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*SSD Cell Factory e Centro Terapie Cellulari Avanzate*

***Le terapie cellulari in Fondazione: dalla  
produzione alla gestione  
multidisciplinare***

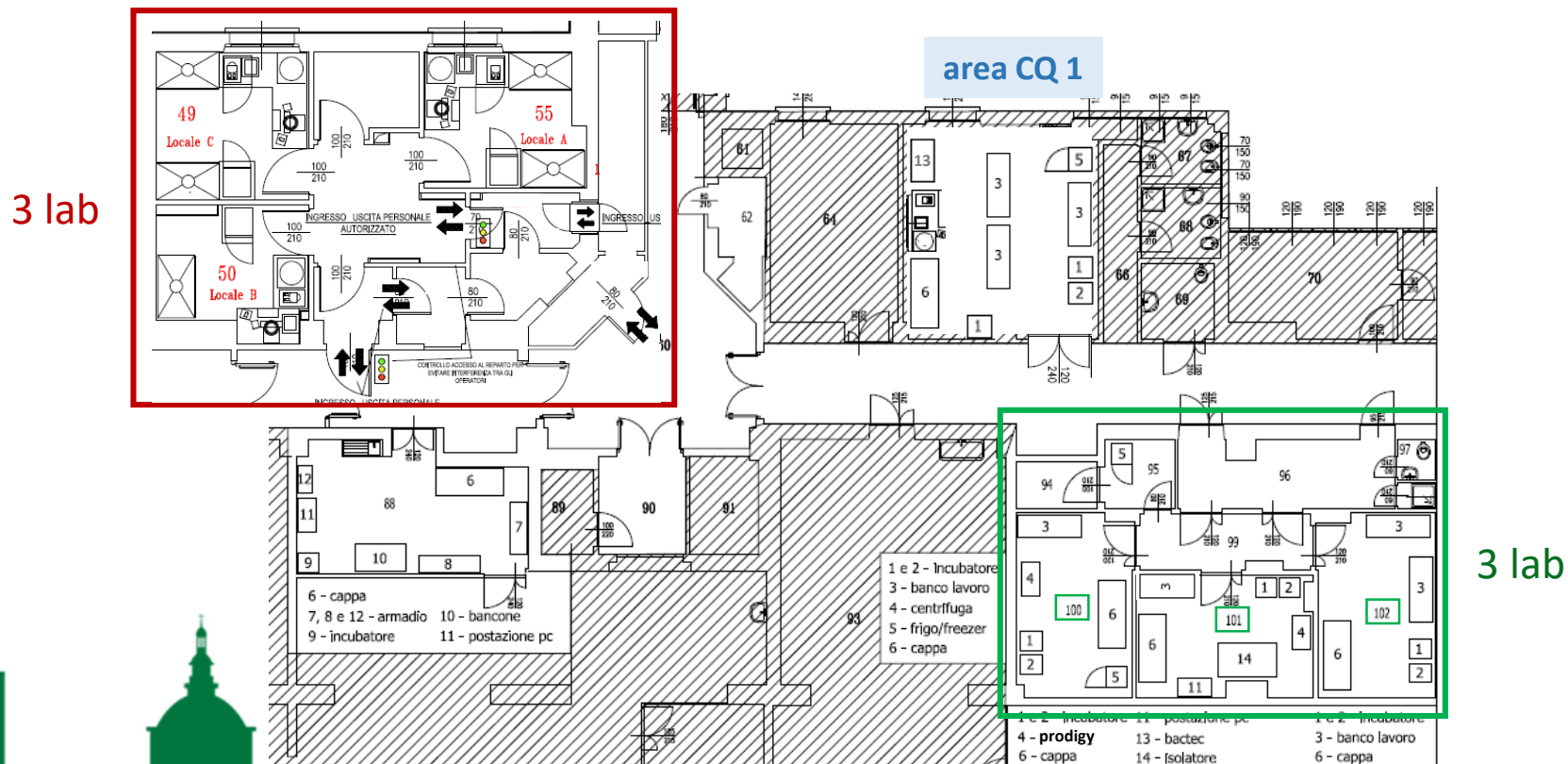


# Terapie cellulari in Fondazione – Cell Factory

Officina farmaceutica autorizzata da AIFA, in attività dal 1997 (nella forma attuale, 2005)

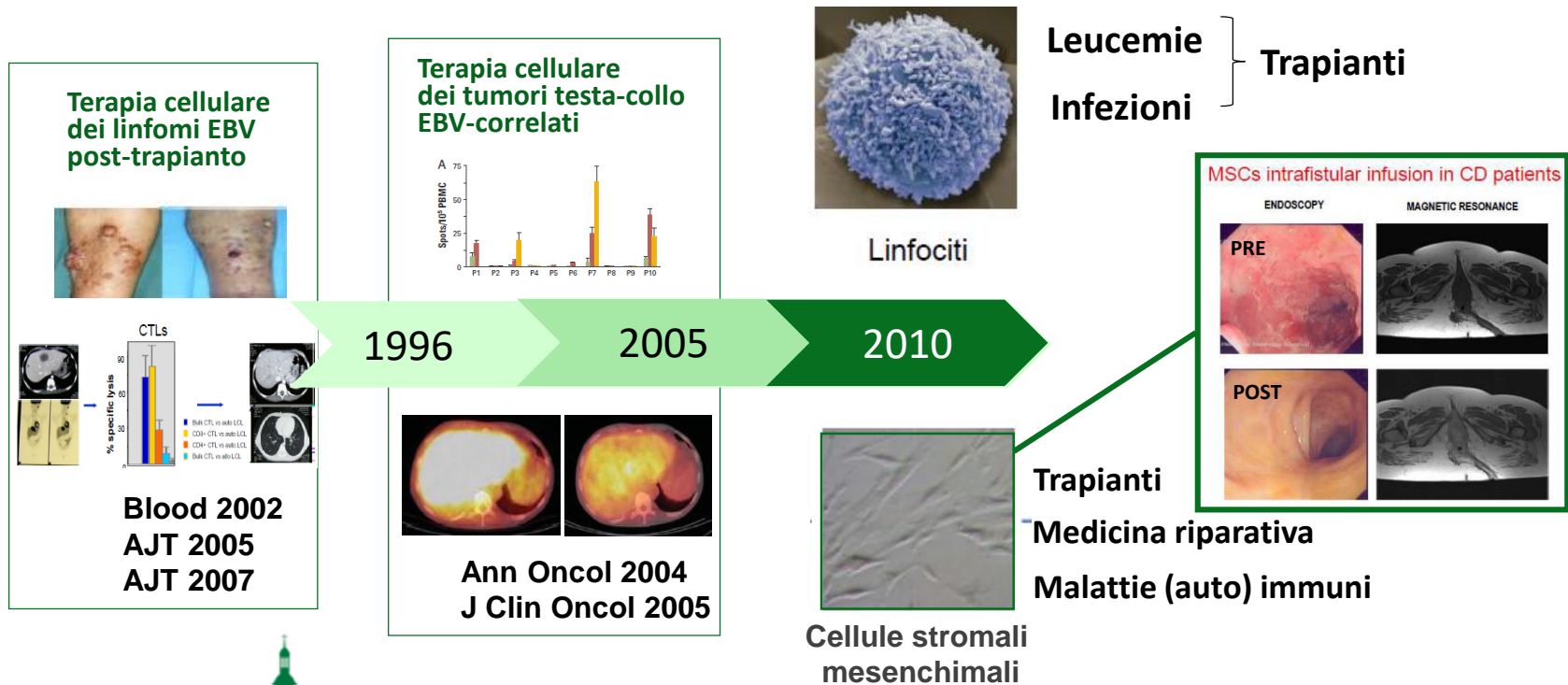
La sua struttura attuale include:

- area di produzione a **pressione positiva** (rossa: produzione di ATMP per terapia cellulare somatica)
- area di produzione a **pressione negativa** (verde: produzione di ATMP per terapia genica)



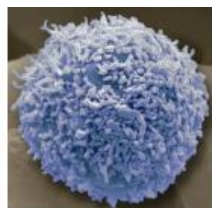
# Cell Factory – il passato

- E' nata per trattare le malattie linfoproliferative post-trapianto con linfociti anti-EBV
- La sua attività si è poi estesa a diverse applicazioni cliniche grazie al lavoro dei laboratori di ricerca ad essa afferenti



# Cell Factory – Il presente

- produzione/distribuzione linfociti anti-infettivi, anti-leucemia/tumore e MSC
- conduzione/partecipazione a sperimentazioni cliniche di terapia cellulare



Linfociti

Leucemie  
Infezioni  
Tumori solidi

} Trapianti

## ATTIVITÀ NEL PERIODO 2017-22

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Numero lotti prodotti	48	46	37	46	49	41
Numero unità bancate	220	420	316	408	479	466
Numero unità cedute*	73	140	106	156	174	220



Cellule stromali  
Mesenchimali

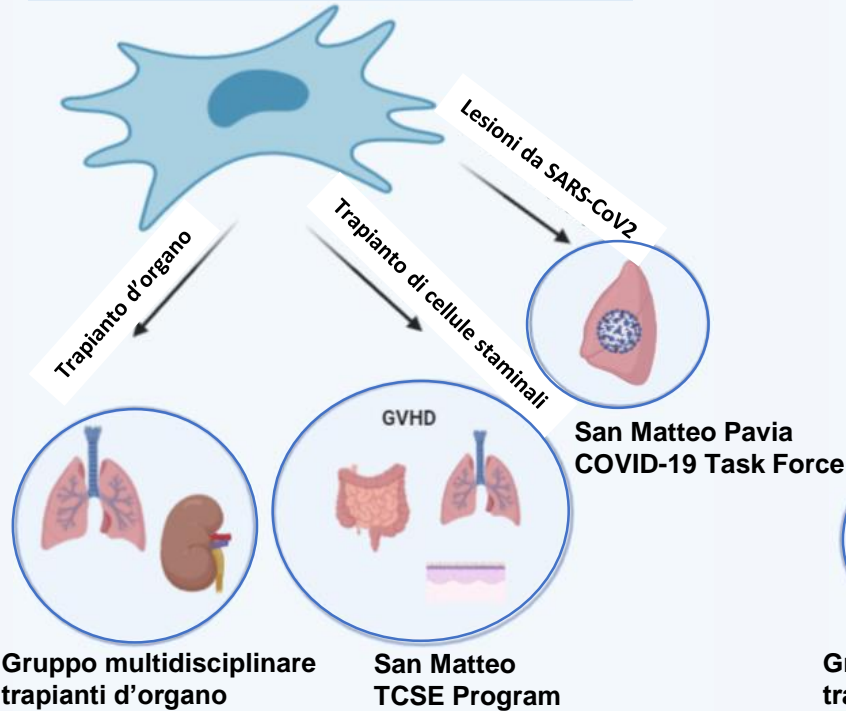
Trapianti  
Malattie immuni  
Medicina riparativa

\* ad unità della Fondazione o ad altri ospedali nazionali e internazionali

# Cell Factory – Programma MSC

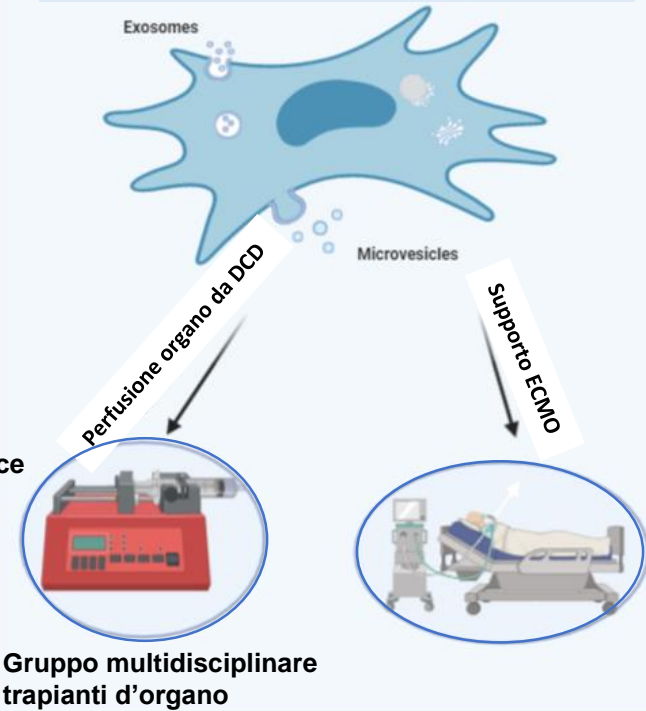
## APPLICAZIONI ATTUALI

### Cellule stromali mesenchimali (MSC)



## APPLICAZIONI FUTURE

### Vescicole extracellulari (EV) da MSC

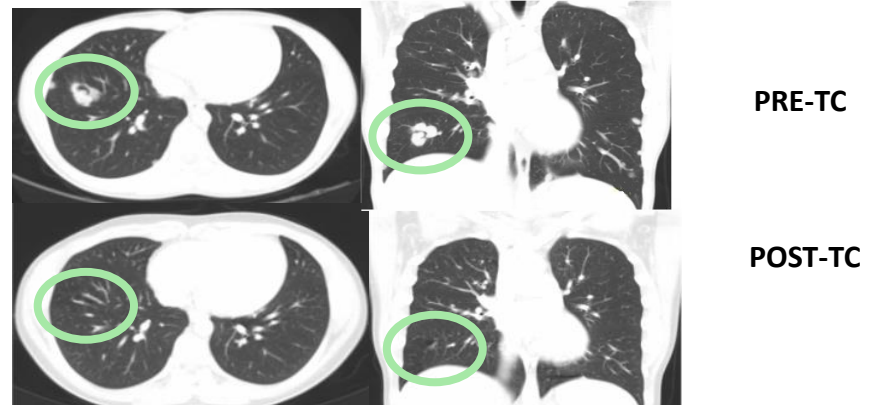
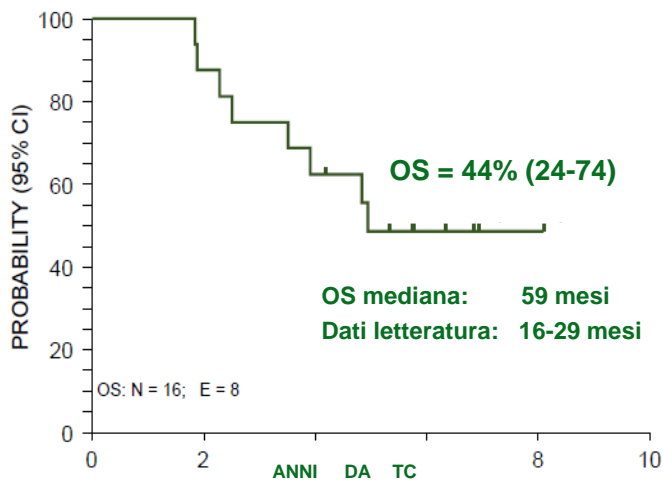


Cell Factory – Gruppo MSC: team leader dott.ssa M.A. Avanzini  
ricercatori: S Croce, E Lenta, C Valsecchi

# Cell Factory – Programma terapia antivirale

## ■ Prodotti antivirali:

- Linfociti T citotossici EBV-specifici: trattamento dei tumori EBV-associati



Dott.sse S. Basso (Cell Factory) e S. Secondino (SC Oncologia)  
con Gruppo multidisciplinare tumori testa-collo San Matteo

# *Cell Factory – Programma terapia antivirale*

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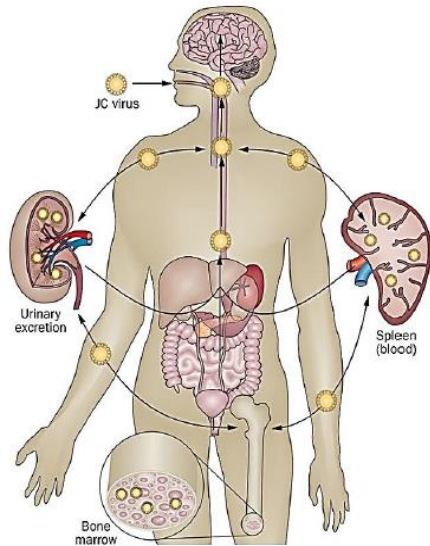
- Linfociti T citotossici EBV-specifici: trattamento dei tumori EBV-associati
- Linfociti T multivirus-specifici (specificità per EBV, CMV, adenovirus, HHV6, PyVBK): prevenzione o trattamento delle complicanze virali dopo trapianto di CSE o organo solido
- Linfociti T specifici per polyomavirus JC: trattamento della leucoencefalopatia multifocale progressiva

Cell Factory –

Gruppo LTC antivirali-antitumor Ag: team leader dott.ssa S. Basso

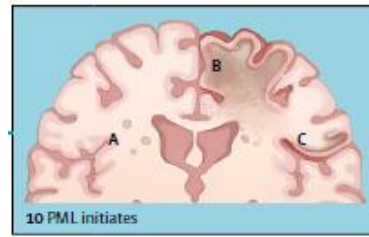
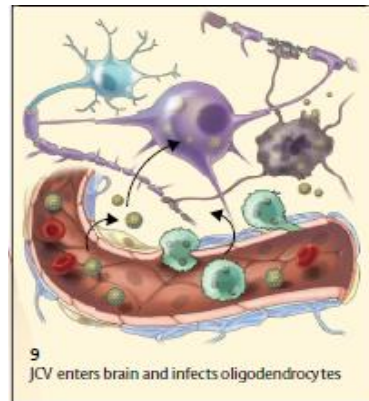
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# Cell Factory – Trattamento della PML

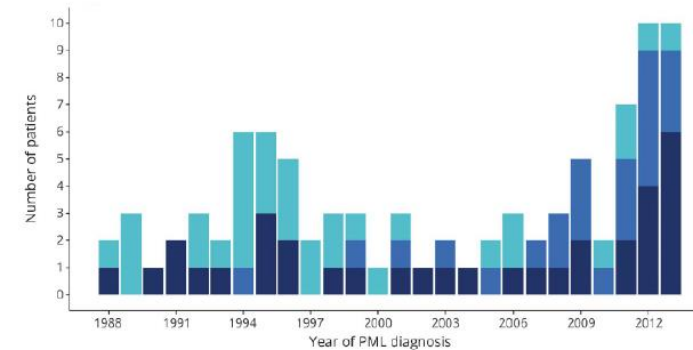
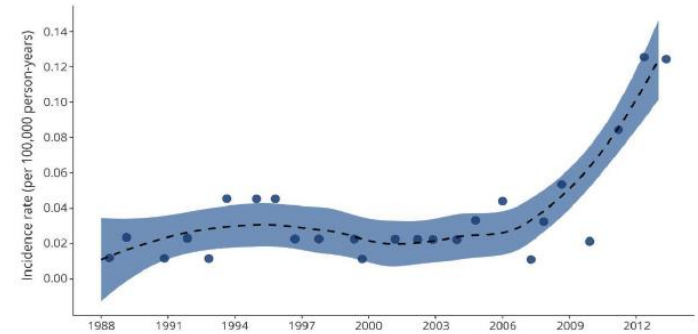


PML is a rare demyelinating disease of CNS caused by JCPyV

- primary infection in tonsil stroma cells
- JCPyV-related PML:
  - reactivation of virus in peripheral blood B lymphocytes;
  - B cells carry the virus to CNS: lytic infection of oligodendrocytes



*PML incidence is increasing...*



■ HIV/AIDS  
■ Autoimmune disease  
■ Hematologic malignancy





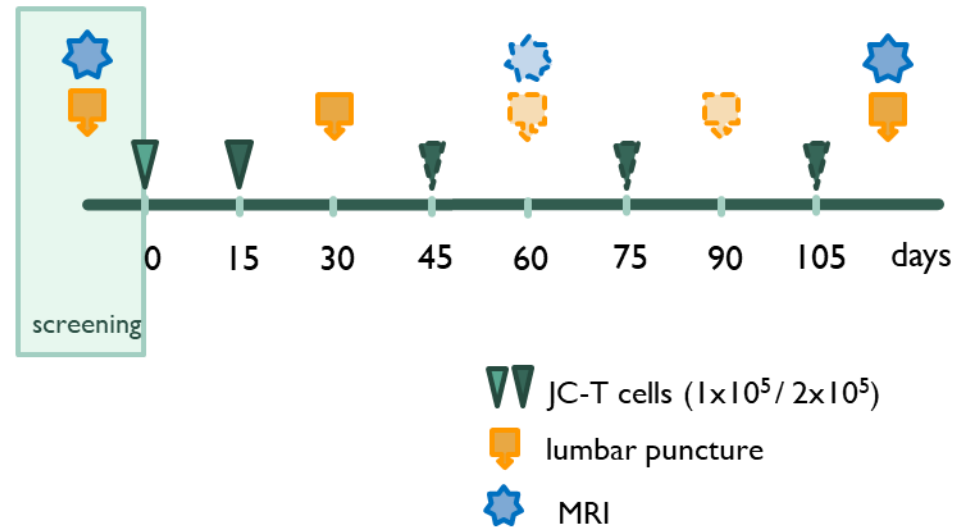
# Cell Factory –Trattamento della PML

Between 2014 and 2019

- 9 HIV-negative patients treated for PML
- underlying condition:
  - hematologic malignancy treated with biologicals
  - HSCT recipients
  - immunodeficiency

- median delay PML diagnosis – CT: 2.6 months
- lymphocyte source:
  - autologous: 4 pts
  - allogeneic family donor (haplo): 3 pts
  - allogeneic unrelated third-party donor: 2 pts
- median number of infusions: 4 (range 1-6)

Clinical assessment and safety monitoring



Berzero et al. Ann Neurol 2021

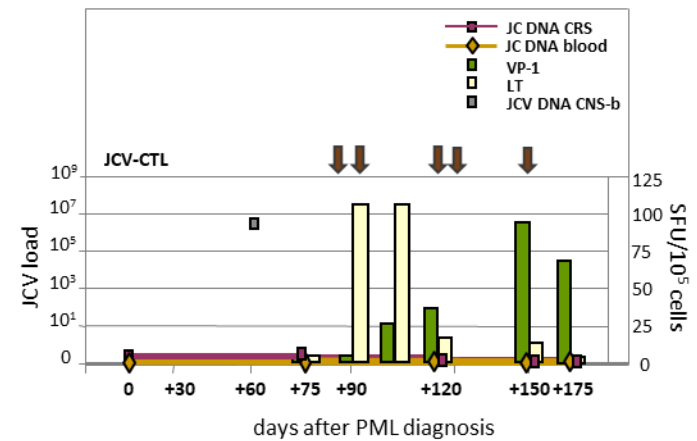
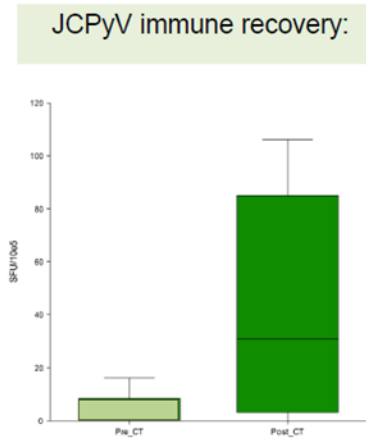


# Cell Factory –Trattamento della PML

- Median follow-up in surviving patients: 51 (28-81) months
  - JC DNA CSF: marked reduction/clearance in the 4 evaluable pts
  - JC-specific T cell immunity pre-post CT: early increase in JC LT-specific T cells

JC-specific T cell immunity post CT:

- median 47 (6-106) SFU/10<sup>5</sup> cells



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# Cell Factory –Trattamento della PML

FOLLOW-UP		
FU duration from diagnosis (months)	Patient status at last FU	Neurological status at last FU (residual deficits)
60,0	Alive	severe homiparesis, aphasia (mRS 4)
27,7	Alive	no residual deficit (mRS 1)
3,6	Deceased (PML)	-
4,4	Deceased (VZV encephalitis)	-
19,3	Alive	mild cognitive impairment, LHS (mRS 2)
5,0	Deceased (PML)	-
6,0	Deceased (PML)	-
50,3	Alive	mild dysarthria and gait ataxia (mRS 2)
12	Alive	mild ataxia and tremor (mRS 2)

Clinical response:  
5/9 pts  
55%

- 5 patients achieved long-term survival :
  - 4 pts: clinical improvement (mRS 1-2)
  - 1 pt: clinical stabilization (mRS 4, wheelchair bound)
- 1 patient had disease stabilization:
  - died of VZV encephalitis
- 3 patients progressed and died of PML

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# Cell Factory –Trattamento della PML

- 30 year-old woman

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- 2015: lung transplantation

- complications

- chronic lung allograft dysfunction

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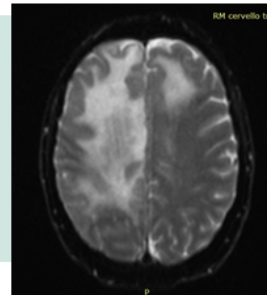
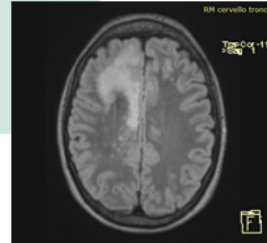
Jan 20, 2020:

- Abrupt onset of headache, postural instability, vomit, and partial seizures
- JCPyV DNA in CSF: 208.596 copies/mL
- MRI: right frontal lobe cerebritis

↓ IS + adjuvant treatment

Feb 2020:

- Dyspnea, fever, hypoxia
- Left body complete hemiparesis
- Sudden disphagya
- Multiple temporal and frontal epileptic spikes

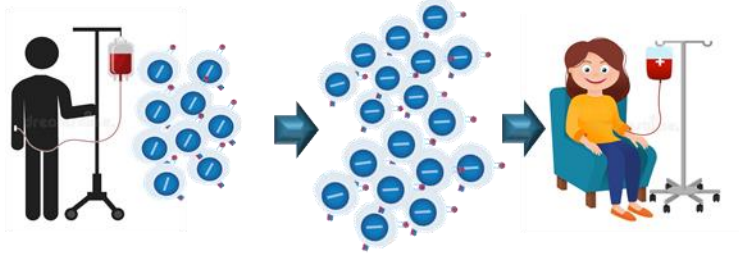


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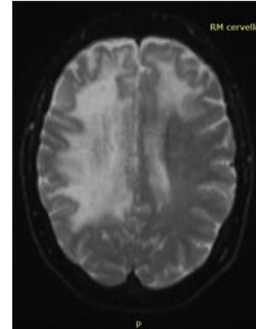


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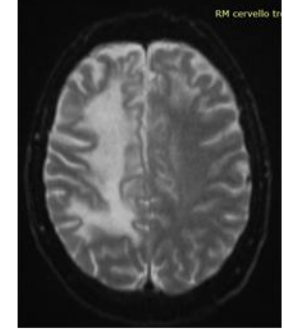
Donor: HLA-identical sibling



Before treatment



After treatment



## Month +2

- Intensive rehabilitative therapy → ability to sit without support
- VII nerve palsy disappeared
- EEG: reduction in epileptic spikes

## Month +4

- Slowly re-gaining ability to walk with support
- Left arm persistently paralyzed
- EEG: no more epileptic spikes

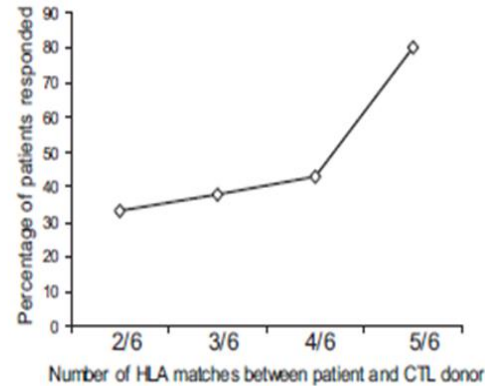
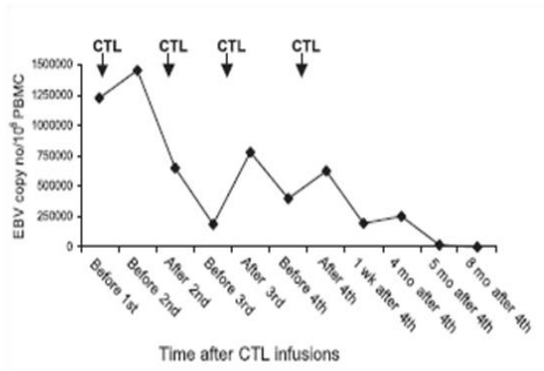
## What about the organ?

- Good lung function
- IS: Tac restarted + everolimus + PDN
- Additional: ECP

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# ATMP antivirali: impiego prodotti bancati «terza parte»



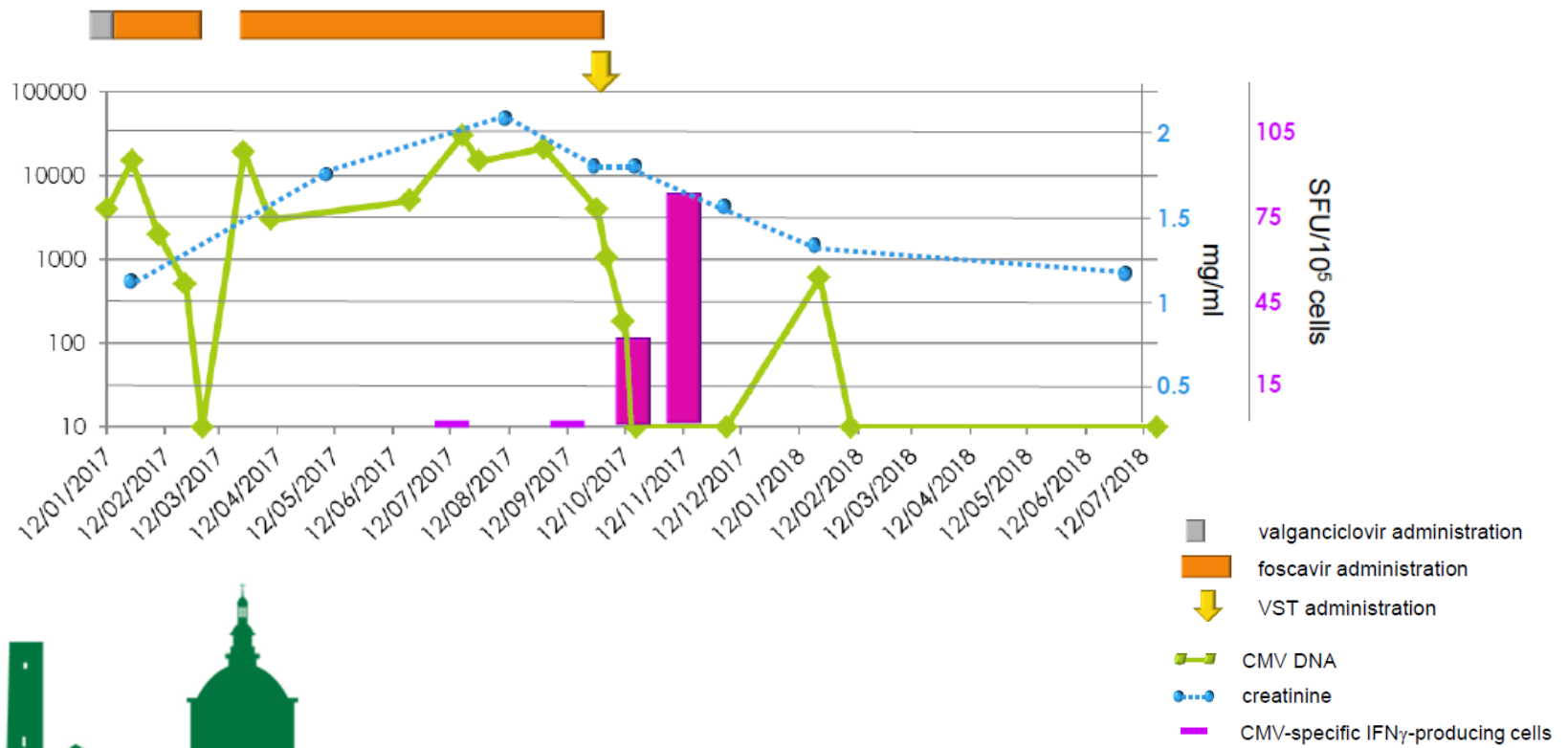
Haque et al. *Blood* 2007

	Patient nr.	Response	GVHD/toxicity
<b>Single 3<sup>rd</sup> party VST</b>			
Haque, <i>Blood</i> 2007	39	49% (19/39) achieved CR	I grade I aGVHD
Barker, <i>Blood</i> 2010	5	80% (4/5) achieved CR	none
Uhlen, <i>CID</i> 2013	1	CR, recurrence then response to 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	none



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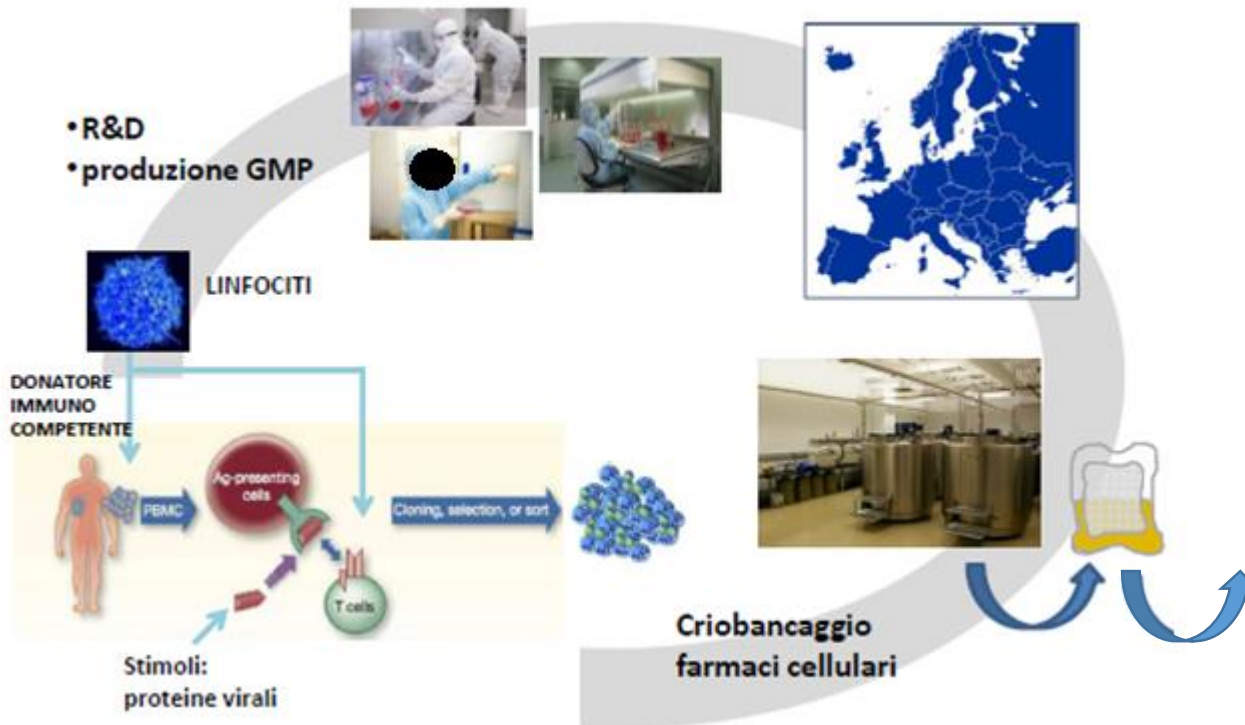
HSCT recipient with relapsing-refractory CMV infection and renal dysfunction:  
treatment with HLA-partially matched banked VSTs





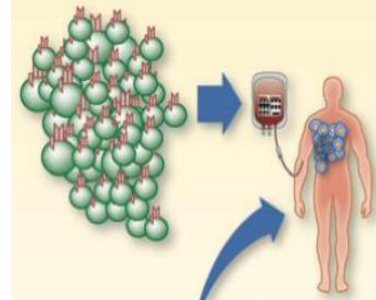
# Cell Factory – Programmi

Cellule di donatori sani, da impiegare come prodotto «pronto all'uso» in malati con infezioni resistenti



MALATTIA DA PATOGENO REFRATTARIO/RESISTENTE:



Citomegalovirus  
Virus di Epstein-Barr (EBV)  
Adenovirus  
Polyomavirus  
... SARS-CoV2

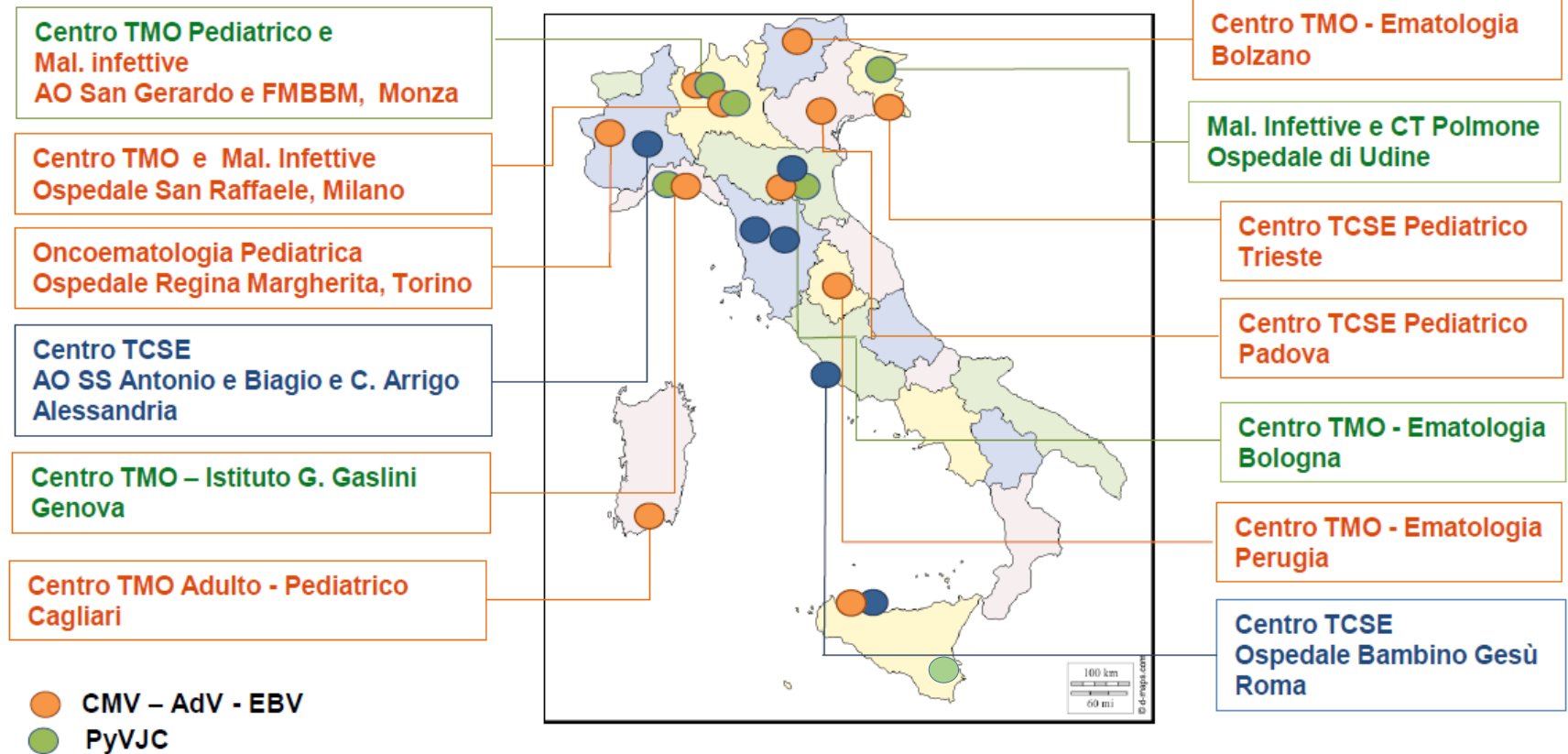


MALATO IMMUNODEFICIENTE



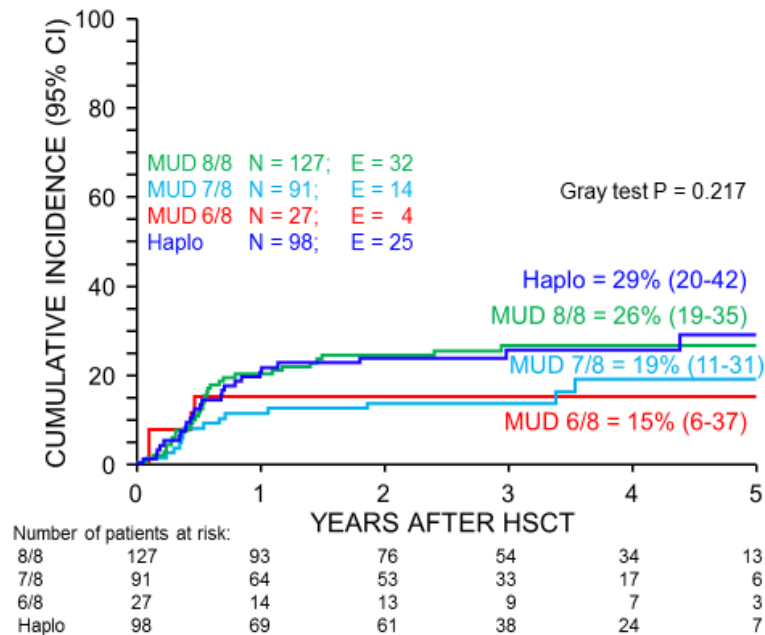
# Cell Factory – Trattamento con ATMP terza parte

- linfociti anti-infettivi  e MSC per GVHD o ARDS 



# Terapia cellulare post-TCSE: controllo antitumorale

## RELAPSE



Means to improve GvL are needed to reduce relapse rate:

- T cells play a major role in GvL effect: adoptive T-cell therapy strategies have arisen out of the need to improve GvL.
- Our  $\alpha\beta$ /CD19 cell depleted Haplo-HSCT is an ideal platform for cell therapy:
  - no post-transplant immunosuppression

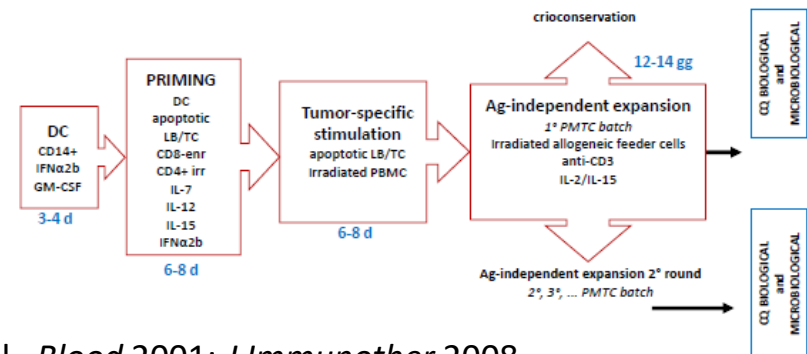
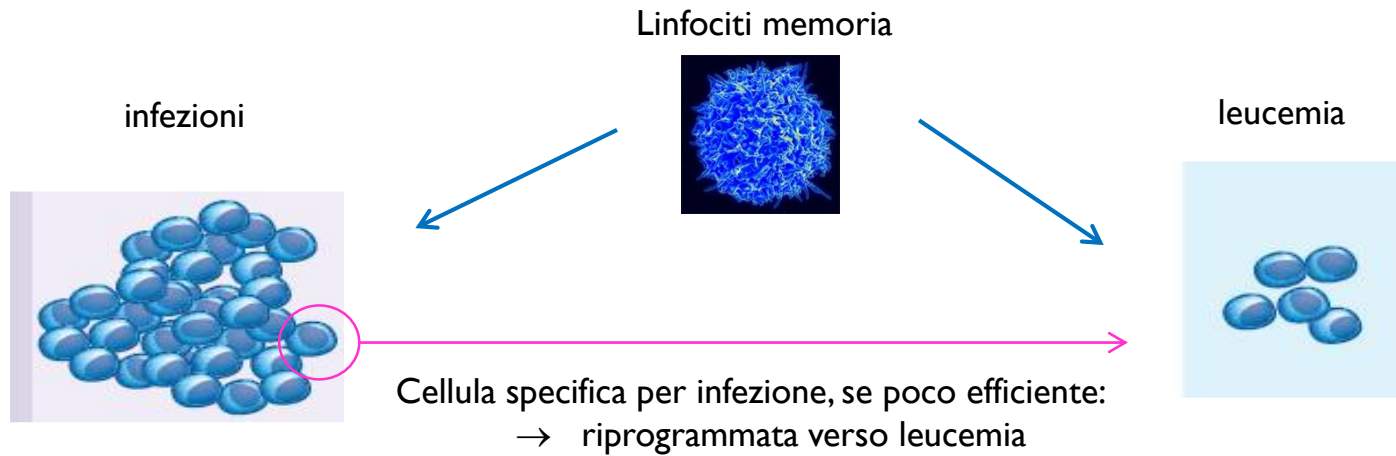
Bertaina A\*, Zecca M\*, Buldini B, et al, *Blood* 2018



# Terapia cellulare post-TCSE: controllo antivirale vs antitumorale

Donatori sani:

- circa il 60-80% sono positivi per CMV o EBV: hanno circa 1:3.000 – 1:6.000 cellule memoria per questi virus
- nessun soggetto sano ha incontrato la leucemia: cellule potenzialmente in grado di rispondere 1:500.000 – 1:10<sup>6</sup>

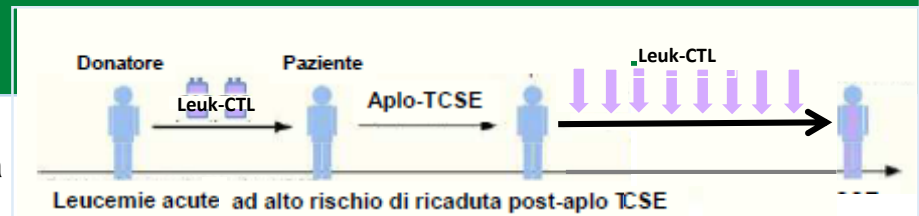


Montagna et al. *Blood* 2001; *J Immunother* 2008

# Cell Factory – Programma antileucemia

Leuk-CTL-001 trial: PI M. Zecca  
Co-PI D. Montagna

Impiego preventivo di CTL antileucemia dopo TCSE aploidentico per prevenire recidiva di leucemia acuta pediatrica



## DOSE

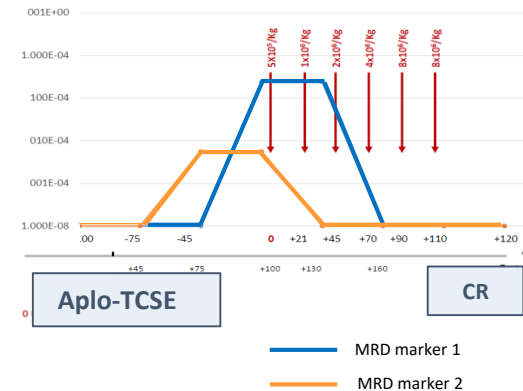
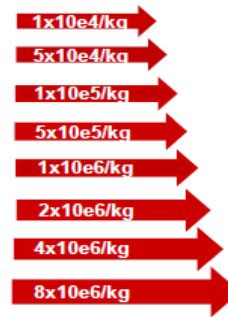
Escalating doses of donor leuk-CTL  
from  $10^4$  cells/dose,  $\frac{1}{2}$  log every 3 wks, to  $8 \times 10^6$  cell/dose

## ADMINISTRATION

i.v. infusion in saline solution and human albumin

## PACKAGING

2 ml cryovials preserved in nitrogen vapour until final formulation.



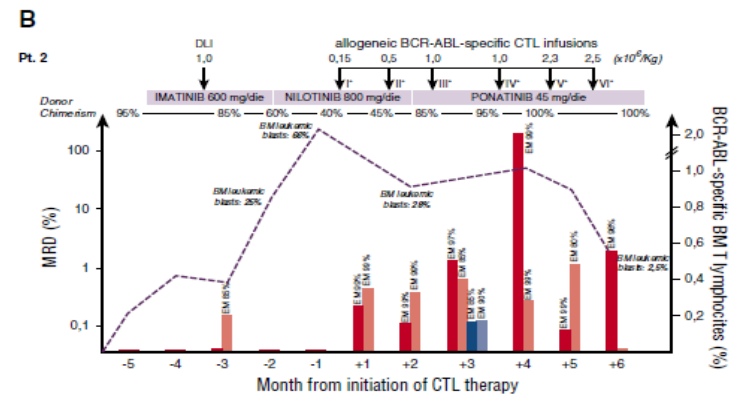
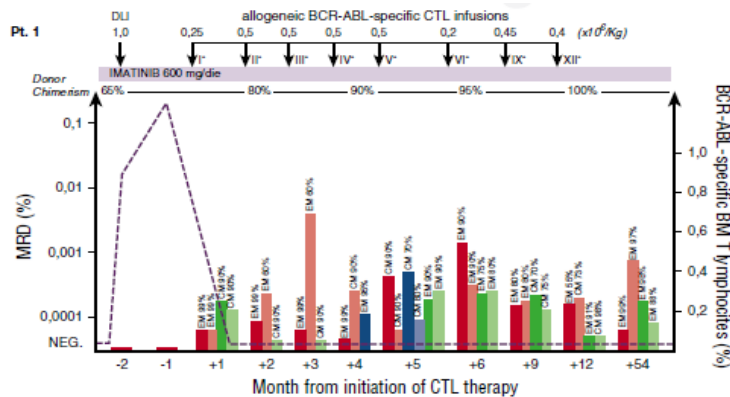
Cell Factory –

Gruppo CTL antileucemia/cellule NK: team leader dott.ssa D. Montagna

ricercatori: M. Tanzi, E. Montini, A. Rumolo

# Cell Factory – Programma antileucemia

- Abbiamo però una necessità clinica: produrre CTL per i pazienti che non hanno blasti criopreservati
- Stiamo lavorando all'identificazione di bersagli leucemici per la terapia cellulare, e sull'ottimizzazione di protocolli di espansione di CTL utilizzando peptidi sintetici per la stimolazione.
  - Recentemente, abbiamo espanso CTL specifici per  $p^{190}$ BCR/ABL stimolando con peptidi derivati dalla regione di fusione BCR/ABL



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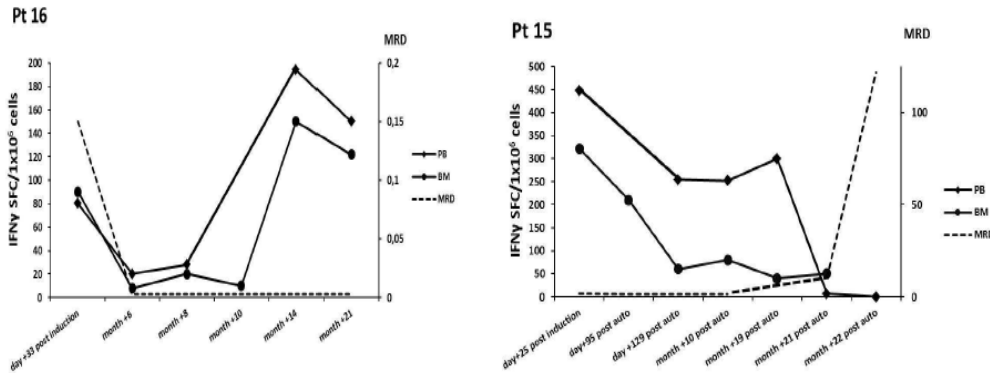
## Issue Highlights

BCR-ABL-specific T-cell therapy in  $Ph^+$  ALL patients on tyrosine-kinase inhibitors  
Blood 2017 129:582-586;

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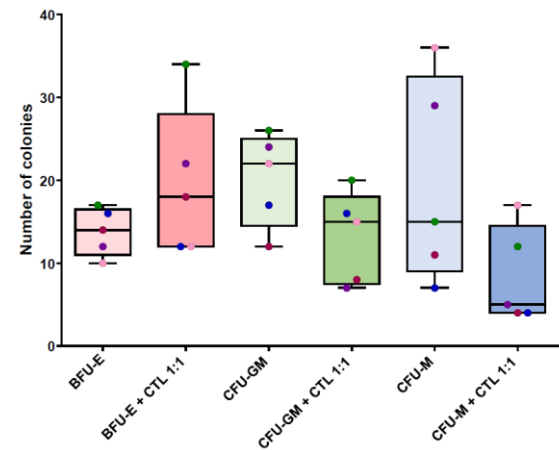
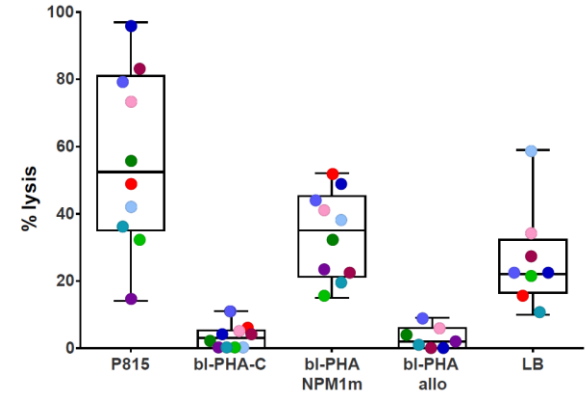
- Ora ci stiamo focalizzando sull'identificazione di bersagli presenti su leucemie mieloidi da utilizzare per terapie cellulari
  - Neoantigene NPM1-mutato (35% AML nell'adulto)

## • Relazione tra MMR e immunità NPM1<sup>mut</sup>-specifica



Correlazione inversa tra la cinetica della MMR e la cinetica delle cellule T specifiche anti-leucemiche

Forghieri et al. Oncotarget 2019



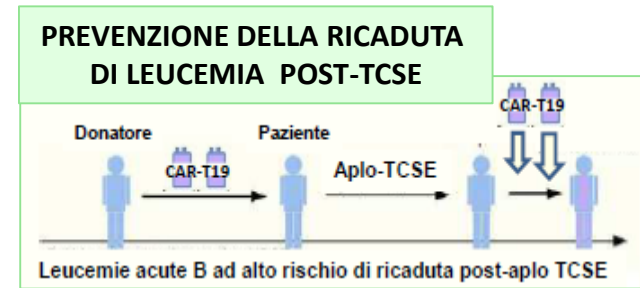
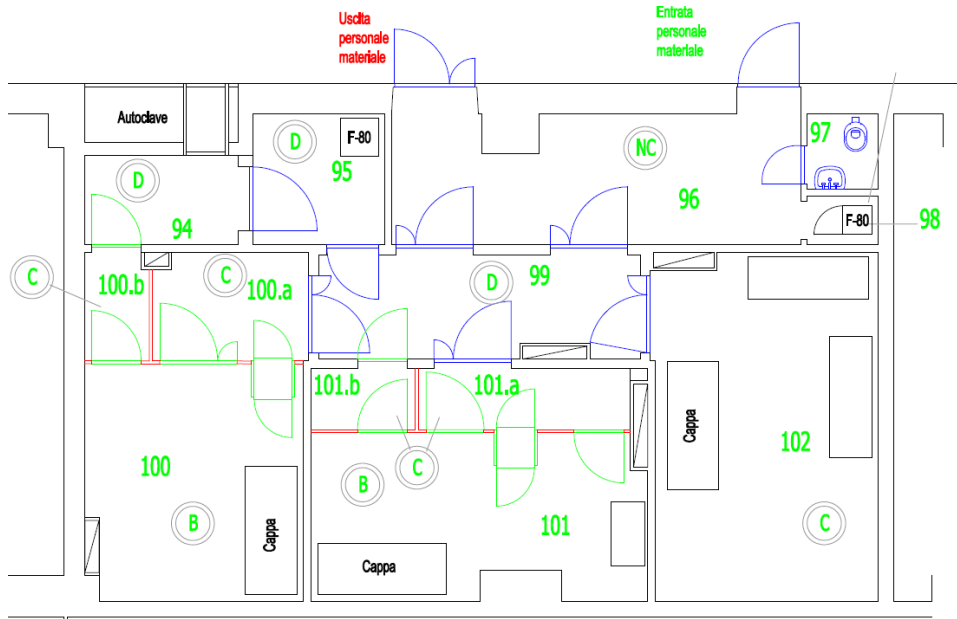
De Cicco et al. submitted



# Cell Factory – Programmi futuri

e se non abbiamo cellule del paziente o del donatore in grado di attivarsi?

- Programmi di terapia delle leucemie acute B-cellulari e di tumori solidi con cellule CAR-T



San Matteo Transplant Program – OEPed







## Cell Factory San Matteo Pavia

### Collaborazioni per attività di produzione

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SC Tecnico-Patrimoniale, SC Ingegneria  
Clinica, SC Sistemi Informativi, SC Fisica  
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### Cell Factory

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