

# Workshop #1

## Harmonization of Clinical and Biological Data

### Session 3

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## Workshop General Goals and Structure

**Goal: Discuss strategies and plan an international partnership to advance the harmonization of biological and clinical data in support of childhood cancer research**

**Session 1: Core data elements: patient, tumor, prognostic factors**

**Session 2: Treatment and outcome + standards mapping**

**Session 3: Genetic/molecular data + challenges to harmonization**

**Session 4: Summary of discussions + pilot project**

## Intro to session 3

- **Pediatric tumors differ from tumors in adults in cellular origin, genetic complexity, driver mutations, and potential mutational processes, therapy decision and response to treatment**
- **Genomic sequencing, molecular profiling, and liquid biopsy characterization at the time of diagnosis**
- **Genetic/Molecular characterization helps survivors and medical providers select the best and most appropriate treatment**

## Intro to session 3 (continued)

- **Childhood Cancer Data Initiative, an NCI program that ensures data are shared by survivors, clinicians and researchers in the USA; similar projects in Europe**
- **Increased concerns about protection of personal health information**
- **NCI platforms with controlled access- dbGAP, Seven Bridges**

## Session-Specific Questions and issues for consideration

- **Identify genomic variables and data standards relevant for childhood cancer research**
- **Discuss solutions to challenges in harmonization of genetic and molecular data**
- **Plan activities to integrate data and standards for phenotypic and genetic/molecular data into a childhood cancer data resource/platform**

## Session 3 topics and Discussants

- **Dr. Arnaud Petit**

**Challenges in harmonization and sharing of pediatric AML data**

- **Dr. Frank Westermann**

**Combining genetic and molecular data with phenotypic data for childhood tumors**

## Discussants



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# DOREMy

Base de **DO**nnées cliniques et biologiques harmonisées pour une **RE**cherche intégrée à la prise en charge des leucémies aiguës **MY**éloïdes pédiatriques  
**Harmonized Clinical and Biological Data Bases for an Integrated research dedicated to Pediatric Acute Myeloid leukemia**

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COLLABORATIVE NETWORK ON RESEARCH FOR CHILDREN  
AND TEENAGERS WITH ACUTE MYELOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

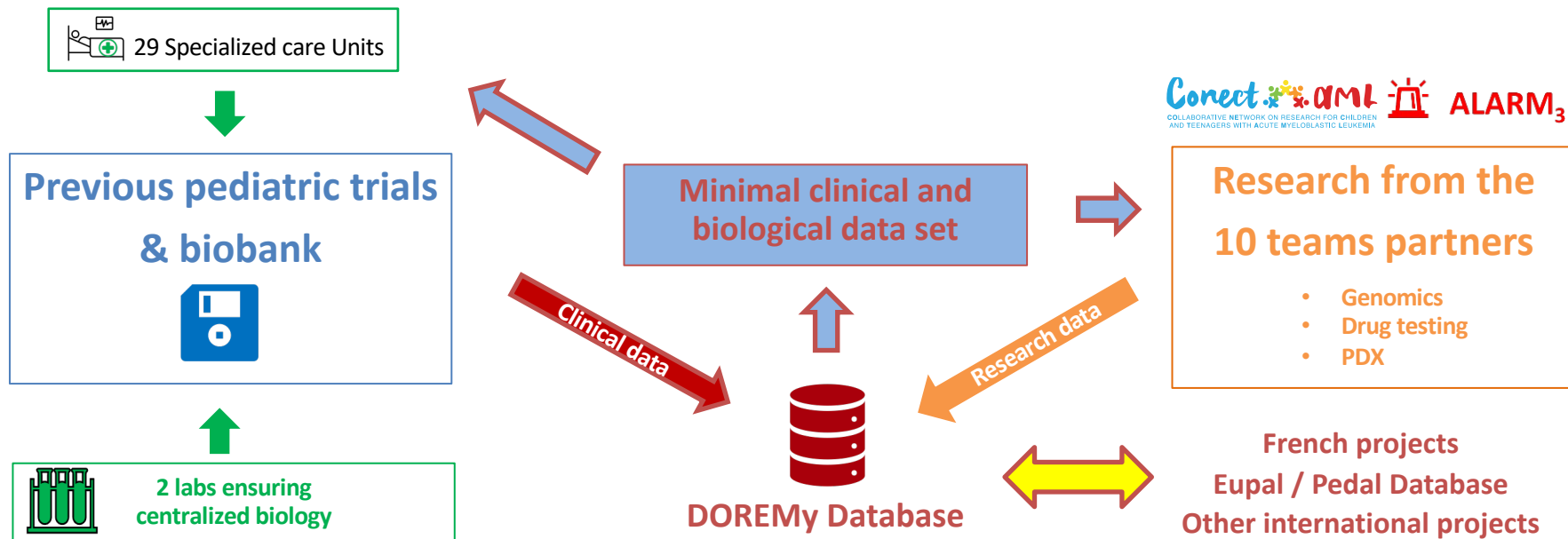
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## Objectives of DOREMy

- Better characterize rare high-risks subgroups of AML
- Identify new prognosis or therapeutic markers
- To identify new therapeutic targets
- The ultimate goals are to reduce relapse and improve survival





## Funding : 2019, Start of the project : September 2020

### REGULATORY PROCESS

#### Main blocking difficulty

#### 1. Authorization by the CNIL

- Prerequisite for any further steps
- 1<sup>st</sup> submission : summer 2021
- Withdrawal for inadequate security of health data

#### 2. Health data host

- Completed mid-2023



#### 3. Next step

- 2nd submission to CNIL, Q4 2023

### CLINICAL DATABASE

#### 1. Data collection from previous trials

- Selection of clinical and biological data

#### 2. Data harmonization (clinical data)

- According to PDCD INTERACT\* AML Dictionnaire

LAME89/91

ELAM02

Myechild01

Post-ELAM02 registry

#### 3. Integration into a closed database

- REDCAP, completed Q3 2023

1989-2022  
n= 1326

#### 4. Next steps

- Update survival data (link with LEA project)
- Prospective data : ALARM<sup>3+</sup> and Co-DoReMy registry

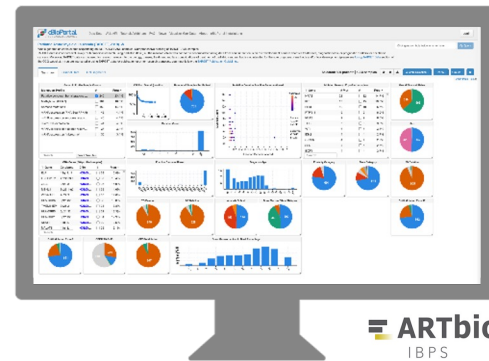
### GENOMICS DATABASE

#### 1. Data from CONECT-AML

- Generated in 2021 and 2022
- n≈90 paired sample diag/CR
- WGS/RNAseq
- SNVs, Indels, SVs, CNVs, fusion transcripts

#### 2. Integration

- Started mid-2023
- Still ongoing





## DATA ACCESS WITHIN DOREM<sub>y</sub>



### Scientific committee (SC)



### P-DOREM<sub>y</sub>

actor who is a partner DOREM<sub>y</sub>

### NP-DOREM<sub>y</sub>

actor who is not a partner DOREM<sub>y</sub>



### TYPE 1 REQUEST

Made by a P-DOREM<sub>y</sub> limited to the only data generated by the center or team

### TYPE 2 REQUEST

Made by a P-DOREM<sub>y</sub> associating other P-DOREM<sub>y</sub> limited to the only data generated by all of these actors

### TYPE 3 REQUEST

Nor type 1 or 2

Information to scientific committee

Need for approval by SC



## BENEFITS

Clear need for international cooperation to make progress on childhood myeloid leukemia

## STRENGTHS

IBFM AML SG : International cooperative group to discuss and promote collaborative projects  
Common standardized language for clinical data

## KEY CHALLENGES

1. Raise the good question to built the good database
  2. Link the data to ensure it relates the same patient
  3. Selection and harmonization for Omics data (Raw vs processed data ?)
  4. Obtain regulatory authorizations for data reuse and data sharing
  5. Terms and conditions of data sharing
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# ITCC Data Integration Portal

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# The ITCC-data integration platform



Germany (+12)



MAPPYACTS  
France (+x)



Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity



SM-PAEDS  
UK

>5000 retrospective datasets  
>1000 new patients per year



Princess MÁXIMA  
center for pediatric oncology

iTHER  
The Netherlands



ZERO  
Australia



PROFYLE  
Canada



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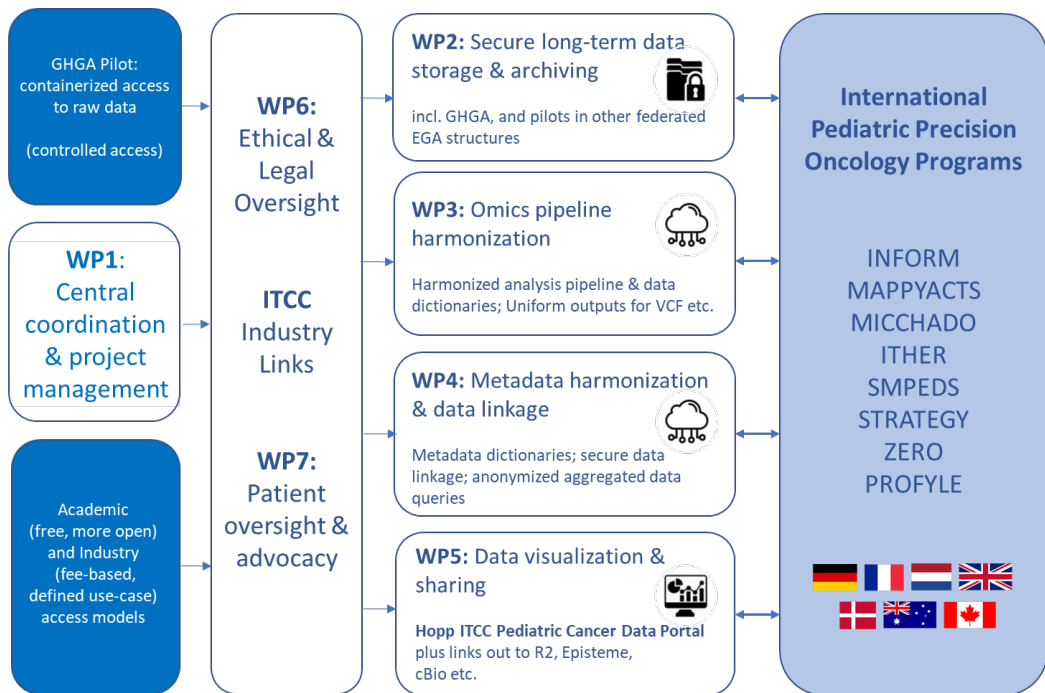
iCOPE/STRATEGY  
Denmark

## The ITCC-data integration platform: Aims

- Real-time archiving of raw data in national EGA instances
- Harmonization of data dictionaries (molecular & clinical) as well as ICFs (e.g., also allowing data sharing with industry)
- Harmonization of omics pipeline and central collection of processed omics data for overarching analyses
- Data visualization and sharing through [www.pedcanportal.eu](http://www.pedcanportal.eu) (internal and external) utilizing existing tools (R2, cbio, PedCan portal at St. Jude, etc.)
- Coordinating overarching analyses, similar to PCAWG (ICGC)
- Involving patient representatives as well as ethical and legal experts as key project partners



## The ITCC-data integration platform: WP structure



David Jones (KITZ)  
Patrick Kemmeren (PMC)  
Stefan Pfister (KITZ)  
Frank Westermann (KITZ)  
  
+ fantastic global team!

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# Key decisions in the process of integrating and exchanging genetic/molecular and clinical/phenotypic data

- **Establish a federated and harmonized bioinformatics pipeline**

=> assessment of existing bioinformatic pipelines

=> develop a harmonized consensus pipeline

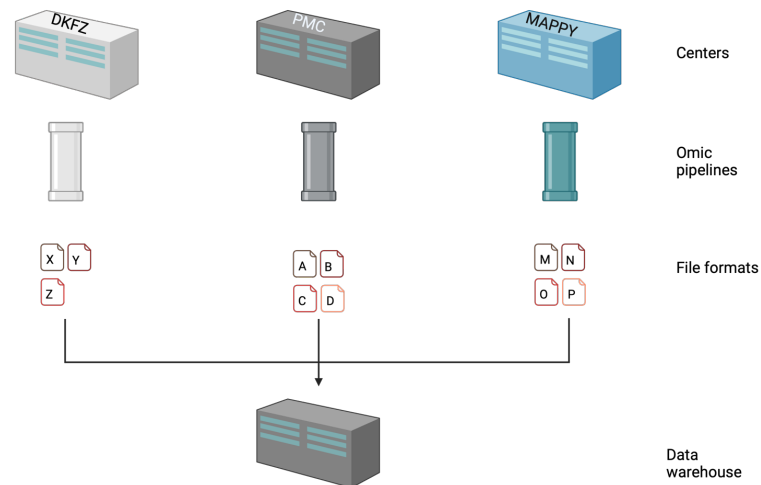
=> Establishing a validation procedure/quality management for the pipeline

- **Complexities from data formats from multi omics layers**

=> flag restricted/permissive data outputs,

=> define standard data formats (e.g., annotated variants in MAF, chromosome copy number as CBS segments)

- **Establishing a data warehouse for secure access**



# Metadata harmonization – action items

- **Buid a Common Data Model (CDM)**

=> Benchmarking of initiatives for clinical data harmonization (semantic interoperability)

=> Development of a CDM encompassing the relevant Common Data elements (CDE)

=> Prospective use of CDE

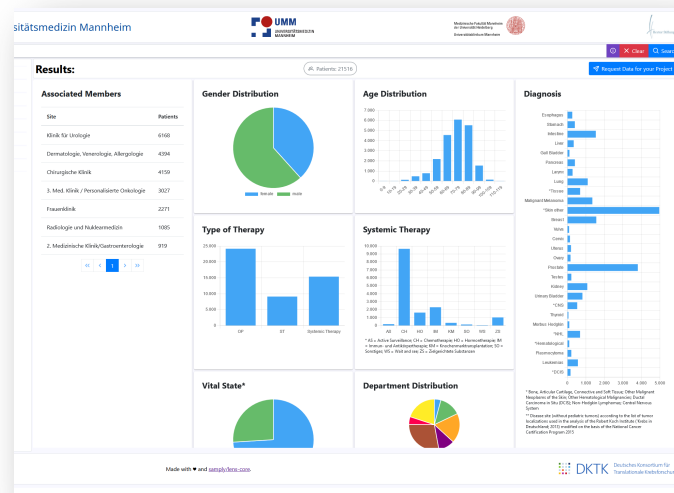
- **Develop Secure Data Exchange**

=> Design and implement pseudonymization processes

=> Design application programming interface (API) for data submission

=> Provide local node package

=> Operation and sustainabiliity



# Looking forward to the discussion!

