Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of age, leukocyte count and day 21-bone marrow response to chemotherapy on long term outcome of children with Philadelphia Chromosome-Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in the pre-Imatinib era: results of the FRALLE 93 study

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1. The question is well defined.
2. The methods are appropriate and well described.
3. The data are sound but the number of subjects is smaller than previous reports which made the same observations. Treatment was heterogenous.
4. The manuscript is clear and concise.
   page 6 "R3 bloc" is not defined or referenced; neither is COPADM
5. The discussion is appropriate
6. Limitations are acknowledged.
7. Sources are credited
8. Title and abstract are appropriate
9. The writing is acceptable.

The observations are confirmatory rather than novel and acknowledged as such, raising the question as to the publication priority for this well written report. If space is not an issue, this coherent and scientifically sound report does not duplicate the authors' other work and will add usefully to the literature.