



## Warm Autoantibodies



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- Describe common reactions in a sample containing warm autoantibody.
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## Common Reactions Seen with Warm Autoantibody

	Anti-IgG + C3d	Anti-IgG	Anti-C3d	Saline
DAT	3+	3+	DV	0

This is the first indication of a possible warm autoantibody

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## Common Reactions Seen with Warm Autoantibody

- Initial antibody screen:

		Rh										Kell					Duffy		Kidd				MNS			Xg	Results	
		D	C	E	c	e	f	V	CW	K	k	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Kp <sup>b</sup>	Js <sup>a</sup>	Js <sup>b</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	M	N	S	s	Xg <sup>a</sup>	Xg <sup>b</sup>	5' RT	LISS IAT	
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3	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	3+

Initial screen is all positive

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## Common Reactions Seen with Warm Autoantibody

		Rh										Kell					Duffy		Kidd				MNS			Xg	Patient Plasma		
		D	C	E	c	e	f	V	CW	K	k	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Kp <sup>b</sup>	Js <sup>a</sup>	Js <sup>b</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	M	N	S	s	Xg <sup>a</sup>	Xg <sup>b</sup>	5' RT	LISS IAT		
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## Common Reactions Seen with Warm Autoantibody

- Common Test Results
  - DAT = positive with polyspecific and monospecific reagents
  - Antibody Screen = positive
  - Antibody Panel = positive
- Positive DAT requires an elution be performed and tested to discern what is causing the positive DAT

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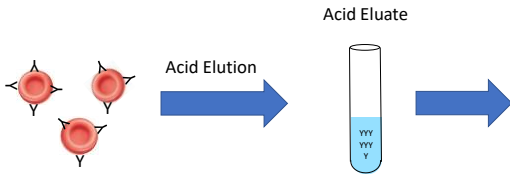
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## Warm Autoantibody - Elution

- Suspected warm autoantibody
  - Perform Acid Elution to detect bound antibody causing the positive DAT




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## Warm Autoantibody -Elution

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What is EGA??




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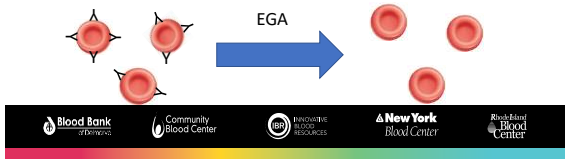
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## Warm Autoantibody – EGA treated RBCs

### EGA - EDTA Glycine Acid

- Removes the bound IgG while leaving the red cells intact for testing




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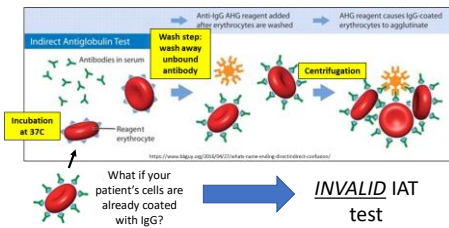
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## Reminder: you can't test DAT-positive cells using the IAT!




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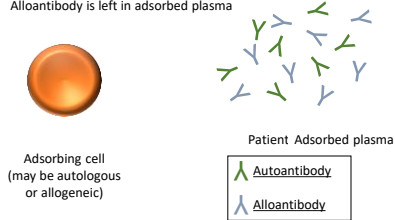
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## What is adsorption?

- Adsorbing cell + patient plasma
- Warm autoantibody attaches to the adsorbing RBCs
- Alloantibody is left in adsorbed plasma




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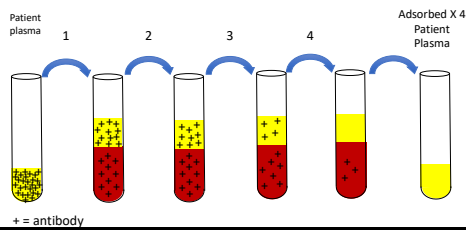
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## Warm Autoantibody - Adsorptions

- So what does performing adsorptions look like??




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## Warm Autoantibody - Autoadsorptions

**Autoadsorption** – using the patient's own cells to diminish the warm auto reactivity in the patient's serum or plasma

- Requirements:
  - If performing autoadsorption, patient cannot have been transfused in the last 3 months
  - Need 1-2 mL of packed red blood cells per adsorption – meaning a lot of sample is required
  - Must ZZAP treat the patient's autologous cells prior to performing adsorptions – why?




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## ZZAP Treatment

- **What is ZZAP?** Combination of DTT and enzyme (papain)
  - DTT removes bound antibody and destroys certain antigens
  - Papain destroys other antigens
  - Autoantibodies react well with enzyme-treated cells

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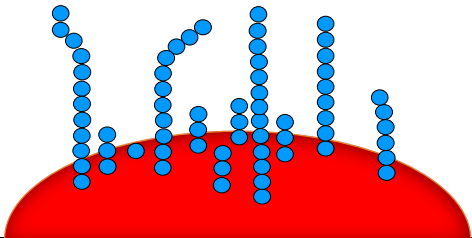
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## How Enzymes Work




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## Warm Autoantibody - Adsorptions

- **Alloadsorption** - using *phenotypically similar donor cells* to diminish the warm auto reactivity in the patient's serum or plasma
  - **Phenotypically similar** – RBCs that lack the same antigens as the patient. Does NOT need to be a perfect match

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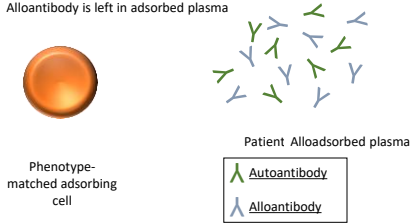
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## Alloadsorption: how it works

- Phenotype-matched adsorbing cells + patient plasma
- Warm autoantibody attaches to the RBCs
- Alloantibody is left in adsorbed plasma




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## Warm Autoantibody - Alloadsorptions

### Why use a phenotypically matched cell for alloadsorptions?

- The goal of adsorptions is to rid the plasma of the warm autoantibody reactivity while leaving behind any alloantibodies that may be lurking underneath
- Using phenotypically matched cells (cells negative for what the patient is negative for) will prevent accidentally adsorbing out an alloantibody




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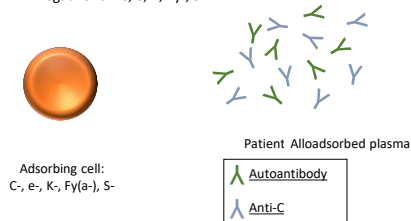
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## Alloadsorption: Example

- Patient phenotype: R<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>, K-, Fy(a-b+), Jk(a+b+), S-s+
  - Negative for: C, e, K, Fy<sup>3</sup>, S




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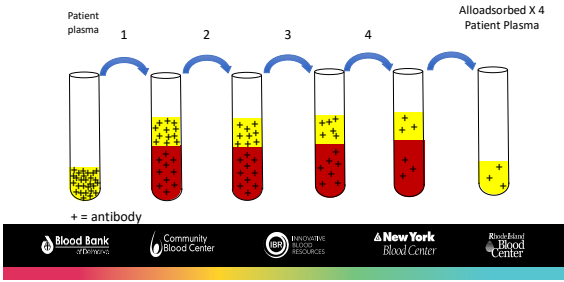
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## Alladsorption: Example




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## Warm Autoantibody - Alladsorptions

		Rh							Kell				Duffy		Kidd		MNS			Xg	Alloids X 4 Patient Plasma					
		D	C	E	c	e	f	CW	K	k	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Kp <sup>b</sup>	Js <sup>a</sup>	Js <sup>b</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	M	N		S	s	Xg <sup>a</sup>	LISS IAT	
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## Warm Autoantibody - Alladsorptions

What is a big risk when performing alladsorptions?

- Can't match for everything (ie: Kp<sup>b</sup>, Js<sup>b</sup>, etc)
- There is a risk of adsorbing out an antibody to a high incidence antigen

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## The biggest risk of Alloadsorption

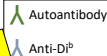
How could that happen?



The adsorbed plasma will be nonreactive, because we've adsorbed out the auto- AND ALLO-antibody!

Adsorbing cell adsorbs warm autoantibody and anti-D<sup>b</sup> (antibody to high prevalence antigen)

Patient Alloadsorbed plasma



D<sup>b</sup>(b+) adsorbing because we only match the common antigens!

(D<sup>b</sup> antigen is high prevalence)




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## The biggest risk of Alloadorption:

Adsorbing a clinically significant alloantibody onto the allogeneic adsorbing cells (especially against an antigen of high prevalence)

- Small probability of this happening
- Reports have disclaimer that this is a risk of alloadsorption




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## Warm Autoantibody - Adsorptions

Allogeneic red cells are treated with papain prior to performing alloadsorption – why?

- Papain destroys certain antigens: M, N, S, s (variable) as well as Fy<sup>a</sup> and Fy<sup>b</sup> which means we don't have to match for those antigens when choosing an adsorbing cell
- Warm autoantibodies react strongly with enzyme-treated cells




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## Practice choosing adsorbing cells

- What antigens are not expressed on my patient's cells?
  - Could potentially make corresponding antibodies
- Choose an adsorbing cell that lacks those same antigens (phenotypically similar)
- Consider papain treatment
  - M, N, S, s antigens destroyed
  - Fy<sup>a</sup>, Fy<sup>b</sup> antigens destroyed

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## Warm Autoantibody - Alladsorptions

Choose which papain treated adsorbing cell(s) to use for a patient with the following phenotype. Choose all that apply.

R<sub>1</sub>R<sub>1</sub>, K+, Fy(a-b+), Jk(a-b+), S-s+

- a) Adsorbing Cell 1) R<sub>1</sub>R<sub>1</sub>, K-, Jk(a-)
- b) Adsorbing Cell 2) R<sub>1</sub>R<sub>1</sub>, K-, Jk(b-)
- c) Adsorbing Cell 3) R<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>, K-, Jk(a-)
- d) Adsorbing Cell 4) R<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>, K-, Jk(b-)
- e) Adsorbing Cell 5) rr, K-, Jk(a-)
- f) Adsorbing Cell 6) rr, K-, Jk(b-)

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## Warm Autoantibody - Alladsorption

Cell	Rh	D	C	E	c	e	f	V	C <sup>w</sup>	K	k	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Kp <sup>b</sup>	Js <sup>a</sup>	Js <sup>b</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	MNS					Xg <sup>a</sup>	Alladsorption Plasma
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No alloantibodies to common RBC antigens were detected.

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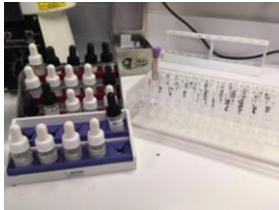
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## Warm Autoantibody - Obtaining a Phenotype

- Why is a phenotype important?
- What portion of the patient's phenotype does IRL test for?
  - D, E, c, C, e, K, Fy<sup>a</sup>, Fy<sup>b</sup>, Jk<sup>a</sup>, Jk<sup>b</sup>, S, s




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## Warm Autoantibody - Obtaining a Phenotype

**How is a phenotype obtained when the patient has been recently transfused?**

- Donor cells in sample may interfere with serologic typing

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# Warm Autoantibody - Obtaining a Phenotype

There are two options when a patient has been recently transfused

- Hypotonic wash:
  - Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) patients
  - Wash patient cells with hypotonic saline solution
    - SCD (autologous) cells resistant to lysis
    - Healthy donor cells lyse in hypotonic environment
  - **Limitations:**
    - Sample < 24 hours old
    - Transfusion >3 days ago
    - Only effective for SCD patients

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# Warm Autoantibody - Obtaining a Phenotype

There are two options when a patient has been recently transfused – continued

- Molecular genotype (predicted phenotype)
  - Patient DNA extracted
  - DNA analyzed for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPS) that code for blood group antigens
  - Common assays provide information on >30 antigens
  - Is not restricted by recent transfusion
  - **Limitations:** has an increased turn around time – 72 hours

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# Genotype Example

Precisite Type Human Erythrocyte Antigen (HEA) Phenotype by DNA Analysis Report				
Sample Information	Blood Group	Antigen	Result	Comments
	Rh	C	+	
		C	+	
		e	+	
		E	+	
	V		+	
	VS		+	
	Kell	K	+	
		k	+	
		Kp <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Kp <sup>b</sup>	+	
		Jk <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Jk <sup>b</sup>	+	
	Duffy	Fy <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Fy <sup>b</sup>	DU	Not at risk for anti-Fy <sup>b</sup>
	Kidd	Jk <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Jk <sup>b</sup>	+	
	MNS	M	+	
		N	+	
		S	+	
		s	+	
		U	+	
	Lutheran	Lu <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Lu <sup>b</sup>	+	
	Diego	Di <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Di <sup>b</sup>	+	
	Carton	Co <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Co <sup>b</sup>	+	
	Donnan	Do <sup>a</sup>	+	
		Do <sup>b</sup>	+	
		Hy	+	
		Jo <sup>a</sup>	+	
	Lewis-like	LW <sup>a</sup>	+	
	Waters	W <sup>a</sup>	+	
	Sistema	Si <sup>1</sup>	+	
		Si <sup>2</sup>	+	

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## Objectives

- Describe common reactions in a sample containing warm autoantibody
- Compare and contrast allo-and autoadsorptions.
- Compare and contrast methods used to determine the phenotype of recently transfused patients.

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