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## Entity Print



Krzysztof Kalwak  
PDWP Chair (ELECTED APRIL 2023, PREVIOUS CHAIR: Selim Corbacioglu)  
Germany

## Major achievements

### Leadership Change

In April 2023, Krzysztof Kalwak assumed the role of PDWP Chair, succeeding Selim Corbacioglu. Katharina Kleinschmidt was reconfirmed as Secretary.

## **Organisational Restructuring**

The PDWP underwent a slight reorganisation, including updates to specific subcommittees and the establishment of new subcommittees such as Young Investigators and PICU (see organigram).

## **Educational Initiatives**

The PDWP prioritised educational efforts this year, participating at two significant events:

- **Midterm Meeting on Immune Diseases:** Held from June 22 - 24 in Brescia, Italy, this event brought together three EBMT working parties to discuss therapeutic approaches to immune dysregulatory, autoinflammatory, and autoimmune diseases. The meeting aimed to facilitate interdisciplinary discussions among transplant physicians and disease specialists to evaluate transplant and cellular therapy options.
- **International Transplant Course:** The eighth edition of this course took place in September, 2023 in Barcelona, Spain. Notably, a dedicated paediatric track was included in this edition, occupying nearly one day. Future editions aim to further expand the paediatric program to establish a one and a half day event.

## **Registry Data Quality Improvement**

A major focus of the PDWP is to enhance the quality of registry-based data. Currently, over 20 PDWP studies are either under evaluation or already ongoing, emphasizing the commitment to advancing research in the field.

## **Prospective Trials**

The PDWP plans to intensify collaborative international prospective trials in the coming years, underscoring the commitment to driving forward research and clinical advancements in paediatric transplant and cellular therapy.

Overall, the PDWP's activities and initiatives demonstrate a multifaceted approach to advancing knowledge, enhancing education, improving data quality, and fostering collaboration in the field of paediatric transplantation and cellular therapy.

## Principal research studies

Phase 2 trial to assess haploidentical  $\alpha/\beta$  T-depleted stem cell transplantation in patients with sickle cell disease with no available sibling donor (T-Haplo-HSCT for SCD)

Study type

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Diseases

Other non-malignant disorders

Group

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

Type of treatment

Allogeneic - Haploidentical

Principal investigator

Selim Corbacioglu

Outcome of children developing grade III-IV aGVHD after allogeneic HSCT

Study type

Retrospective Studies

Diseases

Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)

Group

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

Type of treatment

Allogeneic

Allogeneic - Related

Allogeneic - Unrelated

Allogeneic - Haploidentical

Principal investigator

Giovanna Lucchini

Impact of ABO Incompatibility on HSCT outcome in hemoglobinopathies: A Retrospective Registry Study from the Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP) of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)

Study type

Retrospective Studies

Diseases

Other non-malignant disorders

Group

[Paediatric Diseases Working Party \(PDWP\)](#)

[Haemoglobinopathies Working Party \(HWP\)](#)

[Type of treatment](#)

[Allogeneic](#)

[Principal investigator](#)

[Katharina Kleinschmidt](#)

[Myeloablative conditioning for allo-HSCT in pediatric ALL and AML below 2 years](#)

[Study type](#)

[Retrospective Studies](#)

[Diseases](#)

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[Group](#)

[Paediatric Diseases Working Party \(PDWP\)](#)

[Type of treatment](#)

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[Principal investigator](#)

[André Willasch](#)

[Prevention and management of conditioning related skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients](#)

[Study type](#)

[Closed Survey/Study](#)

[Diseases](#)

[All diseases](#)

[Group](#)

[Nursing Research Committee](#)

[Nursing Paediatric Committee](#)

[Paediatric Diseases Working Party \(PDWP\)](#)

[Type of treatment](#)

[Allogeneic](#)

[Autologous](#)

[Principal investigator](#)

[Mihaela Hartmann, Hilda Mekelenkamp](#)

## **Key publications**

[2023](#)

[Specific Cytogenetic Abnormalities at Diagnosis Predict Survival after Hematopoietic Cell Transplant in Poor-Risk Pediatric Acute Myeloid Leukemia: A PDWP/EBMT Study](#)

Group

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Akshay Sharma

Journal

Bone Marrow Transplant.

2023

Matched unrelated donor transplantation versus haploidentical transplantation with post-transplant cyclophosphamide in children with acute myeloid leukemia: a PDWP-EBMT study

Group

Cellular Therapy & Immunobiology Working Party (CTIWP)

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Annalisa Ruggeri

Journal

Haematologica.

2023

Busulfan-fludarabine- or treosulfan-fludarabine-based conditioning before allogeneic HSCT from matched sibling donors in paediatric patients with sickle cell disease: A study on behalf of the EBMT Paediatric Diseases and Inborn Errors Working Parties

Group

Inborn Errors Working Party (IEWP)

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Annamária Cseh

Journal

Br J Haematol.

2023

Decision making on HSCT in patients with hemoglobinopathies; an EBMT Pediatric Diseases Working Party and Inborn Errors Working Party scenario-based survey on physicians' perspectives

Group

Inborn Errors Working Party (IEWP)

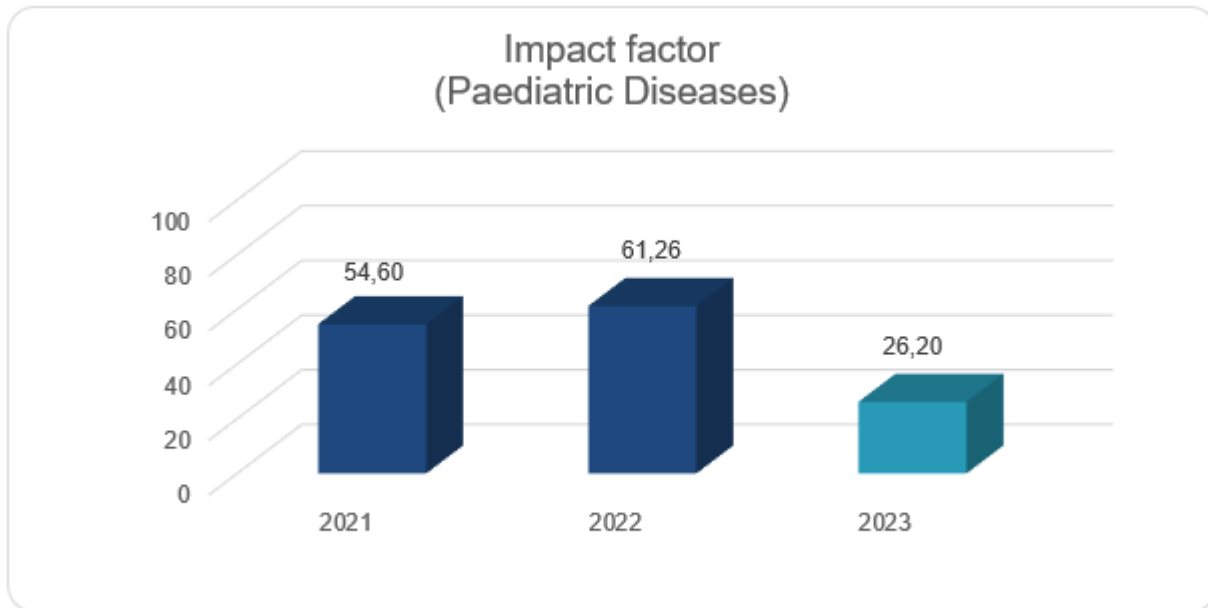
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Hilda Mekelenkamp

Journal

## Bone Marrow Transplant.



### **2021 2022 2023**

<b>Oral presentations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Poster presentations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Educational events</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



[Event](#)

**49th Annual Meeting of the EBMT**



[Event](#)

**Midterm Meeting on New indications in Immune Dysregulatory, Autoinflammatory and Autoimmune Diseases**

[Jun 22, 2023 - Jun 24, 2023 / Brescia, Italy](#)

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Event

## **8th International Transplant and Cellular Therapy Course**

Sep 08, 2023 - Sep 10, 2023 / Barcelona, Spain

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