What can we learn from Africa?
New insights to lymphoma classification, heterogeneity, molecular epidemiology & biology

Certosa di Pontignano
Siena, 7-8 may 2010
This meeting is an offshoot of an ongoing INCTR study on Burkitt lymphoma. A team of 5 experienced hematopathologists visited histopathology departments in East Africa to perform a central pathology review of all patients who had either entered or were intended to be entered into the INCTR’s study 03-06 on Burkitt lymphoma, which includes both HIV+ and HIV- patients. The team reviewed consecutive lymphoproliferative lesions during a defined period in these institutions. More than 400 cases of lymphoma have been examined and analysed by immunocitochemistry, molecular techniques and classified according to the WHO classification 2008. Further analysis on the material reviewed is currently being undertaken and we intend to discuss the results of this analysis at the proposed meeting.

This workshop, apart from being a follow-up of the central review, will provide a platform to illustrate many pitfalls in lymphoma diagnoses, and address measures to counter the diagnostic difficulties. The aim of this meeting is to share the experience of the visiting haematopathologists with pathologists from different backgrounds and different sites across the globe, and also include discussions on the more recent developments in the field. Furthermore, this meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to plan future clinical and research studies in lymphomas twinning the developed and the developing countries.
Thursday 6 may

18.00-21.30
Welcome Cocktail and Registration

Friday 7 may

9.00-10.00
Registration and Coffee

10.00-10.15
Introduction
I. MAGRATH, INCTR, Bruxelles, Belgium

10.15-10.30
NCI’s perspectives and funding and training opportunities
MOSTAFA NOKTA, NCI - Bethesda, USA

10.30-10.45
Feasibility of using the WHO lymphoma classification in the context of diagnostic practice in Africa - a pathologist’s perspective
SHAHEEN SAYED, Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi, Kenya

10.45-13.00 BURKITT LYMPHOMA
Chairman: LORENZO LEONCINI

The Burkitt Tumor. Lessons and reminiscences
LUCIO LUZZATTO, ITT, Italy

Revisiting the diagnosis of Burkitt lymphoma in light of recent developments
LORENZO LEONCINI, University of Siena, Italy

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED CASES

1280/09– Burkitt’s Lymphoma vs Lymphoblastic Lymphoma
Dr. I BOVANI, APOF - Lacor Hospital, Uganda

405/08- Cytology vs TruCut Biopsy in the diagnosis of Burkitt Lymphoma
Dr V. CALBI, HSR, and Dr F. MELOTTI APOF and Dr M. MAWANDA, Lacor Hospital, Uganda
330/08 - Cytology vs Trucut Biopsy in the diagnosis of Burkitt Lymphoma
Dr. V. Calbi, HSR, and Dr. F. Melotti APOF and Dr. M. Mawanda, Lacor Hospital, Uganda

H1161/09 - Burkitt’s Lymphoma
Dr. A.A. OYEKUNLE, Prof. M. DUROSIMNI and Prof. K. ADELUSOLA, University Ile Ife, Nigeria

How to make a diagnosis of BL with a limited panel of antibodies?
NARESH KIKKERI, Imperial College London, UK

13.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 HODGKIN LYMPHOMA
Chairman: KIKKERI NARESH

Hodgkin lymphoma – New concepts in the WHO classification 2008
Stefano Pileri, University of Bologna, Italy

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED CASES

2170/07 - Hodgkin lymphoma - Nodular LP
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakogonja, Muhimbil U. Hospital, Tanzania

7587/07- Classical Hodgkin lymphoma - lymphocyte Depleted
S. Sayed and O. Sherman, Aga Khan U Hospital, Kenya

S2073/04 -Grey zone lymphoma with features overlapping between DLBCL and cHL
Dr. J. Githanga, Dr. E. Rogen, Dr. J. Nyagol and Dr. W. Waweru, UON/KNH, Kenya

HP446/09 - ALCL, ALK positive
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakogonja Muhimbili U. Hospital, Tanzania

Are there special aspects or attributes to classical Hodgkin lymphoma seen in the developing world?
NARESH KIKKERI, Imperial College London, UK

16.00 Coffee Break
16.30-18.30 DLBCL
Chairman: Martine Raphael

Morphological, immunophenotypic and genetic heterogeneity of DLBCL
H. Stein, Charité University Berlin, Germany

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED CASES

423/08 B Cell Lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between Burkitt’s Lymphoma and Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma
Dr. K. Schurfeld, APOF Lacor Hospital, Uganda

5673/08 B Cell Lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between Burkitt’s Lymphoma and Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakgonja, Muhimbil U. Hospital, Tanzania

47/65 - B Cell Lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between Burkitt’s Lymphoma and Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma
Dr. J. Githanga, Dr. E. Roga, Dr. J. Nyagol and Dr. W. Waweru, UON/KNH, Kenya

S3265/08 - B Cell Lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between Burkitt’s Lymphoma and Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma
Dr. J. Githanga, Dr. E. Roga, Dr. J. Nyagol and Dr. W. Waweru, UON/KNH, Kenya

Intermediate cases between BL and DLBCL is likely to be a real disease entity: a lesson from African cases
Martine Raphael, University Paris Sud, France

20.00
Social Dinner
Saturday 8 may

9.00-10.30: SMALL B CELL LYMPHOMA
Chairman: Nina Hurwitz

M. Piris, CNIO, Madrid, Spain

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED CASES

73/07 - Malt lymphoma
S. Sayed and O. Sherman, Aga Khan U. Hospital, Kenya

2220/08 - CLL in transformation
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakogonja, Muhimbil U. Hospital, Tanzania

Small B-cell lymphomas in Africa - is it under-diagnosed?
Nina Hurwitz, Basel, Switzerland

10.30 Coffee break

11.00-13.00: HIV and HHV8 RELATED LYMPHOMA
Chairman: Leona Ayers

HIV associated lymphomas
Martine Raphael, University Paris Sud, France

HHV-8 associated lymphoproliferative disorders: primary effusion lymphoma (PEL) and Castleman disease
Ethel Ceserman, Cornell University, New York

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED CASES

H887/02 Multicentric Castlemann Disease
Dr. A.A. Oyekunle Prof. M. Durosimni and Prof. K. Adelusola, University Ile Ife, Nigeria

3217/07 - Plasmablastic Lymphoma
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakogonja, Muhimbil U. Hospital, Tanzania

4785/08 - Burkitt’s Lymphoma with follicular colonization in large lymph node due to HIV infection
Dr. E. Moshi and A. Mwakogonja, Muhimbil U. Hospital, Tanzania
Atypical lymphoproliferative disorders in HIV positive patients in the developing world
LEONA AYERS, Ohio University

13.00 Lunch

14.00-14.30
Malignancies mimicking lymphomas – how to differentiate these from lymphomas on morphology with or without a limited panel of immunostains?
ANITA BORGES, Bombay, India

14.30-15.00
Therapeutic implications of incorrect diagnosis of malignancies mimicking lymphomas.
EMANUELE ZUCCA, Bellinzona, Switzerland

15.00-15.30 SPECIAL SEMINAR INVITED BY THE ISTITUTO TOSCANO TUMORI (ITT)
Is intensive chemotherapy for aggressive and highly aggressive non Hodgkin’s lymphomas necessary in Africa, and is it feasible?
NICHOLAS ABINYA, Kenya

15.30-16.00
How to treat and manage HIV-associated lymphomas in the developing world?
MARK BOWER, Imperial College London, UK

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 ROUND TABLE
Chairman: Prof. KIKKERI NARESH

- Practical recommendations for improving lymphoma diagnosis in Africa.
- How can WHO classification be adapted for the practice of lymphoma pathology in developing countries?
- Ethical issues associated with designing treatment protocols specifically for developing countries.
- Is there a need alternate treatment protocols for adult lymphomas in Africa with treatment regimens different from those used in the Western countries?
- Role of telemedicine in improving diagnostics and management of lymphomas in Africa.
- The biological basis of epidemiological differences in lymphomas across the world - a route for future research.

18.00 Conclusion KIKKERI NARESH, I. MAGRATH, LORENZO LEONCINI

20.00 Dinner
GENERAL INFORMATION

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