

Focus su anticorpi anti HLA e impatto sull'outcome post-trapianto

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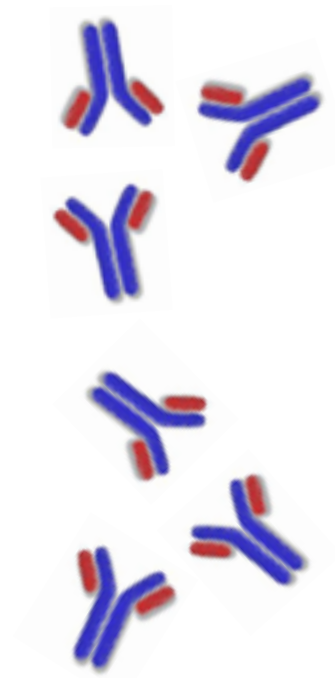
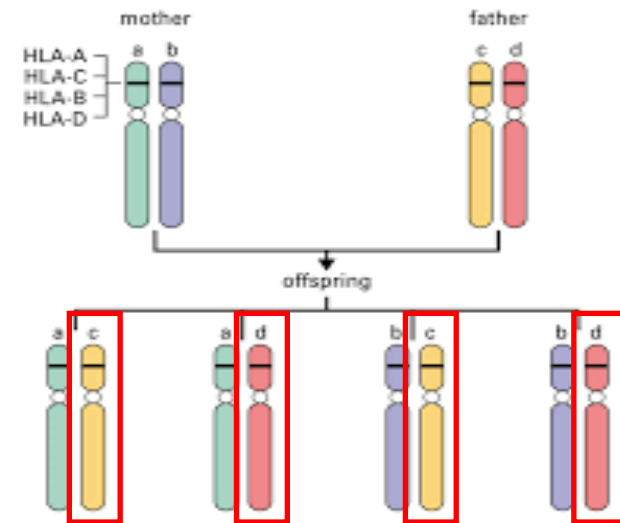
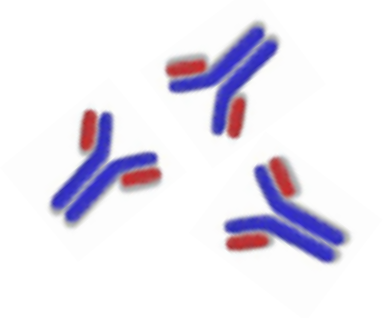
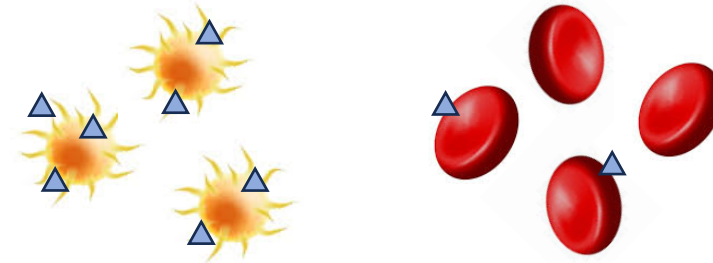
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Assenza di conflitti di interesse

- **Trasfusioni**
- **Trapianto**
- **Gravidanze**



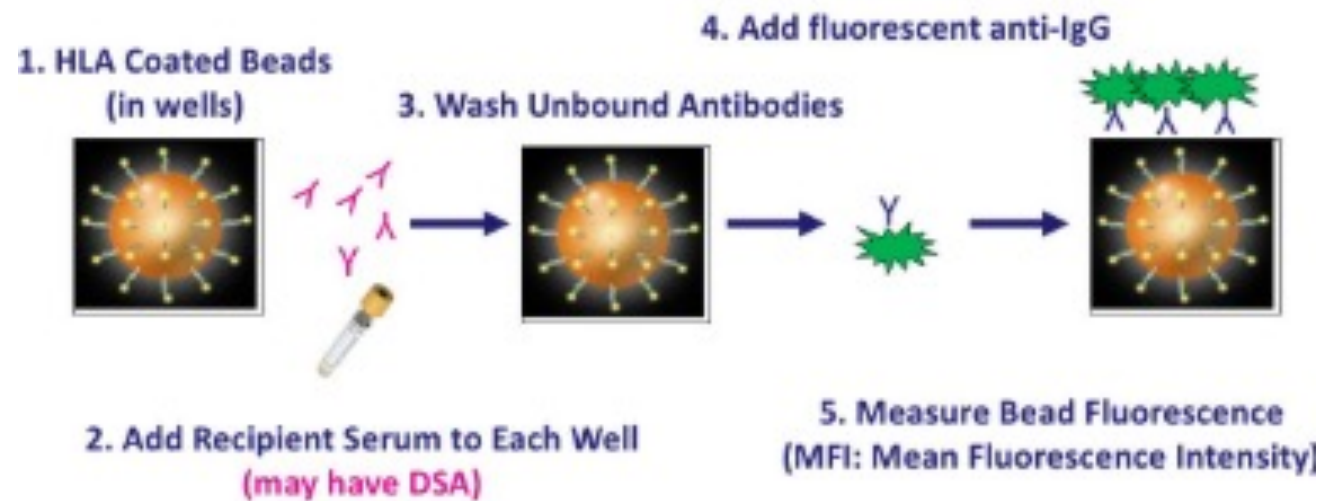
“Natural” Human Leukocyte Antigen Antibodies Found in Nonalloimmunized Healthy Males

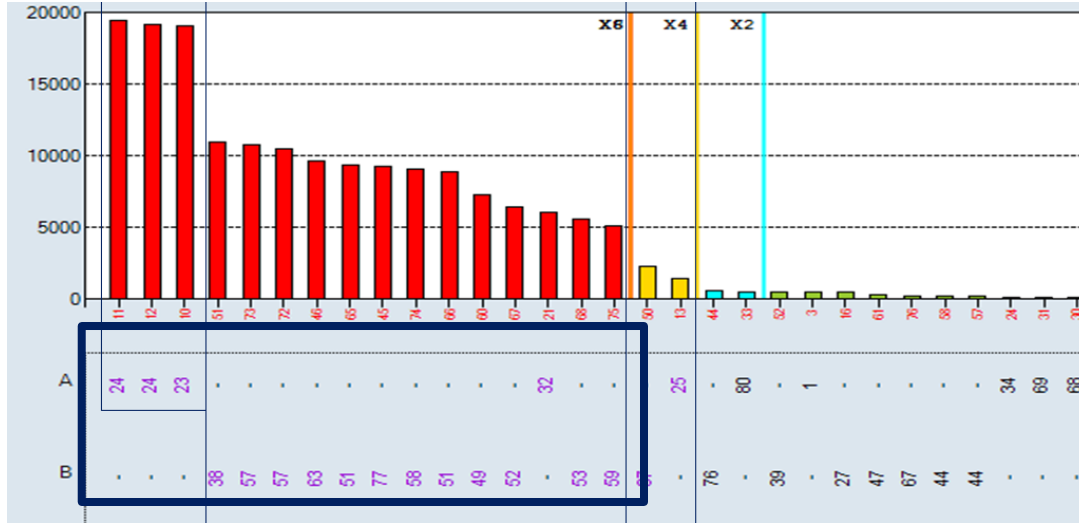
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Conclusions. Normal males were found to have HLA antibodies to infrequent HLA specificities. It is likely that these HLA antibodies are produced to cross-reactive epitopes found in microorganisms, ingested proteins and allergens—making them natural antibodies.

Solid Phase (BEAD) Antibody Testing

Meet Luminex





IN-VITRO ANTIGENIC ANALYSIS



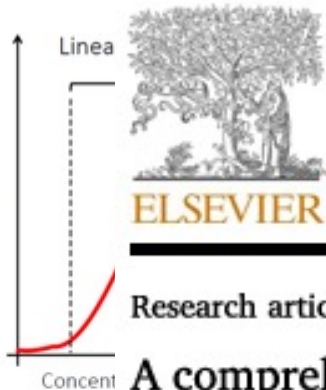
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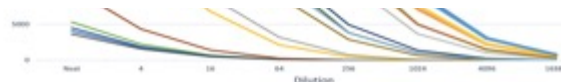
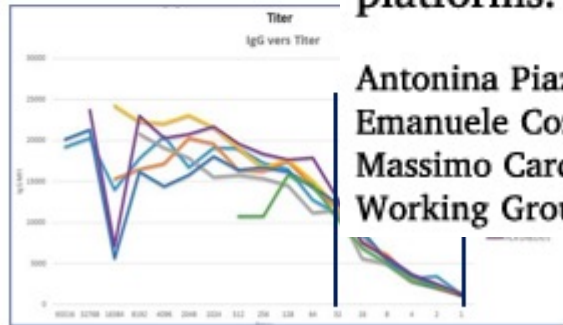
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Research article

A comprehensive comparative assessment of mean fluorescence intensity of luminex single antigen bead tests between laboratories and commercial platforms: A report from the Italian Histocompatibility Network

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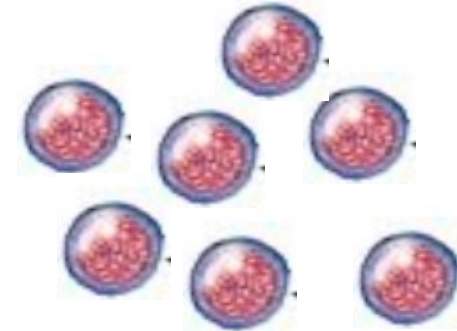
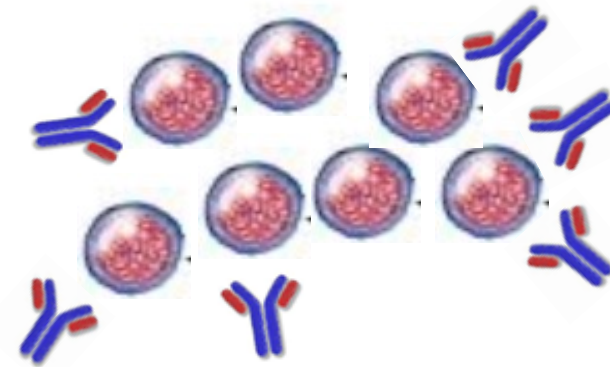
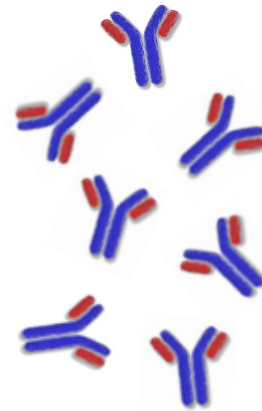


NON LINEAR CORRELATION ACROSS ALL MFI VALUES

Tambur, Transplantation 2018

Tambur, HLA 2022

DSA: 1 - 18%



non-DSA: 16 - 55%

DSA → **fattore prognostico riconosciuto ed indipendente**

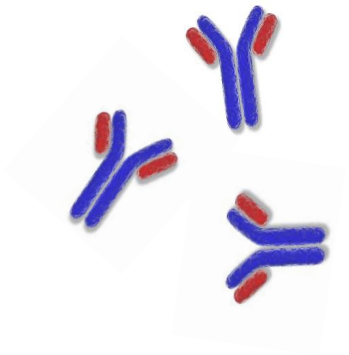
non-DSA → **perché potrebbero interessare:**

- la maggior parte dei pazienti è politrasfusa

- donne multipare

- cambio di donatore se DSA

- refrattarietà piastrinica immuno-mediata





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Guideline

ASTCT Consensus Recommendations on Testing and Treatment of Patients with Donor-specific Anti-HLA Antibodies

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non-DSA



“Until new evidence emerges, pre-transplant desensitization is not recommended for recipients with non-donor specific anti-HLA antibodies and non-HLA antibodies (Grade of recommendation: C, Levels of evidence 2)”

Non-DSA: letteratura

Reference	N.	Tx	Outcome	Comments	
Takanashi 2008	41(8) on 250	CBT	No impact on ENG.		N
Takanashi 2010	89(20) on 386	CBT	73% vs. 83% ENG.		Y
Ciurea 2011	116(20) on 592	MUD, mMUD	94% vs. 97.5% ENG.	p=0.07	Y
Detrait 2012	24 on 107	HLA-id sib, MUD, mMUD	HR for OS = 2.04	DSA?	Y
Zhu 2014	28 on 51	All	78.6 vs. 100% OS	Pediatric, AA; DSA?	Y
Andolina 2020	45(1) on 157	HLA-id sib, MUD, mMUD	No difference in OS		N
Wei 2024	111 on 402	HLA-id sib	HR for ENG. = 1.42	HR for 6m-OS =2.32 (only F)	Y
Milano 2024	15(5) on 64	Haplo, mMUD	mOS 21 vs.61months	No specific death cause found	Y
Hagino 2025	137(8) on 3,657	HLA-mismatched related	60% vs. 65% PLT ENG.	p=0.047	Y
La Rocca 2025	68(23) on 804	HLA-mismatched related and unrelated	HR for OS = 2.37	DSA?	Y

HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL
TRANSPLANTATION AND CORD
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Original article

Donor-specific anti-HLA antibodies (DSAs) in patients undergoing allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation from mismatched donors on behalf of GITMO and AIBT



Cox multivariate			
Negative			
Positive- class II	0.74	0.32, 1.70	0.48
Positive - both classes	2.37	1.28, 4.41	0.006
Positive- class I	1.41	0.84, 2.34	0.19
Age at HSCT	1.01	1.00, 1.03	0.020
Full donor engraftment within 28 days after HSCT	0.62	0.43, 0.89	0.010
Early graft loss	2.99	1.42, 6.26	0.004

n=1330 identified

Multivariate analysis revealed that concomitant positivity of both classes of anti-HLA Abs was a risk factor affecting OS ($p=0.006$). We cannot explain this finding, but **we can speculate that this patient population represents a cohort with a complex immunological status**, beyond DSAs, requiring a dedicated strategy of transfusion support and desensitization. However, further studies are needed to analyze these aspects.

n=804 evaluable

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PROTOCOLLO STUDIO RETROSPETTIVO OSSERVAZIONALE

Titolo dello Studio:

Link between non donor-specific anti-HLA Antibodies and Inferior Key outcomes after Allogeneic stem cell transplantation (The "LAIKA" study)

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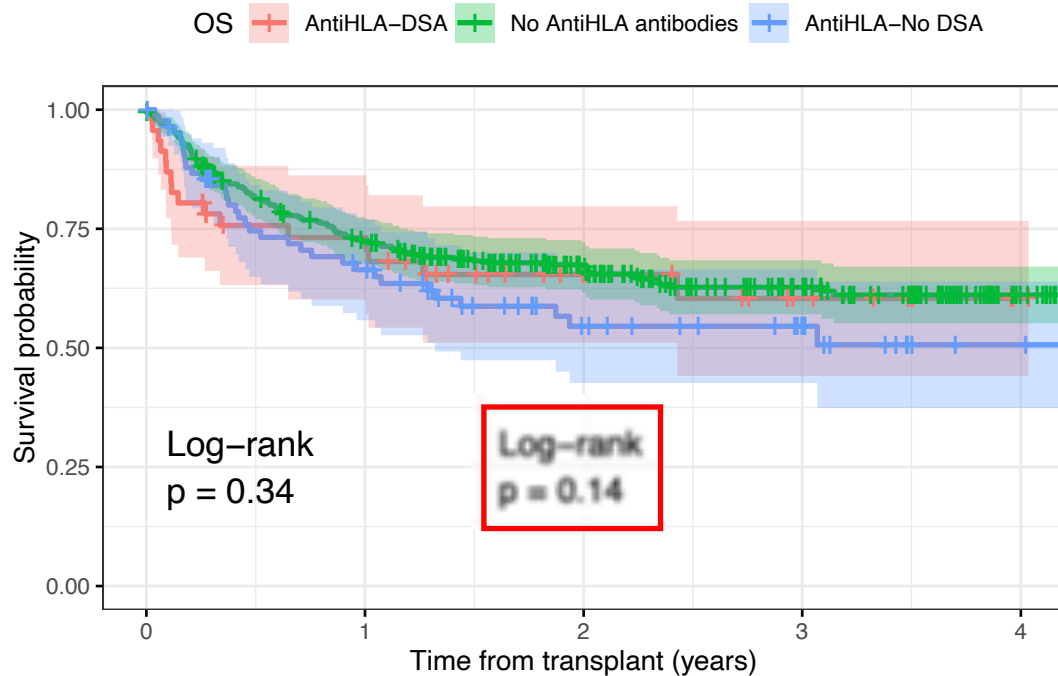


The LAIKA study

Characteristic	Overall N = 425 ¹	No anti-HLA antibodies N = 341 ¹	No DSA N = 84 ¹	Difference ²	95% CI ^{2,3}	p-value ⁴
Age	54 (14), 58 (46-65), 19, 75	54 (14), 58 (46-65), 19, 75	53 (14), 57 (45-64), 22, 74	0.02	-0.22, 0.25	0.7
Sex				0.51	0.27, 0.75	<0.001
<u>Female</u>	226 (53%)	165 (48%)	61 (73%)			
Male	199 (47%)	176 (52%)	23 (27%)			
<u>Pregnancy and/or Abortion</u>				0.29	0.05, 0.53	0.015
No	371 (88%)	304 (90%)	67 (80%)			
Yes	51 (12%)	34 (10%)	17 (20%)			
Unknown	3	3	0			
Blood type incompatibility				0.32	0.08, 0.56	0.041
No	191 (45%)	143 (42%)	48 (57%)			
Minor	72 (17%)	63 (19%)	9 (11%)			
Major/Bidirectional	158 (38%)	131 (39%)	27 (32%)			
Unknown	4	4	0			

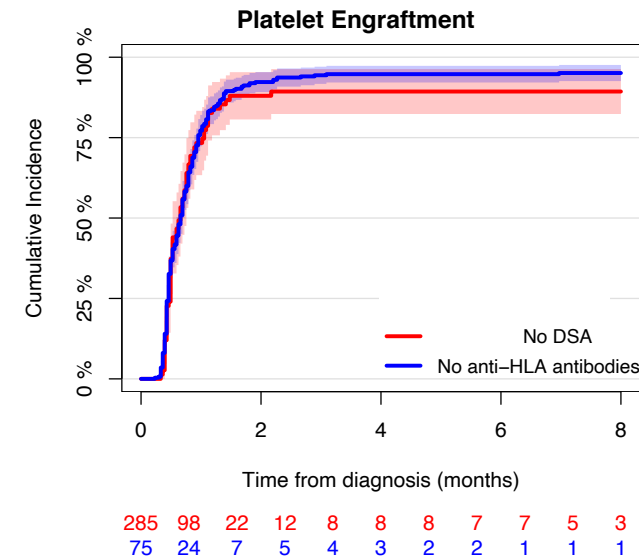
Characteristic	Overall N = 425 ¹	No anti-HLA antibodies N = 341 ¹	No DSA N = 84 ¹	Difference ²	95% CI ^{2,3}	p-value ⁴
<u>Platelet refractoriness</u>				0.47	0.22, 0.71	<0.001
No	396 (95%)	327 (97%)	69 (84%)			
Si	22 (5.3%)	9 (2.7%)	13 (16%)			
Unknown	7	5	2			
RBCs transfused before transplant				0.19	-0.05, 0.43	0.3
< 10	190 (45%)	154 (45%)	36 (43%)			
> 20	138 (33%)	105 (31%)	33 (39%)			
10-20	95 (22%)	80 (24%)	15 (18%)			
Unknown	2	2	0			
<u>PLTs transfused before transplant</u>				0.29	0.05, 0.53	0.057
< 10	209 (50%)	175 (52%)	34 (40%)			
>20	117 (28%)	85 (25%)	32 (38%)			
10-20	96 (23%)	78 (23%)	18 (21%)			
Unknown	3	3	0			

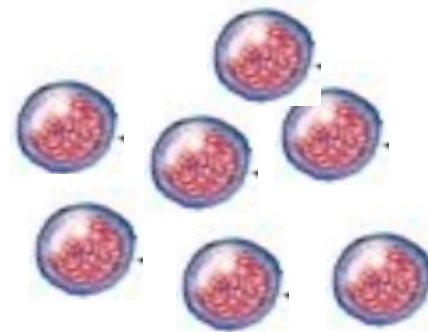
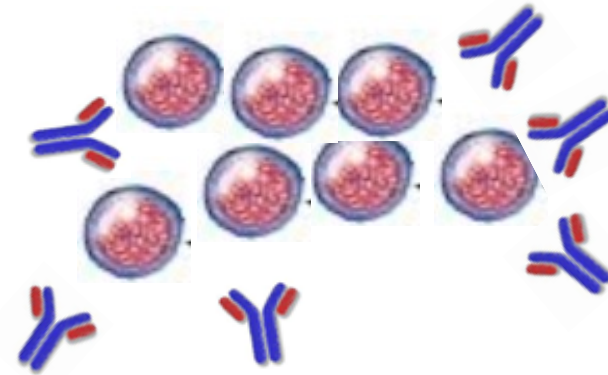
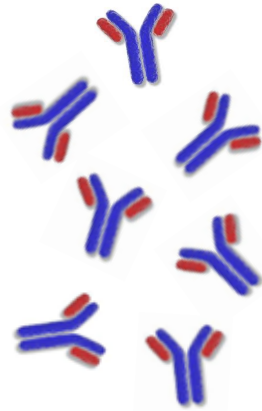
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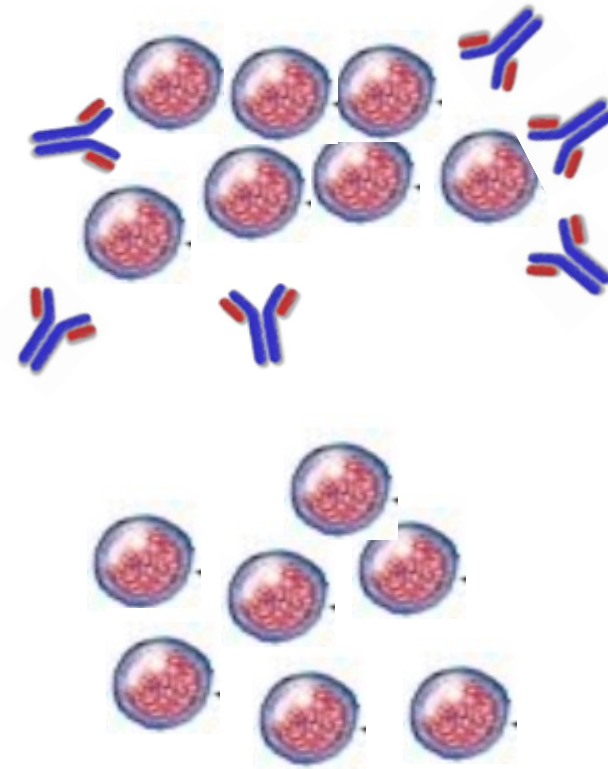
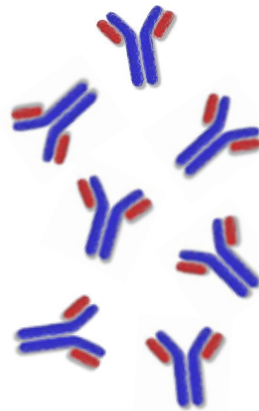
		Number at risk				
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OS	AntiHLA-DSA	46	29	15	8	1
	No AntiHLA antibodies	340	223	140	87	23
	AntiHLA-No DSA	84	48	25	16	5
		0	1	2	3	4

	S(t)	low	up
DSA	65.4%	51.1%	79.7%
No AntiHLA	67.0%	61.7%	72.2%
No DSA	54.5%	42.6%	66.4%





Recipient-specific antibodies

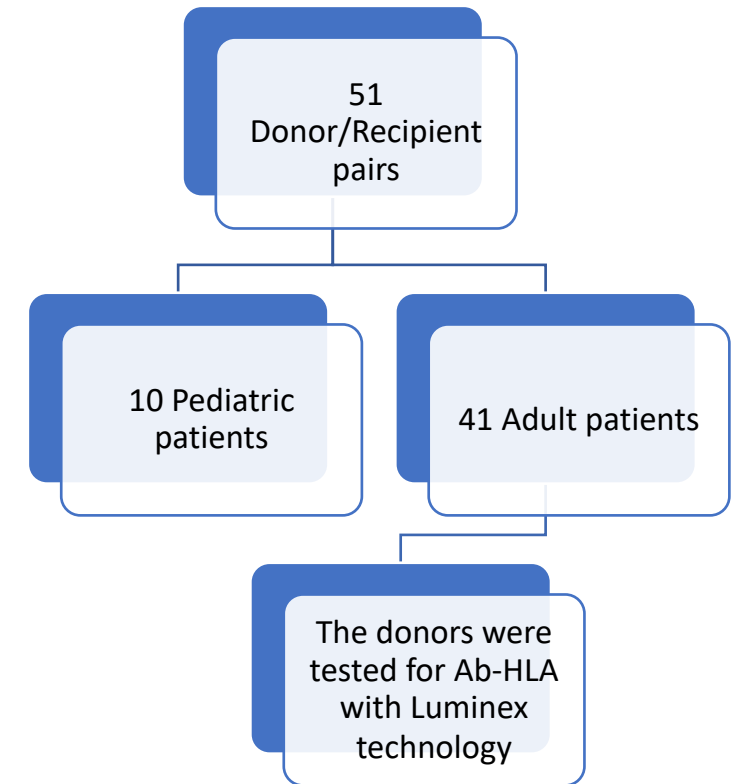


The role of Recipient Specific Antibodies (RSA) in transplant outcome. Analysis of a group of family donors selected for patients undergoing haploidentical transplantation.

Cacciatore R., **Pasi A.**, Bergamaschi P., Giordani G., Caldera D., Comoli P., Colombo A., Sbarsi T., Chiesa L., Troletti D., Cornella E., Hoffmann M., Monti C., Perotti C., Bernasconi P., Arcaini L., Zecca M.

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HLA antibodies were present in 23 donors

- 21 had HLA class I antibodies
- 11 had HLA class II antibodies
- 9 were positive for class I and class II.

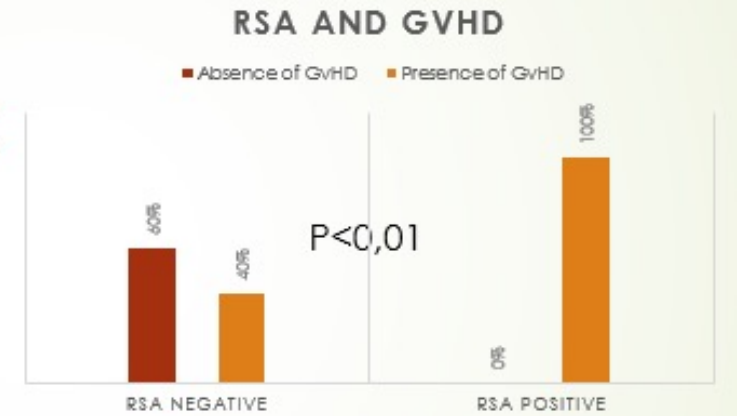
8 donors (35%) were RSA positive

15% of all donors



RSA	Absence of GvHD	Presence of GvHD	
Negative	24 (60%)	16 (40%)	n=40
Positive	0	8 (100%)	n=8

100% of RSA pos recipients (8/8) exhibited acute or chronic GvHD vs 40% of RSA neg recipients ($p < 0.01$).



The analysis of our study group shows that the presence of RSA in the donors correlates with both acute and chronic GvHD.

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Donor Immunization Against Human Leukocyte Class II Antigen is a Risk Factor for Graft-versus-Host Disease



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► Rischio complessivo di un primo episodio di GVHD acuta o cronica: 88% nelle coppie D/R immunizzate con anti-HLA rispetto al 67% nelle coppie D/R non immunizzate; $P = .03$

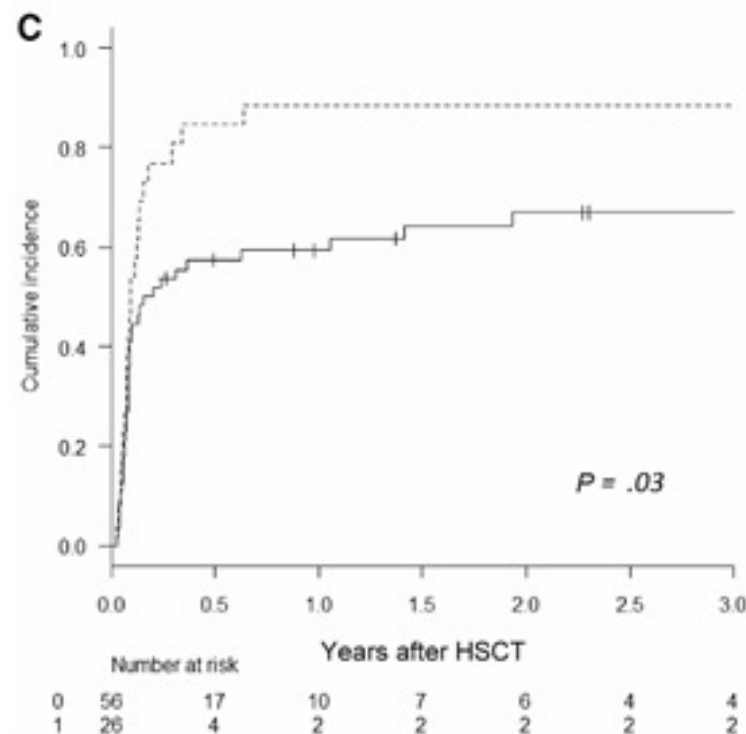


Figure 3. Cumulative incidence of acute GVHD (A), chronic GVHD (B), and first episode of either acute or chronic GVHD (C) according to the presence of at least 1 anti-HLA class II antibody in the donor (dashed line) or not (solid line).

Conclusioni

- La misurazione (MFI) ed interpretazione (epitopi) degli anticorpi anti-HLA è fondamentale per gli studi di correlazione clinica
- La presenza di anticorpi anti-HLA non donatore-specifici potrebbe rappresentare un «marcatore» dello status immunologico del paziente
- Lo studio degli anticorpi anti-HLA diretti contro il ricevente (RSA) merita interesse ed ulteriori approfondimenti

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