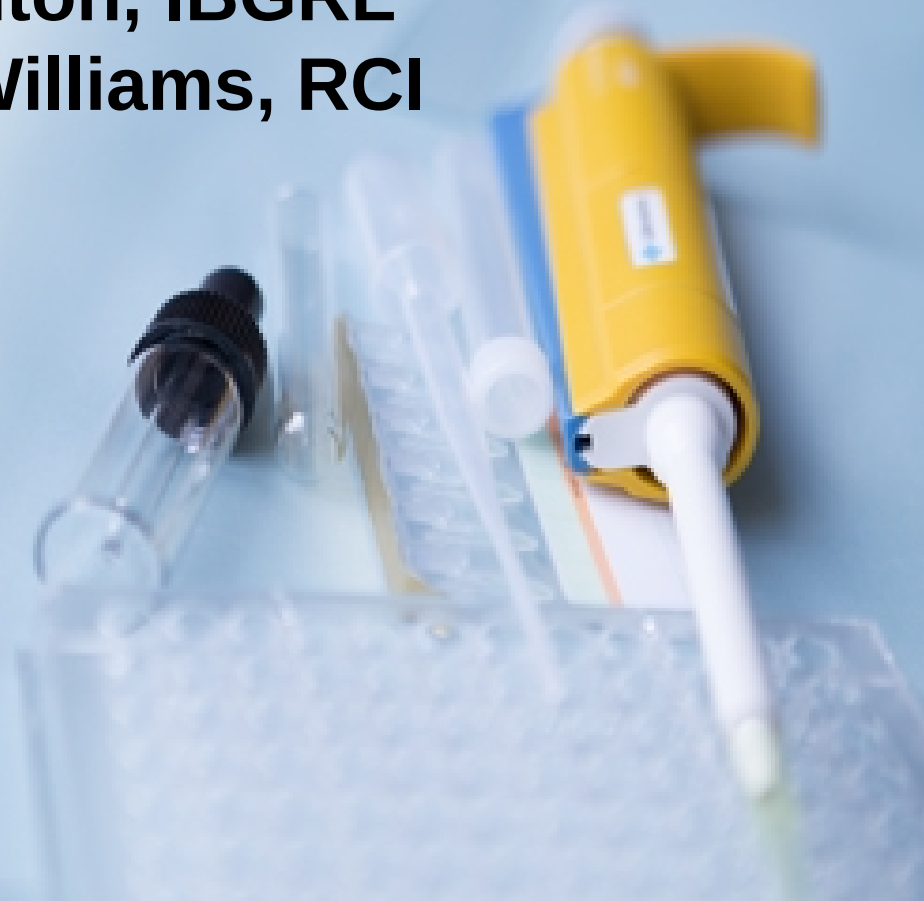


Serological Case Studies

Interactive !

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Case Study 2

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Case Study 2

Referral

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- Gp A R₁r K–
- DAT–
- Anti-D present
- Additional weaker reactions with all D– cells
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Any ideas/comments about this information?



Case Study 2:

First Panel

	Rh	M	N	S	s	P1	Lu ^a	K	k	Kp ^a	Le ^a	Le ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Unt IAT	Pap IAT
1	R ₁ ^w R ₁	0	+	0	+	3	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	4	5
2	R ₁ R ₁	+	0	+	0	1	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	4	5
3	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	4	5
4	r'r	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3
5	r''r	0	+	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	2	3
6	rr	+	0	0	+	2	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3
7	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	2	3
8	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	2	3
9	rr	0	+	0	+	4	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	2	3
10	rr	+	0	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	2	3
Auto																	0	0

What could be present?

- 1) Mixture of antibodies
- 2) Single specificity
- 3) Alloanti-D
- 4) Could be all of the above



Case Study 2:

First Panel

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2	R ₁ R ₁	+	0	+	0	1	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	4	5
3	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	4	5
4	r'r	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3
5	r''r	0	+	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	2	3
6	rr	+	0	0	+	2	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3
7	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	2	3
8	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	2	3
9	rr	0	+	0	+	4	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	2	3
10	rr	+	0	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	2	3
Auto																	0	0

What would be useful to do next?



Case Study 2

What would be the most useful next step?

- 1) Extract patient's DNA and sequence *RHD*
- 2) Investigate patient's D antigen using extended panel of anti-D reagents
- 3) Test patient's plasma against D+ and D- cord cells
- 4) Type the patient's cells for High Frequency Antigens
- 5) Test the patient's plasma with cells treated with a range of enzymes/chemicals
- 6) Something else



Case Study 2

What we did next

- **Test D+ and D– cord cells**

Cells	IAT	
	Unt	Pap
D+ cord cells	4	5
D– cord cells	4	5
D+ adult cells	4	5
D– adult cells	2	3
Auto cont.	0	0



Case Study 2

Cells	IAT	
	Unt	Pap
D+ cord cells	4	5
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D– adult cells	2	3
Auto cont.	0	0

What could these results indicate?



Case Study 2

What would you do next?

- 1) Match rare null cells against the patient's plasma
- 2) Type the patient's cells for LW^a
- 3) Autoabsorption
- 4) Differential alloabsorptions
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Case Study 2

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- 6) Something else

LW(a-)



If anti-LW^a not available.....

Enzymes & Chemical Modification Study

	Papain	Trypsin	Chymotrypsin	Pronase	AET
Knops	+/-	-	-	+	-
Ch/Rg	-	-	-	-	+
Cromer	+	+	-	+	(+)
Vel	+	+	+	+	+
Rh	+	+	+	+	+
Kell	+	+	+	+	-
JMH	-	-	-	-	-
LW	+	+	+	-	-

Examples of effect of enzyme treatment/chemical modification

Case Study 2

LW(a-)

Given this result what could be present in the patient's plasma?

- 1) Anti-LW^a
- 2) Anti-LW^{ab}
- 3) Anti-D + ?
- 4) All of the above



Case Study 2

LW(a-)

Given this result what could be present in the patient's plasma?

- 1) Anti-LW^a
- 2) Anti-LW^{ab}
- 3) Anti-D + ?
- 4) **All of the above**

Why?



Case Study 2

Anti-LW^a

- Patient cells could have the rare LW(a-b+) phenotype and therefore she can make anti-LW^a

Anti-LW^{ab}

- Patient's LW^a antigen could be transiently suppressed due to pregnancy and she could have subsequently made anti-LW^{ab} (often see a very weak pos DAT but not always)

Anti-D + ?

- Patient could be D variant with alloanti-D + other antibody/ies



Case Study 2 - Outcome

Patient's cells: LW(a-b+)

Patient's plasma: anti-LW^a

Anti-D was excluded by compatible D+ LW(a-) cells

Which of the following cells would be compatible with her plasma?

- 1) LW(a-b+), LW(a-b-), Rh_{null}, -D-/-D-
- 2) LW(a-b+), LW(a-b-), -D-/-D-
- 3) LW(a-b+), LW(a-b-), Rh_{null}
- 4) Only LW(a-b+) and LW(a-b-)



Case Study 2

Learning Points

- LW and D antigens have a phenotypic relationship.
Adults: D– cells have lower expression of LW antigens than D+ cells
Cord cells: LW strongly expressed in both D– and D+ cells
- LW antigens can be transiently suppressed during pregnancy and patient can make anti-LW^{ab}
(often see a very weak pos DAT)
- LW(a-b+) individuals are genetically LW(a-) and can make anti-LW^a
- Testing pronase treated D+ cells is a useful way of distinguishing between anti-D and anti-LW



Case Study 3

Martin



Case

- 10 year old Philipino boy
- ? Aplastic Anaemia
- Hb <50g/L
- 'pan-reactive'
- Transfusion history unknown
- O R₁R₁ (c-, E-) K-

Panel results

NHSBT Reagents Panel 1

Antibody Investigation Worksheet

[illegible]

Pipette batch No's

What to do next?

Adsorption

Elution

More panel cells

Neutralisation

Adsorption

Blood and Transplant

NHSBT Reagents Panel 1

Antibody Investigation Worksheet

[illegible]

Pipette batch No's

Results

- Adsorbed plasma
- Anti-Jk^b + weak reactions

Next?

Crossmatch and issue blood

Phenotyping / genotype

Elution

Neutralisation

Serological Typings

	D	C	c	E	e	C ^w	M	N	S	s	K	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b
Phenotype	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	n/t	-	+	n/t	n/t	-	-

IBGRL report

- Strongly positive DAT
- Apparent anti-Jk3 reacting at 18°C by direct agglutination
- Unable to adsorb to see if anti-Jk3 IAT reactive
- Genotype.....

Typings

	D	C	c	E	e	C ^w	M	N	S	s	K	k	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b
Phenotype	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	n/t	-	+	n/t	n/t	-	-
Genotype	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-



Urgent – Which blood to Issue?

Jk(b-)

c-, E- Jk(b-)

c-, E-, K-, Jk(b-)

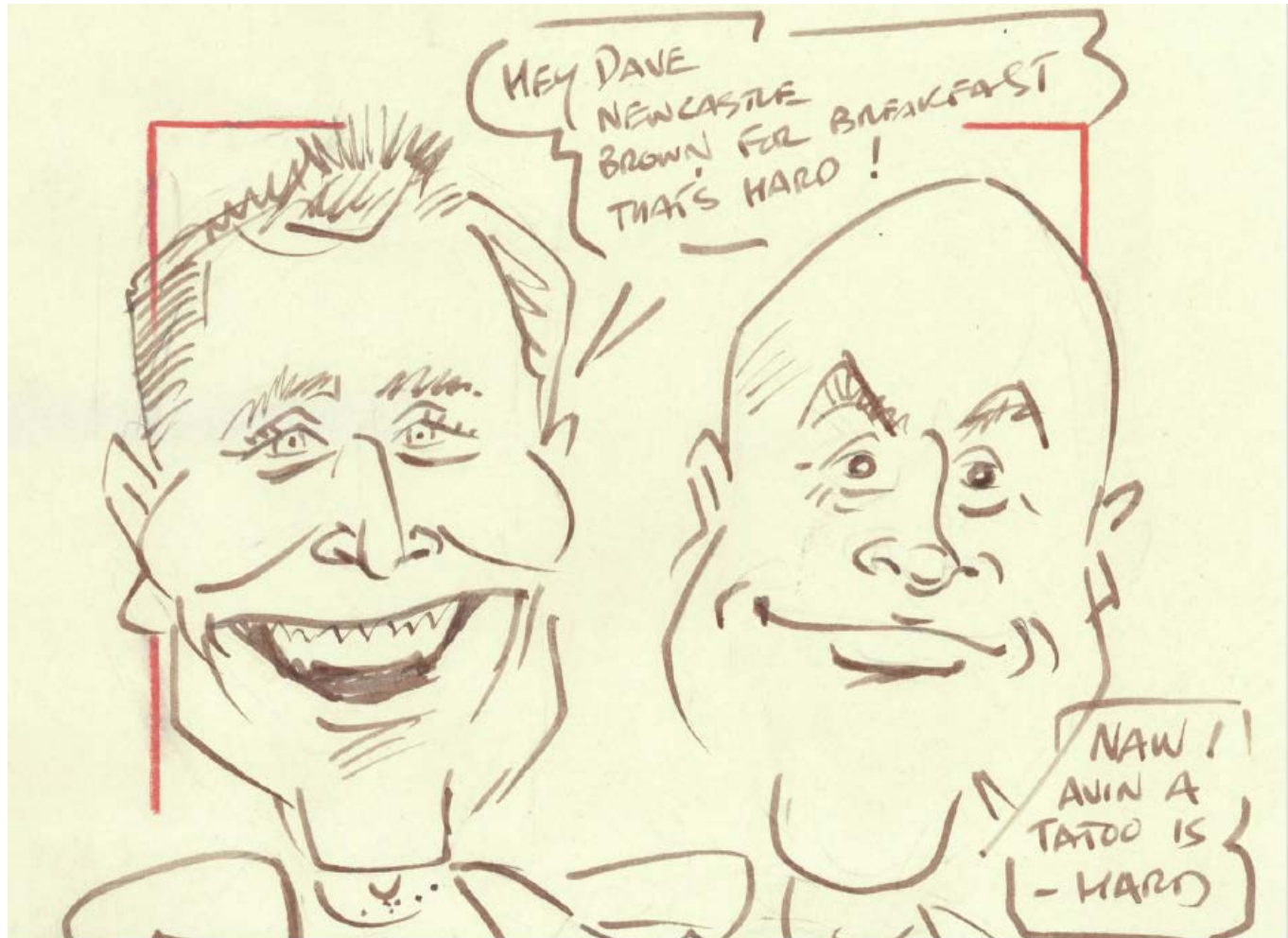
Look for Jk3- units

Up to Date

- Presented again this year
- α Thalassaemia
- No alloantibodies in adsorbed plasma
- c-, E-, K-, Jk(b-) blood - no adverse reaction
- Samples for sequencing to IBGRL
- ? Suppression of Jk^a/Jk3 antigens

Learning points

- Geno / Pheno clash
- Value of high quality IgM monoclonals
- Is phenotype always the most important?



Case Study 4

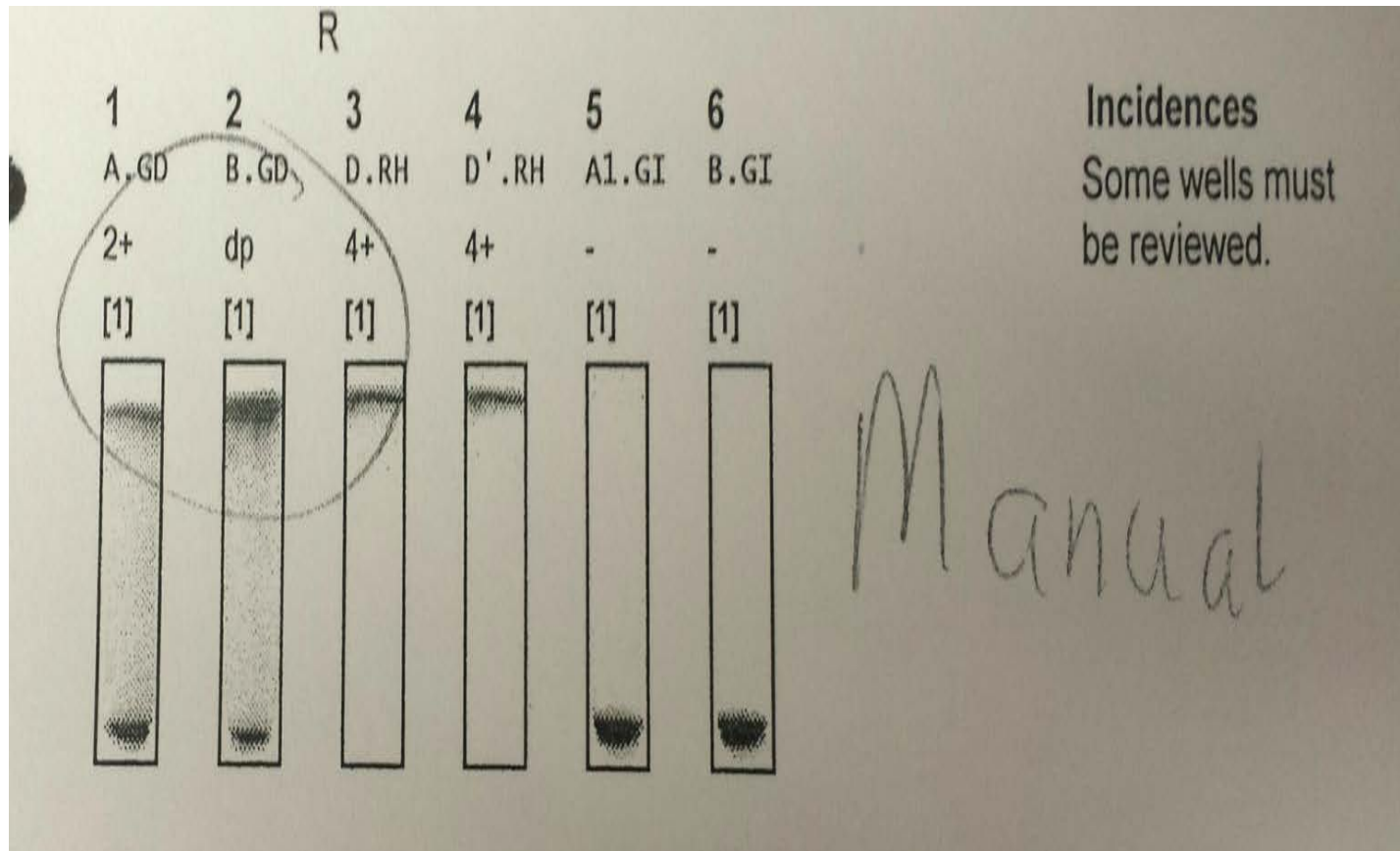
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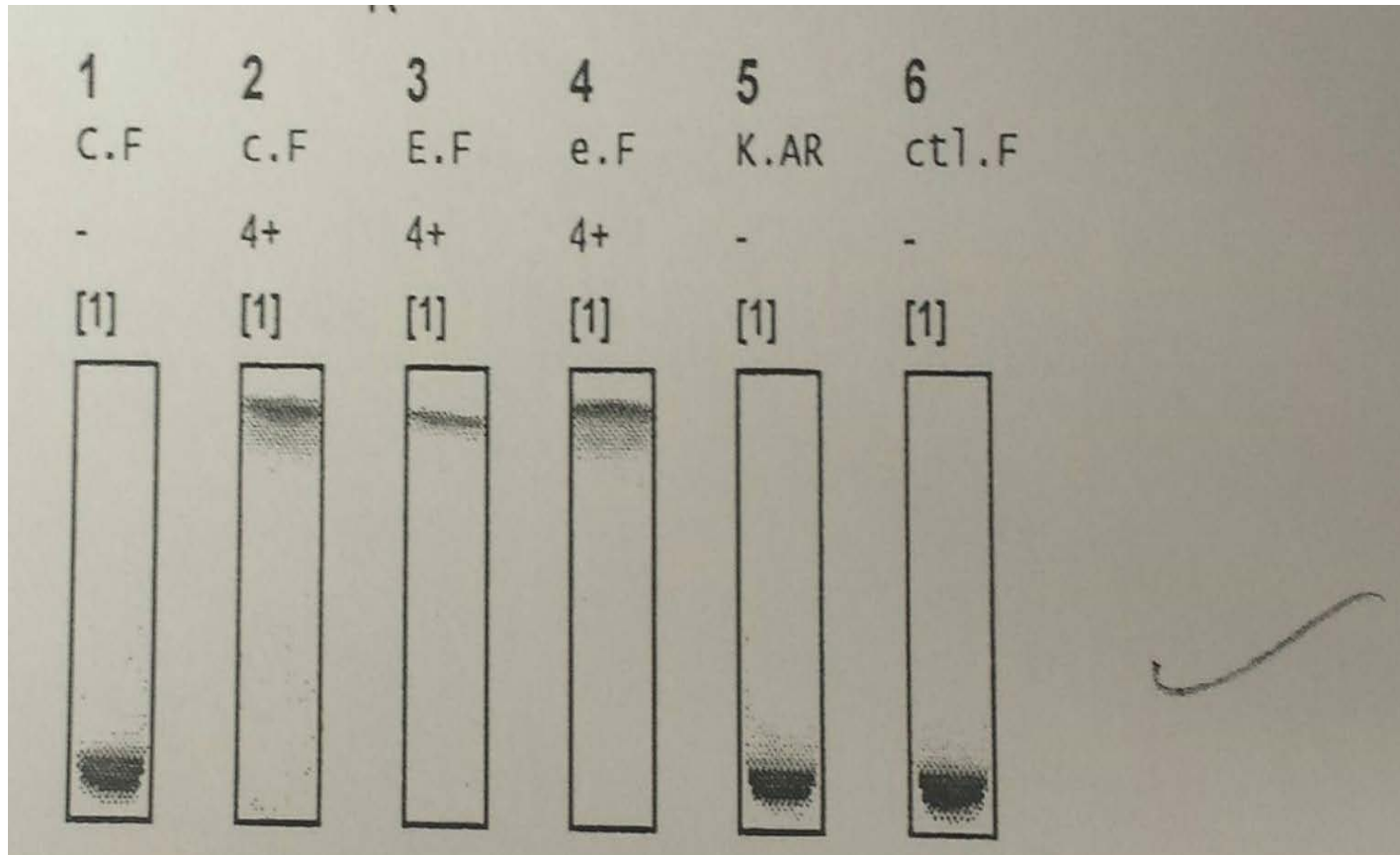


Case

- 62 year old female
- Pericarditis
- ‘? ABO group’
- ‘No known transfusions’
- Negative antibody screen

ABO group (BioRad automated)





Urgent – Which blood to Issue

O+

A+

B+

AB+

Cause?

Out of group transfusion / transplant

Weak subgroup

Chimerism

Haematological malignancy

Manual ABO (tubes)

- Red cells;
 - v anti-A – 2+MF
 - v anti-B – 4+MF
 - v anti-A,B – 4+MF
 - v anti-A₁ – negative
-
- Plasma;
 - v A₁ cells – negative
 - v B cells - negative

PCR-SSP Genotype

Reaction No.	1	2	3	4	5	6 [#]	7	8		
PCR Product (Size in bp)	134	133	194	193	195	194	170	170		
Specificity	O ¹	non O ¹	O ²	non O ²	B	non B	A ²	non A ²		
Examples for results:									*Genotype	*Phenotype
Position 1-positive (O ¹)	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	O ¹ O ¹	O
	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	O ¹ O ²	O
	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	O ¹ B	B
	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	O ¹ A	A
	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	O ¹ A ²	A ₂
Position 3-positive (O ²)	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	O ² O ²	O
	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	**O ² B	B
	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	O ² A	A
	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	O ² A ²	A ₂
Position 5-positive (B)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	**BB	B
	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	AB	AB
	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	A ² B	A ₂ B
Position 2/4/6- positive (non O ¹ /O ² /B)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	AA	A
	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	AA ²	A
	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	A ² A ²	A ₂
Results:										
	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	AB	

* The specificity in table does not consider rare blood groups. You will find closer explanations about this in the product insert.

** An exception to the general reaction pattern is represented by the non O² reaction, in case of a O²O², BB or BO²

What else can you do?

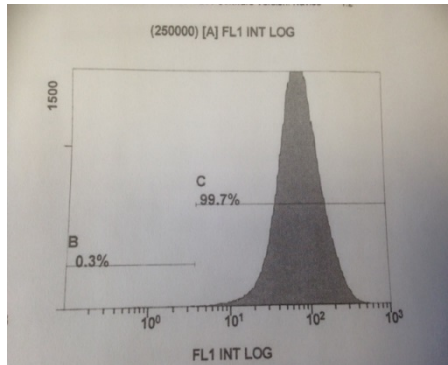
Report as ?? and recommend Gp O

Flow cytometry

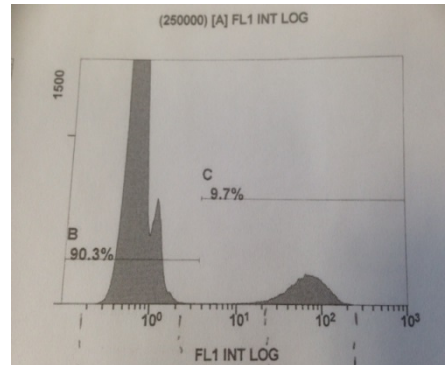
Do a 'better' ABO genotype

Lectin panel

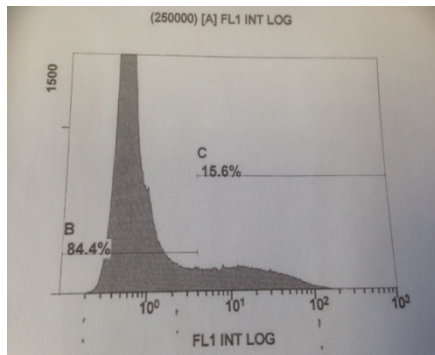
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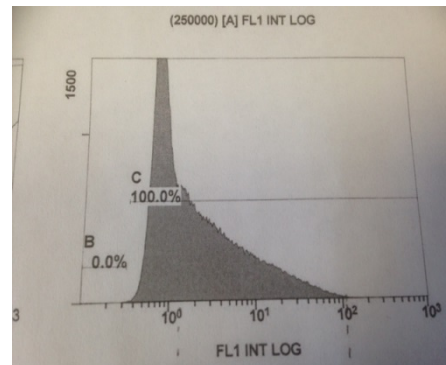
Group A control



Typical dual population



Patient v anti-A



Patient v anti-B

Cause

- 1) Out of group transfusion / transplant
- 2) Weak subgroup
- 3) Chimerism
- 4) Haematological malignancy

Urgent

Blood to select

O+

A+

B+

AB+





Case Study 5

Nicole



Case Study 5

Referral

- **45yr old male, knee surgery scheduled**
- **ABO group cannot be determined**

Forward group: looks like group AB with slight weakening of A antigen

Reverse group: anti-A present (bit weaker than normal)



Case Study 5

Results

Cells	Anti-A	Anti-A	Anti-A	Anti-A	Anti-A1	Anti-B	Anti-A,B	Anti-H	Patient's plasma
Patient	3+	2+	3+	2+	0	4+	4+	4+	0
A ₁	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	0	4+	3+	3+
A ₂	4+	4+	4+	4+	0	0	4+	5+	2+
B	0	0	0	0	0	4+	4+	4+	0
O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5+	0

Reminder....

H expression

O, A_w, B_w

A₂

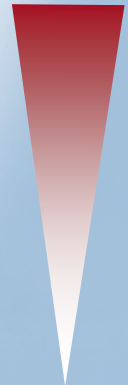
B

A₂B

A₁

A₁B

O_h (H-)



Case Study 5

What needs to be done next?

- 1) *ABO* genotype
- 2) **Nothing, can report now**
- 3) Test cells with a larger anti-A panel
- 4) Determine the possible A subgroup
- 5) Something else

Why?



Case Study 5

How would you report?



- 1) Group AB
- 2) Group A_xB with anti-A
- 3) Group $A_{\text{weak}}B$ with anti-A
- 4) Group B
- 5) ABO group could not be determined



Case Study 5

Learning Points

- Allelic enhancement is an effect of gene interaction, resulting in enhanced expression of weak *A* or *B* alleles in *AB* heterozygotes
eg. $A^x B$ individuals may appear to have A_2B phenotype
- It is not necessary to determine *A* and *B* subgroups definitively, to provide information to aid clinical decisions
- *ABO* genotyping by allelic discrimination assay cannot predict *A* and *B* subgroups (*ABO* sequencing required).



Case Study 6

Nicole



Case Study 6

Referral

- 82yr old female, hip replacement scheduled
- Gp O R₁r K–, Fy(a-b+), M+N+S-s+, Jk(a+b+)
- All cells incompatible by IAT, no reactivity with papain treated cells
- Weakly positive DAT [IgG (+)]
- ? Antibody to HFA



Case Study 6:

First Panel

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3	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	3	0
4	r'r	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	0
5	r''r	0	+	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	3	0
6	rr	+	0	0	+	2	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	0
7	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	3	0
8	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	3	0
9	rr	0	+	0	+	4	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	3	0
10	rr	+	0	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	3	0
Auto																	(+)	0

Any ideas based on case history and initial panel?



Case Study 6

What would you do next?

- 1) **Type the patient's cells for papain sensitive HFAs**
- 2) **Match cells lacking papain sensitive HFAs, against the patient's plasma**
- 3) **Test the patient's plasma with cells treated with enzymes/chemicals**
- 4) **Make an eluate from the patient's cells**
- 5) **Something else**



Case Study 6

What we did next

- Type the patient's cells for papain sensitive HFAs

	Anti-Yt ^a	Anti-JMH	Anti-Ge2	Anti-In ^b	AB serum control
Patient	4	(+)	4	4	(+)
Pos Control	4	4	4	4	0



Case Study 6

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3	R ₂ R ₂	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	3	0
4	r'r	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	0
5	r''r	0	+	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	3	0
6	rr	+	0	0	+	2	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	0
7	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	3	0
8	rr	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	3	0
9	rr	0	+	0	+	4	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	3	0
10	rr	+	0	+	0	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	3	0
Auto																	(+)	0

What is most likely present?

- 1) Anti-Yt^a
- 2) Anti-Ge2
- 3) **Anti-JMH**
- 4) Anti-In^b



Case Study 6

What would you do next?

- 1) Nothing, case is solved
- 2) Match JMH– cells against the patient's plasma
- 3) Test the patient's plasma with cells treated with a range of enzymes/chemicals
- 4) Carry out *SEMA7A* sequencing
- 5) Something else



Case Study 6

What we did next

- Matched JMH– cells against the patient's plasma

Cells	IAT	
	Patient Plasma	AB Serum
JMH-	0	0
JMH-	w	w
JMH-	0	0
Pos cont.	4	0
Auto cont.	(+)	(+)



Case Study 6 - Outcome

Patient's plasma: anti-JMH

Anti-Fy^a, -S were excluded by compatible
Fy(a+b-) S+s- JMH- cells

In this case anti-JMH is most likely an

- 1) Autoantibody**
- 2) Alloantibody**



Case Study 6

Learning Points

- Autoanti-JMH is often found in the plasma of elderly individuals with an acquired JM^H-wk phenotype and the DAT is often weakly positive (but not always!)
- Individuals with an acquired JM^H-wk phenotype will have a normal *SEMA7A* gene sequence
- JM^H-variant individuals have mutated *SEMA7A* genes and can make alloanti-JMH (DAT will be negative)
- JM^H variant cells are positive with anti-JMH from individuals with the acquired JM^H-wk phenotype but negative with anti-JMH from individuals with the same JM^H variant



**Thank You
For Contributing!**

