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Welcome and meeting overview

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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

Explore the impact of COVID-19 on current patient treatment

Virtual plenary sessions (Day 1)

Time CET	Title	Speaker/Moderator
16.00 – 16.10	Welcome and meeting overview	Elias Jabbour, Franco Locatelli
16.10 – 16.25	Review of prognostic value of MRD in ALL	Elias Jabbour
16.25 – 16.40	How and when to check for MRD in ALL, including CR1 and CR2	Josep-Maria Ribera
16.40 – 16.55	Genetic variants in ALL – Ph+ and Ph-like	Philippe Rousselot
16.55 – 17.15	AYA ALL patients – what is the current treatment approach for this diverse patient population?	<i>Moderator:</i> Franco Locatelli <i>Presenter:</i> Rob Pieters
17.15 – 17.40	Bispecific T-cell engagers as post-reinduction therapy improves survival in pediatric and AYA B-ALL	<i>Moderator:</i> Franco Locatelli <i>Presenter:</i> Patrick Brown
17.40 – 18.00	Break	
18.00 – 18.45	Panel discussion on the role of HSCT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pros and cons of transplantation (10 min) Role of transplant in MRD+ population (10 min) Discussion and voting (25 min) 	<i>Moderator:</i> Elias Jabbour <i>Presenters:</i> Patrick Brown Josep-Maria Ribera <i>All faculty</i>
18.45 – 19.25	Debate on CD19-targeted approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CART (10 min) Bispecifics (10 min) Discussion and voting (20 min) 	<i>Moderator:</i> Franco Locatelli <i>Presenters:</i> Josep-Maria Ribera Elias Jabbour <i>All faculty</i>
19.25 – 19.55	Emerging data and the management of ALL patients during COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 min) Panel discussion (20 min) 	<i>Moderator:</i> Franco Locatelli <i>Presenter:</i> Elias Jabbour <i>All faculty</i>
19.55 – 20.00	Session close	Elias Jabbour, Franco Locatelli

Virtual breakout – adult ALL patients (Day 2)

Time CET	Title	Speaker
18.00 – 18.15	Session open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational ARS questions for the audience 	Elias Jabbour
18.15 – 18.35	Optimizing first-line therapy in adult and older ALL – integration of immunotherapy into frontline regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 min) Q&A (5 min) 	Elias Jabbour
18.35 – 18.55	Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in adult and elderly patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 min) Q&A (5 min) 	Dieter Hoelzer
18.55 – 19.45	Case-based panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in adult and elderly patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case 1 (15 min) Case 2 (15 min) Discussion (20 min) 	<i>Case 1:</i> Philippe Rousselot <i>Case 2:</i> Josep-Maria Ribera <i>Faculty panel:</i> E. Jabbour, D. Hoelzer, J.M. Ribera, P. Rousselot
19.45 – 20.00	Session close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational ARS questions for the audience 	Elias Jabbour

Virtual breakout – pediatric ALL patients (Day 2)

Time CET	Title	Speaker
18.00 – 18.15	Session open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational ARS questions for the audience 	Franco Locatelli
18.15 – 18.45	First-line treatment of pediatric ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 min) Q&A (15 min) 	Rob Pieters
18.45 – 19.15	Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT and COVID-19 considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 min) Q&A (15 min) 	Franco Locatelli
19.15 – 19.45	Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 min) Q&A (15 min) 	Patrick Brown
19.45 – 20.15	Case-based panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of long- and short-term toxicities and treatment selection in pediatric patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of long-term toxicities (10 min) Patient case presentation (10 min) Discussion (10 min) 	Rob Pieters Patrick Brown <i>Faculty panel:</i> R. Pieters, F. Locatelli, P. Brown
20.15 – 20.30	Session close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational ARS questions for the audience 	Franco Locatelli

Introduction to the voting system

Elias Jabbour





Question 1

Which languages do you speak? (multiple-choice)

- a) English
- b) German
- c) Spanish
- d) French
- e) Russian
- f) Mandarin
- g) Arabic



Question 2

How many patients with ALL are you currently following?

- a) 0
- b) 1–5
- c) 6–15
- d) 16–20
- e) ≥ 21



Question 3

How do you assess for minimal residual disease (MRD)?

- a) We do not check for MRD
- b) Multicolor flow
- c) Molecular PCR
- d) Next-generation sequencing platform

Review of prognostic value of MRD in ALL

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Review of Prognostic Value of MRD in ALL

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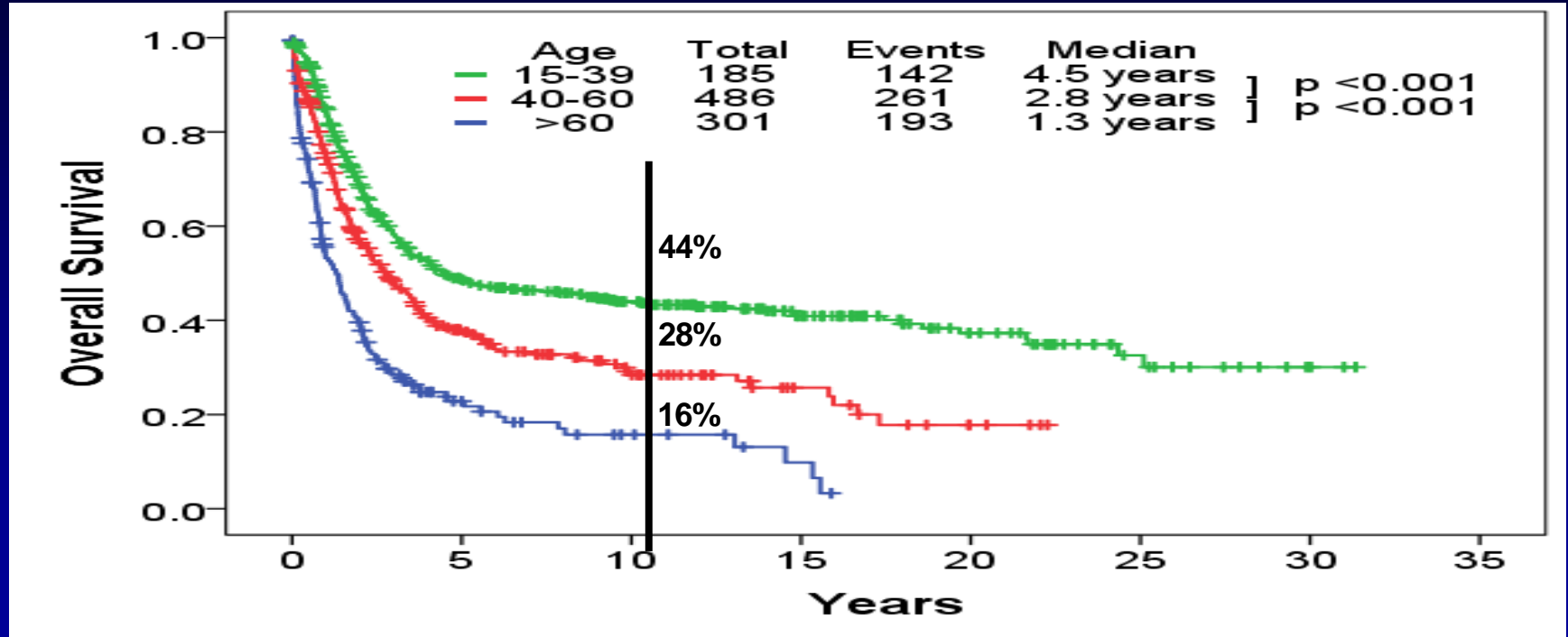
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 - Pfizer, Takeda, Amgen, AbbVie, BMS

Survival of 972 Adults With Ph- ALL

- 972 pts Rx 1980–2016; median F/U 10.4 years



Minimal (measurable) Residual Disease

- Concept first described 40 years ago
- Main methods are flow cytometric detection of leukemic immunophenotype (LIP), detection of ALL fusion transcripts, and detection of antigen receptor rearrangements commonly to 10^{-4} (1:10,000 cells)
- Timing of testing varies widely
- Important interaction with leukemic subtype and genomic alterations
- Role of more-sensitive tests, and with newer treatment approaches less clear



Question 1

When do you assess for MRD?

- a) Monthly
- b) At CR
- c) At 3 months from induction
- d) At CR and 3 months from induction, and every 3 months thereafter
- e) I never check for MRD

How to Define the Risk?

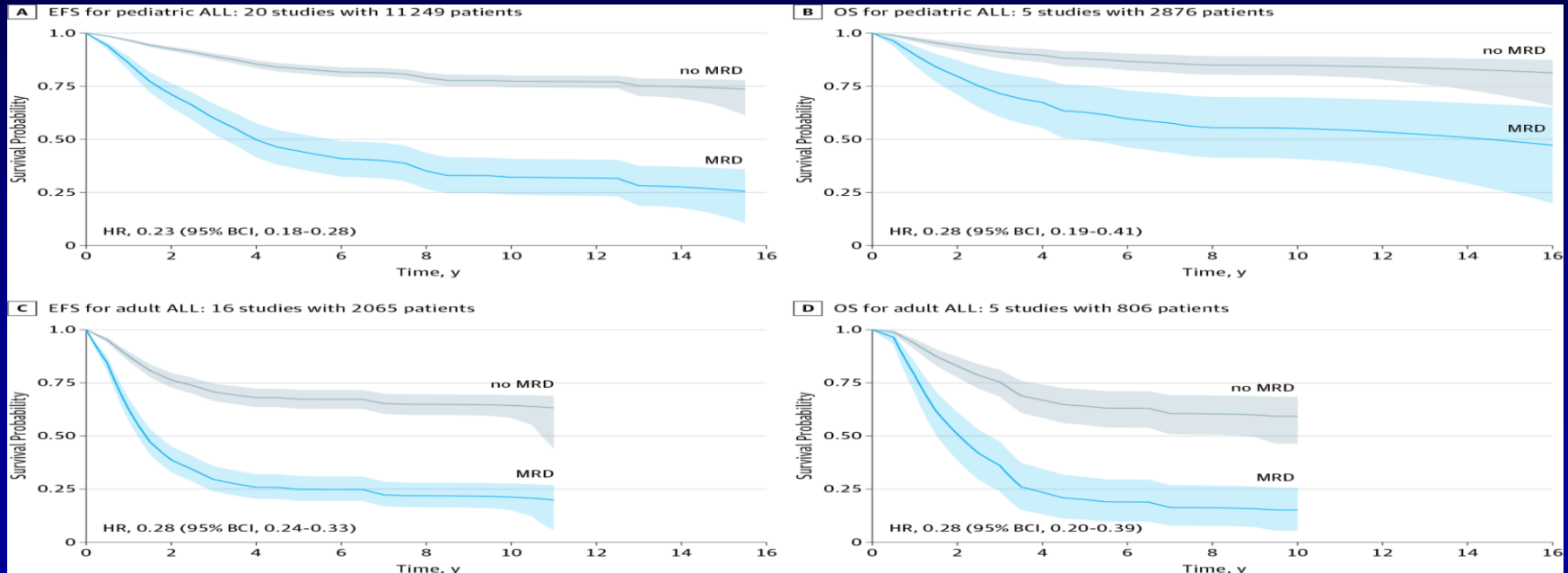
- Can be defined **BEFORE** treatment
- And/or redefined **DURING** treatment
 - MRD, which can possibly better define transplant candidates
 - Steroid pretreatment

Treatment of ALL Before the MRD Era: High CR Rates but Relapse Is Common

Study	N	Median Age, Year (range)	Ph+, %	T Cell, %	CR, %	DFS, %
MRC/ECOG E2993	1826	31 (15-65)	19	20	91	38 at ≥3 yr
CALGB 19802	163	41 (16-82)	18	–	78	35 at 3 yr
GIMEMA ALL 0288	778	27.5 (12.0-60.0)	22	22	82	29 at 9 yr
GMALL 05/93	1163	35 (15-65)	24	24	83	35-40 at 5 yr
GOELAMS 02	198	33 (15-59)	22	21	86	41 at 6 yr
HyperCVAD	288	40 (15-92)	17	13	92	38 at 5 yr
JALSG-ALL93	263	31 (15-59)	22	21	78	30 at 6 yr
LALA-94	922	33 (15-55)	23	26	84	36 at 5 yr

MRD in ALL

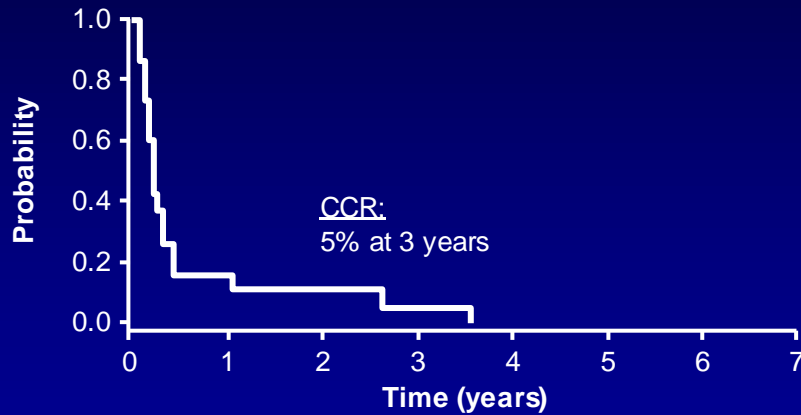
- Meta-analysis of 39 studies (pediatric and adult), including 13,637 patients with all subtypes
- Prognostic impact of MRD clearance consistent across therapies, MRD method, timing, level of cutoff, and subtypes



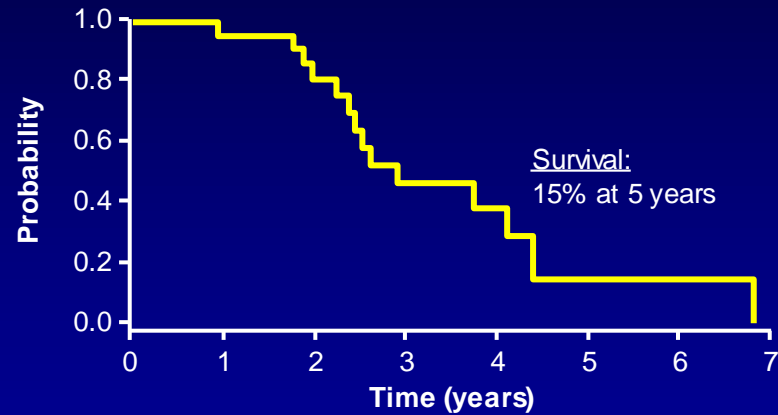
Molecular Relapse (MRD- → MRD+) Is Predictive of Cytologic Relapse in Patients in CR1

Probability of continuous CR and survival in n = 24 adult ALL patients in first CR but with molecular relapse

Probability of CCR*



Probability of OS*

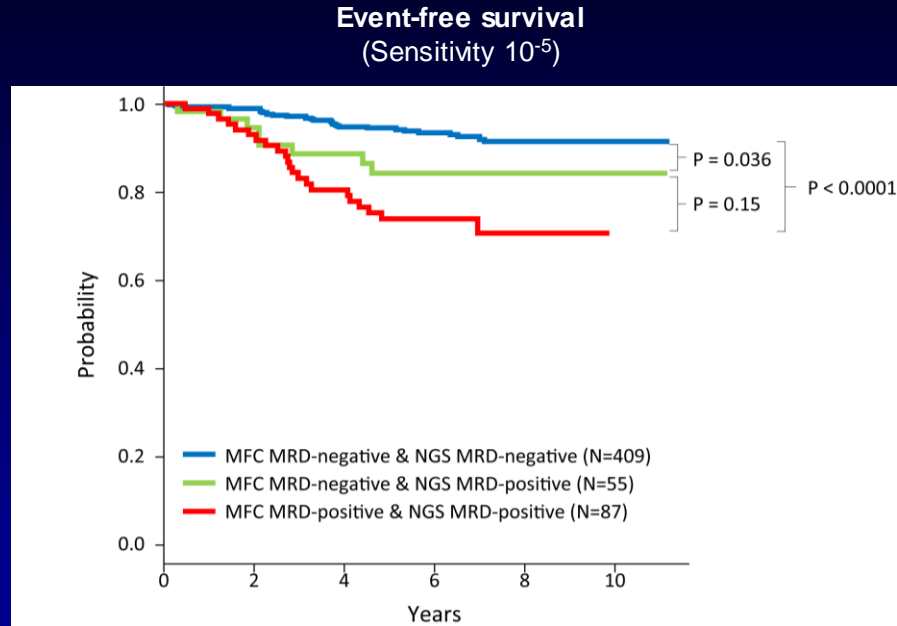


Conversion from MRD- to MRD+ preceded hematologic relapse by a median 2.6 months and predicted poor survival

MRD Methods

Method	Sensitivity	Advantages	Disadvantages
Flow cytometry for “difference from normal”	$\sim 10^{-4}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Relatively inexpensive Potential to detect phenotypic shifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confounders: increased benign B-cell precursors during marrow recovery; potential phenotypic shifts Requires significant technical expertise Limited standardization (though attempts in progress)
RQ-PCR for IGH/TCR gene rearrangements	$\sim 10^{-4}$ to 10^{-5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitive Well standardized with consensus guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time consuming and labor intensive Requires significant technical expertise May not detect small subclones at diagnosis Expensive
RQ-PCR for recurrent gene fusions	$\sim 10^{-4}$ to 10^{-5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitive Uses standard primers utilized for diagnostic purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable to <50% of ALL cases Limited standardization
Next-generation sequencing	$\sim 10^{-6}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very sensitive Fast (uses consensus primers) Potential to track small subclones and clonal evolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires complex bioinformatics Minimal clinical validation Expensive

NGS Identified Patients With Improved EFS

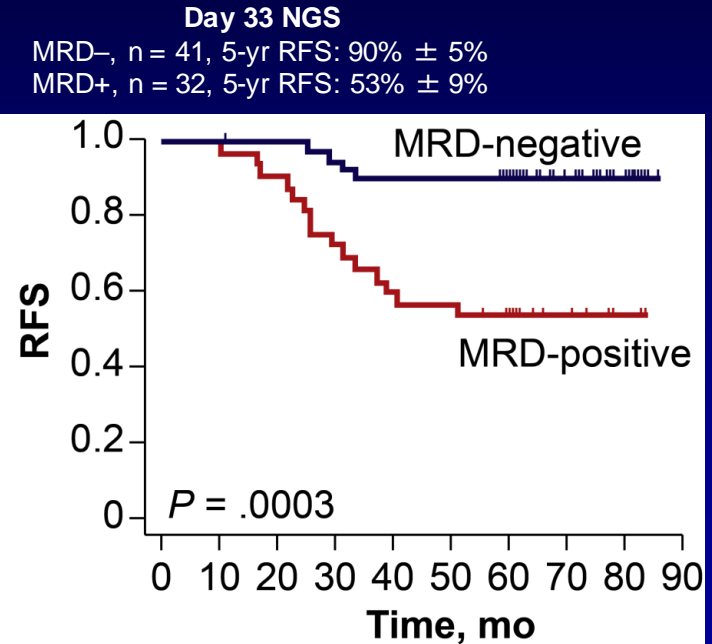
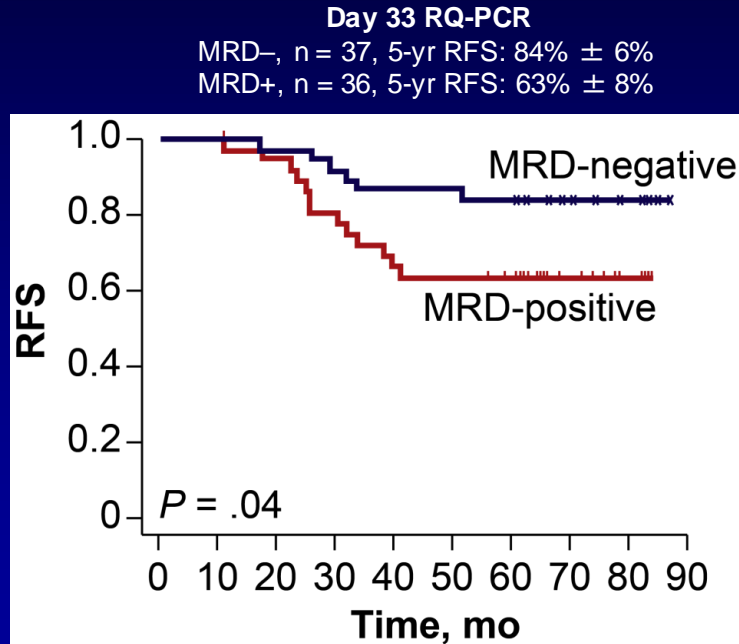


EFS was significantly worse in the NGS MRD+/flow cytometry MRD- group than patients who were MRD- by both methods ($P = .036$).

Six patients were identified as NGS MRD- and MFC MRD+.

Comparison: NGS With RQ-PCR

- Prognostic value of d+33 MRD (pediatric ALL, BFM-based treatment)



Next-Generation Sequencing vs FMC MRD in ALL

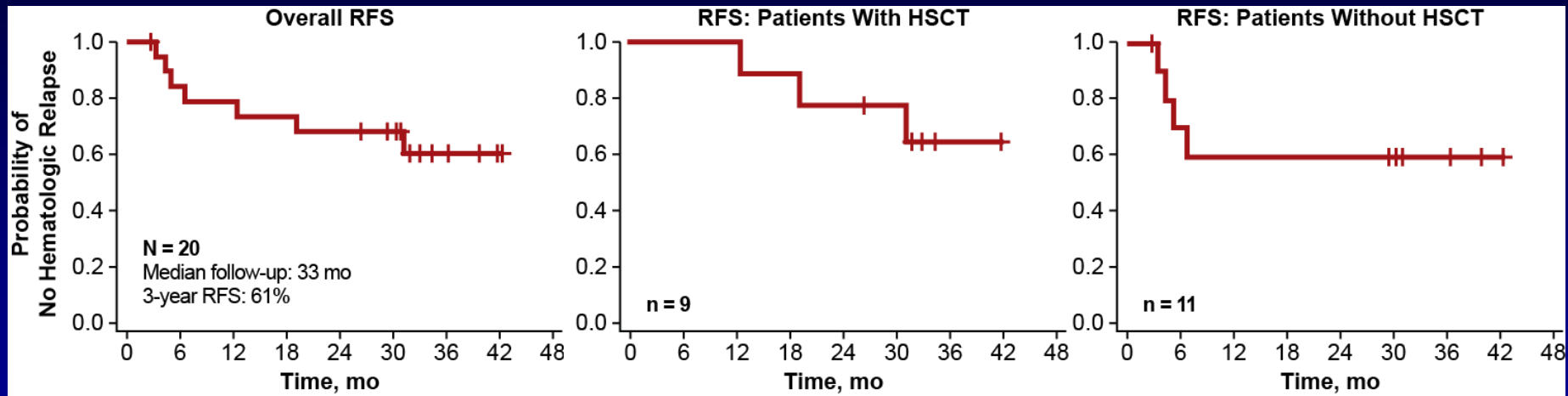
- FDA accepted MRD negativity as Rx endpoint in ALL, regardless of methodology
- Blinatumomab FDA approved (April 2018) for Rx of MRD+ ALL in CR1-CR2 on the basis of *JAMA Oncology* meta-analysis (Don Berry) and German single-arm trial results
- NGS detects MRD at 10^{-6} ; 4- to 8-color FCM detects MRD at 10^{-4}
- In adult ALL, MRD $>0.1\%$ at CR and $>0.05\%$ – 0.01% 2–3 mo in CR predictive of worse survival on chemoRx
- NGS may predict better – ongoing studies at MDACC of outcome at MRD $<10^{-6}$ vs 10^{-6} – 10^{-4} vs $>10^{-4}$

Postremission Rx of ALL According to FCM MRD

- 307 pts age 15–60 yr with pre-B ALL
- ORR 91%; 83% after induction 1
- If MRD $>0.1\%$ at end of induction (week 5), $>0.01\%$ at midconsolidation (week 17): chemoRx then alloSCT, otherwise chemoRx alone
- ORR 277/307 = 81%; 94 (31%) assigned to alloSCT and 190 (62%) chemoRx

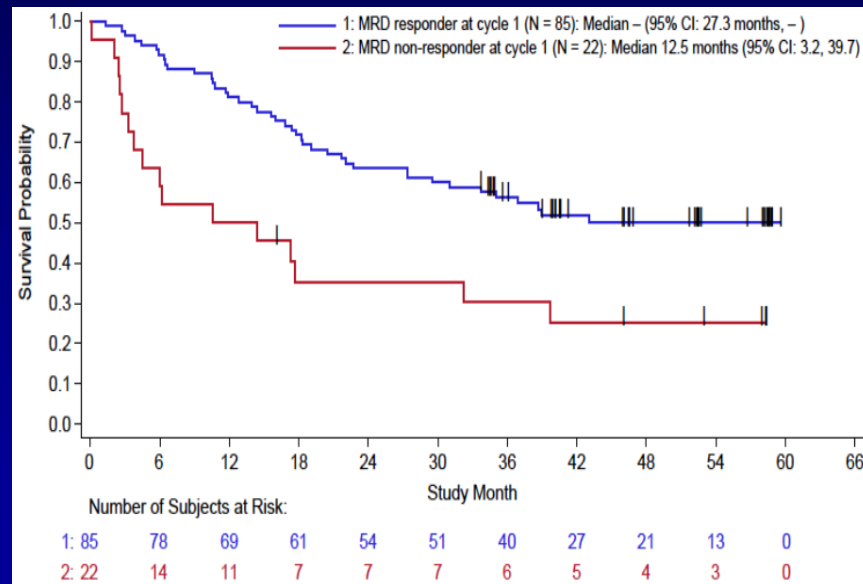
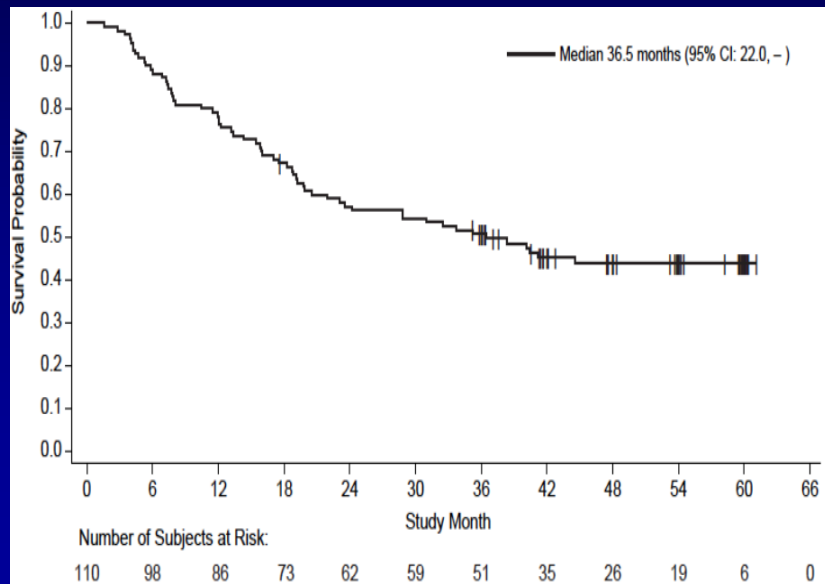
	5-yr CIR, %	5-yr OS, %
Overall	44	48
AlloSCT	37	38
ChemoRx	48	55
MRD <0.1 at CR and <0.01 at consolidation	42	66
MRD <0.01 at CR	17	90

Blinatumomab in MRD+ BCP-ALL: MT103-202 Trial

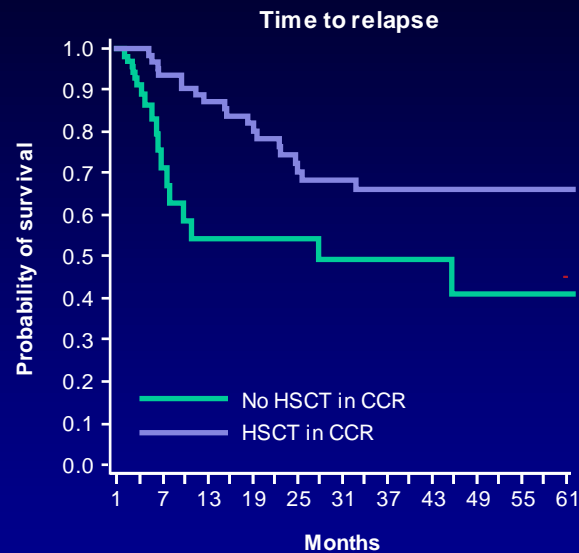
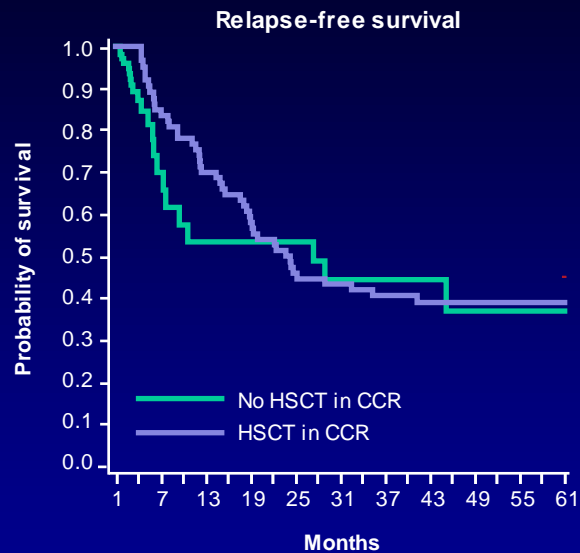
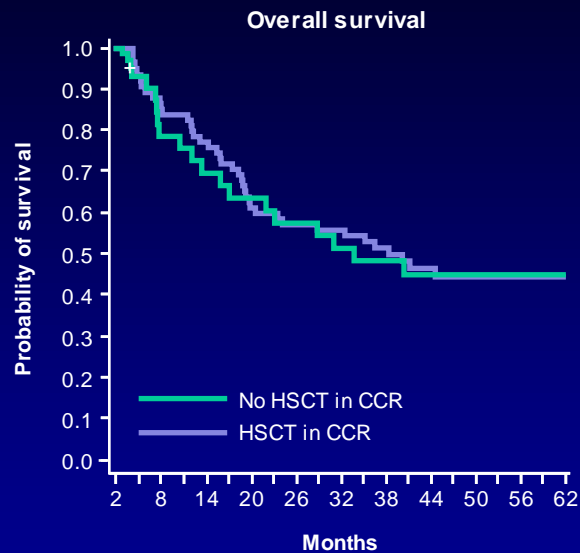


Blinatumomab for MRD+ ALL in CR1/CR2

- 113 pts Rx. Post-blina **MRD– 88/113 = 78%**
- 110 evaluated (blasts <5%, MRD+); 74 received alloSCT. Median FU 53 mo
- Median OS 36.5 mo; **4-yr OS 45%; 4-yr OS if MRD– 52%**
- Continuous CR 30/74 post-alloSCT (40%); 12/36 without SCT (33%)



Outcomes by HSCT Use in CCR: Simon-Makuch Analyses – Landmark of 2 Months



Number of patients at risk:

Non-HSCT	94	27	23	21	19	17	14	10	10	9	0
HSCT	15	63	58	45	42	41	31	22	15	7	0

	103	16	12	12	12	10	8	6	5	5	0
	2	62	53	42	34	33	25	19	14	7	0

	101	16	12	12	11	10	8	6	5	5	0
	2	61	53	42	34	33	25	19	14	7	0

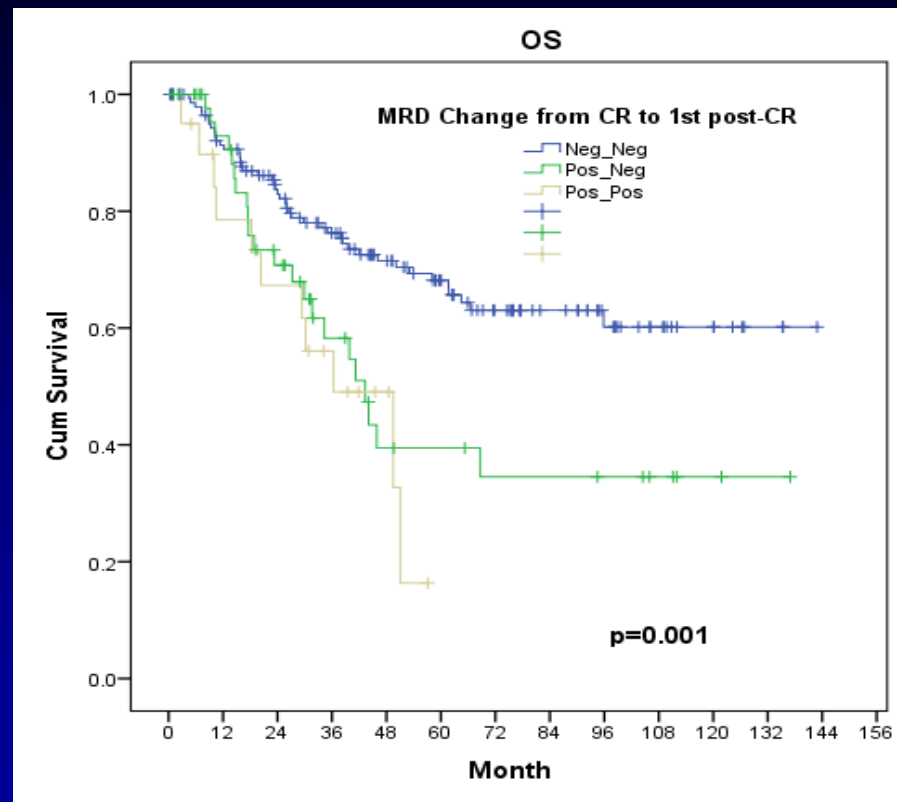
Landmark of 2 months for overall survival and 40 days for other analyses was used to ensure non-zero number of patients in the HSCT group.

CCR, continuous complete remission; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

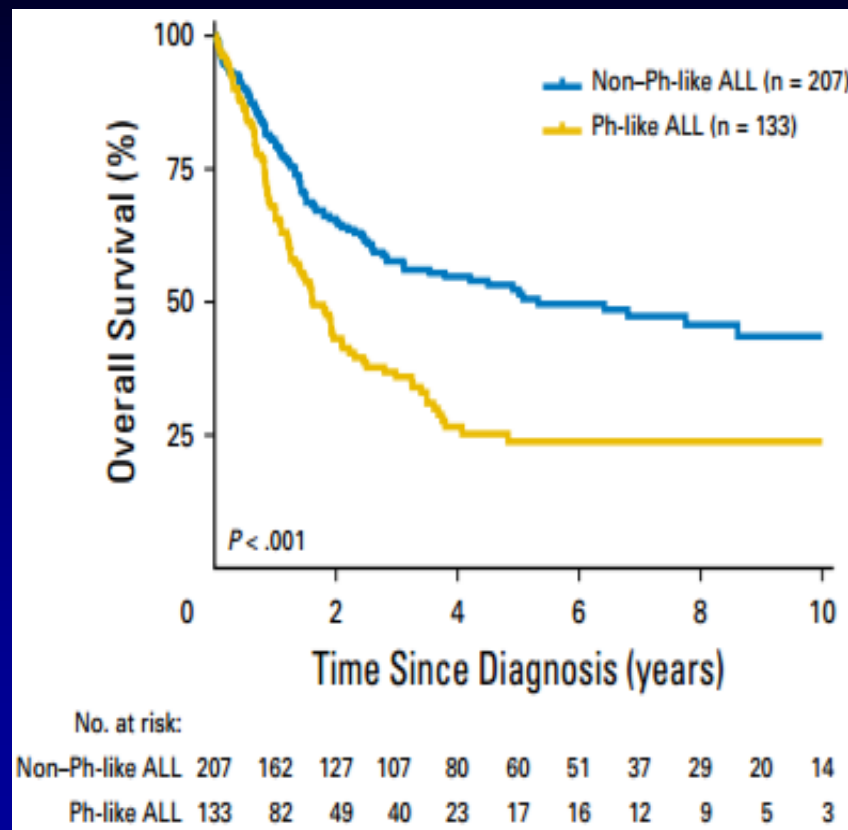
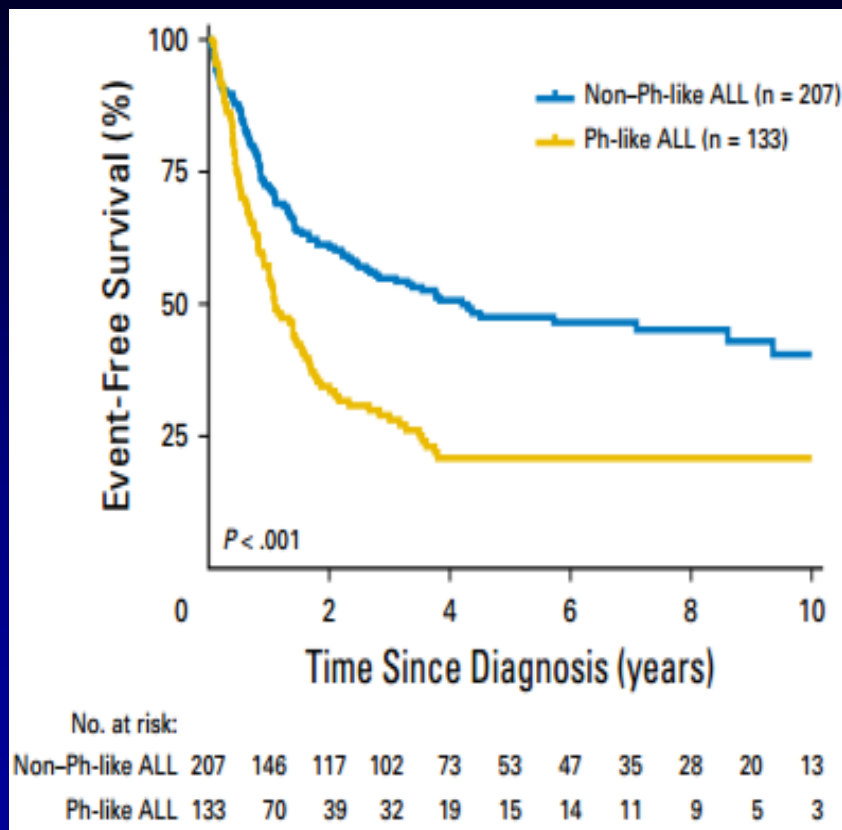
Goekbuget N, et al. Slides presented at: 60th ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition of the American Society of Hematology; December 1-4, 2018; San Diego, CA.

Dynamics of MRD: Outcome

MRD Status		Patients (%) n = 214	5-yr EFS, %	5-yr OS, %
@CR	@ First post-CR			
Negative	Negative	147 (69)	56	68
≤0.1%	Negative	14 (7)	31	46
>0.1%	Negative	33 (15)	32	38
Positive	Positive	20 (9)	NA	NA



Ph-Like ALL: Survival and EFS

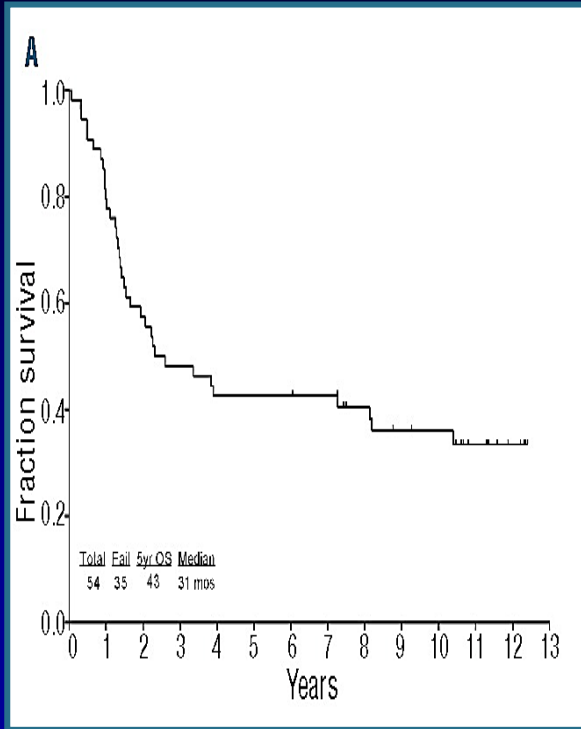


Ph-Like ALL: Higher MRD+ Rate

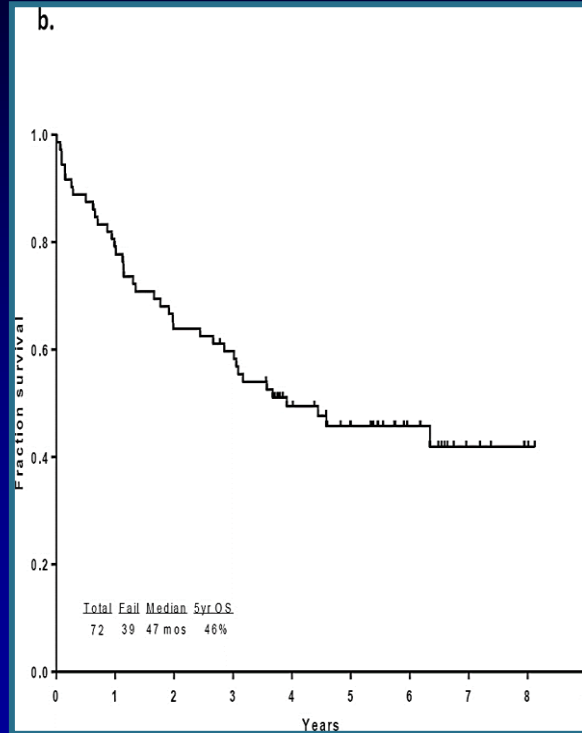
	B-ALL Categories (N = 155)			
	Ph-like	Ph+	B – other	<i>P</i> value
N	56	46	53	
CR/CRp	50 (89)	43 (93)	50 (94)	.57
MRD at CR				
Positive	23 (70)	15 (44)	4 (13)	<.001
Negative	10 (30)	19 (56)	27(87)	

TKI for Ph+ ALL

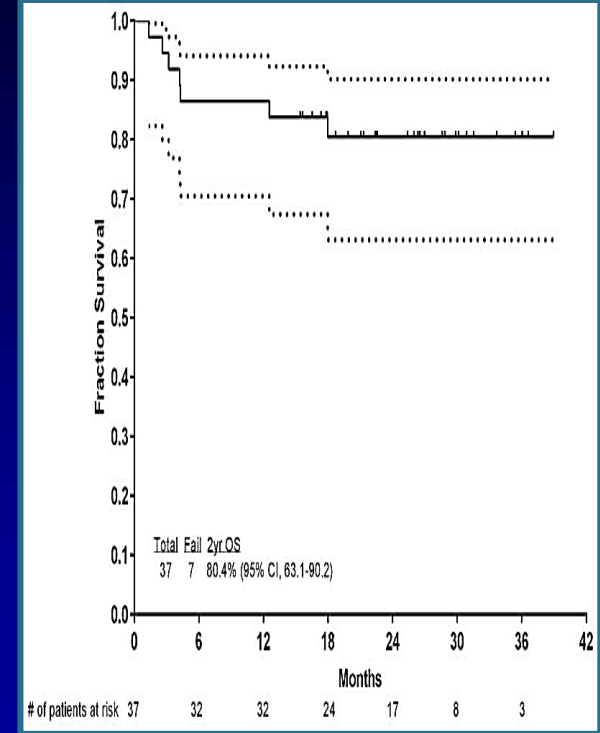
Imatinib: 5-yr OS = 43%



Dasatinib: 5-yr OS = 46%

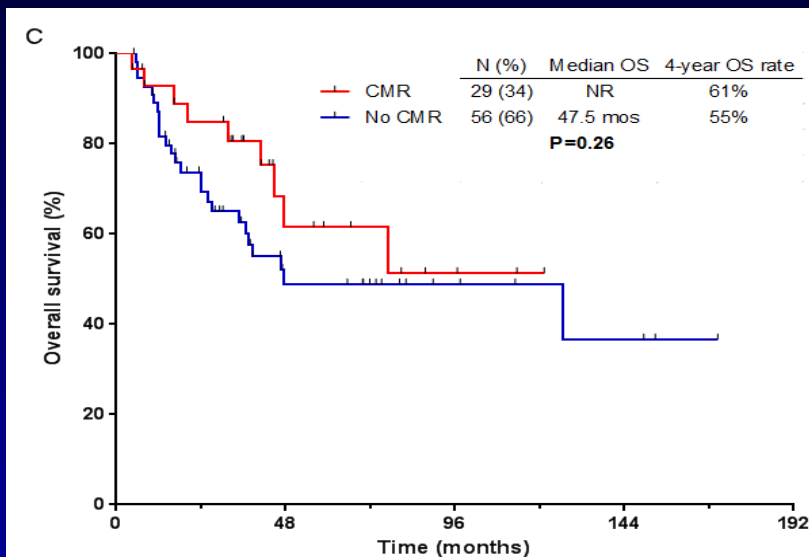


Ponatinib: 5-yr OS = 71%

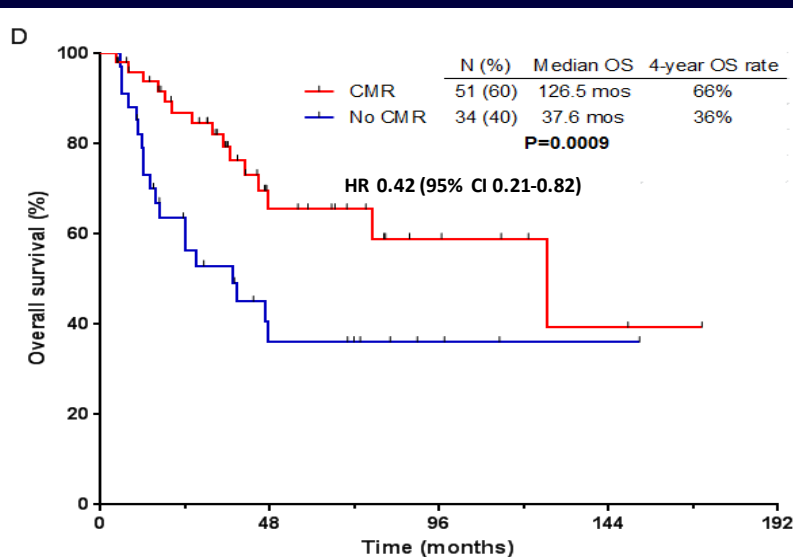


CMR in Ph+ ALL: OS for CMR vs Others

At CR



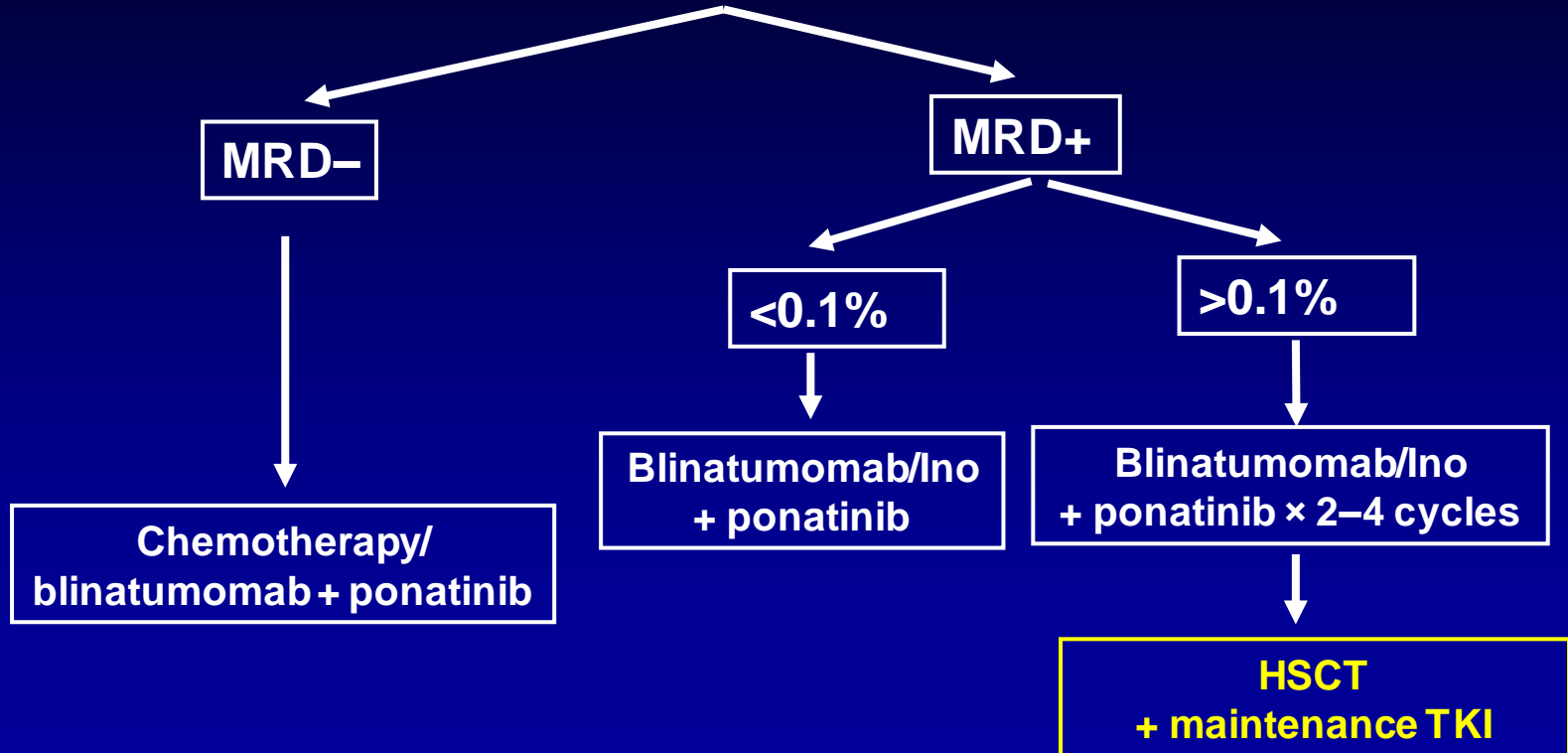
At 3 months



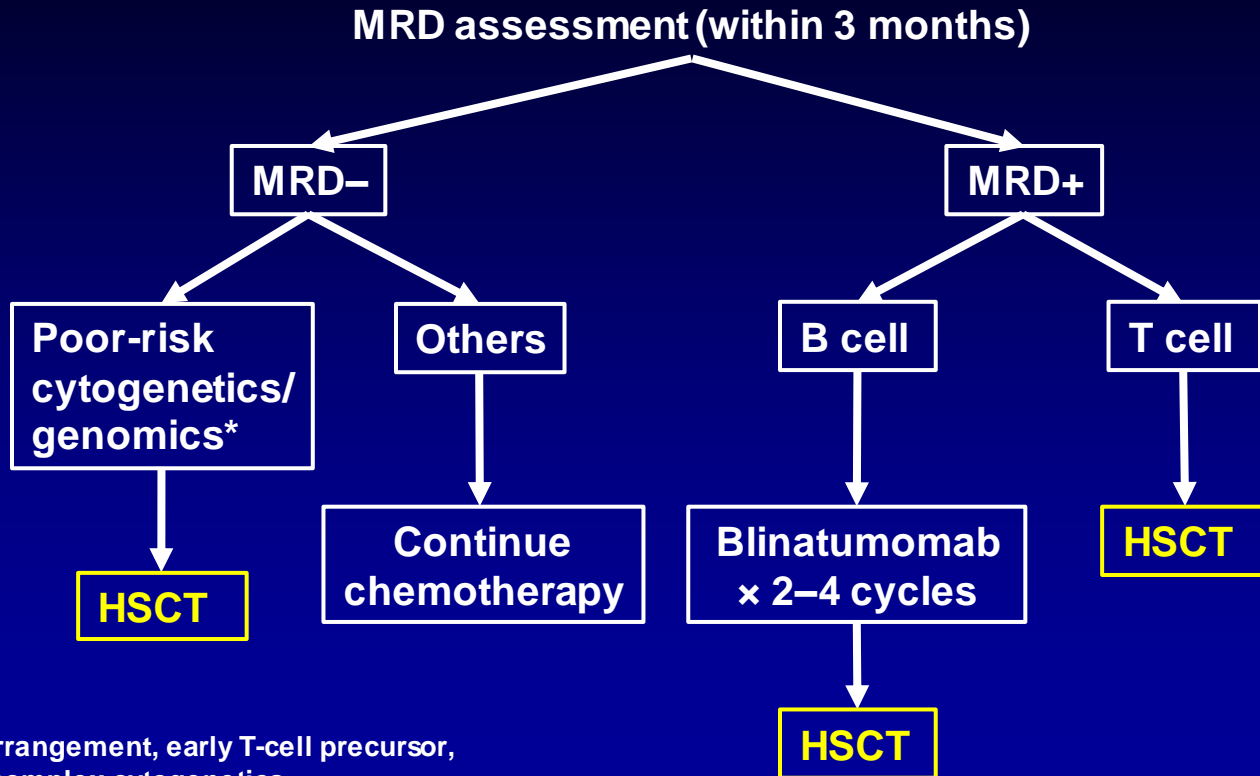
- MVA for OS
CMR at 3 months (HR 0.42 [95% CI: 0.21-0.82]; P = .01)

Indications for HSCT: Ph+ ALL

MRD assessment (within 3 months)



Indications for HSCT: Ph– B-ALL and T-ALL



*Ph-like, 11q23 rearrangement, early T-cell precursor, low hypodiploidy, complex cytogenetics.

SO . . . MRD in ALL

- Despite achievement of CR with induction and consolidation, up to 60% of patients with ALL may still be MRD+
- In adult ALL, MRD+ in CR is predictive of worse survival on chemoRx
- FDA accepted MRD negativity as Rx endpoint in ALL, regardless of methodology
- Blinatumomab FDA approved (April 2018) for Rx of MRD+ ALL in CR1–CR2
- No clear benefit for alloSCT after conversion to MRD– with blina, particularly in CR1
- Maintenance blina post-alloSCT?
- Role of Ino? CAR T cells in MRD+ ALL?

Q&A

How and when to check for MRD in ALL, including CR1 and CR2

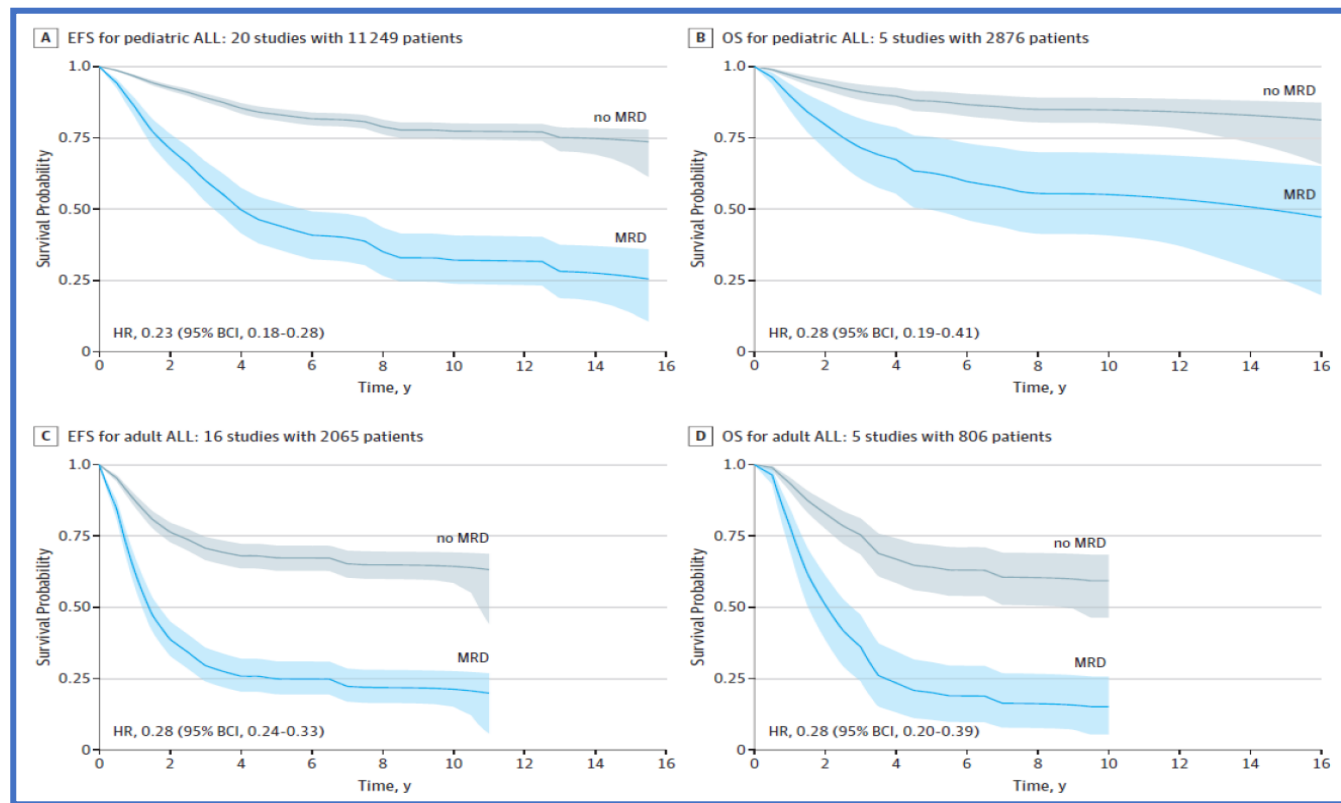
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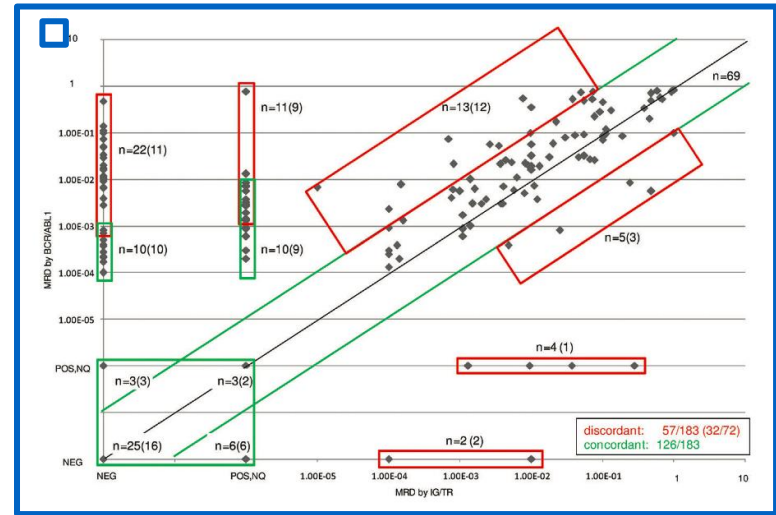
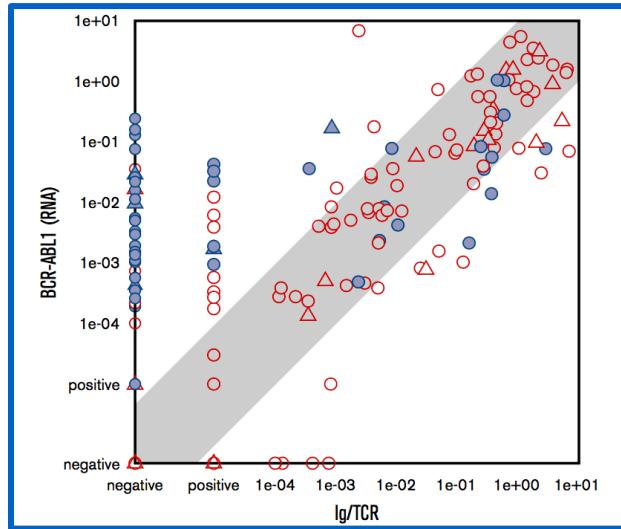
Negative MRD is associated with longer EFS and OS in childhood and adult ALL



Meta-analysis of 20
pediatric ALL trials
>11,000 patients

Meta-analysis of 16
adult ALL trials
>2,000 patients

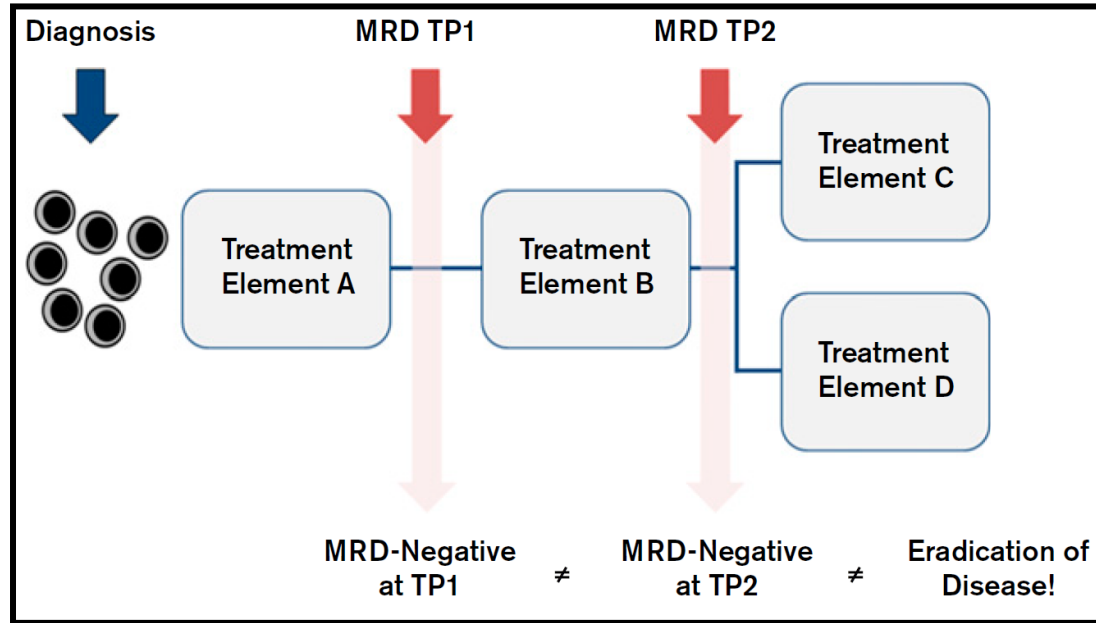
Discordance between MRD methods: The case of Ph+ ALL



In patients with discordant MRD results, *BCR-ABL1* fusion was detected in

- Non-ALL B cells (15% to 83%)
- T cells (12% to 21%)
- Myeloid cells (15% to 80%)

Importance of time points in MRD assessment



- **Negative** MRD at **TP1**: useful for recognizing patients with **low risk** of relapse
- **Positive** MRD at **TP2**: useful for recognizing patients with **high risk** of relapse

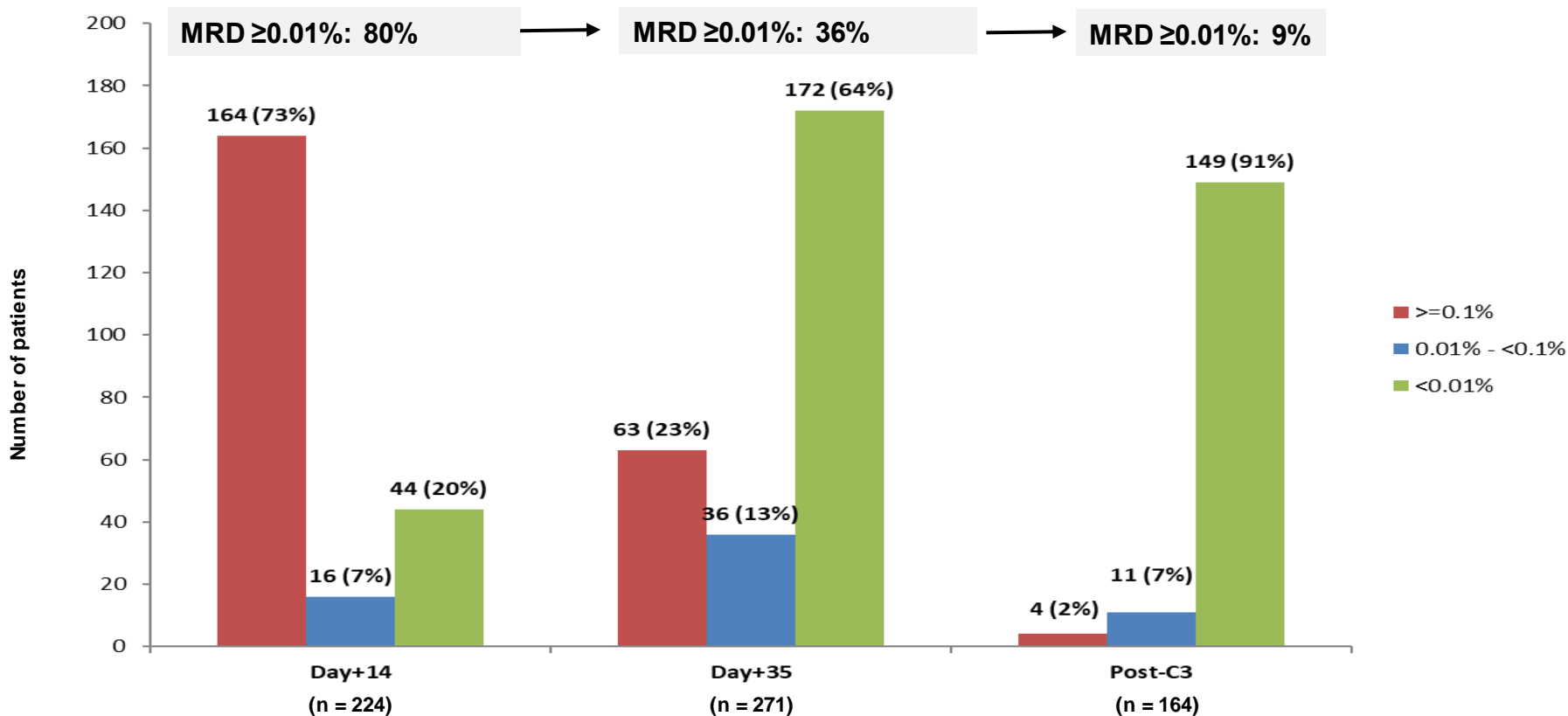
What is known

- ✓ Adolescents and adults (15–60 yr) with SR, Ph– ALL
 - **Good MRD response** after induction/consolidation: **no alloHSCT**
 - **Poor MRD response**: **alloHSCT better**
- ✓ Adolescents and adults (15–60 yr) with HR, Ph– ALL
 - **Poor MRD response** after induction/consolidation: **alloHSCT better**
 - **Good MRD response**: **can we spare alloHSCT?**

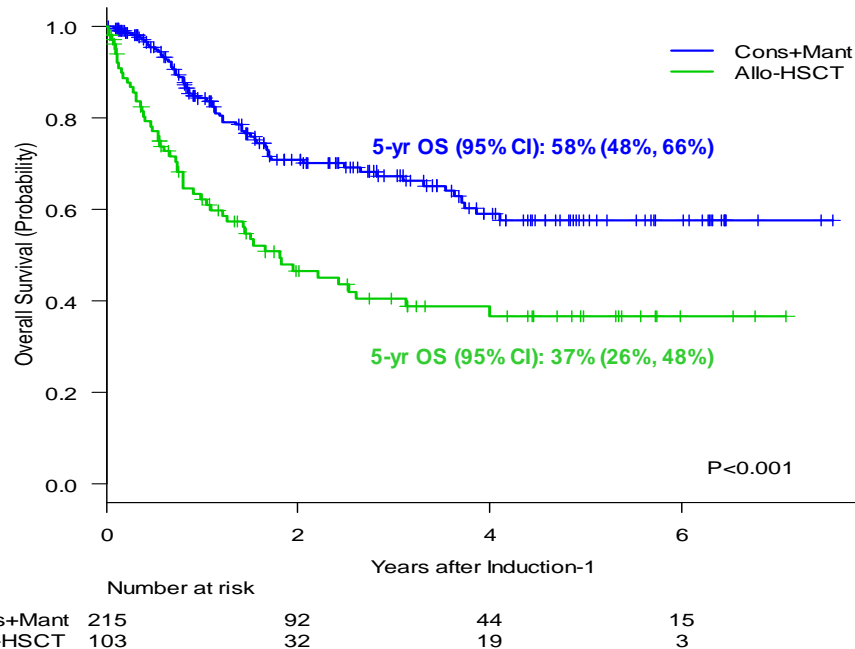
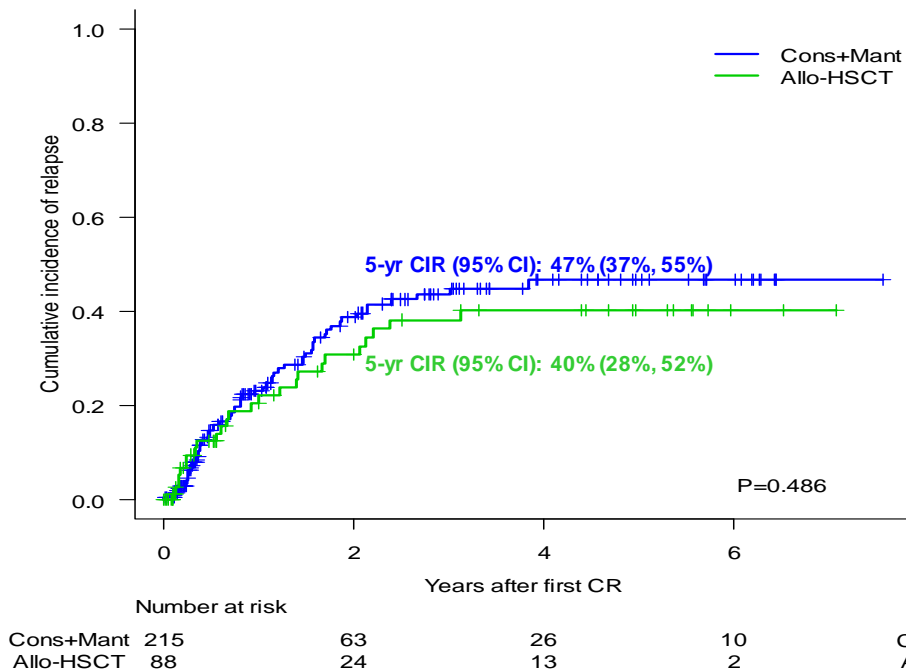
Prospective studies with indication for HSCT on the basis of MRD data (adult Ph– ALL)

Trial	Risk groups	MRD assessment	Randomization assignment	References
NILG	SR and HR	PCR	No Allo(auto)HSCT in MRD+ pts	Bassan R. <i>Blood</i> . 2009;113:4153-4162
PETHEMA HR03	HR	4-color flow	No AlloHSCT in poor early cytologic responders or MRD+ pts	Ribera JM. <i>J Clin Oncol</i> . 2014;32:1595-1604
NILG 10/07	SR and HR	PCR	No Allo(auto)HSCT in MRD+ pts	Bassan R. ASH 2016. Abstract 176
PETHEMA HR11	HR	8-color flow	No AlloHSCT in MRD+ pts	Ribera. ASH 2019. Abstract 826
GMALL 08/2013	SR and HR	PCR	Yes AlloHSCT vs chemo in MRD– HR pts AlloHSCT in MRD+ pts	Ongoing: NCT02881086

MRD level according to time points: ALL HR11 trial (high-risk patients only)

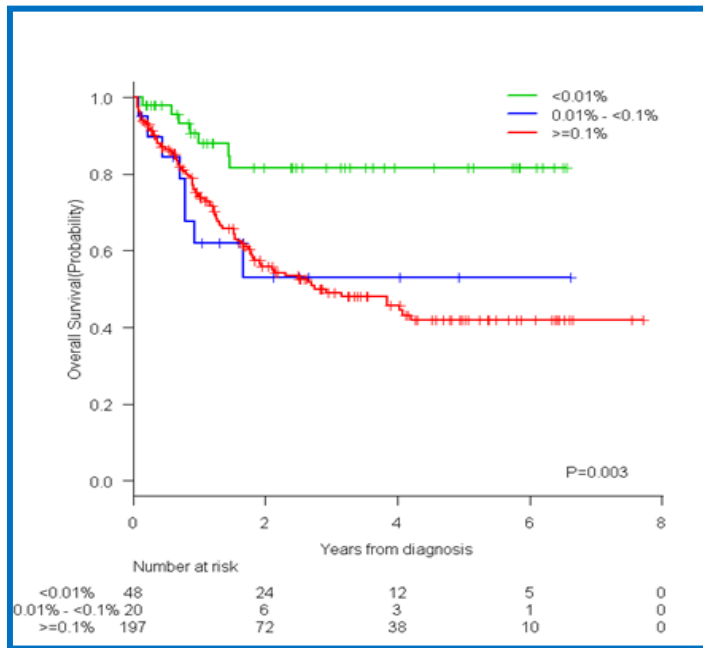


CIR and OS for HR-ALL patients assigned to chemotherapy vs alloHSCT according to MRD level (analysis by intention to treat)

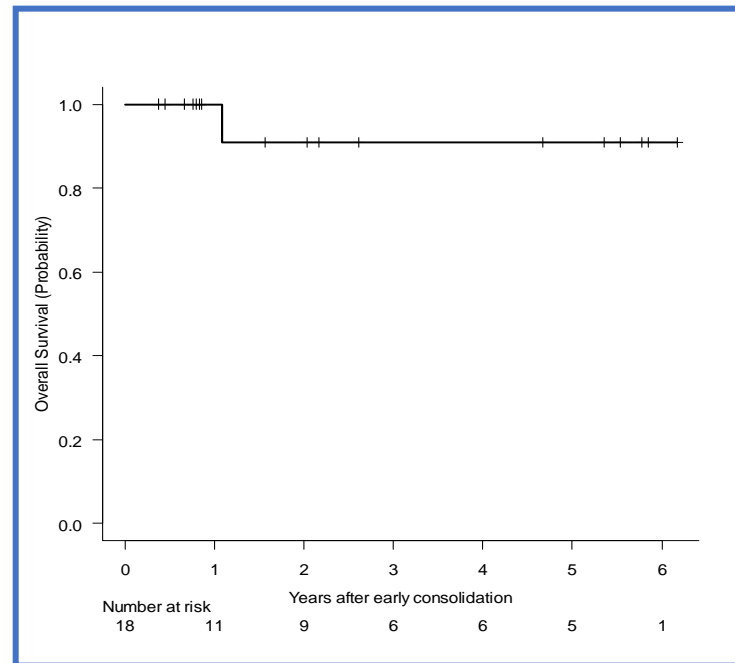


The importance of early MRD response

OS according to MRD on d14



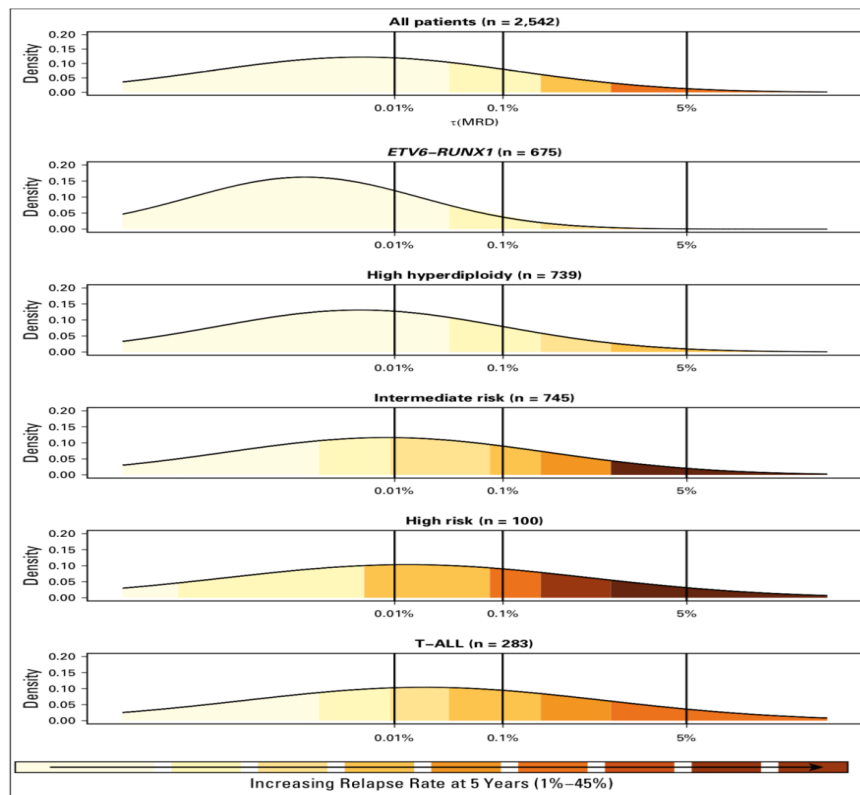
OS according to MRD <0.01% on d14 and end-induction and end-consolidation



Value of MRD according to genetic subgroups

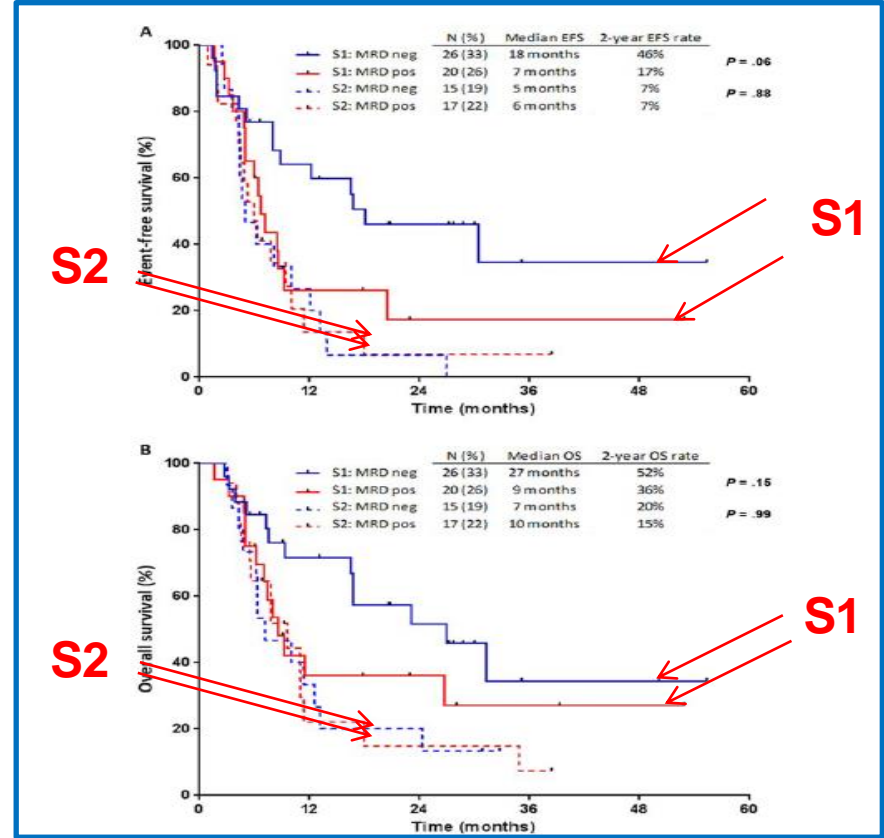
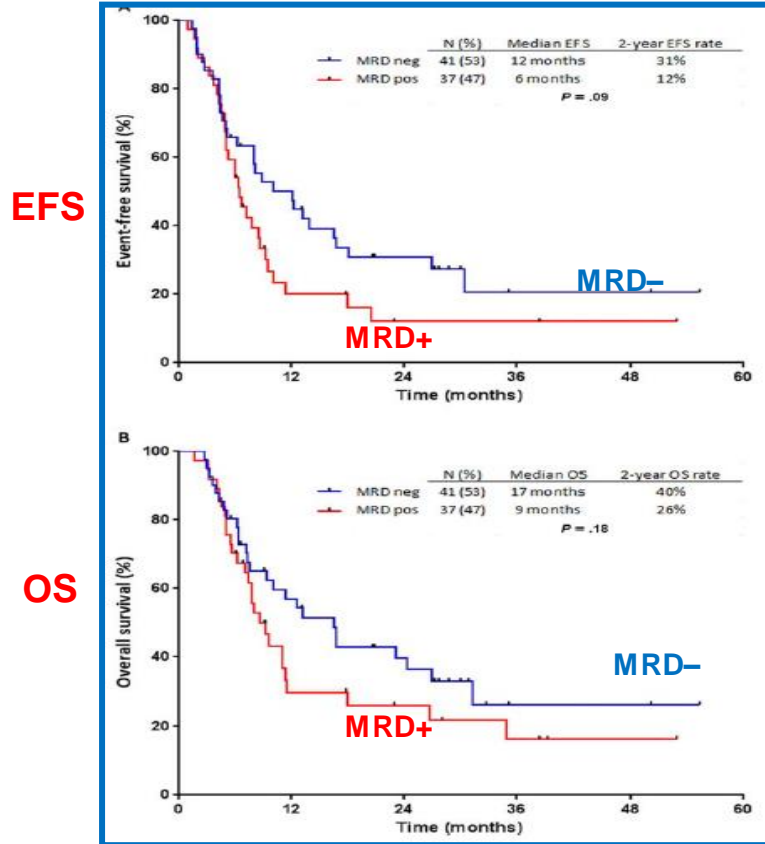
- The value of MRD may depend on
 - Response kinetics
 - Existence of resistant subclones
- Pediatric UKALL2003 study
 - The risk of relapse was proportional to the MRD level within each genetic risk group
 - However, absolute relapse rate that was associated with a specific MRD value varied significantly by genetic subtype

Integration of genetic subtype/subclone-specific MRD could allow a more refined risk-stratification



MRD in R/R ALL beyond CR1 under rescue CHT:

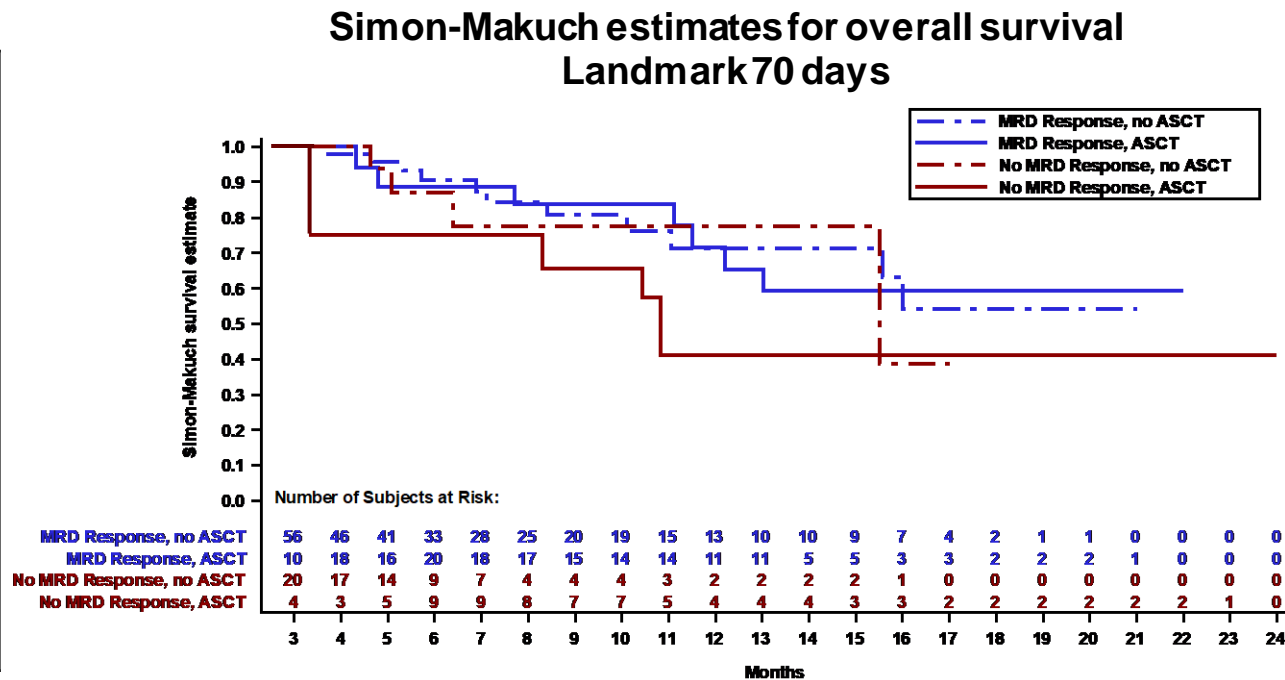
Impact of salvage status



MRD in R/R ALL under blinatumomab: OS by MRD response ± HSCT

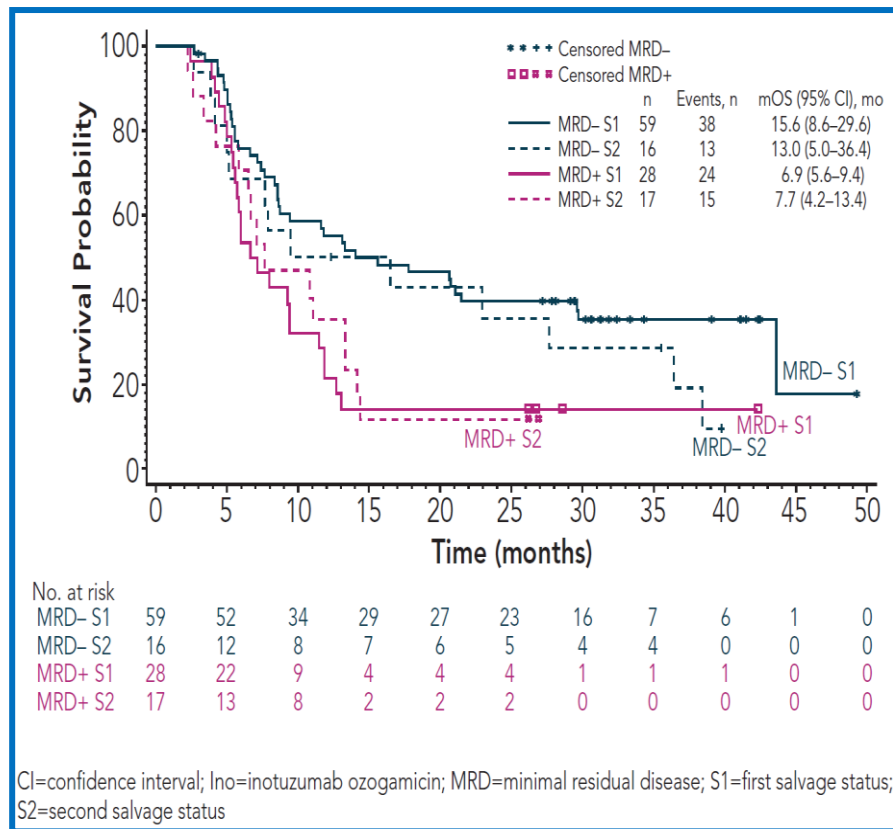
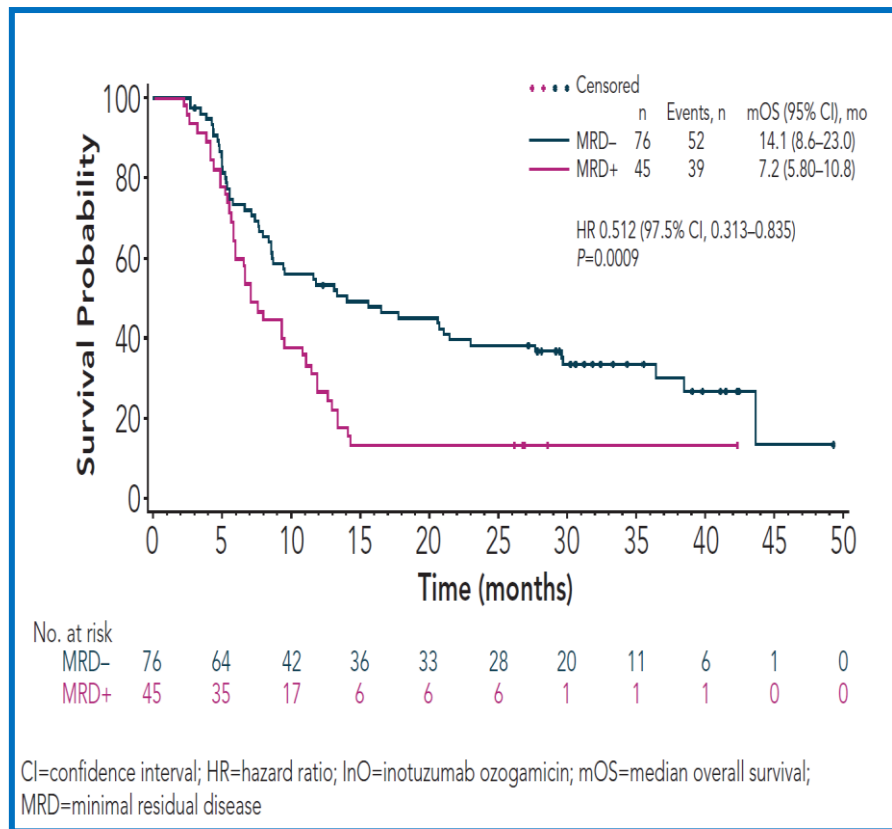
	MRD Response ^a n = 67	No MRD Response n = 24
n _{HSCT} , n _{no HSCT}	31, 36	12, 12
HSCT vs no HSCT		
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.01 (0.38, 2.69)	1.30 (0.30, 5.66)
P value	.99	.72
Median OS (95%CI), months		
No HSCT	NE	15.51 (8.86, 22.16)
HSCT	NE	10.82 (10.01, 11.63)

^aLast response before landmark day 70.

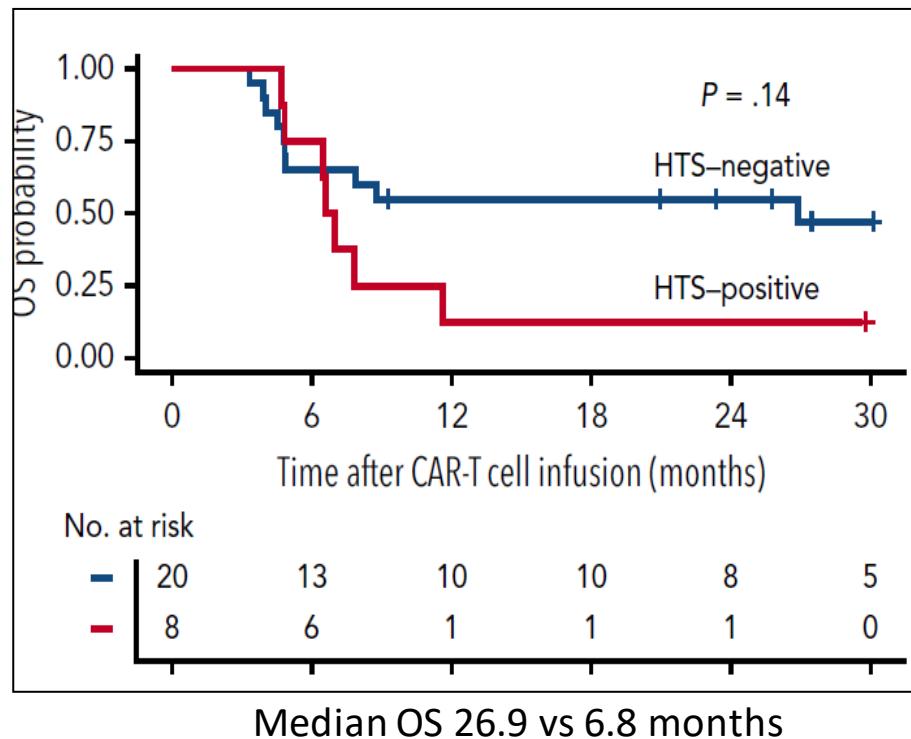
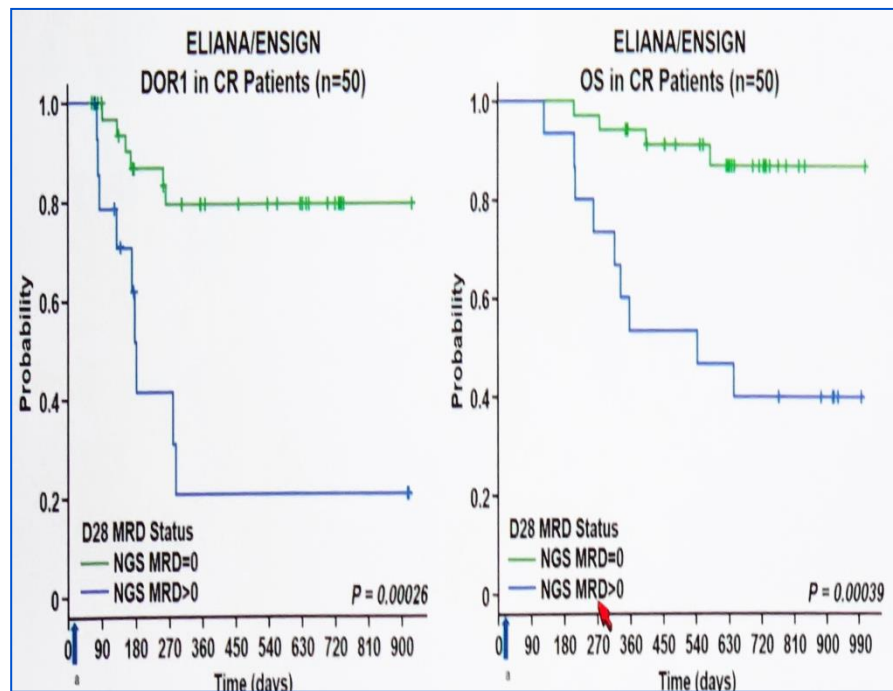


Landmark at day 70 was used to ensure adequate number of HSCT patients at the earlier time points. MRD status is also at day 70.

MRD in R/R ALL under InO: OS by MRD response \pm HSCT



Early MRD assessment after CAR T and outcome



Conclusions: MRD in CR1 and CR2

- **How to assess**

- Each methodology has pros and cons
- Select the methodology with more experience
- Use MRD within specific trials
- Do not exchange the method of MRD assessment within a trial

- **When to assess**

- In CR1: After induction **and** after consolidation (or before HSCT) are the critical time points
- In CR2: At the time of CR2 and before HSCT (if treated with Blin or InO) or after CR if treated with CAR T

- **And . . .**

- Do not forget to study the genetic background of ALL in addition to MRD



Question 1

- MRD assessment by fusion transcripts is especially useful in ALL with . . .
 - a. IKZF1* mutation
 - b. MYC* rearrangements
 - c. BCR-ABL1* rearrangement
 - d. TEL-AML1* rearrangement
 - e. None of the above*



Question 2

- The MRD level considered for MRD response by consensus is . . .
 - a. 0.1%
 - b. 0.01%
 - c. 0.001%
 - d. 0.0001%
 - e. 0.00001%

Q&A

Genetic variants in ALL – Ph+ and Ph-like

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Initial therapy: similar high CR rates

Outcomes of newly diagnosed patients with Ph+ ALL: Chemotherapy and a TKI combination

Clinical Trial (year†)	N	Age, median [Range]	Chemotherapy	TKI, mg/day	CR,%
Imatinib					
Yanada (2006) ⁵⁴	80	48 [15-63]	JALSG ALL202	IM 600	96
Wassmann (2006) ⁸	45	41 [19-63]	GMALL	IM 400	96
Fielding (2014) ⁹	175	42 [16-64]	UKALLXII/ECOG2993	IM 400 - 600	92
Chalandon (2015) ¹²	135	49 [18-59]	Low int. induction	IM 800	98
	133	45 [21-59]	High int. induction	IM 800	91
Bassan (2010) ⁵⁵	59	45 [20-66]	NILG	IM 600	92
Daver (2015) ¹⁰	54	51 [17-84]	HyperCVAD	IM 400 - 800	93
De Labarthe (2007) ⁵⁶	45	45 [16-59]	GRAAPH 2003	IM 600 - 800	96
Lim (2015) ¹¹	87	41 [16-71]	Multiagent Chemo	IM 600	94
Nilotinib					
Kim (2015) ²²	90	47 [17-71]	Multiagent Chemo	NIL 800	91
Dasatinib					
Foa (2011) ²⁹	53	54 [24-76]	Prednisone	DAS 100-140	93
Ravandi (2015) ⁵⁷	72	55 [21-80]	HyperCVAD	DAS 100	96
Ravandi (2015) ⁵⁸	94	44 [20-60]	HyperCVAD	DAS 70-100	88
Ponatinib					
Jabbour (2015) ^{34,35}	64	48 [21-80]	HyperCVAD	PON 30-45	100

Imatinib: 94% CR

Nilotinib: 91% CR

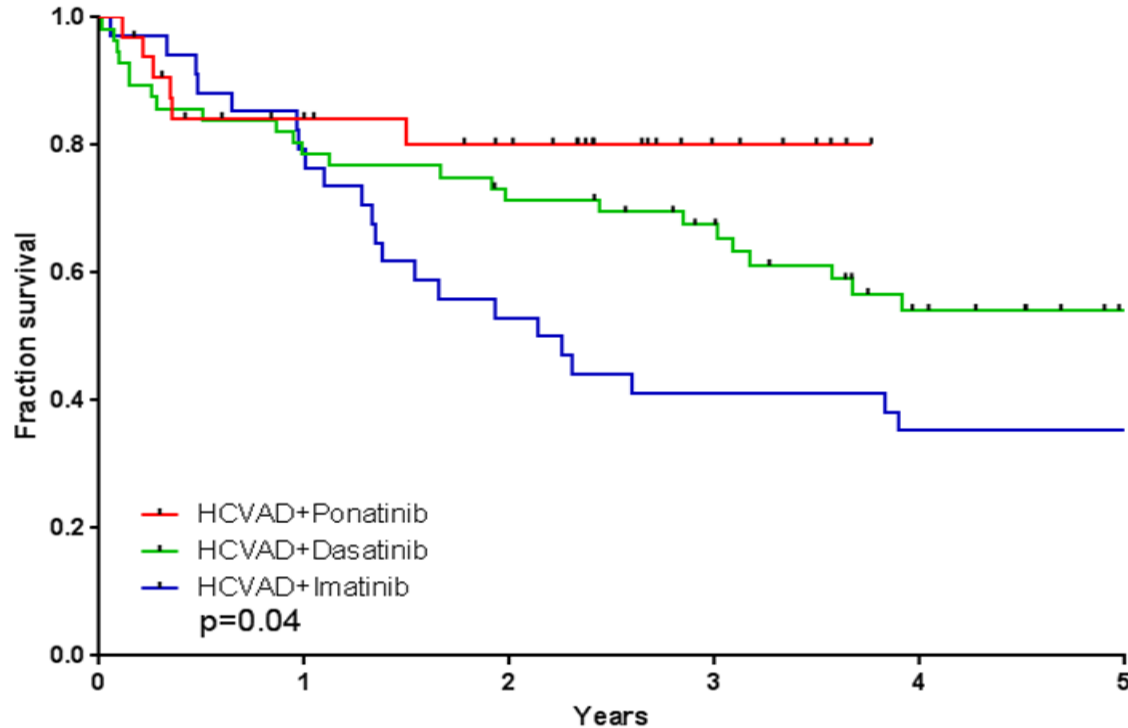
Dasatinib: 92% CR

Ponatinib: 100% CR

Ph+ ALL, Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; N, number of patients; m, month; mg, milligram; CR, complete remission; CMR, complete molecular response rate at CR or approximately 3-month of therapy; n/a, not available; SCT in CR1, stem cell transplant in first CR; OS, overall survival; IM, imatinib; Int., intensity; DAS, dasatinib; NIL, nilotinib; PON, ponatinib; JALSG, Japan Adult Leukemia Study Group; GMALL, German Multicenter Study Group for ALL; UKALLXII, United Kingdom ALL XII; Hyper-CVAD, hyperfractionated cyclophosphamide, vincristine, dexamethasone, and daunorubicin alternating with cytarabine and methotrexate; NILG, Northern Italy Leukemia Group; GRAAPH, Group for Research in Adult Philadelphia chromosome-positive ALL
† publication year

Relapse-free survival and OS

Summary from MDACC: HCVAD + TKIs

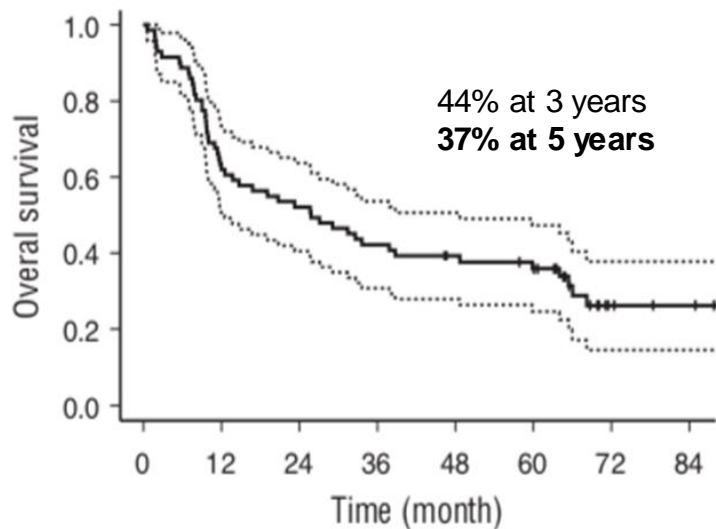


EWALL studies in aged patients (>55 y)

EWALL backbone

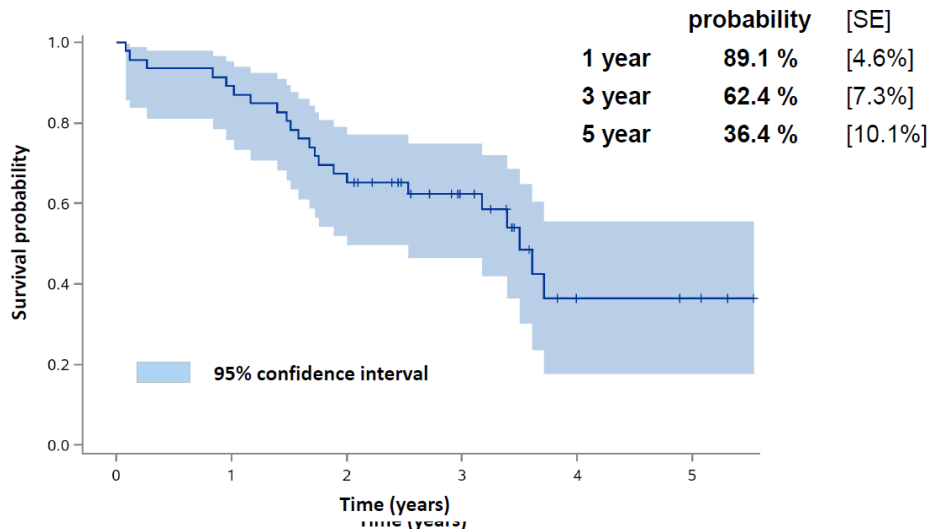
EWALL-01

- Dasatinib 140 mg/d then 100 mg/d
- CR: 67/71 = 94%
- MRD2: 60% MR4 and 20% de MR5
- Transplant rate: 10%



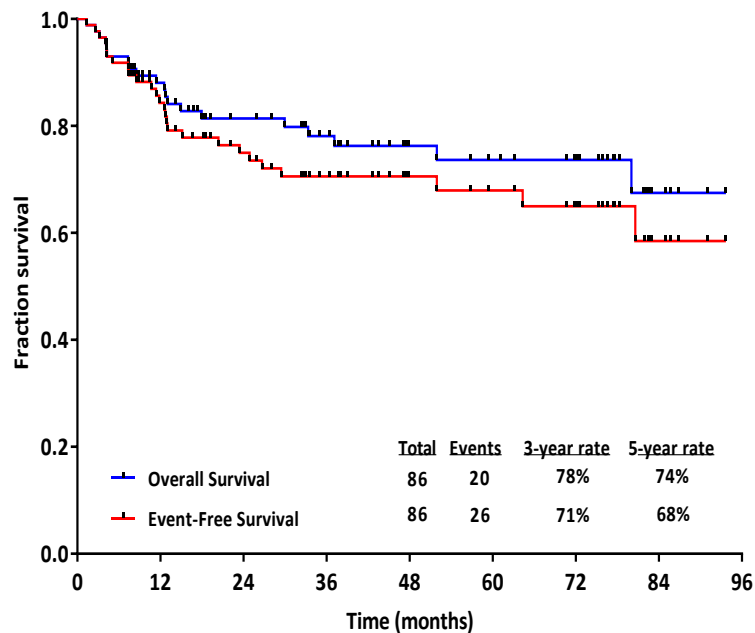
EWALL-02

- Nilotinib 800 mg/d
- CR: 68/72 = 94%
- MRD1: 79% MR4 and 38% de MR5
- Transplant rate: 39%

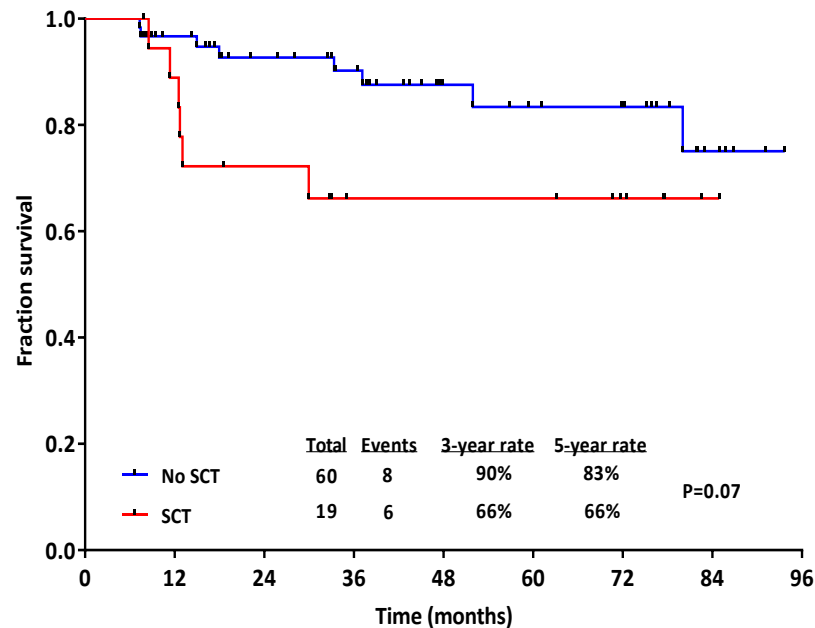


Hyper-CVAD + ponatinib in Ph+ ALL: Outcome

EFS and OS



Impact of allo-SCT: 6-mo landmark

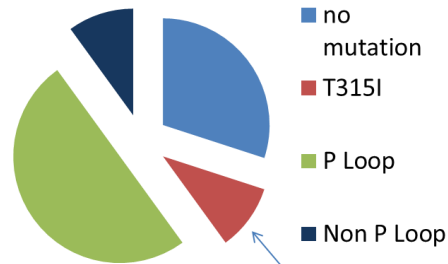


Best TKI for BCR-ABL tk domain mutations

Mutations analysis in relapse

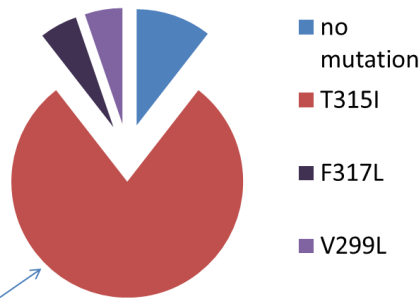
AFR07 : IMATINIB

Mutations

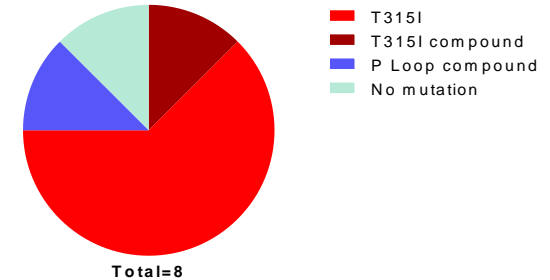


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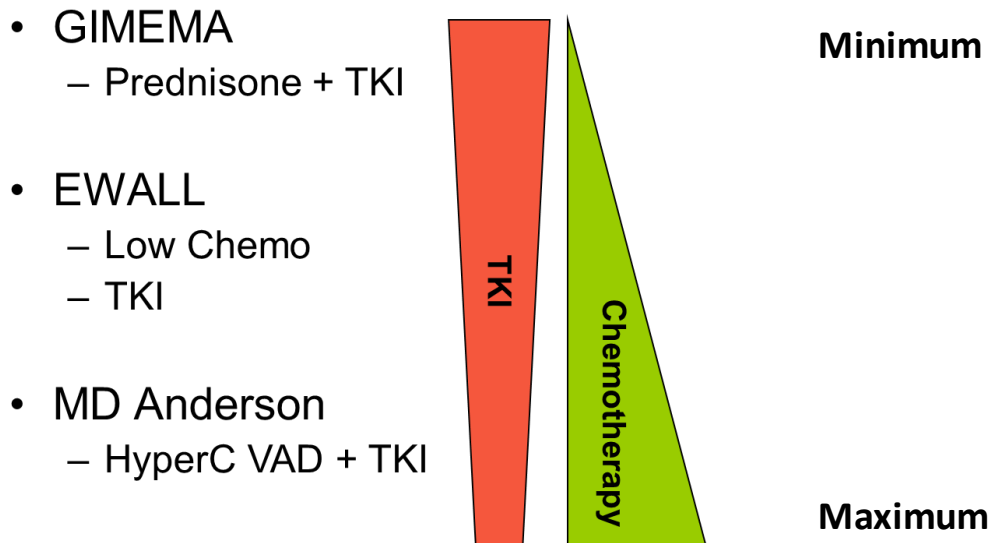
Mutations



GRAAPH 2014 : NILOTINIB



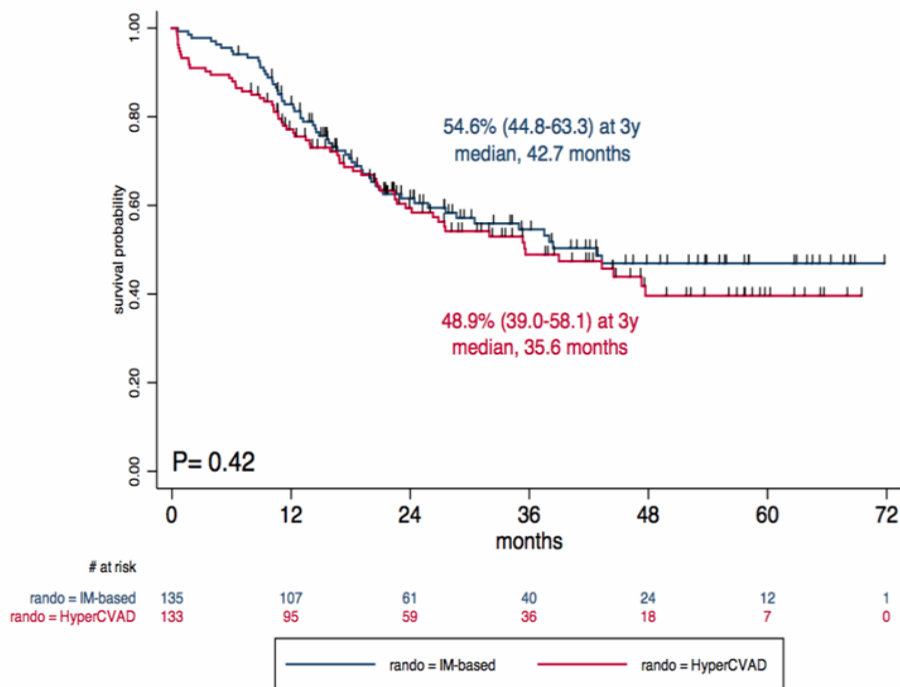
What is the best chemotherapy schedule for initial therapy?



High-intensity vs low-intensity chemotherapy for induction – GRAAPH 2005



Overall survival



	IM-based (n= 135)	IM-HyperCVAD (n=133)	p	Total (n=268)
CR	133 (98.5%)	121 (91.7%)	0.006	254 (94.8%)
Courses to CR				
one	132 (97.8%)	118 (88.7%)	0.003	250 (93.2%)
two	1 (0.7%)	3 (2.2%)	-	4 (1.5%)
Resistance after 2 cycles	1 (0.7%)	3 (2.2%)	0.35	3 (1%)
D60 mortality	1 (0.7%)	9 (6.7%)	0.01	10 (3.7%)

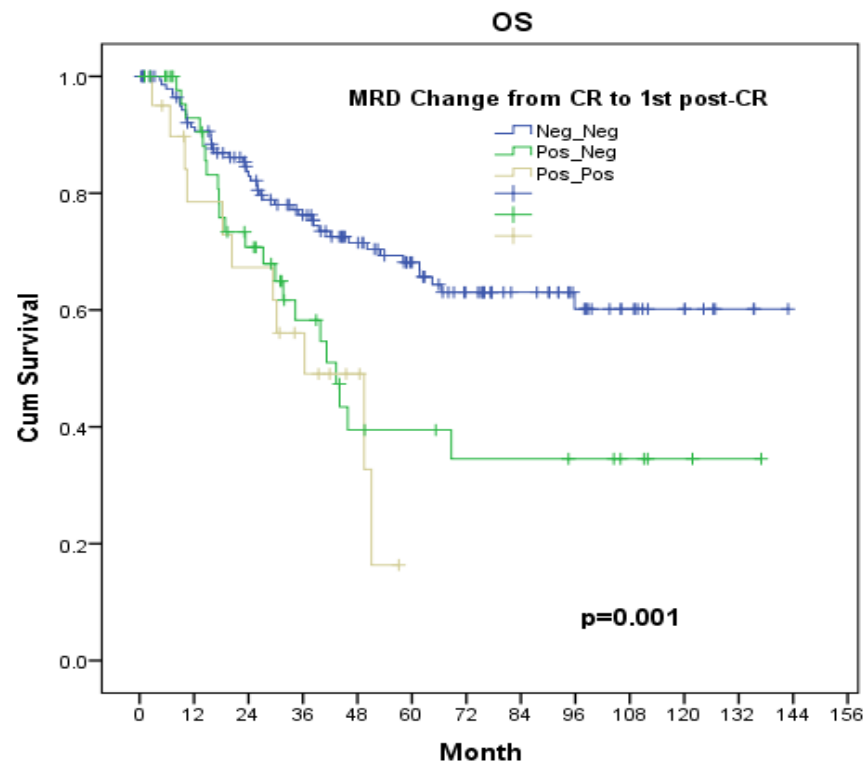
Two evolving strategies to treat Ph+ ALL

Parameter	Hyper-CVAD + Ponatinib	TKIs With Minimal ChemoRx
% CR	90-100	90-100
% CMR	80	20
Allo-SCT required	Only if no CMR	In all
Outcome p190 vs p210	Same	P190 better
% 3-yr survival/DFS	70-80	40-50

A third strategy? Minimal chemo first followed by intensive consolidations

Dynamics of MRD: Outcome

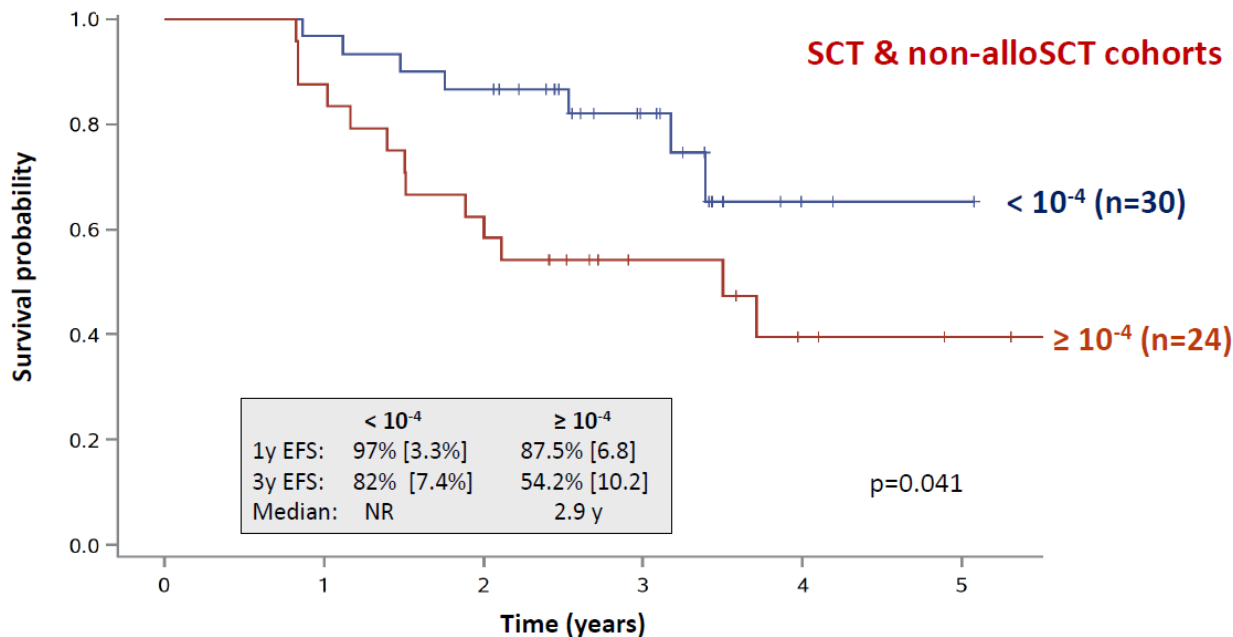
MRD Status		Patients (%) (n = 214)	5-yr EFS, %	5-yr OS, %
@CR	@ First post-CR			
Negative	Negative	147 (69)	56	68
≤0.1%	Negative	14 (7)	31	46
>0.1%	Negative	33 (15)	32	38
Positive	Positive	20 (9)	NA	NA



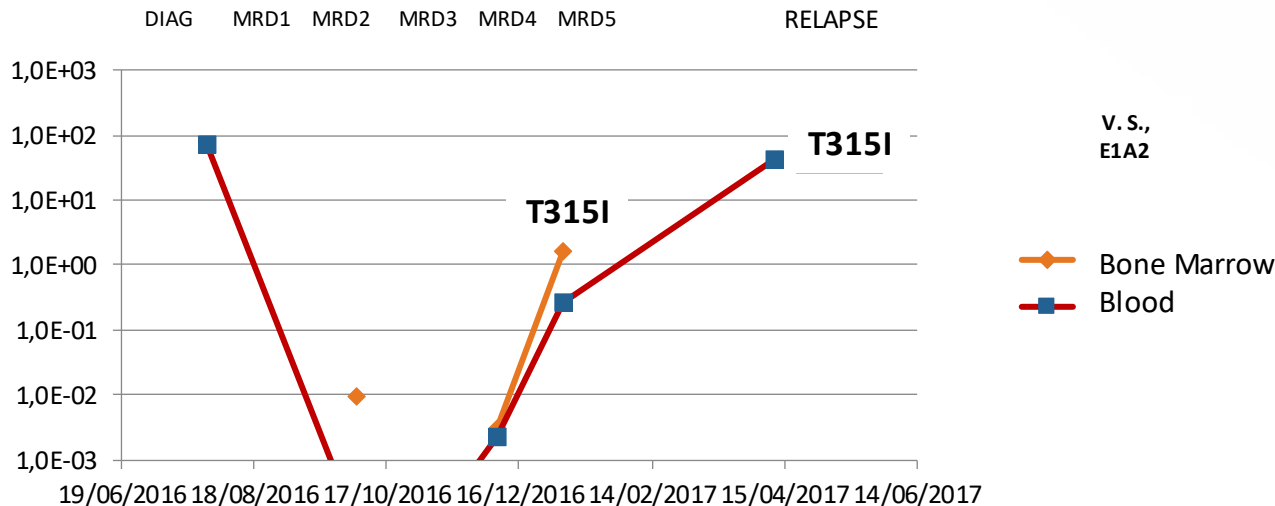
EWALL-02: Low intensity chemo and nilotinib

OS by MRD Response after CONS1/2

(B/A ratio $< 10^{-4}$ vs. $\geq 10^{-4}$)



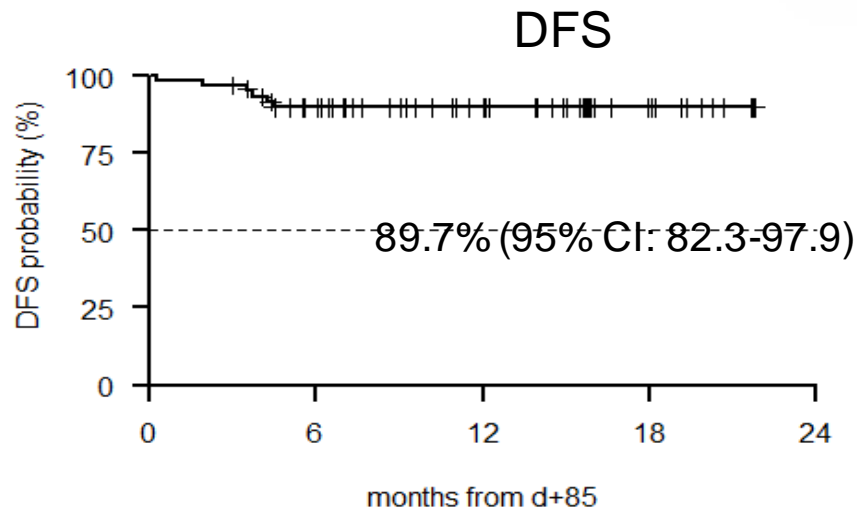
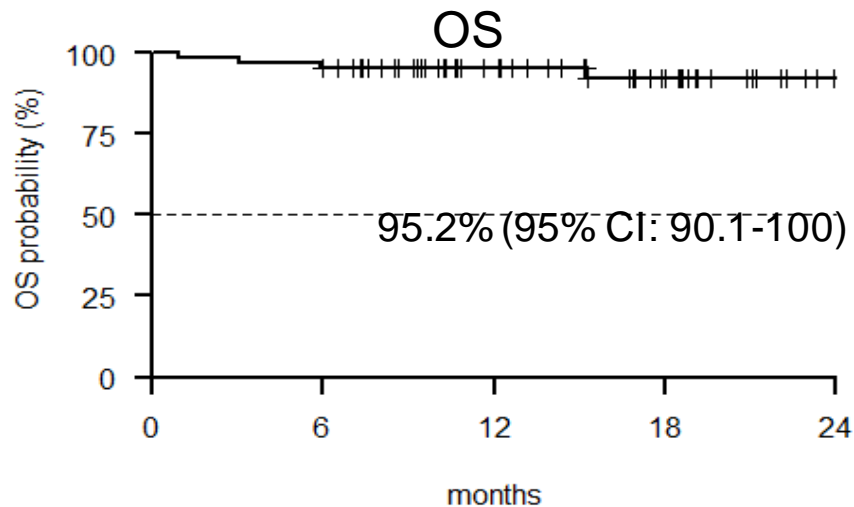
GRAAPH2014 004-1016-V-S (nilotinib)



- T315I 25% at MRD5
- Relapse 3 months later with T315I at 100%
- No mutation detected at diagnosis

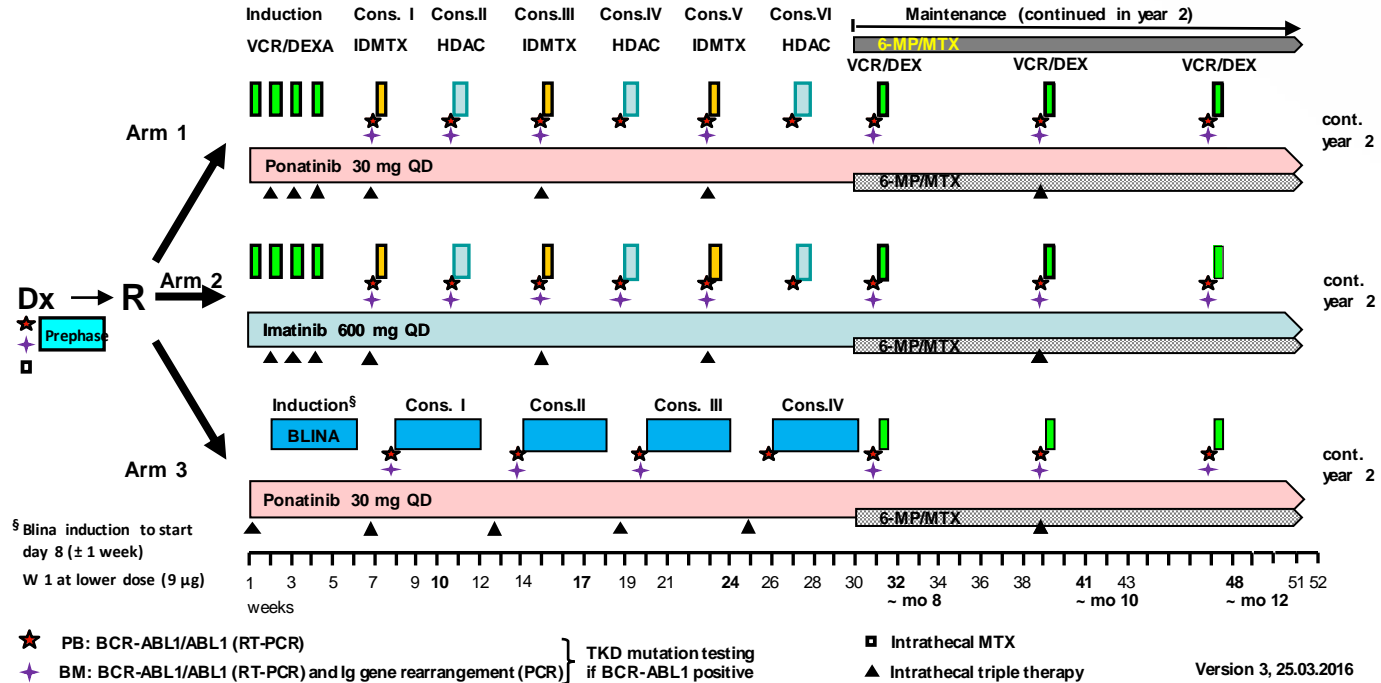
Dasatinib-blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL

- > 63 pts, median age 54 yr (24–82)
- > Dasatinib 140 mg/D × 3 mo; add blinatumomab × 2–5
- > 53 post-dasa-blina × 2 – molecular response 32/53 (60%), 22 CMR (41%)
- > MRD ↑ in 15, 6 T315I
- > 12-mo OS 96%; DFS 92%



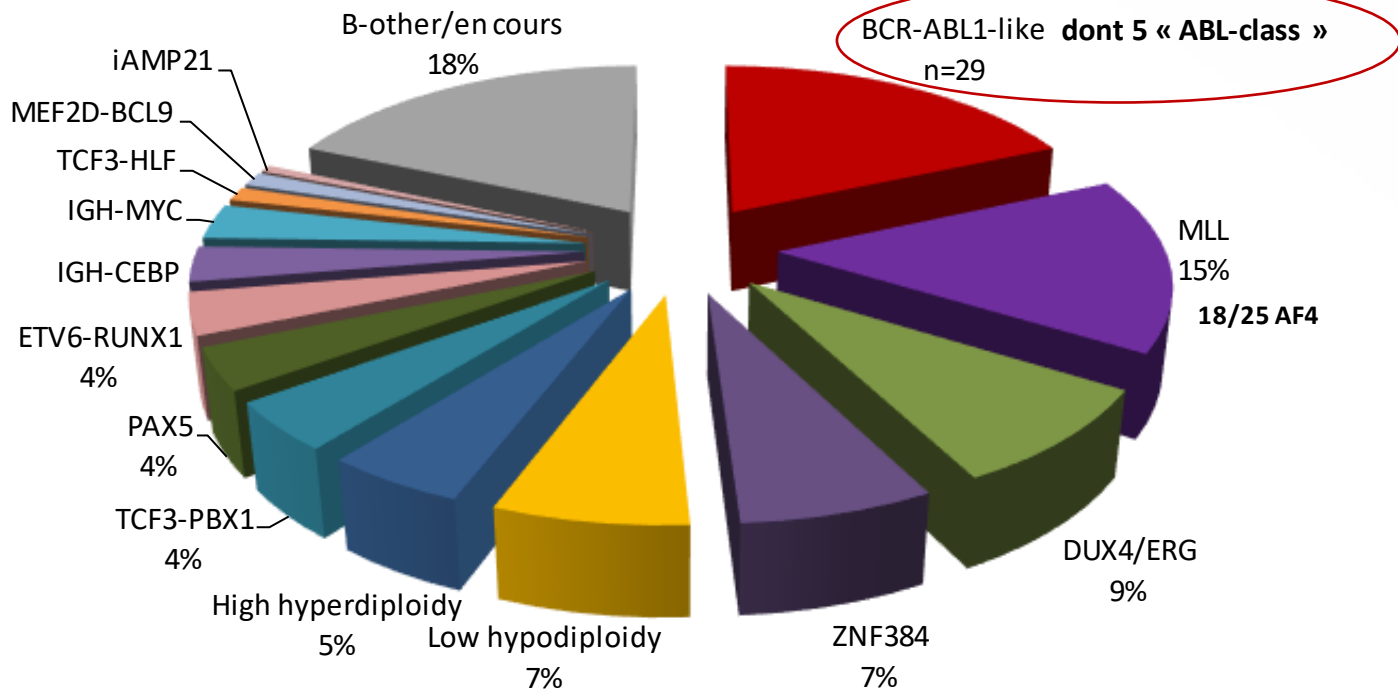
EWALL PH03: Study design

Patients aged 55y or older



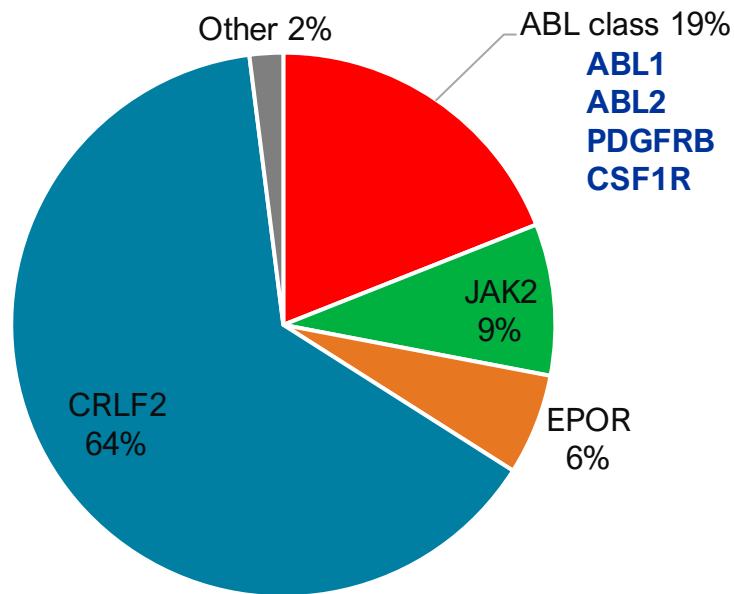
BCR-ABL+ like ALL

GRAALL-2014 BCP-ALL: Oncogenetics (N = 188)



Ph-like BCP-ALL

Relative frequency of Ph-like ALL alterations in children, adolescents, and adults

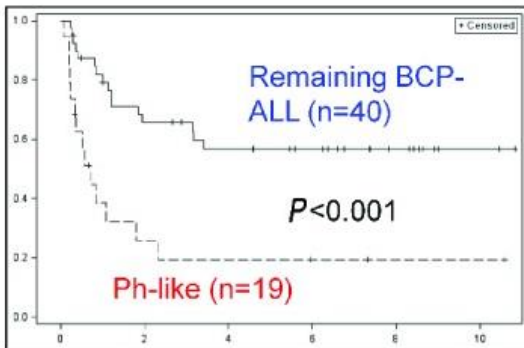


Summary data from 5 recent clinical studies (n = 2506 cases) depict the most common ABL class and CRLF2/JAK pathway-associated translocations occurring in children and adults with Ph-like ALL.

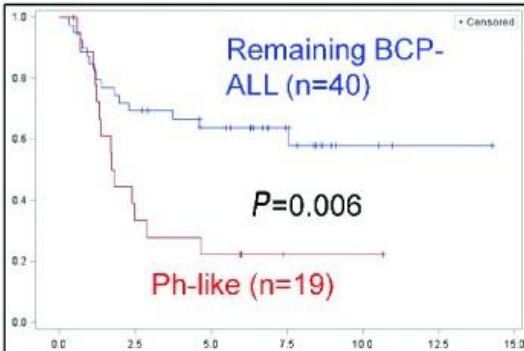
Ph-like ALL outcome in adults

GMALL: 06/99 & 07/03¹

DFS

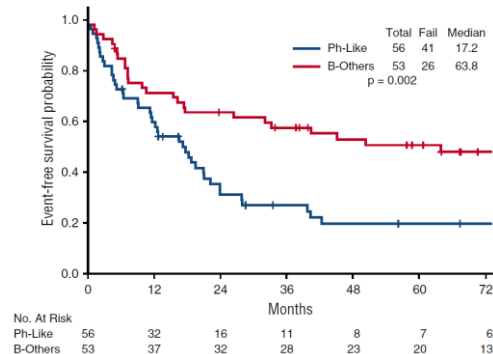


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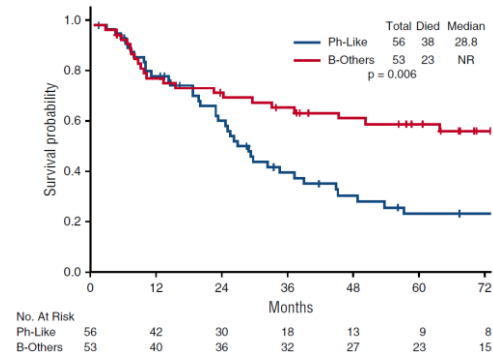


MDACC: HyperCVAD/A-BFM²

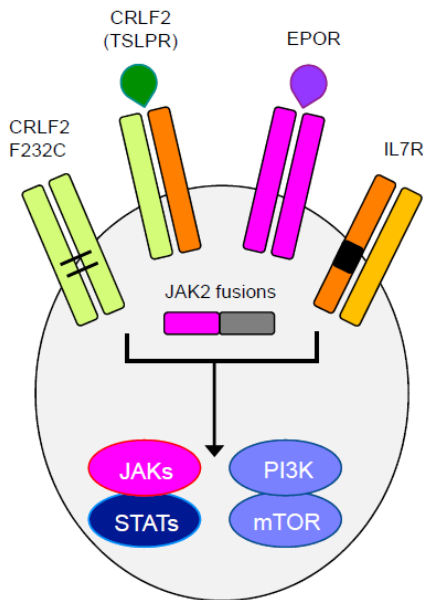
EFS



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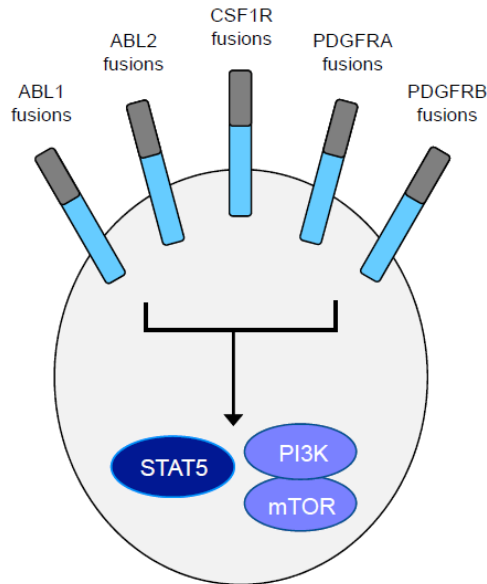


CRLF2 / EPO-R / JAK-STAT



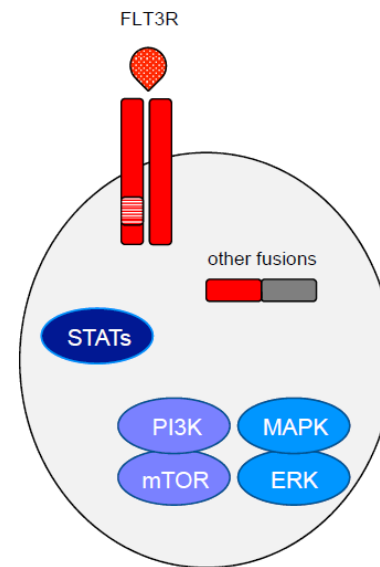
JAK inhibitors
PI3K pathway inhibitors
HDAC inhibitors
anti-TSLPR antibodies & CAR T cells

ABL-class fusion



ABL inhibitors
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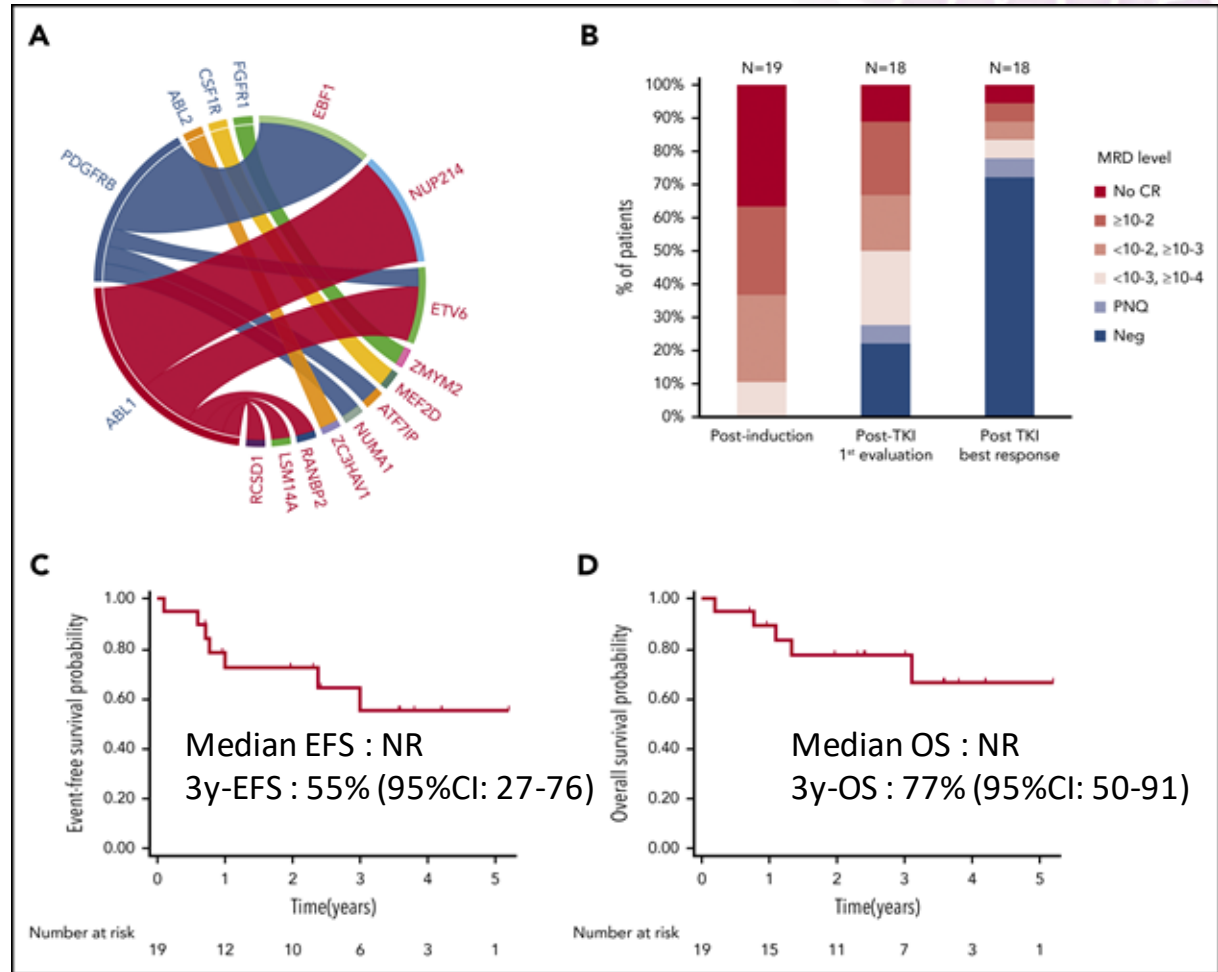
Other



FLT3 inhibitors
TRK inhibitors
FAK inhibitors
PI3K pathway inhibitors
MEK inhibitors

Ph-like ALL with targetable ABL-family gene

French TKI experience



Conclusions

- > Best TKI for induction: all equivalent
- > Best TKI for overall survival: a trend for 2G TKIs and ponatinib
- > Best chemo regimen: room for a decrease in intensity, at least during induction
- > MRD monitoring
 - BCR-ABL and Ig/TCR
 - MRD negativity of better prognostic
 - MRD discrepancy: unknown significance
- > Relapses: new treatment modalities but median OS = 6 months
- > Future
 - Chemo-free regimens
- > BCR-ABL-like
 - Not so few patients
 - Personalized therapy?

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Q&A

AYA ALL patients – what is the current treatment approach for this diverse patient population?

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Treatment of adolescents/young adults (AYA) with ALL

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Question 1

Which assertion is NOT correct for AYA ALL patients?

- a) Pediatric-inspired protocols lead to a better outcome than adult-inspired protocols
- b) Treatment within a clinical trial leads to a worse outcome
- c) AYA patients experience more toxicity than young children
- d) BCR-ABL-like ALL is more frequent in AYA ALL than in children <10 years old with ALL

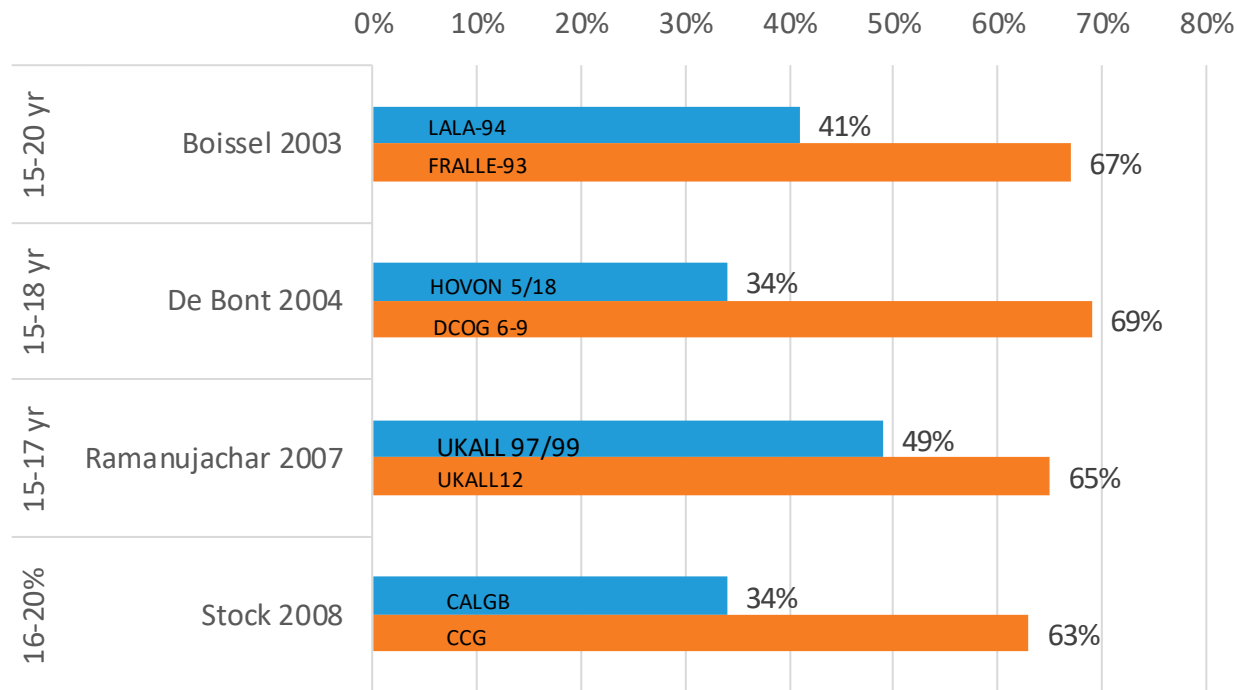
Inferior outcome for AYA patients; why?

- Role of “pediatric-” vs “adult”-inspired treatment protocols
- Site of treatment
- Trial enrollment
- Toxicity profile
- Biology/genetics of the leukemia
- Adherence

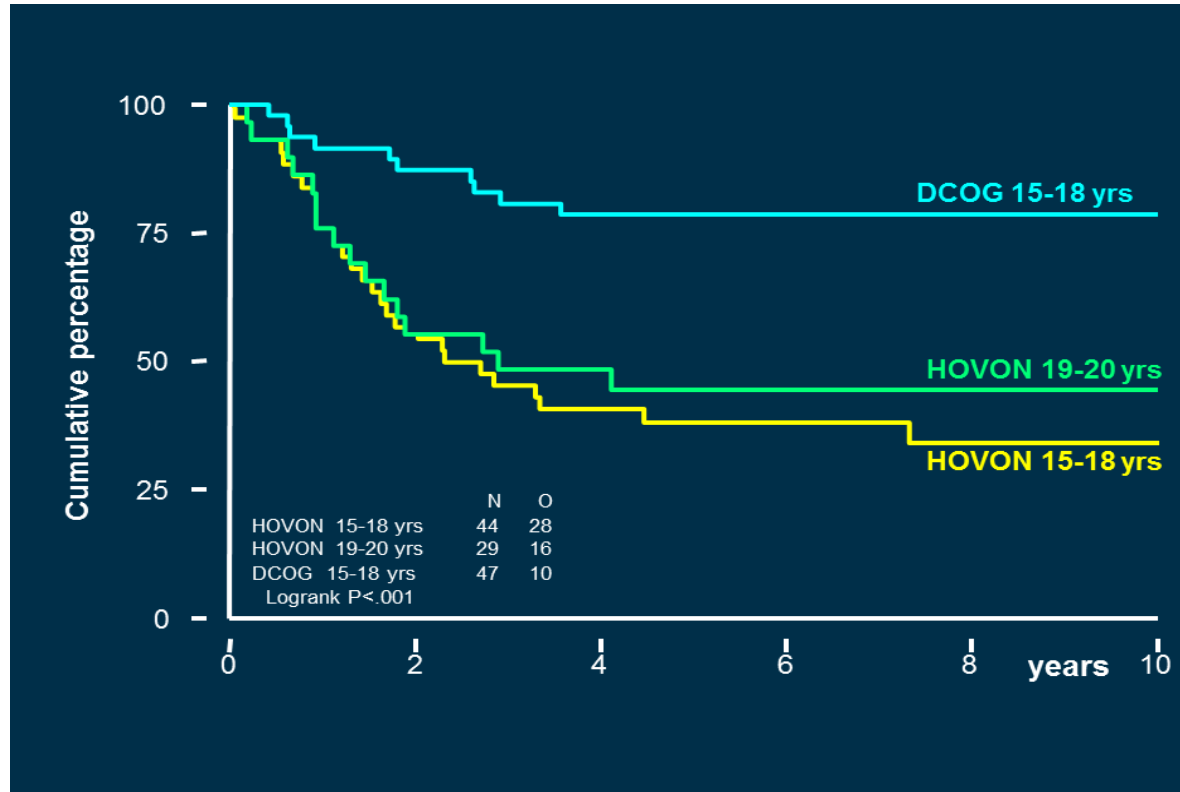
Pediatric vs adult treatment protocols

- More intensive use of
 - Glucocorticoids
 - Vincristine
 - Asparaginase
 - Methotrexate
 - 6-mercaptopurine
- Less intensive use of
 - Anthracyclines
 - Cyclophosphamide
- Less frequent use of alloSCT
- Prolonged maintenance, delayed intensification, CNS-directed therapy

Retrospective comparison of 5-yr EFS in AYA patients treated on pediatric and adult protocols



Adolescent ALL on pediatric DCOG vs adult HOVON protocol in the Netherlands

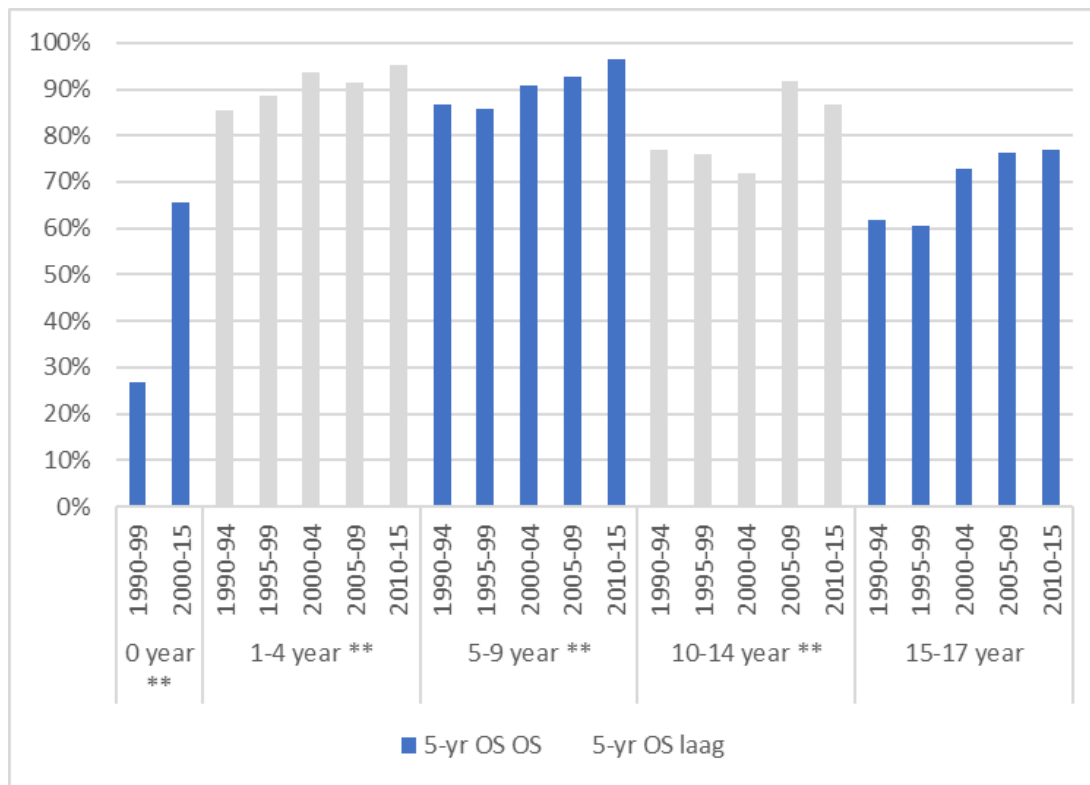


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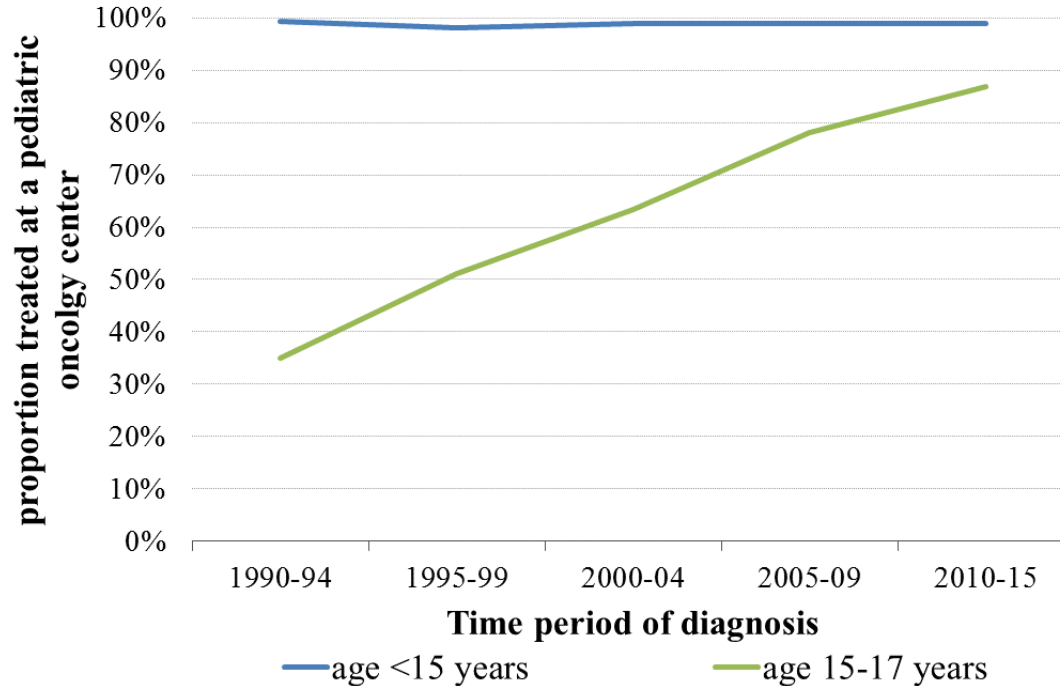
5 yrs actuarial probabilities

	CR	OS (sd)	EFS (sd)	DFS (sd)	pREL (sd)	TRM (sd)
DCOG 15-18 yrs (n=47)	98%	79% (± 6)	69% (± 7)	71% (± 7)	27% (± 7)	4% (± 3)
HOVON 15-18 yrs (n=44)	91%	38% (± 7)	34% (± 7)	37% (± 8)	55% (± 8)	25% (± 7)
HOVON 19-20 yrs (n=29)	90%	44% (± 9)	34% (± 9)	38% (± 10)	50% (± 10)	21% (± 8)
p-value	0.24	0.0001	<0.0001	0.0002		

5-year overall survival by age group over time in the Netherlands



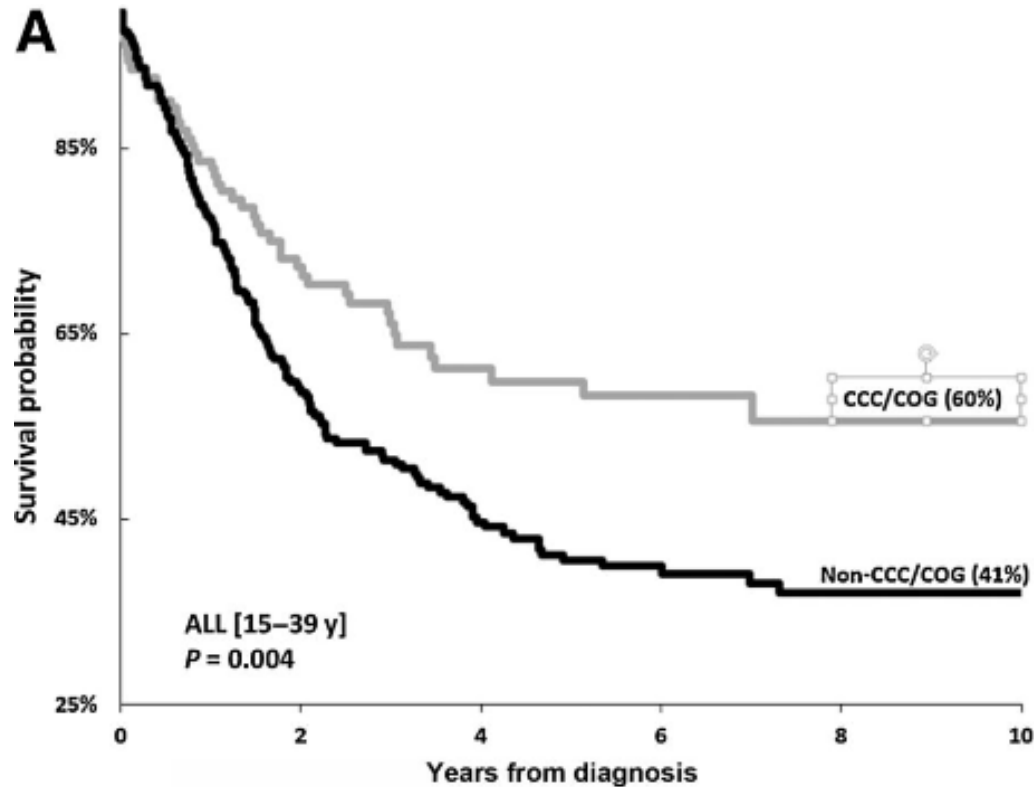
Proportion of patients with ALL treated at a pediatric oncology center in the Netherlands



Multivariate analysis of risk of death: Patients 15–17 years with ALL in the Netherlands between 1990 and 2015

		Hazard Risk	95% CI	95% CI	P Value
Period	1990–1994	Reference			
	1995–1999	0.97	0.50	1.91	.94
	2000–2004	0.67	0.32	1.42	.30
	2005–2009	0.64	0.30	1.37	.25
	2010–2015	0.80	0.38	1.68	.56
Sex	Male	Reference			
	Female	1.45	0.89	2.37	.14
Immunophenotype	Precursor B-cell	Reference			
	Precursor T-cell	1.59	0.97	2.62	.07
Site of treatment	Outside pediatric oncology center	Reference			
	Pediatric oncology center	0.32	0.20	0.53	<.01

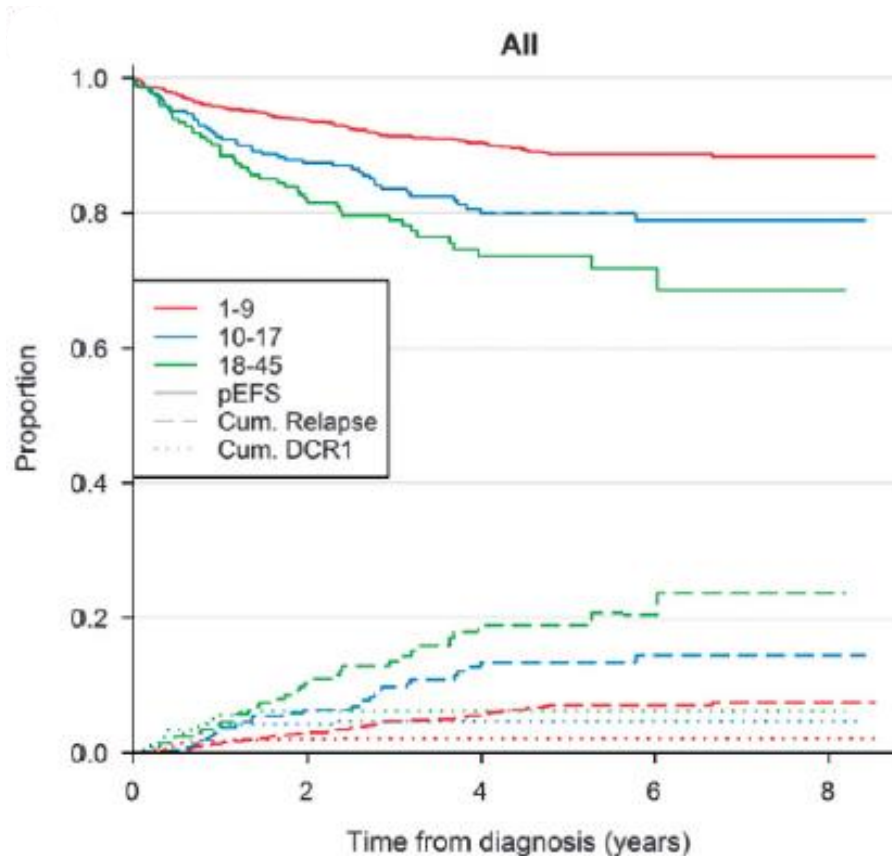
Survival in patients 15-39 years with ALL by treatment site in North-America



Outcomes in older adolescents treated in recent pediatric trials

Trial	No. of Patients	Age Range, y	Early Death, %	Death in CR, %	HSCT, %	EFS		OS	
						Y	%	Y	%
CCG 1961	262	16–21	2	3	4	5	72	5	78
DFCI 9101/9501	51	15–18	4	2	NR	5	78	5	81
Total therapy XV	45	15–18	0	7	11	5	86	5	88
UKALL 2003	229	16–24	NR	6	6.1	5	72	5	76
FRALLE 2000	186	15–19	2	2	12	5	74	5	80
DCOG ALL-10	57	15–18	NR	NR	NR	5	79	5	82

EFS, relapse and death in first remission by age

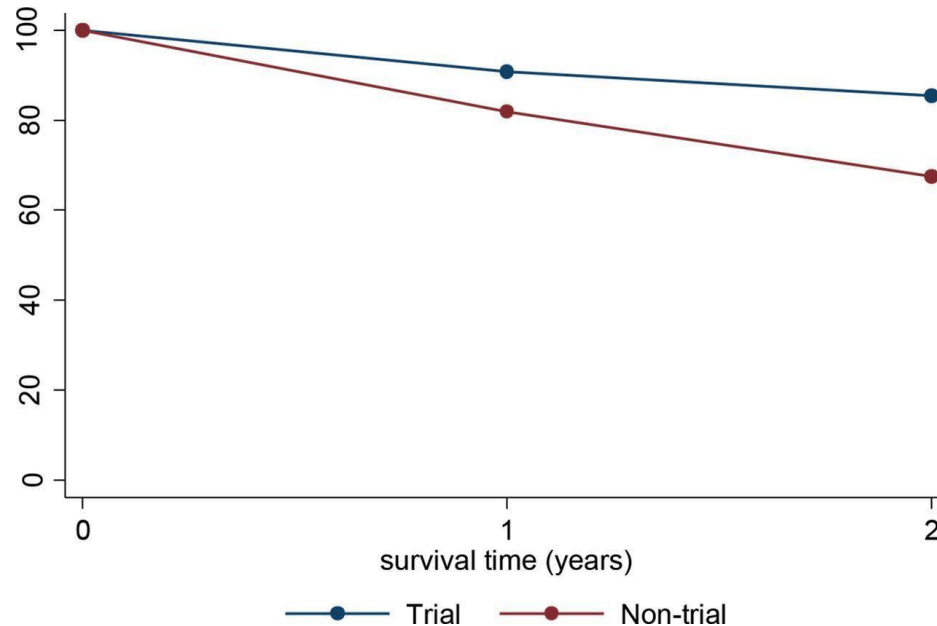


Toxicity by age

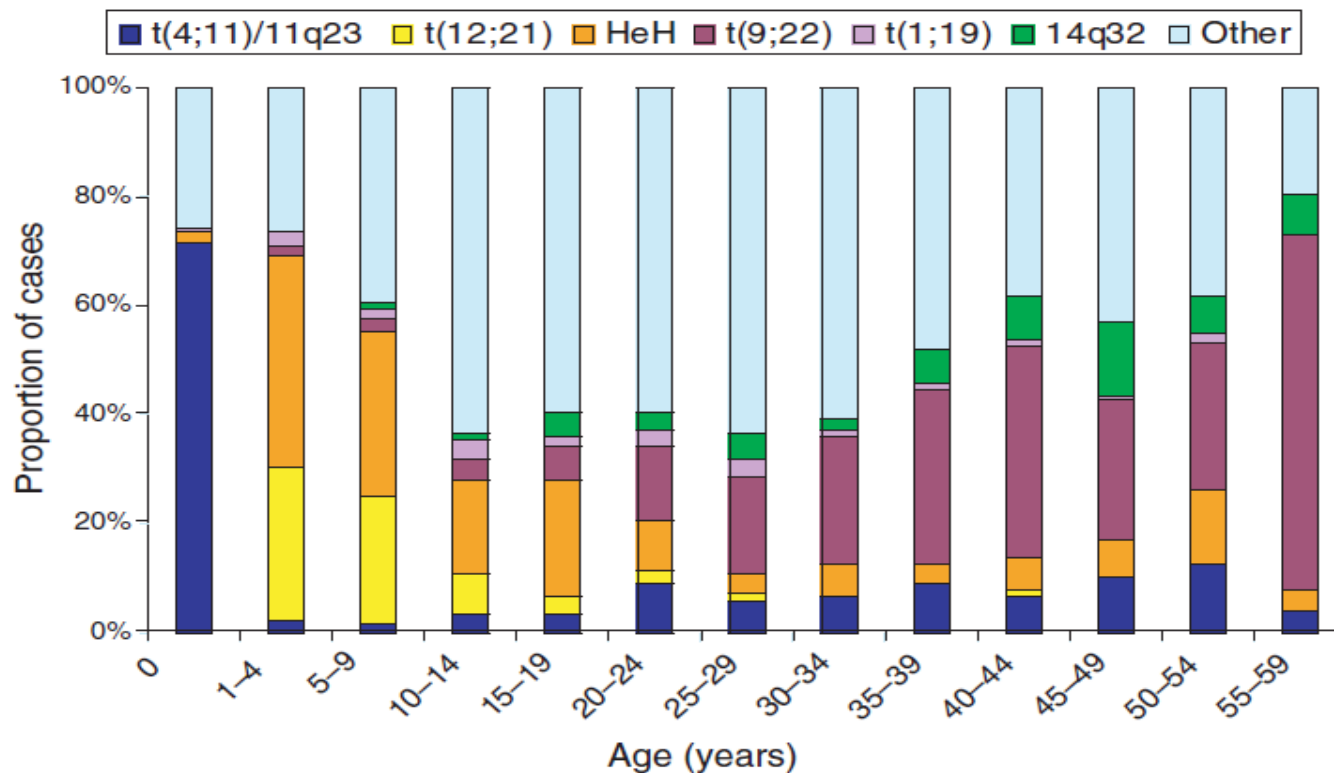
	Y/N (%)	OR (95% CI)	P
Intensive care w/wo assisted ventilation			
1-9	145 / 864 (14.4%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.14
10-17	54 / 208 (20.6%)	1.3 (0.9- 1.9)	
18-45	40 / 172 (18.9%)	1.1 (0.7- 1.6)	
Anaphylactic reaction to asparaginase			
1-9	146 / 863 (14.5%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.016
10-17	25 / 237 (9.5%)	0.6 (0.4- 0.9)	
18-45	11 / 201 (5.2%)	0.3 (0.1- 0.5)	
Invasive Fungal infection			
1-9	98 / 911 (9.7%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.68
10-17	32 / 230 (12.2%)	0.9 (0.6- 1.4)	
18-45	28 / 184 (13.2%)	0.9 (0.5- 1.4)	
Peripheral paralysis			
1-9	100 / 909 (9.9%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.21
10-17	30 / 232 (11.5%)	1.3 (0.8- 2.1)	
18-45	20 / 192 (9.4%)	1.1 (0.7- 1.9)	
Pancreatitis			
1-9	60 / 949 (5.9%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.001
10-17	29 / 233 (11.1%)	2.2 (1.3- 3.5)	
18-45	24 / 188 (11.3%)	2.4 (1.4- 4.0)	
Hyperlipidemia			
1-9	72 / 937 (7.1%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	0.027
10-17	26 / 236 (9.9%)	1.7 (1.0- 2.8)	
18-45	15 / 197 (7.1%)	1.3 (0.7- 2.3)	

Thrombosis			
1-9	36 / 973 (3.6%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	
10-17	40 / 222 (15.3%)	5.0 (3.1- 8.2)	<0.001
18-45	37 / 175 (17.5%)	6.0 (3.6-10.1)	<0.001
Osteonecrosis			
1-9	23 / 986 (2.3%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	
10-17	35 / 227 (13.4%)	8.0 (4.6-14.1)	<0.001
18-45	18 / 194 (8.5%)	5.3 (2.7-10.3)	<0.001
Seizures			
1-9	38 / 971 (3.8%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	
10-17	16 / 246 (6.1%)	1.7 (0.9- 3.1)	0.086
18-45	5 / 207 (2.4%)	0.7 (0.2- 1.6)	0.39
PCP			
1-9	29 / 980 (2.9%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	
10-17	11 / 251 (4.2%)	1.3 (0.6- 2.6)	0.48
18-45	13 / 199 (6.1%)	1.8 (0.9- 3.7)	0.089
PRES			
1-9	37 / 972 (3.7%)	1.0 (1.0- 1.0)	
10-17	9 / 253 (3.4%)	0.8 (0.4- 1.7)	0.60
18-45	5 / 207 (2.4%)	0.5 (0.2- 1.3)	0.18

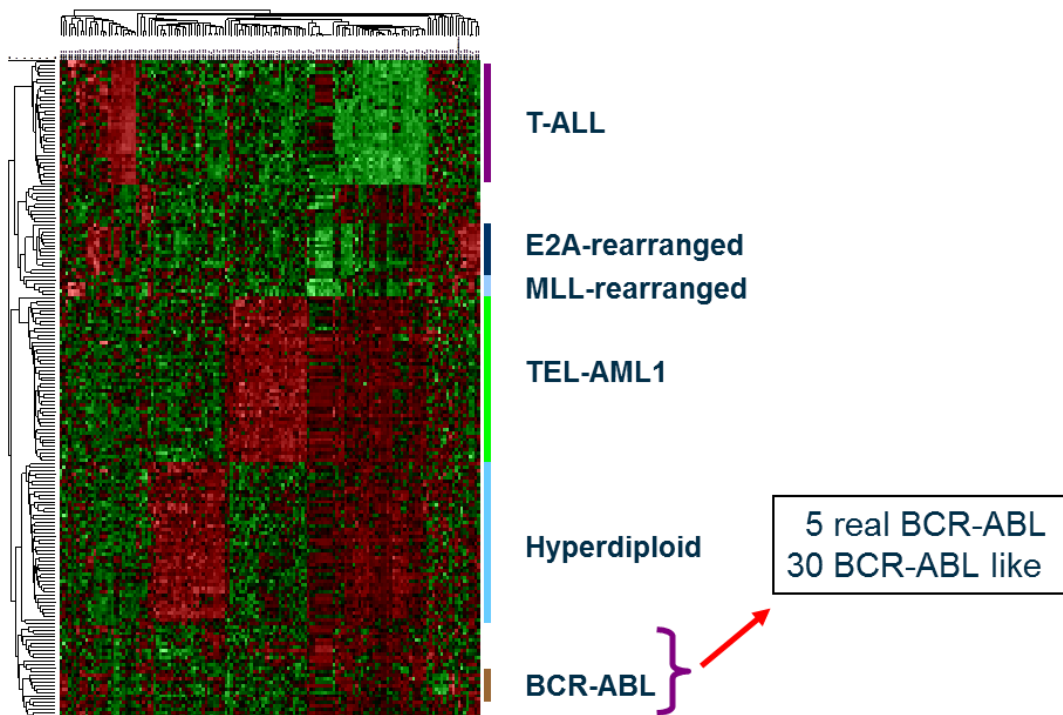
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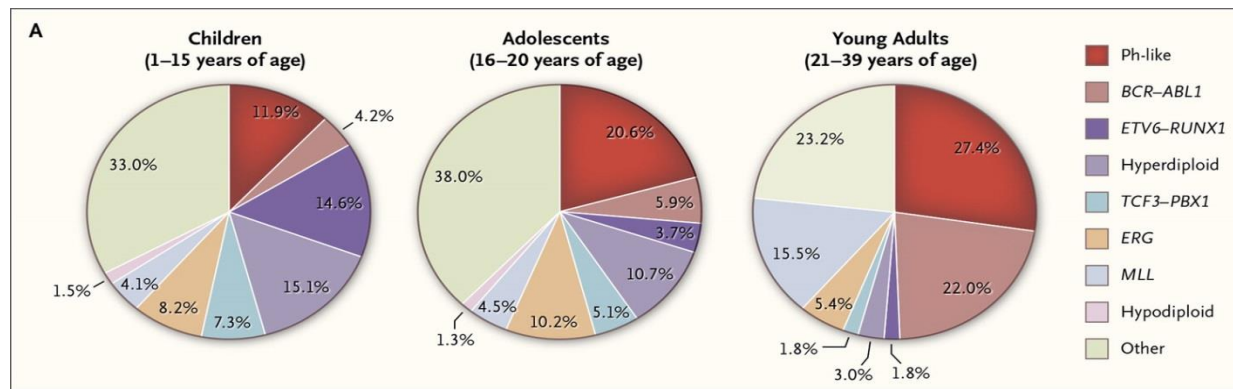
Distribution of cytogenetic subtypes of ALL by age



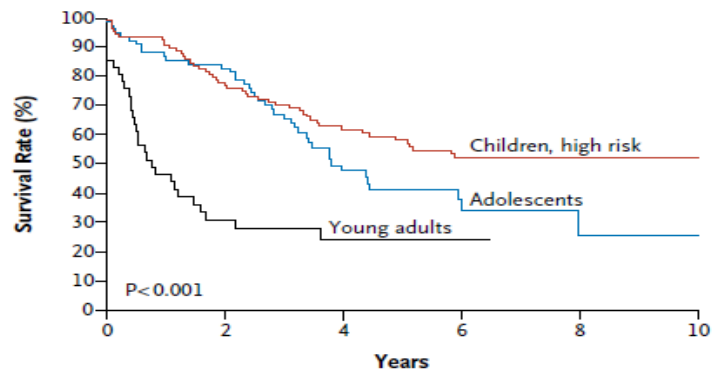
Discovery of BCR-ABL-like ALL within B-other group



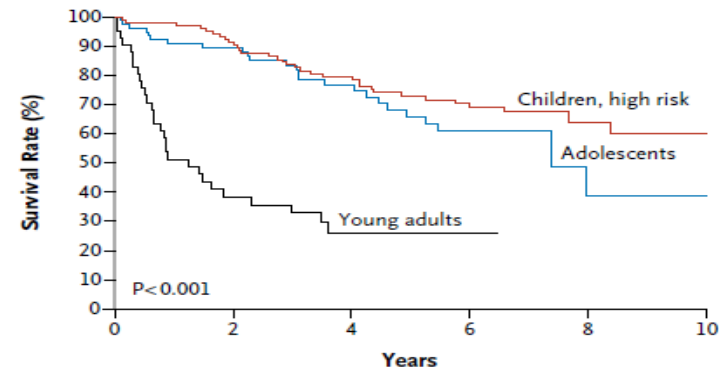
Ph-like ALL: Prevalence and outcomes



A Event-free Survival



B Overall Survival



Frequency of identified tyrosine kinase fusion genes in BCR-ABL-like ALL and remaining B-other ALL

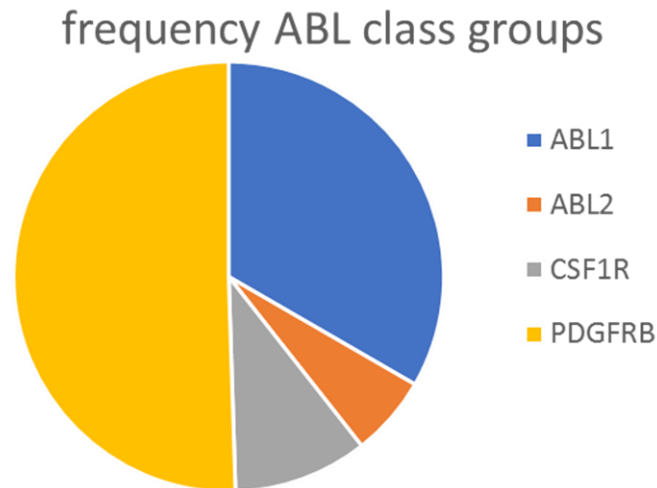
Marker	<i>BCR-ABL1</i> -like (n=77)	Remaining B-other (n=76)
<i>ABL1/ABL2</i> fusion	3.9%	0%
<i>ZMIZ1-ABL1</i>	1	
<i>FOXP1-ABL1</i>	1	
<i>RCSD1-ABL2</i>	1	
<i>PDGFRB</i> fusion	5.2%	0%
<i>EBF1-PDGFRB</i>	4	
<i>CSF1R</i> fusion	2.6%	0%
<i>SSBP2-CSF1R</i>	2	
<i>JAK2</i> fusion	6.5%	0%
<i>PAX5-JAK2</i>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

12% with ***ABL-1* class** fusions
Targetable with TKI e.g. imatinib/dasatinib

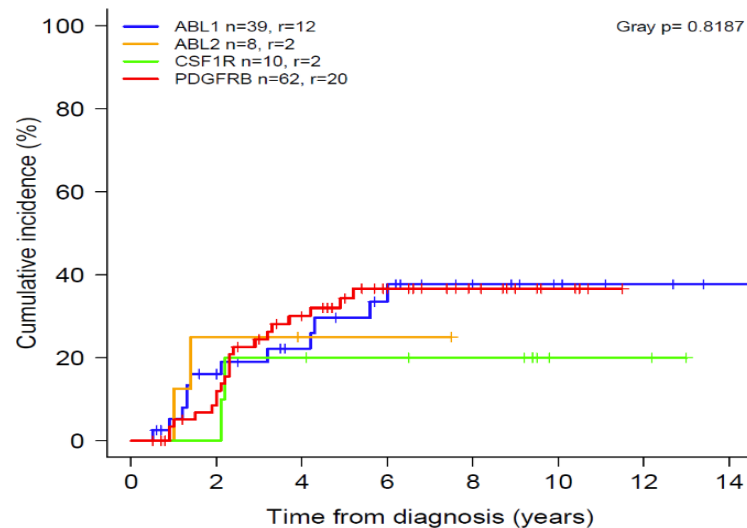
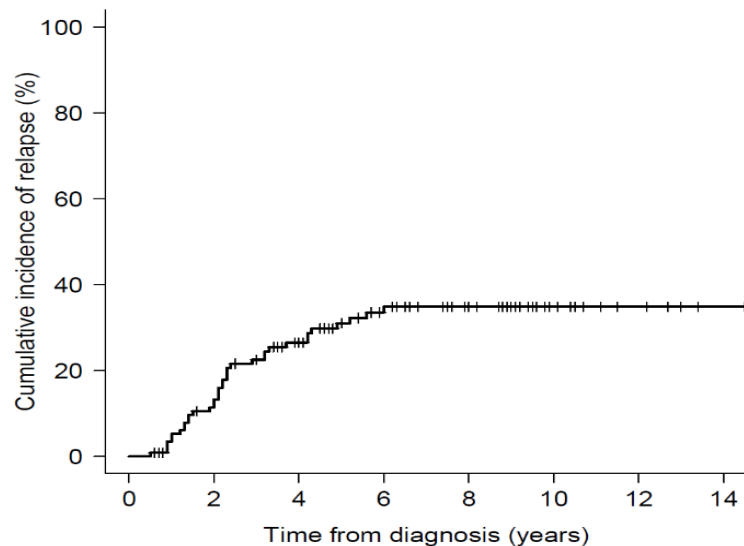
6% with *JAK2* fusions
Targetable with ruxolitinib ????

Outcome of ABL-class ALL treated without tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI): a Ponte di Legno group analysis

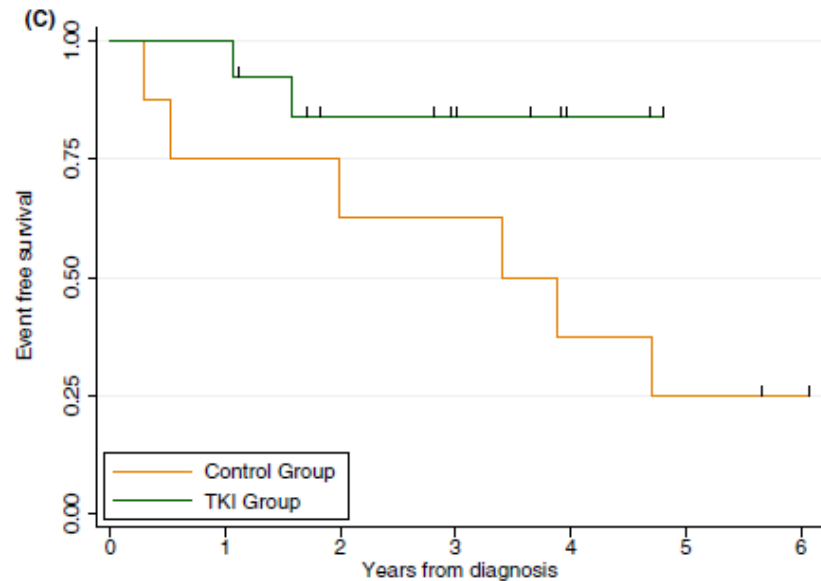
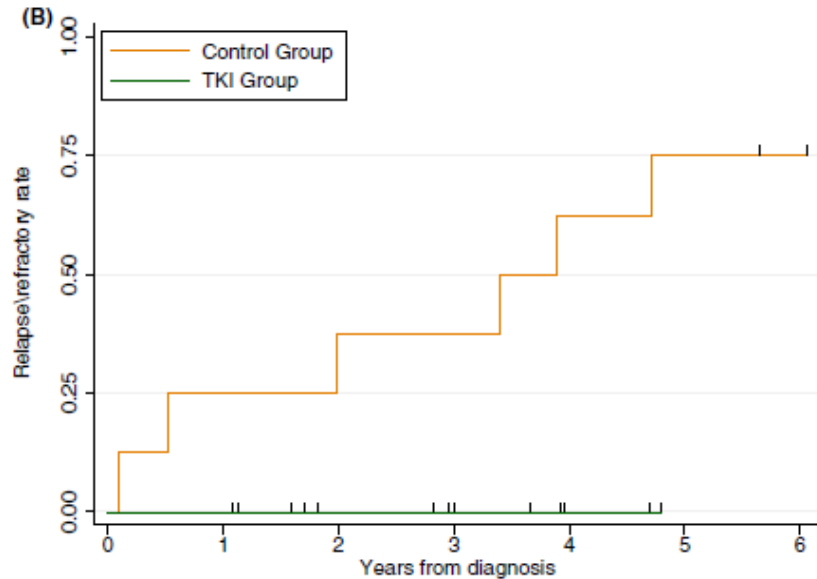
- 122 cases
 - PDGFRB (52%)
 - ABL1 (33%)
 - CSF1R (8%)
 - ABL2 (7%)
- Recent protocols (2000-2018)
- Not treated with TKI
- 10 study groups
 - Europe: DCOG/AIEOP/BFM/UK-ALL/COALL
 - Asia: JACLS/Ma-Spore/ANZCHOG/TCCSG
 - North-America: SJCRH/COG



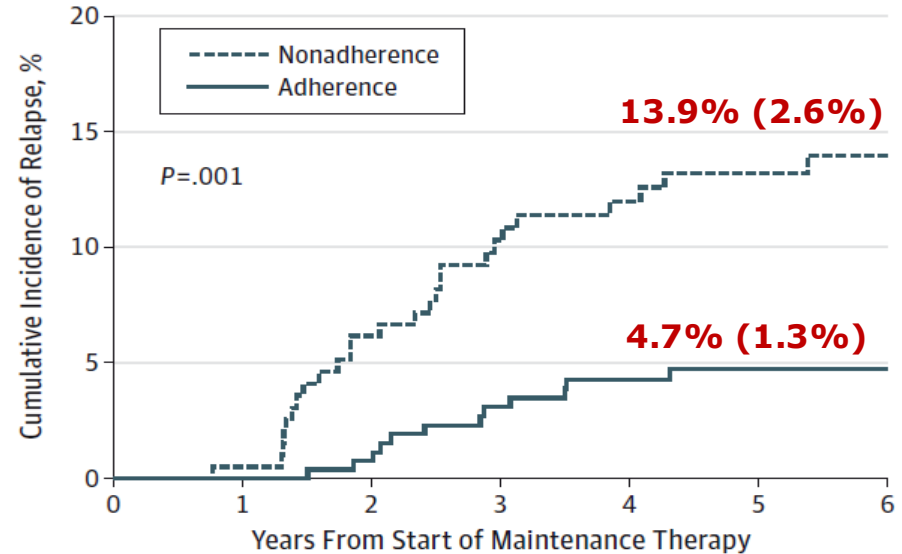
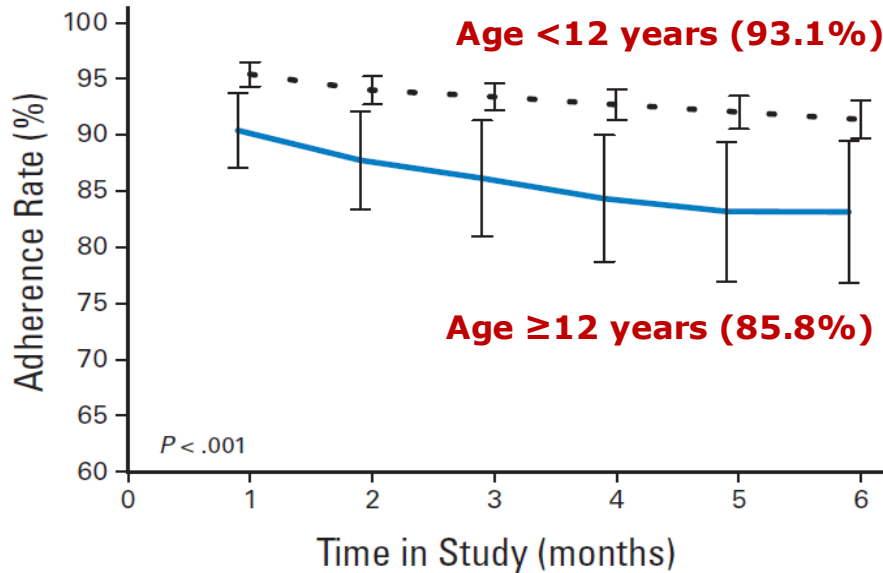
Cumulative incidence of relapse in ABL-class patients



Outcome of ABL-class ALL treated with or without imatinib



Low adherence to oral 6MP significantly increases relapse risk



AYA conclusions

- Outcome improved but still inferior to those in younger children
- Pediatric-inspired protocols better than adult-inspired protocols
- Treatment within trials better outcome
- Higher toxicity in AYA than in younger children, but manageable
- Higher incidence of unfavorable biology/genetics
- Higher incidence of non-adherence of patients (and doctors?)



Question 1

After listening to the presentation, which assertion is NOT correct for AYA ALL patients?

- a) Pediatric-inspired protocols lead to a better outcome than adult-inspired protocols
- b) Treatment within a clinical trial leads to a worse outcome
- c) AYA patients experience more toxicity than young children
- d) BCR-ABL-like ALL is more frequent in AYA ALL than in children <10 years old with ALL

Thank you



Q&A

Bispecific T-cell engagers as post-reinduction therapy improves survival in pediatric and AYA B-ALL

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A Randomized Phase 3 Trial of Blinatumomab Vs. Chemotherapy As Post-Reinduction Therapy in High and Intermediate Risk (HR/IR) First Relapse of B-ALL in Children and AYAs Demonstrates Superior Efficacy and Tolerability of Blinatumomab

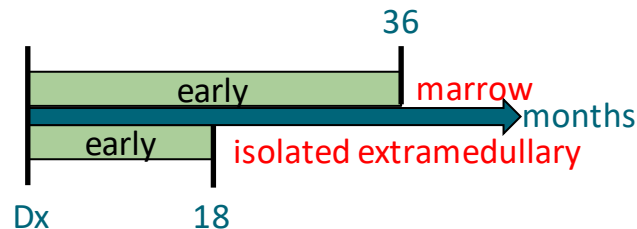
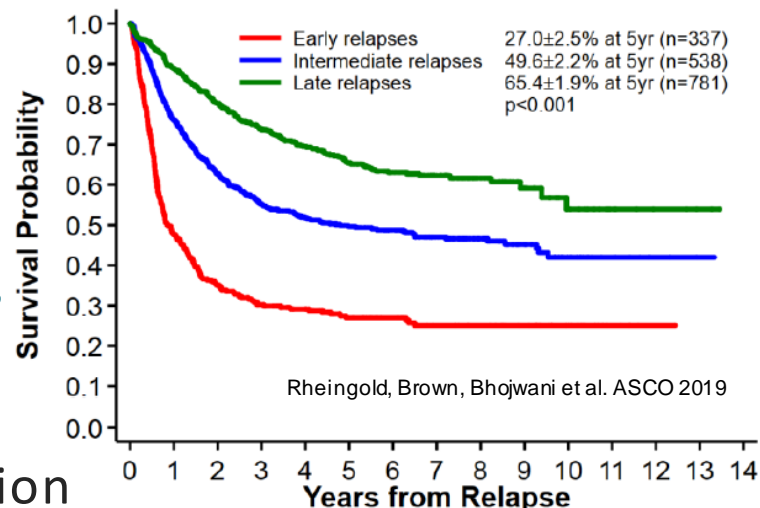
A Report from Children's Oncology Group Study AALL1331

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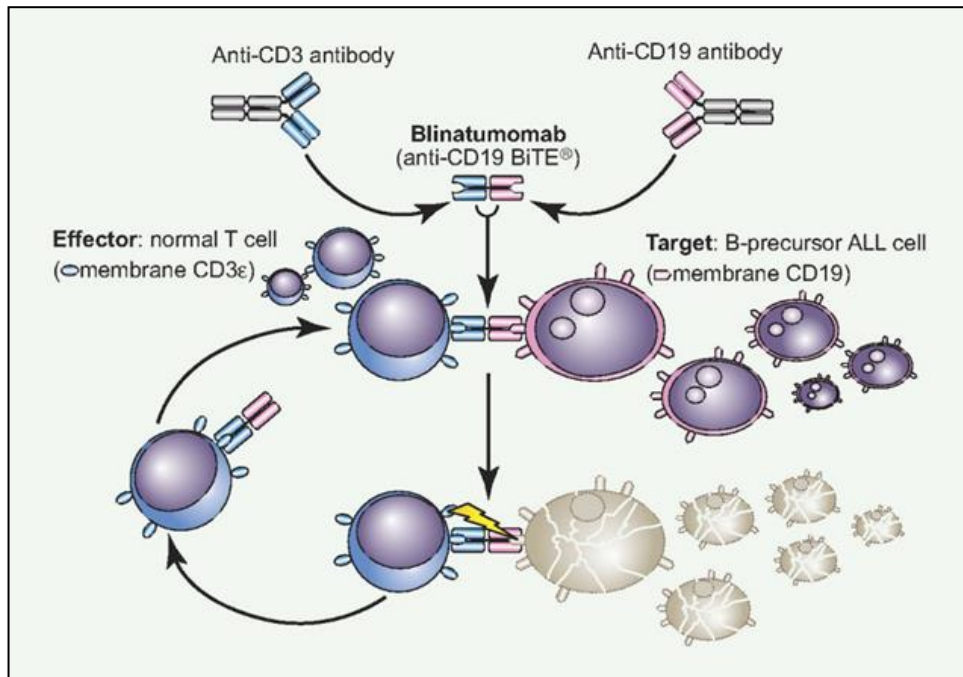
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Background

- Poor survival for first relapse B-ALL in children, adolescents and young adults (AYA), especially early relapses
- Standard treatment approach
 - Reinduction chemotherapy -> 2nd remission
 - Consolidation
 - Early relapse: Intensive chemo -> HSCT
 - Goal: MRD-negativity prior to HSCT
 - Late relapse
 - “MRD high”: same as early
 - “MRD low”: Intensive chemo -> maintenance therapy



Blinatumomab (CD19 BiTE)



Adapted from Brown P. *Blood*. 2018; 131: 1497–1498

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- In multiply relapsed/refractory setting (pediatrics)

- CR 35%–40%
- MRD-negative CR 20%–25%

von Stackelberg et al. JCO. 2016; 34:4381-4389

- In MRD+ setting (adults)

- 80% MRD clearance
- 60% subsequent DFS (bridge to HSCT)

Gokbuget et al. Blood. 2018; 131: 1522-1531

Objective of COG AALL1331:

To determine if substituting blinatumomab for intensive consolidation chemotherapy improves survival in 1st relapse of childhood/AYA B-ALL

UKALLR3, Mitoxantrone Arm*

- DEX 20 mg/m²/day Days 1-5, 15-19
- VCR 1.5 mg/m² Days 1, 8, 15, 22
- PEG 2500 IU/m² Days 3, 17
- Mitoxantrone 10 mg/m² Days 1, 2
- IT MTX Day 1, then IT MTX or ITT

1st Relapse B-ALL

Block 1

Risk Assignment

- All first relapse (any CR1 duration, any site)
- Ages 1-30
- Major exclusions: Down syndrome, Ph+, prior HSCT, prior blinatumomab

Treatment Failure

- M3 (≥25% blasts)
and/or
- Failure to clear EM

Refractory

High Risk

- iBM or combined BM+EM
 - CR1 <36 mo*or*
- iEM
 - CR1 <18 mo

Early relapse

Intermediate Risk

- iBM or combined BM+EM
 - CR1 ≥36 mo*and*
- **EB1 MRD ≥ 0.1% EOI**

Late relapse, MRD high

Low Risk

- iBM or combined BM+EM
 - CR1 ≥36 mo*or*
- iEM
 - CR1 ≥18 mo

Late relapse, MRD low

HR/IR

i = isolated

BM = bone marrow

EM = extramedullary (CNS, testes)

CR1 = duration of first remission

EB1 = end-Block 1

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

Stratifications

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

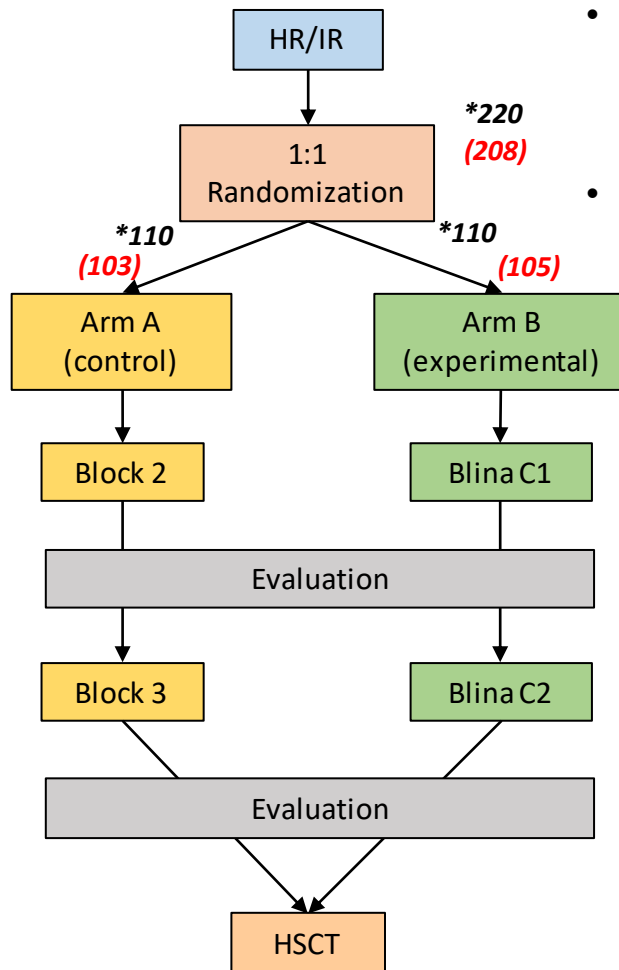
UKALLR3, Block 2*

- 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
- ID MTX, Erwinia Week 4
- IT MTX or ITT

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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)**

Early Closure Recommended by DSMC

- Scheduled review by DSMC Sep 2019 using data cut-off 6/30/2019 (~60% of projected events)
- Despite the monitoring threshold for DFS not being crossed, the DSMC recommended
 - Permanent closure of accrual to HR/IR randomization
 - Immediate cross-over to experimental Arm B for patients still receiving therapy
- DSMC recommendation based on
 - The difference in DFS and OS between arms
 - The profound difference in toxicity between arms
 - The highly significant difference in MRD clearance rates between arms

Baseline Characteristics

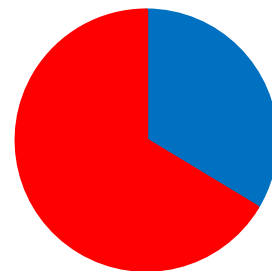
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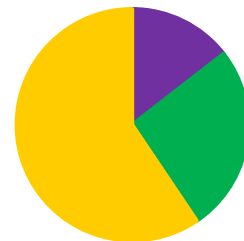
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Randomization Stratification Factors

Stratification Factors	Arm A (n=103)	Arm B (n=105)
<i>Risk Group Assignment after Block 1</i>		
Intermediate Risk (late BM relapse, MRD high)	34 (33%)	36 (34%)
High Risk (early relapse)	69 (67%)	69 (66%)
<i>High Risk Subsets</i>		
• Marrow, CR1 <18 months (very early)	18 (26%)	18 (26%)
• Marrow, CR1 18-36 months (early)	41 (59%)	41 (59%)
• IEM, CR1 <18 months	10 (14%)	10 (14%)



■ IR ■ HR

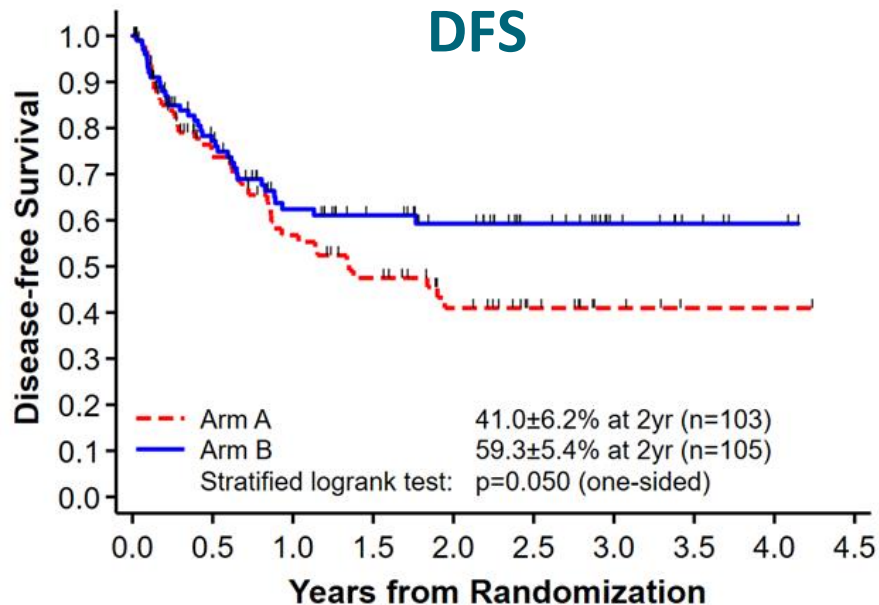


■ IEM

■ BM <18 mo

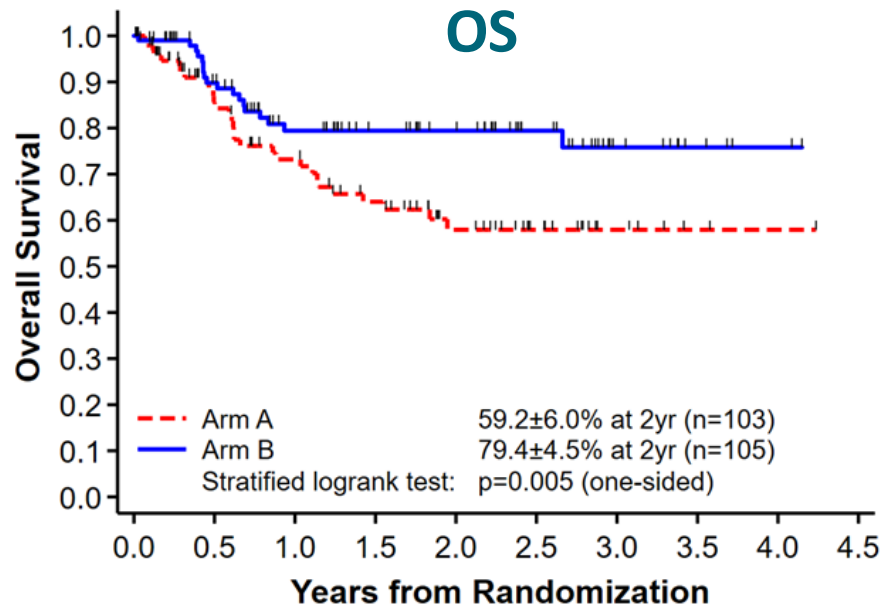
■ BM 18-36 mo

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



At Risk

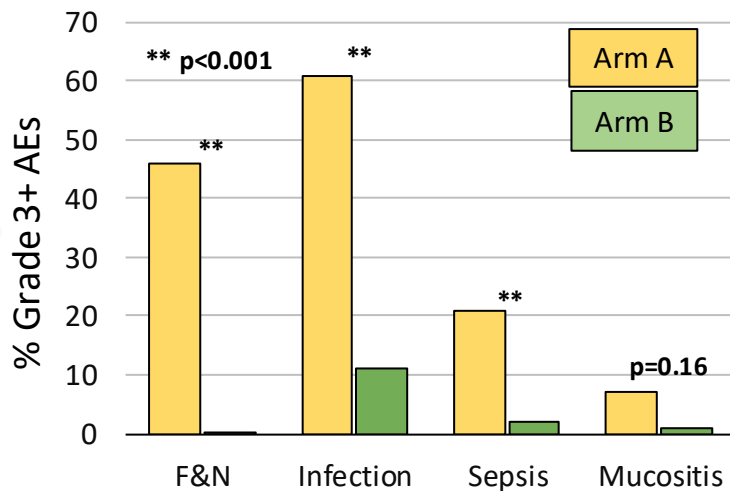
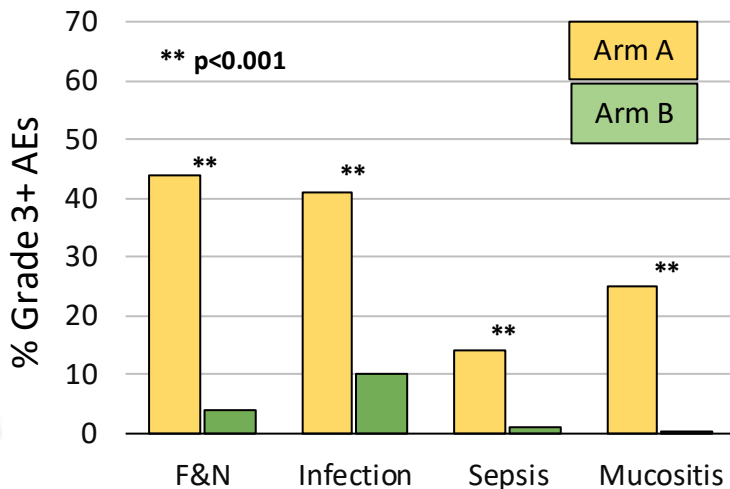
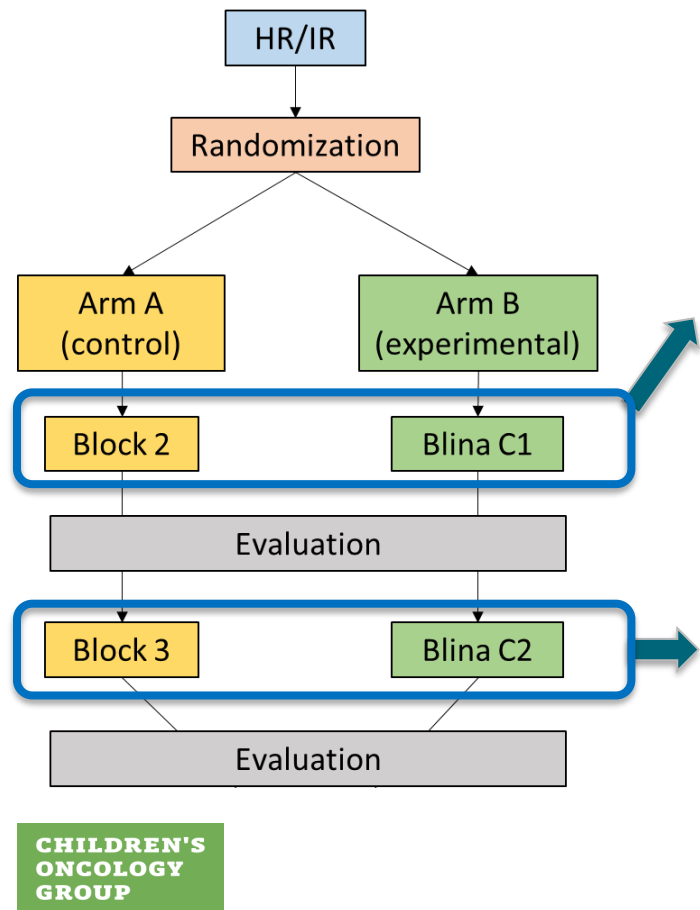
Arm A	103	55	39	29	18	10	4	1	1	0
Arm B	105	69	47	38	31	19	10	5	2	0



At Risk

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Arm B	105	77	55	44	38	24	11	5	2	0

Adverse Events



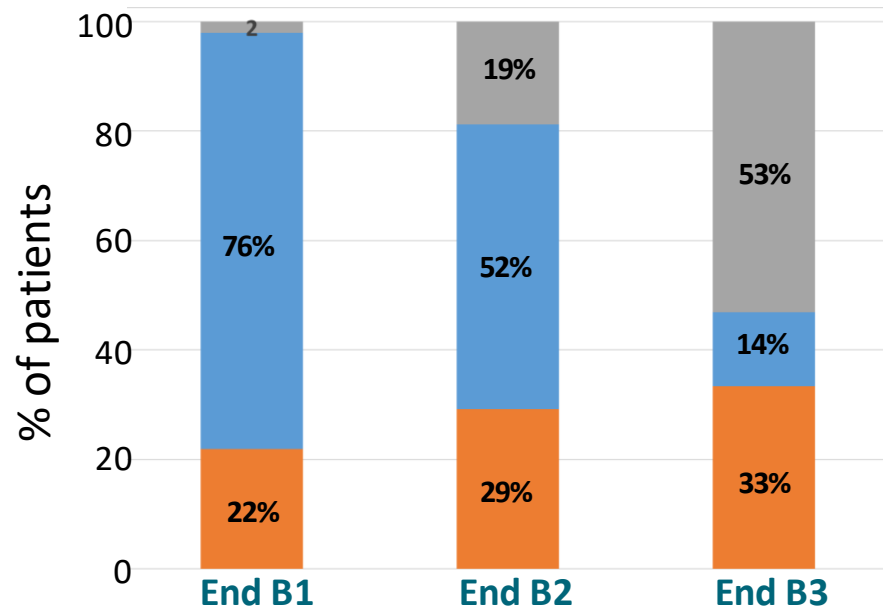
- N=4 post-induction Grade 5 AEs on Arm A (all infections)*
- N=0 on Arm B*
- Ages of Arm A deaths: 2, 17, 23, and 26 years old (AYA-skewed)*
- NOTE: AE rates significantly higher in AYA (Hogan, et al. ASH Abstract 2018)*

Blinatumomab-Related AEs on Arm B

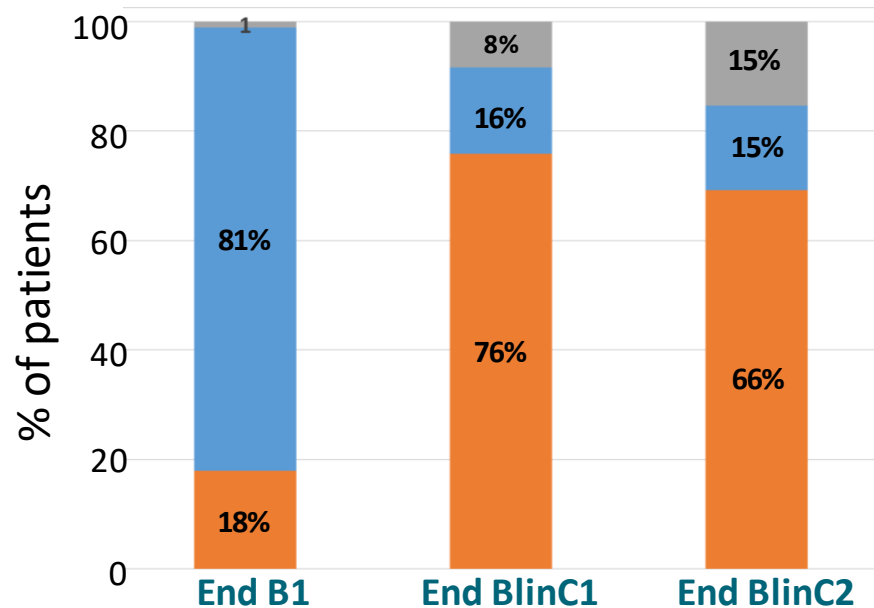
	Blina C1 (n=99)		Blina C2 (n=83)	
Blinatumomab-related AEs	Any grade (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)	Any grade (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)
Cytokine Release Syndrome	22%	1%	1%	0%
Neurotoxicity	18%	3%	11%	2%
Seizure	4%	1%	0%	0%
Other (Encephalopathic)	14%	2%	11%	2%

MRD Clearance (for iBM and BM+EM)

Arm A (n=96)



Arm B (n=95)



p=0.65

p<0.0001

p<0.0001

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No data (off protocol)

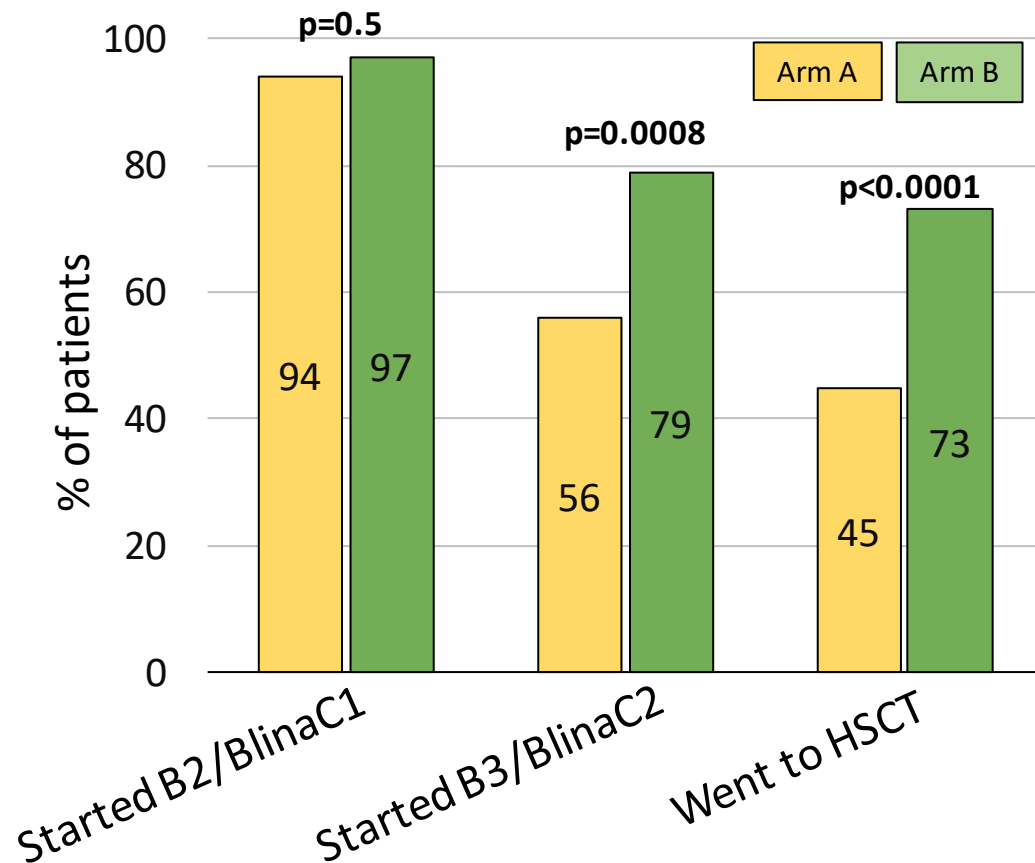


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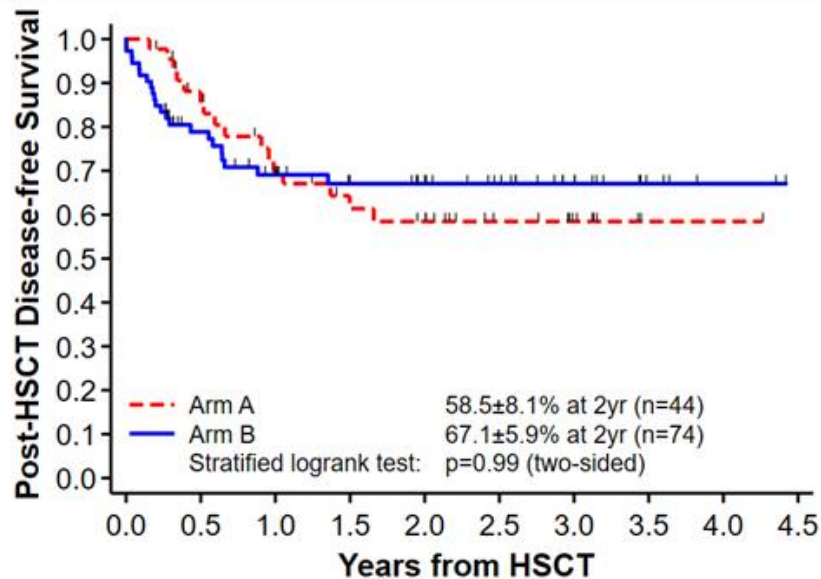
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Drop Out/HSCT Rates: Arm A vs Arm B

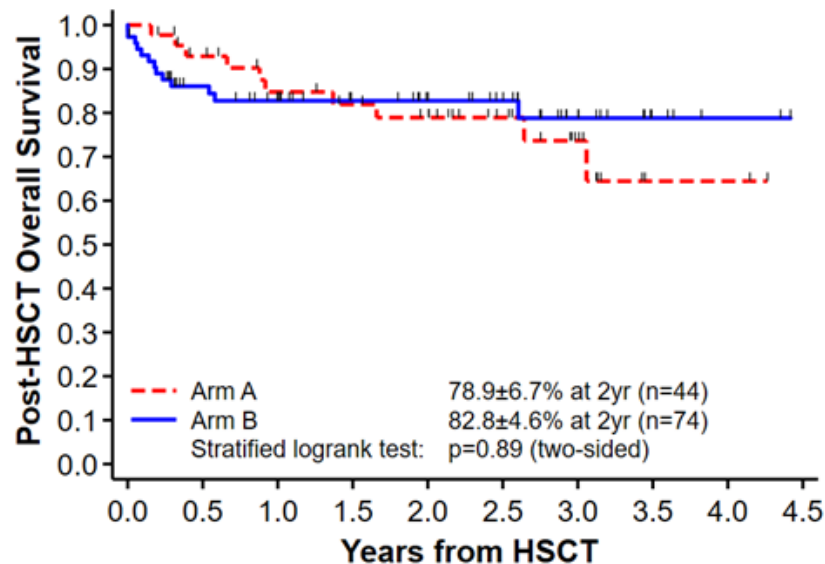


A significant contributor to the improved outcomes for Arm B (blina) vs Arm A (chemo) in HR/IR relapses may be the **ability of blinatumomab to successfully bridge to HSCT**

Post-HSCT Survival



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Arm B	74	49	38	31	27	21	11	5	2	0



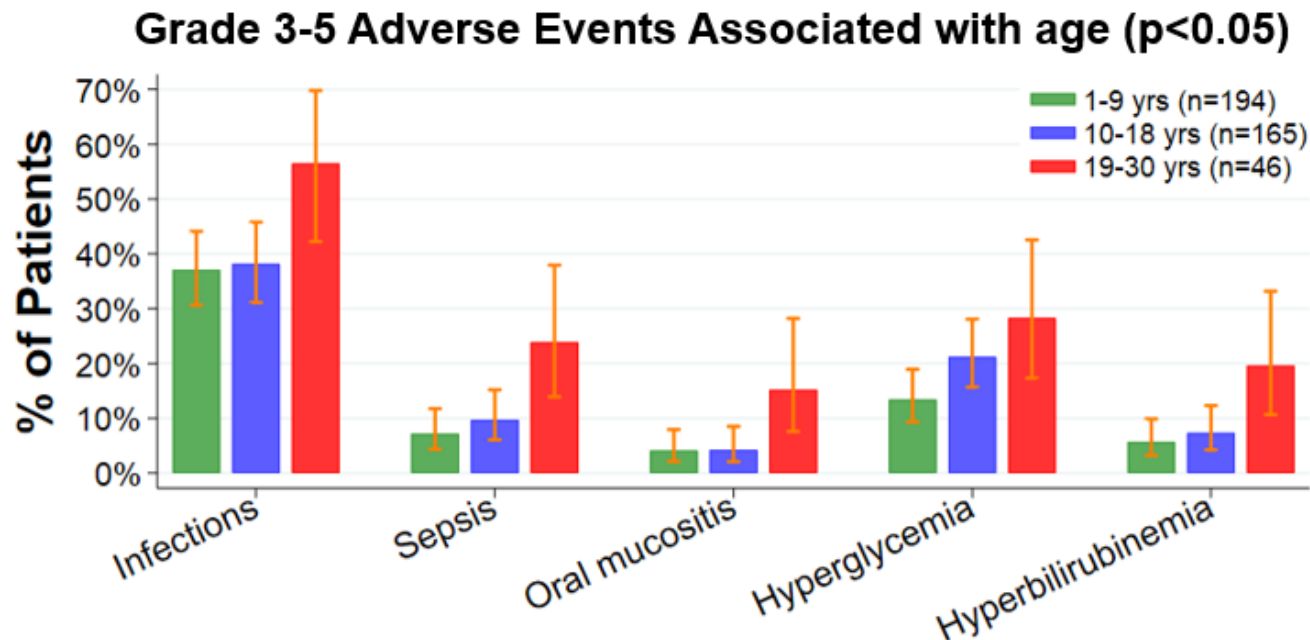
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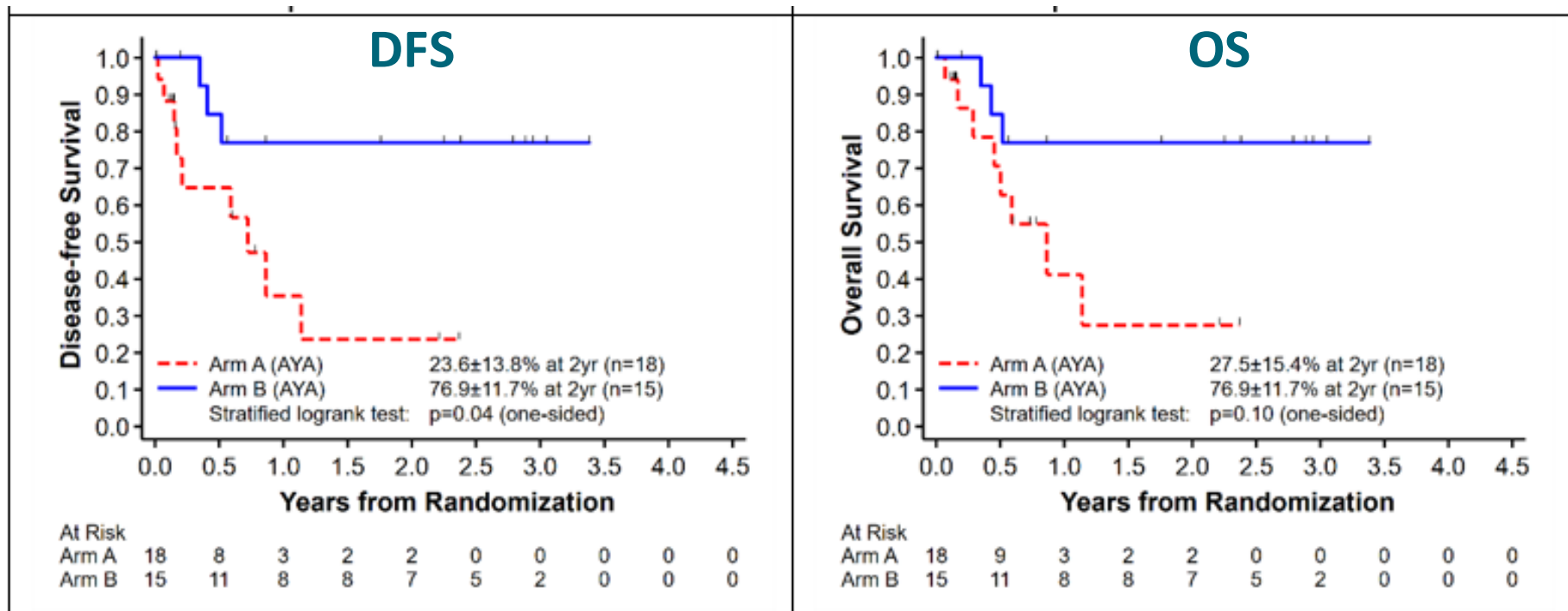
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Conclusions

- For children and AYA patients with HR/IR first relapse of B-ALL, blinatumomab is superior to standard chemotherapy as post-reinduction consolidation prior to HSCT, resulting in
 - Fewer and less-severe toxicities (especially AYA)
 - Higher rates of MRD response
 - Greater likelihood of proceeding to HSCT
 - Improved disease-free and overall survival
- Blinatumomab constitutes a new standard of care in this setting
- Future: Optimizing immunotherapy in relapsed ALL
 - Combination of blinatumomab and checkpoint inhibitors
 - Immunotherapy to replace or augment reinduction chemotherapy
 - CAR T cells to replace or augment HSCT



Question 1

Which of the following is NOT true of blinatumomab relative to chemotherapy as post-reinduction therapy for HR/IR first relapse of pediatric ALL? (multiple choice)

- a) Lower rate of clearance of residual disease
- b) Lower rate of serious adverse events
- c) Lower rate of relapse
- d) Higher rate of proceeding to HSCT

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Discussion

Break

Panel discussion on the role of HSCT



Question 1

Do patients have access to stem cell transplant in your region?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. It depends on their financial situation



Question 2

What proportion of your patients with newly diagnosed ALL are transplant eligible?

- a. 0%–20%
- b. 21%–40%
- c. 41%–60%
- d. 61%–80%
- e. 81%–100%



Question 3

What proportion of your transplant-eligible patients will receive transplant?

- a. 0%–20%
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- e. 81%–100%

Pros and cons of transplantation

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Pros and Cons of Transplantation

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Define “transplantation”

- > Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
- > Possible allogeneic donors
 - Related
 - HLA identical sibling
 - Haploidentical relative
 - Unrelated
 - HLA “matched” living donor
 - Umbilical cord blood
- > Possible stem cell sources: bone marrow, PBSC
- > Other variables: prep regimen, GVHD ppx, graft processing, post-HSCT relapse prevention, etc

Pros and cons: Compared to what?

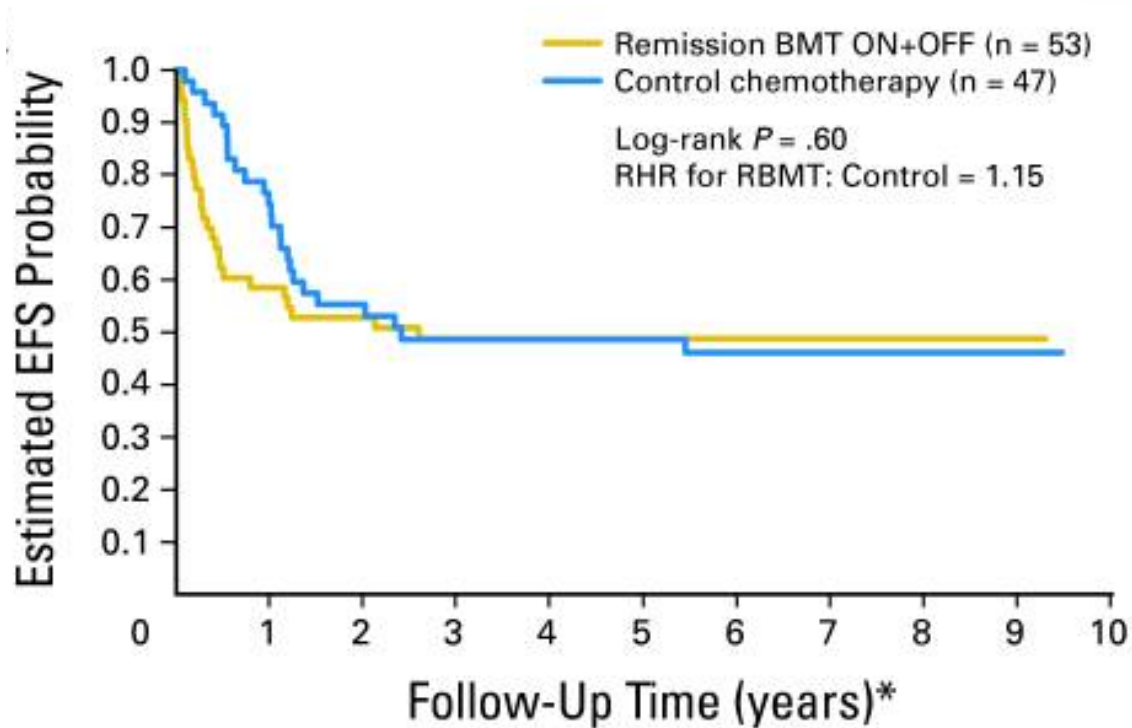
- > Typical comparator is continued systemic therapy (multiagent chemotherapy, TKI, immunotherapy, etc)

Putative Pros	Putative Cons
<div>Improved survival<ul style="list-style-type: none">Median survival, or proportion of “cures”?Competing events: relapse vs TRM</div> <div>?</div>	<div>Increased toxicity<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short term: Infection, aGVHD, VODLong term: Infection, cGVHD, growth, fertility, SMN, endocrine</div>
<div>Shorter duration of treatment<ul style="list-style-type: none">On paper, yes . . . but what about chronic medical issues?</div>	<div>More resource-intensive</div>
	<div>Age and comorbidity limitations</div>
	<div>Limited access / need for travel</div>

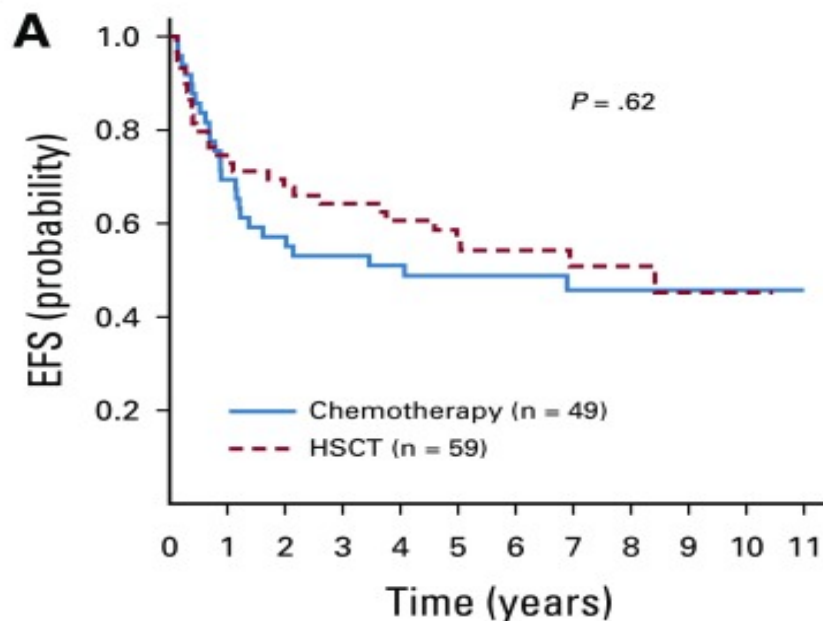
Does transplant improve survival in ALL?

- > Yes and no (maybe)
- > Depends on a multitude of complicated factors
 - Patient-related
 - Age (infant; child; AYA; adult; elderly)
 - Comorbidities
 - Disease-related
 - Timing: CR1 vs CR2+
 - Genetic subset (Ph+, hypodiploid, etc)
 - MRD response to induction/reinduction
 - MRD status at time of transplant
 - Treatment-related
 - Evolving effectiveness of non-transplant therapy (eg, TKI, immunotherapy)
 - Relative effectiveness of various transplant strategies (eg, TBI vs non-TBI prep)

Infant ALL, CR1



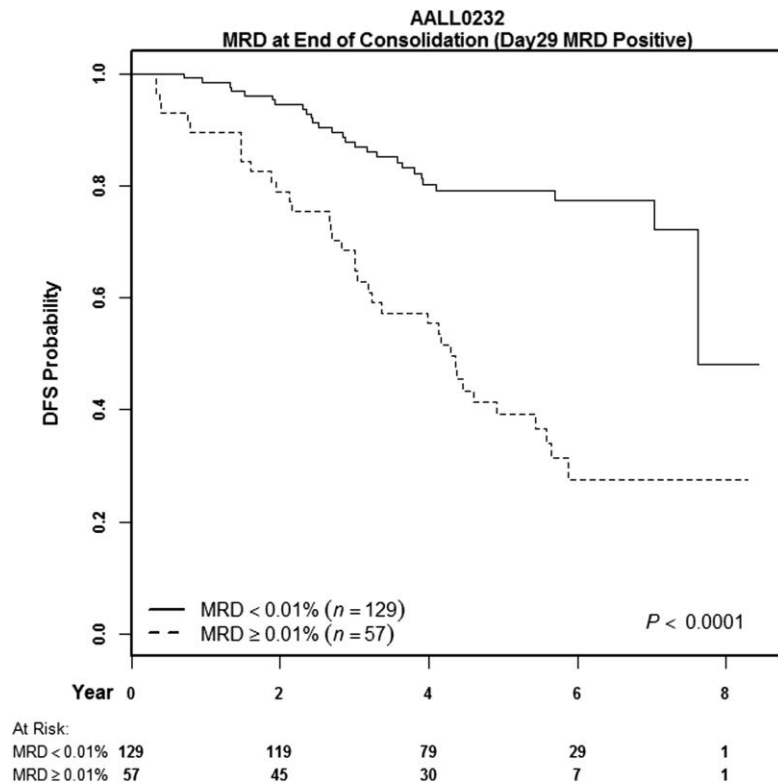
Hypodiploid ALL, CR1



No. at risk:

—	49	34	28	26	23	20	17	15	9	6	2	1
- - -	59	43	39	37	31	26	22	14	12	6	2	0

End-consolidation MRD+, CR1



Patients with HR B-ALL
treated on AALL0232

MRD determined by
multiparameter flow cytometry

Day 29 MRD >0.1%

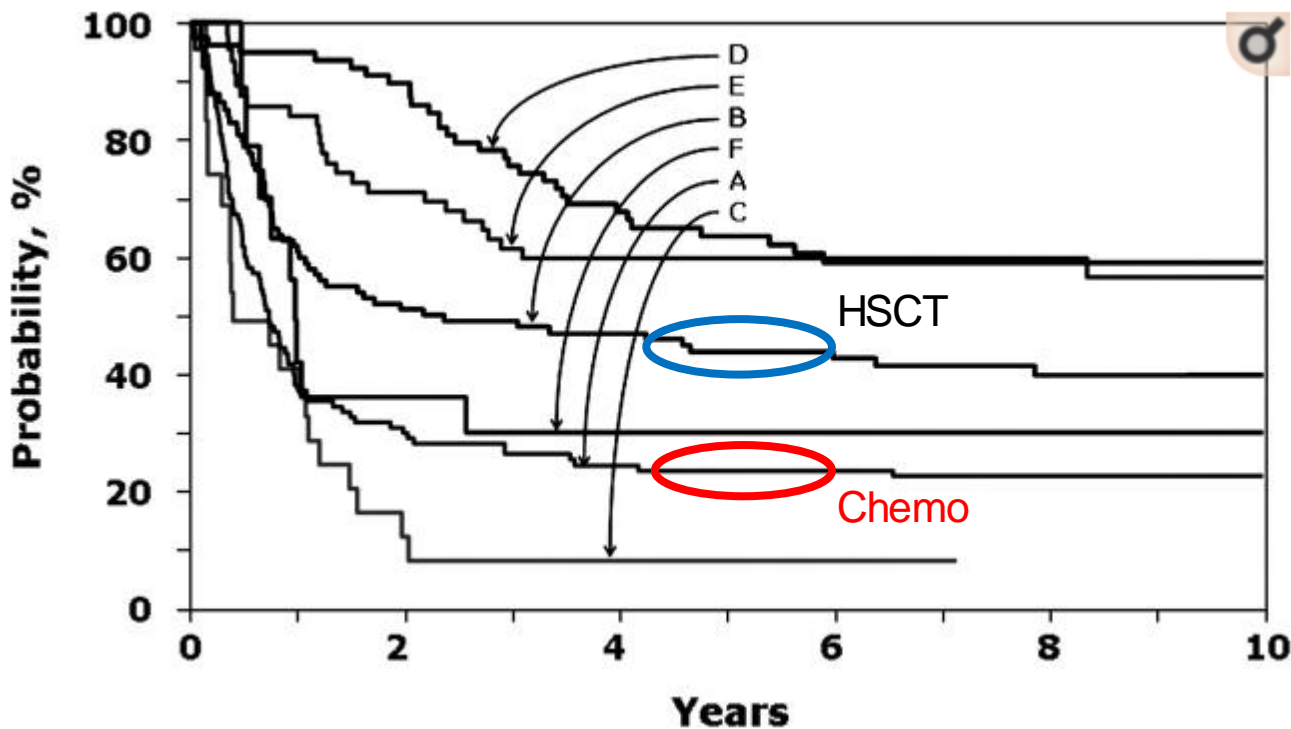
5-year DFS by EOC MRD

MRD <0.01%: 79% ± 5%

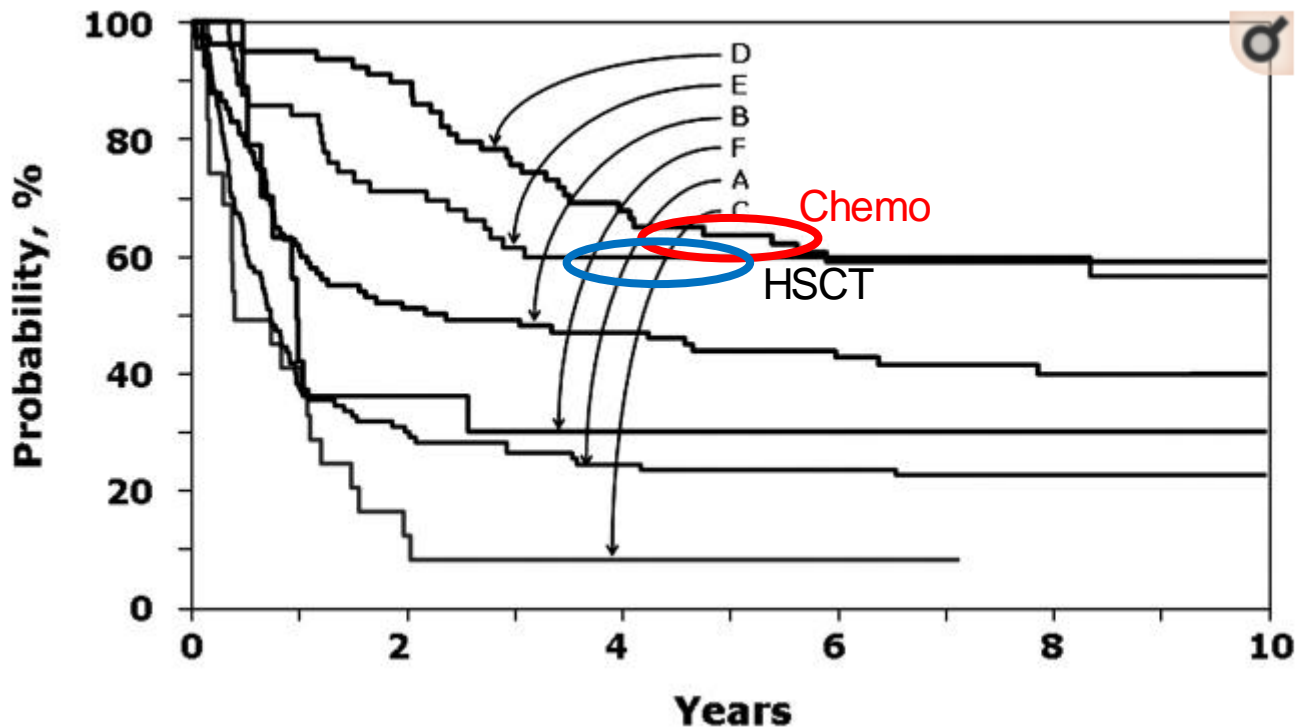
MRD ≥0.01%: 39% ± 7%

**CAR T cells?
Blina?
HSCT?**

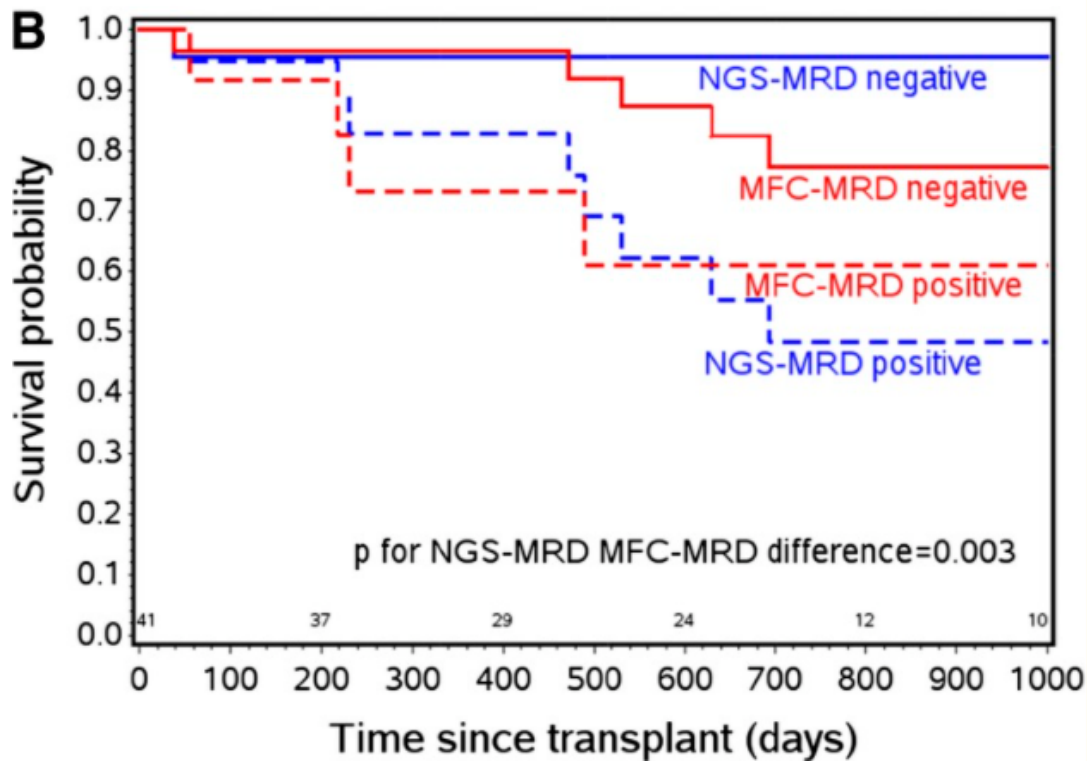
CR2, early relapse



CR2, late relapse

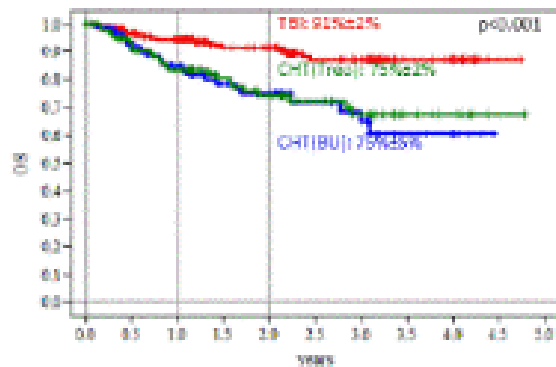


MRD status pre-transplant

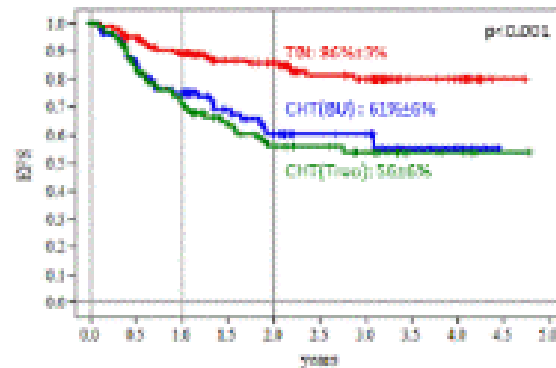


TBI vs chemo prep

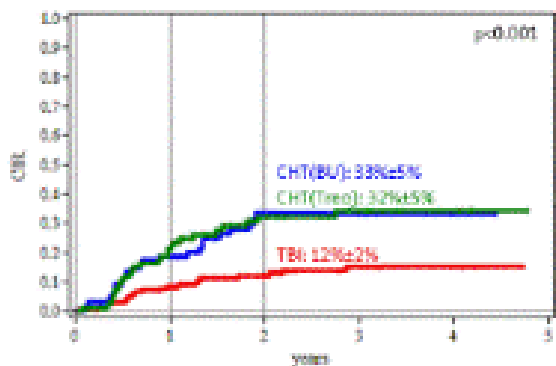
A) Overall survival (5-year OS \pm SE)



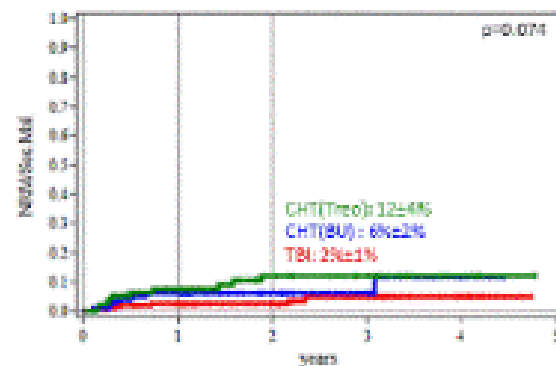
B) Event free survival (5-year EFS \pm SE)



C) Relapses (5-year CIR \pm SE)



D) Non-relapse mortality/Sec. Mal (5-year CI \pm SE)



Summary

- > Transplant in ALL is currently widely accepted therapy for high-risk CR2 (ie, early first relapse), preferably after achieving MRD negative status
- > However, this may change based on evolving experience with immunotherapy (especially CAR T-cell products with potential for long-term persistence and blinatumomab)
- > All other indications for transplant in ALL are controversial and evolving
 - Ph+ in CR1: questionable benefit of transplant in TKI era
 - Adult ALL in CR1: questionable benefit of transplant given enhance efficacy of pediatric-inspired regimens
 - All other high-risk CR1 (late MRD+, hypodiploid, KMT2A-r, etc): poor outcomes, but no data showing transplant better than alternative
- > Prospective, randomized clinical trials are desperately needed!

Role of transplant in MRD+ population

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One simple answer:

Yes, always

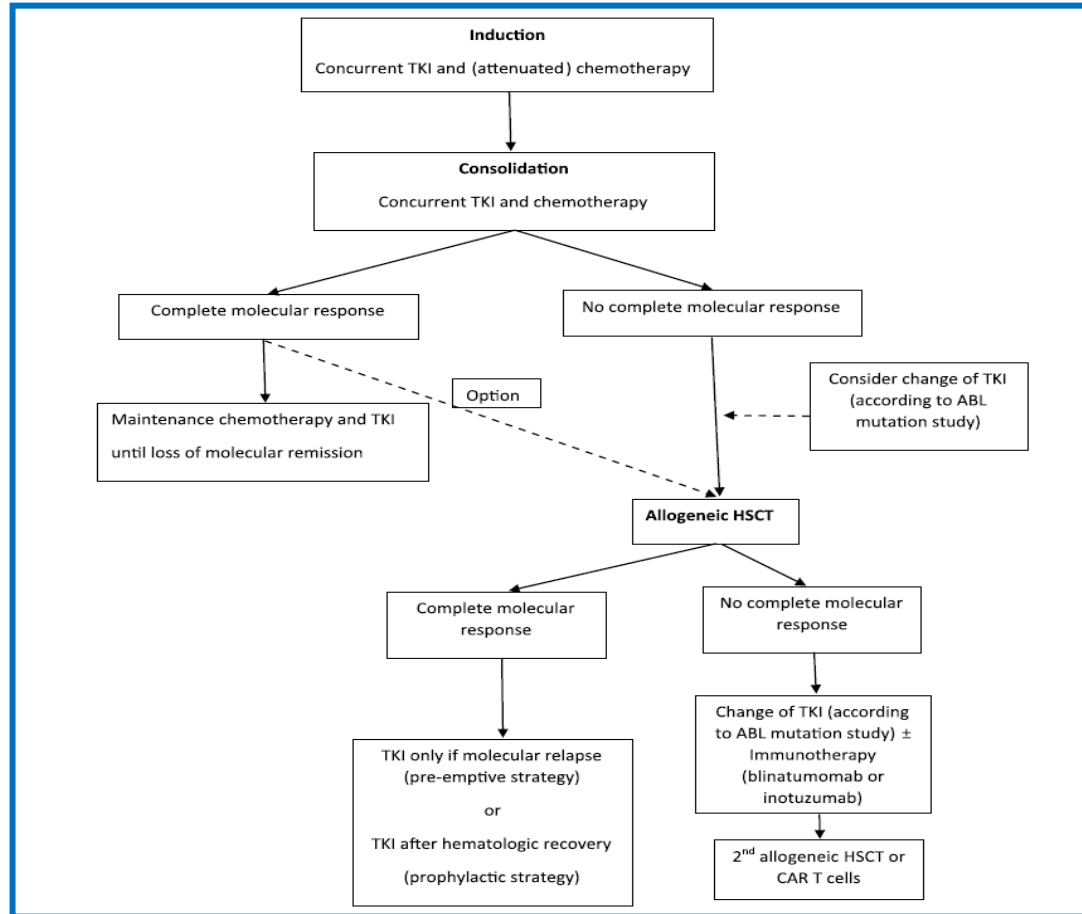
However . . . things are not so simple!

Aspects to be considered

- **Patient:** fitness, comorbidities, feasibility of HSCT
- **Type of ALL:** Ph-positive or -negative
- **ALL status**
 - CR1 or CR \geq 1
 - Previous HSCT
- **MRD characteristics:** persistent positivity or MRD reappearance
- **MRD level**
- **Possibility of effective therapies** (targeted therapies, immunotherapy) in MRD+ status

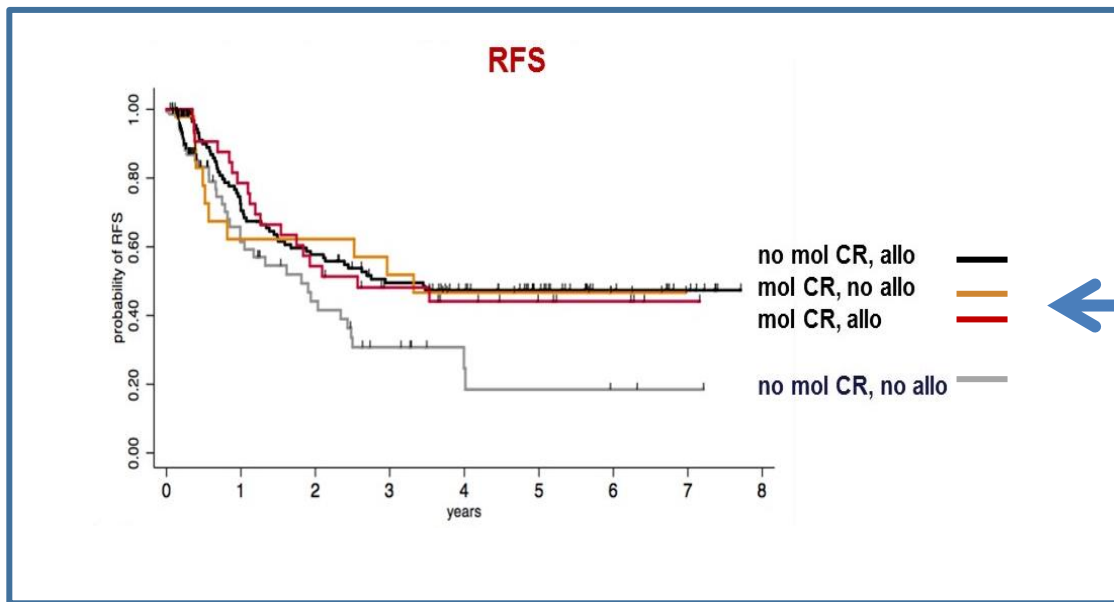
HSCT in MRD+, Ph+ ALL

Indication of HSCT in Ph+ ALL: “Standard” approach



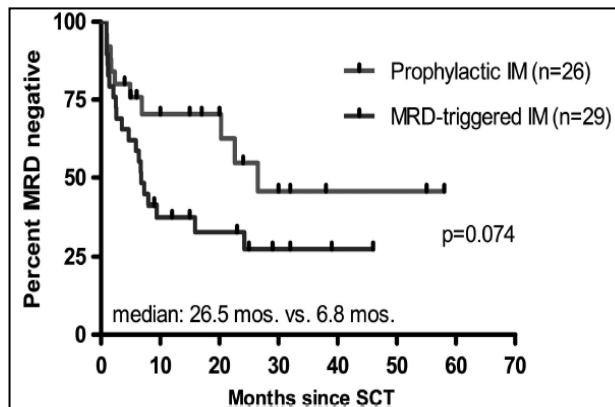
MRD after consolidation can modulate the HSCT indication

- Time-dependent analysis; Simon-Makuch plots; $t0$, MRD2 assessment
- HR, 1.02 [95% CI, 0.47–2.21]; $P = .96$ in molecular CR patients
- HR, 0.62 [95% CI, 0.40–0.96]; $P = .034$ in patients with detectable MRD2

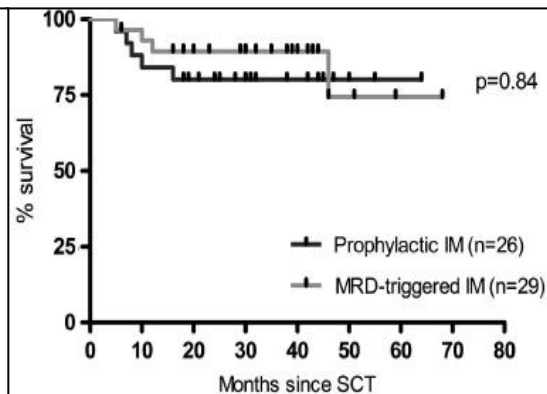


Prophylactic vs MRD-triggered imatinib after allogeneic HSCT

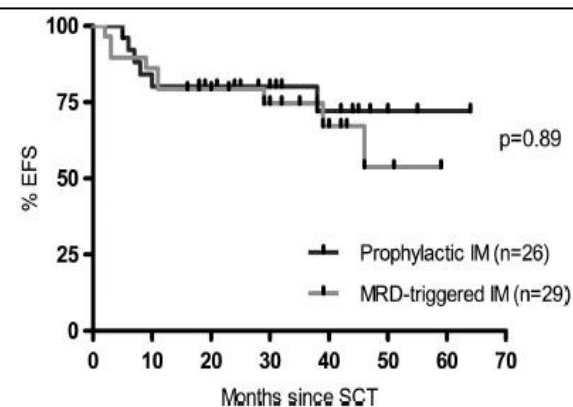
Duration of molecular remission
by treatment arm



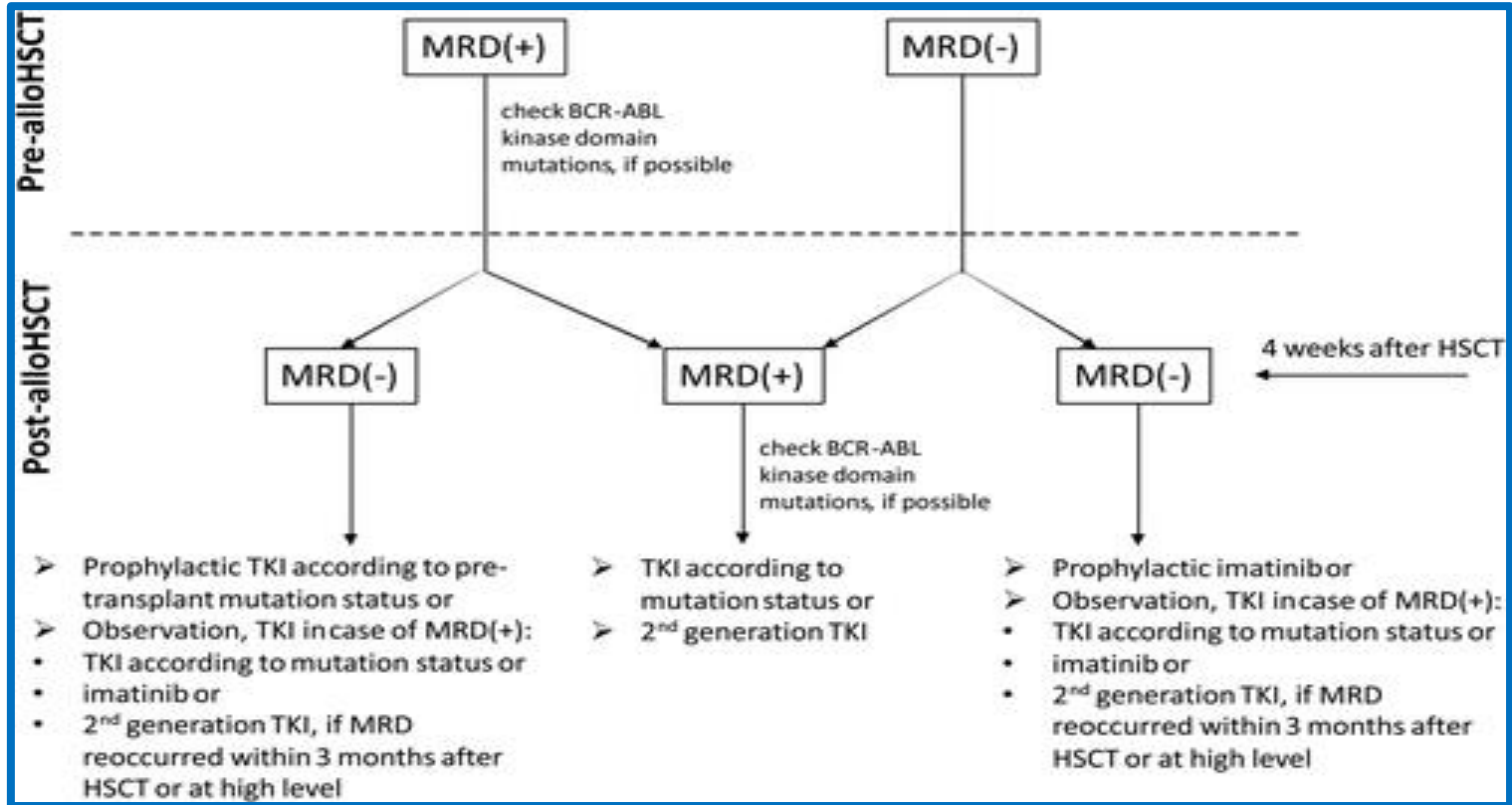
Survival after HSCT
by treatment cohort



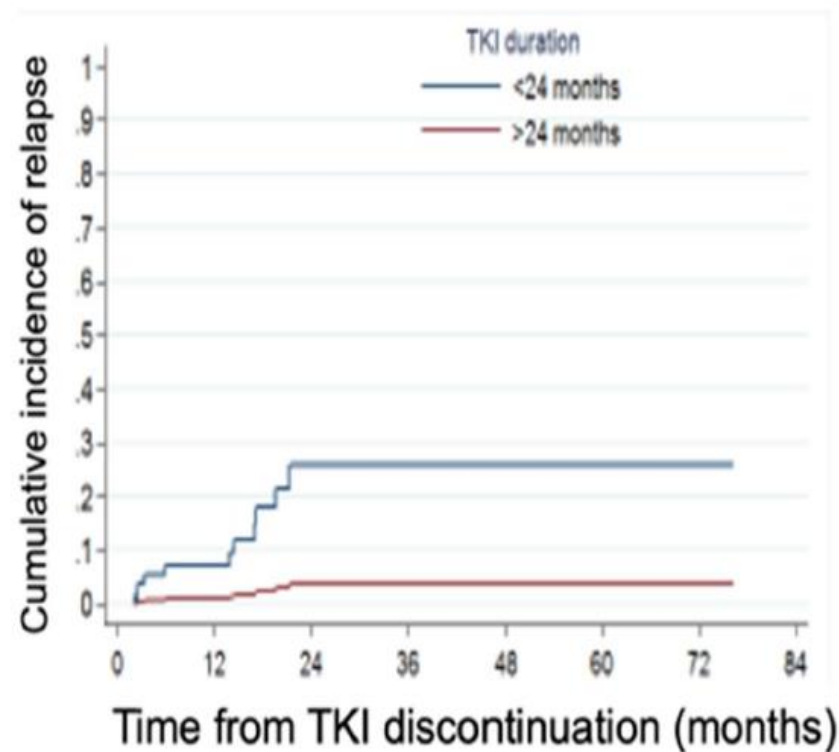
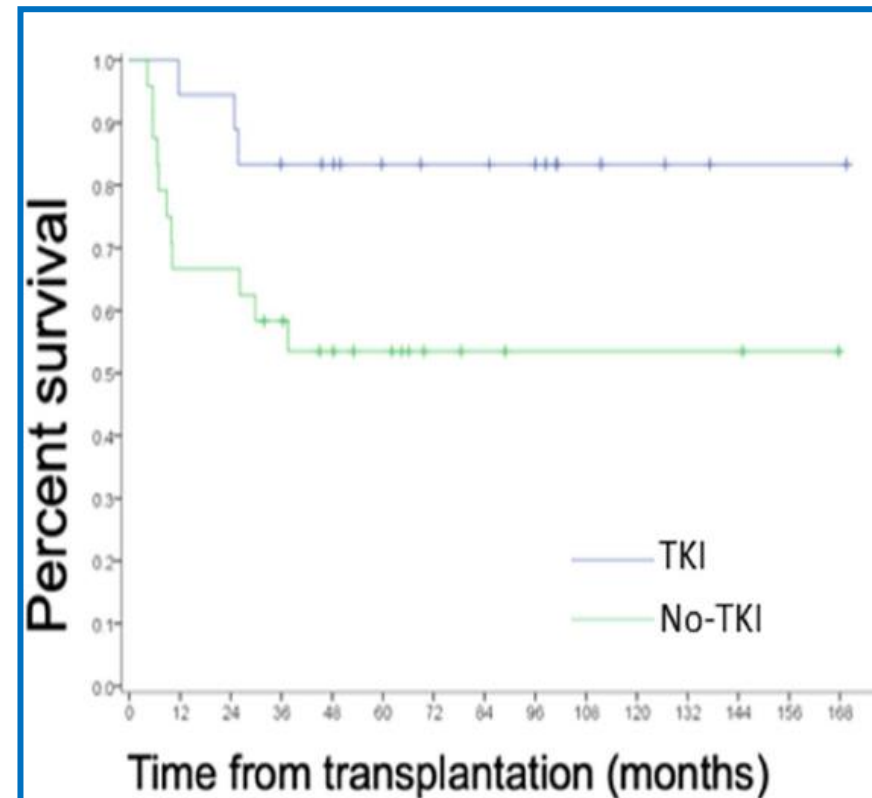
EFS after HSCT
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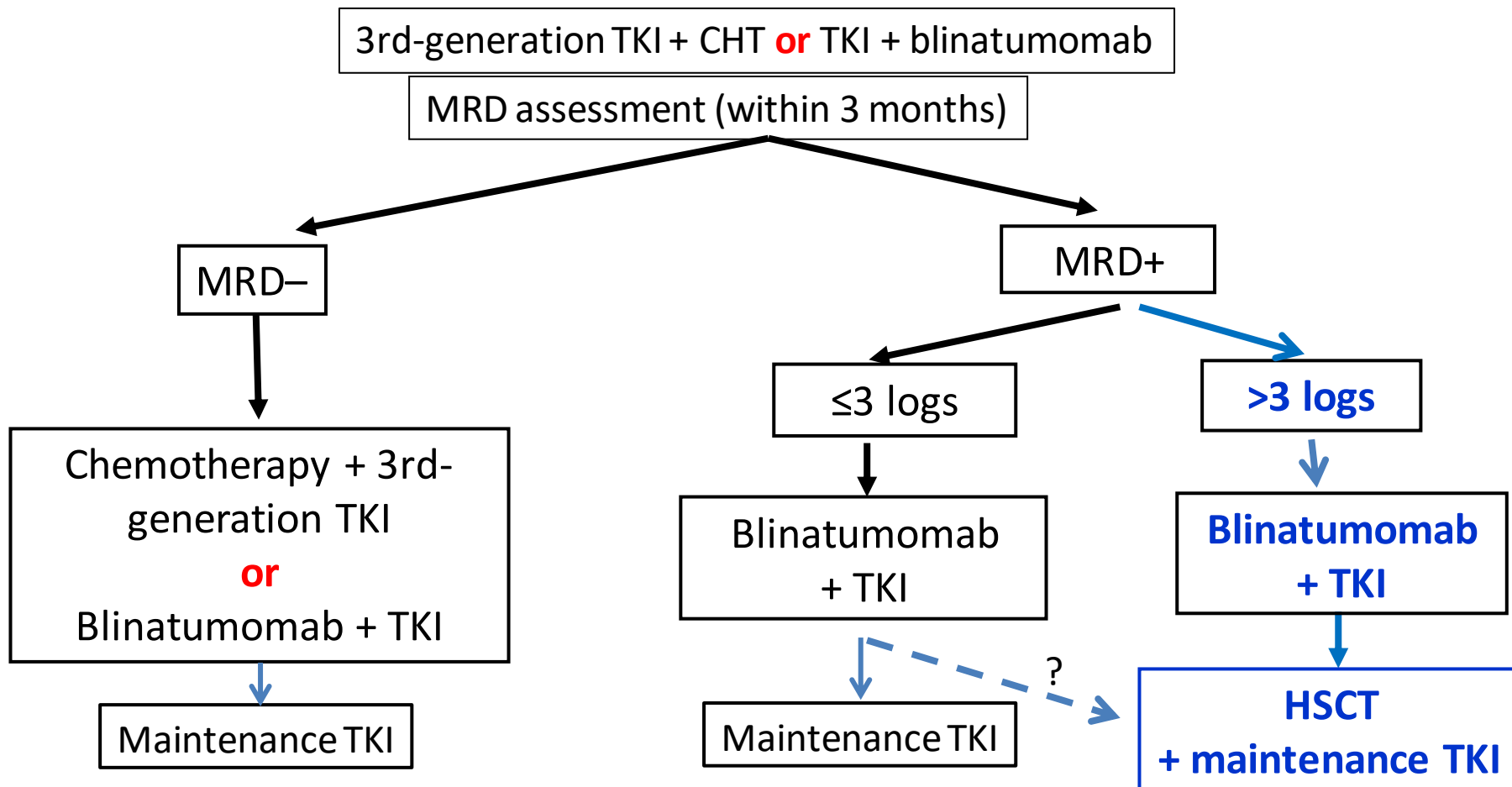
TKI to prevent relapse after allogeneic HSCT: EBMT position statement



TKI after alloH SCT: MDACC experience

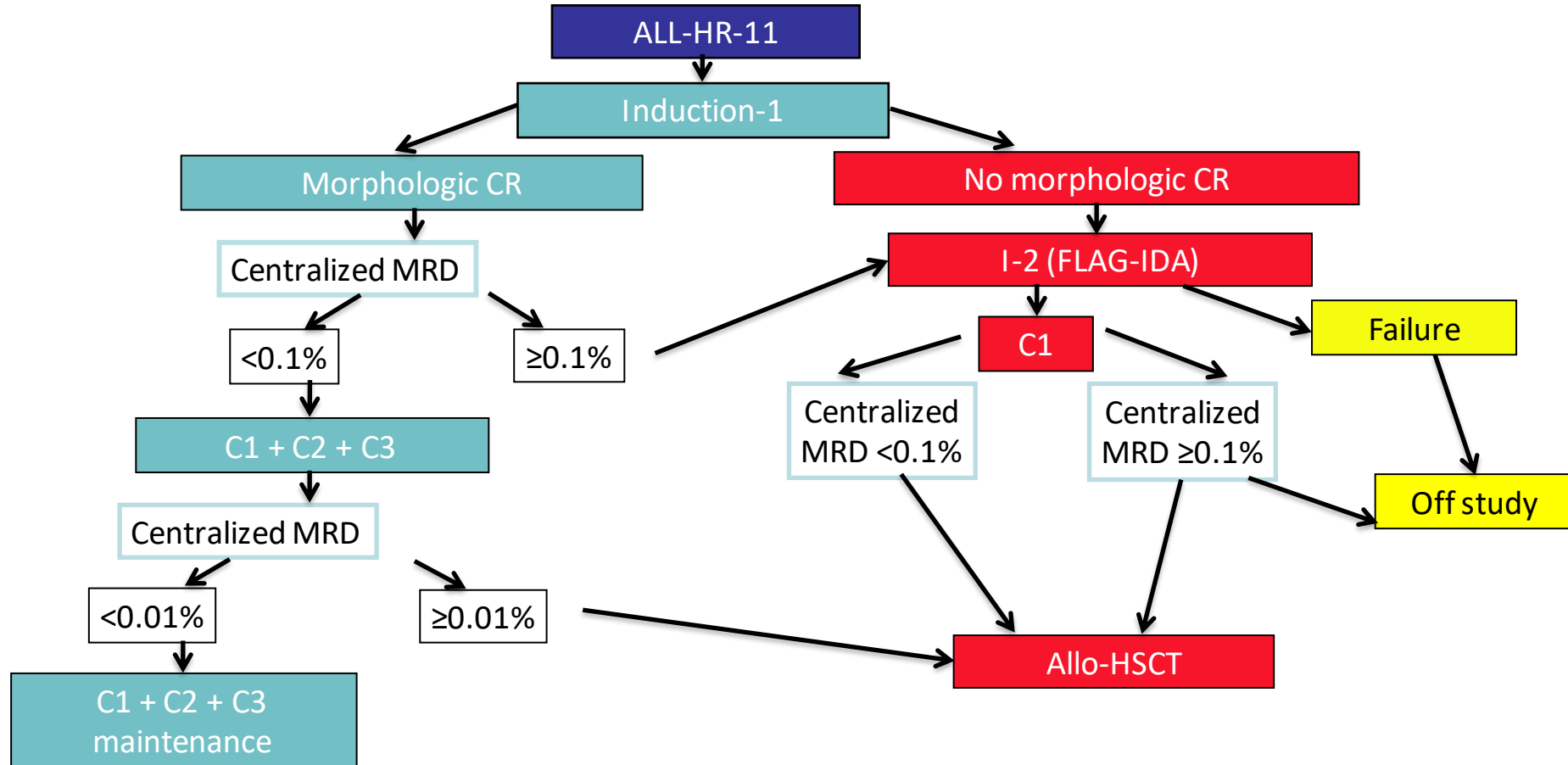


Indications for HSCT in Ph+ ALL: “Improved” approach

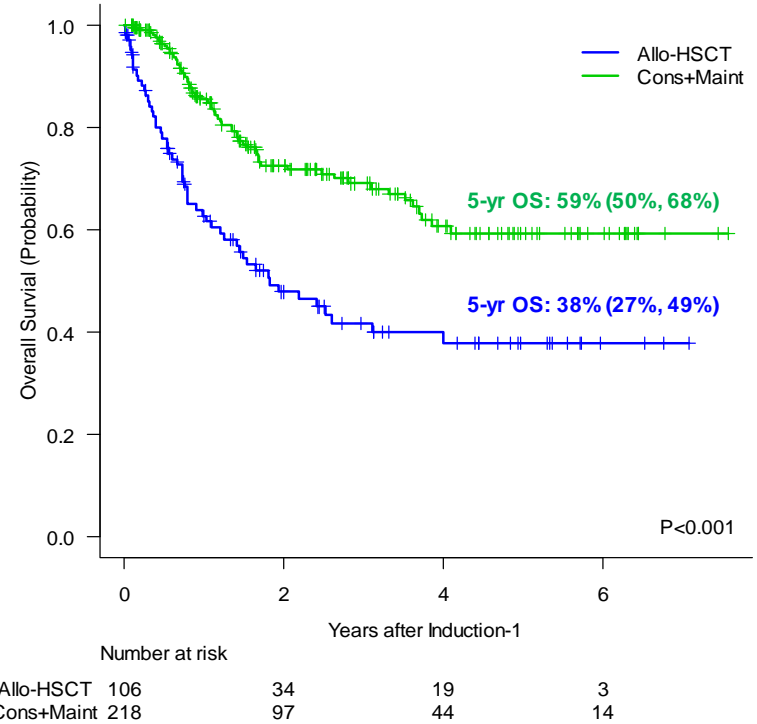
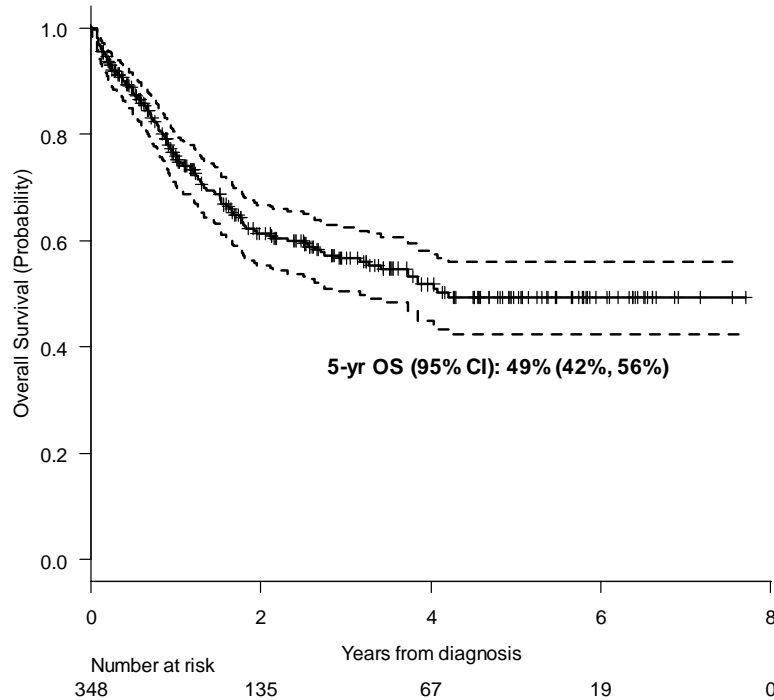


HSCT in MRD+, Ph– ALL

HSCT in Ph- ALL: “Standard” approach (PETHEMA ALLHR11)

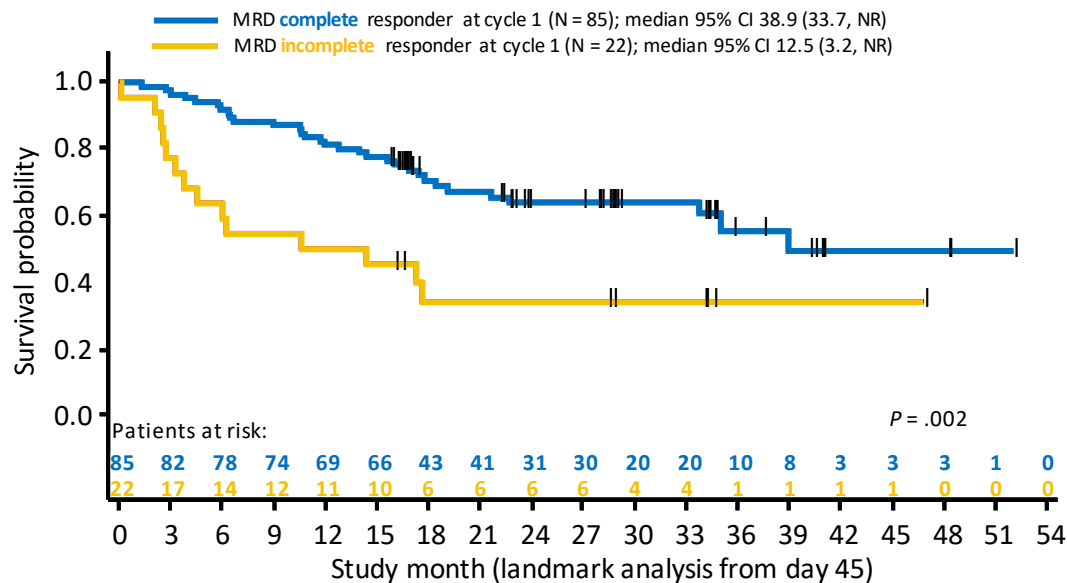


Overall survival

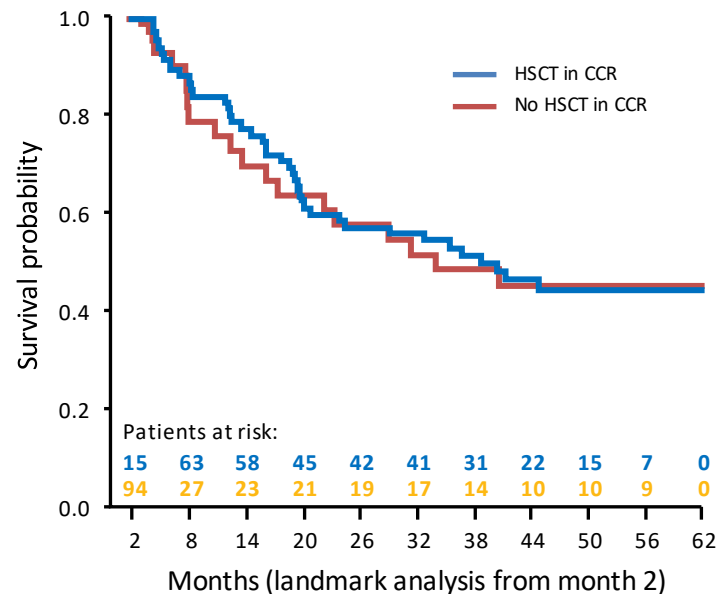


Indication in CR1 after clearance of MRD with immunotherapy: Data from BLAST trial

Overall survival according to MRD response¹



Overall survival according to allogeneic HSCT in CCR²



1. Gökbüget N, et al. *Blood*. 2018;131:1522-1531; 2. Gökbüget N, et al. ASH 2018. Abstract 554 and oral presentation.

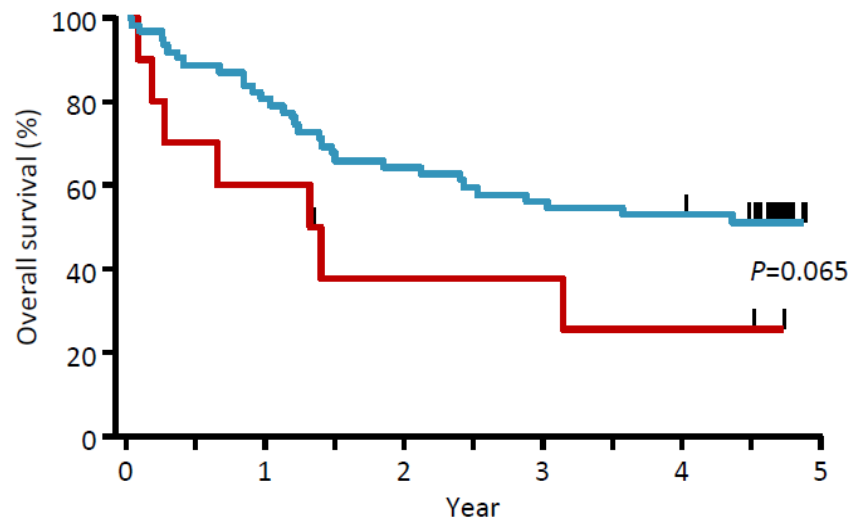
<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02003222>

BLAST trial: Overall survival

According to complete MRD response, in patients with/without HSCT in CCR

Patients **with** HSCT in continuous CR
(starting at day of HSCT)

— Complete MRD response; median OS: NR (95% CI: 25.7–NR)
— No complete MRD response; median OS: 16.5 months (95% CI: 1.1–NR)

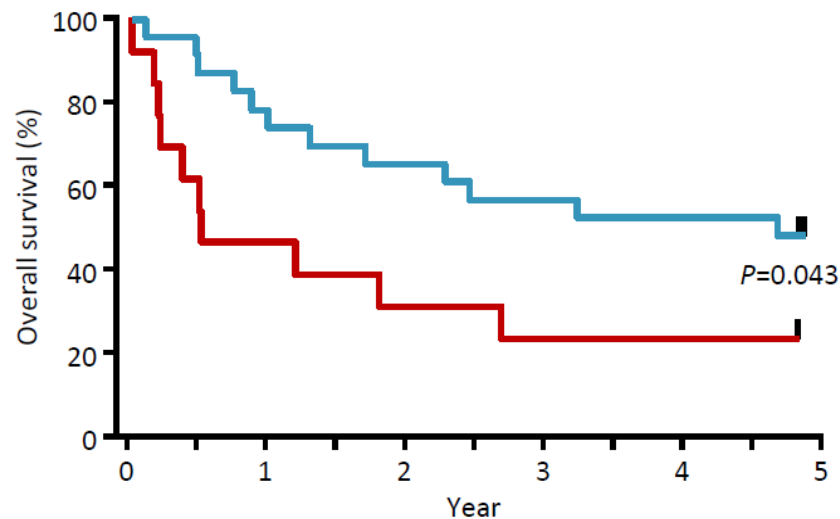


Number of patients at risk:

61	54	49	42	39	36	34	33	32	30	0
10	7	6	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	0

Patients **without** HSCT in continuous CR
(starting at Day 45, after MRD assessment)

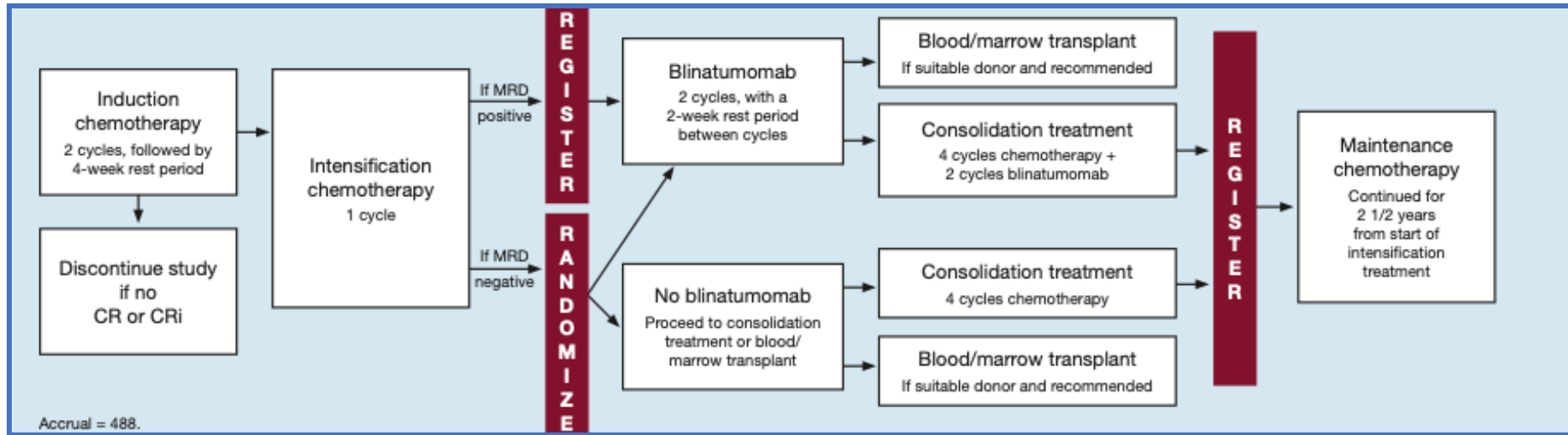
— Complete MRD response; median OS: 56.4 months (95% CI: 15.6–NR)
— No complete MRD response; median OS: 6.2 months (95% CI: 2.4–32.3)



Number of patients at risk:

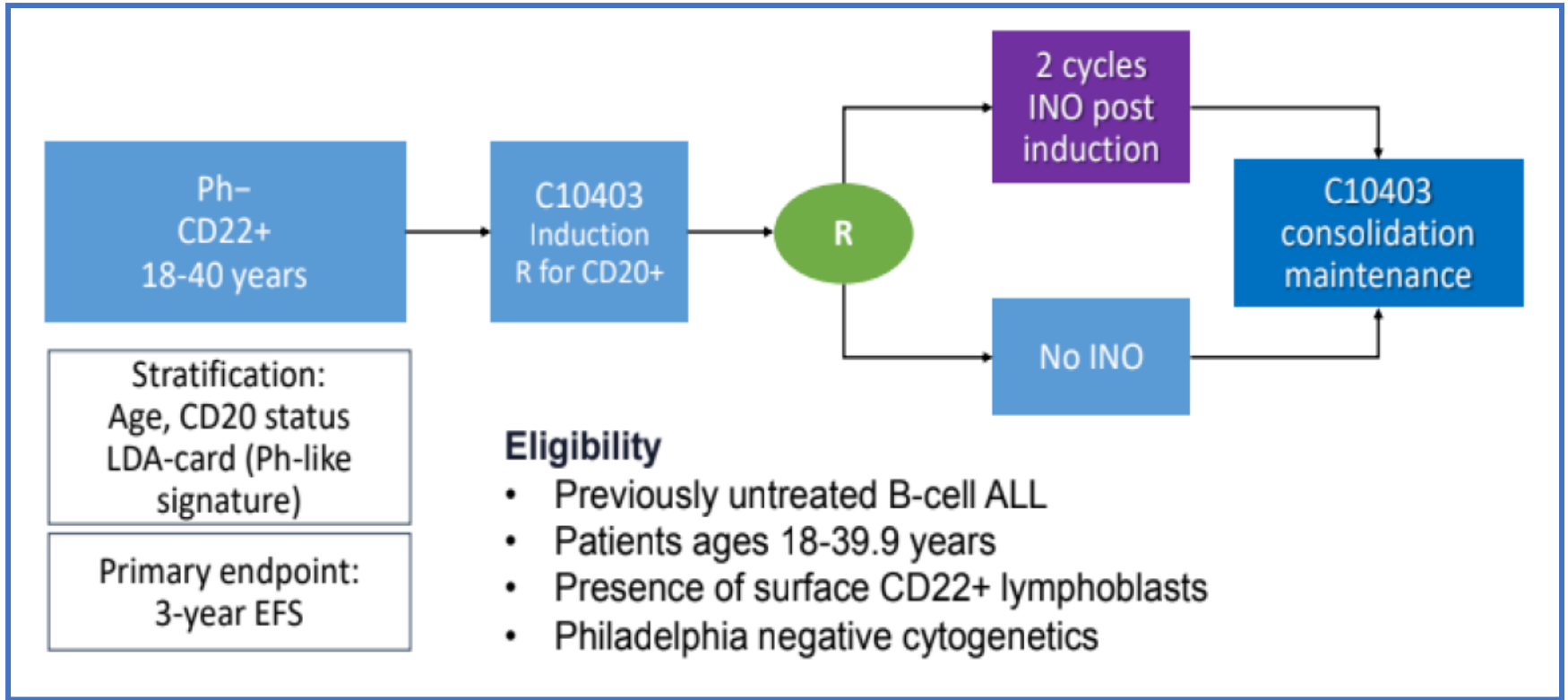
23	20	17	16	15	13	13	12	12	12	0
13	8	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	0

A phase III randomized trial of blinatumomab for BCR-ABL– BCP ALL in adults (ECOG ACRIN 1910)*



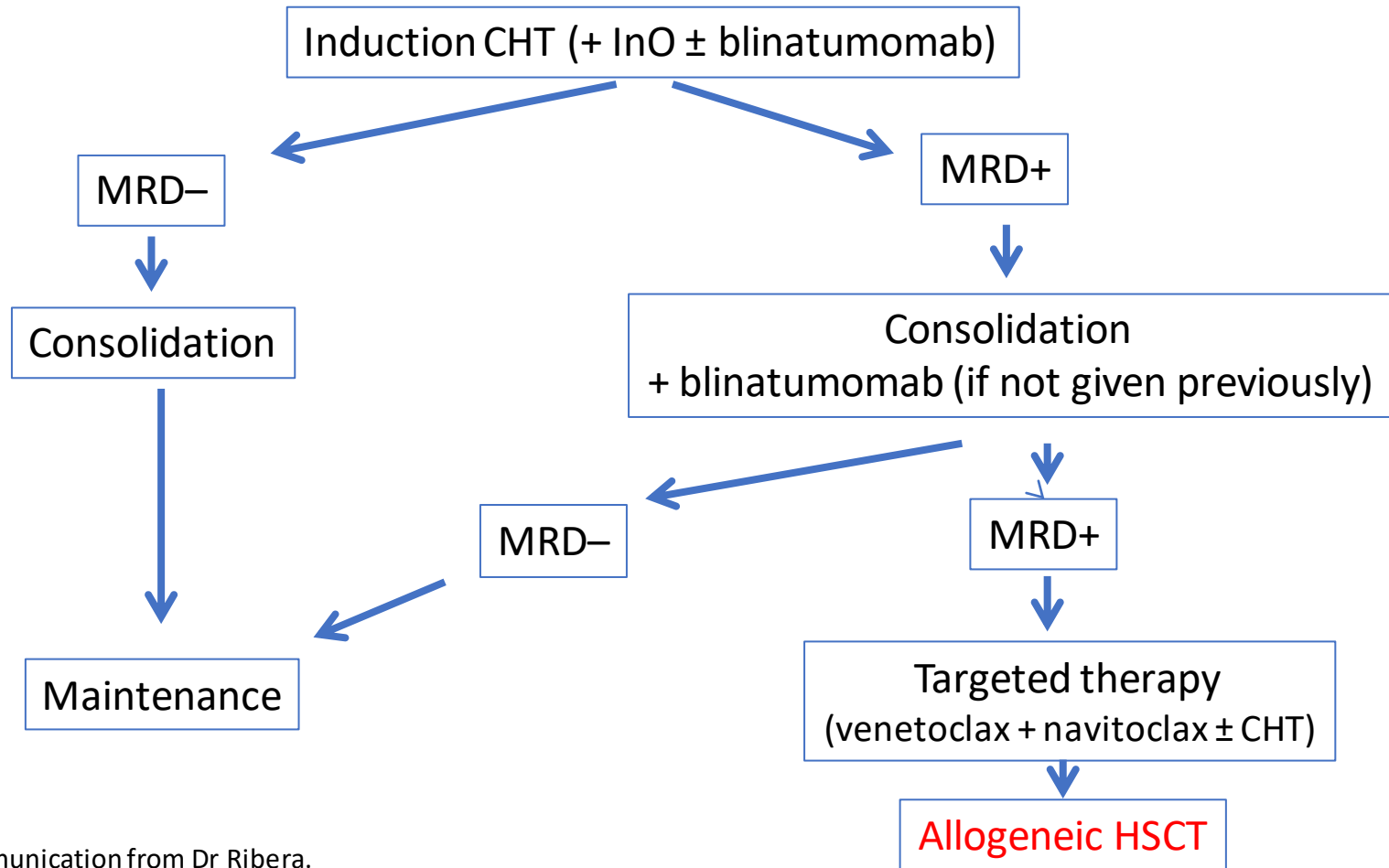
*Accrual completed.

Inotuzumab in AYA with BCP ALL (phase 3 Alliance 041501 trial)



Trial ongoing

Indications for HSCT in Ph- ALL: “Improved” approach



Concluding remarks

- MRD is an essential tool to guide therapy in ALL
- MRD+ status is a general indication for allogeneic HSCT
- The introduction of immunotherapy \pm targeted therapies in CR1 will decrease the frequency of MRD positivity and could modulate the general indication of allogeneic HSCT in MDR+ patients
- MRD+ beyond CR1 should be managed with immunotherapy \pm targeted therapies and should be followed by alloHSCT

Panel discussion on the role of HSCT: Discussion and voting



Question 1

In your practice, what is the most important factor for deciding ineligibility for HSCT?

- a. Age ≥ 65 years
- b. Frailty
- c. Comorbidities



Question 2

Do you think that MRD can guide your decision on HSCT?

- a. Yes, as patients who achieve MRD negativity are on the way to cure and do not require HSCT
- b. No, as HSCT is the SOC today and should be part of the treatment algorithm of patients independently of MRD
- c. I do not know



Question 3

What are the factors influencing the increased probability of relapse post-HSCT?

- a. Disease status
- b. Chemosensitivity at the time of transplantation
- c. Development of graft-vs-host disease
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

Debate on CD19-targeted approaches

Josep-Maria Ribera and Elias Jabbour





Question 1

What is your preferred ALL treatment choice in salvage if these therapies were made available in your country?

- a. CAR T therapies
- b. Bispecifics



Question 2

Do you think that children and young adults with active nonbulky CNS disease can safely be treated with CD19 CAR T cells?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I do not know



Question 3

What advantages do you see in bispecifics vs CAR T cells?

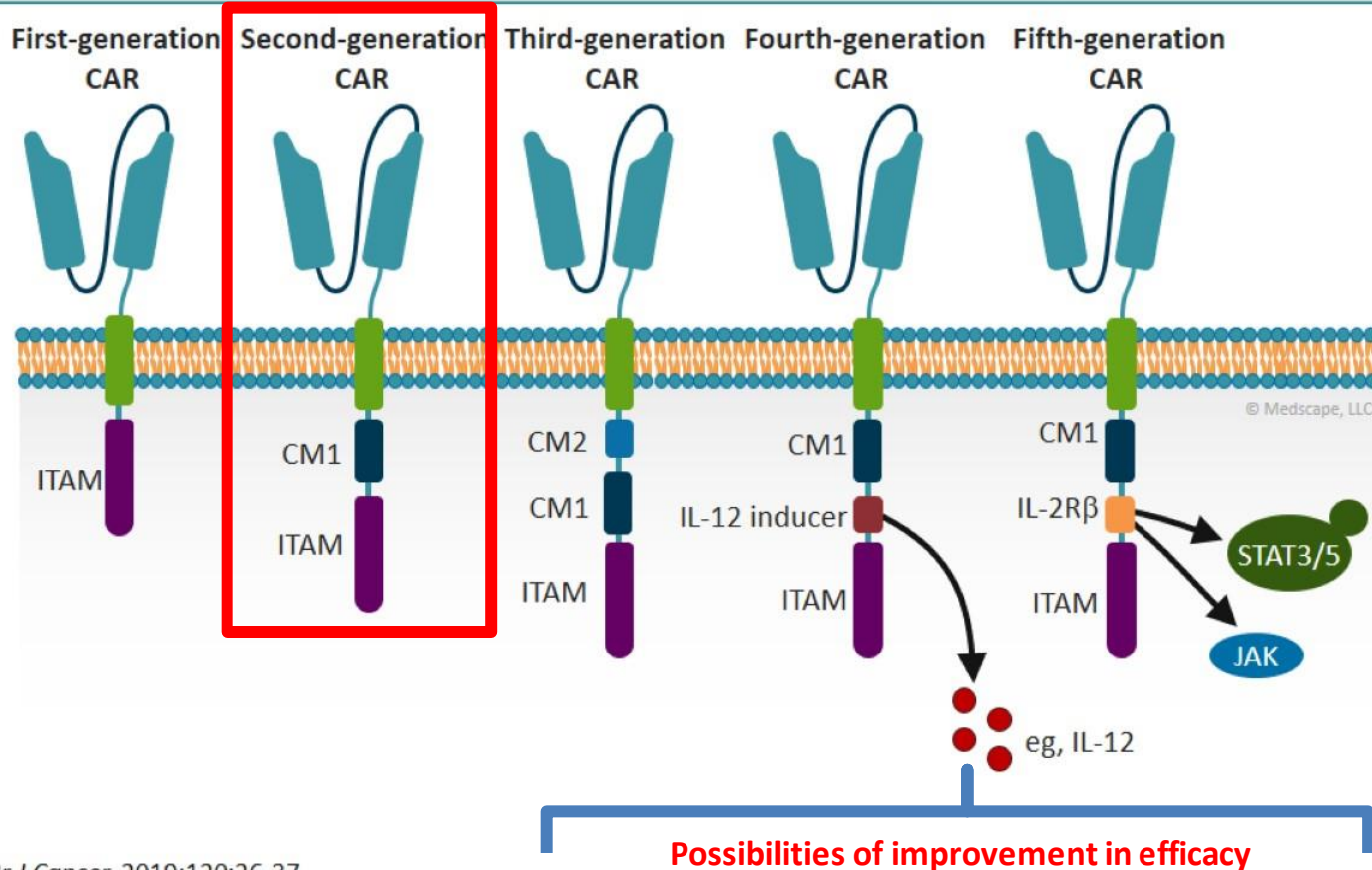
- a. Readily available off the shelf
- b. Dosing can be easily interrupted in case of toxicity
- c. Can be combined with chemotherapy
- d. I do not know

CD19 CAR T

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Differences in CAR T Cell Therapies



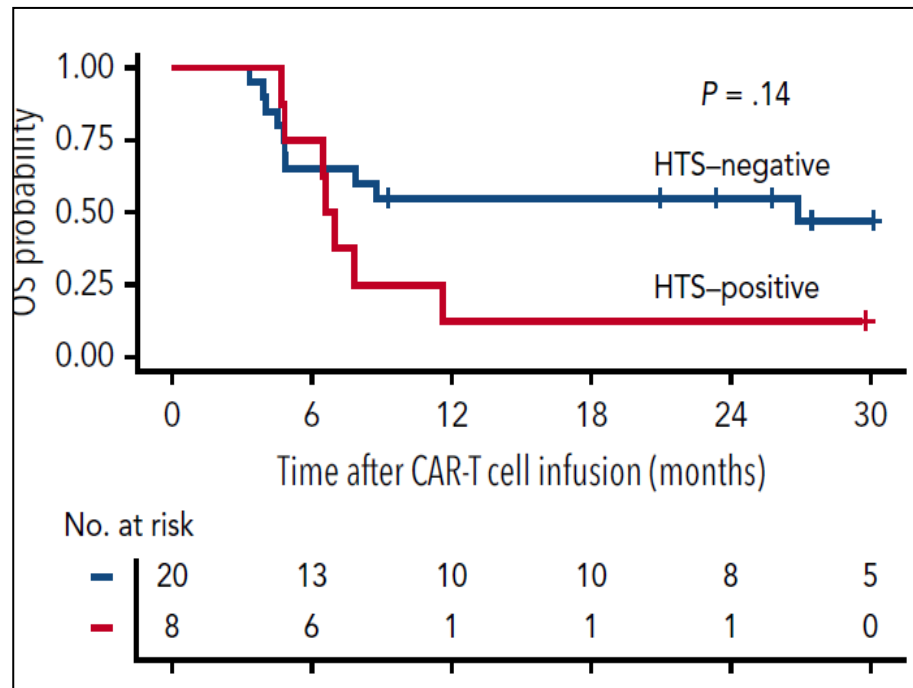
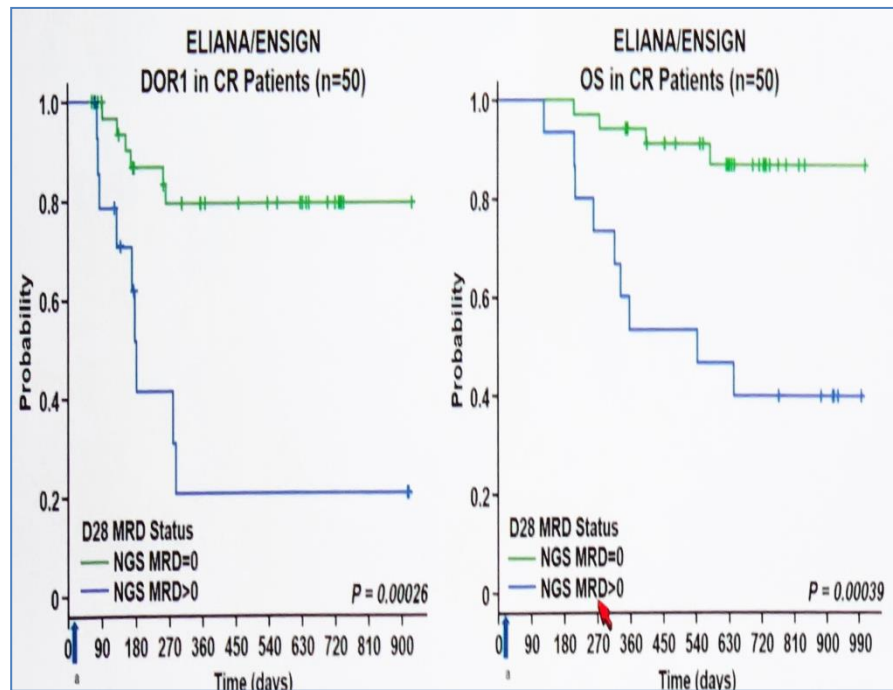
CD19 CAR T: Main results in R/R ALL

Author, reference	Institution	Costimulatory domain	Age (median, range)	Infused N	ORR %	CRS, %	Neurotoxicity, %	OS
Maude <i>et al.</i> ¹⁵	UPenn	4-1BB	14years (5-60)	30	90%	100% (severe, 27%)	43%	78% at 6 months
Davila <i>et al.</i> ¹⁶	MSKCC	CD28	50years (NA)	16	88%	severe, 44%	Gr 3/4, 25%	NA
Lee <i>et al.</i> ¹⁷	NCI	CD28	15years (5-27)	21	67%	76% (Gr 3/4, 29%)	29% (Gr 3/4, 5%)	52% at 12 months
Turtle <i>et al.</i> ¹⁸	FHCRC	4-1BB	40years (20-73)	30	93%	83%	50% (Gr 3/4, 50%)	NA
Gardner <i>et al.</i> ¹⁹	SCRI	4-1BB	12years (1-25)	43	93%	93% (Gr 3/4, 23%)	49% (Gr 3/4, 21%)	69.5% at 12 months
Maude <i>et al.</i> ²⁰	Novartis	4-1BB	11years (3-23)	75 ¹	81%	77%	40% (Gr 3/4, 13%)	76% at 12 months
Park <i>et al.</i> ²¹	MSKCC	CD28	44years (23-74)	53 ²	83%	85% (Gr 3/4, 26%)	48% (Gr 3/4, 42%)	median, 12.5 months

Second-generation CD19 CAR T in R/R adult ALL: Facts

- Limited experience, short-term results
- High CR rate (80%–90%), MRD– in 60%–80%
- Short duration of response (median 8–18 mo)
- Better results in patients with low tumor mass, promising in MRD+ patients
- Need for subsequent alloHSCT unclear, with good results in some series
- Early MRD assessment by high-throughput sequencing predicts outcome
- Prognostic factors in MRD– CR patients identified
- Major concerns: durability, CD19– relapses

Early clearance of the leukemic clone by HTS associated with better outcome



Median OS 26.9 vs 6.8 months

CD19 CAR-T cells in relapsed/refractory adult ALL

CAR: CD19 4-1BB

59 pts apheresis

53 infused

Patient characteristics

Median age: 39 (20–76) years

21% Ph+

43% prior SCT

26% bridging

Disease at lymphodepletion:

64% (N=34) morphological BM relapse ($\geq 5\%$)

- 13 extramedullary

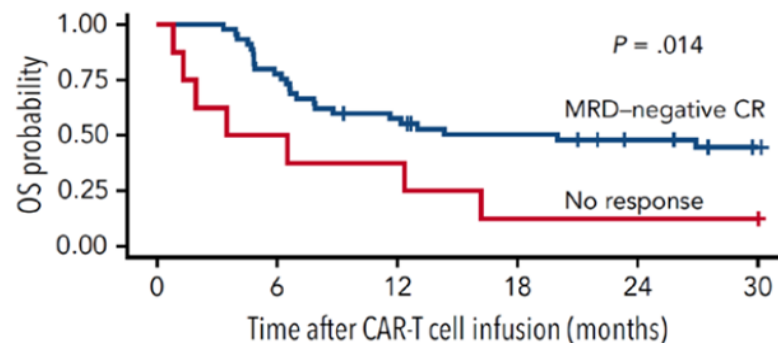
4% (N=2) extramedullary only

32% (N=17) MRD pos

- 3 extramedullary

85% in CR and MRD neg after infusion

Overall survival after infusion



Prognostic factors for EFS

Variable	Multivariable analysis		P
	HR	95% CI	
LDH prelymphodepletion (per 100 U/L increment)	1.39	1.11-1.73	.004
Platelets prelymphodepletion (per 50 000/ μ L increment)	0.74	0.53-1.03	.069
Fludarabine added to lymphodepletion	0.25	0.15-0.78	.003
HCT after CAR T-cell therapy	0.39	0.13-1.15	.088

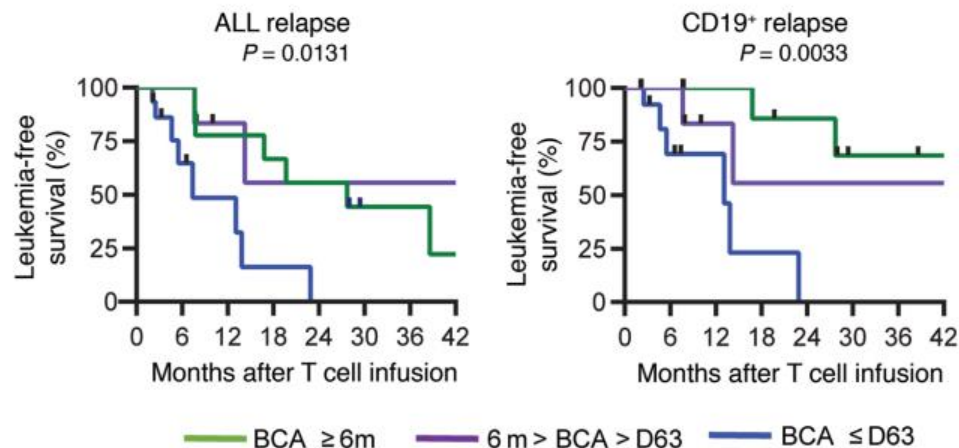
Challenges in CAR T for BCP ALL

- Broad and immediate availability
- Manufacturing failure
- Persistence
- CD19– relapses
- Need for subsequent alloHSCT
- Indication outside BCP ALL
- Economic issues

B-cell aplasia (BCA) and relapse

Table 1. Relapse rates in subjects who did not receive HSCT post-CAR T treatment

Relapse	CD19 ⁺ , n (%)	CD19 ⁻ , n (%)	No relapse	N
longBCA	2 (22.2)	4 (44.4)	3 (33.3)	9
mediumBCA	2 (50.0)	0 (0)	2 (50.0)	4
shortBCA	6 (75.0)	2 (25.0)	0 (0.0)	8



Tumor antigen escape from CAR T-cell therapy

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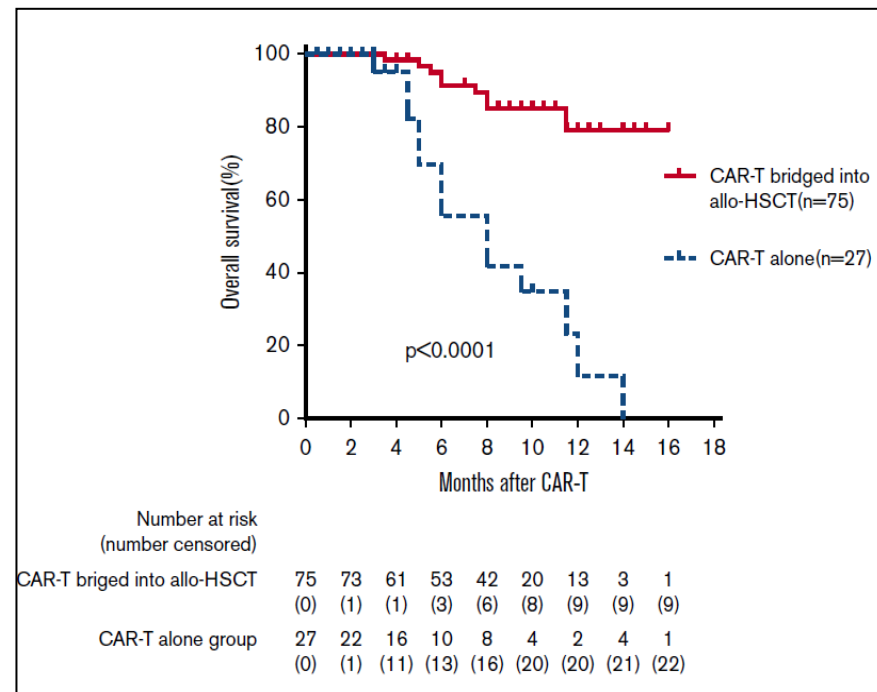
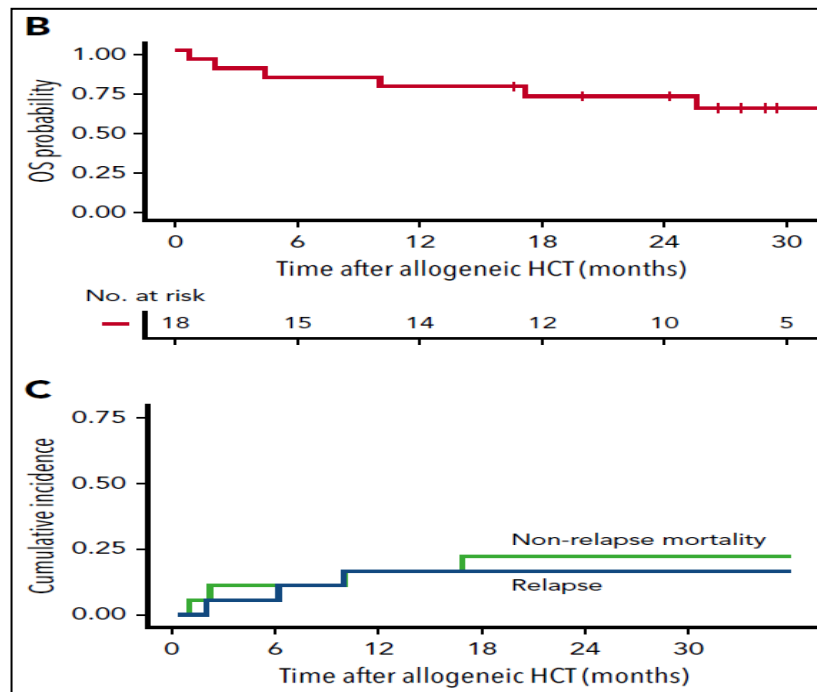
Table 1. A summary of antigen escape in CD19 CAR trials for ALL

Trial	Population	CD19 CAR construct	Relapse rate	CD19-negative relapse rate
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia phase I	Pediatric	FMC63-4-1BB- ζ	36% (20/55)	24% (13/55)
Novartis phase II (ELIANA)	Pediatric	FMC63-4-1BB- ζ	33% (20/61)	25% (15/61)
Seattle Children's Research Institute phase I	Pediatric	FMC63-4-1BB- ζ	45% (18/40)	18% (7/40)
NCI phase I	Pediatric	FMC63-CD28- ζ	29% (8/28)	18% (5/28)
Memorial Sloan Kettering phase I	Adult	SJ25C1-CD28- ζ	57% (25/44)	9% (4/44)
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center phase I	Adult	FMC63-4-1BB- ζ	31% (9/29)	7% (2/29)

**Overall, 50% of relapses are CD19–
CD19+ relapses are more frequent in adults**

HSCT after CAR T

AlloHSCT in MRD- patients after CAR T

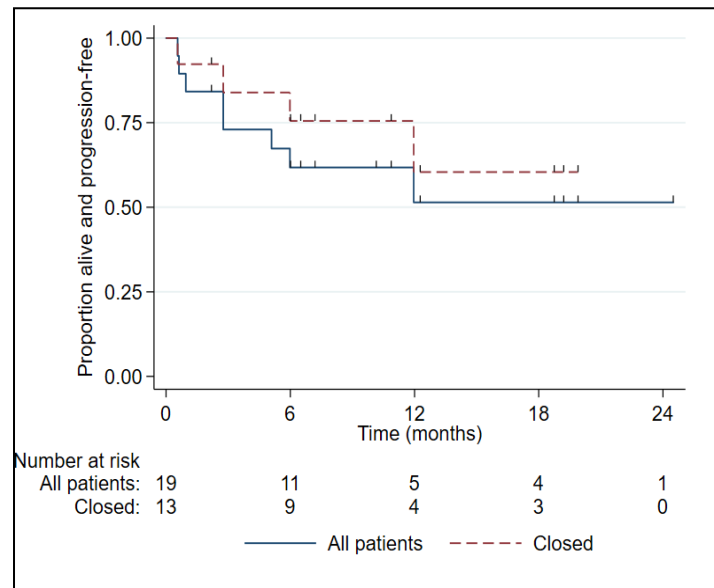


Strategies to improve outcomes of CD19 CAR T-cell Tx

- **Beyond CD19 target: prevent CD19– relapse**
 - CD22
 - CD19+CD22
 - CD19+CD20+CD22
 - CD123
- **Improve CAR T-cell persistence/efficacy**
 - Fully human/humanized scFv to prevent immune rejection
 - Combination with checkpoint inhibitors (eg, Tisa-Cel + pembro/nivolumab)
 - Apheresis of T cells in earlier phases of the disease, especially in older patients
- **Improve availability**
 - Off-the-shelf CAR T
- **Expand indications beyond BCP ALL**
 - CAR T (CD7, CD1a)
 - NK CAR

AUTO-1, a novel fast-off rate CD19 CAR in R/R BCP ALL

- Phase 1 of AUTO1 ALLCAR19 study in R/R BCP ALL
- **AUTO1**: Second-generation CD19 CAR T with lower affinity for CD19 and shorter target interaction time (more physiologic T-cell activation and reduced toxicity)
- **19 pts infused (additional 13 in a closed process)**
 - Median age 43 yr (18-62), 6/19 with Ph+ ALL
 - Prior tx with blinatumomab or inotuzumab: 73%
 - Prior HSCT: 63%
 - Refractory: 4; 1st rel: 8; 2nd rel: 5; 3rd rel: 2. >50% blasts: 42%
 - Median f/u: 11 mo (0.5-21)
- **Efficacy** (15 pts evaluable)
 - MRD– CR: 84%, 11/19 in continuous MRD– CR (median 12 mo)
 - 6-mo EFS: 62%
 - Subsequent alloHSCT: 1
- **Safety**
 - No grade ≥ 3 CRS
 - Grade ≥ 3 neurologic toxicity: 16%



CD7 CAR Design

- **CD7 as a target.**

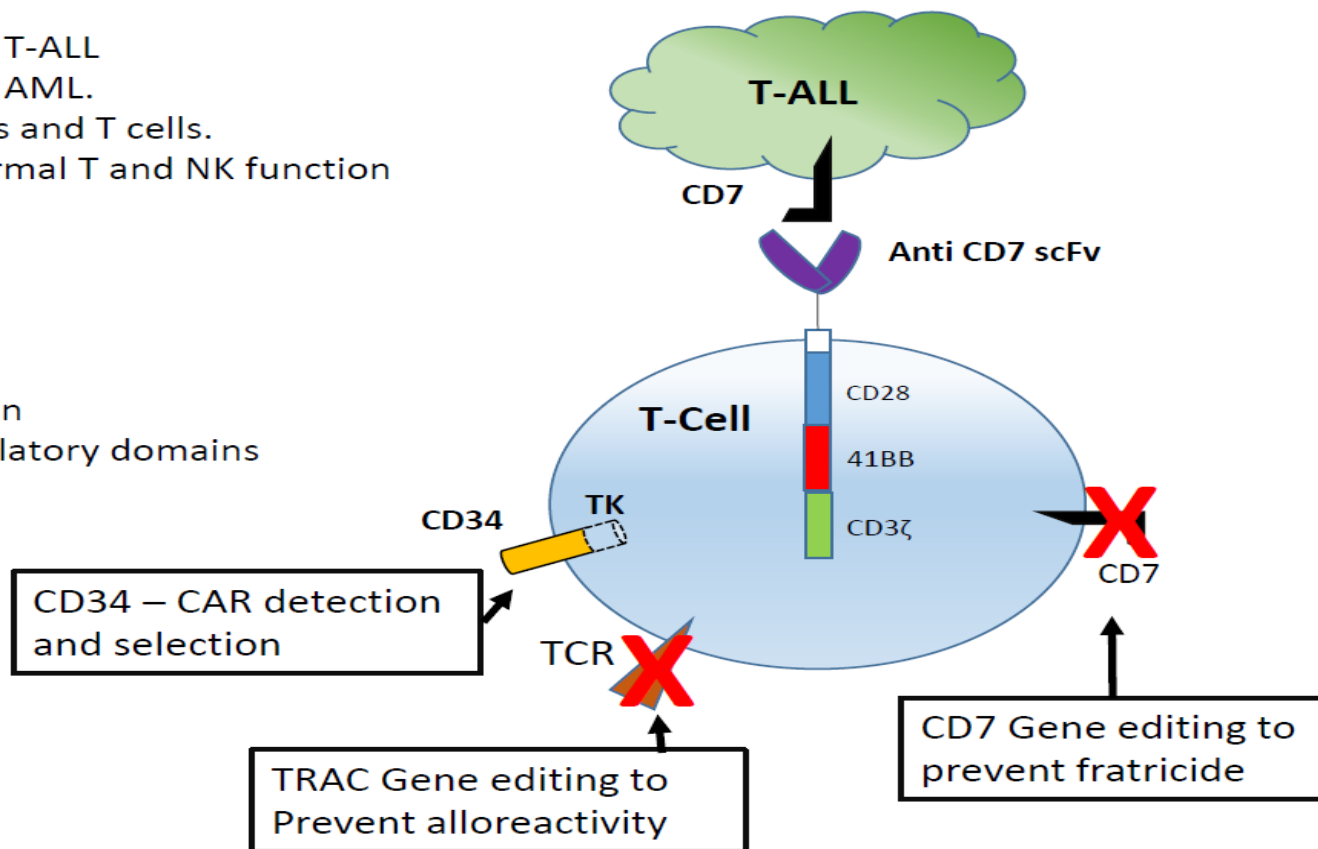
- Expressed on 98% of T-ALL
- Expressed on 24% of AML.
- Expressed on NK cells and T cells.
- CD7^{-/-} mice have normal T and NK function

- **CAR Design**

- 3rd generation CAR
- Anti CD7 scFv
- CD3ζ signaling domain
- 4-1BB, CD28 costimulatory domains
- CD34

- **Gene editing**

- CRISPR/Cas9



Bispecifics

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Bispecifics in R/R ALL

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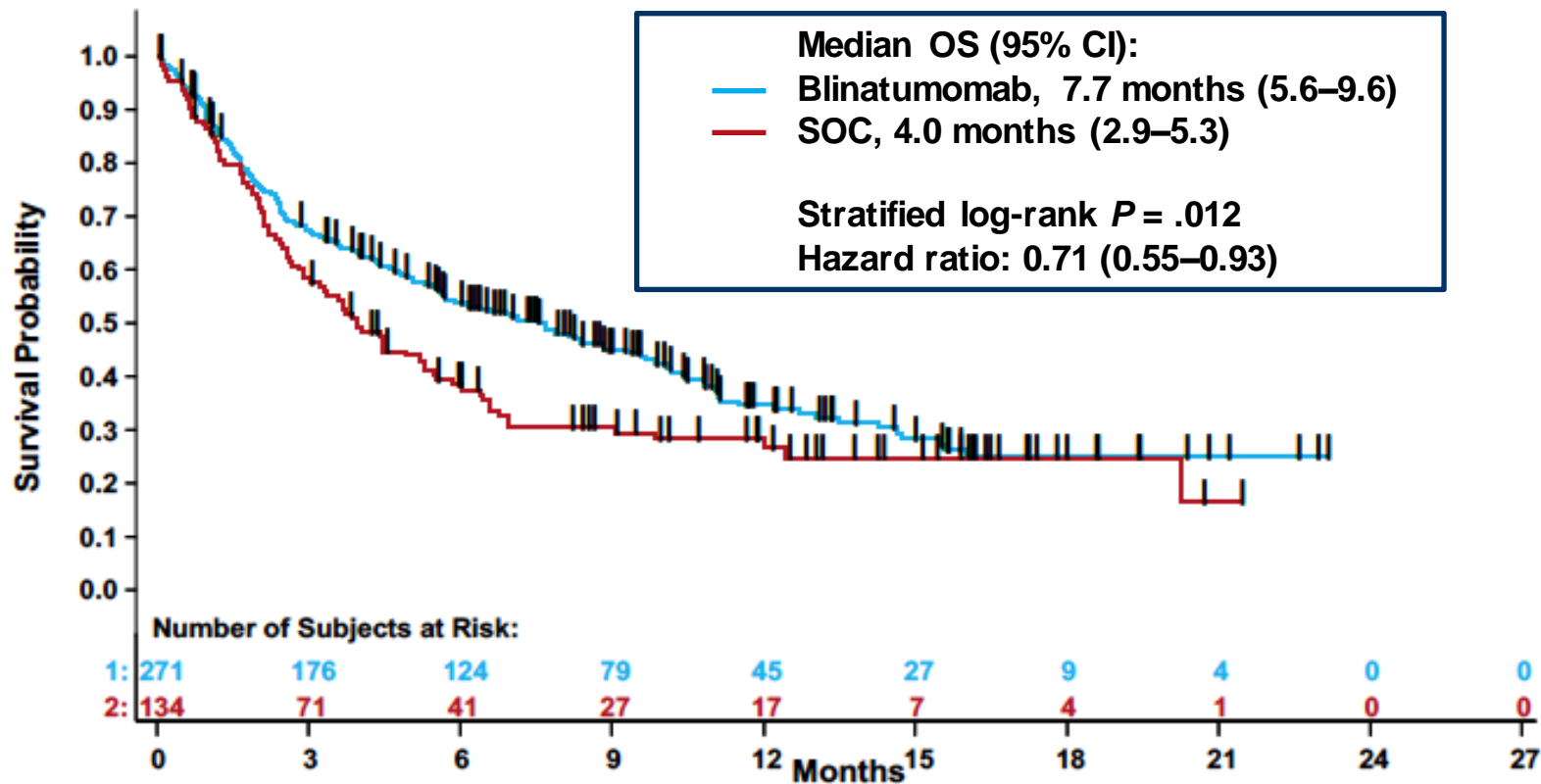
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Historical Results in R-R ALL

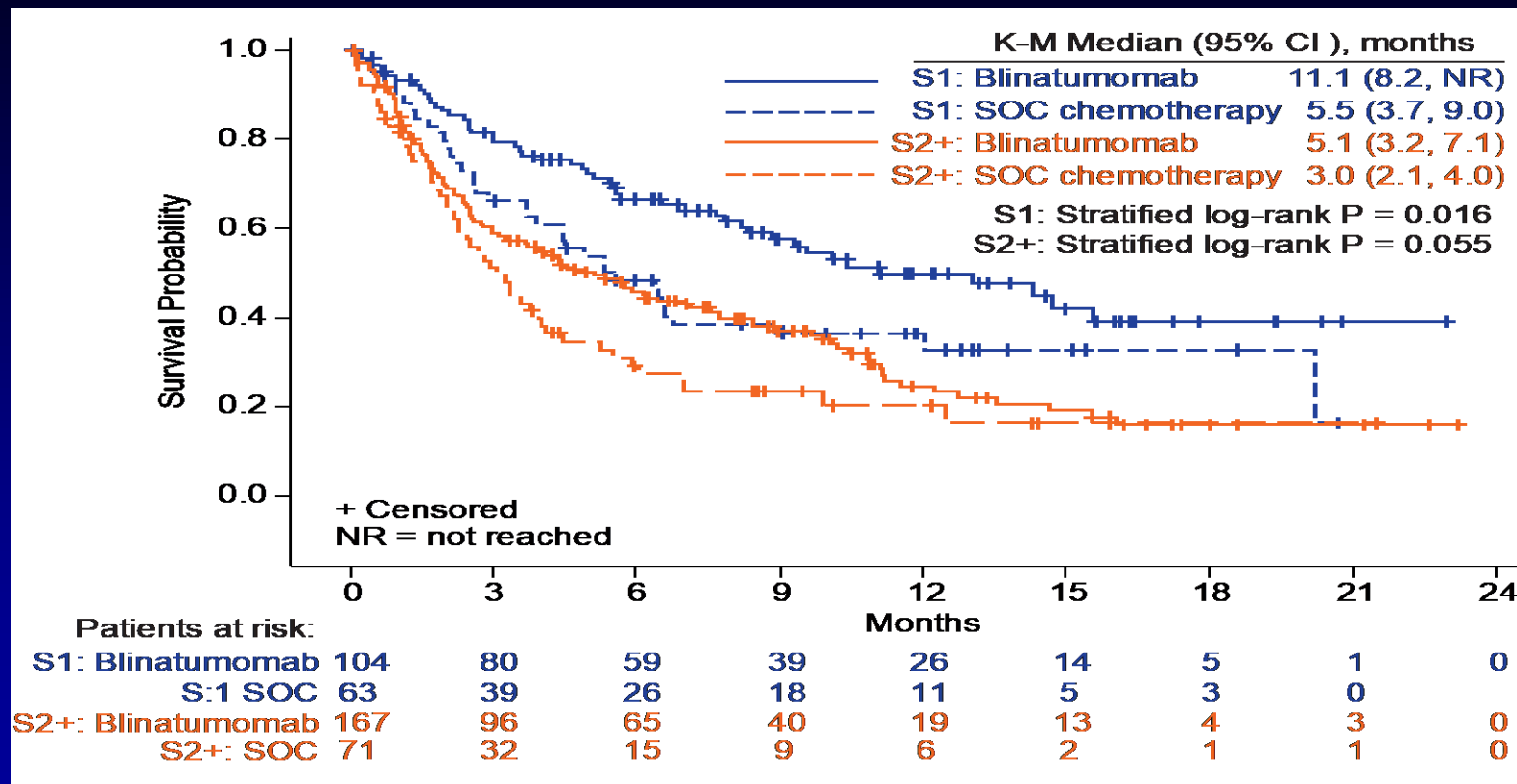
- Poor prognosis in R-R ALL Rx with standard of care (SOC) chemotherapy

Rate (95% CI)	No Prior Salvage (S1)	1 Prior Salvage (S2)	≥2 Prior Salvages (S3)
Rate of CR, %	40	21	11
Median OS, months	5.8	3.4	2.9

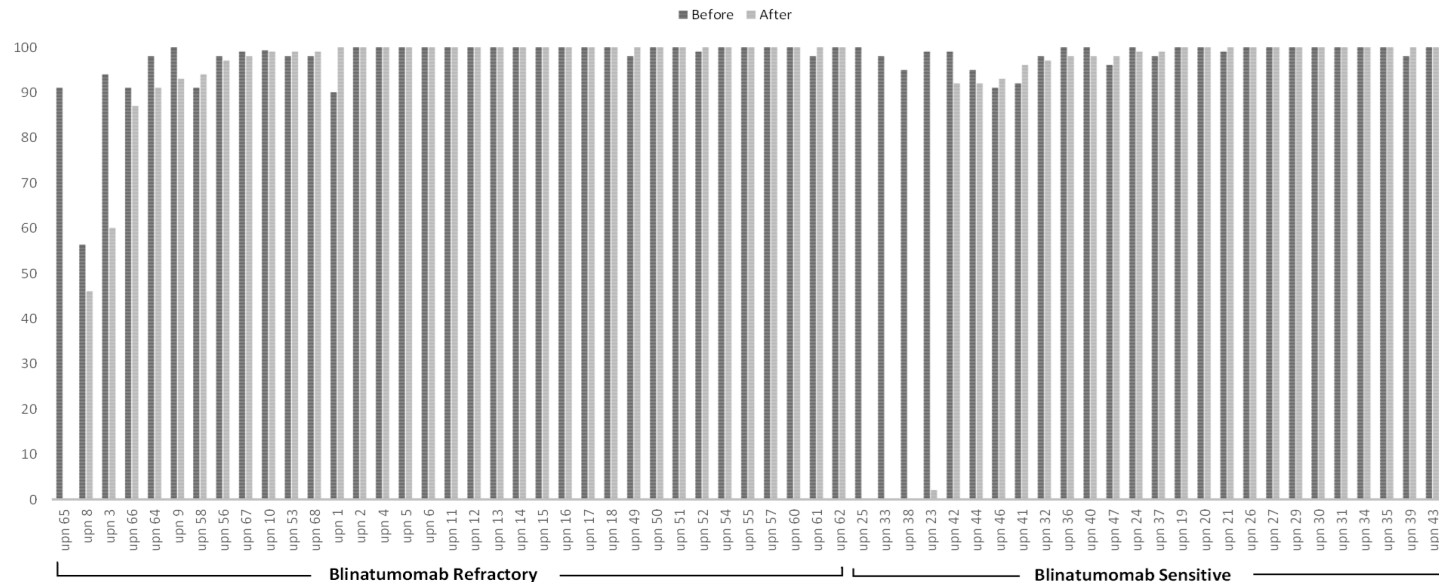
Blinatumomab vs Chemotherapy in R-R ALL



Phase III TOWER Study: Survival by Salvage



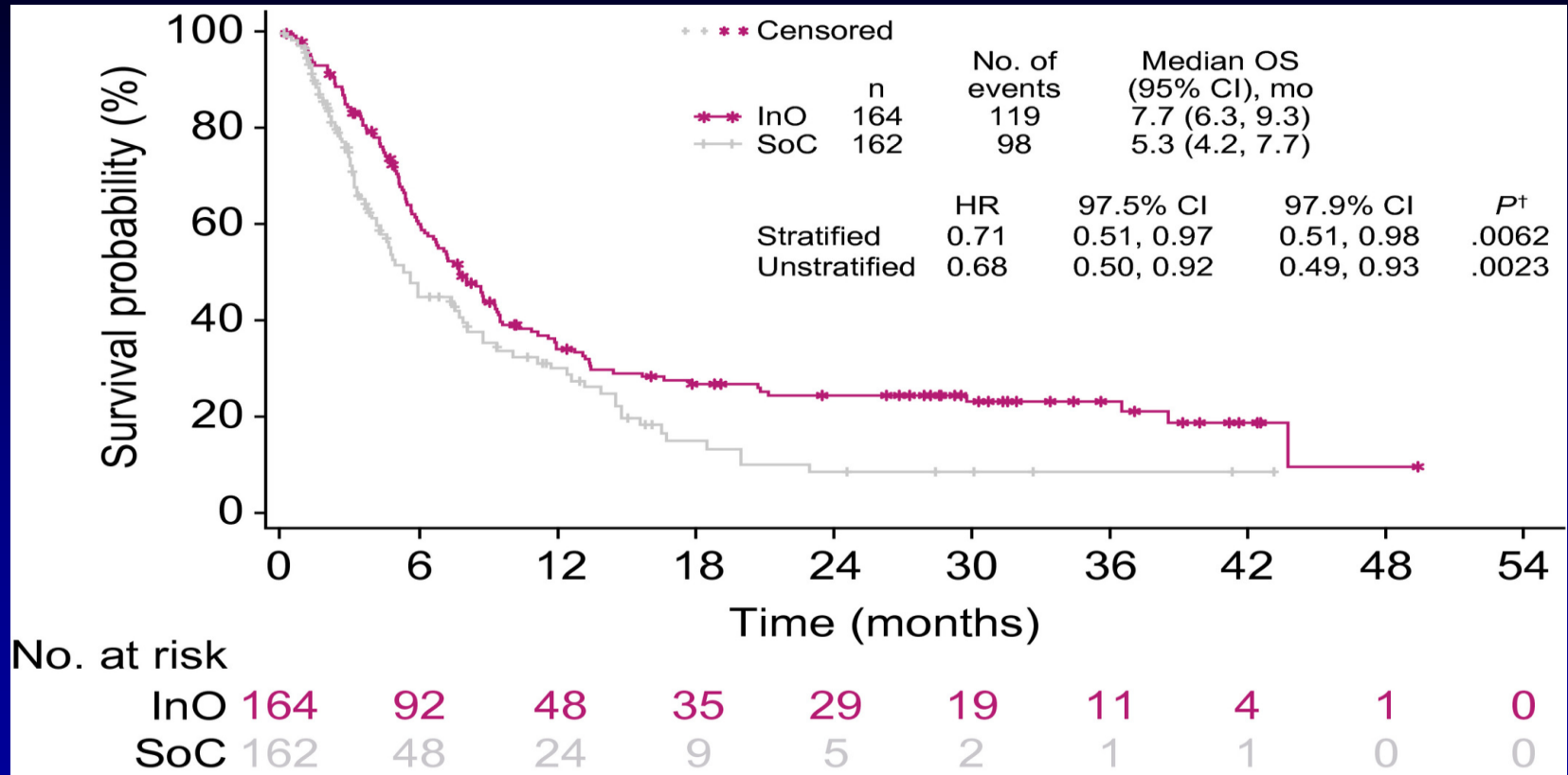
CD19 (%) Expression Before and After Blinatumomab Therapy



61 patients evaluated for immunophenotype; 56 (92%) had CD19+ disease

- 5 (8%) had ALL recurrence with CD19– disease
- 2 patients progressed with lower CD19+ disease

OS After Censoring



AlloSCT Post-inotuzumab in R-R ALL

- 236 pts Rx with inotuzumab; 103 (43%) alloSCT
- Ino as S1 in 62%; prior SCT 15%
- Median OS post-SCT 9.2 mo; 2-yr OS 46%
- 73 pts had alloSCT in CR post-Ino: **2-yr OS 51%**
- VOD 19/101 = **20%**
- Lower risk of mortality post-HSCT associated with **MRD negativity and no prior HSCT**

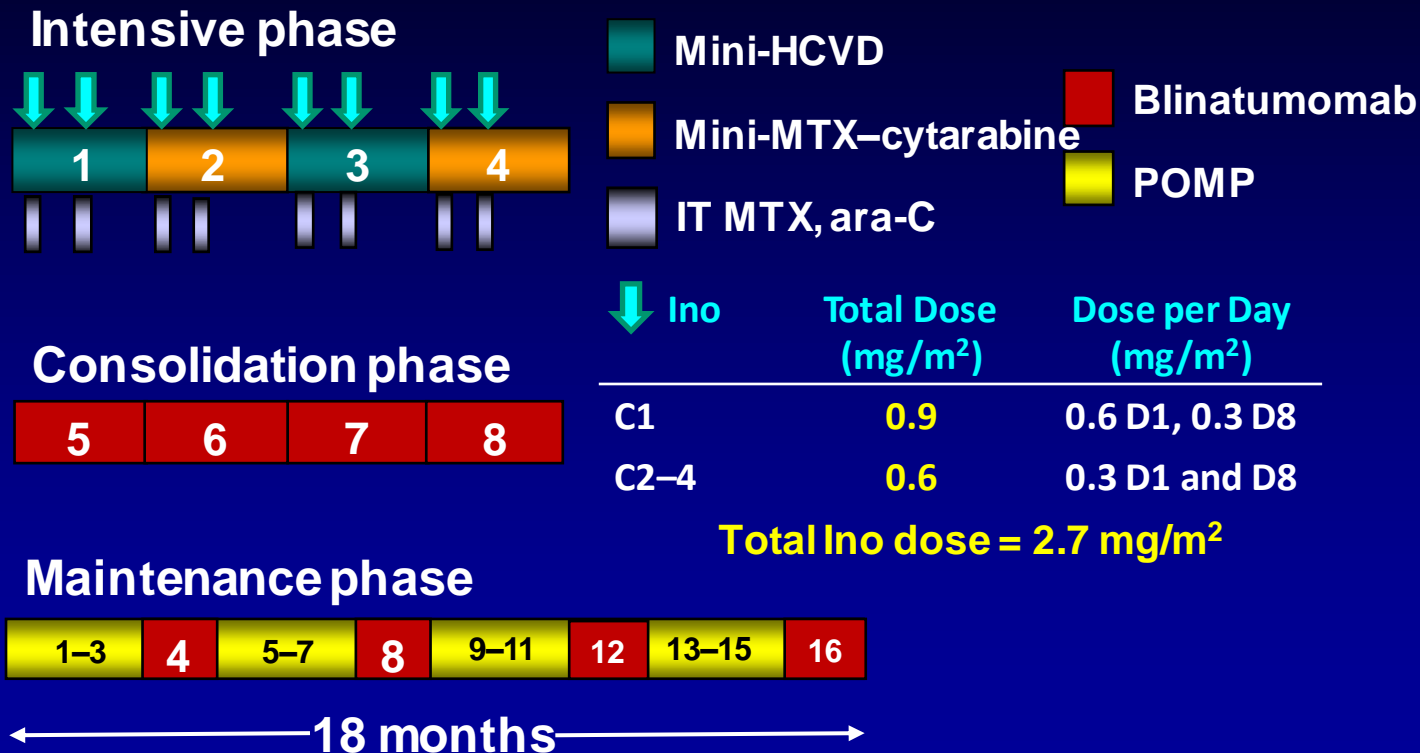
Phase II Study of Inotuzumab in R-R Children-AYA ALL (COG ALL0232)

- 48 pts; median age 9 yr (1–21). S2+ 67%. Prior blina 29%; prior alloSCT 23%; prior CAR T 23%
- Inotuzumab weekly × 3: 0.8–0.5 mg/m² D1, 0.5 mg/m² D8 and D15. Total 1.8–1.5 mg/m²/course, up to 6 courses
- CR/CRI 30/48 (62%), MRD– 19/29 (65%)
- 12-mo EFS 36%; **12-mo OS 40%**
- 19 pts (39%) received alloSCT
- **5 VOD (10.4%):** all post-SCT: 5/19 (26%)

Mini-HCVD–Ino–Blina in ALL: Design

- Dose-reduced hyperCVD for 4–8 courses
 - Cyclophosphamide ($150 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 6$) 50% dose reduction
 - Dexamethasone (20 mg) 50% dose reduction
 - No anthracycline
 - Methotrexate (250 mg/m^2) 75% dose reduction
 - Cytarabine ($0.5 \text{ g/m}^2 \times 4$) 83% dose reduction
- **Inotuzumab on D3 (first 4 courses)**
 - **Modified to 0.9 mg/m^2 C1 (0.6 and 0.3 on D1 and 8) and 0.6 mg/m^2 C2–4 (0.3 and 0.3 on D1 and 8)**
- Rituximab D2 and D8 (first 4 courses) for CD20+
- IT chemotherapy days 2 and 8 (first 4 courses)
- **Blinatumomab 4 courses and 3 courses during maintenance**
- POMP maintenance for 3 years, reduced to 1 year

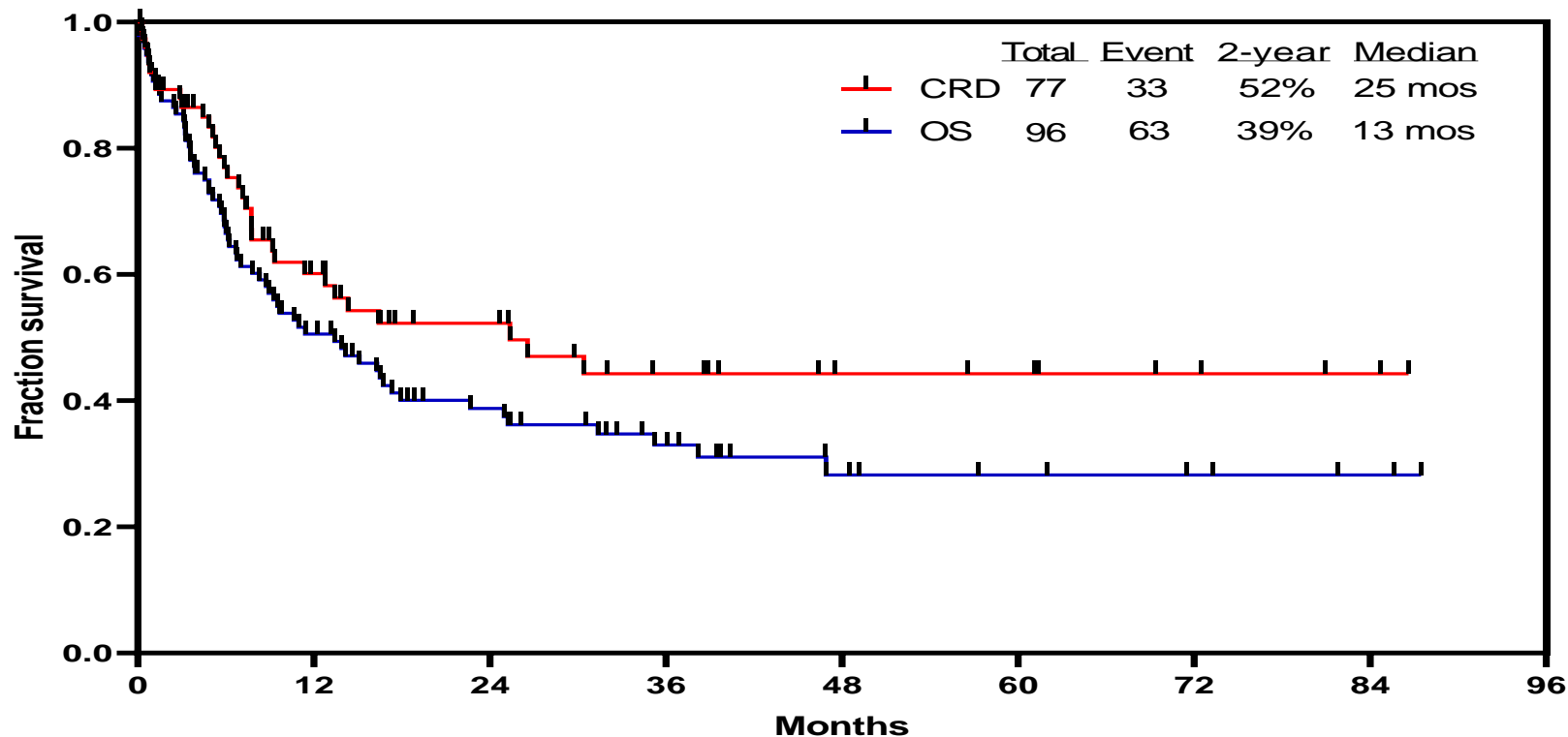
Mini-HCVD + Ino \pm Blinatumomab in R-R ALL: Modified Design



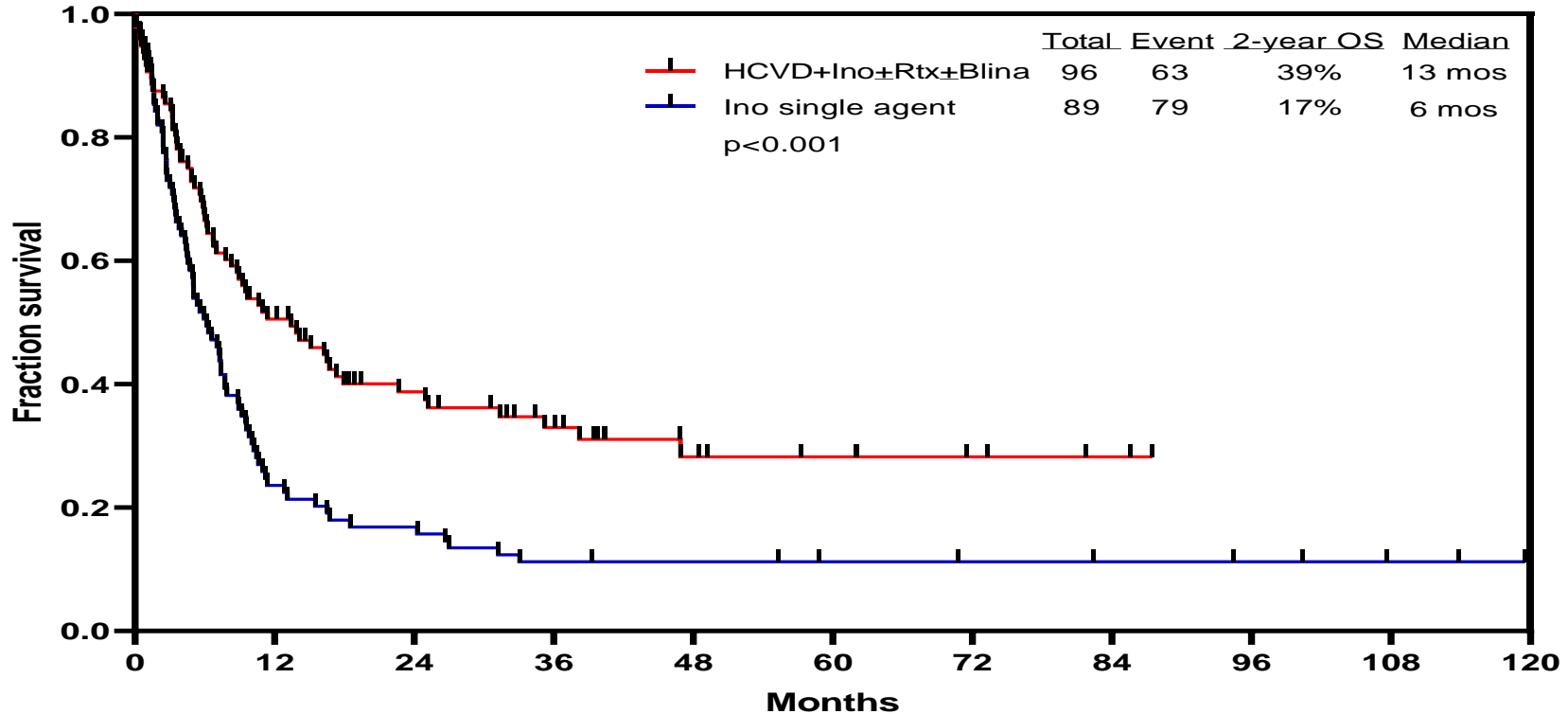
Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blinatumomab in R-R ALL: Response by Salvage (N = 96)

Response	N	Percentage
Salvage 1	58/64	91
S1, primary refractory	8	100
S1, CRD1 <12 mo	21	84
S1, CRD1 ≥12 mo	29	94
Salvage 2	11	61
Salvage ≥3	8	57
Overall	77	80
MRD–	62/75	83
Salvage 1	50/56	89
Salvage ≥2	12/19	63
Early death	7	7

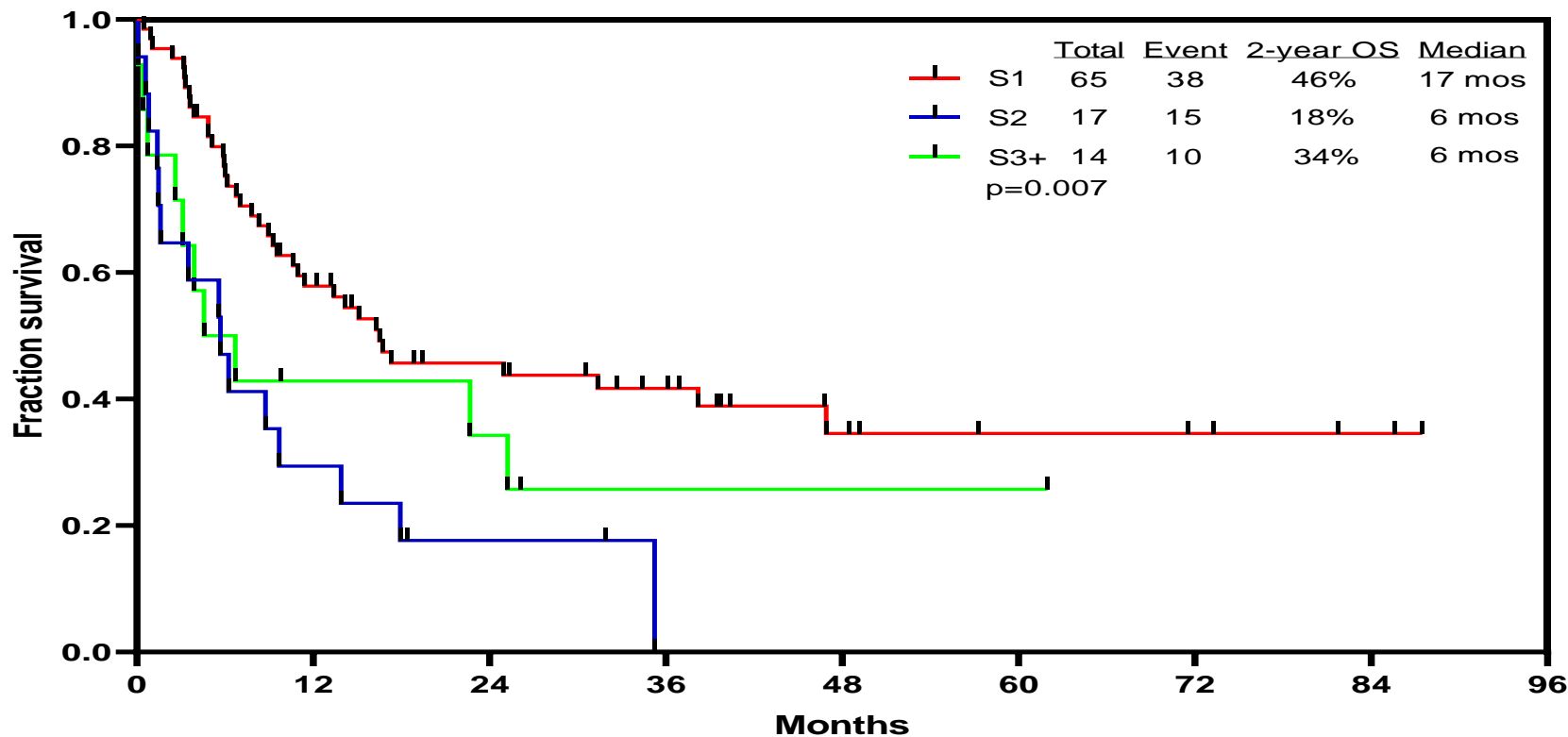
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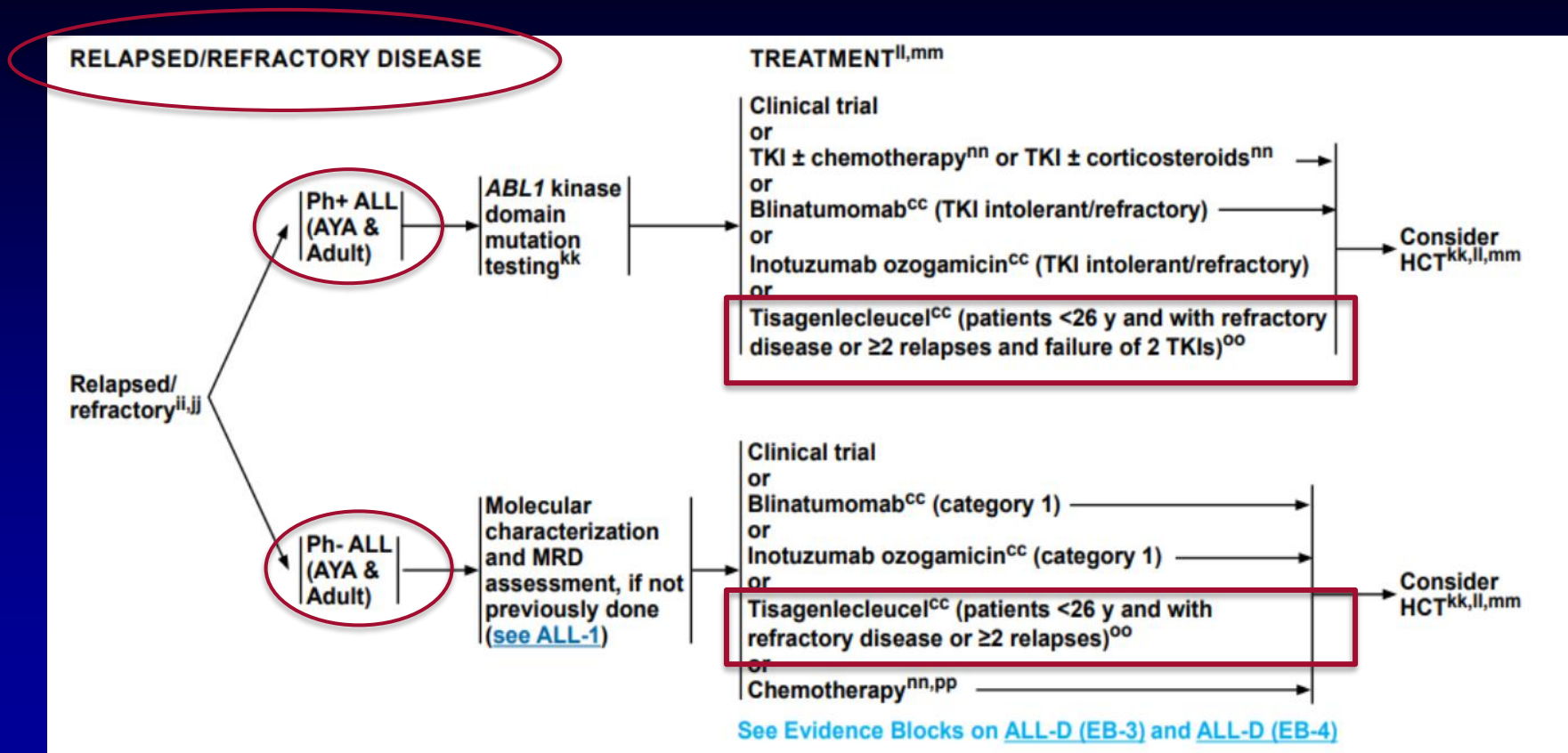
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Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in ALL: VOD

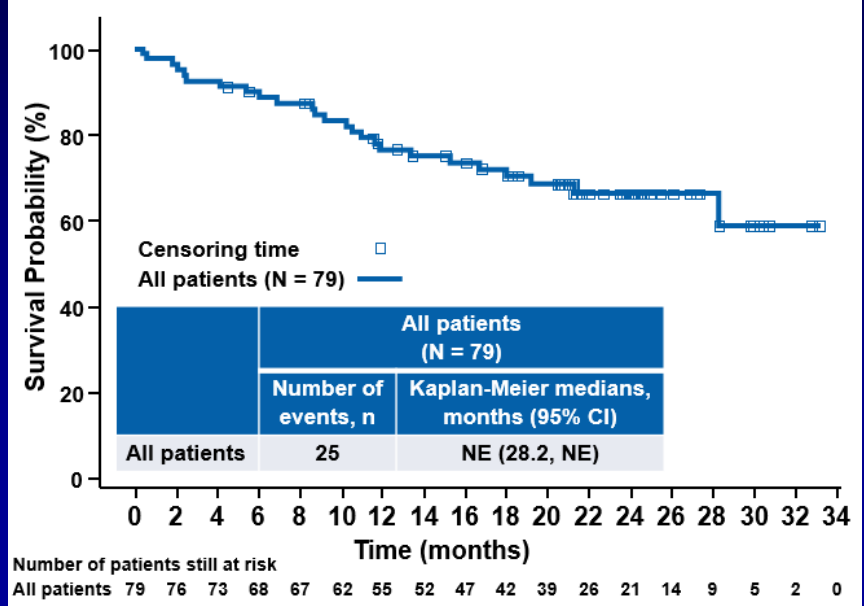
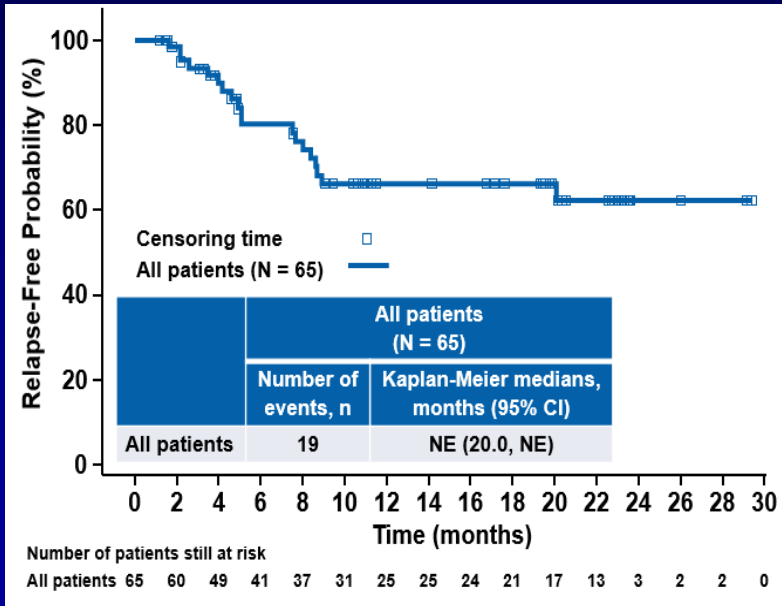
- N = 96 pts
 - 67 pts Rx monthly InO; of them, 22 (33%) received subsequent alloSCT
 - 29 pts Rx weekly low-dose InO followed by Blina; of them, 15 (52%) received subsequent alloSCT
- VOD = 9 (9%); all had at least 1 alloSCT, 3 had 2 alloSCT
 - 9/67 (single; 13%) vs 0/29 (weekly LD; 0%)

Where Does CAR T-Cell Therapy Stand?



ELIANA Trial Update

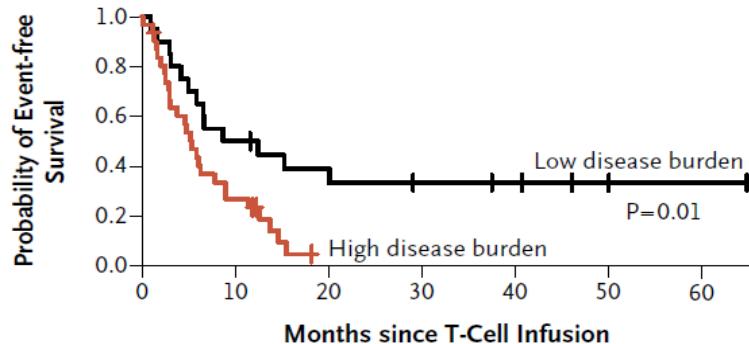
- 113 screened, 97 enrolled, 79 infused
- 3-mo CR 65/79 = 82%, or **65/97 = 67%**
- **24-mo OS 66%; RFS 62%. Grade 3–4 CRS 49%. ICU 48%**



CD19-CD28z CAR (MSKCC): Outcome by Tumor Burden

- High tumor burden
 - Bone marrow blasts $\geq 5\%$ (n = 27)
 - Bone marrow blasts $< 5\%$ + extramedullary disease (n = 5)
- Low tumor burden (MRD+ disease; n = 21)

A Event-free Survival, According to Disease Burden



No. at Risk

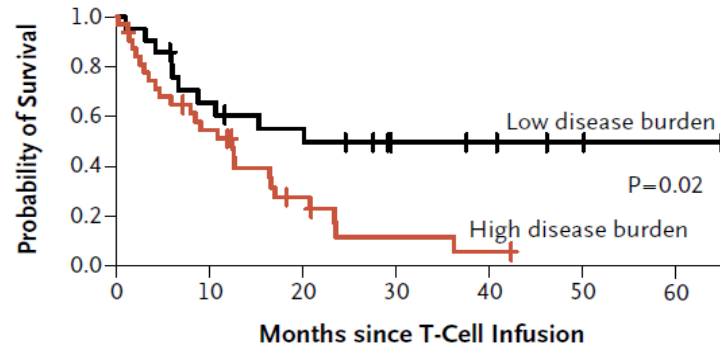
Low burden	20	10	7	5	4	2	1
High burden	31	8	0	0	0	0	0

Median EFS

Low tumor burden (MRD+): 10.6 mo

High tumor burden: **5.3 mo**

B Overall Survival, According to Disease Burden



No. at Risk

Low burden	21	13	10	5	4	2	1
High burden	32	16	6	2	1	0	0

Median OS

Low tumor burden (MRD+): 20.1 mo

High tumor burden: **12.4 mo**

Adult R-R ALL: CAR T vs MoAb

Parameter	HCVD-Ino-Blina	MSKCC (R-R)	MSKCC (MRD)	Blina (MRD)
N	ITT	Evaluable		ITT
ORR, %	78	75	95	NA
MRD−, %	83	67		78
Median OS, mo	14	12.4	20.1	36
Salvage 1, mo	25	Not reported	Not reported	40
Toxicities	VOD (10%)	G3–4 CRS (26%); NE (42%)		G3–4 CRS (2%); NE (13%)

Venetoclax + Navitoclax in R/R ALL

- Navitoclax inhibits BCL2, BCL-XL, and BCL-W
- Venetoclax-navitoclax synergistic antitumor activity
- Rx with Ven/Nav + chemoRx (PEG-ASP, VCR, Dex)
- 47 pts (25 B-ALL + 19 T-ALL + 3 LL), median age 29
- Median 4 prior therapies; 28% post-ASCT, 13% post-CAR T
- **ORR 28/47 (60%); MRD negativity 15/26 (58%)**
- 4/32 (13%) CR/CRi/CRp at D8 after Ven/Nav
- **Median OS 7.8 mo; 9.7 mo (B-ALL) and 6.6 mo (T-ALL)**
- Preliminary BH3 profiling analysis revealed a trend in BCL2 dependence at baseline in T-ALL cells vs both BCL2 and BCL-XL dependence in B-ALL cells

Salvage Therapies in ALL: Conclusions

- **Very effective salvage therapy in R/R ALL**
 - High MRD-negativity rate
 - Best outcome in salvage 1
- **Combination with low-dose chemotherapy**
 - Safe and effective
 - Median survival 14 months
 - Salvage 1: 24 months (2-year OS rate >50%)
- **AEs better controlled**
 - CRS: debulk with sequential chemotherapy
 - VOD lower doses explored
- **CAR T-cell Rx offered post-blinatumomab and -inotuzumab failure**
 - Salvage 2 and high-risk salvage 1 (eg, MLL)
 - Consolidation in high-risk patients (replacing alloSCT)
- **Better “blinatumomab” and “inotuzumab” needed**
 - Better “Blina”: long half-life; SQ; no neurotoxicities
 - Better “InO”: no VOD

Debate on CD19-targeted approaches: Discussion and voting



Question 1

After listening to the debate, what is your preferred ALL treatment choice in salvage?

- a. CAR T therapies
- b. Bispecifics



Question 2

After listening to the debate, do you think that children and young adults with active nonbulky CNS disease can safely be treated with CD19 CAR T cells?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I do not know



Question 3

After listening to the debate, what advantages do you see in bispecifics vs CAR T cells?

- a. Readily available off the shelf
- b. Dosing can be easily interrupted in case of toxicity
- c. Can be combined with chemotherapy
- d. I do not know

Emerging data and the management of ALL patients during COVID-19

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Question 1

Has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the number of new cancer patients you are seeing in your clinic?

- a) No, I am seeing about the same number of new cancer patients per month**
- b) Yes, I am seeing fewer new cancer patients per month**
- c) Yes, I am seeing more new cancer patients per month**



Question 2

Do you feel that associations like NCCN, ASCO, or ASH have provided sufficient guidance on caring for cancer patients during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- a) Yes**
- b) No**

Treating Leukemia in the Time of COVID-19

- **Clinical infection <1%–2% worldwide**
 - ✓ **Mortality rate of 1%–5% in COVID-infected patients in the general population**
 - ✓ **Potentially ≥30% in patients with cancer**
- **Careful consideration to the risk of COVID-19 in leukemia vs**
 - ✓ **Reducing access of patients to specialized cancer centers**
 - ✓ **Modifying therapies to those with unproven curative benefit**

Treating Leukemia in the Time of COVID-19

- Patients with leukemia have uniquely higher risk of COVID-19 infection for multiple reasons associated with
 - ✓ Underlying disease
 - ✓ Treatment
 - ✓ Patient-specific factors

Risk Factors	Cause		
	Leukemia Diagnosis	Treatment	Patient Specific
Neutropenia	X	X	
Leukopenia	X	X	
Hypogammaglobulinemia	X	X	
Depressed immune function	X	X	
Hypercoagulable state	X	X	
Organ dysfunction (cardiac, renal, liver, pulmonary)	X	X	X
Comorbid conditions			X
Age			X

Treating Leukemia in the Time of COVID-19

	Possible Risk Factors
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Treating Leukemia in the Time of COVID-19

- **Weigh the treatment of a lethal, acute illness requiring aggressive therapy against the systemic limitations of inpatient stays, frequent clinic visits, and increasingly restricted blood product supply**
- **Development of several targeted therapies to treat acute leukemia may allow a reduction of dose-intensity while preserving the efficacy and the potential for cure**
- **Patients who are candidates for intensive Rx to be tested upfront**

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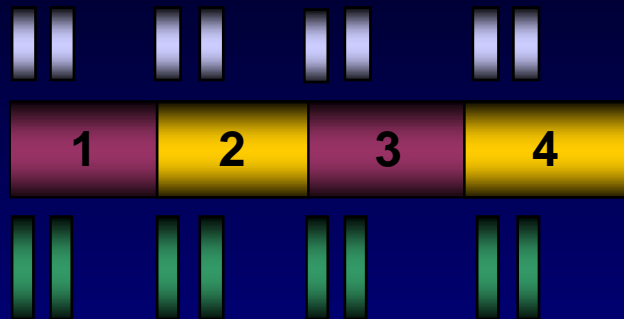
Treating ALL in the Time of COVID-19

Type				
ALL	Induction/ Consolidation	Ph ⁻	<60 y.o.	• HCVAD × 4 cycles followed by Blina × 4 cycles
			≥60 y.o.	• Mini-HCVD + Ino × 4 cycles followed by Blina × 4 cycles
			≥70 y.o.	• Mini-HCVD + Ino × 2 cycles followed by Blina × 8 cycles
		MRD+		• Move to Blina early after 2 cycles of HCVAD or mini-HCVD + Ino or clinical trial for MRD positivity • Allogeneic SCT can be considered if benefit outweighs risks
	Maintenance	Ph ⁺		• Blina + TKI or Ino + TKI • Blinatumomab + ponatinib preferred
				• Important to still give maintenance • May omit vincristine to reduce clinic visits and reduce steroids • May transition to maintenance early if MRD negativity achieved and administering HCVAD or mini-HCVD is logistically difficult • Incorporate Blina or low-dose Ino in late intensification

- Asparaginase possibly increases the thrombotic risk: complication of COVID-19
- If necessary, peg-asparaginase recommended

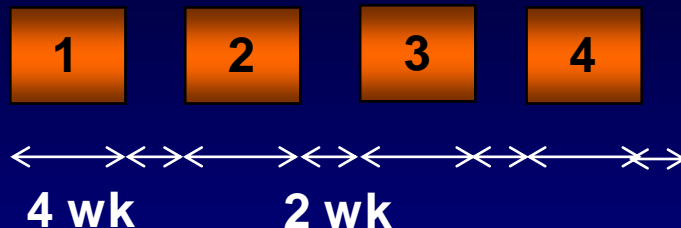
HyperCVAD + Blinatumomab in B-ALL (Ph- B-ALL <60 years): Treatment Schedule

Intensive phase

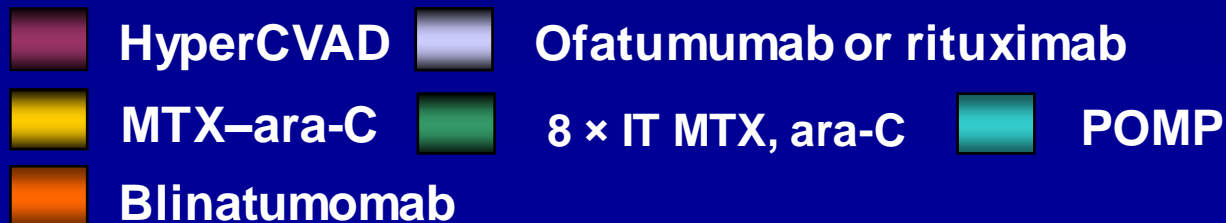


Blinatumomab phase

*After 2 cycles of chemo for Ho-Tr, Ph-like, t(4;11)



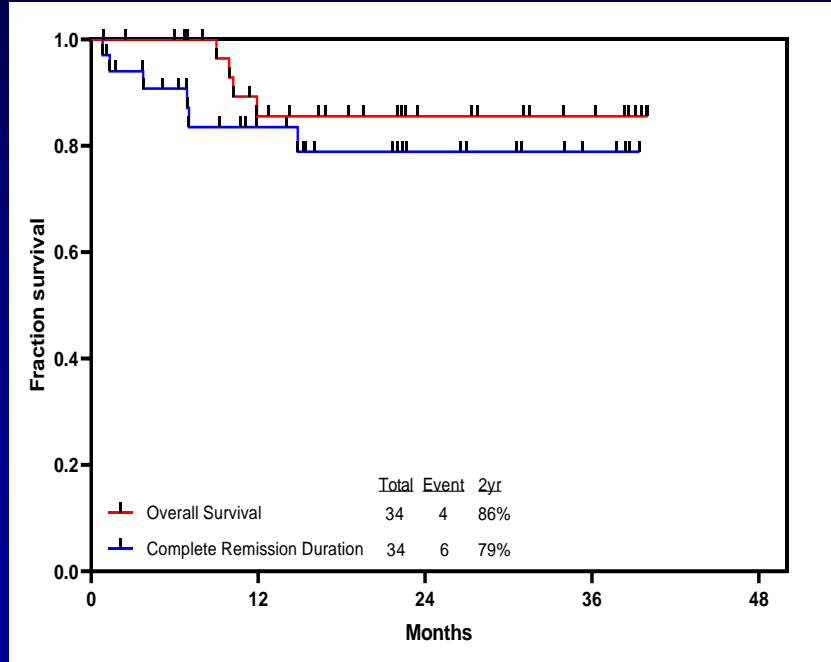
Maintenance phase



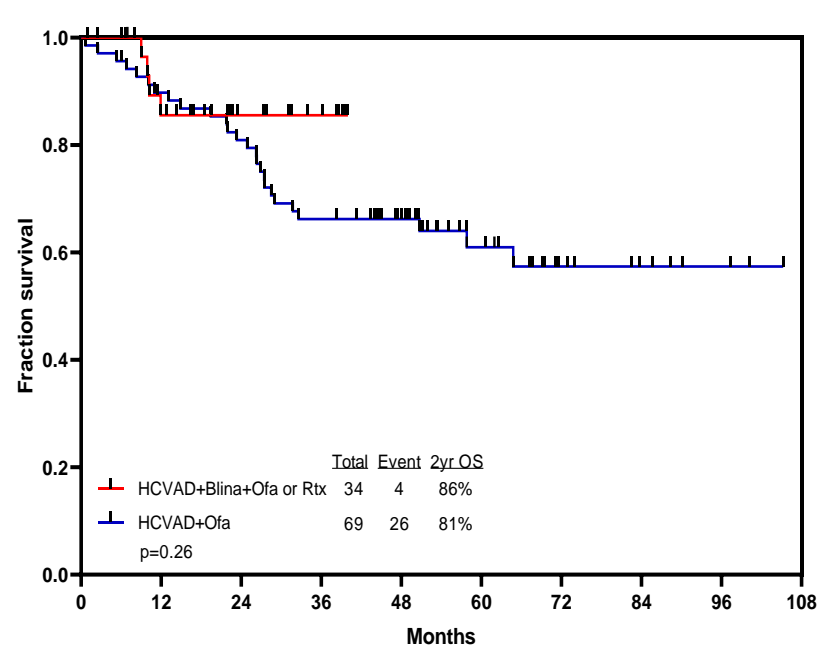
HyperCVAD + Blinatumomab in FL B-ALL (N = 34)

- CR 100%, MRD negativity 97% (at CR 87%), early death 0%

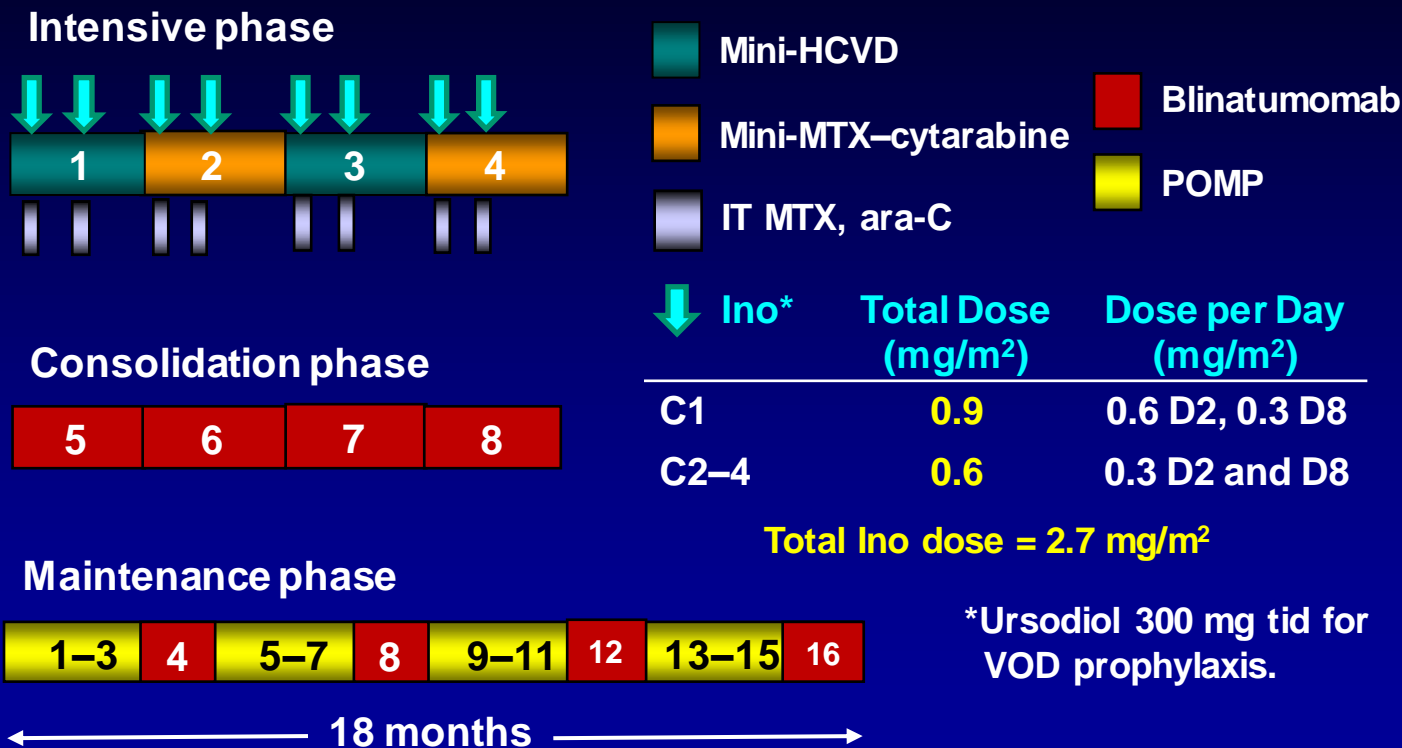
CRD and OS Overall



OS – HCVAD-Blina vs O-HCVAD



Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in Older ALL: Modified Design (pts 50+)



Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in Older ALL (N = 64)

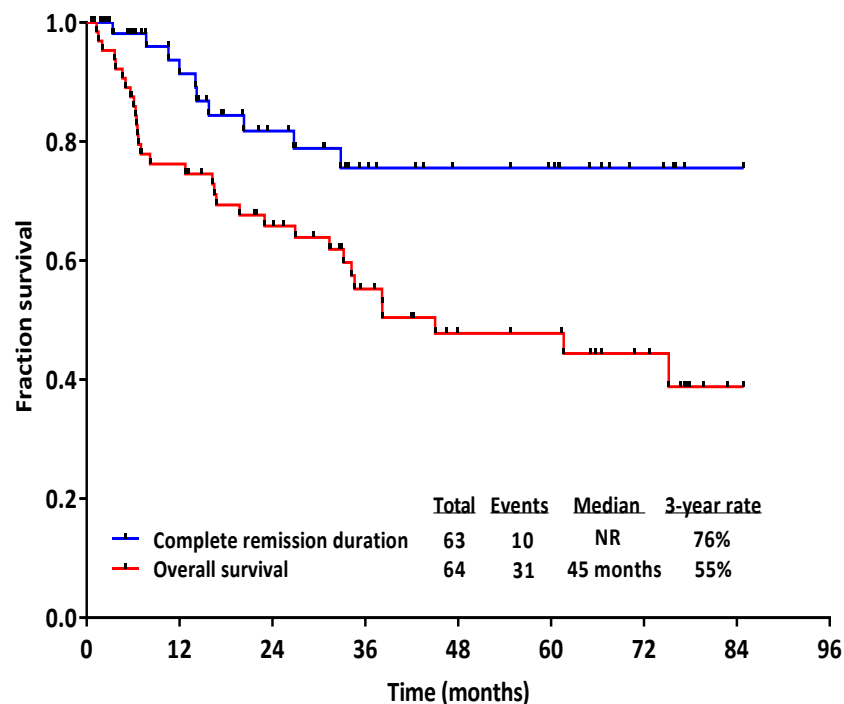
Characteristic	Category	N (%) / Median [range]
Age (years)	≥70	68 [60-81] 27 (42)
Performance status	≥2	9 (14)
WBC (× 10 ⁹ /L)		3.0 [0.6-111.0]
Karyotype	Diploid	21 (33)
	HeH	5 (8)
	Ho-Tr	12 (19)
	Tetraploidy	3 (5)
	Complex	1 (2)
	t(4;11)	1 (2)
	Misc	9 (14)
	IM/ND	12 (19)
CNS disease at diagnosis		4 (6)
CD19 expression, %		99.6 [30-100]
CD22 expression, %		96.6 [27-100]
CD20 expression	≥20%	32/58 (57)
CRLF2+ by flow		6/31 (19)
TP53 mutation		17/45 (38)

Response (N = 59)	N (%)
ORR	58 (98)
CR	51 (86)
CRp	6 (10)
CRi	1 (2)
No response	1 (2)
Early death	0

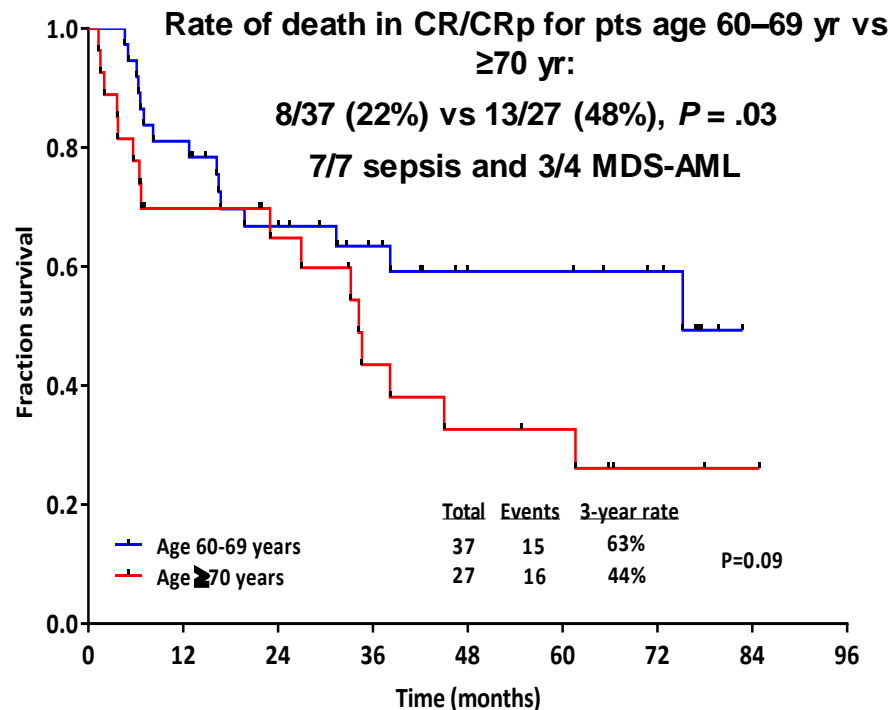
Flow MRD response	N (%)
D21	50/62 (81)
Overall	60/63 (95)

Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in Older ALL: Outcome

CRD and OS overall

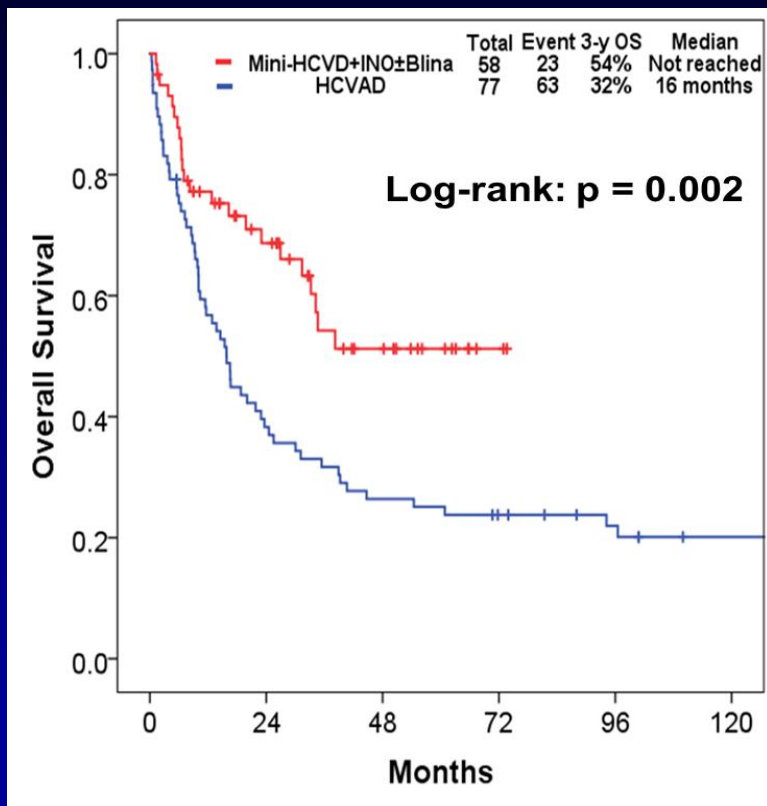


OS by age

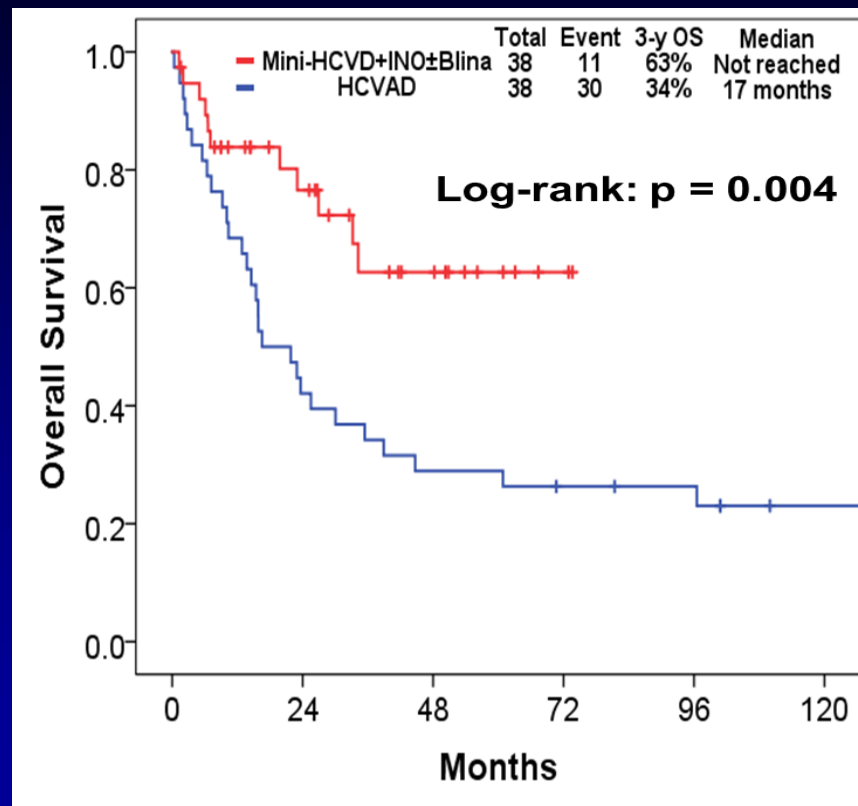


Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina vs HCVD in Elderly ALL: Overall Survival

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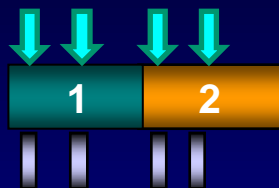


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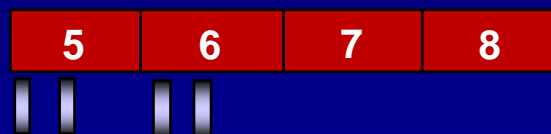


Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in Older ALL: Amended Design (pts ≥70 years)

Intensive phase



Consolidation phase



Maintenance phase



← 6 months →

 Mini-HCVD

 Mini-MTX–cytarabine

 IT MTX, ara-C

 Blinatumomab

POMP

 Ino*

Total Dose
(mg/m²)

Dose per Day
(mg/m²)

C1 **0.9** 0.6 D2, 0.3 D8

C2 **0.6** 0.3 D2 and D8

Total Ino dose = 1.5 mg/m²

*Ursodiol 300 mg tid for VOD prophylaxis.

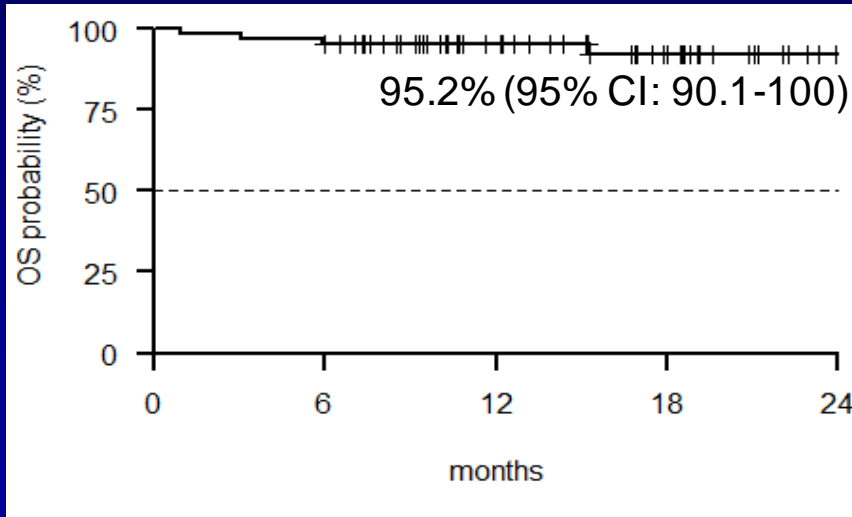
Treating ALL in the Time of COVID-19: Advantage of These Regimens

- **Blina significantly less myelosuppressive. Although currently administered after 4 courses of HCVAD or mini-HCVD, pts switch to Blina earlier, after 2 courses, to avoid additional myelosuppression**
- **No or low tumor burden after intensive Rx, no CRS: need for hospitalization significantly reduced. Blina dose-escalation on day 5 instead of day 8**
- **7-day bags: outpatient setting with reduced clinic visits**
- **Blina earlier deepens MRD response and safely shortens maintenance from 30 months to 18 months**

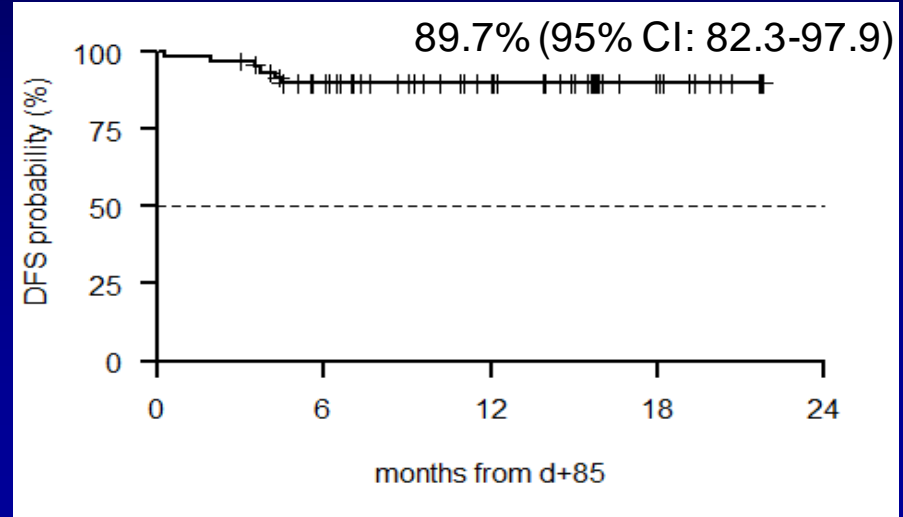
Dasatinib-Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL

- 63 pts, median age 54 yr (24–82)
- Dasatinib 140 mg/D × 3 mo; add blinatumomab × 2–5
- 53 post-dasa-blina × 2 – **molecular response 32/53 (60%), 22 CMR (41%); MRD ↑ in 15, 6 T315I; 12-mo OS 96%; DFS 92%**

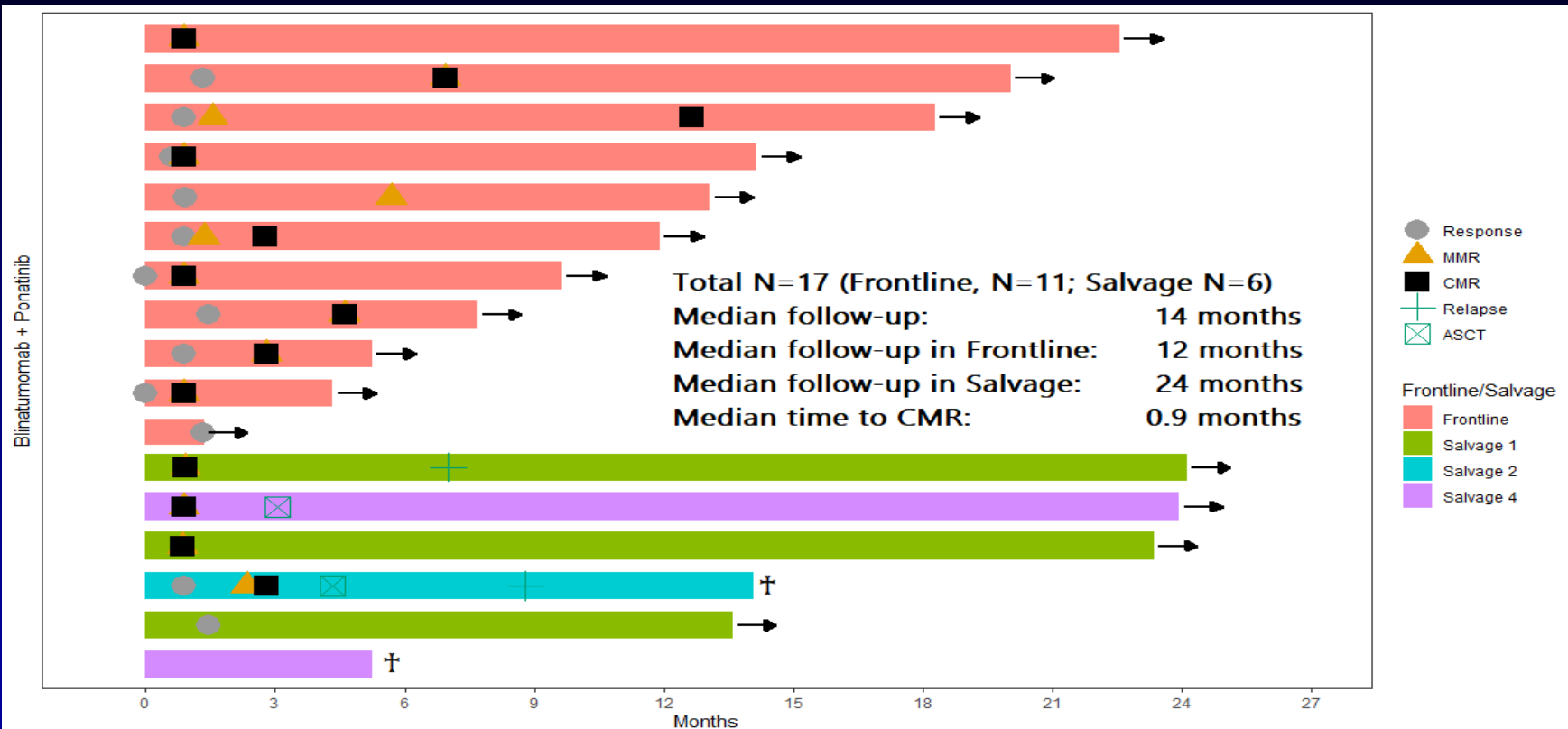
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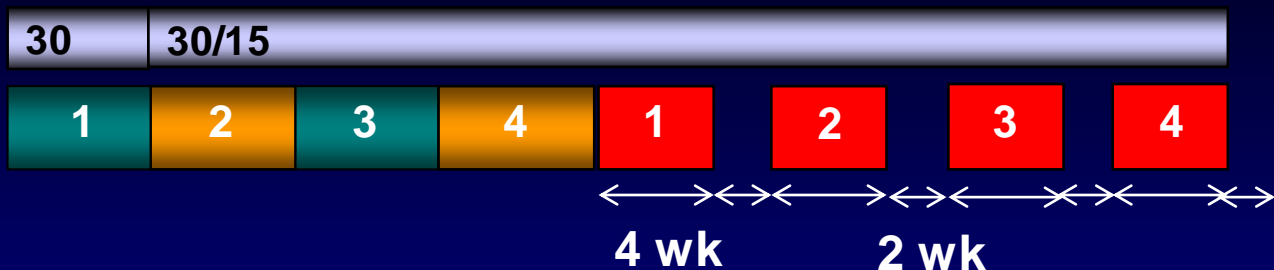


Blinatumomab + Ponatinib Swimmer Plot (N = 17)

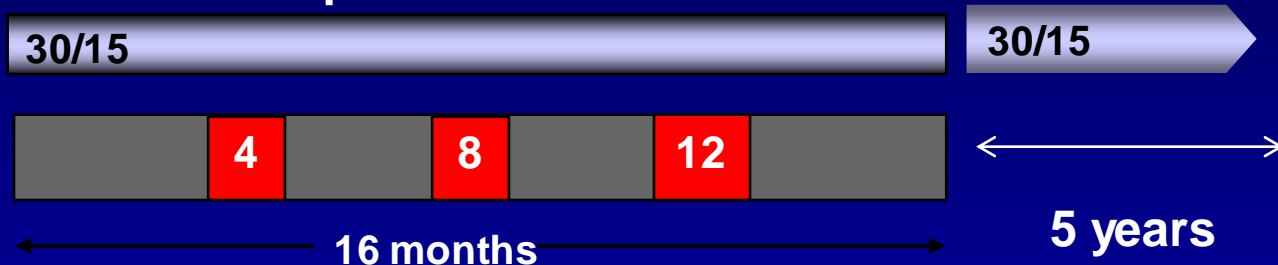


HyperCVD + Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL

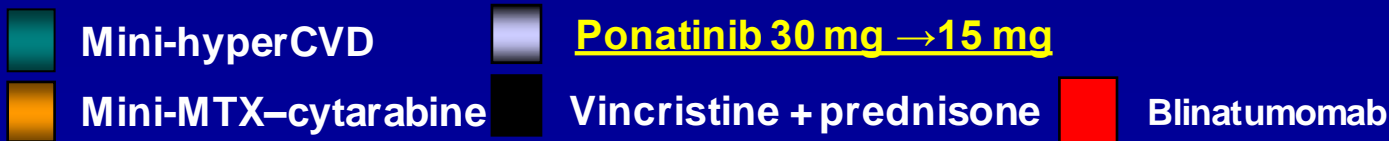
Intensive phase



Maintenance phase



Risk-adapted intrathecal CNS prophylaxis (N = 12)



Treating Leukemia in the Time of COVID-19

- Risk of COVID-19 complications weighed very carefully vs restricting access of patients to highly specialized centers and of advocating for regimens without known equivalent curative potential
- Efforts should be prioritized to reduce patient and staff exposure while maintaining optimal care
- Utilizing less-intensive Rx, reducing patient visits, and establishing collaborative care at local centers or through telemedicine
- Rx decisions individualized on the basis of patient-related factors, risk of added toxicity, and feasibility of treatment administration
- Standard hygiene and social distancing measures to be pursued

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Panel discussion

Session close

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