



# Global Leukemia Academy

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Virtual Breakout: Pediatric ALL

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# Welcome and Meeting Overview

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# Virtual Breakout – Pediatric ALL Sessions (Day 2)

24 September 2022, 10.00 - 12.45 CEST

Chair: Dr Franco Locatelli

| Time (CEST)   | Title                                                                                                                                   | Speaker                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.00 – 10.10 | Session Open                                                                                                                            | Franco Locatelli                                                              |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | How to Use MRD and Genetics for Stratification and Therapy Guidance in First-Line Therapy of Childhood ALL                              | Rob Pieters                                                                   |
| 10.30 – 10.55 | Optimizing First-Line Therapy in Pediatric ALL: How to Balance Cure and Long-Term Risks?                                                | Rob Pieters                                                                   |
| 10.55 – 11.15 | <ul> <li>ALL Case-Based Panel Discussion</li> <li>Balancing Cure and Toxicity Risks</li> </ul>                                          | Moderator: Franco Locatelli<br>Janine Stutterheim<br>All faculty              |
| 11.15 – 11.25 | Break                                                                                                                                   |                                                                               |
| 11.25 – 11.55 | Current Treatment Options for High-Risk ALL in Children                                                                                 | Christina Peters                                                              |
| 11.55 – 12.35 | <ul> <li>ALL Case-Based Panel Discussion</li> <li>Relapsed/Refractory Setting (Part 1)</li> <li>Toxicity Management (Part 2)</li> </ul> | Moderator: Franco Locatelli<br>Hannah von Mersi<br>Anna Cvrtak<br>All faculty |
| 12.35 – 12.45 | Session Close                                                                                                                           | Franco Locatelli                                                              |





# Introduction to the Voting System

Franco Locatelli







Which of the following subsets of first-relapse ALL patients can be considered as very high risk?

- 1. All patients with B-ALL relapsing within 18 months from diagnosis
- 2. All patients with hypodiploidy
- 3. All patients with t(17;19) or t(1;19)
- 4. Each of the 3 previous subsets





Which assertion is correct for children with B-ALL?

- 1. Inotuzumab is approved by EMA for induction treatment of relapsed B-ALL in childhood
- 2. Inotuzumab recommended dosage is 3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 3. Blinatumomab is approved for consolidation treatment before HSCT in children with high-risk first relapse B-ALL
- 4. None of the patients experiencing relapse later than 6 months after treatment discontinuation should be transplanted





# How to Use MRD and Genetics for Stratification and Therapy Guidance in First-Line Therapy of Childhood ALL

#### **Rob Pieters**







# How to use MRD and genetics for risk-stratification and therapy guidance

Rob Pieters Chief Medical Officer

#### MRD and genetics to guide stratification and therapy



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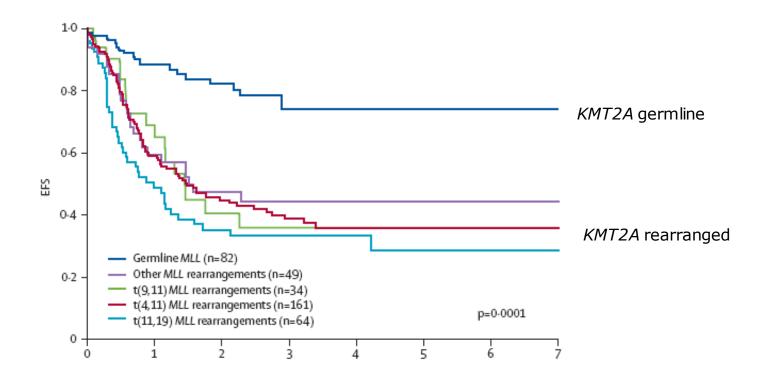
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#### KMT2A (MLL) and infant ALL

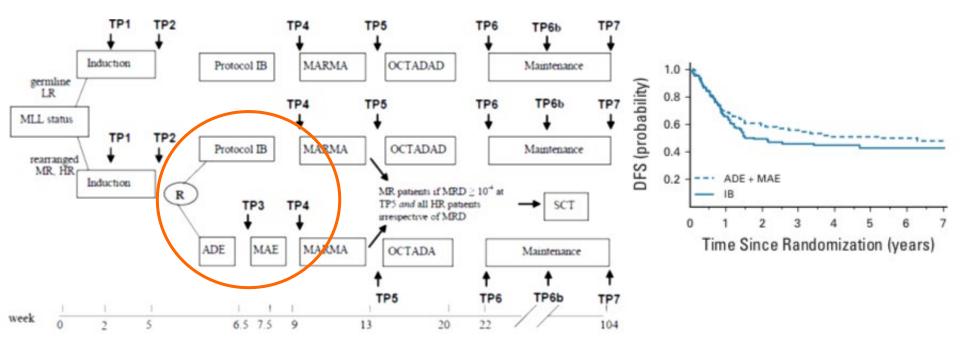




Pieters R, et al. Lancet. 2007;370(9583):240-250.

#### Interfant-06 treatment schedule

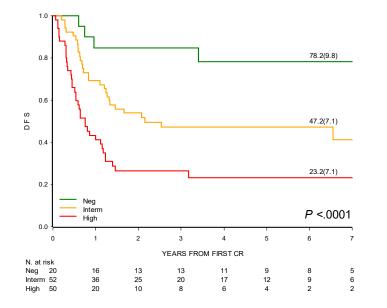




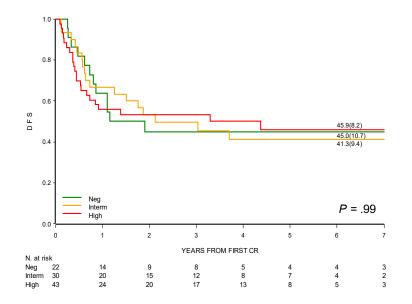
#### Prognostic value of MRD at EOI depends on consolidation treatment given



#### Patients treated with lymphoid IB consolidation



#### Patients treated with myeloid ADE/MAE consolidation

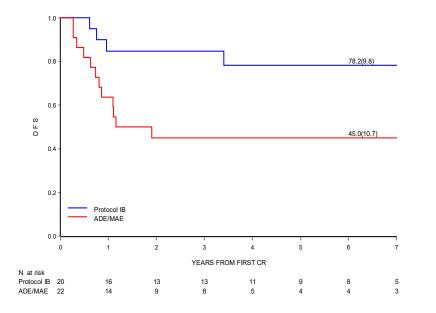


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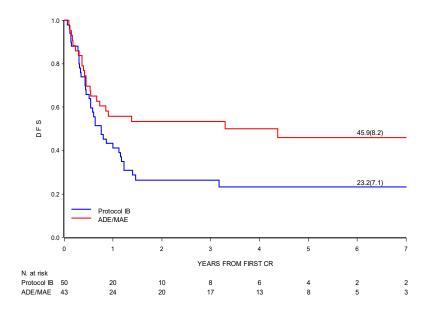
#### Patient outcomes by treatment given, according to MRD at EOI



#### Patients with negative MRD at end of induction



#### Patients with high MRD (≥0.05%) at end of induction



#### **Conclusions: EOI MRD Interfant-06**



(ALL-like) induction leads to selection of patients

- Low MRD  $\rightarrow$  "ALL-like leukemia"  $\rightarrow$  benefit from ALL consolidation (IB)
- High MRD → "AML-like leukemia" → benefit from AML consolidation (ADE/MAE)

#### TKI studies and outcomes in Ph+ ALL (courtesy of Thai Ho Tran)

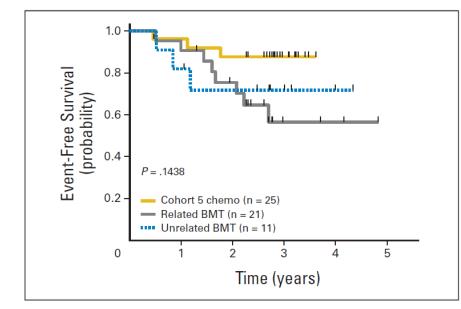


|          | AALL00311             | EsPhALL2004 <sup>2</sup> | EsPhALL2010 <sup>3</sup> | AALL06224             | AALL1122 <sup>5</sup> | CCCG-ALL-2015 <sup>6</sup>                                                   |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Phase    | 3                     | 2                        | 2                        | 2                     | 2                     | 3                                                                            |
| ткі      | Imatinib<br>340 mg/m² | Imatinib<br>300 mg/m²    | Imatinib<br>300 mg/m²    | Dasatinib<br>60 mg/m² | Dasatinib<br>60 mg/m² | Imatinib<br>300 mg/m <sup>2</sup><br>vs<br>Dasatinib<br>80 mg/m <sup>2</sup> |
| Period   | 2002-2006             | 2004-2009                | 2010-2014                | 2008-2012             | 2012-2014             | 2015-2018                                                                    |
| Patients | 91                    | 160                      | 155                      | 60                    | 106                   | <mark>97 (imatinib)</mark><br>92 (dasatinib)                                 |
| CR1 HSCT | 25%                   | 83%                      | 38%                      | 32%                   | 14%                   | 0.5%                                                                         |
| 5-yr EFS | 71% (Cohort 5)        | 60%                      | 57%                      | 60%                   | 55%                   | 4-yr EFS: 49% (imatinib)<br>4-yr EFS: 71% (dasatinib)                        |
| 5-yr OS  | 81% (Cohort 5)        | 72%                      | 72%                      | 86%                   | 82%                   | 4-yr OS: 69% (imatinib)<br>4-yr OS: 88% (dasatinib)                          |

1. Schultz KR, et al. *Leukemia*. 2014; 2. Biondi A, et al. *Haematologica*. 2018; 3. Biondi A, et al. *Lancet Haematol*. 2018; 4. Slayton WB, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018; 5. Hunger SP, et al. SIOP Virtual Congress. 2020; 6. Shen S, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2020.

#### TKI in BCR-ABL1-positive ALL: Which indication for SCT??

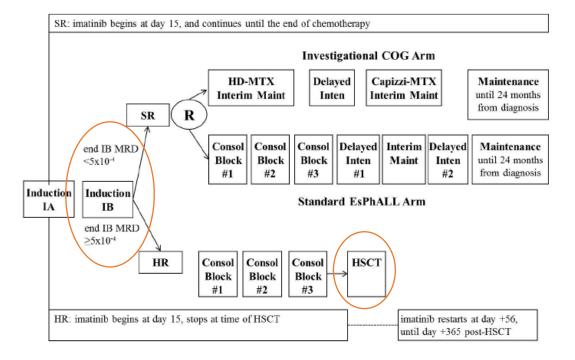




**Fig 4.** Comparison of event-free survival (EFS) for Cohort 5 chemotherapy only versus related-donor bone marrow transplantation (BMT) versus unrelated-donor BMT. Cohort 5 patients were compared with human leukocyte antigen (HLA) –identical sibling BMT (8 of 39 in cohorts 1-4; 13 of 44 in cohort 5)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

#### EsPhALL2017/COGAALL1631

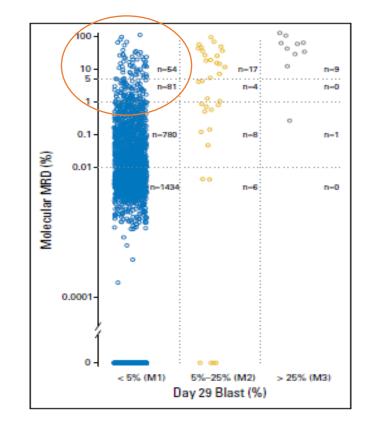




Note. MRD: Minimal Residual Disease, SR:Standard Risk, HR: High Risk, R: Randomization, HD-MTX: High Dose Methotrexate, Maint: Maintenance, Inten: Intensification, Consol: Consolidation, HSCT: Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant

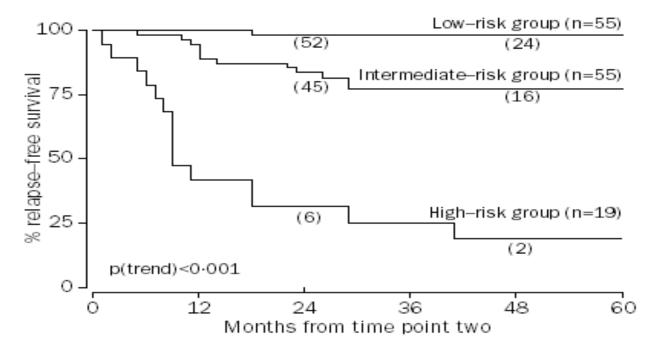
#### Morphologic vs molecular detection of MRD at end of induction





#### Minimal residual disease and outcome in ALL

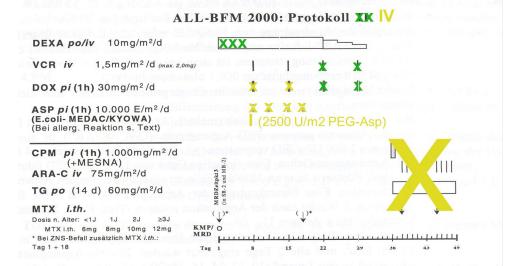




Relapse-free survival of the 3 MRD-based risk groups, as defined by MRD information at time points 1 and 2

#### Therapy reduction in MRD-negative patients: BFM-II vs BFM-III vs DCOG-IV

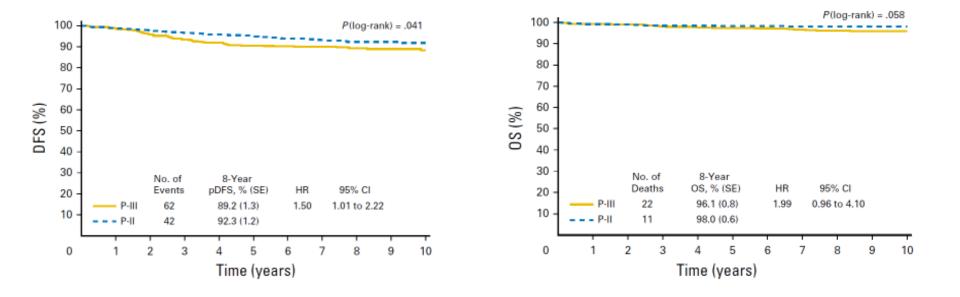




|                 | BFM-II | BFM-III | DCOG-IV | Cum dose |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Dexamethasone   | 250    | 180     | 180     | mg/m2    |
| VCR             | 6      | 3       | 3       | mg/m2    |
| Doxorubicin     | 120    | 60      | 0       | mg/m2    |
| Native Asp      | 40.000 | 40.000  | 0       | U/m2     |
| PEG-Asp         | 0      | 0       | 2.500   | U/m2     |
| Cyclophoshamide | 1.000  | 500     | 0       | mg/m2    |
| araC            | 600    | 600     | 0       | mg/m2    |
| 6-TG            | 840    | 840     | 0       | mg/m2    |

#### Therapy reduction (P-II to P-III) in AIEOP-BFM 2000: DFS and OS

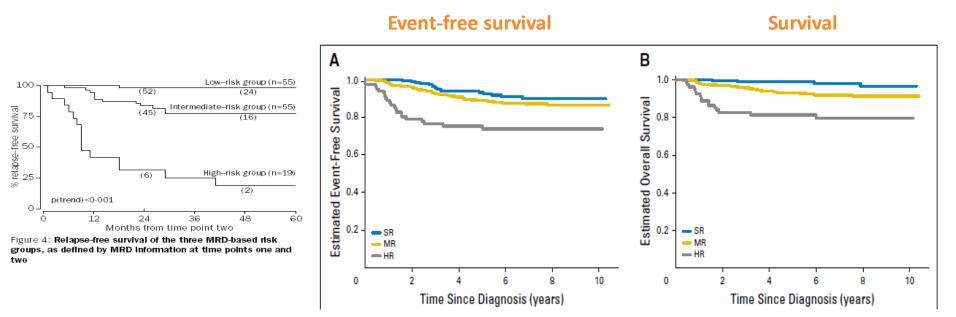




#### Study ALL-10 protocol outcome

Therapy reduction in SR is safe: 5-yr survival 99%
 Intensification in MR: 5-yr EFS from 76% to 88%
 Intensification in HR: 5-yr EFS from 16% to 78%





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

#### **Outcome in MRD low-risk patients (25% of all patients)**



|         | Prot II | Prot III | DCOG Prot IV |
|---------|---------|----------|--------------|
| 8yr OS  | 98%     | 96%      | 97%          |
|         |         |          |              |
| 5yr DFS | 96%     | 91%      | 93%          |
|         |         |          |              |
| 5yr CIR | 4%      | 8%       | 6%           |

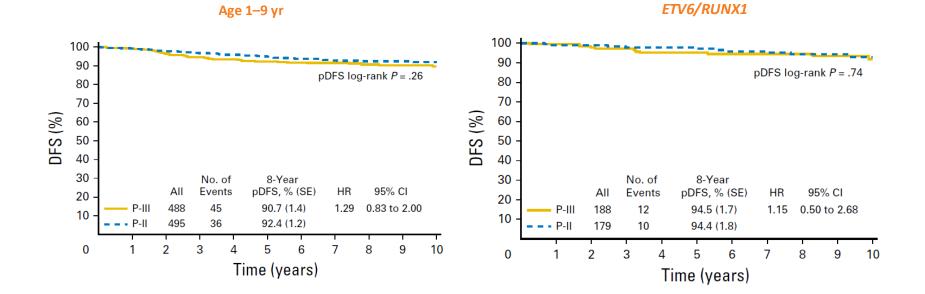
• Therapy reduction: relapse rate ~4% higher but survival not different

#### Dilemma

- Decrease of the rapy for all MRD low-risk patients: an extra  ${\sim}4\%$  of them need relapse the rapy OR
- More intensive therapy for all MRD low-risk patients

#### Therapy reduction in specific risk groups (AIEOP-BFM 2000)?

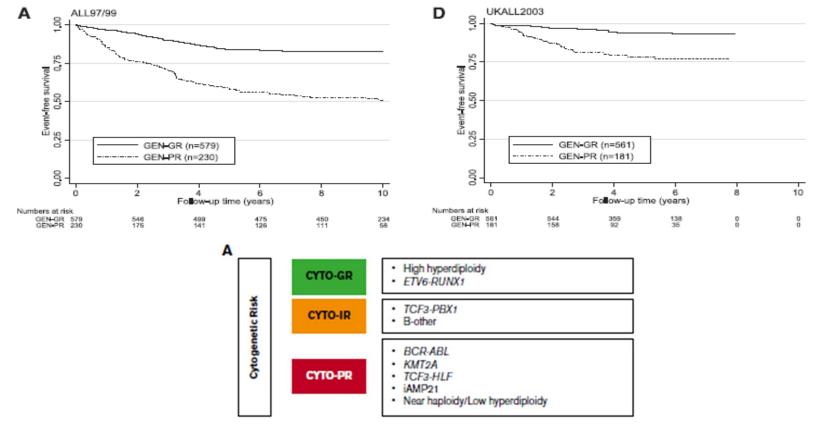






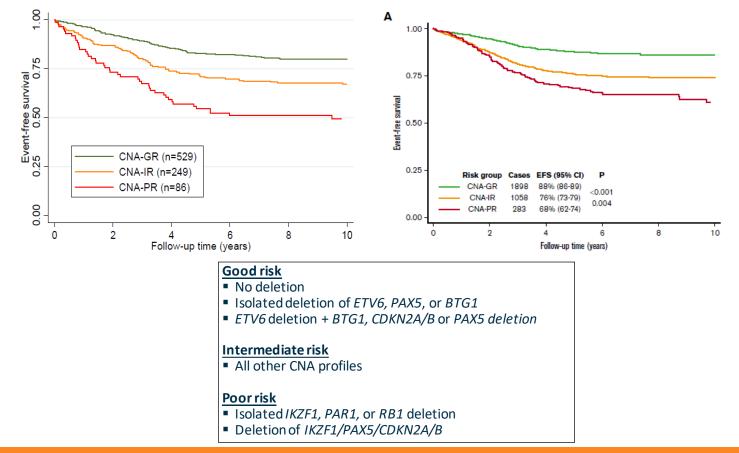
#### EFS ALL97/99 and UKALL2003 by genetic risk group





#### UK copy number alteration (CNA) classifier (by MPLA)

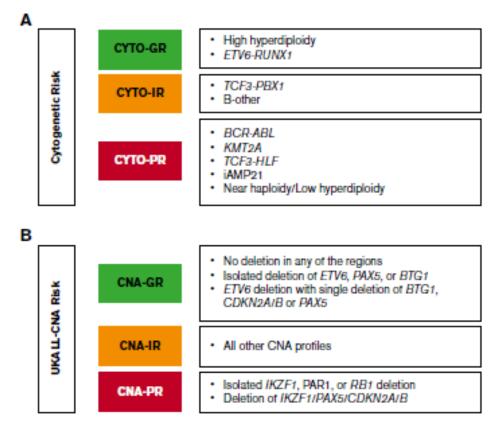




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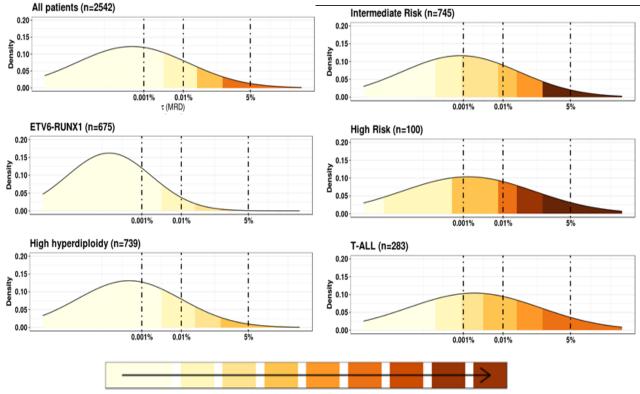
#### Novel genetic risk groups in B-lineage ALL by cytogenetics and by CNA





#### Risk of relapse by MRD value varies by genetic subtype





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

#### **Patient population: ALLTogether**

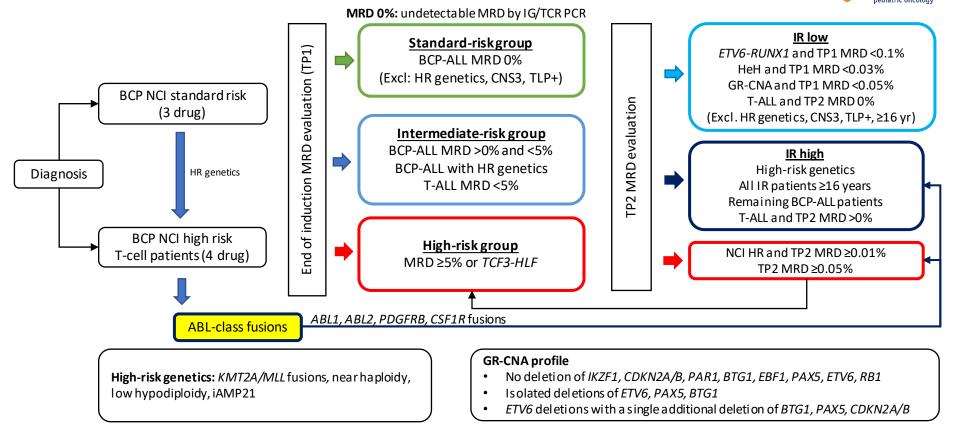


| Study Group | Age  | Pts/Year | Country                   |
|-------------|------|----------|---------------------------|
| DCOG        | 1–18 | 106      | NL                        |
| UKALL       | 1–24 | 419      | UK                        |
| COALL       | 1–18 | 90       | D                         |
| NOPHO       | 1–45 | 235      | S, DK, N, FIN, IS, EE, LT |
| BSPHO       | 1–18 | 80       | В                         |
| SHOP        | 1–18 | 55       | РТ                        |
| ΡΗΟΑΙ       | 1-24 | 42       | EI                        |
| SFCE        | 1–18 | 400      | F                         |
| SEHOP       | 1–18 | ?        | E – candidate status      |
| Total       | 1–45 | 1427 +?  | Western Europe            |



#### **Risk-stratification algorithm**





Risk groups by MRD and genetics: Outcomes and interventions \* ALL Together



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

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### Thank you!







Optimizing First-Line Therapy in Pediatric ALL: How to Balance Cure and Long-Term Risks?

**Rob Pieters** 







### Optimizing First-Line Therapy in ALL: How to Balance Cure and Long-Term Toxicities

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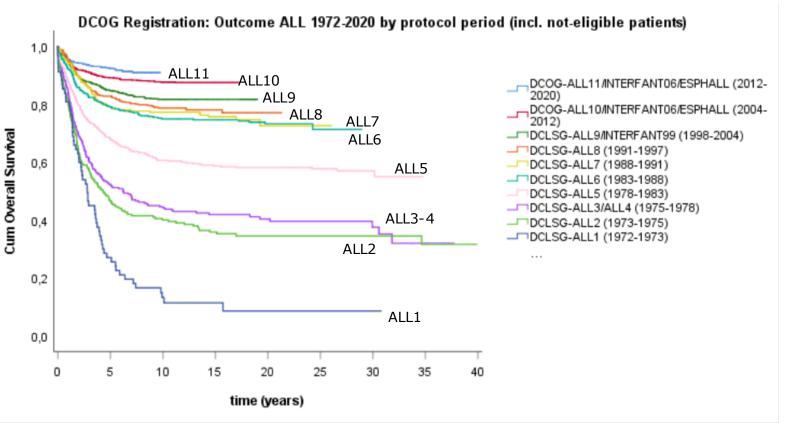


Question 1: Which factor has the lowest probability of causing significant long-term toxicity in pediatric ALL?



- The anthracyclines daunorubicin and/or doxorubicin in a cumulative dose of >300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 5 years at diagnosis
- Methotrexate in a cumulative dose of 20,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 8 years at diagnosis
- 3. Cranial radiotherapy in a child aged 2 years at diagnosis
- 4. Dexamethasone in a girl aged 14 years at diagnosis

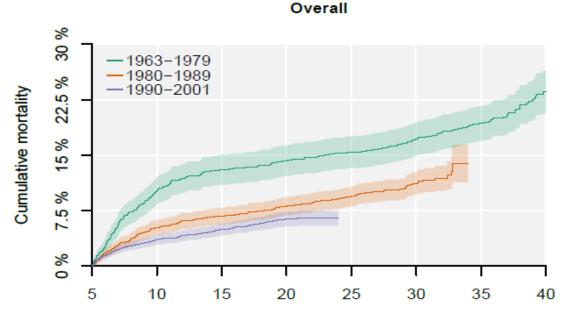
#### ALL Survival in the Netherlands: 1972–2020





#### Cumulative Late Mortality of Childhood Cancer Survivors by Year of Diagnosis



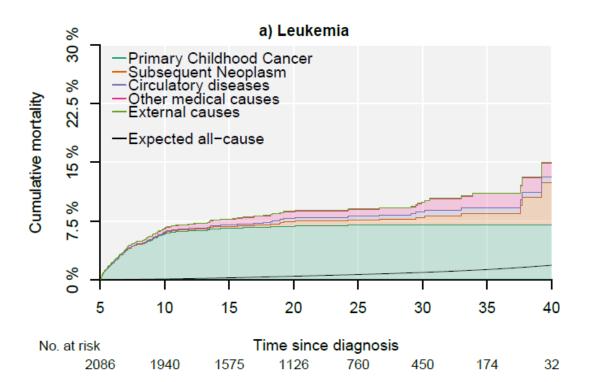


Time since diagnosis

#### Van Kilsdonk, 2022

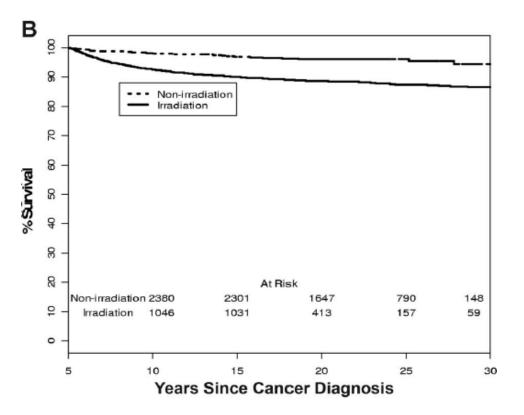
#### Cumulative Late Mortality of Survivors of Childhood Leukemia





#### Survival of 5-Year ALL Survivors: Irradiated vs Nonirradiated





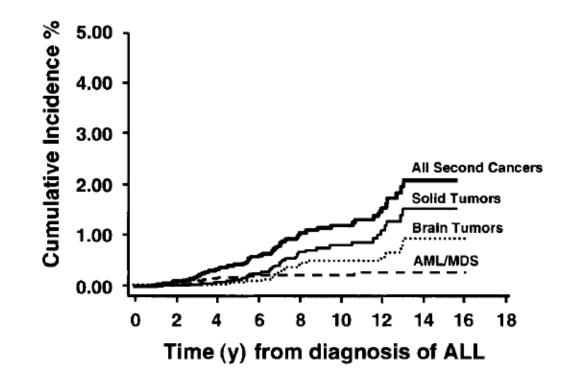
### **Balancing Cure and Toxicity**

- Second malignancies
- Osteonecrosis
- Neurocognitive sequelae
- Cardiomyopathy
- Insulin-dependent diabetes (pancreatitis)
- Who should be transplanted?
- Late effects of immunotherapies?



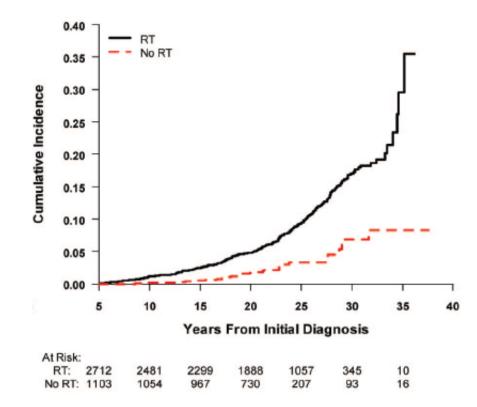
#### Cumulative Incidence of Second Neoplasms in 8831 Children With ALL





#### Second Neoplasms Among 5-Year Survivors of Childhood ALL in the CCSS Cohort: Role of Radiotherapy



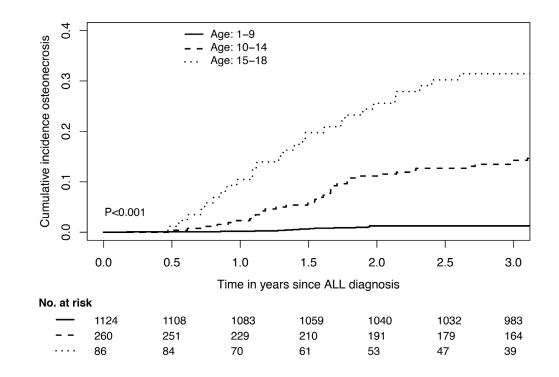


Robison LL, et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2011;2011:238-242.

#### Cumulative Incidence of Osteonecrosis by Age

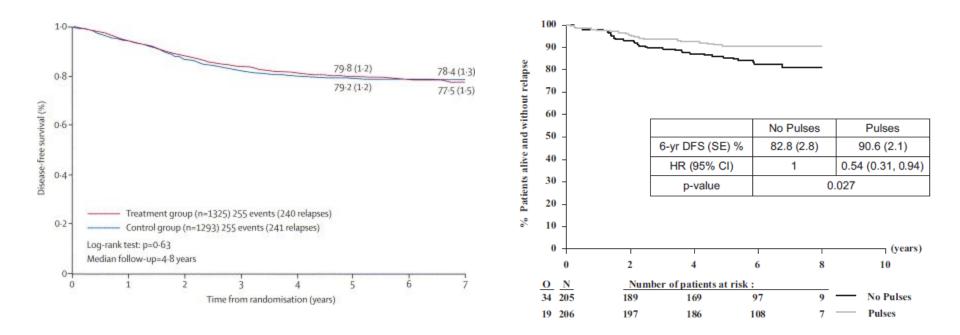






#### Dexa/VCR Pulses During Maintenance in Average-Risk ALL Patients: Results From AIEOP-BFM and From EORTC

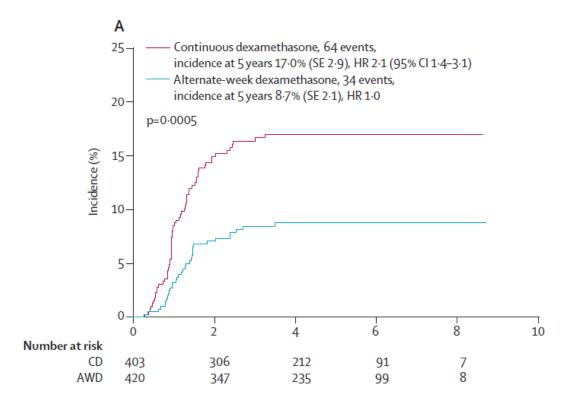




Conter V, et al. Lancet. 2007;369(9556):123-131; de Moerloose B, et al. Blood. 2010;116(1):36-44.

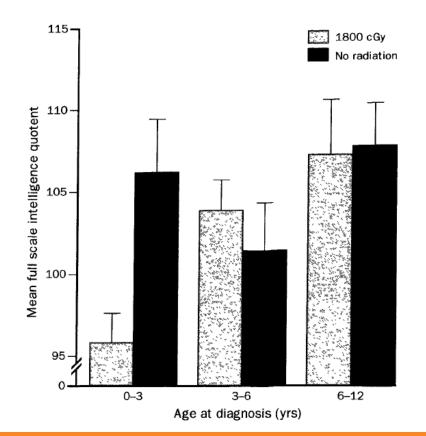
#### **Osteonecrosis: Continuous vs Alternate-Week Dexamethasone**





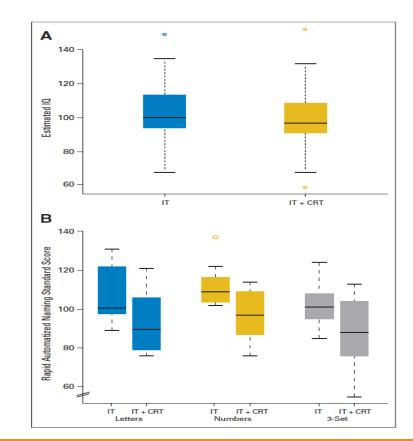
#### Effects of 1800 cGy Cranial Radiation on Intellectual Performance by Age





### IQ and Rapid Naming Tasks: Intrathecal (IT) vs IT + Cranial Radiation (CRT)

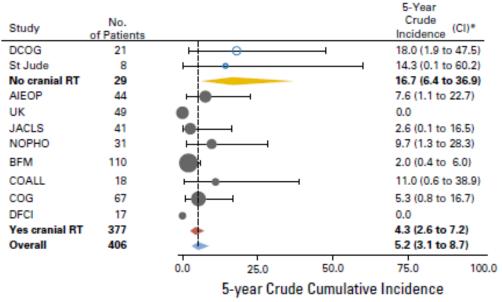




#### 5-Year Outcomes to Preemptive Cranial Radiotherapy for ALL With CNS3



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



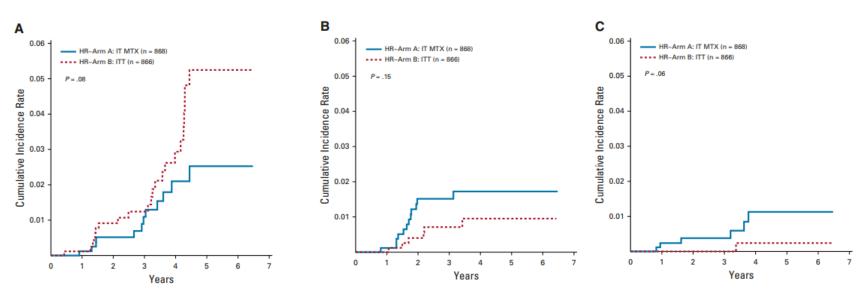
Test for treatment effect (cranial irradiation, yes v no): P = .02

### Cumulative Incidence of Relapse in HR B-ALL: Intrathecal MTX vs Intrathecal Triple Therapy



**Combined BM + CNS Relapse** 

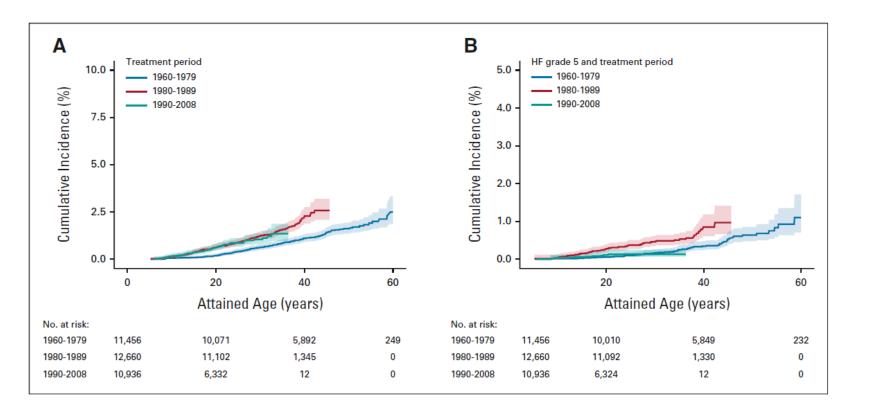
**Isolated BM Relapse** 



#### **Isolated CNS Relapse**

Salzer WL, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(23):2628-2638.

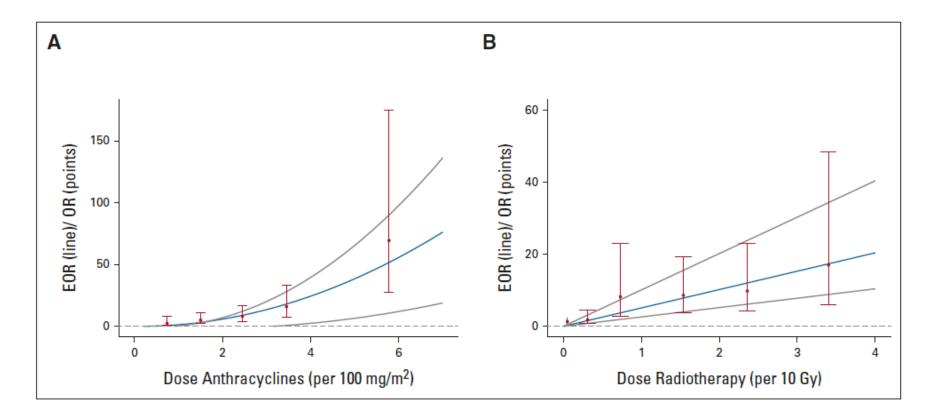
#### **Cumulative Incidence of Heart Failure in Childhood Cancer Survivors**



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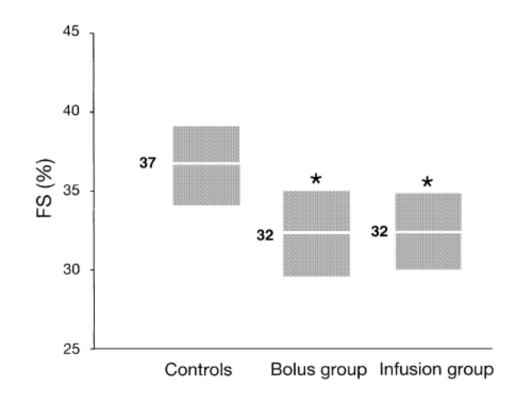
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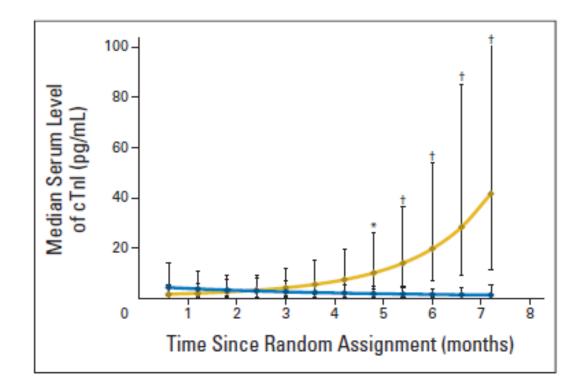
#### Shortening Fraction by Bolus or 6-Hour Infusion of Daunorubicin





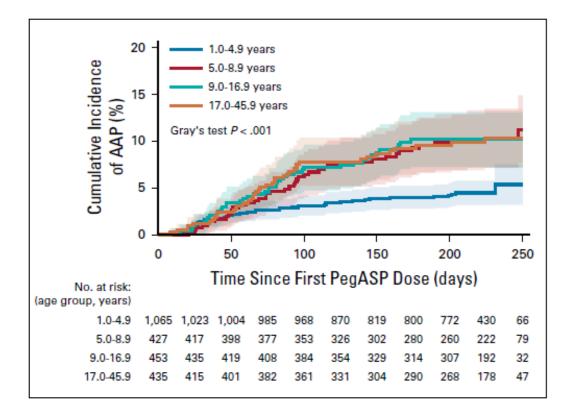
## Cardiac Troponin During Doxorubicin Therapy in ALL With (blue) or Without (yellow) Dexrazoxane





#### **Pancreatitis by Age**

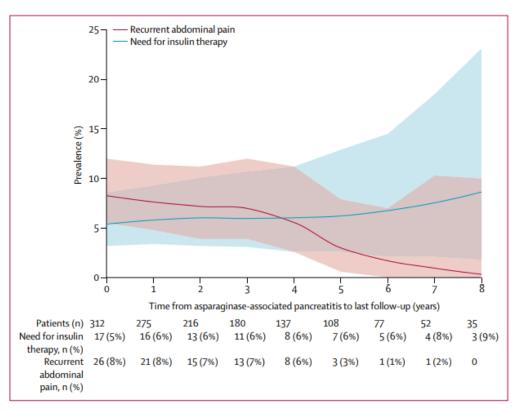




Rank CU, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(2):145-154.

#### Prevalence of Persisting Complications From Asparaginase-Associated Pancreatitis



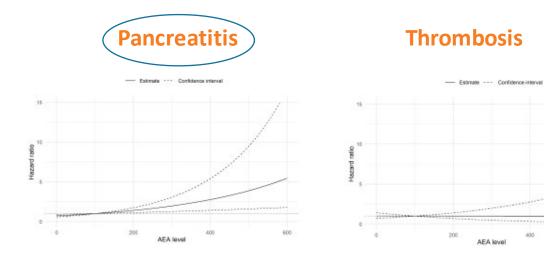


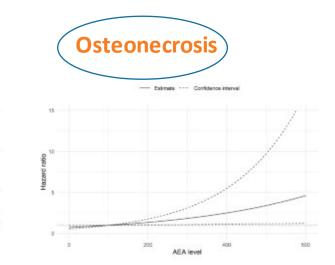
#### **Risk of Toxicity by Median Asparaginase Enzyme Activity**

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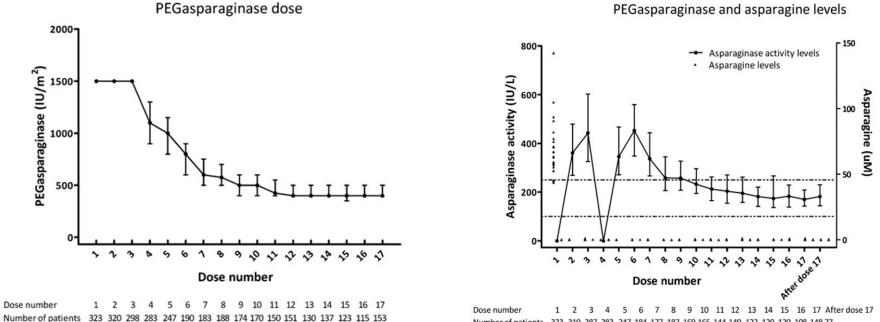






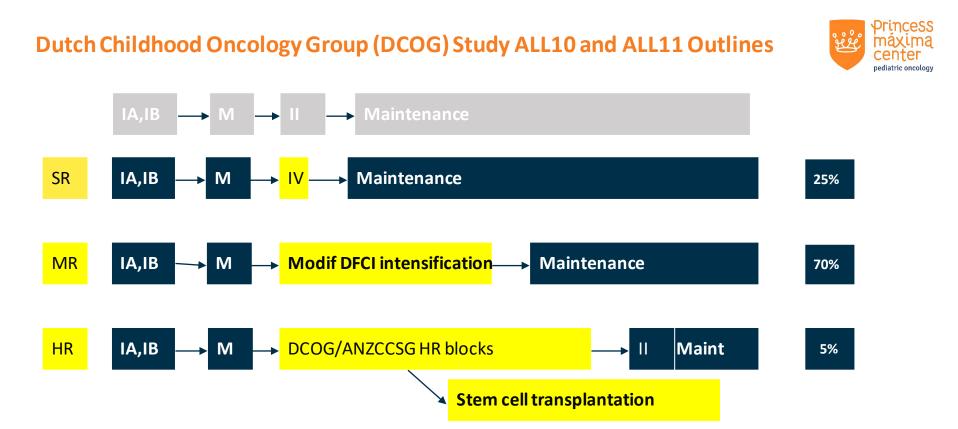
#### Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Target Drug Level 100–250 U/L





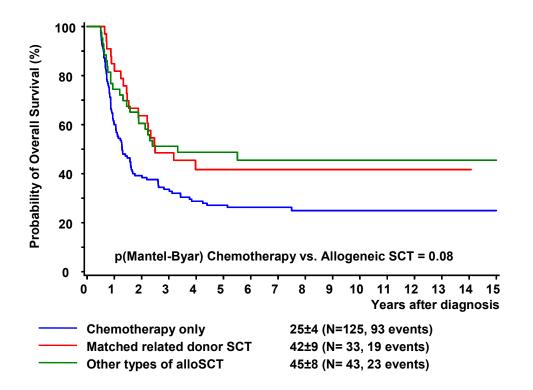
Number of patients 323 319 287 283 247 184 177 187 169 165 144 149 122 129 120 108 148 77

Kloos R, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(7):715-724.



#### No CR After Induction AND T-ALL: Better Survival With AlloSCT

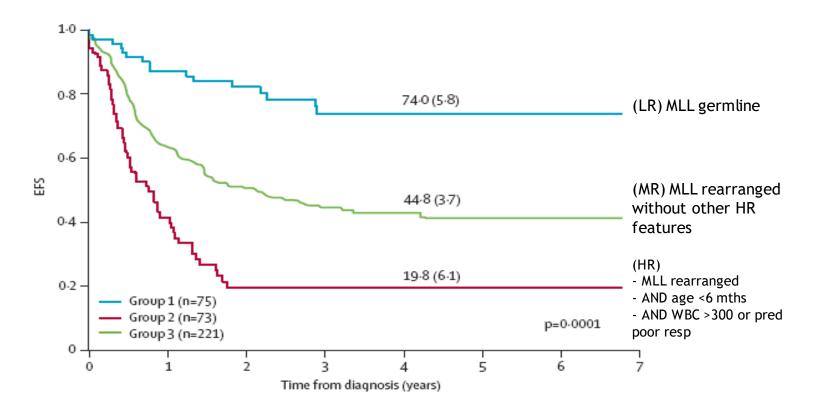




Schrappe M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366(15):1371-1381.

#### Outcome by MLL Status, Age, and White Blood Cell Count





# AlloSCT in Infant MLL-Rearranged ALL: Interfant-99 <u>MR</u> Patients Adjusted by Waiting Time to SCT



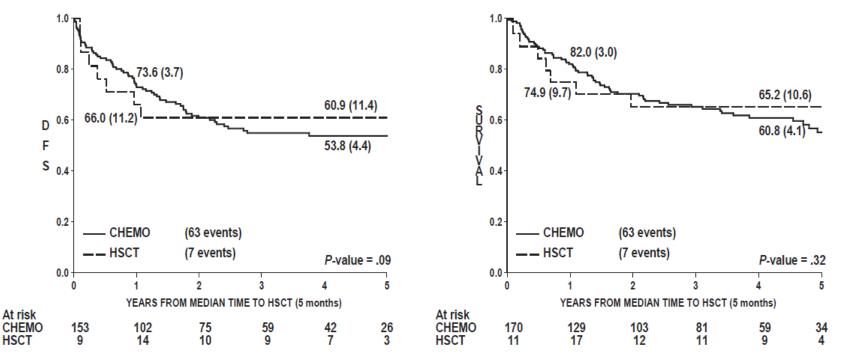


Figure 2. DFS and OS of 188 medium-risk patients with *MLL*<sup>+</sup> infant ALL by treatment performed, adjusted by waiting time to HSCT. *P* value is from Cox Model. CHEMO indicates chemotherapy only; and HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

# AlloSCT in Infant MLL-Rearranged ALL: Interfant-99 <u>MR</u> Patients Adjusted by Waiting Time to SCT



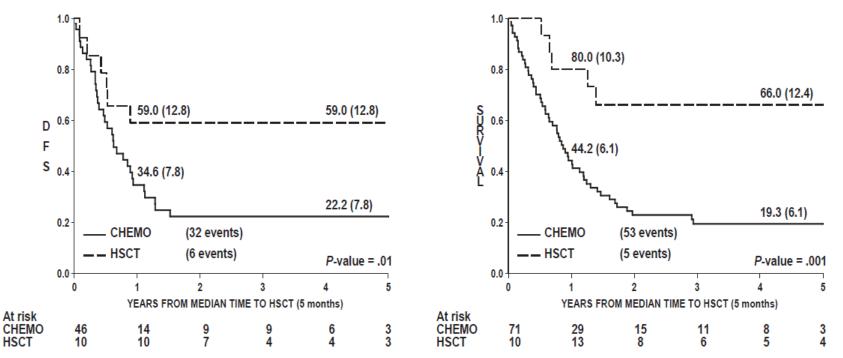
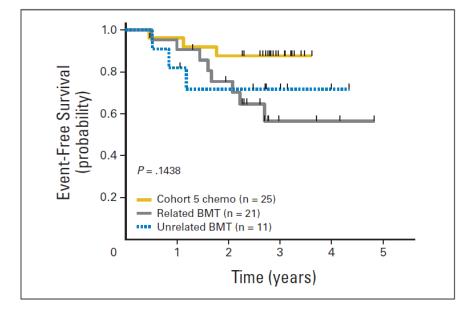


Figure 3. DFS and OS of 97 high-risk patients with *MLL*<sup>+</sup> infant ALL by treatment performed, adjusted by waiting time to HSCT. *P* value is from Cox Model. CHEMO indicates chemotherapy only; and HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

#### TKI in BCR-ABL–Positive ALL: Need for SCT?

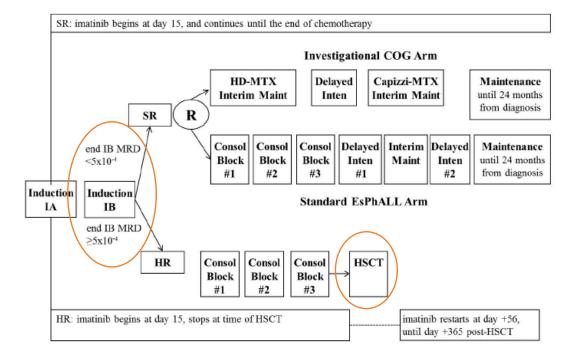




**Fig 4.** Comparison of event-free survival (EFS) for Cohort 5 chemotherapy only versus related-donor bone marrow transplantation (BMT) versus unrelated-donor BMT. Cohort 5 patients were compared with human leukocyte antigen (HLA) –identical sibling BMT (8 of 39 in cohorts 1-4; 13 of 44 in cohort 5)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

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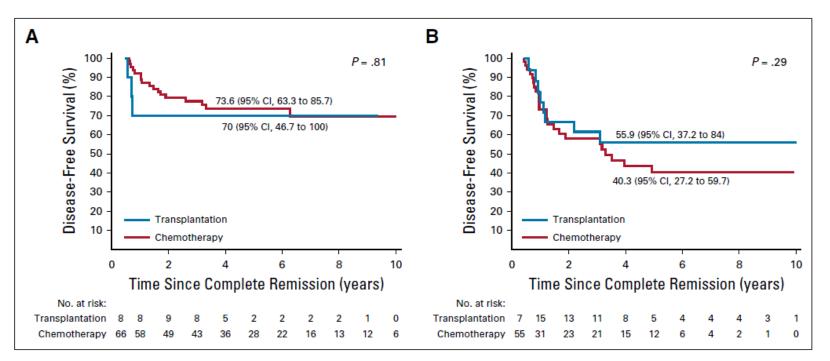
Note. MRD: Minimal Residual Disease, SR:Standard Risk, HR: High Risk, R: Randomization, HD-MTX: High Dose Methotrexate, Maint: Maintenance, Inten: Intensification, Consol: Consolidation, HSCT: Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant

#### DFS of Hypodiploid (<44 chromosomes) ALL With vs Without SCT



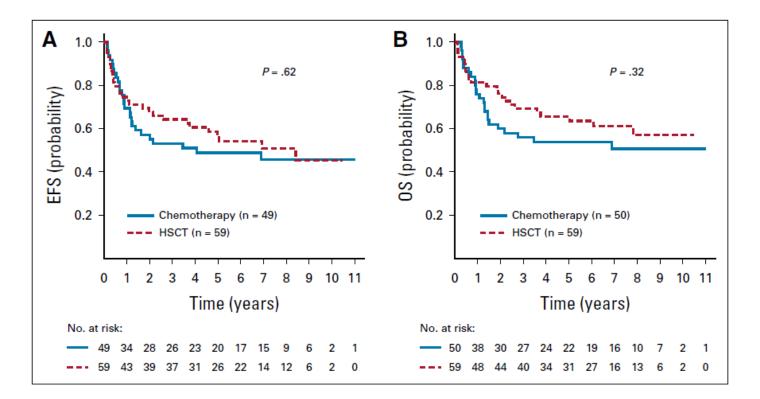
MRD EOI  $< 10^{-4}$ 

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#### Outcome of Hypodiploid (<44 chromosomes) ALL With vs Without SCT

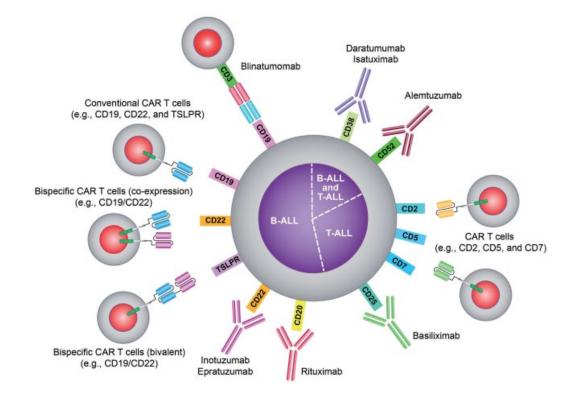




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#### Immunotherapy in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia







Answer to Question 1: Which factor has the lowest probability of causing significant long-term toxicity in pediatric ALL?



- The anthracyclines daunorubicin and/or doxorubicin in a cumulative dose of >300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 5 years at diagnosis
- 2. Methotrexate in a cumulative dose of 20,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in a child aged 8 years at diagnosis
- 3. Cranial radiotherapy in a child aged 2 years at diagnosis
- 4. Dexamethasone in a girl aged 14 years at diagnosis

#### **Balancing Cure and Late Toxicity**

- Second malignancies
- Osteonecrosis
- Neurocognitive sequelae
- Cardiomyopathy
- Insulin-dependent diabetes (pancreatitis)
- Who should be transplanted?
- Late effects of immunotherapies?
- Large numbers of patients
- Long and structured follow-up
- Feedback to current protocols
- Dedicated late effects outpatient clinics



#### Late Effects Outpatient Clinic: 16,000 Survivors









# Case 1: Balancing Cure and Toxicity Risks

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# **Case: Bilineage Leukemia (infant)**

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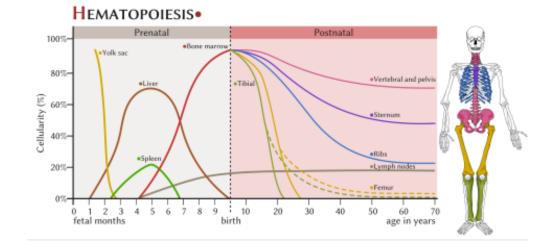


# Baby S 41 + 1 weeks GA 3765 g (p50–p90)

- Uncomplicated gravidity
- Normal NIPT test
- Spontaneous parturition APGAR 5/8/9
- Physical exam: blueberry muffin rash

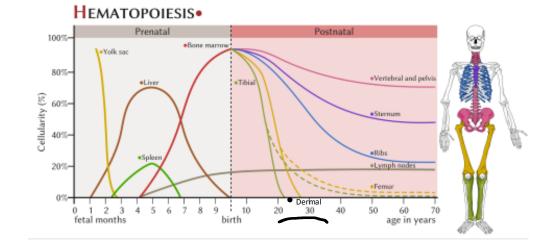
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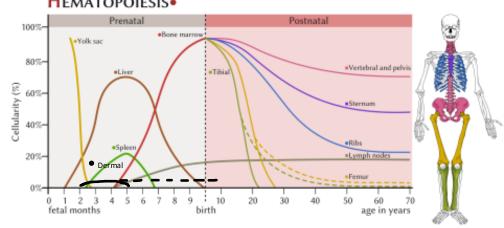
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#### **Laboratory Results**



- Hb 9.1, T 102, L 68, 34% blasts
- Chemistry without any abnormalities
- Chest X-ray: normal, no mediastinal mass

### **Diagnosis, Flow Cytometry: Bilineage Leukemia**



|       | Myeloid Clone | Lymphoid Clone |  |
|-------|---------------|----------------|--|
|       | cMPO +        | cCD79a+        |  |
| CD45  | +/-           | +              |  |
| CD34  | -             | zwak           |  |
| CD117 | -             | neg            |  |
| SSC   | ++            | +/-            |  |
| CD79a | -             | +              |  |
| CD19  | +/-           | +              |  |
| CD10  | -             | -              |  |
| CD20  | -             | -              |  |
| NG2   | -             | -              |  |
| CD22  | partly        | +              |  |
| CD24  | -             | +/-            |  |
| cTDT  | +/-           | +              |  |
| cMPO  | +             | -              |  |

#### Genetics: KMT2A-AFF1 (MLL-AF4) rearrangement

## **Question: How Would You Start Treatment?**



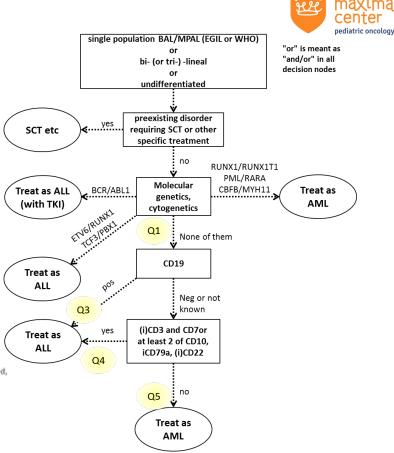
- 1. ALL induction
- 2. AML induction
- 3. Interfant induction
- 4. No treatment

### **Neonatal Leukemia**



- <28 days post partum, often congenital, <1% of childhood leukemia
- AML > ALL
- Symptoms and signs: hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, cutaneous infiltration, CNS infiltration and hyperleukocytosis
- Often *KMT2A*-rearranged
- Prognosis
  - AML with Translocation t(8;16) associated with spontaneous remission
  - AML overall survival 25%
  - ALL overall survival <20%

#### Bilineage Leukemia: iBFM AMBI2018

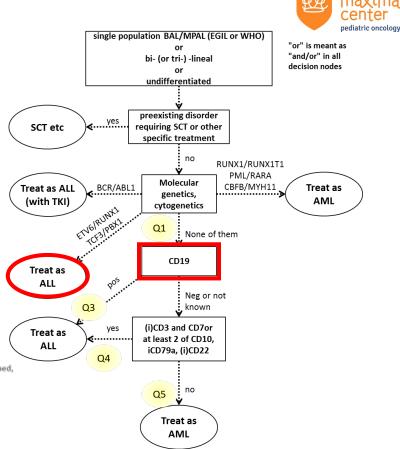


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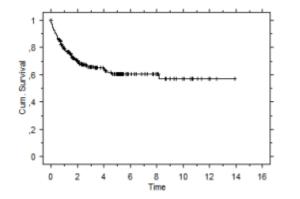
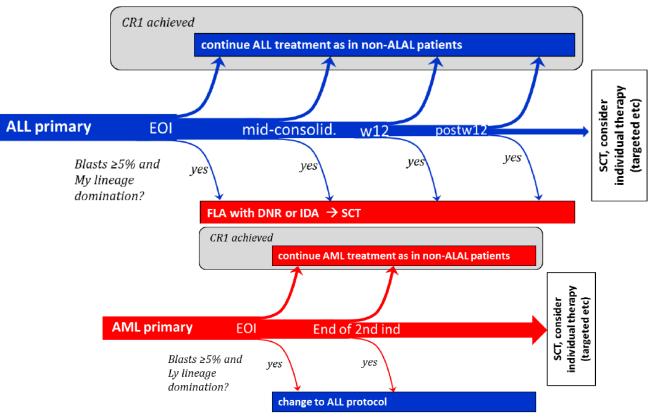


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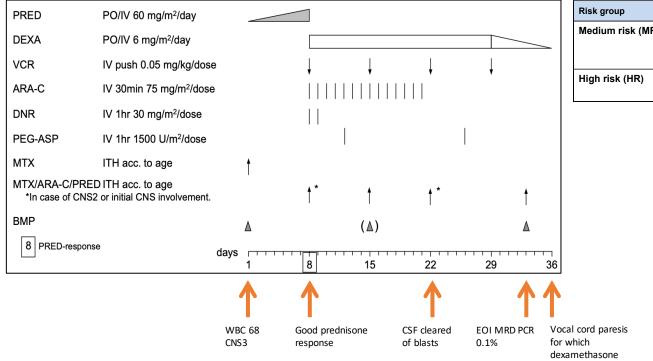
#### **Bilineage Leukemia: iBFM AMBI2018** RECOMMENDED CHANGES OF TREATMENT





#### **Treatment: Interfant Induction** LYMPHOID INDUCTION WITH ADDITION OF CYTARABINE

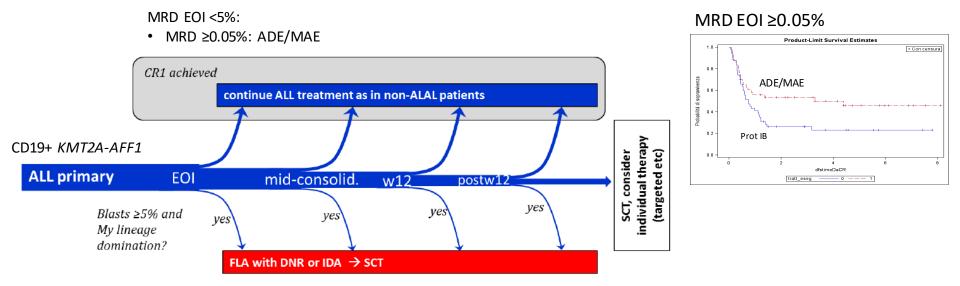




| Risk group                    | Criteria                                                                 |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Medium risk (MR) <sup>*</sup> | 1. age <u>&gt;</u> 6 months <b>OR</b>                                    |  |
|                               | 2. age < 6 months AND WBC< 300 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L                      |  |
|                               | AND prednisone good response                                             |  |
| High risk (HR)                | <b>3</b> . age at diagnosis < 6 months AND                               |  |
|                               | 4. WBC <u>&gt;300 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L AND/OR</u> prednisone poor response |  |

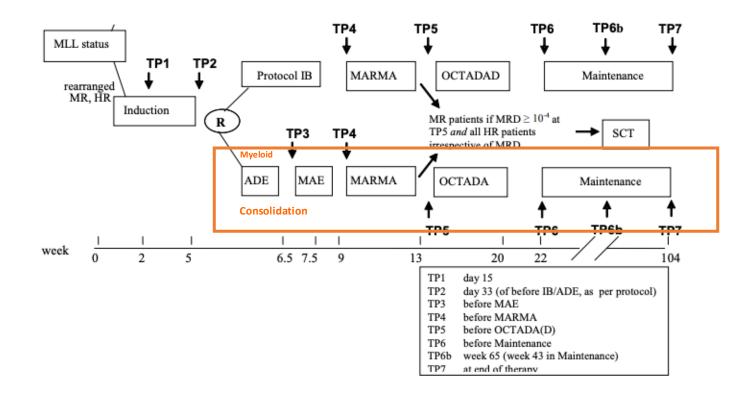
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#### **Interfant-06: With Myeloid Consolidation Blocks**

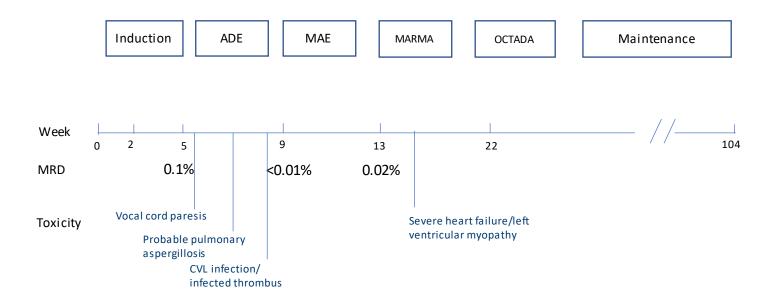




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#### **Treatment, Continued: More Toxicity Arises**





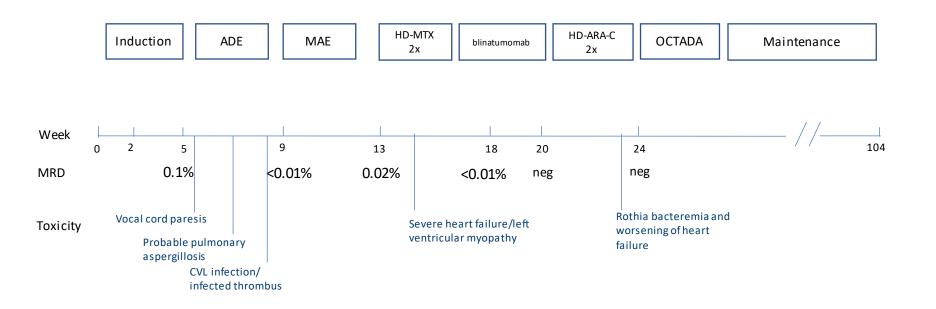
### **Question: How Would You Continue Treatment?**



- 1. Maintenance treatment
- 2. MARMA HD-MTX treatment
- 3. Blinatumomab
- 4. CAR T therapy

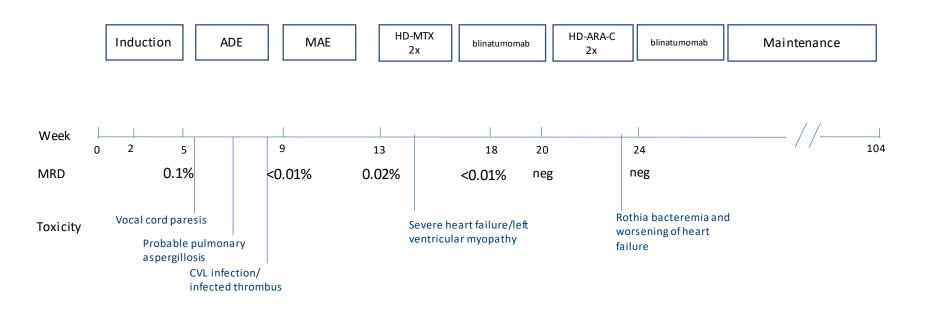
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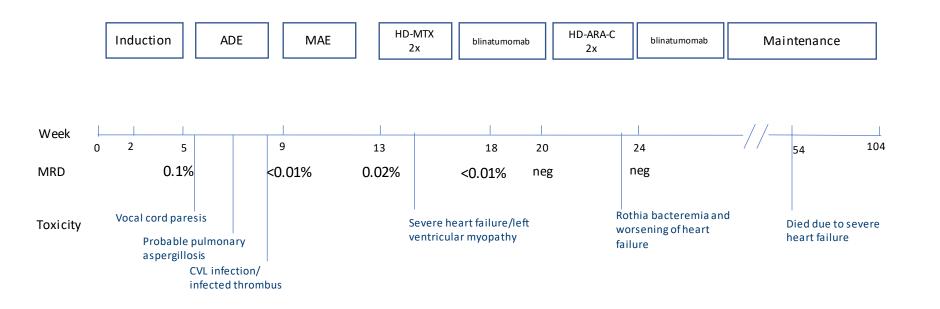
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# **Questions?**



- Diagnose: congenitale acute bilineage leukemie, CNS3, t(4,11)/ KMT2A-AFF1 fusie
- Presentatie met leukemia cutis
- TPMT\_ normaal genotype
- Datum van diagnose: 30-4-2020, start Interfant-06
- Datum Overlijden 14-5-2021: oorzaak ernsig hartfalen
- Behandeling: Interfant -06 Inductie, ADE/MAE, 1ste helft MARMA,
- blina 2de helft MARMA, blina (ipv OCTADA), maintenance
- Behandeling gecompliceerd door ernstig hartfalen
- Respons:
- dag 8: GPR (liquor nog blasten gezien)
- BMP dag 15 niet verricht (liquor uitslag niet betrouwbaar)
- Liquor dag 22 schoon
- BMP EOI CR dd 3-6-20 flow-MRD +/- 4% vrnl myeloid. MRD MLL PCR 0.06%. max 0.1%
- BMP na ADE, dd 8-7-20 MLL-target pos < 10-4. max pos 10-4
- BMP EOC na ADE/MAE dd 15-08: MLL target 0.02%, max 0.06%
- BMP dag 15 blina: dd25-9: pos NK
- BMP dag 29 blina: dd 14-10: pos NK (MLL neg)
- BMP na 2de helft MARMA, dd 13-11: neg

#### Toxiciteit:

- hartfalen door cardiomyopathie met LVF, IC opname 30-8-2020. WD antracycline-toxiciteit (DD congenitaal)
- probable pulmonale as pergillus wv sinds 26-6 Ambisome en voriconazol; in aug-2020 switch is avuconazol ivm slechte spiegels voriconazol
- defecte CVL (Re VJI) wv lijnwissel dd 26-6 (V.jug.intlinks)
- Tunnelinfectie nieuwe lijn dd 3-7, (BK enterococ Faecalis, + CNS)
- geinfecteerde trombus (BK enterococ Faecalis, + CNS), wv dalteparine dd 6-7, en 6 wkn antibiotica. Stop dalterapine 1-11-2020
- reversibele stridor obv stembandparese

#### Aangepastantibioticabeleid:

- colonosisatie a cinetobacter wv meropenem indicatie

#### Bijzonderheden:

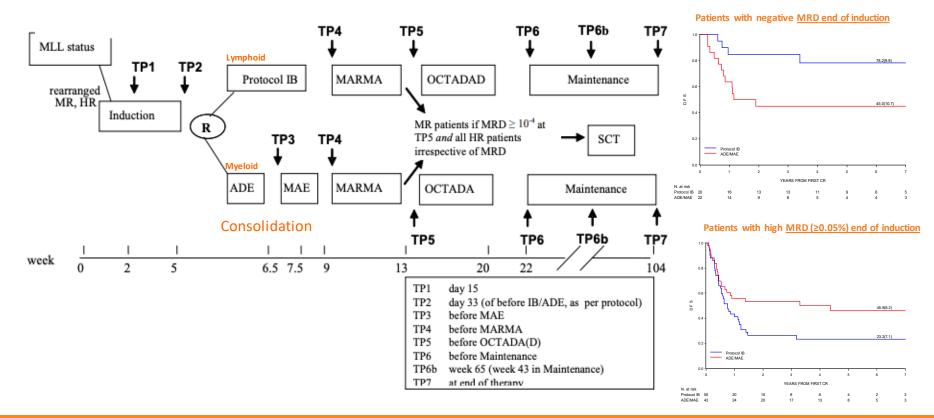
 - echo cor; aanvankelijk afw triculspidaal klep en klein VSD, bij laatste echo dd 24-6 + 3-8 geen bijz. echter 30-8 cardiomyopathie met matig tot slechte LVF

na 1/2 MARMA: 2x HD-MTX afgerond. Gestaakt ivm hartfalen.Over op Blinatumoman dd 11-9;

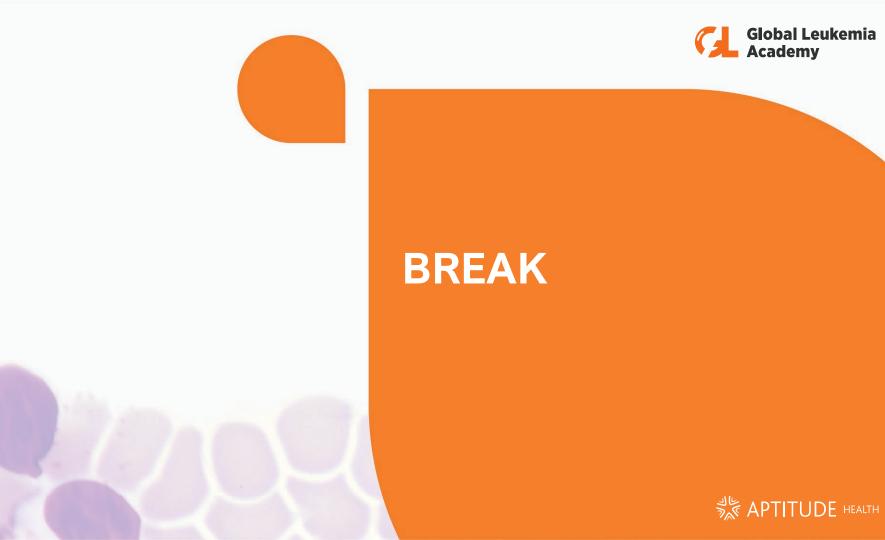
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# Current Treatment Options for High-Risk ALL in Children

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# R/R pediatric ALL: How to offer a chance of cure and reduce side effects and late complications?

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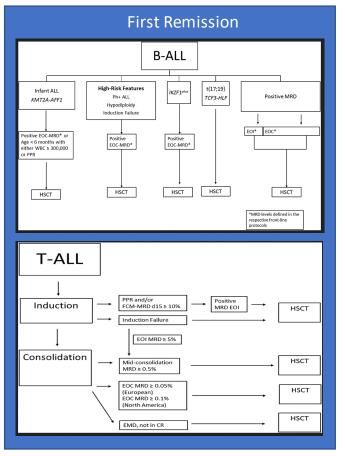
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| Jazz         | Speakers bureau                           |  |
| Pfizer       | Consultancy                               |  |
| Medac        | Consultancy                               |  |
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## **R/R Pediatric ALL: Strategies 2022**

- Risk stratification: high/intermediate/low
- Treatment
  - Chemotherapy
  - Immunotherapy
    - Bispecific AB
    - AB-conjugates
    - CAR T cells
  - Hematopoietic cell transplantation
    - Donor type
    - Stem cell source
    - Conditioning regimen

#### **Indication for Allogeneic HSCT**



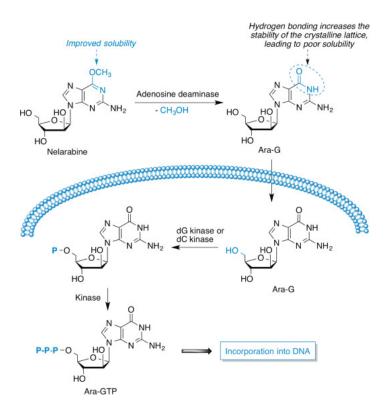
#### Second Remission: Risk Stratification

| Children's oncology group (35)              | BFM group (36)                                                | UK group (37)                                   | IntReALL consortium                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Low                                         | Low (S1)                                                      | Standard                                        | Standard (S1 and some S2)                                                 |
| Late B-ALL marrow, end-block 1<br>MRD <0.1% | Late IEM relapses                                             | Late IEM relapse                                | Early and late IEM relapses, of B-ALL or T-ALL                            |
| Late IEM, end-block 1 MRD <0.1%             |                                                               |                                                 | Late B-ALL isolated marrow relapses<br>Early/late B-ALL combined relapses |
| Intermediate                                | Intermediate (S2)                                             | Intermediate                                    |                                                                           |
| _ate B-ALL marrow, end-block 1              | Early IEM relapses                                            | Early IEM relapses                              |                                                                           |
| MRD ≥0.1%                                   | Late B-ALL isolated marrow relapses                           | Late B-ALL isolated marrow relapses             |                                                                           |
| Late IEM, end-block 1 MRD ≥0.1%             | Early/late B-ALL combined relapses<br>Very early IEM relapses | Early/late B-ALL combined relapses              |                                                                           |
| High                                        | High (S3 and S4)                                              | High                                            | High (S3, S4 and some S2)                                                 |
| Early B-ALL marrow                          | Very early and early B-ALL marrow                             | Very early IEM relapse                          | All very early relapses, irrespective of site                             |
| Early IEM                                   | relapses                                                      | Very early and early B-ALL marrow relapses      | and phenotype                                                             |
| T-ALL relapse, any site and timing          | Very early B-ALL combined relapses                            | Very early B-ALL combined relapse               | Early B-ALL isolated marrow relapses                                      |
|                                             | T-ALL marrow relapses (regardless<br>of timing)               | T-ALL marrow or combined relapse,<br>any timing | T-ALL marrow relapses, combined or isolated (regardless of timing)        |

COG definitions: IEM relapse (<18 months from diagnosis), late IEM (≥18 months from diagnosis), early marrow relapse (<36 months from diagnosis), and late marrow relapse (≥36 months from diagnosis).

BFM and UK definitions: very early (<18 months from diagnosis), early (18 months from diagnosis but <6 months after end of treatment), and late (>6 months after end of treatment), IEM, isolated extramedullary disease; B-ALL, B-cell-acute lymphoblastic leukemia; MRD, minimal residual disease; BFM Group, Berlin–Frankfurt–Munster Group; T-ALL, T-cell-acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

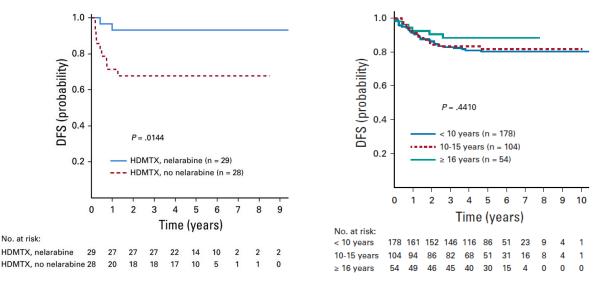
#### Nelarabine



Nelarabine is the prodrug of 9-β-Darabinofuranosylguanine (ara-G) which when phosphorylated intracellularly to ara-G triphosphate (ara-GTP), preferentially accumulates in cancerous T-cells. Ara-G is transported into the leukemic blast by 2 different transporters. It is then phosphorylated to ara-GTP. Upon incorporation of ara-GTP into DNA, apoptosis occurs as formation is terminated.

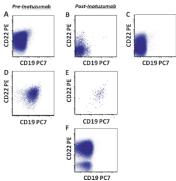
#### A Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial Testing Nelarabine in Newly Diagnosed T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, Children's Oncology Group AALL0434

Disease-free survival (DFS) for patients with CNS3 randomly assigned to high-dose methotrexate with leucovorin rescue (HDMTX) with or without nelarabine; 5-year DFS rates were  $93.1\% \pm 6.5\%$  for HDMTX with nelarabine and  $67.9\% \pm 12.2\%$  for HDMTX without nelarabine (P = .014).

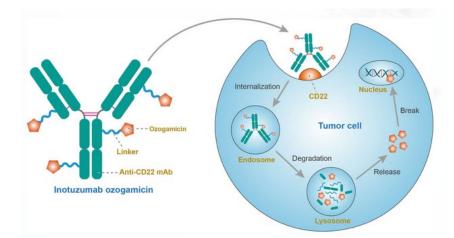


The addition of nelarabine to ABFM therapy improved DFS for children and young adults with newly diagnosed T-ALL without increased toxicity. Nelarabine decreased CNS relapses. Nelarabine is safe and effective in the treatment of newly diagnosed T-ALL in children and young adults with excellent disease-free survival.

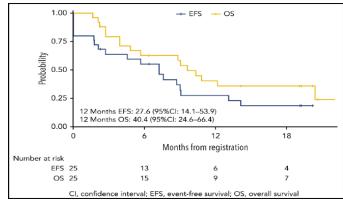
#### Inotuzumab-Ozogamicin



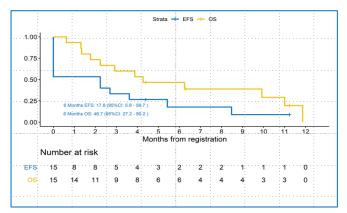
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Bhojwani D, et al. Inotuzumab ozogamicin in pediatric patients with relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Leukemia. 2019

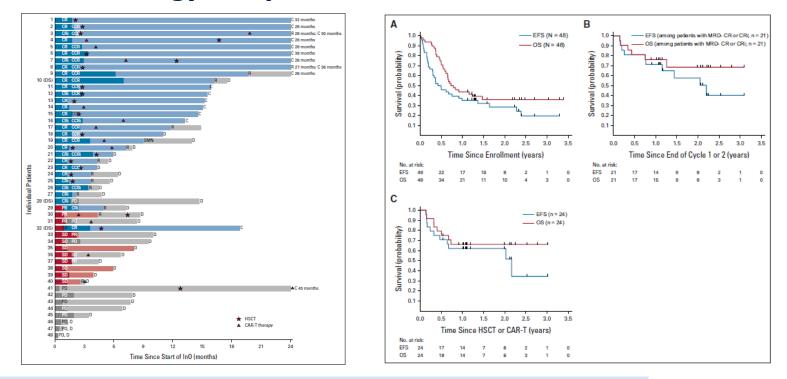


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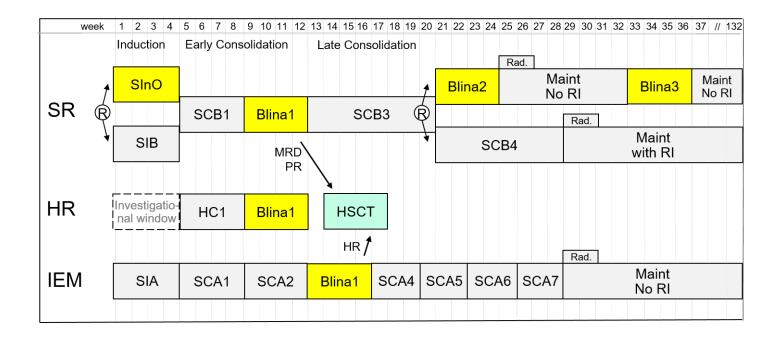
#### Phase II Trial of Inotuzumab Ozogamicin in Children and Adolescents With Relapsed or Refractory B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Children's Oncology Group Protocol AALL1621



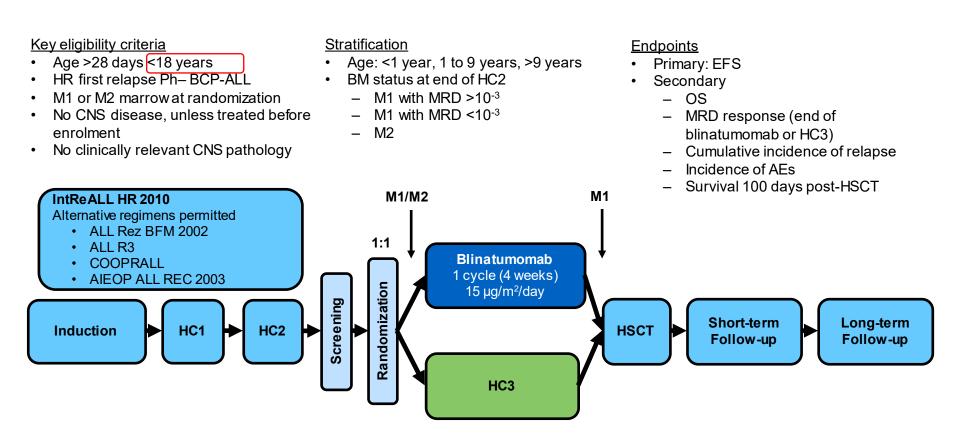
Caveat: prolonged cytopenia; VOD/SOS after HCT 28,6% grade 3

O'Brian et al. J Clin Oncol. 2022.

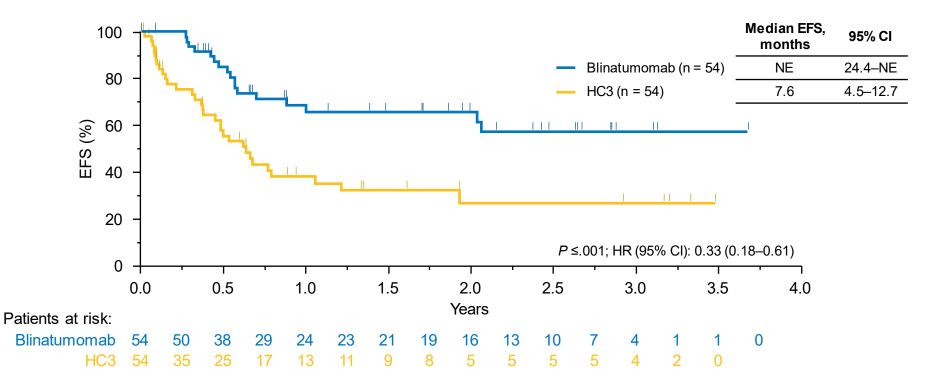
### IntReALL BCP 2020



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



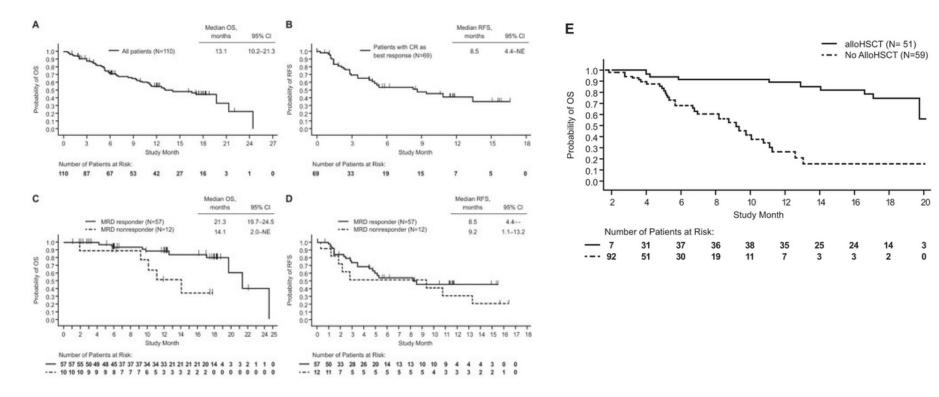
### **Superior EFS in the Blinatumomab Arm**



Locatelli F, et al. JAMA. 2021;325(9):843-854.

P, stratified log rank P value; HR, hazard ratio from stratified Cox regression.

### Blinatumomab Use in Pediatric Patients With Relapsed/Refractory B-Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia From an Open-Label, Multicenter, Expanded Access Study (RIALTO)

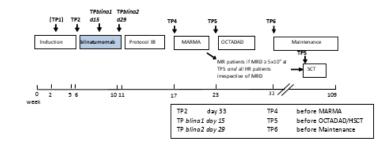


### **Infant ALL: Poorer Outcomes Compared With Older Children**

- Biology: 80% KMT2A-rearrangement
- Treatment-related toxicity: 18.4% in prospective INTERFANT-trial
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|                        | N=28     |
|------------------------|----------|
| Age at diagnosis       |          |
| < 6 months             | 18 (64%) |
| ≥ 6 months             | 10 (36%) |
| Gender                 |          |
| male                   | 11 (39%) |
| female                 | 17 (61%) |
| Risk group             |          |
| Medium risk            | 19 (68%) |
| High risk              | 9 (32%)  |
| End of induction       |          |
| M1                     | 26 (93%) |
| M2                     | 2 (7%)   |
| MRD end of induction   |          |
| Low < 0.05%            | 17 (61%) |
| High <u>&gt;</u> 0.05% | 11 (39%) |

Table 1 Patient characteristics

| Tabl | e Z | MRD | results |  |
|------|-----|-----|---------|--|
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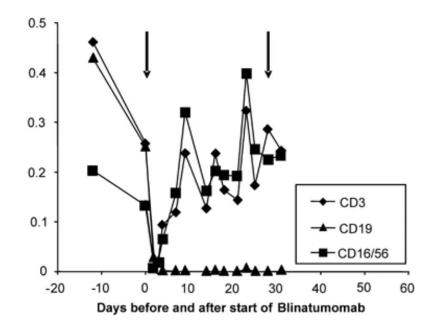
| N=28<br>18 (64%)     |                 |                   | <u>Blina</u> infant      |        |      |          |          | IF06       | MRD neg<br>Blina infant<br>vs IF06 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|------|----------|----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 10 (36%)<br>11 (39%) | MRD             |                   | number<br>of<br>patients | Neg    |      | ₽95,≪QR* | E95      | MRD<br>Deg | p-value                            |
| 17 (61%)             | EOI             |                   | 28                       | 8 (29  | (96) | 5 (18%)  | 15 (54%) | 19%        | 0.3169                             |
|                      | Day 15          | i blina           | 28                       | 15 (54 | 196) | 9 (32%)  | 4 (14%)  | -          |                                    |
| 19 (68%)             | Day 29          | ) blina           | 28                       | 15 (54 | 196) | 10 (36%) | 3 (11%)  | -          |                                    |
| 9 (32%)              | TP4 be<br>MARN  |                   | 26                       | 15 (58 | 196) | 8 (30%)  | 3 (12%)  | 40%        | 0.1356                             |
| 26 (93%)<br>2 (7%)   | TP5 be<br>OCTAL | fore<br>AD/HSCT   | 23                       | 19 (83 | :96) | 4 (17%)  | 0        | 63%        | 0.0997                             |
| 17 (61%)             |                 | fore<br>enance ** | 14                       | 14 (10 | ·    | 0        | 0        | NA         |                                    |

\*OR quantitative range, varied from 0.05 to 0.005%. NA not available

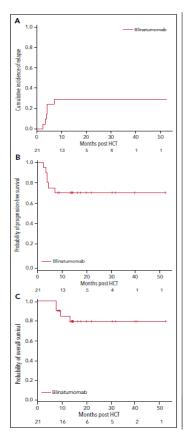
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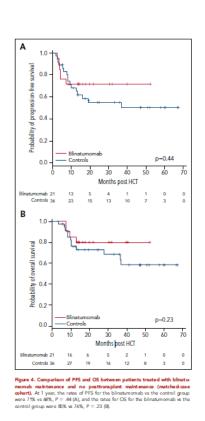
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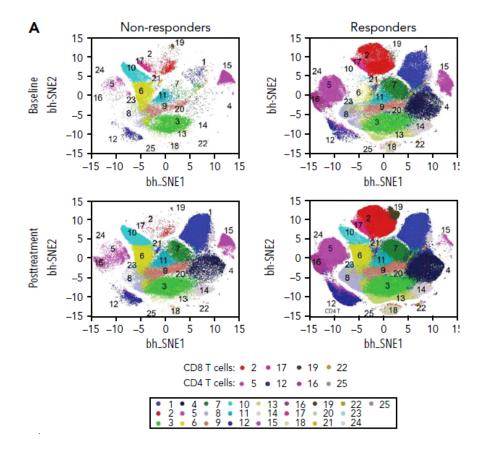
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- Blinatumomab after T-cell receptor (TCR) alpha/betadepleted HSCT (NCT04746209): Phase II
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### **Blinatumomab After HSCT**



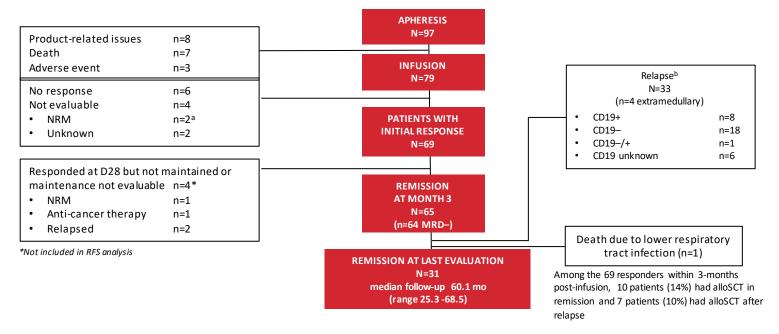




Subpopulations identified via viSNE analysis of 14 surface markers in all 56 samples. (A) viSNE map for nonresponders and responders color-coded according to PhenoGraph cluster annotation. viSNE maps were separated to baseline and posttreatment in both nonresponders and responders groups.

### **ELIANA Update: Patient Flow Chart**

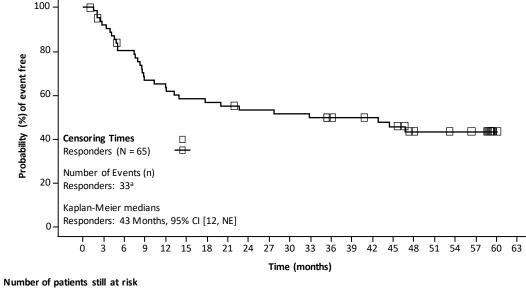
Includes patients who had remission (CR/CRi) within 3 months post infusion



<sup>a</sup>Patient with Down syndrome died due to cerebral hemorrhage. <sup>b</sup>CD19 status at relapse was characterized based on MFC-MRD assay and NGS analysis. (Pulsipher et al. 2022, *Blood Cancer Discovery*). alloSCT, allogeneic stem cell transplantation; CR, complete remission; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; D, day; MFC, multiparametric flow cytometry; MRD, minimal residual disease; mo, month; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NRM, non-relapse related mortality; RFS, relapse-free survival.

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### **ELIANA Update: RFS for Patients With a CR/CRi Within 3 Months**



65 56 48 40 39 35 34 33 31 31 30 29 26 25 24 22 18 17 15 14 1 0

#### 5-year RFS: 44% (95% CI, 31%-56%)

 No new long-term treatmentrelated safety events were observed in this longer-term >5year follow-up

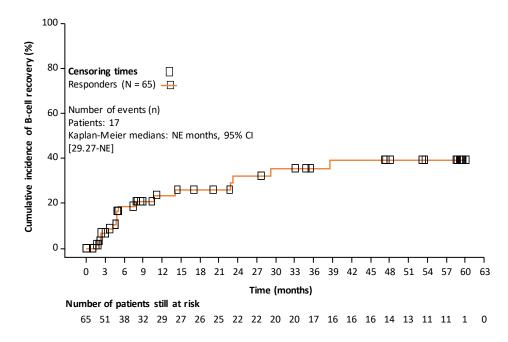
 Long-term remission rates up to 5.9-years of follow-up from ELIANA demonstrate that tisagenlecleucel may be a curative treatment option for heavily pretreated pediatric and young adult patients with R/R B-ALL

Note: RFS is without censoring for SCT and other cancer therapies

<sup>a</sup>One patient who died at Month 17 while in CR was censored as the event happened after at least 2 missing assessments. CR, complete remission; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; NE, not estimable; RFS, relapse-free survival; SCT, stem cell transplant.

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### **ELIANA Update: B-Cell Recovery**



- The probability of B-cell aplasia at:
  - Month 6 was 83% (95% CI, 71%–91%)
  - Month 12 was 71% (95% CI, 57%– 82%)
- Patients with B-cell recovery experienced a 2-year cumulative incidence of relapse of 40%
- Median time to B-cell recovery was 39 months in responders

Note: B-cell recovery is censored for HSCT.

(H)SCT, (hematopoietic) stem cell transplantation; NE, not estimable.

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### **CAR T Cells for Infant BCP-ALL**

|                                                                                                           | Participants     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Whole cohort (n=38)                                                                                       |                  |
| Age at diagnosis, months                                                                                  | 5.2 (2.6-7.6)    |
| Sex                                                                                                       |                  |
| Female                                                                                                    | 17 (45%)         |
| Male                                                                                                      | 21 (55%)         |
| White blood cell count at diagnosis,<br>× 10° cells per L                                                 | 375 (130-797)    |
| Presenting with CNS involvement                                                                           | 18/32 (47%)      |
| Treated according to Interfant-06 protocol                                                                | 31 (82%)         |
| KMT2A rearrangement                                                                                       | 29 (76%)         |
| Refractory to one or more previous treatment lines                                                        | 19 (50%)         |
| Previous HSCT                                                                                             | 25 (66%)         |
| Number of previous lines of therapy not<br>including HSCT                                                 | 2 (2-3)          |
| Previous inotuzumab                                                                                       | 7 (18%)          |
| Previous blinatumomab                                                                                     | 14 (37%)         |
| Participants who received a tisagenlecleucel                                                              | infusion (n=35)  |
| Median age at infusion, months                                                                            | 17.0 (14.9–24.6) |
| Bone marrow disease burden before lymphode                                                                | epletion         |
| Median (IQR)                                                                                              | 5% (0.2-31.0)    |
| Measurable residual disease negative                                                                      | 7 (20%)          |
| 0-<1%                                                                                                     | 5 (14%)          |
| 1-<5%                                                                                                     | 5 (14%)          |
| 5-<10%                                                                                                    | 2 (6%)           |
| 10-<50%                                                                                                   | 9 (26%)          |
| 50-100%                                                                                                   | 7 (20%)          |
| CNS disease before lymphodepletion                                                                        | 1 (3%)           |
| Data are median (IQR), n (%), or n/N (%). Data on ra<br>collected. HSCT=haematopoietic stem-cell transpla |                  |
| Table 1: Baseline characteristics                                                                         |                  |

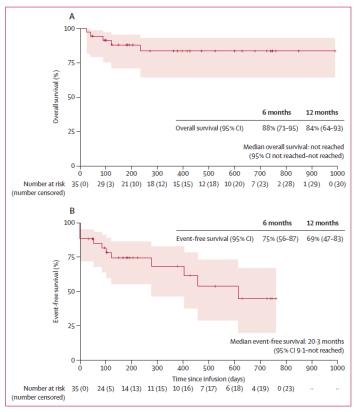


Figure 2: Overall survival and event-free survival

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### **CAR T Cells for Infant BCP-ALL**

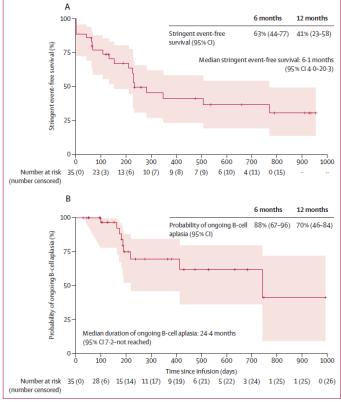


Figure 3: Stringent event-free survival and probability of ongoing B-cell aplasia (A) Stringent event-free survival. (B) Ongoing B-cell aplasia. Shaded areas are 95% Cls.

| Cytokine release syndrome<br>Any grade                                                 |                            |                     |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Any grade                                                                              |                            |                     |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                        | 21 (60%)                   | 58 (77%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 1–2                                                                              | 16 (46%)                   | 23 (31%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3                                                                                | 3 (9%)                     | 16 (21%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 4                                                                                | 2 (6%)                     | 19 (25%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Median duration, days                                                                  | 1.5 (0.0-4.0)              | 8.0 (NR-NR)         |  |  |  |  |
| Tocilizumab<br>administered                                                            | 8 (23%)                    | 28 (37%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Managed in ICU                                                                         | 9 (26%)                    | 35 (47%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Median duration in ICU,<br>days                                                        | 2 (2–10)                   | 7 (NR-NR)           |  |  |  |  |
| Neurotoxicity or immune ef                                                             | fector cell-associated neu | rotoxicity syndrome |  |  |  |  |
| Any grade                                                                              | 9 (26%)                    | 30 (40%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 1–2                                                                              | 9 (26%)                    | 20 (27%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3                                                                                | 0                          | 10 (13%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 4                                                                                | 0                          | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| Cytopenia for ≥30 days                                                                 |                            |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Any grade                                                                              | 15/23 (65%)                | 28 (37%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 1–2                                                                              | 3/23 (13%)                 | 4 (5%)              |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3                                                                                | 9/23 (39%)                 | 12 (16%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 4                                                                                | 3/23 (13%)                 | 12 (16%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Hypogammaglobulinaemia                                                                 | 27/31 (87%)                | NR                  |  |  |  |  |
| Infection                                                                              |                            |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Any grade                                                                              | 10/34 (29%)                | 32 (43%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 1–2                                                                              | 2/34 (6%)                  | 14 (19%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3                                                                                | 8/34 (24%)                 | 16 (21%)            |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 4                                                                                | 0/34                       | 2 (3%)              |  |  |  |  |
| Data are median (IQR), n (%), or n/N (%). ICU=Intensive care unit. NR=not<br>reported. |                            |                     |  |  |  |  |

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## ALLO-SCT FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH ALL: ALL SCT ped FORUM

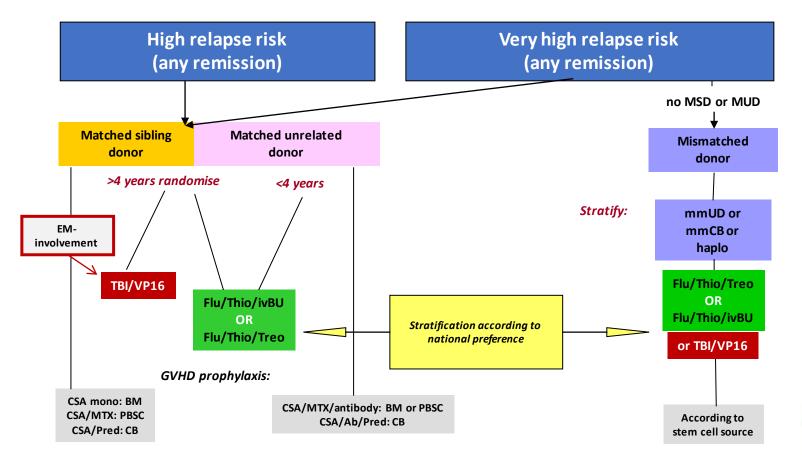
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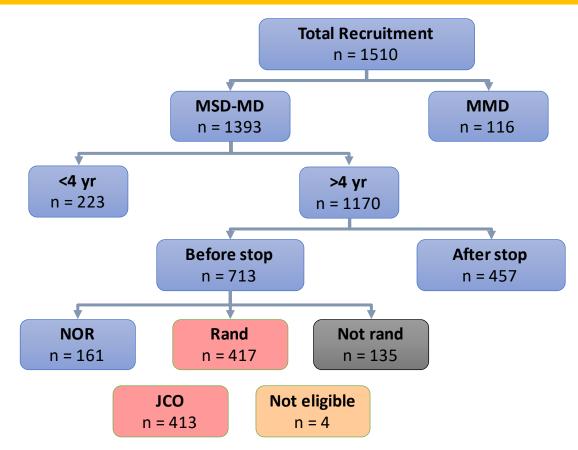




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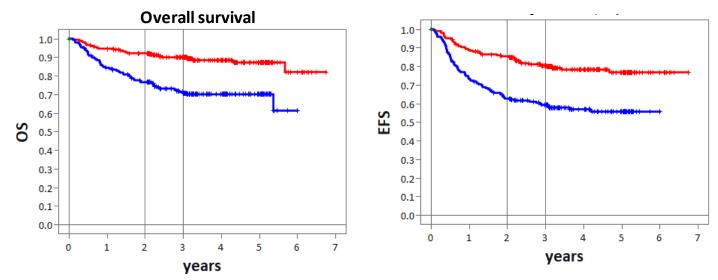






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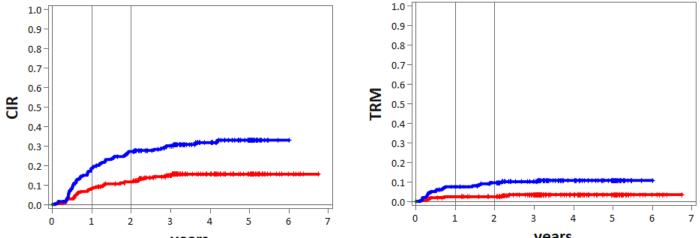
### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, Intention to Treat



|          | Patients | Events<br>(+) | 2-yr OS   | 3-yr OS   | <i>P</i> value | Events<br>(+) | 2-yrs EFS | 3-yrs. EFS | <i>P</i> value |
|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| TBI/VP16 | 212      | 24 (+5)       | 0.92±0.02 | 0.90±0.02 | <.001          | 43 (+12)      | 0.86±0.02 | 0.81±0.03  | <.001          |
| СНС      | 201      | 58 (+9)       | 0.77±0.03 | 0.71±0.03 |                | 84 (+12)      | 0.63±0.04 | 0.59±0.04  |                |

#### Med observation time: 3.7 years

MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, Intention to Treat

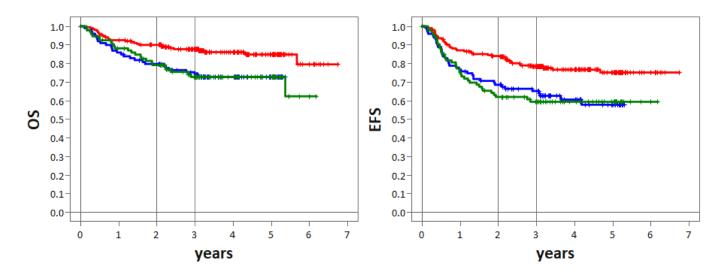


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|          |          | Relapses |           | TRM     |           | Sec. mal | EFS       |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Arm      | Patients | Relapses | 2-yr CIR  | TRM     | 2-yr Cl   |          | 2-yr EFS  |
| TBI/VP16 | 212      | 31 (+7)  | 0.12±0.02 | 7       | 0.02±0.01 | +5       | 0.86±0.03 |
| СНС      | 201      | 63 (+8)  | 0.27±0.03 | 21 (+4) | 0.10±0.02 | +1       | 0.63±0.04 |
| P value  |          |          | <.001     | •       | .007      |          | <.001     |

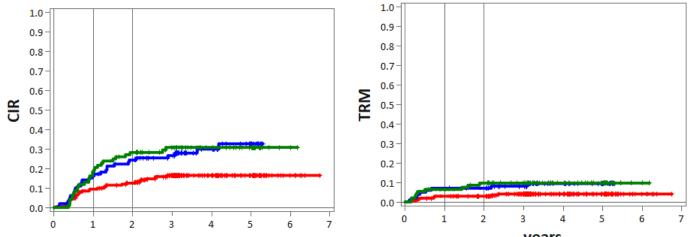
### MSD/MD >4 Years, Randomised, as Treated



| Given | Patients | Eval patients | Events | 2-yr OS   | 3-yr OS   | P value |
|-------|----------|---------------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| TBI   | 202      | 202           | 28     | 0.90±0.02 | 0.88±0.02 | .006    |
| BU    | 100      | 100           | 26     | 0.80±0.04 | 0.74±0.04 |         |
| TREO  | 93       | 93            | 25     | 0.79±0.04 | 0.73±0.05 |         |

| Events | 2-yr EFS  | 3-yr EFS  | P value |
|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 45     | 0.84±0.03 | 0.78±0.03 | .001    |
| 38     | 0.69±0.05 | 0.65±0.05 |         |
| 37     | 0.62±0.05 | 0.59±0.05 |         |

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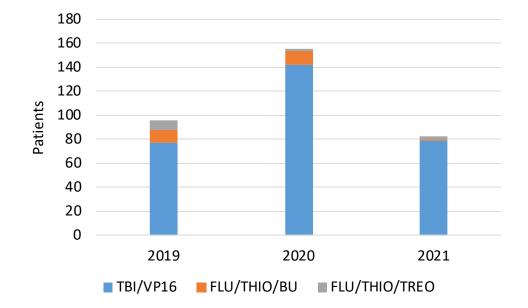


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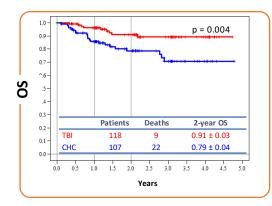
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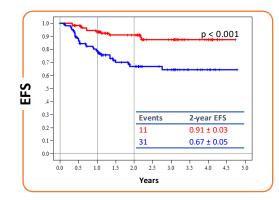
| Given   | Patients | n(CIR) | 2-yr CIR  | n(TRM) | 2-yr TRM  | n(Sec. mal) | 2-yr EFS  |
|---------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| ТВІ     | 202      | 32     | 0.12±0.02 | 8      | 0.03±0.01 | 5           | 0.84±0.03 |
| BU      | 100      | 30     | 0.24±0.04 | 9      | 0.07±0.03 | 0           | 0.69±0.05 |
| TREO    | 93       | 28     | 0.28±0.05 | 9      | 0.10±0.03 | 0           | 0.62±0.05 |
| P value |          | •      | .007      |        | .111      |             | .001      |

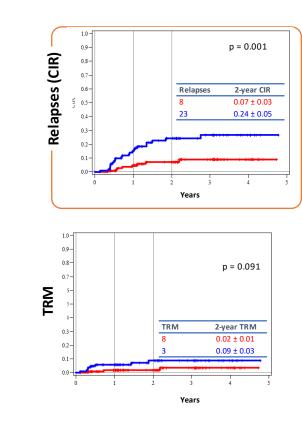
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### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, CR1 Intention to Treat

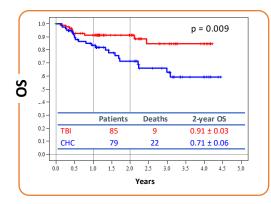


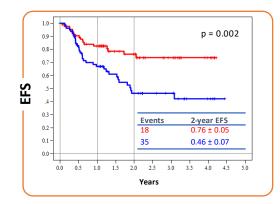


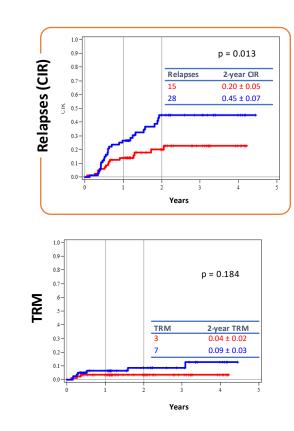




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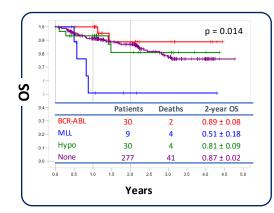


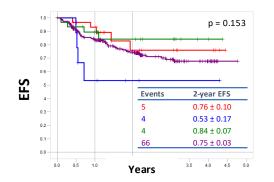


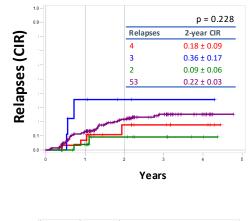


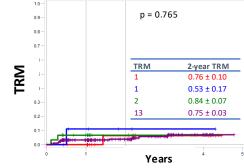


### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, Chromosomal Aberrations



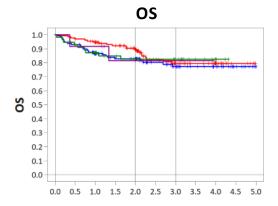








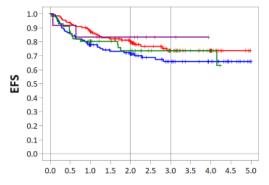
### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, MRD pre-SCT





|           | Patients | Events | 2-year OS  | 3-year OS       | P value |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| MRD-(PCR) | 132      | 21     | 0.89 ±0.03 | 0.79 ± 0.04     | .714    |
| MRD+(PCR) | 129      | 27     | 0.83 ±0.03 | 0.77 ±0.04      |         |
| MRD-(FCM) | 56       | 9      | 0.83 ±0.05 | 0.83 ± 0.05     |         |
| MRD+(FCM) | 12       | 2      | 0.81 ±0.12 | $0.81 \pm 0.12$ |         |

EFS

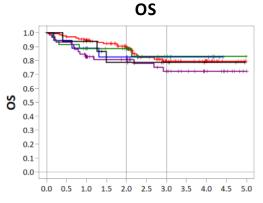


Years

| Events | 2-year EFS      | 3-year EFS      | P value |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 30     | $0.80 \pm 0.04$ | $0.74 \pm 0.04$ | .395    |
| 39     | $0.71 \pm 0.04$ | 0.66 ± 0.05     |         |
| 15     | $0.74 \pm 0.06$ | $0.74 \pm 0.06$ |         |
| 2      | $0.83 \pm 0.11$ | $0.83 \pm 0.11$ |         |



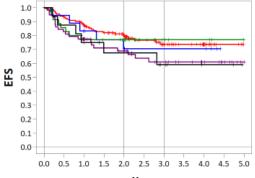
### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, MRD pre-SCT





| pcr_g                   | Patients | Eval. patients | Events | 2-year OS       | 3-year OS       | P value |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Neg                     | 132      | 132            | 21     | 0.89 ± 0.03     | $0.79 \pm 0.04$ | .634    |
| <b>10</b> <sup>-6</sup> | 19       | 18             | 3      | 0.83 ± 0.09     | $0.83 \pm 0.09$ | -       |
| 10-5                    | 35       | 35             | 6      | 0.89 ± 0.05     | $0.83 \pm 0.07$ | -       |
| 10-4                    | - 59     | 59             | 14     | $0.81 \pm 0.05$ | $0.72 \pm 0.07$ | -       |
| >10-4                   | 16       | 16             | 4      | $0.79 \pm 0.11$ | $0.79 \pm 0.11$ | -       |

EFS

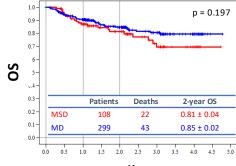


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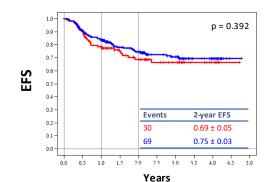
| Events | 2-year EFS      | 3-year EFS      | P value |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 30     | $0.80 \pm 0.04$ | $0.74 \pm 0.04$ | .375    |
| 5      | $0.71 \pm 0.11$ | $0.71 \pm 0.11$ | -       |
| 8      | $0.77 \pm 0.07$ | 0.77 ± 0.07     | -       |
| 20     | $0.69 \pm 0.06$ | $0.61 \pm 0.07$ | -       |
| 6      | $0.68 \pm 0.12$ | $0.59 \pm 0.13$ | -       |

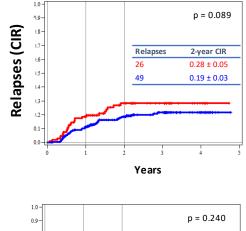


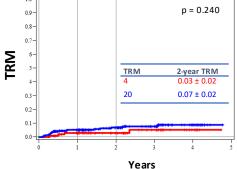
### MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, Donor Type









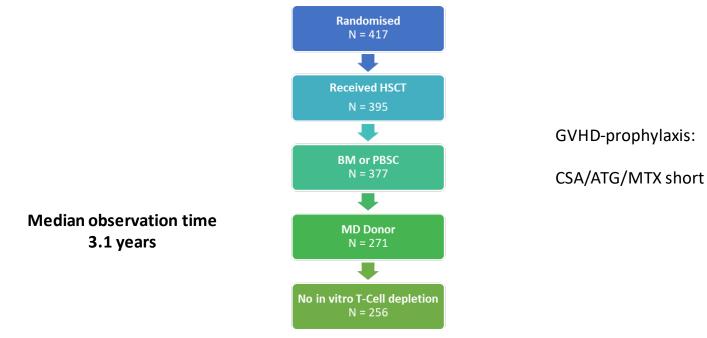






### **Research Question and Study Cohort**

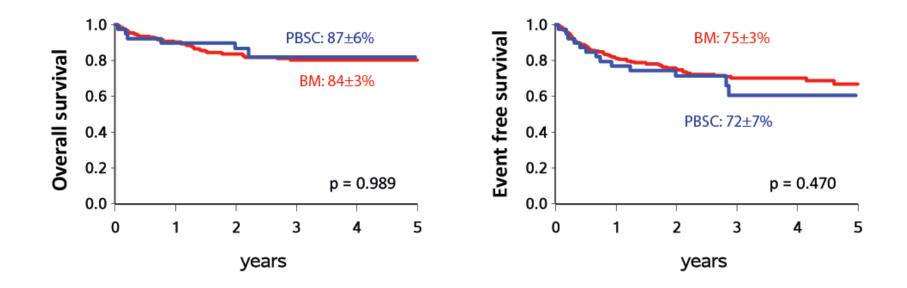
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Roland Meissel personal communication.

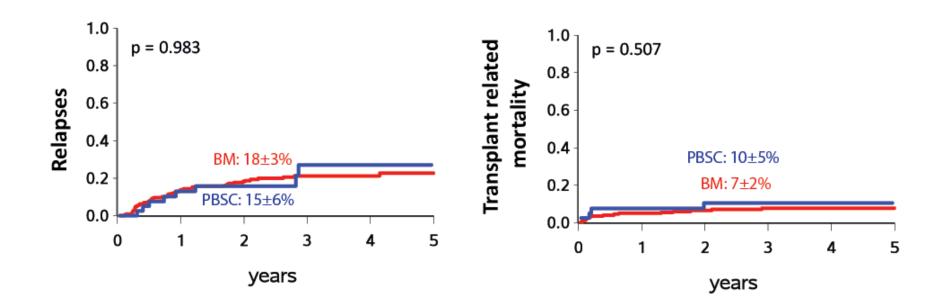


### **Outcome 1: Equivalent OS and EFS**





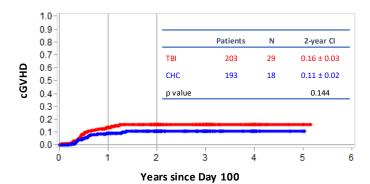
### **Outcome 1: Equivalent CIR and TRM**

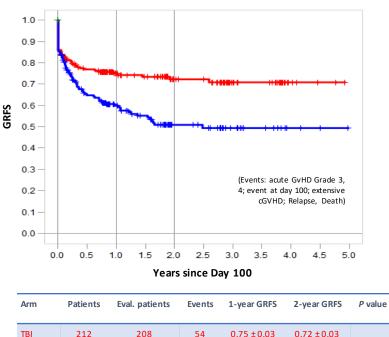


# MSD/MD ≥4 Years, Randomised, Acute and Chronic GVHD; GVHD Relapse-Free Survival

TBI CHC Grade 3.4 Grade 3.4 Grade Grade 2 24% 13% Grade Grade P = .5150,1 0,1 68% 77%

**Chronic GVHD** 





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 $0.60 \pm 0.04$ 

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**GVHD-RFS** 

0.72 ±0.03 .000 0.51 ±0.04

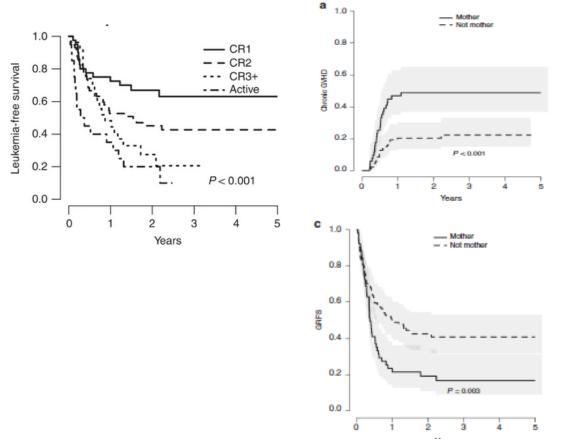


### **Multivariate Analysis**

|                           | OS<br>(52 deaths/<br>333 evaluable patients) |                | EFS<br>(77 events/<br>333 evaluable patients) |         | Relapses<br>(59 events/333 evaluable patients) |                |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                           | HR (95% CI)                                  | <i>P</i> value | HR (95% CI)                                   | P value | HR (95% CI)                                    | <i>P</i> value |
| Arm                       |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| CHC vs TBI                | 3.1 (1.7–5.7)                                | .000           | 2.8 (1.7–4.6)                                 | <.0001  | 2.5 (1.4–4.4)                                  | .0001          |
| Donor                     |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| MSD vs MD                 | 0.8 (0.4–1.4)                                | .385           | 0.8 (0.5–1.4)                                 | .507    | 0.7 (0.4–1.1)                                  | .122           |
| Remission status (vs CR1) |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| CR2                       | 1.5 (0.8–2.7)                                | .208           | 1.7 (1.0–2.7)                                 | .037    | 1.7 (1.0–3.1)                                  | .057           |
| CR3                       | 0.7 (0.1–2.9)                                | .579           | 0.6 (0.2–2.2)                                 | .483    | 0.3 (0.04–2.5)                                 | .268           |
| MRD                       |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| Positive vs negative      | 1.4 (0.8–2.4)                                | .290           | 1.4 (0.9–2.3)                                 | .119    | 1.4 (0.8–2.4)                                  | .260           |
| Age                       |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| >10 years vs <10 years    | 1.8 (1–3.1)                                  | .048           | 1.5 (1–2.4)                                   | .080    | 1.5 (1–2.4)                                    | .080           |
| Immunophenotype (vs BCP)  |                                              |                |                                               |         |                                                |                |
| T-ALL                     | 1.1 (0.5–2.3)                                | .897           | 0.8 (0.4–1.6)                                 | .492    | 0.9 (0.4–1.9)                                  | .708           |
| Other                     | 1.1 (0.1-8)                                  | .958           | 0.6 (0.1-4.4)                                 | .616    | NA                                             | _              |



# HLA-Haploidentical Family Donors: The New Promise for Childhood ALL?

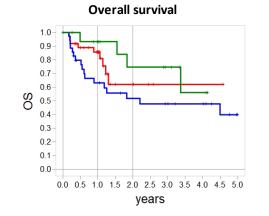


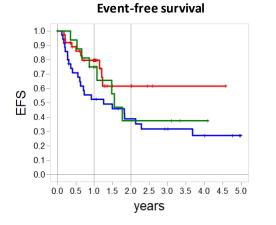
| T-cell-depleted hHSCT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | T-cell-replete hHSCT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ol> <li>For a recipient with donor-specific<br/>anti-HLA antibodies, a donor without<br/>the corresponding HLA antigen is<br/>preferred (MFI &lt;1,000)</li> <li>NK-cell alloreactive donor if<br/>available</li> <li>Younger donor over older donor</li> <li>A male donor for a male recipient</li> <li>First-degree relative over<br/>second-degree HLA-half-matched<br/>donor</li> <li>Between parent donors, mother is<br/>preferred over father</li> <li>ABO-matched donor</li> <li>CMV-seropositive recipient</li> </ol> | <ol> <li>For a recipient with donor-specific<br/>anti-HLA antibodies, a donor withou<br/>the corresponding HLA antigen is<br/>preferred (MFI &lt;1,000)</li> <li>Younger donor over older donor</li> <li>A male donor for a male recipient</li> <li>Sibling or offspring donor ove<br/>parent donor</li> <li>Between parent donors, father is<br/>preferred over mother donor</li> <li>An ABO-matched donor is preferred<br/>to a minor ABO-mismatched donor<br/>and a minor ABO-mismatched donor</li> <li>First-degree relative over second<br/>degree HLA-half-matched dono<br/>(Beijing protocol)</li> <li>Donor with KIR ligand match<br/>(Beijing protocol)</li> <li>Donor with NIMA mismatch over<br/>NIPA mismatch (Beijing protocol)</li> </ol> |

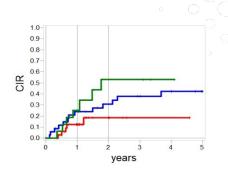
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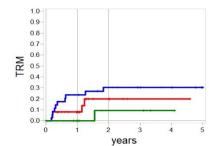
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## AlloHSCT From Mismatched Donors: n = 116 MMFD: n = 72, CB: n = 24, MMUD: n = 6









| Conditioning  | Patients | Events | 2-yr OS                         | 3-yr OS     | P value | Events | 2-yr EFS      | 3-yr EFS      | P value |
|---------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| TBI/VP16      | 37       | 9      | .62±.11                         | .62±.11     | .203    | 10     | .62±.11       | $.62 \pm .11$ | .119    |
| FLU/THIO/BU   | 35       | 17     | $\textbf{.52} \pm \textbf{.09}$ | .48±.09     |         | 23     | $.39 \pm .09$ | $.32\pm.08$   |         |
| FLU/THIO/TREO | 16       | 4      | $.75\pm.13$                     | $.75\pm.13$ |         | 8      | .38±.14       | $.38 \pm .14$ |         |



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Which pediatric patients are NOT candidates for allogeneic HSCT?

- 1. Children below 1 year of age and any *KMT2A* rearrangement
- 2. Patients not in complete morphological remission
- 3. Patients with T-ALL in second remission
- 4. Patients who received inotuzumab ozogamicin pre-transplant



Which pediatric patients are at high risk for post-transplant relapse?

- 1. Children with *BCRABL*+ rearrangement
- 2. Patients with high MRD-load at day +60 post-transplant
- 3. Patients transplanted from an unrelated donor
- 4. Patients with T-ALL



Patients who experience a very early B-precursor ALL post allogeneic HSCT should NOT receive following treatment option:

- 1. Immediate second allogeneic HCT with reduced conditioning regimen without remission induction
- 2. Blinatumomab
- 3. CAR T cells
- 4. Conventional chemotherapy + blina + CAR Ts + allo-HSCT



# Case 2: Relapse/ Refractory ALL



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# Part 1 – Relapse/Refractory Setting ALL



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- Female, 13 years
- Clinical presentation: lumbosacral and pelvic pain, pains in right lower extremity, recurrent fever, fatigue, nausea, and feebleness
- Patient history: trigeminal neuralgia (7/17), Lyme disease (ca. 2012)
- Laboratory results: WBC 3.41 G/L; ANC 0.89 G/L; L 1.84 G/L; Hb 9.3 g/dL; Plt 17,000 G/L; LDH 789U/L



- BCP-ALL (B-III with B-II subclone)
- Genetics: 46XX; del9p13; del21q22; suspected *IGH-DUX4* gene fusion
- CNS Status 2
- Treatment
  - According to AIEOP BFM 2009, HR-Group

### Response and Treatment Adaptation



#### • Response

- Day 8: Good prednisolone response
- Day 15: Flow MRD 4.4% blasts
- Day 33: Flow MRD negative
- PCR MRD
  - Day 33 (TP1): 3 × 10<sup>-2</sup>
  - Day 78 (TP2): 7 × 10<sup>-3</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Indication for HSCT
  - Before HR-2: 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup>
  - Before HR-3: 4 × 10<sup>-3</sup>
- Blinatumomab
  - PCR MRD after 14 days BLINA: 2 × 10<sup>-4</sup>



| Initial<br>diagnosis | 1st HSCT |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
|                      |          |  |
|                      |          |  |
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- 9/10 HLA MUD
- 2.4 × 10<sup>6</sup>/kg CD34+ cells (BM)
- Conditioning: TBI 12 Gy + VP16
- Response
  - Day +28 after first HSCT: full donor chimerism





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## First Relapse: Therapy



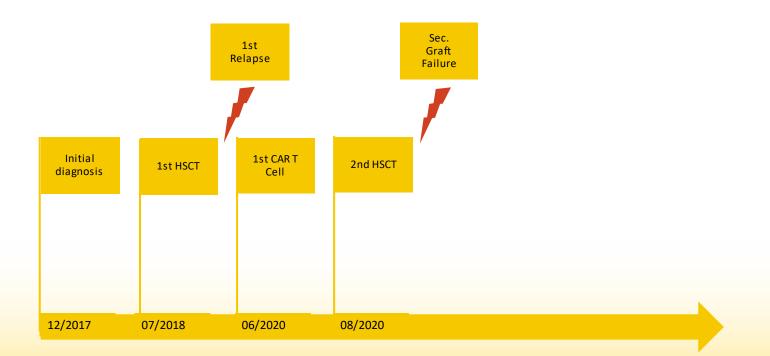
- 21 months after first HSCT
- Late isolated BM relapse
- Blast cell population: CD19+ and CD19– subclone
- Treatment
  - Dexamethasone pre-phase and Protocol Ib variant
  - CAR T cells (tisagenlecleucel [KYMRIAH<sup>®</sup>])
- Response
  - CD19+ subclone negative
  - CD19– subclone persistent (flow MRD 0.19% blasts, PCR-MRD 2 × 10<sup>3</sup> blasts)

## First Relapse: HSCT After CAR T Cells



- Treatment following CAR T cells
  - Second HSCT (haploidentical mother) with reduced-toxicity conditioning with FLU/TREO/THIO
  - $3.0 \times 10^6$ /kg CD 34+;  $38 \times 10^6$  CD3+
- Response
  - Day +28 after second HSCT
    - CD19+ negative, CD19– PCR-MRD 10<sup>-4</sup>
    - BM full donor chimerism
  - Day +90 after second HSCT
    - CD19+ negative, CD19– negative





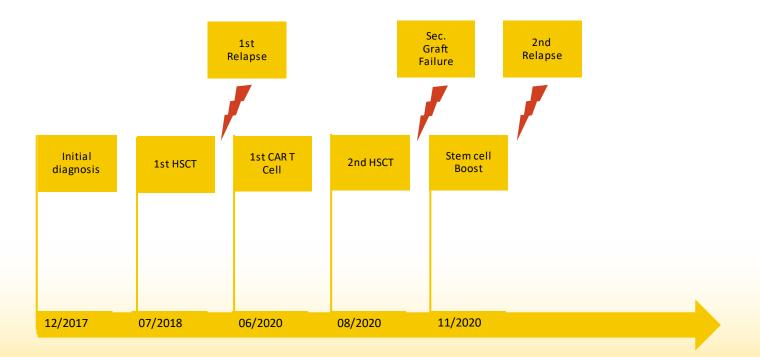
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#### Secondary Graft Failure



- Day +107 after second HSCT
- Treatment
  - Stem cell boost of haploidentical mother with alpha-/beta-depleted PBSC
  - 3.8 × 106/kg CD34+ cells
- Response
  - Good immunologic recovery
  - Complete donor chimerism





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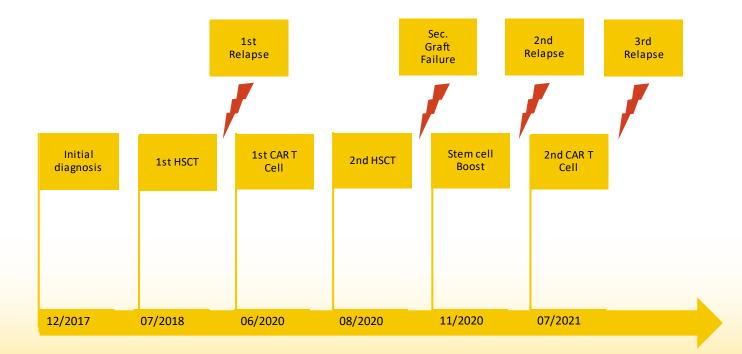
#### Second Relapse



- 10 months after second HSCT
- Early isolated BM relapse
- Blast cell population: CD19+, CD22+, CD24+, CD10+, CD34+, CD20–, CD58–, CD11a–
- Treatment
  - Dexamethasone pre-phase, Protocol Ib variant
  - Second CAR T-cell reinfusion (tisagenlecleucel [KYMRIAH] new product)
- Response
  - Day +28 and +104 after CAR T-cell reinfusion; CR, flow MRD negative

#### **Complications After Initial Treatment**





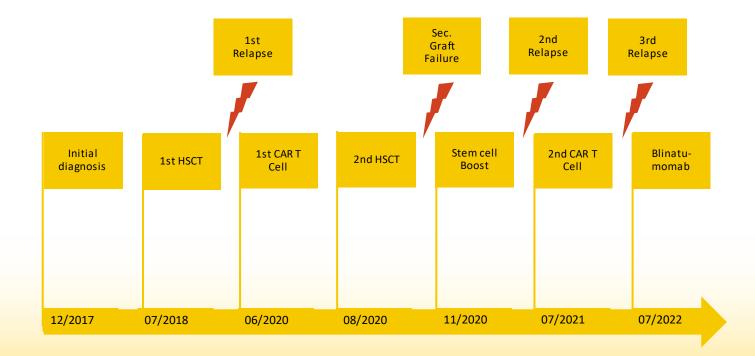
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- 11 months after second HSCT
- Early isolated extramedullary relapse (lymphatic tissue in appendix vermiformis, multiple vertebral bone infiltration)
- Initially BM morphologically negative, flow MRD 0.07% blasts
- Treatment
  - 15 days of blinatumomab (initially 5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for 4 days, then 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Response
  - CR, flow MRD negative







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# Thank you!



# Case 2 continued: Management of Infections & Toxicities

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# Part 2 – Management of Infections and Toxicities



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#### **Complications After Initial Treatment**





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Acute pancreatitis

- Asparaginase associated (first dose in Protocol Ia)
- Maximal values: amylase 983 U/L; lipase 1557 U/L
- Initial conservative treatment
- Pain exacerbation despite continuous infusion of morphine and hemodynamic instability

### Which Differential Diagnosis Has to Be Considered at This Timepoint?



1. Sepsis

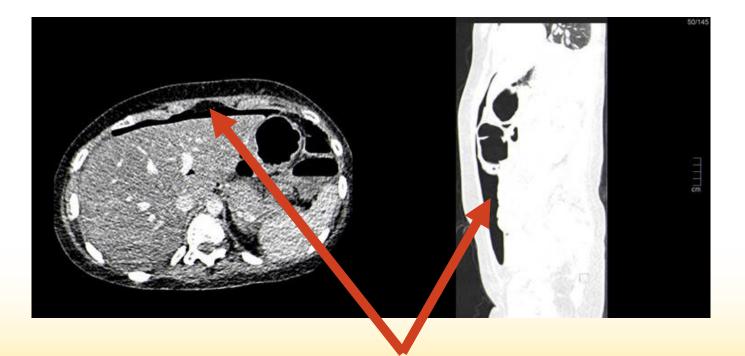
- 2. Gastrointestinal perforation
- 3. Necrotizing pancreatitis

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5. All listed answers have to be considered

#### **Complications After Initial Treatment**





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**Complications After Initial Treatment** 



- Suspected acute pancreatitis with gastric perforation
- Explorative laparoscopy: ulcus perforans
- Surgical treatment, antibiotics

#### **Complications After First HSCT**



| Initial<br>diagnosis | 1st HSCT | 1st HSCT |
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Acute GvHD (skin IV°)

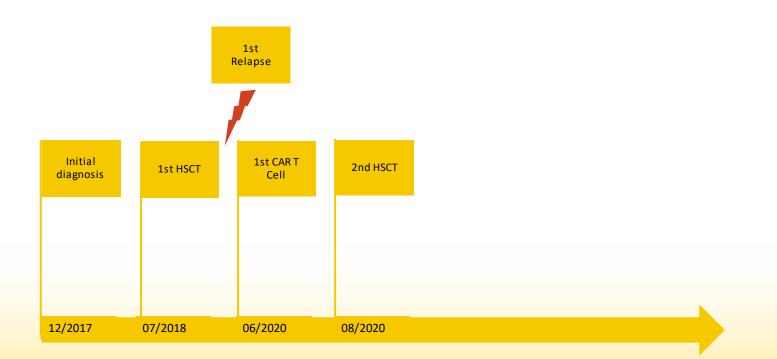
- Start day +18 after HSCT, initially III°
- Histologic confirmation by biopsy
- Start of systemic steroid treatment (2 mg/kg/d) on day +21; good response
- Flare-up of GvHD after gradual reduction of steroid dose on day +34
- Increase of steroid dose and initiation of ECP



BK polyomavirus – associated hemorrhagic cystitis

- Associated with immunosuppression due to acute GvHD (steroid, calcineurin inhibitor)
- Initially increase of BK in urine followed by BK viremia (maximal value 10<sup>8</sup> co./mL)
- Treatment: cidofovir, fluid substitution
- Development of chronic kidney failure due to treatment toxicity in combination with leukemia treatment

## Complications After Second CAR T-Cell Therapy



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Clinical presentation

- Blurred vision
- Cephalea
- Progression of left orbital swelling

Which differential diagnosis has to be considered at this timepoint? (OPEN DISCUSSION)

## Which Differential Diagnosis Has to Be Considered at This Timepoint?



Possible differential diagnosis

- Sepsis
- Sinus venous thrombosis
- Relapse
- Infection (bacterial/fungal)
- Drug toxicity
- Bleeding

#### Complications After Second CAR T-Cell Therapy





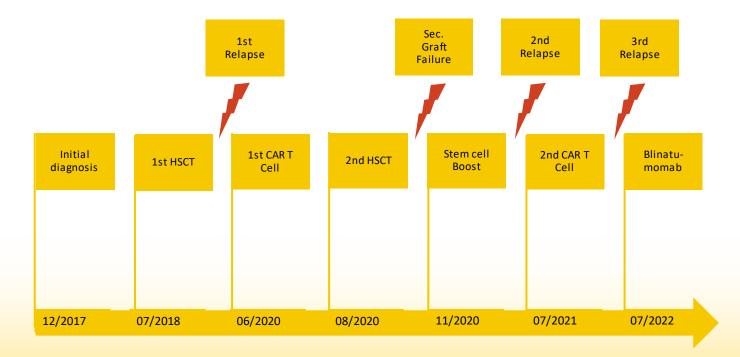
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Invasive fungal infection of left paranasal sinus involving left orbit and left optic nerve

- Endoscopic inspection and surgical treatment
- Detection of Aspergillus fumigatus in all samples
- Treatment with caspofungin and isavuconazole, granulocyte transfusions, stem cell boost
- Improvement of symptoms; culture and PCR negative





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- Chronic kidney disease, no indication of dialysis at the moment
- Loss of vision in left eye
- Continuous antifungal treatment with isavuconazole
- Cachexia
- Overall good quality of life



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# Thank you!



# **Session Close**

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Which of the following subsets of first-relapse ALL patients can be considered as very high risk?

- 1. All patients with B-ALL relapsing within 18 months from diagnosis
- 2. All patients with hypodiploidy
- 3. All patients with t(17;19) or t(1;19)
- 4. Each of the 3 previous subsets





Which assertion is correct for children with B-ALL?

- 1. Inotuzumab is approved by EMA for induction treatment of relapsed B-ALL in childhood
- 2. Inotuzumab recommended dosage is 3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 3. Blinatumomab is approved for consolidation treatment before HSCT in children with high-risk first relapse B-ALL
- 4. None of the patients experiencing relapse later than 6 months after treatment discontinuation should be transplanted





# **Closing Remarks**

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