

# Red Cell Immunohaematology

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# What is RCI?

- National support for Transfusion Laboratories
- RCI labs located in Blood Centres in Birmingham, Bristol (Filton), London (Collindale, Tooting), Liverpool and Sheffield
- Liverpool hosts the NFFB and reagents
- Filton hosts the IBGRL
- Majority of blood transfusions can be facilitated by hospitals, BUT..



# BCSH Guidelines..

- If there is any doubt concerning the identity of any antibodies present, or the ability to exclude clinically significant antibodies, a sample should be sent to a red cell reference laboratory.
- Laboratories that are not registered for antibody investigation in an accredited external quality assurance scheme should refer samples from all patients that have given positive results in the antibody screen to a laboratory that is registered for antibody identification.

# BCSH Guidelines..

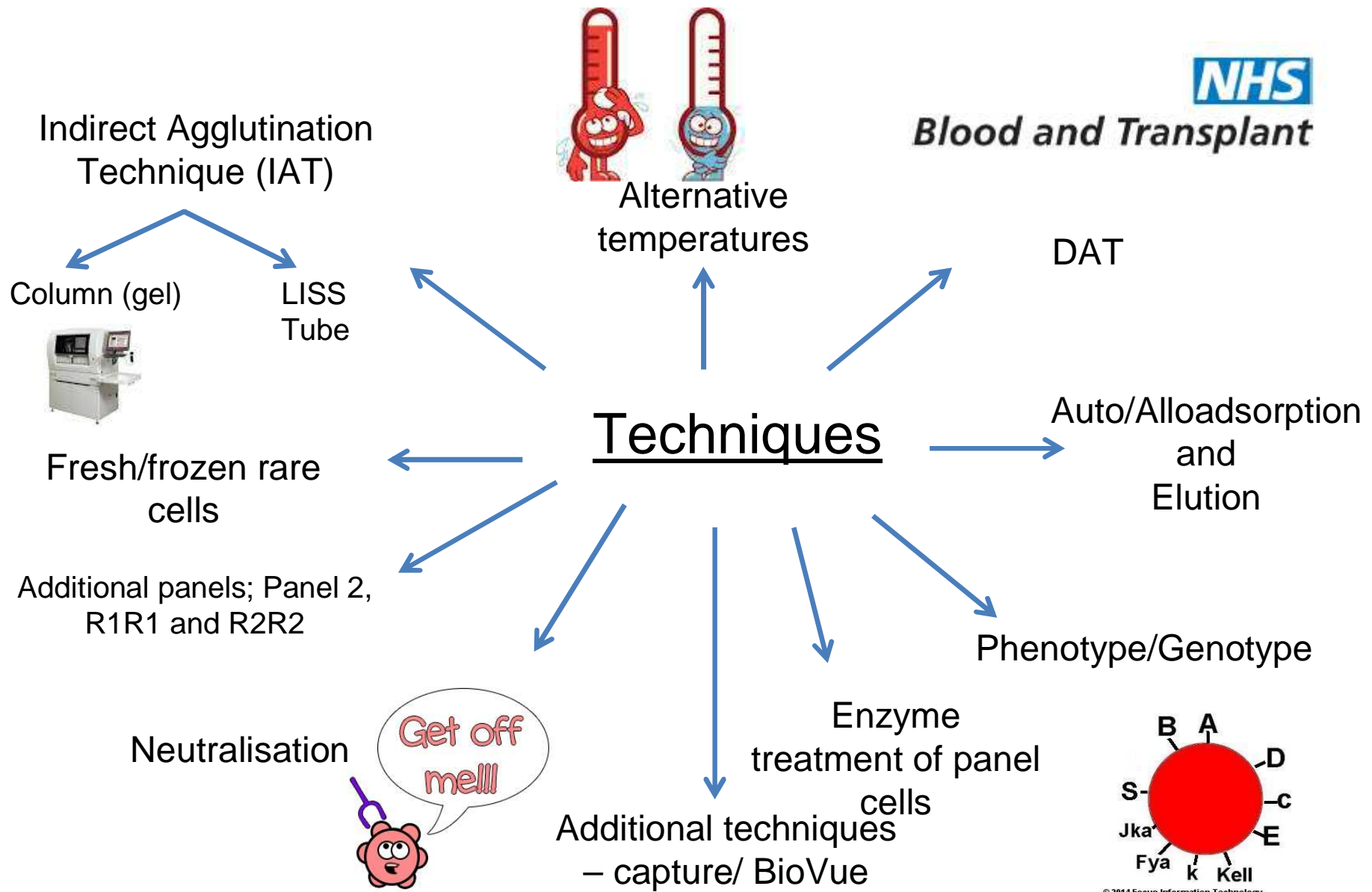
- If a patient is known to have (ever) formed a red cell alloantibody, each new sample must be fully tested to exclude the presence of further alloantibodies.
- When one antibody specificity is detected it is essential that the presence or absence of additional clinically significant alloantibodies is established.



## Why Refer to RCI?

- Rare/Anomalous ABO/D blood grouping
- Antibody Confirmation/Identification
- Complex mixtures of antibodies
- Antenatal Investigations;
  - Quantification and titration
  - FMH Investigation
  - Provision of suitable blood for delivery/IUT
- AIHAs/ DAT positive patients
- Suspected Haemolytic Transfusion Reactions
- Advice!
- Panic?





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- Via **NHSBT Liverpool** and in liaison with the **International Blood Group Reference Laboratory (IBGRL)** RCI have access to additional reagents that may not be available to Hospital Labs;
  - Reference antibody identification panels Rare cells to confirm or exclude specificity
  - Rare antisera for phenotyping
  - National Frozen Cell Bank
  - National / international rare cell exchange
  - WHO International Rare Cell Donor Panel

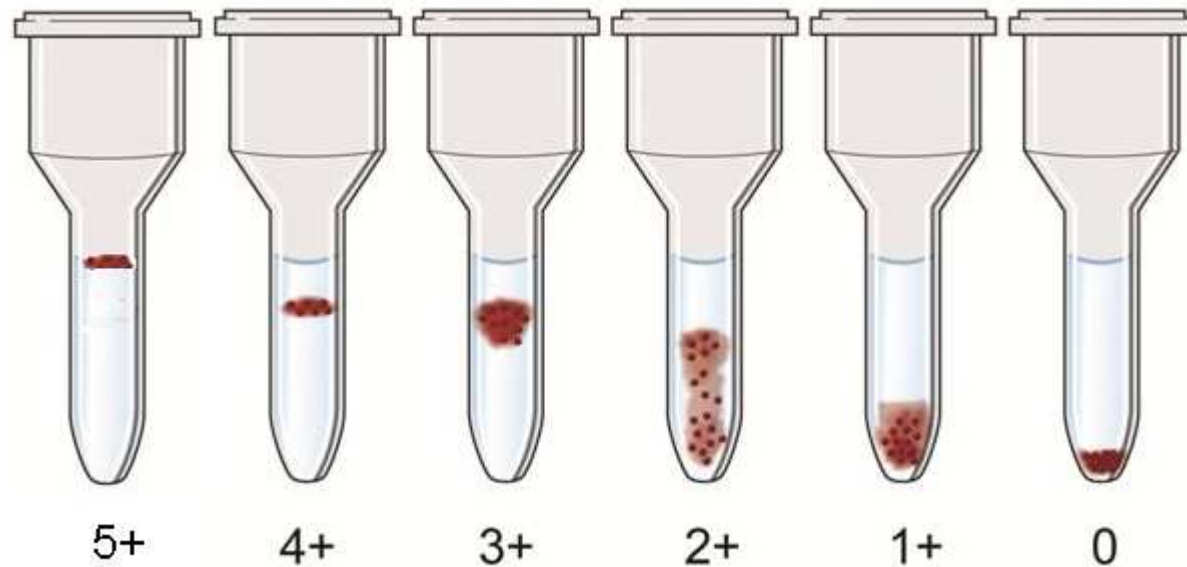
# BCSH Guidelines..

- Failure to recognise all of the antibody specificities within a sample can lead to a haemolytic transfusion reaction. Specificities should be excluded using red cells having **homozygous expression** of the relevant antigen. A **single example** only of each phenotype is sufficient for exclusion.
- This can be demonstrated by choosing reagent red cells that are negative for the recognised specificity but positive for other antigens to which clinically significant antibodies may arise.



# Example Cases

# Agglutination



## Antibody Investigation Worksheet

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Have a go yourself!

Patient's Name		Ref. No.	Sample No.	Conclusion
D.O.B.				Tested by                      Date

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Instructions for use can be found at <http://www.blood.co.uk/reagents>

	Rh	C	D	E	c	e	C <sup>w</sup>	M	N	S	s	P1	Lu <sup>a</sup>	K	k	Kp <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>a</sup>	Le <sup>b</sup>	Fy <sup>a</sup>	Fy <sup>b</sup>	Jk <sup>a</sup>	Jk <sup>b</sup>	Other	Int	Ext				
1	R <sub>1</sub> <sup>w</sup> R <sub>1</sub>	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	4	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0		0	0				
2	R <sub>1</sub> R <sub>1</sub>	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	3	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+		0	0				
3	R <sub>2</sub> R <sub>2</sub>	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	2	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+		3	5				
4	r'r	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	2	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	Kna-	0	0				
5	r''r	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	1	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0		4	5				
6	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	4	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+		0	0				
7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	1	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	w	0	+		0	0				
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0		0	0				
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+		0	0				
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Lot No.																Result													

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# NHSBT REAGENTS Panel 1

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Product	Lot No.	Product	Lot No.	Product	Lot No.
ID Panel in Alsevera	R144 3366	ID Panel Prepared in Alsevera	R154 3366	ID Panel in LISS	R146 3366
ID Panel in CellStab	R143 3366	ID Panel Prepared in CellStab	R153 3366	Expiry Date : 2017.01.05	
ID Panel in CellMedia	R163 3366	ID Panel Prepared in CellMedia	R173 3366		

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1	R <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup> R <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	4	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0		0	0			
2	R <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup> R <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	3	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+		0	0			
3	R <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup> R <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	2	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+		0	0			
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7	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	1	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	W	0	+		0	0			
8	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0		0	0			
9	rr	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+		0	0			
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1	R1wR1	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+		Sgb+	0			
2	R1wR1	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0		CoB+	3			
3	R1Rz	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+			0			
4	R1Rz	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	4	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0			0			
5	Raz	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	4	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0		Dob- Gog+	5			
6	R1R1	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	1	0	+	0	0	0	0	w	0	0	+			0			
7	R1R1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0			3			
8	R1R1	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	2	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0			0			
9	R1R1	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	3	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+			3			
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