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Dear Colleagues & Students,

It is our distinct privilege to invite you to the Mid-Term Conference of the Mumbai Hematology Group (MHG) & Essence of EHA-2026.

In an era of digital fatigue, we are proud to announce this as a strictly in-person (physical) summit. This is a deliberate choice to foster the high-level scientific discourse, spontaneous networking, and personal camaraderie that only a face-to-face gathering can provide.

We have curated a faculty of eminent international experts to bridge the gap between global innovations and practical clinical application in both classical and malignant hematology.

Joining them is a "galaxy" of premier Indian faculty, bringing local context to the latest breakthroughs.

We also bring the most critical updates from the European Hematology Association (EHA) directly to you, distilled for maximum impact on your practice.

This is your premier opportunity to reconnect with mentors, engage with peers, and build the professional relationships that define our field.

We anticipate a record turnout this year. We urge you to register early and ensure your place at what promises to be the most vibrant and transformative educational event of 2026.

Let us gather in Mumbai to celebrate science, friendship, and the future of hematology.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Rucha K. Patil
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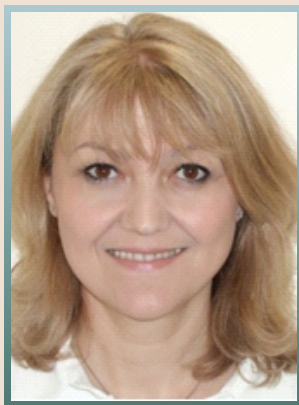
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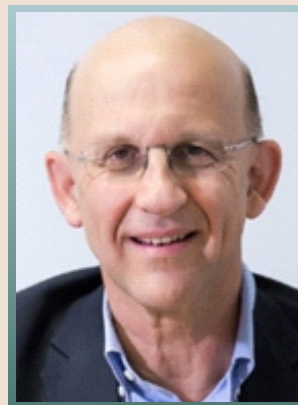
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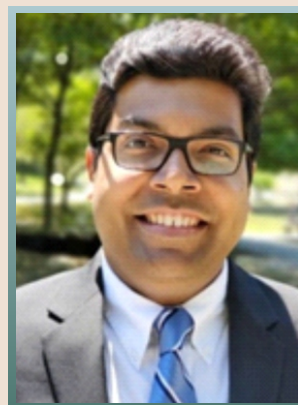
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Dr. Aditi Shah Kaskar	Dr. Nirmalya Roy Moulik
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Dr. Ambreen Pandrowala	Dr. P. G. Subramanian
Dr. Amit Jain	Dr. Parth Ganatra
Dr. Anita Nadkarni	Dr. Prashant Hiwarkar
Dr. Ankita Pandey	Dr. Prashant Tembhare
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Dr. Ashok K. Yadav	Dr. Rajesh Sawant
Dr. Balakrishna Padate	Dr. Reetu Jain
Dr. Barnali Das	Dr. Ritika Khurana
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Dr. Cindy Neunert, MD MSCS

Professor
Section Head
Pediatric Hematology
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
New York, NY, USA

- She did fellowship from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.
- She is an expert in benign hematological disorders.
- Her areas of research and specialization include immune thrombocytopenia, thrombosis and sickle cell disease.
- She is involved with the Intercontinental Cooperative ITP Study Group, which is an international study group advancing knowledge regarding the natural history of ITP in children and adults.
- She is author of the American Society of Hematology 2019 guidelines for immune thrombocytopenia and currently working on the committee for the 2026 update.
- She was past chair of the Pediatric ITP Consortium of North America (ICON) which is a group of 40 pediatric centers conducting studies on the biology of ITP as well as the conduct of patient-related and interventional trials.
- She is also the medical director for the Integrative Therapies Program at Columbia University Medical Center and Integrate Health Global.

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Dr. Daniel Hodson

CRUK Senior Research Fellow
Honorary Consultant Haematologist
Director, Clinical Academic Training Programme
CRUK Cambridge Centre
Cambridge Stem Cell Institute
University of Cambridge, Department of Haematology
The Jeffrey Cheah Biomedical Centre
Cambridge Biomedical Campus
Cambridge, UK

- Dr. Hodson studied medicine at Cambridge and Oxford Universities before training in clinical haematology in Cambridge. He undertook a University of Cambridge PhD in molecular immunology supervised by Dr Martin Turner at the Babraham Institute.
- In 2010 he moved as a Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund (KKLF) Post-doctoral Fellow to the lab of Dr Louis Staudt at the National Cancer Institute, NIH, USA to study the functional genomics of aggressive B cell lymphoma.
- In 2015 he was awarded a Medical Research Council (MRC) Clinician Scientist Fellowship and returned to Cambridge to establish a research group in the Wellcome MRC Cambridge Stem Cell Institute, University of Cambridge.
- In 2021 he was awarded a Cancer Research UK Senior Research Fellowship and in 2023 a European Research Council Consolidator award.
- The Hodson Group researches the molecular mechanisms that underlie lymphomagenesis with a view to identifying new targets for designer anti-lymphoma therapies.
- Key themes in his lab are molecular profiling (especially ctDNA) to resolve genetic heterogeneity of DLBCL, novel approaches to model the functional genetics of lymphoma, and the mechanistic contribution of RNA helicases in lymphomagenesis.
- Dr. Hodson is also a practicing clinician and an honorary Haematology consultant.
- He runs an active portfolio of clinical trials to study the effect of novel therapies in patients with lymphoma and chairs the UK NCRI Lymphoma Translational Science Subgroup.

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Dr. Dragana Milojkovic

Consultant Haematologist
Professor of Chronic Myeloid Malignancies
The Hammersmith Hospital
Imperial College
London, UK

- Dr. Dragana Milojkovic is a Consultant Haematologist and Professor of Chronic Myeloid Malignancies at The Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London, UK.
- She is a researcher and expertise focuses on chronic myeloid leukaemia, myeloproliferative neoplasms and transplantation.
- Professor Milojkovic, Chair of the UK CML sub-group 2019 - 2025.
- She is also Director of the Clinical Trials unit at The Hammersmith Hospital.
- She has published extensively in peer reviewed journals regarding the biology and clinical management of CML.
- She participates in CML ELN recommendations and BSH guidelines.
- She is a member of EBMT Chronic malignancies working party and EHA Specialized Working Group (SWG) for CML.

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Dr. Mark Hertzberg, MBBS PhD FRACP FRCPA
Professor
Dept of Haematology
Prince of Wales Hospital and University of NSW (UNSW)
Sydney, Australia

- Prof. Mark Hertzberg is Professor of Haematology at Prince of Wales Hospital and University of NSW (UNSW).
- He completed a PhD in Polynesian population genetics and was the first to confirm their strong genetic affinities with Asian populations. This was followed by an NHMRC CJ Martin post-doctoral fellowship at Tufts University in Boston USA.
- Subsequently, as Staff Specialist at Westmead Hospital, he led the Haematology Clinical Trials Unit, the Lymphoma service, and later the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.
- For 15 years, he was pathologist-in-charge of the Westmead Haematology Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory, and this led to his convening and chairing the RCPA Haematology Molecular Quality Assurance Program.
- Over a period of more than 30 years he has made a sustained and high-level contribution to teaching hospitals, two major University medical schools, and the Haematology profession in Australia as a busy clinical and laboratory haematologist, clinician-scientist, and teacher.
- He has been an active member of the ALLG for 27 years, previously serving as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee and High Grade Lymphoma Group at the ALLG from 2010 to 2017.
- In 2022, he received the Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

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Dr. Nicola Gökbuget

Haematologist and clinical researcher
Dept. of Medicine II
Goethe University Hospital
Frankfurt

- Dr Nicola Gökbuget has worked at the University Hospital Frankfurt, Germany, for more than 25 years and as senior physician, she heads the study center of the Department of Medicine II.
- She is task force director for clinical trials of the University Cancer Center, Principal Investigator of the Frankfurt Cancer Institute.
- She serves as Managing Director of the Central Clinical Trial Coordination of the Goethe University and University Hospital.
- She is coordinating or principal investigator of numerous academic or industry-sponsored trials in adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and related diseases such as lymphoblastic lymphoma or Burkitt's lymphoma.
- For more than 20 years, she has served as chair of the German Multicenter Study Group for ALL (GMALL) with more than 140 participating hospitals across Germany.
- She founded and established a national registry for ALL with an associated biobank and has chaired the European Hematology Association Scientific Working Group for ALL.
- She is a founding member and board member of the German Network for Acute and Chronic Leukemias and the European Leukemia Network (ELN).
- She is also a founding member of the ELN Working Group for Adult ALL and is corresponding author of the ELN guidelines for adult ALL.

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Dr. Rajshekhar Chakraborty, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center
Multiple Myeloma and Amyloidosis Program
Columbia, New York, USA

- Dr. Rajshekhar Chakraborty, MD is an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in the division of hematology/oncology.
- After receiving his medical degree from University of Delhi, India, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai-Queens Hospital Center.
- Subsequently, he spent three years as a clinical researcher in plasma cell disorders at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, followed by fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Dr. Chakraborty primarily cares for patients with plasma cells disorders, including multiple myeloma, amyloidosis, MGUS, POEMS syndrome, and WM.
- His research interests include clinical trials and outcomes research in plasma cell disorders.

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Lectures by international faculty



Dr. Cindy Neunert, New York

- Pediatric Thrombosis: Guidelines and Clinical Practice Updates
- Hemophilia Guidelines: Application in the real world
- Real-world data in Pediatric ITP
- When a low platelet count is not ITP
- Secondary ITP: what do we know ?
- Case discussion session



Dr. Daniel J. Hodson, Cambridge, UK

- How can biology inform therapy in DLBCL?
- Is circulating tumour DNA set to revolutionize how we manage DLBCL ?
- Sex-specific roles of DDX3 RNA helices in aggressive B cell lymphomas
- Case discussion session



Dr. Dragana Milojkovic, London

- Balancing the choice of TKI therapy in CML- a new era
- Management of the side-effects of TKI therapy
- Treatment free remission in CML - the next frontier
- Case discussion session



Dr. Mark Hertzberg, Sydney, Australia

- How do I treat advanced stage newly diagnosed Hodgkin Lymphoma ?
- Case discussion session



Dr. Nicola Gökbüget, Germany

- Treatment of B-precursor ALL - Ph-negative
- Treatment of B-precursor ALL - Ph positive
- Treatment of T-ALL
- Case discussion session



Dr. Rajshekhar Chakraborty, Columbia

- AL Amyloidosis: prognostic and predictive biomarkers.
- High-risk smoldering myeloma: how do I define and how do I treat ?
- Multiple myeloma: I do not want to kill my patient by infection.
- Daratumumab is the game changer: from induction to maintenance.
- Teclistamab: indications - today's and tomorrow's
- Case discussion session

Sample abstract

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First Report of Molecular Characterization of Congenital Dyserythropoietic Anaemia Type I with a CDAN1 gene mutation diagnosed by Next Generation Sequencing panel

Presenting author: Arati Nandan Saptarshi

Co-authors: Rashmi Dongerdiye, Tejashree Anil More, Dr. Prabhakar S. Kedar

ICMR-National Institute of Immunohaematology, 13th floor, New Multistoried Building, KEM Hospital, Parel, Mumbai 400012

Abstract:

Background: Congenital dyserythropoietic anaemias (CDAs) are a rare, heterogeneous group of disorders characterized by ineffective erythropoiesis. CDA I is very rare and caused due to mutations in the CDAN1 or c15orf41 gene. There is no report on the molecular characterization of CDA I in the Indian population. An 8-year-old transfusion-dependent patient was referred for haemolytic anaemia workup. Common causes of congenital haemolytic anemia were ruled out. A bone marrow aspiration study showed erythroid hyperplasia with mild dyserythropoiesis. Thus, the patient was considered for molecular characterization using next-generation sequencing.

Objective:

Diagnosis of unexplained congenital anaemia using next-generation sequencing.

Method:

Next-generation sequencing panel was used for identification of the disease-causing variant; bioinformatics tools were used to predict pathogenicity of the variant and functional validation was performed by gene expression studies using quantitative real-time PCR.

Results:

Red cell membrane, enzyme, hemoglobinopathy, and autoimmune hemolytic anaemia studies were normal. Bone marrow aspiration study showed erythroid hyperplasia with mild dyserythropoiesis. The patient showed c. 2671C>T, p. Arg891Cys variant in the CDAN1 gene using next-generation sequencing. Bioinformatics tools like SIFT, PolyPhen 2.0 predicted the variant to be damaging and deleterious. The expressions of CDAN1 and c15orf41 genes studied using quantitative real-time PCR were significantly reduced as compared to healthy controls.

Conclusion:

Next-generation sequencing confirmed the diagnosis of CDA I in a patient who underwent excessive investigation earlier. CDA, being clinically similar to other prevalent causes of anaemia, should be kept in mind especially when the common causes have already been ruled out. Further, the use of in-silico tools and gene expression analysis validated the functional impact of this variant.

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MHG members *	₹ 2000	₹ 3000	₹ 4000
Students **	₹ 1000	₹ 2000	₹ 3000
Delegates	₹ 4000	₹ 6000	₹ 8000
Trade Registration	₹ 7500	₹ 10000	₹ 15000
International Delegate	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 400

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