

Non-invasive prenatal testing of *HPA*1A* in Poland

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Fetal/Neonatal AlloImmune Thrombocytopenia = FNAIT

- pathogenesis: maternal alloantibodies against fetal platelet antigen(s)
- frequency: 1/1000-1/2000 delivered babies,
- FNAIT: 85% anti-HPA-1a antibodies,
- HPA-1a negative (HPA-1b/b) women: 2%
- in Poland FNAIT highly underdiagnosed and inappropriately treated

PREVFNAIT

Prevention of Fetal/Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia in Polish newborns

- screening of pregnant women in order to identify HPA-1a negative mothers
- further management of „at risk” pregnancies (monitoring of anti-HPA-1a antibodies, antenatal intervention in reference hospitals)
- **non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) of fetal *HPA*1A*** (~30% HPA-1a/b heterozygous fathers – 50% chance of HPA-1a negative fetus)

Non-invasive prenatal testing of *HPA*1A*

MATERIAL

1) Sample collection:

Mother (plasma):

- 5ml of EDTA blood from 125 HPA-1a negative women in 28th week of gestation
- transportation/storage at 4°C
- 2ml plasma separation by centrifugation not later than 48 hours after blood collection

Father: 1.5 ml of EDTA blood if available

Neonate: 60 cord blood samples

Control DNA from HPA-1b/b and HPA-1a/b donors

METHODS

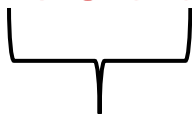
2) DNA isolation:

- 2 x 1 ml maternal plasma with Nuclisens easyMAG extractor (Biomerieux), with 2 x 25µl elution
- whole blood - Nucleospin Blood Kit

3) pre-PCR digestion of *HPA*1B* allele in plasma DNA (Scheffer et al., 2011)

HPA*1A: ...GCCTCTGGGCT...

HPA*1B: ...GCCTCCGGGCT...


✂ *Msp1* enzyme



METHODS

4) Amplification:

- real-time PCR with TaqMan technology (LightCycler 480):
 - *HPA*1A* using 10ul digested DNA in triplicate
 - *CCR5* using 2ul undigested DNA
 - SRY or ins/del polymorphisms
(after pre-typing of parental DNA)
using 10ul undigested DNA

- 25ul final reaction volume
- PCR profile: 95°C 10 min,
95°C 15sec, 60°C 1min - 45cycles

In each setting we test:

- HPA-1a/b* DNA 0.5ng/ul
- HPA-1b/b* DNA 5ng/ul
- Water control**

Results of fetal *HPA*1A* genotyping in 60 HPA-1a negative pregnant women

In 60 cases, where neonatal *HPA*1A* genotype was available, NIPT gave correct fetal *HPA*1A* results.

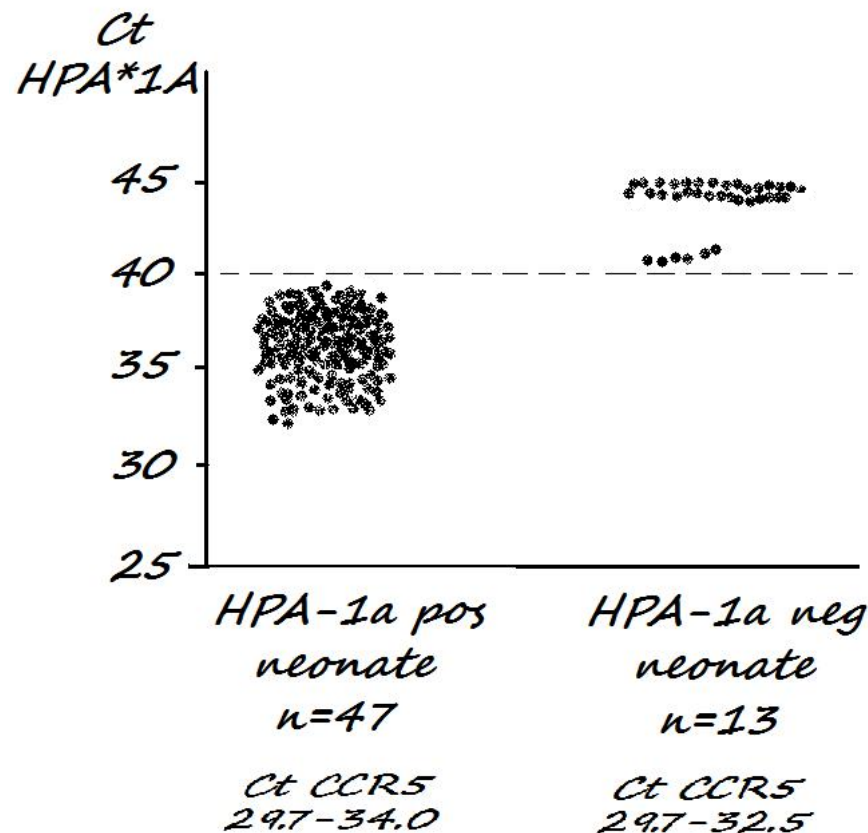
Fetus was *HPA*1A* positive in 47 cases,

*HPA*1A* negative in 13:

- *SRY* (6 cases),
- other paternal polymorphisms (7 cases)

In one case the presence of *HPA*1A* variant in maternal genome made NIPT impossible.

Figure: Ct value of fetal *HPA*1A* genotyping from plasma DNA of women who delivered HPA-1a positive or HPA-1a negative neonates



Summary:

- Real-time PCR combined with digestion of maternal *HPA*1B* allele is a highly reliable method for predicting fetal *HPA*1A* status. This method is of clinical importance in the diagnosis of FNAIT.
- The fetal and maternal *HPA*1A* genotypes were compatible in 25% of pregnancies
 - In 47 (75 %) of cases the fetus was incompatible with mother
 - In 8 mothers anti-HPA-1a was present and they were treated (IVIg) and the neonates were born with no thrombocytopenia (6 cases) or with mild thrombocytopenia (3 cases)

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