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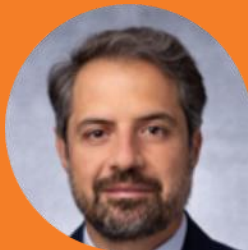
# Global Leukemia Academy

Emerging and Practical Concepts and  
Controversies in Leukemias

27-28 October 2021

# Welcome and meeting overview

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# Objectives of the program

Understand current treatment patterns for acute leukemias including incorporation of new technologies

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

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

Comprehensively discuss the role of MRD in managing and monitoring acute leukemias

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 acute leukemias

Review promising novel and emerging therapies in acute leukemias

Explore regional challenges in the treatment of acute leukemias across Europe



**Global Leukemia Virtual Plenary Session (Day 1) 16.00 – 20.00 (CET)**  
**Chairs – Elias Jabbour, Franco Locatelli, Naval Daver**

| Time CET      | Title  | Speaker/Moderator   |
|---------------|--|---|
| 16.00 – 16.10 | <b>Welcome and meeting overview</b>  | Elias Jabbour, Franco Locatelli   |
| 16.10 – 16.40 | <b>Recent developments in acute leukemias</b>  | Elias Jabbour   |
| 16.40 – 17.00 | <b>Review of prognostic value of MRD in acute leukemias</b>  | Josep-Maria Ribera  |
| 17.00 – 17.15 | <b>Genetic variants in ALL – Ph+ and Ph-like</b>   | Philippe Rousset  |
| 17.15 – 17.35 | <b>AYA ALL patients – what is the current treatment approach for this diverse patient population?</b>  | Rob Pieters   |
| 17.35 – 17.45 | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| 17.45 – 18.05 | <b>Bispecifics as post-reinduction therapy improve survival in high-risk first-relapse pediatric and AYA B-ALL</b>   | Patrick Brown   |
| 18.05 – 18.25 | <b>Therapeutic approaches in high-risk and older AML patients</b>  | Naval Daver   |
| 18.25 – 18.45 | <b>Current and future role of transplantation in acute leukemias</b>   | Charles Craddock  |
| 18.45 – 19.15 | <b>Debate on sequencing CD19-targeted approaches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monoclonal antibodies and bispecifics first</li> <li>• CAR T first</li> <li>• Discussion and voting</li> </ul> | Moderator: Franco Locatelli<br>Elias Jabbour<br>Josep-Maria Ribera<br>All faculty |
| 19.15 – 19.55 | <b>Leukemia board discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimal treatment and patient access, regional challenges in Europe</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>                               | Moderator: Elias Jabbour<br>Rob Pieters and<br>Philippe Rousset<br>All faculty    |
| 19.55 – 20.00 | <b>Session close</b>   | Elias Jabbour, Franco Locatelli   |



# Virtual Breakout – Adult Leukemia Patients (Day 2) 17.00 – 20.00

**Chairs** – Elias Jabbour, Naval Daver

| Time CET      | Title  | Speaker/Moderator  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 17.00 – 17.10 | <b>ALL session open</b>  | Elias Jabbour  |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | <b>Optimizing first-line therapy in adult and older ALL – integration of immunotherapy into frontline regimens</b>   | Elias Jabbour  |
| 17.30 – 17.50 | <b>Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in adult and elderly patients</b>  | Nicola Gökbüget  |
| 17.50 – 18.20 | <b>Case-based panel discussion on toxicity management for adult and elderly ALL patients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Fabian Lang</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Anna Torrent</li></ul>              | Moderator: Elias Jabbour<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> E. Jabbour, N. Gökbüget, J.M. Ribera, P. Rousselot |
| 18.20 – 18.30 | <b>Break</b>   |  |
| 18.30 – 18.35 | <b>AML session open</b>  | Naval Daver  |
| 18.35 – 18.55 | <b>Personalized induction and maintenance approaches for AML</b>   | Richard Schlenk  |
| 18.55 – 19.15 | <b>Optimizing management of relapsed/refractory AML</b>  | Charles Craddock   |
| 19.15 – 19.45 | <b>Case-based panel discussion or questions to the panel on regional challenges in AML care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Justin Loke</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Sonia Jaramillo Segura</li></ul> | Moderator: Naval Daver<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> N. Daver, C. Craddock, R. Schlenk                    |
| 19.45 – 20.00 | <b>Session close</b>   | Elias Jabbour  |



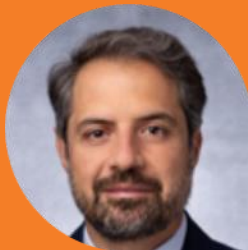
# Virtual Breakout – Pediatric ALL Patients (Day 2) 17.00 – 19.45

Chair – Franco Locatelli

| Time CET      | Title   | Speaker/Moderator   |
|---------------|---|---|
| 17.00 – 17.15 | <b>Session open</b>   | Franco Locatelli  |
| 17.15 – 17.40 | <b>How to use MRD and genetics for risk stratification and therapy guidance in pediatric ALL</b>  | Rob Pieters   |
| 17.40 – 18.05 | <b>First-line treatment of pediatric ALL</b>  | Martin Schrappe   |
| 18.05 – 18.30 | <b>Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT considerations</b>  | Franco Locatelli  |
| 18.30 – 18.55 | <b>Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL</b>   | Christina Peters  |
| 18.55 – 19.25 | <b>Case-based panel discussion on management of long- and short-term toxicities in pediatric ALL patients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Francesca Del Bufalo</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Natalia Zubarovskaya</li></ul> | Moderator: Franco Locatelli<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> R. Pieters, F. Locatelli, P. Brown, C. Peters, M. Schrappe |
| 19.25 – 19.45 | <b>Final discussion, Q&amp;A, and session close</b>   | Franco Locatelli  |

# Introduction to the Zoom platform

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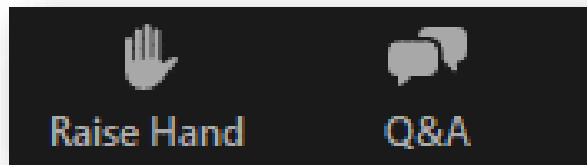


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After each presentation, there will be 5 min for Q&A

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- > **Live** – use “**Raise Hand**” function at the bottom of your screen
  - You will be given permission to speak
- > **Q&A box** – type your question in the Q&A box





# Functionality and settings – polling questions

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## Question 1

Where are you from?

- a) United Kingdom
- b) Germany
- c) Spain
- d) France
- e) Italy
- f) The Netherlands
- g) Poland
- h) Russia
- i) Other country in Europe
- j) Outside Europe

## Question 2

Which patients do you treat?

- a) Adults only
- b) Children only
- c) Adults and children
- d) Other





## Question 3

Which of the following is NOT true?

- a) Inotuzumab and blinatumomab + chemotherapy is active in both frontline and salvage for ALL
- b) ALK inhibitors can be combined with other therapy modalities in Ph+ ALL
- c) MRD is highly prognostic for relapse and survival in Ph- ALL
- d) CAR T approaches are not active beyond 2L in Ph- ALL

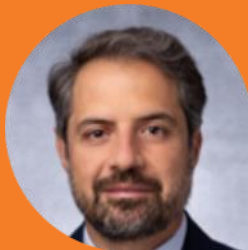
## Question 4

In AML the MRD assessment by RT-qPCR is especially useful for

- a) FLT3 ITD
- b) *NPM1* mutation
- c) Biallelic *CEBPA* mutation
- d) *SF3B1* mutation
- e) *ASXL1* mutation

# Recent developments in acute leukemias

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# **Recent Developments in Acute Leukemia**

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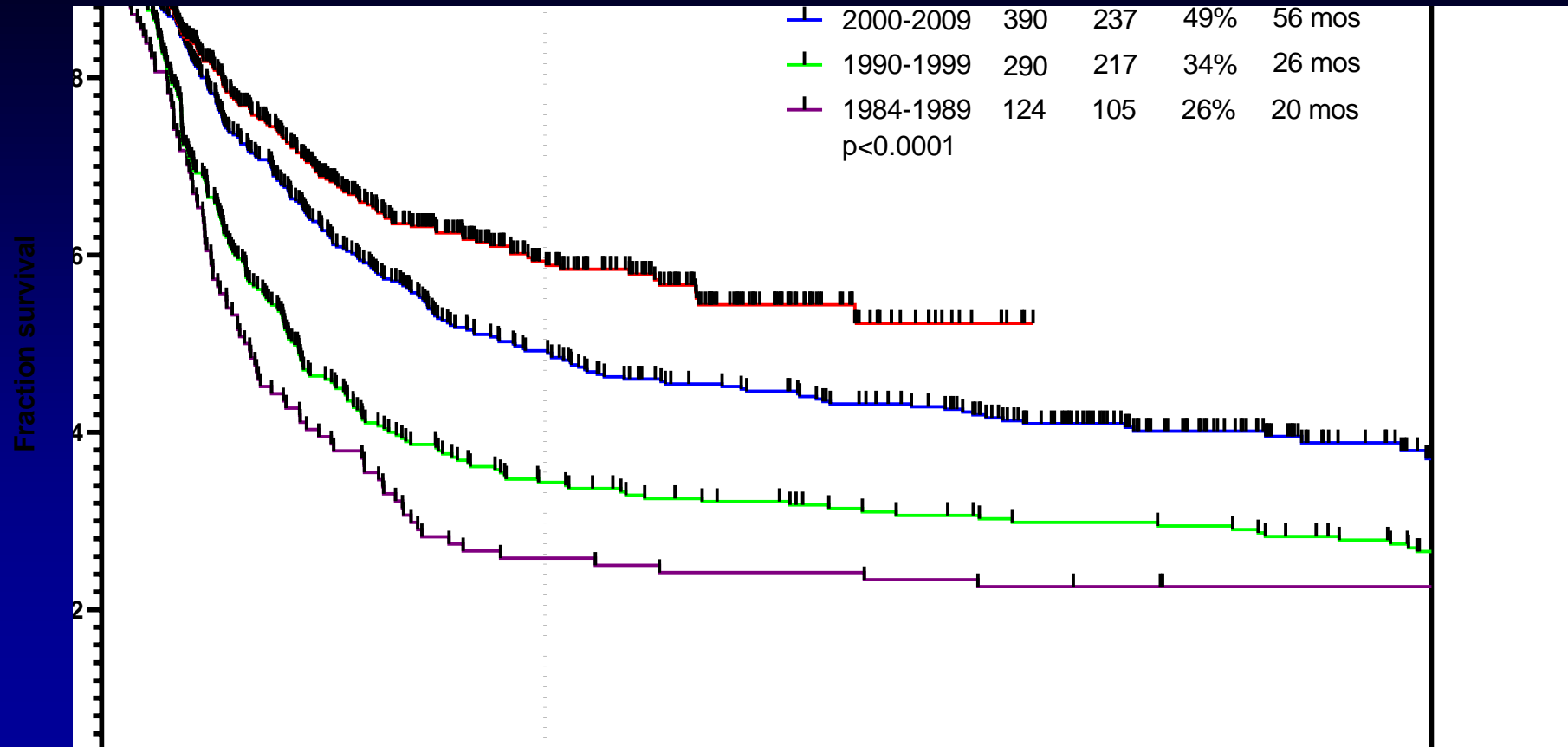
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# ALL: Survival by Decade (MDACC 1985-2020)



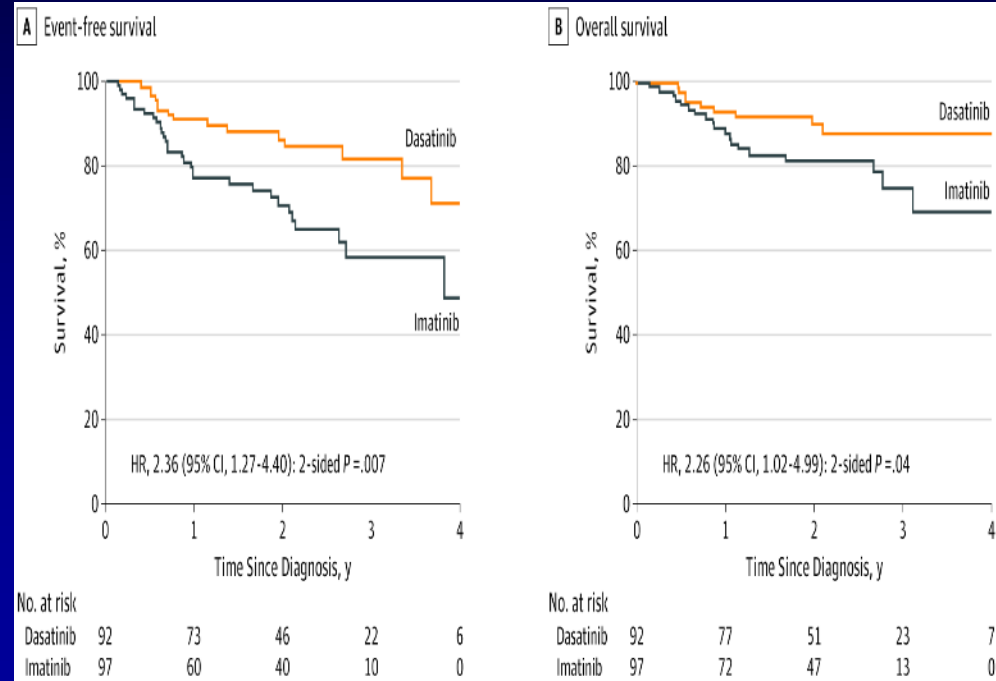
## Reasons for Recent Success in Adult ALL

- Addition of TKIs (ponatinib) +/- blinatumomab to chemoRx in Ph+ ALL
- Addition of rituximab to chemoRx in Burkitt and pre-B-ALL
- Addition of CD19 bispecific T-cell engager (BiTE) antibody blinatumomab, and of CD22 monoclonal antibody drug conjugate (ADC) inotuzumab to chemoRx in salvage and frontline ALL Rx
- CAR T therapy
- Importance of MRD in CR (at CR vs 3 mos; NGS)

# Dasatinib vs Imatinib in Pediatric Ph-Positive ALL

- 189 pts randomized Rx + dasatinib (n = 92) or imatinib (n = 97)
- Median F/U 26 mos; Triple IT 19 or 21

| % 4-yr         | Dasatinib  | Imatinib   | P Value     |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>EFS</b>     | <b>71</b>  | <b>49</b>  | <b>.005</b> |
| <b>OS</b>      | <b>88</b>  | <b>69</b>  | <b>.04</b>  |
| <b>Relapse</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>34</b>  | <b>.01</b>  |
| <b>CNS</b>     | <b>2.7</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>.06</b>  |





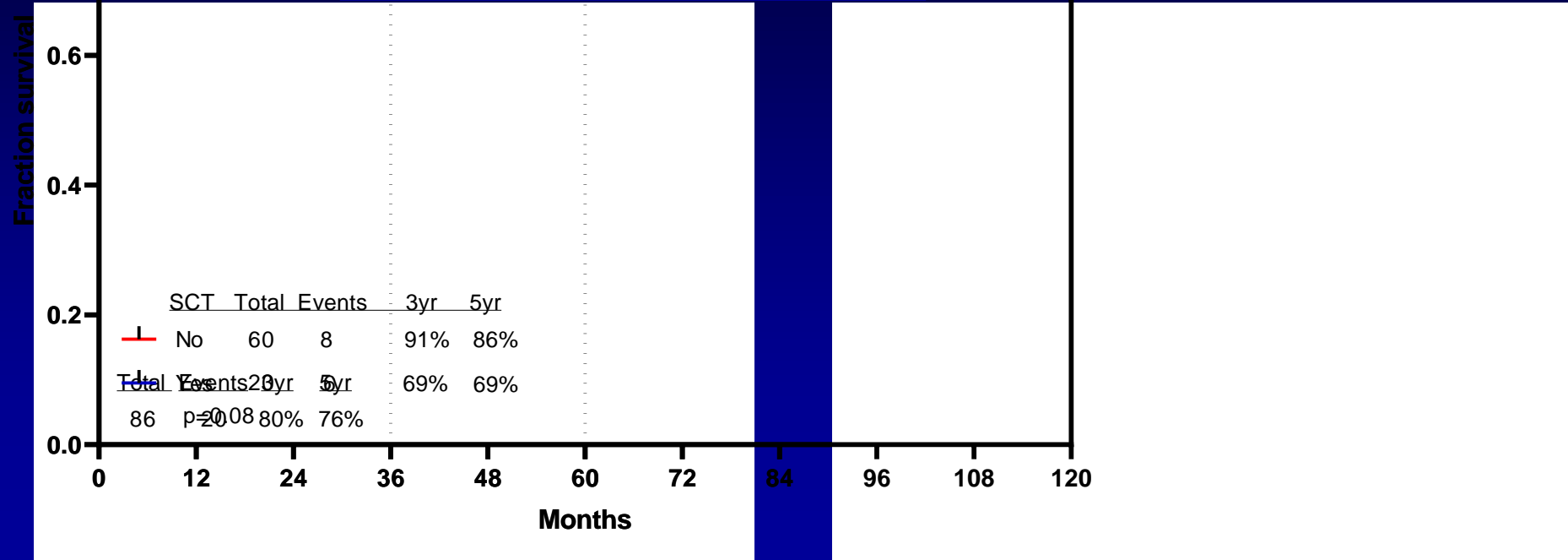
## Overall Survival

# HyperCVAD + Ponatinib in Ph+ ALL

- 86 pts Rx; median age 47 yrs (39–61); median FU 48 mos (10–100)
- CR 68/68 (100%); FCM-MRD negative 85/86 (99%); **CMR 84%**; **3/5-yr OS 80/76%**, **EFS 76/71%**

Overall Survival

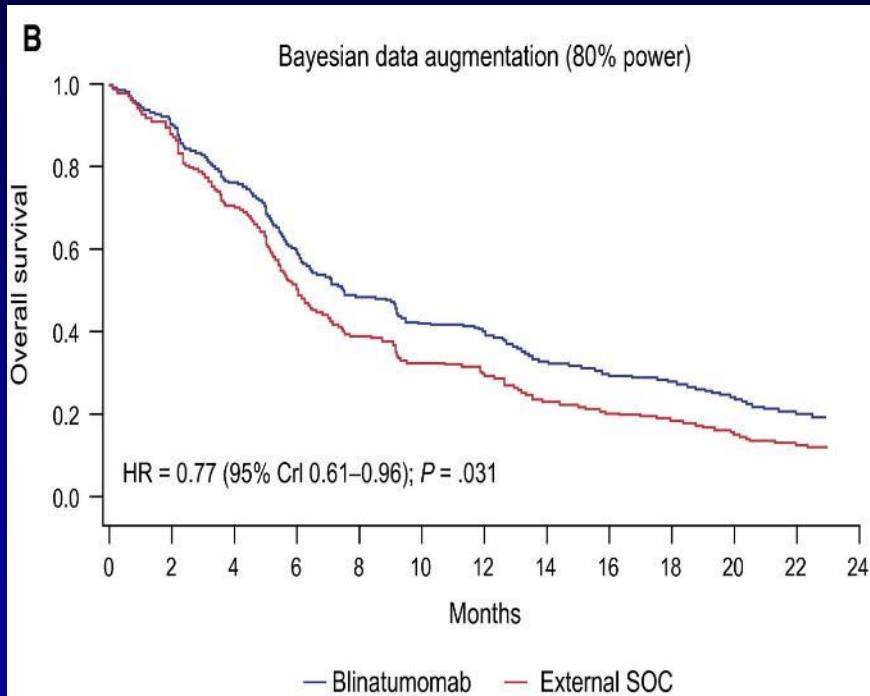
6-Month Landmark



# Blinatumomab and Inotuzumab in R/R Ph+ ALL

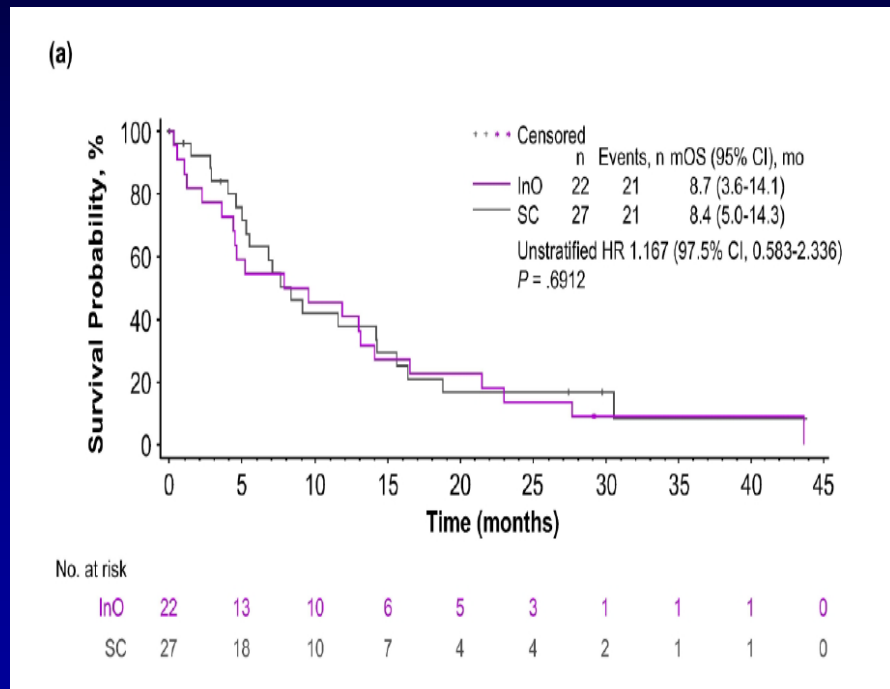
## Blina vs SOC

- CR/CRh 36% vs 25%
- 1-yr OS 41% vs 31%



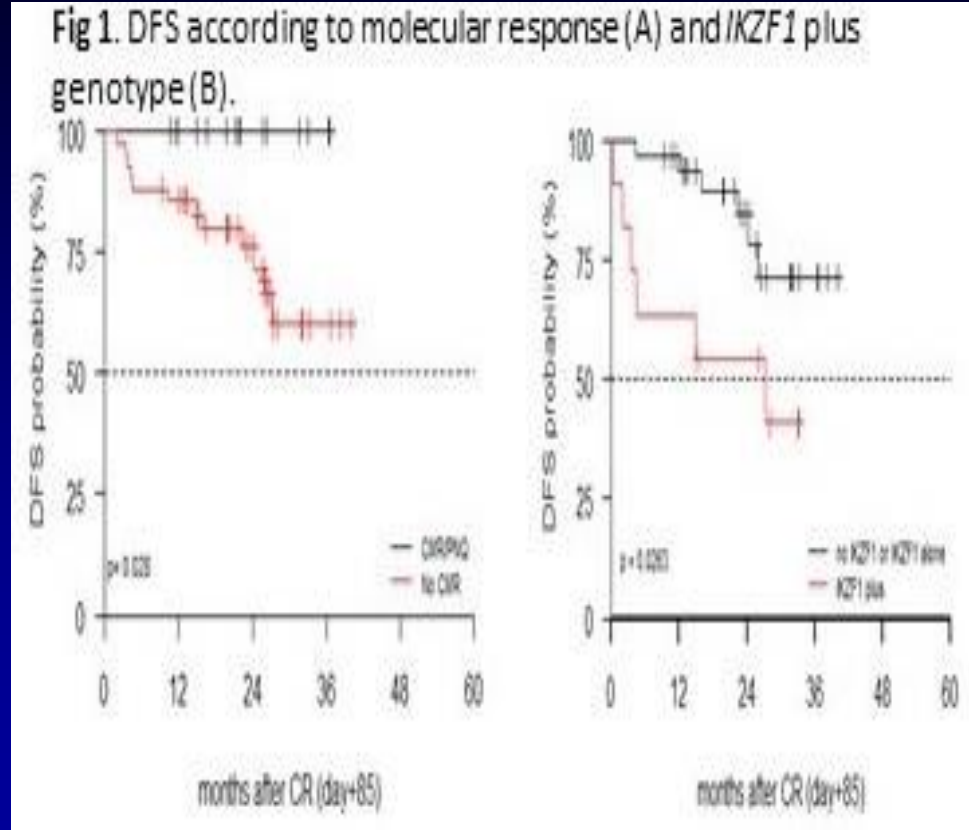
## Ino vs SOC

- CR/CRI 73% vs 56%
- 1-yr PFS 20% vs 4.8%



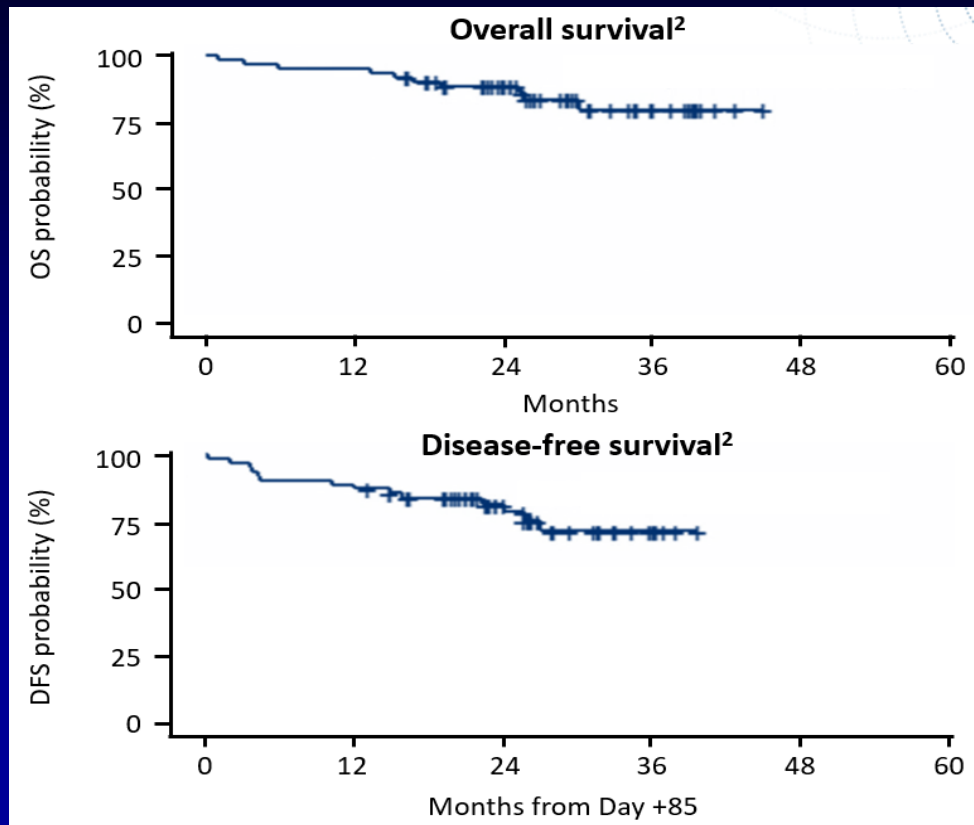
# Dasatinib + Blinatumomab (D-ALBA) in Newly- Dx Ph+ ALL – Update

- 64 pts Rx; median age 54 yrs (24-82). Median FU 27 mos
- Molecular response (32/53 = 60%)
  - 22 CMR (41%)
- 29/58 (50%) who started blina has SCT
- 9 relapses: 4 hematologic, 4 CNS, 1 nodal
- 24-mos OS 88%, DFS 80%
- Outcome better if MR: DFS 100% vs 80% ( $P = .028$ )
- Outcome worse if IKZF1+: 2-yr OS 84% vs 54% ( $P = .026$ )

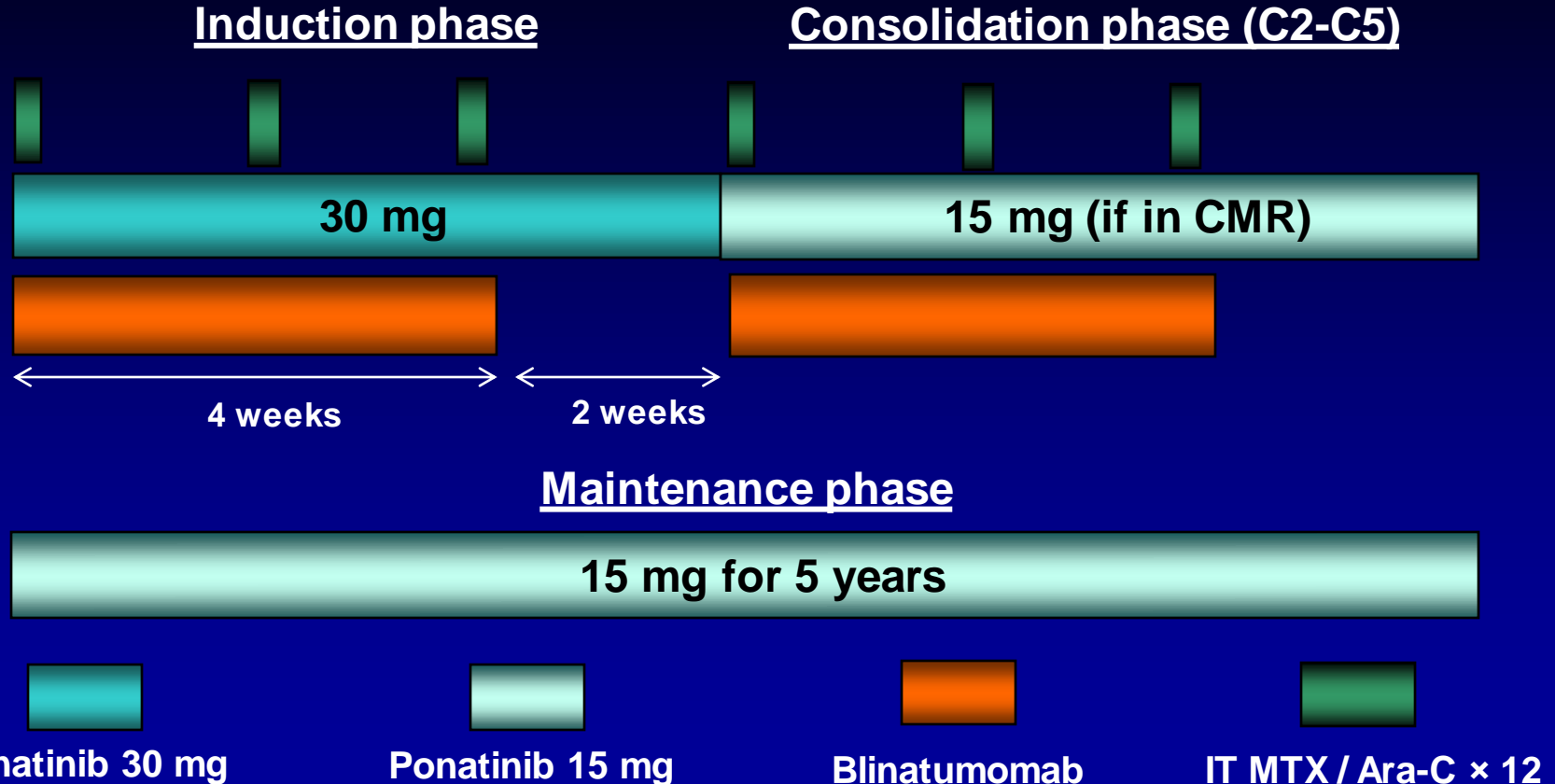


## Dasatinib-Blinatumomab in Ph-positive ALL

- 63 pts, median age 54 yrs (24-82). Dasatinib 140 mg/D × 3 mos; add blinatumomab × 2-5
- 53 post dasa-blina × 2--  
**molecular response 32/53 (60%), 23CMR (42%)**
- MRD ↑ in 15— 6 T315I; 9 relapses: 4 hematologic, 4 CNS, 1 nodal
- **3-yr OS 77%; DFS 71%**
- **29/58 (50%) allo SCT**

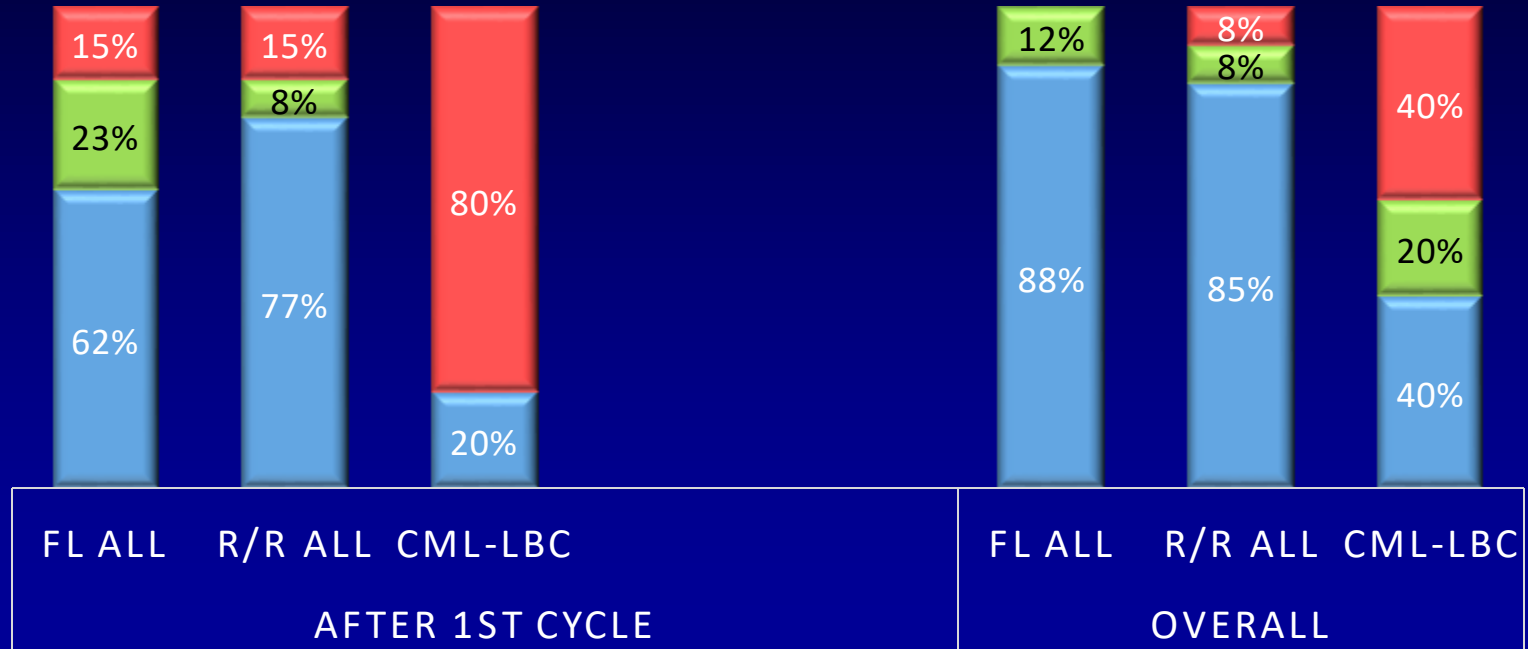


# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL: Regimen



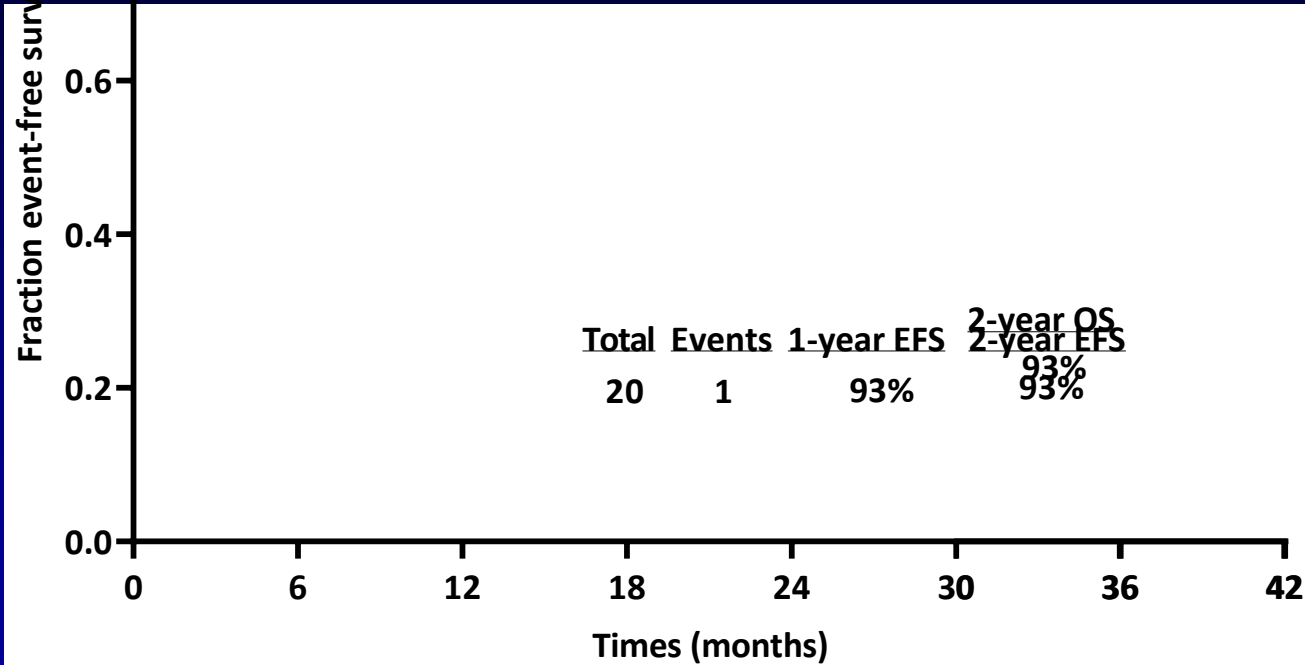
# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL: MRD Response Rates

■ CMR ■ MMR ■ No MMR



# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL: Survival Outcomes for Frontline Cohort

Median follow-up: 12 months (range, 1–37)



# HCVAD + Ofatumumab: Outcomes (N = 69)

Median follow up of 44 months (4–91)

CR 98%, MRD negativity 93% (at CR 63%), early death 2%

CRD and OS Overall

OS by Age

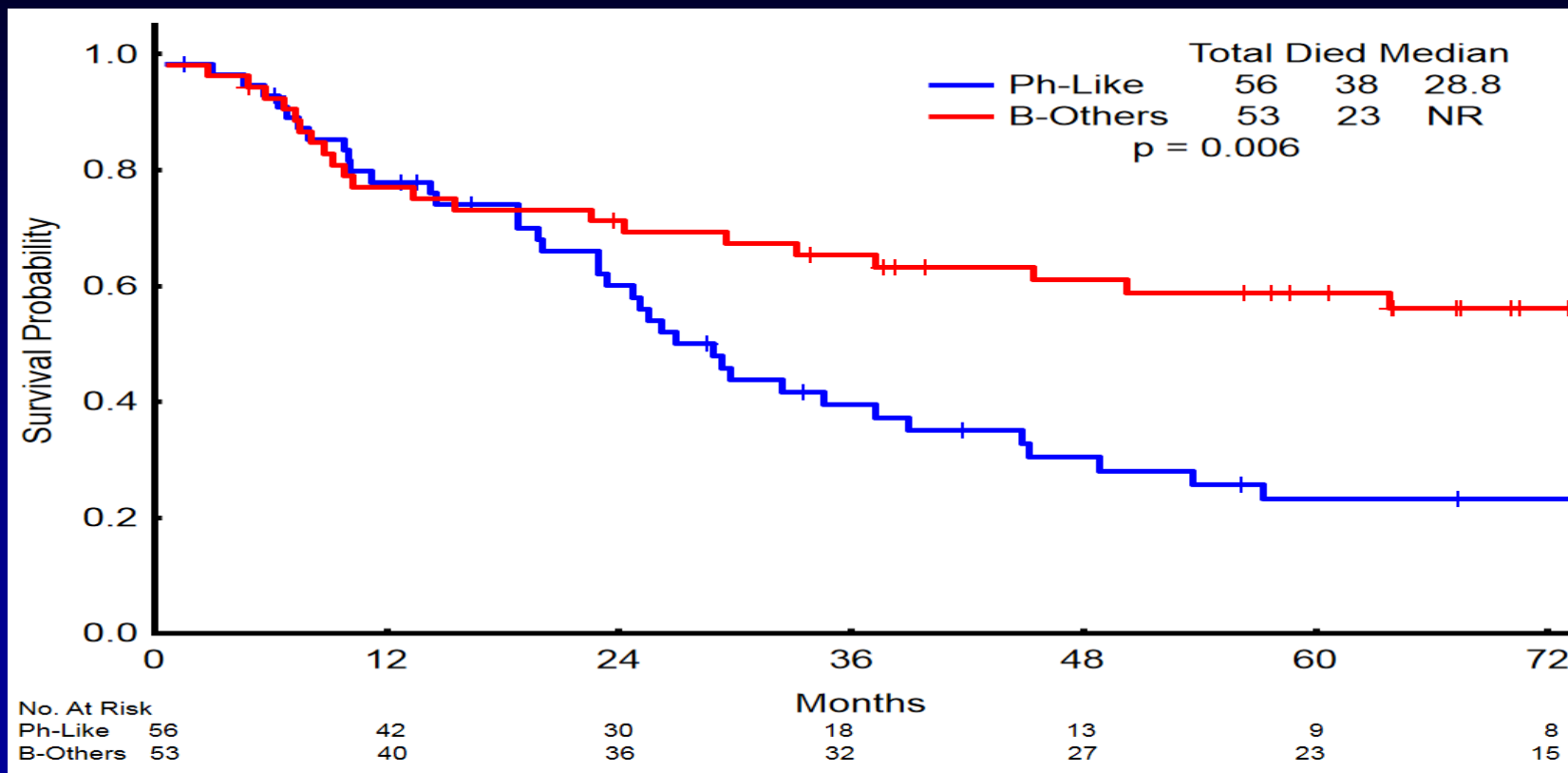
Fraction survival

Time (months)

|     | Total | Fail | 3yr OS |                             | Total | Fail | 3 yr |
|-----|-------|------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| <40 | 33    | 9    | 74%    | Complete Remission Duration | 68    | 21   | 75%  |
| ≥40 | 36    | 14   | 63%    | Overall Survival            | 69    | 23   | 68%  |



## Ph-like ALL – Worse Survival

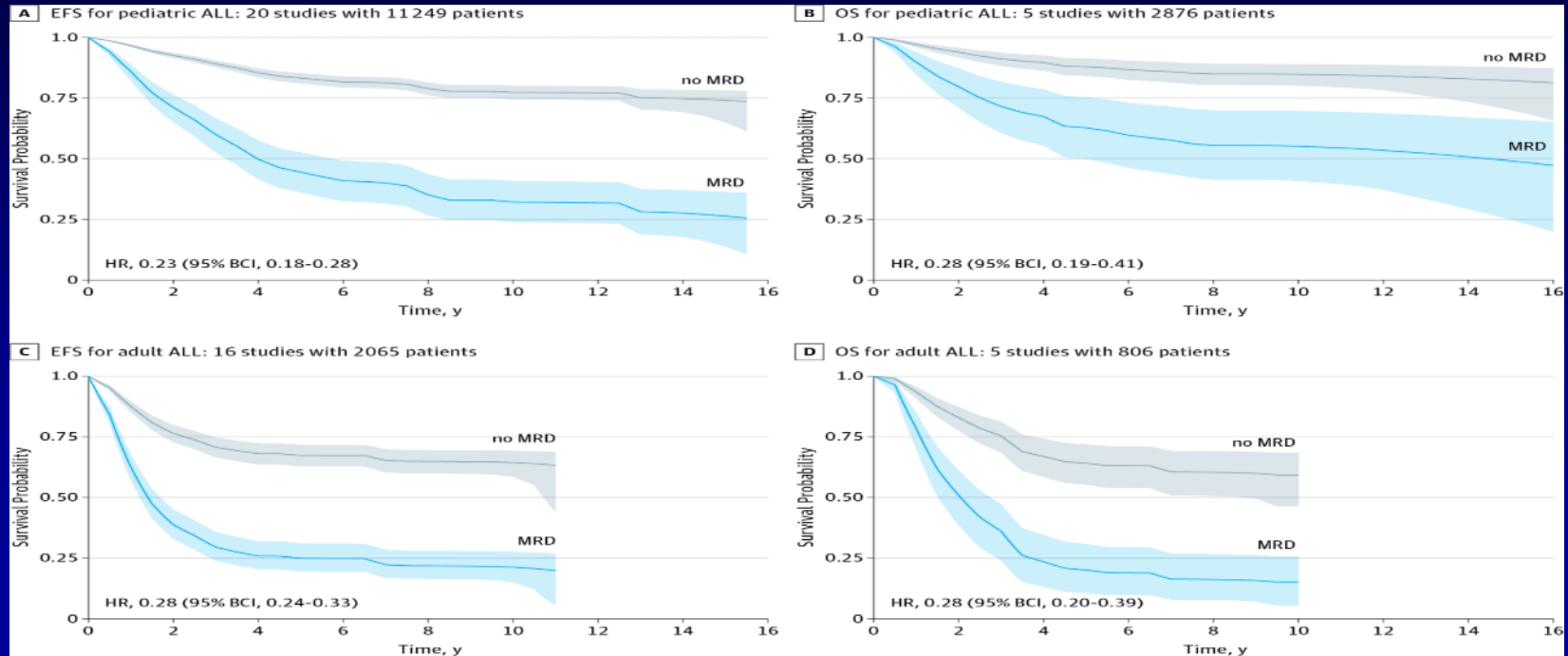


## Ph-Like ALL: Higher MRD+ Rate

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

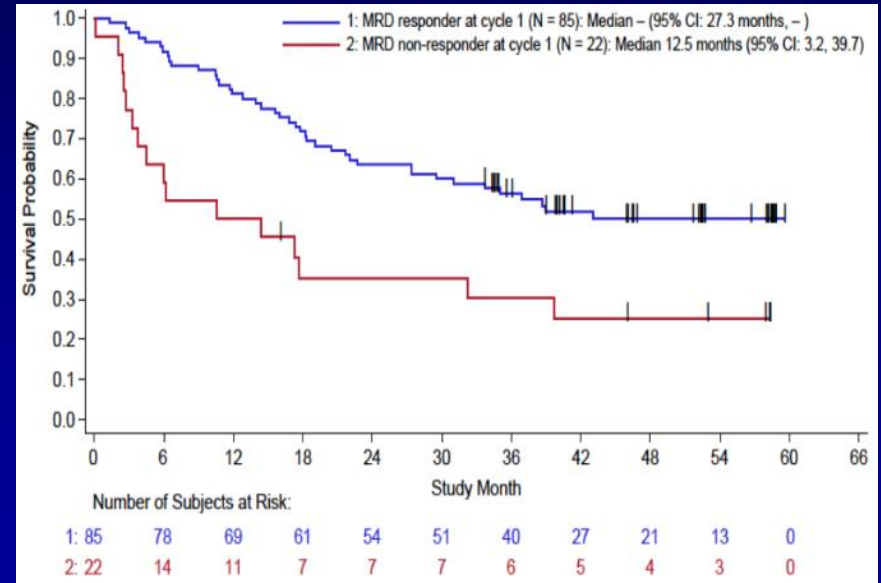
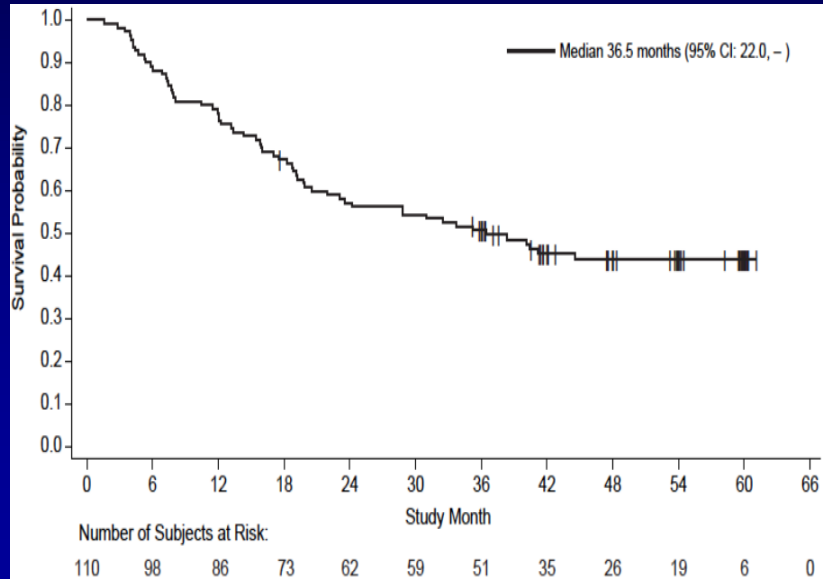
# MRD in ALL

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



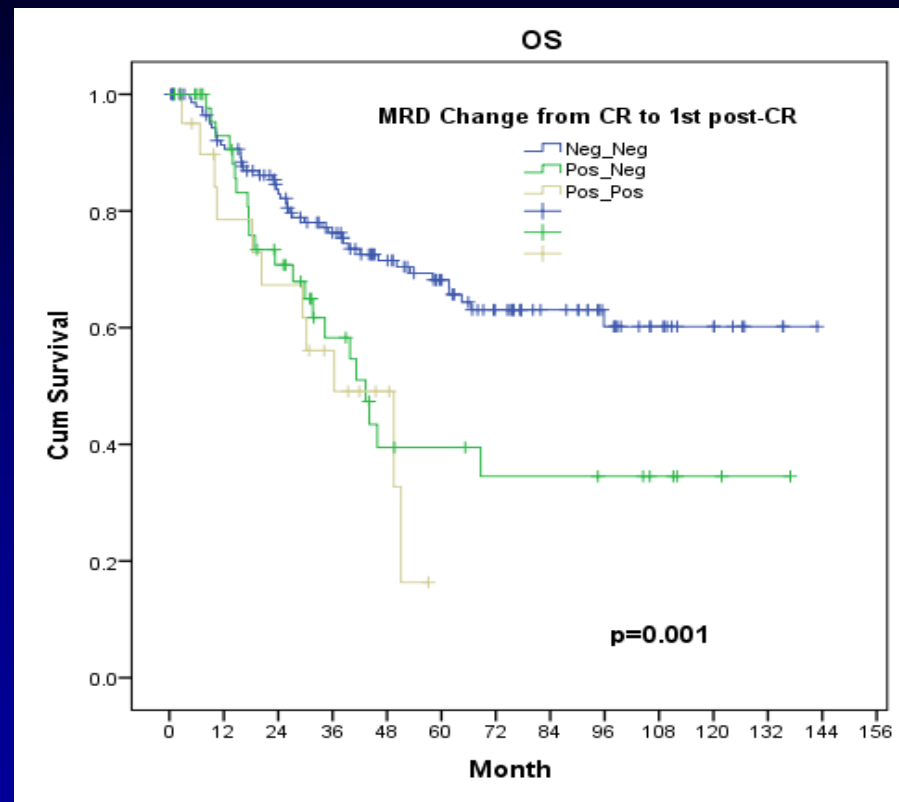
# Blinatumomab for MRD+ ALL in CR1/CR2

- 113 pts Rx. Post-blina MRD– 88/113 = 78%
- 110 evaluated (blasts <5%, MRD+); 74 received alloSCT. Median F/U 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%)



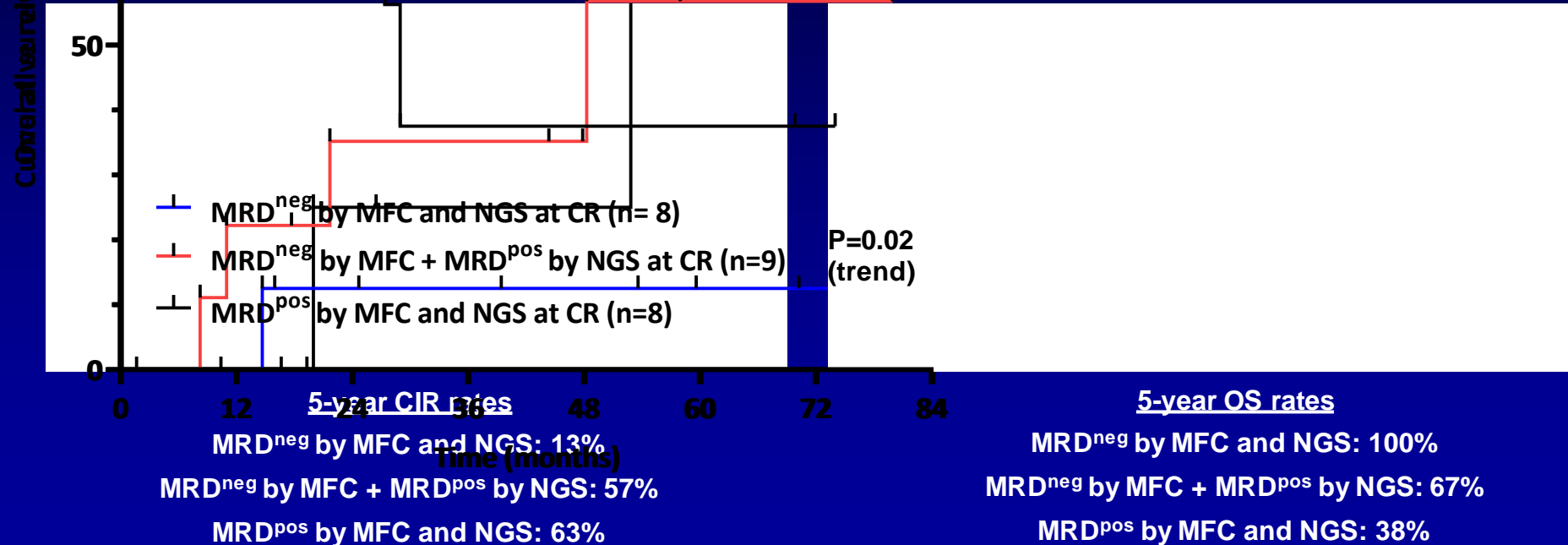
## Dynamics of MRD: Outcome

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



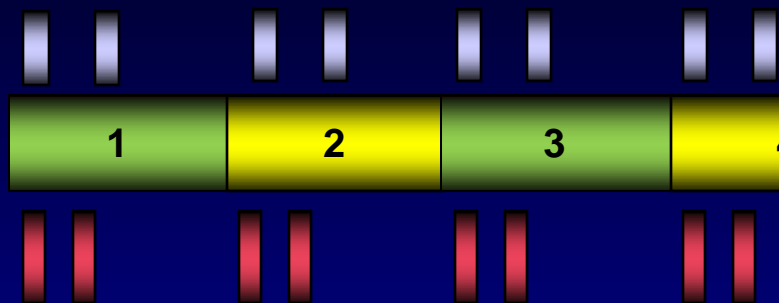
## MRD in ALL: NGS vs FCM

- 67 pts Rx (66% HCVAD; 34% mini-HCVD)
- 32/84 (38%) discordant (ie, MRDneg by MFC but MRDpos by NGS)
- 48% at CR and 30% at mid-consolidation
- MRDneg by NGS highly predictive at CR with HCVAD



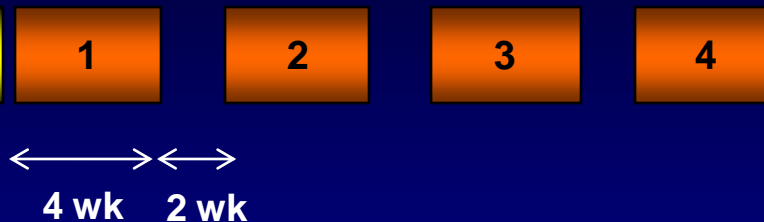
# Hyper-CVAD + Blinatumomab in B-ALL: Regimen

## Intensive phase



## Blinatumomab phase

\*After 2 cycles of chemo for MRD+, Ho-Tr, Ph-like, TP53, t(4;11)



## Maintenance phase



Hyper-CVAD



Ofatumumab or rituximab



Blinatumomab



MTX + Ara-C



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# Hyper CVAD → Blinatumomab in Newly Dx Adult ALL

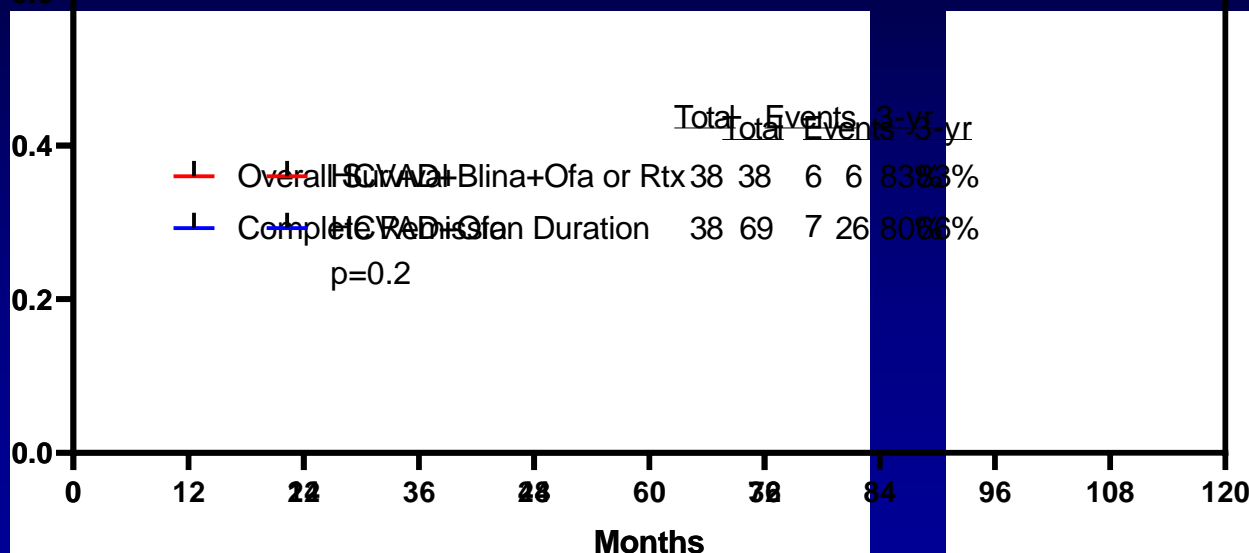
38 pts; median age 36 yrs (17-59 yrs). Rx with O-HCVAD x 4 → PO MP 1 yr with blina Q3 mos

CR rate 100%; MRD negative 97% (71% at CR); 60-day mortality 0%; 12 (32%) allo-SCT; F/U 24 mos

Fraction survival

Overall

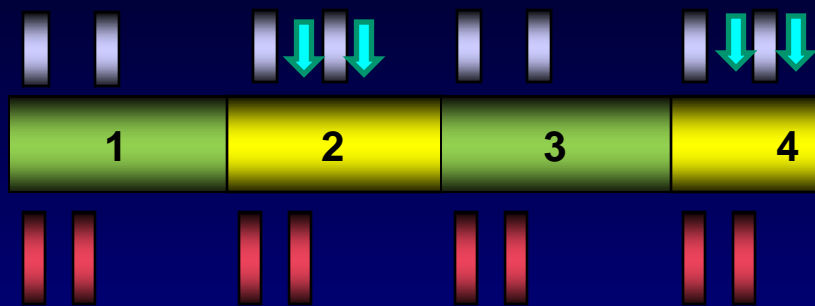
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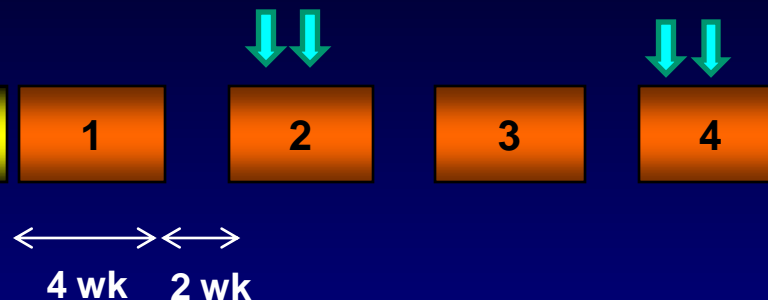
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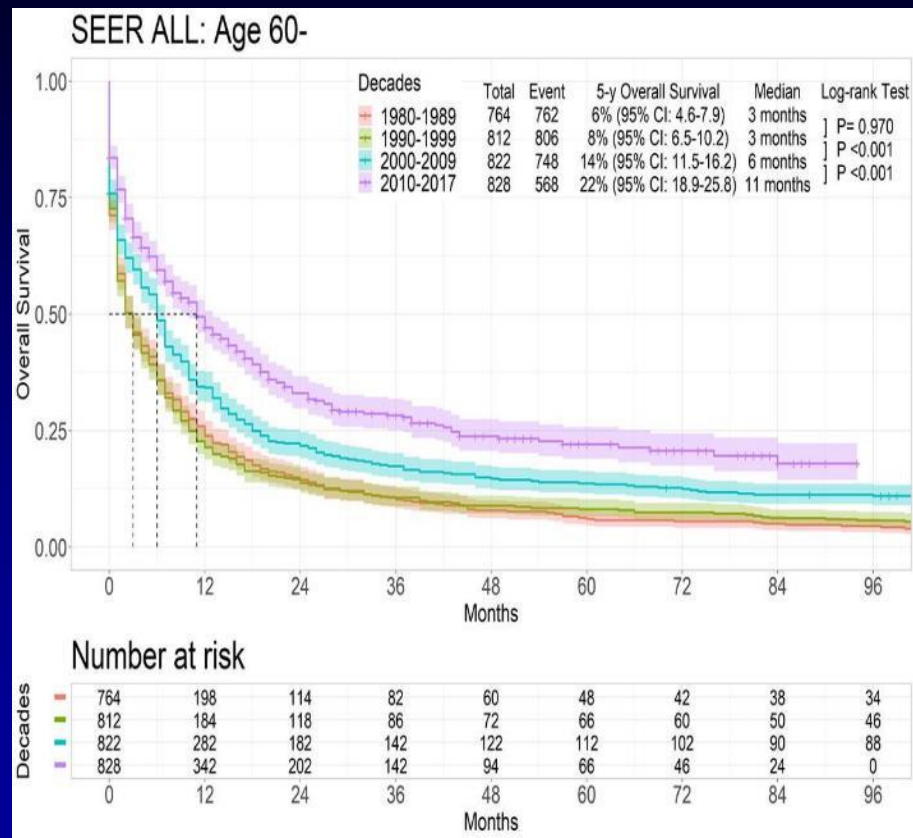
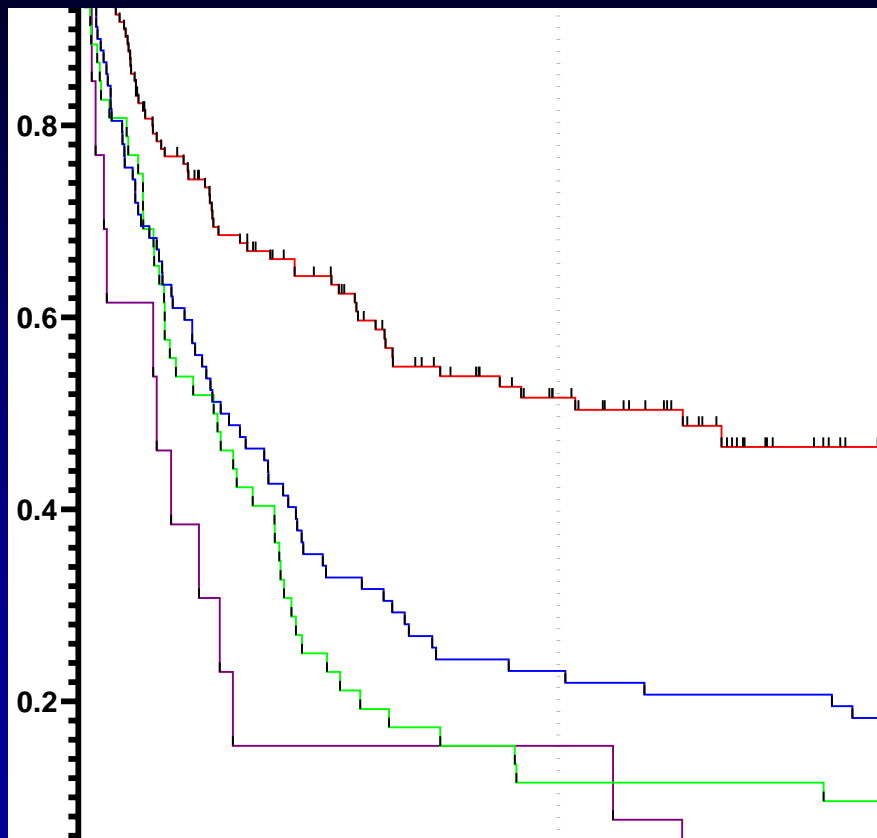


Inotuzumab 0.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on D1 and D8

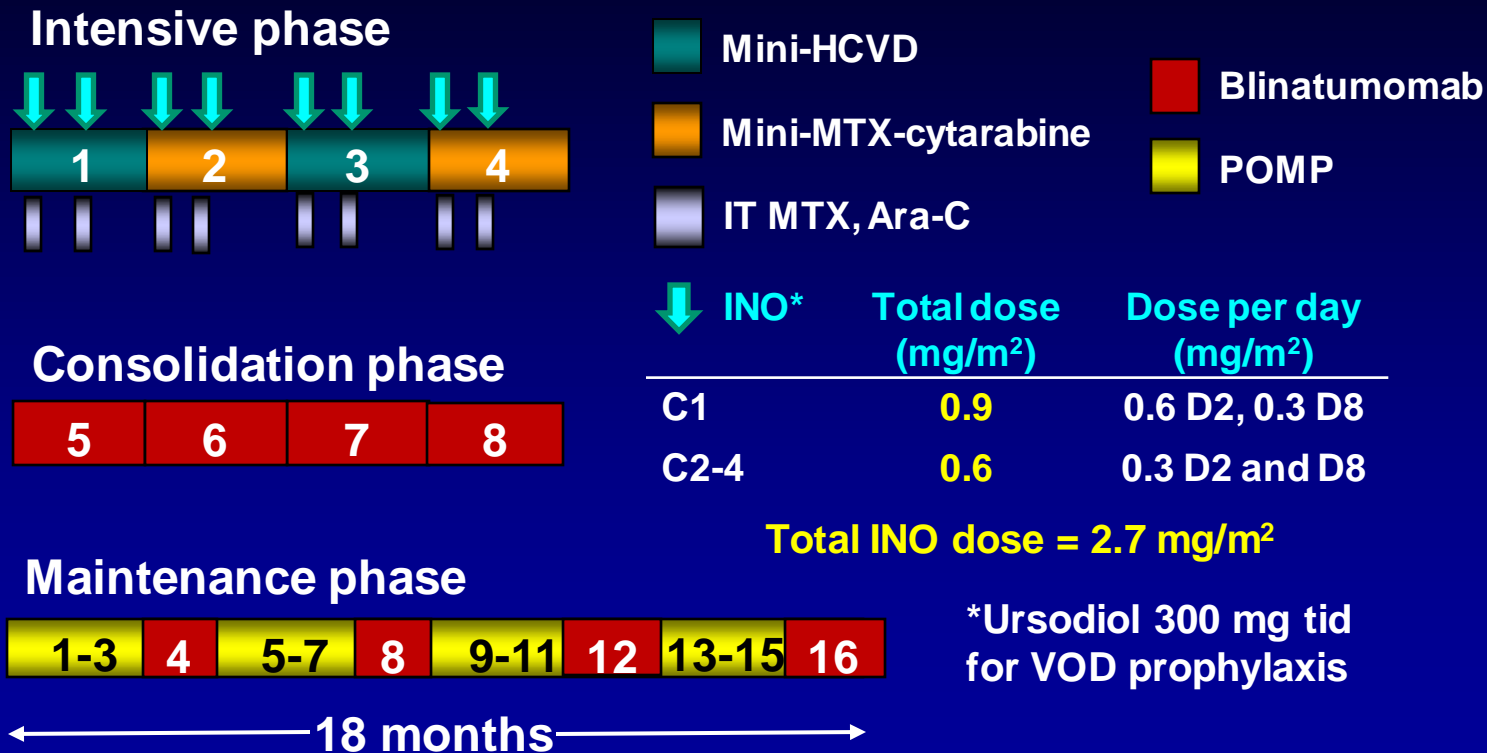
## Sequential Chemo Rx and Blinatumomab in Newly Dx ALL

- 149 pts; median age 41 yrs (18–65; 18% >55)
- Chemo Rx GIMEMA LAL1913-blina × 2 post C3 and C6
- CR 90%
- MRD clearance: 73% post early consolidation; 96% post blina × 1.  
Conversion to MRD-negative post blina 20/23 = 87%
- 12-mos OS 84%, DFS 72%, 12 mos relapse 11%

# MDACC ALL: Survival by Decades for $\geq 60$ Years



# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in Older ALL: Modified Design



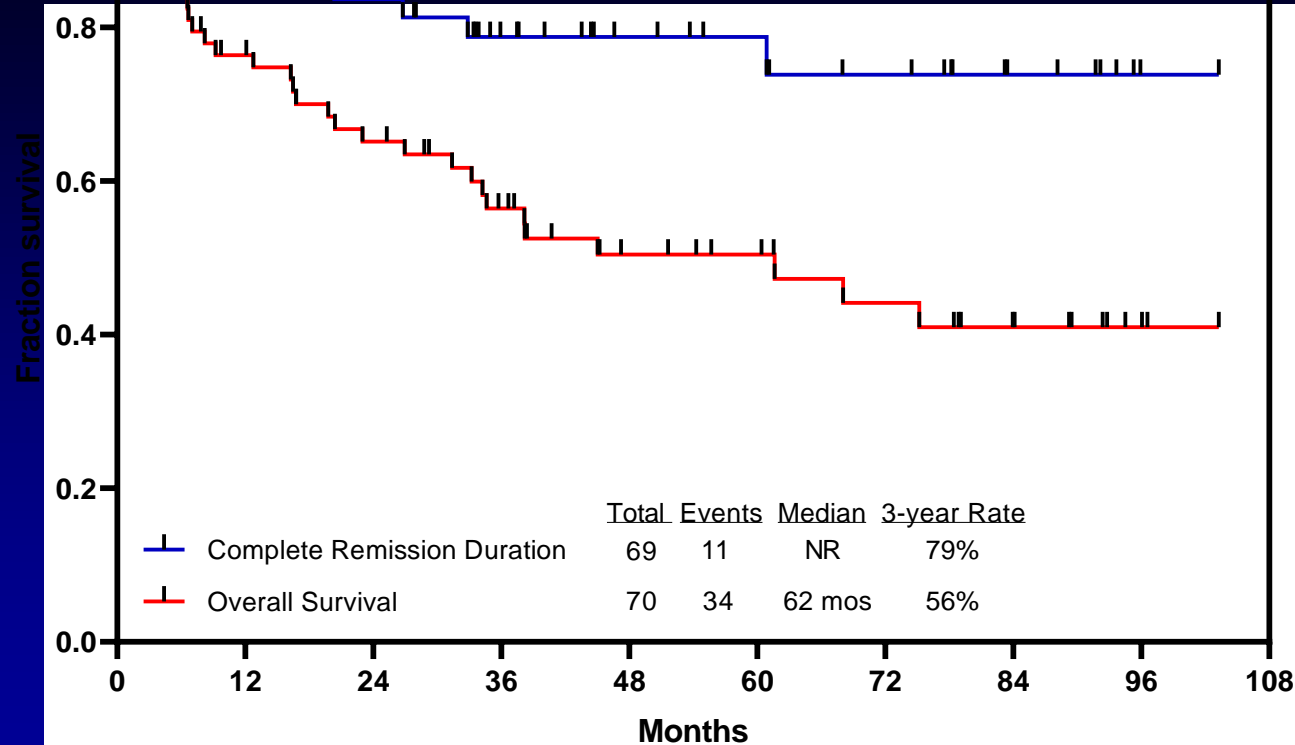
## Mini-HCVD + Ino ± Blina in Older ALL (N = 70)

| Characteristic             | Category    | N (%) / Median [range] |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Age (years)                | ≥70         | 68 [60–81]<br>29 (41)  |
| Performance status         | ≥2          | 10 (14)                |
| WBC (× 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) |             | 3.1 [0.6–111.0]        |
| Karyotype                  | Diploid     | 23 (33)                |
|                            | HeH         | 5 (7)                  |
|                            | Ho-Tr       | 12 (17)                |
|                            | Tetraploidy | 3 (4)                  |
|                            | Complex     | 3 (4)                  |
|                            | t(4;11)     | 1 (1)                  |
|                            | Misc        | 10 (14)                |
|                            | IM/ND       | 13 (19)                |
| CNS disease at diagnosis   |             | 4 (6)                  |
| CD19 expression, %         |             | 99.6 [30–100]          |
| CD22 expression, %         |             | 96.7 [27–100]          |
| CD20 expression            | ≥20%        | 38/64 (59)             |
| CRLF2+ by flow             |             | 7/38 (18)              |
| TP53 mutation              |             | 21/51 (41)             |

| Response (N = 64) | N (%)   |
|-------------------|---------|
| ORR               | 63 (98) |
| CR                | 56 (88) |
| CRp               | 6 (9)   |
| CRi               | 1 (2)   |
| No response       | 1 (2)   |
| Early death       | 0       |

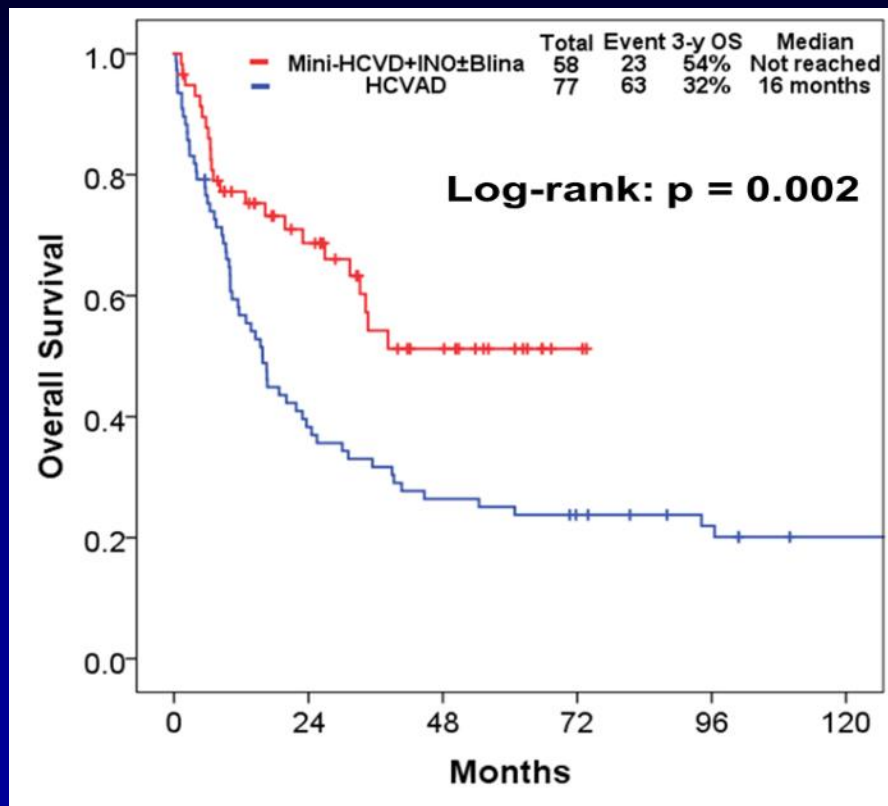
| Flow MRD response | N (%)      |
|-------------------|------------|
| D21               | 53/66 (80) |
| Overall           | 65/68 (96) |

# Mini-HCYD + INO ± Blina in Older ALL: CRD and OS (Entire Cohort)

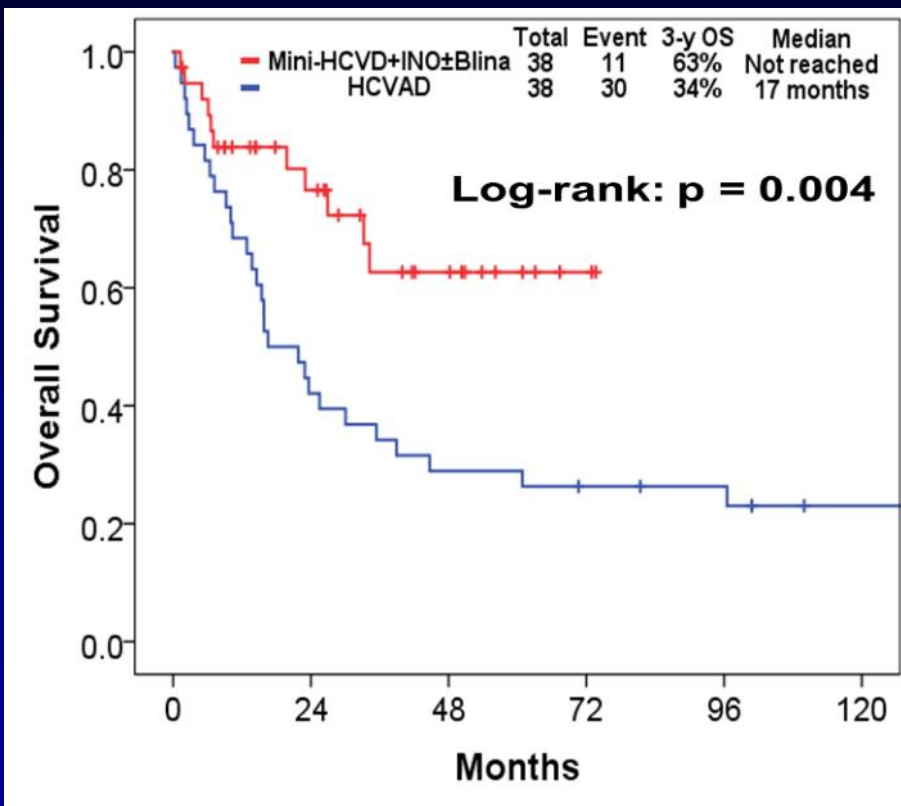


# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina vs. HCVAD in Elderly ALL: Overall Survival

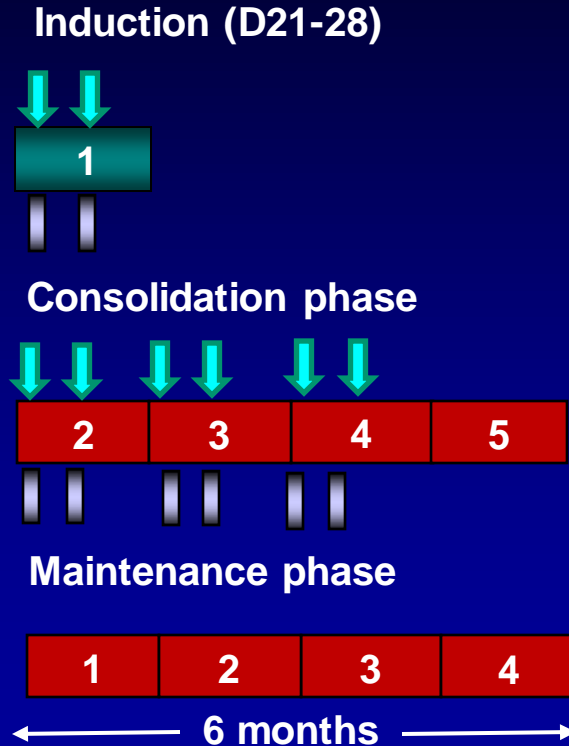
Pre-matched







Matched



# INO + Blina in Older ALL: Amended Design (pts ≥70 years)



-  Dexa 20 mg D1-4 and VCR 1 mg D4
-  Blinatumomab
-  IT MTX, Ara-C

|  INO* | Total dose<br>(mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Dose per day<br>(mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| C1   | <b>0.9</b>                         | 0.6 D2, 0.3 D8                       |
| C2-C4  | <b>0.6</b>                         | 0.3 D2 and D8                        |

**Total INO dose = 2.7 mg/m<sup>2</sup>**

\*Ursodiol 300 mg tid for VOD prophylaxis



## Inotuzumab Followed by Chemo Rx in ALL 55+ Years

- **Course 1 – Ino 0.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1, 0.5 g/m<sup>2</sup> D8 and 15 (1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) in Course 1**
  - CTX-VCR-steroids pre phase – TIT × 1/course
- **Courses 2 and 3 – Ino 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1, 8, 15 ( 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)**
  - 5 consolidations: 3 MTX/Asp, 2 ID-ara-C→1 reinduction IDA-ara-C-CTX-Dex
  - 6MP-MTX maintenance × 1.5 yr
- **36 Rx, results in 31; Median age 65 years (56–80)**
- **CR/CRi 31/31 (100%); MRD negative 21/27 (78%)**
- **1-yr OS 87%; 1-yr EFS 87%**
- **No VOD**

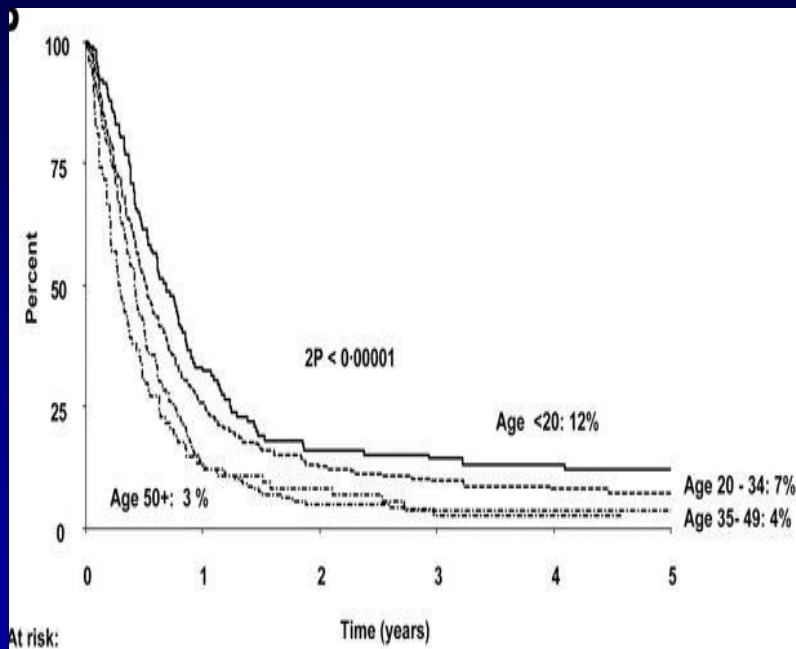
## ALL Salvage Standards of Care in 2021

- Refer for investigational therapies – mini-CVD-ino-blina; CAR T
- Ph-positive ALL – TKIs ( ponatinib preferred) + chemoRx/blinatumomab
- Pre-B ALL
  - Blinatumomab (FDA approval 12.2014)
  - Inotuzumab (FDA approval 8.2017)
  - CAR Ts (FDA approvals 8.2017 and 10.2021)
- T ALL: nelarabine
- ChemoRx: FLAG IDA, Hyper CVAD, augmented HCVAD, MOAD
- BUT – very promising new therapies with chemoRx + TKIs/BCL2i (venetoclax; navitoclax)/ADCs/BitES/CAR Ts

# ALL – Historical Survival Rates After First Relapse

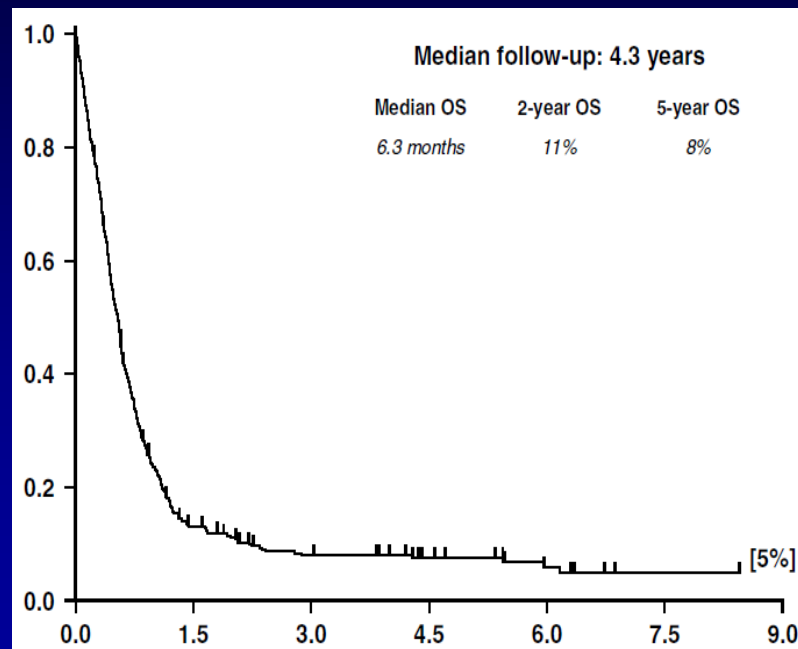
MRC UKALL2/ ECOG2993 Study (n = 609)

Outcome of patients after 1<sup>st</sup> relapse  
5-yr OS: 7%



LALA-94 Study (n = 421)

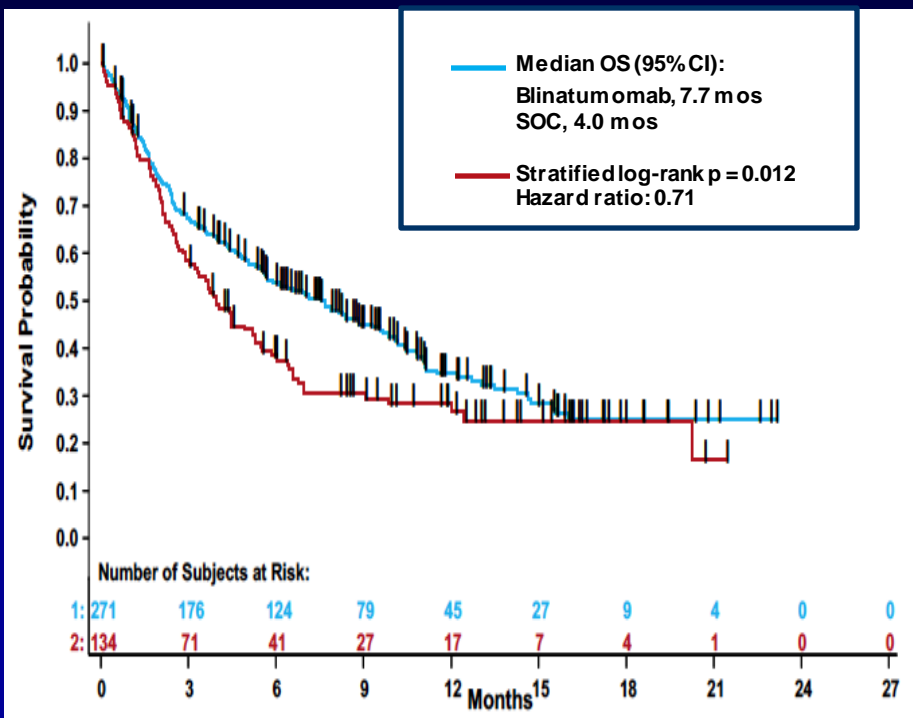
Outcome of patients after 1<sup>st</sup> relapse  
2-yr OS: 11% and 5-yr OS: 8%



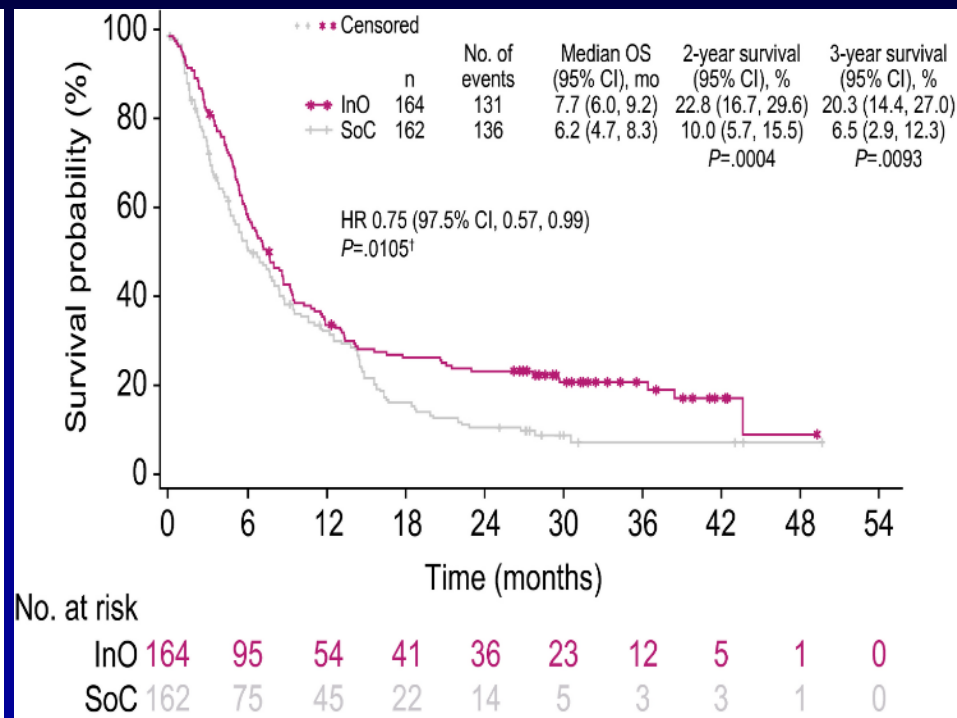
# Blinatumomab/Inotuzumab vs ChemoRx in R/R ALL

- Marrow CR

**Blina vs SOC: 44% vs 25%**

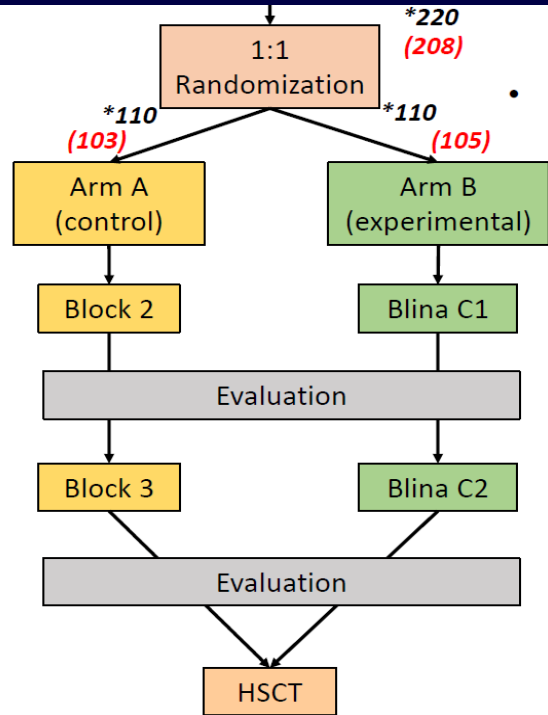


**Ino vs SOC: 74% vs 31%**

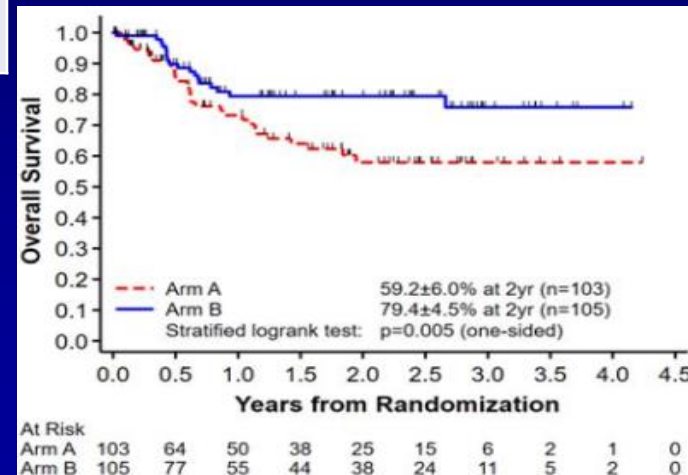
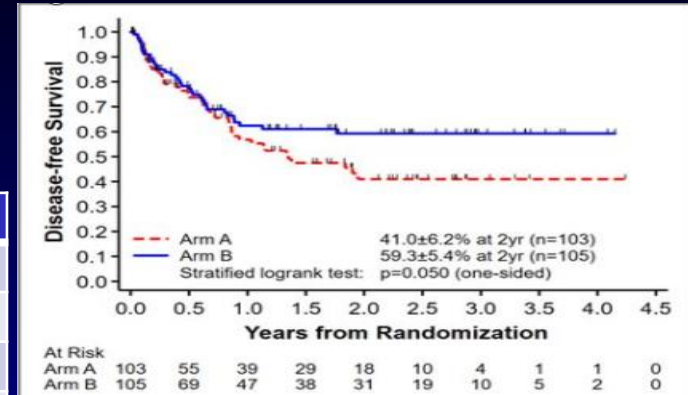


# Phase III Study of Blinatumomab vs ChemoRx in Children-AYA in Salvage 1

- 208 pts HR/IR randomized 1:1 to blina (n = 105) vs chemo Rx (n = 103) post Block 1 reinduction



| Parameter       | Blina | Chemo | P     |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| % 2-yr DFS      | 59    | 41    | .05   |
| % 2-yr OS       | 79    | 59    | .005  |
| % SCT           | 73    | 49    | <.001 |
| % MRD clearance | 79    | 21    | <.001 |



## Phase II Study of Inotuzumab in R/R Pediatric ALL

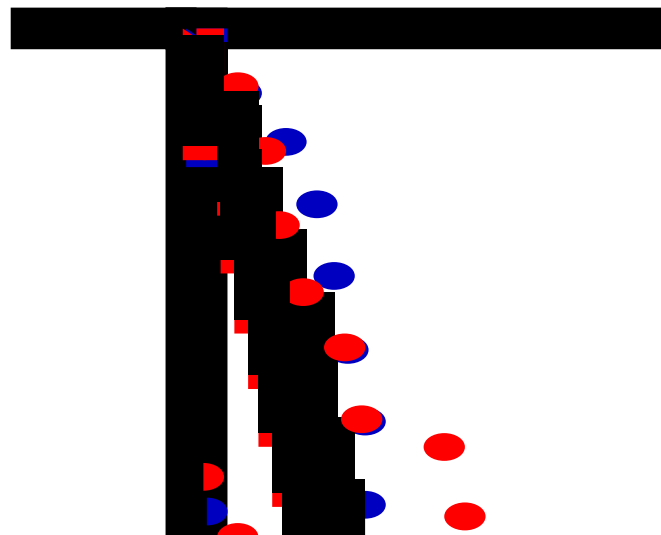
- 32 pts enrolled, 28 Rx, 27 evaluable
- Median age 7.5 yrs (1.7–17). S2+ 57%. Prior blina 25%; prior ASCT 50%; prior CAR T Rx 11%
- Inotuzumab weekly × 3 up to 6 courses
  - RP2D 1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (0.8-0.5-0.5)
- ORR = 81.5% (CR 50%); MRD neg 95% (82% after C1)
- 64% proceeded to ASCT and 14% to CAR T Rx
- 12-mos EFS 23%; 12-mos OS 46.5%
- 6 VOD (22%): 1 during InO; 5/14 post ASCT (36%)

## Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R ALL (N = 96)

| Characteristic | Category               | No. (%)     |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Age (year)     | Median [range]         | 37 [17–87]  |
| Gender         | Male                   | 45 (47)     |
| ECOG PS        | 2+                     | 18 (19)     |
| Salvage Status | S1                     | 64 (67)     |
|                | S1, Primary Refractory | 8 (8)       |
|                | S1, CRD1 <12 months    | 25 (26)     |
|                | S1, CRD1 ≥12 months    | 31 (32)     |
|                | S2                     | 18 (19)     |
|                | ≥S3                    | 14 (15)     |
| Prior ASCT     |                        | 19 (20)     |
| Karyotype      | Diploid                | 23 (24)     |
|                | T(4;11)                | 10 (10)     |
|                | Ho-Tr                  | 10 (10)     |
|                | Complex                | 14 (16)     |
|                | Misc                   | 23 (24)     |
|                | IM/ND                  | 16 (17)     |
| CD22           | Median [range]         | 95 [14–100] |
| CD20           | ≥20%                   | 23 (24)     |

| Characteristic         | No. (%)    |
|------------------------|------------|
| Response, No. (%)      |            |
| Salvage 1              | 58/64 (91) |
| S1, Primary refractory | 8/8 (100)  |
| S1, CRD1 <12 mos       | 21 (84)    |
| S1, CRD1 ≥12 mos       | 29 (94)    |
| Salvage 2              | 11 (61)    |
| ≥ Salvage 3            | 8 (57)     |
| Overall                | 77/96 (80) |
| MRD negativity         | 62/75 (83) |
| Salvage 1              | 50/56 (89) |
| ≥ Salvage 2            | 12/19 (63) |

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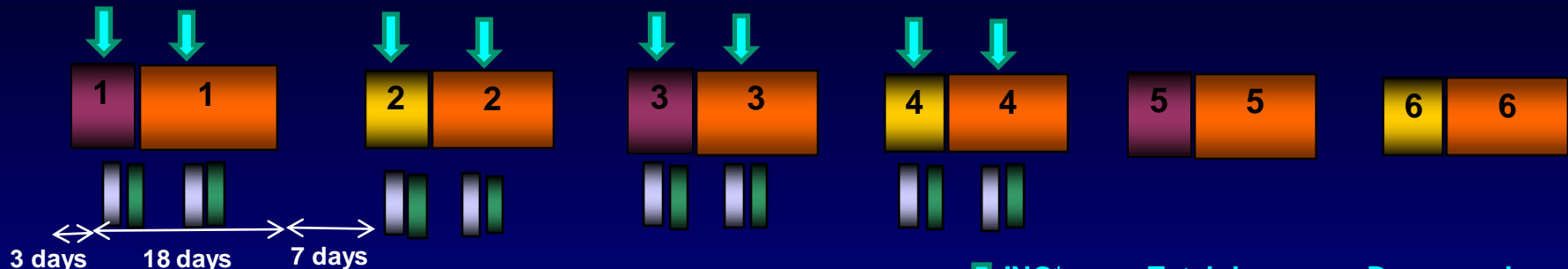
|         | Single dose (n = 67) | Fractionated lower dose followed by blina (n = 29) |
|---------|----------------------|--|
| VOD (%) | 9 (13)               | 1 (3)  |





# Dose-dense Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in ALL: Modified Design

Intensive phase: C1-C6



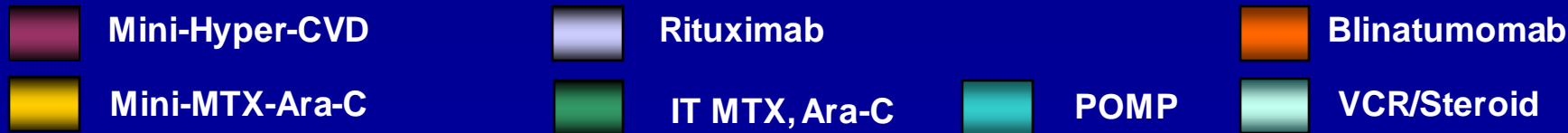
Maintenance phase



|      | INO* | Total dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Dose per day (mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|------|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| C1   |      | 0.9                             | 0.6 D2, 0.3 D8                    |
| C2-4 |      | 0.6                             | 0.3 D2 and D8                     |

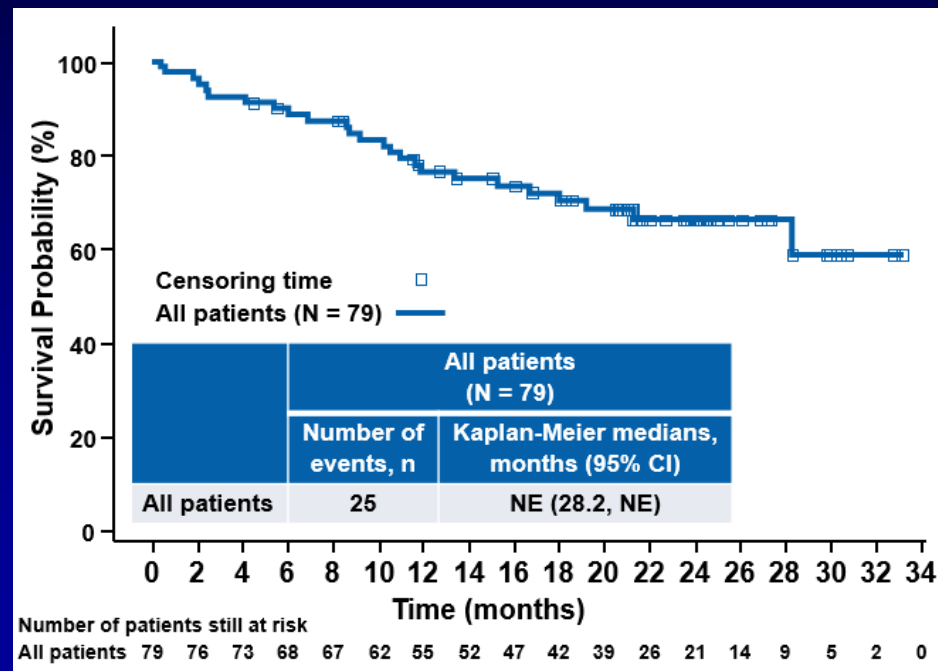
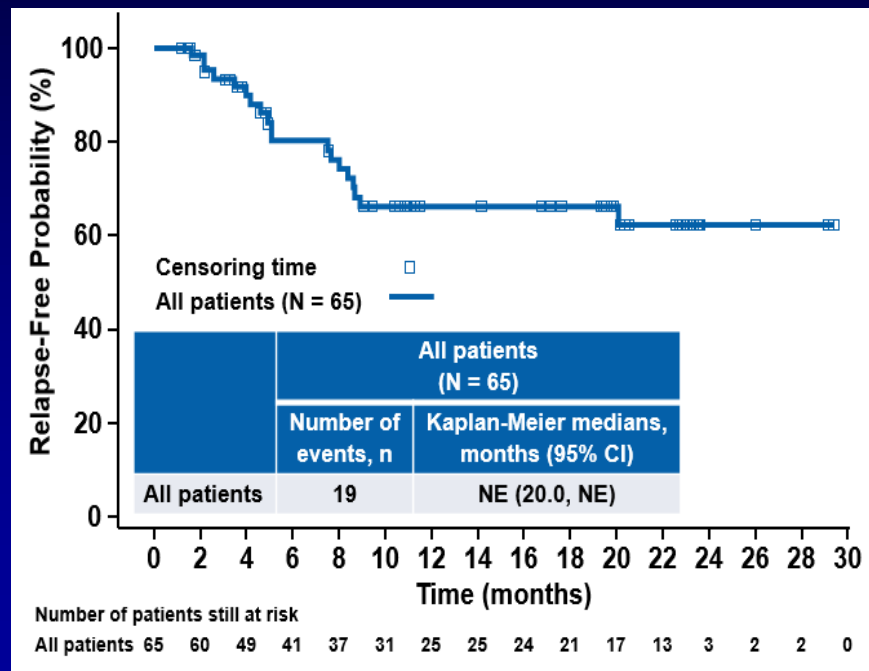
Total INO dose = 2.7 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

\*Ursodiol 300mg tid for VOD prophylaxis



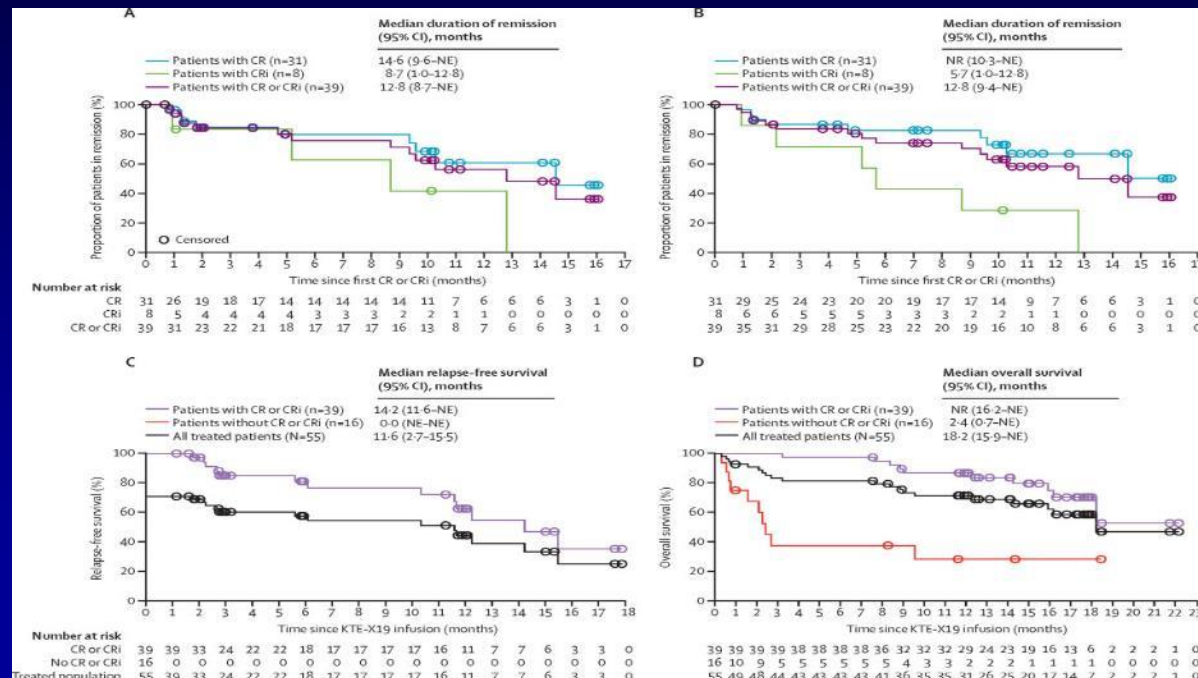
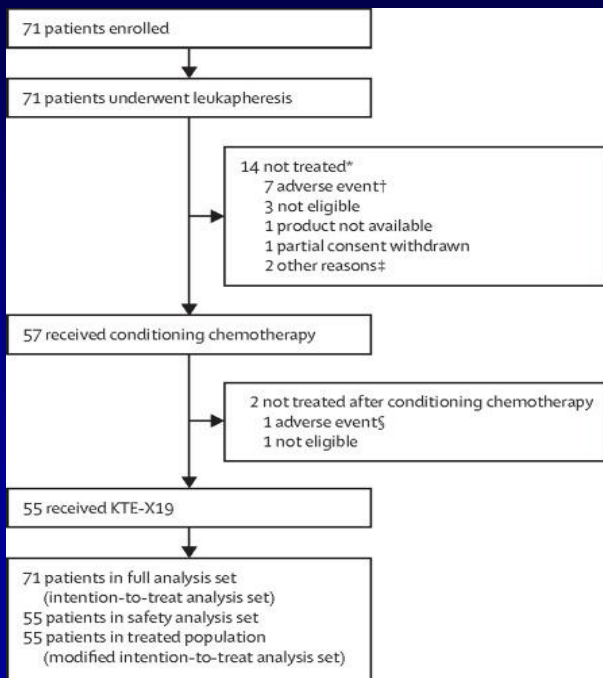
# ELIANA Trial Update

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

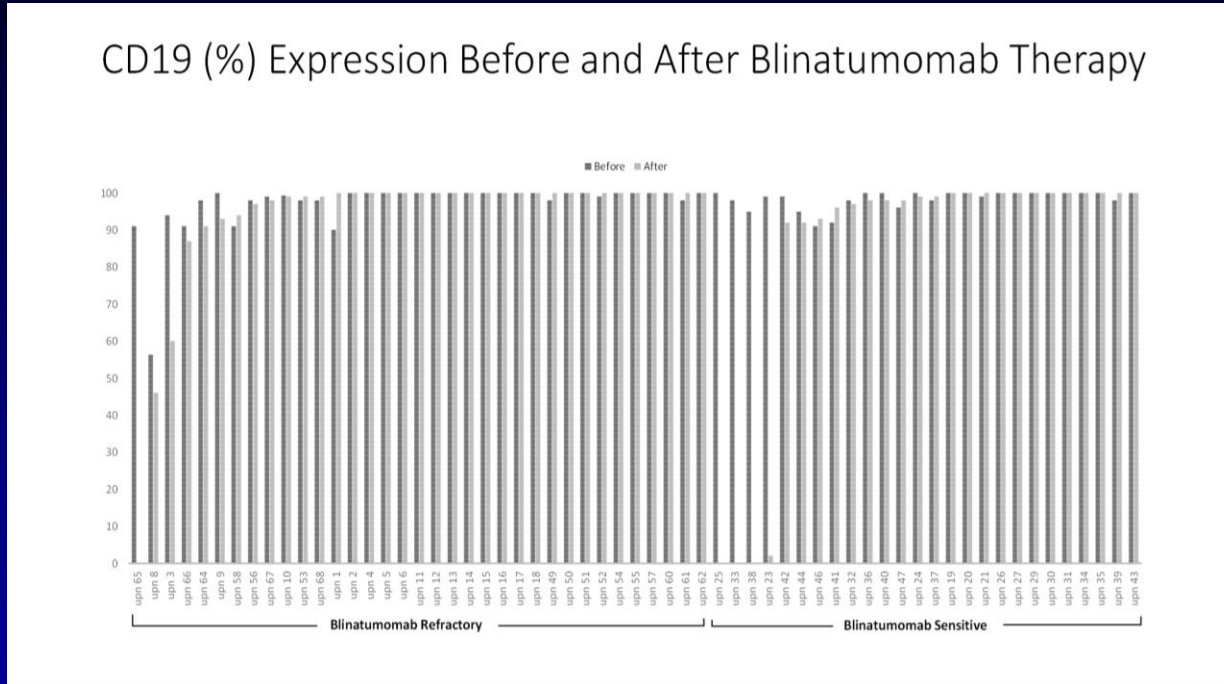


# KTE-X19 Anti-CD19 CAR T-cells RX (Kite) in R/R ALL: Phase II (ZUMA-3)

- 71 enrolled, 55 infused; median age 40 yrs (28-52)
- CR/CRi 39/55 (71%, CR 56%); ITT (39/71; 55%---CR 44%); MRD- response 76% (97% among responders); 10 pts (18% Rx ASCT)
- mDOR 12.8 mos; mRFS 11.6 mos; mOS 18.2 mos
- Grade  $\geq 3$ : CRS 24%; NE 25%

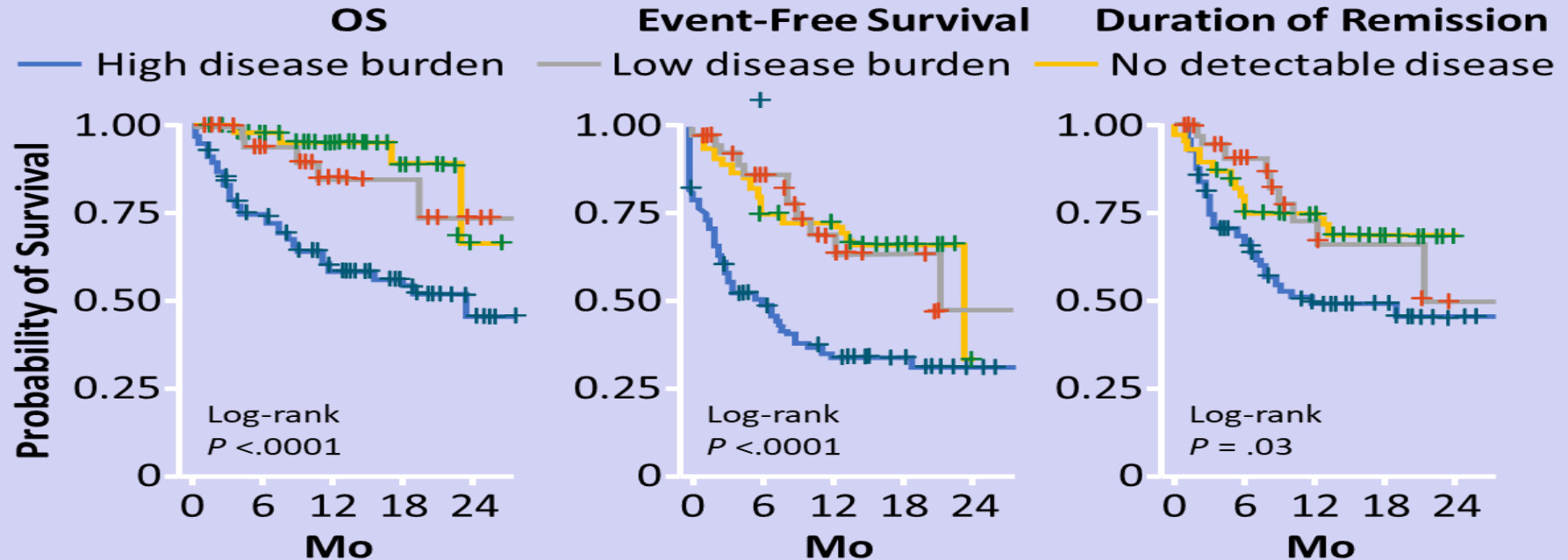


# CD19 (%) Expression Before and After Blinatumomab Therapy



- 61 patients evaluated for immunophenotype, 56 (92%) had CD19-positive disease
  - 5 (8%) had ALL recurrence with CD19-negative disease
  - 2 patients progressed with lower CD19-positive disease

# Real-World CAR Consortium and Disease Burden



**High Burden Disease (n = 94; 47%)**

- 1-yr OS 58%
- 1-yr EFS 34%

**Low Burden Disease (n = 60; 30%)**

- 1-yr OS 85%
- 1-yr EFS 69%

**Undetectable Disease (n = 46; 23%)**

- 1-yr OS **95%**
- 1-yr EFS **72%**

## **CAR T in ALL – The Beginning of a Great Journey**

- **CART Rx today is what allogeneic SCT was in 1980 – a great beginning**
- **Improved CAR T designs**
- **Dual CAR Ts targeting CD19, CD22, CD20**
- **Allogeneic off-the-shelf CAR Ts**
- **Smaller repeated allogeneic CAR Ts infusions (fractionated CAR Ts)**
- **CAR Ts in first CR in MRD to replace allo SCT**

## ALL Summary

- Significant progress and improved outcomes across all ALL categories: Ph-positive, Burkitt, younger and older pre-B ALL, T-ALL, ALL salvage. Rapidly evolving therapies
- **Antibody-based Rx**s and **CAR Ts** both outstanding; not mutually exclusive/competitive (vs); rather complementary (together)
- Future of ALL Rx: 1) less chemotherapy(?) and shorter durations; 2) combinations with ADCs and BiTEs/TriTEs targeting CD19, CD20, CD22; 3) CARTs in sequence in CR1 for MRD and replacing allo SCT
- Importance of MRD testing and changing Rx accordingly

# **AML in 2021 – The Next Questions**



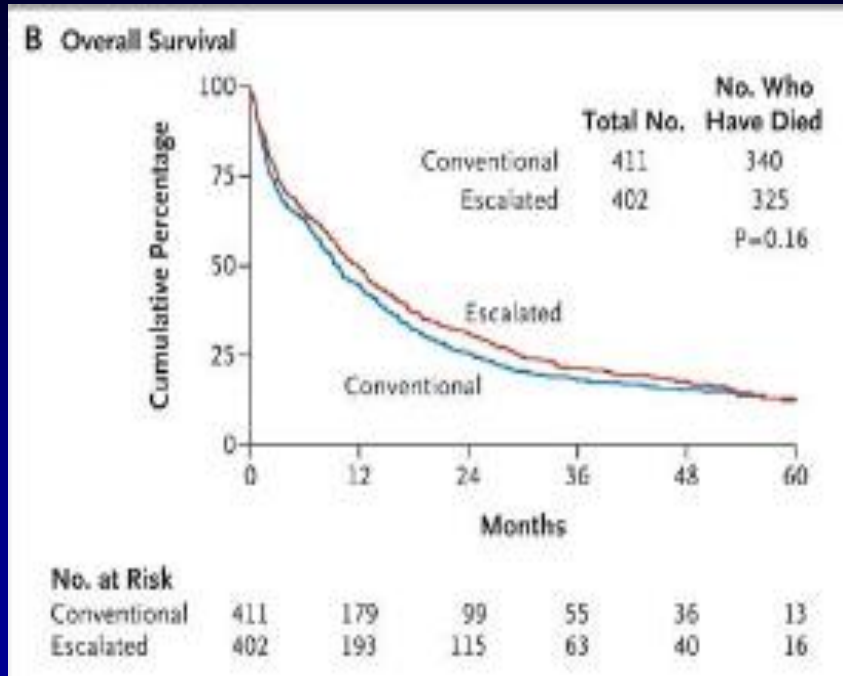
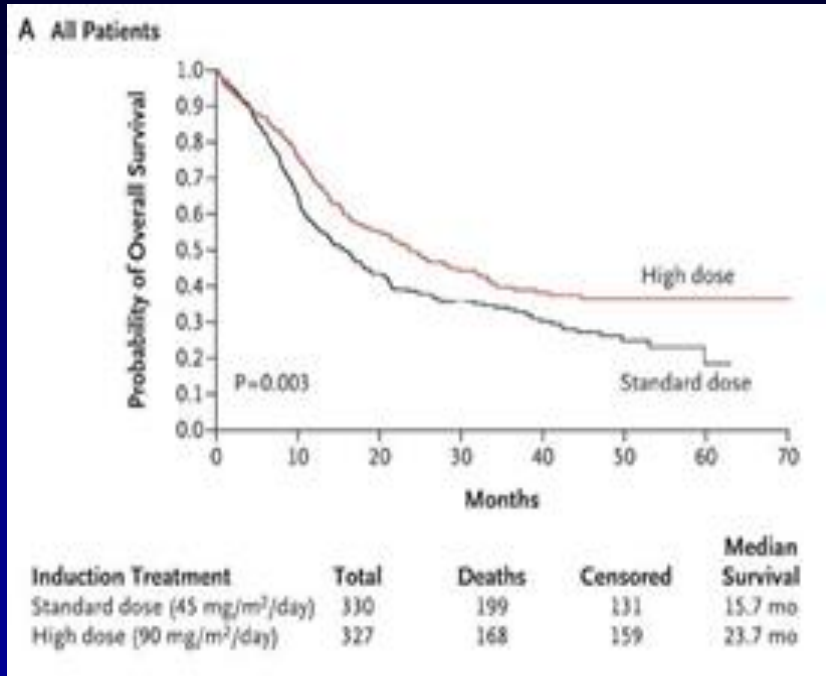
## AML in 2017–2020, 10 Agents FDA Approved

- **Midostaurin** (RYDAPT) for de novo younger AML ( $\leq 60$  yr), *FLT3* mutation – April 2017
- **Gilteritinib** (*FLT3* inhibitor) for *FLT3*+ R/R AML
- **Enasidenib** (AG-221; IDHIFA) for R/R AML and *IDH2* mutation – August 2017
- **Ivosidenib** (AG-221) for R/R AML – August 2018
- **CPX-351** (Vyxeos) for newly Dx Rx-related AML and post-MDS AML – August 2017
- **Gemtuzumab ozogamicin** revival for frontline AML Rx – August 2017
- **Venetoclax** for newly Dx older/unfit for intensive chemo, with AZA/DAC, ara-C
- **Glasdegib** for newly Dx older/unfit, with ara-C
- **Oral decitabine** – **HMA Rx for MDS and CMML** – August 2020
- **Oral azacitidine** in AML maintenance – Sept 2020

## AML in 2021 – Brief Summary

- 3+7 outdated standard of care – Cure in younger AML 30%–40%; in older fit or unfit, cure <10%
- Better intensive + targeted Rx in younger patients – FLAG-IDA-VEN, CLIA-VEN; also addition of FLT3/IDH inhibitors
- Better lower intensity regimens in older/unfit or even fit patients with proven resistance to intensive chemoRx (complex CG, MECOM, MLL, etc) – Triple nucleosides-VEN/targeted agents
- New Rx – Venetoclax, FLT3i, IDHi, GO, oral HMAs, menin inhibitors, immuno-Rxs (CLL1 CAR Ts, CD47/SIRP1alpha targeting , NK cells)
- Note – Like with allo SCT, immune-targeting Rx should focus on MRD ... Active AML = 1 trillion cells (1 Kg); in CR = 1-20 billion cells (1 g). If we provide >20 billion killer cells (NK) this could eradicate resistant AML

## Actual Results of “3+7”



- 5-yr survival 20%–35% in young, 10% in old

## FLAG-IDA and CLIA

- Fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/D × 5

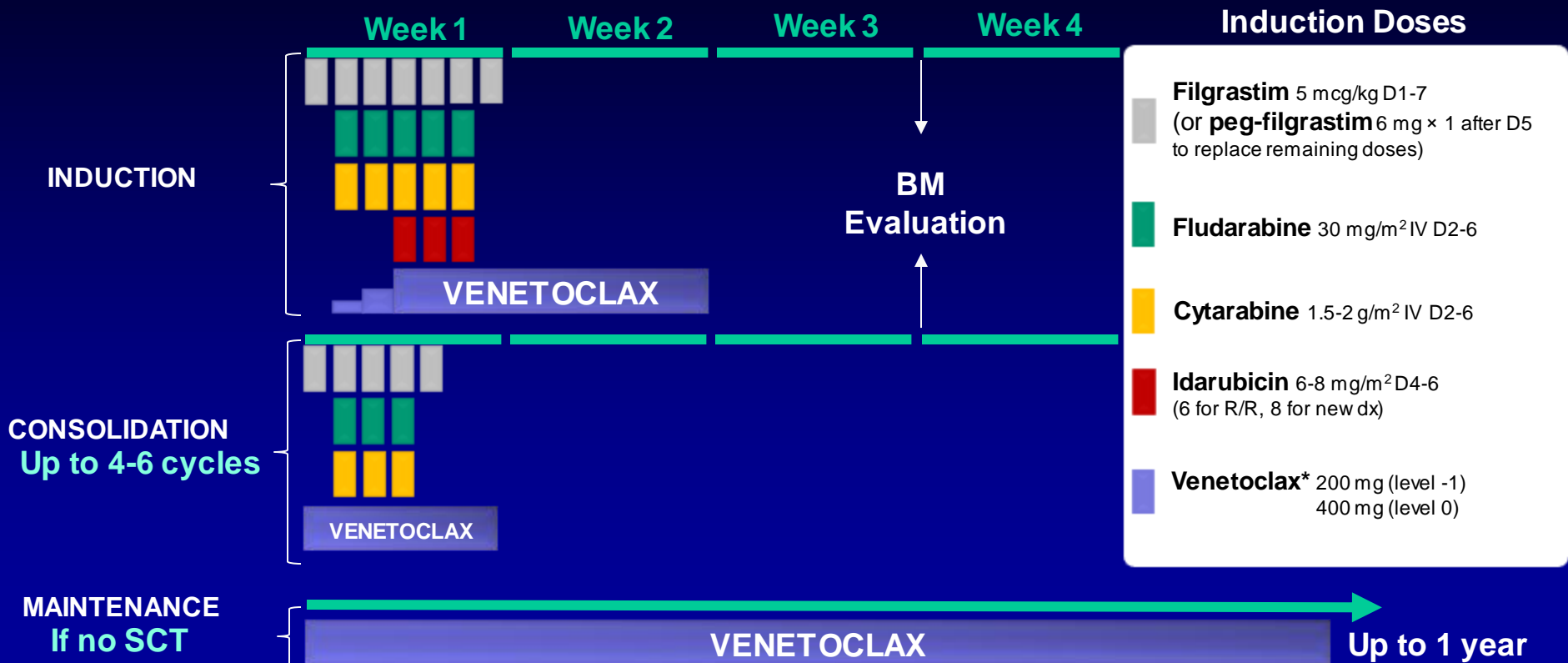
AraC 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>/D × 5

IDA 8-10 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/D × 3

2 inductions

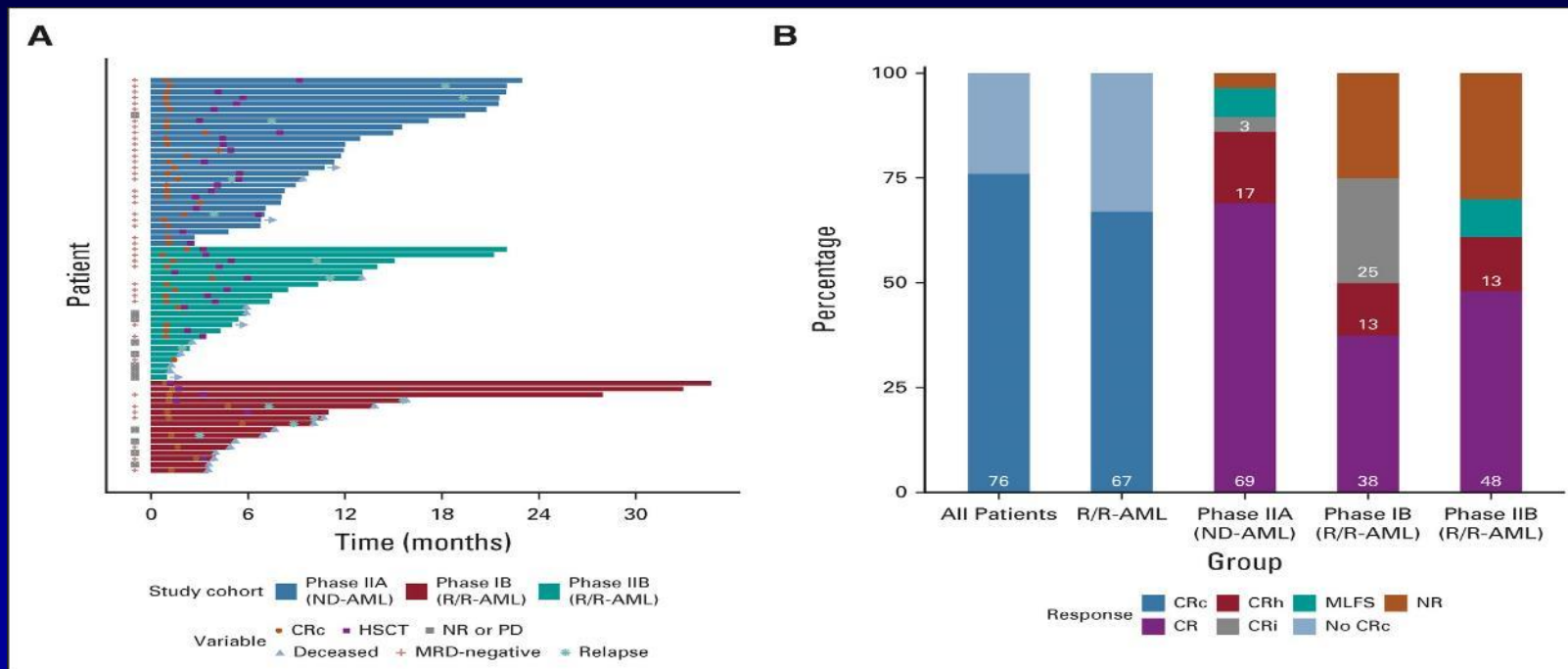
- FLAG-IDA × 2 → HD Ara C 1.5-3 g/m<sup>2</sup> Q12h D1, 3, 5— × 2
- CLIA – F replaced with CDA 5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> daily × 5 in induction

# FLAG-IDA-VEN Treatment Plan



# FLAG-IDA + Venetoclax in AML

- FLAG-IDA + VEN evaluated in R/R AML, then newly Dx AML
- 68 pts Rx: ND AML 29; R/R AML 39

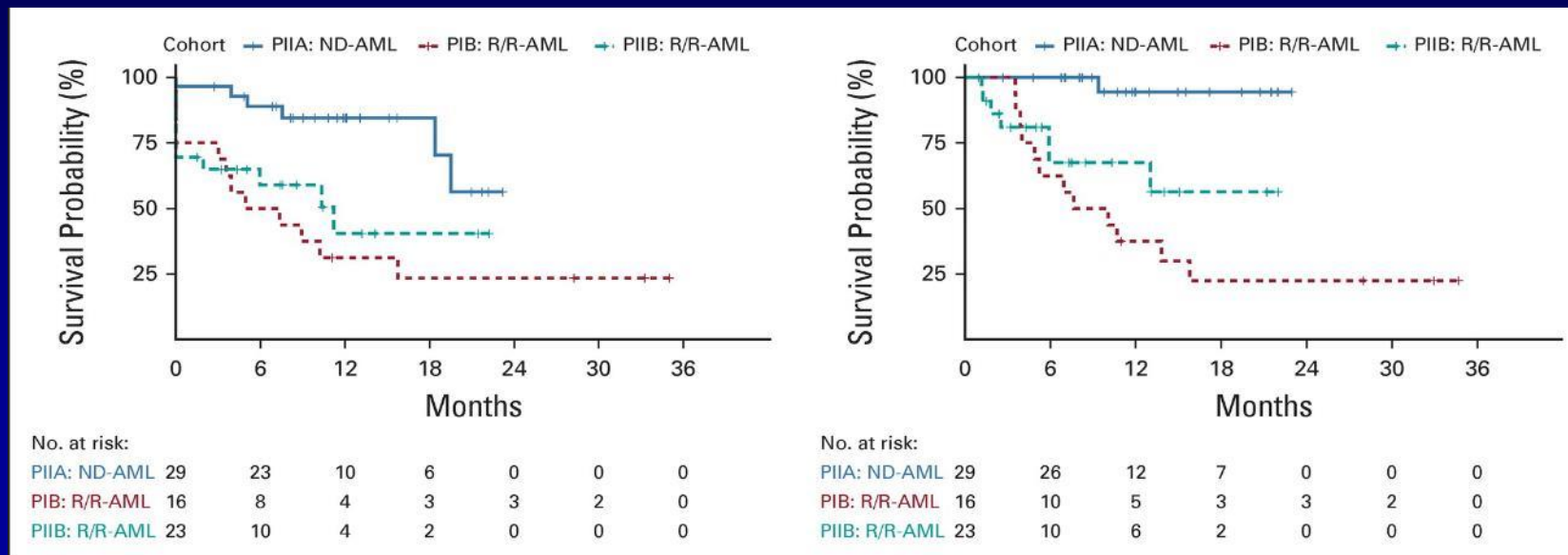


# FLAG-IDA + Venetoclax in AML

- FLAG-IDA + VEN evaluated in R/R AML, then newly Dx AML
- 68 pts Rx: ND AML 29; R/R AML 39. Median FU 12 months; ND AML 12-mos OS 94%

EFS

OS



# CLIA-Venetoclax: Study Design

| Venetoclax Dosing (PO daily on days 2–8 ± 1 day ) |                          |   |   |  |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| Dose Level  | Patients on posaconazole | Patients on <u>strong</u> CYP3A inhibitor | Patients on <u>moderate</u> CYP3A inhibitor | Patients <u>not</u> on CYP3A inhibitor |
| –1  | 50 mg                    | 50 mg                                     | 100 mg                                      | 200 mg                                 |
| 1   | 70 mg                    | 100 mg                                    | 200 mg                                      | 400 mg                                 |

## Induction

| Treatment                         | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cladribine 5 mg/m <sup>2</sup>    | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     |       |       |       |
| Cytarabine 1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     |       |       |       |
| Idarubicin 10 mg/m <sup>2</sup>   | X     | X     | X     |       |       |       |       |       |
| Venetoclax                        |       | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     |

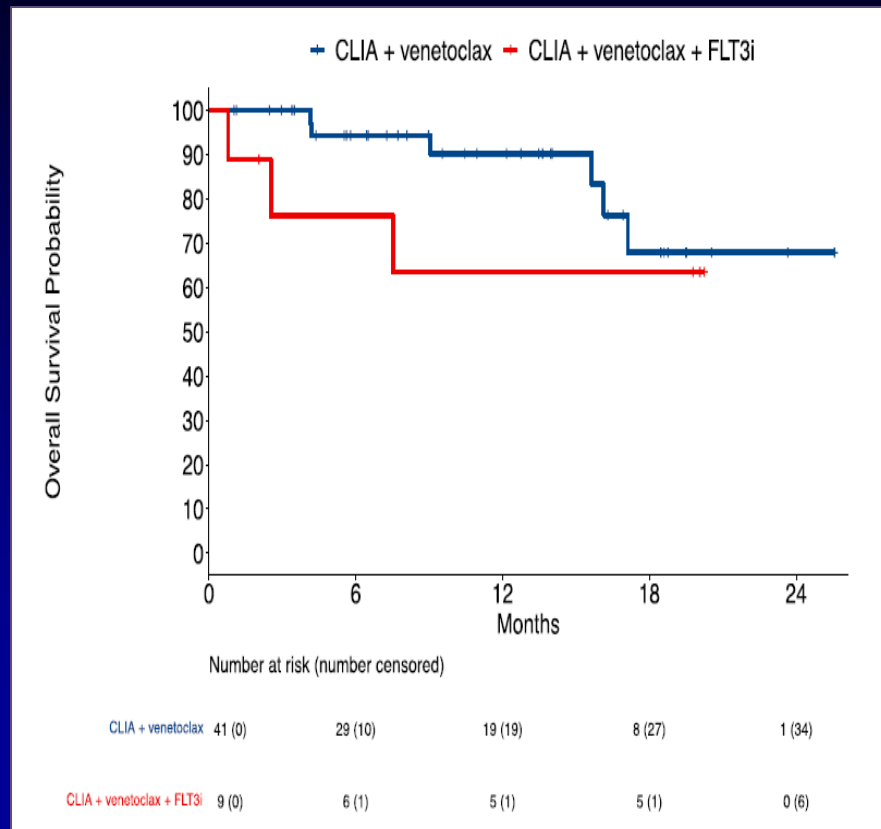
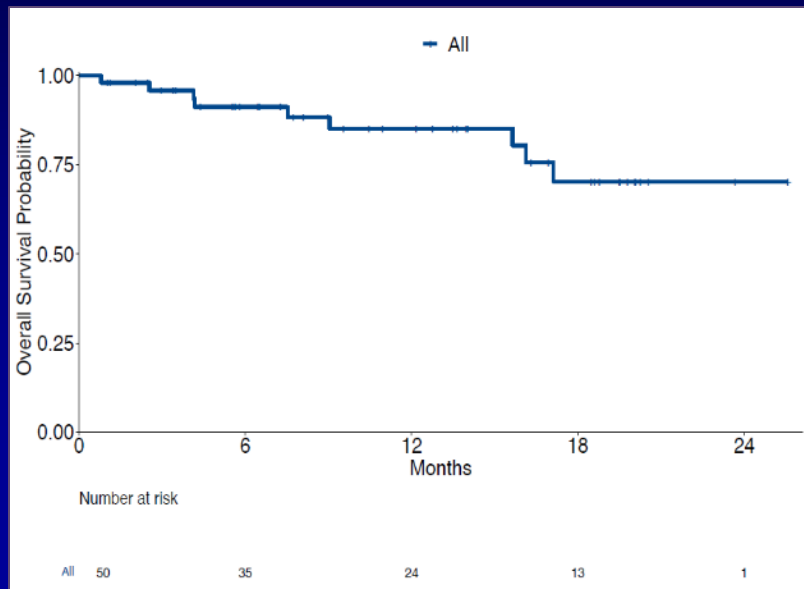
## Consolidation

| Treatment                         | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cladribine 5 mg/m <sup>2</sup>    | X     | X     | X     |       |       |       |       |       |
| Cytarabine 1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> | X     | X     | X     |       |       |       |       |       |
| Idarubicin 8 mg/m <sup>2</sup>    | X     | X     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Venetoclax                        |       | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     | X     |

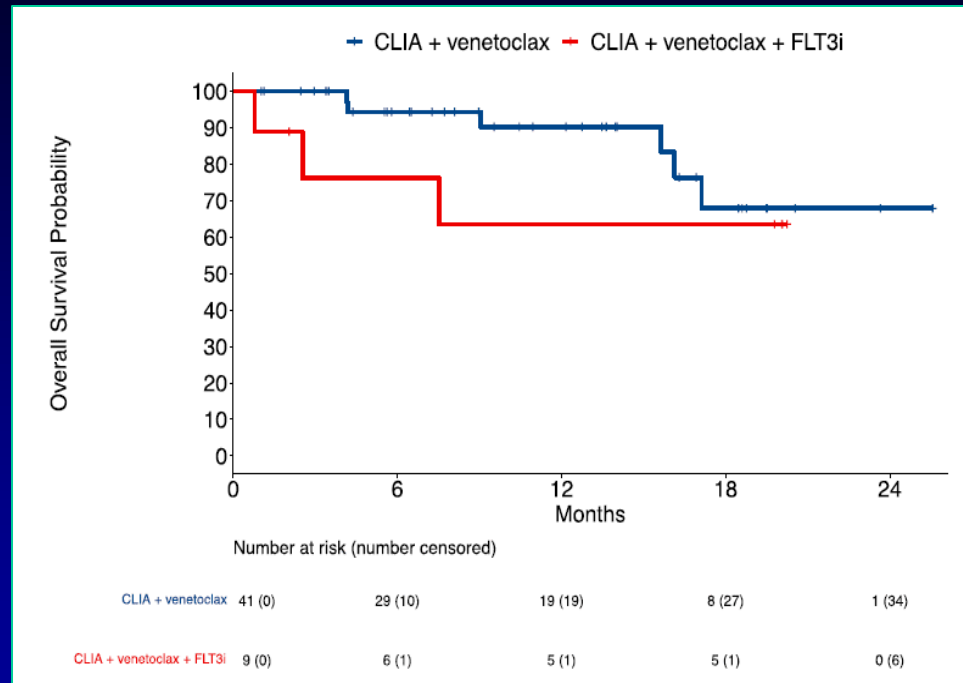
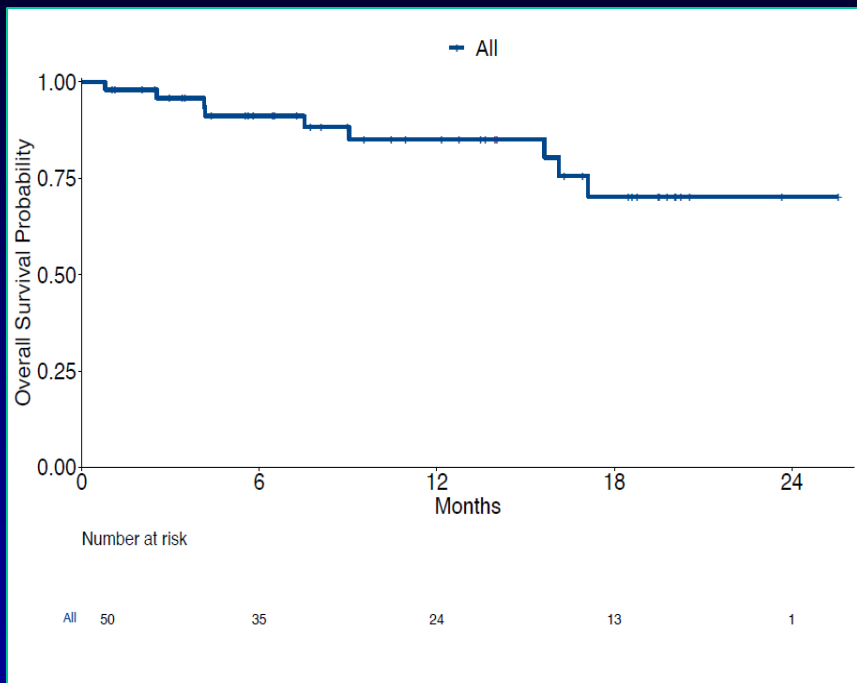


# CLIA + Venetoclax in Newly Dx AML

- 31 pts Rx with CLIA-VEN; median age 48 yrs (18–64)
- CR+CRi 28/31 = 90%** ; early 4/8-wk mortality 3/3; **12-mo OS 81%**



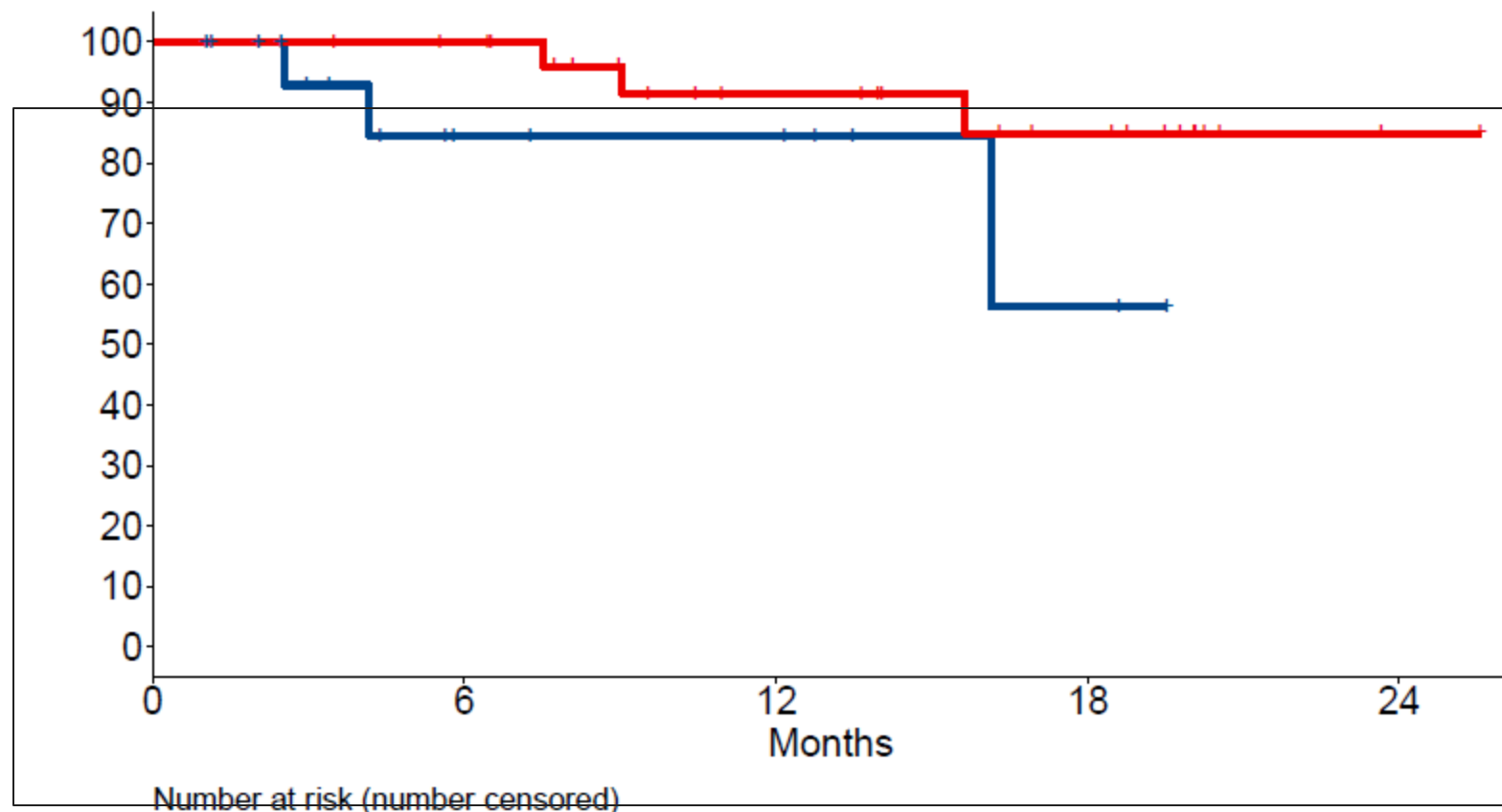
# Overall Survival



Median follow up of 13+ months

Overall Survival Probability

— No alloSCT — Received alloSCT



No alloSCT 18 (0)

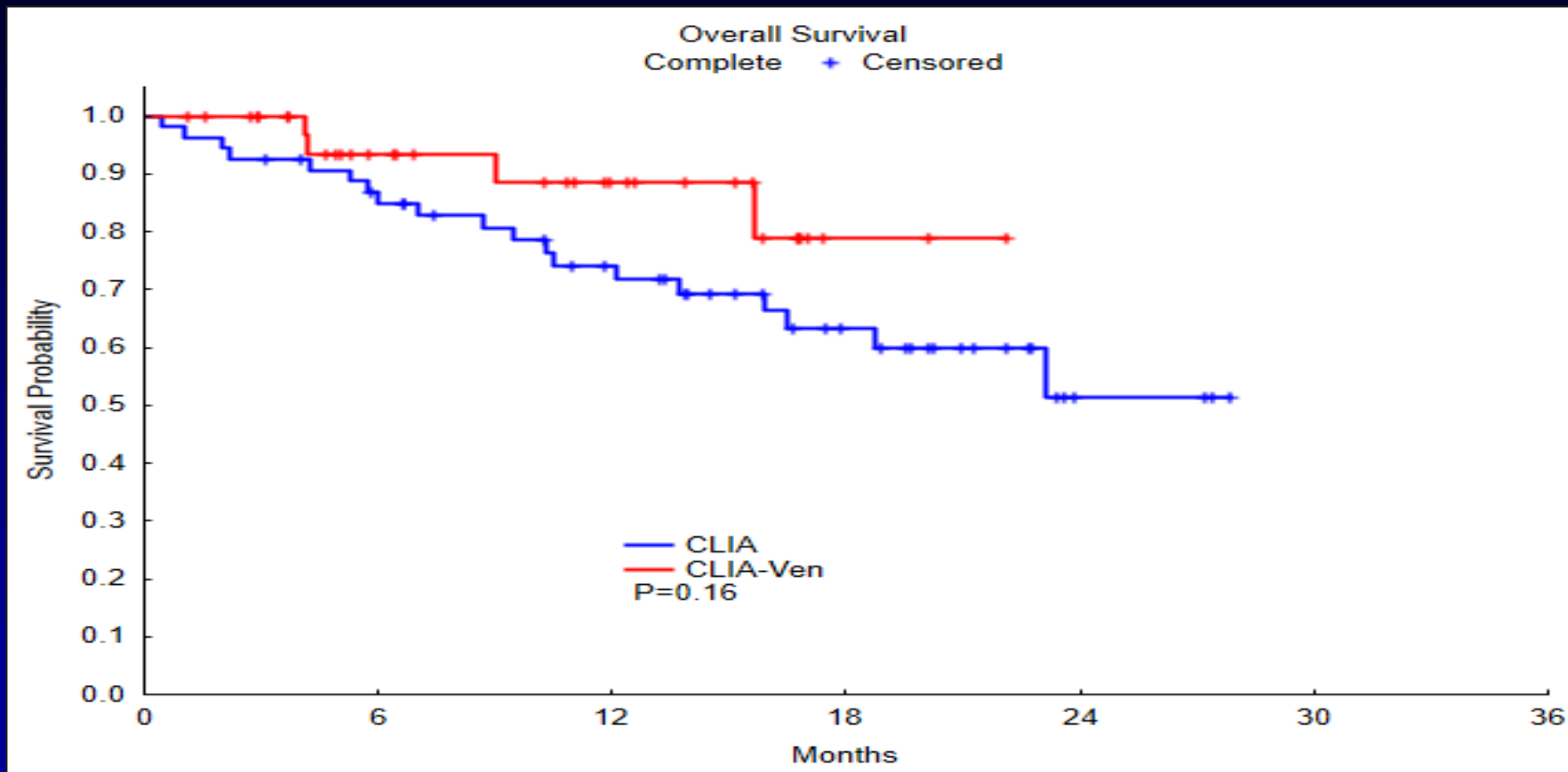
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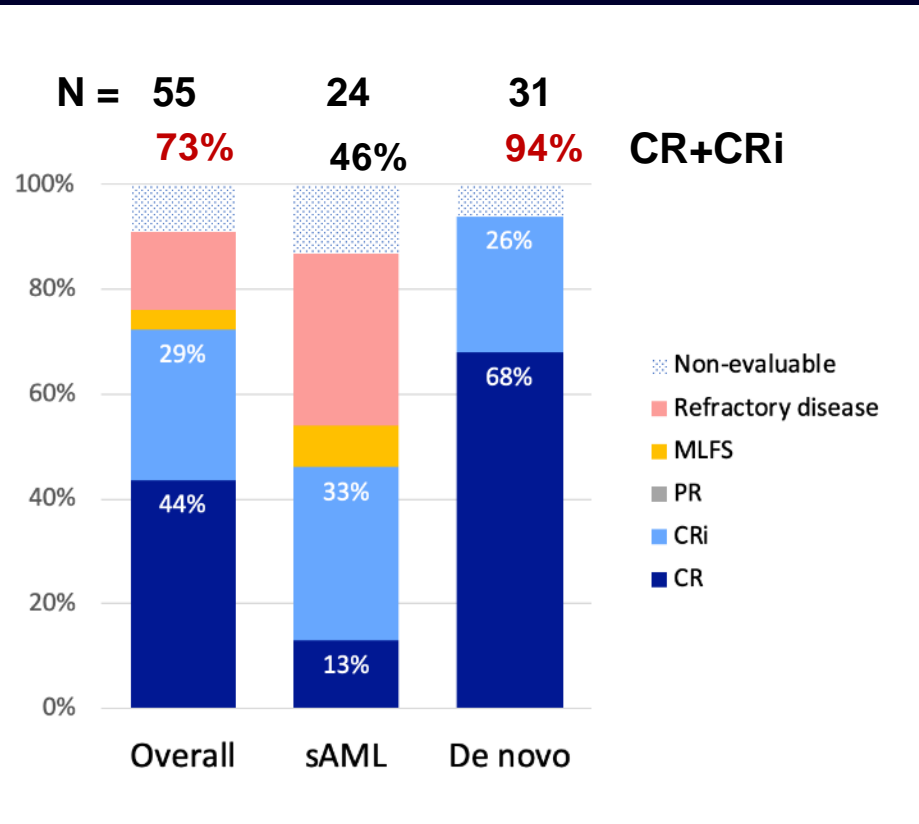
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# Overall Survival of CLIA-Ven vs CLIA

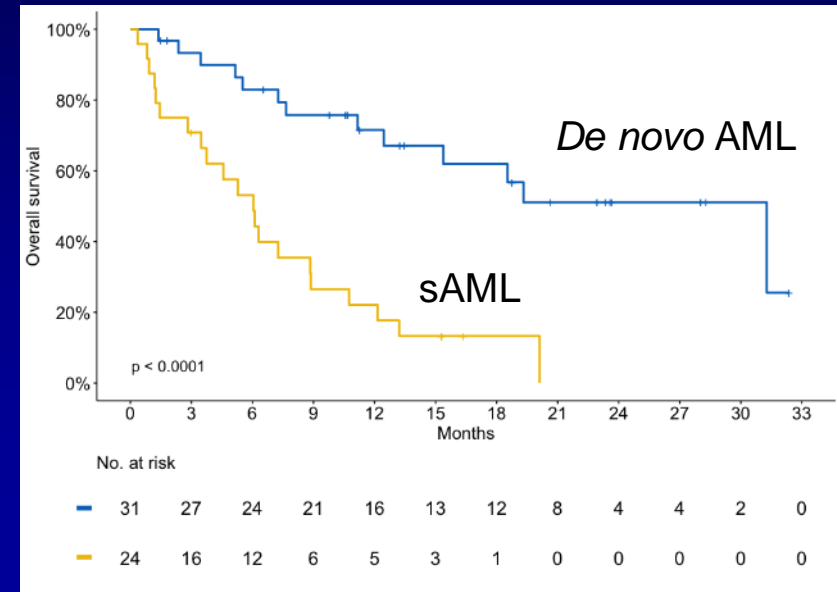


# 2+5 + Venetoclax in Older AML (median age 72 yrs; range 63–82) Frontline Rx



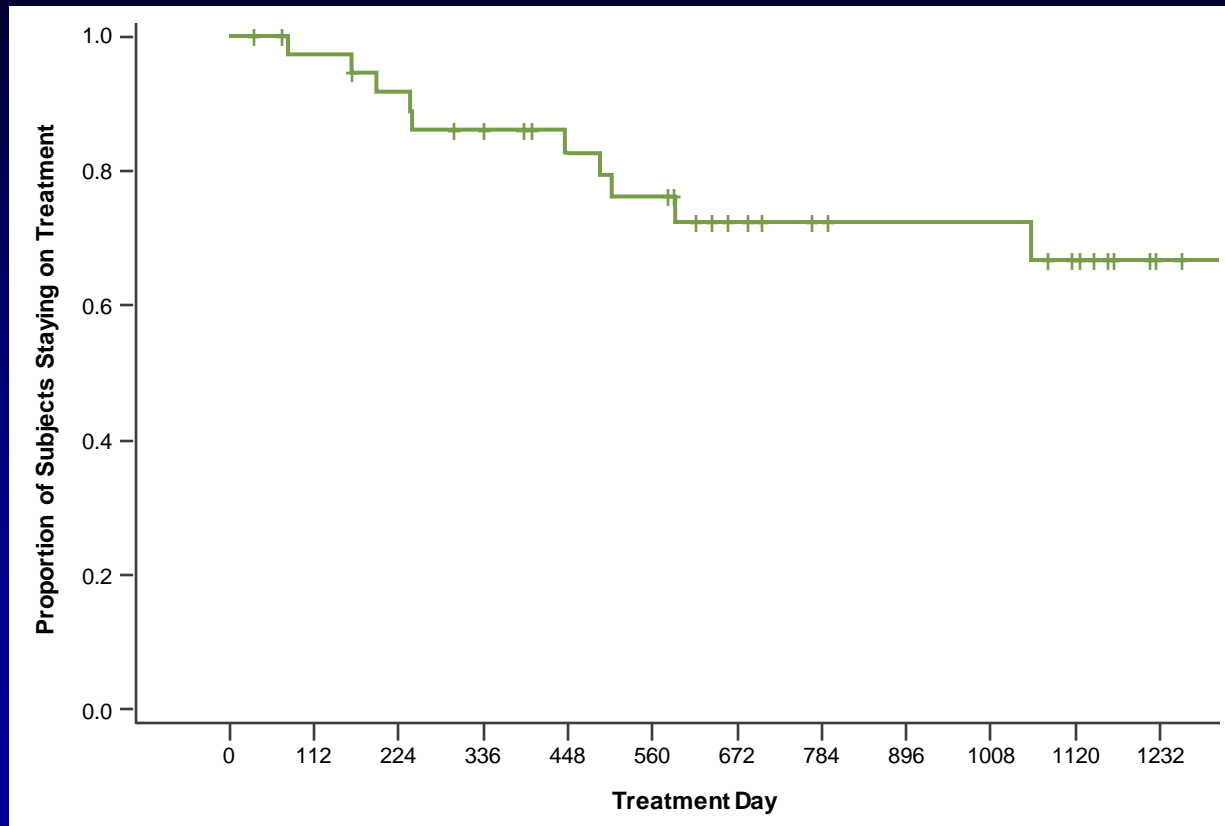
Median follow up: 20.2 months

|             | OS at 12m | OS at 18m |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Overall     | 50%       | 40%       |
| De novo AML | 72%       | 62%       |
| sAML        | 22%       | 13%       |



# Phase I 3+7 With Gilteritinib in Newly Dx AML

- 79 pts Rx with 3+7 and gilteritinib 120 mg daily × 14; *FLT3*-mut 56%
- Marrow CR 62/76 = 82%; same in *FLT3*wt
- 4-wk mortality 0%
- Estimated 2-yr survival 70%



# Older AML. Low Intensity Regimens

|                 | Clo-araC-DAC | CDA-araC-DAC | AZA/DAC+VEN                   | LD araC + VEN |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| No Rx           | 118          | 118          | 145                           | 71            |
| % CR            | 60           | 58           | -                             | 26            |
| % CR + CRi/p    | 68           | 68           | 67                            | 62            |
| Median OS (mos) | 11           | 13.8         | 17.5<br>(14.7 in randomized ) | 11.4          |
| % 2-yr OS       | 25           | 28           | 45                            | 25-30         |
| % 4-wk death    | 3            | 1            | -                             | 3             |

# Azacitidine ± Venetoclax (VIALE-A) Study Design

## Eligibility

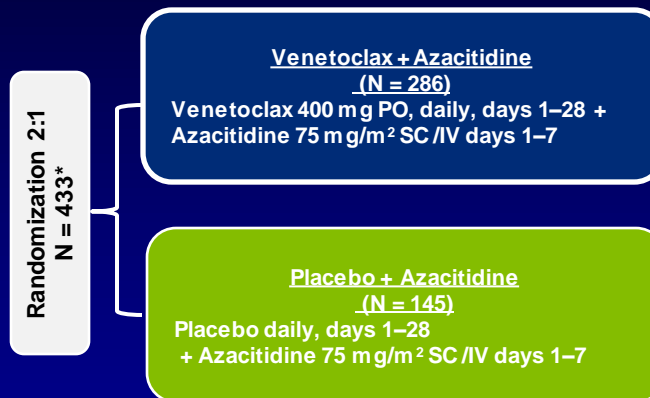
### Inclusion

- Patients with newly diagnosed confirmed AML
- Ineligible for induction therapy defined as **either**
  - ≥75 years of age
  - 18 to 74 years of age with at least one of the co-morbidities
    - CHF requiring treatment or ejection fraction ≤50%
    - Chronic stable angina
    - DLCO ≤65% or FEV1 ≤65%
    - ECOG 2 or 3

### Exclusion

- Prior receipt of any HMA, venetoclax, or chemotherapy for myelodysplastic syndrome
- Favorable risk cytogenetics per NCCN
- Active CNS involvement

## Treatment



## Endpoints

### Primary

- Overall survival

### Secondary

- CR+CRi rate
- CR+CRh rate
- CR+CRi and CR+CRh rates by initiation of cycle 2
- CR rate
- Transfusion independence
- CR+CRi rates and OS in molecular subgroups
- Event-free survival

### Randomization Stratification Factors

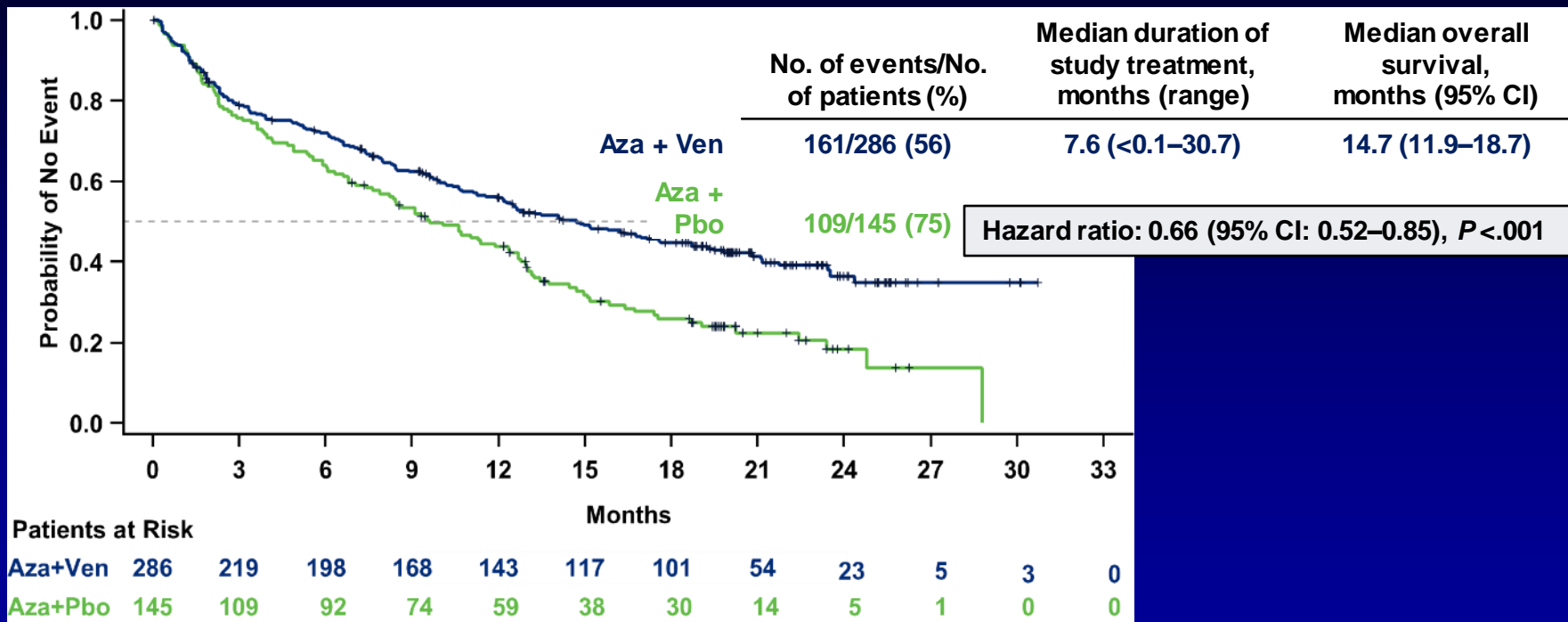
Age (<75 vs ≥75 years); cytogenetic risk (intermediate, poor); region

### Venetoclax dosing ramp-up

**Cycle 1 ramp-up** Day 1: 100 mg, Day 2: 200 mg, Day 3–28: 400 mg  
**Cycle 2** → Day 1–28: 400 mg

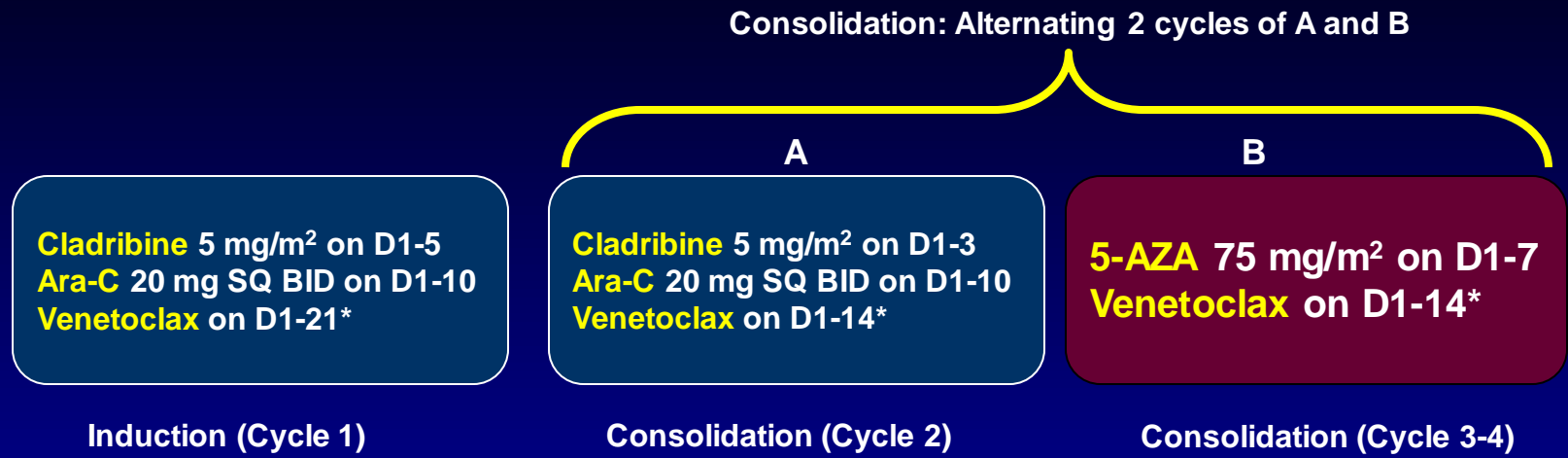


# AZA +/- VEN in AML – Overall Survival



Median follow-up time: 20.5 months (range: <0.1 – 30.7)

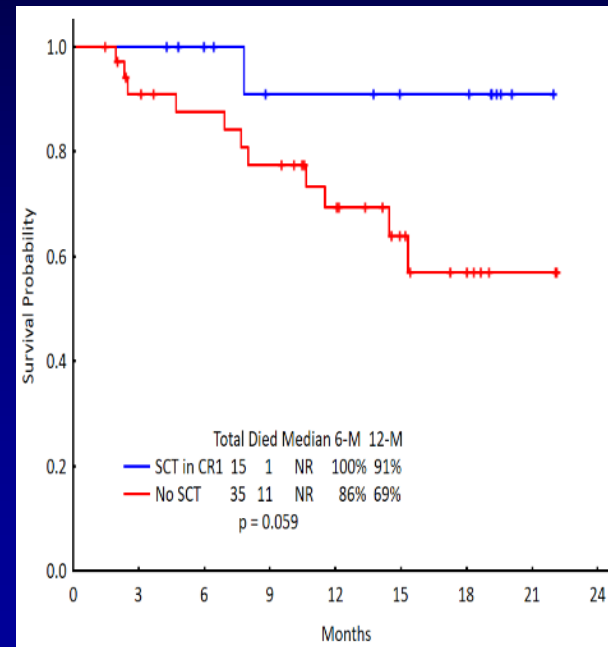
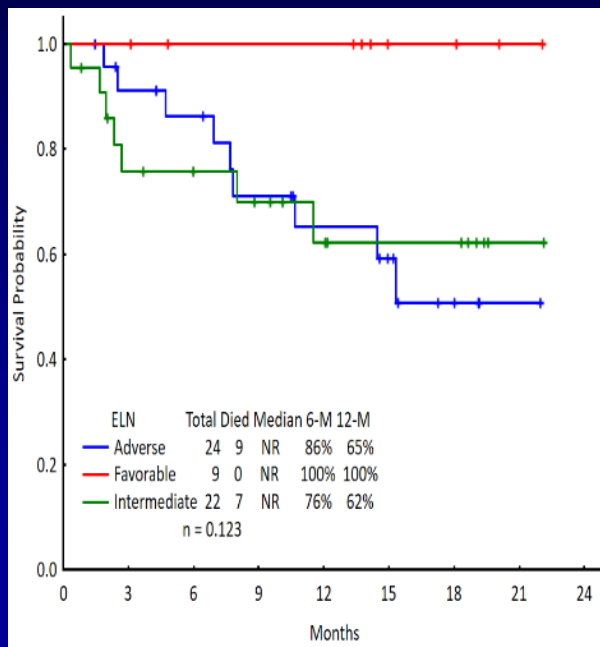
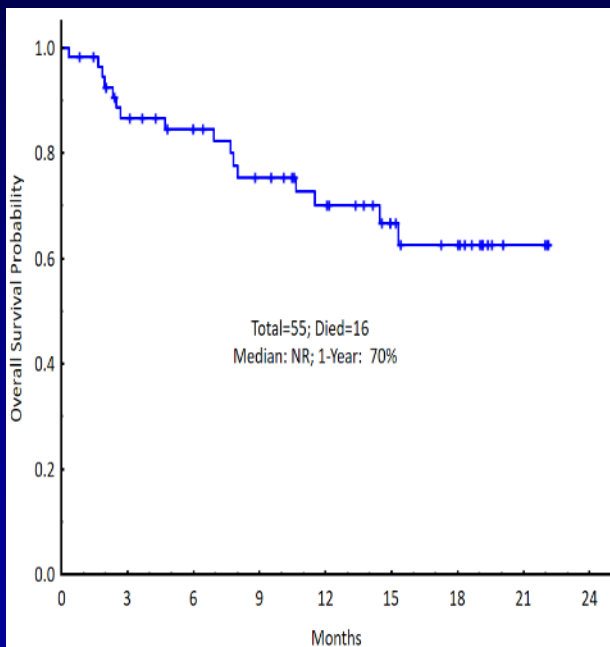
# Venetoclax Added to Cladribine/LDAC Alternating With 5-AZA



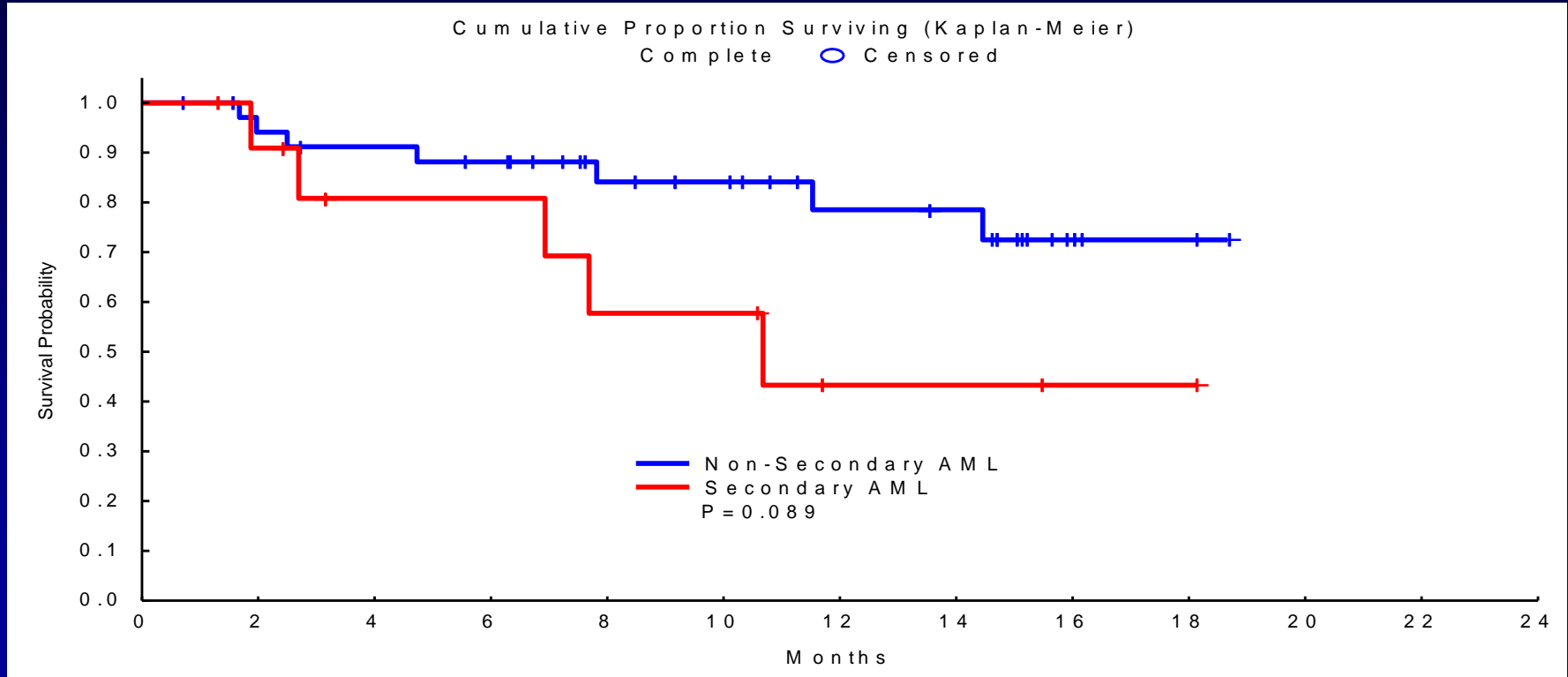
| Venetoclax Dosing (PO Daily on Days 1–21 ) |                                    |                                      |                                 |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dose Level                                 | Patients on strong CYP3A inhibitor | Patients on moderate CYP3A inhibitor | Patients not on CYP3A inhibitor |
| -1   | 50 mg                              | 100 mg                               | 200 mg                          |
| 1  | 100 mg                             | 200 mg                               | 400 mg                          |

# CDA-LD Ara-C-VEN/AZA-VEN in Older Newly Dx AML

- 55 pts; median age 68 yrs (57–84)
- CR 42/55 = 78%. CR + CRi 50/54 = 93%. MRD negativity 42/50 = 84%
- 4/8-wk mortality 2/4%; 18-mo OS 60%



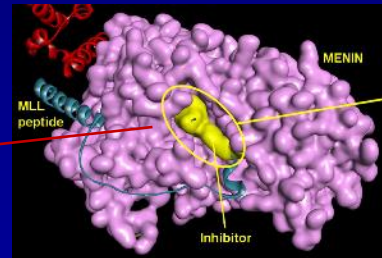
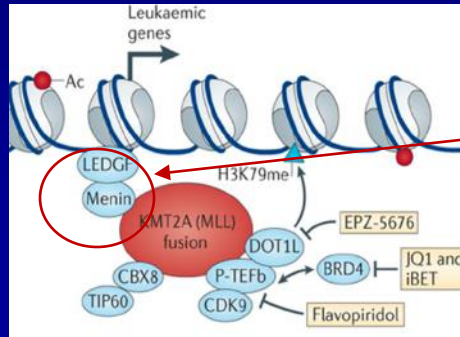
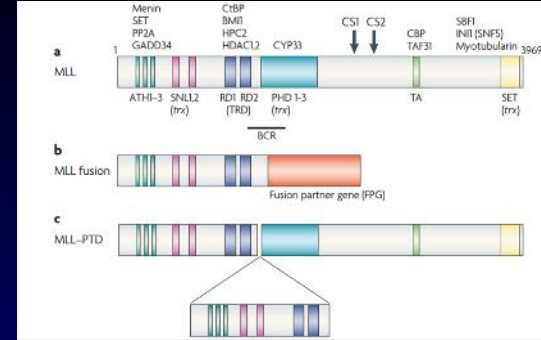
# CDA-araC-VEN/AZA-VEN – Survival



# MLLr Leukemias

*MLLr* is a therapeutic challenge

- Resistance to therapy
  - Pediatric and adult leukemia problem
  - Unique set of leukemias (ALL, AML, MPAL) (5%–10%)
  - Increased understanding of clinical features and biology.
- No specific Rx's approved



**Menin inhibitors target the high affinity binding site of MLL1 (aa 9-13) on Menin**

## **SNDX-5613 in R/R AML (mostly MLL)**

- 43 pts Rx: 34 AML, 8 ALL, 1MPAL. 26(61%) MLL; 9(21%) NPM1
- SNDX-5613 113-339 mg orally BID
- **ORR 15/31 = 48%** -- CR/CRh 5,CRi/MLFS 5
- MRD negative 10/15 responders = 67%
- **ORR in MLL 13/24 = 54%; ORR NPM1 2/7 (29%)**
- Adverse events: QTc prologation 14%

## Immune Strategies to Kill AML

- Recruiting **CD3** T cell – BiTEs linking to CD3 and targeting CD33/123; CAR Ts with modified CD3 killer cells
- Recruiting **macrophages** – targeting CD47 on AML (magrolimab. ALX) or SIRP alpha on macrophages (Trillium, CC95251)
- Recruiting **NK** cells – allo NK-CAR Ts; NK engineered cells/repeated infusions
- Targets other than CD33/123, eg, CLL1

## Anti-CLL1 CAR Ts in Children With R/R AML

- Second-generation CLL1 CAR Ts 0.3-1 million/kg single dose post lymphodepletion with Flu-CTX
- 11 children with R/R AML treated
- 9 responses = 82% – 5 CR MRD–, 3 CR MRD+, 1 PR



## FT 516/FT 516 (NK cells) in R/R AML

- Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) derived NK cells: off the shelf; large volumes 90 million-1.5 billion; repeat infusions (3-6)
- FT538 no need for IL-2 cytokine support
- 12 pts Rx: 5 responses (42%) – 4 CRi, 1 MLFS
- Remission >6 mos in 2

# **Thank You**

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# Q&A session



# Review of prognostic value of MRD in acute leukemias

Josep-Maria Ribera



**Global Leukemia Academy EU Meeting**  
**October 27–28, 2021**

# **Review of the Prognostic Value of MRD in Acute Leukemias**

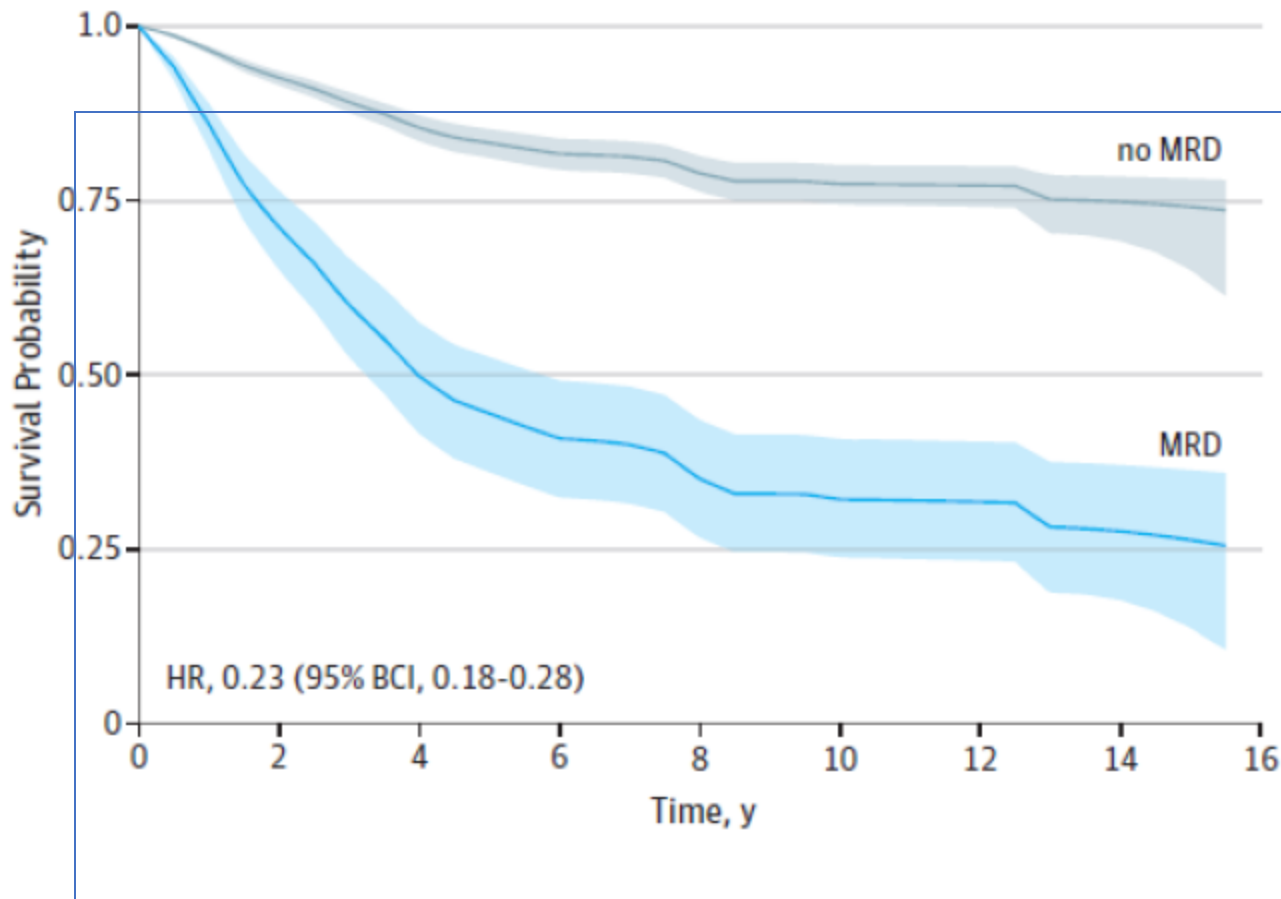
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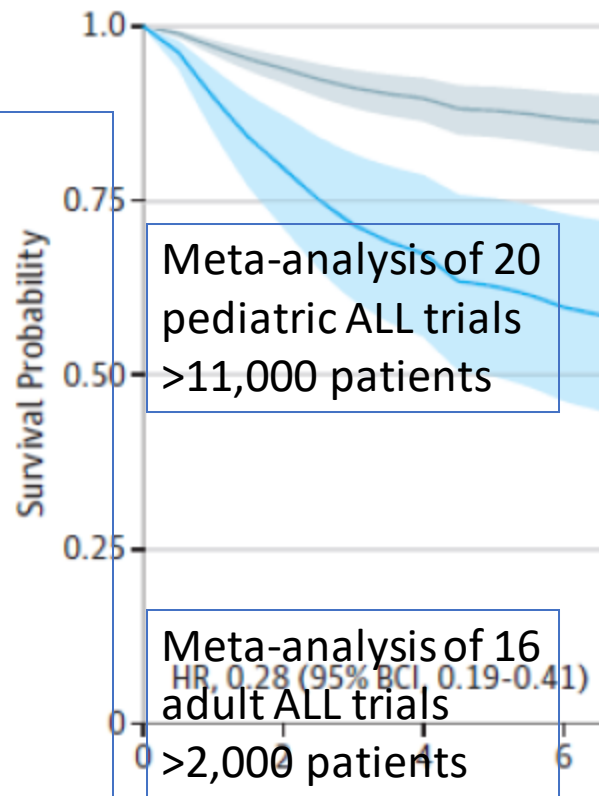
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# Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

**A** EFS for pediatric ALL: 20 studies with 11 249 patients



**B** OS for pediatric ALL: 5 studies with

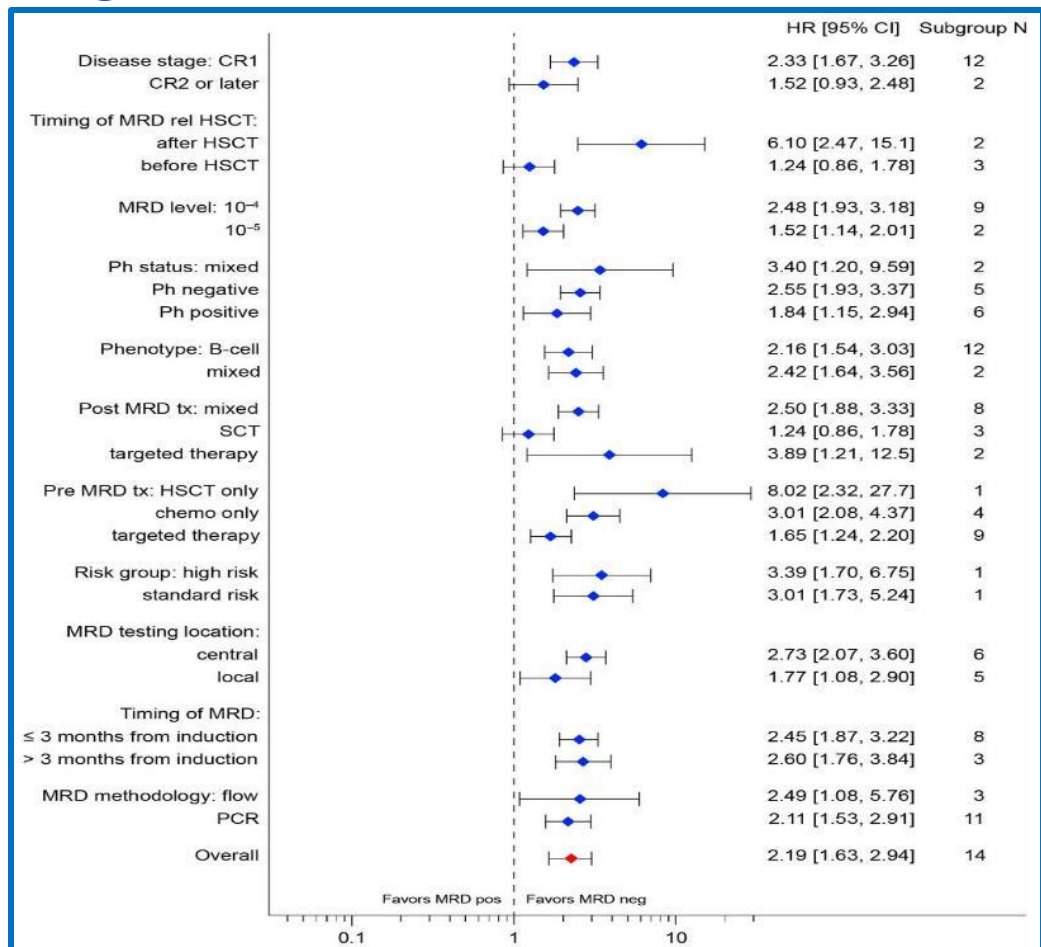


**C** EFS for adult ALL: 16 studies with 2065 patients

**D** OS for adult ALL: 5 studies with 806



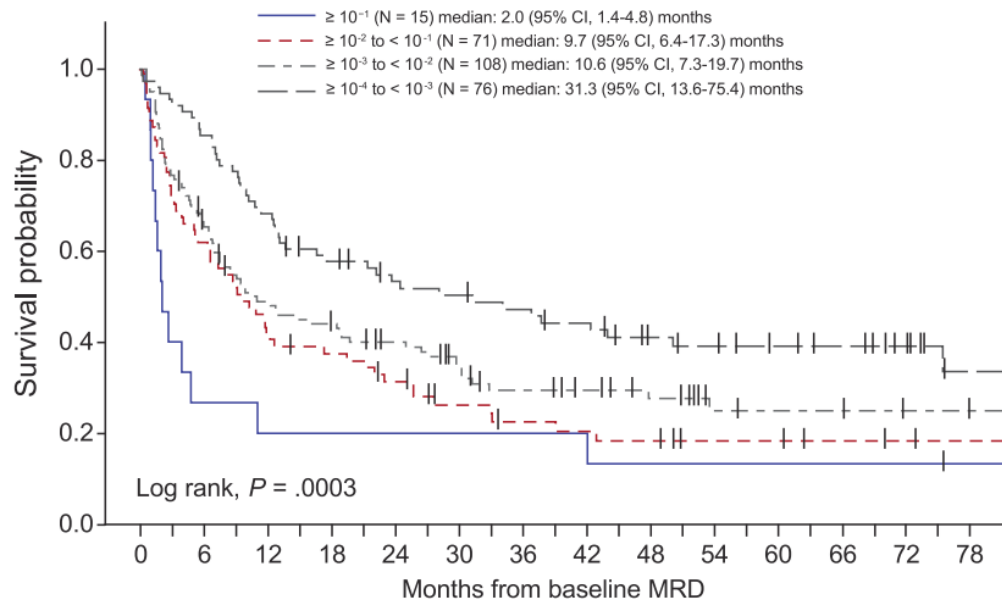
# Prognostic Value of MRD in All Situations



# Joint EU Survey on High MRD

## Survey From 7 EU Cooperative Groups

- N = 270 patients with measurable MRD during first remission
  - 80% molecular failure
  - 19% molecular relapse
- Median DOR, 18.5 months (95% CI: 11.9, 27.2)
- Median RFS, 12.4 months (95% CI: 10.0, 19.0)
- Median OS, 32.5 months (95% CI: 23.6, 48.0)

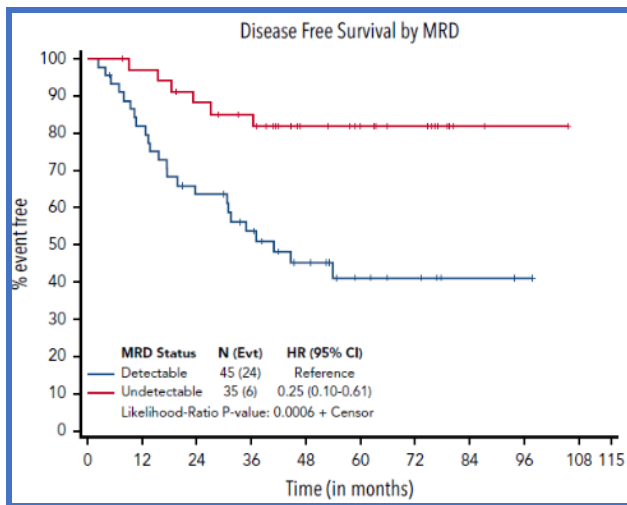


Number of subjects at risk:

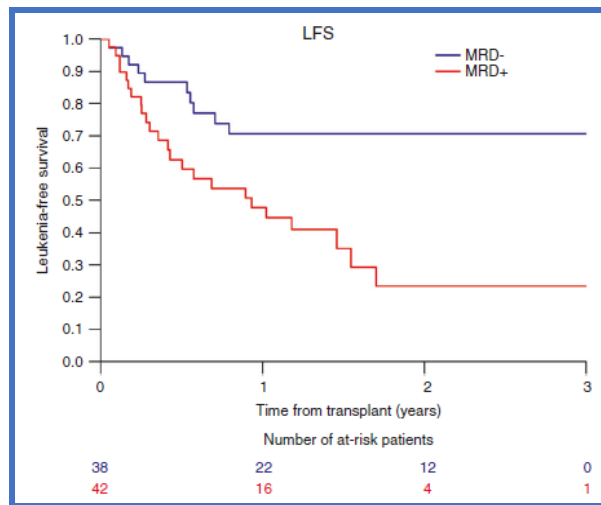
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| 1: | 15  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 1 |
| 2: | 71  | 44 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 6  | 6  | 4  | 3  | 2 |
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# Impact of MRD in Some ALL Subtypes

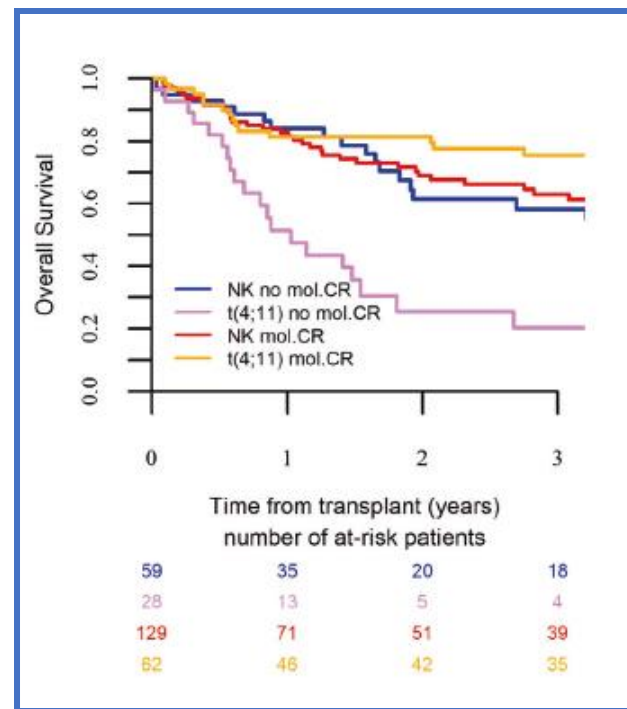
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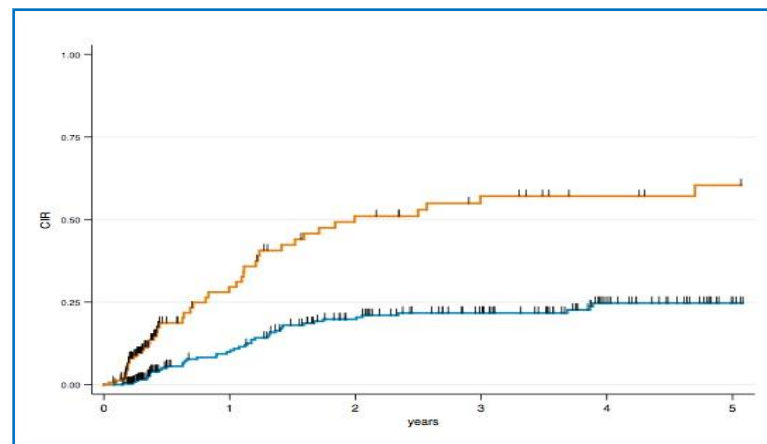
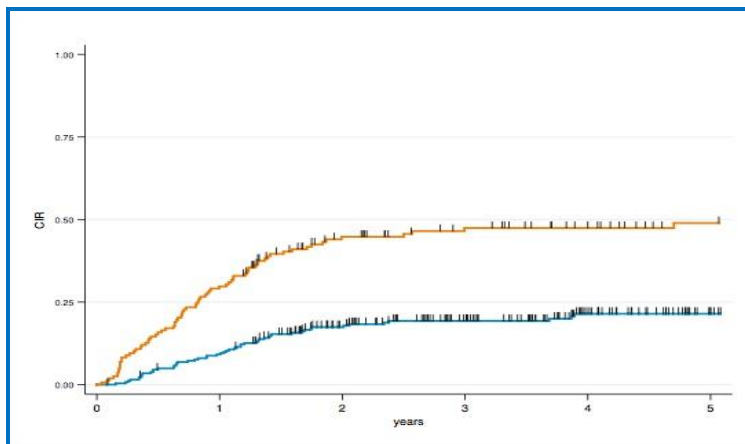
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# MRD Is Not a Perfect Predictive Factor in Adult Ph– ALL

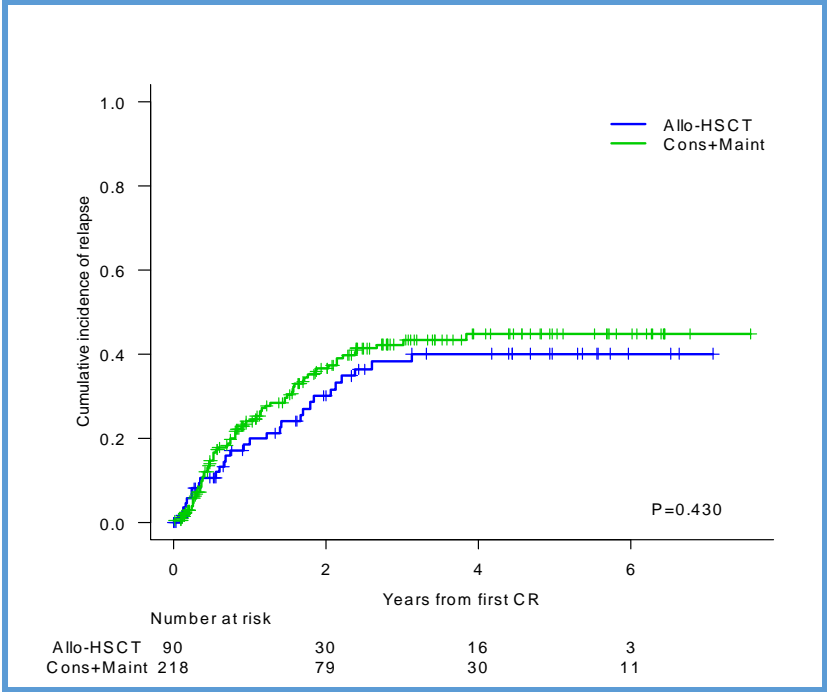
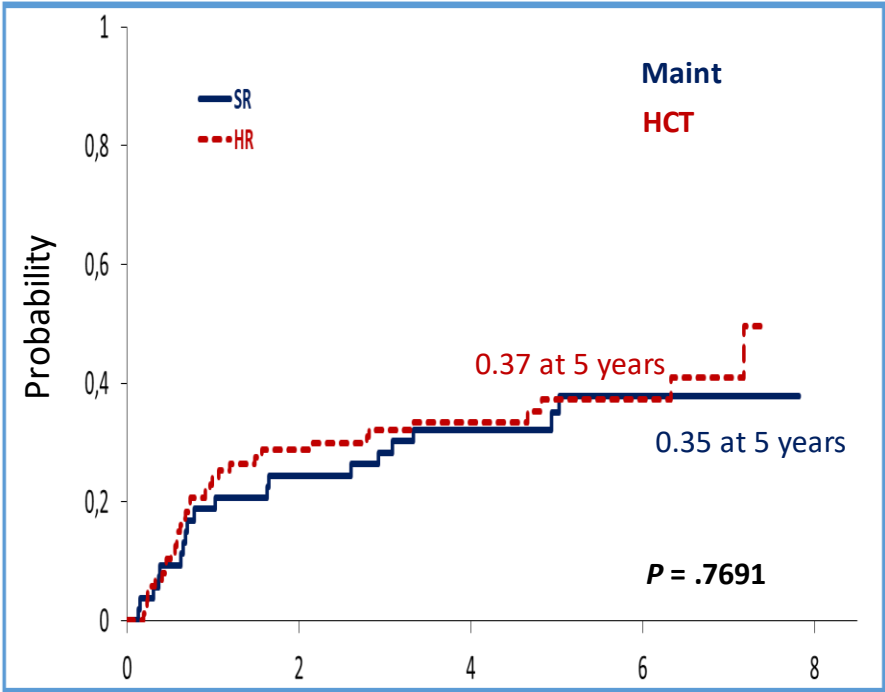
Post-induction Ig-TCR MRD

$\geq 10^{-4}$  ———  
 $< 10^{-4}$  ———

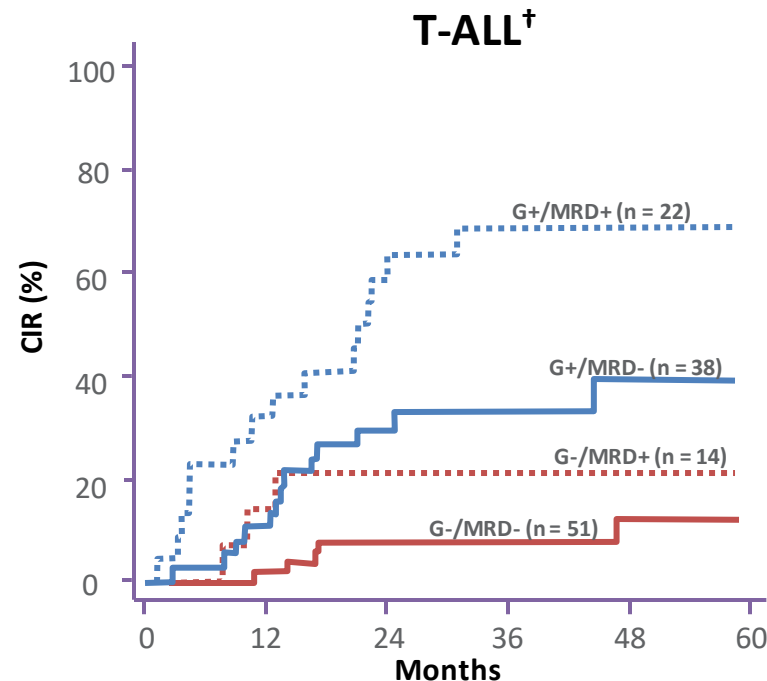
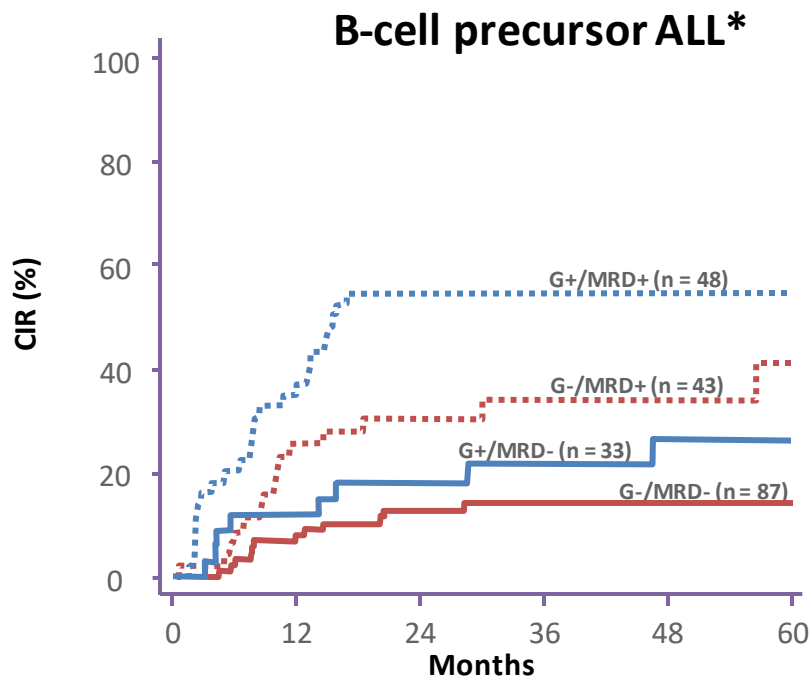


|                      | Without AlloH SCT Censoring | With AlloH SCT Censoring |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5-yr CCR in MRD+ pts | 51.2%                       | 39.6%                    |
| 5-yr CIR in MRD– pts | 21.2%                       | 24.7%                    |
| Harrel's C-index     | 0.63                        | 0.64                     |

# Cumulative Incidence of Relapse by Treatment Allocation (ITT analysis)



# Independent Prognostic Impact of MRD and Oncogenetic Pattern on Relapse: GRAALL Data

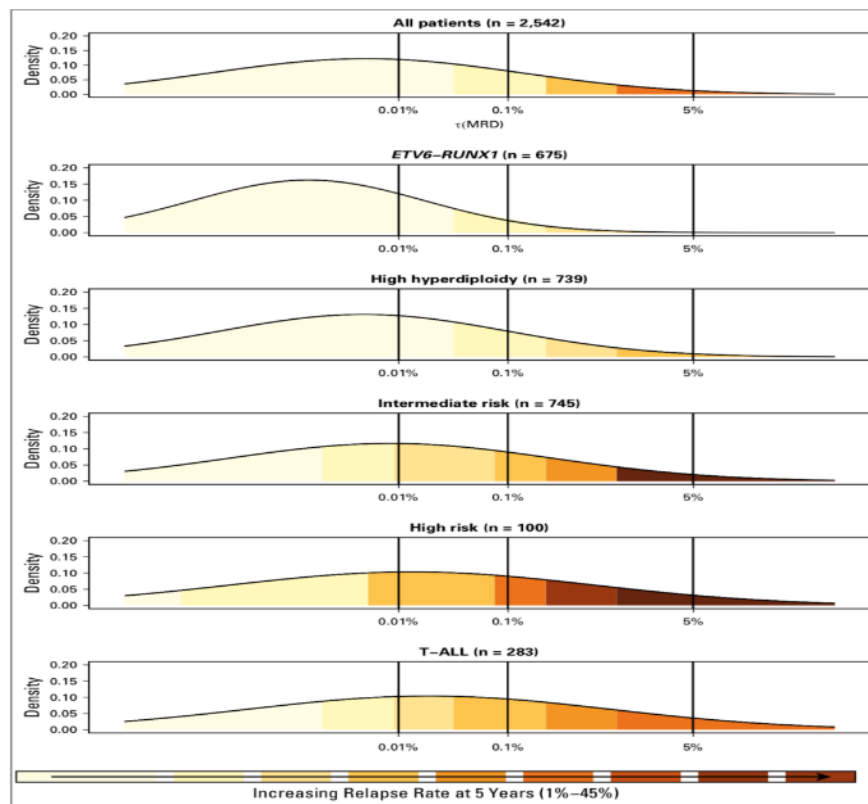


**GENETIC RISK:** \*B-cell precursor ALL – MLL and/or *IKZF1* mutation; <sup>†</sup>T-ALL – no *NOTCH* and/or *RAS/PTEN* mutation

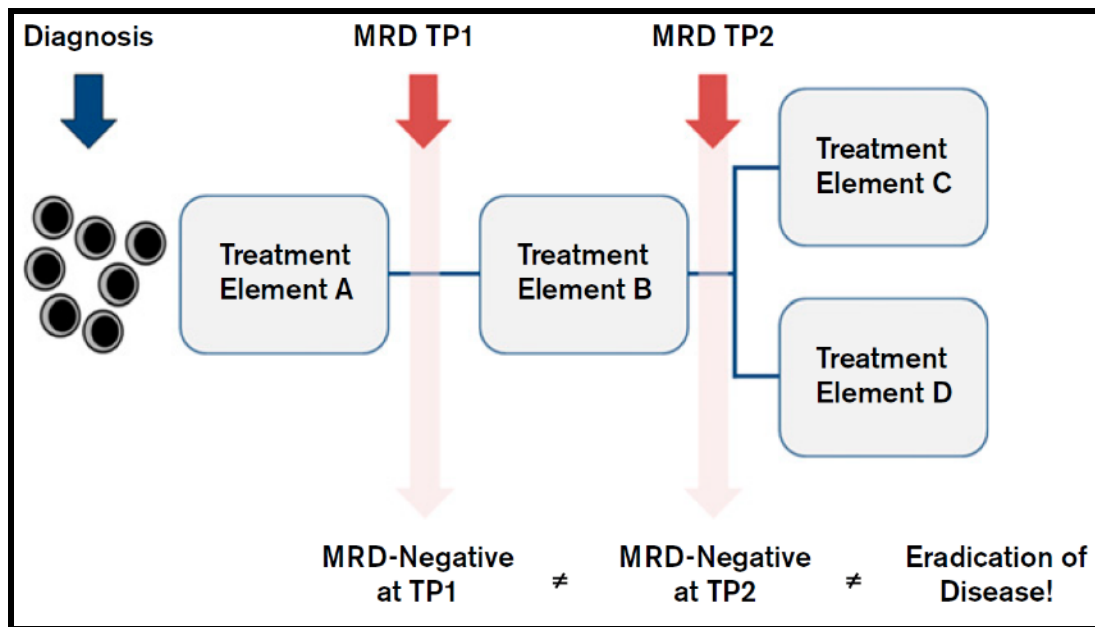
# Value of MRD According to Genetic Subgroups

- **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**



# 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



# Use of MRD for Therapeutic Decisions

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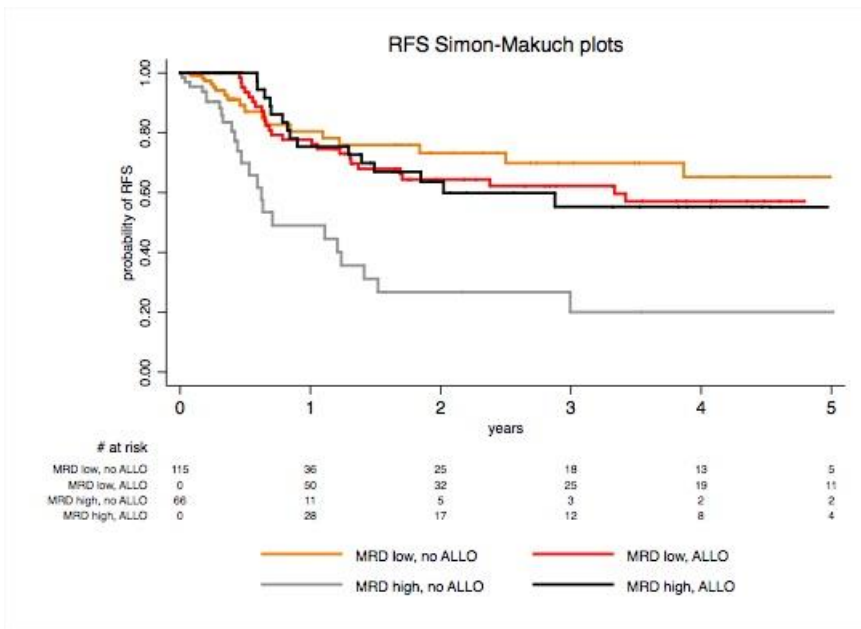
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# Allogeneic HSCT Benefits MRD+ Patients Only

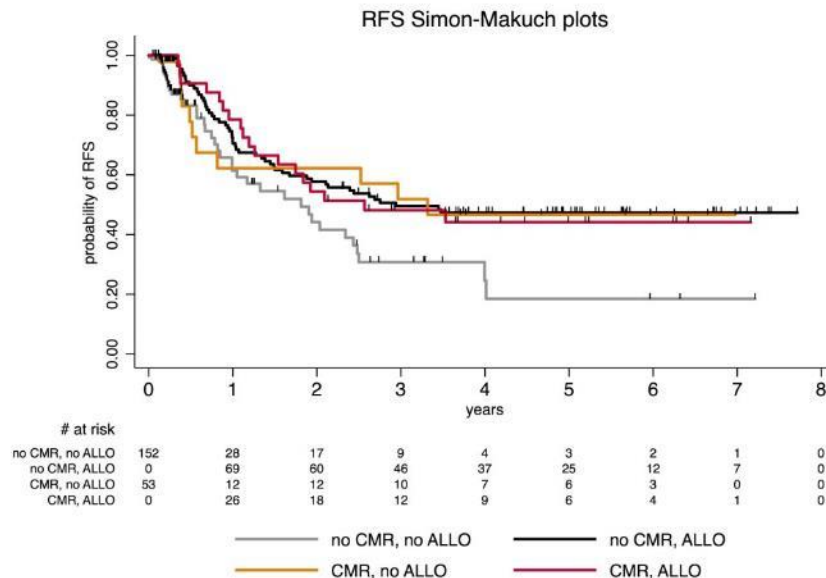
## Ph- ALL



Test for interaction,  $P = .001$

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## Ph+ ALL



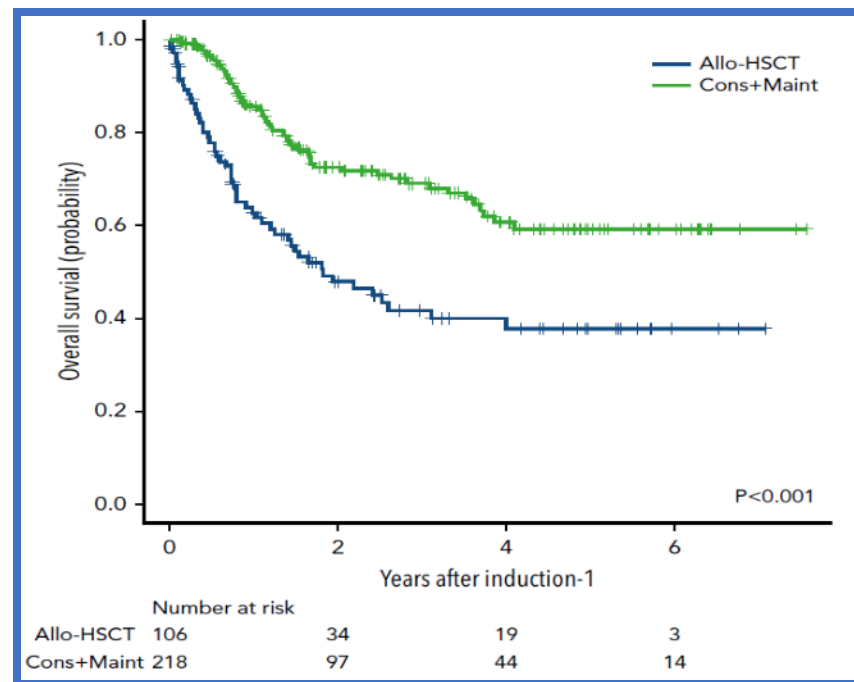
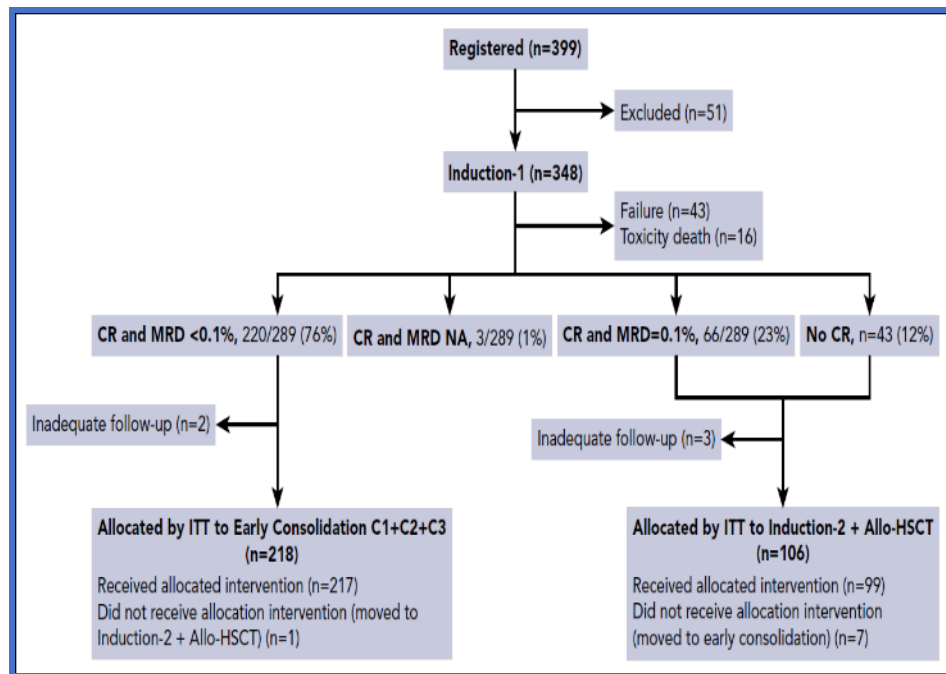
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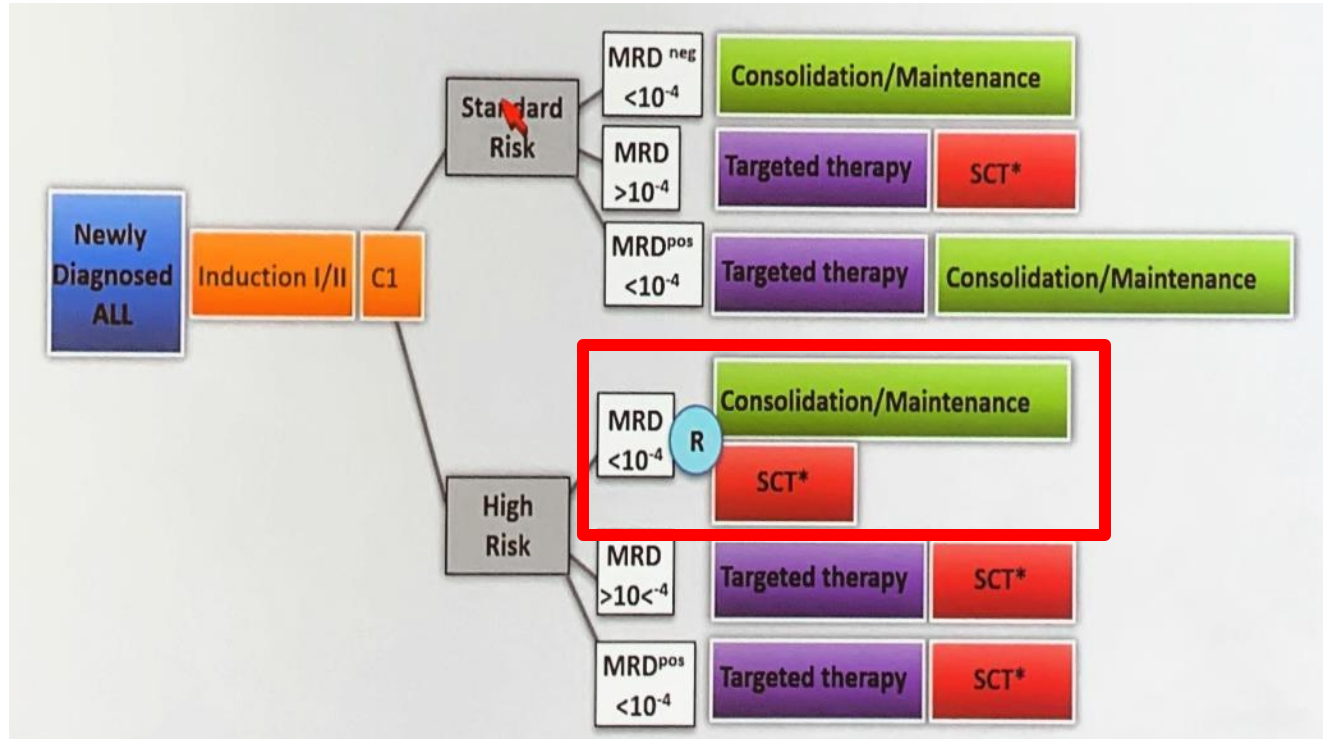
## Prospective Studies With Indication for HSCT on the Basis of MRD Data (adult Ph– ALL)

| Trial         | Risk Groups | MRD Assessment | Randomization Assignment  | References  |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|---|---|
| NILG          | SR & HR     | PCR            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> <li>Allo(auto)HSCT in MRD+ pts</li> </ul>                              | Bassan R. <i>Blood</i> . 2009;113:4153-4162         |
| PETHEMA HR03  | HR          | 4-color flow   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> <li>AlloHSCT in poor early cytologic responders or MRD+ pts</li> </ul> | Ribera JM. <i>J Clin Oncol</i> . 2014;32:1595-1604  |
| NILG 10/07    | SR & HR     | PCR            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> <li>Allo(auto)HSCT in MRD+ pts</li> </ul>                              | Bassan R. <i>Blood Cancer J</i> . 2020;10:119       |
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| GMALL 08/2013 | SR & HR     | PCR            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes. AlloHSCT vs chemo in MRD– HR pts</li> <li>AlloHSCT in MRD+ pts</li> </ul> | Ongoing; NCT02881086                                |

# PETHEMA ALL HR11



# Current GMALL Strategy De Novo <55 Years: GMALL Trial 08/2013 – Ph– ALL



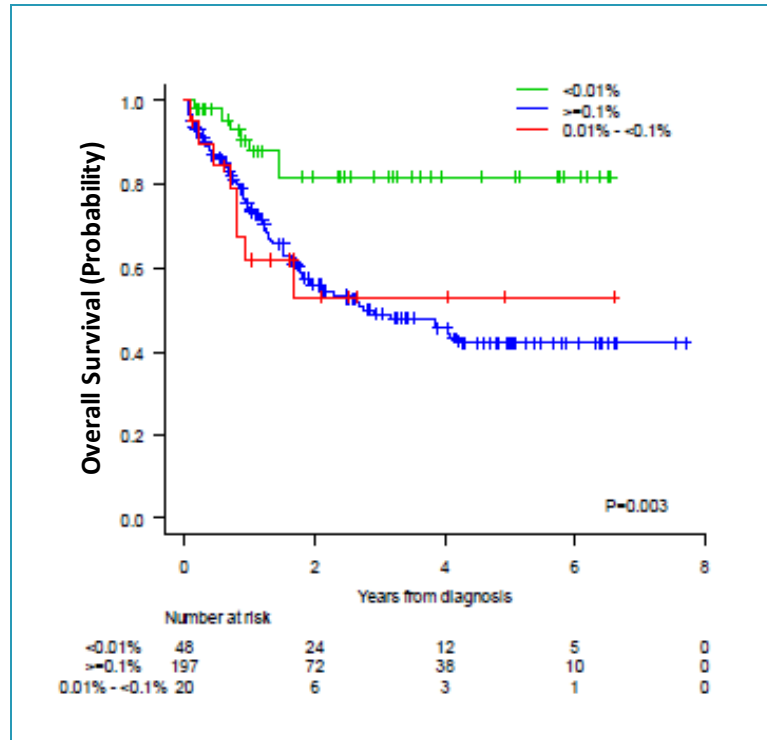
\*Dose-reduced conditioning >45 yr.

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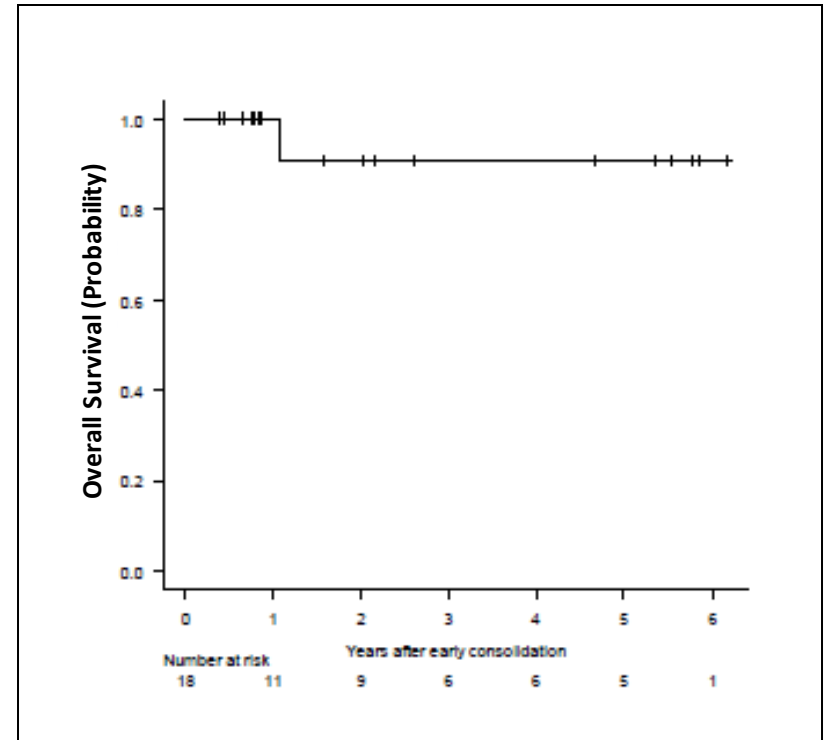
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# Prognostic Importance of Early MRD Response in Ph- ALL

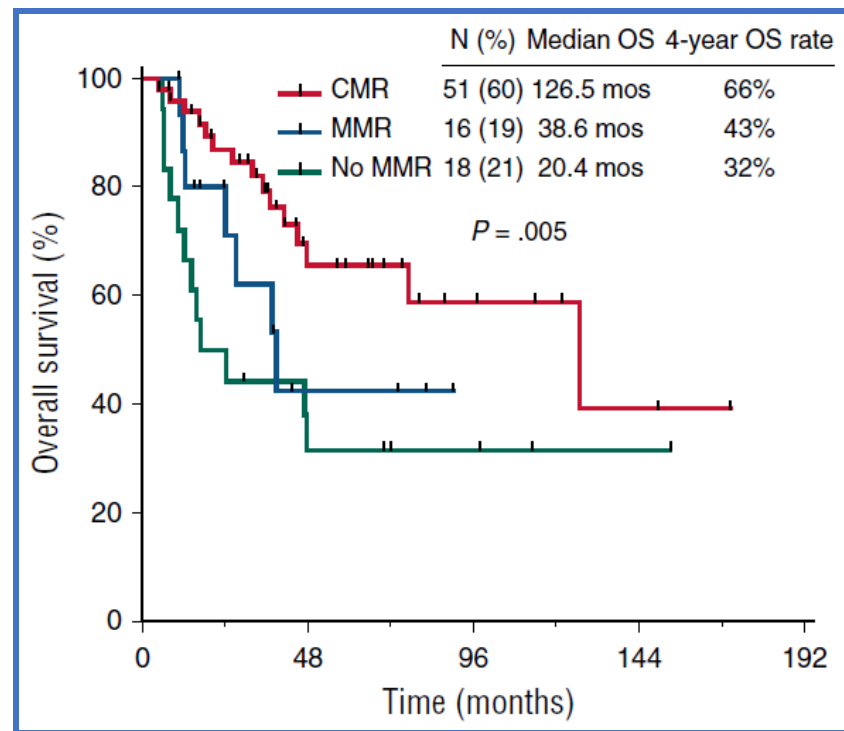
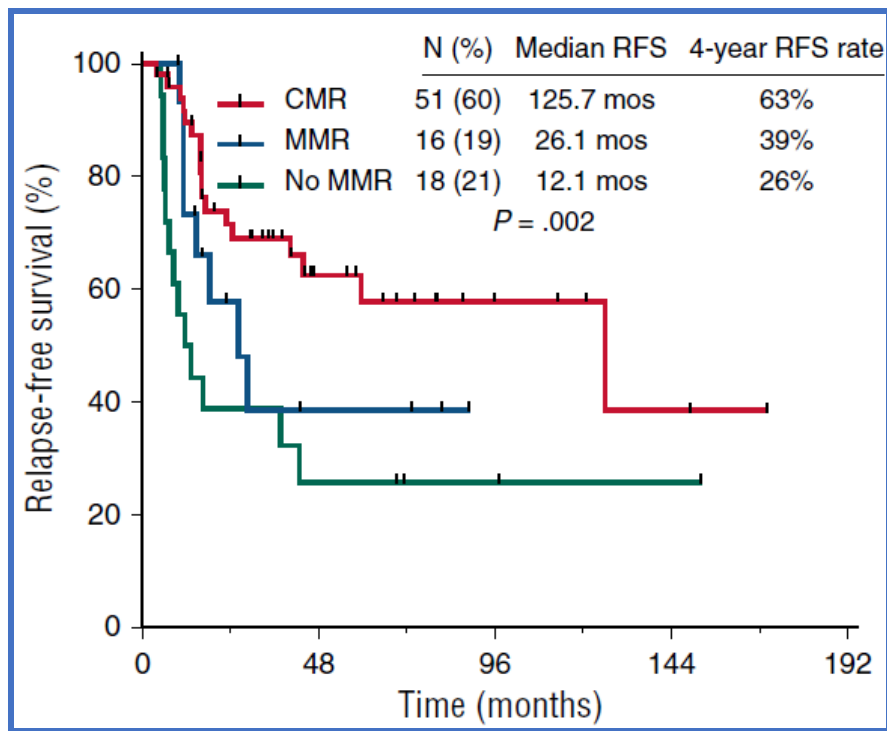
According to post-induction MRD level



Patients with MRD <0.01% from d14



## CMR at 3 Months: The Best Prognostic Factor in Ph+ ALL



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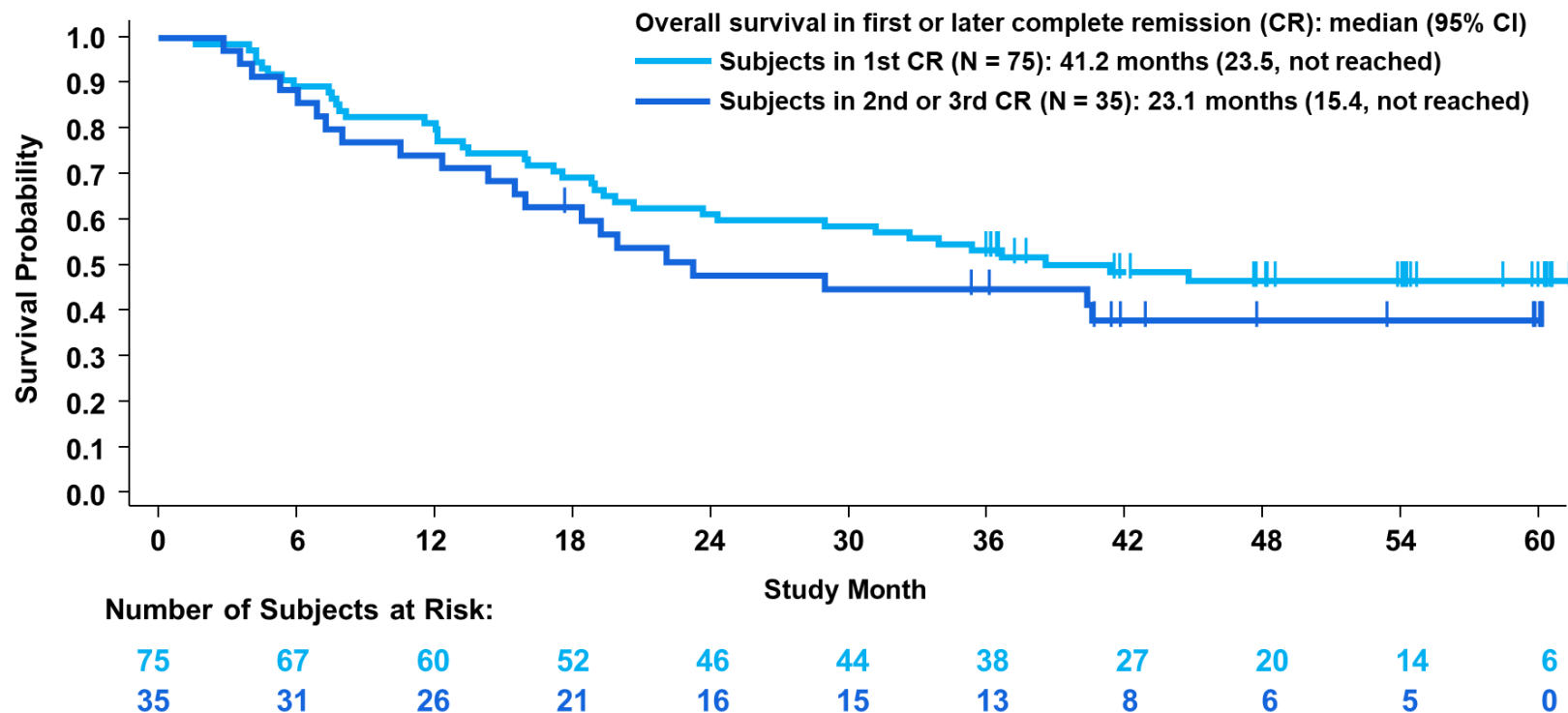
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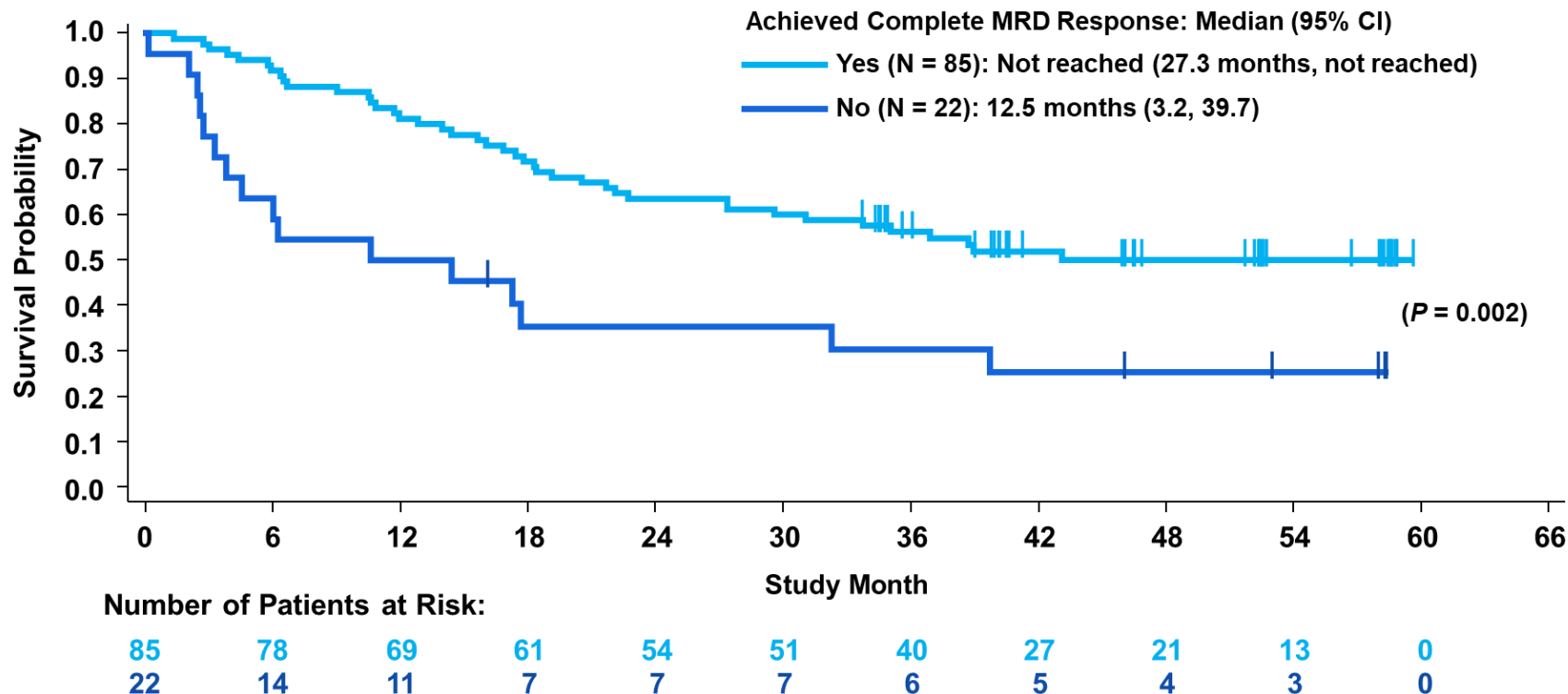


# Overall Survival By CR1 or CR2+



# Overall Survival by Complete MRD Response

## *All Patients Analyzed*



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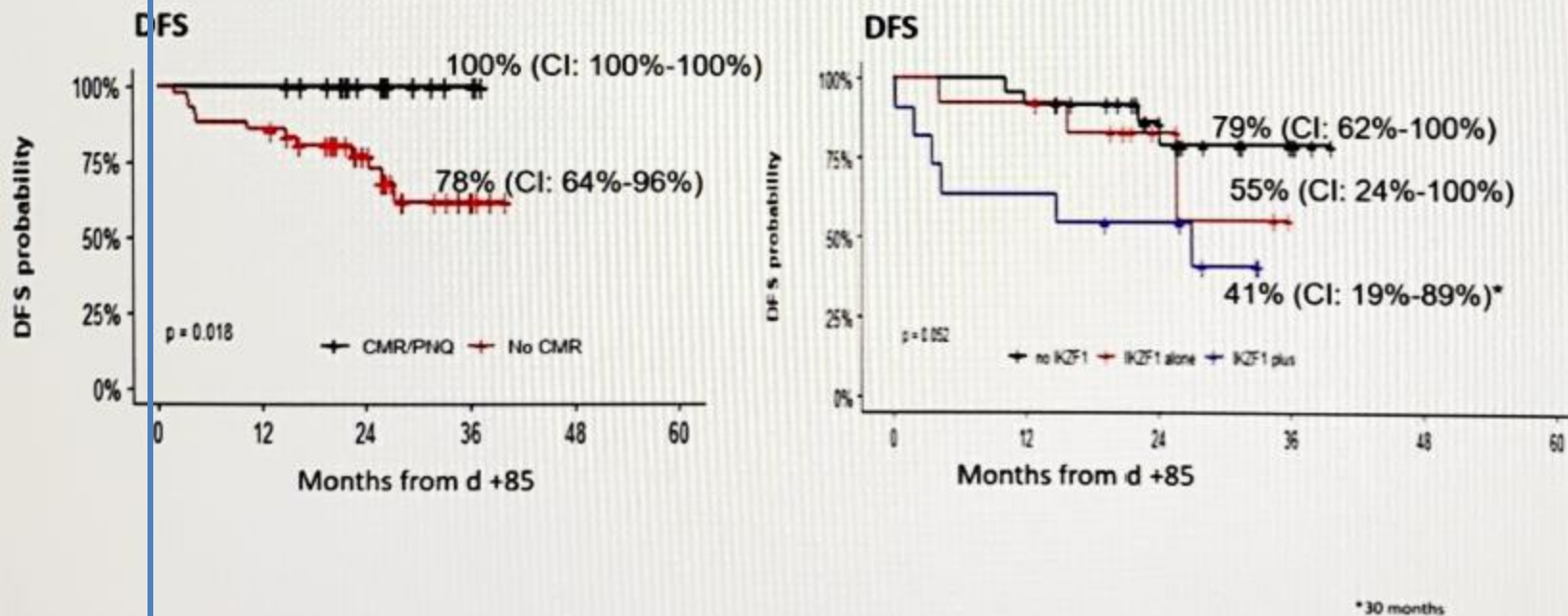
## D-ALBA: Molecular Responses



|              | CMR (%)   | PNQ (%)   | CMR and PNQ (%) |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Day +22      | 3 (5.2)   | 7 (12.1)  | 10 (17.3)       |
| Day +45      | 9 (15)    | 8 (13.3)  | 17 (28.3)       |
| Day +57      | 11 (20.0) | 7 (12.7)  | 18 (32.7)       |
| Day +85      | 6 (10.3)  | 11 (19.0) | 17 (29.3)       |
| Post-cycle 1 | 19 (35.2) | 16 (29.6) | 35 (64.8)       |
| Post-cycle 2 | 22 (41.5) | 10 (18.9) | 32 (60.4)       |
| Post-cycle 3 | 19 (48.7) | 8 (20.5)  | 21 (69.2)       |
| Post-cycle 4 | 15 (44.1) | 12 (35.3) | 20 (79.4)       |
| Post-cycle 5 | 12 (55.6) | 5 (16.7)  | 17 (68.3)       |

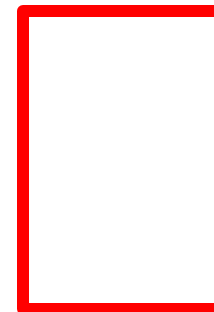
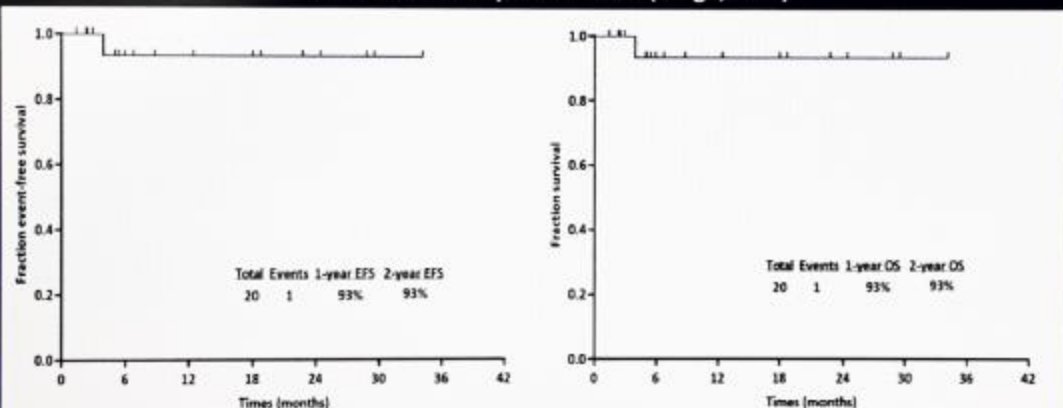
Primary endpoint: 60.3% (95% CI: 46, 73.5)

# Updated D-ALBA: estimated 36 ms DFS according to molecular responses and CNAs



# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL: Survival Outcomes for Frontline Cohort

Median follow-up: 12 months (range, 1-37)



## Conclusions (ALL)

- MRD is the best prognostic factor in children and adults with ALL
- Prognostic significance at any time point (after induction, consolidation, before and after HSCT)
- Limited predictive value. Possible additional influence of oncogenetic factors
- MRD must be assessed within specific trials
- Possible early interventions to decrease the MRD level
  - Immunotherapy with mAb (blinatumomab, inotuzumab)
  - CAR T cells
- Combination with targeted therapy feasible (eg, Ph+ ALL) with promising preliminary results

# Acute Myeloid Leukemia



## MRD in AML: Techniques

| Technique                            | Advantages  | Disadvantages   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Multiparameter flow cytometry</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most commonly used method</li> <li>• Applicable to &gt;90% of patients</li> <li>• Sensitivity <math>1 \times 10^{-4}</math> to <math>1 \times 10^{-5}</math></li> <li>• Identification of leukemia-associated immunophenotypes (LAIP) and/or different from normal approach</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level of expertise needed                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Selection of right antibody panel</li> <li>– Standardization of analyses</li> <li>– Extensive knowledge about normal and regenerative BM expression of CD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Molecular measurable MRD</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher sensitivity of RT-qPCR</li> <li>• Novel developments of higher-sensitivity techniques                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Digital droplet PCR</li> <li>– NGS (under investigation)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to specific stable genes during disease progression                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>NPM1</i></li> <li>– <i>RUNX1-RUNX1</i></li> <li>– <i>CBF-MY11</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

## Where to Measure MRD in AML?

- **Standard approach:** bone marrow
- **Peripheral blood**
  - MFC: probably 1 log less sensitive
  - RT-qPCR: similar sensitivity?

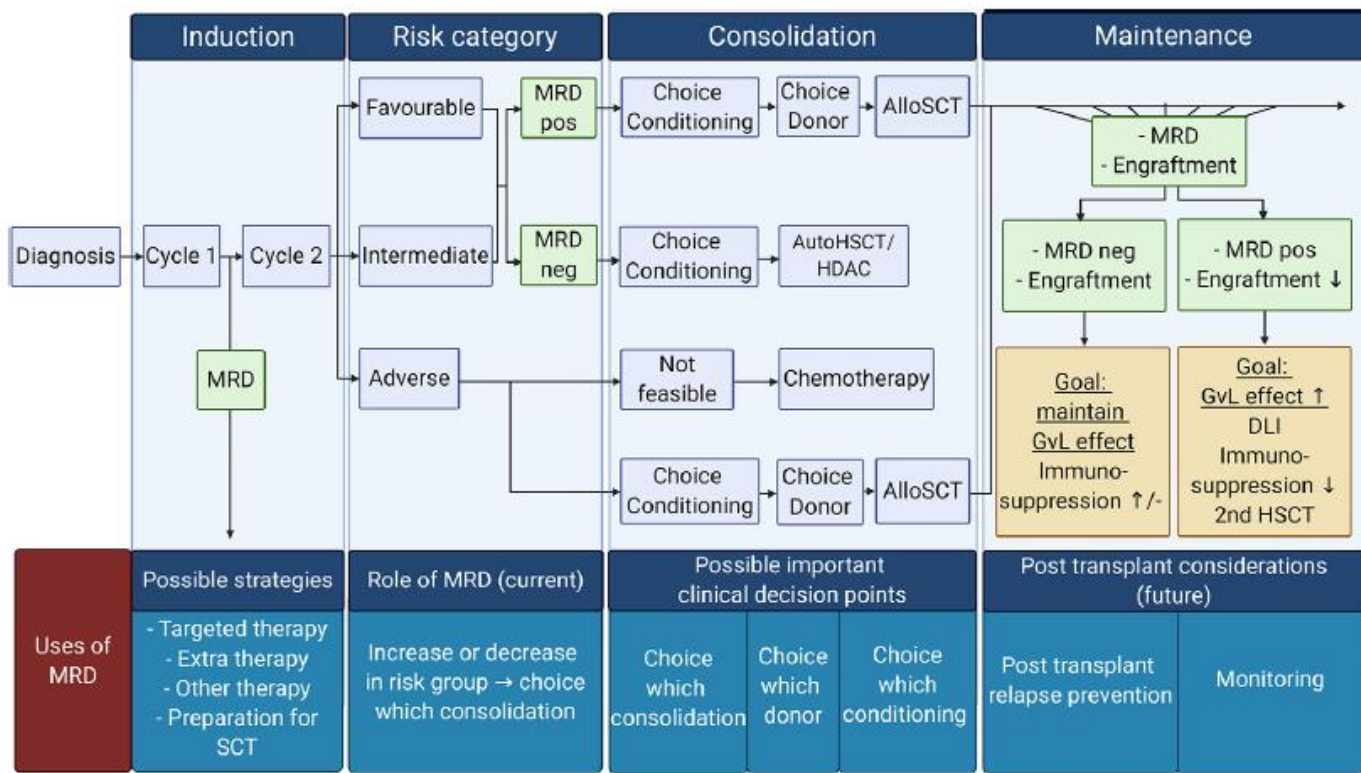
## (Potential) Use of MRD in the Clinic

| Potential Use  | Comment   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Refine the CR status</b></li><li>• <b>Choose targeted therapy at induction</b></li><li>• <b>Intensifying induction therapy in MRD+ pts</b></li><li>• <b>Choice of consolidation therapy</b></li><li>• <b>Defining the need and type of HSCT</b></li><li>• <b>Pre-emptive therapy before HSCT</b></li><li>• <b>Post-transplant interventions</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MRD not officially recognized as surrogate endpoint</li><li>• Under research</li><li>• Several trials with new drugs and targeted therapies</li><li>• Incorporation of new drugs in this phase</li><li>• Potentially useful for selecting allo/auto in intermediate-risk group</li><li>• Intensification of consolidation vs new drugs before HSCT</li><li>• Hypomethylating agents, DLI, immunotherapy, targeted therapy . . .</li></ul> |

# Prognostic and Predictive Value of MRD in AML

- **Growing evidence on the prognostic value** of MRD in
  - Post-remission
  - After consolidation
  - Before HSCT
- **Poor predictive value** (as in ALL)
  - 30% of MRD– patients relapse

# Possible MRD Tailored Therapy in Different AML Phases



## Conclusions (AML)

- MRD has prognostic value in AML
- Techniques for MRD assessment less standardized than in ALL
- MRD still not officially recognized as surrogate endpoint
- MRD actively investigated as a decision tool for incorporation of new therapies and for selection of HSCT
- As in ALL, MRD has poor predictive value



## Question #1

The best moment of MRD assessment for prognosis in Ph– ALL is:

- A. At diagnosis
- B. After induction (1 month from diagnosis)
- C. After consolidation (3 months from diagnosis)
- D. After autologous HSCT
- E. After allogeneic HSCT



## Question #2 [repeated question]

In AML, MRD assessment by RT-qPCR is especially useful in:

- A. *FLT3*-ITD
- B. *NPM1* mutation
- C. Biallelic *CEBPA* mutation
- D. *SF3B1* mutation
- E. *ASXL1* mutation



# Q&A session

# Genetic variants in ALL – Ph+ and Ph-like

Philippe Rousselot



- > Research grants: Pfizer, Incyte
- > Advisory boards: Amgen, Pfizer
- > Travel grant: Pfizer



# Philadelphia-Positive ALL

- > Ph+ ALL are best treated with the combination of chemotherapy and tyrosine kinase inhibitor
- > Ph+ ALL develop BCR-ABL TK domain mutations in case of relapse
- > Ponatinib is efficient on most TK domain mutations except compound mutations
- > Allogenic stem cell transplantation can be avoided in case of a DMR
- > Chemo-free regimens are associated with a better OS compared with the combination of chemotherapy and TKI
- > Ph-like ALL are of better prognostic as compared with other B-cell ALL

# Initial Therapy With TKIs: Similar High CR Rates

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

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

**Imatinib: 94% CR**

**Nilotinib: 91% CR**

**Dasatinib: 92% CR**

**Ponatinib: 100% CR**

Courtesy of M Yilmaz.

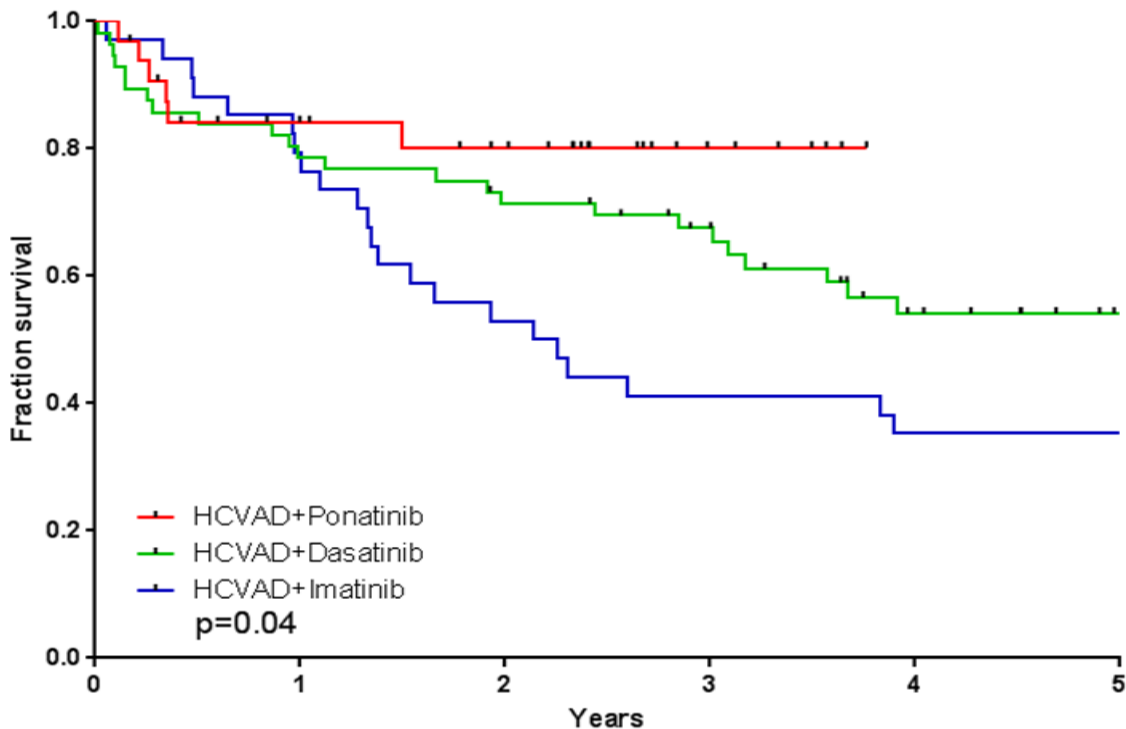
Ph+ ALL, Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; N, number of patients; m, months; CR, complete remission.

Yilmaz M, et al. Clin Adv Hematol Oncol. 2018;16(3):216-228.



# Relapse-free Survival and OS

## Summary From MDACC: HCVAD + TKIs



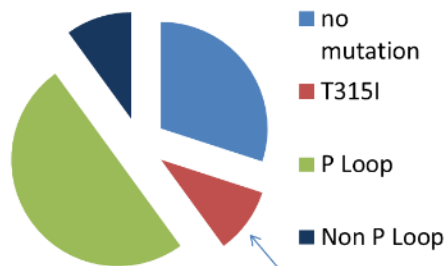


# Best TKI for BCR-ABL tk Domain Mutations

## Mutations analysis in relapse

AFR07 : IMATINIB

Mutations



EWALL-PH-01 : DASATINIB

Mutations

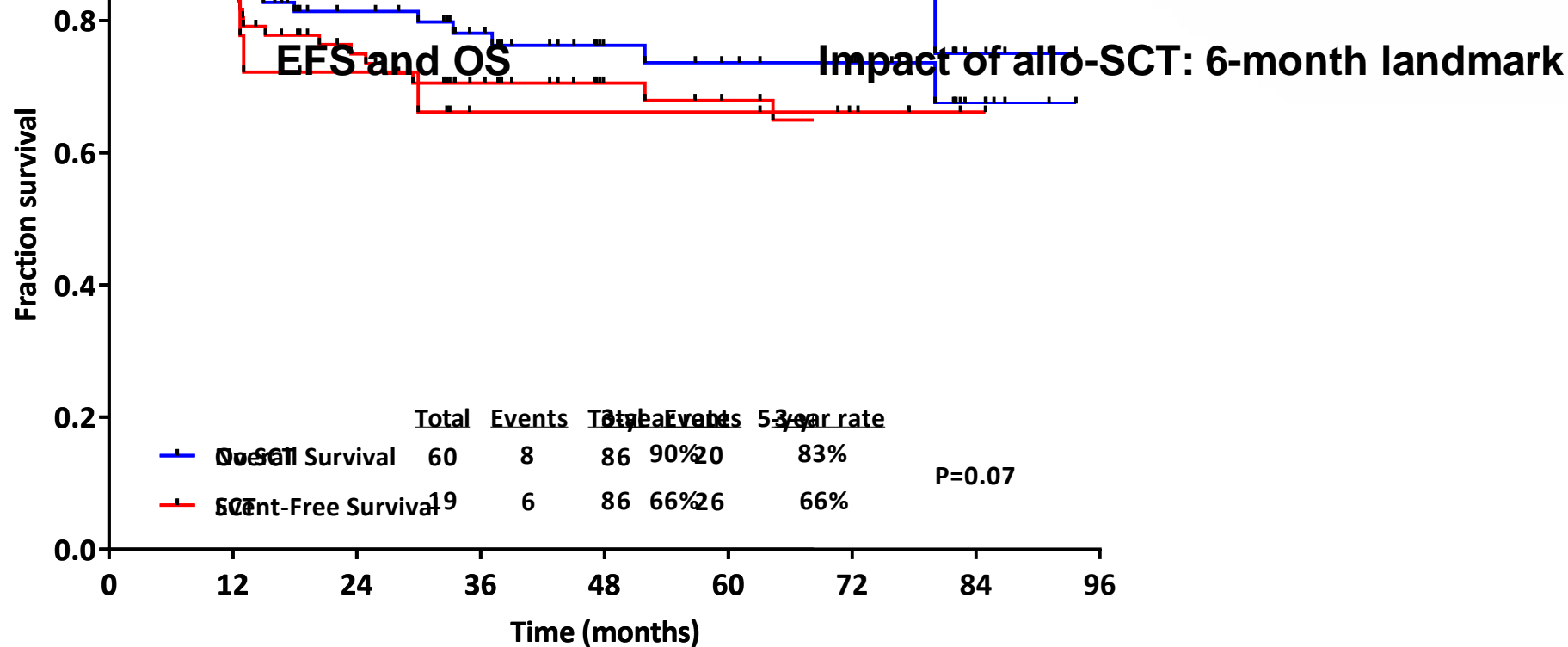


GRAAPH 2014: NILOTINIB

T315I



# Hyper-CVAD + Ponatinib in Ph+ ALL: Outcome







# Two Ongoing Randomized Trials

## > PONATINIB 3001 (Takeda)

- EudraCT: 2018-000397-30
- Imatinib 600 mg vs ponatinib 30 mg
- Ph+ ALL 18y and older
- Primary endpoint: molecular response (end of induction)

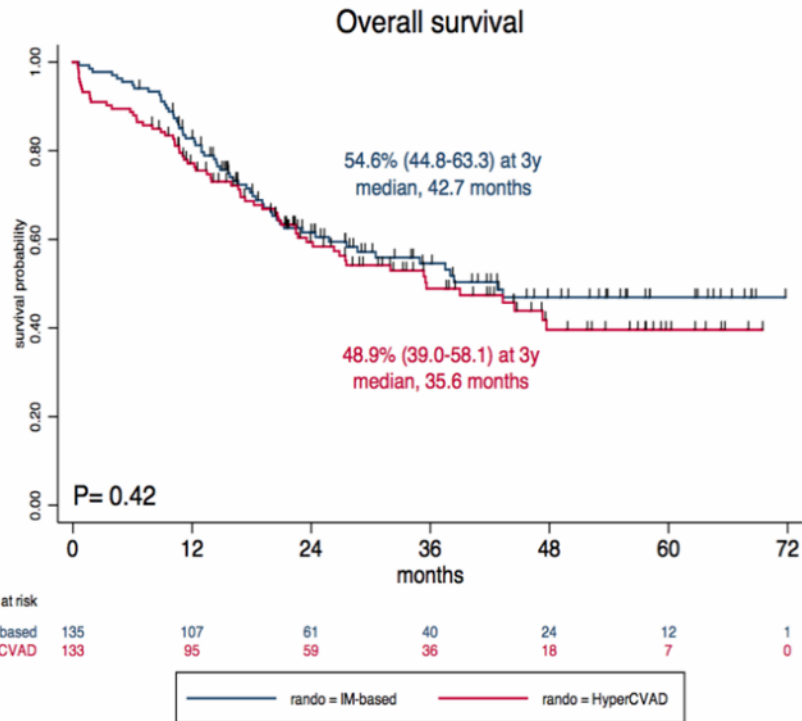
## > EWALL-PH-03 (Cardiff University)

- EudraCT : 2018-0003350-25
- Imatinib 600 mg vs ponatinib 30 mg
- Ph+ ALL 55y and older
- Primary endpoint: molecular response (during consolidation)





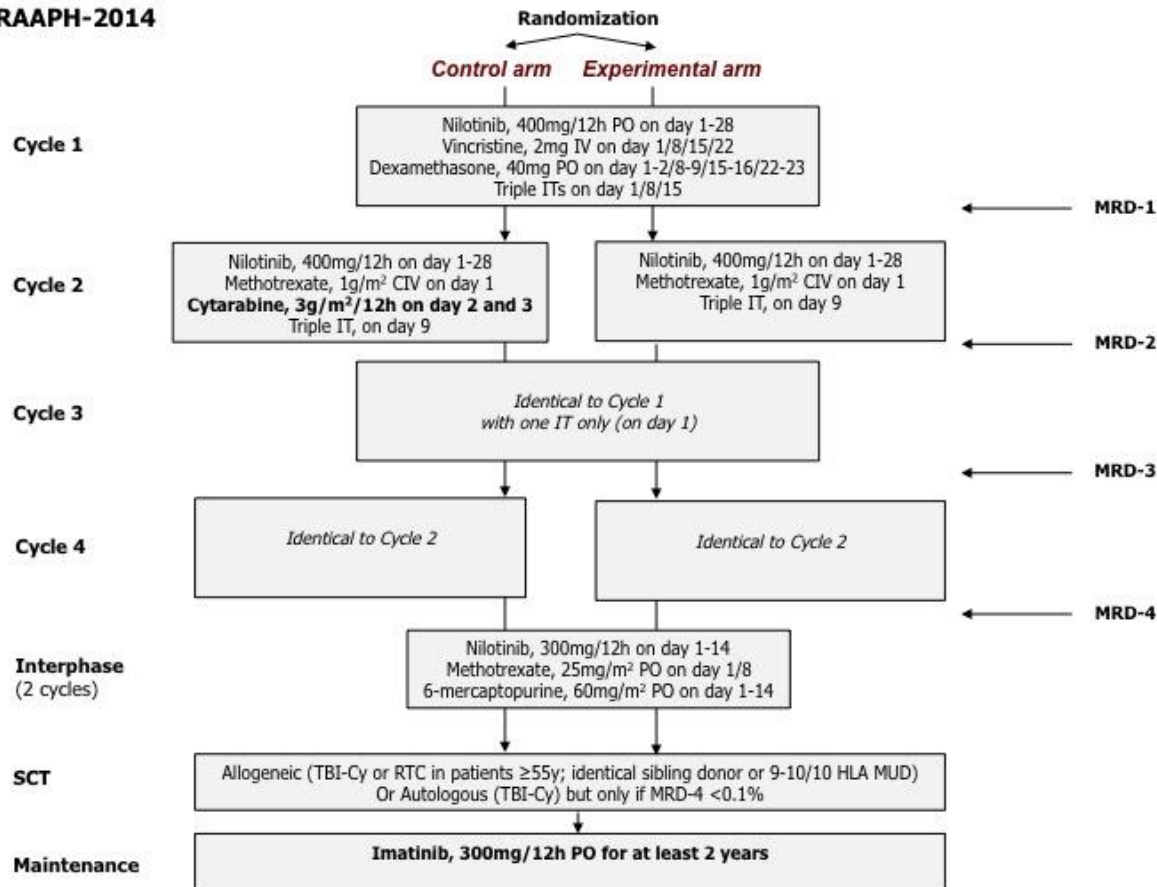
# High-Intensity vs Low-Intensity Chemotherapy for Induction – GRAAPH 2005



|                              | IM-based<br>(n= 135) | IM-HyperCVAD<br>(n=133) | p     | Total<br>(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<br>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%)        |

Ph+ ALL frontline 18–60 yrs

GRAAPH-2014



Interim analysis  
Aim  
80%: BCR-ABL1 <0.1%

Final analysis  
BCR-ABL1 <0.1%  
Equivalent



# **GRAAPH 2014**

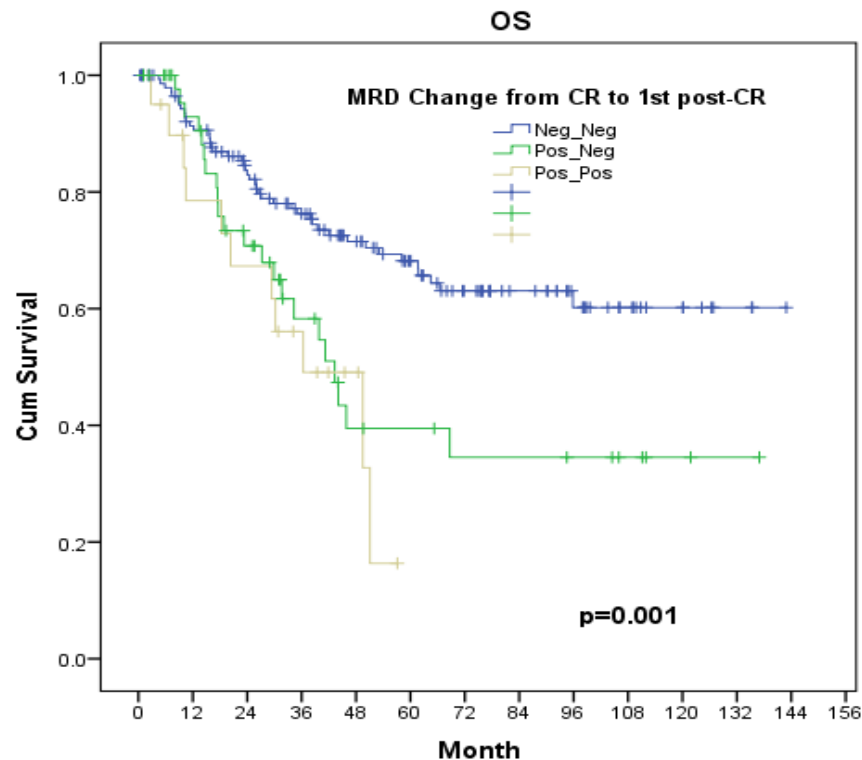
## **Final Analysis of the 156 Randomized Patients**

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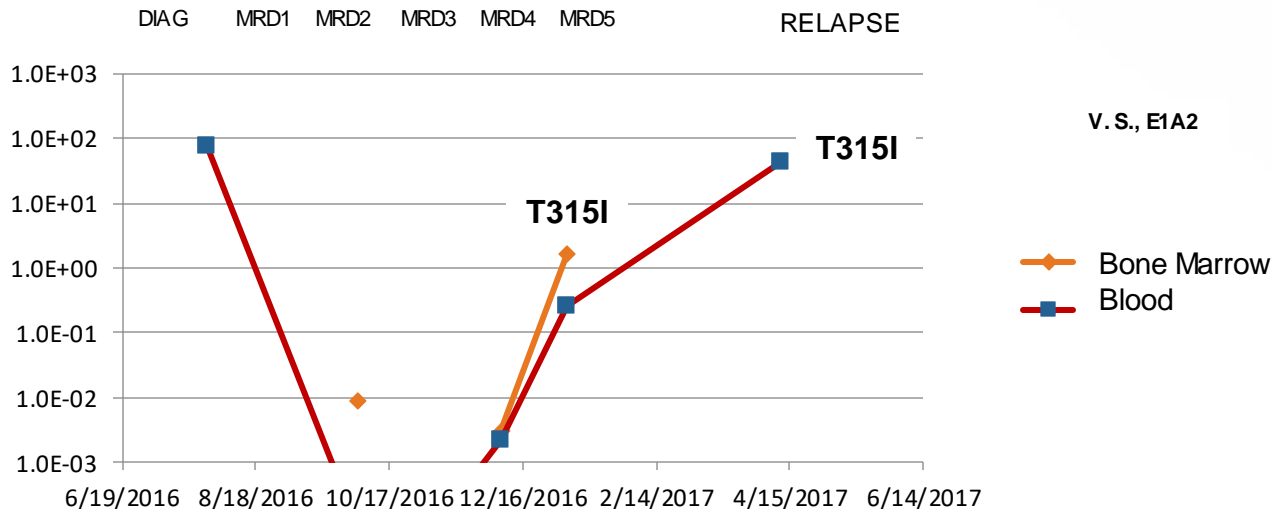
# Dynamics of MRD: Outcome

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





# GRAAPH 2014 004-1016-V-S (nilotinib)



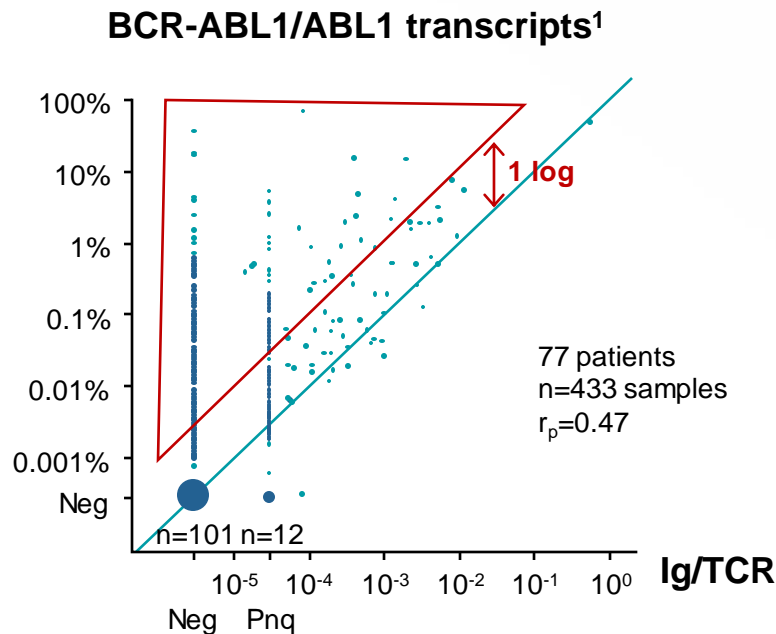
- T315I 25% at MRD5
- Relapse 3 months later with T315I at 100%
- No mutation detected at diagnosis

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## MRD: BCR-ABL vs IgH/TCR

**47% of patients show persistence of BCR-ABL1 along with Ig/TCR decrease (disassociated kinetics)<sup>1</sup>**

- > Suggests the existence of BCR-ABL1 clonal hematopoiesis in a subtype of adult Ph+ ALL
- > This resembles a “CML-like” entity, as previously described,<sup>2,3</sup> in a fraction of patients with Ph+ ALL



Ig/TCR, immunoglobulin/T-cell receptor; neg, negative; pnq, positive not quantifiable;  $r_p$ , Pearson linear.

1. Clappier E, et al. EHA 2018. Abstract S1568; 2. Hovorkova L, et al. *Blood*. 2017;129:2771-2781;

3. Nagel I, et al. *Lymphoid Neoplasia*. 2007;130:2027-2031.



# Prospective Analysis of the GRAAPH 2014 MRD

> Next ASH 2021!





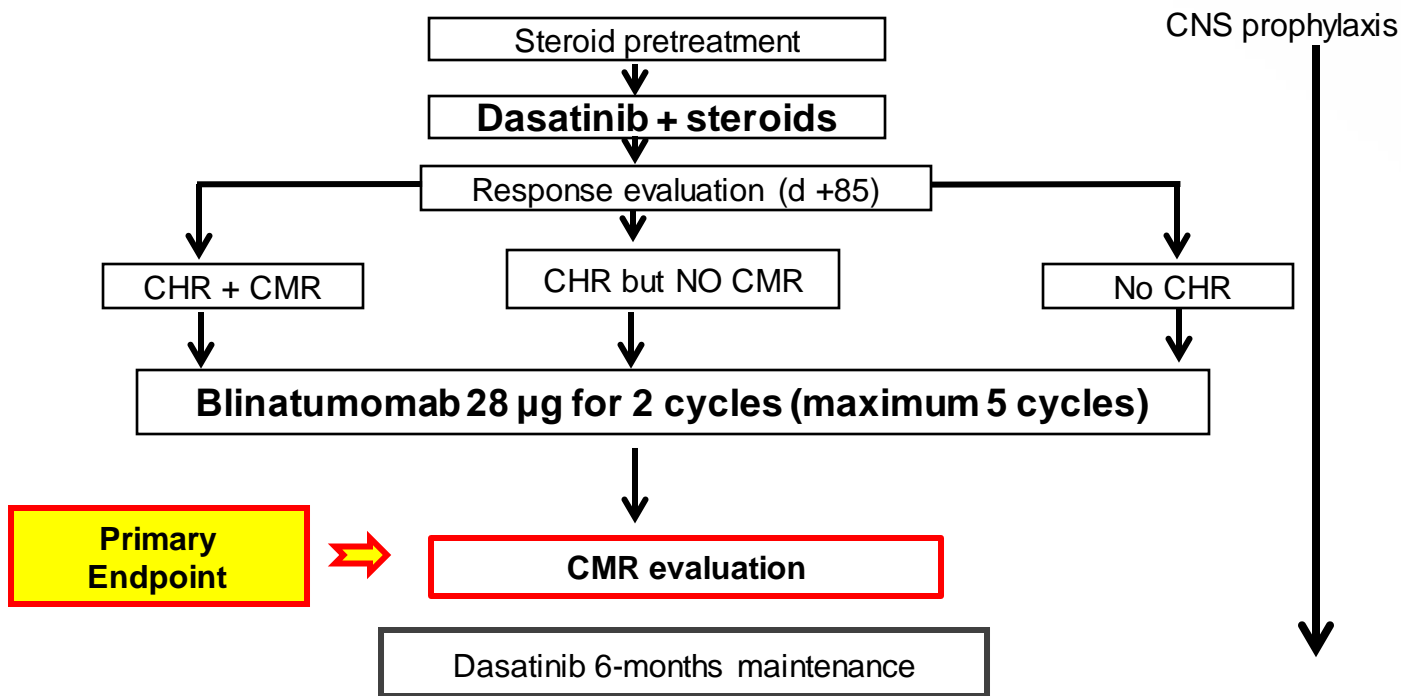
# Two Evolving Strategies to Treat Ph+ ALL

| Parameter           | Hyper-CVAD + ponatinib | TKIs with reduced chemo |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| % CR                | 90–100                 | 90–100                  |
| <b>% CMR</b>        | <b>80</b>              | <b>60</b>               |
| Allo-SCT required   | Only if no CMR         | In all                  |
| % 3-yr survival/DFS | 80                     | 80                      |

**A third strategy: Chemo free?**

# Global Leukemia Dasatinib + Blinatumomab for First-line Treatment of Ph+ ALL: Preliminary Results of the GIMEMA LAL2116 D-ALBA trial

## D-ALBA: treatment scheme





# Dasatinib-Blinatumomab in Ph+ ALL

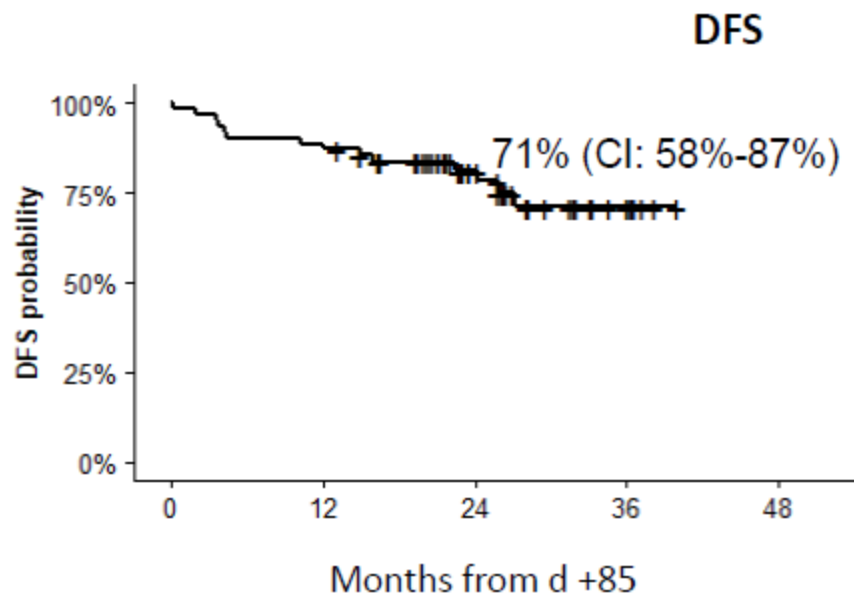
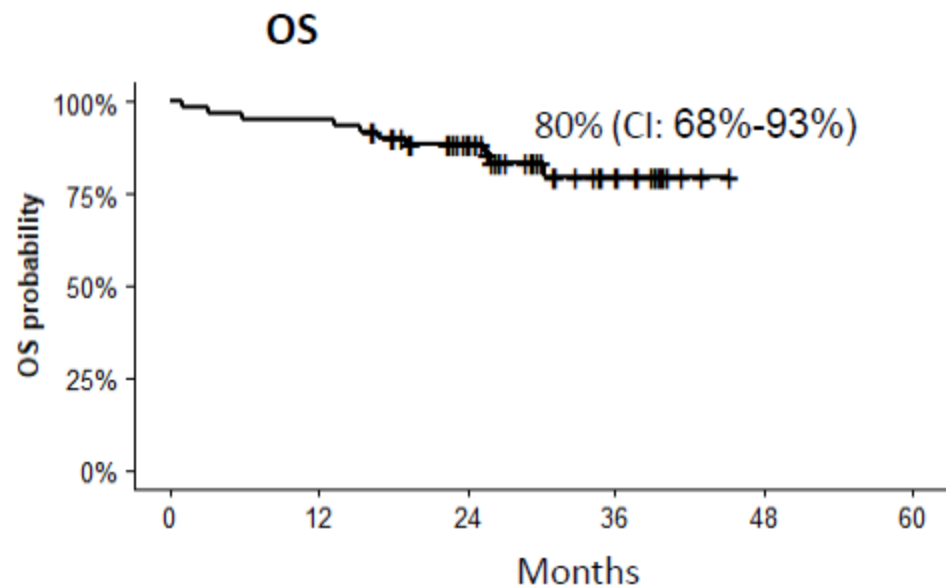
> 63 pts, median age 54 yr (24–82)

> CR: 98%

**Table 2.** Molecular Responses during Induction Therapy, at the End of Induction Therapy (Day 85), and after Each Blinatumomab Cycle.

| Assessment                                       | No Molecular Response | Complete Molecular Response | Positive Nonquantifiable Response | Overall Molecular Response |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>number of patients/total number (percent)</i> |                       |                             |                                   |                            |
| Induction period                                 |                       |                             |                                   |                            |
| Day 22   | 48/58 (83)            | 3/58 (5)                    | 7/58 (12)                         | 10/58 (17)                 |
| Day 45   | 43/60 (72)            | 9/60 (15)                   | 8/60 (13)                         | 17/60 (28)                 |
| Day 57   | 38/56 (68)            | 11/56 (20)                  | 7/56 (12)                         | 18/56 (32)                 |
| Day 85   | 42/59 (71)            | 6/59 (10)                   | 11/59 (19)                        | 17/59 (29)                 |
| Blinatumomab cycle                               |                       |                             |                                   |                            |
| After cycle 1                                    | 20/55 (36)            | 19/55 (35)                  | 16/55 (29)                        | 35/55 (64)                 |
| After cycle 2                                    | 22/55 (40)            | 23/55 (42)                  | 10/55 (18)                        | 33/55 (60)                 |
| After cycle 3                                    | 12/40 (30)            | 20/40 (50)                  | 8/40 (20)                         | 28/40 (70)                 |
| After cycle 4                                    | 7/36 (19)             | 17/36 (47)                  | 12/36 (33)                        | 29/36 (81)                 |
| After cycle 5                                    | 8/29 (28)             | 16/29 (55)                  | 5/29 (17)                         | 21/29 (72)                 |

# Updated D-ALBA: estimated 36 ms OS and DFS

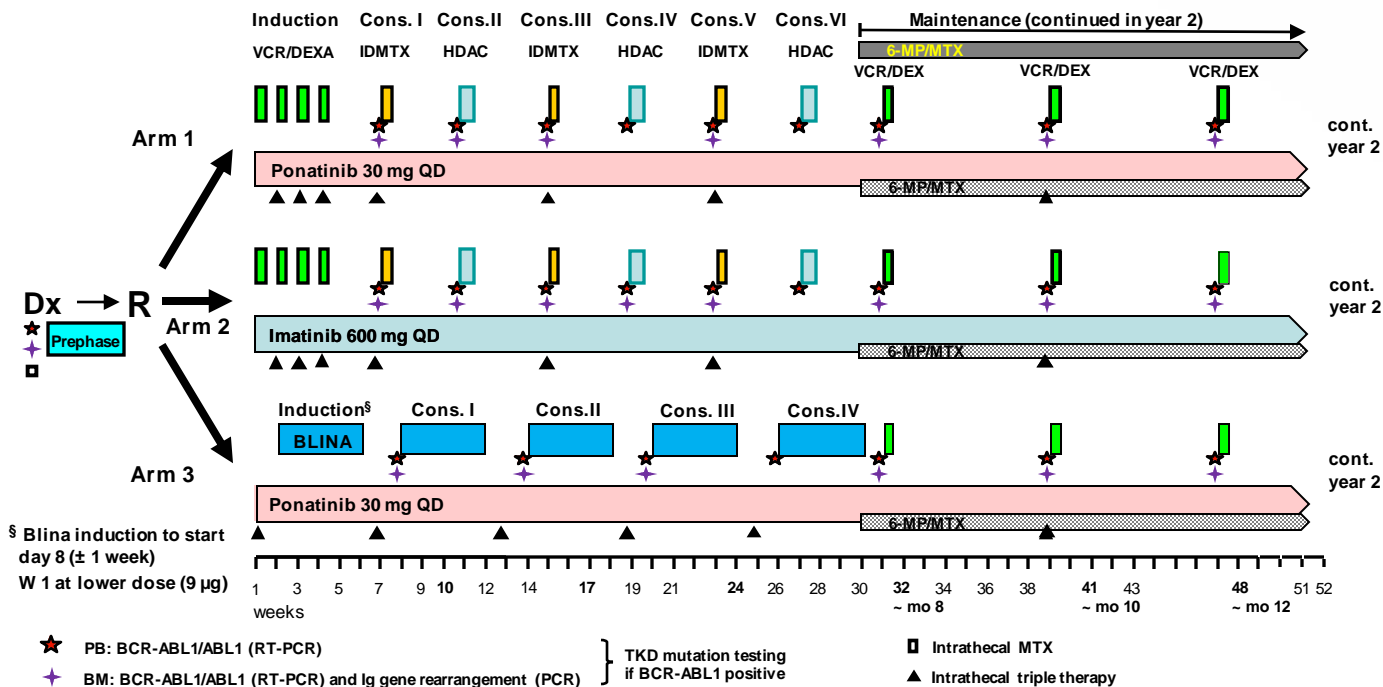


Median follow-up: 28.81 ms (0.9-45.16)

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# EWALL PH03: Study Design

Patients aged 55 yrs or older (ongoing, 7 patients included)



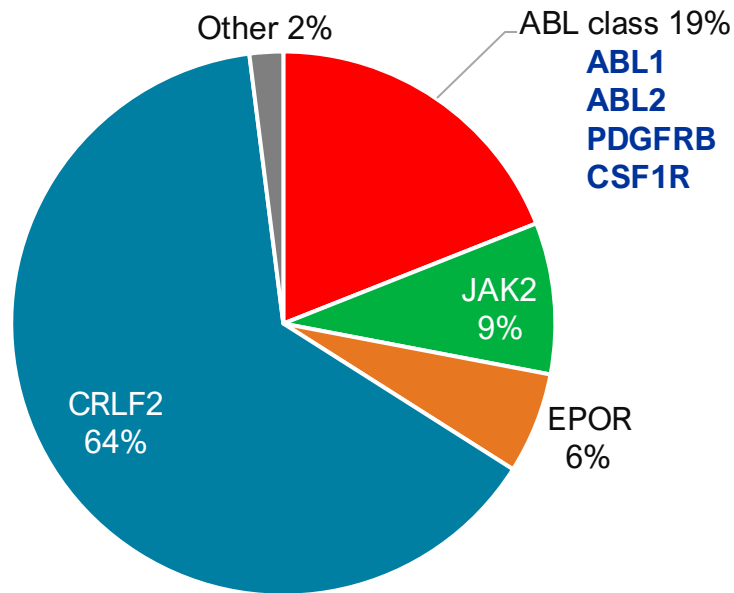


# BCR-ABL+-like ALL



# Ph-like BCP-ALL

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



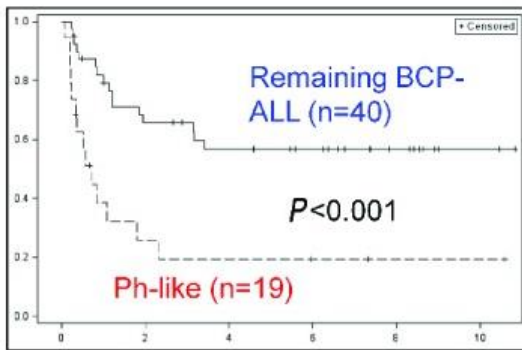
Summary data from 5 recent clinical studies (n = 2506 cases) depict the most common ABL class and CRLF2/JAK pathway-associated translocations occurring in children and adults with Ph-like ALL.

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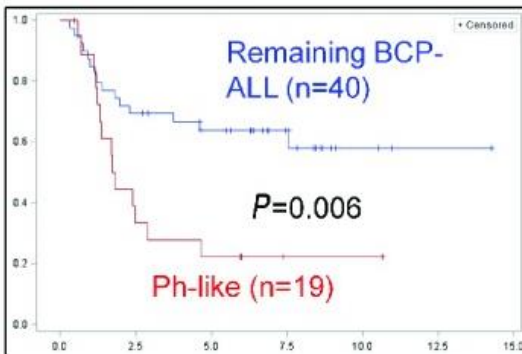
# Ph-like ALL Outcome in Adults

GMALL: 06/99 & 07/03<sup>1</sup>

DFS

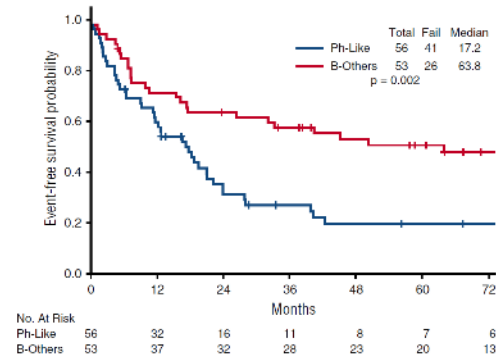


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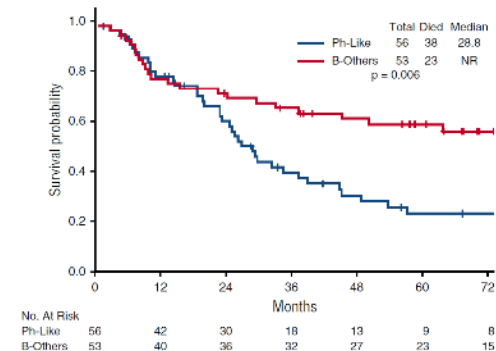


MDACC: HyperCVAD/A-BFM<sup>2</sup>

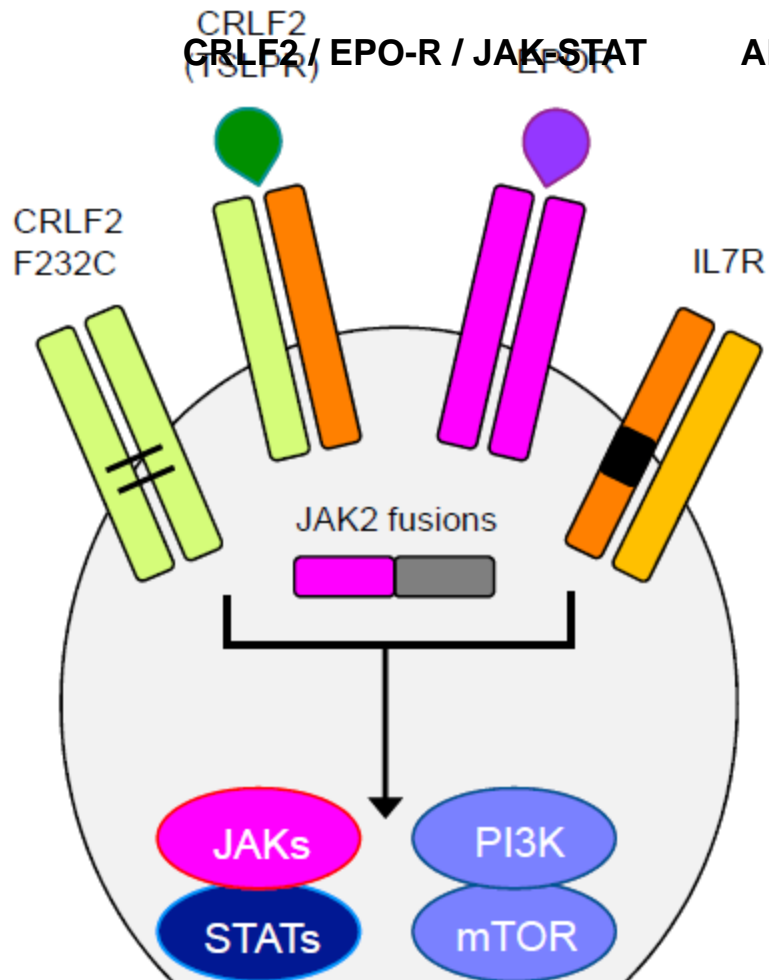
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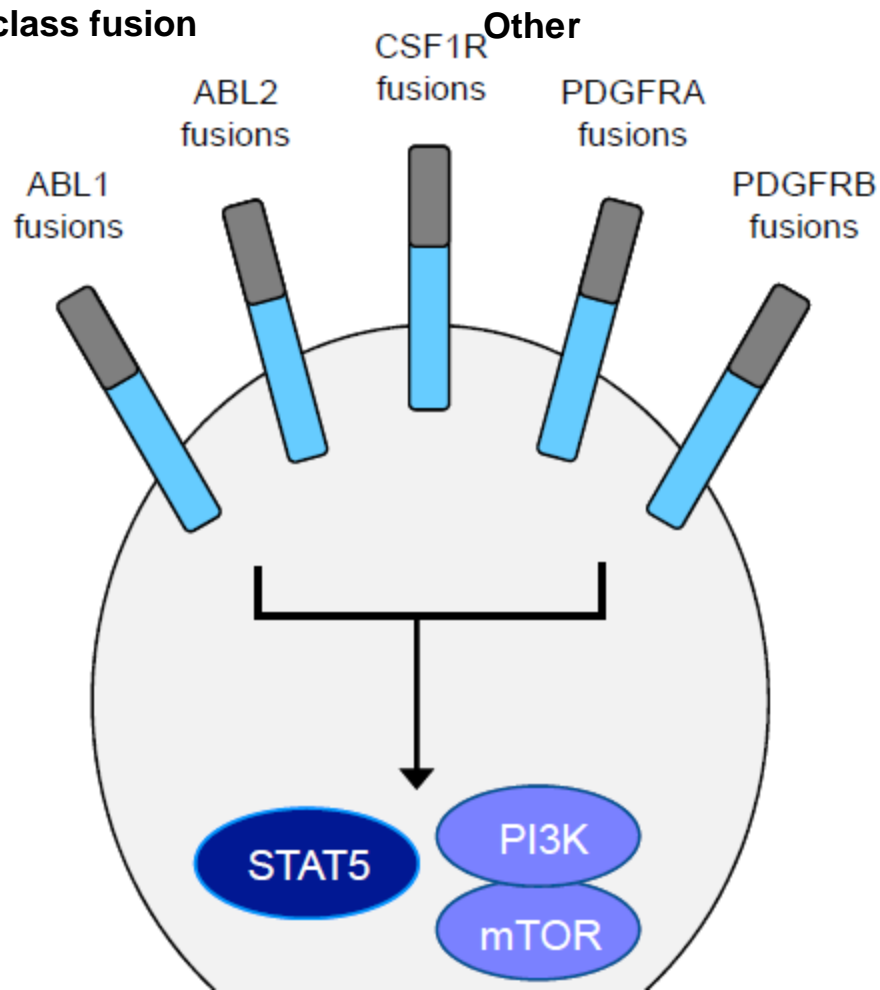
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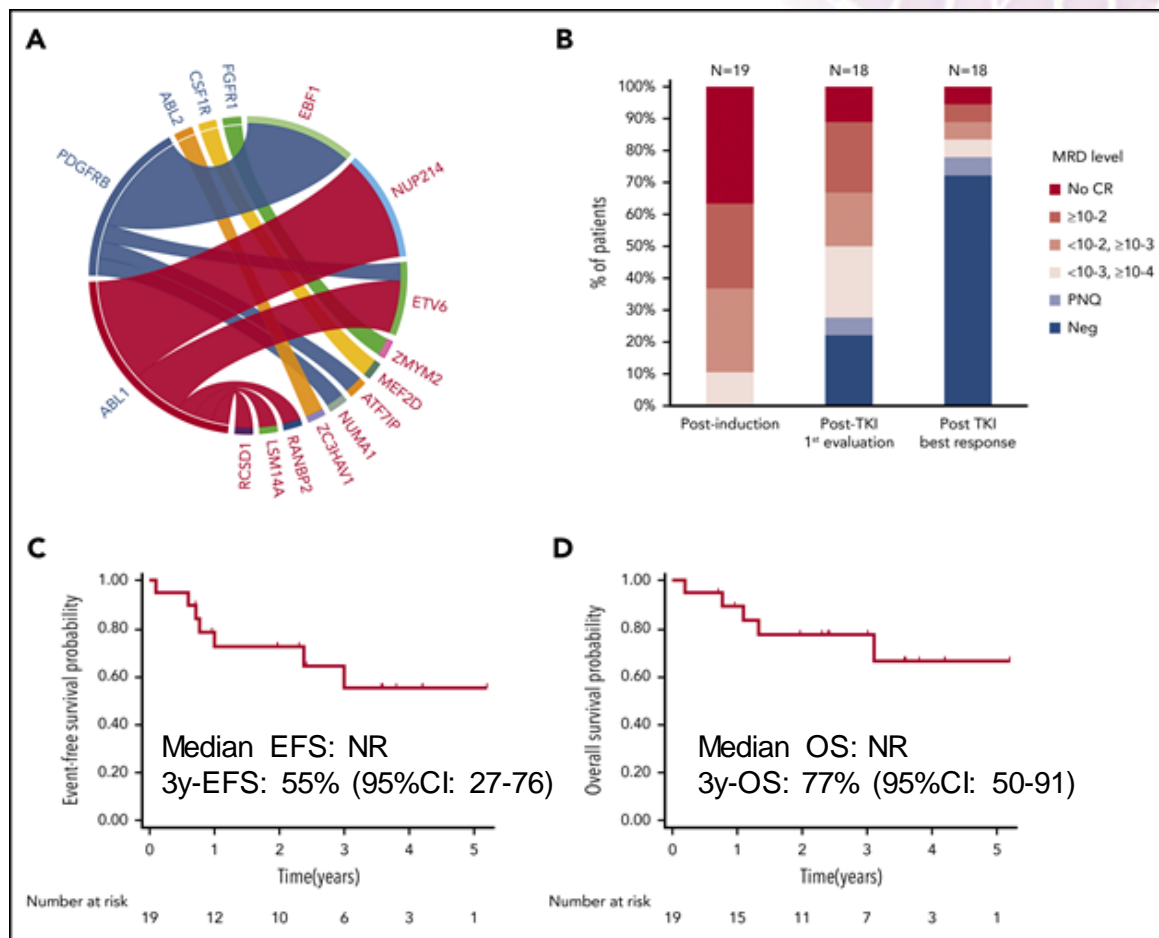
## ABL-class fusion





# Ph-like ALL With Targetable ABL-family Gene

*French TKI experience*





# Conclusions

- > Induction therapy: low-intensity chemotherapy + TKI
- > Best TKI: no direct comparison, ponatinib 45 mg if possible
- > Consolidation therapy: conventional chemotherapy + TKI
- > Allogeneic HSCT: still recommended, may be avoided in MRD-neg patients
- > Autologous HSCT: not recommended
- > MRD: evaluated by BCR-ABL1 quantification, discrepancies with IgH/TCR (CML-like Ph+ ALL)
- > Maintenance: indefinitely outside allo-HSCT
- > Relapse: no efficient therapy, mutation driven, ponatinib + blina may be the best option
- > CAR T-cell positioning: unknown
- > Chemo-free regimens: the future but CNS prophylaxis mandatory for BCR-ABL-like
  - Not so few patients
  - Personalized therapy?

# Philadelphia-positive ALL

- > Ph+ ALL are best treated with the combination of chemotherapy and tyrosine kinase inhibitor
- > Ph+ ALL develop BCR-ABL TK domain mutations in case of relapse
- > Ponatinib is efficient on most TK domain mutations except compound mutations
- > Allogenic stem cell transplantation can be avoided in case of a DMR
- > Chemo-free regimens are associated with a better OS as compared to the combination of chemotherapy and TKI
- > Ph like ALL are of better prognostic as compared to other B-cell ALL



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# Q&A session



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

Rob Pieters





## Adolescents/young adults (AYA) with ALL

Rob Pieters  
Chief Medical Officer





**Question 1: Which assertion is NOT correct for adolescent and young adult ALL patients?**

- a) Pediatric-inspired protocols lead to a better outcome than adult-inspired protocols
- b) Osteonecrosis and anaphylactic reactions to asparaginase are more often seen in adults than in children and teenagers
- c) AYA patients experience more liver toxicity and thrombosis than children <10 years old
- d) *BCR-ABL1*-like ALL is more frequent in AYA ALL than in children <10 years old with ALL

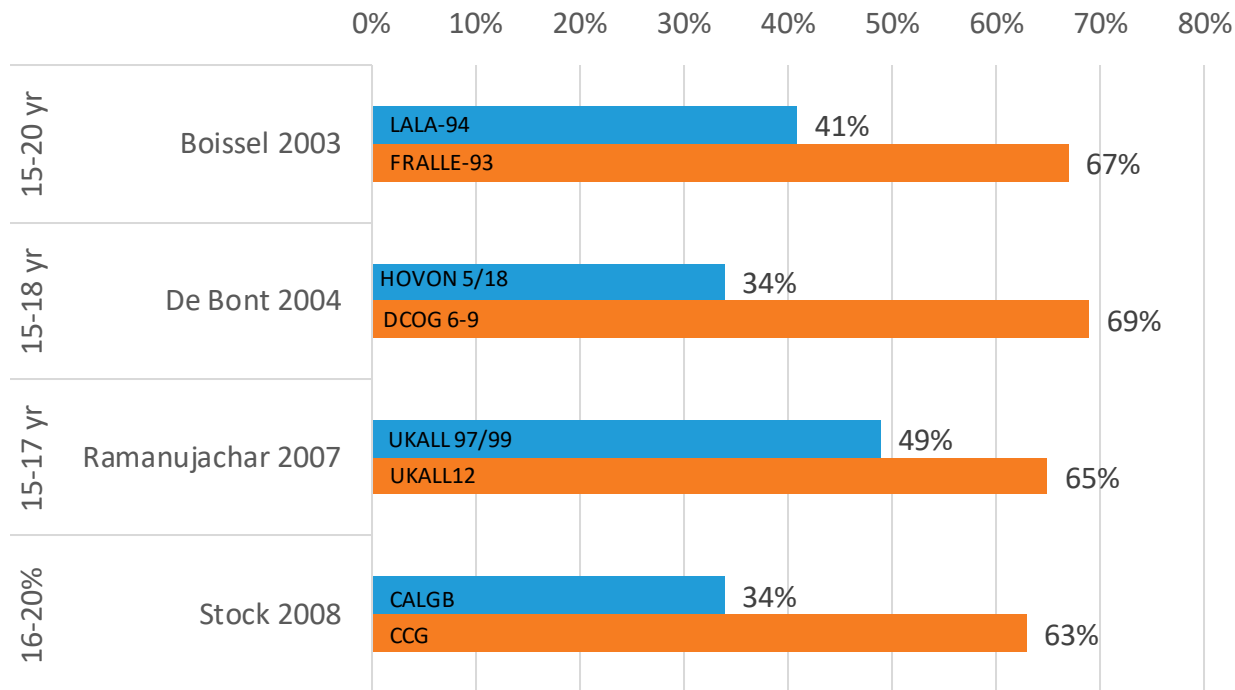
## Inferior outcome for AYA patients: Why?

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

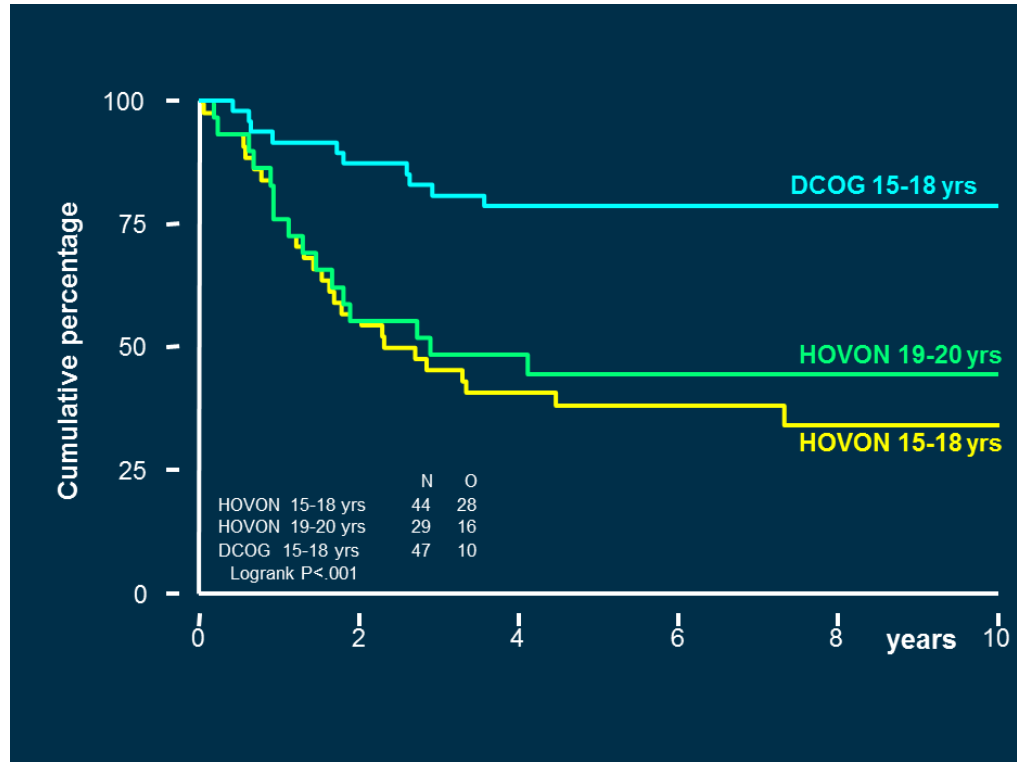
## Pediatric vs adult treatment protocols

- 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

# Comparison of 5-year EFS in adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients treated on pediatric and adult protocols



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

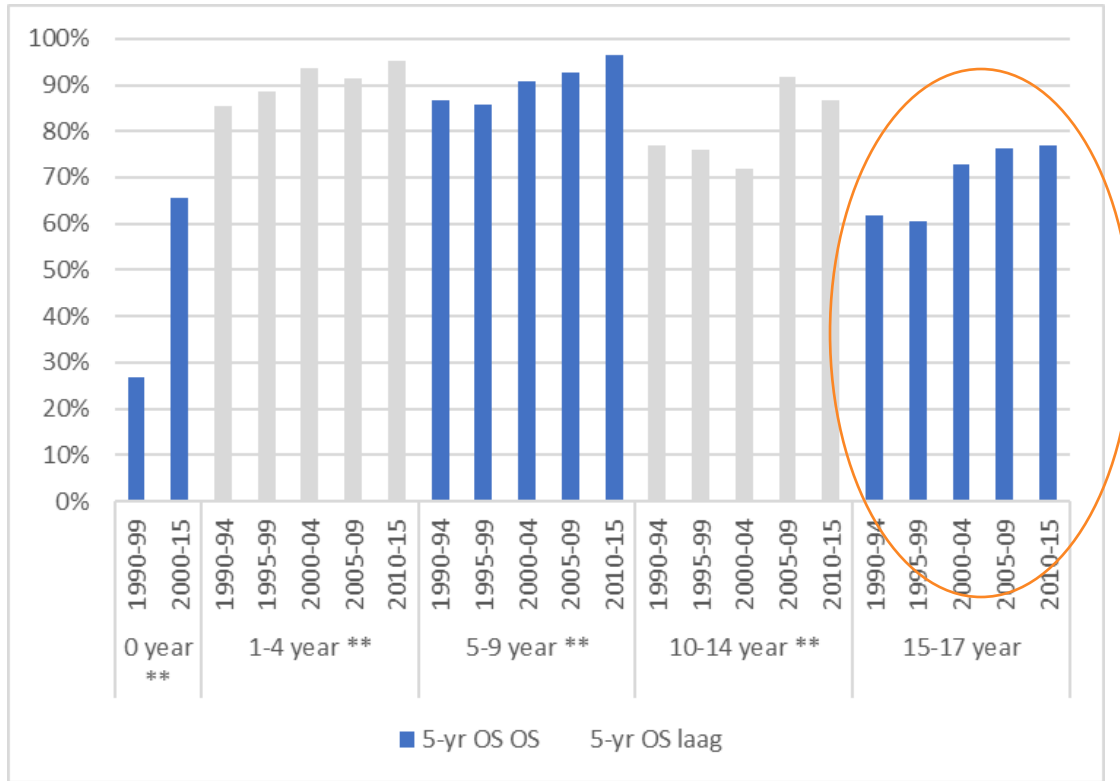


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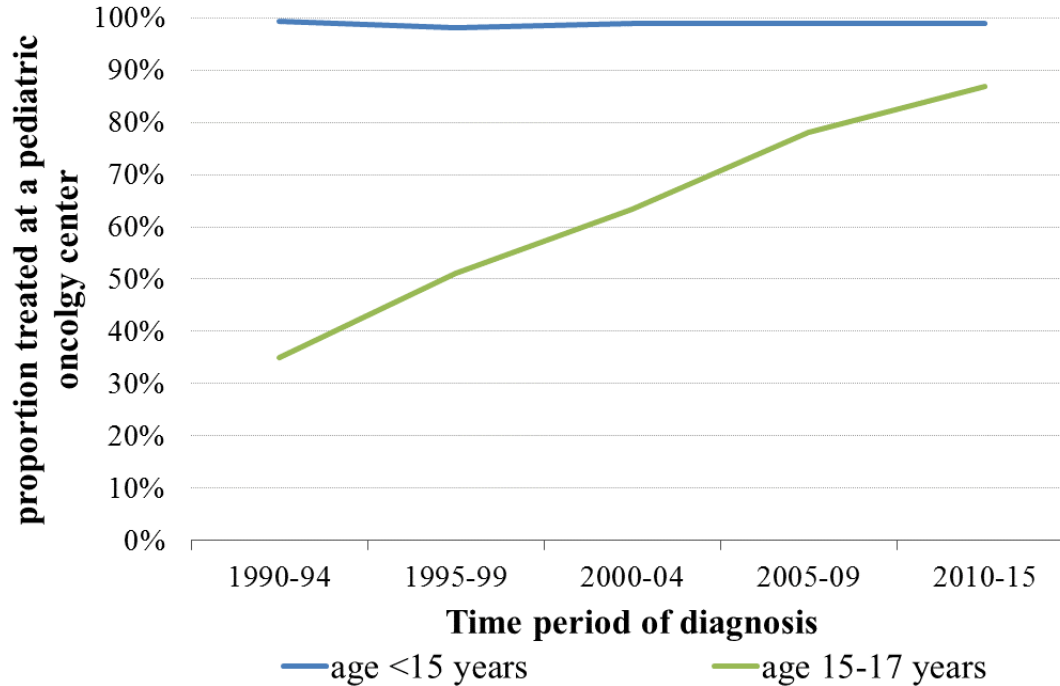
## 5 yrs actuarial probabilities

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

## 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 old with ALL in the Netherlands between 1990 and 2015

|                   |                                   | Hazard risk | 95% CI | 95% CI | P value |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Period            | 1990-94                           | Reference   |        |        |         |
|                   | 1995-99                           | 0.97        | 0.50   | 1.91   | .94     |
|                   | 2000-04                           | 0.67        | 0.32   | 1.42   | .30     |
|                   | 2005-09                           | 0.64        | 0.30   | 1.37   | .25     |
|                   | 2010-15                           | 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    |

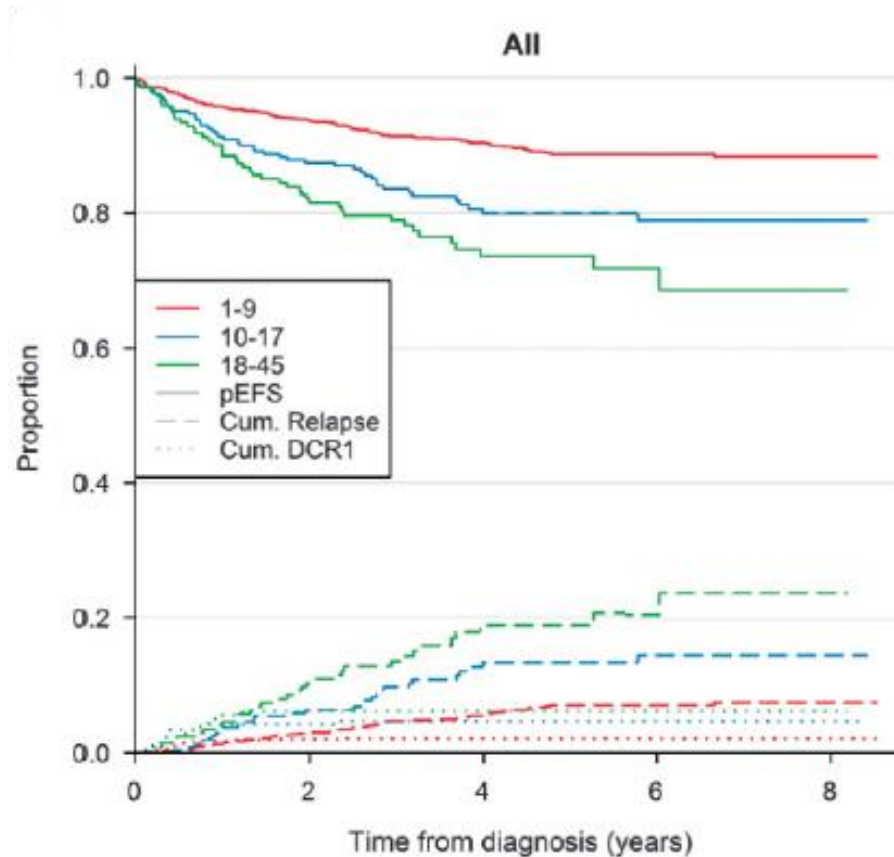
## Outcomes of older adolescents treated on recent pediatric trials

| Trial            | No. of patients | Age range, yr | 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         | 3.5            | 3.5            | 12      | 5   | 79 | 5  | 82 |

# Outcomes of young adults on recent pediatric-inspired protocol (HOVON)

| Trial            | No. of pts | Age range, yr | Early death, % | Death in CR, % | HSCT, %    | EFS      |           | OS       |           |
|------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|                  |            |               |                |                |            | Y        | %         | Y        | %         |
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| <b>HOVON 100</b> | <b>77</b>  | <b>18-25</b>  |                |                | <b>44%</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>77</b> |
| <b>HOVON 100</b> | <b>82</b>  | <b>26-40</b>  |                |                | <b>41%</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>72</b> |

## EFS, relapse, and death in first remission by age

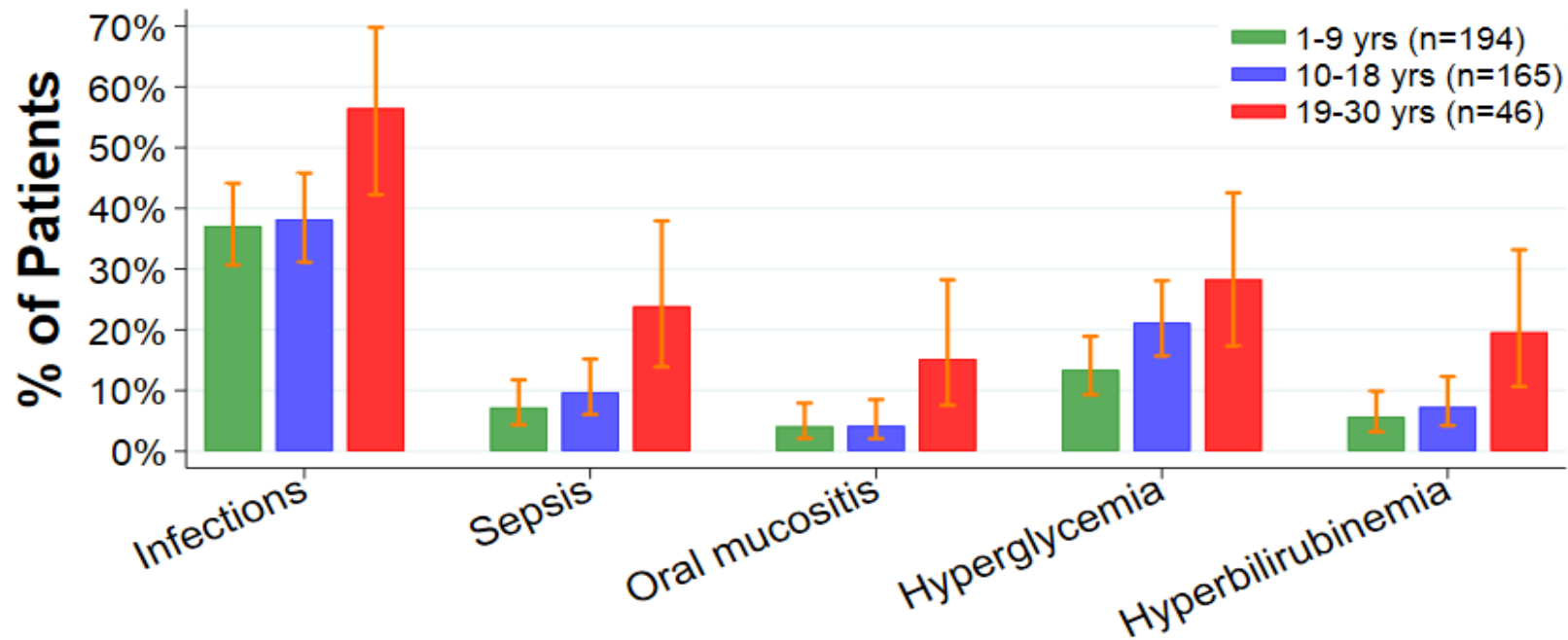


## Toxicity by age

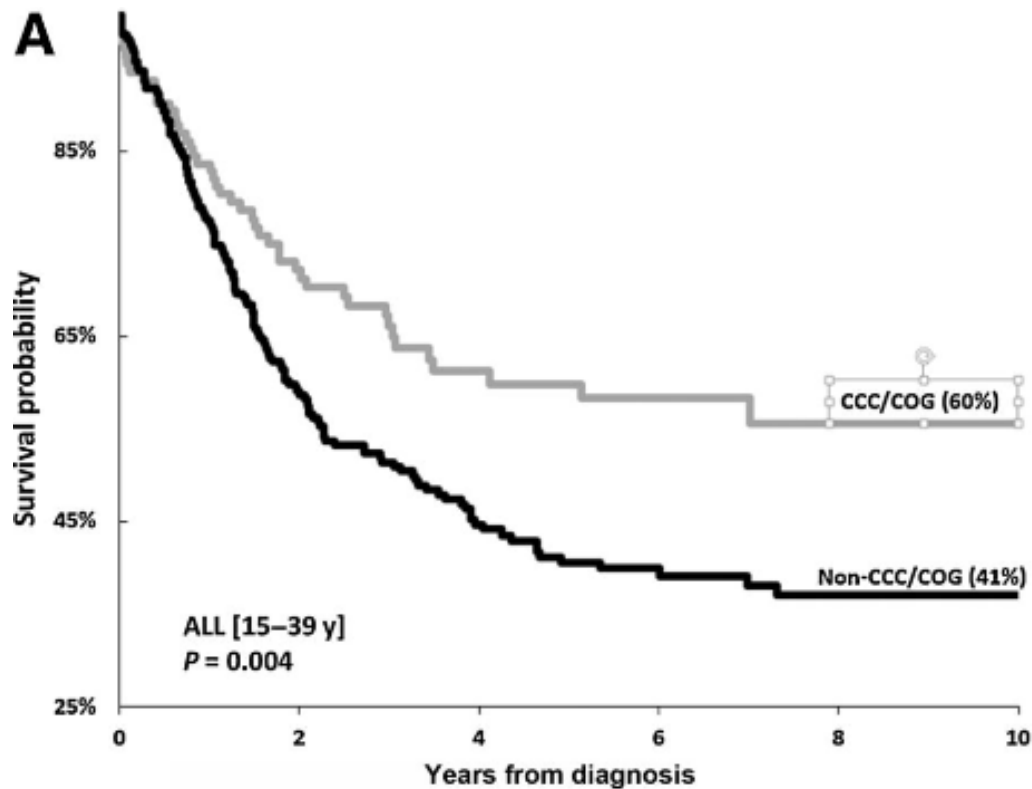
|   | Y/N (%)           | OR (95% CI)    | P      |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Intensive care w/wo assisted ventilation</b> |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 145 / 864 (14.4%) | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 54 / 208 (20.6%)  | 1.3 (0.9- 1.9) | 0.14   |
| 18-45   | 40 / 172 (18.9%)  | 1.1 (0.7- 1.6) | 0.68   |
| <b>Anaphylatic reaction to asparaginase</b>     |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 146 / 863 (14.5%) | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 25 / 237 (9.5%)   | 0.6 (0.4- 0.9) | 0.016  |
| 18-45   | 11 / 201 (5.2%)   | 0.3 (0.1- 0.5) | <0.001 |
| <b>Invasive Fungal infection</b>                |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 98 / 911 (9.7%)   | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 32 / 230 (12.2%)  | 0.9 (0.6- 1.4) | 0.68   |
| 18-45   | 28 / 184 (13.2%)  | 0.9 (0.5- 1.4) | 0.54   |
| <b>Peripheral paralysis</b>                     |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 100 / 909 (9.9%)  | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 30 / 232 (11.5%)  | 1.3 (0.8- 2.1) | 0.21   |
| 18-45   | 20 / 192 (9.4%)   | 1.1 (0.7- 1.9) | 0.61   |
| <b>Pancreatitis</b>                             |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 60 / 949 (5.9%)   | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 29 / 233 (11.1%)  | 2.2 (1.3- 3.5) | 0.001  |
| 18-45   | 24 / 188 (11.3%)  | 2.4 (1.4- 4.0) | 0.001  |
| <b>Hyperlipidemia</b>                           |                   |                |        |
| 1-9   | 72 / 937 (7.1%)   | 1.0 (1.0- 1.0) |        |
| 10-17   | 26 / 236 (9.9%)   | 1.7 (1.0- 2.8) | 0.027  |
| 18-45   | 15 / 197 (7.1%)   | 1.3 (0.7- 2.3) | 0.37   |

|                      |                  |                |        |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Thrombosis</b>    |                  |                |        |
| 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 |
| <b>Osteonecrosis</b> |                  |                |        |
| 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 |
| <b>Seizures</b>      |                  |                |        |
| 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   |
| <b>PCP</b>           |                  |                |        |
| 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  |
| <b>PRES</b>          |                  |                |        |
| 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   |

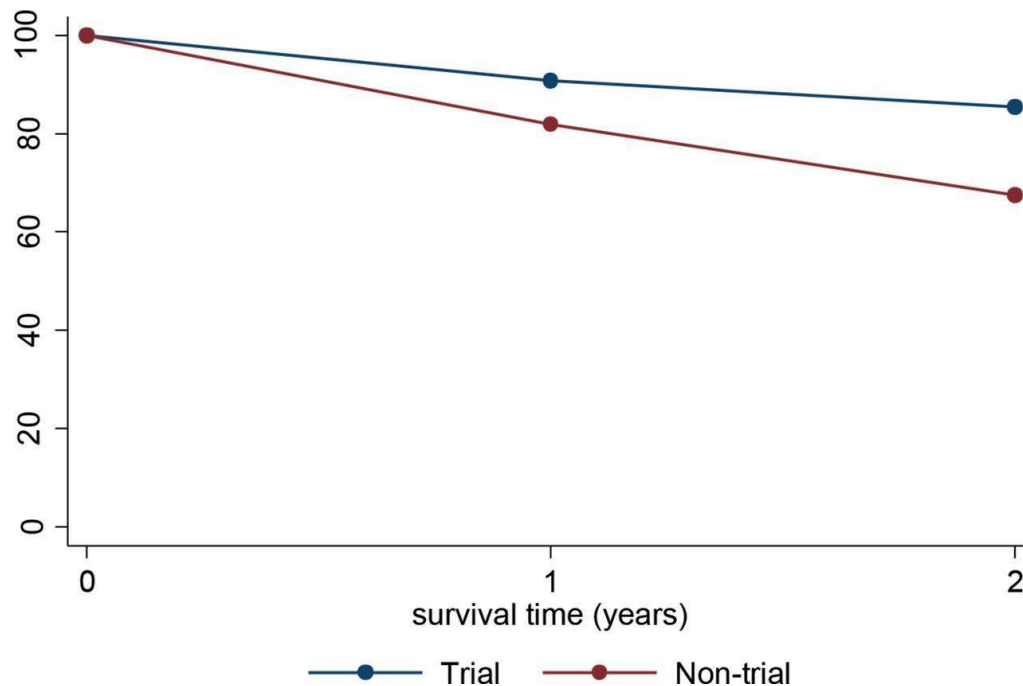
## Induction toxicities by age (COG first-relapse B-ALL clinical trial AALL1331)



## Survival in AYA with ALL by treatment site in North America

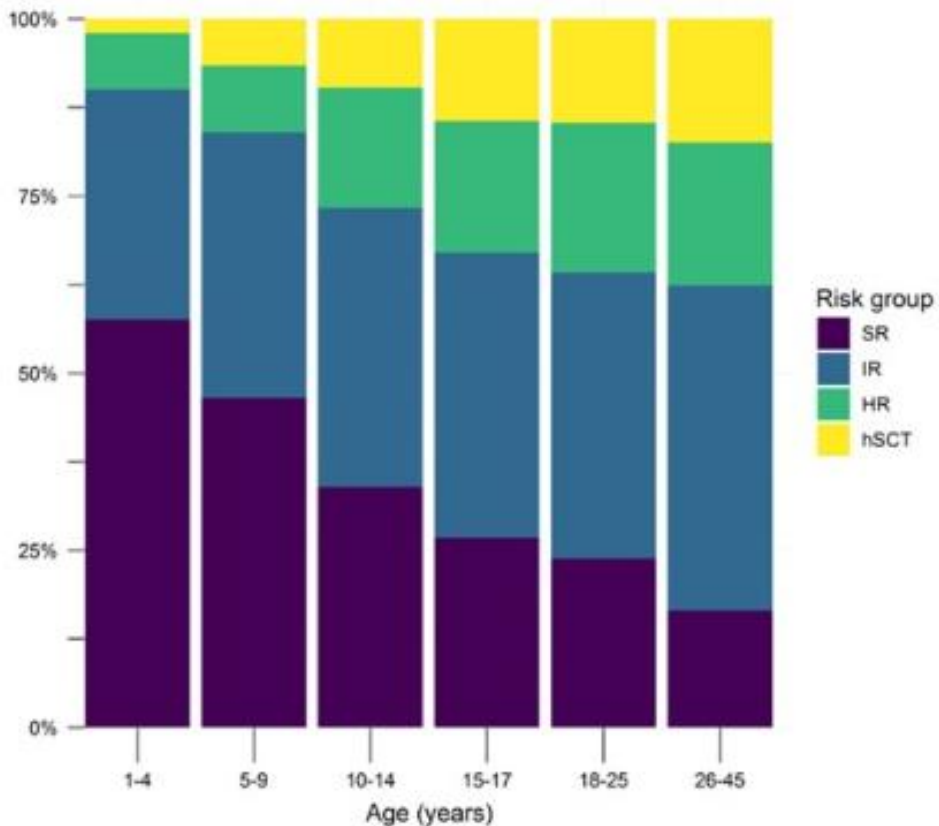


## Survival in 15- to 24-year-old ALL patients (n = 503) by trial status

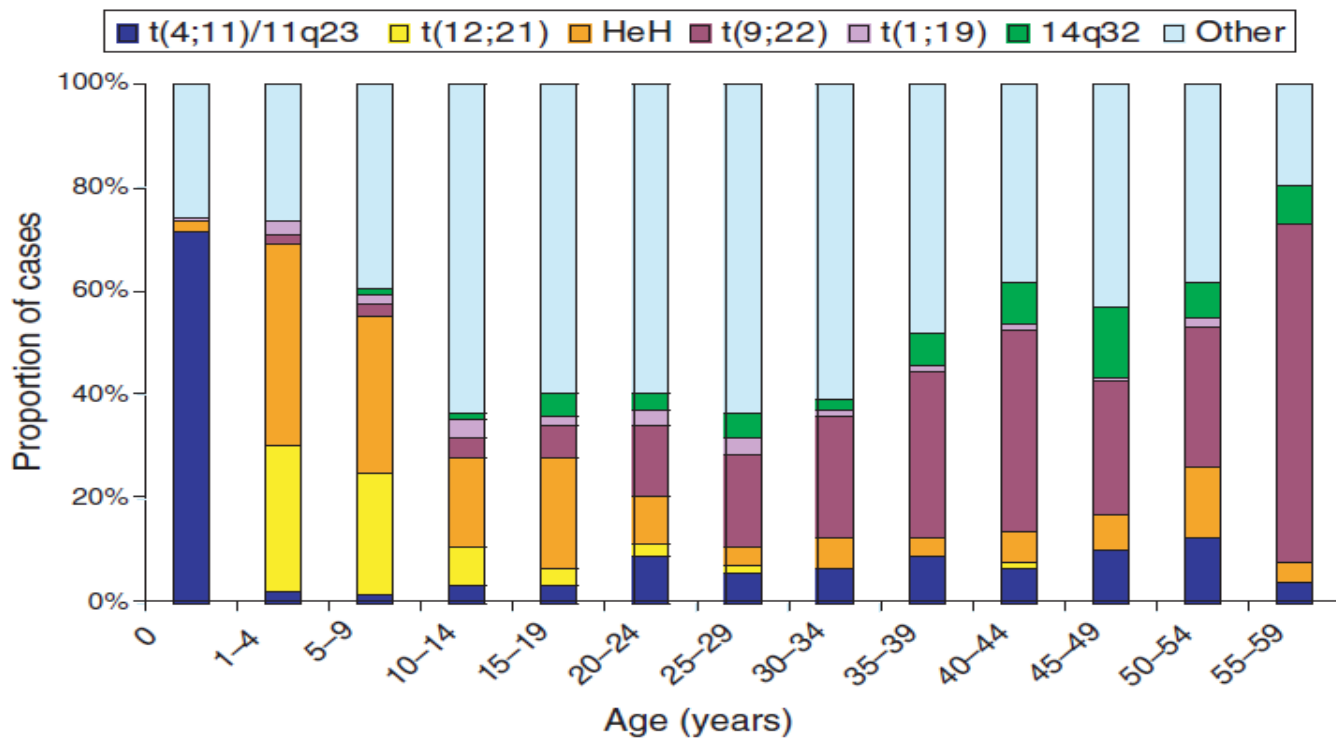




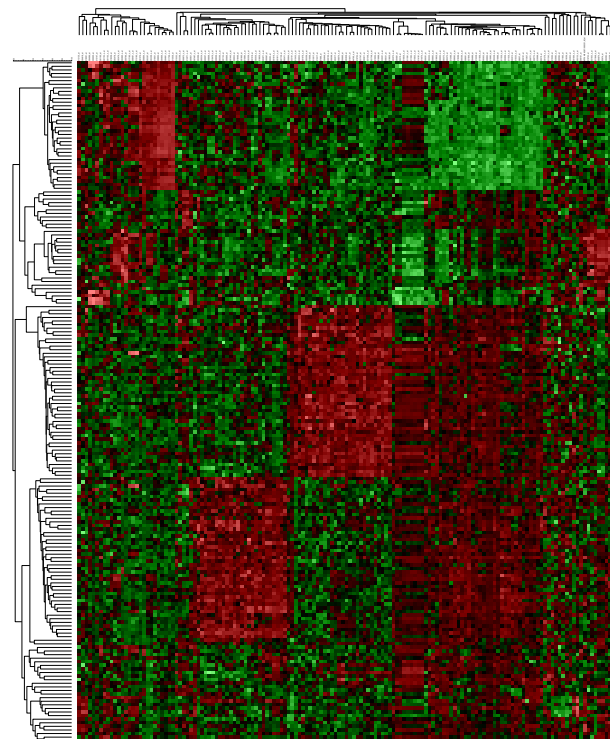
## Risk group distribution (MRD based) by age



## Distribution of cytogenetic subtypes of ALL by age



# Discovery of *BCR-ABL1*-like ALL in 2009



T-ALL

E2A-rearranged

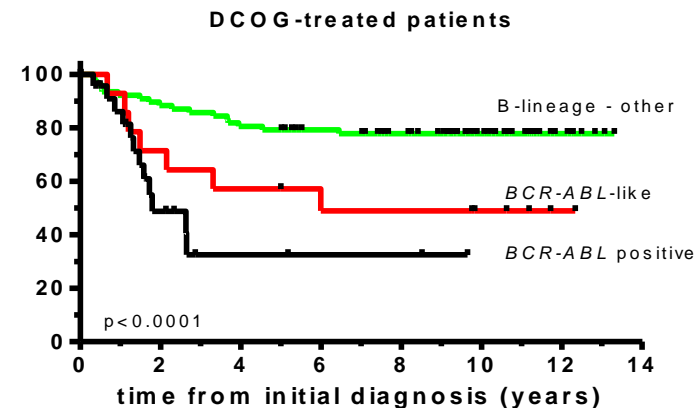
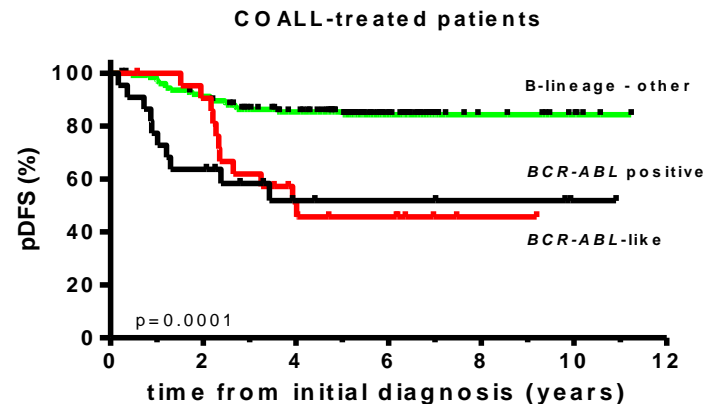
MLL-rearranged

TEL-AML1

Hyperdiploid

BCR-ABL1

5 real *BCR-ABL1*  
30 *BCR-ABL1*-like



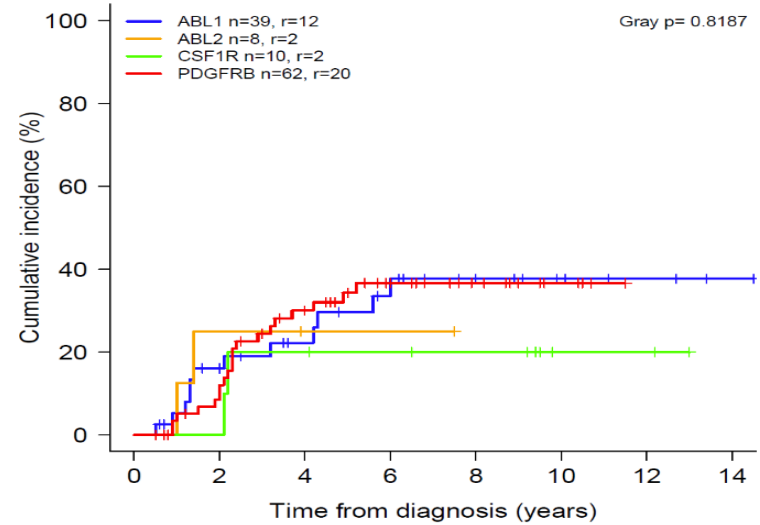
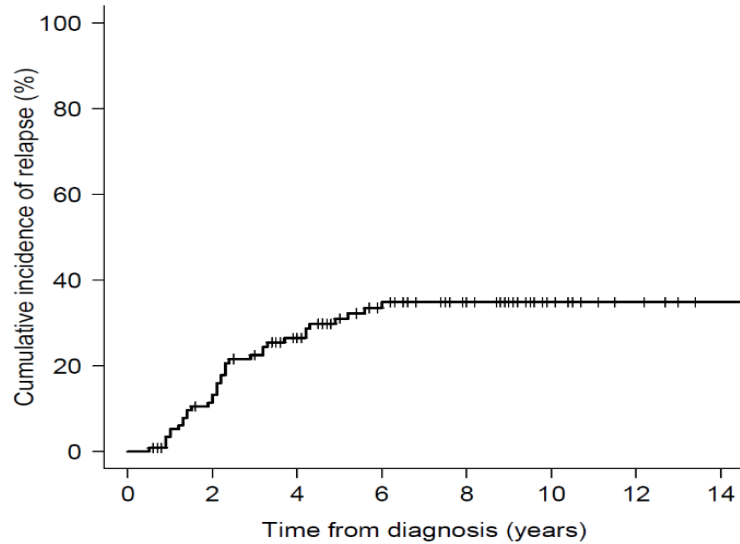
## Frequency of identified tyrosine kinase fusion genes in *BCR-ABL1*-like ALL and remaining B-other ALL

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

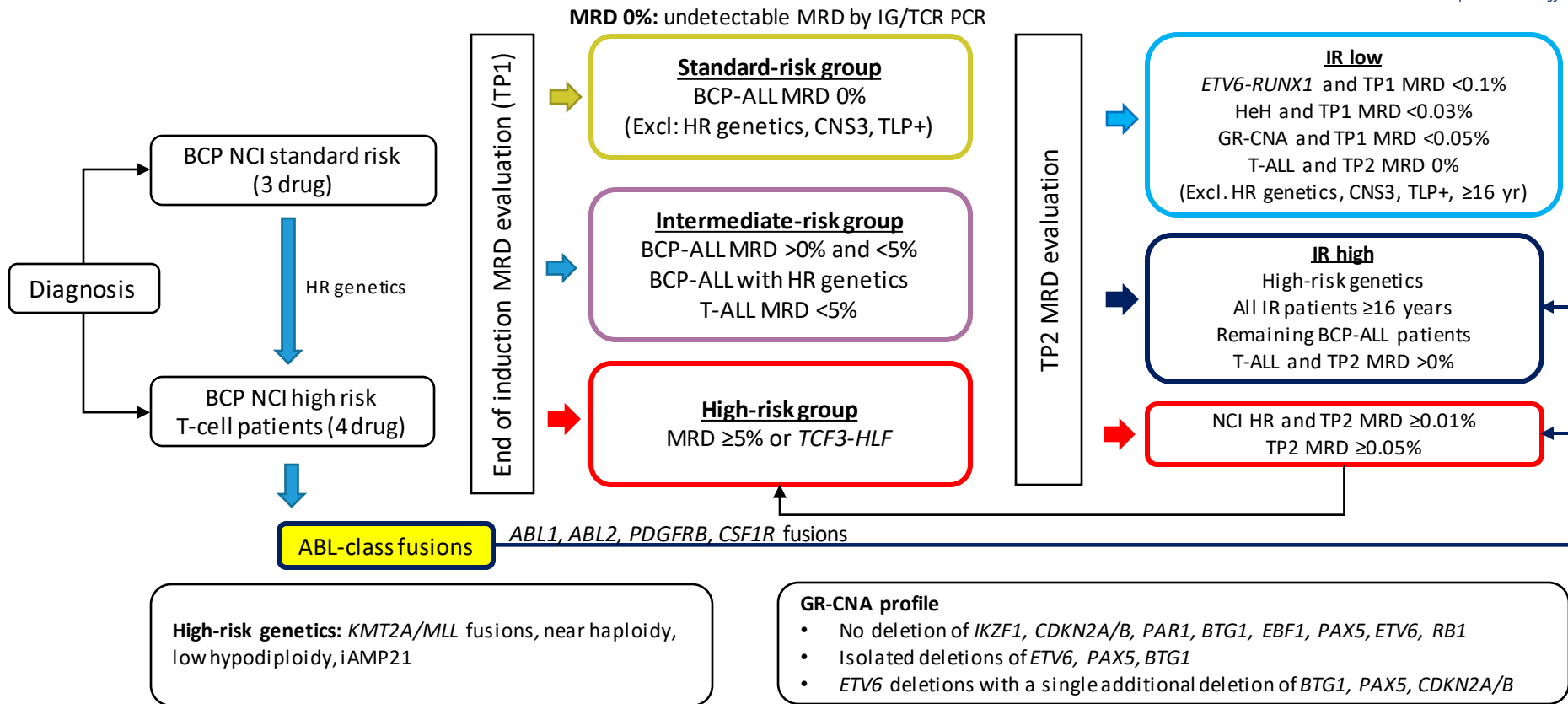
12% with **ABL-class** fusions  
Targetable with TKI, eg, imatinib/dasatinib

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

# Cumulative incidence of relapse in ABL-class patients

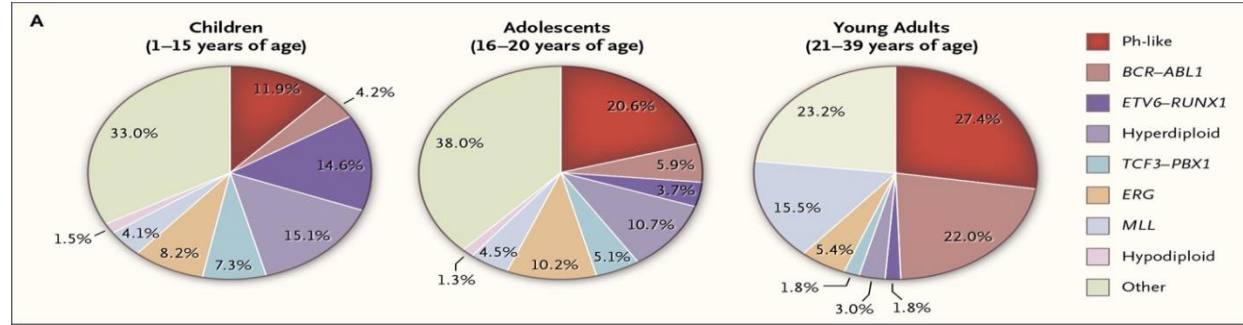


# Risk-stratification algorithm

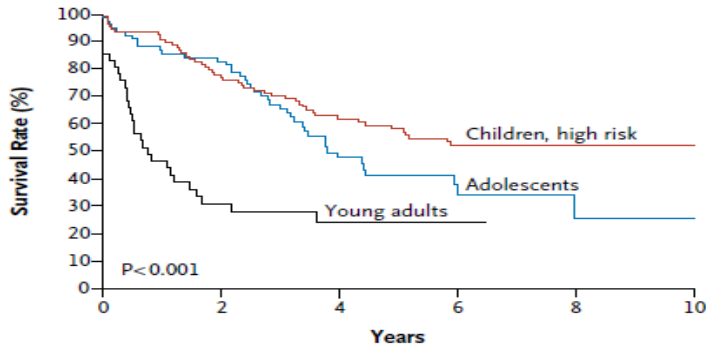


## Ph-like ALL: Prevalence and outcomes

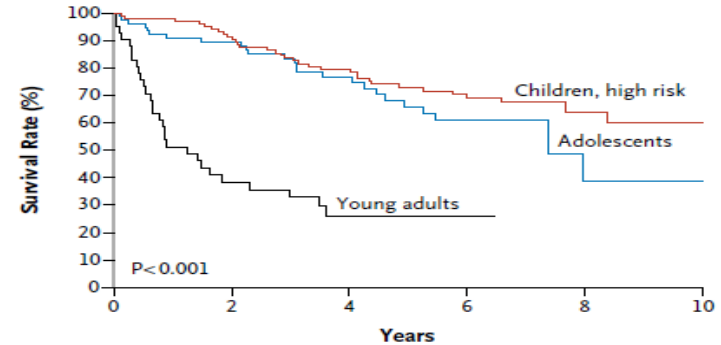
- 154 cases Ph-like ALL analyzed by NGS
- Kinase activating alterations in 91%
- Prevalence increased with age
- Inferior outcomes among all age groups



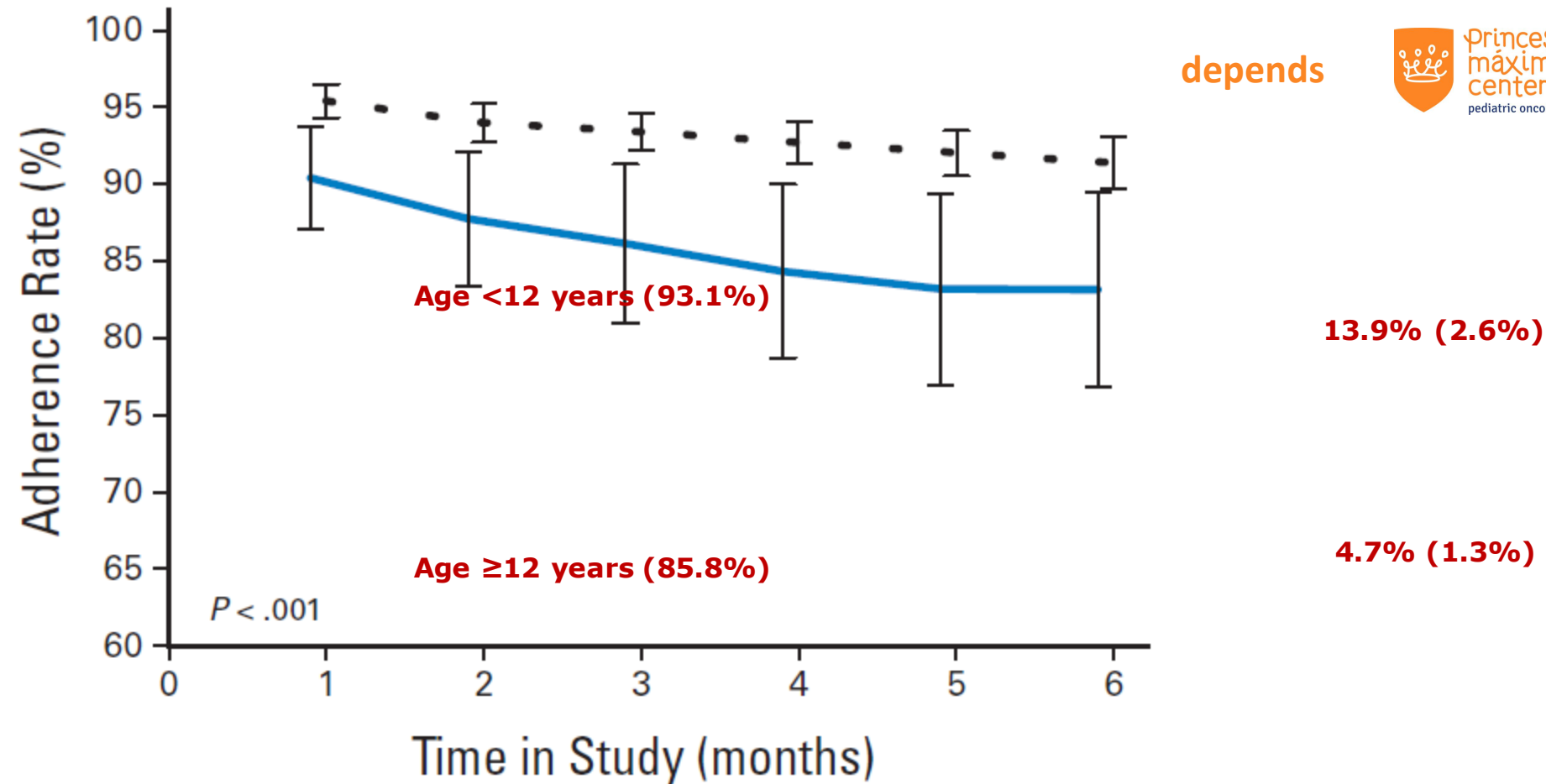
**A Event-free Survival**



**B Overall Survival**



depends





## AYA conclusions

- Outcomes improved but still inferior to those in younger children
- Pediatric-inspired protocols better than adult-inspired protocols
- Treatment within trials – better outcomes
- Higher toxicity in AYA than in younger children, but manageable
- Higher incidence of unfavorable biology/genetics
- Lower adherence to medication



[repeated question] Question 1: Which assertion is NOT correct for adolescent and young adult ALL patients?

- a) Pediatric-inspired protocols lead to a better outcome than adult-inspired protocols
- b) Osteonecrosis and anaphylactic reactions to asparaginase are more often seen in adults than in children and teenagers
- c) AYA patients experience more liver toxicity and thrombosis than children <10 years old
- d) *BCR-ABL1*-like ALL is more frequent in AYA ALL than in children <10 years old with ALL

Thank you



# Q&A session



# Break



# **Bispecifics as post-reinduction therapy improve survival in high-risk first-relapse pediatric and AYA B-ALL**

Patrick Brown





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# **Bispecific T-Cell Engagers as Post-reinduction Therapy Improves Survival in Pediatric and AYA B-ALL**

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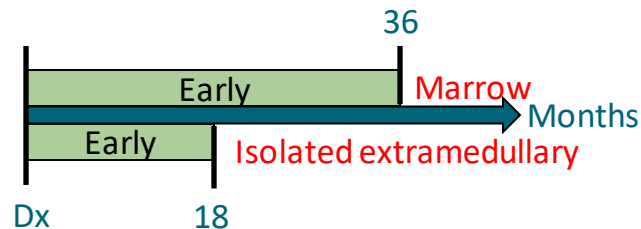
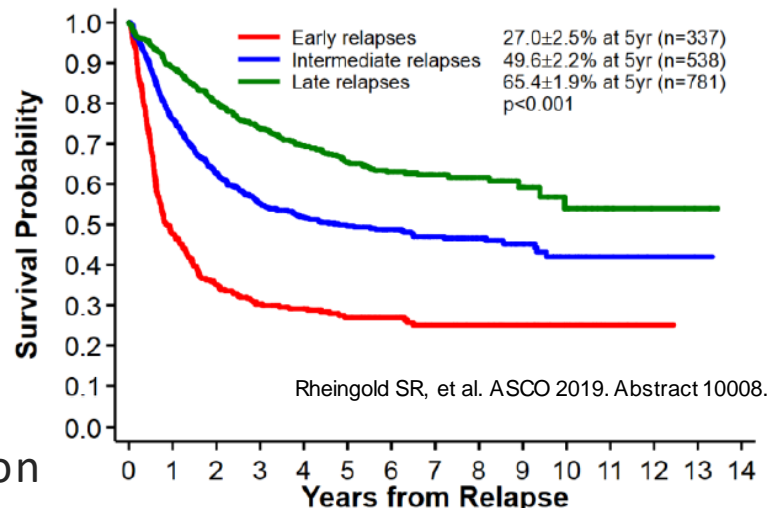
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*Vice Chair for Relapse, COG ALL Committee*

*Chair, NCCN ALL Guidelines Panel*

# Relapsed Pediatric/AYA ALL

- Poor survival for first-relapse B-ALL in children, adolescents, and young adults (AYA), especially early relapses
- Standard treatment approach
  - Reinduction chemotherapy → second 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



*How can we improve on this “standard”?*



# Blinatumomab (CD19 BiTE)

- In multiply relapsed/refractory setting (pediatrics)
  - CR 35%–40%
  - MRD– CR 20%–25%
- In MRD+ setting (adults)
  - 80% MRD clearance
  - 60% subsequent DFS (bridge to HSCT)

*von Stackelberg A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34:4381-4389.*

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

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*Risk-Stratified Randomized Phase III Testing of Blinatumomab (IND# 117467, NSC# 765986) in First Relapse of Childhood B-Lymphoblastic Leukemia (B-ALL)*

IND Sponsor for Blinatumomab: DCTD, NCI

## STUDY CHAIR

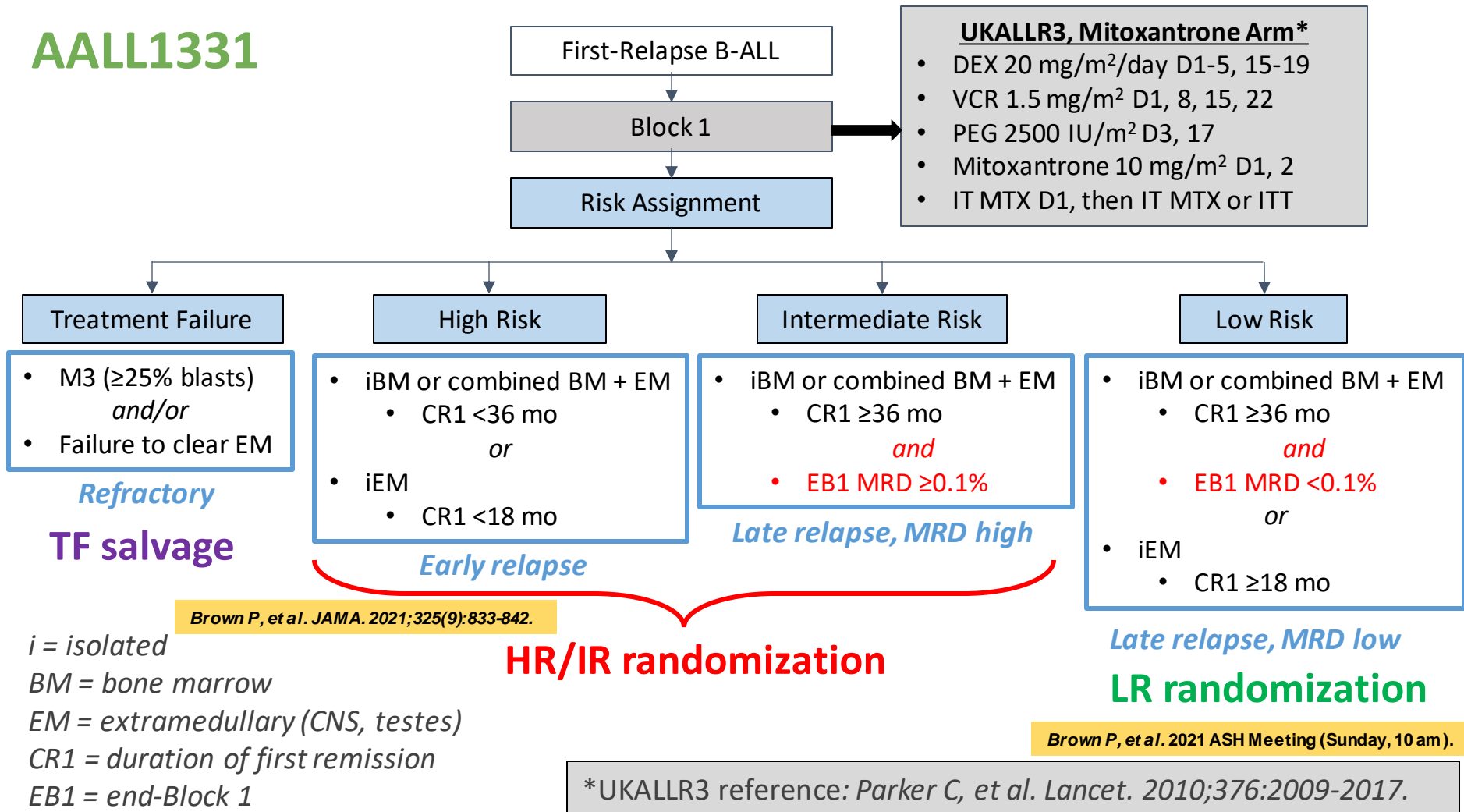
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## Overall objective of COG AALL1331:

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

# AALL1331



*i = isolated*

*BM = bone marrow*

*EM = extramedullary (CNS, testes)*

*CR1 = duration of first remission*

*EB1 = end-Block 1*

## Stratifications

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

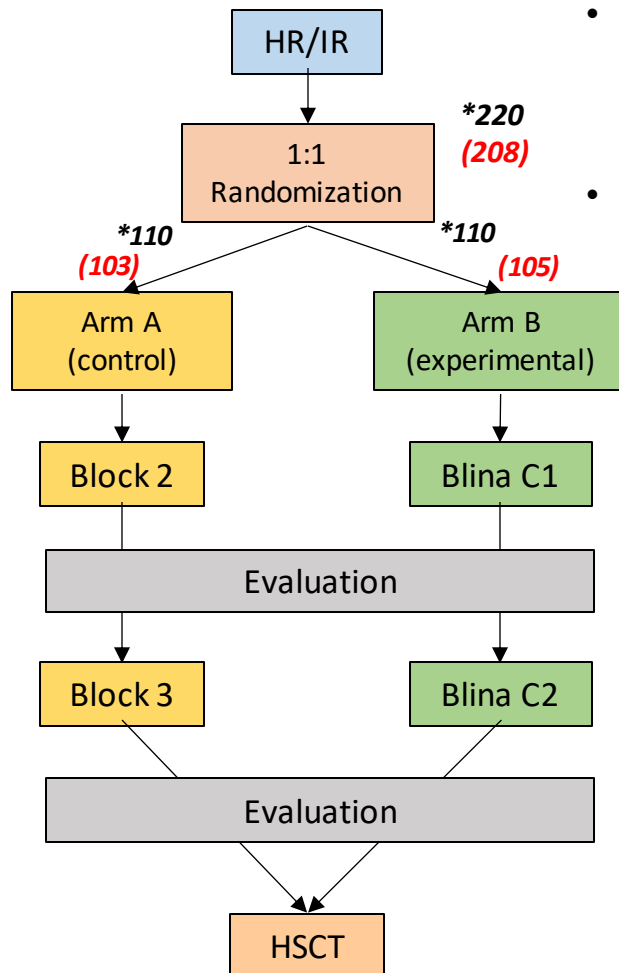
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\*UKALLR3 reference: *Parker C, et al. Lancet. 2010;376:2009-2017.*



## • Endpoints

- Primary: DFS
- Other: OS, MRD response, ability to proceed to HSCT

## • Sample size n = 220 (110 per arm)

- Power 85% to detect HR 0.58 with 1-sided  $\alpha = 0.025$
- Increase 2-yr DFS from 45% to 63%

### Blina C1 and Blina C2

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

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

# Early Closure Recommended by DSMC

- Scheduled review by DSMC Sep 2019 using data cutoff 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 crossover to experimental Arm B for patients still receiving therapy
- DSMC recommendation was 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

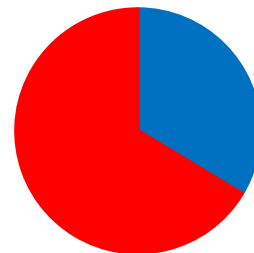
# Baseline Characteristics

16% AYA →

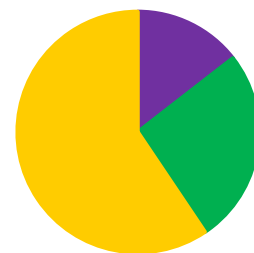
|  | Arm A<br>(n = 103) | Arm B<br>(n = 105) |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Age at enrollment (years)</b>         |                    |                    |
| Median (range)                           | 9 (1-27)           | 9 (1-25)           |
| 1-9                                      | 55 (53%)           | 55 (52%)           |
| 10-17                                    | 30 (29%)           | 35 (33%)           |
| 18-30                                    | 18 (18%)           | 15 (14%)           |
| <b>Sex</b>                               |                    |                    |
| Female                                   | 49 (48%)           | 48 (46%)           |
| Male                                     | 54 (52%)           | 57 (54%)           |
| <b>NCI risk group at diagnosis</b>       |                    |                    |
| High risk                                | 60 (58%)           | 59 (56%)           |
| Standard risk                            | 43 (42%)           | 46 (44%)           |
| <b>Cytogenetic groups at diagnosis</b>   |                    |                    |
| Favorable (Tri 4/10, <i>ETV6-RUNX1</i> ) | 16 (18%)           | 21 (23%)           |
| <i>KMT2A</i> -rearranged                 | 9 (10%)            | 7 (8%)             |
| Hypodiploidy                             | 1 (1%)             | 0                  |
| Other                                    | 65 (71%)           | 63 (69%)           |
| None                                     | 12                 | 14                 |

# Randomization Stratification Factors

| Stratification Factors                        | Arm A<br>(n = 103) | Arm B<br>(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%)           |

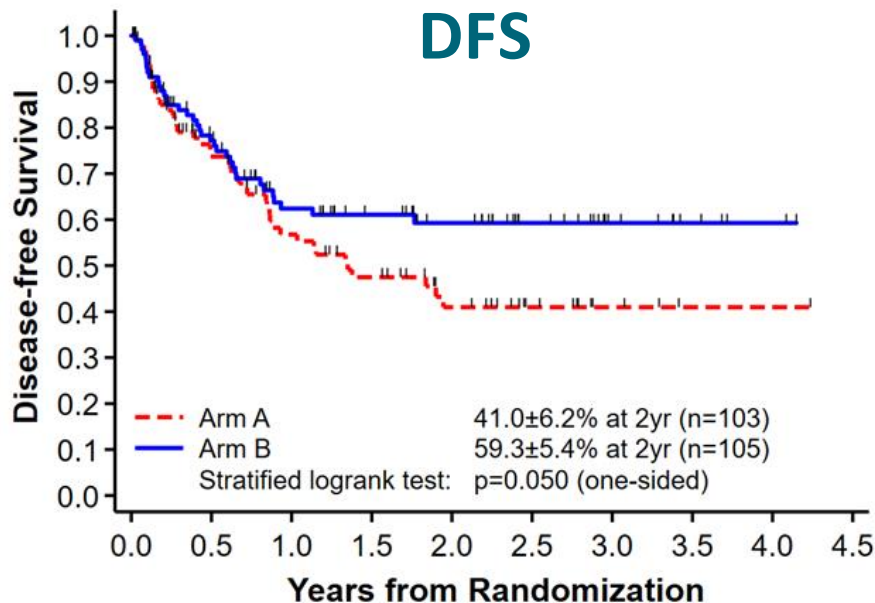


■ IR ■ HR



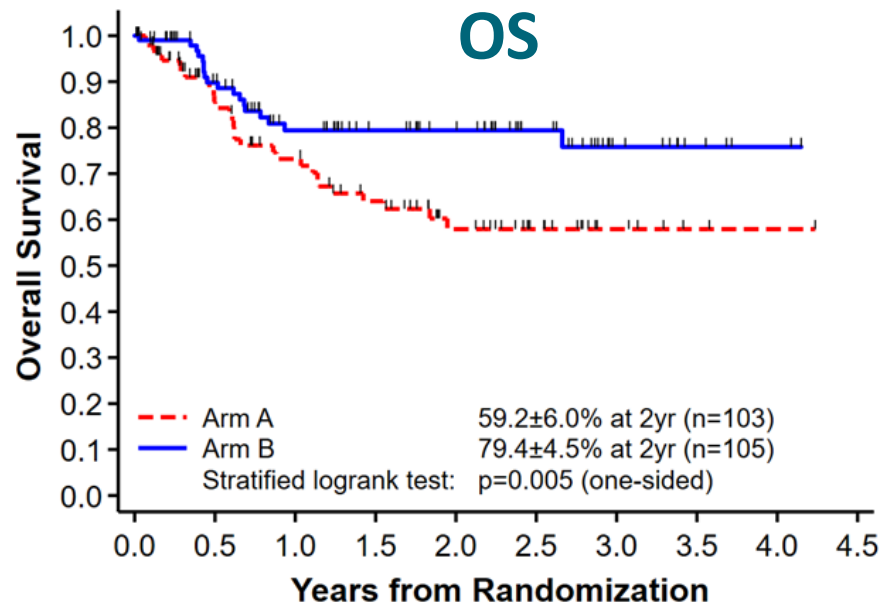
■ IEM  
■ BM <18 mo  
■ BM 18-36 mo

# 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 |

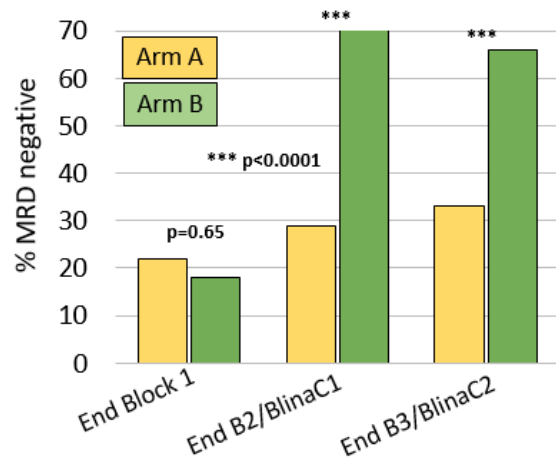


At Risk

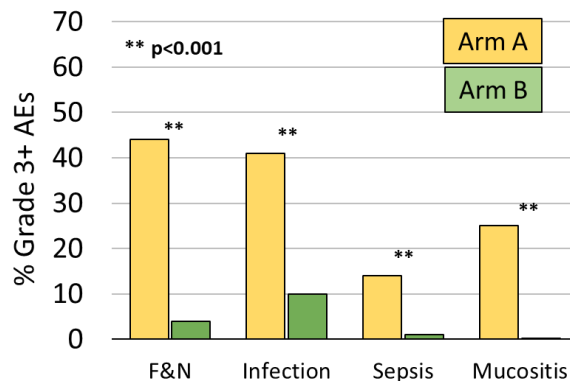
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|-------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Arm A | 103 | 64 | 50 | 38 | 25 | 15 | 6  | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Arm B | 105 | 77 | 55 | 44 | 38 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 0 |

# Other Endpoints: MRD, AEs, HSCT Bridging

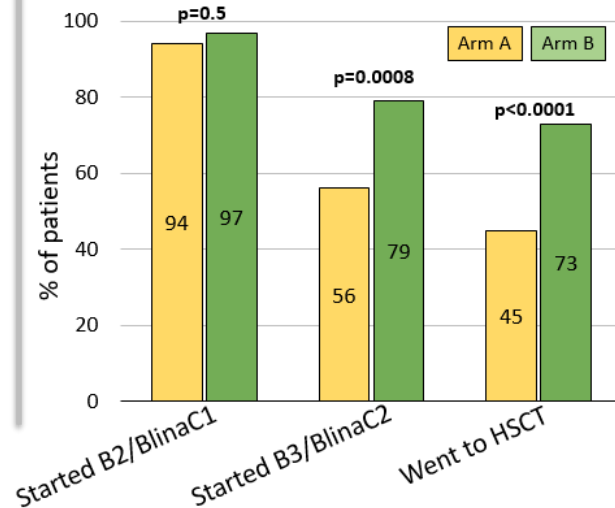
## MRD Clearance



## Adverse Events



## Bridge to Transplant



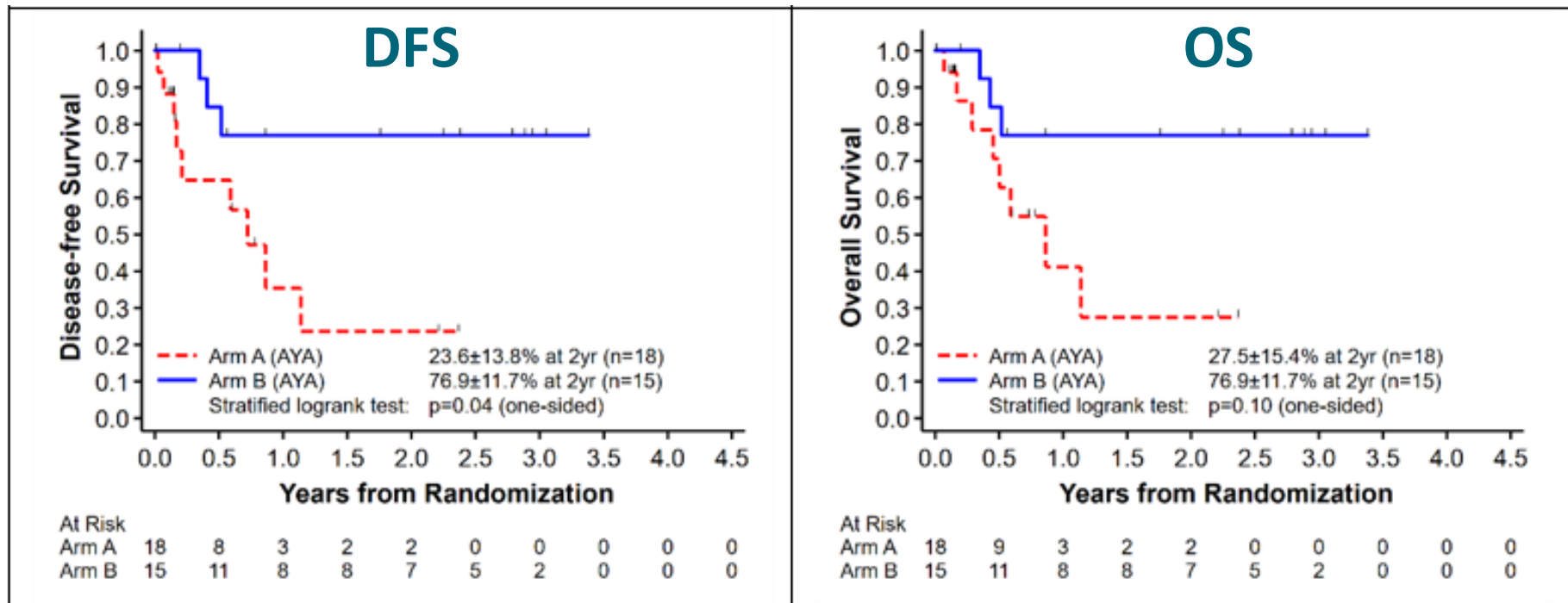
Significant contributors to the improved outcomes for Arm B (blina) vs Arm A (chemo) in HR/IR relapses may include better **MRD clearance, less toxicity, and greater ability to successfully bridge to HSCT**



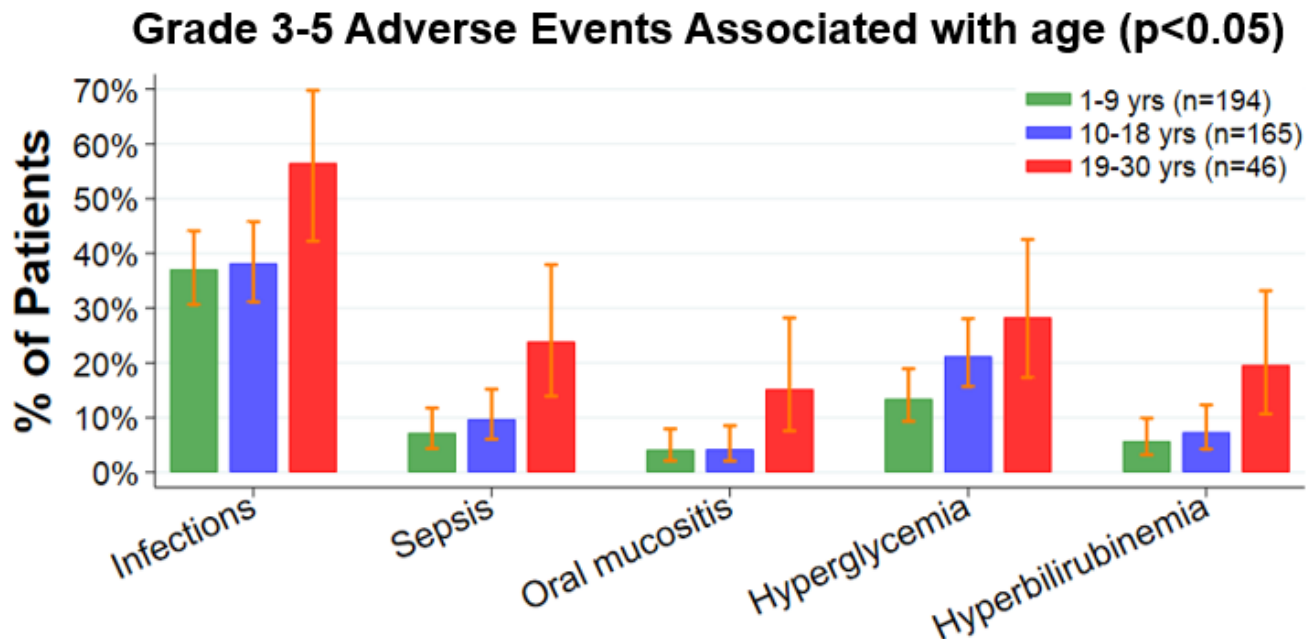
## Blinatumomab-Related AEs on Arm B

|                                 | Blina C1<br>(n = 99) |                  | Blina C2<br>(n = 83) |                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Blinatumomab-related AEs        | Any grade<br>(%)     | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | Any grade<br>(%)     | Grade 3-4<br>(%) |
| Cytokine release syndrome (CRS) | 22%                  | 1%               | 1%                   | 0%               |
| Neurotoxicity                   | 18%                  | 3%               | 11%                  | 2%               |
| Seizure                         | 4%                   | 1%               | 0%                   | 0%               |
| Other (encephalopathic)         | 14%                  | 2%               | 11%                  | 2%               |

# Results AYA Patients (ages 18–30 at relapse; N = 33/16%)



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# Amgen 20120215: Open-Label, Randomized, Phase III Trial: 47 Centers, 13 Countries

## Key eligibility criteria

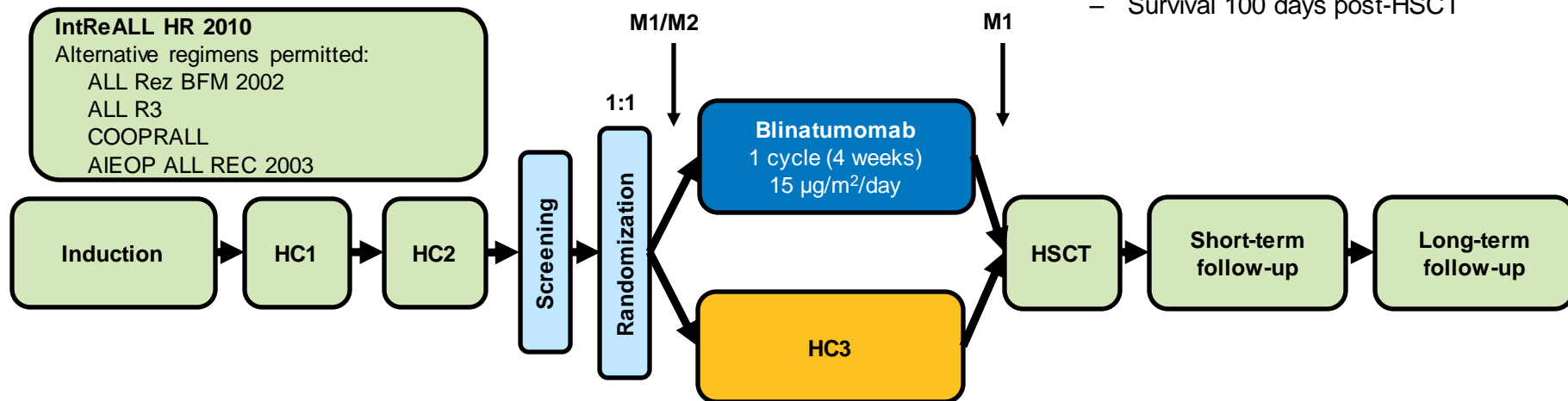
- Age >28 days **<18 years**
- HR first relapse Ph- BCP-ALL
- M1 or M2 marrow at randomization
- No CNS disease, unless treated before enrollment
- No clinically relevant CNS pathology

## Stratification

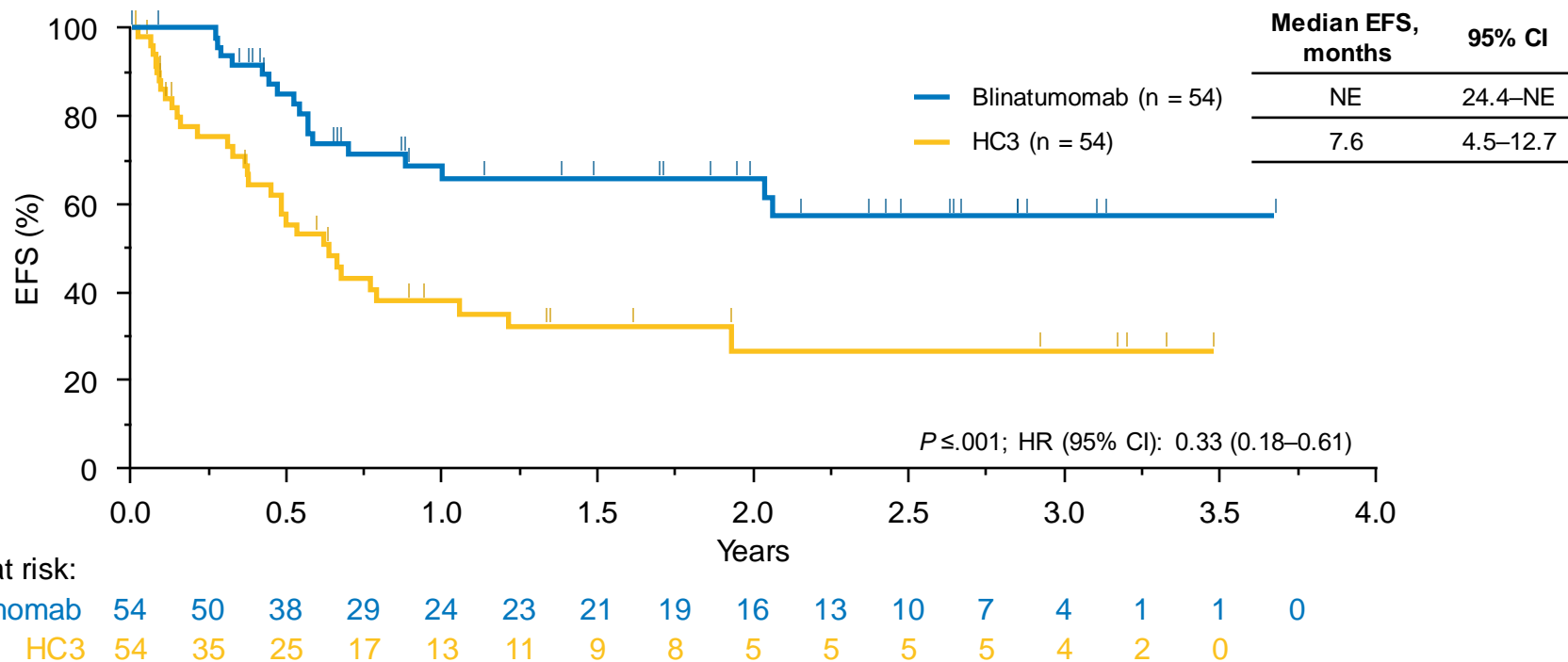
- Age: <1 year, 1 to 9 years, >9 years
- BM status at end of HC2
  - M1 with MRD  $>10^{-3}$
  - M1 with MRD  $<10^{-3}$
  - M2

## Endpoints

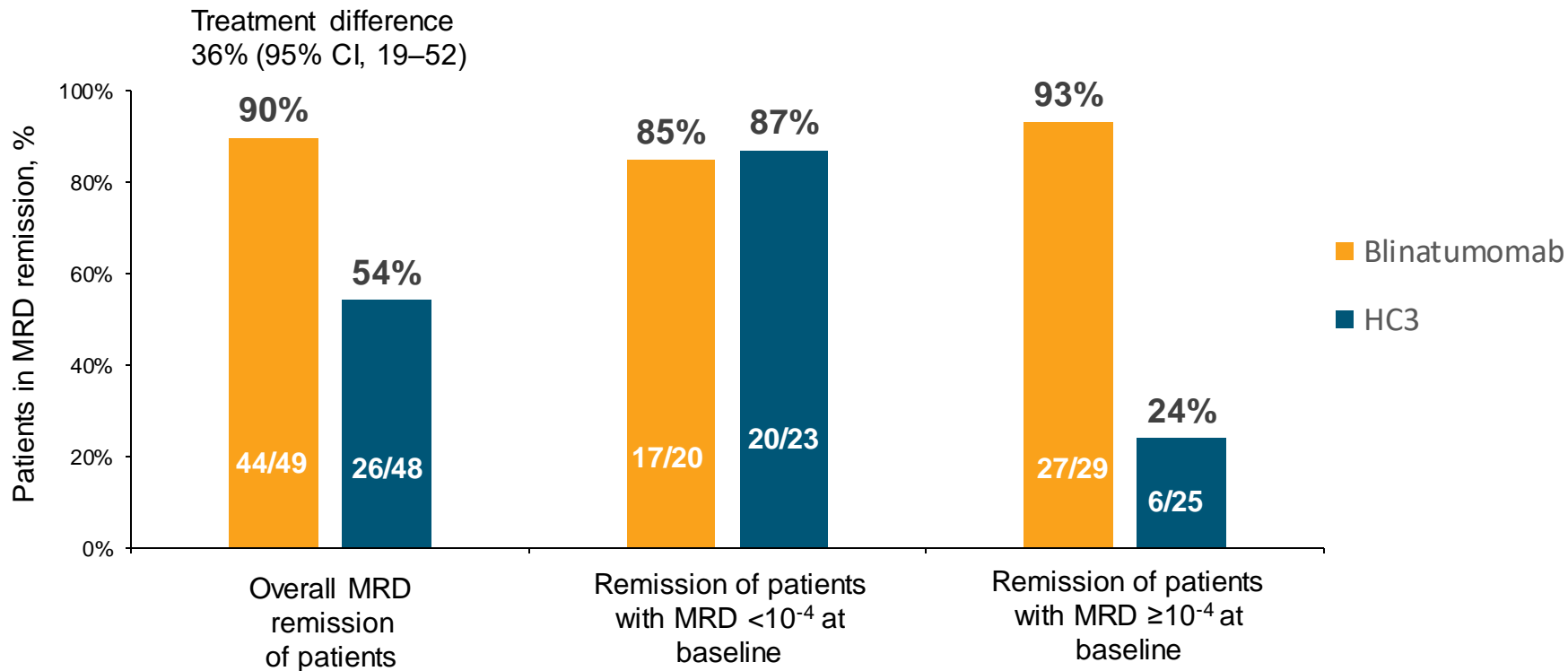
- Primary: EFS
- Secondary
  - OS
  - MRD response (end of blinatumomab or HC3)
  - Cumulative incidence of relapse
  - Incidence of AEs
  - Survival 100 days post-HSCT



# Superior EFS in the Blinatumomab Arm



# Superior MRD Remission by PCR in the Blinatumomab Arm (overall and by baseline\* MRD status)



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

## Stratifications

- Site (BM vs iEM)
- End-Block 1 MRD (<0.01% vs 0.01%-0.099%)

### UKALLR3, Block 2\*

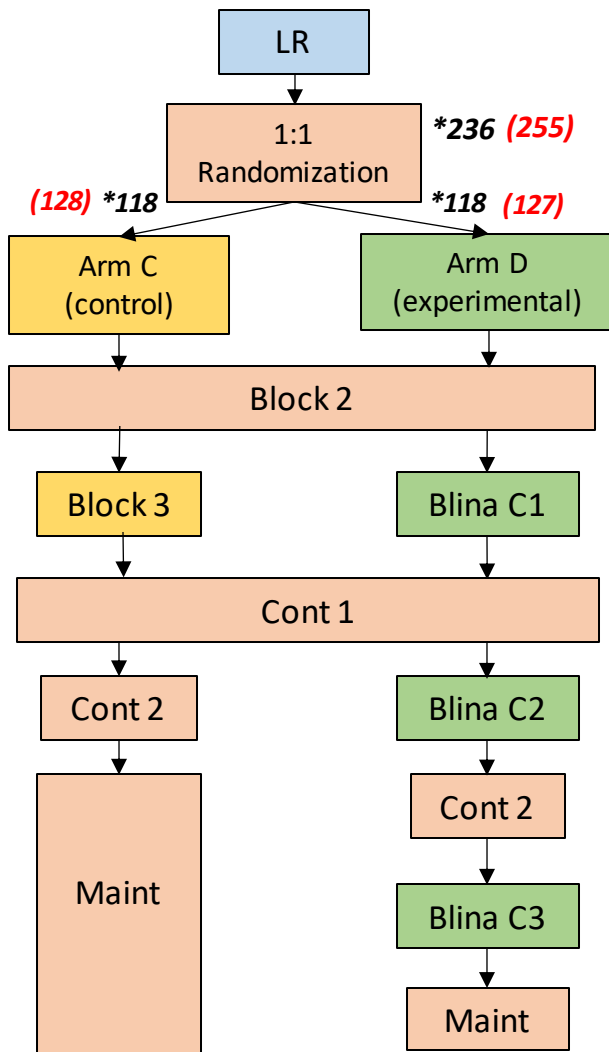
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- ID MTX, *Erwinia* week 4
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### UKALLR3, Continuation 1/2\*

- VCR, DEX week 1
- 6MP week 1-6
- PO MTX week 2, 3, 5, 6
- ddMTX (CNS1/2) or ID MTX (CNS3) week 4
- CPM/ETOP/TG/ARAC week 7, 8
- IT MTX or ITT



## • Endpoints

- Primary: DFS
- Secondary: OS

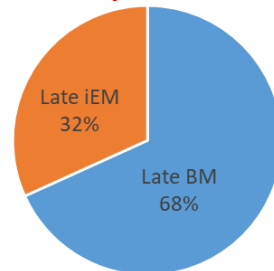
## • Sample size n = 236 (118 per arm)

- Power 83% to detect HR 0.55 with 1-sided  $\alpha = 0.05$
- Increase 3-yr DFS from 73% to 84%

### Blina C1, C2, C3

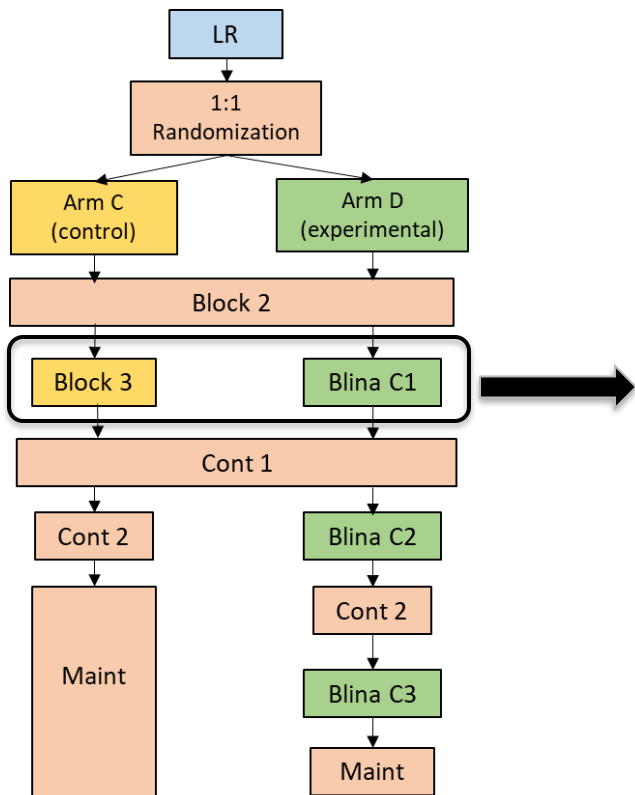
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- *First patient randomized Jan 2015*
- *Last patient randomized Sep 2019*

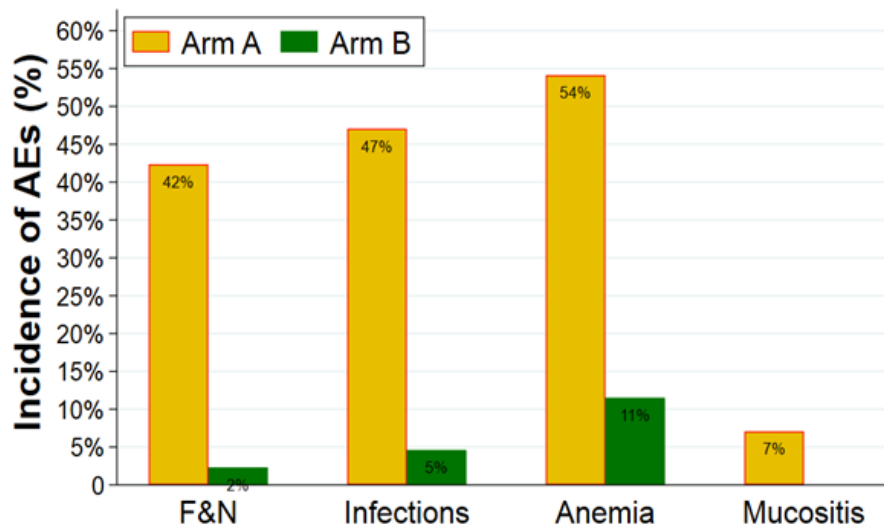


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# Adverse Events



LR: Block 3 vs. Blina Cycle 1



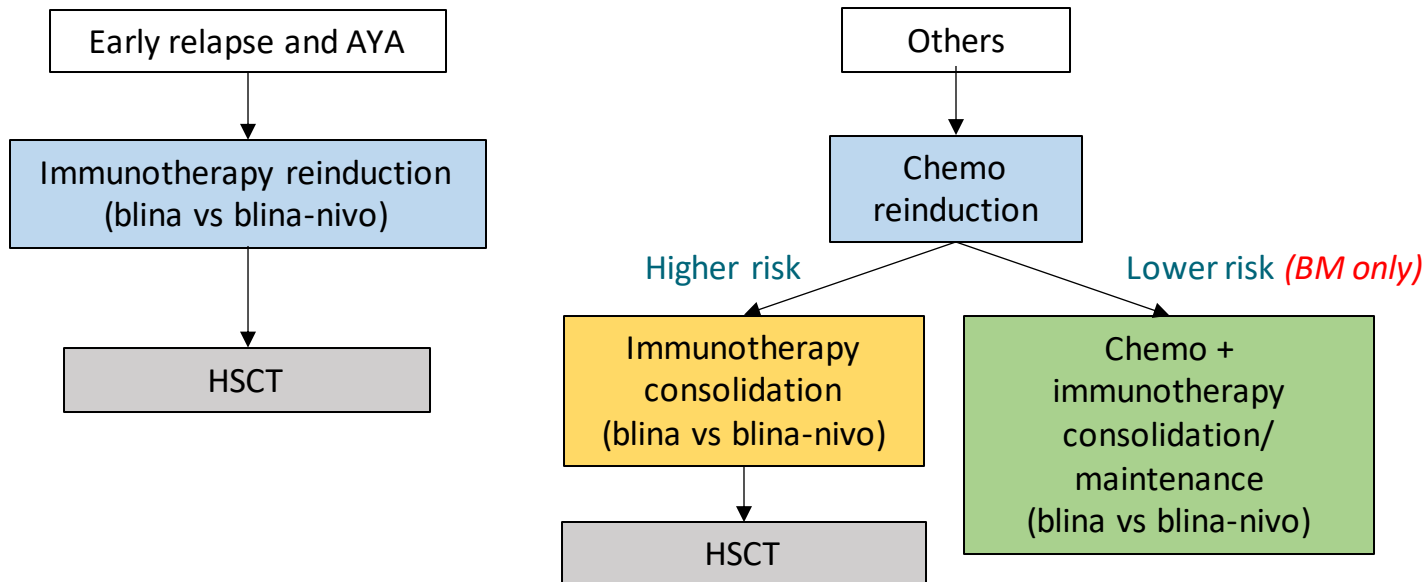
There was a striking difference in the toxicity profile (grade 3+ AEs) between the arms, with blina cycle 1 far less toxic than Block 3.



# Conclusions for AALL1331 (so far . . .)

- 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
  - Finalize/publish results of LR randomization
  - Overcoming early failures associated with reinduction chemotherapy
  - Enhancing the efficacy of immunotherapy

# AALL1821: Blinatumomab + Nivolumab





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

- 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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# Q&A session

# Therapeutic approaches in high-risk and older AML patients

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# **Therapeutic Approaches in High-Risk and Older AML Patients**

## **Global Leukemia Academy**

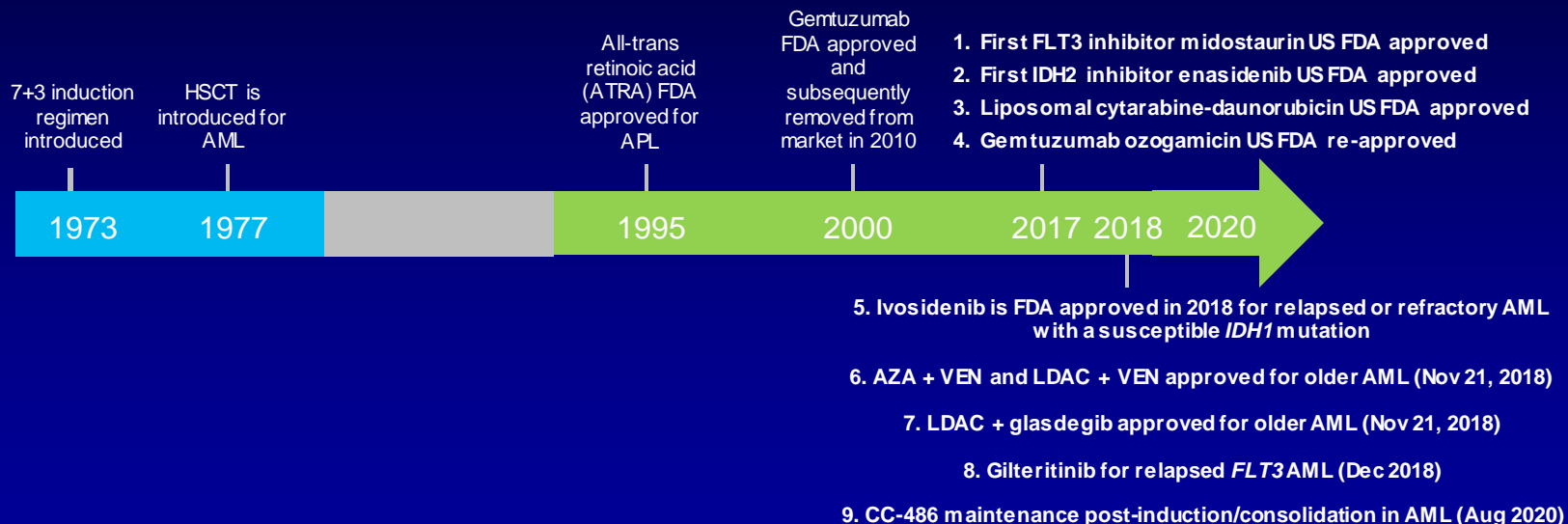
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# Treatment of AML (accelerated progress 2017–2020): History

Since its introduction in the early 1970s, 7+3 therapy (cytarabine for 7 days + anthracycline for 3 days) has been the standard of care for AML

## US FDA approvals



| Year            | 1975 | 1980 | 1990  | 1995  | 2000  | 2005  | 2009  | 2013 | 2022 |
|-----------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 5-year survival | 6.3% | 6.8% | 11.4% | 17.3% | 16.8% | 25.7% | 28.1% | 27%  | ??   |

**Patient characteristics**  
(age, performance status, prior exposure to chemotherapy or radiotherapy, AHD, organ function)

**AML characteristics**  
(morphology, immunophenotype, cytogenetics, molecular NGS)

**Patient ELIGIBLE for intensive induction therapy**

**CBF-AML**  
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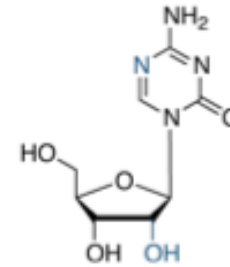
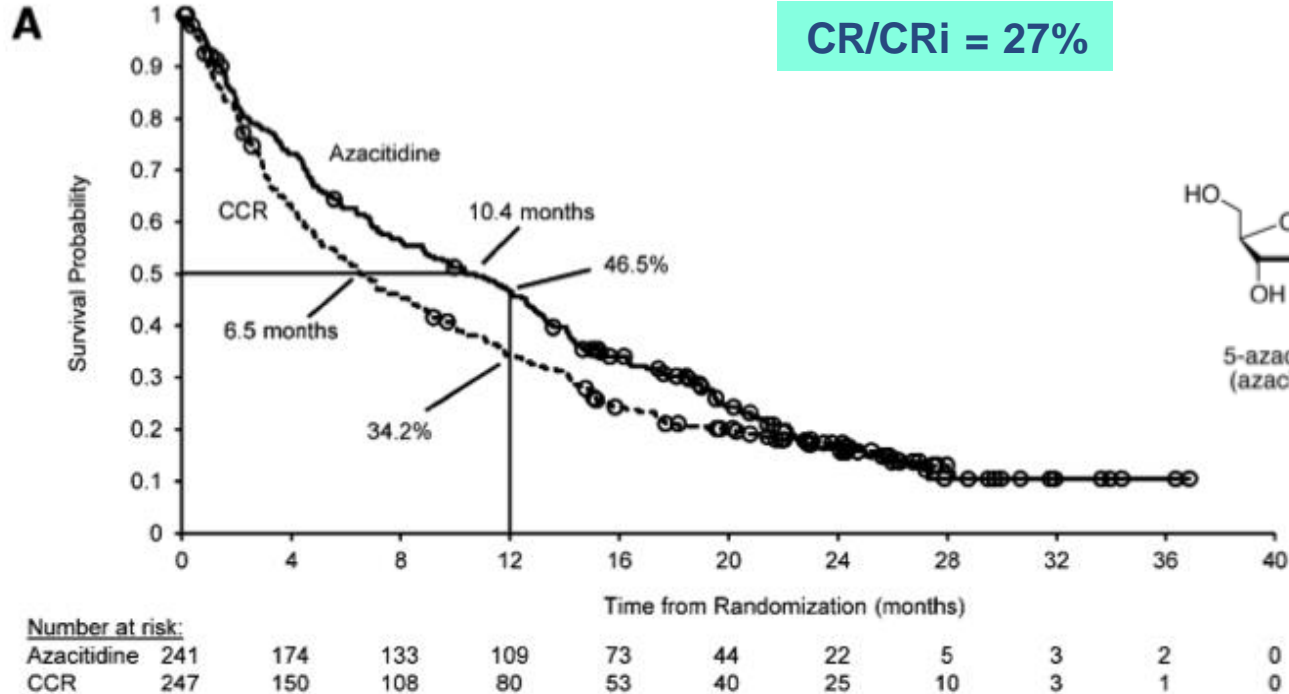
***FLT3* (ITD and/or TKD) mutation**

**All patients**

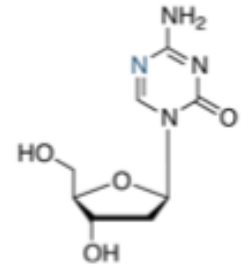
**t-AML, AML with AHD, or AML-MRC**

***TP53*-mutated AML**

# HMA-Based Therapies for Older AML: Hypomethylating Agents Are Well Tolerated and Safe in Older Patients, but Modest Single-Agent CR/CRi



5-azacytidine  
(azacitidine)



5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine  
(decitabine)

# Azacitidine +/- Venetoclax (VIALE-A) Study Design

## Eligibility

### Inclusion

- Patients with newly diagnosed confirmed AML
- Ineligible for induction therapy defined as **either**
  - ❖  $\geq 75$  years of age
  - ❖ 18 to 74 years of age with at least 1 of the comorbidities:
    - CHF requiring treatment or ejection fraction  $\leq 50\%$
    - Chronic stable angina
    - DLCO  $\leq 65\%$  or FEV1  $\leq 65\%$
    - ECOG 2 or 3

### Exclusion

- Prior receipt of any HMA, venetoclax, or chemotherapy for myelodysplastic syndrome
- Favorable-risk cytogenetics per NCCN
- Active CNS involvement

## Treatment

Randomization 2:1  
N = 433\*

Venetoclax + Azacitidine  
(N = 286)

Venetoclax 400 mg PO, daily, days 1–28  
+ Azacitidine 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC/IV days 1–7

Placebo + Azacitidine  
(N = 145)

Placebo daily, days 1–28  
+ Azacitidine 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC/IV days 1–7

## Endpoints

### Primary

- Overall survival

### Secondary

- CR + CRi rate
- CR + CRh rate
- CR + CRi and CR + CRh rates by initiation of cycle 2
- CR rate
- Transfusion independence
- CR + CRi rates and OS in molecular subgroups
- Event-free survival

Randomization stratification factors

Age (<75 vs  $\geq 75$  years); cytogenetic risk (intermediate, poor); region

Venetoclax dosing ramp-up

Cycle 1 ramp-up Day 1: 100 mg, day 2: 200 mg, day 3–28: 400 mg  
Cycle 2 → Day 1–28: 400 mg

# Patient Baseline Characteristics

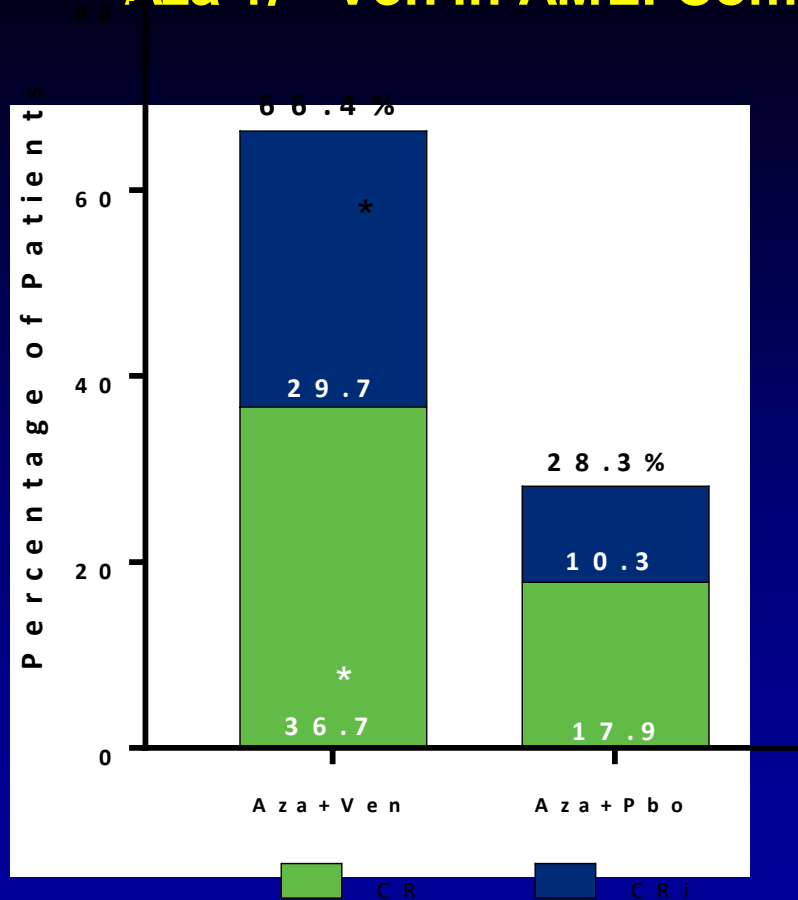
| Characteristics              | Ven + Aza (n = 286) | Pbo + Aza (n = 145) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Age</b>                   |                     |                     |
| Median (range) years         | 76 (49–91)          | 76 (60–90)          |
| ≥75 years, n (%)             | 174 (61)            | 87 (60)             |
| <b>Male, n (%)</b>           | 172 (60)            | 87 (60)             |
| <b>AML type, n (%)</b>       |                     |                     |
| De novo                      | 214 (75)            | 110 (76)            |
| Secondary                    | 72 (25)             | 35 (24)             |
| <b>Secondary AML</b>         |                     |                     |
| Post-MDS, CMML*              | 46 (64)             | 26 (74)             |
| Therapy-related AML          | 26 (36)             | 9 (26)              |
| <b>ECOG PS, n (%)</b>        |                     |                     |
| 0–1                          | 157 (55)            | 81 (56)             |
| 2–3                          | 129 (45)            | 64 (44)             |
| <b>BM blast count, n (%)</b> |                     |                     |
| 20 to <30%                   | 85 (30)             | 41 (28)             |
| ≥30 to <50%                  | 61 (21)             | 33 (23)             |
| ≥50%                         | 140 (49)            | 71 (49)             |

| Characteristics  | Ven + Aza (n = 286) | Pbo + Aza (n = 145) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>AML with myelodysplasia-related changes, n (%)</b>      | 92 (32)             | 49 (34)             |
| <b>Cytogenetic risk, n (%)</b>                             |                     |                     |
| Intermediate   | 182 (64)            | 89 (61)             |
| Poor   | 104 (36)            | 56 (39)             |
| <b>Somatic mutation, n/N (%)</b>                           |                     |                     |
| <i>IDH1/2</i>  | 61/245 (25)         | 28/127 (22)         |
| <i>FLT3</i>  | 29/206 (14)         | 22/108 (20)         |
| <i>NPM1</i>  | 27/163 (17)         | 17/86 (20)          |
| <i>TP53</i>  | 38/163 (23)         | 14/86 (16)          |
| <b>Baseline hematologic status, n (%)</b>                  |                     |                     |
| Grade 3–4 neutropenia                                      | 206 (72)            | 90 (63)             |
| Grade 3–4 anemia   | 88 (31)             | 52 (36)             |
| Grade 3–4 thrombocytopenia                                 | 145 (51)            | 73 (50)             |
| <b>Transfusion dependent at baseline,<sup>†</sup> n(%)</b> | 155 (54)            | 81 (56)             |

\*n = 7 patients in the Ven + Aza arm and n = 1 patient in the Pbo + Aza arm had antecedent CMML;

<sup>†</sup>Red blood cell or platelet transfusion within 8 weeks prior to the first dose of study drug or randomization.

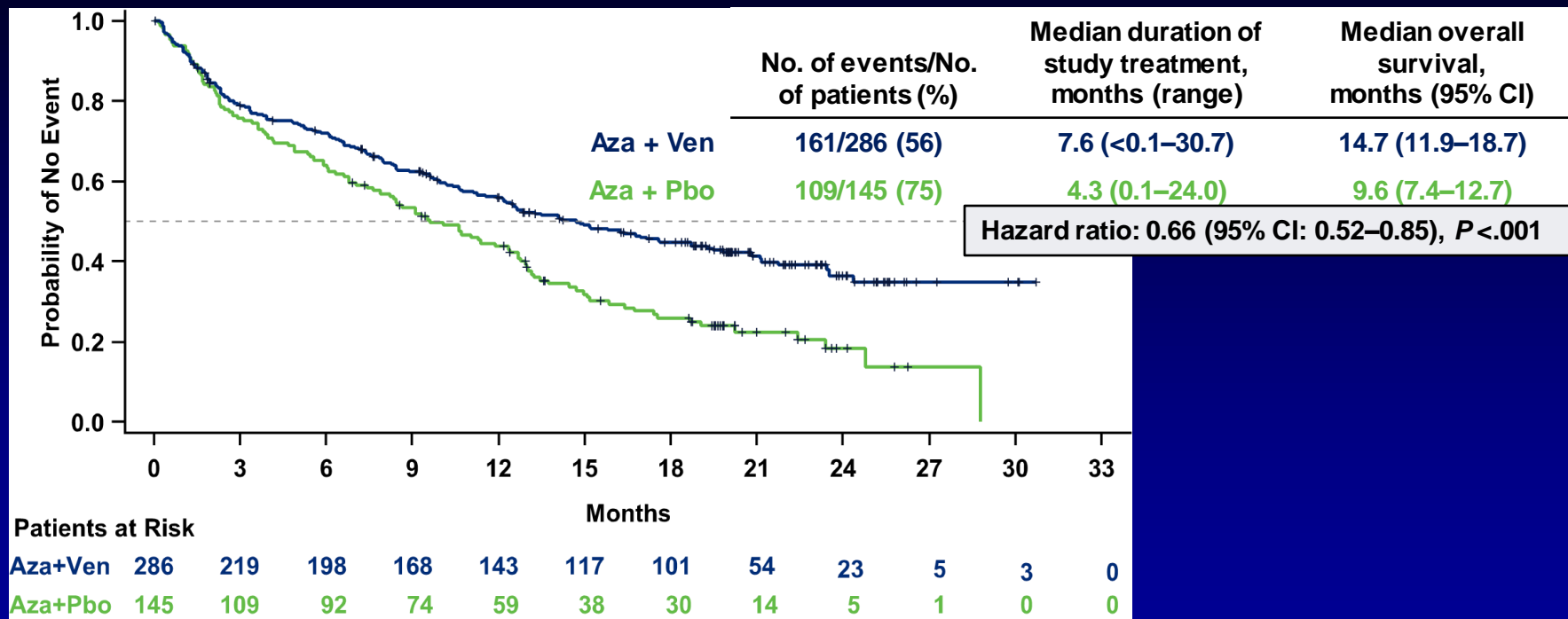
# Aza +/- Ven in AML: Composite Response Rate (CR + CRi)



|                     | No. of treatment cycles, median (range) | Median time to CR/CRi, Months (range) | *CR + CRi by initiation of Cycle 2, n (%) |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aza + Ven (n = 286) | 7.0 (1.0–30.0)                          | 1.3 (0.6–9.9)                         | 124 (43.4)                                |
| Aza + Pbo (n = 145) | 4.5 (1.0–26.0)                          | 2.8 (0.8–13.2)                        | 11 (7.6)                                  |

\*CR + CRi rate, CR rate, and CR + CRi by initiation of cycle 2 are statistically significant with  $P < .001$  by CMH test.

# AZA +/- VEN in AML: Overall Survival



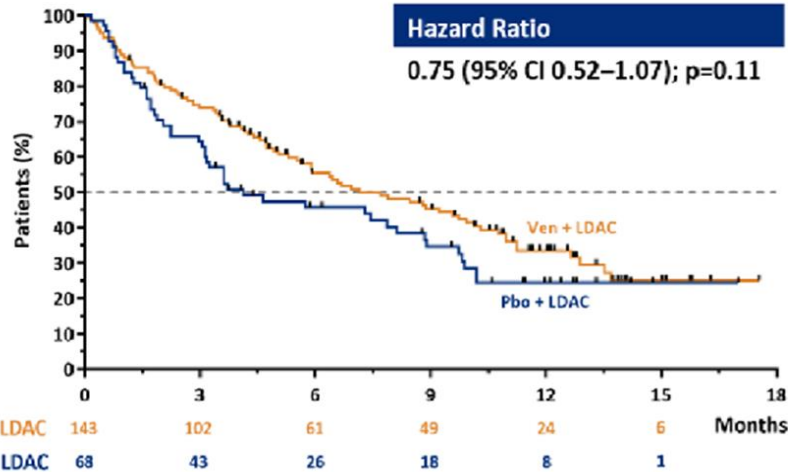
Median follow-up time: 20.5 months (range: <0.1 – 30.7)

# Low-Dose Cytarabine ± Venetoclax in AML: Results

|                   | Response Rate | Median OS Mo. (95% CI) | Transfusion Independence | Quality of Life |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Venetoclax + LDAC | 48%           | 8.4 (5.9-10.1)         | 37%                      | ↑               |
| Placebo + LDAC    | 13%           | 4.1 (3.1-8.1)          | 16%                      | —               |

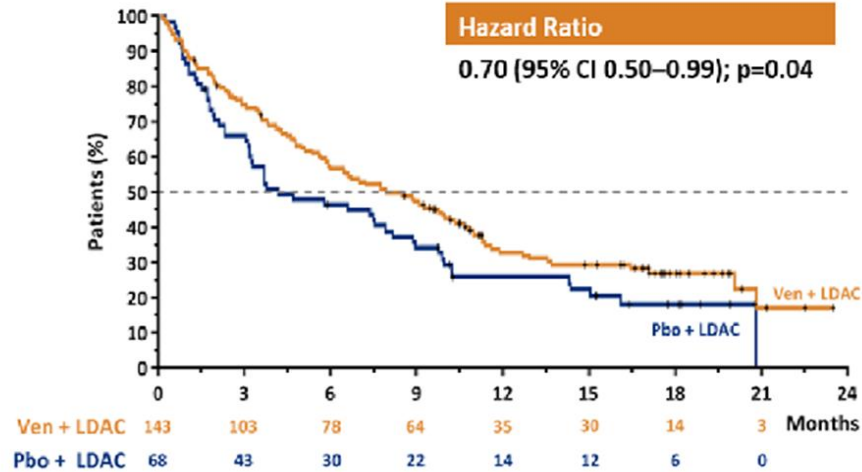
## Overall Survival

Primary  
Endpoint



## Overall Survival

+6 mo.  
Follow-up





# Pratz [1944](#): Cytopenia Management in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia Treated With Venetoclax Plus Azacitidine in the VIALE-A Study

## Protocol ([VIALE-A – NCT02993523](#))

- Phase 3, double-blind, placebo controlled, 2:1 randomization of Ven + Aza vs Pbo + Aza
- Analysis of frequency and management of cytopenia in patients with CR or CRh

## Population

- Patients with newly diagnosed AML ineligible for intensive chemotherapy due to age  $\geq 75$  years or comorbidities

## Authors' conclusions

- Majority of Ven + Aza responders required dosing modifications to manage cytopenia, particularly delays between cycles or within-cycle reductions of Ven dosing days
- Post-remission cytopenia and dosing modifications were more frequent with Ven + Aza vs Pbo + Aza

CR/CRh rate: **66%** (Ven + Aza) vs **23%** (Pbo + Aza)

| Cytopenia and dose adjustments in responders (CR/CRh)   | Ven + Aza (n = 186) | Pbo + Aza (n = 33) |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Post-remission grade 4 cytopenia lasting <math>\geq 1</math> week, %</b>   | <b>87</b>           | <b>45</b>          |
| 1 episode   | 19                  | 24                 |
| $\geq 2$ episodes   | 68                  | 21                 |
| <b>In-cycle dose interruptions for any reason, %</b>  | <b>26</b>           | <b>24</b>          |
| Median duration per cycle (range), days   | 2.0 (1–20)          | 1.0 (1–13)         |
| <b>Post-remission cycle delays due to cytopenia, %</b>  | <b>77</b>           | <b>30</b>          |
| Median duration per cycle delay (range), days   | 14.0 (1–129)        | 11.0 (3–63)        |
| <b>Post-remission reduction of Ven/Pbo dosing days and/or cycle delay totaling <math>\geq 7</math> days due to neutropenia, %</b> | <b>75</b>           | <b>27</b>          |
| Median number of cycles (range)   | 2.0 (0–15)          | 0 (0–7)            |
| <b>Post-remission Ven/Pbo dosing <math>\leq 21</math>-day cycles, %</b>   | <b>69</b>           | <b>30</b>          |
| Median time from remission to first $\leq 21$ -day cycle (range), days  | 92.0 (1–480)        | 74.0 (6–405)       |

AZA, azacitidine; CRh, CR with partial hematologic recovery; Pbo, placebo; Ven, venetoclax.

Pratz KW, et al. [ASH 2020. Abstract 1944.](#)

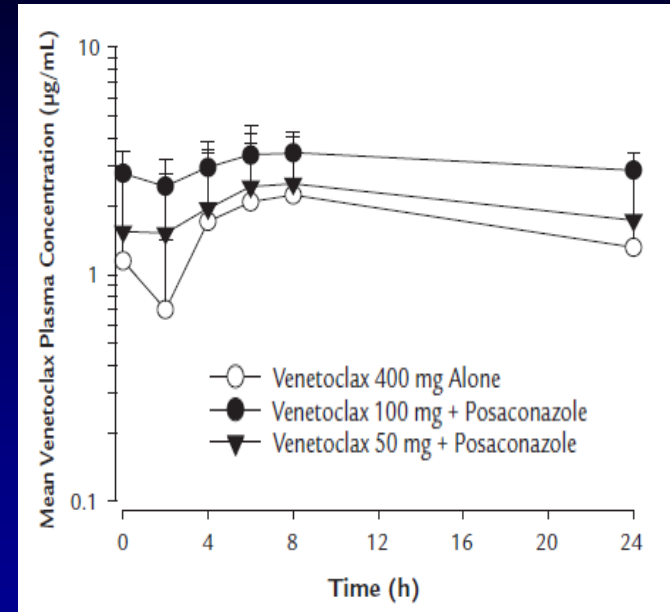
# MDACC-Recommended Dosing Schema

- Ven D1–21 in cycle 1
- Bone marrow EOC1 (D21–D28) for all patients: if BM blasts <5% or <10% cellularity/acellular (majority of patients) – hold VEN 10–14 days for count recovery
- If needed, use G-CSF (usually if no spontaneous recovery after 14 days of Ven interruption)
- Cycle 2 onward: Ven D1–21 (or Ven D1–14) for most (subsequently may be further reduced to 7–10 days if cumulative myelosuppression observed)
- Cycles every 4–6 weeks on the basis of count recovery
- Continue second-generation azole prophylaxis, antibiotic, and antiviral until ANC >1.0 without fluctuations (usually after 4–5 cycles)

**KEY:** Reducing Ven duration does not seem to impact efficacy, but significantly improves neutropenia; more CR/CRh

# Venetoclax and Azole Interaction Analysis

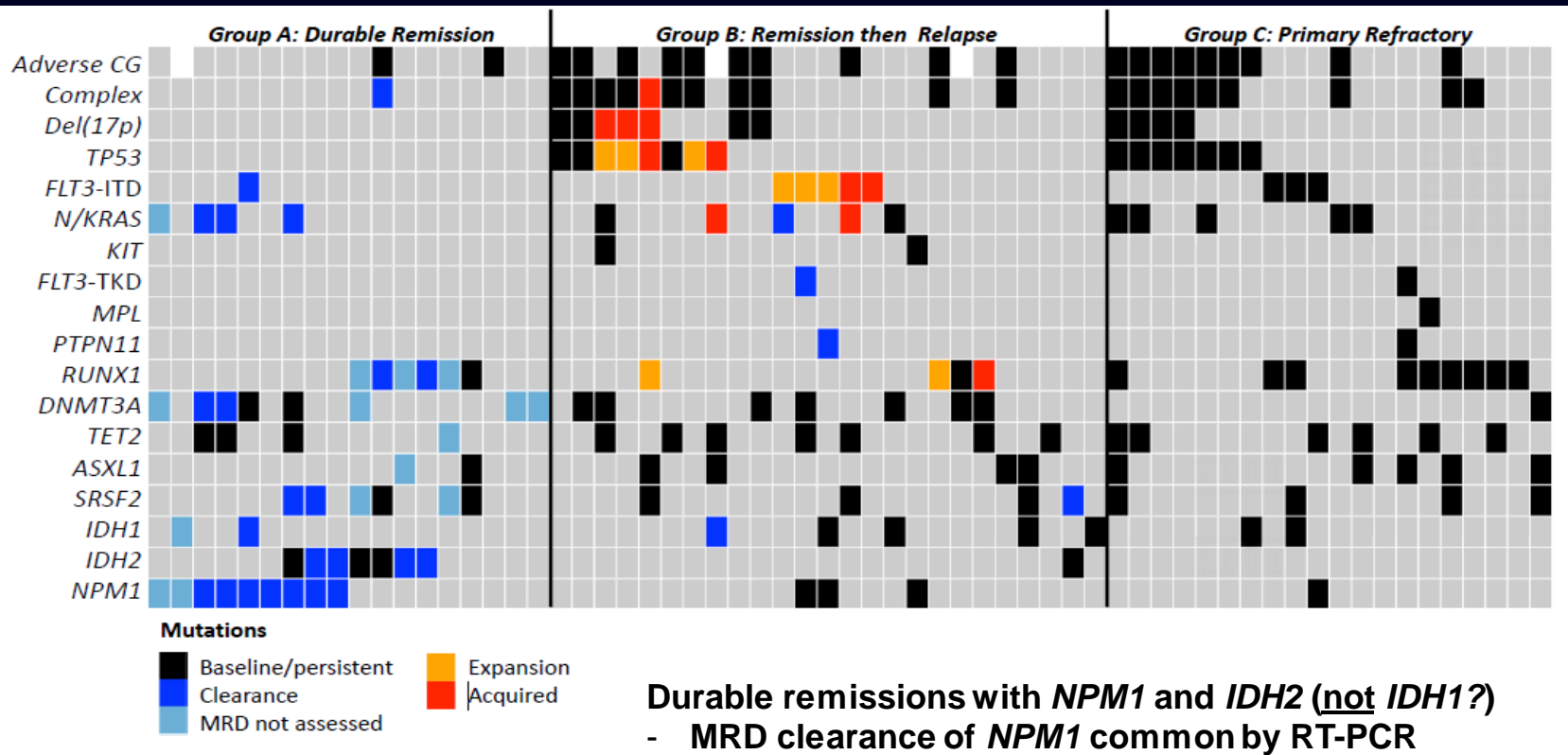
|  | Ven + Posa | Ven 400 mg | Comparison to Reference<br>Point Estimate (90% CI) |
|--|------------|------------|--|
| <b>Ven 100 mg + posaconazole (n = 6)</b> |            |            |  |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)                 | 3.321      | 1.721      | 1.931 (1.201-3.104)                                |
| AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (µg/mL)              | 67.739     | 26.545     | 2.552 (1.486-4.383)                                |
| <b>Ven 50 mg + posaconazole (n = 5)</b>  |            |            |  |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)                 | 2.634      | 1.721      | 1.531 (0.927-2.528)                                |
| AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (µg/mL)              | 46.625     | 26.545     | 1.756 (0.948-3.253)                                |



## Recommended Venetoclax Dose-Adjustments With Azoles

| Antifungal                    | Package Insert Recommendation<br>(Ven mg/d) | MDACC Dose Adjustment<br>(Ven mg/d) |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Posaconazole                  | 70  | 50-100                              |
| Voriconazole                  | 100   | 100                                 |
| Isavuconazole                 | 200   | 200                                 |
| Caspofungin,<br>echinocandins | 400   | 400                                 |

# Molecular Determinants of Outcome With Venetoclax Combos

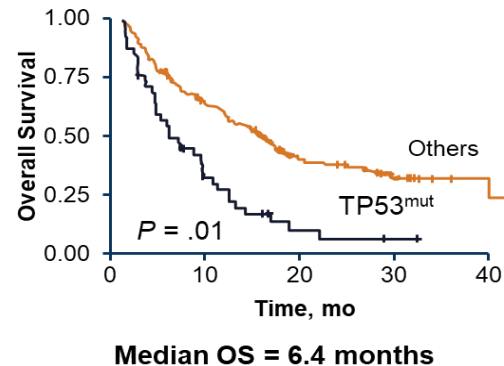
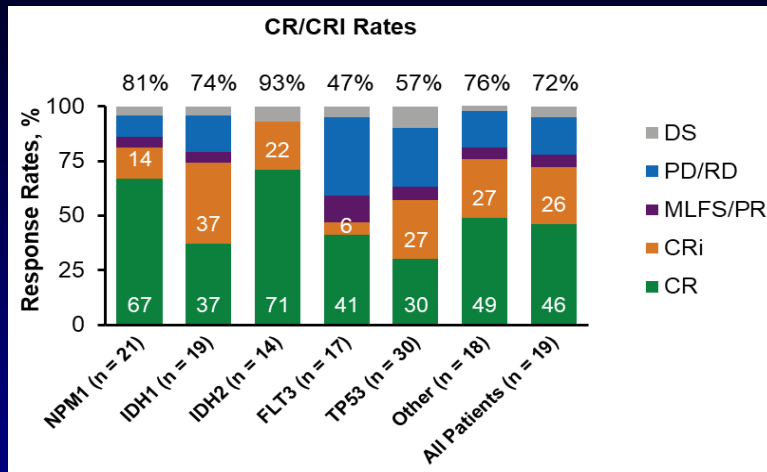


Patients treated at MDACC and The Alfred  
(n = 81)

Resistance commonly associated with expansion or acquisition of *TP53* or signaling mutations including *K/NRAS* and *FLT3-ITD*

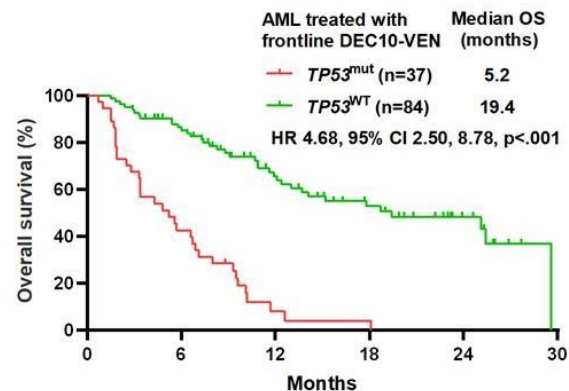
# 1. Poor Outcomes in TP53-Mutant AML, Even With Venetoclax-Based Treatment

Venetoclax +  
LDAC or HMA<sup>1</sup>



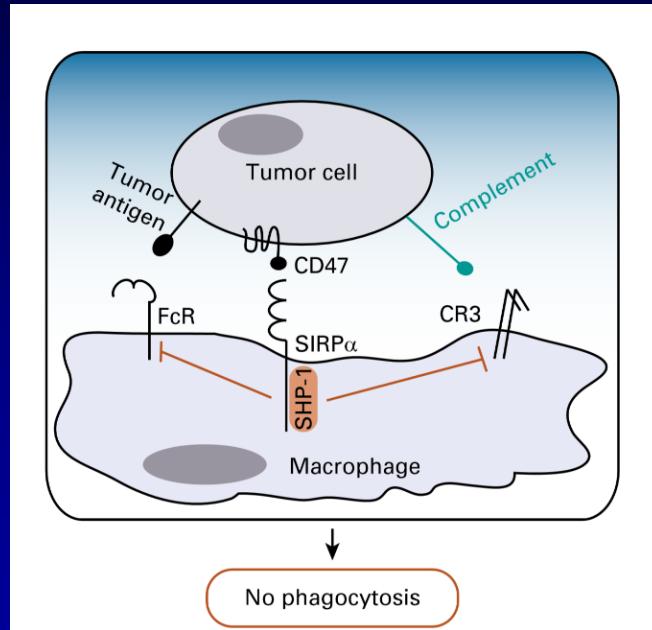
N = 121 patients with newly diagnosed AML receiving decitabine + venetoclax<sup>2</sup>

- Those with  $TP53^{mut}$  had a lower rate of CR at 35% vs 57% in pts with  $TP53^{WT}$  ( $P = .026$ )
- Lower rate of CR/CRI (54% vs 76%;  $P .015$ )

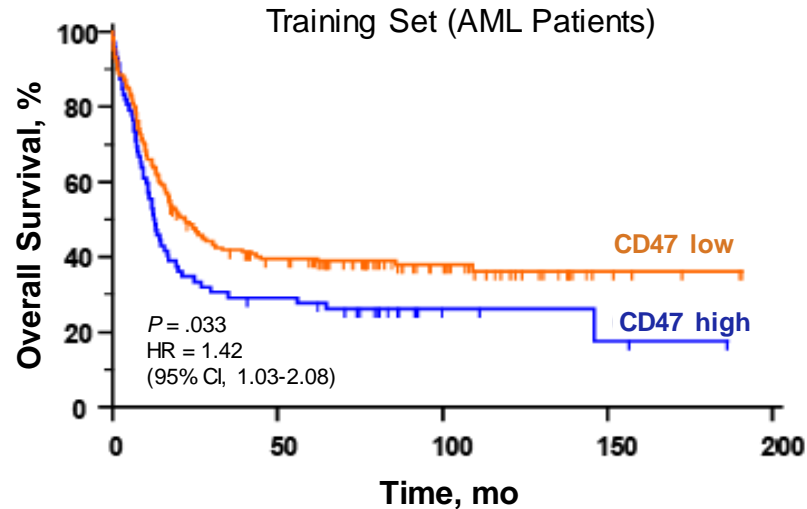


# CD47 Is a Major Macrophage Immune Checkpoint and “Do Not Eat Me” Signal in Myeloid Malignancies, Including AML

- CD47 is a “do not eat me” signal in cancers that enables macrophage immune evasion
- Increased CD47 expression predicts worse prognosis in AML patients

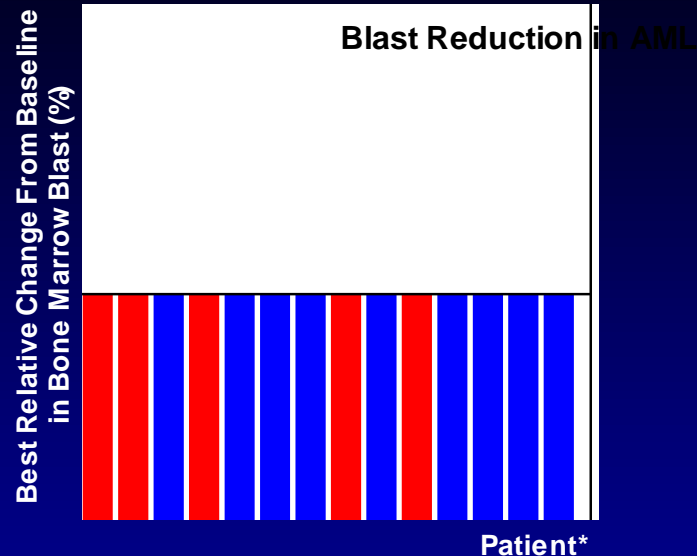


## CD47 Expression in AML Patients



# Magrolimab + Aza Induces High Response Rates in AML

| Best Overall Response | All AML (N = 43)       | TP53-mutant AML (29)   |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ORR</b>            | <b><u>27 (63%)</u></b> | <b><u>20 (69%)</u></b> |
| <b>CR</b>             | <b><u>18 (42%)</u></b> | <b><u>13 (45%)</u></b> |
| CRI                   | 5 (12%)                | 4 (14%)                |
| PR                    | 1 (2%)                 | 1 (3%)                 |
| MLFS                  | 3 (7%)                 | 2 (7%)                 |
| SD                    | 14 (33%)               | 8 (28%)                |
| PD                    | 2 (5%)                 | 1 (3%)                 |



- **Magrolimab + Aza induces a 63% ORR and 42% CR rate in AML, including similar responses in TP53-mutant patients**
- Median time to response is **1.95 months** (range 0.95 to 5.6 mo), more rapid than Aza monotherapy
- 9.6% of patients proceeded to bone marrow stem cell transplantation
- Magrolimab + Aza efficacy compares favorably with Aza monotherapy (CR rate 18%–20%)<sup>1,2</sup>

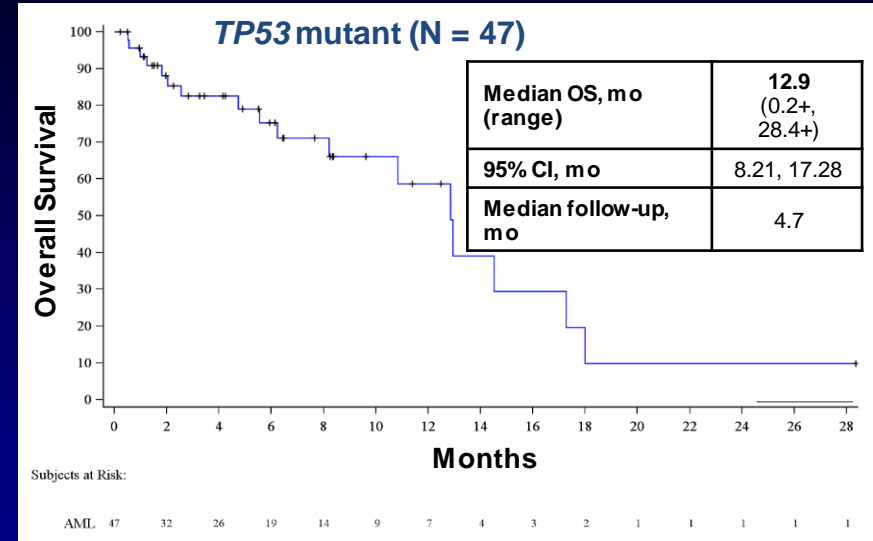
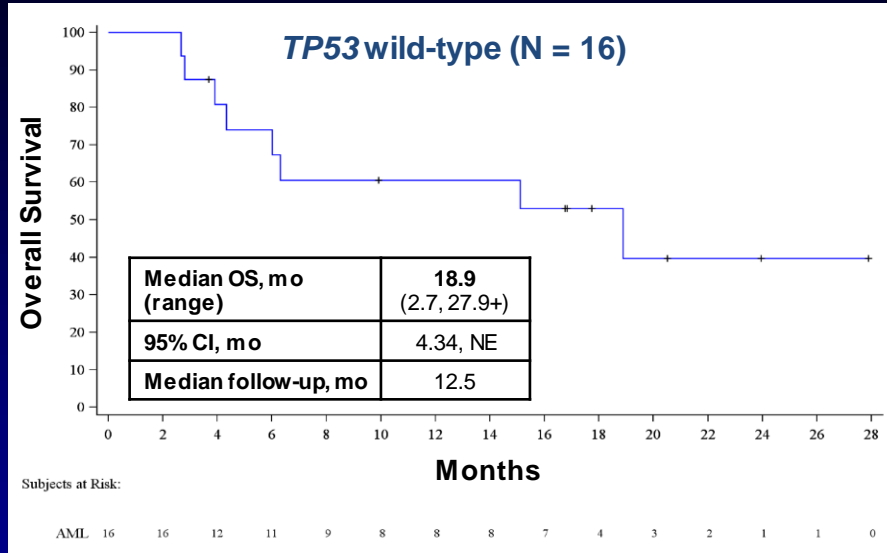
Response assessments per 2017 AML ELN criteria. Patients with at least 1 post-treatment response assessment are shown. \*Three patients not shown due to missing values; <5% blasts imputed as 2.5%.

1. Fenaux P, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2010;28(4):562-569; 2. Dombret H, et al. *Blood*. 2015;126(3):291-299.

Sallman DA, et al. **ASH 2020. Abstract 330.**



# Preliminary Median Overall Survival Is Encouraging in Both *TP53* Wild-Type and Mutant Patients



- Median OS is 18.9 months in *TP53* wild-type patients and 12.9 months in *TP53*-mutant patients
- This initial median OS data may compare favorably with venetoclax + hypomethylating agent combinations (**14.7–17.5 mo** in all-comers,<sup>1,3</sup> **5.2–7.2 mo** in patients who are *TP53* mutant<sup>2,3</sup>)
- Additional patients and longer follow-up are needed to further characterize the survival benefit

NE, not evaluable.

1. DiNardo CD, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;383(7):617-629; 2. Kim K, et al. Poster presented at: 62nd ASH Annual Meeting; December 5-8, 2020 (virtual); 3.

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## 2. Older Adults With FLT3m AML: Poor Outcomes

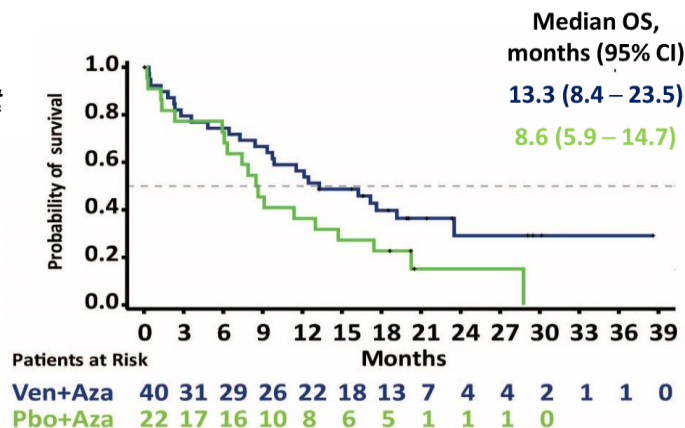
| Frontline Therapy                         | N  | Age, median | CRc (or CR/CRi) | OS, median | Ref.                   |
|---|----|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| Midostaurin + Aza                         | 16 | 74 [59-85]  | 31%             | 8.7 mo     | Gallo et al, ASH 2017  |
| Sorafenib + Aza                           | 27 | 74 [61-86]  | 70%*            | 8.3 mo     | Ohanian, Am J Hem 2018 |
| Gilteritinib + Aza                        | 15 | 75 [65-86]  | 67%             | n/a        | Esteve, ASH 2018       |
| Quizartinib + Aza/LDAC                    | 16 | 74 [62-83]  | 83%*            | 17.0 mo    | Swaminathan, ASH 2017  |
| Venetoclax + Aza ( <i>FLT3</i> -ITD/TKD)  | 40 | 75 [49-91]  | 70%             | 13.3 mo    | Konopleva, ASH 2020    |
| Venetoclax + Aza ( <i>FLT3</i> -ITD only) | 28 |             | 68%             | 11.5 mo    |                        |

\*CRc includes CR, CRi, and MLFS.

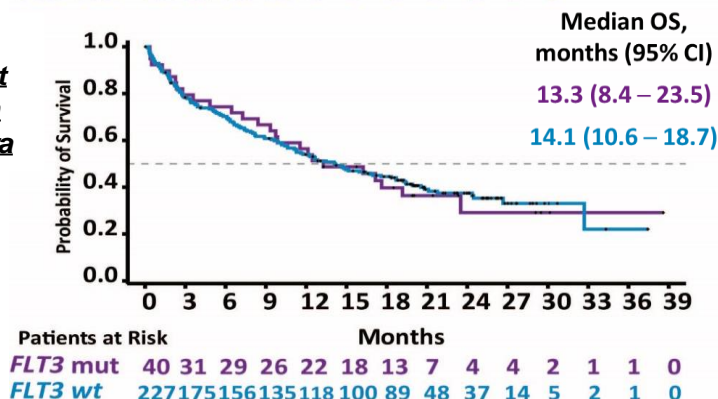
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# Overall Survival in Patients With FLT3 Mutation (Aza + Ven pooled analysis – FLT3)

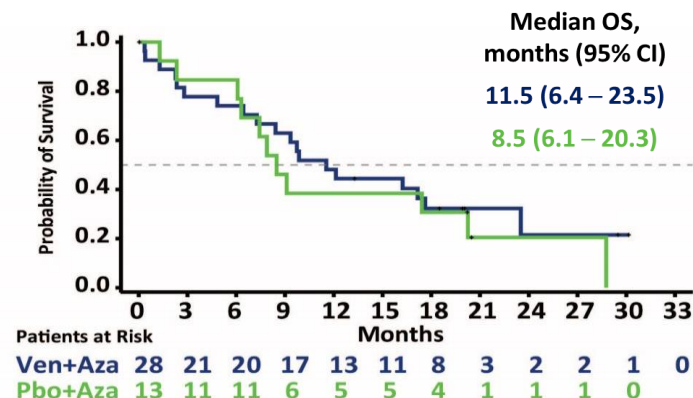
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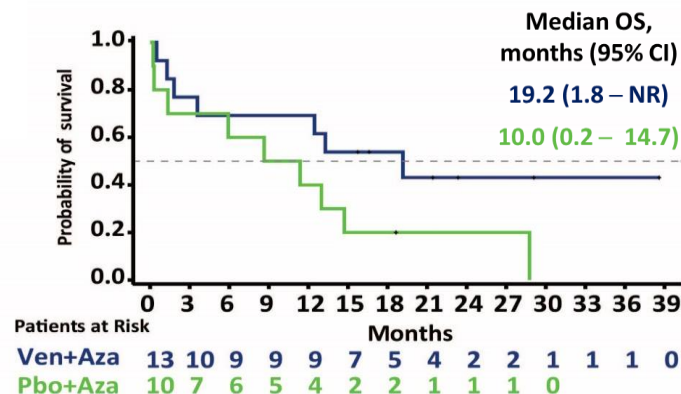
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***FLT3mut vs wt in Ven + Aza***



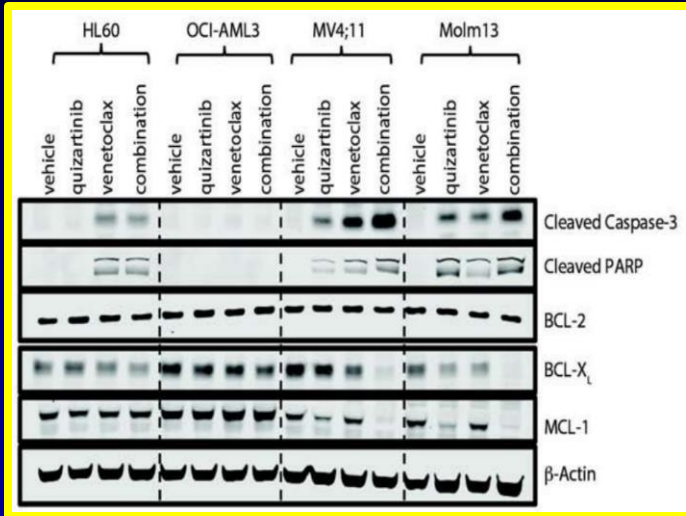
**C.**  
***FLT3-ITD***



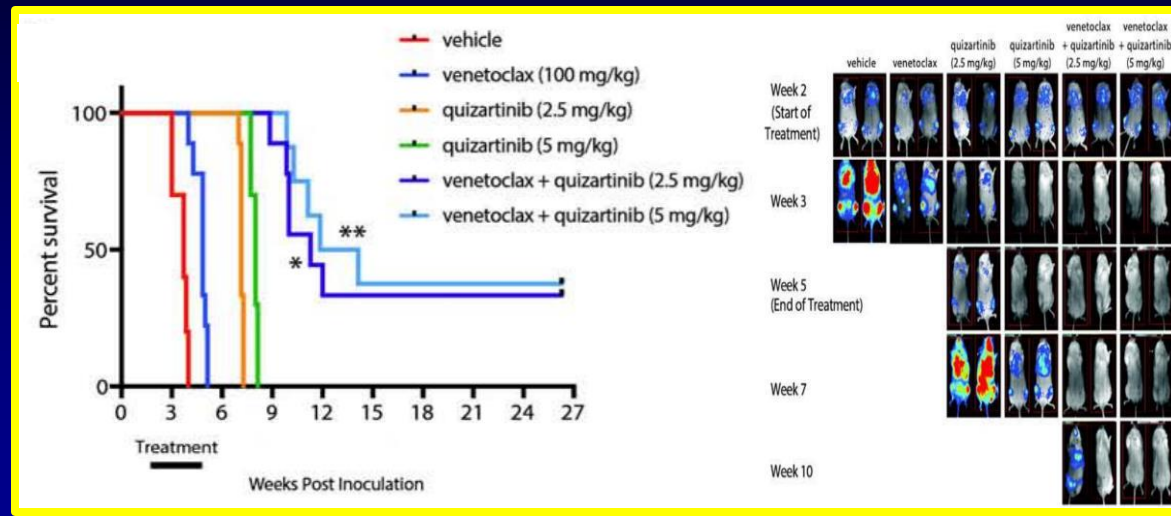
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***FLT3-TKD***



# Venetoclax Combines Synergistically With Quizartinib

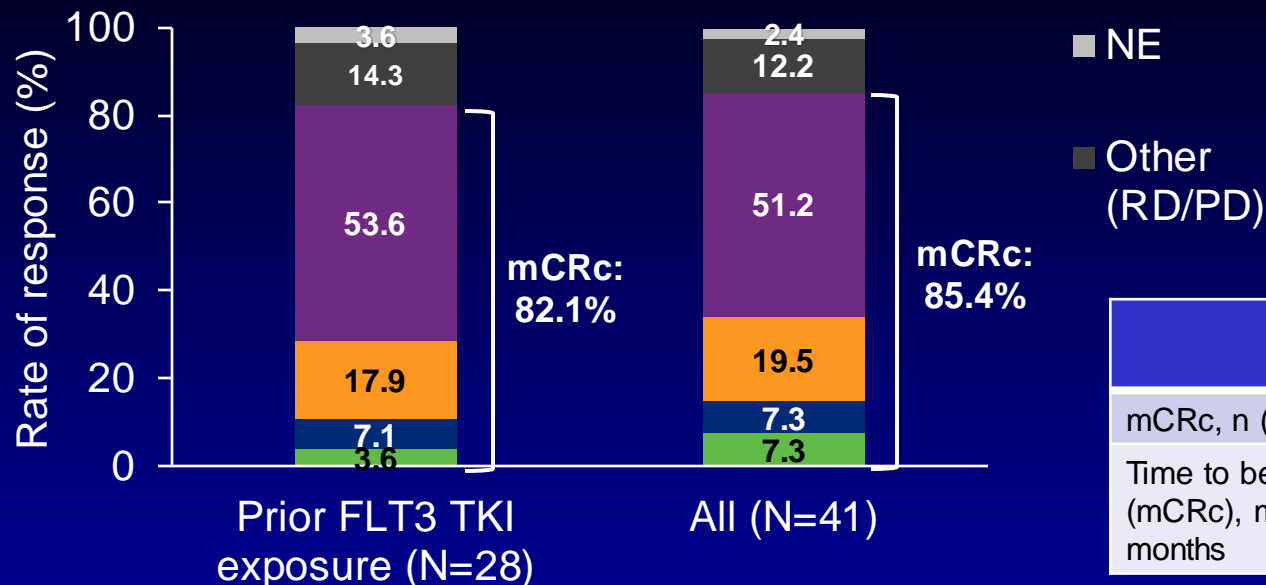


Cell lines were treated with combination – ↓ MCL-1, ↓ BCL-X<sub>L</sub>



Venetoclax combined with quizartinib prolonged survival and reduced tumor burden in *FLT3*-ITD+ xenograft models

# Venetoclax + Gilteritinib in R/R *FLT3* AML: Summary of Best Responses



|  | All<br>(N = 41) |
|--|-----------------|
| mCRc, n (%)  | 35 (85.4%)      |
| Time to best response<br>(mCRc), median (range),<br>months | 0.9 (0.7–4.2)   |

***The 85% mCRc rate compares favorably with the 52% CRc rate (using the same response parameters), with single-agent Gilt in the ADMIRAL phase 3 study<sup>1</sup>***

Data cutoff: April 15, 2020. Analyses were conducted using data from all treated ITD and/or TKD patients irrespective of the availability of postbaseline disease assessment data prior to data cutoff date (ITT analysis), including patients who received non-RP2D dose during dose-expansion phase. Two on-treatment patients did not have their first disease assessment at the cutoff date and were not included in the efficacy analyses. No patients achieved partial remission. One patient (TKD only) discontinued with no response data.

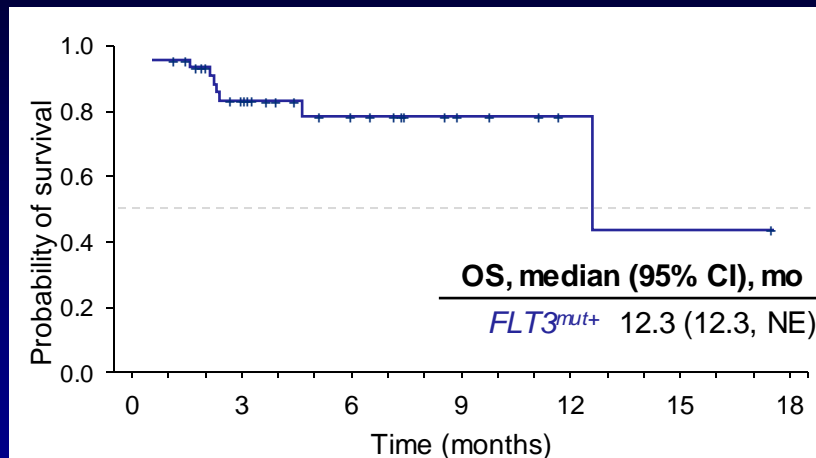
AML, acute myeloid leukemia; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete remission; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; CRp, CR with incomplete platelet recovery; FLT3, FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3; Gilt, gilteritinib; ITD, internal tandem duplications; ITT, intention to treat; mCRc, modified composite complete remission; MLFS, morphologic leukemia free state; NE, not estimable; PD, progressive disease; RD, resistant disease; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain.

1. Perl AE, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019;381(18):1728-1740.

**Daver N, et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 333.**

# Venetoclax + Gilteritinib in R/R *FLT3* AML: OS in All *FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup> Patients and ITD Patients

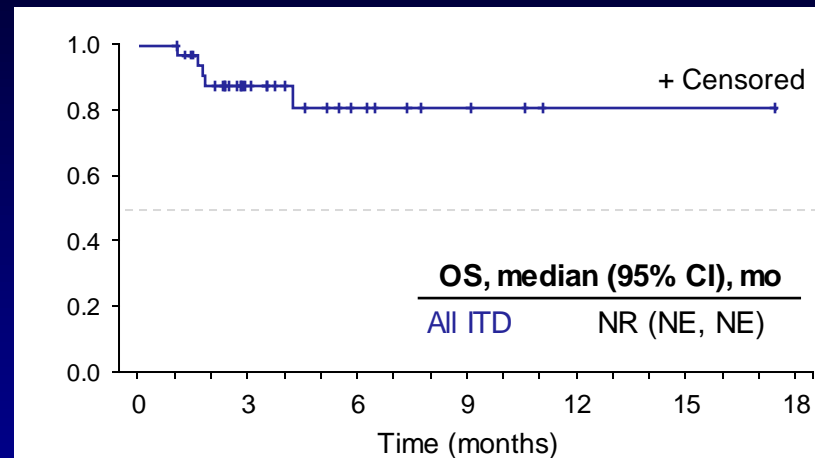
OS in all *FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup> patients (N = 41)



Patients at risk, n

*FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup> 41 40 30 20 15 13 10 7 5 5 4 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 0

OS in all ITD patients (N = 36)



Patients at risk, n

ITD ± TKD 36 36 28 18 13 11 8 6 4 4 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

**Median (range) duration of follow-up: 3.5 months (0.8–17.4)**

Data cut off: April 15, 2020.

*FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup>, *FLT3* mutation; ITD, internal tandem duplications; mCRc, modified composite complete remission; MLFS, morphologic leukemia free state; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

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# Q&A session



# Current and future role of transplantation in acute leukemias

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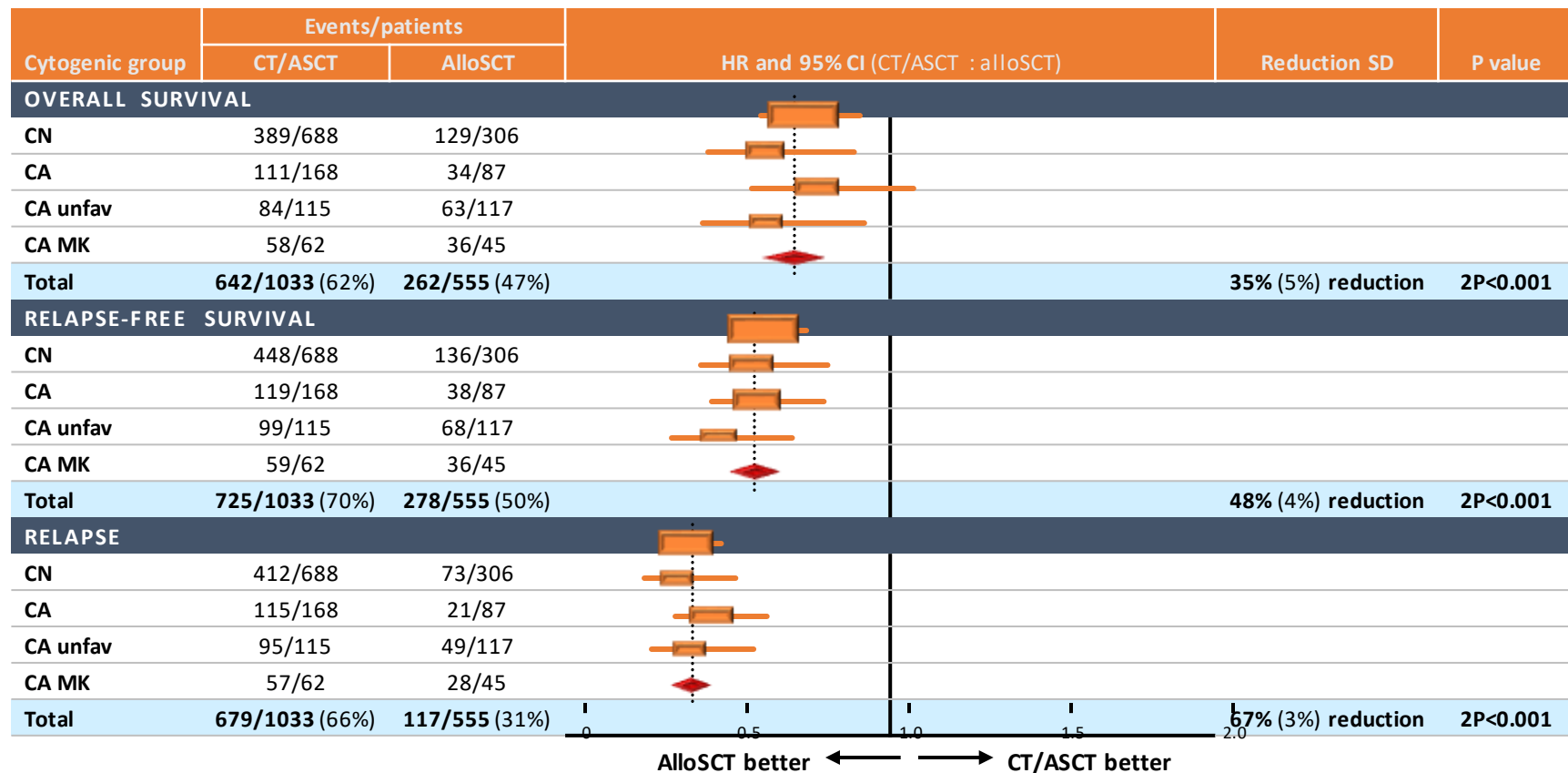
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| Janssen       | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| KITE          | Yes              | No       | Yes        | No          | No             | No                | No    |
| Novartis      | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| Roche         | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | No                | No    |
| Jazz          | Yes              | No       | Yes        | No          | No             | No                | No    |
| BMS           | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| Pfizer        | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| Astellas      | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| Daichi Sankyo | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |
| Eurocept      | No               | No       | Yes        | No          | Yes            | Yes               | No    |

# Central role of allografting in the management of high-risk AML

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- Allografting delivers maximal anti-leukaemic activity in AML – a potent and manipulable anti-tumour effect across all cytogenetic groups
- The toxicity of allogeneic stem cell transplantation (allo-SCT) has steadily declined - estimated 15%-20% 1 year TRM in fit adults with a well matched donor
- Increased donor availability and decreased transplant toxicity have resulted in allo-SCT becoming a centrally important treatment modality in most fit adults with AML in CR1
- Allografting exerts a potent and broadly equivalent anti-tumour effect across all cytogenetic groups.

# Allo-SCT reduces relapse risk in AML-independent of karyotype



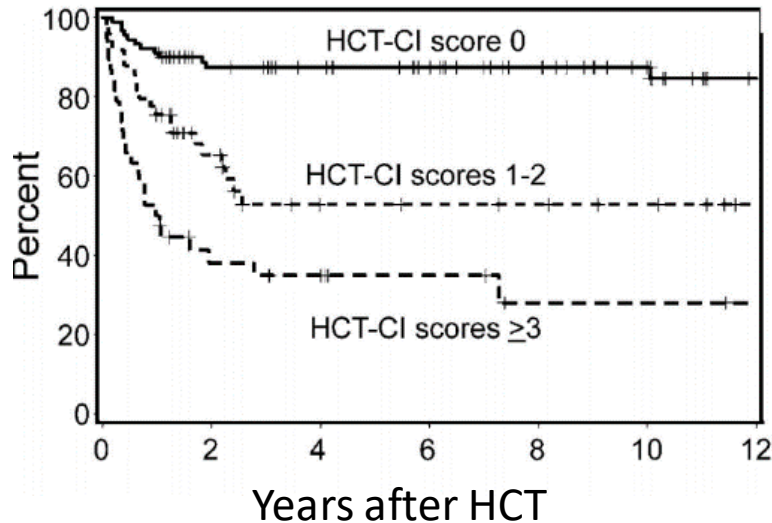
# The identification of patients with AML CR1 who will benefit from allo-SCT is based on a dynamic risk assessment

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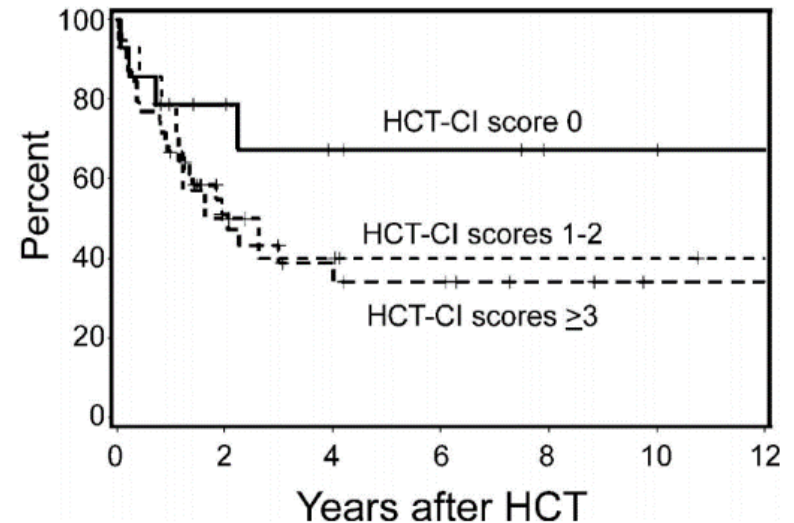
- All decisions concerning allo-SCT are patient specific, and survival benefit is dependent on the reduction in relapse risk outweighing TRM
- Relapse risk can be predicted by:
  - Molecular stratification
  - MRD status after IC
- TRM is determined by:
  - Age and co-morbidity

# Impact of HCT-CI on overall survival

Patients in First CR with Comorbidity Data Available, Who Underwent Transplantation at FHCRC between 1990 and 2004 (N=177)

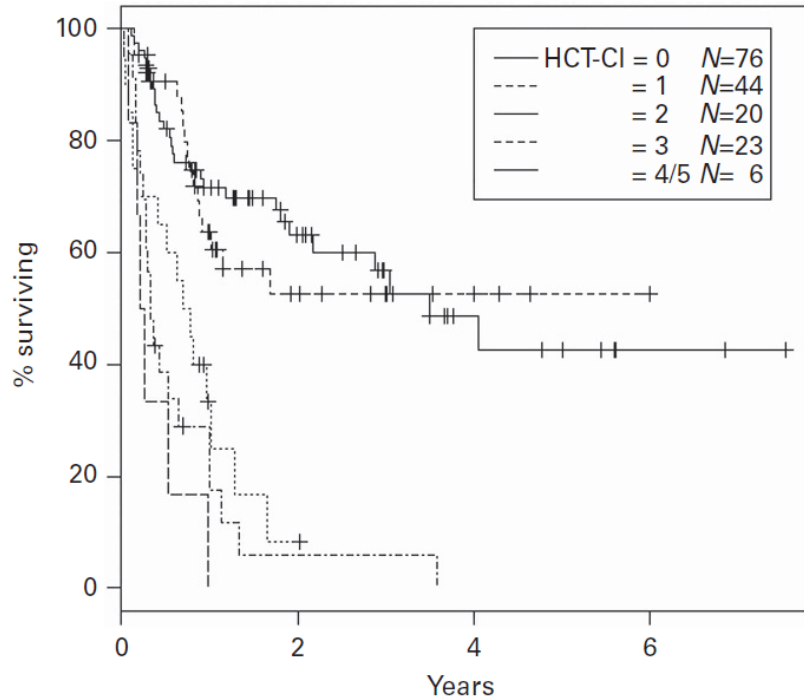


Patients in First CR with Comorbidity Data Available, Who Underwent Transplantation at MDACC between 1990 and 2001 (N=67)

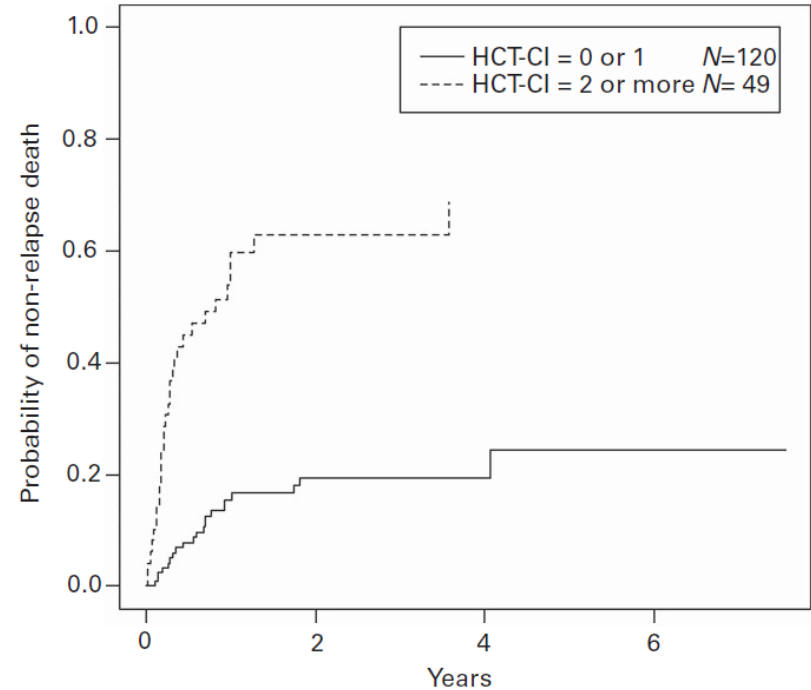


# Outcome in patients $\geq 60$ years-old transplanted using an alemtuzumab-based RIC regimen

## Overall Survival by Pre-transplant HCT-CI



## Non-relapse Mortality by Pre-transplant HCT-CI



RIC: reduced-intensity conditioning; HCT-CI: hematopoietic cell transplant comorbidity index

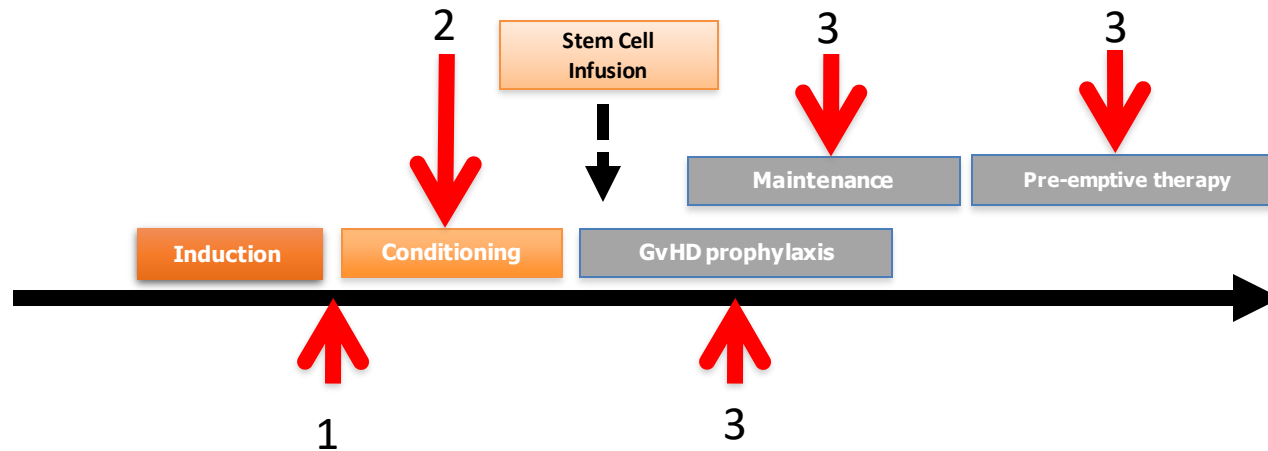
# Transplant indications in 2021

| 2017 ELN Risk stratification by genetics | MRD after cycle 2 chemotherapy | Estimated risk of relapse based on consolidation with: |              | Maximal tolerated NRM prognostic scores for allo-SCT to be beneficial |              |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|
|  |                                | Chemotherapy alone (%)                                 | Allo-SCT (%) | HCT-CI score  | NRM risk (%) |
| Favourable                               | Negative                       | 25-35  | 15-20        | N/A (<1)  | 5            |
|  | Positive                       | 70-80  | 30-40        | ≤3-4  | <30          |
| Intermediate                             | Negative                       | 50-60  | 25-30        | ≤2  | <20          |
|  | Positive                       | 70-80  | 30-40        | ≤3-4  | <30          |
| Adverse                                  | N/A                            | >90  | 45-55        | <5  | <35          |

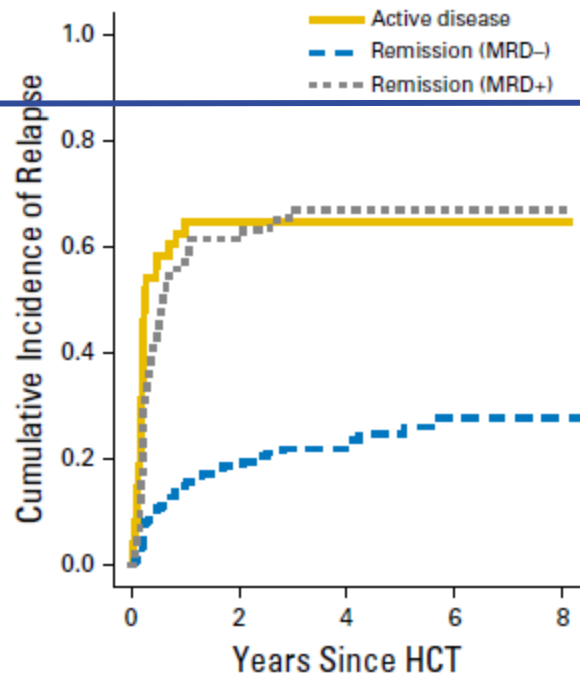


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# splant MRD on Transplant Outcome in AML



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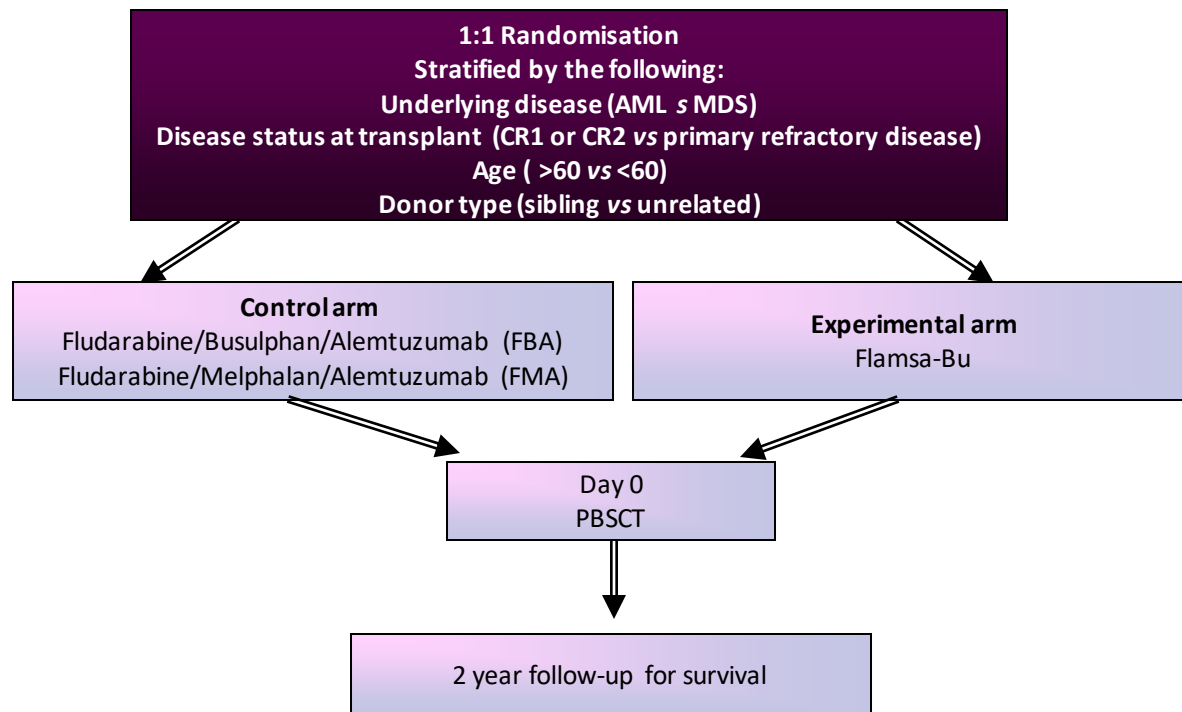
## Summary of Published Data with MRD testing across genetic subtypes

### Relapse Incidences for transplant cohorts

- Large EBMT study/CTN 0901 Retrospective Randomised (NGS MRD)
  - 2 yr CIR ~ 25% MRD negative vs ~40% MRD+
- Other Retrospective studies by Flow or NGS
  - 2 yr CIR ~30% to 60%

Seattle (Flow) > Heuser (NGS) > MD Andersen (Flow)

# Pre-transplant and post-transplant flow MRD prospectively evaluated in all FIGARO patients

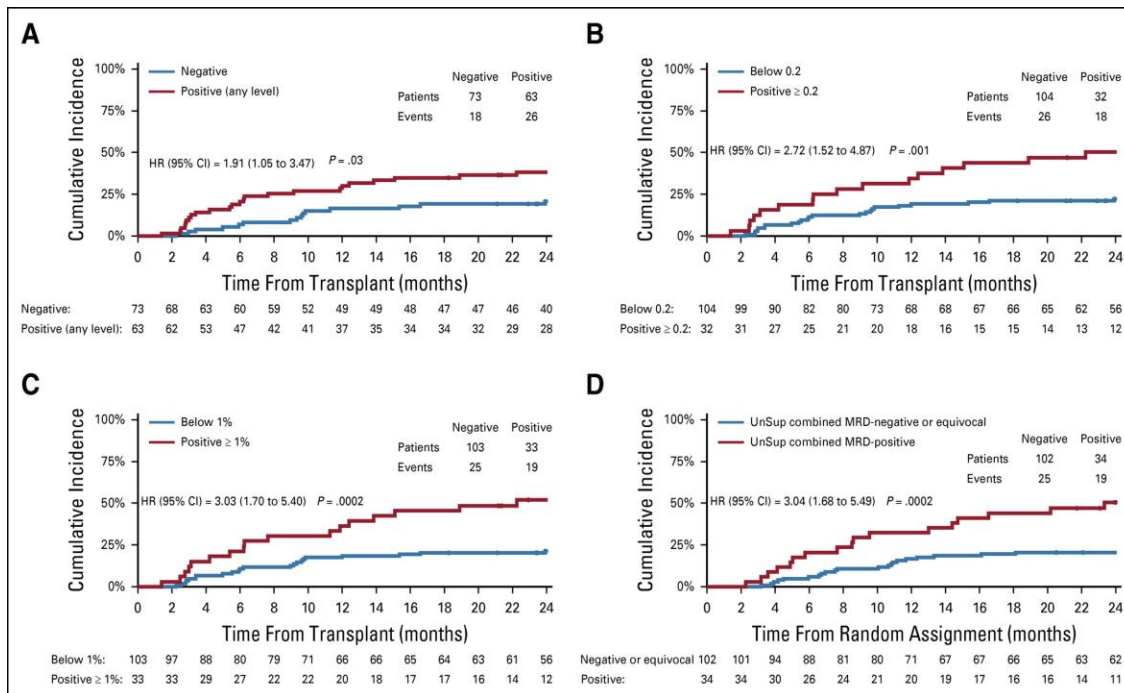


# Impact of pre-transplant MRD Measured by Unsupervised Methodology on Cumulative Incidence of Relapse in patients allografted on FIGARO trial

- No interaction observed between MRD status and conditioning regimen
- CIR MRD -ve 20%  
MRD +ve 41%
- 2 yr MRD -ve 70%  
OS MRD +ve 51%

p = 0.01

p = 0.05



# Prospective comparison of RIC and MAC in AML and MDS: US-CTN 0901 study

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272 patients with AML and MDS (<5% blasts pre-transplant)

Age 18-65

MAC- Bu/Cy or Cy/TBI

RIC- Flu/Bu<sub>2</sub> or Flu/Mel

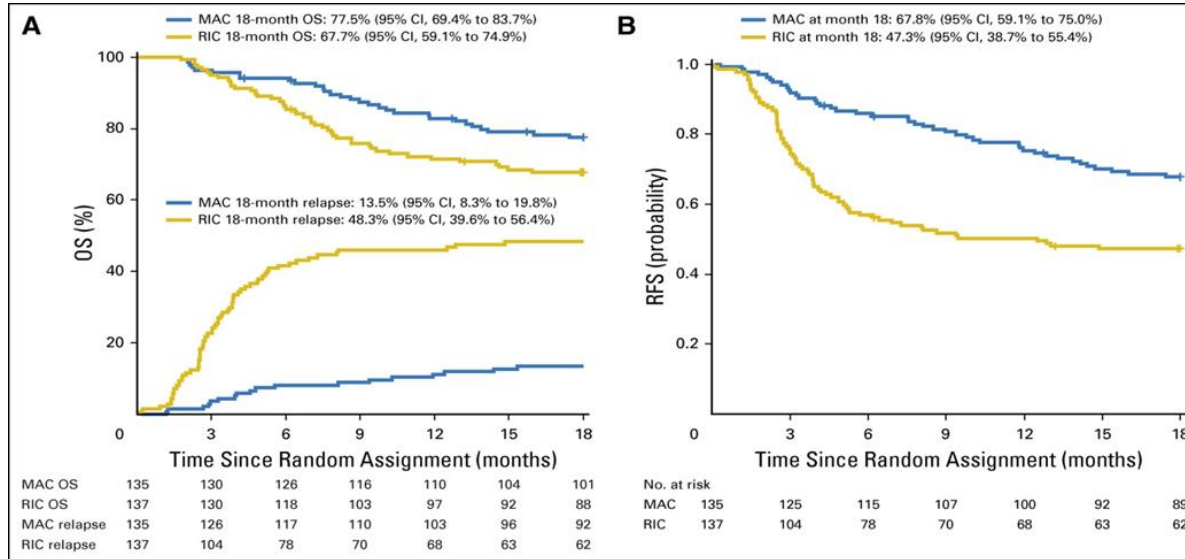
GVHD prophylaxis CsA/MTX. CsA levels and taper not specified

Reduced risk NRM (4% v 16% p=0.002) of Grade 2-4 acute GVHD in RIC arm (31% v 44% p=0.02) and chronic GVHD (47% v 64% p=0.19)

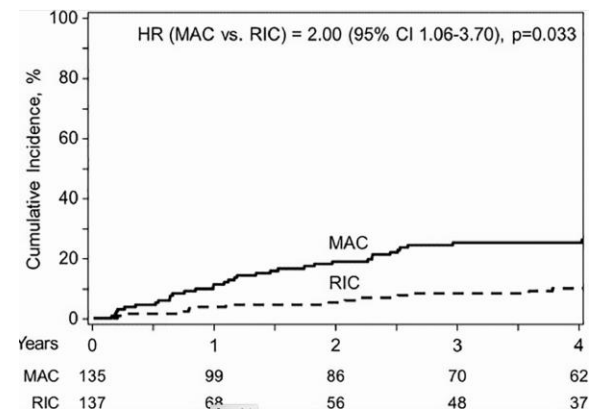
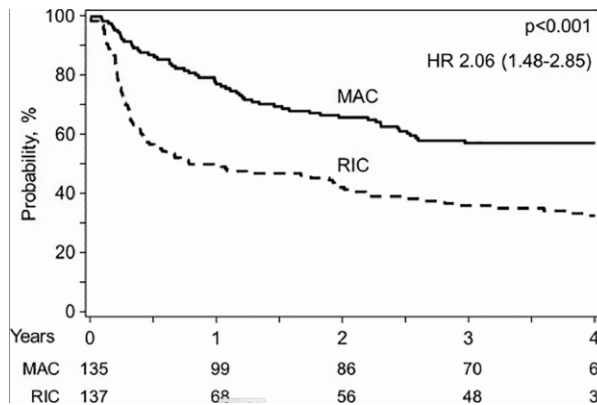
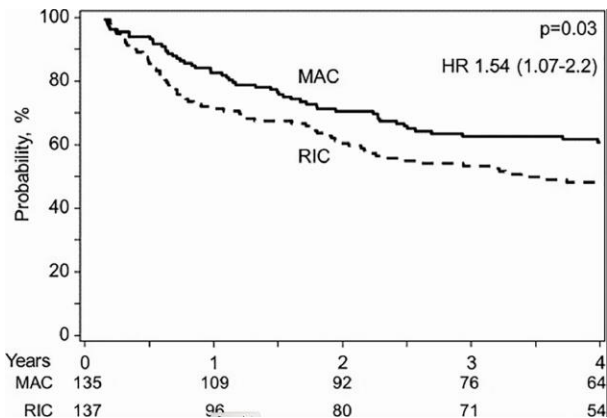
Increased relapse in patients with AML but not MDS

Equivalent OS

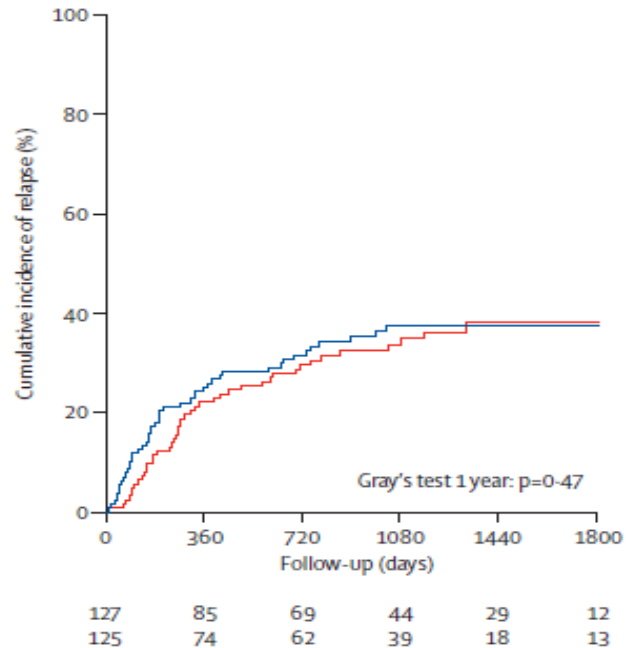
# US-CTN 0901 Outcome after MAC or RIC allograft: US CTN study



# Long term follow up of BMT CTN 0901 Trial

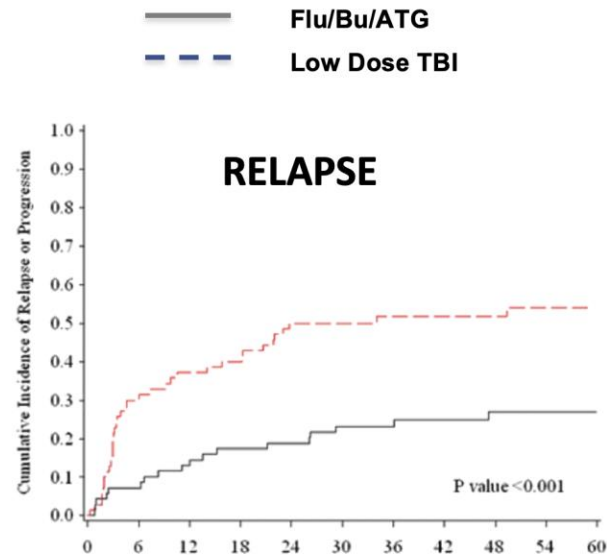
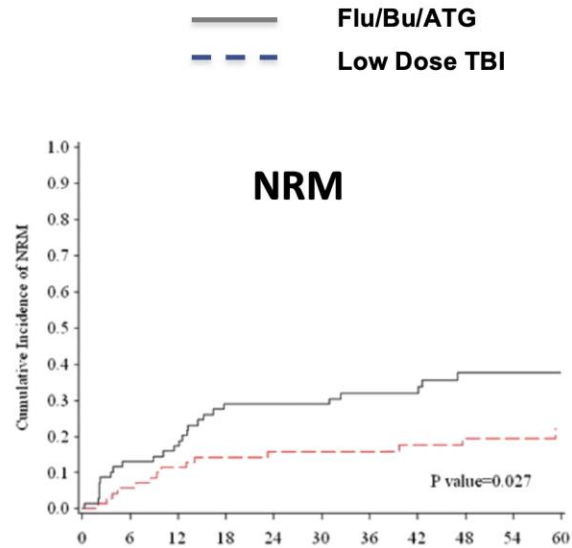


# Cumulative incidence of relapse in patients with AML or randomised to receive Bu/Cy FLU/Bu<sub>4</sub>

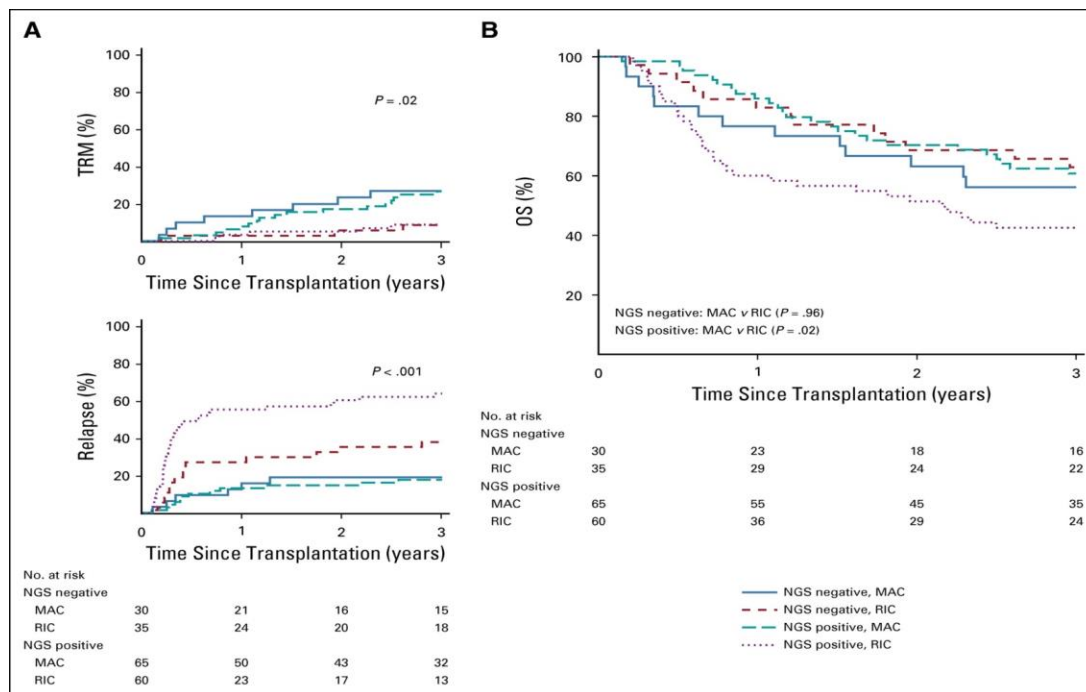




# Relapse Rates Previously Reported with Flu/Bu<sub>2</sub> Regimen

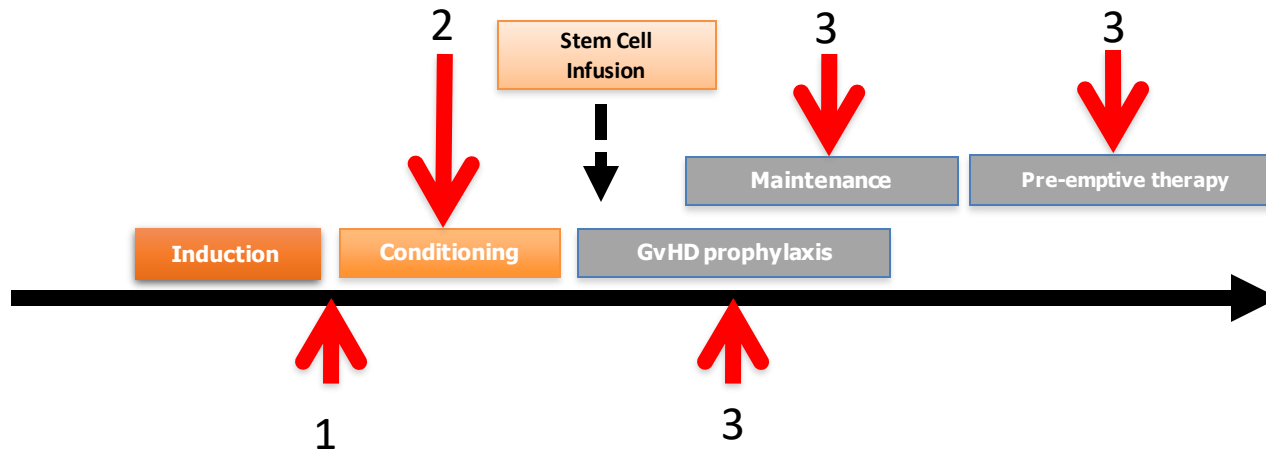


# Outcome according to Conditioning Regimen Intensity and Pre-Transplant NGS MRD status

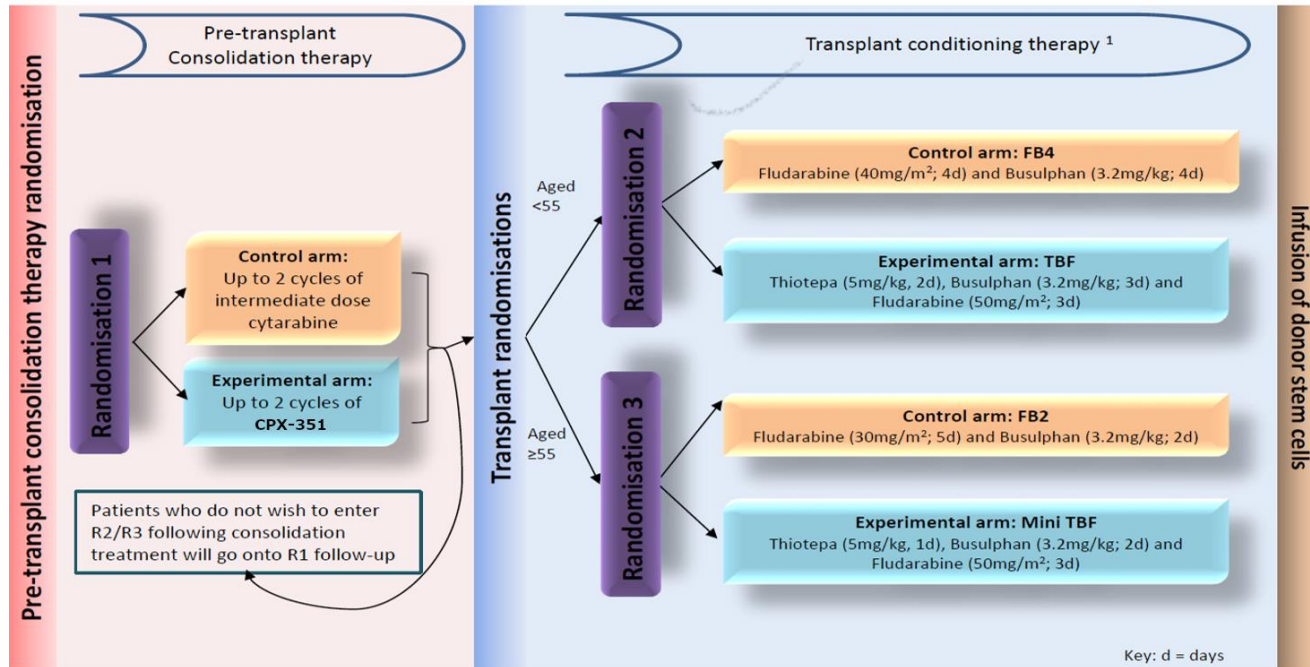


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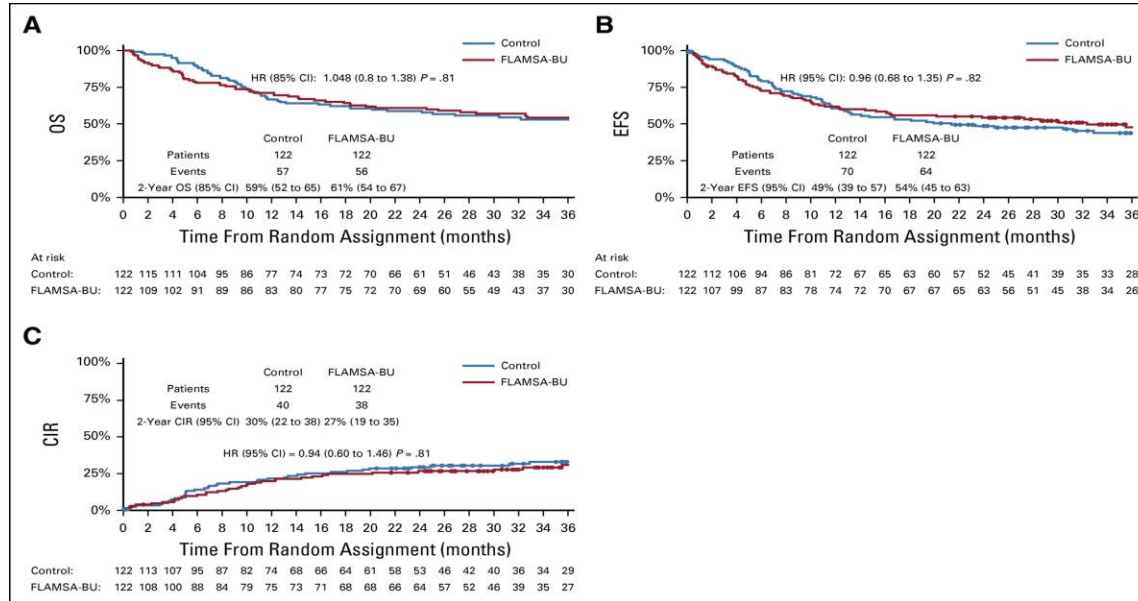
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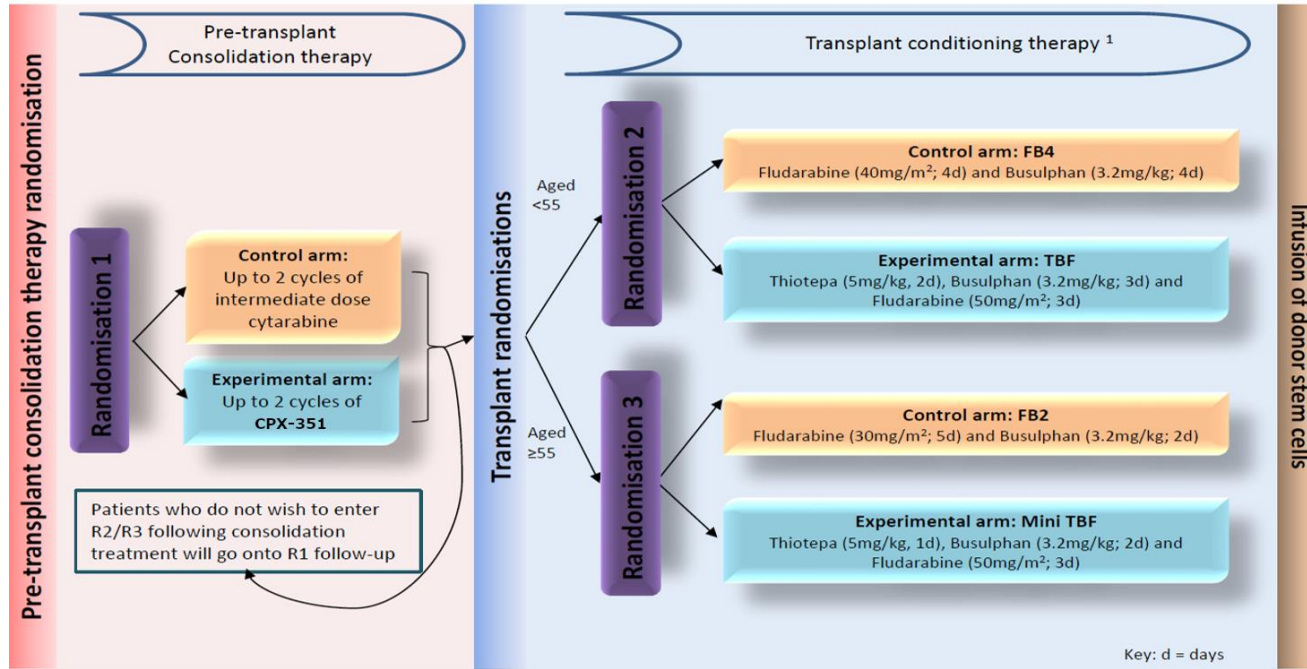
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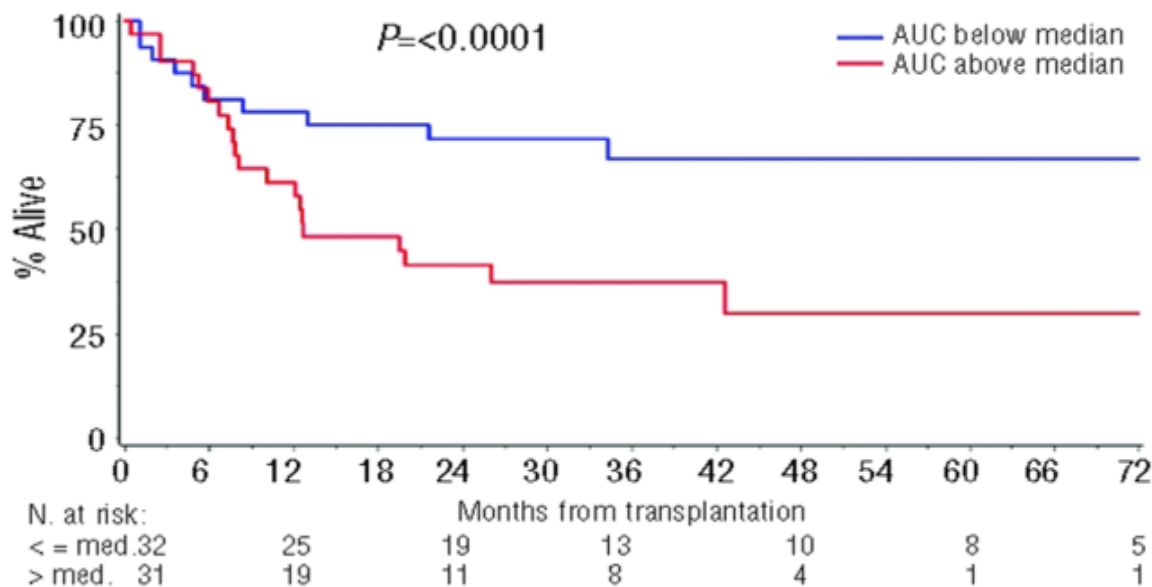
# Impact of FLAMSA-Bu Regimen on Transplant Outcome in High Risk AML: FIGARO



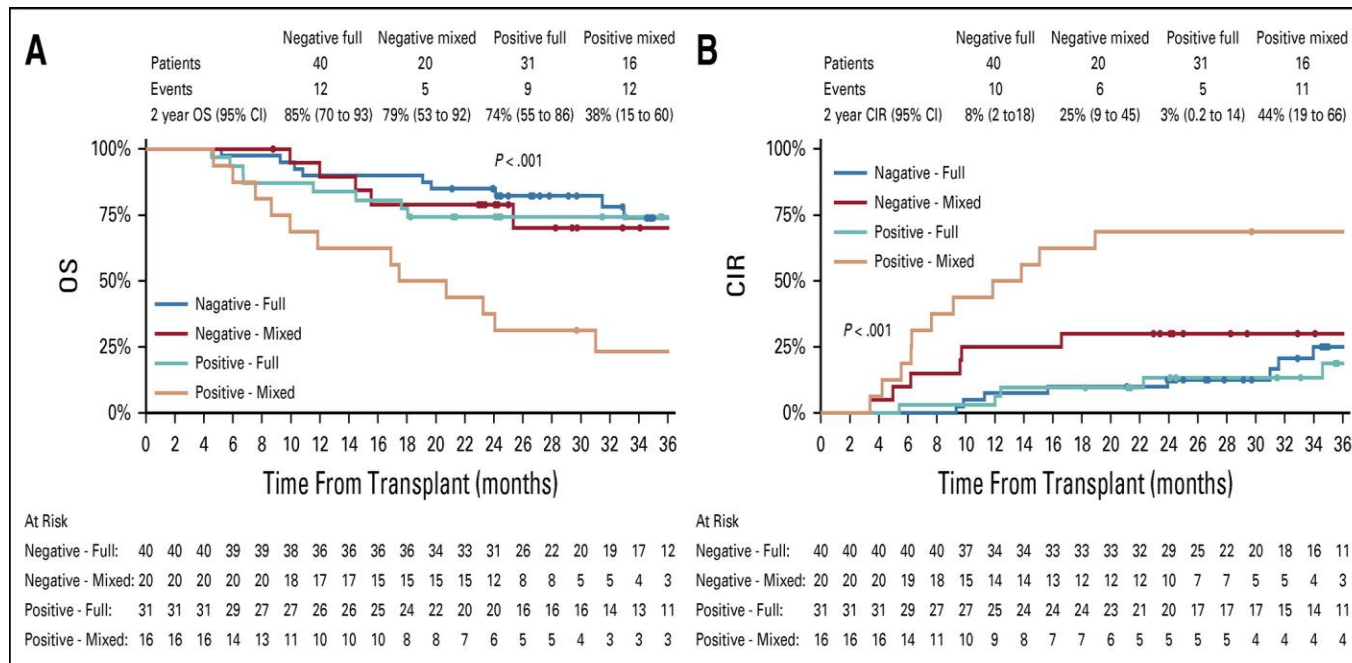
# COSI trial schema-randomisation 2 and 3



# A potent and manipulable GVL effect is exerted after a RIC allograft for AML



# FIGARO: Acquisition of full donor T-cell chimerism overcomes the adverse impact of pre-transplant MRD

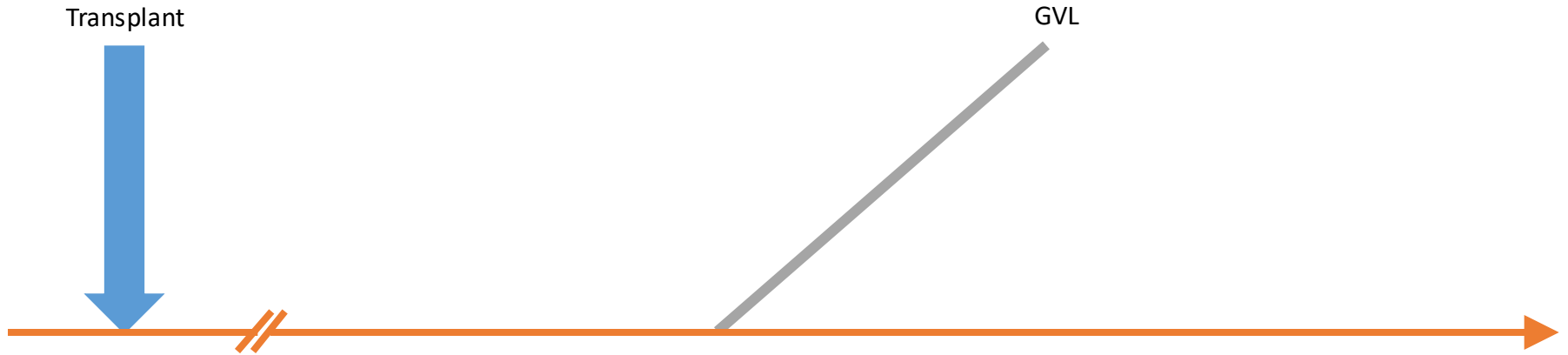




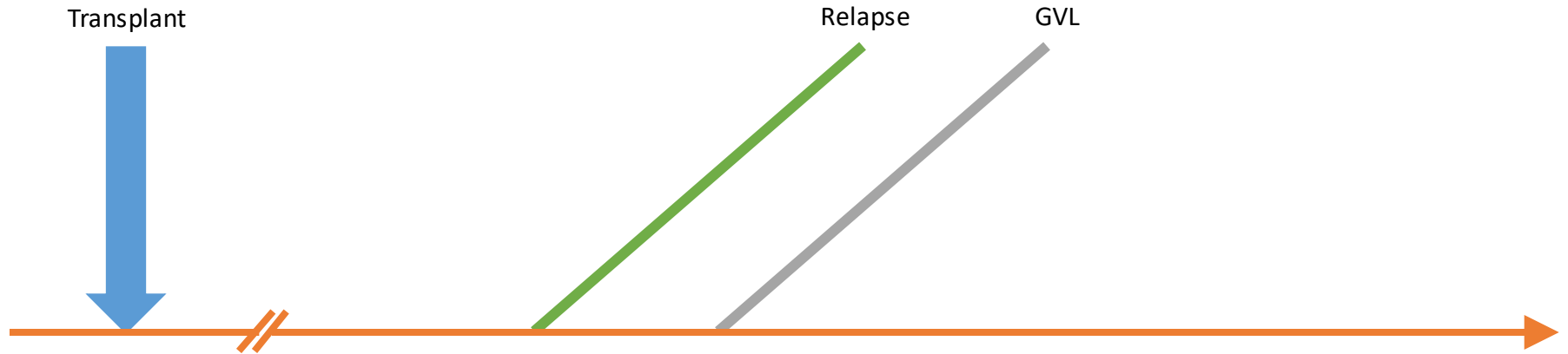
# Agents under investigation in post-transplant maintenance

| Agent        | Study                                  | Population                                | Reference   |
|--------------|--|---|---|
| Sorafenib    | Randomised Prospective Phase II Trials | FLT3-ITD AML who received HCT in first CR | Burchert A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2020: 38:2993-3002  |
| Gilteritinib | Phase 3, multicentre, randomised       | FLT3-ITD AML who received HCT in first CR | Clinicaltrials.gov. Available at: <a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02997202">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02997202</a> (accessed Sep 2020) |
|              |  |   |   |
| CC486        | AMADEUS, Phase 3, randomised           | Patients with AML or MDS post allograft   | Clinicaltrials.gov. Available at: <a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04173533">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04173533</a> (accessed Sep 2020) |

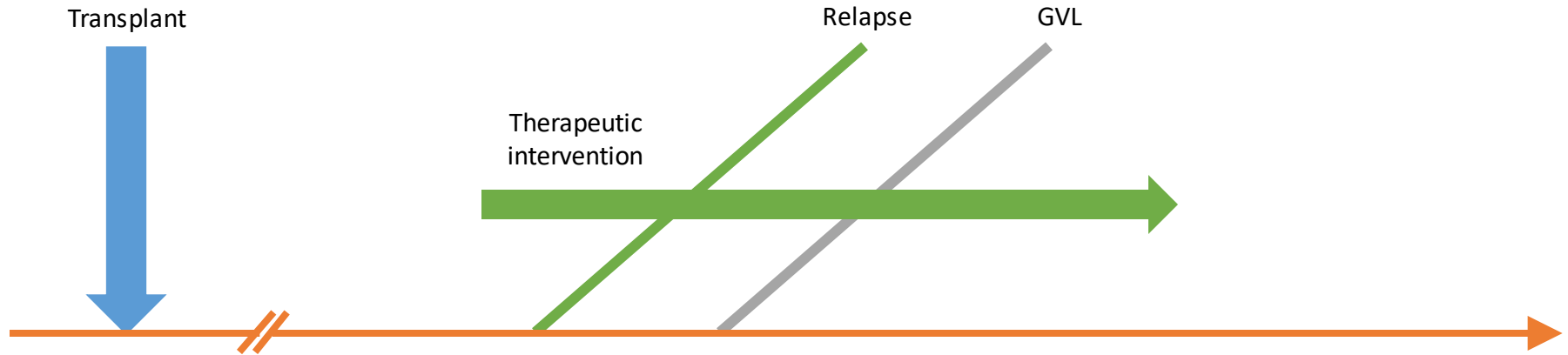
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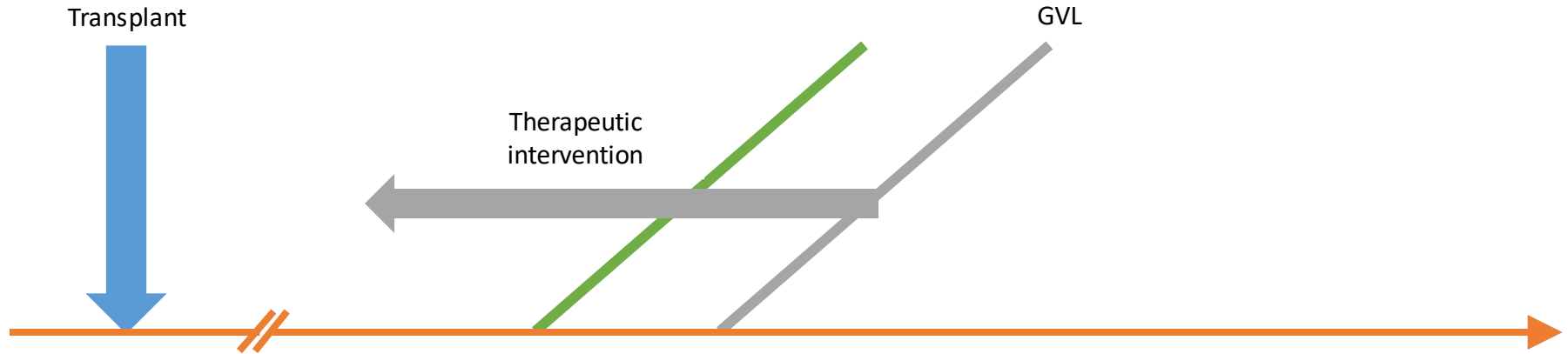
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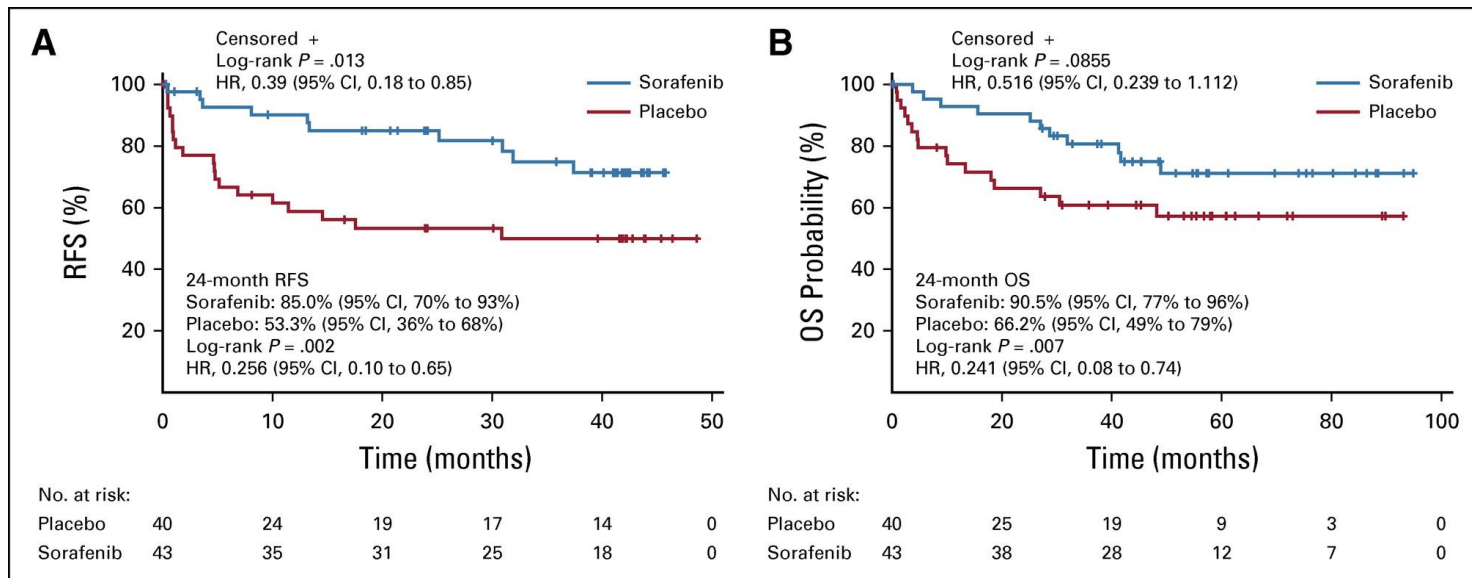
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GvL: graft versus leukaemia

Speaker opinion

# Post-transplant Sorafenib Maintenance Improves Outcome After Allo-SCT in Patients Allografted for Flt3 ITD+ AML



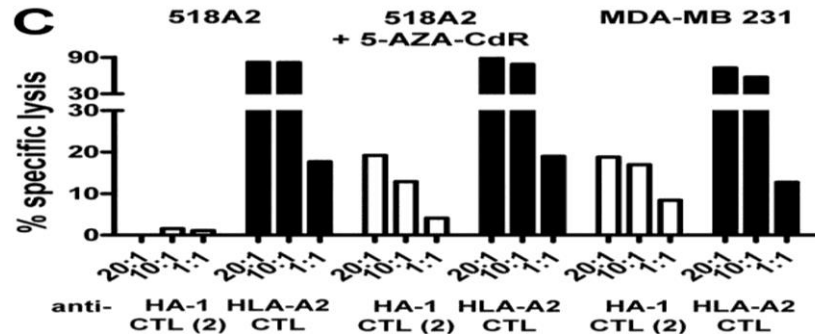
# **BMT CTN 1506**

**A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase III trial of the FLT3 Inhibitor  
Gilteritinib Administered as Maintenance Therapy Following Allogeneic Transplant for Patients  
with FLT3-ITD AML**

**Study Chairs: Yi-Bin Chen, MD, Mark Levis, MD, PhD**

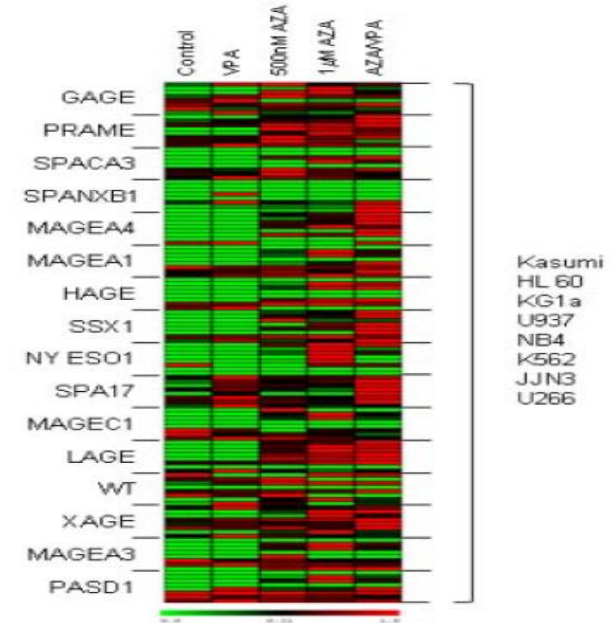
# AZA up-regulates the expression of epigenetically silenced putative GVL targets

**AZA up-regulates mHAg expression on AML blasts**



Hambeach, et al. Blood 2009

**AZA up-regulates MAGE-A1 expression on AML blasts**



Goodyear, et al. Blood. 2010



# AMADEUS: Randomized Trial CC486 Maintenance in Patients Allografted for AML

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**Between 42 and 84 days post  
allo-SCT patients randomised**

**Control Arm**

Placebo

**Experimental arm**

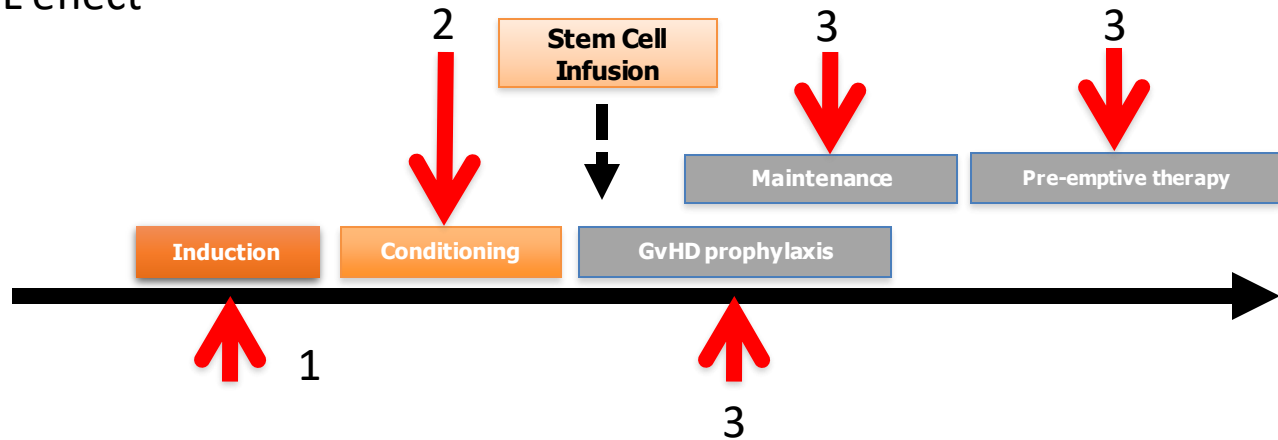
Oral azacitidine 200 mg  
bid daily days 1-14

**Patients will receive 14 days of either  
placebo or oral AZA (CC-486) at the  
beginning of a 28 day cycle.**

**24 months  
Relapse Free Survival**

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# What is the optimal strategy to allografts adults with allomandatory AML in CR1?

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- In fit adults under 55 a MAC regimen is to be preferred- especially in patients who are MRD+
- Older adults (55-75) can safely proceed to allograft if they are fit with a low HCT-Ci status
- Older adults who are MRD+ can still achieve good post-transplant outcomes with RIC regimen but novel conditioning/post-transplant strategies are required
- There is no evidence that transplant should be deferred in patients who are in morphological CR but have detectable flow based MRD
- Prospective examination of novel strategies with the potential to improve transplant outcome is required- embedded MRD and genomic studies are key

# Q&A session

# Debate on sequencing CD19-targeted approaches

Moderator: Franco Locatelli



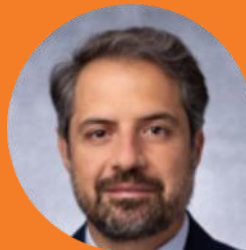
What is your preferred ALL treatment choice in salvage if all these therapies were available in your country?

- a) CAR T therapies
- b) Monoclonal antibodies or bispecifics



# **Debate on sequencing CD19- targeted approaches: Monoclonal antibodies and bispecifics first**

Elias Jabbour



# **Management of Patients With R/R Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia: Bispecifics and ADC**

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## ALL Salvage Standards of Care in 2021

- Refer for investigational therapies – MoAb + ChemoRx; CAR T
- Ph+ ALL – TKIs + chemoRx; blinatumomab
- Pre-B-ALL
  - Blinatumomab (FDA approval 12/2014)
  - Inotuzumab (FDA approval 8/2017)
  - 2 CAR Ts (FDA approvals 8/2017 and 10/2017)
- T-ALL: nelarabine
- ChemoRx: FLAG IDA, Hyper CVAD, augmented HCVAD, MOAD

## Historical Results in R/R ALL

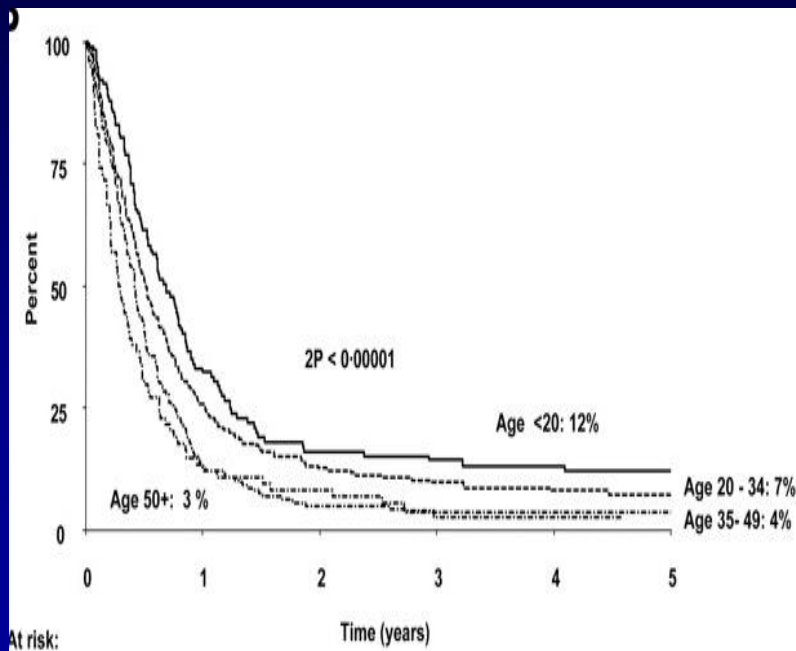
- Poor prognosis in R/R ALL Rx with standard of care (SOC) chemotherapy

| Rate (95% CI)     | No prior salvage (S1) | One prior salvage (S2) | ≥2 prior salvages (S3) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Rate of CR, %     | 40                    | 21                     | 11                     |
| Median OS, months | 5.8                   | 3.4                    | 2.9                    |

# ALL – Historical Survival Rates After First Relapse

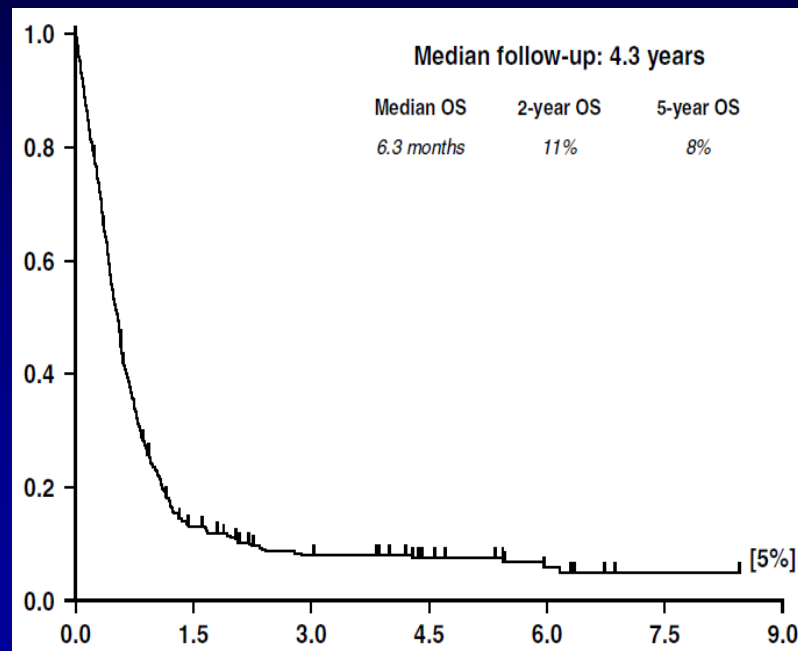
MRC UKALL2/ ECOG2993 Study (n = 609)

Outcome of patients after 1<sup>st</sup> relapse  
5-yr OS: 7%



LALA-94 Study (n = 421)

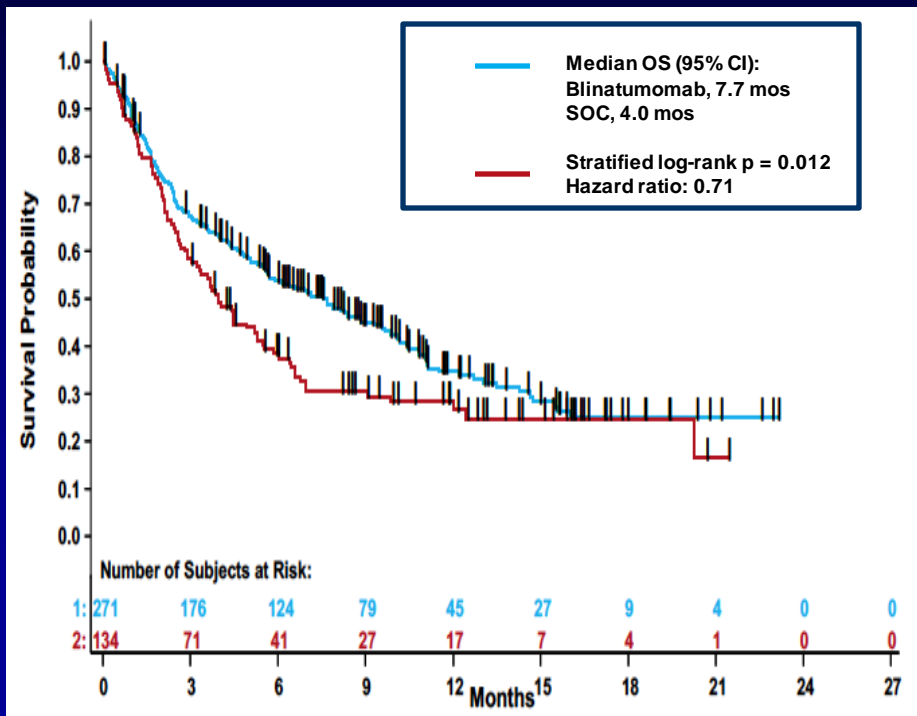
Outcome of patients after 1<sup>st</sup> relapse  
2-yr OS: 11% and 5-yr OS: 8%



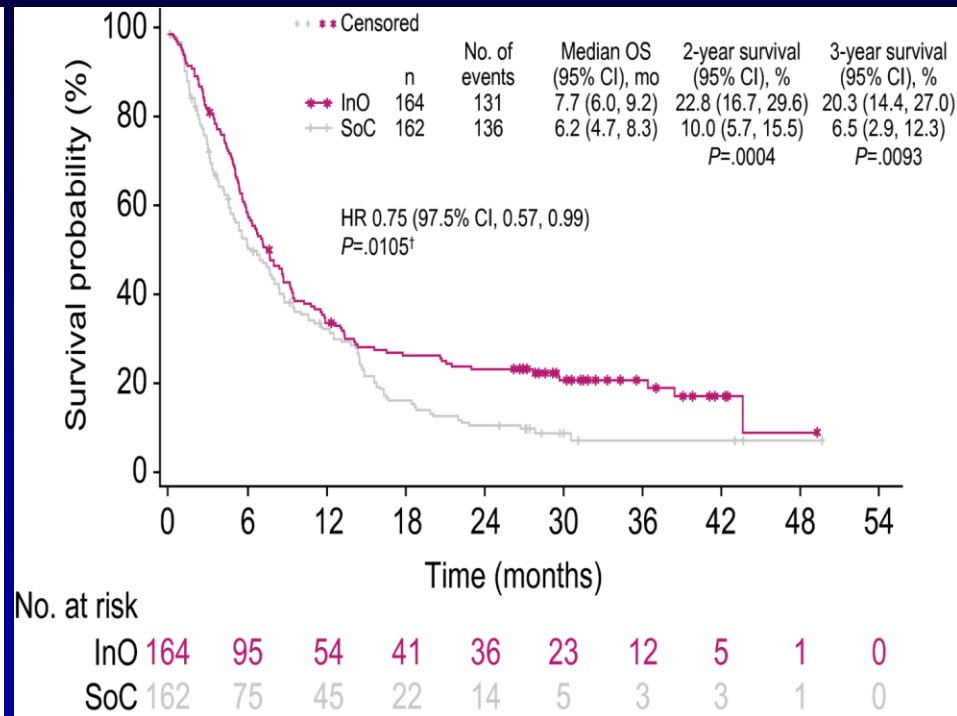
# Blinatumomab/Inotuzumab vs ChemoRx in R/R ALL

- Marrow CR

**Blina vs SOC: 44% vs 25%**

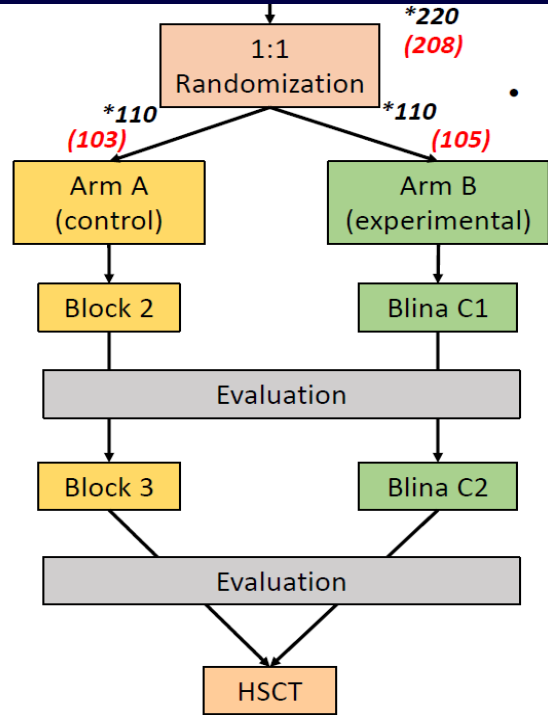


**Ino vs SOC: 74% vs 31%**

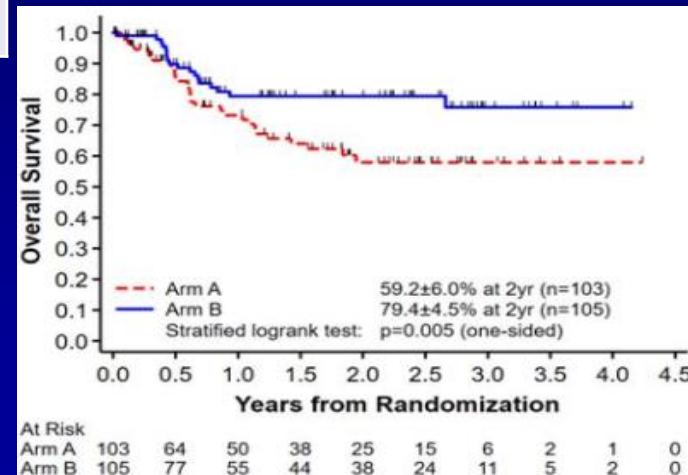
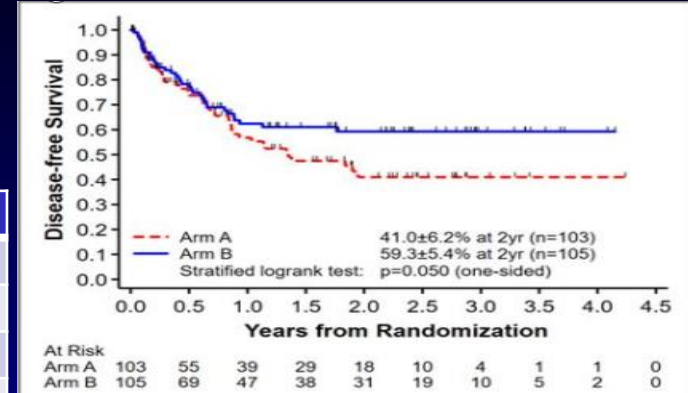


# Phase III Study of Blinatumomab vs ChemoRx in Children-AYA in Salvage 1

- 208 pts HR/IR randomized 1:1 to blina (n = 105) vs chemo Rx (n = 103) post Block 1 reinduction



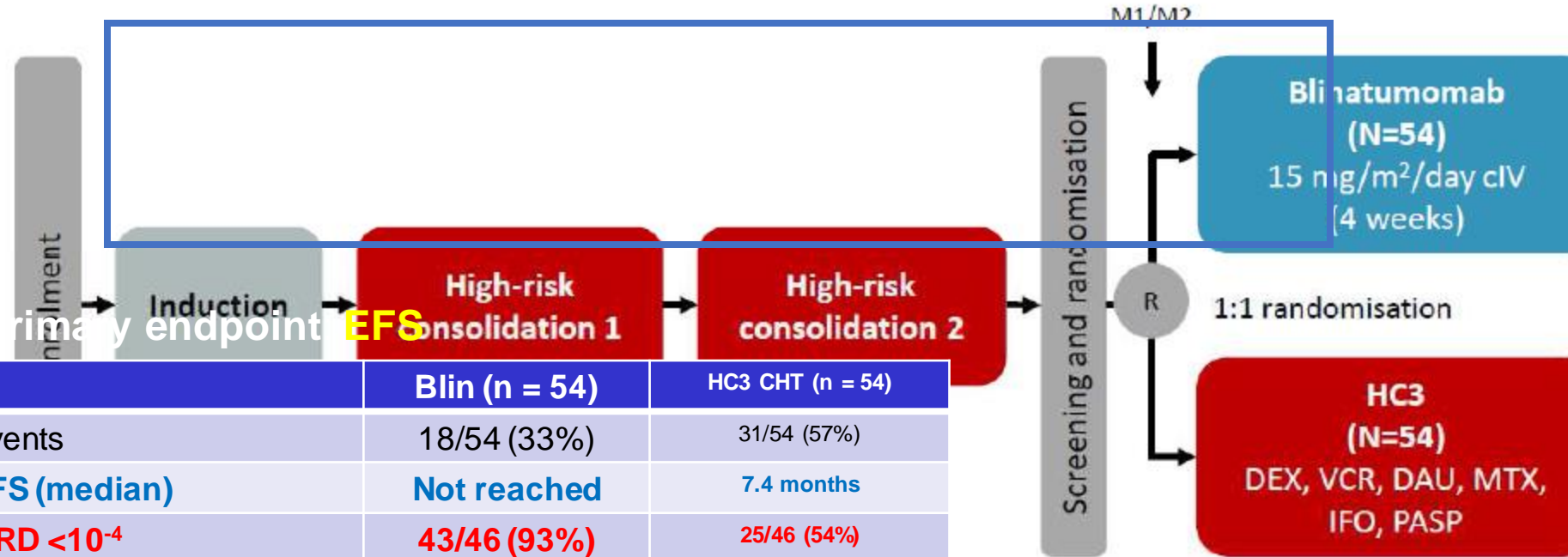
| Parameter       | Blina | Chemo | P     |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| % 2-yr DFS      | 59    | 41    | .05   |
| % 2-yr OS       | 79    | 59    | .005  |
| % SCT           | 73    | 49    | <.001 |
| % MRD clearance | 79    | 21    | <.001 |



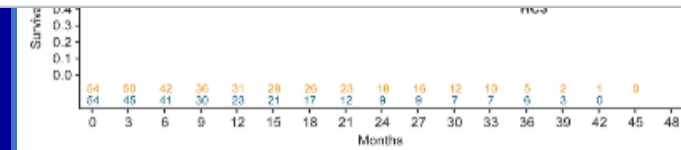
Block 1

Block 2

Block 3



|                                | Blin (n = 54)                    | HC3 CHT (n = 54)   |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Events                         | 18/54 (33%)                      | 31/54 (57%)        |
| <b>EFS (median)</b>            | <b>Not reached</b>               | <b>7.4 months</b>  |
| <b>MRD &lt;10<sup>-4</sup></b> | <b>43/46 (93%)</b>               | <b>25/46 (54%)</b> |
| RR reduction (Blin vs HC3)     | 64%, HR 0.43, (95% CI 0.18–1.01) |                    |
| Grade ≥3 AEs                   | 30/53 (57%)                      | 41/51 (80%)        |



## Phase II Study of Inotuzumab in R/R Pediatric ALL

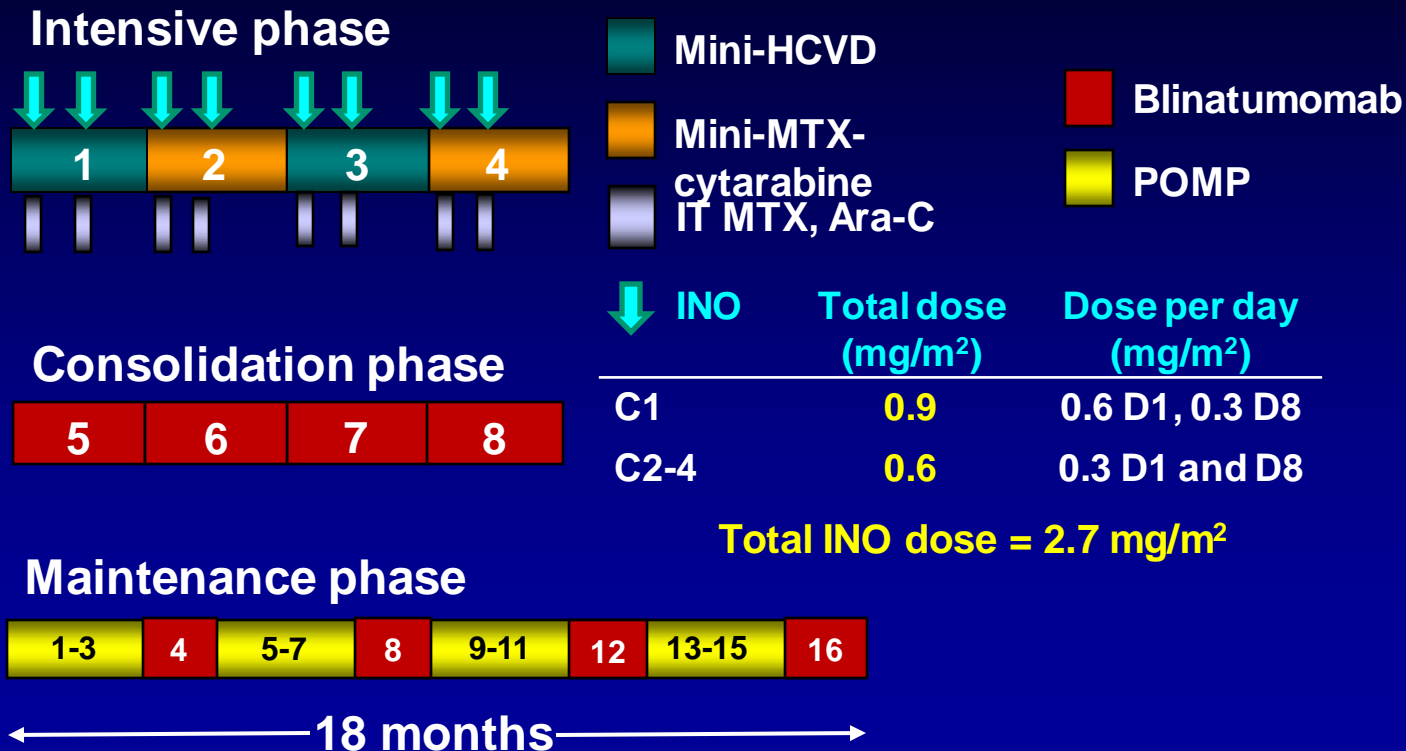
- 32 pts enrolled, 28 Rx, 27 evaluable
- Median age 7.5 yrs (1.7–17). S2+ 57%. Prior blina 25%; prior ASCT 50%; prior CAR T Rx 11%
- Inotuzumab weekly × 3 up to 6 courses
  - RP2D 1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (0.8-0.5-0.5)
- ORR = 81.5% (CR 50%); MRD neg 95% (82% after C1)
- 64% proceeded to ASCT and 14% to CAR T Rx
- 12-mos EFS 23%; 12-mos OS 46.5%
- 6 VOD (22%): 1 during InO; 5/14 post ASCT (36%)



## 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 ( $250 \text{ mg/m}^2$ ) 75% dose reduction
  - Cytarabine ( $0.5 \text{ g/m}^2 \times 4$ ) 83% dose reduction
- **Inotuzumab on D3 (first 4 courses)**
  - **Modified to  $0.9 \text{ mg/m}^2$  C1 ( $0.6$  and  $0.3$  on D1&8) and  $0.6 \text{ mg/m}^2$  C2-4 ( $0.3$  and  $0.3$  on D1&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 ± Blina in R/R ALL: Long-Term Follow-Up

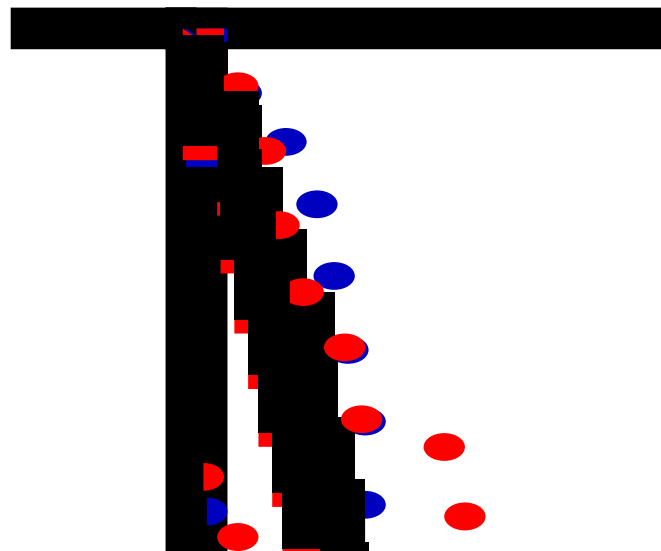


## Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R ALL (N = 96)

| Characteristic | Category               | No. (%)     |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Age (year)     | Median [range]         | 37 [17–87]  |
| Gender         | Male                   | 45 (47)     |
| ECOG PS        | 2+                     | 18 (19)     |
| Salvage Status | S1                     | 64 (67)     |
|                | S1, Primary Refractory | 8 (8)       |
|                | S1, CRD1 <12 months    | 25 (26)     |
|                | S1, CRD1 ≥12 months    | 31 (32)     |
|                | S2                     | 18 (19)     |
|                | ≥S3                    | 14 (15)     |
| Prior ASCT     |                        | 19 (20)     |
| Karyotype      | Diploid                | 23 (24)     |
|                | T(4;11)                | 10 (10)     |
|                | Ho-Tr                  | 10 (10)     |
|                | Complex                | 14 (16)     |
|                | Misc                   | 23 (24)     |
|                | IM/ND                  | 16 (17)     |
| CD22           | Median [range]         | 95 [14–100] |
| CD20           | ≥20%                   | 23 (24)     |

| Characteristic         | No. (%)    |
|------------------------|------------|
| Response, No. (%)      |            |
| Salvage 1              | 58/64 (91) |
| S1, Primary refractory | 8/8 (100)  |
| S1, CRD1 <12 mos       | 21 (84)    |
| S1, CRD1 ≥12 mos       | 29 (94)    |
| Salvage 2              | 11 (61)    |
| ≥ Salvage 3            | 8 (57)     |
| Overall                | 77/96 (80) |
| MRD negativity         | 62/75 (83) |
| Salvage 1              | 50/56 (89) |
| ≥ Salvage 2            | 12/19 (63) |

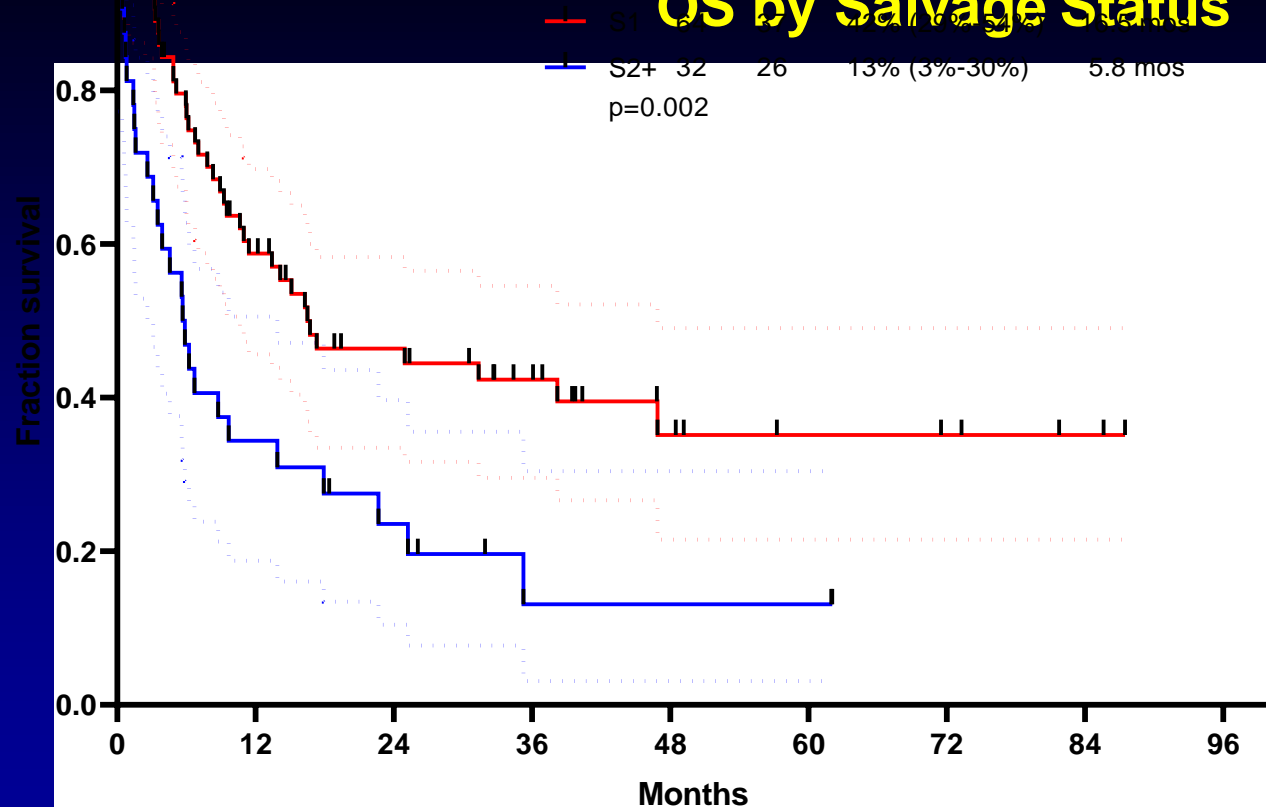
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|         | Single dose (n = 67) | Fractionated lower dose followed by blina (n = 29) |
|---------|----------------------|--|
| VOD (%) | 9 (13)               | 1 (3)  |

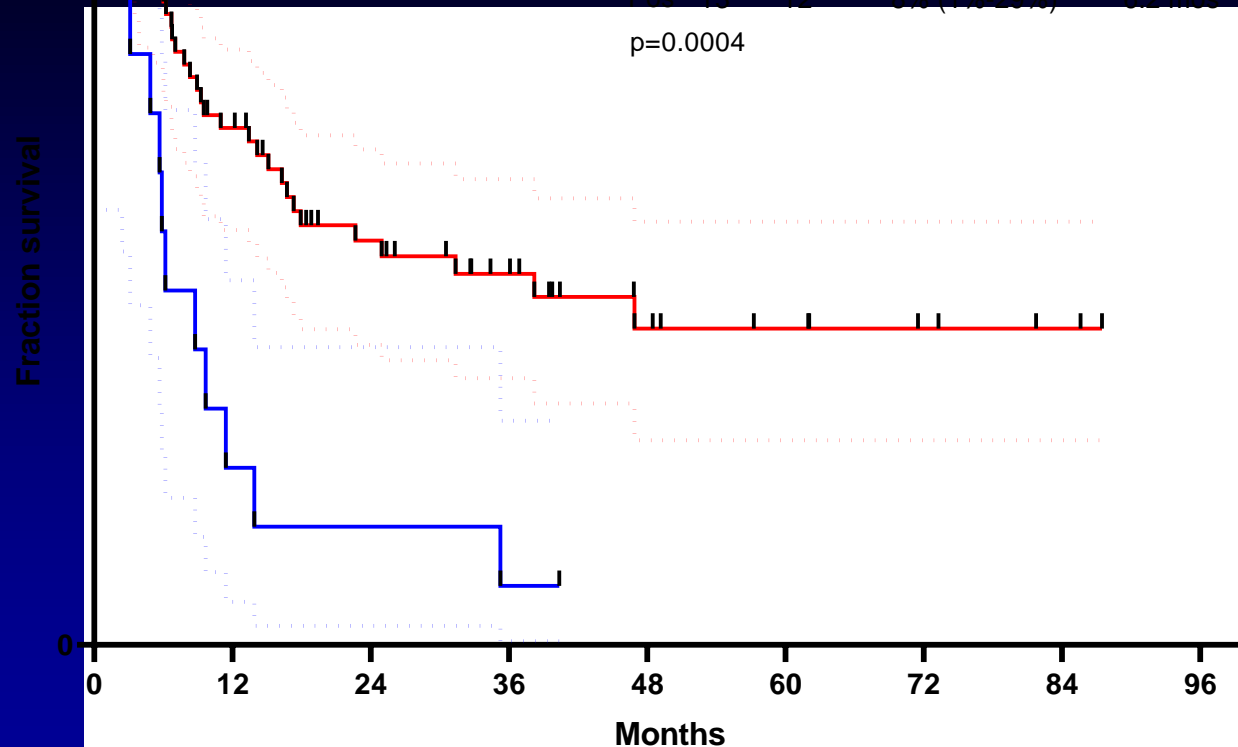
# Mini-HCVD + iNO ± Blinatumomab in R/R ALL

## OS by Salvage Status



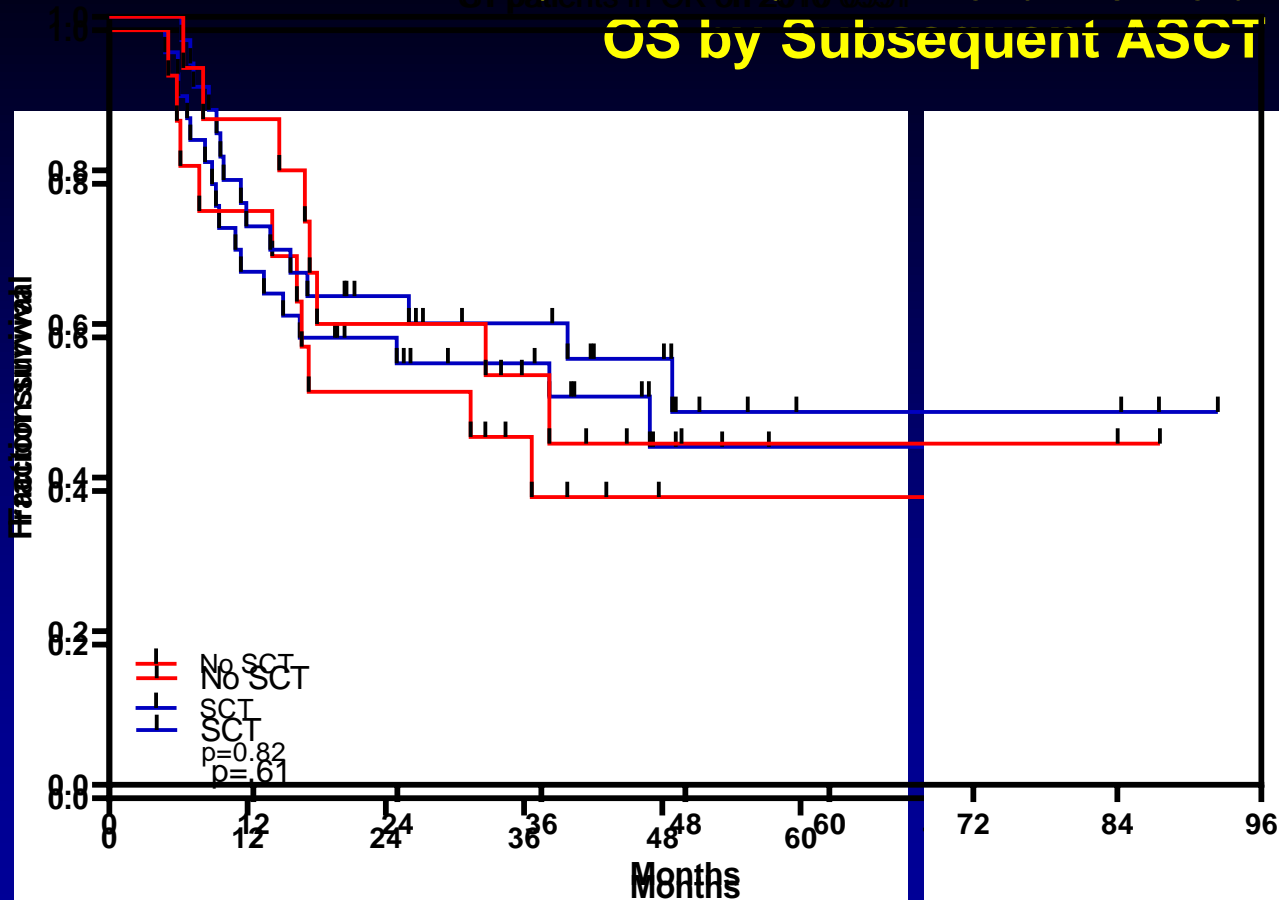
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## OS by MRD Status



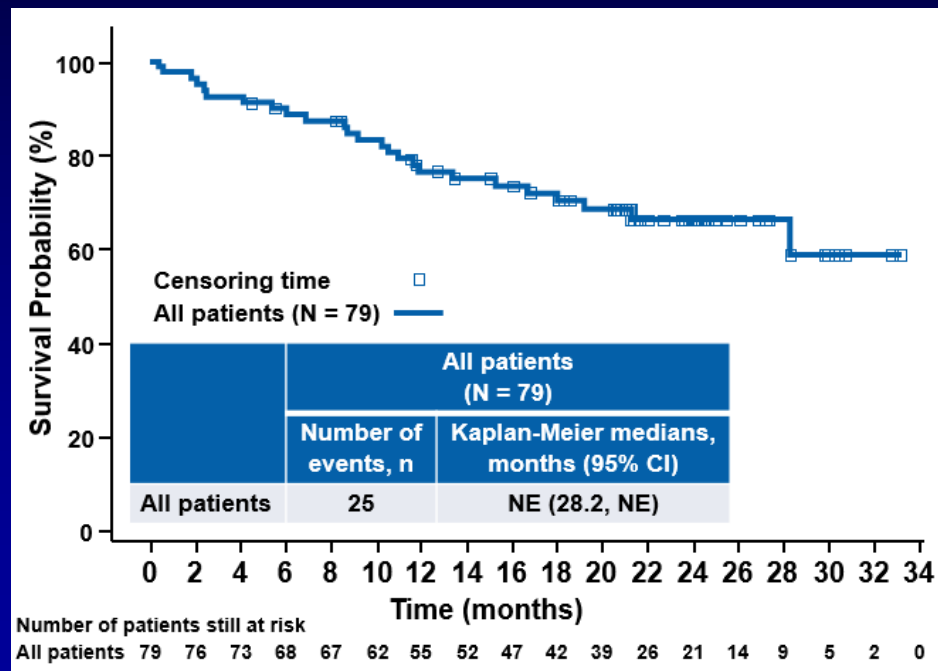
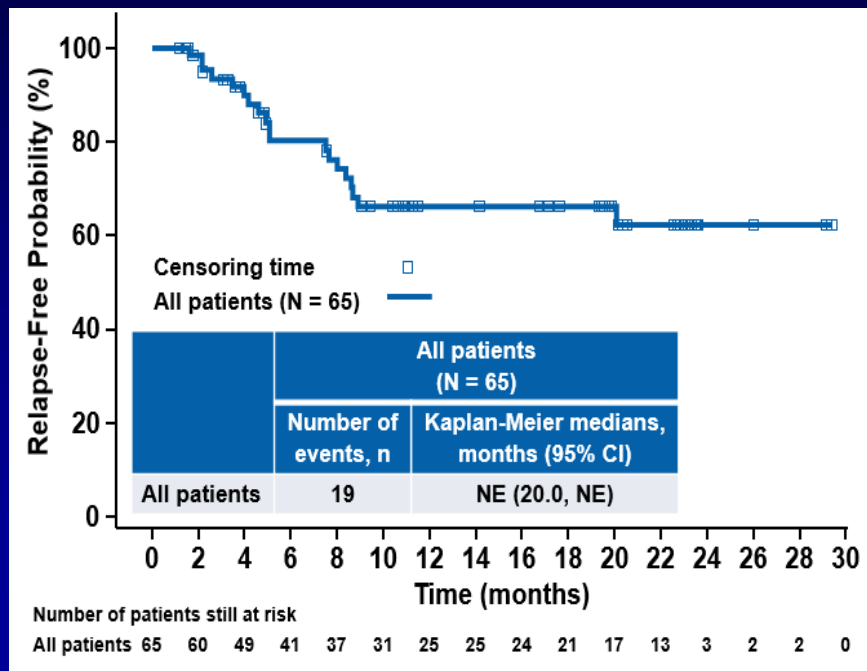
# Mini-HCVd + INO ± Blinatumomab in S1 ALL

## OS by Subsequent ASCT



# ELIANA Trial Update

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

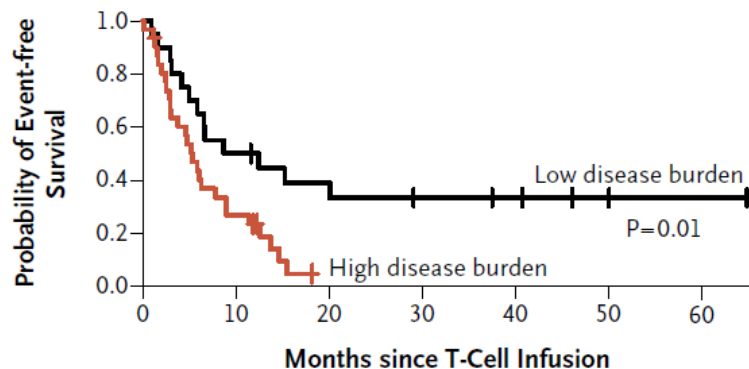




# CD19-CD28z CAR (MSKCC): Outcome by Tumor Burden

- 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**



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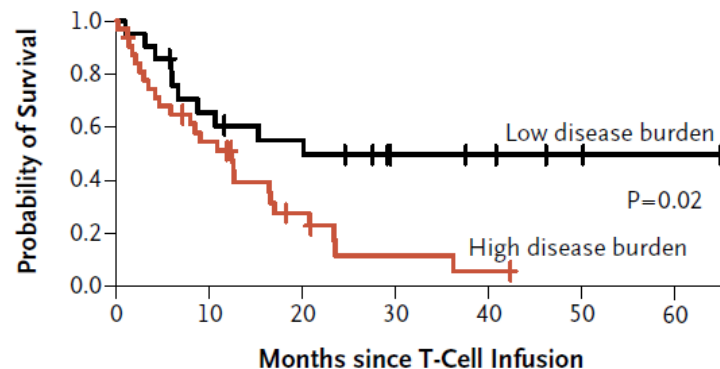
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| Low burden  | 20 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| High burden | 31 | 8  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Median EFS**

Low tumor burden (MRD+): 10.6 mos

High tumor burden: **5.3 mos**

**B Overall Survival, According to Disease Burden**



No. at Risk

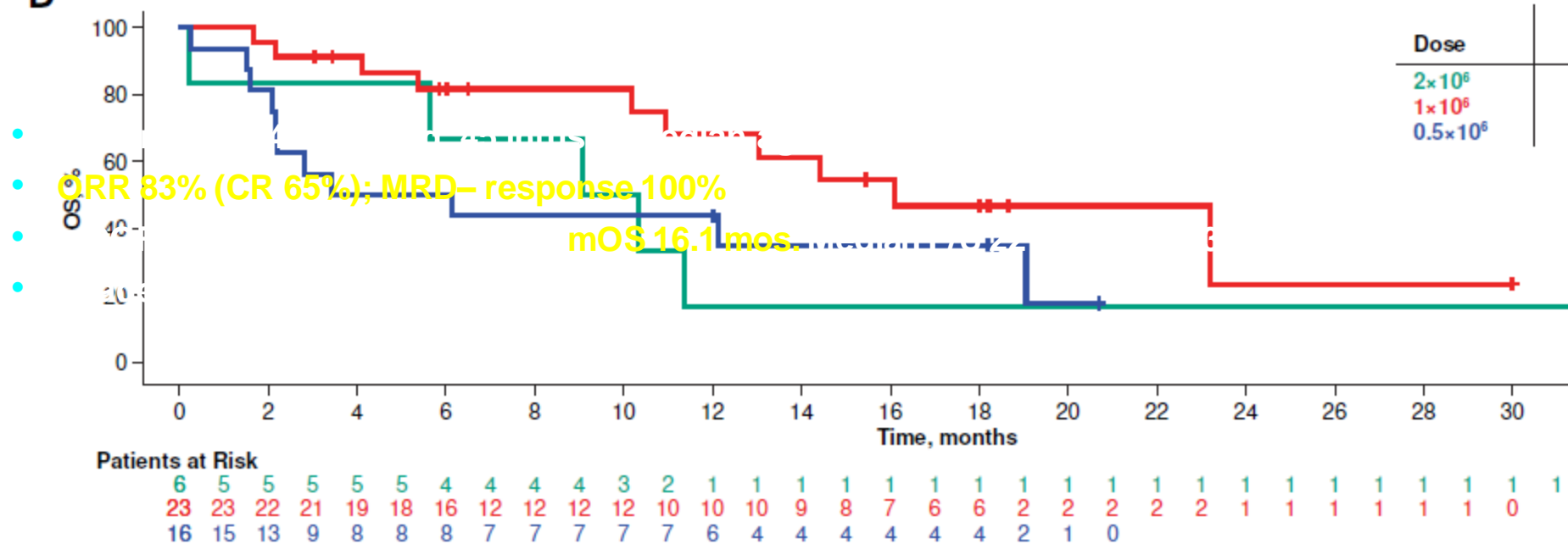
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| Low burden  | 21 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| High burden | 32 | 16 | 6  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

**Median OS**

Low tumor burden (MRD+): 20.1 mos

High tumor burden: **12.4 mos**

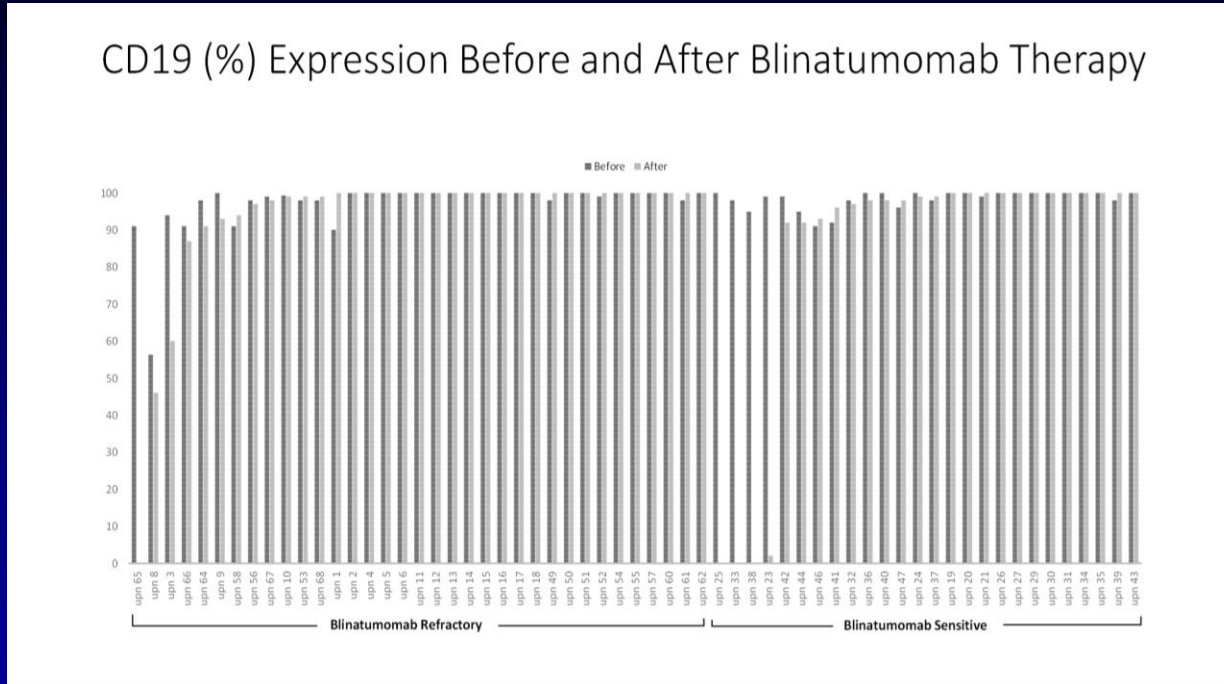
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## Antibodies vs CAR T in ALL: Comparing Apples to Apples

| Age Group | Salvage | Rx                 | % CR                | % OS (× yr) |
|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Pedi      | S1      | Blinatumomab       | 79                  | 79 (2)      |
|           | S2      | Inotuzumab         | 62                  | 40 (1)      |
|           | S2      | CAR T              | 67 (82% of infused) | 66 (2)      |
| Adult     | S1      | Mini-CVD-ino-blina | 91                  | 40 (3)      |
|           | S2-S3   | Mini-CVD-ino-blina | 57–61               | 20–40 (2)   |
|           | S2+     | CAR T (active ALL) | 65                  | 10–20 (2)   |

# CD19 (%) Expression Before and After Blinatumomab Therapy



- 61 patients evaluated for immunophenotype, 56 (92%) had CD19-positive disease
  - 5 (8%) had ALL recurrence with CD19-negative disease
  - 2 patients progressed with lower CD19-positive disease

## Pre-CAR Blinatumomab = ↑ Relapse and ↓ EFS

- 412 pts ≤25 yrs (7 centers) Rx with 1 of 3 CAR T
- 375/412 achieved CR = 91%; 363 MRD negative (88%)
- 75 (18%) had prior blina; 57% CR
  - Prior blina KMT2A (15% vs 6%), EM disease (8% vs 4.6%)
- **No difference in OS**

Figure 1A. Relapse Free Survival

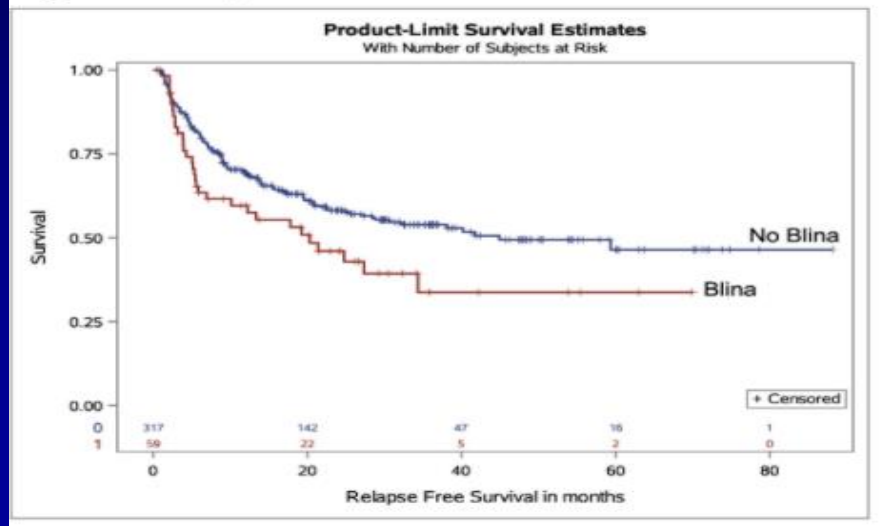
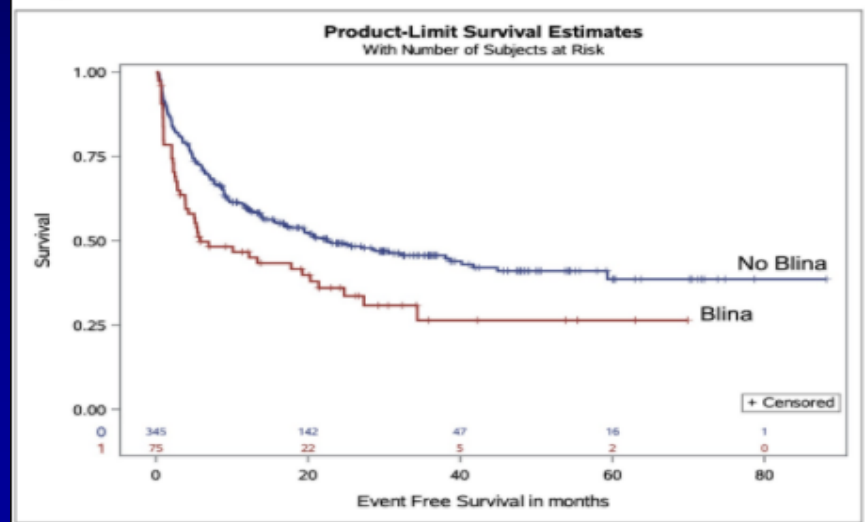


Figure 1B. Event Free Survival



# 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 allo-SCT)
- **Better “blinatumomab” and “inotuzumab” needed**
  - Better “Blina”: Long half-life; SQ; no neurotoxicities
  - Better “InO”: no VOD

# **Thank You**

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# Debate on sequencing CD19- targeted approaches: CAR T first

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**Imatinib**  
approved  
in Ph+ ALL

**Rituximab**  
improves EFS  
by 12% in  
CD20-positive  
ALL<sup>2</sup>

**Blinatumomab**  
approved  
(MRD  $\geq 0.1\%$ )<sup>1</sup>

**2013**  
**2014**

**2016**

**2017**

**Blinatumomab**  
approved (R/R B-ALL)<sup>1</sup>

**Inotuzumab ozog**  
approved (adults w  
B-ALL)<sup>3</sup>

**Tigatogenleup**

# Immunological Therapies for B-cell Precursor ALL

|                            | Blinatumomab  |                              | Inotuzumab                   | Bretxucabtagene autoleucl   |                             | Tisa-cel                       |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>FDA approval</b>        | 2014  |                              | 2017                         | October 2021  |                             | 2017                           |
| <b>Approved indication</b> | CD19+ BCP R/R adults & children<br>MRD+ BCP CD19+ ALL |                              | R/R CD22+ ALL<br>in adults   | Adults R/R BCP ALL (review)<br>BCP children & AYA (≤21 yr)(devel) |                             | BCP children &<br>AYA (≤25 yr) |
| <b>Clinical trial</b>      | BLAST   | TOWER                        | INO-VATE                     | ZUMA-3  | ZUMA-4                      | ELIANA                         |
| <b>N Pts (ITT)</b>         | 118   | 405                          | 326                          | 71  | 31                          | 97                             |
| <b>N (evaluable)</b>       | 113/110   | 376                          | 326 (OS/PFS)<br>218 (CR)     | 55  | 24                          | 79                             |
| <b>CR/CRi (%)</b>          | -   | 43.9 vs. 24.6<br>(ITT)       | 80.7 vs. 29.4<br>(evaluable) | 71<br>(evaluable)   | 67<br>(evaluable)           | 82.3<br>(evaluable)            |
| <b>RFS/PFS/EFS</b>         | mRFS 18.9 m<br>(evaluable)                            | 6m EFS: 31% vs.<br>12% (ITT) | mPFS: 5.0 vs 1.8<br>m (ITT)  | mRFS 11.6 m<br>(evaluable)  | mRFS NR<br>(evaluable)      | 18m RFS: 66%<br>(evaluable)    |
| <b>OS</b>                  | mOS 36.5<br>(evaluable)                               | mOS 7.7 vs 4.0<br>(ITT)      | mOS 7.7 vs 6.7<br>(ITT)      | mOS 18.2 m<br>(evaluable)   | 2yr OS 87.5%<br>(evaluable) | 18m OS: 70%<br>(evaluable)     |
| <b>G ≥3 AE (%)</b>         | 60  | 86.5 vs 91.7                 | 46 vs 43                     | 95  | 100                         | -                              |
| <b>G ≥3 CRS (%)</b>        | 1.7   | 4.9 vs 0.0                   | -                            | 24  | 22                          | 48                             |
| <b>G ≥3 neurol ev.</b>     | 13  | 9.4 vs 8.3                   | -                            | 25  | 11                          | 13                             |

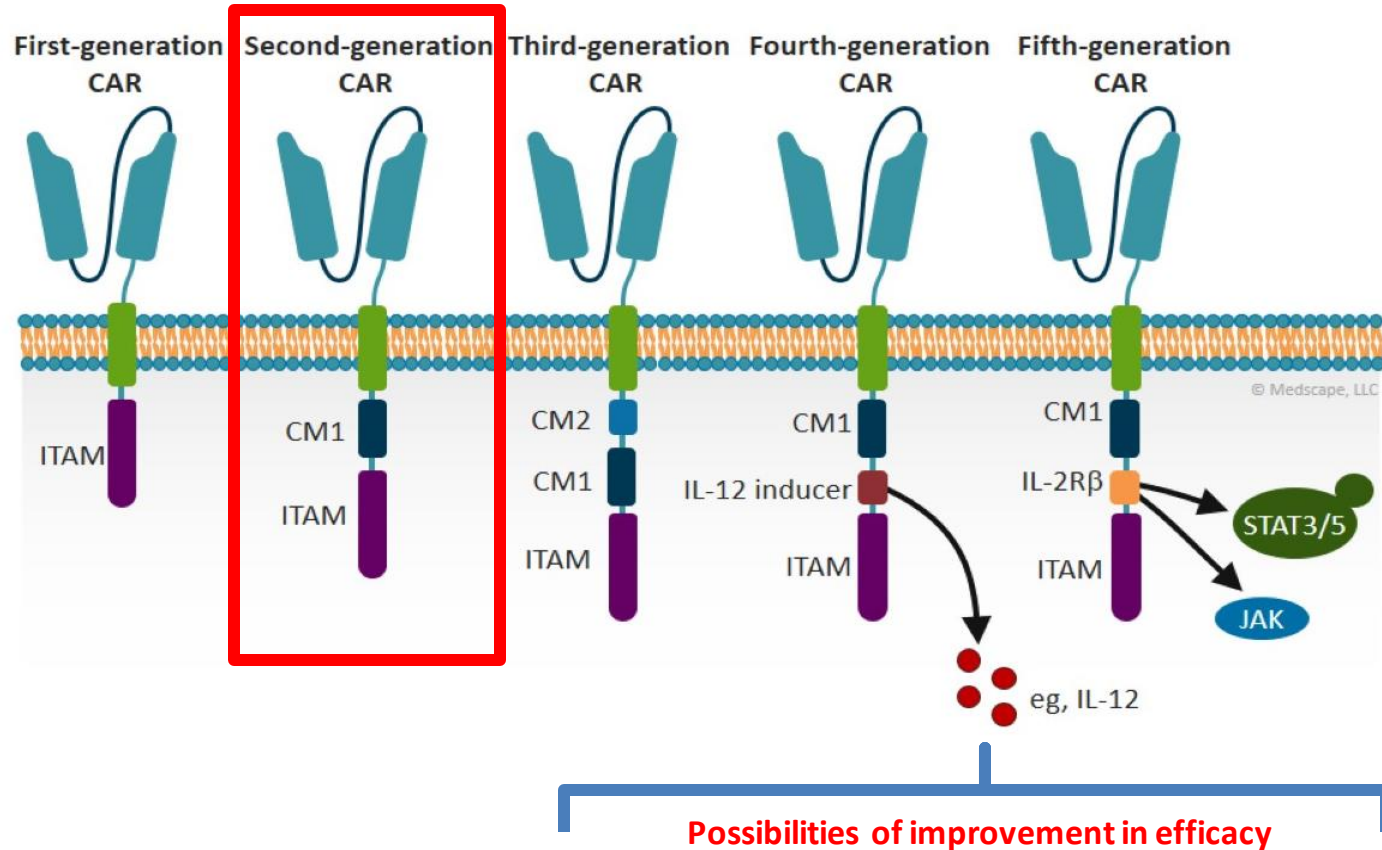
# Debate on CD19-Targeted Approaches

- **There is no debate!**
- Immunotherapeutic strategies are not mutually exclusive and can (should?) be used sequentially
- Quick improvement in the results of immunotherapy in ALL
- Immunoconjugates and bispecific MoAb were developed before CAR T and more mature results are available
- Face-to-face comparison MoAb vs CAR T not available to date
- **Main objective:** timely use of the most adequate strategy to maximize the efficacy with minimal toxicity

# ¿Why Are All CAR T Not Equal?

- Construct: antigen, co-stimulatory molecule
- Specificity: single antigen, dual, triple
- Origin of T cells: autologous, allogeneic (off the shelf)
- Production: commercial, academic
- Dose: single, fractioned

# Differences in CAR T-cell Therapies



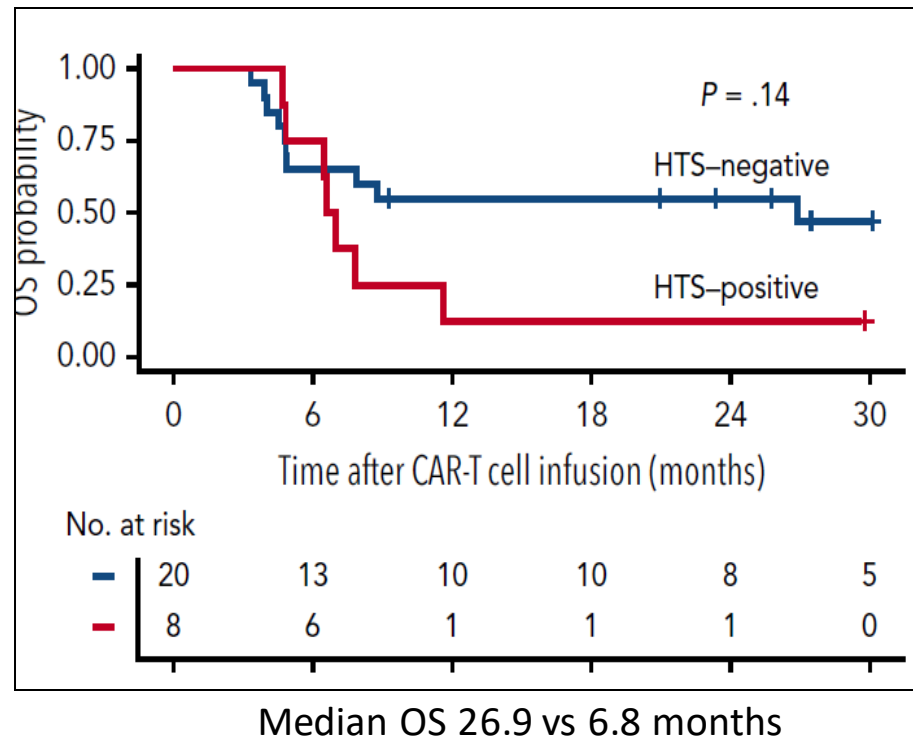
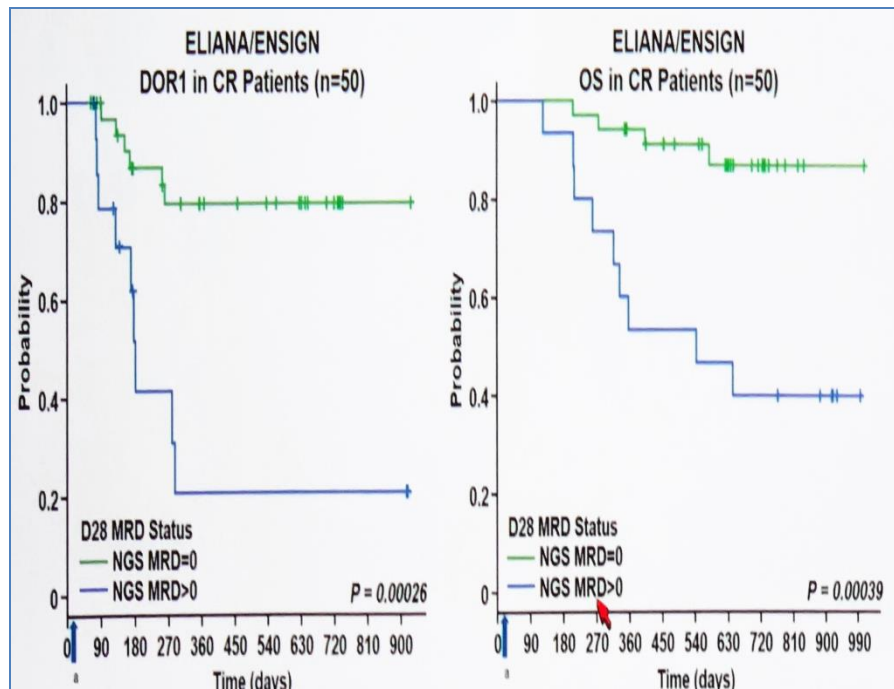
# Second-Generation CD19 CAR T in R/R Adult ALL: Facts

- Limited experience, short-term results
- High CR rate (80%–90%), MRD–neg in 60%–80%
- Short duration of response (median 8–18 months)
- 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–neg CR patients identified
- Major concerns: durability, CD19–neg relapses
- **First CAR T for adult ALL (brexucabtagene autoleucel) approved for adults with R/R ALL on October 1, 2021**

# Second-Generation CD19 CAR T in R/R Adult ALL

| Study                                   | N* | Age,<br>Median (range)  | CR,<br>%       | MRD–<br>in CR, % | Relapse<br>(%) | PFS                      | OS                        |
|---|----|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| UPenn                                   | 35 | 33 (20–70)<br>Single dose, low: 9<br>Single dose, high: 6<br>Fractionated dose, high:<br>20 | 33<br>50<br>90 |                  |                | 0%<br>17%<br>49% (24 mo) | 22%<br>17%<br>73% (24 mo) |
| MSKCC                                   | 53 | 44 (23–74)  | 83             | 67               | 57             | Median: 6.1 mo           | Median: 12.1 mo           |
| FHCRC                                   | 53 | 39 (20–76)  | 85             | 85               | 49             | Median: 7.6 mo           | Median: 20 mo             |
| City of Hope                            | 13 | 33 (24–72)  | 100            | 91               | NR             | NR                       | NR                        |
| UCL                                     | 19 | 43 (18–72)  | 84             | 84               | 26             | 62% (6 mo)               | NR                        |
| HCB-HSJD                                | 27 | 35 (18–69)  | 85             | 85               | 15             | Median: 9.4 mo           | Median: 20.2 mo           |
| KTE-X19 phase I                         | 45 | 46 (18–77)  | 83             | 100              |                | Median: 17.6 mo          | Median: 16.1 mo           |
| KTE-X19 phase<br>II <sup>*Infused</sup> | 55 | 40 (19–84)  | 71             | 97               |                | Median 11.6 mo           | Median 18.2 mo            |

# Early Clearance of the Leukemic Clone by HTS Associated With Better Outcome





# 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

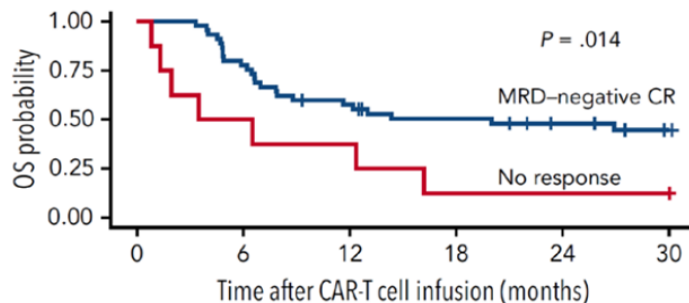
4% (N=2) extramedullary only

32% (N=17) MRD pos

- 3 extramedullary

**85% in CR and MRD neg after infusion**

## Overall survival after infusion



## Prognostic factors for EFS

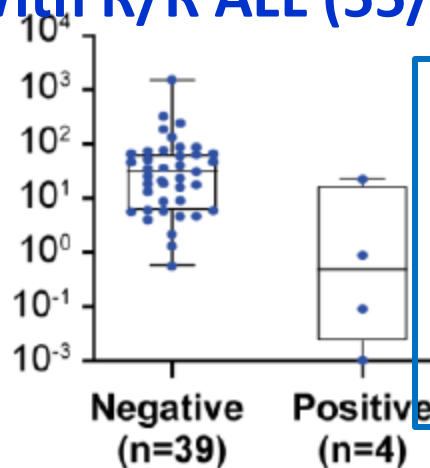
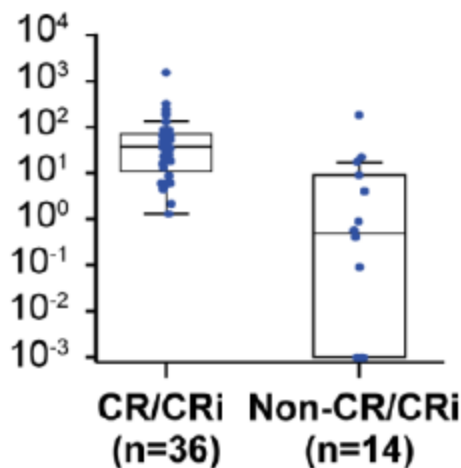
| Variable   | Multivariable analysis |           | P    |
|--|------------------------|-----------|------|
|  | HR                     | 95% CI    |      |
| LDH prelymphodepletion (per 100 U/L increment)               | 1.39                   | 1.11-1.73 | .004 |
| Platelets prelymphodepletion (per 50 000/ $\mu$ 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 |

# ZUMA 3: Phase II Study of KTE-X19 (CD19. 28z) CAR T Cell in Adults With R/R ALL (55/71 Infused)

Complete Remission  
P<.0001

MRD Status Overall

N=55



|         |
|---------|
| 49 (89) |
| 13 (24) |
| 46 (84) |
| 33 (67) |
| 5       |
| 7.5     |

## Neurologic Events

Median f-u: 16.4 m

Any grade neurologic event, n (%)<sup>b</sup>

Grade ≥3

Most common any grade symptoms, n (%)

Tremor

Confusional state

33 (60)

14 (25)

15 (27)

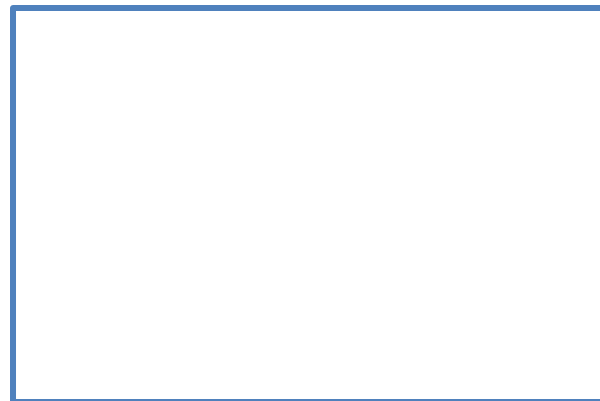
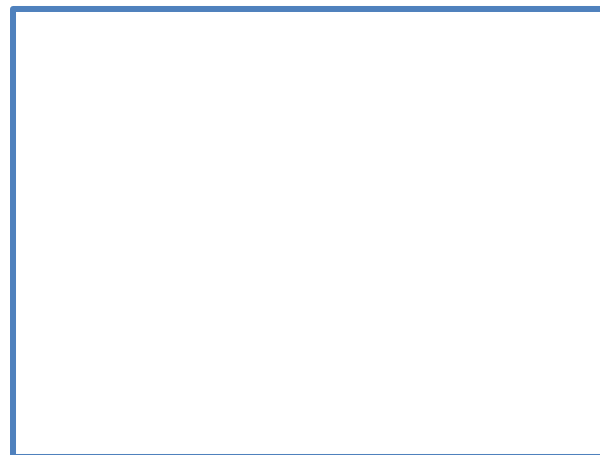
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## Improvements in CAR T

- Humanized CAR T (Myers RM. *J Clin Oncol.* 2021;39:3044-3055)
- Fast-off rate, low-affinity CAR T 19 (Roddie C. *J Clin Oncol.* 2021)
- CAR T 22
- Dual CAR T (Spiegel JY. *Nat Med.* 2021;27:1419-1431)
- Off-the-shelf CAR T
- CAR T combined with checkpoint inhibitors
- CAR T for T-ALL
- NK CAR

# Toxicity: Fast Off-rate

| Maximum grade CRS (ASTCT criteria)  |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| CRS (any)                           | 11 of 20 (55) |
| Grade 2                             | 8 of 20 (40)  |
| ≥ Grade 3                           | 0 of 20 (0)   |
| Maximum grade neurotoxicity (ICANS) |               |
| ICANS (any)                         | 4 of 20 (20)  |
| Grade 2                             | 1 of 20 (5)   |
| Grade 3                             | 3 of 20 (15)  |
| Cytopenias at day 28 <sup>a</sup>   |               |
| ≥ Grade 3 neutropenia               | 9 of 18 (50)  |
| ≥ Grade 3 thrombocytopenia          | 10 of 18 (56) |
| No. at risk:                        | 55            |
| 20                                  | 13            |
| 11                                  | 8             |
| 5                                   | 1             |

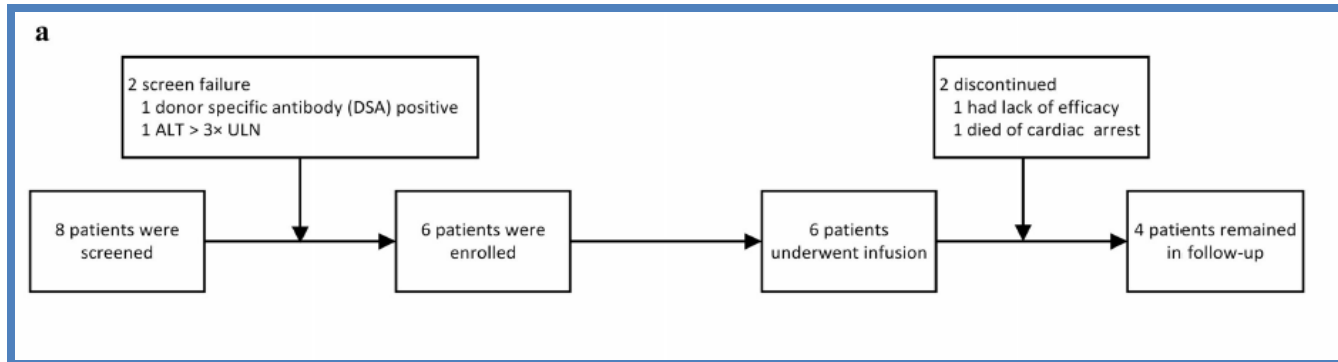
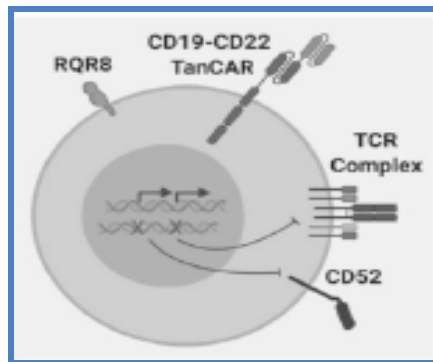


# Autologous Dual CAR T 19/22

| Author (yr)          | Trial Phase | Pts, n<br>Age<br>(range) | CR          | MRD– CR         | Survival             | Grade ≥3<br>CRS | Grade ≥3<br>ICANS |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Dai H<br>(2020)      | I           | 6                        | 6 (100%)    | 6 (100%)        | 5/6                  | 0               | 0                 |
| Schultz LM<br>(2019) | I           | 19<br>(2–68 yr)          | 11/12 (92%) | 10/11 (91%)     | 92%<br>(9 mo)        | 1/14            | 1/14              |
| Spiegel JY           | I           | 17<br>(26–68 yr)         | 14/17 (88%) | 14/14<br>(100%) | Median<br>11.8<br>mo | 2               | 2                 |
| Yang J*<br>(2020)    | I           | 10<br>(3–48 yr)          | 10 (100%)   | 9 (90%)         | 9/10                 | 0               | 0                 |

\*Fast CAR technology (24 h).

# CRISPR/Cas9-Engineered Universal CD19/CD22 Dual-targeted CAR T Cell



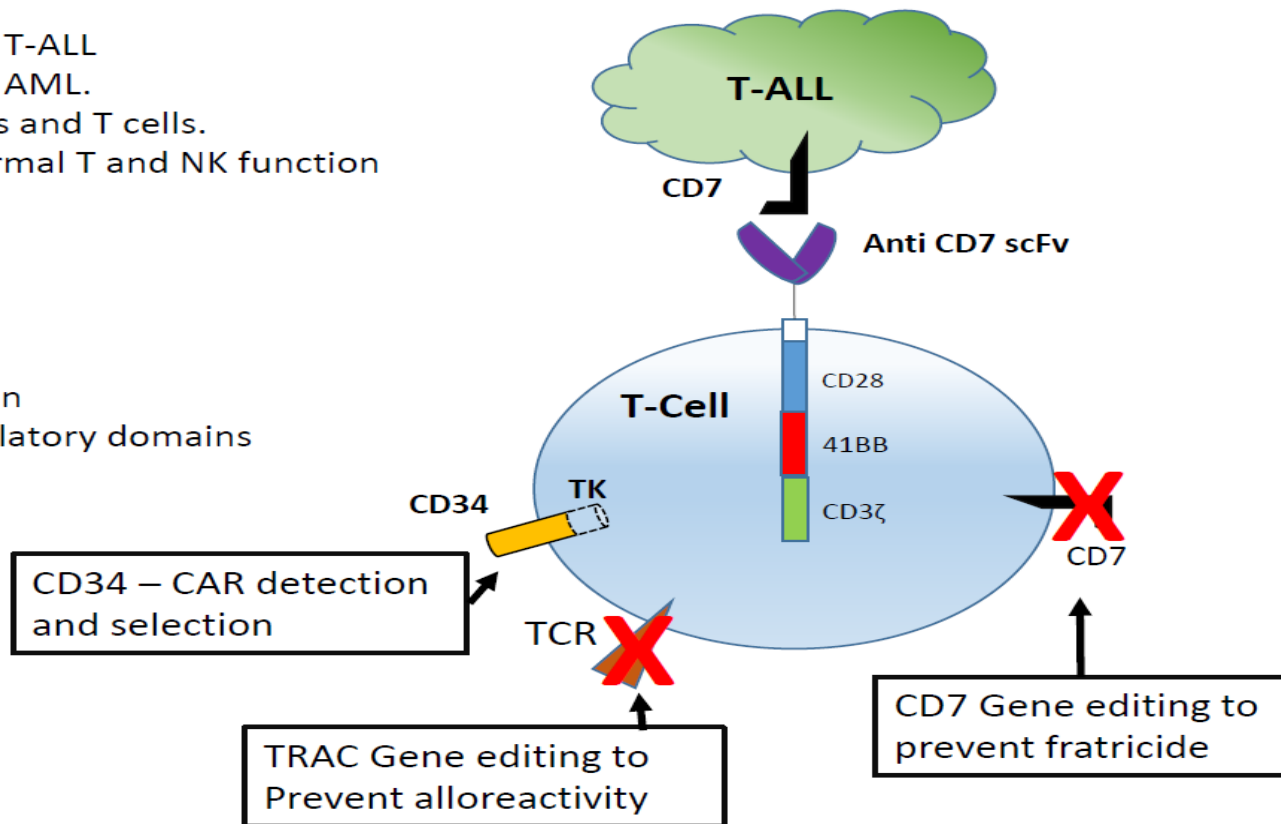
| Patient         | Age | Previous lines of therapy | Source of PBMC | Phenotype of tumor cell                 | BM blasts prior to pre-conditioning therapy, % | Gene fusion    | Dose level | CRS grade | Initial response      | follow-up (days)   |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|----------------|---|--|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| 1*              | 54  | 6                         | Donor 1        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 82   | BCR-ABL1 T315I | DL1        | 1         | CR, MRD <sup>-</sup>  | MRD negative, (228)  |
| 2               | 45  | 2                         | Donor 1        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 50   | -              | DL1        | 1         | CR, MRD <sup>-</sup>  | Underwent haplo-HSCT in remission on D60 (182)                       |
| 3* <sup>+</sup> | 26  | 4                         | Donor 2        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 54   | -              | DL1        | 2         | CRi, MRD <sup>-</sup> | MRD negative, (128)  |
| 4*              | 56  | 3                         | Donor 2        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 72   | -              | DL2        | 3         | CRi, MRD <sup>-</sup> | received salvage chemotherapy due to primary disease recurrence (95) |
| 5               | 40  | 8                         | Donor 2        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 4  | BCR-ABL1       | DL2        | 1         | NR                    | Received salvage chemotherapy on D35 (94)                            |
| 6               | 53  | 6                         | Donor 1        | CD19 <sup>+</sup> and CD22 <sup>+</sup> | 1  | BCR-ABL1 T315I | DL2        | 2         | CRi, MRD <sup>-</sup> | Death, (57)  |

# 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<sup>-/-</sup> mice have normal T and NK function

- **CAR Design**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> generation CAR
  - Anti CD7 scFv
  - CD3 $\zeta$  signaling domain
  - 4-1BB, CD28 costimulatory domains
  - CD34

- **Gene editing**
  - CRISPR/Cas9



# Integrative Debate on CD19-Targeted Approaches: **Conclusions**

- Immunotherapy with MoAb should be first used in patients with R/R ALL as well in first-line therapy (elderly, MRD+)
- MoAb can be used as bridging therapy to HSCT and CAR T
- CAR T only recently approved for R/R adult ALL
- **The main current role for CAR T are relapses after HSCT**
- CAR T as consolidation therapy evaluated in very high-risk ALL (clinical trials in children)
- CAR T are quickly improved (availability, lower toxicity, improved efficacy, use in R/R BCP and T ALL) and could replace HSCT for most patients in the near future



# Debate on sequencing CD19-targeted approaches – discussion and voting

Moderator: Franco Locatelli



## Repeated Question

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

- a) CAR T therapies
- b) Monoclonal antibodies or bispecifics

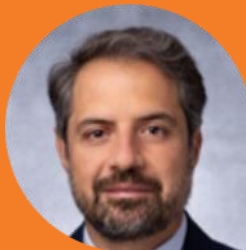


# Debate on sequencing CD19-targeted approaches – discussion

All faculty

# Leukemia board discussion

Moderator: Elias Jabbour





# **Leukemia board discussion – optimal treatment and patient access, regional challenges in Europe – part 1**

Rob Pieters



# Regional Challenges in Europe

- > Financial challenges
  - Costs for travel and lodging for patients and parents
  - Trial costs are covered, but who covers the costs of standard care around the trial? Insurance companies often do not want to guarantee this
- > Geographic challenges
  - Return to home country when therapy is not successful
  - Translation costs, communication and cultural differences: child and parents may feel displaced in other countries in stressful situations despite good care
  - Difficulties in obtaining detailed information of a patient from abroad (eg, surgical reports, genetic diagnostics, radiation fields)
- > European centers have insufficient resources to run phase I–II programs
- > EMA approval: large differences in HTA approvals per country (reimbursement/insurance) resulting in unequal access



# **Leukemia board discussion – optimal treatment and patient access, regional challenges in Europe – part 2**

Philippe Rousselot



# Optimal Treatment and Patient Access

France



# Autorisation Temporaire d'Utilisation (ATU) Program in France

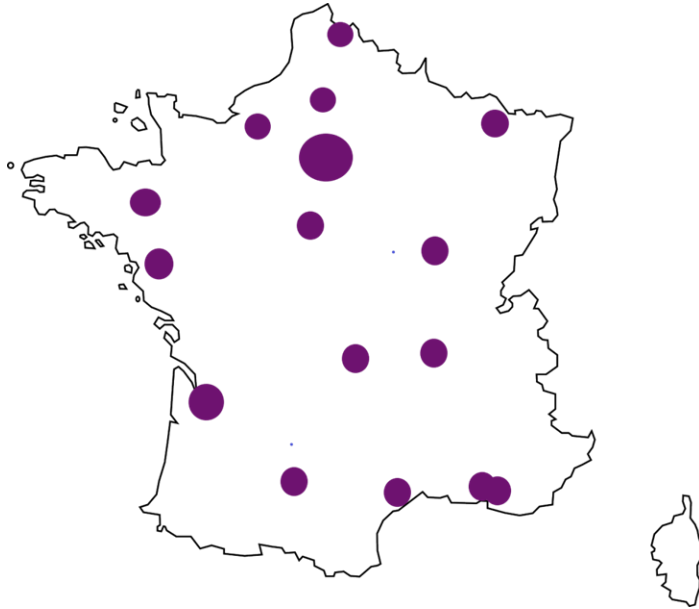
- Two new mechanisms: Early access authorization (EAA) and Compassionate use (CU)
- Patients can be treated with medications before their marketing authorization
- The program was amended in July 2021
  - EAA: access to innovative therapies with an ongoing labelling process
    - Named authorization: the labelling process is planned
    - Cohort authorization: just before the labelling
  - CU: access to innovative therapies without a labelling process

# Medications With Ongoing ATU in Hematology

- Idecabtagene vicleucel (CAR T): since May 2021
  - Multiple myeloma in fourth line
- Atgam (antilymphocyte globulin): since May 2018
  - Aplastic anemia
- Zanubrutinib (BTK inhibitor): since July 2021
  - Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia after ibrutinib or intolerant
- Inolimomab (IL2R antibody): since Dec 2019
  - GvHD
- Vyxeos (DNR AraC): since Aug 2020
  - AML in relapse in pediatric and young adults
- Crizotinib (ALK inhibitor): since Dec 2020
  - T lymphoma ALK+ in second line

# CAR T Availability in France

**22 centers authorized for "Axi-Cel" and "Tisa-Cel"**



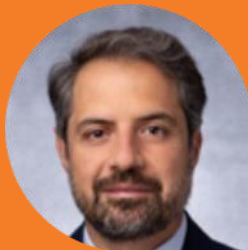
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7. CHU d'Amiens
8. CHU Bordeaux
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18. CHU Strasbourg
19. CHU La Timone
20. Institut Paoli-Calmettes
21. Oncopole de Toulouse
22. Institut Gustave Roussy à Villejuif

# Leukemia board discussion

All faculty

# Session close

Elias Jabbour



## Repeated Question

Which of the following is NOT true?

- a) Inotuzumab and blinatumomab + chemotherapy is active in both frontline and salvage for ALL
- b) ALK inhibitors can be combined with other therapy modalities in Ph+ ALL
- c) MRD is highly prognostic for relapse and survival in Ph- ALL
- d) CAR T approaches are not active beyond 2L in Ph- ALL



# Virtual Breakout – Adult Leukemia Patients (Day 2) 17.00 – 20.00

**Chairs** – Elias Jabbour, Naval Daver

| Time CET      | Title  | Speaker/Moderator  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 17.00 – 17.10 | <b>ALL session open</b>  | Elias Jabbour  |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | <b>Optimizing first-line therapy in adult and older ALL – integration of immunotherapy into frontline regimens</b>   | Elias Jabbour  |
| 17.30 – 17.50 | <b>Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in adult and elderly patients</b>  | Nicola Gökbüget  |
| 17.50 – 18.20 | <b>Case-based panel discussion on toxicity management for adult and elderly ALL patients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Fabian Lang</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Anna Torrent</li></ul>              | Moderator: Elias Jabbour<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> E. Jabbour, N. Gökbüget, J.M. Ribera, P. Rousselot |
| 18.20 – 18.30 | <b>Break</b>   |  |
| 18.30 – 18.35 | <b>AML session open</b>  | Naval Daver  |
| 18.35 – 18.55 | <b>Personalized induction and maintenance approaches for AML</b>   | Richard Schlenk  |
| 18.55 – 19.15 | <b>Optimizing management of relapsed/refractory AML</b>  | Charles Craddock   |
| 19.15 – 19.45 | <b>Case-based panel discussion or questions to the panel on regional challenges in AML care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Justin Loke</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Sonia Jaramillo Segura</li></ul> | Moderator: Naval Daver<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> N. Daver, C. Craddock, R. Schlenk                    |
| 19.45 – 20.00 | <b>Session close</b>   | Elias Jabbour  |



# Virtual Breakout – Pediatric ALL Patients (Day 2) 17.00 – 19.45

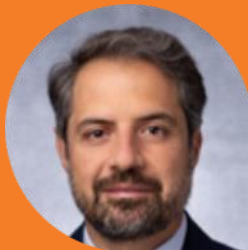
Chair – Franco Locatelli

| Time CET      | Title   | Speaker/Moderator   |
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| 17.00 – 17.15 | <b>Session open</b>   | Franco Locatelli  |
| 17.15 – 17.40 | <b>How to use MRD and genetics for risk stratification and therapy guidance in pediatric ALL</b>  | Rob Pieters   |
| 17.40 – 18.05 | <b>First-line treatment of pediatric ALL</b>  | Martin Schrappe   |
| 18.05 – 18.30 | <b>Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in children, including HSCT considerations</b>  | Franco Locatelli  |
| 18.30 – 18.55 | <b>Bispecific T-cell engagers for pediatric ALL</b>   | Christina Peters  |
| 18.55 – 19.25 | <b>Case-based panel discussion on management of long- and short-term toxicities in pediatric ALL patients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case presentation 1: Francesca Del Bufalo</li><li>• Case presentation 2: Natalia Zubarovskaya</li></ul> | Moderator: Franco Locatelli<br><br><i>Faculty panel:</i> R. Pieters, F. Locatelli, P. Brown, C. Peters, M. Schrappe |
| 19.25 – 19.45 | <b>Final discussion, Q&amp;A, and session close</b>   | Franco Locatelli  |



# Closing remarks

Elias Jabbour



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