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# Il futuro del trapianto di cellule staminali allogeniche



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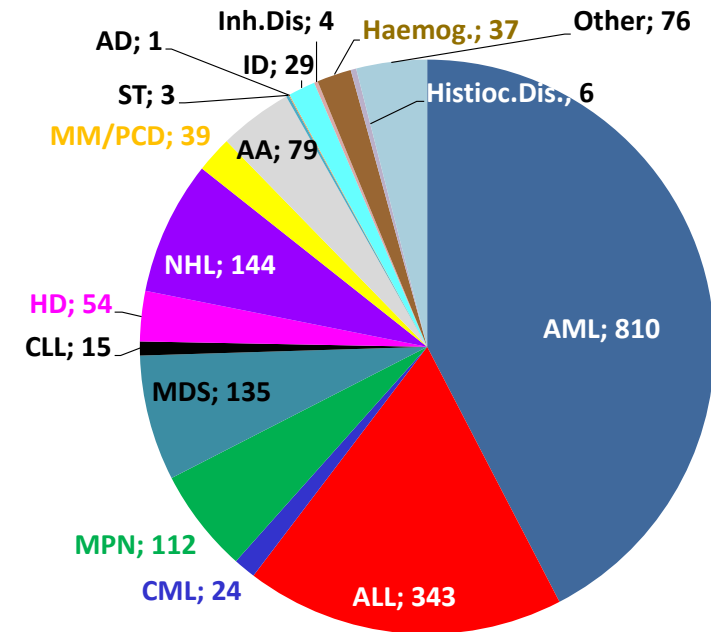
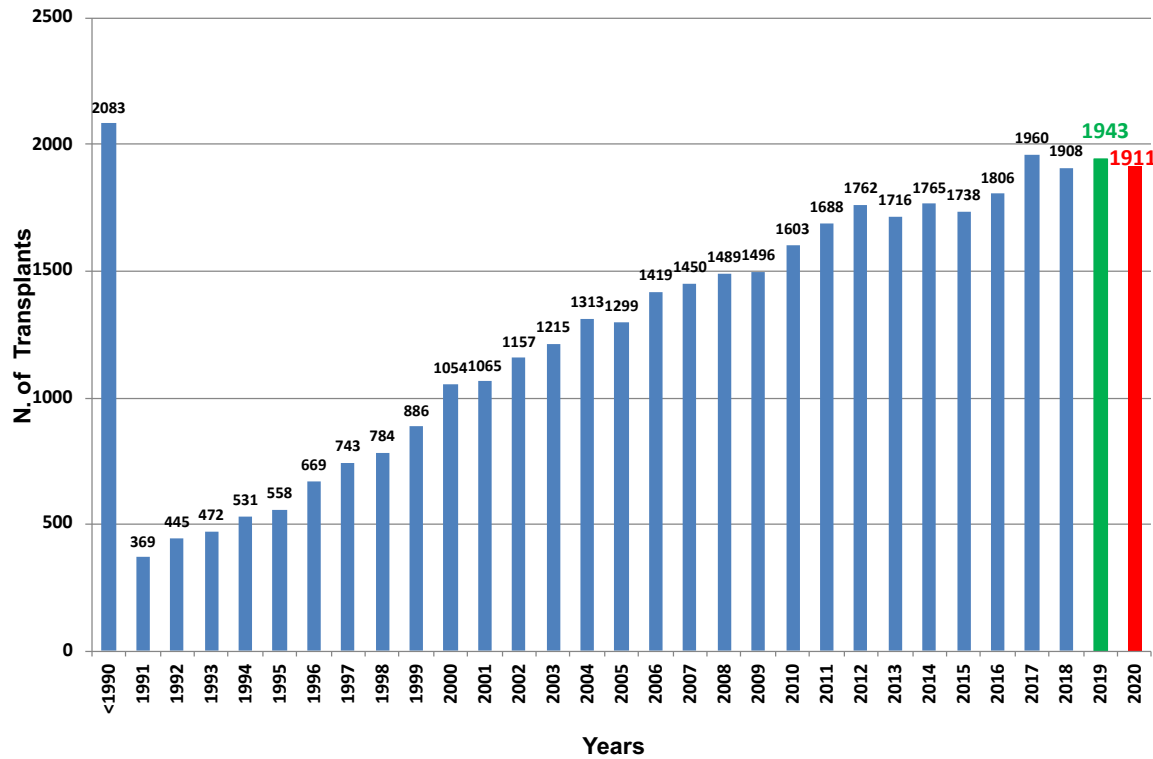


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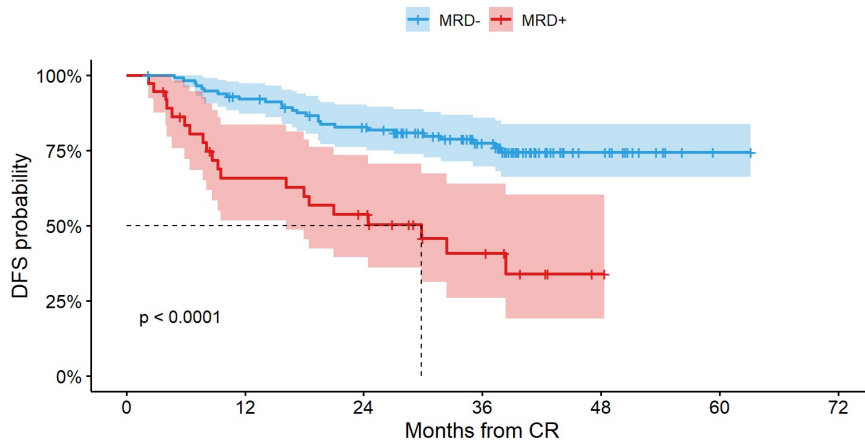
# Attività di Trapianto allogenico in Italia Procedure (N= > 41000) e Indicazioni



# National Pegaspargase-modified risk-oriented program for Ph-negative ALL/LL: GIMEMA LAL 1913 final results



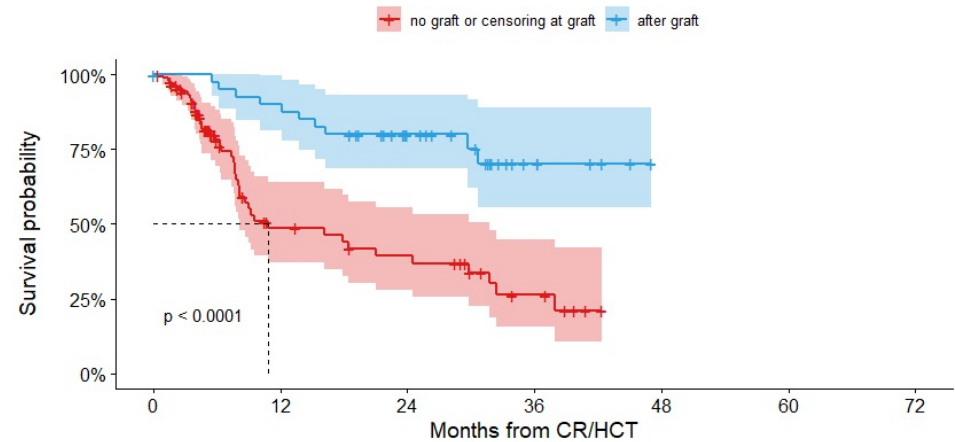
## DFS by MRD response



MRD-	114	102	88	56	16	1	0
MRD+	37	22	17	8	1	0	0
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72

Months from CR

## DFS by HCT (ITT, time-dependent Simon-Makuch plot)



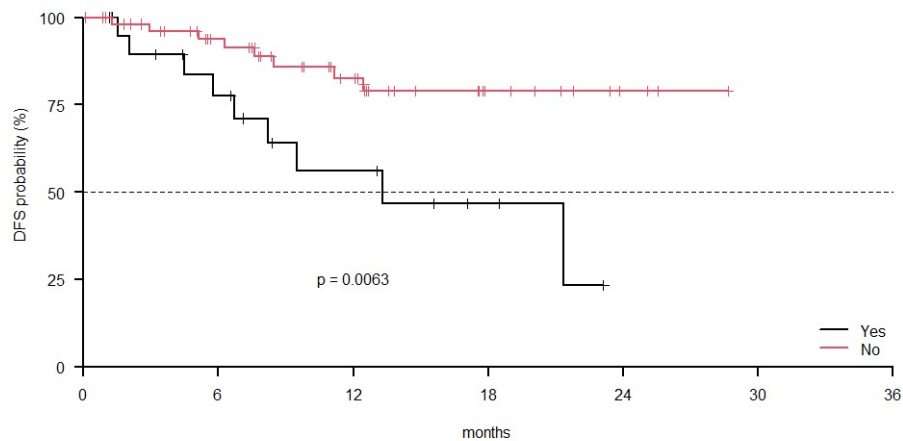
no graft or censoring at graft	91	22	16	6	0	0	0
after graft	42	36	21	6	0	0	0
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72

Months from CR/HCT

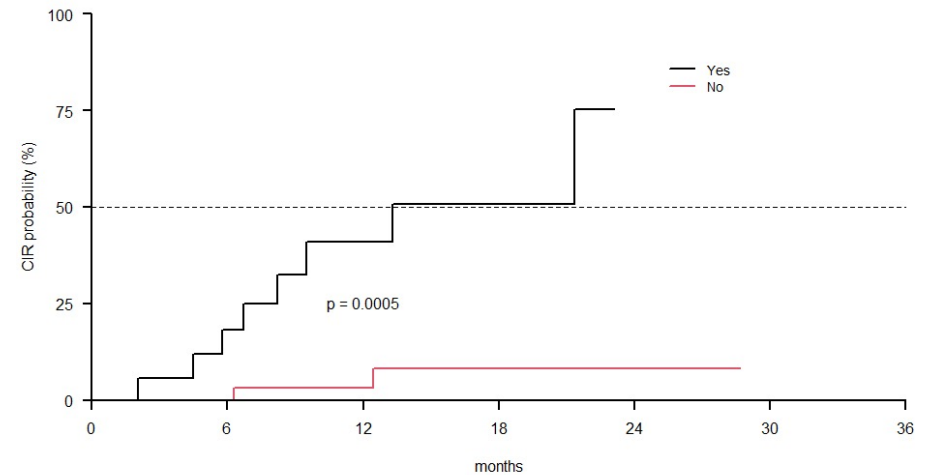
# Outcome according to Ph-like signature



## Disease-free survival by Ph-like signature



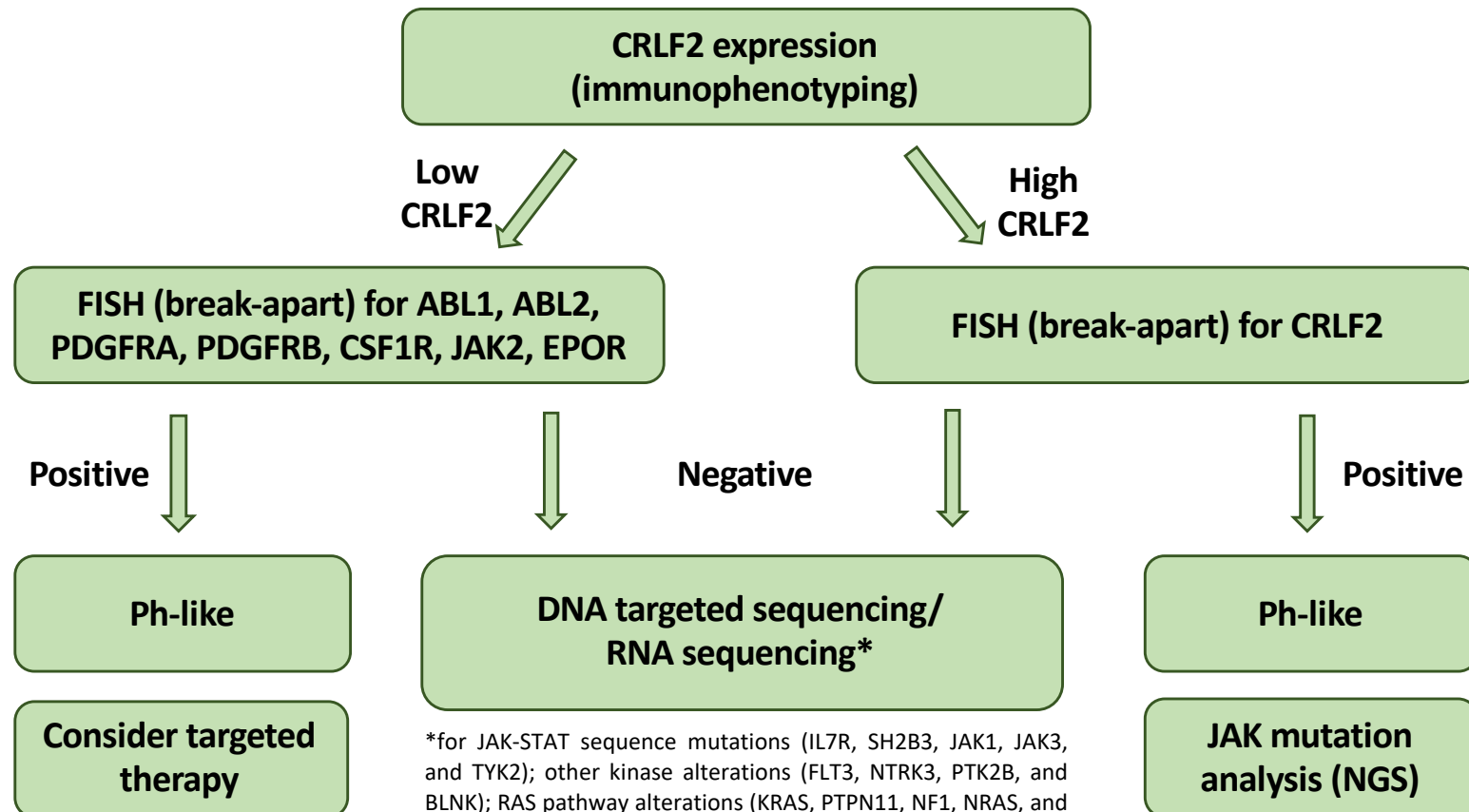
## Relapse incidence in MRD<sub>neg</sub> group by Ph-like signature



1-year relapse rate: Ph-like	40.1%
Not Ph-like	3.2%

**P=0.0005**

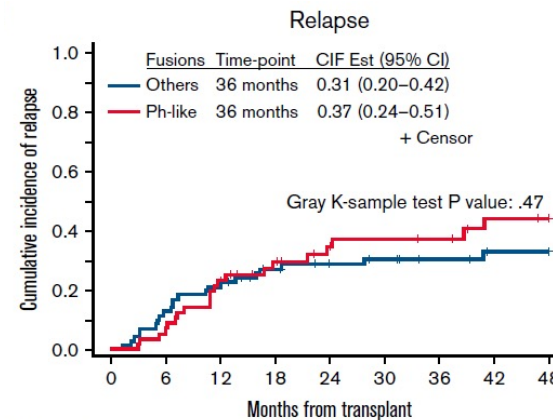
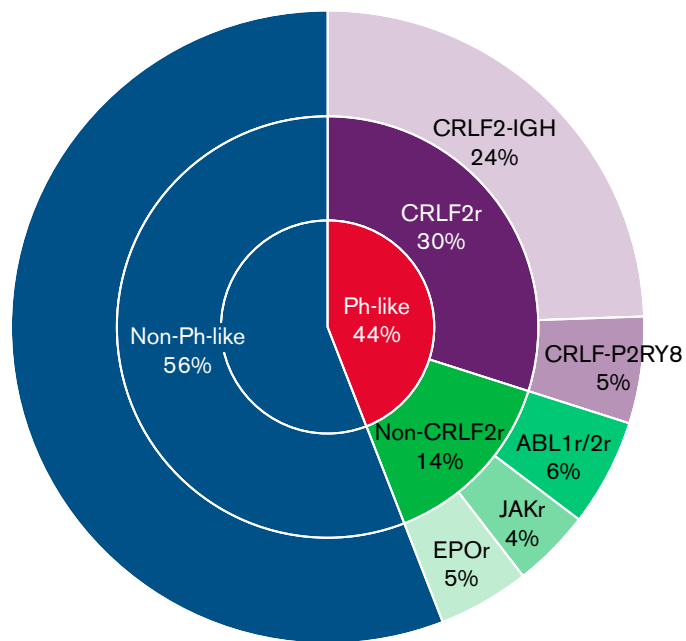
# Screening of newly diagnosed cases of ALL



# Outcomes of allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation in adults with fusions associated with Ph-like ALL

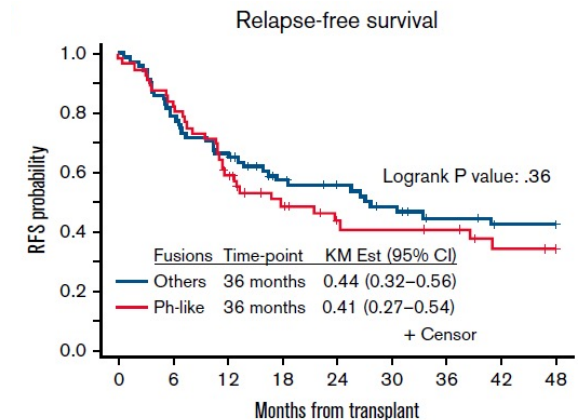


**Frequency of genomic alterations (adults with Ph-like ALL)**



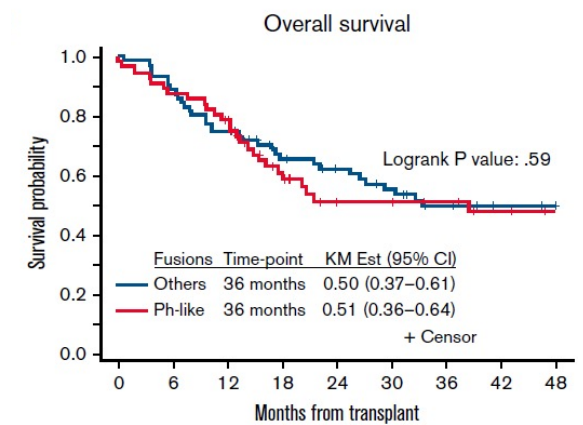
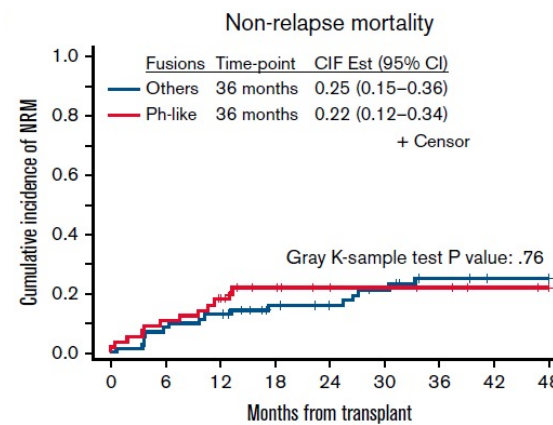
Patient at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Others	71	47	31	21	18				
Ph-like	56	32	16	14	9				

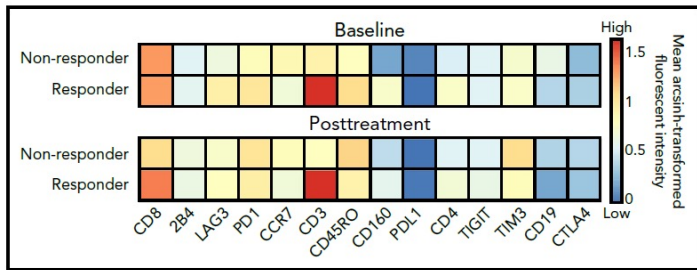
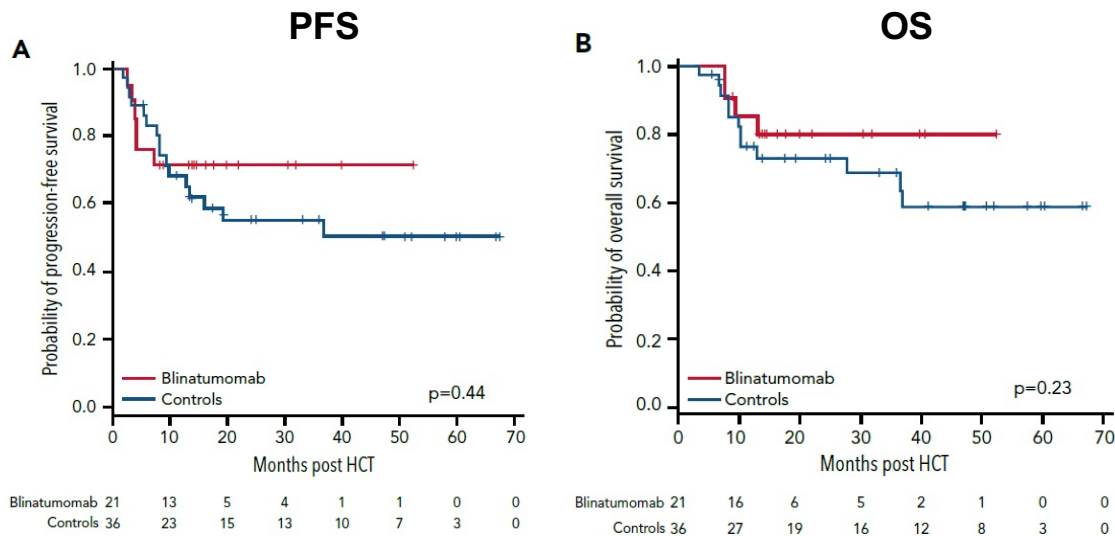


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# Blinatumomab maintenance after allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation for B-lineage ALL

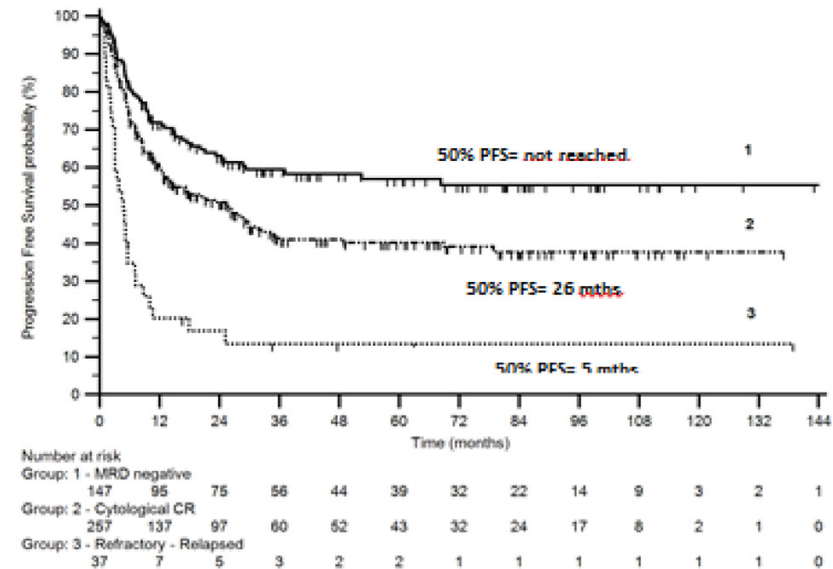
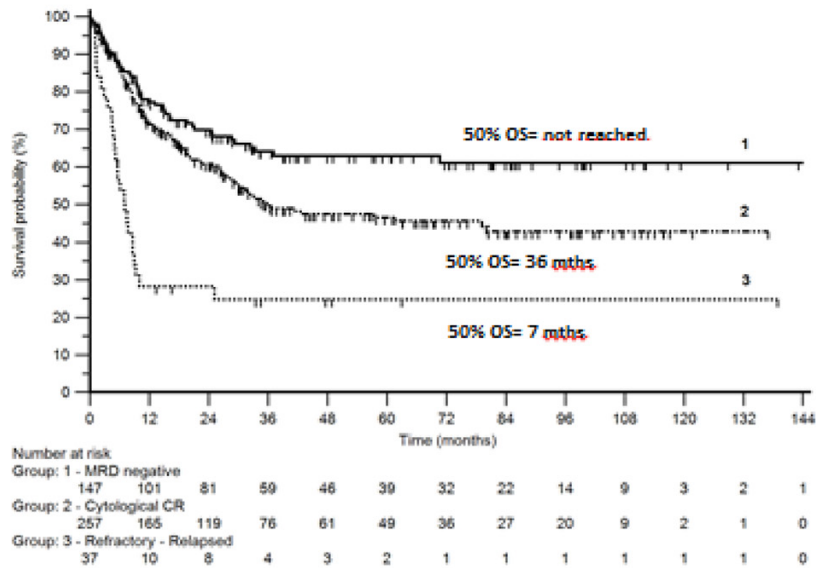


## Main results

- 12/23 pts (57%) completed all 4 cycles (17 pts were alive at the end of the study; 6 pts relapsed)
- With a median follow up of 14.3 months, the 1year OS, PFS, and non-relapse mortality rates were 85%, 71% and 0%; CIR 29%
- The cumulative incidence of acute GVHD grades 2 to 4 and 3 to 4 were 33% and 5%, respectively; 2 cases of mild (10%) and 1 case of moderate (5%) chronic GVHD were noted
- In a matched analysis with a contemporary cohort of 57 patients, no significant difference between groups regarding blinatumomab efficacy
- Responders had greater numbers of CD3, CD4, CD160 T cells compared with non responders. In addition, responders had higher levels of CD8 T cells after therapy
- Blinatumomab is safe and feasible for use in B-ALL after allogeneic HCT
- The composition of a patient's T-cell subsets at the time of treatment may be indicative of whether they will respond to blinatumomab



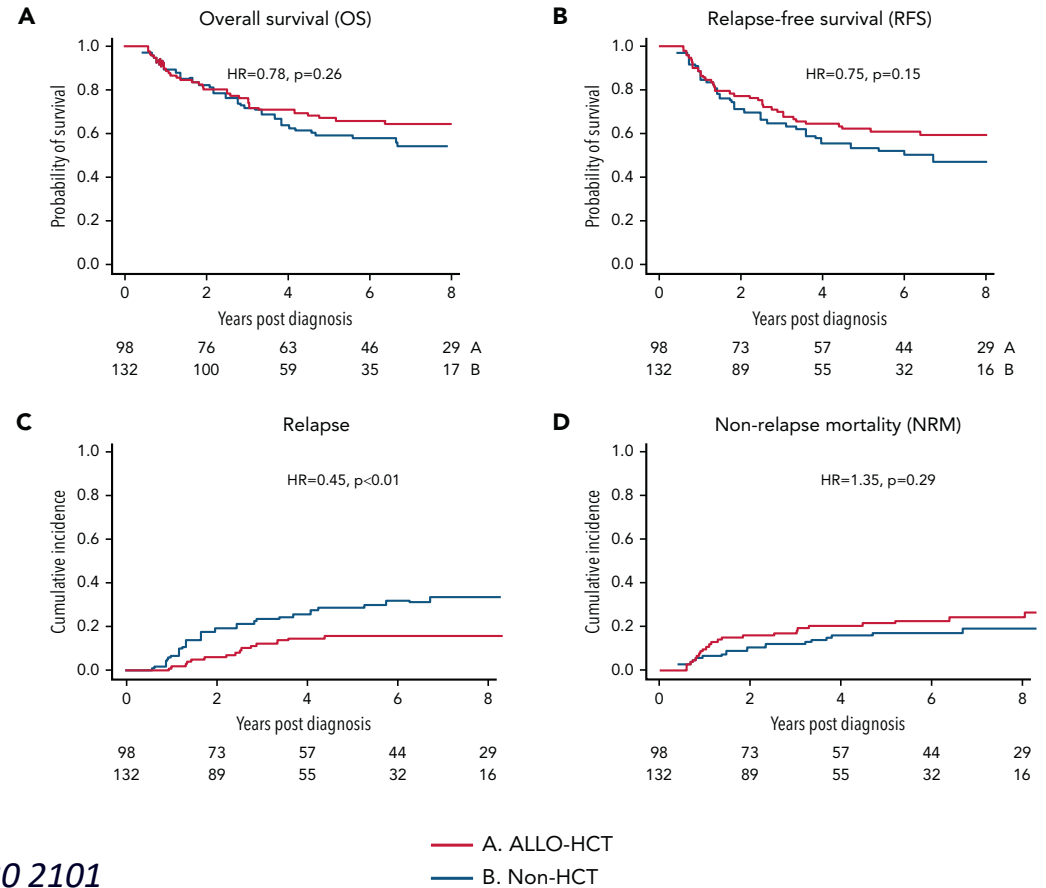
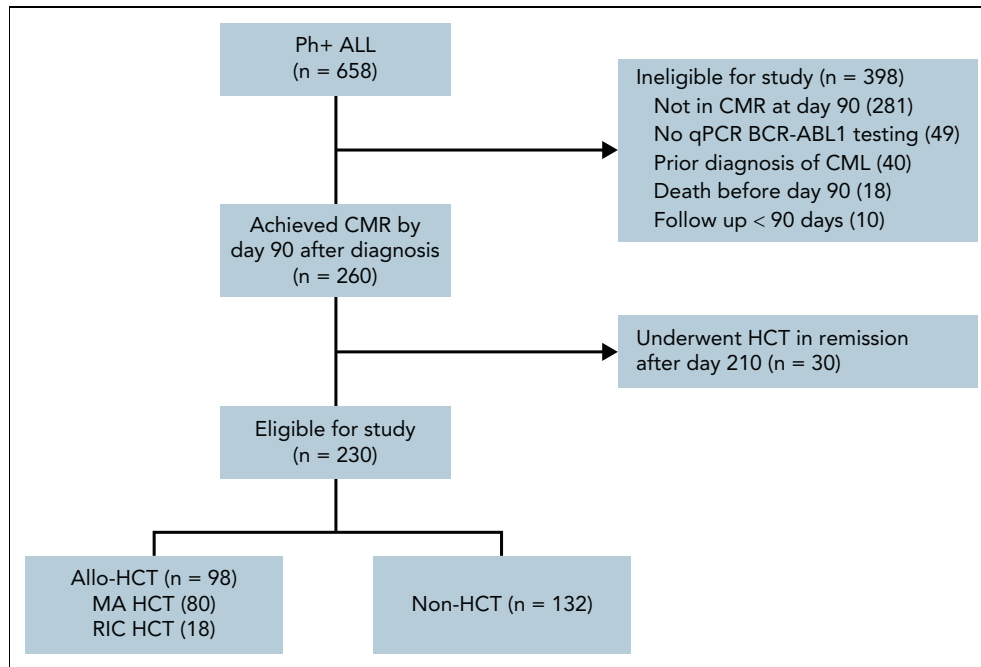
# A challenging choice: consolidation in Ph+ ALL



Outcome of Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Adult Patients with Ph+ ALL in the Era of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors: A Registry-Based Study of the Italian Blood and Marrow Transplantation Society (GITMO)

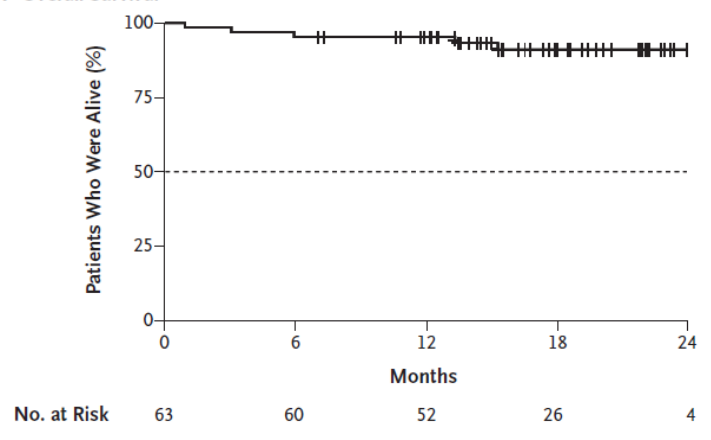
Candoni A et al.: Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 25 (2019) 2388-2397

# The role of allogeneic transplant for adult Ph+ ALL in CR1 with complete molecular remission: a retrospective analysis

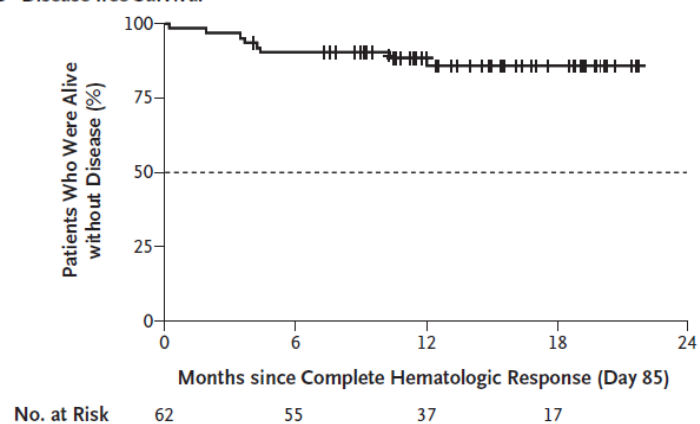


# D-ALBA: results

A Overall Survival

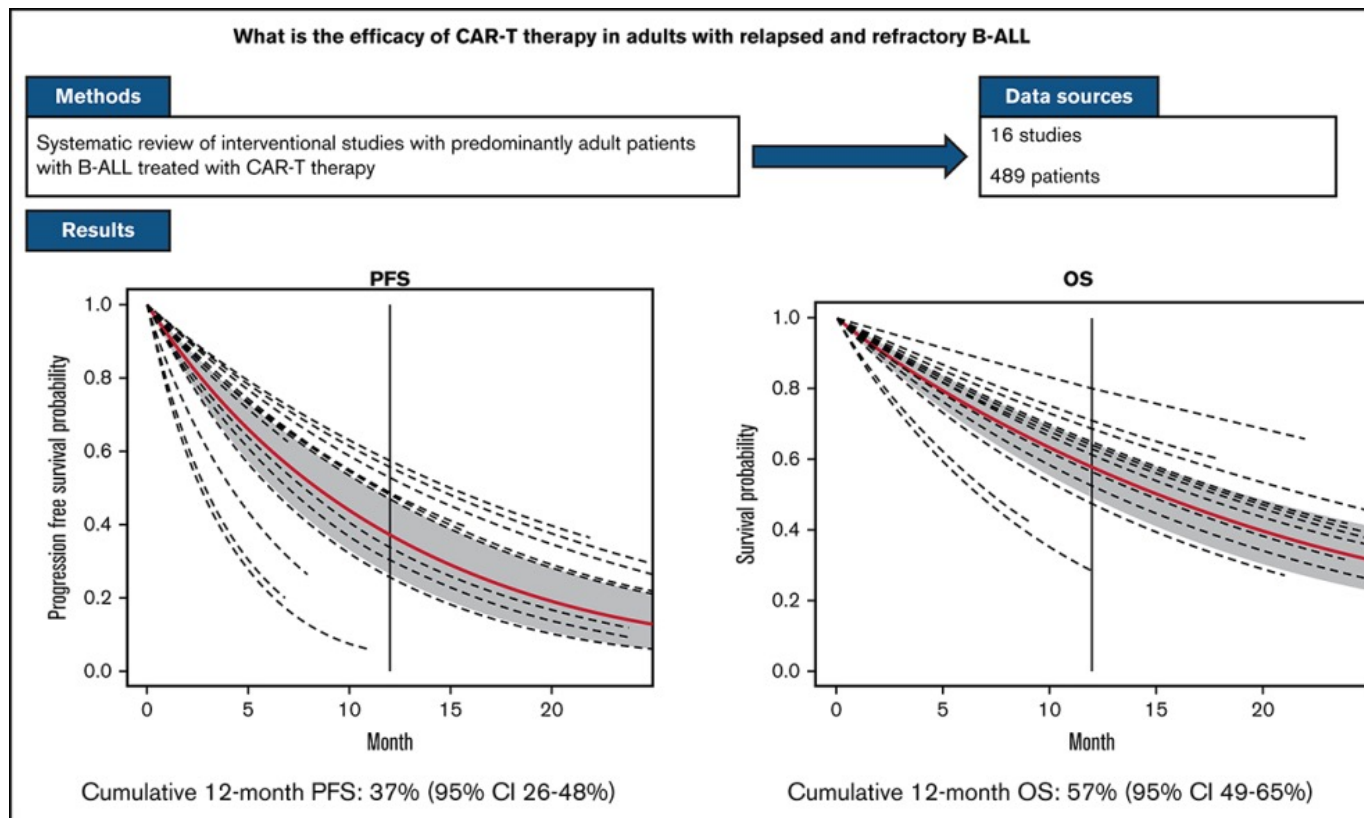


B Disease-free Survival

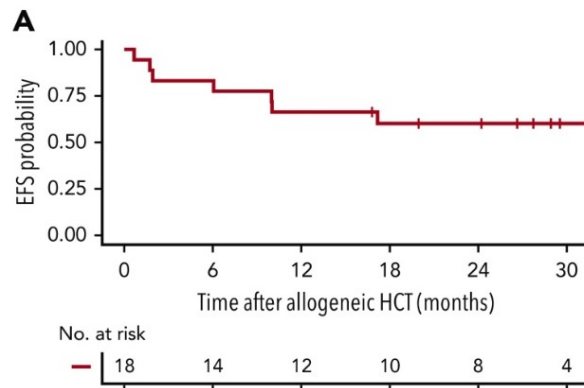


- At the end of the second cycle of blinatumomab, a molecular response was reported in **52%** of patients that further increased at **81%** after the fourth cycle
- The 18-month OS and RFS were **95%** and **88%**, respectively
- **Very low non-relapse mortality** : 1/24 (**4%**) patients who received allografts from veno-occlusive disorder

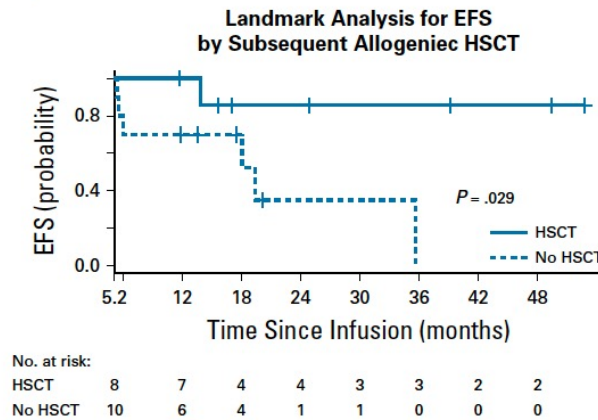
# CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR T-CELL THERAPY IN ADULTS WITH B-CELL ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA



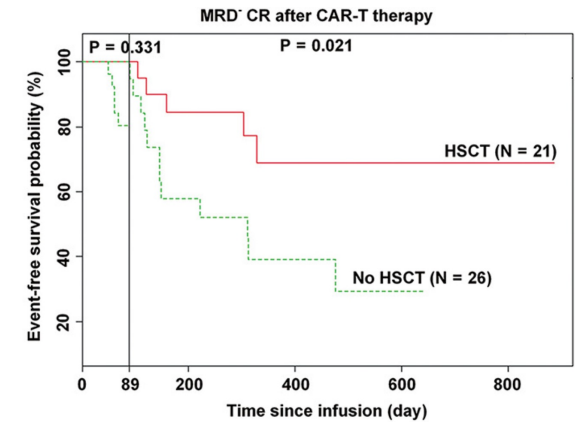
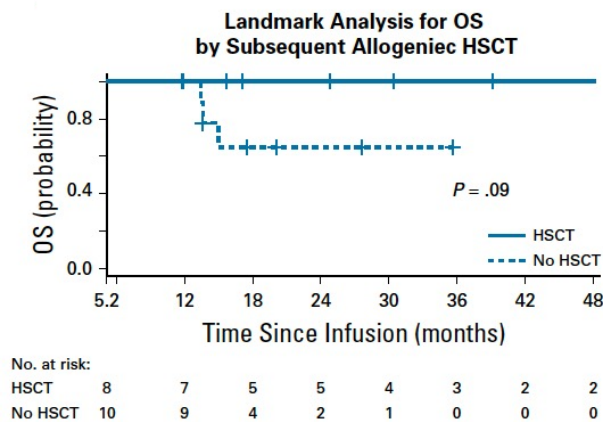
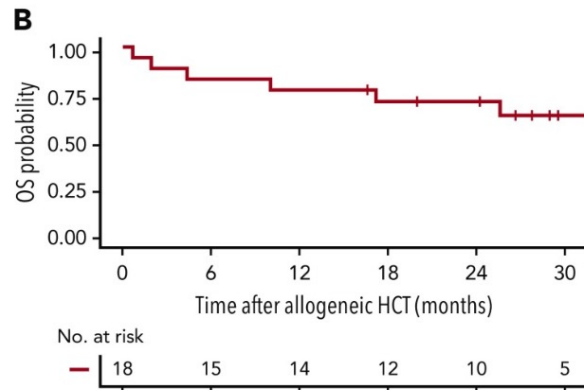
# HCT may improve EFS following CD19 CAR in some published studies



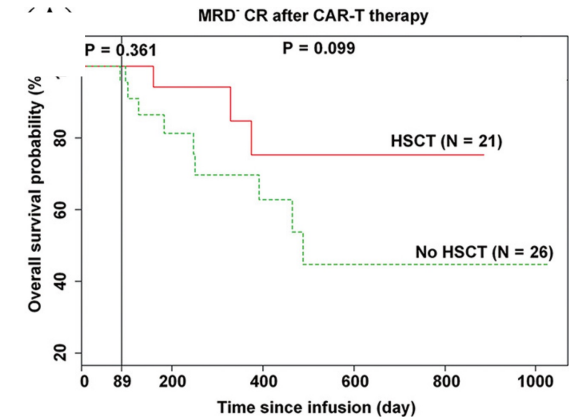
Hay, et al. Blood 2019



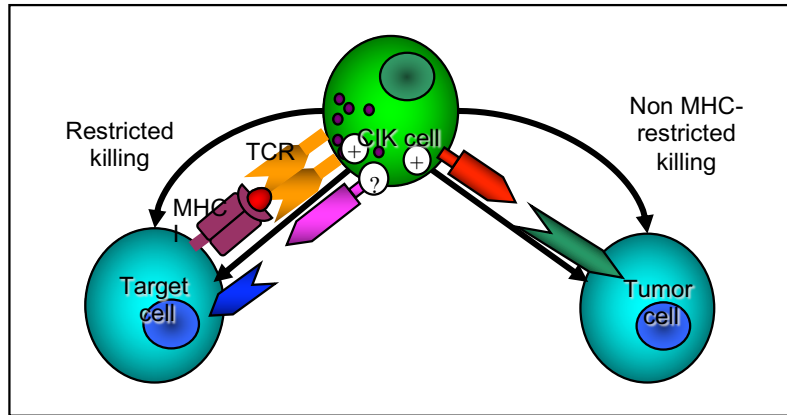
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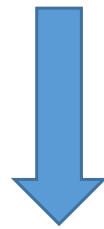
# Sviluppo di cellule CAR-T allogeniche in Italia: un network lombardo



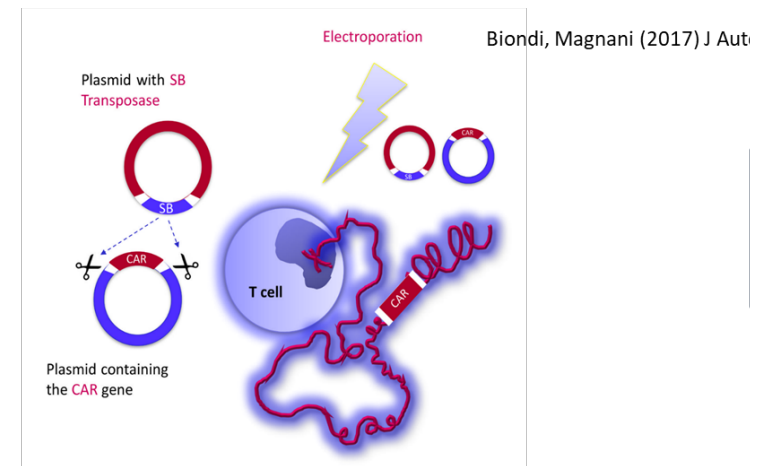
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**Cytokine induced killer cells**

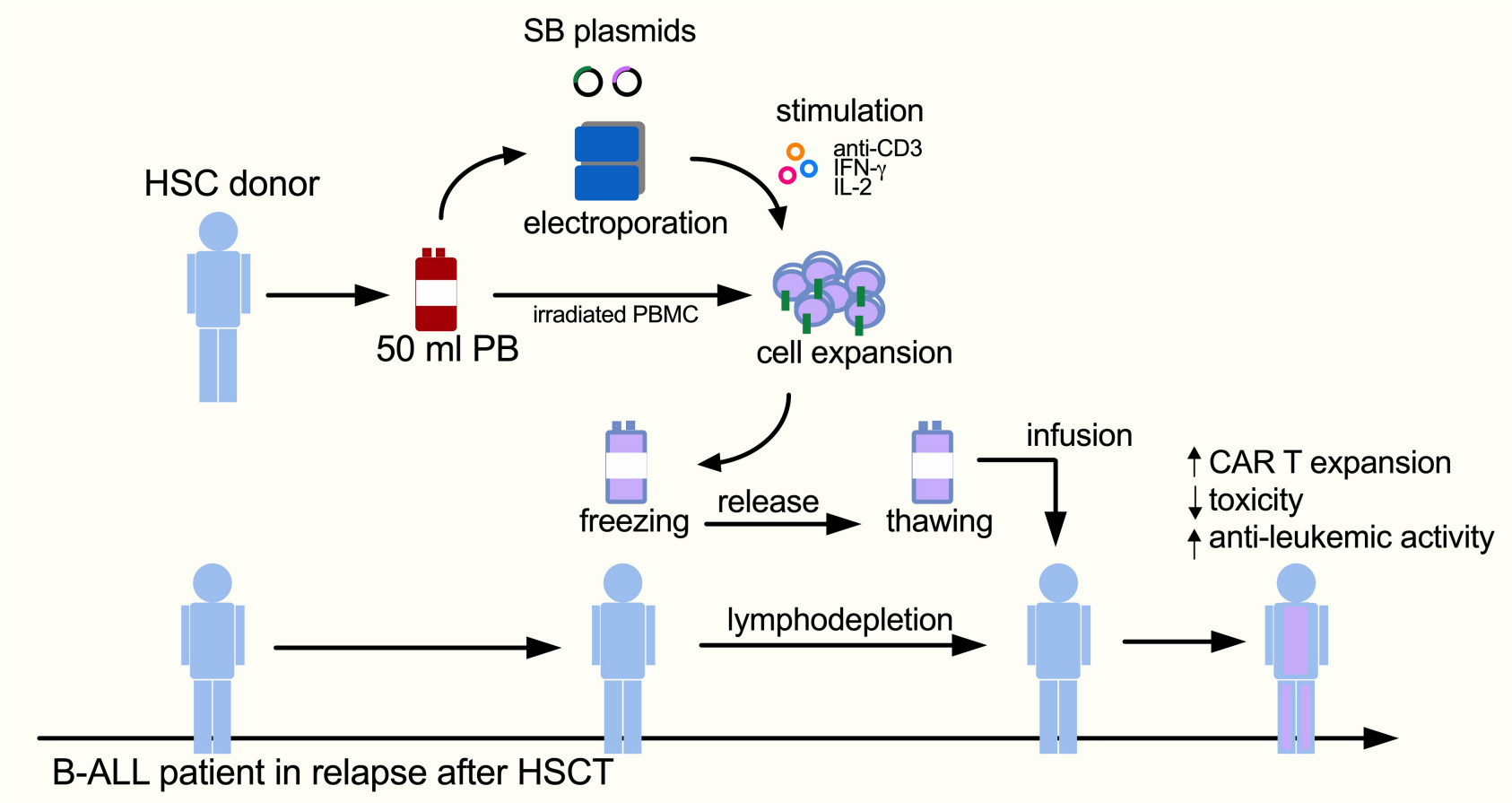


**Non-viral vector to generate CAR-CIK cells**

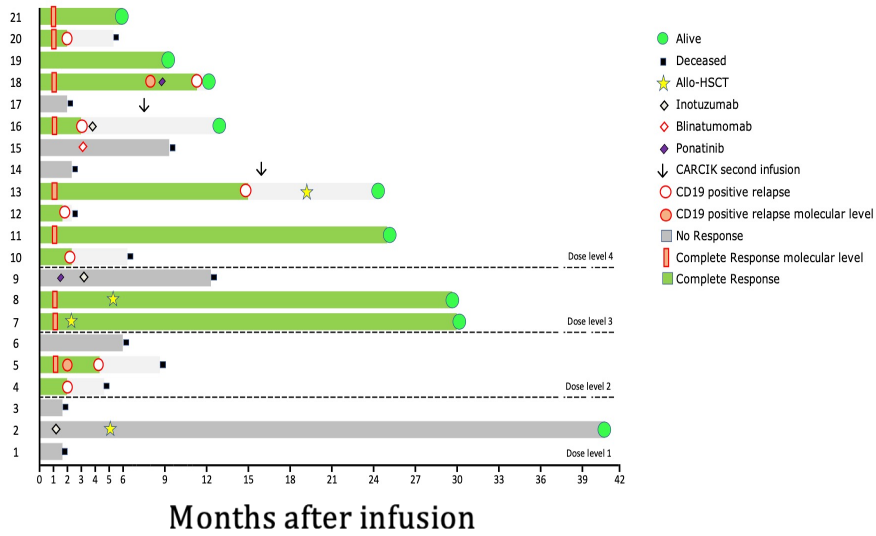


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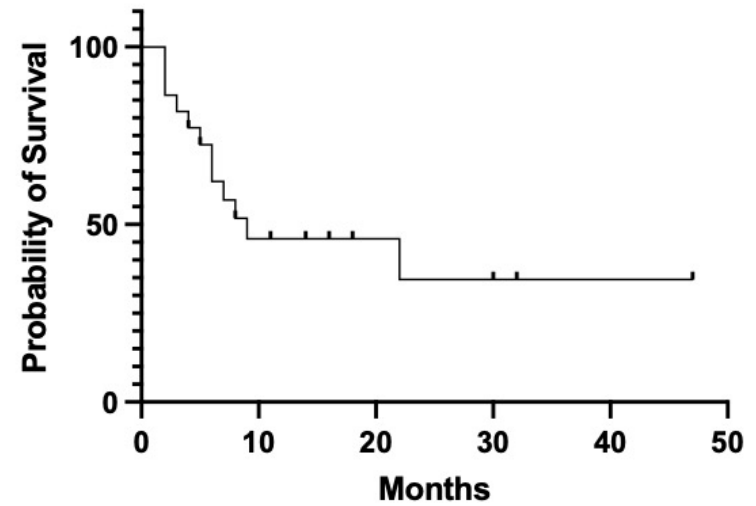
# SLEEPING BEAUTY-ENGINEERED CARCIK CELLS ACHIEVE ANTI-LEUKEMIC ACTIVITY WITHOUT SEVERE TOXICITIES



# RESPONSE DATA AND SURVIVAL



77% achieved a CR, of these 76% were MRD negative

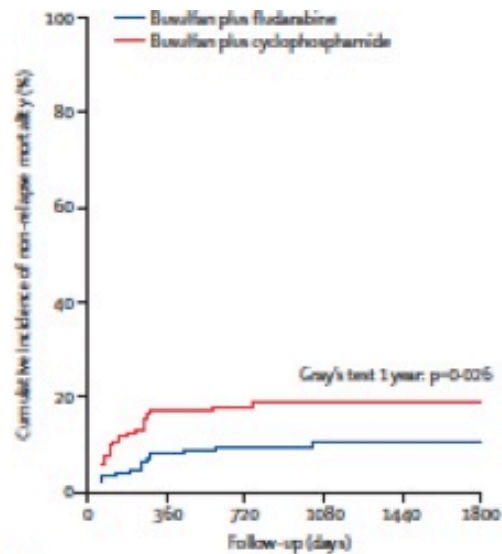


@ 12 mo OS: 43%

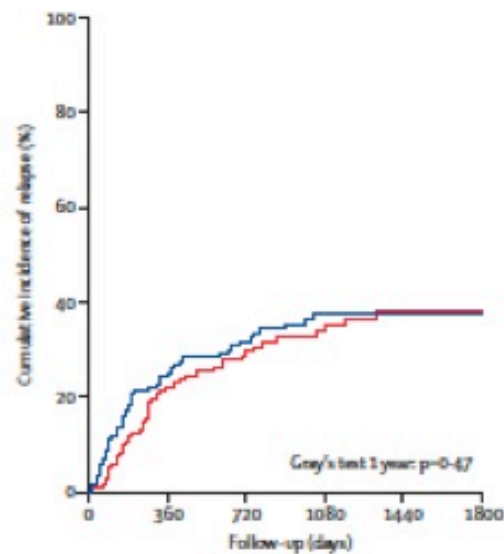
Lussana F et al.: ASH 2022



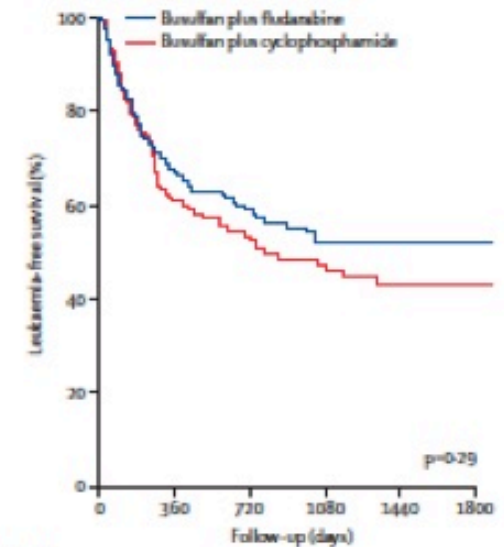
# In AML AlloHST is the most effective consolidation treatment but leukemia relapse remains high



Number at risk		Follow-up (days)					
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Busulfan plus fludarabine	127	85	69	44	29	12	
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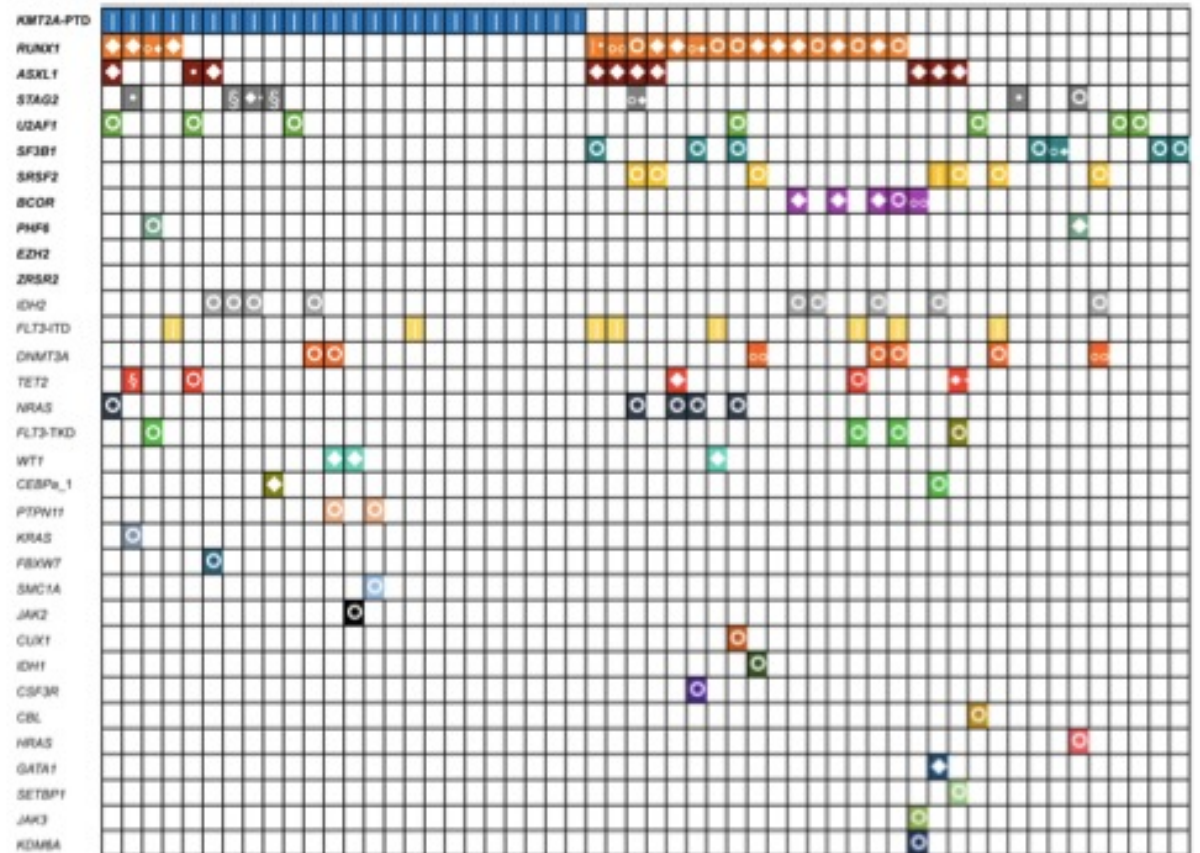
A. Rambaldi et al.: *The Lancet Oncology*, 2015

# How to improve these results

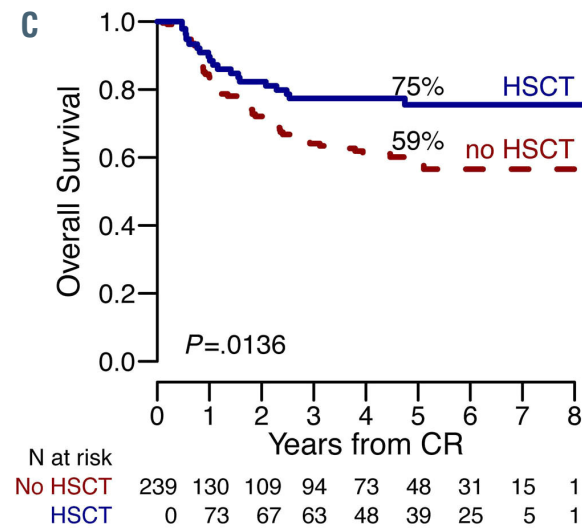
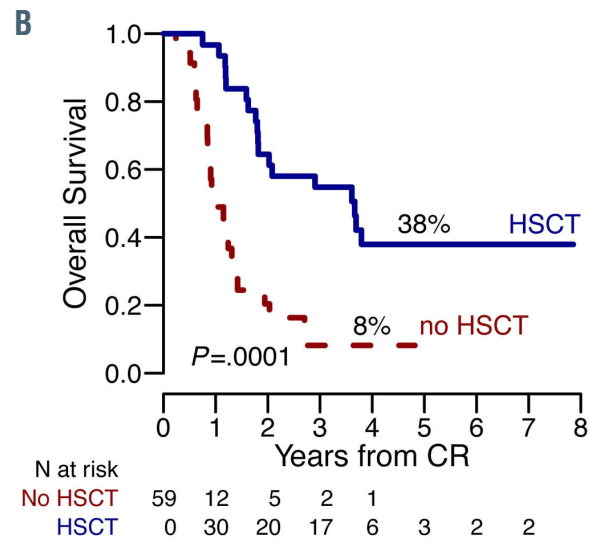
1. Accurate definition of the disease biology
2. Reducing the tumor burden (MRD)
3. Reducing the incidence of refractory AML
4. Improving the conditioning regimen
5. Making alloHSCT a platform for further treatments (post transplant strategies)

## Clinical significance of chromatin-spliceosome AML: a report from the NILG randomized trial 02/06

- We analyzed a prospective cohort of 413 newly diagnosed AML patients who were enrolled in a randomized clinical trial (NILG AML 02/06)
- Among clinically defined *de novo* AML, 17.6% carried CS mutations (CS-AML) and showed clinical characteristics closer to sAML (older age, lower white blood cell counts and higher rate of multilineage dysplasia)



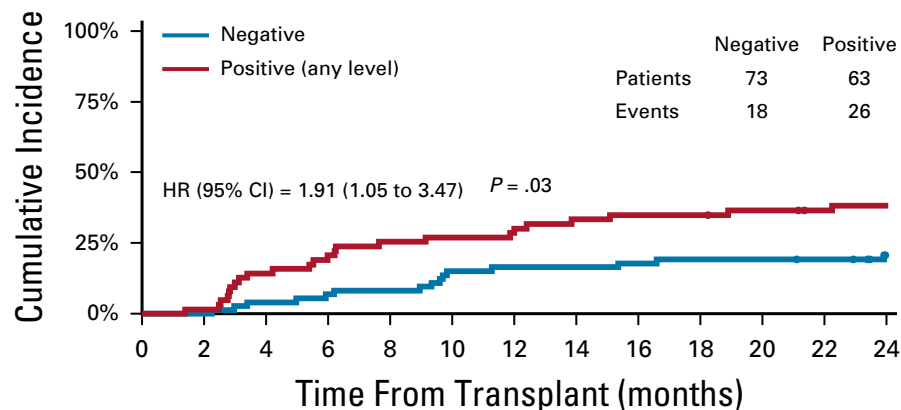
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Transplant was considered as a  
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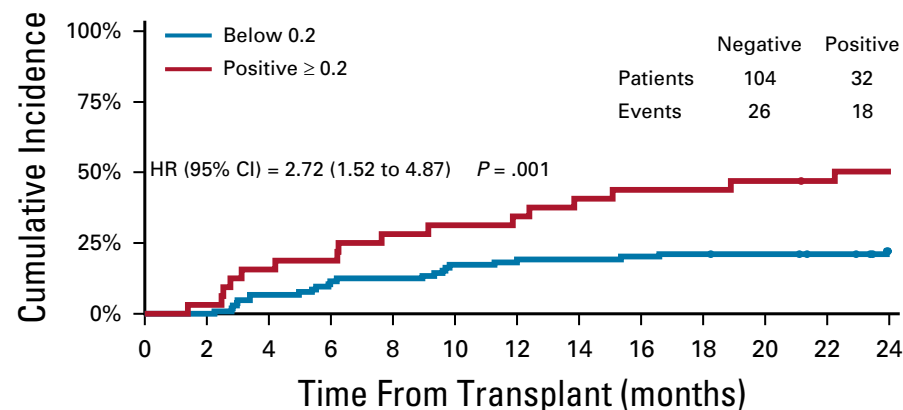
# Cumulative incidence of relapse by conventional MFC-MRD status

**A**



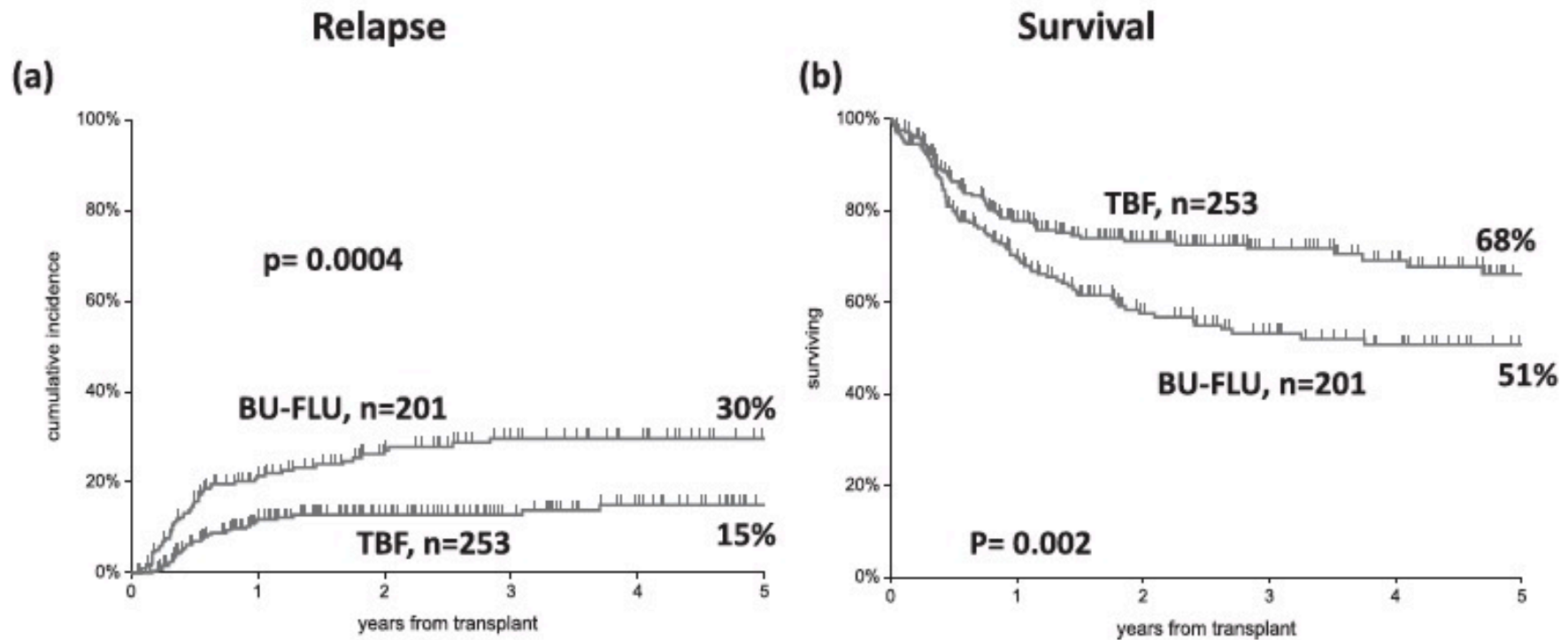
Negative:	73	68	63	60	59	52	49	49	48	47	47	46	40
Positive (any level):	63	62	53	47	42	41	37	35	34	34	32	29	28

**B**



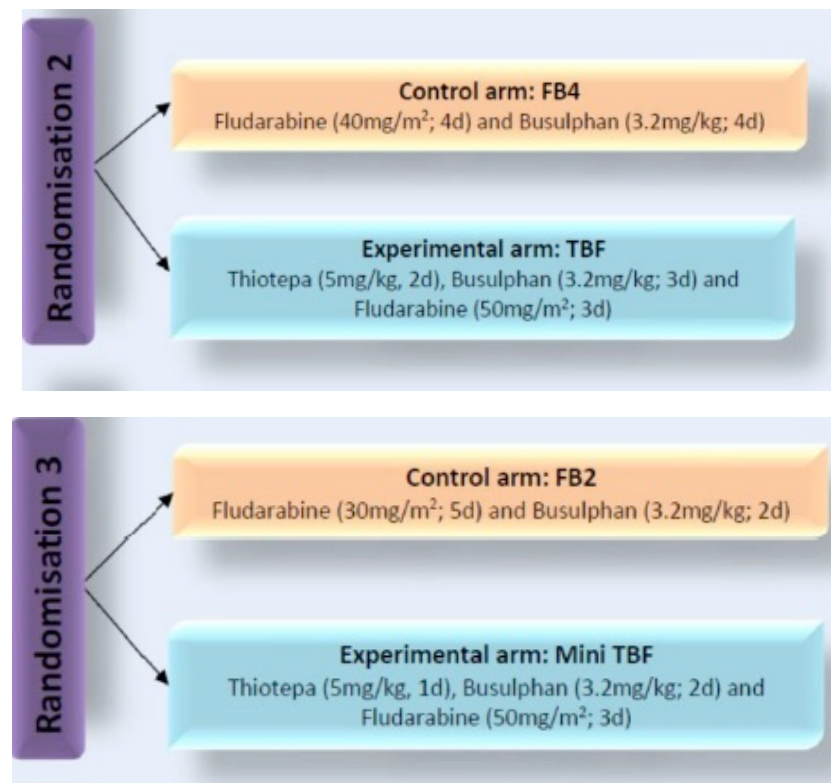
Below 0.2:	104	99	90	82	80	73	68	68	67	66	65	62	56
Positive ≥ 0.2:	32	31	27	25	21	20	18	16	15	15	14	13	12

# Cumulative incidence of relapse (a) and survival (b) for patients, with AML receiving TBF or BUFLU

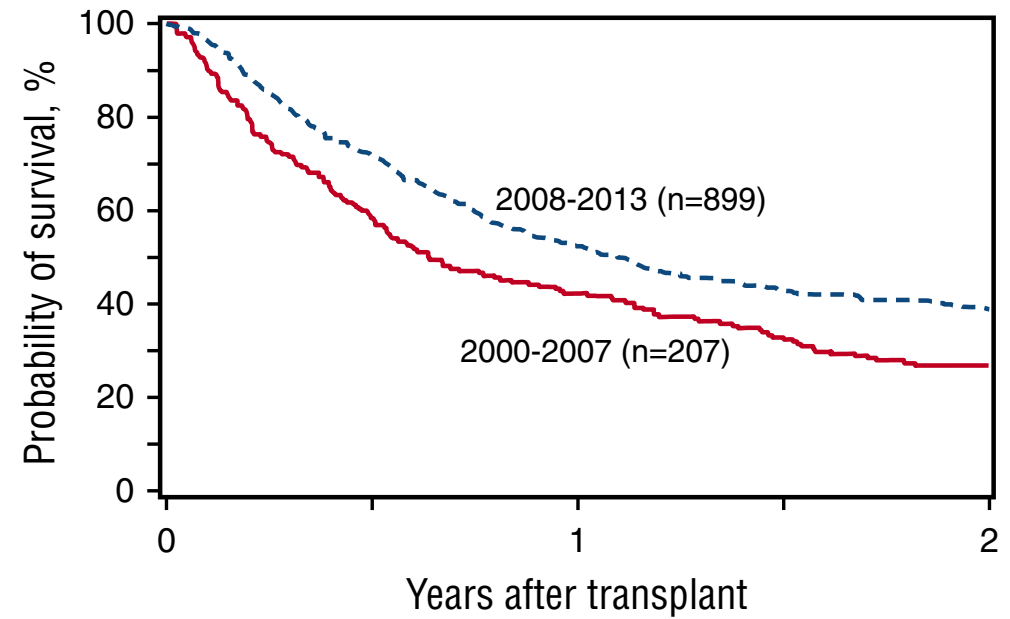
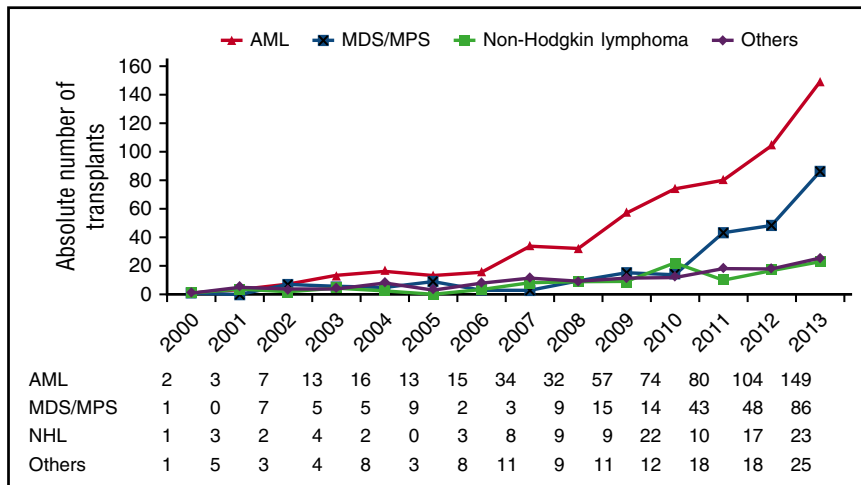


# An International Randomised Clinical Trial of Therapeutic Interventions with the Potential to Improve Outcome in Adults with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and High-Risk Myelodysplasia Undergoing Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation (COSI)

- **Chief Investigator: Professor Charles Craddock**
- **Sponsor: University of Birmingham**
- **EudraCT number: 2017-004801-42**
- **ClinicalTrials.gov number: NCT04217278**



# HCTs in patients 70 years and older





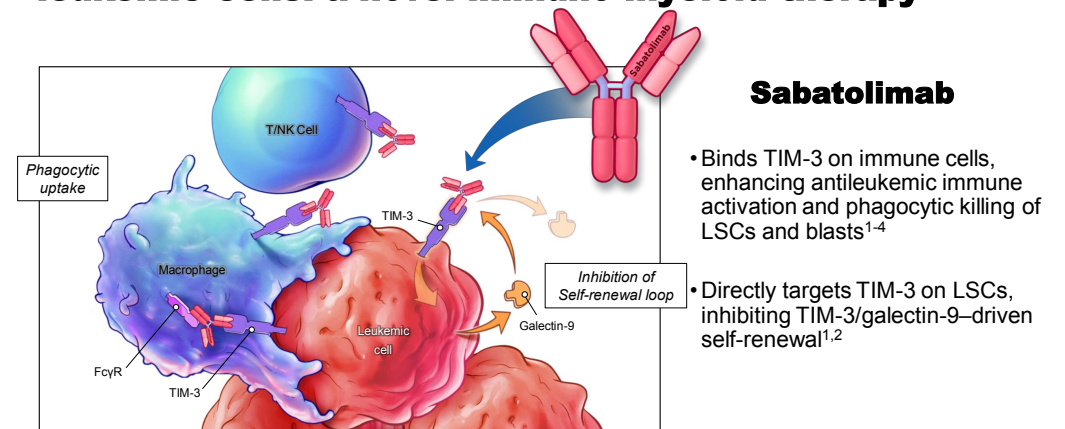
AlloHSCT as a platform for subsequent  
treatments

# A Phase Ib/II, open label study of sabatolimab as a treatment for patients with AML and presence of measurable residual disease after allogeneic stem cell transplantation

(ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04623216)

- Sabatolimab is a humanized, IgG4 (S228P) antibody targeting TIM-3.
- TIM-3 is expressed on immune cells as well as leukemic stem cells (LSCs) and blasts, but not normal hematopoietic stem cells.
- Sabatolimab is a potential first-in-class immunotherapeutic.
- Blockade of TIM-3 by sabatolimab may restore immune function while also directly targeting LSCs and blasts.

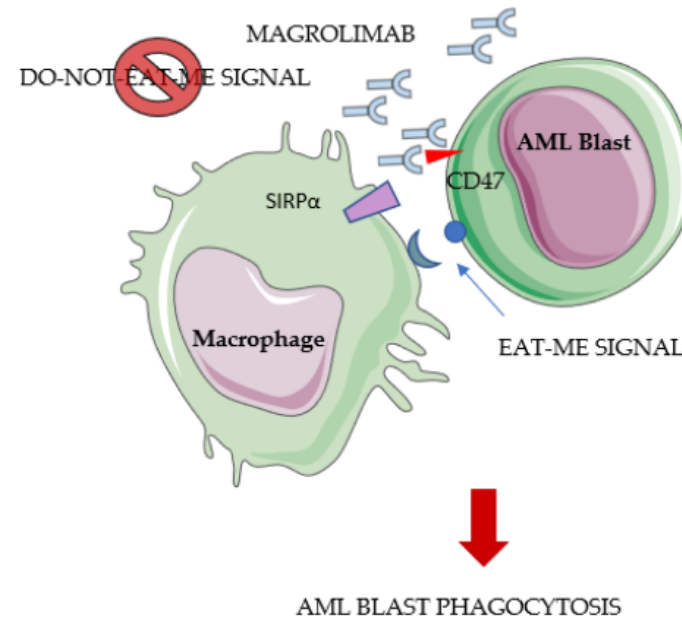
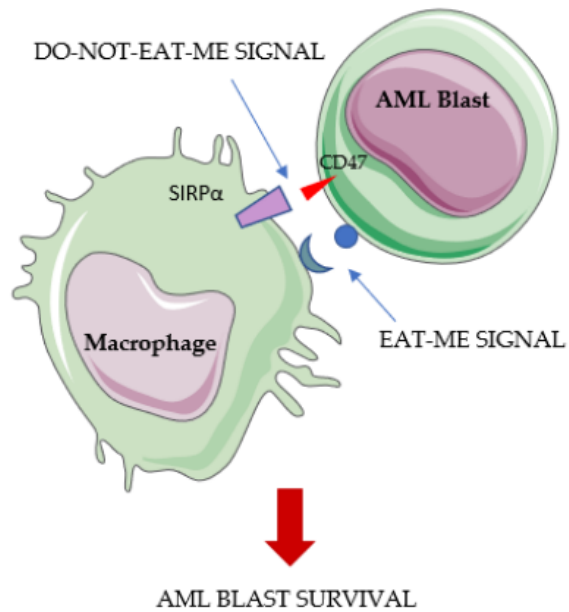
## Sabatolimab targets TIM-3 on immune and leukemic cells: a novel immuno-myeloid therapy



FcγR, Fc gamma receptor.

<sup>1</sup> Acharya N, et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2020;8(1):e000911; <sup>2</sup> Sabatos-Peyton C, et al. SITC 2020. Abstract 439; <sup>3</sup> Borate U, et al. *HemaSphere*. 2020;4(suppl 1):Abstract S185; <sup>4</sup> Borate U, et al. EHA 2020. Oral presentation.

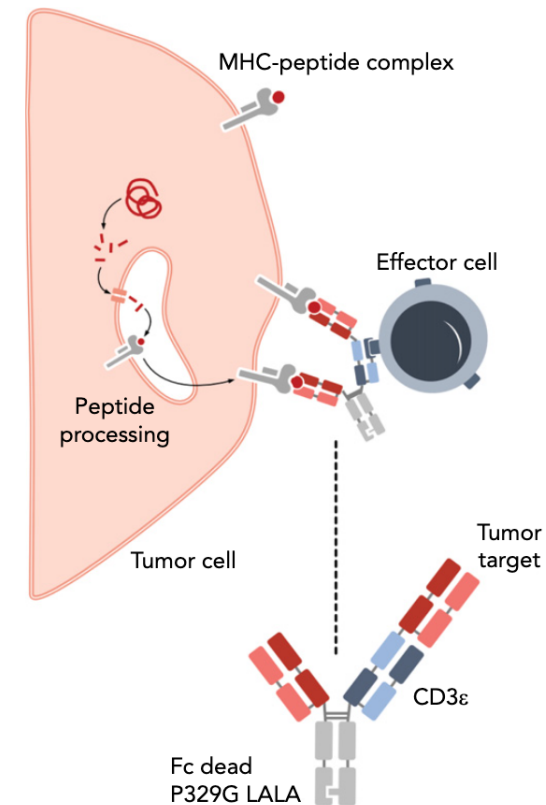
# Magrolimab



# Targeting intracellular WT1 in AML with a novel RMF-peptide-MHC-specific T-cell bispecific antibody

- Key Points

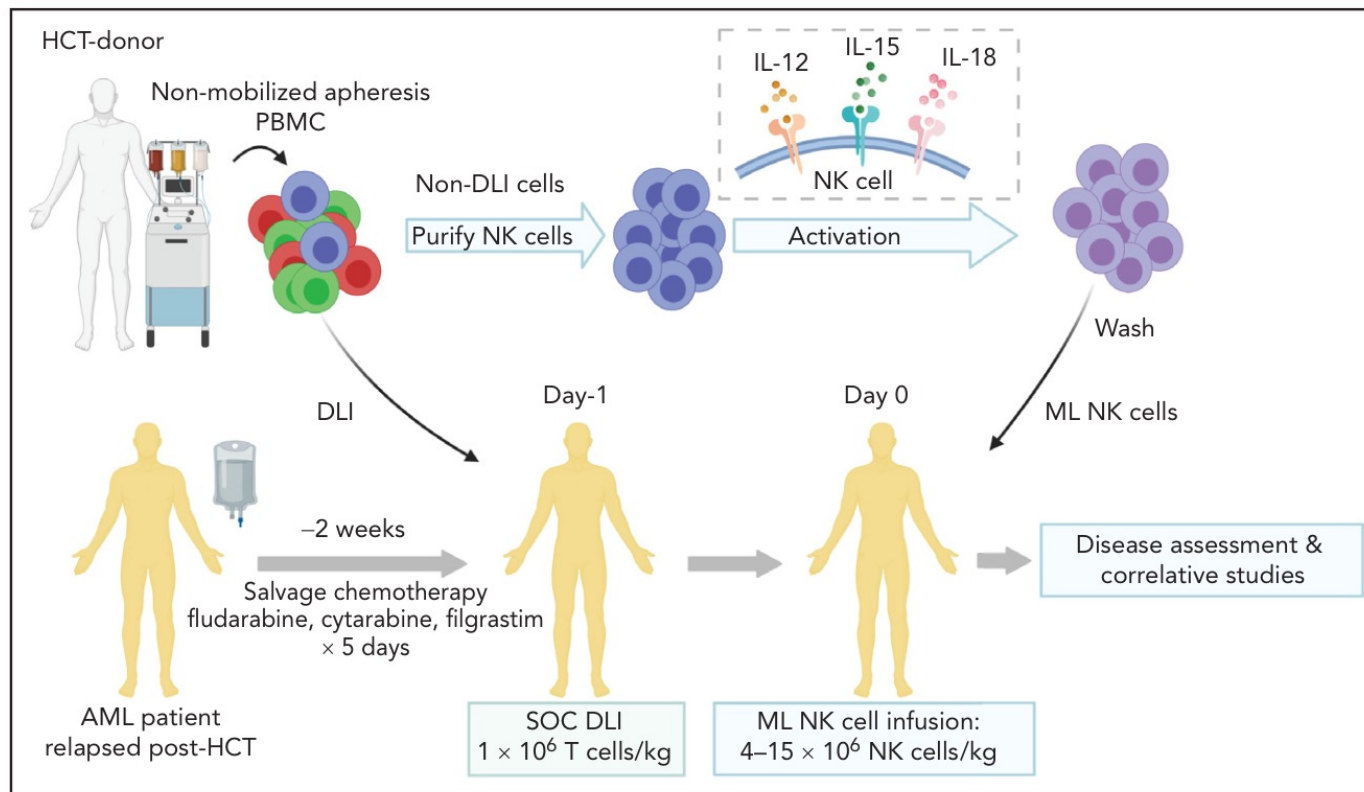
- A T-cell bispecific antibody targeting intracellular WT1 presented on HLA-A2 for treatment of AML
- The novel, clinical-stage WT1-TCB mediated high-level killing of primary AML cells, which was enhanced by the addition of lenalidomide
- These properties led to the initiation of an entry-into-human clinical trial (#NCT04580121) for the treatment of relapsed/refractory AML



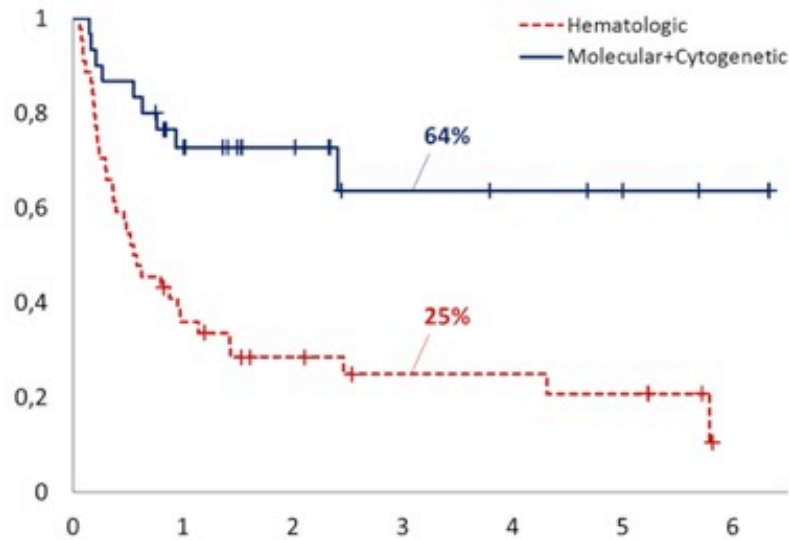
# Cellular Therapies in AML

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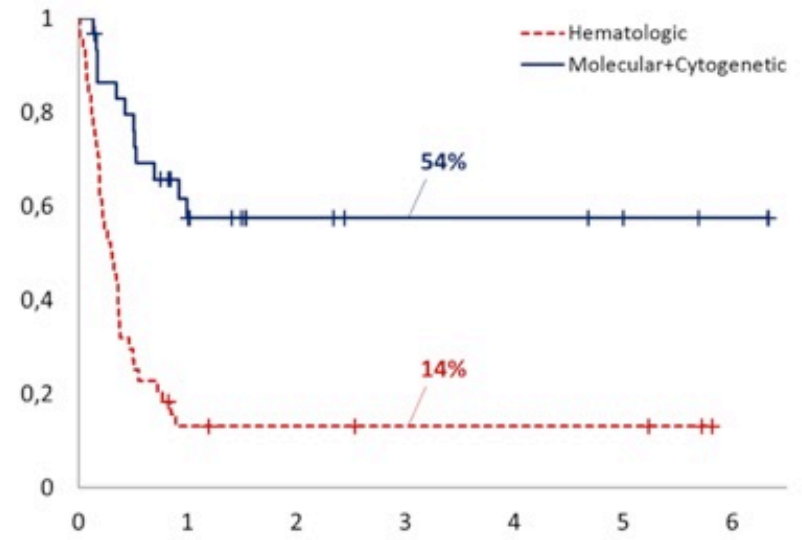
# Donor memory-like NK cells persist and induce remissions in pediatric patients with relapsed AML after transplant



# Clinical outcome after the sequential Infusion of Donor Lymphocyte Infusion and Cytokine-Induced Killer Cells



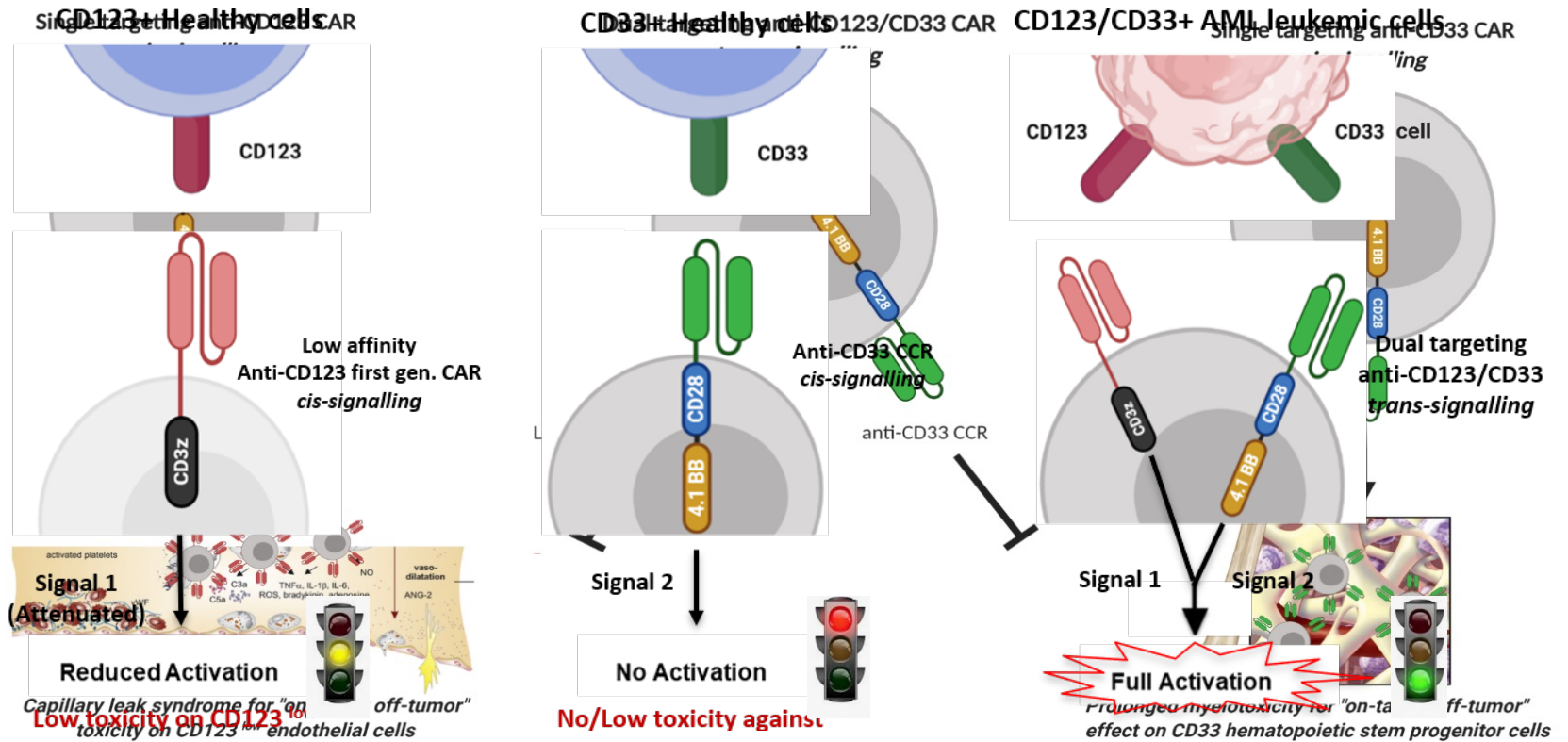
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<b>Hematologic</b>	44	(28)	15	(3)	9	(1)	6	(0)	6	(1)	5	(1)	0
<b>Molec+Cytog</b>	30	(8)	19	(0)	12	(1)	6	(0)	5	(0)	3	(0)	2



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# Split Dual-CAR CIK for the targeting of R/R AML

-  AML
-  Target selection
-  CAR design
-  Gene engineering
-  Manufacturing



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