

# **Leucemia acuta linfoblastica**

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- **INO-VATE Study**
- **TOWER Study**
- **Long term efficacy and toxicity of CART**
- **Peg-ASP: large German study**
- **NOPHO ALL2008**

# Overall Survival in Relapsed/Refractory B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Patients Receiving Inotuzumab Ozogamicin vs Standard Care in the Phase 3 INO-VATE Study (EHA 2016: LB2233)

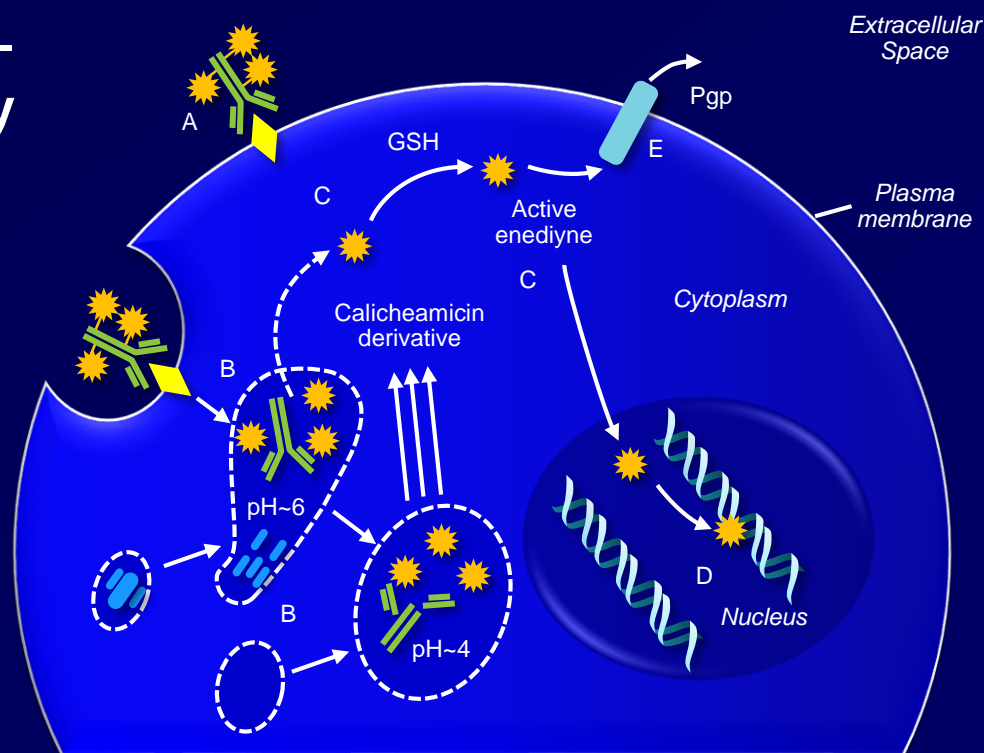
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# Background

- Relapsed/refractory (R/R) ALL aggressive; 5-year survival <10%<sup>1</sup>
- CD22 expressed on surface of ~90% of B-cell ALL cells<sup>2</sup>
- Inotuzumab ozogamicin (InO) – humanized anti-CD22 antibody conjugated to calicheamicin; potent cytotoxic antitumor antibiotic<sup>3</sup>
- InO demonstrated initial safety and antitumor activity in R/R ALL<sup>4</sup>



# Study Design

- Open-label, phase 3 study; 326 pts randomized at 117 sites in 19 countries

- R/R CD22+ ALL
- Salvage 1 or 2
- Ph- or Ph+

**1:1 Randomization**  
(N=326)

### Stratifications:

- Duration of 1st CR  $\geq 12$  vs  $< 12$  mo
- Salvage 2 vs 1
- Aged  $\geq 55$  y vs  $< 55$  y

### InO

- Starting dose 1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/cycle<sup>a</sup>
- 0.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1;  
0.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 8 and 15 of a  
21–28 Day cycle ( $\leq 6$  cycles)

### Standard of Care (SOC)

- FLAG or
- Ara-C plus mitoxantrone or
- HIDAC
- $\leq 4$  cycles

<sup>a</sup>InO dose reduced to 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/cycle once patient achieved CR/CRi.

# Study Endpoints

- Split- $\alpha$  design used for 2 primary endpoints (each at 1-sided  $\alpha=0.0125$ )
  1. **CR/CRI**: independent blinded external adjudication committee (EAC); based on first 218 pts randomized; occurred October 2, 2014
  2. **Overall survival (OS)**: prespecified boundary of  $P=0.0104$ ; assessed in all 326 randomized pts after  $\geq 248$  events; occurred March 8, 2016
- Key secondary endpoints:
  - Safety (as of March 8, 2016)
  - MRD negativity in pts with CR/CRI ( $<0.01\%$  by central FCM)
  - Remission duration
  - PFS
  - Transition to SCT

# Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	InO (n=164)	SOC (n=162)
Median (range) age, yrs	47 (18–78)	48 (18–79)
Men, n (%)	91 (55)	102 (63)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	62 (38)	61 (38)
1	81 (49)	80 (49)
2	21 (13)	20 (12)
Salvage status, n (%)		
1	111 (68)	104 (64)
2	51 (31)	57 (35)
First CR duration, n (%)		
<12 mos	98 (60)	108 (67)
≥12 mos	66 (40)	54 (33)
CR with most recent prior Rx, n (%)	121 (74)	111 (69)
Prior SCT, n (%)	28 (17)	29 (18)
Median (range) WBC, 10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	4.1 (0–47.4)	4.0 (0.1–68.8)

# Patient Characteristics (Continued)

Characteristic	InO (n=164)	SOC (n=162)
Median (range) PB blasts, 10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	0.1 (0–42.7)	0.03 (0–43.3)
No circulating blasts, n (%)	71 (43)	74 (46)
BM blasts n (%)		
<50%	53 (32)	48 (30)
≥50%	109 (67)	113 (70)
Missing	2 (1)	1 (1)
CD22 on ALL blasts, <sup>a</sup> n (%)		
<90%	35 (21)	36 (22)
≥90%	107 (65)	93 (57)
Missing	22 (13)	33 (20)
Karyotype, <sup>b</sup> n (%)		
Normal	46 (28)	42 (26)
Ph <sup>+</sup> <sup>c</sup>	22 (13)	28 (17)
t(4;11)	6 (4)	7 (4)
Complex	27 (16)	22 (14)
Other	43 (26)	41 (25)
Unknown/missing	20 (12)	22 (14)

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup> By central laboratory analysis; <sup>b</sup> By local laboratory analysis; <sup>c</sup> By local or central laboratory analysis or medical history.



# Treatment Summary

	InO (n=164)	SOC			Total (n=143)
		FLAG (n=93)	Ara-C + Mito (n=33)	HIDAC (n=17)	
<b>Total cycles</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Median (range) n cycles</b>	<b>3 (1-6)</b>	<b>1 (1-4)</b>	<b>1 (1-2)</b>	<b>1 (1-2)</b>	<b>1 (1-4)</b>
<b>Rx ≥2 cycles, n (%)</b>	<b>127 (77)</b>	<b>21 (23)</b>	<b>2 (6)</b>	<b>4 (24)</b>	<b>27 (19)</b>

- Fewer pts in InO arm DC Rx due to resistant disease (11% vs 43%)
- No pts remaining on active Rx as of June 10, 2015

# CR/CRi Results in ITT218

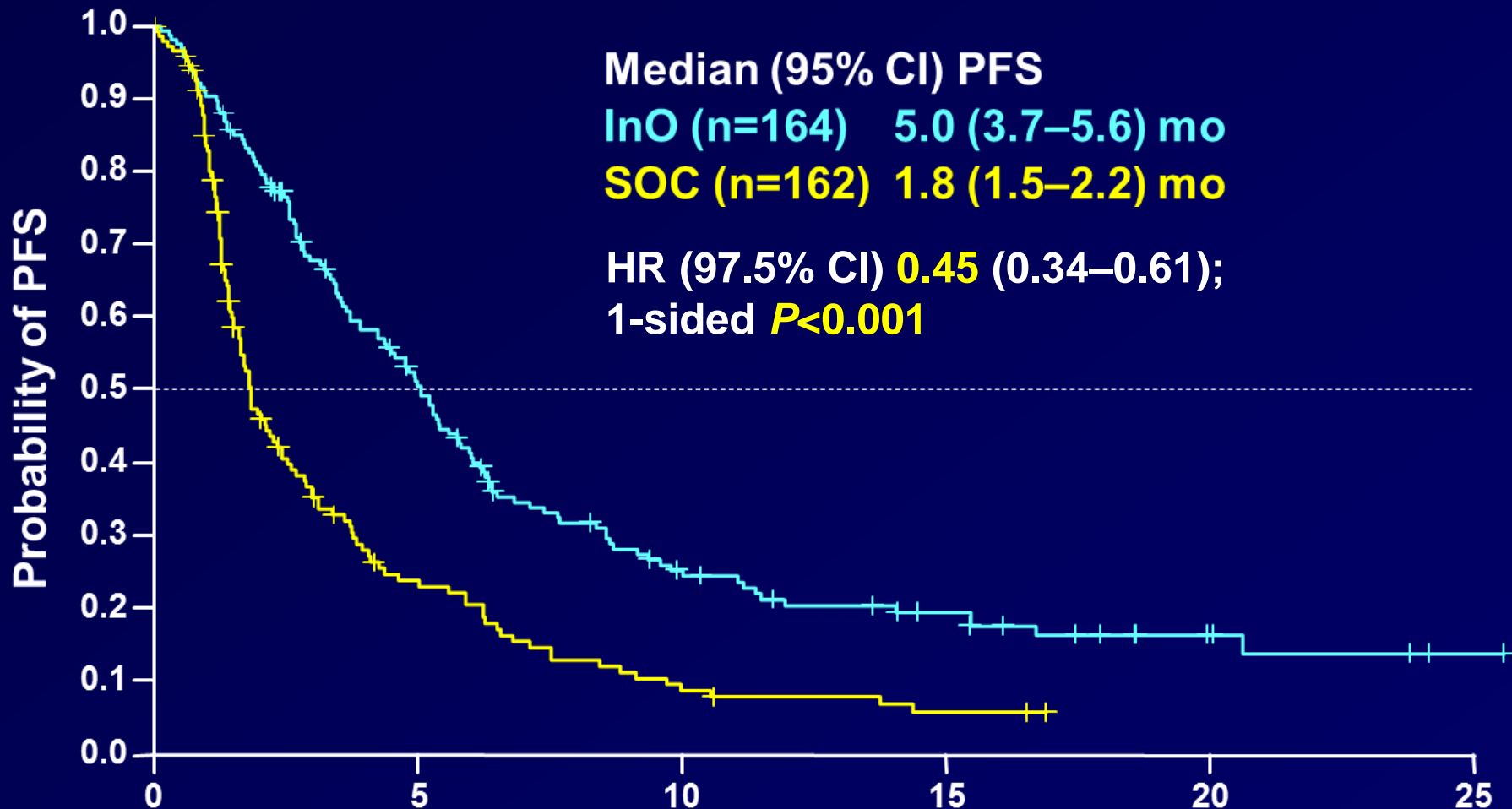
Response, <sup>a</sup> n (%) [95% CI]	InO (n=109)	SOC (n=109)	1-sided P Value
CR/CRi	88 (80.7) [72–88]	32 (29.4) [21–39]	<0.0001
MRD neg <sup>b</sup>	69/88 (78.4) [68–87]	9/32 (28.1) [14–47]	<0.0001

- Among the first 218 pts randomized, over 4X more achieved CR/CRi and proceeded directly to SCT after CR/CRi with InO vs SOC (n=41/109 vs n=10/109;  $P<0.0001$ )<sup>c</sup>

Among the first 218 pts randomized, 41% proceeded directly to SCT after Rx with InO vs 11% in SOC (n=45/109 vs n=12/109;  $P<0.001$ ), including pts not in CR/CRi.

<sup>a</sup>Data as of October 2, 2014 per EAC. <sup>b</sup>Among responders; 13 SOC pts who withdrew prior to dosing were considered nonresponders. <sup>c</sup>Per Investigator's assessment.

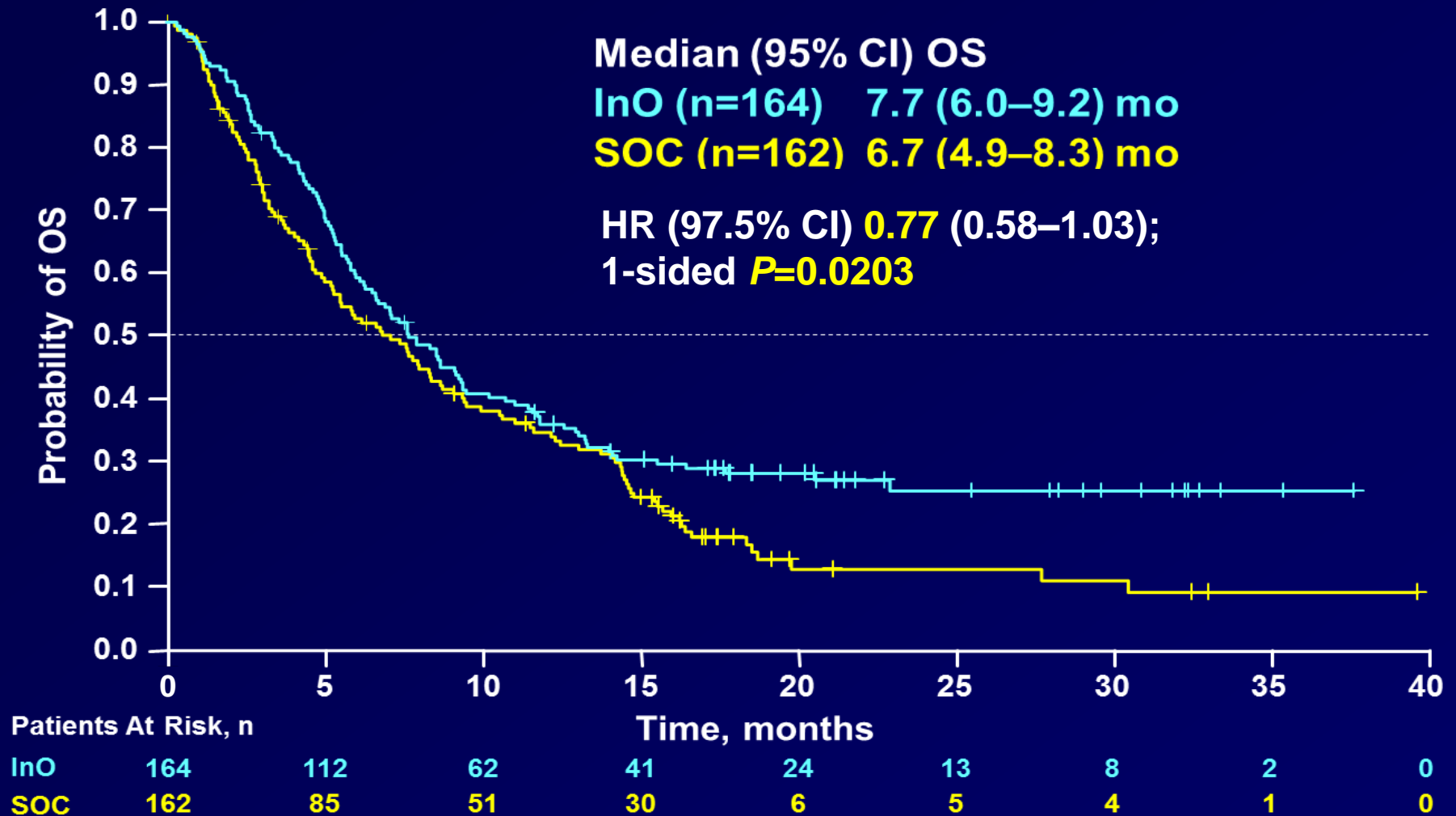
# Progression-Free Survival



Patients At Risk, n

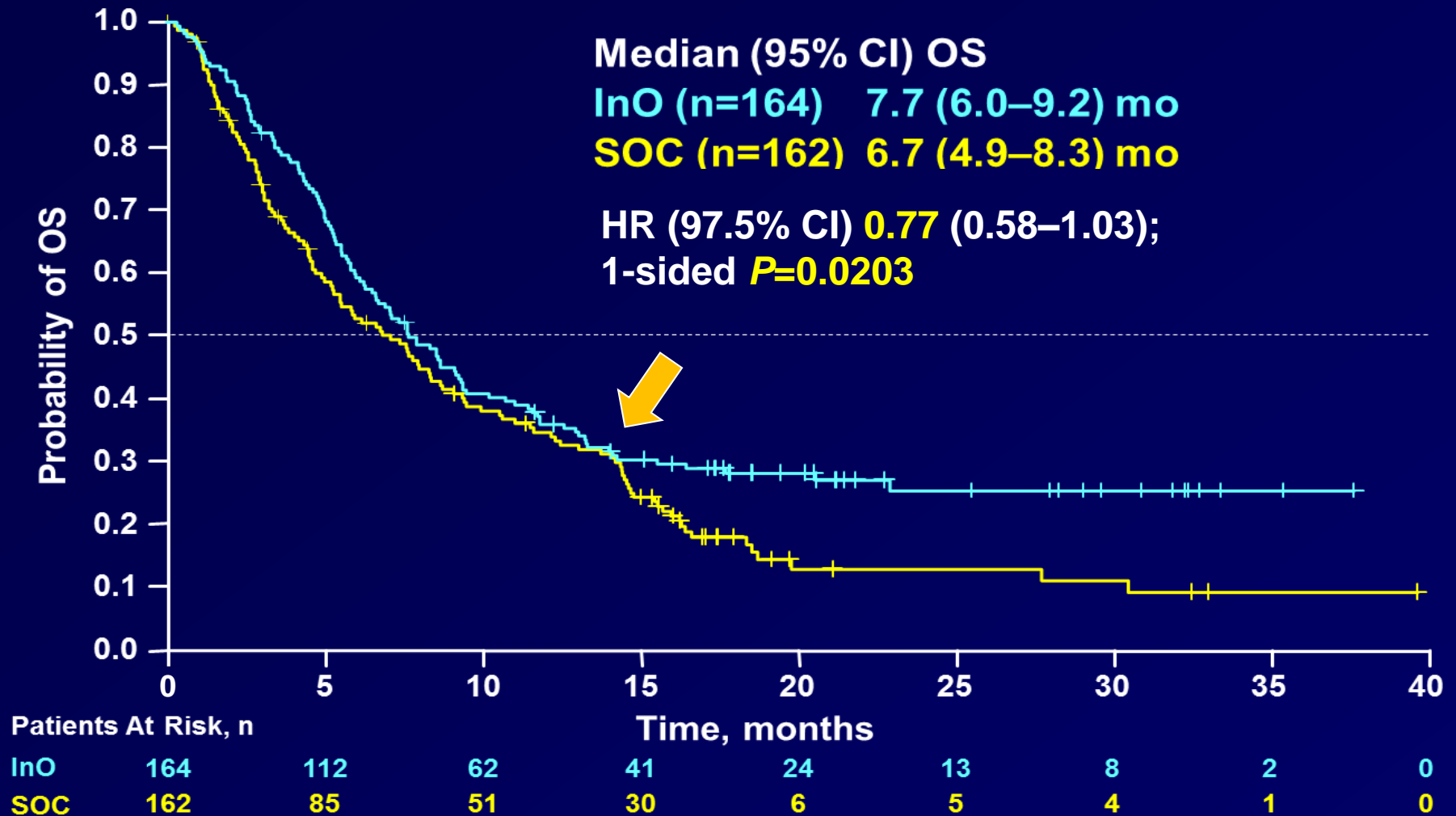
	0	5	10	15	20	25
InO	164	72	28	16	6	1
SOC	162	24	6	2	0	0

# Overall Survival



- Primary objective to demonstrate significantly improved OS with InO at the prespecified boundary of  $P=0.0104$  not met

# Overall Survival



- Data appeared to depart from proportional hazards assumption
- 2-yr survival probability higher with InO (23% [95% CI: 16–30] vs 10% [5–16])

# Restricted Mean Survival Time (RMST)

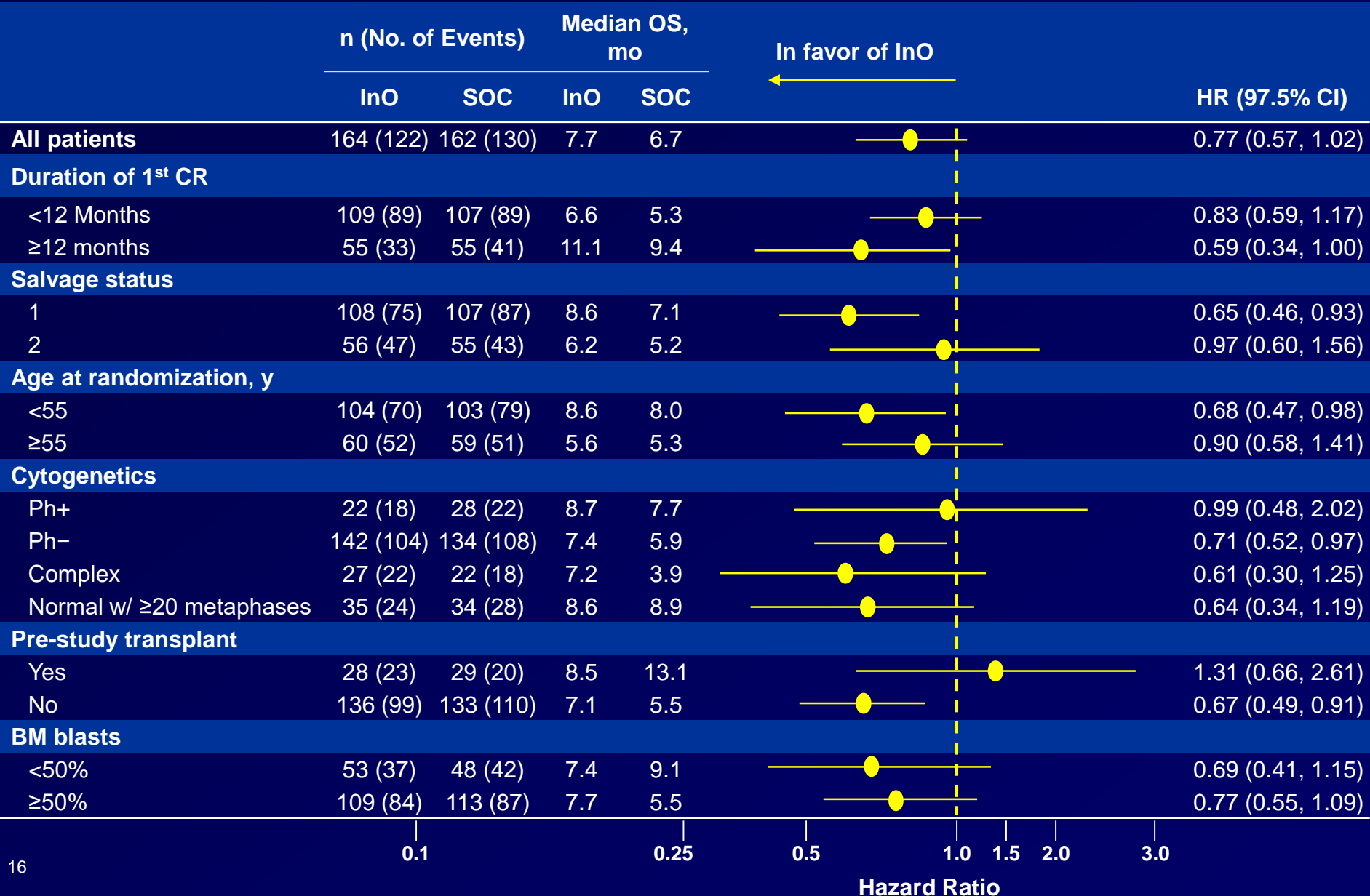
- HR may not fully capture the therapeutic impact of Rx in certain situations
- Statistical analysis plan assumed proportional hazards, a condition not met in this study based on the shape of the survival curve
- RMST: alternative to hazard ratio that measures average survival from time 0 to a specific time point; used when proportional hazards assumption does not hold<sup>1</sup>

# RMST Analysis

	InO (n=164)	SOC (n=162)
N events	122	130
RMST (SE), mo	<b>13.9</b> (1.1)	<b>9.9</b> (0.85)
RMST difference (95% CI)	<b>3.9</b> (1.2–6.7); 1-sided <b>P=0.0023</b>	
RMST ratio (95% CI)	<b>1.4</b> (1.1–1.8); 1-sided <b>P=0.0021</b>	

- Separation of OS curves after ~14 mos suggests survival benefit with InO occurs at later time points
- Truncation time was 37.7 mos (maximum OS time for either arm)

# Subgroup Analysis of OS





# TEAEs ( $\geq 20\%$ InO Pts)

	InO (n=164)		SOC (n=143)	
	All Grade	Grade $\geq 3$	All Grade	Grade $\geq 3$
Any AE, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	163 (99)	149 (91)	143 (100)	137 (96)
Thrombocytopenia	81 (49)	67 (41)	87 (61)	85 (59)
Neutropenia	80 (49)	77 (47)	66 (46)	63 (44)
Anemia	55 (34)	37 (23)	79 (55)	63 (44)
Nausea	53 (32)	3 (2)	68 (48)	0
Pyrexia	52 (32)	5 (3)	60 (42)	8 (6)
Leukopenia	47 (29)	44 (27)	54 (38)	53 (37)
Febrile neutropenia	44 (27)	44 (27)	77 (54)	77 (54)
Headache	45 (27)	4 (2)	38 (27)	1 (1)
Fatigue	42 (26)	4 (2)	24 (17)	3 (2)
↑AST	37 (23)	7 (4)	16 (11)	5 (3)
↑GGT	35 (21)	18 (11)	12 (8)	7 (5)
↑T. Bili	35 (21)	10 (6)	24 (17)	9 (6)

<sup>a</sup>All causality TEAEs among patients in the safety population (any cycle).  
TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event.

# VOD/SOS Among InO-Treated Pts

- VOD incidence: InO, **13%** (n=22) vs SOC, **1%** (n=1)
- **5 (3%) pts had VOD during study Rx (2 with pre-study SCT)**
- **77/164 (47%) on InO had post-study SCT vs 33/162 (20%) in the SOC arm**
  - **17/77 (22%) on InO had VOD post-SCT (5/17 also had pre-study SCT)**
- **Median (range) time to VOD after SCT: 15 (3–57) days**

## MVA Analysis of Factors Associated With Post-SCT VOD

Factor	OR (95% CI)	P value
Alkylator conditioning (dual vs single)	7.6 (1.7–33.8)	0.008
Age ( $\geq 55$ vs $< 55$ y)	4.8 (1.0–22.0)	0.043

# Conclusions

- OS improved with InO vs SOC: HR 0.77;  $P=0.0203$ ; median OS, 7.7 vs 6.7 mo
  - 2-year survival **23%** with InO vs **10%** with SOC
  - In restricted mean survival time analysis, mean OS was 13.9 mo with InO vs 9.9 mo with SOC ( $P=0.0023$ )
- PFS significantly longer with InO vs SOC (**5.0** vs **1.8** mo;  $P<0.0001$ )
- As previously reported, CR/CRi rate (ITT218) significantly higher with InO vs SOC (**80.7%** vs **29.4%**;  $P<0.0001$ )
- More pts proceeded to SCT with InO vs SOC
- InO well tolerated; VOD post-SCT and liver toxicities more common with InO
- InO may represent an important new Rx option in R/R ALL

# Blinatumomab Mechanism of Action

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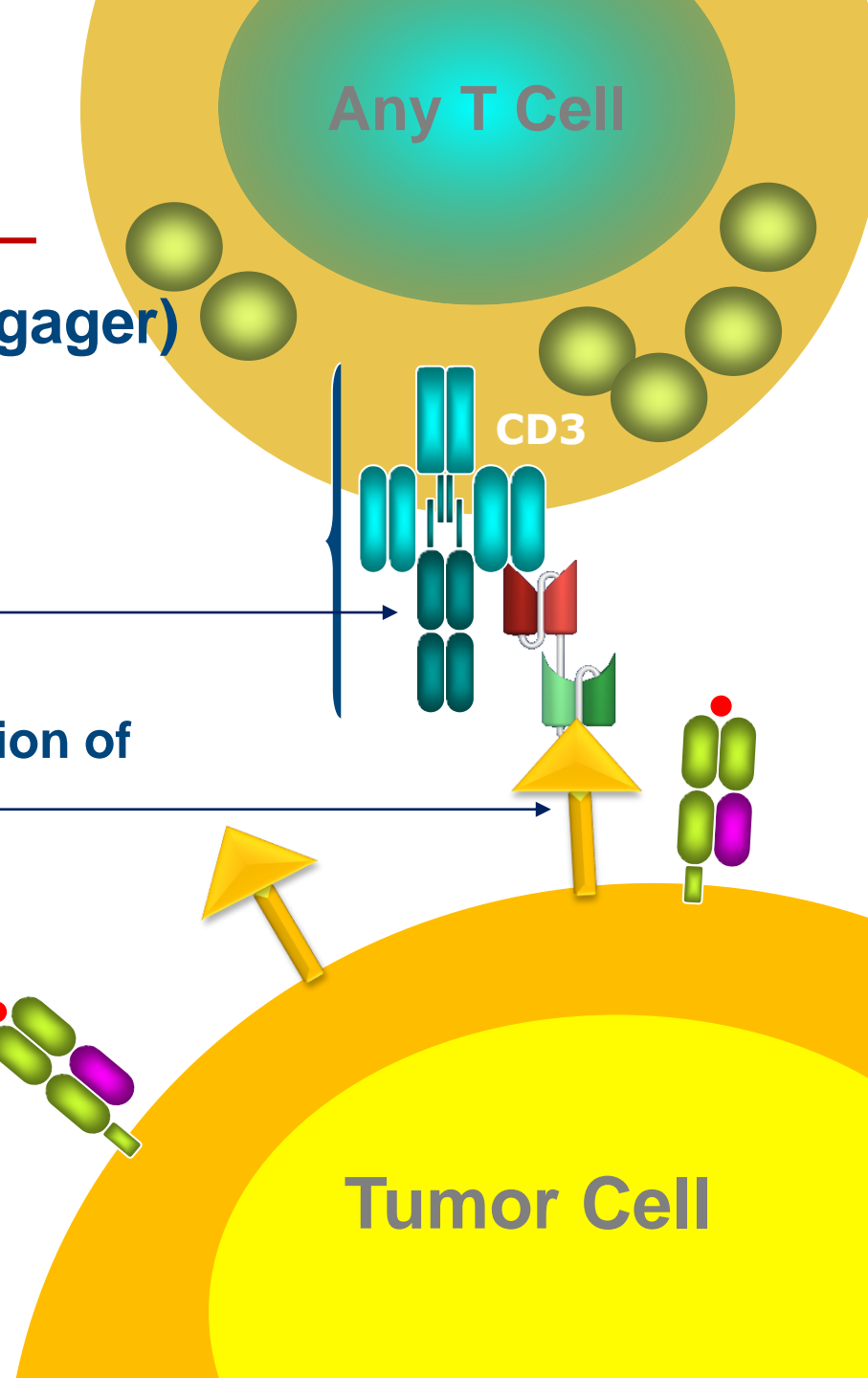
(BiTE® = Bi-specific T-Cell Engager)

Act independently of  
specificity of T Cell  
Receptor (TCR)

28 days continuous infusion

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

Do not require  
MHC Class I and/or  
peptide antigen



Any T Cell

CD3

Tumor Cell

# TOWER study: design

- Phase 3, randomized, open-label study to evaluate the effect of blinatumomab on overall survival (OS) compared with SOC (FLAG± anthracycline; HD-ARA-C, HD-MTX) in adult patients with Ph– r/r BCP-ALL.
- Randomization 2:1
- Blinatumomab given at escalating dose of 9 µg/d in week 1 of cycle 1, then 28 µg/d for 4 weeks ) as CIVI with 2 weeks wash-out.
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: Complete remission (CR) and combined CR or CR with partial or incomplete hematologic recovery (CR/CRh/CRi)

# TOWER study: patients' features

	Blinatumomab ITT (N = 271)	SOC ITT (N = 134)	Blinatumomab Treated (N = 267)	SOC Treated (N = 109)
Age, median (range)	37 (18–80)	37 (18–78)	37 (18–80)	36 (18–76)
Female, n (%)	109 (40)	57 (43)	108 (40)	45 (41)
Maximum of central/local bone marrow blasts, n (%) <sup>a</sup>				
> 5% to < 10%	9 (3)	7 (5)	9 (3)	4 (4)
10% to < 50%	60 (22)	23 (17)	60 (22)	19 (17)
≥ 50%	201 (74)	104 (78)	198 (74)	86 (79)
Peripheral blasts, n (%) <sup>a</sup>				
0	117 (43)	51 (38)	116 (43)	43 (39)
1–5,000/μL	72 (27)	47 (35)	70 (26)	40 (37)
> 5,000/μL	32 (12)	15 (11)	31 (12)	12 (11)
WBC at diagnosis, n (%) <sup>a</sup>				
< 30,000/μL	143 (53)	62 (46)	141 (53)	50 (46)
≥ 30,000/μL	71 (26)	40 (30)	69 (26)	34 (31)

# TOWER study: previous treatments

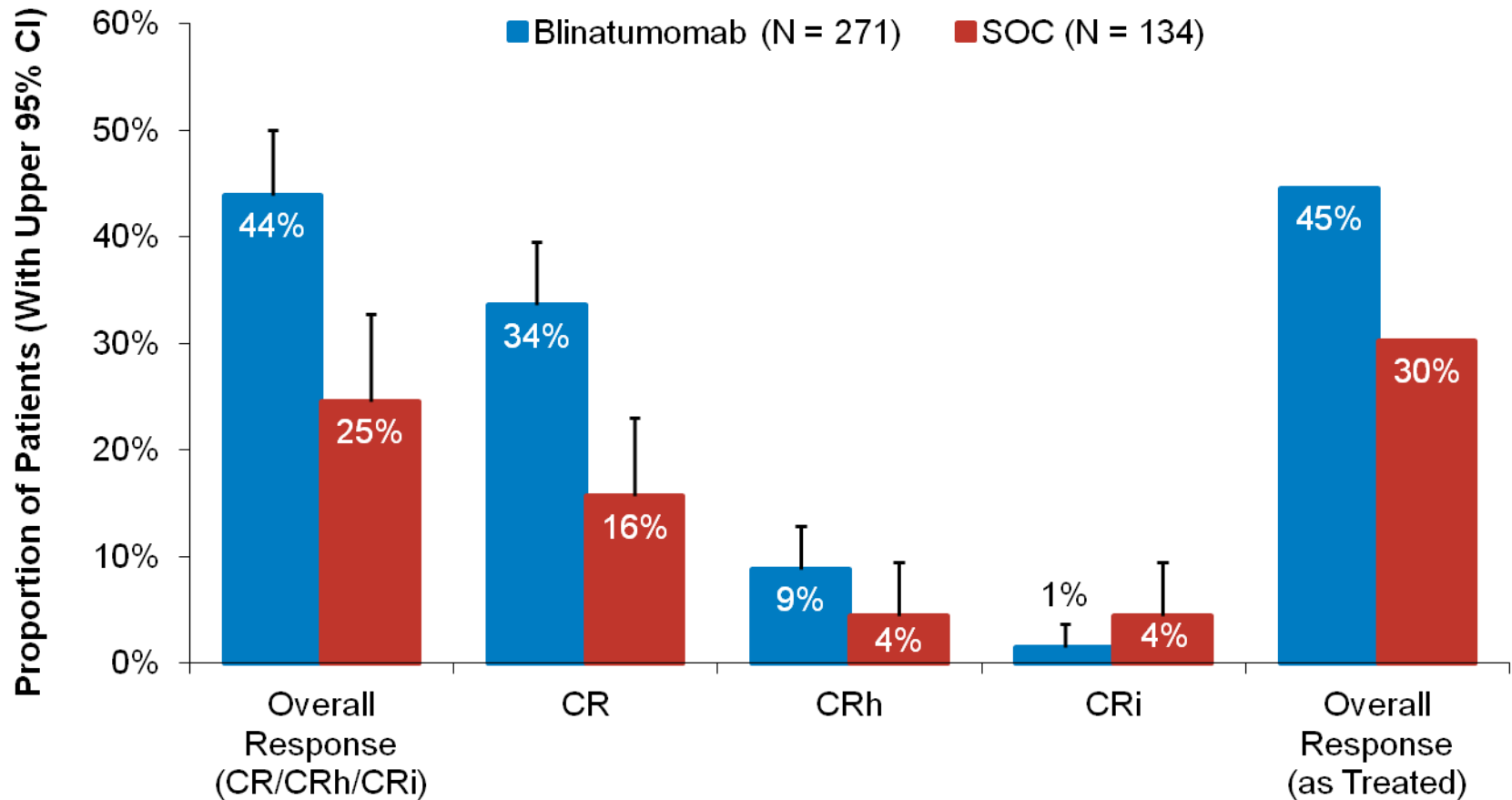
Characteristic – n (%)	Blinatumomab ITT (N = 271)	SOC ITT (N = 134)	Blinatumomab Treated (N = 267)	SOC Treated (N = 109)
Prior salvage regimens				
None	114 (42)	65 (49)	112 (42)	55 (50)
1	91 (34)	43 (32)	91 (34)	34 (31)
2	45 (17)	16 (12)	43 (16)	12 (11)
≥ 3	21 (8)	10 (7)	21 (8)	8 (7)
Prior alloHSCT	94 (35)	46 (34)	93 (35)	35 (32)
Primary refractory	46 (17)	27 (20)	44 (16)	23 (21)
Refractory to salvage	87 (32)	34 (25)	84 (31)	25 (23)

# TOWER study: toxicity

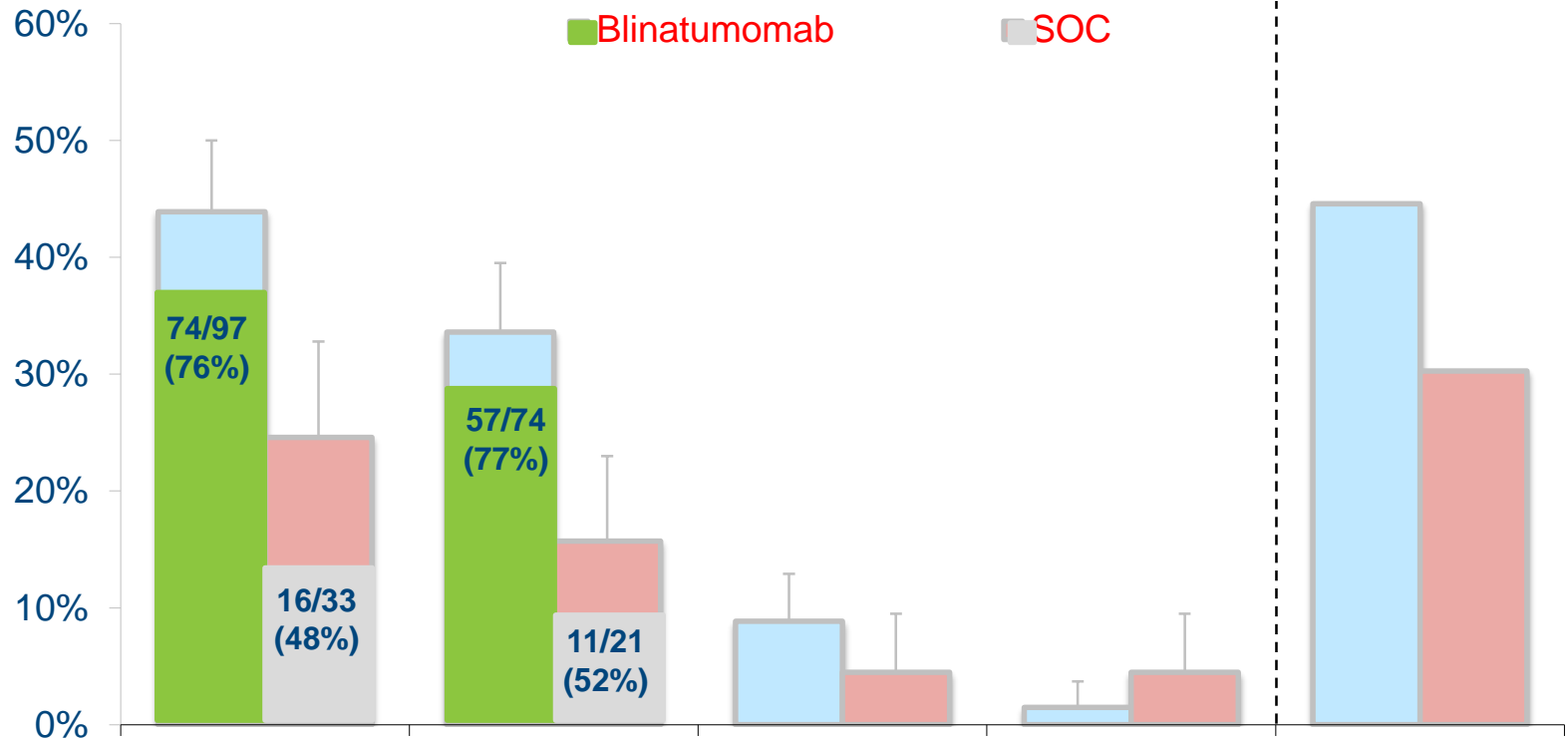
	BLINATUMOMAB (n=266)	SOC (n=107)
Grade $\geq$ 3 AE	86%	93%
Grade 5 infection	11%	12%
Any AE:	62%	45%
Blood/lymphatic	28%	31%
CNS	14%	16%
CRS	3%	0%



# TOWER study: results (I)



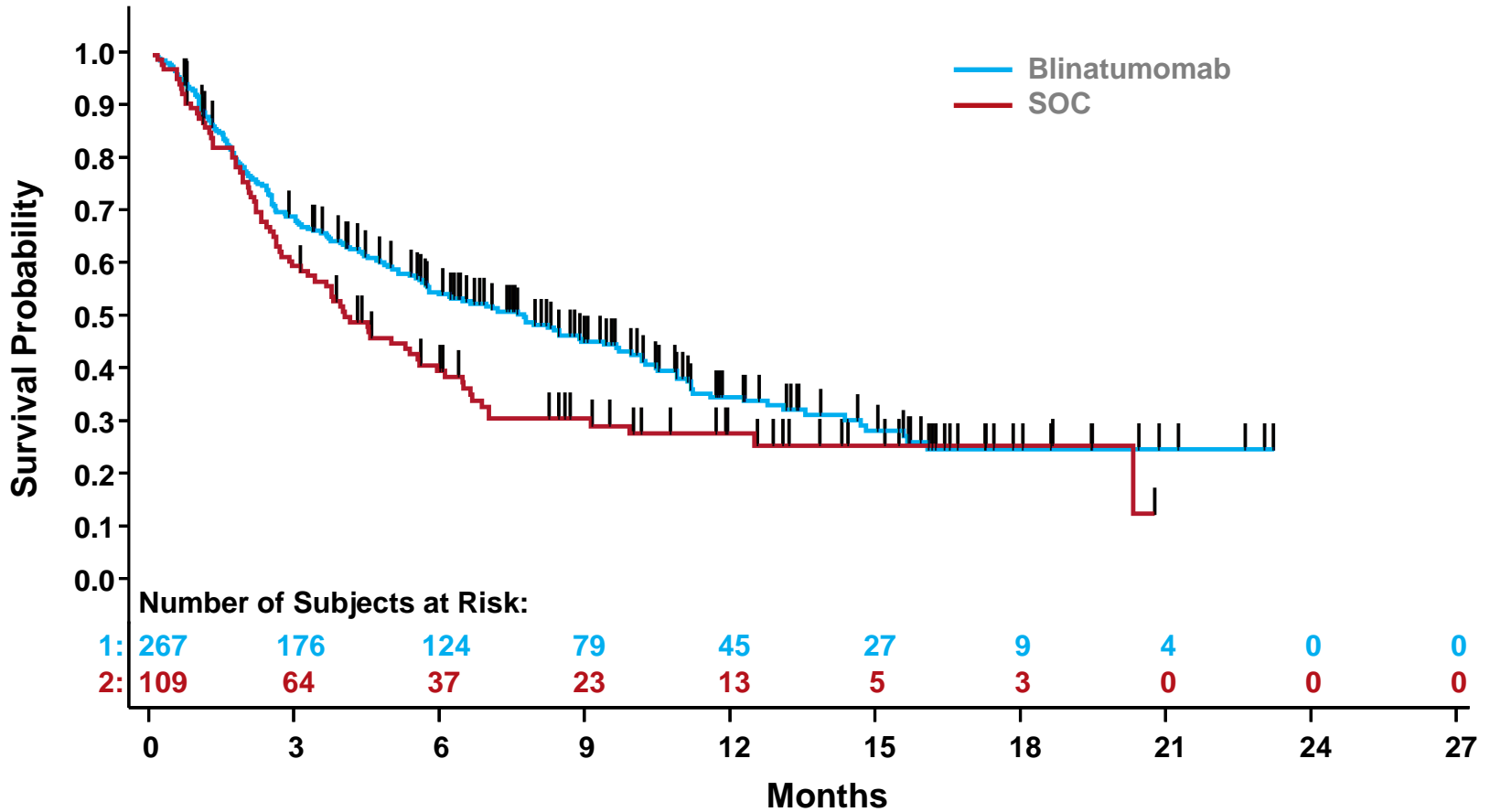
# Molecular Remission Among Responders



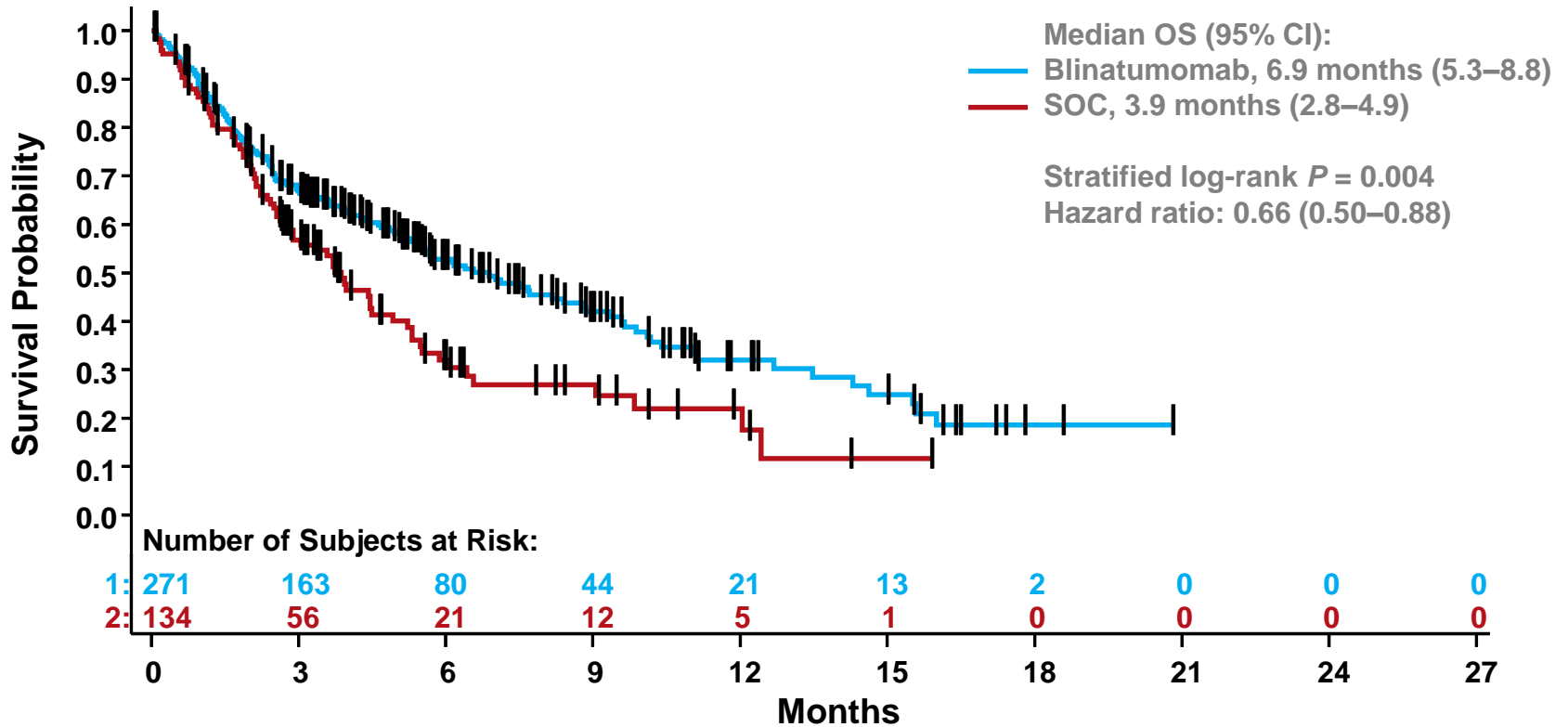
*Molecular remission was defined as  $< 10^{-4}$  blasts in the first 12 weeks*

CR = complete remission; CRh = complete remission with partial hematologic recovery;  
CRi = complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery; SOC = standard of care.

# Overall Survival (as Treated)



# Overall Survival (OS) Censoring for alloHSCt



	Blinatumomab (N = 271)	SOC (N = 134)
alloHSCt post-baseline – n (%) (95% CI)	65 (24%) (19%–30%)	32 (24%) (17%–32%)



# Pediatric or Pediatric-Inspired Regimens in Recent Adult ALL Clinical Trials

Regimen	Upper Age of Population, Yrs	OS Rate (2-7 Yrs), %
True pediatric		
▪DFCI <sup>[1]</sup>	50	67
▪CALGB 10403 <sup>[2]</sup>	39	79
Pediatric inspired		
▪PETHEMA <sup>[3]</sup>	30	69
▪GRAALL-2003 <sup>[4]</sup>	15-45	64
	46-60	47
▪USC <sup>[5]</sup>	57	51

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Age group (Median age)		Total	1-9 (3 years)	10-17 (14 years)	18-45 (26 years)	p
Patients		N=1509	N=1022	N=266	N=221	
BCP/T		N=1278/231	N=929/93	N=199/67	N=150/71	<0.001
Induction failure		N=16 0.01(±0.01)	N=10 0.01(±0.00)	N=3 0.01(±0.01)	N=3 0.01(±0.01)	0.9
Death in 1. Remission		N=50 0.03(±0.00)	N=23 0.02(±0.00)	N=15 0.06(±0.02)	N=12 0.06(±0.02)	0.002
Relapse		N=123 0.10(±0.01)	N=60 0.08(±0.01)	N=27 0.12(±0.02)	N=36 0.19(±0.03)	<0.001
<b>Event Free Survival (SE)</b>						
EFS overall		0.84(±0.01)	0.88(±0.01)	0.79(±0.03)	0.73(±0.03)	<0.001
Standard risk (SR)	BCP & WBC<100K & d29 MRD <0.1%	N=673 0.92(±0.01)	N=546 0.92(±0.01)	N=83 0.90(±0.04)	N=44 0.87(±0.07)	0.20
Intermediate risk (IR)	BCP & WBC<100K & d29 MRD <0.1% or T a/o WBC≥100K & d29 MRD <0.1% or dic(9;20), t(1;19), iAMP21[RUNX1]	N=542 0.86(±0.02)	N=345 0.90(±0.02)	N=103 0.82(±0.04)	N=94 0.78(±0.05)	0.002
High risk (HR)	T a/o WBC≥100K & d29 MRD ≥0.1% or KMT2A-r hypodiploidy (<45 or DI<0.85)	N=176 0.66(±0.04)	N=85 0.65(±0.05)	N=46 0.68(±0.07)	N=45 0.66(±0.08)	0.9
High risk + hSCT (HR+hSCT)	d29 MRD ≥5% a/o d79 MRD (≥0.1%)	N=100 0.71(±0.05)	N=35 0.80(±0.08)	N=30 0.74(±0.09)	N=35 0.61(±0.09)	0.12

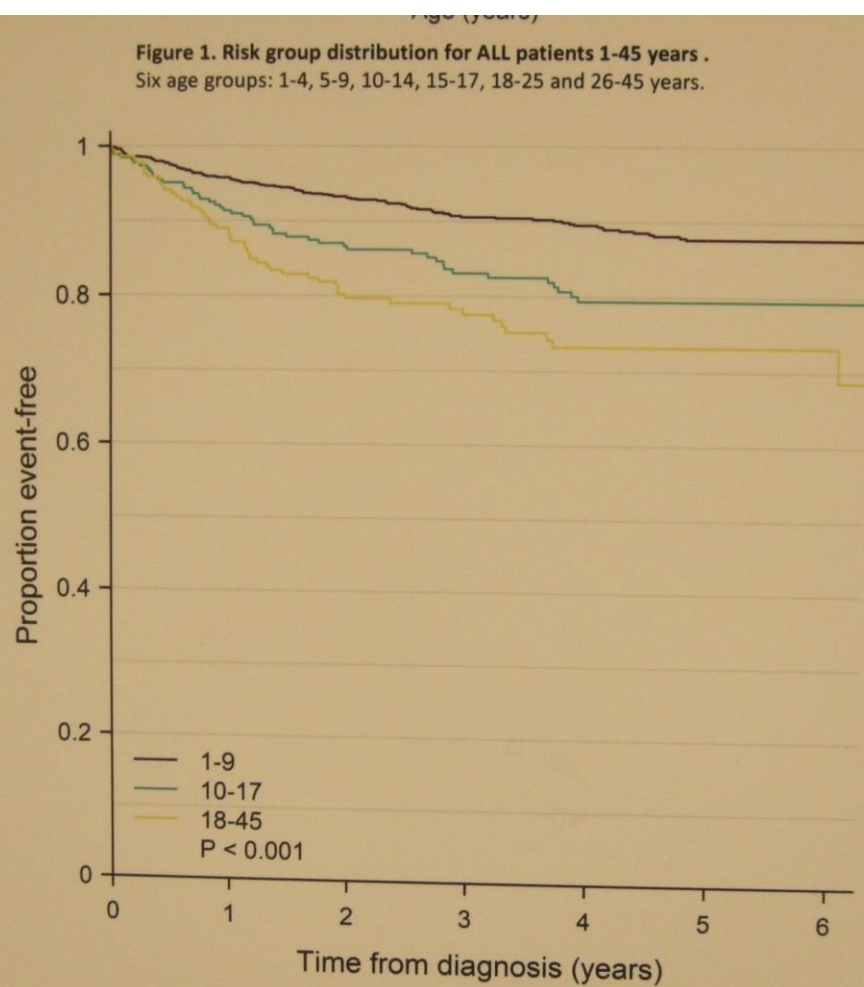
**Table 1. Cumulative risk adjusted for competing events and event free survival.**

16 patients with Induction failure and 2 patients not risk grouped due to severe toxicity (1-9 and 10-17 years) were excluded in survival analysis.

N number of patients, EFS event free survival, SE standard error, SR standard risk, IR intermediate risk, HR high risk, hSCT hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

**ADULTS AND CHILDREN (1-45 YEARS) WITH PH-NEGATIVE ALL HAVE ALMOST IDENTICAL OUTCOME IN RISK-STRATIFIED ANALYSIS OF NOPHO ALL2008.**

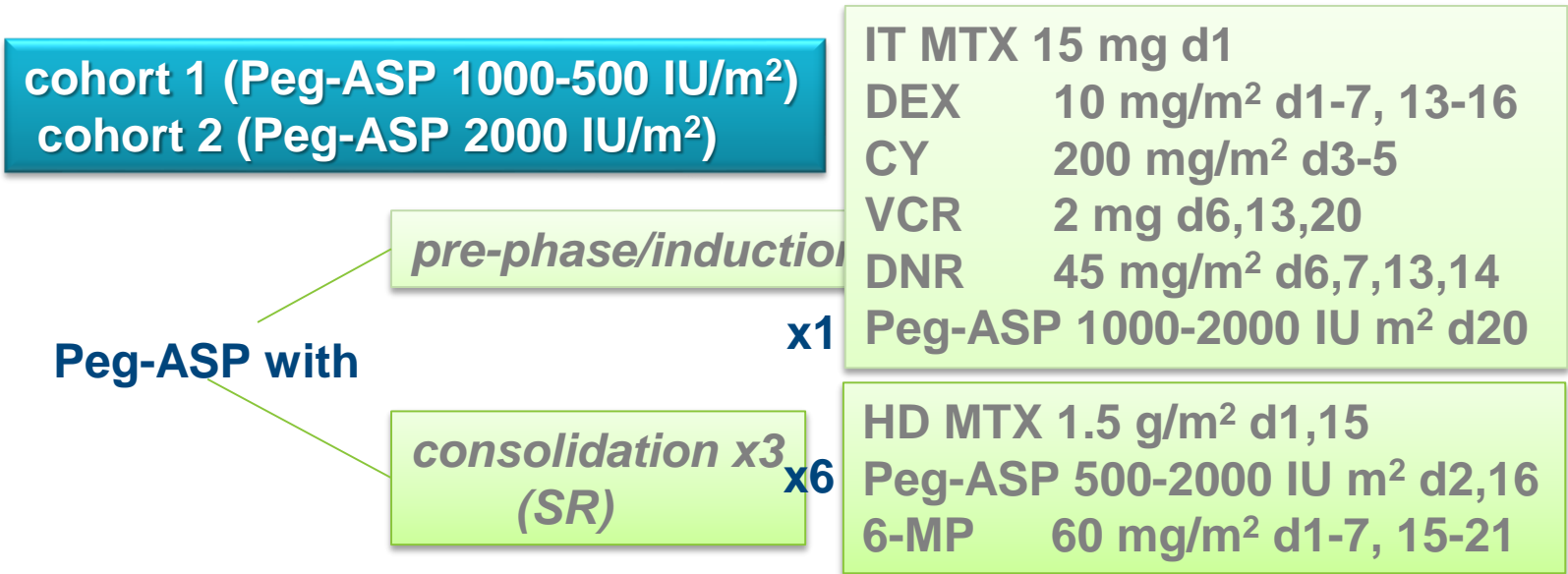
**We collected information on 1509 patients from Sweden, Norway, Iceland (children only), Finland (children only), Denmark, Lithuania, and Estonia diagnosed 7/2008-12/2014 with Ph-negative ALL and treated according to the NOPHO ALL2008 protocol.**





# Peg-ASP: large German study

- **GMALL 07/2003** (Goekbuget et al, ASH 2010, abstr 494)
- **AGE 15 – 55 years**
- **N 1226**

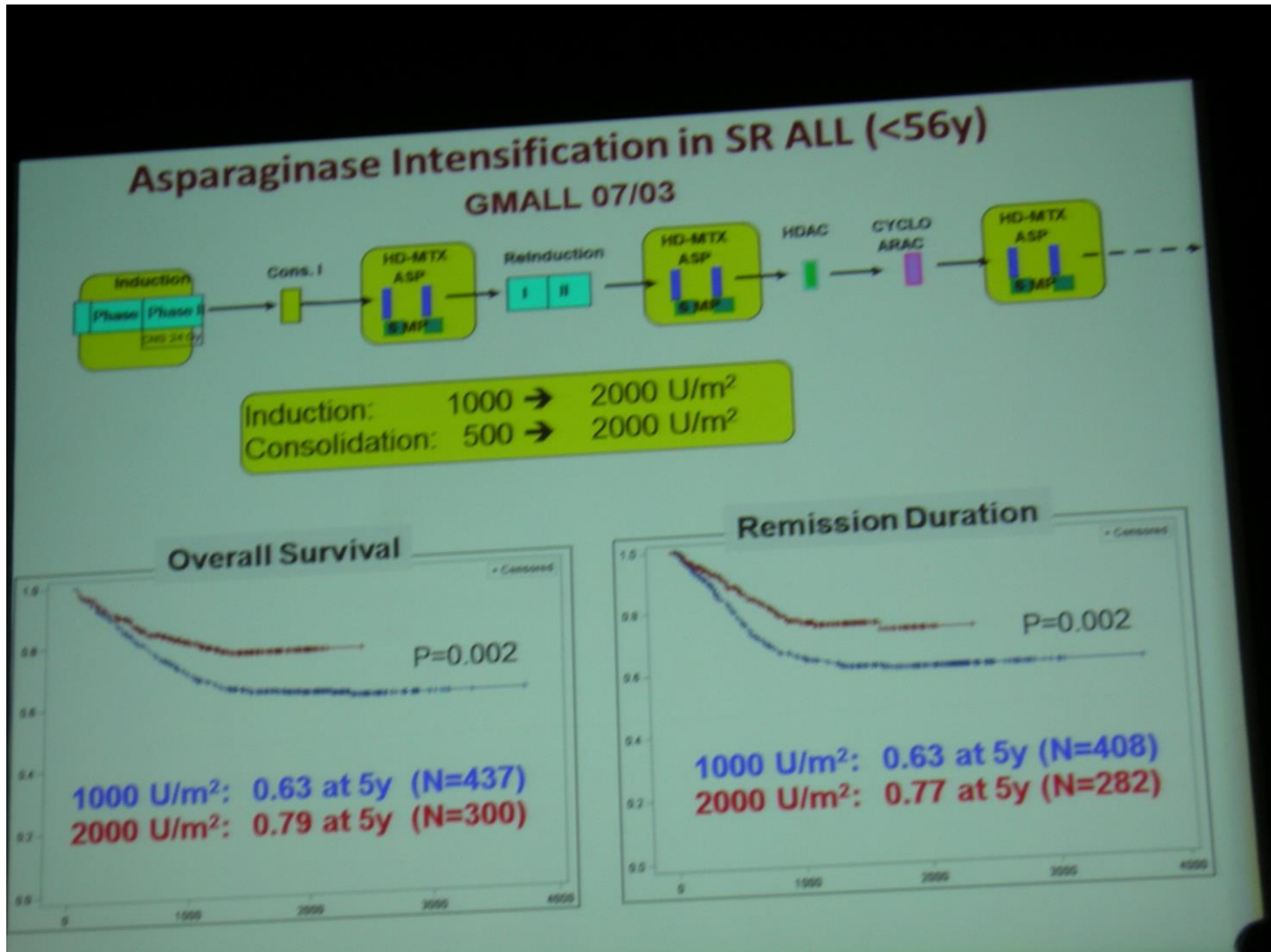




	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	P
No.	826	400	
CR (%)	91	91	NS
MRD <10 <sup>-4</sup> (%)	79	82	NS
3-Y OS (%)	60	67 (+7%)	>0.5
3-Y OS SR	68	80 (+12%)	0.02
3-Y CR duration SR	61	74 (+13%)	0.02
3-Y OS AYA 15-25 (y)	77	86 (+9%)	>0.5
3-Y CR duration AYA	60	78 (+18%)	>0.5
<b>GIII-IV tox (%)</b>			
got/gpt	30	30	-
bilirubin	10	16	0.04**
thrombosis	5	5	-
hypersensitivity	<1	<1	-
amylase	5	13	-
lipase	23	15	-
glucose	10	12	-

\*\*age >45 (P=0.005)

# Peg-Asparaginase- related effects (GMALL:EHA 2016)



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## Relevant Correlations and Prognostic Factors for Liver Toxicity (Bilirubine Grade III/IV) in Induction

4 Factors are significantly correlated to liver toxicity

	Incidence
<b>Dose</b>	
1000	11%
2000	14%
<b>Age</b>	
<45 y	11%
>45 y	17%
<b>BMI</b>	
<30	11%
>30	19%
<b>Steatosis</b>	
No	6%
Yes	30%

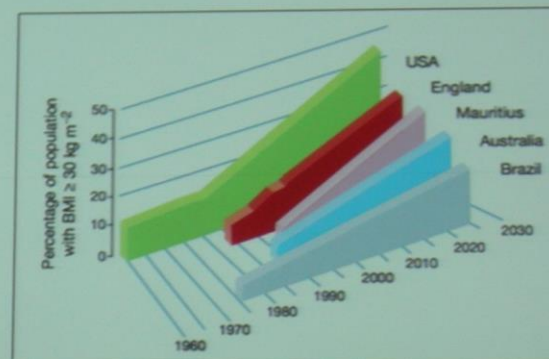
### Multivariate Analysis

BMI and Steatosis

Combined Risk Model:  
BMI and / or Steatosis

	N	< 45 y	>45 y
None	92	2%	7%
Either	59	22%	24%

Obesity worldwide: Projection until 2030



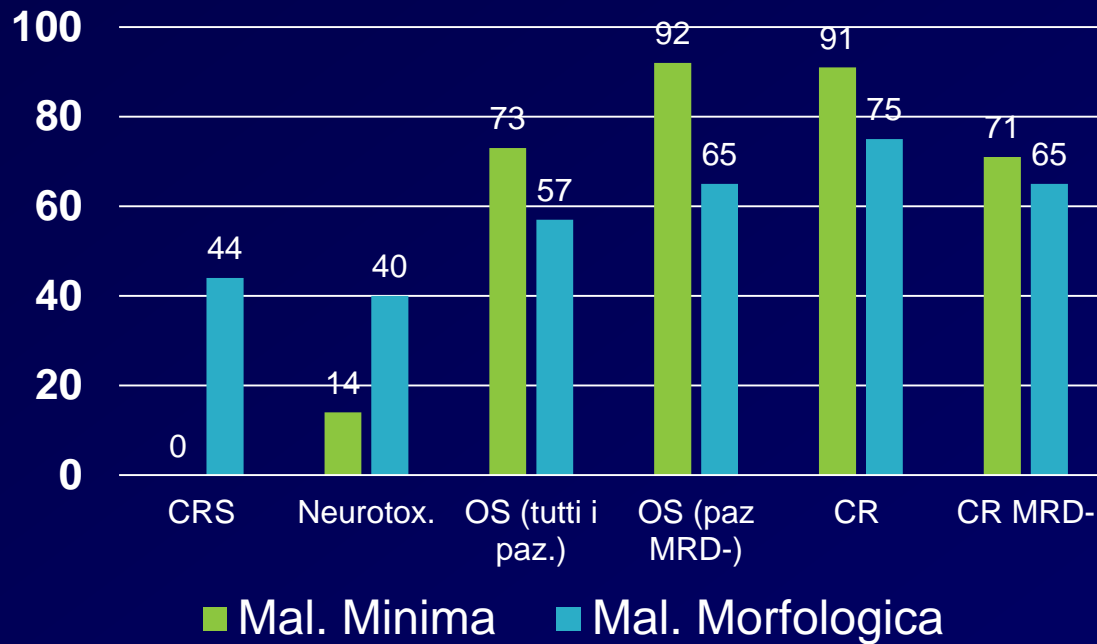
Kopelman, Nature 2000

## Peg-Asparaginase- related effects (GMALL:EHA 2016)

### Asparaginase Intensification in ALL Individualised Therapy – How?

1. **Liver imaging in all pts before asparaginase**
2. Maximum 1 vial
3. Avoid hepatotoxic medications in induction e.g. antifungal
4. **Dose reduction (500 U/m<sup>2</sup>) in induction for pts with BMI >30 and/or steatosis**
5. **Stepwise dose increase during consolidation**
6. Follow rules for chemo interruption and re-onset
7. **Stringent monitoring of specific lab values**
8. Any signs of allergy: Asparaginase activity measurement
9. Replacement of PEG-Asp by Erwinase in case of silent inactivation or clinically relevant allergy
10. Supportive care: Ursodeoxycholic acid? L-Carnitine

# IMPACT OF DISEASE BURDEN ON LONG-TERM OUTCOME OF CD19-TARGETED CAR MODIFIED T CELLS IN ADULT PATIENTS WITH RELAPSED B-ALL



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