

Antibody Identification

Part 1: The Basics

A Blood Bank Guy Video Podcast



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Part 1

- Prerequisites
- Geography of a panel
- Antibody ID method
- Case examples

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Prerequisites

- Blood Group Overview
 - General facts
 - Podcast from December 2011
- Pretransfusion Testing
 - Testing methodologies
 - Antibody screen
 - Podcast from February 2012

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When Do We I.D.?

- Following a positive antibody screen
 - Patients, prenataals, donors
- When testing suggests a new antibody
- To confirm a previously identified antibody (per facility SOP)

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Definitions

- Alloantibody
 - Antibody against RBC antigens **not present** on patient's own RBCs
- Autoantibody
 - Antibody against RBC antigens **present** on patient's own RBCs

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What's a Panel?

- Just an expanded antibody screen
- Uses group O reagent RBCs
 - RBCs from 8-20 donors
 - Patient serum or plasma
 - IS / 37 C / AHG if tubes
 - AHG only if gel or solid phase
- Reactions documented on a sheet that outlines every RBC's phenotype

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Geography

- Let's take a close look at a panel
- Important to know your way around
- There are variations, but this is a general guide

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Cell	Rh-hr	Rh-hr					Xg ^a		Kell					Duffy		Kidd		P		Lutheran			MNSs			Lewis		Results				
		D	C	E	c	e	f	C _w	Xg ^a	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell			
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1		
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2		
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	3			
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	4			
5	r ⁺ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	5			
6	r ⁺ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	6			
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	7				
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	8				
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	9				
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	10				
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PC																												AC				

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A series of 8-20 group O donor reagent red cells, each tested for all main antigens ("phenotyped")

Rh-hr (or "Hr") = Modified Wiener Rh genotype for donor

R₁: DcE r': dCE
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 R₀: Dce r: dce
 R_Z: DCE r': dCE

Other stuff:
 -Donor ID
 -Special Antigen Type

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1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
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Pt. phenotype results

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3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
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D, C, c, E, e, Fy^a, Fy^b, Jk^a, Jk^b, K, k, Le^a, Le^b, M, N, PI, S, s

Full donor phenotype

D phenotype for each donor,
 C phenotype for each donor, etc...

Cell	Rh-hr	D	C	E	c	e	f	C _w	Xg ^a	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Js ^a	Js ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	PI	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0

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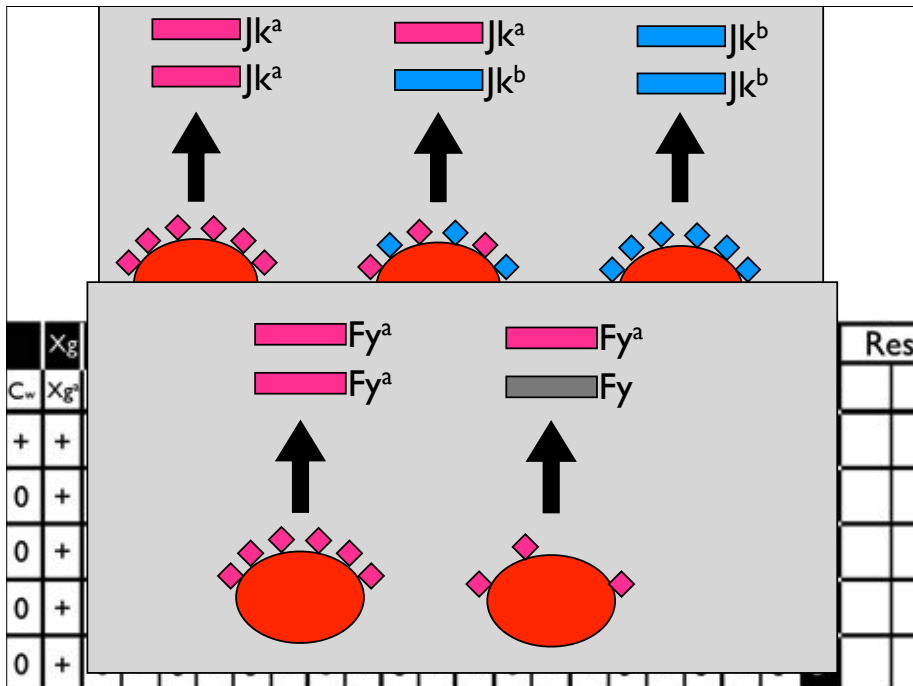
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Jk(a+b-): Assume "double dose" Jk^a
 Jk(a+b+): "Single dose" Jk^a and Jk^b
 Jk(a-b+): Assume "double dose" Jk^b

Xg ^a	Kell	Duffy	Kidd	P	Lutheran	MNSs	Lewis	Res														
C _w	Xg ^a	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Js ^a	Js ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	PI	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell	
+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	1
0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	2
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Kidd		P	Lutheran		MNSs				Lewis		Results			
Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P _i	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell	IS	37	AHG
+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1	0	I+	3+
+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	0	I+	3+
+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	3	0	I+	3+
+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	4	0	I+	3+
0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	5	0	0	0 ✓
+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	6	0	0	0 ✓
0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	7	0	0	0 ✓
+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	8	0	0	0 ✓
+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	9	0	0	0 ✓
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IS = Immediate spin
 37 = 37 C Incubation
 AHG = Anti-human globulin
 IAT = Indirect antiglobulin test
 (=AHG)

This is tube testing!

- LISS ✓
- Albumin ✓
- Saline ✓
- ~~PEG~~

Kidd		P	Lutheran		MNSs				Lewis		Results			
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+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	4	0	3+	
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+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	6	0	0	✓
0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	7	0	0	✓
+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	8	0	0	✓
+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	9	0	0	✓
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This is also tube testing!
 (often with PEG)

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+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	4	3+		
0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	5	0	✓	
+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	6	0	✓	
0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	7	0	✓	
+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	8	0	✓	
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This could be:

-Tube testing

OR

-Gel testing

OR

-Solid-phase testing

General Process

Check history

- Check autocontrol
- Look at general pattern
- Look at what's NOT there (cross-outs)
- Look at what IS there
- Use special techniques as necessary
- Ensure statistical significance



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History

- Both in real life and on exams
- History can give you a clue and keep you from doing something dumb
- Up to 70% of cases impacted by history

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History

- Clinical history examples:
 - Anti-D in pregnant pt; consider RhIG
 - Recent bacterial infection; consider antibiotic induced warm autoab
 - Recent viral illness; consider auto-anti-I or -i (consider age)
 - Recent transfusion; consider newly developing antibody
 - ITP; consider IV RhIG in D+ patient

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History

- Clinical history examples:
 - Consider racial profiling (in a good way, of course!)
 - African-Americans: Lack of Duffy antigens
 - Asians: Almost all D+
 - Whites: May lack high freq antigens

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History

- Consider serologic history, if known
- Previous phenotyping will help, but be careful!
 - Transplants, transfusions, errors
- In real world, can use this info for targeting the panel and cells chosen

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2	R ⁺ R ⁺	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3+		
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9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	9	0			
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Positive Autocontrol



- More details next time...
- Question 1: Is DAT positive?
- Question 2: What's the patient history?
- Possibilities include:
 - Autoantibodies (warm and cold)
 - Recent transfusion/DHTR
 - Drug-induced issues
 - Passively acquired antibodies

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Pattern

- Are reactions:
 - Uniform or variable?
 - Against all, most, or rare cells?
 - Present in what phases?

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Variability

- Uniform reactions suggest a single antibody
- Variable reactions suggest either:
 - Multiple antibodies OR
 - Single antibody with dosage

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Cells Reactive

- With negative autocontrol...
 - A mixture of reactive and nonreactive cells suggests:
 - A single alloantibody OR
 - Multiple alloantibodies
 - A single reactive cell suggests:
 - A single alloantibody against a low-prevalence antigen

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Cells Reactive

- With negative autocontrol...
 - All or virtually all cells reactive suggests:
 - Multiple alloantibodies
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37/AHG: Rh
AHG: K, Fy, Jk, S/s
Variable: Lu, Xg
IS (RT): Le, MN, P

37 C and AHG		V	AHG Only													RT	Var.	RT	AHG	RT		Re									
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1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1	
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AC neg

Uniform

Warm

Cold

All +

+ & -

All +

+ & -

1. IgG allo vs high prev
2. Multiple IgG allos
3. HTLA-like

1. Single IgG allo
2. Multiple IgG allos

1. IgM allo vs high prev

1. Single IgM allo
2. Multiple IgM allos

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AC neg

Variable

All +

1. Allo vs high prev antigen (IgG or IgM)

Warm

Warm/Cold

Cold

Many/most +

Many/most +

Many/most +

1. Multiple IgG allos
2. Single IgG allo (dosage)

1. IgG/IgM allos (multiple)
2. Strong IgM binding

1. Multiple IgM allos
2. Single IgM allo (dosage)

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Cell	Rh-hr	Rh-hr					Kell					Duffy		Kidd		P	Lutheran				MNSs				Lewis		Results					
		D	C	E	c	e	f	Cw	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b		Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b			
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	1	3+	
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	4	3+	
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	5	0	
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	6	0	
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	7	0	
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	8	0	
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	9	0	
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	10	0	
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	11	3+	
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Cell	Rh-hr	Rh-hr					Kell					Duffy		Kidd		P	Lutheran				MNSs				Lewis		Results					
		D	C	E	c	e	f	Cw	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b		Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b			
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	1	3+	
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	3	3+	
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	4	3+	
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	5	0	
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	6	0	
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	7	0	
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	8	0	
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	9	0	
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	10	0	
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	11	3+	
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Fy^a	Fy ^b	IS	37C	IAT
+	0	0	0	0
+	+	0	0	0
0	+	0	1+	2+

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Cell	Rh-hr	Rh-hr					Kell					Duffy		Kidd	P	Lutheran			MNSs			Lewis		Results								
		D	C	E	c	C _w	V	K	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Js ^a	Js ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	Lu ^c	M	N	s	Le ^a		Le ^b							
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1	3+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	4	3+
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	0
6	r ¹ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	6	0
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		D	C	E	c	C _w	V	K	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Js ^a	Js ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	Lu ^c	M	N	s	Le ^a		Le ^b							
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1	3+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	4	3+
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	0
6	r ¹ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	6	0
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Cell	Rh-hr	Rh-hr					Kell					Duffy		Kidd	P	Lutheran			MNSs			Lewis		Results								
		D	C	E	c	C _w	V	K	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Js ^a	Js ^b	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	Lu ^c	M	N	s	Le ^a		Le ^b							
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	1	3+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	4	3+
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	0
6	r ¹ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	6	0
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ISs	Lewis	Results
X / X	X / X	Cell
0 + 0 +	1	3+
0 + 0 +	2	3+
+ + 0 0	3	3+
0 + 0 0	4	3+
+ 0 + 0	5	0
+ + + 0	6	0
+ 0 0 +	7	0
+ 0 + 0	8	0
+ + 0 +	9	0
0 + + 0	10	0
0 + 0 +	11	3+
	AC	0

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Cell	Rh-hr	D	C	E	Cv	V	Kell	Duffy	Kidd	P	Lutheran	MNSs	Lewis	Results	
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	3+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	4	3+
5	r ⁺ r	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	5	0
6	r ⁺ r	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	6	0
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	7	0
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	8	0
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	9	0
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	10	0
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	11	3+
AC														AC	0

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1. Gel or solid-phase most likely (probably gel)
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General Process

- Try first for a single antibody to explain all reactions

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D C E C_w V K p^a J s^a Lu^a


Cell	Rh-hr	D	C	E	C _w	V	K	p ^a	J	s ^a	Lu ^a	Duffy	Kidd	P	Lutheran	MNSs	Lewis	Cell	Results		
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	3+	
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	2	3+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	3	3+	
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	4	3+	
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	5	0	
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6	0	
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	7	0	
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	8	0	
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	9	0	
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	10	0	
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	11	3+	
AC																			AC	0	

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General Process



- Try first for a single antibody to explain all reactions
- Failing that...
- Depending on pattern, hypothesize:
 - Two antibodies in same phase

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D C E C_w V K p^a J s^a Lu^a


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1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	4+
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	2	4+
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	3	3+
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	4	3+
5	r ¹ r	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	5	2+
6	r ² r	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6	0
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	7	0
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	8	0
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	9	0
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	10	0
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General Process



- Try first for a single antibody to explain all reactions
- Failing that...
- Depending on pattern, hypothesize:
 - Two antibodies in same phase
 - One warm and one cold antibody

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	Rh-hr	D	C	E	c	e	f	Cw	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell	IS	37	IAT
1	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	1	0	0	0
2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	2	0	0	0
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	4	0	0	0	
5	r ⁺ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	5	1+	1+	3+	
6	r ⁺ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	6	1+	1+	1+	
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	7	0	0	3+		
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	8	1+	1+	0	
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	9	0	0	0	
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	10	1+	1+	1+	
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	11	0	0	3+	
AC																								AC	0	0	0	

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1. Tube testing for sure
2. No autoantibody obvious
3. Highly variable pattern, both warm and cold

Fy^b

“Colds”: Le^a, Le^b, M, N, P

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	Rh-hr	D	C	E	c	e	f	Cw	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell	IS	37	IAT
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2	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	2	0	0	0
3	R ² R ²	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	R ⁰ r	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	4	0	0	0	
5	r ⁺ r	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	5	1+	1+	3+	
6	r ⁺ r	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	6	1+	1+	1+	
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	7	0	0	3+		
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	8	1+	1+	0	
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	9	0	0	0	
10	rr	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	10	1+	1+	1+	
11	R ¹ R ¹	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	11	0	0	3+	
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Fy^b, Le^a


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	Rh-hr	D	C	E	c	e	f	Cw	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b	M	N	S	s	Le ^a	Le ^b	Cell	IS	37	IAT
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1. Tube testing for sure
2. No autoantibody obvious
3. Highly variable pattern, both warm and cold

General Process



- Try first for a single antibody to explain all reactions
- Failing that...
- Depending on pattern, hypothesize:
 - Two antibodies in same phase
 - One warm and one cold antibody
 - Consider multiple warm and colds
 - Next podcast!!

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General Process

- Check history
- Check autocontrol
- Look at general pattern
- Look at what's NOT there (cross-outs)
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Phenotyping

- Helps confirm identification of alloantibody by demonstrating lack of antigen
- Is a TOOL in confirmation, not sole measure of confirmation

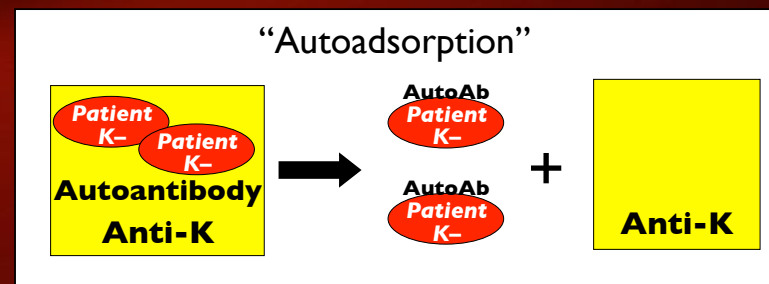
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1. Gel or solid-phase most likely (probably gel)
2. No autoantibody obvious
3. Variable pattern; multiple antibodies most likely

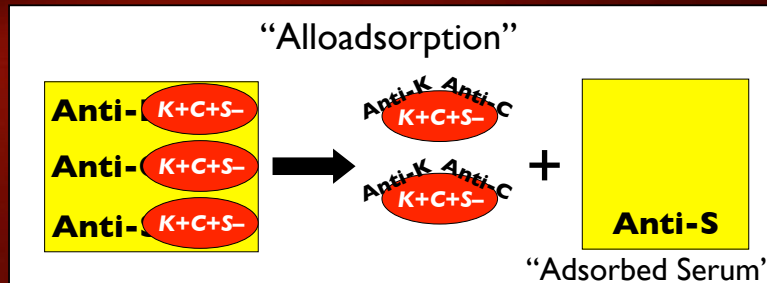
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- Removing antibodies from sample by incubation with antigen-positive RBCs



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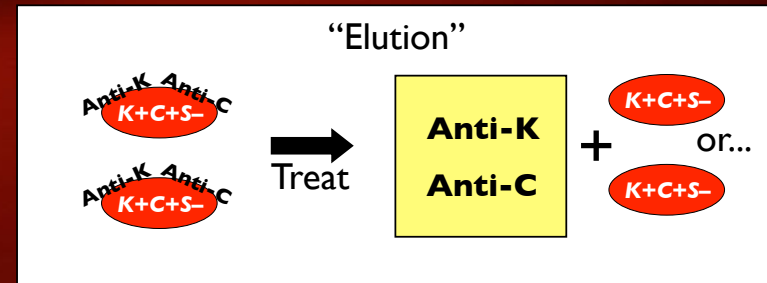
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Elution

- Removal of RBC-bound antibodies
- Heat, cold, chemical (glycine)



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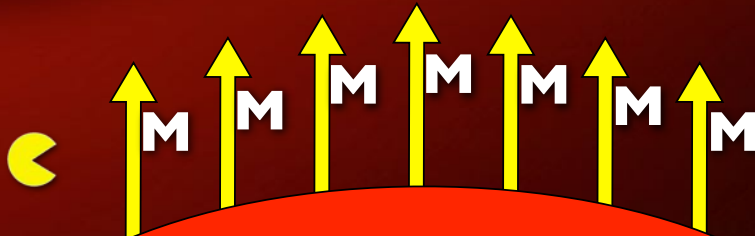
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Proteolytic Enzymes

- Enzymes such as ficin and papain may change Ag expression/Ab binding



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- Look at general pattern
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Probability

- Basic idea: Ensure what you are seeing is not pure chance
- Traditional interpretation:
 - Ag present: 3 positive reactions
 - Ag absent: 3 negative reactions
- AABB Standards for IRLs, 7th ed:
 - 5.3.3 requires only 2 of each reaction to assign specificity

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Probability

- For practical purposes, preliminary ID only requires ONE double-dose rule out to establish lack of identity
- This does NOT mean your work is done, however
- Still need to use selected cells to rule in/out specific Abs (per OP)

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D C E C_w V K p^a J s^a Lu^a

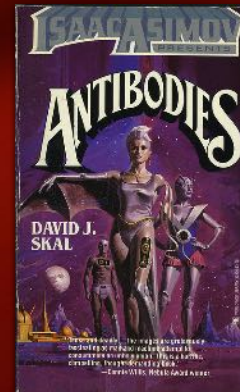
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1. Gel or solid-phase most likely (probably gel)
2. No autoantibody obvious
3. Uniform pattern; single antibody most likely

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Let's do some together!



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