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SERVICIO DE HEMATOLOGÍA Y BANCO DE SANGRE**

Dear WHO Expert Committee Members,

I write this letter on behalf of Hospital Universitario de Caracas and as a member of the Sociedad Venezolana de Hematología, Venezuela, in support of inclusion of blinatumomab in the WHO Essential Medicines List.

As a pediatric and adult hematologist, I have seen firsthand the impact of B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in children and adults— particularly in settings where access to innovative therapies is limited. Blinatumomab offers a highly effective, targeted option for these patients and has transformed outcomes in high-income countries.

Inclusion of blinatumomab in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children is a critical step toward expanding equitable access to this life-saving therapy in low- and middle-income countries. It would also support integration into national treatment protocols and facilitate procurement mechanisms aligned with WHO's Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer and addition to the Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines.

I believe that having the drug blinatumomab on the Essential Medicines List could make a difference for our patients because they will have less serious life complications, less transfusional requirements, better overall survival rates and, the most important thing: better and prolonged complete remission rates.

On behalf of my hospital and department of Hematology, I strongly support this application and urge the Committee to approve blinatumomab for inclusion on the Essential Medicines List (EML)

Sincerely,

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