Title: Immunologic blood transfusion accidents: toward a complete compatibility test at the patient's bedside

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Abstract

In most countries in order to ensure the transfusion safety, a direct compatibility test between the red cell concentrate and the receiver's blood is performed (crossmatch prior any blood transfusion). In some countries (like France), an ultimate ABO compatibility is required, the test is performed at the patient's bedside and crossmatch is only performed for patients who present irregular antibodies. Up to now, and whatever the country, no complete solution is able to detect an immunological conflict at the patient's bedside and to prevent 100% of incompatible transfusions.

In this conference, we will show how antibodies grafted biochips can be used address this issue. Biochips are placed in disposable cartridges which are inserted in a mobile reader/actuator integrated in the transfusion line. We will detail the biochip, cartridges and medical demonstrator fabrication. Detection of the compatibility (or incompatibility) situations is based on a simple optical absorption technique.

Experimental results concerning the ABO and Rhesus factor compatibility using various immunologic biochips will be presented before showing how this biochip technology could be used for performing a direct blood-to-blood crossmatch at the patient's bedside. As a conclusion, we will suggest an idea where only one, non-multiplexed, biochip could be used to address all the causes of immunologic red cell incompatibilities.

Biography

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