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Blood Transfusion in Thalassemia Syndrome

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Haemovigilance

“Haemovigilance is the set of surveillance procedures covering the entire blood transfusion chain, from the donation and processing of blood and its components, through to their provision and transfusion to patients, and including their follow-up”

Blood Transfusion in Thalassemia Minor

Infection

Surgery

Pregnancy

Aging

CBC Profile in 1st Trimester

Age:19 yr Sex: Female

RBC:4.9 Hb:9.7 HCT:28.3

MCV:59.2

MCH:20.6 MCHC:34

RDW:15.1 PLT:339000 Ferritin:65

HbA: 92.4 HbF: 2.2 HbA2: 5.4

Diagnosis: Beta-Thal Minor

CBC Profile in 3st Trimester

Age:19 yr Sex: Female

RBC:3.7 Hb:6.8 HCT:24.5

MCV:55.2

MCH:19.6 MCHC:30

RDW:25.1 PLT:256000 Ferritin:55

what is your Plan?

Pre Pregnancy Hb,

Present Hb,

T. Minor and Pregnancy

In Which Trimester is Pregnancy

Clinical Condition,

Transfusions in TI are indicated where the following are observed:

- * failure to thrive in childhood in the presence of significant anemia;
- * emergence of bone deformities;
- * increasing anemia not attributable to rectifiable factors;
- * evidence of a clinically relevant tendency to thrombosis;
- * presence of leg ulcers;
- * development of pulmonary hypertension;
- * delayed or poor pubertal growth spurt
- * progressive splenic enlargement.

Thalassemia Intermediate

WBC:47.7 **Age:47 yr** **Sex:F**

RBC:3.7 **Hb:8.2** **HCT:24.5** **MCV:60.2**

MCH:18.6 **MCHC:27.5**

RDW:13.2 **PLT:305000** **Ferritin:65**

500NRBC/100WBC

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Reception: 1377-03-10-925

SID: 10-925

Date: 1377/03/01

Full Name: زینب کریمی

Profile: Human

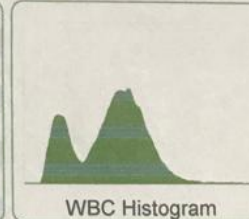
Age: 22 Year

Female

Disease History:

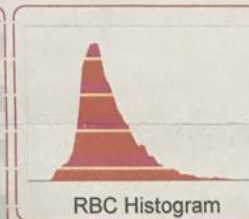
Physician: دکتر پیمان مستغنی

Parameters	Value	Unit	Normal Values
WBC	H 12.33	$10^9/\mu\text{L}$	4-10.5
Lym%	23.6	%	21-40
Mon%	5.3	%	1-10
Gra%	71.1	%	45-75
Lym #	2.9	$10^9/\mu\text{L}$	1.3-4
Mon #	0.7	$10^9/\mu\text{L}$	0.15-0.7
Gra #	H 8.8	$10^9/\mu\text{L}$	3.5-7.5



Manual Diff	%
Neutrophils	
Lymphocytes	
Monocytes	
Eosinophils	
Basophils	
Band Cells	
Meta Myelocytes	
Myelocytes	
Pro Myelocytes	
Blasts	
Atypical Lymph	
Reactive Lymph	
NRBCs/100WBC	

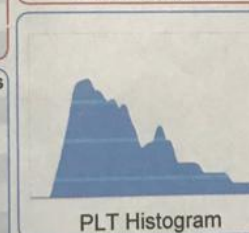
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RBC	L 3.73	$10^{12}/\mu\text{L}$	3.8-5.1
HGB	L 6.2	g/dL	12-16
MCV	L 60.3	fL	78-96
HCT	L 22.5	%	35-45
MCH	L 16.6	pg	26-34
MCHC	L 27.5	d/dL	31-36
RDW	13.2		10-15
μRBC	26.4	%	
MRBC	0.0	%	



RBC Morphology

Poikilocytosis	
Anisocytosis	
Microcytosis	
Hypochromia	
Macrocytosis	
Ovalocytes	
Target Cells	
Acanthocytes	
Stomatocytes	
Echinocytes	
Spherocytes	
Schistocytes	
Tear Drop Cells	
Sickle Cells	
Elliptocytes	
Polychromasia	
Toxic Granulation	

Parameters	Value	Unit	Normal Values
PLT	309	$10^9/\mu\text{L}$	140-440
MPV	10.4	fL	8.1-12.4
Pct	0.300	%	
Mode	6.4		
medn	9.5		
PDW	9.9	fL	9.4-18.1
μPlt	0.1	%	
MPIt	13.2	%	



Other Findings:

ESR:	mm/h
PT:	Sec
PTT:	Sec
INR:	%
G6PD:	%
Retic:	%
BG:	DU:

Comment:

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Lab Director: دکتر احمد قنچلی

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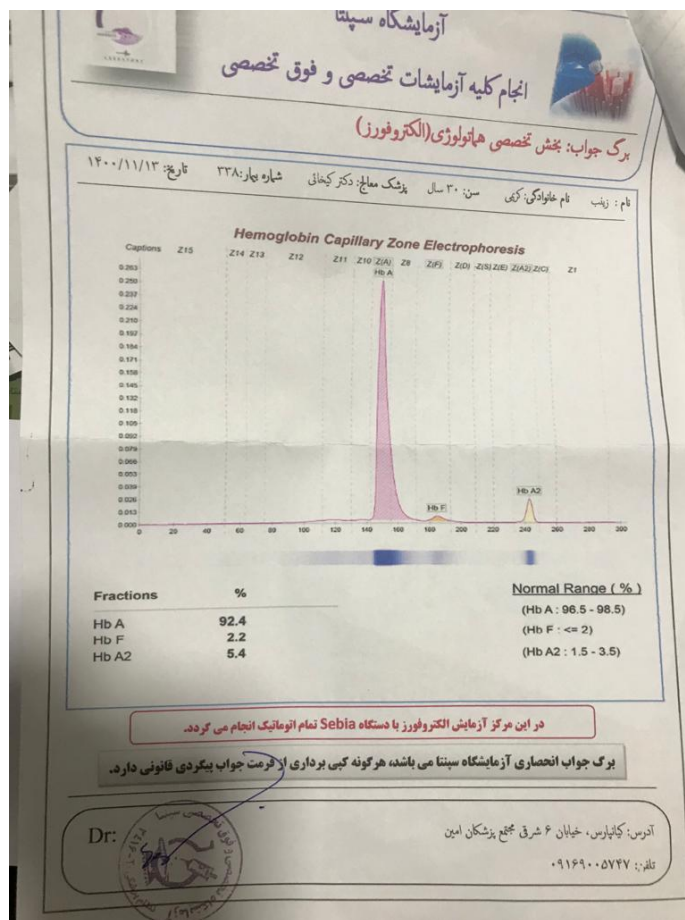
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CD³⁶-37+Triple alpha

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Molecular Analysis Report for α/β -Thalassemia

Subject Identification		Sample Information	
Patient Names: Zeinab Karimi		Sample ID: 20995	
Origin: Bakhtiari		File number: 10038	
Referring Physician:		Date of Collection: 18.4.93	
Type of Sample: Whole Blood		Date of Report: 20.5.93	

Hematological Indices							
	HGB	HbA2 (%)	HbF (%)	Other Hb (%)	MCH (pg)	MCV (fL)	RBC ($10^6/\mu\text{L}$)
Female:							
Male							

Mutation Analysis for β -globin by	ARMS PCR <input type="checkbox"/>	DNA Sequencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RFLP <input type="checkbox"/>	Strip <input type="checkbox"/>
Mutation Analysis for α -globin by	GAP-PCR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DNA Sequencing <input type="checkbox"/>		Strip <input type="checkbox"/>

Results

DNA analysis for alpha and beta-globin gene mutations reveals that the female has CD36-37(-T) mutation in heterozygous form on beta globin gene and she is carrier for alpha globin gene mutation with $aaa^{Anti3.7}/aa$ genotype. Therefore, the female is affected by thalassemia intermediate.

در بررسی جهش‌های ژن های آلفا و بتا گلوبین مشخص گردید که خاتم دارای موتاسیون CD36-37(-T) در شرایط هتروزیگوت در ژن بتا گلوبین بوده، ناقل موتاسیون آلفا گلوبین با ژنوتیپ $aaa^{Anti3.7}/aa$ می باشد. بنابراین، خاتم مبتلا به تالاسمی اینترمدیا می باشد.

Note: It is of outmost importance for all clinicians involved in the care of families requesting prenatal diagnosis, and the families themselves to be aware of the **risk of errors** in DNA analysis. Incorrect diagnosis may result from (1) Incorrect hematological data and clinical diagnosis for thalassemia (2) Incomplete family studies and history (3) Mix-up of DNA or blood samples both in transportation or in the lab (4) Paternity problems, adoptions, IVF (5) Maternal contamination of CVS (6) Rare molecular events (7) New or spontaneous mutations (8) Technical errors. The risk of error from DNA recombination in diagnosis by polymorphism is approximately 0.3%. The risk of error from the various reasons mentioned above and several other factors is approximately 0.5% whereas the chances of technical error of all types of DNA analysis are estimated to be 0.5%. The methods applied for diagnosis of this disease were in accordance with national guidelines and latest technologies available to be utilized in this lab.

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Age at First Transfusion Alloimmunisation Rate

< 1 year old	7.7%	
> 1 year old	27.9%	[Machail-Merianou et al, 1987]

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< 3 years old	20.9%	
> 3 years old	47.5%	[Spanos et al, 1990]

Alloimmunisation

Development of one or more specific red cell antibodies (alloimmunisation) is a common complication of chronic transfusion therapy

Important to monitor patients carefully for the development of new antibodies

Eliminate donors with the corresponding antigens.

Anti-E, anti-C and anti-Kell alloantibodies are most common.

5-10% of patients present with alloantibodies against rare erythrocyte antigens or with warm or cold antibodies of unidentified specificity.

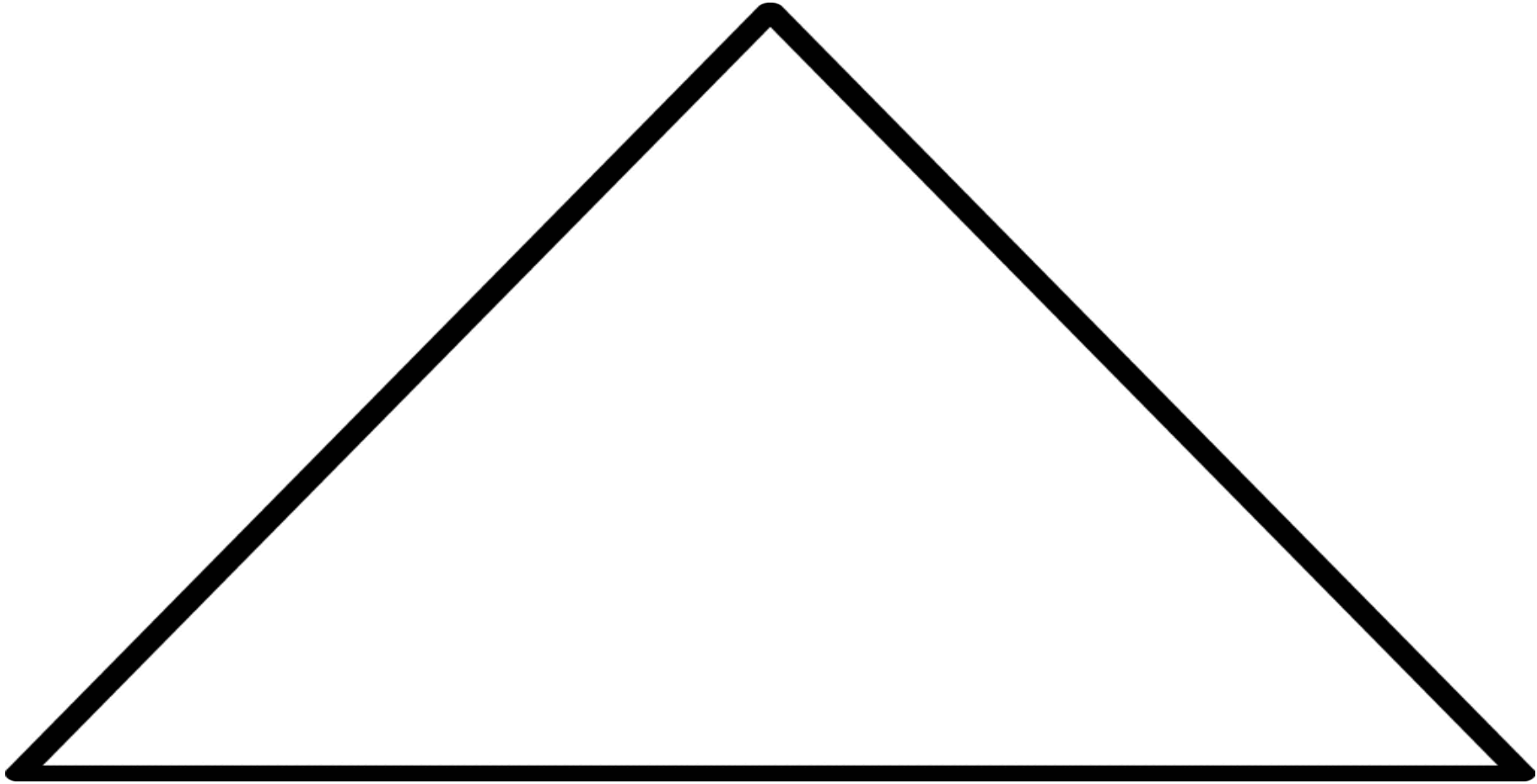
Criteria for initiating transfusion therapy

Confirmed diagnosis of thalassemia.
Laboratory criteria:

- Haemoglobin level <7 g/dl on 2 occasions, > 2 weeks apart (excluding all other contributory causes such as infections) AND/OR Clinical criteria irrespective of hemoglobin level:
 - > Significant symptoms of anemia
 - > Poor growth / failure to thrive
 - > Complications from excessive intramedullary hematopoiesis such as pathological fractures and facial changes
 - > Clinically significant extramedullary haematopoiesis

The primary goal of transfusion in TMajor,

Suppression of IE



correction of anemia

Reduced absorption of iron from the GI.

Aims of blood transfusion in T Major

- The aim of blood transfusion in thalassemia is to deliver a **safe and effective transfusion** regimen whilst minimising the burden of transfusion therapy on everyday life.

- An effective transfusion regimen will result in:
 - **Good growth and development**
 - **Good energy levels**
 - **Sufficient suppression of intra and extramedullary hematopoiesis**

Transfusion in T Major

Before starting a transfusion programme the child must have an extended erythrocyte antigen typing (**at least ABO, Rh (D, C, c, E, e) and Kell**, but preferably an even more detailed phenotype) in order to minimize the risk of alloimmunization

Optimal Goal of Transfusion in T Major

The optimal goal for most patients is a **pre-transfusion hemoglobin** concentration of **9–10.5 g/dL**

Some recommendations state a mean hemoglobin concentration of approximately **11.5 g/dL (WHO)**.

Standard Transfusion Regimen for Thalassaemia Major

Regular blood transfusions administered every 2-5 weeks

Maintain the pre-transfusion Hb > 9-10.5g/dl

Rationale

promotes normal growth

allows normal physical activities

adequately suppresses bone marrow activity in most patients

minimises transfusional iron accumulation [Cazzola 1995,1997]

Modifications

A higher target 11-12 g/dl may be appropriate for patients with *heart disease* or other medical conditions and for those patients who do not achieve adequate *suppression of bone marrow activity* at the lower haemoglobin level.

Although shorter intervals between transfusions may reduce overall blood requirements, the choice of interval must take into account other factors such as the patient's work or school schedule

Relationship between transfusion regimen and suppression of erythropoiesis

52 patients with thalassaemia major whose mean pre-transfusion haemoglobin levels ranged from 8.6 to 10.9 g/dl

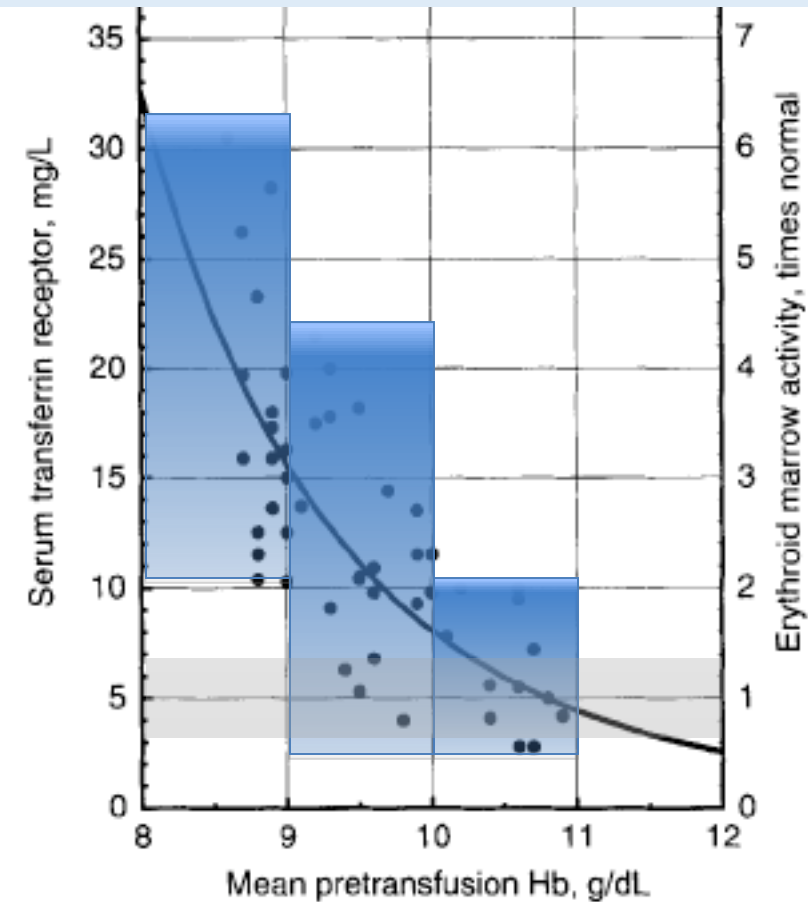
Multiple regression analysis showed that serum transferrin receptor was the parameter more closely related to mean pretransfusion haemoglobin ($r = -0.77$, $P < 0.001$)

Pretransfusion Hb 10-11 g/dl- 1-2x normal

Pretransfusion Hb 9-10 g/dl- 1-4x normal

Pretransfusion Hb 9.6-9 g/dl- 2-6 x normal

{Cazzola, 1995 #906}



Guidelines for choosing how much blood to transfuse

		Haematocrit of Donor Red Cells			
		50%	60%	75%	80%
Target Increase in Haemoglobin Level	1 g/dl	4.2 ml/kg	3.5 ml/kg	2.8 ml/kg	2.6 ml/kg
	2 g/dl	8.4 ml/kg	7.0 ml/kg	5.6 ml/kg	5.2 ml/kg
	3 g/dl	12.6 ml/kg	10.5 ml/kg	8.4 ml/kg	7.8 ml/kg
	4 g/dl	16.8 ml/kg	14.0 ml/kg	11.2 ml/kg	10.4 ml/kg

As an example, to raise the haemoglobin level by 4 g/dl in a patient weighing 40 kg and receiving AS-1 blood with a haematocrit of 60% would require 560 ml. This calculation assumes a blood volume of 70 ml/kg of body weight.

Packed RBC: Desired Hb - Patient Hb*3.5*patient weight

*The post-transfusion Hb should not be greater than
14-15g/dl*

If the annual consumption exceeds more than 200–220 ml kg of packed erythrocytes, one should consider the development of alloantibodies or splenectomy.

Adverse reactions

Acute hemolytic reactions

Delayed transfusion reactions

Autoimmune hemolytic anemia

Non-hemolytic febrile transfusion reactions

Allergic reactions

Transfusion-related acute lung injury (TRALI)

Graft versus host disease (GVHD)

Blood products for special patient populations

Washed red cells

may be beneficial for repeated severe allergic transfusion reactions.

Saline washing removes plasma proteins in the donor product that are the target for antibodies in the recipient.

Other clinical states that may require washed red cell products include *IgA deficiency*, in which the recipient's preformed antibody to IgA may result in an anaphylactic reaction.

Washing usually does not result in adequate leucocyte reduction and therefore should be used in conjunction with filtration.

Frozen red cells

used to maintain a supply of rare donor units for certain patients who have unusual red cell antibodies or who are missing common red cell antigens.

The Council of Europe is promoting an international network of rare blood donor units

Neocyte or young red cell transfusion

may modestly reduce blood requirements. However, patients are exposed to a higher number of donors

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