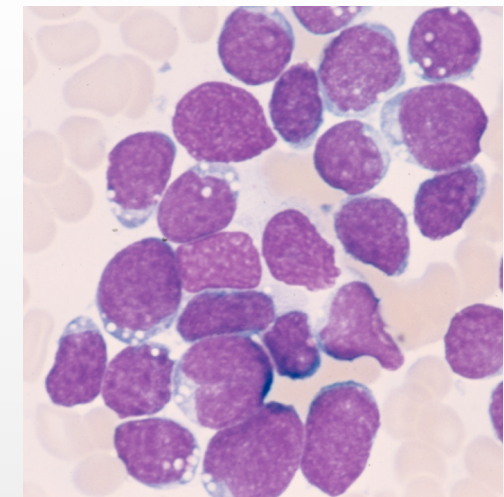
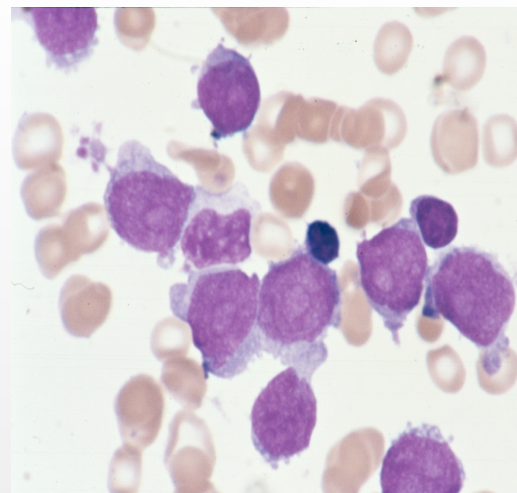
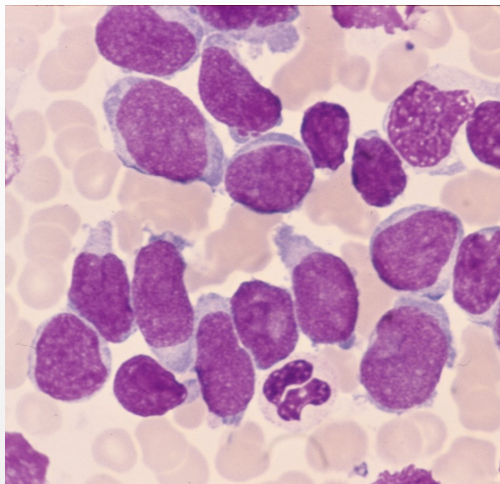


Leucemia Acuta Linfoblastica

La terapia del giovane adulto



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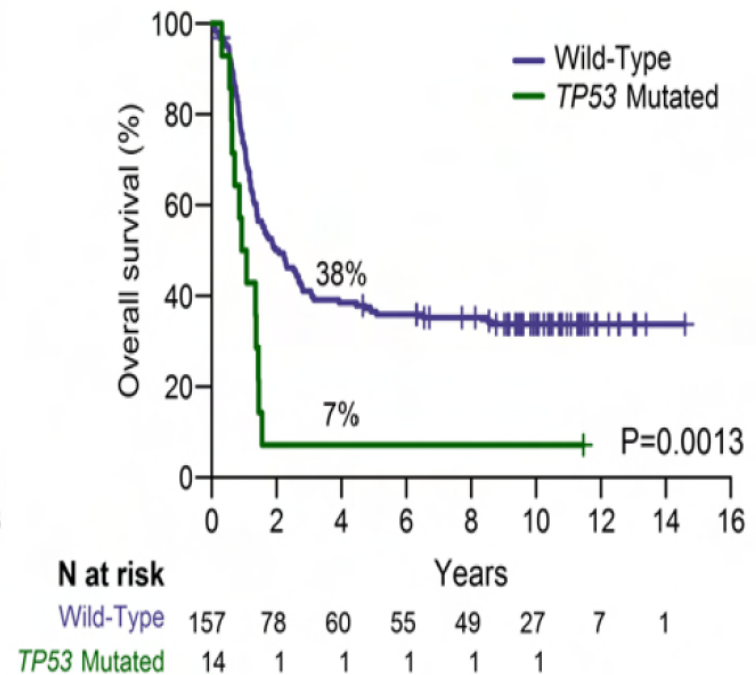
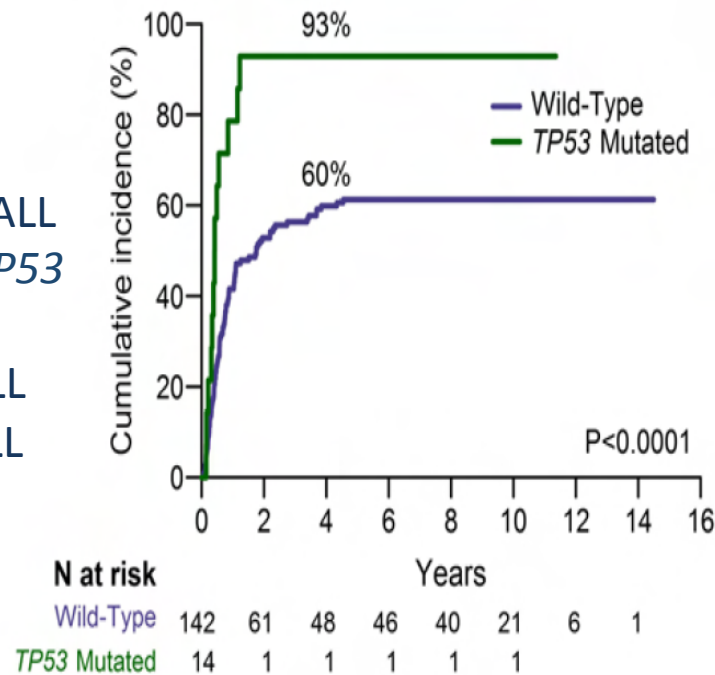
Predicting risk factors in ALL

Patient-related	Disease-related	Treatment-related*
Age (>35-55 years)	WBC (>30 [B], >100 [T])	Steroid prephase response
Performance status (ECOG >1)	Immunophenotype (pro-B, CD1a-negative early pre-T and early/mature)	Induction day 14 bone marrow response
Significant comorbidity	Cytogenetics (high-risk)*	Late CR (>cycle 1)
	Genetics/genomics (high-risk)	MRD
Miscellaneous	CNS involvement	

* t(9;22)/Philadelphia chromosome, t(4;11), t(1;19), t(8;14), abn 11q23, +8, -7, del6q, low hypodiploidy with 30-39 chromosomes, near triploidy with 60-78 chromosomes, complex with ≥ 5 unrelated anomalies

TP53 mutations in adult ALL (by NGS)

- 14/171 (8%) ALL positive for TP53
- 9.7% in Bp-ALL
- 5.3% in Tp-ALL



Cumulative incidence of relapse

Overall survival

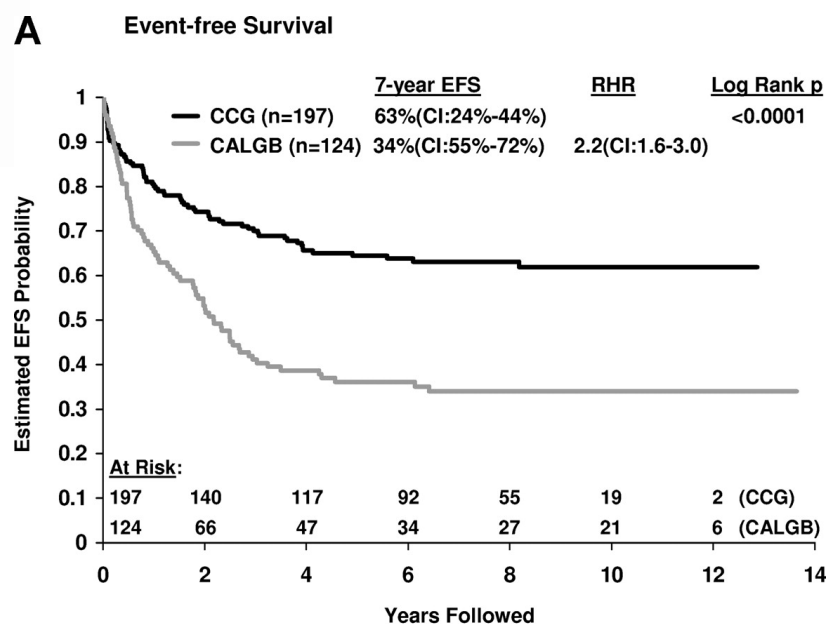
In adult ALL treatment intensity matters

Pediatric-inspired intensified programs

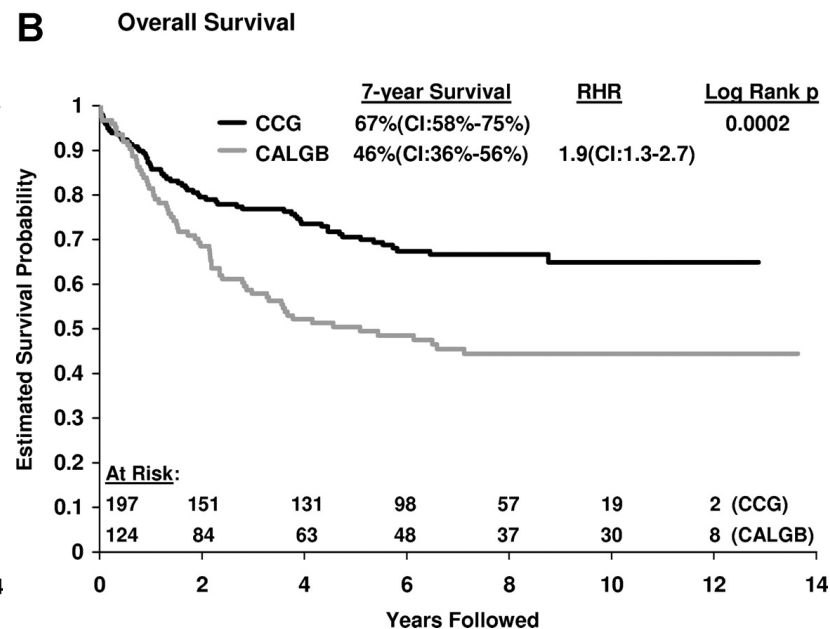
VS

conventional therapy

Comparison among CALGB and CCG patients



Event Free Survival



Overall Survival

Principles of pediatric-type therapy

Pediatric-type (compared to adult therapy)	
Chemotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Corticosteroids: more, dexamethasone•VCR: more•L-asparaginase: more, pegylated•Antimetabolites: more (MTX, 6-thiopurines, ara-C), higher-dose MTX (2.5-5 g/m²)
Treatment intensity/ adherence	•Higher, no/minimal dose reductions and treatment delay (dedicated, well trained staff)
SCT	•Limited use (MRD/risk class)

In Europe: BFM → GMALL; AIEOP → GIMEMA; FRALLE → GRAALL etc.

Application to adults: variable/modified or unmodified, difficult (age limit: 25/35 – 50 – 60 ?)

Frequenza e sensibilità delle sonde molecolari generate dallo studio del riarrangiamento dei geni Ig e TCR

Sensibilità	n	%
10^{-5}	156	51 90%
10^{-4}	119	39
10^{-3}	33	10

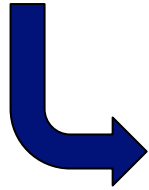
**The outcome of adult ALL patients achieving
MRD negativity is reproducibly good without
alloHSCT!**

Results of prospective, MRD-based clinical trials in Ph- ALL

Study, year (reference)	Patients	MRD method	MRD study (level for negativity)	Outcomes MRD negative	Outcomes MRD positive
Bassan, R 2009	280 adult ALL patients	RQ-PCR	MRD $\leq 10^{-4}$	5-year OS 75% 5-year DFS 72%	5-year OS 33% 5-year DFS 14%
Gökbuget, N 2012	580 Ph- adult ALL patients	RQ-PCR	MRD $\leq 10^{-4}$	5-year OS 80% 5-year DFS 67%	5-year OS 42% 5-year DFS 25%
Beldjoord, 2014	423 Ph- ALL patients	RQ-PCR	MRD $\leq 10^{-4}$	5- year RI 23%	5- year RI rate 60%
Ribera, JM, 2014	326 HR Ph- adult ALL patients	Flow cytometry	Patients with MRD $< 1 \times 10^{-3}$ after induction and $< 5 \times 10^{-4}$ after early consolidation	5-year OS 56% 5-year DFS 51%	5-year OS 17% 5-year DFS 0%

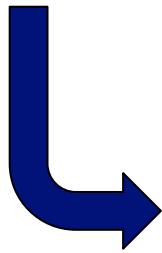
**Should we transplant every possible
case in CR1?
(based on clinical risk factors)**

SCT for no one



MRD negative (with acceptable risk profile)

SCT for everyone



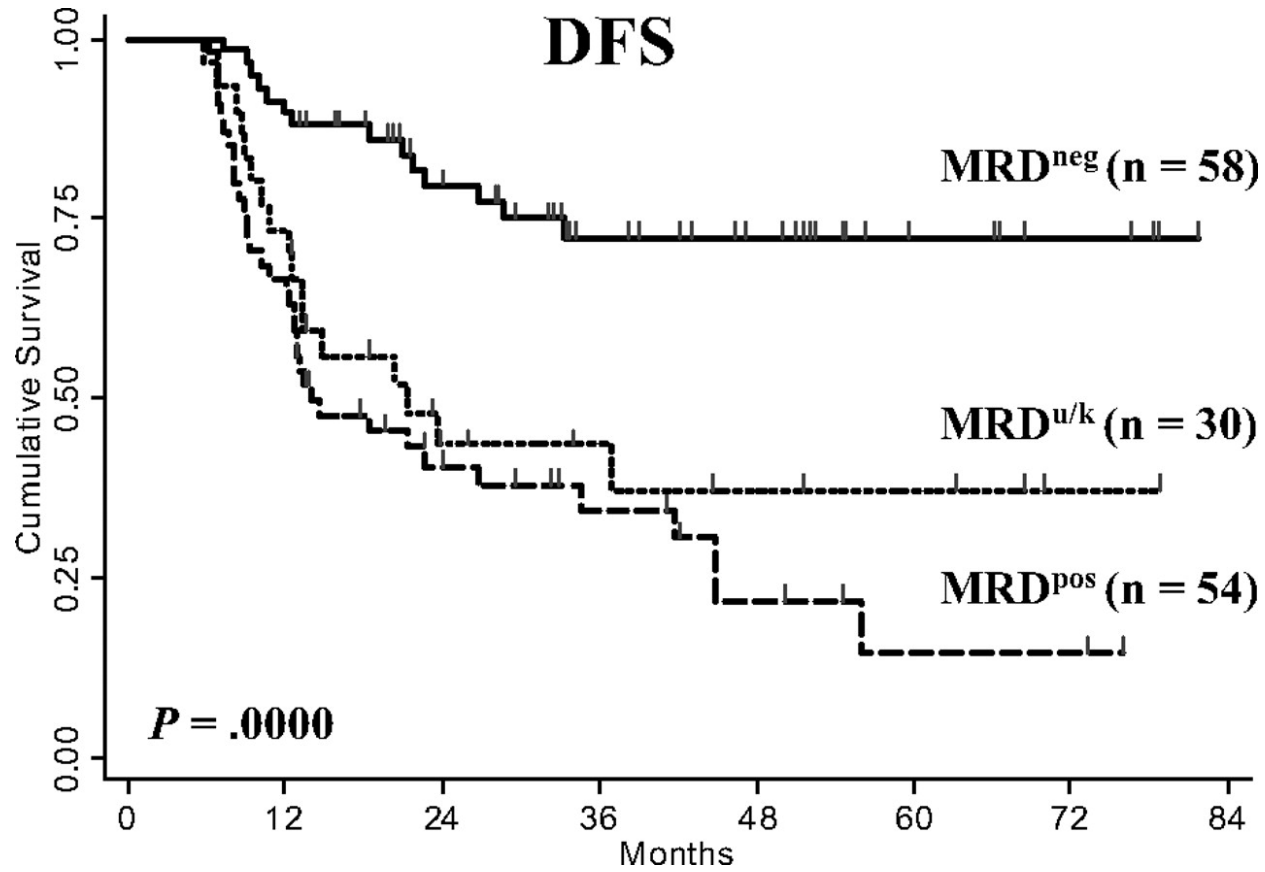
MRD positive *or*
MRD negative without* acceptable risk profile

any of: Ph+, t(4;11), t(1;19), t(8;14), abn 11q23, +8, -7, del6q, low hypodiploidy, near triploidy, complex

How to improve the outcome of adult ALL

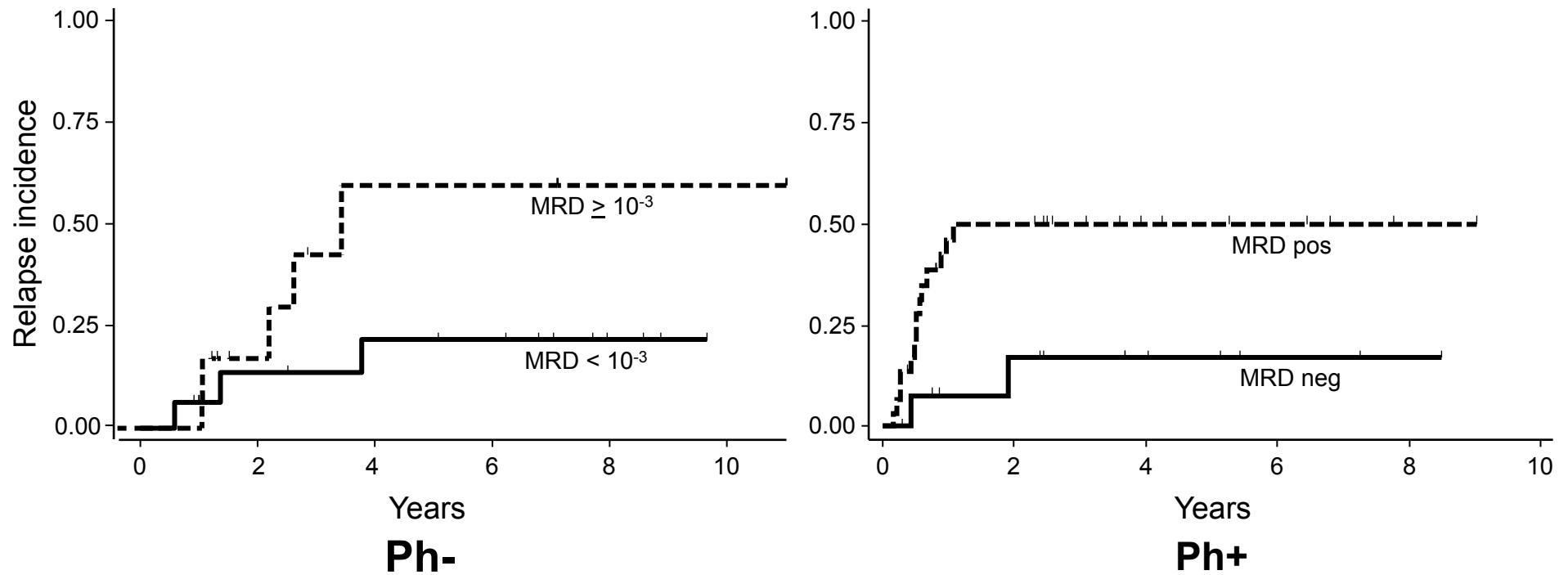
- 1. Reduce the failure of the MRD driven strategy**
- 2. Improve the outcome of alloHSCT**

Figure 3 DFS according to MRD study results

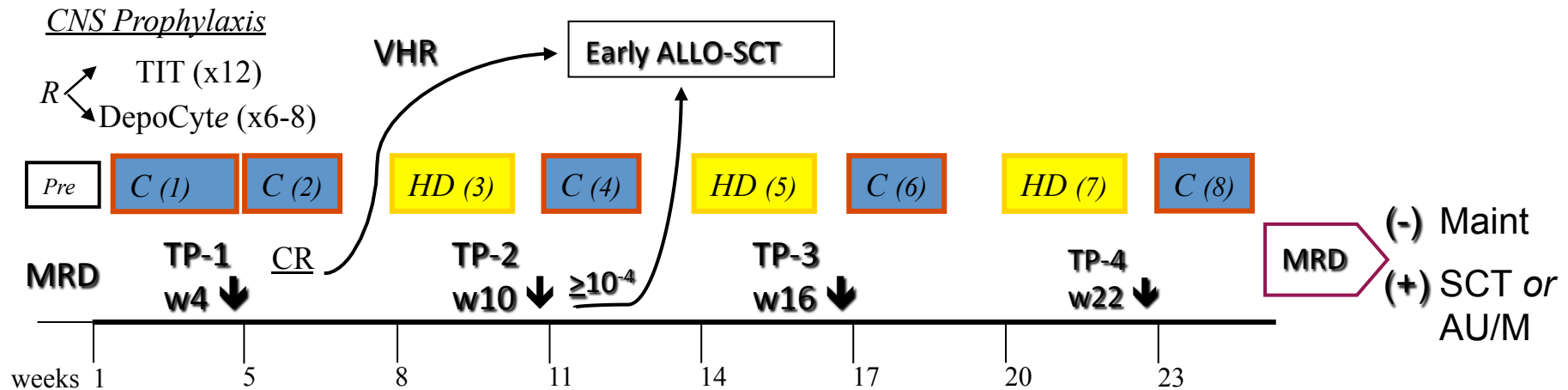


Bassan, R. et al. Blood 2009;113:4153-4162

Allogeneic transplantation for adult ALL: impact of MRD status at conditioning



NILG study 10/2007



C (1),(2),(4),(6),(8) = Conventional-Dose Cycles (no. 2,4,6: Pediatric-type AIEOP-derived)

HD (3),(5),(7) = Lineage-Targeted HD-MTX Infusion Cycles (SJM-derived)

B-lin: 2.5 g/m²

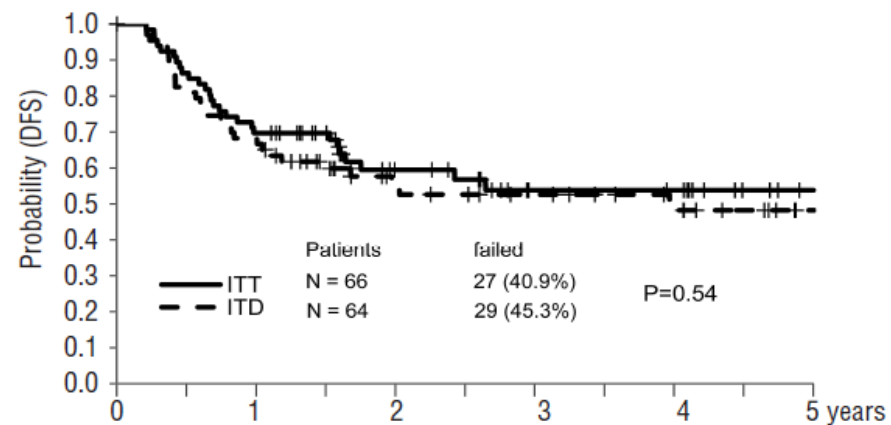
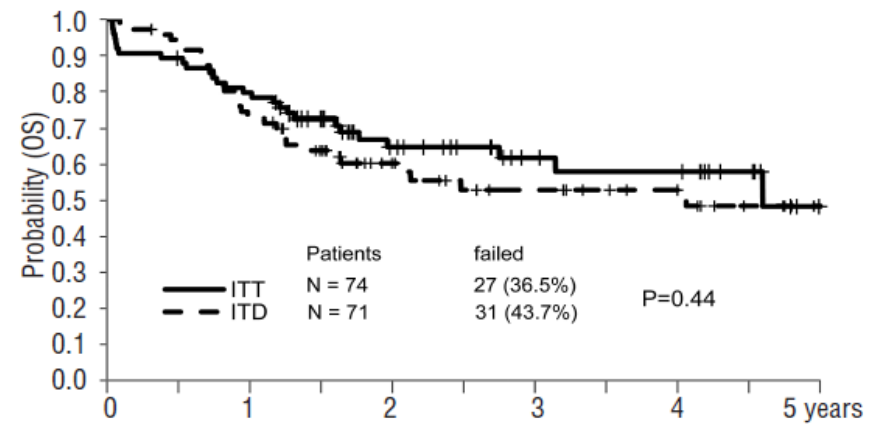
T-lin: 5 g/m²

NB: age >55: 1.5 g/m²

- WBC >100x10⁶ cells/μL
- Early/mature T
- Adverse cytogenetics: Ph, MLL at q23, +8, -7, del6q, t(8;14), NTr (60-78), low hypo (30-39), complex

Intrathecal triple therapy vs liposomal cytarabine CNS prophylaxis in ALL

Outcome estimates by randomisation arm

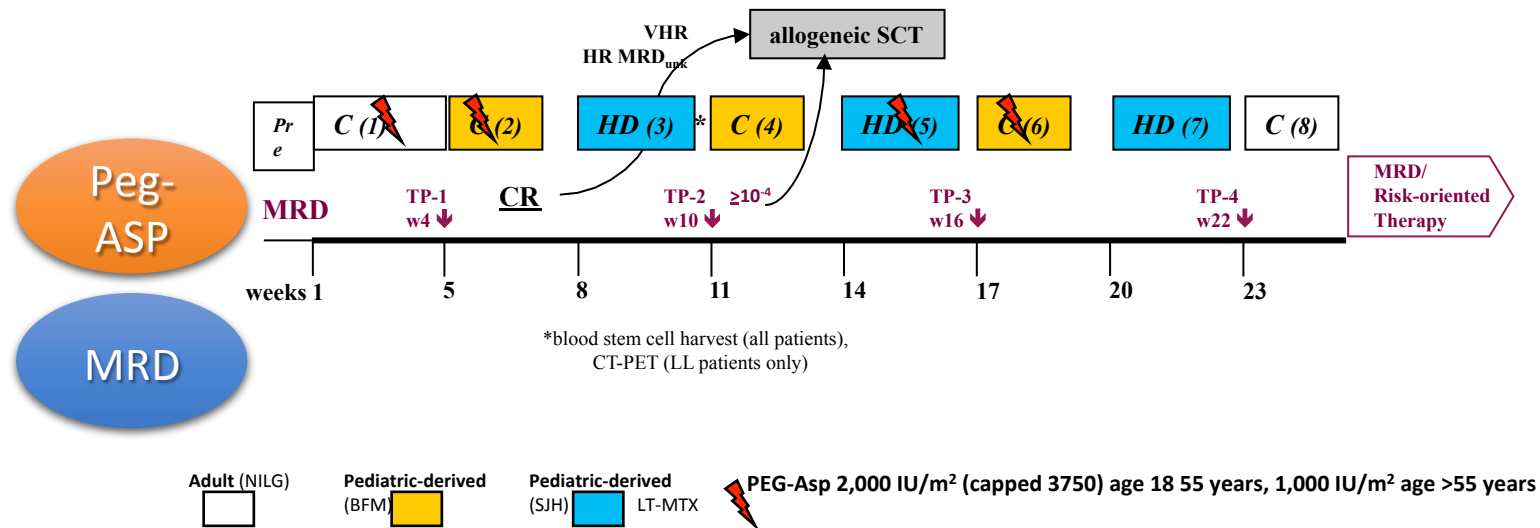


ITD, intrathecal liposome-encapsulated cytarabine; ITT, intrathecal triple therapy

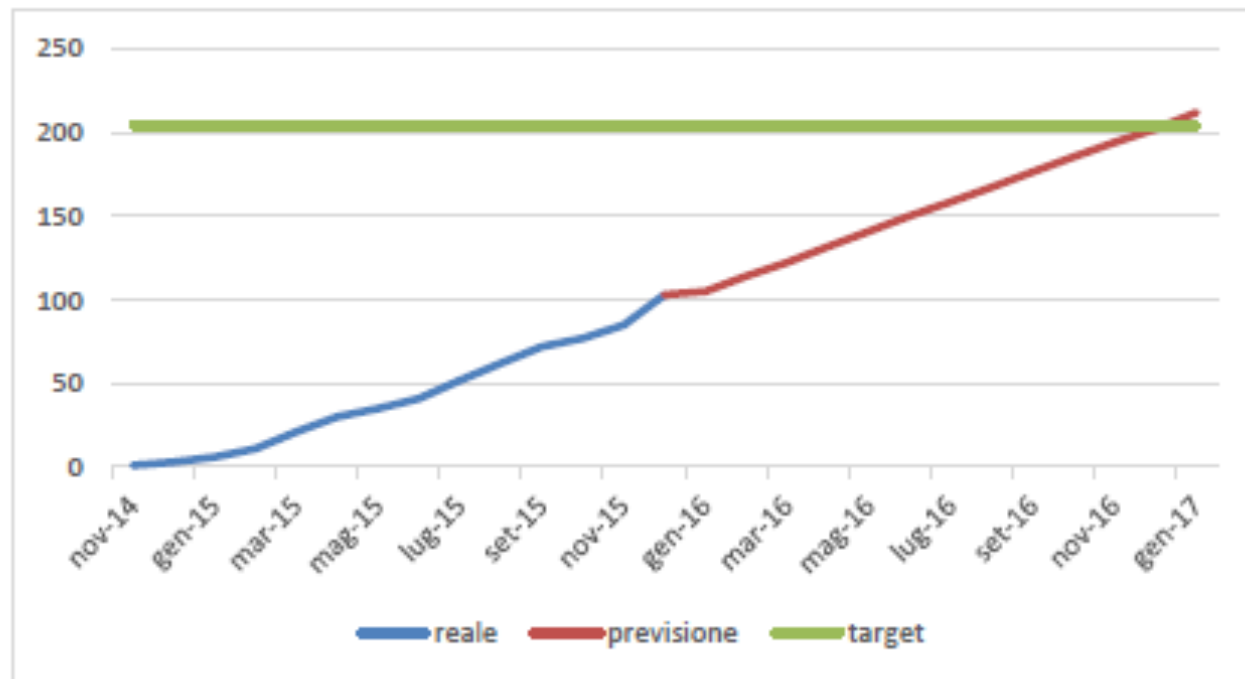
Bassan R, et al. Haematologica 2015;100:786–93

National Treatment Program of Philadelphia Chromosome-negative Adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with Pegylated Asparaginase Added to a Lineage-Targeted Risk- and Minimal Residual Disease-Oriented Strategy

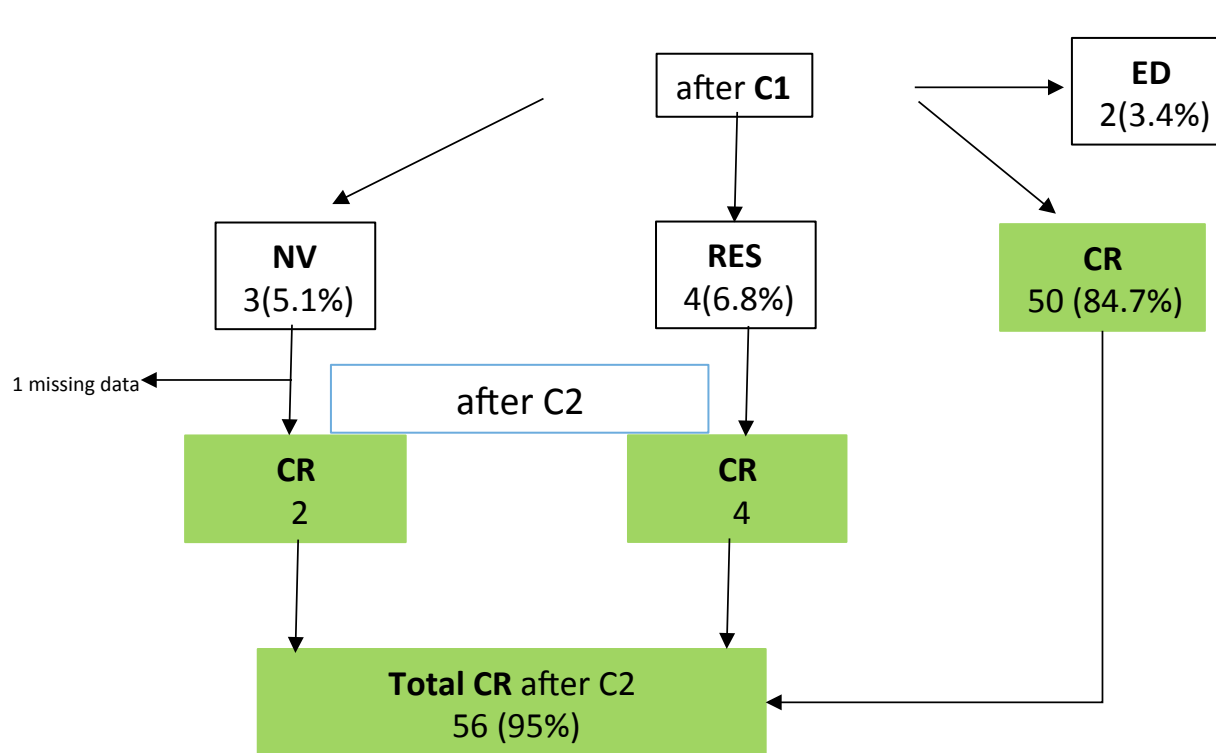
GIMEMA LAL 1913



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Treatment Response (n = 59)



Causes of death of these 2 patients

Infection

hyperbilirubinemia, hepatic dysfunction and alteration of coagulation after PEG-ASP administration

Details about 4 patients RES after C1

Age	≤55 (4), >55 (0)
Phenotype	B (3), T(1)
Risk	SR (3), No SR (1)

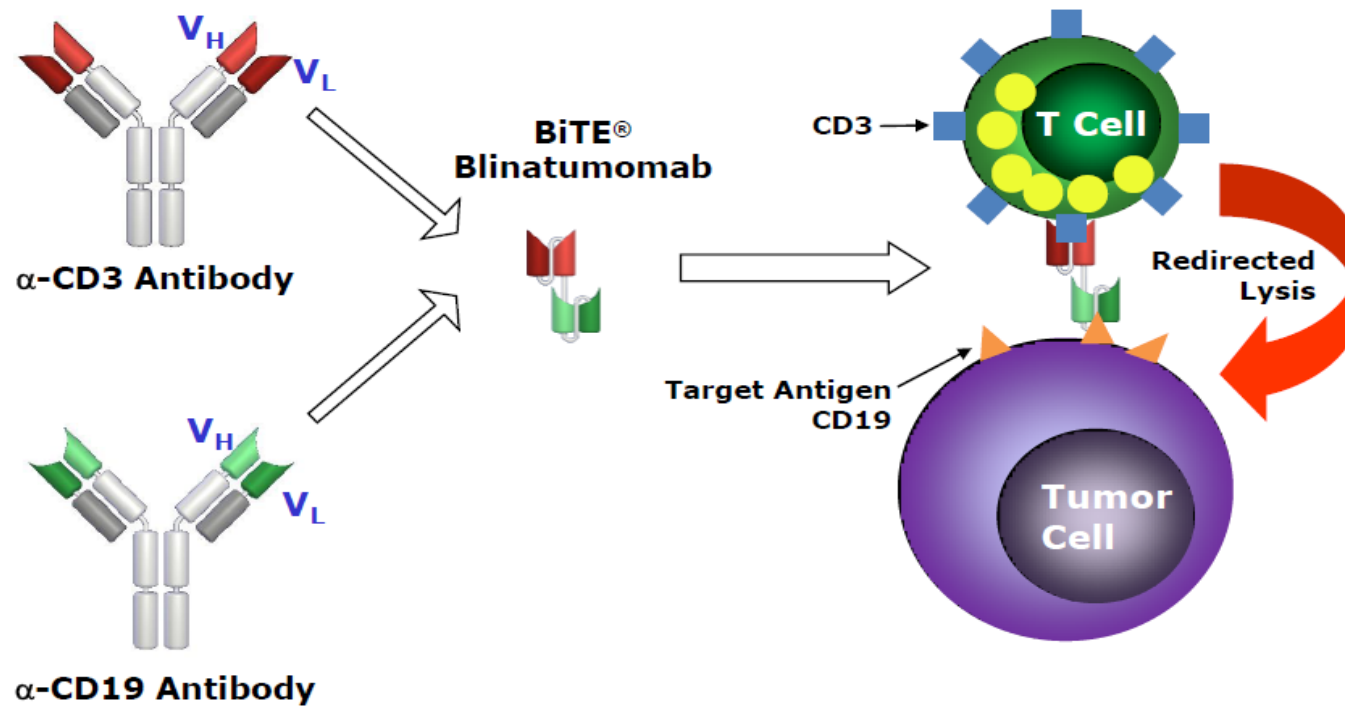
SAE correlate a Peg-ASP related SAE (excluding infections)

AE	N (%) / n1	/ n2	outcome
CNS THROMBOSIS	4 (3.9)	(6.7)	Stable, NR, Stable, Stable
T.E. POLMONARE	1 (1.0)	(1.6)	Improved
COAGULOPATY	2 (1.9)	(3.3)	Improved, Fatal*
ENCEFALOPATY	1 (1.0)	(1.6)	Improved
EPATOTOXICITY	5 (4.9)	(8.4)	Improved (2), Stable, NR, Fatal
PANCREATITIS	1 (1.0)	(1.6)	Stable

n1 = 103

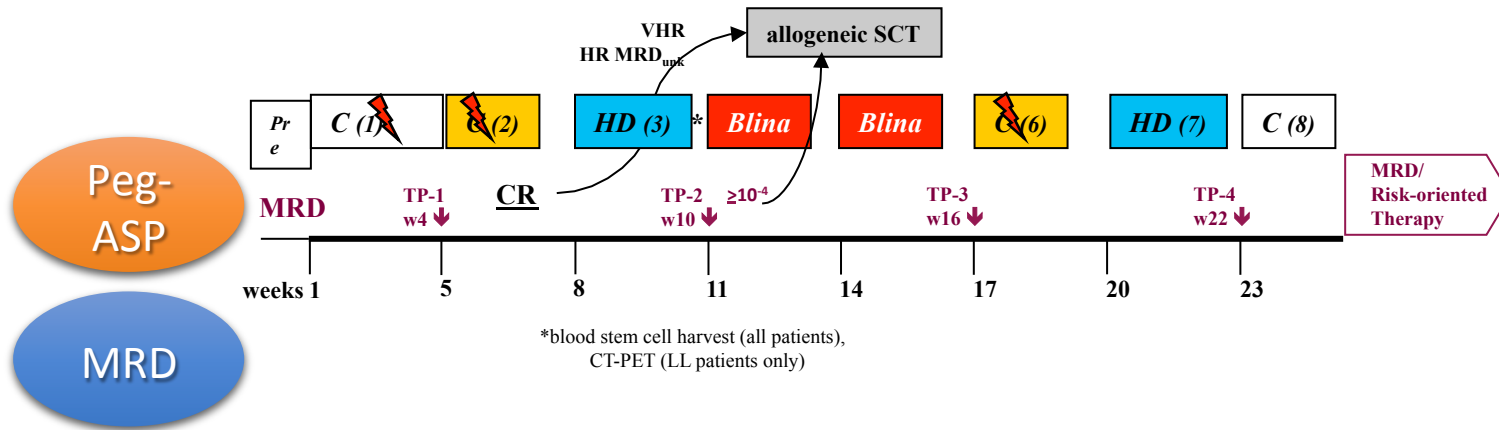
n2 = 59 (evaluabile C1)

Blinatumomab:* a bispecific T-cell engaging (BiTE[®]) antibody construct



*▼This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring.
All suspected adverse reactions should be reported
Nagorsen D, Baeuerle PA. Exp Cell Res 2011;317:1255–60

The next national trial Option 1?



Peg-ASP

MRD

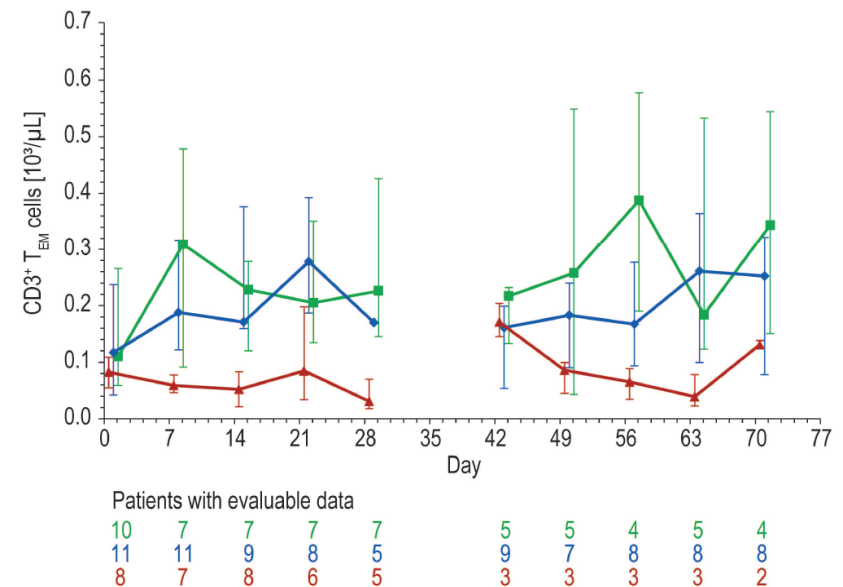
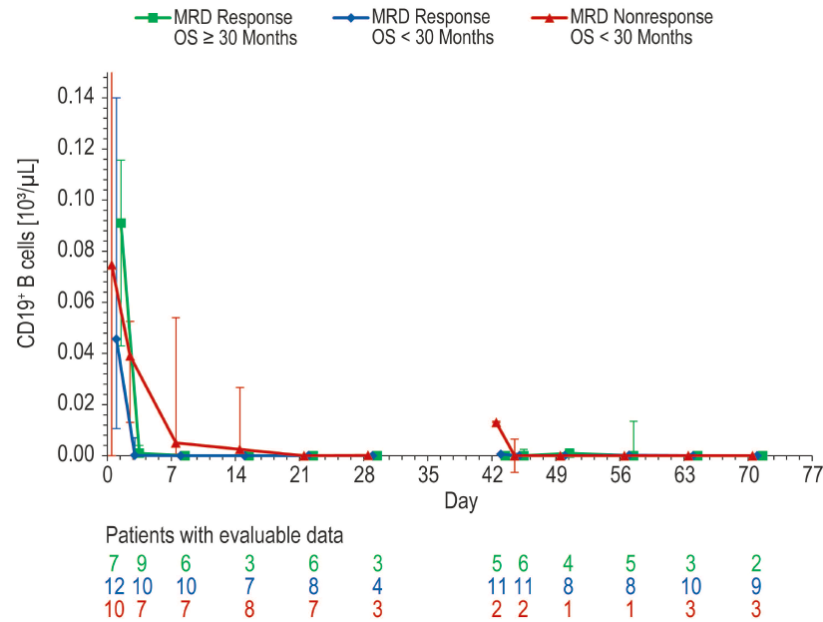
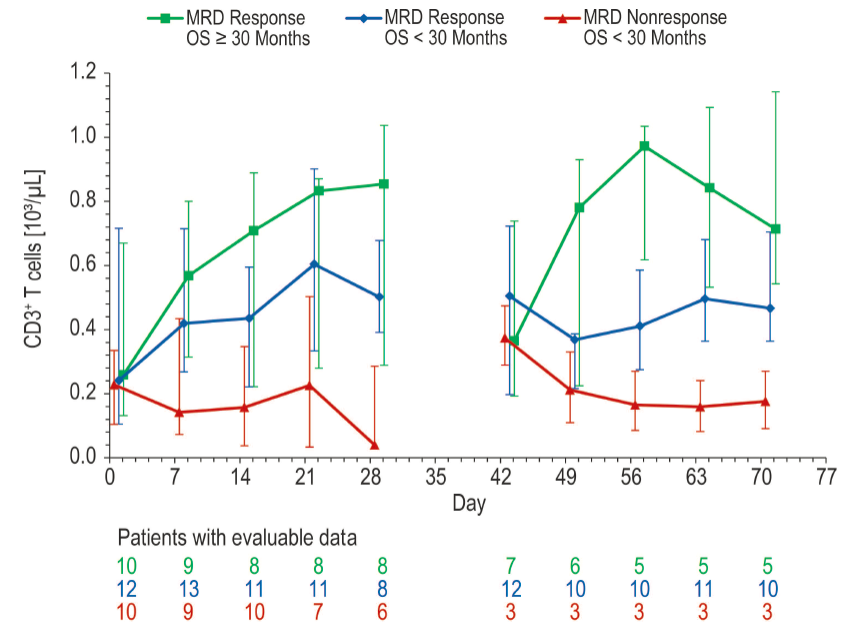
Adult (NILG)

Pediatric-derived (BFM)

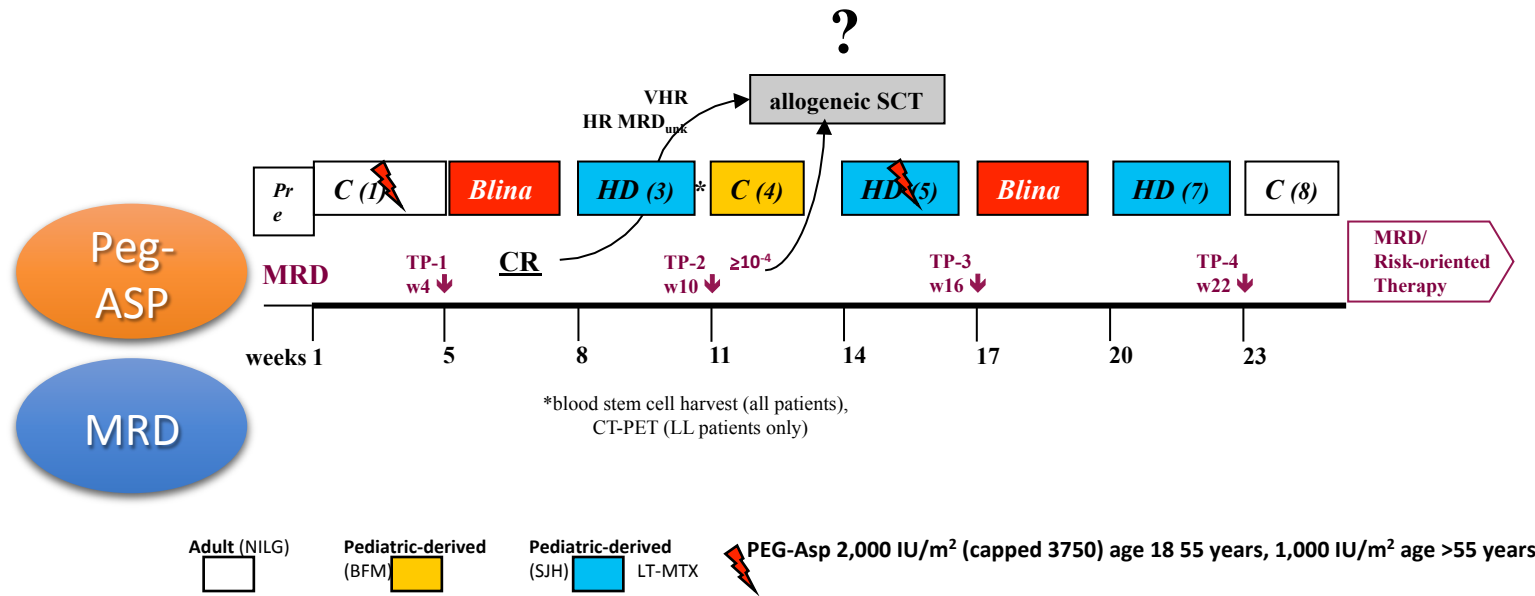
Pediatric-derived (SJH) LT-MTX

PEG-Asp 1500 IU/m² age 18-55 years, 1,000 IU/m² age >55 years

T-cell and B-cell kinetics during cycle 1 (day 1 to 29) and cycle 2 (day 43 to 71) of blinatumomab treatment



The next national trial Option 2?



Conclusions

- **Significant improvement in the outcome when intensified protocols are applied**
- **AlloHSCT should be reserved to very high risk patients (by molecular genetics) and those failing to achieve a molecular remission**
- **Innovative treatments are now available for the treatment of chemotherapy resistant/refractory (MRD positive) patients**