



# Bridging Science and Practice: From Newest Clinical Approaches to Real- World Clinical Cases

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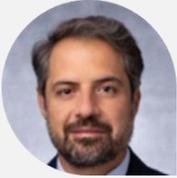
# Welcome to Day 2

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# Objectives of the Program

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

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

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

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

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

Discuss the evolving role of ADC therapies in acute leukemias

Review promising novel and emerging therapies in acute leukemias

Explore regional challenges in the treatment of acute leukemias across Europe

# Agenda: Day 2

Time UTC+2	Title	Speaker
18.30 – 18.40	Welcome to Day 2	Naval Daver
18.40 – 19.00	Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in adult and elderly patients	Elias Jabbour
19.00 – 19.20	Long-term safety considerations for leukemias (focus on ALL)	Nicola Gökbuget
19.20 – 19.40	Current and future role of transplantation in acute leukemias in Europe	Josep-Maria Ribera
19.40 – 19.50	Break	
19.50 – 20.10	Current treatment options for relapsed AML in adult and elderly patients	Charles Craddock
20.10 – 20.40	AML case-based panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case 1 AML: Vitor Botafogo (Spain)</li><li>• Case 2 AML: Samantha Drummond (UK)</li></ul>	Naval Daver Patient case presenters Panelists: All faculty
20.40 – 21.20	Panel discussion: How treatment in first line influences further therapy approaches in ALL and AML <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will CAR T and bispecifics change the treatment landscape?</li><li>• Role of HSCT – is it still necessary?</li><li>• What does the future look like? Adoption of therapies and evolving standards of care in Europe</li></ul>	Naval Daver and all faculty
21.20 – 21.30	Session close	Naval Daver



# Question 1

**What age group is considered elderly for patients with AML?**

- A.  $\geq 50$  years
- B.  $\geq 55$  years
- C.  $\geq 60$  years
- D.  $\geq 65$  years
- E.  $\geq 70$  years



## Question 2

**How do you assess MRD for ALL?**

- A. Multicolor flow
- B. Molecular PCR
- C. Next-generation sequencing platform
- D. We do not check for MRD



## Question 3

**Which of the following is NOT true for ALL?**

- A. Inotuzumab and blinatumomab plus chemotherapy is active in both front line and salvage for ALL
- B. Kinase inhibitors can be combined with other therapy modalities in Ph+ ALL
- C. MRD is highly prognostic for relapse and survival in Ph- ALL
- D. There are no effective consolidation treatments for patients who remain MRD+ after induction therapy



## Question 4

The prognosis of patients with R/R AML depends on:

- A. Age
- B. Prior therapy (eg, HSCT)
- C. Timing of relapse
- D. The mutational and cytogenetic profile of the disease
- E. All of the above
- F. A and D

# Current treatment options for relapsed ALL in adult and elderly patients

Elias Jabbour



# **Adults With R/R Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in 2024: Immunotherapies and Sequencing of CD19-Targeted Therapies**

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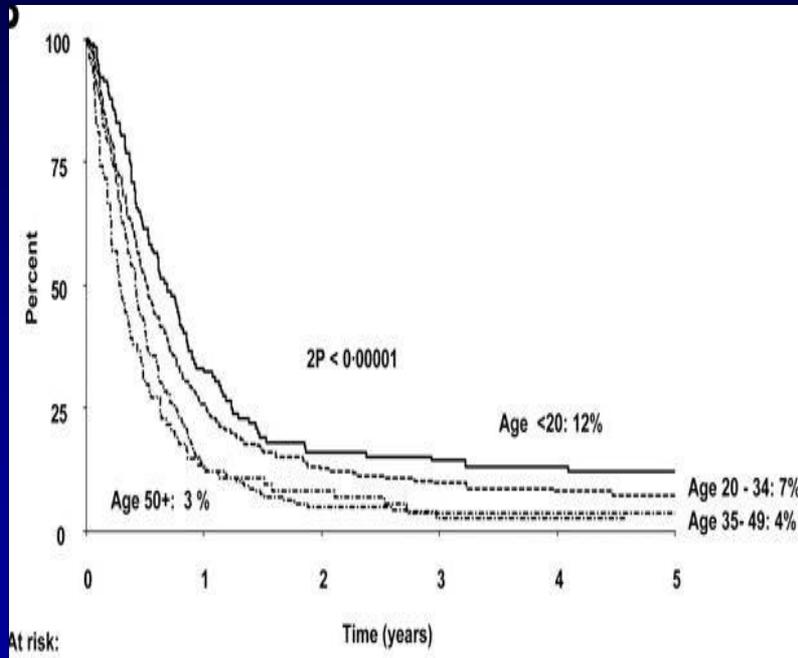
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# ALL – Historical Survival Rates After First Relapse

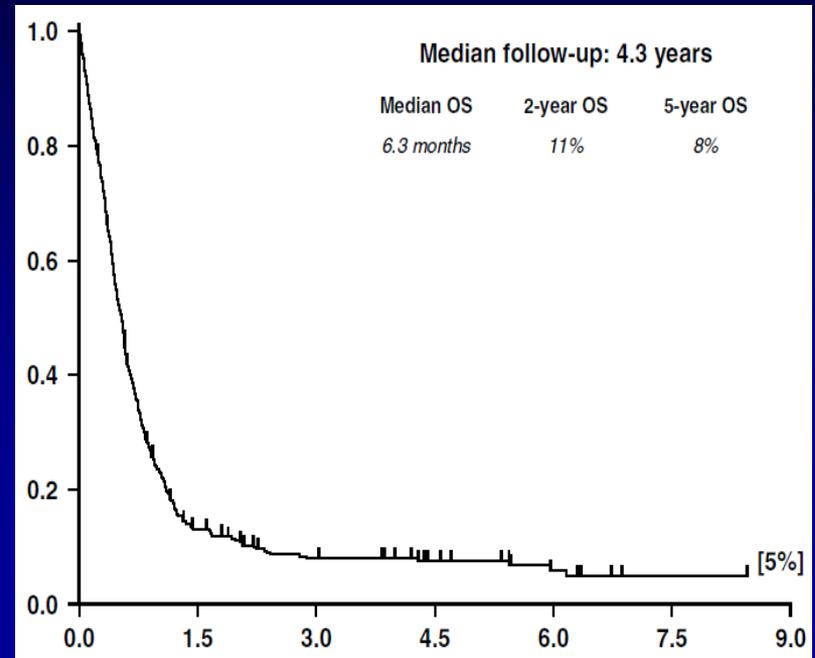
MRC UKALL2/ ECOG2993 Study (n = 609)<sup>1</sup>

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



LALA-94 Study (n = 421)<sup>2</sup>

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



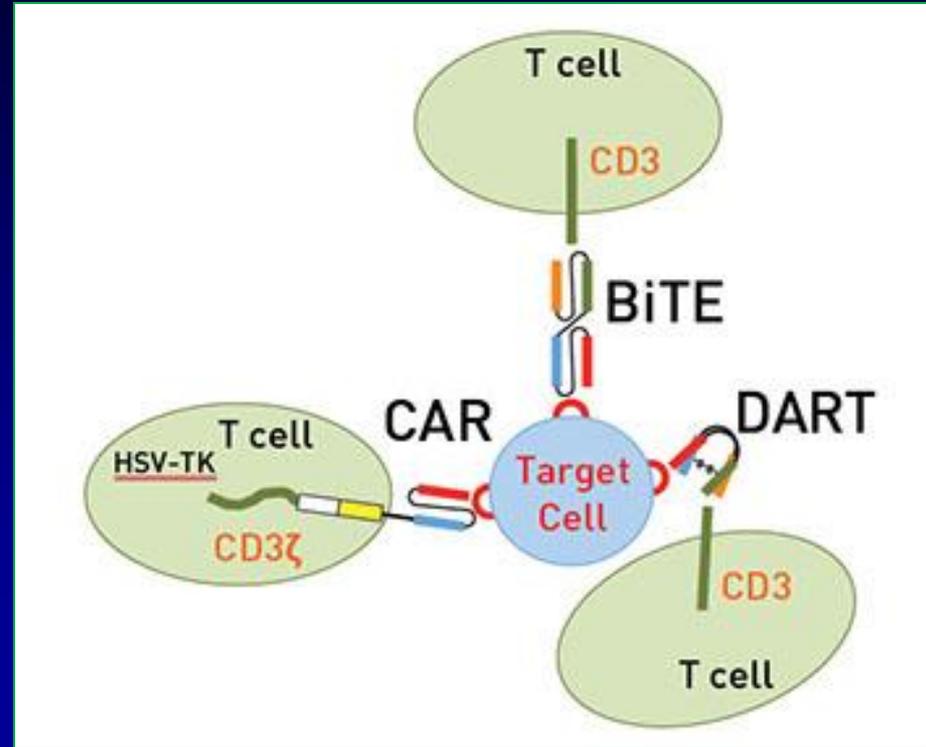
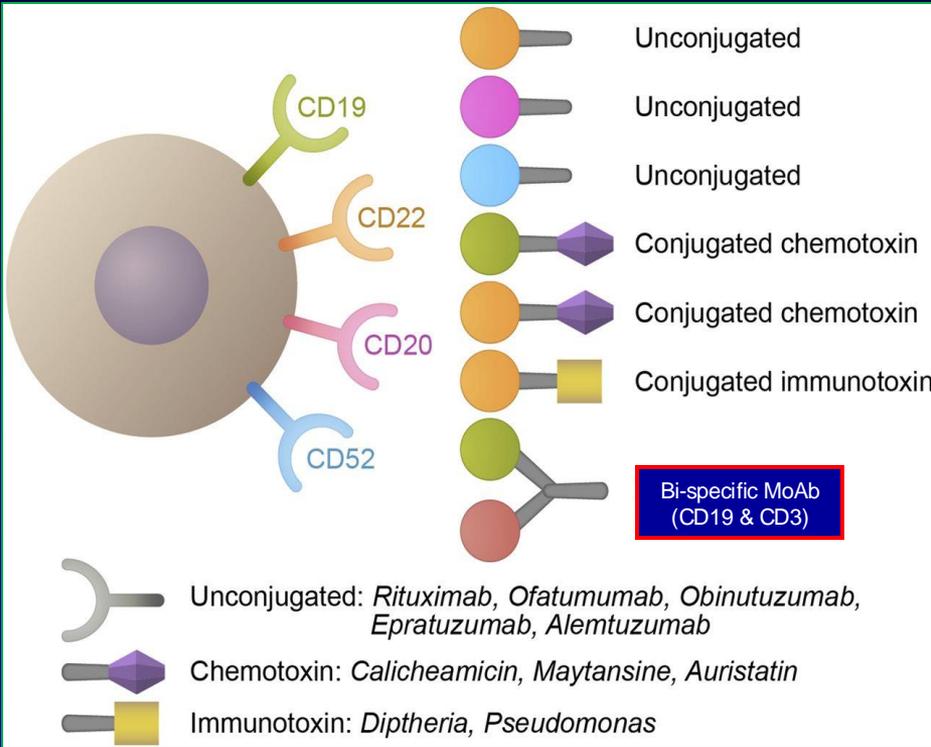
## Historical Results in R/R ALL

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

Rate (95% CI)	No Prior Salvage (S1)	One Prior Salvage (S2)	≥2 Prior Salvages (S3)
Rate of CR, %	40	21	11
Median OS, months	5.7	3.4	2.9

# Immuno-Oncology in ALL

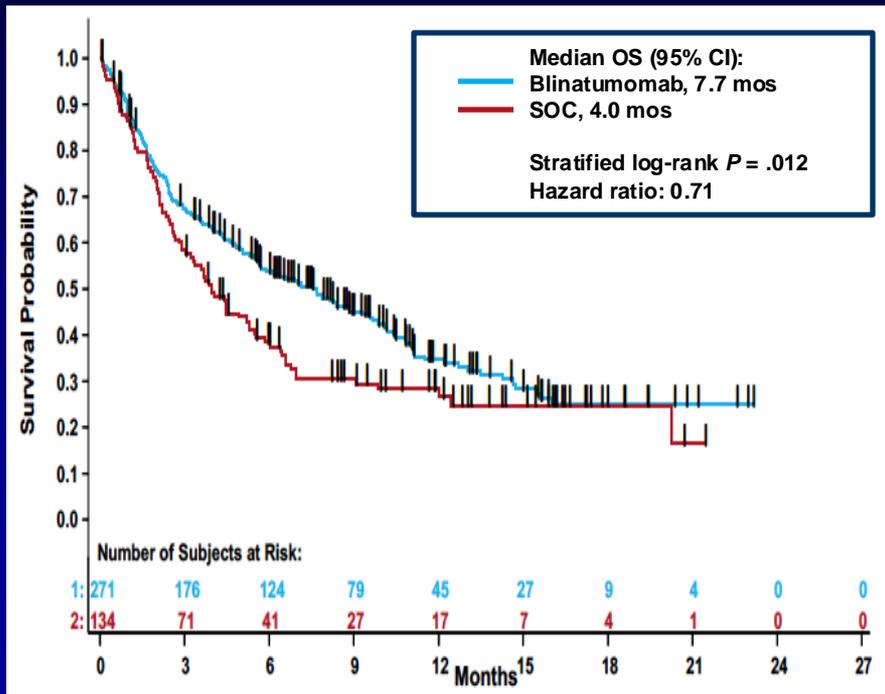
- Antibodies, ADCs, immunotoxins, BiTEs, DARTs, CAR T cells



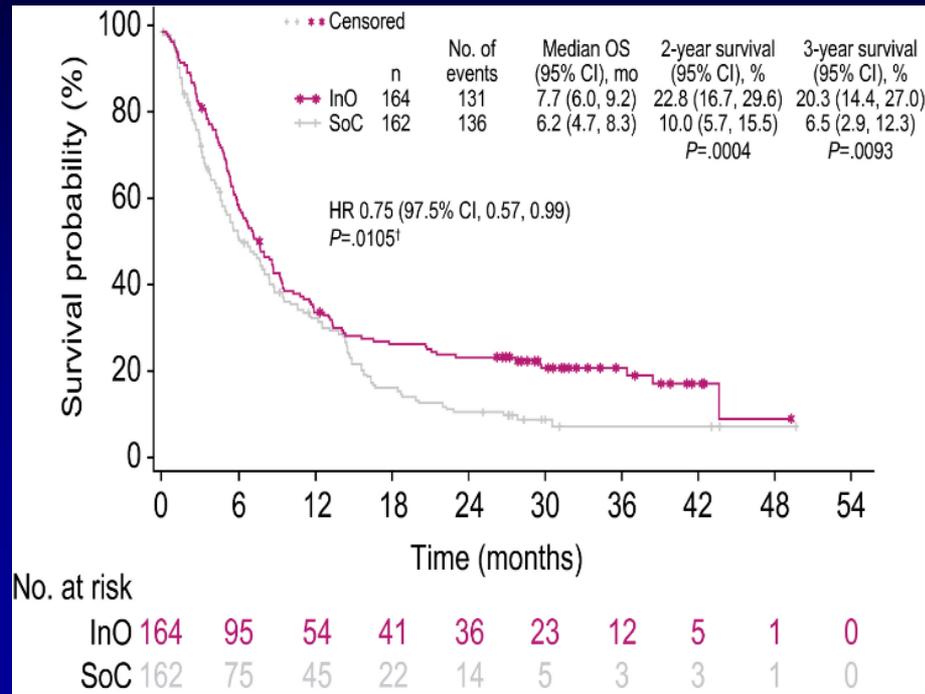
# Blinatumomab/Inotuzumab vs ChemoRx in R/R ALL

- Marrow CR

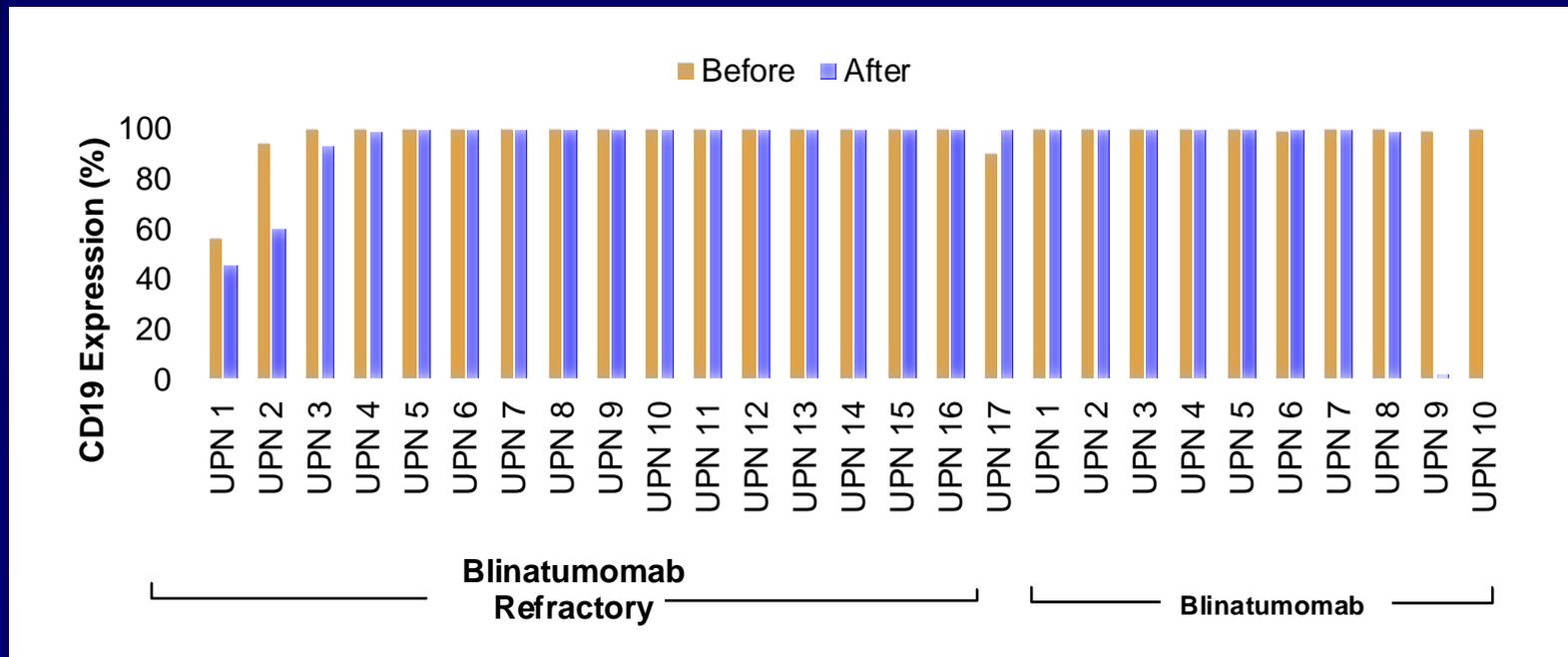
**Blina vs SOC: 44% vs 25%<sup>1</sup>**



**Ino vs SOC: 74% vs 31%<sup>2,3</sup>**



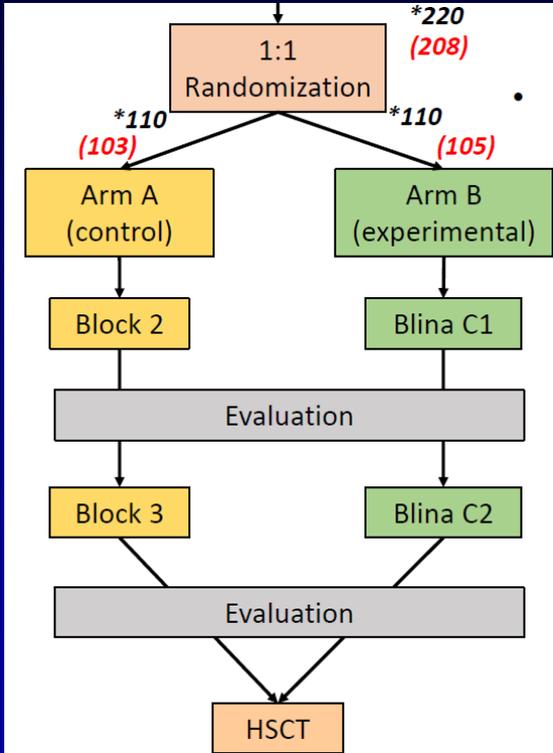
# CD19 (%) Expression Before and After Blinatumomab Therapy



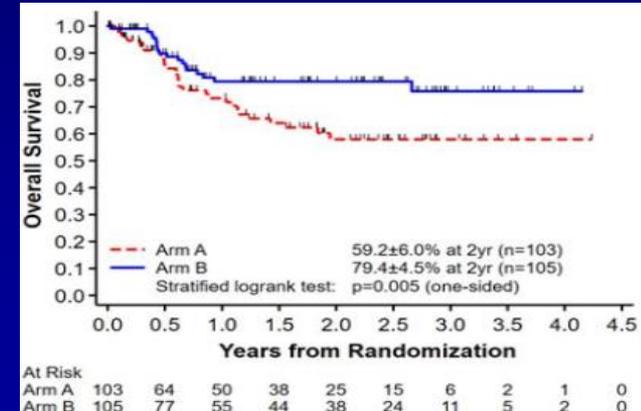
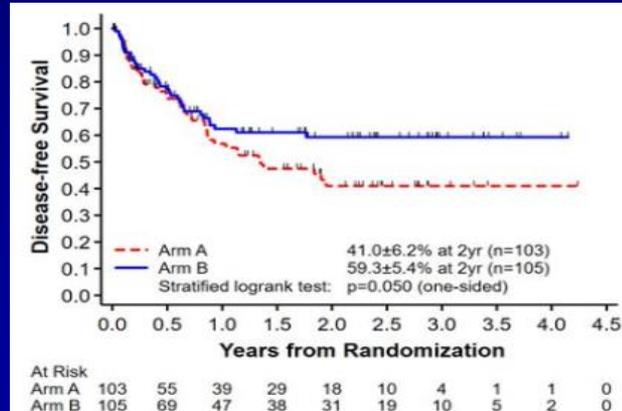
- 61 patients evaluated for immunophenotype; 56 (92%) had CD19-positive disease
  - 5 (8%) had ALL recurrence with CD19-negative disease
  - 2 patients experienced progression with lower CD19-positive disease

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

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

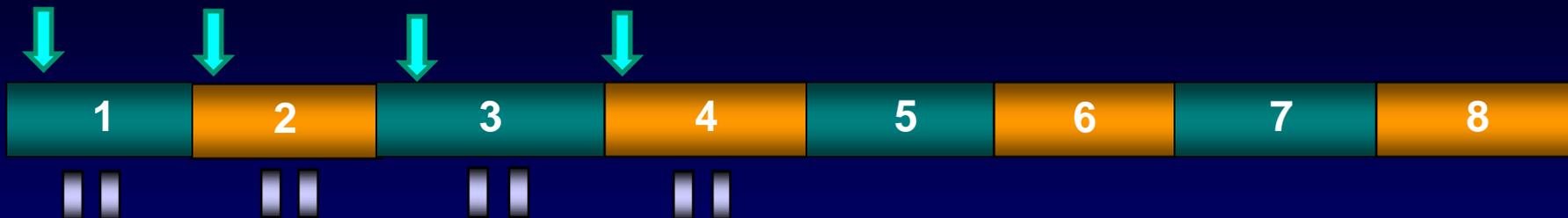


Parameter	Blina	Chemo	P Value
2-yr DFS, %	59	41	.05
2-yr OS, %	79	59	.005
SCT, %	70	43	<.001
MRD clearance, %	75	32	<.001



# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: Original Design (Pts #1–67)

Intensive phase



Maintenance phase

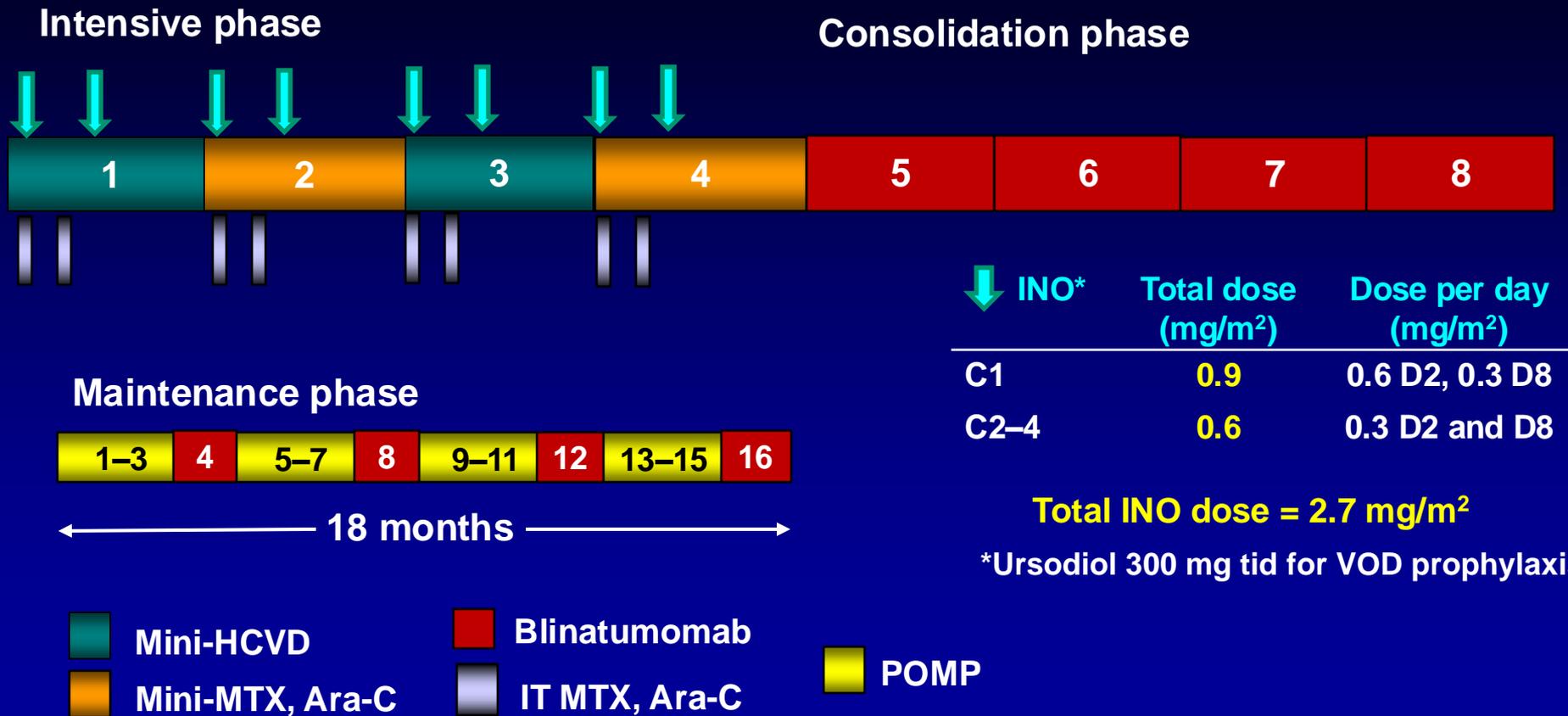


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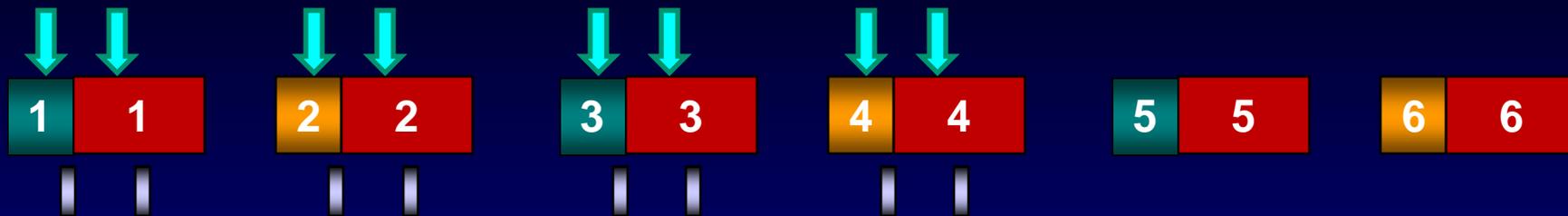


INO	First 6 pts	7 to 34	35+
C1 (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	1.3	1.8	1.3
C2–4 (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.8	1.3	1.0

# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: Modified Design (Pts #68–110)



# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: “Dose-Dense” Design (Pts #111–125+)



## Maintenance phase



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

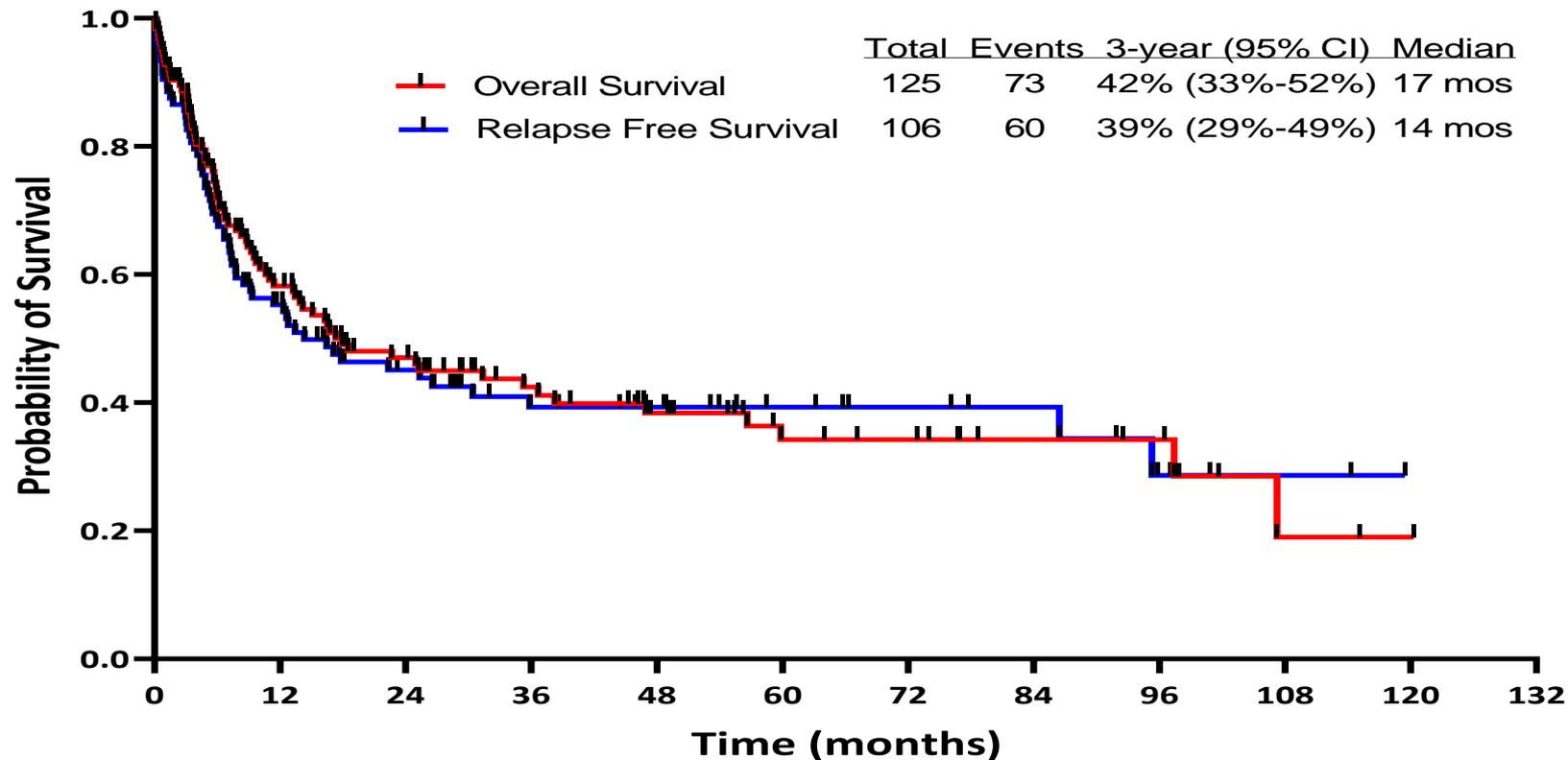
**Total INO dose = 2.7 mg/m<sup>2</sup>**

\*Ursodiol 300 mg tid for VOD prophylaxis

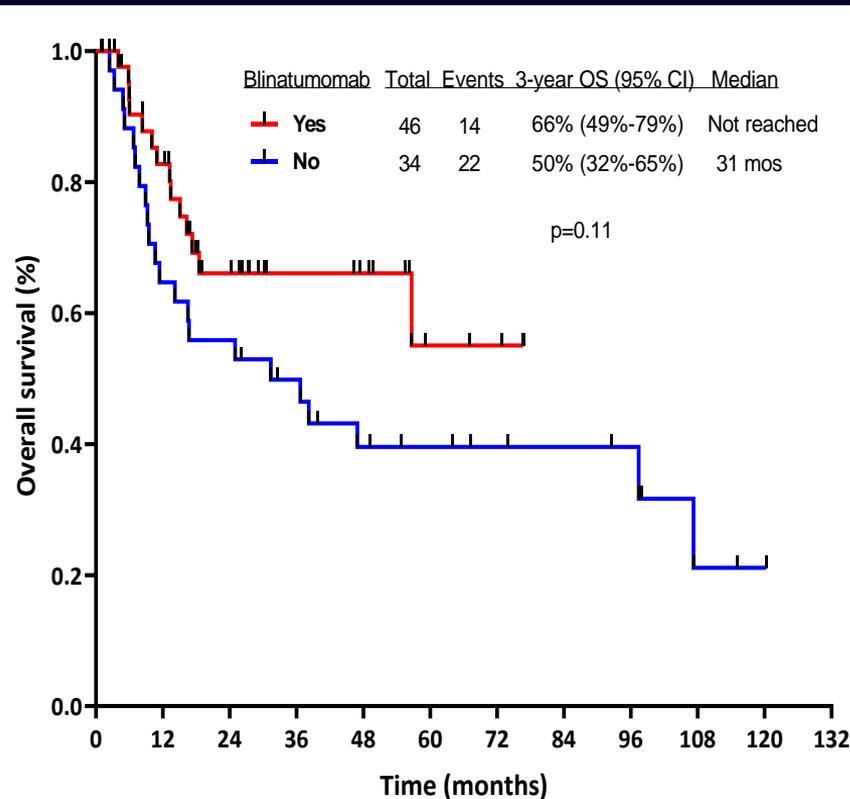
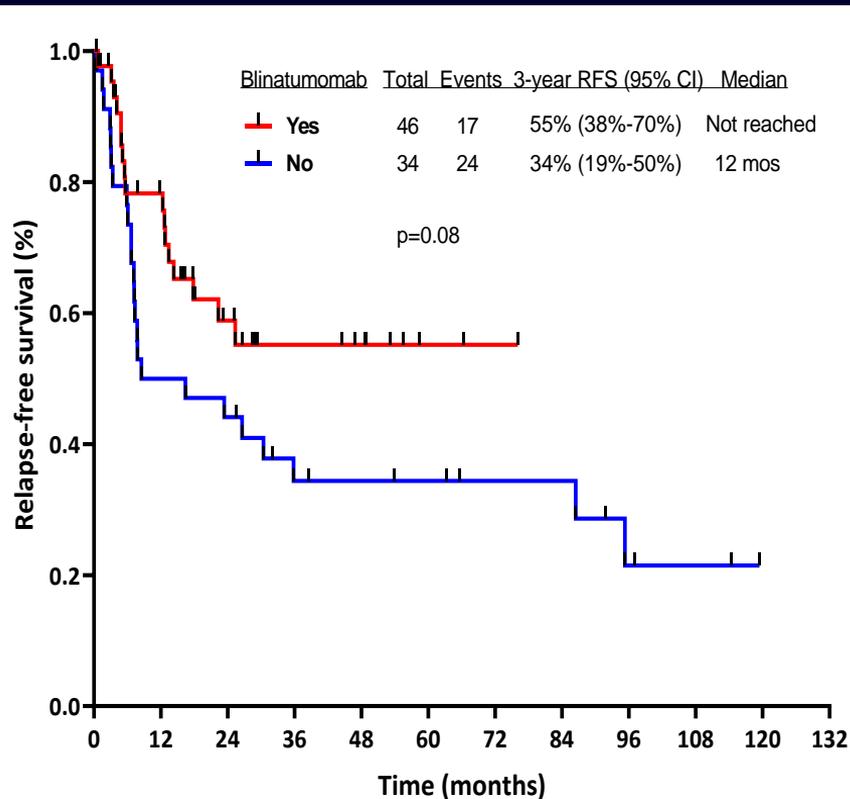
# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: MRD Negativity Rates

MRD Negativity by Flow Cytometry	N (%)			
	Overall (N = 125)	Before Blinatumomab (n = 67)	After Blinatumomab (n = 43)	Dose Dense (n = 15)
<b>All patients</b>				
End of cycle 1	53/100 (53)	25/49 (51)	18/38 (47)	10/13 (77)
Overall	87/102 (85)	41/50 (82)	34/39 (87)	12/13 (92)
<b>Salvage 1</b>				
End of cycle 1	45/82 (55)	22/34 (65)	17/37 (46)	8/11 (73)
Overall	73/83 (88)	31/35 (89)	32/37 (86)	10/11 (91)
<b>Salvage 2+</b>				
End of cycle 1	6/18 (33)	3/15 (20)	1/1 (100)	2/2 (100)
Overall	14/19 (74)	10/15 (67)	2/2 (100)	2/2 (100)

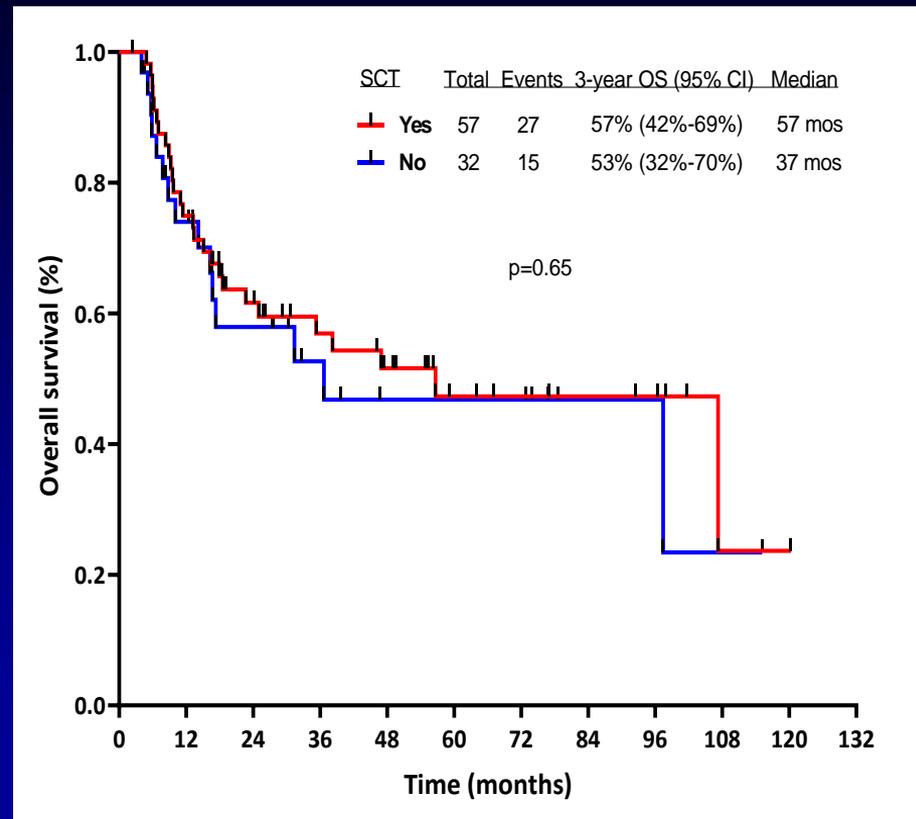
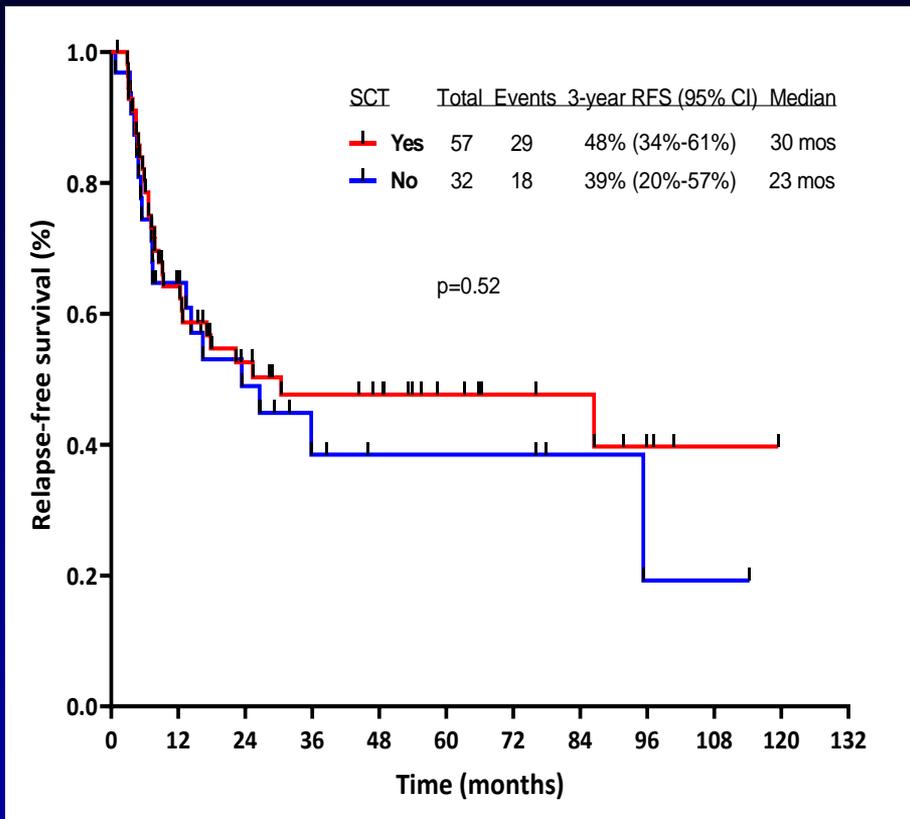
# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: RFS and OS (Entire Cohort)



# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: OS and RFS by Receipt of Blinatumomab (Salvage 1 Only)

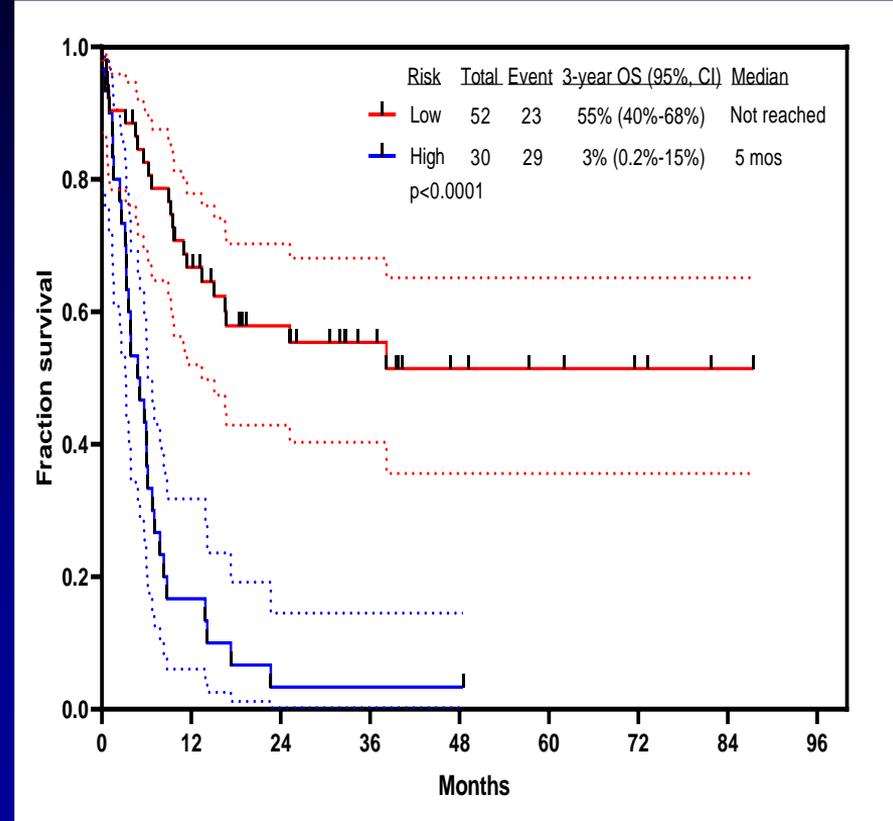


# Mini-HCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R B-ALL: OS and RFS by HSCT (Landmark Analysis)



# Model: mHCVD + INO ± Blina in R/R ALL – a Prognostic Model for Survival

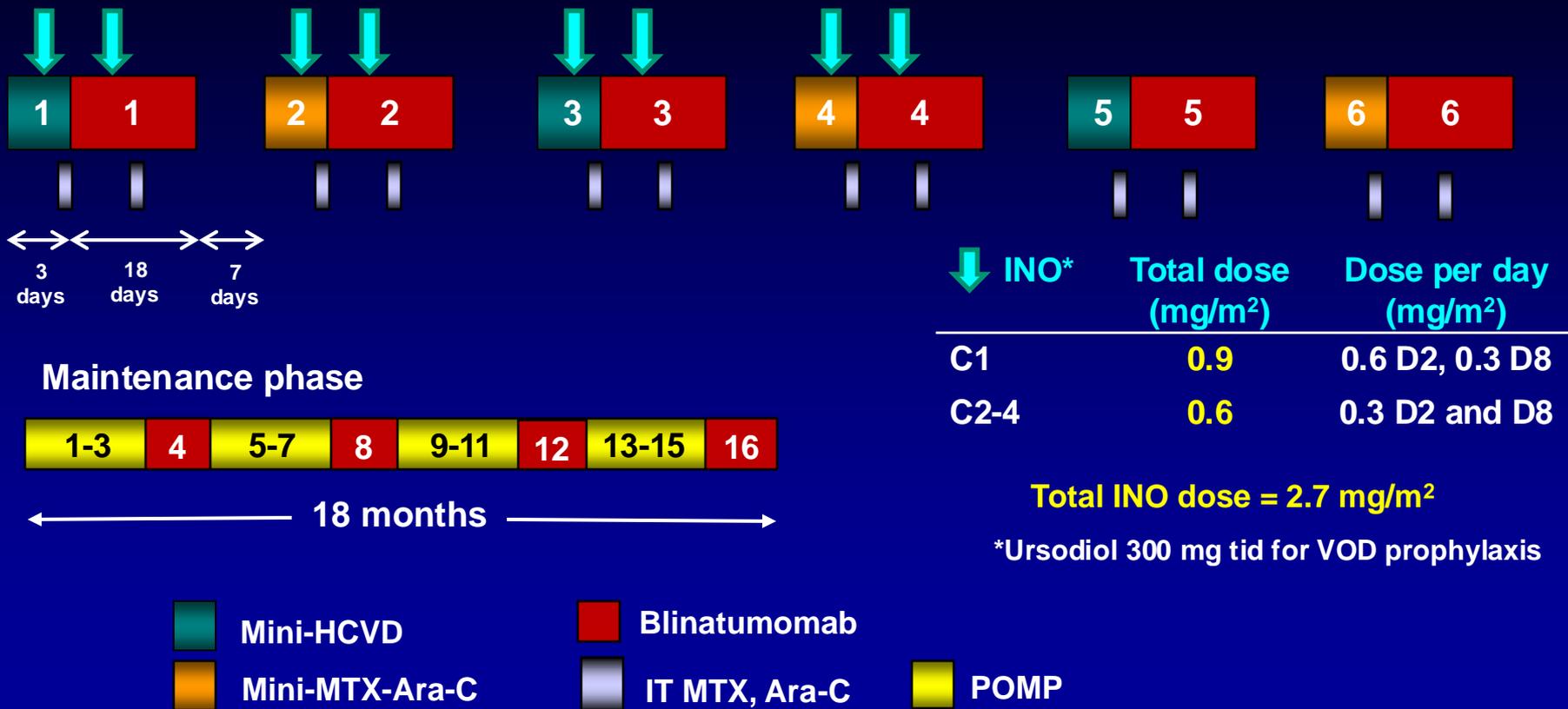
Variable	Risk Classification	
	Low*	High**
% CD22	≥70%	<70%
Cytogenetic	Diploid, complex, others	11q23 rearrangements Ho-Tr



\*Low risk required all low-risk criteria.

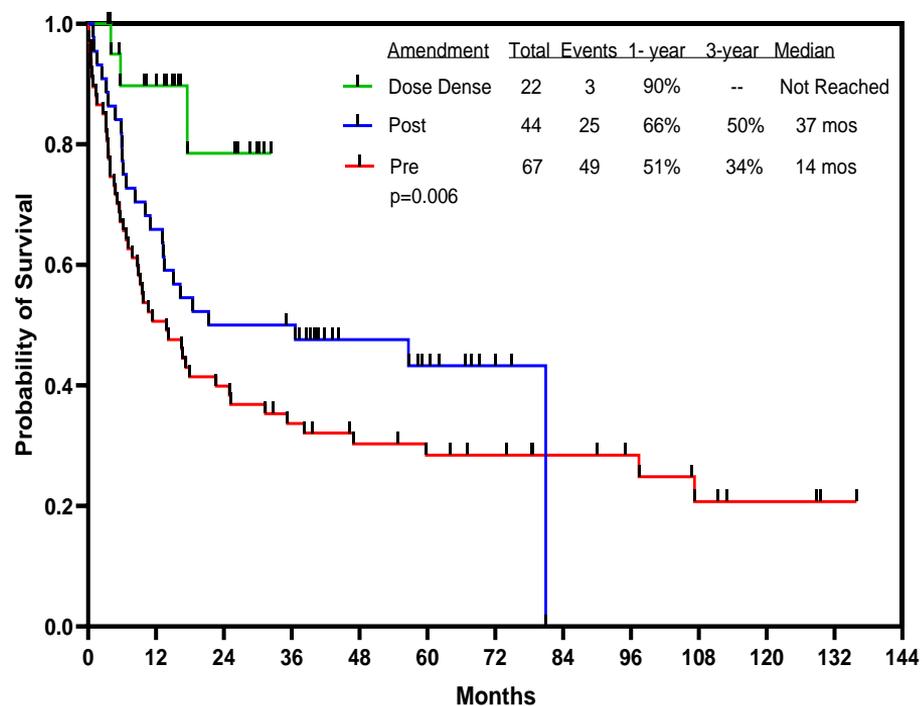
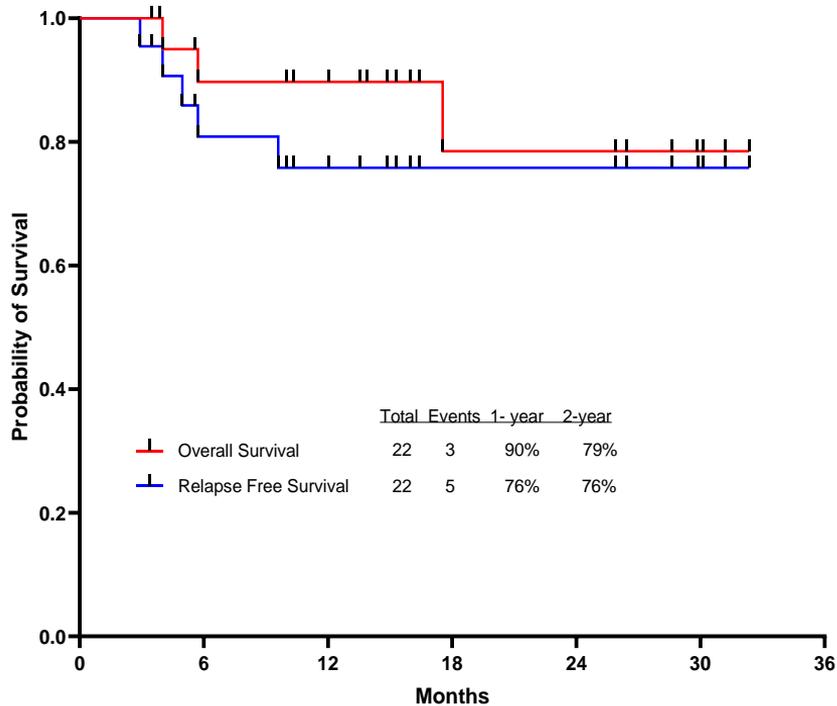
\*\*High risk required any one of high-risk criteria.

# “Dose-Dense” Mini-HCVD + INO + Blina in R/R B-ALL: Design



# “Dose-Dense” Mini-HCVD + INO + Blina in R/R B-ALL

- 22 pts median age 41 yrs (19–62) Rx; 86% S1
- ORR 100% -- CR 81%; MFC-MRD negative 95% (74% after C1); NGS-MRD negative 94%
- Median F/U 15 months: 2-year OS 79%; 2-year RFS 76%



# Single Agent Subcutaneous Blinatumomab for Advanced Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

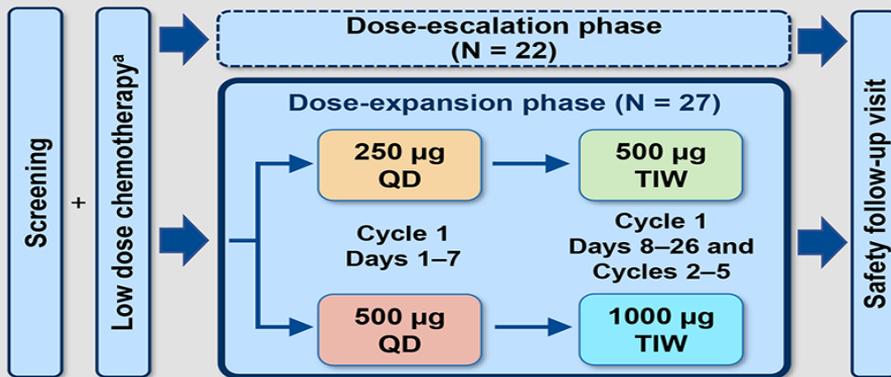
Results from the expansion phase of a phase 1b trial

## Objective



To assess the efficacy and safety of subcutaneous blinatumomab in heavily pretreated adults with R/R B-ALL at two doses

## Study Schema



## Results

### Efficacy



**250 µg QD/500 µg TIW (N = 14)**

- CR/CRh: 85.7%
- MRD-neg CR/CRh: 75%

**500 µg QD/1000 µg TIW (N = 13)**

- CR/CRh: 92.3%
- MRD-neg CR/CRh: 100%

Dosing regimen 500 µg QD/1000 µg TIW demonstrated higher MRD-negative CR/CRh within 2 cycles (100%) compared with dosing regimen 250 µg QD/500 µg TIW (75%)

### Safety



**250 µg QD/500 µg TIW (N = 14)**

- Grade ≥3 CRS<sup>b</sup>: 21.4%
- Grade ≥3 NE<sup>b</sup>: 42.9%

**500 µg QD/1000 µg TIW (N = 13)**

- Grade ≥3 CRS<sup>b</sup>: 23.1%
- Grade ≥3 NE<sup>b</sup>: 23.1%

- SC injections were well tolerated
- No treatment-related grade 4 CRS or NE

## Conclusion

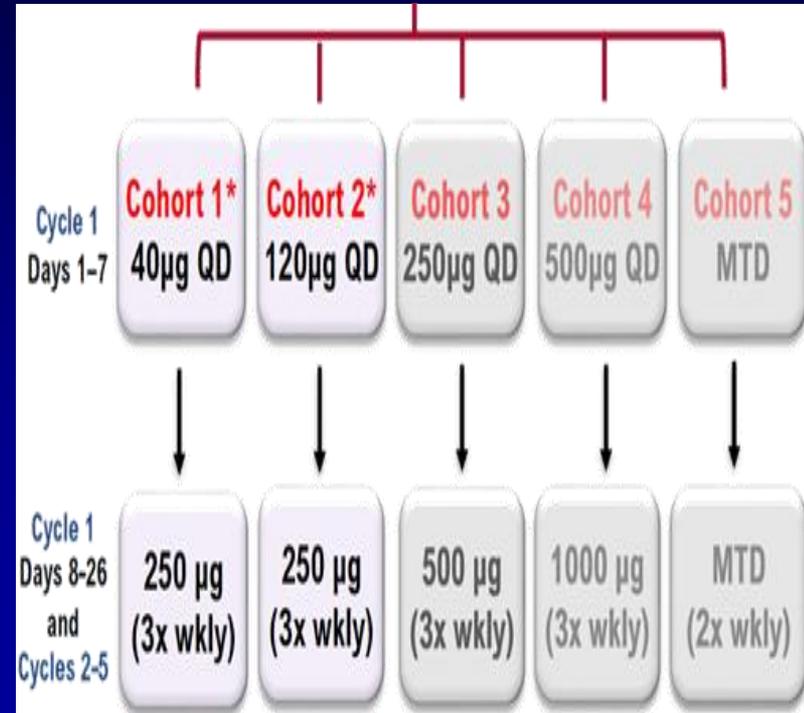
Treatment with single agent SC blinatumomab resulted in a high CR rate, high MRD-negativity rate, and an acceptable safety profile in heavily pretreated adults with R/R B-ALL

# Subcutaneous Blinatumomab in R/R ALL

- 49 R/R pts – dose escalation 22, dose expansion 27
- BLINA 40, 120, 250, 500 mcg SQ daily ×7, then 250 mcg TIW in Cohorts 1 and 2 and 500 mcg in Cohort 3 and 1000 mg in Cohort 4

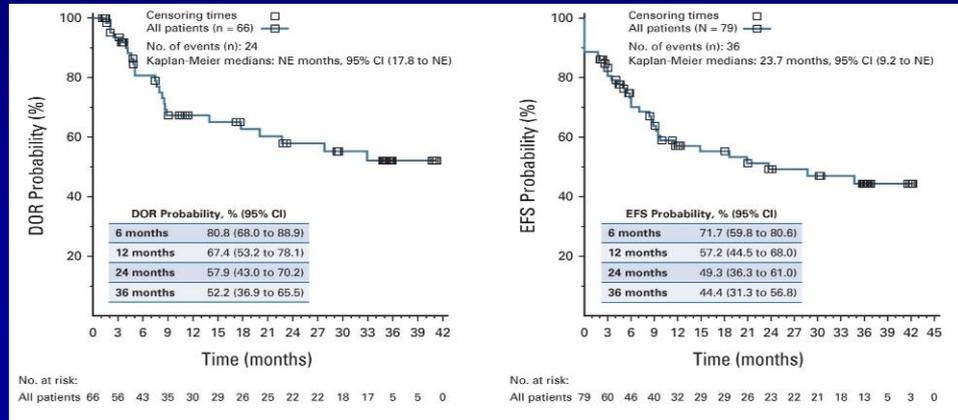
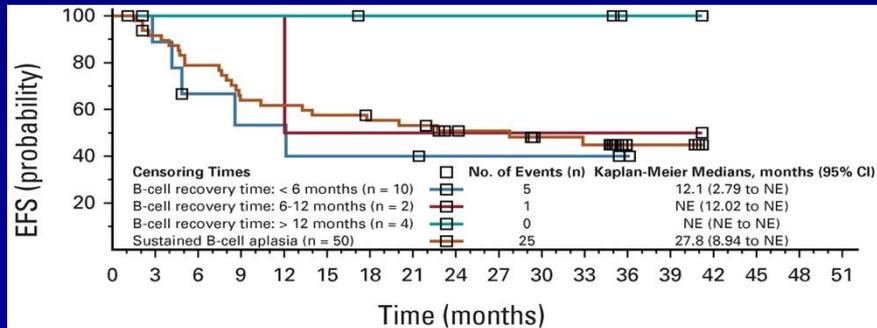
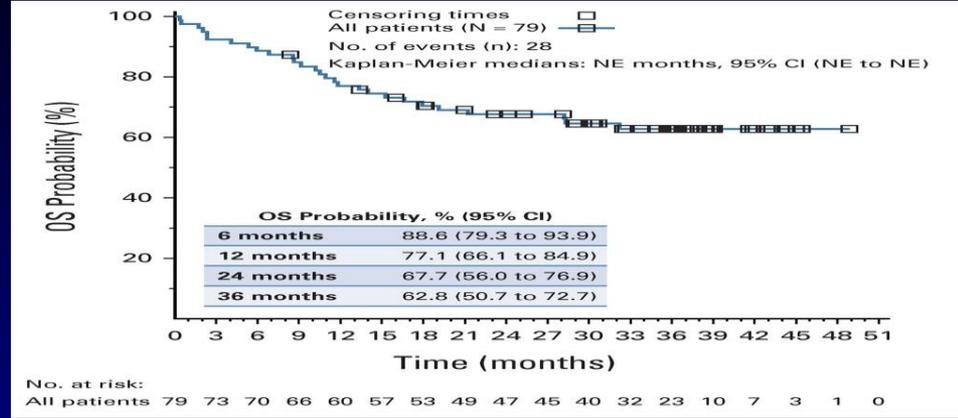
Cohort	Rx	% marrow CR	% MRD-negative
3 – 250/500	14	86	75
4 – 500/1000	13	92	100

- G3 CRS 22%; G3 CNS 22%



# 3-Year Update of Tisagenlecleucel in R/R ALL

- 97 pts ≤26 yrs old enrolled
  - 79 (81%) received tisa
- Median age 11 yrs (3–24)
- Median prior Tx 3 (1–8)
- Marrow CR 66 = 82%
  - 66% of denominator
- Median F/U 38.8 mos
- 5-yr RFS 49% in pts in CR/CRi
- 3-yr EFS 44%; 3-yr OS 63%
- Grade 3/4 AE 29%



# Brexucabtagene Autoleucel (CD19 CAR T) in R/R ALL (ZUMA)

- 78 pts Rx with brexu-cel. Median FU 54 mos
- CR/CRi 57/78 = 73%

ALL Subset	No	Median OS (mos)	% 4-yr OS
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Prior Rx</b>			
1	15	60.4	57
2+	63	25.4	36
<b>Prior blina</b>			
Yes	38	15.9	55
No	40	60.4	24
<b>Later allo SCT</b>			
Yes	14	36.3	-
No	43	60.4	-

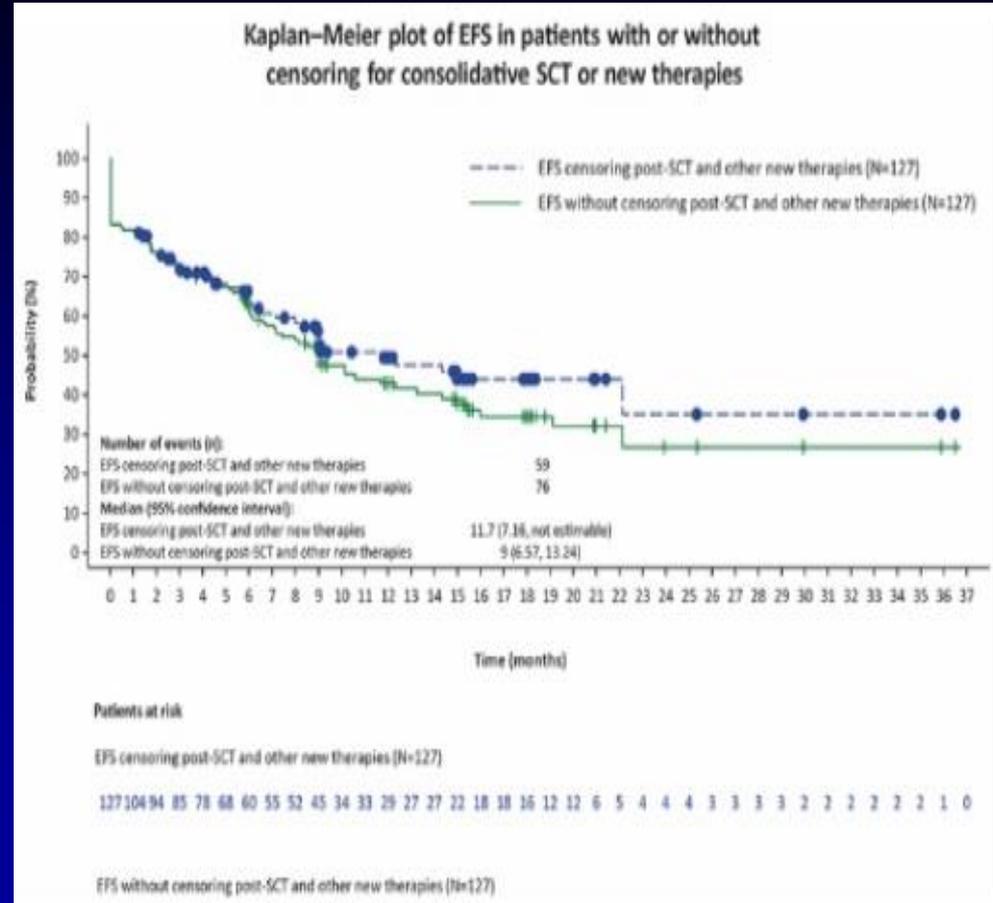
# Toxicities of Brexu-Cel in R/R ALL: ROCCA Results

- Retrospective analysis of adults (N = 152) with R/R B-ALL receiving commercial brexu-cel
- Grade 3 CRS higher in ZUMA-3 than seen in the ROCCA dataset, but ICANS rates were comparable
- Grade 3+ CRS showed a numerical increase in patients with active disease at apheresis (>5% marrow blasts and/or EMD); OR: 2.35, 95% CI: 0.69–8.0,  $P = .17$
- Grade 3+ ICANS more likely in pts with active disease at apheresis; OR: 2.63, 95% CI: 1.28–5.38,  $P = .008$

Factor	ROCCA	ZUMA-3
Patients infused, n	152	55
Any CRS	82%	89%
Grade $\geq 3$ CRS	9%	24%
Time to onset, days	5 (0–14)	–
Any ICANS	56%	60%
Grade $\geq 3$ ICANS	<b>31%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Time to onset, days	7 (0–21)	–
Early death by day 28, n (%)	9 (6)	–

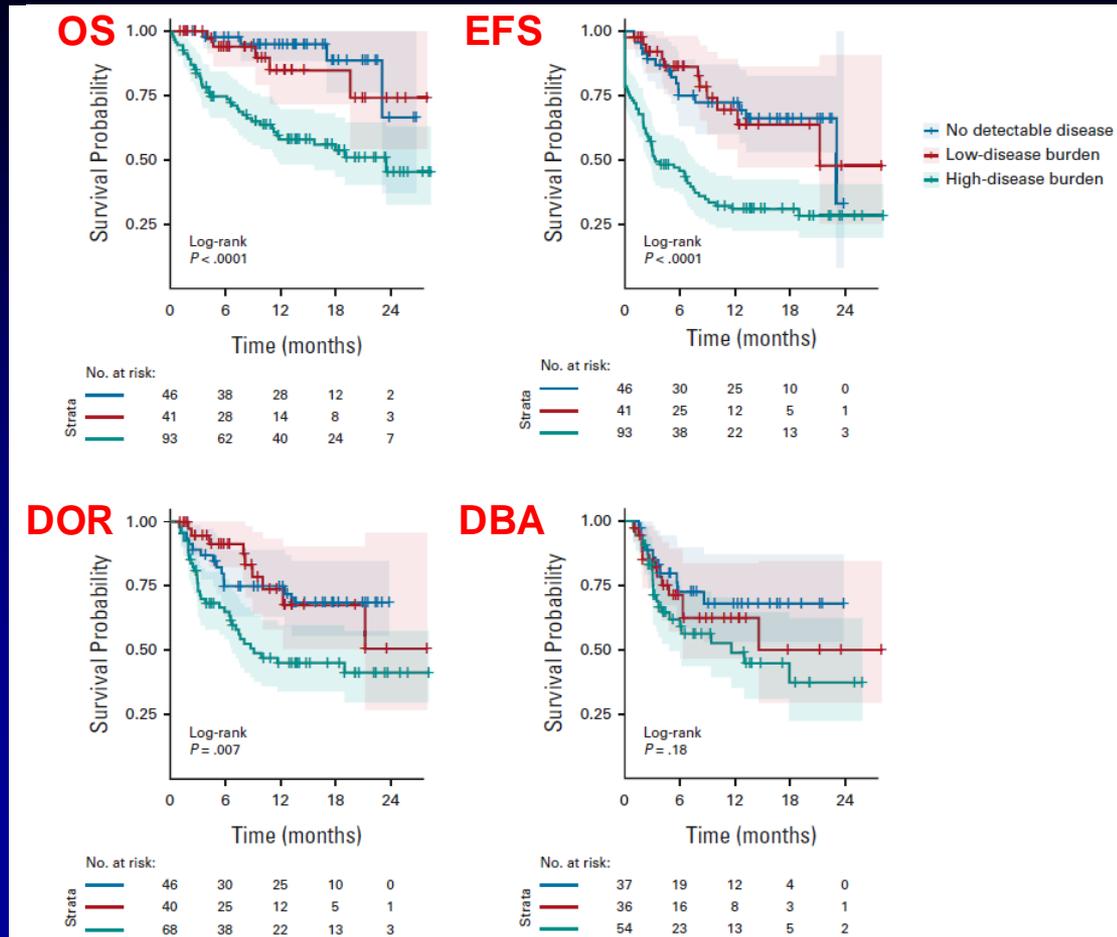
# Obecaptagene Autoleucel (OBE-CEL) in Adult R/R ALL (FELIX)

- AUTO 1 fast off-rate CD19 binder CAR T
- 153 enrolled, 127 (83%) infused. Median age 47 yrs
- Prior blina 42%, ino 31%, allo SCT 44%
- **cCR-CRi 99/127 = 78% (99/153 = 65%). 19/77 allo SCT**
- Loss of CAR T = HR 2.9
- **12-mos EFS 49%, 12-mos OS 61%**



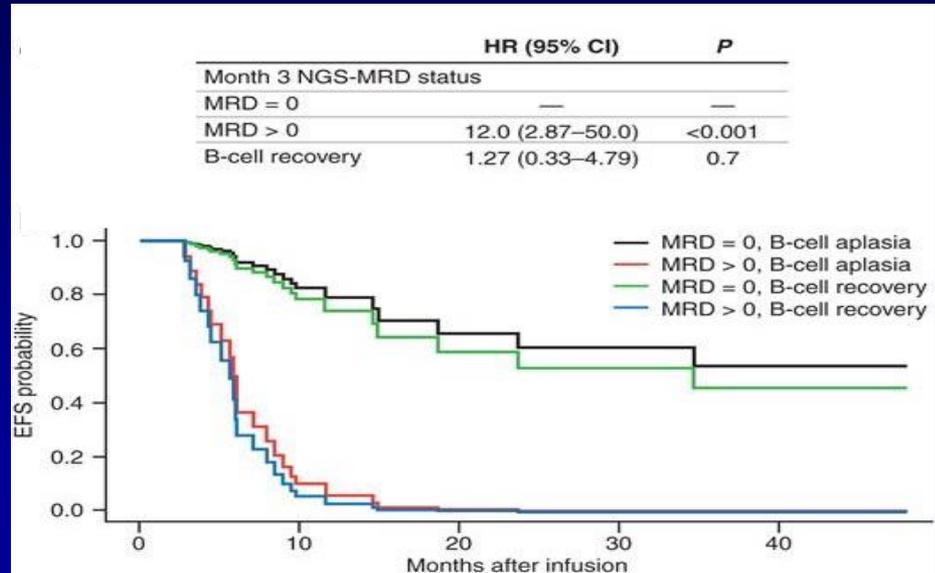
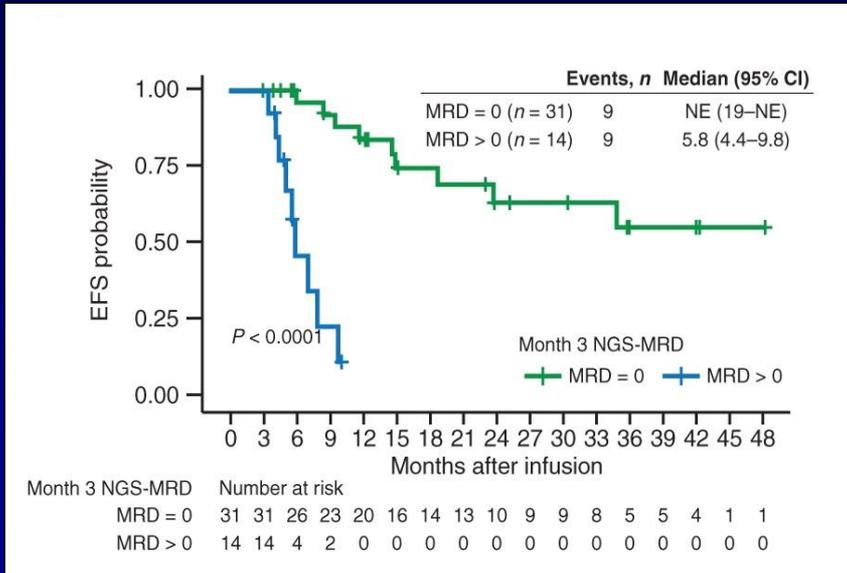
# Real-World CAR Consortium and Disease Burden

- 200 pts (185 pts infused)
- Median age: 12 yrs (0–26 yrs)
- CR: 85%
- Disease burden
  - HBD: n = 94 (51%)
  - LBD: n = 41 (22%)
  - ND: n = 46 (25%)
- Survival outcomes
  - 12-mo EFS: 50%
  - 12 mo OS: 72%
- Safety
  - G3 CRS: 21% (35% in HBD)
  - G3 NE: 7% (9% in HBD)



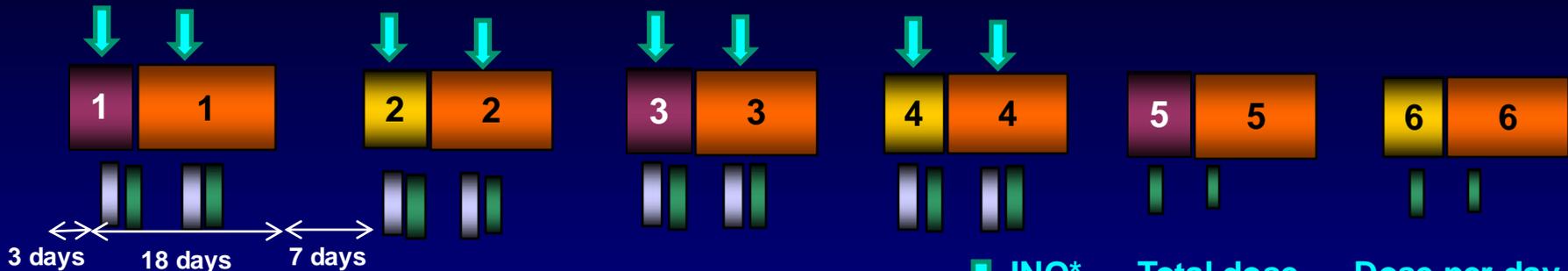
# NGS MRD Negativity After CAR T-Cell Therapy for ALL

- Detectable MRD after tisagenlecleucel by NGS independently predicted for EFS and OS on multivariate analysis
- NGS MRD status at 3 months was superior to B-cell aplasia/recovery at predicting relapse/survival



# Dose-Dense Mini-HCVD + INO + Blina + CAR T Cells in ALL: The CURE

## Induction phase: C1–C6



## Consolidation phase

CAR T Consolidation

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

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

\*Ursodiol 300 mg tid for VOD prophylaxis



# ALL 2024: Conclusions

- Significant improvements across all ALL categories
- Incorporation of Blina-InO in FL therapy highly effective and improves survival
- Early eradication of MRD predicts best overall survival
- Antibody-based TxS and CAR Ts both outstanding; not mutually exclusive/competitive (vs); rather, complementary (together)
- Future of ALL Tx
  - 1) Less chemotherapy and shorter durations
  - 2) Combinations with ADCs and BiTEs/TriTEs targeting CD19, CD20, CD22
  - 3) SQ blinatumomab
  - 4) CAR Ts CD19 and CD19 allo and auto in sequence in CR1 for MRD and replacing ASCT

# **Thank You**

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# Q&A

# Long-term safety considerations for leukemias (focus on ALL)

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# Long-Term Safety After Therapy of Adult ALL

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# Success and Challenges in the Management of Adult ALL

	CR	ED	OS/LFS
Children	>95%	<3%	ca.90%
AYA 18–40 yr	>90%	<5%	70%–80%
Adults (18–55/65 yr)	85%–90%	7%	40%–70%
Elderly (>55-65 yr)	70%–80%	10%–30%	<10%–50%
Ph-positive ALL	>90%	<5%	>60%–70% (age dependent)
Relapsed ALL	40%–80%	<10%	10%–40%

➡ **Improved results of first-line therapy for all age groups**

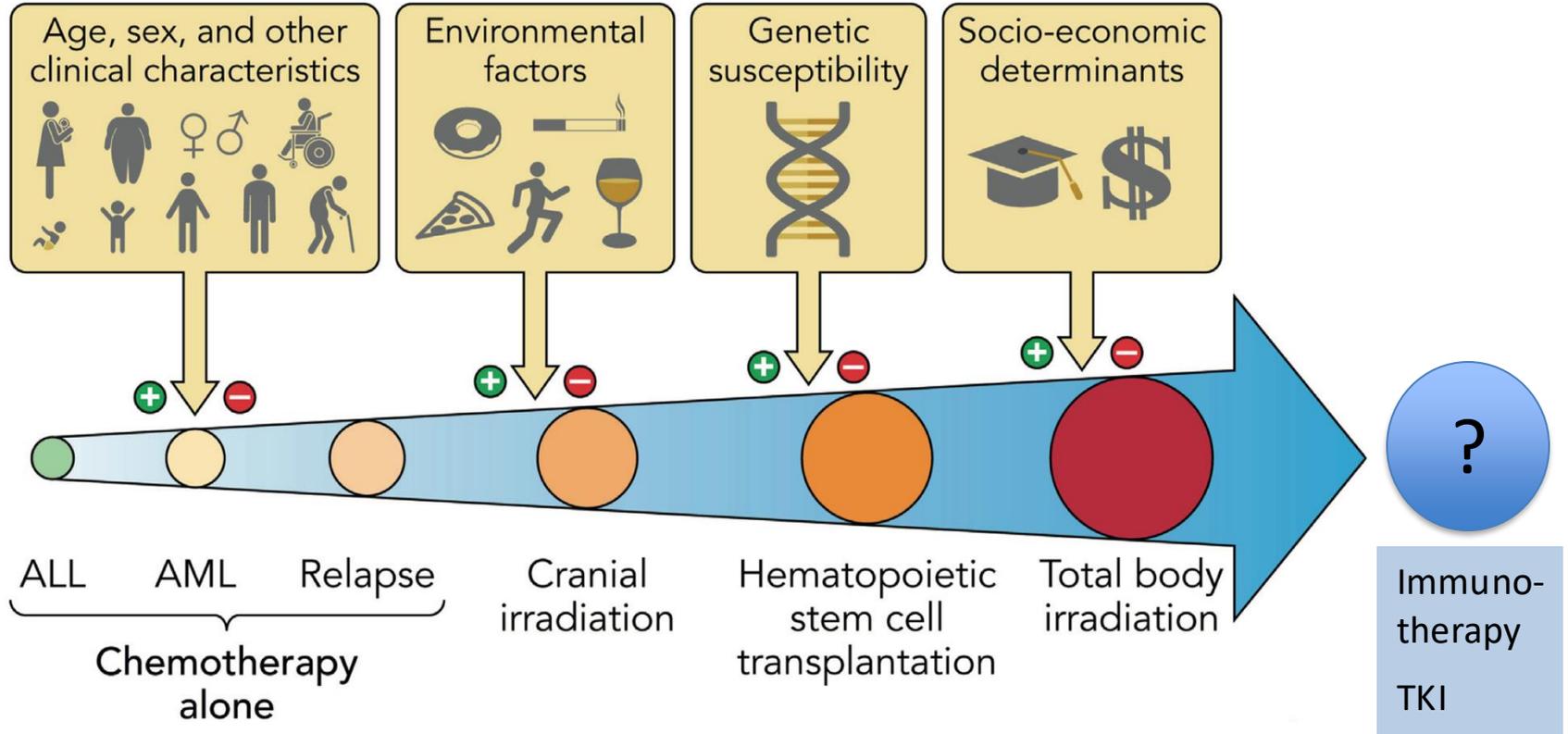
➡ **Intensive chemotherapy is essential for cure, but**

- Development of resistance
- Non-satisfactory results in R/R disease

➡ **Long-term health effects of ALL therapy**

# Risk of Long-Term Effects of ALL/ALL Therapy

Saultier P, Michel G. *Blood*. 2024;143:1795-1806.



# Key Risk Factors for Late Effects

Saultier P, Michel G. *Blood*. 2024;143:1795-1806.

- Relapse chemotherapy increases the risk of long-term complications by up to 2×
- Central nervous system (CNS) irradiation or other CNS-directed therapies are associated with the risk of cognitive impairments and secondary tumors
- Stem cell transplant (SCT) raises the risk for multiple chronic conditions, including cardiovascular and endocrine disorders
- Total body irradiation (TBI) has the most severe long-term toxicity profile with a wide range of complications

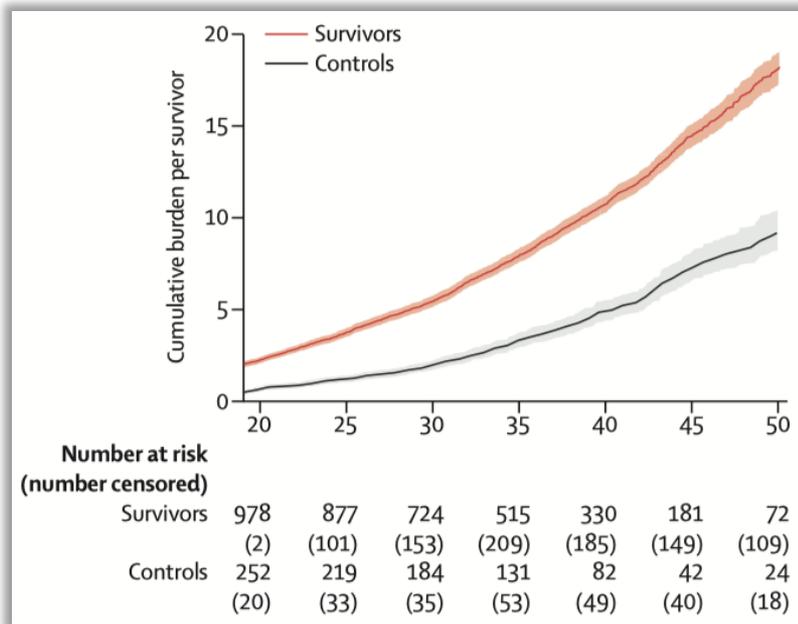
# 25-Year Follow-Up in Pediatric ALL

Mody R, et al. *Blood*. 2008;111:5515-5523.

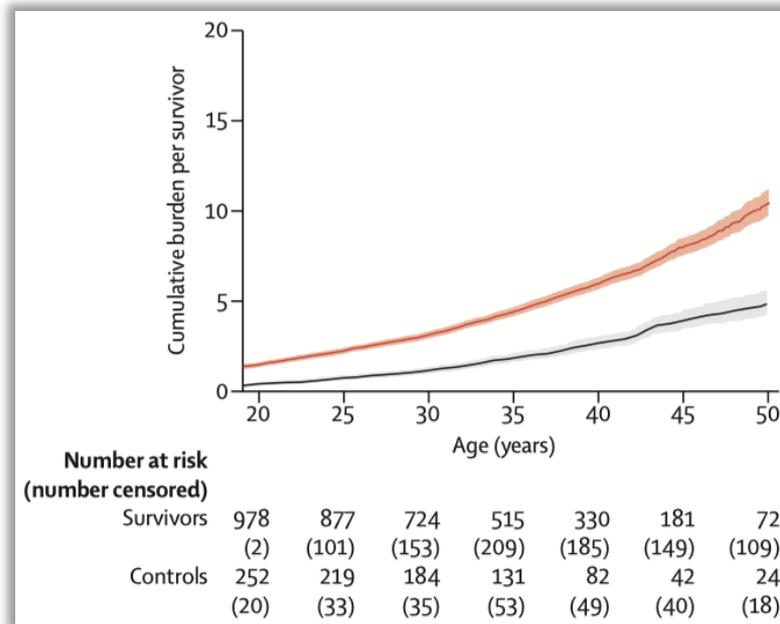
Total	Siblings N = 3083	ALL Survivors N = 2599	P Value
<u>Chronic disorders</u>			
Hearing	0.4	1.0	<.001
Vision	0.7	1.2	ns
Endocrine	1.8	4.4	<.001
Pulmonary	1.2	3.0	<.001
Cardia	0.7	3.2	<.001
Gastrointestinal	0.5	0.7	.4
Renal	0.2	0.8	<.001
Musculoskeletal	0.1	0.5	<.001
Neurologic	0.4	2.4	<.001
<u>Adverse health status</u>			
General health	5.1	8.9	<.001
Mental health	9.8	15.0	<.001
Activity limitations	5.8	8.9	<.001
Functional impairment	2.6	8.7	<.001

# Burden of Health Conditions in Long-Term Follow-Up St Jude Lifetime Cohort Study

Mulrooney DA, et al. *Lancet Haematol.* 2019;6:e306-e316.



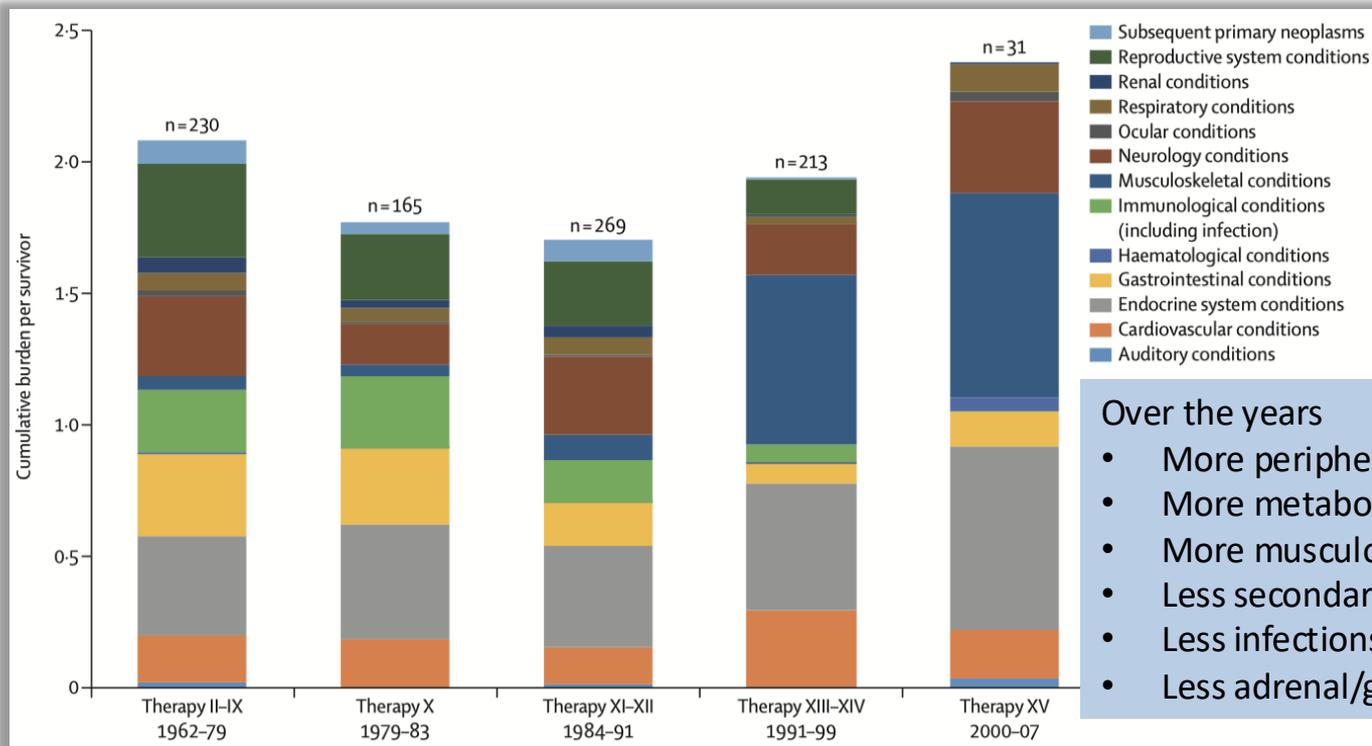
Grade 1–4 conditions  
**5.4** (95% CI 5.1–5.8) vs **2.0** (1.7–2.2)



Grade 2–4 conditions

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# Late Effects in Adult and Pediatric ALL Survivors

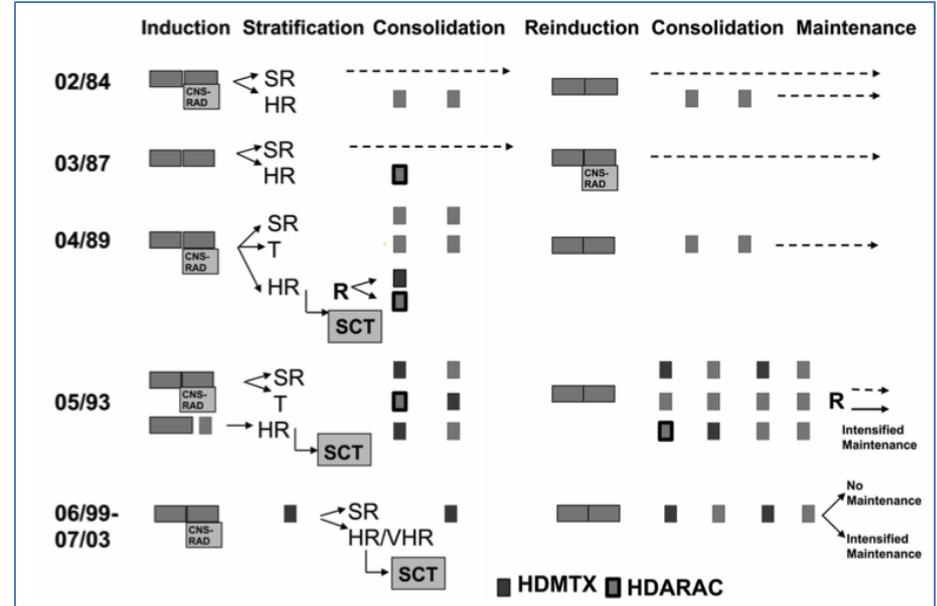
Late Effects	Pediatric Survivors	Adult Survivors
<b>Physical complications</b>		
Cardiovascular complications	Anthracycline-related cardiomyopathy, hypertension	Increased risk of heart disease, stroke, cardiomyopathy
Skeletal problems	Bone density loss, risk of osteoporosis	Osteopenia, osteonecrosis, fractures
Pulmonary complications	Reduced lung capacity, pulmonary fibrosis	COPD, reduced lung function
<b>Secondary cancers</b>		
	Thyroid, breast, skin cancer, meningioma	Higher risk of solid tumors, breast cancer
<b>Endocrine and growth disorders</b>		
Endocrine disorders	Growth hormone deficiency, delayed puberty, thyroid dysfunction	Hypothyroidism, early menopause, infertility
Metabolic syndrome	Obesity, insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, hypertension	Increased risk of diabetes, obesity, high cholesterol
Growth and development	Stunted growth, delayed puberty	N/A
Fertility issues	Delayed puberty, infertility	Early menopause, reduced fertility
<b>Cognitive and mental health issues</b>		
Neurocognitive deficits	Learning disabilities, memory and attention deficits	Cognitive decline, attention deficits
Psychosocial effects	Anxiety, depression, social adjustment difficulties	Depression, anxiety, employment challenges

**Most data come from pediatric survivors**

# Health Condition of Long-Term (>5 yr) Survivors of Adult ALL

Gökbuget N, et al. *Haematologica*. 2023;108:1758-1767.

Patients: 538  
 Age (at diagnosis): 29 (15–64)  
 Age (at evaluation): 39 (19–74)  
 FU time: 7 (3–24) yr



# Health Condition of Long-Term (>5 yr) Survivors of Adult ALL

Gökbuget N, et al. *Haematologica*. 2023;108:1758-1767.

Study	02/84	03/87	04/89	05/93	06/99
Period	1984–1987	1987–1989	1989–1993	1993–1999	1999–2003
Evaluable	569	353	588	1212	831
Age					
15–25	45%	40%	36%	29%	28%
26–50	41%	40%	45%	49%	51%
50–65	14%	20%	20%	22%	21%
CR	75%	75%	81%	82%	81%
SCT in CR1	<5%	<5%	11%	16%	31%
Survival	35%	31%	37%	36%	42%

➔ Long-term survivors >5 yr after first diagnosis

# Health Condition of Long-Term (>5 yr) Survivors of Adult ALL

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## QUESTIONNAIRES

### Organ Systems (8)

- Skin
- Lung
- Nervous system
- Endocrine system
- Kidney/liver
- Cardiovascular system
- Stomach/gut
- Eyes

### Specific Syndromes (6)

- Secondary malignancy
- Fatigue
- Chronic GvHD
- Thyroid disease
- Infections
- Osteonecrosis

- ▶ Questions regarding diseases that newly occurred after the end of leukemia treatment (date, severity, actual state)
- ▶ Documentation according to patient file
- ▶ No documentation of patient deaths

# Health Condition of Long-Term (>5 yr) Survivors of Adult ALL

Gökbuget N, et al. *Haematologica*. 2023;108:1758-1767.

## ORGAN SYSTEMS

	Total
<b>ECOG 0–1</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Any disease</b>	<b>66%</b>
Nervous system	<b>27%</b>
Skin and mucosa	<b>18%</b>
Cardiovascular	<b>13%</b>
Lung	8%
Endocrine system	
Male	<b>17%</b>
Female	<b>24%</b>
Kidney/liver	10%
Gastrointestinal	6%
Eyes	12%

# Health Condition of Long-Term (>5 yr) Survivors of Adult ALL

Gökbuget N, et al. *Haematologica*. 2023;108:1758-1767.

## SPECIFIC SYNDROMES

	Total
Infections (12 mo)	12%
GvHD/sicca syndrome	15%
Fatigue	13%
Osteonecrosis	8%
Malignancy	4%
Hyperthyroidism	1%
Hypothyroidism	5%

# Late Effects Example: Metabolic Syndrome

Saultier P, Michel G. *Blood*. 2024;143:1795-1806.

- 25%–35% of survivors show early signs of atherosclerotic lesions
- Risk factors: CNS irradiation, TBI, and chemotherapy
- Case study: A 19-year-old AML survivor developed metabolic syndrome, including obesity (BMI of 33.5), hypertension, and elevated triglycerides (3.4 mmol/L)
- Lifestyle changes (nutrition, physical activity) recommended; no need for medication

Therapeutic exposure	Relative risk <sup>8,9</sup>	Specific characteristics <sup>7,9</sup>	Pathophysiology <sup>10-12</sup>		Early detection <sup>12,13</sup>	Treatment specificities
			Treatment-specific	All survivors		
HSCT with TBI	×6.3 (×9.2 in females)	Increased severity of metabolic syndrome Lower incidence of obesity and lower abdominal circumference, higher triglycerides, and glucose level	Radiation induced alteration of subcutaneous adipose tissue (preadipocyte differentiation) Additional role of pancreatic radiation, testosterone, and growth hormone deficiency	Low-grade chronic inflammation Poor eating habits and reduced activity during prolonged periods Genetic predisposition	Regular monitoring: Blood pressure Abdominal circumference Fasting glucose, triglyceride, HDL- and LDL-cholesterol Potential interest of early biomarkers (adipokines)?	Few specific data Moderate effect of lifestyle modifications in the LEA experience
HSCT without TBI	×2.2	Usually less severe than after HSCT with TBI	Largely unknown Role of testosterone deficiency			
Chemotherapy and CNS irradiation	×2.3	More frequent abdominal obesity Low incidence of hypertension	Important role of obesity Leptin resistance and overproduction (damaged hypothalamic receptors) Growth hormone deficiency			
Chemotherapy without CNS irradiation	×1.7	More frequent hypertension (compared to CNS irradiation)	Largely unknown Uncertain long-term role of steroid and asparaginase			

Mulrooney DA, et al. *Lancet Haematol*. 2019;6:e306-e316.

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# Late Effects Example: Osteonecrosis

Kuhlen M, et al. *Blood Adv.* 2017;1:981-994

## Pathogenetic mechanisms

Imbalance between the actual and the required bone perfusion

- Intravascular clotting/embolism (intraluminal obliteration)
- Increased marrow pressure (extraluminal obliteration)
- Direct blood vessel injury
- Direct toxic effects on osteoblasts and osteocytes

## Clinical factors

- Female age (in children)
- Adolescent age

## ALL therapy

- Steroid (continuous exposure, dexamethasone > prednisone)
- Asparaginase?
- Methotrexate

## Germline polymorphisms

- Pharmacodynamics of chemotherapy
- Bone metabolism
- Adipogenesis
- Glutamate signaling pathway
- Mesenchymal stem cell differentiation

# Steroids and Osteonecrosis

Kawedia JD, et al. *Blood*. 2011;117:2340-2556.

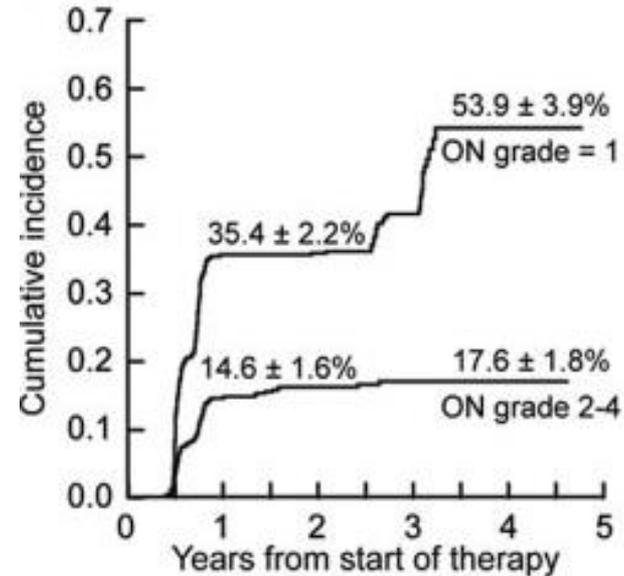
## Method

- N = 364 pediatric ALL
- Prospective MRI screening (hip and knee)
- Age <18 yr

Any grade (1–4) ON:	72%
Symptomatic (grade 2–4) ON:	18%

## Risk factors

- Age >10 yr
- Risk group
- Lower albumin/higher cholesterol
- Dexamethasone (AUC)
- Polymorphisms of APC-1 (lipid level, osteoblast differentiation)
- **MRI aberrations in week 10 are predictive for grade 2–4 osteonecrosis (26% vs 14%)**
- **Potential predictive molecular aberrations are under investigation**



# Correlation Between Hyperlipidemia and Osteonecrosis

Mogensen SS, et al. *Haematologica*. 2017;102:e175-e178.

N = 112

**Osteonecrosis: 22.9% (n = 22)**

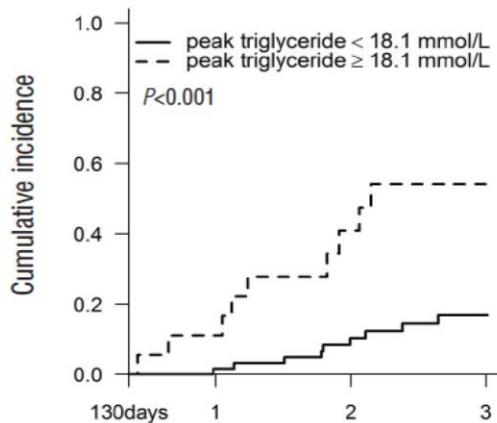
Age: 5.2–37 yr

Grade 2/3: 10/12

Surgery: 10

Multiple joints: 10

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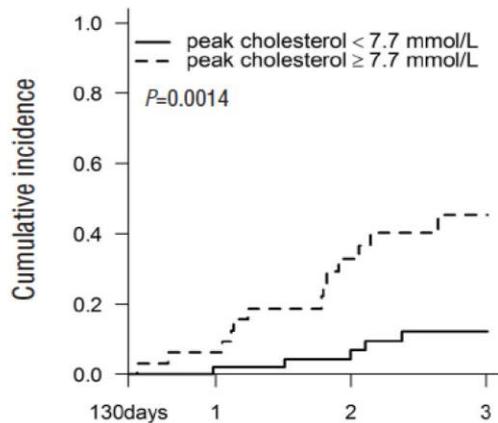


Years from ALL diagnosis

Patients at risk:

peak triglyceride < 18.1 mmol/L: 61	45	33
peak triglyceride ≥ 18.1 mmol/L: 18	16	9

**B**



Years from ALL diagnosis

Patients at risk:

peak cholesterol < 7.7 mmol/L: 47	46	36	28
peak cholesterol ≥ 7.7 mmol/L: 32	30	18	10

# Osteonecrosis in Patients With ALL: Treatment Options

Kuhlen M, et al. *Blood Adv.* 2017;1:981-994

1. **Vitamin K and calcium substitution**
2. **Nonweight-bearing therapy**
3. **Pharmacologic options**
  - LMW (intravascular clotting)
  - Prostacyclin analogs (antiedema, anti-inflammatory, antiaggregant, vasodilatory)
  - Lipid metabolism (Statins)
  - Bisphosphonates (reduce osteoclast activity; prevent osteocyte and osteoblast apoptosis)
  - Nuclear factor- $\kappa$ B ligand (RANKL) inhibitors (eg, denosumab)
4. **Nonpharmacologic/nonsurgical**
  - Hyperbaric oxygenation
  - Extracorporeal shock wave therapy
  - Single pulsed electromagnetic fields
5. **Surgical**
  - Core decompression
6. **Cellular therapy**

Kuhlen M, et al. *Hemasphere.* 2021;5:e544.

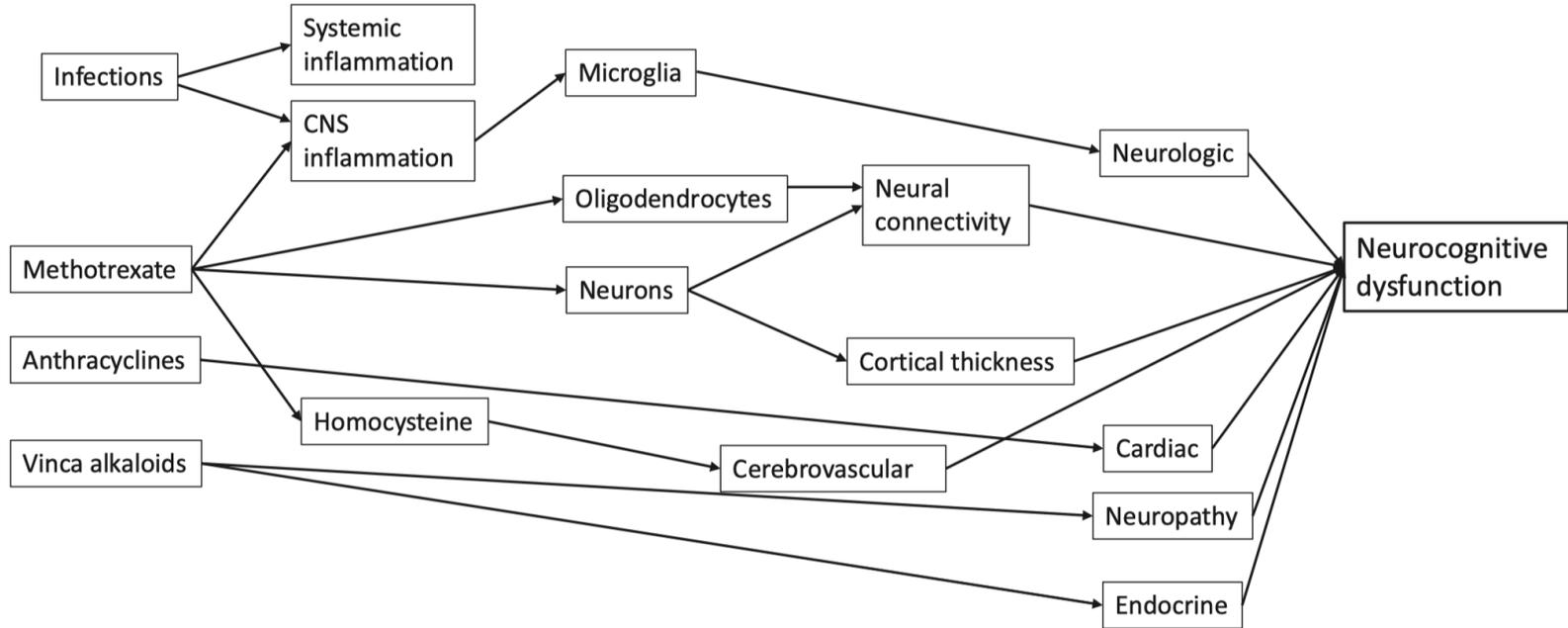
## Brief Summary of (Prophylactic) Treatment Options for Osteonecrosis.

Interventions	Suggestions
Pain management	Effective pain management is crucial
Physical therapy	Use of crutches is controversially discussed but is a regular part of care in other osteonecrosis conditions. Osteonecrosis in the upper limbs should be excluded by MRI before use Physical therapy is recommended
Pharmacologic interventions	Low-molecular-weight heparin Prostacyclin analogs Statins Bisphosphonates
Surgical interventions	Core decompression Reduction of intraosseous pressure Promotion of healing processes Prn combined with autologous or mesenchymal stem cells Arthroplasty Surface replacement Osteotomy Total joint replacement
Others	Antihypertensive treatment Treatment of prolonged hypertriglyceridemia/hypercholesterolemia, eg, dietary measure, omega3-fatty acids

- LMW heparin during ASP activity
- Antithrombin III substitution
- Control triglycerides
- Avoid nonprotocol steroids

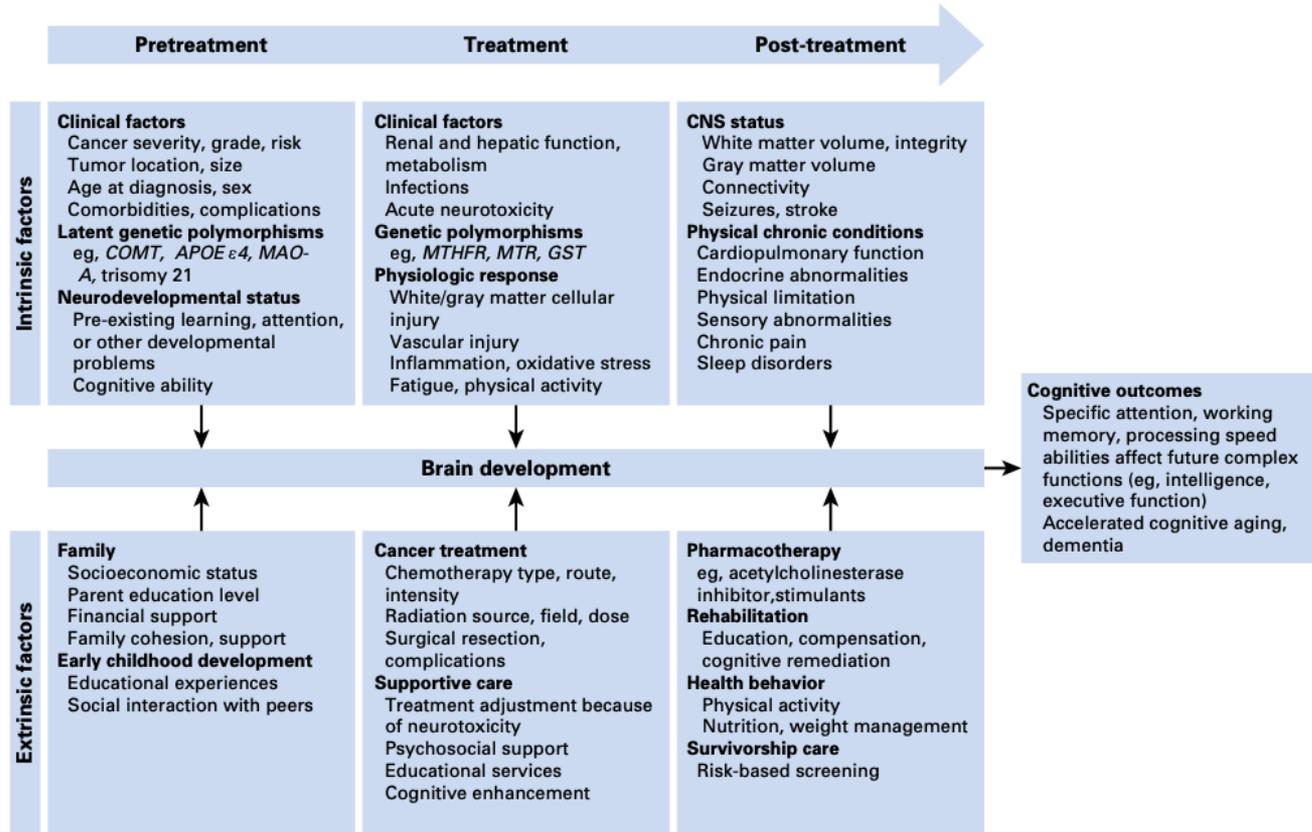
# Late Effects Example: Cognitive Disturbances

Krull KR. *Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program.* 2022;2022:259-265.



# Neurocognitive Outcomes and Interventions in Long-Term Survivors of Childhood Cancer

Krull KR, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36:2181-2189.



# Assessment of Cognitive Status: CCSS-NCQ

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Q. Below is a list of statements that describe problems people can have. We would like to know if you have had any of these problems over the PAST 6 MONTHS. Please complete all items. Please think about yourself as you read these statements and mark one response on each line.

	Often a problem	Sometimes a problem	Never a problem
1. I get upset easily.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. It takes me longer to complete my work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I am disorganized.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I forget instructions easily.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have problems completing my work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I have difficulty recalling things I had previously learned (e.g., names, places, events, activities).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I get frustrated easily.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. My mood changes frequently.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I have trouble finding things in my bedroom, closet or desk.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I forget what I am doing in the middle of things.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I have problems getting started on my own.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I am easily overwhelmed.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. I have trouble doing more than one thing at a time.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. My desk/workspace is a mess.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. I have trouble remembering things, even for a few minutes (such as directions, phone numbers, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. I have trouble prioritizing my activities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. I read slowly.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. I am slower than others when completing my work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. I have trouble solving math problems in my head.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. I don't work well under pressure.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. I have trouble staying on the same topic when talking.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. I have a messy closet.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. People say I am easily distracted.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. I have angry outbursts.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. I have a short attention span.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. I overreact emotionally.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. I have trouble organizing work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. I overreact to small problems.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. I have problems organizing activities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. I have emotional outbursts for little reason.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. I leave the bathroom a mess.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. I react more emotionally to situations than my friends.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. I leave my room or home a mess.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Never = 1, Sometimes = 2, and Often = 3.

**Task Efficiency** = 9 items and raw scores will range from 9–27

Items = 2, 6, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 25

**Emotional Regulation** = 3 items and raw scores will range from 3–9

Items = 1, 8, 9

**Organization** = 3 items and raw scores will range from 3–9

Items = 4, 12, 19

**Memory** = 4 items and raw scores will range from 4–12

Items = 5, 7, 13, 20

**Validated normal values are available**

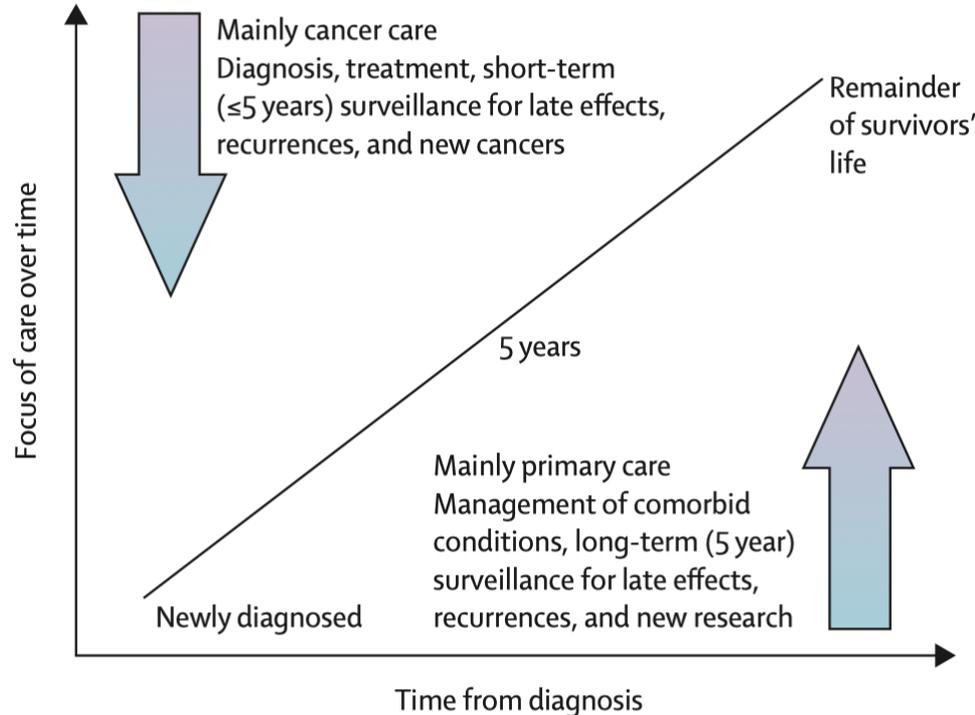
**TABLE 4**  
Mean Childhood Cancer Survivor Study Neurocognitive Questionnaire Scores for Various Survivor Risk Groups

	Group 1 Frontal CRT Mean (SD)	Group 2 Neurologic Mean (SD)	Group 3 Healthy Mean (SD)	Group 4 Sibling Mean (SD)
Task efficiency	16.5 (5.18)	16.2 (5.17)	11.8 (3.26)	11.9 (3.12)
Emotional regulation	5.5 (1.81)	5.7 (1.81)	5.1 (1.67)	5.0 (1.60)
Organization	4.9 (1.77)	5.0 (1.80)	4.4 (1.50)	4.6 (1.61)
Memory	7.6 (2.47)	7.1 (2.36)	5.8 (1.85)	5.8 (1.77)

# Surveillance and Aftercare

## Needs of Cancer Survivors

Mayer DK, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017;18:e11–e18.



### Panel 2: Conceptual quality-of-life model for cancer survivors

#### Physical wellbeing and symptoms

- Functional ability
- Strength or fatigue
- Sleep or rest
- Fertility
- Pain
- Appetite
- Overall physical health

#### Psychological wellbeing

- Control
- Anxiety or depression
- Enjoyment or leisure
- Pain or distress
- Happiness
- Fear of recurrence
- Cognition or attention
- Overall perception of quality of life
- Distress of diagnosis and treatment

#### Social wellbeing

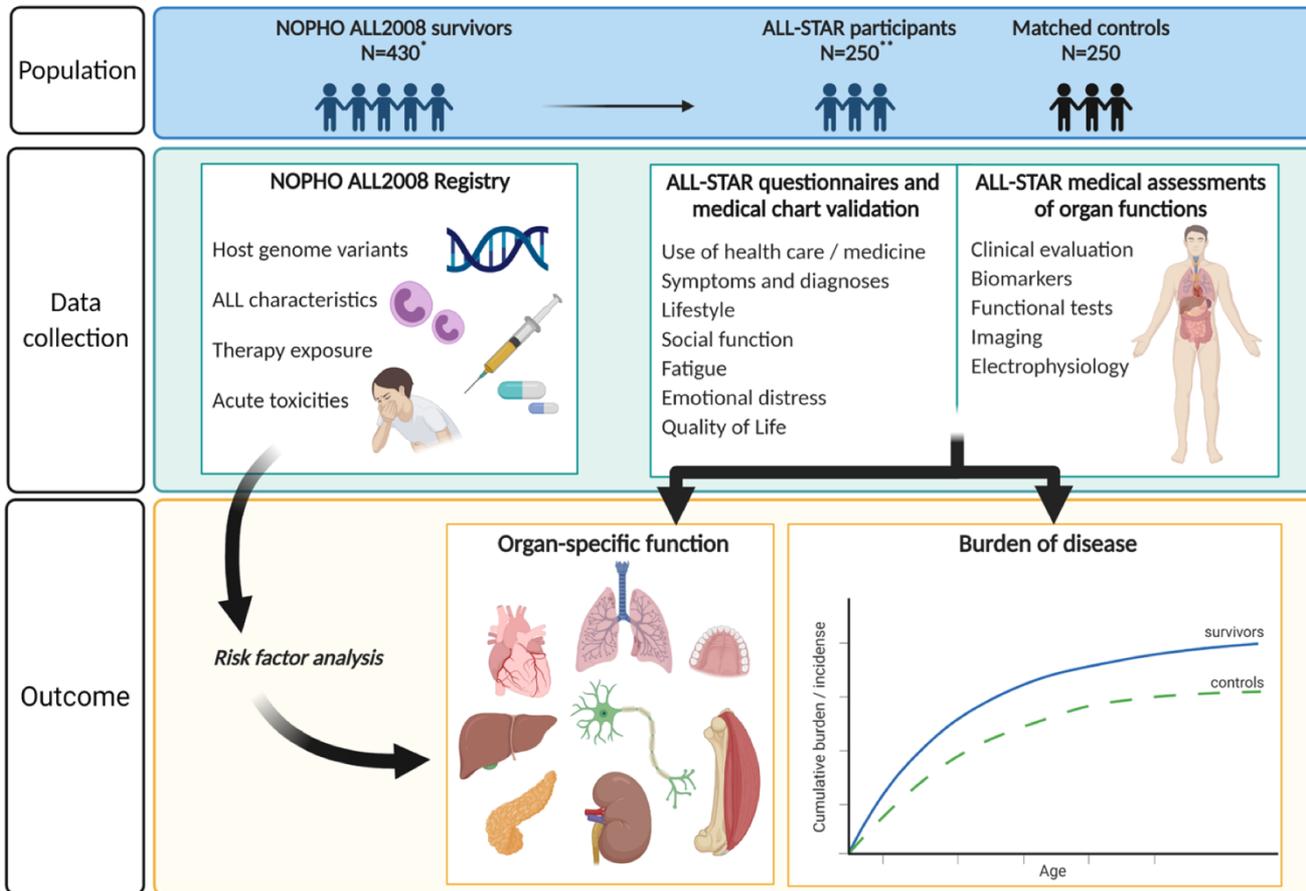
- Family distress
- Roles and relationships
- Affection and sexual function
- Appearance
- Employment
- Isolation
- Finances

#### Spiritual wellbeing

- Meaning of illness
- Religiosity
- Transcendence
- Hope
- Uncertainty
- Hopefulness

# ALL-STAR Study Overview

Andrés-Jensen L, et al. *BMJ Open*. 2021;11:e045543.





## SURVIVORSHIP ASSESSMENT (Patient Version)

Please answer the following questions:

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## ASSESSMENT BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (ONCOLOGY OR PRIMARY CARE) AT REGULAR INTERVALS

### General Survivorship Principles

- Definition of Survivorship (SURV-1)
- Standards for Survivorship Care (SURV-2)
- General Principles of the Survivorship Guidelines (SURV-3)
- Screening for Subsequent New Primary Cancers (SURV-4)
- Principles of Screening for Treatment-Related Subsequent Primary Cancers (SURV-4A)
- Principles of Cancer Risk Assessment and Counseling (SURV-5)
- Assessment by Health Care Provider at Regular Intervals (SURV-6)
- Survivorship Assessment (SURV-A)
- Survivorship Resources for Health Care Professionals and Survivors (SURV-B)

[NCCN Guidelines for Patients Survivorship Care for Healthy Living](#)

[NCCN Guidelines for Patients Survivorship Care for Cancer-Related Late and Long-Term Effects](#)

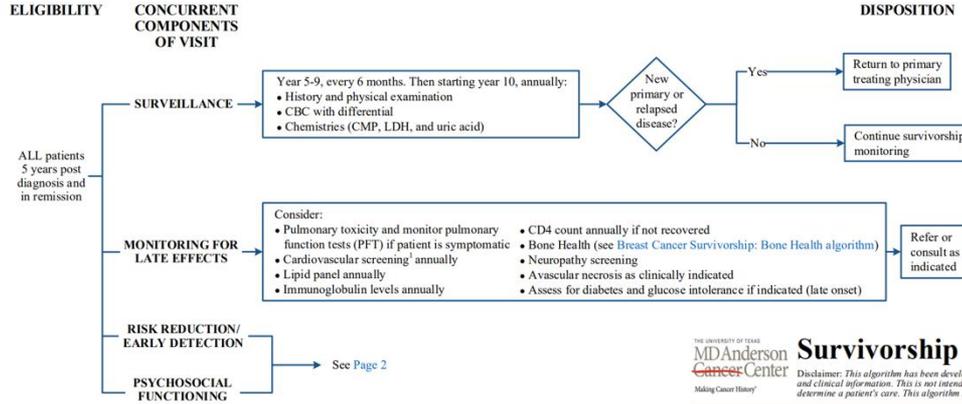
### Preventive Health

- Healthy Lifestyles (HL-1) Physical Activity (SPA-1)
- Nutrition and Weight Management (SNWM-1)
- Supplement Use (SSUP-1)
- Immunizations and Infections (SIMIN-1)
- Late Effects/Long-Term Psychosocial and Physical Problems
- Cardiovascular Disease Risk Assessment (SCVD-1)
- Anthracycline-Induced Cardiac Toxicity (SCARDIO-1)
- Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, and Distress (SANXDE-1)
- Cognitive Function (SCF-1)
- Fatigue (SFAT-1)
- Lymphedema (SLYMPH-1)
- Pain (SPAIN-1)
- Hormone-Related Symptoms (SHRS-1)
- Sexual Health (SSH-1)
- Fertility (SF-1)
- Sleep Disorders (SSD-1)
- Employment and Return to Work (SWORK-1)

# MD Anderson Cancer Center

## Survivorship – Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) Page 1 of 4

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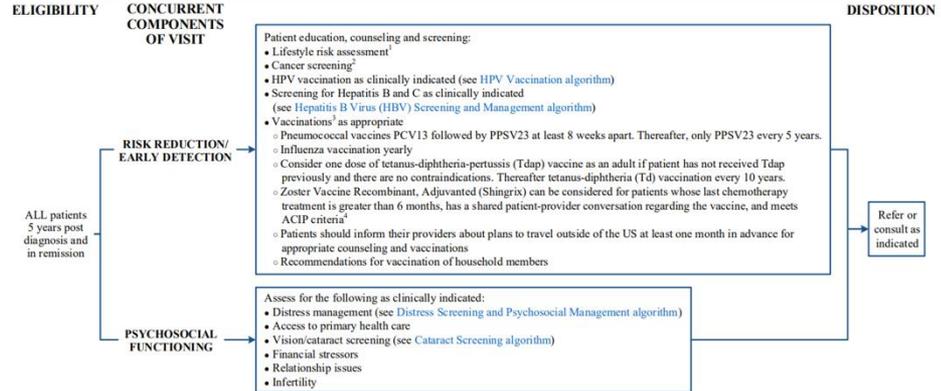


CMP = complete metabolic panel  
LDH = lactate dehydrogenase

1 See physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco cessation algorithms. 2 CDE's approach to cardiovascular health

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ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

<sup>1</sup> See Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco Cessation algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

<sup>2</sup> Includes breast, cervical (if appropriate), colorectal, liver, lung, pancreatic, prostate and skin cancer screening

<sup>3</sup> Based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines

<sup>4</sup> Includes patients with a history of chickenpox or shingles

# Medical Need for Aftercare in ALL

- Long-term surveillance in standard of care and clinical trials; funding?
- Structured assessment
  - Morbidities
  - Social situation
  - Cognition
- Aftercare pass
- Specialized units
- Involvement of hematology practices
- Interdisciplinary expert groups
- Contact points for patients/patient involvement
- New challenges: Long-term effects of third-generation TKI and immunotherapies

# Q&A

# Current and future role of transplantation in acute leukemias in Europe

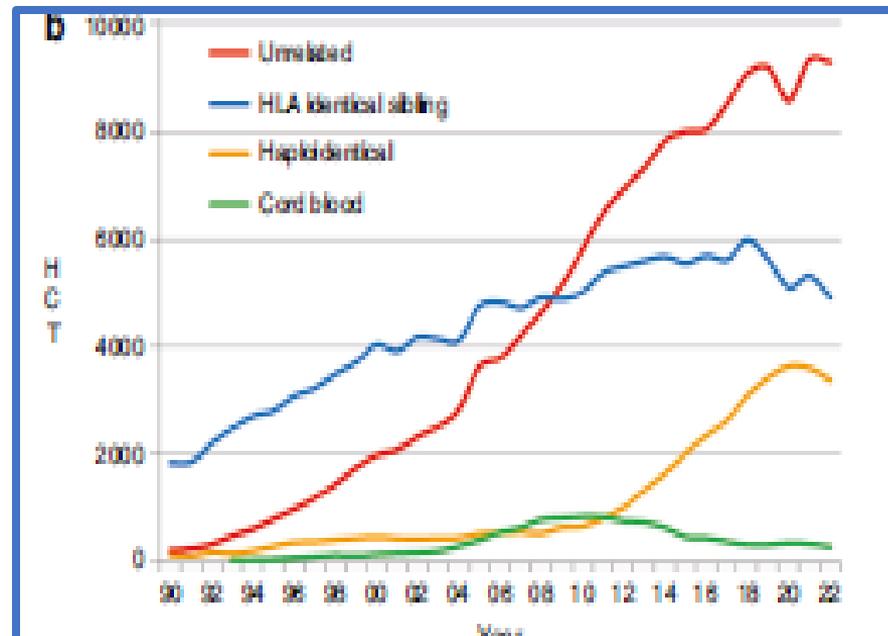
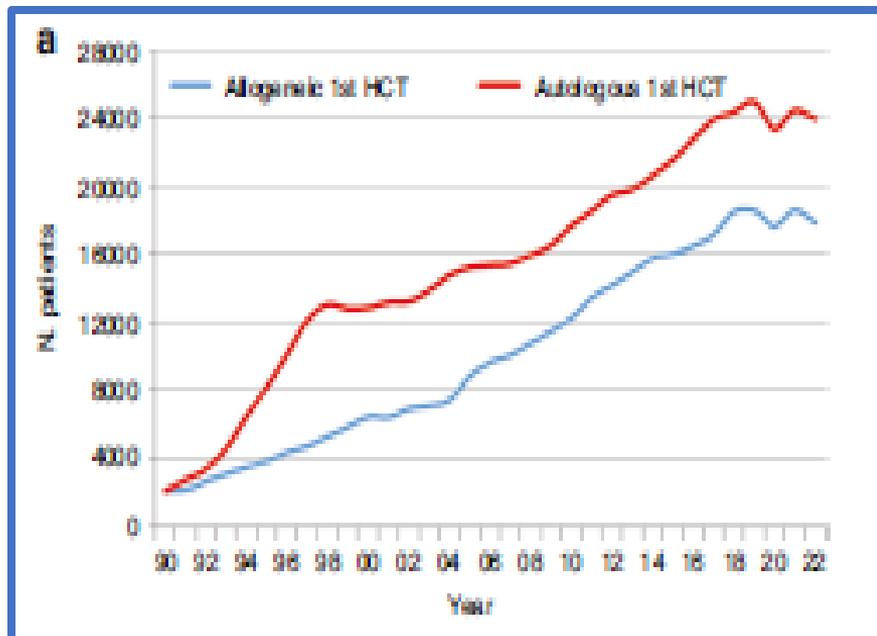
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# Who should receive alloHSCT in CR1?

Type of ALL	HSCT Indication	Comment
Ph-positive	Lack of CMR at end-consolidation	Especially if 1st or 2nd-generation TKI are used upfront
	IKZF1 <sup>plus</sup> signature	Poor prognosis with any TKI ± immunotherapy
Ph-negative and T-ALL	KMT2A rearrangement	Demonstrated in prospective studies
	Low hypodiploidy	Prospective and retrospective studies
	Complex karyotype	Prospective and retrospective studies
	IKZF1 <sup>plus</sup> signature	Prospective and retrospective studies
	BCR-ABL1 <i>like</i>	Targeted therapy could modify this indication
	Early T-cell precursor	HSCT could abrogate the poor prognosis
	End-induction and/or end-consolidation MRD+	Evidence from prospective studies After MRD-neg achievement with Blin?

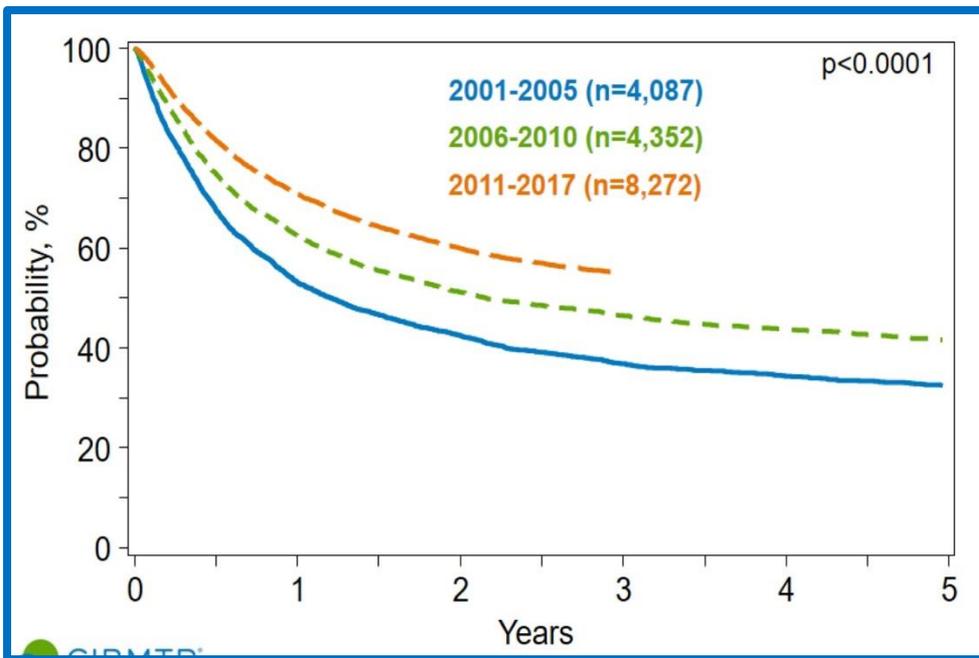
# Transplant activity has slowed in Europe in recent years



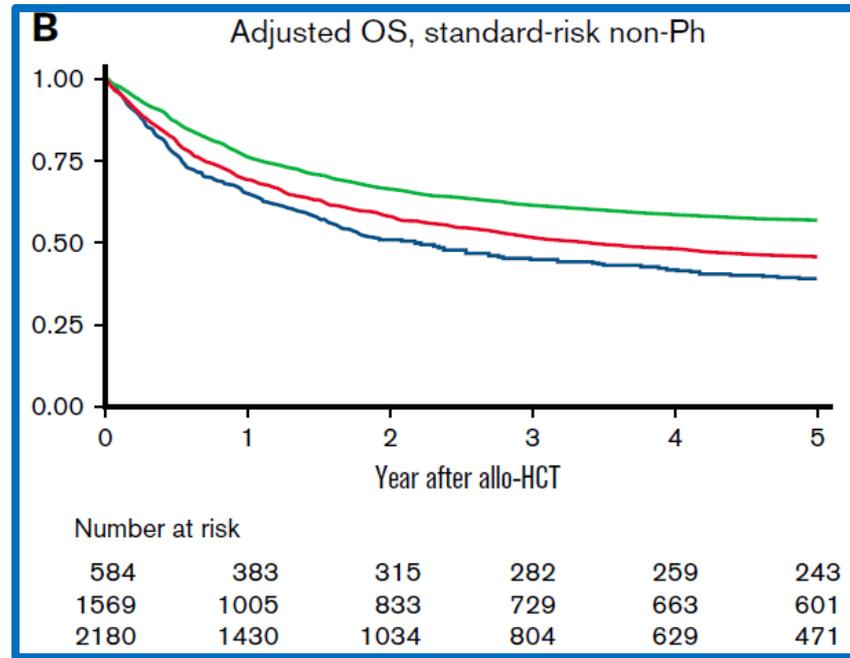
**AlloHSCT 2022 vs 2021: ↓ 4%**

# Allogeneic HSCT in ALL: improved survival over time

**Patients  $\geq 18$  y, CIBMTR, 2001–2017**



**JSTCT, Japan**



# **AlloHSCT in Ph+ ALL**

**An evolving matter with the advent of  
3rd-generation TKI and immunotherapy**

# No benefit of alloHSCT in pts with **Ph+ ALL** who achieve **CMR** at 3 months

## Retrospective study (n = 230)

**Patients:** 230, from 5 US transplant centers

### Criteria:

Age  $\geq 18$ y, Dx: 2001–2018

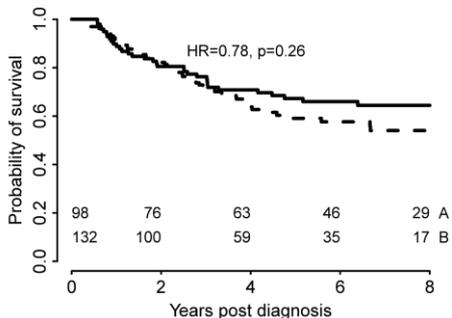
Persistent CMR from d90 (RQ PCR *BCR::ABL*  $< 10^{-4}$ )

### Cohorts

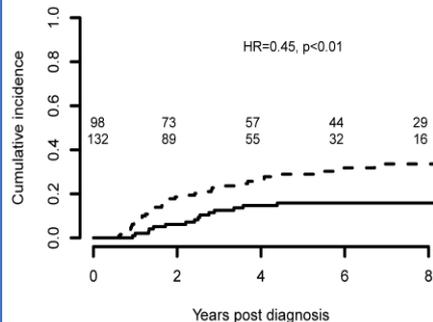
AlloHSCT (n = 98), Non HSCT (n = 132)

- AlloHSCT in CR1 does not improve survival for patients achieving a deep molecular remission
- AlloHSCT in CR1: lower incidence of relapse but increased treatment-related mortality

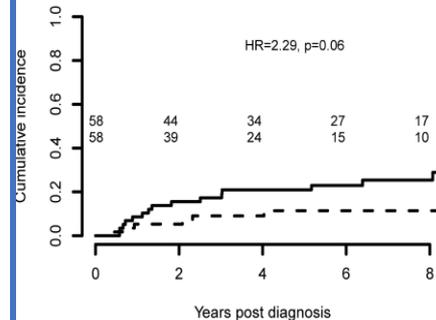
**A. overall survival (OS)**



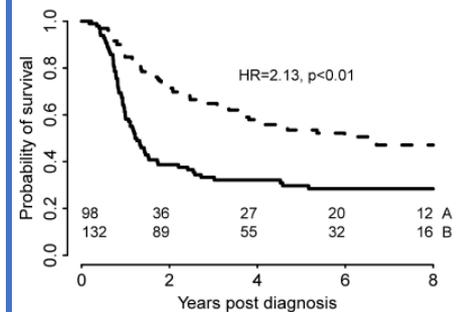
**C. Relapse**



**D. non-relapse mortality (NRM)**

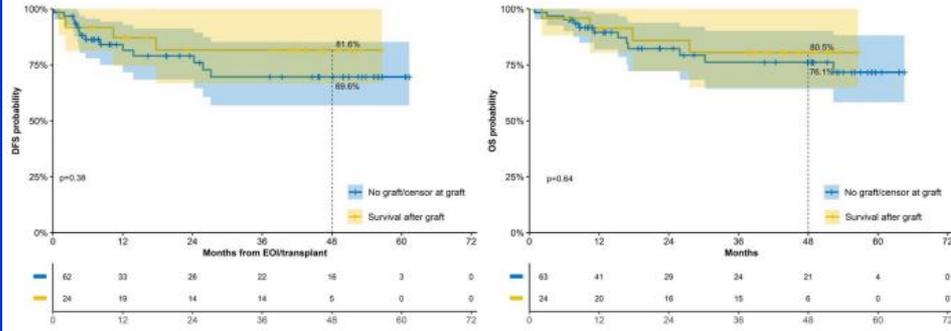


**E. GvHD & relapse-free survival (GRFS)**



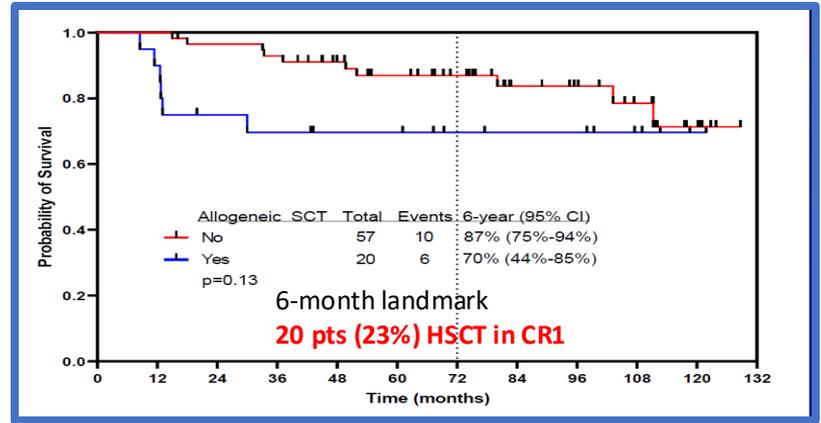
## D-ALBA Trial

**40% pts transplanted in CR1, mainly MRD+**



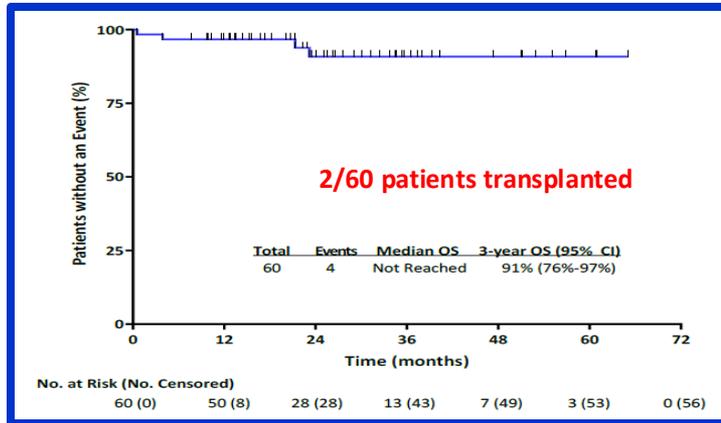
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## HCVAD + ponatinib



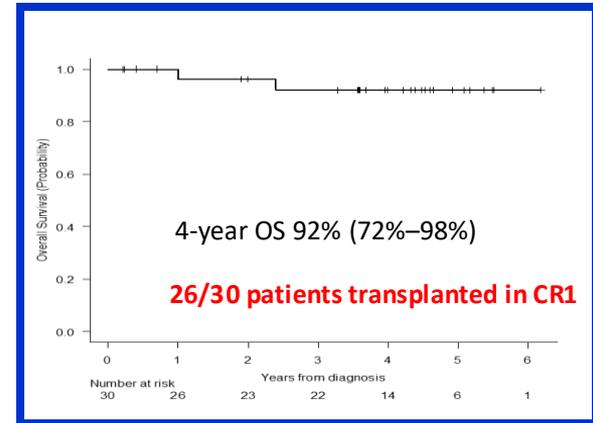
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## Ponatinib + Blinatumomab



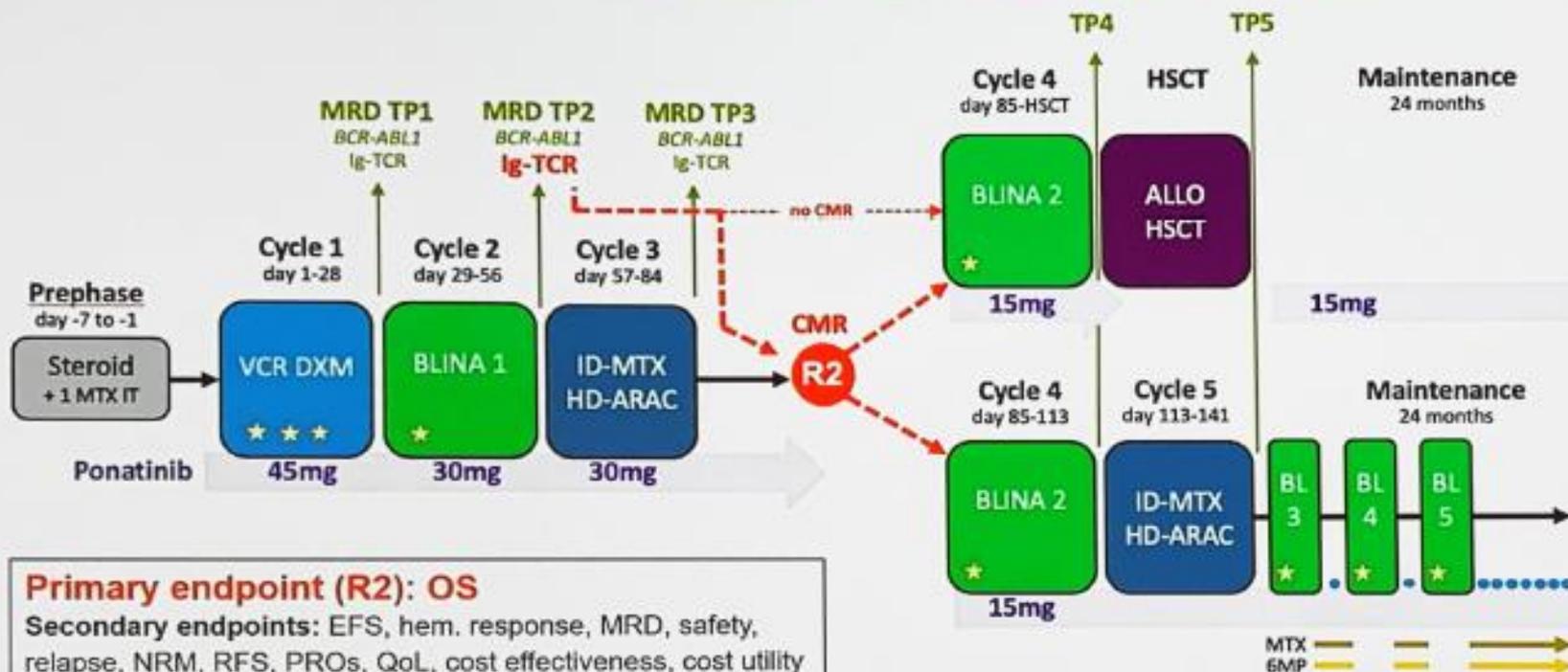
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## Ponatinib + CHT + alloHSCT



Ribera JM, et al. *HemaSphere.* 2024

# GRAAPH 2022: Ph Pos BCP-ALL



## Primary endpoint (R2): OS

**Secondary endpoints:** EFS, hem. response, MRD, safety, relapse, NRM, RFS, PROs, QoL, cost effectiveness, cost utility

**Sensitivity analyses:** OS and EFS censoring at subsequent therapy initiation

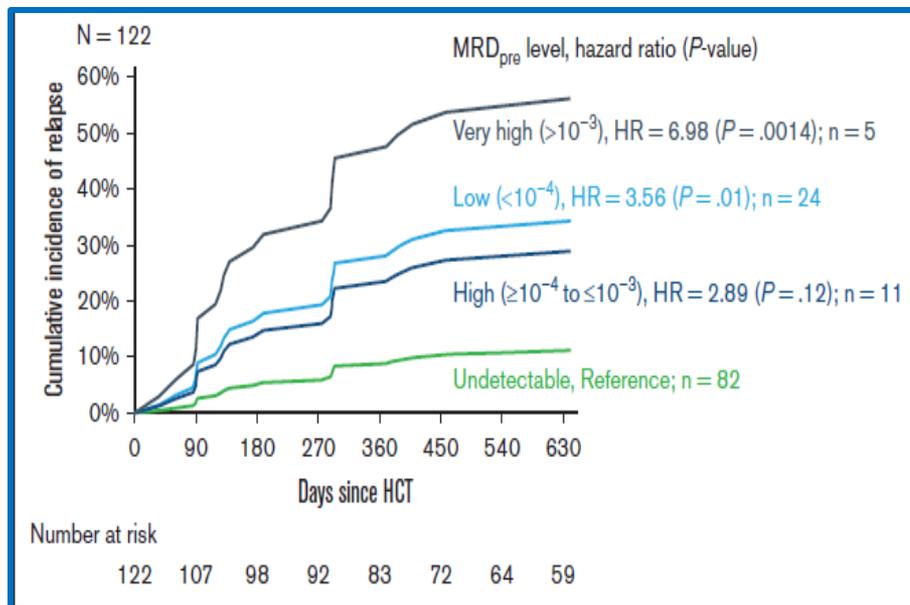
★ Triple IT   ● Re-introduction VCR-prednisone

# **HSCT in Ph-Negative ALL**

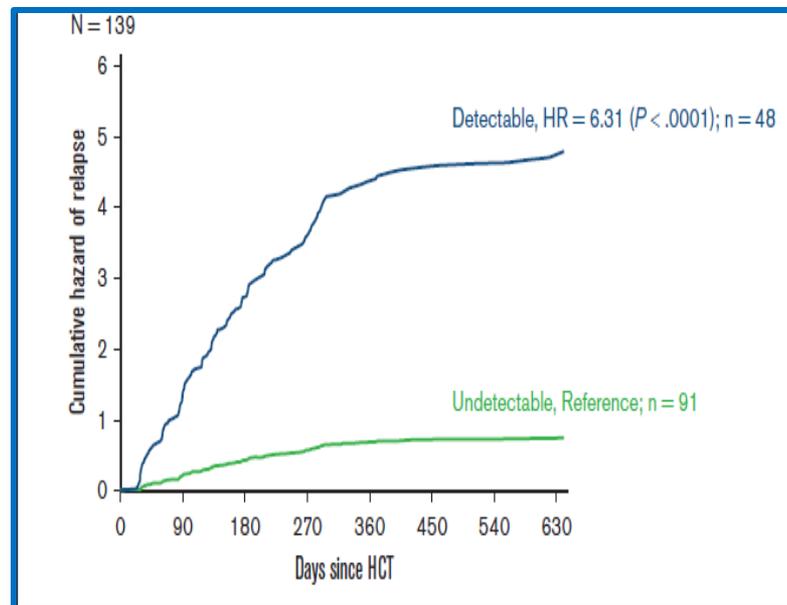
**MRD level and genetic background are decisory**

# Impact of pre- and post-HSCT MRD level on transplant outcome

## MRD level pre HSCT

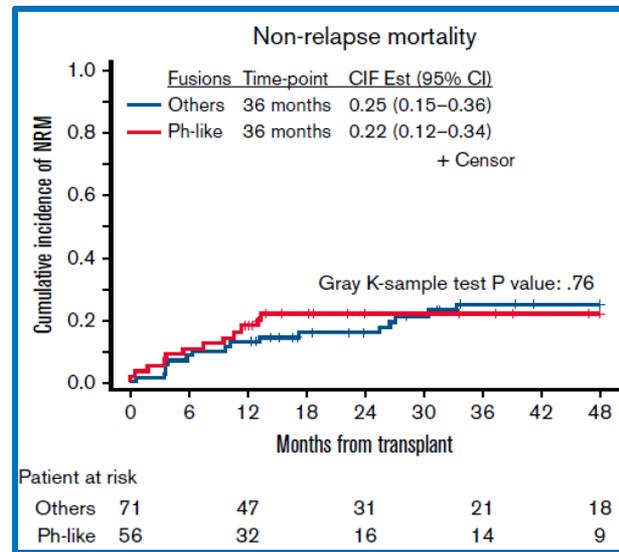
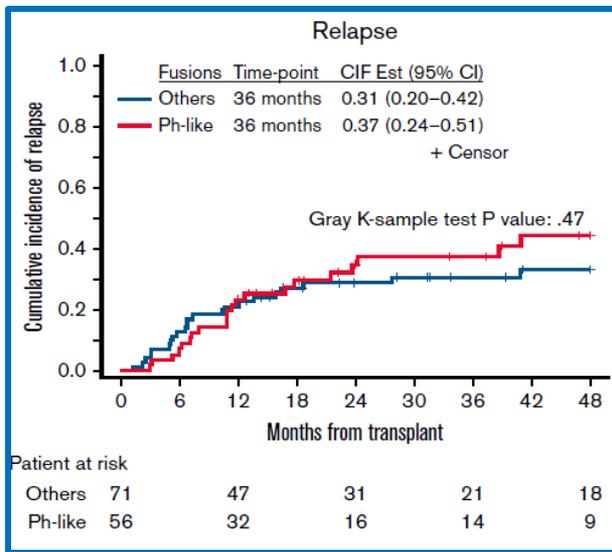
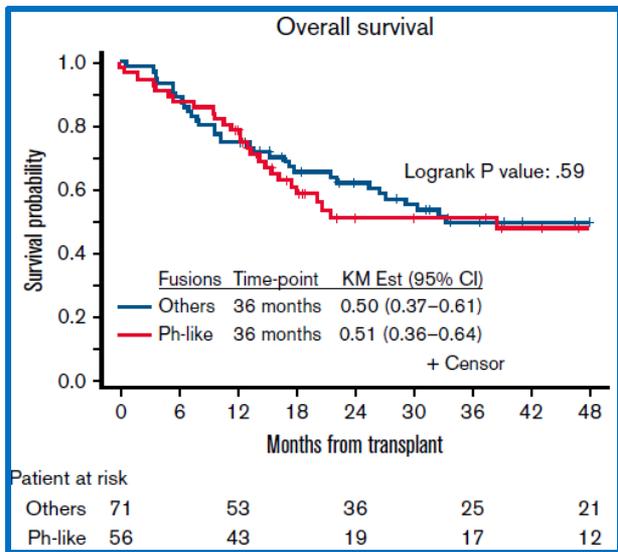


## MRD level post HSCT



**Try to transplant at the lowest MRD level possible!**  
**Immunotherapy useful for this purpose**

# Outcomes of alloHSCT in Ph-like ALL: City of Hope experience

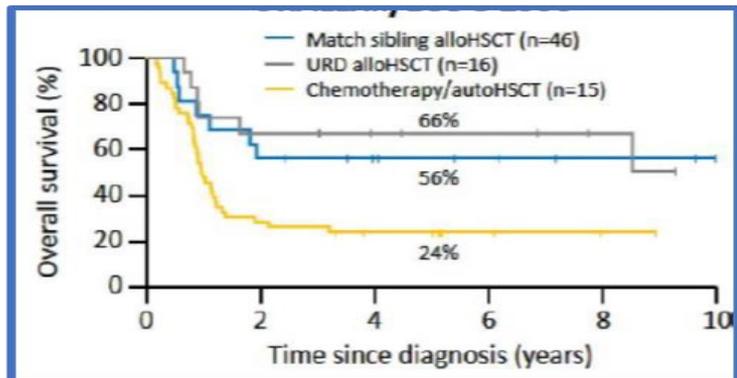


**Outcome after HSCT similar to that of non-Ph-like patients**  
**Problem: to attain a negative MRD level!**

# KMT2A ALL: AlloHSCT for all patients?

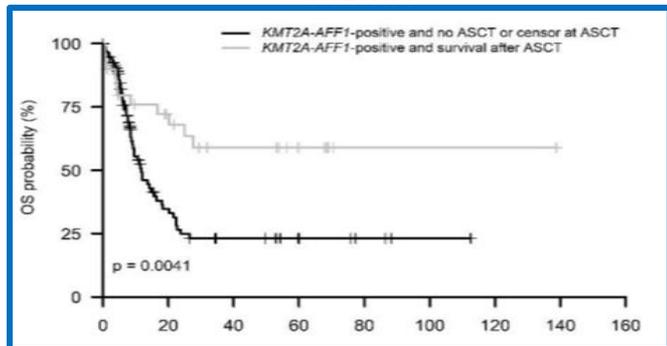
## Classical approach

### UKALL XII/ECOG2993



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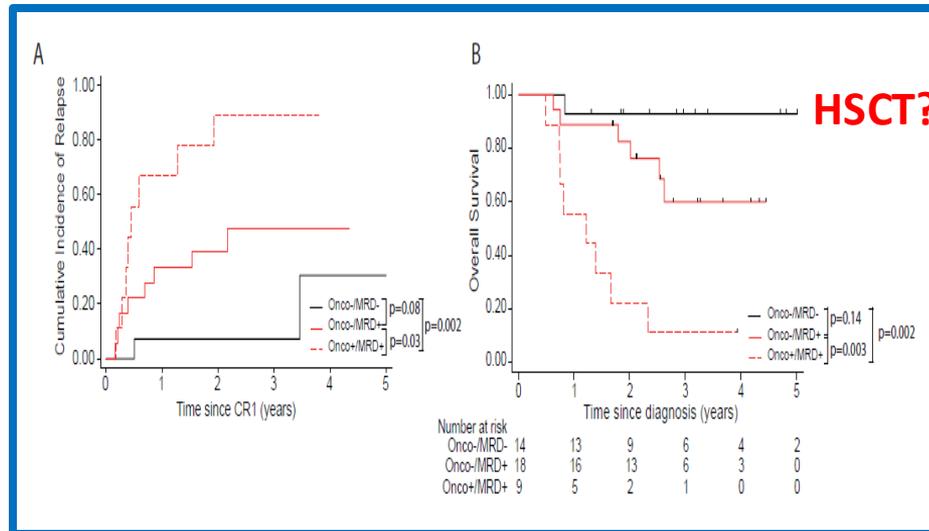
## GIMEMA



Picocchi A. *Am J Hematol*. 2021;96:E334-E338.

## Modern approach

### GRAALL study



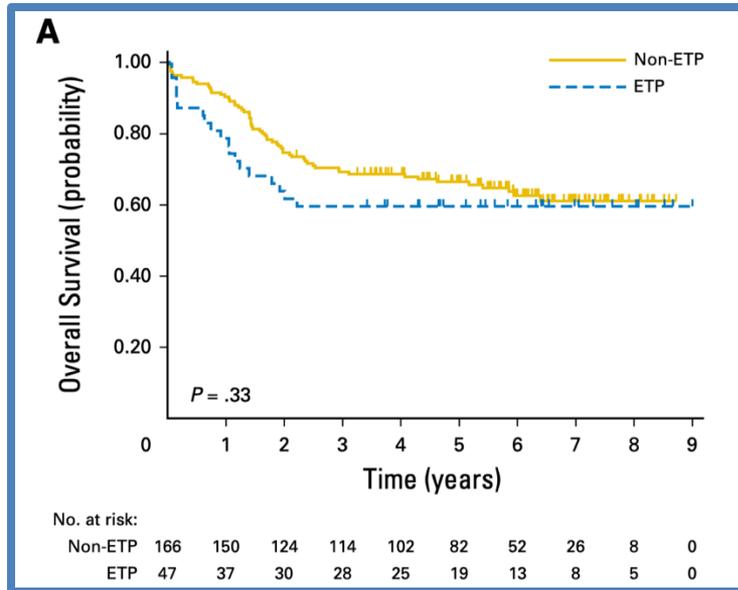
**Onco+:** TP53 and/or IKZF1 alterations  
**MRD assessed by KMT2A genomic fusion**

Kim R, et al. *Blood*. 2024 (in press).

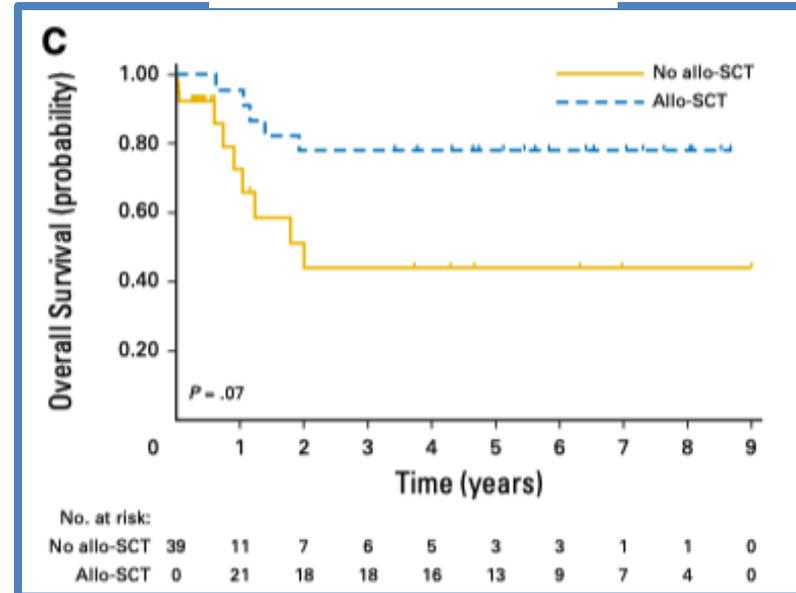
# Outcome of T-ALL according to alloSCT in CR1

## Overall Survival

### Non-ETP vs ETP ALL



### SCT in ETP ALL



**HSCT could abrogate the poor prognosis of ETP ALL**

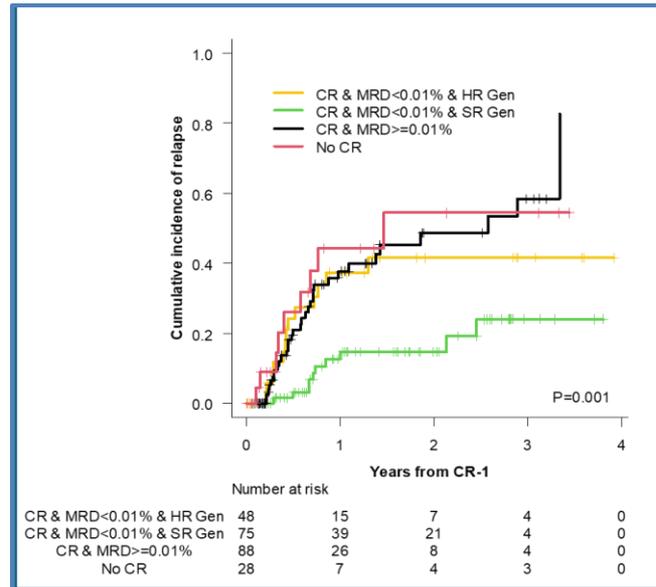
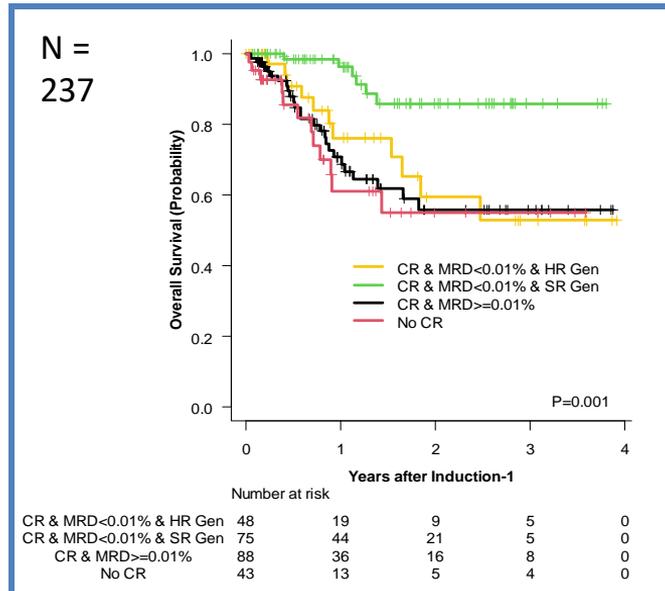
# Combining MRD and genetic background for alloH SCT decision: PETHEMA ALL 2019 trial

## MRD high risk

- MRD level >0.01% end induction
- MRD level >0.001% after consolidation

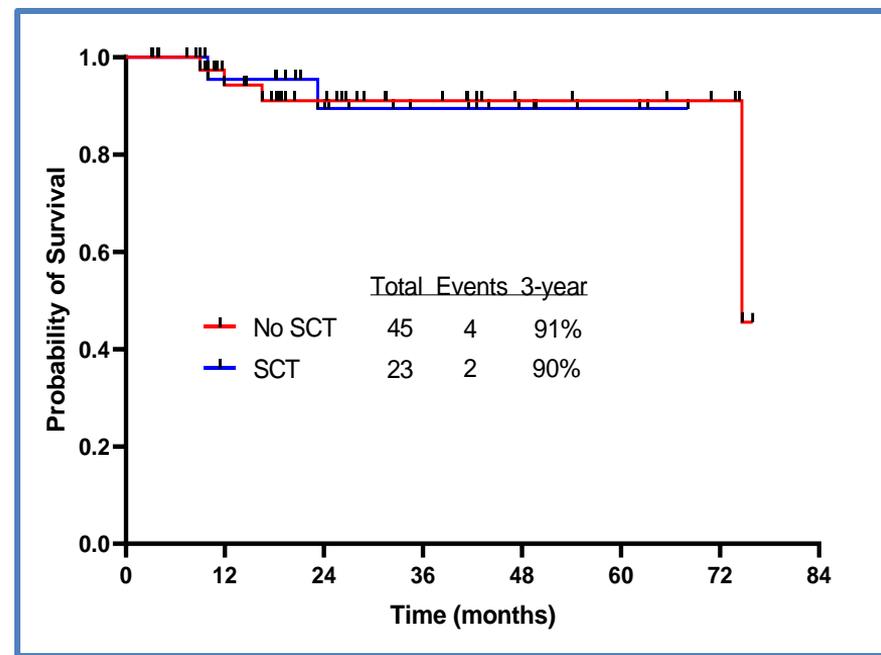
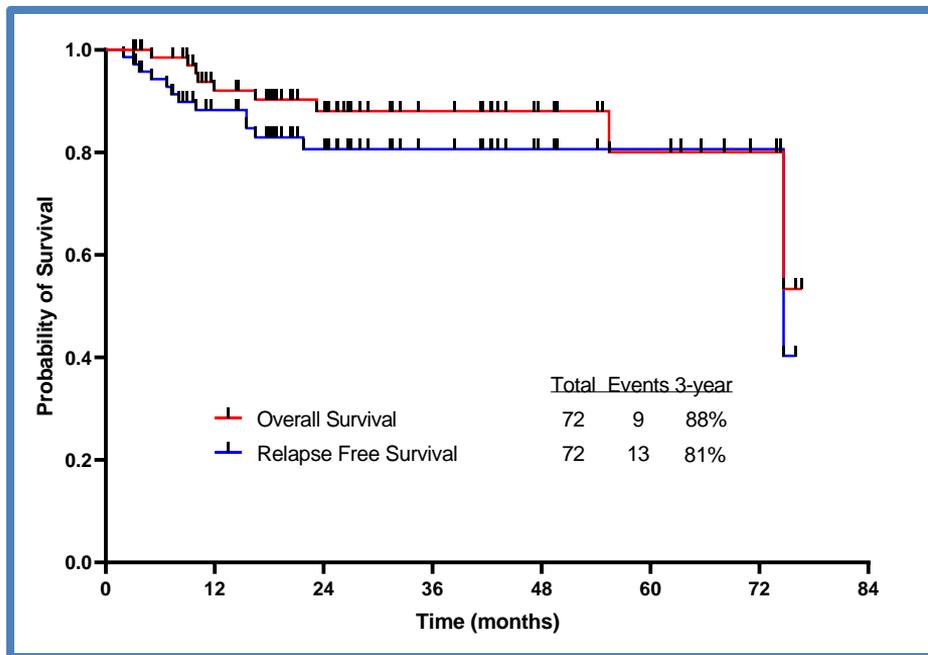
## High-risk genetics: Any of the following

- Hypodiploidy <40 chromosomes and age >35 yr
- *KMT2A* (*MLL*) rearrangements
- *TP53* deletion/mutation in homozygosis
- Deletions of *IKZF1* and *CDKN2A/B* in B-cell precursor ALL
- *NOTCH1*/*FBXW7* unmutated and/or *RAS*/*PTEN* mutated in T-ALL



# Will immunotherapy in first line reduce the indication of alloH SCT in CR1? Hyper-CVAD + Blinatumomab + InO in B-ALL: Outcome

## Effect of alloH SCT



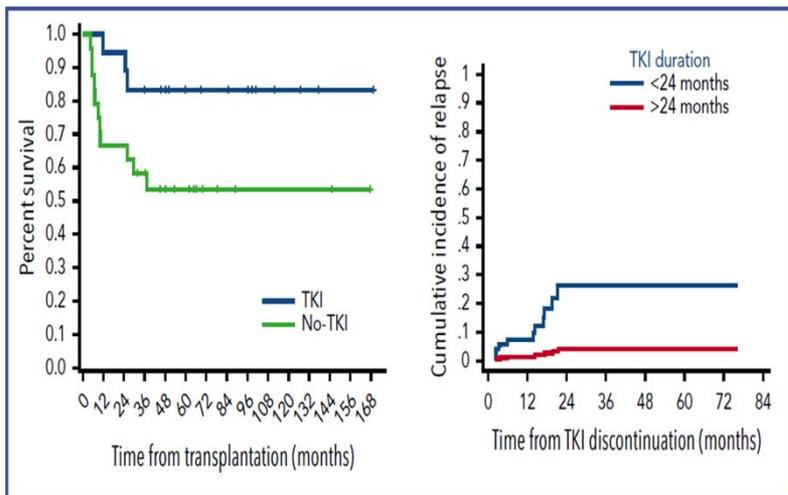
# Prevention of relapses after HSCT

**Feasible for Ph+ ALL**

**Feasible and effective in the remaining  
subtypes?**

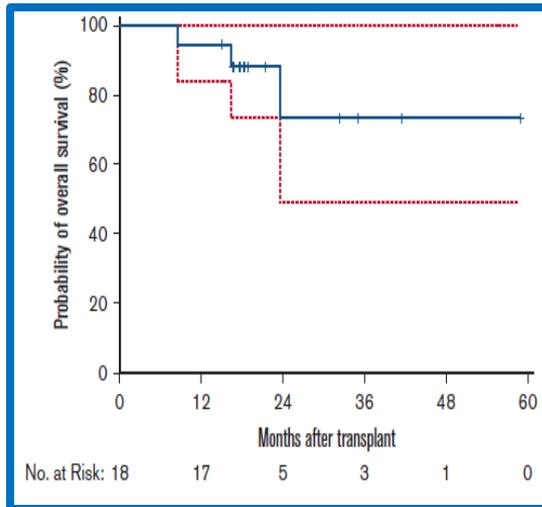
# Prevention of relapse after alloHCT

## Ph-positive ALL: TKI

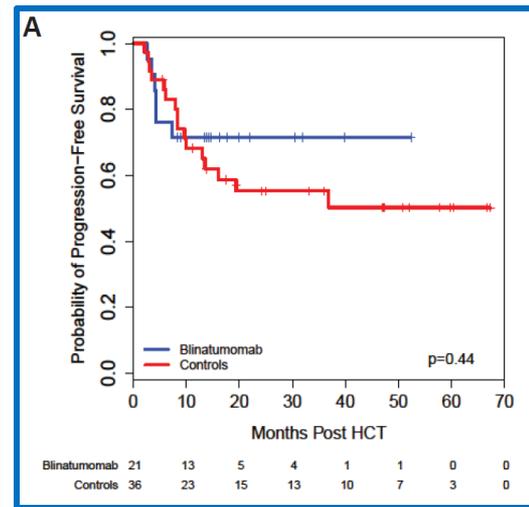


Saini N, et al. *Blood*. 2020; 136:1786-1789

## Ph-negative ALL: InO or Blinatumomab?



Metheny LL, et al. *Blood Adv.* 2024;8:1384-1391



Gaballa MR, et al. *Blood*. 2022;139:1908-1919

# Consolidative HSCT after CAR T?

It depends . . .

CAR T construct, CAR T persistence, MRD after CAR T . . .

# CAR T studies with HSCT consolidation

Study	Co-stimulatory domain	N	Age in years, median (range)	CR/CRi (%)	Outcomes (EFS/RFS/LFS/OS)	Allo-HCT in CR	Outcomes post-HCT vs no HCT in CR patients
Shah BD et al., 2021 NCT02614066	CD28	55	40 (28-52)	71	6-month RFS of 58% Median OS 25.4 months	10	HCT: 6/10 alive in CR No HCT: 6/29 alive in CR *median DOR unchanged by allo-HCT
Shah NN et al., 2021 NCT01593696	CD28	50	14 (4-30)	62	Median OS of 10.5 months 6-months EFS of 38%	21	HCT: 12/21 alive in CR No HCT: 0/7 alive in CR
Park et al., 2018 NCT01044069	CD28	53	44 (23-74)	83	Median OS 12.9 months Median EFS 6.1 months	17	HCT: 5/17 alive in CR No HCT: 9/26 alive in CR *no diff in EFS/OS in MRD- CR
Maude et al., 2018 NCT02435849	4-1BB	79	11 (3-23)	82	3-year RFS of 44% 3-year OS of 63%	11	HCT: 8/8 alive in CR with data available
Hay et al., 2019 NCT01865617	4-1BB	53	39 (20-76)	85	Median OS 20 months in responders Median EFS 7.6 months in responders	18	HCT: 11/18 alive in CR No HCT: 5/27 alive in CR *allo-HCT associated with improved EFS (HR=0.29) with MRD- CR
Frey et al., 2019 NCT01029366 NCT02030847	4-1BB	35	34 (21 – 70)	69	Median OS 19.1 months Median EFS 5.6 months	9	HCT: Not reported No HCT: Not reported *allo-HCT associated with improved EFS
Roddie et al., 2021 NCT02935257	4-1BB	20	42 (18-62)	85	2-year OS 58% 2-year EFS 48.3%	3	HCT: Not reported No HCT: Not reported
Gu et al., 2020 NCT02975687	4-1BB	20	18 (3-52)	90	Median OS 12.9 mo. Median RFS 6.9 mo.	14	HCT: 7/14 alive in CR No HCT: 0/4 alive in CR
Zhang et al., 2020 NCT03173417	4-1BB/CD28	110	12 (2-61)	93	1-year OS 64% 1-year LFS 58%	75	HCT: 10/75 relapsed No HCT: 13/27 relapsed *allo-HCT associated with improved OS, LFS

## Concluding remarks

- HSCT stabilized in recent years
- Results improve over time
- Ph+ ALL: modern therapies led to reduced HSCT indications
- Ph-neg ALL: MRD and genetics, best tools for HSCT decision in CR1
- HSCT indication can be modulated by immunotherapy in first line

# Q&A

**BREAK**

# Current treatment options for relapsed AML in adult and elderly patients

Charles Craddock

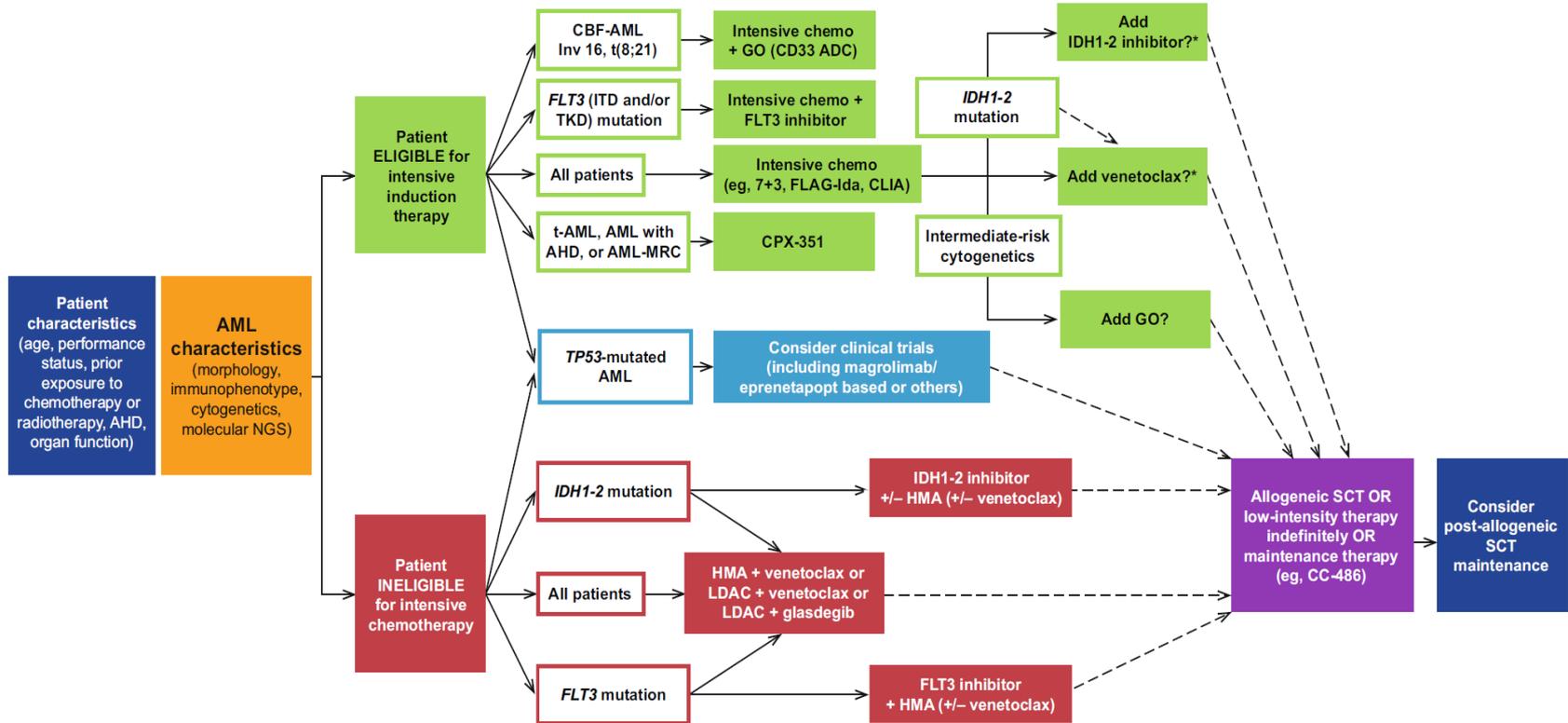


# **Current Treatment Options for Relapsed AML in Adult and Elderly Patients**

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# Evolving Diagnostic and Treatment Paradigm for Newly Diagnosed AML

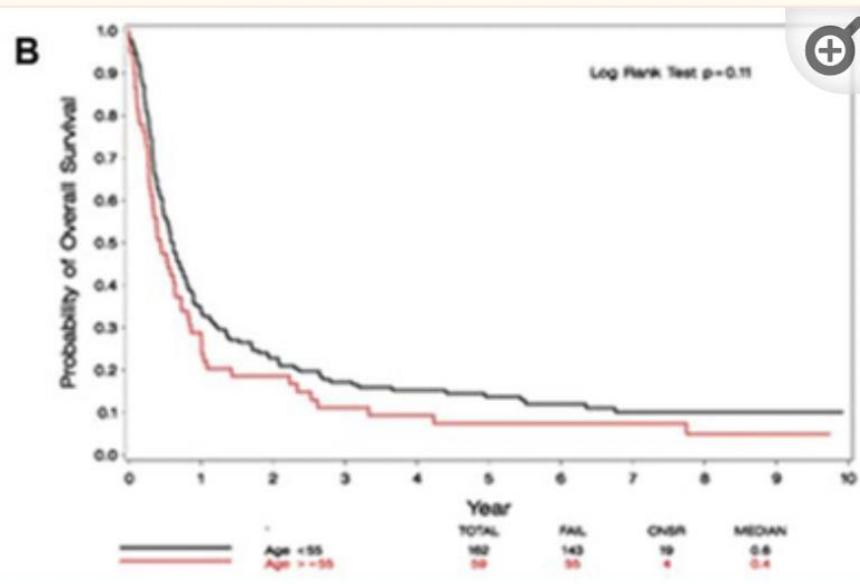
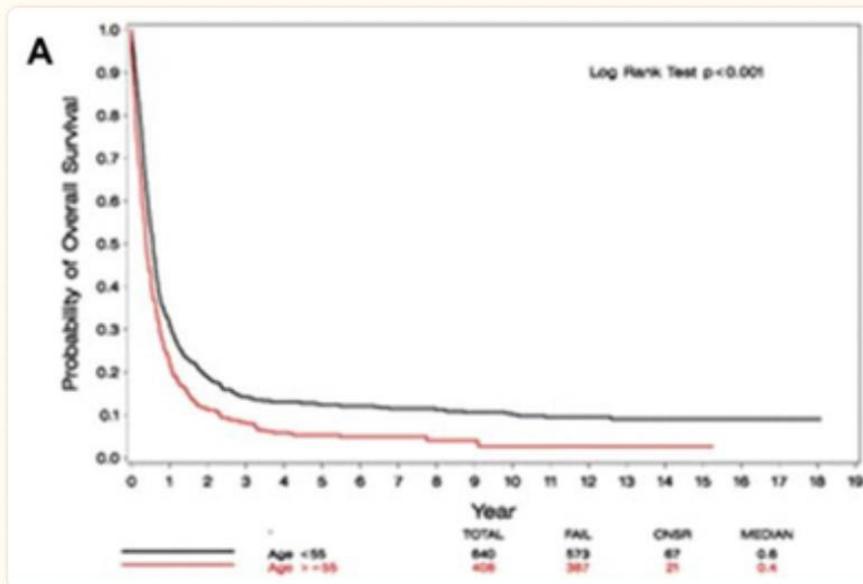


# Disease Relapse Is the Major Barrier to Long-Term Survival in Adult AML

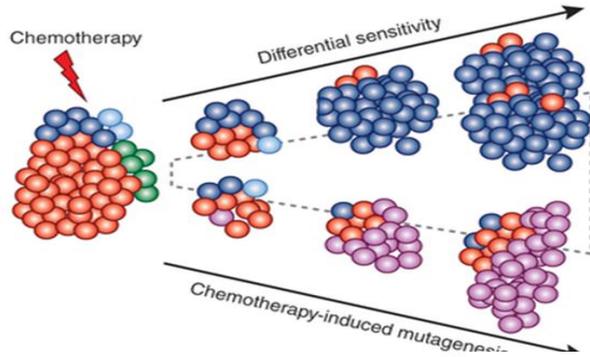
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- Disease relapse remains the major cause of failure in adults with AML treated with curative intent using either IC or allo-SCT
- Outcome after relapse is poor, and strategies with the potential to reduce disease recurrence are urgently required
- Key to the effective implementation of strategies to reduce the risk of relapse is characterization of relapse biology

# Outcome in Relapsed AML: Age, Cytogenetics, Duration of CR1, and Allograft Exposure Predict Survival

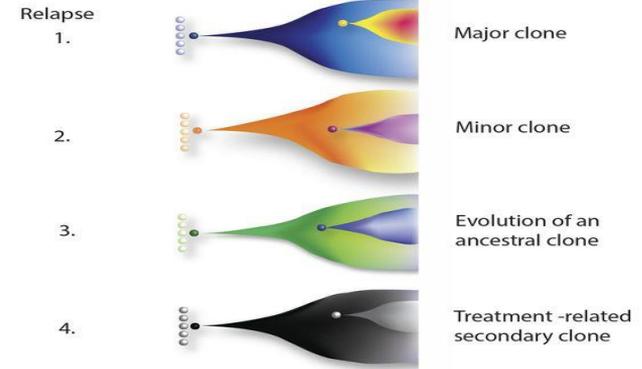
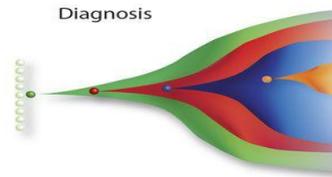


# Clonal Evolution and Importance of Repeat Genomic Testing at Time of AML Recurrence

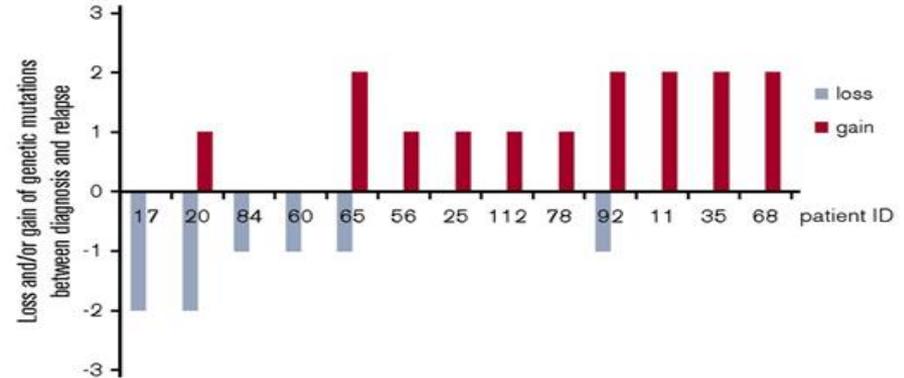
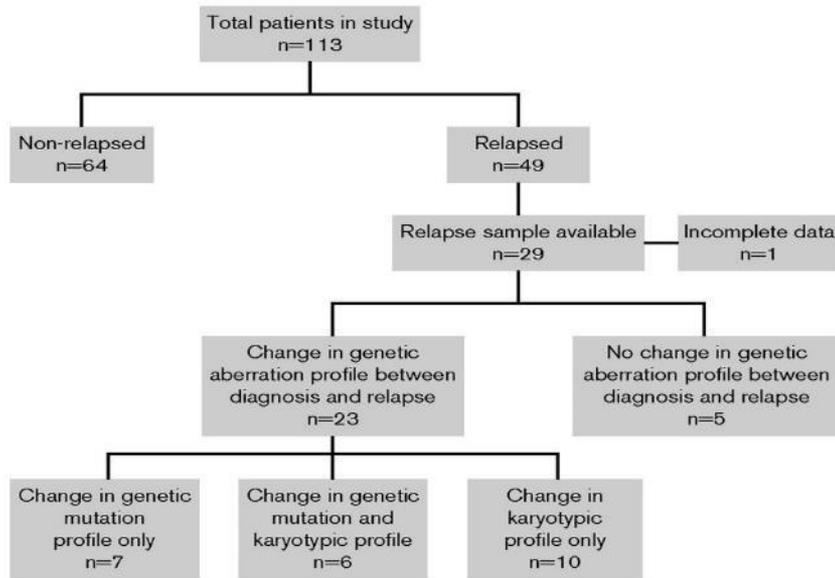


**Leukemia is not a static condition**

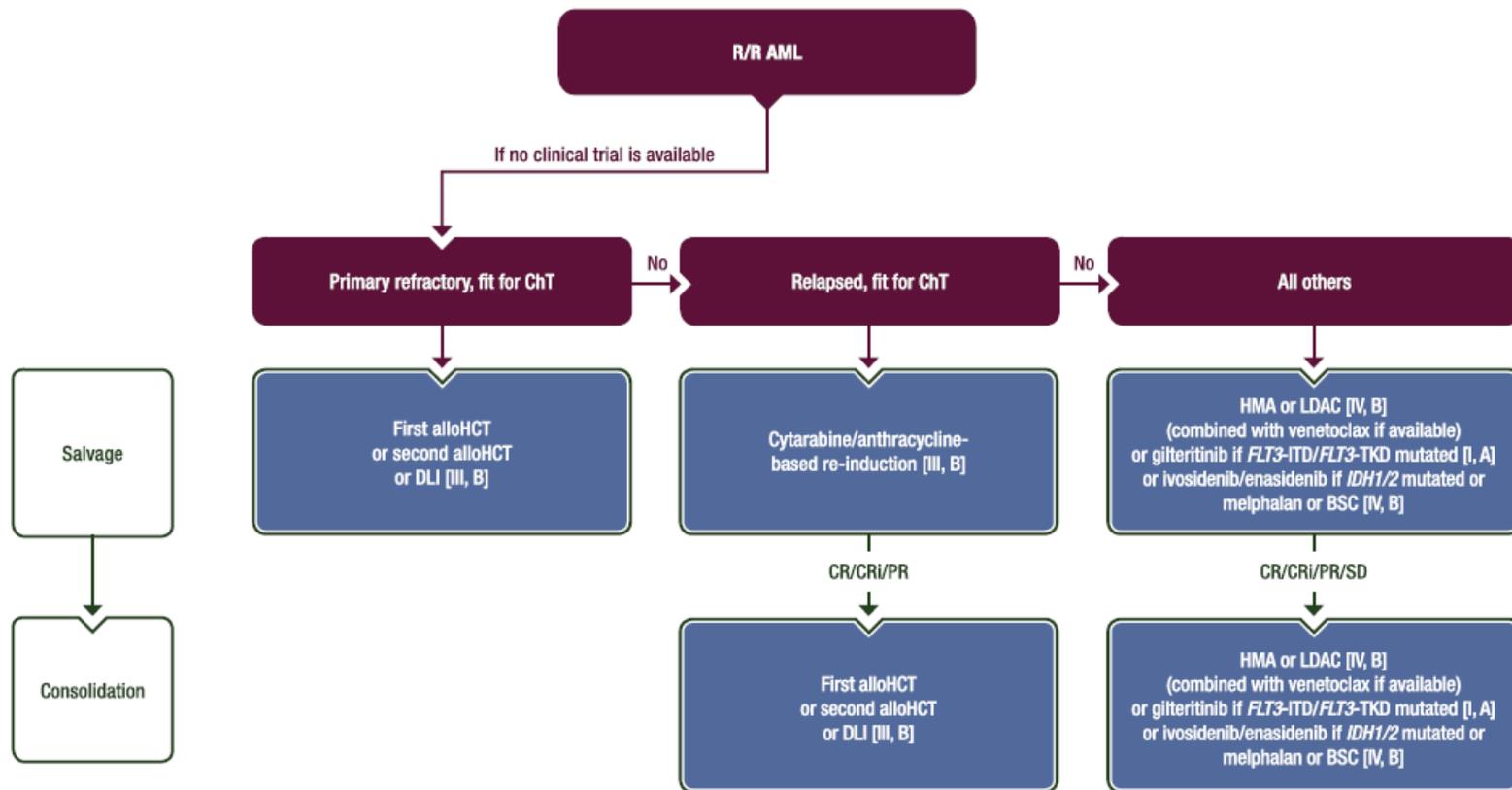
**Repeat genomic analysis at relapse is necessary**



# Mutational Instability at Disease Relapse Informs the Choice of Relapse Therapies



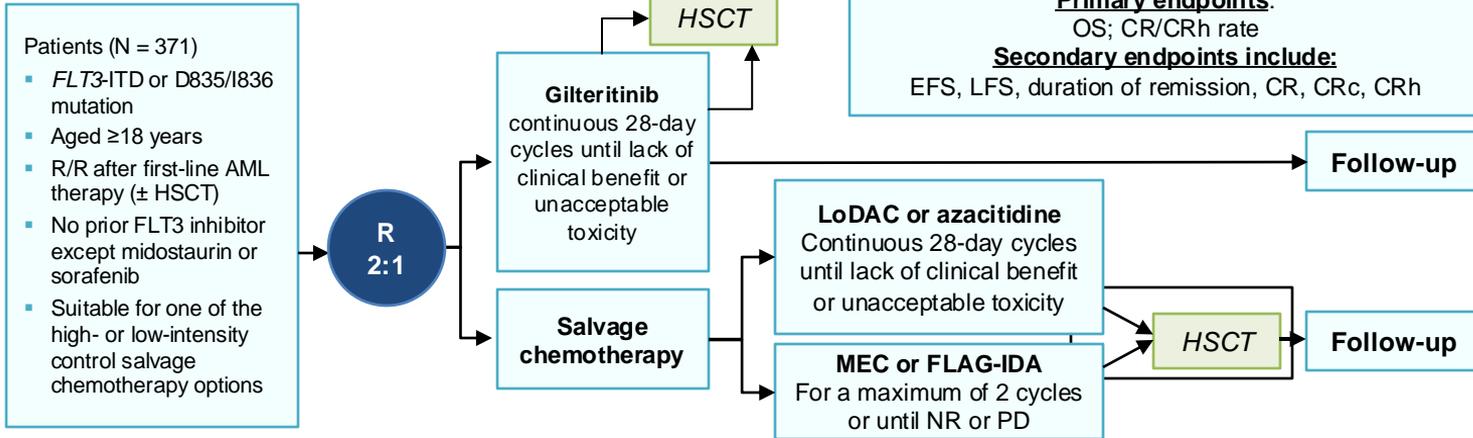
# ESMO Guidelines for R/R AML



# Gilteritinib: Phase III ADMIRAL Trial



## MONOTHERAPY VS SALVAGE CHEMOTHERAPY (ADMIRAL; NCT02421939)



- ADMIRAL addresses gilteritinib efficacy in the R/R disease setting compared with salvage chemotherapy; the study includes patients who are and are not fit for high-intensity chemotherapy
- On the basis of data from the ADMIRAL study, gilteritinib is approved in over 40 other countries for treatment of adults with *FLT3*-mutated R/R AML

# ADMIRAL: Baseline Demographics

**Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline (Intention-to-Treat Population).\***

Characteristic	All Patients (N = 371)	Gilteritinib (N = 247)	Salvage Chemotherapy (N = 124)
Age — yr			
Median	62.0	62.0	61.5
Range	19.0–85.0	20.0–84.0	19.0–85.0
Female sex — no. (%)	201 (54.2)	131 (53.0)	70 (56.5)
Cytogenetic risk status — no. (%)			
Favorable	5 (1.3)	4 (1.6)	1 (0.8)
Intermediate	271 (73.0)	182 (73.7)	89 (71.8)
Unfavorable	37 (10.0)	26 (10.5)	11 (8.9)
Unknown	58 (15.6)	35 (14.2)	23 (18.5)
Previous therapy for AML — no. (%)			
Anthracycline	311 (83.8)	205 (83.0)	106 (85.5)
FLT3 inhibitor	46 (12.4)	32 (13.0)	14 (11.3)
HSCT	74 (19.9)	48 (19.4)	26 (21.0)
Response to first-line therapy before enrollment — no. (%)†			
Relapse	225 (60.6)	149 (60.3)	76 (61.3)
Primary refractory disease without HSCT	146 (39.4)	98 (39.7)	48 (38.7)
Preselected salvage chemotherapy per IRT — no. (%)			
High-intensity chemotherapy	224 (60.4)	149 (60.3)	75 (60.5)
Low-intensity chemotherapy	147 (39.6)	98 (39.7)	49 (39.5)
FLT3 mutation subtype — no. (%)‡			
ITD only	328 (88.4)	215 (87.0)	113 (91.1)
TKD only	31 (8.4)	21 (8.5)	10 (8.1)
ITD and TKD	7 (1.9)	7 (2.8)	0

\* The intention-to-treat population included all the patients who underwent randomization. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. AML denotes acute myeloid leukemia, HSCT hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation, ITD internal tandem duplication, and TKD tyrosine kinase domain.

† Response was based on findings from interactive response technology (IRT).

‡ Central laboratory confirmed the FLT3 mutation status. Five patients (1.3%) had unconfirmed FLT3 mutations; four patients (1.6%) were assigned to the gilteritinib group and one (0.8%) to the chemotherapy group.

# ADMIRAL: Adverse Event Profile

**Table 3. Incidence of Adverse Events during Treatment That Occurred in at Least 20% of the Patients in Either Treatment Group (Safety Analysis Population).\***

Event	Gilteritinib (N=246)			Salvage Chemotherapy (N=109)		
	Adverse Event of Any Grade	Grade ≥3 Adverse Event	Serious Adverse Event	Adverse Event of Any Grade	Grade ≥3 Adverse Event	Serious Adverse Event
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>					
Febrile neutropenia	115 (46.7)	113 (45.9)	76 (30.9)	40 (36.7)	40 (36.7)	9 (8.3)
Anemia	116 (47.2)	100 (40.7)	8 (3.3)	38 (34.9)	33 (30.3)	0
Pyrexia	105 (42.7)	8 (3.3)	32 (13.0)	32 (29.4)	4 (3.7)	1 (0.9)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	103 (41.9)	34 (13.8)	13 (5.3)	10 (9.2)	5 (4.6)	0
Diarrhea	81 (32.9)	9 (3.7)	10 (4.1)	32 (29.4)	3 (2.8)	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	99 (40.2)	36 (14.6)	10 (4.1)	13 (11.9)	2 (1.8)	0
Hypokalemia	71 (28.9)	32 (13.0)	0	34 (31.2)	12 (11.0)	1 (0.9)
Constipation	76 (30.9)	2 (0.8)	0	16 (14.7)	0	0
Fatigue	70 (28.5)	6 (2.4)	4 (1.6)	14 (12.8)	2 (1.8)	1 (0.9)
Platelet count decreased	56 (22.8)	54 (22.0)	5 (2.0)	28 (25.7)	27 (24.8)	0
Cough	72 (29.3)	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)	11 (10.1)	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	63 (25.6)	56 (22.8)	4 (1.6)	18 (16.5)	18 (16.5)	1 (0.9)
Headache	64 (26.0)	3 (1.2)	5 (2.0)	16 (14.7)	0	0
Peripheral edema	59 (24.0)	1 (0.4)	0	13 (11.9)	0	0
Vomiting	53 (21.5)	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	15 (13.8)	0	0
Dyspnea	58 (23.6)	10 (4.1)	10 (4.1)	7 (6.4)	3 (2.8)	2 (1.8)
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	56 (22.8)	7 (2.8)	1 (0.4)	2 (1.8)	0	0

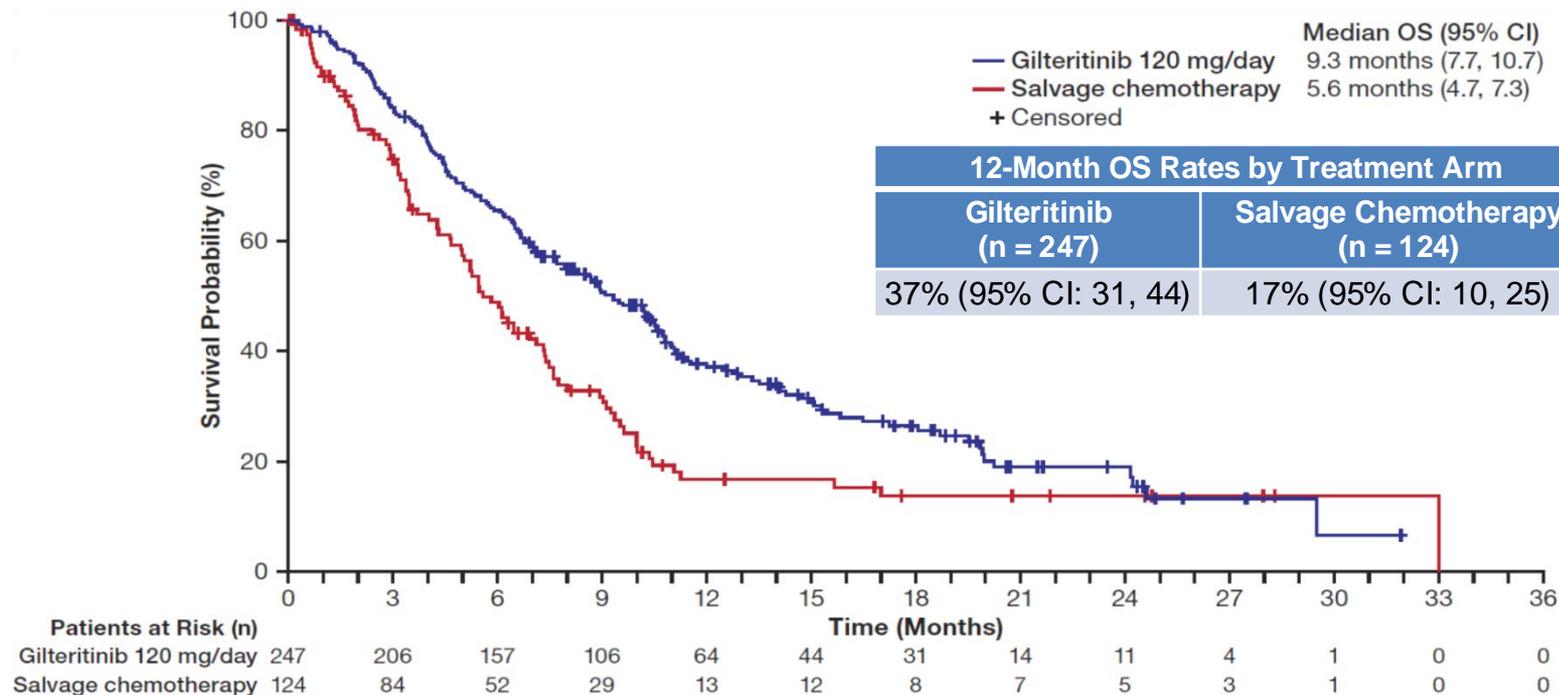
\* The events shown are limited to adverse events that had a difference in incidence of more than 2 percentage points between the treatment groups. The safety population comprised all the patients who had received at least one dose of trial treatment.

- Incidence of exposure-adjusted AE of grade ≥3 was 19.4 events/PY in the gilteritinib group vs 42.44 in the chemotherapy group
- Mortality at 30/60 days of ITT in the gilteritinib group was 2.0%/7.7% and 10.2%/19.0% in the chemotherapy group
- Drug-related fatal AEs occurred in 7 patients in the gilteritinib group vs 4 in the chemotherapy group

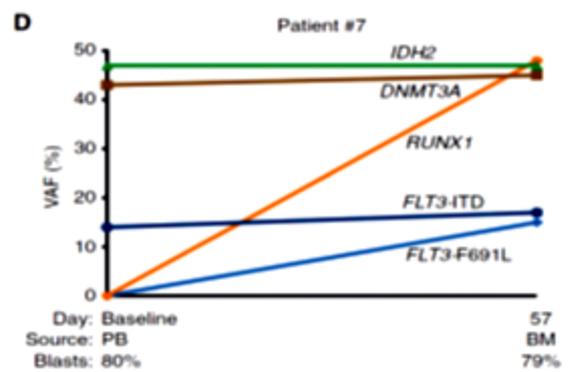
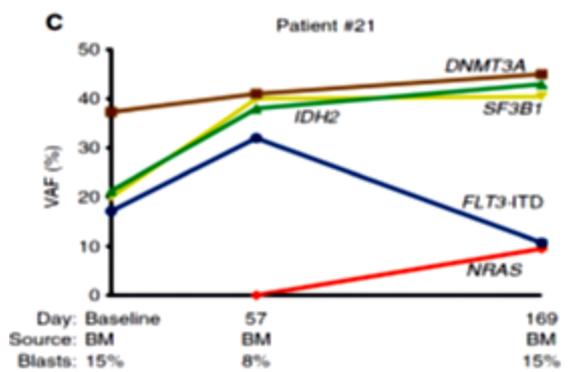
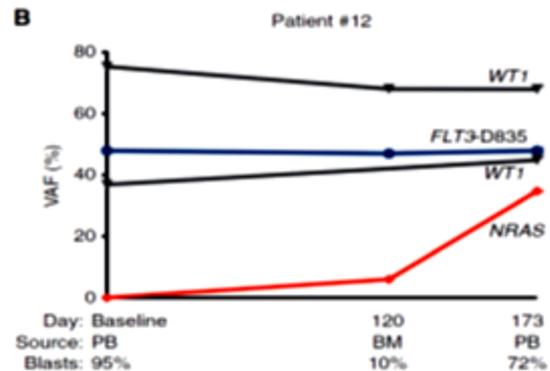
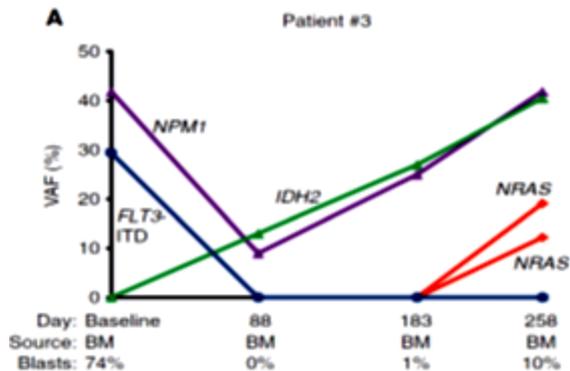
# ADMIRAL: Response Outcomes (ITT population: N = 371)

Response Parameter	Gilteritinib (n = 247)	Salvage Chemotherapy (n = 124)
<b>CR, n (%)</b>	<b>52 (21)</b>	<b>13 (11)</b>
CRh, n (%)	32 (13)	6 (5)
CRi, n (%)	63 (26)	14 (11)
CRp, n (%)	19 (8)	0 (0)
<b>CRc, n (%)</b>	<b>134 (54)</b>	<b>27 (22)</b>
<b>CR/CRh, n (%)</b>	<b>84 (34)</b>	<b>19 (15)</b>
PR, n (%)	33 (13)	5 (4)
ORR, n (%)	167 (68)	32 (26)
NR, n (%)	66 (27)	43 (35)
Mean time to achieve CRc (SD), months	2.3 (1.9)	1.3 (0.5)
Median DOR (95% CI), months	11.0 (4.6, NE)	1.8 (NE, NE)
<b>Allogeneic HSCT, n (%)</b>	<b>63 (26)</b>	<b>19 (15)</b>

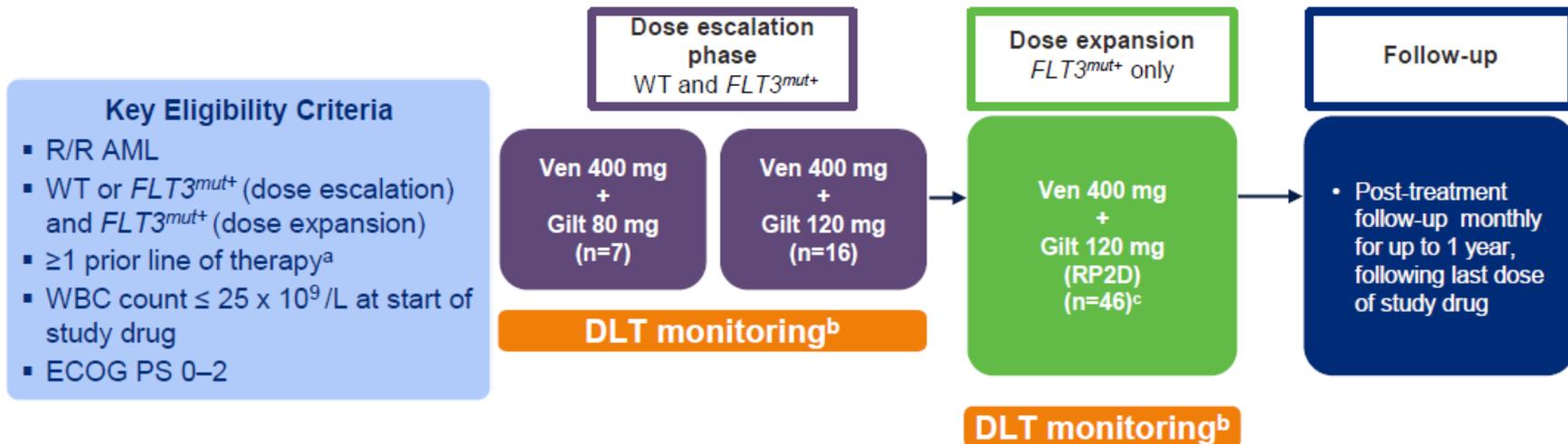
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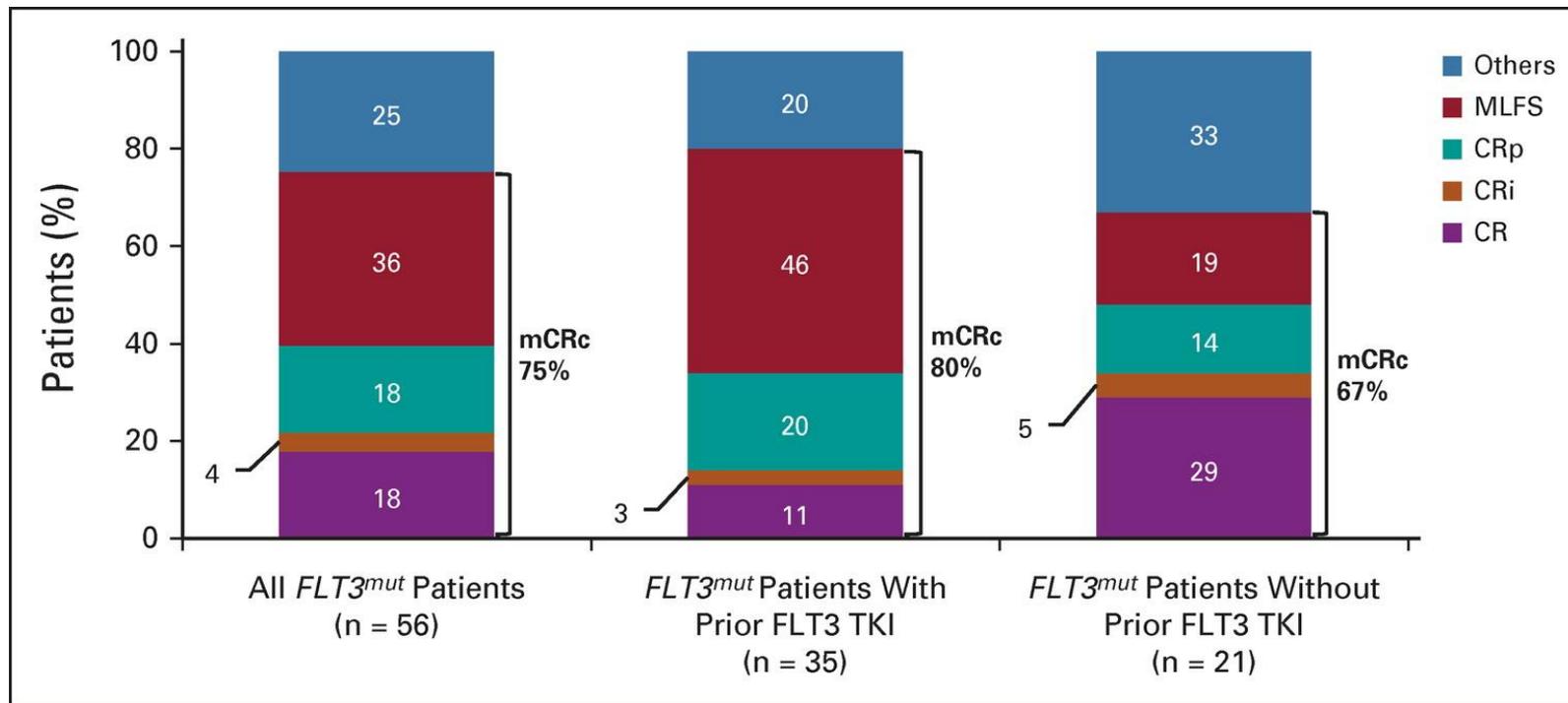
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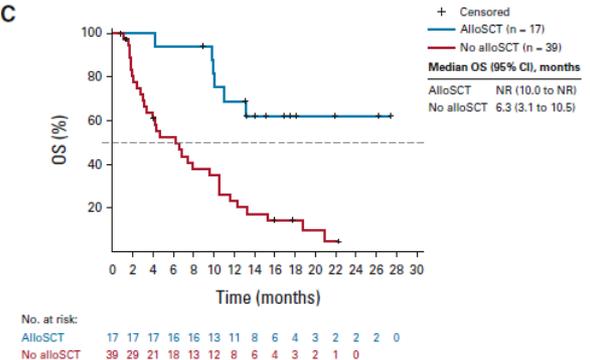
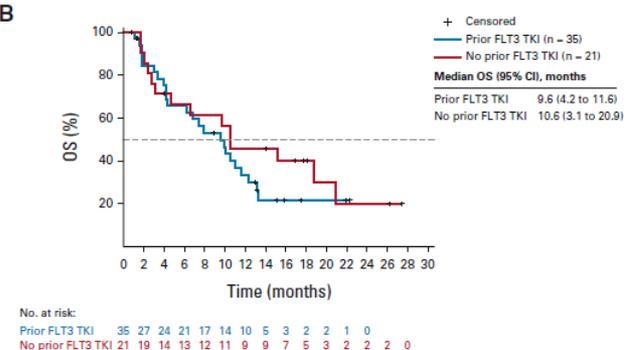
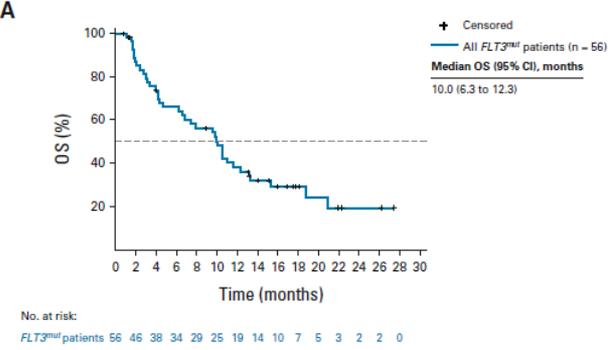
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# Gilteritinib + Venetoclax Is an Effective Salvage Therapy in Relapsed *FLT3*-Mutated AML

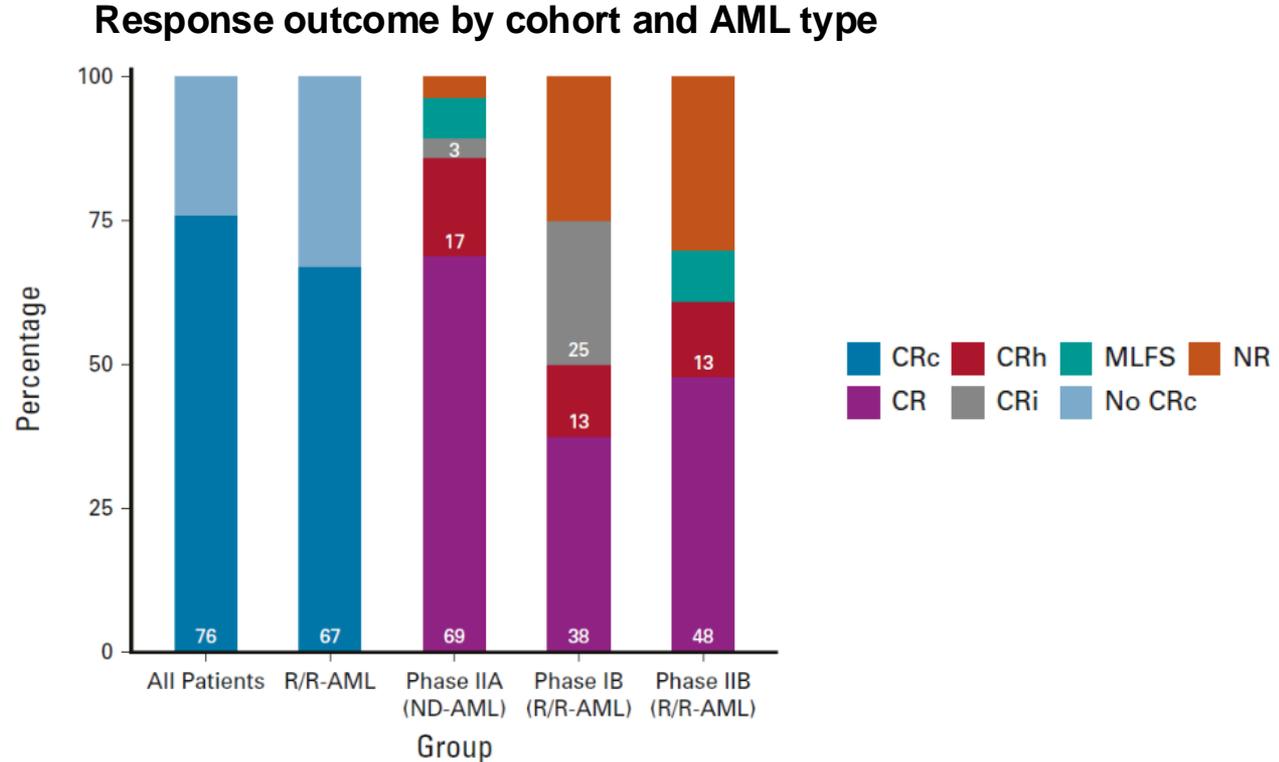


# Overall Survival in Relapsed *FLT3*-Mutated AML: Impact of 1) Prior *FLT3* Inhibitor Exposure, and 2) Stem Cell Transplantation



# Venetoclax + FLAG-IDA: Response Outcomes

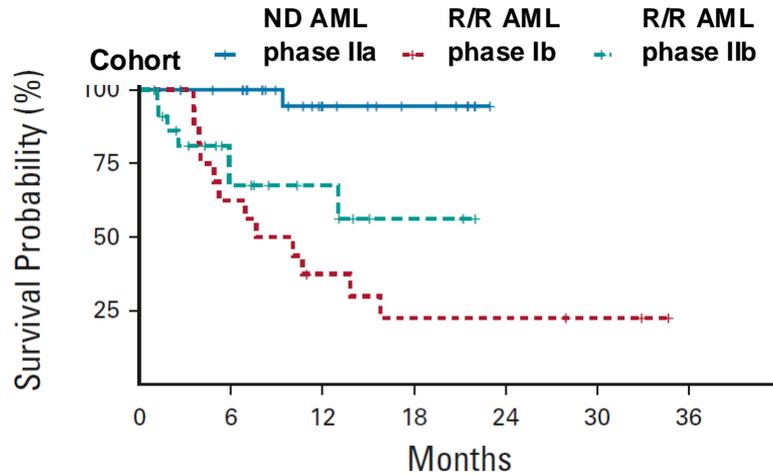
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# Venetoclax + FLAG-IDA: OS

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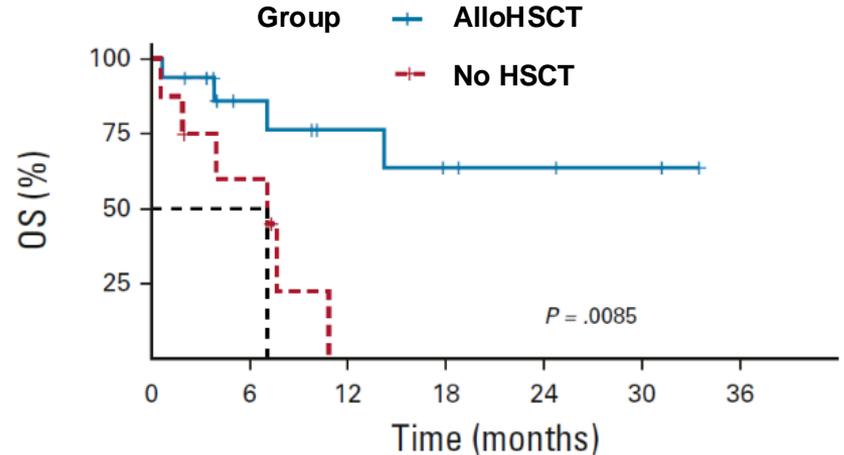
### OS by cohort



No. at risk:

PIIA: ND-AML	29	26	12	7	0	0	0
PIB: R/R-AML	16	10	5	3	3	2	0
PIIB: R/R-AML	23	10	6	2	0	0	0

### 3-month landmark analysis of HSCT in patients with CRc



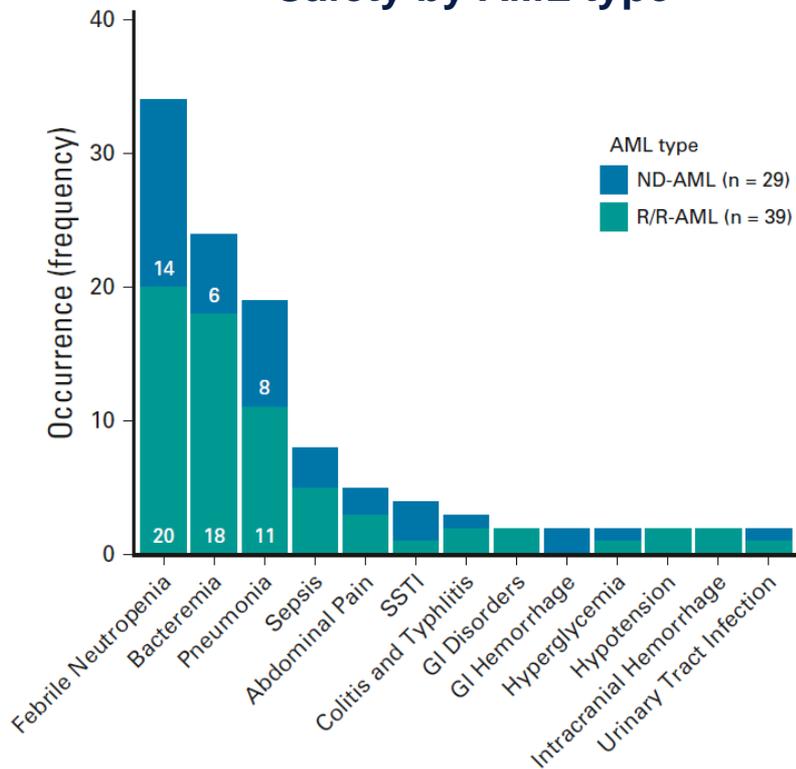
No. at risk:

alloHSCT	16	9	6	4	3	2	0
No HSCT	8	4	0	0	0	0	0

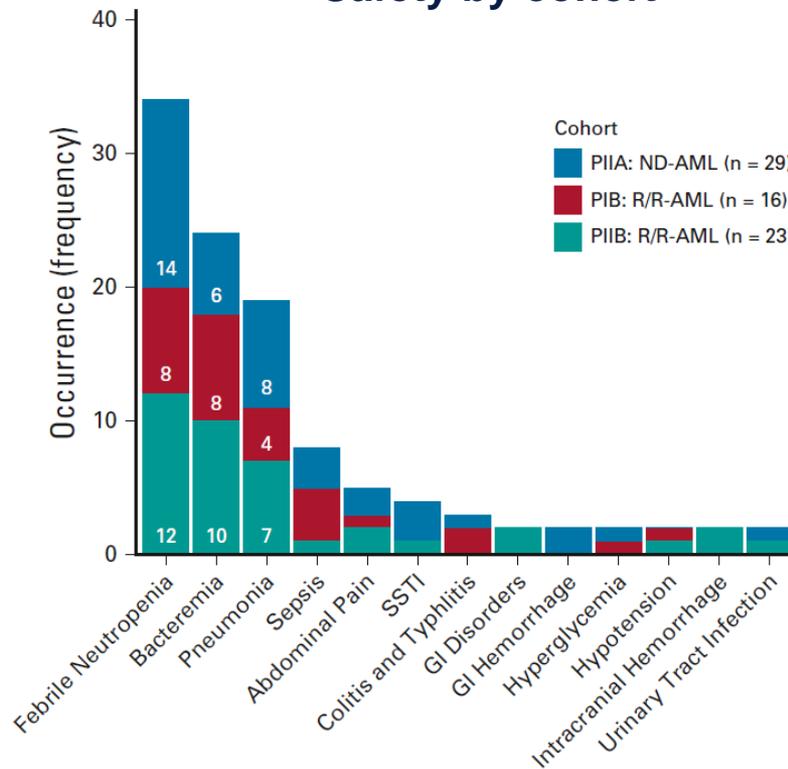
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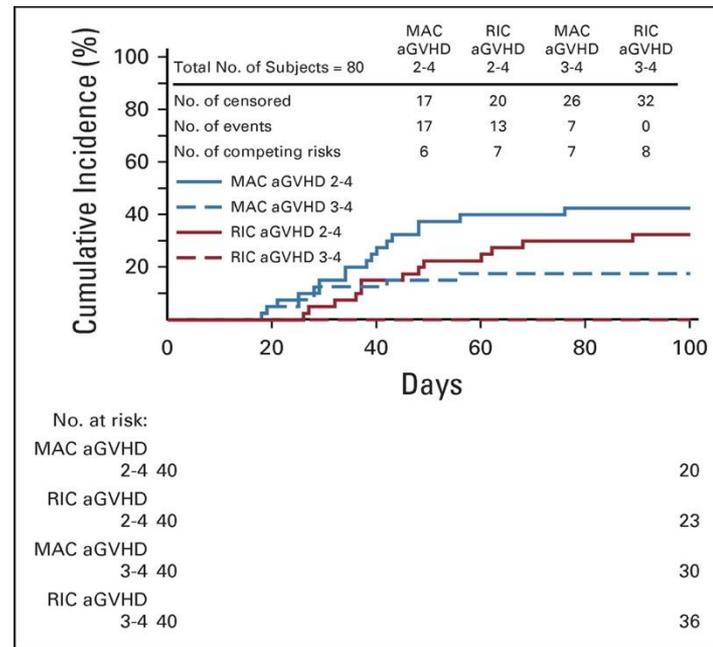
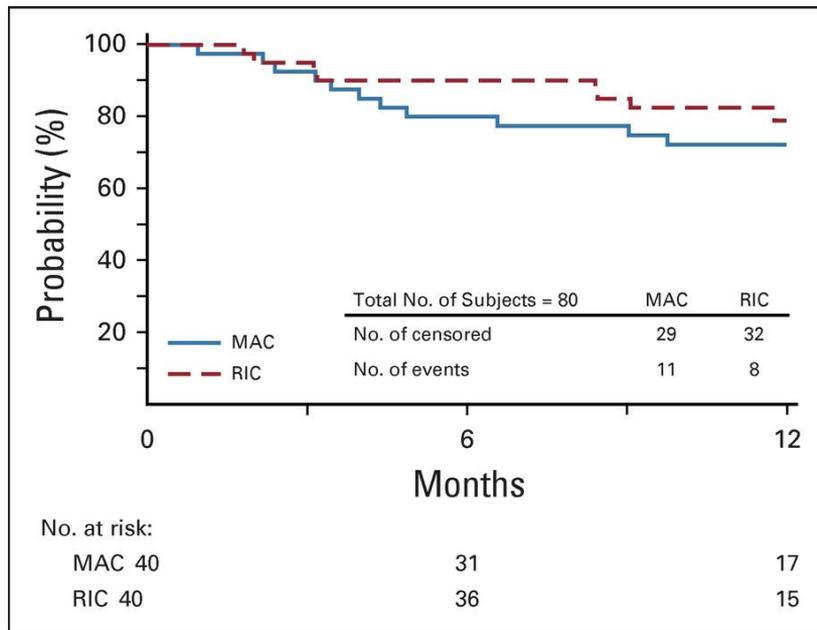
### Safety by AML type



### Safety by cohort

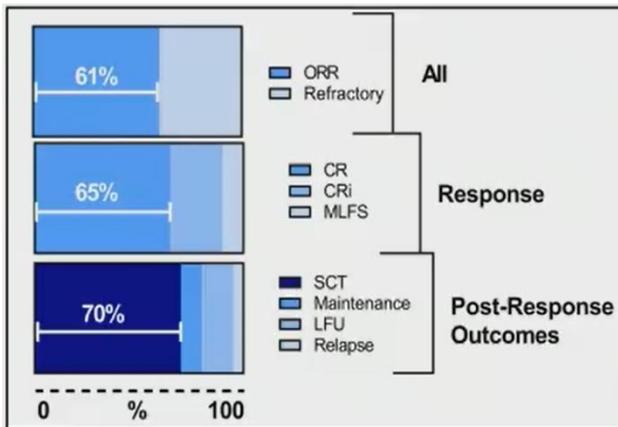


# Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide Improves Outcomes in Adults Transplanted Using Mismatched Unrelated Donors



# Updated Results From a Phase IIb Study of Venetoclax and FLAG-IDA in R/R AML: Response Rates

Response	N = 33, n (%)
<b>ORR</b>	20 (61)
<b>Composite response</b>	18 (55)
CR	13 (40)
CRi	5 (15)
MRD negative	13 (40)
<b>MLFS</b>	2 (6)
<b>Follow-up</b>	
ASCT	14 (42)
Maintenance	2 (6)
LFU after response	3 (9)
Relapse on-trial	1 (3)
<b>Refractory</b>	13 (40)



13/18 CRc patients (72%) were MRD negative

ELN Risk	N	CRc
Favorable	7/33 (21%)	6/7 (85%)
Intermediate	4/33 (12%)	3/4 (75%)
Adverse	22/33 (67%)	9/22 (41%)

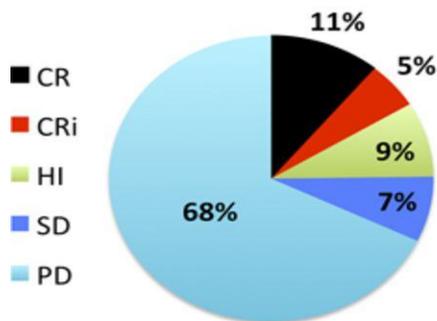
Mutation	N	CRc
<i>NPM1</i>	5/33 (15%)	4/5 (80%)
<i>RUNX1</i>	7/33 (21%)	4/7 (57%)
<i>ASXL1</i>	6/33 (18%)	2/6 (33%)
<i>TP53</i>	7/33 (21%)	1/7 (14%)

AML, acute myeloid leukemia; ASCT, allogeneic SCT; CR, complete remission; CRc, composite remission rate; CRi, CR with incomplete count recovery; ELN, European LeukemiaNet; LFU, lost to follow-up; MLFS, morphologic leukemia-free state; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, objective response rate; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SCT, stem cell transplant.

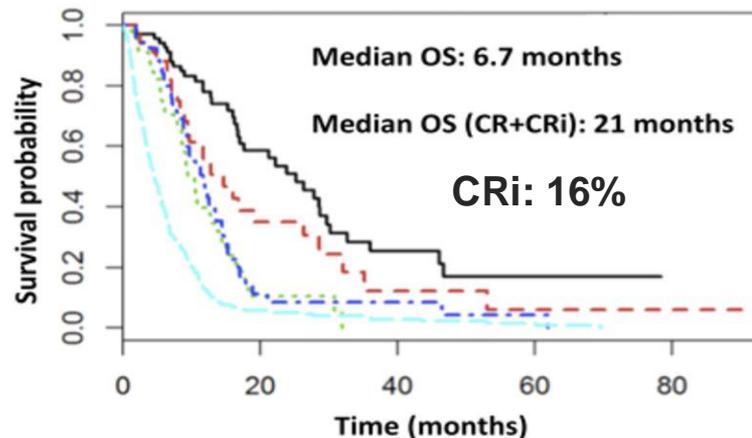
# Hypomethylating Agents in R/R AML

655 RR-AML patients treated with HMAs

Response



Overall survival (OS)



10-day schedule of decitabine

< 5% PB blasts

Response

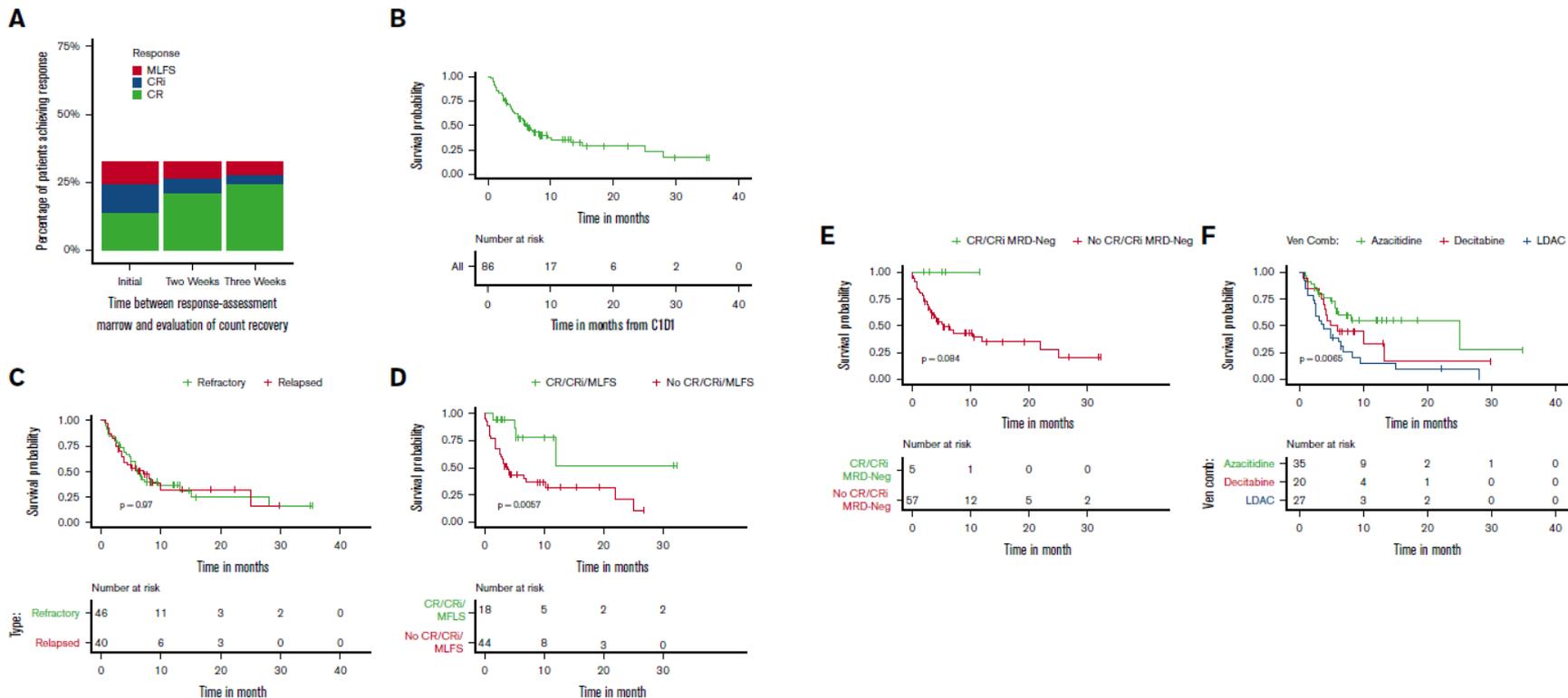


> 20% BM blasts

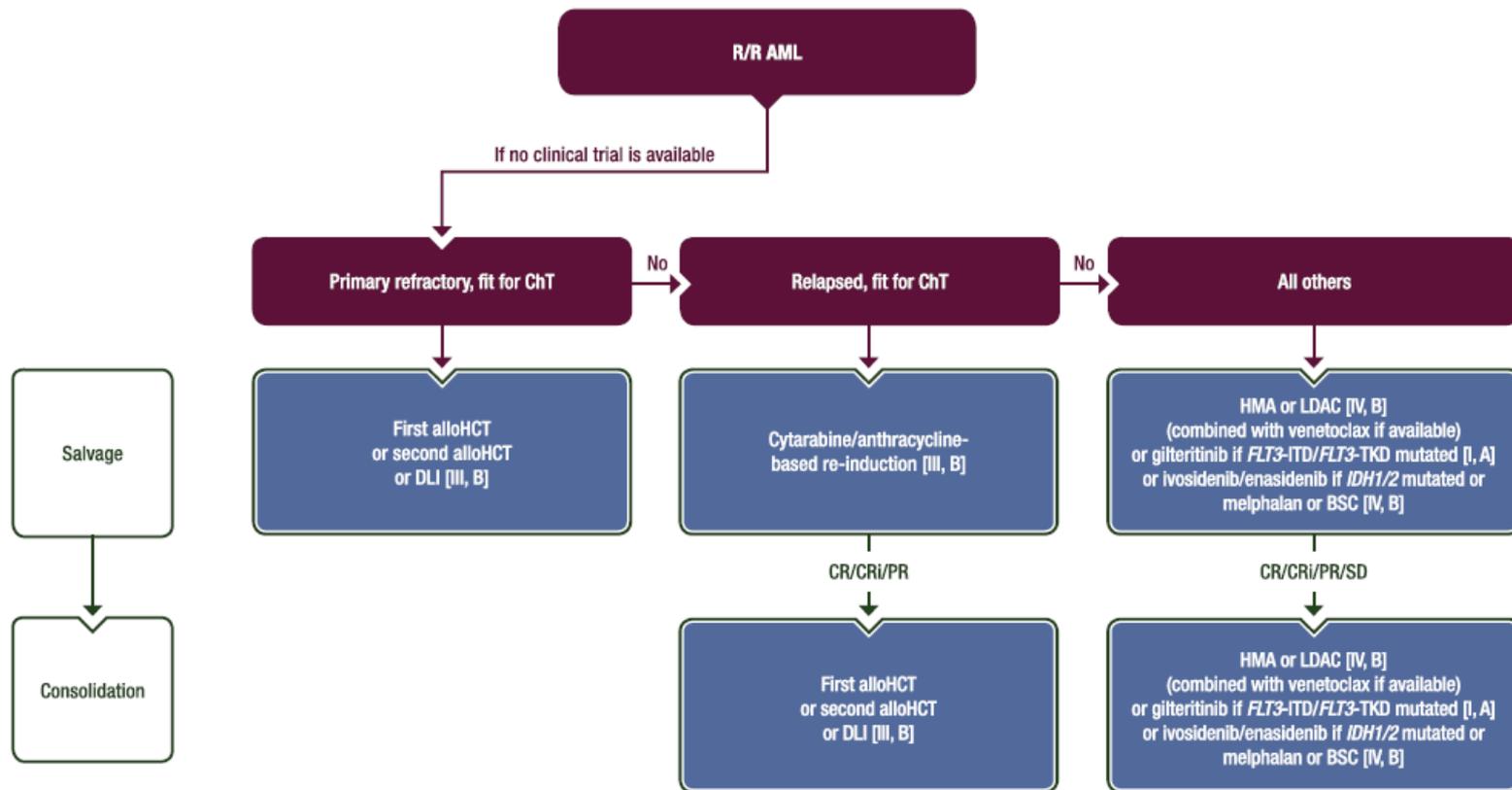
> 5% PB blasts

Overall survival

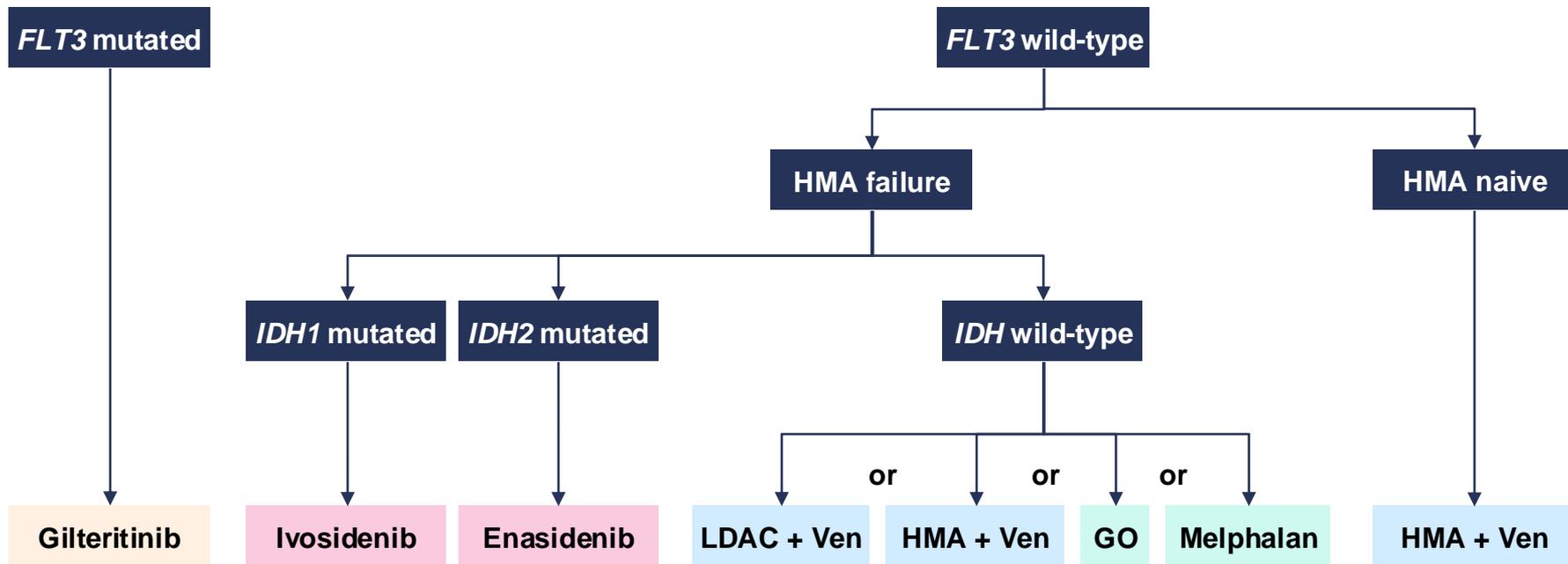
# Venetoclax Combination Therapy for R/R AML: Response



# ESMO Guidelines for R/R AML



# Onkopedia Updates to Guidelines for Patients With R/R AML Ineligible for Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant

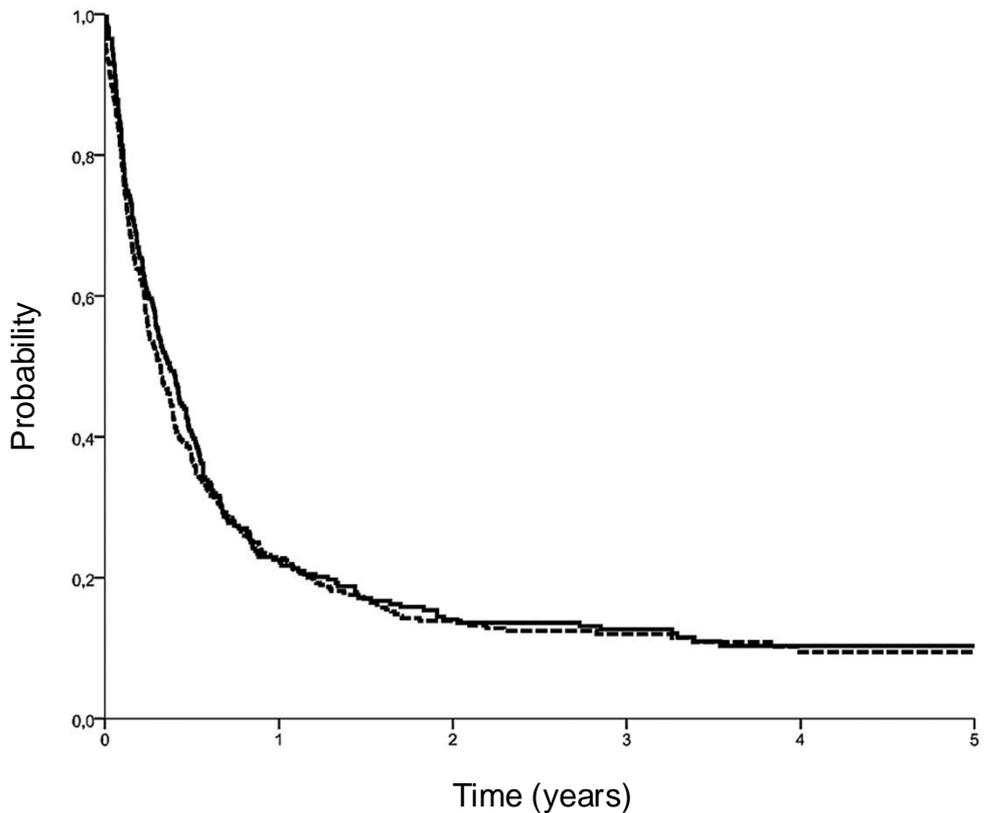


# Management of Disease Relapse Post-Transplant

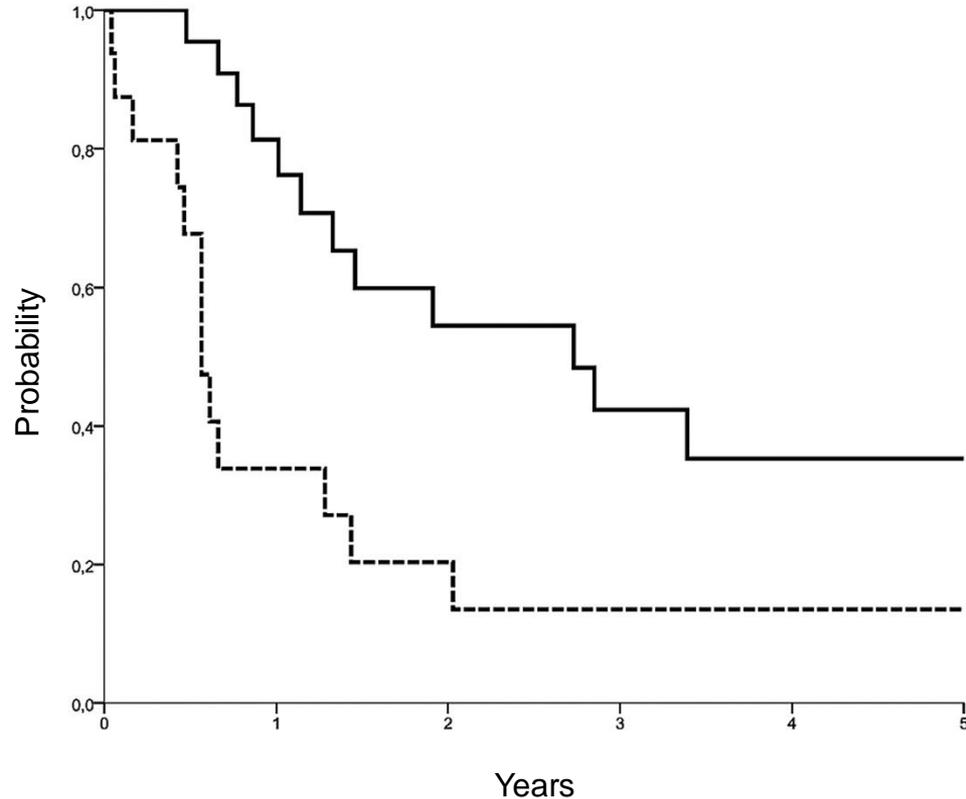
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- In patients with relapse post-allograft, acquisition of CR is a prerequisite of long-term survival
- Approximately 20%–30% of patients treated with salvage chemotherapy have a second CR, but toxicity is significant
- Alternative salvage strategies include
  - Immunosuppression taper
  - Salvage azacitidine
  - Lenalidomide-azacitidine combination therapy

# Long-Term Survival in Patients With Relapse After Allogeneic SCT for AML

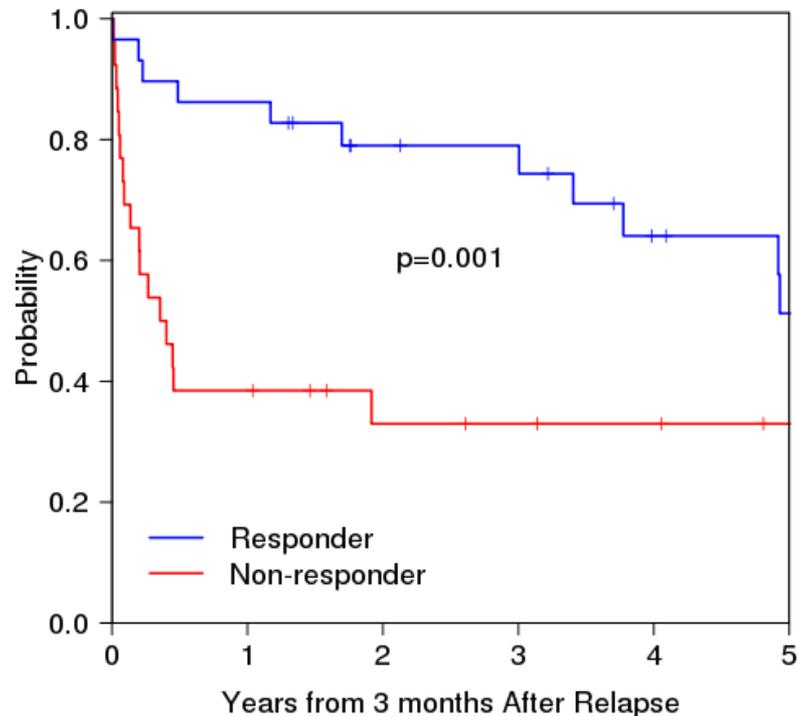


# Acquisition of CR After Salvage Therapy Is a Prerequisite of Long-Term Survival in Patients With Relapse Post-Allograft



# Immunosuppression Taper as Sole Therapy for Relapse Post-Allograft

- 535 patients who relapsed after HCT at DFCI between 2004 and 2012 were identified
- 123 received immunosuppression taper as primary treatment of disease relapse
- 34 out of 123 responded to immunosuppression taper alone
- 1/22 MA (2.5%) and 33/101 RIC (32.7%) responded to immunosuppression taper alone ( $P = .0073$ )

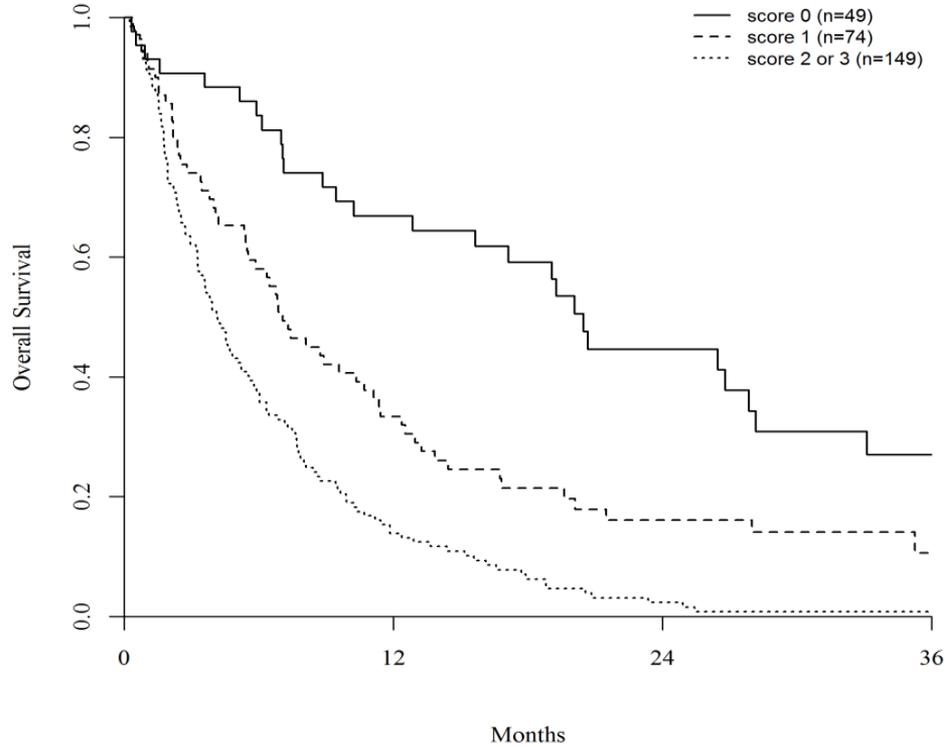


# Salvage Azacitidine in Patients With Relapse After Allogeneic SCT for AML/MDS

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- 272 patients on EBMT AMLWP database with relapsed AML/MDS who received salvage AZA
- Outpatient therapy
- Response rate 15% CR, (CR + PR) 24%
- Multivariable analysis of predictors of CR
  - Interval time transplant to relapse >12 months ( $P = .04$ )
  - Good-risk cytogenetics ( $P = .02$ )
- Multivariable analysis of predictors of OS at 2 years
  - Blasts in BM at relapse <median ( $P = .02$ )
  - Interval time transplant to relapse
    - 6–12 vs <6 months ( $P = .0006$ )

# Overall Survival After Salvage Azacitidine in Patients With Relapse After an Allograft for AML/MDS

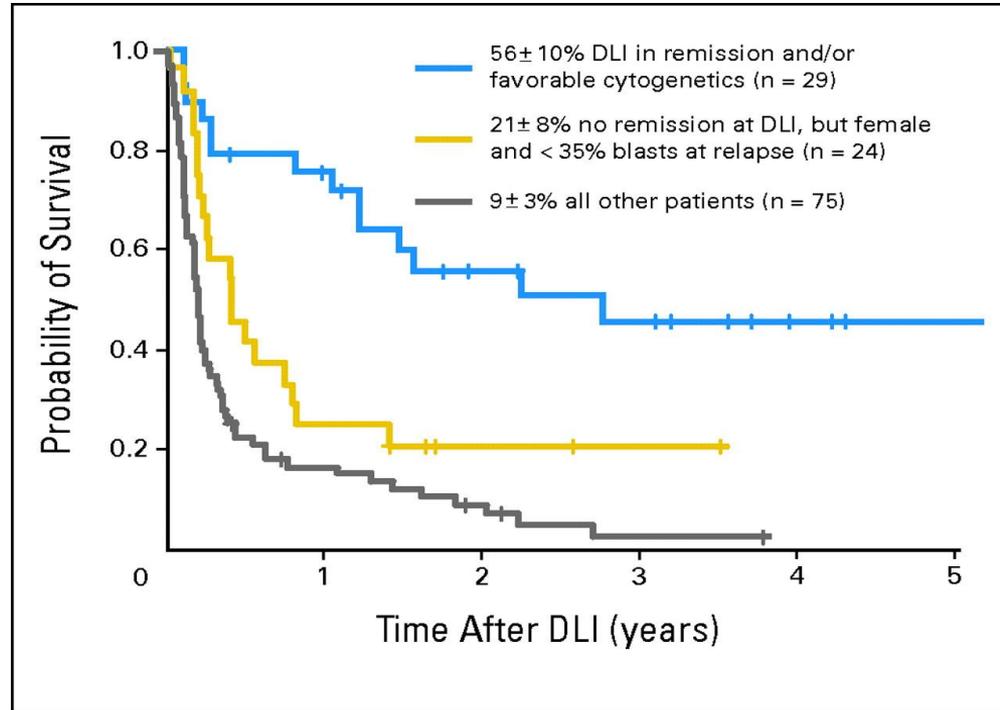


# Emergent Salvage Strategies in Patients With Relapse Post-Allograft

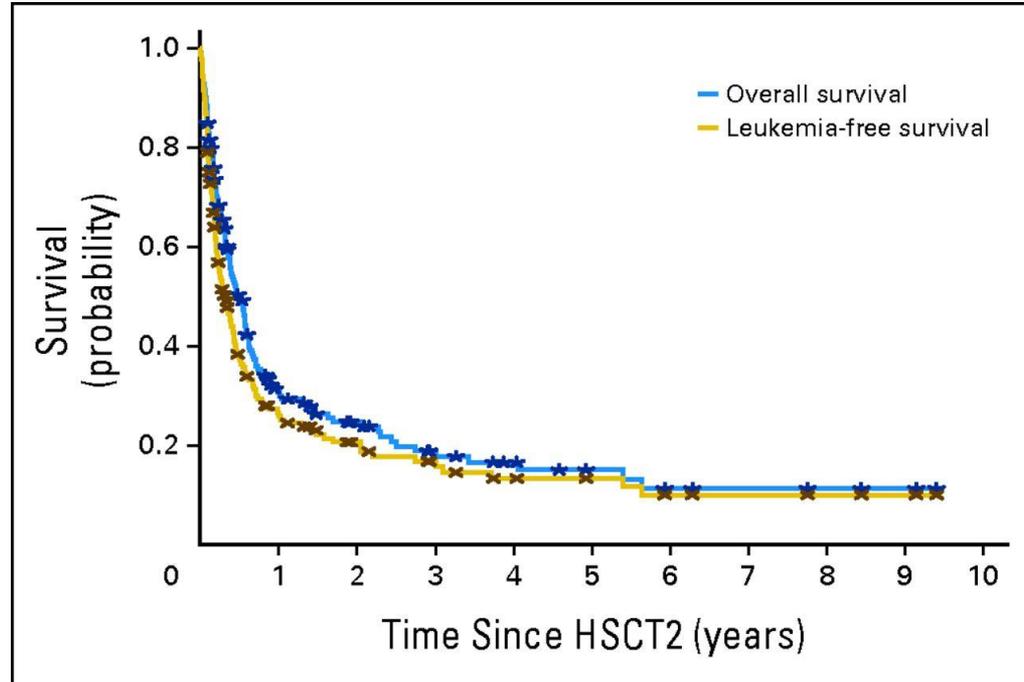
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- Gilteritinib-VEN in *FLT3*-mutated AML
- FLAG-IDA + VEN
- VEN-AZA
- CAR T cells

# Outcome After DLI Is Determined by Cytogenetics, Disease Status at Time of DLI, and Duration of CR Post-Transplant



# Outcome After Second Allograft Is Determined by Duration of CR Post-Transplant and Disease Status at Transplant but Not by Changing Donor



# Conclusions

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- Biological characterization of the cellular origin of disease relapse post-transplant is required
- A personalized approach to defining both relapse risk and kinetics is required
- Improved strategies to induce a second CR in patients with relapse post-allograft are required
- Second transplant and DLI represent potentially curative options in the minority of patients who have a CR

# Q&A

# AML case-based panel discussion

Case 1 AML: Vitor Botafogo (Spain)

Case 2 AML: Samantha Drummond (UK)

Moderator: Naval Daver



# Case 1

Vitor Botafogo (Spain)

# Case presentation

- > 47-year-old woman, no allergies, past medical history of **breast cancer** in 2022 treated with surgery + RT + trastuzumab and chemotherapy (doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide)
- > **April 2024:** pancytopenia and atypical monocytes in peripheral blood smear
- > **Bone marrow aspirate:** **36% monocytic cells with aberrant morphology**
- > **Immunophenotype:** 70% of aberrant monocytic cells, **compatible with monocytic leukemia**
- > **Karyotype: complex with t(9;11)**
  - > 45,XX,der(6;18)(q10;q10),?t(9;11)(p21;q23),t(11;17)(q13;q23),-19,+mar[20]
- > **NGS:** pathogenic mutation in *WT1* (VAF 2.6%), probably pathogenic mutation in *PPM1D* (VAF 36%) and ***KMT2A::MLLT3*** rearrangement
- > **Final diagnosis:** AML with *KMT2A* rearrangement; therapy related (WHO/ICC 2022)



## Which treatment would you choose for this patient?

- A. CPX-351
- B. 3+7 schedule (anthracycline + Ara-C)
- C. Clinical trial
- D. Azacitidine + venetoclax



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*Fit patient with high-risk AML*

# ELN 2022 guidelines: High-risk AML

Fit for intensive chemotherapy	Induction	Consolidation*	Maintenance
AML with <i>FLT3</i> mutation	Daunorubicin 60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV d1-3; or idarubicin 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV d1-3; and cytarabine 100-200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d CIV d1-7; plus midostaurin 50 mg q12h PO d8-21  Re-induction: either 2nd cycle "7 + 3" or regimen containing higher dose of cytarabine, each plus midostaurin, preferable the latter in patients with no response to 1st cycle	3-4 cycles of IDAC 1000-1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV (500-1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> if ≥60 y old) over 3h q12h d1-3; plus midostaurin 50 mg q12h PO d8-21 (in all cycles)†	Midostaurin 50 mg q12h PO d1-28, q4 wk, over 12 cycles‡
Non- <i>FLT3</i> mutant§	Daunorubicin 60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV d1-3, idarubicin 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV d1-3, or mitoxantrone 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV d1-3; and cytarabine 100-200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d CIV d1-7  Re-induction: either 2nd cycle "7 + 3" or regimen containing higher dose of cytarabine, preferable the latter in patients with no response	3-4 cycles of IDAC 1000-1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV (500-1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> if ≥60 y old) over 3h q12h d1-3	Oral azacitidine 300 mg PO daily d1-14, q4 wk, until disease progression

# Back to our case: Initial treatment response

- > Our patient received first induction with **daunorubicin** (d1–3) and **cytarabine** (d1–7). Demonstrated CR (2% BM blasts)
- > Second induction with **high-dose cytarabine**. Daunorubicin was removed due to cardiotoxicity in the first cycle

*After second induction, the patient's disease relapsed, with the presence of 43% aberrant monocytic cells in bone marrow with a similar immunophenotype from diagnosis.*



## Which salvage therapy would you propose?

- A. FLAG-IDA + venetoclax
- B. Menin inhibitor
- C. Decitabine monotherapy
- D. Azacitidine and venetoclax



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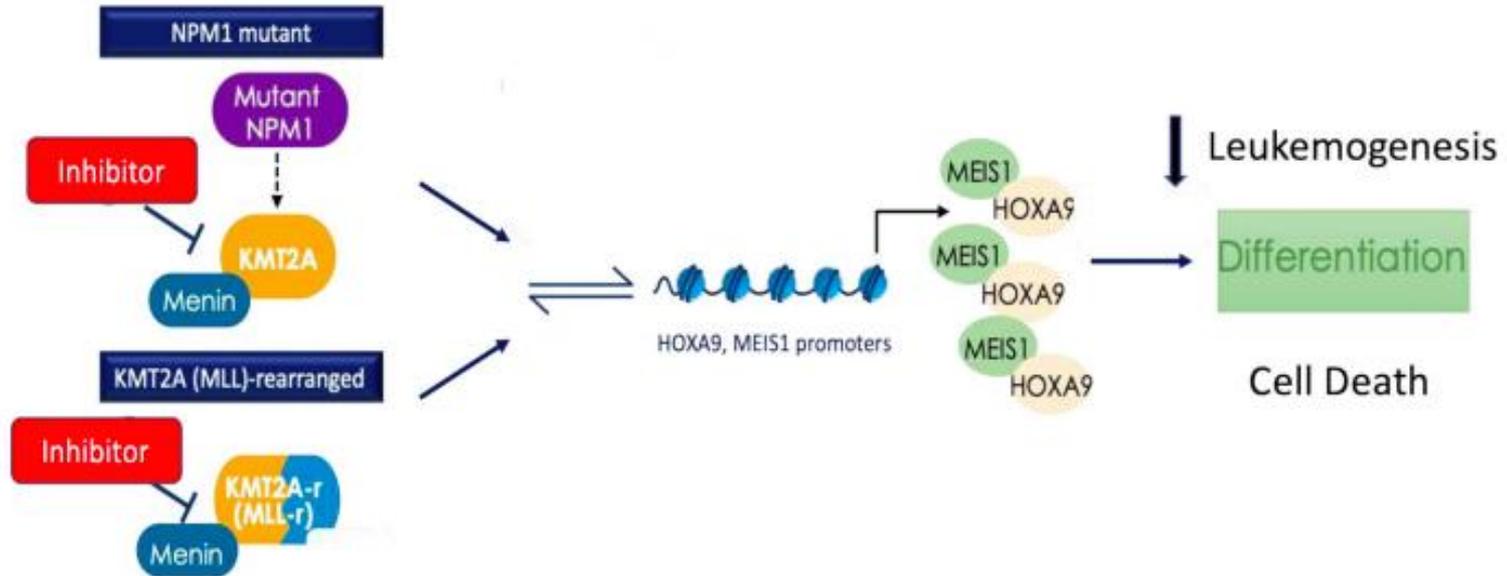
**Venetoclax combined with FLAG-IDA induction and consolidation in newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia**

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# Menin inhibitors mechanism of action

*Interaction between menin and KMT2A proteins favors blast cell proliferation in acute leukemias with NPM1 mutation and KMT2A rearrangement*



# Main trials with menin inhibitors for AML

Revumenib  
Enzomenib  
Ziftomenib  
Bleximenib

Trial code	Drug	Phase	Study population	Status
NCT04065399	SNDX-5613 ( <b>revumenib</b> )	I/II	R/R AL with <i>KMT2Ar</i> or <i>NPM1</i> mutation	Recruiting
NCT06226571	<b>Revumenib</b> + intensive chemo	I	De novo AML with <i>KMT2Ar</i> , <i>NPM1</i> mutation, and NUP98r	Recruiting
NCT04988555	DSP-5336 ( <b>enzomenib</b> )	I/II	R/R AL with or without <i>KMT2Ar</i> or <i>NPM1</i> mutation	Recruiting
NCT05735184	<b>Ziftomenib</b> + Aza-Ven, Ven, or intensive chemo	I	De novo or R/R AML with <i>KMT2Ar</i> or <i>NPM1</i> mutation	Recruiting
NCT04811560	JNJ-75276617 ( <b>bleximenib</b> )	I	R/R AL with <i>KMT2Ar</i> or <i>NPM1</i> mutation	Recruiting
NCT05453903	<b>Bleximenib</b> + Aza, Ven, or Aza + Ven	I	<b>De novo or R/R AML with <i>KMT2Ar</i> or <i>NPM1</i> mutation</b>	Recruiting

# Menin inhibitors for AML

57 A First-in-Human Phase 1 Study of the Menin-KMT2A (MLL1) Inhibitor JNJ-75276617 in Adult Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Acute Leukemia Harboring KMT2A or NPM1 Alterations

Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts

Type: Oral

Session: 616. Acute Myeloid Leukemias: Investigational Therapies, Excluding Transplantation and Cellular Immunotherapies:

Upcoming Therapies in Newly Diagnosed and Relapsed/Refractory AML

Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways:

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Saturday, December 9, 2023: 10:00 AM

**CR and CRh: n = 7/33 (21%)** Jabbour E, et al. ASH 2023.

## Bleximenib

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Ziftomenib in relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukaemia (KOMET-001): a multicentre, open-label, multi-cohort, phase 1 trial

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**CR and CRh: 9/36 (25%) NPM1 + KMT2Ar**

Wang E, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2024;25(10):1310-1324.

Phase I/II study: revumenib – AUGMENT-101

TABLE 3. Response

Parameter	Efficacy Population (n = 57)
Overall response rate, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>	36 (63.2)
95% CI	49.3 to 75.6
Time to first response, months, median (range)	0.95 (0.9-2.0)
Duration of response, months, median (range)	4.3 (1.9-NR)
CR + CRh rate, No. (%)	13 (22.8)
95% CI	12.7 to 35.8
P value, one-sided	0.0036
Time to first CR + CRh, months, median (range)	1.87 (0.9-4.6)
Duration of CR + CRh, months, median (95% CI)	6.4 (3.4 to NR)
CRc, No. (%) <sup>b</sup>	25 (43.9)
95% CI	30.7 to 57.6
Best response, No. (%)	
CR	10 (17.5)
CRh	3 (5.3)
CRi	1 (1.8)
CRp	11 (19.3)
Morphological leukemia-free state	10 (17.5)
Partial remission	1 (1.8)
Progressive disease	4 (7.0)
No response	14 (24.6)
Other <sup>c</sup>	3 (5.3)
MRD negative rate within evaluable patients <sup>d</sup>	
Within CR + CRh, No. (%)	7/10 (70.0)
Within CRc, No. (%)	15/22 (68.2)
Time to negative MRD status for patients with CR + CRh, months, median (range)	1.08 (1.0-3.9)

Issa GC, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2024. Online ahead of print.

# Back to our case: Salvage therapy

- > The patient was enrolled in a **phase Ib study** with bleximenib + Aza-Ven or Aza-Ven. She was included in cohort A1 (**bleximenib + venetoclax**)
- > After the first treatment cycle, she demonstrated **morphologic CR**, but **6% of pathologic cells** were detected by **flow** in bone marrow
- > The patient is currently receiving the **second cycle** of bleximenib + Ven
- > She has a **9/10 HLA-compatible** non-related donor for **HSCT**

***Be careful! Differentiation syndrome***

# Take-home messages

- > **AML with *KMT2A* rearrangement** is included in the **adverse-risk category** according to ELN 2022
- > **Fit patients** should receive treatment with **intensive chemotherapy** (7+3) or be included in **clinical trials**
- > **Menin inhibitors** may be a therapeutic option for AML and ALL with *KMT2A* rearrangement. However, **clinical trials are in early phases** and more data are needed
- > **HSCT** is still necessary in most cases

# THANK YOU



# Case 1 – Discussion

Vitor Botafogo (Spain)

# Case 2

Samantha Drummond (UK)



# ▶ Case Presentation

Samantha Drummond

West of Scotland Haematology Trainee

# Initial presentation

January 2020

16-year-old male

- ▶ Three-week history of feeling generally unwell
- ▶ No significant PMH
- ▶ No significant FH
- ▶ Pale mucous membranes noted when attended dentist

- ▶ Full blood count
  - ▶ Hemoglobin 87g/L, white cell count  $76.9 \times 10^9/L$ , platelets  $41 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ Bone marrow
  - ▶ Trilineage dysplasia
  - ▶ Blasts ~60%
- ▶ Cytogenetics
  - ▶ 46XY, t(6;9)(p22;34), del(18)(q23)
- ▶ Molecular
  - ▶ *FLT3*-ITD detected

# WHO classification

## Acute myeloid leukaemia with defining genetic abnormalities

Acute promyelocytic leukaemia with PML::RARA fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with RUNX1::RUNX1T1 fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with CFBF::MYH11 fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with DEK::NUP214 fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with RBM15::MRTFA fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with BCR::ABL1 fusion

Acute myeloid leukaemia with KMT2A rearrangement

Acute myeloid leukaemia with MECOM rearrangement

Acute myeloid leukaemia with NUP98 rearrangement

Acute myeloid leukaemia with NMP1 mutation

Acute myeloid leukaemia with CEBPA mutation

Acute myeloid leukaemia, myelodysplasia related

Acute myeloid leukaemia with other defined genetic alterations



# ELN risk classification

Risk Category	Genetic Abnormality
Favourable	t(8;21)/RUNX1::RUNX1T1 Inv16/CBFB::MYH11 Mutated NPM1 <b>without</b> FLT3-ITD CEBPA mutation (bZIP in-frame)
Intermediate	Mutated NPM1 <b>with</b> FLT3-ITD Wild type NPM1 <b>with</b> FLT3-ITD t(9;11)/MLLT3::KMT2A Cytogenetic/Molecular abnormalities not classified as favourable or adverse
Adverse	<b>T(6;9)/DEK::NUP214</b> T(v;11)/KMT2A-rearranged T(9;22)/BCR::ABL1 T(8;16)/KAT6A::CREBBP Inv(3)/GATA2, MECOM(EVI1) T(3;v)/MECOM(EVI1)-rearranged -5 or del(5q), -7, -17/abn(17p) Complex karyotype Monosomal karyotype Mutated ASXL1, BCOR, EZH2, RUNX1, SF3B1, SRSF2, STAG2, U2AF1, ZRSR2 Mutated TP53

# AML t(6;9)

- ▶ Previously known as DEK-CAN
- ▶ Now DEK:NUP214
- ▶ Occurs in <2% of patients
- ▶ Associated with
  - ▶ Multilineage dysplasia and basophilia
  - ▶ High prevalence of *FLT3*-ITD
  - ▶ Poor prognosis
- ▶ Allogeneic SCT is considered the standard of care

# Management

- ▶ Commenced on hydroxycarbamide while results pending
- ▶ Presented at regional multidisciplinary team meeting
  
- ▶ What would be your treatment approach for this patient?
- ▶ Consensus was for FLAG-IDA with plan for allogeneic transplant in first CR

# Progress

January 2020

- ▶ FLAG-IDA commenced
- ▶ Counts not recovered by D+32
- ▶ Blood film - circulating blasts
- ▶ Bone marrow confirmed refractory disease



## Question 1

Refractory disease post-first cycle FLAG-IDA.

How should we proceed?

- A. Second cycle of FLAG-IDA
- B. CPX-351
- C. DA
- D. Alternative regimen

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- ▶ Film reviewed - circulating blasts
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March 2020

- ▶ CPX-351 commenced
- ▶ Persistent blasts on film
- ▶ Bone marrow again confirmed refractory disease

# What treatment now?



616.ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA: NOVEL THERAPY, EXCLUDING TRANSPLANTATION |

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

## **Venetoclax in Combination with Gilteritinib in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia: A Phase 1b Study**

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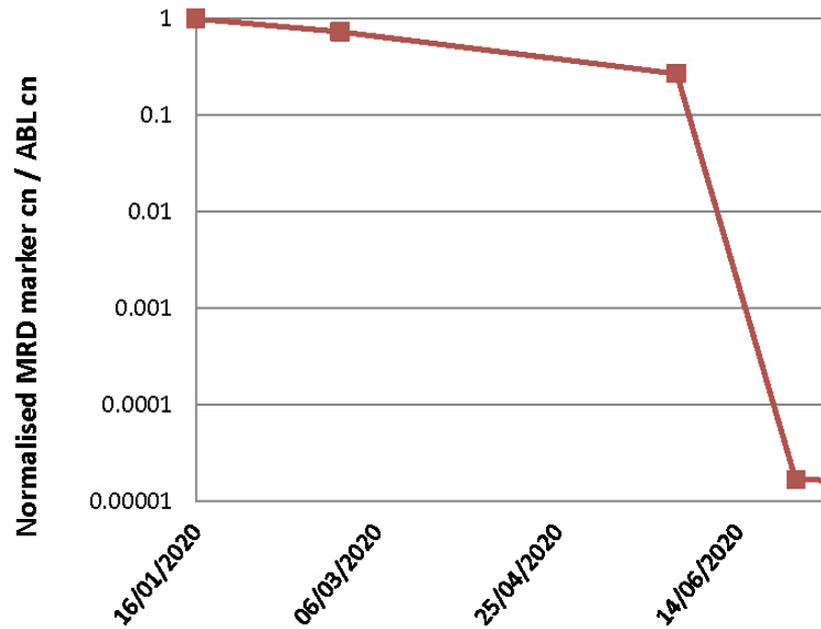
Commenced venetoclax-gilteritinib April 2020  
Complete morphologic response

# Transplant

- ▶ Haploidentical transplant
- ▶ TB3F PTCy
- ▶ D0 04/06/2020
  
- ▶ Issues during transplant
  - ▶ Mucositis
  - ▶ Infection
  - ▶ Nutrition
  
- ▶ Discharged D+28

# Posttransplant

- ▶ D+28 marrow showed an ongoing CR





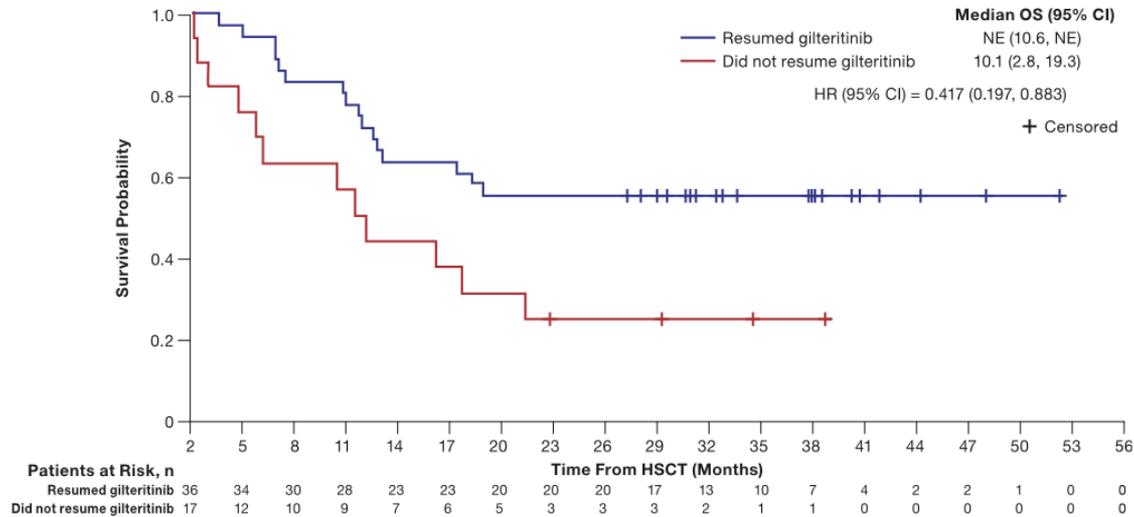
## Question 2

Should this patient receive maintenance therapy?

- A. No maintenance therapy
- B. Maintenance sorafenib
- C. Maintenance gilteritinib

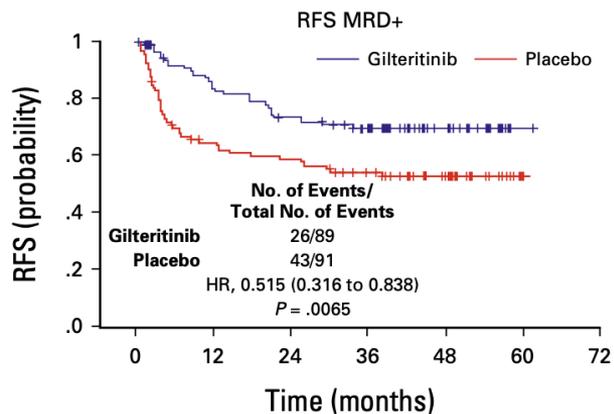
# Maintenance gilteritinib?

## B. Gilteritinib Arm Patients Who Were Without Relapse for 60 Days After HSCT



# Maintenance gilteritinib?

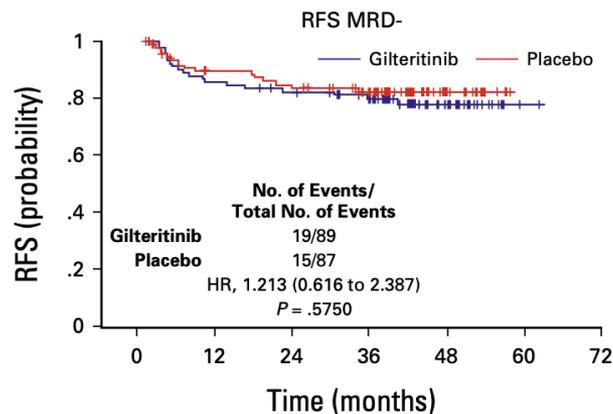
**C**



No. at risk:

Gilteritinib	89	68	59	48	25	1	0
Placebo	91	54	49	40	24	1	0

**D**



No. at risk:

Gilteritinib	89	75	70	57	22	1	0
Placebo	87	72	67	54	21	0	0

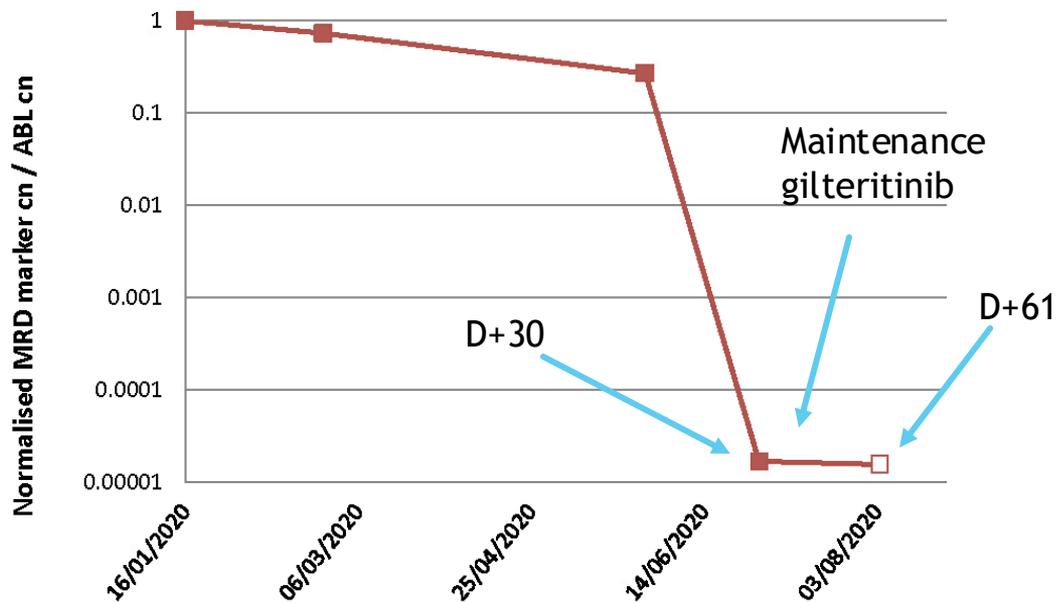
# Posttransplant course

- ▶ Maintenance gilteritinib
  - ▶ Started July 2020
  - ▶ Suspended due to cytopenias in October 2020
  - ▶ Restarted at reduced dose
  - ▶ Completed 2 years of posttransplant gilteritinib August 2022

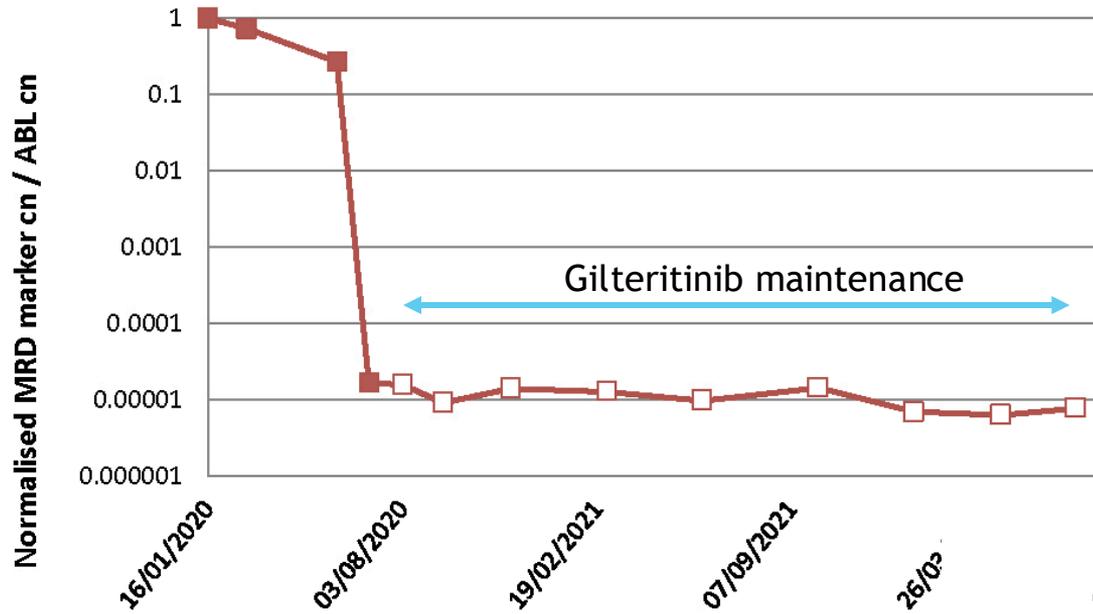
# Posttransplant course

- ▶ Two admissions
  - ▶ D+63
    - ▶ Admission with fever and GI symptoms
    - ▶ Completed a course of antibiotics for VRE
  - ▶ D+78
    - ▶ Fever: empiric antibiotic therapy
    - ▶ Hypoxia: improved once dapsone discontinued; ? dapsone induced methemoglobinemia
- ▶ Grade 2 skin GVHD
  - ▶ Managed with steroids

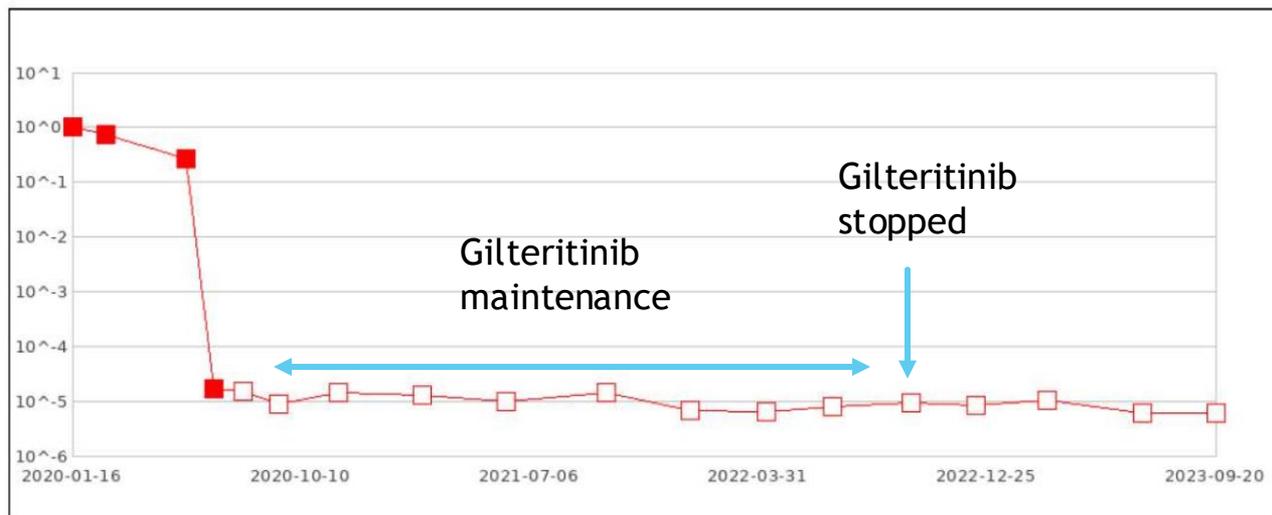
# MRD monitoring



# MRD monitoring



# MRD monitoring



# Most recent follow-up

June 2024

- ▶ Remains in remission
- ▶ Completed surveillance marrows
- ▶ Annual late-effects review
- ▶ At university



Questions?

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# Case 2 – Discussion

Samantha Drummond (UK)

# Panel discussion: How treatment in first line influences further therapy approaches in ALL and AML

Naval Daver and all faculty



# Panel Discussion

- > Will CAR Ts and bispecifics change the treatment landscape?
- > What is the evolving role of HSCT – is it still necessary?
- > What does the future in Europe look like in terms of
  - Adoption of new therapies?
  - Evolving standards of care?

# Panel Discussion

# ARS questions

Naval Daver





## Question 3 [REPEATED]

**Which of the following is NOT true for ALL?**

- A. Inotuzumab and blinatumomab plus chemotherapy is active in both front line and salvage for ALL
- B. Kinase inhibitors can be combined with other therapy modalities in Ph+ ALL
- C. MRD is highly prognostic for relapse and survival in Ph- ALL
- D. There are no effective consolidation treatments for patients who remain MRD+ after induction therapy



## Question 4 [REPEATED]

The prognosis of patients with R/R AML depends on:

- A. Age
- B. Prior therapy (eg, HSCT)
- C. Timing of relapse
- D. The mutational and cytogenetic profile of the disease
- E. All of the above
- F. A and D



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