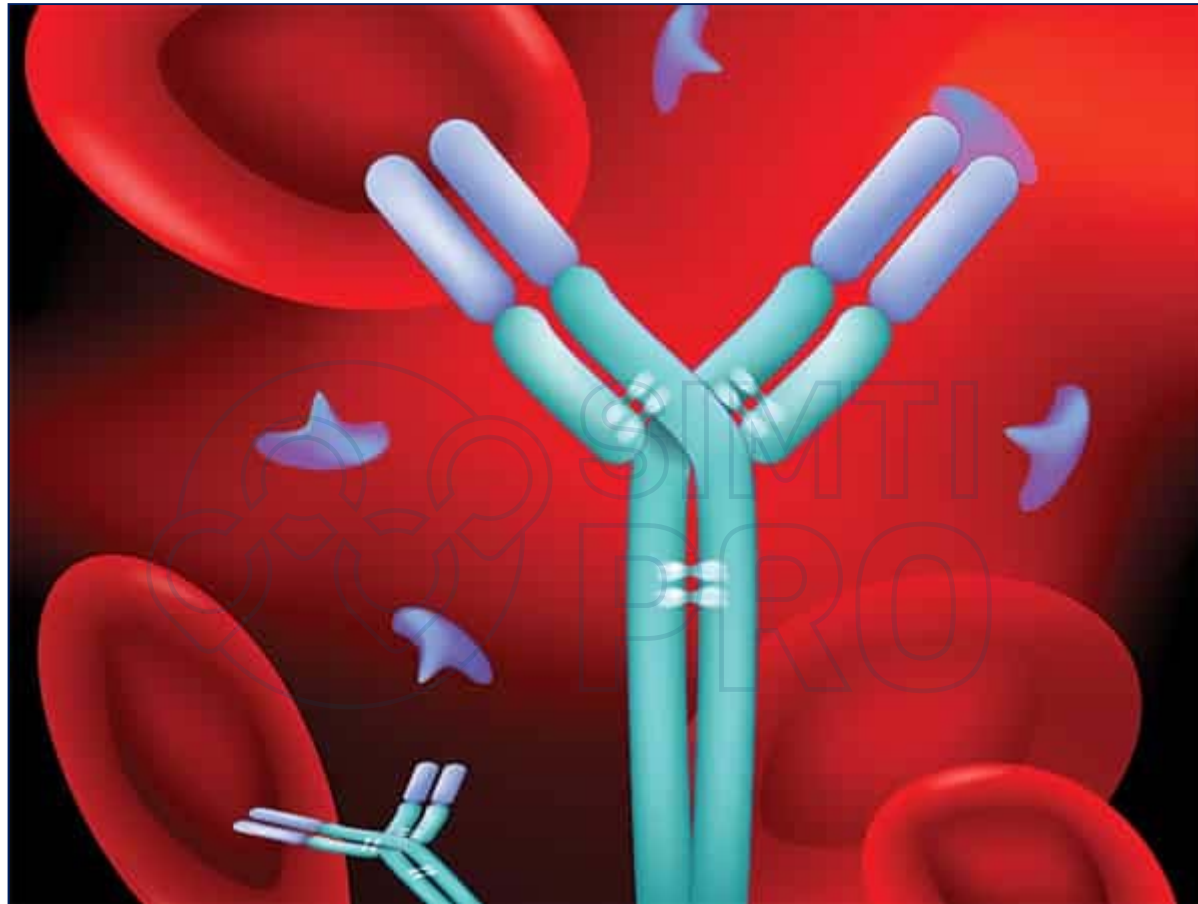


# GESTIONE TRASFUSIONALE DEI PAZIENTI IN TERAPIA CON ANTICORPI MONOCLONALI



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## Immunotherapy: the good, the bad, the ugly, and the really ugly



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The “good” with immunotherapeutics is that these are often successful at ameliorating various autoimmune and malignant conditions.

The “bad” with immunotherapeutics is the potential for cross reactivity with RBCs in serologic testing.

The “ugly”: Immunotherapeutics are now in clinical trials that target a highly expressed RBC antigen

Perhaps “really ugly” scenarios will evolve as more humanized monoclonal therapeutics are developed for the treatment of various diseases, and especially for cancer therapies, where the target antigen may share cross reactivity with RBCs. Future headaches for blood bankers could involve the use of therapeutic antibodies to adhesion molecules



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**Impact of Novel Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics on Blood Bank Pretransfusion Testing**



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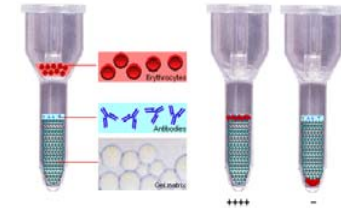
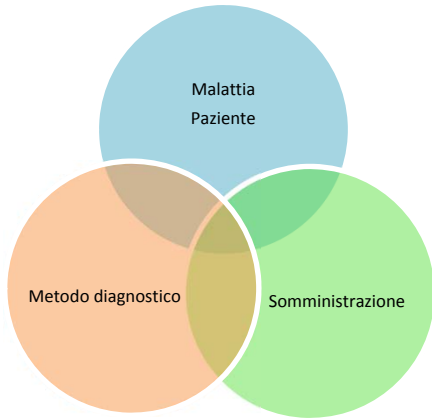
**Anti-CD38**

Daratumumab (human IgG1-kappa), MOR202 (human IgG1-lambda) and Isatuximab (chimeric IgG1-κ) and TAK-079 (human IgG1)

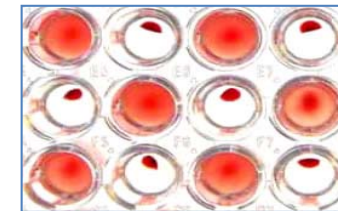
Test Situation	Elements of Test	Result	Comment
No Abs		No agglutination	
AlloAb		True positive agglutination	<p><b>These three situations cannot be resolved without further testing</b></p>
mAb		False positive agglutination	
AlloAb + mAb		Agglutination cannot be attributed to a specific antibody	
AlloAb + mAb + test modification		True positive agglutination	
mAb + test modification		No agglutination	



# INTERFERENZA



Fase solida –  
Proteina A



Provetta  
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Agglutinazione  
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Test positivo in card per  
una mediana di 103gg  
(63-190)

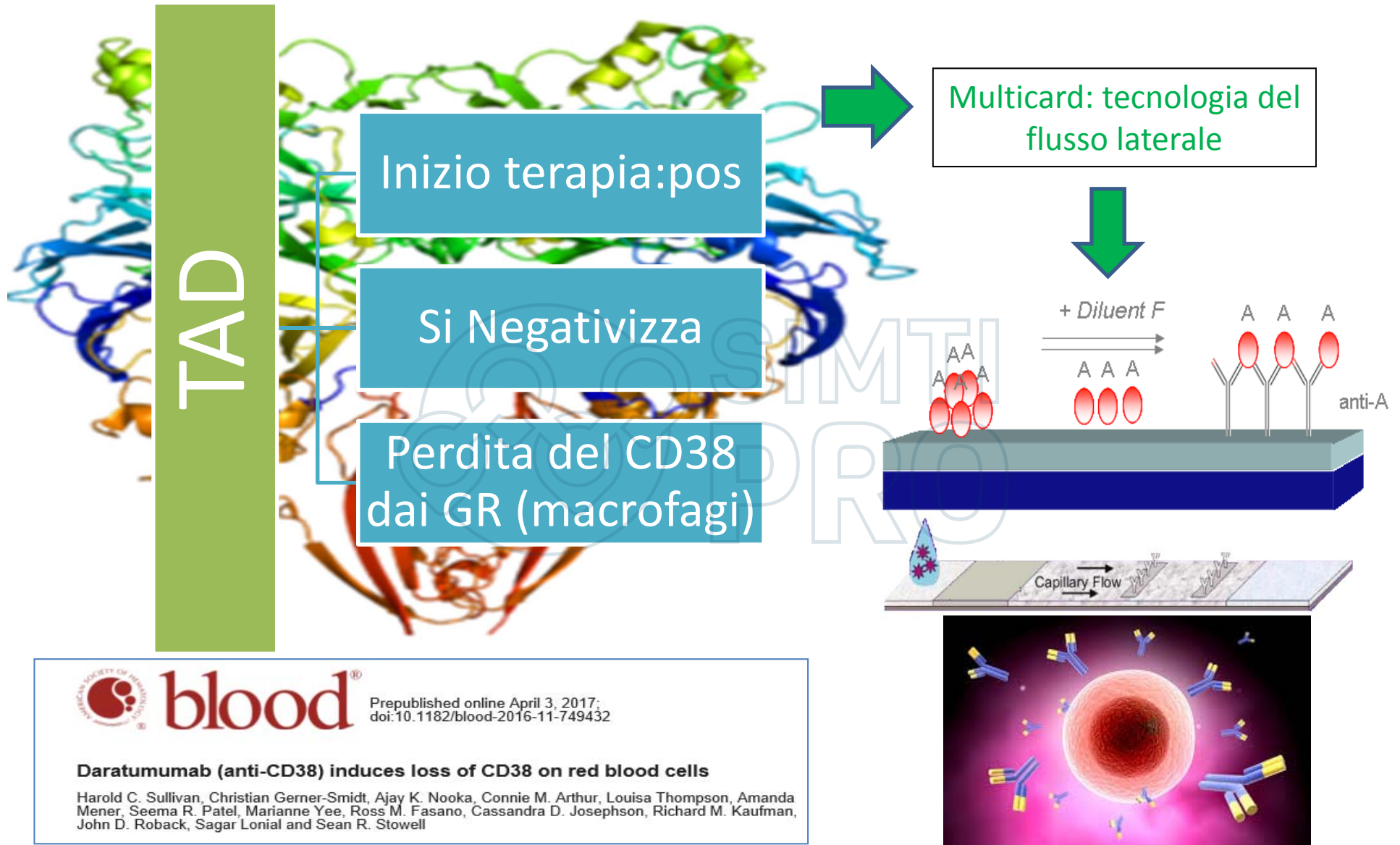
Chari et al, 2018

Table 2  
Representative pretransfusion compatibility testing results for daratumumab

	Patient Results Before Anti-CD38 Therapy	Patient Results Post Anti-CD38 Therapy	Presence of Interference?
ABO/Rh typing	A+	A+	No
Antibody screen (IAT)	Negative	Pan-reactive positive	Yes
Autocontrol	Negative	Negative/positive	Possible
Direct antiglobulin test	Negative	Negative/positive	Possible
Eluate	Not performed	Negative/pan-agglutinin	Possible

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# ANTI-CD38 e TAD



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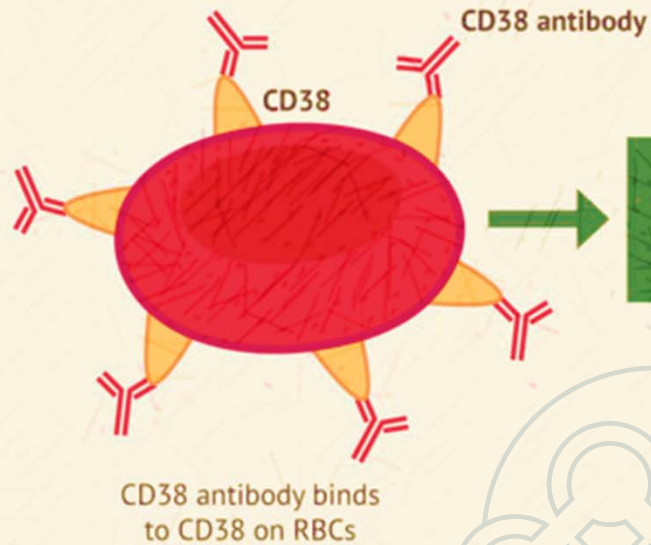
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doi:10.1182/blood-2016-11-749432

## Daratumumab (anti-CD38) induces loss of CD38 on red blood cells

Harold C. Sullivan, Christian Gerner-Smidt, Ajay K. Nooka, Connie M. Arthur, Louisa Thompson, Amanda Mener, Seema R. Patel, Marianne Yee, Ross M. Fasano, Cassandra D. Josephson, Richard M. Kaufman, John D. Roback, Sagar Lonial and Sean R. Stowell

A

## CD38 antibodies in multiple myeloma: back to the future



Positive indirect antiglobulin test

**Antigen Screen**  
Patient sera is tested for antibodies against a panel of RBCs of known phenotype

**Indirect Coombs Test**  
Patient sera is tested for antibodies against commercially available RBCs

**Crossmatch**  
Patient sera is tested for antibodies against the prospective donor RBCs

B

Before start CD38 antibody therapy



Phenotyping or



Genotyping

From beginning of CD38 antibody treatment until pan-reactivity is not observed




Treat reagent RBCs with DTT or neutralize CD38 antibody with recombinant soluble CD38 or anti-idiotypic antibody



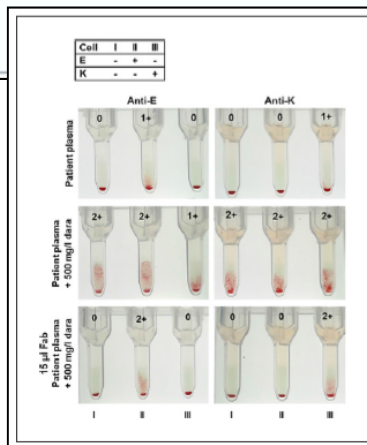
Genotyping



Method	Mechanism	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>DTT</p> <p>International validation of a dithiothreitol (DTT)-based method to resolve the daratumumab interference with blood compatibility testing <i>Transfusion</i> 2016</p>	Denatures CD38 antigen on reagent RBCs	Cheap Easy to apply Well-validated and reliable	Denatures Kell antigen; must give K-negative RBCs (unless Kell status known) Destroys other clinically significant minor antigens (Lutheran, YT, JMH, LW, Cromer, Indian, Dombrock, and Knops systems)
<p>Trypsin</p> <p>Resolving the daratumumab interference with blood compatibility testing, <i>Transfusion</i>. 2015.</p>	Cleaves CD38 antigen on reagent RBCs	Cheap Easy to apply	Denatures several significant antigens (M, N, En <sup>a</sup> TS, Ge2, Ge3, Ge4, Ch/Rg, and Lutheran) Not validated Less reliable than DTT at removing CD38 from reagent RBCs
<p>Papain</p> <p>Papain-treated panels are a simple method for the identification of alloantibodies in multiple myeloma patients treated with anti-CD38-based therapies. <i>Trasfus Med</i> 2018</p>	Cleaves CD38 antigen on reagent RBCs	Cheap Easy to apply Reliable	Destroys many significant antigens, including MNS and Duffy systems as well as Ch/Rg, Ge2, and Ge4 Due to above, can only be used as a complementary method
<p>RBC phenotype</p> <p><b>Raccomandazioni per la gestione trasfusionale dei pazienti in trattamento con Daratumumab</b> SIMTI 2017</p>	Antigen profiling of patient RBCs	Only needs to be performed once Provides reliable information for future use Does not require future IAT testing if matched units available	Cannot be done if already started anti-CD38 therapy, or blood transfusion within 3 months Requires extended match to ensure no antibodies or future alloantibody formation Extended-match units may be scarce and better utilized for patients with known alloantibodies
<p>RBC genotype</p> <p><b>Raccomandazioni per l'impiego delle metodiche molecolari in immunoematologia</b> SIMTI 2018</p> 	Antigen profiling of patient RBCs	Only needs to be performed once Provides reliable information for future use Does not require future IAT testing if matched units available Can be performed at any time	Expensive Requires extended match to ensure no antibodies or future alloantibody formation Extended-match units may be scarce and better utilized for patients with known alloantibodies



Method	Mechanism	Advantages	Disadvantages
Anti-idiotype antibody	Neutralizes anti-CD38 antibody prior to IAT	Simple and would allow for normal blood bank testing once anti-CD38 antibody removed Commercially available (for daratumumab)	Expensive Not typically available in blood bank inventory Would require different reagent for each anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody
Soluble CD38 antigen	Neutralizes anti-CD38 antibody prior to IAT	Simple and would allow for normal blood bank testing once anti-CD38 antibody removed Applicable to any anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody Commercially available	Expensive Not typically available in blood bank inventory May be less efficacious than anti-idiotype antibody Would require large amount of soluble CD38 to neutralize therapeutic monoclonal antibodies
F(ab') <sub>2</sub> fragments	Fragments preferentially bind CD38 and do not cause IAT positivity	Simple and would allow for routine blood bank testing after application	Not validated Not commercially available
Cord blood/In (Lu) RBCs	Reagent cells lack CD38 antigen	Easy to perform; no additional steps required	In (Lu) RBCs are rare Cord blood cell antigen expression differs from reagent RBCs; therefore, would need to be typed prior to use

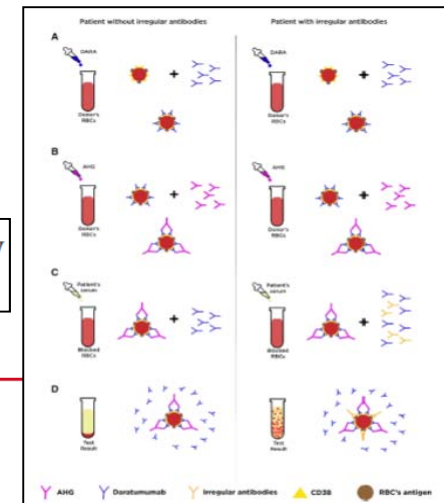


## Daratumumab Interference in Pretransfusion Testing Is Overcome by Addition of Daratumumab Fab Fragments to Patients' Plasma

Transfus Med Hemother 2019;46:423–430

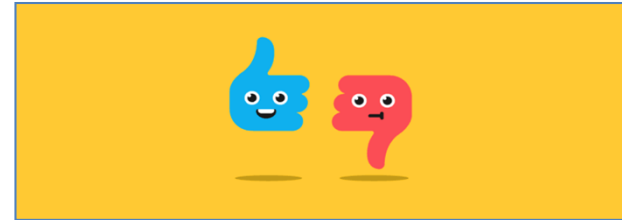
A blockage monoclonal antibody protocol as an alternative strategy to avoid anti-CD38 interference in immunohematological testing

TRANSFUSION 2019;59:1827–1835



# Impact of Novel Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics on Blood Bank Pretransfusion Testing

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## 1. DTT or 2-aminoethylisothiuronium treatment of screening panel red cells

### Pros

- Reduces a disulfide linkage in the CD38 antigen, therefore denaturing the protein and destroying the epitope recognized by the anti-CD38 antibody
- May be used for any anti-CD38 antibody because this affects the target antigen
- DTT is a common reagent that is already found in many blood banks

### Cons

- Destroys and denatures RBC antigens containing a disulfide linkage, including the clinically relevant Kell antigens, along with other minor blood groups, including Dombrock, Indian, JMH, Scianna, Knops, Cromer, Landsteiner-Weiner, Lutheran, MER2, AnWj, and Cartwright antigens
- Time intensive to DTT treat the panel, wash, and store in stabilizing storage solution

## 2. Soluble CD38

### Pros

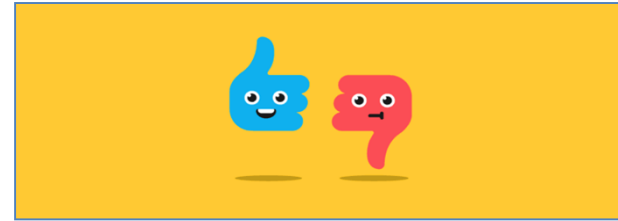
- Binds to and neutralizes free anti-CD38 antibodies, saturating the binding sites, preventing them from binding to CD38 epitopes on RBC screening cells
- Can be quickly added to patient sample before testing

### Cons

- Expensive reagent; not widely available
- Must be added in excess to ensure neutralization of any remaining anti-CD38 antibodies

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Cord  
blood



### 3. Anti-idiotypic antibody

#### Pros

- Binds to Fab portion of free anti-CD38 antibodies, saturating the binding sites, preventing them from binding to screening cells
- Can be quickly added to patient sample before testing

#### Cons

- Expensive reagent; not widely available
- A separate reagent may be required for each anti-CD38 mAb, because they may not all be recognized by the same anti-idiotypic antibody

### 4. Use of cord blood as reagent RBCs for IAT<sup>31</sup>

#### Pros

- Low CD38 expression on the surface of these cells, preventing anti-CD38 antibodies from interfering
- Can rule out all antigens expressed in normal density on neonatal RBC; this includes Kell

#### Cons

- May be used for screening, but impractical to make an antibody identification panel using only cord blood cells
- Highly effort intensive to maintain an adequate supply of in-date and typed cord blood cells



## Blood Transfusion Management for Patients Treated With Anti-CD38 Monoclonal Antibodies

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REVIEW  
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Study	No. of patients	Anti-CD38 MoAb	Pre-existing alloantibodies	Positive IAT	Positive auto-control IAT	Positive DAT	Duration IAT positivity
Bub et al. (16)	5	Dara	n/a	5/5	2/5	2/5	n/a
Carreño-Tarragona et al. (17)	33	30 Dara 3 ISA	anti-D and anti-C ( $n = 2$ ), anti-E and anti-C ( $n = 1$ )	33/33	n/a	5/21 for Dara 1/2 for ISA	Median 5 months (range 1–9 months)
Chapuy et al. (6)	5	Dara	n/a	5/5	3/5	3/5	n/a
Chari et al. (15)	7	Dara	anti-D and anti-E ( $n = 1$ ), anti-E, K, Jkb, Fya, Fyb S, Knops ( $n = 1$ )	7/7	1/7	1/7	Median 3.4 months (range 2.1–6.3)
Deneys et al. (18)	14	Dara	None	14/14	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oostendorp et al. (7)	11	Dara	None	11/11	0/11	0/11	Range 2–6 months
Sullivan et al. (12)	13	Dara	n/a	13/13	0/13	0/13	n/a
Subramanian et al. (19)	1	Dara	n/a	1/1	0/1	0/1	n/a
Lin et al. (20)	1	Dara	n/a	1/1	0/1	0/1	n/a
Setia et al. (21)	1	Dara	n/a	1/1	n/a	1/1	n/a

MoAb, monoclonal antibody; IAT, indirect antiglobulin test; DAT, direct antiglobulin test; Dara, Daratumumab; ISA, isatuximab; n/a, not available.

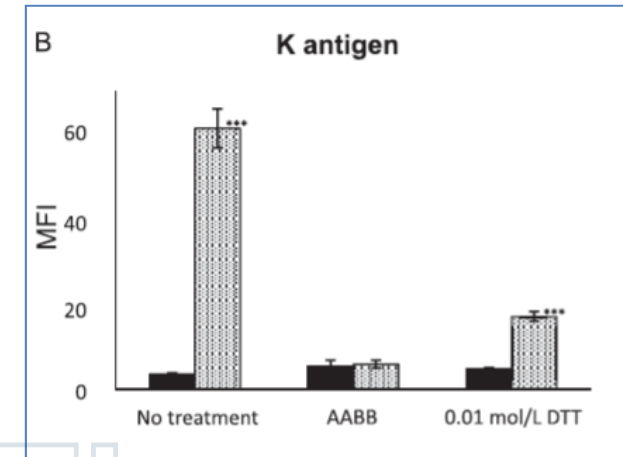
## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### Distinct effects of daratumumab on indirect and direct antiglobulin tests: a new method employing 0.01 mol/L dithiothreitol for negating the daratumumab interference with preserving K antigenicity (Osaka method)

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Transfusion 2018;9999: 1-11

DTT 0.01 mol/L



Extending shelf life of dithiothreitol-treated panel RBCs to 28 days.

[Vox Sang.](#) 2018 May;113(4):397-399

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ORIGINAL PAPER

Thirty-three-day storage of dithiothreitol-treated red blood cells used to eliminate daratumumab interference in serological testing

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DTT 0.2 mol/L

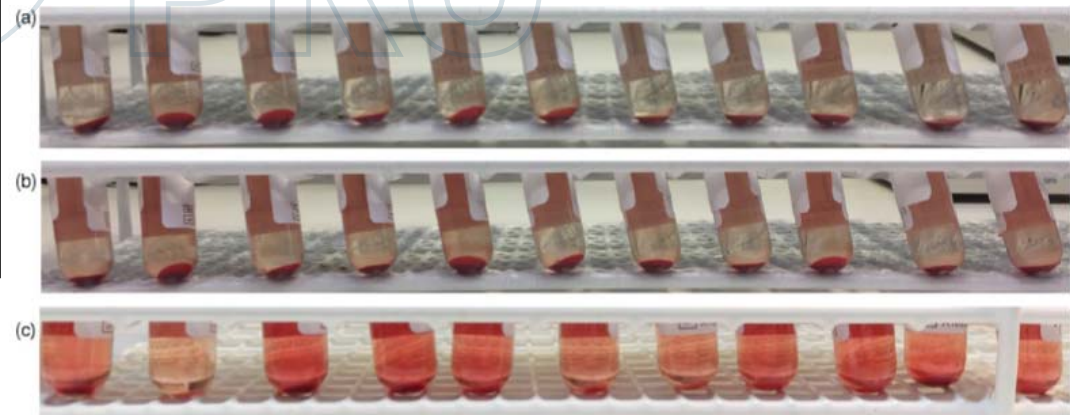
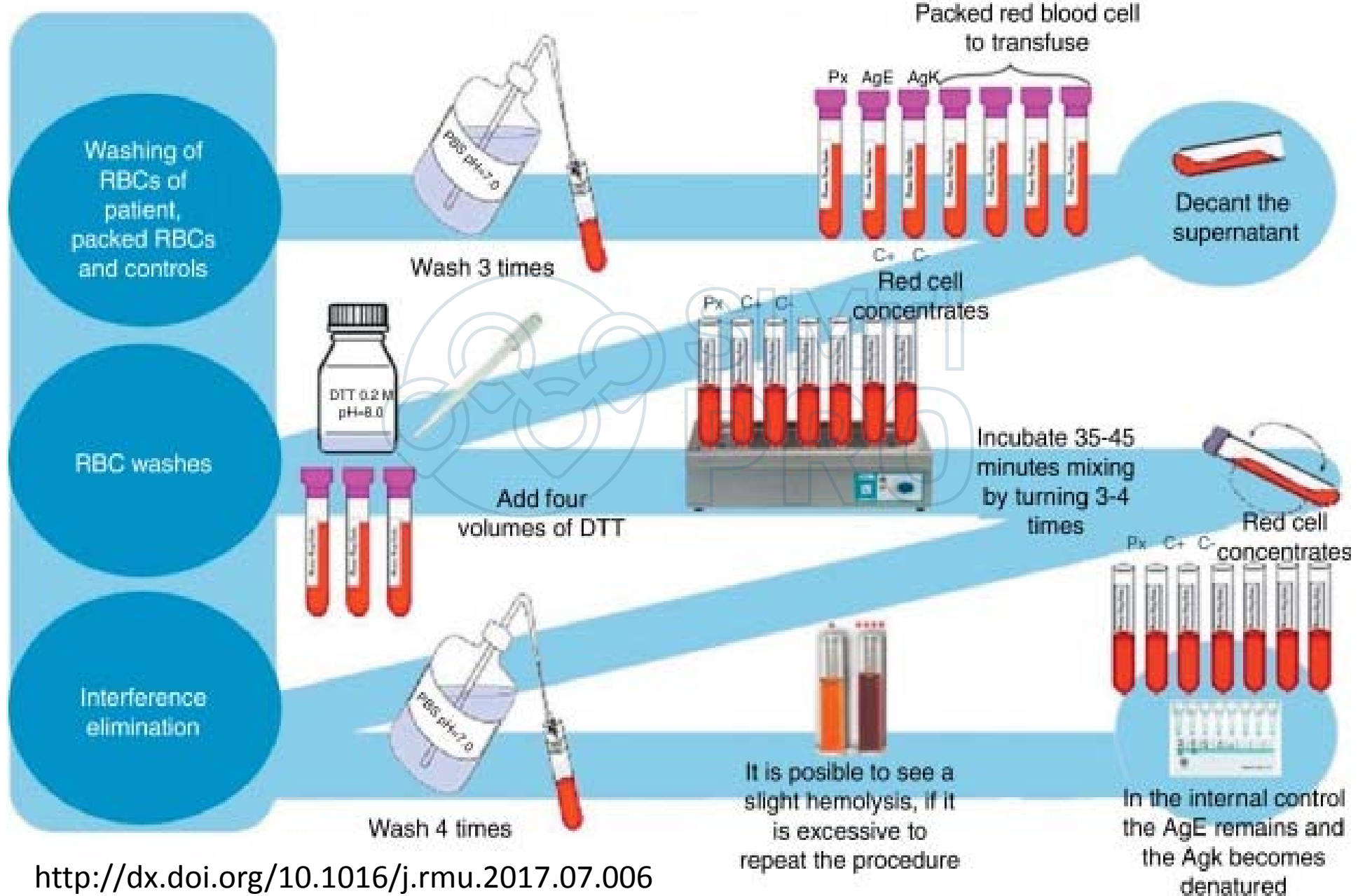


Fig. 2 Representative visible haemolysis on day 33 of (a) untreated panel cells, (b) DTT-treated panel cells (RBC:DTT ratio 30:25, Sigma-Aldrich) and (c) DTT-treated panel cells (RBC:DTT ratio 30:120, Sigma-Aldrich, AAB method).

RBCs 30µl: DTT 25µl

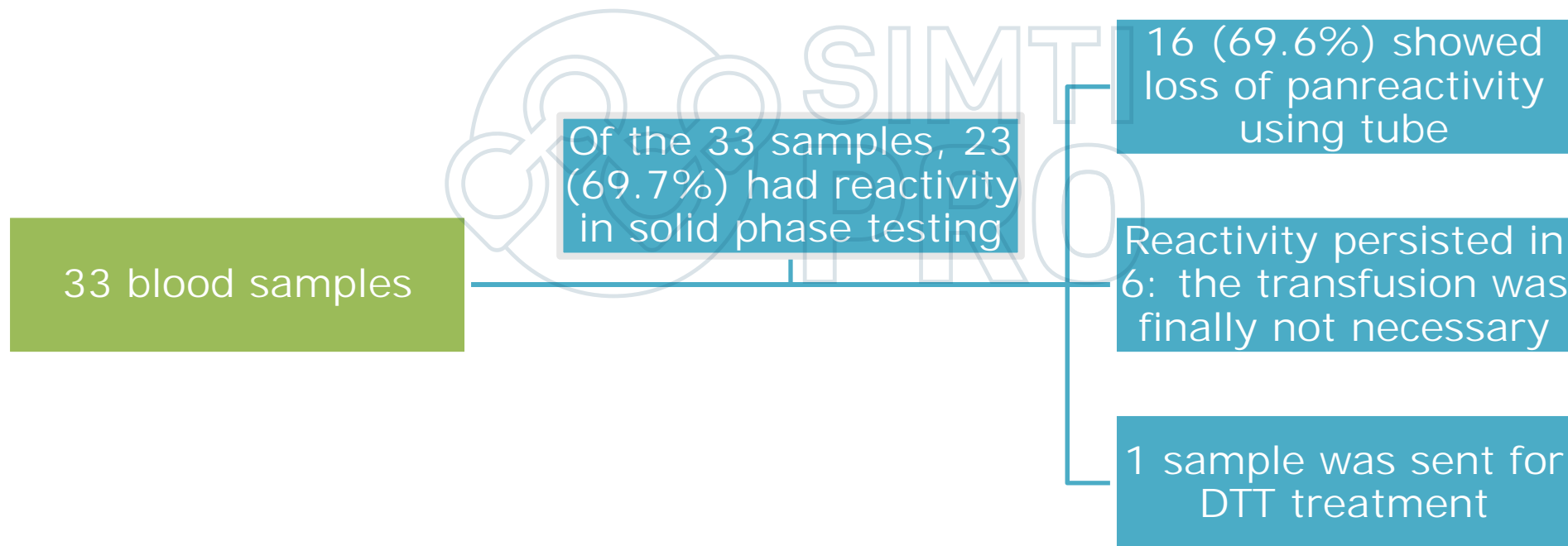
# The use of DTT in the resolution of the interferences generated by daratumumab in the blood bank





## USE OF STANDARD LABORATORY METHODS TO OBVIATE ROUTINE DTT TREATMENT OF BLOOD SAMPLES WITH DARATUMUMAB INTERFERENCE

- 33 blood samples from 4 patients were initially tested by solid phase.
- DARA ranged from 1 to 14.
- Any reactivity by solid-phase testing led to additional **tube testing**:  
**60 min of incubation without any enhancement (LISS)**

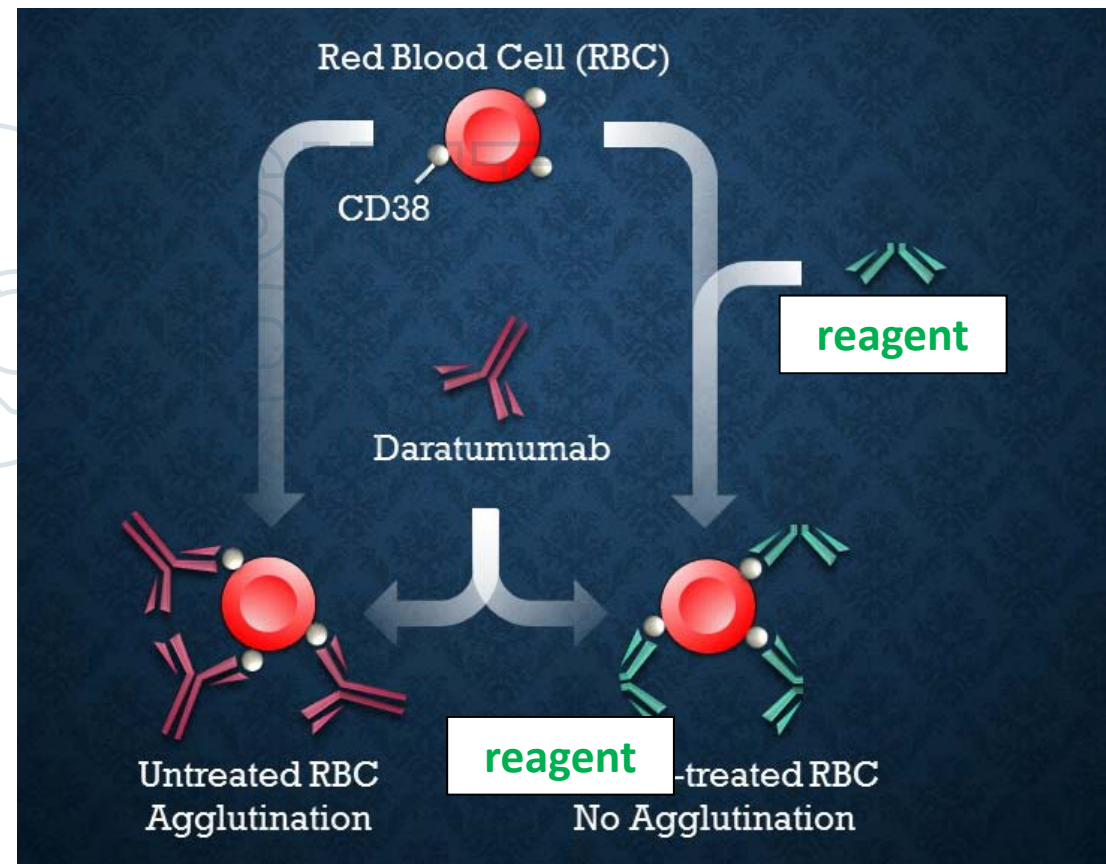


Lintel NJ et al. *Immunohematology* 2017;33(1):22-26

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**Reagent** : Le graal de la transfusion ?

It is an anti-CD38 antibody without a human Fc region. When treating red blood cells (RBC) with this neutralizing reagent, the antibody binds CD38, thus covering the epitope of Daratumumab, MOR 202 and isatuximab.

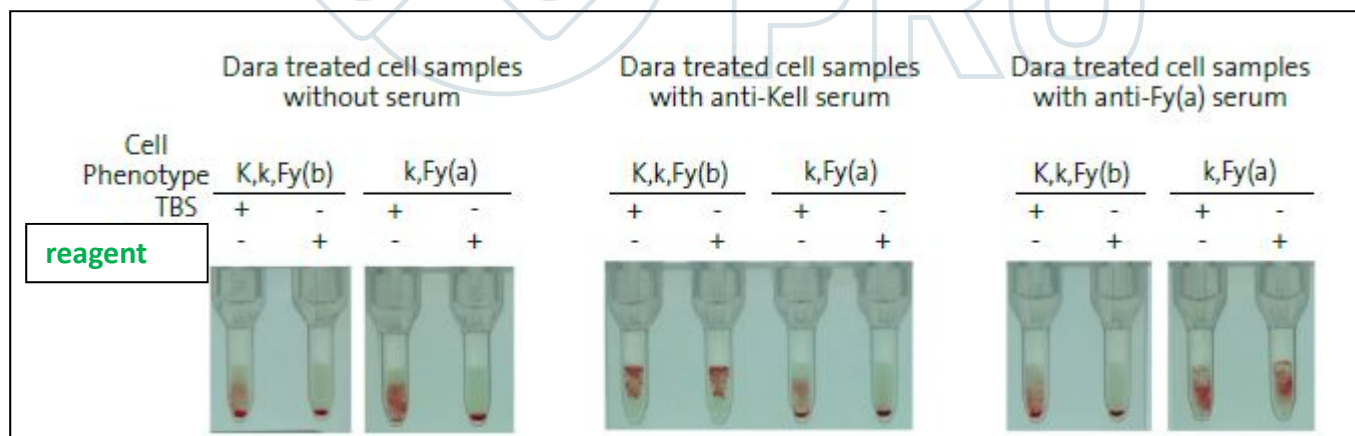
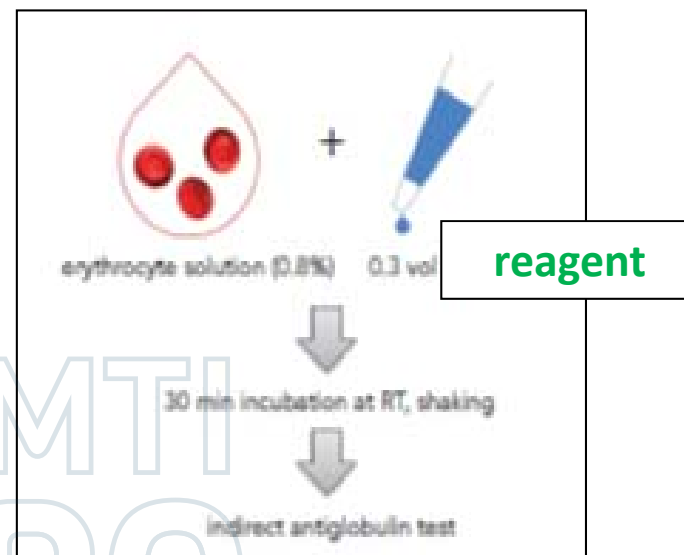


## Validation of **Reagent** to Resolve Daratumumab-Induced Interferences in Pre-Transfusion Screen Tests

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- Best alternative to Dithiothreitol (DTT).
- Ready in 30 min.
- One incubation only, without washes.
- Keeps erythrocyte antigens intact.





## ABSTRACT



## IGT23: Novel Soluble CD38 for Efficient Neutralization of High Titer Anti-CD38 Antibodies

Sunday, October 14, 2018 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

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Background/Case Studies: Novel anti-CD38 drugs used in treatment of multiple myeloma, such as daratumumab (DARA), interfere with diagnostic screening and identification of unexpected antibodies. They cause pan-reactivity of Reagent Red Blood Cells (RRBC), which complicates the detection of underlying allo-antibodies of potential clinical relevance. At the moment there are few strategies to overcome this problem, however with several drawbacks. The aim of this study was to evaluate the diagnostic use of a novel recombinant CD38 with particular emphasis on dilution effects of this soluble CD38 (sCD38) on detection of unexpected antibodies.

Study Design/Method: A fusion protein containing the extracellular domain of CD38 was expressed in mammalian cells and purified as sCD38. For evaluation of diagnostic functionality, anti-CD38 spiked donor plasma (containing allo-antibodies or not) were mixed with varying volumes/concentrations of sCD38 (or PBS as control) and incubated for 15 minutes at 37°C. Antibody detection was then performed by Indirect Antiglobulin Test (IAT) in conventional tube technique or DG Gel technique.

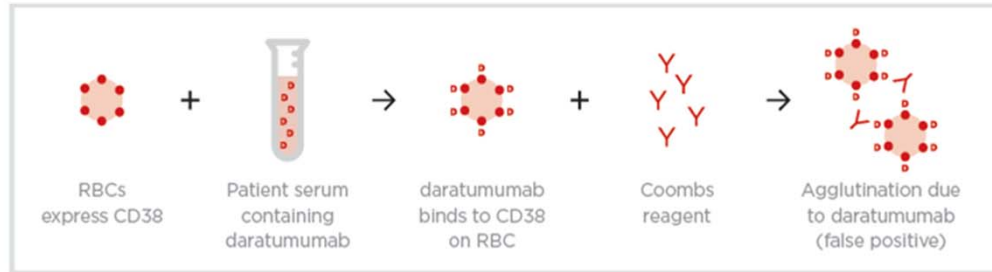
Results/Finding: A ratio of 2µl and 4µl of recombinant sCD38 at nominal concentration of ~30mg/ml per 25µl of plasma, allowed for complete inhibition of anti-CD38 (respectively 0.5mg/ml and 1mg/ml). After inhibition, spiked allo-antibodies (anti-D, -E, -C, -Cw, -K, -Fya, -Jka, -S, -s, -M, -Lua, -Cob) at barely detectable amounts into DARA-spiked donor plasma could be readily detected in 16/16 samples. In contrast, as demonstrated in DG Gel technique, after incubation with 20µl and 200µl of diluted preparations of sCD38, respectively 15/16 and 3/16 of the same simulated DARA plasma spiked with antibodies could still be detected.

Conclusion: The presented results show the inhibition of therapeutic plasma concentrations of daratumumab using a novel sCD38 at small volumes without interference in alloantibody detection. Additionally, these data confirm that successful neutralization and subsequent antibody detection requires highly concentrated sCD38. After neutralization, the plasma can be screened with available routine techniques, such as tube and gel technique. Enabling complete anti-CD38 inhibition, while minimally diluting the plasma with sCD38, the highly concentrated sCD38 presented in this work may provide, in combination with IAT, a rapid and accurate screening and identification method of even weakly reacting allo-antibodies masked by anti-CD38.

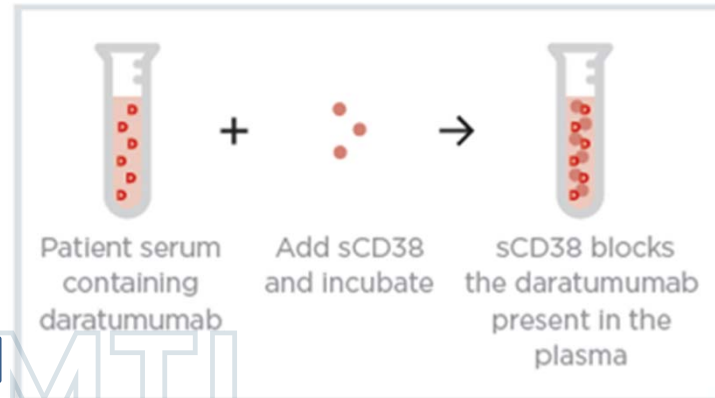
# PROTEINA RICOMBINANTE CD38 SOLUBILE PER LA NEUTRALIZZAZIONE DELL' INTERFERENZA SIEROLOGICA DA DARATUMUMAB

A. Matteocci et al: Conferenza SIMTI Rimini 2019

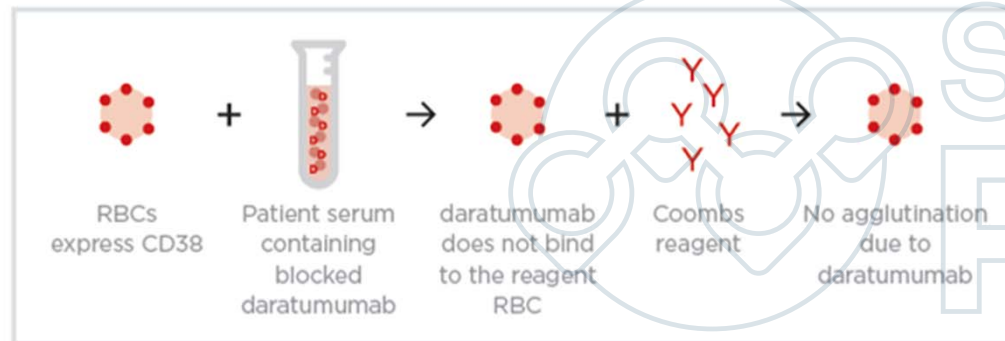
Interference by daratumumab



Blocking effect of a sCD38 pre-treatment



Subsequent standard testing

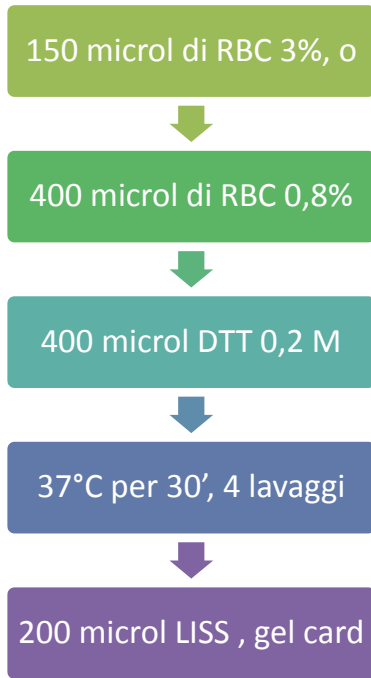


## Metodi

Il SIMT S. Camillo ha applicato in routine la metodica per il trattamento delle emazie test con DTT (0,2M) per lo screening anticorpale di n.5 pazienti (1M, 4F; età 40-75 anni) affetti da MM e in terapia con Daratumumab. **Il kit prevede l'incubazione di 2 uL di sCD38 con 25 uL di siero per 15 minuti a 37 °C. Quindi, è possibile eseguire immediatamente i test pre-trasfusionali** secondo i metodi utilizzati in laboratorio (provetta, schedine, micropiastra) senza riscontrare alcuna interferenza da anti- CD38.

Test	Metodo Usato	Risultati
TAI (emazie test e plasma non trattati)	Metodica in provetta Schedine	Positivo 1+ Positivo 2+
TAI (emazie test trattate con DTT)	Metodica in provetta Schedine	Negativo
TAI (plasma inattivato con sCD38)	Metodica in provetta Schedine	Negativo

# Decision tree for the management of blood transfusion in patients treated with daratumumab



Patient eligible for treatment with daratumumab



Contact of clinician with hospital blood bank



Immuno-hematological assessment

- Blood group ABO-RHD
- Erythrocyte phenotyping: RH - KEL - FY - JK - Ss
- IAT "Type and Screen"

Daratumumab: Therapeutic asset, biological trap!

*Daratumumab : joker thérapeutique, piège biologique !*

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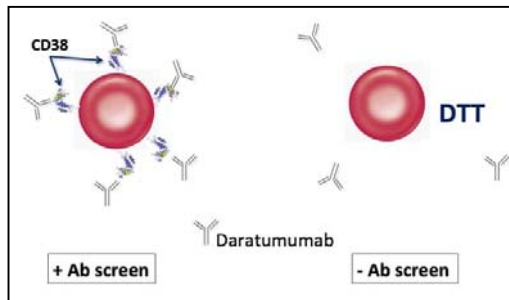
Transfusion needs

Order of erythrocyte concentrates



Pre-transfusion tests (IAT/compatibility tests)

**TIPS AND TRICKS**



IAT: indirect antiglobulin test  
RBC: red blood cells  
DTT: dithionite

Negative results

Nominative distribution

Positive results

Treatment of RBC with DTT

IAT

-

Nominative distribution

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and/or Phenotype of patient available

No

Genotyping

No

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Yes

Phenotype-compatible erythrocyte concentrates available

Nominative distribution

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Phenotype-compatible erythrocyte concentrates available

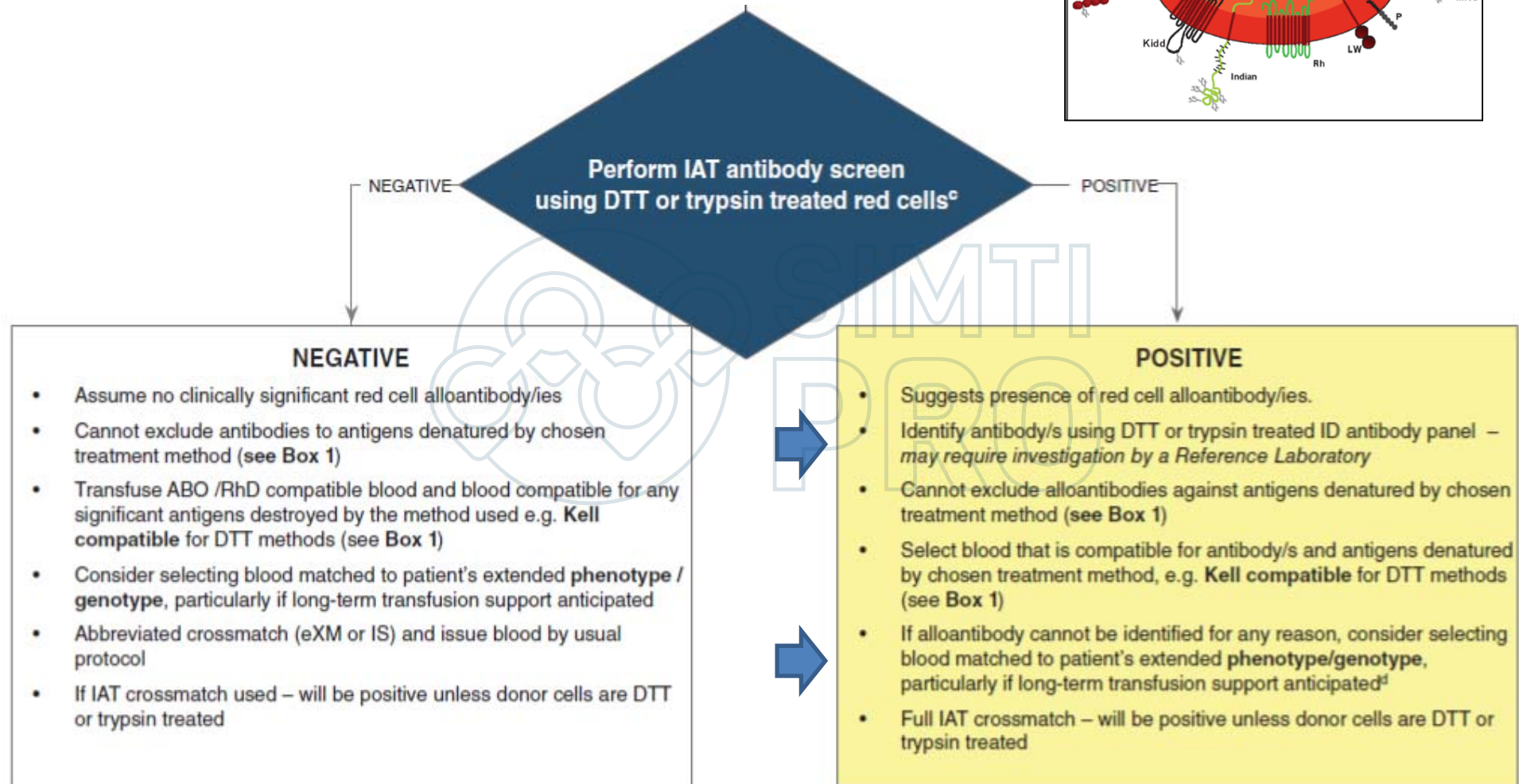
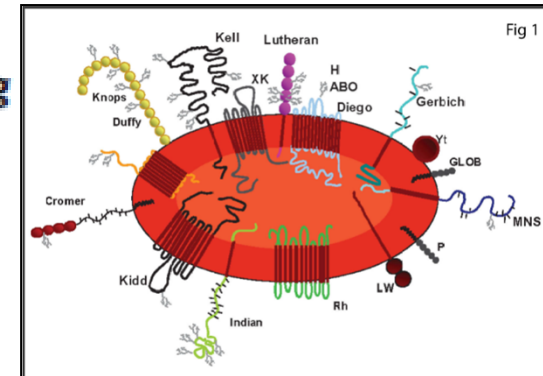
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## POSITION PAPER

## Considerations for pre-transfusion immunohaematology testing in patients receiving the anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody daratumumab for the treatment of multiple myeloma



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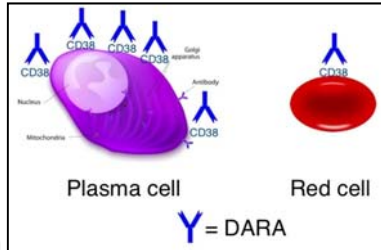
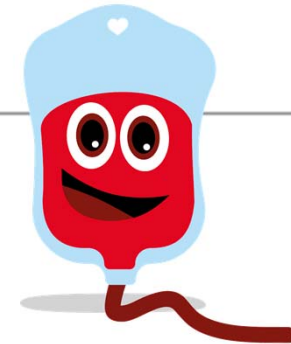




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Gestione dei test pre-trasfusionali in  
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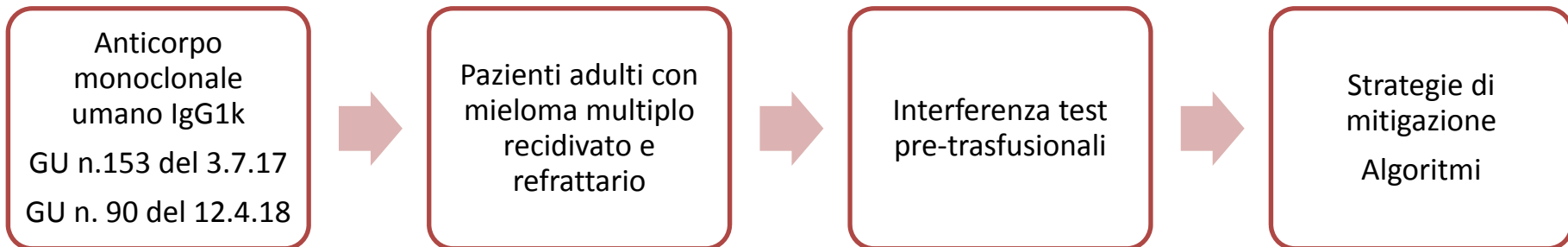
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Anno 2019: N.3/12 Pazienti  
trasfusi (25%), 21 U, >DRd

**REDAZIONE, VERIFICA, APPROVAZIONE**

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Redazione	Responsabile area	Dott.ssa A. <u>Matteocci</u>
Verifica	RAQ	_____
Approvazione	Direttore SIMT	Prof. L. Pierelli



# Algoritmo n.1: INDAGINI IMMUNOEMATOLOGICHE



Paziente Pre-Daratumumab

ABO/Rh/K

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IAT/PC

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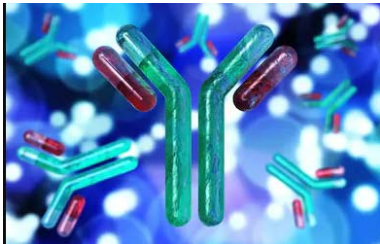
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Paziente Post-Daratumumab



ABO/Rh/K

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DTT

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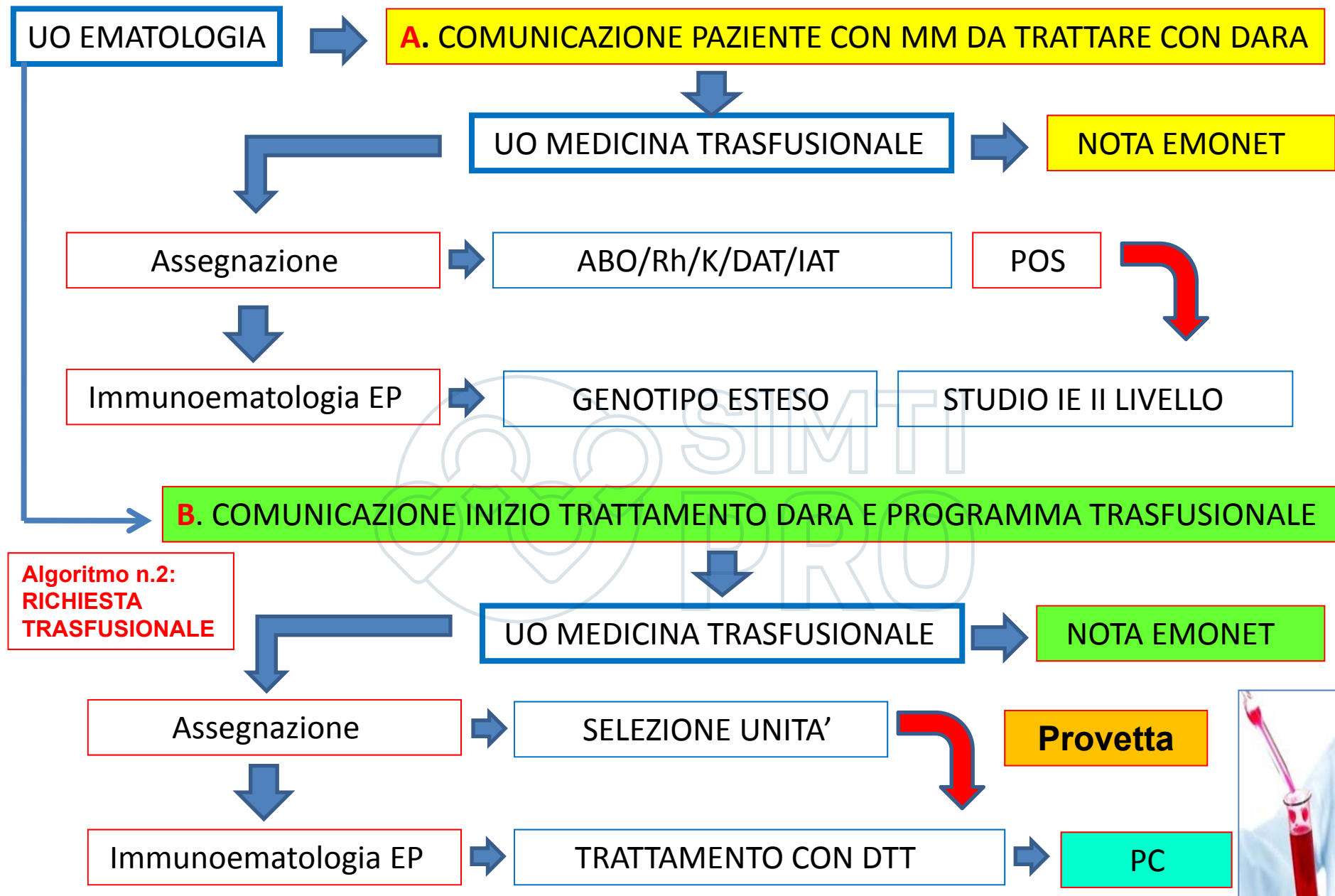
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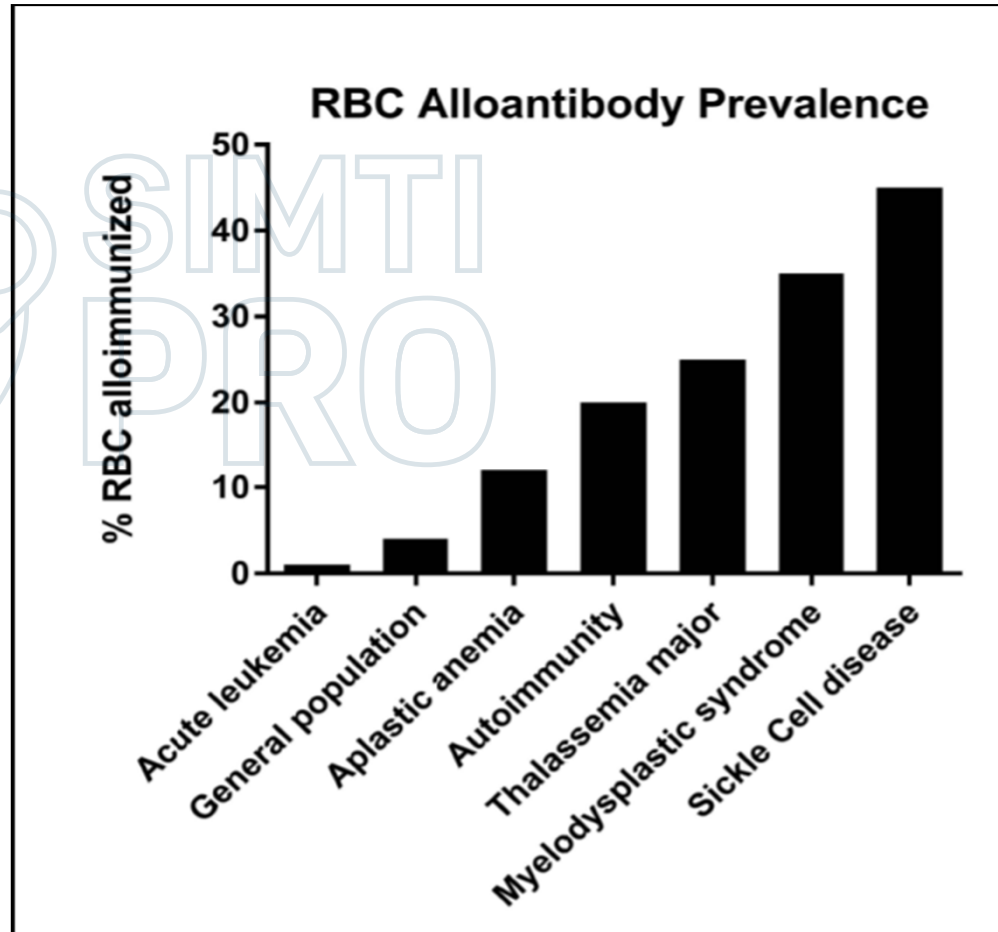
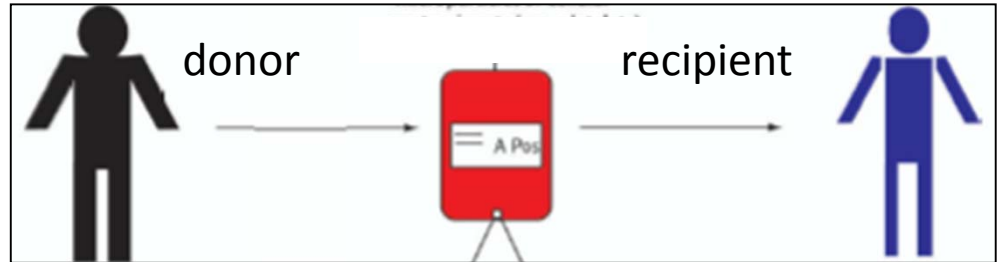
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**Table 1. Alloimmunization rates reported in various patient populations and disease states\***

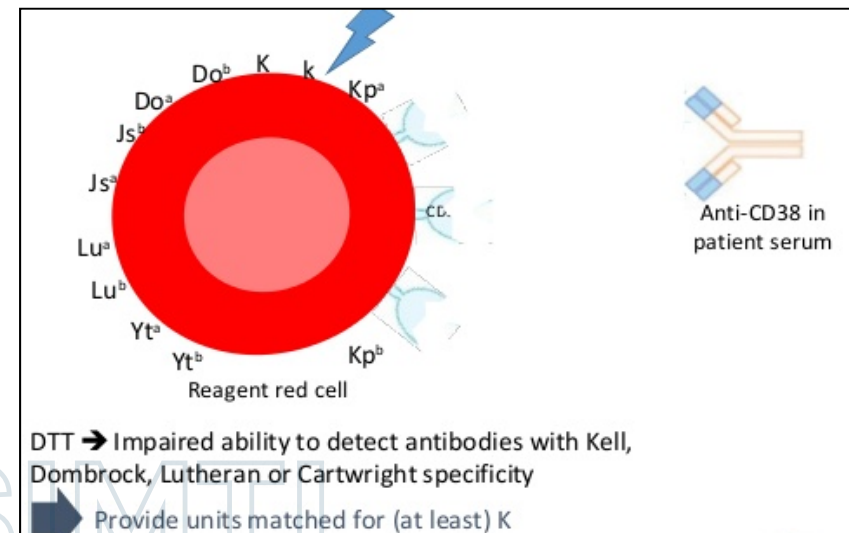
Population or disease state	Reported alloimmunization rate (%)
<b>General adult patients</b>	
Retrospective analysis	1-3
Prospective analysis	8-10
<b>Hemoglobin disorders</b>	
Sickle cell disease	19-43
Thalassemia major	5-45
<b>Inflammatory disorders</b>	
Autoimmune disorders, general	16
Inflammatory bowel diseases	8-9
<b>Lymphoid disorders</b>	
Acute lymphoid leukemia	<1
Hodgkin lymphoma	<1
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	2-3
<b>Myeloid disorders</b>	
Acute myeloid leukemia	3-16
Myelodysplastic syndromes (includes myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative disorders)	15-59
<b>Solid tumors, nonhematopoietic</b>	
	1-10
<b>Transplantation</b>	
Hematopoietic progenitor cell	1-4
Liver transplant	4-23
Other sites or multiple organ transplantation	1-10





**Table 1. Mean evanescence rates by RBC alloantibody specificity.**

Blood Group System		Mean Evanescence Rate in General Patient Groups*	Mean Evanescence Rate in Sickle Cell Disease Groups*
<i>Duffy System</i>			
	Fy <sup>a</sup>	17%	51%
	Fy <sup>b</sup>	—	78%
<i>Kell System</i>			
	K	32%	41%
	Js <sup>a</sup>	—	80%
<i>Kidd System</i>			
	Jka	49%	—
	Jkb	54%	58%
<i>Lewis System</i>			
	Le <sup>a</sup>	48%	—
	Le <sup>b</sup>	52%	—
<i>Lutheran System</i>			
	Lu <sup>a</sup>	65%	—
<i>MNS System</i>			
	M	30%	38%
	S	30%	66%
<i>P System</i>			
	P1	50%	—
<i>Rh System</i>			
	D	12%	36%
	C	19%	47%
	c	27%	0%
	E	38%	41%
	C <sup>w</sup>	61%	—
	V	—	39%



Blood Group	Clinical significance for transfusion reaction
Kell	Mild to severe/delayed hemolytic
Knops	No
Dombrock	Delayed and acute/hemolytic
Lutheran	No to mild/moderate
Cartwright	No to moderate(rare)/delayed
Lw <sup>a</sup>	No to mild/delayed
JMH	No
Cromer	No to moderate to severe
Vel	No to severe/hemolytic

ORIGINAL PAPER

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Table 2 Profile of transfused RBCs

	DARA transfusion group (246)	Non-DARA (284) transfusion group
ABO-Rh compatible RBCs only	109 units (32 patients)	284 units (All 46 patients) 2 patients with positive Ab screen received

Table 1 Patient demographics

	Number of patients	Age	Gender ratio (female/male)	Percentage of death
DARA transfusion group	45 (145)	65.1 ± 10.6	21/24	27% (12/45)
Non-DARA	46 (328)	59 ± 10.1	24/22	20% (6/46)

Table 3 Ab screen and Ab identification

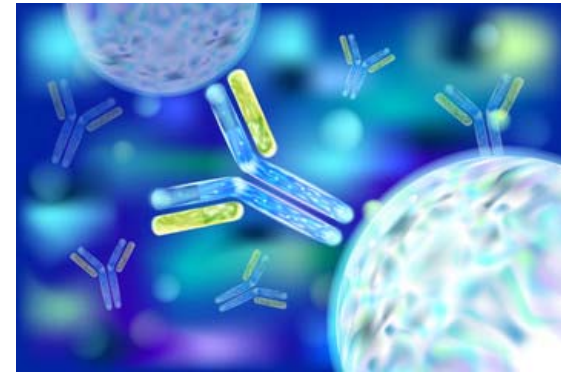
ABO compatible phenotypically matched RBC  
Both ABO-Rh compatible and phenotypically matched RBC

	Ab screen before first DARA dose	Ab screen during study period			New alloantibody detected
		Total Ab screen performed	Positive Ab screen	Negative Ab screen	
DARA Transfusion Group (45 patients)	Negative	184	180 (42 patients)	4 (3 patients)	None (after DTT treatment)
Non-DARA Transfusion Group (46 patients)	Two patients had positive Ab screen from previous transfusion (anti-Jka and anti-K)	301	5 (2 patients)	296 (44 patients)	None (anti-Jka and anti-K persisted in those two patients)

Nessuna differenza tra i due gruppi per rischio immunizzazione

Persistenza interferenza DARA nei test sierologici da 25 giorni a 5 mesi

Vox Sanguinis International Forum on typing and matching strategies in patients on anti-CD38 monoclonal therapy: summary



### Question 1

Is dealing with patients on anti-CD38 therapy part of daily routine in your hospital or immunohaematology laboratory?

### Question 2

Have you ever been dealing with a clinical relevant delay in the selection of compatible units, a missed irregular alloantibody, or haemolysis due to compatibility issues, with respect to a patient on anti-CD38 therapy?

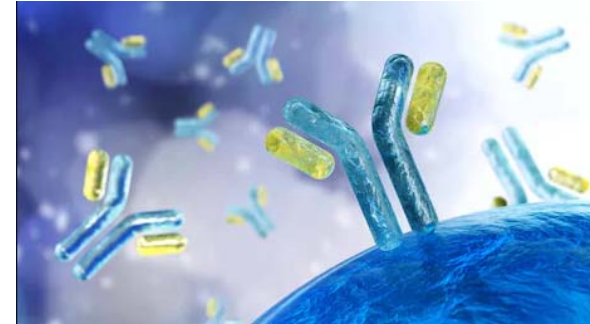
### Question 3

Are blood samples of patients on anti-CD38 therapy processed by your own immunohaematology laboratory, or by an immunohaematology reference laboratory?

### Question 4

What mitigation strategy do you use to deal with the anti-CD38 interference?

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### Question 5

- a. In case you use DTT to denature CD38 on test RBCs, in what percentage of patient samples are irregular antibodies detected?
- b. And in what percentage of samples does the DTT method fail (with conflicting controls)?

### Question 6

What, if there would not be any technical, financial or reagent limitations, would be the ideal mitigation strategy to deal with the anti-CD38 interference?

### Question 7

What, compared to routine type and screen selection, is the time delay you experience in selection of a compatible erythrocyte unit for a new patient on known anti-CD38 therapy?

### Question 8

In your hospital, how is the putative anti-CD38 interference communicated with patient, laboratory and physicians?



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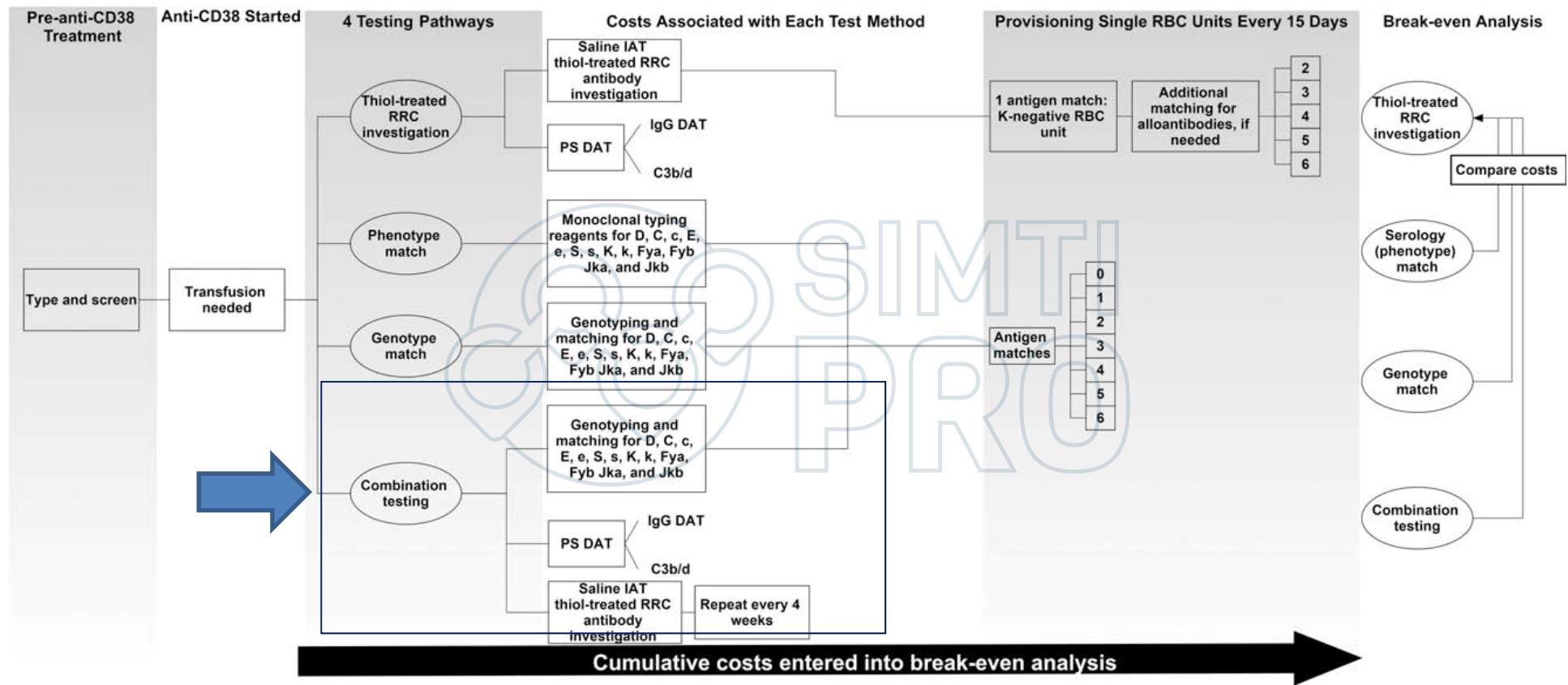
#### Conclusions

The interaction of anti-CD38 monoclonals with CD38 on the surface of test and donor RBCs could limit transfusion laboratories from completing routine pretransfusion testing and complicates the selection of suitable RBC units for patients on anti-CD38 therapy. As expected, institutions have different ways to deal with this interference. Most respondents use the DTT mitigation strategy, some rely on selection of extensively blood group typed RBCs for transfusion. Half of the respondents would prefer a plasma anti-CD38 neutralisation strategy, which has the advantage of being applicable in routine automation techniques. However, the development of such a technique lags behind.

Most respondents report a delay of one to a couple of hours to select compatible RBC units for a patient on therapy. The communication on the putative anti-CD38 interference with patient, laboratory and physicians is often orally and hardly automated.

From this survey, we can conclude that a lot of institutions have protocols in place to deal with the interference, however, these protocols could be tuned and there is a wish for automation in both preventing the interference as improving the communication about it between healthcare workers.

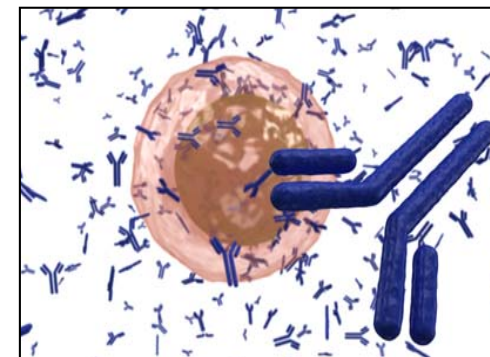
## Practical approaches and costs for provisioning safe transfusions during anti-CD38 therapy



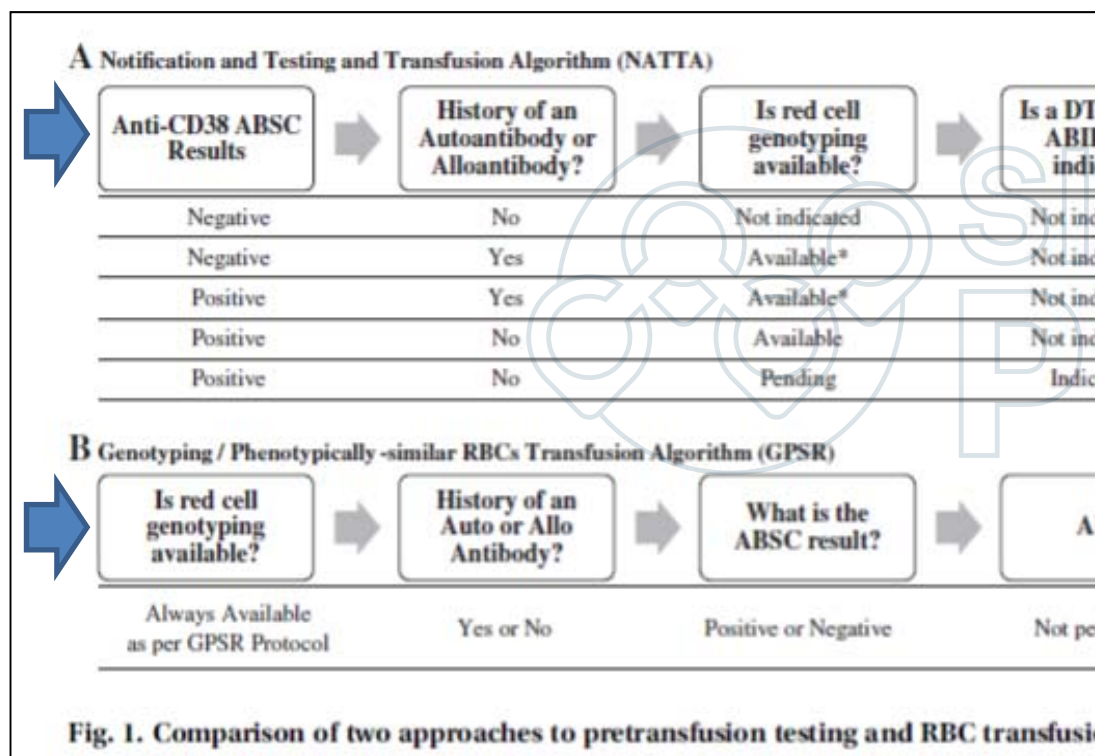
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# The impact of Daratumumab on transfusion service costs

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**TABLE 4. DARA patient characteristics**

Patient demographics	
Number of patients (%)	91 (100%)
Age (years, mean +/- SD)	65.2 +/- 10.2
Male (%)	53 (58.2%)
Diagnoses (%)	
- Multiple myeloma	90 (98.9%)
- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	1 (1.1%)
Stem cell transplant (%)	61 (67.0%)
- Autologous transplant	57 (62.6%)
- Allogeneic transplant	4 (4.4%)
Patients with unexpected antibodies detected (%)	24 (26.4%)
- Alloantibodies	6 (6.6%)
- Warm autoantibodies	12 (13.2%)
- Cold autoantibodies	9 (9.9%)
- Nonspecific reactivity	5 (5.5%)
Patients with pretransfusion testing (ABSC) (%)	60 (65.9%)
Patients with positive ABSC (%)	53/60 (88.3%)
Patients transfused after NATTA (%)	31 (34.1%)
RBC units transfused per patient among the 31 patients transfused, median (IQR)	8 (3,13)

ABSC = antibody screen; DARA = daratumumab; IQR = interquartile range; NATTA = notification and testing/transfusion algorithm; SD = standard deviation.



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**TABLE 3. Cost comparison of two approaches to pretransfusion testing and RBC transfusion for patients on daratumumab (estimated costs during year 1)**

Test/Unit	Cost per test and RBC unit	NATTA approach		GPSR approach		GPSR/NATTA estimated additional cost
		Tests/units (N)	Total cost	Tests/units (N)	Total cost	
<b>Pretransfusion testing</b>			<b>\$28,014.30</b>		<b>\$35,725.41</b>	<b>27.53%</b>
DTT screen	\$57.66	315	\$18,162.90	0	\$0.00	
Genotyping*	\$295.00	24	\$7,080.00	91	\$26,845.00	
IAT XM	\$29.80	93	\$2,771.40	298	8,880.41	
EXM	\$0	205	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
<b>RBC transfusions</b>			<b>\$20,739.8</b>		<b>\$49,344.00</b>	<b>137.92%</b>
Phenotyping for K-negative RBC units	\$32.20	179	\$5,763.80	0	\$0.00	
Phenotypically similar RBC units†	\$192.00	78	\$14,976.00	257	\$49,344.00	
<b>Total cost per year 1</b>			<b>\$48,754.10</b>		<b>\$85,069.41</b>	<b>74.48%</b>
<b>Average cost per patient per year (N = 91)</b>			<b>\$535.76</b>		<b>\$934.83</b>	

\* For NATTA approach, genotyping only performed for recipients with autoantibodies or alloantibodies.

† A four-antigen match requirement was used.

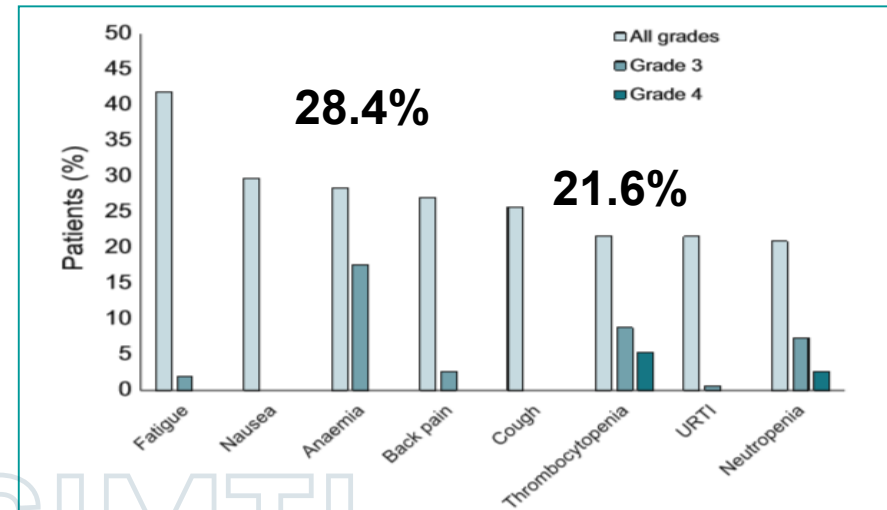
DTT = dithiothreitol; EXM = electronic crossmatch; GPSR = genotyping with a provision of phenotypically similar RBC transfusions; IAT XM = indirect antiglobulin test crossmatch; NATTA = notification and testing/transfusion algorithm.



**Dopo l'infusione di Daratumumab è stata osservata una lieve e clinicamente non-significativa riduzione dei livelli di Hb di circa 1.6 g/dL ed un incremento compensatorio nella conta reticolocitaria.**

**Test in vitro non hanno evidenziato alcuna lisi eritrocitaria complemento-mediata.**

**La frazione di emazie legate al farmaco scompare dal circolo per un sequestro splenico mediato dal legame con Fc-receptor.**



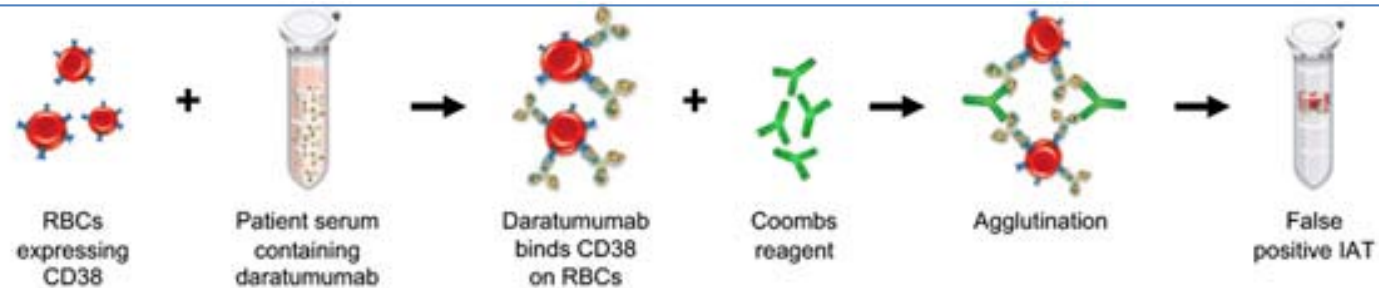
**Dara + Lenalidomide + Desametasone  
Studio POLLUX**

**Dara + Bortezomib + Desametasone  
Studio CASTOR**

	Gruppo Daratumumab		Gruppo Controllo	
	Tutti i Gradi	Gradi 3-4	Tutti i gradi	Gradi 3-4
→ POLLUX Anemia	31,1%	12,4%	34,9%	19,6%
POLLUX Piastrinopenia	26,9%	12,7%	27,4%	13,5%
CASTOR Anemia	26,3%	14,4%	31,2%	16%
→ CASTOR Piastrinopenia	58,8%	45,3%	43,9%	32,9%

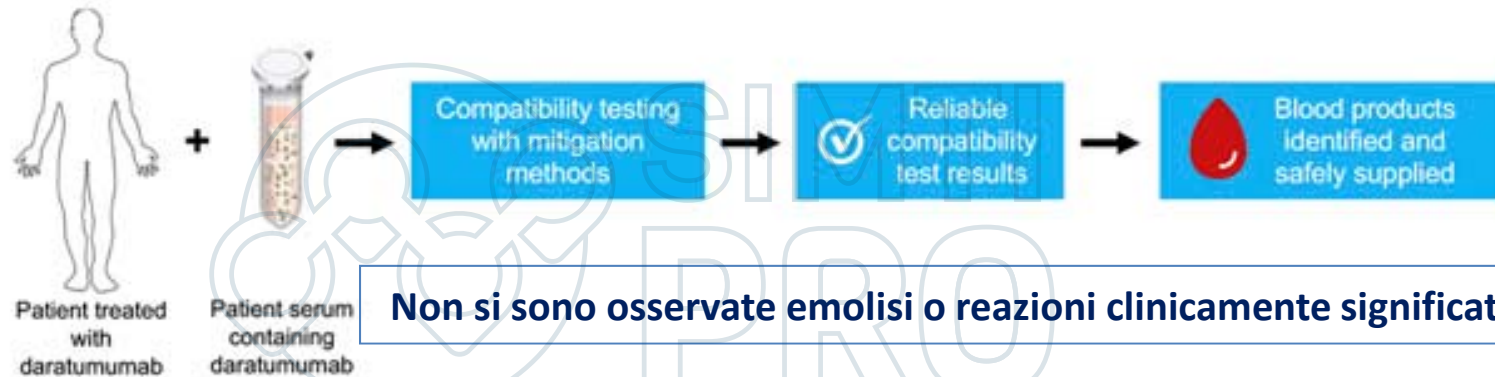
# Blood Transfusion Management and Transfusion-Related Outcomes in Daratumumab-Treated Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma - Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma & Leukemia 2018

## Assay Interference



Daratumumab binds CD38 on RBCs resulting in panagglutination in blood compatibility tests

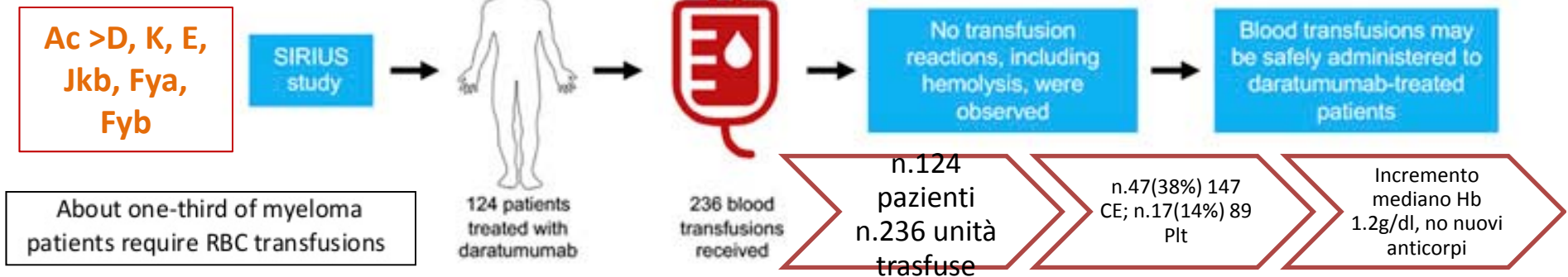
## Mitigation



Non si sono osservate emolisi o reazioni clinicamente significative

Mitigation methods provide reliable IAT results allowing blood transfusions to be safely administered

## Practice



Ac >D, K, E, Jkb, Fya, Fyb

About one-third of myeloma patients require RBC transfusions

Transfusions were safely administered to daratumumab-treated patients in clinical practice

Transfusion management in multiple myeloma patients receiving daratumumab: Experience of a single tertiary care centre

Transfusion and Apheresis Science, 2019

In order to optimize and to make the DTT technique available for 24 h, DTT-treated RBCs were suspended in a RBC storage solution that extended the shelf life until 30 days.

Four volumes of 0.2M DTT were added to 1 vol of washed packed RBCs. The mixture was gently shaken and incubated at 37 °C for 30–45 min in a dry heat block. After incubation, the DTT treated RBCs were washed four times manually with normal saline. DTT treated RBC were reconstituted at 3–5% in an RBC preservative solution.

The DTT treated RBC were stable for a month, as checked by RBC phenotyping for Rh, K, Fy, JK, M and S antigens.

*Disbro WL. Stability guidelines for dithiothreitol-treated red blood cell reagents used for antibody detection methods in patients treated with Daratumumab. Immunohematology 2017;33:105–10.*

Pazienti	N.		
Maschi	21	Periodo osservazione: 30 mesi	N.53 RAI eseguite a 13 pazienti (29.5%) che hanno trasfuso una mediana di 6 unità di GR (Rh/K) (range 1–22) N. 99 unità trasfuse senza ritardi o eventi avversi. Nessuna nuova alloimmunizzazione.
Femmine	23	Età mediana 70 anni	
Totale	44	Mediana di 2 (range 1–7) linee di terapia and mediana di 16 dosi di Dara (range 1–39)	

**Daratumumab in monoterapia (mediana di 3 linee di terapia, range 2 - 8):**

- 2 casi di anemia grado I
- 13 casi di anemia grado II
- 7 casi di anemia grado III
- 13 casi di piastrinopenia di vario grado

12/50 pz (24%) hanno necessitato di trasfusioni per anemia e piastrinopenia

**Daratumumab in combinazione con Lenalidomide (DRd) o Bortezomib (DVd) e Desametasone (mediana di 1 linea di terapia, range 1 - 6):**

- 3 casi di anemia grado I
- 4 casi di anemia grado II
- 7 casi di anemia grado III
- 12 casi di piastrinopenia di vario grado (10 nel braccio DVd)

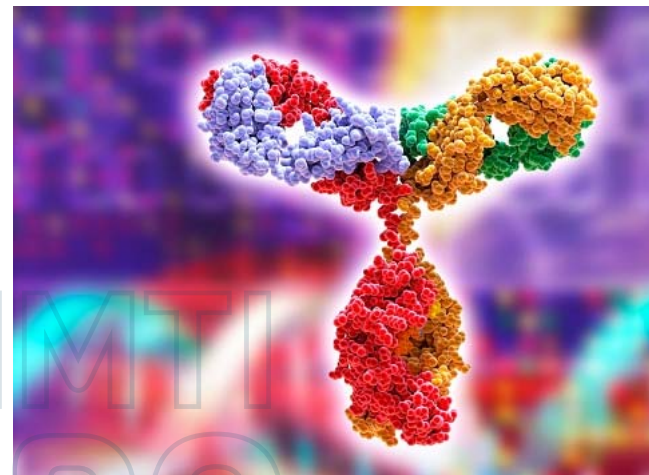
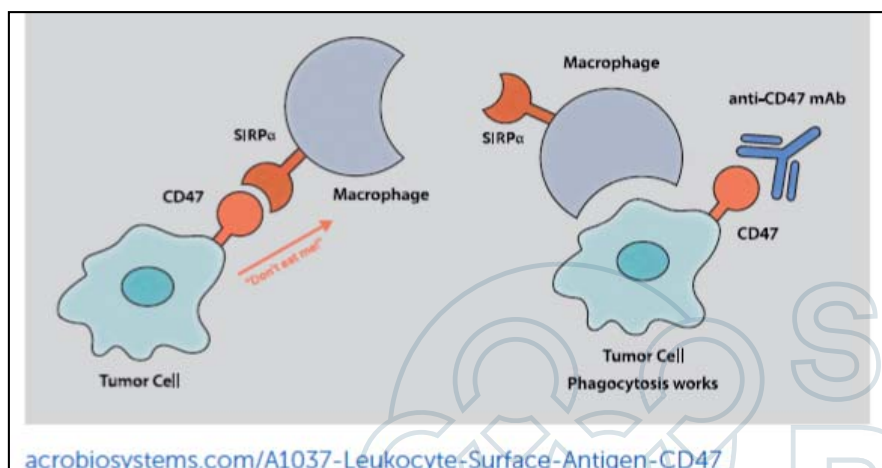
10/70 pz (14%) hanno necessitato di trasfusioni per anemia e piastrinopenia

*Gruppo GIMEMA LAZIO - Federico Vozella, 2020*



# The effects of monoclonal anti-CD47 on RBCs, compatibility testing, and transfusion requirements in refractory acute myeloid leukemia

Transfusion 2019



Anti CD47 (Hu5F9-G4) è un anticorpo monoclonale umanizzato IgG4

E' una glicoproteina transmembrana espressa su tessuti e cellule

Agisce come segnale self, «Don't eat me»

Ha un ruolo nella fagocitosi per la regolazione dei processi cellulari attraverso i macrofagi (legame CD47-SIRP $\alpha$ )

Sono in corso diversi trial clinici (malattie ematologiche e tumori solidi)

# Impact of Novel Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics on Blood Bank Pretransfusion Testing

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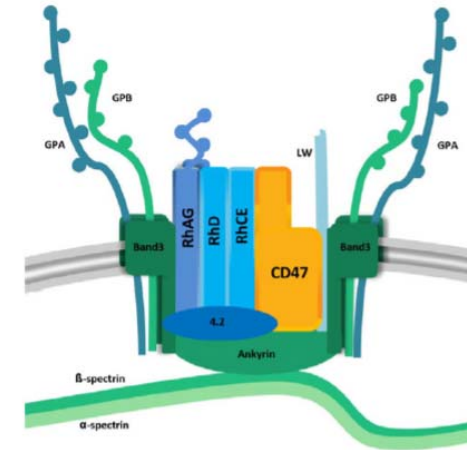


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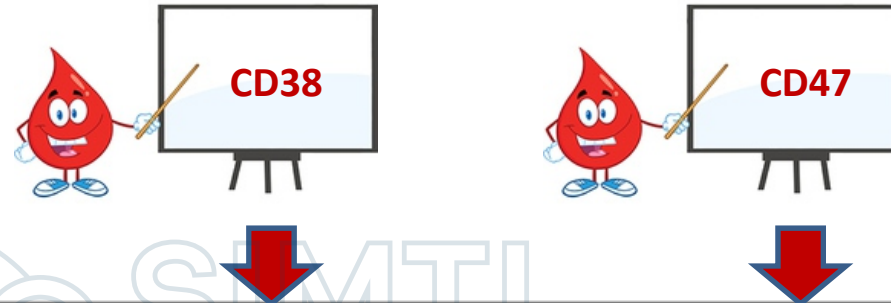
Representative pretransfusion testing results for one of the anti-CD47 agents

	Patient Results Before Anti-47 Therapy	Patient Results Post Anti-47 Therapy	Presence of Interference?
ABO/Rh typing	A+	Forward type: A+ Reverse type: O	Yes
Antibody Screen	Negative	Pan-reactive +	Yes
Autocontrol	Negative	Positive	Yes
Direct antiglobulin test	Negative	Negative/positive	Possible
Eluate	Not performed	Negative/pan-agglutinin	Possible

Noticeable interference is present during ABO/Rh typing for A, B, and AB patients. The antibody screen is always positive and can be resolved using a reagent that does not bind to IgG4 Fc regions.

## Monoclonal anti-CD47 interference in red cell and platelet testing

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**TABLE 3. Comparison between the RBC expression and the characteristics of pretransfusion interference observed with anti-CD38 (Daratumumab/DARA or Isatuximab) and anti-CD47 (Hu5F9-G4) therapy**

Differences in	CD38	CD47
RBC expression	Low	High
Epitope/antigen shedding	Yes	No
<b>Testing</b>	<b>*Anti-CD38</b>	<b>†Anti-CD47</b>
Subclass	IgG1	IgG4
ABO interference	No	Yes
D and extended antigen typing problems	No	Possible
Antibody screen and crossmatch interference	IAT only (1+)	All phases (3+ to 4+)
<b>Mitigation</b>	Treat test RBCs with 0.2 M DTT or Trypsin	Use antiglobulin without IgG4
Alladsorption onto RBCs or platelets	No	Yes – multiple 3× to 4×
DAT/auto control (cause)	Negative or w+ (antigen loss)	Negative or w+ (blocking)
Eluate	Negative or w+	Strongly positive (3+ to 4+)

\* Anti-CD38 (daratumumab, DARA, and isatuximab).

† Anti-CD47 (Hu5F9-G4).

DTT = dithiothreitol; IAT = indirect antiglobulin testing.

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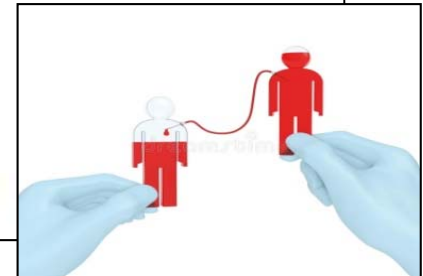


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Overall the strategies to mitigate interference by these mAb agents can be divided into 3 different categories:

- Remove the presence of the target antigen on reagent RBC
- Neutralize the offending antibody
- Use different reagents that are less sensitive to the mAb effect



POSITION PAPER

doi:10.1111/imb.12107  
**Considerations for pre-transfusion immunohaematology testing in patients receiving the anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody daratumumab for the treatment of multiple myeloma**

Internal Medicine Journal 48 (2018) 210–220

*Prior to treatment with daratumumab:*

1. Communications from treating professional and transfusion laboratory to document that the patient is to start anti-CD38 mAb.
2. Provide a full transfusion, obstetric and drug history.
3. Perform a blood group (ABO, RhD).
4. Perform an antibody screen and DAT.
5. Perform an extended RBC phenotype (or genotype, where indicated).
6. Provide patient with an alert card (see Fig. 3).

Before starting daratumumab my blood test results collected on

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ were:  
DD MM YYYY

Blood type:  A  B  AB  O  RhD+  RhD-

Antibody screen was:

Negative  Positive for the following antibodies:

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details of institution where the blood tests were performed:  
\_\_\_\_\_



## CONCLUSIONI



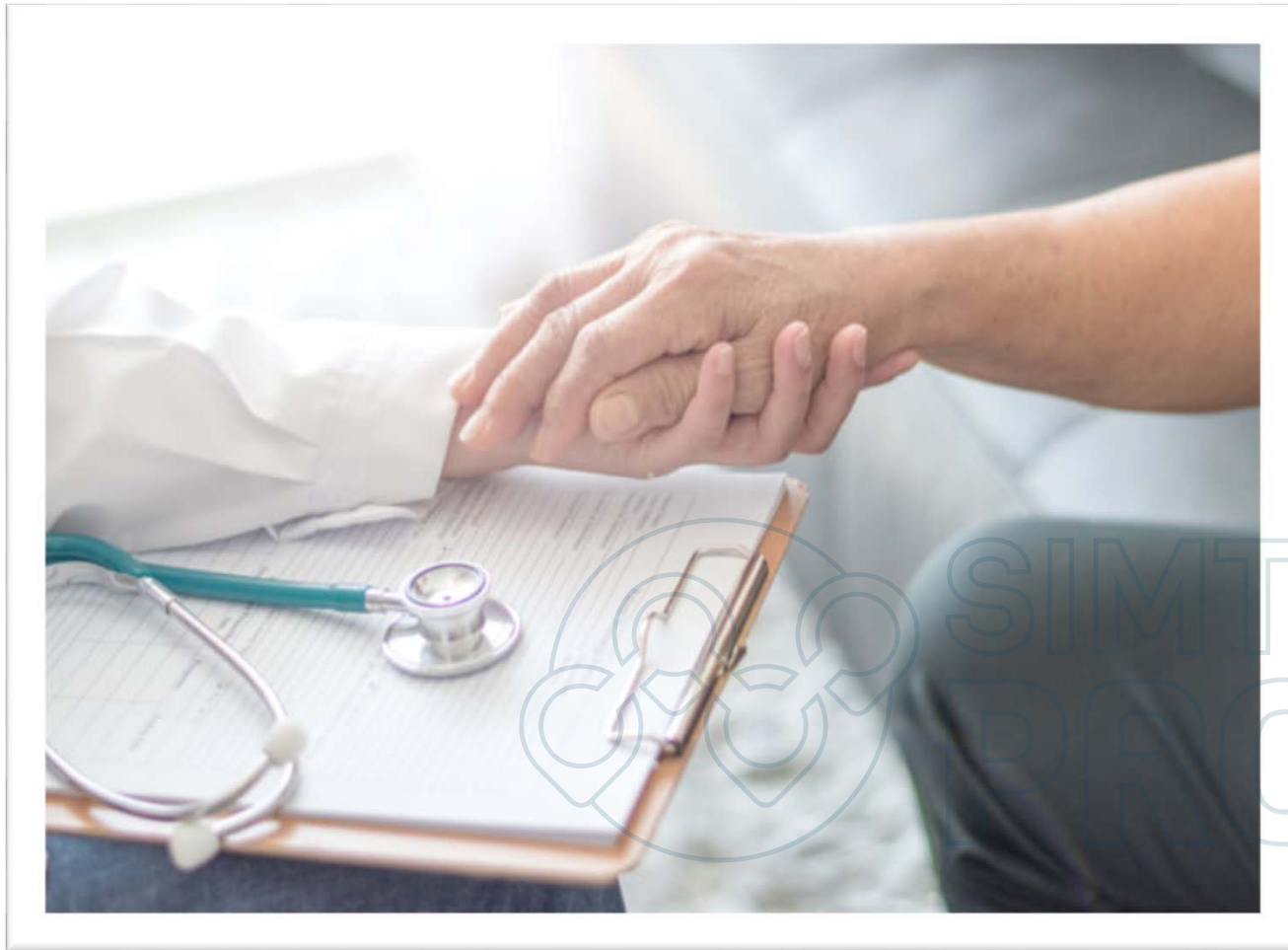
Circa il 25-30% dei pazienti trattati con daratumumab vengono trasfusi (DARA>DRd>DVd), diversi fattori legati a malattia/terapia

Procedura DTT necessaria nel 30% dei casi se non utilizzata la provetta.



Problematiche  
Molarità DTT, ratio GR/DTT, tempo incubazione, conservazione, tecnologie, automazione, nuovi reagenti, algoritmi trasfusionali e costi, **altri farmaci???**





GRAZIE



*Some patients visit multiple hospitals and relevant history may be obtained from another facility, if known. Complete patient demographics and transfusion and medication history orders will improve efficiency and the costs of testing.*