Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

I tried to revise 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 9189200572225740 in response to the formatting changes requested. I removed capitals in “Abstract” but I did not find any other mistake: for all headings and sub-headings, sentence case is used.

I did not find any difference between the list of authors in the manuscript and in the submission system. Maybe, the “é” and the “ç” are not accepted by the submission system. Thus I removed these specific letters from the text and the submission system and replaced them by “e” and “c”.

I hope this latest version will meet the revisions requested.

Looking forwards to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

Docteur V. GANDEMER
Following formatting changes have been realized:

The list of authors in the manuscript is written exactly as they are in the submission system. The authors (forename, surname) are written identically and in the order in which they are listed in the submission system.

FRALLE group - The names of individual members of the group have been removed from the list and the name of the group has been added to the first name box in the submission system, and also the abbreviation of the name in brackets to the last name box.

Authors' affiliations - Each affiliation is now written in full, in the following format: department, institute, city, and country.

Authors’ contributions – The sentence “all authors read and approved the final manuscript” has been added and the section moved to before the Acknowledgements.

Sentence case has been used in each part of the manuscript file (title, subheadings, section headings).

Correct format for the authors' email addresses has been used on the title page.

The running title, statement of support, and keywords have been removed from the title page (the statement of support is now included in the Acknowledgements section).

Underlining has been changed to bold.

Introduction has been renamed in Background in both the abstract and the text (also section methods)

The section -Figure legends - moved to before the Tables and the sentence “…very high risk group a soon as a t(9;22)…” has been corrected in ‘… very high risk group as soon as a t(9;22)…” .