

Table S1. Distribution of MSC and EC in normal and both childhood and adult BCP-ALL bone marrow (BM) according to the BM MRD status at day +15, day +33, and day +78 after starting therapy.

Samples		% BM Stromal Cells From BM Cells	% Mesenchymal Cells From BM Stromal Cells	% Endothelial Cells From BM Stromal Cells	% Blast Cells
Normal/Reactive Donors					
Children (n = 10)		0.064 (0.014–0.087)	80 (71–96)	20 (4–29)	-
Adults (n = 6)		0.014 (0.005–0.037)	81 (75–90)	20 (10–25)	-
<i>p</i> -value *		0.011	0.875	0.875	-
BCP-ALL					
Day +15 after therapy					
Children	MRD ⁺ (n = 281 ^Δ , n = 226 [♥])	0.028 (0–1.57)	77 (13–99)	23 (1–87)	0.620 (0.0002–84)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 28 ^Δ , n = 21 [♥])	0.032 (0–0.40)	74 (30–93)	26 (7–70)	0
<i>p</i> -value *		0.929	0.437	0.436	<0.001
Adults	MRD ⁺ (n = 37 ^Δ , n = 32 [♥])	0.030 (0–0.95)	73 (15–100)	27 (0–85)	2.000 (0.01–91)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 4 ^Δ , n = 3 [♥])	0.330 (0–0.57)	94 (77–96)	6 (4–23)	0
<i>p</i> -value *		0.146	0.125	0.125	<0.001
Day +33 after therapy					
Children	MRD ⁺ (n = 164 ^Δ , n = 158 [♥])	0.051 (0–1.85)	76 (49–98)	24 (2–51)	0.018 (0.0002–56)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 118 ^Δ , n = 108 [♥])	0.045 (0–1.52)	76 (38–97)	24 (3–62)	0
<i>p</i> -value *		0.417	0.226	0.229	<0.001
Adults	MRD ⁺ (n = 33 ^Δ , n = 29 [♥])	0.039 (0–0.3)	67 (0–94)	33 (6–100)	0.050 (0.002–69)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 33 ^Δ , n = 28 [♥])	0.020 (0–1.11)	76 (28–100)	24 (0–72)	0
<i>p</i> -value *		0.546	0.076	0.076	<0.001
Day +78 after therapy					
Children	MRD ⁺ (n = 25 ^Δ , n = 25 [♥])	0.120 (0.005–0.83)	76 (40–95)	24 (5–60)	0.021 (0.0006–11)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 208 ^Δ , n = 203 [♥])	0.061 (0–1.22)	76 (51–94)	24 (6–49)	0
<i>p</i> -value*		0.351	0.110	0.110	<0.001
Adults	MRD ⁺ (n = 16 ^Δ , n = 15 [♥])	0.024 (0–0.63)	76 (38–98)	24 (2–62)	0.054 (0.0015–63)
	MRD ⁻ (n = 28 ^Δ , n = 27 [♥])	0.050 (0–0.4)	76 (48–96)	24 (4–52)	0
<i>p</i> -value *		0.583	0.733	0.733	<0.001

Abbreviations: BM: bone marrow; BCP-ALL: B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia; ND: not detected; ^ΔTotal number of samples analyzed; [♥]Number of samples in which stromal cells were present; * Kruskal–Wallis test.

Table S2. Univariate and multivariate analysis of prognostic factors for disease-free survival (DFS) of patients included in the discovery cohort of childhood BCP-ALL (n = 116).

	Univariate Analysis				Multivariate Analysis		
	Median DFS (Years)	HR	95th CI	p-Value	HR	95th CI	p-Value
Age at diagnosis							
≥ 1 to <10 years	5.60	1					
<1 or ≥ 10 years	4.67	2.62	(1.14–6.03)	0.024			
Gender	5.27	1					
Female							
Male	5.63	1.34	(0.64–3.22)	0.383			
WBC at diagnosis	5.88	1					
≤ 50 × 10 ⁹ /L							
>50 × 10 ⁹ /L	4.69	1.45	(0.54–3.87)	0.461			
PB Blasts at Day +8	5.95	1					
< 1 × 10 ⁹ /L							
≥1 × 10 ⁹ /L	4.45	1.40	(0.90–2.16)	0.134			
Genetic Abnormalities	5.95	1					
Favorable							
Adverse	3.01	3.30	(1.02–10.65)	0.046			
Follow-up MRD:							
Day +15							
MRD ⁻	ND *	1					
MRD ⁺	5.76	23.21	(0.04–13.355)	0.332			
Day +33	5.88	1					
MRD ⁻							
MRD ⁺	5.40	2.62	(1.04–6.60)	0.041			
Day +78					1		
MRD ⁻	5.92	1					
MRD ⁺	3.30	3.32	(1.13–9.73)	0.029	3.28	(1.12–9.66)	0.031
% Stromal cells:							
Day +15							
≤ 0.21%	5.78	1					
>0.21%	ND *	0.44	(0–51.9)	0.387			
Day +33	6.02	1					
≤ 0.21%							
>0.21%	3.85	3.04	(1.20–7.70)	0.019			
	5.92	1					

Day +78								
≤ 0.21%								
>0.21%	4.52	1.96	(0.79–4.90)	0.150				
% Mesenchymal cells:								
Day +15								
≤ 73%	5.53	1						
>73%	5.71	0.49	(0.21–1.17)	1.060				
Day +33								
≤ 73%	4.81	1						
>73%	6.13	0.56	(0.25–1.25)	0.555				
Day +78								
≤ 73%	4.99	1						
>73%	6.06	0.55	(0.26–1.20)	0.134				
% Endothelial cells (EC):								
Day +15								
EC ≤ 32%	5.53	1						
EC > 32%	5.44	1.71	(0.72–4.06)	0.226				
Day +33								
EC ≤ 32%	5.93	1						
EC > 32%	5.00	1.27	(0.53–3.07)	0.593				
Day +78								
EC ≤ 32%	6.01	1				1		
EC > 32%	3.97	2.27	(1.01–5.10)	0.048	2.50	(1–9.66)	0.05	
MRD Status and % EC at Day +78:								
MRD ⁻ and EC ≤ 32%	6.09	1						
MRD ⁺ or EC ≤ 32%					0.001			
MRD ⁻ or EC > 32%	4.13	2.12	(0.92–4.86)					
MRD ⁺ and EC > 32%	1.56	9.63	(2.14–43.32)					

CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; ND: not determined; MRD: minimal residual disease * there were no events in this group.

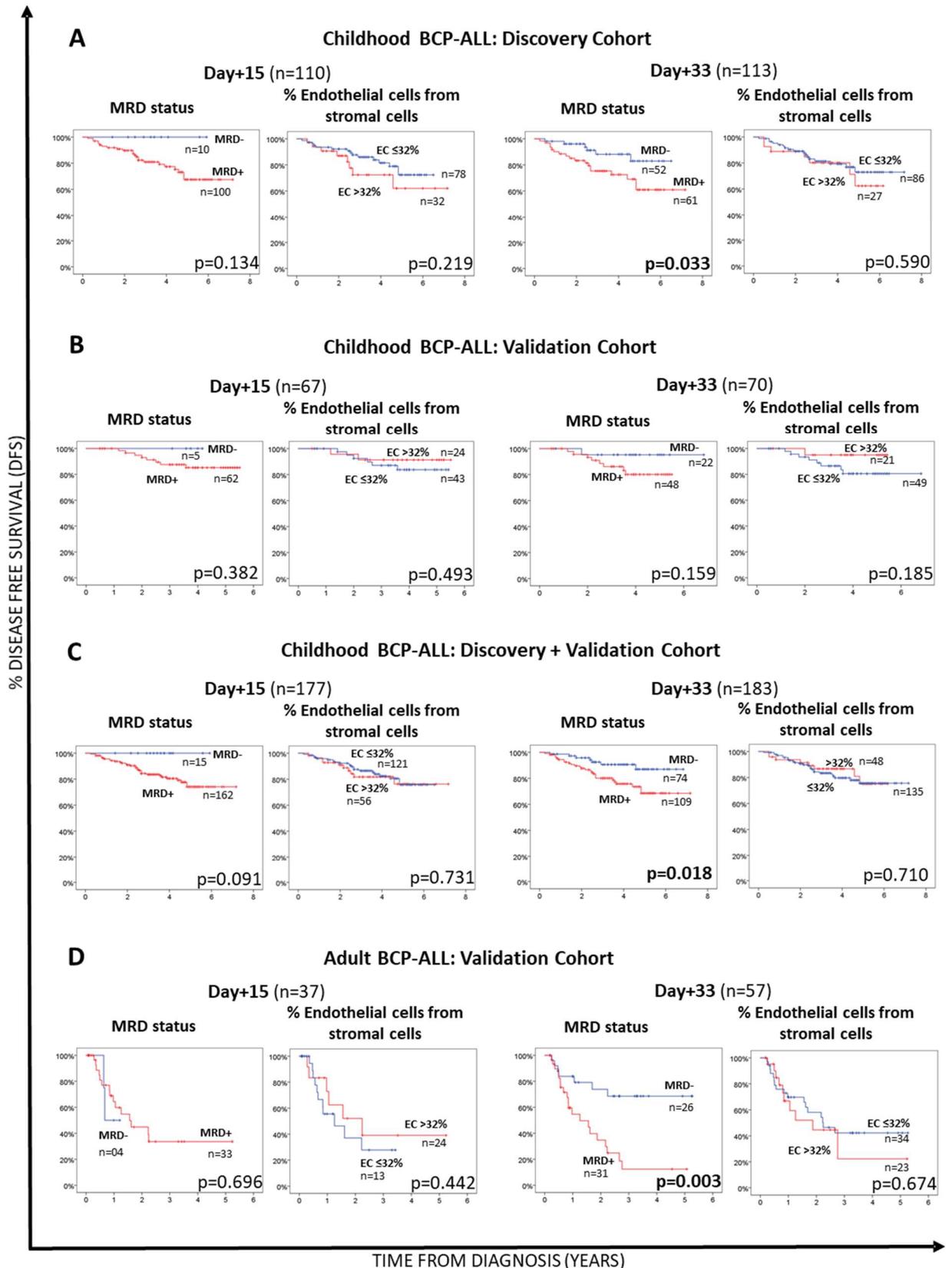


Figure S1. Impact of the BM MRD status and the percentage of BM endothelial cells within the whole BM stromal cell compartment Panels (A–C) at day +15 and day +33 of therapy on disease free survival (DFS) of childhood BCP-ALL Panel. (A) Discovery cohort; (B) validation cohort; (C) discovery plus validation cohort); adult BCP-ALL Panel (D), respectively. Statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$ (log-rank test).

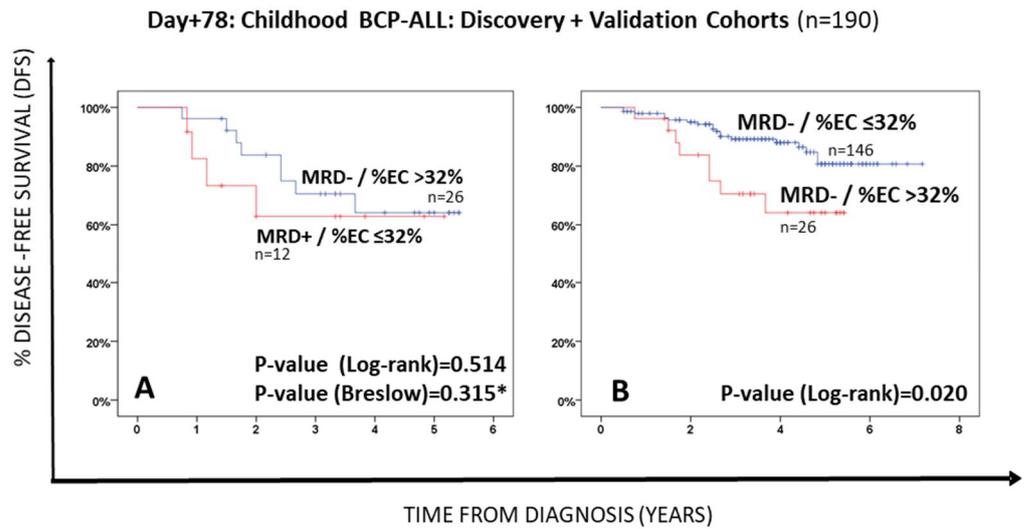


Figure S2. Impact of the bone marrow (BM) minimal residual disease (MRD) status and the percentage of BM endothelial cells (EC) within the whole BM stromal cell compartment at day +78 of therapy on disease-free survival (DFS) of childhood BCP-ALL for both the discovery plus validation cohorts: comparison between MRD⁻ patients with >32% EC in BM vs. MRD⁺ cases with ≤32% EC Panel (A), and among MRD⁻ patients between cases with low (≤32%) vs high (>32%) percentages of EC within BM stromal cells Panel (B). Statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$ (log-rank test). * Breslow test was used in Panel A to exclude a possible statically significant difference at the first part of the curve.