**Table I:** Characterization of patients according to age, gender and diagnosis

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| Patients' characteristics | | |  |  |  |
| **Mean age ± SD (range) (years)** |  |  |  |  | 12±4.3 yrs |
| **Sex** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  | N=29 |
| Female |  |  |  |  | N=46 |
| **Diagnosis** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia | | |  |  | N=45 |
| 2. Acute myeloid leukaemia | | |  |  | N=5 |
| 3. Hodgkin lymphoma | | |  |  | N=6 |
| 4. non-Hodgkin lymphoma | | |  |  | N=4 |
| 5. hepatoblastoma | |  |  |  | N=3 |
| 6. Wilms tumor | |  |  |  | N=3 |
| 7. rhabdomyosarcoma | |  |  |  | N=2 |
| 8. serous epithelial ovarian cancer | |  |  |  | N=2 |
| 9. medulloblastoma | |  |  |  | N=2 |
| 10. Ewing sarcoma | |  |  |  | N=1 |
| 11. nasopharyngeal carcinoma | | |  |  | N=1 |
| 12. retinoblastoma | |  |  |  | N=1 |