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## ...in Lab

**clinTALL: classificazione multimodale  
dei sottotipi e predizione degli esiti  
terapeutici nella LLA-T pediatrica  
tramite machine learning**

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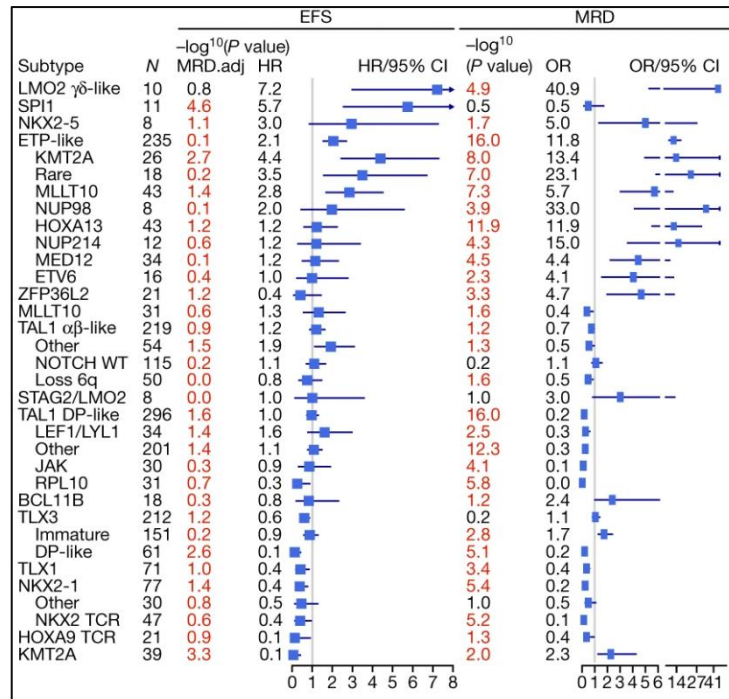
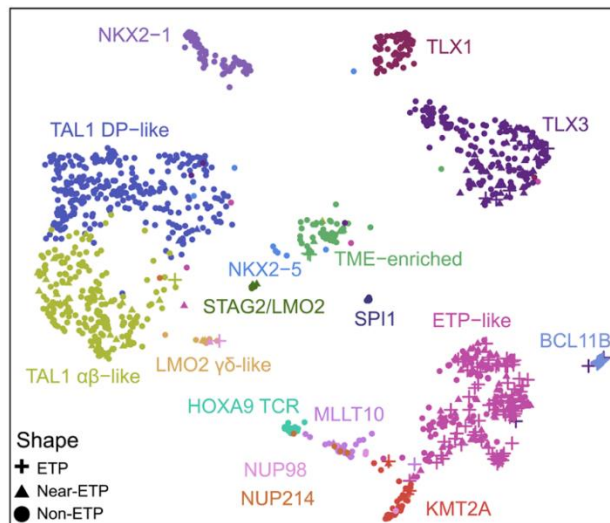
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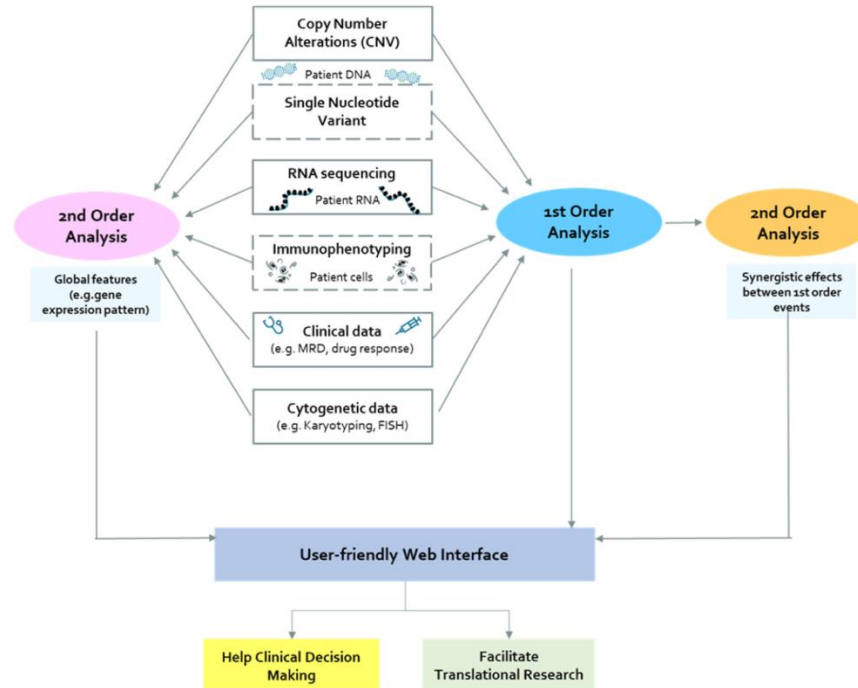
# T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

- ▶ High-risk ALL subtype
- ▶ Poorly defined risk-stratification markers



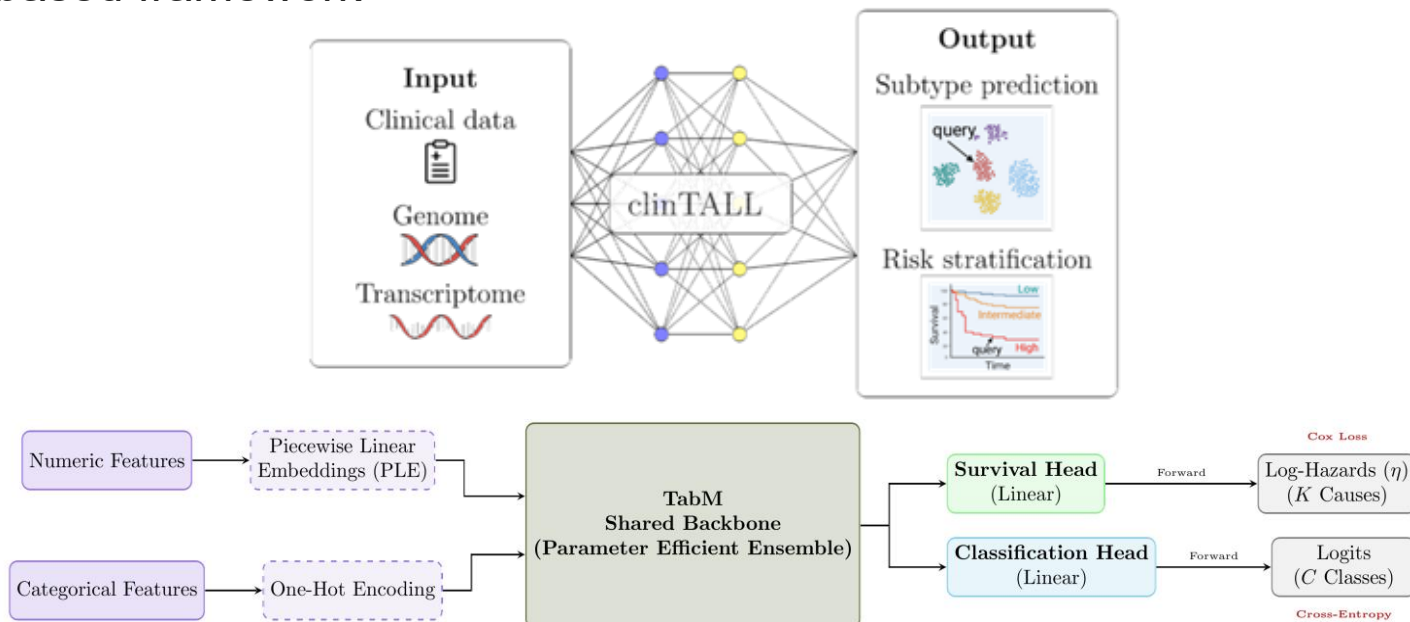
# clinALL

- ▶ An AI-assisted clinical framework that integrates both genomic and clinical data



# clinTALL

- ▶ Subtype classification and treatment outcome prediction in pediatric T-ALL
- ▶ ML-based framework



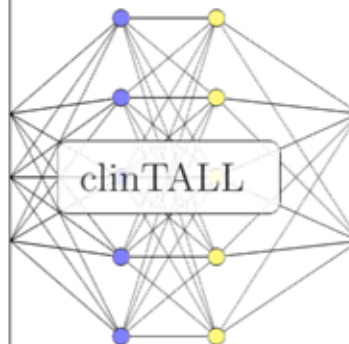
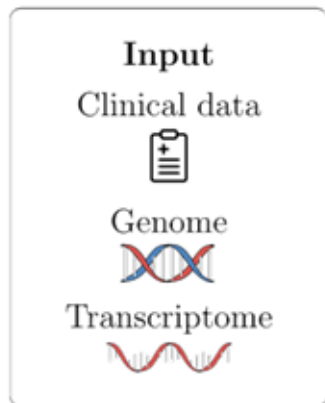
# clinTALL

## Training dataset

**COG AALL0434**  
Pöönen et al.

**AIEOP-BFM 2017**  
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**NOPHO ALL2008**  
Hackenhaar et al.

## Validation datasets

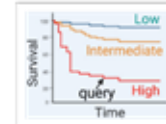


## Output

Subtype prediction

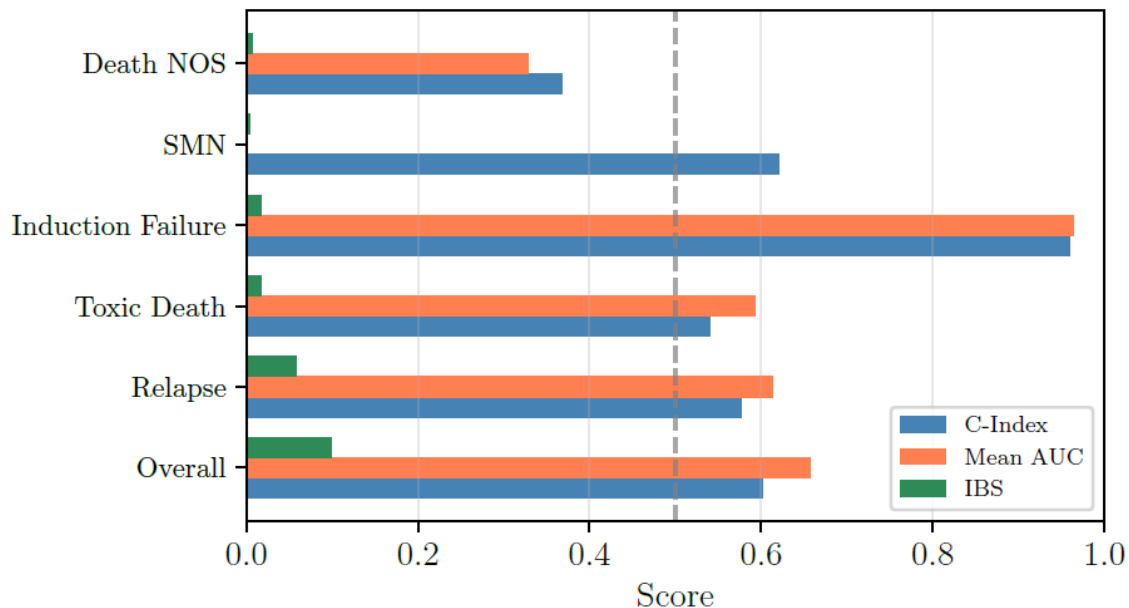


Risk stratification



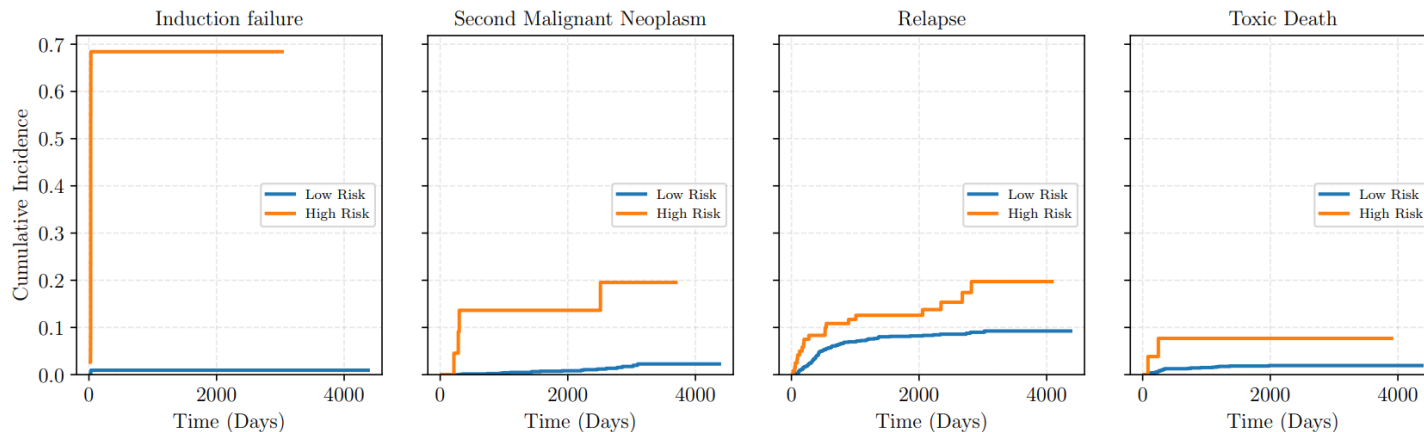
## Outcomes and limitations of a single risk score

- ▶ Standard model successfully identifies patients with unfavorable outcome
- ▶ Can we move from a single „unfavorable“ outcome prediction model?



## Cumulative incidence of events

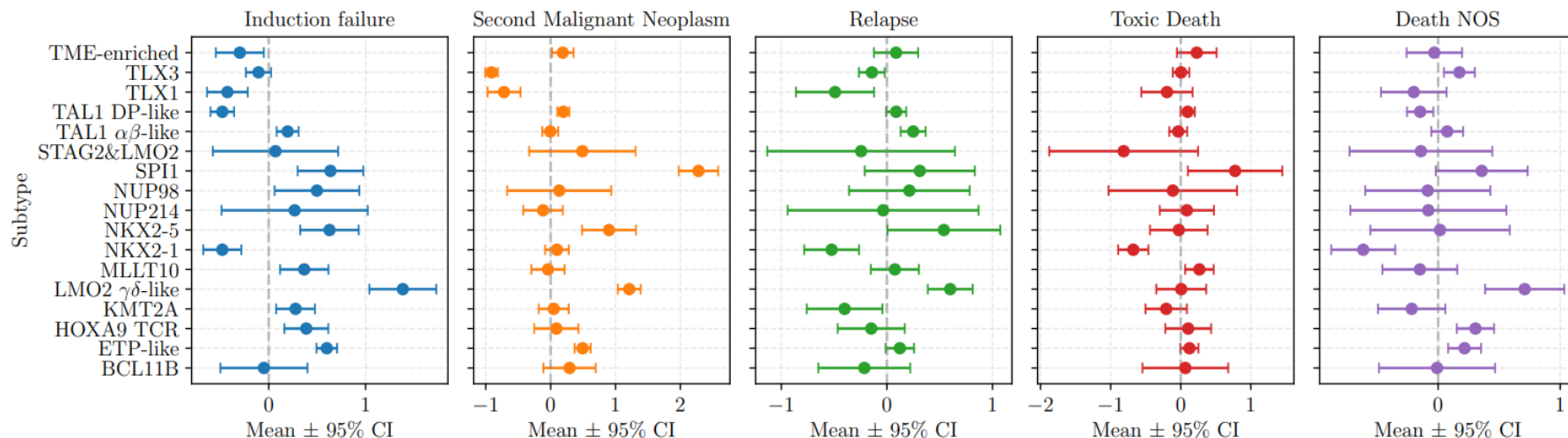
- ▶ Competing risk model
- ▶ Risk group stratification defined on the third percentile of the observed scores of each event



\* Patients were classified as high-risk if their predicted cause-specific log-hazard was at or above the percentile threshold corresponding to the observed event rate for each specific event type

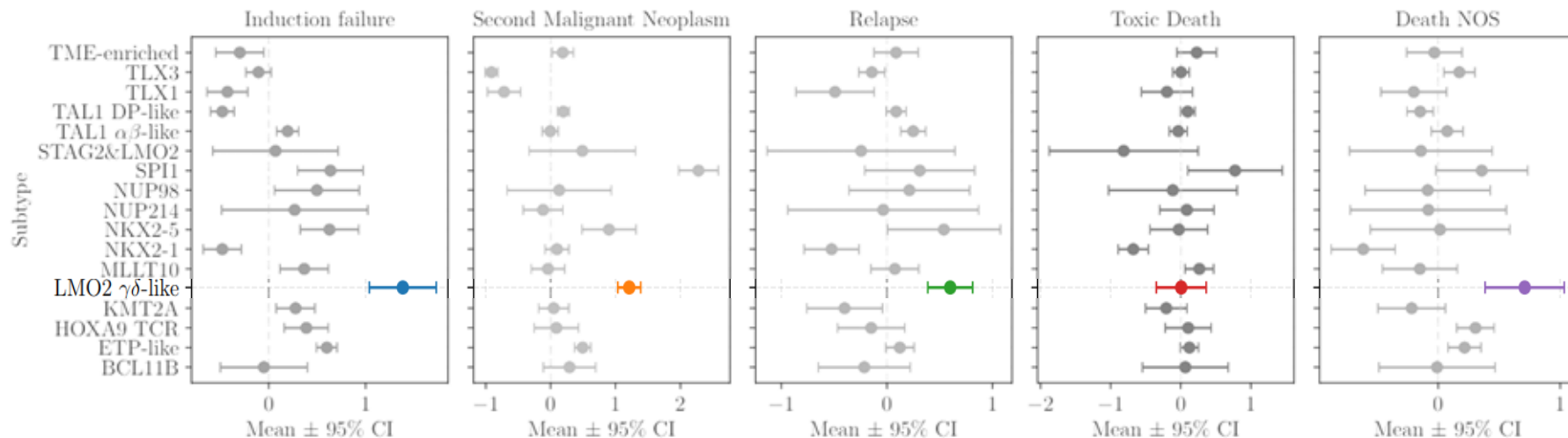
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- ▶ LMO2  $\gamma\delta$ -like – induction failure and relapse
- ▶ SPI1 – second malignancy and toxic death



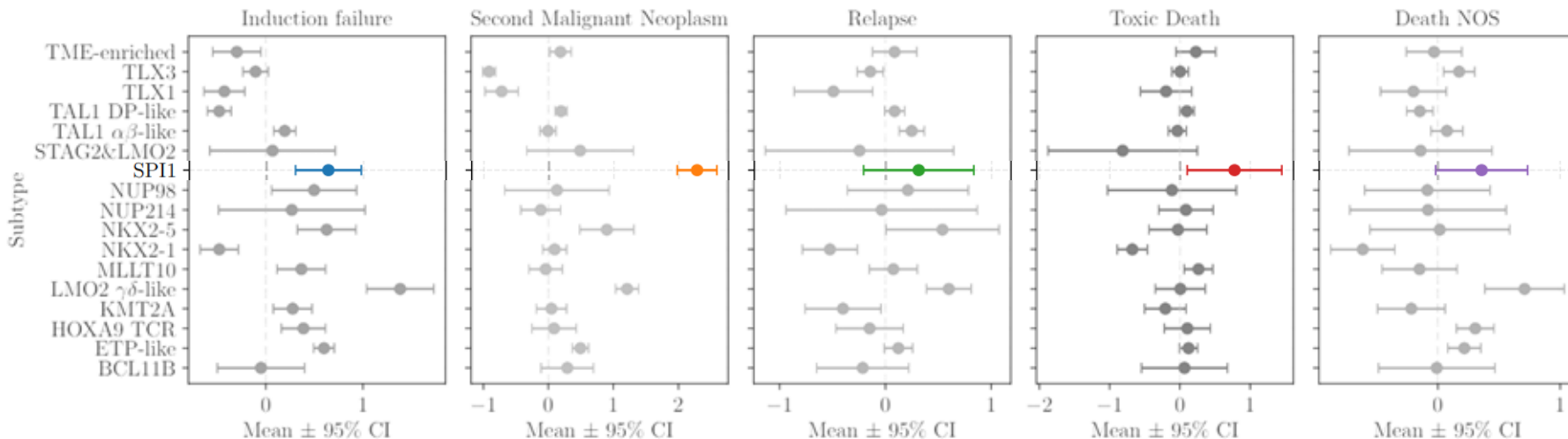
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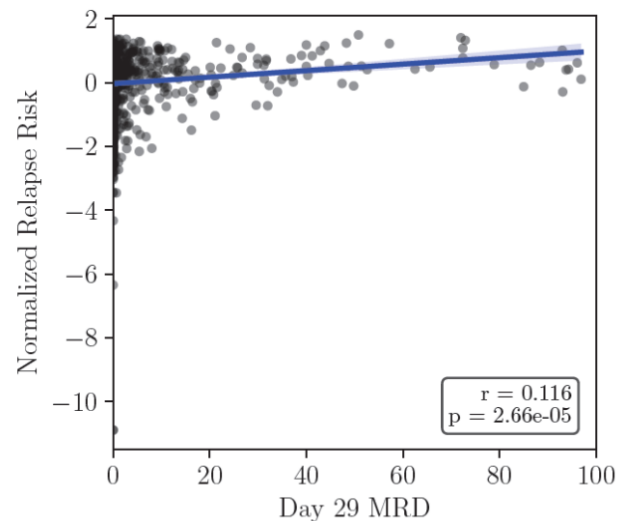
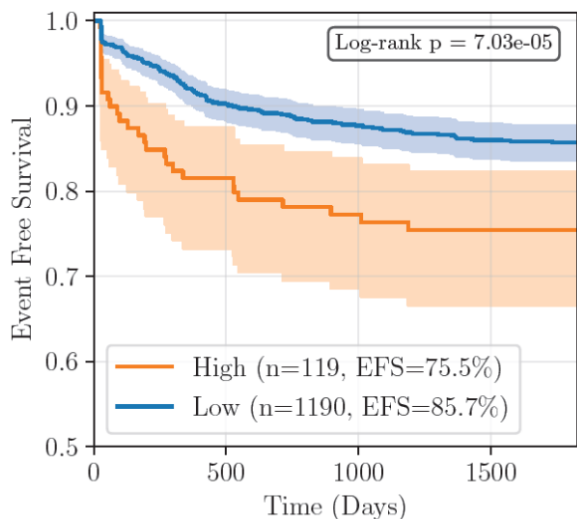
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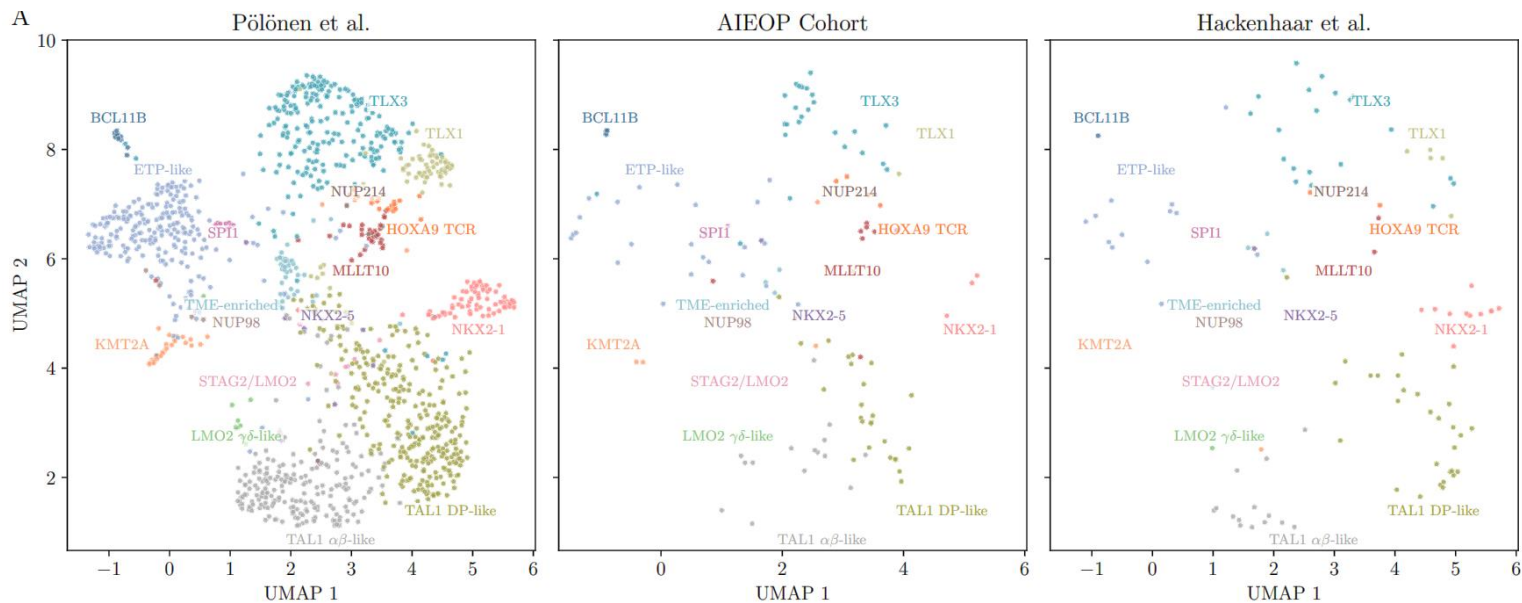
## High-risk patients have lower 5-year EFS

- ▶ Relapse-specific risk score stratification
- ▶ Lower 5-year EFS in high-risk group
- ▶ Relapse risk score correlates with day 29 MRD



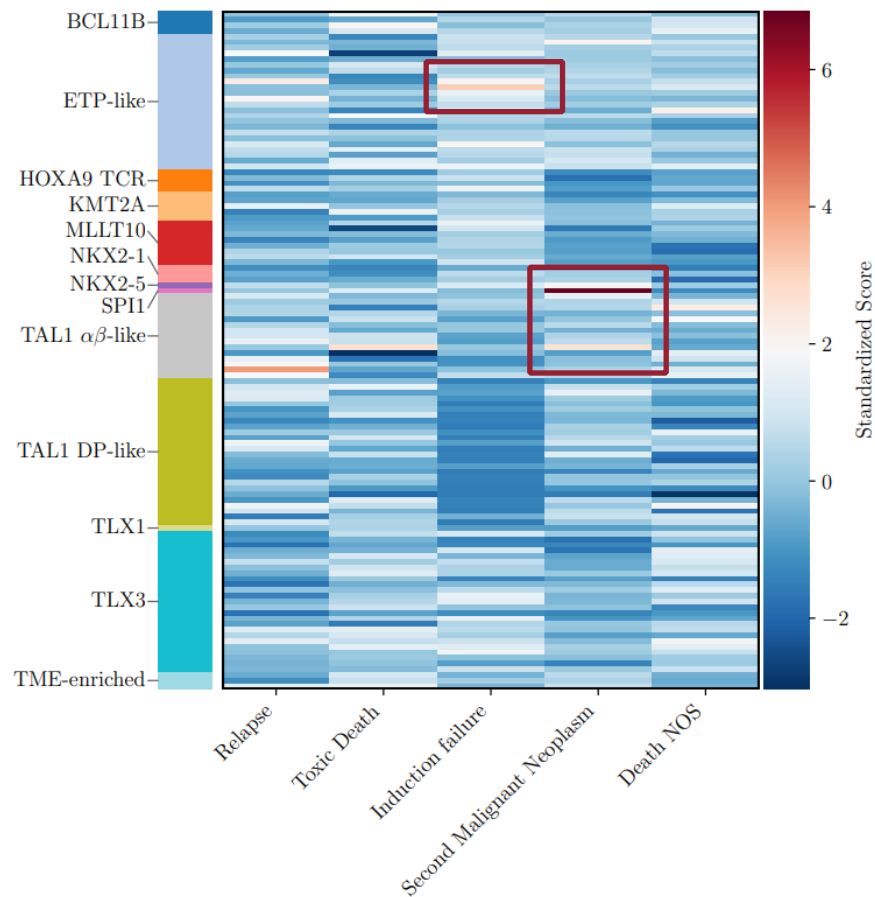
## Performance in validation cohorts

- ▶ Correct assignment based on the subtypes
- ▶ Consistent molecular subtype distribution in two independent validation cohorts



## AIEOP-BFM 2017

- ▶ In total 8 predicted events
  - 1) 5 relapses
  - 2) 2 SMN
  - 3) 1 induction failure
- ▶ Following treatment outcome assessment, predicted outcomes were confirmed in all patients



## Conclusions and future directions

- ▶ clinTALL provides a unified multimodal, multitask framework
  - 1) molecular subtype
  - 2) outcome prediction
- ▶ Longitudinal data might be needed to improve prediction for later timepoints
- ▶ Exploratory studies in European cohorts
  - 1) Whole transcriptome sequencing of 172 T-ALL cases from German AIEOP-BFM 2009 study
  - 2) Additional 50 T-ALL cases from Italian AIEOP-BFM 2009 study
- ▶ Implementation of a Web-based interface



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