

Challenges ahead in the field of onco-haemathology María-Victoria Mateos

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Big Challenge in Haematological cancers: To reach the CURE

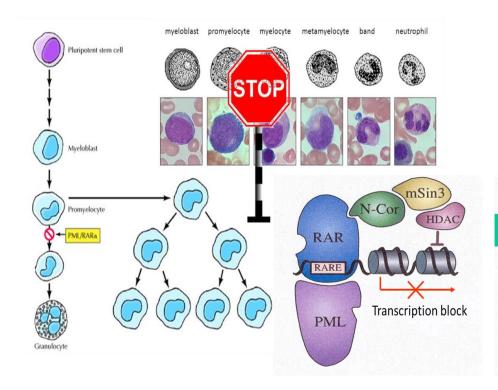
1963: Cure should connote that in time –probably a decade or two after treatment- there remains a group of disease-free survivors whose annual death rate from all causes is similar to that of a normal population group of the same sex and age distribution.

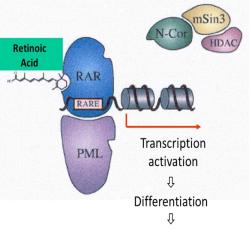
Where are we right now?





Promyelocytic leukemia



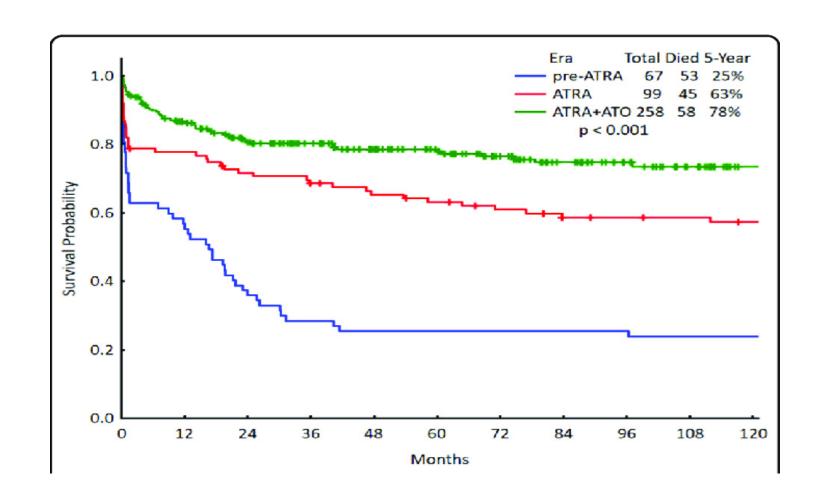


Apoptosis



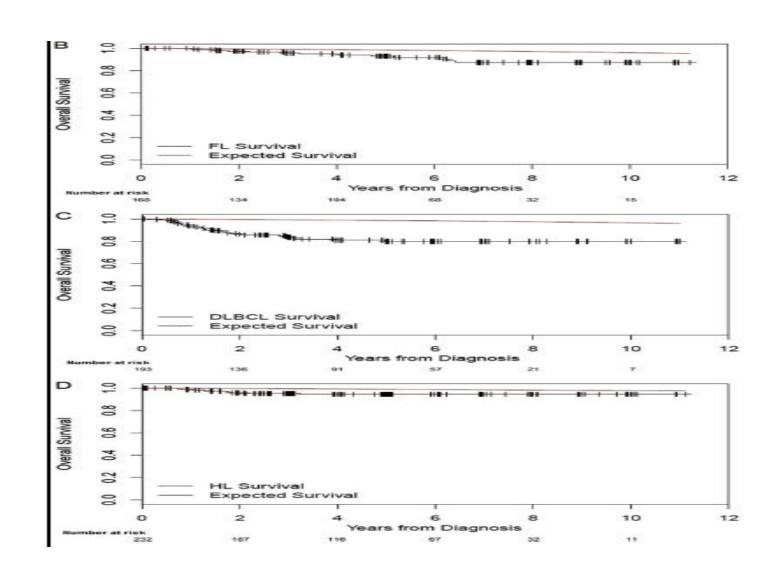


Promyelocytic leukemia





Other hematological diseases







How was this achieved?

For diseases like promyelocytic leukemia or chronic myeloid leukemia, unprecedented coincidence of advances in both biological and clinical research.

These diseases represent today a model for i) tailored treatment targeting a molecular aberration, ii) value of minimal residual disease assessment as a surrogate of clinical outcome, and iii) translational research in general.

This is not applicable to all haematological diseases





Challenges in haematological cancers and opportunities to overcome them

Basic and Translational Research

Clinical research

New technologies

Patient-centered cancer prevention and care





What about individual-centered prevention for haematological cancers?

EU Mobile App for Cancer Prevention

• To empower people to manage their own health

Improving health promotion

Healthy diet and physical activities

Reduce environment polution

Tobacco and alcohol-free spaces

Reduce exposure to radiation

• Bone marrow in one of the most radiosensitive organs

Preventing cancers caused by infections

 EBV->African Burkitt NHL and increase of HL and FL; B and C hepatitis, HIV virus->increases risk for NHL

Research for discovering new risk factors

• European Health Data space





What about screening programs in haematological cancers?

Screening strategies in haematological cancers are limited because of the rapid and aggressive course of these diseases

However, awareness and education can initiate a cascade and lead to further support, which in turn allows for more research.

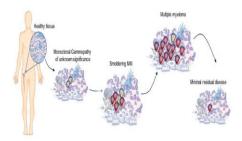


What about screening programs in haematological cancers?

Early detection and early intervention

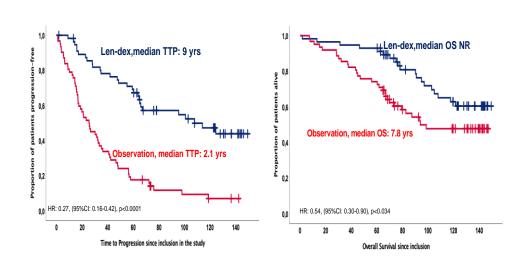


- Early intervention in oncology
 - In almost all malignancies (breast, prostate, colon cancers,...)
- Two possible objectives:
 - To cure/erradication
 - To delay progression to active disease



- Early intervention in MM
 - Only for high-risk Smoldering MM (50% risk of progression at 2 yrs)
- Two possible objectives:
 - To cure/erradication
 - To delay progression to active disease (CRAB symptomatology)

QuiRedex: Phase 3 trial of Len-dex vs observation in HR-SMM patients (n=119)

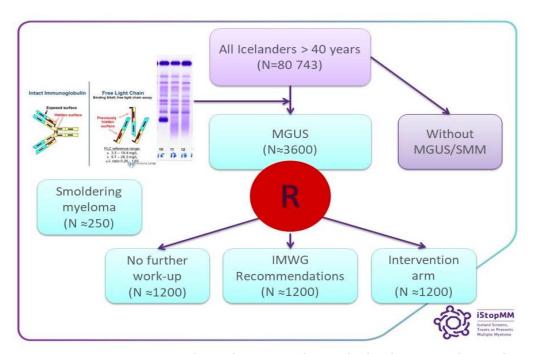


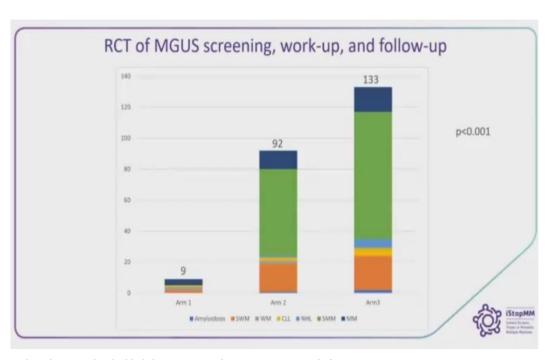
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What about screening programs in haematological cancers? iStopMM for screening for Monoclonal Gammopathies



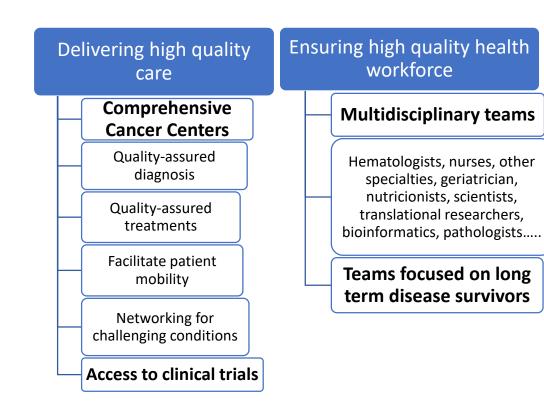


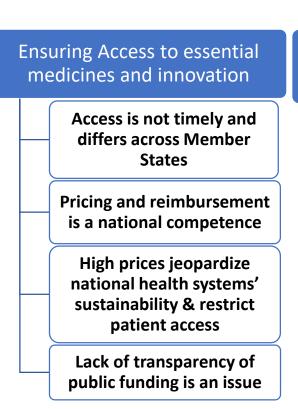
- Active screening identifies significantly higher number of individuals with full-blown malignancy and SMM
- Early detection and early intervention is achievable





What about Patient-centered care in haematological cancers?





Personalized precision
medicine for cancer
management

Roadmap for personalized
prevention

High Performance Computing and
Inteligence Articial

Streamlined and agile regulatory framework catering for innovation





What about Patient-centered care in haematological cancers?

In Haematology, the **genomic characterization at diagnosis** of some of the haematological cancers is something mandatory because some of them are actionable and this should be warranted for all patients. The complete characterization at diagnosis should be done in a centralized way

In Haematology, the **response assessment** through sensitive assessments (Measurable Residual Disease) is another challenge and should be funded and done also in a centralized way

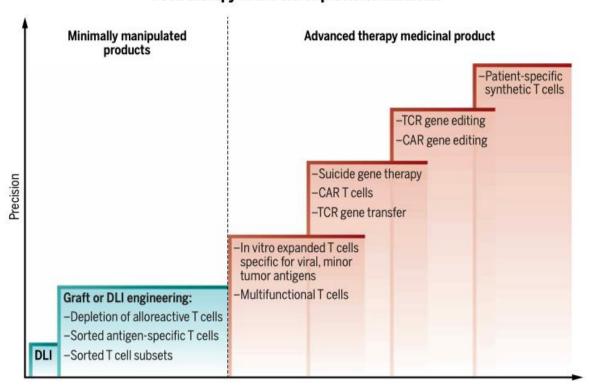
Haematological cancer management is being, overall, risk and response-adapted. Through centralizing the diagnosis and response assessment will warrant the harmonization of results, and will result in a more efficient and sustainable care



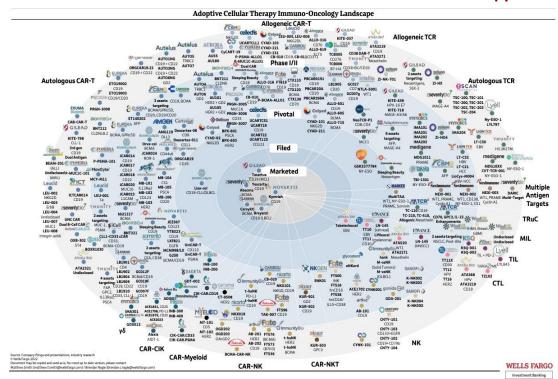


Cell Therapy in our country as a model

T cell therapy in the era of precision medicine



CAR-T cell Success has led to Massive Investment in Cellular Therapy







Cell Therapy in our country as a model

OBJETIVOS DEL PLAN PARA EL ABORDAJE DE LAS TERAPIAS AVANZADAS **EN EL SNS Y ACCIONES DESARROLLADAS** Organizar de forma Impulsar la fabricación

planificada, equitativa, segura y eficiente la utilización de los medicamentos CAR

Criterios y estándares para la designación de centros para la utilización de los medicamentos

PNT valoración de solicitudes por el grupo de expertos SNS PNT derivación de pacientes centros designados

Designación de centros

PNT obtención de la muestra y administración medicamento

PF manejo efectos adversos

PFC uso tisagenleceluecel

Impulsar la investigación pública

Convocatoria de concesión de subvenciones para Proyectos de Investigación Clínica Independiente de la Acción Estratégica en Salud 2017-2020

> Primer medicamento de fabricación no industrial con autorización de uso incluido en la prestación farmacéutica del SNS

Acuerdo mediante el cual se determinan las condiciones generales de planificación, coordinación, contratación y la adquisición de medicamentos de terapia avanzada de fabricación no industrial cuya titularidad es de las estructuras y servicios de titularidad pública integrados en el SÑS

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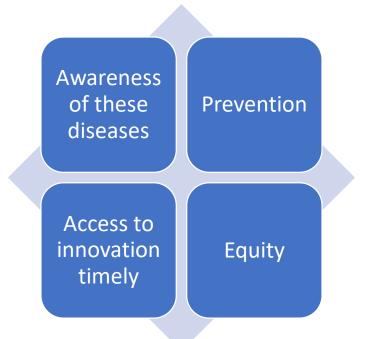




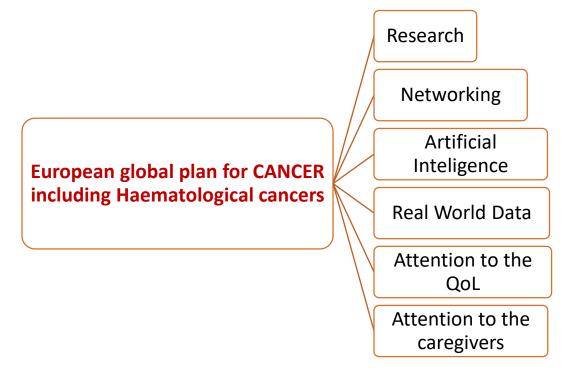


Summary

Main challenge: cure



How to overcome this challenge



Addressing Cancer needs to become a shared POLITICAL, OPERATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC priority

"The needs of the patient are the only needs to be considered"





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