



# Mathematical optimization for alloimmunization prevention

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## Introduction

- Why do we want to issue extensively typed RBC units?
  - Reduces (eliminates) transfusion-induced allo-antibodies
  - Hemolytic disease of the fetus or newborn
  - Problems during subsequent blood transfusions
- Preventive matching strategies are only applied for specific groups of transfusion recipients
- The ambition is to provide extensively matched RBC units to all transfusion recipients
- This is though to be impossible in practice, however its feasibility has never been determined!



#### Goal

Investigate to which extend transfusion-induced alloimmunization can be prevented by matching for different

- inventory sizes (n = 60, 120, 250, 1000)
- number of units requested (k = 1, 2, 3, 5, 10)

when both the **donor and transfusion recipient population are fully typed** 







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- 2. Likelihood that RBC units can be issued from a finite inventory

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anti-E	177 (37%)	anti-S	8 (2%)
anti-K	122 (26%)	anti-Jk <sup>b</sup>	7 (1%)
anti-Jk <sup>a</sup>	50 (11%)	anti-Fy <sup>b</sup>	5 (1%)
anti-c	37 (8%)	anti-e	4 (1%)
anti-Fy <sup>a</sup>	24 (5%)	anti-s	0 (0%)
anti-C	22 (5%)		
anti-M	18 (4%)	All antibodies	474 (100%)

Evers et al. (2016) Lancet Haematology







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Reid et al. (2012) Academic Press

# antigens included

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#### **Mathematical optimization model**





## **Issuing policy**

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## **Proportion of alloimmunization prevented**



Small hospital (n = 60)









#### Average number of antigens negative

• Individual is on average negative for 5.51 / 16 antigens





## **Conclusions**

- If all donors and transfusion recipients are fully typed, extensive preventive matching for all transfusion recipients is feasible
- Alloimmunization prevented:

		number of units requested (k)							
		1 2 3							
ventory size ( <i>n</i> )	60	64%	46%	32%					
	120	77%	64%	53%					
	250	88%	79%	71%					
<u> </u>	1000	97%	93%	90%					

• Optimal order: (transfusion recipients typed for a limited number of antigens)

*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Thank you for your attention!

**Questions?** 

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