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## Molecular analysis of infant acute leukemia

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### Abstract

Infant acute leukemia, known to have a poor outcome with conventional therapy, usually has a molecular rearrangement at chromosome band 11q23. The 11q23 translocation partner is typically at 4q21 in infant ALL, but other 11q23 translocation partners occur in infant ALL and AML. The MLL gene at 11q23, and the AF4 gene at 4q21, have been extensively studied to identify heterogeneity of structural rearrangement and prognostic indicators, to look for clues as to etiology, and to improve therapy.

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