

Leukaemia Section

Short Communication

t(3;11)(p21;q23)

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Clinics and pathology

Disease

Treatment related acute non lymphoblastic leukemia (t-ANLL).

Phenotype/cell stem origin

M5b ANLL.

Epidemiology

Only one case; a female patient aged 23 yrs and treated 9 years ago for T-ALL.

Prognosis

Unknown; likely to be poor, both as it carries a MLL rearrangements and as occurs in t-ANLL.

Cytogenetics

Cytogenetics morphological

Sole anomaly.

Genes involved and proteins

MLL

Location

In 11q23

DNA/RNA

13-15 kb mRNA.

Protein

431 kDa; contains two DNA binding motifs (a AT

hook, and Zinc fingers), a DNA methyl transferase motif, a bromodomain; transcriptional regulatory factor; nuclear localisation.

AF3p21

Location

3p21

Result of the chromosomal anomaly

Hybrid gene

Description

Breakpoints of MLL between exons 9 and 10 and upstream of exon 1 of the AF3p21 gene.

Fusion protein

Description

AT hooks and methyltransferase domains of MLL in the N-term fused to the proline-rich domain and nuclear localization signal of AF3p21.

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