

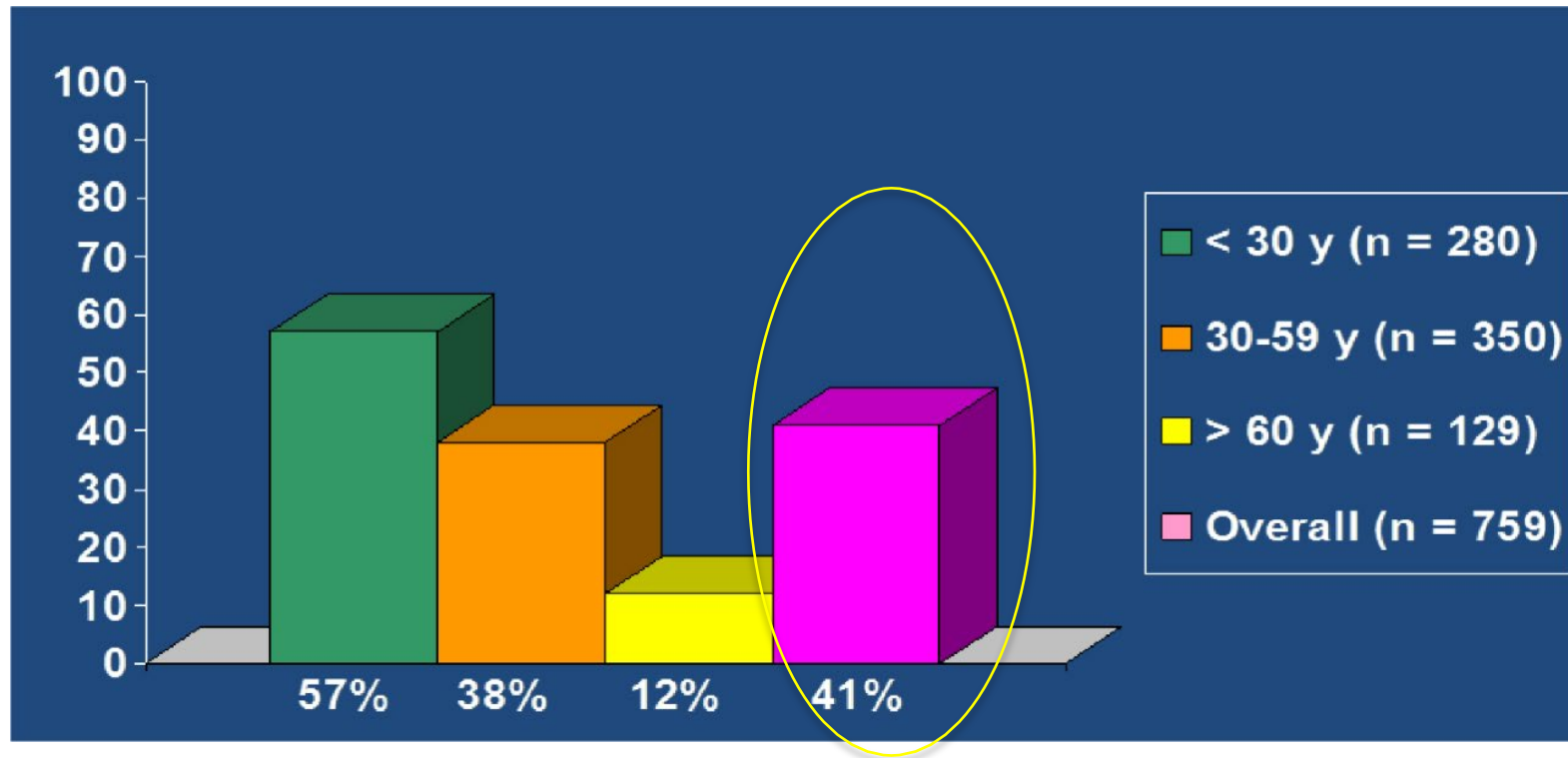
Hot Topics in the Management of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

w/ ASH 2021 Updates

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Historical Perspective- Adult Survival CALGB 1988-2006



Historical "One Size" fits all ages approach
Multi-agent chemotherapy +/- Cranial Irradiation + Maintenance (Predates TKI era)

The Modern Frontline ALL Approach is Tailored to the Specific Patient Population

Younger Adults

Older Adults (Ph-negative)

Adults (Ph-positive)

Pediatric Inspired Regimens

Adult Chemotherapeutics

Incorporation of TKI

ASH 2021 Updates

MRD-Adaptation

Lower Intensity CC + targeted

Reduced chemo vs Chemo-free approach?

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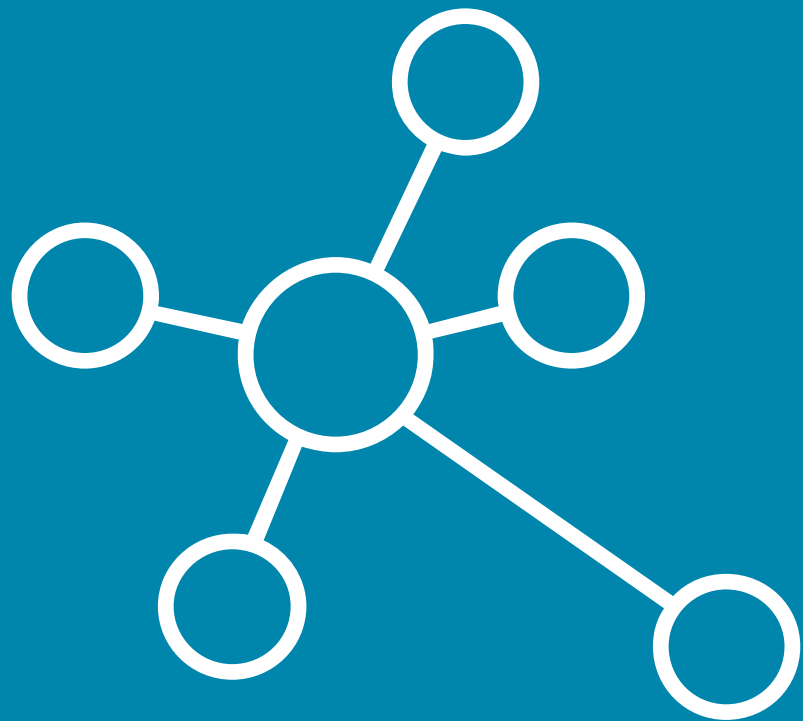
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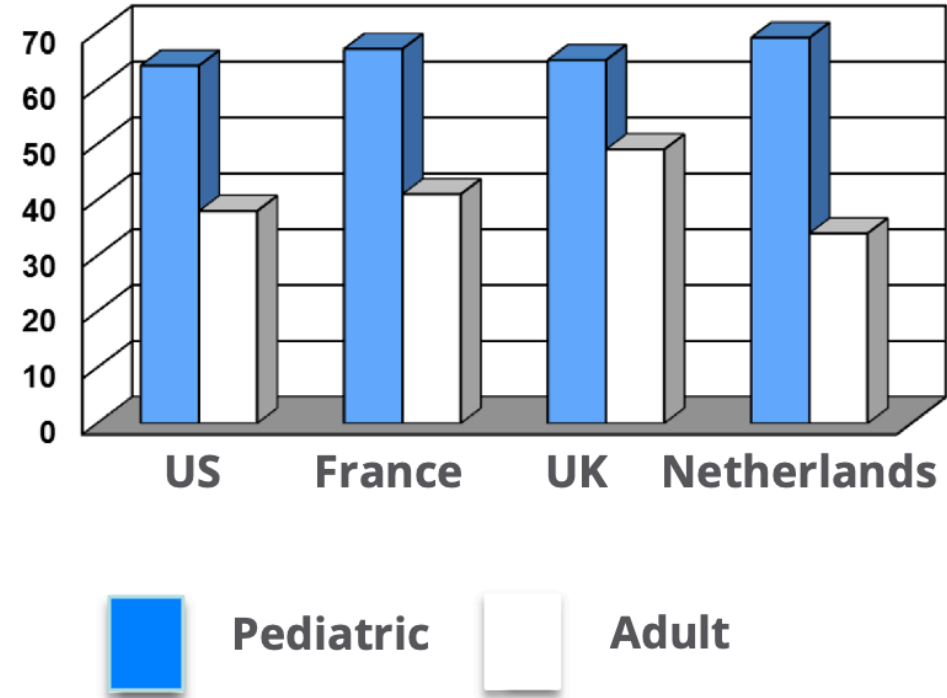
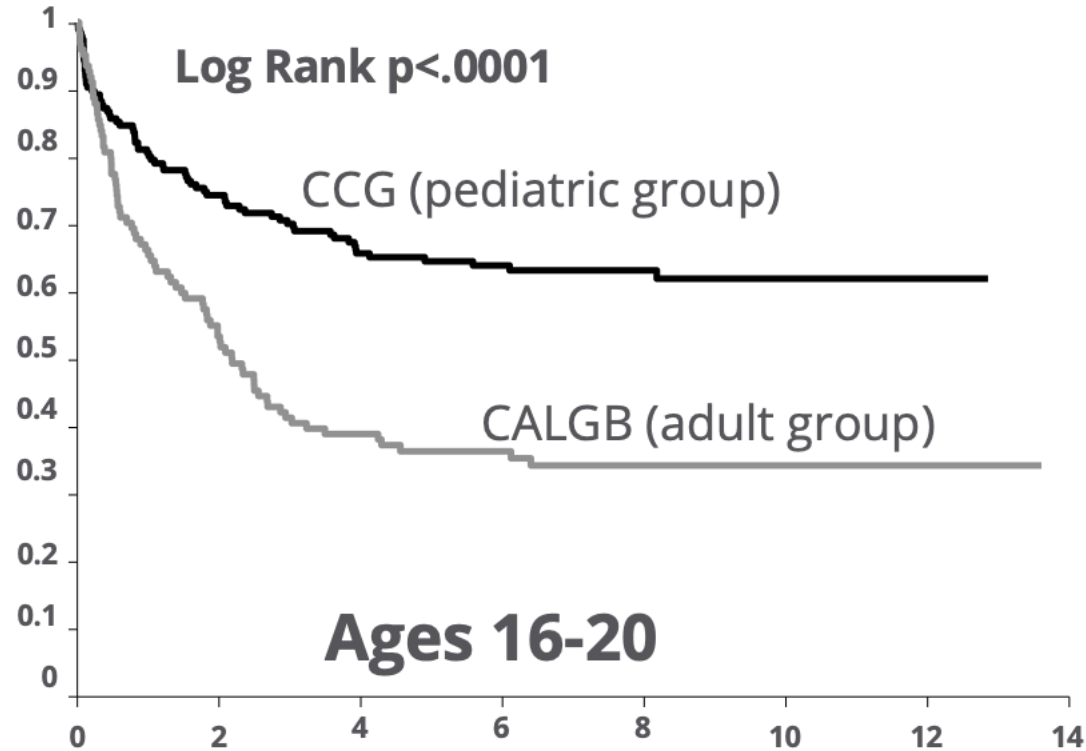
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ALL Treatment:
Younger Adults

Survival Difference in AYA ALL: Historical difference between Peds vs Adult Tx?

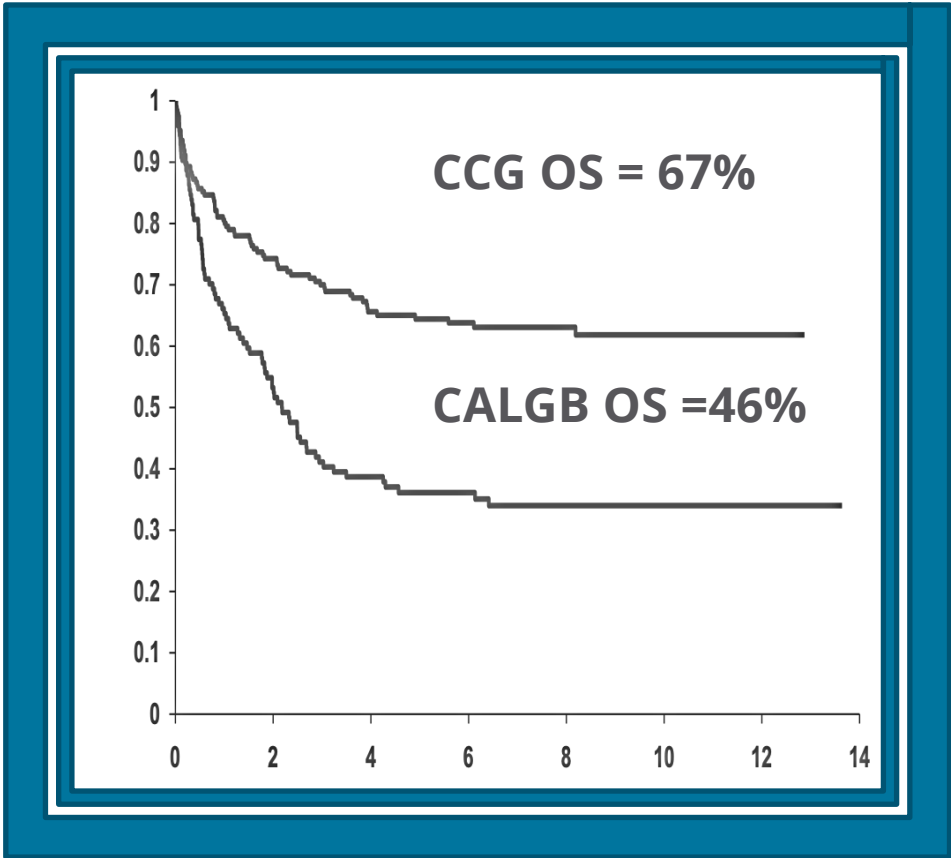


**Survival of Adolescents/Young Adults (AYA)
Ages 16-20 years**

Young Adults: Treatment Standard has Changed

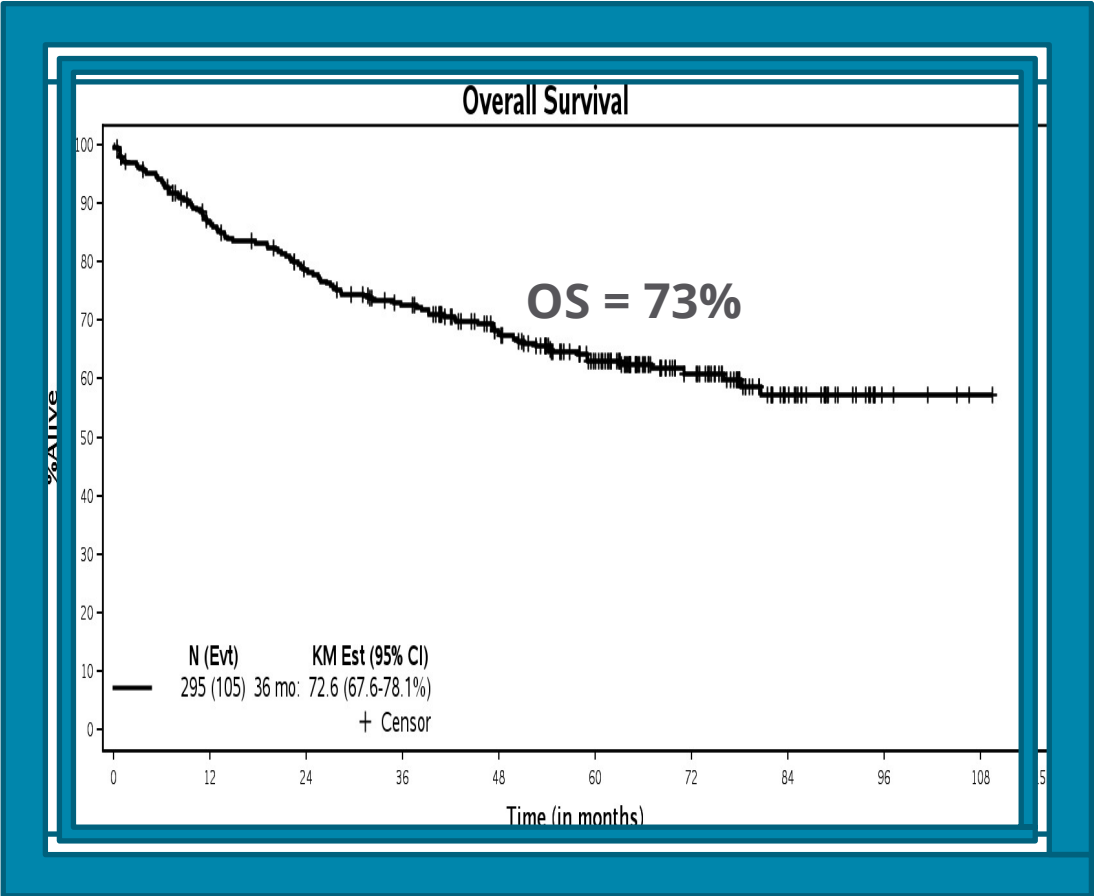
2000: Historical CALGB vs CCG

Age: 16-21 years



2019: CALGB 10403

Age: 16-21 years



GMALL Trial 08/2013

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GMALL Trial 08/2013

Planned patient number: 950
Planned recruitment: 5.5 years

Key Inclusion Criteria

1. Newly diagnosed ALL or LBL
2. Age \geq 18-55 years
3. Cytostatic pre-treatment with the exception of prephase, single application a cytostatic drug, steroids \leq 7 days or up to 3 days hydroxyurea
4. Severe uncontrolled complications of ALL or secondary diseases

Primary Endpoint

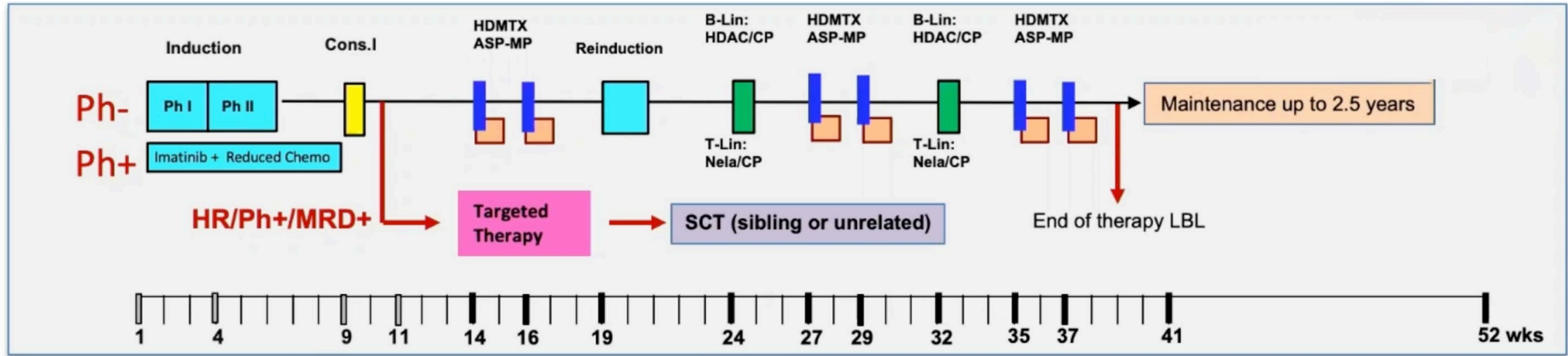
Event-free survival compared to GMAL Trial 07/2003

NCT02881086

Key Features

1. Targeted therapy in molecular failure and molecular relapse
2. Risk adapted SCT indication
3. Reduction of SCT frequency in HR (**Randomization II**)
4. Optimized standard therapy
 - PEG-ASP intensification
 - Rituximab intensification
 - Optimized maintenance therapy
 - Increased time and dose intensity
 - New standard induction for Ph+ ALL
5. Nelarabine in 1st line for T-ALL
6. Reduction of local therapies (**Randomization I**)
7. Treatment optimization in LBL

GMALL Trial 08/2013



- BFM-based ,pediatric' regimen
- Dexa during induction/consolidation I
- 9 x PEG-asparaginase (2000 - 1000 - 500 U/m²)
- 7x HDMTX (1.5 g/m²)
- Reinduction
- Risk-adapted SCT indication

Risk stratifikation: HR: >= 1 risk factor

- pro-B-ALL and / or KMT2A
 - early / mature T
 - B-precursor: WBC > 30.000
 - No CR after induction I
- + Molecular Failure after Consolidation I

Targeted Consolidation II

SR/HR patients with molecular failure receive targeted consolidation II followed by SCT

B-precursor: Blinatumomab

T-ALL: Nelarabin

PH+ patients with molecular failure (>10⁻³) receive alternative TKI followed by SCT (Amendment I)

GMALL Trial 08/2013: Response after Consolidation I

Hematologic Response

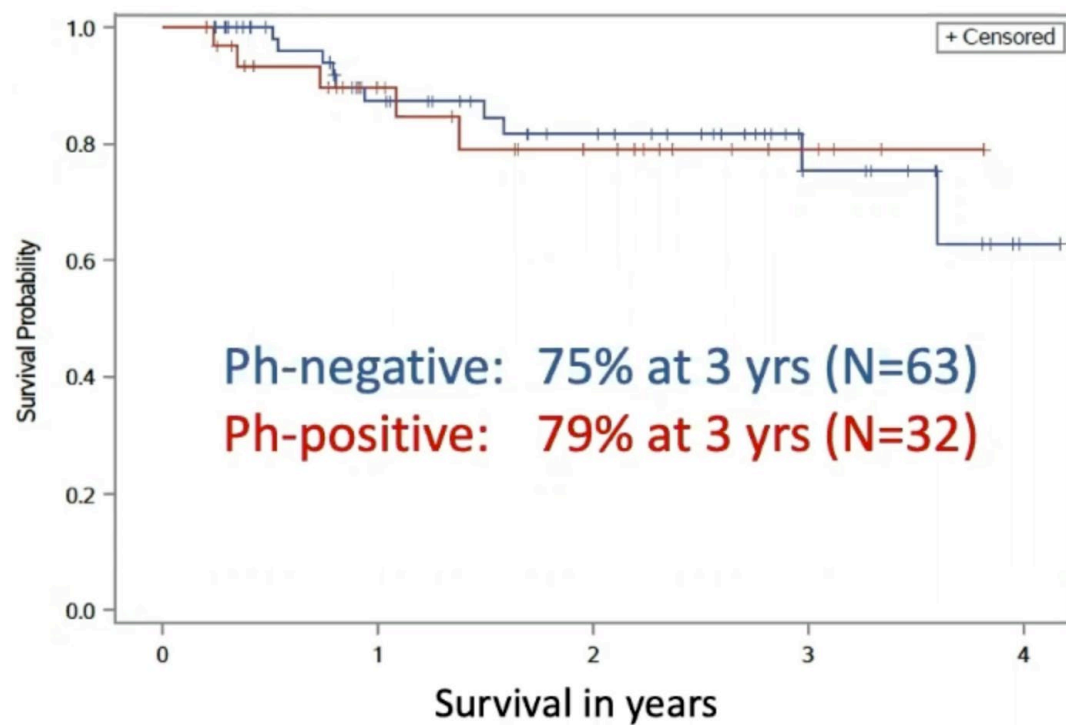
	Total	B-ALL Ph-	B-ALL PH+	T-ALL	B/T SR	B/T HR
N Evaluable	599	326	122	151	261	217
Hematologic CR	93%	94%	95%	89%	96%	88%
Early death	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	7%
Failure/PR	3%	1%	2%	7%	1%	4%

Molecular Response

N Evaluable	542	306	116	120	248	178
Molecular CR	61%	65%	41%	67%	74%	54%
Molecular Failure	19%	18%	28%	11%	10%	25%
MRD Low Pos	14%	11%	17%	20%	12%	16%
Molecular NE	6%	6%	13%	3%	4%	5%
Molecular Response	75%	76%	58%	87%	86%	70%

GMALL Trial 08/2013: Targeted Consolidation II

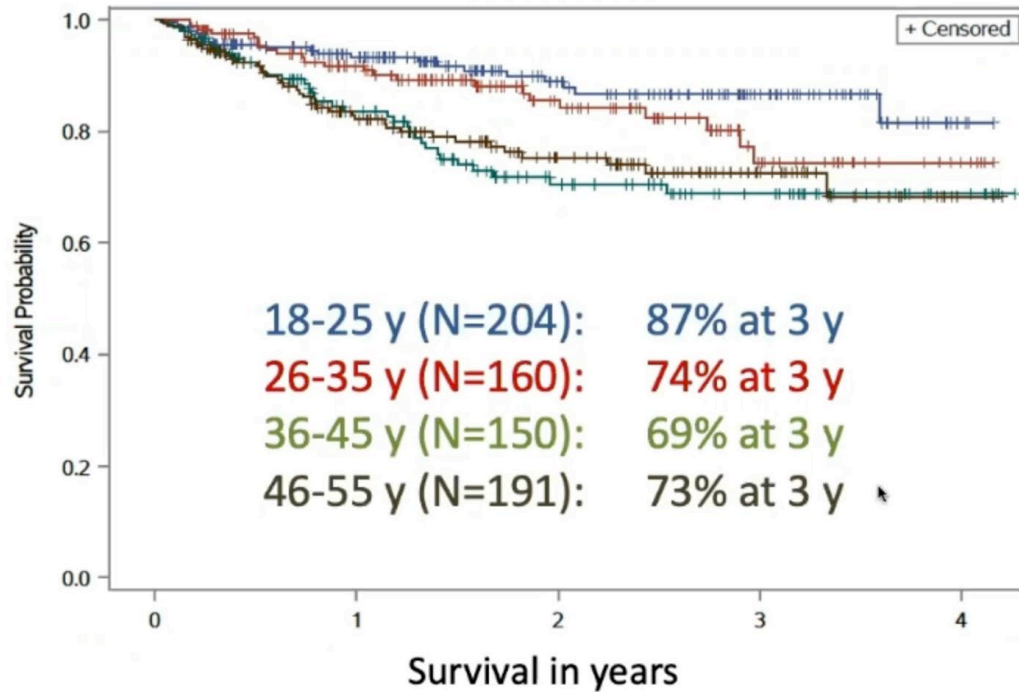
Overall Survival Molecular Failure



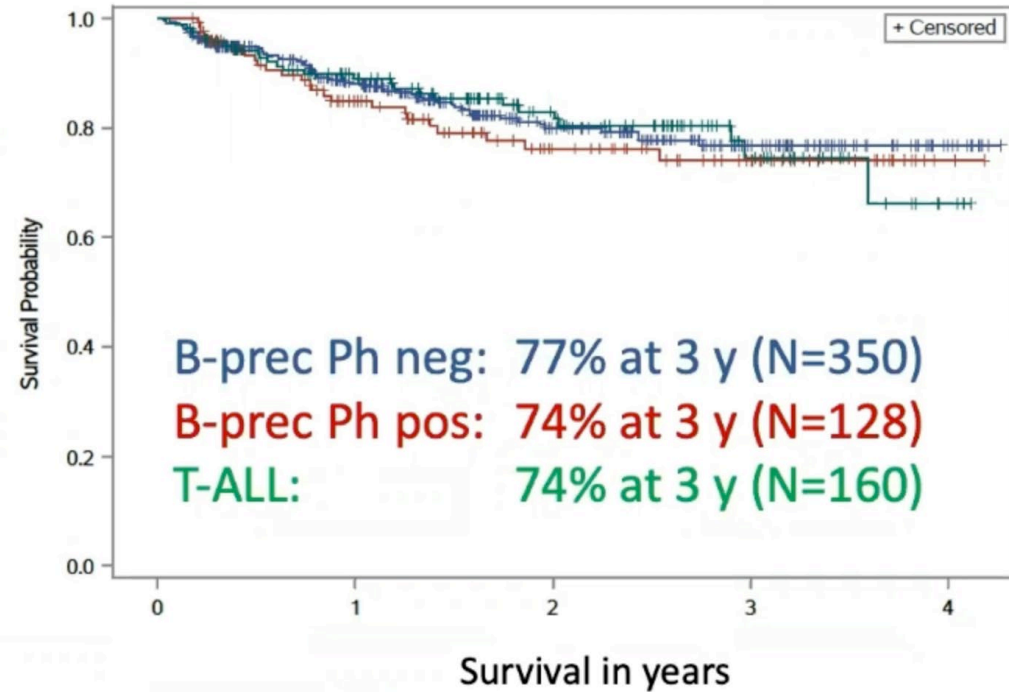
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Outcome By Age

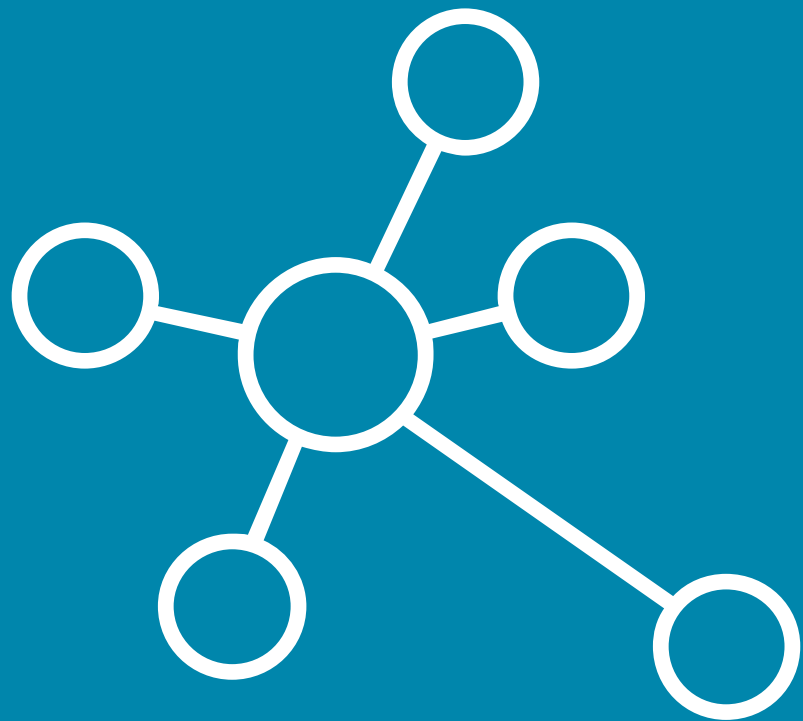


Outcome By Subtype



GMALL Trial 08/2013: Conclusions

- Promising preliminary results in a large unselected patient cohort
- Pediatric-based regimen feasible and effective also in older adults up to 55years
- Intensive / individualized ASP therapy was feasible in a large multicenter setting
- MRD-based targeted treatment was realized in a high proportion of patients
- OS of MolFail pts promising with the combination of targeted therapy and SCT



ALL Treatment:
Ph-negative
Older Adults

Poorer Chemotherapy Outcomes in Older Adults

	Age (Years)	N	CR (%)	Early Mortality (%)	OS (%)	Death in CR (%), <i>Among those achieving CR</i>
CALGB 9111	≥ 60	41	77	17	17% 3-yr	-
ECOG 2993	55-65	100	73	18	21% 5-yr	23
Hyper CVAD	≥ 60	122	84	10	20% 5-yr	34
DFCI Regimen*	51-75	30	67	13	52% 2-yr	-
GMALL*	55-85	268	76	14	23% 5-yr	6
PETHEMA ALLOLD07* (EWALL backbone)	>55	54	74	14	30% 2-yr	-

*Prospective trials for older adults.

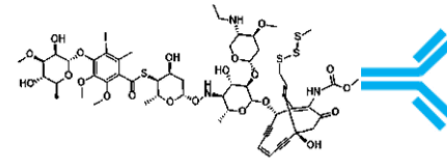
Moving the Newer Agents Forward

Blinatumomab



- **CD19 - CD3 BiTE¹**
- **CR: 34%**
- **ORR: 44%**
- **MRD-neg: 76% of ORR**
- **SCT: 24%**
- **Median OS: 7.7 mos**

Inotuzumab ozogamicin



- **CD22 Ab drug conjugate²**
- **CR: 36%**
- **ORR: 81%**
- **MRD-neg: 78% of ORR**
- **SCT: 41%**
- **Median OS: 7.7 mos**

Novel Approaches to Ph-ALL in Older Adults

N=70

 MDACC

Reference	Regimen	Phase	N	Line	Age, y	Regimen-related deaths	Response	Survival
Kantarjian et al (2018) ²² Short et al (2020) ²³ NCT01371630	IO + mini-hyper-CVD (Blina consolidation)	2	70	First	≥60	0% early mortality 34% mortality in remission	98% ORR 88% CR (96% MRD negative)	Continuous CR 3 years: 79% Median CCR NR OS 3 years: 56% EFS
Stelljes et al (2020) ²⁴ GMALL (INITIAL-1) NCT03460522	IO induction CC consolidation	2	36	First	≥56	0% early mortality	100% CR/CRi (78% MRD negative)	1 year: 87% (95% CI, 70-100) OS 1 year: 87% (95% CI, 70-100)
Jain et al (2019) ²⁵ DFCI/MDACC IST NCT03319901	Venetoclax + mini-hyper-CVD	1b/2	19	R/R (8) First (11)	All ages ≥60	0% early mortality	91% CR (100% MRD negative)	—
Advani et al (2018) ²⁶ SWOG 1318 NCT02143414	Blina induction Blina consolidation	2	29	First	≥65	0%	66% CR/CRi (92% MRD negative)	DFS 1 year: 56% (95% CI, 58-90) OS 1 year: 65% (95% CI, 43-80)
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Inotuzumab + Low-Intensity Chemo: MDACC

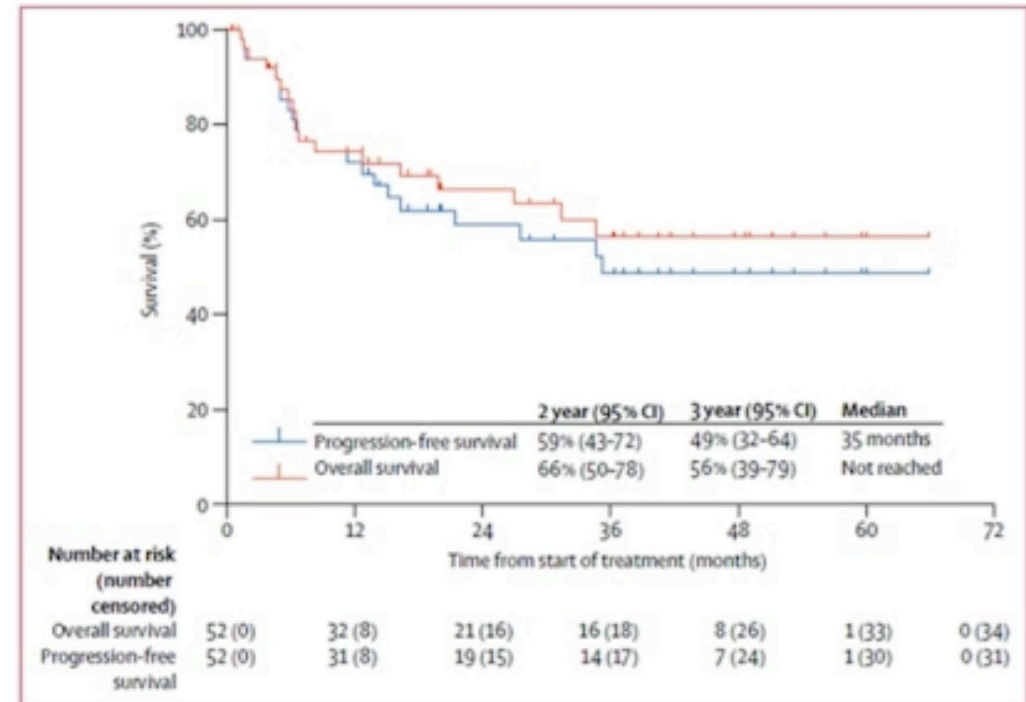
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Lancet Oncol 2018; 19: 240-48

Mini-Hyper-CVD
+INO 1.3 mg/m² cycle 1
+INO 1 mg/m² >cycle 1

No anthracyclin
Rituximab if CD20+



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Inotuzumab + Low-Intensity Chemo: EWALL-INO Study

Inclusion criteria

- Age \geq 55 yo
- BCP ALL CD22+ (\geq 20% of CD22 positive blast cells)
- Philadelphia chromosome negative
- No central nervous system involvement
- Not previously treated
- ECOG status \leq 2
- AST and ALT \leq 2.5 N, Bilirubin \leq 1.5 N, Creatinine \leq 1.5 N
- Informed consent

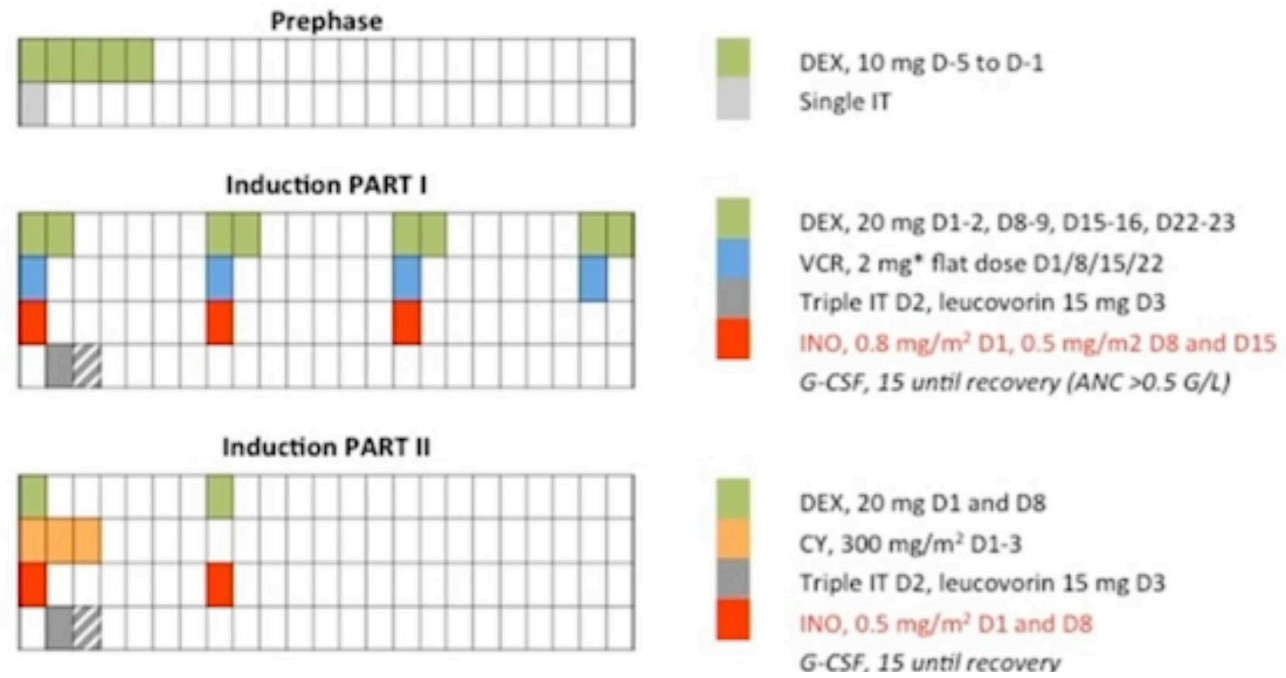
- **Primary endpoint**

- 1-year OS observed in patients having received at least one day of INO

- **Secondary endpoints**

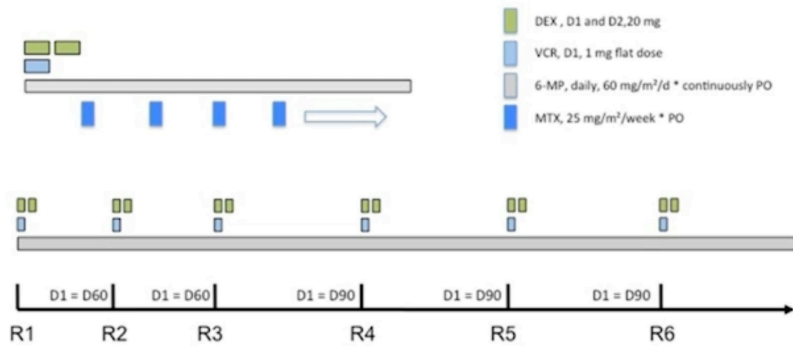
- CR, death during induction, molecular response, leukemia free survival, relapse, impact of Ig-TCR MRD and other factors related to the patient and disease such as oncogenetics.

Backbone: 2 Inductions and 5 Doses of INO Maintenance: POMP for 18 Months



No anthracyclin
No Ara-C
No Rituximab

* reduced to 1 mg flat dc



*: with dose adaptation according to ANC and ALT/AST levels (see Appendix 7).
R= re-induction

EWALL-INO: Demographics (n=90)

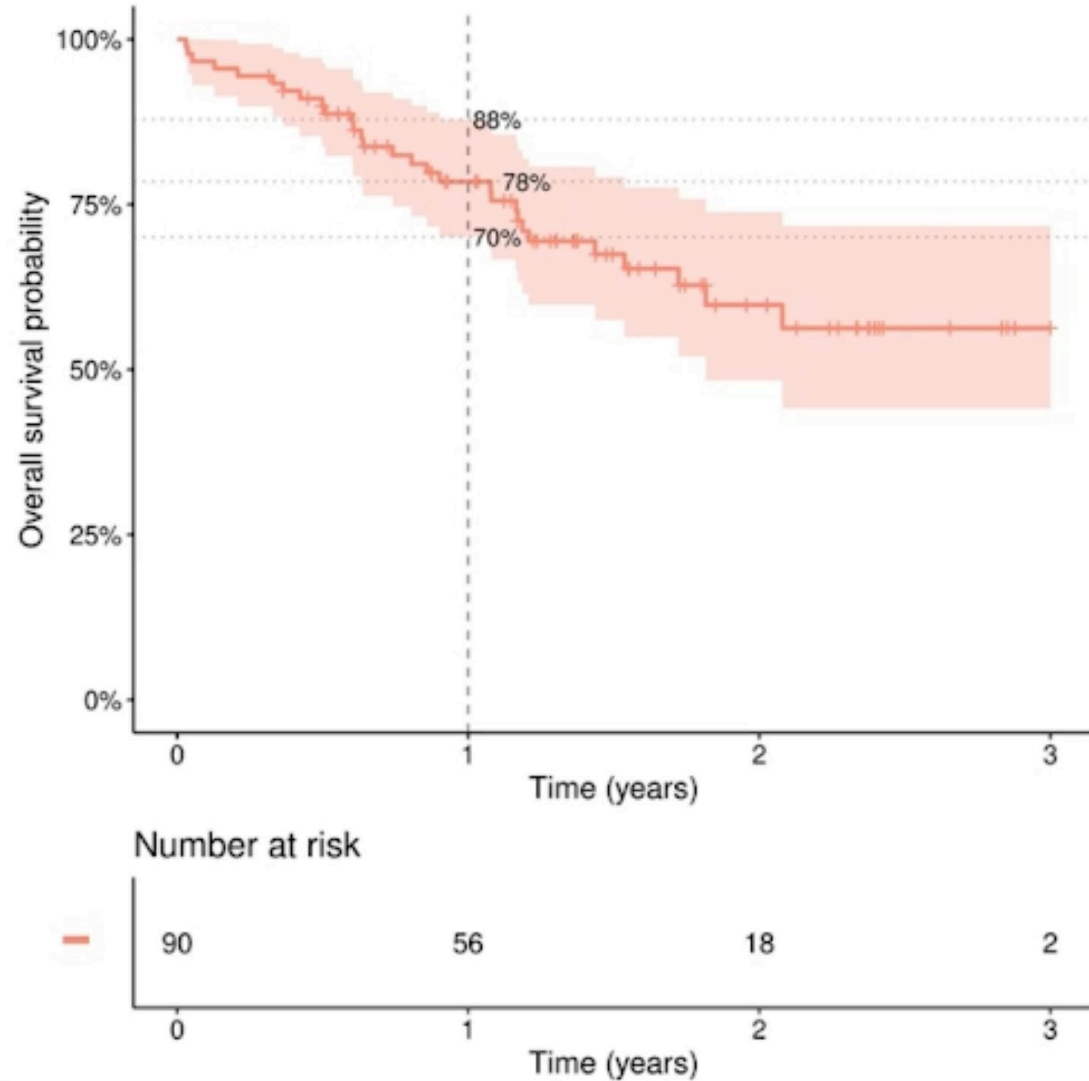
Patients	
Gender: male/female	39 (43%)/51 (57%)
Median age: years (range)	69 (55-84)
Median WBC: Giga/L (range)	4.6 (0.5-601)
Median % of CD22+ expression (IQR)	86,5% (60.7-97)
Oncogenetics	
Low hypodiploidy/near triploidy	25 (28%)
Ph-like	10 (11%)
KMT2A rearrangement	9 (10%)
Others (including patients not evaluable)	46 (51%) (including 5 hyperdiploidy, 3 BCL2/MYC, 3 PAX5alt, 2 PAX5 P80R, 2 ZNF384, 1 iAMP21)
Median follow-up for alive patients: years (range)	1.18 (0.3-3.5)

EWALL-INO: Efficacy

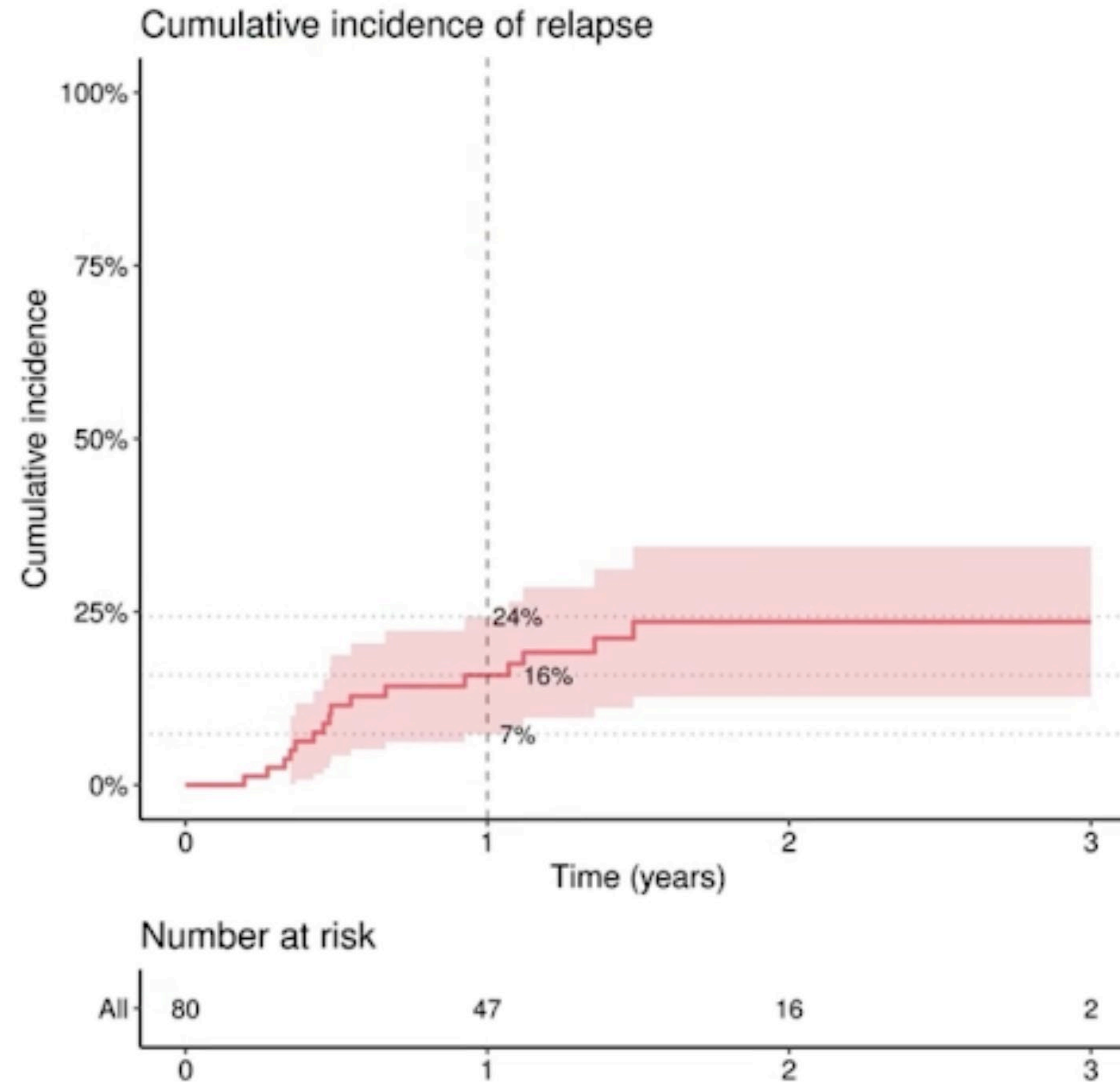
	CR rate	CR/CRp
After Ind 1	86.7% (n=78/90)	72/6
After Ind 2	88.8% (n=80/90)	72/8

Ig-TcR MRD post-ind 2 <10 ⁻⁴	N=80 RC/RCp 67 evaluable patients
Negative	49 (73%)
Positive	18 (27%)
Missing	13

EWALL-INO: Survival – 78% @ 1 Year



EWALL-INO: Relapse Incidence 16% @ 1 Year



EWALL-INO: Conclusion

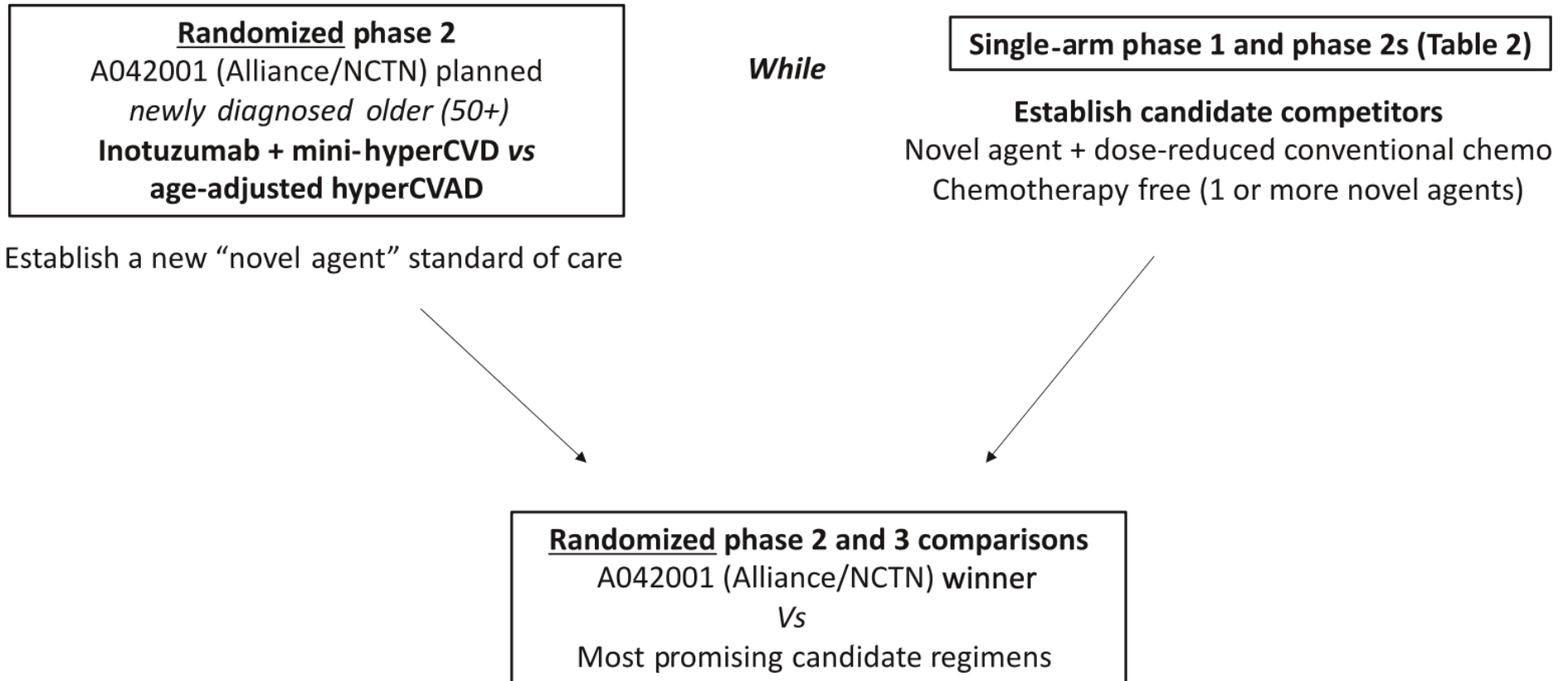
- Fractionated inotuzumab ozogamicin regimen at reduced dose (0.8/ - 0.5/ - 0.5/ - 0.5 / -0.5 mg/m²) combined with low-intensity chemotherapy is a very active and well tolerated frontline therapy for older patients with CD22+ Ph-neg BCP-ALL.
- Aged population (median age 69y)
- High CR rate : **88.8% after Ind 2**
- Median survival not reached, 1 year OS : **78%**
- Low SOS rate : 3 patients, **3.3%**
- Few patients received Allo HSCT
- On going:
 - continuation of inclusions (130 patients expected)
 - Impact of prognostic factors including MRD

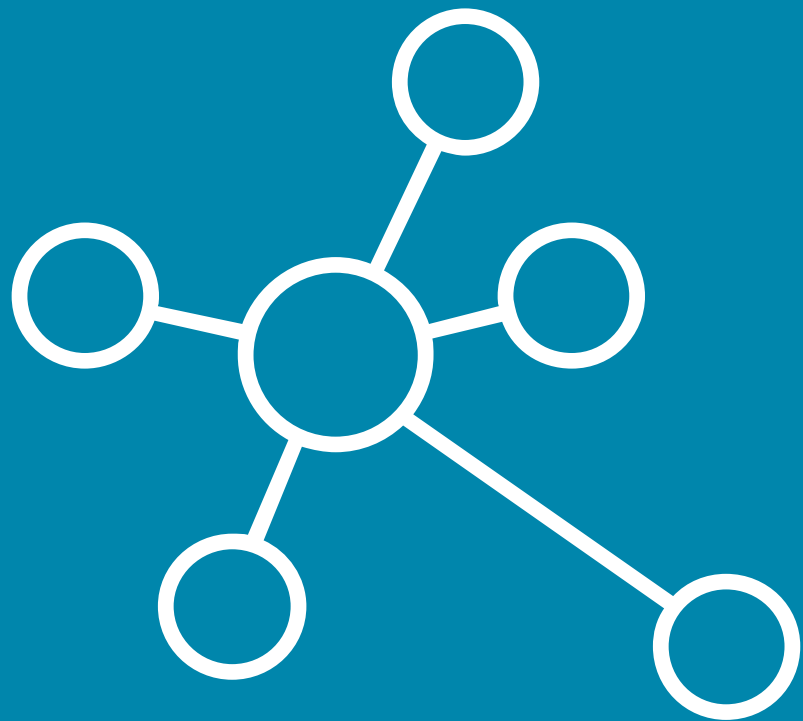
Treating PH- ALL in Older Adults

- Careful assessment of comorbidities and performance status.
- Formal geriatric assessment if able.
- Enroll in clinical trial of novel agent therapy, wherever possible.
- If treating with conventional chemotherapy, apply dose reductions as appropriate (particularly for asparaginase).
- Ensure CNS prophylaxis is administered per regimen.
- Monitor response per protocol and include MRD assessment (flow cytometry or molecular).
- Consider referring for allogeneic HSCT if fit and high-risk genetics or persistent MRD.

Treating Ph- ALL in Older Adults: The Future

B-cell Ph-Negative Older Adult Approach (US)





ALL Treatment:
Ph+
Adults

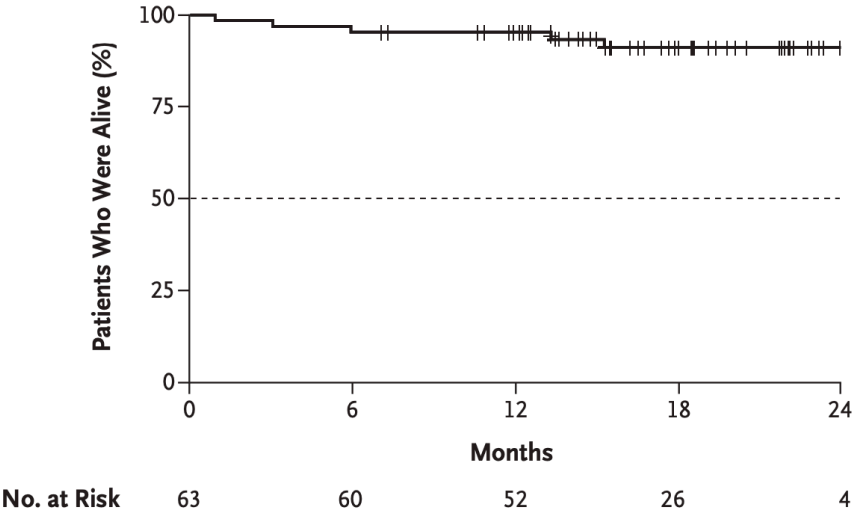
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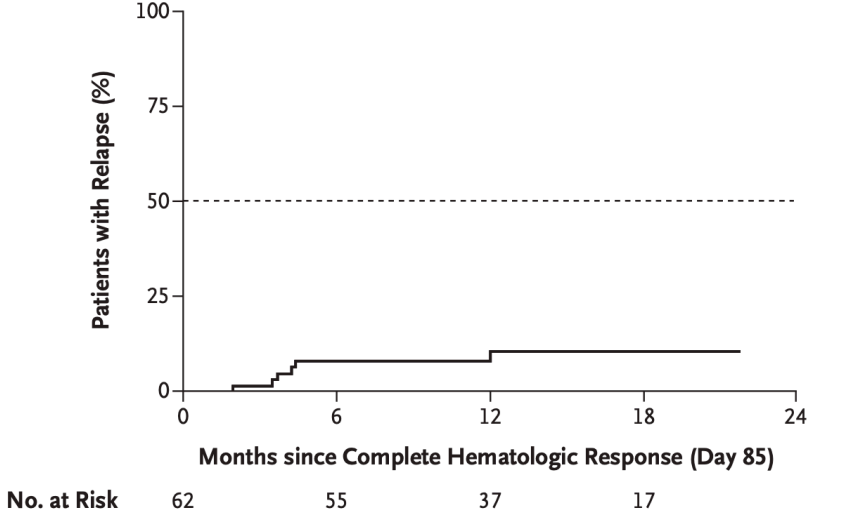
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A Overall Survival



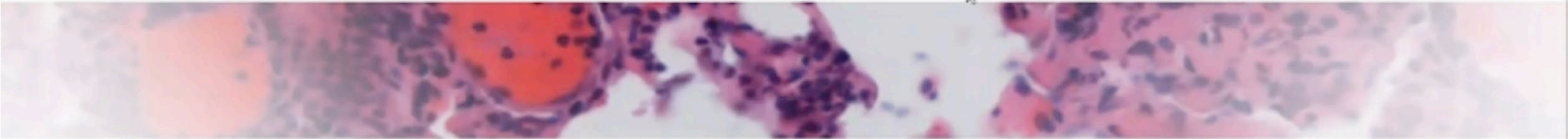
C Cumulative Incidence of Relapse



Novel Approaches to Ph+ALL in Adults

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Rousselot et al (2016) ³⁵ EWALL PH-01 NCT028889777	Dasatinib 140mg daily + low-intensity CC	2	71	First	≥55	4% (3/71) induction 12% (6/71) treatment-related mortality in CR	96% CR 65% 3-log reduction in BCR-ABL	27% (95% CI, 17–37) 5-year EFS 36% (95% CI, 25–47) 5-year OS 7 received HSCT 75% of relapses T315I
Ottmann et al (2018) ³⁶ EWALL PH-02 NCT028889777	Nilotinib 400mg twice daily + low-intensity CC	2	79	First	≥55	1% (1/79) induction 11 died in CR (6 after HSCT)	94.4% CR	42% 4-year EFS 47% 4-year OS (61% transplanted, 39% nontransplanted) 24 received alloHSCT, 3 received autoHSCT
Vignetti et al (2007) ³⁸ GIMEMA LAL0101-B	Imatinib 800mg daily + prednisone (induction protocol only)	2	29	First	>60	0% induction 2 died in CR	100% CR 1/27 CMR	48% (95% CI, 28–69) 1-year DFS 74% (95% CI, 54–94) 1-year OS
Foà et al (2011) ³⁹ GIMEMA LAL1205	Dasatinib 70mg twice daily + prednisone (induction protocol only)	2	53	First	≥18 (22% > 60)	0% induction	100% CR 52.1% 3-log reduction in BCR-ABL by day 85	69% (95% 61–79) 20-month OS 51% (95% CI, 44–59) 20-month DFS
Martinelli et al (2017) ⁴⁰ GIMEMA LAL1811 NCT01641107	Ponatinib 45mg daily + prednisone (induction protocol only)	2	42	First	>60 or unfit	0% induction 1 death in follow-up ponatinib	95.5% CR 45% CMR at 24 weeks	87.5% (95% CI, 76.5%–99.9%) 1-year OS
Luskin et al (2019) ⁴² DFCI IST NCT03595917	Dasatinib 140 + asciminib (dose escalation) (induction protocol only)	1	8	First	>50	0% induction	100% CR	Not reported
Foà et al (2020) ⁴³ GIMEMA LAL2116 NCT02744768	Dasatinib 140 + prednisone Blinatumomab consolidation	2	63	First	≥18 (median 54)	1.6% induction (1 patient) No regimen related deaths in CR	95% CR	With median follow-up 18 months 95% (95% CI, 90–100) OS 88% (95% CI, 80–97) DFS
Wieduwilt et al (2018) ⁴¹ NCTN/Alliance 10701 NCT01256398	Dasatinib 140 + dexamethasone induction CC consolidation Allo- vs autoHSCT	2	64	First	≥18 (median 60)	0% induction deaths	97% CR	43% 3-year DFS (55% allo, 43% auto, 46% chemo) 55% 3-year OS (63% ≤60 years, 49% > 60 years) (75% allo, 71% auto, 55% chemo) Relapse 25% allo, 43% auto, 37% chemo

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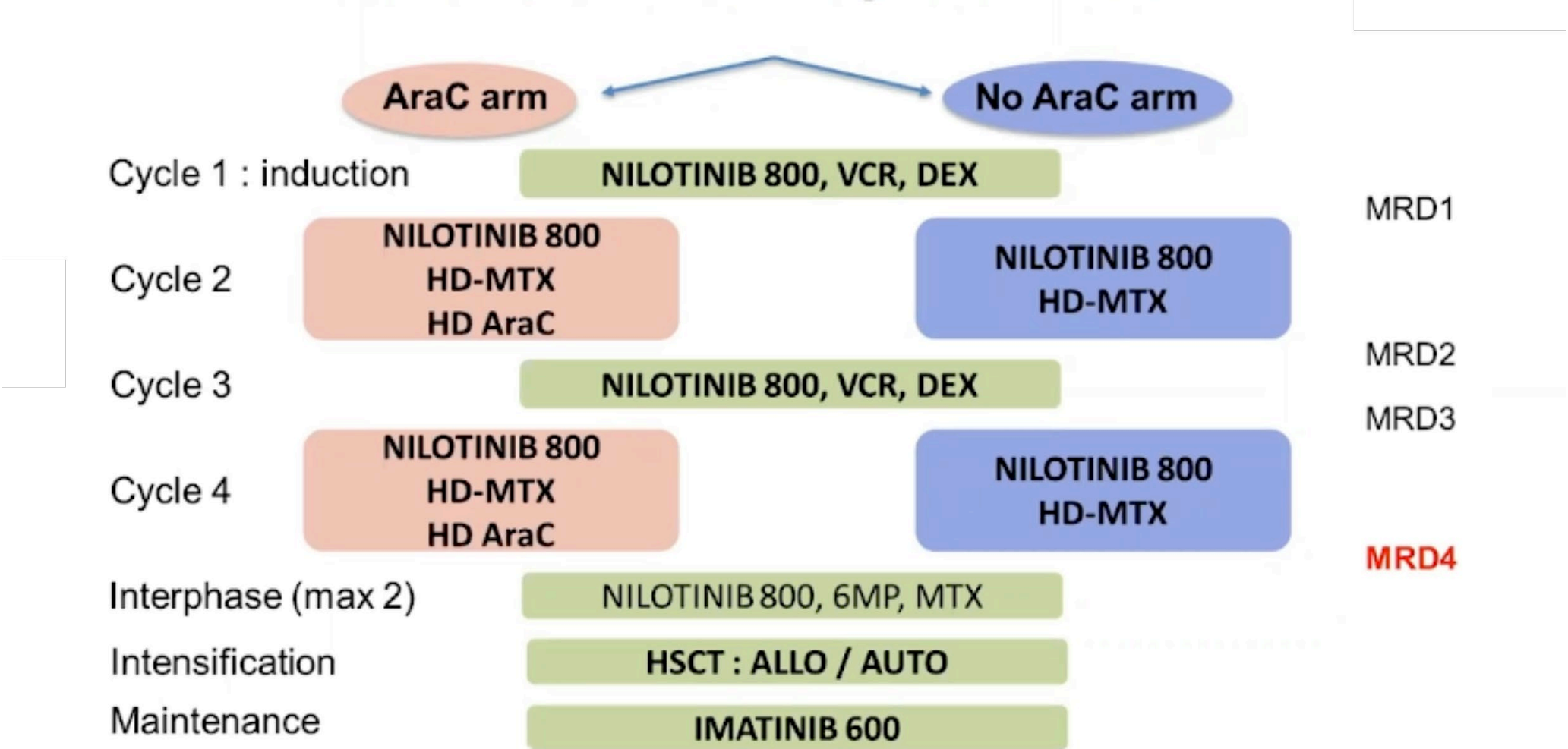
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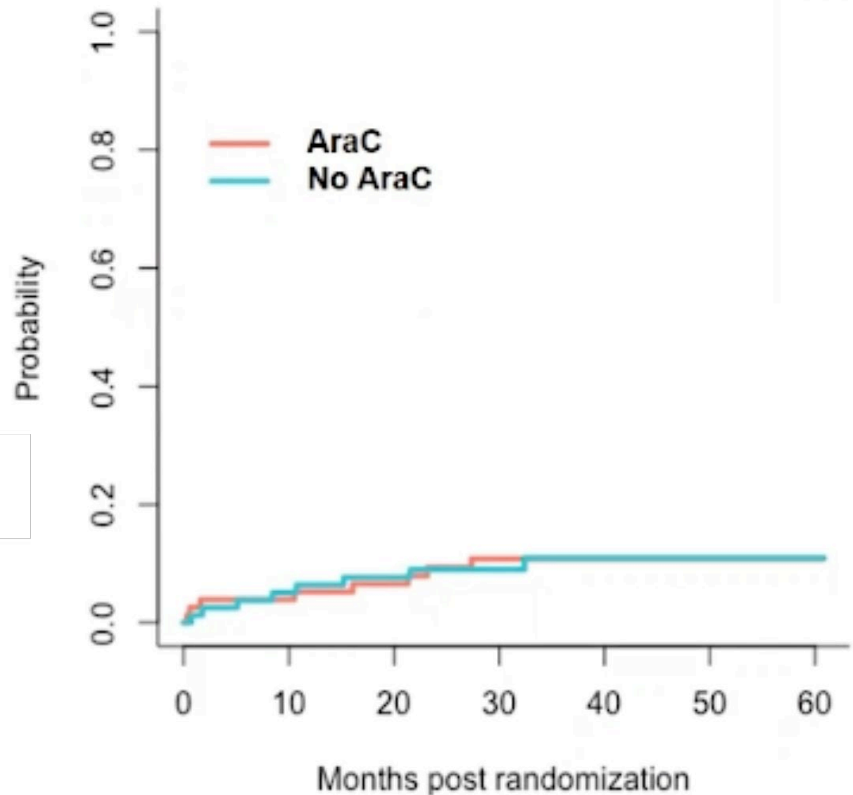


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	Cytarabine 77 patients	No Cytarabine 79 patients
Age, median (IQR)	48 (39-54)	47 (39-53)
Male sex	49%	53%
ECOG		
0-1	82%	83%
2-3	18%	17%
Medullary Blasts, median (IQR)	88% (71-94)	89% (82-93)
Transcript		
minor BCR	70%	71%
Major BCR	30%	29%
<i>IKZF1</i> deletion (153 pts evaluable)	91%	89%

GRAAPH-2014 Ph+ ALL: No Difference in CR Rate, TRM

Treatment Related Mortality

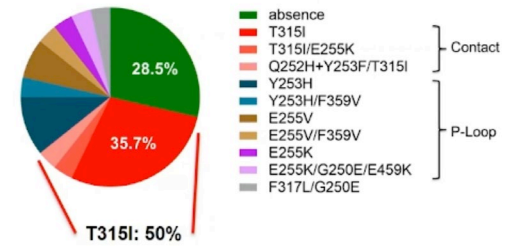
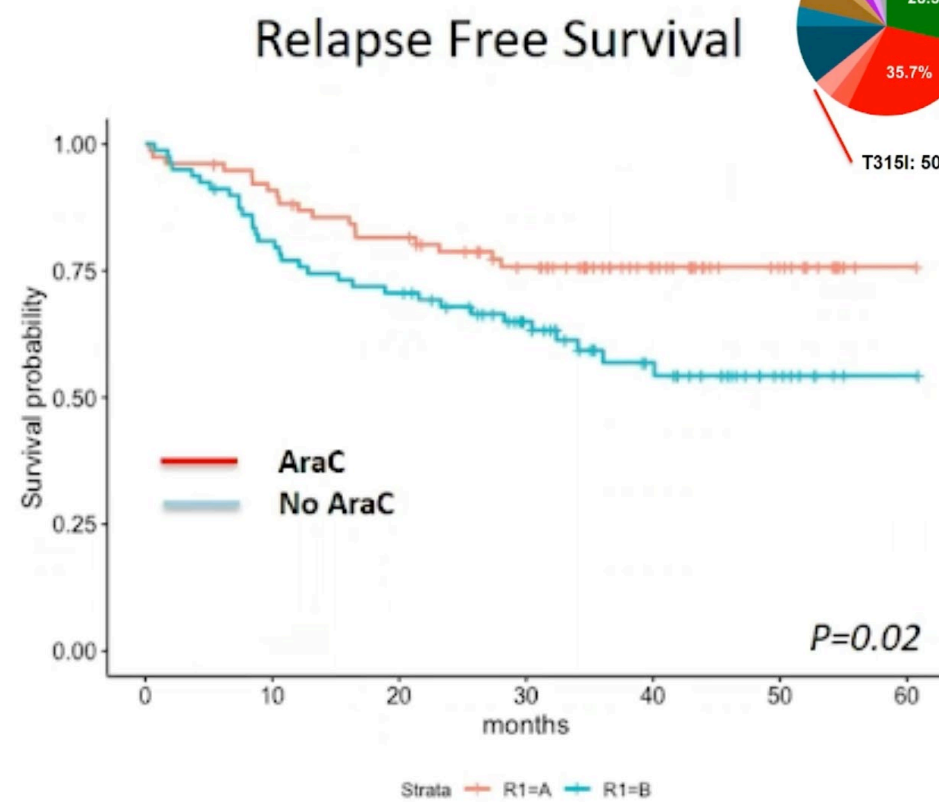
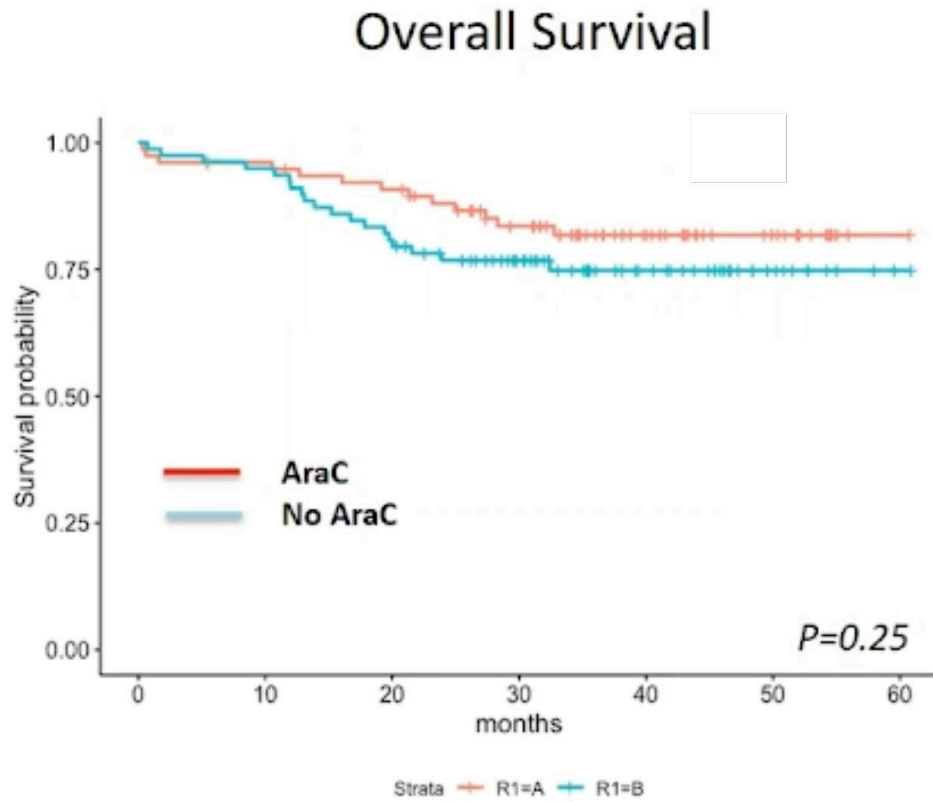


	Cytarabine 77 patients	No Cytarabine 79 patients	
CR rate after induction	94.2% (n=147)		p=0,74
	93.5% (n=72)	94.9% (n=75)	

88% of the patients received the 4 planned cycles (n=137)

	Cytarabine 77 patients	No Cytarabine 79 patients
Main endpoint MMoIR at cycle 4	71.4% (n=55)	77.2% (n=61)
Risk difference, 90%CI	+5.8% (-17.4 to 5.8)	

GRAAPH-2014 Ph+ ALL: Increase in Relapse without AraC



GRAAPH-2014 Ph+ ALL: Conclusions

- Nilotinib and chemotherapy is a safe regimen for Ph+ ALL in young adults
- The 3 years outcome looks promising (**78.2% OS and 66.5% RFS**)
- The responses rates were comparable between the two arms
 - Trend for a slower kinetic of BCR-ABL1 MRD when HD-AraC was omitted
- In the setting of combined “mild” chemotherapy and nilotinib, omitting HD-AraC was significantly associated with higher incidence of relapse.
 - A majority of relapses were associated with mutations (T315I : 50%)
- The negative impact of HD-AraC omission might be overcome by allogenic HSCT (contrary to autologous HSCT)
 - Our results suggest that not only BCR-ABL1 MRD but also an optimal combined therapy may determine the decision to proceed to allogenic HSCT. This hypothesis will be tested in the next GRAAPH 2022 study.

Novel Approaches to Ph+ALL in Adults / Older Adults: Ongoing Randomized Trials

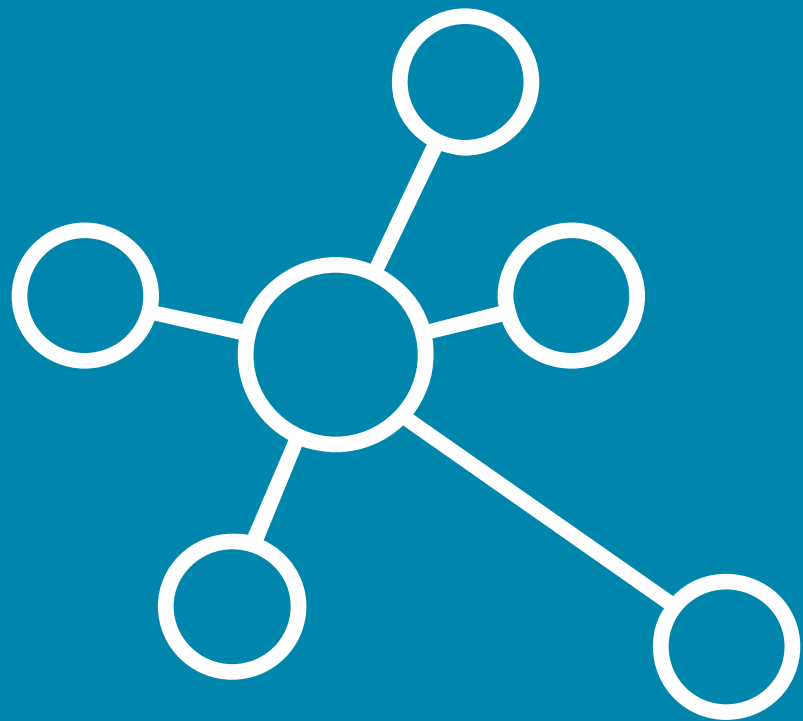
Reference	Regimen	Phase	N	Line	Age, y	Regimen-related deaths	Response	Survival
NCTN/EA9181 NCT04530565	TKI + prednisone induction TKI + hyper-CVAD vs TKI + blinatumomab consolidation	3	—	First	≥18-75	Results pending	Results pending	Results pending
SWOG 1318 NCT02143414	Dasatinib + prednisone induction Dasatinib + blinatumomab consolidation	2	—	First	≥65	Results pending	Results pending	Results pending

*Results at most recent publication.

CMR, complete molecular response; DFS, disease-free survival; EFS, event-free survival.

Ph+ ALL Treatment in Older Adults

- Careful assessment of comorbidities and performance status.
- Formal geriatric assessment if able.
- Enroll in clinical trial of novel agent therapy, wherever possible.
- I prefer a chemotherapy-free TKI-based induction using imatinib or dasatinib, or follow published regimen (Table 3).
- Ensure CNS prophylaxis is administered per regimen.
- Monitor response per protocol and include MRD assessment (BCR-ABL transcript).
- Escalate treatment (later-generation TKI or additional novel agents) if inadequate response.
- Refer for consideration of allogeneic HSCT if fit.



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