

Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting

Regensburg, Germany | 16-18 September 2026



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Wednesday, 16 September 2026

13:15 - 13:35 Welcome & Introduction

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

13:35 - 15:15 Session I: The Hematopoietic Microcosm in Haemoglobinopathies

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

13:35 - 13:55 Clonal haematopoiesis in sickle cell disease

13:55 - 14:15 Iron and inflammation are two sides of the same coin

14:15 - 14:35 Senescence targeting therapies can improve hematopoietic stem cell function during sickle cell disease

14:35 - 14:55 The bone disease in haemoglobinopathies

14:55 - 15:15 Round Table Discussion

Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)

Shannon McKinney-Freeman (US)

Andrea Giusti (IT)

All

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 16:45 Session II: From Pathophysiology to Clinical Presentation and Social Impact

Chairs: Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)

15:45 - 16:05 Transfusion-dependent thalassemia

16:05 - 16:25 Non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia

16:25 - 16:45 Round Table Discussion

Lucia de Franceschi (IT)

16:45 - 17:00 Break

17:00 - 18:40 Session III: Update in Gene Therapy

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

17:00 - 17:20 Conditioning regimen for hematopoietic cell transplant in transfusion dependent thalassemia:

Recommendations from the EBMT practice harmonisation and guidelines committee

17:20 - 17:40 The chemo-free conditionings in haemoglobinopathies

Lukas Jeker (CH)

17:40 - 18:00 Advances in hematopoietic stem cell gene editing and conditioning for sickle cell disease

Selami Demirci (US)

18:00 - 18:20 Turning CRISPR Into therapies: precision, pitfalls, and clinical Impact

Toni Cathomen (DE)

18:20 - 18:40 Toward in vivo gene therapy for hemoglobinopathies

Hans-Peter Kiem (US)

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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 - 09:20	GT Real World: Saudi Arabia	Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)
09:20 - 09:40	GT Real World experience: <i>what have we learnt?</i>	Sonali Chaudhury (US)
09:40 - 10:00	GT Real World data on TDT	Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US)
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?	Jaap Jan Boelens (US)
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: "Considering the optimal window for transplant and gene therapy in haemoglobinopathies" Chair: Josu de la Fuente (UK)	
12:30 - 12:35	Welcome and introduction	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
12:35 - 12:40	Why timing matters: Age as a key driver of transplant outcomes	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
12:40 - 12:55	The transplant journey: Age-tailored considerations in practice	Jaap-Jan Boelens (US)
12:55 - 13:15	Interactive panel discussion and Q&A, followed by close	All
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)

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13:45 - 14:30

Round Table Discussion

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Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
Josu de la Fuente (UK)
Suradej Hongeng (TH)

Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US)
Selim Corbacioglu (DE)
Sonali Chaudhury (US)
Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)

14:30 - 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:30

Keynote Lecture

Chair:

Sickle cell disease

15:30 - 16:00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: *Hans-Peter Kiem (US)*

In vivo gene therapy and mRNA-based medicine - where are we now?

Neva Caliskan (DE)

16:00 - 16:45

Poster Session

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08:00 - 09:30	Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting Business Meeting <i>Open to all</i>	
09:30 - 11:10	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)
10:30 - 10:50	Haploidentical HCT in Brazil	Luiz Guilherme Darrigo (BR)
10:50 - 11:10	Round Table Discussion	All
11:10 - 11:40	Coffee Break	
11:40 - 12:10	Keynote Lecture Chair: <i>Donatella Baronciani (IT)</i> Reducing intensity in conditioning for allogeneic transplantation in haemoglobinopathies: challenges and successes	Greg Guilcher (CA)
12:10 - 13:45	Session IX: Focus on Special Issues Chairs: <i>Sunil Bhat (IN) & Miguel Abboud (LB)</i>	
12:10 - 12:30	Late graft failure	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
12:30 - 12:45	EBMT/EHA guidelines for GT in TDT	Lucia de Franceschi (IT)
12:45 - 13:05	The role of fibrosis as a biomarker of iron damage	Valeria Pinto (IT)
13:05 - 13:25	Growth, development and organ monitoring after treatment	Erfan Nur (NL)
13:25 - 13:45	Fertility in HCT and gene therapy: counselling, risk, preservation and outcome	Tamara Diesch-Furlanetto (CH)
13:45 - 13:55	Closing Remarks	Emanuele Angelucci (IT) Josu de la Fuente (UK) Selim Corbacioglu (DE)