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The incidence of autoimmune hemolytic anemia in pediatric hematopoietic stem cell recipients post first and second hematopoietic stem cell transplant

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Abstract

The reported incidence of post allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) auto-immune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) was between 4.4% and 6% following a single transplant. Cord blood transplantation, T-cell depletion and chronic GVHD are significantly associated with post-transplant AIHA. During an 11 year period, data for 500 pediatric HSCT recipients were eligible for evaluation of the incidence of AIHA post first and second transplants. Demographic, transplant, and post-transplant related variables were analyzed. Twelve/500 (2.4%) recipients at a median of 273 days and 7/72 (9.7%) recipients at a median of 157 days developed AIHA post first and second HSCT respectively. Post first HSCT, none of the matched related donor recipients developed AIHA (0/175 MRD vs. 12/325 other donors, p=0.04). Four/12 required a second HSCT to control the AIHA. Post the second HSCT, matched unrelated donor was significantly associated with the development of AIHA. No other variables were associated with the post-second transplant AIHA.

The incidence of AIHA post first and second HSCT was less than reported. The increased incidence of AIHA among recipients of second HSCT is most likely due to the profound immune dysregulation. A much larger, prospective study would be needed to evaluate the incidence, complications and management of post-transplant AIHA.

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Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia in the Pediatric Setting

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Abstract: Autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) is a rare disease in children, presenting with variable severity. Most commonly, warm-reactive IgG autoantibodies mediate peripheral destruction of red blood cells, leading to hemolysis. The pathogenesis is unclear, but it is thought to be related to dysregulation of the immune system. The clinical presentation is variable, ranging from mild hemolysis to severe hemolysis. The diagnosis is based on a positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) and exclusion of other causes of hemolysis. Treatment is primarily supportive, with corticosteroids being the mainstay of therapy. In severe cases, splenectomy and immunosuppressive therapy may be required. The prognosis is generally good, with most children achieving remission. However, relapse is common, and long-term management is often challenging.

Keywords: warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia, cold agglutinin syndrome, paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria, direct antiglobulin test

1. Introduction
 Autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) is an acquired form of hemolytic anemia in which autoantibodies target and bind to cell (RBC), membrane antigens, allowing and causing (lysis). Hemolysis triggers compensatory RBC production by increasing erythropoietin levels. However, this response is typically insufficient to maintain normal hemoglobin levels leading to anemia. AIHA is characterized as "warm" because the autoantibodies affect otherwise normal RBCs. A recent systematic review assessing AIHA epidemiology concluded that there is significant heterogeneity in the definition and diagnostic criteria for the disease [1]. In most of the reviewed studies, AIHA was defined as hemolytic anemia with a positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) and concurrent exclusion of alternative diagnoses. However, there are limitations in the use of that definition since it does not include DAT-negative cases. AIHA is classified as "warm" or "cold" based on the optimal temperature at which the antibodies present maximal activity and is primary or secondary depending on the presence of a recognized underlying cause, such as immunodeficiency, infection, medication, or malignancy [2]. It affects both pediatric and adult populations, although its prevalence is considered to be higher in children with the annual incidence estimated to be approximately 0.8 per 100,000 individuals under 18 years old [3]. Children with AIHA can present with a variable degree of severity. The most common form of AIHA in the pediatric population is due to warm-reactive autoantibodies. Warm antibody AIHA (w-AIHA) is diagnosed in more than half of autoimmune hemolytic

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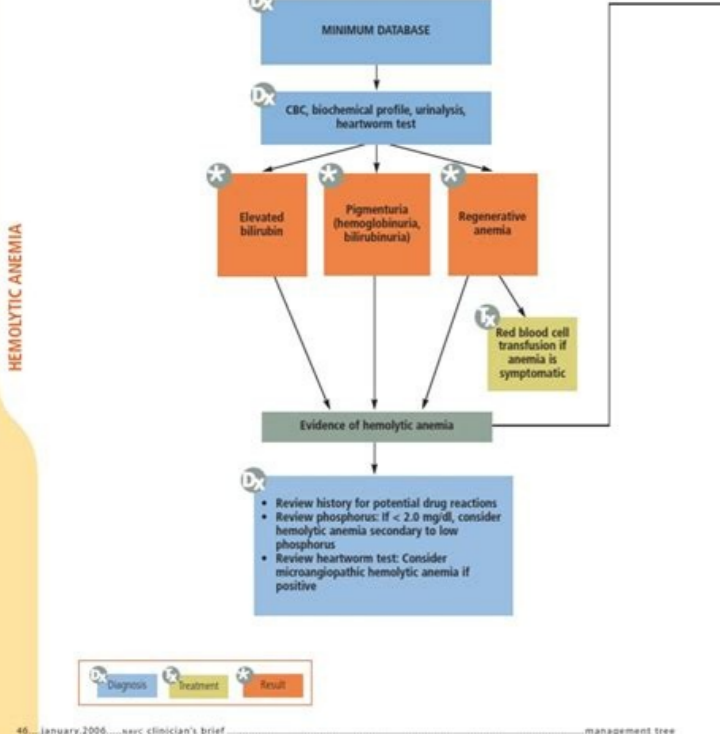
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 - Esplenomegalia (1/3 de los casos).
 - Adenopatías
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- Presencia de enfermedad concomitante

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- La PAD es positiva para Ig G.
- Presencia de microesferocitosis en la extensión de sangre.

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