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IVIg therapy in Immune ThrombocytoPenia and FNAIT

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ITP: the problem

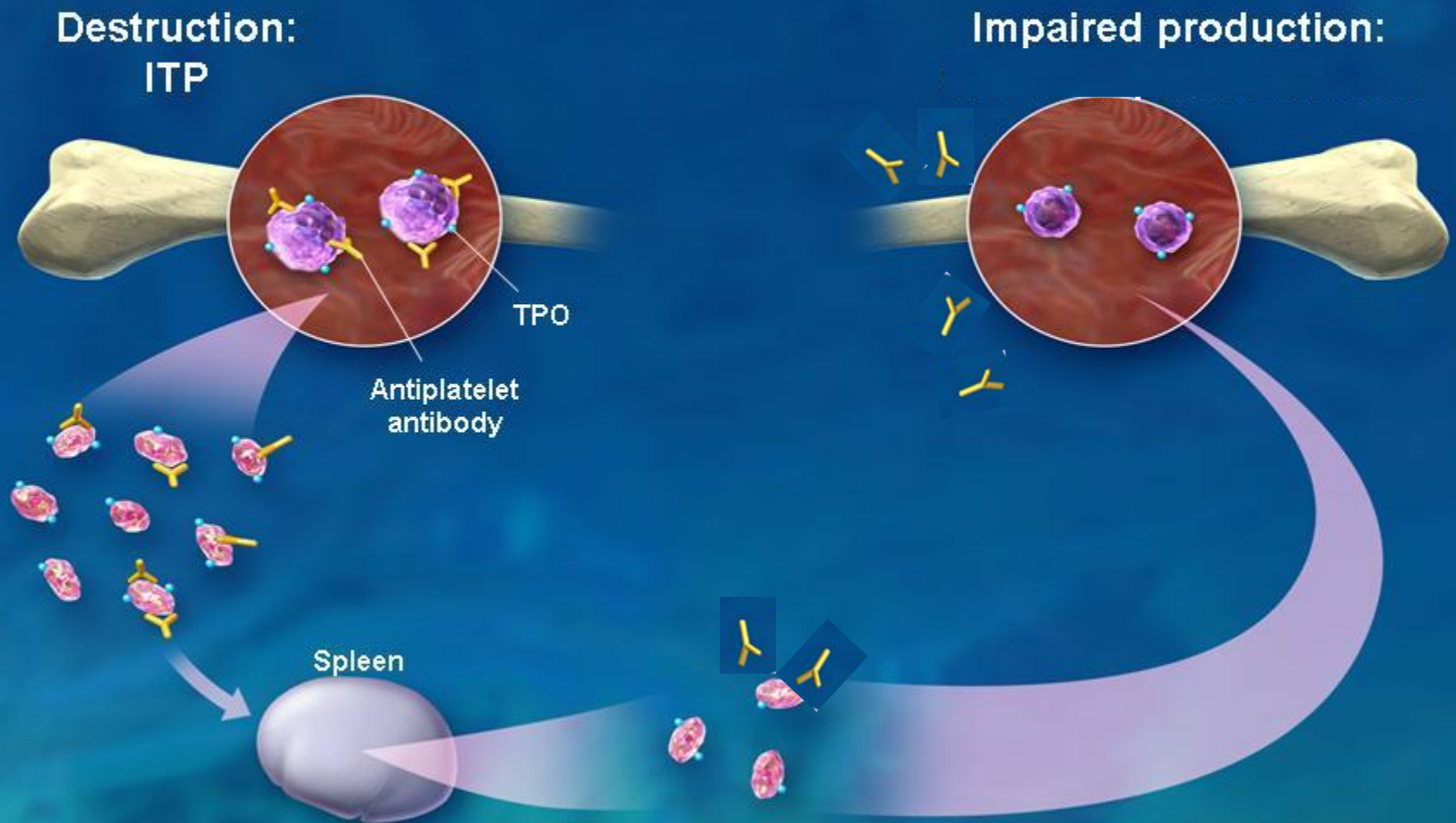
Adults:

- incidence : ± 4 per 100.000 patient years
- prevalence: 3,6 - 5,3 per 150.000 inhabitants
- at debut bleeding symptoms and mostly < QoL

Children:

- mostly following infections
- 80-90 % recover within 3 to 12 months
- chronic course 10-25%

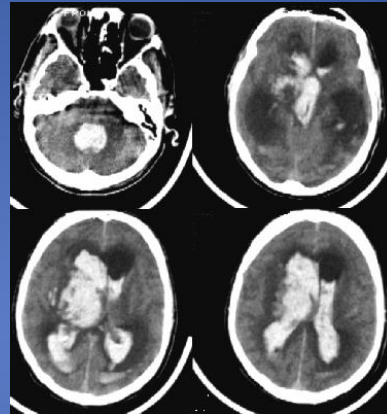
Traditional concepts of ITP



Bleeding = treatment indication



Acute bleeding treatment



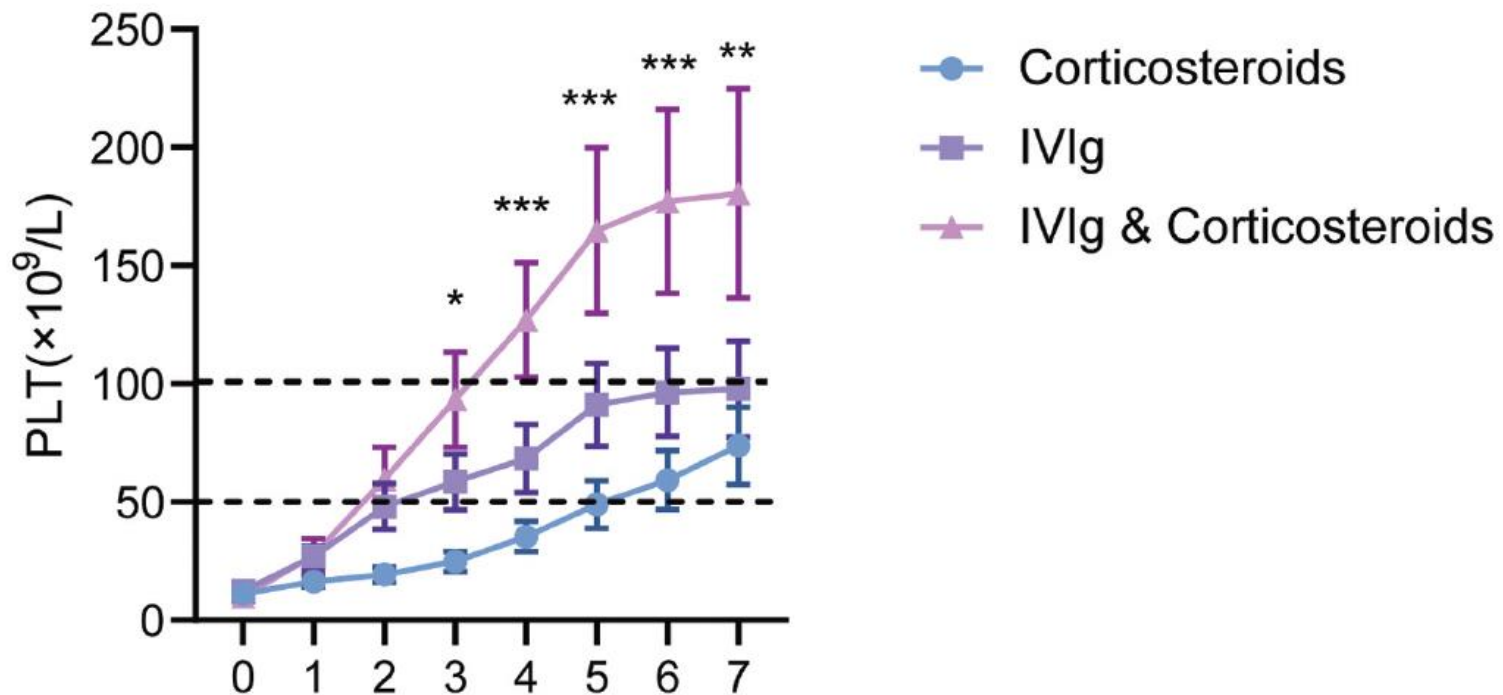
High dose corticosteroids: 50% relapsing

IVIg: max 2 weeks effect)

1. Bussel JB. Hematol Oncol Clin North Am 1990; 4:179-191
2. Schipperus et al. Ned Tijdschr Hematol 2013;10:122-131

Efficacy and Safety Analysis of Combination Therapy Consisting of Intravenous Immunoglobulin and Corticosteroids versus Respective Monotherapies in the Treatment of Relapsed ITP in Adults

Lijun Fang et al. *Glob Med Genet* 2023;10:87–96



Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura Current Treatment Options: Immune Globulin

TPO-bound platelets

Immune globulin

F(ab)₂-mediated mechanisms

A Neutralize toxins, cytokines and auto-Ab ↓



Fc-mediated mechanisms

B Saturate FcRn and enhance clearance of auto-Ab ↓
Complement system activation ↓
EC activation (innate immunity) ↓

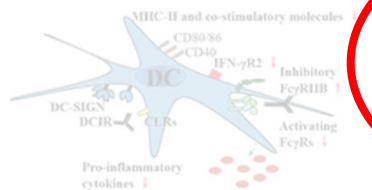


Fc-mediated mechanisms

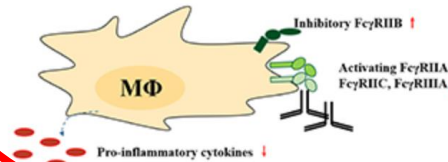
Innate Immunity

Adaptive Immunity

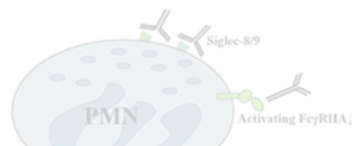
C DC differentiation ↓



Macrophage activation ↓



Neutrophil activation and adhesion ↓
Neutrophil Extracellular Traps formation ↓



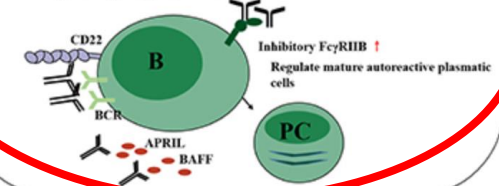
NK cells activation, degranulation ↓
NK mediated ADCC ↓



D T cells activation, proliferation and differentiation, cytokine production ↓
apoptosis ↓



B cells proliferation ↓ apoptosis ↓
Regulating Ab production



B cell

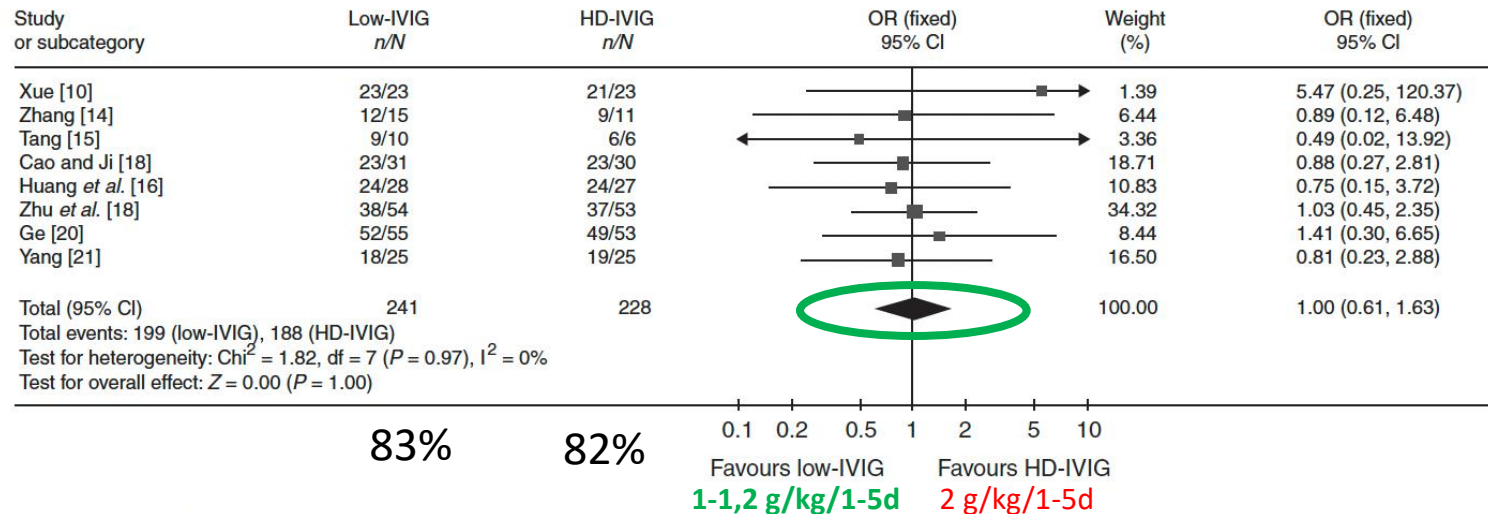
T cell

Spleen

phage

The efficacy of different dose intravenous immunoglobulin in treating acute idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura: a meta-analysis of 13 randomized controlled trials

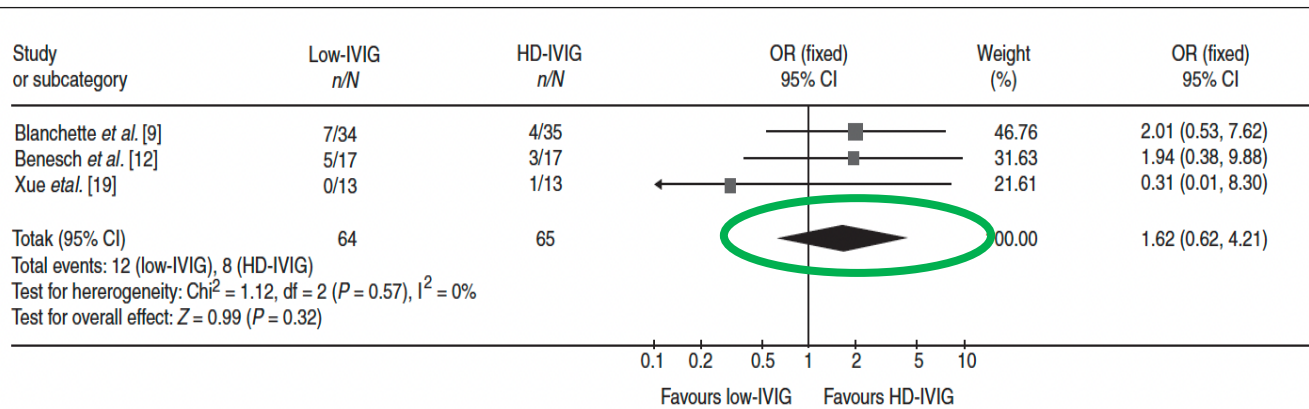
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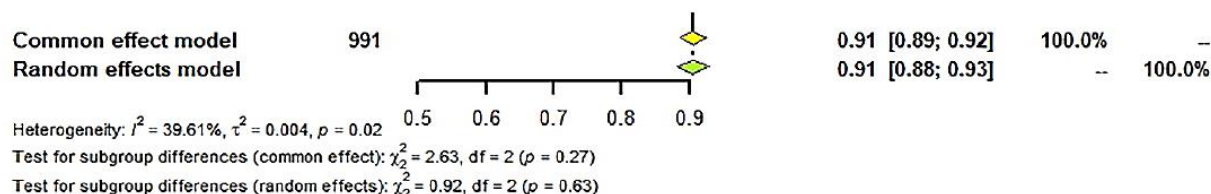
1-1,2 g/kg/1-5d 2 g/kg/1-5d

Rate of developing into chronic idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura. χ^2 , χ^2 -test; CI, confidence interval; df, degree of freedom; HD, high dose; I^2 , heterogeneity index; IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; OR, odds ratio.

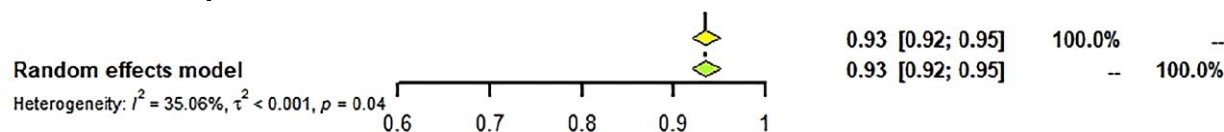
Can low-dose intravenous immunoglobulin be an alternative to high-dose intravenous immunoglobulin in the treatment of **children** with newly diagnosed immune thrombocytopenia: a systematic review and meta-analysis (of 25 trials)

Ren X et al. *BMC Pediatrics* (2024) 24:199

Effectivity rate 0,6-1g/kg/1-5d



Effectivity rate 2 g/kg/5d



TIKI trial: observation (n=100) versus IVIg (0.8 g/kg, single dose; n=100)



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Intravenous immunoglobulin vs observation in childhood immune thrombocytopenia: a randomized controlled trial

 Clinical Trials & Observations

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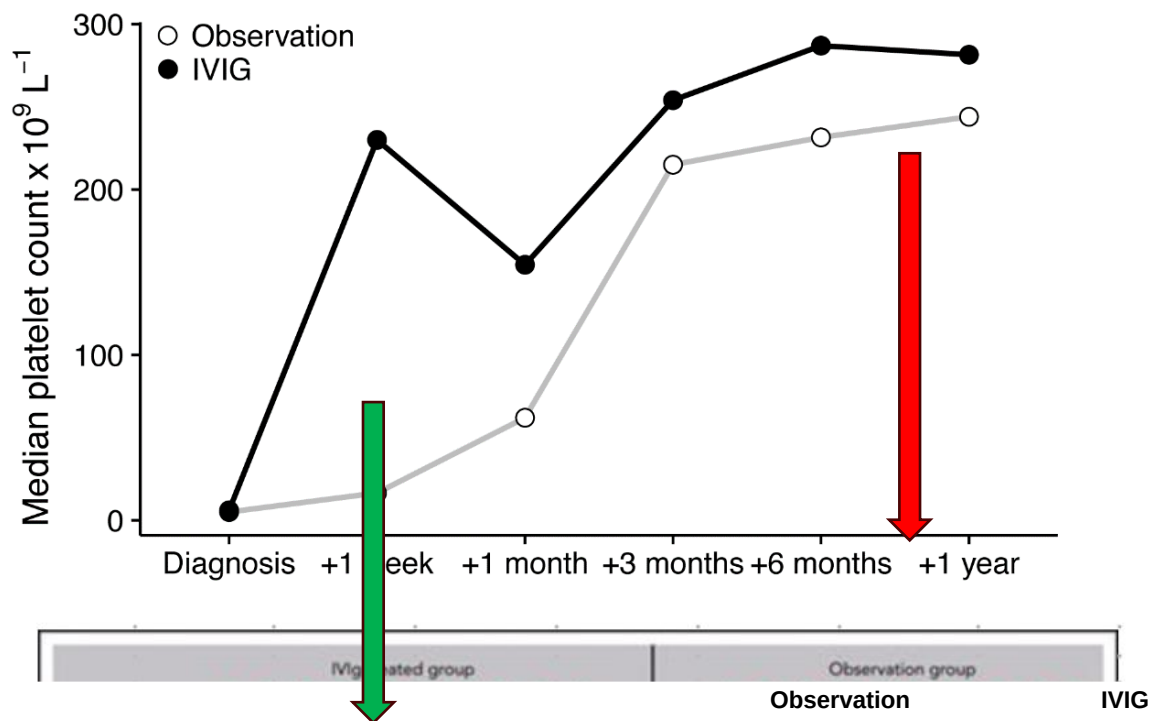
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Article history 

Childhood ITP: Dutch Workbook Pediatric Haematology; version 2024; E. Huisman et al., MD

Buchanan Score	Bleeding	Symptoms	Management
0	No	No new symptoms	Watchful waiting*
1	Mild	< 100 petechiae; < 5 small hematoma (< 3cm). No mucosal bleeding	Watchful waiting*
2	Moderate	>100 petechiae; >5 large hematoma (< 3cm). No mucosal bleeding	Watchful waiting*
3	Severe	Mild mucosal bleeding (epistaxis, gum-; oropharyngealgastrintestinal, hematuria, menorrhagia, without necessity of interference	Consult paediatrician-hematologist Watchful waiting or 7-10 days TXA or if hematuria: IVIG
4		Severe mucosal bleeding, suspicion internal bleeding for which interference is necessary (for example: Hb loss > 1 mmol/l) i.o.m. kinderarts-hematoloog IVIg en Prednison z.n. trombocyten of een erythrocytentransfusie.	Consult paediatrician-hematologist and start IVIG with or without Prednison, if necessary platelet and or RBC transfusion



Bleeding

Grade 2/3, observation	6	0
Grade 3, treatment	3	1
Grade 4/5	9	1



Is dosing of therapeutic immunoglobulins optimal? A review of a three-decade long debate in Europe

Jacqueline Kerr et al. *Frontiers in immunology* 2014

WITH relevant

Primary immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), in patients at risk of bleeding or prior to surgery to correct the platelet count.

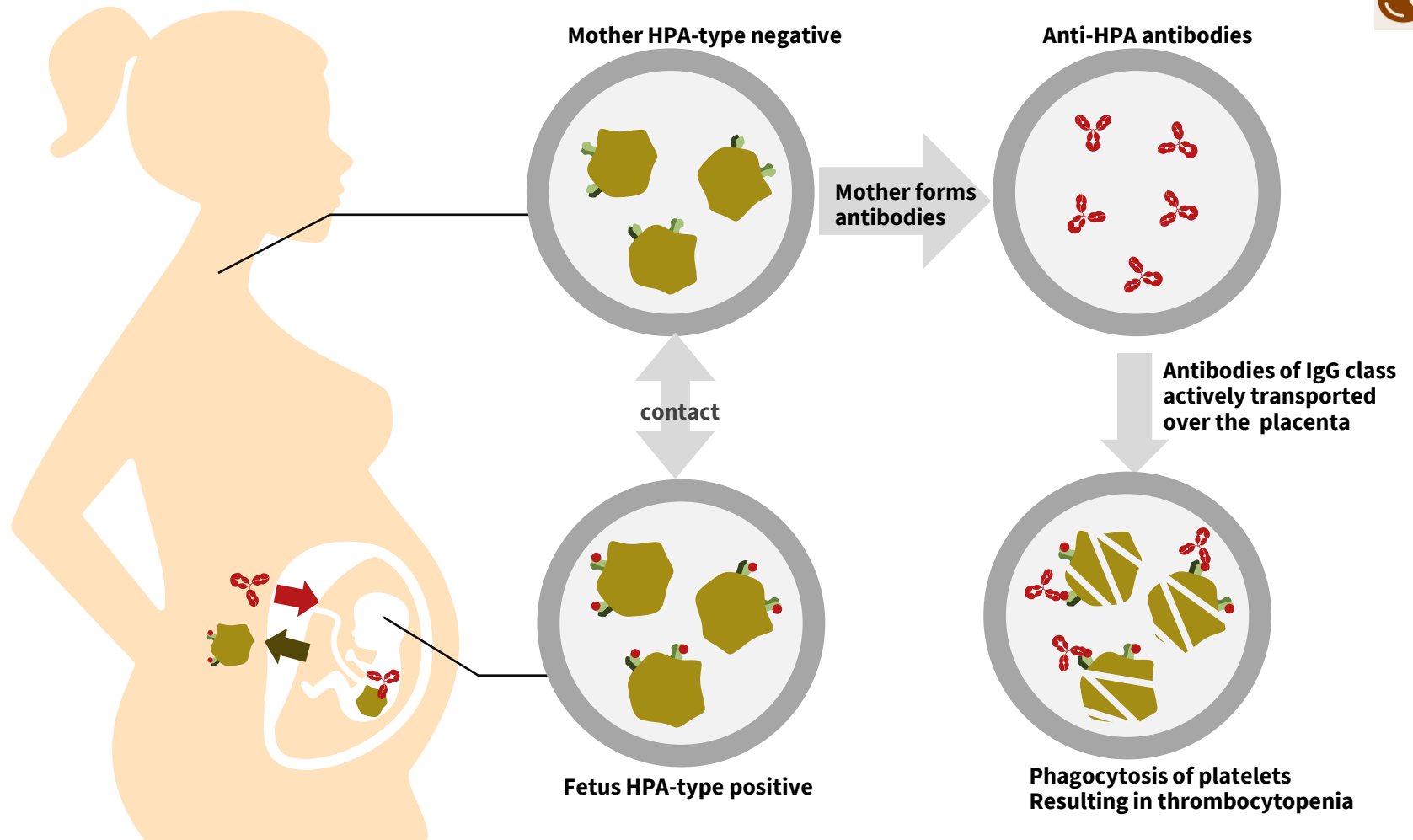
There are two alternative treatment schedules:

0.8–1 g/kg given on day one; this dose may be repeated once within 3 days

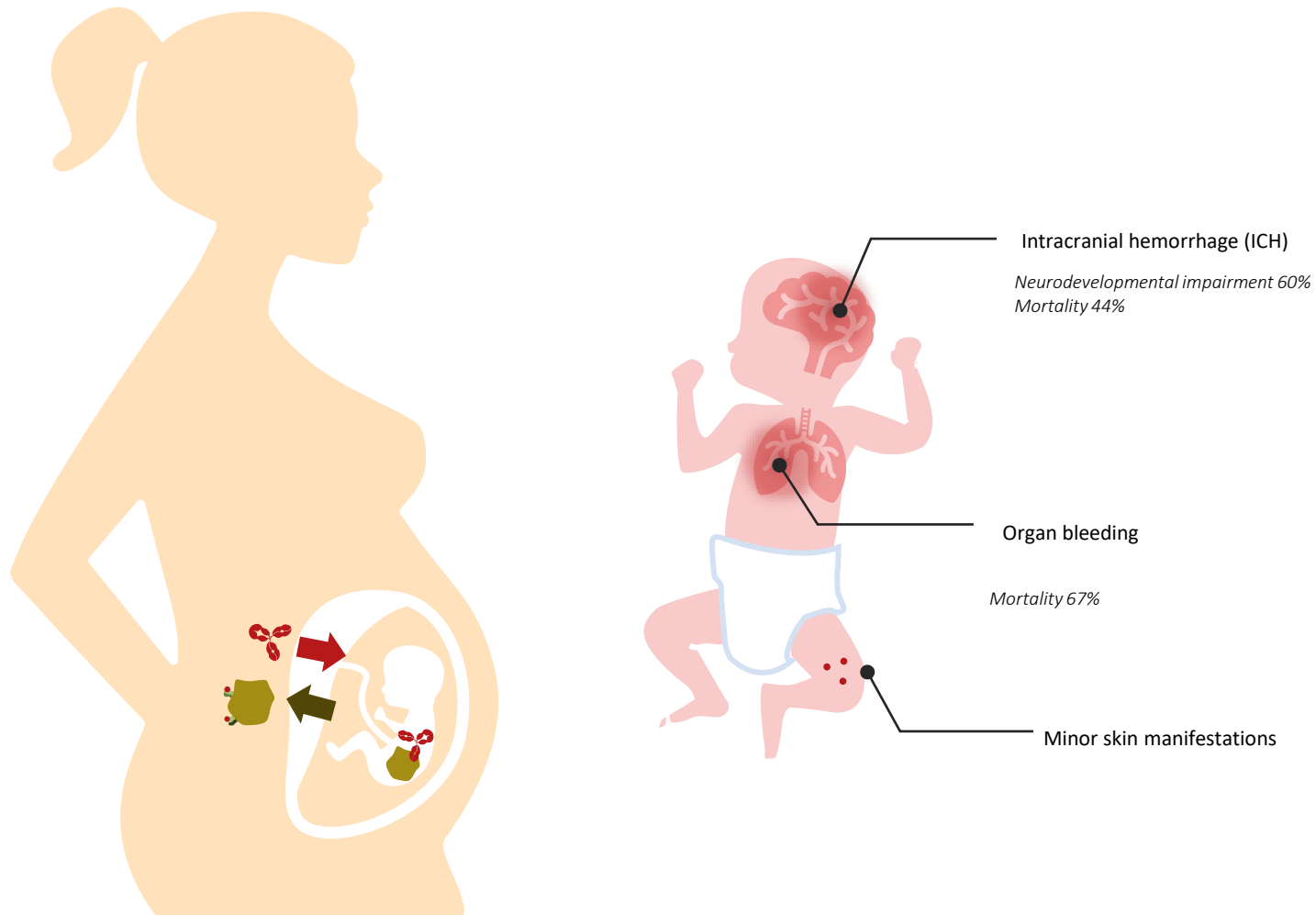
0.4 g/kg given daily for 2–5 days.

Rodeghiero F et al. Standardization of terminology, definitions and outcome criteria in immune thrombocytopenic purpura of adults and children: report from an international working group. *Blood* (2009) **113**(11):2386–93.

Fetal Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (FNAIT)



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HPA-1a immunisation causes severe bleeding in 11 in 10,000 pregnancies of HPA-1a negative women.



Human Platelet Antigens: distribution worldwide

System	Phenotype	White ancestry (%)	Black ancestry (%)	Asian ancestry (%)
HPA-1	HPA-1b1b	2-3	<1	<1
HPA-4	HPA-4a4a	>99.9	100	99.5
HPA-5	HPA-5a5a	88	82	99
CD36	CD36-negative	<0.4	8	3-11

Example: if of HPA-1b1b type means 'HPA-1a negative' and you may produce anti-HPA-1a

ISBT Working Party: Human Platelet Antigen Database (www.versiti.org)

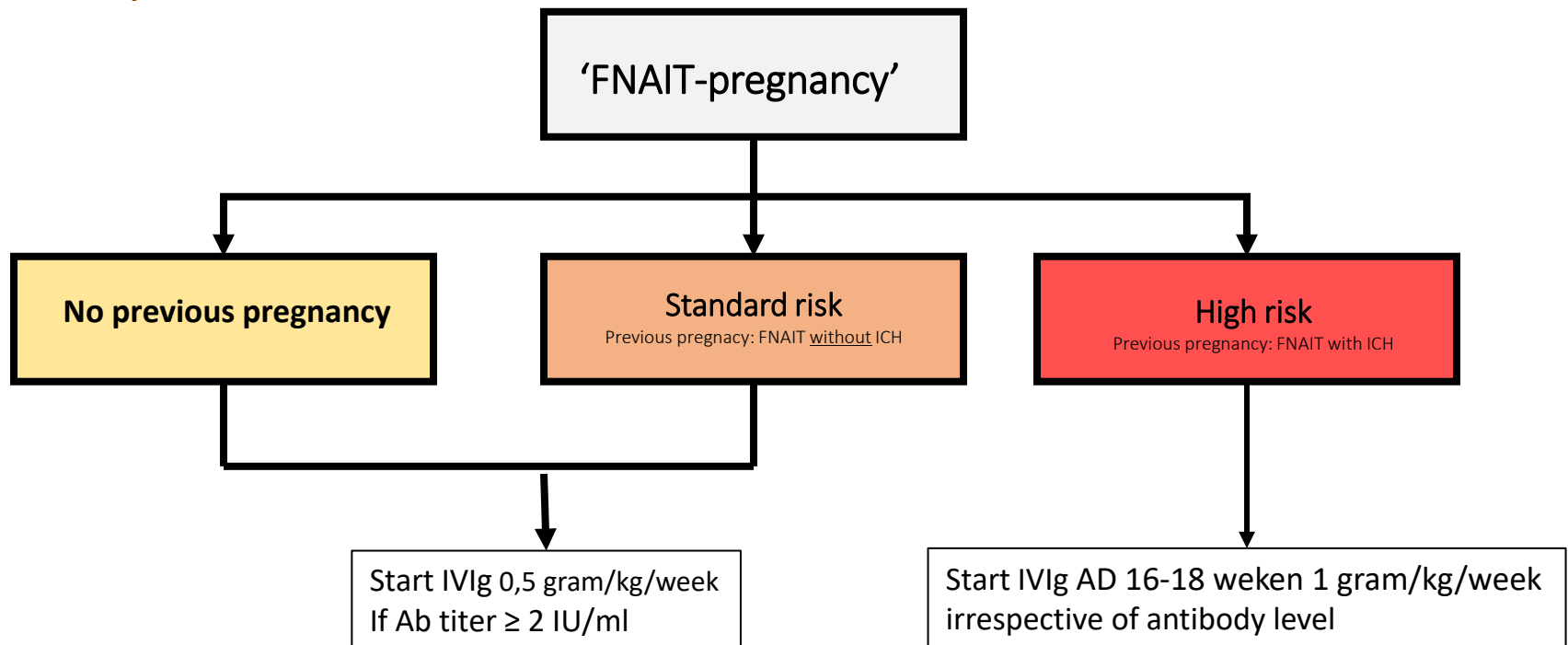
FNAIT: is risk stratification possible?



- information outcome previous pregnancy
- antibody titers

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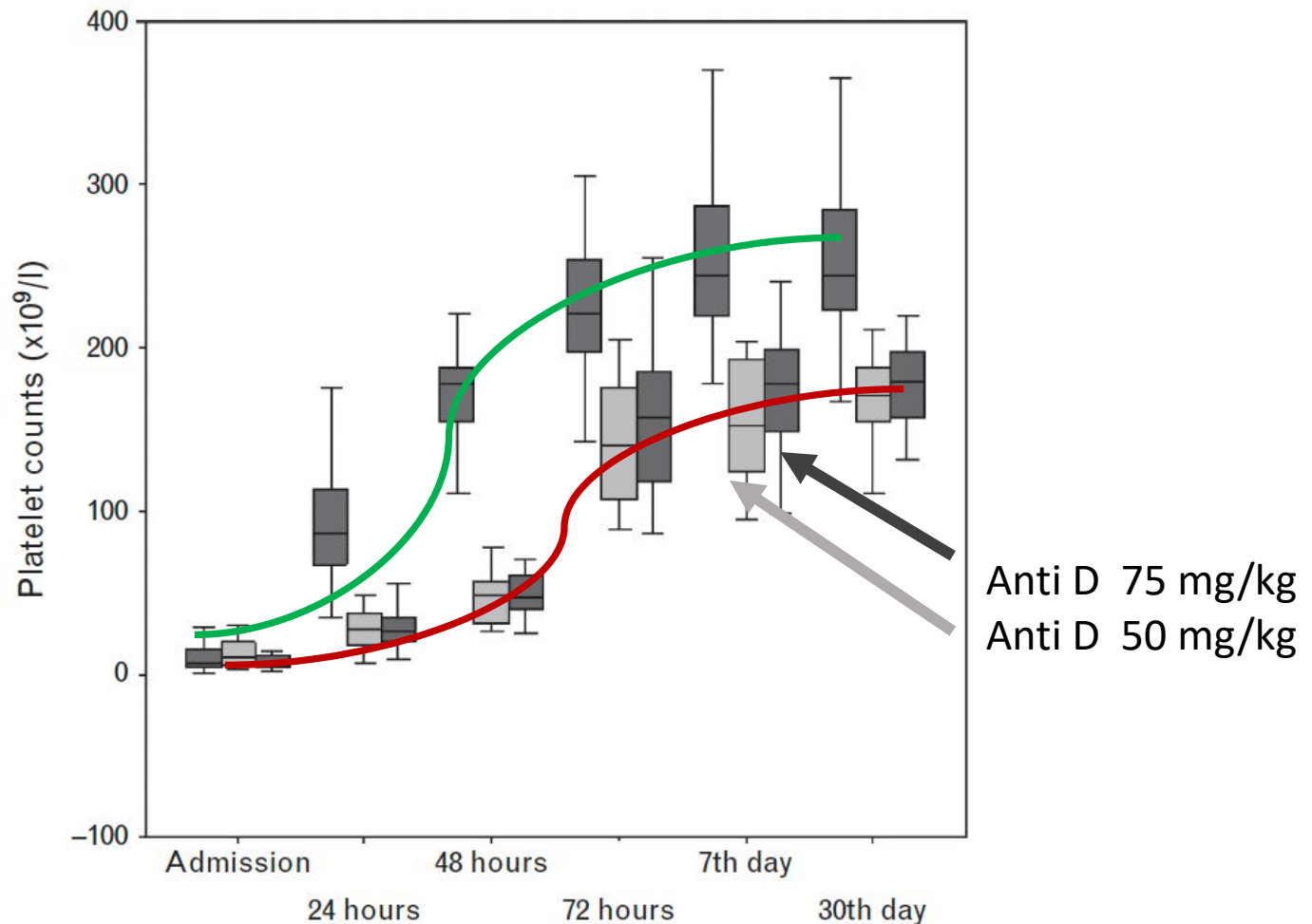
J. Clin. Med. 2023, 12, 5492. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jcm12175492>





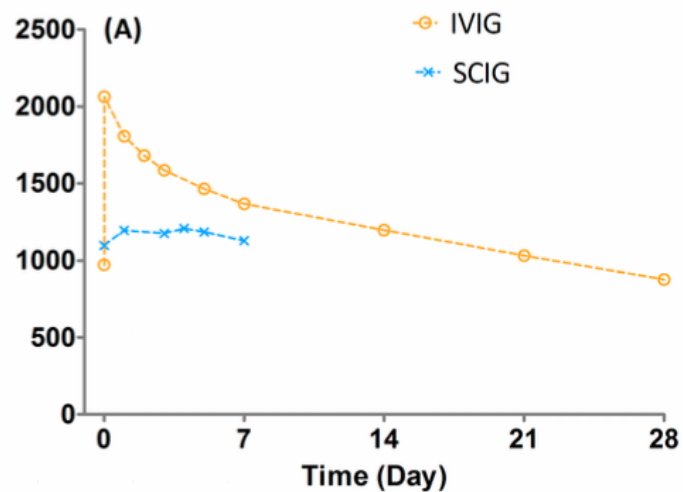
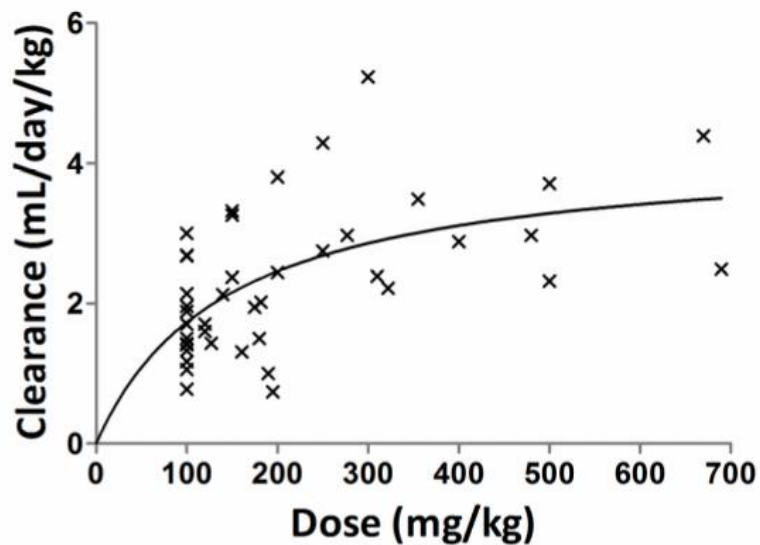
A comparison of intravenous immunoglobulin (2 g/kg totally) and single doses of anti-D immunoglobulin at 50 mg/kg, 75 mg/kg in newly diagnosed children with idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura: Ankara hospital experience

Alioglua B, et al. Blood Coagul Fibrinolysis 24:505– 509 β 2013



Considerations for Optimizing Dosing of Immunoglobulins Based on Pharmacokinetic Evidence

Mahmood I et al *Antibodies* 2020, 9, 24;



Comparative study between two bleeding grading systems of immune thrombocytopenia purpura

Chena Q, et al. 2021 Hematology, 26:1, 769-774

Table 2. IBLS scoring criteria.

Site	Bleeding grade		
	0	1	2
Skin (physical examination, PE)	None	1–5 bruises and/or scattered petechiae	> 5 bruises with size > 2 cm and/or diffuse petechiae
Oral (PE)	None	1 blood blister or > 5	
Petechiae or gum bleeding that clears easily with rinsing	Multiple blood blisters and/or gum bleeding		
Skin (Hx)	None	1–5 bruises and/or scattered petechiae	> 5 bruises with size > 2 cm and/or diffuse petechiae
Oral (Hx)	None	1 blood blister or > 5 petechiae and/or gum bleeding < 5 minutes	Multiple blood blisters and/or gum bleeding > 5 minutes
Epistaxis	None	Blood when blowing nose and/or epistaxis < 5 minutes (per episode)	Bleeding > 5 minutes (per episode)
Gastrointestinal	None	Occult blood	Gross blood
Urinary	None	Microscopic (+ve dipstick)	Macroscopic
Gynecological	None (normal period)	Spotting not at time of normal period	Bleeding > spotting not at time of period or very heavy period
Pulmonary	None	N/A	Yes
Intracranial hemorrhage	None	N/A	Yes
Subconjunctival hemorrhage	None	Yes	N/A

Page et al. 2007 Blackwell Publishing Ltd, British Journal of Haematology, 138, 245–248

Table 3. ITP-2016 scoring criteria.

Score	Age (years)		Skin		Mucous		With anemia	Organ			Central system
	≥ 65	≥ 75	Head and face	Other	Accidental	Multiple		Visceral			
								Anemia	No anemia	Life-threatening	
1	✓			✓							
2		✓	✓		✓						
3						✓		✓			
5							✓		✓		
8										✓	

