



# GLOBAL LEUKEMIA ACADEMY

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

September 18–19, 2025 – Europe

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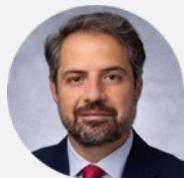
# Welcome and meeting overview

Elias Jabbour



# Meet the Faculty

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# Objectives of the program (ALL)

Understand current treatment patterns for ALL including incorporation of new technologies

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

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

Comprehensively discuss the role of biomarkers in managing and monitoring ALL

Share insights into antibodies and bispecifics in ALL

Discuss the evolving role of ADC therapies in ALL

Review promising novel and emerging therapies in ALL

Explore and discuss regional challenges in the treatment of ALL across the EU



# Day 1: Virtual Plenary Sessions

Thursday, September 18, 2025

18.00 – 21.00 UTC +2 (Central European Summer Time)

Time (UTC -5)	Time (UTC +2)	Title	Speaker
11.00 AM – 11.10 AM	18.00 – 18.10	Welcome and meeting overview; introduction to the voting system	Elias Jabbour
11.10 AM – 11.35 AM	18.10 – 18.35	Latest achievements and developments in ALL	Elias Jabbour
11.35 AM – 11.55 AM	18.35 – 18.55	Review of prognostic and predictive markers in ALL	Josep-Maria Ribera
11.55 AM – 12.25 PM	18.55 – 19.25	Best practices for first-line treatment in ALL (including Ph+)	Elias Jabbour
12.25 PM – 12.40 PM	19.25 – 19.40	AYA patients with ALL: What is the current treatment approach for this diverse patient population? Special considerations for adolescents and young adults and how we can use this experience in adult patients	Nicolas Boissel
12.40 PM – 12.50 PM	19.40 – 19.50	Break	
12.50 PM – 1.25 PM	19.50 – 20.25	ALL case-based panel discussion for first-line therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case ALL: Adult high risk (Dr Gökbuğet/Dr Lang)</li><li>• Case ALL: AYA (Dr Boissel)</li></ul>	Panelists: All faculty
1.25 PM – 1.50 PM	20.25 – 20.50	Panel discussion: How treatment in first line influences further therapy approaches in ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Differences in health care systems and clinical research in US and Europe and consequences for treatment approaches?</li><li>• How have bispecifics changed the landscape of first-line therapy in adult ALL in Europe?</li><li>• How to increase access to CAR-T-cells and study use in earlier phases of ALL treatment?</li><li>• Is there any chance to agree on uniform prognostic factors for treatment stratification and transplant indication in adult ALL?</li><li>• What is the difference in terms of treatment approach to AYA/Young adults, adults and older patients and how to stratify these approaches?</li><li>• How to generate reliable clinical trial data in a rare and complex disease with more and more new compounds available? What can we learn from pediatric groups?</li></ul>	Moderated by Nicola Gökbuğet  Led by Elias Jabbour and all faculty
1.50 PM – 2.00 PM	20.50 – 21.00	Session close	Elias Jabbour

# Day 2: Virtual Plenary Sessions

Friday, September 19, 2025

18.00 – 21.00 UTC +2 (Central European Summer Time)

Time (UTC -5)	Time (UTC +2)	Title	Speaker
11.00 AM – 11.10 AM	18.00 – 18.10	Welcome to Day 2	Elias Jabbour
11.10 AM – 11.40 AM	18.10 – 18.40	Current treatment options for relapsed/refractory (R/R) ALL in fit adults	Nicola Gökbüget
11.40 AM – 12.00 PM	18.40 – 19.00	Current treatment options for R/R ALL in elderly and frail patients	Josep-Maria Ribera
12.00 PM – 12.20 PM	19.00 – 19.20	Current and future role of transplantation in ALL in Europe	Nicola Gökbüget
12.20 PM – 12.30 PM	19.20 – 19.30	Break	
12.30 PM – 1.00 PM	19.30 – 20.00	ALL case-based panel discussion for R/R ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case ALL: Young (Dr Ribera)</li><li>• Case ALL: Elderly (Dr Gökbüget/Dr Lang)</li></ul>	All faculty
1.00 PM – 1.20 PM	20.00 – 20.20	Long-term safety considerations for ALL	Nicolas Boissel
1.20 PM – 1.50 PM	20.20 – 20.50	Panel discussion: Open questions in ALL – regional challenges (transplant, CAR T studies, and other) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who are the ideal patients for CAR T therapy, bispecifics, and transplants in your practice?</li><li>• What would be needed to make CAR T therapy available to all of your patients?</li><li>• What would be needed to best position bispecifics in the continuum of care for ALL in adults?</li><li>• How should transplant be strategically combined with the new therapy modalities?</li></ul>	Moderated by Nicolas Boissel  Led by Elias Jabbour and all faculty
1.50 PM – 2.00 PM	20.50 – 21.00	Session close	Elias Jabbour

# Introduction to the voting system

Elias Jabbour





# Question 1

**In which region of Europe do you currently practice?**

- A. Eastern Europe
- B. Northern Europe
- C. Southern Europe
- D. Western Europe
- E. Outside Europe



## Question 2

**Which captures the typical age range of most of your patients with ALL?**  
Select all that apply.

- A. Adolescent/young adult (AYA; 15–39 years)
- B. Adults (40–59 years)
- C. Older adults (60–74 years)
- D. Elderly ( $\geq 75$  years)
- E. I do not personally treat patients with ALL



## Question 3

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

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

## Question 4

**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 5

If an elderly patient with Ph– ALL remains positive for MRD after dose-adjusted Hyper-CVAD induction, assuming full access, what is your preferred next intervention?

- A. Proceed directly to transplant
- B. Consolidation chemotherapy
- C. Blinatumomab
- D. Inotuzumab ozogamicin
- E. CAR T-cell therapy
- F. Other



# Latest achievements and developments in ALL

Elias Jabbour



# **How I Treat Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2025: The Latest Updates**

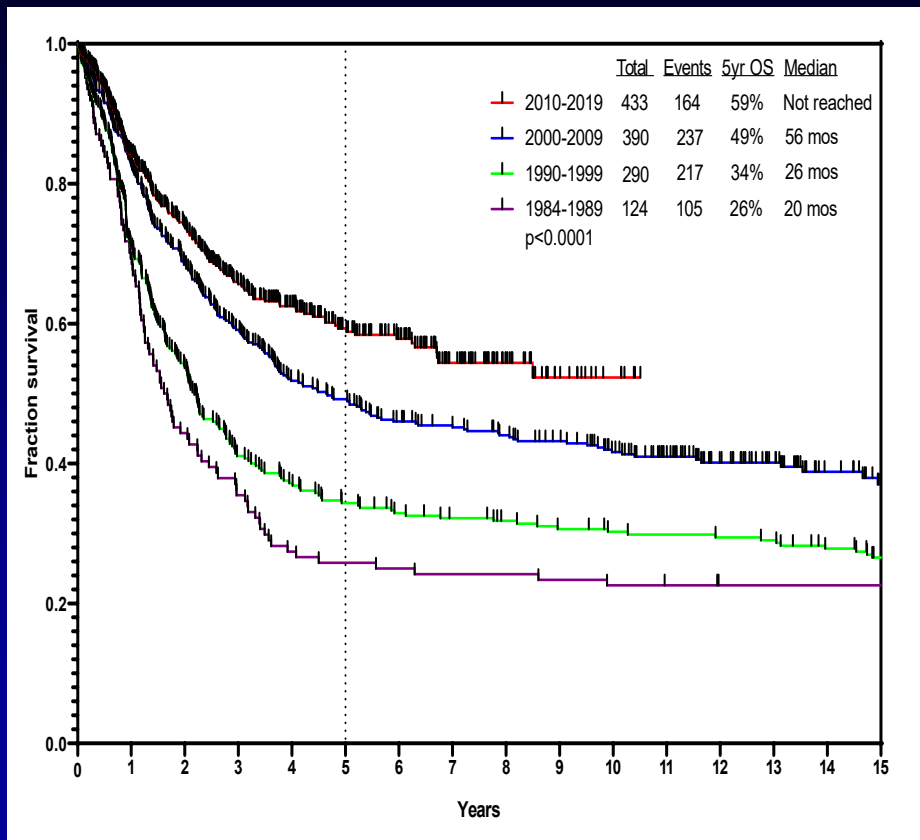
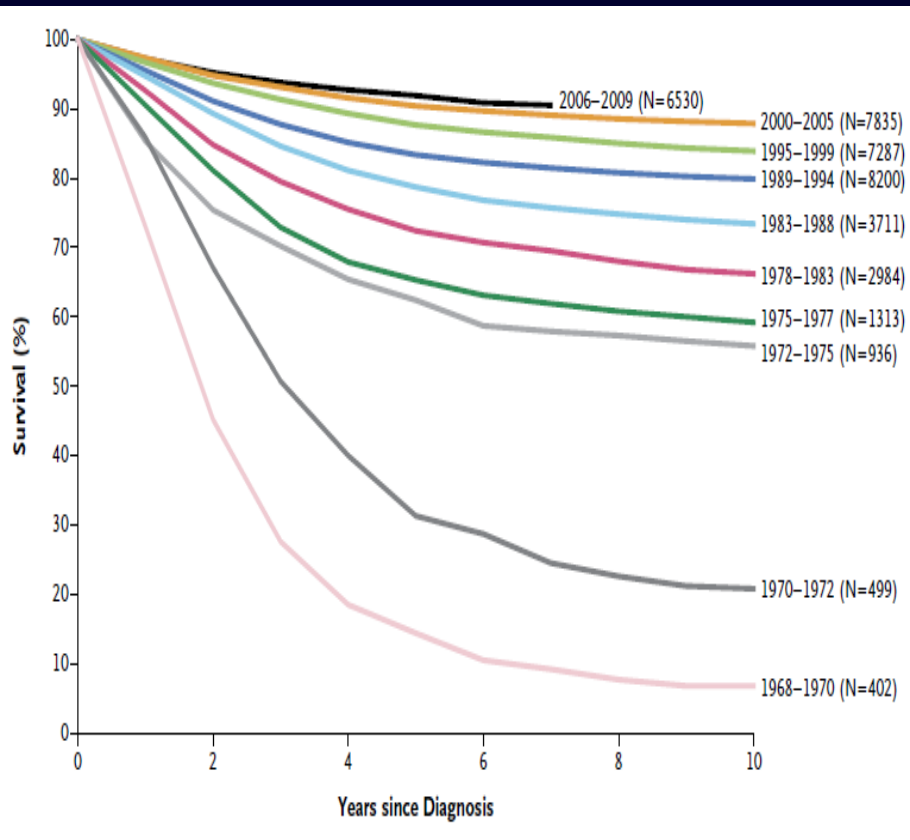
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# Survival in Pediatric and Adult ALL With Classical Intensive ChemoRx Regimens

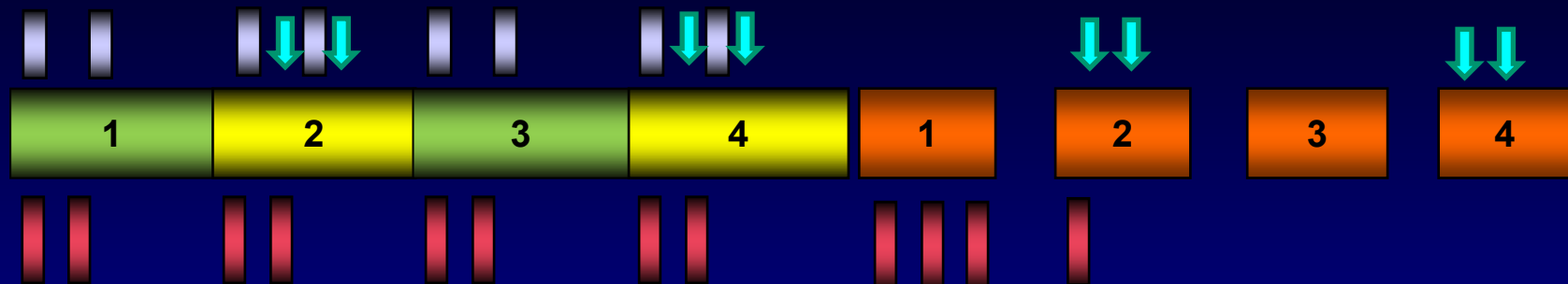


## Reasons for Recent Success in Adult ALL

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

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

## Intensive phase

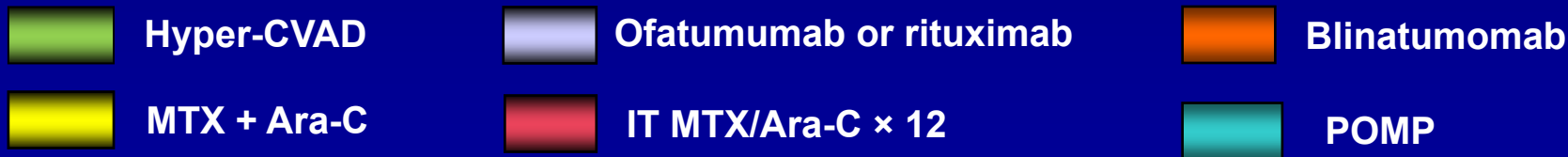


## Blinatumomab phase

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

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4 wk 2 wk

## Maintenance phase

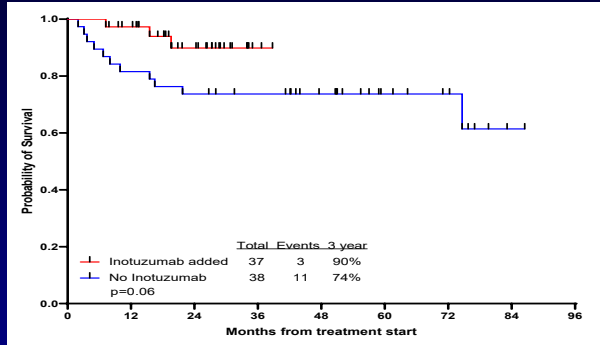


↓ ↓ Inotuzumab 0.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on D1 and D8

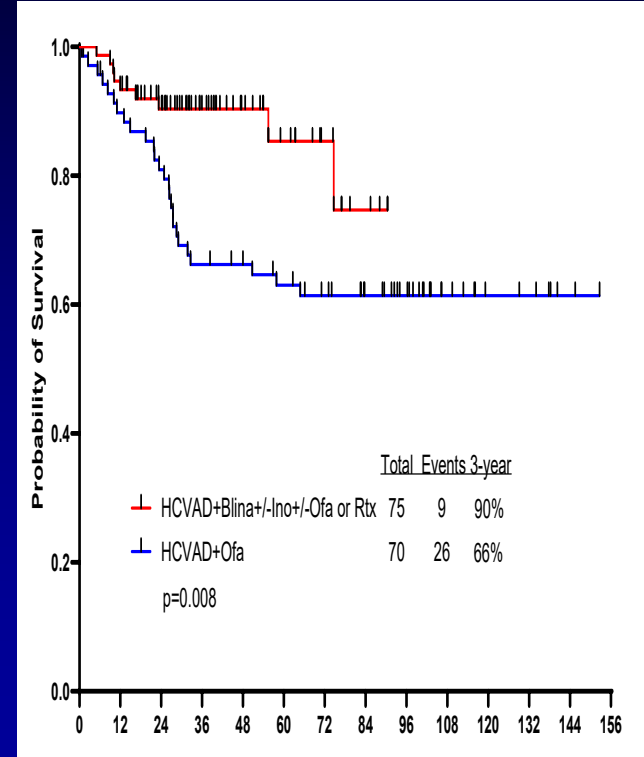
# Hyper-CVAD-Ino → Blina in Newly Dx Adult ALL

- 75 pts; median age 33 yr (18-59); median F/U 44 mo (13-90)
- CR rate 100%; MRD negative 95% (66% at CR); NGS-MRD negative 76%; 60-day mortality 0%; 24 (32%) alloSCT

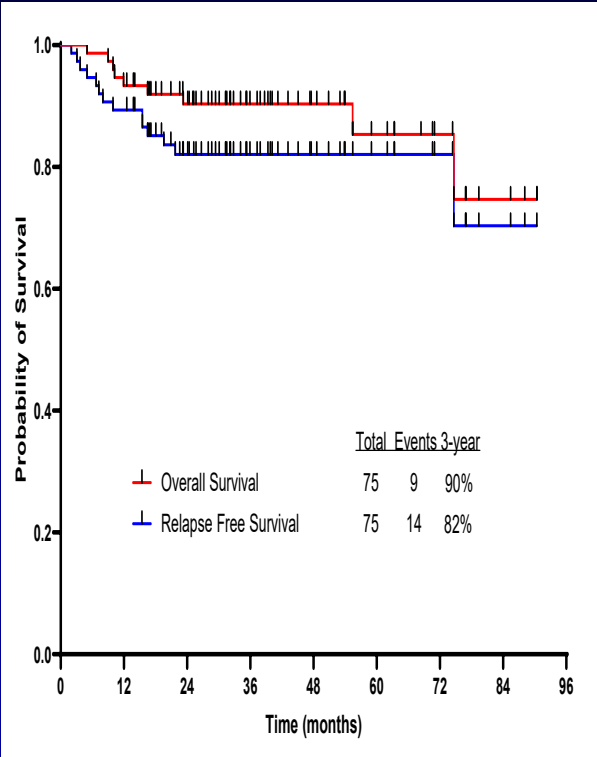
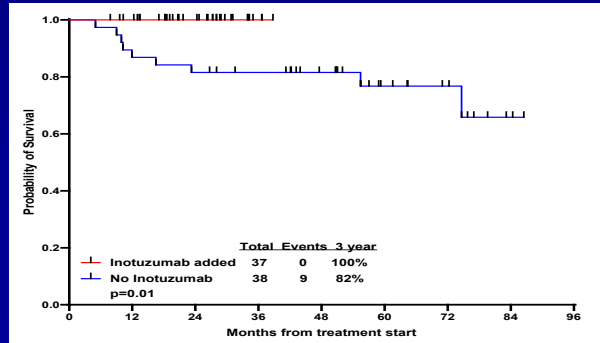
## Relapse-free survival



## Overall survival

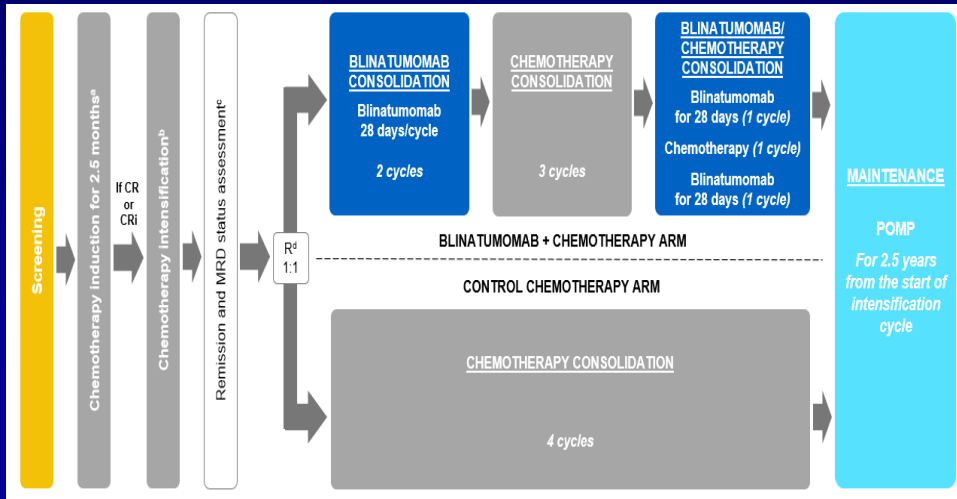


## Overall survival

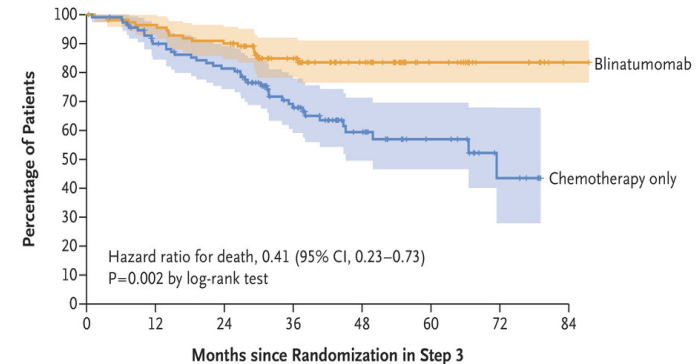


# E1910 Randomized Phase III Trial: Blina vs SOC as Consolidation in MRD-Negative CR

- 488 pts median age 51 yr (30–70)
- 224 MRD-negative CR randomized 1:1
- 22 pts (20%) Rx ASCT in each arm
- Median F/U 43 mo; **median OS NR vs 71.4 mo (HR 0.42;  $P = .003$ )**
- No difference in OS if 1–2 cycles of blina vs control (HR 0.62;  $P = .22$ )
- OS: 1–2 cycles vs 4 cycles (HR 0.39;  $P = .07$ )



A Overall Survival among Patients with MRD-Negative Status

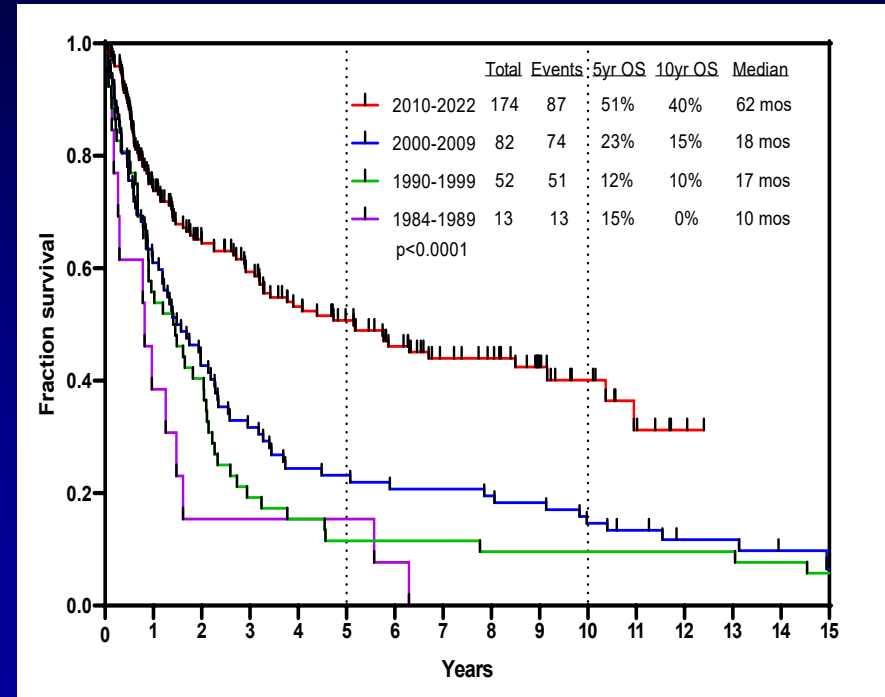
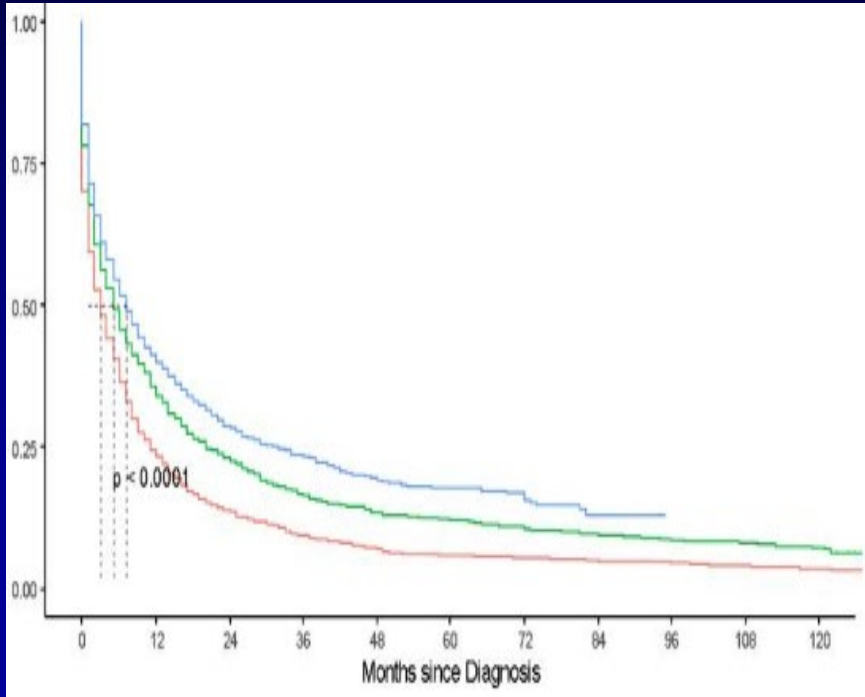


No. at Risk  
 Blinatumomab  
 Chemotherapy only

112	106	99	65	41	19	8	1
112	96	85	53	28	15	5	0

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

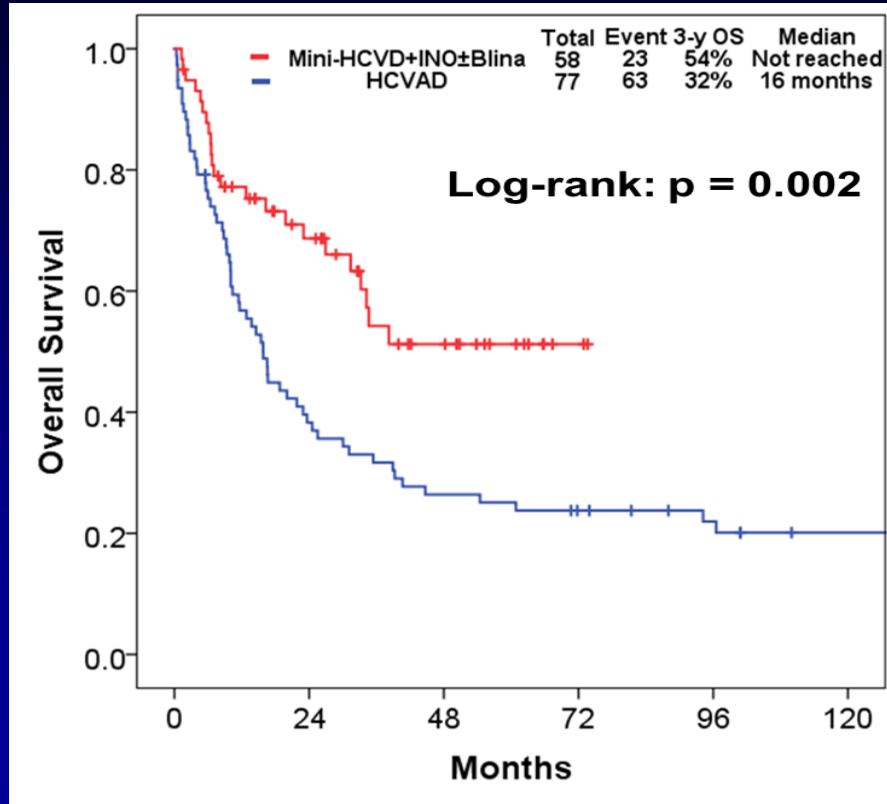
- 26,801 pts age 65+ yr; B-ALL 91%
- OS better in Ph+ (HR 0.68) and 2012-2018 (HR 0.64); worse in secondary ALL (HR: 1.15), AA (HR: 1.19), and Hispanic (HR 1.1)
- **5-yr OS <20%**



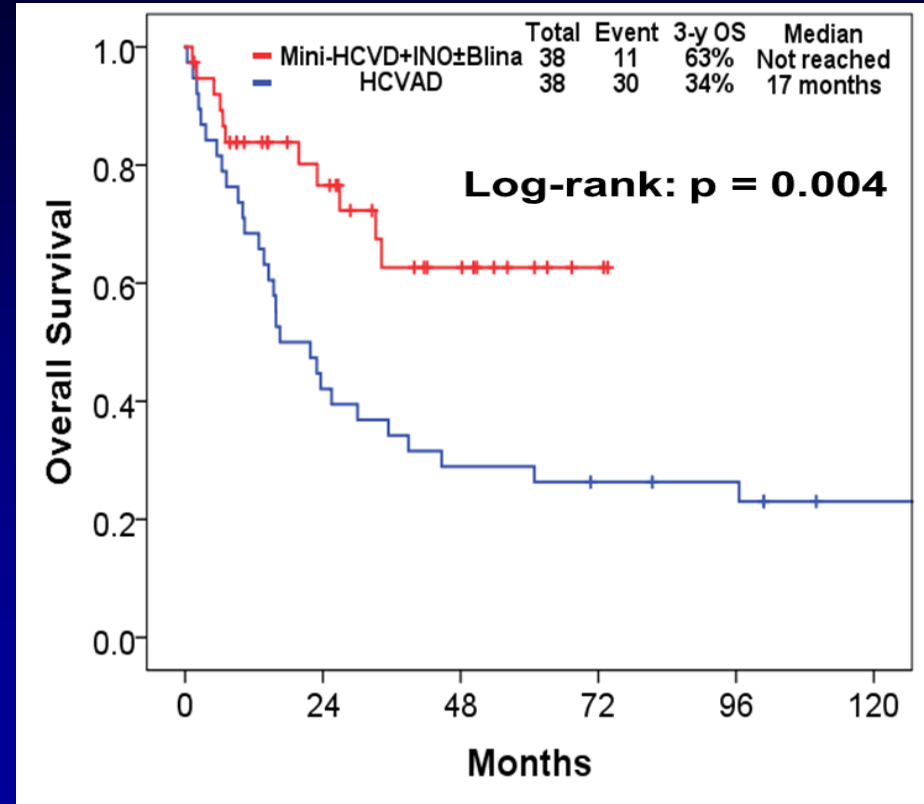


# Mini-HyperCVD + InO ± Blina vs HCVAD in Older ALL: Overall Survival

Prematched



Matched

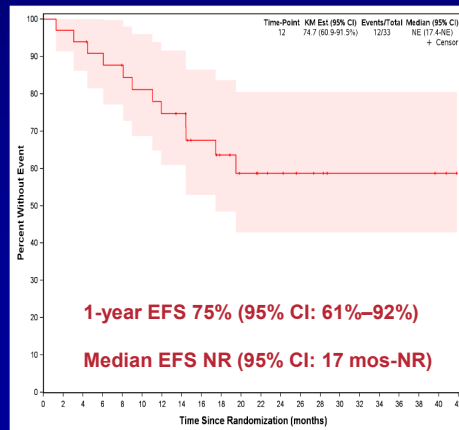


# ChemoRx-Free InO + Blina in Pre-B-ALL (Alliance A041703)

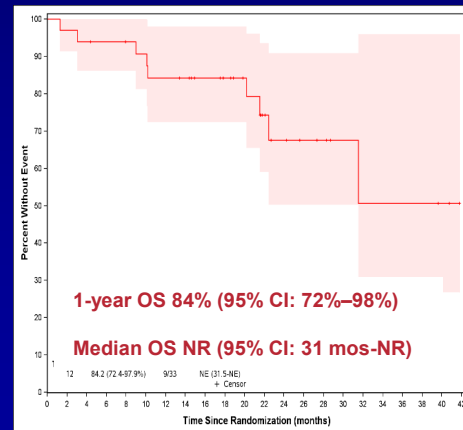
- 33 pts; median age 71 yr (60–84); median CD22 92%; **F/U 22 mo**
- Induction: InO 0.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1, 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D8 and 15 (1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Maintenance: if CR-CRi, InO 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1, 8, 15 (1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) × 2 then Blina × 2
- If no CR-CRi, Blina 28 µg/D × 21 then × 28 × 3
- IT × 8
- **CR 85% post-InO × 3; cumulative CR 97%**
- **1-yr EFS 75%; 1-yr OS 84%**
- 9 relapses; 2 deaths in CR; 9 deaths, 6 post-relapse; ?1 SOS

	Induction With Inotuzumab (IA/B/C)	Consolidation With Blinatumomab
Cumulative CR (CR + CRh + CRi)	28/33 (85%)	32/33 (9%)
CR	15/33 (45%)	19/33 (58%)
CRh	11/33 (33%)	12/33 (36%)
CRi	2/33 (6%)	1/33 (3%)
Refractory	3/33 (9%)	-

**EFS**



**OS**



# CD19 CAR T-Cell Rx in Older ALL in CR1

- 20 pts ≥55 yr consented; minimal bridging followed by CAR T cells
- 14 evaluable (200 million CAR Ts)
- Median age 68 yr (55–79); 4 Ph positive; 2 hypodiploidy/*TP53* mutations
- 11 Rx Blina; 13/14 MRD-neg CR at LD
- No ICANS or G≥2 CRS
- Median F/U 244 days: **13/14 MRD-neg CR**; 1 pt Ph positive ALL molecular relapse (alive in MRD-neg CR post-ASCT)
- No deaths
- CAR T cells expanded (peak 7–4 days; 14%)
- D28 10 pts LP CAR T cells expanded in CSF (median  $0.28 \times 10^3/\text{mL}$ )
- Baseline and D100 walk speed and cognitive function similar

# Hyper-CVAD, Venetoclax, Nelarabine–Peg-Asp in T-ALL/LL

- 145 pts (8/2007–12/2024) on 5 cohorts; median age 35.4 yr
- 46 pts (34%) with VEN
- 60% T-ALL; 18% ETP; median F/U 62 mo
- ORR 95%; CR 89%; 5-yr OS 64%. Cohorts 3–5: 3-yr OS 76%–88%
- OS shorter ETP/near-ETP vs non-ETP phenotype (71 mo vs NR;  $P = .08$ )
- VEN vs no VEN: 2-yr PFS 89% vs 64% ( $P = .03$ ); 3-yr OS 88% vs 74% ( $P = .16$ )

Figure 1C: Overall survival (OS)

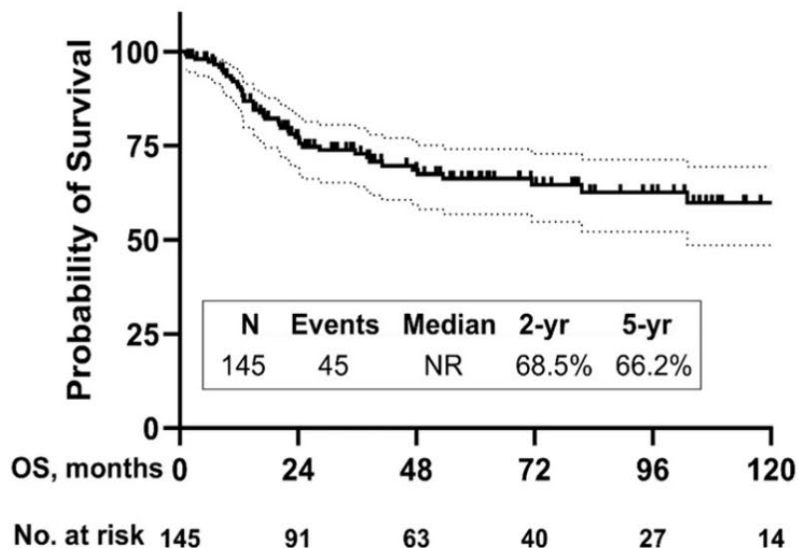
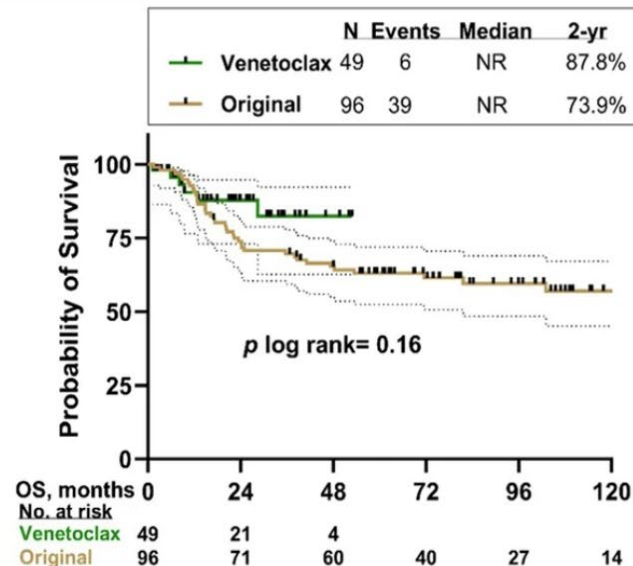
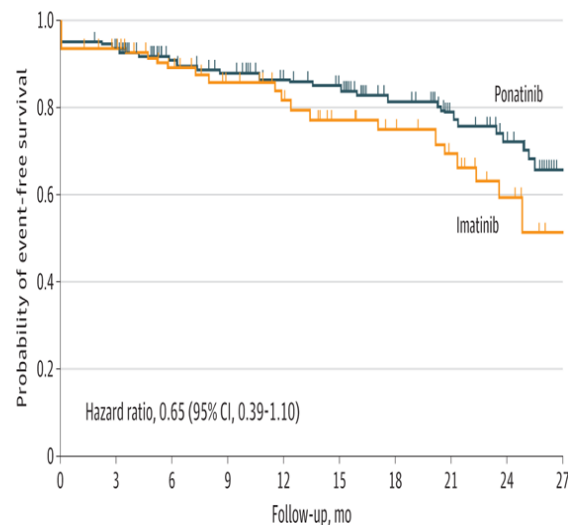


Figure 1F: Overall survival (OS)

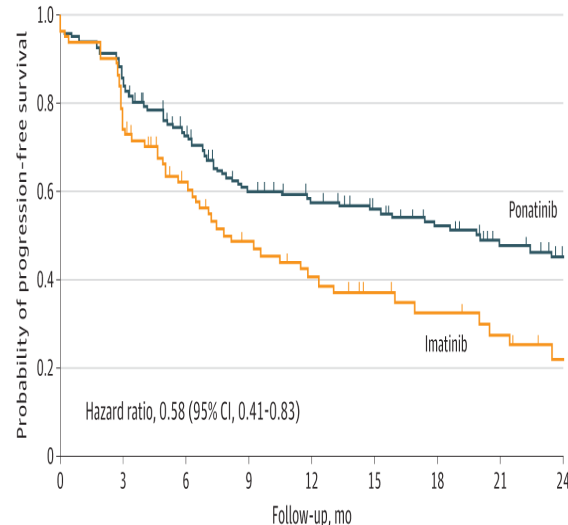


# Ponatinib vs Imatinib in Newly Dx Ph-Positive ALL: PhALLCON Phase III Trial

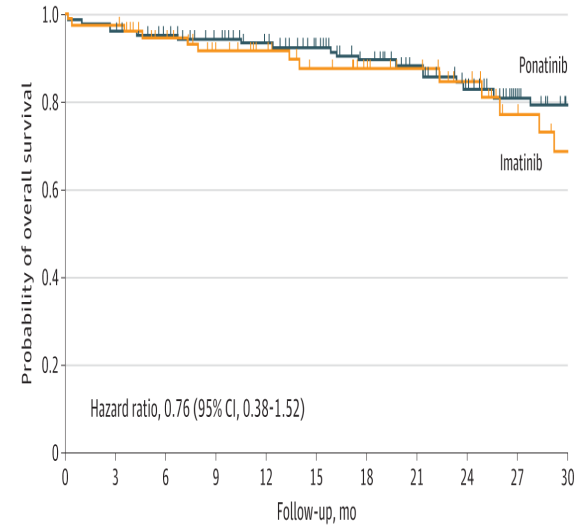
- 245 pts randomized (2:1) to ponatinib 30 mg/D (n = 164) or imatinib (n = 81), both with VCR-Dex for 90 days; then continuation of TKIs and chemoRx
- **Primary endpoint MR4 CR at 90 days: 34.4% vs 16.7% ( $P = .002$ )**
- **Subsequent ASCT 30% vs 37%**



No. at risk										
Ponatinib	164	151	116	104	89	83	66	50	38	23
Imatinib	81	72	57	46	40	33	28	24	17	11

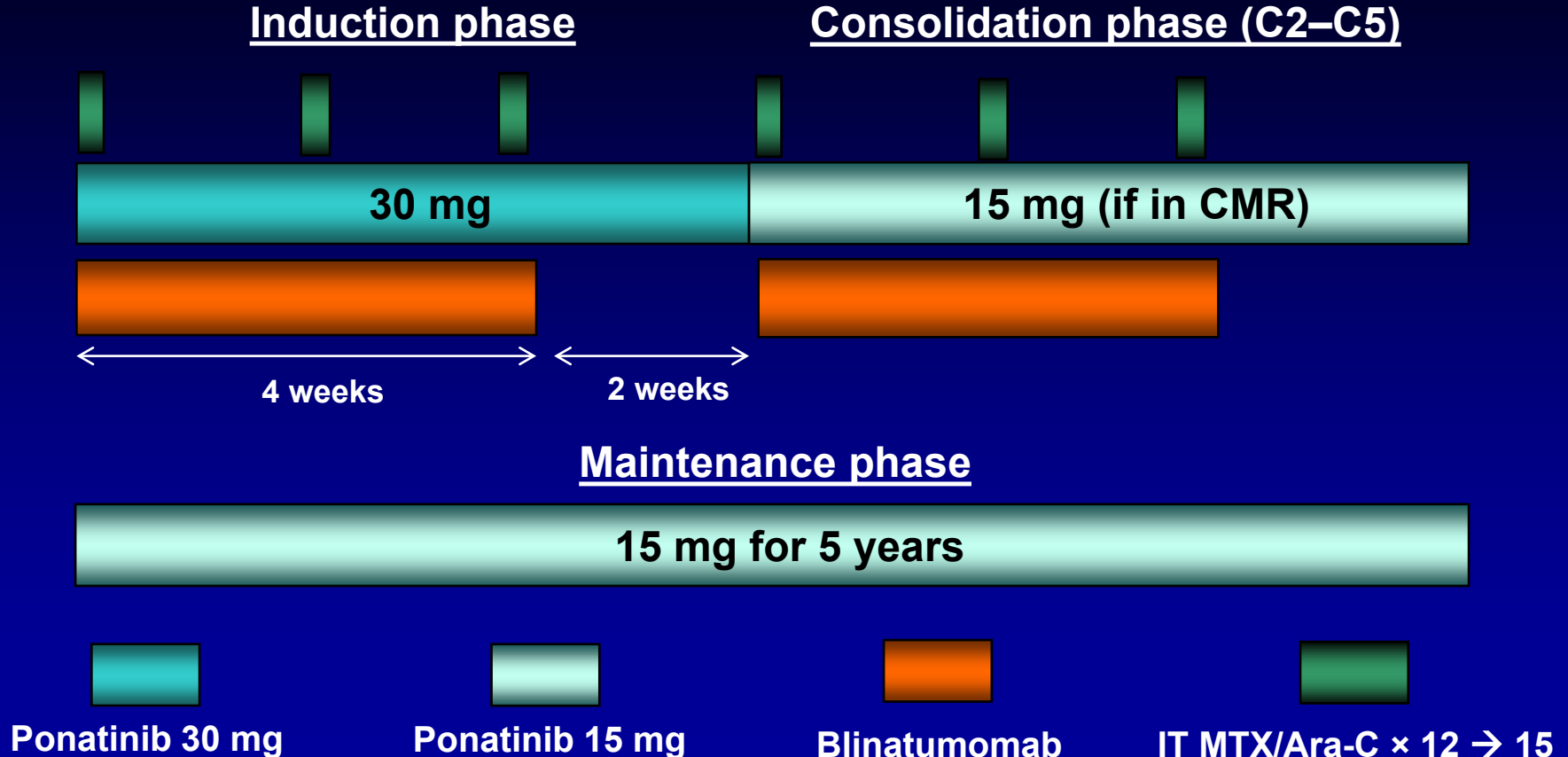


No. at risk										
Ponatinib	164	143	106	81	72	64	51	39	30	7
Imatinib	81	68	42	30	24	18	14	11	7	7



No. at risk											
Ponatinib	164	159	142	121	111	98	86	70	56	39	30
Imatinib	81	79	65	56	49	43	36	33	27	18	15

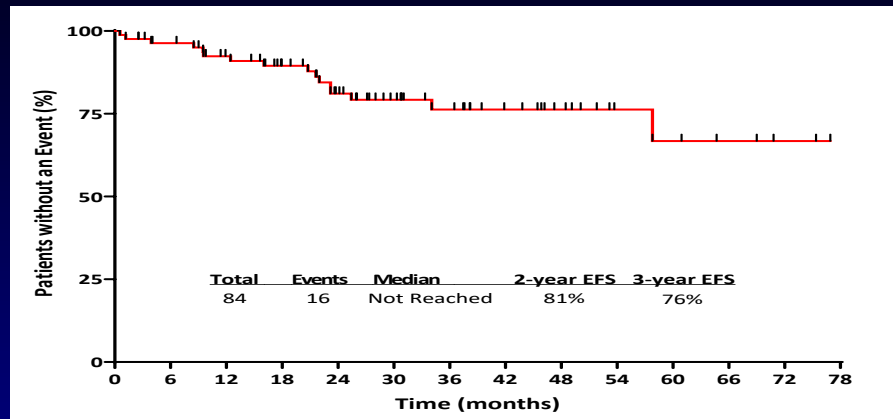
# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL: Regimen



# Ponatinib and Blinatumomab in Newly Dx Ph-Positive ALL

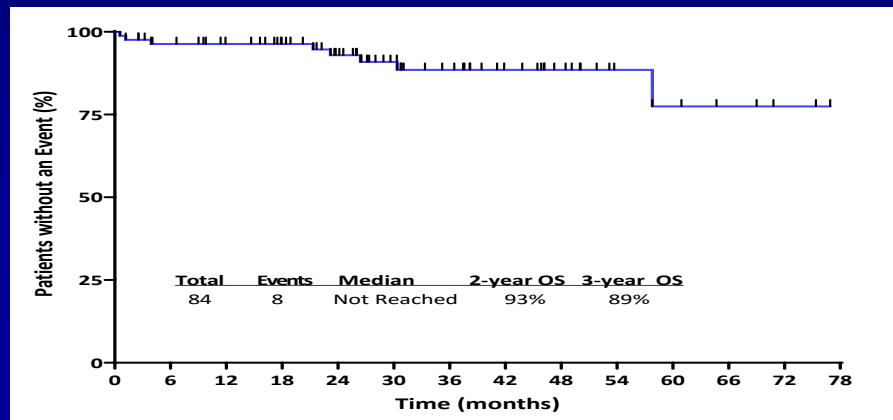
## Event-free survival

- 84 pts Rx with simultaneous ponatinib 30–15 mg/D and blinatumomab × 5 courses; 12–15 ITs. Median F/U 29 mo
- Only 2 pts had SCT (2%)
- Median F/U 29 mo; 3-yr EFS 76%, OS 89%
- 10 relapses (9 p190): 5 CNS, 4 BM, 1 CRLF2+ (Ph–); 3-yr cumulative relapse 12%



Parameter	%
CR-CRi	97
CMR	78
NGS-MRD negative	95
3-yr OS	89

## Overall survival

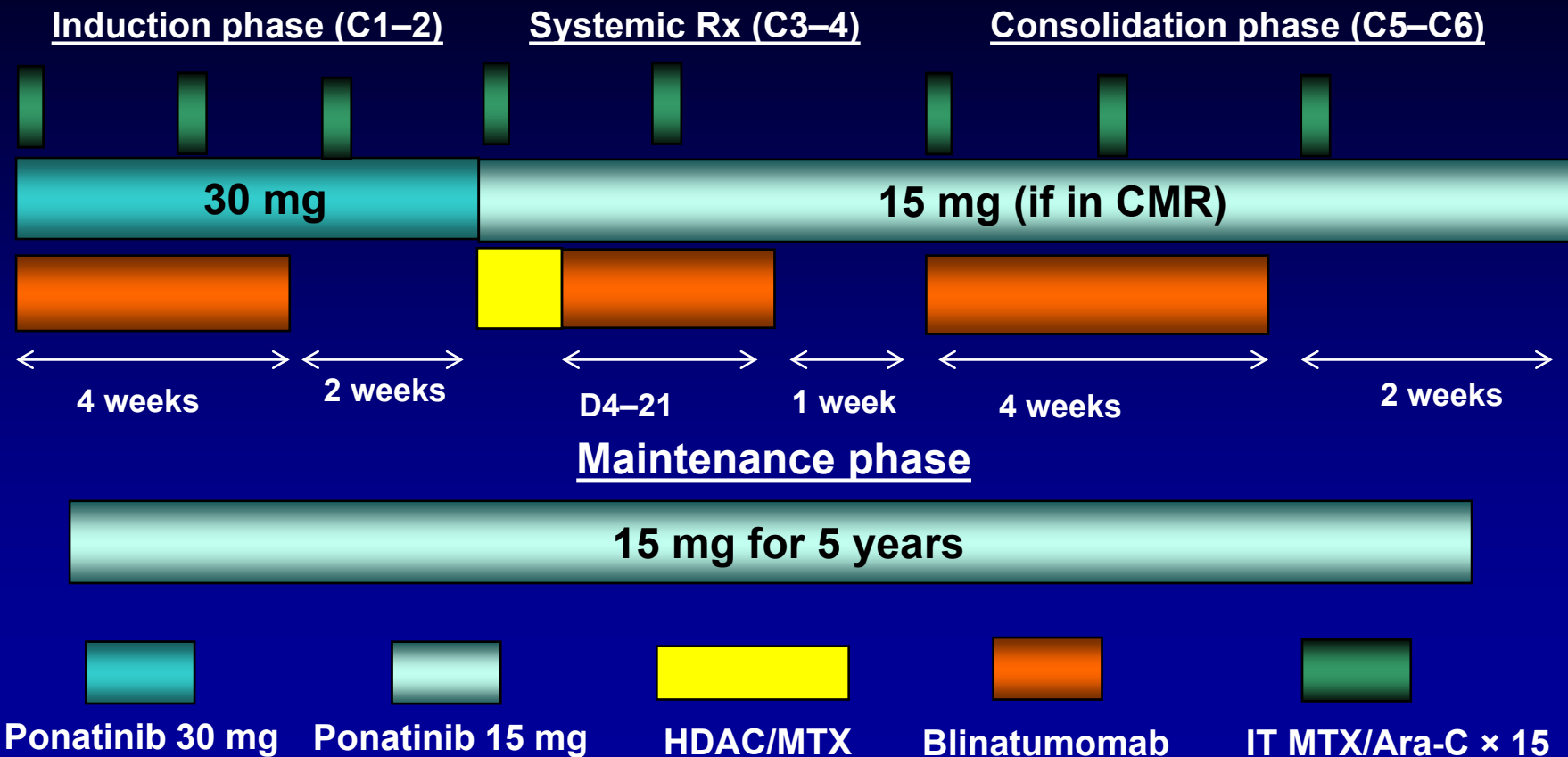


# Ponatinib vs Dasatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL

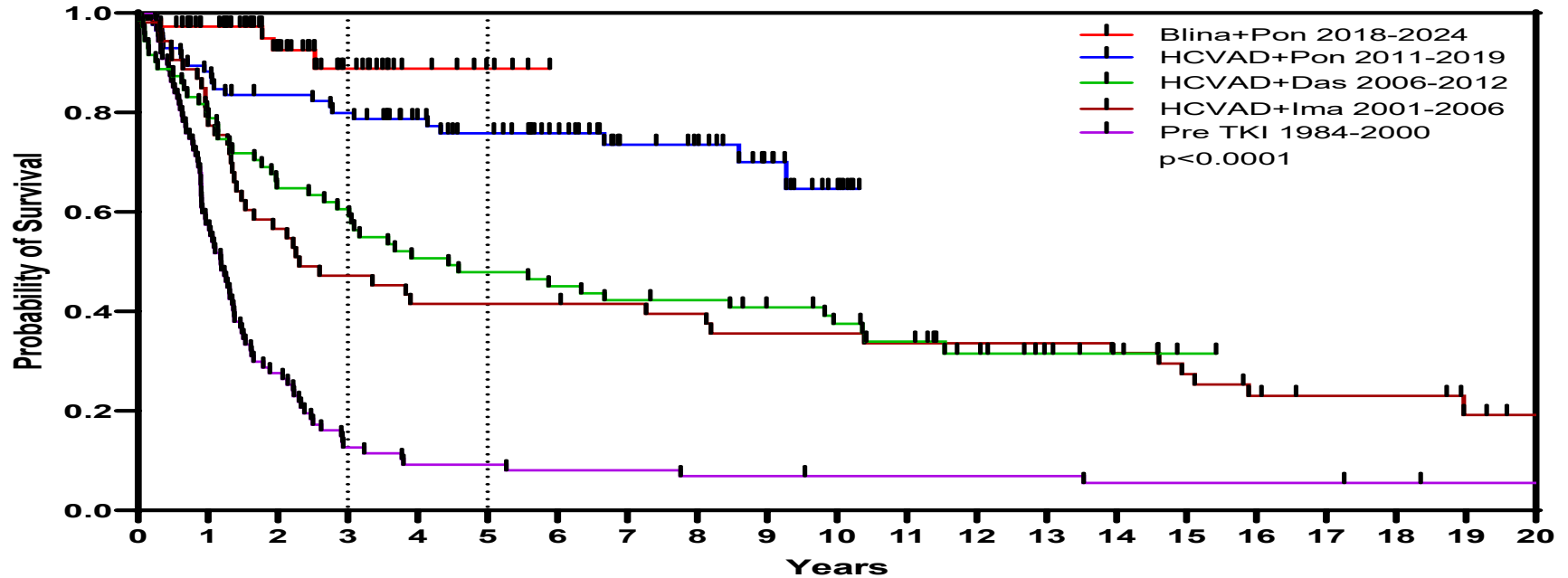
Parameter	Pona + Blina (n = 84; 5 blina)	Dasa + Blina (n = 63; 2+ blina)	Dasa + Blina (n = 24; 3 blina)	Pona + Blina (n = 133; 2-5 blina)
Median age, yr	50	54	73	57
PCR neg, %	78	93 (+ PNQ)	63	73
NGS clonoSEQ neg, %	95			
4-yr OS, %	89	82	75	18-mo OS 92%
AlloSCT, %	2	48	5	12
Relapses (CNS)	10 (5)	9 (4)	8 [3 T315I]	4 (1)



# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL: Regimen (WBC $\geq 70K$ )



# ALL: Survival by Decade (MDACC 1984–2024)



	Total	Events	3yr OS	5yr OS	Median
Blina+Pon 2018-2024	76	5	89%	89%	Not reached
HCVAD+Pon 2011-2019	85	23	80%	76%	Not reached
HCVAD+Das 2006-2012	71	47	61%	48%	53 mos
HCVAD+Ima 2001-2006	53	41	47%	42%	28 mos
Pre TKI 1984-2000	87	83	13%	9%	14 mos

$p < 0.0001$

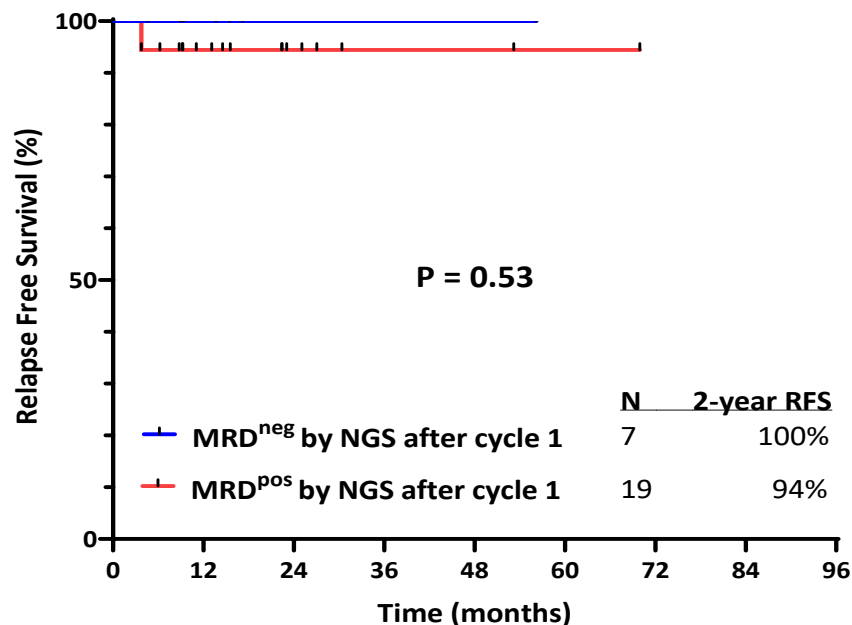
# ChemoRx vs ASCT in HR Ph-Negative ALL With Early MRD Negativity: GMALL Trial 08/2013

- 102/285 HR pts in CMR post-induction 2; randomized to ASCT vs SOC
- CMR rate post-induction 2: **36%**
- Median age 31 yr (18-55); 63% B-ALL (26% pro-B); 37% T-ALL (19% early)
- 79% of total assigned to ASCT vs 88% of total assigned to SOC received intended Rx

Parameter, %	SOC (n = 42)	ASCT (n = 38)	P Value
<b>3-yr DFS</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>NS</b>
<b>Relapses</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>3-yr TRM</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>3-yr OS</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>NS</b>

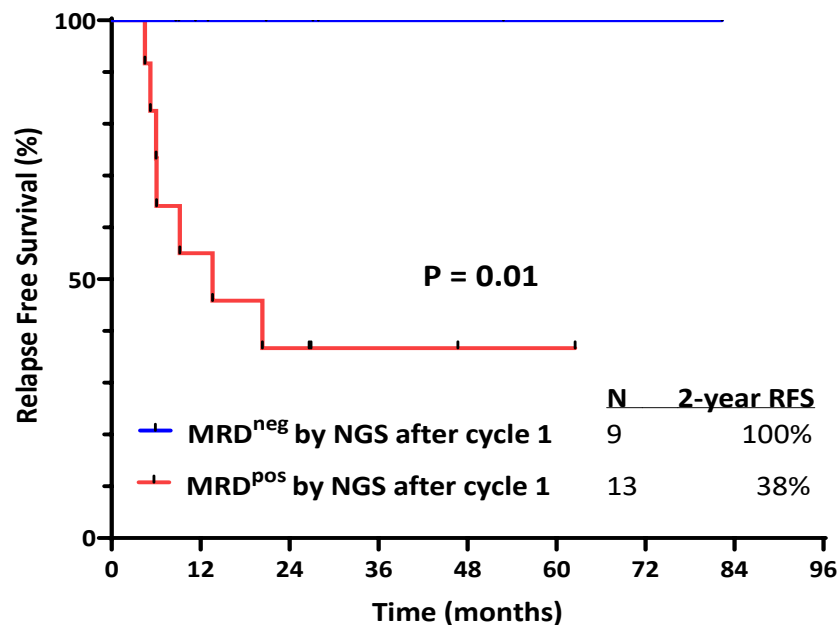
# NGS MRD in B-Cell ALL: RFS by NGS MRD Response After Cycle 1 (Ph-negative B-cell ALL)

## Standard risk



SCT in 0/26 pts

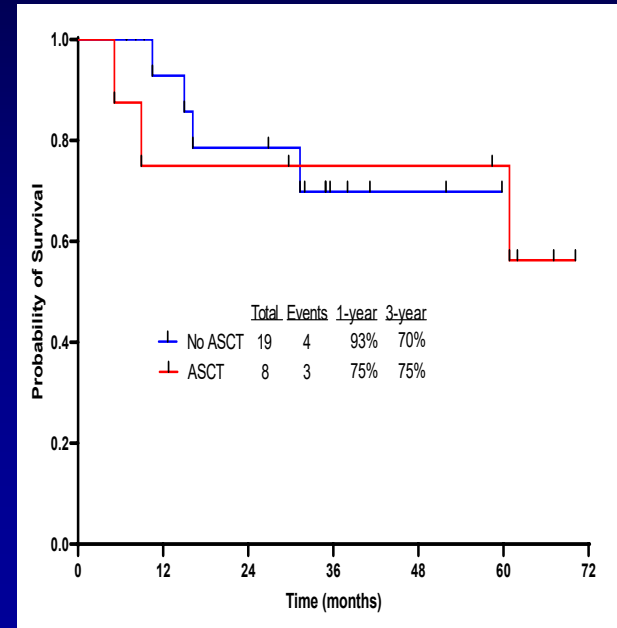
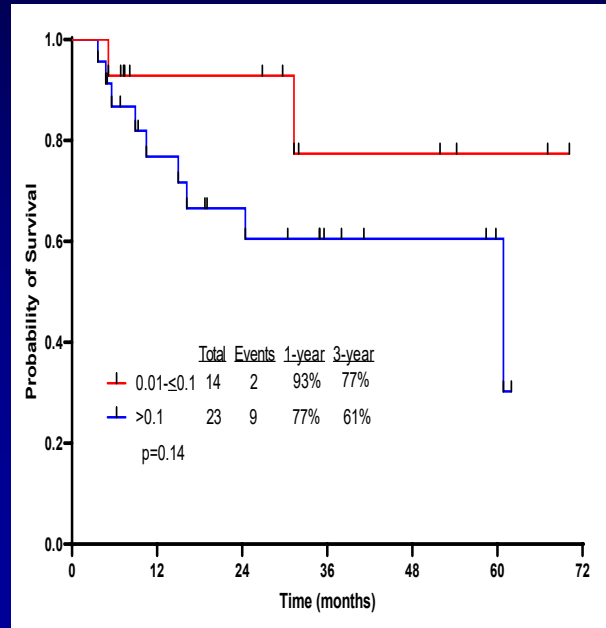
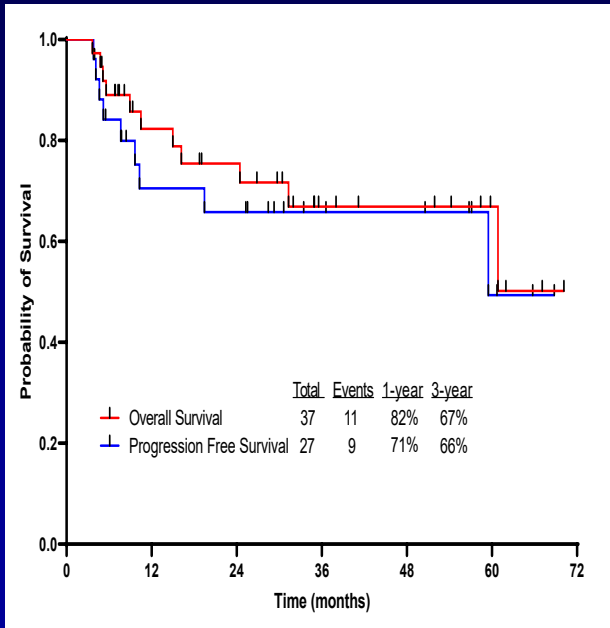
## High risk



SCT in 7/22 pts  
(32%)

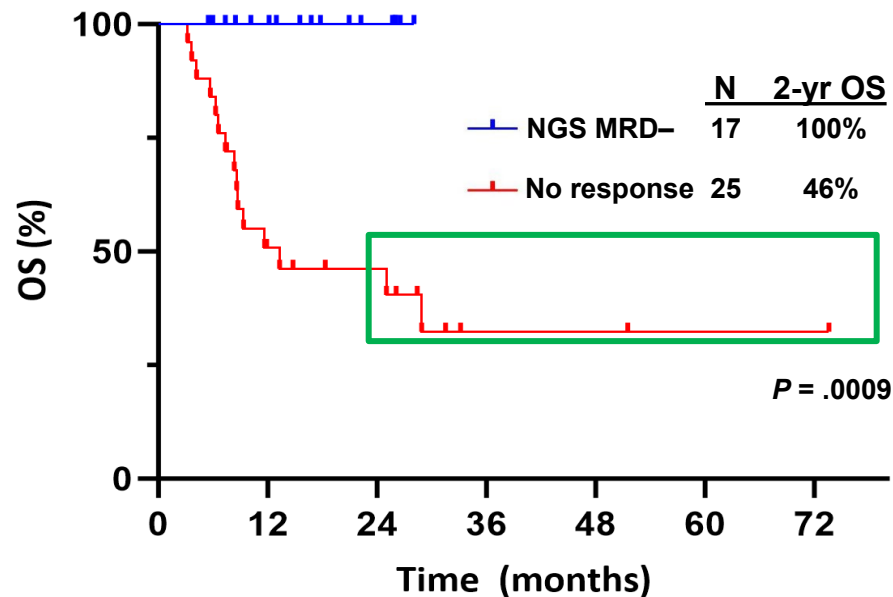
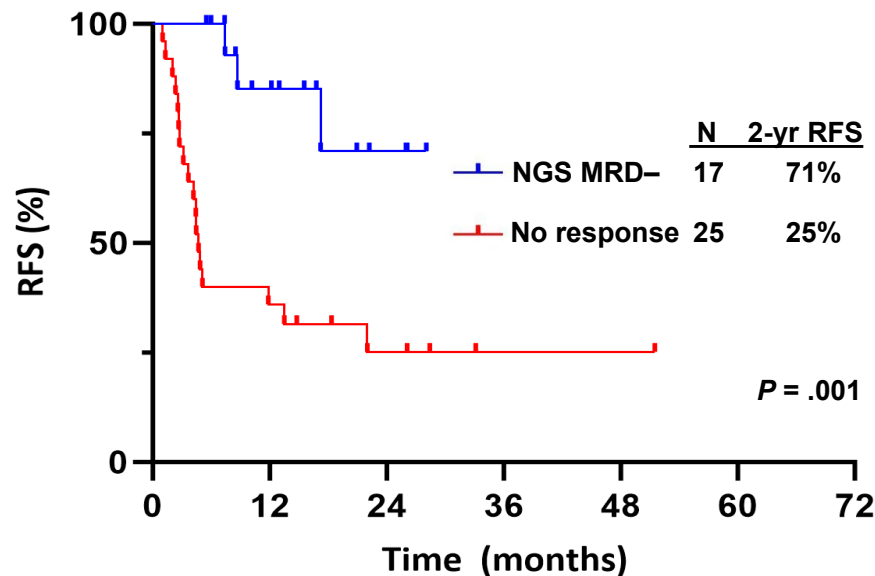
# Blinatumomab for MRD-Positive ALL in CR1/CR2+

- 37 pts Rx. Post-blina MRD negative 27/37 = 73%; 83% in Ph-negative ALL
  - 70% after C1
- Median no. cycles 3 (1–9);** median F/U 31 mo (5–70+)
- 14 pts 0.01 to <0.1%: 3-yr OS 77%; 23 pts ≥0.1%: 3-yr OS 61%
- 3-yr OS 67%; 3-yr OS if MRD negative 72%



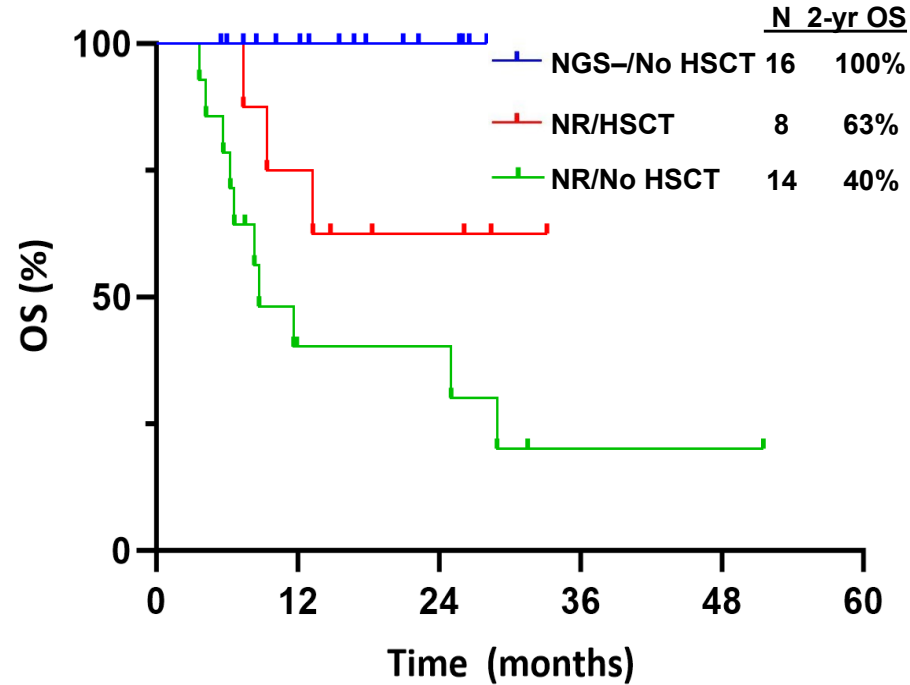
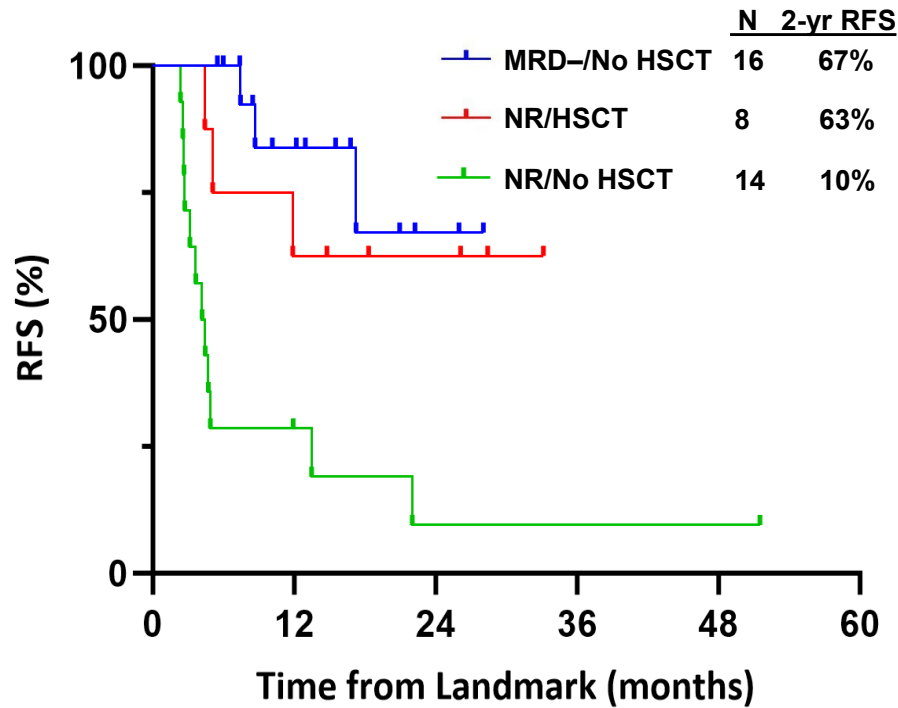
# Impact of NGS MRD Response to Blinatumomab on Survival

- 42 pts with B-cell ALL receiving blinatumomab monotherapy (or with TKI, if Ph+)
- 17/42 (41%) demonstrated NGS MRD negativity



6 patients in NGS MRD nonresponder group with OS of 2+ years → 3 HSCT, 3 CAR T cell

# Allogeneic SCT May Partially Overcome Poor Prognosis of Blinatumomab Nonresponders



# Mini-HCVD–InO–BlinA in R/R ALL

- 133 pts (median age 37 yr; 17–87) Rx with mini-HCVD–InO (n = 67); same + Blina (n = 44); and DD mini-HCVD–InO–BlinA (n = 22). AlloSCT 43%

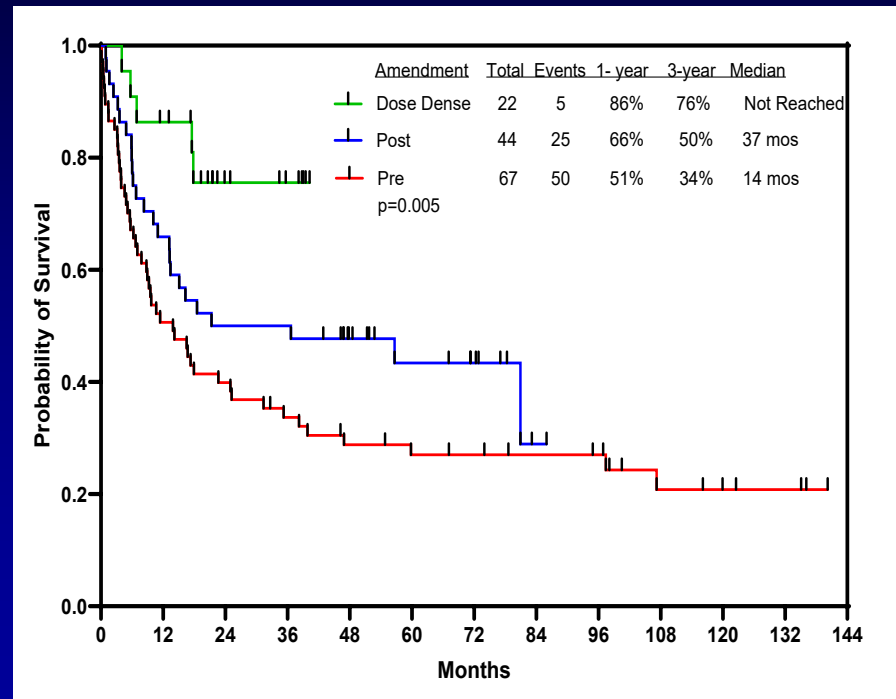
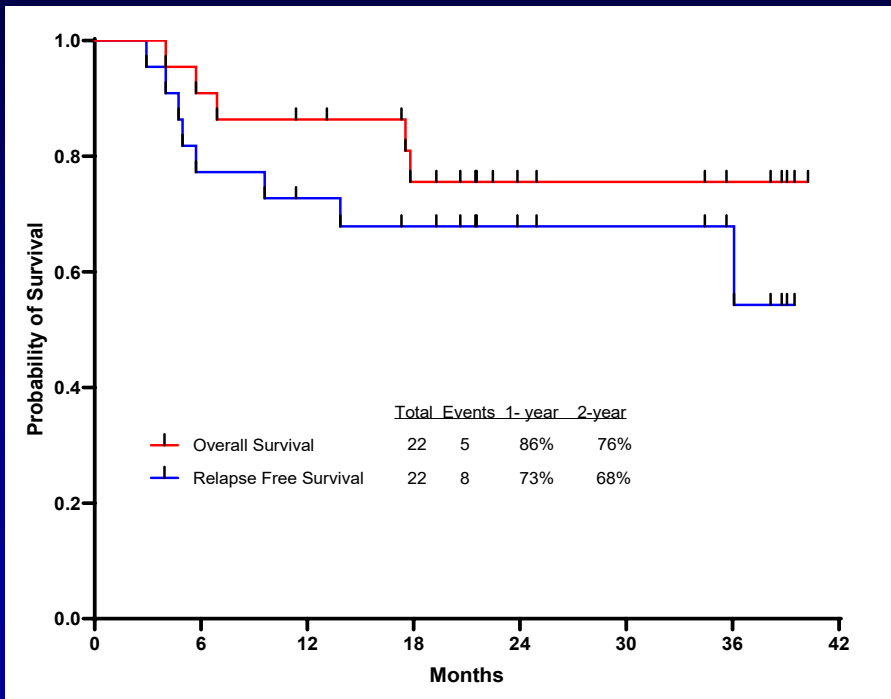
Parameter, %	Total (n = 133)	CT + InO (n = 67)	CT + InO + Blina (n = 44)	DD (n = 22)
ORR	86	76	93	100
CR	65	60	66	81
MRD neg	85	82	85	95
3-yr OS	-	34	50	76
3-yr RFS	-	35	44	68
1-yr OS (S1)	-	51 (63)	66 (66%)	90 (94%)

- 3-yr OS 54% in S1, 20% in S2
- 3-yr OS 60% with SCT vs 56% without
- SOS 10 pts: 9 (13%) initial vs (2%) later



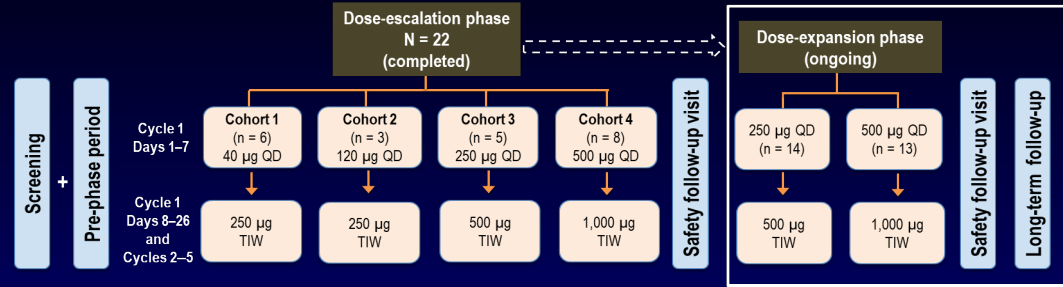
# “Dose-Dense” Mini-HCVD + InO + Blina in R/R B-ALL

- 22 pts median age 41 yr (19-62) Rx; S1 86%
- ORR 100%, CR 81%; MFC MRD negative 95% (74% after C1); NGS MRD negative 94% (43% after C1)
- Median F/U 29 mo: 2-yr OS 76%; 2-yr RFS 68%

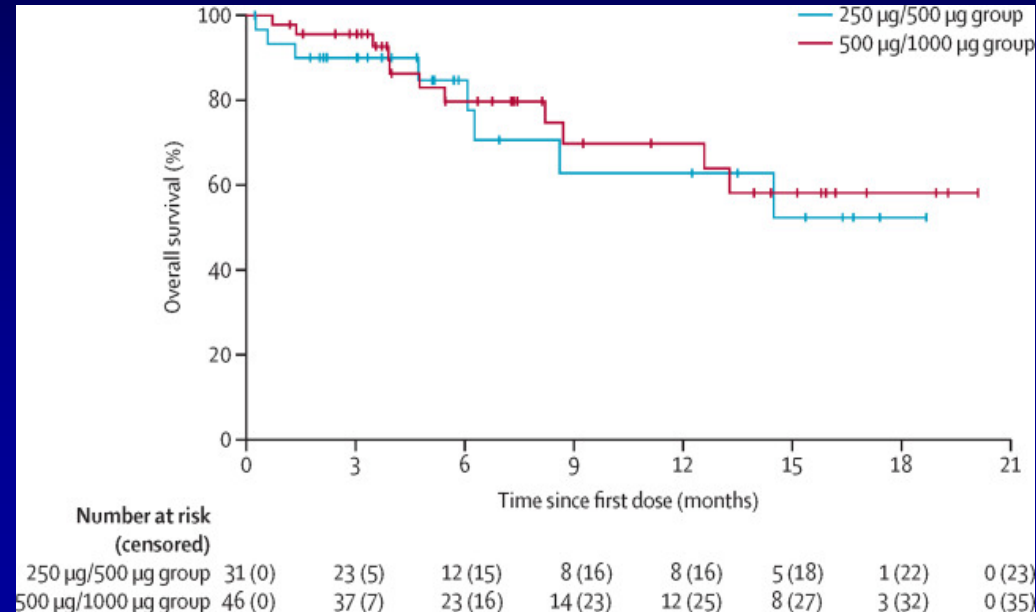


# Subcutaneous Blinatumomab in R/R ALL

- 88 pts Rx: 36 at 250/500; 52 at 500/1000
- Rx 250 mcg daily × 7 then 500 mcg TIW; or 500/1000
- Median age 49 yrs (19–78). Median prior Rxs 2 (1–7). Baseline BM blasts 60%
- Prior CAR T 16%, Blina 19%, InO 33%, HSCT 28%



Parameter	250/500	500/1000
%CR-CRh	75	79
% CR-CRh-CRi	89	92
% MRD-neg	89	93
No relapses	0	3
% 12-mos OS	63	70
% G3 CRS	17	23
% G3 ICAN	28	27



## AZD0486 (CD3-CD19 BiTE) in R/R ALL (SYRUS)

- 24 pts Rx in dose escalation. Target doses 2.4 and 7.2 mg

Parameter	DL1	DL2	Total
No Rx	13	9	22
<b>CR-CRi (%)</b>	<b>6/13 (46)</b>	<b>6/9 (67)</b>	<b>12/22 (55)</b>
MRD neg	5/6	6/6	11/12

- BM blasts 50+% – CR 8/10

# Dose-Dependent Enhanced Efficacy in ITT and CD19-Exposed Populations

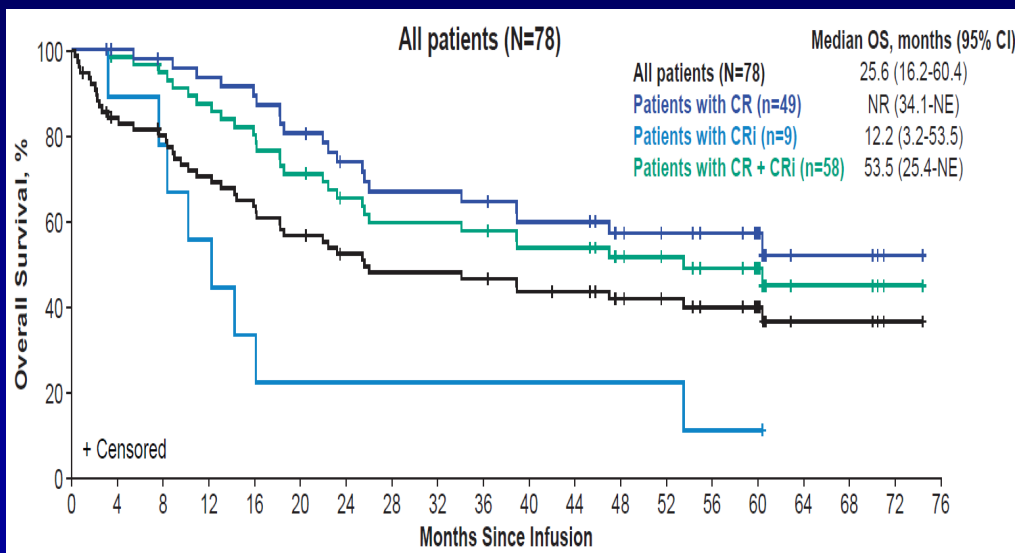
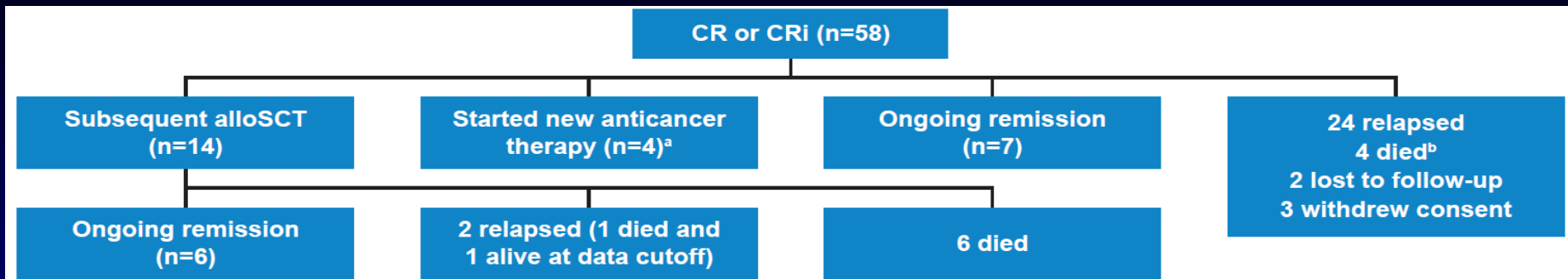
Response, n/N (%)	DL1 (SUD: 0.09/0.27/1.0; TD: 2.4 mg) (n = 13)	DL2 (SUD: 0.27/1.0/2.4; TD: 7.2 mg) (n = 12)	DL3 (SUD: 0.27/1.0/2.4; TD: 15 mg) (n = 6)
<b>ORR EoC1 (CR/CRi) (ITT)</b>	<b>6/13 (46)</b>	<b>7/12 (58)</b>	<b>5/6 (83)</b>
CR/CRi MRDneg (local flow [ $10^{-4}$ ])	5/6 (83)	7/7 (100)	5/5 (100)
Disease relapse	2/6 (33)	0/7	0/5
<b>ORR (CR/CRi) by prior therapy subgroup<sup>a,b</sup></b>			
Blinatumomab exposed	4/9 (44)	1/4 (25)	3/3 (100)
CAR T exposed	1/3 (33)	2/3 (67)	4/5 (80)
Double exposed	1/3 (33)	1/2 (50)	3/3 (100)
Triple exposed (+ inotuzumab)	0/2 (0)	1/2 (50)	3/3 (100)
<b>ORR (CR/CRi) [in patients with EMD]<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>2/3 (67)</b>	<b>2/2 (100)</b>	<b>0/0</b>

<sup>a</sup>Median follow-up: 97 days (range, 35-401 days); <sup>b</sup>Prior therapy subgroups are not mutually exclusive.

CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy; CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete count recovery; DL, dosing level; EMD, extramedullary disease; ITT, intent-to-treat; MRDneg, minimal residual disease negative; ORR, overall response rate; SUD, step-up dosing; TD, target dose.

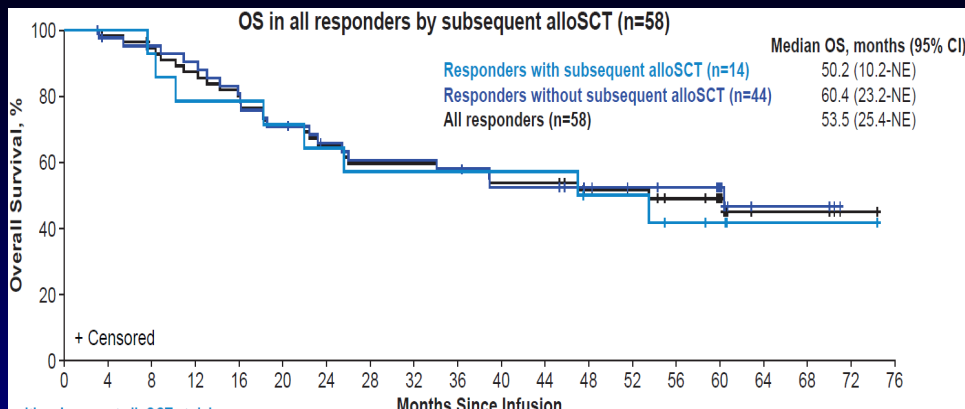


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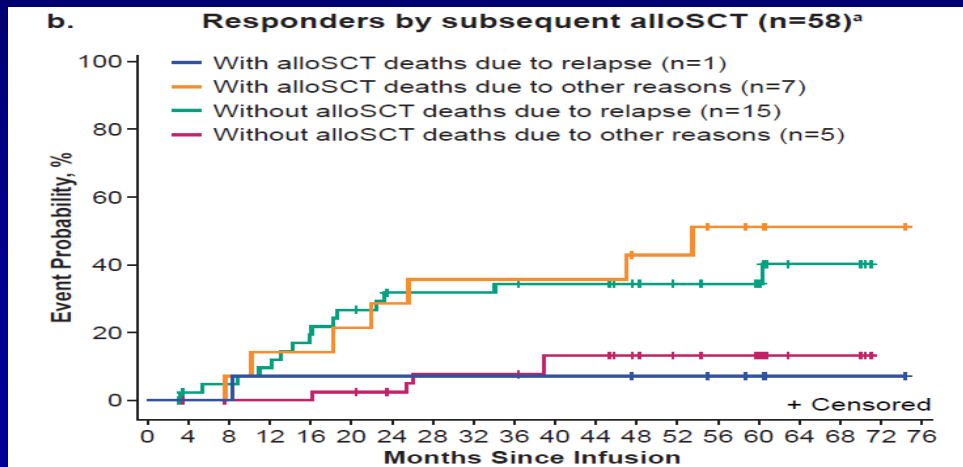


- 7 out of 58 (12%) patients are in ongoing remission at 5 yr of follow-up
- No additional relapses noted between yr 4 and 5 of extended follow-up
- OS remains unchanged at 40%, at 5 yr

# ZUMA-3: Role of AlloSCT Post-CAR T

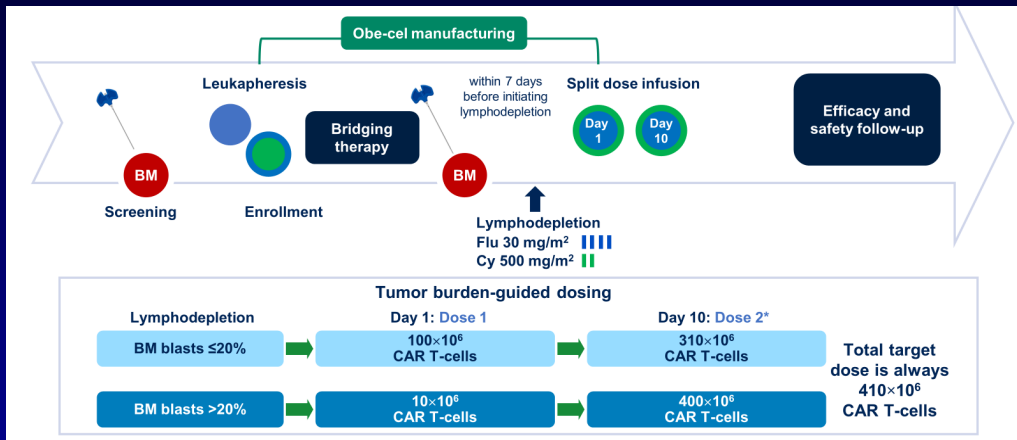


- Nonrelapse mortality high in patients undergoing subsequent alloSCT, with a 5-yr rate of 26%
- Death due to relapse post-alloSCT low compared with patients without alloSCT
- Without alloSCT, the main reason for death was relapse

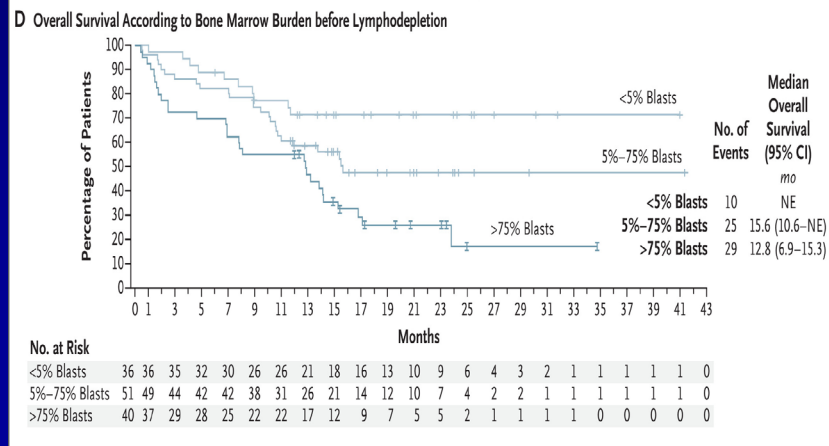
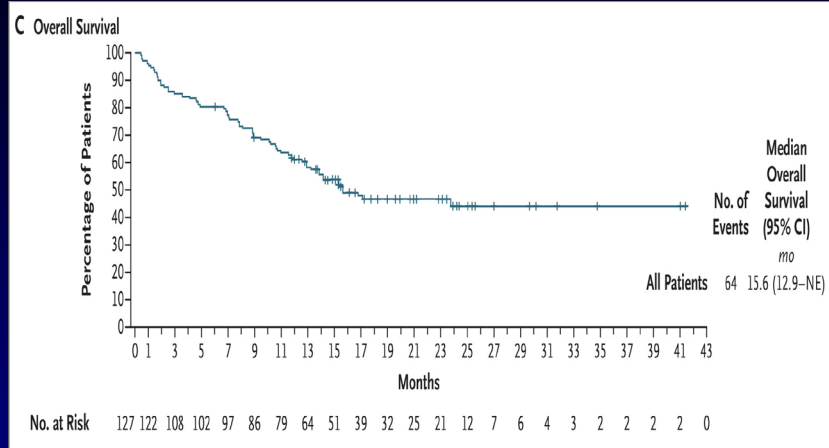


# Obecabtagene Autoleucel (obe-cel) in Adult R/R ALL: FELIX

- AUTO 1 fast off-rate CD19 binder CAR T
- 153 enrolled, 127 (83%) infused; median age 47 yr



- G3 CRS 2.5%; G3 ICANS 7.5%
- Prior blina 42%, InO 31%, alloSCT 44%
- cCR-CRi 99/127 = 78% (99/153 = 65%); 19/77 alloSCT
- Loss of CAR T = HR 2.9
- 12-mo EFS 49%, 12-mo OS 61%

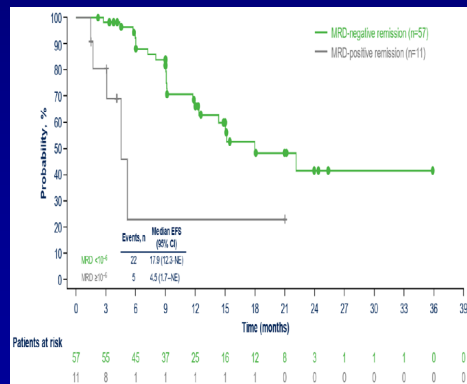


# Obe-cel in Adult R/R ALL: FELIX – Impact of MRD

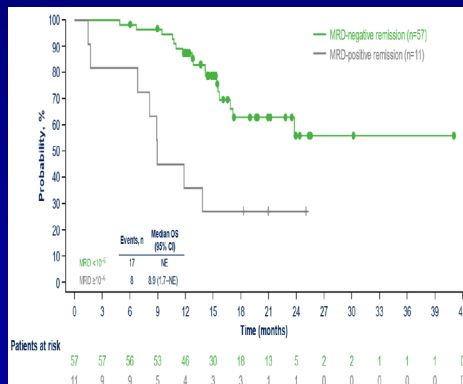
- 96/127 (76%) NGS calibration by NGS; 73/96 (76%) CR/CRi; 68/73 (93%) MRD assessment
- MRD neg 68/73 (84%);** median to MRD neg 1 mo
- F/U 21.5 mo; 70% MRD-neg CR alive

Parameter, %	MRD Pos	MRD Neg	MRD Neg if <5% BL@ LD	MRD Neg if ≥5% to ≤75% BL@ LD	MRD Neg if >75% BL@ LD
	<b>16</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>72</b>
Median EFS, mo	<b>4.5</b>	<b>18</b>	NR	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>
Median OS, mo	<b>9</b>	<b>NR</b>	NR	NR	<b>17</b>

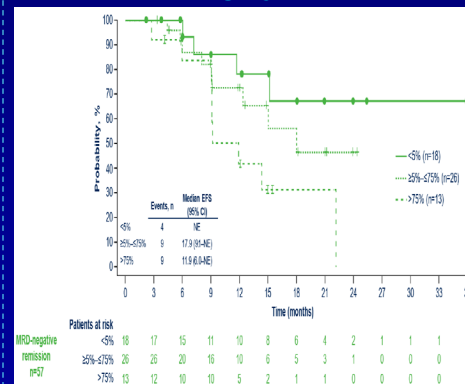
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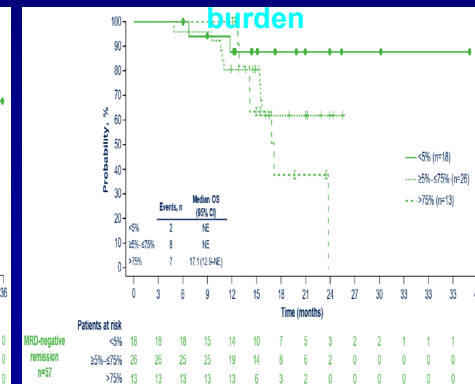
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EFS in MRD neg by tumor burden



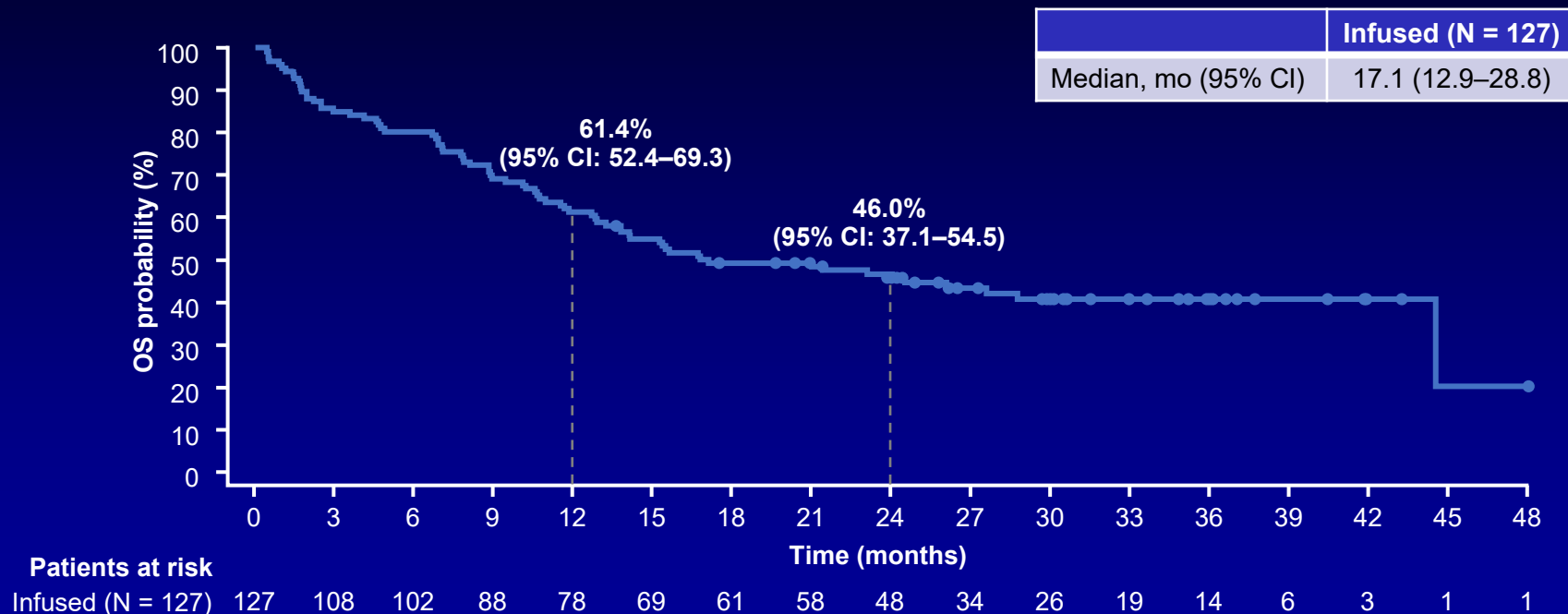
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# Overall Survival, Without Censoring for Consolidative SCT

At 24 months, overall survival probability was 46.0%



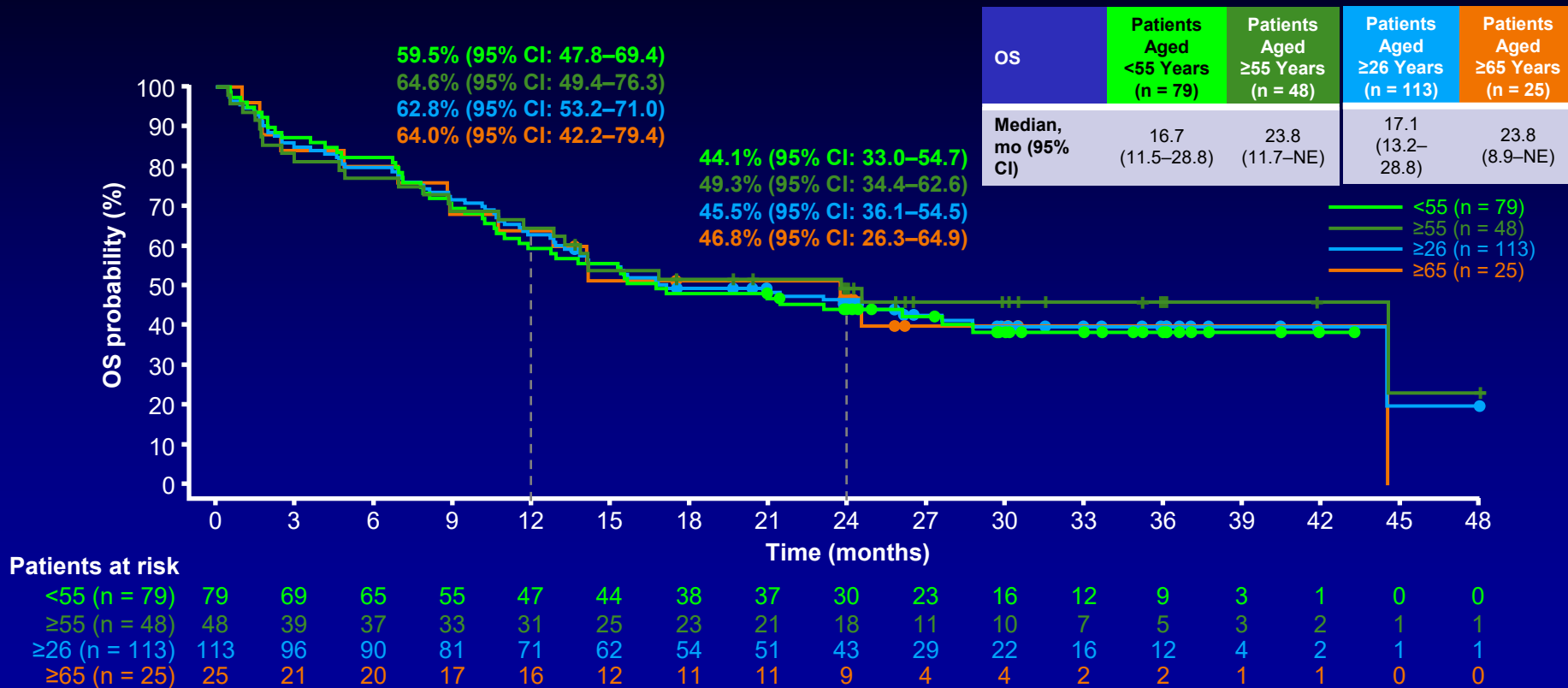
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OS without censoring for consolidative SCT.

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery; OS, overall survival; SCT, stem cell transplant.

# Overall Survival, Without Censoring for Consolidative SCT

OS was comparable in all investigated age groups

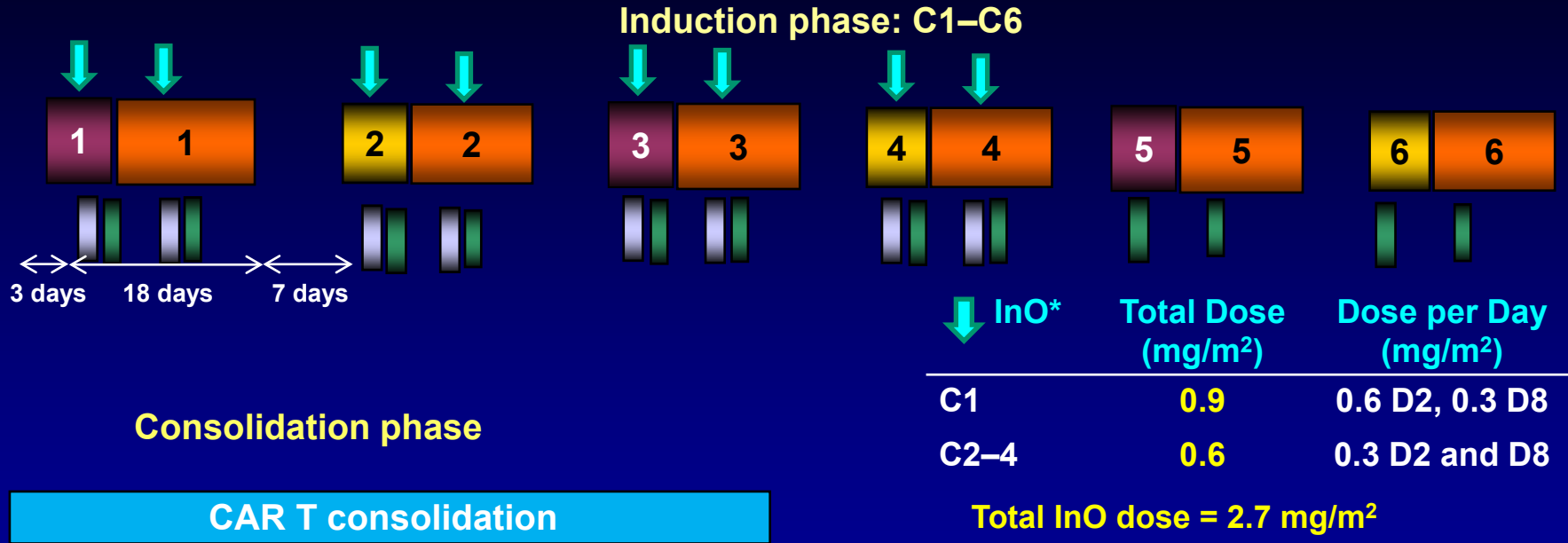


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OS without censoring for consolidative SCT.

NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival; SCT, stem cell transplant.

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



\*Ursodiol 300 mg tid  
for VOD prophylaxis.

Mini-Hyper-CVD

Mini-MTX-Ara-C

Rituximab

IT MTX, Ara-C

Blinatumomab

# ALL 2025 and Beyond: Conclusions

- Significant improvements across all ALL categories
- Ph-positive ALL
  - Ponatinib > imatinib – evaluating newer TKI (olverembatinib, asciminib)
  - Blina-ponatinib: 4-year OS 89%, rarely alloSCT
  - CNS relapses: 15 IT vs systemic chemotherapy in WBC >70K
- Incorporation of Blina-InO in FL therapy highly effective and improves survival
  - HCVAD-blina-InO: 5-year OS 90%
  - Mini-HCVD-InO in older ALL: 5-year OS 50%
  - Exploring chemotherapy-free approach to reduce death in CR in older ALL
- Early eradication of MRD predicts best overall survival
  - NGS > FCM in Ph-negative ALL, NGS > PCR in Ph positive
- Antibody-based RxS and CAR Ts both outstanding; not mutually exclusive/competitive (vs); rather, complementary
  - CAR T as consolidation post-blina/InO (BRICK)-based regimen
- Future of ALL Rx
  - Less chemotherapy and shorter durations
  - Combinations with ADCs and BiTEs/TriTEs targeting CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79
  - SQ blinatumomab
  - CAR Ts CD19 and CD19 allo and auto in sequence in CR1 for MRD and replacing ASCT

# **Thank You**

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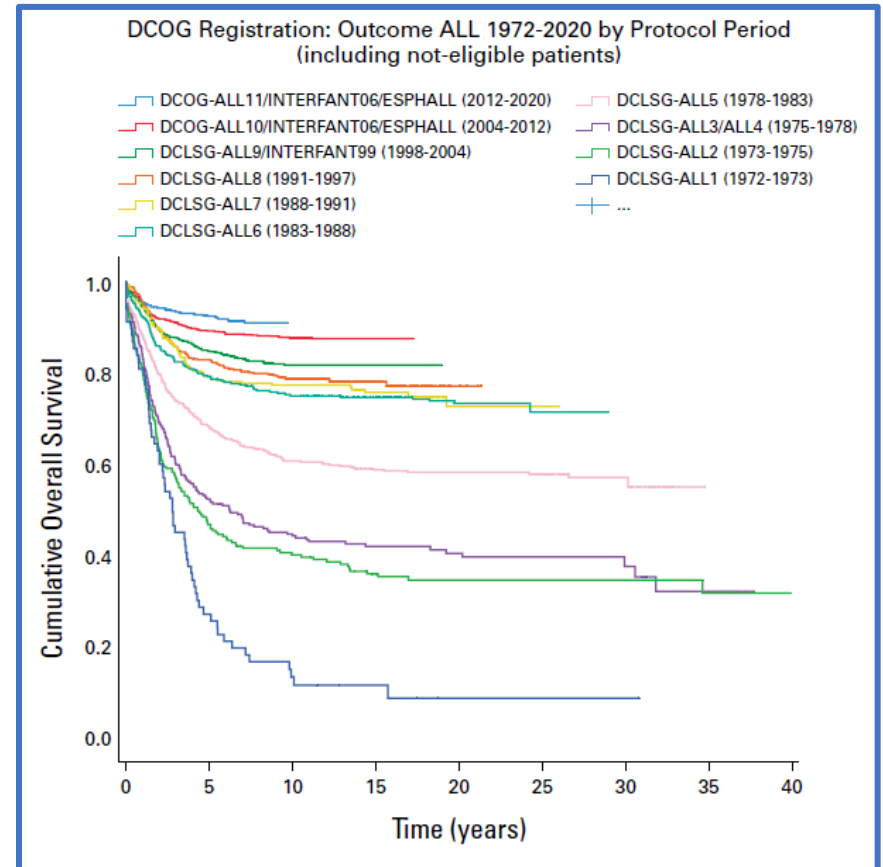
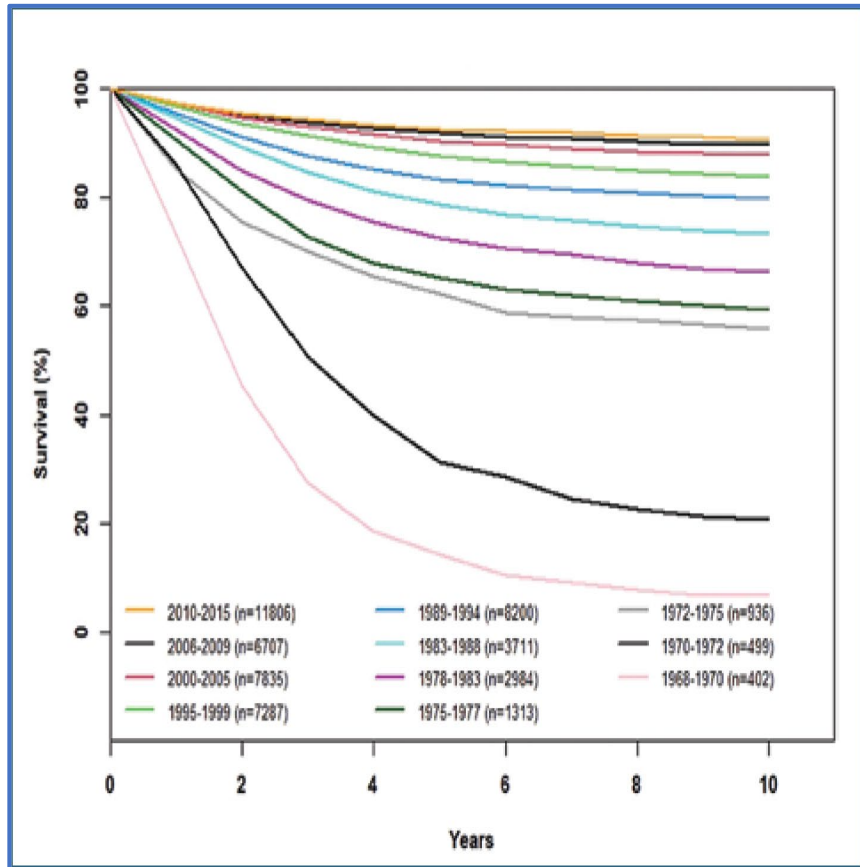
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# Review of prognostic and predictive markers in ALL

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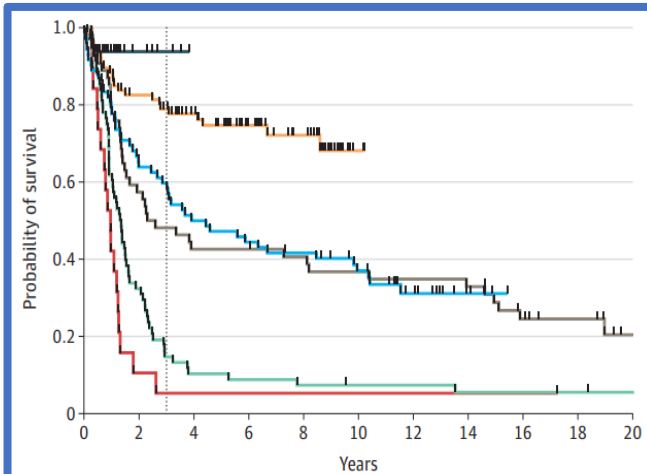


# COG and DCOG trials for ALL in children

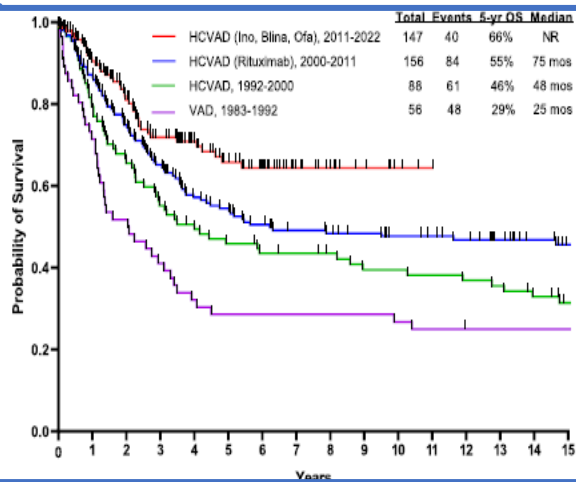


# Improvements in adult ALL: MDACC

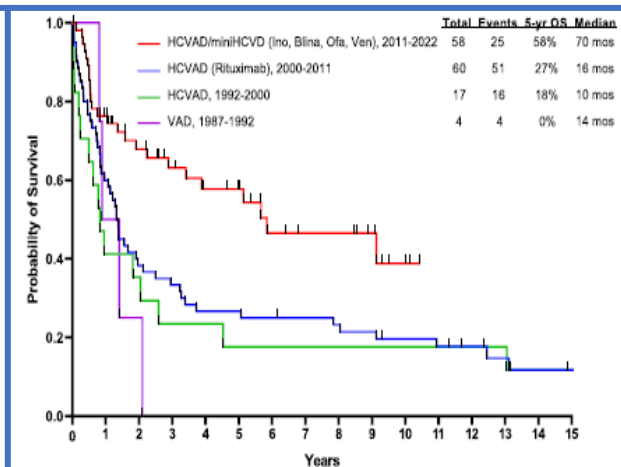
## Ph+ ALL



## Ph- ALL <60 yr



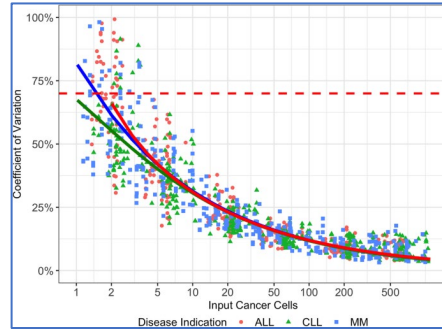
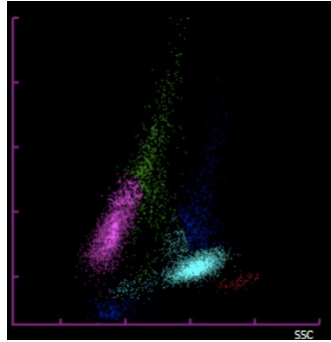
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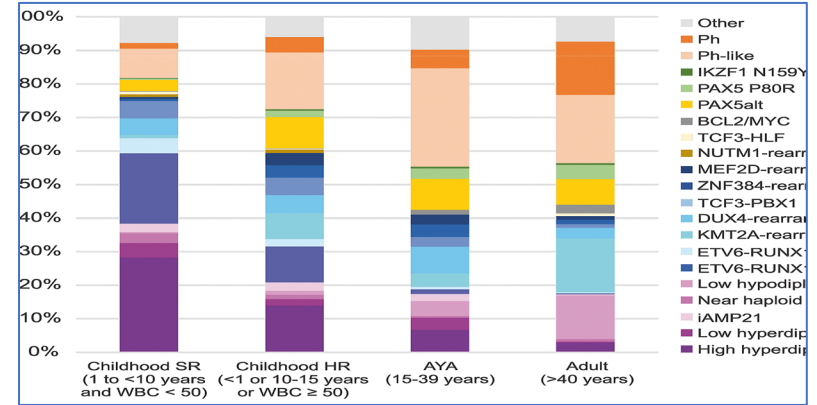


# Factors contributing to improved outcomes in ALL

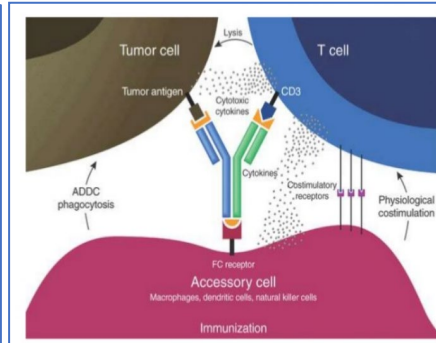
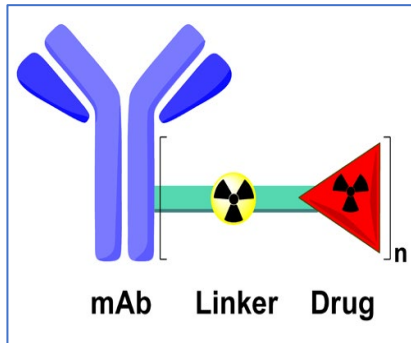
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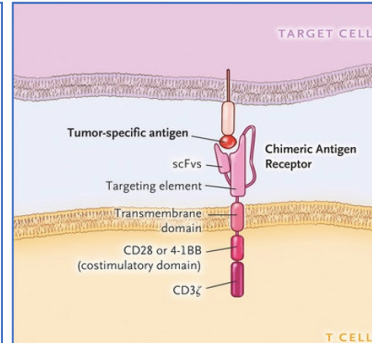
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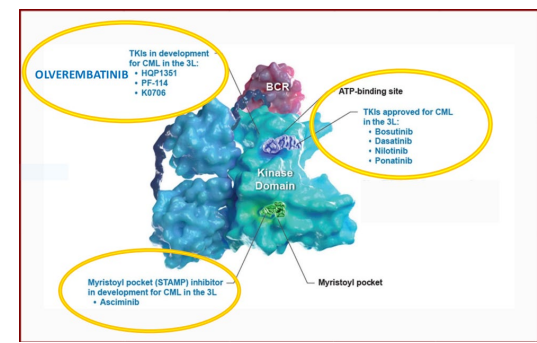
## Immunotherapy (frontline and relapse)



## CAR T-cell therapy



## Targeted therapy



# Prognostic and predictive factors in ALL

	Risk factor	Comment
<b>Patient related</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age (continuous, &lt;60 yr vs ≥60 yr)</li> <li>General status, comorbidities</li> </ul>	Young adults, older adults, elderly Fit vs unfit
<b>Disease related</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WBC count (&gt;30K [B], &gt;100K [T])</li> </ul>	Maintained with modern therapies for BCP-ALL, not for T-ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunophenotype (pro-B, pro-T, ETP)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cytogenetics (low hypodiploid, t[4;11], CK, iAMP21, t[17;19])</li> </ul>	
	Molecular genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KMT2Ar, Ph-like, IKZF1plus, IgHr, HLFr, ZNF384r, MEF2Dr, MYCr</li> <li>NOTCH1 unmut and/or RAS/PTEN mut, other</li> </ul>	BCP-ALL  T-ALL
<b>Response dynamics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No CR demonstration after induction</li> <li>End-induction/consolidation MRD+ (≥0.01%)</li> </ul>	Different time points in Ph+ and Ph– ALL

## **Most relevant prognostic factors (before frontline immunotherapy)**

- Age
- WBC count
- Genetics/genomics
- MRD

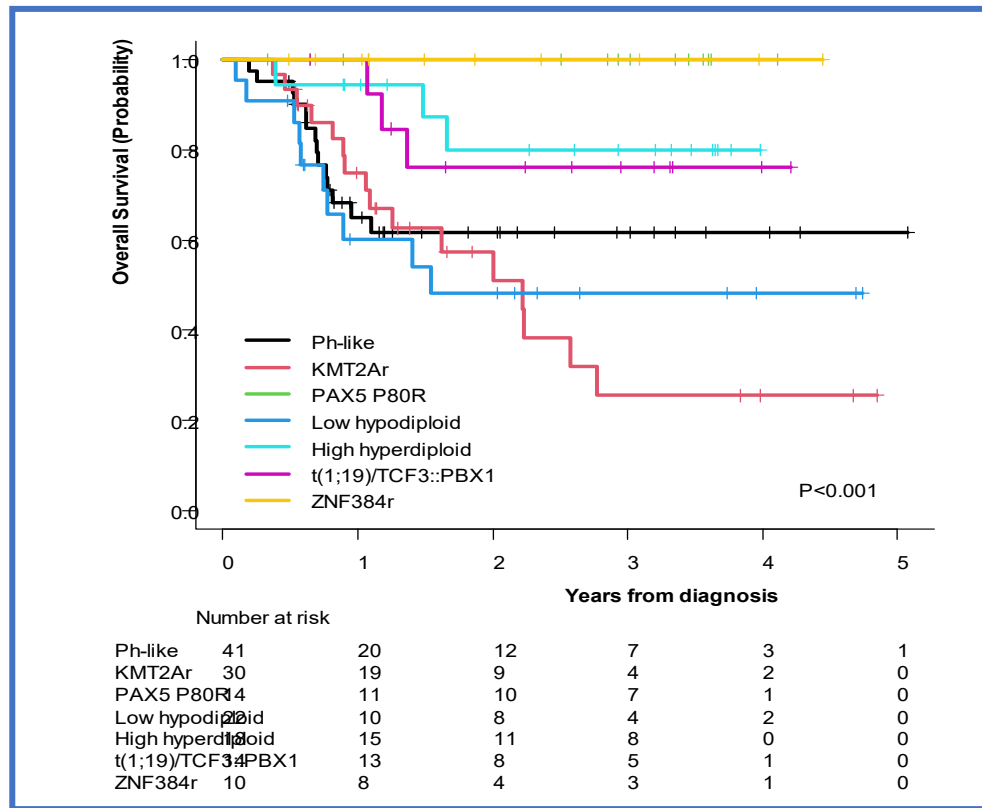
**Should be reassessed in the era of frontline immunotherapy**

# Prognostic factors in the PETHEMA ALL-HR11 trial

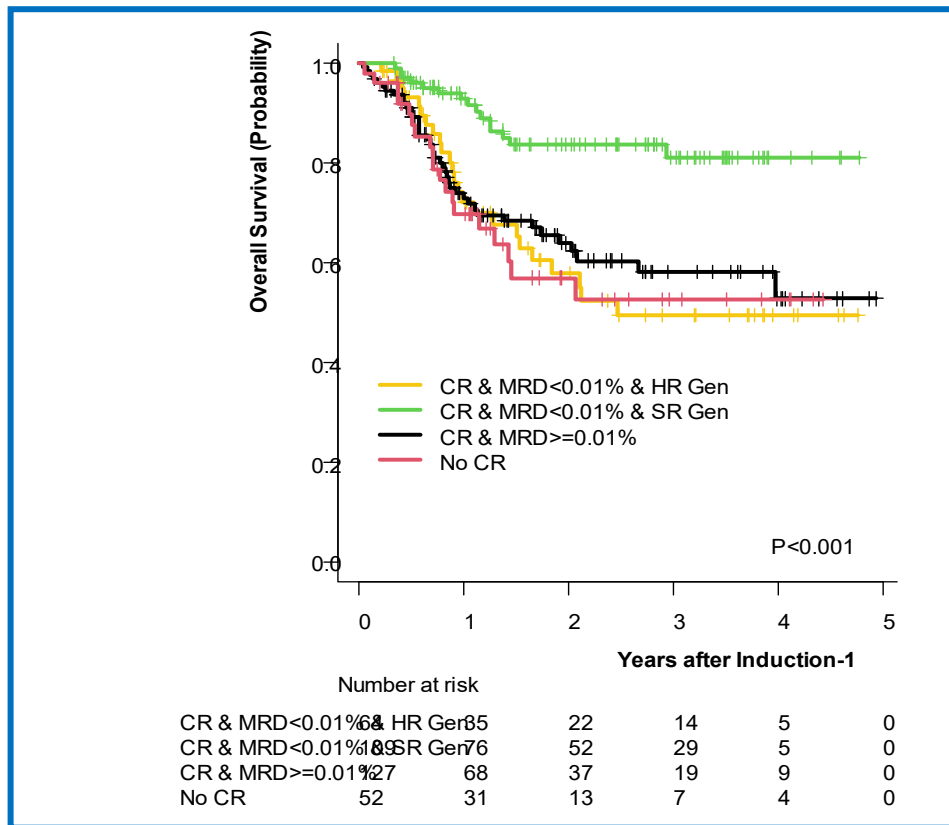
Variable	N	OS HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	CIR HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
WBC count (continuous variable)	289	1.003 (1.001–1.005)	.002	1.003 (1.001–1.004)	<.001
HR cytogenetics*	30/209	1.995 (1.109–3.587)	.021		—
MRD ≥0.01% after induction 1	103/282	1.641 (1.002–2.706)	.049		

\*HR cytogenetics: t(v;11q23), hypodiploidy, and complex karyotype.

# Different outcome according to genetic BCP-ALL subtypes (PETHEMA ALL19 trial)



# Impact of combined MRD and genetics on outcome in Ph- ALL (PETHEMA ALL2019 trial)



# Actionability in genetic aberrations in ALL is still poor

Abnormality	Prognostic	Actionable
<i>BCR-ABL</i>	Poor → Favorable	Yes (TKI + blin)
Ph-like	Poor, esp CRLF2r	Not currently (allo in CR1) Ruxolitinib for JAK2? Dasatinib for ABL-class kinase mut?
<i>KMT2Ar/MLL</i>	Poor	No (allo in CR1) Menin inhibitor?
<i>TP53</i>	Poor	No (allo in CR1)
Hypodiploidy (low)	Poor	No (allo in CR1)
Complex karyotype	Poor	No (allo in CR1)
<i>IKZF1</i>	Unclear	No

## Under research

- ***KMT2Ar***: menin inhibitors
- ***ZNF384r***: FLT3 inhibitors
- ***DUX4r***: PI3K inhibitors
- **Hypodiploidy**: BCL2 inh
- **Ph-like**: TKI, JAK inhibitors
- **ETP-ALL**: BCL2 inhibitors

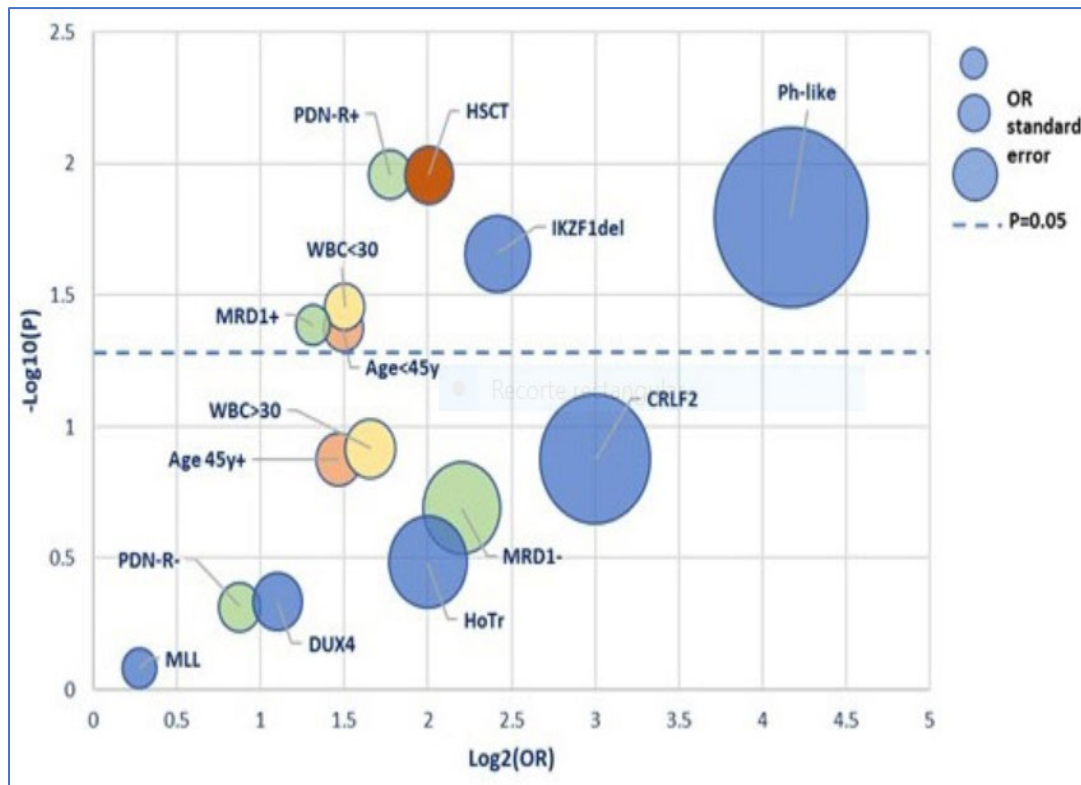
# **Effect of blinatumomab in 1L on prognostic and predictive factors**

**Ph- ALL**

**Ph+ ALL**



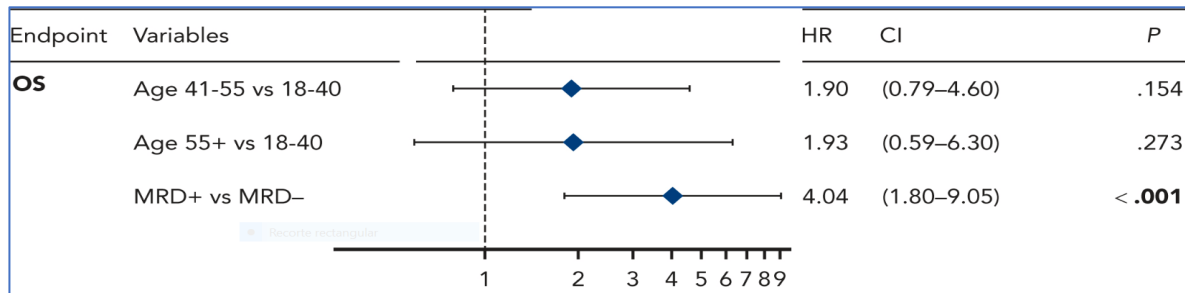
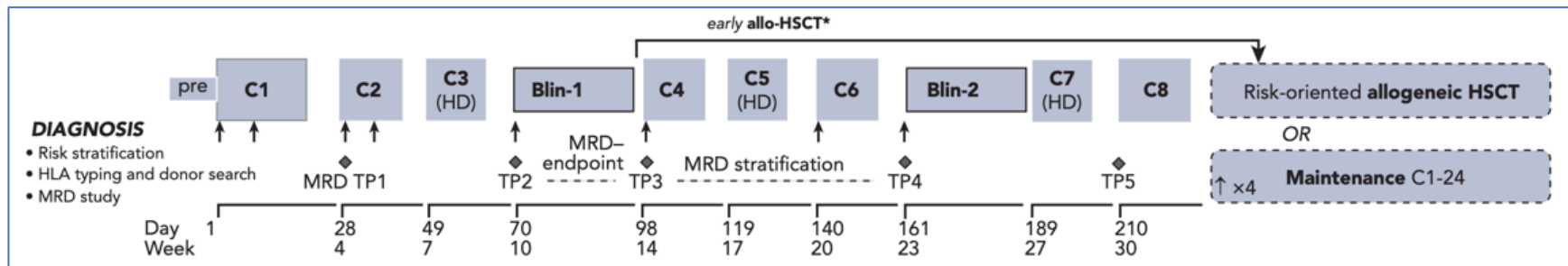
# GRAALL-2014/B QUEST substudy: Heterogeneous landscape of response to blin among genetic entities



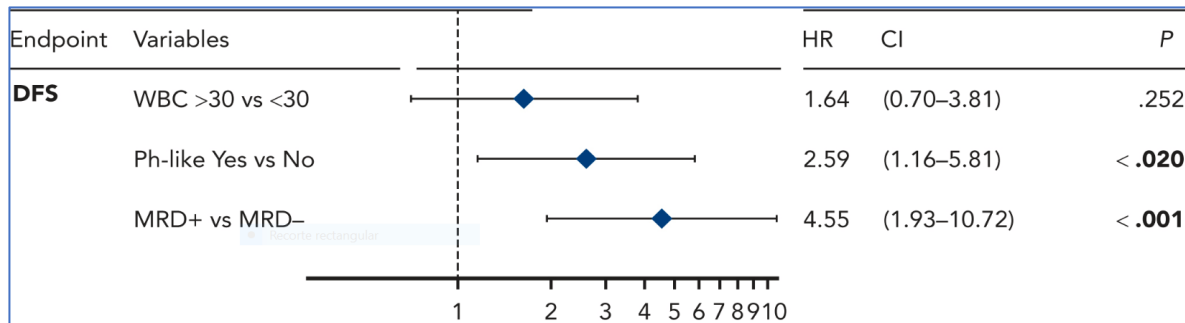
**Higher chance to be MRD3-negative ( $<10^{-4}$ ) After blin (vs controls)**

- Younger age ( $<45$  yr)
- WBC  $<30$  G/L
- Poor prednisone response
- *IKZF1* deletion
- Ph-like

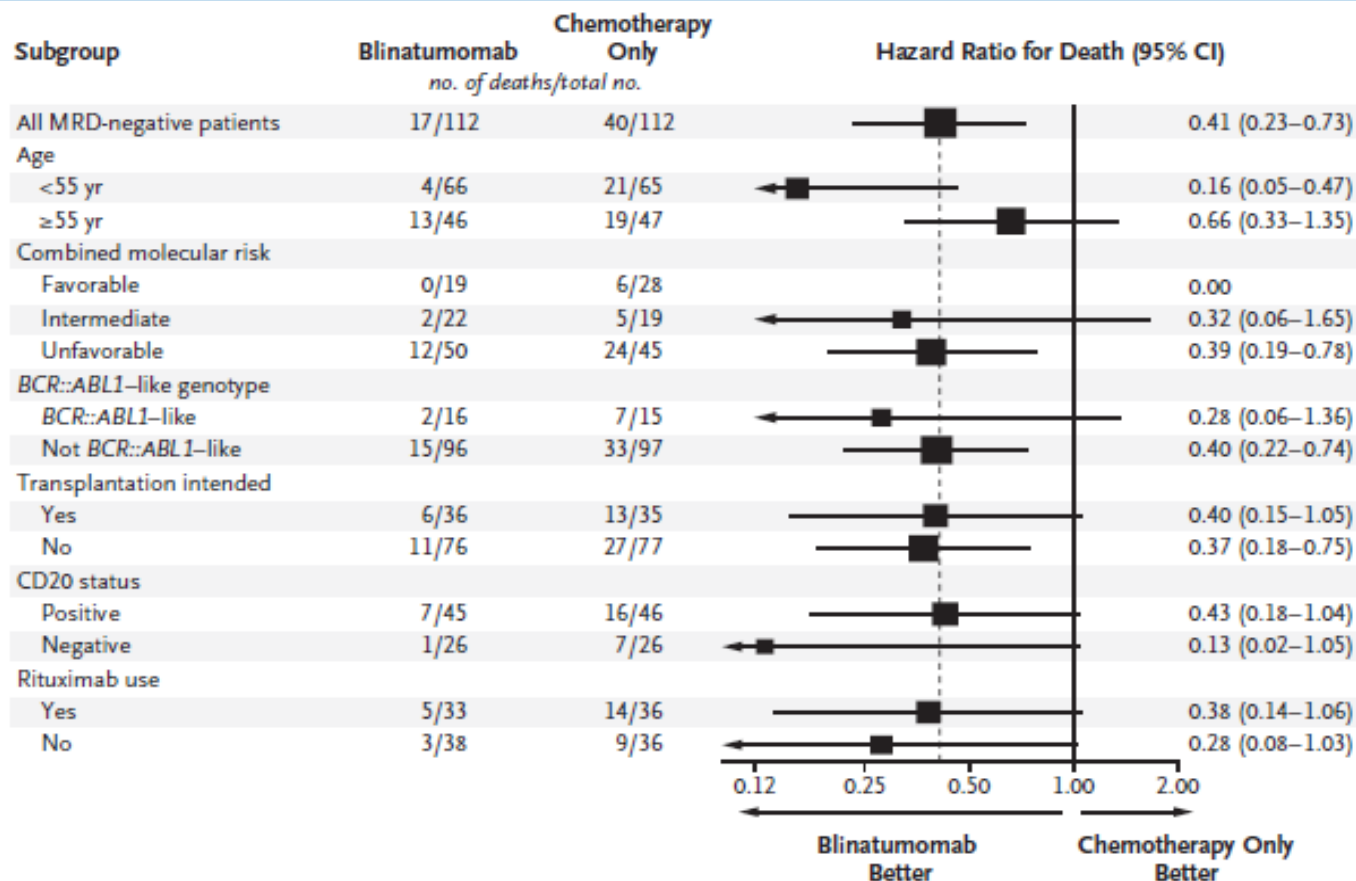
# Phase II GIMEMA LAL2317 trial with 1L blinatumomab



Age and WBC count lost their prognostic significance

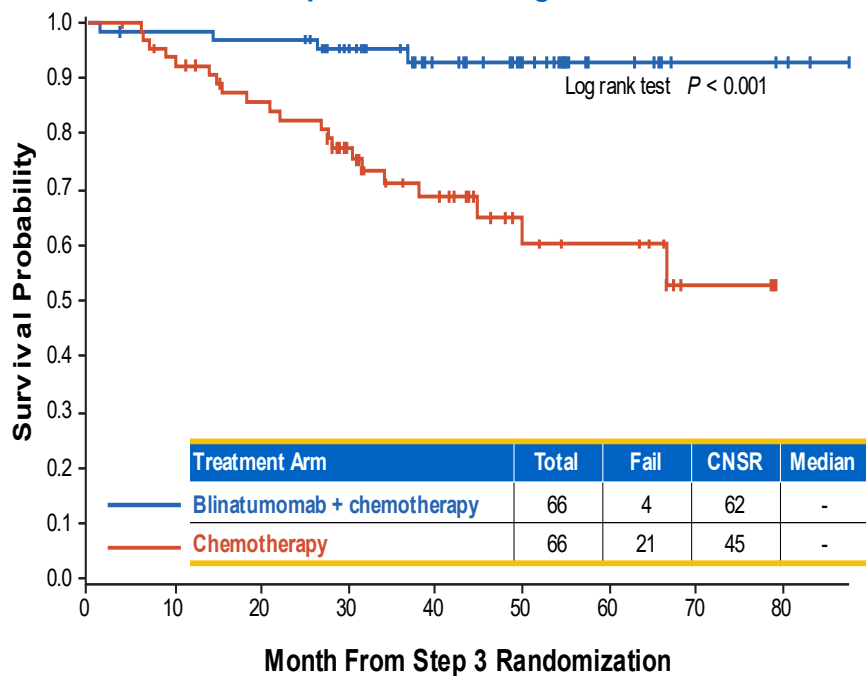


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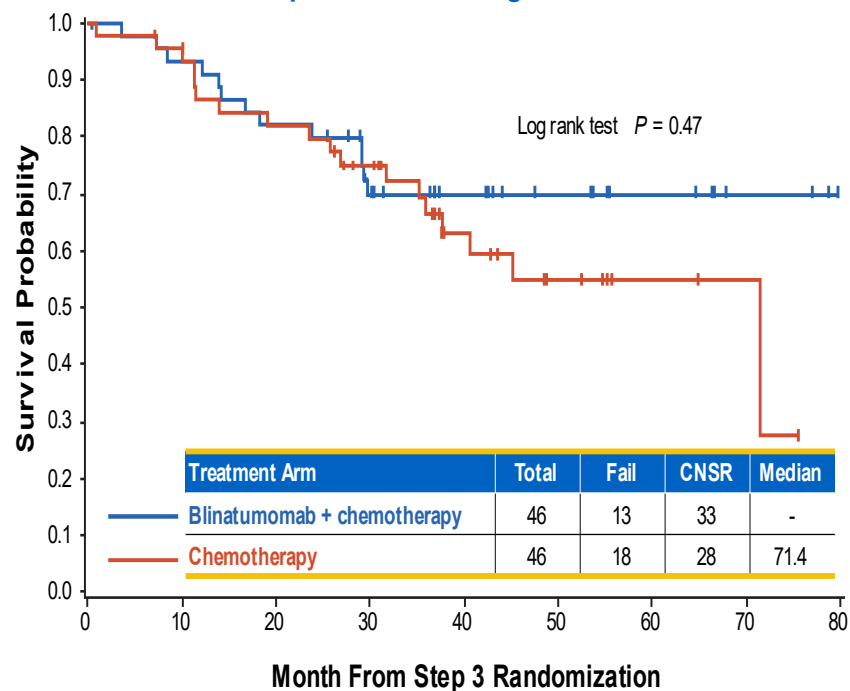
# E1910: Outcomes by age

OS Comparison: MRD– Age < 55 Years



Median OS: NR in both arms; HR: 0.18; 95% CI: 0.06-0.52;  $P < 0.001$

OS Comparison: MRD– Age  $\geq 55$  Years



Median OS: NR vs 71.4 months; HR: 0.77; 95% CI: 0.37-1.58;  $P = 0.47$

# E1910: MRD– molecular subgroup analysis

Molecular risk n (%)	Blina + Chemo, n=66	Chemotherapy, n=65
Favorable	14 (21)	22 (33)
Intermediate	17 (26)	12 (18)
Unfavorable	20 (30)	23 (35)
Not assigned	15 (23)	8 (14)

**Favorable:** *DUX4*r; high hyperdiploid; *TCF3::PBX1*; *PAX5* P80R

**Intermediate:** *PAX5*alt; *PAX5::ETV6*; *MEF2D*r; *ZNF384*r

**Unfavorable:** *KMT2A*r; low hypodiploid/near haploid; *BCR::ABL1*-like; *BCL2/MYC*r; *ETV6::RUNX1*-like and *IGH::CRLF2*

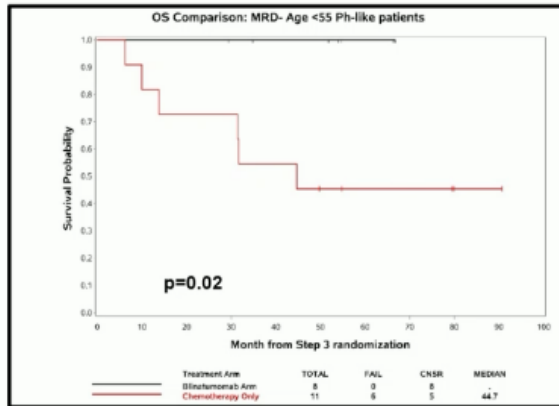
**Favorable**

**Intermediate**

**Unfavorable**

# E1910: Outcomes $\leq 55$ yo subgroup analysis

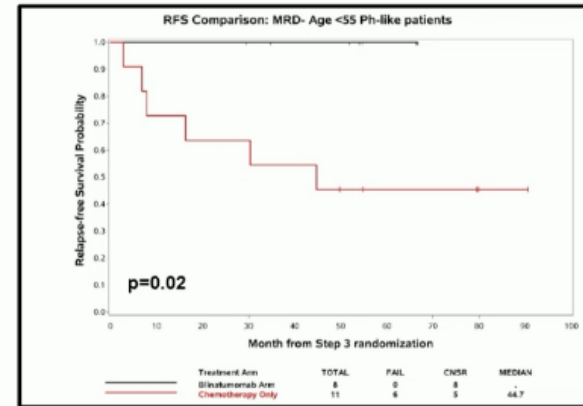
## MRD Negative *BCR::ABL1*-like Patients



(8)  
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3 Year Overall Survival

**Blinatumomab** 100%  
**Chemotherapy** 45%



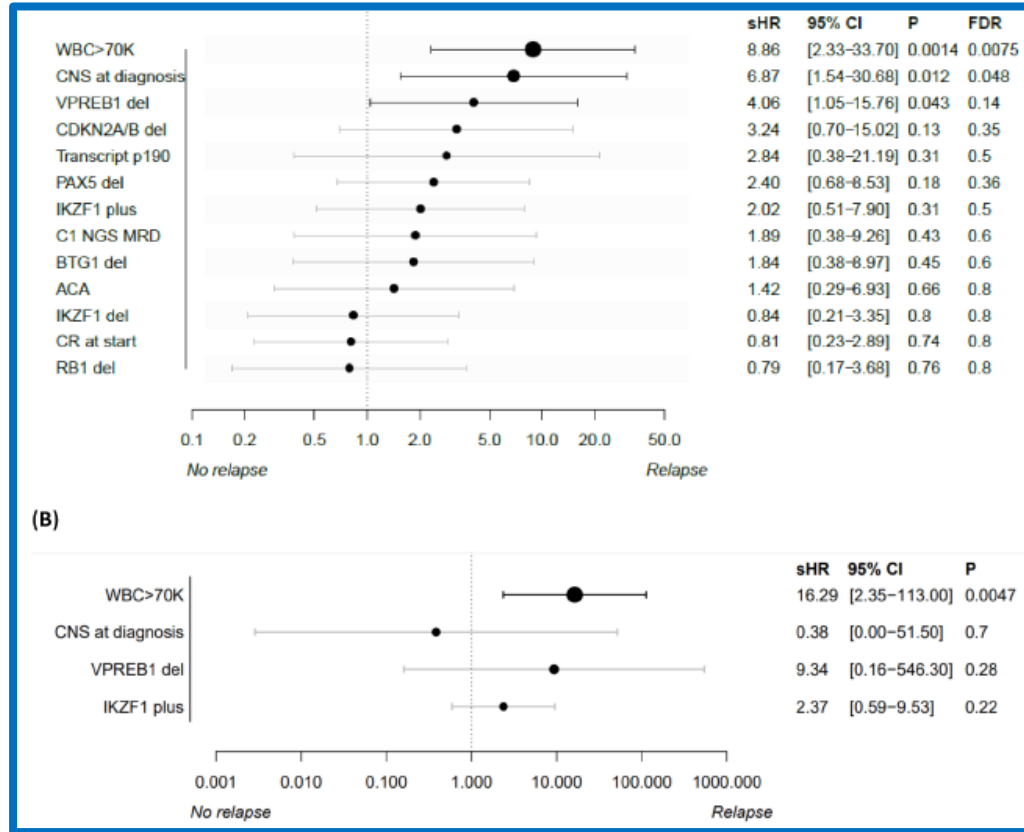
3 Year Relapse Free Survival

**Blinatumomab** 100%  
**Chemotherapy** 45%

- 7/19 (37%) patients received HCT.

\*NB: This is **19** of the **66** Ph-like patients in this age group who started on study.

# Indicators of high relapse risk in Ph+ ALL under blina-ponatinib



## Concluding remarks

- The most relevant prognostic factors before frontline immunotherapy are consistent according to studies – MRD and genetics are the most important
- Larger prospective studies under frontline immunotherapy should further explore the prognostic/predictive factors



# Best practices for first-line treatment in ALL, including Ph+

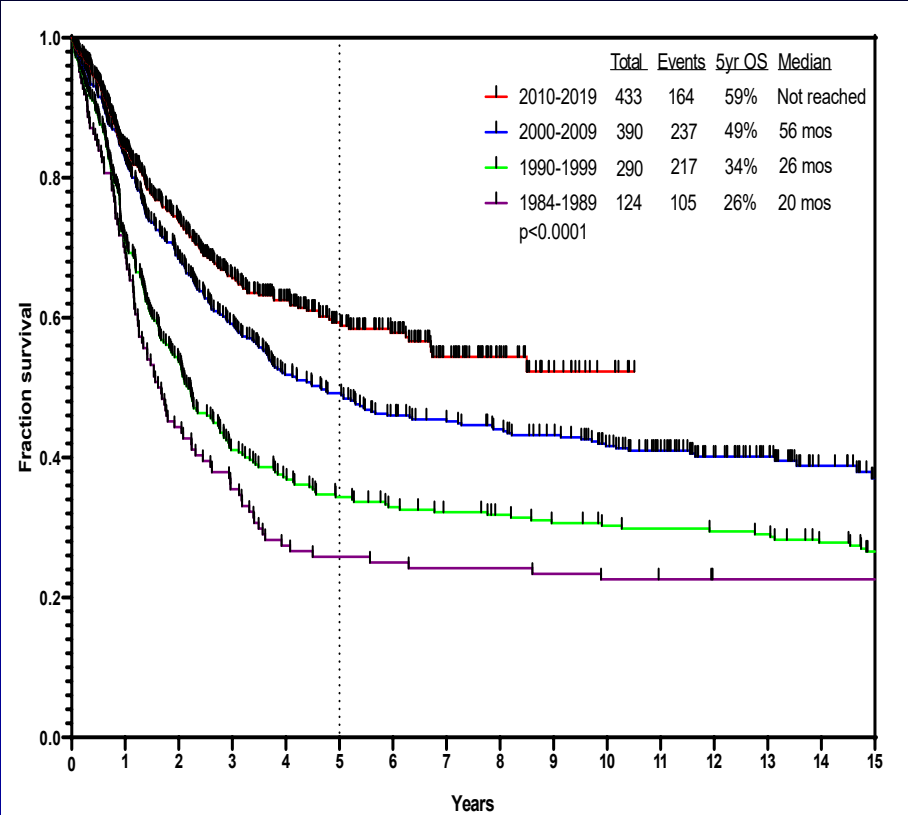
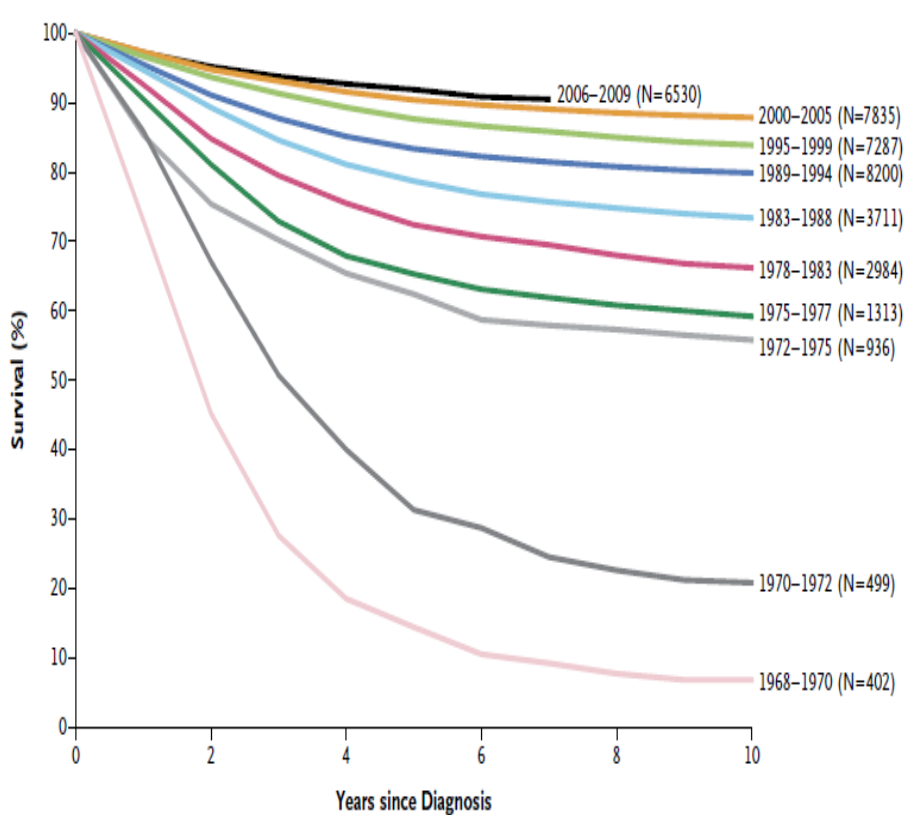
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# **Frontline Therapies in ALL in 2025**

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# Survival in Pediatric and Adult ALL With Classical Intensive ChemoRx Regimens



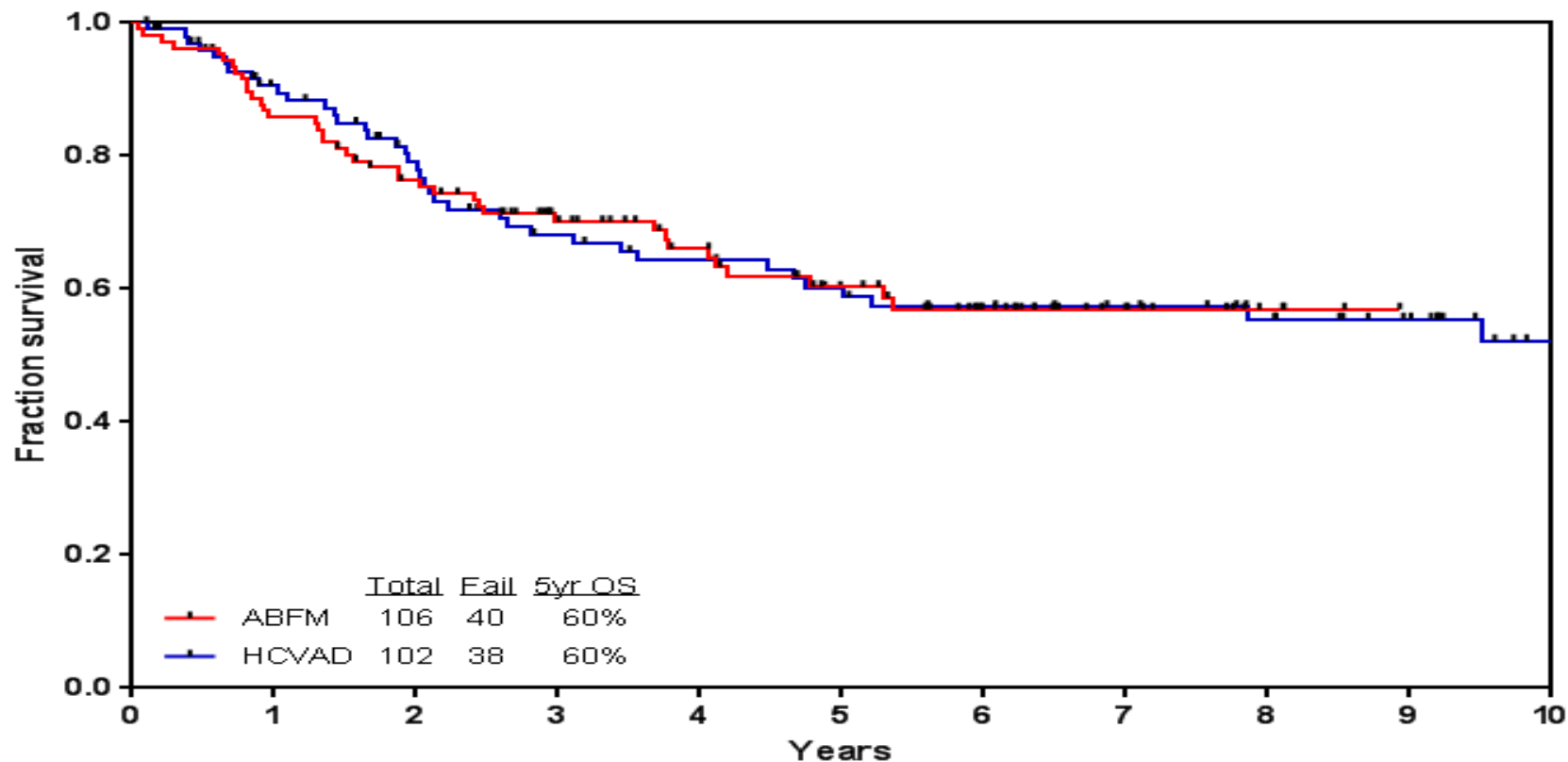
# Why Pediatric ALL Does Better Than Adult ALL

Entity	Prognosis	Pediatric, %	Adult, %
Hyperdiploid	Favorable	25–30	5
t(12;21), <i>ETV::RUNX1</i>	Favorable	20–25	2
Ph+ ALL	Unfavorable (not anymore)	5	25
Ph-like ALL	Unfavorable (not in 2022+)	10	25

## Reasons for Recent Success in Adult ALL

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

# Hyper-CVAD vs ABFM: Overall Survival



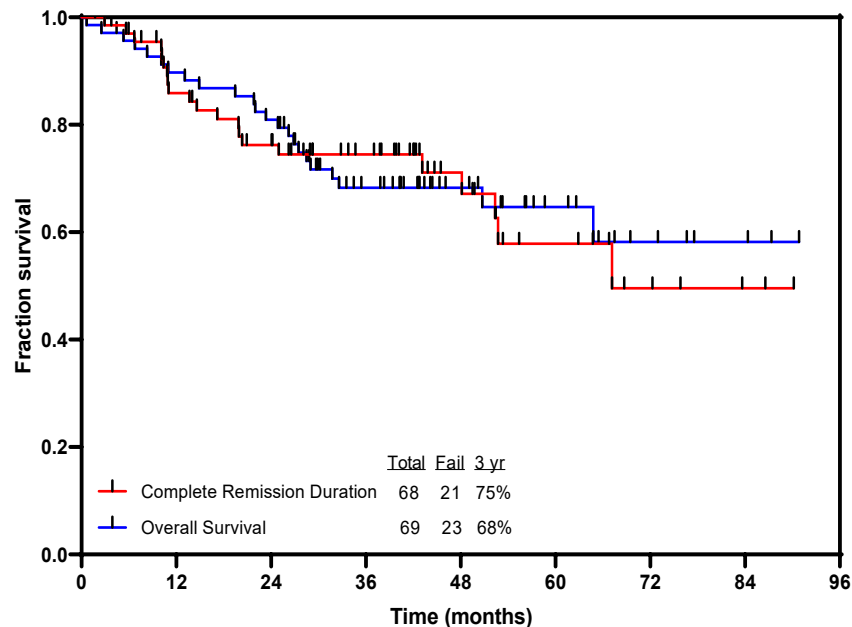
## What Should We Incorporate?

- Ph-positive ALL: ponatinib, blinatumomab; novel BCR::ABL1 TKIs (asciminib; olverembatinib)
- Pre-B ALL: antibodies targeting CD19 (blinatumomab), CD22 (inotuzumab), and CD20 (rituximab, CD20 BiTEs)
- CAR T consolidation instead of alloSCT??
- MRD tracking by NGS clonoSEQ for IgHV (analyzes >1 million cells) to decide on changes in Rx, and duration of Rx
- Dose-dense mini-CVD–inotuzumab–blinatumomab ± CAR T regimen – 7 months of Rx
- T-ALL: need CD7 CAR Ts

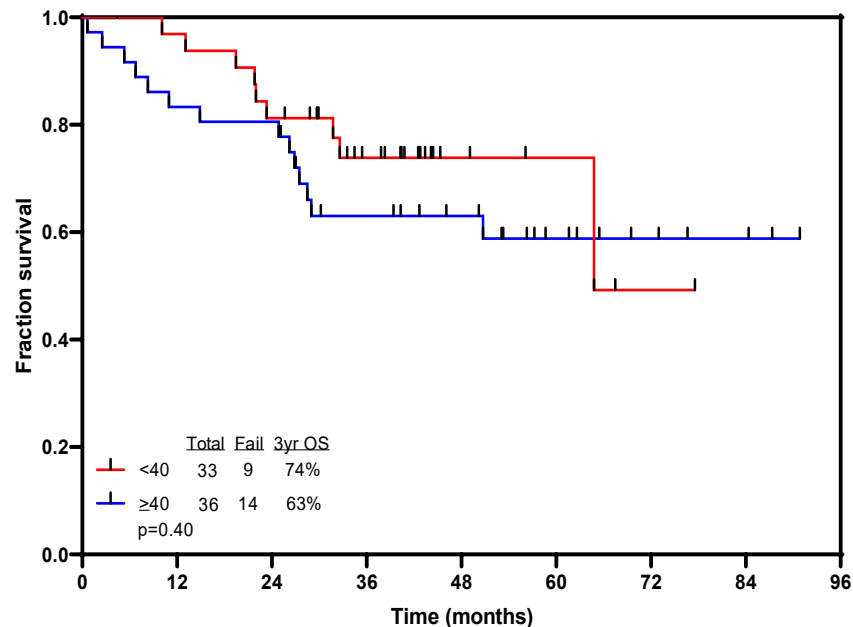
# HCVAD + Ofatumumab: Outcome (N = 69)

- Median follow-up of 44 months (4-91)
- CR 98%, MRD negativity 93% (at CR 63%), early death 2%

## CRD and OS overall



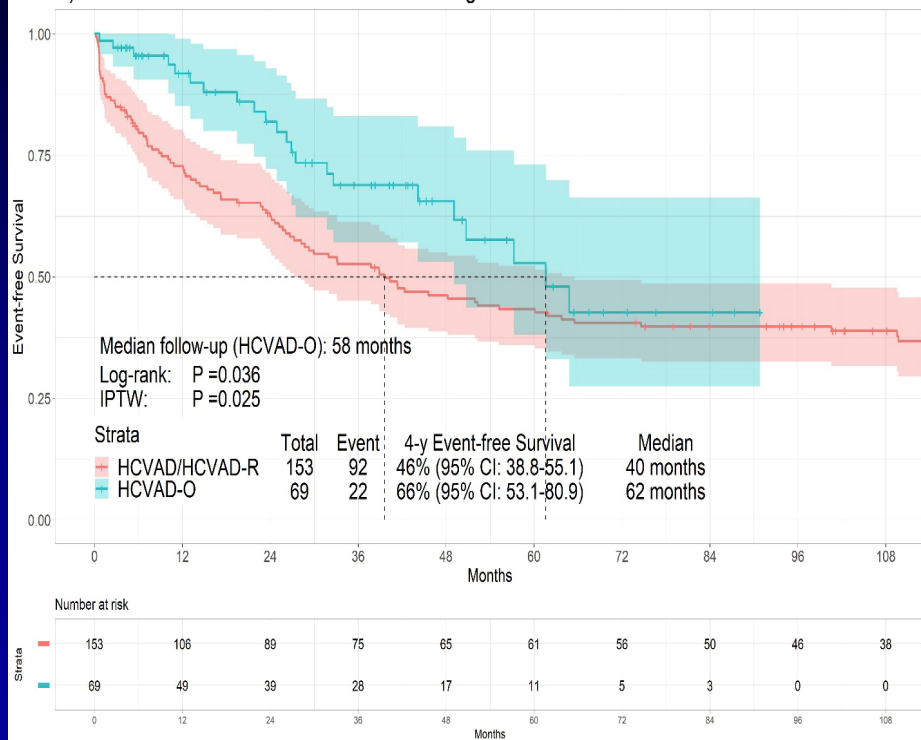
## OS by age



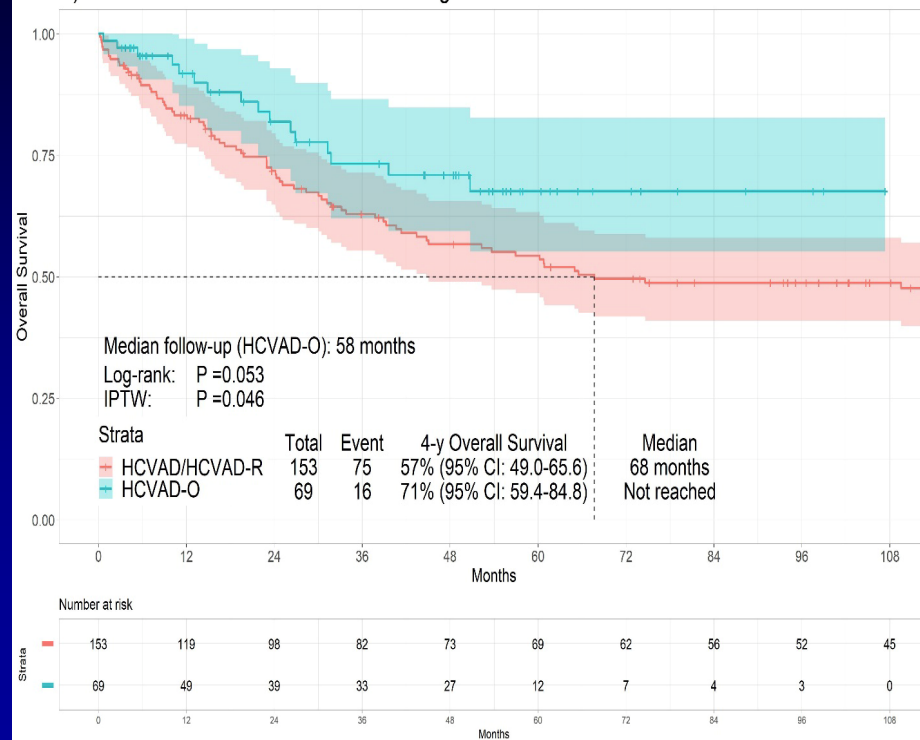


# HCVAD-Rituximab vs HCVAD-Ofatumumab: Propensity Score Matching

B) All: Event-free Survival with SCT Censoring



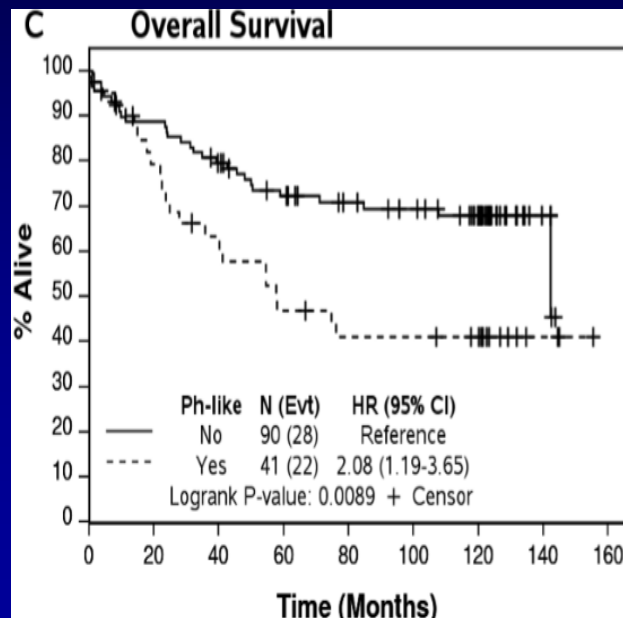
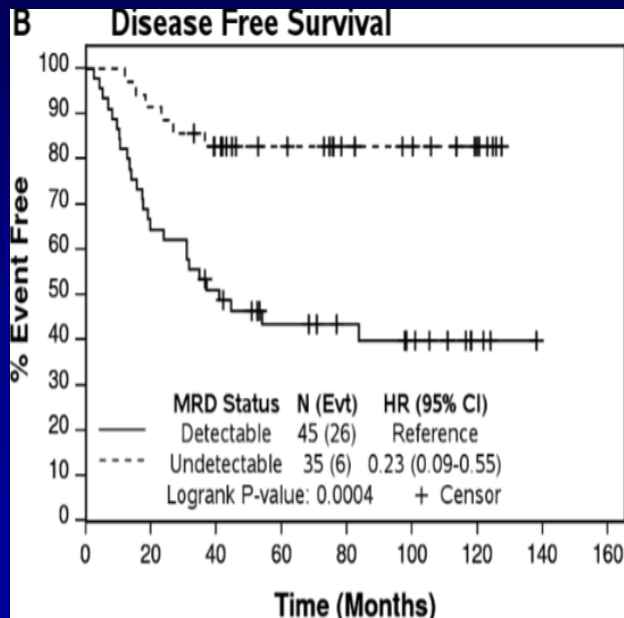
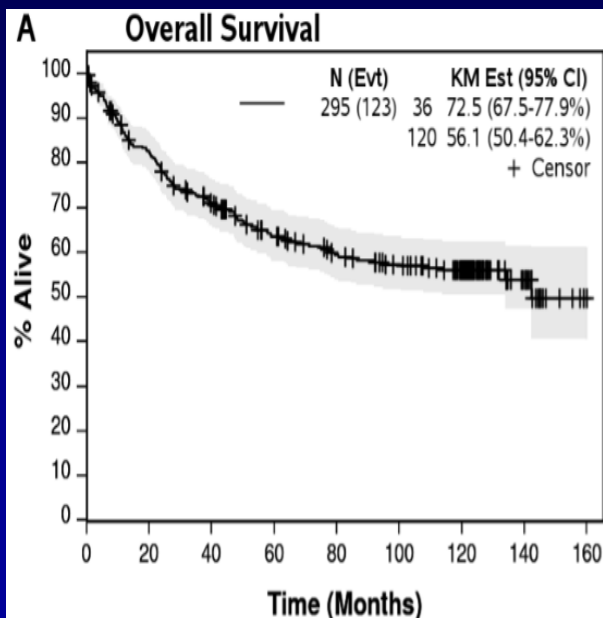
B) All: Overall Survival with SCT Censoring



# Pediatric Regimen CALGB 10403 in AYA ALL

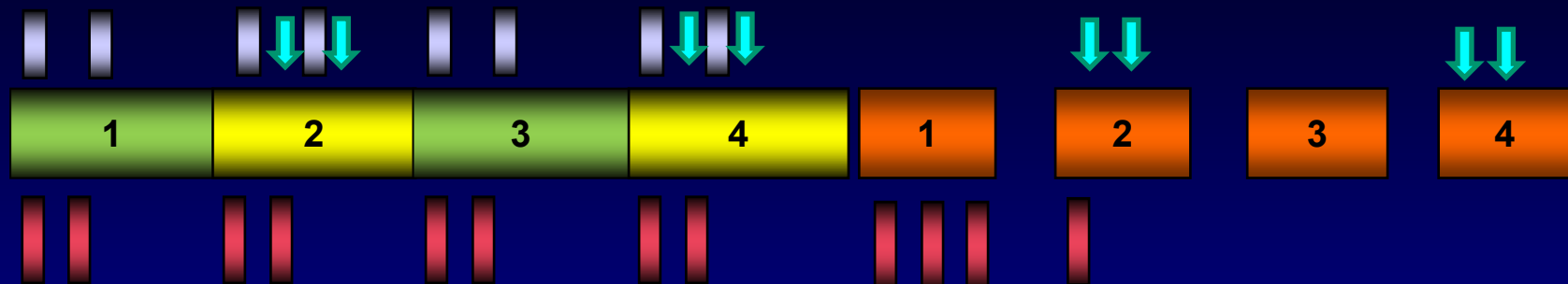
- 295 evaluable pts; median age 24 yr (17–39)
- 28 SCT in CR1; Ph-like and MRD prognostic

Parameter	
10-yr EFS	44%
10-yr OS	56%



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

## Intensive phase

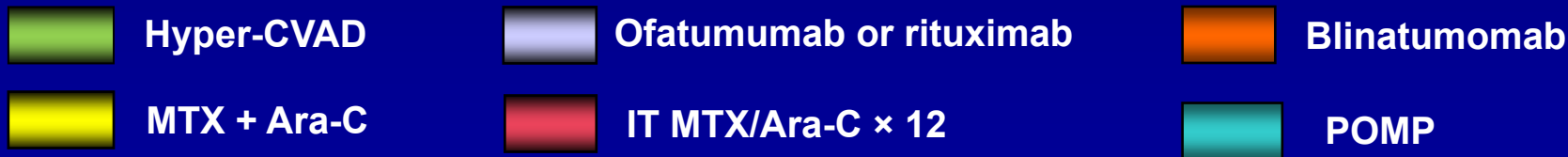


## Blinatumomab phase

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

←→ 4 wk →← 2 wk

## Maintenance phase



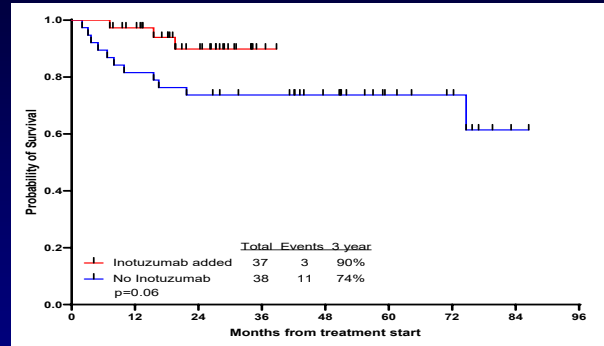
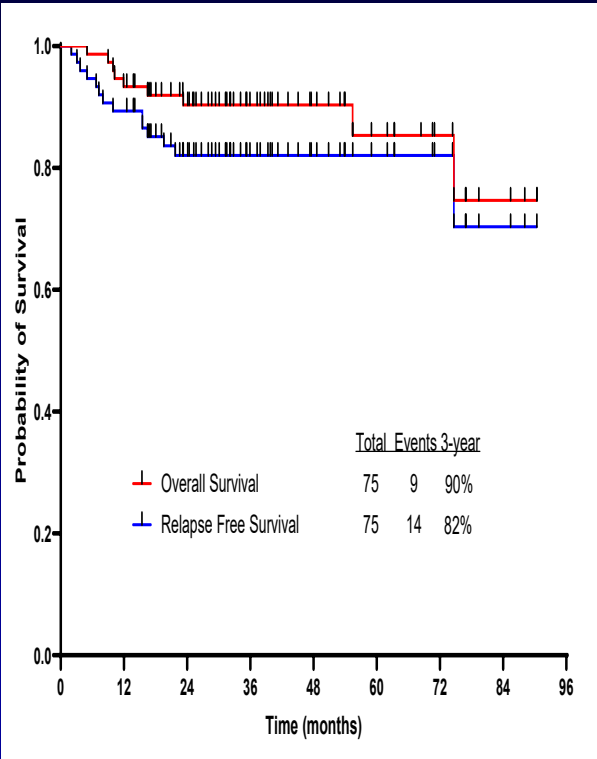
↓ ↓ Inotuzumab 0.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on D1 and D8

# Hyper-CVAD-Ino → Blina in Newly Dx Adult ALL

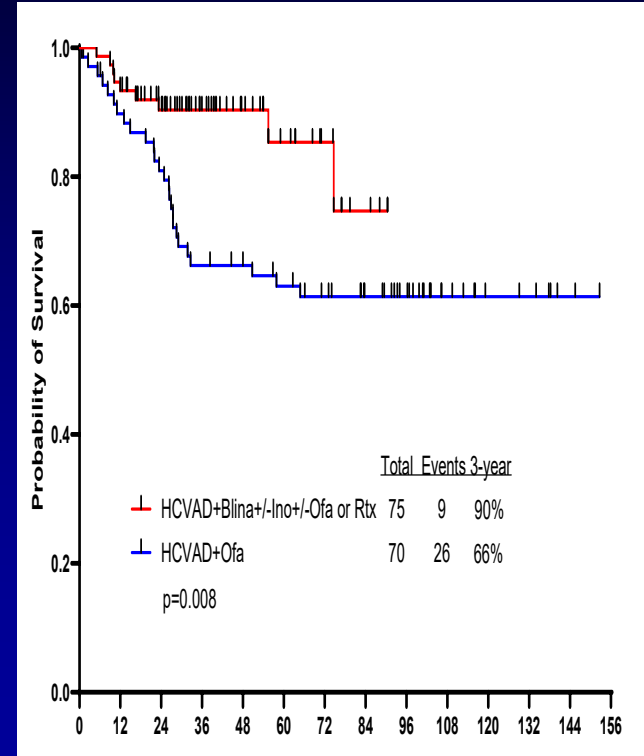
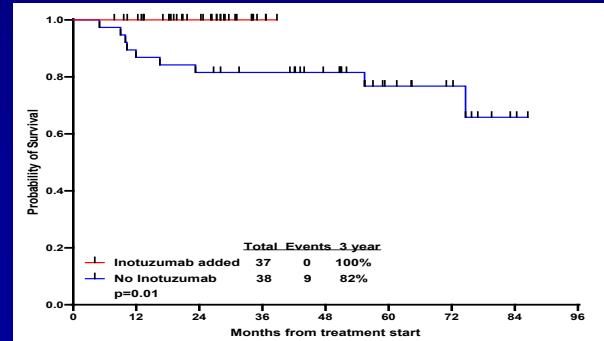
- 75 pts; median age 33 yr (18-59); median F/U 44 mo (13-90)
- CR rate 100%; MRD negative 95% (66% at CR); NGS-MRD negative 76%; 60-day mortality 0%; 24 (32%) alloSCT

## Relapse-free survival

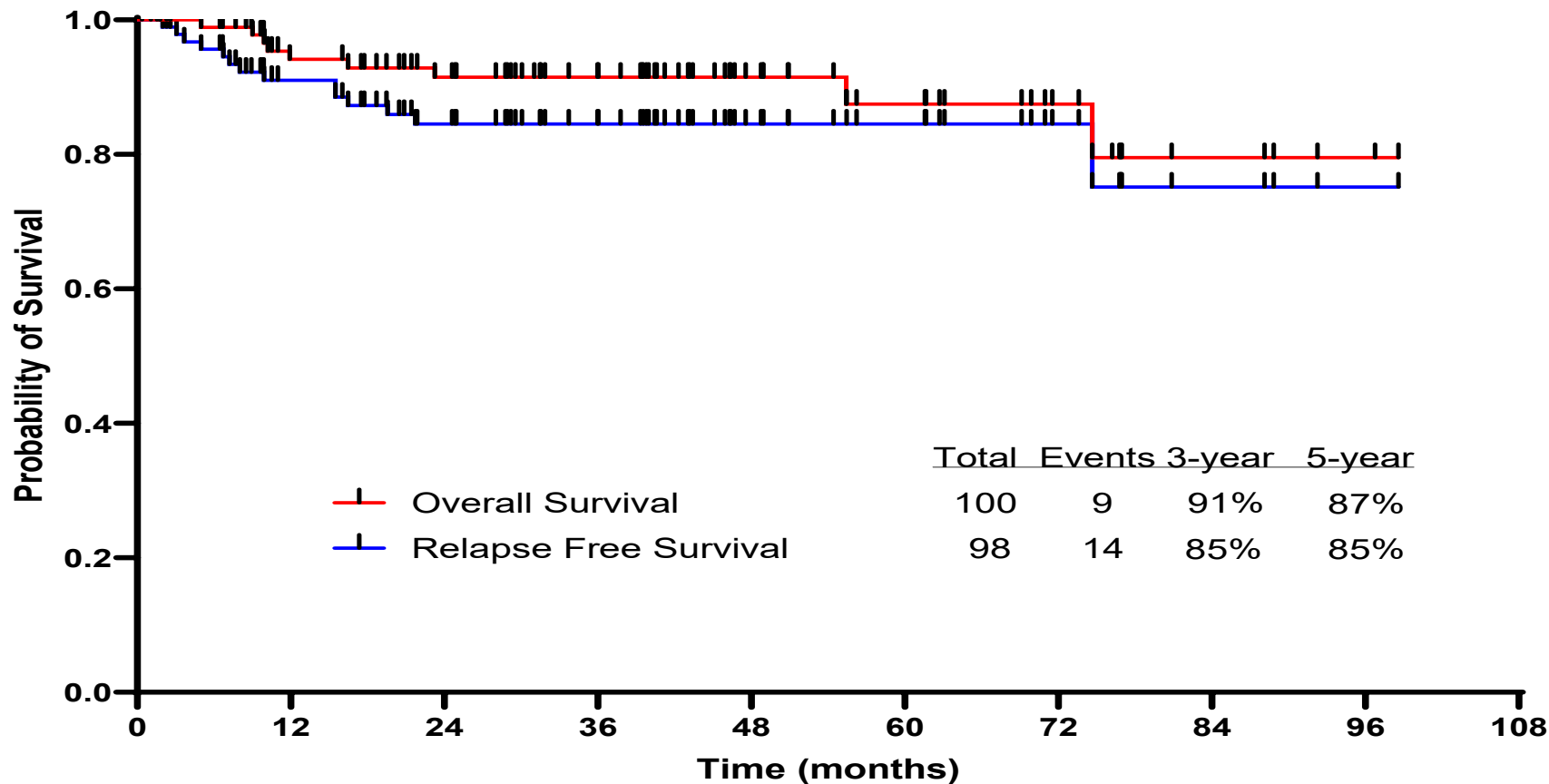
## Overall survival



## Overall survival

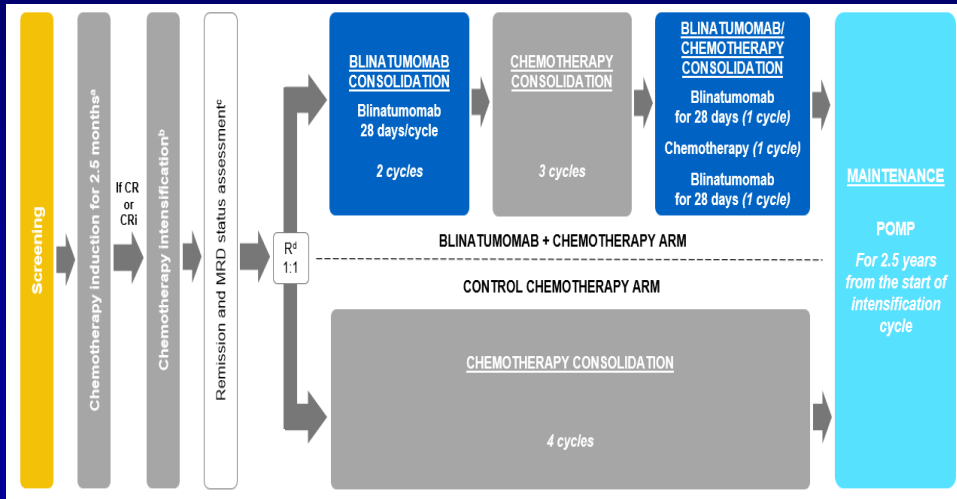


# Hyper-CVAD + Blina + InO in B-ALL: Outcome

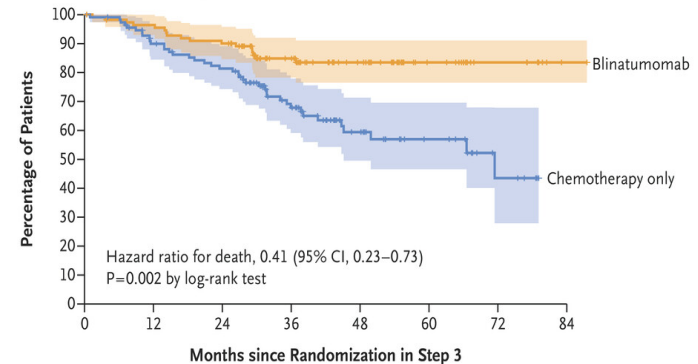


# E1910 Randomized Phase III Trial: Blina vs SOC as Consolidation in MRD-Negative CR

- 488 pts median age 51 yr (30–70)
- 224 MRD-negative CR randomized 1:1
- 22 pts (20%) Rx ASCT in each arm
- Median F/U 43 mo; **median OS NR vs 71.4 mo (HR 0.42;  $P = .003$ )**
- No difference in OS if 1–2 cycles of blina vs control (HR 0.62;  $P = .22$ )
- OS: 1–2 cycles vs 4 cycles (HR 0.39;  $P = .07$ )



A Overall Survival among Patients with MRD-Negative Status

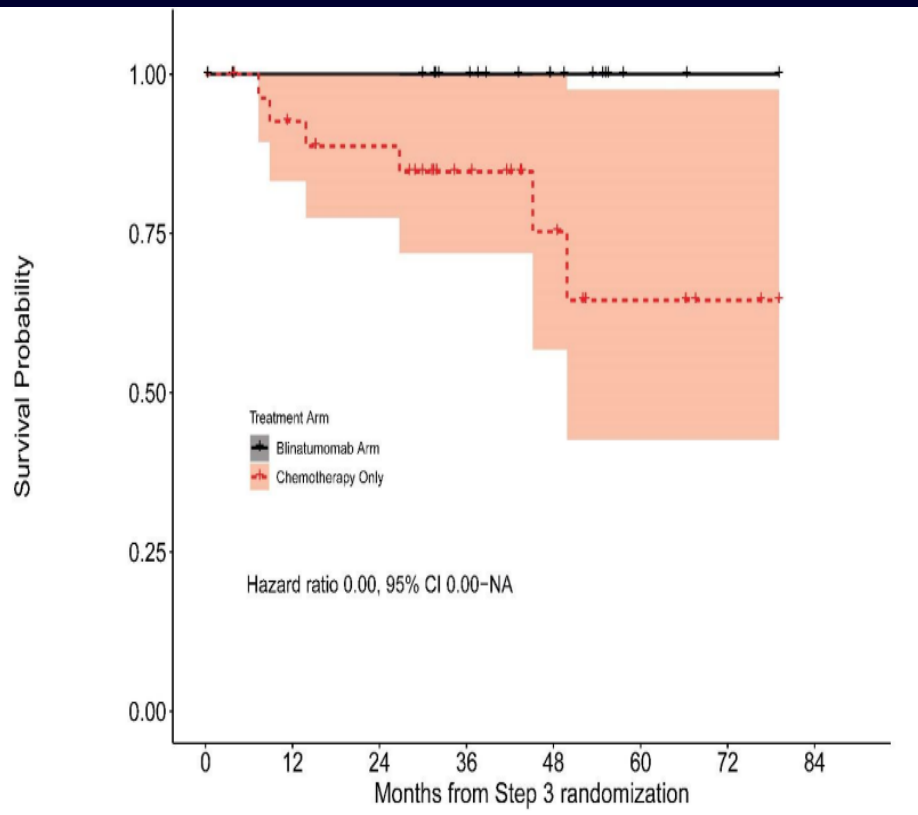


No. at Risk  
 Blinatumomab  
 Chemotherapy only

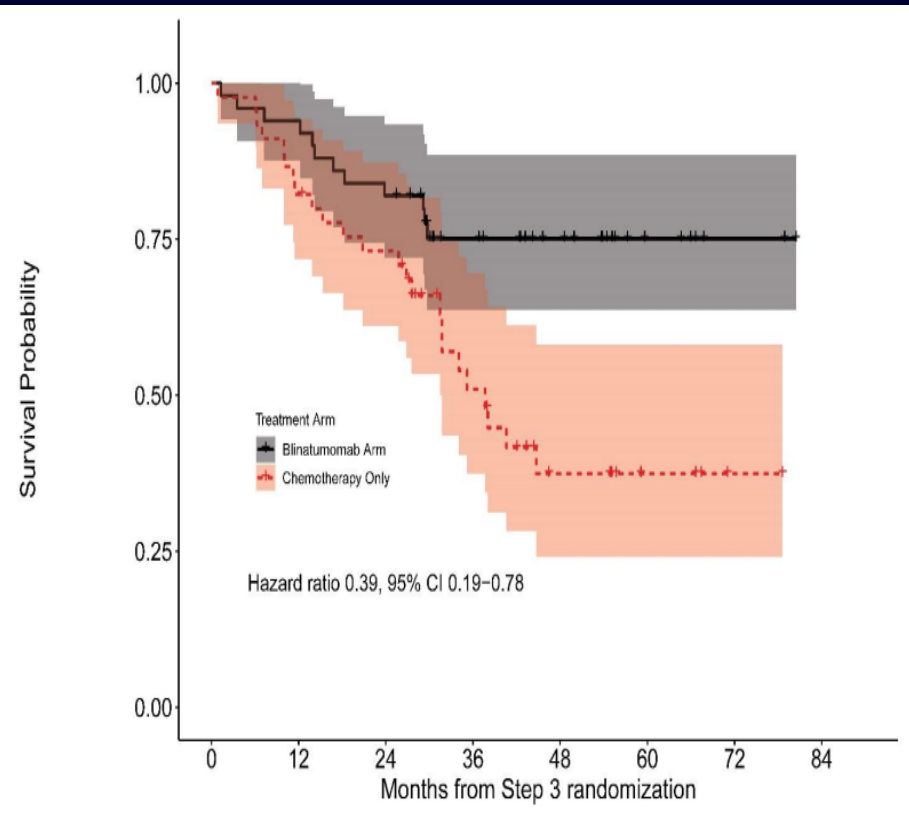
112	106	99	65	41	19	8	1
112	96	85	53	28	15	5	0

# E1910: Outcomes by ALL Risk

## Favorable Risk

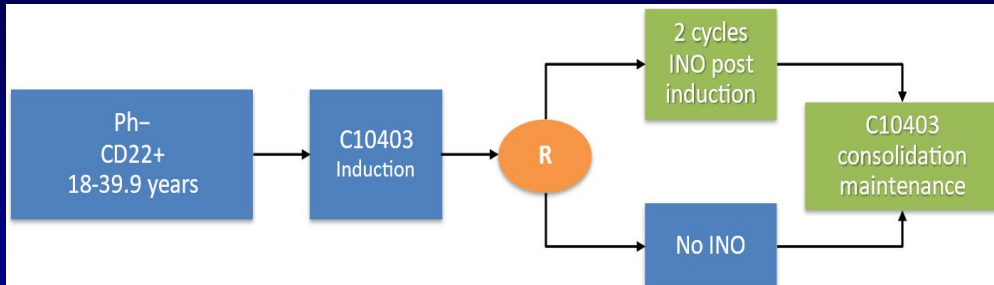


## Adverse Risk

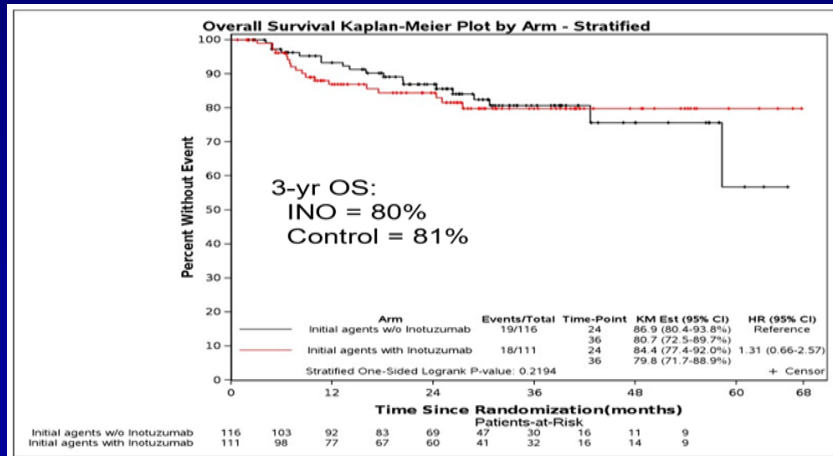
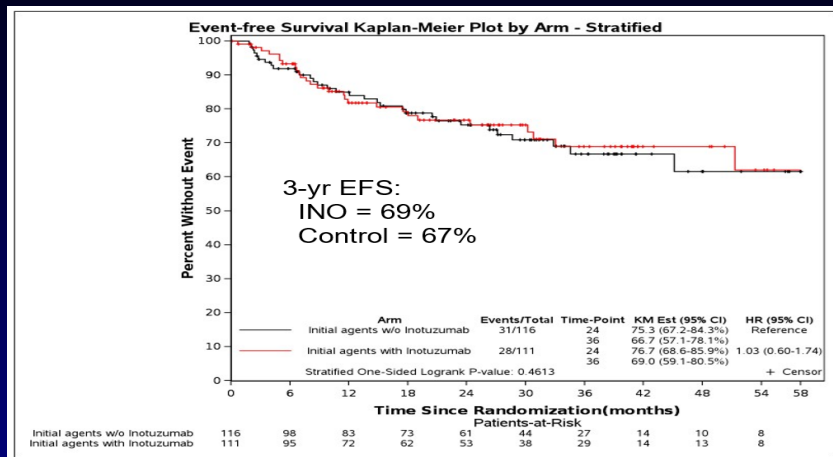


# CALGB 10403 ± InO in AYA ALL: A041501 Phase III Study

- 227/273 pts enrolled in CR/CRi/PR post-induction Rx (341 planned)
- Randomization 1:1 to chemoRx ± InO 2 cycles (1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course)
- Median age 27 yr (18-39); 14% CNS 2/3; 49% Ph-like
- CR 86.8%; median F/U 28.3 mo; 13% alloSCT
- 12 G5 post-InO during consolidation: 8 myelosuppression/2 hepatobiliary



Parameter	ChemoRx (n = 116)	ChemoRx + InO (n = 111)	HR
<b>3-yr EFS, %</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1.03</b>
<b>3-yr OS, %</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>D56 MRD negative, %</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80.6</b>	
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	





# Frontline Blinatumomab and Inotuzumab Combinations in Newly Dx Older ALL

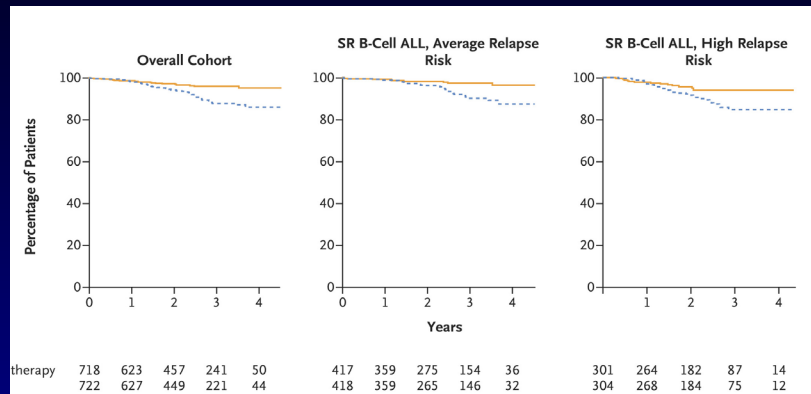
	Agent	N	Median Age, yr (range)	CR, %	MRD Negativity, %	OS, % (x-yr)
HCVAD-Blina	Blina	47	33 (18–59)	100	93	82 (3-yr)
<b>HCVAD-Blina-InO</b>	<b>Blina + InO</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>27 (18–58)</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100 (3-yr)</b>
GIMEMA LAL1913	Blina	149	41 (18–65)	88	93	71 (3-yr)
HOVON-146	Blina	70	53 (18–70)	95	91	76 (4-yr)
GRAALL-2014-QUEST	Blina	94	34 (18–59)	100	72	79 (2.5-yr)
ECOG 1910	Blina	112	51 (30–70)	--	100	85 (3-yr)
CALGB 10403 + InO	InO	111	27 (18–39)	--	74	80 (3-yr)

# Blinatumomab + ChemoRx Improves DFS in Childhood ALL (AALL1731)

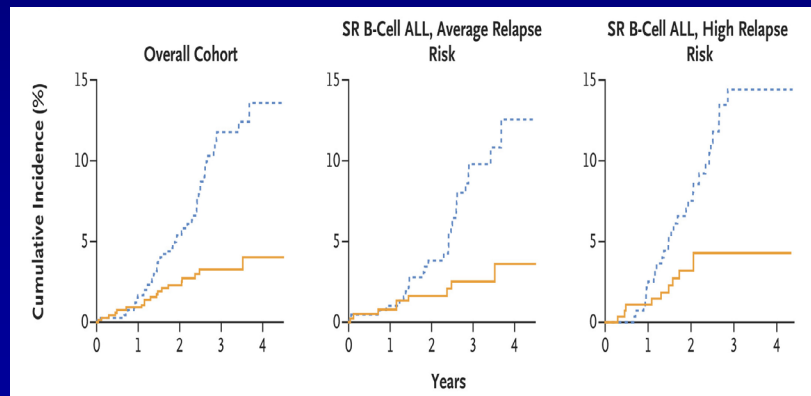
- 1440/2245 SR; median age 4.3 yr (1–10)
- Median F/U 2.5 yr; Rx chemoRx ± 2 Blina

Parameter	ChemoRx (n = 722)	ChemoRx + Blina (n = 718)	HR/P Value
<b>3-yr DFS, %</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0.39/&lt;.0001</b>
--SR avg	90	97.5	0.33/
--SR high	84.8	94	.045/
<b>3-yr CIR, %</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	

## DFS



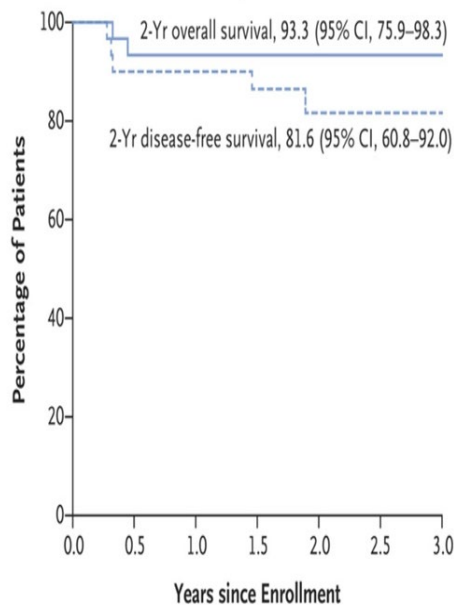
## CIR



# ChemoRx + Blinatumomab in Newly Dx *KMT2A*-Rearranged ALL

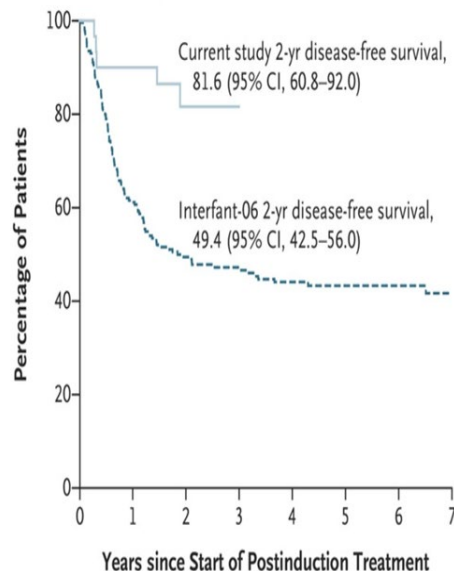
- 30 infants age <1 yr Rx with chemoRx induction, then 1 course Blina consolidation (15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2 \times 28$ ), then chemoRx continuation

A Overall and Disease-free Survival, Current Study



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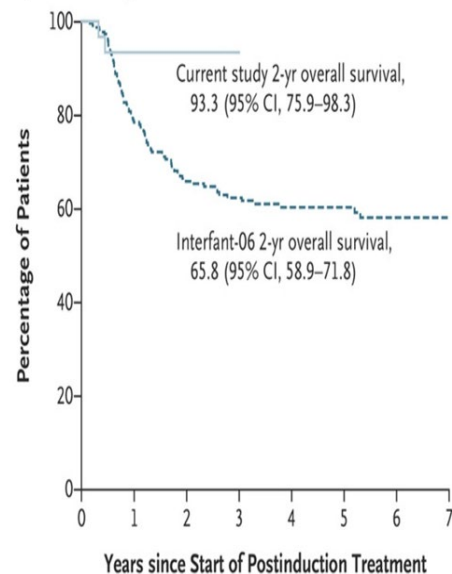
B Disease-free Survival, Current Study vs. Interfant-06



No. at Risk (censored)

Current study	30 (0)	27 (0)	16 (9)	5 (20)	1 (24)	0 (25)	0 (25)	0 (25)
Interfant-06	214 (0)	129 (2)	91 (16)	77 (26)	59 (39)	44 (53)	32 (65)	20 (76)

C Overall Survival, Current Study vs. Interfant-06

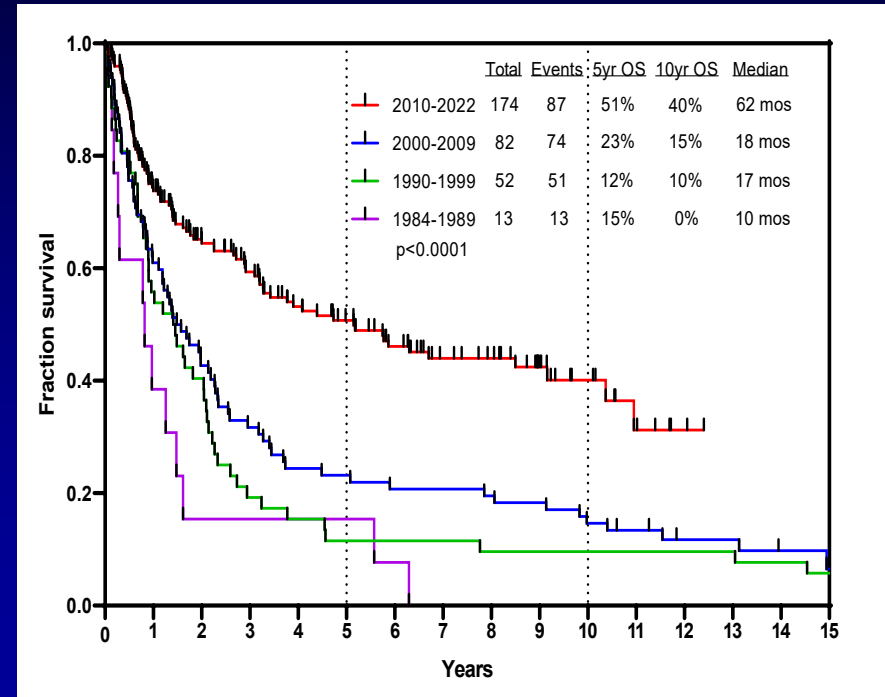
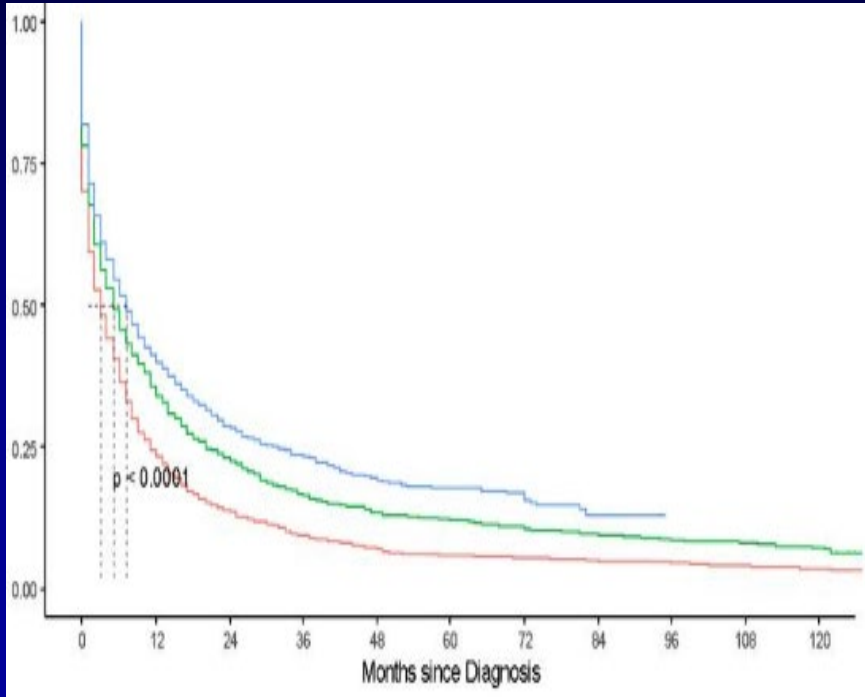


No. at Risk (censored)

Current study	30 (0)	28 (0)	18 (10)	6 (22)	1 (27)	0 (28)	0 (28)	0 (28)
Interfant-06	214 (0)	165 (3)	119 (24)	98 (39)	78 (56)	59 (75)	40 (92)	26 (106)

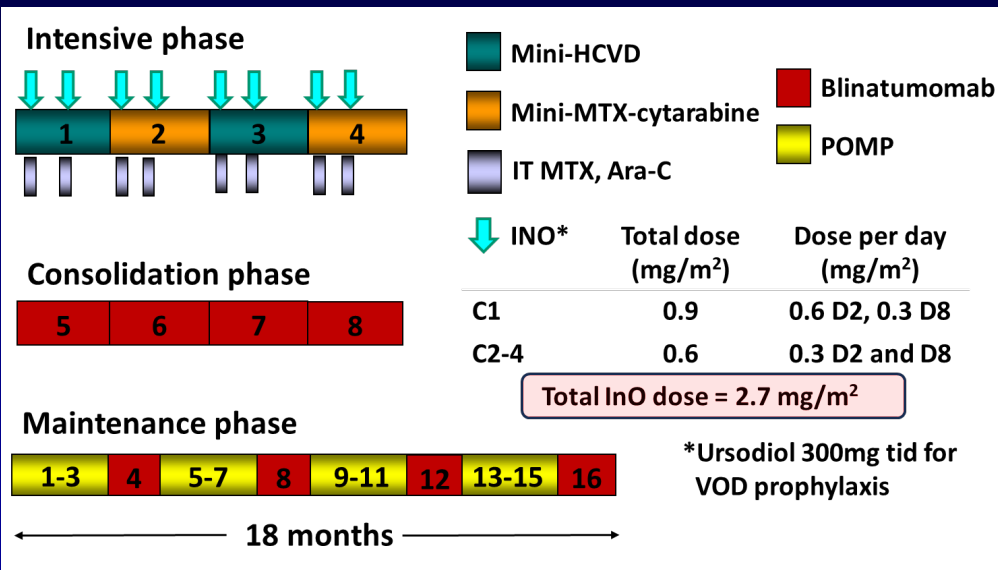
# MDACC vs SEER ALL: Survival by Decades for $\geq 60$ Years

- 26,801 pts age 65+ yr; B-ALL 91%
- OS better in Ph+ (HR 0.68) and 2012-2018 (HR 0.64); worse in secondary ALL (HR: 1.15), AA (HR: 1.19), and Hispanic (HR 1.1)
- **5-yr OS <20%**



# Mini-HyperCVD–InO ± Blina in Newly Dx Older Ph-Negative B-Cell ALL: 10-Year Follow-Up

## Study regimen: Post-amendment

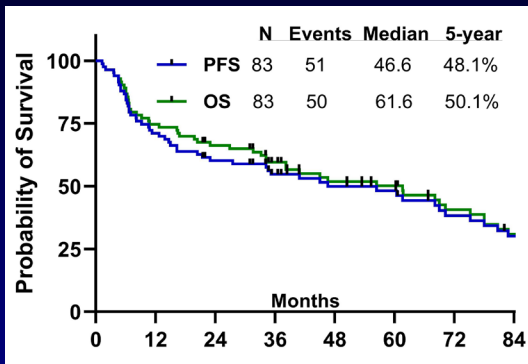


Characteristics		N (%), median [range]
Age	≥70 years	67 [60–88] 28 (34)
ECOG PS ≥2		11 (13)
WBC (× 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)		3.1 [0.3–111.0]
CG (n = 67) [excludes pts in CR at enrollment and inadequate metaphases]	Diploid Adverse • Ho-Tr • Complex • Tetraploidy • KMT2Ar	27 (40) 19 (28) 12 (18) 4 (6) 2 (4) 1 (1)
CNS disease at diagnosis		4 (5)
CRLF2 positive		6/48 (13)
TP53 mutation		25/64 (39)

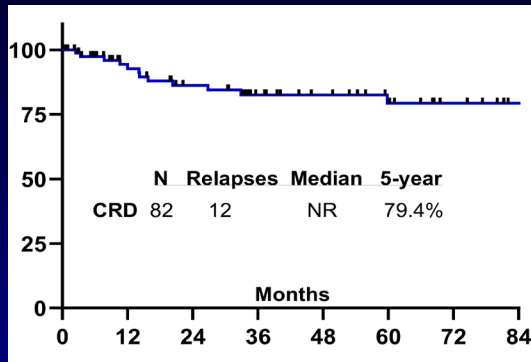
		N (%)
Response evaluable		77
CRc (CR + CRi)	CR CRi	76 (99) 69 (90) 7 (9)
MRD evaluable		
MRD-negative response by MFC	Best Post-C1	76/82 (94) 63/80 (79)
MRD negative by NGS (1 in 10 <sup>6</sup> sensitivity)	Best response	16/17 (94)

# Mini-HyperCVD–InO ± Blina in Newly Dx Older Ph-Negative B-Cell ALL: 10-Year Follow-Up

## PFS and OS of the full cohort



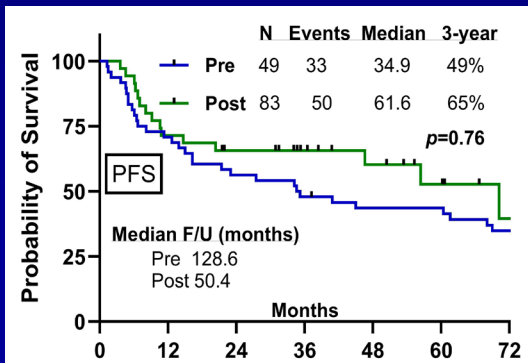
## Continuous remission duration



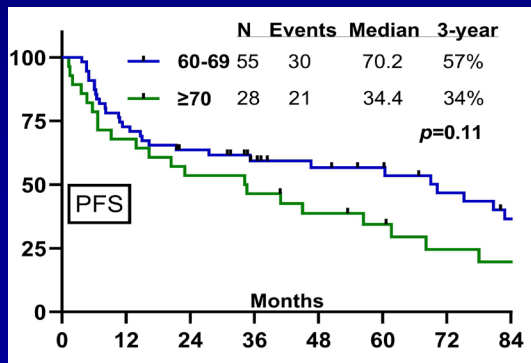
## Patient disposition

- HSCT = 5 (6%; 4 adverse genomics, 1 persistent MRD positive)
- 33 (39.8%) patients alive
- 50 (60.2%) died: 1 nonresponder; 11 post-relapse, 38 nonrelapse mortality (NRM)
- **Causes of NRM: secondary MDS/AML = 8;** infections = 9 (6 on study, 3 off study), **SOS = 4;** other (noninfection/nonleukemia related) = 16
- **Age-wise NRM:** 60–69 years = 20/55 (36.4%); **≥70 years = 18/28 (64.3%)**

## PFS pre- and post-amendment



## PFS stratified by age



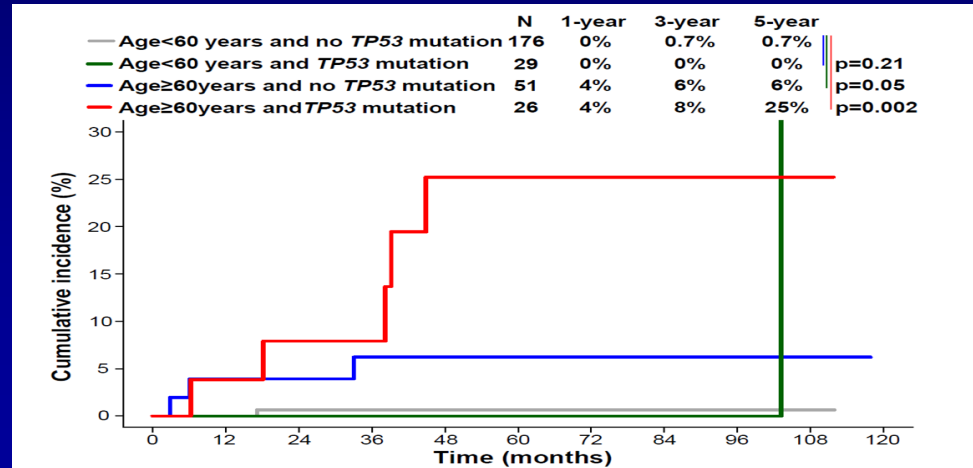
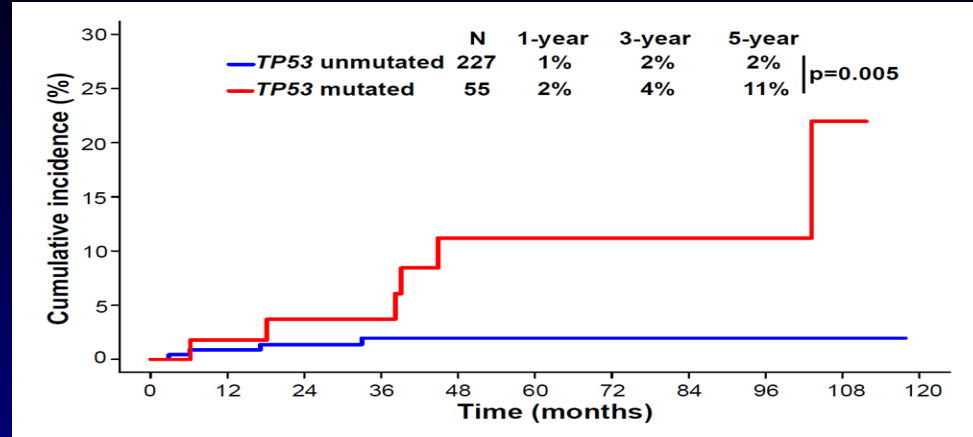
## Safety analysis

- Secondary MDS/AML = 8 (9.6%)
  - 6 on Rx, 2 off Rx – **5 TP53 at ALL Dx and MDS/AML Dx**
  - **Hepatic SOS = 6 (7.2%)** – 4 pre-amendment, 1 post-amendment; 1 after HSCT, 4 without HSCT
- Blina neurotoxicity (grade 3) = 7 (8.4%); no seizures

# TP53-Mutated ALL and Therapy-Related AML/MDS

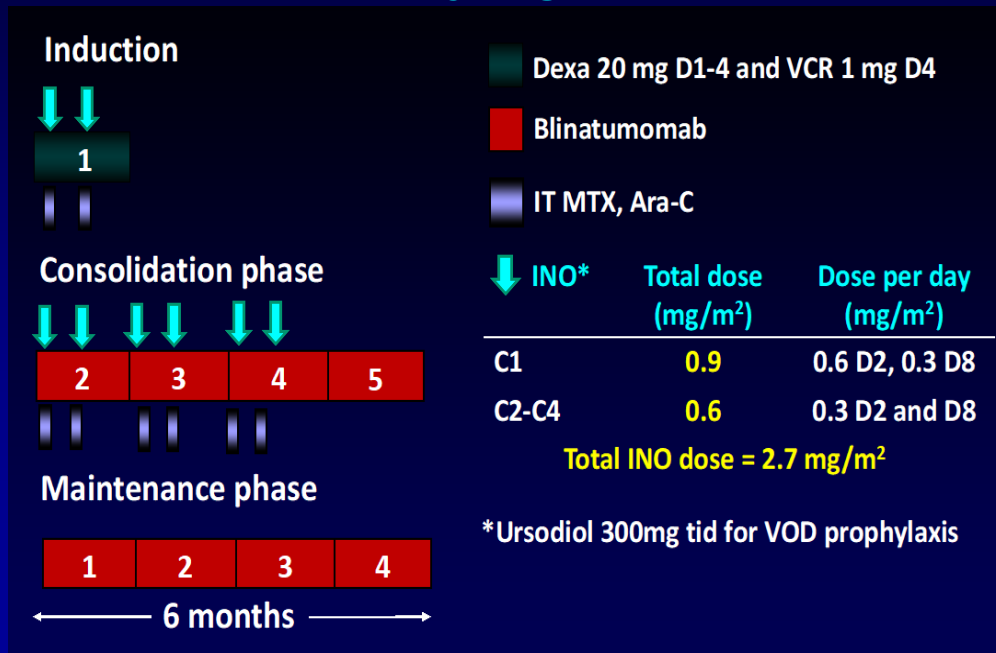
- 816 pts; median age 45 yr (18-87); Rx with HCVAD regimens
- TP53** mutation at ALL Dx 55/282 (20%)
- 36 pts developed T-MN (median 38 mo): 24 MDS, 10 AML, 1 CMML
- T-MN Rx: ORR 45%; median OS 9.8 mo, 2-yr OS 19%
- 5/6 pts with **TP53** tested had it at ALL and T-MN

Parameter	T-MN, %	P Value
Age <60	3	.009
Age ≥60	7	-
TP53 negative	1	.008
TP53 positive	9	



# ChemoRx-Free Regimen of InO and Blina in Newly Dx Older (≥70 years) Ph-Negative B-Cell ALL (n = 14)

## Study regimen



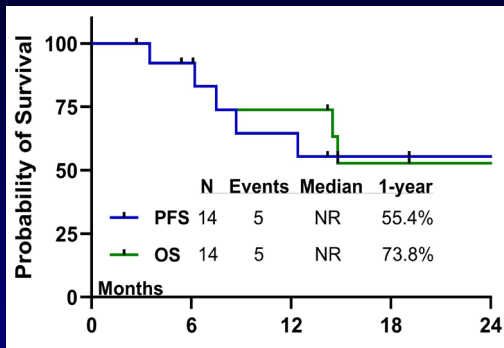
Characteristics		N (%), Median [range]
Age	≥70 years ≥75 years	76 [65-84] 13 (93) 8 (57)
ECOG PS	0-1	14 (100)
Karyotype (n = 13)	Diploid Adverse • Ho-Tr • Complex • KMT2Ar	2 (15) 6 (46) 3 (23) 1 (6) 2 (4)
CRLF2 positive		1 (8)
TP53 mutations		7 (50)

Characteristics		N (%), Median [range]
Response evaluable		14
CRc (CR + CRi)	CR CRi	13 (93) 12 (86) 1 (7)
MRD-negative response (MFC)	Best response Post-C1	13 (100) 12 (86)
MRD negative by NGS (1 in 10 <sup>6</sup> )	Best Post-C1	11/12 (92) 6/8 (75)

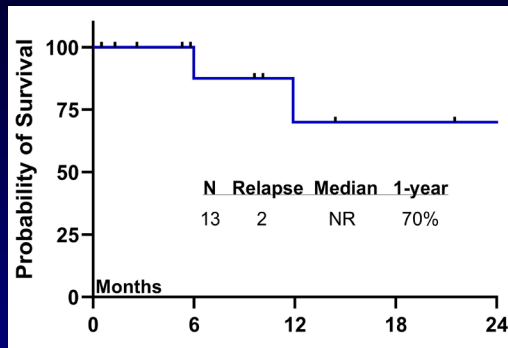


# ChemoRx-Free Regimen of InO and Blina in Older (≥70 years) Ph-Negative B-Cell ALL

PFS and OS of the full cohort

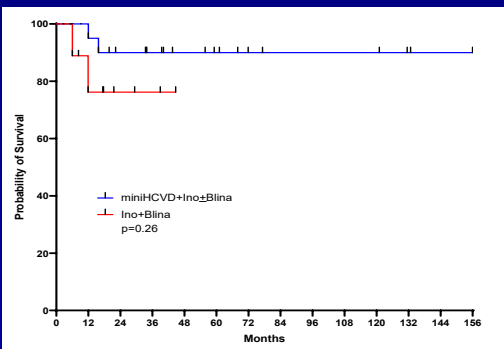


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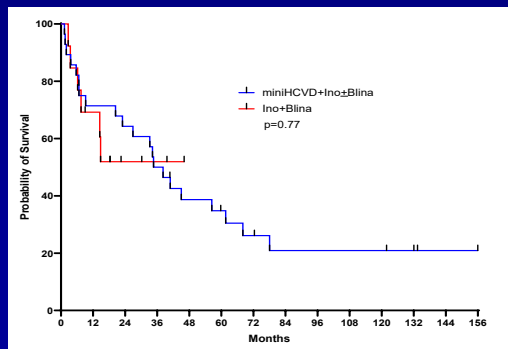


InO-Blina vs mini-HCVD-InO-Blina

CRD



OS



## Patient disposition

At data cutoff: Oct 31, 2024

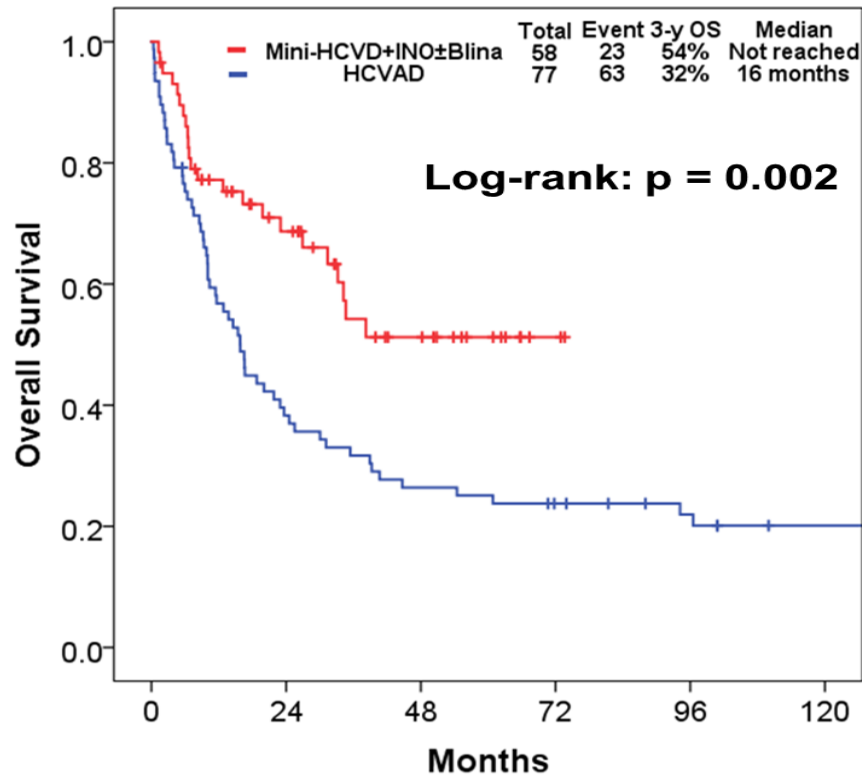
- HSCT = 1 (Pt #8); CAR T-cell therapy = 1 (Pt #10; *KMT2Ar*)
- Relapses = 2 (Pt #10, *KMT2Ar*; Pt #14, hypoploidy with *TP53* mutation; both patients had NGS MRD-negative response)
- Died = 6 (1 nonresponder, 2 post-relapse; 3 NRM)
- Causes of NRM: pneumonia = 1, myocardial infarction = 1, noninfectious respiratory failure = 1

## Safety

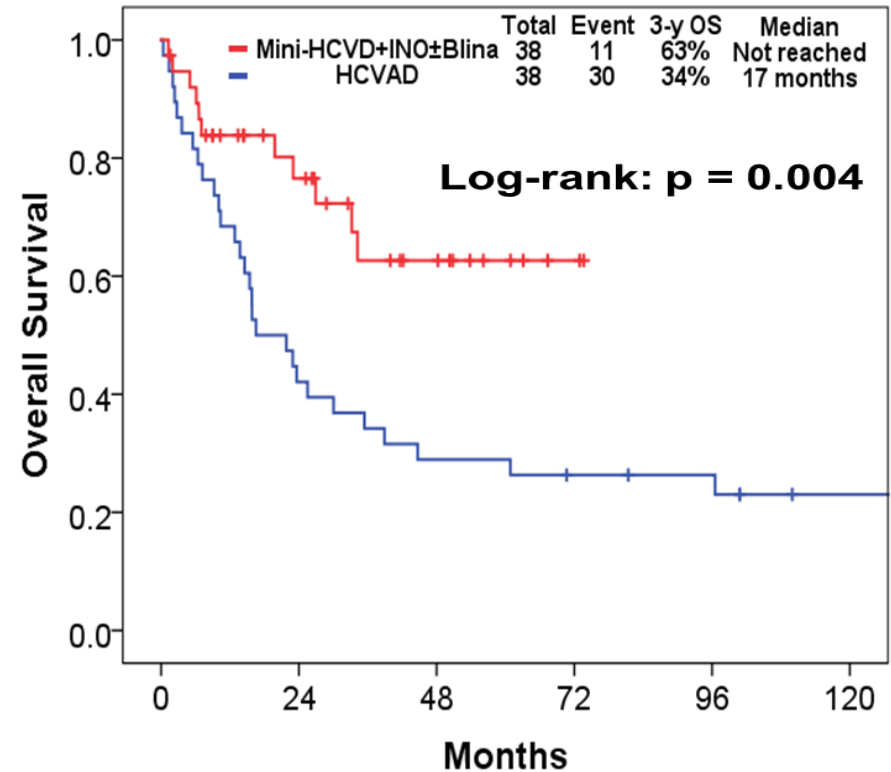
- Median time on study = 20 mo (range, 8.6-46)
- Hepatic SOS = 0; grade 3 ALT elevation = 1 (7%)
- Blina-related neurotoxicity
  - Grade 3 encephalopathy = 1 (7%)
  - Grade 1–2 confusion = 5 (36%)
  - Grade 1–2 tremors = 3 (21%)
- Blina-related CRS = 1 (7%, grade 2)
- Secondary myeloid neoplasm = 0

# Mini-HyperCVD + InO ± Blina vs HCVAD in Older ALL: Overall Survival

Prematched



Matched

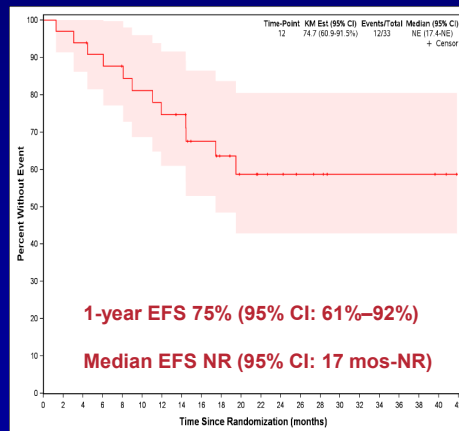


# ChemoRx-Free InO + Blina in Pre-B-ALL (Alliance A041703)

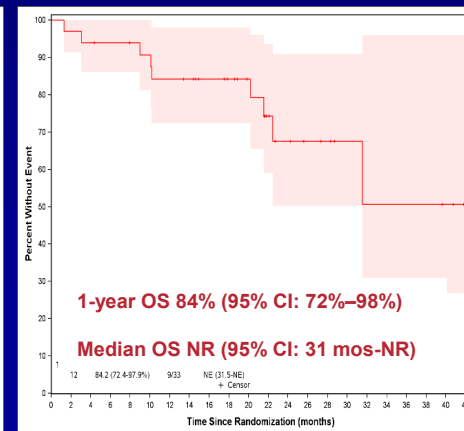
- 33 pts; median age 71 yr (60–84); median CD22 92%; **F/U 22 mo**
- Induction: InO 0.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1, 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D8 and 15 (1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Maintenance: if CR-CRi, InO 0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1, 8, 15 (1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) × 2 then Blina × 2
- If no CR-CRi, Blina 28 µg/D × 21 then × 28 × 3
- IT × 8
- **CR 85% post-InO × 3; cumulative CR 97%**
- **1-yr EFS 75%; 1-yr OS 84%**
- 9 relapses; 2 deaths in CR; 9 deaths, 6 post-relapse; ?1 SOS

	Induction With Inotuzumab (IA/B/C)	Consolidation With Blinatumomab
Cumulative CR (CR + CRh + CRi)	28/33 (85%)	32/33 (9%)
CR	15/33 (45%)	19/33 (58%)
CRh	11/33 (33%)	12/33 (36%)
CRi	2/33 (6%)	1/33 (3%)
Refractory	3/33 (9%)	-

**EFS**



**OS**



# CD19 CAR T-Cell Rx in Older ALL in CR1

- 20 pts ≥55 yr consented; minimal bridging followed by CAR T cells
- 14 evaluable (200 million CAR Ts)
- Median age 68 yr (55–79); 4 Ph positive; 2 hypodiploidy/*TP53* mutations
- 11 Rx Blina; 13/14 MRD-neg CR at LD
- No ICANS or G≥2 CRS
- Median F/U 244 days: **13/14 MRD-neg CR**; 1 pt Ph positive ALL molecular relapse (alive in MRD-neg CR post-ASCT)
- No deaths
- CAR T cells expanded (peak 7–4 days; 14%)
- D28 10 pts LP CAR T cells expanded in CSF (median  $0.28 \times 10^3/\text{mL}$ )
- Baseline and D100 walk speed and cognitive function similar

# Frontline Blinatumomab and Inotuzumab Combinations in Newly Dx Older ALL

	Agent	N	Median Age, yr (range)	CR, %	MRD Negativity, %	OS, % (x-yr)
Mini-HCVD–InO–Blina	Blina + InO	83	67 (60–88)	99	93	50 (5-yr)
InO-Blina	InO + Blina	14	76 (65–84)	92	100	74 (2-yr)
SWOG 1318	Blina	31	73 (66–86)	66	92	37 (3-yr)
EWALL-INO	InO	131	68 (55–84)	90	80	55 (2-yr)
GMALL BOLD	Blina	50	66 (56–76)	85	82	67 (3-yr)
INITIAL-1	InO	45	64 (56–80)	100	74	81 (2-yr)
A041703	InO + Blina	33	71 (60–84)	97	NA	84 (1-yr)

# Hyper-CVAD, Venetoclax, Nelarabine–Peg-Asp in T-ALL/LL

- 145 pts (8/2007–12/2024) on 5 cohorts; median age 35.4 yr
- 46 pts (34%) with VEN
- 60% T-ALL; 18% ETP; median F/U 62 mo
- ORR 95%; CR 89%; 5-yr OS 64%. **Cohorts 3–5: 3-yr OS 76%–88%**
- OS shorter ETP/near-ETP vs non-ETP phenotype (71 mo vs NR;  $P = .08$ )
- **VEN vs no VEN: 2-yr PFS 89% vs 64% ( $P = .03$ ); 3-yr OS 88% vs 74% ( $P = .16$ )**

Figure 1C: Overall survival (OS)

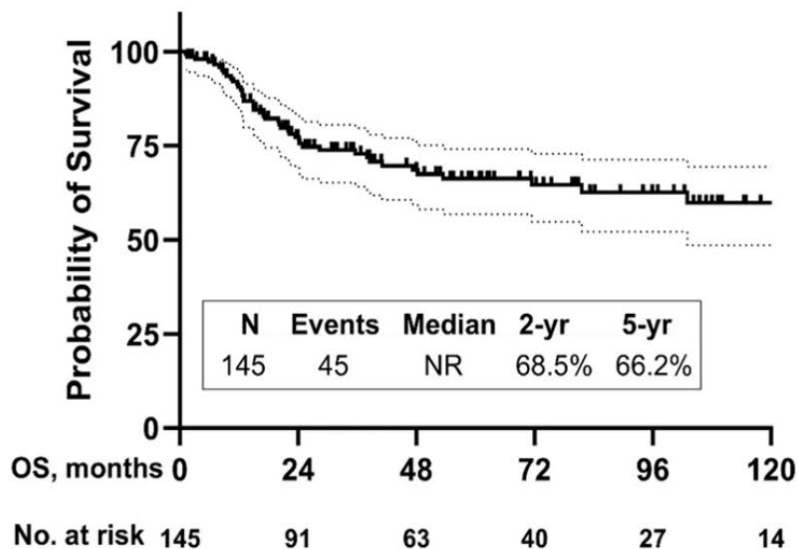
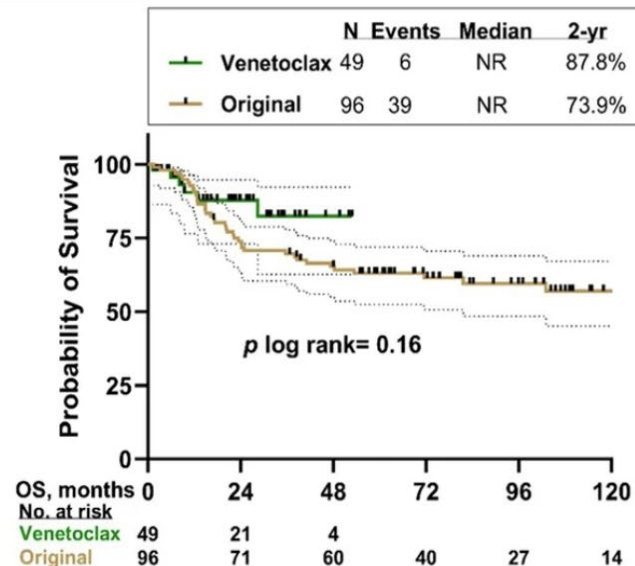


Figure 1F: Overall survival (OS)

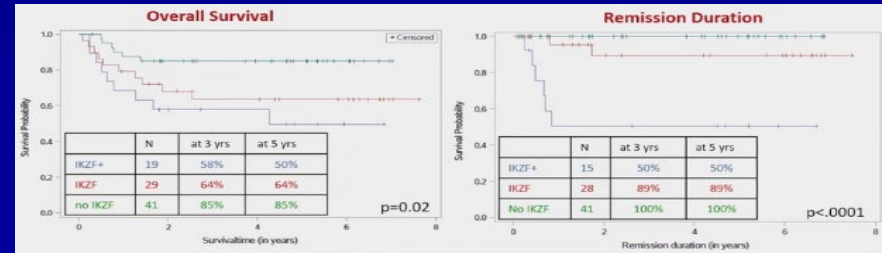
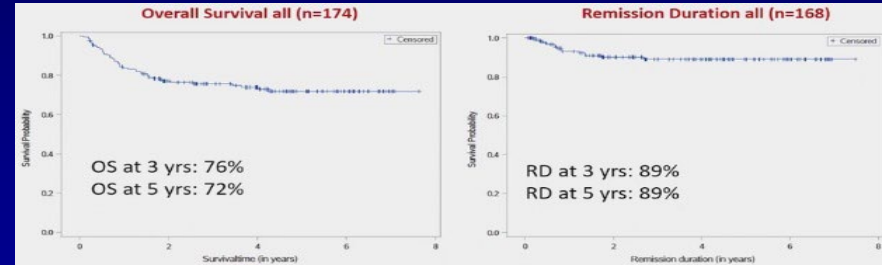
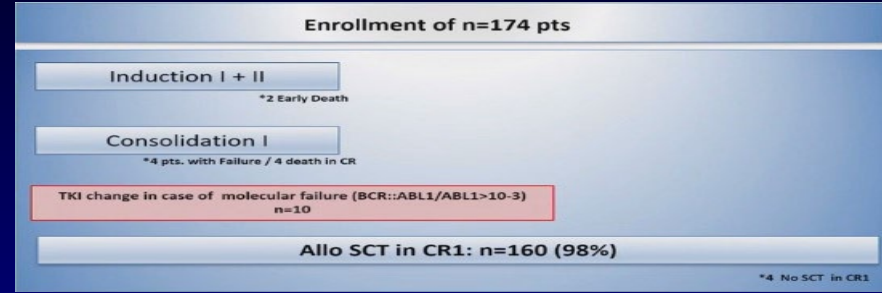


# Ph-Positive ALL on GMALL

- 174 pts; median age 42 yr (18-55)
- Imatinib 600 mg/D + LI chemoRx; **then alloHSCT 160/174 (92%; 98% of CRs; median time to SCT 4 mo)**
- CR 85% post-induction; CR 96% overall
- Molecular CR 9% post-induction, 42% after C3
- 3-yr OS 76%; 3-yr OS post-HSCT 81%; **Rx mortality 16%**

	after Induction I	pre Consolidation I	after Consolidation I
Evaluable	165	174	174
<u>cytology</u>			
CR/CRu	85%	96%	94%
PR	9%	2%	0%
Failure	4%	1%	2%
Early Death	1%	1%	3%**

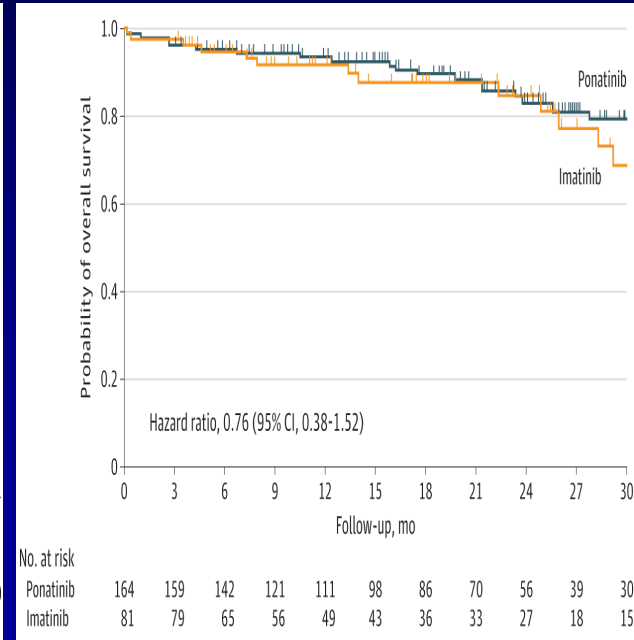
	After Induction I	Pre Consolidation I	After Consolidation I
MRD Total	174	150	144
MRD Evaluable	139 (80 %)	150 (87%)	144 (87%)
Mol CR	9 %	24 %	42%
Mol Fail	81%	58%	38%
$\geq 10^{-2}$			17%
$< 10^{-2} \geq 10^{-3}$			41%
$< 10^{-3} \geq 10^{-4}$			43%
Mol IMR	25%	18%	21 %



Hazard ratio, 0.65 (95% CI, 0.39-1.10)

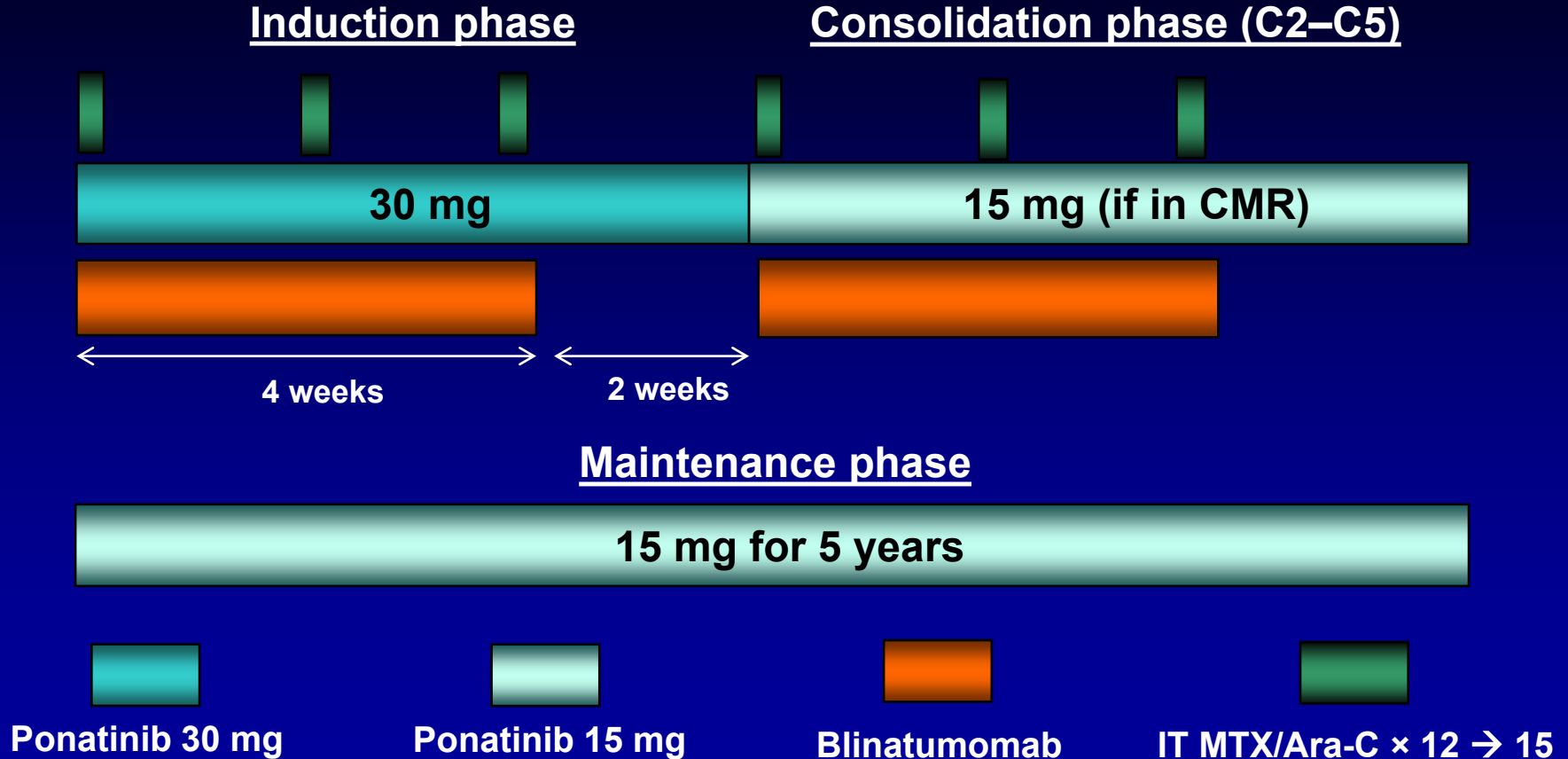
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Ponatinib	164	151	116	104	89	83	66	50	38	23
Imatinib	81	72	57	46	40	33	28	24	17	11

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- Figure 1: Progression-free survival (PFS) in patients with chronic myeloid leukaemia (CMoL) who were not previously treated with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI).**
- The plot displays the probability of progression-free survival over a 24-month follow-up period. The Ponatinib group (blue line) maintains a higher PFS rate than the Imatinib group (orange line) throughout the study. The hazard ratio for progression-free survival is 0.58 (95% CI, 0.41-0.83), indicating a statistically significant benefit for Ponatinib.
- | Follow-up, mo | 0   | 3   | 6   | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| No. at risk   | 164 | 143 | 106 | 81 | 72 | 64 | 51 | 39 | 30 |
| Ponatinib     | 81  | 68  | 42  | 30 | 24 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 7  |
| Imatinib      | 83  | 75  | 64  | 51 | 48 | 46 | 37 | 28 | 23 |





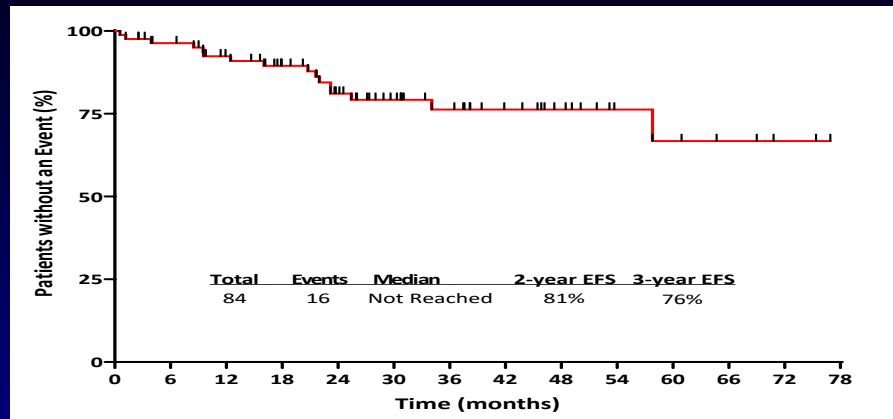
# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL: Regimen



# Ponatinib and Blinatumomab in Newly Dx Ph-Positive ALL

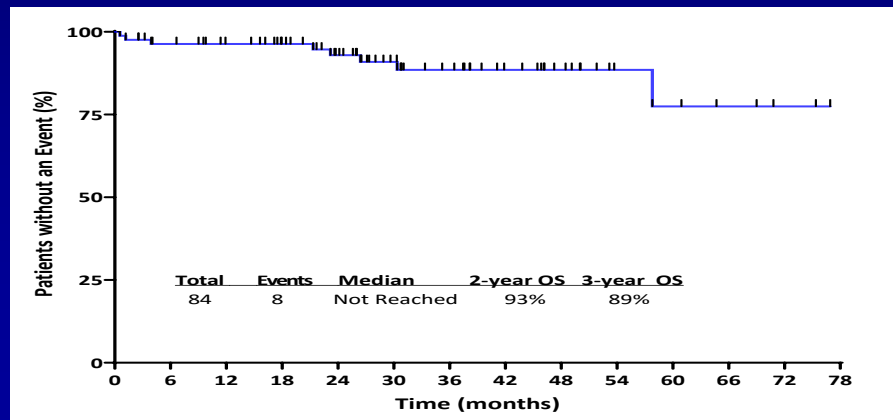
## Event-free survival

- 84 pts Rx with simultaneous ponatinib 30–15 mg/D and blinatumomab × 5 courses; 12–15 ITs. Median F/U 29 mo
- Only 2 pts had SCT (2%)
- Median F/U 29 mo; 3-yr EFS 76%, OS 89%
- 10 relapses (9 p190): 5 CNS, 4 BM, 1 CRLF2+ (Ph–); 3-yr cumulative relapse 12%

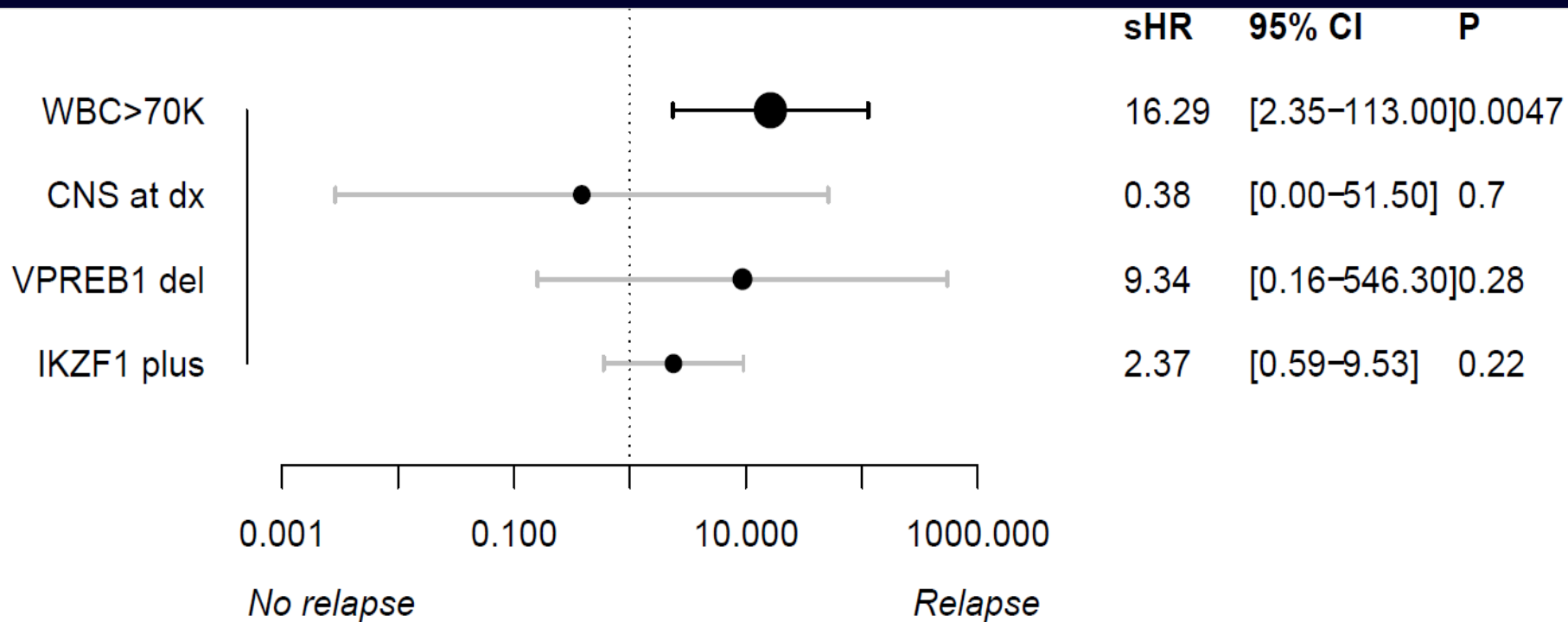


Parameter	%
CR-CRi	97
CMR	78
NGS-MRD negative	95
3-yr OS	89

## Overall survival



# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL: MVA for Relapse Risk

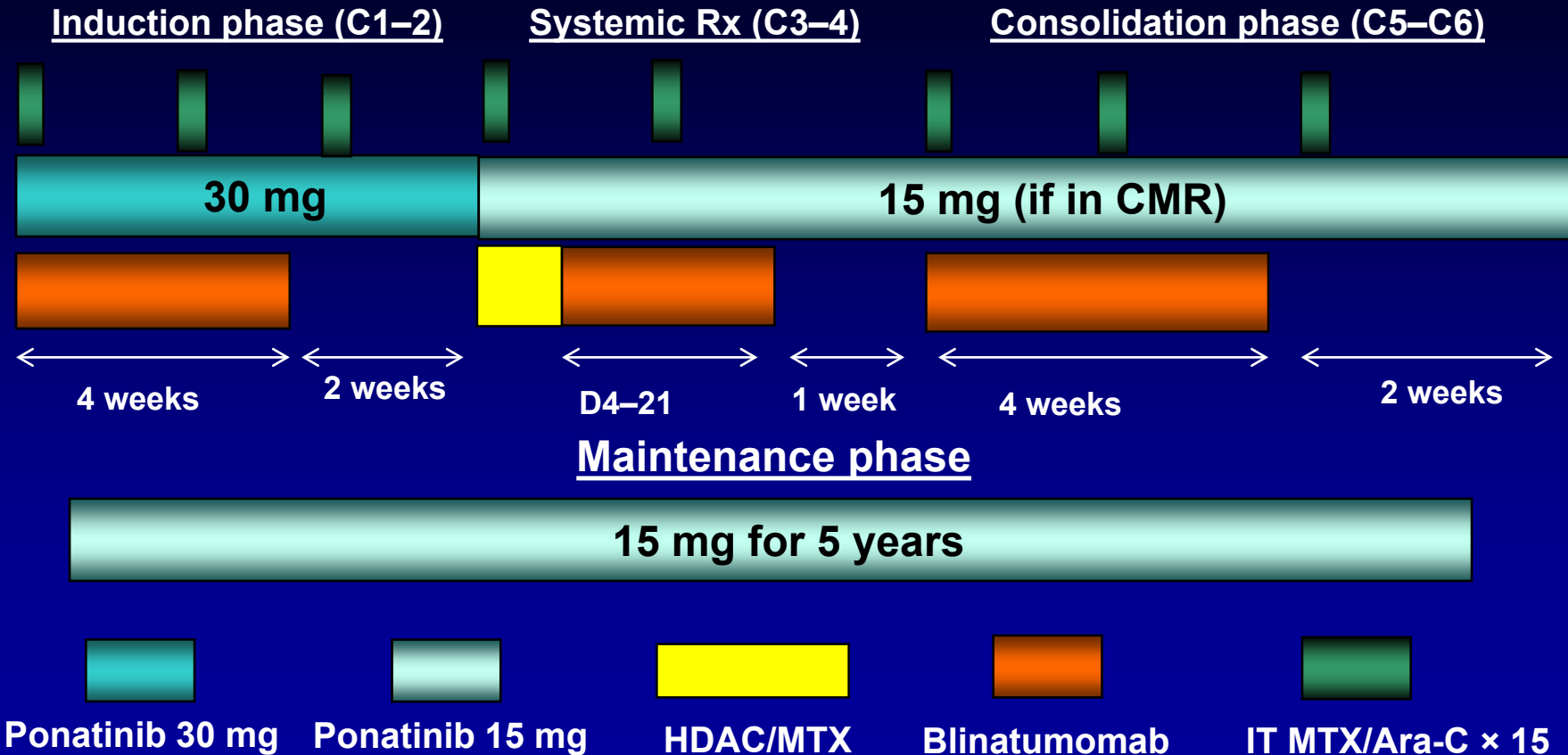


**MVA: WBC >70K at Dx was only factor independently predictive of relapse**

# Ponatinib vs Dasatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL

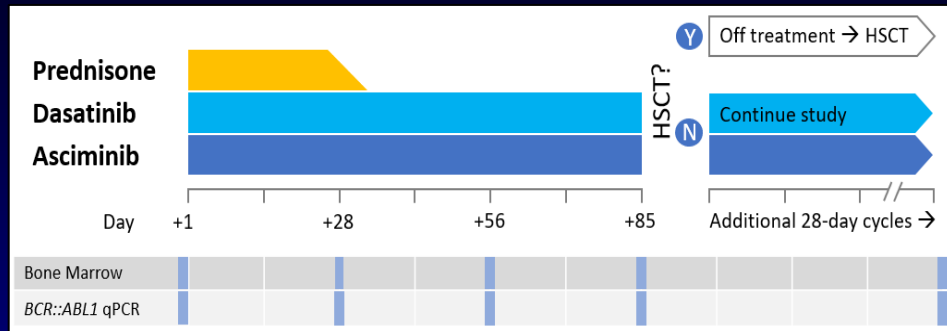
Parameter	Pona + Blina (n = 84; 5 blina)	Dasa + Blina (n = 63; 2+ blina)	Dasa + Blina (n = 24; 3 blina)	Pona + Blina (n = 133; 2-5 blina)
Median age, yr	50	54	73	57
PCR neg, %	78	93 (+ PNQ)	63	73
NGS clonoSEQ neg, %	95			
4-yr OS, %	89	82	75	18-mo OS 92%
AlloSCT, %	2	48	5	12
Relapses (CNS)	10 (5)	9 (4)	8 [3 T315I]	4 (1)

# Ponatinib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL: Regimen (WBC $\geq 70K$ )



# Asciminib + Dasatinib, Prednisone in Ph-Positive ALL and CML-LBP

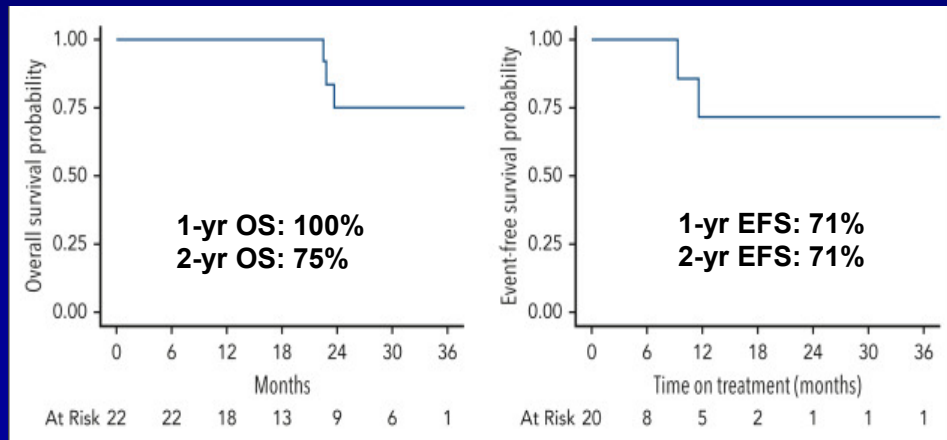
- 25 pts: 23 Ph+ ALL (73% P190), 2 CML-LBP
- Median age 65 yr (33-85); *IKZF1*<sup>del</sup> (41%)
- Median F/U 27 mo
- Dasatinib 140 mg/D; prednisone 60 mg/D × 24 ASCi 40–160 mg/D (**80 mg RP2D**; **14 pts**); 8 IT
- 3 of 4 pts Rx ASCi 160 mg/D had amylase and lipase increase meeting DLT (no pancreatitis)
- 8 (36%) alloSCT
- **4 (17%) relapse (1 MRD; 1/3 T315I) within 6 mo (range, 4–40)**



De Novo ALL Response (n = 22)

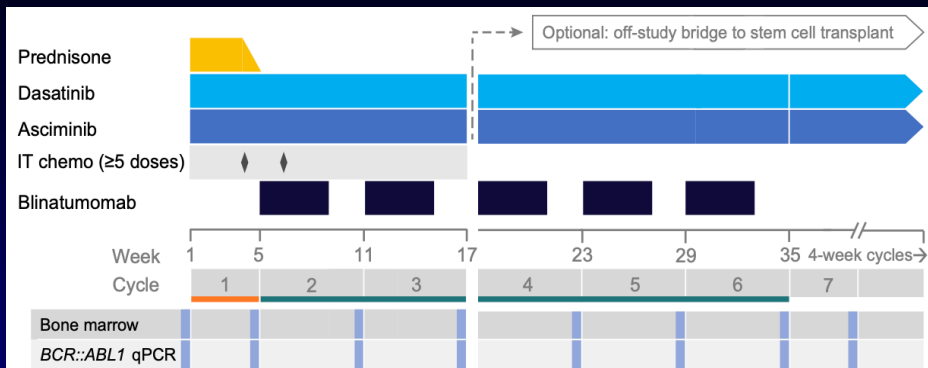
	1 month	2 months	3 months
<b>CR</b>	95%	100%	100%
<b>MRD-neg, flow cytometry (&lt;10<sup>-4</sup>)</b>	65%	89%	89%
<b>Cytogenetic CR</b>	82%	94%	100%
<b>BCR::ABL1 RT-PCR</b>			
MR 1	90%	94%	100%
MR 2	50%	82%	95%
MR 3	25%	41%	74%
MR 4	15%	18%	26%

## Outcomes



# Dasatinib + Asciminib + Blinatumomab in Ph-Positive ALL

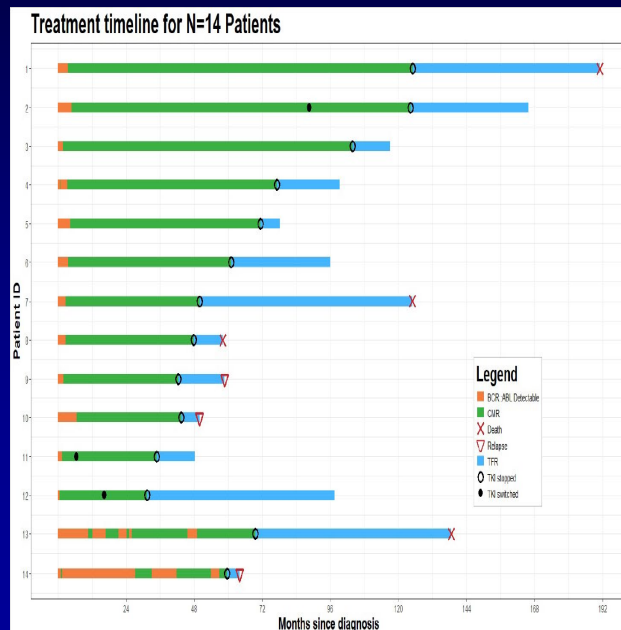
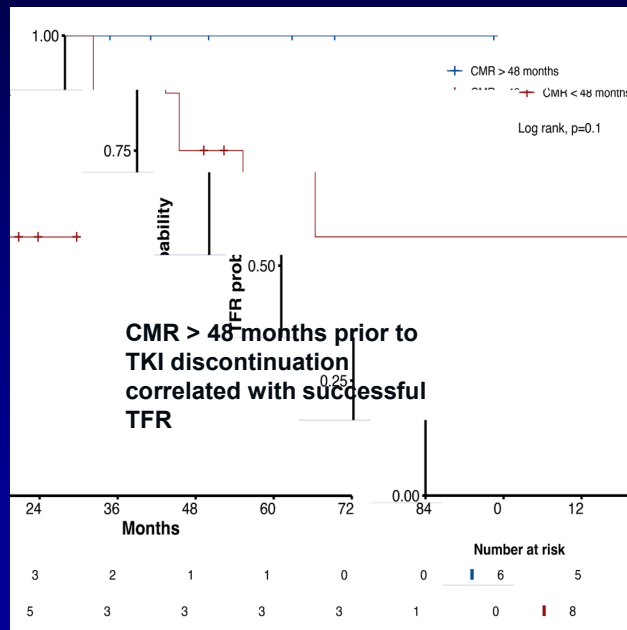
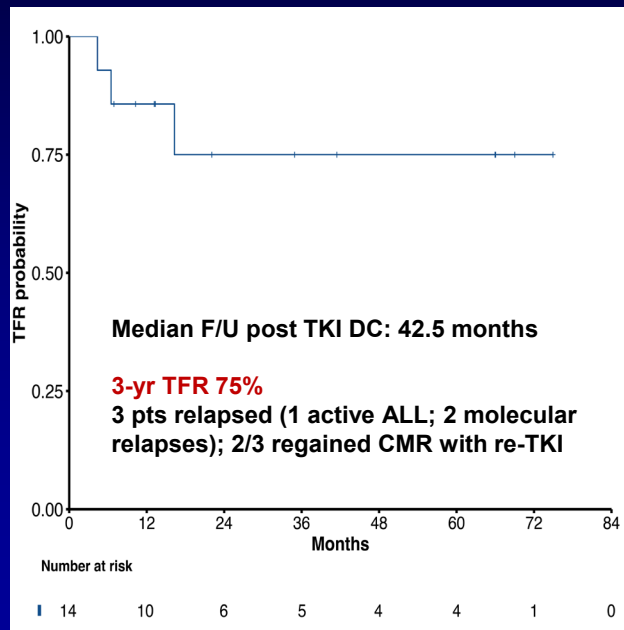
- 15 pts: 13 ALL, 2 CML-LBP (73% P190)
- Median age 62 yr (25–83); *IKZF1*<sup>del</sup> (33%)
- Median F/U 1 yr
- Dasatinib 140 mg/D; prednisone 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D × 24; ASCi 80 mg/D; Blina from M2 for 5 C; IT ≥ 5
- 5 (36%) alloSCT
- **No relapse; 1 died in CR D+119 (81 yr)**



	Induction (asciminib, dasatinib, prednisone)	Blinatumomab Cycle 1 (asciminib, dasatinib, blinatumomab)	Blinatumomab Cycle 2 (asciminib, dasatinib, blinatumomab)
<b>Hematologic CR</b>	<b>100%</b> (15/15)	<b>100%</b> (15/15)	<b>100%</b> (14/14)
<b>Cytogenetic CR</b>	<b>86%</b> (12/14)	<b>100%</b> (15/15)	<b>100%</b> (14/14)
<b>Flow MRD negativity (&lt;10<sup>-4</sup>)</b>	<b>79%</b> (11/14)	<b>100%</b> (15/15)	<b>100%</b> (14/14)
<b>BCR::ABL1 MRD response</b>			
MR1	<b>87%</b> (13/15)	<b>100%</b> (15/15)	<b>100%</b> (14/14)
MR2	<b>60%</b> (9/15)	<b>93%</b> (14/15)	<b>93%</b> (13/14)
MR3	<b>20%</b> (3/15)	<b>53%</b> (8/15)	<b>71%</b> (10/14)
MR4	<b>7%</b> (1/15)	<b>40%</b> (5/15)	<b>50%</b> (7/14)
MR4.5	<b>7%</b> (1/15)	<b>40%</b> (5/15)	<b>36%</b> (5/14)
Not detected	<b>0%</b> (0/15)	<b>13%</b> (2/15)	<b>21%</b> (3/14)
<b>IGH NGS response*</b>			
<10 <sup>-4</sup>	<b>67%</b> (6/9)	<b>92%</b> (12/13)	<b>100%</b> (13/13)
<10 <sup>-6</sup> (0 to <1 transcripts)	<b>33%</b> (3/9)	<b>77%</b> (10/13)	<b>85%</b> (11/13)

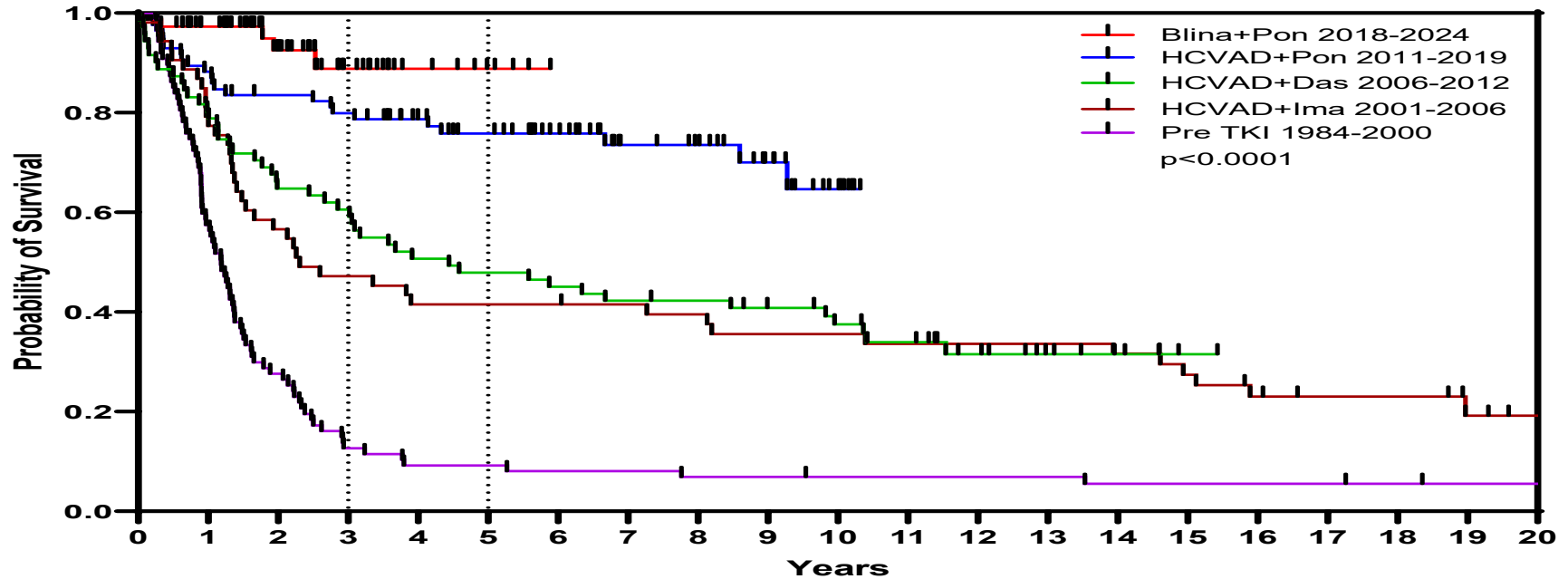
# TKI DC/TFR in Ph+ ALL Without AlloH SCT

- 14/238 pts (6%); median age 61 yr, median time on TKI 60 mo (31–125), median time in CMR 46 mo (2.7–121)
- Rx HCVAD + added TKI: Ima 2, dasa 6, ponu 4, blina-ponu 2
- Reason for TKI DC: pleural effusions 4, AOE/VOE 4, pulmonary hypertension 2, pancreatitis 1, cytopenia 1, other 2
- 11 pts (79%) remained in TFR; none of 8 in CMR 4+ yr prior to TKI DC had relapse





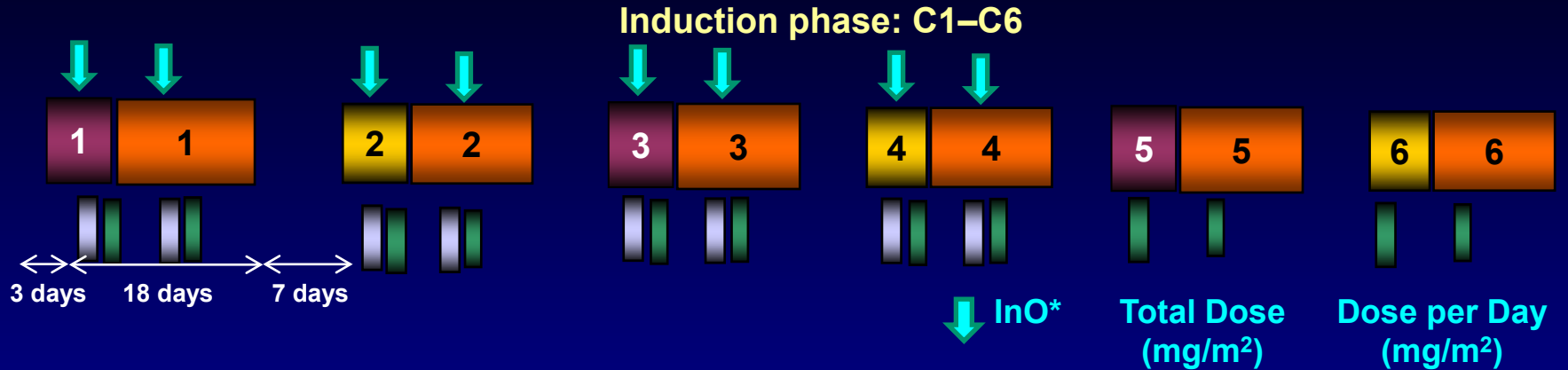
# ALL: Survival by Decade (MDACC 1984–2024)



	Total	Events	3yr OS	5yr OS	Median
Blina+Pon 2018-2024	76	5	89%	89%	Not reached
HCVAD+Pon 2011-2019	85	23	80%	76%	Not reached
HCVAD+Das 2006-2012	71	47	61%	48%	53 mos
HCVAD+Ima 2001-2006	53	41	47%	42%	28 mos
Pre TKI 1984-2000	87	83	13%	9%	14 mos

$p < 0.0001$

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



Consolidation phase

CAR T consolidation

	Total Dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Dose per Day (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )
C1	<b>0.9</b>	0.6 D2, 0.3 D8
C2–4	<b>0.6</b>	0.3 D2 and D8

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

\*Ursodiol 300 mg tid  
for VOD prophylaxis.



Mini-Hyper-CVD



Rituximab



Blinatumomab



Mini-MTX-Ara-C



IT MTX, Ara-C

# ALL 2025 and Beyond: Conclusions

- Significant improvements across all ALL categories
- Future of ALL Rx
  - Less chemotherapy and shorter durations
  - Combinations with ADCs and BiTEs/TriTEs targeting CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79
  - SQ blinatumomab
  - CAR Ts CD19 and CD19 allo and auto in sequence in CR1 for MRD and replacing ASCT

# **Thank You**

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## **AYA patients with ALL: What is the current treatment approach for this diverse patient population?**

**Special considerations for adolescents  
and young adults and how we can use this  
experience in adult patients**

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# Adolescents and Young Adults With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

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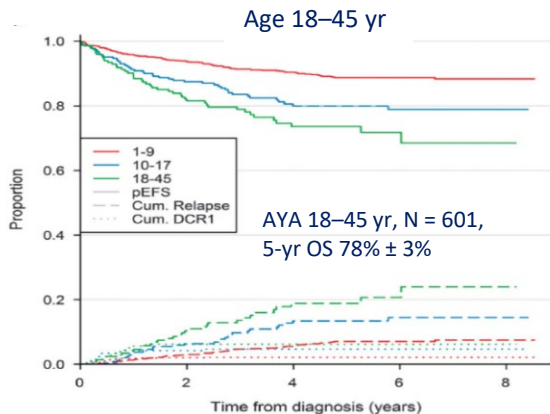
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# Intensified strategies in AYA

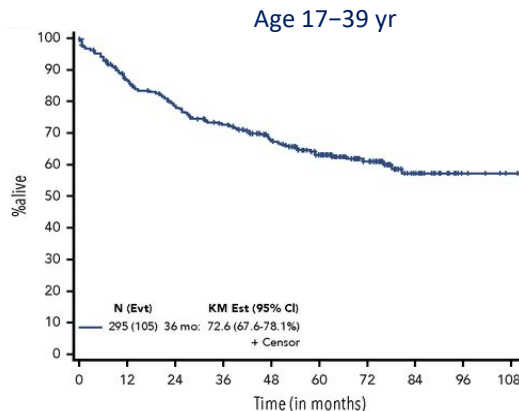
## *Pediatric and pediatric-inspired protocols*

**NOPHO-2008<sup>1</sup>**  
(children and AYA)



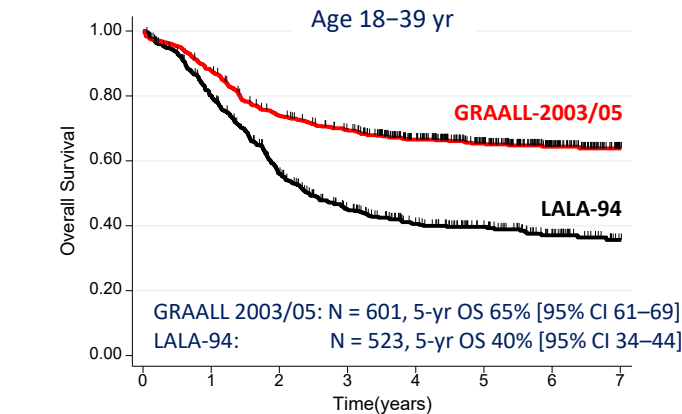
**HSCT: 20% (18–45 yr)**

**CALGB 10403<sup>2</sup>**  
(AYA)



**HSCT: 8%**

**GRAALL-2003/05<sup>3,4</sup>**  
(AYA)



**HSCT (GRAALL): 31%**

- More intensive trials improve the outcome of AYA
- Early MRD response is the most robust prognostic factor
- Disparities in HSCT eligibility criteria persist

1. Toft N, et al. *Leukemia*. 2018;32:606-615; 2. Stock W, et al. *Blood*. 2019;133:1548-1559;

3. Updated from Huguet F, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2009;27:911-918; 4. Updated from Huguet F, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018;20:2514-2523.



### Historical VHR factors (alloH SCT)

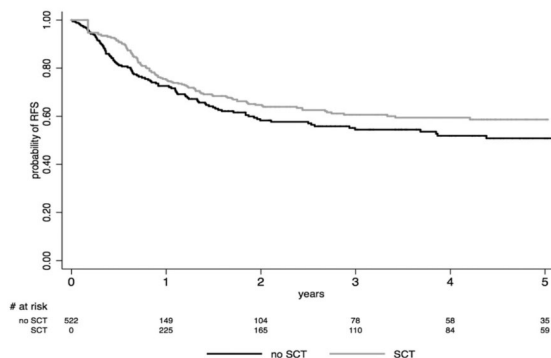
#### • Baseline

- WBC  $\geq 30 \times 10^9/L$  for B-lineage ALL
- CNS disease
- Immature CD10-negative B-lineage ALL\*
- t(4;11) and/or KMT2A::AF4, t(1;19) and/or TCF3::PBX1
- Low hypodiploidy, near triploidy
- Complex karyotype ( $\geq 5$  abnormalities)\*

#### • Early response

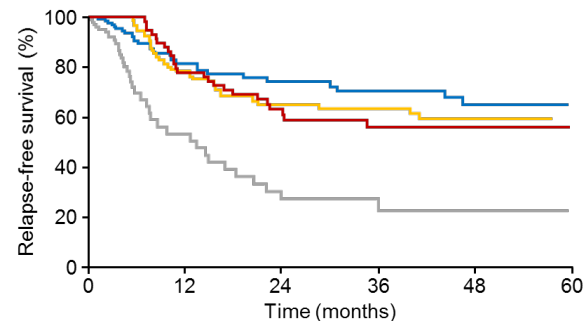
- No hematologic CR after the first induction course
- Slow PDN response at the end of pre-phase
- Slow BM blast clearance at day 8 of chemotherapy
- IG/TR MRD  $\geq 10^{-2}$  after induction†

### Relapse-free survival Simon-Makuch plots



In patients with VHR-ALL, as defined by historical risk factors

### Relapse-free survival Simon-Makuch plots According to EO1 MRD ( $10^{-3}$ )



- MRD1  $<10^{-3}$ , no HSCT
- MRD1  $<10^{-3}$ , HSCT
- MRD1  $\geq 10^{-3}$ , no HSCT
- MRD1  $\geq 10^{-3}$ , HSCT

\*Introduced in GRAALL-2005.

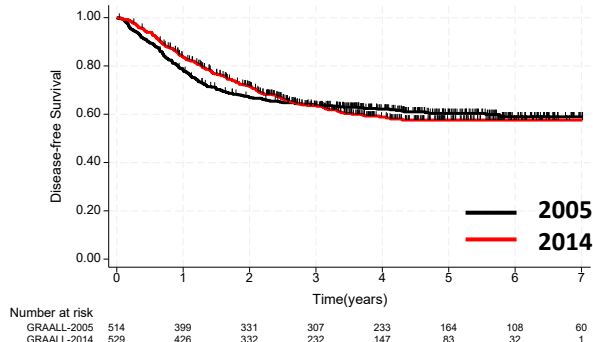
†In GRAALL-2003 only (1 single patient classified as high-risk due to MRD only).

ASCT, allogeneic stem cell transplant; BM, bone marrow; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; IG, immunoglobulin; MRD, minimal residual disease; TR, T-cell receptor; WBC, white blood cell count.

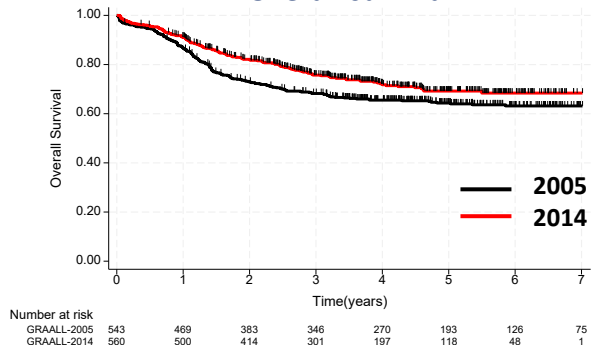
# GRAALL-2005 to 2014

## MRD-oriented *allo*HSCT

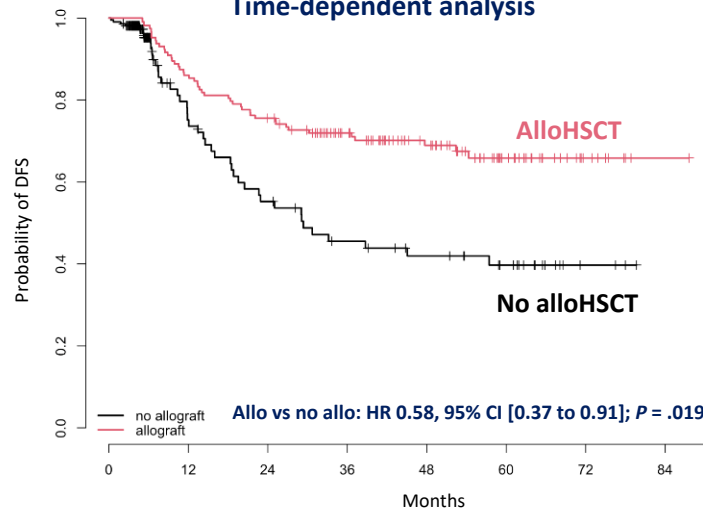
Disease-free survival



Overall survival



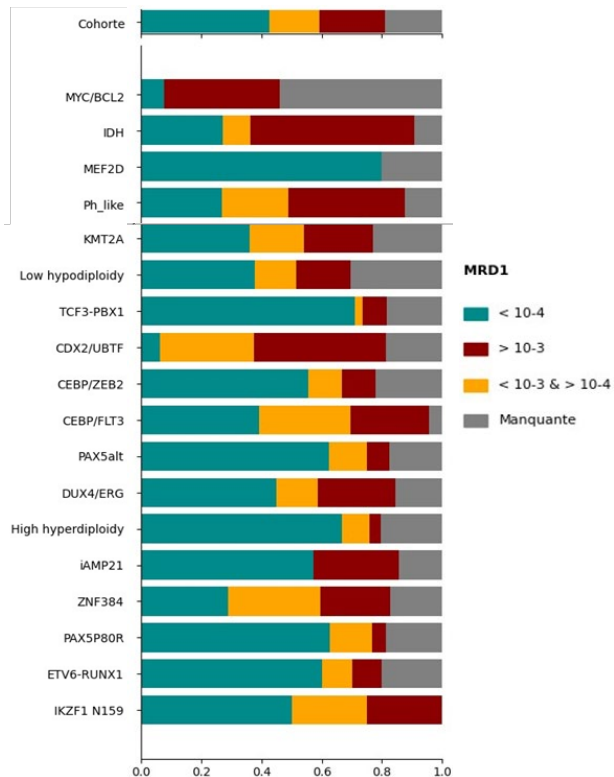
Disease-free survival  
GRAALL-2014, VHR  
Time-dependent analysis



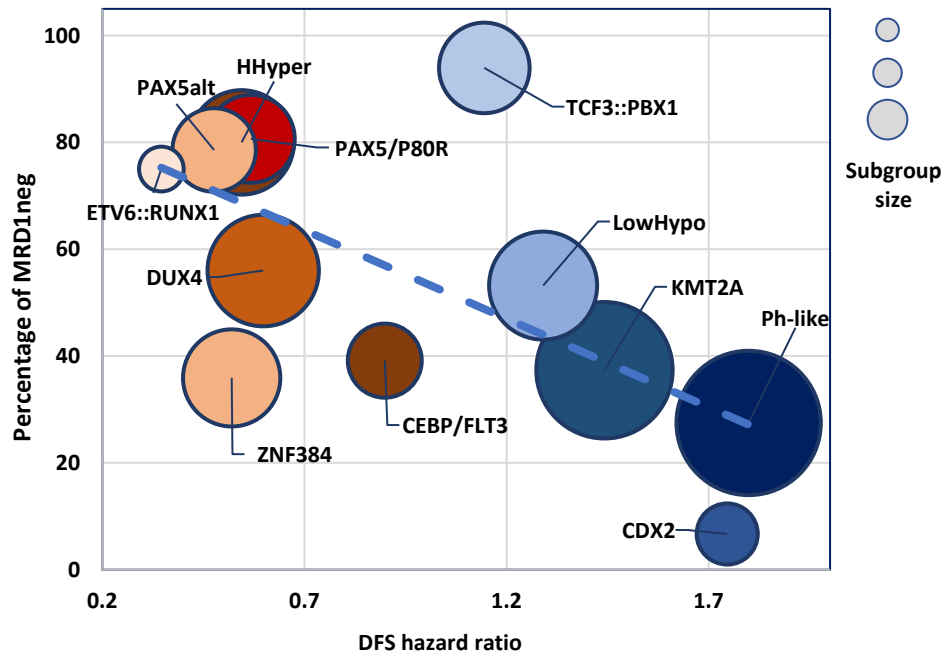
- MRD-oriented *allo*SCT indications reduced from 40% to 18% the rate of CR patients transplanted (VHR)
- This reduction was safe in terms of DFS and OS
- VHR patients benefited from *allo*SCT

# B-ALL oncogenetics and MRD

EOI MRD by oncogenic subgroup  
GRAALL-2014

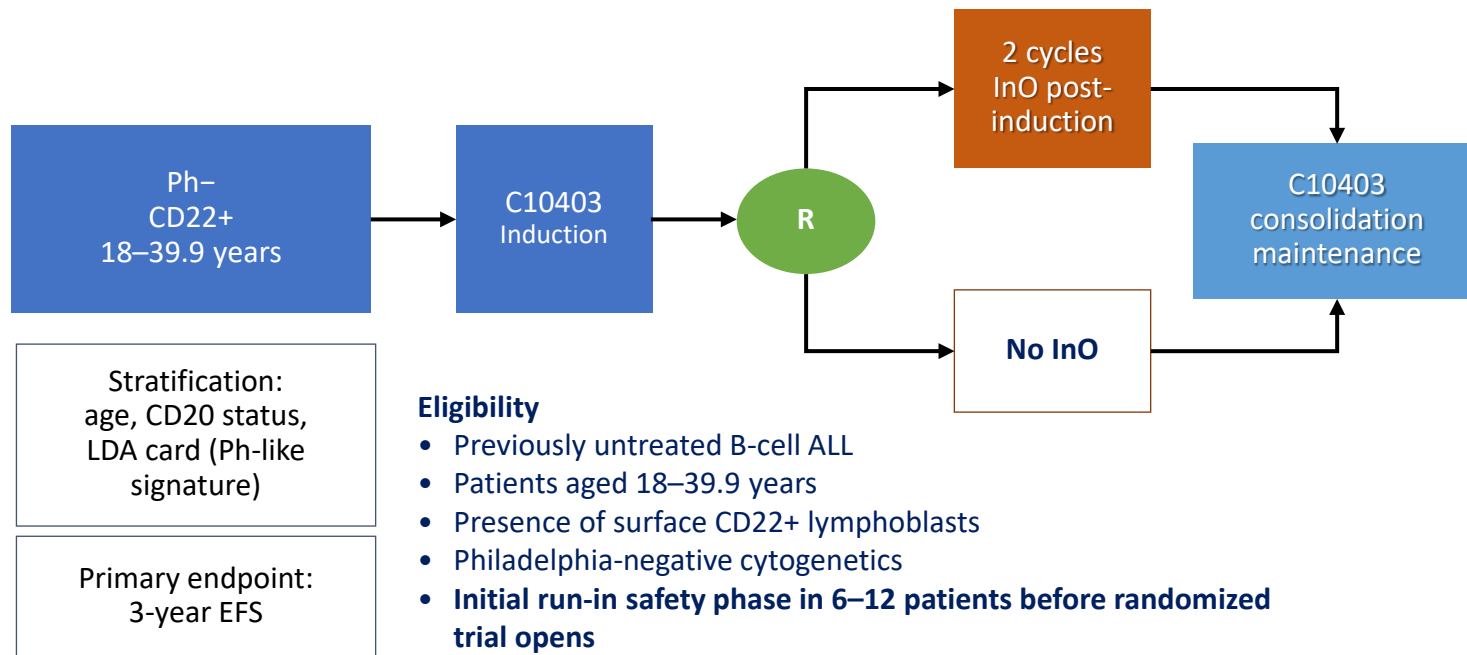


Correlation between EOI MRD response  
and impact on DFS (GRAALL-2014)



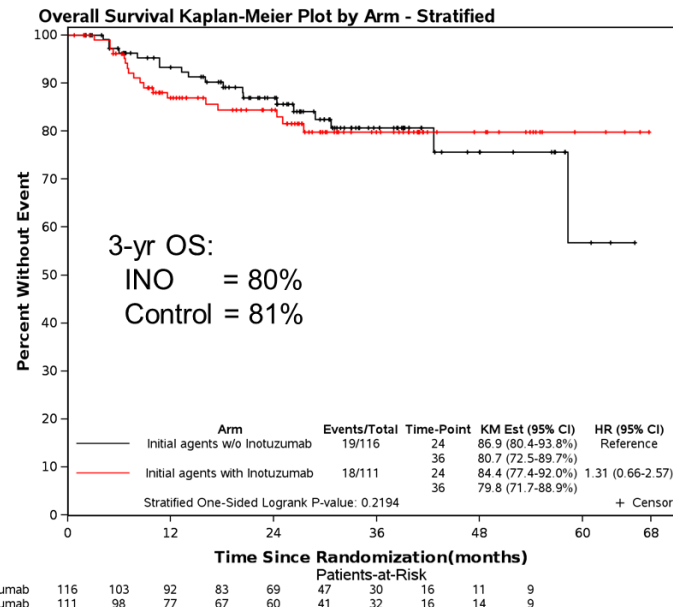
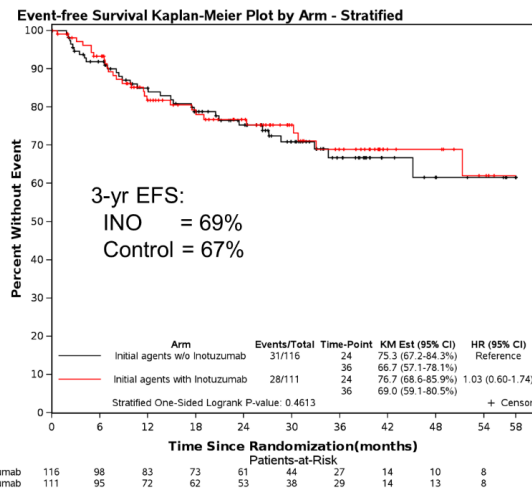
# Alliance A041501 Phase III

## *Early consolidation with inotuzumab*



**Trial halted by DSMB due to late infectious deaths on InO arm during neutropenia in Course III and mostly Course IV.**

# Alliance A041501 Phase III Outcomes



	Chemo (n = 116)	InO (n = 111)	Total (N = 227)
Event, n (%)			
Censor	85 (73.3%)	82 (73.9%)	167 (73.6%)
Death	4 (3.4%)	14 (12.6%)	18 (7.9%)
Progression	27 (23.3%)	15 (13.5%)	42 (18.5%)

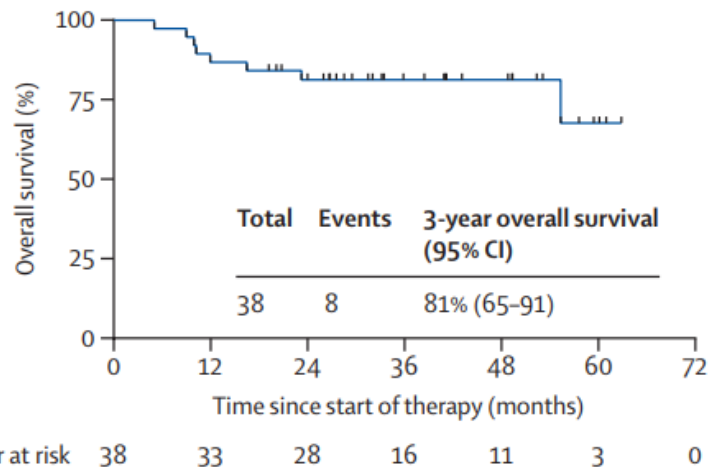
# Blinatumomab frontline

## Consolidation phase II

### MDACC<sup>1</sup>

HyperCVAD + blinatumomab

N = 38, 17–59 yr

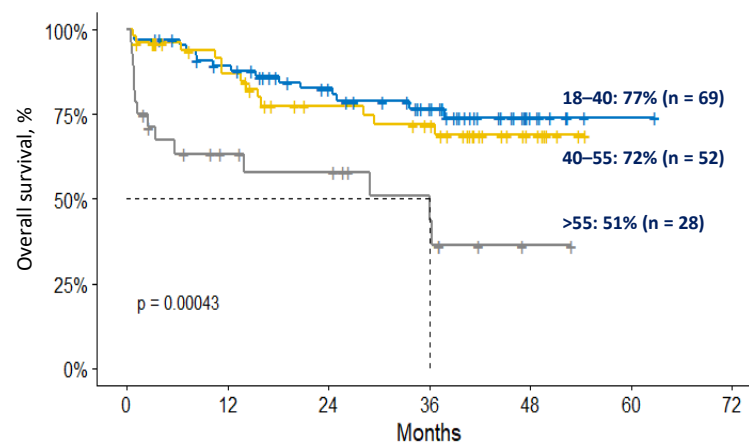


Grade 3+ neurotoxicity: 11%

### GIMEMA LAL2317<sup>2</sup>

Blinatumomab in consolidation

N = 149, 18–65 yr



Grade 3+ neurotoxicity: 15.5%

# Blinatumomab frontline

## GRAALL-QUEST for Ph<sup>+</sup> HR patients

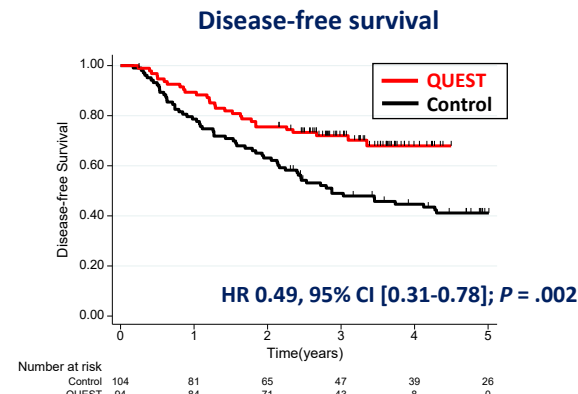
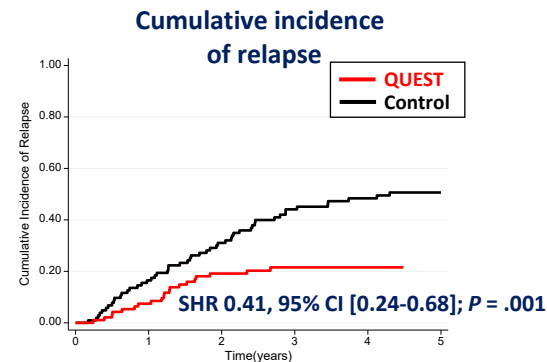
### HR definition

- End of induction MRD  $\geq 10^{-4}$
- *KMT2Ar*
- *IKZF1del*

	QUEST N = 94	Control* N = 104	P
MRD3 undetectable	62/86 (72%)	42/79 (53%)	.02
MRD3 und. if MRD2 $\geq 10^{-4}$	23/41 (56%)	4/29 (14%)	<.001
Median follow-up (yr)	3.5	5.5	<.001
AlloH SCT rate	44 (47%)	38 (37%)	.15
4-yr CIR (95% CI)	22% (14-31)	48% (39-59)	.001
4-yr DFS (95% CI)	70% (59-78)	45% (35-54)	.002
4-yr OS (95% CI)	78% (67-86)	67% (57-75)	.09

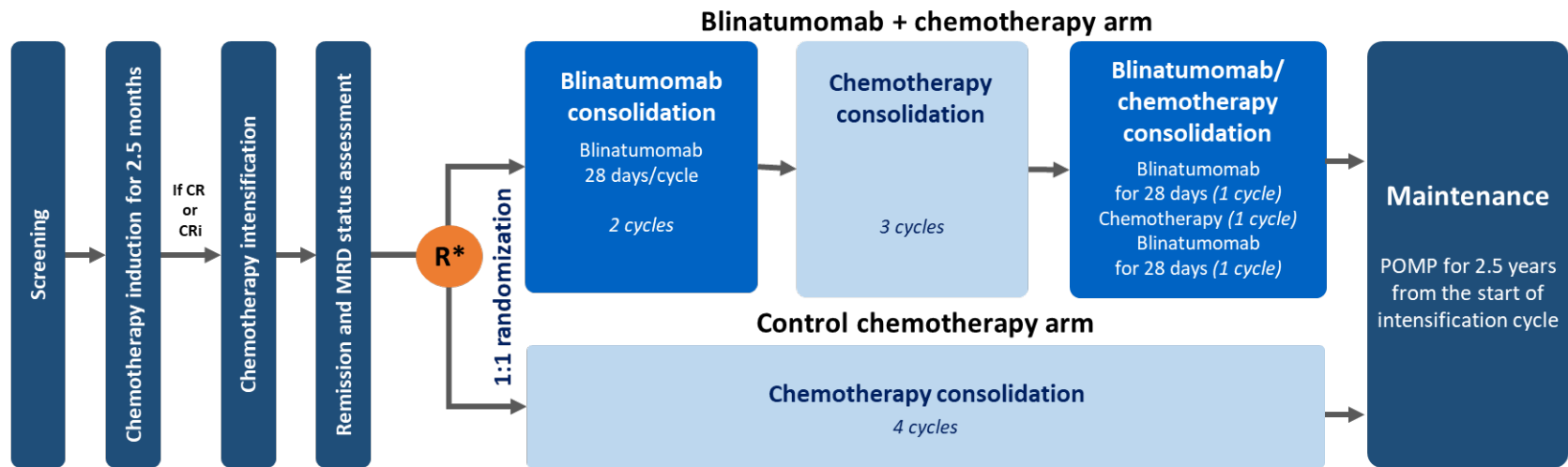
\*Patients included in the GRAALL-2014/B study with same HR criteria but not exposed to blinatumomab.

- The rate of complete MRD3 response was significantly higher after blinatumomab
- Blinatumomab was associated with a significantly lower CIR and improved DFS



# ECOG-ACRIN E1910 (phase III)

## *Blinatumomab as consolidation for newly diagnosed adult B-ALL*



### Key eligibility criteria

- Newly diagnosed Ph-negative B-ALL
- Age 30–70 years
- ECOG PS  $\leq 3$

### Stratification

- Age  $\leq / > 55$
- CD20 status
- Rituximab
- HSCT intent
- MRD

### Study endpoints

- **Primary:** OS among MRD-negative patients
- **Secondary:** RFS, MRD status, AEs

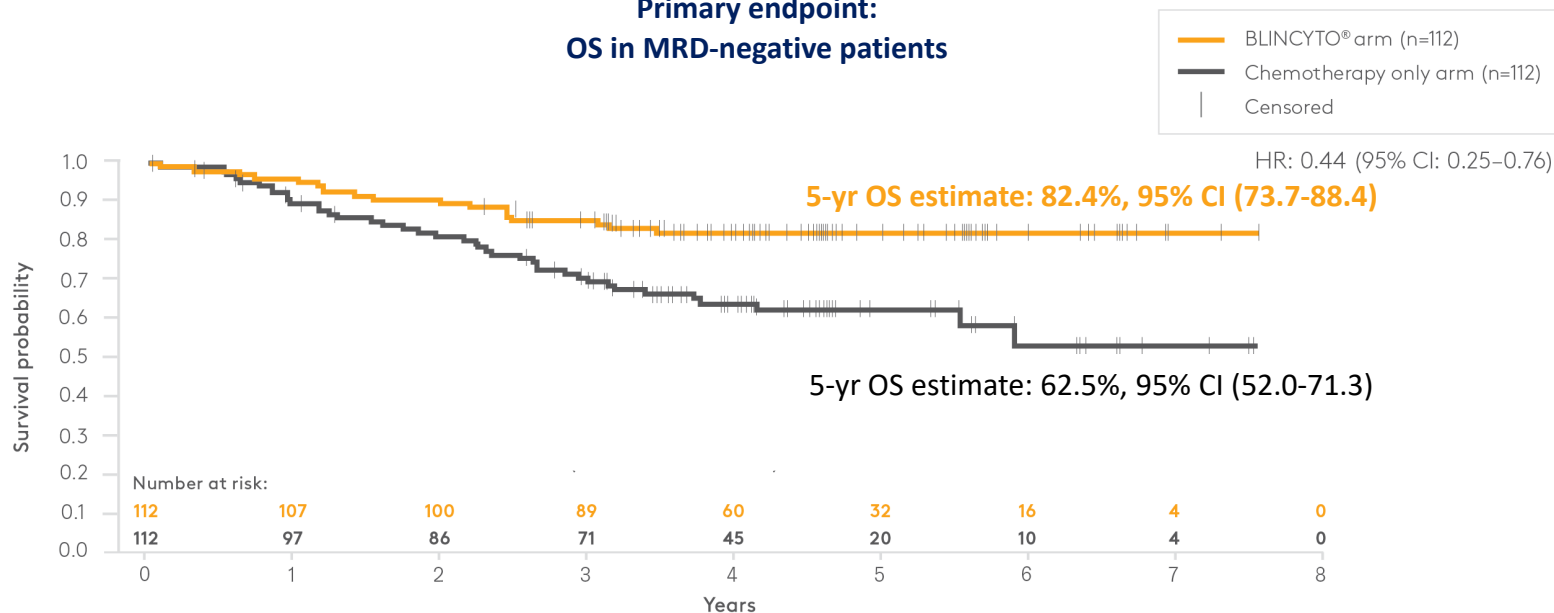
\*Following FDA approval of blinatumomab for MRD+ disease in March 2018, patients who were MRD+ after intensification were assigned to the blinatumomab + chemotherapy arm of the study and no longer randomized.



# ECOG-ACRIN E1910 (phase III)

## Overall survival

**Primary endpoint:  
OS in MRD-negative patients**

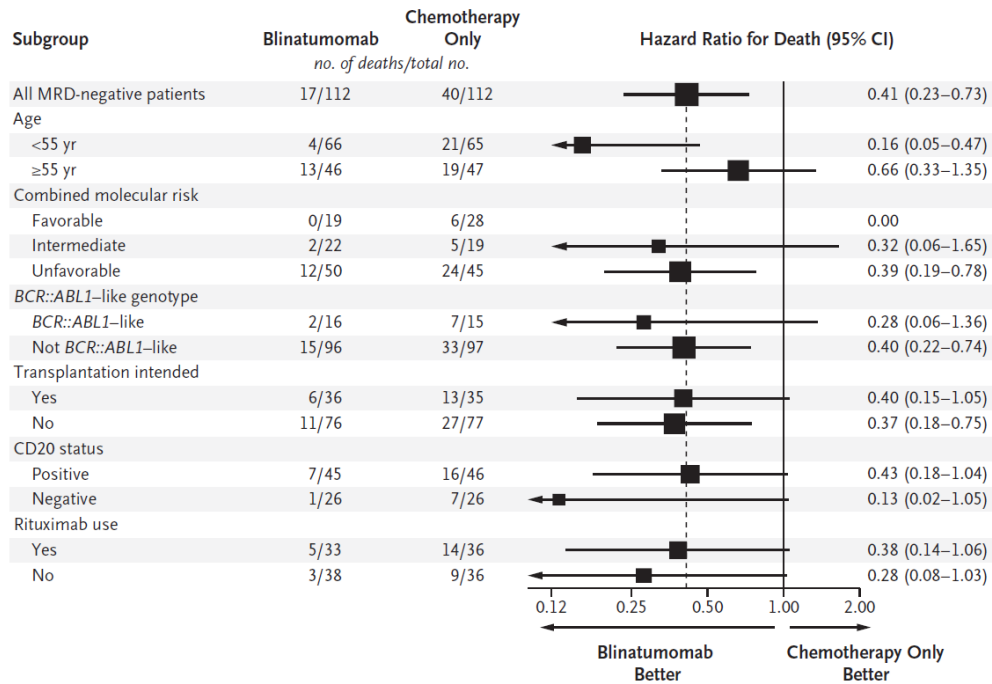


Median follow-up time: **4.5 years**

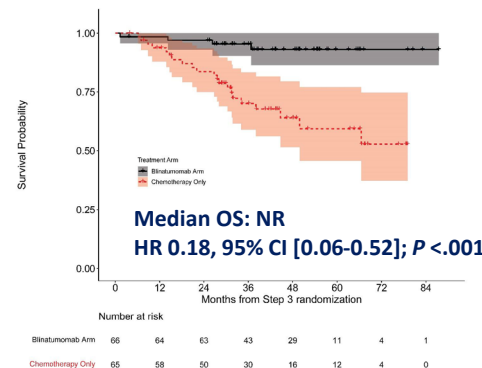
Blinatumomab associated with a 56% reduced risk of death vs chemotherapy alone

# ECOG-ACRIN E1910

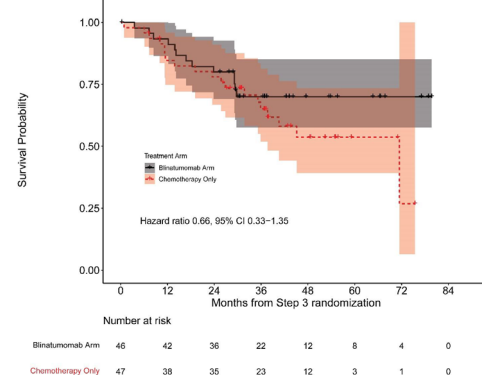
## Subgroup analysis



### OS in MRD-, age 30-55 yr



### OS in MRD-, age 55+ yr



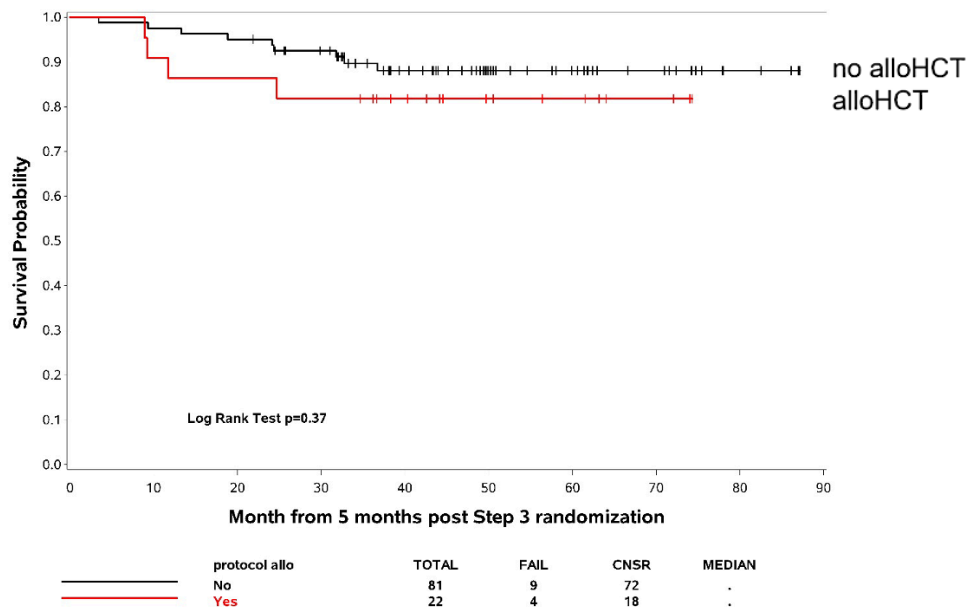
# ECOG-ACRIN E1910

## *No benefit of alloHCT*

Overall survival by alloHCT

Blin + chemo arm

Landmark @ 5 mo



50 pts with unfavorable-risk ALL  
on blin + chemo arm

14 alloHCT

36 no alloHCT

3-yr RFS/OS  
(landmarked @ 5 mo  
post-randomization)

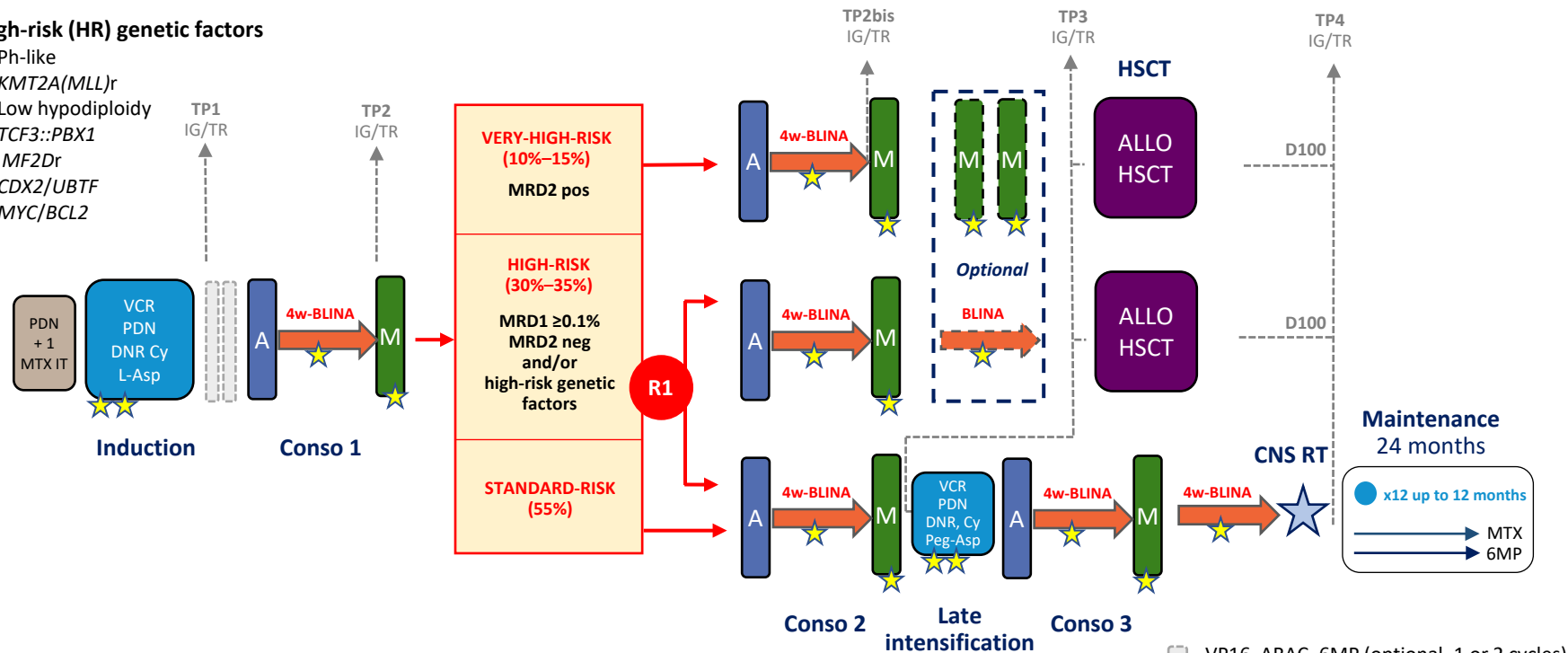
71%/71%

86%/90%

# GRAALL-2024 Ph- B-ALL

## High-risk (HR) genetic factors

- Ph-like
- *KMT2A(MLL)r*
- Low hypodiploidy
- *TCF3::PBX1*
- *MF2Dr*
- *CDX2/UBTF*
- *MYC/BCL2*



PDN, PO prednisone; DXM, dexamethasone; VCR, vincristine; DNR, daunorubicin; IDA, idarubicin; ARAC, cytarabine; L-Aspa, recombinant L-asparaginase; Peg-Aspa, Peg-asparaginase; MTX, methotrexate; Cy, cyclophosphamide; 6MP, 6-mercaptopurine; IT, intrathecal; HD, high-dose triple IT, MTX/ARAC/steroids ★ (prophylaxis only), CNS RT, CNS radiotherapy (prophylactic/curative).

VP16, ARAC, 6MP (optional, 1 or 2 cycles)

A HD-ARAC, DXM

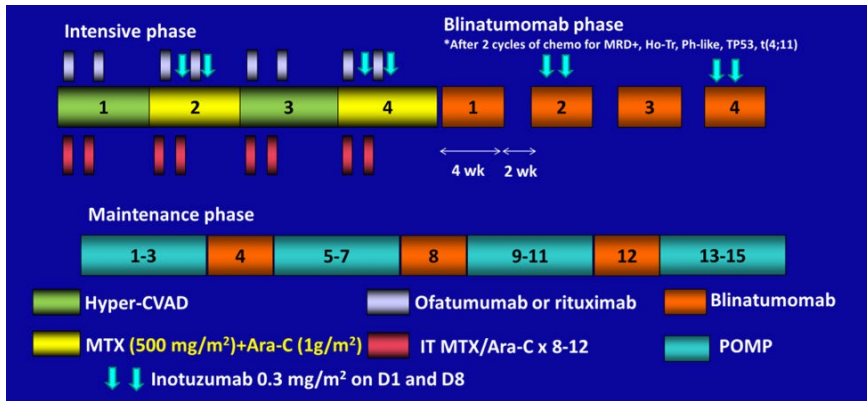
M HD-MTX, VCR, 1 triple IT

● VCR/PDN reinduction

# HyperCVAD + blinatumomab ± inotuzumab

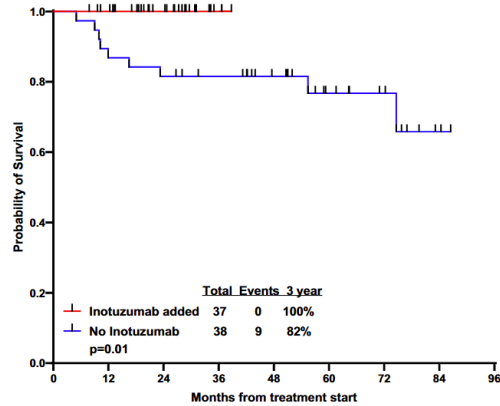
## *Ph-ALL*

Treatment schedule (cohort 2, N = 37)  
Median age 25 yr, range 18–57

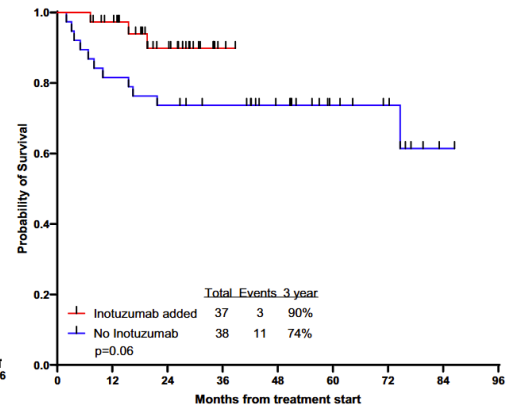


10 alloHSCT

Overall survival



Relapse-free survival



No SOS after InO

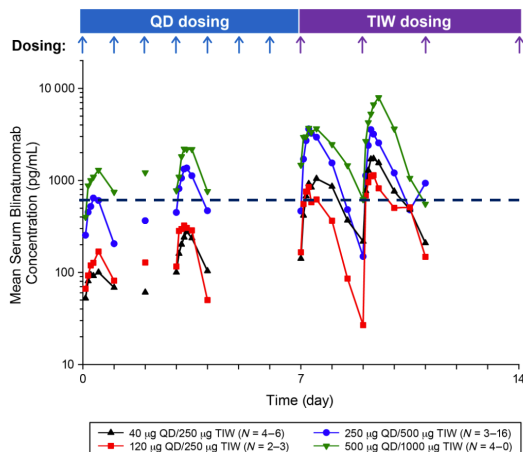
# Blinatumomab SC

## Phase I/II in R/R B-ALL

- R/R B-ALL
- Week 1 QD, week 2-4 TIW
- 2 dosing schedules: 250/500 and 500/1000µg

### Pharmacokinetics

Half-life: 8-12h vs 2h for cIV



### Response

Outcome	250 µg/500 µg (n = 36)	500 µg/1000 µg (n = 52)
Complete remission (CR)	69%	60%
CR + CRh	75%	79%
MRD-negative CR/CRh ( $<10^{-4}$ )	67%	73%
CR + CRh + CRi	89%	92%
MRD-negative CR/CRh/CRi ( $<10^{-4}$ )	81%	83%

### Safety

	250-µg/500-µg group (n = 36)				500-µg/1000-µg group (n = 52)			
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
ICANS	17%	14%	3%	0	25%	15%	2%	0
CRS	72%	17%	0	0	73%	21%	2%	0

# Conclusion

- **Blinatumomab used in consolidation** improves outcomes, independent of prior MRD status
- **Inotuzumab + low-intensity chemotherapy** is effective in patients with Ph– B-ALL who are unfit for intensive regimens
- The optimal integration of **inotuzumab with intensive chemotherapy** remains to be determined
- **The role of alloHSCT after blinatumomab** ( $\pm$  TKI) in first CR is still unresolved
- Future directions include combining immunotherapy ( $\pm$  TKI) with de-escalated chemotherapy and refined transplant indications



# Question 1

**In survivors of ALL after allo-HSCT, what is the most frequent cause of late mortality?**

- A.** Secondary cancers
- B.** Relapse
- C.** Cardiovascular disease
- D.** Chronic graft-vs-host disease





## Question 2

**Which of the following factors is most strongly associated with avascular necrosis in AYA patients with ALL?**

- A. Cumulative dose of corticosteroids
- B. Anthracycline exposure
- C. Cranial radiotherapy
- D. Age >30 years



## Question 3

What proportion of female patients typically develop premature ovarian failure after myeloablative allo-HSCT for ALL?

- A.  $\leq 20\%$
- B. 21%–50%
- C. 51%–80%
- D.  $>80\%$



## Question 4

**Which of the following statements about Ph-like ALL is correct?**

- A. Ph-like ALL is associated with favorable MRD responses after induction
- B. TKI is recommended in ABL-class fusion-positive cases
- C. JAK inhibitors are recommended for *CRLF2*-rearranged cases
- D. Ph-like is a rare subgroup of Ph- B-ALL in AYA



## Question 5

**In the ECOG-ACRIN E1910 trial, what was the impact of blinatumomab consolidation compared to chemotherapy?**

- A. Improved MRD response
- B. Improved OS
- C. Improved rate of transplant
- D. Benefit only in patients over age 55 years



# BREAK

# ALL case-based panel discussion

## Case 1: Adult high risk

Fabian Lang



# Female patient, 47 years old

## > 12/2024 Primary diagnosis: common ALL

- Initial blood count: leukocytes 53.000/ $\mu$ L; Hb 12,7 g/dL; thrombocytes 285.000/ $\mu$ L
- Bone marrow: 80% lymphatic blast infiltration
- Immunology: CD19, CD10, CD34, CD79a, CD22, TdT positive, CD20 negative
- Cytogenetics: 46 XX t(9;22)(q34;q11)
- Molecular genetics: *BCR::ABL1* positive, p190
- No extramedullary disease

## > Comorbidities

- Breast cancer in 10/2016
- Depression

# Treatment course: Female patient, 47 years old

Induction I

GMALL EVOLVE

VCR/Dex

PEG-Asp

MTX i.th.

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Imatinib 600 mg QD

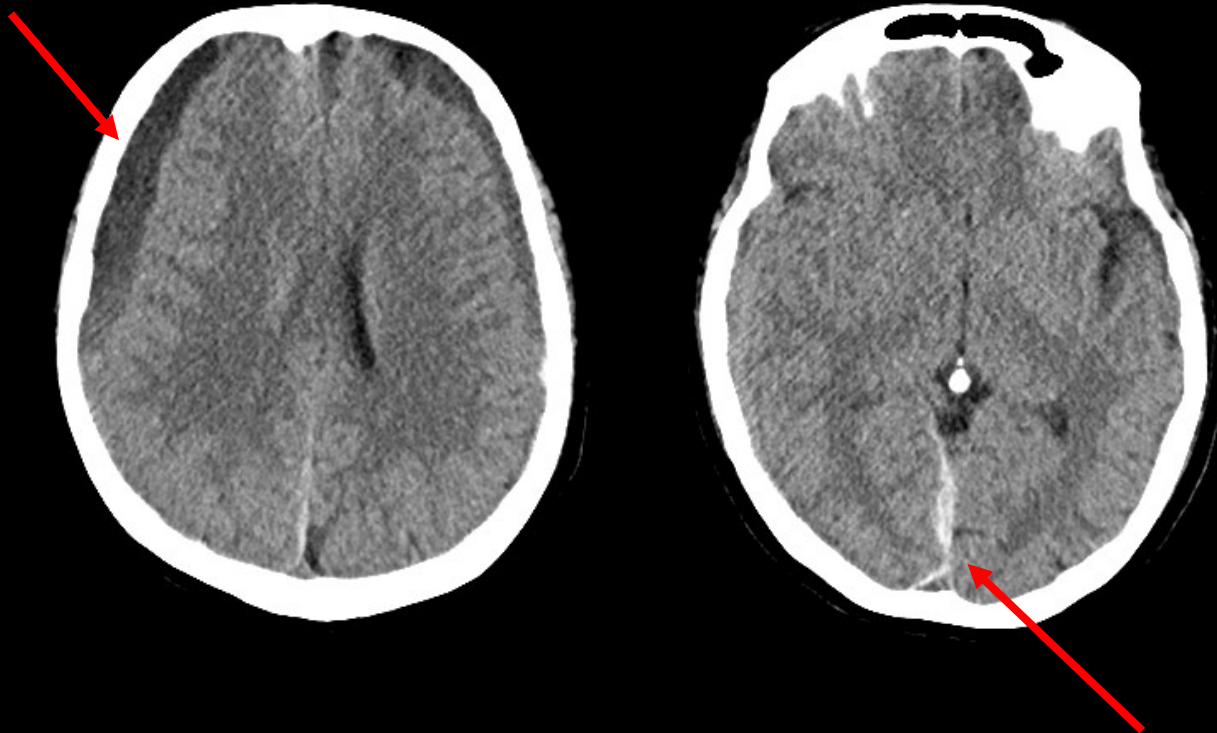
During  
treatment:  
constant  
nausea

Intermittent  
headache



27 Dec 2024

Sinus vein thrombosis + hygroma + subdural hematoma





Female patient, 47 years old, intrathecal bleeding + thrombosis

***Which therapeutic option would you choose?***

Ponatinib 45 mg QD + CTX induction

Dasatinib 140 mg QD + CTX induction

Nilotinib 400 mg BID + CTX induction

Cont. imatinib 600 mg QD + CTX induction



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PEG-Asp

MTX i.th.

## Induction II

GMALL EVOLVE

VCR/Dex

No PEG-Asp

No MTX i.th.

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Imatinib 600 mg QD

Nilotinib 400 mg BID

During  
treatment:  
constant  
nausea

Intermittent  
headache

**No further  
complications**

# Treatment course: Female patient, 47 years old

Induction I  
GMALL EVOLVE  
VCR/Dex  
PEG-Asp  
MTX i.th.

Induction II  
GMALL EVOLVE  
VCR/Dex  
No PEG-Asp  
No MTX i.th.

Consolidation I  
GMALL EVOLVE  
HD MTX  
HD Ara-C  
No further i.th.

prophylaxis

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01/2025

02/2025

Imatinib 600 mg QD

Nilotinib 400 mg BID

During  
treatment:  
constant  
nausea

Intermittent  
headache

No further  
complications

No neurologic  
symptoms

Response after Cons I

MolFail:  
 $9 \times 10^{-3}$  *BCR::ABL1*



Female patient, 47 years old, intrathecal bleeding + thrombosis,  
MolFail after Cons I

***Which therapeutic option would you choose?***

Blinatumomab + nilotinib + intrathec. MTX

CTX + nilotinib + intrathec. MTX

Allogeneic SCT incl. TBI

Nilotinib + CTX without intrathec. MTX



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PEG-Asp  
MTX i.th.

Induction II  
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VCR/Dex  
No PEG-Asp  
No MTX i.th.

Consolidation I  
GMALL EVOLVE  
HD MTX  
HD Ara-C  
No further i.th.

Allogeneic SCT  
MRD  
Flu/TBI 8 Gy

12/2024

01/2025

02/2025

04/2025

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After SCT:  
CHR  
*BCR::ABL1*:  
Mol CR  
Chimerism:  
100%



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MRD  
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Mol relapse

12/2024

01/2025

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04/2025

08/2025

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Mol CR  
Chimerism:  
100%

# Main messages/questions from this case

- > Risk of intrathecal bleeding may be associated with imatinib
- > Allogeneic SCT including TBI in MolFail feasible
- > How to ensure intrathecal prophylaxis in this setting?
- > Which TKI to use in bleeding/thrombotic events?
- > Which TKI shows the best CNS activity?

# ALL case-based panel discussion Case 2: AYA

Nicolas Boissel





September 18, 2025

# ALL Case: AYA

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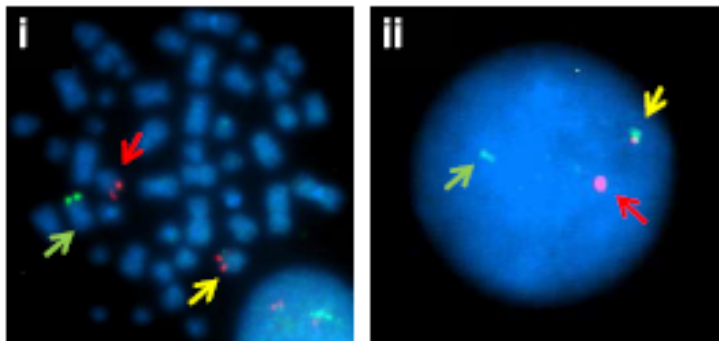


# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

- A 28-yr-old woman with fatigue and hemorrhagic syndrome
- **CBC:** leukocytes 35 G/L, Hb 5,5 g/L, platelets 24 G/L
- **Bone marrow aspiration:** 96% of lymphoblasts
- **CNS-1**
- **Phenotype:** HLADR+, CD19+, CD10+, CD20+, CD22+
- Normal **karyotype**
- **FISH:** absence of *BCR-ABL1*, *ETV6-RUNX1*, *TCF3-PBX1*, or *KMT2Ar*, ***IgH* locus rearrangement**
- **Molecular biology:** absence of *IKZF1del*, ***CRLF2* overexpression**
- **Ph-like ALL with *IgH::CRLF2***, absence of *JAK2* mutation

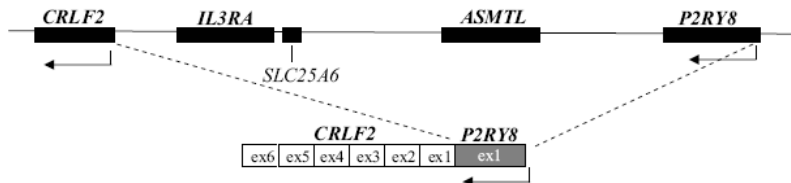
## CRLF2 deregulation

**Translocation involving *IGH* @ locus:**  
t(X;14)(p22;q32) or t(Y;14)(p11;q32)



**JAK2 mutation in 50% of cases**

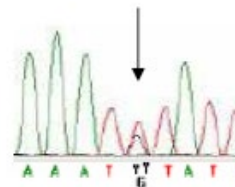
### Interstitial PAR1\* deletion: *P2RY8-CRLF2* fusion



\*PAR1, pseudo-autosomal region 1.

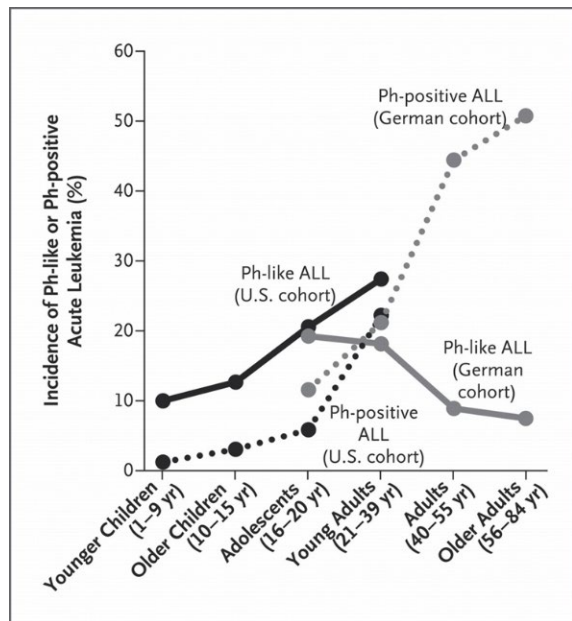
***CRLF2* gene point mutation:**

F232C  
patient #DS-97

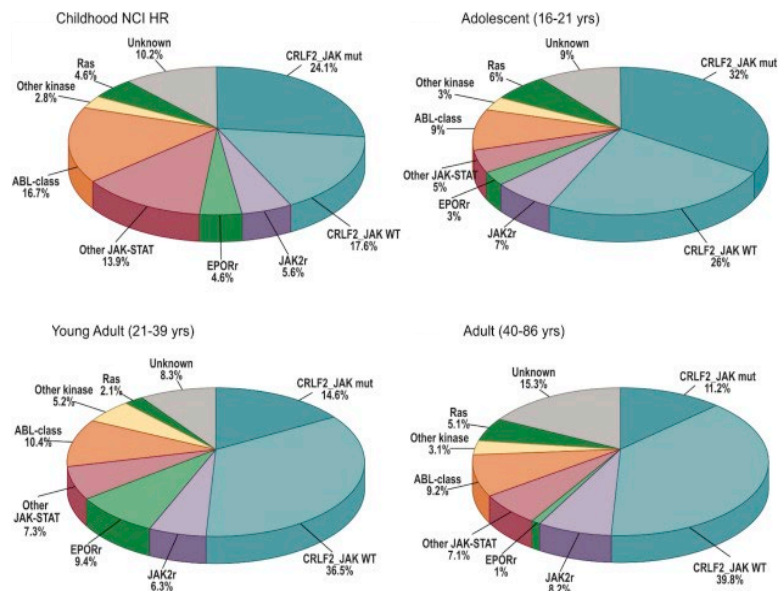


# Genetic landscape of Ph-like ALL

Incidence of Ph-like and Ph-positive ALL by age

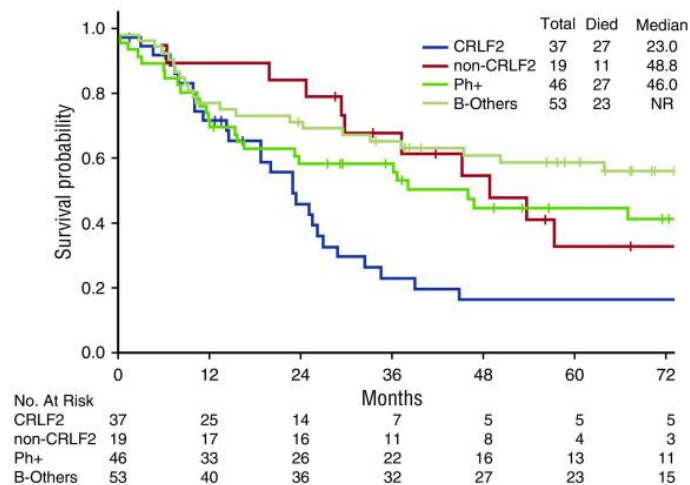
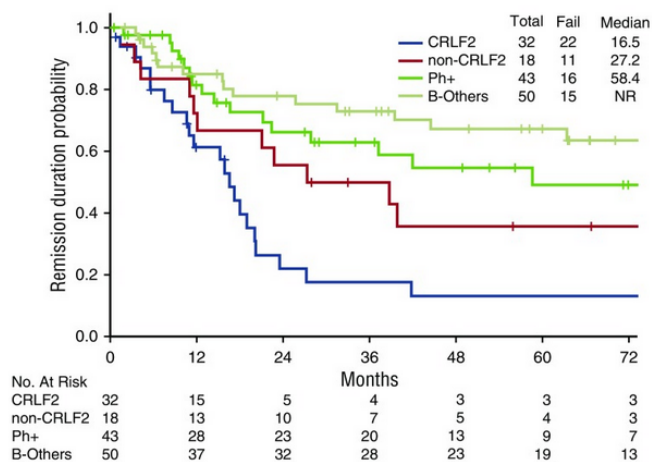


Prevalence of Ph-like subgroups by age



# Heterogeneous disease and outcome?

## MDACC: HyperCVAD/A-BFM





# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

- Treated according to the GRAALL-2014 trial
- **4-drug BFM-like induction** with L-asparaginase
- Good early prednisone and bone marrow responses (M1 bone marrow)
- **End of induction**
  - Complete remission
  - TP1  $2 \times 10^{-2}$
- **Consolidation** with high-dose MTX and AraC
  - TP2  $5 \times 10^{-3}$



## What is your decision at this point?

1. Continue chemotherapy
2. Proceed to alloHSCT
3. Blinatumomab and MRD reassessment
4. Blinatumomab in bridge to alloHSCT

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- **Decision: blinatumomab in bridge to transplant**

# GRAALL-2014/B – QUEST substudy

## Blinatumomab for HR patients

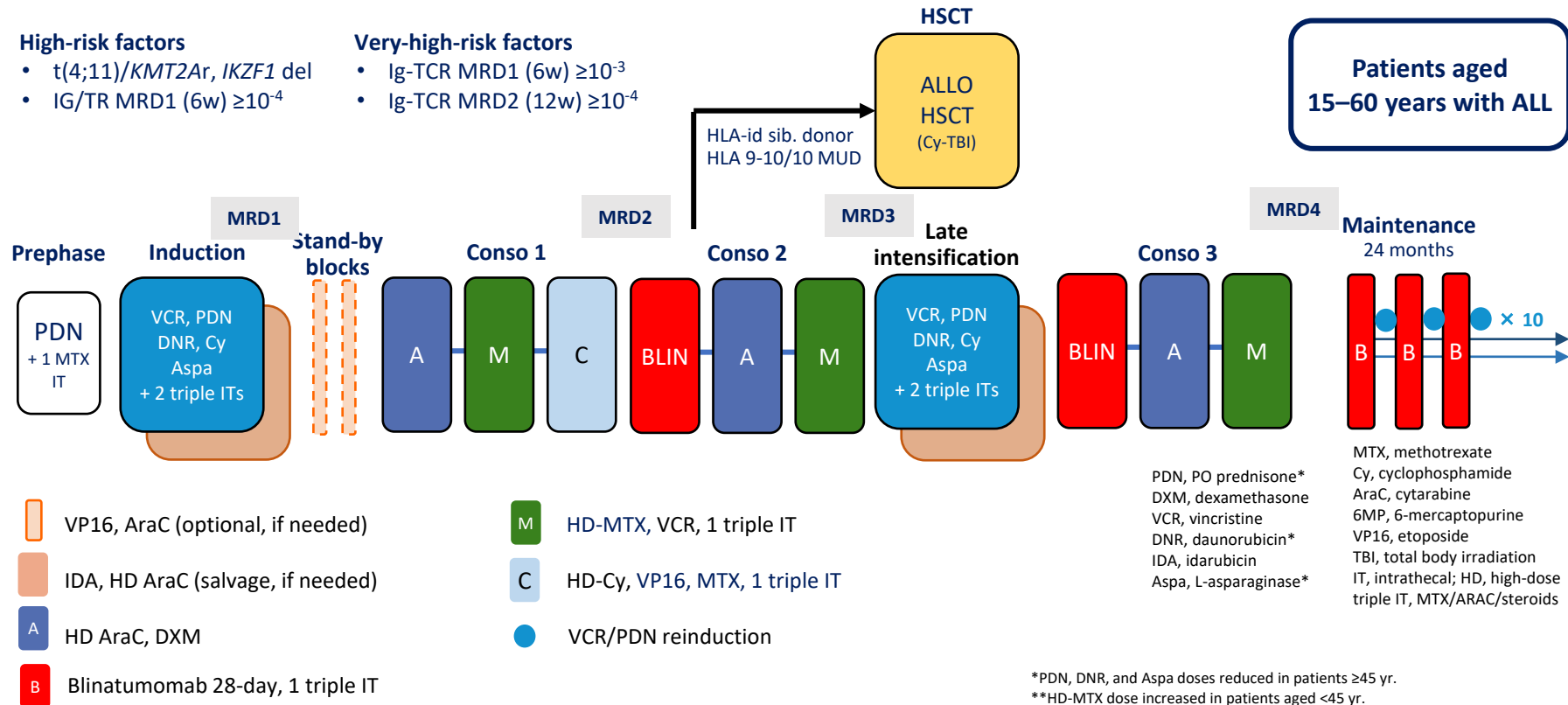


### High-risk factors

- t(4;11)/KMT2Ar, IKZF1 del
- IG/TR MRD1 (6w)  $\geq 10^{-4}$

### Very-high-risk factors

- Ig-TCR MRD1 (6w)  $\geq 10^{-3}$
- Ig-TCR MRD2 (12w)  $\geq 10^{-4}$



\*PDN, DNR, and Aspa doses reduced in patients  $\geq 45$  yr.

\*\*HD-MTX dose increased in patients aged  $< 45$  yr.

\*\*\*Switch to Erwinaze on the basis of Aspa activity/immunization monitoring.

# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

## *Blinatumomab*

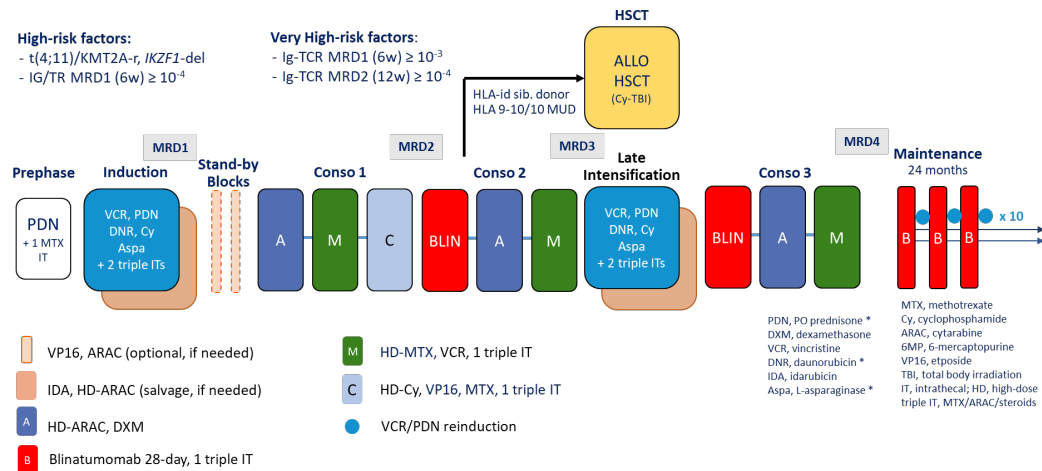
- **Blinatumomab** started as inpatient for MRD-positive B-ALL
  - 28 µg/day IVC (relapse)
  - No tumor lysis prophylaxis
  - Dexamethasone 20 mg TD IV, 1 hr before blinatumomab
- Daily physical examination and writing test
- Prophylactic triple IT (MTX, AraC, MP) given at D1
- **At D2/D3:** isolated fever treated by acetaminophen
- **At D5:** patient feels drowsy, slow response to stimuli but normal physical examination, normal writing test

# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

- **Day 6:** mother's call due to “abnormal movements”
  - Tremors
  - Resolution after clonazepam IV
  - Stop blinatumomab, dexamethasone 20 mg IV
  - Normal CT scan, MRI, EEG

# GRAALL-2014/B – QUEST

## Grade 2+ AEs, adherence



## Adherence to blinatumomab schedule

Median number of cycles: 3 (range 1–7)

- If alloHSCT: 2 (range 1–7)
- If no alloHSCT: 5 (range 1–6)

## In patients with no alloHSCT

- 10 (21%) received <5 cycles
- Reasons for discontinuation
  - Progression: 4 + 1 MRD
  - Neurotoxicity: 3 (two G4, one G3)
  - Patient decision: 2

# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

- **Day 6:** mother's call due to “abnormal movements”
  - Tremors
  - Resolution after clonazepam IV
  - Stop blinatumomab, dexamethasone 20 mg IV
  - Normal CT scan, MRI, EEG
- **Day 10:** blinatumomab restarted
  - Dose 9 µg/day in combination with levetiracetam
  - No side effects, increased to 28 µg/day after 1 wk
- Outpatient from day 4 at 28 µg/day
- **MRD after cycle 1 undetectable (day 28)**
- Second cycle started 2 wk after the first cycle
- Outpatient from day 4 without any adverse events





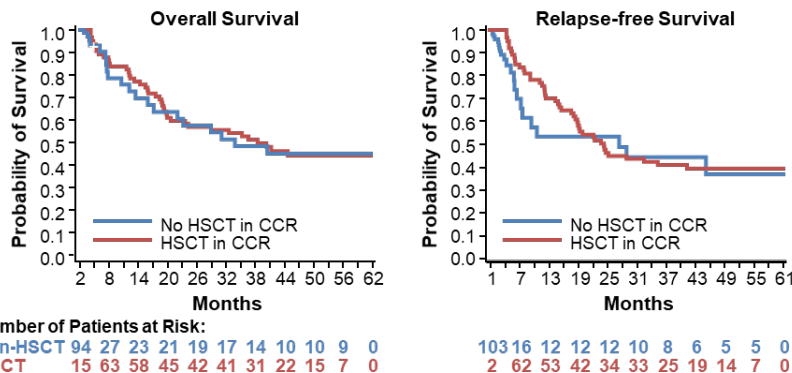
## What is your decision at this point?

1. Proceed to alloHSCT
2. Continue alternate cycles of chemotherapy and blinatumomab
3. Continue blinatumomab only

# Beyond blinatumomab: To transplant or not?

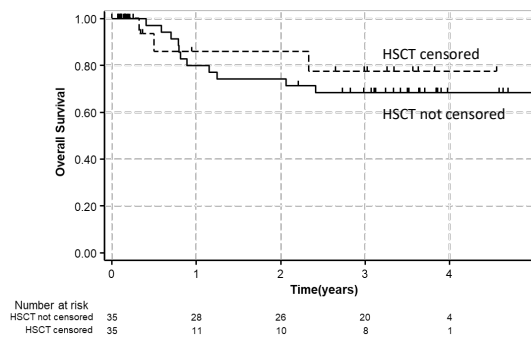
## BLAST study<sup>1,2</sup>

CR1/2+ patients, w/w/o HSCT (landmark)



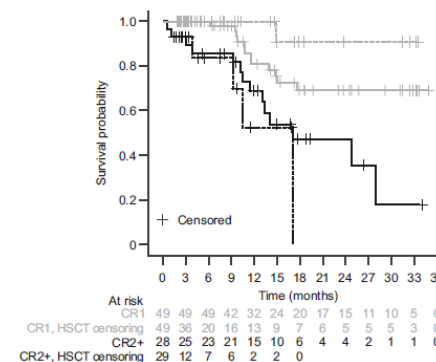
## Real-world “FRENCH-CYTO” study<sup>3</sup>

CR1 patients ± HSCT censoring



## Real-world “NEUF” study<sup>4</sup>

CR1/2 patients ± HSCT censoring



- Few studies have evaluated the role of HSCT post-blinatumomab
- In the BLAST study, no impact on OS/RFS in CR1/2+ (landmark analysis)<sup>1,2</sup>
- In real-world studies, no impact on OS/RFS in CR1 (HSCT censoring)<sup>3,4</sup>
- More robust evaluations are needed

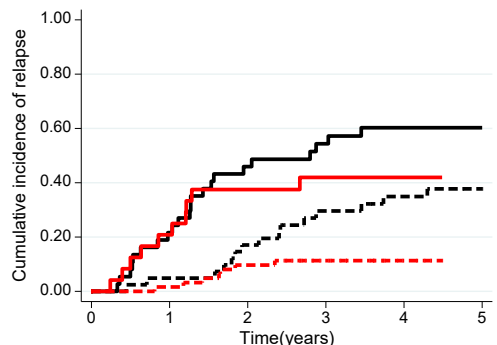
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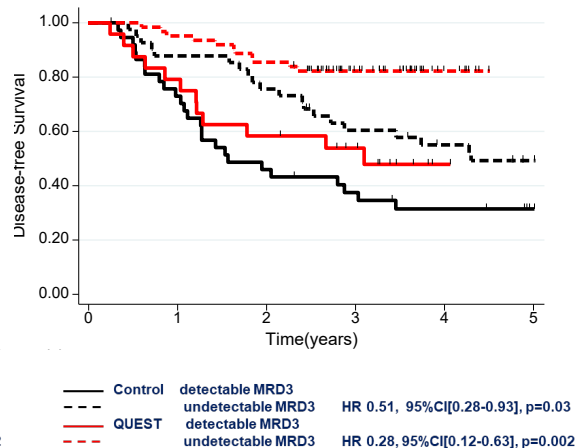
# Heterogeneity of response to blinatumomab

## Post-blinatumomab EOC MRD

### Cumulative incidence of relapse

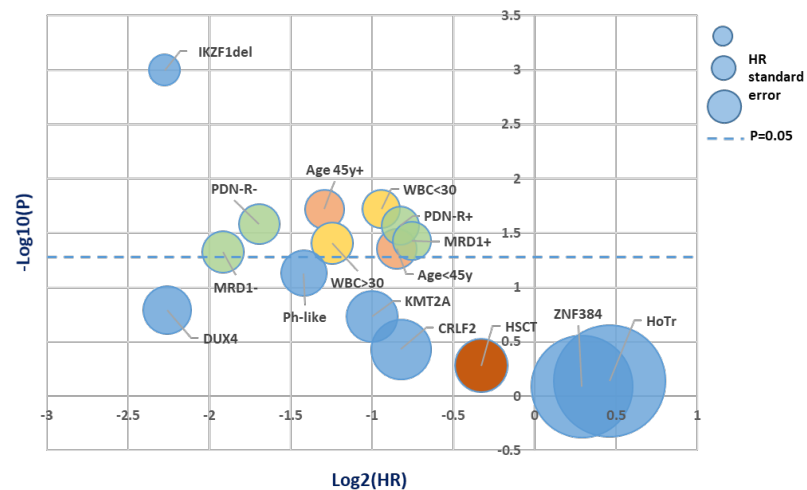


### Disease-free survival



## DFS by subgroup

Cox model (-Log[P] vs Log2[HR])



# **A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL**

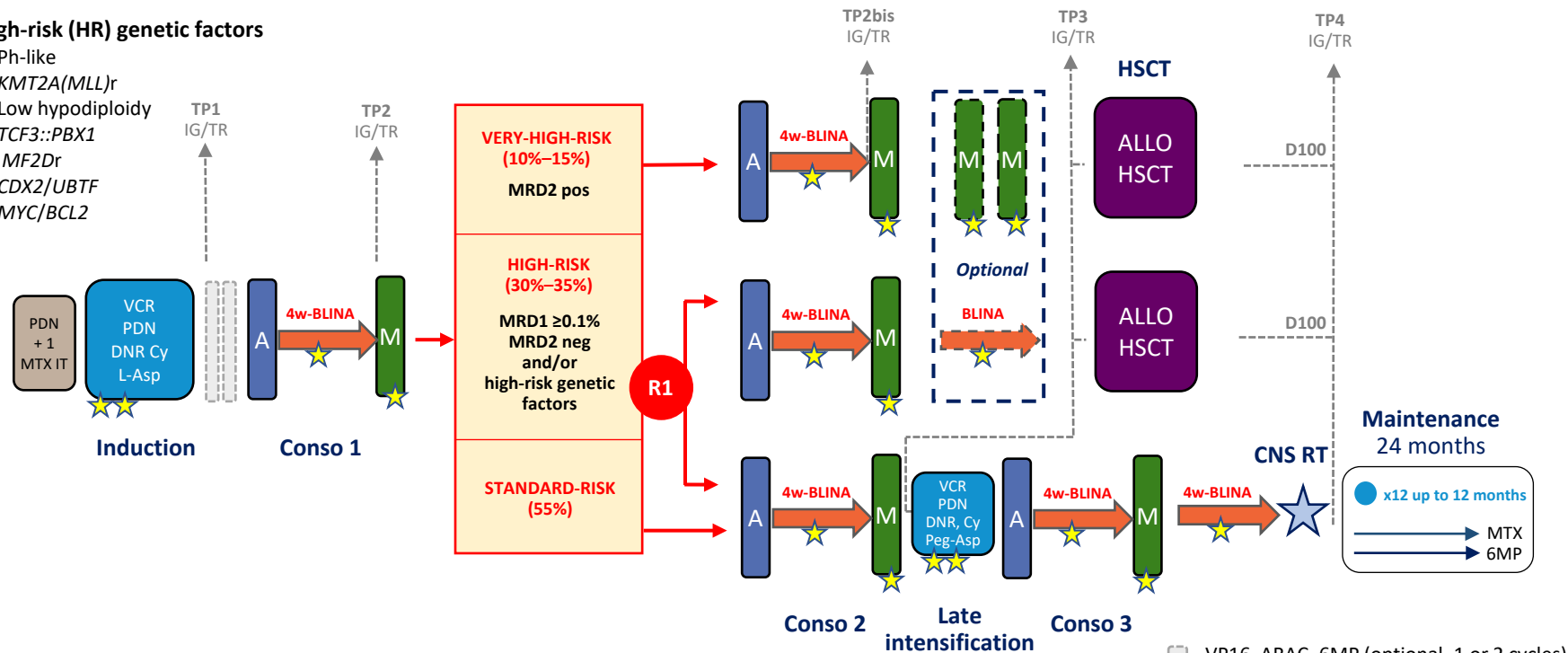
## ***AlloSCT***

- **AlloSCT in CR1** (Cy-TBI, SIB donor)
  - Grade 2 GUT/skin aGvHD, good response to MP2
  - Undetectable MRD at D100

# GRAALL-2024 Ph- B-ALL

## High-risk (HR) genetic factors

- Ph-like
- *KMT2A(MLL)r*
- Low hypodiploidy
- *TCF3::PBX1*
- *MF2Dr*
- *CDX2/UBTF*
- *MYC/BCL2*



PDN, PO prednisone; DXM, dexamethasone; VCR, vincristine; DNR, daunorubicin; IDA, idarubicin; ARAC, cytarabine; L-Aspa, recombinant L-asparaginase; Peg-Aspa, Peg-asparaginase; MTX, methotrexate; Cy, cyclophosphamide; 6MP, 6-mercaptopurine; IT, intrathecal; HD, high-dose triple IT, MTX/ARAC/steroids (prophylaxis only), CNS RT, CNS radiotherapy (prophylactic/curative).

# | A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

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- **Bone marrow relapse 14 mo after ASCT**
  - Bone marrow aspiration: 65% blasts
  - Same characteristics of the disease as at diagnosis
  - Persistence of CD19 expression, 80% of blast cells

# A 28-year-old female with Ph-like ALL

## *Blinatumomab n°2*

- **Ambulatory treatment** with non-myelosuppressive chemotherapy (VCR, DEXA, PEG-ASPA)
  - Blast clearance after 4 wk,  $7 \times 10^{-3}$
- **Blinatumomab for R/R BCP-ALL**
  - 4 cycles, prophylactic IT  $\times 3$  before each cycle
  - MRD undetectable after 1 cycle
  - 2 donor lymphocyte infusions (DLI)
- **Patient mostly treated as outpatient for 6 mo**
  - Persistence of negative MRD
  - Absence of GvHD
- **POMP maintenance for 2 yr**



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1. Differences in health care systems and clinical research in US and Europe and consequences for treatment approaches?
2. How have bispecifics changed the landscape of first-line therapy in adult ALL in Europe?
3. How to increase access to CAR-T-cells and study use in earlier phases of ALL treatment?
4. Is there any chance to agree on uniform prognostic factors for treatment stratification and transplant indication in adult ALL?
5. What is the difference in terms of treatment approach to AYA/Young adults, adults and older patients and how to stratify these approaches?
6. How to generate reliable clinical trial data in a rare and complex disease with more and more new compounds available? What can we learn from pediatric groups?

# ARS questions

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## Question 1 [REPEATED]

If an elderly patient with Ph- ALL remains positive for MRD after dose-adjusted Hyper-CVAD induction, assuming full access, what is your preferred next intervention?

- A. Proceed directly to transplant
- B. Consolidation chemotherapy
- C. Blinatumomab
- D. Inotuzumab ozogamicin
- E. CAR T-cell therapy
- F. Other



## Question 2 [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

# Session close

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# Day 2: Virtual Plenary Sessions

Friday, September 19, 2025

18.00 – 21.00 UTC +2 (Central European Summer Time)

Time (UTC -5)	Time (UTC +2)	Title	Speaker
11.00 AM – 11.10 AM	18.00 – 18.10	Welcome to Day 2	Elias Jabbour
11.10 AM – 11.40 AM	18.10 – 18.40	Current treatment options for relapsed/refractory (R/R) ALL in fit adults	Nicola Gökbüget
11.40 AM – 12.00 PM	18.40 – 19.00	Current treatment options for R/R ALL in elderly and frail patients	Josep-Maria Ribera
12.00 PM – 12.20 PM	19.00 – 19.20	Current and future role of transplantation in ALL in Europe	Nicola Gökbüget
12.20 PM – 12.30 PM	19.20 – 19.30	Break	
12.30 PM – 1.00 PM	19.30 – 20.00	ALL case-based panel discussion for R/R ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case ALL: Young (Dr Ribera)</li><li>• Case ALL: Elderly (Dr Lang)</li></ul>	All faculty
1.00 PM – 1.20 PM	20.00 – 20.20	Long-term safety considerations for ALL	Nicolas Boissel
1.20 PM – 1.50 PM	20.20 – 20.50	Panel discussion: Open questions in ALL – regional challenges (transplant, CAR T studies, and other) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who are the ideal patients for CAR T therapy, bispecifics, and transplants in your practice?</li><li>• What would be needed to make CAR T therapy available to all of your patients?</li><li>• What would be needed to best position bispecifics in the continuum of care for ALL in adults?</li><li>• How should transplant be strategically combined with the new therapy modalities?</li></ul>	Moderated by Nicolas Boissel  Led by Elias Jabbour and all faculty
1.50 PM – 2.00 PM	20.50 – 21.00	Session close	Elias Jabbour



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