

Leukaemia Section

Short Communication

t(17;20)(q21;q11)

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Abstract

Review on t(17;20)(q21;q11) in acute myeloid leukemia.

KEYWORDS

Chromosome 17; Chromosome 20; acute myeloid leukemia

Clinics and pathology

Disease

Acute myeloid leukemia (AML)

Phenotype/cell stem origin

One case was an AML with maturation (AML-M2/RAEB) and another case was an acute promyelocytic leukaemia (AML-M3).

Epidemiology

Only two cases to date, both female patients, one of them aged 59-years.

Clinics

The patient with an AML-M3 died six weeks after diagnosis.

Cytogenetics

Both cases presented with -5/del(5q); the AML-M3 also had del(18)(p11), +mar, +dmin, and other

abnormalities, i.e. a complex karyotypic with double minutes.

Genes

RARA was not checked in any of the cases, although a M3 presenting with a breakpoint in 17q21 is very likely to bear a RARA fusion gene and protein.

The AML-M2/RAEB with a del(5q) implicated the IRF1 locus, which was consequently deleted.

In the AML M3 case, PCR revealed amplification of the MYC.

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