

The Use of HLA /HPA Selected Platelets

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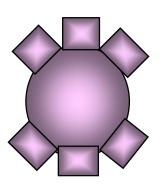


HLA and Transfusion

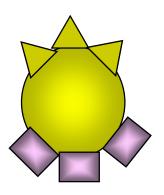


Human Platelet Antigens HPA

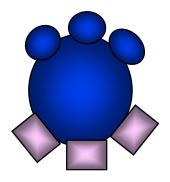
Human Neutrophil Antigens HNA



LYMPHOCYTES HLA



PLATELETS
HPA (+HLA)



NEUTROPHILS
HNA (+HLA)



Platelet Refractoriness

Definition:

• Failure to achieve an adequate rise in platelet count after 2 consecutive transfusions of random platelets.

Causes:

immunological and non-immunological



"Non-immune" refractoriness

- Old/poorly stored platelets, small dose
- Splenomegaly, hepatomegaly
- DIC (infection, septicaemia, malignancy)
- Infection (CMV)
- Fever
- Antibiotics, esp amphotericin B, ambisome, vancomycin, ciprofloxacin,



Immunological causes of platelet refractoriness

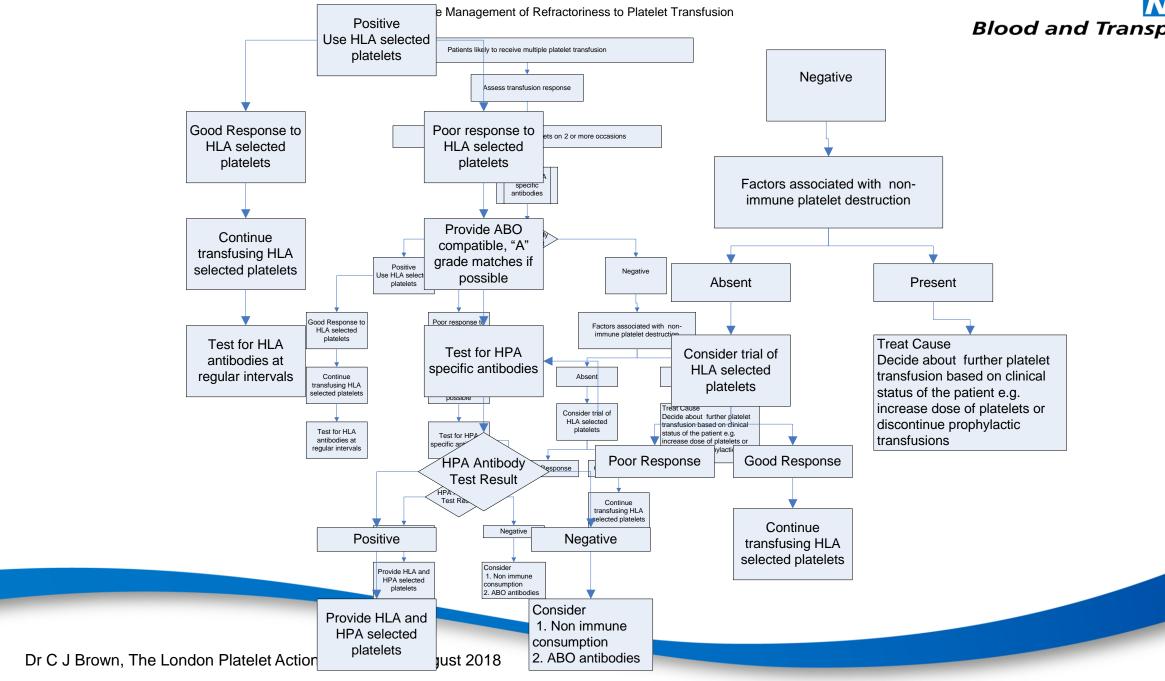
- HLA class I specific antibodies
- HPA antibodies
 - incompatibility for HPA is uncommon
- ABO antibodies
- Incompatible plts transfused into patients with high titre anti-A or anti-B have a decreased survival



Management of alloimmunised platelet refractory patients

- Provide HLA/HPA compatible donors from an HLA/HPA typed apheresis donor panel
- Define HLA/HPA antibody specificity and select antigen compatible apheresis donors
- Cross-match random apheresis platelets to select compatible donors







The role of the H&I laboratory

- Detection of HLA specific antibody
- Definition of antibody specificity
- HLA typing of patients and donors
- Selection and issue of HLA compatible platelets
- Documentation of post-transfusion increments
- Advice on patient management



NHSBT Platelet Panel

- 12,000 apheresis donors typed
- HLA class I typed HLA-A, B, C. by Next Generation Sequencing
- HPA -1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15. by Real Time PCR (NGS being developed)
- 18 20,000 HLA selected platelet units issued per year
- HLA selected platelets issued from:
 - Colindale for hospitals in the South
 - Sheffield for hospitals in the North

HLA Matching

HLA Locus

PLATELETS







KIDNEY O











HAEM STEM CELL













A match = No mismatch

The donor and patient are not serologically mismatched for the four antigens of the A and B loci.

A*01-A*02 / B*08-B*44 donor

A*01-A*02 / B*08-B*44 patient

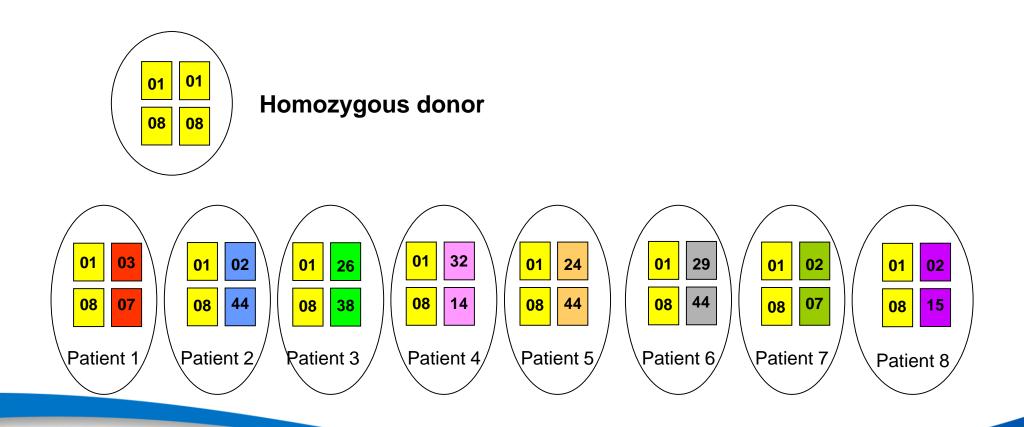
donor* A*01-A*01 / B*08-B*08

A*01-A*02 / B*08-B*44 patient

^{*}homozygous donor



HLA Homozygous Donors





B match (B_1 - B_4) = Mismatched

The donor and patient are mismatched

B1 donor: A*01-A*<mark>02</mark> / B*08-B*27

patient: A*01-A*68 / B*08-B*27

B2 donor: A*01-A*<mark>02</mark> / B*08-B*<mark>07</mark>

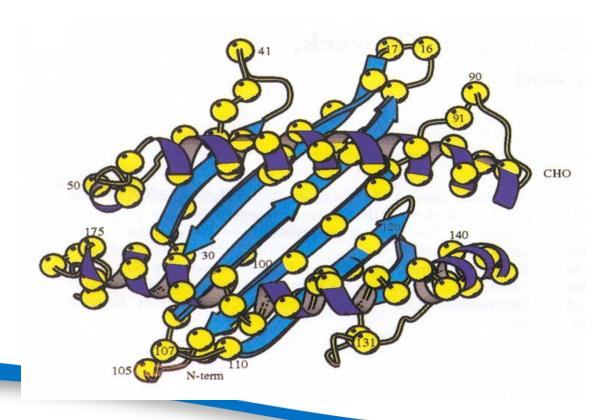


Relevance of HLA High Resolution Technology

- Next Generation Sequencing
 - Allele level HLA typing
 - HLA-B*44 HLA-B*44:02:01:01
- Single Antigen Luminex Beads
 - Allele specific antibodies
 - HLA-B*44:03 specific antibody

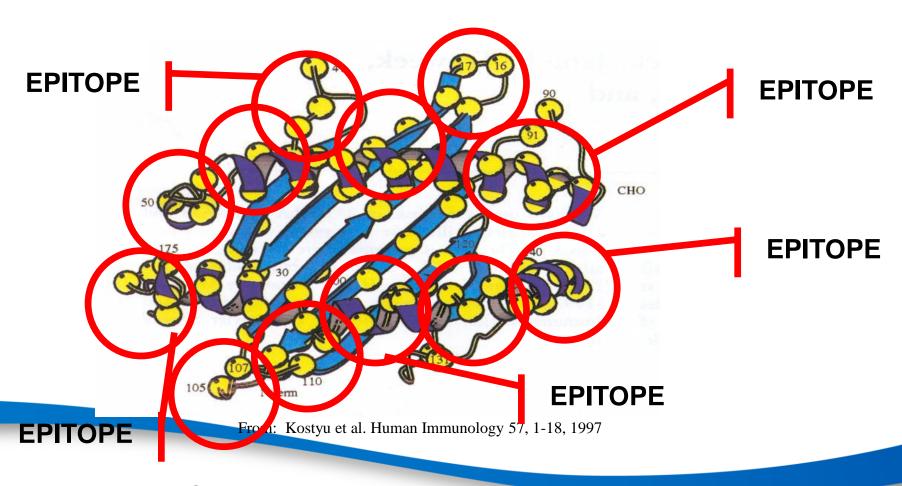


HLA Molecule





HLA Epitopes





Principles of HLA Epitope Matching

HLAMatchmaker is based on two principles

- 1. An HLA antigen can be treated as a set of interlocus and intralocus epitopes with each epitope potentially capable of being recognized by antibodies
- A person cannot make antibodies against one of their own epitopes. A donor who shares those epitopes should therefore be compatible even if the shared epitopes are not at the same HLA antigen

Duquesnoy RJ. HLAMatchmaker: a molecularly based algorithm for histocompatibility determination. I. Description of the algorithm. Hum Immunol 2002; 63:339–352.



Antigen vs. Epitope matching

Consider a platelet patient with HLA type A2, A30; B42, B53 and two potential donors D1 and D2 with types as listed

	HLA Type	MM
Patient	A*02, A*30; B*42, B*53	
D1	A*02, A*29; B*07, B*53	B2
D2	A*30, A*69; B*08, B*35	В3



Patient ID: MO Age: 74 yrs Gender: Female

Diagnosis : Aplastic Anaemia

Blood Group : O RhD pos

HPA Antibodies : NT

HPA Type : NT

HLA Class I Antibodies: A11,A23,A24,A2403,A25,A26,A29,A30,A31,A32,A33,A34,A43,A66,A74,B13,B18,B27,B2708,B35,B 37,B38,B39,B41,B44,B45,B46,B47,B48,B49,B50,B51,B52,B53,B54,B55,B56,B57,B58,B59,B60,B61

,B62,B63,B64,B65,B67,B71,B72,B75,B76,B77,B78,B82,Cw2,Cw5,Cw6,Cw9,Cw10,Cw15,Cw18,DP

9,DP17,DQ7,DQ8,DQ9,DR4,DR7,DR8,DR9,DR11,DR13

HLA Class I Type : HLA-A*01, A*02, B*07, B*08, C*07



		Match	Pre-	Post-
		Grade	Count	Count
Donor 1	0+	Random	26	22
Donor 2	0+	Random	16	17
Donor 3	A +	Α	13	48
Donor 4	B-	A	8	35
Donor 5	0+	A	29	55



Patient ID: PP Age: 72 yrs Gender: Female

Diagnosis : Acute Myeloid Leukaemia

Blood Group : B Positive

HPA Antibodies : HPA-5a ~91% Caucasoids HPA-5a pos

HPA Type : HPA-1a1a, 2a2a, 3a3b, 4a4a, 5b5b,15a15b

HLA Class I Antibodies: A30, A31

HLA Class I Type : HLA-A*02, A*29, B*15, B*44



		Match	Pre-	Post-	
		Grade	Count	Count	
Donor 1	B+	Random	4	7	
Donor 2	B+	Random	3	2	
Donor 3	A +	Α	2	6	HLA selected
Donor 4	0+	A	2	12	only
Donor 5	B-	B2	1	49	HLA + HPA
Donor 6	0+	B2	9	20	selected
Donor 7	A-	B2	14	61	



Patient ID: GR Age: 17 yrs

Diagnosis : Hypoplastic MDS

Blood Group : O Positive

HPA Antibodies : NT

HPA Type :

HLA Class I Antibodies: Negative

HLA Class I Type : HLA-A*02, A*29, B*15, B*44

Gender: Female

Awaiting second mismatched HSCT, HLA selected platelets to avoid sensitisation to the donor



Patient ID: KN Age: 55 yrs Gender: Female

Diagnosis : Acute Myeloid Leukaemia

Blood Group : A RhD Positive

HPA Antibodies : Negative

HPA Type : nt

HLA Class I Antibodies: A1, A2, A23, A24, A29, A30, A31, A32, A33, A34 A36, A68, A69, A80, B27, B37, B38, B44, B45, B53, B57, B58, B59, B63, B76, B82

HLA Class I Type : HLA-A*03, -, B*07, B*51, C*01, C*07



 Patient: KN had a BMT in February 2018, Donor was RhD negative, requirement for HLA selected platelets to be RhD negative

		Match	Pre-	Post-	
Donor 1	A-	Random	Count 3	Count nt	
Donor 2	0-	B2	15	24	
Donor 3	A-	B2	11	42	
Donor 4	A-	B2	11	25	HLA + RhD neg selected
Donor 5	A-	B 1	21	34	Selected
Donor 6	0-	B 1	9	20	



HLA Selected Platelets

Post transfusion feedback can assist with patient management and the appropriate use of HLA selected platelets

Please return post transfusion platelet counts