

Hematopoietic cell transplantation for older acute myeloid leukemia patients in first complete remission: results of a randomized phase III study

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Supplemental material

Supplemental material to methods

Observation arm:

Patients with no-matched donor (n=26), patients with a mismatched donor (n=15) and patients with a matched donor refusing to be randomized or treated before randomization (n=10) were allocated to an observation group and treated at the discretion of the local investigator including HCT with mismatched donors (Figure S10).

Inclusion and exclusion criteria:

Inclusion criteria at registration were age ≥ 60 and ≤ 75 years, *de novo* or secondary AML or refractory anemia with excess blasts 5-20% in bone marrow (RAEB), ≤ 2 induction chemotherapies to reach CR1, Karnofsky Index $>70\%$, and written informed consent. Patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) positivity were ineligible. Inclusion criteria at randomization were previous registration in the trial, CR after first consolidation and availability of an HLA-identical related or 10/10 unrelated donor. Excluded were patients with more than one consolidation, an interval of >5 months after diagnosis, creatinine clearance <50 ml/min, cardiac ejection fraction $<40\%$, severe pulmonary dysfunction or poorly controlled hypertension (Table S1).

Statistical Analysis

In the initial protocol, the analysis relied on the proportional hazard assumption by specifying a Cox regression adjusting for randomization strata. Assuming a 5-year LFS rate of 45% with HCT versus 25% with non-HCT and requiring 90% power with a two-sided significance level of 5%, the target sample size was 231 patients in order to observe 135 events with a 2:1 randomization. Two interim analyses after 1/3 and 2/3 of the expected events were scheduled using the O'Brien-Fleming sequential design. The time horizon was set at 5 years as initially planned. A conditional power analysis showed that with RM-LFS, reasonable power would be achieved already with a reduced target sample size of 150 randomized patients. The final analysis was performed using a nominal alpha = 5% significance level. The false positive error of the final analysis is practically not affected (Haybittle-Peto) since the first interim analysis was carried out at an alpha = 0.0002 level. The changes were proposed to, and approved by, the DMC on occasion of the first planned interim analysis from 78 patients in 2014.

RM-LFS estimation and regression analyses for LFS and OS were performed using the R-package "pseudo".²¹⁻²⁶ As a supportive analysis, we present plots of the difference in RM-LFS as a function of

the time horizon in order to illustrate how the preference for the treatment options depends on the chosen time horizon.

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Table S1: Eligibility criteria at registration and at randomization

a) at registration	inclusion criteria	b) at randomization
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age ≥ 60 and ≤ 75 years• <i>De novo</i> or <i>sec.</i> AML or RAEB• CR1 ≤ 2 induction chemotherapies• Karnofsky Index $> 70\%$• Written informed consent	exclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient registered in the trial• CR after first consolidation• Matching related or unrelated donor (10/10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AML FAB M3• HIV positivity		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• > 1 consolidation cycle• > 5 months (> 150 days) after diagnosis• Creatinine clearance < 50 ml/min• Cardiac ejection fraction $< 40\%$• Severe pulmonary dysfunction or O_2 support• Poorly controlled hypertension

Table S2: Randomization by trial site

Ntotal=245	Randomised	%	Observation	%	Registered Only	%
UK Leipzig	35	45.5	21	27.3	21	27.3
UK Muenster	21	47.7	17	38.6	6	13.6
Erasmus MC Rotterdam	14	50	1	3.6	13	46.4
Hopitaux universitaires de Geneve	12	85.7	2	14.3	0	0
University Hospital Maastricht	8	61.5	0	0	5	38.5
VU University Medical Center Amsterdam	6	46.2	2	15.4	5	38.5
UK Dresden	9	75	2	16.7	1	8.3
Isala Klinieken, Locatie Sophia, Zwolle	2	28.6	3	42.9	2	28.6
UK Rostock	4	57.1	0	0	3	42.9
Klinikum Chemnitz gGmbH	4	100	0	0	0	0
UK Jena	1	25	0	0	3	75
UK Magdeburg	1	25	1	25	2	50
Academisch Ziekenhuis bij de Universiteit Amsterdam	3	100	0	0	0	0
Charite Berlin	2	66.7	0	0	1	33.3
University Hospital Basel	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0
Klinikum E. v. Bergmann gGmbH, Potsdam	2	100	0	0	0	0
Centre Hospitalier Sud Amiens	0	0	0	0	1	100
CHU de Nantes	0	0	0	0	1	100
Kantonsspital Luzern	0	0	1	100	0	0
Med. UK Tuebingen	0	0	1	100	0	0
The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne Victoria	0	0	0	0	1	100
UK Aachen	0	0	0	0	1	100
University Medical Centre Utrecht	0	0	1	100	0	0
Nvalid	125	51	54	22	66	26.9

Table S3: Molecular alterations in randomized patients and according to treatment allocation

Variable	TOTAL			HCT		non-HCT		p-value
	n tested	% total	% positive	n=83	% positive	n=42	% positive	
Molecular alterations								
<i>BCR::ABL1</i>	41	32.8	0.0	29	0.0	12	0.0	n.a.
<i>PML::RARalpha</i>	66	52.8	0.0	45	0.0	21	0.0	n.a.
<i>AML1::ETO</i>	82	65.6	2.4	55	1.8	27	3.7	1
<i>FLT3-ITD</i>	111	88.8	19.8	75	21.3	36	16.7	0.747
<i>FLT3-TKD</i>	31	24.8	0.0	20	0.0	11	0.0	n.a.
<i>NPM1 mutation</i>	109	87.2	33.9	74	28.4	35	45.7	0.117
<i>MLL-PTD</i>	36	28.8	8.3	25	8.0	11	9.1	1
<i>inv 16;CBF-beta::NYH11</i>	59	47.2	3.4	40	5.0	19	0.0	1
<i>CEBPA mutation</i>	80	64.0	2.5	55	1.8	25	4.0	0.53
<i>EVI</i>	27	21.6	3.7	19	0.0	8	12.5	0.296
<i>JAK2</i>	24	19.2	8.3	17	11.8	7	0.0	1
<i>WT1</i>	27	21.6	33.3	18	27.8	9	44.4	0.423
<i>ABL1</i>	16	12.8	0.0	11	0.0	5	0.0	n.a.
<i>ASXL1</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>ATRX</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>BCOR</i>	25	20.0	8.0	18	5.6	7	14.3	0.49
<i>BCORL1</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	1
<i>BRAF</i>	16	12.8	0.0	11	0.0	5	0.0	n.a.
<i>CALR</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	0.0	7	14.3	0.28
<i>CBL</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	0.0	7	14.3	0.28

<i>CBLB</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>CBLC</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>CDKN2A</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>CSF3R</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>CUX1</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>DNMT3A</i>	26	20.8	34.6	19	31.6	7	42.9	0.661
<i>ETV6/TEL</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>EZH2</i>	25	20.0	12.0	18	5.6	7	28.6	0.18
<i>FBXW7</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>FLT3</i>	31	24.8	0.0	22	0.0	9	0.0	n.a.
<i>GATA1</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	0.0	7	14.3	0.28
<i>GATA2</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>GNAS</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>HRAS</i>	27	21.6	0.0	19	0.0	8	0.0	n.a.
<i>IDH1</i>	35	28.0	5.7	26	7.7	9	0.0	1
<i>IDH2</i>	35	28.0	17.1	27	18.5	8	12.5	1
<i>IKZF1</i>	26	20.8	7.7	19	10.5	7	0.0	1
<i>JAK3</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>KDM6A</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>KIT</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>KRAS</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	0.0	7	14.3	1
<i>MLL</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>MPL</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>MYD88</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>NOTCH1</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	1
<i>NRAS</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	1

<i>PDGFRA</i>	25	20.0	8.0	18	5.6	7	14.3	0.49
<i>PHF6</i>	25	20.0	12.0	18	16.7	7	0.0	0.534
<i>PTEN</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>PTPN11</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	1
<i>RAD21</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>RUNX1</i>	25	20.0	16.0	18	16.7	7	14.3	1
<i>SETBP1</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>SF3B1</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	0.0	7	14.3	0.28
<i>SMC1A</i>	25	20.0	0.0	18	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>SMC3</i>	27	21.6	0.0	19	0.0	8	0.0	n.a.
<i>SRSF2</i>	29	23.2	10.3	21	9.5	8	12.5	1
<i>STAG2</i>	27	21.6	0.0	20	0.0	7	0.0	n.a.
<i>TET2</i>	24	19.2	4.2	18	5.6	6	0.0	0.49
<i>TP53</i>	24	19.2	25.0	18	16.7	6	50.0	0.0664
<i>U2AF1</i>	25	20.0	4.0	18	5.6	7	0.0	1
<i>ZRSR2</i>	25	20.0	8.0	18	0.0	7	28.6	0.07

Table S4A: Pretreatment [Induction(s) and 1st consolidation]

Induction 1				Induction 2			consolidation		
drug 1	drug 2	drug 3	n (%)	drug 1	drug 2	n (%)	drug 1	drug 2	n (%)
cytarabine	Dauno	No drug/ Azacitidine/ Lena/Temsirolimus/Tosedostat	99 (40.4)	none		173 (70.6)	cytarabine		93 (38.0)
cytarabine	Mito		73 (29.8)	cytarabine	Mito	30 (12.2)	cytarabine	Mito ± PEG	76 (31.0)
cytarabine	Ida	no drug/ATRA	43 (17.5)	cytarabine		12 (4.9)	cytarabine	Amsacrine±Clofarabine	30 (12.2)
Azacitidine	no	If no response day 14 cytarabine/Mito	21 (8.6)	cytarabine	Dauno ± Azacitidine	11 (4.5)	cytarabine		20 (8.2)
cytarabine			7 (2.8)	cytarabine	± Lena	5 (2.0)	cytarabine	Dauno ± Tosedostat or Azacitidine	8 (3.3)
cytarabine	Thio	Amsacrine	2 (0.8)	cytarabine	Ida	5 (2.0)	cytarabine	Ida	5 (2.0)
				cytarabine	Amsacrin	4 (1.6)	cytarabine	Lena	4 (1.6)
				cytarabine		4 (1.6)	cytarabine	Eto	4 (1.6)
				cytarabine	Tosedostat	1 (0.4)	cytarabine	Tosedostat	3 (1.2)
							cytarabine	Cladribine+Midost	1 (0.4)
							Busulfan	Cyclo	1 (0.4)
Total			245 (100)			245 (100)			245 (100)

Abbreviations: ATRA, all-trans-retinoic acid; Cyclo, cyclophosphamide; Dauno, Daunorubicin; Eto, etoposide; Ida, idarubicin; Lena, Lenalidomide; Midost, midostaurin; Mito, Mitoxantrone; Thio, thioptepa; PEG, pegfilgrastim

Table S4B: Consolidation therapy of the non-HCT arm

Therapy	n (%)
High dose Cytarabine ± Mitoxantrone	20 (57.1)
Busulfan+Cyclophosphamide followed by autologous HCT	3 (8.6)
Etoposid and Mitoxantrone	3 (8.6)
Azacytidine	1 (2.9)
Not documented	8 (22.9)
Total	35 (100)

Table S5: Multivariate analysis of Restricted Mean LFS up to 5 years

Linear model on RM-LFS up to 5 years adjusting for cytogenetic risk and donor type

	mean RM-LFS in months	95% CI lower	95% CI upper	P Value
(intercept)	27.41	10.73	44.09	0.0013
HCT arm	11.05	2.68	19.41	0.0096
intermediate cytogenetic risk	-11.09	-26.44	4.26	0.157
high cytogenetic risk	-19.16	-35.12	-3.20	0.0186
donor unrelated	0.85	-9.56	11.26	0.873

Table S6: Number of patients in continuous CR, relapse and NRM according to NPM1 mutation

Total	HCT NPM1 mut neg		HCT NPM1 mut pos.		non-HCT NPM1 mut neg.		Non-HCT NPM1 mut pos.	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
n= 125								
CCR1	15	28.3	8	38.1	4	21.1	4	25
Relapse	22	41.5	6	28.6	15	78.9	12	75
NRM	16	30.2	7	33.3	0	0	0	0

Abbreviations: CCR, continuous complete remission; NRM, non-relapse mortality

Table S7: Causes of death in all patients and according to treatment allocation

		Total		HCT		Non-HCT	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
Relapse		58	67.4	29 (7)	50.9 (12.3)	29	100.0
Infection	bacterial	11	12.8	11	19.3	0	
	viral	2	2.3	2	3.5	0	
GvHD (acute/chronic)		6	7.0	6	10.5	0	
Hemorrhage		4	4.7	4	7.0	0	
Others		3	3.5	3	5.3	0	
Secondary neoplasm		1	1.2	1	1.8	0	
Graft failure		1	1.2	1	1.8	0	
Total		86	100.0	57	100.0	29	100.0

Figure S1

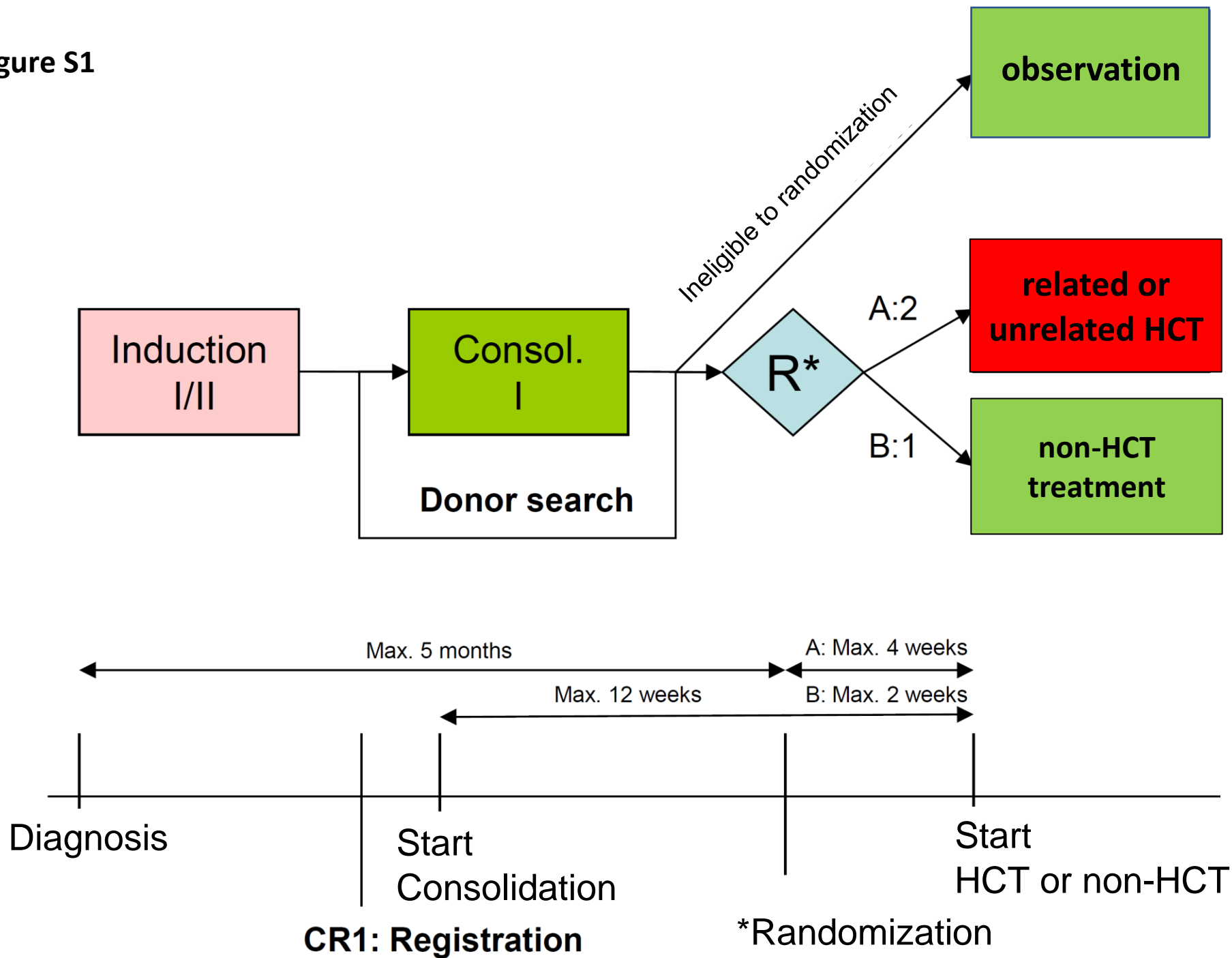


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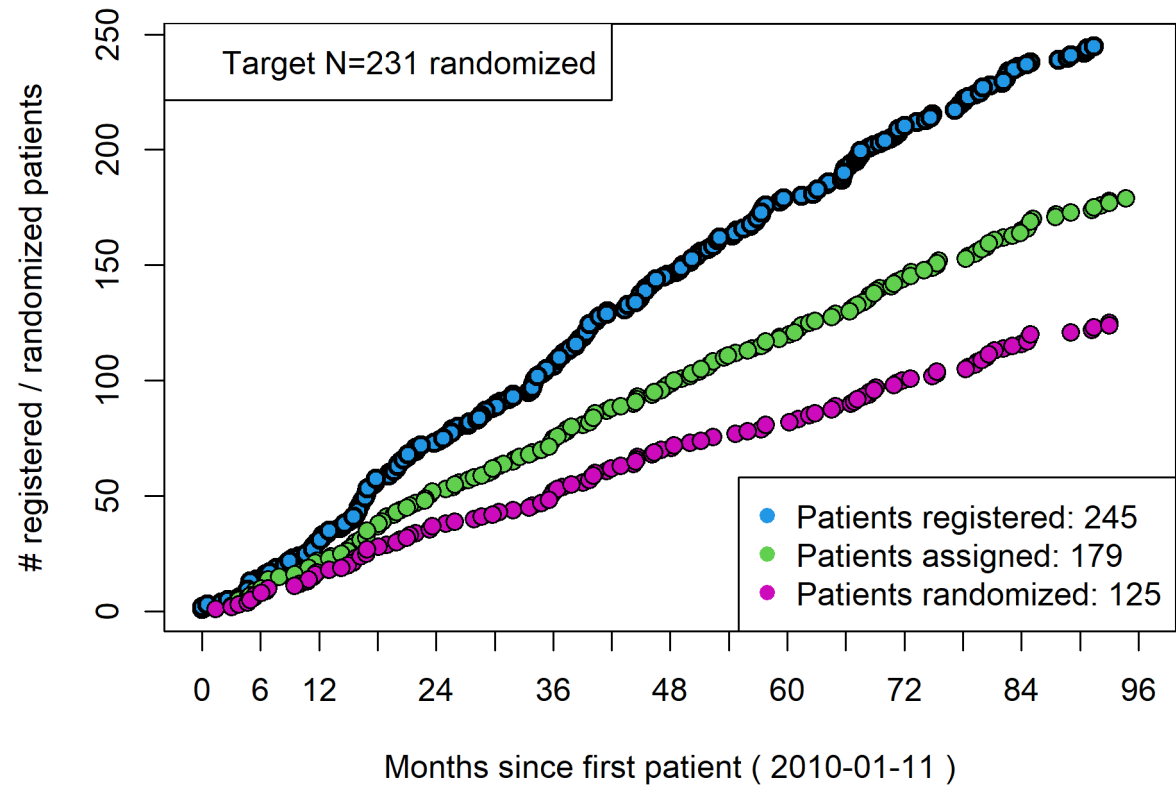


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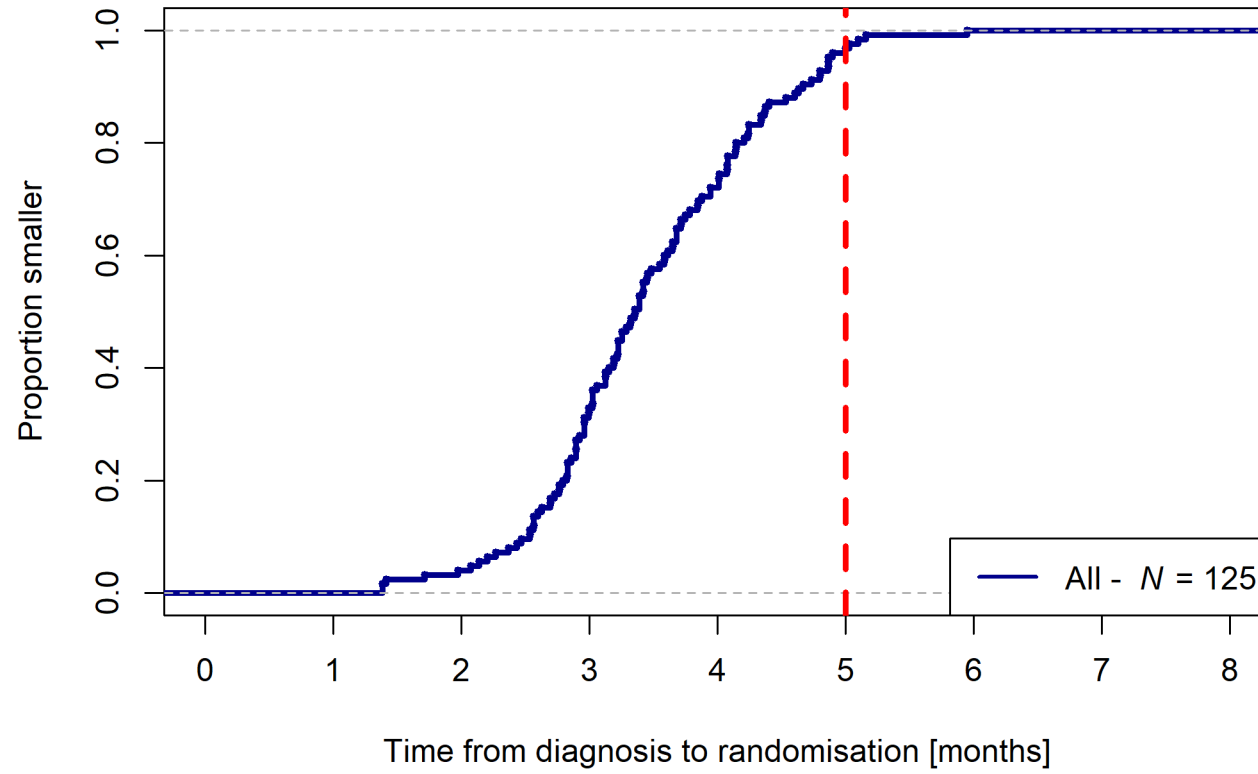


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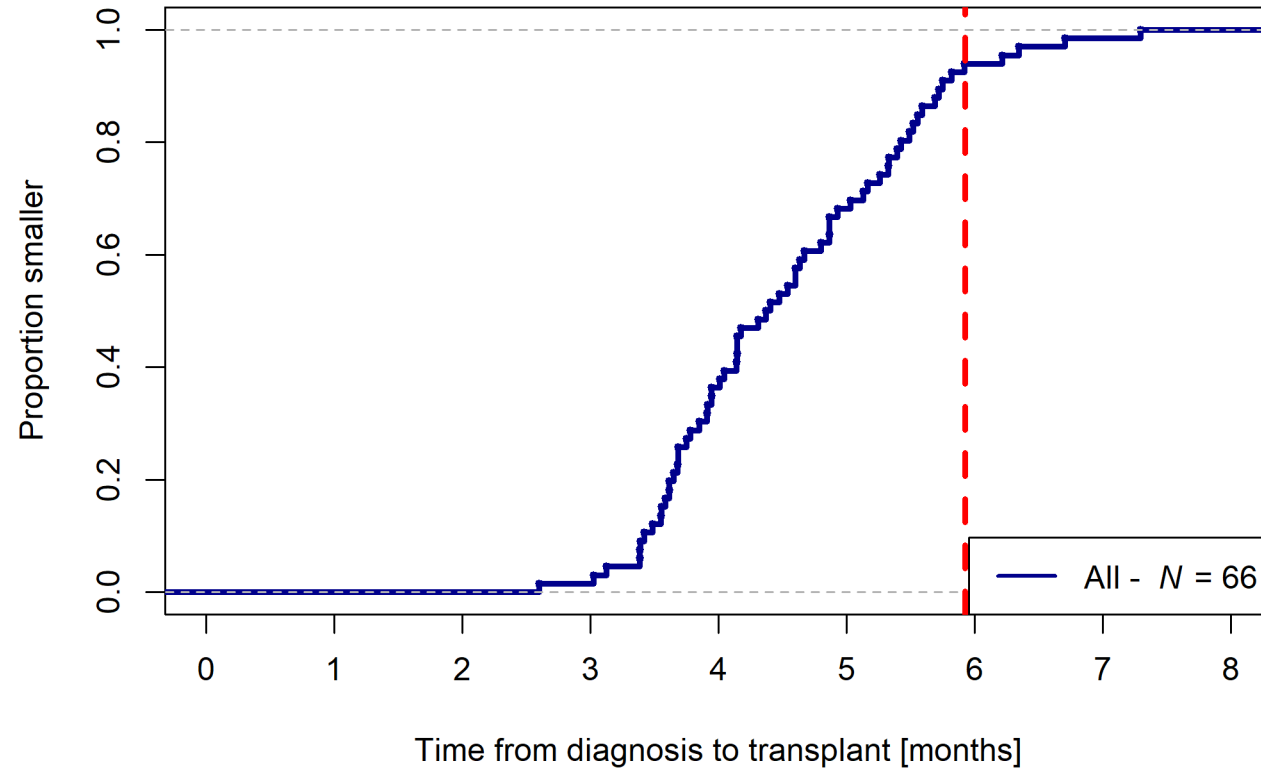


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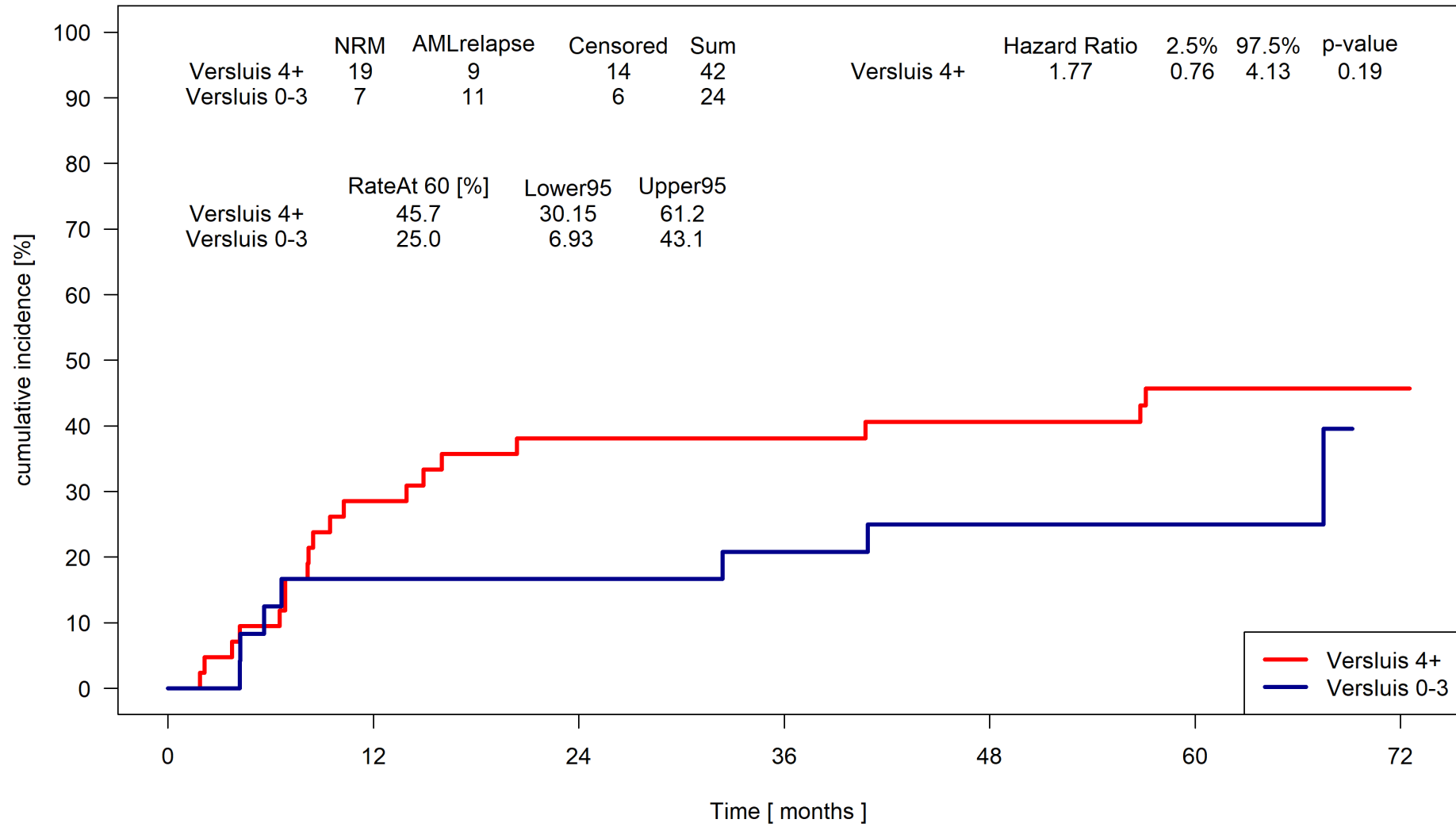


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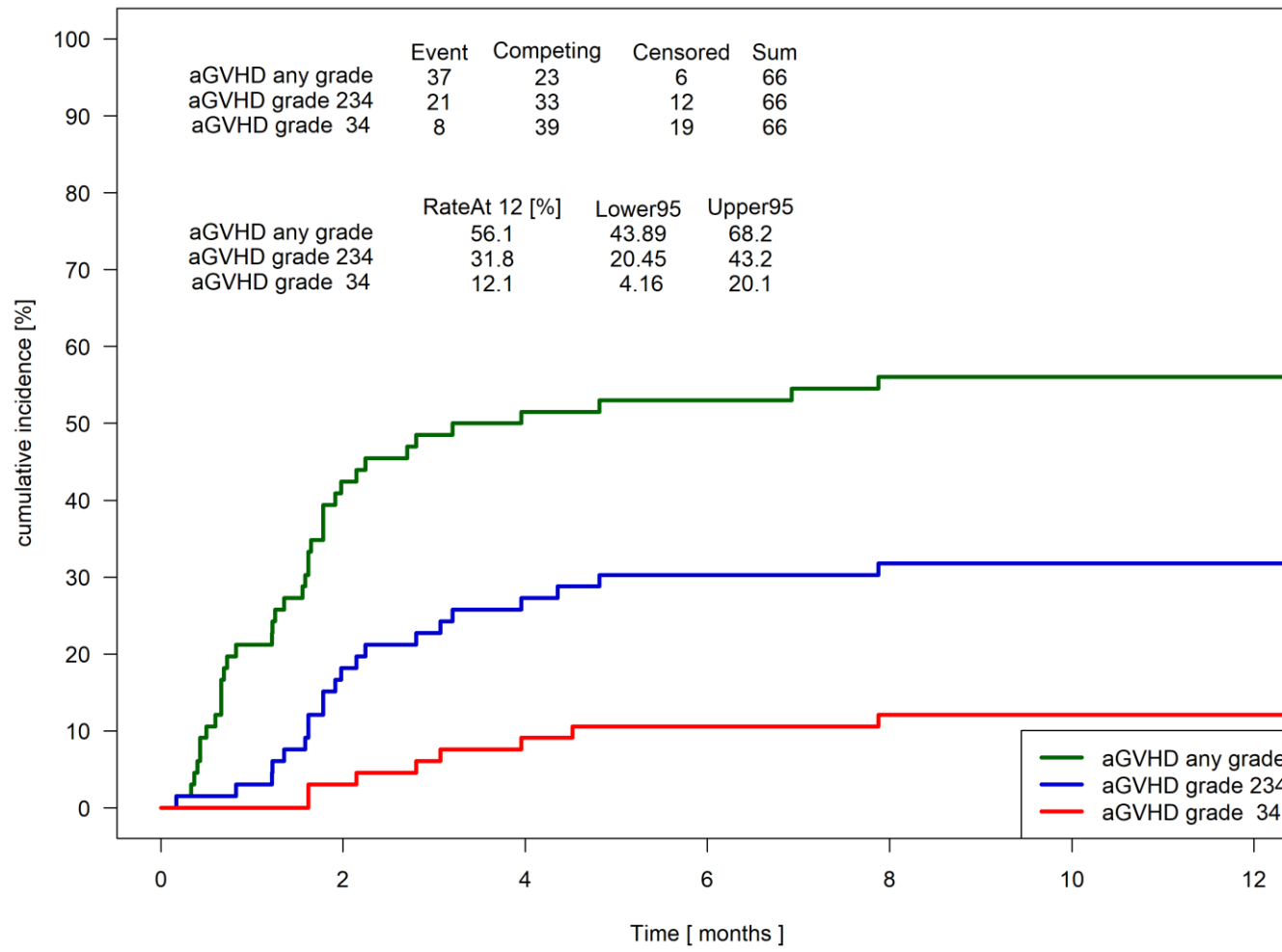


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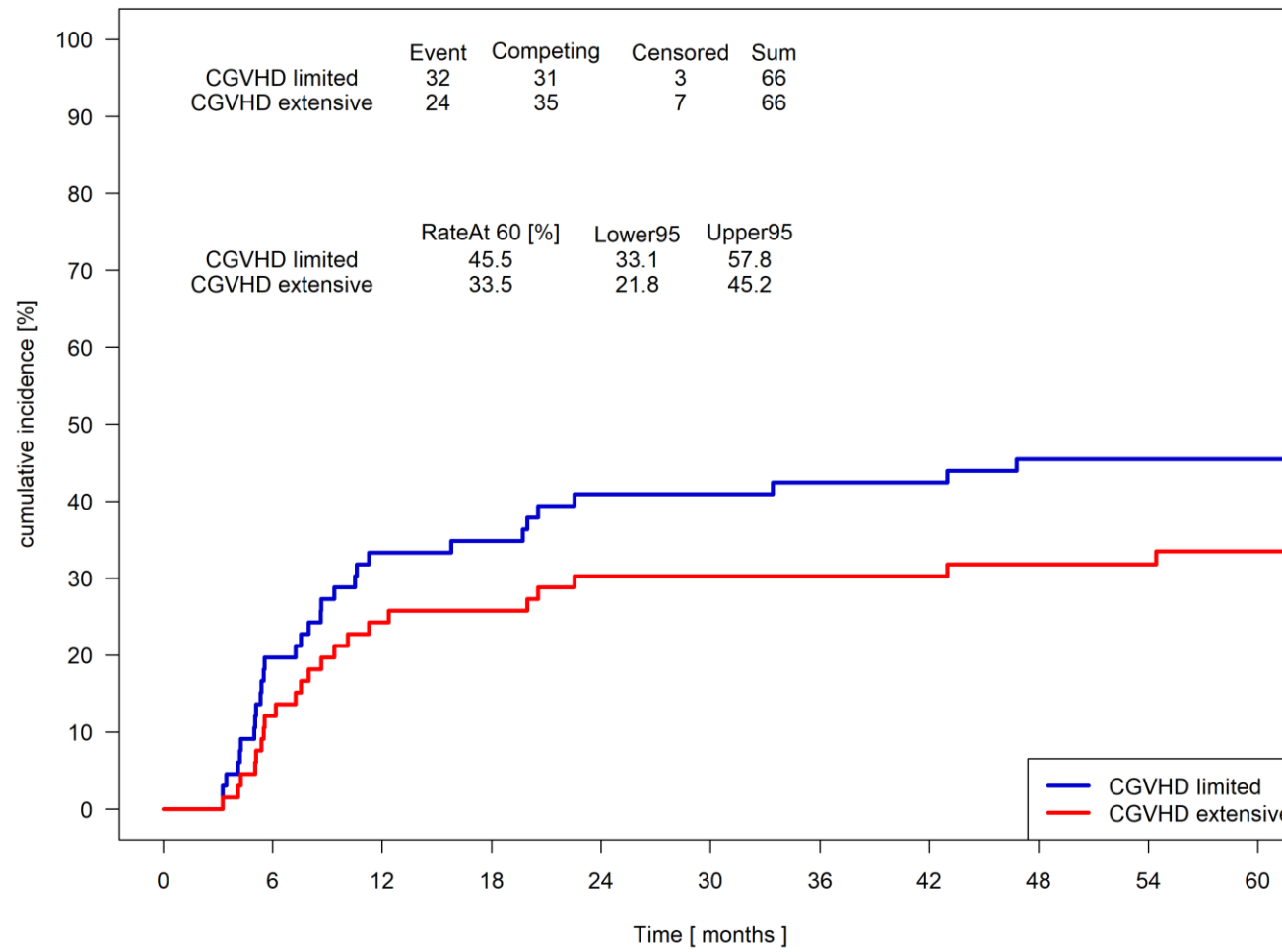
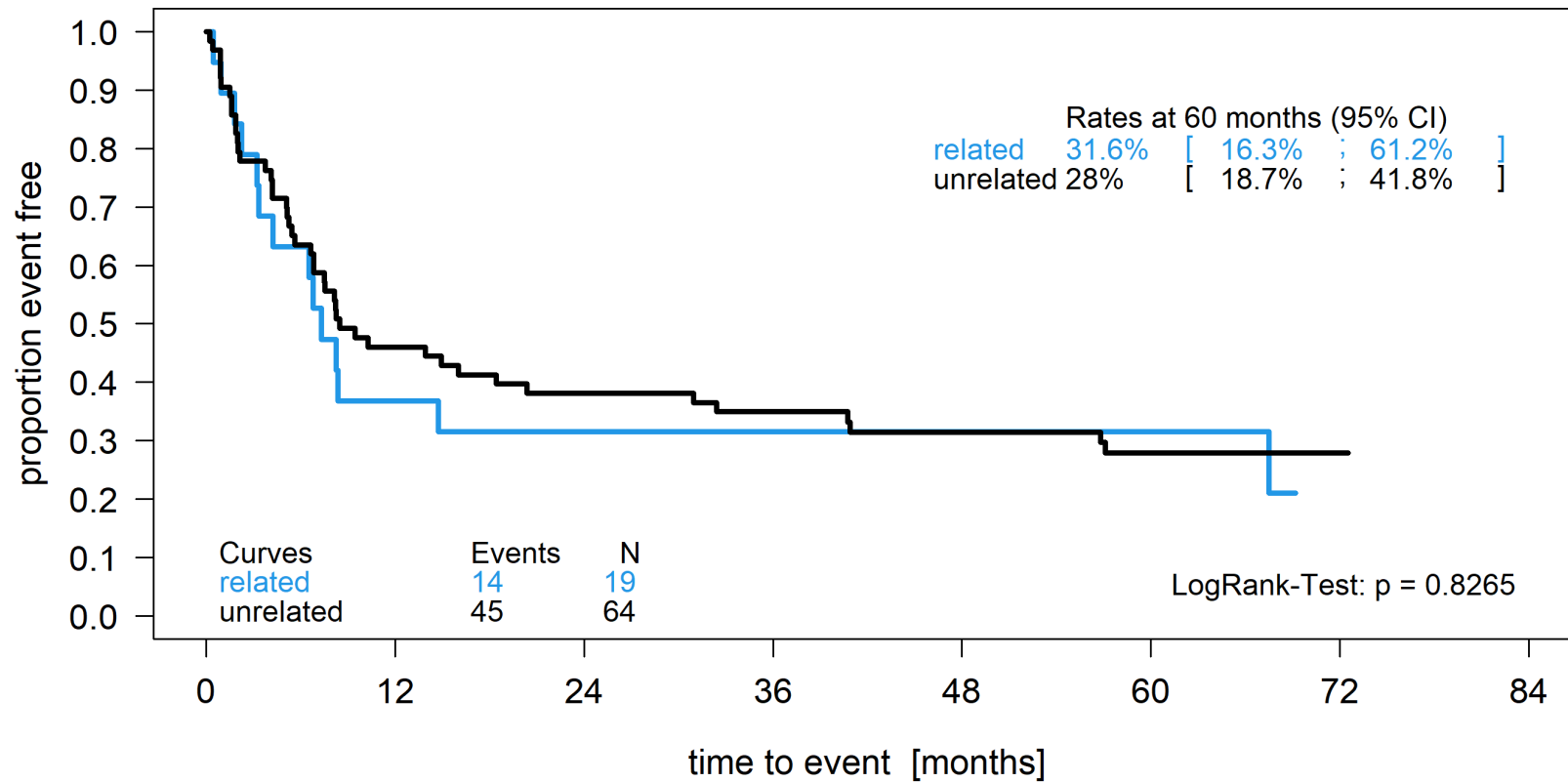


Figure S7



N at Risk (N censored)							
related	19(0)	7(0)	6(0)	6(0)	5(1)	4(2)	0(5)
unrelated	64(0)	29(1)	24(1)	22(1)	18(3)	16(3)	1(18)

Figure S8 A

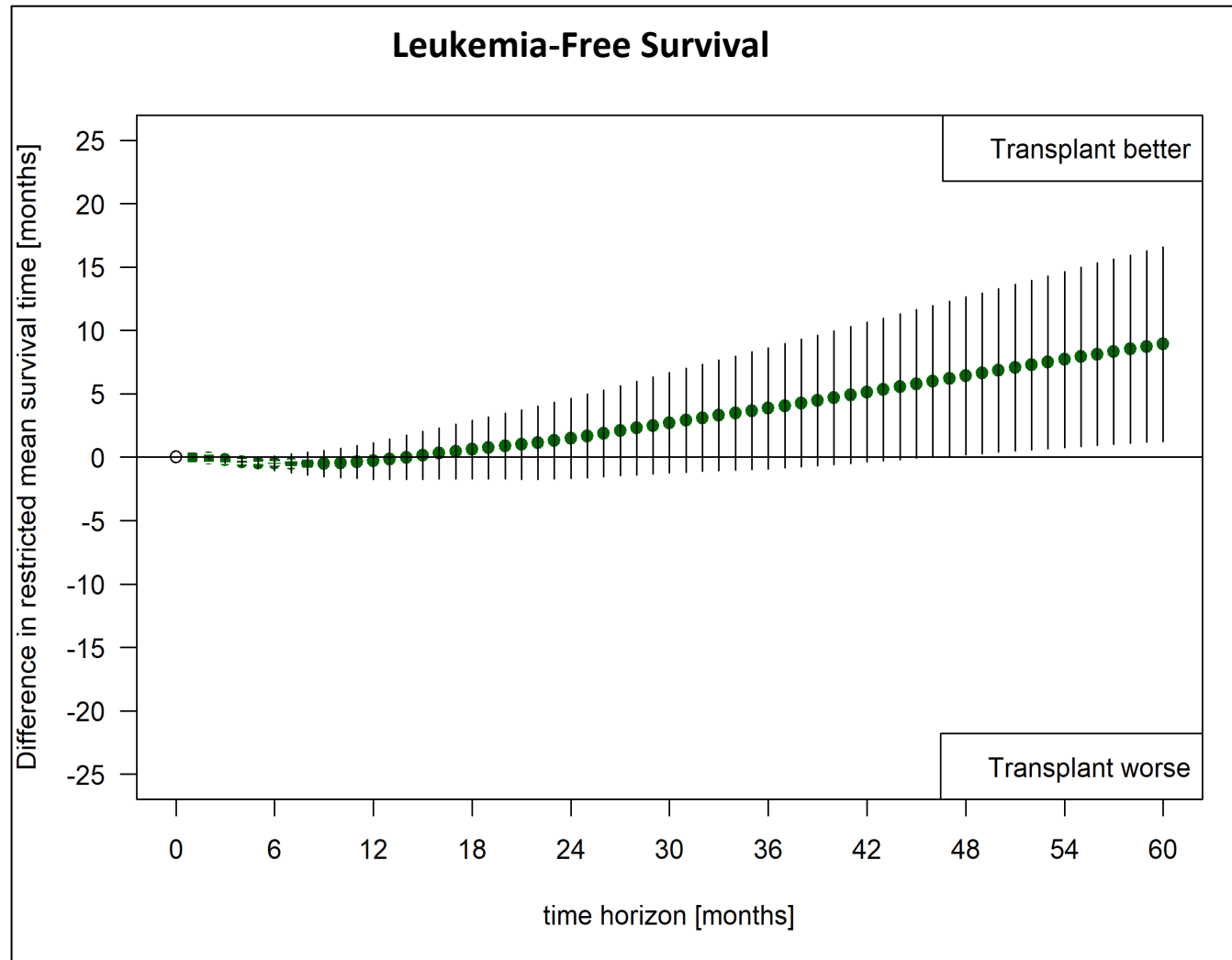


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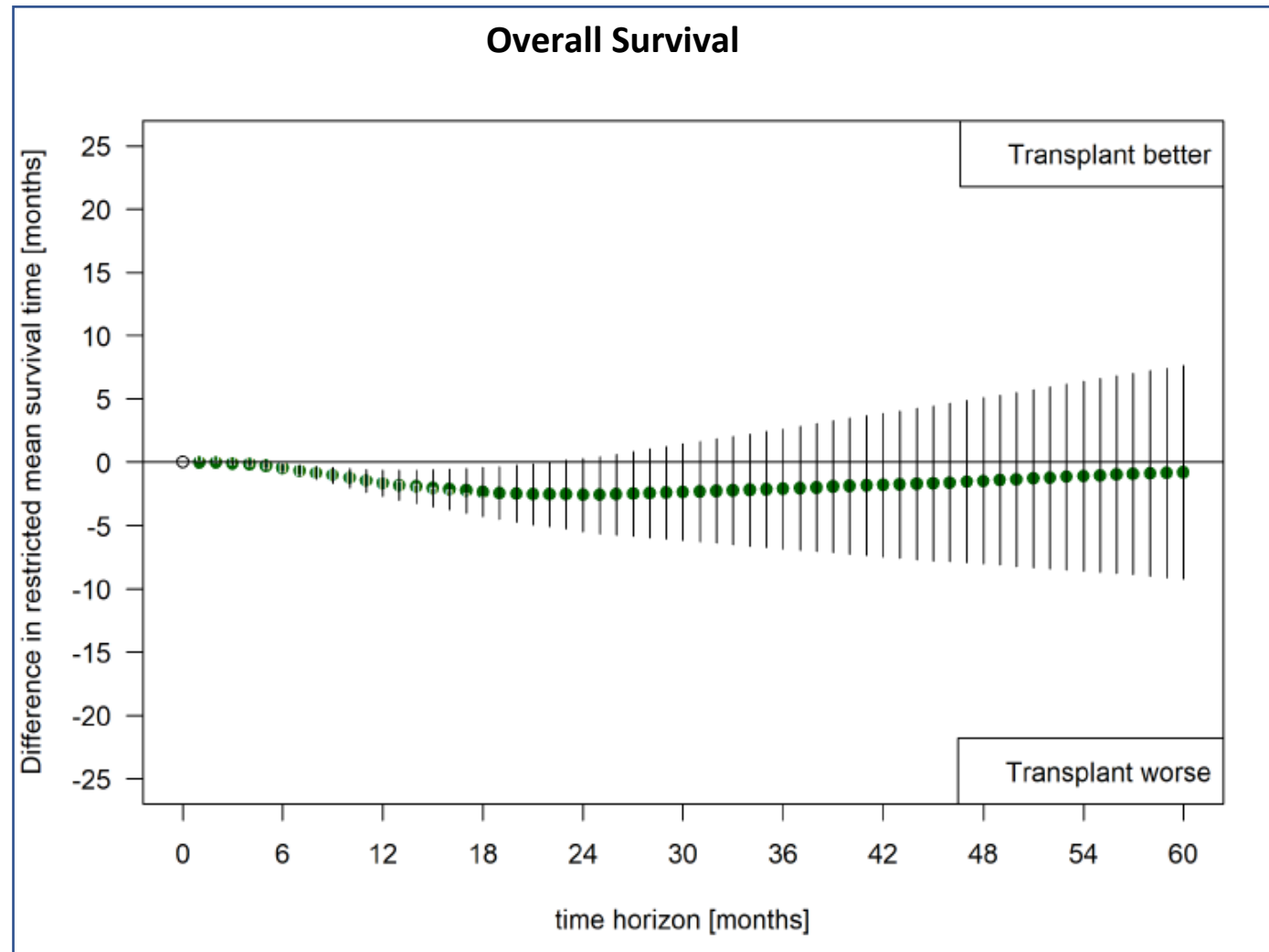
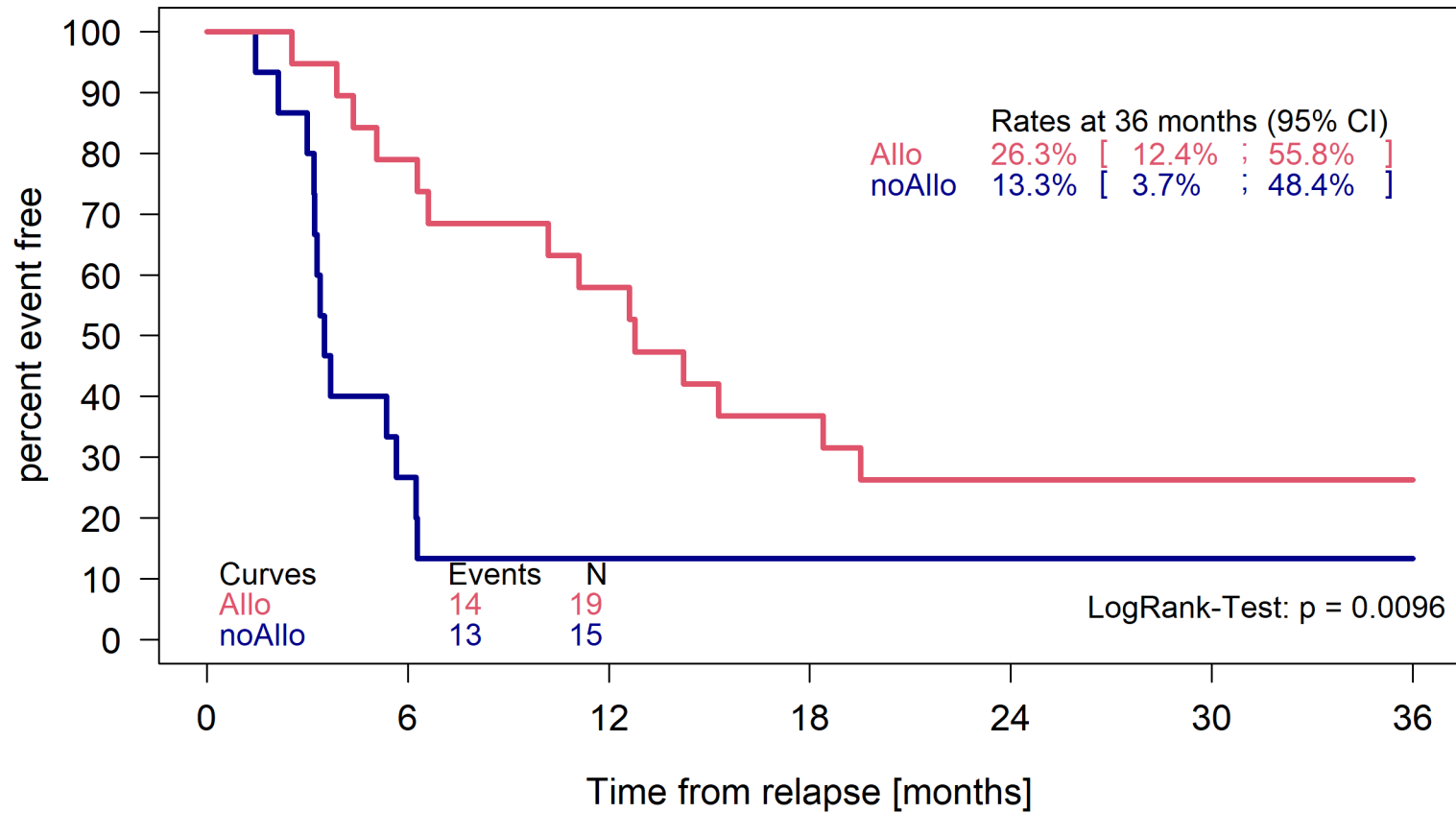


Figure S9



N at Risk (N censored)

Allo	19(0)	15(0)	11(0)	7(0)	5(0)	4(1)	4(1)
noAllo	15(0)	4(0)	2(0)	2(0)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)

Figure S10

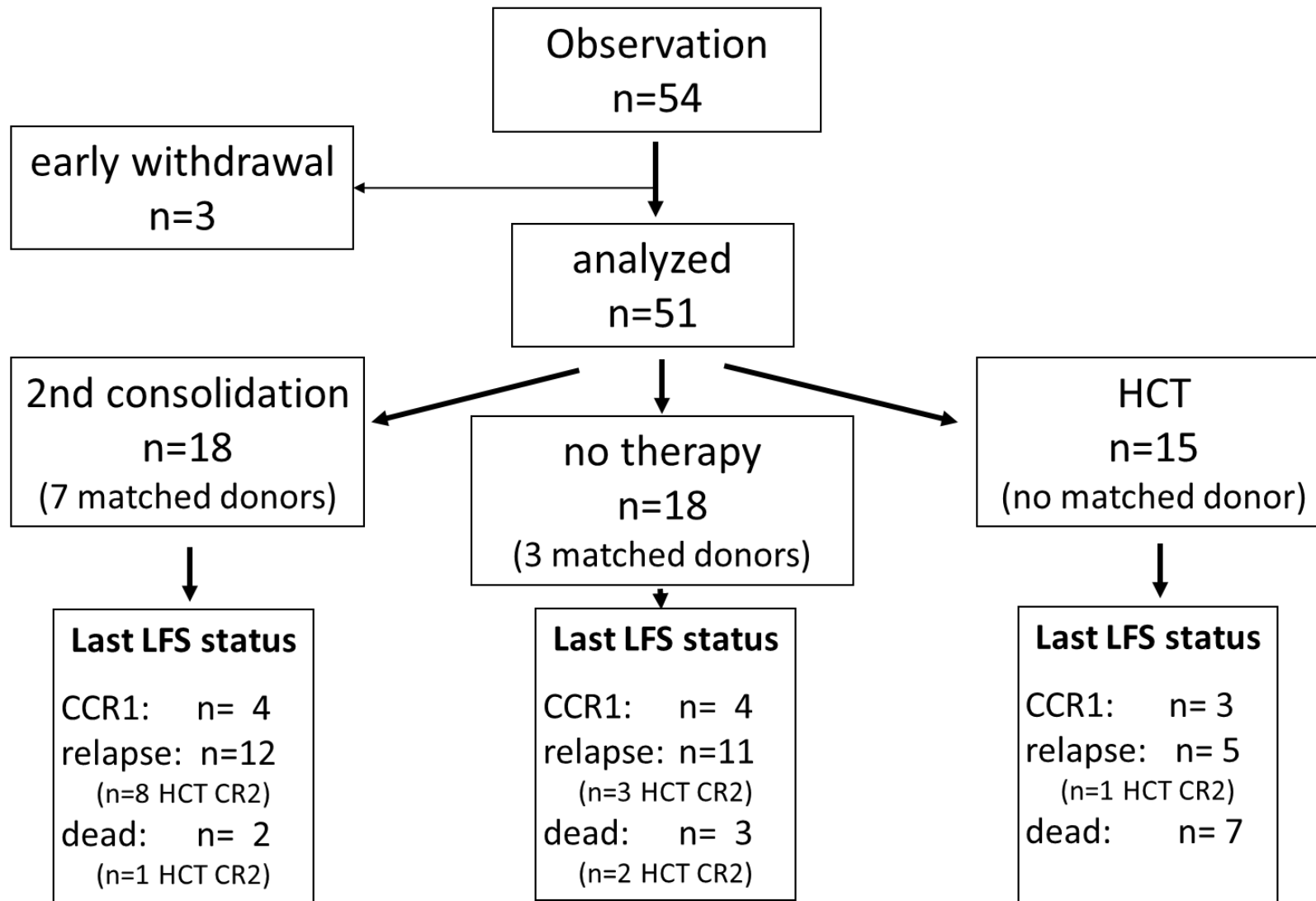
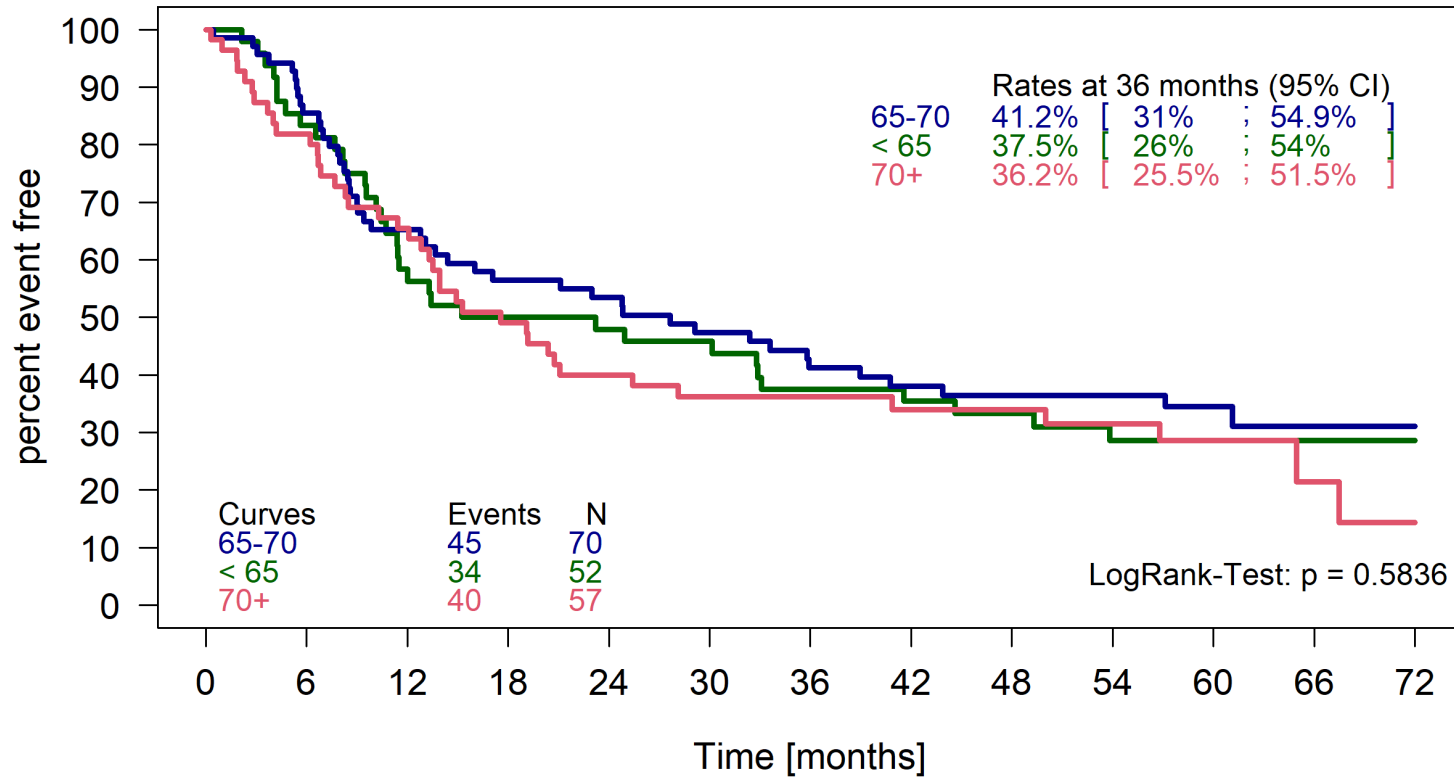


Figure S11

OS by Age



N at Risk (N censored)

65-70	70(0)	59(1)	45(1)	39(1)	35(3)	31(3)	27(3)	24(4)	22(5)	20(7)	13(13)	2(23)	1(24)
< 65	52(0)	40(4)	27(4)	24(4)	23(4)	22(4)	18(4)	17(4)	14(6)	12(6)	9(9)	2(16)	1(17)
70+	57(0)	45(2)	36(2)	27(2)	21(3)	19(3)	18(4)	15(6)	14(7)	12(8)	9(10)	3(15)	1(16)