

## Case Report Section

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### Translocation t(11;15)(q23;q14) detected in AML at first relapse

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#### Clinics

##### Age and sex

30 years male patient.

##### Previous history

No preleukemia. Previous malignancy 17 months before (September, 2006) an AML-M6 "de novo" (FAB) was diagnosed. Immunophenotype study showed expression of CD117, CD34, HLA-DR, CD33, CD13, CD71, CD38, CD36 and CD11c. Bone Marrow karyotype showed clonal trisomy 21 (47,XY,+21[2]/46,XY[13]). The treatment included chemotherapy induction cycle with Idarubicin and Ara-C (3+7) and consolidation with HDDAC. In April, 2007 a hematologic and immunophenotypic remission was observed, although a karyotype showed one metaphase with trisomies 13 and 21 (48,XY,+13,+21[1]/46,XY[19]). In October, 2007, cytometry and cytogenetic bone marrow studies showed complete remission. No inborn condition of note.

##### Organomegaly

No hepatomegaly, no splenomegaly, no enlarged lymph nodes, no central nervous system involvement.

#### Blood

WBC: 93X 10<sup>9</sup>/l

HB: 9,8g/dl

Platelets: 40X 10<sup>9</sup>/l

Blasts: 96%

Bone marrow: >90% blasts with myeloid features.

#### Cyto-Pathology Classification

Cytology: AML-M1

Immunophenotype: CD 45+ gate: CD117, CD34, HLA-DR, CD33, CD13, CD71, CD38, CD36, CD11c and cMPO.

Rearranged Ig Tcr: Not done.

Pathology: Not done.

Electron microscopy: Not done.

Diagnosis: AML in first relapse.

#### Survival

Date of diagnosis: 02-2008

Treatment: VP16/ Mitoxantrone/Ara-C

Complete remission: None.

Treatment related death: no

Relapse: no

Phenotype at relapse: -

Status: Alive. Last follow up: 09-2008

Survival: 7 months

#### Karyotype

Sample: Bone marrow cells.

Culture time: 24 and 48 hs without stimulating agents.

Banding: G

Results: 46,XY,t(11;15)(q23;q14)[20]

Karyotype at Relapse: Not applied.

**Other molecular cytogenetics technics:**

FISH (bone marrow, LSI MLL Dual Color, Break Apart Rearrangement Probe, Vysis)

**Other molecular cytogenetics results:**

nuc ish(MLLx2)[100]

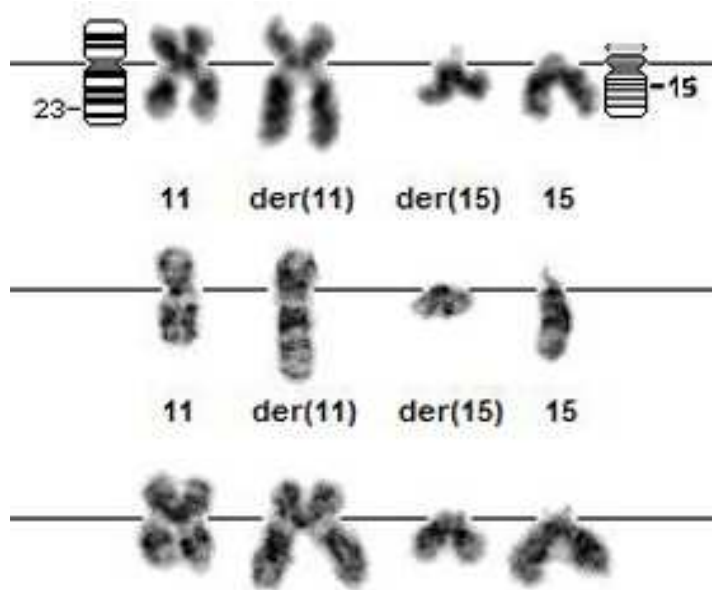
**Comments**

Translocation t(11;15)(q23;q14) have been described in few cases of acute leukemia, including ALL2 and AML 1,3,4,7.

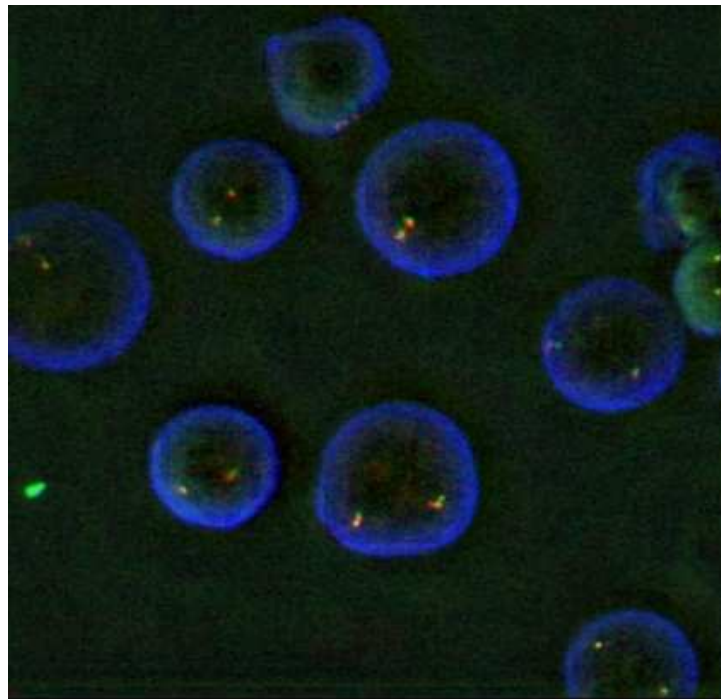
**Other Molecular Studies**

**Technics:**

Not done.



Partial karyotypes- G-band- showing the t(11;15)(q23;q14) as the sole anomaly.



Interphase FISH using MLL Dual Color, Break Apart Rearrangement probe. No MLL gene rearrangement was observed.

Although rare, molecular studies have demonstrated the diversity of this cytogenetic abnormality, and MLL gene rearrangement could be or not detected 2,5. When it is present, two different genes could be fused to MLL (AF15q14 and MPFVE) 6,7.

We described herein a t(11;15)(q23;q14) without MLL rearrangement in AML at first relapse. As this translocation was not detected at diagnosis, we could not discard the implication of previous chemotherapy in this cytogenetic abnormality.

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