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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 αß/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 αβ/CD19+ lymphocyte depletion
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
Acute Lymphatic Leukaemia (ALL)
Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)
Group
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic - Haploidentical
Principal investigator
Franco Locatelli
Treo versus Bu-based Conditioning Regimens for First Allogeneic SCT in Children with AML in Complete Remission
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)
Group
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Principal investigator
Hemalatha G Rangarajan
ALL study, patients transplanted between 2 and 4 years old
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
Acute Lymphatic Leukaemia (ALL)
Group
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Principal investigator
Krzysztof Kalwak
Use of Letermovir after transplant in pediatric patients

Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
All diseases
Group
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Principal investigator
Giovanna Lucchini (London)
Impact of Different Conditioning Regimens Administered for SCT in Pediatric Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML) CML
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML)
Group
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Principal investigator
Meinolf Suttorp

Key publications

2024
Outcomes of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in 813 pediatric patients with Fanconi anemia
Group
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

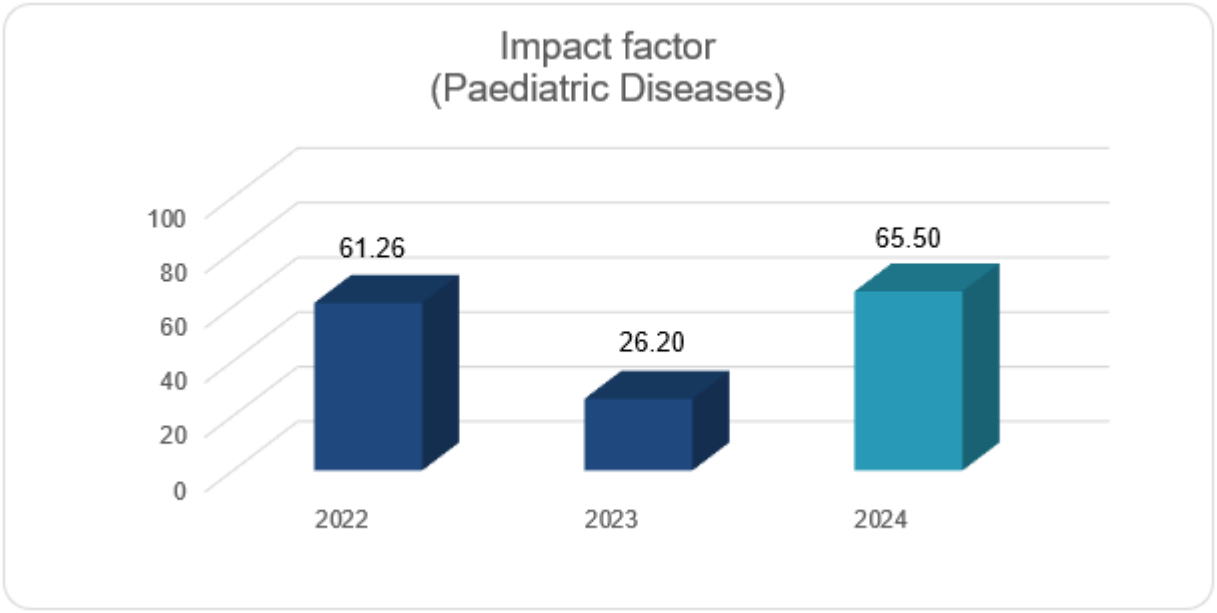
and paediatric diseases working parties joint EBMT study
Group
Complications Working Party (CWP)
Paediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP)
1st listed author
Guillermo Ortí
Journal
Leukemia.
2024
HLA-haploidentical stem cell transplantation in children with inherited bone marrow failure syndromes: A retrospective 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)
1st listed author
Clémence Aldebert
Journal

Bone Marrow Transplant.

See the full list of the PDWP 2024 publications



Indicators



	2022	2023	2024
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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Event

9th International Transplant and Cellular Therapy Course



Event

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

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