

# **Genetically donor selection for non- malignant hematologic disease**

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# Donor Selection



- Best choose:

HLA-identical sibling donor

MUD

Alternative HSCTs (MMURD, CB, haplo family donors)



# Primary Immunodeficiencies (PID)



- Overall guidelines for HSCT for **SCID and non-SCID** diseases together with detailed protocols have been produced by the EBMT Inborn Errors Working Party (EBMT IEWP) and can be found online at [https://www.ebmt.org/sites/default/files/migration\\_legacy\\_files/document/Inborn%20Errors%20Working%20Party%20ESID%20EBMT%20HSCT%20Guidelines%202017.pdf](https://www.ebmt.org/sites/default/files/migration_legacy_files/document/Inborn%20Errors%20Working%20Party%20ESID%20EBMT%20HSCT%20Guidelines%202017.pdf).
- Haplo: T cell dep.

# Fanconi's Anemia and Other Hereditary Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes

## Donor:

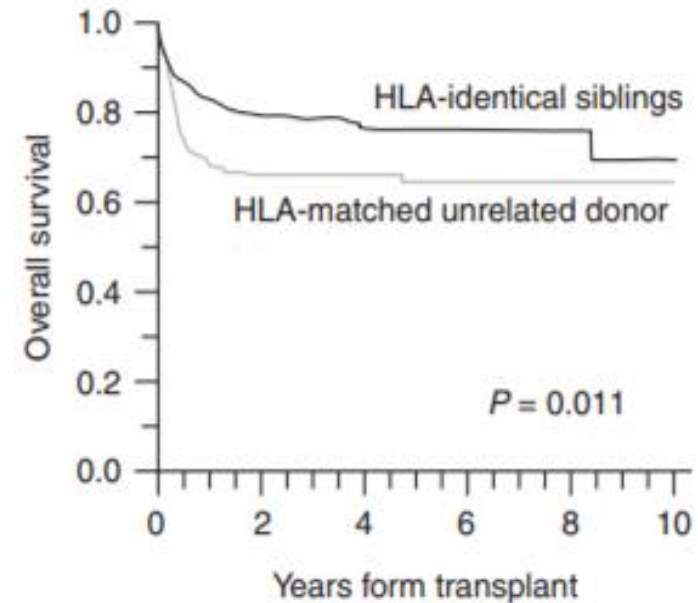
- The best donor is MSD.
- Consider MUD in case of no appropriate MSD
- Mismatched related and UD and unrelated CB only in experienced centers and preferentially in clinical trials

## Source of stem cells:

BM is the best source of stem cells  
Matched related CB is a good option  
PB is associated with higher risk of cGVHD and should be avoided

## Cell dose

It is important for graft failure prevention:  
 NC >  $3 \times 10^8$  /kg recipient bw for BM  
 NC >  $3 \times 10^7$  /kg recipient bw for related CB  
 NC >  $4 \times 10^7$  /kg recipient bw for unrelated CB



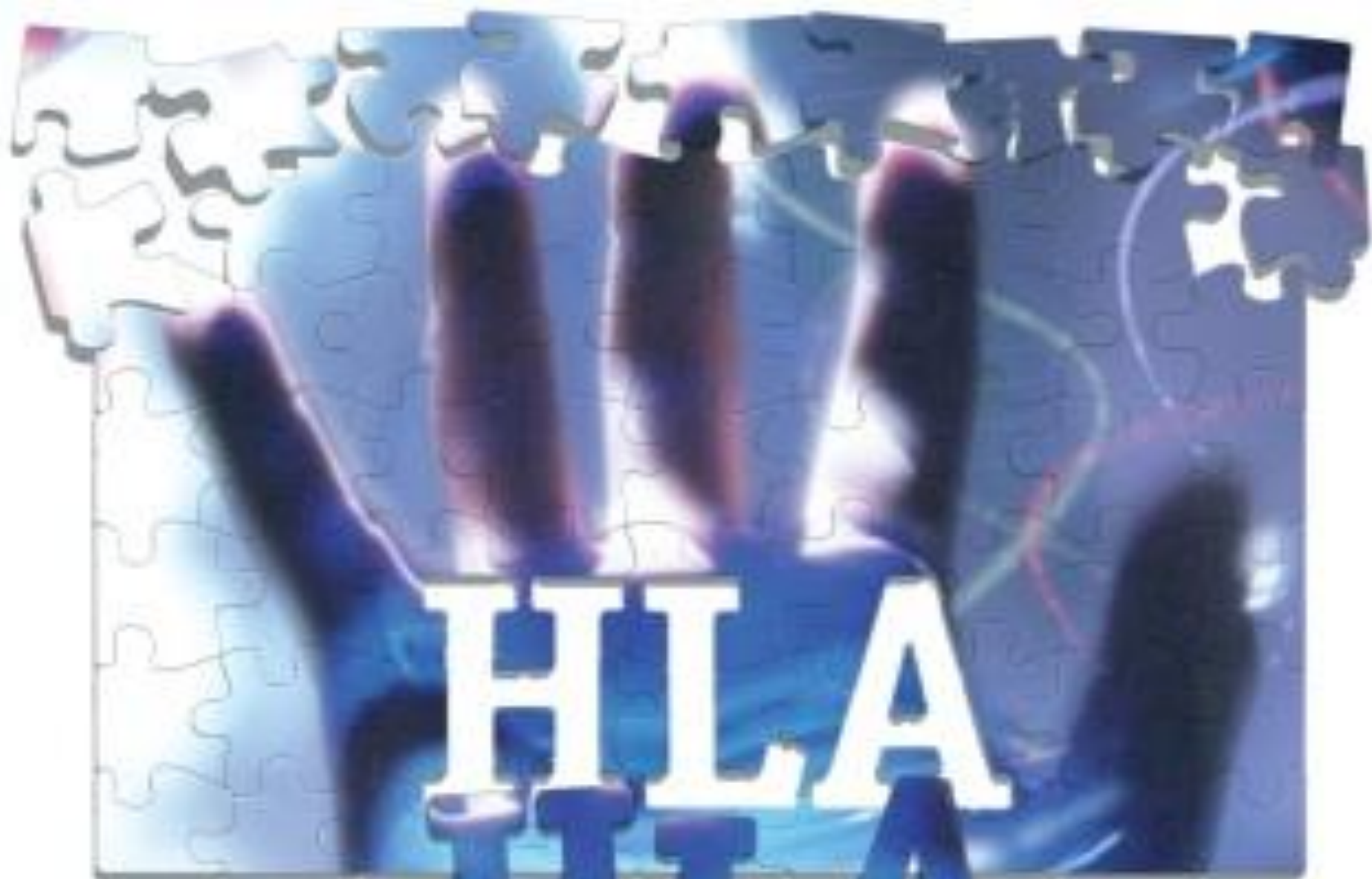
No. at risk:						
HLA-id. sib	211	126	76	41	14	3
HLA-match UD	179	93	58	33	11	3

OS for Fanconi's anemia according to the type of donor: transplant period 2000–2009. The EBMT experience. Peffault de Latour R. Blood 2013; 122: 4279–86

# Leukocyte adhesion deficiency (LAD)

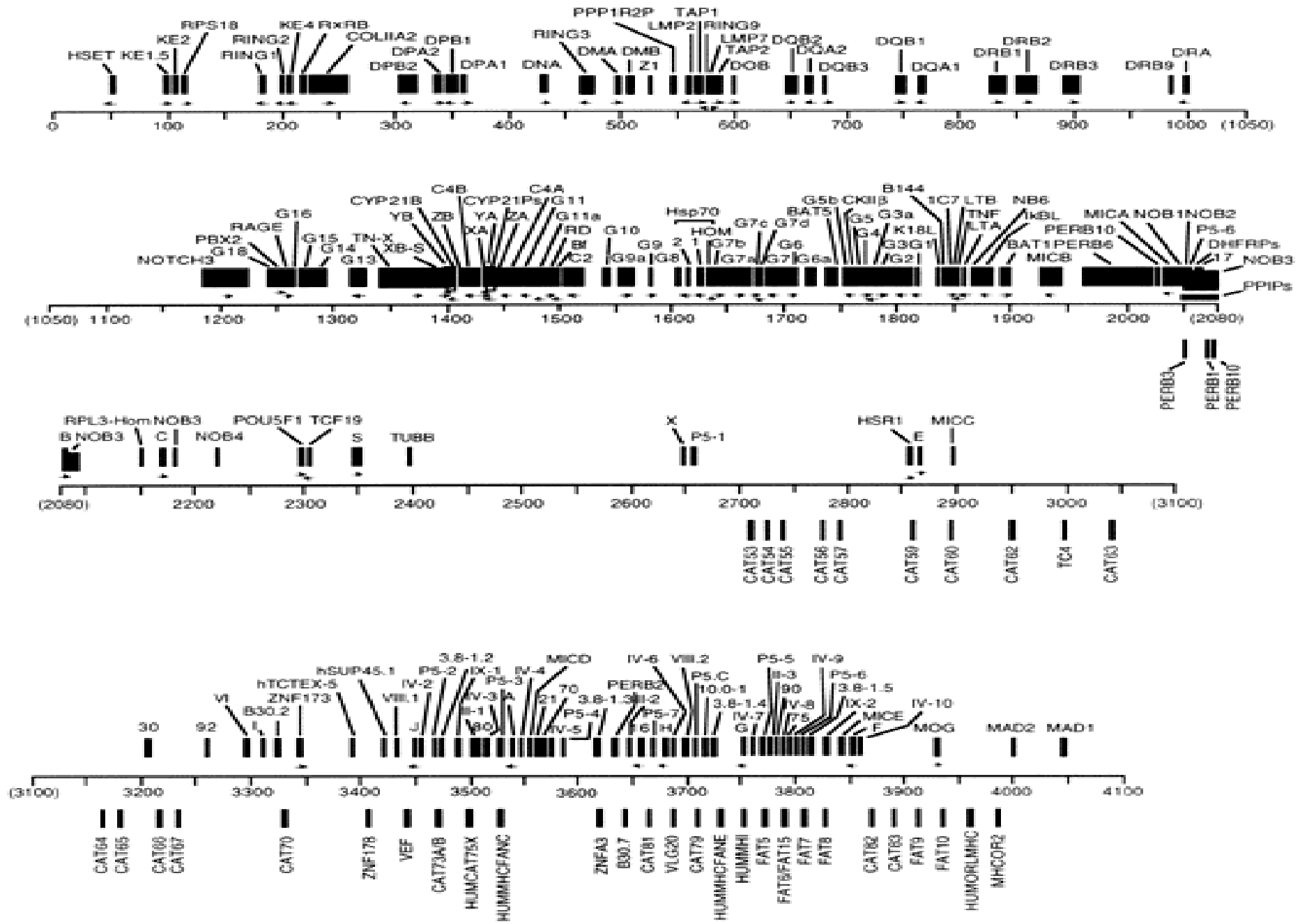


- HLA-matched sibling is strongly advocated for donor selection in allogeneic HSCT of LAD patients.
- without an HLA-matched sibling donor, we also investigated HSCT from other matched related donors or MUD
- Unrelated cord blood stem cell or haplo-identical parent was considered as the **last option** for the treatment of LAD-I patients
- Low-resolution molecular typing for HLA-A and -B and -DRB1 were carried out for patients and their sibling. Moreover, high-resolution typing for class-I and II alleles was performed for recipient/ other related donor pairs. Unrelated cord blood stem cell or haplo-identical parent was considered as the last option for the treatment of LAD patients



HLA

HLA





# Chromosom 6



q-Arm

p-Arm

Klasse II

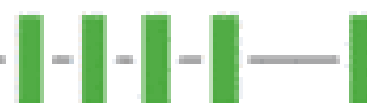
Klasse III

Klasse I

LMP TAP

210H Bf TNF

C4 C2



DP DQ DR

B C E A

< Centromer

Telomer >

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# HLA Alleles Numbers



Numbers of HLA Alleles	
HLA Class I Alleles	25,019
HLA Class II Alleles	10,201
HLA Alleles	35,220
Other non-HLA Alleles	796

Hyphen used to separate  
gene name from HLA prefix

Suffix used to denote  
changes in expression

Separator

Field Separators

**HLA-A\*02:101:01:02N**

HLA Prefix

Gene

Field 1; allele group

Field 2; specific HLA protein

Field 4; used to show  
differences in a  
non-coding region

Field 3; used to show a synonymous DNA  
substitution within the coding region



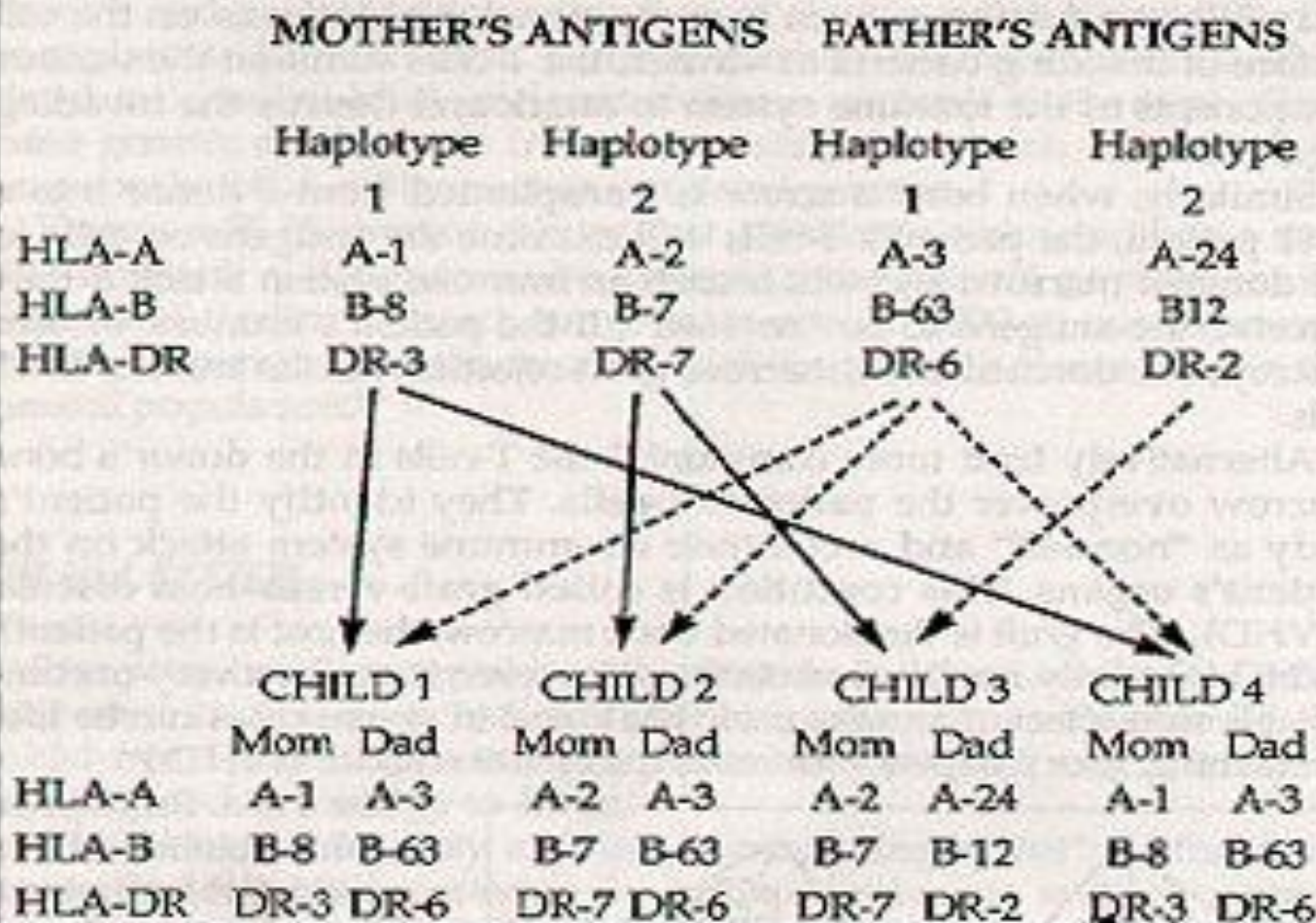
# ***HLA TYPING TECHNIQUE***



# Haplotypes



## INHERITANCE OF HLA-ANTIGENS



(a)

Father

Mother

A*02	A*02
C*05	C*05
B*44	B*44
DRB1*04	DRB1*04
DQB1*03	DQB1*03
a	b

A*01	A*11
C*07	C*03
B*08	B*55
DRB1*03	DRB1*14
DQB1*02	DQB1*05
c	d

A*01	A*02
C*07	C*05
B*08	B*44
DRB1*03	DRB1*04
DQB1*02	DQB1*03
c	a/b

Patient

A*01	A*02
C*07	C*05
B*08	B*44
DRB1*03	DRB1*04
DQB1*02	DQB1*03
c	a/b

Sib 1

A*01	A*02
C*07	C*05
B*08	B*44
DRB1*03	DRB1*04
DQB1*02	DQB1*03
c	a/b

Sib 2

(b)

Father

Mother

A*02:01	A*02:01
C*05:01	C*05:01
B*44:02	B*44:02
DRB1*04: <u>01</u>	DRB1*04: <u>04</u>
DQB1*03: <u>01</u>	DQB1*03: <u>02</u>
a	b

A*01:01	A*11:01
C*07:01	C*03:03
B*08:01	B*55:01
DRB1*03:01	DRB1*14:54
DQB1*02:01	DQB1*05:03
c	d

A*01:01	A*02:01
C*07:01	C*05:01
B*08:01	B*44:02
DRB1*03:01	DRB1*04: <u>01</u>
DQB1*02:01	DQB1*03: <u>01</u>
c	a

Patient

A*01:01	A*02:01
C*07:01	C*05:01
B*08:01	B*44:02
DRB1*03:01	DRB1*04: <u>04</u>
DQB1*02:01	DQB1*03: <u>02</u>
c	b

Sib 1 is a 8/10  
match for patient

A*01:01	A*02:01
C*07:01	C*05:01
B*08:01	B*44:02
DRB1*03:01	DRB1*04: <u>01</u>
DQB1*02:01	DQB1*03: <u>01</u>
c	a

Sib 2  
matches patient

# Donor–recipient HLA match



- 10/10 , 9/10, haplo in HLA-A, -B, -C, -DRB1, -DQB1 (DPB1)

- CB:

Minimum of 8 high-resolution (HLA-A, HLA-B, HLA-C, and HLA-DRB1) for both patient and CB unit

>4/6 HLA-A and HLA-B antigen, HLA-DRB1 high-resolution (traditional match), and >4/8 high-resolution match (some centers investigating use of 4/6 and 3/8 units if adequate dose)



# EBMT guideline



	Volume collected	Med CD34 content	Med CD3 content	Target cell dose
Bone marrow	10–20 mL/kg	$2-3 \times 10^6/\text{kg}^a$	$25 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	$>2 \times 10^8 \text{ TNC/kg}$
Peripheral blood	150–400 mL	$8 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	$250 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	$5-10 \times 10^6 \text{ CD34+}/\text{kg}$
Umbilical cord blood	80–160 mL	$0.2 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	$2.5 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	$>3 \times 10^7 \text{ TNC/kg}$

<sup>a</sup>Per kg recipient body weight

# CB guidelines from the NMDP/CIBMTR:



**TNC  $>2.5 * 10^7$  /kg and CD34 cells  $>1.5 * 10^5$  /kg**

- For prioritization of **cell dose vs HLA match** (applies to single- and double-unit transplants), cell dose frequently needs to take priority over HLA match for adult and larger pediatric patients. HLA-match can take priority in children or smaller adults or those with common HLA typing who have multiple units with high cell dose. Optimizing HLA-match is very important in CB transplant for nonmalignant diagnoses. **In children with nonmalignant diagnoses, higher cell doses ( $>5 * 10^7$  /kg)** should be selected. Further data are required as to how to balance cell dose against HLA match. A current guidance for consideration is as follows: **if high doses (eg, TNC  $>3 * 10^7$  /kg and CD34  $>2 * 10^5$  /kg), consider optimizing high-resolution HLA match over cell dose; if lower TNC and CD34 doses, optimize dose first and high-resolution HLA match second; and if units have similar cell doses, optimize high-resolution HLA match.**









# Severe aplastic anemia (SAA)



- The preferred treatment of SAA is HSCT from HLA-identical sibling donor. Transplantation from a MUD may be considered for patients without a sibling donor after failure of IS therapy or up front in younger  $\leq 20$  years if feasible in 2–3 months since diagnosis.
- Currently a North American study aims to compare outcomes of children with SAA treated de novo with IST vs MUD HSCT (ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT02845596). While waiting the results of this trial, if a 10/10 MUD is available and the transplant appears feasible within 2–3 months since diagnosis, this type of HSCT has become a reasonable frontline option for young patients in many centers. Another option is to perform MUD HSCT early after failure of frontline IST within 4–6 months since diagnosis. This is why MUD donor search should be started at diagnosis in young patients who lack a MRD.

# SAA



- Alternative HSCTs (MMURD, CB, and haplo family donors) are possible for individuals with no suitable MUD. Alternative HSCTs may be curative, but the risks of graft rejection, infectious complications, and GVHD are higher than those for MRD or MUD HSCT

# Diamond-Blackfan Anemia



- Diamond-Blackfan anemia (DBA) is a rare IBMFS caused by heterozygous mutations in ribosomal genes. No genetic aberration is identified in approximately 30% of patients. Patients usually present with transfusion-dependent macrocytic anemia at birth or in early infancy. Mild neutropenia and progressive thrombocytopenia have been observed in the course of the disease. Despite various possible physical abnormalities (short stature, abnormal thumbs, cleft palate, heart defects, urogenital malformations), the non-hematologic phenotype is usually rather subtle in around 50% of patients. Patients with DBA are at increased risk of developing hematologic (AML/MDS) and non-hematologic malignancies (osteosarcoma, colon cancer).
- HSCT from a MSD including cord blood has resulted in OS >80% and is recommended for all indications. Sibling donors should be carefully assessed to rule out silent carrier status. Recent reports described improved outcome of MUD HSCT with OS ranging from 70 to 85% (Strahm, EBMT abstract 2018). By contrast, data supporting HSCT from mismatched donors as standard procedure are insufficient.



- The most common form (60%) of genetic neutropenia is due to mutations in the ELANE gene. Shwachman-Diamond syndrome (SDS) caused by a mutation of SDSB gene is the most common form of neutropenia associated with extra-hematologic features (exocrine pancreas deficiency, metaphyseal dysplasia, mental retardation, cardiomyopathy, and immune dysfunction).
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