~ A Blood Bank Road Trip

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Points of Interest (Objectives)



Discuss the analogy between a Road Trip and a Blood Bank Work-Up.



Look at the signs that indicate we may be dealing with a high prevalence antigen/antibody.



Review the tests that will help aid in the identification of a high prevalence antigen/antibody.



Examine a case study involving an antibody to a high prevalence antigen.

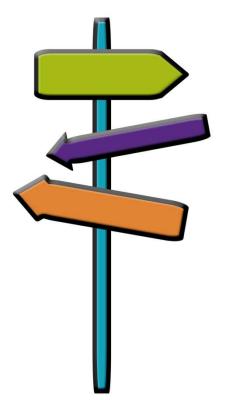


The first thing you need to decide when planning a Road Trip is your final destination. Where do you want to go?

For a Blood Bank Work-Up, the answer is easy... our final destination is to obtain the safest possible transfusion for our patients because in the end, it is really all about them.







Signs along the way on our Road Trip help point us in the right direction to reach our final destination.

For Blood Banks Work-Ups the signs we use are the

- Patient's previous antibody history
- Patient's previous transfusion and/or pregnancy history
- Patient's race
- Direct antiglobulin test (DAT)/auto control results
- Antibody screen/panel phase of reactivity and/or pattern of reactivity



For our Road Trip we may use a navigation system to lead us on the correct path.



For our Blood Bank Work-Up, the navigation system is our work instructions or procedures that tell us how to perform the correct tests to find the answer.



Even with a good navigation system, it is always good idea to have a map just in case the navigation system doesn't actually match up with the road you happen to be traveling.

For a Blood Bank Work-Up, this map is an overall picture of what the "signs" are telling us and the what the possible outcome may be.





Our Blood Bank Road Map...





On Road Trips, even with navigation and a map, sometimes we just need to stop and ask for directions when we are lost and the signs are not matching our map. Maybe, someone more familiar with the area can help us interpret our map better.





For Blood Banks Work-Ups, we do this when we ask our co-workers or supervisors for guidance on which way they think we should go next when test results are not giving us a straight forward picture.



Even with all that guidance, we are bound to still come upon

DETOURS & ROAD BLOCKS

on our Road Trip and in our Blood Bank Work-Up.









We Will Be Traveling the "High" Road on Our Blood Bank Road Trip.

The antibodies to high prevalence antigens can be split into two groups:

- Clinically Significant
- Clinically Insignificant

(those that do not cause shortened red cell survival of antigen positive units)



Definition/Classification of High Prevalence Antigen/Antibody



- Antigens are considered to be high prevalence if more than 98% of the population is positive for the antigen.
- Currently, there are 30 blood group systems and several blood group collections. High prevalence antigens can be found in most of these systems and collections. However, there are eight high prevalence antigens that are not eligible for classification into a system or collection. These 8 antigens are collectively called the 901 series.

Antibodies that are directed against these antigens are called "high prevalence antibodies" in our lab. However, the antibodies are quite uncommon since most people are positive for the antigen and therefore can not make the antibody.

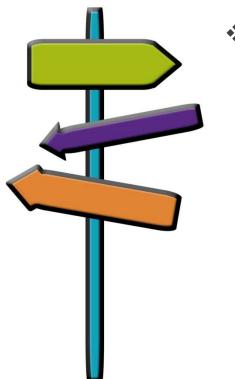


Examples of High Prevalence Antigens

System/ Collection	Ν	INS		Rh)	Luth	neran		Kell		Duffy	Kidd	Yt	Colton
Antigen or Phenotype	U	Ena	hr ^s	hr ^B	Rh29	Lu8	Lu20	k	Kp⁵	Js ^b	Fy3	Jk3	Yt ^a	Co ^a
Ethnic origin	Black	Finn> Canadian	Black	Black					Caucasian> Japanese	Black	Black (32%)	Polynesian	Arabs> Jews	
Percentage	99	99.9	98	98	100	99.8	100	99.8	100	99	100	100	99.8	99.9
DTT	Pos	Var	Pos	Pos	Pos	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Pos	Pos	Neg	Pos
Enzyme	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos
Trypsin	Pos	Var	Pos	Pos	Pos	Neg	Neg	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Var	Pos



Signs That We May Be Dealing With a High Prevalence Antibody



Direct antiglobulin test (DAT)/auto control results

The DAT and auto control are usually negative. **DETOUR:** This may not be true if the patient has been recently transfused and the antibody is newly made and coating the transfused cells.

ROAD BLOCK: Patient's may have multiple things going on in their serum. It is possible for a patient to have both a cold or warm autoantibody along with the high prevalence antibody.



Signs That We May Be Dealing With a High Prevalence Antibody

Antibody screen/panel phase of reactivity and/or pattern of reactivity

Generally, when a high prevalence antibody is present, the pattern of reactivity is uniform with all panel cells and donor red cells.

DETOUR: You may see variable reaction strength if the patient has other alloantibodies besides the high prevalence antibody.

ROAD BLOCK: You may see variable reaction strength if the high prevalence antibody is showing dosage and you test panel cells with a heterozygous expression of the antigen.



Signs to Help Us Determine the Identity of the High Prevalence Antibody

Patient's previous antibody history

- Obviously the easiest way to ID a high prevalence antibody is by obtaining the antibody specificity from another facility or the patient themselves.
- **ROAD BLOCK:** The patient knows that it was hard for the facility to find blood for him the last time he was transfused, but he doesn't know exactly why. He also doesn't remember where he was when he had that problem.

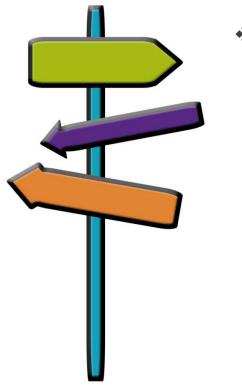
Patient's previous transfusion and/or pregnancy history

The transfusion history can aid in ID of the high prevalence antibodies by letting us know whether or not we need to perform cell separation techniques prior to phenotyping the patient for suspected high prevalence antigens.

DETOUR: The patient is incoherent or can not be reached to obtain this information.



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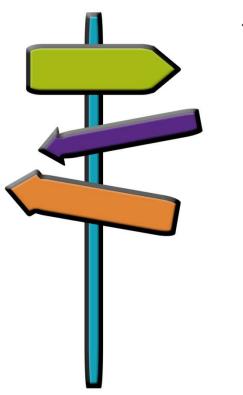
Patient's race

The ethnic origin of the patient is actually a very helpful clue to determine which high prevalence antibodies should be explored first. Lacking certain high prevalence antigens is commonly linked to specific populations. Knowing the patient's race gives a starting place for which specificities to attempt.

ROAD BLOCK: Information is not supplied by submitting facility or not able to obtained in a timely fashion.



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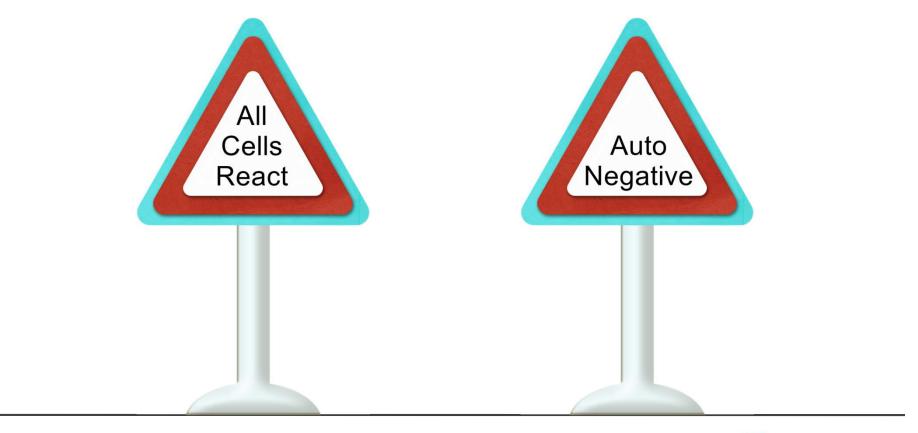
Serologic characteristics play a huge part in providing clues to high prevalence antibody IDs. Reactions at IS or RT suggest that the antibody is IgM in nature and an antibody specificity that prefers colder temperatures should be investigated. If in vitro hemolysis is present, Anti-P,P1,P^k, -Vel, or -Jk3 should be investigated. Further testing with enzyme or chemically treated cells also aids in determining which antibody specificities to test.

- **DETOUR:** Not all antibodies react by the book or the book is not clear.
- **ROAD BLOCK:** Having more than one antibody present may cause misleading results to the antibody ID of the high prevalence antibody.



One more lap...

What are the two "Signs" that we are dealing with an antibody to a high prevalence antigen?





Our Road Trip Destination...

Transfusion of Patient UL





Patient Information Received From Referring Hospital

- 79 year old Caucasian Female
- Diagnosis: Port Revision
- Current Hgb/Hct: 11.1/34.5
- Date of last transfusion: December 14, 2006
- Previous antibody history: Nonspecific antibody in Gel.
- Sent to IRL as Life Threatening need and surgery postponed until results are received from our lab. Two units on hold are requested for surgery.
- Referring hospital results:

O Pos

DAT: Negative

All panels cells 3+ positive at Gel-IgG Auto control is reactive



IRL Initial Testing

Blood Type: O Positive
Rh Phenotype: D+ C- E+ c+ e+ (R2r)
DAT: Negative
Initial Panel: all 11 cells tested at Gel-IgG react 3+; auto control is 1+

Essentially, we are seeing the same results as the referring facility



Do we see any signs that we are dealing with an antibody to a high prevalence antigen?



Yes, all cells are reacting and their reaction strength is uniform

No, the auto control is positive, but the DAT is negative





We have come to our first Road Block

Our signs are not direct. We need to run more tests to get a better picture of what we are dealing with.

What other roads could we possibly be traveling based on the results of our initial tests?

Warm Auto Antibody?

It is unlikely that a patient with a warm auto antibody has a negative DAT.



Definite possibility

Multiple Alloantibodies?

Probably not since we do not see any variability



What Next



Run more tests



Further Testing to Exclude Other Possible Roads to Take

Additional tube tests were performed to further investigate the negative DAT. This included testing with multiple sources of Poly AHG and Anti-IgG and Anti-C3. All of these tests were negative. A warm autoantibody does not seem likely and was not pursued further.

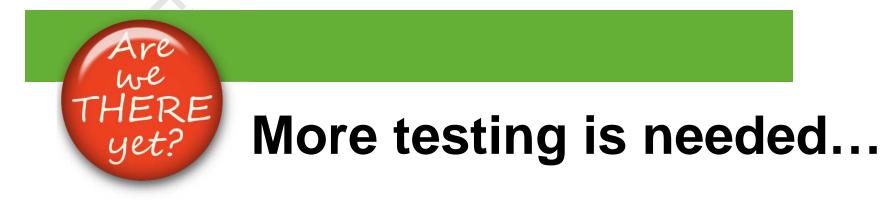
A selected cell panel which rules out all common clinically significant alloantibodies (a rule out panel) along with the auto control was tested at 15' RT and 15' 4°C. No reactivity was seen at these phases. This eliminates the possibility that we are dealing with a cold autoantibody.



Auto

A complete phenotype was performed on the patient. Several panel cells which are phenotypically similar to the patient were tested. These cells were all 3+ at Gel-IgG. If we are only dealing the common alloantibodies, then these cells would be nonreactive.





Complete Phenotype: M+ N+ S+s-; K-; Fy(a+b-); Jk(a+b-); P1+; Le(a-b+)

~Unfortunately, there is nothing in the phenotype that jumps out and screams, "It's Me!" However, we do know which alloantibodies our patient can make.

So far, we have only tested an original panel in Gel and a cold panel. In our lab, we are most experienced with testing in tubes. So, when we reach the point of puzzlement, we always switch to tube testing.



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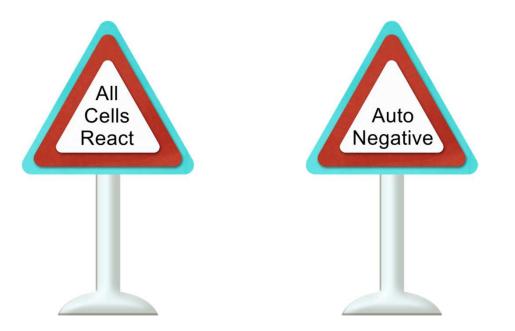
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What have we learned from this panel?

Remember our Gel results were 3+ indicating that this antibody reacts pretty strongly. However, when tested in the tube with LISS enhancement, we only see weak reactions at LISS-IgG. That is quite a different picture. Other key things to notice...





Phenotypically Similar Cells

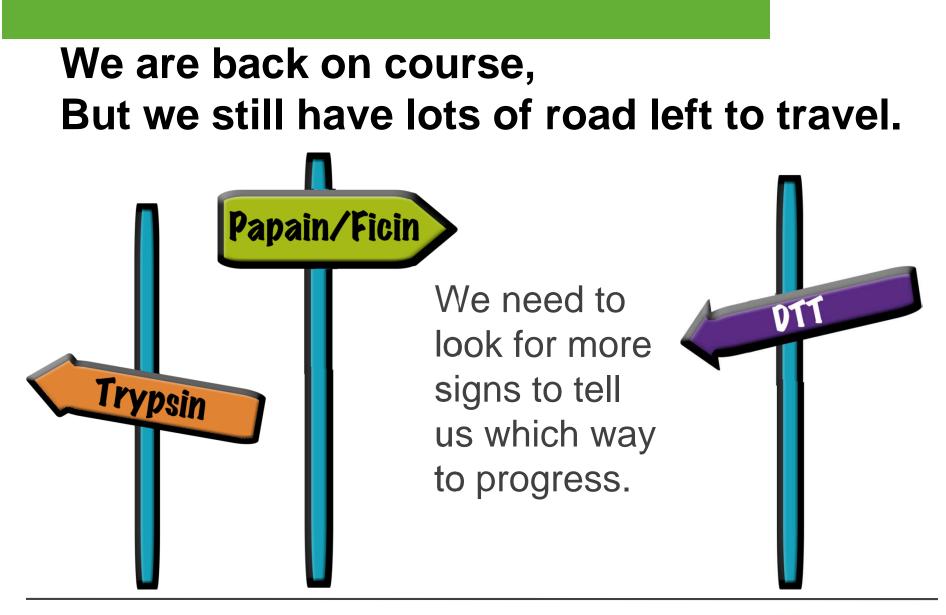
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The phenotypically similar cells that reacted at Gel-IgG are also reacting at LISS-IgG, but much weaker.







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Possible specificities based on reactivity

- A long list...
 - A,B; H; P1; Lewis; Rh; Kidd; En^aFR; U; Fy3; Di^a,Di^b,Wr^a,Wr^b; Colton; Ok^a; I,i; P,P^k,LKE; AnWj; At^a; Cs^a; Er; Jr^a; Lan; Vel; Sd^a; PEL;
- We start by selecting high prevalence antigen negative cells from *liquid* reagent red cell panels that fit the reactivity pattern we obtained.



Selected cells



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Almost There? Could It Be? Anti-Co^a?

• Before thawing rare reagent cells, we decide to phenotype our patient.

	Co ^a	
UL	Pos Cont	Neg Cont
2+	2+	0√

WHAT?



Additional Sources

	С	0 ^a	
	UL	Pos Cont	Neg Cont
Source #1	2+	2+	0√
Source #2	1+	1+	0√
Source #3	2+	1+	0√







Time to switch drivers - a new set of eyes...

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Imm-20 32348	B6654 2	+	+	0	0) +	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	Vel var	WH		
Imm-16 24019	F567 6	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	Sd(a-)	WH		



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A good source of antisera to type patient for Cs^a is not available, so we thaw rare frozen cells and test

Cell ID	D	С	E	С	е	K	k	М	Ν	S	S	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Le ^a	Leb		Additional Antigens	LISS IgG	PEG lgG
440C	+	0	+	+	+	0		+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	Cs(a-)	0√	0√
212C	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	Ŧ	Cs(a-)	0√	0√
136C	÷	+	0	+	+	0		+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	Cs(a-)	0√	0√
168C	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+		Cs(a-)	0√	0√

Patient negative for C, K, s, Fy^b, Jk^b



One Additional Test

60' 37°C IgG	1:1	1:2	1:4	1:8	1:16	1:32	1:64	1:128	1:256	1:512	Diluent Control
Immucor 27063 #8	W+	W+	W+	W+	W+	W+	~Q ^{m+}	10 ^{m+}	0√	0√	0√

Anti-Cs^a antibodies are known to be HTLA-like. That is, they react weakly and do so to a high dilution. This particular example has a titer of 128 and shows weak reactions across four or more dilutions.



Important Facts About Cs^a

•Antibody was discovered and named in 1965 by Giles et al

- Two most fully studied examples were from patients names Copeland and Stirling
- •The antibody is usually
 - IgG and optimally reactive by IAT
 - Reactions are usually weak and some examples react at high dilutions (HTLA-like)
 - Clinically insignificant (does not cause decreased red cell survival)
- •Belongs to the Cost blood group collection
 - Two antithetical antigens in the Cost collection: Cs^a and Cs^b
 - The antigens are serologically related to those of the Knops, but don't appear to be located on CR1
 - The antigens are resistant to treatment with Ficin/Papain, Trypsin, and DTT



Key Points to Identifying Anti-Cs^a

- •Do not usually cause positive DAT or auto controls
- •Weakly reactive at IAT phase with all cells tested
- •React with all cell treatments (i.e. Ficin, DTT, Trypsin)
- Often react at high dilutions
- •Difficult to rule out common clinically significant alloantibodies
 - Test with rare Cs(a-) cells
 - Rule out using valid autologous red cell phenotype
 - Give antigen negative for those alloantibodies unable to be excluded



Final Report on Patient UL

•CELL TYPING

- Blood Type: O Positive
- **Phenotyping**: D+ C- E+ c+ e+; M+ N+ S+ s-; K-; Fy(a+b-); Jk(a+b-)
- DAT: Negative

•SERUM TESTING

- Anti-Cs^a

•TRANSFUSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Transfuse incompatible units



What Have We Learned?

Reaching our final destination may not be as direct as the maps and/or navigation systems lead us to believe.
We may have to deal with road blocks and detours along the way, but there are valuable resources out there for us to utilize.

•Our Blood Bank Road Trip Directions...

Take Negative DAT south and then left on Clinically Insignificant High Prevalence. Take a right onto Crossmatch Incompatible and left on Transfusion. Your final destination will be on your right.

•Questions?

