

HLA IN DER TRANSFUSIONSMEDIZIN

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HLA 1968

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HLA-A1 (HL-A1)

HLA-A2 (HL-A2)

HLA-A3 (HL-A3)

HLA-A9 (LA4)

HLA-A11 (ILN*)

HLA-A28 (Ba*)

HLA-B5 (HL-A5)

HLA-B7 (HL-A7)

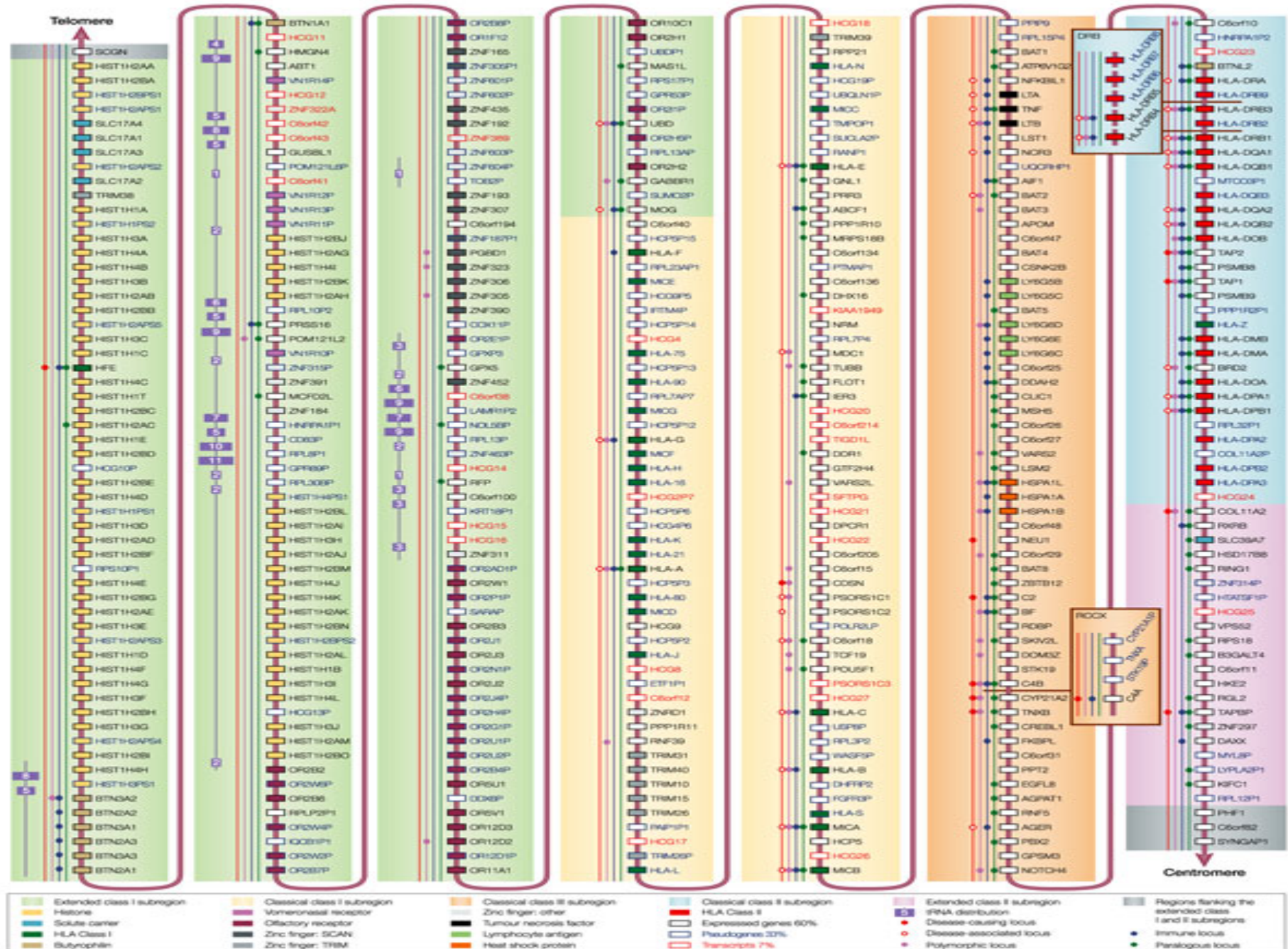
HLA-B8 (HL-A8)

HLA-B12 (T12)

HLA-B13 (HN)

HLA-B35 (R*)





HLA GENE COMPLEX

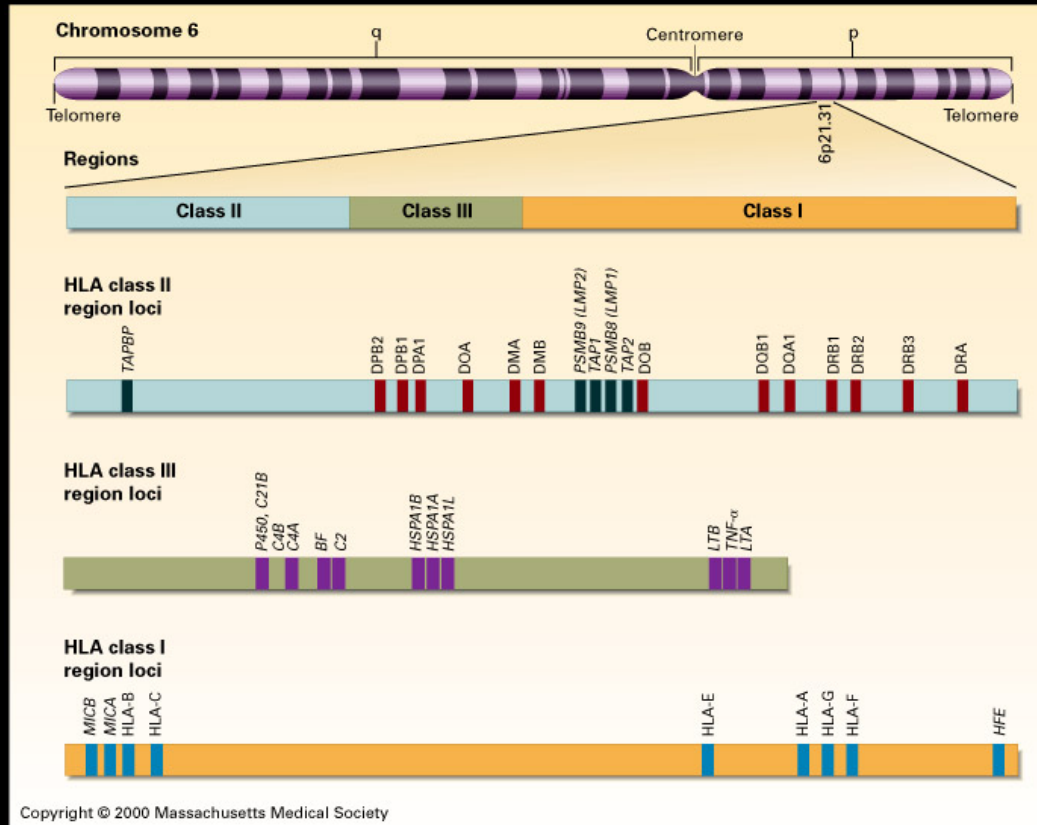
> 400 loci

> 300 expressed loci

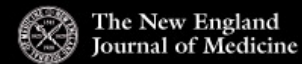
- 30% HLA class I
- 27% HLA class II
- 43% HLA „class III“



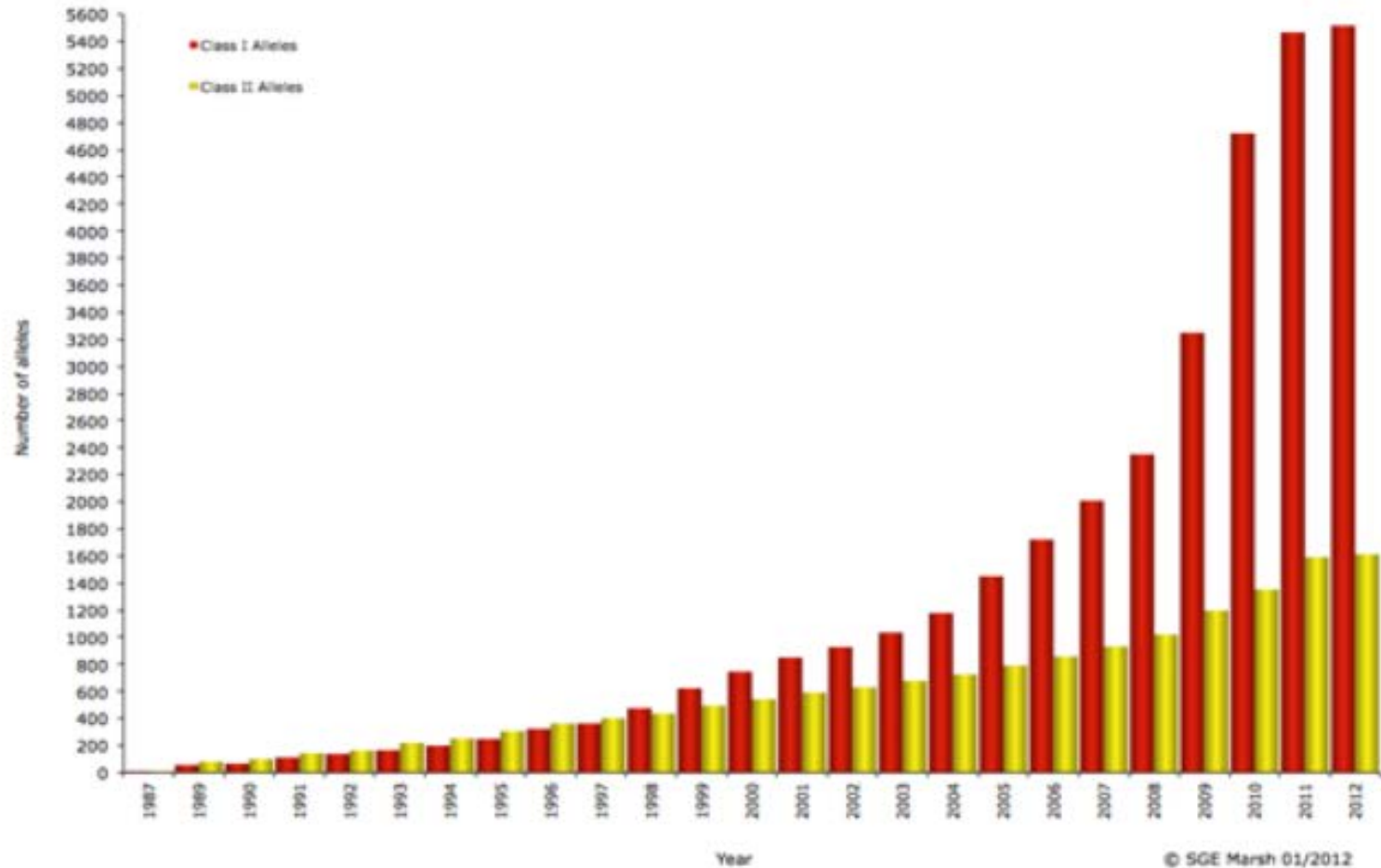
Location and Organization of the HLA Complex on Chromosome 6



Klein J, Sato A. The HLA System. First of two parts. N Engl J Med 2000;343:702-9.



HLA Alleles 1987 - 2012



Class I

Class II



HLA 2012

5518 class I alleles
1612 class II alleles

7130 HLA alleles

Numbers of HLA Alleles										
HLA Class I Alleles	5,518									
HLA Class II Alleles	1,612									
HLA Alleles	7,130									
Other non-HLA Alleles	139									
Number of Confidential Alleles	5									
HLA Class I										
Gene	A	B	C	E	F	G				
Alleles	1,757	2,338	1,304	10	22	47				
Proteins	1,290	1,795	946	3	4	15				
Nulls	87	73	35	0	0	2				
HLA Class I - Pseudogenes										
Gene	H	J	K	L	P	T	U	V	W	X
Alleles	12	9	6	5	5	0	0	3	0	0
Proteins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nulls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HLA Class II										
Gene	DRA	DRB	DQA1	DQB1	DPA1	DPB1	DMA	DMB	DOA	DOB
Alleles	7	1,166	47	162	33	152	7	13	12	13
Proteins	2	873	29	113	16	131	4	7	3	5
Nulls	0	20	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0
HLA Class II - DRB Alleles										
Gene	DRB1	DRB2	DRB3	DRB4	DRB5	DRB6	DRB7	DRB8	DRB9	
Alleles	1,067	1	57	15	19	3	2	1	1	
Proteins	803	0	46	8	16	0	0	0	0	
Nulls	15	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	
Other non-HLA Genes										
Gene	MICA	MICB	TAP1	TAP2						
Alleles	80	33	12	12						
Proteins	63	22	6	5						
Nulls	2	2	1	0						



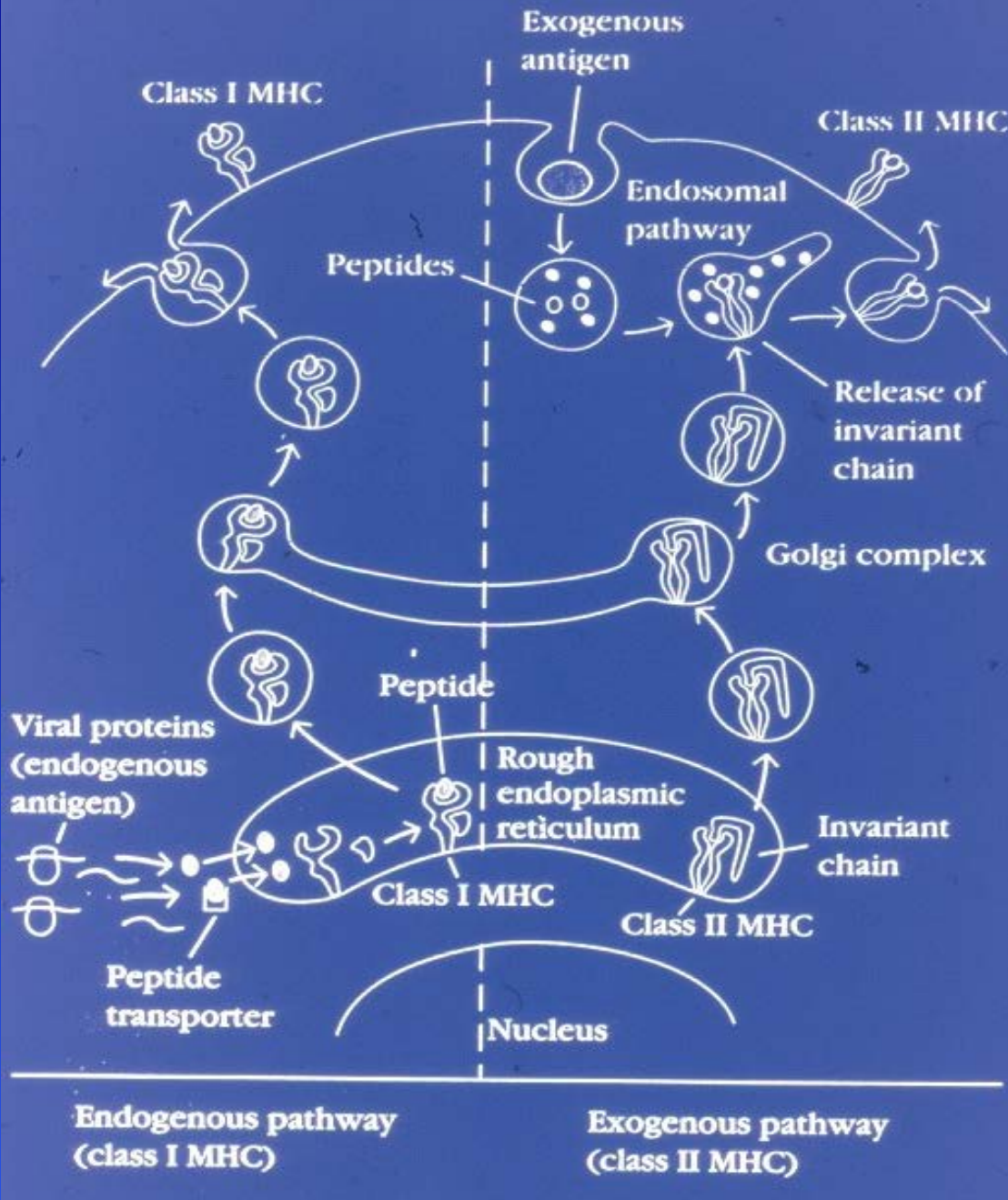
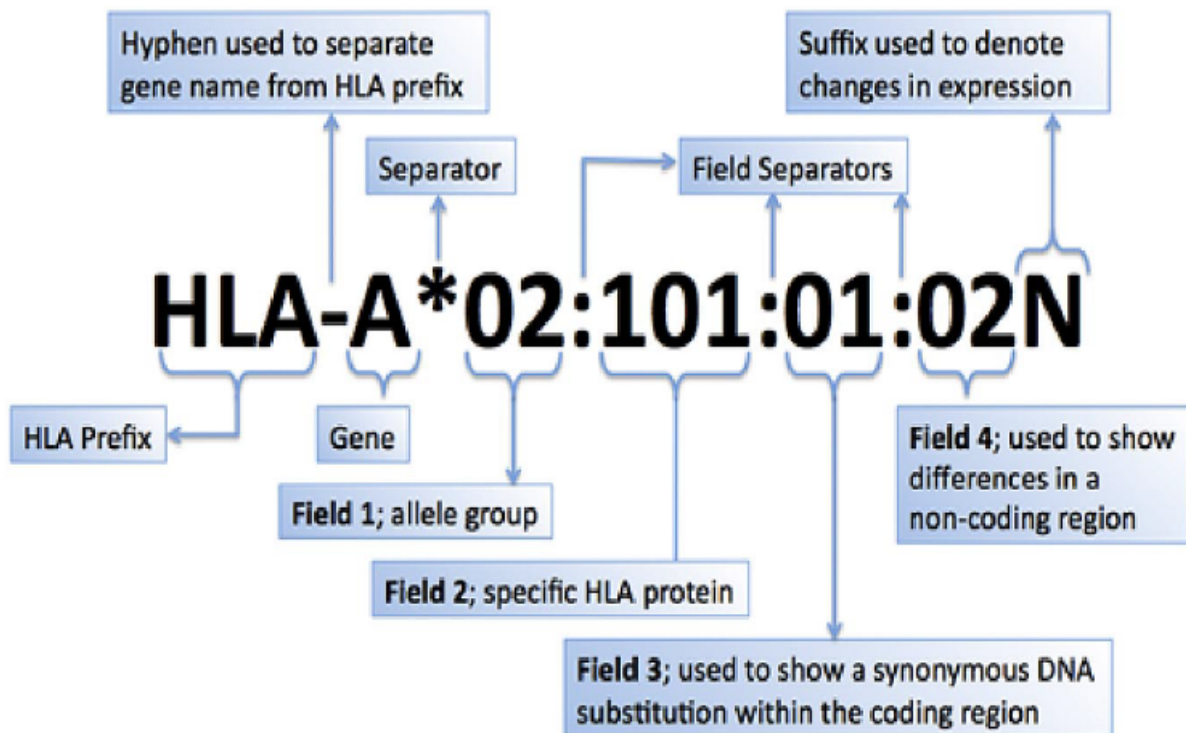


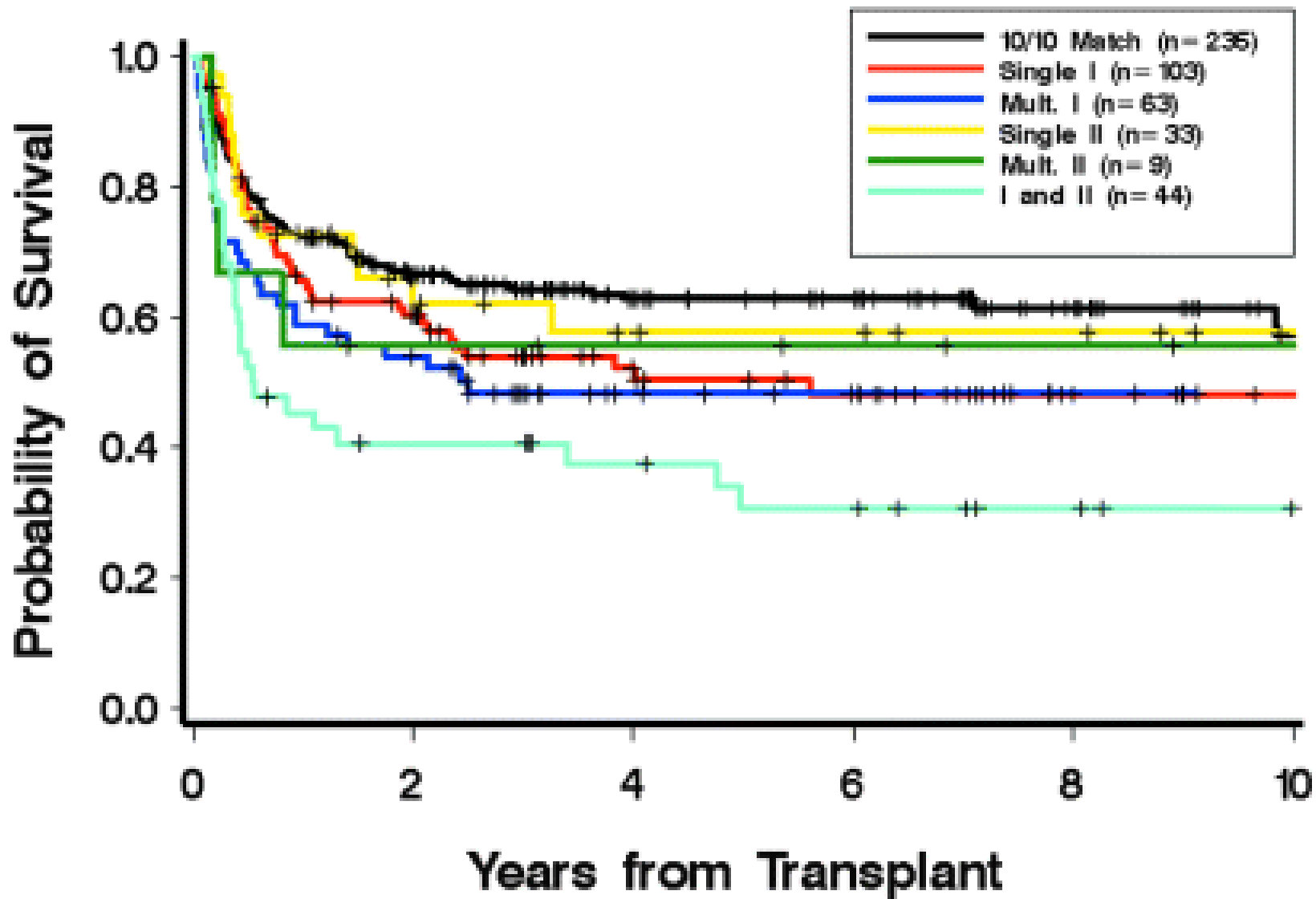
Figure 2. Convention for HLA allele naming. The figure illustrates the meaning of each component of an HLA allele name. Fields 3 and 4 may not be used in a name if no synonymous DNA substitutions or differences in a noncoding region are found for a particular allele. For example, based on the IMGT/HLA database Version 3.1.0, July 2010,² A*02:07 has not been found to have synonymous DNA substitutions or differences in the noncoding region; thus, fields 3 and 4 have not been assigned for this allele. Courtesy of Prof Steven Marsh, Anthony Nolan Research Institute, London, United Kingdom (www.hla.alleles.org).



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Seattle 2002

Effect of Single Mismatches on Mortality (15th IHIWS)

DQB1	1.00
DRB1	1.08
C	1.18
A	1.20
B	1.29



Table 3. Logistic regression models for grades II-IV and grades III-IV acute GVHD and Cox regression models for relapse and overall mortality

	Unadjusted models				Adjusted models			
	Grades 2-4 aGVHD	Grades 3-4 aGVHD	Relapse	Overall mortality	Grades 2-4 aGVHD	Grades 3-4 aGVHD	Relapse	Overall mortality
Matched at HLA-DPB1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mismatched at HLA-DPB1	1.33 (1.17-1.50; $P < .001$)	1.26 (1.10-1.45; $P < .001$)	0.82 (0.70-0.96; $P = .01$)	1.15 (1.05-1.27; $P = .003$)	1.33 (1.18-1.51; $P < .001$)	1.22 (1.06-1.40; $P = .005$)	0.78 (0.67-0.92; $P = .002$)	1.09 (0.99-1.19; $P = .07$)
1 allele mismatched	1.30 (1.14-1.48; $P = .001$)	1.21 (1.04-1.40; $P = .01$)	0.82 (0.70-0.96; $P = .01$)	1.14 (1.03-1.25; $P = .01$)	1.31 (1.14-1.49; $P < .001$)	1.18 (1.02-1.37; $P = .03$)	0.79 (0.67-0.93; $P = .005$)	1.08 (0.98-1.19; $P = .13$)
2 alleles mismatched	1.37 (1.19-1.58; $P < .001$)	1.34 (1.15-1.57; $P < .001$)	0.82 (0.69-0.98; $P = .03$)	1.18 (1.07-1.31; $P = .002$)	1.36 (1.18-1.58; $P < .001$)	1.27 (1.09-1.49; $P = .003$)	0.76 (0.64-0.91; $P = .003$)	1.09 (0.98-1.21; $P = .11$)

Adjusted models include severity of disease; patient age at transplantation; number of mismatched alleles at HLA-A, HLA-B, HLA-C, HLA-DRB1, and HLA-DQB1; patient/donor sex; patient/donor CMV status; source of stem cells; and use of T-cell depletion.

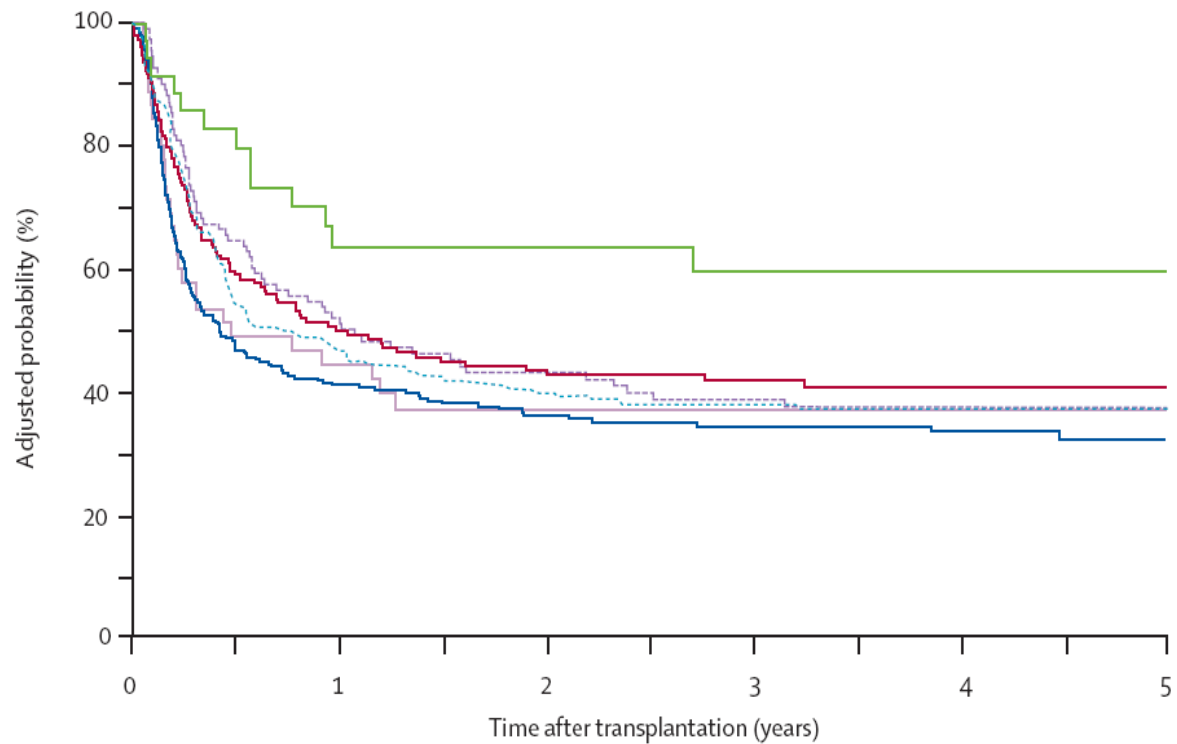
Ranges in parentheses are 95% CI.

Shaw BE et al, Blood 2007; 110: 4560 - 4566

STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION

- Family: HLA identical siblings
Haploidentical siblings
- HLA identical unrelated donors
BMDW (Feb 7, 2012): **18,707,431 donors**





		0	1	2	3	4	5
Numbers at risk							
HLA-matched cord blood	—	35	20	17	13	11	8
HLA-matched bone marrow	- - -	116	62	45	35	29	24
One-mismatched cord blood (high cell dose)	—	157	72	55	44	32	25
HLA-mismatched bone marrow	· · ·	166	77	60	53	44	30
One-mismatched cord blood (low cell dose)	—	44	19	13	12	10	6
Two-mismatched cord blood	—	267	100	67	49	34	21

Figure: Probability of leukaemia-free survival after bone-marrow and cord-blood transplantation adjusted for disease status at transplantation

Eapen et al, Lancet 369, 1947, 2007



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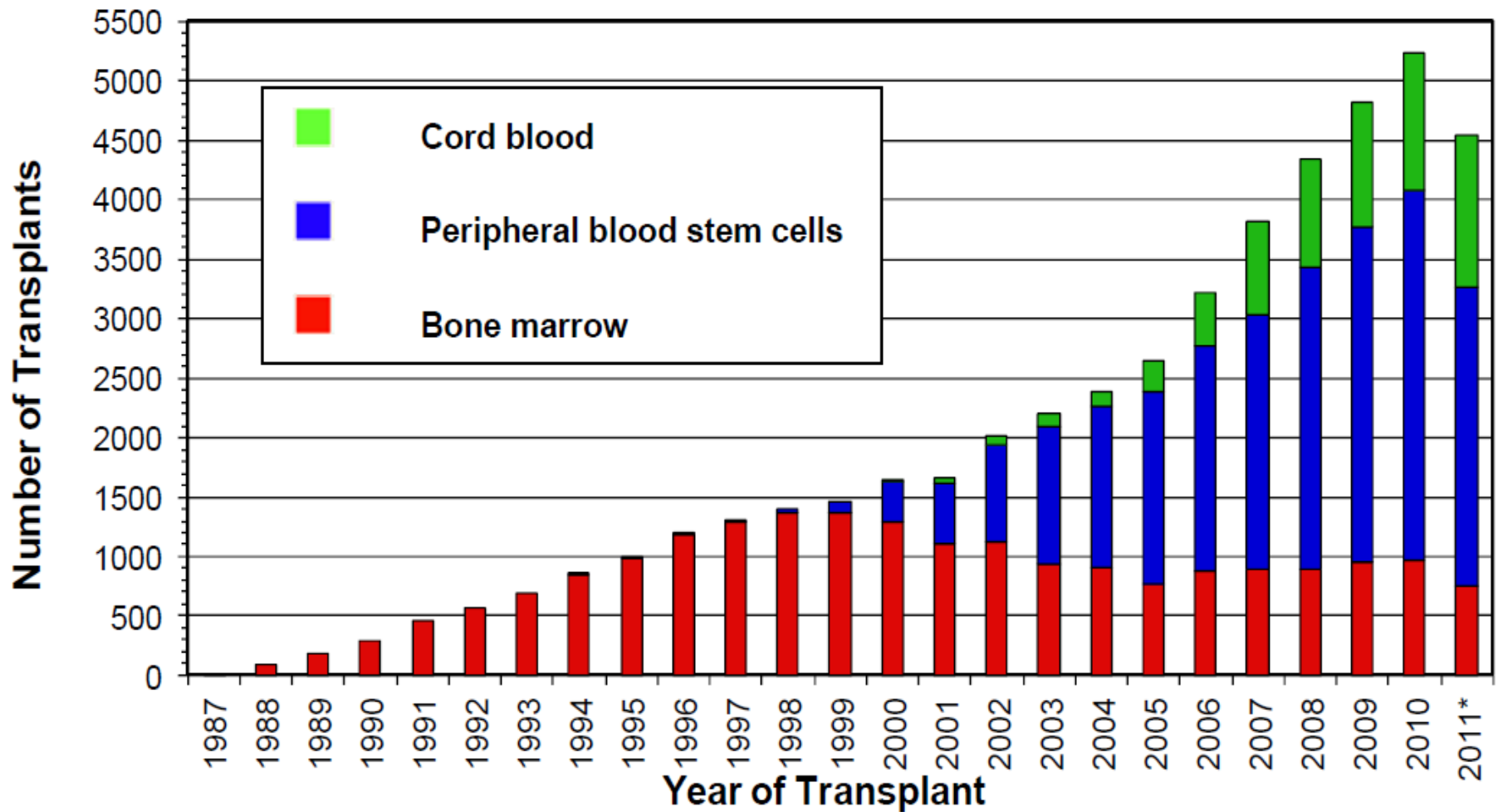
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- Cord blood (1 oder 2 donors)

BMDW (Feb 7, 2012): **19,217,639** (18,707,431 donors
and 510,208 CBU's)

- KIR, minor histocompatibility antigens ???



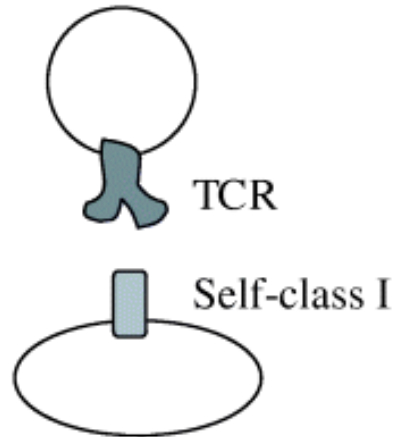


This graph used in Dr. Miller's presentation at the NIH symposium shows the NMDP transplants facilitated by fiscal year from 1987-2010, with 43,361 in total.

2011: > 5.500

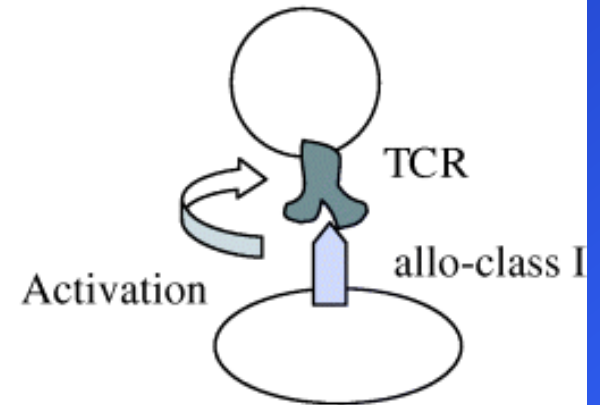
Self-MHC

T cell:



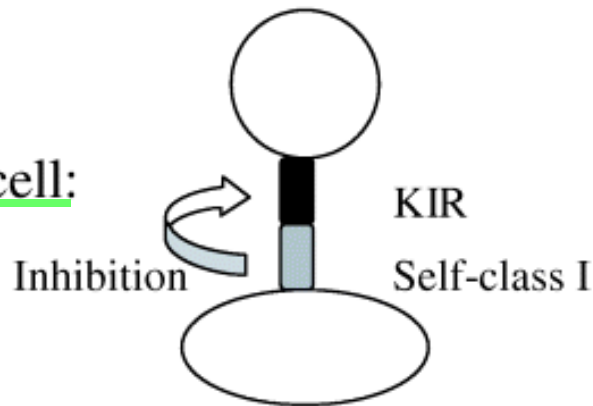
No recognition: no lysis

Allorecognition

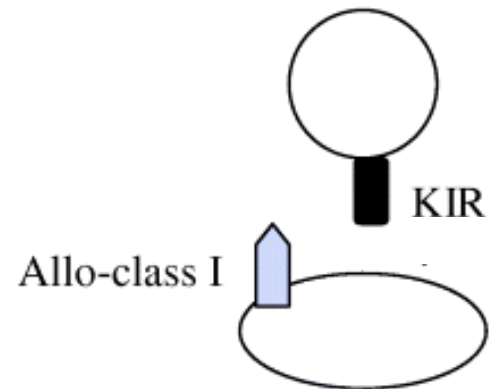


Recognition: lysis

NK cell:



Recognition: prevents lysis



No recognition of self: lysis



Allorecognition by T cells and NK cells

KIR (Killer-cell Immunoglobulin-like Receptor)

- **KIR3DL1-2, KIR3DS1, KIR2DL1-5, KIR2DS1-5**
- 2D = 2 Ig-like domains
3D = 3 Ig-like domains
- L = Long cytoplasmatic tail – inhibitory
S = short cytoplasmatic tail - activating



TABLE 1 Basic structural and functional features of KIR

KIR	Extracellular region (Ig-like domains)	Charged amino acid in tm region	Cytoplasmic tail (a.a.); ITIMs	Known ligands	mRNA
3DL1	D0-D1-D2	—	84; 2	HLA-B ^{Bw4}	+
3DL2	D0-D1-D2	—	95; 2	HLA-A3, others?	+
3DS1	D0-D1-D2	Lys	22,27; 0	?	+
2DL1	D1-D2	—	84; 2	HLA-C ^{Lys80}	+
2DL2,3	D1-D2	—	84,76; 2	HLA-C ^{Asn80}	+
2DS1	D1-D2	Lys	39; 0	HLA-C ^{Lys80}	+
2DS2	D1-D2	Lys	39; 0	HLA-C ^{Asn80}	+
2DS3,5	D1-D2	Lys	39; 0	?	+
2DS4	D1-D2	Lys	39; 0	HLA-C?	+
2DL4	D0-D2	Arg	115; 1 or 11; 0	HLA-G	+
2DL5	D0-D2	—	115; 2	?	+(-) ^a
KIRC1	D0-D1-D2 (no stem)	—	67; 1	?	-(+) ^b

^aSome *KIR2DL5* variants are not transcribed.

^bAlthough generally nontranscribed, a cDNA sequence for *KIRC1* has been recently deposited in the GenBank (47a).

KIR ligand incompatibility in GVH direction

(absence in recipients of donor class I allele groups –
e.g. for HLA-C)

Donor	Recipient	
C1, C1	C1, C1 C1, C2 C2, C2	incompatible
C1, C2	C1, C1 C1, C2 C2, C2	incompatible incompatible
C2, C2	C1, C1 C1, C2 C2, C2	incompatible

C1 - HLA-C Ser77Asn80: Cw1, w3, w7, w8

C2 - HLA-C Asn77Lys80: Cw2, w4, w5, w6



Table 1. Clinical data and transplantation outcomes in HLA haplotype-mismatched transplants with and without KIR ligand incompatibility in the GVH direction. KIR ligand incompatibility in the GVH direction was defined as absence in recipients of donor class I allele group(s) recognized by KIRs (9–11). Such groups are HLA-C alleles with Asn⁷⁷-Lys⁸⁰, Cw2, 4, 5, 6, and related alleles; HLA-C alleles with Ser⁷⁷-Asn⁸⁰, Cw1, 3, 7, 8, and related alleles; HLA-Bw4 alleles; and HLA-A3/A11. Twenty-six pairs (11 in ALL and 15 in AML) were mismatched for HLA-C groups, 8 (3 in ALL, and 5 in AML) were mismatched for HLA-Bw4 group; the HLA-A3/A11 mismatch was never found alone but only in conjunction with HLA-C group mismatches (2 pairs).

KIR ligand incompatibility in GVH direction	No	Yes
Number of transplants	58	34
Donors displaying antirecipient NK clones	1/58	34/34*
Disease		
ALL	21	14
AML	37	20
<u>Transplantation outcomes</u>		
Rejection	15.5%	0%*
Acute GVHD, ≥ grade II	13.7%	0%*
<u>Probability of relapse at 5 years</u>		
ALL	90%	85%
AML	75%	0%**

$P \leq 0.01$; ** $P < 0.0008$ (22).



KIR - Differences in studies

- Disease type (AML?)
- Conditioning regimen
- Type of hematopoietic stem cell graft
- Study population
- Genetic differences other than HLA-C possibly influencing NK-cell alloreactivity
- Allele polymorphism might influence surface expression, ...
- Specificity for ligand



Cellular Therapy – Main Directions

- **Stem Cell Transplantation**
- **Dendritic Cells:** in vitro sensitization by tumour antigens and reinjection in order to stimulate T cell response
- **NK Cells:** killing of tumour cells that do not express the own HLA class I gene products
- **Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes:** stimulation by tumour antigens and reinjection into patient where they attack tumour cells
- **Regenerative Medicine:** e.g. in vitro preparation of autologous skin grafts, infusion of stem cells in hearts damaged by infarctions, ...
- **Gene Therapy:** introduction of gene in cells and reinfusion



HLA Typing Demands for Peptide-Based Anti-Cancer Vaccine

Nagorsen D & Thiel E

Cancer Immunol Immunother, 2008, in press

„Taken together, proper tissue typing for cancer vaccine therapies represents the main pillar for successful immunotherapy. Clinical immunotherapists should be more aware of the importance of correct HLA determination to avoid vaccination of unsuitable patients.“

Correct HLA determination: high resolution genotyping (at the 4-digit level), in order to determine the binding of tumour-derived peptides



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HLA Class I

Disease	Specificity	RR
Idiopathic haemochromatosis	A3	8
Birdshot retinopathy	A29	>100
Morbus Behcet	B5	6
Morbus Bechterew – Ankylosing spondylitis	B27	90
Postinfectious arthritis	B27	40
Morbus Reiter	B27	37
Acute anterior uveitis	B27	10
Subacute thyroiditis de Quervain	B35	14
Chron. active Hepatitis type B (HBs-Ag positive)	B35	5
Adrenogenital syndrome	B47	90
Psoriasis vulgaris	Cw6	13



HLA Class II

Disease	Specificity	RR
Narcolepsy	DR2, DQ6	>100
Goodpasture syndrome	DR2	16
Multiple sclerosis	DR2	10
Dermatitis herpetiformis	DR3	15
Idiopathic membranous glomerulonephritis	DR3	12
Sjögren syndrome	DR3	10
Idiop. M. Addison, SLE, CAH type A	DR3	6
M. Basedow, myasthenia gravis	DR3	4
Diabetes mellitus type I	DR4,DQ8/DR3,DQ2	6 / 3
Rheumatoid arthritis	DR4	4
Celiac disease	DQ2	>100

HLA AND DISEASES

- 1. Restriction HLA class I
 HLA class II

- 2. Linkage disequilibrium with mutant genes
 - Idiop. haemochromatosis
 - Adrenogenital syndrome



PRESENTATION OF PEPTIDES

- DR3 – autoimmunity
- Birdshot retinopathy
A29 binds a peptide of a soluble retinal antigen
A29-transgene mice: similar symptoms
- Rheumatoid arthritis
DR4 binds peptides of collagen II
DR4-transgene mice: symptoms like RA



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Adverse Reactions to Drugs

HLA Association

Rheumatoid Arthritis: associated with HLA-DRB1*04

Adverse Reaction	Drug	HLA
Myasthenia gravis	D-Penicillamin	DRB1*01, DRB1*07
Nephropathy	Gold	DRB1*03



HLA and Drug Induced Adverse Reactions

Disease	Drug	HLA	Adverse effect
Hypertonia	Hydralazine	DRB1*04	LE
AIDS	Abacavir (\$)	B*57:01	Hypersensitivity
AIDS	Nevirapine	DRB1*01:01	Hypersensitivity
Epilepsy, ...	Carbamazepine (\$)	B*15:02	Stevens-Johnson-Syndrome
Infections (Gram+)	Flucloxacilline	B*57:01	Hypersensitivity

(\$) included in the „Table of Valid Genomic Biomarkers in the Context of Approved Drug Labels” published by the FDA



HLA associations with hepatotoxicity

Aithal & Daly, Nature Genetics 2010; 42: 650-651

Table 1: HLA associations with hepatotoxicity.

Gene	Associated allele	Drug	Type of study	Replication	Ref.
Class I					
HLA-A	*3303	Ticlopidine	Candidate gene	No	15
HLA-B	*5701	Flucloxacillin	GWA	Yes	6
Class II					
HLA-DRB1	*1501	Amoxicillin-clavulanate	Candidate gene	Yes	7,8
	*1501 ^a	Lumiracoxib	GWA	Yes	4
	*0701	Ximelagatran	GWA/candidate gene	No	5

^aAssociation also seen with *DQB1*0602*, *DRB5*0101* and *DQA1*0102* alleles. GWAS, genome-wide association study. Other, more general HLA associations for drug-induced liver injury have also been described, but only associations relating to specific drugs are considered here.



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TA-GvHD

- **Pathogenesis**

Caused by immunocompetent T lymphocytes transfused in a recipient who is unable to mount a host response to the cells due to HLA (one-way) compatibility (related donor, low HLA polymorphism, ...) and/or immunosuppression (e.g. by fludarabine, 2-CDA)

- **Prevention**

Irradiation (recommended doses 25 to 50 Gy)



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FNHTR

- **Pathogenesis**
Recipient possesses antibodies against HLA (class I) and/or HNA determinants of the donor

- **Prevention**
Leukodepletion



Leukodepletion

Proven effects

- Quality of the RBC unit
- HLA alloimmunization
- FNHTR
- CMV transmission

Controversial effects

- Immunomodulation
- Prion transmission



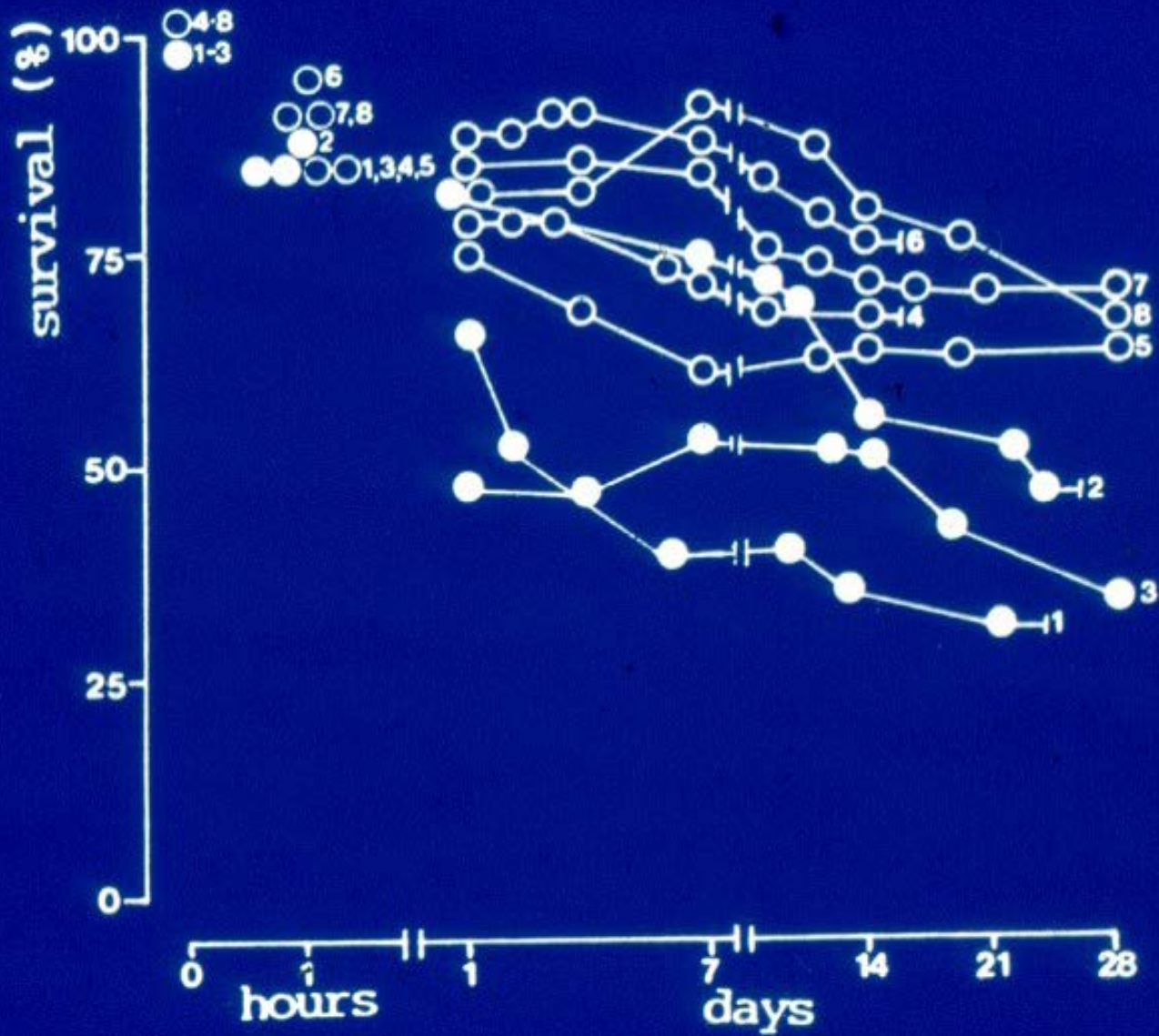
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Bg (Bennett-Goodspeed)

- **BG** **HLA class I on RBC**
 - **Bg^a** **HLA-B7**
 - **Bg^b** **HLA-B17**
 - **Bg^c** **HLA-A28**
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- **Variable expression (high on reticulocytes!)**
 - **Immune antibodies**
 - **Transfusion: low relevance**





Panzer et al, Lancet 1987; 1: 474-478



Chido / Rodgers

- **C4A:** Rg, 2 determinants
- **C4B:** Ch, 6 determinants

- **Epitopes on C4d**
- **High association with electrophoretic allotypes**
- **High correlation with aminoacid sequences**

- **Adsorbed onto the RBC membrane**
- **Destroyed by papain and ficin**

- **Immune antibodies**
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SURVIVAL OF Ch(a+) RBC IN A RECIPIENT WITH ANTI-Ch^a

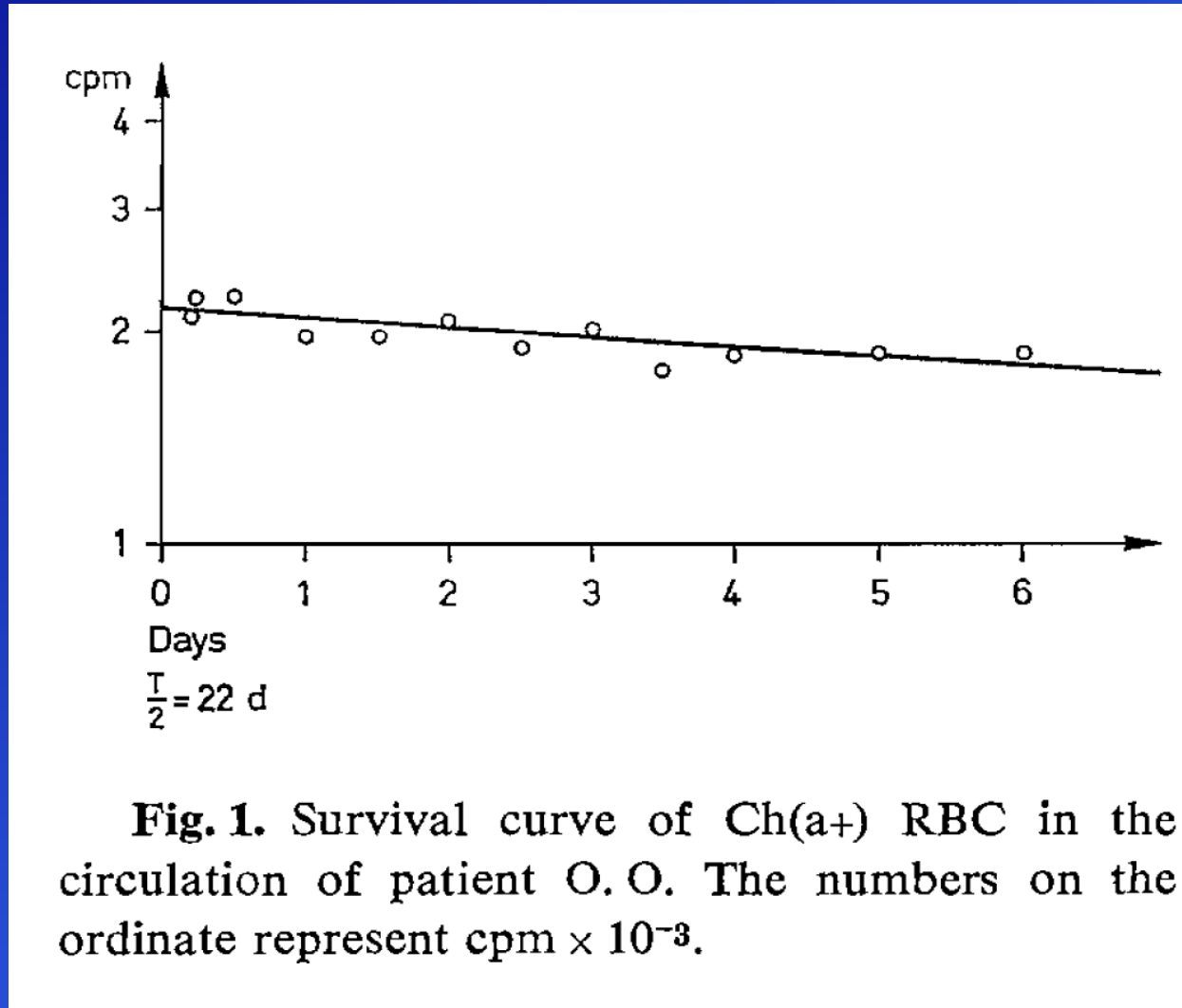


Fig. 1. Survival curve of Ch(a+) RBC in the circulation of patient O. O. The numbers on the ordinate represent $\text{cpm} \times 10^{-3}$.

Nordhagen R,
Aas M,
Vox Sang
1979;
37: 179-181

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REFRACTORINESS

- **Alloimmune**
 - Prevention by ABO compatibility, leukodepletion

- **Non-immune**
 - Splenomegaly
 - Bleeding
 - Fever, infection
 - Drugs (heparin, amphotericin, ...)
 - DIC
 - GvHD



ALLOANTIGENS ON PLATELETS

- 1. Alloantigens on platelets and other cells
 - HLA class I
 - AB0, Le, I, P
- 2. „Platelet specific alloantigens“



REFRACTORINESS (alloimmune)

- HLA class I typing of patient
- Screening for HLA class I antibodies
- HPA typing of patient
- Screening for HPA antibodies



DONORS FOR REFRACTORY PATIENTS

- **HLA class I identical or compatible donors**
 - **Class I homozygosity**
 - **Cross-reactivity**
- **Acceptable mismatches**
 - **HLA class I antibody screening**
 - **NIMA**
- **Disregard HLA-C and some HLA-B factors (e.g. HLA-B8)**



DONORS FOR REFRACTORY PATIENTS

Cross-match with many platelet samples



HLA ASSOCIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE AGAINST HPA

	HLA	Imm. Patients	Controls
HPA-1a	DR3	71 – 95%	23%
	DR52	100%	68%
	DRB3*01:01	100%	50%
HPA-5b	DR6	63%	29%
	DR52	87%	60%



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FATALITIES BY TRALI

FFP	1	:	200.000
Platelets - apheresis	1	:	320.000
Platelets - pools	1	:	1.200.000
Erythrocyte concentrates	1	:	2.500.000

ARC, Eder et al, Transfusion 2007; 47:599

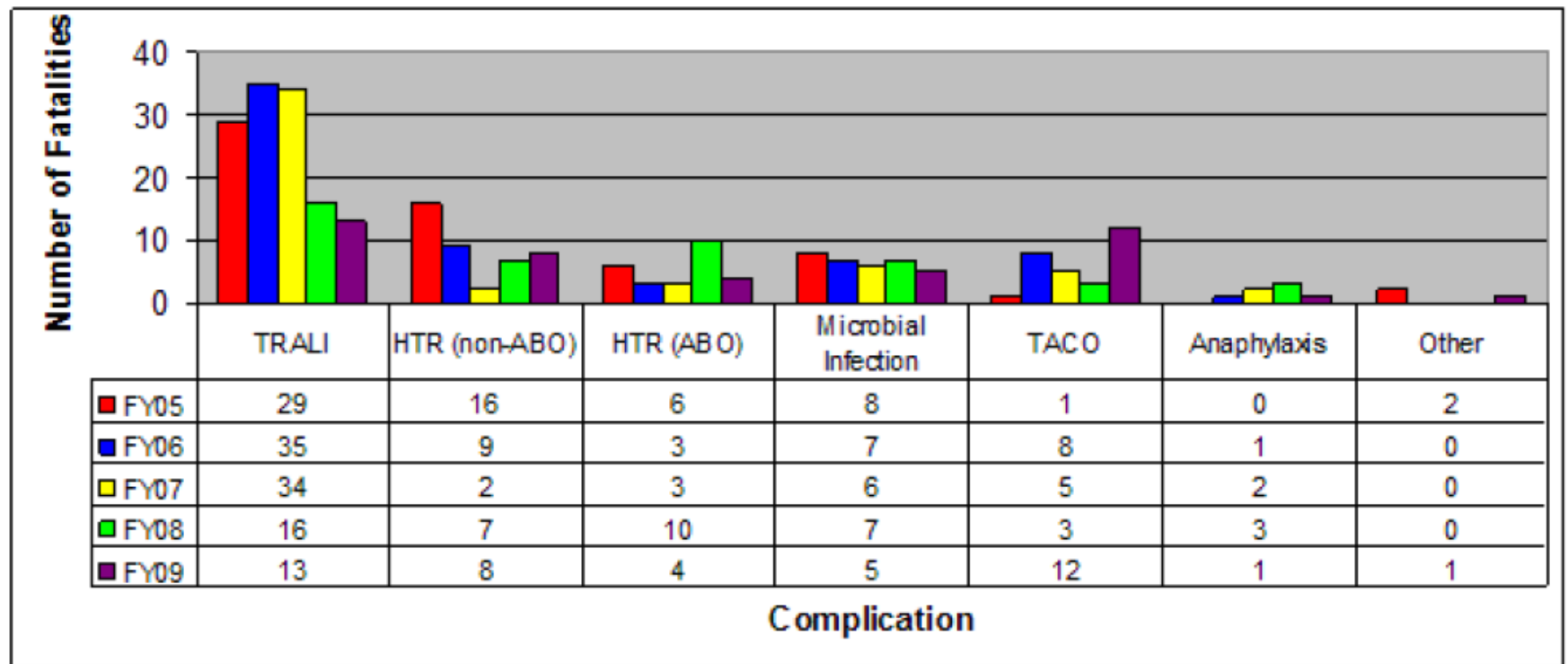


PLASMA IN HEMODERIVATIVES

- **ERYTHROCYTE CONCENTRATE** (leukodepleted, with additive solution) **15 ml**
- **THROMBOCYTE CONCENTRATE** (apheresis or pooled from buffy-coats)
resuspended in plasma **250 ml**
resuspended in T-Sol **75 ml**
- **FFP** **200 – 250 ml**



Figure 1: Transfusion-Related Fatalities by Complication, FY2005 through FY2009



TRALI

Immune TRALI

passive transfer of HLA and/or HNA antibodies in an antigen-positive recipient

Non-immune TRALI

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Antibody specificities

(Reil et al, Vox Sanguinis 2008; 95: 313-317)

Antibody specificities	Number of cases
HLA class I	4 (2 anti-HLA-A2)
HLA class I + II	3
HLA class II	17
HNA-1a	1
HNA-2a	1
HNA-3a	10
Total	36



TRALI - VERMEIDUNG

- S/D behandelte Poolpräparate
- Einzelspenderpräparate von Männern ohne Transfusionsanamnese, Frauen ohne Transfusions- und Schwangerschaftsanamnese oder getesteten Frauen (keine Ak gegen HLA und HNA)

Table 1 Data on immune and non-immune mediated TRALI, blood components involved, donors involved, results of WBC-Ab testing and TRALI associated fatalities (2006 - 2010)

Period	2006 - 2007	2008 - 2009	2010	2006 - 2010	
TRALI reported	187 (94, 93)	173 (83, 90)	59	419	
Not confirmed	143	141	55	339	
Non-immune mediated	9	8	3	20	
Immune mediated	35	24	1	60	
Donors involved in immune mediated TRALI*					
Female donors	39	25	0	64	
Male donor	1	2	1	4	
RBC donors	4	4	1	9	
PC donors	Apheresis PC	1	3	0	4
	Pooled PC	1	1	0	2
FFP donors	34	19	0	53	
Total number of donors	40	27	1	68	
Number of donors with HLA- or HNA-Ab*					
HLA- Ab	HLA I - Ab positive	4	5	0	9
	HLA II - Ab positive	15	13	0	28
	HLA I - and HLA II- Ab positive	13	6	1	20
	Sum	32	24	1	57
HNA- Ab (2a / 3a)	8	3	0	11	
Total	40	27	1	68	
Immune mediated TRALI related fatalities					
Due to RBC donors	1	0	0	1	
Due to PC donors	0	1	0	1	
Due to FFP donors	7	5	0	12	
Number of donors with HLA- or HNA-Ab involved in fatal TRALI					
HLA I- or HLA II- Ab	6	4	0	10	
HNA-2a- Ab or HNA-3a- Ab	2	2	0	4	
Total number	8	6	0	14	

*8 recipients received WBC- Ab from 2 different donors

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Funk et al,
Vox Sanguinis 2012;
102: 317-323

HLA IN DER TRANSFUSIONSMEDIZIN

- **Funktion**
 - Transplantation: Organe, Stammzellen, zelluläre Therapie
 - Assoziation mit Krankheiten
 - Arzneimittel – unerwünschte Reaktionen
 - TA-GvHD

- **Immunisierung**
 - FNHTR, HTR
 - Thrombocytentransfusion
 - TRALI
 - Granulocytentransfusion
 - (NAIT?, NAIN???)