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# Leucemia linfoblastica acuta

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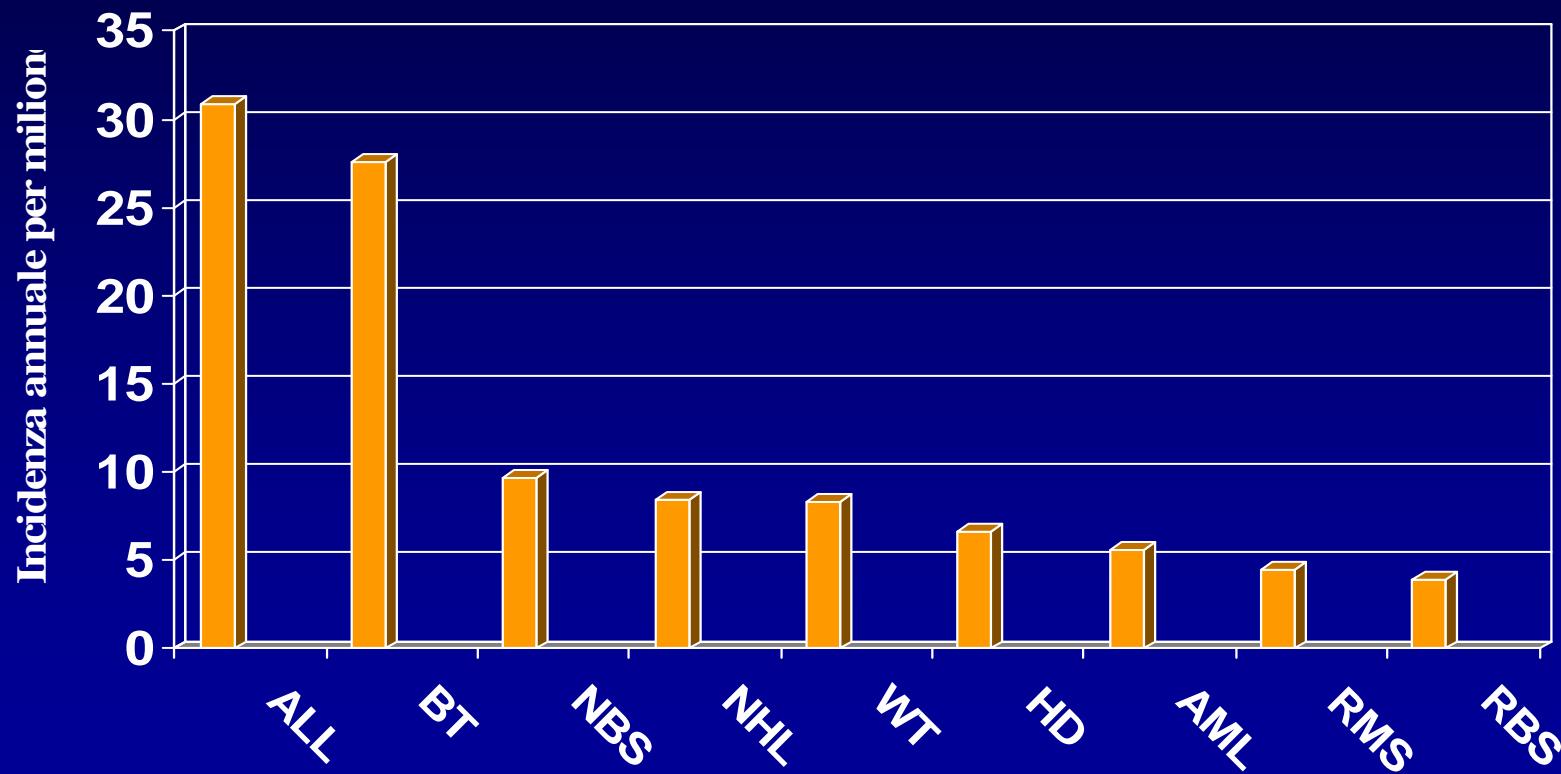
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# Incidenza annuale dei tumori dell'età pediatrica

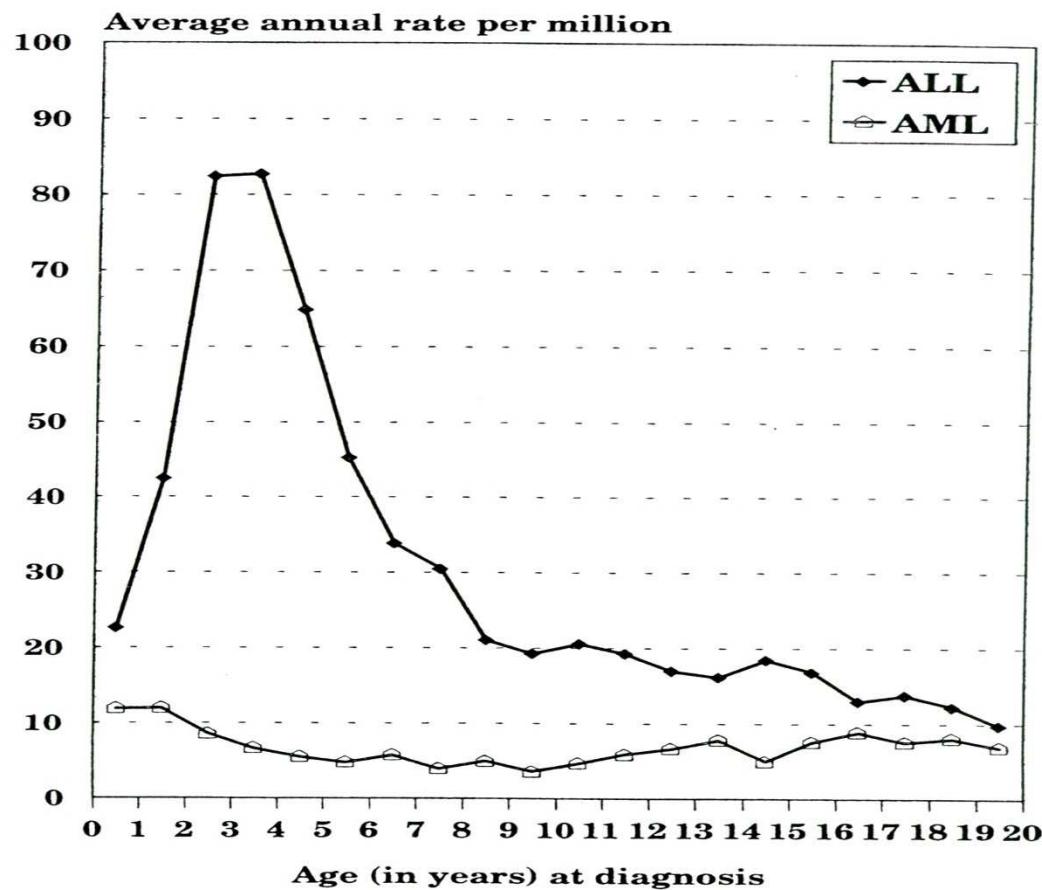


# CHILDHOOD ACUTE LEUKEMIA

- ALL accounts for 80% of all childhood acute leukemia;
- Among childhood ALL, 80-85% of patients have BCP ALL, 15-20% T-ALL and 2-3% mature B-ALL;
- AML accounts for 20% of childhood acute leukemia;
- With the remarkable exception of Down-Syndrome patients, there is no genetic predisposition to develop acute leukemia;
- There is an heterogeneous distribution of childhood ALL according to patient's age.

# Leucemie acute-Distribuzione per età

**Figure I.2a: ALL (Ia): 1986-94, and AML (Ib): 1976-84  
and 1986-94 age-specific incidence rates, all races  
both sexes, SEER**



Picco

2-6 anni

Lieve  
predominanza  
dei maschi

# **Presentation of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia**

- **Hyperleukocytosis and huge organomegaly;**
- **Pseudoaplastic/single-bilinear cytopenia;**
- **«Rheumatic disease»;**
- **Bone pain/swelling;**
- **Mediastinal involvement;**
- **«Leukemia» sarcoma;**

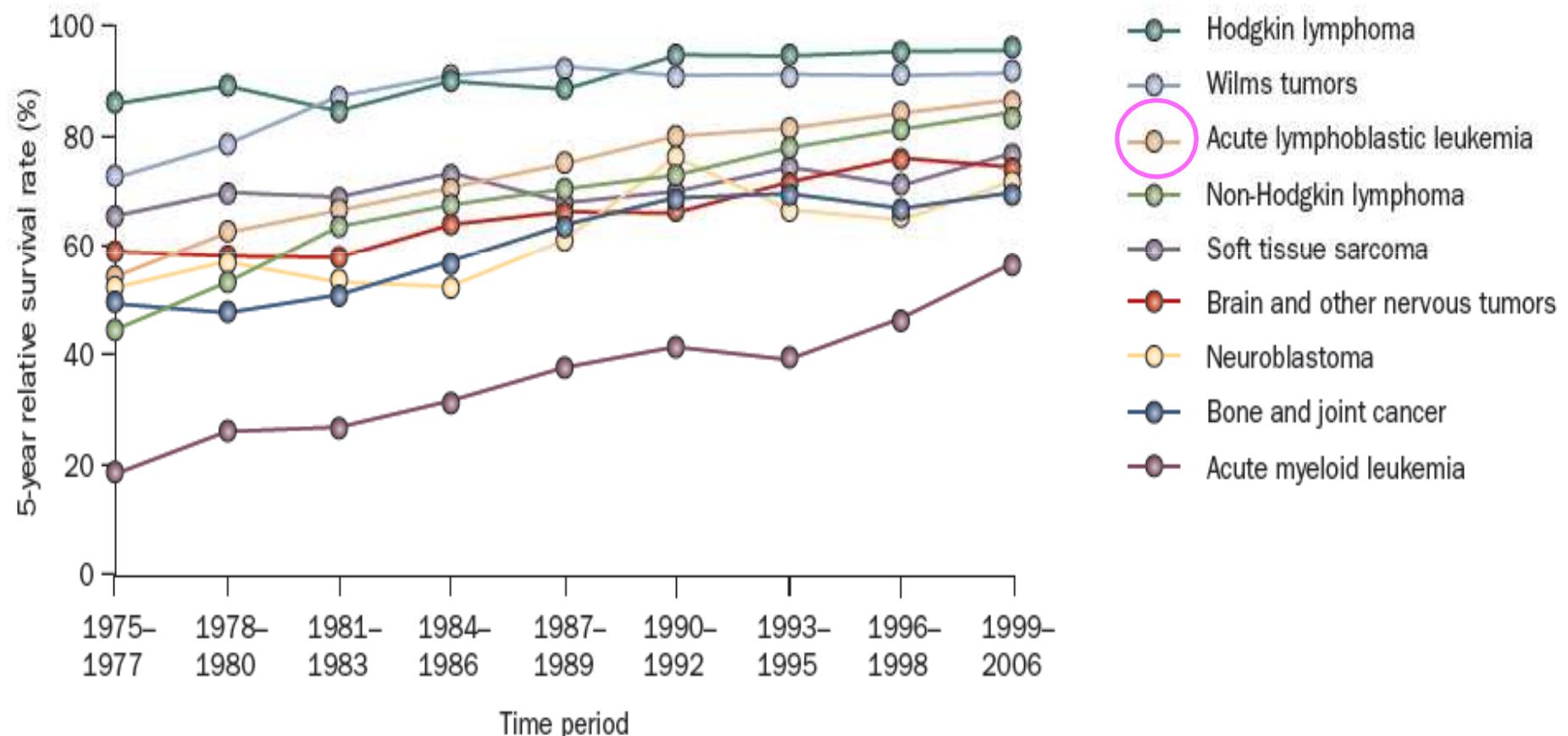
# LLA-Caratteristiche cliniche alla diagnosi

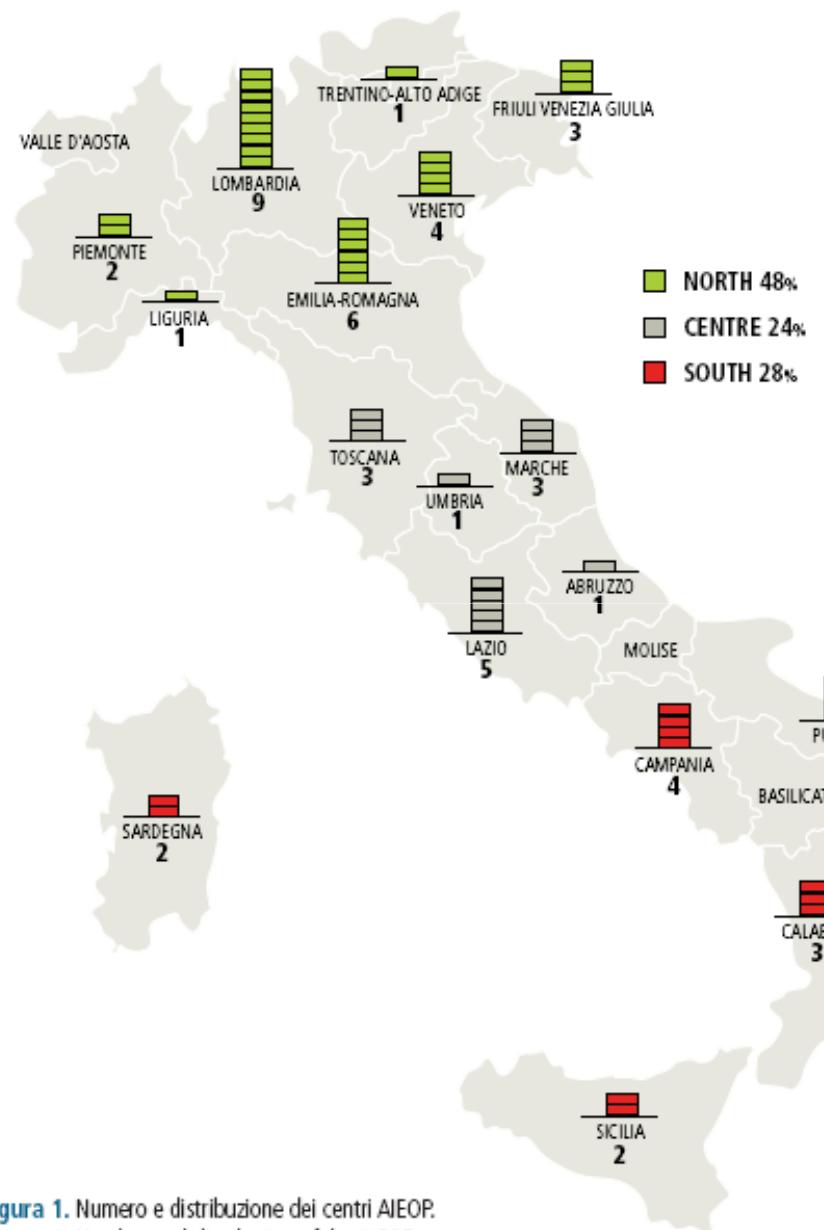
<u>Caratteristica</u>	<u>Percentuale di casi</u>
Febbre	61
Petecchie/Porpora	48
Dolori osteo-articolari	25
Linfadenopatia	50
Splenomegalia	63
Epatomegalia	68

# LLA-Caratteristiche di laboratorio alla diagnosi

<u>Caratteristica</u>	<u>Percentuale di casi</u>
Conta leucocitaria	
< 10,000	53
10,000-49,000	30
> 50,000	17
Emoglobina (g/dl)	
< 7	43
7 - 11	45
> 11	12
Conta piastrinica ( $\text{mm}^3$ )	
< 20K	28
20 - < 100K	47
> 100K	25

# Five-year relative survival rates for selected primary cancers according to year of diagnosis (1975–2006) among children younger than 20 years of age

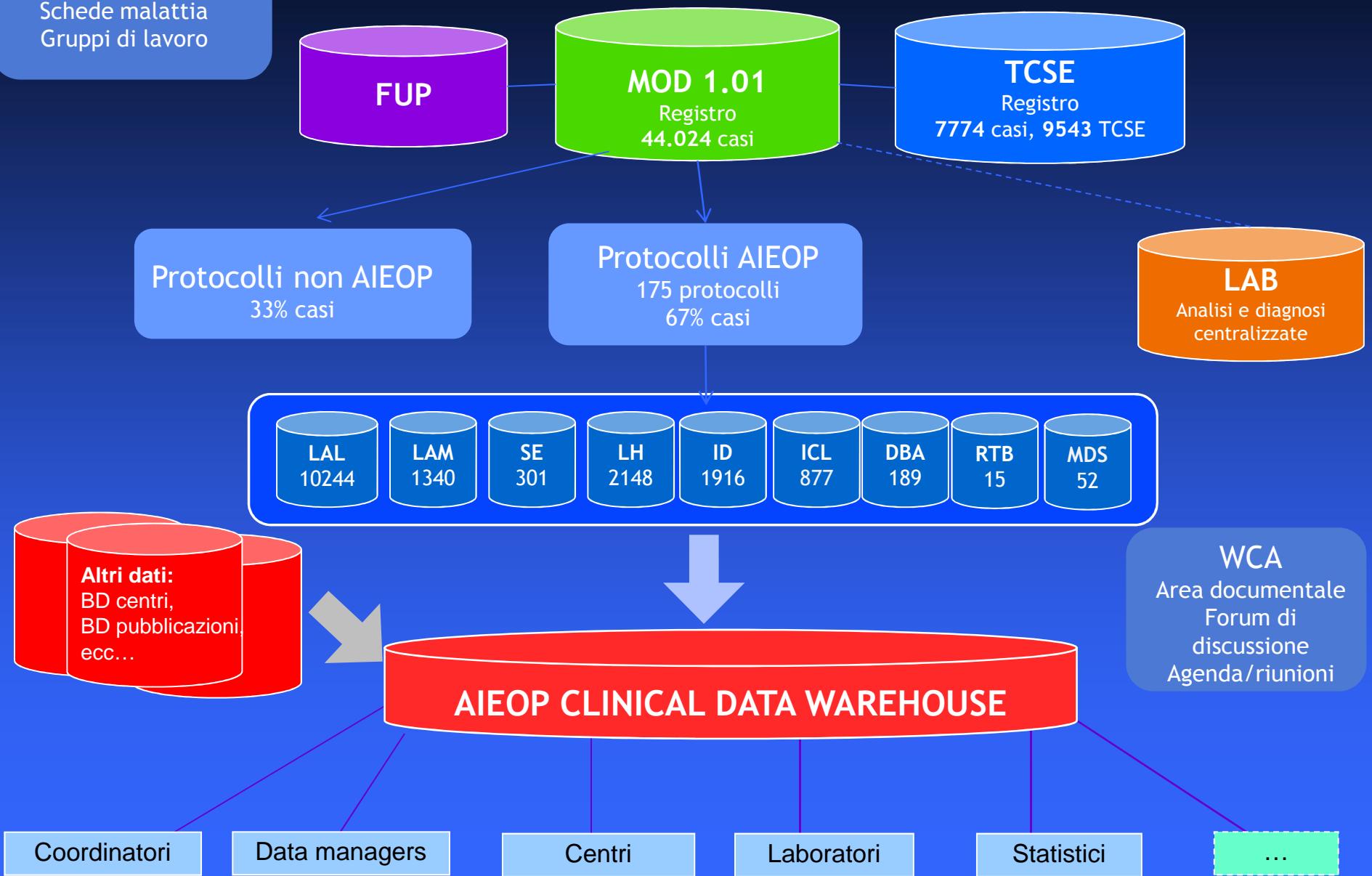




**Figura 1.** Numero e distribuzione dei centri AIEOP.  
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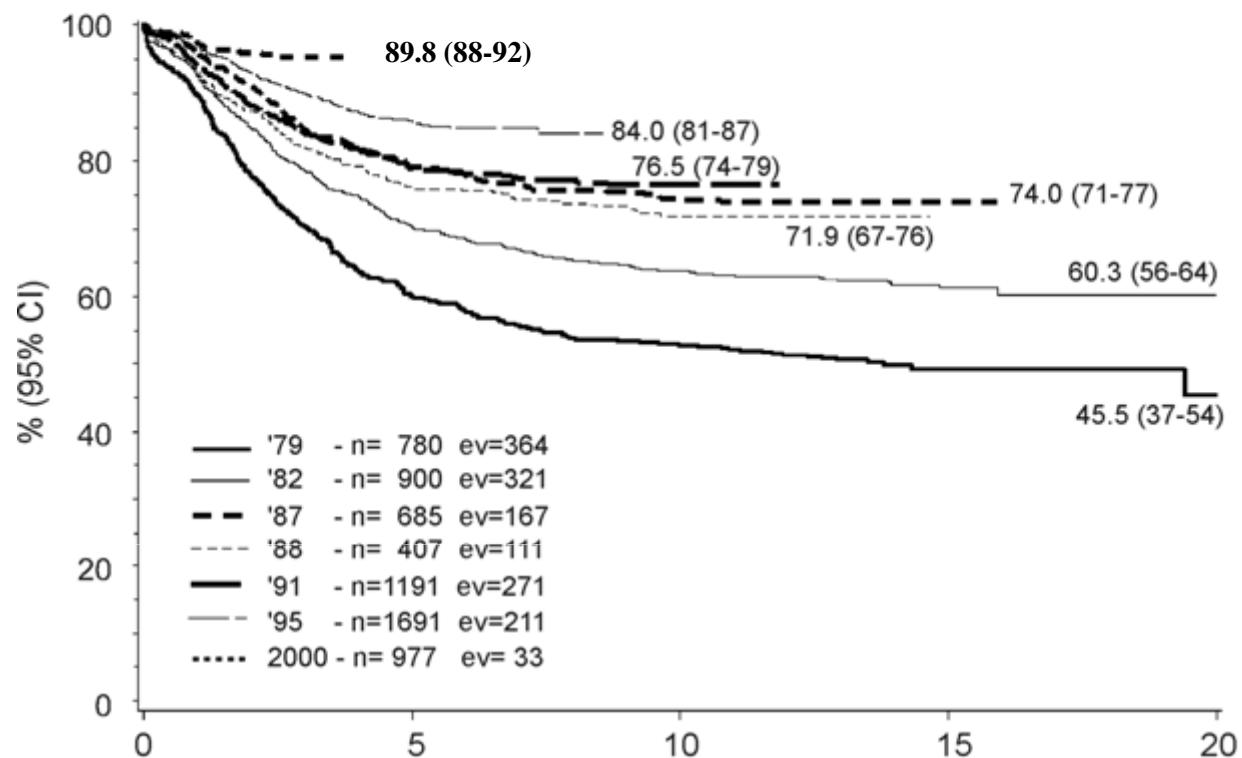
Portale AIEOP  
Centri AIEOP  
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# Struttura delle Banche Dati AIEOP



# PROTOCOLLI AIEOP PER LEUCEMIE LINFOBLASTICHE ACUTE

## Sopravvivenza per generazione di protocollo



**Anni dalla diagnosi**

Numero di pazienti a rischio		Anni dalla diagnosi		
780	438	323	54	- '79
900	589	466	126	- '82
687	506	351	17	- '87
407	304	189	0	- '88
1191	911	105	0	- '91
1691	604	0	0	- '95
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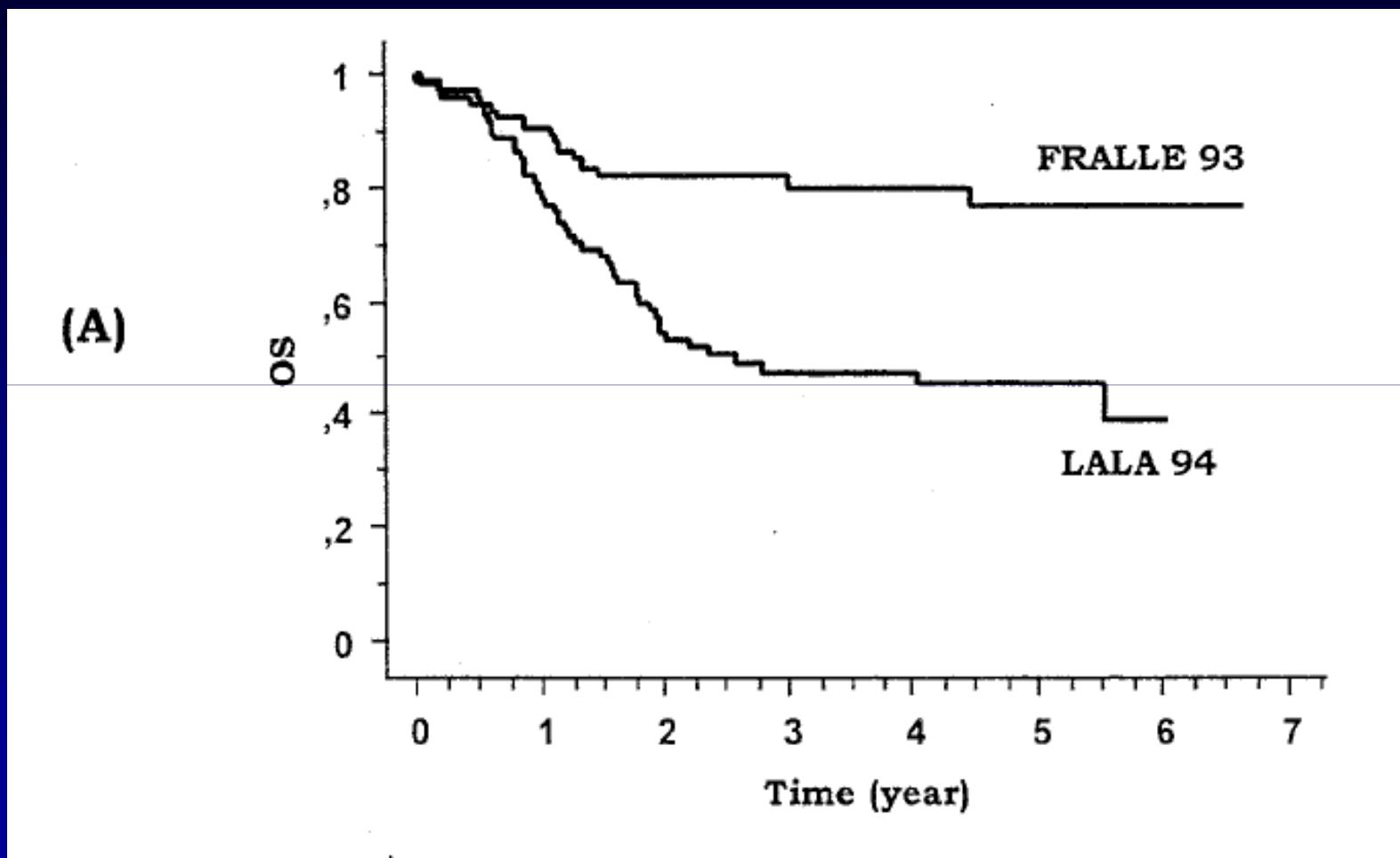
# Registro AIEOP Mod.1.01

## Rapporto tra casi osservati e casi attesi per anno

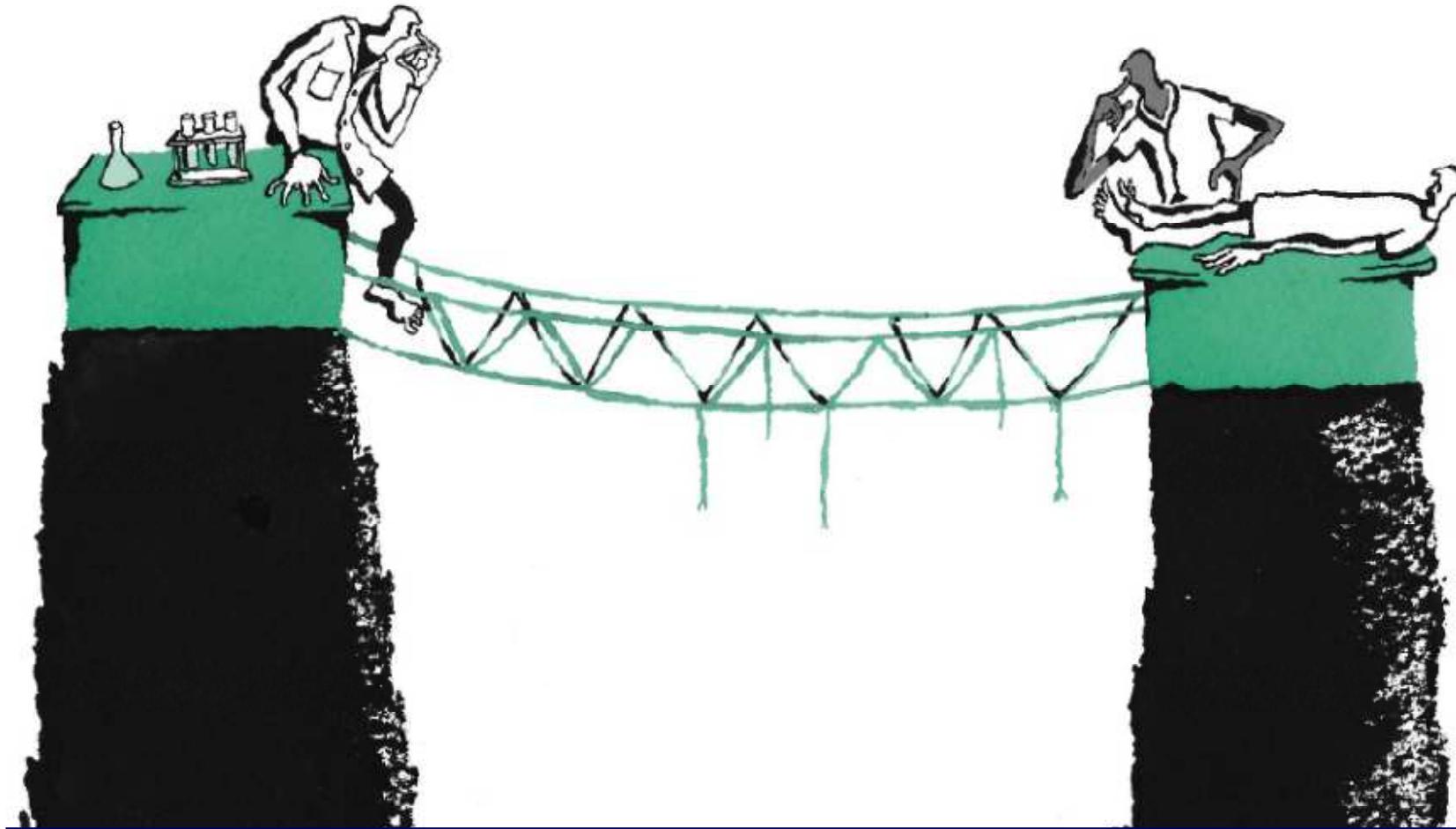
29650 casi (0-19 anni) residenti in Italia nel periodo 1989-2010  
(Attesi: AIRTUM 2008)

<i>Diagnosi</i>	<i>0-14 anni</i>	<i>15-19 anni</i>	<b>0-14 anni</b>
LAL	0.94	0.27	0.73 (89-99)
LAM	0.90	0.22	vs 0.88 (00-10)
LH	0.65	0.11	<i>M: 0.92 (08-10)</i>
LnH	1.18	0.15	
T.SNC	0.64	0.19	
Osteo	0.96	0.35	
SE	1.13	0.47	<b>15-19 anni</b>
RMS	1.17	0.36	0.07 (89-99)
TCG	0.70	0.05	vs 0.18 (00-10)
Carcinomi	0.24	0.02	<i>M: 0.25 (08-10)</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.12</b>	

## Probability of OS in adolescents treated in pediatric Institutions with pediatric protocols or in adult Institutions with adult protocols



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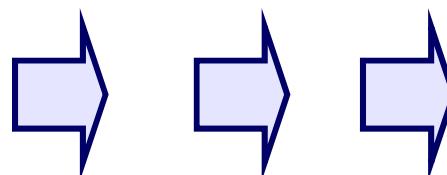
**From bench to bedside,  
and back!**

# Translational Research

## Current Definition

T1

- Translation from  
**basic science to  
human studies**



T2

- Translation from  
**human studies to  
clinical practice  
healthcare decisions**

**Basic  
Biomedical**

**Clinical  
Science  
Research**

**Improved  
Health**

**Dall'oncologia *organizzata* .....  
all'oncologia *personalizzata*:**

**la sfida dell'oggi che si proietta nel domani**

# **How Do We Achieve Personalized Medicine?**

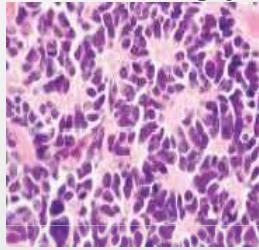
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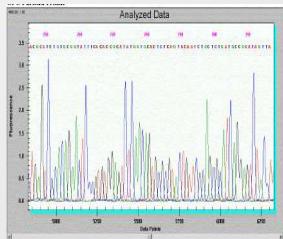
## PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY

# Adequate Tumor Staging

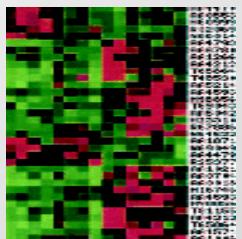
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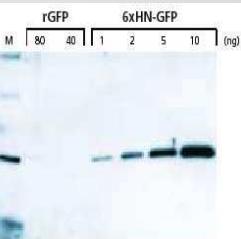
DNA



RNA



Protein



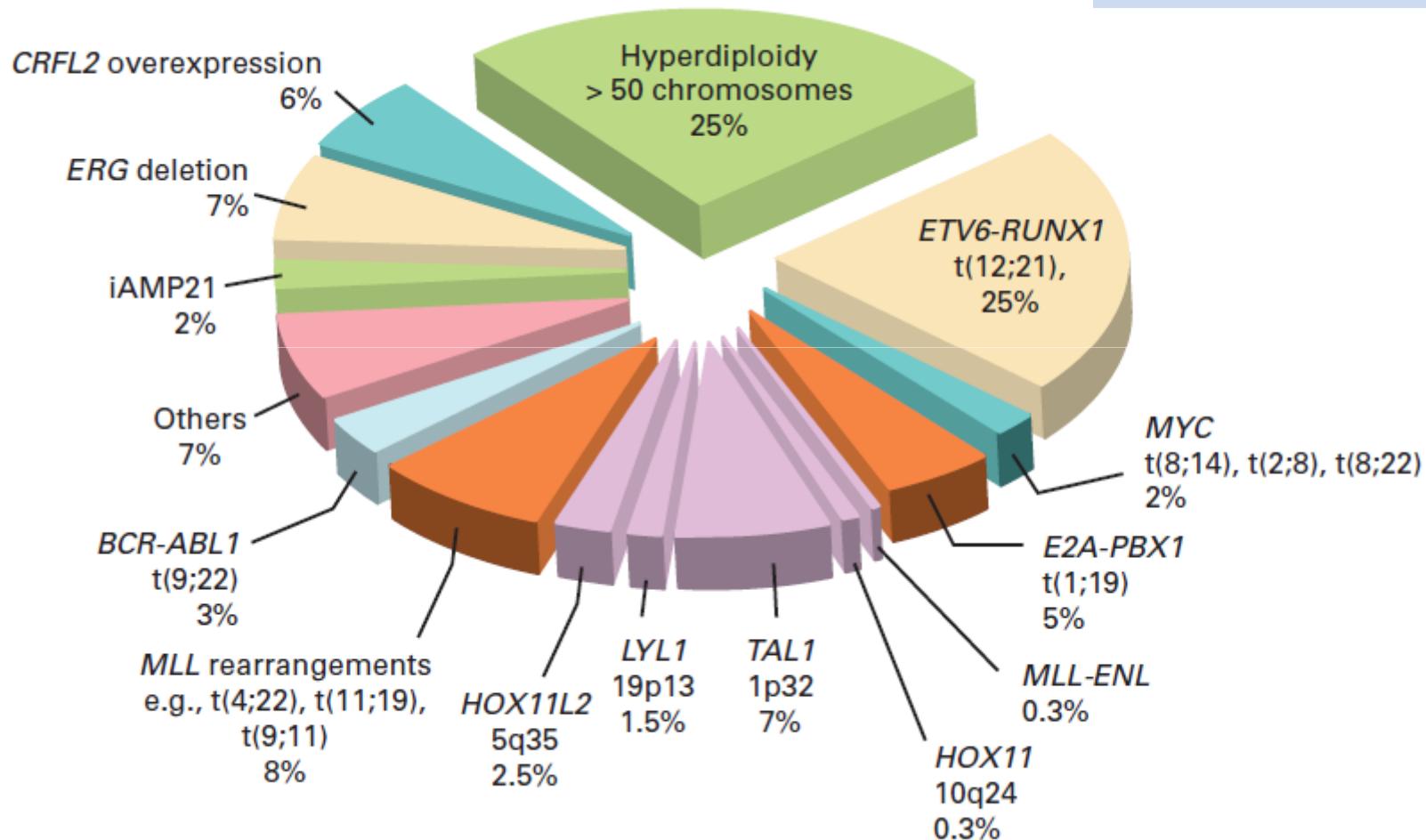
- ✓ Diagnosis
- ✓ Risk Definition - Prognosis
- ✓ Risk Adapted Therapy / MRD
- ✓ Molecular Target Therapy
- ✓ Personalized Medicine

# Biology, Risk Stratification, and Therapy of Pediatric Acute Leukemias: An Update

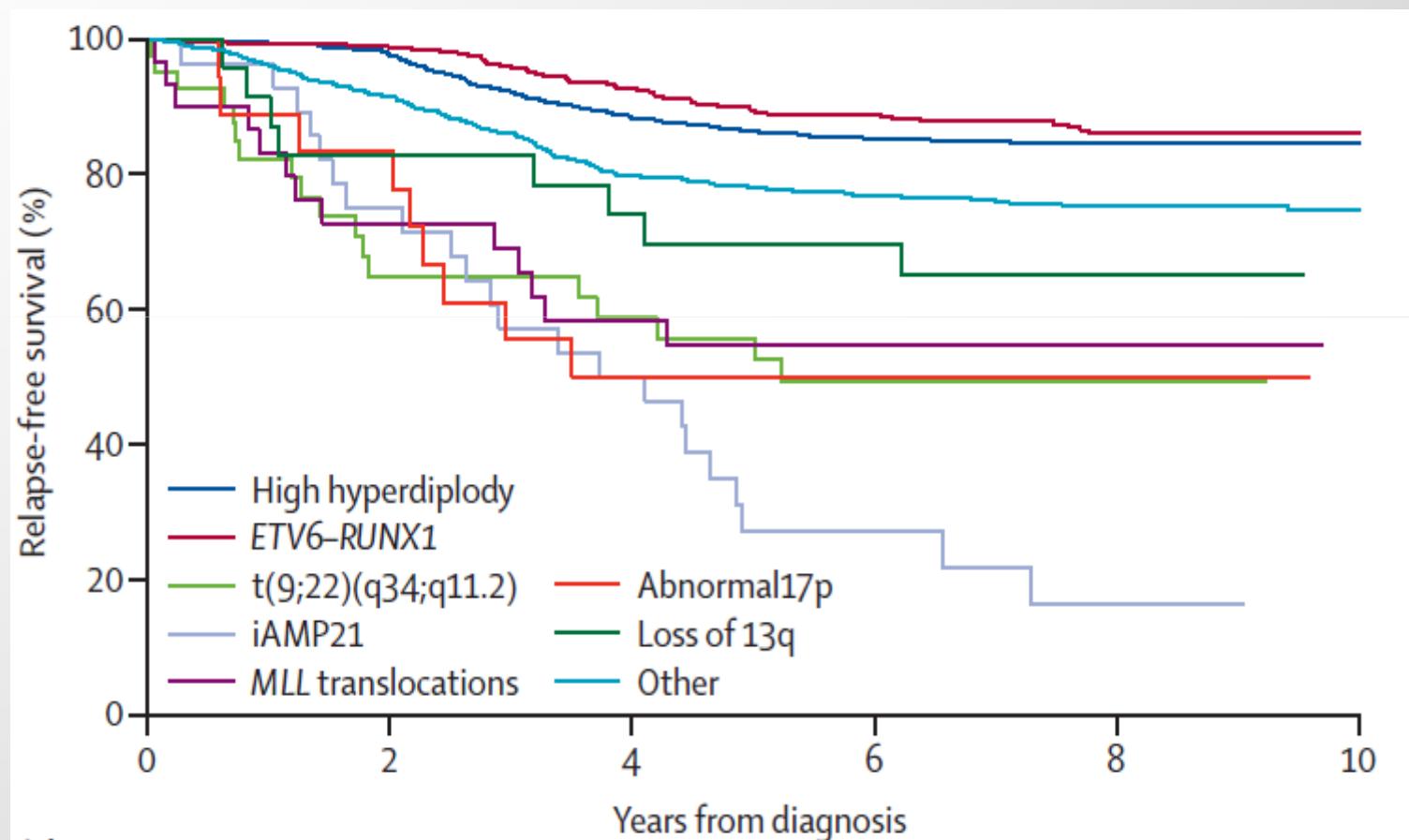
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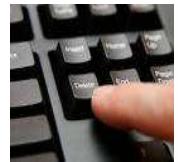
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# The impact of a more sophisticated cytogenetic classification

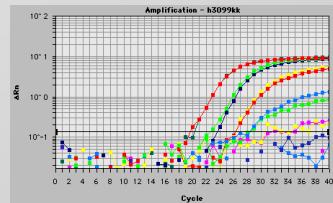
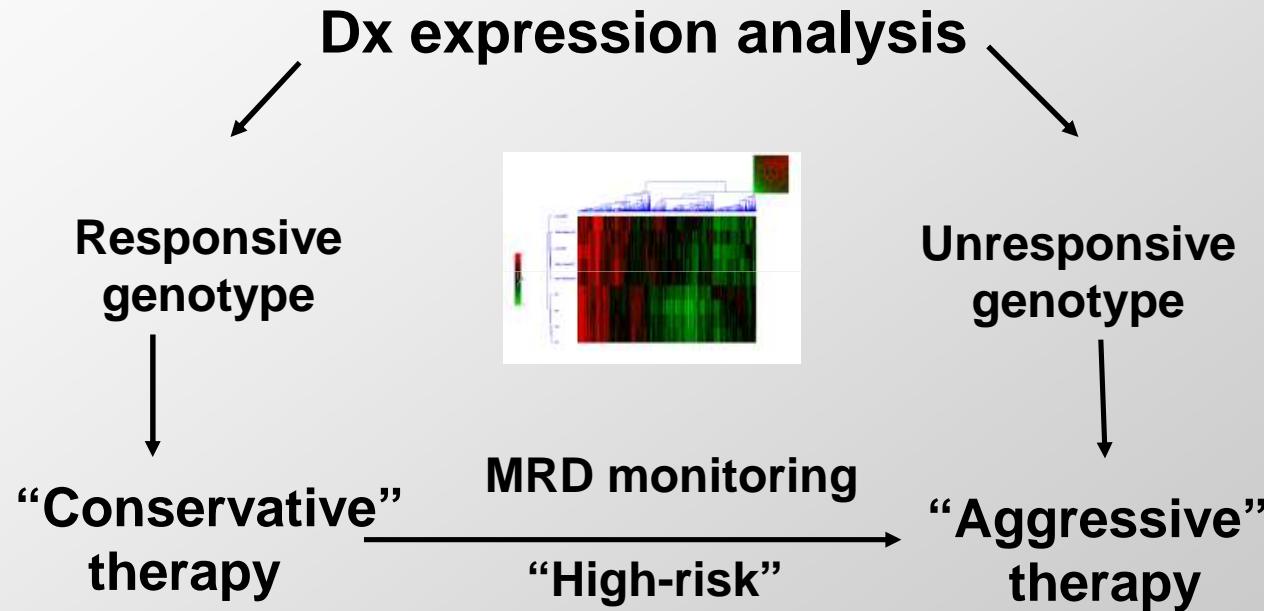


Moorman, Lancet Oncology 2010



# Concepts of Today for the Future: Optimizing Therapy

Define the molecular specific response profile



Courtesy of Jerry Radich, FHCRC

# Molecular response to treatment redefines all prognostic factors in children and adolescents with B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia: results in 3184 patients of the AIEOP-BFM ALL 2000 study

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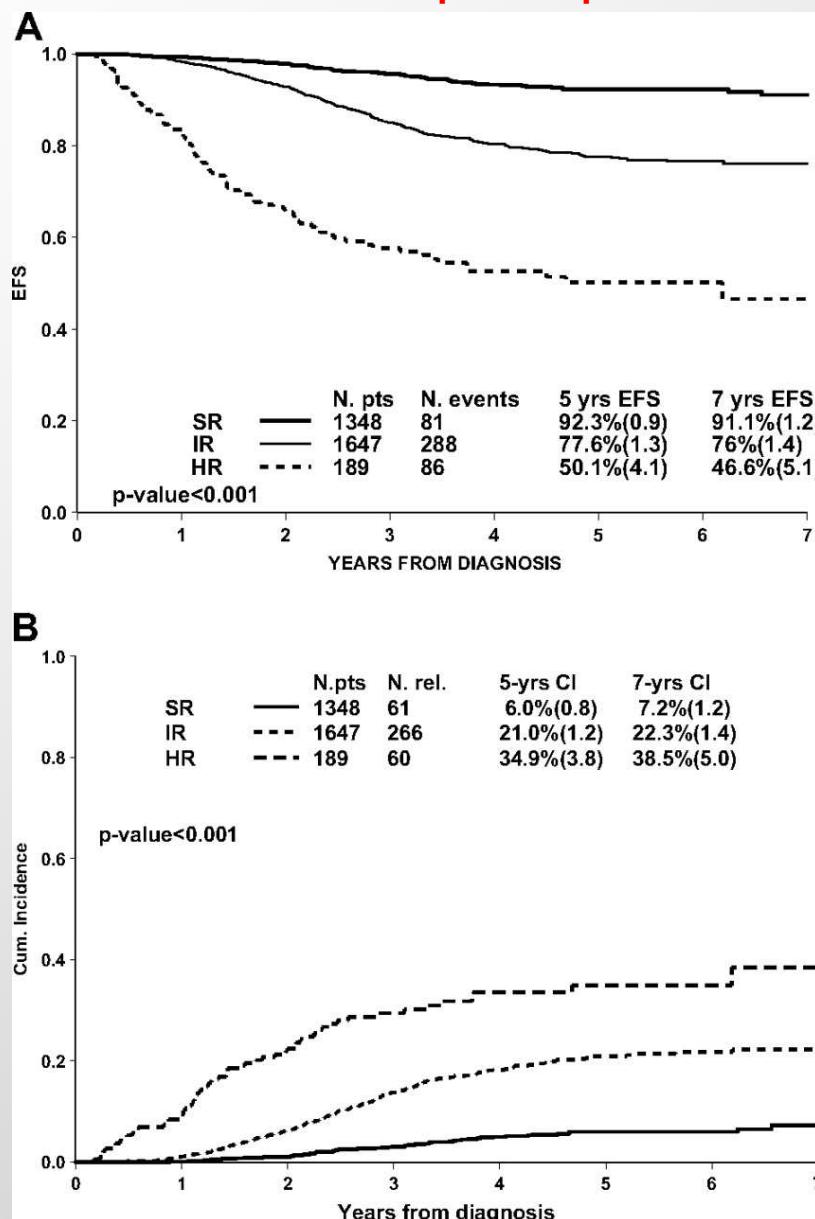
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## Late MRD response determines relapse risk overall and in subsets of childhood T-cell ALL: results of the AIEOP-BFM-ALL 2000 study

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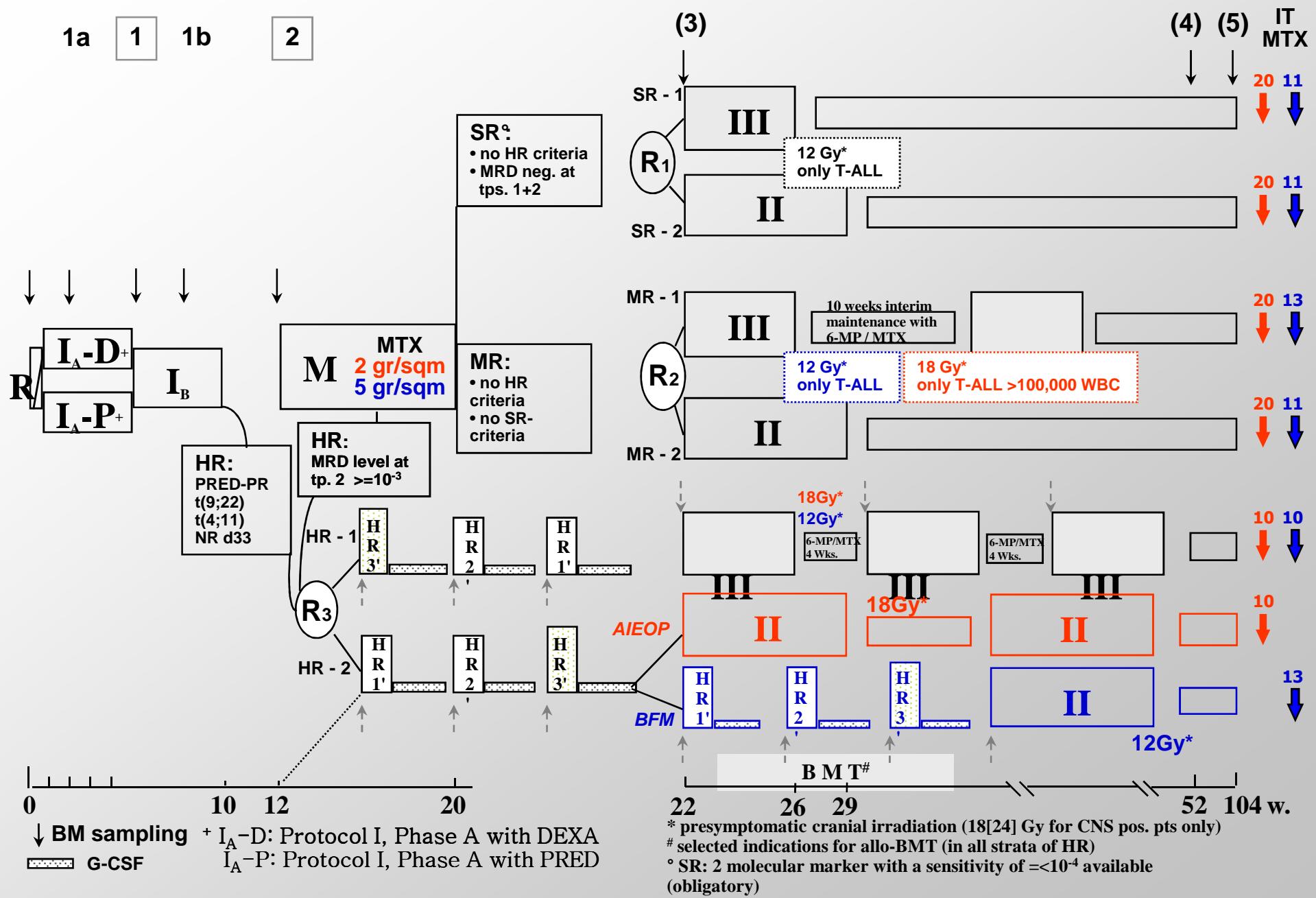
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**Event-free survival (A) and cumulative incidence of relapse (B) according to PCR-MRD classification in 3184 pB-ALL patients**



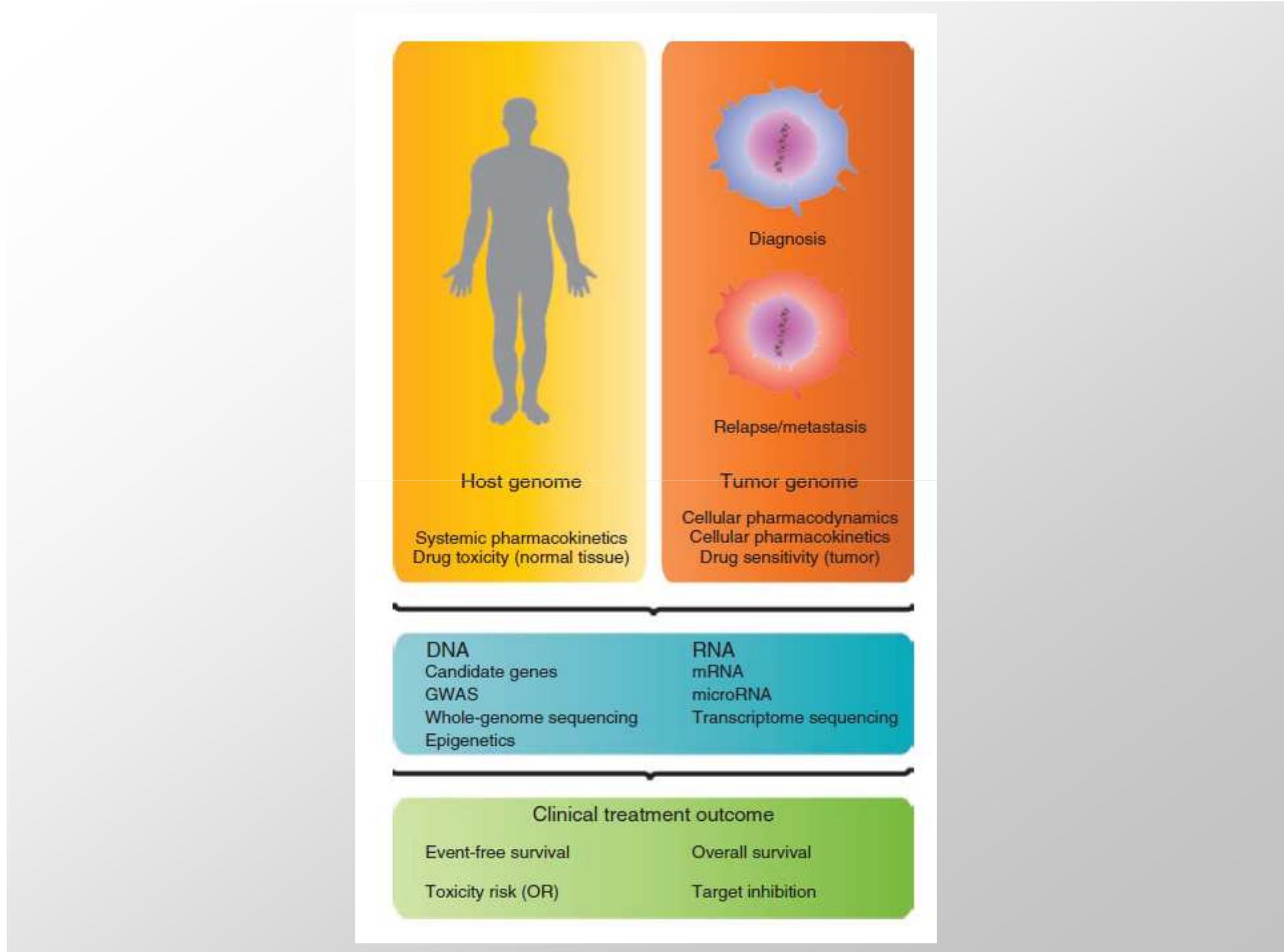
# AIEOP-BFM ALL 2000

## MRD Timepoints



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# The next revolution...

## **Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics**

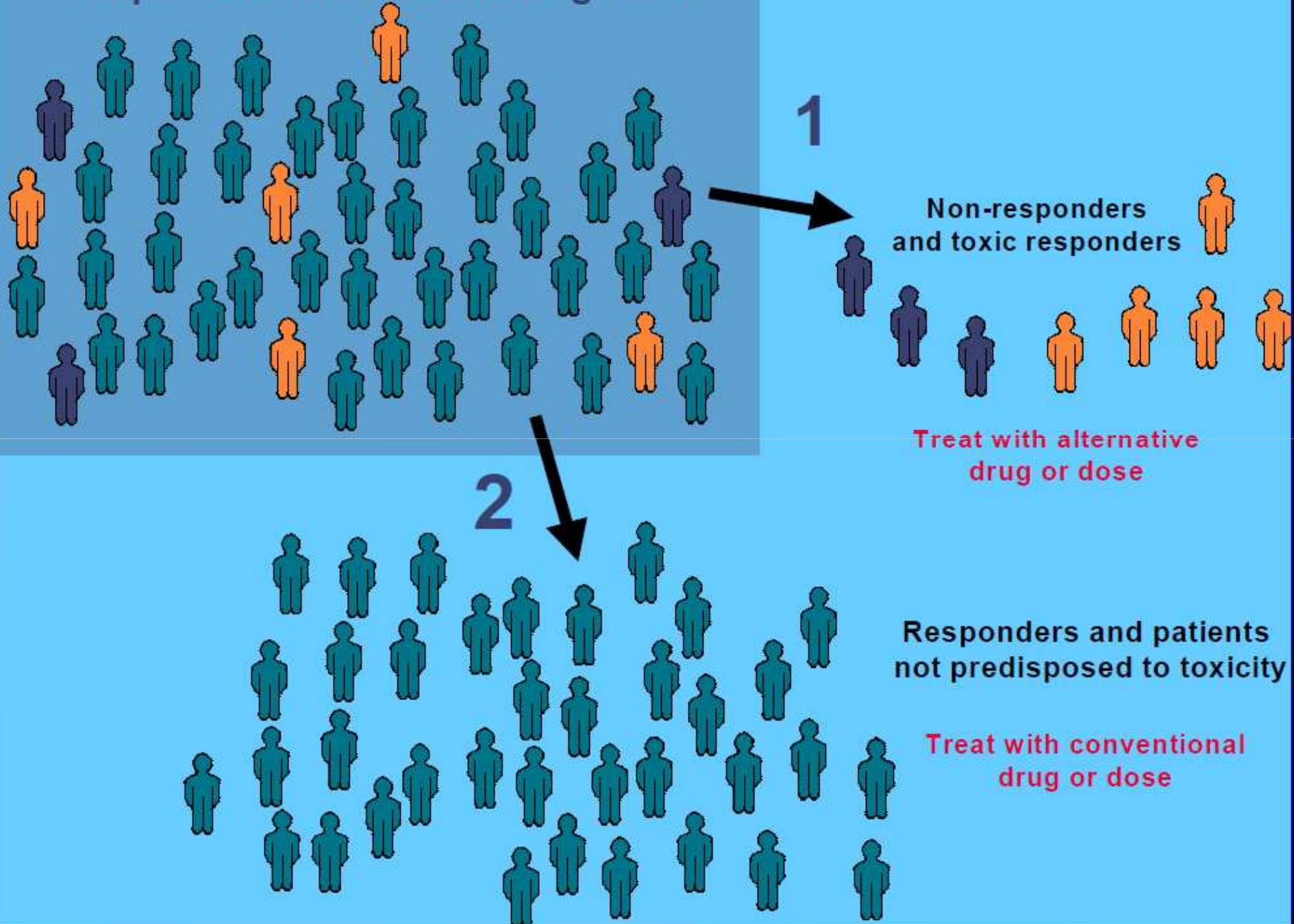
**The study of genetic variation that gives rise to differing response to drugs.**

## Traditional method for drug development

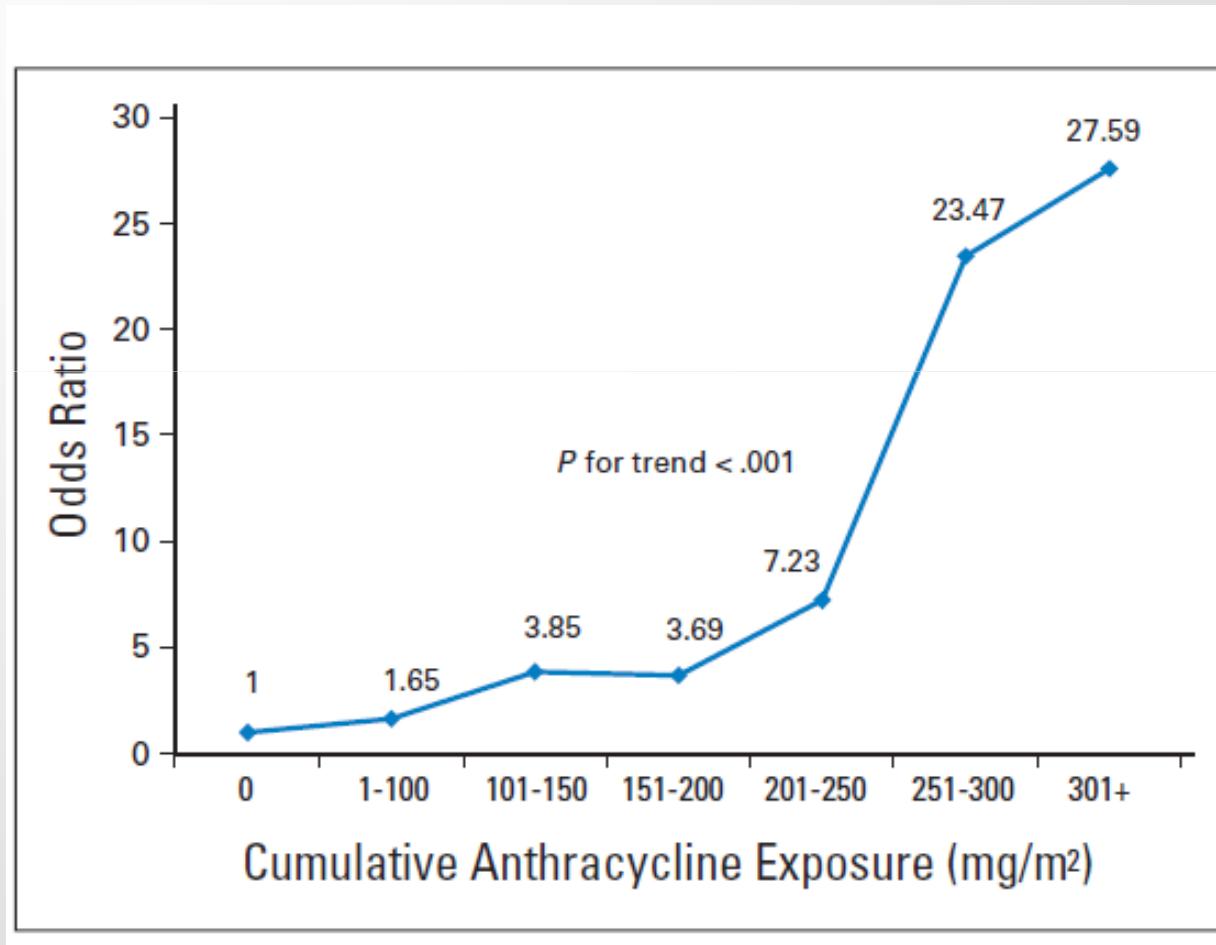


Treat all patients with the same diagnosis with the same medications

## All patients with same diagnosis

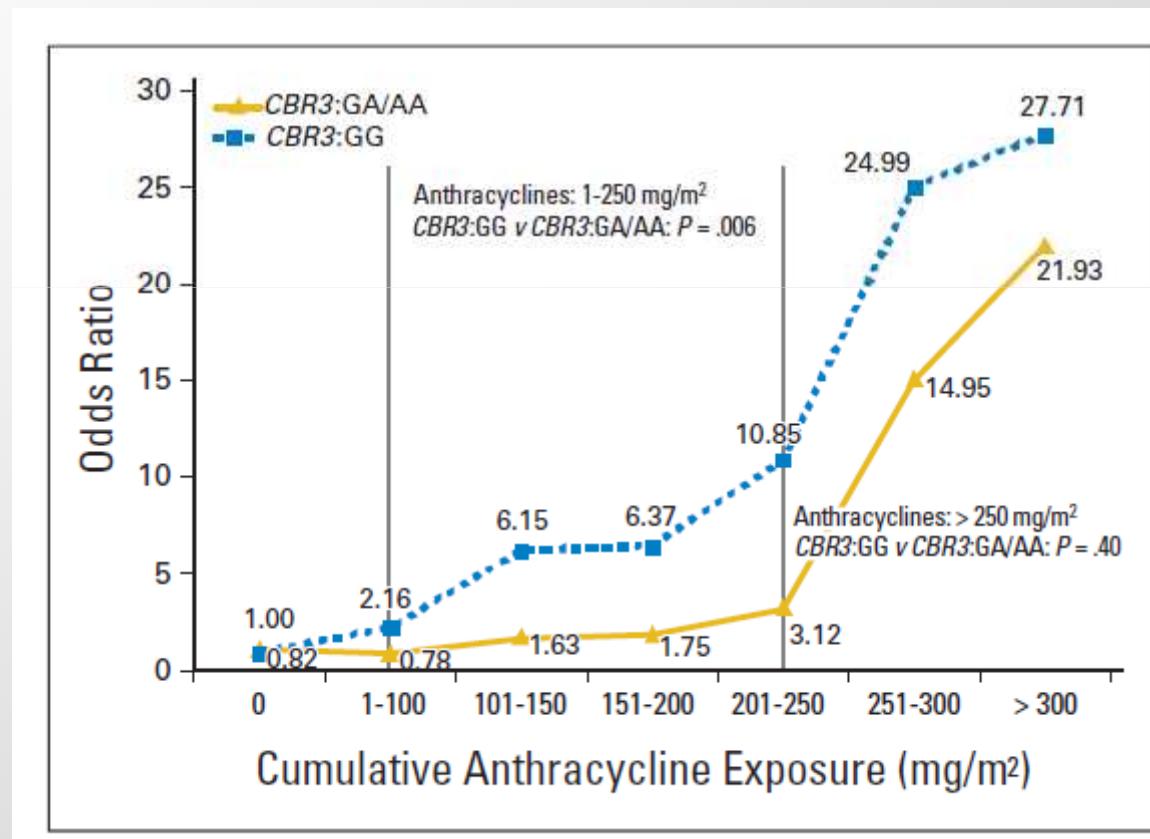


# Cardiac toxicity and anthracyclines



Blanco JG, et al. J Clin Oncol May 2012

# The role of carbonyl reductase polymorphisms

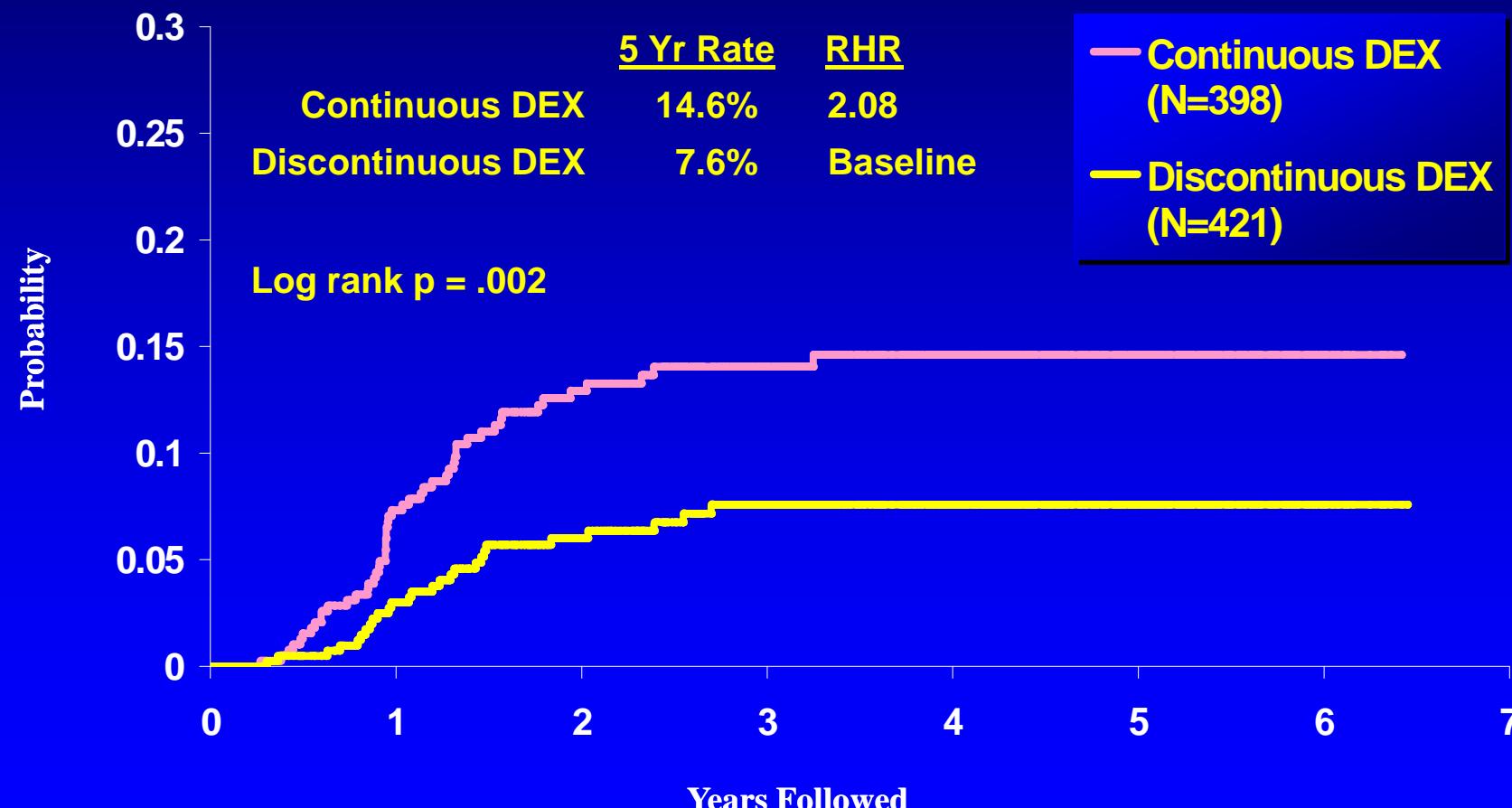


## AVN – CCG 1961

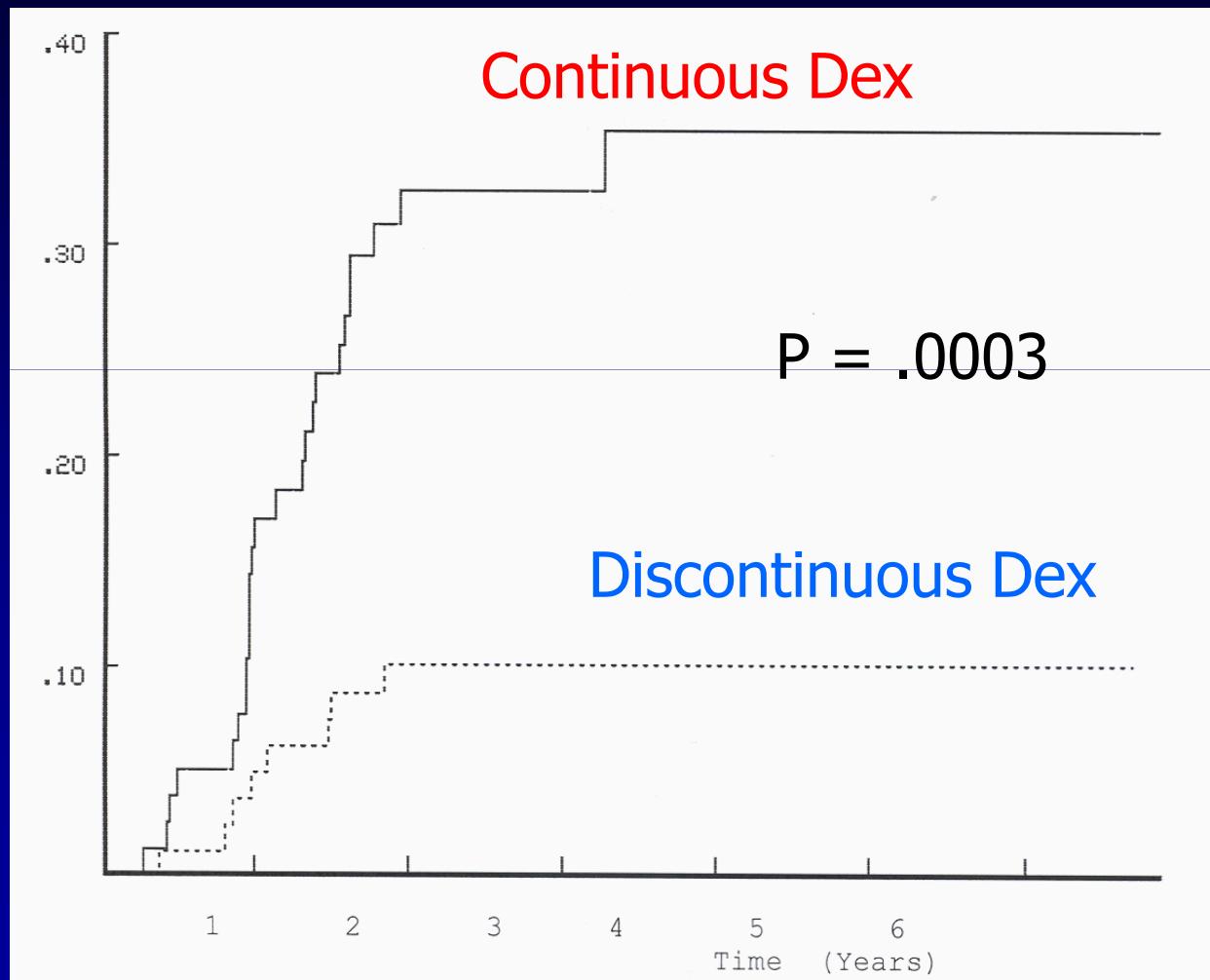
- ❖ 7/769 Patients < 10 Years Developed AVN – 1%
- ❖ 126/1287 Patients  $\geq$  10 Years Developed AVN – 9.8%
  - ❖ 10-12 Years                            32/505 7%
  - ❖ 13-15 Years                            53/520 12.6%
  - ❖ 16+ Years                              41/262 18.5%
- ❖ Incidence of AVN Twice As High In Females



## CCG-1961 AVN by RER Groups (Age 10+ Yrs)



# AVN Incidence In 16+ Patients Continuous vs. Discontinuous Dexamethasone

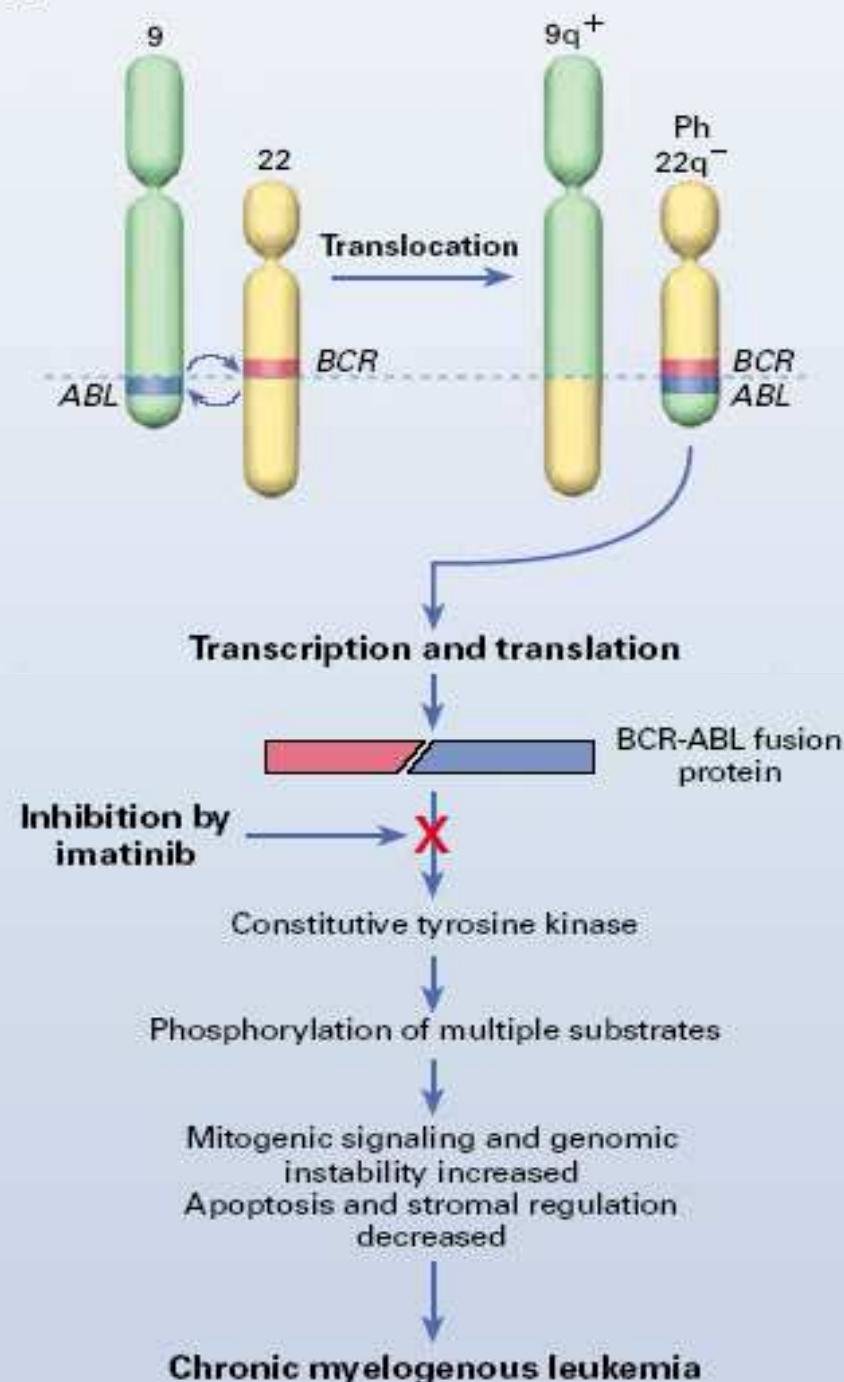


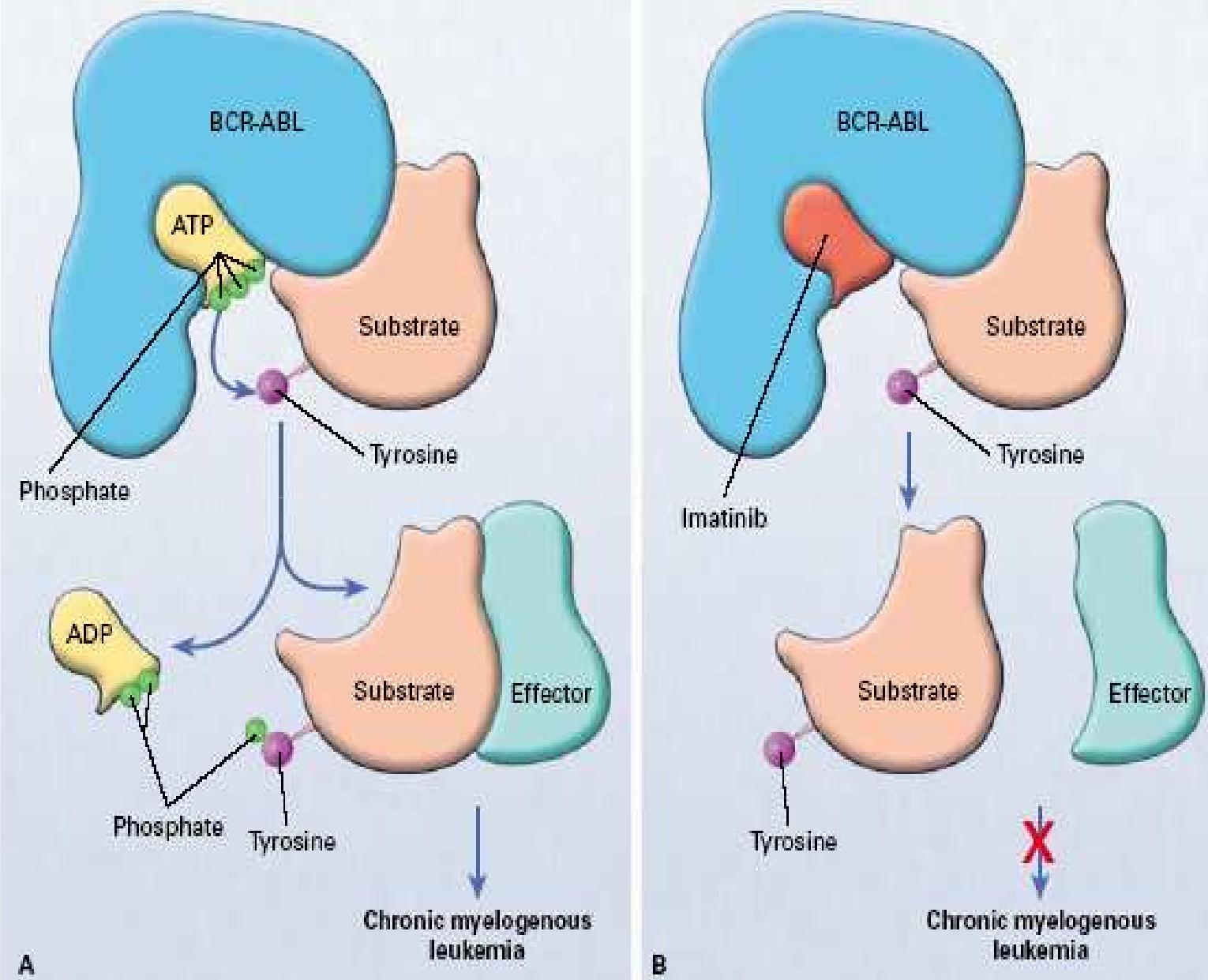
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# **Molecularly Targeted Therapy (MTT)**

- Therapeutic approaches that target molecular alterations or pathways that are specifically (or at least selectively) important in the function/survival of cancer vs. normal cells
- Holds the promise of increased effectiveness and decreased toxicity compared to standard cytotoxic approaches (which affect global cellular processes)

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Savage DG and Antman KH, N Engl J Med, 2002

# Role of imatinib mesylate in good-risk Ph+ ALL

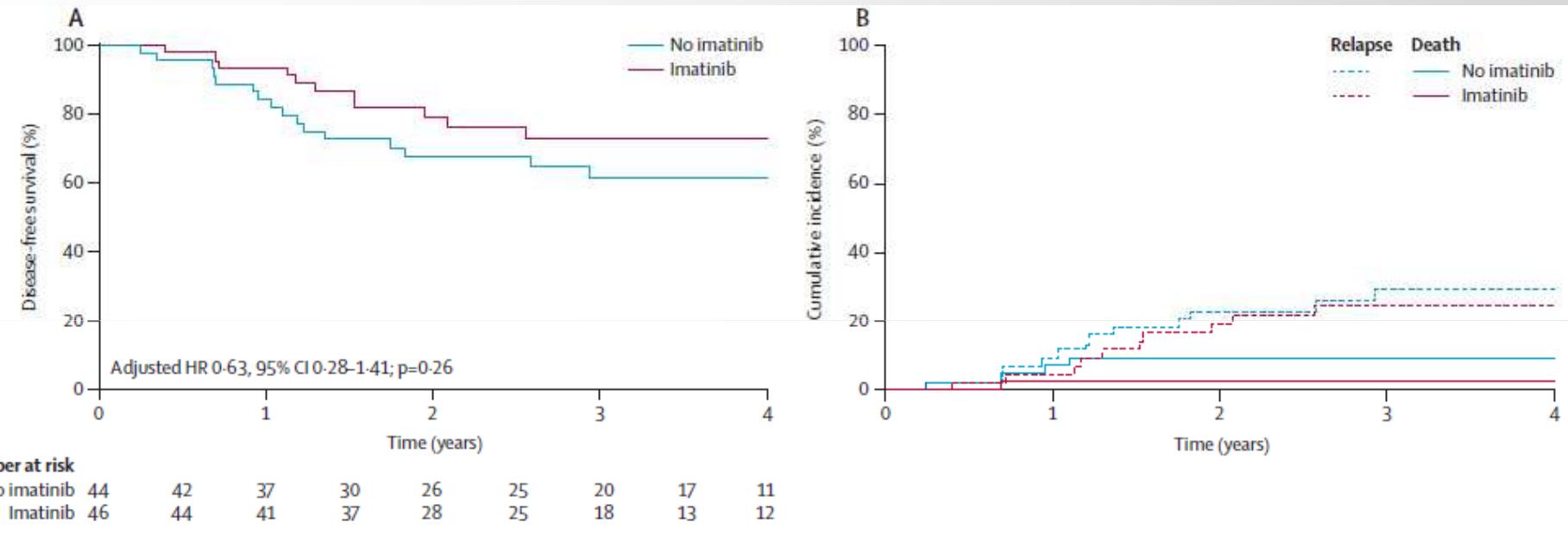
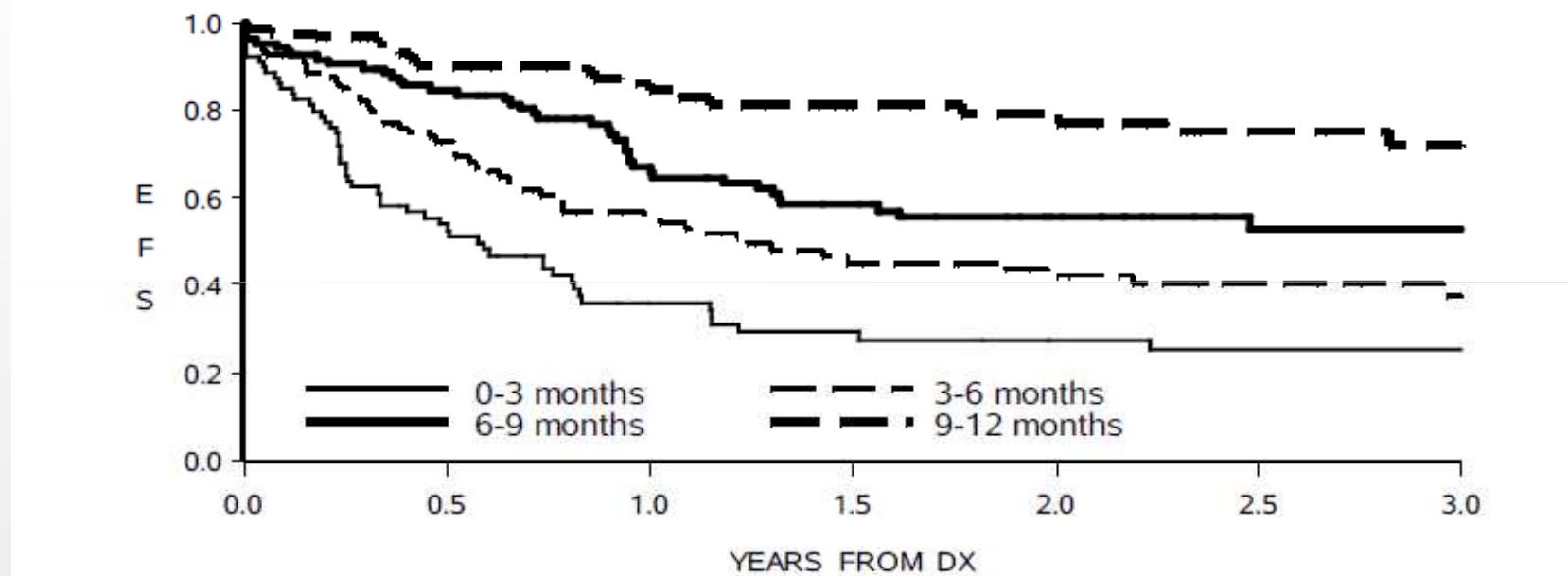


Figure 3: Disease-free survival and cumulative incidence of relapse and of death in continuous complete remission in good risk patients, analysed by intention to treat

A) Disease-free survival. (B) Cumulative incidence of relapse and death continuous complete remission for patients in the good-risk group. One event in a patient in the imatinib group at 6 years after indomisation is omitted (died in continuous complete remission of pulmonary graft-versus-host disease after transplantation).

# ***Interfant-06***

## **EFS by age at diagnosis**



Age at diagnosis	N. pts.	N. events	3-year EFS (SE)	p-value	Interfant99 3-year EFS (SE)
< 3 months	80	53	25.3 (5.5)		27.9 (4.4)
3 - 6 months	108	55	37.6 (5.8)		38.3 (4.6)
6 - 9 months*	108	42	53.0 (5.7)	<0.0001	53.2 (4.6)
9-12 months	89	18	72.1 (6.0)		68.5 (4.1)

# **Factors influencing the prognosis of children with relapsed ALL**

## **Major variables**

- Duration of first CR
- Site of relapse
- Immunophenotype

## **Minor variables**

- Sex
- Age
- PB blast count at time of relapse

# BFM classification of relapsed childhood ALL

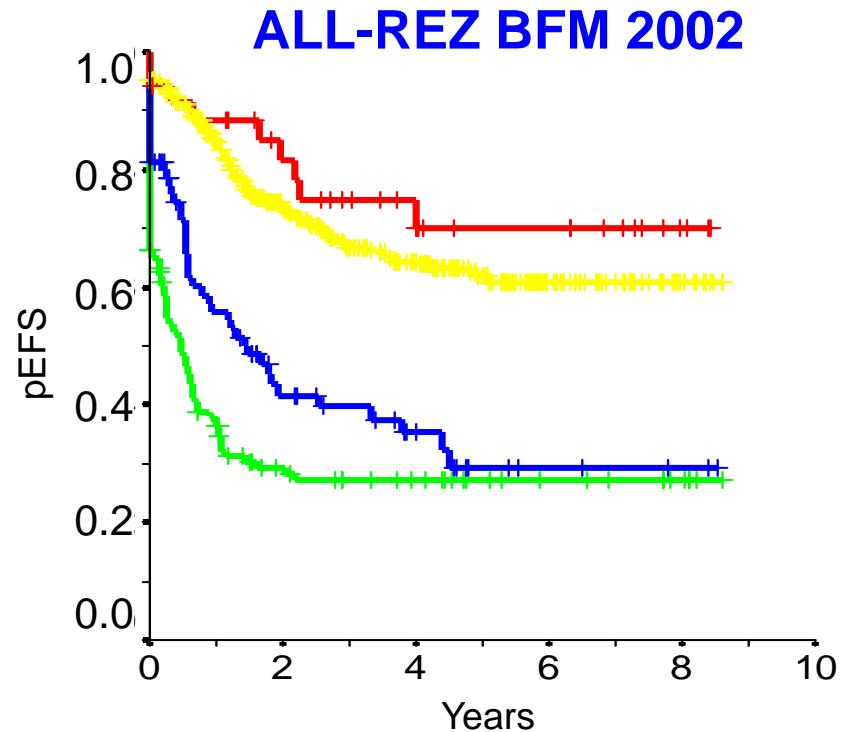
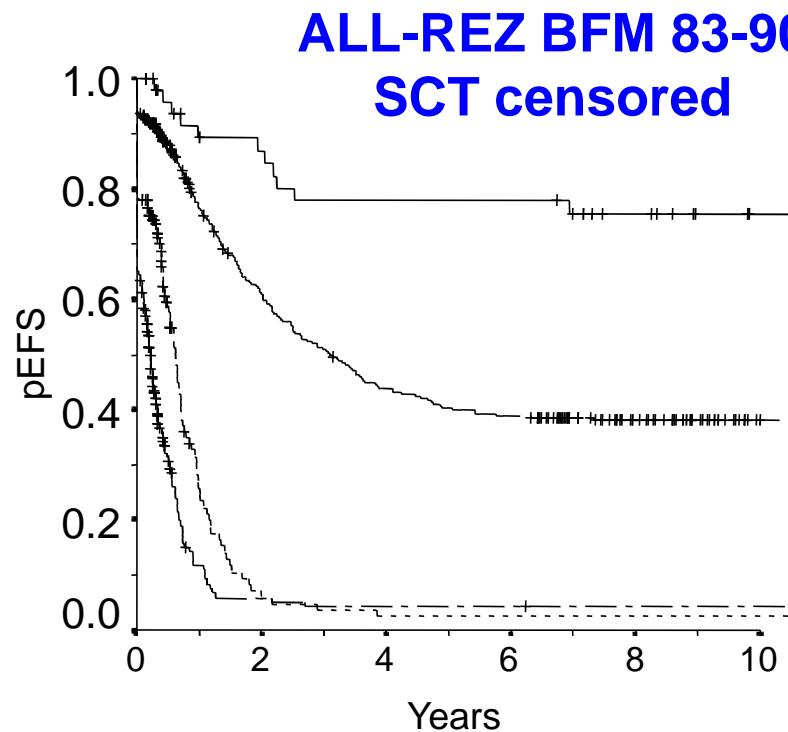
<b>S1 (5%)</b>	1. Late extramedullary relapses. (CR 99%)
<b>S2 (55%)</b>	1. Early extramedullary relapses; 2. Very early extramedullary relapses; 3. Non-T late bone marrow relapses; 4. Non-T combined early / late relapses.
<b>S3</b>	1. Non-T early bone marrow relapses. (CR 80-85%)
<b>S4</b>	1. Very early bone marrow relapses; 2. Very early combined relapses; (CR 70-75%) 3. T phenotype bone marrow relapses.

- **Very early relapse:** < 18 months from diagnosis.
- **Early relapse:** ≥ 18 months from diagnosis, but < 6 months from treatment discontinuation.
- **Late relapse:** ≥ 6 months from treatment discontinuation.

# EFS of childhood relapsed ALL

## ALL-REZ BFM 83-90 (SCT censored)

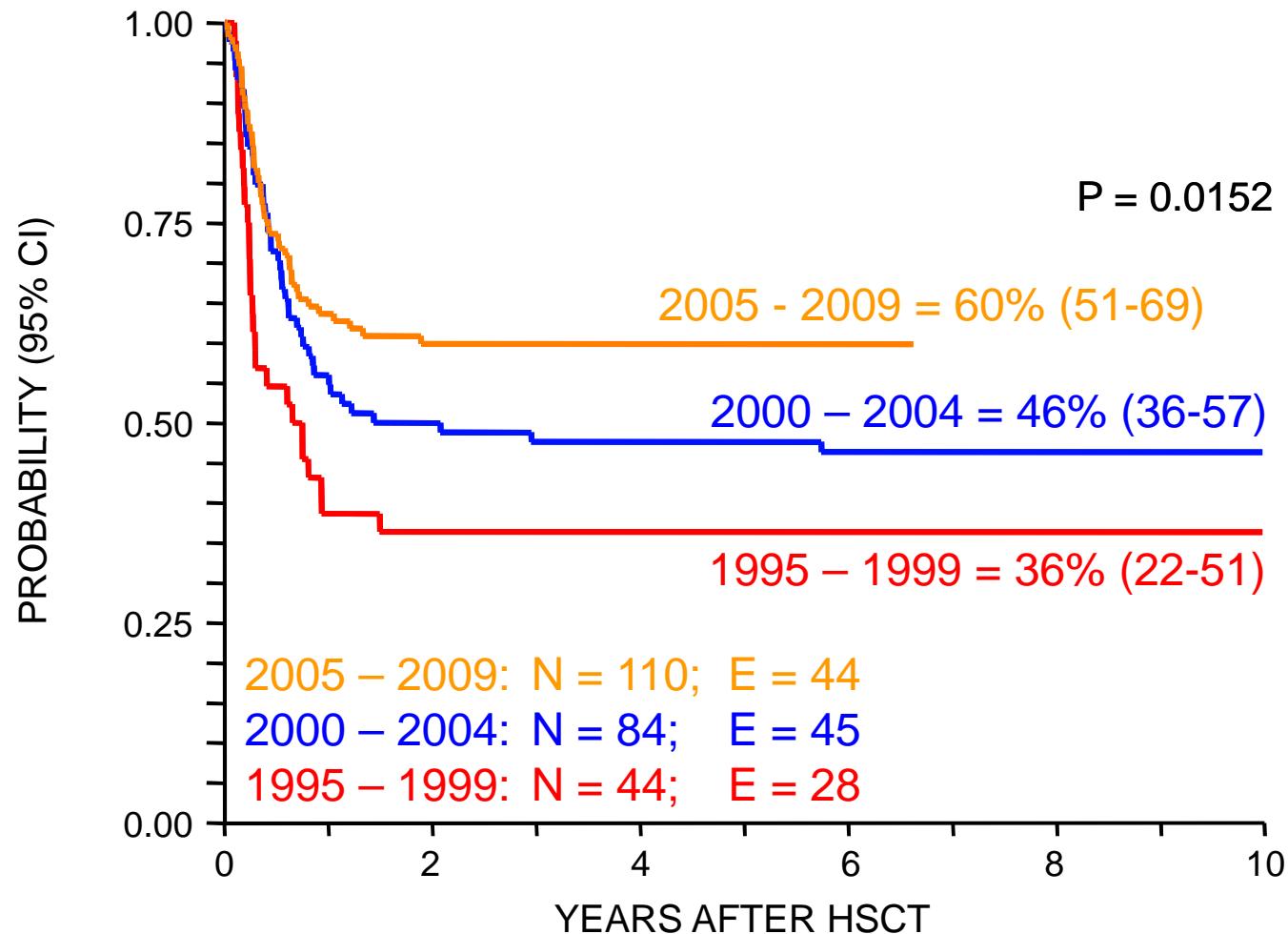
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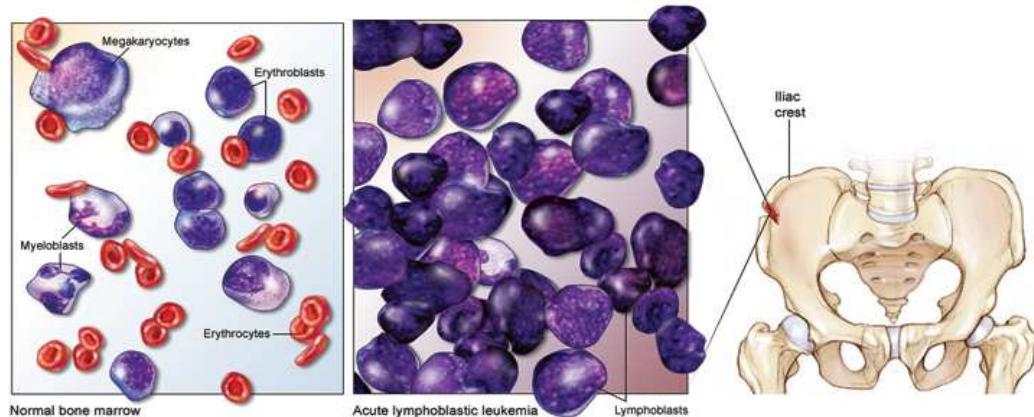


# ALL in 2<sup>nd</sup> CR – MUD HSCT

## Disease-free survival by year of HSCT



# Antibody-Based Therapy for ALL



# Advantages of mAbs

- Greater specificity in targeting tumour cells
- Mechanisms of action that are distinct from conventional chemotherapy
- Their generally favourable safety profile

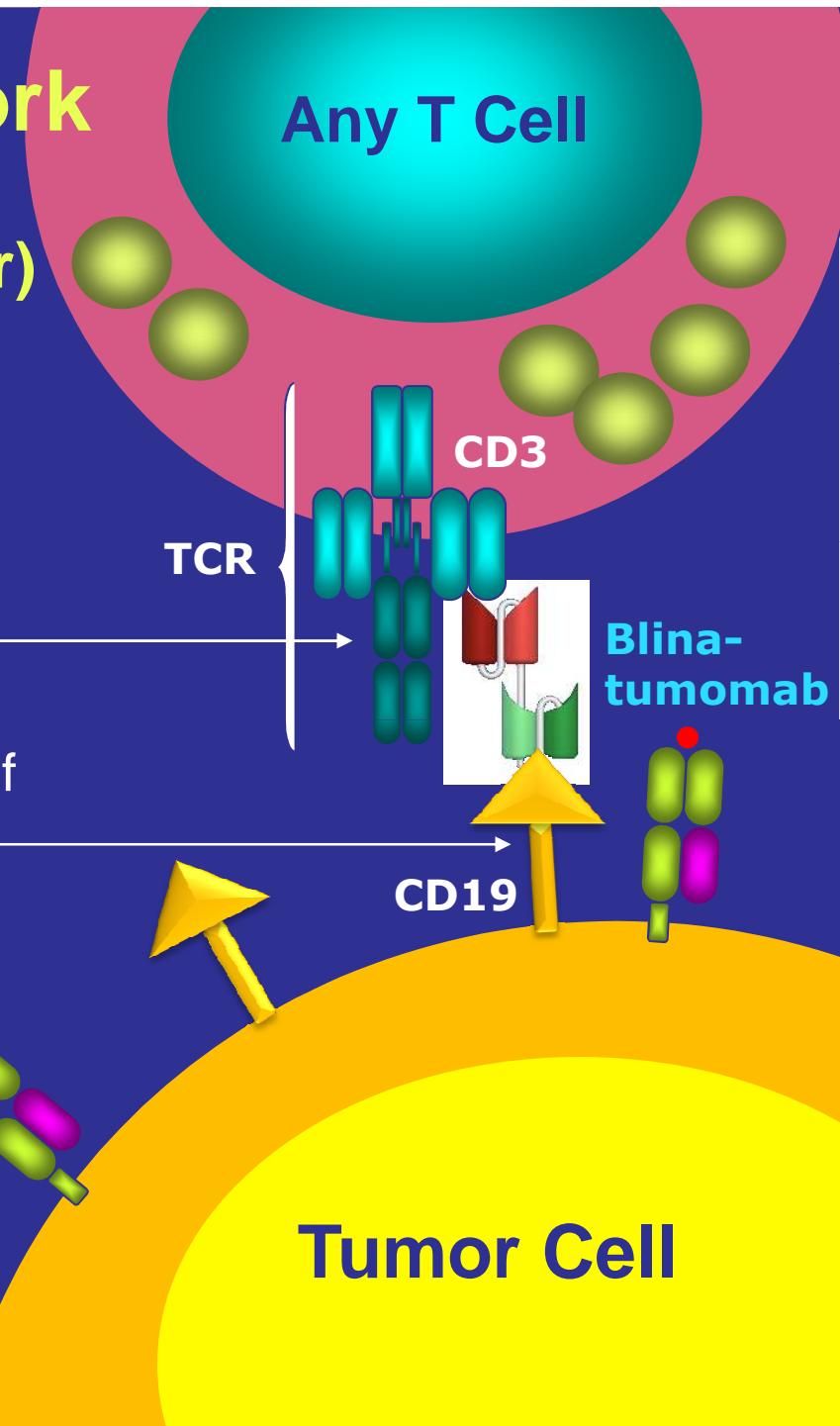
# How BiTE® Antibodies Work

(BiTE® = Bi-specific T-Cell Engager)

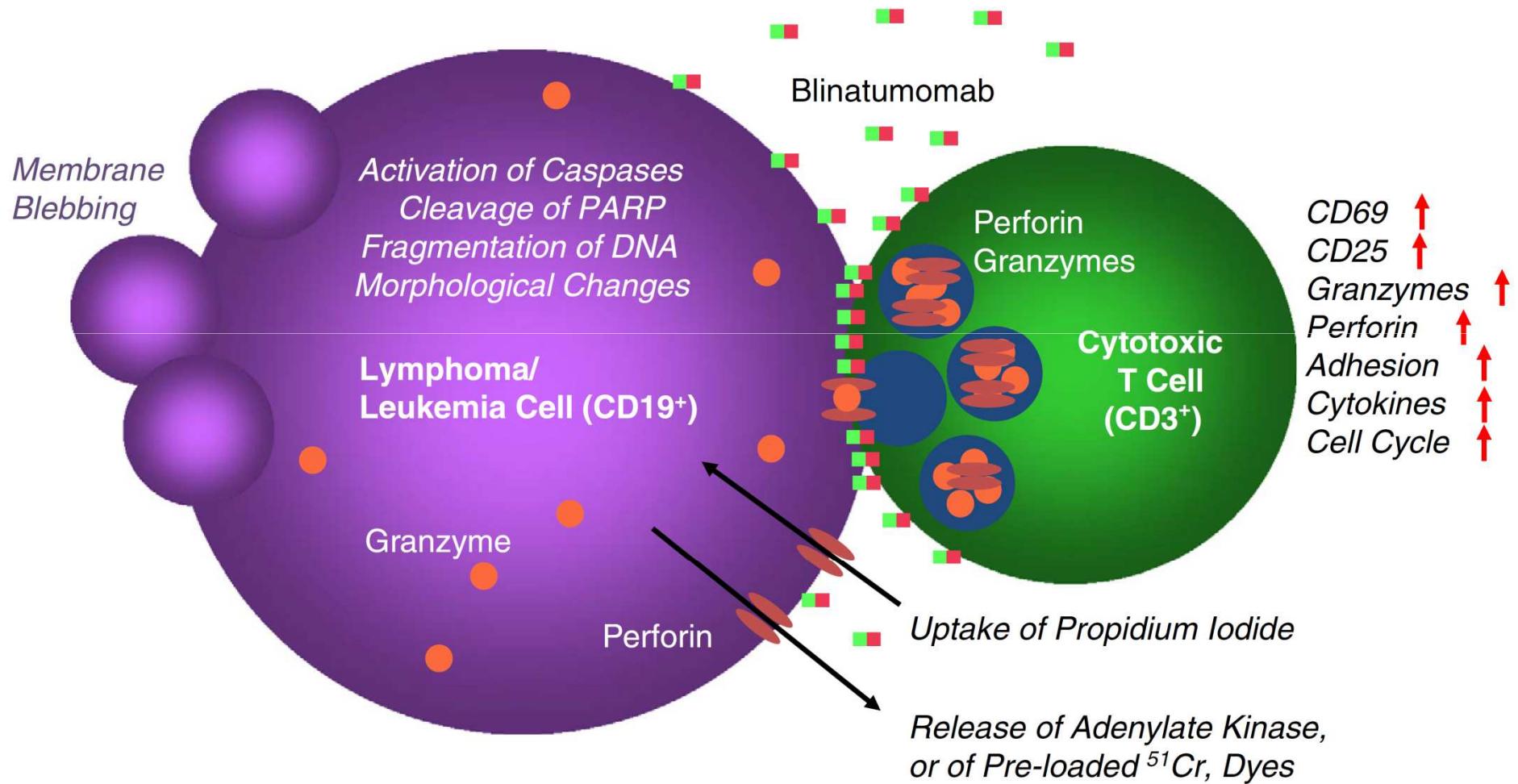
Act independently of  
specificity of T Cell  
Receptor (TCR)

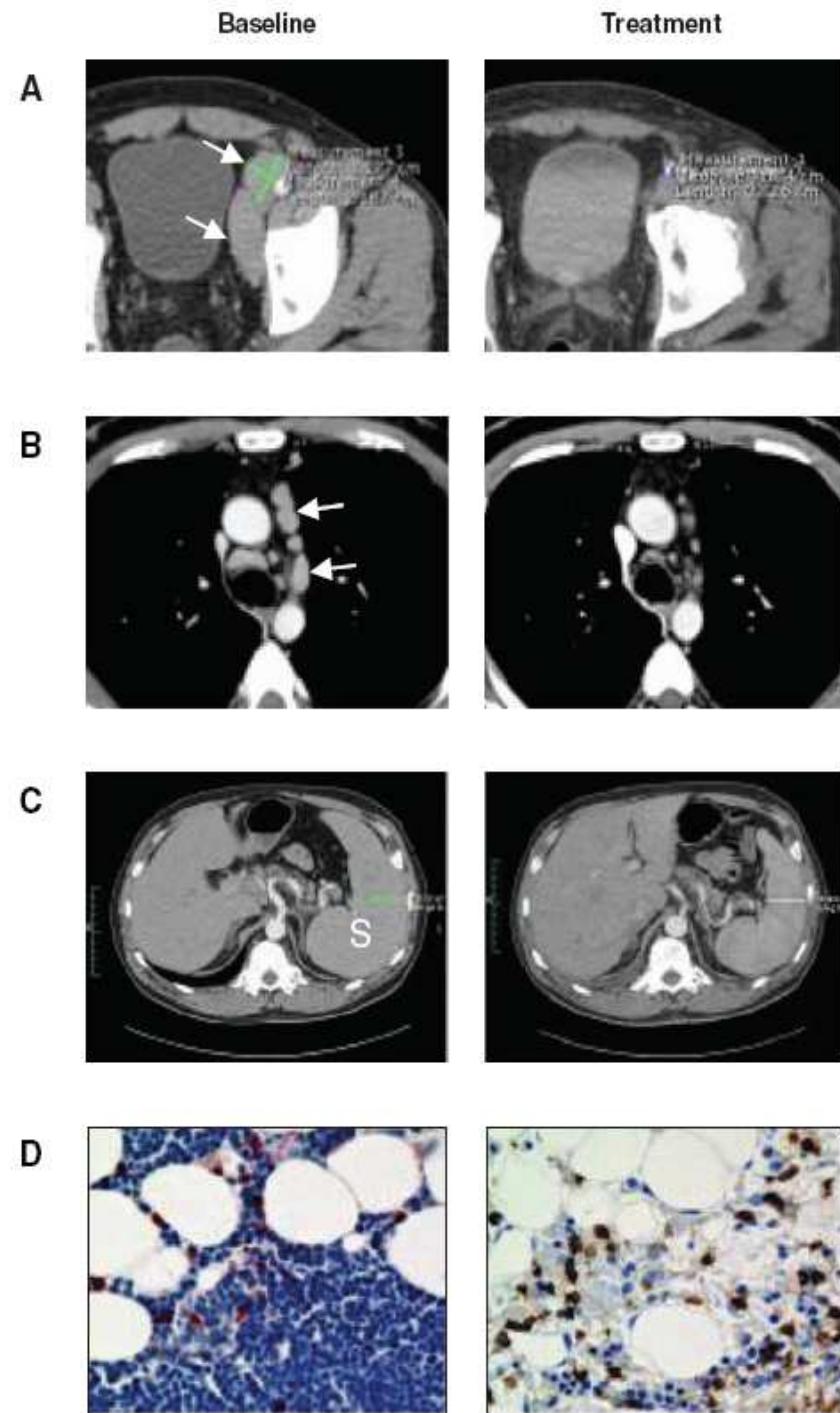
Allow T cells recognition of  
tumor-associated  
surface antigen (TAA)

Do not require  
MHC Class I and/or  
peptide antigen



# Modes of action





Bargou R, et al.  
Science 2008

## Response Data

Number of Patients Included in Study	Number of Patients Evaluable for Response Assessment	Number of Patients Reaching MRD Negativity (N)	MRD Response Rate
21	20*	16	80%

\*One patient not evaluable due to less than one treatment cycle and lack of response assessment

### Responders include

- Three out of 5 patients with Philadelphia (bcr/abl) positive ALL including one patient with T315I mutated ALL
- One out of 2 patients with t(4/11) ALL

### Transplantation after blinatumomab treatment

- Five responders
- Two non-responders

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# Clinical Trial MT103-205

**A Single-Arm Multicenter Phase II Study preceded by Dose Evaluation to Investigate the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of the BiTE® Antibody Blinatumomab (MT103) in Pediatric and Adolescent Patients with Relapsed/Refractory B-Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)**



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  - Arend von Stackelberg, Germany
  - Franco Locatelli, Italy
  - Michel Zwaan, The Netherlands
  - Lia Gore, USA

# **Cytological and molecular remissions with blinatumomab treatment in second or later bone marrow relapse in pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)**

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# Best Response Within 2 Cycles

Response (n)	Dose Cohort ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{day}$ )				
	5 (n=5)	15 (n=7)	30 (n=5)	15 / 30 (n=6)	Total (N=23)
CR / CRi }	3 }	3 }	2 }	1 }	9 (39%) }
MRD(–)	3 }	3 }	2 }	1 }	9 (39%) }
PR	1	—	—	—	1 (4%)
SD	1	3	—	2	6 (26%)
PD	0	0	2	1	3 (13%)
Aplastic	0	0	0	1	1 (4%)
Not available*	0	1	1	1	3 (13%)

CR/Cri, complete remission/complete remission with incomplete hematological recovery

MRD(–), MRD  $<10^{-4}$  by PCR testing of individual rearrangements of Ig or TCR genes (central lab)

PD, progressive disease; PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease

\*Data missing due to lacking bone marrow assessment (patient discontinued study after serious adverse event)

**Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end, but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.....**

