

# Nicht-maligne Erkrankungen mit genmodifizierten Stammzellen

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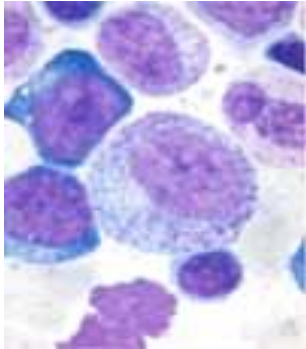


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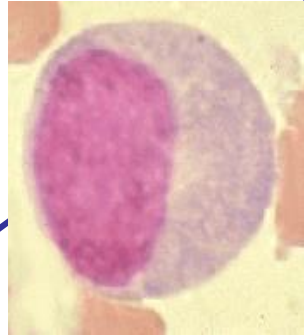
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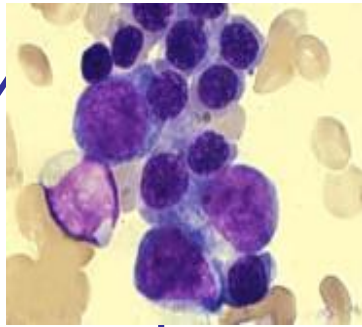
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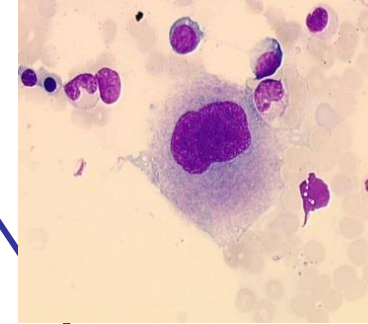
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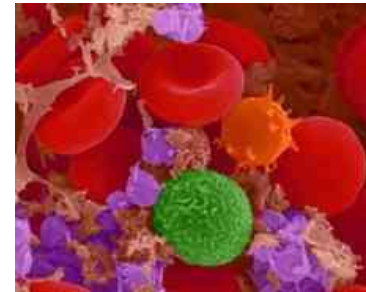
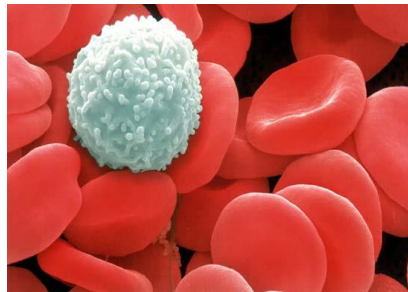
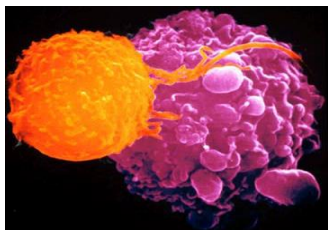
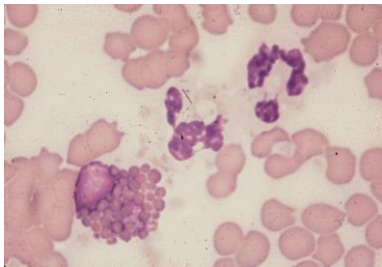
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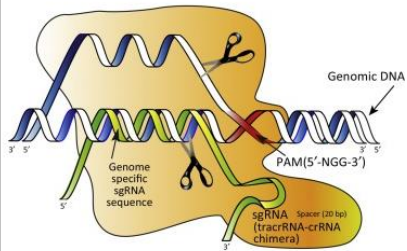
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# Genmodifizierung von Stammzelle

## Crispr-Cas9



Trends in Biotechnology

Kanchiswamy et al., 2016

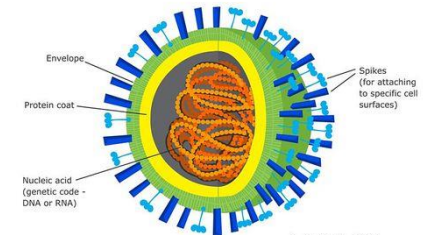
Human CD34+ cells

Gene editing

Gene addition

CD34+ modifizierte Stammzellen

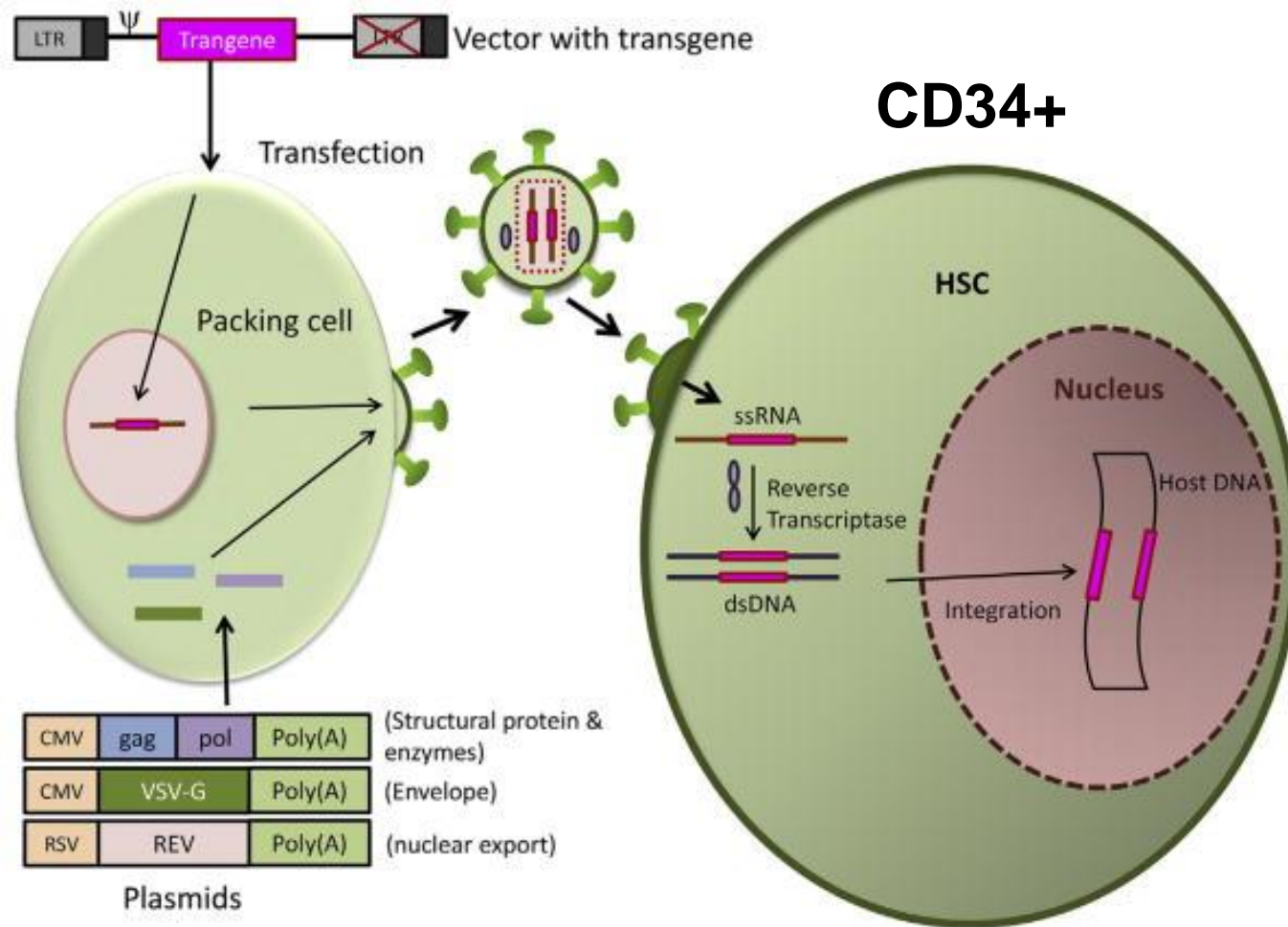
Myeloablative Konditionierung plus  
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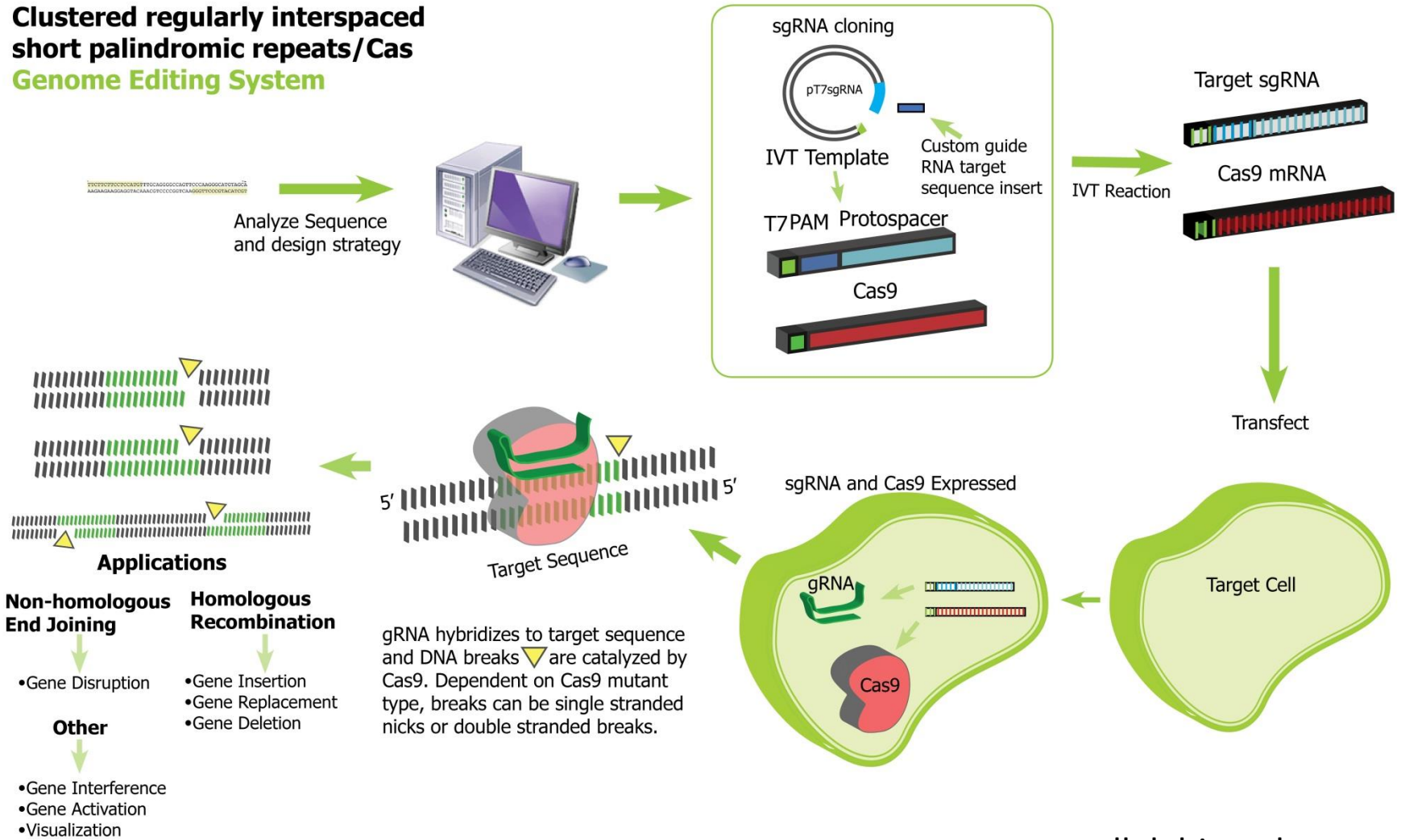


# Lentiviral vectors for gene therapy



# Gene Editing: CRISPR/Cas9

## Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats/Cas Genome Editing System

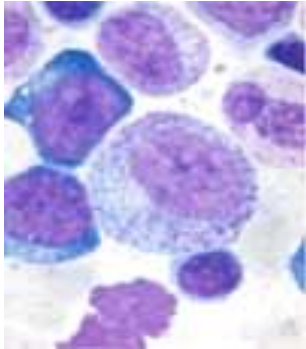


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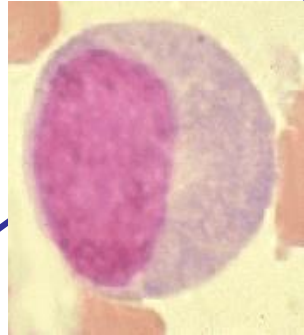
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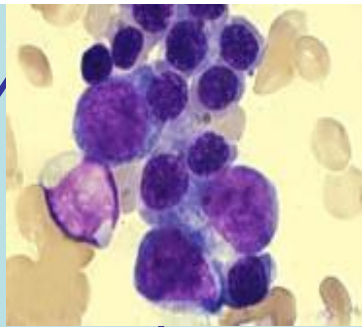
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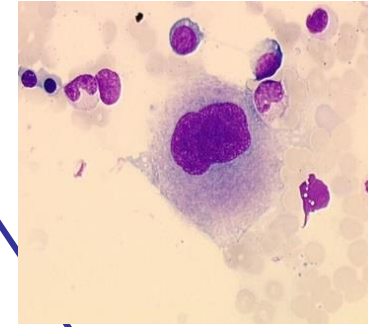
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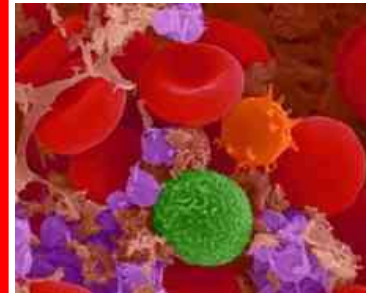
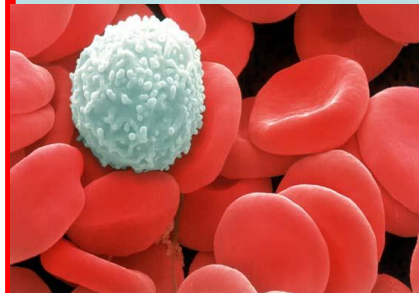
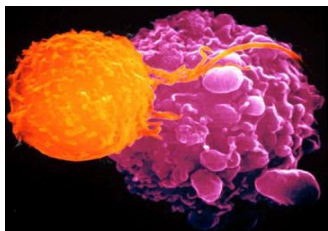
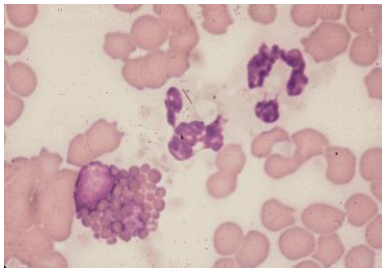
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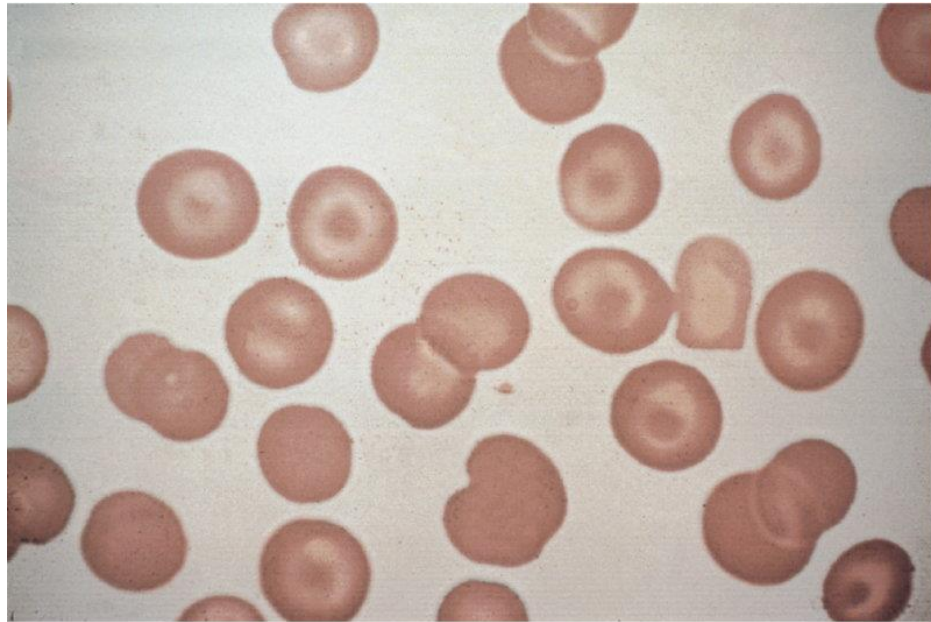
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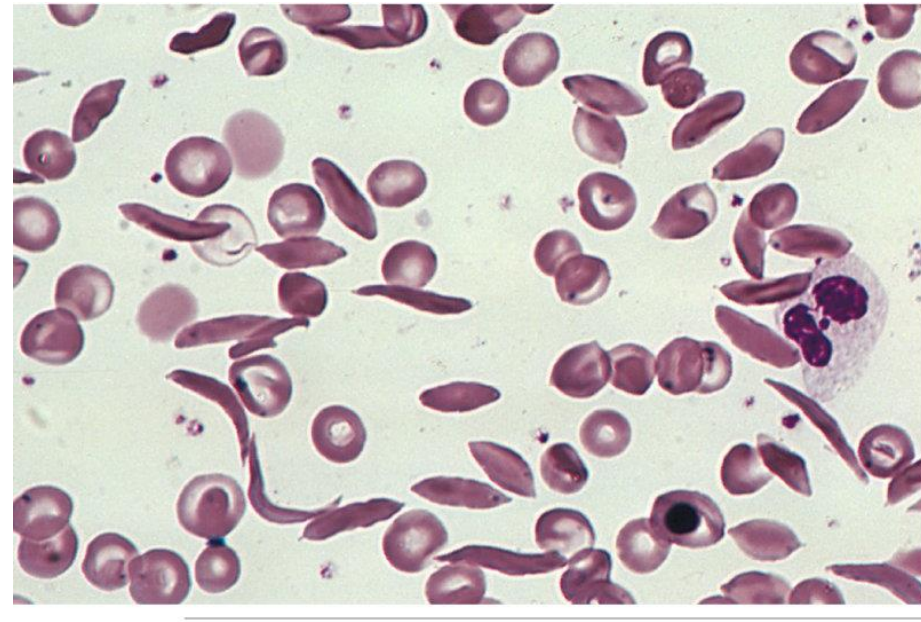


# Hämoglobinopathien

Thalassämie



Sichelzellanämie



# Erstbeschreibung des Hämoglobins durch Felix Hoppe-Seyler in Tübingen 1864



Felix Hoppe. Über die chemischen und optischen Eigenschaften des Blutfarbstoffs. Archiv für physiologische Anatomie und Physiologie. (1864), 29; 233-235.





# $\beta$ -Thalassemia

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- most common autosomal recessive disorder worldwide
  - 7% of world population carrier of  $\beta$ -thalassemia mutations
  - 56.000 newborns/year with  $\beta$ -thalassemia major
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## Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

- Mutation der beta Kette (Hb S)
- Homozygote und mildere heterozygote Formen
- 20-40% der Bevölkerung in Äquatorialafrika sind heterozygote Träger (1:250 erkrankt)
- 5-10 % der Afroamerikaner sind Träger
- 1:625 Geburten bei Afroamerikanern haben eine Sichelzellanämie
- 275.000 newborns/year with sickle cell disease

# Beschreibung der Thalassämie durch Thomas Cooley

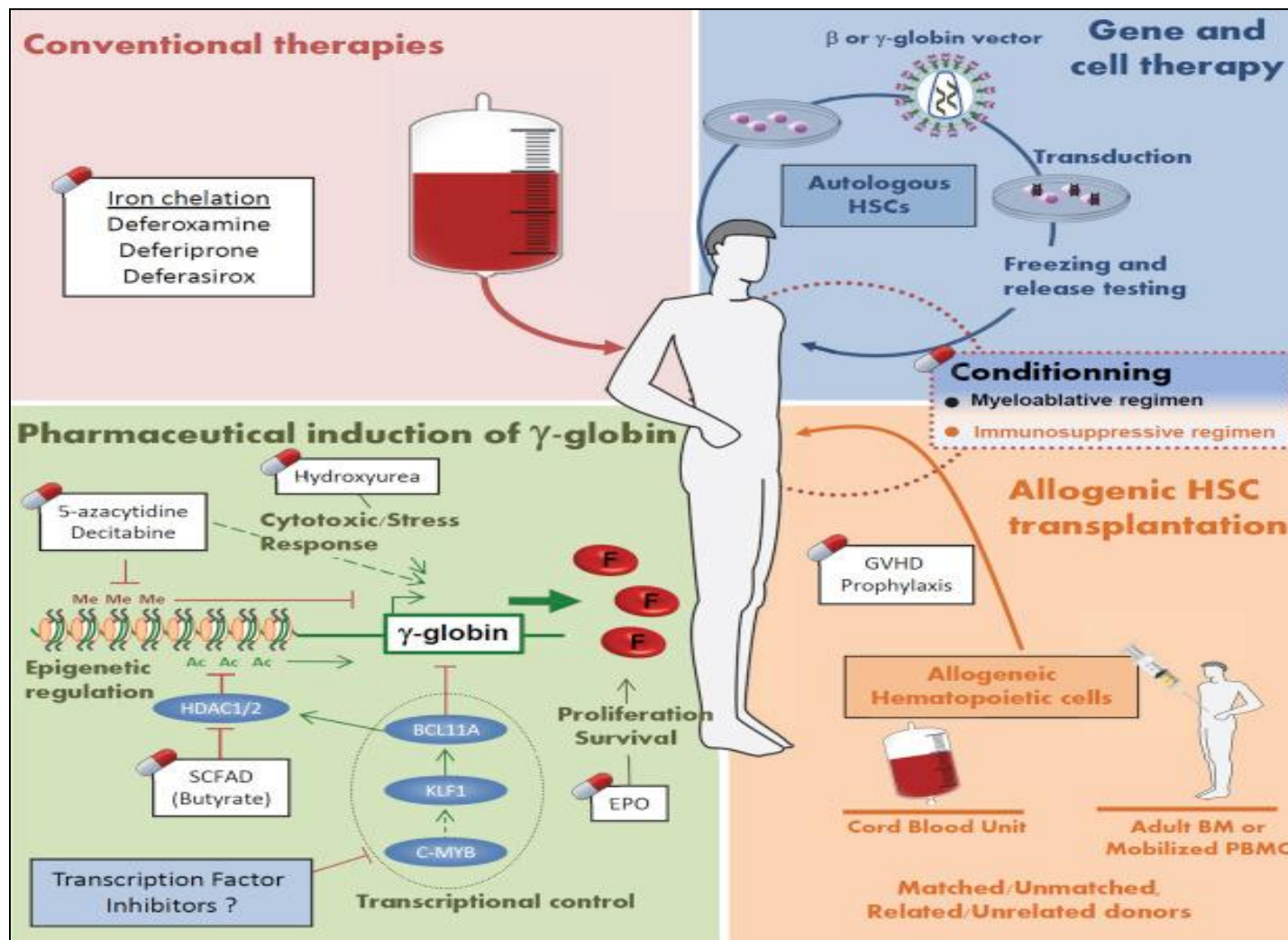


- 1925
- Auffällige Veränderungen an Milz und Knochen bei Kindern mit Anämien
- Cooley's Anemia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Benton\\_Cooley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Benton_Cooley)

Am 8. Oktober 2014 wurde ein [Asteroid](#) nach ihm benannt: [\(4830\) Thomascooley](#).

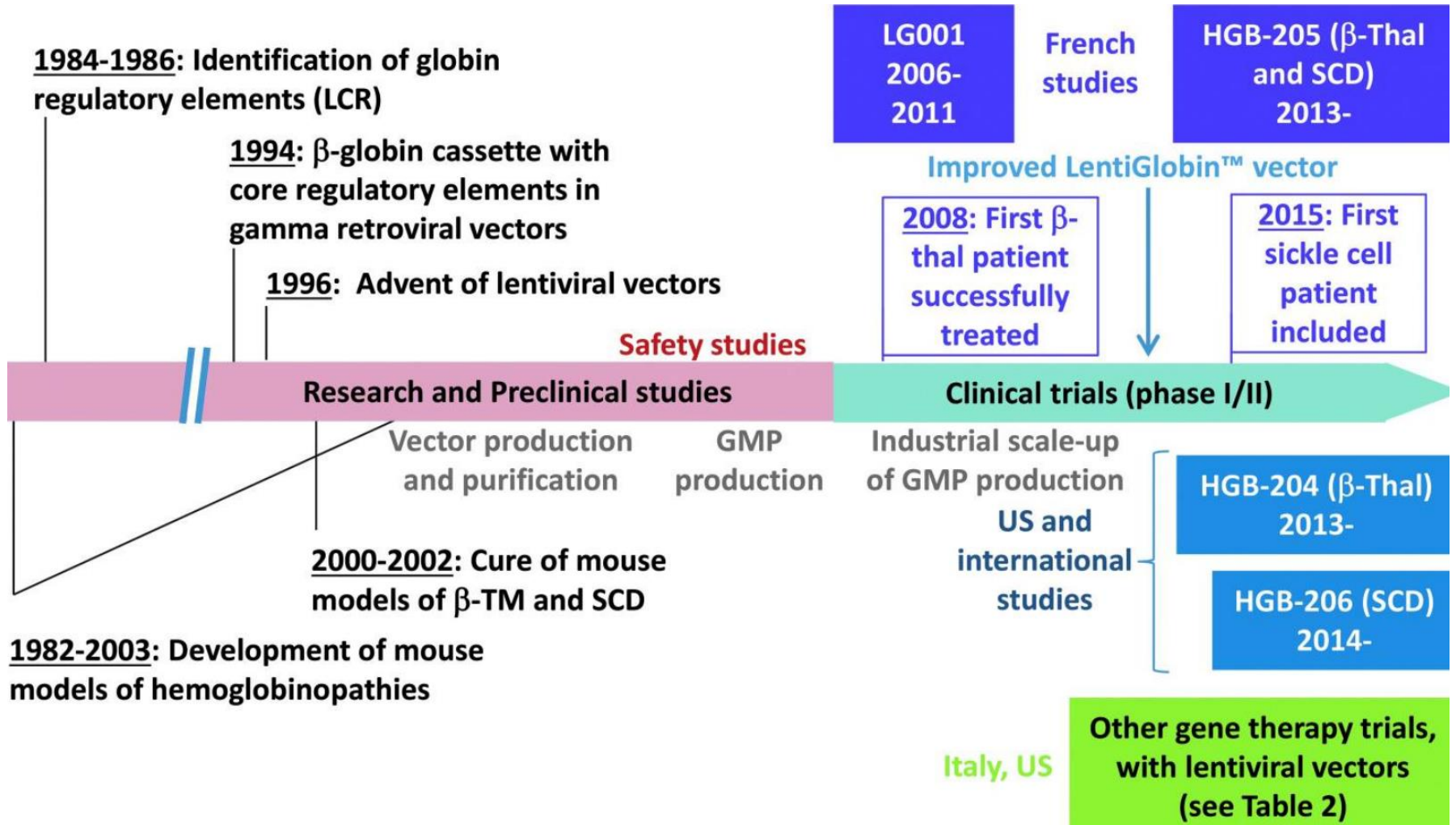
# Treatments



Drezy et al. 2016. Current and future alternative therapies for B-thalassemia major.



# Clinical trials





# Clinical trials for gene therapy

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**Table 1.** Human clinical trials to date for gene therapy of  $\beta$ -TM and/or severe SCD in France and internationally with our lentiviral vectors (HPV569 and then BB305)

| Gene                   | Vector | Location                 | Protocol number                            | Sponsor   | Condition   | Conditioning               | Intervention   | Phase | Title   | Start date  | Results as of December 2015  | Estimated primary completion |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|--|-------|---|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| $\beta^A$ -T87Q-globin | HPV569 | France                   | LG001 study <sup>159</sup>                 | bluebird bio (formerly Genetix Pharmaceuticals) | $\beta$ -thalassemia major and severe sickle cell disease | Myeloablative conditioning | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector | I/II  | A Phase I/II Open Label Study with Anticipated Benefit Evaluating Genetic Therapy of the $\beta$ -Hemoglobinopathies (Sickle Cell Anemia and $\beta$ -Thalassemia Major) by Transplantation of Autologous CD34+ Stem Cells Modified <i>ex vivo</i> with a Lentiviral $\beta$ A-T87Q Globin (Lentiglobin™) Vector                    | Sept 2006   | First $\beta$ E/ $\beta$ O-treated patient in the world, independent of transfusions for more than 7 years   | Terminated                   |
| $\beta^A$ -T87Q-globin | BB305  | France                   | NCT02151526 (HGB-205 study) <sup>159</sup> | bluebird bio                                    | $\beta$ -thalassemia major and severe sickle cell disease | Myeloablative conditioning | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector | I/II  | A Phase 1/2 Open Label Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Gene Therapy of the $\beta$ -Hemoglobinopathies (Sickle Cell Anemia and $\beta$ -Thalassemia Major) by Transplantation of Autologous CD34+ Stem Cells Transduced <i>Ex Vivo</i> with a Lentiviral $\beta$ A-T87Q-Globin Vector (LentiGlobin® BB305 Drug Product) | July 2013   | First $\beta$ S/ $\beta$ S-treated patient in the world, with >50% $\beta$ T87Q-globin2 $\beta$ E/ $\beta$ O patients independent of transfusions, 1 $\beta$ O/ $\beta$ O treated recently | December 2017                |
| $\beta^A$ -T87Q-globin | BB305  | USA, Thailand, Australia | NCT01745120 (HGB-204 study) <sup>163</sup> | bluebird bio                                    | $\beta$ -Thalassemia major                                | Myeloablative conditioning | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector | I/II  | A Phase 1/2 Open Label Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Gene Therapy in Subjects with $\beta$ -Thalassemia Major by Transplantation of Autologous CD34+ Cells Transduced <i>Ex Vivo</i> with a Lentiviral $\beta$ -A(T87Q)-Globin Vector (LentiGlobin® BB305 Drug Product)   | August 2013 | 10 subjects infused: 5 $\beta$ O/ $\beta$ O, 3 $\beta$ O/ $\beta$ E, 1 $\beta$ O/ $\beta$ +, and 1 with another genotype Transfusion independence for the majority                         | September 2017               |
| $\beta^A$ -T87Q-globin | BB305  | USA                      | NCT02140554 (HGB-206 study) <sup>164</sup> | bluebird bio                                    | Severe sickle cell disease                                | Myeloablative conditioning | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector | I     | Phase 1 Study Evaluating Gene Therapy by Transplantation of Autologous CD34+ Stem Cells Transduced <i>Ex Vivo</i> with the LentiGlobin BB305 Lentiviral Vector in Subjects with Severe Sickle Cell Disease  | August 2014 | 3 $\beta$ S/ $\beta$ S subjects treated. No clinical results available yet   | March 2019                   |

Results were given at several international meetings.<sup>159,163,164</sup>



# Clinical trials for gene therapy

**Table 2.** Human clinical trials for gene therapy of  $\beta$ -TM or severe SCD with other lentiviral vectors

| Gene                                  | Vector                | Location | Protocol number              | Sponsor  | Condition                  | Conditioning   | Intervention   | Phase | Title   | Start date  | Results   | Estimated primary completion |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|-------|---|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| $\beta$ -globin                       | TNS9.3.55             | USA      | NCT01639690 <sup>165</sup>   | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center                     | $\beta$ -Thalassemia major | Partial cytoablation (Bu 8 mg/kg) for 3 patients, myeloablative conditioning (Bu 14 mg/kg) for 1 patient | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector                       | I     | A Phase I Clinical Trial for the Treatment of $\beta$ -Thalassemia Major with Autologous CD34+ Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells Transduced with TNS9.3.55 a Lentiviral Vector Encoding the Normal Human $\beta$ -Globin Gene  | July 2012   | Four patients treated. Three $\beta 0/\beta+$ and one $\beta 0/\beta 0$ . One patient had a significant decrease in transfusion requirements. | July 2016                    |
| $\gamma$ -globin                      | sGbG                  | USA      | NCT02186418 <sup>a</sup>     | Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati             | Severe sickle cell disease | Unknown  | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector                       | I/II  | Gene Transfer for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease Using a Gamma Globin Lentivirus Vector: An Open Label Phase I/II Pilot Study  | July 2014   | No results available yet  | July 2017                    |
| $\beta$ AS3-globin (T87Q, G16D, E22A) | Lenti/ $\beta$ AS3-FB | USA      | NCT02247843 <sup>a</sup>     | University of California, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles | Severe sickle cell disease | Unknown  | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector                       | I     | Clinical Research Study of Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Using Bone Marrow CD34+ Cells Modified with the Lenti/ $\beta$ AS3-FB Lentiviral Vector   | August 2014 | No results available yet  | April 2017                   |
| $\beta$ -globin                       | GLOBE                 | Italy    | NCT02453477 <sup>166,a</sup> | IRCCS San Raffaele   | $\beta$ -Thalassemia major | Myeloablative conditioning   | Transplantation of HSCs transduced <i>ex vivo</i> with a lentiviral vector (intrabone injection) | I/II  | A Phase I/II Study Evaluating Safety and Efficacy of Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cells Genetically Modified with GLOBE Lentiviral Vector Encoding for the Human Beta Globin Gene for the Treatment of Patients Affected by Transfusion Dependent Beta-Thalassemia | May 2015    | First patient recently treated  | August 2019                  |

<sup>a</sup>Clinicaltrials.gov  
Results were provided at international meetings.<sup>165,166</sup>



## Transcriptional regulation of fetal to adult hemoglobin switching: new therapeutic opportunities

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In humans, embryonic, fetal, and adult hemoglobins are sequentially expressed in developing erythroblasts during ontogeny. For the past 40 years, this process has been the subject of intensive study because of its value to enlighten the biology of developmental gene regulation and because fetal hemoglobin can significantly ameliorate the clinical manifesta-

tions of both sickle cell disease and  $\beta$ -thalassemia. Understanding the normal process of loss of fetal globin expression and activation of adult globin expression could potentially lead to new therapeutic approaches for these hemoglobin disorders. Herein, we briefly review the history of the study of hemoglobin switching and then focus on recent discoveries in the

field that now make new therapeutic approaches seem feasible in the future.

Erythroid-specific knockdown of fetal gene repressors or enforced expression of fetal gene activators may provide clinically applicable approaches for genetic treatment of hemoglobin disorders that would benefit from increased fetal hemoglobin levels. (*Blood*. 2011;117(15):3945-3953)

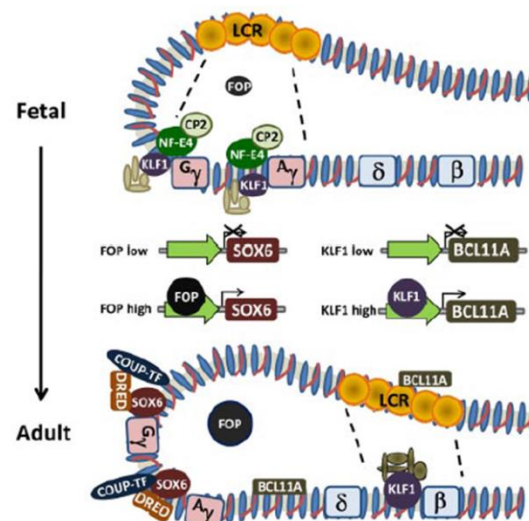
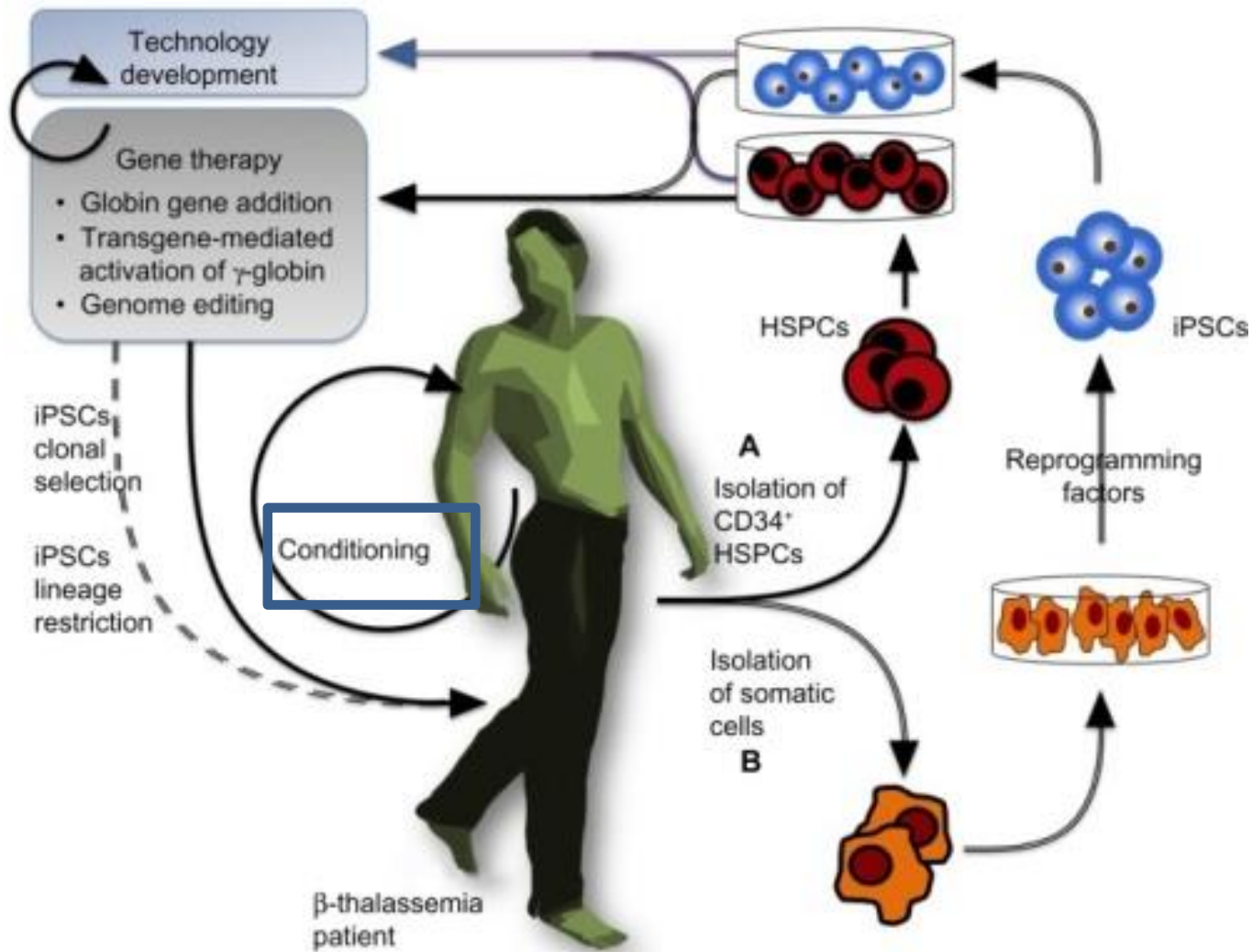


Figure 2. Schematic of hemoglobin switching model based on looping and interaction of the LCR with the individual globin gene promoters. The various proteins demonstrated experimentally to be involved in regulating the change in expression from  $\gamma$ -globin to  $\beta$ -globin and individual effects of FOP and KLF1 on transcriptional regulation of SOX6 and BCL11A, respectively.





# Gene therapy for $\beta$ -Thalassemia

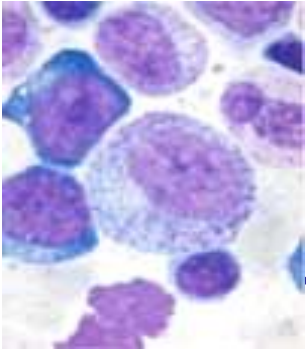


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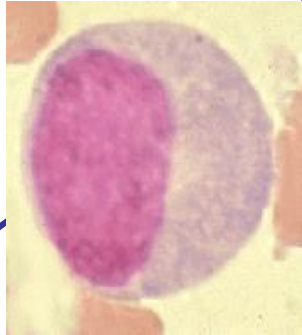
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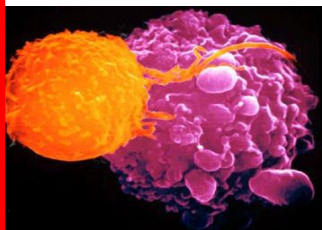
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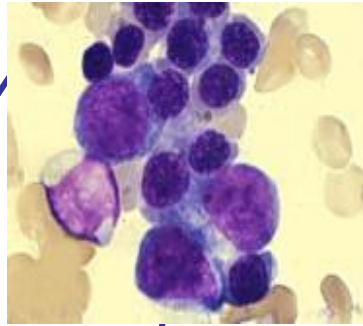


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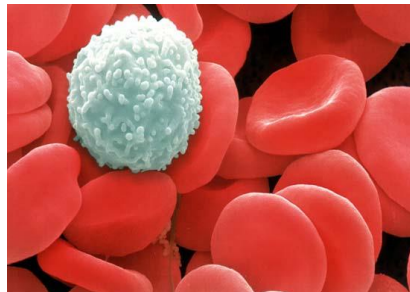


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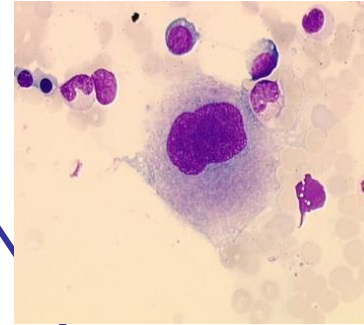


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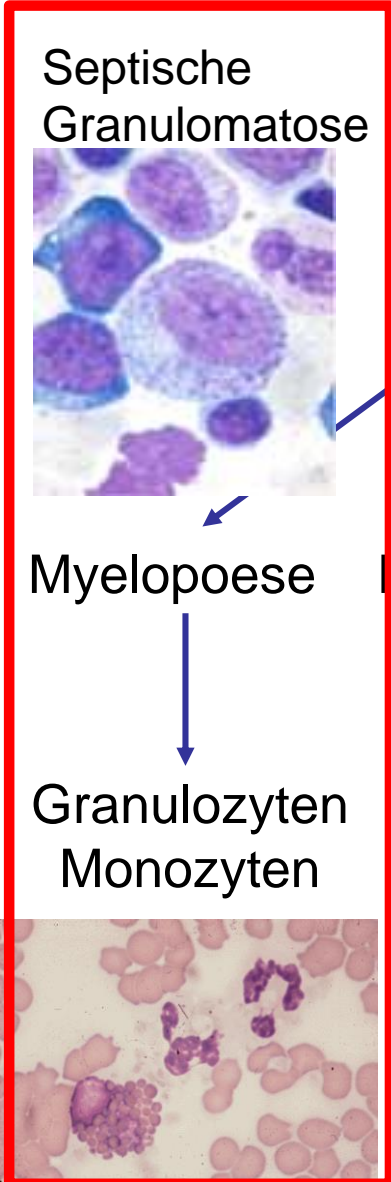
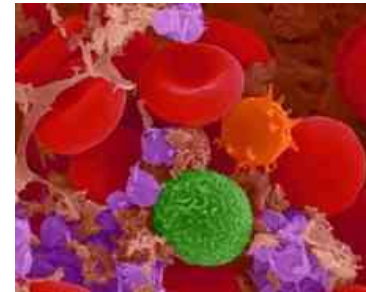


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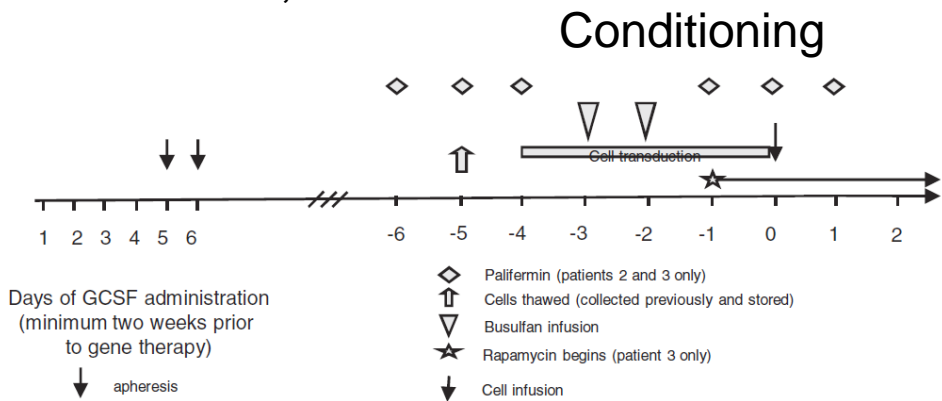
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# Septische Granulomatose (CGD)

## (3 Patienten mit gp91<sup>phox</sup>)

Kang EM et al., Retrovirus gene therapy for X-linked chronic granulomatous disease can achieve stable long-term correction of oxidase activity in peripheral blood neutrophils. BLOOD 2010; 115: 783.



### Superoxide production

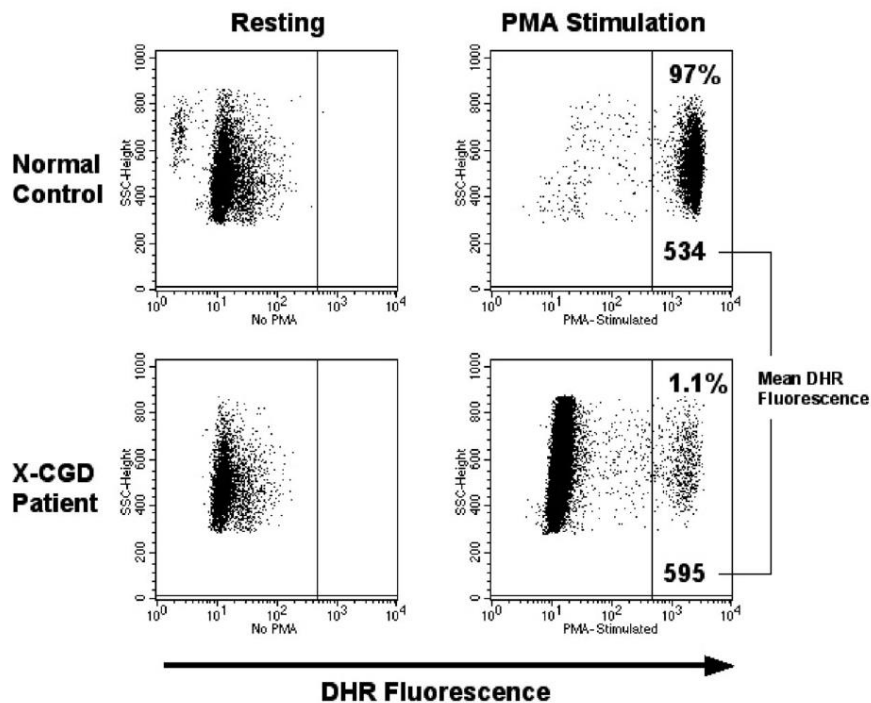


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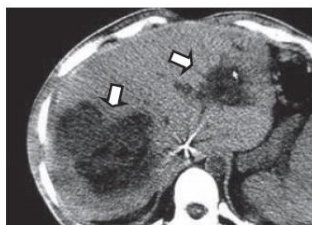


Image 2 pre gene therapy



Image 1 post gene therapy

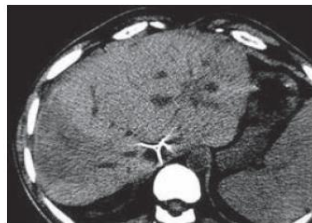
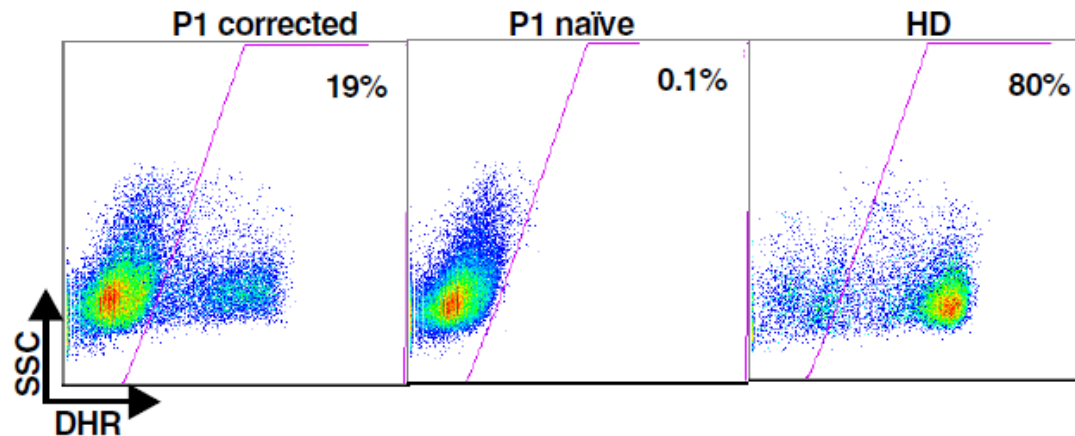
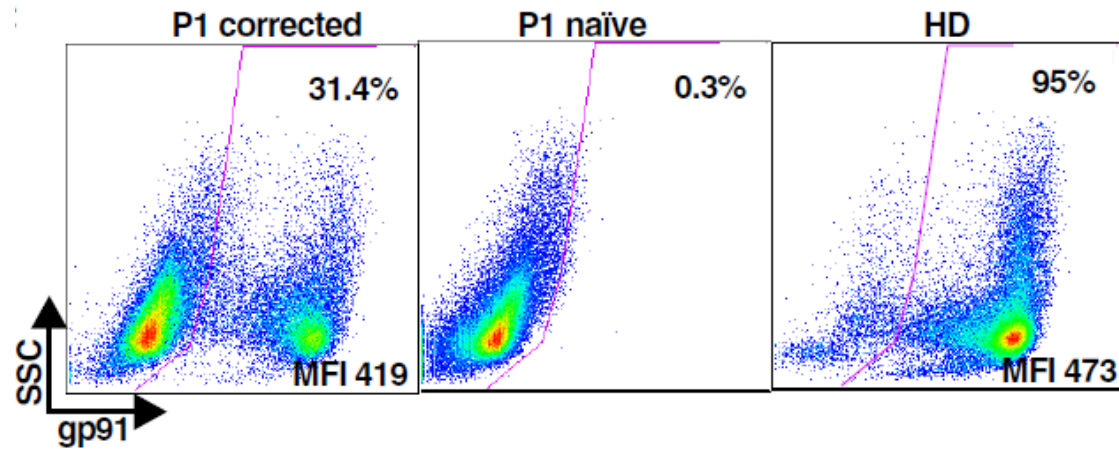


Image 2 post gene therapy

De Ravin SS. et al. CRISPR/Cas9 gene repair of hematopoietic stem cells from Patients with X-linked chronic granulomatous disease. Science Translational Medicine 2017; 9: eaah 3480

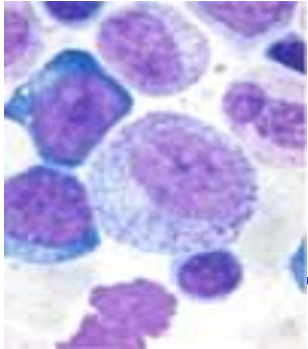


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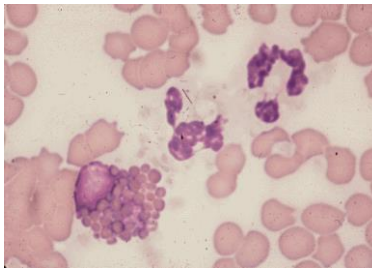
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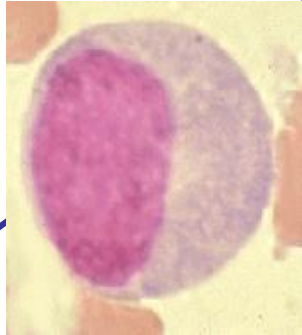


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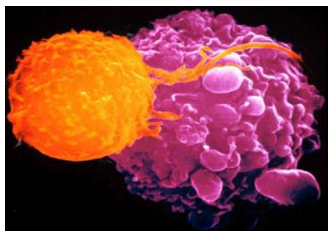


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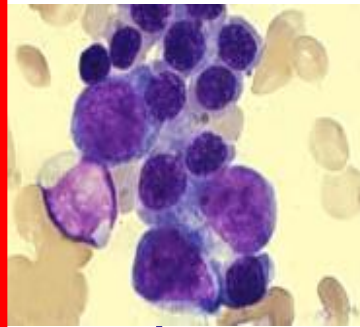


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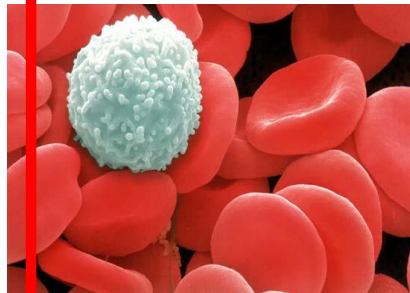


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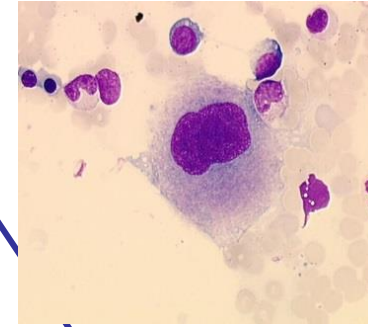


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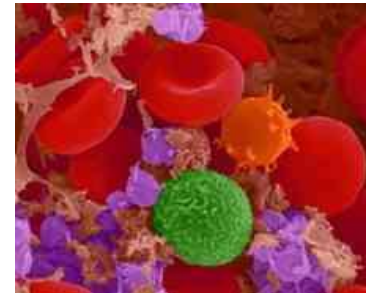


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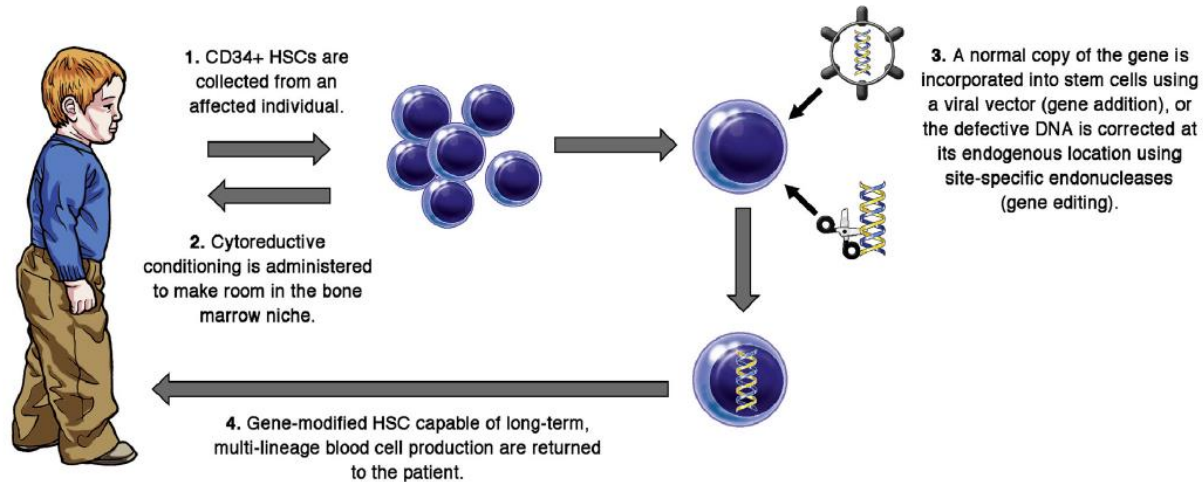


Thrombopoese

Thrombozyten



Kohn DB., Kuo CY. New frontiers in the therapy of primary immunodeficiency:  
 From gene addition to gene editing.  
 J. Allergy Clin Immunol 2017; 139: 726.



**TABLE I.** Diseases treated with gene therapy using HSCs in clinical trials

|   |
|---|
| PIDs                                      |
| ADA-SCID                                  |
| X-SCID                                    |
| WAS                                       |
| X-CGD                                     |
| Leukocyte adhesion deficiency (LAD)       |
| Lysosomal storage and metabolic disorders |
| X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)     |
| Metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD)        |
| Hemoglobinopathies                        |
| β-Thalassemia                             |
| Sickle cell disease                       |
| Stem cell defects                         |
| Fanconi anemia                            |

Table 1. Open Phase I/II Clinical Trials of HSC Gene Therapy for PIDs

| Disease         | Vector  | Promoter         | Conditioning                           | Stem Cell Source | Centre   | Recruiting Since | No Patients | ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier   |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>X-SCID</b>   | SIN-γRV | EFS              | None                                   | BM               | Boston, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, London, Paris     | 2010             | 11          | <a href="#">NCT01410019</a><br><a href="#">NCT01129544</a><br><a href="#">NCT01175239</a> |
|                 | SIN-LV  | EFS              | Busulfan 6 mg/kg                       | PBSCs            | Memphis, NIH Clinical Center Bethesda <sup>a</sup> | 2010             | 5           | <a href="#">NCT01306019</a>   |
|                 | SIN-LV  | EFS              | Busulfan 6 mg/kg                       | BM               | Memphis, Seattle                                   | 2012             | 0           | <a href="#">NCT01512888</a>   |
| <b>ADA-SCID</b> | SIN-LV  | EFS              | Busulfan 5 mg/kg                       | BM/PBSCs         | London   | 2011             | 14          | <a href="#">NCT01380990</a>   |
|                 | SIN-LV  | EFS              | Busulfan 4 mg/kg                       | BM/PBSCs         | Los Angeles, Bethesda                              | 2013             | 16          | <a href="#">NCT01852071</a><br><a href="#">NCT02022696</a>                                |
| <b>WAS</b>      | SIN-LV  | WAS              | RIC busulfan/ fludarabine <sup>b</sup> | BM/PBSCs         | Milan  | 2010             | 8           | <a href="#">NCT01515462</a>   |
|                 | SIN-LV  | WAS              | RIC busulfan/ fludarabine <sup>b</sup> | BM/PBSCs         | Boston, London, Paris                              | 2011             | 13          | <a href="#">NCT01410825</a><br><a href="#">NCT01347242</a><br><a href="#">NCT01347346</a> |
| <b>CGD</b>      | SIN-γRV | Myeloid specific | Busulfan                               | PBSCs            | Frankfurt  | 2013             | 0           | <a href="#">NCT01906541</a>   |
|                 | SIN-LV  | Chimeric         | MAC busulfan <sup>b</sup>              | PBSCs            | London, Paris, Frankfurt, Zurich                   | 2013             | 1           | <a href="#">NCT01855685</a>   |
|                 | SIN-LV  | Chimeric         | MAC busulfan <sup>b</sup>              | BM               | Los Angeles, Boston, Bethesda                      | 2015             | 1           | <a href="#">NCT02234934</a>   |

<sup>a</sup>This trial is recruiting patients aged 2–30 years.

<sup>b</sup>RIC, reduced intensity conditioning; MAC, myeloablative conditioning.

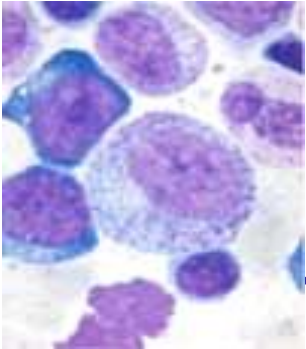
Kohn DB., Kuo CY. New frontiers in the therapy of primary immunodeficiency: From gene addition to gene editing. *J. Allergy Clin Immunol* 2017; 139: 726.

# Stammzellen

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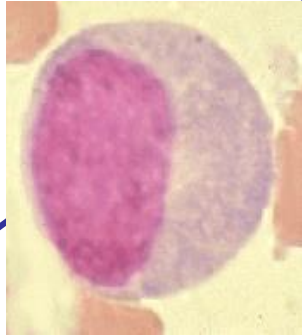
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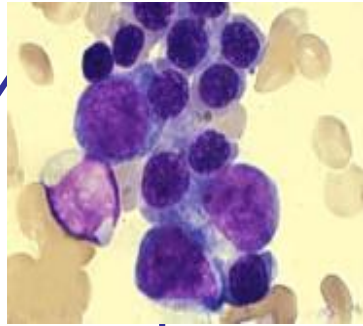
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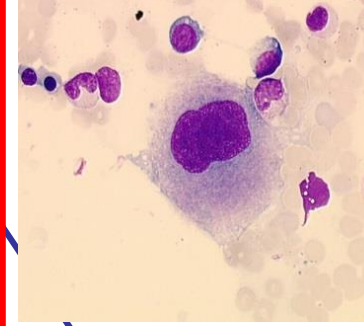
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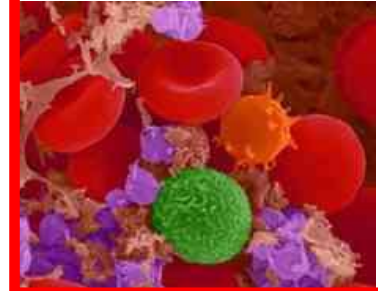
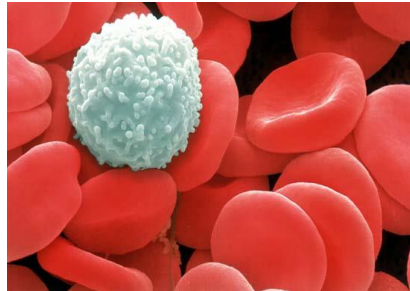
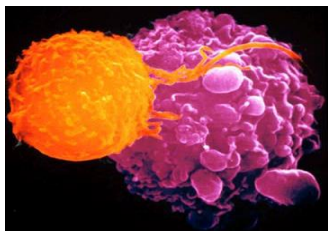
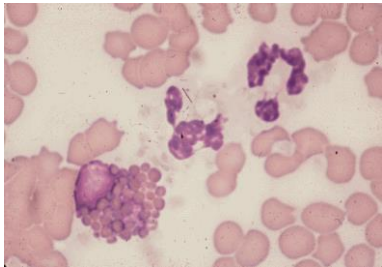
Erythrozyten

Wiskott-Aldrich-Sy



Thrombopoese

Thrombozyten





# Triad of Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome

*eczema-thrombocytopenia-immunodeficiency syndrome*

Thrombozytopenie mit kleinen Thrombozyten

Ekzema (nicht immer)

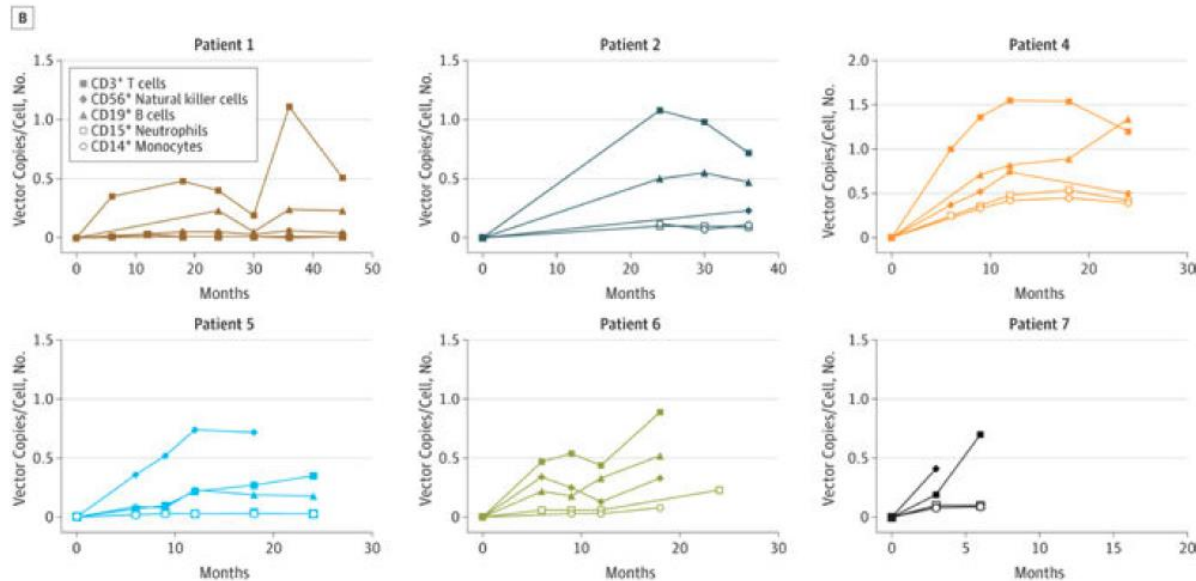
Otitiden (Immunodefizienz))

- schlechte Antikörperbildung auf

  - Carbohydrat-Antigene

- verminderte T-Zellfunktion

Abina SH. et al., Outcome following gene therapy in patients with severe Wiskott-Aldrich-Syndrome.  
 JAMA 2015; 313: 1550.



**Results**—Six out of the 7 patients were alive at the time of last follow-up (mean and median follow-up time: 28 and 27 months respectively) and showed sustained clinical benefit. One patient died 7 months after treatment from pre-existing drug-resistant herpes virus infections. Eczema and susceptibility to infections resolved in all 6 patients. Autoimmunity improved in 5/5 patients. No severe bleeding episodes were recorded after treatment, and at last follow up 6/6 patients were free from blood product support and thrombopoietic agonists. Hospitalization days were reduced

# Fazit

Gentherapie kann eine Option sein/werden für angeborene monogene hämatologische Erkrankungen

Problem der Gentoxtizität: sekundäre maligne Erkrankungen?

Transiente oder langlebige Genkorrektur?

Regulatorische Herausforderungen

Überlegenheit der Gentherapie im Vergleich zur allogenen Stammzelltransplantation?

**Anurathapan U. et al., Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for homozygous  $\beta$  thalassemia and B thalassemia/hemoglobin E patients from haploidentical donors . Bone Marrow Transplant 2016; 51: 813**

Thalassemia  
(Pre-) Transplant Platform

