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Dear Editors,

Thank you for the acceptance, in principle, of our manuscript entitled “Impact of age, leukocyte count and day 21-bone marrow response to chemotherapy on the long-term outcome of children with Philadelphia Chromosome-Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in the pre-Imatinib era: results of the FRALLE 93 study” MS 91892057225740.

We further improved the manuscript in response to the comments made by the reviewer Vaskar Saha (the two other reviewers did not ask for further revisions). Please find below the response to the referee’s comments and a list of the text modifications.

I hope this revised version will meet the requirements for final acceptance of publication in *BMC Cancer*.

Looking forwards to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

Docteur V. GANDEMER
Point-by-point response

Reviewer John Doyle:
No revision

Reviewer Vaskar Saha
Minor essential revision
i. We modified the text page 10 as required by deleting the sentence “Similar numbers... prognostic markers”.
ii. We provided the numbers of patients at each time point in the Kaplan Meier curves (Figure 2) as suggested.

Reviewer R Maziarz
No revision