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# La leucemia linfoblastica acuta del bambino: storia di un successo terapeutico

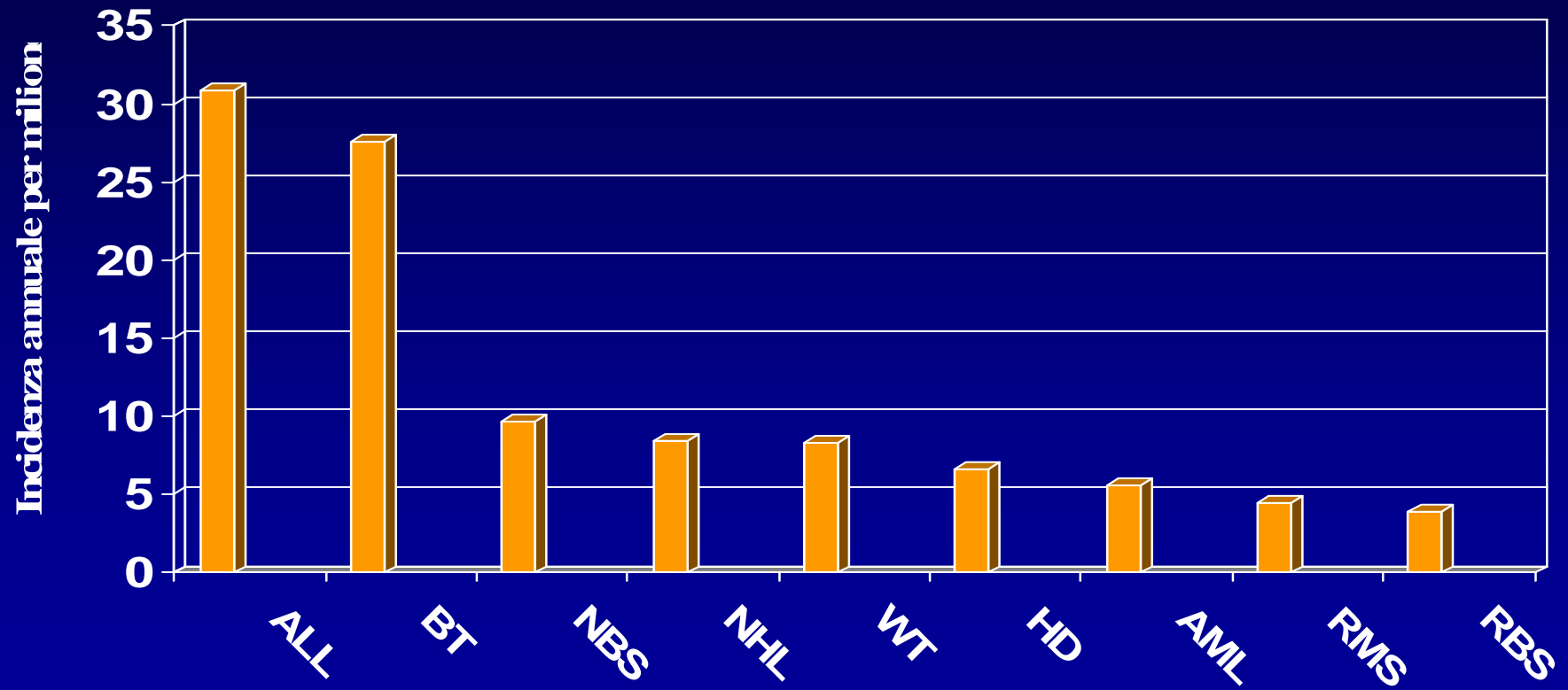
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# Incidenza annuale dei tumori dell'età pediatrica

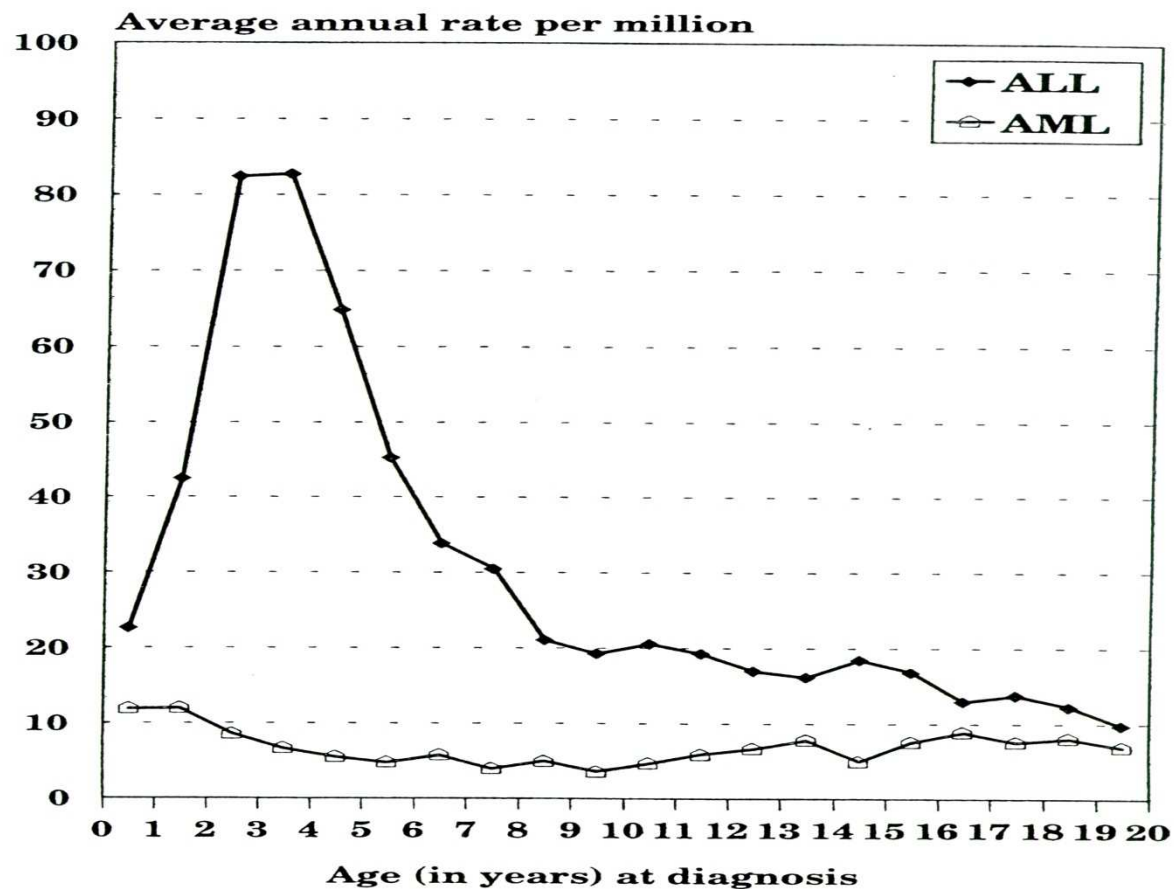


# CHILDHOOD ACUTE LEUKEMIA

- 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;
- With the remarkable exception of Down-Syndrome patients, there is no genetic predisposition to develop acute leukemia.

# 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

2-4 anni

Predominanza dei  
maschi

# Presentation of childhood leukemia

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

# LLA-Caratteristiche cliniche alla diagnosi

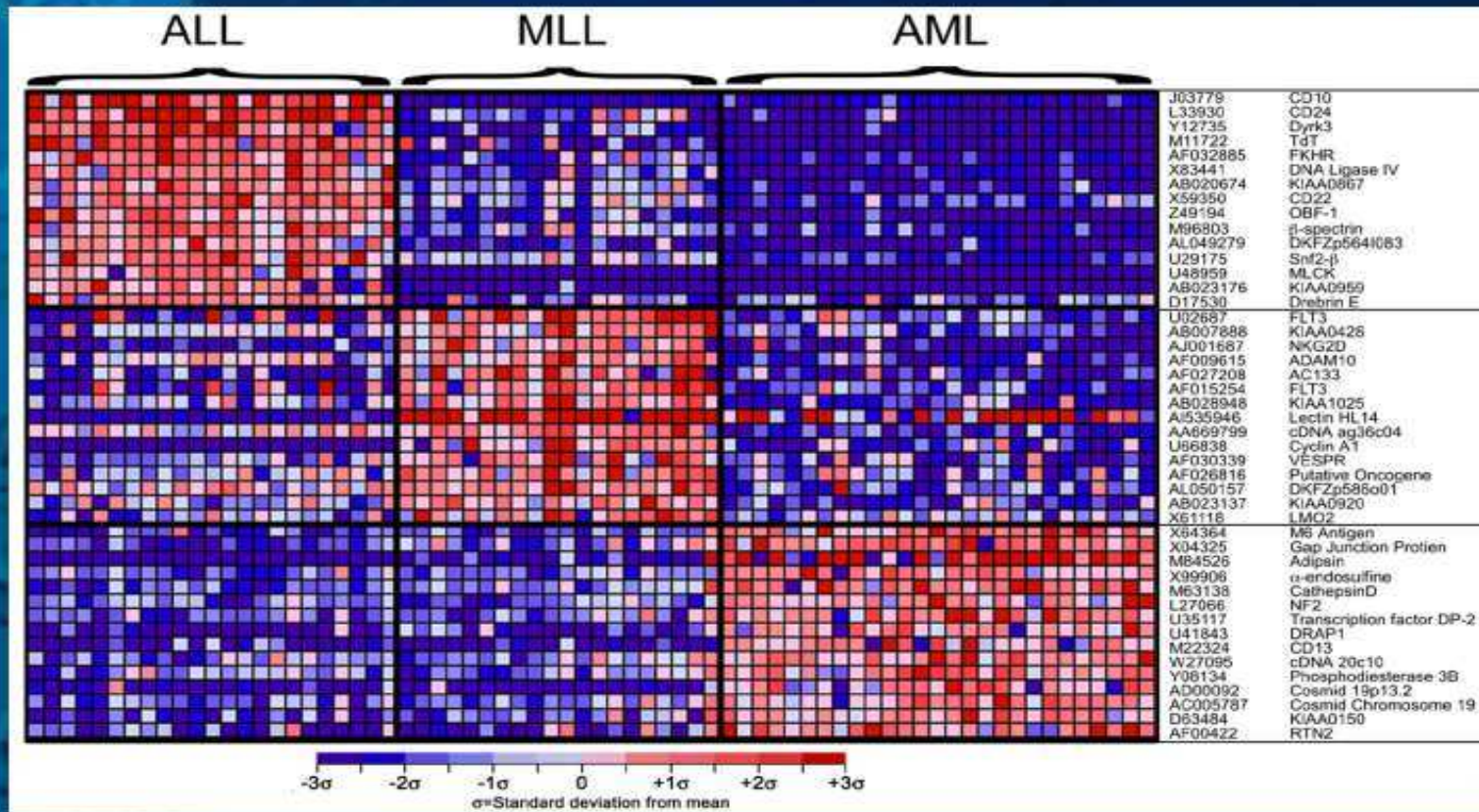
<u>Caratteristica</u>	<u>Percentuale di casi</u>
Febbre	61
Petecchie/Porpora	48
Dolori osteo-articolari	25
Linfadenopatia	50
Splenomegalia	63
Epatomegalia	68

# 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 (mm <sup>3</sup> )	
< 20K	28
20 - < 100K	47
> 100K	25

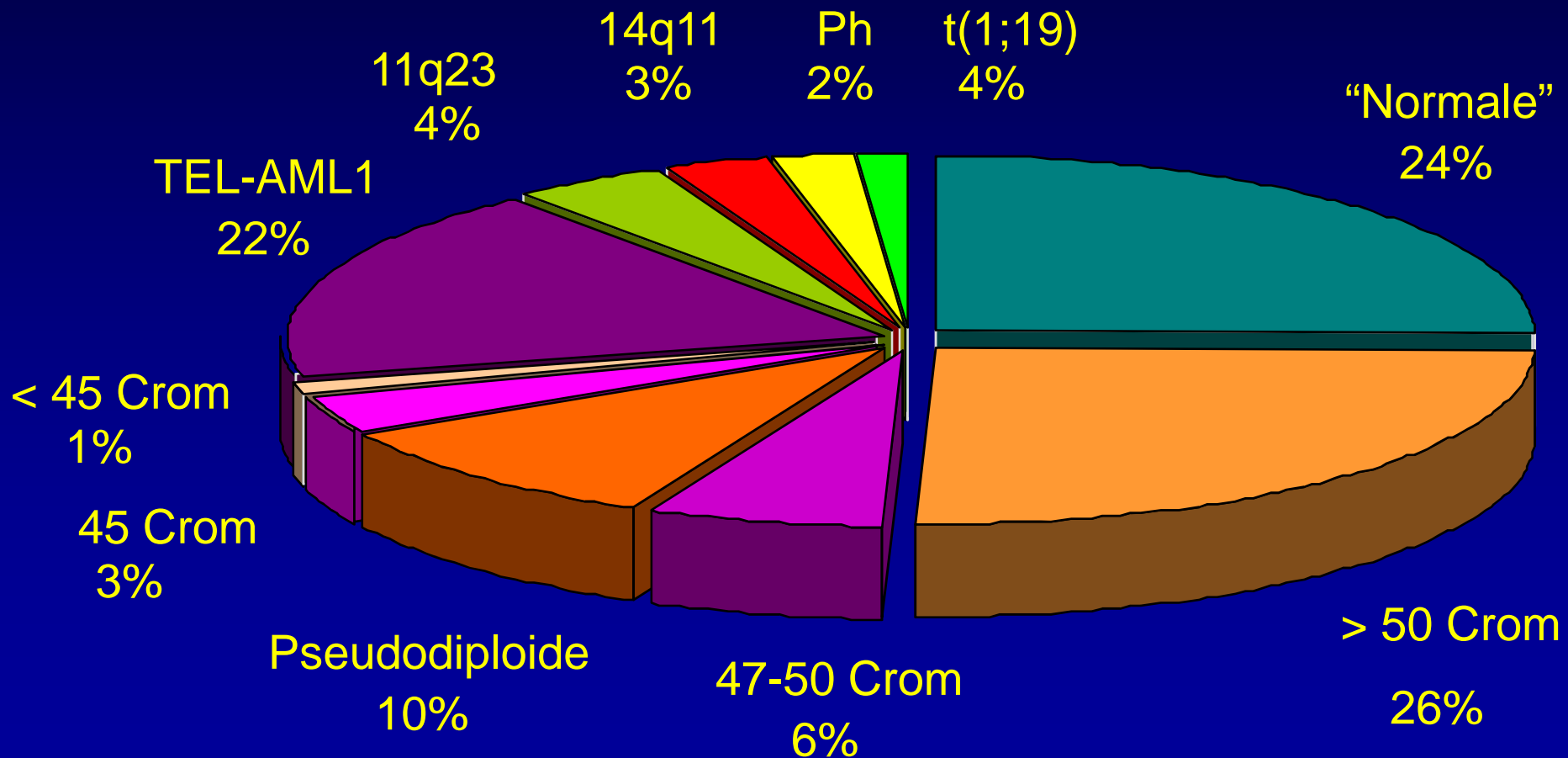


# Classifying AML, ALL and MLL

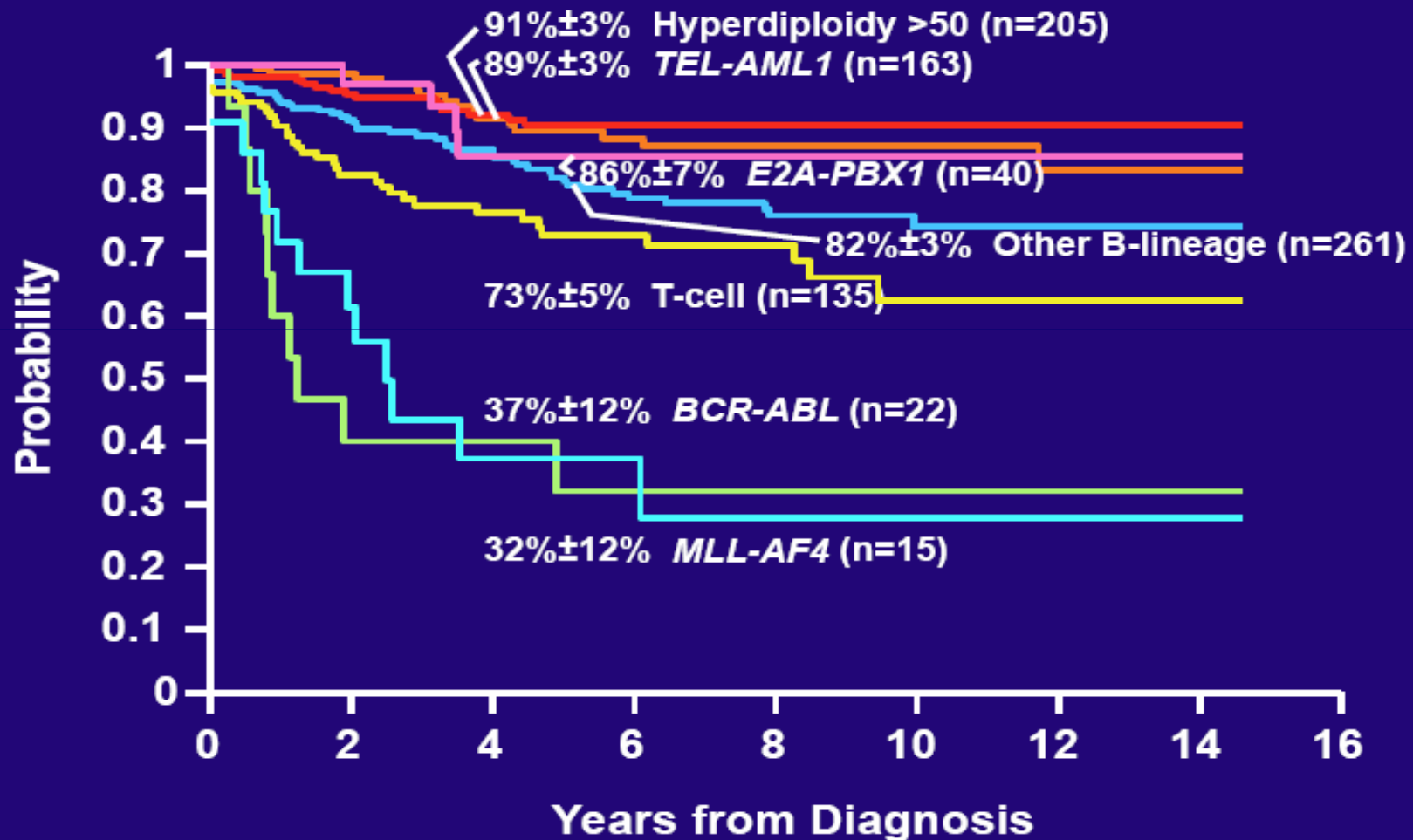


**> 95%  
correct  
diagnoses**

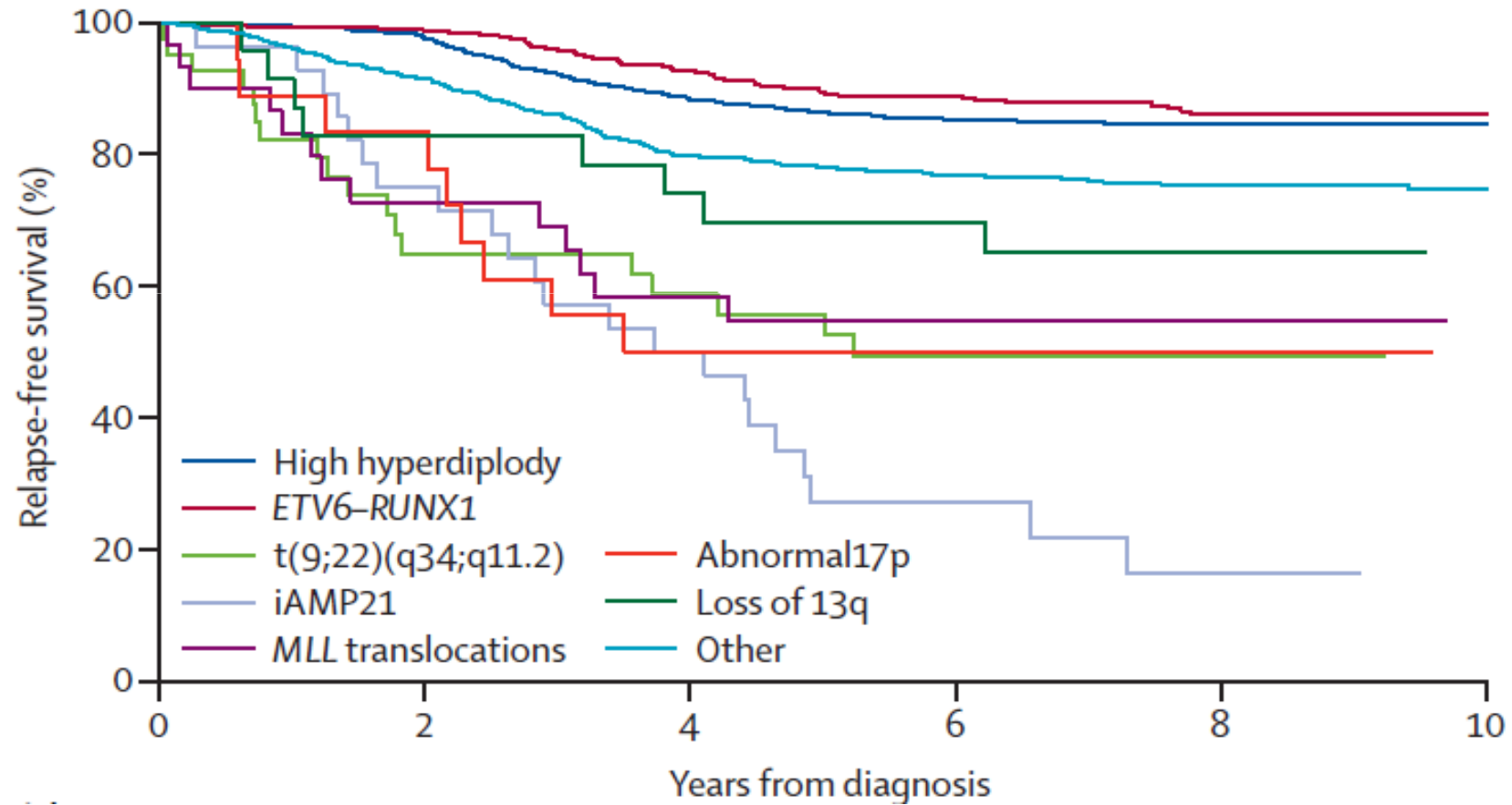
# Eterogeneità genetica nella LLA dell'infanzia



# EFS According to Genotype and Phenotype



# The impact of a more sophisticated cytogenetic classification



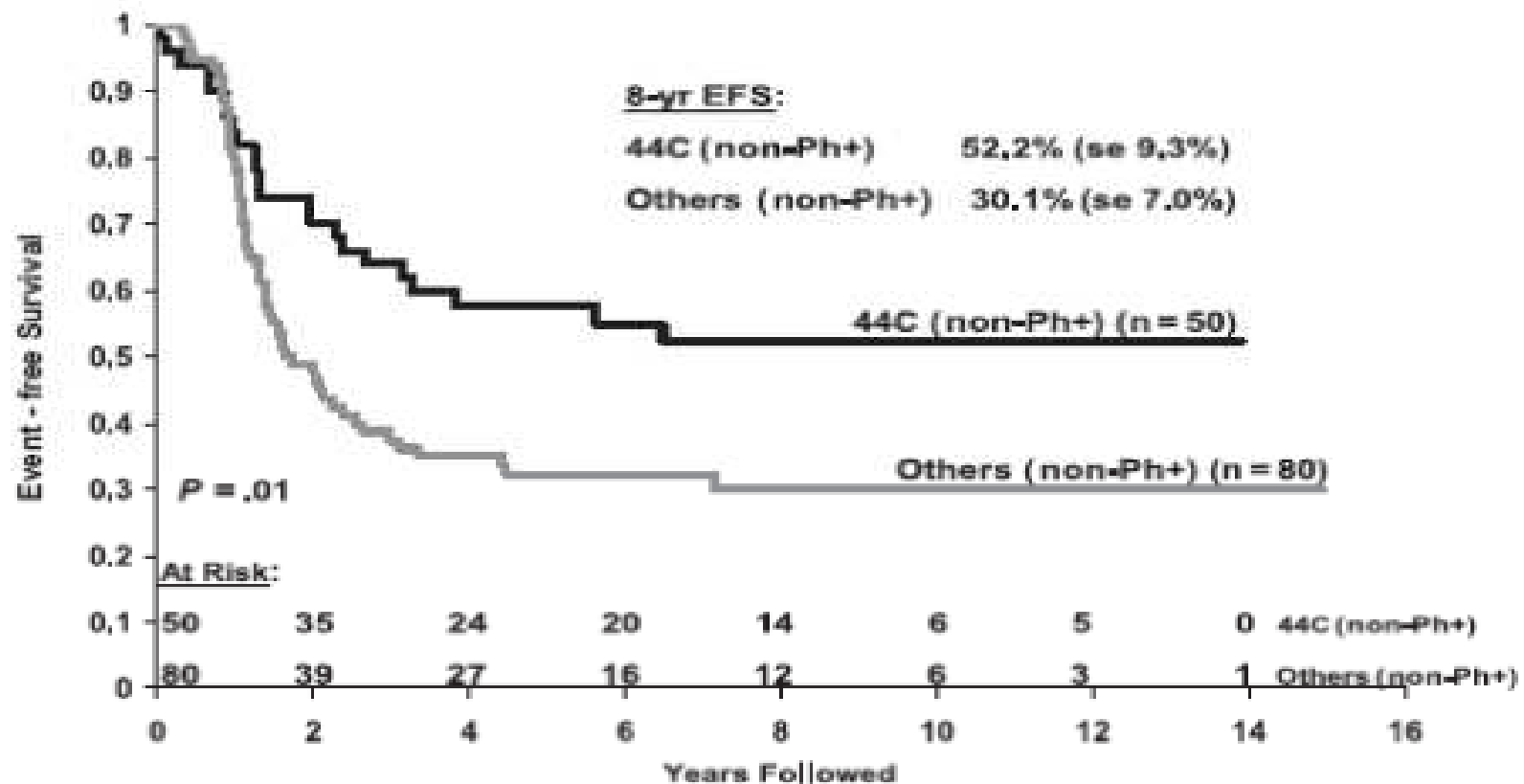
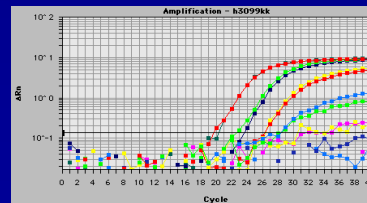
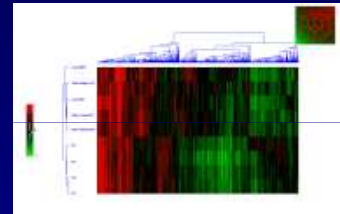
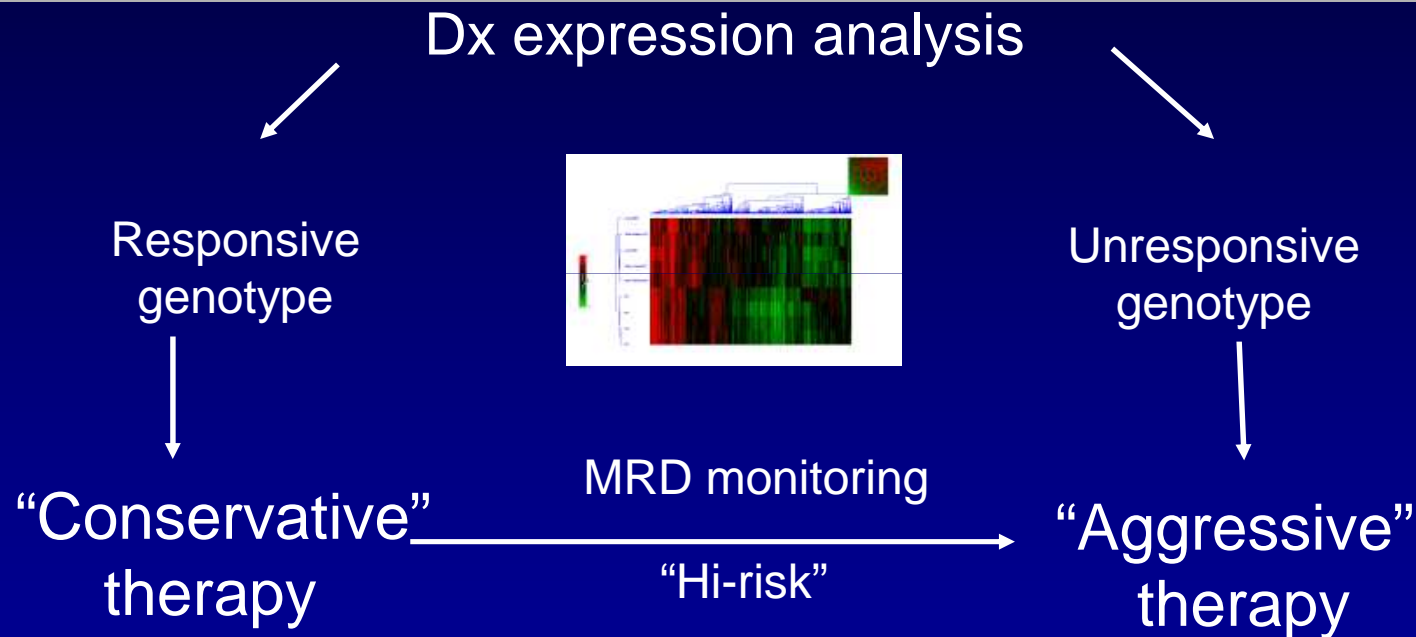


Figure 3. Comparison of EFS for non-Ph<sup>+</sup> hypodiploid patients with 44 chromosomes or fewer than 44 chromosomes.

# Concepts of *Today* for the *Future*: Optimizing Therapy

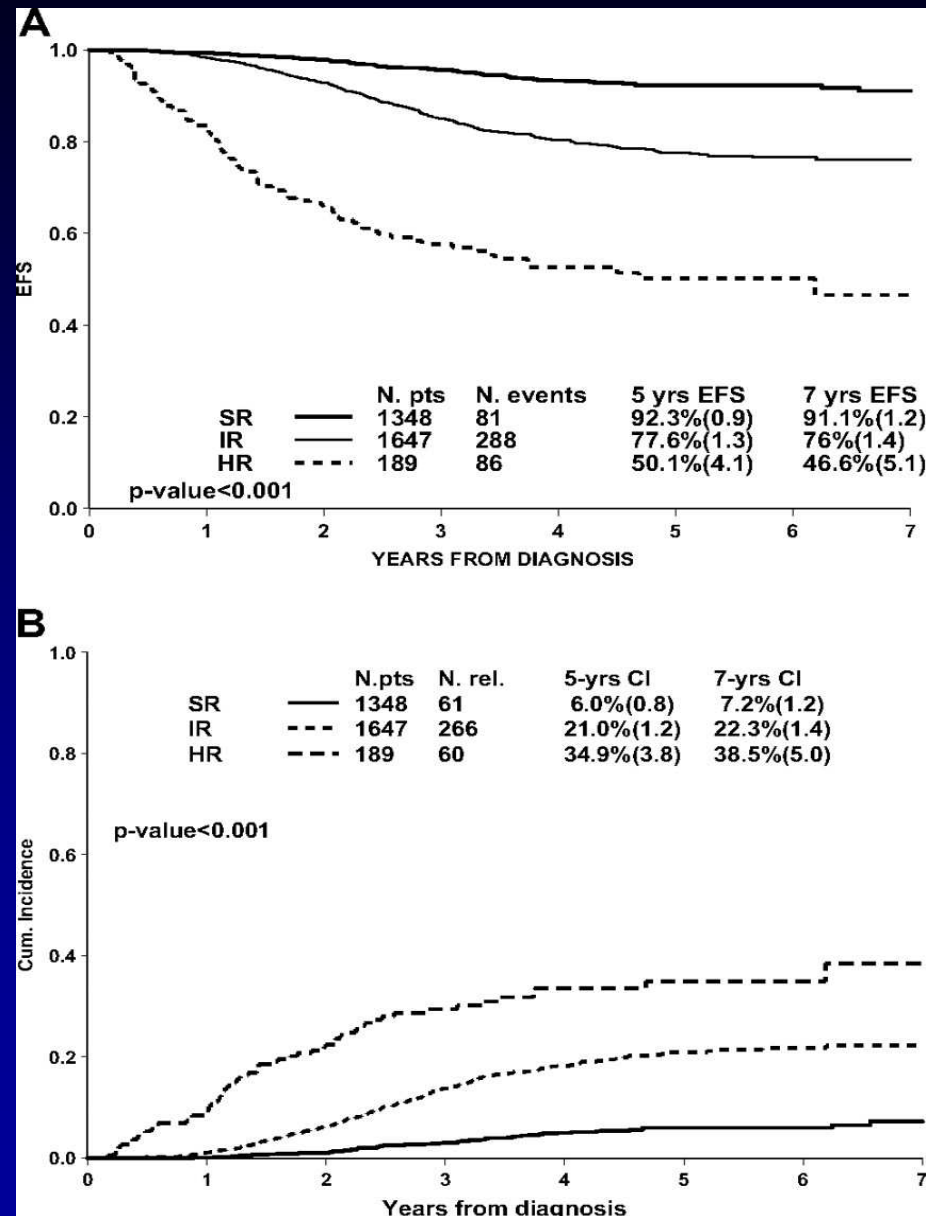
Define the molecular specific response profile



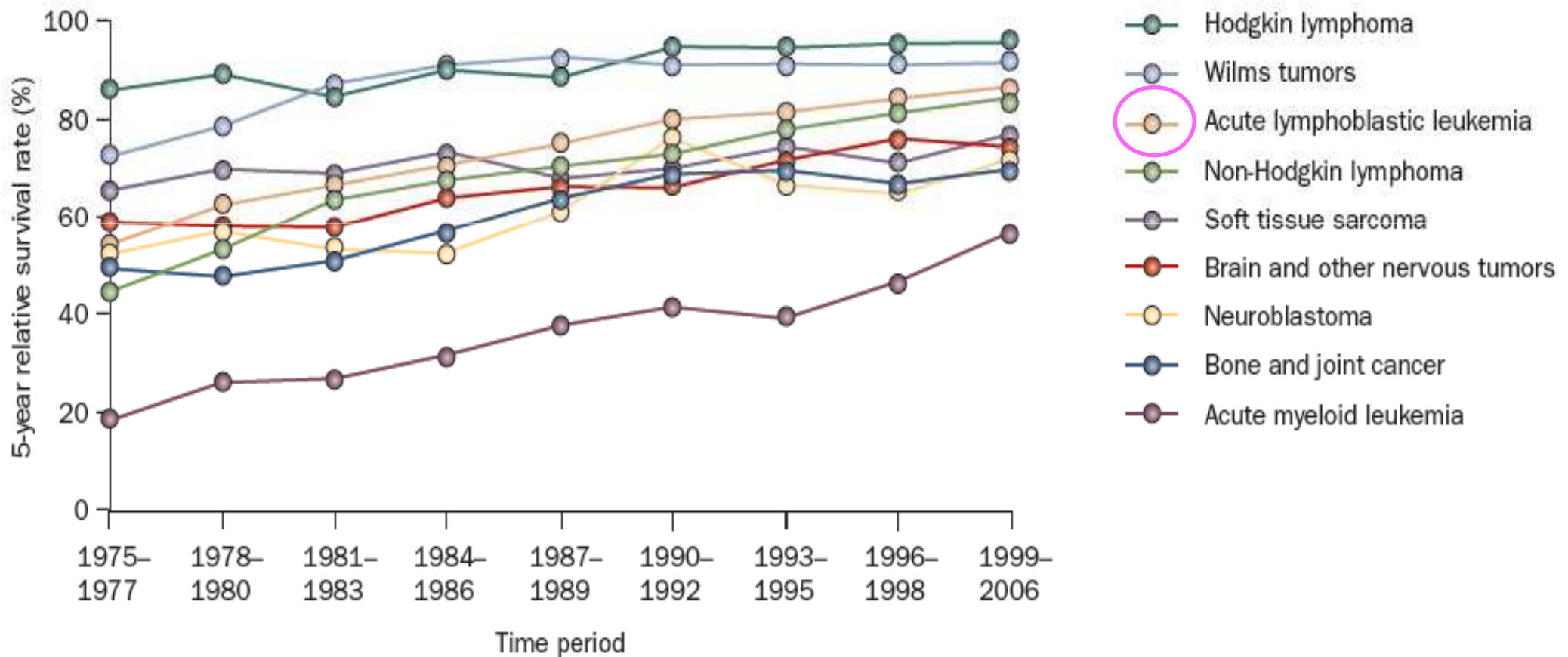
Molecular response to treatment redefines all prognostic factors in children and adolescents with B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia: results in 3184 patients of the AIEOP-BFM ALL 2000 study

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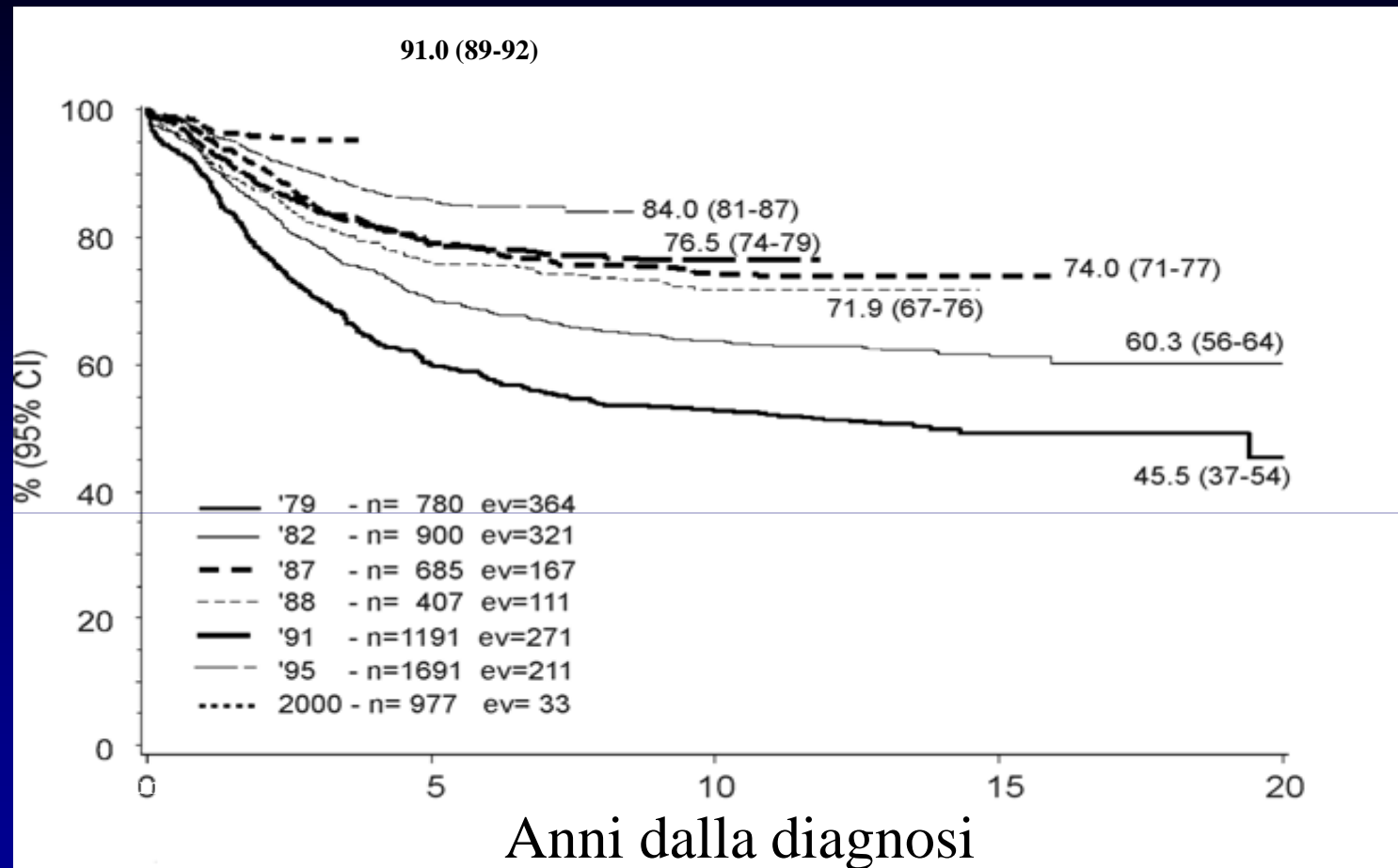
**Event-free survival (A) and cumulative incidence of relapse (B) according to PCR-MRD classification in 3184 pB-ALL patients**



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



# PROTOCOLLI AIEOP PER LEUCEMIE LINFOBLASTICHE ACUTE



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
977	0	0	0	- 2000



# TRATTAMENTO MULTIDISCIPLINARE ARMONICO e INTEGRATO

Supporto organizzativo

Supporto  
sociale

CHIRURGIA

RADIO  
TERAPIA

Supporto  
metabolico

Supporto  
psicologico

LENI  
TERAPIA

Supporto  
Spec.Org.

CHEMIO  
TERAPIA

IMMUNO  
TERAPIA

Supporto  
anti-infettivo

Supporto  
trasfusionale

Supporto  
immunologico

# LLA: elementi del trattamento polichemioterapico

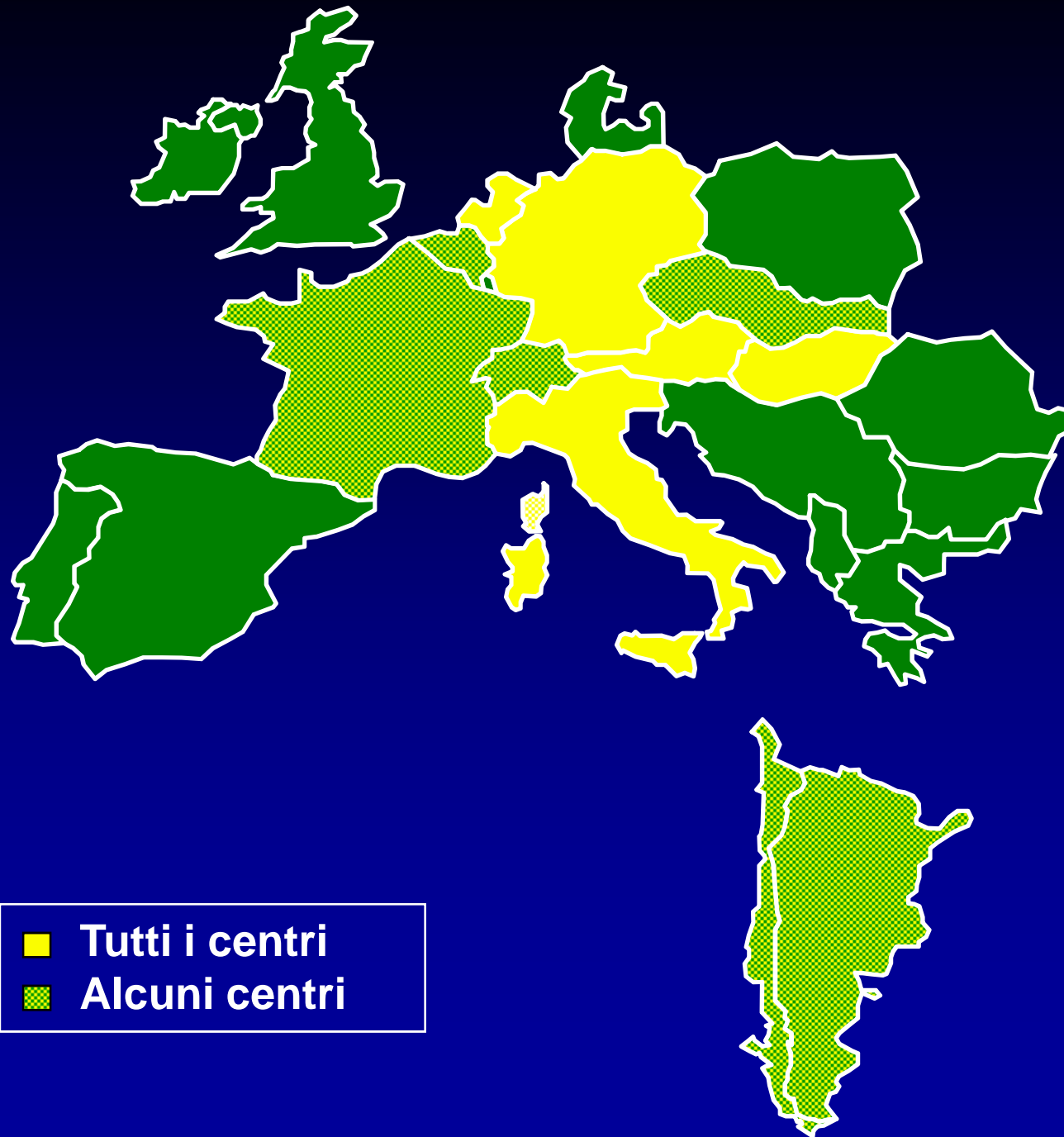
- Fase citoriduttiva e di induzione della remissione
- Necessità di consolidare il risultato ottenuto con la fase di Induzione.
- Reinduzione
- Trattamento specifico sul Sistema Nervoso Centrale
- Mantenimento

# International BFM Study Group

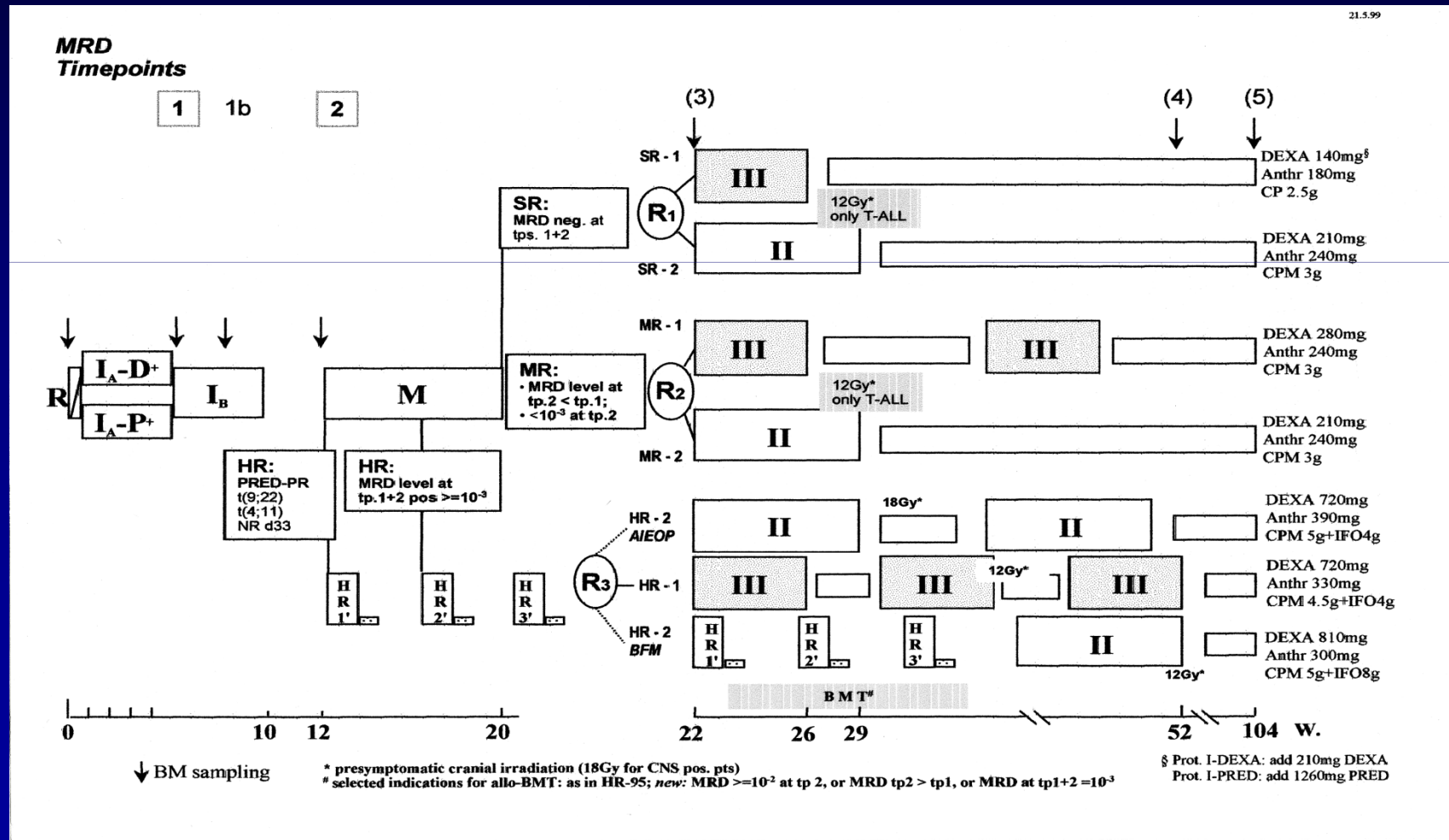
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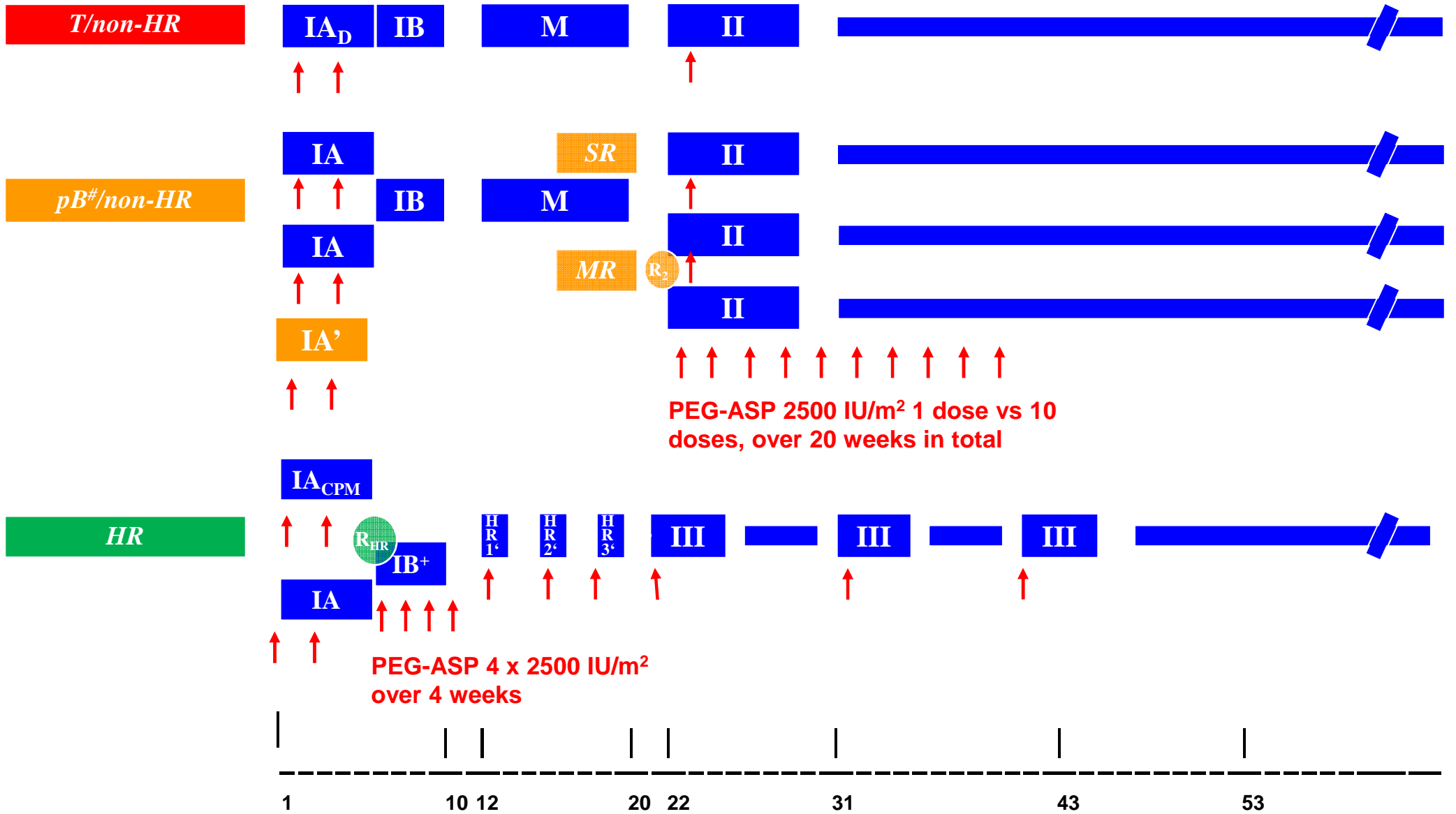
**■ Tutti i centri**  
**■ Alcuni centri**



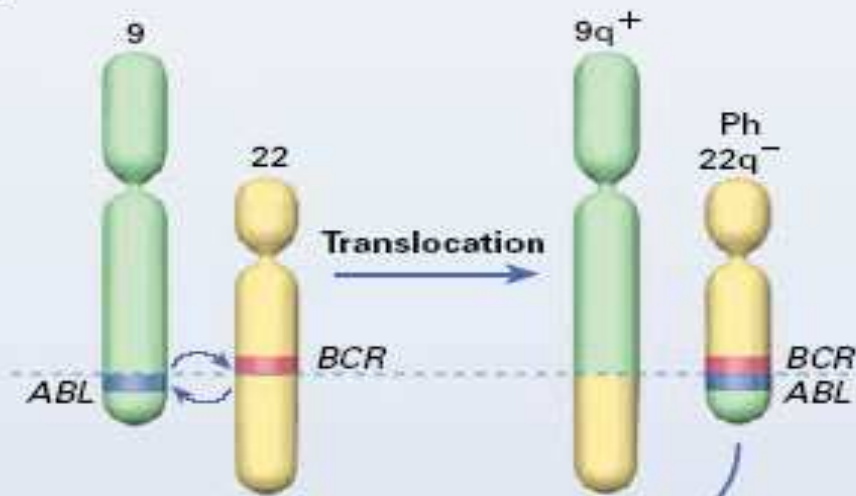
# Protocollo AIEOP/BFM-ALL 2000



# AIEOP-BFM ALL 2009 outline **with randomized studies**



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Transcription and translation



Inhibition by imatinib

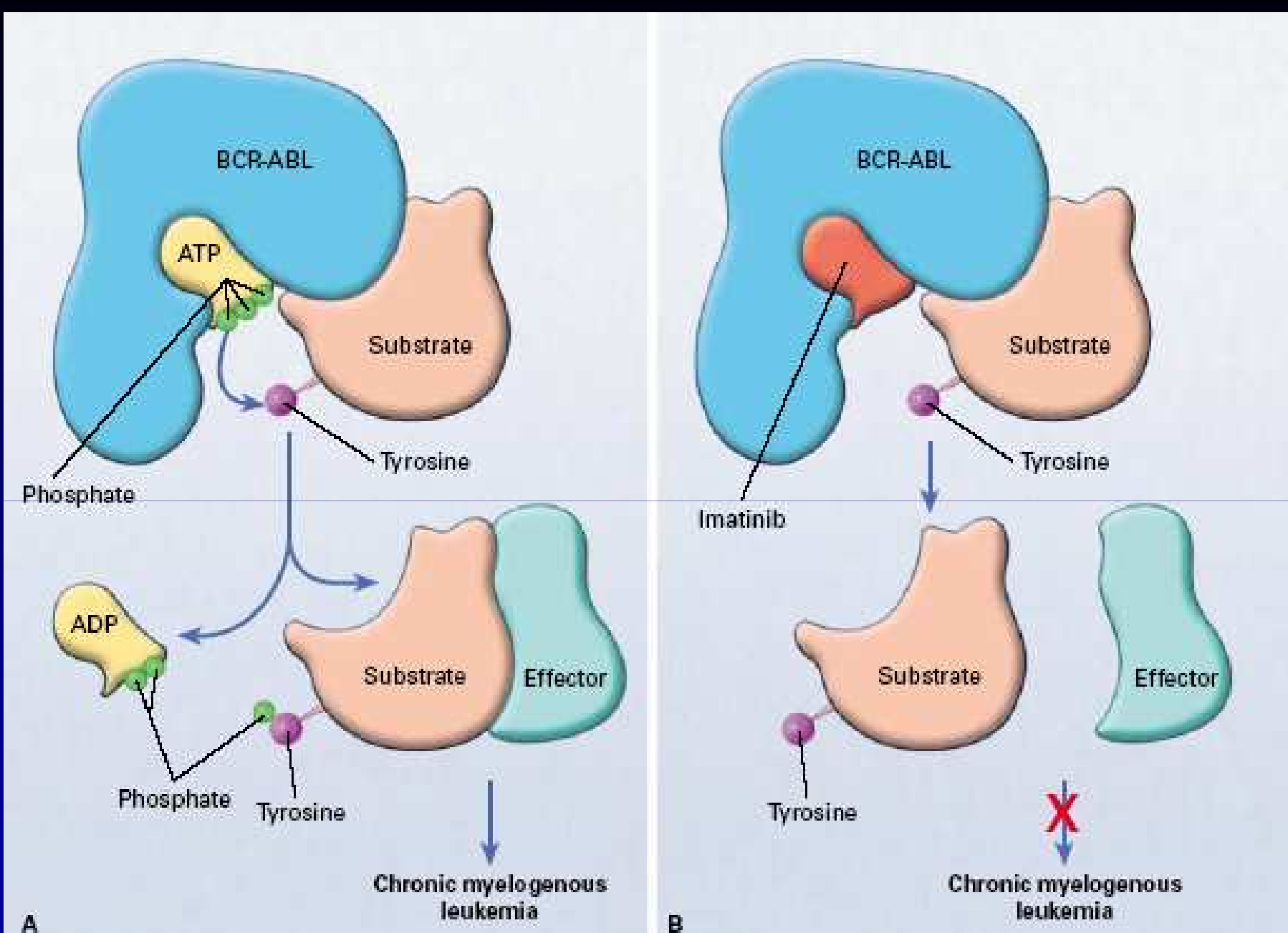


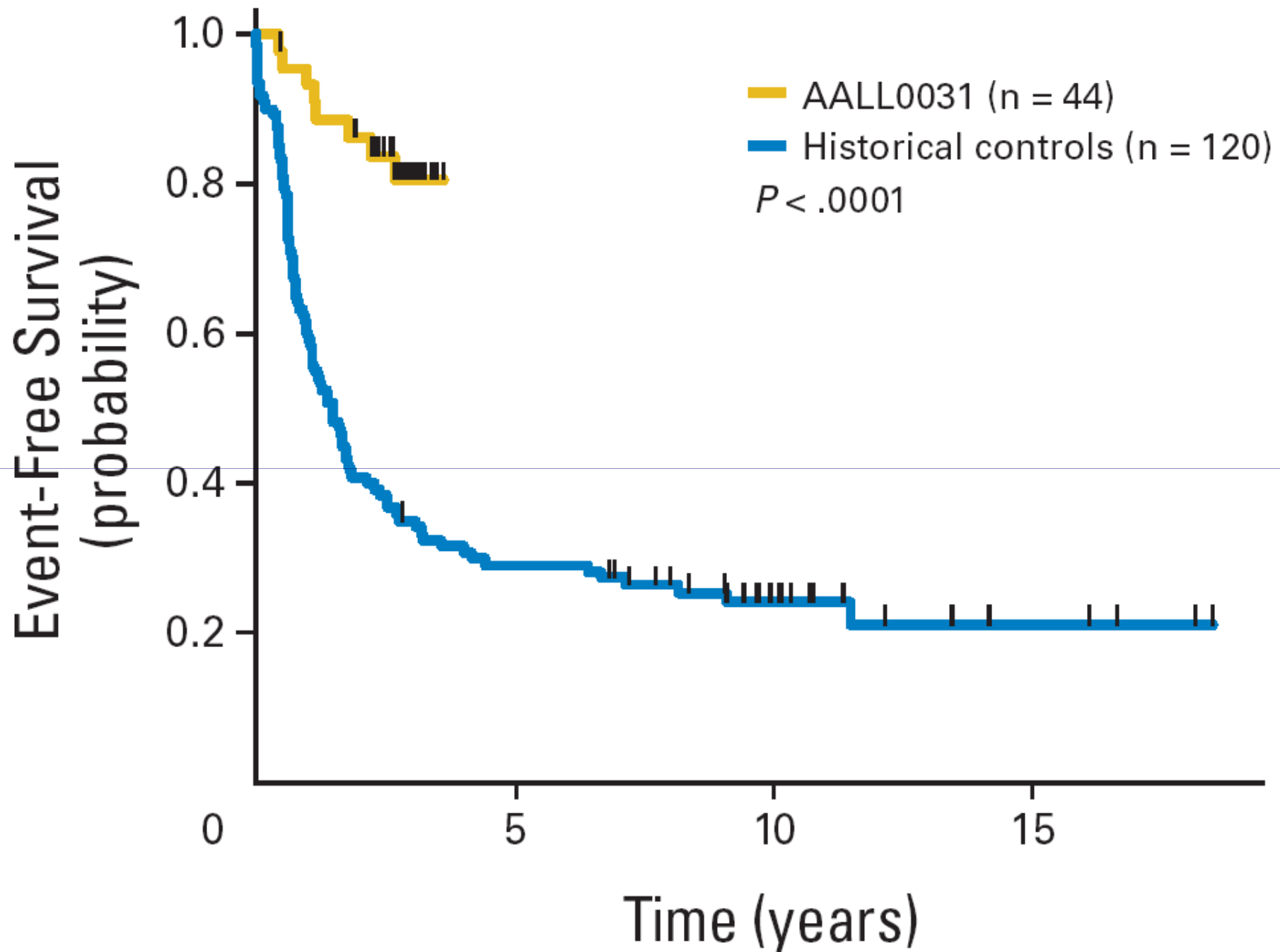
Constitutive tyrosine kinase

Phosphorylation of multiple substrates

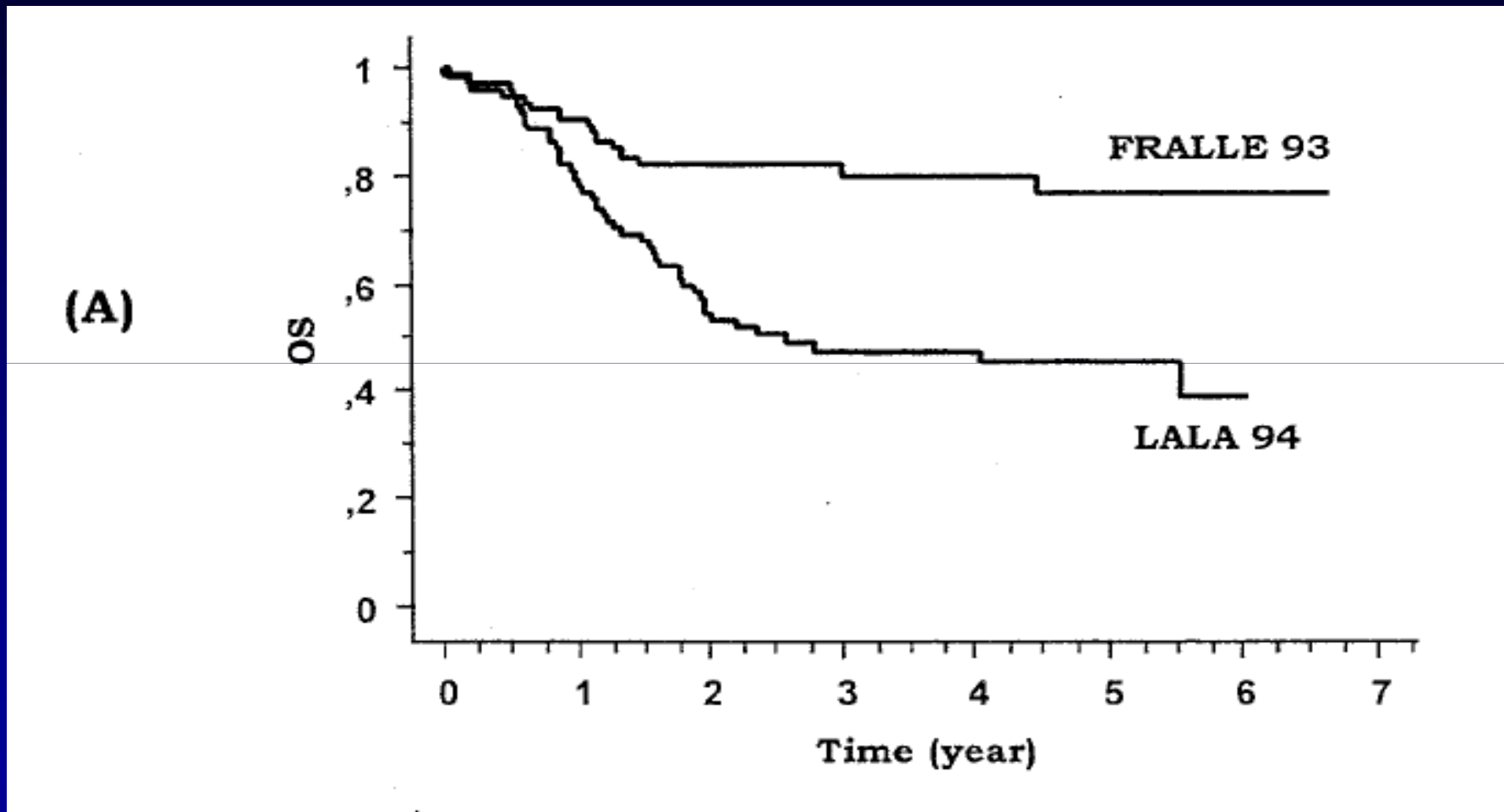
Mitogenic signaling and genomic instability increased  
Apoptosis and stromal regulation decreased

Chronic myelogenous leukemia





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



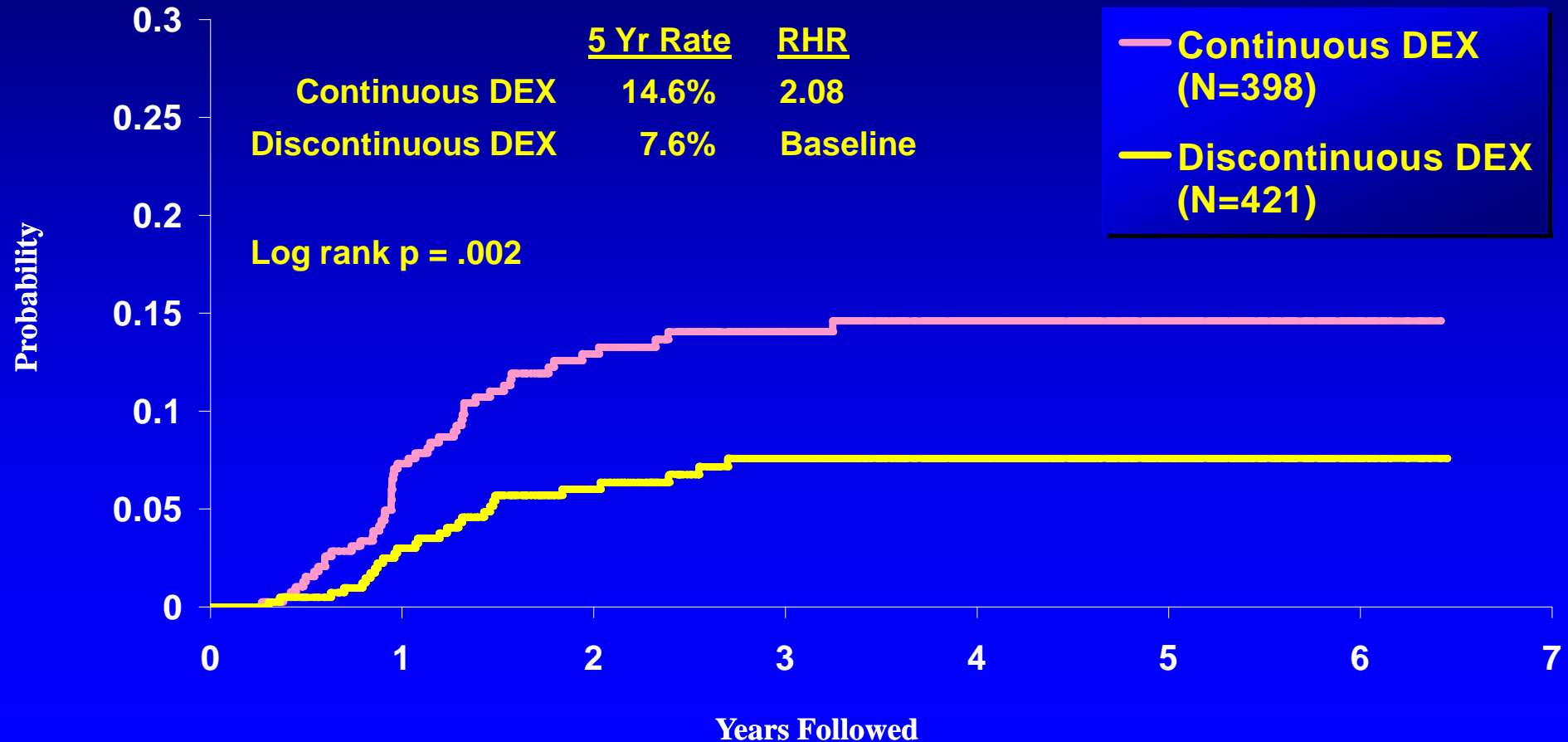
Quel che rimane ancora  
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## AVN – CCG 1961

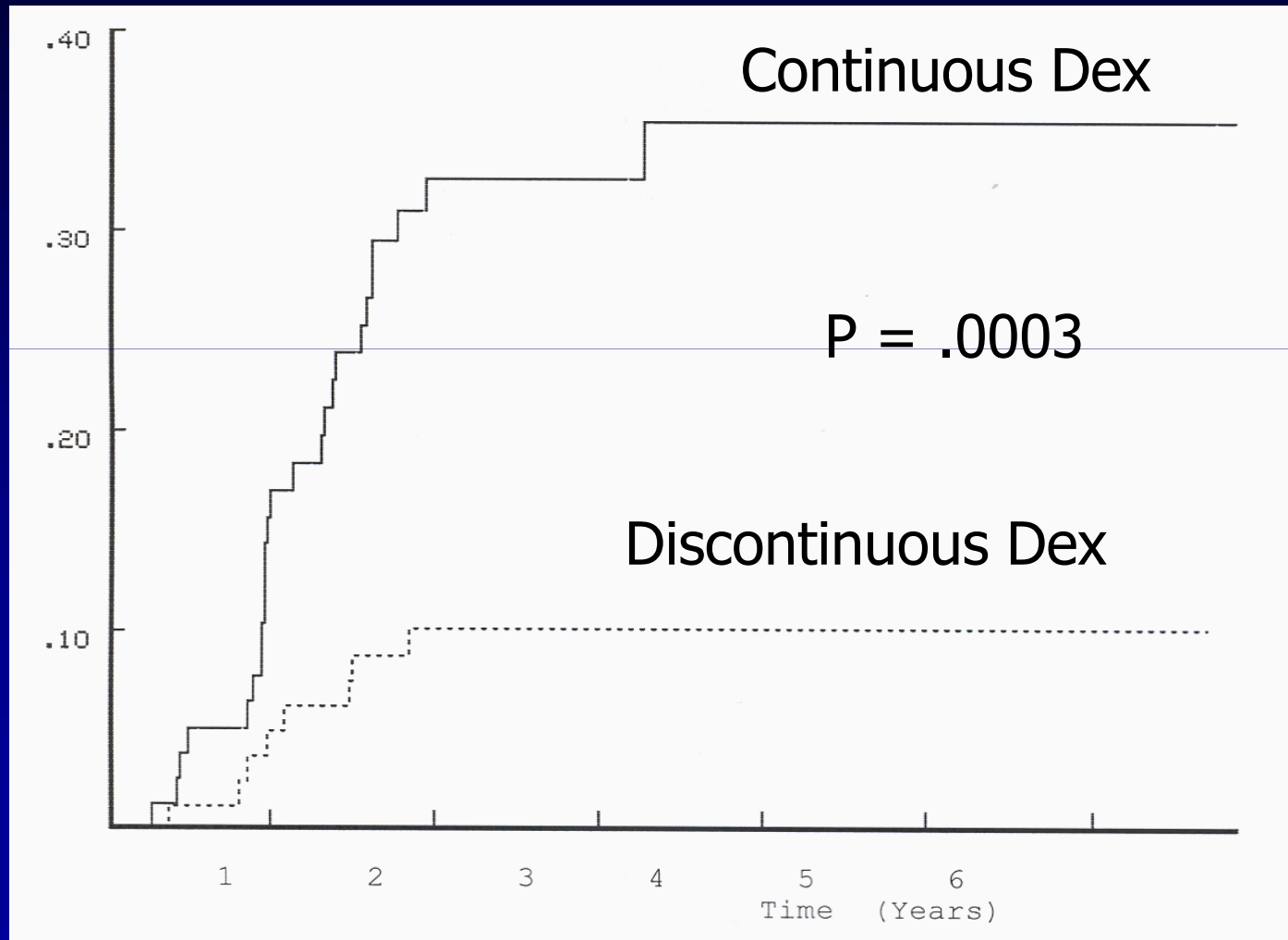
- ❖ 7/769 Patients < 10 Years Developed AVN – 1%
- ❖ 126/1287 Patients ≥ 10 Years Developed AVN – 9.8%
  - ❖ 10-12 Years 32/505 7%
  - ❖ 13-15 Years 53/520 12.6%
  - ❖ 16+ Years 41/262 18.5%
- ❖ Incidence of AVN Twice As High In Females



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

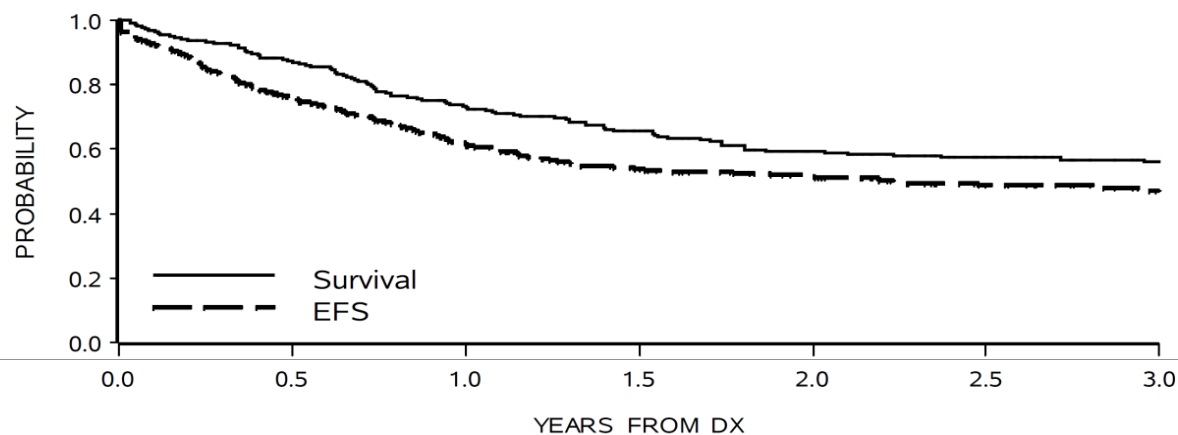


# AVN Incidence In 16+ Patients Continuous vs. Discontinuous Dexamethasone



## **Interfant-06**

### **Overall outcome**



N. pts.	N. events (relapses)	EFS (SE)		N. deaths	Survival (SE)	
		3-year	4-year		3-year	4-year
385	168 (102)	47.3 (3.0)	47.3 (3.0)	131	56.0 (3.1)	56.0 (3.1)

Median follow-up (min-max) month: 26 (1 - 81)

NOTE: The EFS curve do not show 1 relapse in BM that occurred at 4.3 years (is alive in CR at last follow-up)

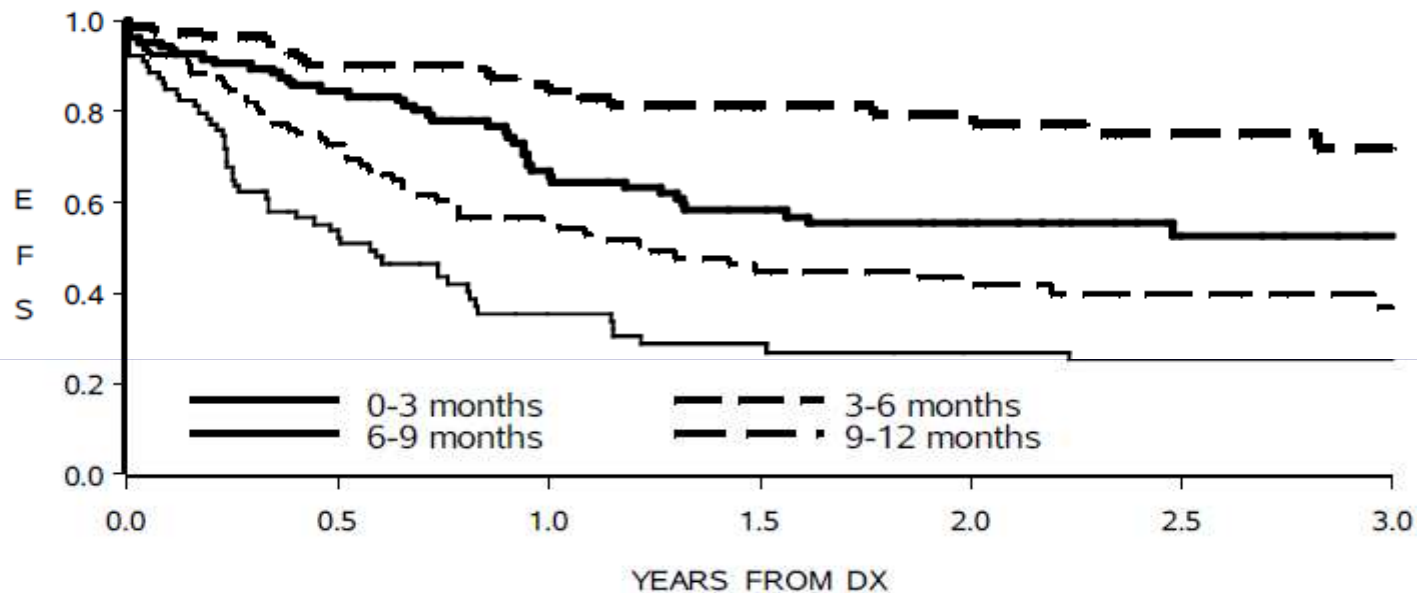
#### **Outcome in Interfant99**

Update at Dec 2007, median follow-up (min-max) month: 58 (1 - 102)

N. pts.	N. events (relapses)	EFS (SE)		N. deaths	Survival (SE)	
		3-year	6-year		3-year	6-year
478	249 (193)	47.9 (2.3)	46.5 (2.3)	206	59.3 (2.3)	53.8 (2.5)

# ***Interfant-06***

## **EFS by age at diagnosis**

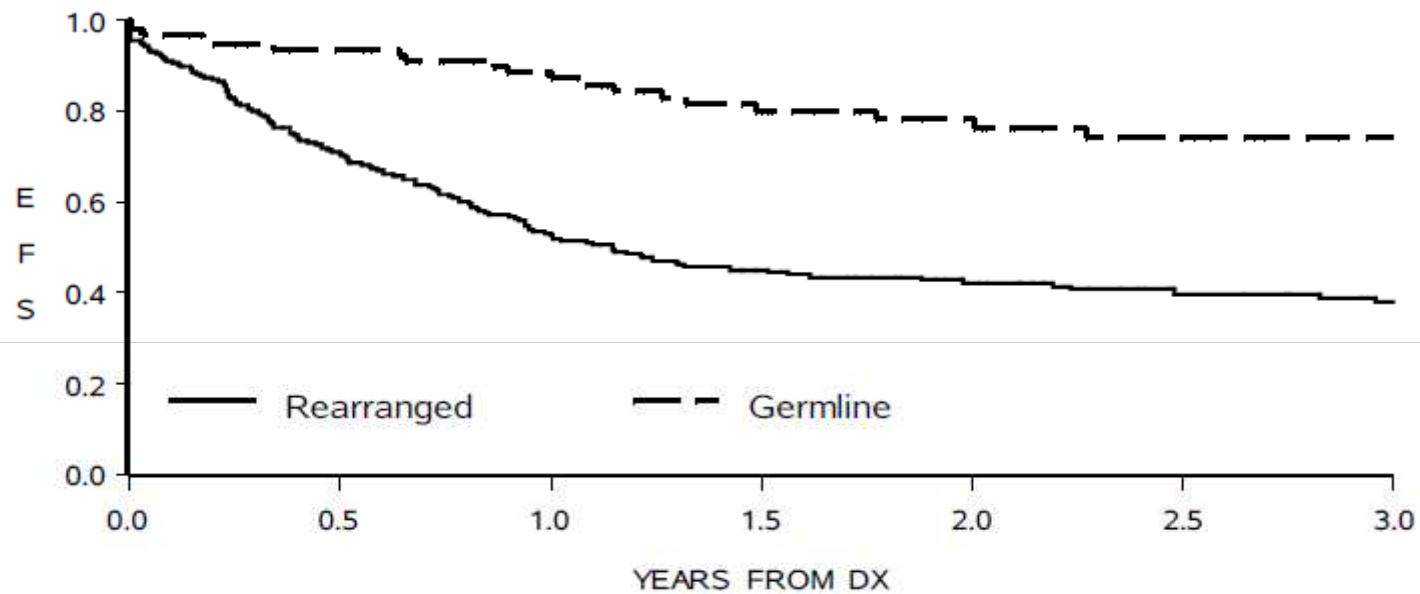


Age at diagnosis	N. pts.	N. events	3-year EFS (SE)	p-value	Interfant99 3-year EFS (SE)
< 3 months	80	53	25.3 (5.5)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	27.9 (4.4)
3 - 6 months	108	55	37.6 (5.8)		38.3 (4.6)
6 - 9 months*	108	42	53.0 (5.7)		53.2 (4.6)
9-12 months	89	18	72.1 (6.0)		68.5 (4.1)

\* The curve do not show 1 event that occurred at 4.3 years (1 relapse in BM).

# Interfant-06

## EFS by MLL Status



MLL Status	N. pts.	N. events	3-year EFS (SE)	p-value	Interfant99 3-year EFS (SE)
Rearranged	285	145	38.0 (3.5)	<0.0001	37.3 (2.8)
Germline*	96	20	74.6 (5.2)		76.6 (4.7)
Not evaluable	4	3	-		-

\* The curve do not show 1 event that occurred at 4.3 years (1 relapse in BM).

# 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

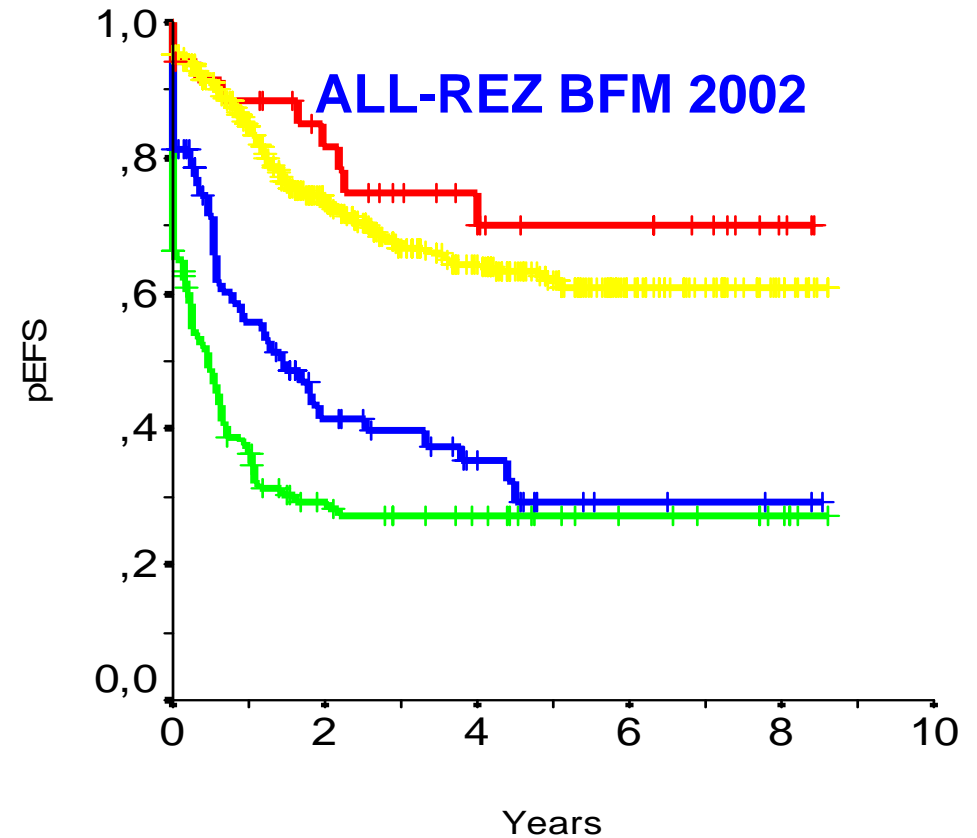
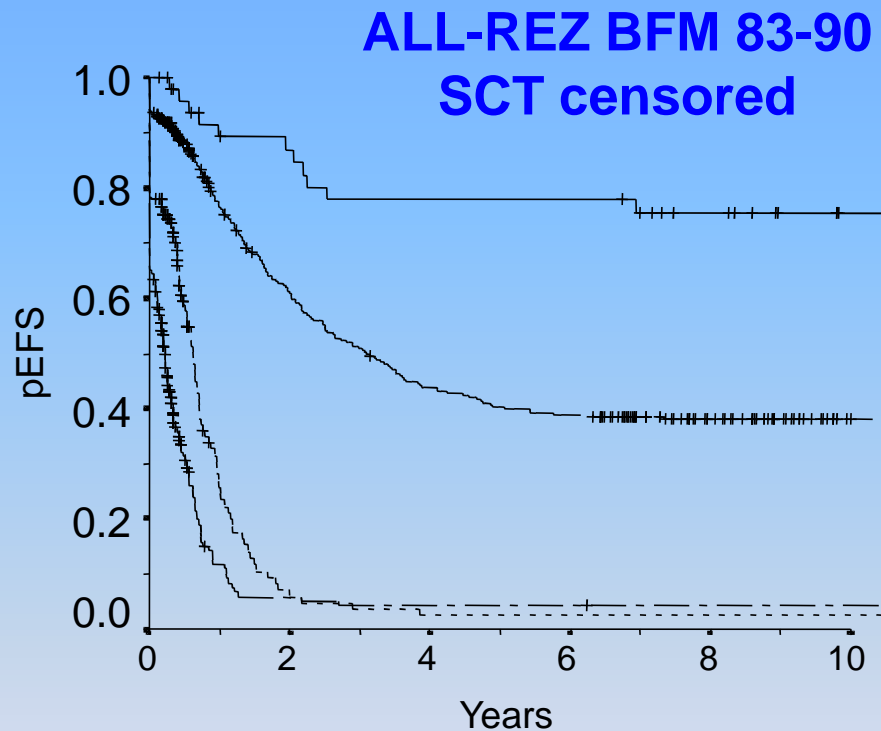
<b>S1</b>	1. Late extramedullary relapses.
<b>S2</b>	1. Early extramedullary relapses; 2. Very early extramedullary relapses; 3. Non-T late bone marrow relapses; 4. Non-T combined early / late relapses.
<b>S3</b>	1. Non-T early bone marrow relapses.
<b>S4</b>	1. Very early bone marrow relapses; 2. Very early combined relapses; 3. T phenotype bone marrow relapses.

• **Very early relapse:** < 18 months from diagnosis.

• **Early relapse:**  $\geq$  18 months from diagnosis, but < 6 months from treatment discontinuation.

• **Late relapse:**  $\geq$  6 months from treatment discontinuation.

# EFS of childhood relapsed ALL ALL-REZ BFM 83-90 (SCT censored) versus 2002

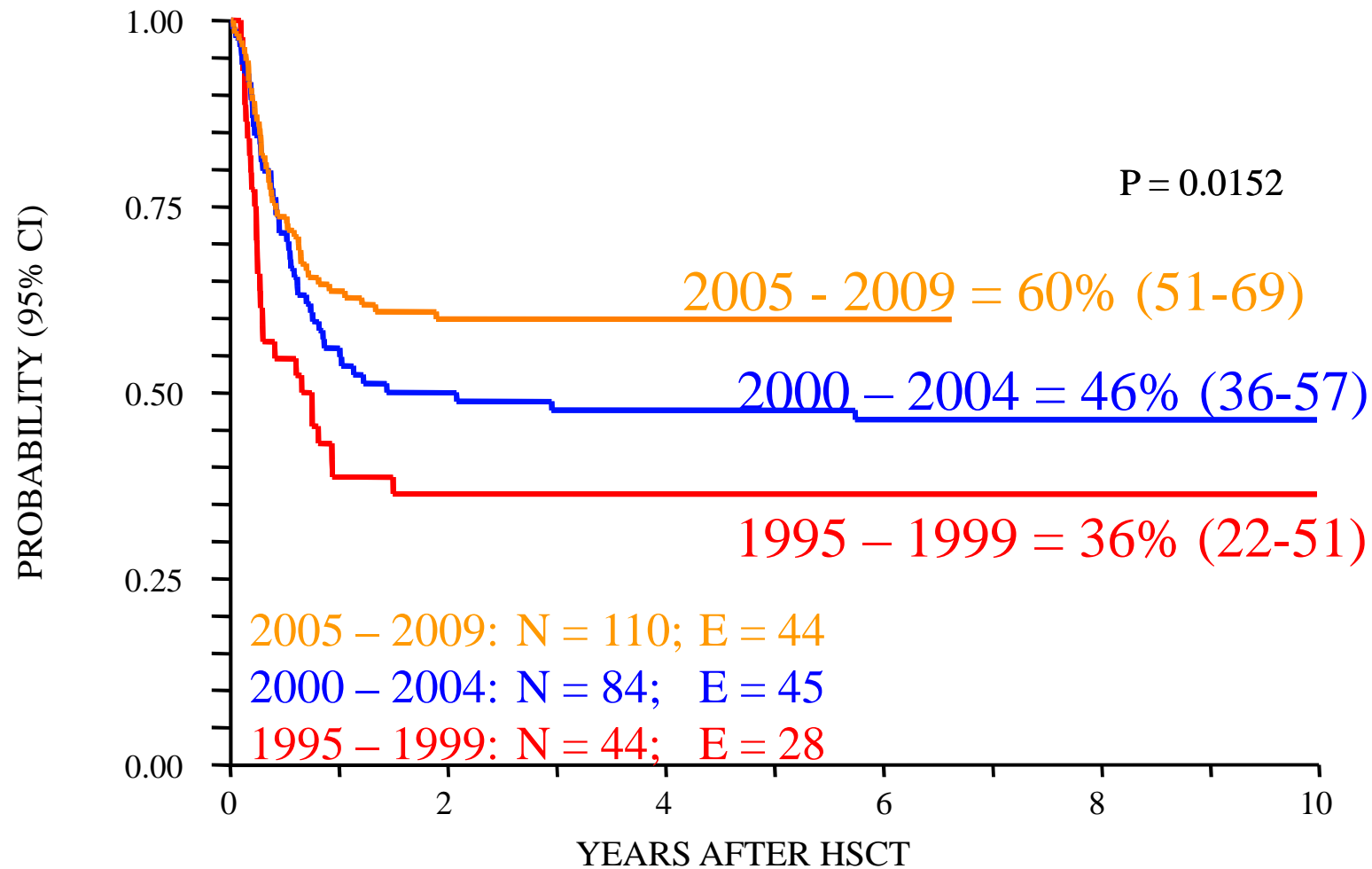


—	S1:	n = 51; zens. = 40; pEFS = .75	± .06
- -	S2:	n = 577; zens. = 277; pEFS = .38	± .02
- - -	S3:	n = 153; zens. = 46; pEFS = .02	± .02
- - -	S4:	n = 252; zens. = 60; pEFS = .04	± .02
p < 0.001			

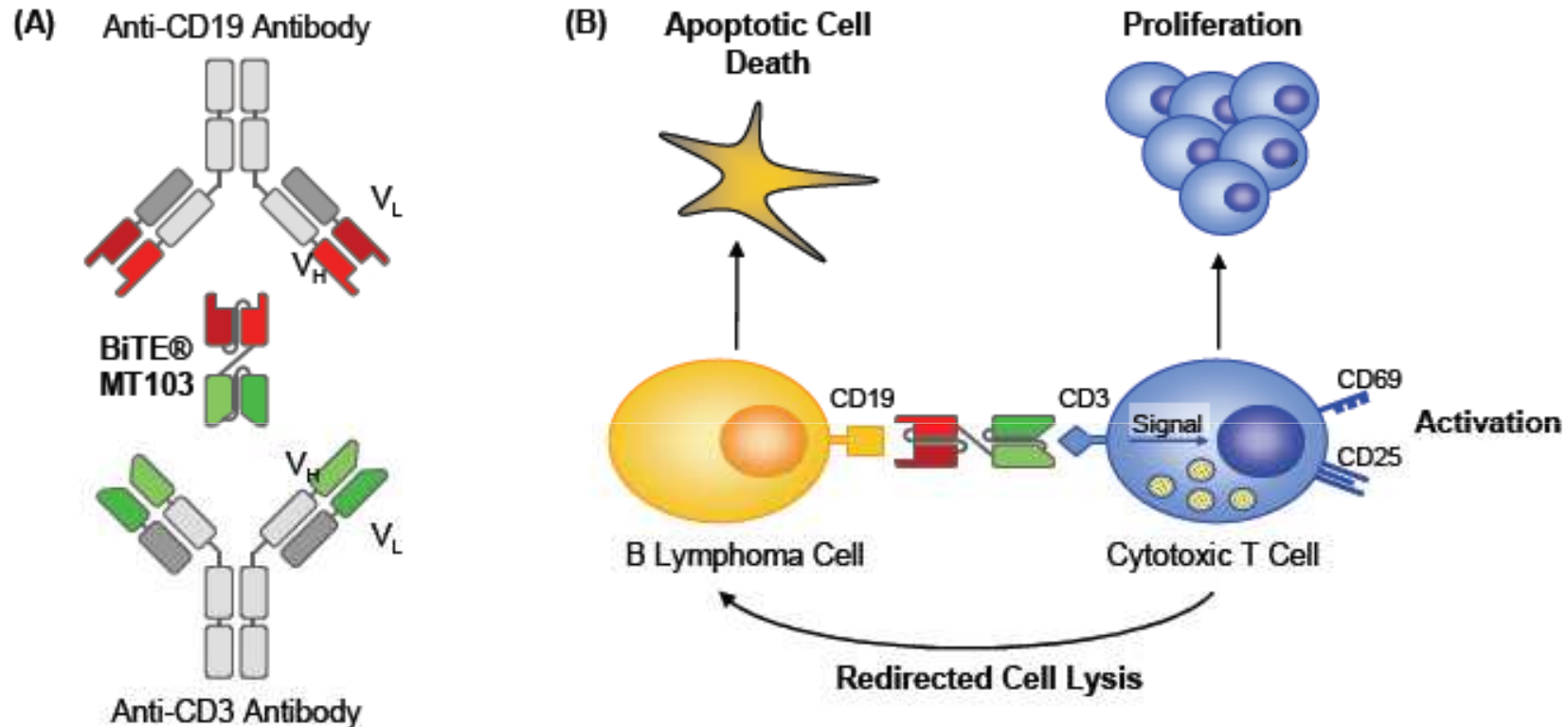
—	S1:	n = 35; cens = 26; pEFS = .70 ± .09
- -	S2:	n = 390; cens = 271; pEFS = .61 ± .03
- - -	S3:	n = 80; cens = 33; pEFS = .29 ± .06
- - -	S4:	n = 134; cens = 41; pEFS = .27 ± .04
P < 0.001		

# ALL in 2<sup>nd</sup> CR – MUD HSCT

## Disease-free survival by year of HSCT



# Blinatumomab (MT103), a T Cell-engaging BiTE<sup>®</sup> Antibody



(A) BiTE antibody blinatumomab is derived by linking the variable regions ( $V_H$  and  $V_L$ ) of two parental murine antibodies via short linker sequences

(B) The mode of action of blinatumomab involves polyclonal activation and proliferation of T cells and redirected lysis of B lymphoma cells, resulting in apoptotic B lymphoma cell death

## Hematologic and Molecular Remission Rate within 2 Cycles of Treatment

	15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ Cohort 1 (n = 7), n (%)	5-15-30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ Cohort 2b (n = 6), n (%)	5-15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ Cohorts 2a + 3 (n = 12), n (%)
CR/CRh*	5 (71)	3 (50)	9 (75)
CR	2 (29)	3 (50)	7 (58)
CRh*	3 (43)	0	2 (17)
Nonresponder	1 (14)	3 (50)	3 (25)
Not evaluable	1 (14)	0	0

- All patients with CR/CRh\* achieved MRD-response (defined as MRD  $<10^{-4}$  measured by PCR evaluation of individual rearrangements of immunoglobulin or TCR genes in a central laboratory)
- High response rate in all patient subgroups (including Ph+ ALL and t(4,11) translocation)

# 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)**

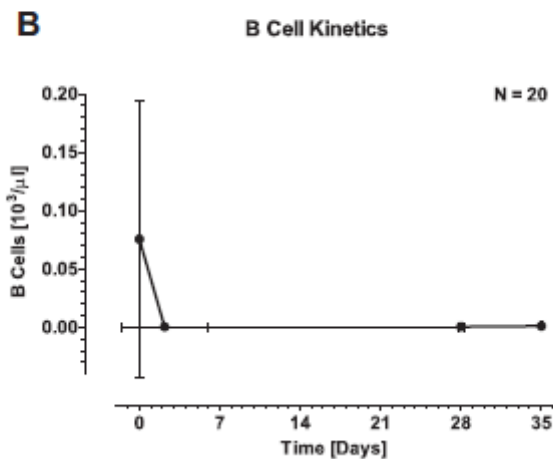
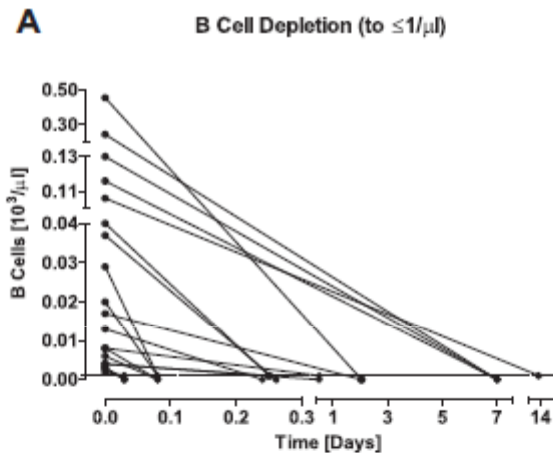


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## Immunopharmacologic response of patients with B-lineage acute lymphoblastic leukemia to continuous infusion of T cell-engaging CD19/CD3-bispecific BiTE antibody blinatumomab

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**Table: Summary of Dose Cohorts and Outcomes (Jan 2013)**

<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Dose level µg/m<sup>2</sup>/day</b>	<b>Patients Treated, n</b>	<b>No of SAEs regardless of causality</b>	<b>No of DLTs</b>	<b>Cytological complete remission (CR) / molecular remission (MR) in bone marrow</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 CR and 2 MR</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4 CR and 4 MR</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2 CR and 2 MR</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8 CR and 8 MR</b>