



**ARRANON<sup>®</sup> (nelarabine) Injection**  
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## Proposed Indication

- **ARRANON®** (nelarabine) Injection is indicated for the treatment of patients with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL) and T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma (T-LBL) whose disease has not responded to or has relapsed following treatment with at least two chemotherapy regimens

## ARRANON® (nelarabine)

- Purine nucleoside phosphorylase (PNP) deficiency
  - T-cell lymphopenia
  - Abnormal guanine nucleoside metabolism
- Ara-G mimics PNP deficiency state
  - T-cells targeted for selective destruction
- **ARRANON** is a soluble pro-drug of Ara-G
- First clinical trial in 1993
- NCI collaborative development
  - CALGB & COG pivotal studies
  - Cooperative group data for submission

# ARRANON® (nelarabine)

- **ARRANON demonstrates**
  - Pharmacological selectivity for T-cells
  - Clinical efficacy
    - in children and adults
    - in relapsed and refractory disease
  - Well characterized safety profile
  - Favorable benefit-risk profile in heavily pre-treated patients
- Meets a significant unmet medical need
- No proven effective alternative therapy available for T-ALL and T-LBL

# Disease Overview

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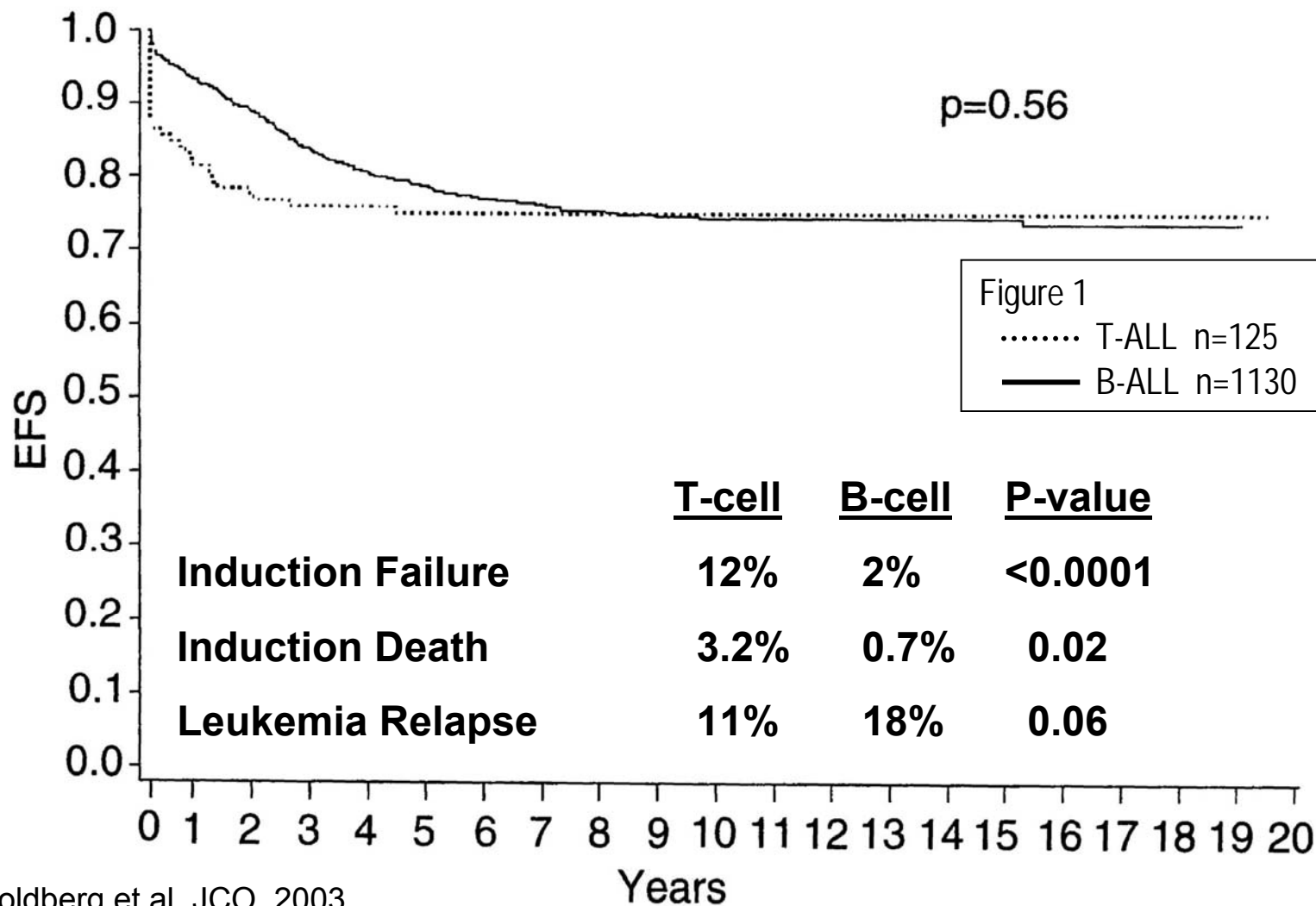
# Overview of Patients with T-ALL / T-LBL

- Rare diseases (N~1600/yr)
- T-cell ALL & LBL differ only by % lymphoblasts in bone marrow
- Most in older children & young adults
- Much biology age-independent
  - e.g., Notch 1 mutations in ~ 50%
  - e.g., Gene expression signatures

# Current Treatment

- Multi-agent chemotherapy at time of diagnosis and at 1<sup>st</sup> relapse
- Treatment with curative intent
  - At diagnosis – chemotherapy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> relapse – chemotherapy to induce a 2<sup>nd</sup> complete remission; then curative stem cell transplant

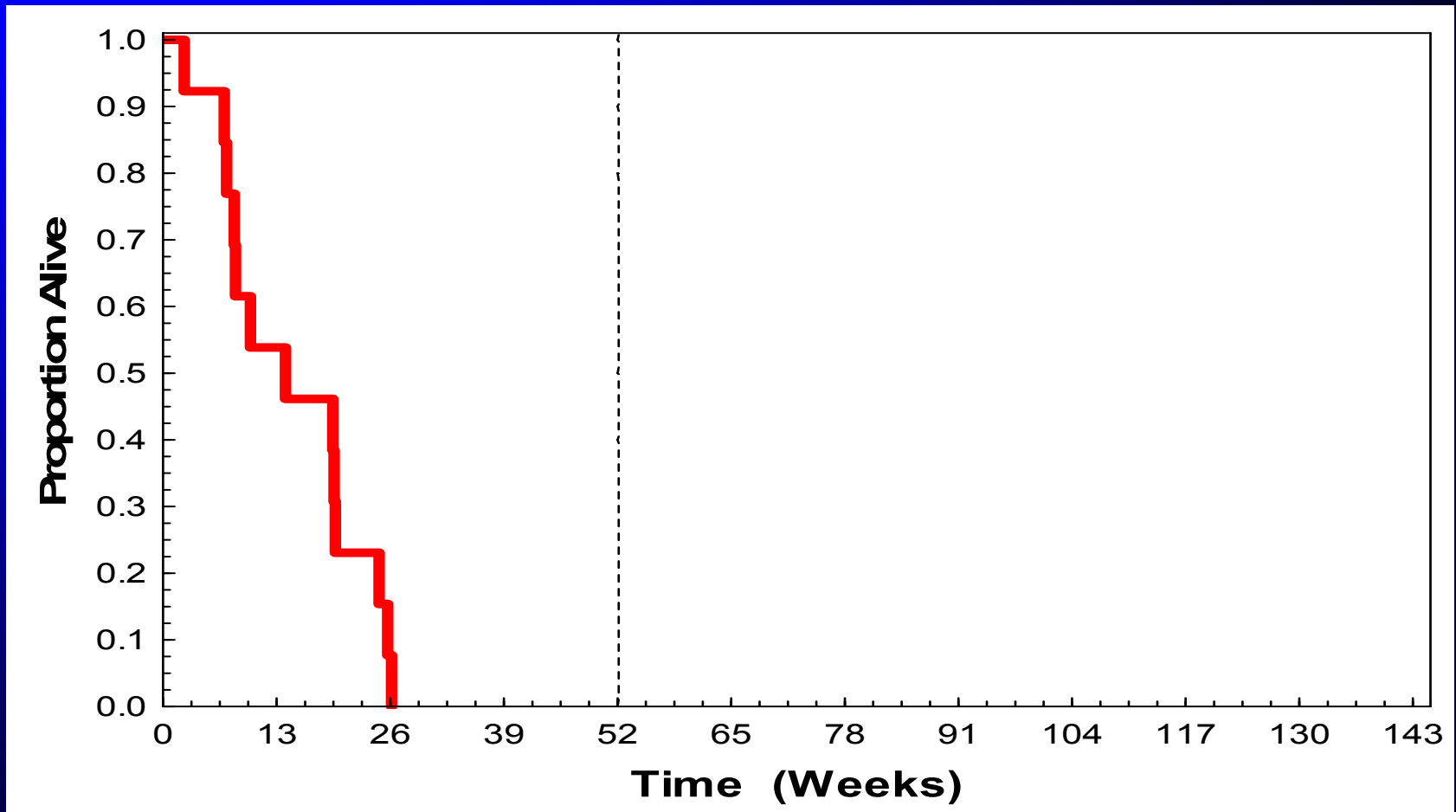
# Pediatric Patients with ALL at Diagnosis by Immunophenotype



# Patients with T-ALL / T-LBL at 1<sup>st</sup> Relapse

- ~500 patients per year
- Treatment is with curative intent: multi-agent chemotherapy followed by a SCT
- Outcome for T-cell ALL patients transplanted in 2<sup>nd</sup> remission is approximately 40% at two years for children and adults.
- Treatment related mortality can be 5-10%.

# Outcome After Second Relapse (Patients with T-ALL, N=13)



Sather, et al. COG (unpublished)

# Current Drugs in Multi-Agent Regimens

Vincristine

6-MP

Prednisone

6-TG

Dexamethasone

Methotrexate

Asparaginase

Cyclophosphamide

Daunorubicin

Etoposide

Doxorubicin

Cytarabine

New drugs are needed for patients with relapsed and refractory disease.

# Efficacy Overview

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# Pivotal Studies

- **Adult: CALGB19801**

- **A Phase II Study of Nelarabine (506U78) in Subjects with Refractory or Relapsed T-Lineage Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) or Lymphoblastic Lymphoma (LBL)**

DeAngelo et al. *Blood*. 2002; 100(11):198a (Abstract 743).

- **Pediatric: COG P9673**

- **A Phase II Study of 506U78 in Patients with Refractory T-Cell Malignancies**

Berg et al. *JCO*. 2005; 23(15):3376-82.



# Efficacy Endpoint Definitions

Parameter	CR	CR*
Bone marrow - Blasts	<5%	<5%
Hemogram - Blasts - Platelets - Neutrophils	0% >100,000 >1500	0%
Physical - Liver - Spleen - Other	NED NED NED	NED NED NED
Extramedullary	NED	NED

NED = no evidence of disease.

# Rationale for CR\* Endpoint

- Similar to CRi and CRp for patients with AML
- Heavily pretreated patients
  - may never have full hematologic recovery
  - benefit from the absence of disease
- Retreatment & Stem Cell Transplant
  - may occur prior to full hematologic recovery

CR\* was agreed with FDA June 1997

# Patients with T-ALL/T-LBL

- Prior Therapy
  - One prior induction/regimen
    - Primary refractory disease
    - Relapsed disease
  - Two or more prior inductions/regimens
    - Refractory disease
    - Relapsed disease
- Refractory
  - Primary refractory disease
  - Less than CR following most recent induction attempt

## Adult: CALGB 19801

- Open-label, multicenter Phase II study
- Median age: 34 years (range: 16-66 years)
- Refractory or relapsed T-ALL or T-LBL
- Dose\*: 1500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1, 3, 5, every 21 days
- Two cycles for induction plus two for consolidation
- 39 patients treated:
  - 11 patients with 1 prior multi-agent induction/regimen
  - 28 patients with  $\geq 2$  prior multi-agent inductions/regimens
- Enrolled over 37 months

## Adult: CALGB 19801 Response Rate & Duration ≥ 2 Prior Inductions (N=28)

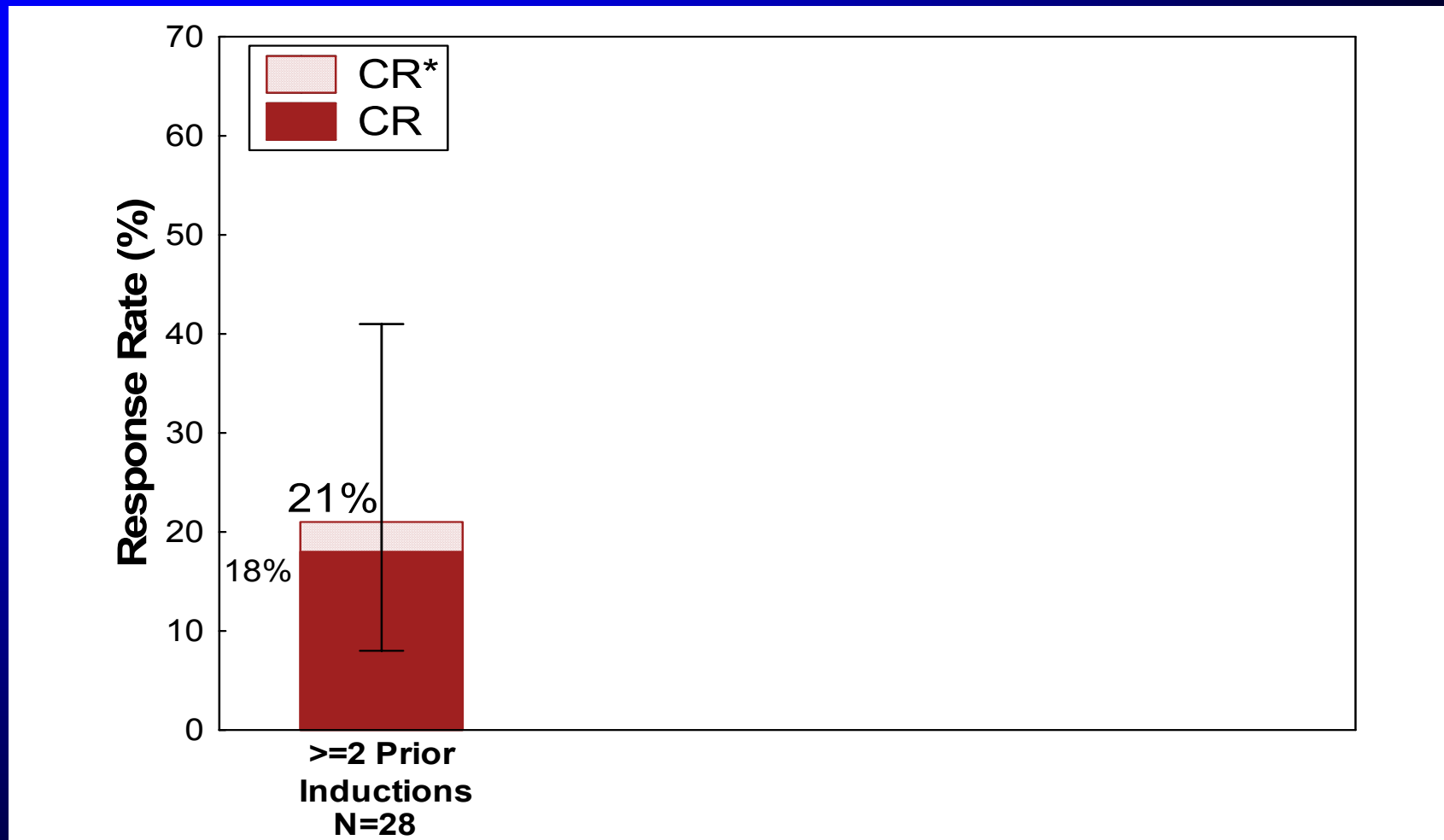
Response	CR	CR plus CR*
Response Rate	18%	21%
Median Duration of Response (weeks)	29	24
Duration of Response (weeks)	15 to 195+	4 to 195+

CR = complete response with full hematologic recovery

CR\* = complete response without full hematologic recovery

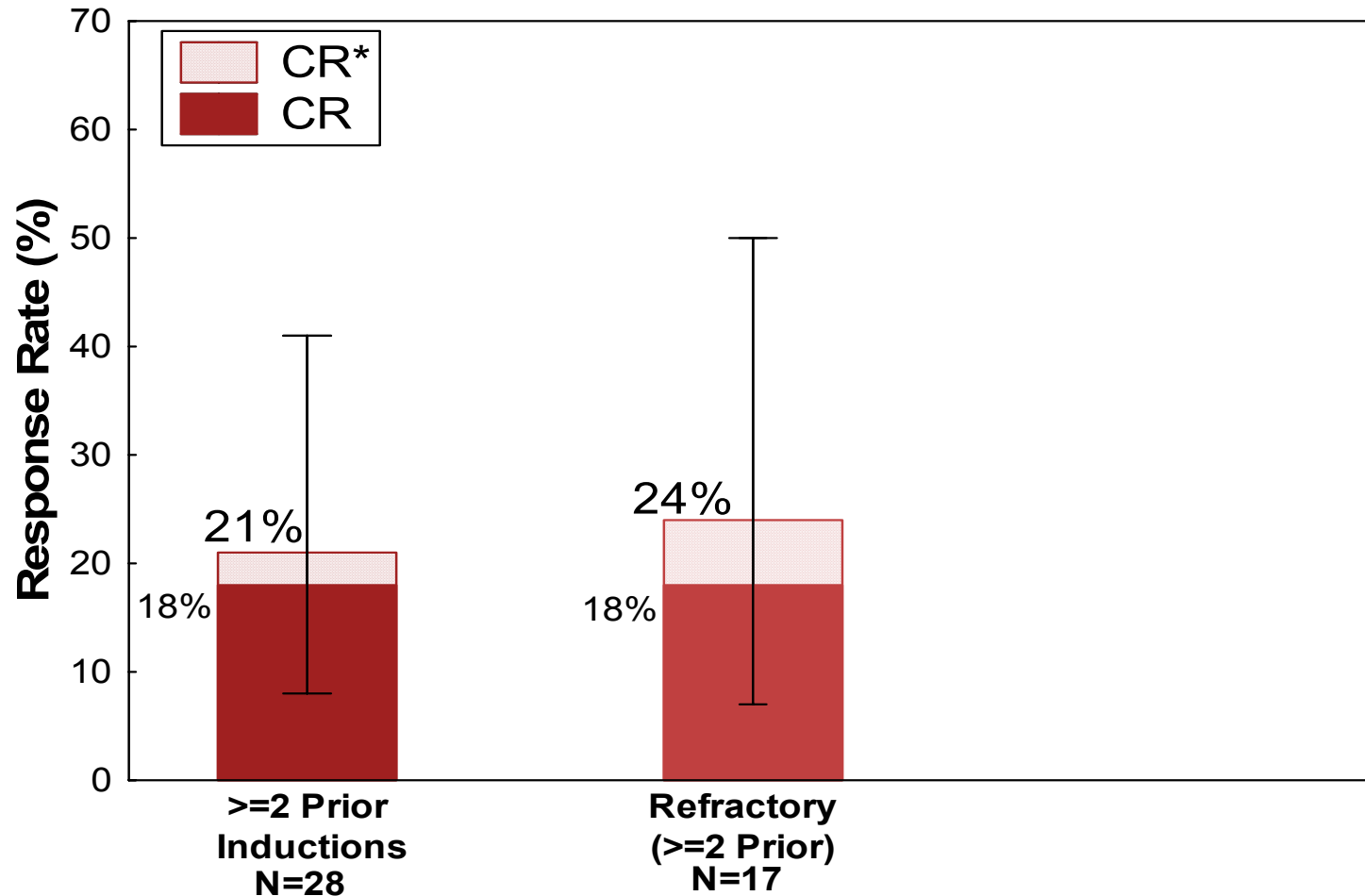
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# Adult: CALGB 19801 CR+CR\* Rates



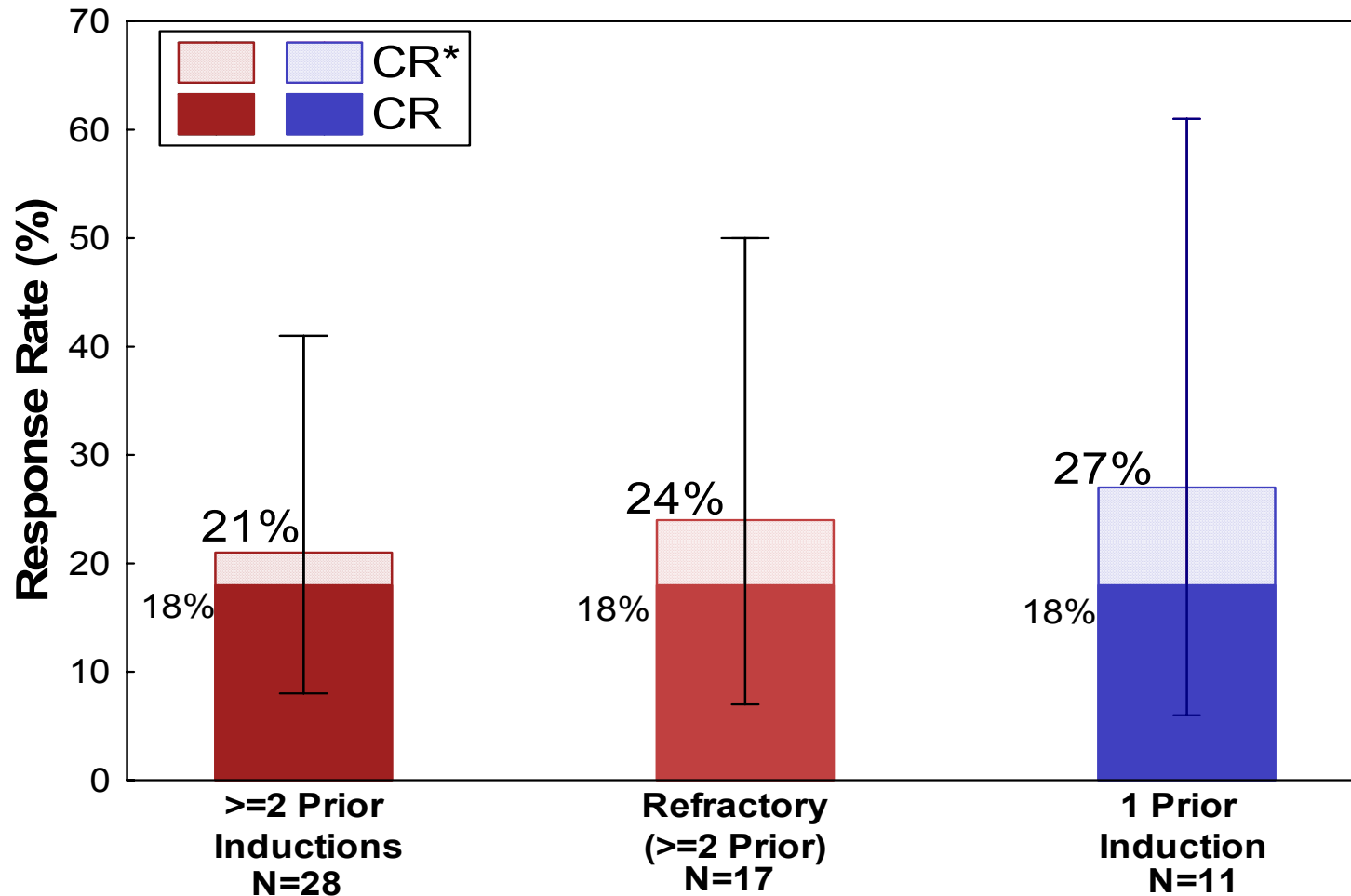
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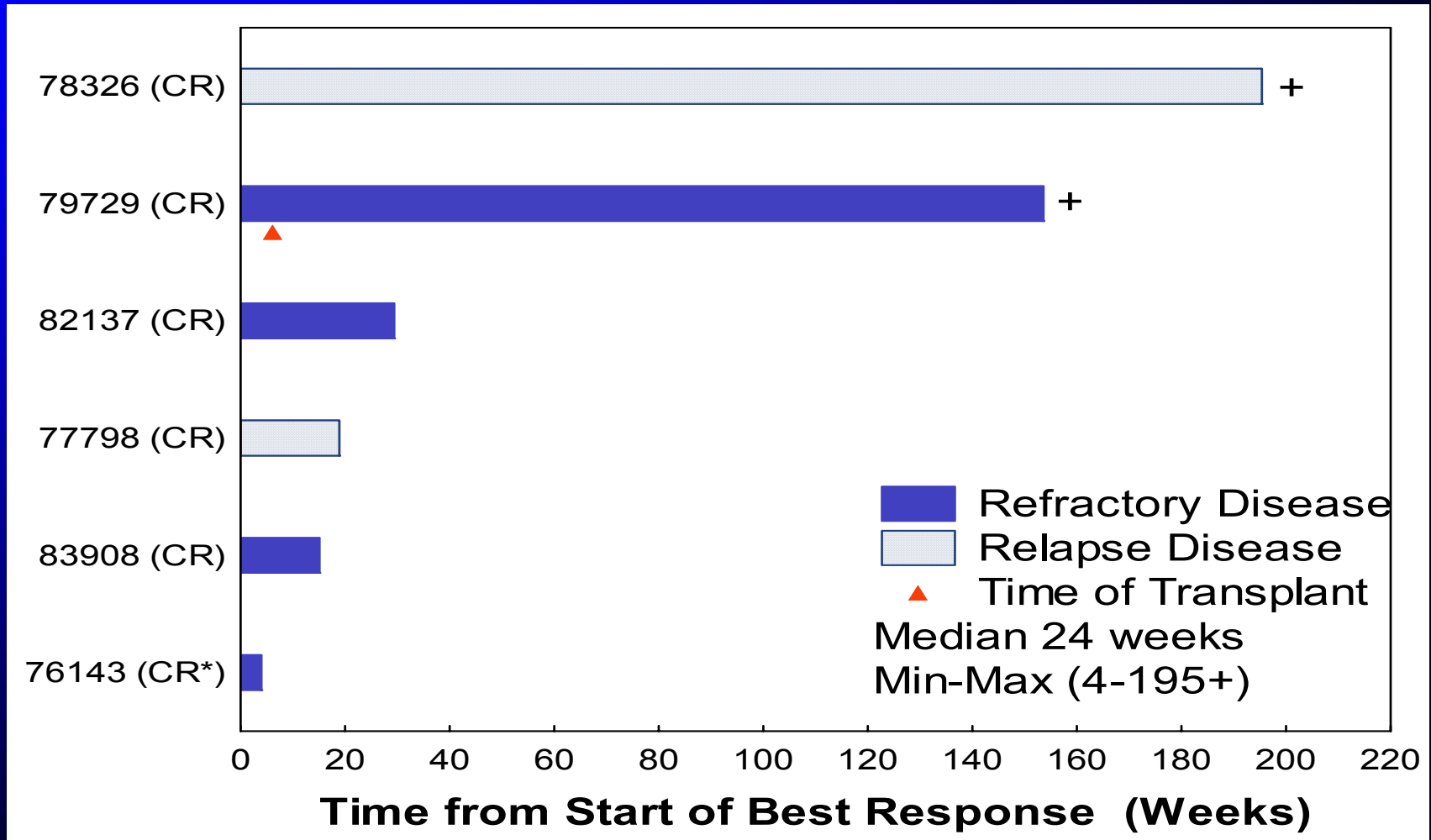
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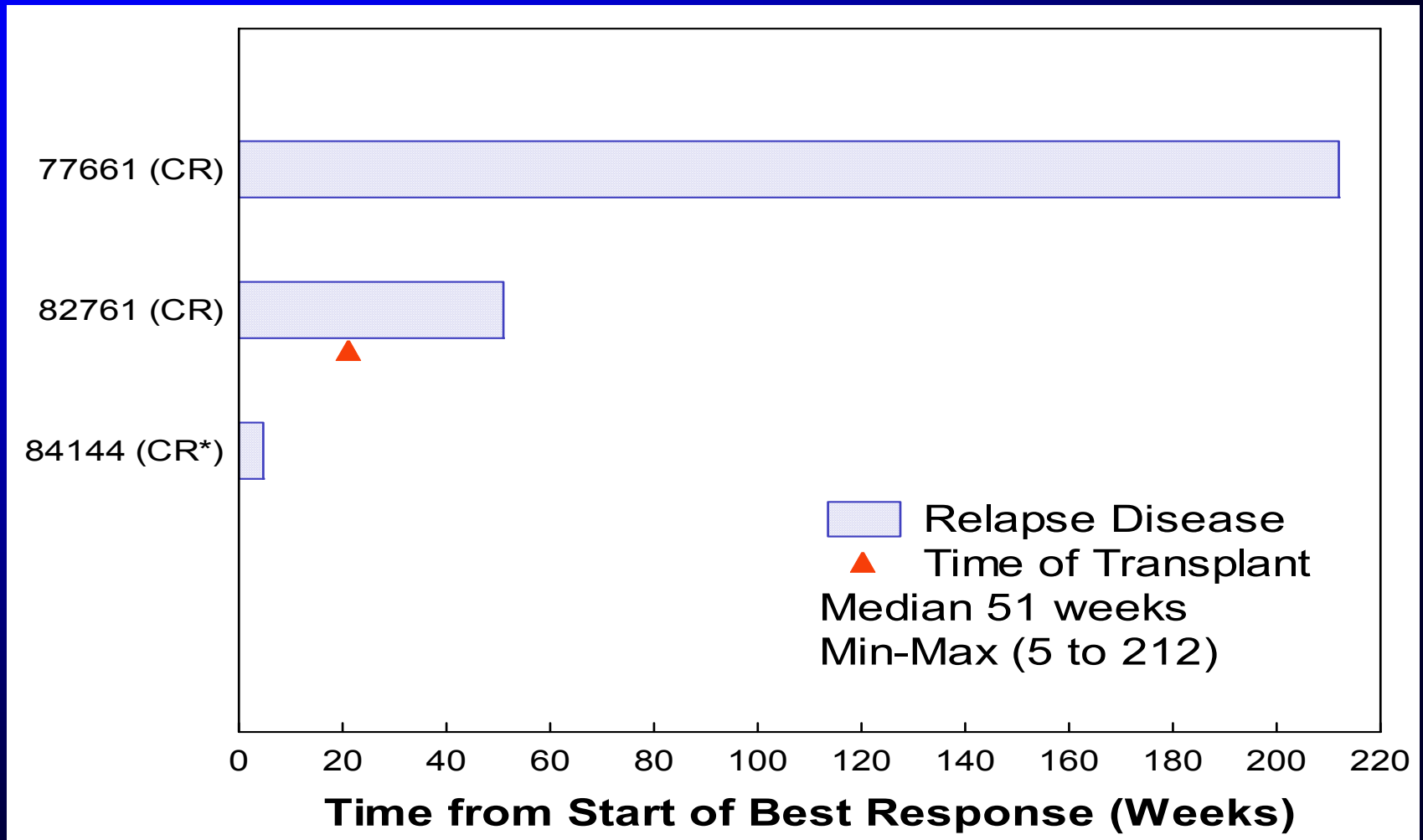


# Adult: CALGB 19801 Duration of Best Response ( $\geq 2$ prior multi-agent inductions)

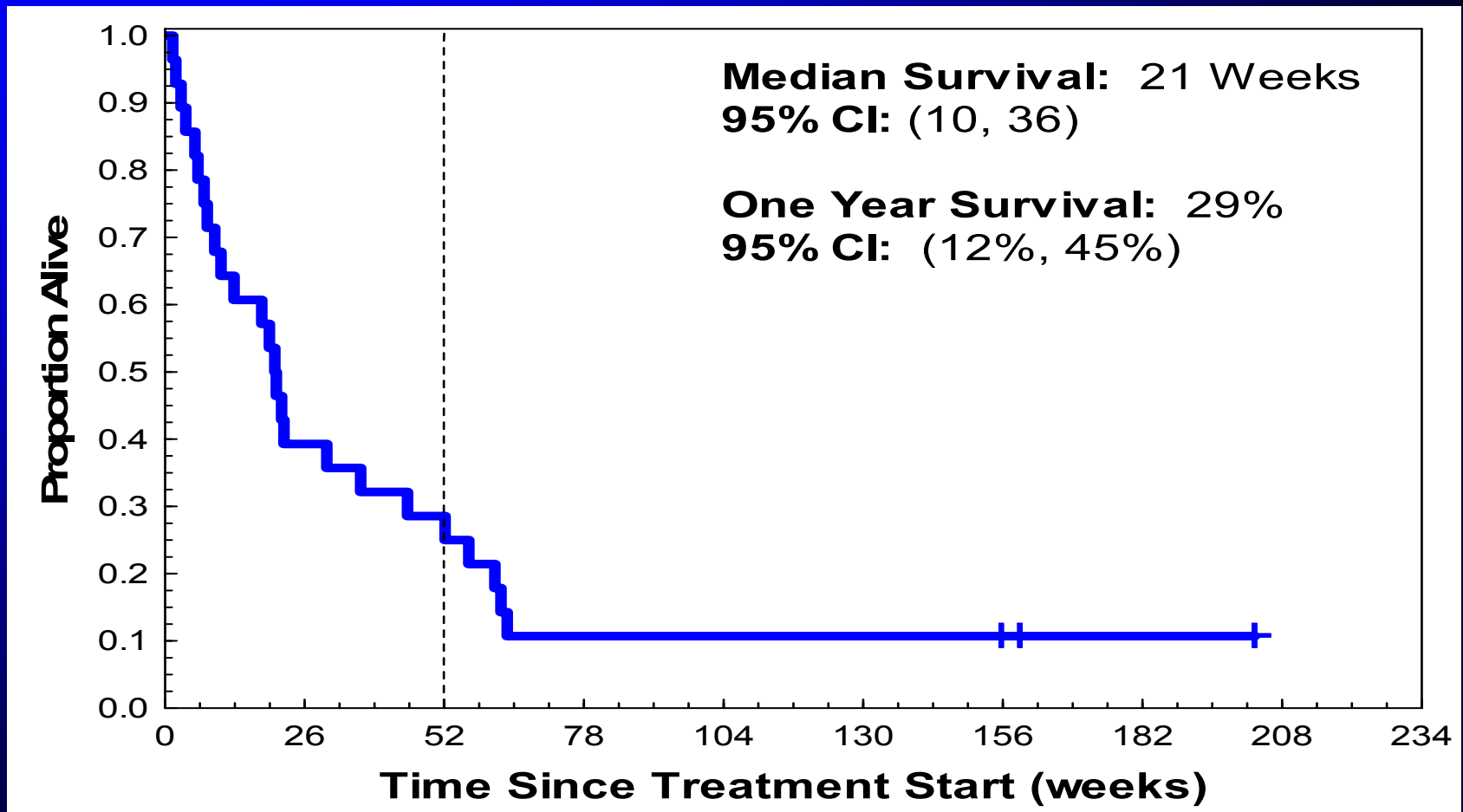


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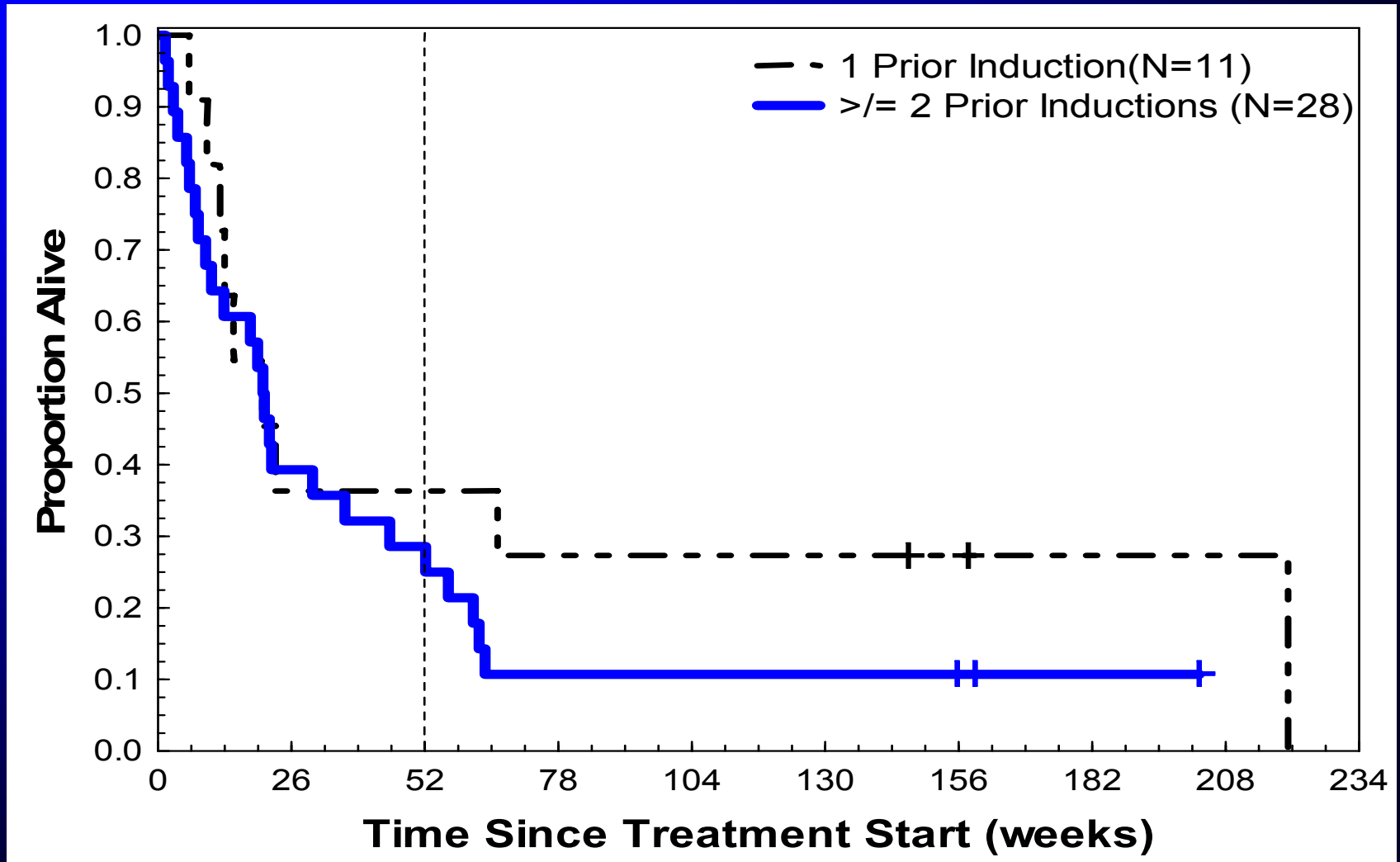


# Adult: CALGB 19801 Overall Survival ( $\geq 2$ Prior Multi-Agent Inductions)



+ Alive at last contact

# Adult: CALGB 19801 Overall Survival



+ Alive at last contact

## Pediatric: COG P9673

- Open-label, multicenter Phase II study
- Refractory or relapsed T-ALL or T-NHL
- Dose\*: 650 mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1-5, every 21 days
- Median: 11 years (range 3-20 years)
- 151 patients treated across 4 strata
  - At the recommended dose
    - 31 patients with 1 prior multi-agent induction
    - 39 patients with  $\geq 2$  prior multi-agent inductions
- Enrolled over 61 months

\* Recommended Dose

## Pediatric: COG P9673 Response Rate & Duration ≥ 2 Prior Inductions (N=39)

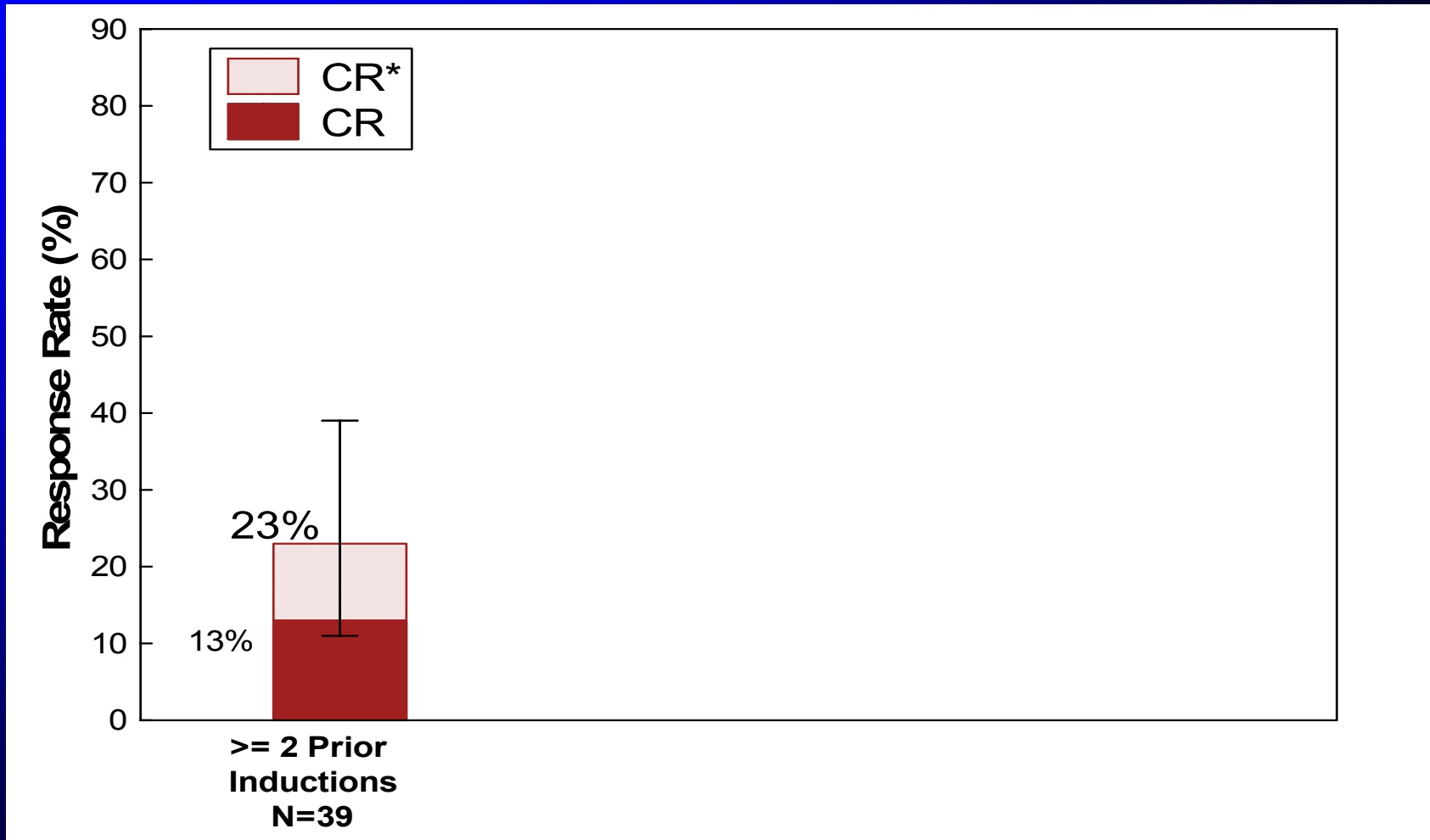
<b>Response</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>CR plus CR*</b>
Response Rate	13%	23%
Median Duration of Response (weeks)	9	9
Duration of Response (weeks)	5 to 36	3 to 42

CR = complete response with full hematologic recovery

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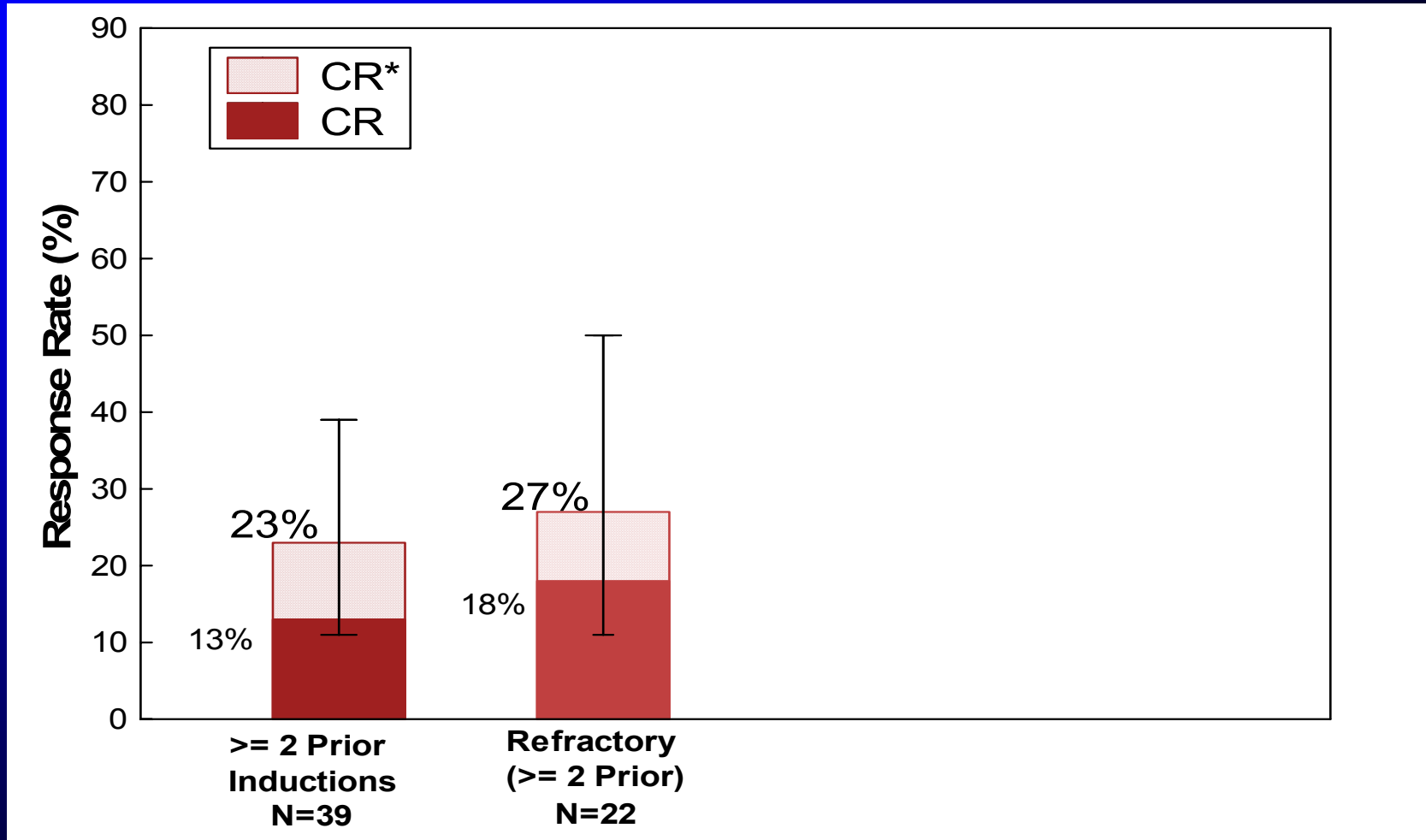
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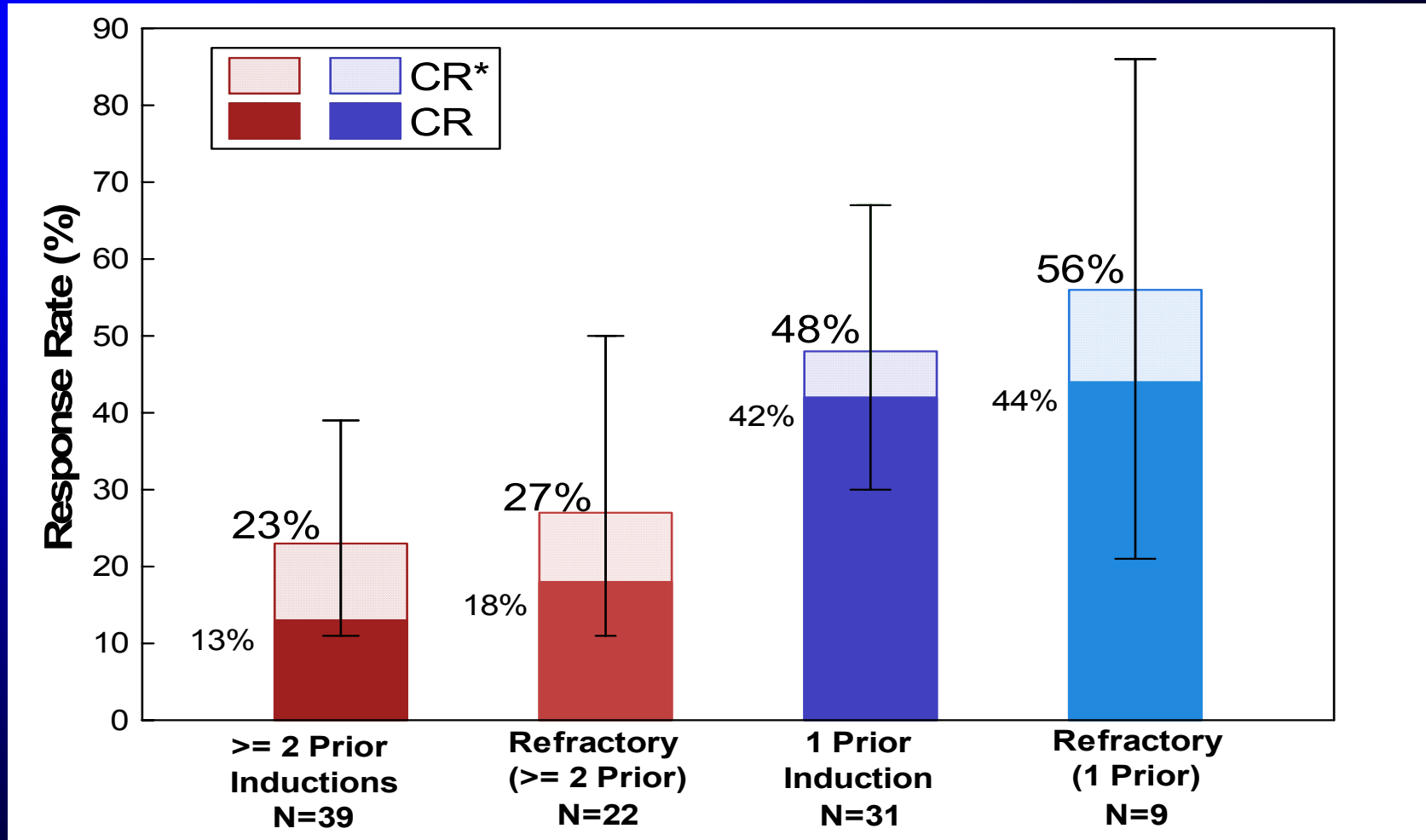
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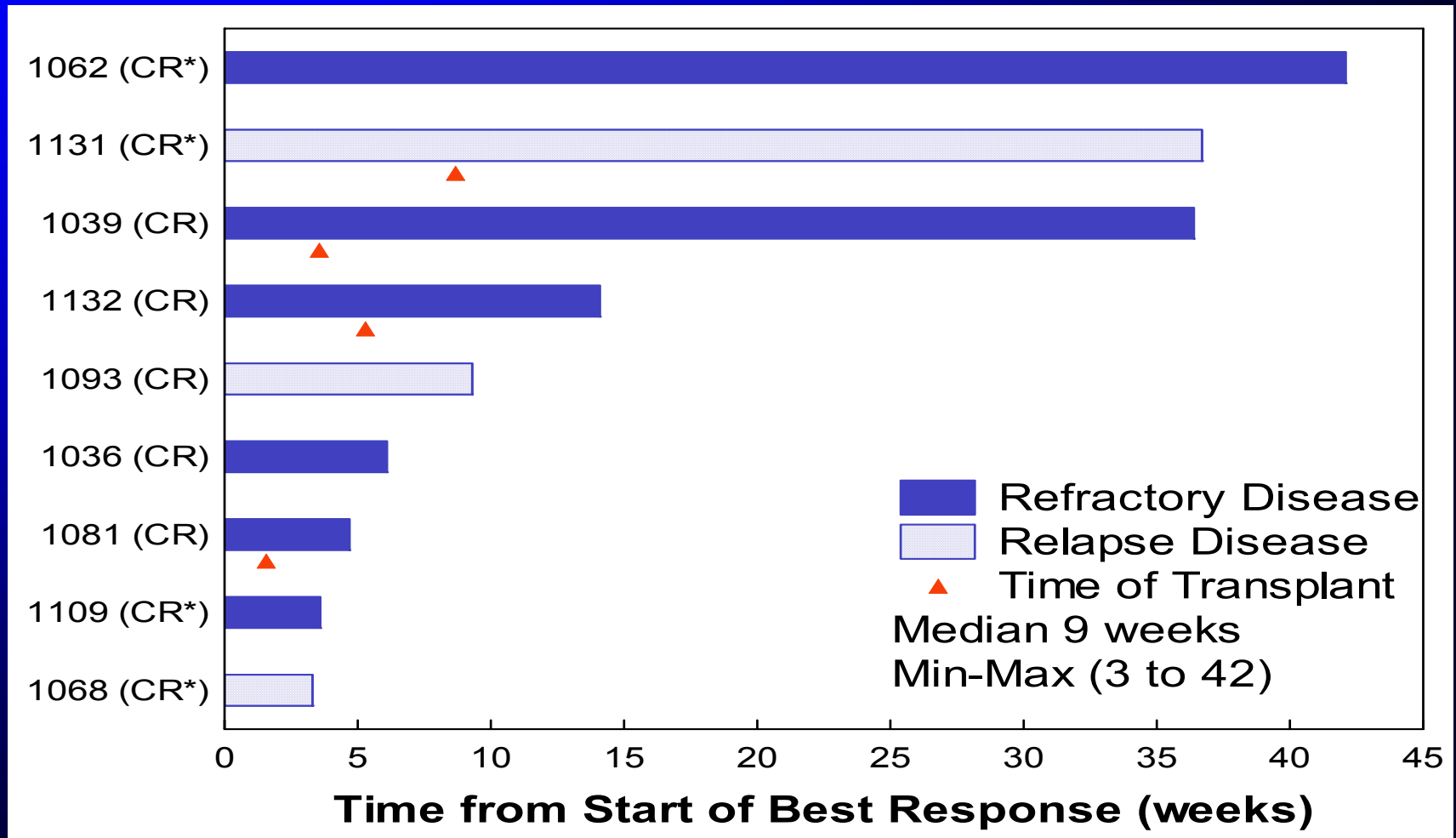


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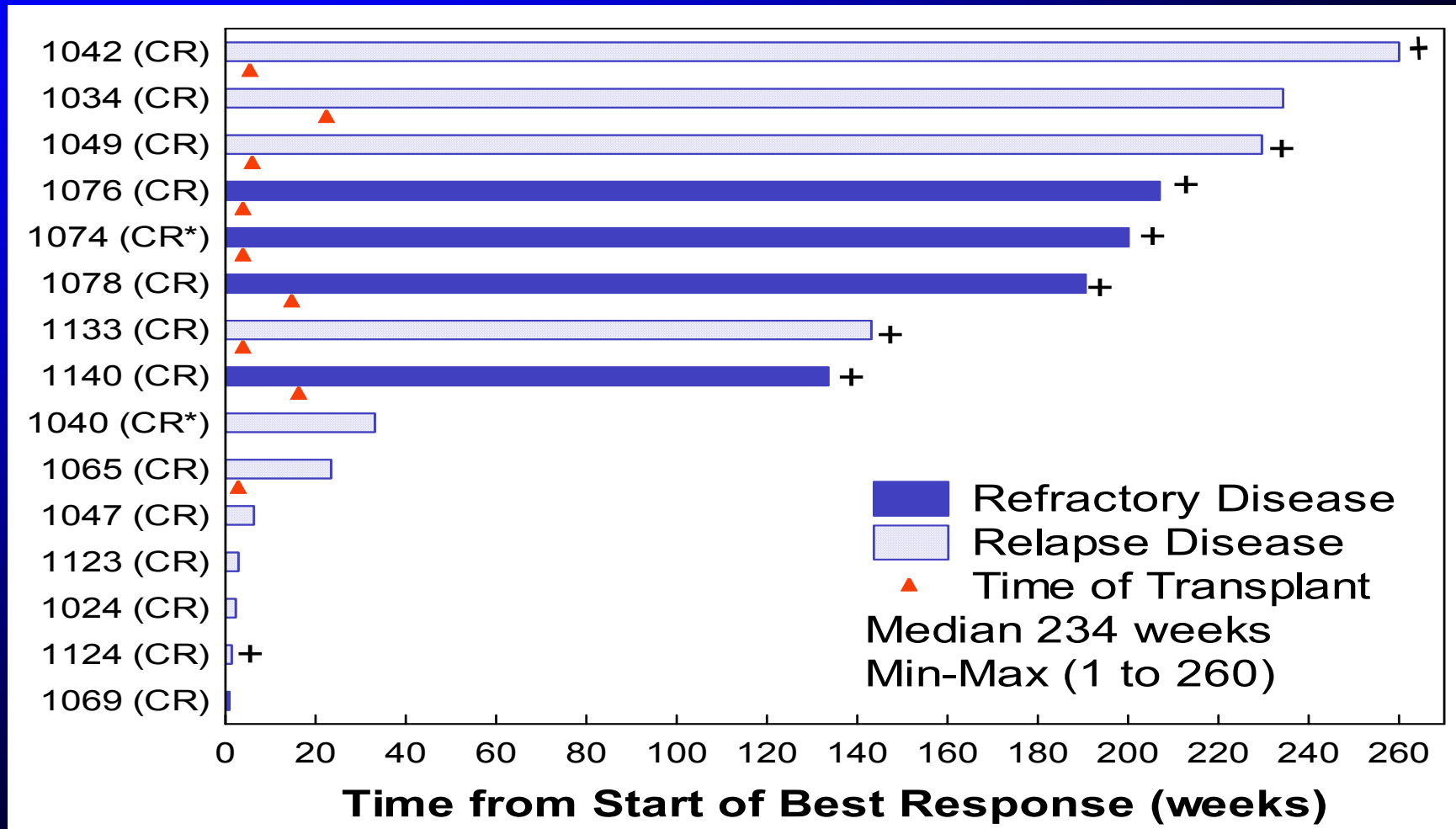


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# Pediatric: COG P9673 Duration of Best Response ( $\geq 2$ prior multi-agent inductions)

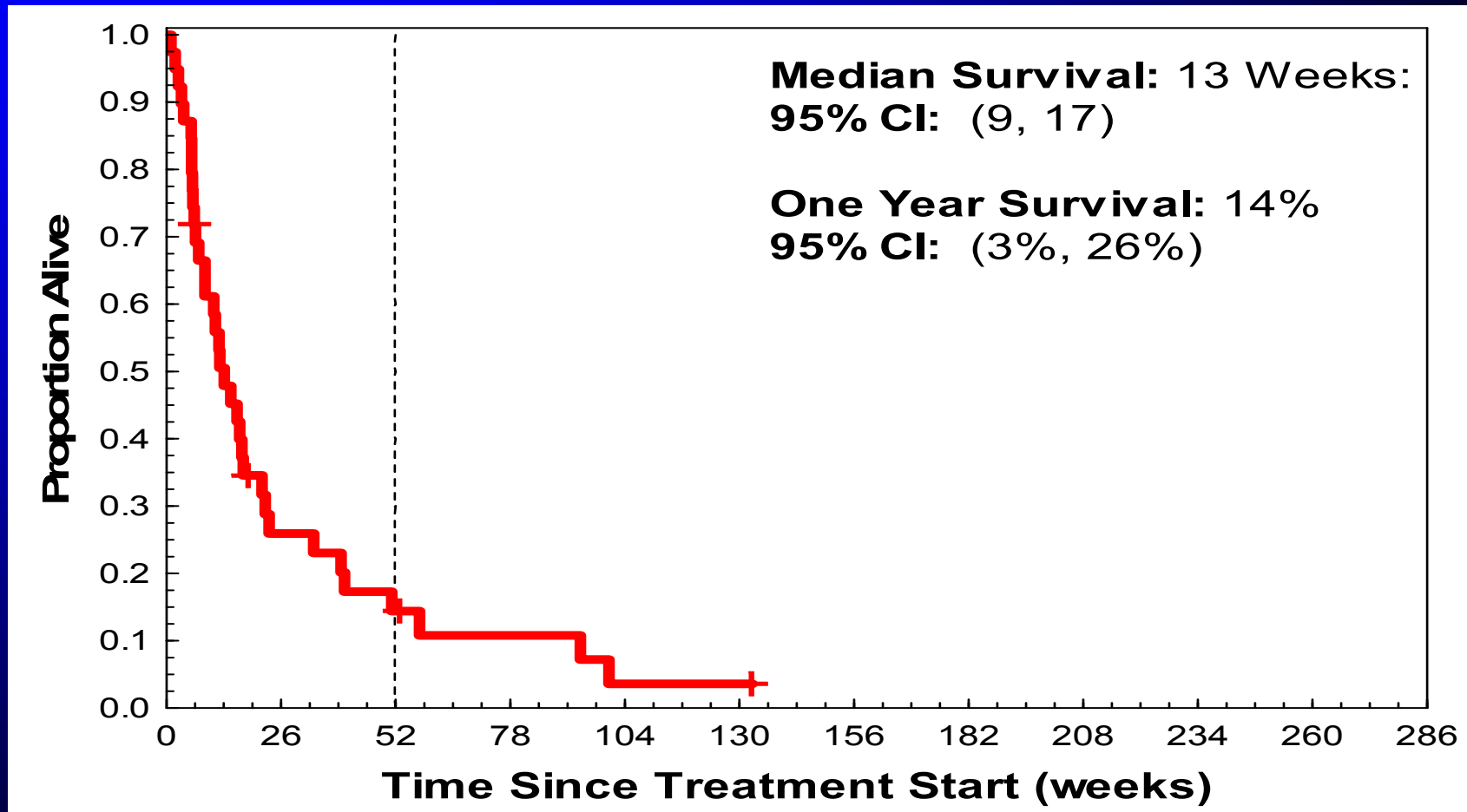


# Pediatric: COG P9673 Duration of Best Response (1 prior multi-agent induction)



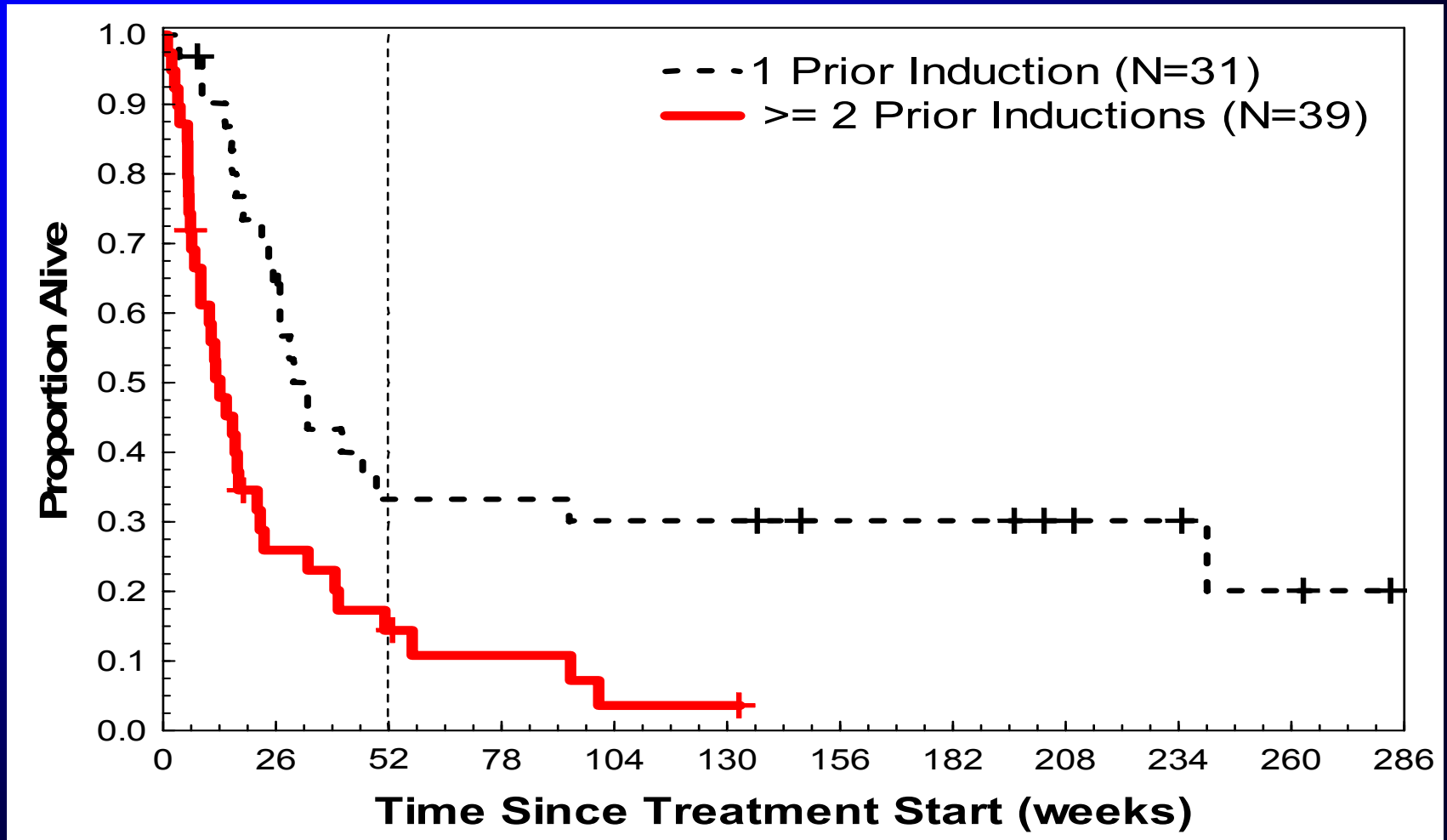
+ Response on-going at last evaluation

# Pediatric: COG P9673 Overall Survival ( $\geq 2$ prior multi-agent inductions)



+ Alive at last contact

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# Response Rate – Supportive Trials of Patients with Relapsed/Refractory T-ALL/T-LBL

Age Group	Study	N	CR %
Adult	TRC 9701	24	13%
	Special Exceptions (Univ Frankfurt)	16	56%
Adult	PGAA1001	14	29%
	PGAA1002	3	0
	PGAA1003	8	0
Pediatric	PGAA1001	18	33%
	PGAA1002	5	40%
	PGAA1003	2	50%
Total		90	

# Neutrophil Recovery Following Allogeneic Transplant

	<b>Adult CALGB 19801<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Pediatric COG P9673<sup>a</sup></b>
Subjects with available data	n=6	n=21
Neutrophils ( $\geq 500/\mu\text{L}$ x3 days)	3 (50%)	20 (95%)

<sup>a</sup> Based on retrospective data collection. Data not available on all subjects.

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<sup>b</sup> Report provided by Investigator. Patients enrolled in Special Exceptions Program.



# Efficacy Summary

## ≥ 2 Prior Multi-Agent Inductions

	<b>Adult CALGB 19801</b>	<b>Pediatric COG P9673</b>
<b>CR plus CR*</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Duration of CR plus CR*</b>	<b>4 to 195+ weeks</b>	<b>3 to 42 weeks</b>
<b>Median Overall Survival</b>	<b>21 weeks</b>	<b>13 weeks</b>
<b>1-year Survival</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>14%</b>

# Efficacy Conclusions

## Clinically meaningful benefit as shown by:

- Induction of complete remission
- Consistent rates of remission
  - Adult and pediatric patients
  - Patients with relapsed and refractory disease
  - Across Phase I and II studies
- Duration of response
- Documented successful transplantation
- One year survival

# Safety

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# Safety Overview

- Safety populations
- Phase I experience
- Hematologic adverse events
- Non-hematologic adverse events
- Neurologic adverse events
- Mortality due to adverse events

# Safety Populations

- 980 patients have received ARRANON
- Full safety database - 459 patients
- Adult dose of 1500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on days 1,3,5
  - 36 CALGB19801 + 67 PGAA2003
  - 103 patients
- Pediatric dose of 650 mg/m<sup>2</sup> daily times 5
  - 84 patients COG P9673

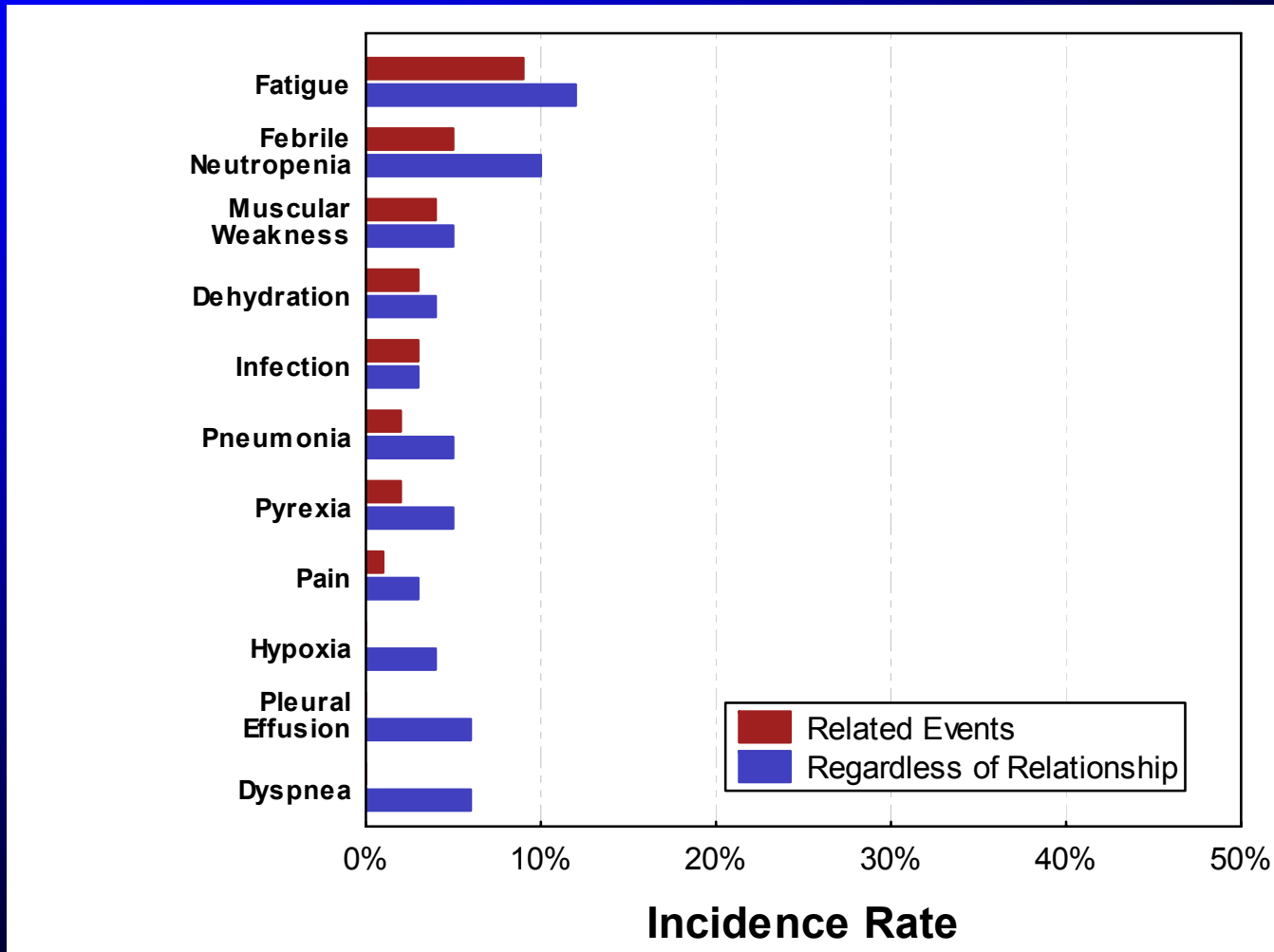
# Phase I Experience

- 181 patients (141 Adult, 40 Pediatric)
- Dose Range: 104 mg/m<sup>2</sup> – 2900 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Schedules tested: Daily X 5; Daily X 3; Days 1, 3, 5
- Neurotoxicity was dose-limiting
- Adult Phase II Day 1, 3, 5 – 2200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> decreased to 1500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Pediatric Phase II Daily X 5 – 1200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> decreased to 650 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

# Grade 4 Hematologic Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship

	<b>Adult N=103</b>	<b>Pediatric N=84</b>
Neutropenia	49%	62%
Anemia	14%	10%
Thrombocytopenia	22%	32%

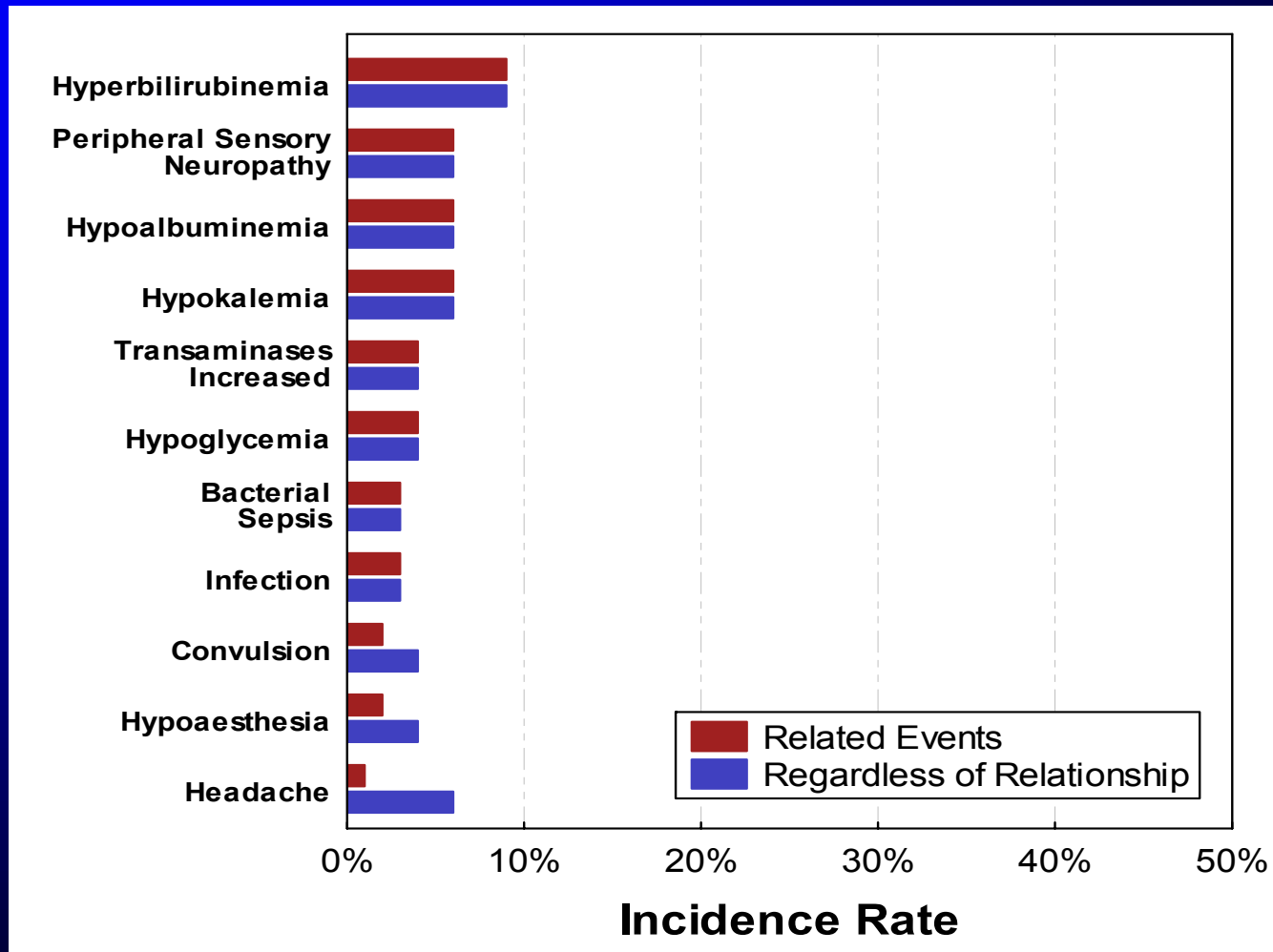
# Adult: Grade 3/4 Non-Hematologic Adverse Events (N=103)



Includes all grade 3/4 events occurring in at least 3 subjects

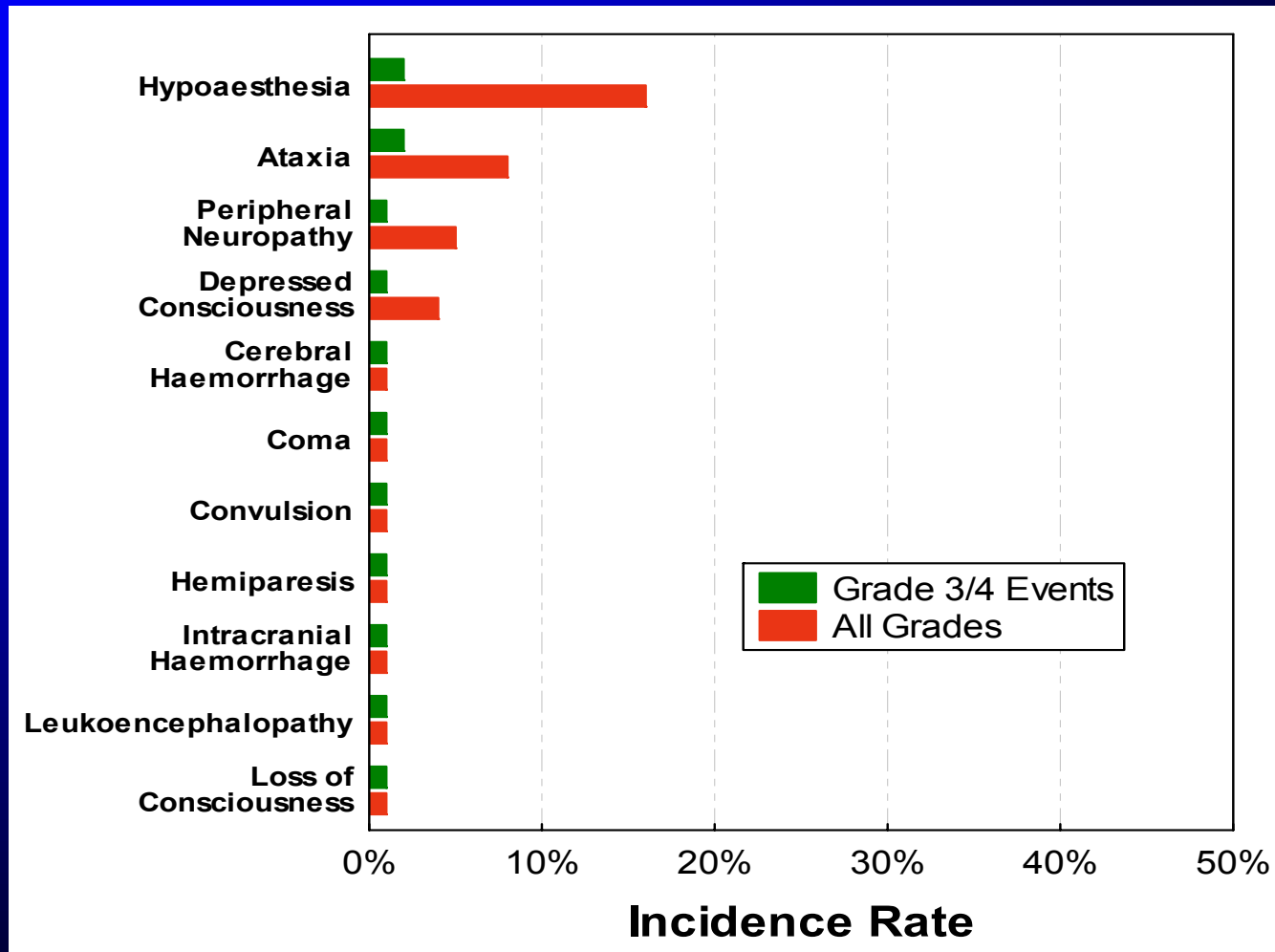


# Pediatric: Grade 3/4 Non-Hematologic Adverse Events (N=84)



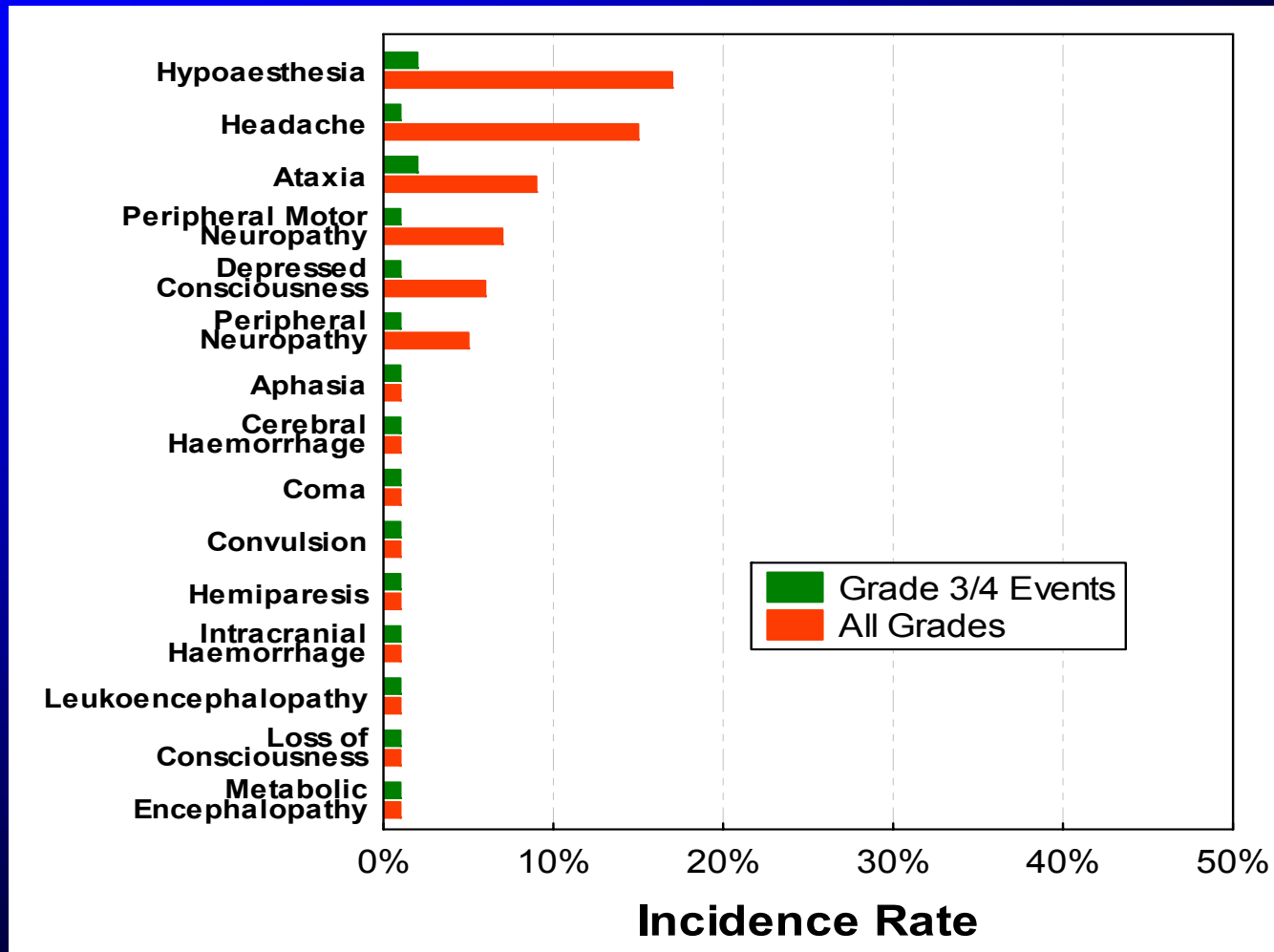
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# Adult: Drug-related Neurologic Adverse Events (N=103)



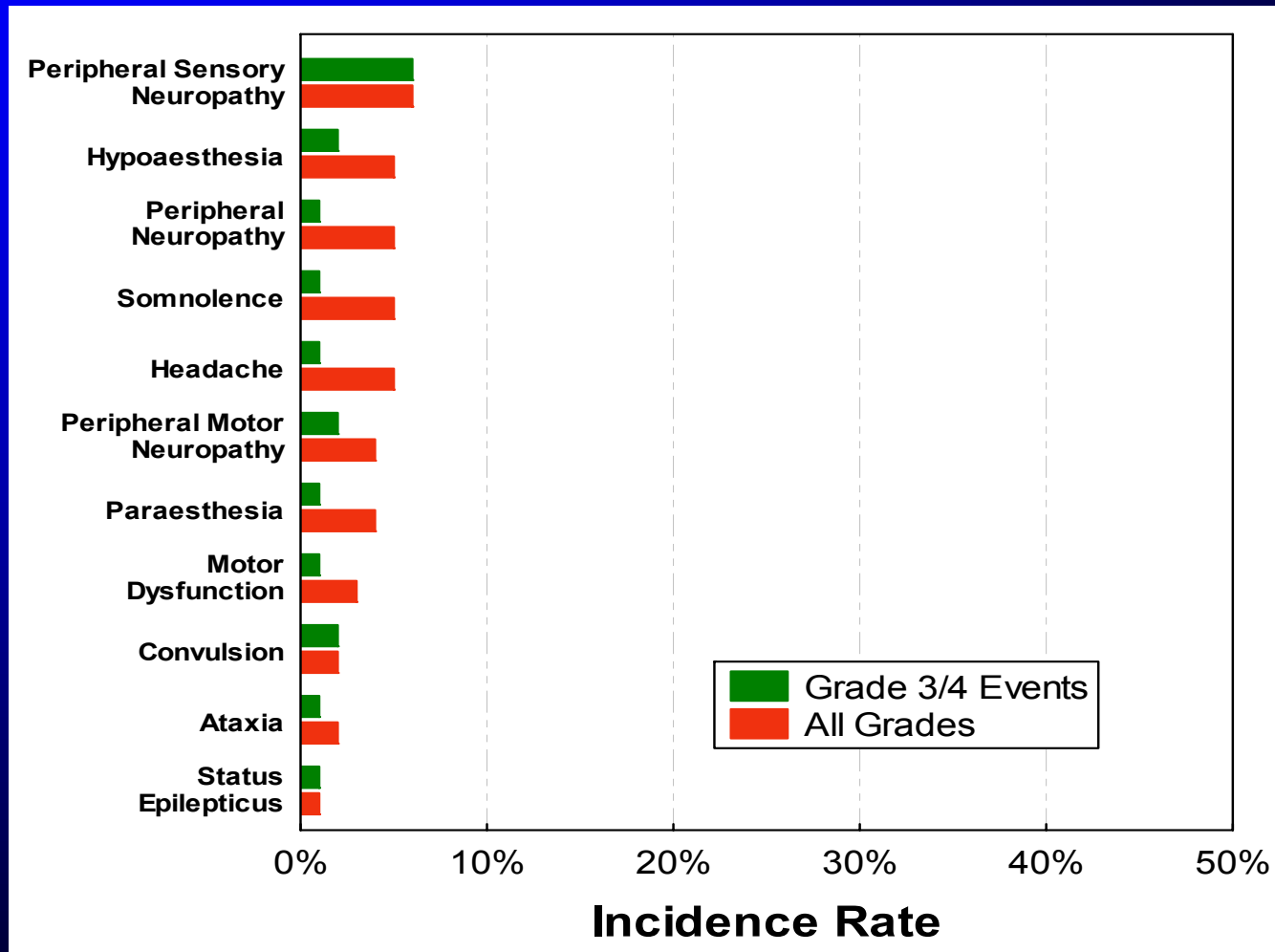
Includes all grade 3/4 neurologic events

# Adult: Neurologic Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship (N=103)



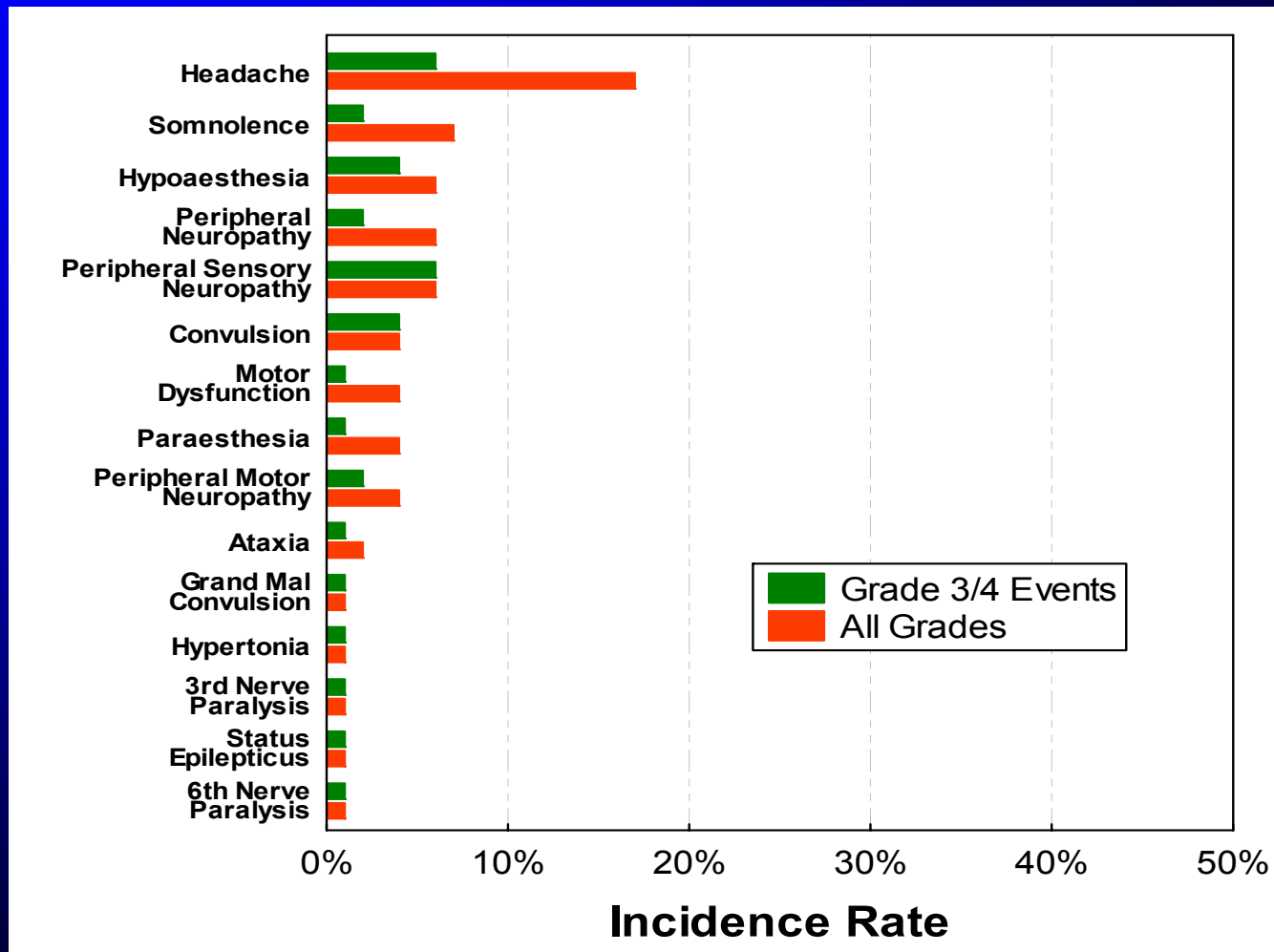
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# Incidence of Neurologic Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship

	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>
<b>Adults</b> (N=103)	10%	3%
<b>Pediatric</b> (N=84)	11%	8%

# Resolution of Neurologic Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship

	<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Unresolved*</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Adults (1500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b> 217 events	47%	24%	28%
<b>Pediatrics (650 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b> 80 events	63%	18%	20%

\*includes 2 patients with fatal neurologic events (1 Adult, 1 Pediatric)

# Clinical Presentation of Neurologic Adverse Events (1)

## Somnolence

- Onset often on day of administration
- Drowsiness, increased sleep
- Usually reversible, within days
- Not clinically significant



# Clinical Presentation of Neurologic Adverse Events (2)

## Peripheral Neuropathies

- Onset generally after administration
- Mostly sensory
  - Numbness/dysesthesia of lower extremities
- Similar to that seen with vincristine and taxanes
- Occasionally motor
- Resolution may take several months
- Severe ascending polyneuropathy seen in 14 of 980 patients (1.5%)

# Mortality Due to Adverse Events at Proposed Doses

- Nine in 187 patients (5%)
  - Six in adults, N=103
  - Three in pediatrics, N=84
- Two (1%) attributed to **ARRANON**
  - Coma
  - Status epilepticus

# Safety Conclusions

- Hematologic events were most common, and manageable
- Neurologic events were frequent in this population
  - Most were grade 1 or 2
  - 13% G3/G4 for adults
  - 19% G3/G4 for pediatrics
- 1% of patients had fatal related adverse events
- Recommended doses have acceptable risk for this patient population

# Role of ARRANON in Treatment

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Chair, ALL Committee,  
Children's Oncology Group

# Evaluation of New Agents for T-ALL/T-LBL

## Treatment Setting - Relapsed/Refractory Disease

- Heavily pretreated patients
- Historically treatment is usually individualized based on response to prior therapy
- Stem cell transplantation is often the intention of treatment, chemotherapy used to induce remission

## Rationale - Clinical Trials

- Evaluate ability to induce complete remission in heavily pretreated patients
- Randomized studies not possible in relapsed or refractory setting
- Integrate most promising compounds that provide clinical benefit into front-line therapy

# Patients with Relapsed or Refractory T-ALL/T-LBL

## ARRANON

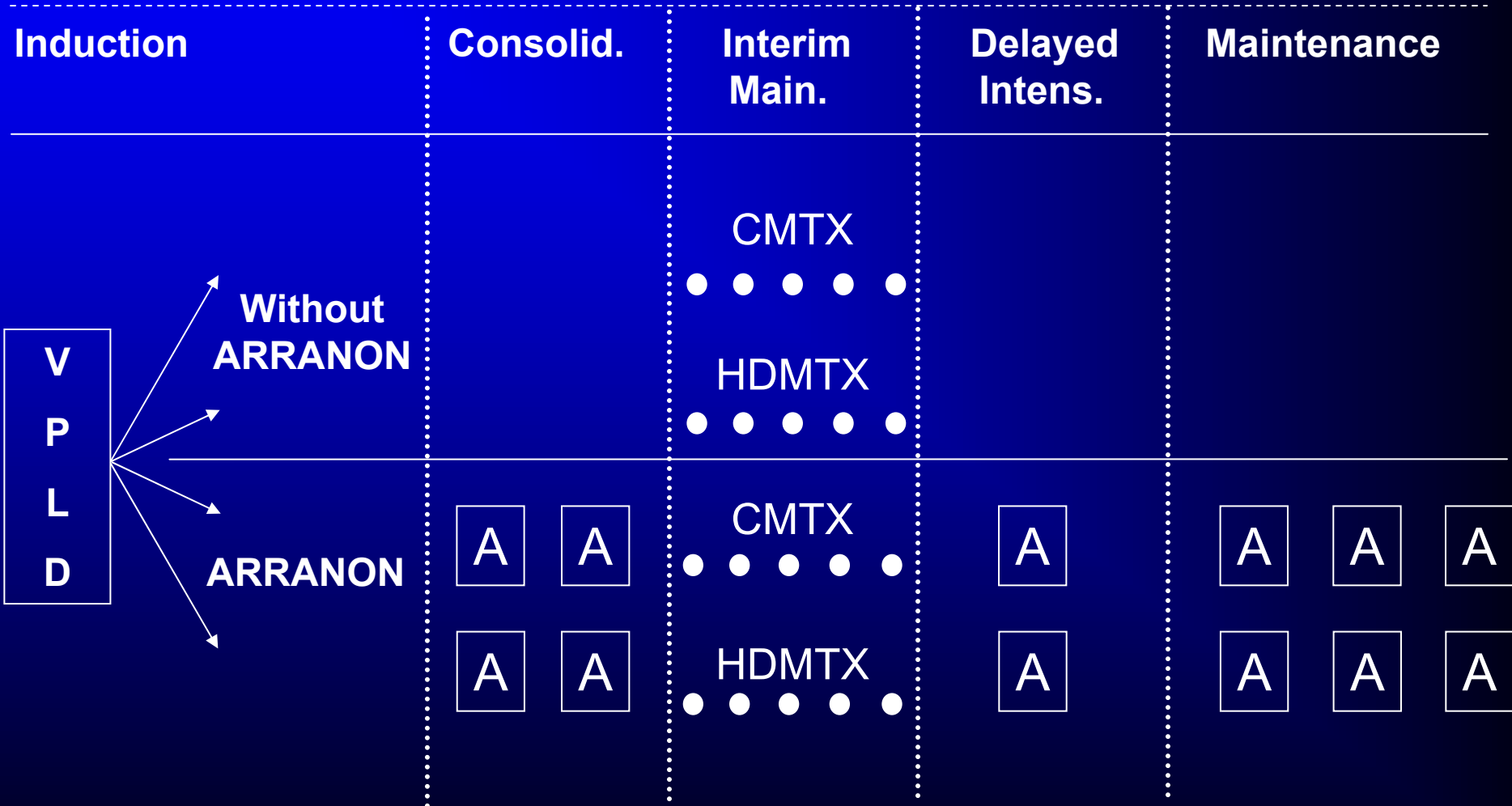
- Provides clinical benefit in patients with:
  - Two or more prior inductions
    - Notable CR rates, especially for the treatment setting
  - One prior induction
    - Single agent activity at least equal to that provided by aggressive multi-agent regimens
- Safety profile in patients with:
  - Relapsed or refractory disease
    - Acceptable adverse event profile
  - Newly diagnosed disease
    - Proven ability to combine with multi-agent therapy AALL00P2 (new diagnosis higher risk T ALL)

## Phase III Randomized Trial – COG AALL0434

- Randomized, multi-center, cooperative group trial (COG)
- N=640 patients with T-ALL, aged 1-30 years
- Study design
  - Modified BFM regimen (based on legacy CCG-1961C and identical to current AALL0232 study for higher risk B precursor ALL)
  - Randomized to (high and intermediate risk patients):
    - with or without ARRANON
    - high dose MTX vs escalating IV MTX (aka Capezzi MTX)
- Primary endpoint: EFS at 4 years
- Safety Phase: first 20 consecutive high risk patients
- Efficacy phase: interim analyses at 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 100% of the expected total # events

# AALL0434 Efficacy Phase High and Intermediate Risk Patients

## Backbone Regimen: BFM (CCG 1961C)





## Phase III Randomized Trial – AALL0434

- **ARRANON** administration
  - 650 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for five consecutive days
  - Consolidation, delayed intensification and maintenance
- Assessment of:
  - Event free survival
  - Minimal residual disease post consolidation

# ARRANON – Role in Treatment

- **ARRANON** provides
  - clinical benefit, and
  - acceptable risk to benefit profile
- **ARRANON** is an effective treatment for patients with relapsed or refractory T-ALL/T-LBL

# Conclusions

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# Conclusions

- T-ALL/T-LBL  $\geq$  2nd relapse or refractory disease
  - Poor prognosis and no standard of care
- **ARRANON:** Acceptable safety profile
  - Expected & manageable non-neurological (incl. hematologic) adverse events for indicated population
  - Neurological adverse events
    - Low grade events are common
    - Grade 3 / 4 events are less common, but require prescriber attention

# Conclusions

- **ARRANON:** Clinically meaningful benefit as single agent in T-cell ALL/LBL
  - Consistent demonstration of CR
    - Second and third line patients
    - Refractory patients
    - Children and adults
  - CR durable and allowed time for transplantation
  - Demonstrable survival at one year
- Overall favorable benefit - risk profile for the proposed population of relapsed or refractory patients



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