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Induction Immunosuppressive Therapy

- usually performed with very powerful, effective and potent immunosuppression (more than drugs that maintain immunosuppression).
- they are given before the organ transplantation operation.
- most of them are either monoclonal or polyclonal antibody.

during T-cell activation (step 3), it binds with cytokinase mainly IL-2 resulting in :
 - activate mTOR derivatives proliferation and growth (increase their number)
 - proteins that are transcribed by mTOR pathway (like ILs) will increase..

suffix for monoclonal antibody

Basiliximab

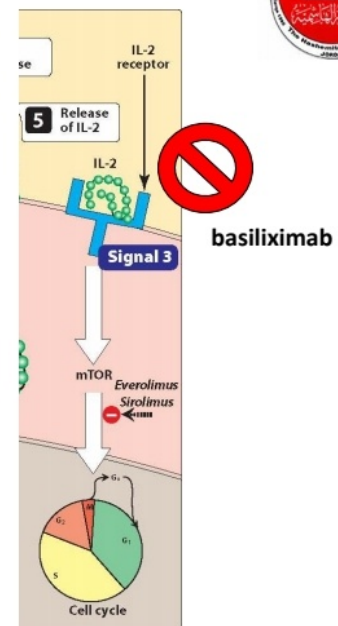
- Chimeric/monoclonal antibody
- **Effect:** prevents T-cell proliferation
- **Mechanism of action:** binds to and blocks IL-2 receptors on activated T-cells

PREVENTS PROLIFERATION BUT NOT T-CELL DEPLETING
 - the drug doesn't kill T-cells
 - other anti-proliferative therapy kill T-cells

• **Uses:**

- ✓ 1. Prevention of acute rejection in renal transplantation.
- ✓ 2. Delays the use of calcineurin inhibitors.

it is beneficial, because calcineurin inhibitors are nephrotoxic.





this drug is special, because it's working on B-cell not T-cell.

* B-cell could be activated and differentiated into memory cell (circulates in blood and responsible for long life immunity) and plasma cell (last phase of B-cell maturation responsible for production of antibody and humoral immunity)

Rituximab

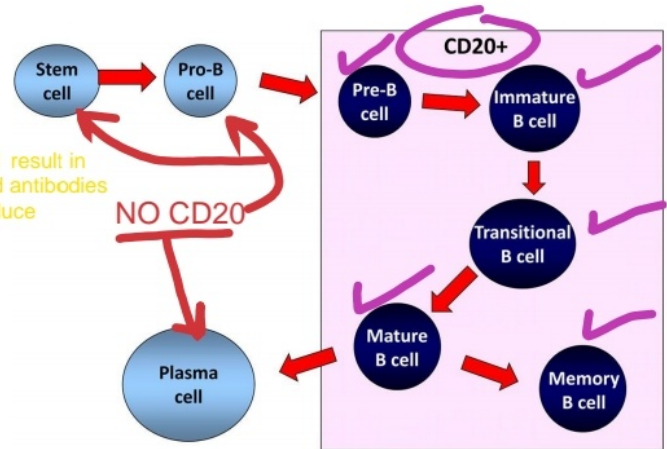
• Chimeric, **monoclonal**

• **Target: CD20 on pre-B cells, mature B cells and memory B cells**

by this, the cell will die and result in absence of plasma cells and antibodies and by this immunity will reduce

• **Effects:**

- ✓ 1. B-cell depletion (B-cell lysis)
- ✓ 2. Blocks B-cell activation
- ✓ 3. Prevents B-cell maturation to antibody-forming plasma cells



* depending on, rituximab can't work on plasma cell, because it has no CD20 to work on.

- rituximab can be used in case of B-cell leukaemia, but can't be used in case of multiple myeloma which refer to plasma cell.

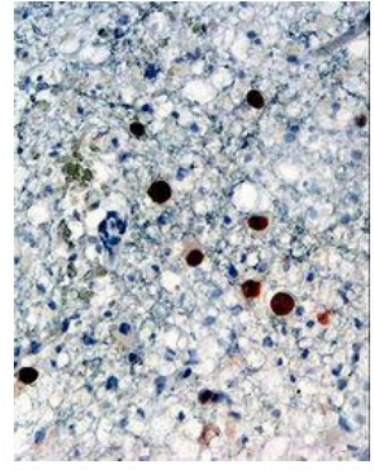


Rituximab

autoimmune dz

• **Indications:** **rheumatoid arthritis**, posttransplant lymphoproliferative disease (PTLD), B-cell lymphoma

• **Adverse effects:** **black-boxed for reactivation of JC virus** → leading to **Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML)** **life threatening**



JC virus is an opportunistic virus which usually becomes activate in immunosuppression individual either it is acquired (like AIDS pts) or genatic.

Black Box Warnings ⓘ

Infusion Rxns

serious, incl. fatal infusion rxns can occur; deaths reported w/in 24h of infusion; approx. 80% fatal infusion rxns occur w/ 1st infusion; monitor pts closely; D/C tx and treat severe infusion rxns

Severe Mucocutaneous Rxns

can occur, incl. fatal rxns

HBV Reactivation

can occur, incl. cases resulting in fulminant hepatitis, hepatic failure, and death; screen all pts for HBV infection before initial tx; monitor for s/sx HBV reactivation during tx and after D/C; D/C rituximab and concomitant drugs if HBV reactivation occurs

Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy

can occur, incl. fatal PML

proteasome helps in surviving B-cells and T-cells.

Bortezomib

Proteasome inhibitor

• Effects:

- ✓ 1. Apoptosis of plasma cells
- ✓ 2. Decreases antibody production

- **Indications:** multiple myeloma, antibody-mediated rejection in transplant patients



it isn't a single drug it is a mixture of immunoglobulins which is the main protein that produces antibodies.

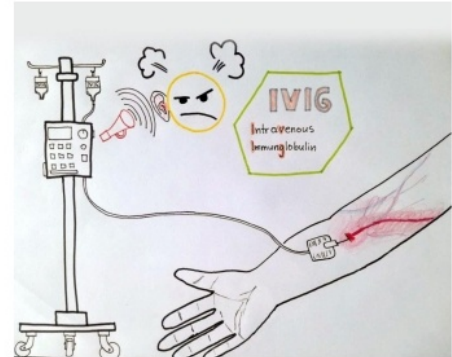


Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIg)

- Immunoglobulins derived from human plasma (donors)
- **Effect:** immunomodulation, B-cell apoptosis
with unclear mechanism
- **Indications:**

1. Autoimmune diseases
2. Pretransplant desensitization
3. Antibody-mediated rejection

- **Adverse effects:** headache, fever, chills, hypotension/hypertension and hypersensitivity

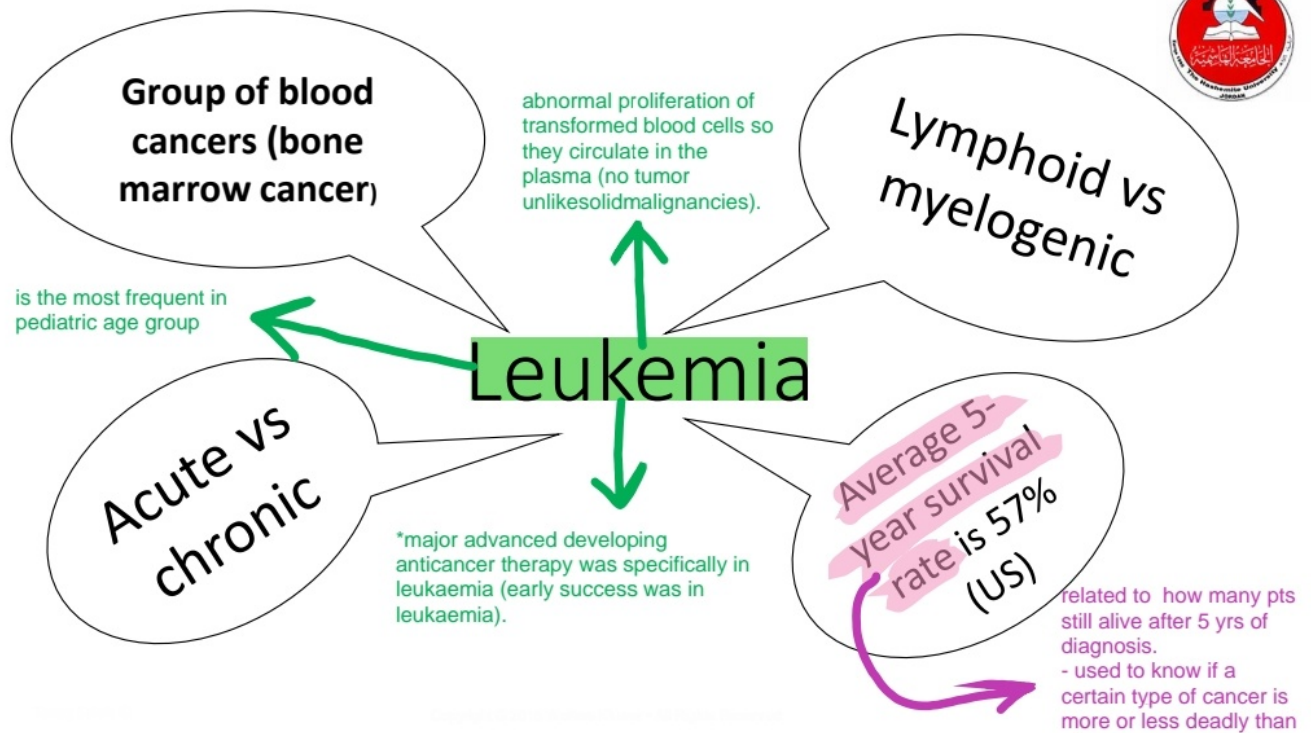


Chemotherapy for Hematological Malignancies



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cancers of the blood like leukaemia, lymphoma and other which called "liquid malignancies".
solid malignancies like brain cancer and breast cancer.



Phases of Drug Treatment of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



1) Induction

- destroys the leukemia cells to achieve **remission**
- ~ 95% of children with ALL enter remission after 1 month of induction treatment

we can deal with most cancers by surgical restricted, but it cannot be applied in leukaemia because it doesn't contain a tumour, leukaemia is treated mainly by chemotherapy.

reach around 99.9% free leukaemic cells as possible as we can.

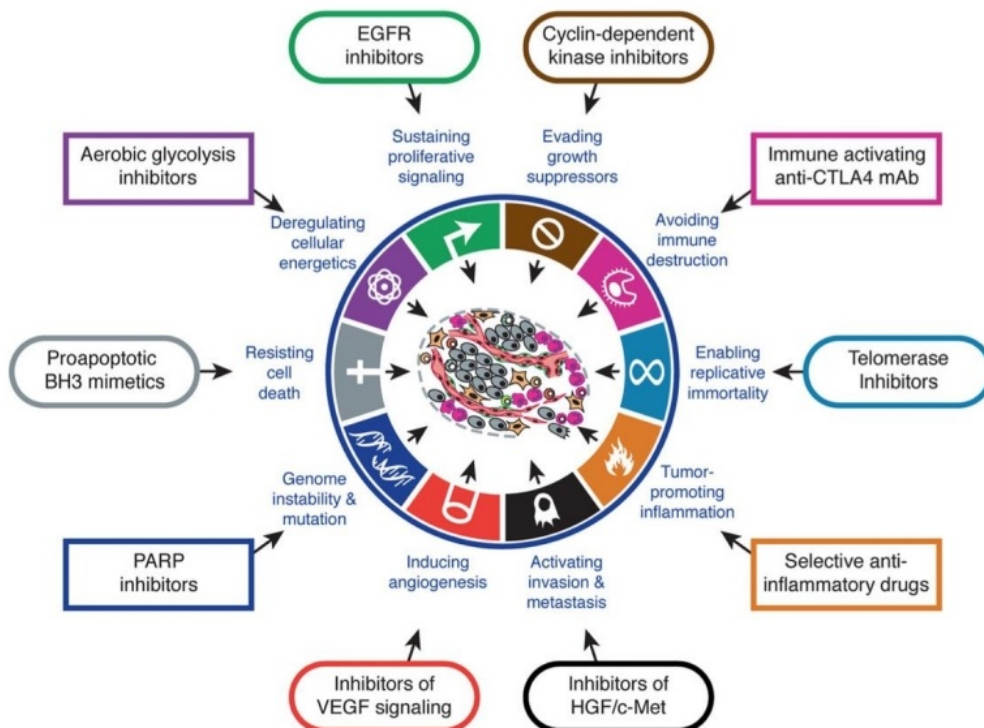
2) Consolidation

- further reduces the number of leukemia cells
- prevents the remaining leukemia cells from developing resistance

3) Maintenance

- to prevent recurrence

- **Central Nervous System (CNS) prophylaxis** against CNS leukaemia



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Antimetabolites

folic acid is so important as a cofactor (vitamine) in purine and peramedine synthesis, and in order to be active , folic acid should be in reduced form (tetrahydrofolate).

by inhibition of folic acid , the work of folic acid will stop , so purine and peramedine will reduced in number which will result on inhibition the synthesis of DNA and by this , the proliferation of tumour cells will be prevented.

Methotrexate and other drugs that derived from it like anti-folate.

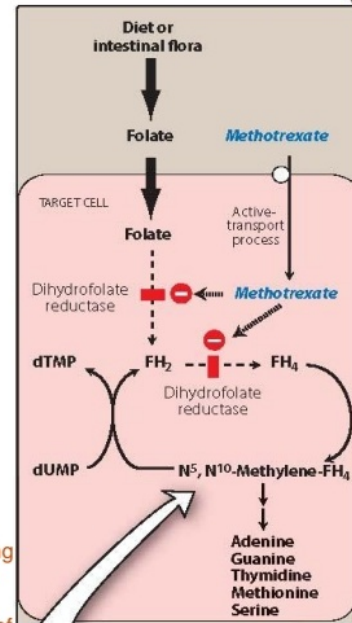
• **Methotrexate** is structurally related to folic acid

Mechanism of action: INHIBITS MAMMALIAN DIHYDROFOLATE REDUCTASE (DHFR)

• **Cell cycle specific: S phase**

because it contains DNA replication and synthesis

dihydrofolate reductase enzyme is the target of other drugs depending on species, for example: - in mammalian this enzyme is the target of methotrexate.
- in bacteria, this enzyme is the target of trimethoprim (stop growth of bacteria).



Remember....

6-Mercaptopurine → interfere with the metabolism of purine so that they can be used to treat cancer.

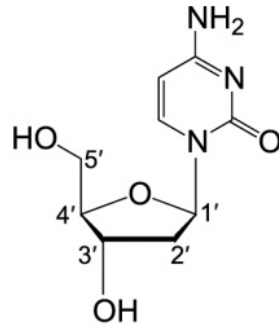
- Remember from immunosuppressants
- Used as *maintenance therapy* in acute lymphoblastic leukemia

cell cycle specific in S-phase.

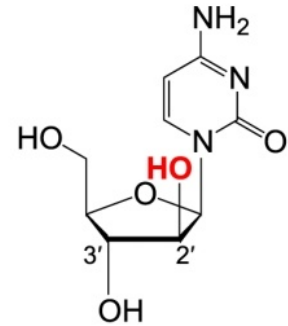


Cytarabine (cytosine arabinoside, ara-C)

- Analogue of 2'-deoxycytidine
- Mechanism of action:
 - pyrimidine antagonist
 - Inhibitor of DNA polymerase
 - If incorporated into DNA → terminates chain elongation
 - Must be phosphorylated by deoxycytidine kinase to the nucleotide form



2'-Deoxycytidine, dC



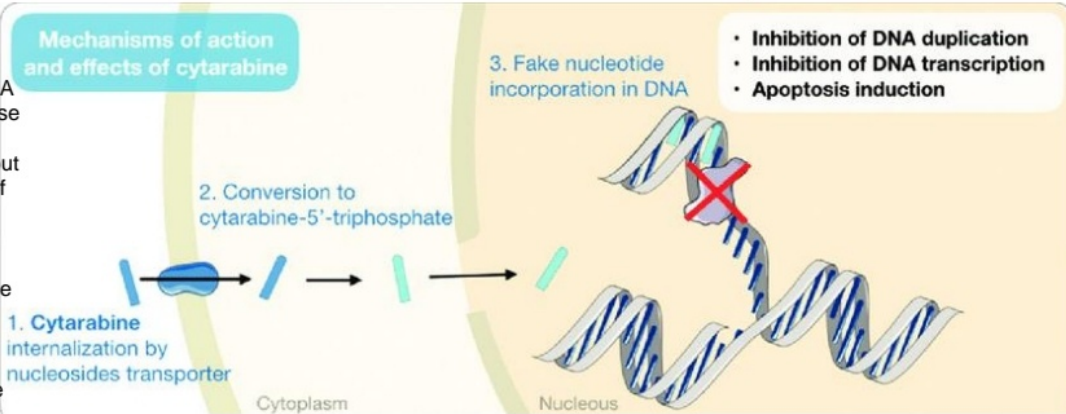
Cytarabine, AraC

cytarabine circulates in blood and then enter to the cancer cell by normal nucleotide transporters (because of similarity in structure) then it be phosphorylated in cytoplasm by deoxycytidine kinase and converted into triphosphate, DNA polymerase will use it as normal nucleotides and put it in new strands of DNA, so the new DNA will not be completed. by this, cytarabine inhibits DNA transcription and duplication and stop growth of the cell then death.

Cytarabine (cytosine arabinoside, ara-C)



Is cytarabine cell cycle-specific?
Would cytarabine be effective orally?





Cytarabine (cytosine arabinoside, ara-C)

• Therapeutic uses:

- ✓ 1. Acute myelogenous leukemia
- ✓ 2. Meningeal Leukemia
- ✓ 3. Refractory Leukemia
4. etc...like CNS leukaemia

• Adverse effects

- ✓ N/V/D
- ✓ Myelosuppression
- ✓ Hepatotoxicity
- ✓ Neurotoxicity

THE END

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