

# Sd Hemafagocítico

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# GENERALIDADES

- HLH (Linfohistiocitosis hemofagocítica)
- Formas 1º y 2º (más frecuente HLH 2º)
- Niños: 1-225/300 000 RNV, 1.8 años, igual en niños y niñas
- Adultos: 50 años, varones (excepto MAS, mayor en mujeres).
- Alta tasa de mortalidad a pesar de tratamiento agresivo

## PRIMARIA O FAMILIAR

Genético

Edad más temprana

Mayor recurrencia

## SECUNDARIA O ADQUIRIDA

Desencadenante + Predisposición genética

Más tardío

Menos recurrencia y menos agresivo

### HLH (NACHO)

HLH Mimics  
(poca respuesta  
a tratamiento  
inmunosupresor)

HLH Disease  
(responden a  
tratamiento  
inmunosupresor)

F-HLH

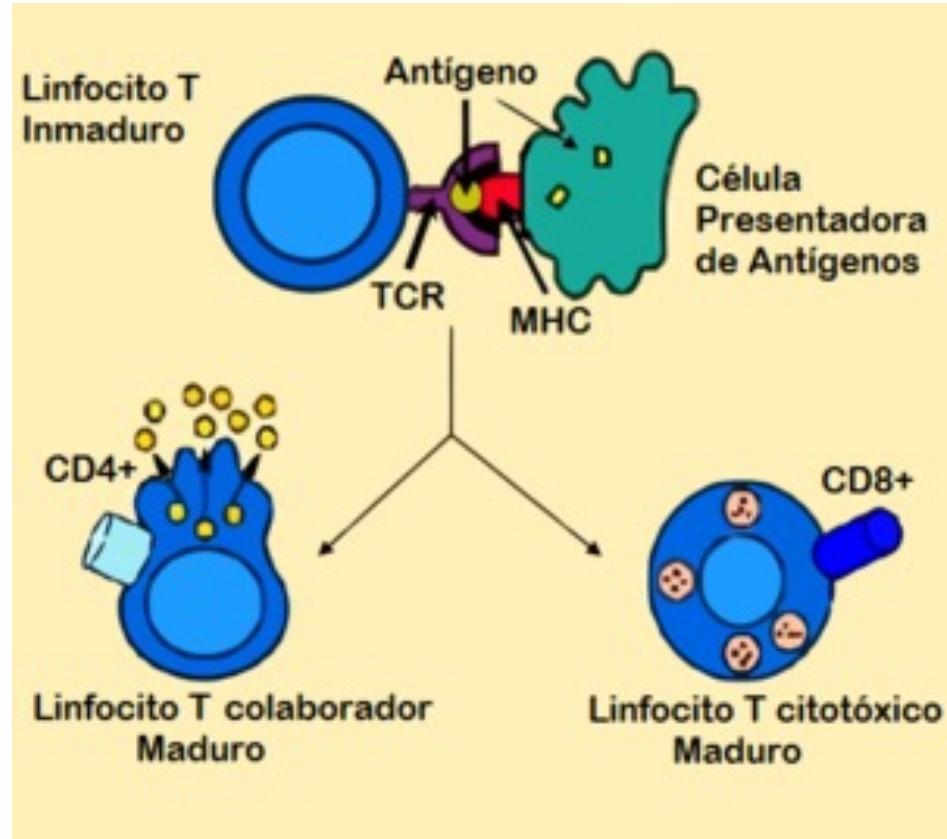
M-HLH

Rh-HLH

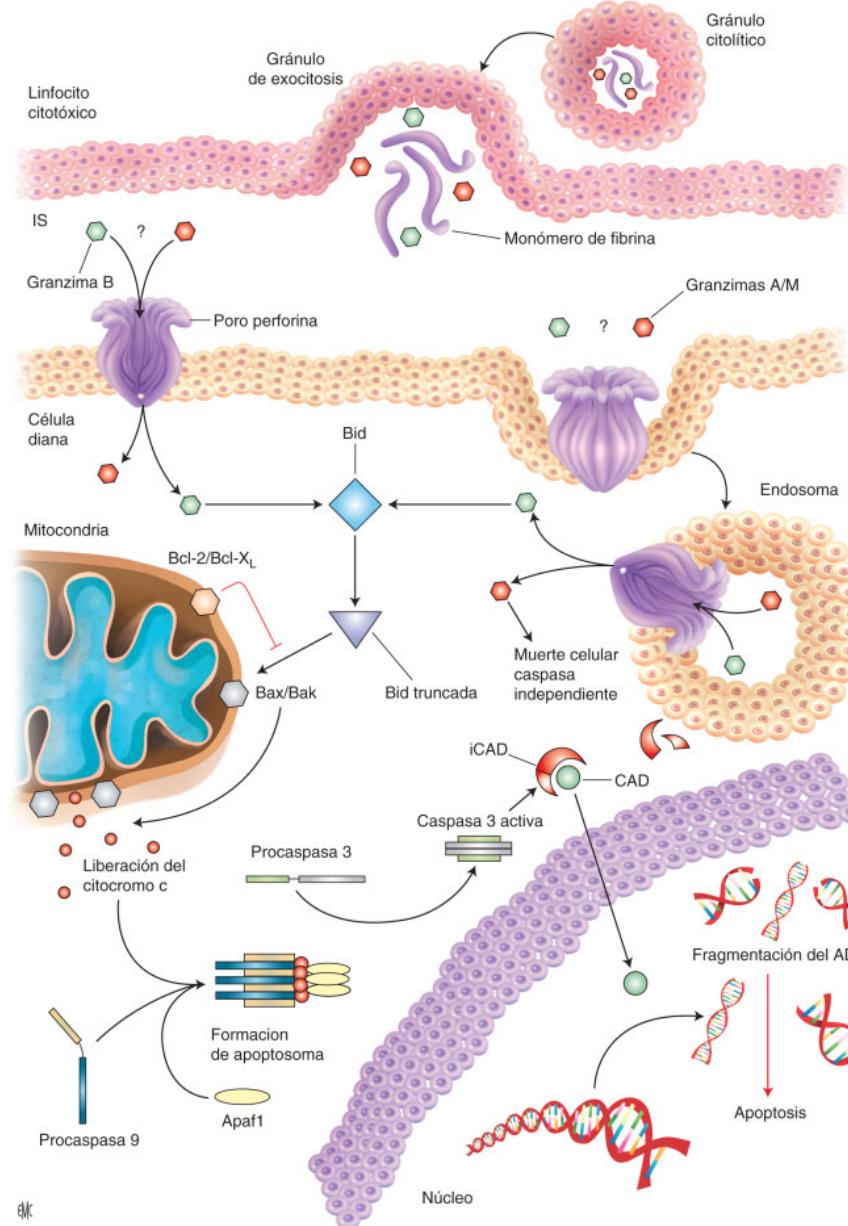
Rx-HLH

IC-HLH

HLH-NOS

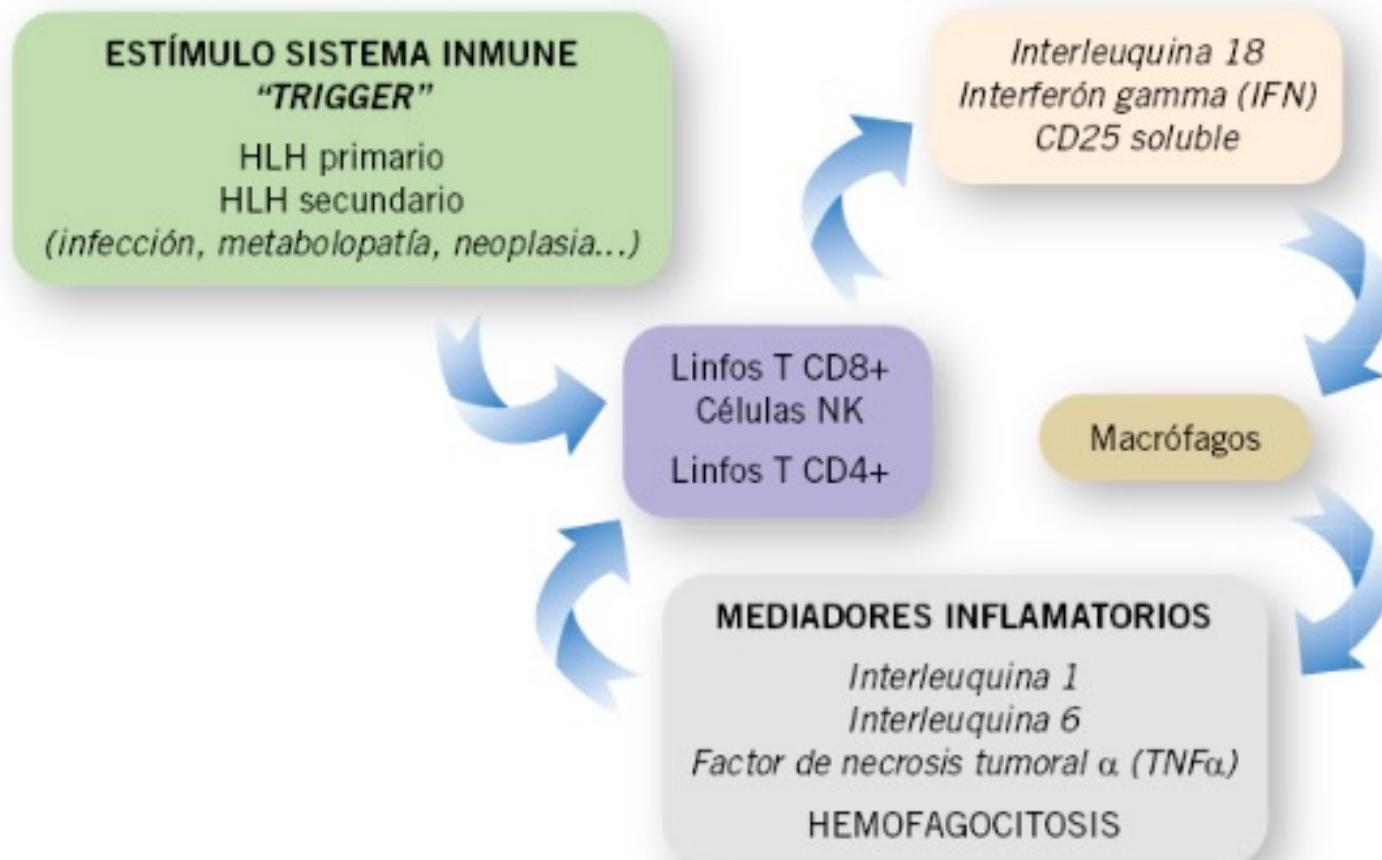


SINAPSIS



APOPTOSIS - Perforinas y Granzimas

Alt Citotoxicidad (NK y LTC) + Ausencia de apoptosis + Persistencia de estímulo inflamatorio + Hiperinflamación



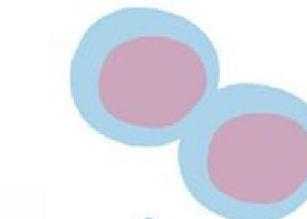


**Desencadenante**  
(infeccioso, oncológico,  
reumatólgico,  
metabólico)

**Defecto de**  
**citotoxicidad**  
(primario/genético o  
secundario/adquirido)

Proliferación celular  
descontrolada

linfocitos



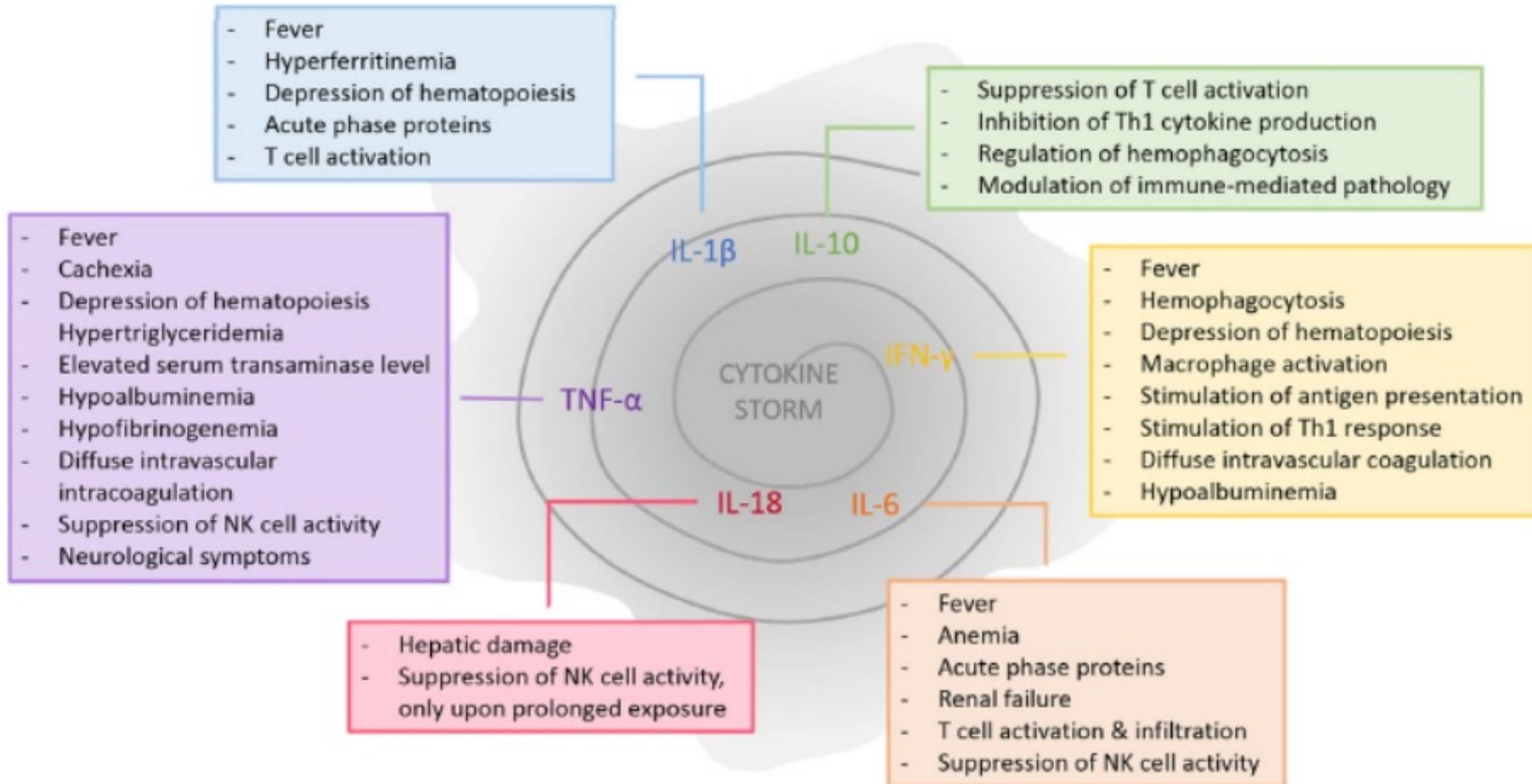
Cuadro clínico de  
**síndrome**  
**hemofagocítico**

Liberación de  
citocinas  
proinflamatorias

Interferón-gamma

Macrófago

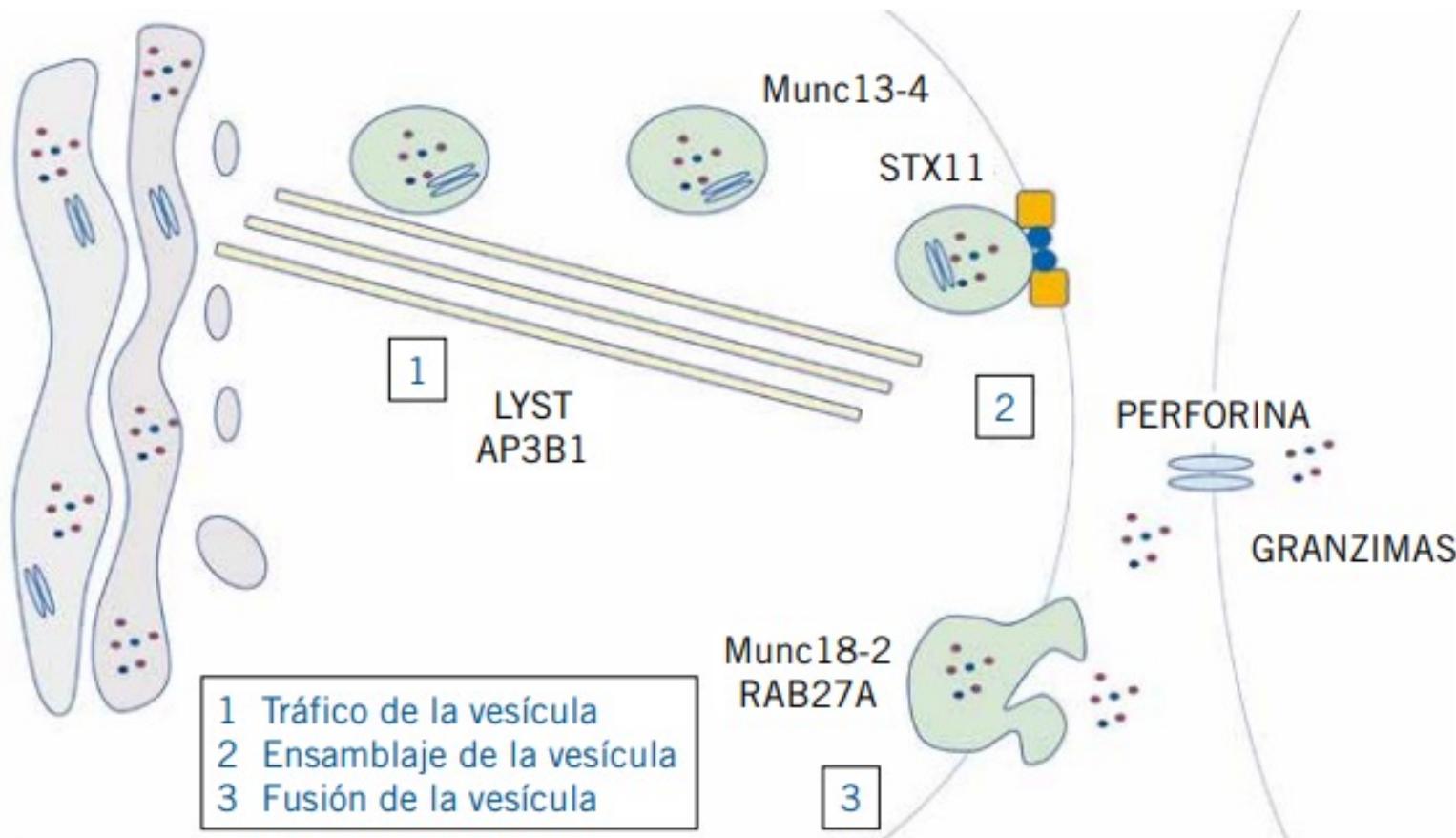




**Fig. 4.** Relationship between key cytokines detected in HLH patients and characteristic features of HLH they can mediate. Serum levels of IL-10 are reported to be elevated in patients, but its anti-inflammatory effects seem insufficient in tempering the observed hyperinflammation [7,125–131].

**F-HLH**

## SÍNDROME HEMOFAGOCÍTICO



En 1/3 de los pacientes no se ha logrado identificar una mutación

**Table 4** Diseases of immune dysregulation

1. Familial Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (FHL syndromes)							
Disease	Genetic defect	Inheritance	OMIM	Circulating T Cells	Circulating B cells	Functional defect	Associated Features
<b>Perforin deficiency (FHL2)</b>	<i>PRF1</i>	AR	<a href="#">170280</a>	Increased activated T cells	Normal	Decreased to absent NK and CTL activities cytotoxicity	Fever, HSM, hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), cytopenias
<b>UNC13D / Munc13-4 deficiency (FHL3)</b>	<i>UNC13D</i>	AR	<a href="#">608897</a>	Increased activated T cells	Normal	Decreased to absent NK and CTL activities (cytotoxicity and/or degranulation)	Fever, HSM, HLH, cytopenias,
<b>Syntaxin 11 deficiency (FHL4)</b>	<i>STX11</i>	AR	<a href="#">605014</a>				
<b>STXBP2 / Munc18-2 deficiency (FHL5)</b>	<i>STXBP2</i>	AR or AD	<a href="#">601717</a>	Increased activated T cells	Normal	Failure to kill autologous EBV transformed B cells. Normal NK cell function	EBV-driven lymphoproliferative disease
<b>FAAP24 deficiency</b>	<i>FAAP24</i>	AR	<a href="#">610884</a>				
<b>SLC7A7 deficiency</b>	<i>SLC7A7</i>	AR	<a href="#">222700</a>	Normal	Normal	Hyper-inflammatory response of macrophages Normal NK cell function	Lysinuric protein intolerance, bleeding tendency, alveolar proteinosis
<b>RHOG deficiency (1 patient)</b>	<i>RHOG</i>	AR	<a href="#">NA</a>	Normal	Slightly reduced	Impaired CTL and NK cell cytotoxicity	HLH (hemophagocytosis, hepatosplenomegaly, fever, cytopenias, low hemoglobin, hyper-triglyceridemia, elevated ferritin, sCD25)

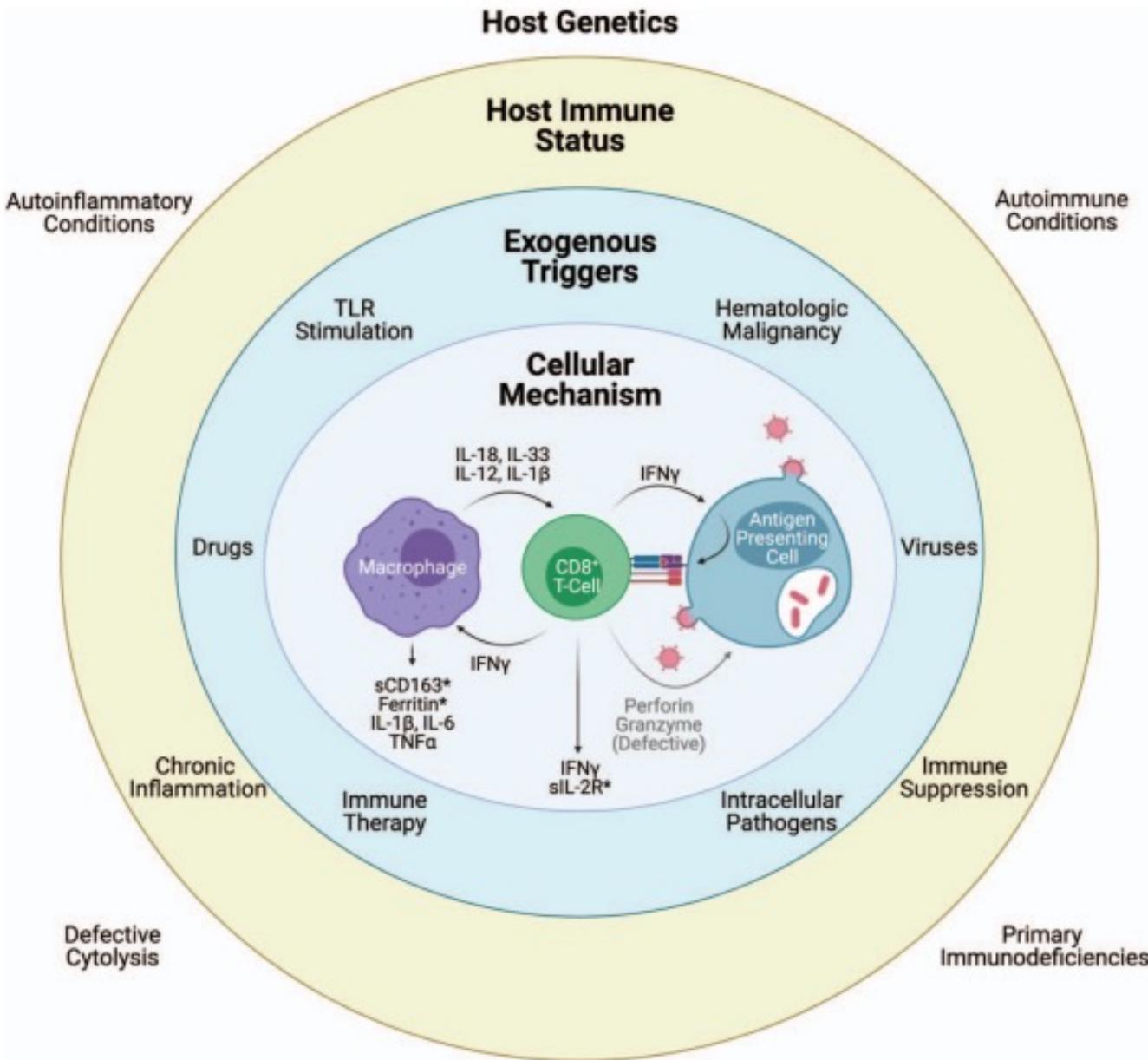
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## 2. FHL Syndromes with Hypopigmentation

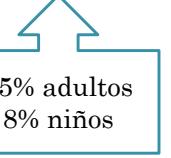
Disease	Genetic defect	Inheritance	OMIM	Circulating T Cells	Circulating B cells	Functional defect	Associated Features
<b>Chediak-Higashi syndrome</b>	<b>LYST</b>	AR	<a href="#">606897</a>	Increased activated T cells	Normal	Decreased NK and CTL activities (cytotoxicity and/or degranulation)	Partial albinism, recurrent infections, fever, HSM, HLH, giant lysosomes, neutropenia, cytopenias, bleeding tendency, progressive neurological dysfunction
<b>Griselli syndrome, type 2</b>	<b>RAB27A</b>	AR	<a href="#">603868</a>	Normal	Normal	Decreased NK and CTL activities (cytotoxicity and/or degranulation)	Partial albinism, fever, HSM, HLH, cytopenias
<b>Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome, type 2</b>	<b>AP3B1</b>	AR	<a href="#">603401</a>	Normal	Normal	Decreased NK and CTL activities (cytotoxicity and/or degranulation)	Partial albinism, recurrent infections, pulmonary fibrosis, increased bleeding, neutropenia, HLH
<b>Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome, type 10</b>	<b>AP3D1</b>	AR	<a href="#">617050</a>	Normal	Normal	Decreased NK and CTL activities (cytotoxicity and/or degranulation)	Oculocutaneous albinism, severe neutropenia, recurrent infections, seizures, hearing loss and neurodevelopmental delay
<b>CEBPE neofunction (3 patients)</b>	<b>CEBPE</b>	AR GOF	<a href="#">245480</a>	Mild reduction	Not done	Autoinflammasome activation/ ↑ IFN gene expression, altered chromatin occupancy of mutant CEBPE, and transcriptional changes	Recurrent abdominal pain, aseptic fever, systemic inflammation; abscesses, ulceration, infections; mild bleeding diathesis

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# HLH Secundario



**Table 2. Important Causes of Acquired Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Secondary HLH</b>	<b>Inducer</b>
Infection-associated  50%	Virus: Epstein-Barr virus, cytomegalovirus, and other viruses from the Herpesviridae family, adenovirus, human immunodeficiency virus, parvovirus, measles virus Bacteria: <i>Brucella</i> , <i>Rickettsia</i> , <i>Leptospira</i> , <i>Mycobacterium</i> , <i>Borrelia</i> , <i>Bartonella</i> , <i>Listeria</i> , <i>Mycoplasma</i> , <i>Ehrlichia</i> Parasites: <i>Leishmania</i> , <i>Malaria</i> , <i>Toxoplasma</i> , <i>Babesia</i> Fungi: <i>Candida</i> , <i>Cryptococcus</i> , <i>Penicillium</i> , <i>Pneumocystis</i> , <i>Histoplasma</i>
Malignancy-associated  45% adultos 8% niños	Hematologic malignancies T-cell lymphomas: peripheral T-cell lymphoma, primary cutaneous $\gamma\delta$ -T-cell lymphoma, anaplastic large cell lymphoma, lymphoblastic lymphoma, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma B-cell lymphomas: commonly diffuse large B-cell lymphoma B- and T-cell leukemias NK-cell lymphoma/leukemias Hodgkin lymphoma Myeloid neoplasia Others: Langerhans cell histiocytosis, histiocytic sarcoma, multicentric Castleman disease Solid tumors
Autoimmune disease-associated	Systemic-onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis, adult-onset Still disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, vasculitis
Transplant-associated	Immunological reaction at engraftment, graft-versus-host disease
Drug-associated	Carbamazepine, phenobarbital, sulfamethoxazole, cancer immunotherapy drugs

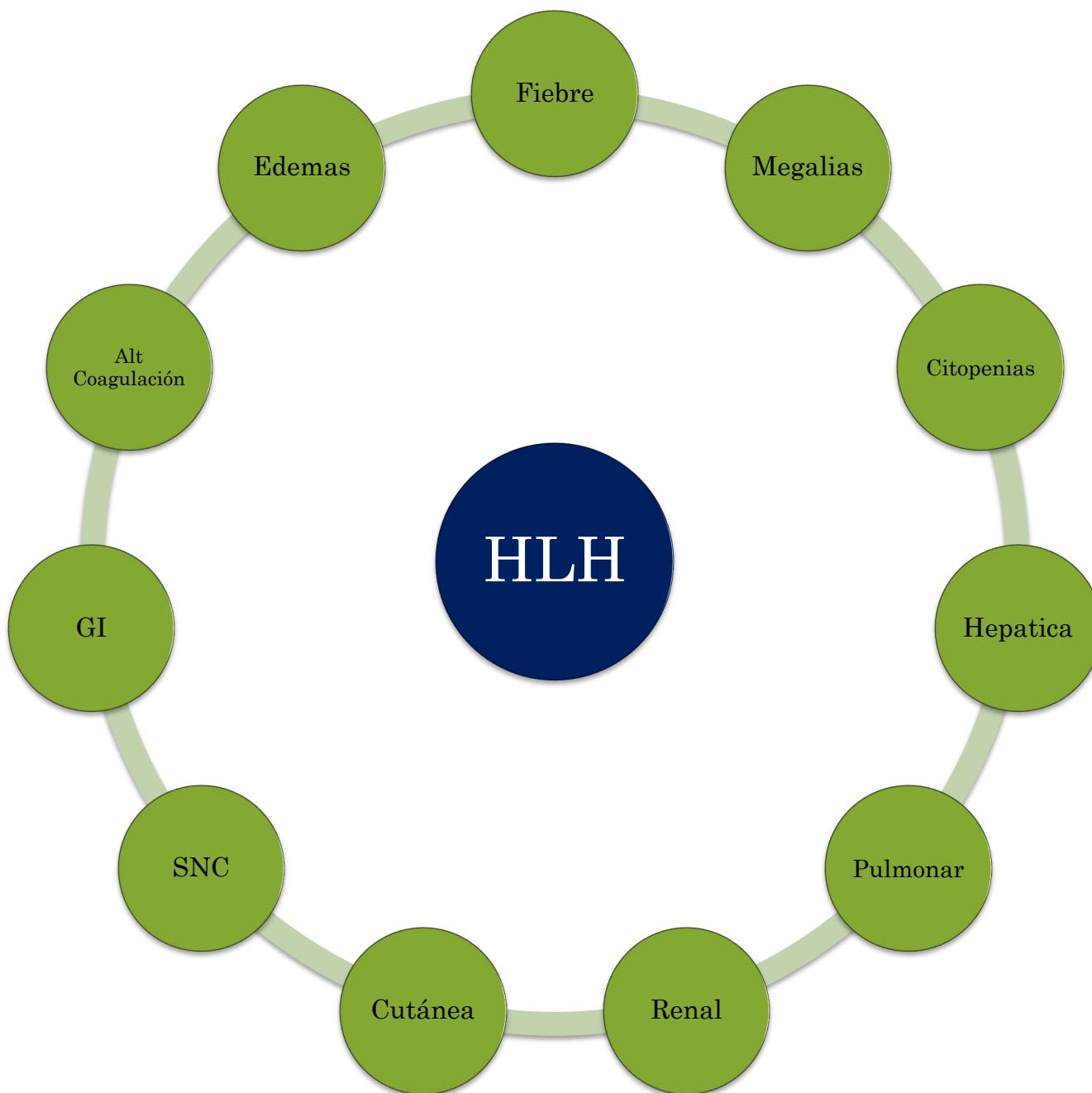
# CLÍNICA

- ❖ Síntomas inespecíficos, sepsis-like, que progresan rápidamente.
- ❖ No nos permiten diferenciar entre 1º y 2º
- ❖ Más frecuentes: fiebre, hepatoesplenomegalia y citopenias.

**TABLE 1.** Symptoms of Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis and Relation with Hypercytokinemia

• Fever	IL-1, IL-6, and TNF
• Profound cytopenias	TNF, IFN- $\gamma$ , hemophagocytosis, hyperferritinemia, increased sIL-2 receptor
• Hypertriglyceridemia	TNF- $\alpha$ , suppressed lipoprotein lipase by cytokines
• Hyperfibrinolysis	Activated macrophages and increased plasminogen activator
• Hyperferritinemia	GDF15 upregulation of ferroportin
• Elevated LDH	Cell death
• Elevated D-dimer	Hyperfibrinolysis
• Elevated CSF cells/protein	Central nervous system infiltration

IL, interleukin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; IFN, interferon, TNF: Tumor necrosis factor, CSF: Cerebrospinal fluid



# DIAGNOSTICO

Tabla III. Criterios diagnósticos del síndrome hemofagocítico (HLH-2004)

<i>Criterios genéticos</i>	<i>Criterios clínico-analíticos</i>
Presencia de alteración genética conocida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fiebre</li><li>- Esplenomegalia</li><li>- Citopenias (al menos, 2 líneas):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hemoglobina &lt; 9 g/dL (&lt; 12 g/dL primeras 4 semanas de vida)</li><li>• Trombopenia &lt; 100.000/mm<sup>3</sup></li><li>• Neutropenia &lt; 1.000/mm<sup>3</sup></li></ul></li><li>- Hipertrigliceridemia y/o hipofibrinogenemia:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Triglicéridos &gt; 300 mg/dL</li><li>• Fibrinógeno &lt; 150 mg/dL</li></ul></li><li>- Hipoferritinemia &gt; 500 ng/mL (valores &gt; 10.000 ng/mL son muy sugerentes de HLH)</li><li>- Valores CD25 soluble ≥ 2.400 U/mL</li><li>- Disminución/ausencia actividad citotóxica NK</li><li>- Evidencia de hemofagocitosis en tejido</li></ul>

Sostienen el diagnóstico: pleocitosis e hiperproteinorraquia en el LCR, disfunción hepatobiliar (hipertransaminasemia, hiperbilirrubinemia, coagulopatía con elevación de D-dímero), hipoalbuminemia, elevación de LDH sérica o hiponatremia

El diagnóstico se establece a partir de un criterio genético o con la presencia, al menos, de 5 criterios clínico-analíticos

SCD25

CD163

CD107a

IL-1, IL-6, IL-18, TNF- $\alpha$ ,

Known underlying immunosuppression  
HIV positive or receiving long-term  
immunosuppressive therapy (i.e.,  
glucocorticoids, cycloSPORINE, azaTHIOPrine)

No 0

Yes +18

Temperature, °F (°C)

<101.1 (<38.4)

0

101.1–102.9 (38.4–39.4)

+33

>102.9 (>39.4)

+49

Organomegaly

No

0

Hepatomegaly or splenomegaly

+23

Hepatomegaly and splenomegaly

+38

Number of cytopenias

Defined as hemoglobin ≤9.2 g/dL (≤5.71 mmol/L) and/or WBC ≤5,000/mm<sup>3</sup> and/or platelets ≤110,000/mm<sup>3</sup>

1 lineage

0

2 lineages

+24

3 lineages

+34

Ferritin, ng/mL (or µg/L)

<2,000

0

2,000–6,000

+35

>6,000

+50

Triglyceride, mg/dL (mmol/L)

<132.7 (<1.5)

0

132.7–354 (1.5–4)

+44

>354 (>4)

+64

Fibrinogen, mg/dL (g/L)

>250 (>2.5)

0

≤250 (≤2.5)

+30

AST, U/L

<30 0

≥30 +19

Hemophagocytosis features on bone marrow aspirate

No 0

Yes +35

**0** points

HScore

**<1** %

Probability of hemophagocytic syndrome

**Copy Results**

**Next Steps**

## HScore

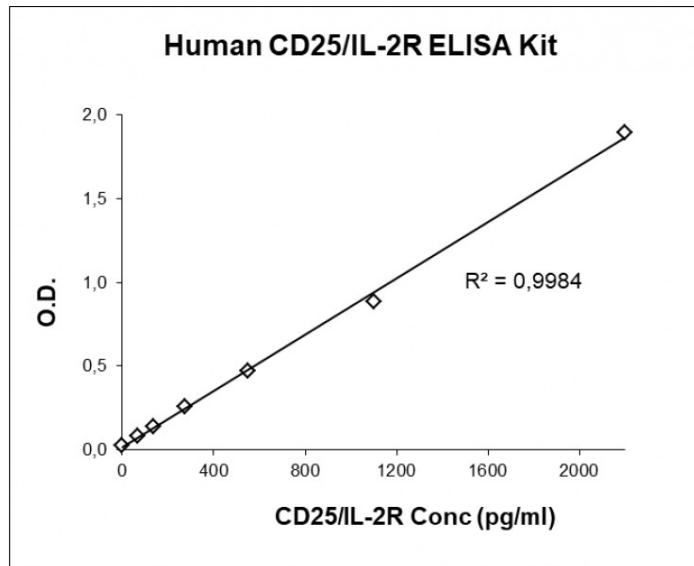
- 0 a 337 puntos
- A mayor puntaje, mayor probabilidad
- 162 puntos : 40-50%
- 192 puntos : 80-85%
- 227 puntos : 96-98%

**Table 5. Laboratory Findings in Pediatric Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) Versus HLH in Adults**

Laboratory Finding	Pediatric HLH <sup>a</sup>	Adult HLH <sup>b</sup>	Comments
Cyopenias of >2 lines	~100%	>85%	Anemia and thrombocytopenia are more common. Leukopenia is less common
Hypertriglyceridemia (fasting >265 mg/dL)	40%–85%	22.1%–88.6%	Caused by elevated TNF- $\alpha$ which inhibits lipoprotein lipase
Hypofibrinogenemia (<150 mg/dL)	53%–79%	24%–93.3%	Associated with poor prognosis
Ferritin >500 ng/mL	~100%	77.2%–100%	High negative predictive value in both children and adults
Elevated soluble CD-25 (>2400 U/mL)	~100%	100%–76.2%	Level >10,000 U/mL or slow rate of decline is associated with poor prognosis in children
Hypoalbuminemia	69%	86.3%–97%	Associated with poor prognosis in adults
Abnormal renal function	9%	16%–61%	Associated with poor prognosis. Acute kidney injury is the most common renal manifestation of HLH
Elevated transaminases	76%	63%–98.1%	Elevated AST is one of the diagnostic criteria of the HScore but not the HLH-2004 criterion
Hemophagocytosis	92%	53.3%–100%	Not sensitive nor specific to the diagnosis of HLH in children and adults Situaciones fisiológicas (transfusiones, infecciones, enf autoinmunes, etc)
Low or absent NK cell activity	22%–100%	28.6%–86%	Predictive value is better for HLH in children than in adults

## sCD25 (IL-2Ra)

- Proteína transmembrana en CT activadas (cadena α del receptor de IL-2)
- Marcador de LT activados
- PRONOSTICO: Supervivencia a los 5 años con  $\leq 10\ 000$  U/mL al diagnostic es del 78%, y con  $\geq 10\ 000$  U/mL del 36%
- Niveles bajan muy rápido al recibir tratamiento adecuado



## CD163

- Proteínas transmembrana de monocitos y macrófagos
- Elevadas en estados inflamatorios (niveles extremos en HLH)
- Marcador de activación de macrófagos

## CD107a

- ✓ Glicoproteína de membrana asociada a lisosomas (bicapa lipídica d los granulos citotóxicos de CD8+ y NK)
- ✓ Marcador de degranulación
- ✓ Mutaciones de UNC130 y STX11
- ✓ Correlación con la producción de citoquinas y de actividad citolítica

# MONITORIZAR

De la actividad  
de la  
enfermedad

- Fiebre
- sIL-2R o en su defecto Ferritina
- Recuentos sanguíneos
- Fibrinógeno
- Pruebas hepáticas

De la terapia de  
soporte  
trasnfusional

- TP, TTPA, INR
- Recuento de Hb y plaquetas
- Fibrinógeno
- Dímero D
- Tromboelastograma de ser posible

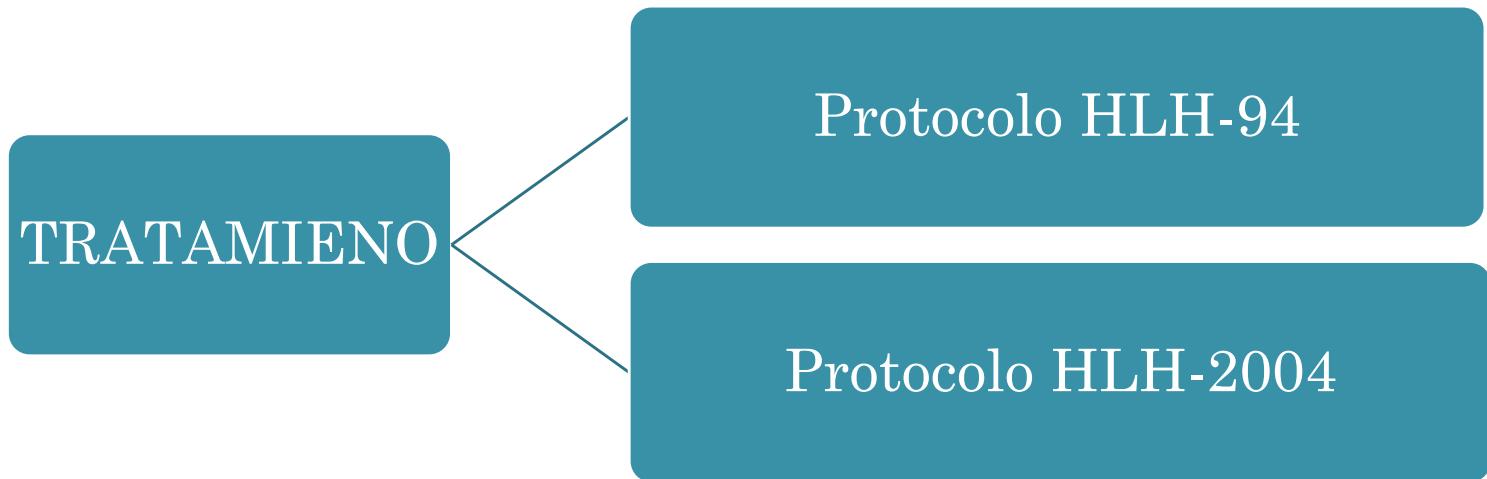
De las  
complicaciones  
infecciosas

- Títulos virales
- PCR
- Hemocultivos seriados
- imágenes

## Dx Diferencial

Tabla V. Diagnóstico diferencial de la linfohistiocitosis hemogafocítica (HLH)

- Origen infeccioso:
  - Fiebre de origen desconocido
  - Sepsis grave
  - Infecciones víricas: VEB, CMV, SARS-CoV-2 y VHS
  - Parasitosis: leishmania
- Hepatopatías que cursen con fallo hepático agudo
  - Hepatitis autoinmune gestacional (GALD): presentación en periodo neonatal
- Coagulopatías
- Hemopatías:
  - Histiocitosis de células de Langerhans
  - Síndrome de Castleman
  - Leucemia aguda
  - Linfoma
- Tumores sólidos
- Reacciones alérgicas
- Cuadros con afectación neurológica:
  - Meningitis/Meningoencefalitis vírica/bacteriana
  - Encefalomielitis diseminada autoinmune (ADEM)
  - Vasculitis
  - Encefalitis de Rasmussen's
  - FIRESE (*febril infection-related epilepsy*)
  - Encefalopatía necrotizante aguda
- Enfermedades autoinmunes:
  - Esclerosis múltiple
  - Síndrome linfoproliferativo autoinmune (ALPS)
  - Enfermedad de Kawasaki
- Errores innatos del metabolismo:
  - Osteopetrosis
  - Enfermedad de Wolman
  - Enfermedad de Gaucher
- Otros: interferonopatías



Epipodofilotoxinas  
(Etoposido, Temiposido)



Corticoides (1º dexametasona  
en HLH SNC)

± Inmunosupresores + Tto etiológico específico

± Tto Soporte: Profilaxis con Contrimoxazol + Antifungicos + Antivirales  
Inmunoglobulina IV 0.5mg/kg c/4ss

### F-HLH, Recaída o Refractario

- Continuar después de 8ss
- Biológicos (Alemtuzumab, Ruxolitinib, Siltuximab, Emapalumab)
- Luego: TPH
- Si Recaída SNC: MTX intratecal

### M-HLH

- ✓ QT lo antes posible
- ✓ Si se alcanza remisión, se puede continuar solo QT.
- ✓ Vigilar sobreinfección y complicaciones de QT.

## MAS

- Complicación en Enf. Reumatológicas (debut o desencadenado por tto inmunosupresor)
- No cumple criterios de HLH
- Corticoides (altas dosis)
- Si no responde: Ciclosporina
- Si refractario: Biológicos

## TPH

- Único tratamiento curativo
- En F-HLH y Forma 2º refractario
- Alogénico, compatibilidad HLA
- Supervivencia a los 5 años del 81% en niños.
- Supervivencia a los 5 años de HLH 2º del 86 % si causa infecciosa y 15% si tumoral.

## **EMAPALUMAB**

- ❖ Anti INF-γ
- ❖ F-HLH, Refractario o Recaída
- ❖ Antes de inicarlo: D/C TB
- ❖ En combinación:  
Emapalumab+Etoposido+Dex  
ametasona

# PRONOSTICO

- Principal factor pronóstico: Remisión tras 8 semanas de tratamiento
- Otros:
  - M-HLH (peor pronóstico)
  - Controlar desencadenante cuanto antes
  - FRA y FMO
  - Carga viral
  - Hiperferritinemia, Hipofibrinogenemia, Hipoalbuminemia

PREVENCIÓN → Consejo Genético

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