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Krzysztof Kalwak

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

Major achievements

The second year of the term under Chairman Krzysztof Kalwak was characterised by significantly increased scientific activity, with a total impact factor of 79.10.

Publications in high-ranking journals (*Blood*, *Leukemia*, *Am J Hematol*, et al.), along with growing collaborative efforts—both in Europe and intercontinentally—produced excellent results. **PDWP-conducted studies** were

also presented at the 2024 ASH Meeting in San Diego, in the Oral and Poster Sessions (see [news article](#)).

The Paediatrics' Day at the 50th Annual Meeting of the EBMT was exceptionally well-attended, and two young colleagues—Francesca del Bufalo and Rob Chiesa—received the prestigious **Dietrich-Niethammer Award** for their exceptional scientific achievements, including publications in *NEJM* (read more [here](#)).



DIETRICH NIETHAMMER AWARD to Francesca Del Bufalo (Italy) for the presentation titled: CAR-T cells for relapsed or refractory neuroblastoma – a hype or hope?



DIETRICH NIETHAMMER AWARD to Robert Chiesa (United Kingdom) for the presentation titled: Base edited CD7 CAR-T cell therapy in relapsed T-ALL

Among the numerous studies conducted by the Working Party, an **impactful investigation** comparing leukaemia-free survival outcomes between the TCR $\alpha\beta$ /CD19+ depletion approach and the PTCY approach in paediatric HLA-haploidentical transplants has recently been initiated.

On the education front, the **9th International Transplant and Cellular Therapy Course** featured an **extensive paediatric programme** that occupied almost an entire day of the event.

A major educational event was organised as a joint meeting with TCWP for November 2024. However, it had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a weather emergency in Malaga, Spain. The exciting meeting on complications in CAR T-cell therapy took place in January 2025.

Principal research studies

[Outcomes of pediatric patients with acute leukemias who received either post-transplant cyclophosphamide or a haploidentical transplant with TCR \$\alpha\beta\$ /CD19+ lymphocyte depletion](#)

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[Franco Locatelli](#)

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[ALL study, patients transplanted between 2 and 4 years old](#)

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[Giovanna Lucchini \(London\)](#)

[Impact of Different Conditioning Regimens Administered for SCT in Pediatric Chronic Myeloid Leukemia \(CML\) CML](#)

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Key publications

[2024](#)

[Outcomes of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in 813 pediatric patients with Fanconi anemia](#)

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[Severe Aplastic Anaemia Working Party \(SAAWP\)](#)

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

[1st listed author](#)

[Su Han Lum](#)

[Journal](#)

[Blood.](#)

[2025](#)

[Graft-versus-host disease after anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy following allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation: a transplant complications](#)

and paediatric diseases working parties joint EBMT study

Group

Transplant Complications Working Party (TCWP)

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Guillermo Ortí

Journal

Leukemia.

2024

HLA-haploidentical stem cell transplantation in children with inherited bone marrow failure syndromes: A retrospective analysis on behalf of EBMT severe aplastic Anemia and pediatric diseases working parties

Group

Severe Aplastic Anaemia Working Party (SAAWP)

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Stefano Giardino

Journal

Am J Hematol.

2024

Outcomes of allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation for myelofibrosis in children and adolescents: the retrospective study of the EBMT Paediatric Diseases WP

Group

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

1st listed author

Jacek Wachowiak

Journal

Bone Marrow Transplant.

2024

Outcomes of patients undergoing allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation for congenital amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia; a study on behalf of the PDWP of the EBMT

Group

Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)

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Clémence Aldebert

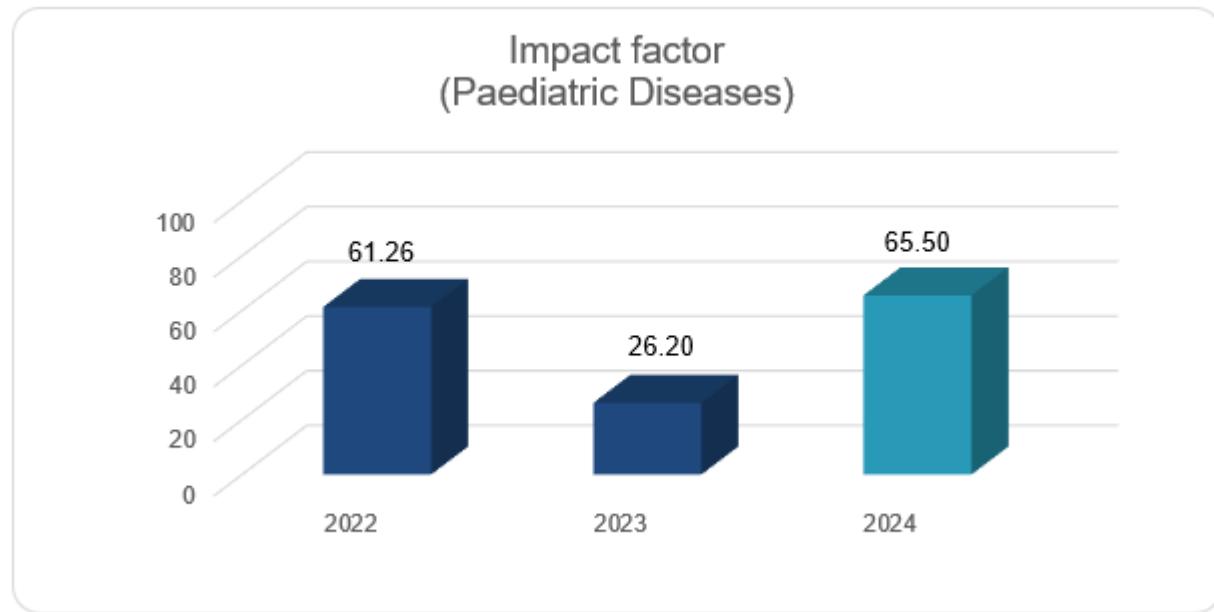
Journal

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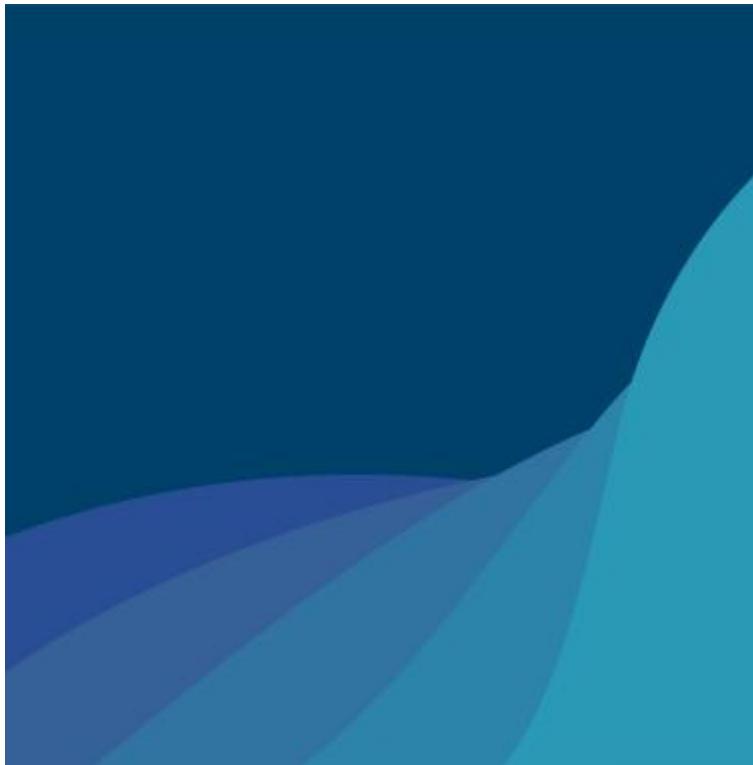


Indicators



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Oral presentations	10	2	5
Poster presentations	3	2	4
Educational events	1	1	1



[Event](#)

50th Annual Meeting of the EBMT

[Apr 14, 2024 - Jun 17, 2024 / Glasgow, United Kingdom](#)

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9th International Transplant and Cellular Therapy Course



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***RESCHEDULED* Complications post CAR-T Cell Therapy in
Paediatric and Adult Patients**

Jan 16, 2025 - Jan 18, 2025 / Málaga, Spain

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