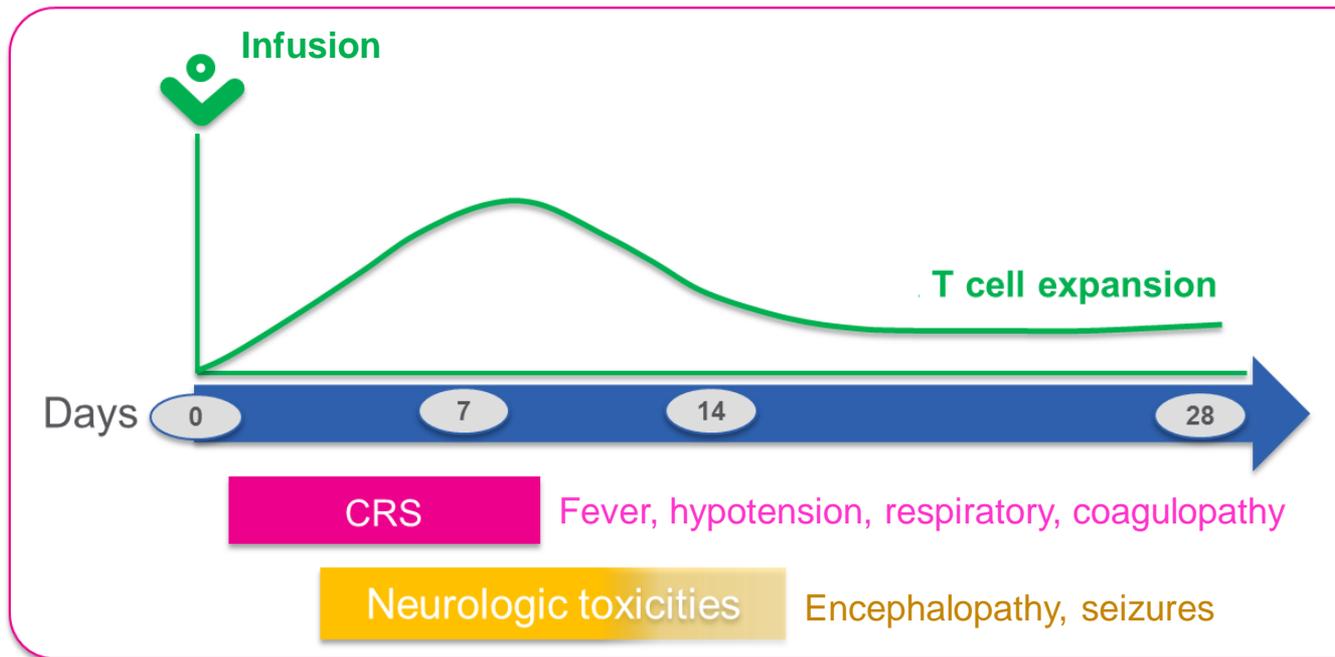
N Engl J Med 2018;378:439-448

Tisa: Durable survival improvement, but long-term EFS is in the 50% range

Adverse Events in Relapsed/Refractory B-ALL

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AEs After Blinatumomab and CAR T Cells



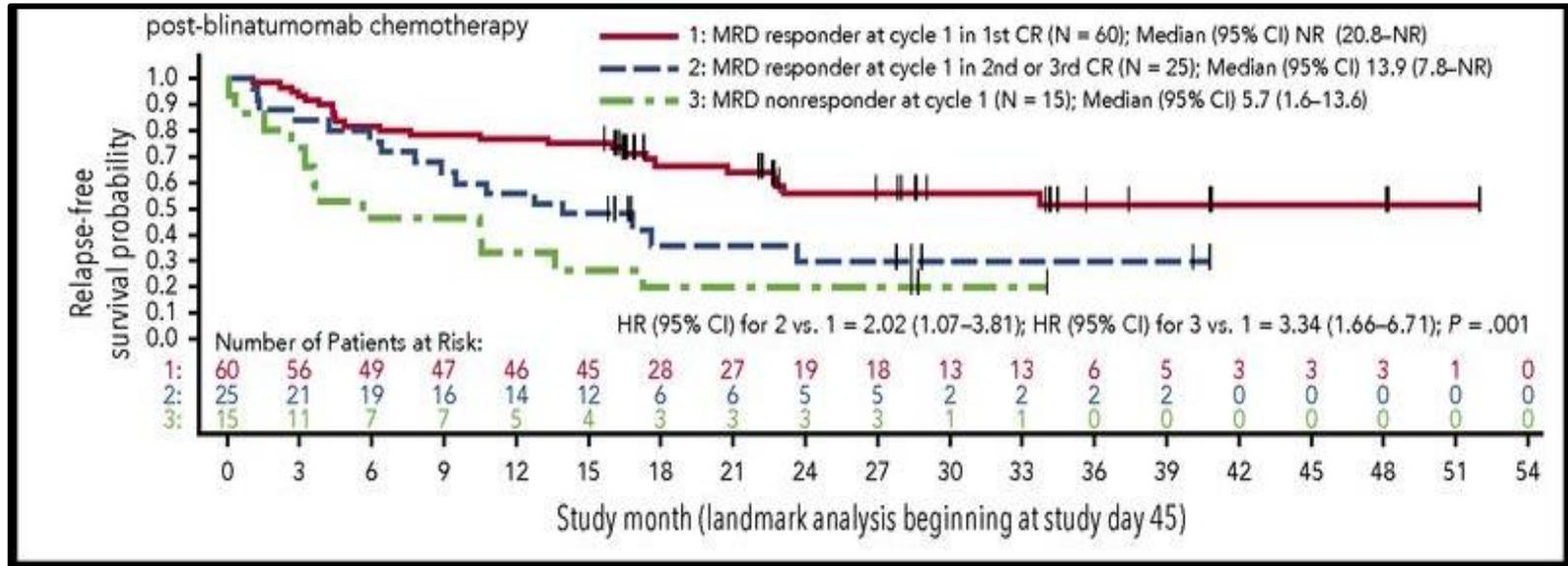
- CRS 40%–80% (20%–40% Gr 3+), Neuro 10%–30% (5%–10% Gr 3+)
- CRS and neuro may **not** correlate
- CRS -> IVF, tocilizumab (anti-IL6R), steroids
- Neuro -> self-limiting, reversible; steroids (toci not effective)

MRD+

*Incidence of CRS strikingly lower in MRD+ setting; neurotox is similar

Response Rates and Survival in MRD+ B-ALL

- N = 116 adults, international multicenter single-arm Ph 2
- MRD+ ($>10^{-3}$)
- 35% MRD+ in CR2+
- MRD cleared in 78% after 1 cycle
- 67% proceeded to HSCT
- Significant percentage of those who did not remain in prolonged remission
- 20 of 74 proceeding to HSCT (27%) died of TRM



Stratifications

- Risk group (HR vs IR)
- For HR
 - Site (BM vs iEM)
 - For BM: CR1 duration (<18 vs 18-36 mo)

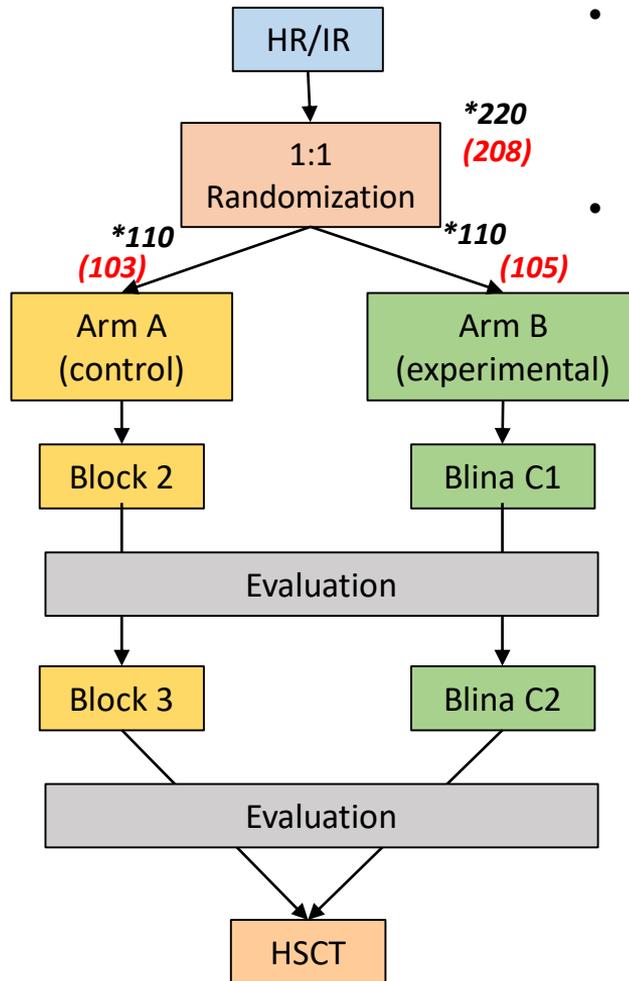
UKALLR3, Block 2*

- VCR, DEX week 1
- ID MTX, PEG week 2
- CPM/ETOP week 3
- IT MTX or ITT

UKALLR3, Block 3*

- VCR, DEX week 1
- HD ARAC, *Erwinia* weeks 1-2
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- IT MTX or ITT

*UKALLR3 reference: Parker, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;376:2009-2017.



Endpoints

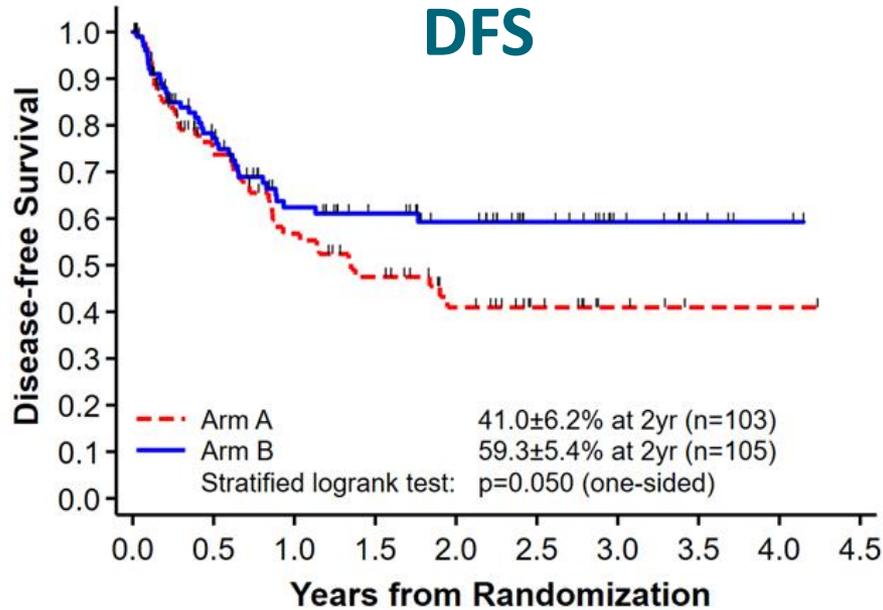
- Primary: DFS
- Other: OS, MRD response, ability to proceed to HSCT
- Sample size n=220 (110 per arm)
 - Power 85% to detect HR 0.58 with 1-sided $\alpha=0.025$
 - Increase 2-yr DFS from 45% to 63%

Blina C1 and Blina C2

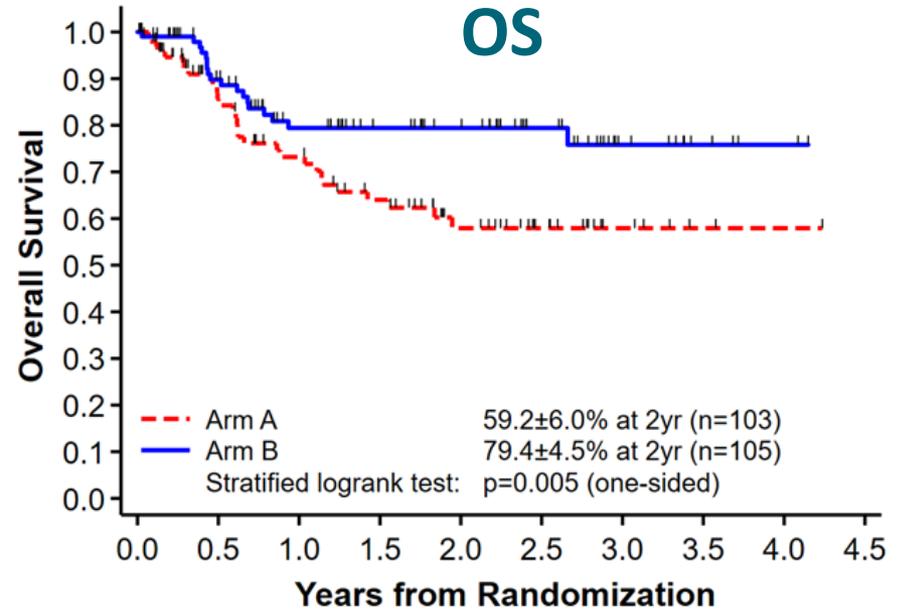
- Blinatumomab 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{day} \times 28$ days, then 7 days off
- Dex 5 $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2/\text{dose} \times 1$ premed (C1 only)

- **First patient randomized Jan 2015**
- **Randomization halted Sep 2019 (95% projected accrual)**

Survival: Arm A (chemotherapy) vs Arm B (blinatumomab)

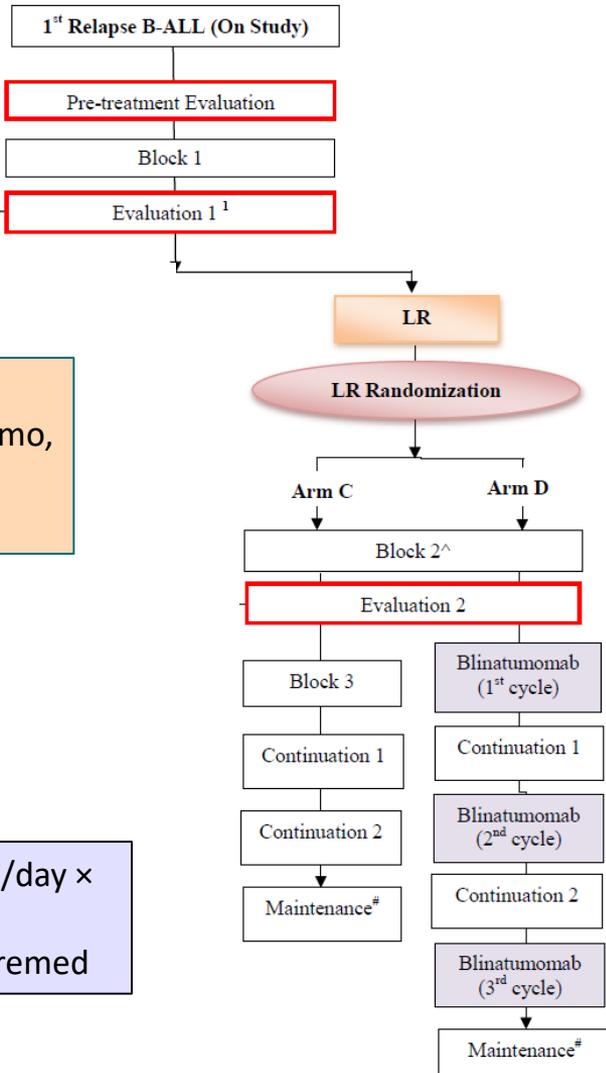


At Risk	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Arm A	103	55	39	29	18	10	4	1	1	0
Arm B	105	69	47	38	31	19	10	5	2	0



At Risk	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Arm A	103	64	50	38	25	15	6	2	1	0
Arm B	105	77	55	44	38	24	11	5	2	0

LR Randomization



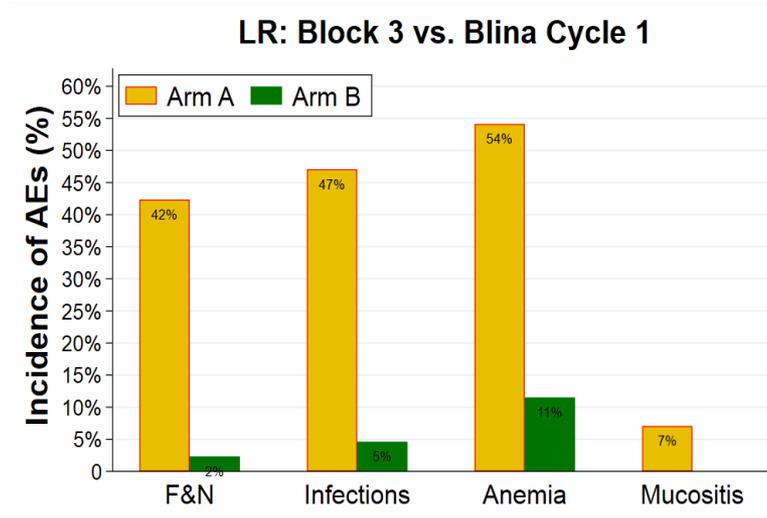
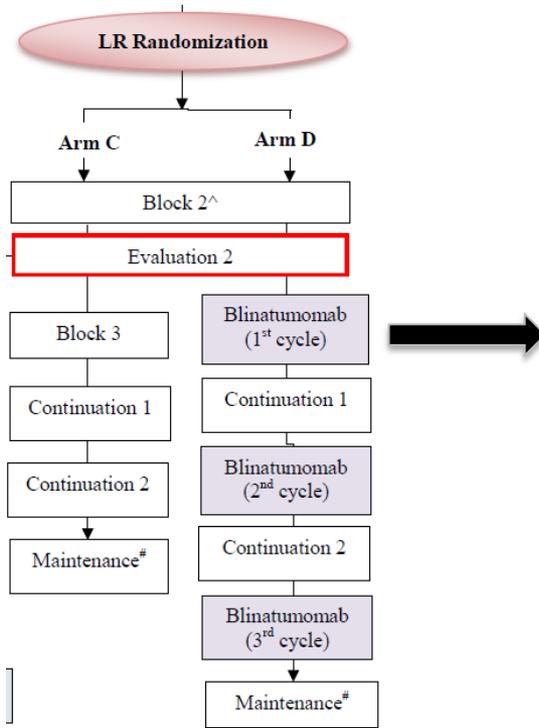
LR

- BM or combined ≥ 36 mo, MRD $< 0.01\%$ EOI
- IEM ≥ 18 mo

• Blinatumomab $15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{day} \times 28$ days, then 7 days off

• Dex $5 \text{mg}/\text{m}^2/\text{dose} \times 1$ premed

Adverse Events: LR (grade 3+)



Data cutoff
3/4/19

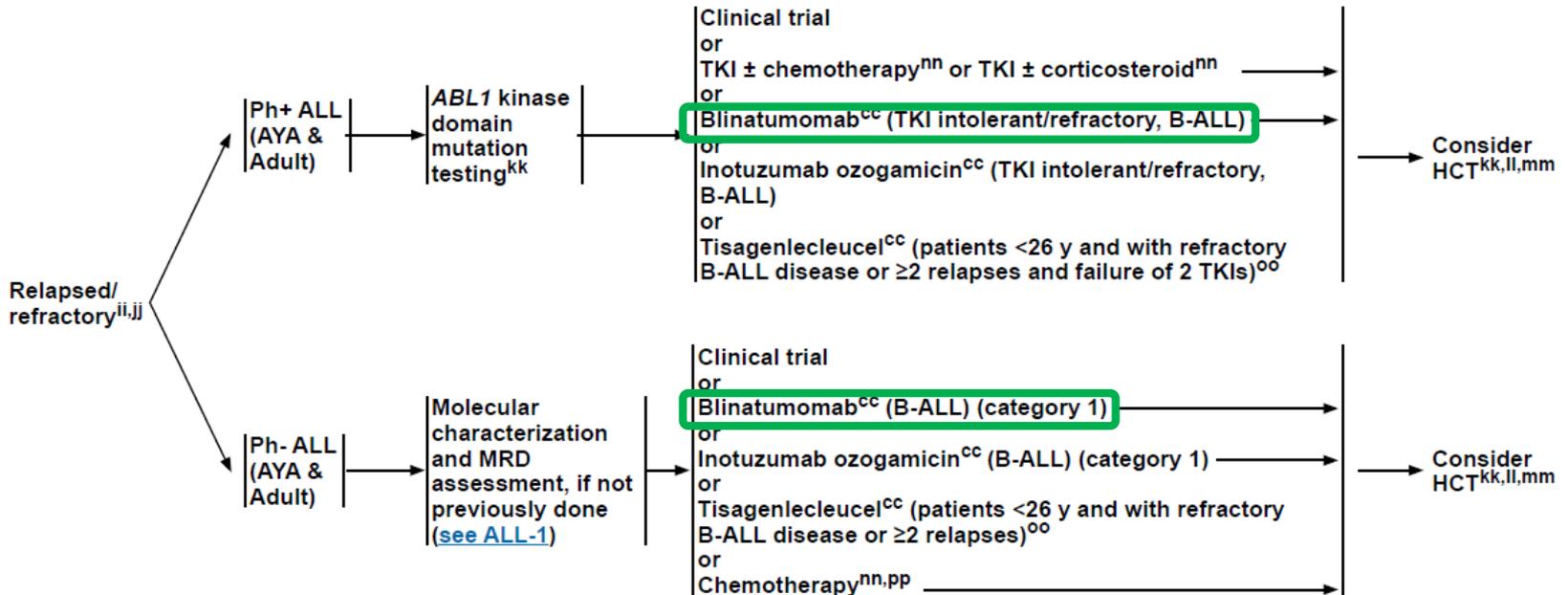
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RELAPSED/REFRACTORY DISEASE

TREATMENT^{ii,mm}



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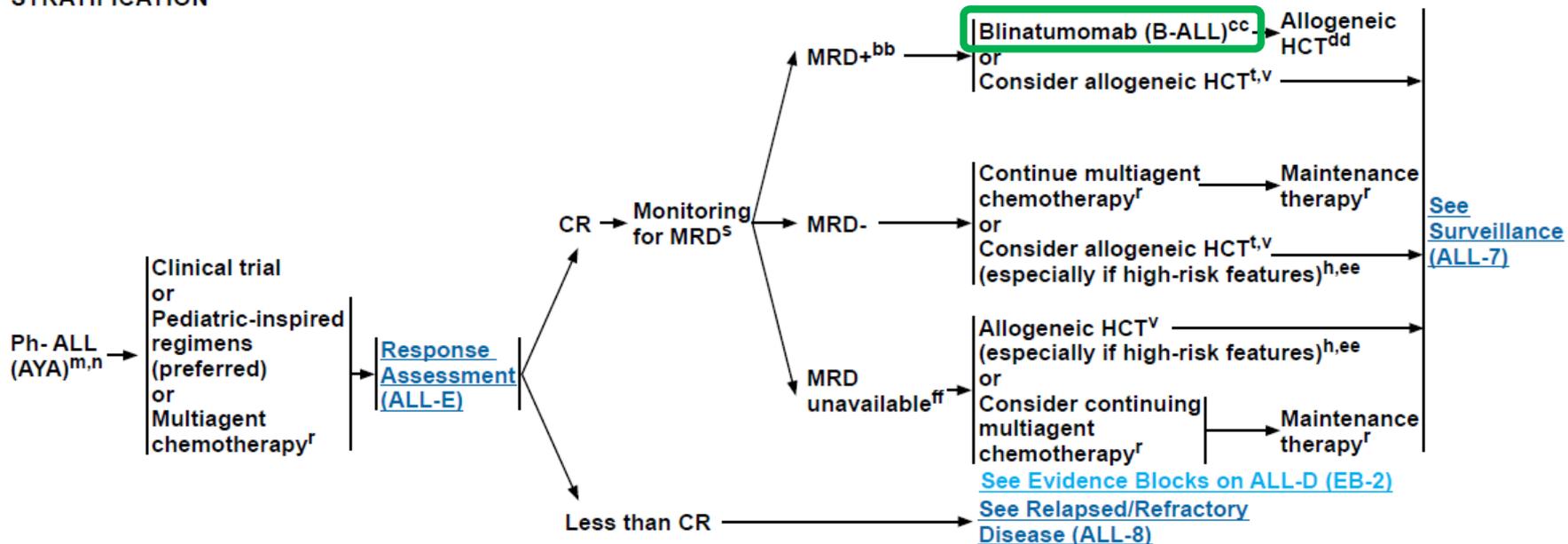


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RISK STRATIFICATION

TREATMENT INDUCTION^{p,q}

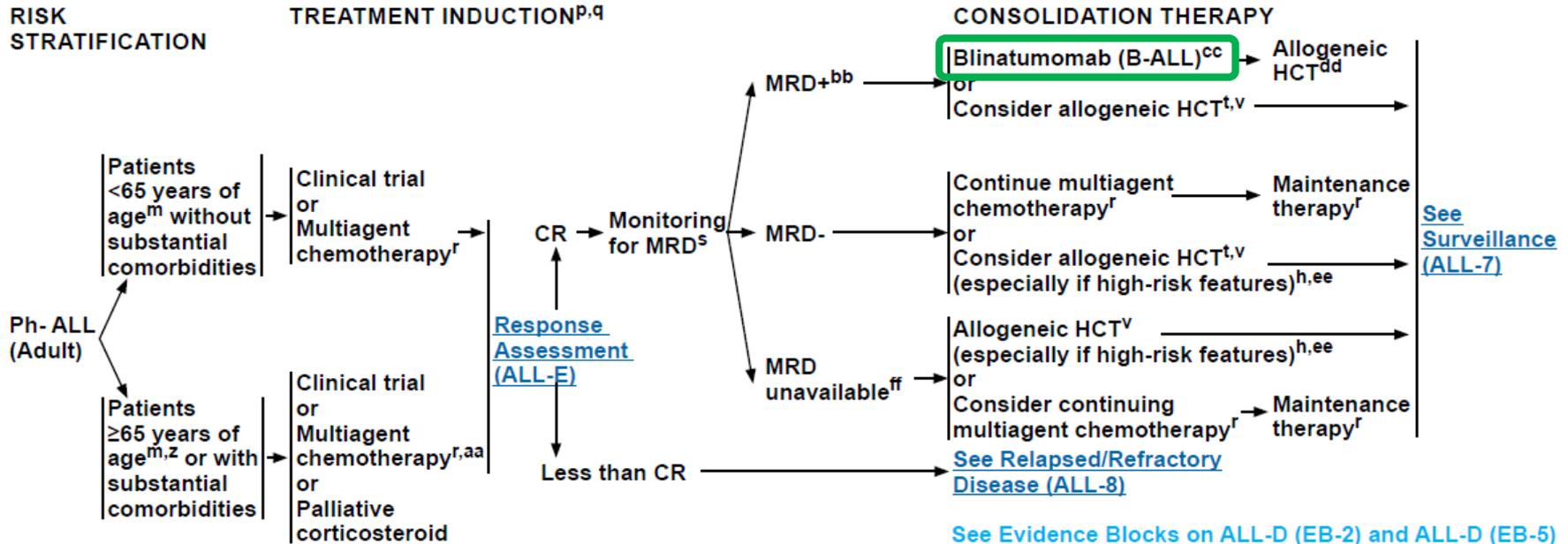
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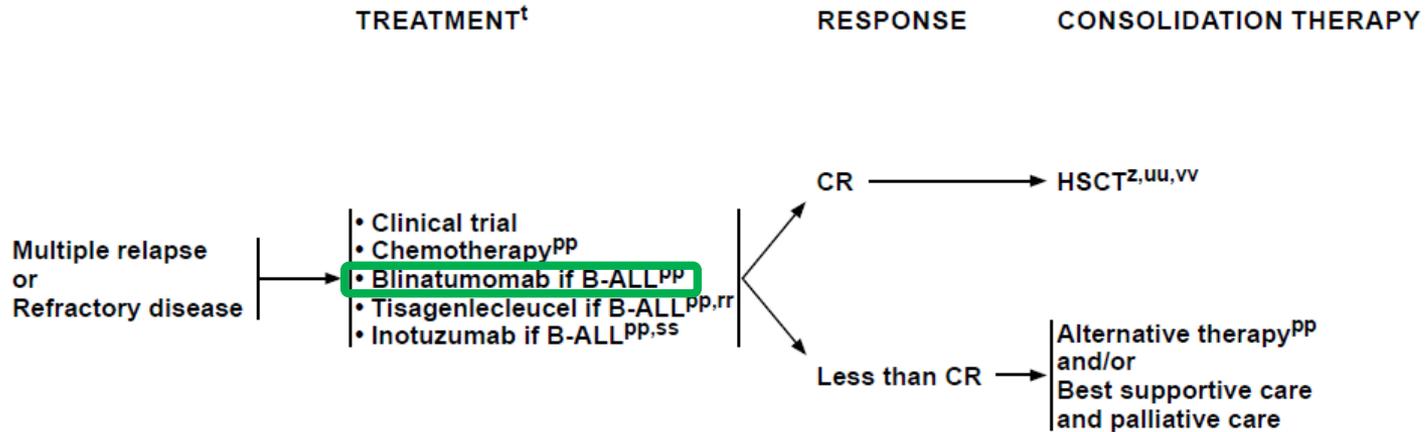


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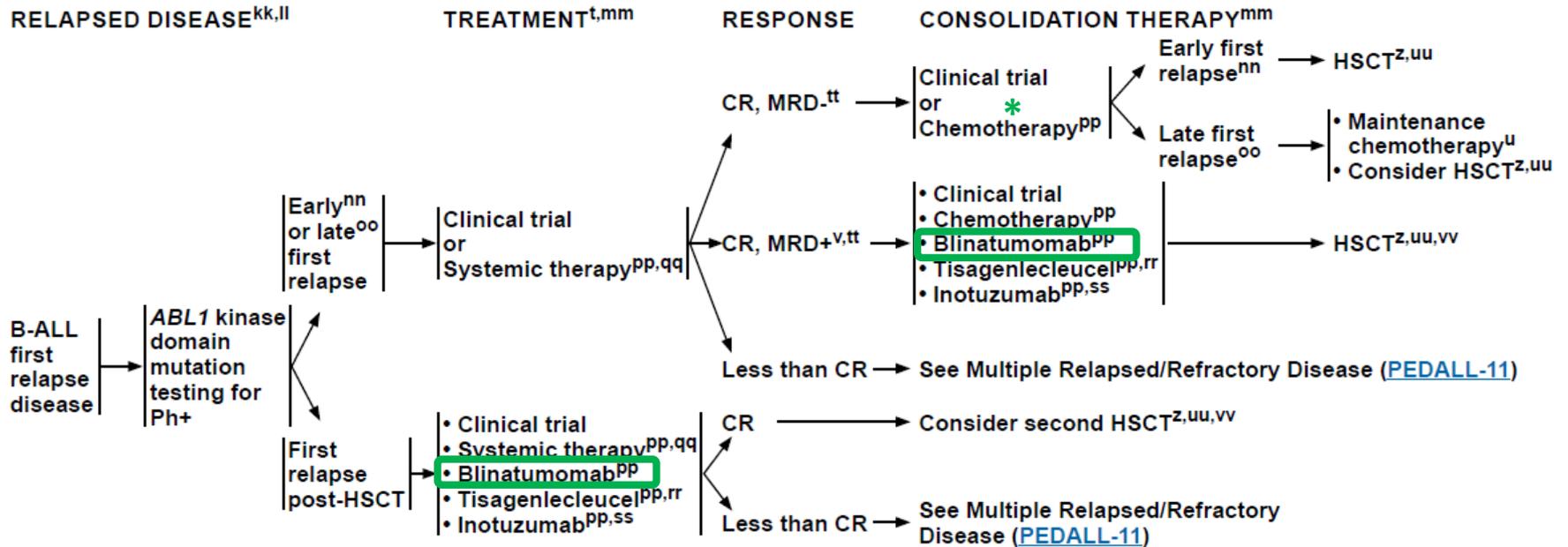
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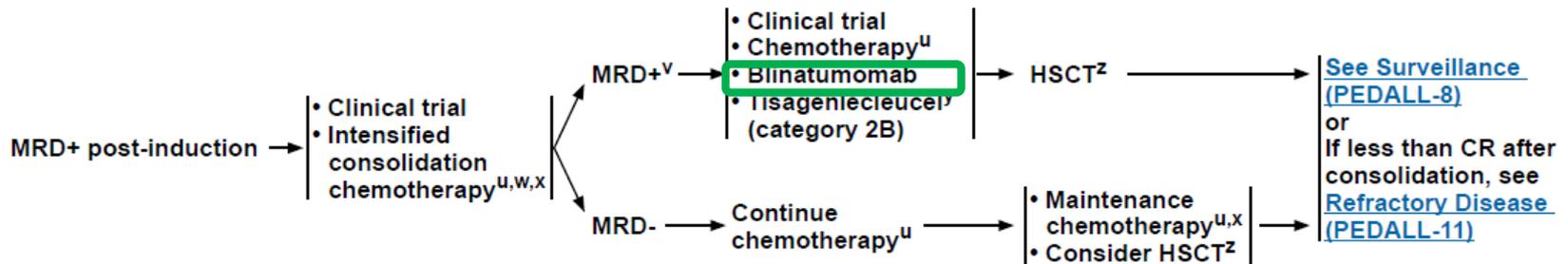
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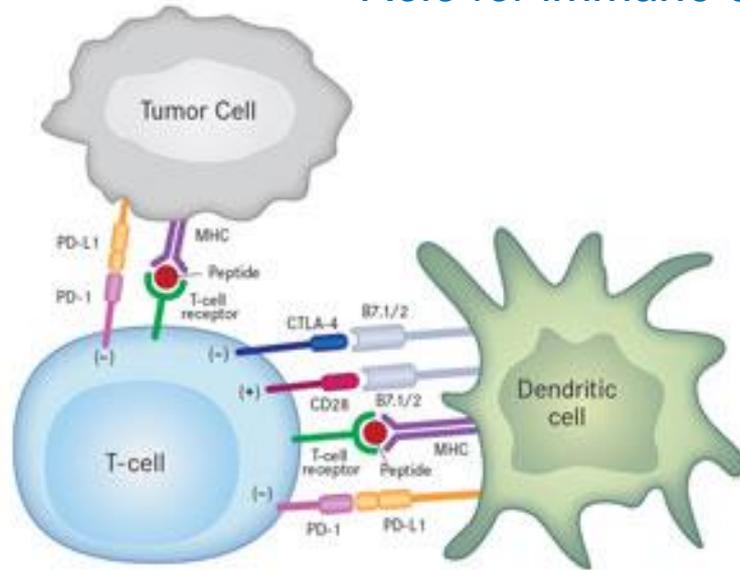
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What Happens When Blinatumomab Doesn't Work?

- EARLY: Endogenous T-cell “exhaustion”

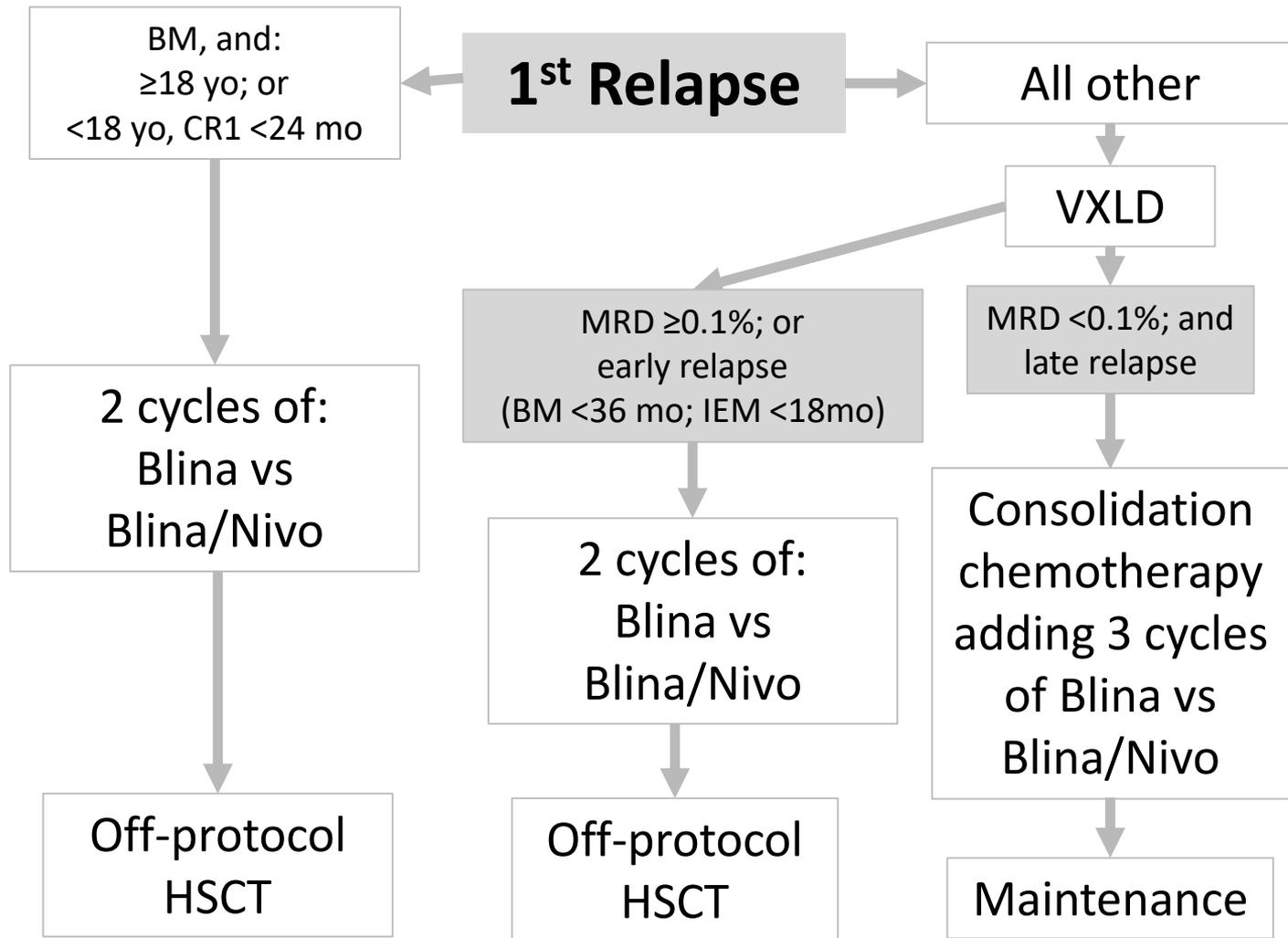
Role for immune checkpoint inhibitors (eg, anti-PD-1)?



PD-1	PD-L1	CTLA-4
Nivolumab	Atezolizumab	Ipilimumab
Pembrolizumab*	Avelumab	
	Durvalumab	

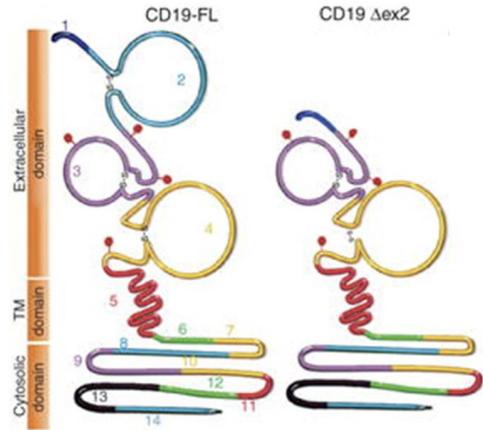
Reports of efficacy in patients relapsing after blina/CAR T cells

- Feucht, et al. *Oncotarget*. 2016;7(47):76902-76919

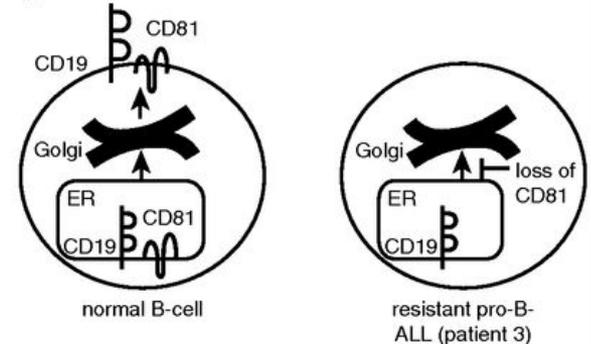


Where Is Blinatumomab in NCCN Pediatric ALL Guidelines?

- LATE: Antigen escape
 - CD19 splice variants¹
 - Defective CD19 membrane trafficking²
 - Lineage switching (esp. MLL-r)³



Multiantigen targeting?



NOTE: Incidence of CD19 escape lower with blina than with CD19 CAR, likely reflecting less-potent CD19 selection pressure

Can We Predict When Blinatumomab Won't Work?

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Day 15 bone marrow minimal residual disease predicts response to blinatumomab in relapsed/refractory paediatric B-ALL

Patrick Brown , Gerhard Zugmaier, Lia Gore, Catherine A. Tuglus, Arend von Stackelberg

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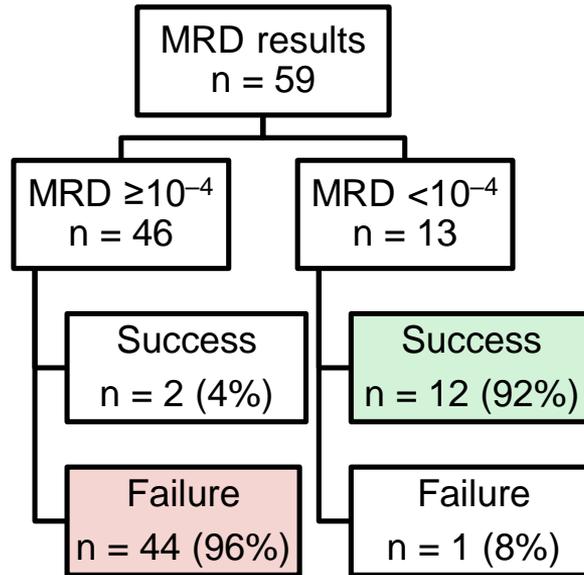
Efficacy Outcomes in Patients Enrolled in Phase I/II Study

Response	Patients at Recommended Dose Who Had Response Assessment (N = 64) ^a	
	n/N (%)	95% CI
CR within the first 2 cycles	27/64 (42)	30, 55
Non-responders (did not achieve CR)	→ 37/64 (58)	45, 70
Partial remission	4	
Blast-free or aplastic bone marrow	2	
Progressive disease	10	
No response	21	
MRD response in patients who achieved CR within the first 2 cycles		
Complete MRD response	→ 14/27 (52)	32, 71
No MRD response	→ 12/27 (44)	26, 64
No data available	→ 1/27 (4)	

- Study definitions
 - “**Success**” was defined as complete MRD response in CR (n = 14)
 - “**Failure**” was defined as anything other than success (n = 50)

Biomarkers to Predict Blinatumomab Success/Failure

- Overall, day 15 MRD results predicted best response after 2 cycles with 95% accuracy (correctly in 56 of 59 patients)



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Parameter	Accuracy (n/N)	Accuracy (%)
Day 8 PB morphology (clearance of blasts)	19/40	49
Day 15 BM morphology (M1)	54/60	90
Day 29 BM morphology (M1)	42/51	84
Day 15 BM MRD (< 10⁻⁴)	56/59	95
Day 29 BM MRD (< 10 ⁻⁴)	42/49	86

NOTE: Day 8 PB is an especially poor predictor of subsequent response

As patients with MRD $\geq 10^{-4}$ at day 15 could potentially pursue alternative therapies, such as dose escalation or combination therapies, **day 15 MRD results may allow personalized treatment and improve outcomes in pediatric patients with relapsed/refractory B-ALL**

Blinatumomab: Questions and Discussion

- HSCT after MRD clearance with blinatumomab?
- Ability of checkpoint inhibition to safely enhance blinatumomab response?
- Predictive biomarkers of blinatumomab response?
- Risk of prior blinatumomab exposure and CD19 escape after subsequent CD19 CAR T therapy?

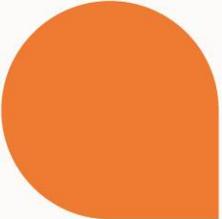
A 21-year-old male began an infusion of blinatumomab 36 hours ago. He has developed acute onset of fever, hypotension, respiratory distress, hypoxia, and diffuse edema. Which of the following is the most likely explanation?

- a. A. Gram-negative bacterial sepsis
- b. B. Disseminated adenoviral infection
- c. C. Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- d. D. Macrophage activation syndrome (MAS)
- e. E. Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

True or False: The most effective treatment for blinatumomab-associated neurotoxicity is tocilizumab (anti-IL6R antibody).

- a. True
- b. False

Q&A



Case-Based Panel Discussion: Management of Long- and Short-Term Toxicities and Treatment Selection in Pediatric Patients

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Carlos Andres Portilla

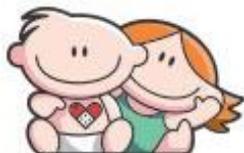
Case-Based Panel Discussion: Case 1

Maria Sara Felice



Case Report

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Objectives:

- To present a patient with relapsed ALL, a serious infectious complication, and complex clinical characteristics
- To analyze clinical support measures
- To evaluate the best therapy approach and the opportunity and indication of HSCT

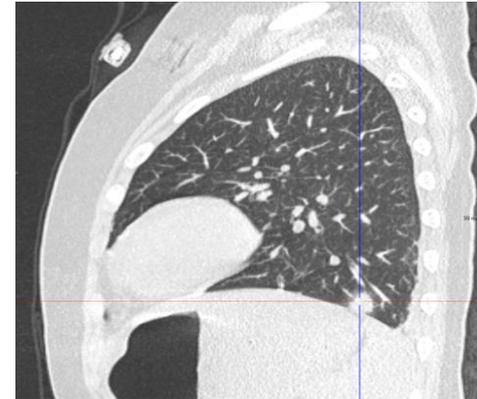
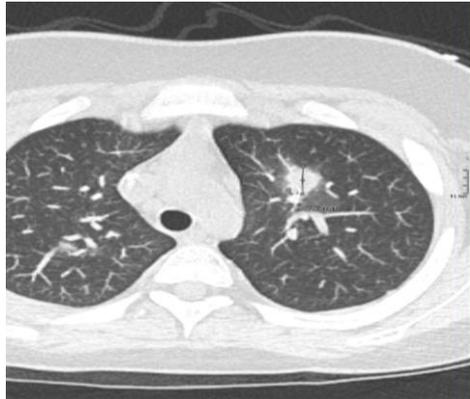
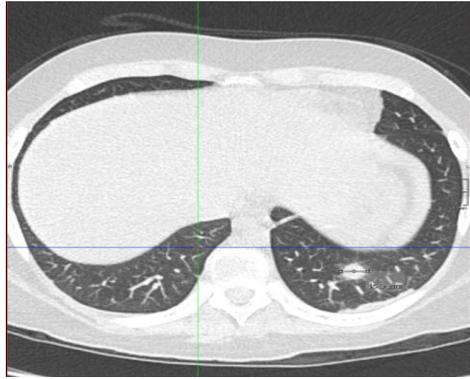
Clinical data

- Male, 14-year-old, referred from Corrientes
- Diagnosis: Pre-B ALL, hyperdyploid, DNA index 1.22, IKZF1 del (not plus) (September 2013)
- ALLIC 2009 protocol, PGR, MRD on day 15: 5.12%, CR on day 33 (MRD 0.027%) → medium risk
- He completed 2 years of treatment without severe toxicity
- Hematological relapse 30 mo from CR (May 2016) → relapse protocol
- First block (REC1) in his province → severe clinical complications (febrile neutropenia, diabetes, neutropenic enteritis, TPN, antibiotic) → referred to our center

Evaluation at admission

- Bone marrow aspirate: 2nd CR **EMR 0.10%**
- Severe clinical deterioration: malnourished, febrile neutropenia, diabetes, neutropenic enteritis
- Urine culture: yeasts >100,000 UFC
- Searching for focus of deep fungal infection

CT scan: lung and paranasal sinus compromise



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- Deep fungal infection was suspected (risk factors: prolonged hospitalization and neutropenia, diabetes, several antibiotic schedules)
- He remained febrile, added epiphora → a specimen from nasal crust was taken → rhinosinusitis and lung nodules due to *Aspergillus Flavus* → liposomal amphotericin B 10 mg/kg/day (deteriorated kidney function)

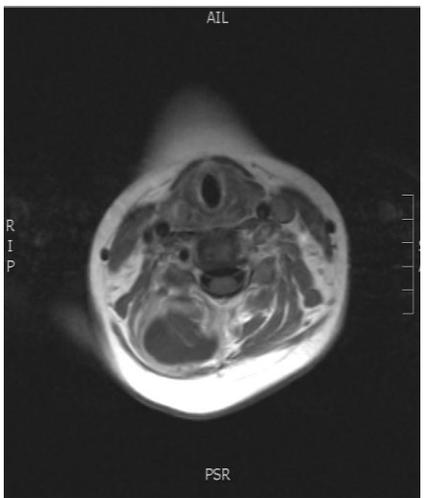
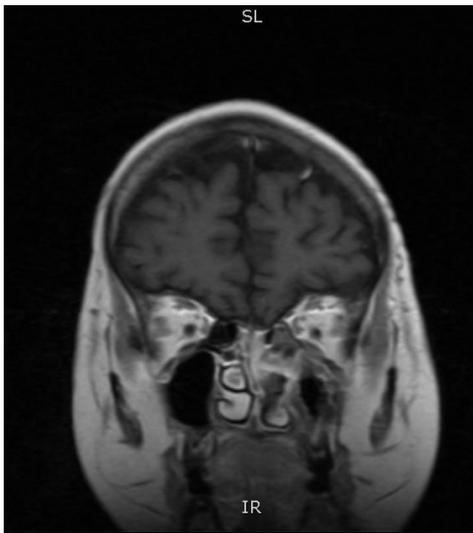
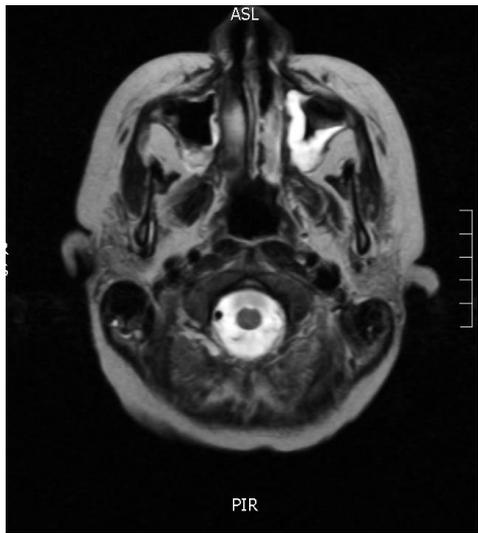
Clinical evolution

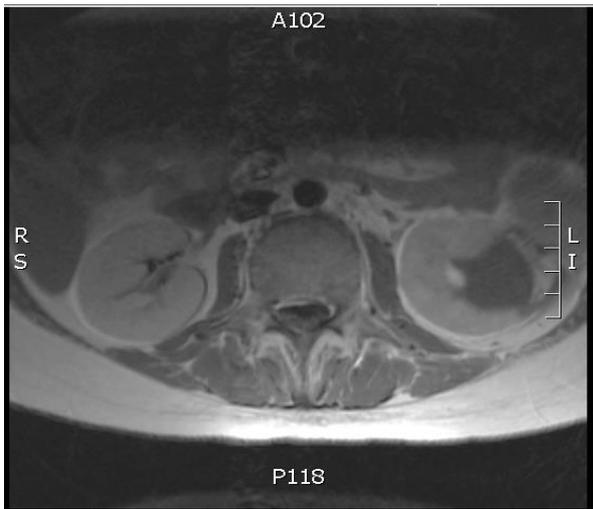
- Persistent febrile (10 days)
- Abscess (left thigh with muscle compromise) → surgical drainage → *Aspergillus Flavus* → voriconazole was added
- Distal paresthesia and limitation of dorsiflexion → left limb monoparesis and popliteal sciatic compromise
- IRM cranial and spine

What is your suspected diagnosis?

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- a. CNS relapse?
- b. Second neoplasm?
- c. Collection due to other infection?



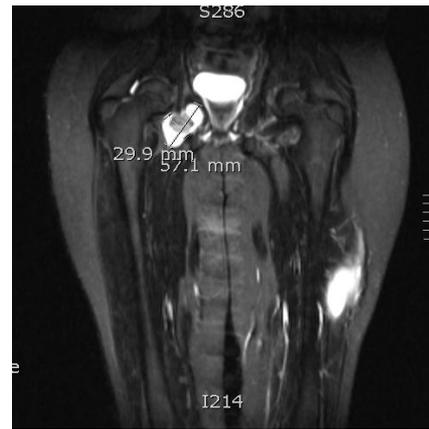
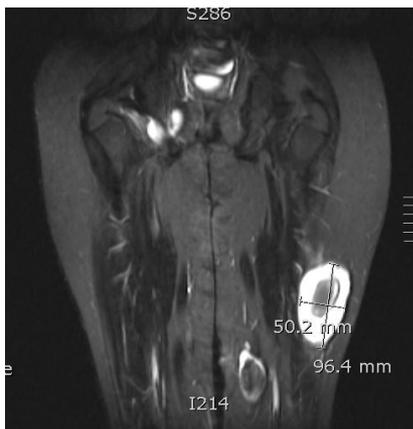
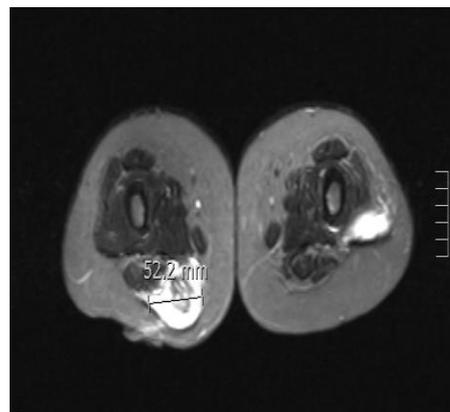
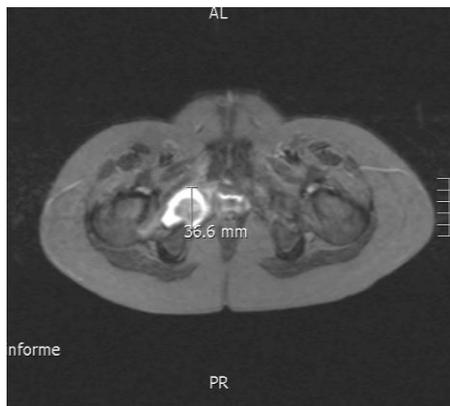


Percutaneous drainage of the cervical, left lumbar, and posterior right thigh collections → fungal elements PAS (+) ***Mucormycosis*** → **voriconazole + amphotericin B**

Patient was clinically stable: adaptation of chemo → Protocol IB

Surgical treatment of collections

Images for re-evaluation of surgical treatment

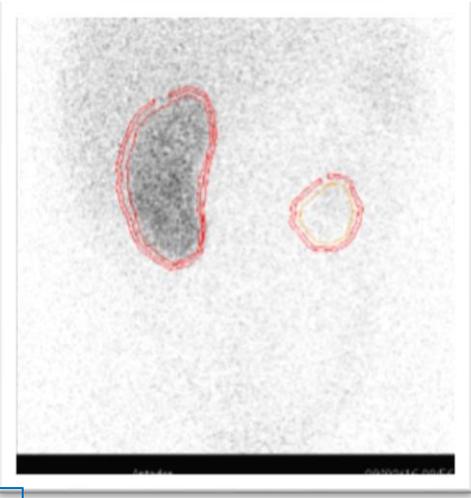
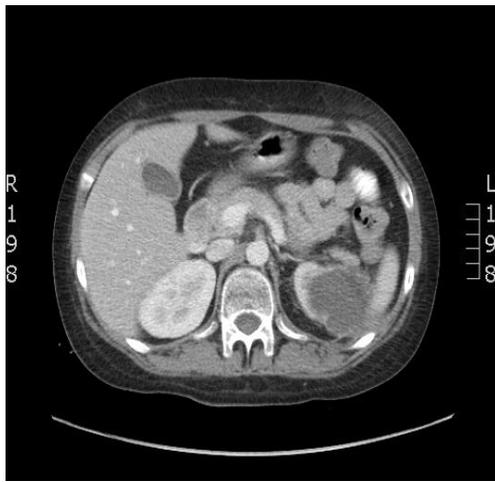


Clinical evolution

- Joint drainage of bilateral thigh and adductor region
- Bone marrow aspirate → CR2, MRD: 0.004%
- Intensification of chemo (REC 2)

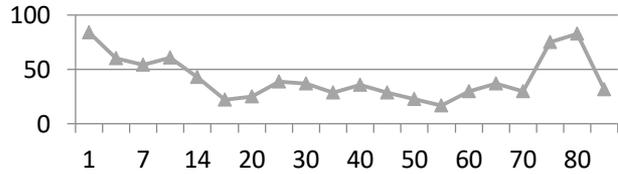
- Drainage was removed

- Septic shock → ICU (72 hrs) → *Pantoea agglomerans*
- Renal function impairment
- Re-evaluation of images and renal function

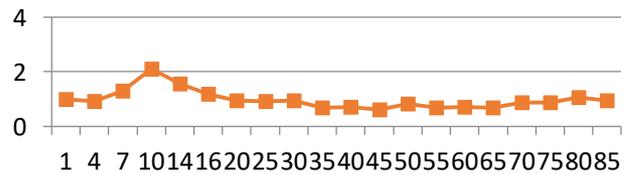


Urea Value

A nephrectomy is decided upon



Creatinine Value



What do you consider to be the best option after nephrectomy?

Q.

- a. Stop treatment?
- b. Continuation of previous therapy?
- c. Follow with chemotherapy?
- d. Search for an unrelated donor and undergo HSCT?

Summary

- Patient with early relapse ALL, in 2nd CR, MRD +/-, with indication of HSCT
- Severe invasive deep fungal infection: Aspergillus and Mucormycosis
- Impairment of renal function → nephrectomy
- Adapted chemotherapy was administered → REC1 block, IB, REC2, REC3, REC1, REC2, and REC3, followed by preventive cranial radiotherapy and continuation phase
- He is at 49 mo 2nd CR (18 years old and excellent performance status)

Thank you for your attention!!!!



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Q&A

Case-Based Panel Discussion: Case 2

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Case

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

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Bone Marrow Transplantation

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Diagnostic

- 12-yo 4m male (25/10/2018)
- ALL-B HR (WBC 51310, age)

CNS negative

Karyotype 46 xy der

(1)add(1)(q12)[3]/46xy [27]

t(1;19) neg, t(9;22) neg, t(12;21)
neg, 11q23 neg

Treatment: Total Therapy XV Modified

Steroid Response	Good
MRD day 15	0.01%
MRD end induction	<0.01%
MRD end consolidation	<0.01%

Complications

- **Slow methotrexate depuration**

(Extra folinic acid rescue)

- **Moderated allergic reaction to asparaginase**

(Antibodies suspicious) Ended with Peg-Asp

- **Neutropenic fever**

(2)(Mercaptopurine related – dose adjusted)

- **Tibial osteonecrosis**

(Dexamethasone 50% dose-reduced)

- **Local adverse effect of vincristine**

51-week MRD 0.06% similar to diagnostic (Hematogones)

Delayed Time (Weeks)

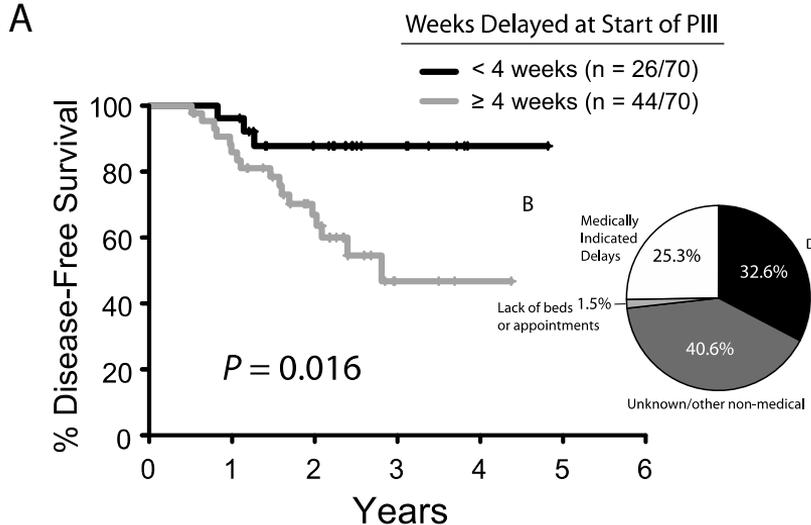
- 1 Tumoral lysis syndrome*
- 1 Change of oncology team*
- 2 Neutropenic fever 2 week/each*
- >4 Depression, social and health system barriers (**short delays**)*

Which one do you think is the most important complication in a Latin American country?



- a. Osteonecrosis
- b. L-asparaginase allergy
- c. Methotrexate delay depuration
- d. Neutropenic fever – mercaptopurine related
- e. Delayed treatment

Delayed Treatment

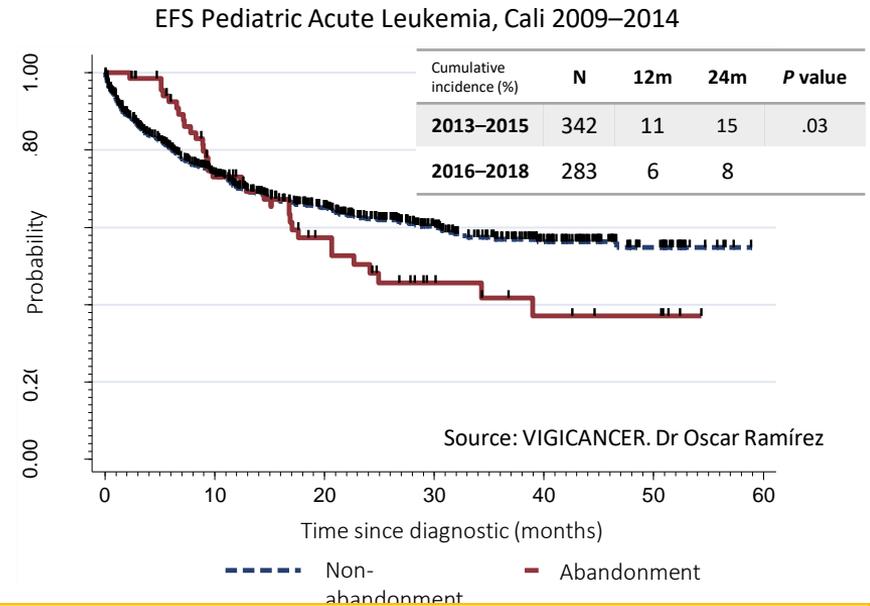


<16 years treated in INC (COL). Events: Relapse 2007–2010.

Suarez A, Piña M, Nichosl-VinuezaD, Lopera J, Rengifo L, Mesa M, Cardenas M, Morrissey L, Veintemilla G, Vizcaino M, Del Toro L, Vicuña V, Fernandez J, Neuberg D, Stevenson K, Gutierrez A.
***Pediatr Blood Cancer.* 2015;62:1395-1402.**
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Abandonment



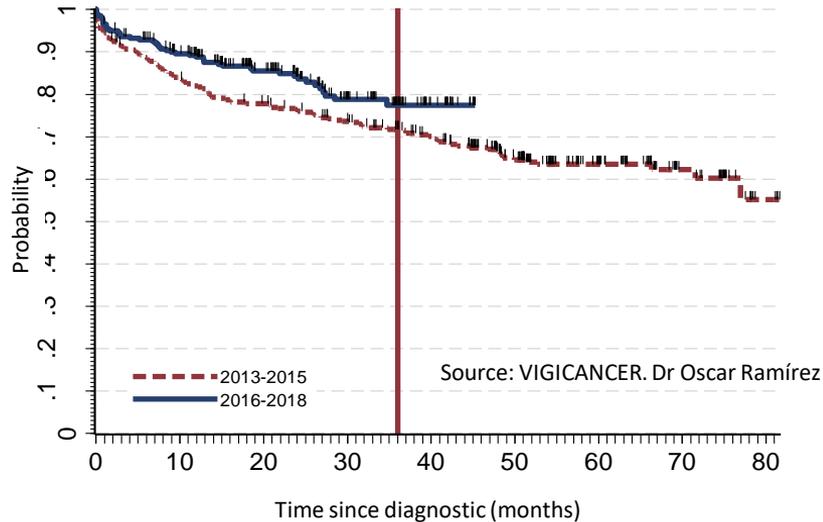
HR for the absence of social support network was 4.9 (95% CI: 1.6–15.3)

Ospina-Romero M, Portilla CA, Bravo LE, Ramirez O; VIGICANCER working group. Caregivers' Self-Reported Absence of Social Support Networks is Related to Treatment Abandonment in Children With Cancer
***Pediatr Blood Cancer.* 2016;63(5):825-831.**
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Overall Survival LLA 2013–2018



Grade 3–4 Toxicities TT.XV Colombia



Nro. a riesgo	346	255	162	28
2013-2015	346	255	162	28
2016-2018	283	124	0	0

Forth Cities Cali, Ibagué, Neiva, Pasto: period 2013–2018

Population/Events*	No.	%
Total	404 (307)	100 (76)
Osteonecrosis	2	0.6
Pancreatitis	3	1
Diabetes	6	2
Deep mycosis	2	0.6
Renal failure	1	0.3
Asparaginase anaphylaxis	3	1
Thrombosis/thromboembolism	11 (1 PTE)	3.5
Peripheral neuropathy G II-III	12	4

Source: VIGICANCER. Dra Patricia Montenegro and Dr Oscar Ramírez

Relapse

Complications

- Week **54** protocol
- BM relapse HR (<18 mo)
- CNS negative
- Karyotype
46,XY,der(5)t(5;13)(q33;q14),+der(5)t(5;13)(q33;q14),17[3]/46,XY[27]
- BM cytometry AMO B-ALL blast 91.93%
cd45+/-, cd10++(62%), cd20+(66%), cd34+(56%), cd19+,nutdt+

Obesity – insulin resistance
Depression
Vitamin D deficit
Hypertension
Tumoral lysis syndrome
(Rasburicase)

What is the best alternative for treatment?

- a. Blinatumomab
- b. Clofarabine
- c. CAR T cells
- d. Go straight to bone marrow transplant



Q.

Rescue #1 CLOVE (clofarabine 40 + etoposide 150 + cyclophosphamide 440)

Height 1.65 m² – adjusted weight 59 (93.6) kg BSA 1.6 (2) m² (prophylaxis acyclovir, posaconazole, and levofloxacin)

Grade 2 mucositis

Bilirubin high level 1.61 mg/dL

Neutropenic fever

#1 Day 3 (37.7°C/ANC 100) + abdominal pain (–) cultures

Amikacin (5 d) + vancomycin (3 d)

#2 Day 14 (38.6°C/ANC 10) + gluteal ulcer

Culture 8 h 37 min SSBL *E. coli* positive (day 17 catheter removal)

Amikacin (1 d) + meropenem (11 d/4 d after negative culture)

Vancomycin (11 d/4 d after negative culture)

#3 Day 28 (37.9°C/ANC 80) + gluteal abscess

Culture #1 y #2 10 h 54 min SSBL *E. coli* positive, meropenem sensible

Amikacin (4 day) + vancomycin (2 days) // meropenem (10 days) – linezolid (7 days)

Complications

Delay BM recovery (day 40)

GCS-F

MRD <0.001%

Clofarabine-Based Therapy Primary Refractory vs Relapse

- 23 patients (33 cycles)
- 96% B-LLA
- 89% combination CY + VP16 + clofarabine
- 53% after 1 or 2 cycles uMRD (95% CI: 32, 71)
- uMRD 67% induction failure vs 33% relapse
- 19% treatment-related mortality
- 66% transplant

O. Ramirez, C.A. Portilla, M. Quintero, V. Lotero, M.X. Castro, A. Castro, A. Linares, I. Sarmiento. **P-P004.**

Clofarabine-based therapy in children with lymphoblastic leukemia: Primary refractory patients have three times more chance of obtaining undetectable residual disease, compared with those in relapse.
Pediatr Blood Cancer. DOI10.1002/pbc

Infectious Complications in Patients With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Receiving Clofarabine

- 21 patients (27 cycles)
- 81% CR
- 46 infectious episodes
 - 1.7 per cycle
 - 52.2% bacterial
 - 10.8% fungal (aspergillosis, mucor)
 - 34.5% viral 5 localized (*herpes zoster, herpes simplex, influenza, and adenovirus*); 11 invasive (*BK virus, adenovirus, and cytomegalovirus*)
- 2 patients had infection-attributable mortality

D. Hernandez, O. Ramirez, C.A. Portilla, M. Quintero, P. Lopez, E. Lopez-Medina. **WSPID-0854** *Clinical Infectious Diseases:*
Infectious complications in patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia receiving clofarabine.

<https://wspid.kenes.com/Documents/WSPID%20All%20Abstracts.pdf>



Rescue #2 Blinatumomab (dexamethasone)

14 µg/m²/day

Day 3 Tremor, fever, rash, and bone pain

Day 5 Seizures

- ✓ *Levetiracetam – clobazam – Dexa*
- ✓ *EEG normal*
- ✓ *Lumbar puncture normal*
- ✓ *Brain magnetic resonance imaging: meningeal enhancement*

MRD <0.001%

24-h suspension (48 h 9 µg/kg/day)

CMV reactivation (Ganciclovir)

Ended 28 days

Adverse Events (AEs) in Patients Who Received Blinatumomab

Patients With AEs	All Patients n = 70
AEs grade 3 or 4: anemia 41%, nausea 33%, headache 30%	61 (67%)
Fatal AEs: multiorgan failure (2), sepsis (1), fungal infection (1), respiratory failure (1), thrombocytopenia (1)	6
Cytokine release syndrome (any grade)	8 (11%)
Neurologic/psychiatric events	17 (24)

Bone Marrow Transplant

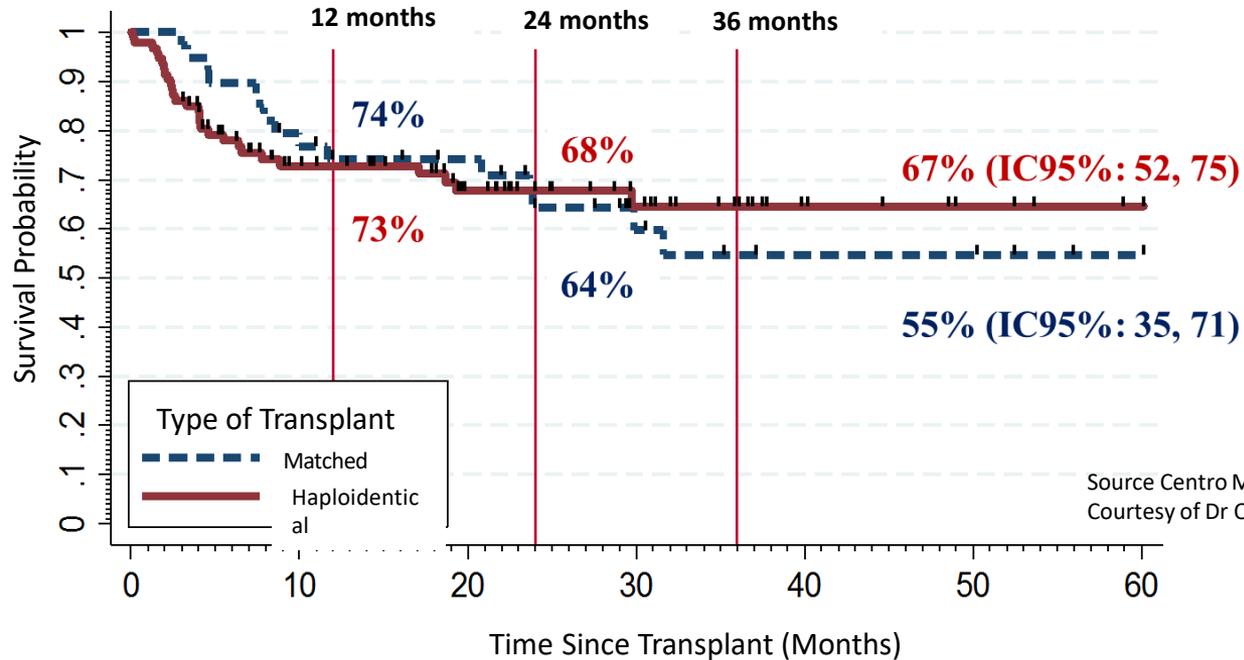
- Related donor allogeneic (**haploidentical**) bone marrow transplant (**7/12**)
- Father 49 yo/peripheral blood
- 5.56 million CD34+/kg weight
- Conditioning regimen: myeloablative – RIC
FAB (*fludarabine + cytarabine + busulfan [weight adjusted]*)
- GVHD prophylaxis ATG + CY post + cyclosporin

Complications

Infusion-related fever
Neutropenic fever
Day +6

Overall Survival Cohort 2012–2018

Haploidentical Donor vs Matched Sibling Donor



Source Centro Médico Imbanaco.
Courtesy of Dr Oscar Ramírez.

Hno Id.	39
Haplo	93

24	9	6
35	8	1

Solo 1er TPH, Excluidos anemia de Fanconi

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Educational ARS Questions

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Educational Questions Pediatric ALL

Question 1: Which assertion is correct for children with ALL?

- a) All patients with MLL-rearranged ALL should be transplanted
- b) All patients with BCR-ABL-positive ALL should be transplanted
- c) No patient with BCR-ABL-positive ALL should be transplanted
- d) AlloSCT is part of treatment for children with early relapsed ALL

VOTING QUESTION: please show previous results also from voting in slide 10 and highlighting the correct answer number d after voting

Educational Questions Pediatric ALL

Question 2: Which assertion is correct for children with ALL?

- a) Blinatumomab and inotuzumab are part of first-line treatment
- b) Blinatumomab and inotuzumab cannot be administered sequentially
- c) Therapeutic drug monitoring of asparaginase improves outcome
- d) Dexamethasone and vincristine are standard components of maintenance therapy

VOTING QUESTION: please show previous results also from voting in slide 11 and highlighting the correct answer number c.

Closing Remarks

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