



The 4th International Symposium for  
Researchers and Clinicians  
On Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome

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## **Agenda**

### **08:30 – 09:00 - Gather together and On-site Registration**

### **09:00 – 09:10 - Welcome and Introduction**

Sumathi Iyengar & Amir Kedar, WAS organizations and Anna Villa, IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele, Milan, Italy.

### **09:10 – 09:20 – Families Story**

**Family story** – Gene Therapy – Valentina Pagani, Rosa Giglia.

### **09:20 – 09:50 - Plenary Session A**

**Alessandro Aiuti** - head of the Pediatric Immunohematology Unit at the IRCCS San Raffaele, Milano, Italy.

**“The long path of gene therapy for Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome”**

### **09:50 – 10:35 – Gene Therapy Session**

**Chair: Fabio Candotti**

**09:50 - 10:05 Francesca Ferrua** - San Raffaele Telethon Institute for Gene Therapy, Italy.

**Safety and efficacy of lentiviral hematopoietic stem cell Gene Therapy for Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome**

**10:05 - 10:20 Maria Carmina Castiello** - San Raffaele Telethon Institute for Gene Therapy, Italy.

**Long-term efficacy of lentiviral vector-mediated gene therapy in restoring B-cell homeostasis in Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome patients**

**10:20 - 10:35 Michaela Semeraro** - Centre d'Investigations Cliniques, INSERM CIC1419, Hôpital Necker Enfants malades - Université de Paris-Cité

**Long-term Inflammatory manifestations post lentiviral hematopoietic stem/progenitor cell gene Therapy for Wiskott Aldrich syndrome**

### **10:35 – 11:05– Gene Therapy Panel**

**Chair: Emma Morris**

Participants: **Alessandro Aiuti, Marina Cavazzana, Luigi Notarangelo, Suhag Parikh.**

**“Lentiviral Gene Therapy for WAS, why is there variability in outcome and how we can address it?”**

### **11:05 – 11:20 – Break**

### **11:20 – 11:25 – Families Story**

**Family story** – Gene Therapy – Priya Stephan (*Short video*)

### **11:25 – 11:55 - Plenary Session B**

**Alessia Cavazza** - Infection, Immunity & Inflammation Department, UCL Institute of child health, London, UK.

**Development of a safe and efficient CRISPR/Cas gene editing platform for the treatment of Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome**

### **11:55 – 12:30 –Clinical International Session I**

**Chair: Anders Fasth**

**11:55 - 12:05 Carmem Bonfim**- Pediatric Transplant and Cellular Therapy Program - Duke University, NC, USA.

**Haploidentical cell transplantation using post-transplantation cyclophosphamide for patients with Wiskott-Aldrich: Excellent outcomes and emerging challenges**



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**12:05 - 12:15 Deepti Suri** - Department of Pediatrics, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India.

**Correlation of Clinical Profiles, Immune Cells, Genotypes, and Regulatory Gene Expression in Indian Patients with XLT/WAS**

**12:15 - 12:25 Anahita Razaghian** - IAARI and Hakim children hospital, Teheran, Iran. [Online presentation](#)  
**Clinical features and outcomes of 39 Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome patients from a single center of Iran**

**12:25 - 12:30 Questions and answers and discussion**

**12:30 - 12:40 - Families Story**

Young Adult Family story – Emily Kinsel (*Short video*)

**12:40 - 13:10 - Plenary Session C – Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Luigi Notarangelo** - Immune Deficiency Genetics Section, National Institute of Health, USA.

Participants: **Alessandro Aiuti, Michael Albert, Fabio Candotti, Sumathi Iyengar, Emma Morris**

**“Evolving aspects of WAS: milder forms of the disease and carrier status – from disease perception to clinical implications”**

**13:10 - 14:10 - Lunch**

**14:10 - 15:10 -Clinical Session II**

**Chair: Carmem Bonfim**

**14:10 - 14:30 Emma Morris** – Invited speaker, Director, UCL Division of Infection and Immunity, London, UK.

**“Allogeneic HSCT for adults with WAS”**

**14:30 - 14:45 Tanja C. Vallée** - Stem cell transplantation unit, Dr. von Haunersches University Children’s Hospital, Munich  
**Allogeneic HSCT with adjusted busulfan dosing results in excellent survival and cure rates for WAS**

**14:45 - 15:00 Yoji Sasahara** – Dep. of Pediatrics & Pediatric Oncology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine  
**Efficacy of rituximab for the treatment and prevention of autoimmunity in patients with WAS and XLT**

**15:00 - 15:10 Questions and answers and discussion**

**15:10 - 15:45 -Clinical Session III**

**Chair: Suhag Parikh**

**15:10 - 15:25 Maddalena Migliavacca** - Pediatric Immunohematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit, IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan, Italy.

**New insights into Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome carriers: A multicentric observation**

**15:25 - 15:40 Markus Walz** - Associate Partner, Magnolia Innovation, New Jersey, USA.

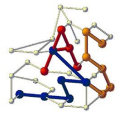
**An International Study of Patient and Caregiver-Reported Burden and Quality of Life in Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome**

**15:40 - 15:45 Questions and answers and discussion**

**15:45 - 16:20 - Clinical Session Panel**

**Chair: Michael Albert**

Participants: **Alessandro Aiuti, Siobhan Burns, Fabio Candotti, Luigi Notarangelo**



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**'Towards a consensus statement in the management of WAS'**

**16:20– 16:35 – Break**

**16:35 – 17:10 – Research Session I**

**Chair: Anna Villa**

**16:35 - 16:50 Rhaissa Vieira** - Department of Microbiology Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

**Therapeutic Candidate for Enhancing Platelet Production and Function in Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome and X-Linked Thrombocytopenia**

**16:50 - 17:05 Lia Pinho** - Department of Microbiology Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

**From Structure to Function: Understanding the impact of WASp Mutations on Actin Dynamics and T Cell Activation**

**17:05 - 17:10 Questions & answers and discussion**

**17:10 – 18:20 – Research Session II**

**Chair: Alessandro Aiuti**

**17:10 - 17:30 Yatin Vyas** – Invited speaker, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Penn State Health Children's Hospital, USA.

**Functional pairing of WASp and Fanconi anemia proteins in the cell nucleus- co-opting cosmic quantum entanglement**

**17:30 - 17:45 Roberto Amadio** - Cellular Immunology department, University of Trieste and ICGEB Trieste, Italy.

**Actin polymerization by WASp limits nuclear envelope rupture and inflammation in macrophages**

**17:45 - 18:00 Jordan Chill** - Department of Chemistry, Bar Ilan University, Israel.

**Curation of a Structural WAS/XLT Database: Challenges and First Conclusions**

**18:00 - 18:15 Gianluca Baldanzi** - Department of Translational Medicine, University of Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy.

**DGKα is a negative regulator of megakaryopoiesis inhibited by WASp**

**18:15 - 18:20 Questions & answers and discussion**

**18:20 – 18:30 – Closing and Summary of the day**

**Anna Villa, Fabio Candotti, Sumathi Iyengar, Amir Kedar**

**18:30 – 19:15 – Reception**

*An informal get-together to renew acquaintances and meet new colleagues will be held at the Meeting Venue. All registered participants are invited to attend.*



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