**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 |