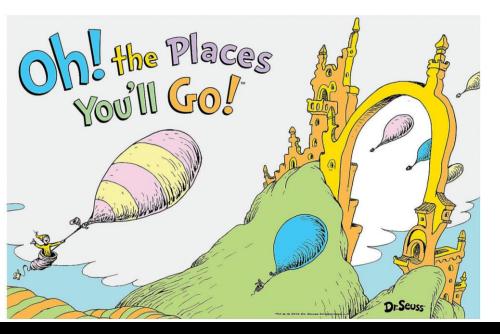




Oh, the Places You'll Go!: The Many Paths to Antibody Identification



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Objectives

- Describe some possible causes of panreactivity in a patient's plasma
- List some techniques that can be used to identify the causes of panreactivity in a patient's plasma
- List some benefits of obtaining a patient's genotype





- 32 year old female African Descent
- Diagnosis: Pregnant C-section
- Hgb 9.6 g/dL
- Uncomplicated pregnancy. No blood products received
- Antibody screen negative 7 months ago
- Submitting facility reports the patient currently types as A Pos. All cells tested in Gel are 4+ and auto control is negative
- Sample submitted to IRL for antibody identification
- No units requested



ABO/Rh

		AB	O Group			Rh T	уре
	Anti-A	Anti-B	Anti-A1	A ₁ Cells	B Cells	Anti-D	Control
IS	4+	0	4+	0	4+	3+	0

Di	rect Antig	lobulin Te	est
Poly	lgG	C'	Saline
(0)√	(0)√	(0) √	(0)

IRL confirms patient's ABO and Rh type as A positive. DAT is negative.



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Antibody Screen Testing

				Rh			Ке	11	Duf	fy	Ki	dd	Lev	vis		N	INS			sma sults
		D	С	E	с	e	к	k	Fyª	Fyb	Jkª	Jk ^b	Leª	Le ^b	М	N	S	S	5' RT	P√EG IAT
I	R ₁ R ₁	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	@ ^s
II	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	@ ^w
	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	r	@ ^s
Auto																			0	(0)

- Plasma is reactive with all screening cells but nonreactive with autologous cells
- Consistent with what hospital was reporting

@=weakly agglutinated after washing and prior to antiglobulin addition.

• Typically associated with carryover reactivity due to colder reacting antibodies or IgM antibodies.



Cold Antibody Screen Testing

				Rh			Ke	ell	Du	uffy	Ki	dd	Lev	wis		Μ	NS			sma sults
		D	С	E	с	e	К	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jka	Jk⊳	Leª	Le ^b	М	N	S	S	30' RT	30' 4 C
I	R ₁ R ₁	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	2+	3+
11	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	2+	3+
ш	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2+	3+
Auto																			0	3+
A ₁																			1+ ^w	3+
A ₂																			2 + ^s	3+
Ο																			2 + ^s	3+

• Cold autoantibody present in patient's plasma



Plasma Interpretation

Causes of panreactive plasma:

- Autoantibody
 - Warm, cold or combination
- Monoclonal antibody therapy
- Multiple antibodies
- Antibody to high prevalence antigen
- Unusual antibody due to gene inheritance





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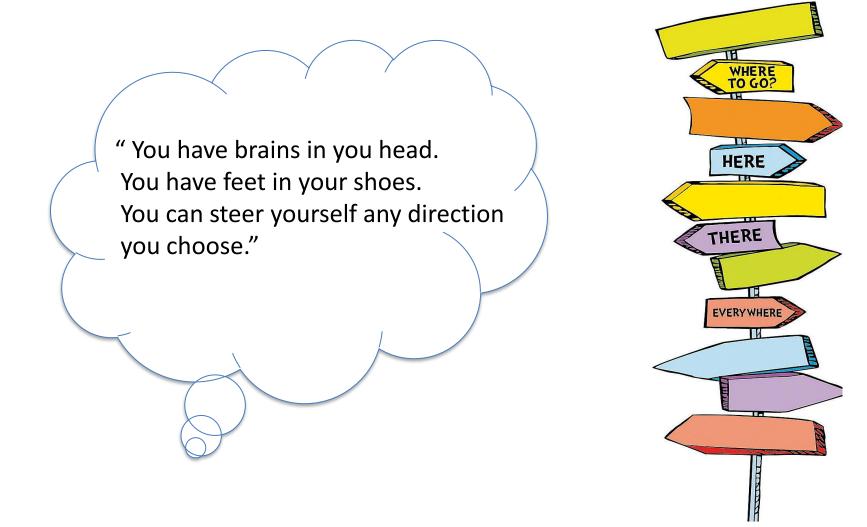
Next Steps

What do we know:

- DAT and auto control are negative
 - Unlikely to be warm reactive autoantibody
- No report of monoclonal antibody therapy or disease associated with use of monoclonal antibody therapy
 - Reactivity unlikely to be due to monoclonal antibody
- Patient is pregnant
 - Possibility of cold autoantibody
 - Possibility of anti-Le^a and anti-Le^b
- Possibility of multiple alloantibodies
 - Phenotype or genotype is useful
- Patient is African American
 - Possibility of high incidence antibodies: anti-U, anti-Js^b
 - Possibility of unusual RH genotype and associated unusual alloantibodies
 - ✤ Need RH genotype investigated



Next Steps



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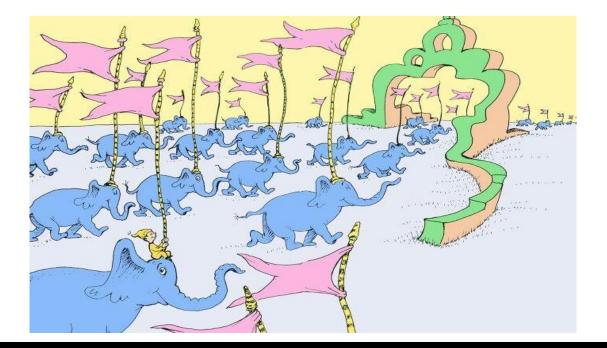
Plasma Testing with Selected Cells

				Rh			Ke	ell	Du	ffy	Ki	dd	Lev	wis		М	NS			sma sults
		D	С	E	с	е	к	k	Fya	Fy ^b	Jka	JkÞ	Leª	Le⁵	М	N	S	s	5′ RT	PEG IAT
1	Vel -	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	@
2	Ge -	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	@
3	PP1P ^k -	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	@
4	Adult I-	0	0	+	+	+													0	@
5	Cord cell	+	+	0	+	+	0		+	+	+	0			0	+	+	+	0	@



Patient Phenotype

			Rh			Kell	Du	ffy	Kie	dd	М	NS	Lev	vis
	D	С	Е	С	е	К	Fya	Fy ^b	Jka	Jkb	S	S	Le ^a	Le♭
Pt. Cells	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0





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Plasma testing with Enzyme Treated Cells

				Rh			K	ell	Du	ffy	Ki	dd	Le	wis		M	NS		Plasma Results
		D	С	E	с	е	к	k	Fy ^a	Fyb	Jkª	JkÞ	Leª	Le ^b	М	N	S	S	DTT-Tx PEG IAT
1	R ₁ R ₁	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	@
2	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	1+ ^w
3	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	@

				Rh	_		К	ell	Du	uffy	Ki	dd	Le	wis		М	NS		Plasma Results
		D	С	E	с	e	к	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jkª	JkÞ	Leª	Le ^b	м	N	S	S	Ficin- TX PEG IAT
1	rr V-VS-	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	@
2	R ₀ V+VS+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	@
3	R _o	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	@

Plasma reactivity not affected by enzyme treatment of cells



Plasma Testing with Selected Cells

				Rh			K	ell	Du	ffy	Ki	dd	Lev	wis		Μ	NS			Plasm Result	
		D	С	E	С	е	К	k	Fyª	Fyb	Jkª	JkÞ	Leª	Leb	м	N	S	S	5' RT	PEG IAT	* IAT
1	R ₀ V+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	r	@	(+)
2	R1r	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	r	@	(0)√
3	R _o V+VS+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	r	@	(+)
4	R ₀	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	r	@	(+)
5	R ₀	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	±	@	(0)√
6	R _o Js(b-)	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	±	@	(+)

* = strict prewarming technique 30' at 37C



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Plasma Testing with Le(a-b-) Cells

				Rh			Ke	ell	Du	iffy	Ki	dd	Lev	wis		Μ	NS			Plasma Results	
		D	С	E	С	e	К	k	Fyª	Fyb	Jkª	JkÞ	Leª	Le ^b	М	N	S	S	5′ RT	PEG IAT	* IAT
1	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	@	(+)
2	R_1R_1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	@	(0)√
3	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	@	(+)
4	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	(0)√	

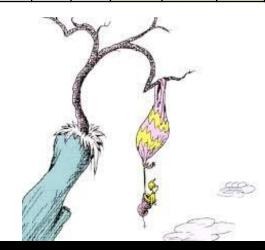
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Lewis Neutralization and Cold Autoadsorption

				Rh			Ke	ell	Du	iffy	Ki	dd	Lev	wis		М	NS		Lewis substance neutralization	Saline control	2 X autoadsorption @ 4C
		D	С	E	С	е	К	k	Fya	Fyb	Jka	Jk⊳	Leª	Le♭	М	N	S	S	PEG IAT	PEG IAT	PEG IAT
1	R ₀	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	@	@	(+)
2	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	@	@	NT
3	R ₀	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	@	@	@

Plasma reactivity is not removed by Lewis neutralization or cold autoadsorption



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Blood Group	Antigen	Results	Comments
	С	+	little c+ (partial)
Rh	С	0	
	е	+	Little e+ (partial)
	E	0	
	V	+	
	VS	+	
	К	0	
Kell	k	+	
	Кра	0	
	Kpb	+	
	Jsa	0	
	Jsb	+	
Duffy	Fya	0	
	Fyb	(0)*	Not at risk for anti-Fyb
Kidd	Jka	+	
	Jkb	0	
	М	+	
MNS	N	+	
	S	0	
	S	+	
	U	+	
Lutheran	Lua	0	
	Lub	+	
Diego	Dia	0	
	Dib	+	
Colton	Coa	+	
	Cob	0	
Dombrock	Doa	0	
DOMDFOCK	Dob	+	
	Ну	+	
	Joa	+	
Landsteiner-Wiener	LWa	+	
	LWb	0	
Scianna	Sc1	+	
	Sc2	0	

Human Erythrocyte Antigen (HEA) Phenotype by DNA Analysis Report

- Sample contains GATA mutation resulting in loss of Fy^b expression on RBCs
 - Individuals not expected to make anti-Fy^b
- Sample homozygous for c.733C>G associated with partial c and e
 - Patient could produce allo anti-c, anti-e and anti-f



Plasma Test Rare Cells

				Rh			Kell		Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		MNS				Plasma Results	
		D	С	E	с	е	к	k	Fy ^a	Fy⊳	Jka	JkÞ	Leª	Leb	М	N	S	S	5′ RT	PEG IAT
1	Rh _{null}	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	(0)√
2	At(a-)	+	0	0	+	+	0		0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	@
3	-D-	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	(+)	@
4	Rh:-46	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	@
5	Rh:-34	+w	0	0	+	+	0		0		0	+			+	+	0		0	1+
6	۰D۰	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	1+ ^w	@

Patient can make anti-C, -E, -K, -Fy^a, -Jk^b, -S, -Le^a, -Le^b



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Plasma Testing with More Rare Cells

				Rh			Ke	ell	Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		MNS				Plasma Results	
		D	С	E	с	е	к	k	Fy ^a	Fyb	Jkª	JkÞ	Leª	2ª	М	N	S	S	5' RT	PEG IAT
1	Rh _{null}	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	NT	NT	+	0	+	+	0	(0)√
2	Rh _{null}	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	(0)√
3	Rh _{null}	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	(0)√



- Panreactive antibody is in the Rh system
- Cannot rule out all the alloantibodies patient can make



Alloadsorptions to Remove Antibody to High

			Ke	ell	Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		MNS				rr x 3@37C	R ₁ R ₁ × 3 @ 37C	R ₂ R ₂ × 3 @ 37C				
		D	с	E	с	е	к	k	Fy ^a	Fyb	Jkª	JkÞ	Le ^a	Le♭	М	N	S	s	PEG IAT	PEG IAT	PEG IAT
1	R_1R_1	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	(0)√	(0)√	1+ ^s
2	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	(0)√	(0)√	(0)√
3	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	(0)√	(0)√	2+
4	R_1R_1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	(0)√	(0)√	1+ ^s
5	R _z R ₁	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	(0)√	(0)√	1+ ^s
6	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	(0)√	(0)√	(0)√
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	(0)√	(0)√	2+

• rr and R_1R_1 cells removed all reactivity. No alloantibodies left behind. • R_2R_2 cells left apparent anti-e behind



Rh Genotype Results from NYBC

Testing performed

- RHD: Automated RHD BeadChip Prototype, Zygosity determination by hybrid box detection
- RHCE: Automated RHCE BeadChip Prototype, PCR-RFLP for RHCE exon 2 (254C>G)

RH alleles

- *RHD*DAR* homozygote
 - Uncommon/rare altered RH haplotype and is at risk for allo anti-D
- *RHCE*ceAR* homozygote
 - amino acid changes associated with partial c, partial e, and a V+^W VS-, hr^B+, hr^S- phenotype



Rh Genotype Results from NYBC

Predicted Rh Phenotype:

 D+(partial), C-, E-, c+(partial), e+(partial), V+^W VS-, hr^B+, hr^S-

Comments:

- Patient is homozygous for uncommon/rare altered RH haplotype
- Patient is at risk for allo anti-D, e-like or ce(-f), -hr^s, and -Hr as well as anti-C and -E in the RH system
- Since RH genotype is rare, patient should donate autologous units for future transfusion needs
- Family members (full siblings) should be encouraged to get tested.



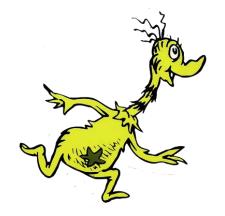
R₂R₂ Adsorbed plasma x 3 @ 37C

		Rh					Ke	ell	Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		MNS					
		D	с	E	с	е	к	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jka	Jkp	Le ^a	Le ^b	Μ	Ν	S	s	5″ RT	PEG IAT
1	hr ^s -	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	NT	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	NT	0	(0)√
2	hr ^s -	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	(0)√
3	R _z R _z	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	(0)√

•Apparent anti-e left behind by R₂R₂ adsorbing cells is really anti-hr^s



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Workup Conclusions

ABO Rh	A Pos
DAT	Negative
Plasma	Probable Anti-Hr Anti-hr ^s No additional common alloantibodies
Transfusion Recommendation	Autologous units, hr ^s -, Rh _{null} , or RhCE-depleted phenotypes
Units Provided	None needed



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Hr antigen and anti-Hr

Hr antigen

- ISBT number is RH18
- Reported in 1960 in Bantu proband Mrs. Shabalala
- Hr antigen present on all RBCs except hr^S-, Rh_{null} and RhCE-depleted phenotypes: RHCE*ceAR, RHCE*ceEK, RHCE*ceBI, RHCE*ceSM

Anti-Hr

- Made by hr^s- people
- May be part of immune response of people with RHdepleted phenotypes
- Transfusion reactions: no to fatal
- HDFN: moderate



hr^s antigen and anti-hr^s

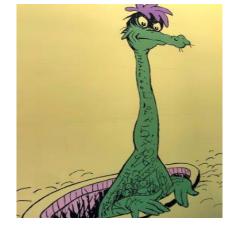
hr^s antigen

- ISBT number is RH19
- Reported in 1960 in Bantu proband Mrs. Shabalala
- Occurrence all populations 98%. R₂R₂ RBCs lack hr^s
 - 1% of Blacks are hr^s- as 1% of e+ Bantu people are hr^s-

Anti-hr^s

- Reacts preferentially with haplotypes containing ce
 - May be mistaken for anti-f
- Antibodies made by hr^s- people are not necessarily anti-hr^s
 - Unless tested with appropriate rare e variant cells, more correctly called anti-e like
- Transfusion reactions: no to fatal if with anti-Hr
- HDFN: little evidence in the absence of anti-Hr of causing HDFN





Remaining Questions...

What about the baby?

- Group O +
- Negative DAT
- No issues reported
- Discharged with mom
- IRL never got a sample on baby



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- Describe some possible causes of panreactivity in a patient's plasma
 - Autoantibody warm, cold or both
 - Monoclonal antibody therapy
 - Multiple antibodies
 - Antibody to high prevalence antigen
- List some techniques that can be used to identify the causes of panreactivity in a patient's plasma
 - Alloadsorption or autoadsorption of patient's plasma
 - Testing cells similar to patient's phenotype
 - Neutralization of patient's plasma
 - Testing cells negative for high incidence antigens/null phenotype cells
 - Use of enzyme treated cells
- List some benefits of obtaining a patient's genotype
 - Determining which antigens are lacking on the patient's red cells and therefore which antibodies the patient could potentially produce
 - Identifying rare or unusual phenotypes
 - Determining if plasma reactivity is autoantibody or alloantibody
 - Resolving antigen typing discrepancies



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