

Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting

Regensburg, Germany | 16-18 September 2026



Haemoglobinopathies
HWP

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

12:30 - 12:50 **Welcome & Introduction**

Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
Josu de la Fuente (UK)
Selim Corbacioglu (DE)

12:50 - 14:30 **Session I: The Hematopoietic Microcosm in Haemoglobinopathies**

Chairs: *Emanuele Angelucci (IT) & Josu de la Fuente (UK)*

12:50 - 13:10 Clonal haematopoiesis in sickle cell disease

13:10 - 13:30 Iron and inflammation: are two sides of the same coin

13:30 - 13:50 Senescence targeting therapies can improve hematopoietic stem cell function during sickle cell disease

13:50 - 14:10 The bone disease in haemoglobinopathies

14:10 - 14:30 Round Table Discussion

Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)

Shannon McKinney-Freeman (US)
Andrea Giusti (IT)
All

14:30 - 15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:00 - 15:45 **Industry Symposium Slot**

15:45 - 17:15 **Session II: From Pathophysiology to Clinical Presentation and Social Impact**

Chairs: *Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)*

15:45 - 16:05 New insights into pathophysiology and therapeutic pathways

16:05 - 16:25 Sickle cell disease

16:25 - 16:45 Transfusion-dependent thalassemia

16:45 - 17:05 Epidemiology of the diseases and social impact

17:05 - 17:15 Round Table Discussion

Lucia de Franceschi (IT)
Khaled M. Musallam (AE)

17:15 - 17:30 **Break**

17:30 - 18:50 **Session III: Update in Gene Therapy**

Chairs: *Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA) & Selim Corbacioglu (DE)*

17:30 - 17:50 Advances in hematopoietic stem cell gene editing and conditioning for sickle cell disease

17:50 - 18:10 Turning CRISPR Into therapies: precision, pitfalls, and clinical Impact

18:10 - 18:30 Toward in vivo gene therapy for hemoglobinopathies

18:30 - 18:50 The chemo-free conditionings in haemoglobinopathies

Selami Demirci (US)
Toni Cathomen (DE)
Hans-Peter Kiem (US)
Lukas Jeker (CH)

Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting

Regensburg, Germany | 16-18 September 2026



Haemoglobinopathies
HWP

Thursday, 17 September 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Session IV: Curative Therapy in Haemoglobinopathies Part I: Alternative Donor Transplantation	
	Chairs: Akshay Sharma (US) & Sonali Chaudhury (US)	
08:00 - 08:15	Alternative transplantation in TDT: PTCY	Suradej Hongeng (TH)
08:15 - 08:30	Alternative transplantation in thalassemia: aβ T-Haplo	Sunil Bhat (IN)
08:30 - 08:45	Alternative transplantation in SCD: PTCY	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
08:45 - 09:00	Alternative transplantation in SCD: aβ T-Haplo	Selim Corbacioglu (DE)
09:00 - 10:00	Session V: Curative Therapy in Haemoglobinopathies Part II: Real World Data Gene Therapy	
	Chairs: Hemalatha Rangarajan (US) & Selami Demirci (US)	
09:00 - 09:15	GT Real World: Saudi Arabia	Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)
09:15 - 09:30	GT Real World experience: <i>what have we learnt?</i>	Sonali Chaudhury (US)
09:30 - 09:45	GT Real World data on TDT	Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US)
09:45 - 10:00	Longterm F/U of gene therapy for SCD and TDT	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Session VI: Transplantation Hot Topics	
	Chairs: Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US) & Toni Cathomen (DE)	
10:30 - 10:45	Mobilization and collection of HSC: New strategies and agents (Motixafortide)	Akshay Sharma (US)
10:45 - 11:00	Novel strategies to minimize graft failure	Hemalatha Rangarajan (US)
11:00 - 11:15	Busulfan-based conditioning: Are there ways to improve safety?	
11:15 - 11:30	Is there still a role for CB in Hemoglobinopathies	Eliane Gluckman (FR)
11:30 - 12:00	Round Table Discussion: <i>Curative therapies in Hemoglobinopathies</i>	All
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch Break	
12:30 - 13:15	Industry Symposium Slot kindly sponsored by Vertex	
13:15 - 13:45	Session VII: Is it time for a practice change in 2026?	
	Chairs: Lucia de Franceschi (IT)	
13:15 - 13:30	Overview: Integrating conventional care, transplantation & gene therapy (SCD)	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
13:30 - 13:45	Overview: Integrating conventional care, transplantation & gene therapy (TDT)	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
13:45 - 14:30	Round Table Discussion	
	Sunil Bhat (IN)	Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US)
	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)	Selim Corbacioglu (DE)
	Josu de la Fuente (UK)	Sonali Chaudhury (US)
	Suradej Hongeng (TH)	
	Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)	
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 - 15:45	Industry Symposium Slot	
15:45 - 16:15	Keynote Lecture	
	Chair: Hans-Peter Kiem (US)	
	<i>In vivo gene therapy and mRNA-based medicine - where are we now?</i>	Neva Caliskan (DE)
16:15 - 17:00	Poster Session	

For further information, please get in contact with scientificprogramme@ebmt.org

Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting

Regensburg, Germany | 16-18 September 2026



Haemoglobinopathies
HWP

Friday, 18 September 2026

08:00 - 09:30	Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting Business Meeting <i>Open to all.</i>	
09:30 - 10:50	Session VIII: Developing Countries Chairs: <i>Lawrence Faulkner (IT) & Fabio Giglio (IT)</i>	
09:30 - 09:50	HSCT for SCD in Tanzania	Happiness Igogo (TZ)
09:50 - 10:10	HSCT In the Near East	Miguel Abboud (LB)
10:10 - 10:30	Increasing Access to Transplantation: A DKMS Program for LMIC	Isabel Auer (DE)
10:10 - 10:30	Haploidentical HCT in Brazil	Luiz Guilherme Darrigo (BR)
10:30 - 10:50	Round Table Discussion	All
10:50 - 11:20	Coffee Break	
11:20 - 11:50	Keynote Lecture Chair: <i>Donatella Baronciani (IT)</i> Reducing intensity in conditioning for allogeneic transplantation in haemoglobinopathies: challenges and successes	Greg Guilcher (CA)
11:50 - 13:20	Session IX: Focus on Special Issues Chairs: <i>Sunil Bhat (IN) & Miguel Abboud (LB)</i>	
11:50 - 12:10	Late graft failure	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
12:10 - 12:25	EBMT/EHA guidelines for GT in TDT	Lucia de Franceschi (IT)
12:25 - 12:40	The role of fibrosis as a biomarker of iron damage	Valeria Pinto (IT)
12:40 - 13:00	Growth, development and organ monitoring after treatment	Erfan Nur (NL)
13:00 - 13:20	Fertility in HCT and gene therapy: counselling, risk, preservation and outcome	Tamara Diesch-Furlanetto (CH)
13:20 - 13:30	Closing Remarks	Emanuele Angelucci (IT) Josu de la Fuente (UK) Selim Corbacioglu (DE)