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Supplemental Table 1: Description of data sources used in the GECCOS study.

Data source	Data type	Data collection
Germline DNA	- Collection and storage of samples	Recruitment from the
biobank	(saliva, buccal swabs, blood)	Swiss Childhood Cancer
Switzerland for	- Extracted DNA	Registry (SCCR) database
childhood cancer	- Raw sequencing data	for childhood cancer
and blood disorders	- Variant calls	survivors and Swiss
(BISKIDS) within	- Information of quality measures at the	childhood cancer
the Paediatric	different stages of sample collection,	hospitals for newly
Biobank for	DNA extraction, and analysis	diagnosed patients
Research in		
Haematology and		
Oncology (BaHOP)		
Swiss Childhood	- Patient identification data	Data extraction from
Cancer Registry	(identification number, month and year	Swiss childhood cancer
(SCCR)	of birth, diagnosis month and year,	hospitals, regular updates
(oddit)	gender)	with the Swiss mortality
	- Diagnosis information (exact diagnosis,	statistics
	localisation, morphology, behaviour,	statistics
	staging and metastases)	
	- Treatment information	
	- Information on health and survival	
	status (including relapses, late-effects,	
C: C1-:1-111	second tumours, and reason of death)	D1:1:1
Swiss Childhood	- Self-reported health status (various	Baseline medical
Cancer Survivor	somatic and psychosocial outcomes	information, abstracted
Study (SCCSS)	including cause-specific long-term	data from medical
	mortality, second primary malignancies	records, and questionnaire
	and somatic health effects, medication	data collected among
	use, mental health status, educational	patients registered in the
	achievements, and health-related	SCCR who survived at
	quality of life)	least 5 years, follow-up
	- Socio-demographic characteristics	data collection at regular
	- Functional outcome assessment from	intervals (+/- every 5
	medical records (audiograms,	years, for 40 years)
	echocardiographs, pulmonary function	
	tests and others)	

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Supplemental Table 2: In- and exclusion criteria for the conceptualized sub-projects on pulmonary dysfunction, hearing loss and second primary neoplasms.

Outcome of	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
interest		
Pulmonary	1) Irradiation of any dose potentially including	Surgery to the lungs
dysfunction	the lungs:	(except biopsies)
	a. Total body irradiation;	
	b. Total lung irradiation;	
	c. Radiation to the chest including the lungs;	
	d. Spinal irradiation;	
	e. Radiation to the upper abdomen or the neck.	
	2) Chemotherapies with known and suspected	
	lung-toxic agents:	
	a. Bleomycin;	
	b. Busulfan;	
	c. Nitrosoureas (Carmustine, Lomustine);	
	d. High-dose Methotrexate.	
Hearing loss	1) Irradiation to the head of 30 Gy or more	1) Pre-existing hearing
8		loss before start of the
	2) Chemotherapies with known hearing-toxic	cancer treatment
	agents:	
	a. Cisplatin;	2) Surgery involving the
	b. Carboplatin;	ear which were associated
	c. Oxaliplatin	with hearing loss.
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	3) Survivors of leukaemia, CNS tumours,	
	neuroblastoma, soft tissue sarcomas, and germ	
	cell tumours who were not exposed to established	
	ototoxic treatments (as defined above) but who	
	are suspected to be at risk for hearing loss due to	
	potential additional risk such as other drugs like	
	aminoglycosides or loop diuretics.	
Second	1) Cases with second primary neoplasms	Identified from medical
primary		records, follow-up reports
neoplasms	2) Matched control design:	to the SCCR, linkage with
	matched by demographic, primary cancer	cantonal cancer registries,
	diagnosis, and treatment factors, age at primary	death records, and
	diagnosis, follow-up time, year of primary	questionnaire information
	neoplasm treatment, and exposure to relevant	(as defined by IARC)[1]
	treatments (e.g. chest radiation, or alkylating	
	agents), where appropriate.	
	3) Case-cohort design: Random selection of a	
	subcohort from all childhood cancer survivors	
	and retrieval of the same information as needed	
	for the cases.	

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Supplemental Table 3: Clinical information collected for the three conceptualized sub-projects on pulmonary dysfunction, hearing loss and second primary neoplasms.

Pulmonary	Spirometry	Forced vital capacity (FVC), Forced
dysfunction		expiratory volume in 1 second
		(FEV1), Peak expiratory flow (PEF),
		Max. expiratory flow (MEF 25-75)
	Body plethysmography	Total lung capacity (TLC), Vital
		Capacity (VC), Functional residual
		capacity (FRC), Residual volume
		(RV)
	Carbon monoxide diffusion	mmol/min/kPa corrected for
	capacity corrected for	haemoglobin if available
	haemoglobin (DLCO)	
	Multiple breath washout	Lung clearance index (LCI),
	_	Ventilation distribution
		inhomogeneity (SIII, Sacin, Scond)
	Self-reported symptoms and	Self-reported questionnaire
	environmental exposure	information on pneumonias, chronic
		cough, and risk factors for lung
		problems (smoking, etc.)
Hearing loss	Audiometry	Bilateral pure tone audiometry with
		air and bone conduction spanning
		125 Hz to 8,000 Hz (where available
		up to 16,000 Hz)
	Video otoscopy	Assessment of the tympanic
		membrane (where available)
	Self-reported symptoms and	Self-reported questionnaire
	environmental exposure	information on hearing loss, tinnitus,
		hearing aid use, exposure to noise
Second	Age at diagnosis	Years
primary	Date of diagnosis	Month/ year
neoplasms	Type of diagnosis	ICCC3 code; ICDO3 morphology,
		topography, behaviour code
	Laterality	Left/ right/ bilateral/ medial/ not
		applicable
	Relapse date	Month/ year
	Relapse type	Local/ distant/ systemic/ other
	Relapse location	Organ and morphology
	Treatment information	Cumulative doses of individual
		antineoplastic agents and
		radiotherapy
	Self-reported symptoms and	Self-reported questionnaire
	environmental exposure	information on risk factors for
		second primary neoplasms (smoking,
		etc.)

Legend: CNS, central nervous system; Gy, gray; Hz, Hertz; IARC, International Agency for Research on Cancer; ICCC3, international classification of childhood cancer, third edition; ICDO3, international classification of diseases for oncology, third edition SCCR, Swiss Childhood Cancer Registry.