





### Global Leukemia Academy Pediatric ALL Patients Breakout

Emerging and Practical Concepts and Controversies in Leukemias 23–24 October 2020





### Virtual breakout: Pediatric ALL patients – session open

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### **Meet the Faculty**



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### Virtual breakout – pediatric ALL patients (Day 2)

Time CET	Title	Speaker
18.00 – 18.15	<ul> <li>Session open</li> <li>Educational ARS questions for the audience</li> </ul>	Franco Locatelli
18.15 – 18.45	<ul> <li>First-line treatment of pediatric ALL</li> <li>Presentation (15 min)</li> <li>Q&amp;A (15 min)</li> </ul>	Rob Pieters
18.45 – 19.15	<ul> <li>Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT and COVID- 19 considerations</li> <li>Presentation (15 min)</li> <li>Q&amp;A (15 min)</li> </ul>	Franco Locatelli
19.15 – 19.45	<ul> <li>Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL</li> <li>Presentation (15 min)</li> <li>Q&amp;A (15 min)</li> </ul>	Patrick Brown
19.45 – 20.15	<ul> <li>Case-based panel discussion</li> <li>Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in pediatric patients         <ul> <li>Overview of long-term toxicities (10 min)</li> <li>Patient case presentation (10 min)</li> <li>Discussion (10 min)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Rob Pieters Patrick Brown <i>Faculty panel:</i> R. Pieters, F. Locatelli, P. Brown
20.15 – 20.30	<ul> <li>Session close</li> <li>Educational ARS questions for the audience</li> </ul>	Franco Locatelli



# Educational ARS questions

Franco Locatelli





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- 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





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- 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

**Rob Pieters** 







### **First-line treatment of pediatric ALL**

Rob Pieters Chief Medical Officer





#### Which assertion is correct for first-line treatment of pediatric ALL?

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#### Which assertion is correct?

- a) All children with a BCR-ABL-like ALL should be treated with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor such as imatinib or dasatinib
- b) Cranial irradiation is indicated in B-lineage ALL and T-lineage ALL with a WBC >50  $\times$  10<sup>9</sup>/L at diagnosis
- c) Copy number alterations (CNA) do not predict outcome
- d) End of induction MRD and/or end of consolidation MRD is the most powerful prognostic factor

### IA,IB —> M —> II

**ALL: chemotherapy elements** 

- Induction:
- Consolidation:
- Reinduction/intensification:
- Maintenance:

- steroid, VCR, L-Asp, (DNR), intrathecal
- cyclophosphamide, araC, 6-MP, intrathecal
- HD-MTX, 6-MP, intrathecal
- steroid, VCR, L-Asp, (DNR), intrathecal
- 6-MP/MTX (+ VCR/steroid pulses)
- (cranio[spinal] radiotherapy)
- (allogenic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation [HSCT])

Maintenance





- Therapy elements
  - Choice of steroid
  - Dose intensity asparaginase
  - Which intensification
  - Which maintenance
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Event-free survival by randomized steroid. Obs./Exp., observed/expected ratio.

#### **Intensification of asparaginase**



	EFS with less intensive Asp	EFS with more intensive Asp	difference	reference
Erwinase vs Coli Asp EORTC-CLG 58881	60%	73%	significant	Duval 2002
Erwinase vs Coli Asp DFCI 95-01	78%	89%	significant	Moghrabi 2007
20 extra wks of Asp IBFM/IDH ALL91	79%	88%	significant	Pession 2005
20 extra wks of Asp in IRG AIEOP ALL91	72%	76%	not sign	Rizzari 2001
20 wks of Asp in T-ALL POG 8704	55%	68%	significant	Amylon 1999
20 wks of Asp in T-NHL POG 8704	64%	78%	significant	Amylon 1999
Shorter or longer than 25 wks of Asp DFCI 91-01	73%	90%	significant	Silverman 2001



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### Low adherence to oral 6MP significantly increases relapse risk





Years From Start of Maintenance Therapy

# Dexa/VCR pulses during maintenance in average-risk ALL patients (BFM)



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Conter V, et al. Lancet. 2007;369(9556):123-131.

# Dexa/VCR pulses during maintenance in average-risk ALL patients (EORTC)





De Moerloose B, et al. Blood. 2010;116(1):36-44.



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#### 5-year outcomes to pre-emptive cranial radiotherapy (CRT) for ALL subgroups other than CNS3



	B Cell, WBC $>$ 100 $\times$ 10 <sup>9</sup> /L			T ( 1	T Cell, WBC > 100 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L		
	CRT			CI	RT		
Outcome	Yes	No	Р	Yes	No	Р	
5-year cumulative incidence, %							
Death (100% minus survival)	21.6	17.5	.49	27.2	19.0	.15	
Any event (100% minus EFS)	37.0	27.4	.08	34.3	24.4	.08	
BM relapse	17.4	15.6	.67	7.6	8.4	.88	
Isolated CNS relapse	1.6	3.3	.32	5.4	6.6	.69	
Any CNS relapse	3.8	6.0	.35	11.0	10.0	.77	
No. of studies	3	6		7	3		
No. of patients	141	594		596	248		

#### 5-year outcomes to pre-emptive CRT for ALL with CNS3



5-yr isolated CNS relapse: 16.7% vs 4.3% (P = .02)5-yr mortality:22.4% vs 20.6% (P = .83)

Study	No. of Patients				Crude Incidence	(CI)*
DCOG	21		-0		18.0 (1.9 t	to 47.5)
St Jude	8	• <del>• • • • •</del>	8		14.3 (0.1 t	to 60.2)
No cranial RT	29				16.7 (6.4 1	to 36.9)
AIEOP	44				7.6 (1.1 to	22.7)
UK	49				0.0	
JACLS	41	·••	-4		2.6 (0.1 to	16.5)
NOPHO	31				9.7 (1.3 to	28.3)
BFM	110				2.0 (0.4 to	6.0)
COALL	18			-	11.0 (0.6 t	to 38.9)
COG	67	<b>-</b>			5.3 (0.8 to	16.7)
DFCI	17	•			0.0	
Yes cranial RT	377	-			4.3 (2.6 to	o 7.2)
Overall	406	•			5.2 (3.1 to	8.7)
		0.0	25.0	50.0	75.0	100.0
			5-voar Crud	o Cumulativa	Incidence	

5-year Crude Cumulative Incidence

Test for treatment effect (cranial irradiation, yes v no): P = .02



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# No CR after induction AND T-ALL: better survival with alloSCT





Schrappe M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366(15):1371-1381.

# Children with t(9;22) ALL: historical benefit of allogenic transplantation





Arico M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2000;342(14):998-1006.

# Increased use of imatinib in BCR-ABL–positive ALL: no indication for SCT?





**Fig 4.** Comparison of event-free survival (EFS) for Cohort 5 chemotherapy only versus related-donor bone marrow transplantation (BMT) versus unrelated-donor BMT. Cohort 5 patients were compared with human leukocyte antigen (HLA) –identical sibling BMT (8 of 39 in cohorts 1-4; 13 of 44 in cohort 5) and 11 of the total 83 patients removed from protocol for an alternative-donor BMT. Patients treated on protocol were given imatinib 340 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d for 6 months starting 4 to 6 months after BMT.

#### AlloSCT in infant *MLL*-rearranged ALL – IF-99 <u>medium-risk</u> patients adjusted by waiting time to SCT





Figure 2. DFS and OS of 188 medium-risk patients with *MLL*<sup>+</sup> infant ALL by treatment performed, adjusted by waiting time to HSCT. *P* value is from Cox Model. CHEMO indicates chemotherapy only; and HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

#### Mann G, et al. Blood. 2010;116(15):2644-2650.

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Figure 3. DFS and OS of 97 high-risk patients with MLL<sup>+</sup> infant ALL by treatment performed, adjusted by waiting time to HSCT. P value is from Cox Model. CHEMO indicates chemotherapy only; and HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

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# 5-yr EFS in AYA patients treated on pediatric and adult protocols





Boissel N, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2003;21(5):774-780; De Bont JM, et al. Leukemia. 2004;18(12):2032-2035; Ramanujachar R, et al. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2007;48(3):254-261; Stock W, et al. Blood. 2008;112(5):1646-1654.

### **Targeting therapy in ALL**



- Minimal residual disease (MRD) monitoring
- Therapeutic drug monitoring
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#### **Minimal residual disease and outcome in ALL**





Relapse-free survival of the 3 MRD-based risk groups, as defined by MRD information at timepoints 1 and 2



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**DCOG ALL-10 outlines (2004–2012)** 

Pieters R, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34(22):2591-2601.

#### **ALL-10 protocol outcome**



- 2. Intensification MR:
- 3. Intensification HR:

5-yr survival 99% 5-yr EFS from 76% to 88% 5-yr EFS from 16% to 78%

#### **Event-free survival**

**Survival** 

pediatric oncology



#### Van Dongen JJ, et al. Lancet. 1998;352(9142):1731-1738; Pieters R, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34(22):2591-2601.

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# Asparaginase activity in patients with/without allergic reactions





Tong WH, et al. Blood. 2014;123(13):2026-2033.
# DFS and CIR of NCI high-risk patients stratified by asparaginase received







# **Targeting therapy in ALL**

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### In vitro resistance/sensitivity of infant ALL



Drug	Infants <1 year median (25th–75th)	n=	c/preB ≥1 year median (25th–75th)	n=	Resistance ratio <sup>a</sup>	P-value
Prednisolone	>250 (0.30->250)	41	0.43 (0.12–12.5)	373	>581	0.001
Dexamethasone	3.61 (0.05->6.0)	11	0.07 (0.01–0.55)	241	54.8	0.040
Vincristine	0.55 (0.10-2.54)	37	0.69 (0.24–2.52)	369	0.80	0.088
L-Asparaginase	0.96 (0.35-1.43)	29	0.08 (0.01–1.04)	361	12.0	0.001
Daunorubicin	0.07 (0.03-0.12)	33	0.09 (0.06-0.17)	386	0.83	0.090
6-Mercaptopurine	201 (95.2-321)	12	97.9 (50.4-248)	280	2.05	0.110
6-Thioguanine	6.04 (5.23-10.1)	27	5.92 (3.80–9.10)	299	1.02	0.256
Cytarabine	0.27 (0.13-0.51)	35	0.49 (0.27-1.31)	291	0.54	0.001
2-CdA <sup>b</sup>	0.02 (0.01–0.03)	29	0.030 (0.02–0.14)	79	0.59	< 0.001
Etoposide	1.04 (0.48-2.56)	17	1.50 (0.64–2.77)	162	0.70	0.305
Teniposide	0.28 (0.16-0.75)	11	0.25 (0.18–0.58)	227	1.12	0.786
4-HOO-ifosfamide	4.08 (1.93-5.66)	20	3.07 (1.24-5.23)	221	1.33	0.185

Pieters R, et al. Leukemia. 1998;12(9):1344-1348; Ramakers-van Woerden NL, et al. Leukemia. 2004;18(3):521-529.

# Survival in infant ALL before and after introduction of interfant protocol





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### **Discovery of BCR-ABL-like ALL**





Den Boer ML, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2009;10(2):125-134.

# Frequency of tyrosine kinase fusion genes in BCR-ABL– like ALL



Marker	<i>BCR-ABL1-</i> like (n=77)	Remaining B-other (n=76)	
ABL1/ABL2 fusion	3.9%	0%	
ZMIZ1-ABL1	1		
FOXP1-ABL1	1		
RCSD1-ABL2	1		12% with <i>ABL-1</i> class fusions
PDGFRB fusion	5.2%	0%	Targetable with imatinib/dasatinib
EBF1-PDGFRB	4		
CSF1R fusion	2.6%	0%	
SSBP2-CSF1R	2		
JAK2 fusion	6.5%	0%	1
PAX5-JAK2	3		6% with <i>JAK2</i> fusions
BCR-JAK2	1		Targetable with ruxolitinib????
TERF2-JAK2	1		
<i>CRLF2</i> high expression*	15.6%	15.8%	
PAR1 deletion**	10.5%	10.7%	

# EFS ALL97/99 and UKALL2003 by genetic risk group





Moorman AV, et al. Blood. 2014;124(9):1434-1444; Hamadeh L, et al. Blood Adv. 2019;3(2):148-157.

# UK copy number alteration (CNA) classifier in UKALL



CNA profile defines risk groups



#### CNA profiles by MLPA

#### Good risk

- No deletion
- Isolated deletion of ETV6, PAX5, or BTG1
- ETV6 deletion + BTG1, CDKN2A/B or PAX5 deletion

#### Intermediate risk

• All other CNA profiles

#### Poor risk

- Isolated IKZF1, PAR1, or RB1 deletion
- Deletion of IKZF1/PAX5/CDKN2A/B

# Novel genetic risk groups in B-lineage ALL by cytogenetics and by CNA





#### Hamadeh L, et al. Blood Adv. 2019;3(2):148-157.

# Risk of relapse by MRD value varies by genetic subtype





Increasing relapse rate at 5 years (1-45%)

# Risk groups, outcome, and interventions





Risk group	% patients	5-yr EFS%	5-yr OS%	5-yr Relapse%	Treatment intervention
SR	23%	95	99	4	Random: reduction doxorubicin
IR-low	37%	94	98	4	Random: reduction doxorubicin Random: reduction VCR/Dexa pulses
IR-high	36%	82	89	15	Random: intensification inotuzumab Random: intensification 6TG/MP vs MP Down non-random: blinatumomab ABL-class: non-random: imatinib
VHR	4%	78	78	14	B-lineage: non-random CD19 CART T-lineage: non-random nelarabine

Personal communication from Dr Pieters.

# **Targeting therapy in ALL**



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- Immunotherapies: blinatumomab, inotuzumab, CAR T cells





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# Thank you!









Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT and COVID-19 considerations

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# Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT

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# **Disclosures**

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Amgen	Honoraria, Speakers' bureau, Consultancy and Travel support
Novartis	Consultancy
Medac	Speakers' bureau
Miltenyi	Speakers' bureau
Jazz Pharmaceuticals	Honoraria, Speakers' bureau
Bluebird bio	Speakers' bureau and Consultancy
SOBI	Consultancy

# Background

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**RELAPSE RATE:** 

Approximately 15-20% of children with ALL relapse after standard treatment<sup>1</sup>

#### PROGNOSIS OF RELAPSED ALL LARGELY DEPENDS ON<sup>2-6</sup>

 ✓ Time from diagnosis to relapse ✓ Site of relapse

 ✓ Blast immunephenotype

Almost all children with relapsed T-ALL and 2/3 of those with BCP-ALL are candidates for alloHSCT after a second morphological complete remission (M1 marrow) is achieved<sup>7-8</sup>

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

1. Hunger SP, Mullighan CG. N Engl J Med. 2015;373:1541-1552.2. Chessells JM, et al. Br J Haematol. 2003;123:396-405. 3. Irving JA, et al. Blood. 2016;128:911-922.4. Krentz S, et al. Leukemia. 2013;27:295-304. 5. Malempati S, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2007;25:5800-7. 6. Schrappe et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:1371-1381. 7. Locatelli F, et al. Blood. 2012;120:2807-16. 8. Peters C, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;33:1265-1274.



Immuno- phenotype		B-cell precur	sor		(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

https://cordis.europa.eu/docs/results/278/278514/final1-intreall-278514-final-publishable-summary-whole-project-incl-figures.pdf

# IntReALL-BCP 2020 – New risk stratification

#### VHR (15%)

- Eligible to allo-HSCT or consolidation therapy
- TP53 alteration
- Hypodiploidy
- T(1;19)/(17;19)
- MLL/AF4
- Very early relapse (<18 mo)

#### SR (60%)

 Late isolated or combined medullary/extramedullary relapse (allo-HSCT depending on MRD response at the end of induction)

#### HR (25%)

• Early isolated or combined medullary/extramedullary relapse (all these patients are candidates to receive allo-HSCT as final consolidation)

# New immunological approaches under investigation in childhood ALL



Adapted from Bhojwani D, Pui CH. Lancet Oncol. 2013;14:e205-e217.



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

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

•	Stratum 1A	ratum 1A Single agent InO	
•	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

• *Stratum 2* Explorative cohort Open at DL2

#### Dose level 1: $1.4 \text{ mg/m}^2$ in course 1

- C1D1: 0.6 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- C1D8 and C1D15 (and next doses): 0.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

#### Dose level 2: $1.8 \text{ mg/m}^2$ in course 1

• C1D1: 0.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>



• C1D8 and C1D15 (and next doses): 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

https://www.trialregister.nl/trial/5629



# **Patient characteristics**

Characteristic	n=25	Characteristic	n=25
Age, years; median (range)	11 (1.7–16.9)		
Age category, n (%)		Number of prior treatments: median (range)	2 (2-7)
>1- <2 years	1 (4)		= (= )
>2- ≤6 years	4 (16)	Specific elements of prior treatment, n (%)	
>6 years	20 (80)	Prior HSCT	14 (56)
		Prior blinatumomab	6 (24)
Gender, n (%)		Prior CAR-T	1 (4)
Male	17 (68)		- ( )
Female	8 (32)	CD22 expression at screening	
		CD22-positive ALL cells, MFI; median (range)	2768 (505-8370)
Bone marrow status at screening, n (%)	22 (22)	CD22-positive blasts; % (range)	98 (53-100)
M3	22 (88)	p ( 0)	
M2	3 (12)	Cytogenetic subtype, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	
white blood call and at an and the second	25.009	Hypodiploid	4 (16)
white blood cell count at screening, per L;	(0.10, 8.50 × 10 <sup>9</sup> )	Hyperdiploid	13 (52)
median (range)	(0.19-8.59 X 10 )	t[1;19](q23;p13)	2 (8)
Disease status at enrolment		t[4:11](g21:g23)	1 (4)
1 <sup>st</sup> relance after HSCT	7 (28)	Normal cytogenetics	4 (16)
2 <sup>nd</sup> rolanse	15 (60)	Not done	1 (4)
Pofractory	2 (12)		- ( )
Reliaciony	5 (12)		

<sup>a</sup>Note: patients can have both hypodiploidy and a translocation

ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell

transplant; MFI, mean fluorescence intensity

Brivio E, et al. Blood. 2020. DOI: 10.1182/blood.2020007848. Online ahead of print.

# 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

Brivio E, et al. ASH Annual Meeting 2019. Blood. 2019;134(suppl\_1):2629.

The BiTE<sup>®</sup> blinatumomab: Designed to bridge cytotoxic T cells (CTCs) to CD19-expressing cancer cells, resulting in cancer cell death<sup>1</sup>



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

1. Baeuerle PA, Reinhardt C. Cancer Res. 2009;69:4941-4944; 2. Bargou R, et al. Science. 2008;321:974-977; 3. Klinger M, et al. Blood. 2012;119:6226-6233; 4. Hoffmann P, et al. Int J Cancer. 2005;115:98-104.

### 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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Locatelli F, et al. Blood Cancer J. 2020, in press.

# **Patient eligibility**

Key inclusion	Age >28 days and <18 years
criteria	<ul> <li>CD19-positive B-precursor ALL with ≥5% blasts in the bone marrow, or &lt;5% blasts but with minimal residual disease (MRD) level ≥10<sup>-3</sup></li> </ul>
	Relapsed/refractory disease defined as
	– ≥2 relapses
	<ul> <li>Relapse after alloHSCT</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Refractory to prior treatments</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Prior treatment with blinatumomab was allowed, provided the patient was not blinatumomab-refractory or intolerant, and leukemic cells were CD19 positive</li> </ul>
Key exclusion	Clinically relevant CNS pathology
criteria	Chemotherapy within 2 weeks, radiotherapy within 4 weeks, or immunotherapy within 6 weeks
	Grade 2–4 acute GvHD or active chronic GvHD
	<ul> <li>Immunosuppressive agents to prevent or treat GvHD within 2 weeks</li> </ul>

CNS, central nervous system; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; alloHSCT, allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation. Locatelli F, et al. *Blood Cancer J.* 2020, *inpress*.

# Best response during first 2 cycles of blinatumomab

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

Locatelli F, et al. Blood Cancer J. 2020, in press.

# **Response within first 2 cycles of blinatumomab**

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

Locatelli F, et al. Blood Cancer J. 2020, in press.

### 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

Franco Locatelli, Gerhard Zugmaier, Carmelo Rizzari, Joan Morris, Bernd Gruhn, Thomas Klingebiel, Rosanna Parasole, Christin Linderkamp, Christian Flotho, Arnaud Petit, Concetta Micalizzi, Noemi Mergen, Abeera Mohammad, Cornelia Eckert, Anja Moericke, Mary Sartor, Ondrej Hrusak, Christina Peters, Vaskar Saha, and Arend von Stackelberg

Locatelli F, et al. EBMT 2020. Abstract GS2-5 and oral presentation.

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



BCP, B-cell precursor; EFS, event-free survival; HC, high-risk consolidation. Locatelli F, et al. EBMT 2020. Abstract GS2-5.

# Superior EFS in the blinatumomab arm



P, stratified log rank P-value; HR, hazard ratio from stratified Cox regression. Adapted from Locatelli F, et al. EBMT 2020. Abstract GS2-5 and oral presentation.

# COG AALL1331 HR/IR ALL relapse, Blina vs Ctx design



Arm A = Chemotherapy Arm B = Blinatumomab Median follow-up = 1.4 years
### COG AALL1331 HR/IR ALL relapse, Blina vs Ctx MRD clearance



No data (off protocol) MRD positive MRD negative



## EHA25 VIRTUAL

TBI or Chemotherapy-Based Conditioning for Children and Adolescents with ALL: the **FORUM** Trial on Behalf of the AIEOP-BFM-ALL SG, IBFM-SG, INTREALL-SG and EBMT-PD WP

**Christina Peters** 

Vienna, Austria

Date: June 12, 15.00 – 17.00 Program section: Presidential Symposium

### Study design ALL SCTped FORUM



Peters C, et al. EHA 2020. Abstract S102.

#### **Results: Intention to treat**





Peters C, et al. EHA 2020. Abstract S102.

#### **Results: CR2 Intention to treat**



Peters C, et al. EHA 2020. Abstract S102.

### Summary of ELIANA study

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Tisagenlecleucel in Children and Young Adults with B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia

- 92 patients enrolled, 75 treated
- 73% Grade 3–4 AEs related to CAR T
- $81\% \rightarrow CR/CRi$ , all MRD negative; 66% in intention-to-treat analysis
- 1-year EFS 50%
- Demonstrates feasibility of delivery in multiple centres
- FDA approval for R/R pediatric ALL: August 2017
- Also approved in the EU, Canada, and Switzerland

#### B Event-free and Overall Survival



No. at Risk												
Overall survival	75	72	64	58	55	40	30	20	12	8	2	0
Event-free survival	75	64	51	37	33	19	13	8	3	3	1	0

Maude SL, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:439-448; KYMRIAH™ (tisagenlecleucel) Prescribing Information. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

# Frequency of high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities in ELIANA and ENSIGN

• 29 of 137 infused patients had high-risk cytogenetic abnormalities

High-Risk Cytogenetic Abnormality	n
Hypodiploidy <sup>a</sup>	3
t(9;22)(q34;q11.2)/BCR-ABL1	5
KMT2A (MLL) rearrangement	4
Intrachromosomal amplification of chromosome 21 (iAMP21)	7
t(17;19)(q23;p13), encoding TCF3-HLFfusion	1
BCR-ABL1-like	6
CRLF2 rearrangement	2
TP53mutation/deletion	1

<sup>a</sup><46 chromosomes. Grupp S, et al. *Hem*a*Sphere*. 2019 3(S1):746-747.

#### **Current limitations of CAR T cells**







# Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL

**Patrick Brown** 









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## **BiTE** Immunotherapy for Pediatric ALL

#### Patrick Brown, MD

Associate Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University Director, Pediatric Leukemia Program, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center Vice Chair for Relapse, COG ALL Committee Chair, NCCN ALL Guideline Panel

#### **Blinatumomab Mechanism of Action**

Bispecific anti-CD19/CD3 BiTE antibody blinatumomab designed to kill autologous tumor cells



Adapted from/courtesy of Amgen.

#### Normal vs BiTE vs CAR vs ADC



Adapted from: Hinrichs CS, et al. Nat Biotechnol. 2013;31:999-1008.

#### Response Rates and Survival in Relapsed/Refractory B-ALL

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#### Unprecedented initial response rates . . . BUT . . .

1. Kantarjian H, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:836-847; 2. von Stackelberg A, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2016;34:4381-4389; 3. Kantarjian H, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375:740-753; 4. Maude SL, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;378:439-448.

## Survival in R/R ALL (adult)

Blinatumomab



Blina: Improved survival initially, but not durable

## Survival in R/R ALL

#### Inotuzumab Ozogamicin<sup>1</sup>



#### Ino: Improved survival initially, but not durable

#### Tisagenlecleucel<sup>2</sup>



#### N Engl J Med 2018;378:439-448

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

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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)

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

MRD+

Adapted from/courtesy of Novartis.

## Response Rates and Survival in MRD+ B-ALL (Adults)

- N = 116 adults, international multicenter single-arm Ph 2
- MRD+ (>10<sup>-3</sup>)
- 65% in CR1 (rest 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



### Response Rates and Survival in MRD+ B-ALL (Children/AYA)





#### COG AALL1331

- Serious AE rates: 40%–60% vs 0%–10%
- MRD clearance rate: 30% vs 81%
- Proceed to HSCT: 45% vs 73%

Brow n P, et al. Blood. 2019;134(suppl\_2):LBA-1.

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



#### Median follow-up 1.4 years

Brow n P, et al. Blood. 2019;134(suppl\_2):LBA-1.

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### COG AALL1331: LR Randomization



#### CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP

Unpublished data.

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#### Superior MRD remission by PCR in the blinatumomab arm (overall and by baseline<sup>\*</sup> MRD status)



\*Baseline: end of HC2 (screening sample before enrollment) PCR, polymerase chain reaction

Adapted from Locatelli F, et al. EBMT 2020; Abstract GS2-5 and oral presentation.

#### 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	lpilimumab
Pembrolizumab*	Avelumab	
	Durvalumab	

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

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



Unpublished data.

#### What Happens When Blinatumomab Doesn't Work?

- LATE: Antigen escape
  - CD19 splice variants<sup>1</sup>
  - Defective CD19 membrane trafficking<sup>2</sup>
  - Lineage switching (esp. MLL-r)<sup>3</sup>

#### Multiantigen targeting?

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

1. Sotillo, et al. Cancer Discov. 2015;5(12):1282-1295; 2. Braig, et al. Blood. 2017;129(1):100-104; 3. Gardner, et al. Blood. 2016;127(20):2406-2410.





A 14-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. Gram-negative bacterial sepsis
- b. Disseminated adenoviral infection
- c. Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- d. Macrophage activation syndrome (MAS)
- e. Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)



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

- a. True
- b. False





Case-based panel discussion: Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in pediatric patients





## **Overview of long-term toxicities**

**Rob Pieters** 







## Long-term toxicities in pediatric ALL

Rob Pieters Chief Medical Officer





## Which factor has the lowest probability of causing significant long-term toxicity in pediatric ALL?

- a) The anthracyclines daunorubicin and/or doxorubicin in a cumulative dose of >300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 5 years at diagnosis
- b) Methotrexate in a cumulative dose of 20,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 8 years at diagnosis
- c) Cranial radiotherapy in a child aged 2 years at diagnosis
- d) Dexamethasone in a female child aged 14 years at diagnosis




#### Which assertion is NOT correct?

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# Cumulative late mortality of childhood cancer survivors by year of diagnosis





Time since diagnosis

#### Cumulative late mortality of survivors of childhood leukemia





## Survival of 5-year ALL survivors: irradiated vs nonirradiated



### Late effects of treatment in ALL

- Second malignancies
- Osteonecrosis
- Neurocognitive sequelae
- Cardiomyopathy
- Insulin dependent diabetes (pancreatitis)
- Chronic GvH
- Chronic immune deficiency (CD19-directed CAR T cells)



### **Cumulative incidence of second neoplasms in 8831 children with ALL**





# Second neoplasms among 5-year survivors of childhood ALL in the CCSS cohort: role of radiotherapy





Robison LL, et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2011;2011:238-242.

Cumulative dose of cranial irradiation and chemotherapeutic agents vs second malignancies in patients with first relapse of ALL, treated with ALL-REZ BFM 83–96





Borgmann A, et al. Eur J Cancer. 2008;44(2):257-268.

# Cumulative incidence of symptomatic osteonecrosis in pediatric ALL





Te Winkel ML, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29(31):4143-4150.

# Age at diagnosis in patients with and without symptomatic osteonecrosis





#### Te Winkel ML, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29(31):4143-4150.

# Multivariate logistic regression analysis of symptomatic osteonecrosis in relation to age, sex, and treatment arm



	Initial Model		
Risk Factor	OR	95% CI	Р
Age at diagnosis of ALL, years	1.47	1.33 to 1.63	< .001
BMI at diagnosis, sds	0.88	0.64 to 1.20	.41
Sex			
Male	1.00		
Female	2.13	0.99 to 4.62	.05
Risk group			
Non-high risk	1.00		
High risk	0.69	0.30 to 1.60	.39

Te Winkel ML, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29(31):4143-4150.

#### **Osteonecrosis by age in ALL: UKALL XII study**





### **Osteonecrosis: continuous vs alternate-week dexamethasone**





Mattano LA, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2012;13(9):906-915.

# Effects of 1800 cGy cranial radiation on intellectual performance as a function of age at diagnosis





Jankovic M, et al. Lancet. 1994;344(8917):224-227.

# IQ and rapid naming tasks: intrathecal (IT) vs IT plus cranial radiation therapy (CRT)





Waber DP, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2007;25(31):4914-4921.

# **Risk of anthracycline-induced clinical heart failure in childhood cancer**



Princess máxima center pediatric oncology

#### Van Dalen EC, et al. *Eur J Cancer*. 2006;42(18):3191-3198.

# Shortening fraction by bolus or 6-hour infusion of daunorubicin





### **Cardiac troponin during doxorubicin therapy in ALL with** (blue) or without (red) dexrazoxane





### Late effects of treatment in ALL

- Second malignancies
- Osteonecrosis
- Neurocognitive sequelae
- Cardiomyopathy
- ... Others ...
- Large series
- Long follow-up
- Structured follow-up
- Feedback to current protocols



#### Late effects outpatient clinic











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### Thank you!







### **Patient case presentation**

#### **Patrick Brown**





## Patient Case Presentation: Acute Toxicities in Pediatric ALL

### Patrick Brown, MD

Director, Pediatric Leukemia Program Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Chair, NCCN ALL Guideline Committee

### **Case Presentation**

- 15 y/o female presents to outside ER with 2-week history of progressive diffuse bone pain and fatigue; in last week, developed intermittent lowgrade fevers and nosebleeds
- PE: Pallor, diffuse lymphadenopathy and hepatosplenomegaly, scattered petechiae
- CBC
  - WBC 69,000 per uL, 94% blasts; ANC 950 per uL;
    Hgb: 6.6 gm/dl; PLT: 33,000 per uL



Suspected diagnosis: Acute lymphoblastic leukemia

### **Case Presentation (continued)**



Bone Marrow Biopsy



Bone Marrow Aspirate



#### Flow Cytometry Plots

- LDH 488
- Uric Acid 5.9
- K 4.1, Phos 3.6, Ca 9.3
- DIC panel normal

• CSF: WBC 1, RBC 0, no blasts on cytospin

• Normal echo, EKG

Diagnosis: B-lymphoblastic leukemia

### **Case Presentation (continued)**

- Initial treatment: standard induction for pediatric "high-risk" ALL
  - 4 weeks of vincristine (days 1,8,15 and 22), prednisone (days 1-28), PEG asparaginase (day 4), daunorubicin (days 1, 8, 15 and 22), intrathecal methotrexate (days 1, 8 and 29)
- On day 11 of treatment, patient develops acute onset of severe frontal headache, blurry vision, and vomiting
- The headache is the same whether lying, sitting, or standing



Of the following, which is MOST likely cause of this patient's headache?

- a) Spinal headache due to CSF leak
- b) Intrathecal methotrexate-related neurotoxicity
- c) Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis
- d) Progressive CNS leukemia
- e) Subarachnoid hemorrhage

## **Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis (CVST)**

- Incidence: Venous thromboembolism (VTE) occurred in 59 of 778 (8%) on DCOG ALL-10 study, of which 26 (44%) were CVST
- Risk factors
  - PEG + steroid co-administration
  - Compared with other VTE, CVST occurs earlier in therapy (induction) and earlier after PEG (median 3 days)
- Diagnosis: MRV
- Treatment: LMWH



Klaassen ILM, et al. Res Pract Thromb Haemost. 2019;3(2):234-241.

### **Case Presentation (continued)**

- End induction marrow
  - Complete morphologic remission
  - Flow cytometry for residual B-lymphoblasts negative -> no minimal residual disease (MRD negative)
- Patient proceeds to consolidation chemotherapy: cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, 6MP, PEG, vincristine, and IT methotrexate
- Approximately 1 minute after beginning the day 15 IV PEG infusion, she develops severe anxiety, diffuse flushing, abdominal pain, nausea, and decreased blood pressure
- The infusion is stopped, and patient is given diphenhydramine and a normal saline bolus, with resolution of symptoms

# **?** Question 2

#### Which of the following would be your next step for this patient?

- a) Bring the patient back to clinic the following day and rechallenge with PEG after premedication with diphenhydramine and hydrocortisone and a slower initial infusion rate
- b) Discontinue PEG permanently due to hypersensitivity; attempt to obtain Erwinia asparaginase as a substitute
- c) Draw a serum asparaginase activity level and use results to determine whether to rechallenge with PEG or not
- d) Discontinue PEG permanently and substitute with etoposide

### **PEG Infusion Reactions**

- IV PEG: 2 types of AEs have been described
  - True hypersensitivity reactions due to the production of neutralizing antibodies
  - Infusion-related reactions, not associated with neutralization
- These 2 AEs can be difficult or impossible to distinguish, since
  - Reactions occur very early (seconds/minutes into infusion), have overlapping signs/symptoms, and are extremely distressing for patient, family, and staff, resulting in immediate cessation of infusion
  - Since TDM is <u>not interpretable</u> when patients have received <5% of planned dose, SAA assays not useful

Burke MJ, et al. *Leuk Lymph.* 2017;58(3):540-551.

### **PEG Premeds and TDM**

- *Premedicate* all patients receiving asparaginase products 20-30 minutes prior to dose
  - Diphenhydramine 1 mg/kg (PO or IV)
  - Famotidine (0.5 mg/kg) or ranitidine (2 mg/kg) PO or IV
  - Hydrocortisone 2 mg/kg IV for those with previous reactions
- Manage clinically significant reaction
  - Diphenhydramine first-line, steroids second, epi for airway involvement
- Test (SAA)
  - PEG: 7 (4-10) days later (every dose)
  - Erwinaze: 2 days later
- Interpret SAA
  - ≤0.1 units/mL despite having received a reasonable dose, change to Erwinaze
  - − ≥0.1 units/mL and reaction not severe, prefer rechallenge with PEG

Cooper SL, et al. Pediatric Blood and Cancer. 2019;66(8):e27797.

### **PEG Premeds and TDM**



- Savings per patient not changed to Erwinaze: \$106,967
- Savings per patient premedicated (NNT 10.1): **\$10,547**

Cooper SL, et al. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2019;66(8):e27797.

### **Case Presentation (continued)**

- Patient completed consolidation chemotherapy and moved on to interim maintenance, consisting of vincristine, 6MP, and high-dose IV methotrexate every 2 weeks (days 1, 15, 29, and 43), plus IT methotrexate on day 1 and 29
- On day 39, developed acute onset of right arm and leg weakness


Of the following, which is MOST likely cause of this patient's weakness?

- a) Acute cerebrovascular accident (stroke)
- b) Intrathecal methotrexate-related neurotoxicity
- c) Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis
- d) Hypertensive crisis
- e) Vincristine-related neurotoxicity

### Acute methotrexate neurotoxicity

- Can be a complication of either intrathecal or high-dose IV methotrexate
- Typically occurs 9-11 days after exposure
- MRI must be done urgently to rule out CVA most likely finding is leukoencephalopathy
- Complete and rapid resolution is typical
- Most patients will tolerate reintroduction of IT methotrexate as follows
  - Substitute with cytarabine for 1 treatment
  - Give methotrexate with leucovorin rescue for 1 treatment
  - Resume standard IT methotrexate



Case courtesy of Assoc Prof Frank Gaillard, Radiopaedia.org, rID: 4438

#### Other important acute toxicities

- Vincristine: peripheral neuropathy, constipation, SIADH
- **PEG asparaginase**: pancreatitis, hepatotoxicity, dyslipidemia
- Steroids: hyperglycemia, hypertension, psychosis, AVN, gastritis



Case-based panel discussion: Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in pediatric patients





# Educational ARS questions

Franco Locatelli





Global Leukemia Academy



# After listening to the breakout session, 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





# After listening to the breakout session, 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





#### **Session close**

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