

# **FROSTED** study

**F**resh frozen plasma,  
**O**mniplasma &  
**S**DP comparison of  
**T**ransfusion reactions,  
**E**fficacy &  
**D**VT

***Transfusie-gerelateerde longschade (TRALI) en andere bijwerkingen  
bij plasma transfusies – een samenvatting***



## Plasma transfusion are indicated in the following cases:

| Clinical condition  | GoR |
|---|-----|
| 1. Correction of congenital or acquired deficiencies of clotting factors (for which there is not a specific concentrate), when the PT or aPTT ratio is >1.5:                            |     |
| - Liver disease:  |     |
| - <i>active bleeding</i>  | 1C+ |
| - <i>prevention of bleeding in the case of surgery or invasive procedures</i>   | 2C  |
| - During treatment with vitamin K antagonists (if prothrombin complex, which is the first choice treatment, is not available):  | 1C+ |
| - <i>in the presence of major or intracranial haemorrhage</i>   |     |
| - <i>in preparation for surgery than cannot be delayed</i>  |     |
| - Acute disseminated intravascular coagulation with active bleeding, in association with correction of the underlying cause   | 1C+ |
| - Microvascular bleeding during massive transfusions (>1 blood volume), even before the results of PT and aPTT  | 1C+ |
| - Deficiencies of single clotting factors, in the absence of specific concentrates (e.g. of FV), in the presence of active bleeding or to prevent bleeding during an invasive procedure | 1C+ |
| 2. Apheretic treatment of thrombotic microangiopathies (thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, haemolytic-uraemic syndrome, HELLP syndrome), as a replacement fluid                       | 1A  |
| 3. Reconstitution of whole blood for exchange transfusions  | 2C  |
| 4. Hereditary angioedema in the case that C1-esterase inhibitor is not available  | 2C+ |

Legend: GoR: Grade of recommendation; HELLP: haemolytic anaemia elevated liver enzymes and low platelet count

Liumbruno, G., Bennardello, F., Lattanzio, A., Piccoli, P., & Rossetti, G. (2009). Recommendations for the transfusion of plasma and platelets. *Blood Transfusion*, 7(2), 132–50.

*Plasma transfusies – clinical practice:*

| <b>Procedure/clinical indication</b> | <b>Percentage of FFP transfusions</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Surgery                              | 33.3%                                 |
| Warfarine reversal                   | 20.2%                                 |
| Other coagulopathies                 | 14.3%                                 |
| Prior to invasive surgery            | 5.9%                                  |
| Bleeding                             | 8.4%                                  |
| Massive transfusion                  | 7.3%                                  |
| Plasmapheresis                       | 3.8%                                  |
| Trauma                               | 0.3%                                  |
| Other                                | 6.3%                                  |

*“55% of plasma transfusions could be qualified as appropriate based on internationally agreed-upon indications, with fully 28% qualifying as inappropriate and the remainder as indeterminate”*

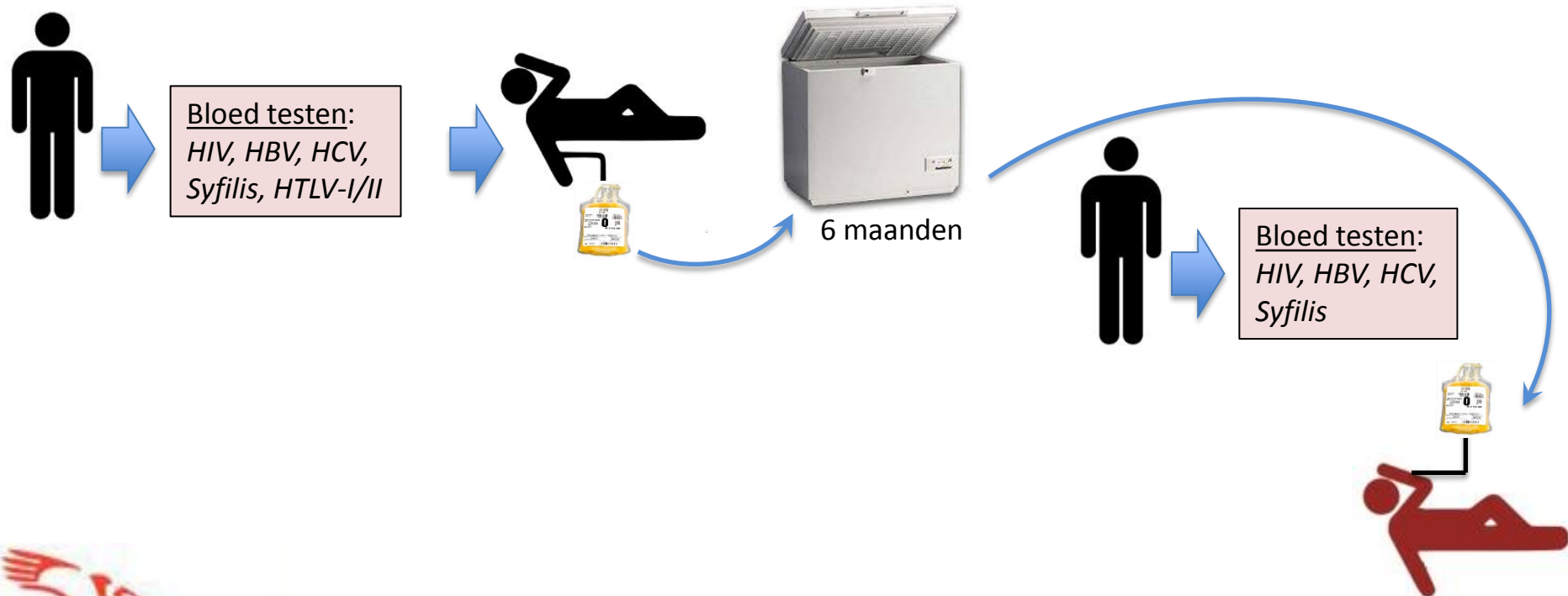
*Plasma transfusions – possible adverse events:*

- Allergic/anaphylactic reaction
- Febrile Non-Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction (FNHTRs)
- Acute hemolytic transfusion reaction (via RBC alloimmunization)
- Bacterial transfusion reaction
- Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)
- Transfusion Associated Circulatory Overload (TACO)
- Venous thrombo-embolism (DVT, PE)
- Hyperfibrinolysis

## Plasma types:

### Quarantined Fresh Frozen Plasma (Q-FFP)

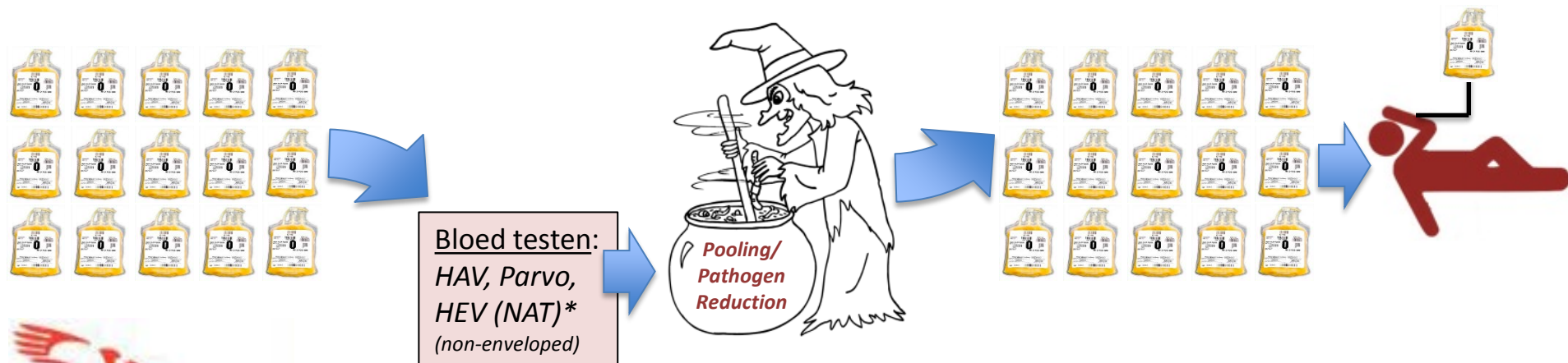
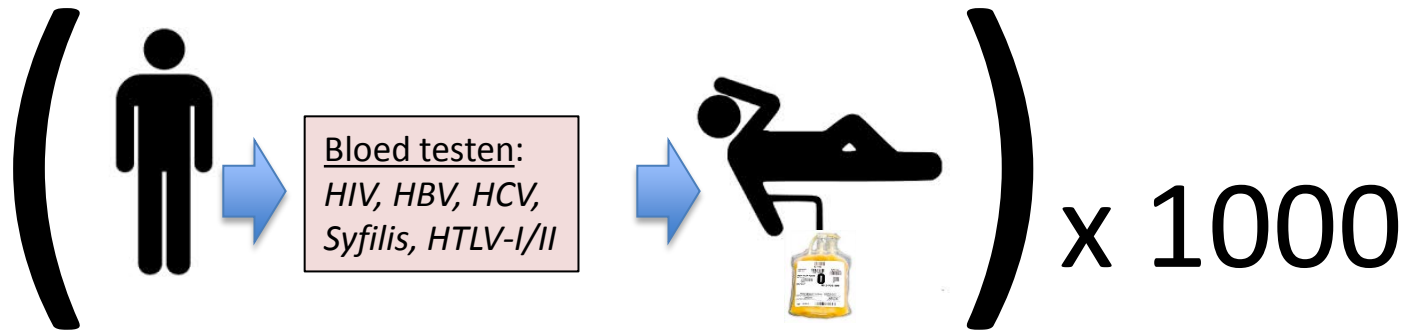
- Aferese plasma (van één donor) in quarantaine voor zes maanden
- Donor getest op bepaalde ziekten
- Hertesten na zes maanden (window period)
- Plasma gebruikt als donor twee testen haalt
- Verloopt: 24 maanden na donatie



Plasma types:

**Solvent/Detergent treated pooled Plasma (SDP) – e.g. Omniplasma™**

- Plasma van ~1000 donoren gepoold
- Pathogeen reductie proces op pool
- Plasma gedeeld in eenheden



\*Testen levels van antilichamen tegen deze virussen

*Research question:*

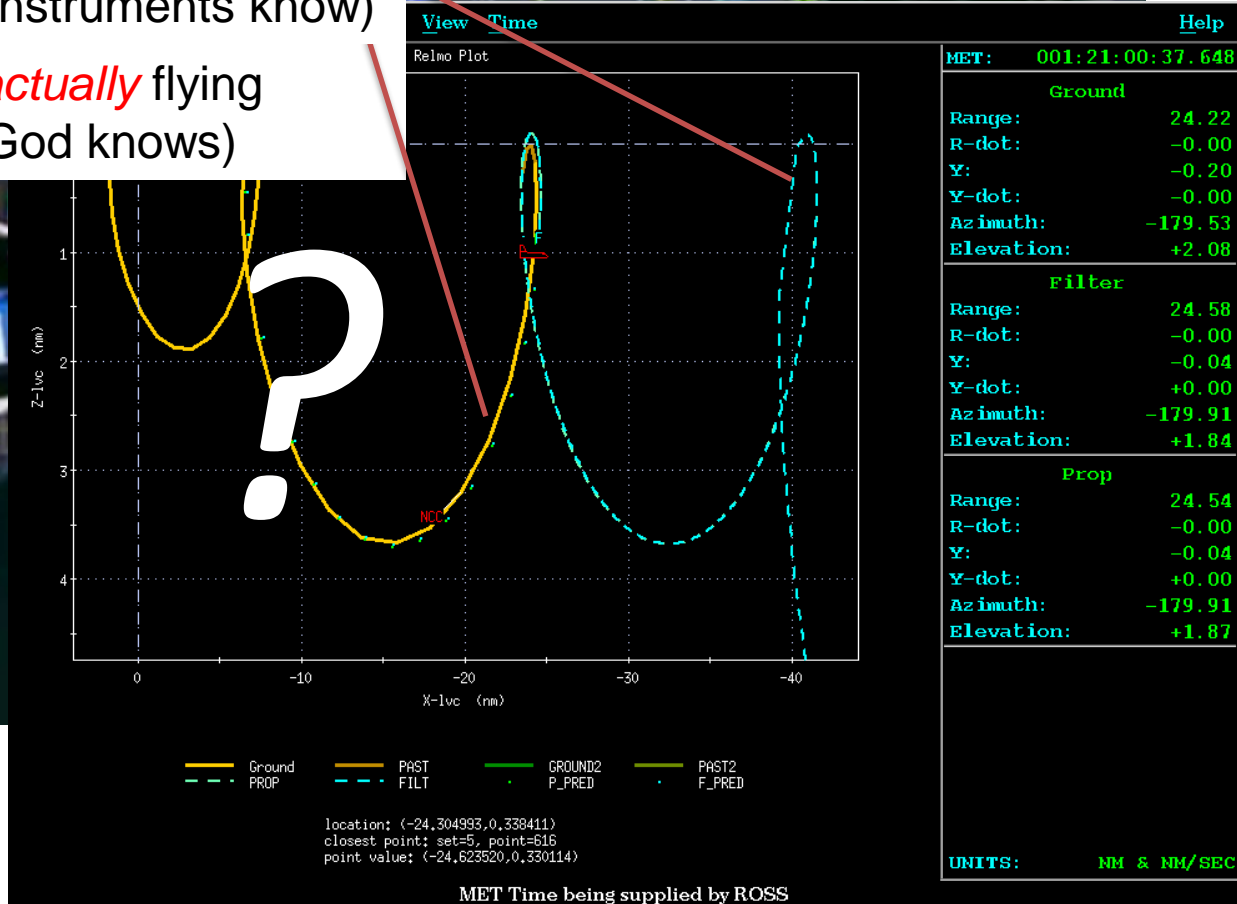
*What are the internationally reported incidences of adverse events to plasma transfusions?*

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The story of the three trajectories...

- 1) The trajectory you want to fly  
(which you know)
- 2) The trajectory you *think* you are flying  
(which your instruments know)
- 3) The trajectory you are *actually* flying  
(which only God knows)



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  - Small studies tend to yield either a null incidence or a very high incidence

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**Online reporting system for transfusion-related adverse events to enhance recipient haemovigilance in Japan: A pilot study**

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| Clinical signs                   | RBC                  | PC<br>(Number of cases) |                      |
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| 3) Feverishness                  | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 4) Pruritus                      | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 5) Rash                          | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 6) Urticaria                     | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 7) Respiratory distress          | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 8) Nausea · Vomiting             | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 9) Headache                      | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
| 10) Chest, flank or back pain    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>    | <input type="text"/> |
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*Anaphylactic reactions offer more overt symptoms and are therefore less subject to observer bias...*

*...so what do Odaka et al. have to say about TRALI?*

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  - Despite the IHS' insistence, many countries do not abide to the agreed-upon definitions/thresholds for the various adverse events
  - Differing definitions yield inconsistent reported incidences
  - Differing definitions yield data sets not amenable to comparison

## Why do we need consistent definitions of adverse events?

- Transfusion reaction pathophysiology is not yet well understood
- The power of an epidemiological approach to uncovering the underlying mechanisms, and thus produce viable treatment options, is hindered by the lack thereof.
- Believe it or not, these sorts of discussions save lives....

| <b>Year</b> | <b>No. TR related deaths<br/>(the Netherlands)</b> |
|-------------|--|
| 2008        | 4  |
| 2009        | 3  |
| 2010        | 9  |
| 2011        | 6  |
| 2012        | 6  |





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