



Harnessing the Power of Real World Data

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Topics

- About bluebird bio
- Real world data: What it is and why it's important in drug development
- Developing gene therapy for β -thalassemia: The role of real world data

Our Strategic Intent

Severe Genetic Diseases
Hematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)

Immunotherapy
T Cells



- ***Lentiviral Gene Delivery – Pure, Potent, Reproducible, Scalable***
 - ***Global Manufacturing Platform – Virus and Drug Product***
 - ***Genome Editing Platform – MegaTALs***

bluebird Pipeline Overview

Product Candidates	Program Area	Preclinical	Phase 1/2	Phase 2/3	Rights/Partner
CNS Diseases					
Lenti-D™ Drug Product	Cerebral ALD				Worldwide
Rare Hemoglobinopathies					
LentiGlobin® Drug Product	Transfusion-Dependent β-thalassemia*				Worldwide
	Severe Sickle Cell Disease				Worldwide
Oncology					
bb2121 BCMA	Multiple Myeloma				Celgene
Next Gen BCMA	Multiple Myeloma				Celgene
Five Prime Target	Undisclosed				Worldwide
HPV-16 E6 TCR	HPV-associated Cancers				Kite Pharma
Viromed Target	Undisclosed				Worldwide excluding Korea
Other Programs	Undisclosed				Worldwide
Research					
Early Pipeline	Undisclosed + Gene Editing				Worldwide

*The current clinical trials for LentiGlobin are Phase 1/2 studies that may provide the basis for early conditional approval in some jurisdictions

About bluebird's Development Approach

**Adaptive
Pathways /
PRIME**

**Breakthrough
Therapy
Designation**

**Orphan Drug
Designation**

**Phase 1/2 and
phase 2/3
studies**

**Open-label,
open-database,
single-arm
studies**

Patients First

Why are real world data important to patients?

- People living with disease don't live life in a clinical trial, nor do their doctors
- They want treatments—transformative ones, as soon as possible

In other words, for the same reasons they are important to us...

Real world evidence:

What it is and why it's important in drug development

Some Definitions

Real World Data (RWD)

Data routinely generated in the course of health care delivery

Alternatively defined as any data outside of clinical trials

Real World Evidence (RWE)

What you get when you apply rigorous analytics to real world data

--Dave Thompson, INC/Inventiv

RWE addresses needs in:

- Clinical Development
- Regulatory
- Medical Affairs
- Commercial

"A comprehensive data strategy, implemented prelaunch and in partnership with key stakeholders, can make the difference in a product's success or failure – and, more importantly, in patients' lives."

Mike Eaddy, Xcenda

From Data Strategy: The Connective Tissue Required to Bring Cell and Gene Therapies to Market

bluebird uses multiple sources of real world data to support development of gene therapy

Data sources

- Registries
- Observational studies
- Chart reviews
- etc....

Uses of the data

Demonstrate outcomes of current therapies

... to provide regulators and payers with context for gene therapy

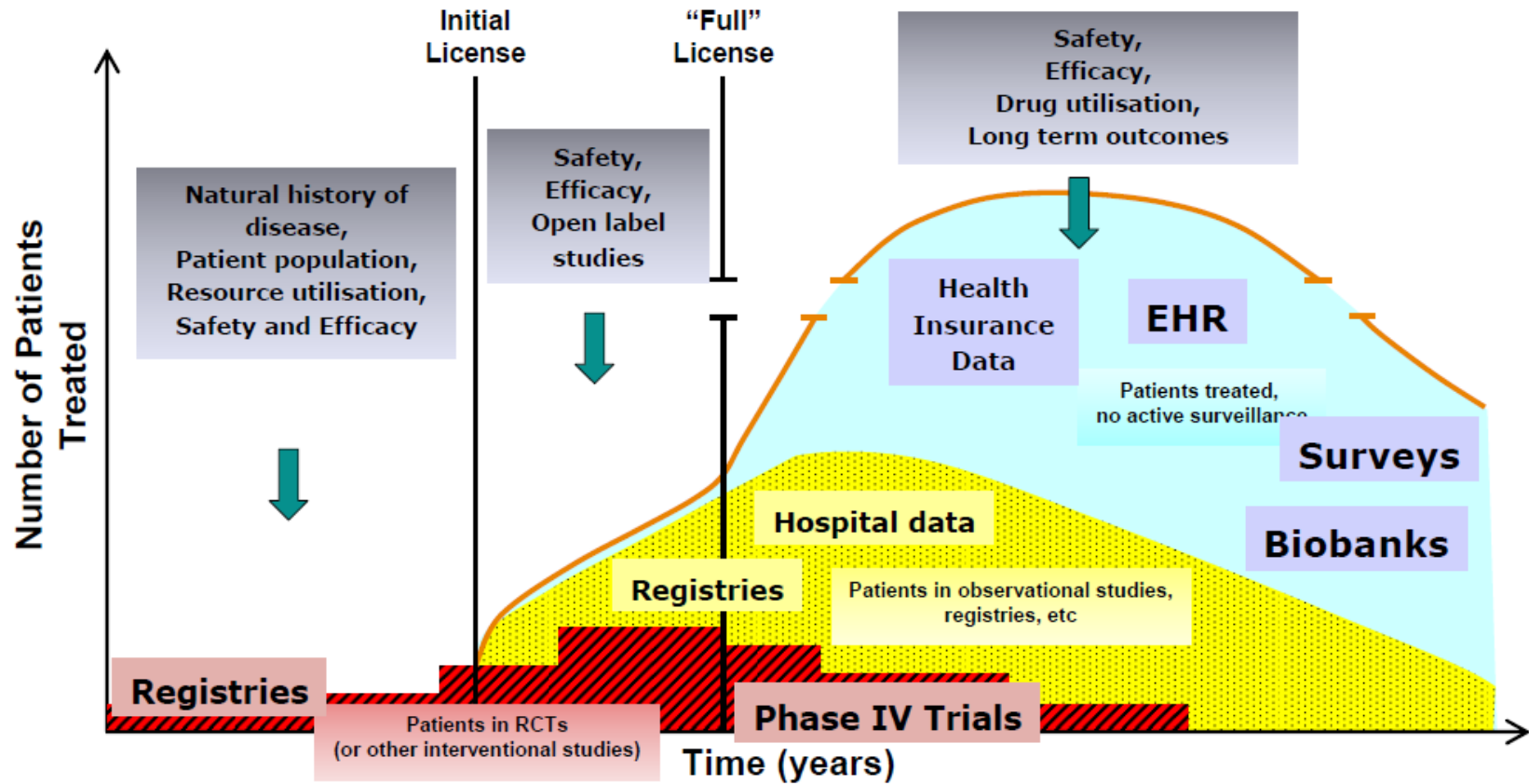
Demonstrate long-term outcomes of gene therapy

... to aid in clinical decision-making for physicians and patients

... to fulfill regulatory obligations

RWE through the lifecycle

(from European Medicines Agency)



Harriet P. EMA, March 2016

Inheritance of β -Thalassemia

- People with β -thalassemia have little or no functional β globin due to a mutation in the *HBB* gene¹
- **Over 200** disease causing mutations have been identified and grouped into three categories^{1,2}:

Notation	Description
β^0	No β globin production
β^+	Reduced β globin production
β^E	Reduced β globin production Primarily found in Southeast Asia

- Inheritance is **autosomal recessive** – meaning people with β -thalassemia inherit an affected copy of *HBB* from both parents¹
 - A child of two carrier parents will have a 25% chance of being affected

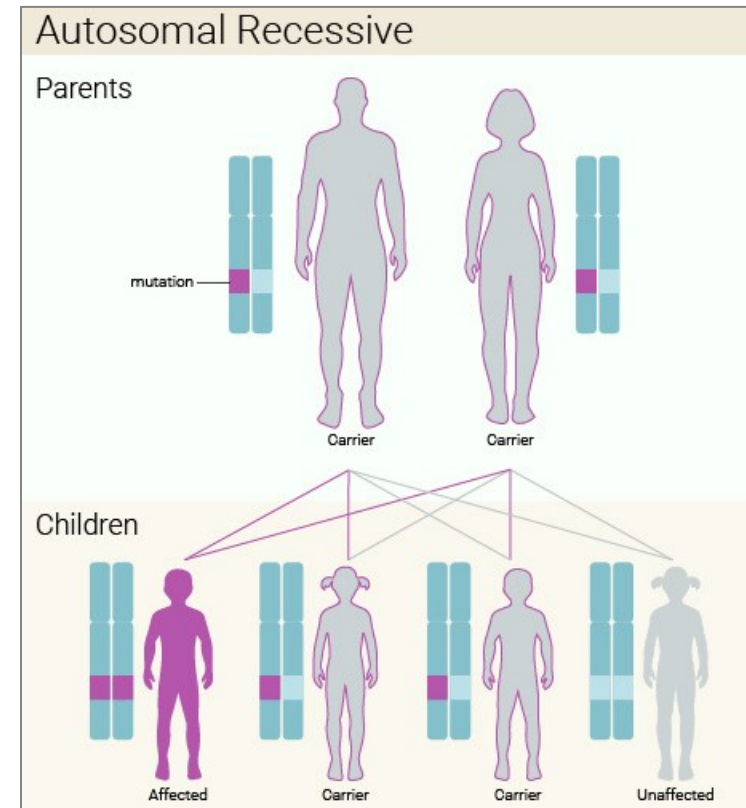
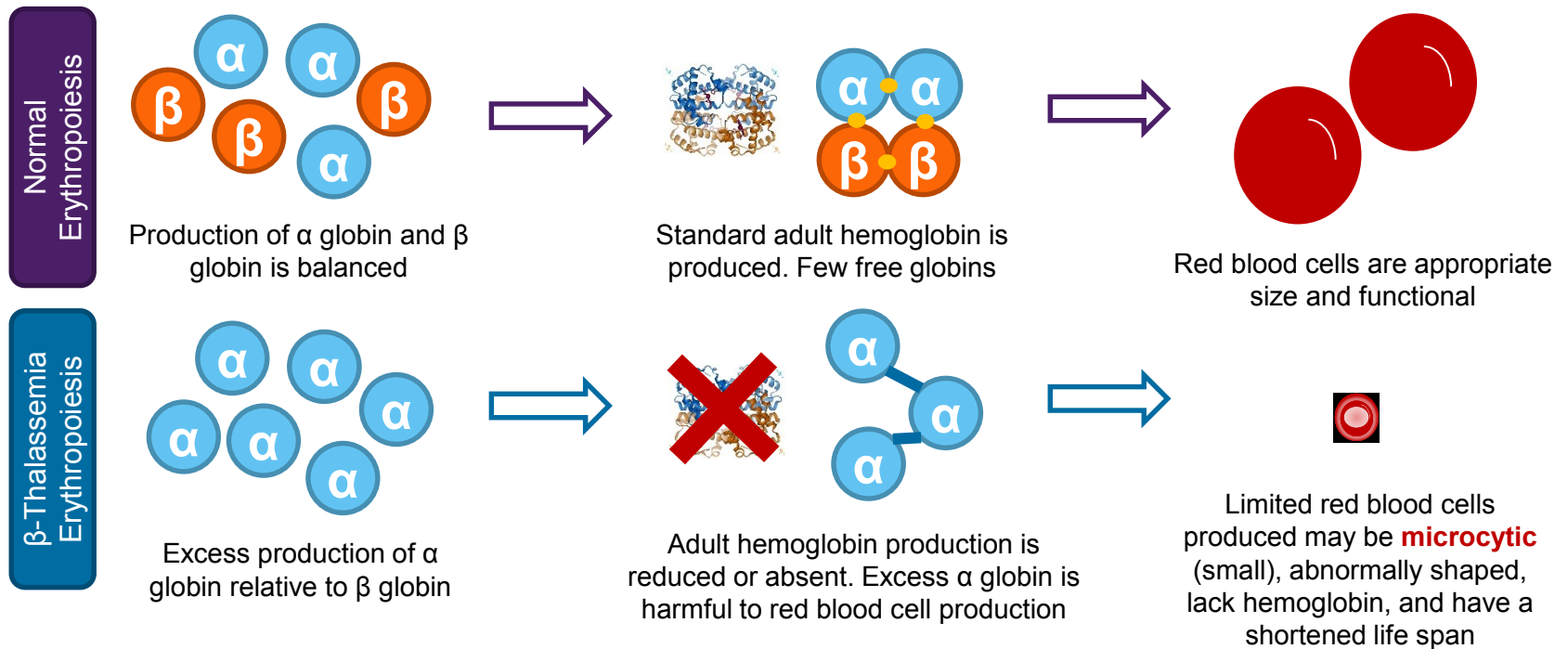


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Pathophysiology of β -Thalassemia

- **Erythropoiesis** is the process of creating red blood cells, which are also called **erythrocytes**
- It typically takes place in bone marrow and requires similar levels of α and β globin chains



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Image from <http://www.sicklecellinfo.net/hemoglobin.htm>.

Treatment of β -Thalassemia

- Blood transfusions to replace missing/defective red blood cells are the standard treatment for β -thalassemia^{1,2}

Benefits

- Prolongs life – people with severe disease can live into adulthood
- Alleviates symptoms
- Improves how the transfused person feels
- Transfused people will have more energy and the ability to do more activities

Limitations

- Process takes 1-4 hours or longer and requires travel to an infusion center (time off work and school)
- Effects are temporary, regular treatment every few weeks may be needed
- **Iron overload** needs to be managed with **chelation therapy**
- Expensive
- Risk for fever, alloimmunity, allergic reactions, and infection
- Despite improvements in care, treatment-associated complications are the primary challenge in medical management of people with TDT and the leading cause of mortality^{3,4}

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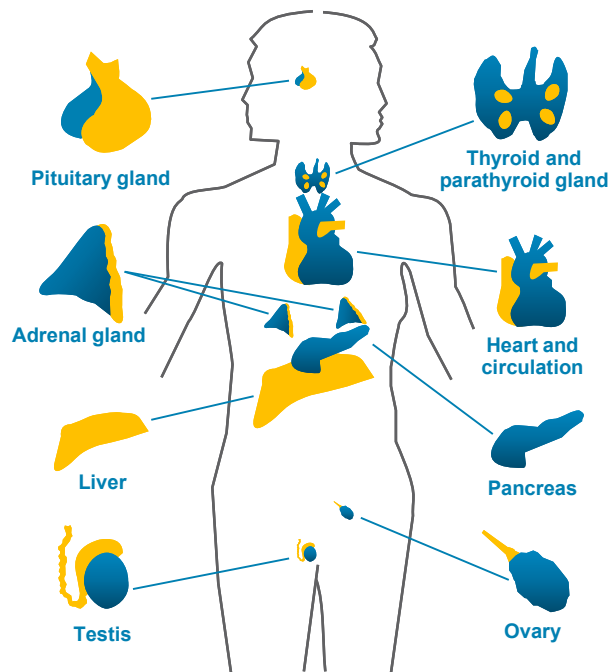
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Iron Overload and Chelation Therapy

Organs that may be affected by iron overload



- Iron overload can cause serious, potentially fatal organ damage
- The chelation therapies have a high burden of treatment that may lead to poor compliance^{1,2}
- Deferoxamine **DFO**
 - Subcutaneous administration with a pump for 8-12 hours a day, 5-7 days a week (or more)
 - May result in skin reactions, blurry vision, and hearing loss
- Deferiprone **DFP**
 - An oral tablet taken 3 times per day
- May result in nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, joint pain, and reduction in immune cells
- Deferasirox **DFX**
 - Multiple oral formulations available, including once-daily oral tablet and dispersible tablets
 - May result in kidney, liver, and GI dysfunction

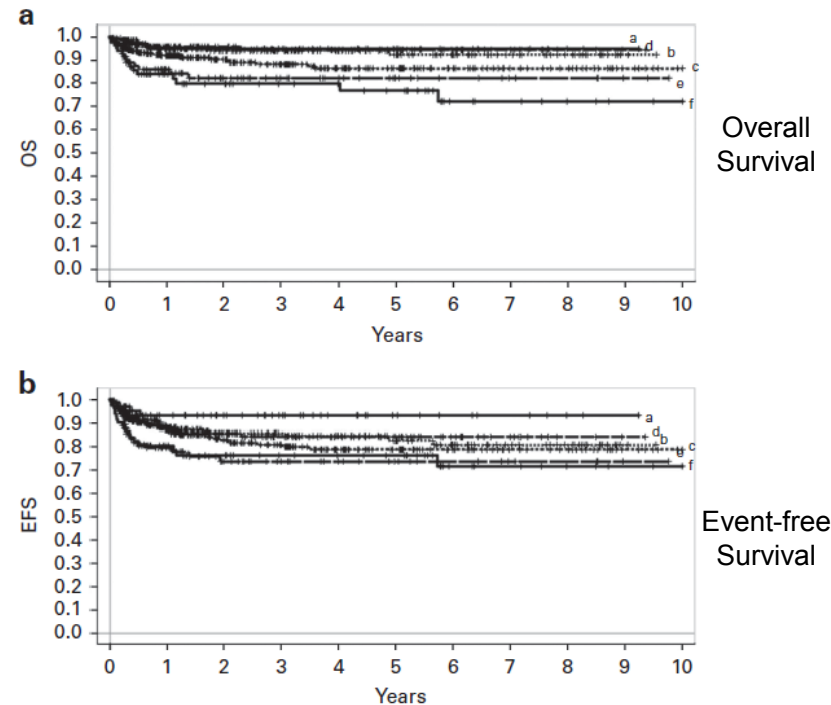
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HSCT in Thalassemia

- HSCT is the only curative therapy for β -thalassemia, but is associated with serious risks
- Using modern regimens, transplant related mortality has fallen to $\leq 5\%$ in low risk cases¹
- **Rare:** >3000 transplants from 1981-2010², but hundreds of thousands of people with β -thalassemia born in that time period
- Why so few?
 - Risks of the procedure
 - No available HLA-matched donor
 - Patients may choose transfusion and chelation
 - Age and health status of the recipient
 - Cost and availability of transplant

Outcomes from 1493 HSCT, in TDT, between 2000 and 2010 (30 countries data)²



	Patients	A) OS		B) EFS	
		Events	2-yrs. OS	Events	2-yrs. pEFS
a) < 2 years	66	3	0.95 \pm 0.03	4	0.93 \pm 0.03
b) 2-<5 years	266	13	0.94 \pm 0.02	32	0.86 \pm 0.03
c) 5-<10 years	352	33	0.90 \pm 0.02	52	0.83 \pm 0.02
d) 10-<14 years	197	8	0.96 \pm 0.02	24	0.86 \pm 0.03
e) 14-<18 years	97	14	0.82 \pm 0.04	20	0.74 \pm 0.05
f) ≥ 18 years	82	16	0.80 \pm 0.05	18	0.76 \pm 0.05
P-value (for trend)			<0.001		<0.001

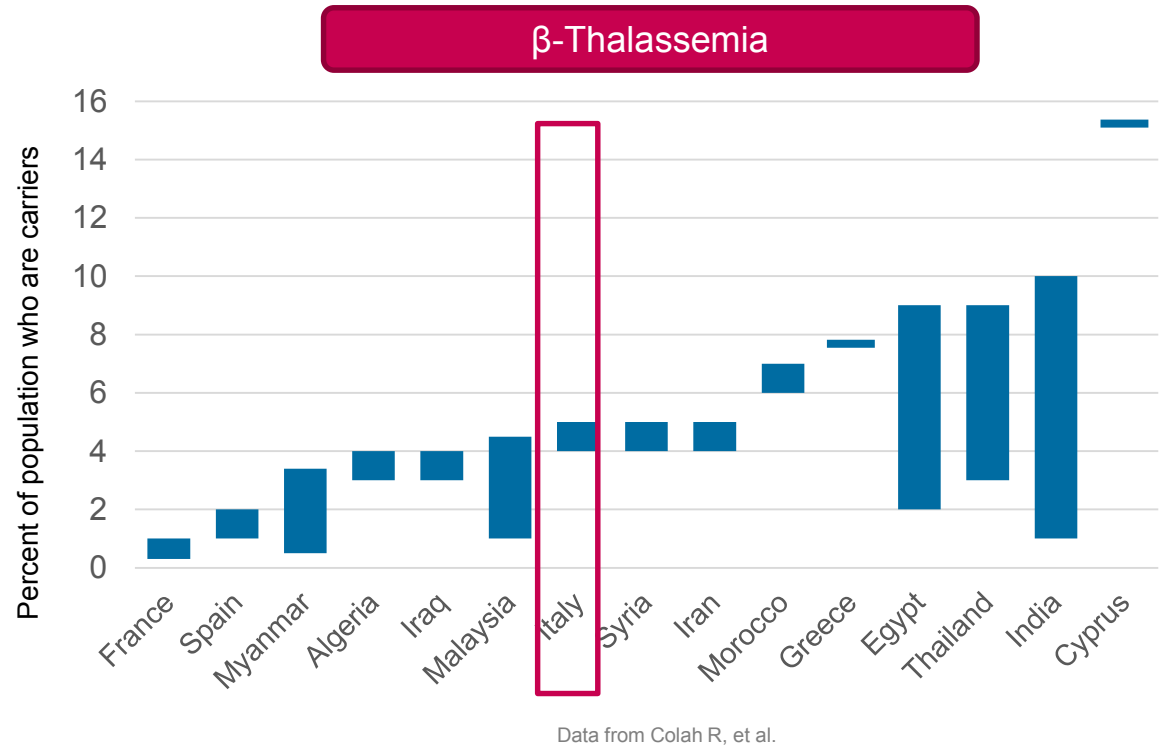
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Epidemiology of β -Thalassemia

- Globally, 80-90 million people (1.5% of the population) are carriers of β -thalassemia¹
- More than 40,000 babies with β -thalassemia are born each year²
- Migration is changing the distribution of people with the disease³



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Transfusion-dependent Thalassemia (TDT) in Italy

Figure 3. Incidence of TD β -Thalassemia by Geographical Location in Italy

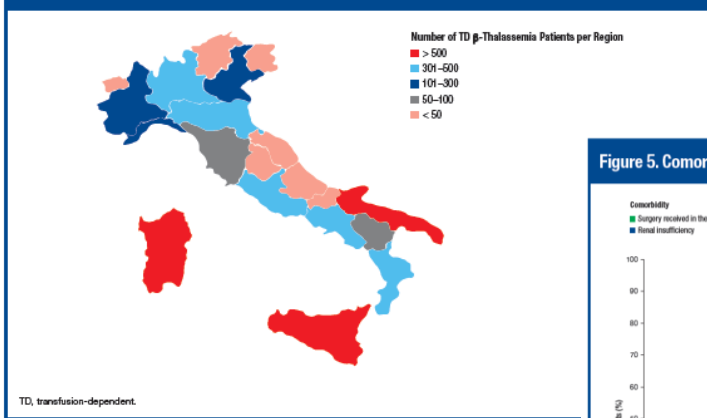


Figure 5. Comorbidities Experienced by Patients in Each β -Thalassemia Subgroup

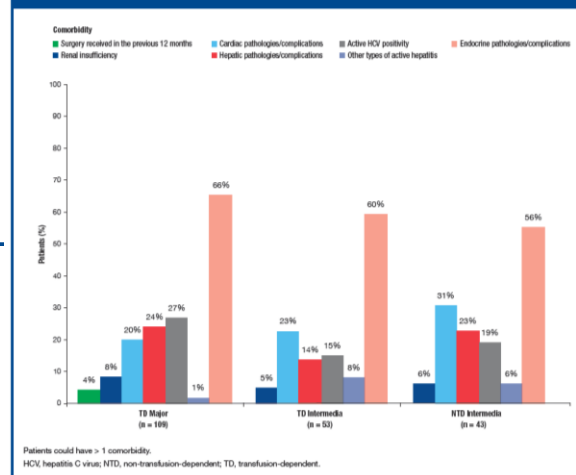
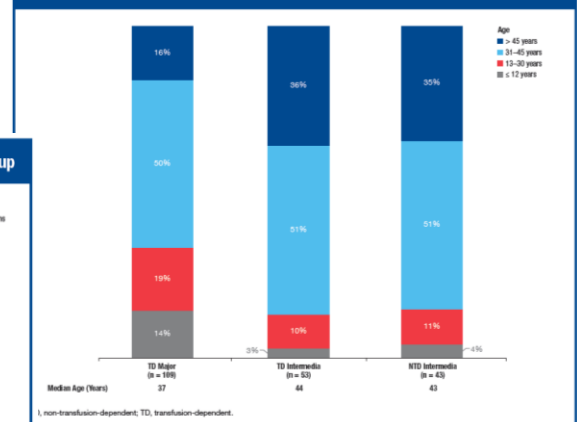


Figure 2. Age Distribution of Patients in Each β -Thalassemia Subgroup



Images adapted by Angelucci E, ASH 2016

- β -Thalassemia is an important public health challenge in Italy; > 7,000 β -thalassemia patients in Italy require transfusion¹
- TDT is most prevalent in Sicily, Sardinia, and Puglia
- However, TDT patients are presents in other 10 Italian Regions

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Italian Thalassemia clinical and registry landscape

bjh research paper

Assessment and management of iron overload in β -thalassaemia major patients during the 21st century: a real-life experience from the Italian Webthal project

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The Italian multiregional thalassemia registry: Centers characteristics, services, and patients' population

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Complications pattern and burden of the disease in patients affected by beta-thalassaemia major

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- Currently, only multiregional databases and registries are available
- Some of those data are not published in peer-reviewed journals, but only on regional websites (i.e. the Sicilian Registry)
- There is no active national registry

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Developing Gene Therapy for TDT in the EMA's Adaptive Pathways Program

About the Program

A prospectively planned, iterative approach to bringing medicines to market. It initially targets development to a well-defined group of patients likely to benefit most, then uses iterative phases of evidence gathering and progressive licensing adaptations to expand use to a wider population.

Purpose

Improve timely access for patients to new medicines

Three Main Elements

1. Iterative development
2. **Gathering evidence through real-life use to supplement clinical trial data**
3. Early involvement of patients and health-technology-assessment bodies

Example Project:

Retrospective Database Analyses of Current TDT Therapies

Key Questions about Current TDT Therapies

- What are the outcomes of transfusion/chelation therapy and allo-HSCT?
- What is the disease burden and progression during these treatments?
- What risk factors predict disease progression?

Overview of Study

Design

Retrospective, longitudinal data analyses

Inclusion Criteria

- Confirmed diagnosis of β -thalassemia
- Known transfusion status
- Retrospective data available for 2+ years

Data Elements

- Patient demographics
- Treatments (allo-HSCT, transfusion/chelation)
- Clinical outcomes
- Quality of life

Collaborators

- several centers of thalassemia care in EU
- European Society for Blood & Marrow Transplant
- Thalassemia Longitudinal Cohort (Primarily US)

Example Project:

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Project steps and approximate duration

Step	Duration
Develop protocol and statistical analysis plan	2-3 months
Ethics and institutional approvals	4-6 months
Data extraction	2-4 months
Data analyses	2 months
Report development	2 months
Publication: To be determined in consultation with the investigators	

Example Project:

Retrospective Database Analyses of Current TDT Therapies

Collaborating Centers in Italy

M.I.O.T.

Myocardial Iron Overload
in Thalassemia



HTA-Thal

Italian Multiregional
Thalassemia Registry



Retrospective database analyses are challenging

- Pre-existing informed consents may limit or prohibit access
- Lengthy processes for institutional and ethical reviews require advance planning
- Many academic centers have limited resources to support these types of projects
- Aggregating data across multiple centers requires clinical insights from each center and careful interpretation

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... but may help improve patient lives

Thank you!



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