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血液、血液成分を 長に伴い、血液帶 ルス、細菌、寄生 による病原体不活	利の病原体不活化についての欧州の見るよび血漿由来製剤の安全性および有好要は増加し続けている。現在、供血者の虫感染の残存リスクに加えて、新たなウムには、広範囲の病原体に対応する予以上。有機溶媒・界面活性剤とメチレンブル	め性の向上は、現在も重要 の選別によって、輸血用血 イルスによる感染の危険が がアプローチである。 多く	液製剤の安全性が 存在する。化学的、 の不活化技術が利	確保されているが、ウイ 光化学的なゲノム修飾 用され、血漿由来製剤の	使用上の注意記載状況・ その他参考事項等 合成血-LR「日赤」 照射合成血-LR「日赤」

**外報告の概** 

|血液、血液成分および血漿由来製剤の安全性および有効性の向上は、現在も重要な問題である。医療技術の進歩と寿命の延長に伴い、血液需要は増加し続けている。現在、供血者の選別によって、輸血用血液製剤の安全性が確保されているが、ウイルス、細菌、寄生虫感染の残存リスクに加えて、新たなウイルスによる感染の危険が存在する。化学的、光化学的なゲノム修飾による病原体不活化は、広範囲の病原体に対応する予防的アプローチである。多くの不活化技術が利用され、血漿由来製剤の不活化に成功した。有機溶媒・界面活性剤とメチレンブルーを用いた方法はヨーロッパの多くの国で利用され、副作用の発生もなく製剤の安全性を向上させているが、赤血球と血小板製剤(PC)には適用できない。アモトサレン(Intercept)、リボフラビン(Mirasol)を用いた新しい方法は、CEマークを受けヨーロッパで導入されている。MirasolはPCおよび血漿用に開発されており、赤血球にも適用される可能性がある。血小板減少症患者を対象としたMirasol PCの第III相臨床試験の結果は、近いうちに報告される予定である。Intercept PCは、ヨーロッパの複数施設で既に15,000単位以上が輸血されている。フランスでは、レユニオン島でチクングニヤヴィルスの流行時(2006年)に、またマルティニークとグアドループーギアナではデングおよびシャーガス病対策として導入された。アルザス(不活化のパイロット実施地域)では、Intercept PCが2006年5月に、Intercept血漿が2007年7月に導入された。2008年1月時点で、Intercept PCが2006年5月に、Intercept PCの臨床的止血効果は従来の未処理PCと同等(血小板量同等)であり、輸血剤作用は約50%減少した。Intercept血漿は、貯留保管を経た血漿の現行適応症に対して使用され、有効性は同等であった。2007年のトロントのコンセンサス会議では、すべての輸血用血液製剤の不活化完全実施を求める声明が発表された。将来、全ての輸血用血液製剤の不活化を可能とするべきである。

報告企業の意見

今後の対応

輸血用血液製剤の病原体不活化について、ヨーロッパでは有機溶媒・界面活性剤、メチレンブルー、アモトサレン、リボフラビンなどを用いた方法が開発され、フランスのアルザス地方ではこれを導入し、3万本の使用実績が報告された。

日本赤十字社では8項目の安全対策の一つとして、不活化技術の導入について、各不活化技術の効果、血液成分への影響、製造作業への影響などについて評価検討を行っている。厚生労働省の薬事・食品衛生審議会へ不活化技術導入にかかる基本的考え方を報告したところである。

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## Monday: Parallel Sessions S1 - Pathogen Reduction/ Inactivation

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PATHOGEN REDUCTION: AN AMERICAN VIEW
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Blood transfusion is extremely safe in the United States. The risks of know viral infections are now so low that they must be calculated from donor data rather than reasured directly. Nevertheless, measures for interdicting bacterial contamination remain imperfect, a variety of known pathogens, including viruses and parasites, are not screened out of the blood supply, and the risk of emerging infections transmitted by blood remains a concern of the public, the regulatory agencies, and the medical establishment. Following the HIV epidemic of the early 1980's, the planta fractionation industry adopted pathogen reduction technology and has improved the process continuously; no transmission of major pathogens has since been reported when proper validated plasma fraction production has been performed, and transmission of some newly recognized agents, such as West Nile virus has been prevented. The bland collection services and the regulatory agencies have remained wedged to the reactive strategy of surveillance, screening, and testing a an approach to new infectious threats. The result has been an accepted disease burden prior to introduction of screening methods and a continued loss of blood donors. Barriers to adopting pathogen reduction technology victude concerns about product safety, reduced therapeutic dose, absence of a single technique to treat all blood components, recognition that no technology inactivates all pathogens, and the added cost and complexity of the inactivation process. In January 2008, the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability recommended to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services that the potential benefits of pathogen reduction warman a commitment and concerted effort to add this technology as a broadly applicable safeguard to the nation's blood supply. Pathogen reduction was seen as a pro-active and pre-emptive strategy to address the residual risk of known seents and to prevent emerging agents from becoming transfitsion risks. The Committee recognized that to achieve this goal, government industry, blood organizations and public stakeholders must work in concert to commit the required financial and technical resources.

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EUROPEAN VIEW ABOUT PATHOGEN INACTIVATION IN LABILE BLOOD PRODUCTS

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Increased safety and efficiency of blood blood components and drugs derived from plasma remain a major concern. Blood transfusion in Europe is tightly regulated. The demand for blood has continually increased as health care and life expectancy have increased. The safety of labile blood products [red blood cell concentrates (RBCC), platelet concentrates (PC) and plasmal is currently ensured by medical and biological donor selection measures. Nonetheless, in addition to the residual risk of viral, bacterial and parasitic infection, there is the emerging danger associated with new viruses. PI based on chemical or photochemical genomic modifications is a broad-spectrum and pro-active approach. A number of PI techniques have been use with success to inactivate plasma derived products. The solventdetergent (SD) and the methylene blue (MB) methods are used in many countries in Europe, increasing the safety of the products and without side effects. Unfortunately, SD and FI technologies cannot be applied to RBCC and PC. New PI methods, amotosalen (Intercept, Cerus) and riboflavin (Mirasol, Gambro) have received CE marking and are being implemented in

Europe. A PI process (Mirasol PRT, Gambro) is being developed for PC. plasma and possibly RBCC, using riboflavin, UV and visible light. The procedure inactivates a wide range of pathogens. Toxicity is reduced. A phase III clinical study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Mirasol PC in thrombocytopenic patients is to be reported. Amotosalen hydrochloride and UVA (Intercept, Cerus) inactivate a broad spectrum of pathogens in PC and plasma. Intercept PC (both apheresis and buffy-coat derived) have been implemented in several centres in Europe (more than 15,000 units transfused). In France Intercept PC have been implemented during an epidemic of Chikungunya virus in the lle de la Réunion in 2006 and in EFS-Martinique and EFS-Guadeloupe-Guyane in 2007 (dengue and Chagas disease). EFS-Alsace, a pilot region, has introduced Intercept PI for PC (40% apheresis and 60% buffy coat derived PC, about 15 000 units/year) in May 2006 and Intercept PI for plasma (about 15 000 units/year) in July 2007. The distribution of both products is universal to patients. As of January 2008 more than 22 000 Intercept PC and 8,000 Intercept plasma have been transfused. For all patients, clinical haemostasis provided by Intercept PC is equivalent (same platelet dose) to conventional non treated PC, and transfusion adverse reactions are reduced by about 50%. Intercept plasma has been used for current indications with equivalent effects as quarantine plasma. Inactivation of RBCC is a major undertaking. The use of FRALE S-303 (Cerus) is in the more advanced stage of development. In 2007, the Consensus Conference of Toronto concluded with statements that will guide the ultimate implementation of PI for all labile blood products: (1) active surveillance cannot account for the risk of an emerging transfusiontransmitted pathogen; (2) such risks require a proactive approach; (3) PI should be implemented when feasible and safe methods are available; and (4) costs and benefits should be assessed. Universal inactivation of all labile blood products should be possible in future.

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A RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED, 2-PERIOD CROSSOVER STUDY OF RECOVERY AND LIFESPAN OF RADIOLABELED AUTOLOGOUS 35-DAY-OLD RED BLOOD CELLS PREPARED WITH A MODIFIED S-303 TREATMENT FOR PATHOGEN INACTIVATION Cancelas JA<sup>1</sup>, Dumont L<sup>2</sup>, Herschel L<sup>2</sup>, Roger J<sup>2</sup>, Rugg N<sup>1</sup>, Garritty G<sup>2</sup>, Arndt P<sup>2</sup>, Propst M<sup>4</sup>, Laurence L<sup>4</sup>, Sundin D<sup>4</sup>, AuBuchon J<sup>2</sup>
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Background: The S-303 Treatment System for Red Blood Cell concentrates (RBC) developed by Cerus Corporation uses S-303, a frangible anchorlinker-effector compound, to irreversibly inactivate contaminating bacteria, viruses, prototoa, and leukocytes. Following observations of antibodies specific for S-303 treated RBCs in a Phase three trial the treatment process was modified to reduce S 303 binding to treated RBCs.

Aims: The present study was conducted to evaluate recovery/lifespan of 35-day old autologous RBC prepared with the modified S-303 process. Study Design: This was a proof-of concept, radiolabeled, crossover Phase I study conducted in 28 healthy subjects (10 male, 18 female). The study was divided into three periods; screening and enrollment, Treatment Period 1, and Treatment Period 2. In each treatment period, subjects underwent autologous blood donation on Day 0 and infusion of double-label (51Cr/ 99mTc) autologous RBC, on Day 35. All whole blood units were processed into AS-3 solution, and leukocyte reduced. In candom sequence, one unit (Test) from each subject was treated with the medified pathogen inactivation process (9/2 mM S-303 and 20 mM GSH) and stored at 4°C for 35 day. The other unit (Control) was prepared as conventional RBC and stored at 4°C for 35 day. Following infusion, blood samples were obtained over a 24 bour period (for single and double radio-isotope determinations of post-transfusion recovery). Additional samples were collected for 35 day post-invision to determine lifespan. Biochemical assessments of study unity (e.g. ATP, 2,3-DPG, PCV) were performed on days 0 and 35 of storage. ssmatch reactivity to S303 treated RBC was conducted during the study sing conventional gel cards.

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A new Chinese study has reported a dramatic spike in rabies infections. The research shows that in some provinces of China the number of human rabies cases has jumped since the new millennium.

Jia-Hai Lu, from the School of Public Health at Sun Yat-Sen University, China, led a team of researchers who studied the rabies trend in China between 1990 and 2007. Lu describes how things have changed in the last 8 years: "In China, human rabies was largely under control during the years 1990–1996, via nation-wide rabies vaccination programmes. Since the end of the century, however, cases of human rabies have jumped high enough to trigger a warning sign for control and prevention."

Rabies, an infection of the nervous system transmitted by animal bites, causes over 50 000 deaths each year around the world. During recent years, most of the research on control of rabies has concentrated on the development of post-exposure prophylaxis (preventative treatment — in this case, preventing the worsening of an infection). According to the researchers, "The use of human and equine rabies immunoglobulins (HRIG/ERIG) has saved the lives of countless patients who would have died if treated with vaccine alone. However, both products are often in short supply worldwide and are virtually unaffordable in developing countries." [See ProMED post 20080826.2659 Announcements (03): Rabies vaccine supply limited – USA (CDC)].

Data from 22 527 human rabies cases from January 1990 to July 2007 were obtained from a surveillance database from the Ministry of Health of China. The authors found that human rabies was under control from 1990 to 1996, when only 159 cases of rabies were reported, but this figure had leapt to 3279 cases in 2006.

The authors found that rabies was most frequently encountered in the southwestern and southern territories of China, especially in highly populated areas. Lu said, "The 4 rabies endemic provinces lacked strictly enforced measures to eliminate dog rabies or an ample supply

of modern cell culture rabies vaccines for humans." Most of the patients were children or teenagers, and most contracted the disease after being bitten by a dog, usually on the head and neck. According to the authors, "In the worst-affected province, Guangdong, 62.5 percent of patients did not receive proper treatment on their wounds, 92.5 percent did not receive adequate post-exposure vaccination, and 91.25 percent did not receive any anti-rabies immunoglobulin."

The authors recommend that the current rabies control programme be improved by increasing supervision, improving the interaction between local and national authorities, increasing rabies awareness, and altering urban planning and development to balance the interaction between humans and animals.

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It is useful to read the full article, not so much for the summary of incidence trends or methods but to fully appreciate the application of potential control mechanisms. The authors emphasize the need for improved availability and timely application of anti-rabies biologicals and the undertaking of dog vaccination programs for the control of rabies in dogs as critical elements for success in reducing the rate of occurrence of rabies in China. Such strategies have worked in other countries around the world and have even previously worked in China in the 1990s. The failure of effective dog vaccination programs in China is a step back.

CDC's (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Advisory Council on the subject agrees with the importance of vaccination in dogs in the following introduction:

"As a result of improved canine vaccination programs and stray animal control, a marked decrease in domestic animal rabies cases in the United States occurred after World War II. This decline led to a substantial decrease in indigenously acquired rabies among humans. In 1946, a total of 8384 indigenous rabies cases were reported among dogs and 33 cases in humans. In 2006, a total of 79 cases of rabies were reported in domestic dogs, none of which was attributed to enzootic dog—to—dog transmission, and 3 cases were reported in

humans. The infectious sources of the 79 cases in dogs were wildlife reservoirs or dogs that were translocated from localities where canine rabies virus variants still circulate. None of the 2006 human rabies cases was acquired from indigenous domestic animals. Thus, the likelihood of human exposure to a rabid domestic animal in the United States has decreased substantially."

See "Human Rabies Prevention - United States, 2008, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices" at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr57e507.pdf">http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr57e507.pdf</a>.

WHO's introduction to their section on rabies from the "WHO recommended standards and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of communicable diseases" includes 3 main control strategies: post-exposure prophylaxis, pre-exposure immunization in high risk groups, and control of the disease in dogs.

WHO provides further information in the introduction as follows: "Rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease, and it is still a significant public health problem in many countries of Asia and Africa, even though safe, effective vaccines for both human and veterinary use exist. Most of the 55 000 deaths from rabies reported annually around the world occur in Asia and Africa, and most of the victims are children: 30-50 percent of the reported cases of rabies - and therefore deaths -- occur in children under 15 years of age. The main route of transmission is the bite of rabid dogs. Most of the children who die from rabies were not treated or did not receive adequate post-exposure treatment. Although the efficacy and safety of modern cell culture vaccines have been recognized, some Asian countries still produce and use nervous tissue vaccines, which are less effective, require repeated visits to the hospital, and often have severe side-effects. Moreover, these patients do not receive the necessary rabies immunoglobulin, because of a perennial global shortage and because of its high price, so that it is unaffordable in countries where canine rabies is endemic.

"Due to complete absence of any successful medical treatment for clinical rabies and the horrific nature of the disease, most rabies victims die at home rather than being admitted to a hospital in abysmal conditions. These circumstances add to the notorious lack of surveillance data. Underestimating the health implications of rabies leads many high ranking decision-makers in public health and animal health to perceive rabies as a rare disease of humans resulting from a bite of an economically unimportant animal (the dog). Therefore, rabies usually falls between 2 stools and is not dealt with appropriately either by the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Agriculture."

See "Human and Animal Rabies" at <a href="http://www.who.int/rabies/en/">http://www.who.int/rabies/en/</a>. - Mod.PC]

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