



# Immunohematology Case Studies 2016 - #4

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# Clinical History



A 27 year/ Female

Full term pregnancy

Admitted in Maternity hospital with abdominal pain  
& bleeding Per Vagina

Afebrile

Pallor, edema ++

PR: 110/min

BP: 90/60 mm Hg

# Further History



No history of Blood transfusion

Obstetric history: Gravida 2 para 1 abortion 0

Hb: 7.4 gm%

Platelet count: 280000/ cmm

Total count: 7600/cmm

OBGY dept requested two units of packed red cell for transfusion

# Current Sample Presentation Data



ABO/Rh: B Positive

DAT: Negative

Antibody Screen Method: Column agglutination

Antibody Screen Results: Positive

Antibody Identification Method: Column  
agglutination

Antibody Identification Preliminary Results: Positive

# Challenge with the Current Presentation



As common practice in India ABO & Rh typing & Cross match is performed as pre transfusion testing

Antibody screening is not performed routinely at most of the blood banks in India

Blood typing & cross match was done by Column agglutination technique

About 10 cross matches were done but found none of the units compatible

Selecting red cell for the bleeding pt became challenge

Antibody detection was started

# Panel Sample: Antibody screening



Cell#	Rh-ir	Donor Number	Rh-ir								KELL					DUFFY		KIDD		Set (not tested)	LEWIS			MNS		P	LUTHERAN		Antigen Typing	Cells		
			D	C	E	c	e	f	C <sup>x</sup>	V	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>	Xg <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	S	s	M	N	P <sub>1</sub>			Lu <sup>a</sup>	Lu <sup>b</sup>
1	R1R1	314700	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	/	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+			1+
2	R2R2	42126	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+			2+	
3	r	315769	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	/	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+			2+
Patient Cells																																

Shaded columns indicate those antigens which are destroyed or depressed by enzyme treatment.

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Reagent Red Blood Cells  
Surgiscreen®  
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3SS155

EXP. DATE  
2016-04-12

CCYY-MM-DD

ANTIGRAM®  
Antigen Profile  
635200711

\*"/" represents "Not Tested" for most

# Panel Sample: Identification



CONCLUSION: Anti-Fy<sup>a</sup> & Anti-Jk<sup>a</sup>

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Cell#	Rh-hr	Donor Number	Rh-hr										KELL			DUFFY		KIDD		Sex Linked		LEWIS		MNS			P	LUTHERAN		Special Antigen Typing	Test Results			
			D	C	E	F	G	H	C <sup>w</sup>	V	K	X	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Kx <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>o</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	S	s	M	N	P	Lu <sup>a</sup>		Lu <sup>b</sup>	Cell#		
1	R1wR1	308116	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+		1		
2	R1R1	316152	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+		2		
3	R2R2	313871	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+		3		
4	Ror	305819	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	HLA+	4		
5	r'r	308493	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	@	5			
6	r'y	304868	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	@	6			
7	rr	304870	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	@	7			
8	rr	310921	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	HLA+	8			
9	rr	317274	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	HLA+	9			
10	rr	306096	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+		10			
11	R1R1	316363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	HLA+	11			
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Mode of Reactivity			37°C/Antiglobulin							Antiglobulin							Variable				Cold			Var.										

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Additional Cells	Rh-hr	KELL	DUFFY	KIDD	Sex Linked	LEWIS	MNS	P	LUTHERAN	Special Antigen Typing	Test Results
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# Additional cells



## Master List

MUCOR, INC., Norcross, GA 30071 USA  
S. License No: 886 Lot No: 44399

Exp. Date: 2016/01/08

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SYSTEM	Rh - Hr						Kell						Duffy		Kidd		Lewis			P					MN			Lutheran		Xg	Special Antigen Type	PATIENT'S TEST RESULTS							
	Donor	D	C	c	E	e	V	Cv	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>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	P <sub>1</sub>	M	N	S	s	Lu <sup>a</sup>	Lu <sup>b</sup>	Xg <sup>3a</sup>											
R1wR1 B8507	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1		
R1R1 B5185	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	2	
R1R1 B9117	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	3	
R1R1 B9122	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	4	
R1R1 B4229	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	
R2R2 C588	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6		
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R2R2 C5932	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	8	
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rr H1136	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	
rr G242	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	17	
rr N3031	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	
rr H1180	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	
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*Ficin treated cells # 13, 14, 17.*

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PATIENT'S TEST RESULTS

SYSTEM	Rh - Hr							Kell					Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		P			MN			Lutheran		Xg	Special Antigen Type	PATIENT'S TEST RESULTS							
	Donor	D	C	c	E	ε	V	C <sub>v</sub>	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>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	P <sub>1</sub>	M	N	S	s	Lu <sup>a</sup>	Lu <sup>b</sup>		Xg <sup>a</sup>							
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2	R1R1 B5185	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0					2			
3	R1R1 B9117	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0						3			
4	R1R1 B9122	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	Co(b+)				4			
5	R1R1 B4229	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	Yt(b-), Co(b+)				5			
6	R2R2 C588	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+						6			
7	R2R2 C5774	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+						7			
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9	R2R2 C5184	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0						9			
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15	rr N4145	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+							15		
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18	rr N3031	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	Co(b+)						18	
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*-K ruled out from # 17*

REVERSE GROUPING CELLS	A <sub>1</sub>			
	A <sub>2</sub>			
	B			
PANOSCREEN LOT:	I			
	II			
	III			

# Antigen Phenotyping



	C	E	c	e	K	k	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	S	s	M	N
Pt	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+
Hu sba nd	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+

# Antibody detected



Antibodies: anti Fy<sup>a</sup> & anti Jk<sup>a</sup>

Anti K is rule out from cell #17 after Ficin treatment

Anti N & Anti S ruled out since patient found positive for both the antigens

To find antigen negative blood for the patient donors phenotyping was started

# Donor units tested



Unit ID	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>
Rttk C79088	+	+
Rttk C79082	+	0
Rttk C79098	0	+
Rttk C78291	+	0
Rttk C79066	0	+
Rttk C79054	+	+
Rttk C78996	+	0
Rttk C79278	0	+
Rttk C79564	+	0

# Donor units tested



Unit ID	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>
Rttk C79676	+	+
Rttk C79872	+	0
Rttk C79563	0	+
Rttk C79344	+	0
Rttk C79123	0	+
Rttk C79544	+	+
Rttk C79323	0	0
Rttk C78789	0	+
Rttk C78234	+	0

# Interim Antibody Identification Possible Answers and Next Steps



Patient developed two antibodies after exposure from first pregnancy

Antibodies found  $Fy^a$  &  $Jk^a$

Unit no Rttk C79323 which was negative for both the antigens selected for transfusion

# Updated Clinical Information



Patient underwent LSCS (Lower segment Caesarean section) & it was uneventful

Patient received one unit of transfusion & no reaction reported

Hb: 8.1 gm% post delivery

No Jaundice reported in neonate & DAT found negative



# Conclusions



Presence of multiple red cell allo antibodies is uncommon phenomenon in Indian population

Ante natal antibody screen is not practiced in India routinely

Implementing Antibody screening as ante natal testing will save time of searching compatible blood at the time of bleeding

# Conclusions



India doesn't have rare donor registry, therefore blood transfusion for those patients is a challenging task of blood banks

# Summary of Case Challenges



Pregnant Female admitted for labor with bleeding

Red cell transfusion was requested

Most of the available units found incompatible

Antibody screen & identification showed presence of Fy<sup>a</sup> & Jk<sup>a</sup> antibodies

Unit found which is negative to both antigens after typing many red cells

Safe blood transfusion led to safe child birth

# Lessons Learned by the Case



Emergency blood transfusion in allo immunized patients is a challenge

It is suggested to screen all the pregnant females for red cell antibodies so that the appropriate units can be arranged in advance

There is a need to develop a Rare blood donor panel so that the allo immunized patients with multiple antibodies & common antibodies can receive safe blood transfusion

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