

Hematopoietic cell transplantation in bone marrow failures

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Introduction

Regarding –

“How to build a transplant program”:

- **Principles, not numbers.**
- **Compare bone marrow failure (BMF) to leukemia.**
- **Taking Fanconi’s anemia as a leading example.**
- **Point-out a “Take-home message”.**
- **In Africa the median age is younger –
- More children with children’s problems.**

Bone marrow failure

- Group of disorders that can be either inherited or acquired.
- Disorders of the hematopoietic stem cell that can involve either one cell line or all of the cell lines.
- Lymphocytes are usually spared.
- Most common of inherited (referred also as syndromes):
Fanconi anemia, dyskeratosis congenita, Diamond-Blackfan anemia, Shwachman-Bodian Diamond syndrome, Amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia, Severe congenital neutropenia.
- Most common of acquired is aplastic anemia.
- Other diseases with presentation that be mimic acquired are:
myelodysplastic syndromes, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria, and large granular lymphocytic leukemia.

Fanconi's anemia

- Inherited as an autosomal recessive or X-linked disease.
- Bone marrow failure with the need for allogeneic transplant.
- Non-malignant disease BUT with high susceptibility for cancer, with both hematological and solid tumors.
- Relatively specific physical findings in ~75% of affected persons including: Café au lait spots, short stature, abnormal thumbs, infertility, abnormal kidneys, etc.
- Laboratory findings include:
 - aplastic anemia
 - increased chromosome breakage in cells grown in the presence of a chemical which damages DNA.
 - mutations in genes responsible for the repair of DNA damage:
 - 15 separate genes have been identified - known as "complementation groups". One of these genes (FANCD1) is the breast/ovarian susceptibility gene (BRCA2).

First transplant for fanconi - Prof. Gluckman

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Bone Marrow Transplantation in Fanconi Anaemia

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Synopsis. Five patients with Fanconi anaemia have been treated by bone marrow transplantation from HLA identical donors. Only one patient survived for more than 3 years. She is now perfectly healthy with complete haematological normalization, with chimaerism and disappearance of chromosomal abnormalities. In contrast, four patients died of acute severe GVHD soon after grafting. In addition, all had signs of severe cytophosphamide toxicity. This evolution could be explained by a special sensitivity of FA cells to alkylating agents and may indicate the need to modify the conditioning regimen in FA patients.

Fanconi anaemia (FA) is an autosomal recessive inherited condition in which congenital malformations are associated with bone marrow failure. The most common abnormalities are skin pigmentation, microcephaly, short stature, skeletal defects particularly of the lower aspect of the forearms and hand, kidney and cardiac malformations (Fanconi, 1967; Beutl, 1976). Multiple abnormalities of peripheral blood lymphocyte chromosomes are almost always present. In its natural course the evolution of FA is always fatal, with death by progressive marrow aplasia (Beutl, 1976) or less frequently by development of acute leukaemia (Farrington & Hill, 1977; Beutl, 1976).

This article describes our experience of bone marrow transplantation (BMT) in five cases of FA. The unexpected problems we encountered could provide insight into the nature of the disease.

METHODS

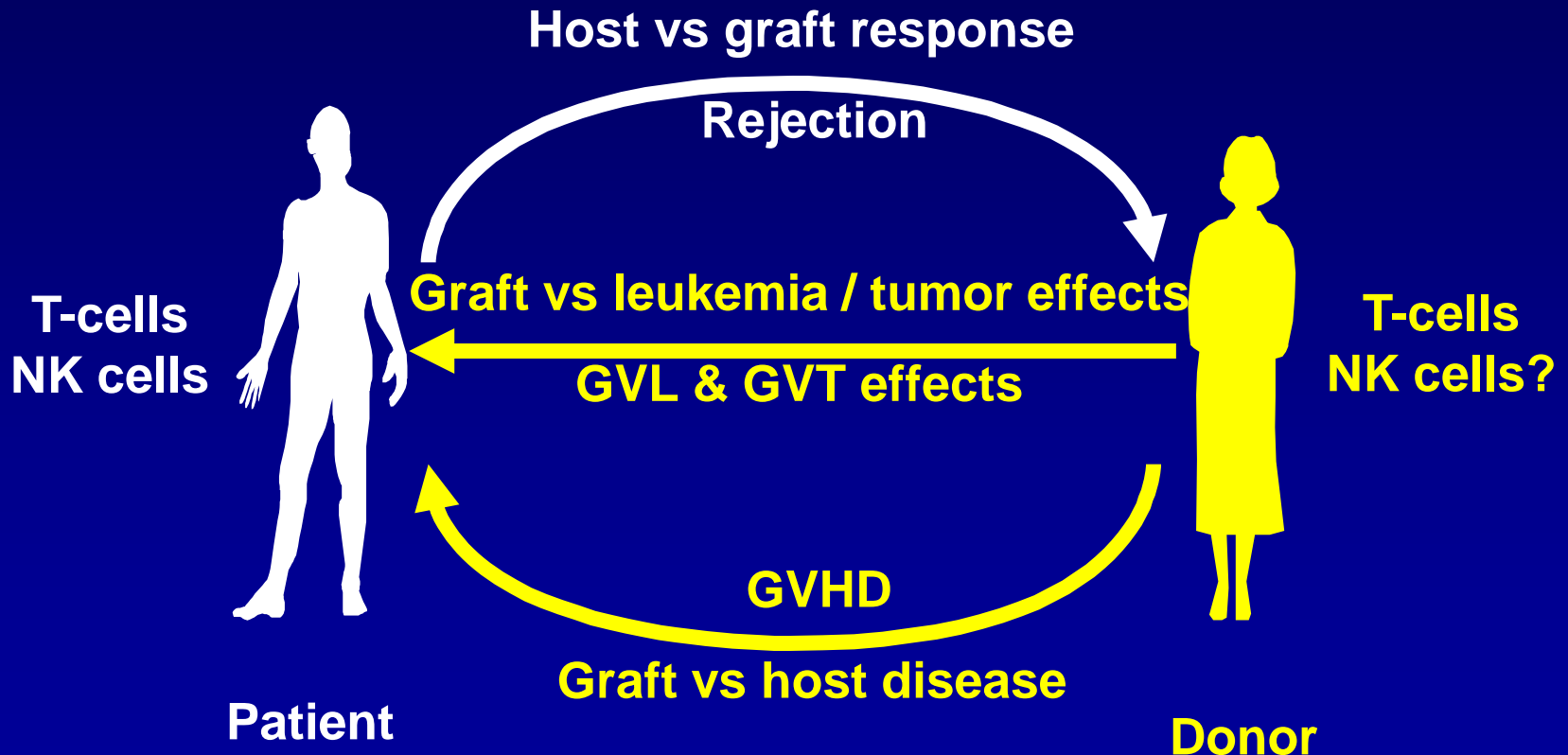
All the patients were transplanted in the Hôpital Saint-Louis Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. The technique of BMT has been described elsewhere (Therasse *et al.*, 1975). Briefly, the patient were in reverse isolation rooms. They were decontaminated with chlorhexidine solution for mouth and skin, with oral non-absorbable antibiotics for gut. They received a sterile glutamine-free diet. Physicians and nurses wore sterile gowns, masks and gloves. On admission, a special room catheter was inserted and used for all infusions (including i.v. hyperalimentation and for the collection of blood samples for laboratory tests). Prophylactic oral and parenteral antibiotics.

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Immunological pathways in allogeneic BMT

Obstacles and benefits



Malignancy  **Non-malignancy**

Pre-transplant

- **conditioning regimens**

Transplant

- **graft composition**

Post-transplant

- **immuno-suppression/GVHD**

Purpose of transplant

- Restore function and prevent malignancy.
- Cures only the hematological problem of the syndrome.


In malignancy:

Cure by means of chemotherapy and allogeneic effect.

What do we do with a BMF patient that already developed malignancy ?

Conditioning regiments

Myeloablative  **Reduced intensity**

Myeloablative  **Immunosuppression**

Caution regarding specific chemotherapy agents

- Lung fibrosis
- Immunosuppression

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Secondary malignancies after allogeneic stem-cell transplantation in the era of reduced-intensity conditioning; the incidence is not reduced

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Graft composition and matching

Do we need allogeneic effect?

Malignant dis.



YES

Non-malignant dis.



NO

Matching degree

- **Source of graft**
- **Degree of immunosuppression**
- **Transplant-related morbidity & mortality**

Post - Transplant

- Side effects - but not



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gnancy

- No need for (

Risk of head and neck squamous cell cancer and death in patients with Fanconi anemia who did and did not receive transplants

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st GVHD.

- No need for 100% donor chimerism. Do need stable chimerism.
- Greater risk for rejection due to competent immune system at the beginning.

Development in concepts of transplant



1980's

Myeloablative, TBI, MSD.

1990's

RIC protocols, Fludarabine, MUD.

2000's

Less TBI, PGD.

2010's

Haplo., Gene therapy (?).

Summary

- Thirteen year old boy
- Presented with AML
- Received BFM full protocol
 - long duration to recovery
 - dysmorphic teeth
- Diagnosis of Dyskeratosis congenita
- Went into CR
- Relapse
- FLAG-Ida
 - recovery with blasts.





Thank you !

Fludarabine-based cytoreductive regimen and T-cell-depleted grafts from alternative donors for the treatment of high-risk patients with Fanconi anaemia

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Summary

Eighteen consecutive patients aged 5·5–24 years with Fanconi anaemia and diagnoses of aplastic anaemia ($n = 8$), myelodysplastic syndrome ($n = 4$), acute myeloid leukaemia ($n = 6$), received allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplants from alternative donors. All patients had been transfused, 13

Haematopoietic cell transplantation in patients with Fanconi anaemia using alternate donors: results of a total body irradiation dose escalation trial

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Successful hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for Fanconi anemia from an unaffected HLA-genotype–identical sibling selected using preimplantation genetic diagnosis

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Fludarabine-Based Reduced Intensity Conditioning for Stem Cell Transplantation of Fanconi Anemia Patients from Fully Matched Related and Unrelated Donors

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Successful Engraftment Without Radiation After Fludarabine-Based Regimen in Fanconi Anemia Patients Undergoing Genotypically Identical Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation

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HLA-Haploidentical T Cell–Depleted Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Children with Fanconi Anemia

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HEMATOLOGY/TRANSPLANT

Cyclophosphamide-Based In Vivo T-Cell Depletion for HLA-Haploidentical Transplantation in Fanconi Anemia

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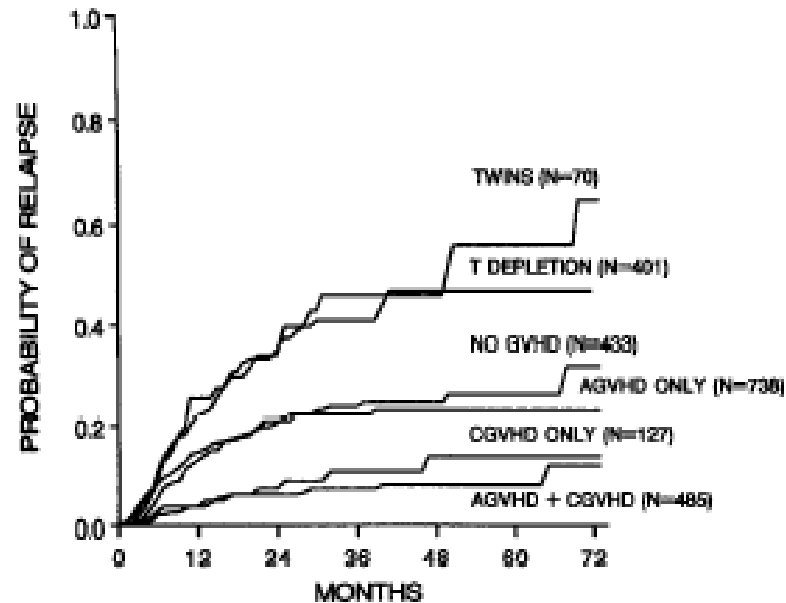
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- compare to Tx for malignancies
 - % of allo-SCT from total. Europe/USA, Peds/Adults
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- purposes of allogeneic SCT – restore function and prevent malignancy.
 - cures only the hematological problem of the syndrome.
 - in malignancy – destroy malignant cells by means of allogeneic effect (GVL/GVT/GVM)
 - side effects – price to pay may be agreed for that (GVHD)
 - no need for GVL ---> aggressive treatment against GVHD.
 - no need for 100% donor chimerism. Do need stable chimerism.
 - greater risk for rejection due to competent immune system at the beginning.
 - conflict with the need to give RIC because of syndrome-derived susceptibility.
 - Fanconi anemia as an example.
 - graph of immune system along the Tx course.

concept

Historically: As autologous → “chemo can cure cancer”

Relapse rates post allo-SCT:



MM Horowitz, et al. **Graft-versus-leukemia reactions after bone marrow Transplantation.** Blood, Feb 1990; 75: 555 - 562.

- **Same conditioning regimen**
- **Same patient disease**
- **Same status of disease**
- **Same donor origin**
- **Same source of graft**



Demonstrated Different eradication capabilities



“The allogeneic effect”