DGI-027. Effectiveness and safety of clofarabine in pediatric patients with acute leukemia

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Clofarabine is a purine nucleoside antimetabolite second generation antineoplastic indicated for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia in pediatric patients (≤ 21 years) who have relapsed or are refractory after receiving at least two prior regimens and who have no other treatment option which provides a durable response.

Despite progress in leukemia therapy, most children who experience relapse have a dismal prognosis. New effective approaches are needed.

OBJECTIVE

To assess the effectiveness and safety of clofarabine in pediatric patients with refractory or relapsed acute leukemia.

STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS

- > Observational retrospective study.
- \triangleright Patients included: pediatric patients (\le 21 years) diagnosed with acute leukemia who received clofarabine as antineoplastic treatment during 2007-2011.
- ➤ Collected data: number of patients, age, sex, weight, height and treatment schemes lines administered prior to clofarabine (Oncofarm® programme).
- > Medical records used as a source of safety data regarding potential adverse reactions due to clofarabine.

33%

RESULTS

Characteristics	n
Patients	6
Age (years), median	11,5 (5-16)
Sex (M/F)	4/2
Diagnose	
ALL ^a refractory	3/6
ALL ^a relapsed	2/6
AML ^b refractory	1/6
Prior administered regimens	2 (1-4)
(median)	
Scheme for treatment	
Clofarabine 52 mg/m ²	1/6
Clofarabine 40 mg/m ² (SHOP 2008)	5/6
Administered cycles (median)	2 (1-2)

Adverse reactions n
Pancytopenia 2/6
Mucositis Grade IV 1/6
Flushing 1/6

Transaminase elevation

Figure.1

Effectiveness

Non respondersResponders

TrasplantOthers

6/6

CONCLUSION

The administration of clofarabine allowed to reach transplantation in 50% of patients with acceptable toxicity, favouring the appearance of possible durable responses.

a: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; b:Acute Myeloid Leukemia