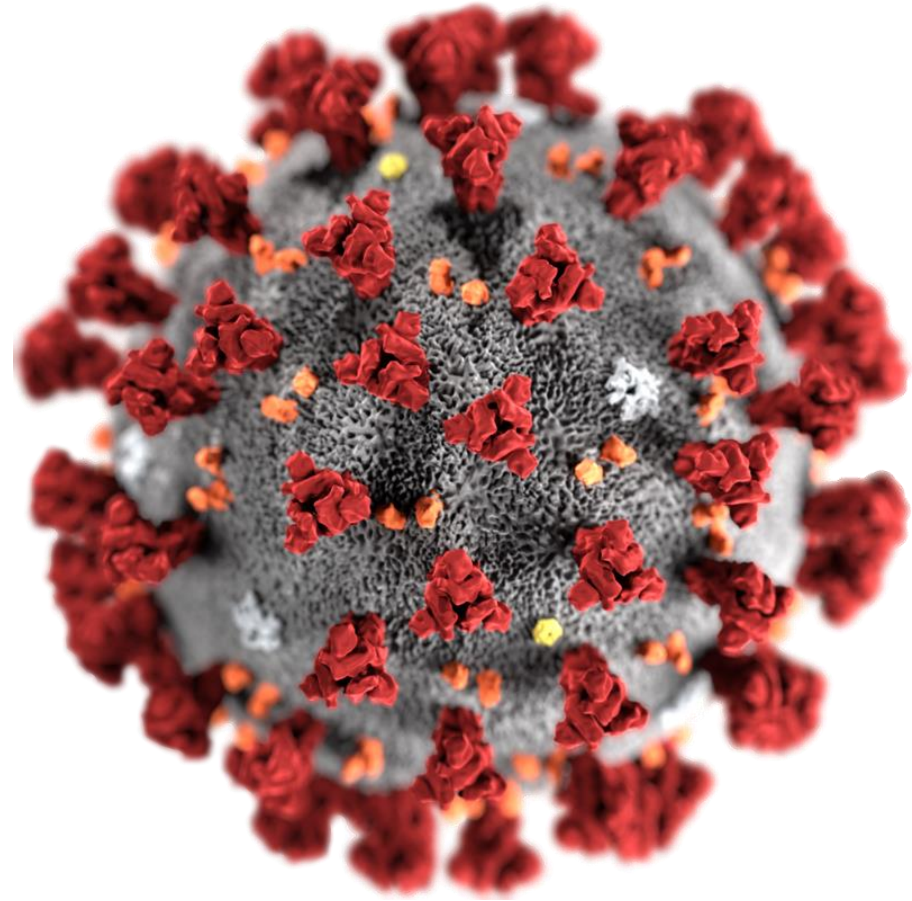


Medicina transfusional i teràpia cel·lular en temps de pandèmia



Plasma convalescent

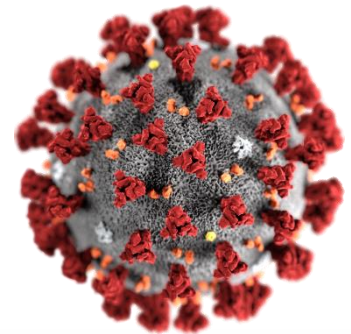
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Les primeres immunoteràpies passives

Antitoxines diftèrica i tetànica



1890. **Emili Von Behring** demostra que el sèrum de cavalls infectats provoca immunitat (tètanus i diftèria)

Durant la guerra de Corea es van tractar milers de soldats afectats per la febre hemorràgica de Corea (Hantavirus) amb **plasma convalescent** procedent de soldats curats



Treatment of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever with Blood Transfusions from Convalescent Patients

**K. Mupapa, M. Massamba, K. Kibadi, K. Kuvula,
A. Bwaka, M. Kipasa, R. Colebunders, and
J. J. Muyembe-Tamfum on behalf of the International
Scientific and Technical Committee**

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Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Institute of Tropical
Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium*

J Infect Dis 1999; 179 Supl 1: S18-S23

Table 2. Characteristics of 8 Ebola-infected female convalescent blood transfusion recipients.

| Patient | Age (years) | No. of days between onset of symptoms and transfusion | Blood volume (cm ³) | Received blood from donor no. | Outcome |
|---------|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 27 | 7 | 400 | 1 | Survived |
| 2 | 12 | 11 | 150 | 2 | Survived |
| 3 | 15 | 13 | 150 | 3 | Survived |
| 4 | 54 | 9 | 250 | 2 | Survived |
| 5 | 44 | 15 | 250 | 4 | Survived |
| 6 | 25 | 13 | 250 | 4 | Survived |
| 7 | 40 | 11 | 450 | 5 | Survived |
| 8 | 48 | 4 | 400 | 2 | Died |

**Use of Convalescent Whole Blood or Plasma
Collected from Patients Recovered from Ebola Virus
Disease for Transfusion, as an Empirical Treatment
during Outbreaks**

**Interim Guidance for National Health Authorities and Blood
Transfusion Services**

Version 1.0 September 2014



Retrospective comparison of convalescent plasma with continuing high-dose methylprednisolone treatment in SARS patients

Soo Y, Cheng Y, Wong R et al. Clin Microbiol Infect 2004 Jul;10(7):676-8.

Table 2. Comparison of treatment outcome between patients in the plasma-treated and steroid-treated groups

| | Plasma group ^a | Steroid group ^b | p |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Discharge rate by day 22 following onset of illness | 73.4% (n = 14) | 19% (n = 4) | 0.001 |
| Discharge rate by day 22 after adjustment for co-morbidities | 77.8% (14/18) | 23% (3/13) | 0.004 |
| Death rate | 0% | 23.8% (n = 5) | 0.049 |

^aThree doses of methylprednisolone, followed by convalescent plasma.

^bFour or more doses of methylprednisolone.

Use of convalescent plasma therapy in SARS patients in Hong Kong

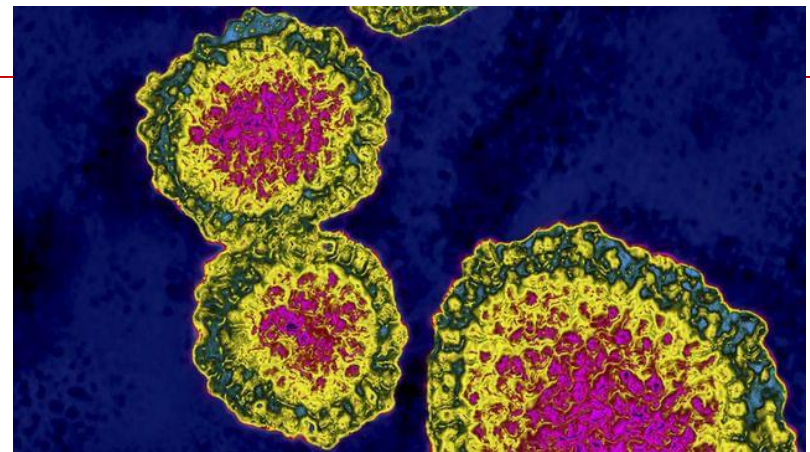
Cheng Y, Wong R, Soo Y et al. *Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis* 2005; 24(1): 44-46

| Characteristic | Good outcome ^a | Poor outcome ^b | <i>P</i> value | Logistic regression <i>P</i> value |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| No. of patients | 33 | 47 | | |
| Age | 37.9±12.5 | 50.2±15.1 | <0.001 | 0.009 |
| Admission LDH (IU/l) | 268.6±117.6 | 334±183.7 | 0.08 | 0.014 |
| Mean day of plasma infusion ^c ←----- | 11.7±2.3 | 16.0±6.0 | <0.001 | 0.012 |
| Mean plasma volume | 253.6±99.9 | 297.23±141.4 | 0.11 | 0.174 |
| PCR positive and seronegative for SARS ^d | 20 | 10 | <0.001 | 0.006 |

Convalescent Plasma Treatment Reduced Mortality in Patients With Severe Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Virus Infection FREE

Hung I, To K, Lee C-K et al. Clinical Infectious Diseases 2011; 52(4): 447-456

In conclusion, this study has demonstrated that convalescent plasma treatment may have a place in the treatment of patients with severe H1N1 2009 infection. The treatment effectively reduced the viral load and dampened the cytokine response with reduced mortality. A double-blind randomized controlled trial with hyperimmune intravenous immunoglobulin on patients with severe influenza infection is warranted in the future.



Plasma Convalescent COVID-19 primeres sèries de casos

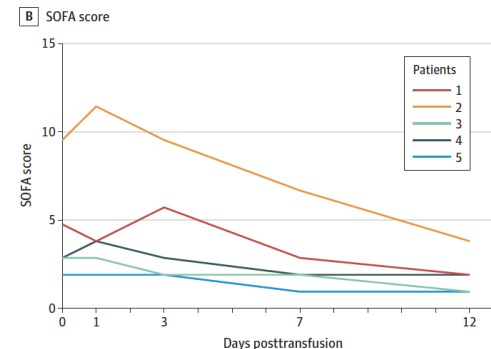
JAMA | Preliminary Communication

Treatment of 5 Critically Ill Patients With COVID-19 With Convalescent Plasma

Shen C, Wang Z, Zhao F et al. JAMA 2020; 323(16): 1582-1589

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Case series of 5 critically ill patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) who met the following criteria: severe pneumonia with rapid progression and continuously high viral load despite antiviral treatment; $PAO_2/FiO_2 < 300$; and mechanical ventilation. All 5 were treated with convalescent plasma transfusion. The study was conducted at the infectious disease department, Shenzhen Third People's Hospital in Shenzhen, China, from January 20, 2020, to March 25, 2020; final date of follow-up was March 25, 2020. Clinical outcomes were compared before and after convalescent plasma transfusion.

| Ct value ^c (viral load proxy) | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| On admission to hospital | 23.0 | 19.7 | 18.9 | 38.0 | 28.0 |
| Lowest value during hospitalization ^d (highest viral load) | 19.2 | 19.7 | 18.9 | 26.6 | 26.5 |
| Just before plasma transfusion | 28.5 | 22.0 | 33.0 | 26.6 | 35.9 |
| Day 1 posttransfusion | 30.0 | 23.7 | 38.5 | 28.0 | Negative |
| Day 3 posttransfusion | 34.4 | 25.0 | Negative | Negative | Negative |
| Day 7 posttransfusion | 38.0 | 32.0 | Negative | Negative | Negative |
| Day 12 posttransfusion | Negative | Negative | Negative | Negative | Negative |



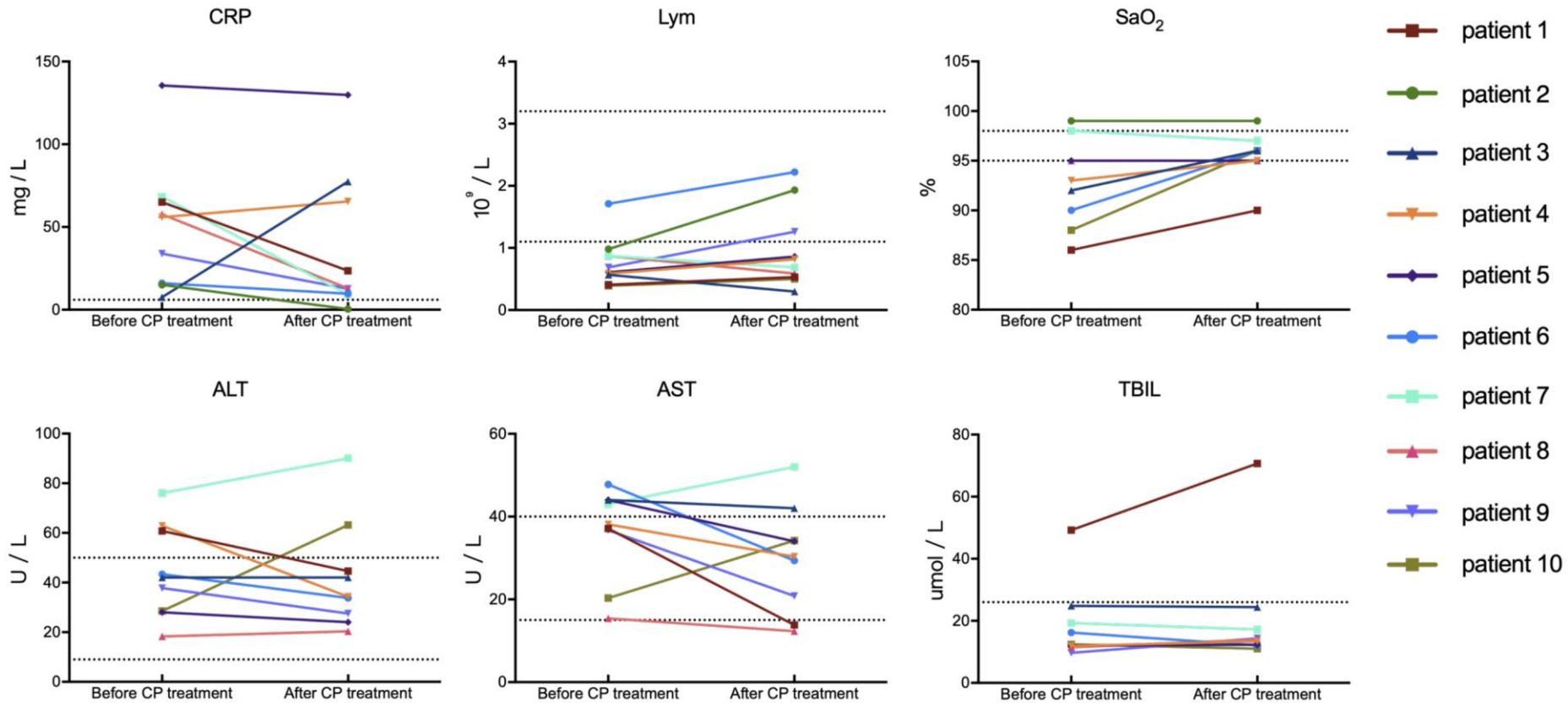
| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Length of hospital stay, d | Remains hospitalized | Remains hospitalized | 53 | 51 | 55 |
| Current status as of March 25, 2020 | Stable, still receiving mechanical ventilation | Stable, still receiving mechanical ventilation | Discharged home | Discharged home | Discharged home |

Plasma Convalescent COVID-19

primeres sèries de casos

The feasibility of convalescent plasma therapy in severe COVID-19 patients: a pilot study

Duan K, Liu B, Li C et al. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.03.16.20036145>



Plasma Convalescent COVID-19



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**An EU programme of COVID-19 convalescent plasma
collection and transfusion**

**Guidance on collection, testing, processing, storage, distribution
and monitored use**



***DIRECTRICES PARA LA OBTENCIÓN DE PLASMA DE
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**ACTUALITZACIÓ DEL PROTOCOL PER A LA SELECCIÓ DE DONANTS DE PLASMA
CONVALESCENT COVID-19**

Tests Acceptable for Use in the Manufacture of High Titer COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma

| Manufacturer (listed alphabetically) | Assay | Qualifying Result | Date of Listing under this EUA |
|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Abbott | SARS-CoV-2 IgG (ARCHITECT and Alinity i) | Index (S/C) \geq 4.5 | February 4, 2021 |
| Abbott | AdviseDx SARS- CoV-2 IgG II (ARCHITECT and Alinity i) | \geq 840 AU/mL | March 9, 2021 |
| Beckman Coulter | Access SARS-CoV-2 IgG | S/CO \geq 3.3 | February 4, 2021 |
| EUROIMMUN | Anti-SARS-CoV-2 ELISA (IgG) | Ratio \geq 3.5 | February 4, 2021 |



BST S/Co > 6

(\geq 1/160 neutralising antibodies)

Jaaskelainen et al. 2020; Patel et al. 2020

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Plasma Convalescent COVID-19



**Des de l'inici de la pandèmia hem obtingut
6000 plasmes convalescents COVID-19**

Plasma Convalescent COVID-19

un allau de dades



- Malalts crítics
- Malalts amb pneumònia
- Malalts greus
- Malalts lleus
- Malalts amb altres patologies

Early safety indicators of COVID-19 convalescent plasma in 5000 patients

Joyner M, Scott Wright R, Fairweather, D et al. *J Clin Invest* 2020; 130(9): 4791-4797

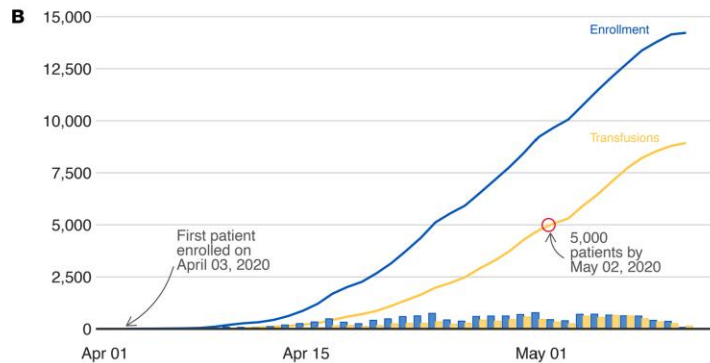
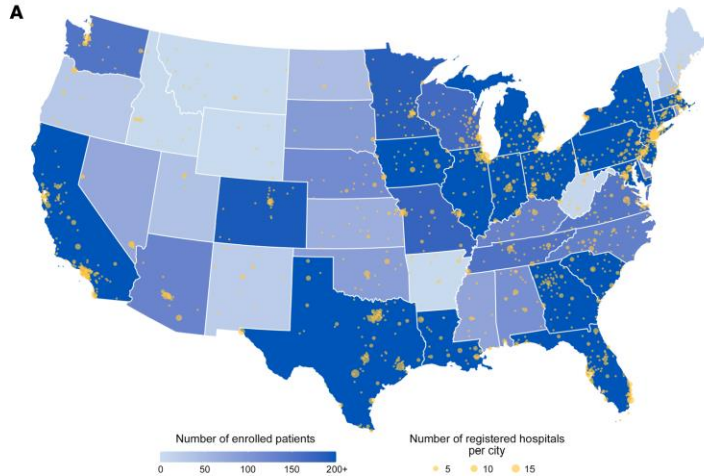


Table 2. Serious adverse event characteristics (n = 5,000)

| Four-hour reports | Reported (n = 36) | Related ^A (n = 25) | Estimate (95% CI) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mortality | 15 | 4 | 0.08% (0.03%, 0.21%) |
| Transfusion-associated circulatory overload | 7 | 7 | 0.14% (0.07%, 0.29%) |
| Transfusion-related acute lung injury | 11 | 11 | 0.22% (0.12%, 0.39%) |
| Severe allergic transfusion reaction | 3 | 3 | 0.06% (0.02%, 0.18%) |
| Seven-day reports | | | |
| Mortality | 602 | | 14.9% (13.8%, 16.0%) ^B |

CONCLUSION. Given the deadly nature of COVID-19 and the large population of critically ill patients included in these analyses, the mortality rate does not appear excessive. These early indicators suggest that transfusion of convalescent plasma is safe in hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF COVID-19 CONVALESCENT PLASMA FOR TREATMENT OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS WITH COVID-19

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product high titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma to treat hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Available evidence suggests potential benefit is associated with transfusion of high titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma early in the course of disease and those hospitalized with impaired humoral immunity. Transfusion of COVID-19 convalescent plasma to hospitalized patients late in the course of illness (e.g., following respiratory failure requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation) has not been associated with clinical benefit.

Convalescent plasma for covid-19

Authorisation in the US was premature, and a missed opportunity

Lise J Estcourt, David J Roberts

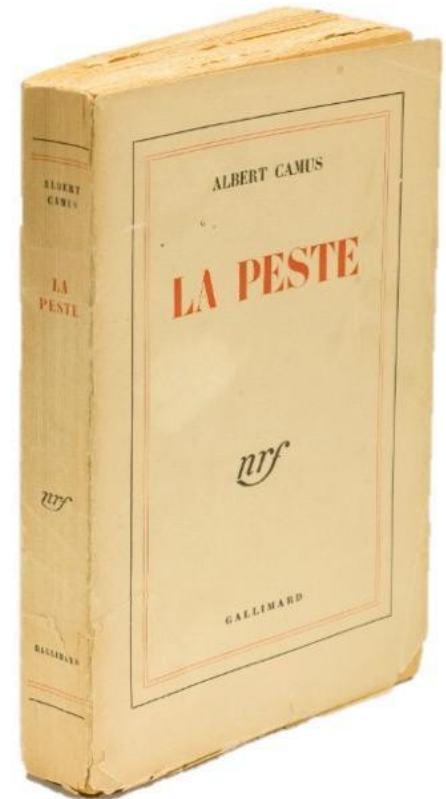


COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma: Now Is the Time for Better Science

“Le mal dans le monde vient presque toujours de l'ignorance, et les bonnes intentions peuvent faire autant de mal que la malveillance si elles manquent de compréhension”- Albert Camus, *The Plague*, 1947

Sunny Dzik, Transfus Med Rev 2020; 34(3): 141-144

- Transfusion-Associated Circulatory Overload in the Critically Ill
- Complement and Coagulation
- Antibody-Dependent Enhancement of COVID-19 Disease
- Unexpected Findings Are Best Understood by Randomized Trials





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Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Convalescent plasma or hyperimmune immunoglobulin for people with COVID-19: a living systematic review (Review)

Piechotta V, Chai KL, Valk SJ, Doree C, Monsef I, Wood EM, Lamikanra A, Kimber C, McQuilten Z, So-Osman C, Estcourt LJ, Skoetz N

AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS

Implications for practice

The currently available evidence on the safety and effectiveness of convalescent plasma and hyperimmune immunoglobulin for treatment of people hospitalised with COVID-19 is of very low certainty.



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“Rolling Collaborative Review” of Covid-19 treatments

CONVALESCENT PLASMA THERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF COVID-19

Project ID: RCR01
Monitoring Report

4.4 Scientific conclusion about status of evidence generation

Currently the evidence for CPT for COVID-19 is in the early stages and it is difficult to draw reliable conclusions from it. Proxy measures such as viral conversion rates are promising but as yet there is no high quality evidence of effectiveness for clinical outcomes. With the large number of RCTs which are expected to report in 2020 or early 2021 good quality evidence is expected to be available in the near future.

Management of Critically Ill Adults With COVID-19

Poston JT, Patel B, Davis A. JAMA 2020; 323 (18)

Therapy

1. In adults receiving mechanical ventilation who do not have ARDS, routine use of systematic corticosteroids is suggested against (weak recommendation, LQE). In those with ARDS, use of corticosteroids is suggested (weak recommendation, LQE).
2. In COVID-19 patients receiving mechanical ventilation who have respiratory failure, use of empiric antimicrobial/antibacterial agents is suggested (no evidence rating); assess for deescalation.
3. In critically ill adults with fever, use of pharmacologic agents for temperature control is suggested over nonpharmacologic agents or no treatment. Routine use of standard IV immunoglobulins is not suggested. Convalescent plasma is not suggested. There is insufficient evidence to issue a recommendation on use of any of the following: antiviral agents, recombinant interferons, chloroquine/hydroxychloroquine, or tocilizumab.

Collecting and evaluating convalescent plasma for COVID-19 treatment: why and how?

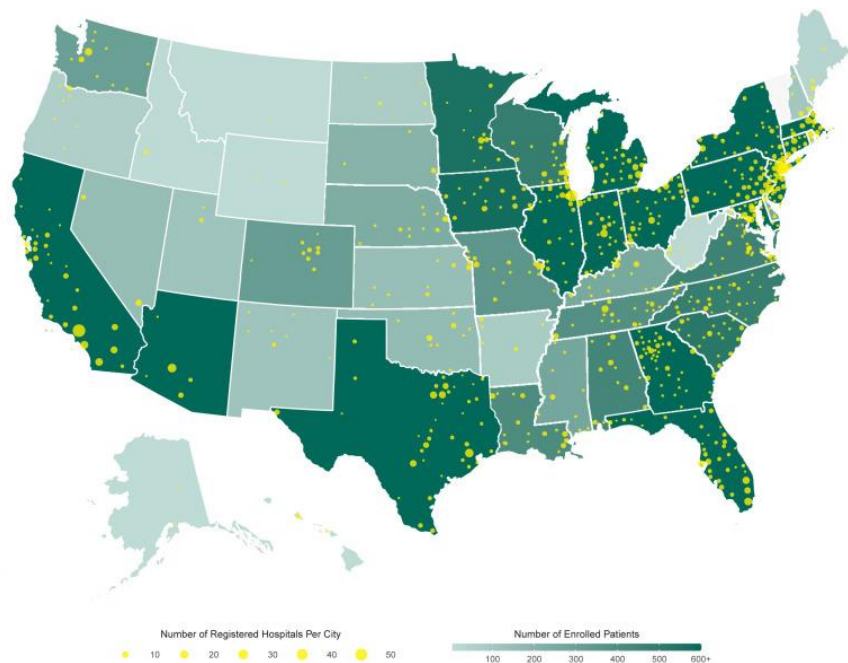
Tiberghien P, de Lamballerie X, Morel P et al. Vox Sanguinis 2020; 115: 488-494



Una acurada avaluació clínica ha de permetre establir ràpidament si el plasma convalescent, **administrat en fases inicials de la malaltia a pacients amb alt risc d'evolucionar malament**, pot reduir el deteriorament del pacient i, per tant, la mortalitat

Effect of Convalescent Plasma on Mortality among Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19: Initial Three-Month Experience

Joyner M, Senefeld J, Klassen S. et al. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.08.12.20169359>



35.322 patients transfused
with convalescent plasma

Conclusions and Relevance The relationships between reduced mortality and both earlier time to transfusion and higher antibody levels provide signatures of efficacy for convalescent plasma in the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. This information may be informative for the treatment of COVID-19 and design of randomized clinical trials involving convalescent plasma.

Plasma Convalescent COVID-19

últimes dades

Convalescent plasma in the management of moderate covid-19 in adults in India: open label phase II multicentre randomised controlled trial (PLACID Trial)

Agarwal A, Mukherjee A, Kumar G et al. BMJ 2020; 371; m3939

EDITORIALS

Convalescent plasma is ineffective for covid-19

Lessons from the Placid Trial

PLACID trial

Conclusion

Although the use of convalescent plasma seemed to improve resolution of shortness of breath and fatigue in patients with moderate covid-19 and led to higher negative conversion of SARS-CoV-2 RNA on day 7 post-enrolment, this did not translate into a reduction in 28 day mortality or progression to severe disease.

Areas of future research could include effectiveness of convalescent plasma among neutralising antibody negative patients and the use of convalescent plasma with high neutralising antibody titres. The challenge will be to find both suitable patients and suitable plasma donors. Additionally, this challenge could limit the use of convalescent plasma to a small subset of patients.

- No titulació d'anticossos neutralitzants
- No s'especifica el moment de l'administració del plasma convalescent

A Randomized Trial of Convalescent Plasma in Covid-19 Severe Pneumonia

Simonovich V A, Burgos Pratz L D, Scibona P et al. NEJM 2020, November 24

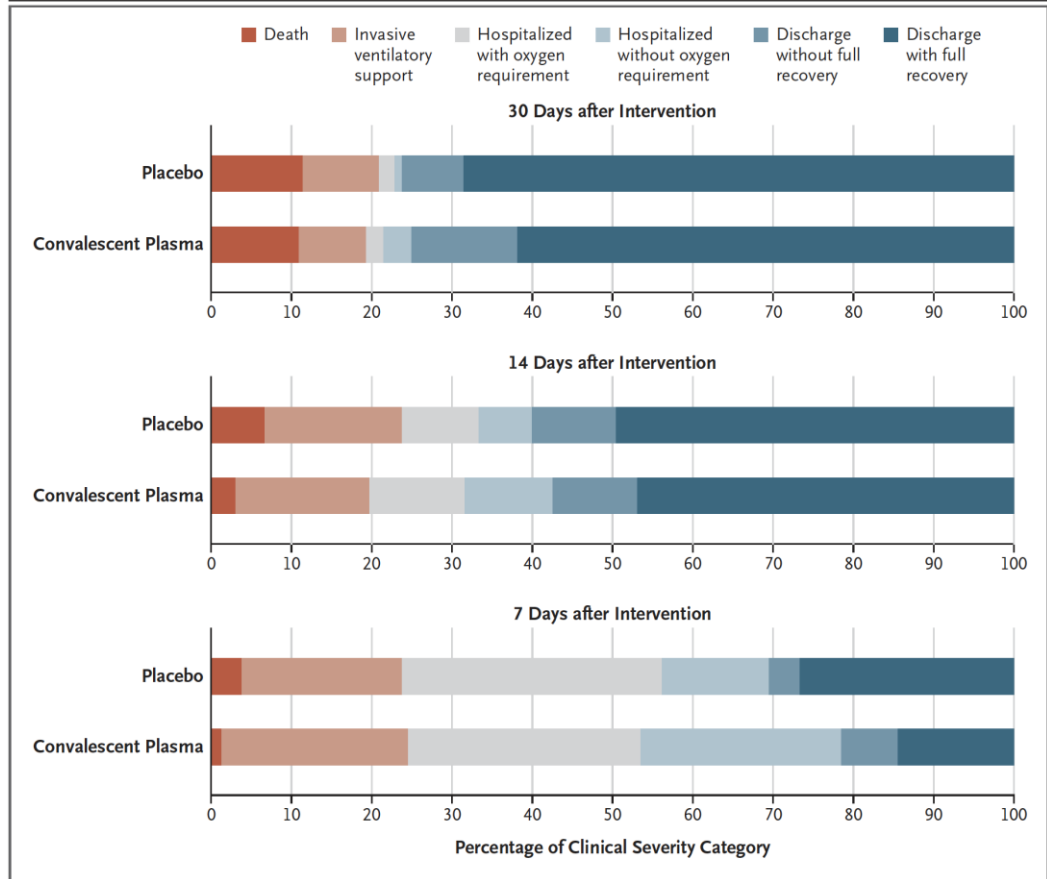


Figure 2. Clinical Outcomes among Patients Treated with Convalescent Plasma as Compared with Placebo.
 The distribution of the clinical status according to the ordinal scale is shown at 30 days, 14 days, and 7 days after the intervention.

Plasma Convalescent COVID-19 ultimes dades

JAMA | **Original Investigation**

Association of Convalescent Plasma Treatment With Clinical Outcomes in Patients With COVID-19 A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Janiaud P, Axfords C, Schmitt A et al. JAMA 2021; 325(12): 1185-1195

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Treatment with convalescent plasma compared with placebo or standard of care was not significantly associated with a decrease in all-cause mortality or with any benefit for other clinical outcomes. The certainty of the evidence was low to moderate for all-cause mortality and low for other outcomes.

STUDY SELECTION The RCTs selected compared any type of convalescent plasma vs placebo or standard of care for patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 in any treatment setting.

Early High-Titer Plasma Therapy to Prevent Severe Covid-19 in Older Adults

Libster R, Pérez Marc G, Wappner D et al. NEJM 2021, January 6

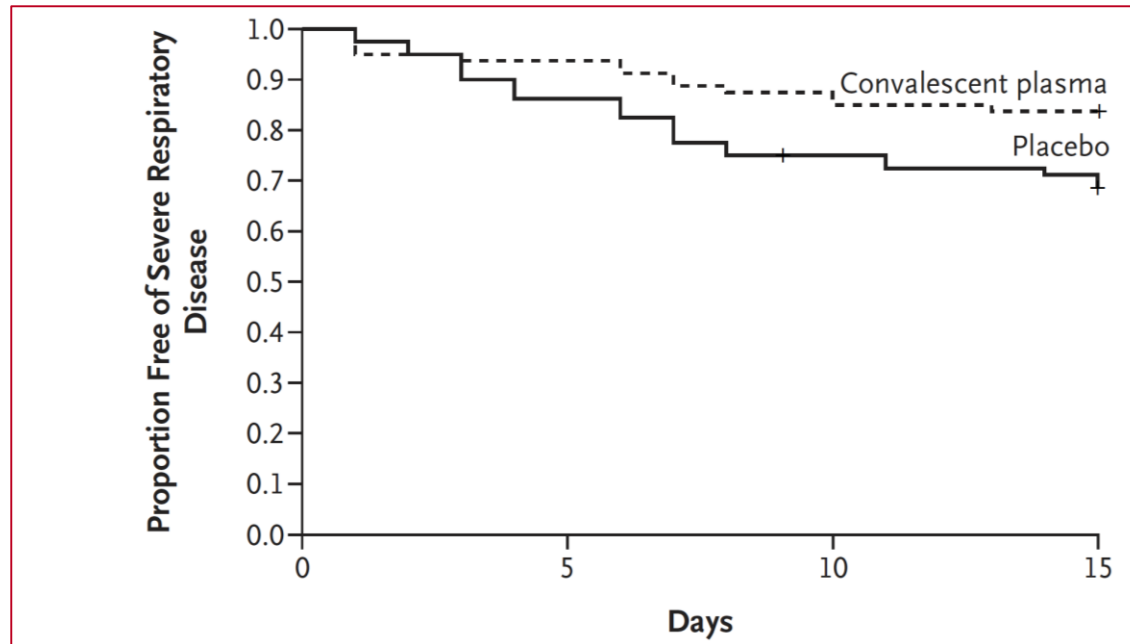


Table 3. Primary End Point, According to Donor SARS-CoV-2 S IgG Titer.

| Patient Group | Patients with Severe Respiratory Disease | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Reduction |
|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>no./total no. (%)</i> | | |
| Placebo group | 25/80 (31) | 1.00 | |
| Recipient of SARS-CoV-2 S IgG in donor plasma* | | | |
| At a titer at or above median concentration | 3/36 (8) | 0.27 (0.08–0.68) | 73.3 |
| At a titer below median concentration | 9/42 (21) | 0.69 (0.34–1.31) | 31.4 |



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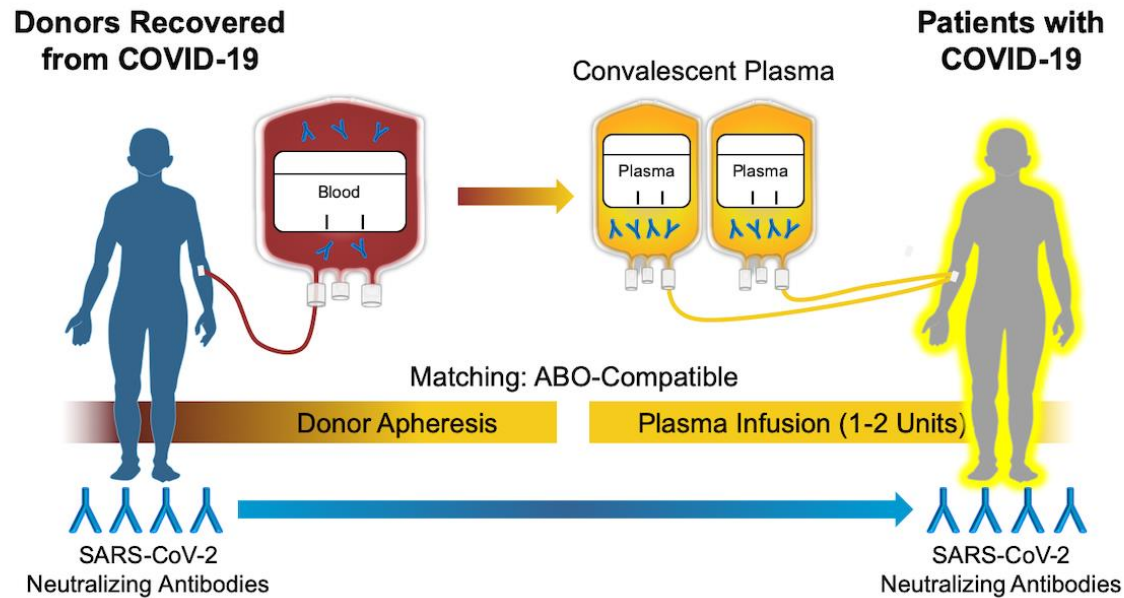
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ESTUDIO OBSERVACIONAL SOBRE EL IMPACTO CLÍNICO (SEGURIDAD/EFICACIA) DE LA TRANSFUSIÓN DE PLASMA CONVALESCIENTE EN PACIENTES COVID-19 DE LA RED HOSPITALARIA DE CATALUÑA



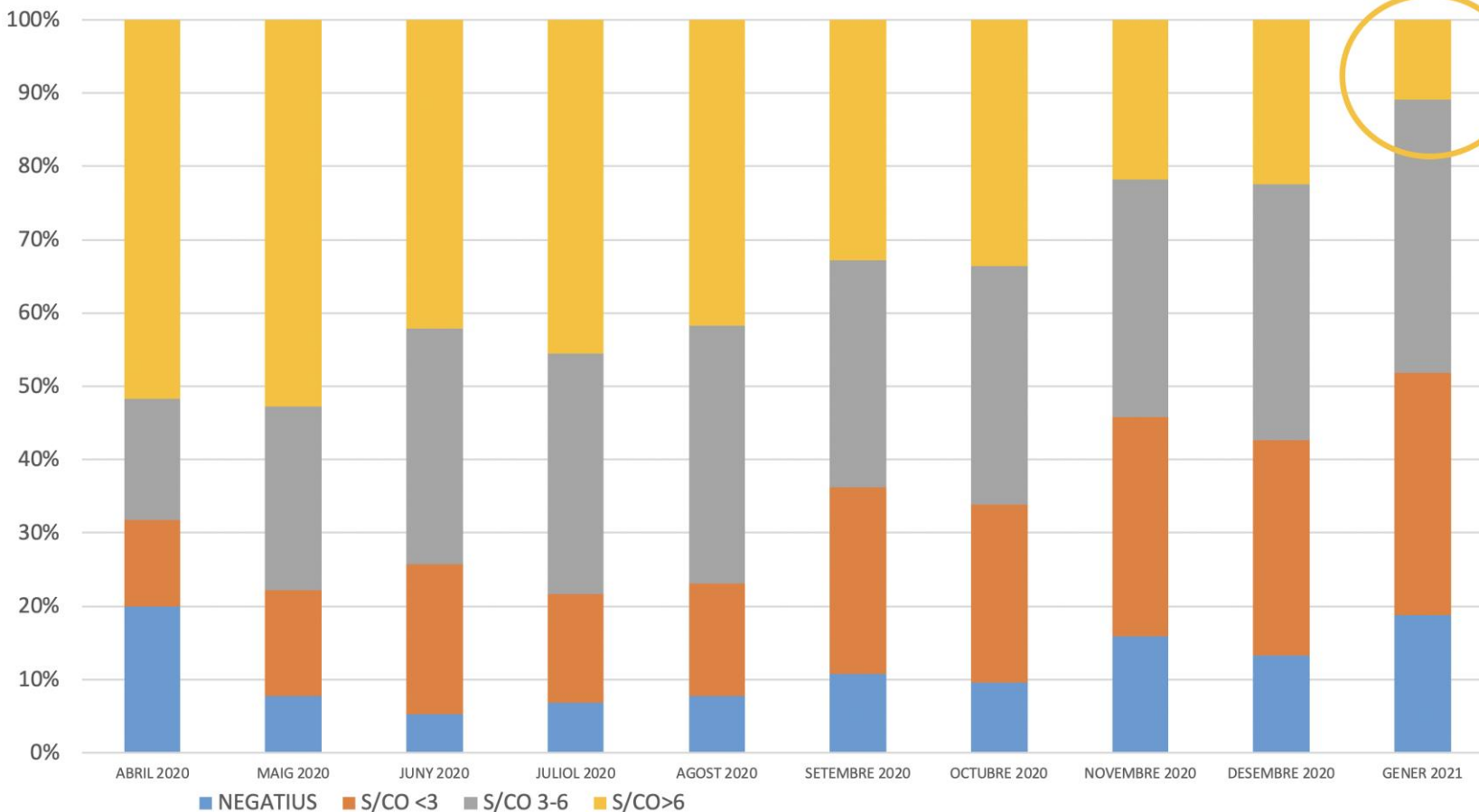
Tractament de la COVID19 amb plasma convallescent



- Administració precoç
- Títols alts d'anticossos
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- Patologia de base

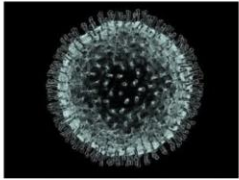
EVOLUCIO DELS TÍTOLS ANTI-SARS-CoV-2 IgG EN PC-COVID-19 TOTAL DONACIONS CANDIDATES A PC-COVID-19

PC-COVID-19
10% prox.



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SARS-CoV-2 anti-Spike anticossos neutralitzants



DONANTS PC-COVID-19
Títols alts (S/Co>6) N=151



5.191 ± 4.878 UA/mL
(706-31.740)

PREVENCIÓ DE RISCOS-BST
N=121

17.748 ± 12.104 UA/mL
(1748 – 59.051)

DONANTS PC-COVID-19 Vacunats
Pfizer/AstraZeneca N=56

34.135 ± 23.511 UA/mL
(5.463 - >80.000)

3,4x

7x

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An EU programme of COVID-19 convalescent plasma collection and transfusion

Recipients of COVID-19 vaccines who have never been infected with COVID-19 do not meet the definition of 'convalescent' plasma donors. Given the increasing number of approved vaccines and the existence of virus variants that can escape neutralization, it is preferable to ensure that CCP collected from donors contains antibodies directly related to their immune response to infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is prevalent in the local population. However, vaccinated individuals may donate standard plasma. If that plasma is shown to contain high titre neutralizing SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, blood establishments may consider redesignating it for clinical use as an equivalent to CCP.

Eligible CCP donors who received a COVID-19 vaccine after recovery from disease may donate CCP. Possible administration of COVID-19 vaccines for the purpose of boosting immunity of convalescent plasma donors should be investigated in clinical trials. This guidance related to vaccination is in line with the current approach in the United States⁴.

Plasma vacunal com alternativa al plasma convalescent en el tractament de la COVID-19. Caracterització del component i estudi observacional

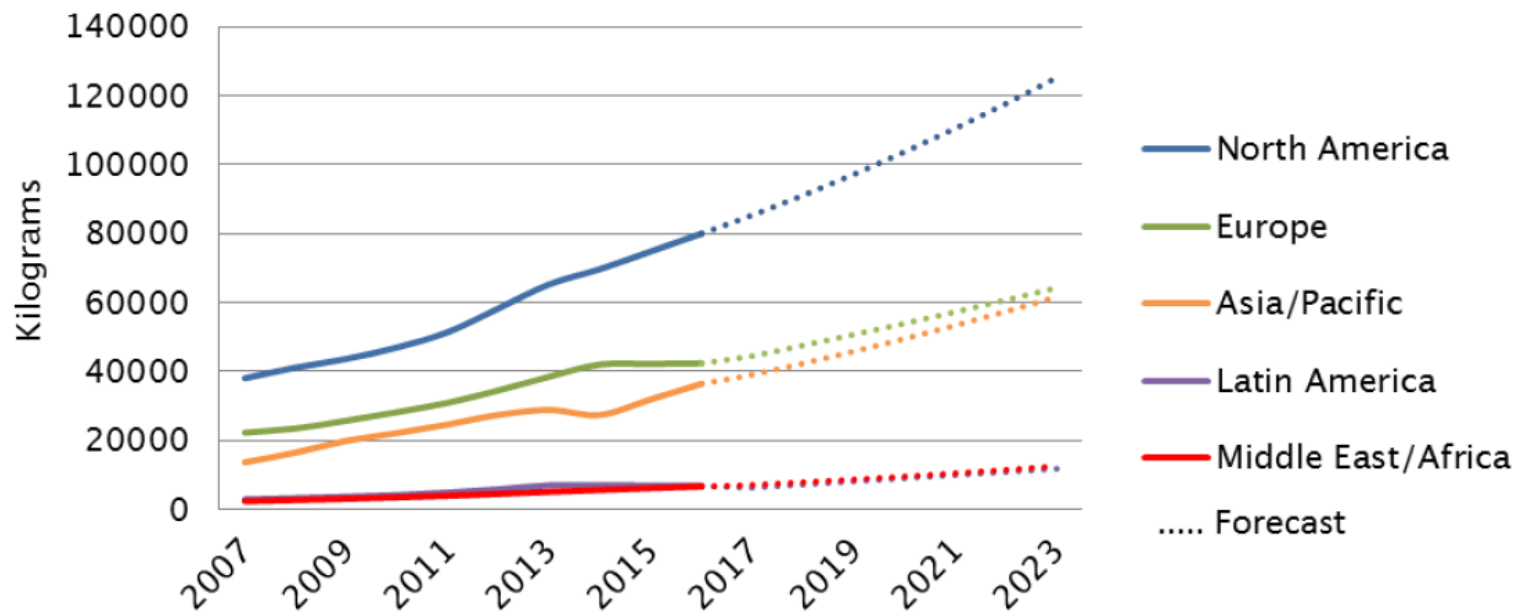
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contribució a l'autosuficiència d'hemoderivats

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Figure 2.3: Global IG Demand – Actual and Projected

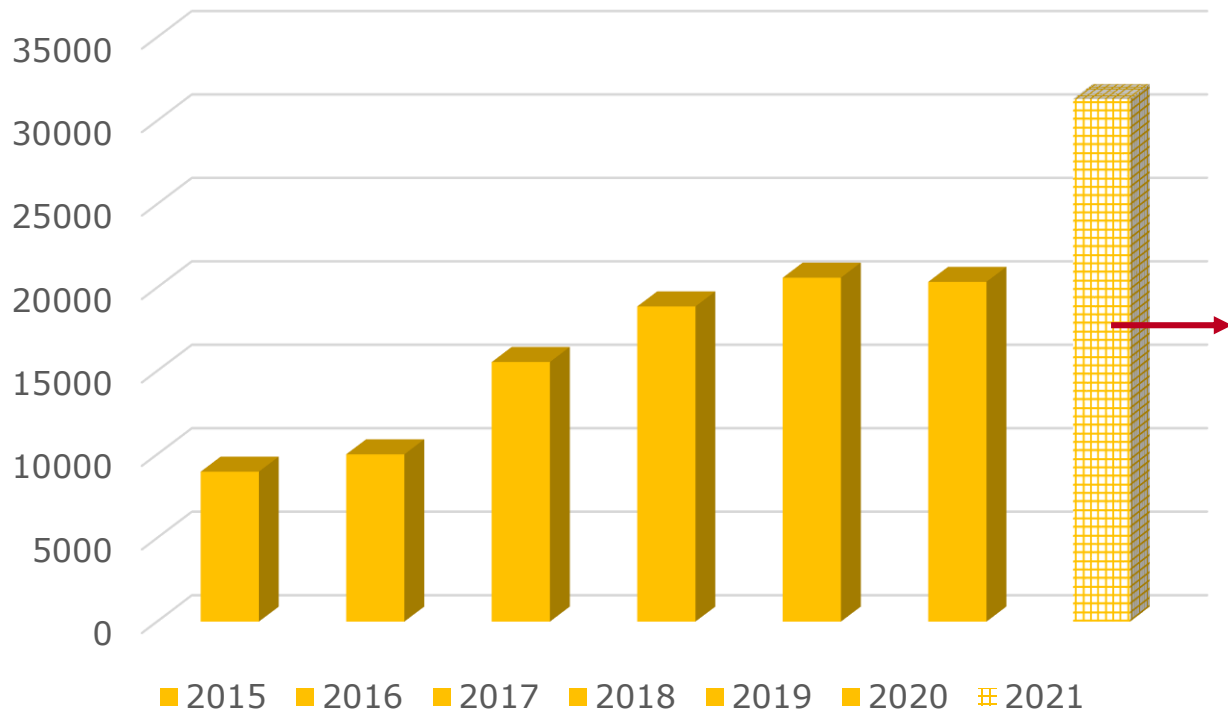


Data from MRB (2015) Forecast of the Global Immunoglobulin Market (2014–2023).

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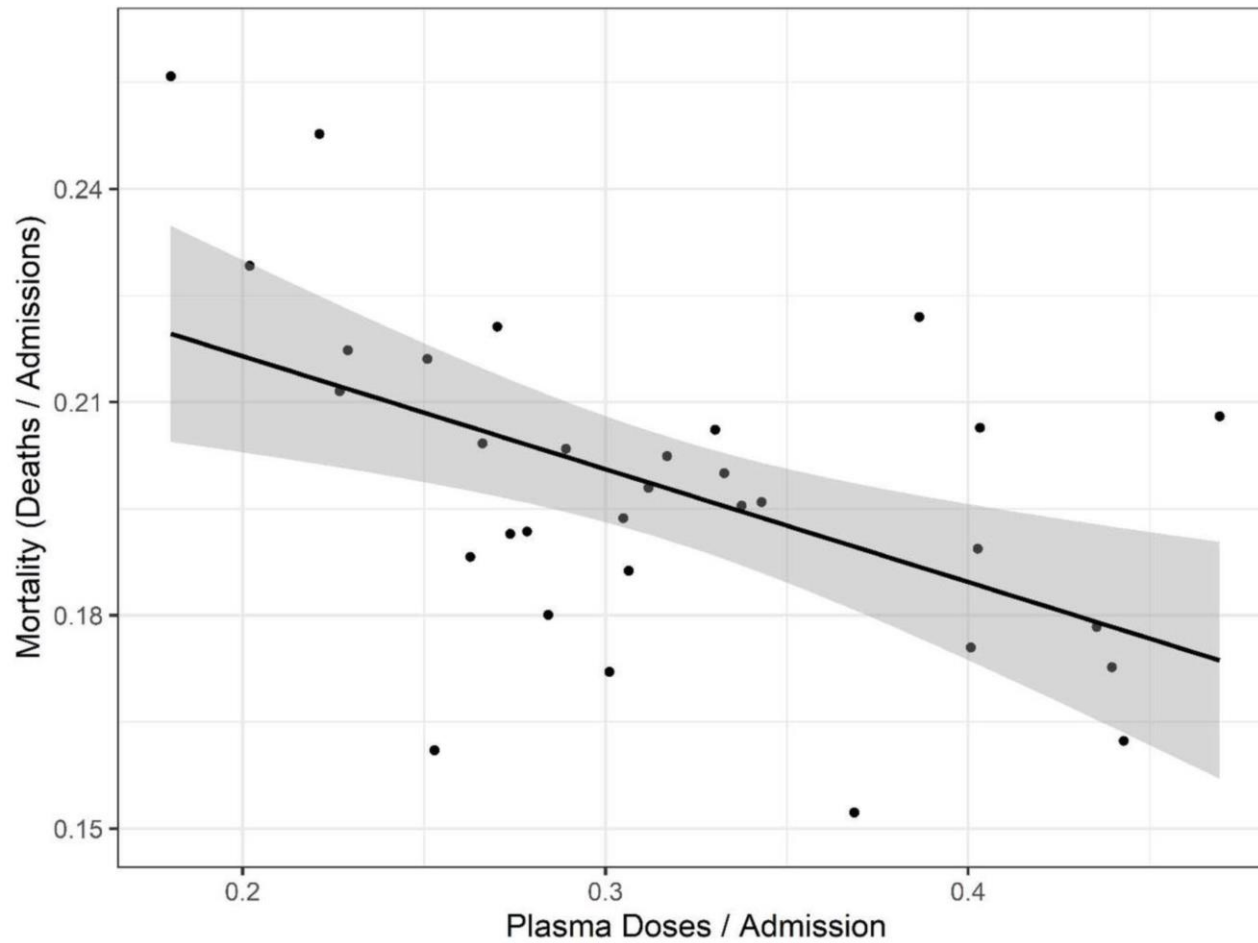


Més del 25% de les plasmafèresi corresponen a plasma convalescent

Convalescent Plasma Use in the United States was inversely correlated with COVID-19 Mortality:

Did Convalescent Plasma Hesitancy cost lives?

Casadevall A, Dragotakes Q, Johnson PV et al. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.04.07.21255089>



en resum ...

- L'evidència científica disponible **no recolza** l'ús generalitzat del plasma convalescent pel tractament de la COVID-19
- Sembla que l'administració de plasma convalescent a pacients adults amb símptomes lleus o moderats pot prevenir una COVID severa sempre i quan s'administri de forma **precoç** i el plasma contingui **títols alts d'anticossos**
- El plasma procedent de pacients que s'han recuperat de la COVID-19 i han estat vacunats (**plasma vacunal**) conté uns títols molt alts d'anticossos neutralitzants i pot ser una alternativa al plasma convalescent.
- A curt termini es disposarà de resultats d'assaigs clínics i estudis observacionals que aportaran **més evidència científica** en relació al plasma convalescent i al vacunal.



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