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## Mobilization and collection of CD34+ cells for autologous transplantation of peripheral blood hematopoietic progenitor cells in children: Analysis of two different G-CSF doses

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**Introduction:** In the mobilization for autologous transplantation the classical dose of G-CSF is 10 µg/kg of patient body weight in a single dose. There is a theory that higher doses of G-CSF applied twice daily could increase the CD34+ cells collected with a lower number of leukapheresis procedures.

**Objective:** The aim of this study was to compare a fractionated dose of 15 µg G-CSF /kg and the conventional dose, aimed at reducing the number of leukapheresis procedures required to allow the minimum target of  $3 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg to be reached.

**Methods:** Patients were divided into two groups. Group 10: Patients who received a single dose daily of 10 µg G-CSF /kg and Group 15: Patients who received a dose of 15 µg G-CSF/kg twice daily. The autologous transplantation was carried out when the minimum number of  $3 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg was reached.

**Results:** Group 10 comprised of 39 patients and Group 15 of 26 patients. A total of 146 apheresis procedures were performed: 110 (75.3%) for Group 10 and 36 (24.7%) for Group 15. For Group 10 a median of 3 (1-7) leukapheresis procedures and a mean of  $8.89 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg bw ( $\pm 9.59$ ) were collected whereas for Group 15 the corresponding values were 1 (1-3) and  $5.29 \times 10^6$  ( $\pm 4.95$ ). An important statistical difference was in relation to the number of apheresis procedures ( $p < 0.0001$ ).

**Conclusions:** To collect the minimum target of  $3 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg bw the application of a fractionated dose of 15 µg G-CSF/kg decreased significantly the number of leukapheresis procedures performed.

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