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# ***Diagnostic des anémies hémolytiques***

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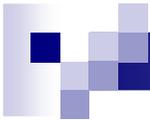
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# ***Hémolyse***

- Raccourcissement de la durée de vie des globules rouges (< 120 jours)
- **Intratissulaire** (*physiologique*)  
macrophages (foie, rate)
- **Intravasculaire** (*pathologique, systématique si hémolyse massive*)

*Association fréquente*



Hémolyse Intratissulaire	Hémolyse intravasculaire
↗ Bili NC	↘↘↘ <b>Haptoglobine</b>
↘ <b>Haptoglobine</b>	↗↗↗ LDH
	↗ Bili NC
	Hémoglobinémie <b>Hémoglobinurie (sans hématurie)</b>
↗↗ Réticulocytes	
Macrocytose (sauf thalassémie, drépanocytose, sphérocytose)	

Si Bili NC et Haptoglobine normales ➡ hémolyse improbable

Hemolysis  
+ reticuline

↑ bilirubin

↓ Haptoglobin

↑ Reticulocytes

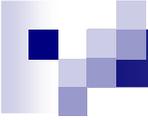
↓ Hb (Anemia)

intravascular:

↓ Haptoglobin → ↑ LDH.

Hemoglobin / Hemoglobinuria

↳ Urine Porph



## **Hémolyses, causes**

### **Causes corpusculaires**

#### **Maladies de l'hémoglobine**

Drépanocytose

Hémoglobines instables

Thalassémies

#### **Enzymopathies**

#### **Maladies de la membrane**

Constitutionnelles

Acquises: HPN

### **Causes extracorporelles**

#### **Immunologiques**

Auto- ou alloimmunisation

Médicaments

**Toxiques** : saturnisme, médicaments

**Bactériennes** : perfringens

**Parasitaires** : paludisme, babésiose

**Mécaniques**

## Late entry in sickle cell disease: characteristics, prognosis and outcome. A monocentric series of 108 patients

Patient	Type of SCD	Clinical manifestations leading to SCD diagnosis	Age at last evaluation (years)	Complications occurring during follow-up
1	SC	ocular hemorrhage	43	retinopathy, ACS*
2	SS	ocular hemorrhage	45	right blindness, ACS, shoulder osteonecrosis, cardiopathy
3	SC	ocular hemorrhage	57	retinopathy, ACS, hip osteonecrosis, priapism
4	SC	ocular hemorrhage	26	hip osteonecrosis
5	SC	ocular hemorrhage	39	retinopathy, priapism
6	SS	ACS	30	ACS
7	SS	ACS	25	ACS, priapism, leg ulcer
8	SS	ACS	23	ACS
9	SS	ACS	37	ACS, hip osteonecrosis
10	SC	ACS	24	ACS
11	SC	hematuria	35	priapism
12	SC	hematuria	50	retinopathy, hip osteonecrosis,
13	SC	hematuria	35	Š
14	SC	stroke	46	Š
15	SC	stroke	48	ACS, hip, shoulder osteonecrosis, epidermidis staphylococcus septi.
16	SC	hip osteonecrosis	44	hip osteonecrosis
17	SC	knee chronic pain	50	retinopathy, hip, shoulder osteonecrosis
18	SS	priapism	37	retinopathy, priapism, leg ulcer
19	SS	leg ulcer	54	retinopathy, leg ulcer
20	SS	acute splenic sequestration	35	ACS

# Hemolyse post-transfusionnelle et drépanocytose

## ■ Transfusion



2 à 6 % d'hémolyses post  
transfusionnelles

70%

30%

Allo-anticorps

Différence entre le phénotype  
érythrocytaire des donneurs  
et des receveurs

Pas d'anticorps  
détectables

30 % des drépanocytaires sont alloimmunisés  
En cas d'une nouvelle transfusion dans 60% des cas un nouvel  
anticorps apparaîtra

# ***Hémolyse post transfusionnelles retardées (DHTR)***

***D'après Habibi et al***

*Absence de rendement transfusionnel*



*99 épisodes chez 79 patients*

*26 grossesses*

*6 décès*

*STA, Défaillance multiviscérale*

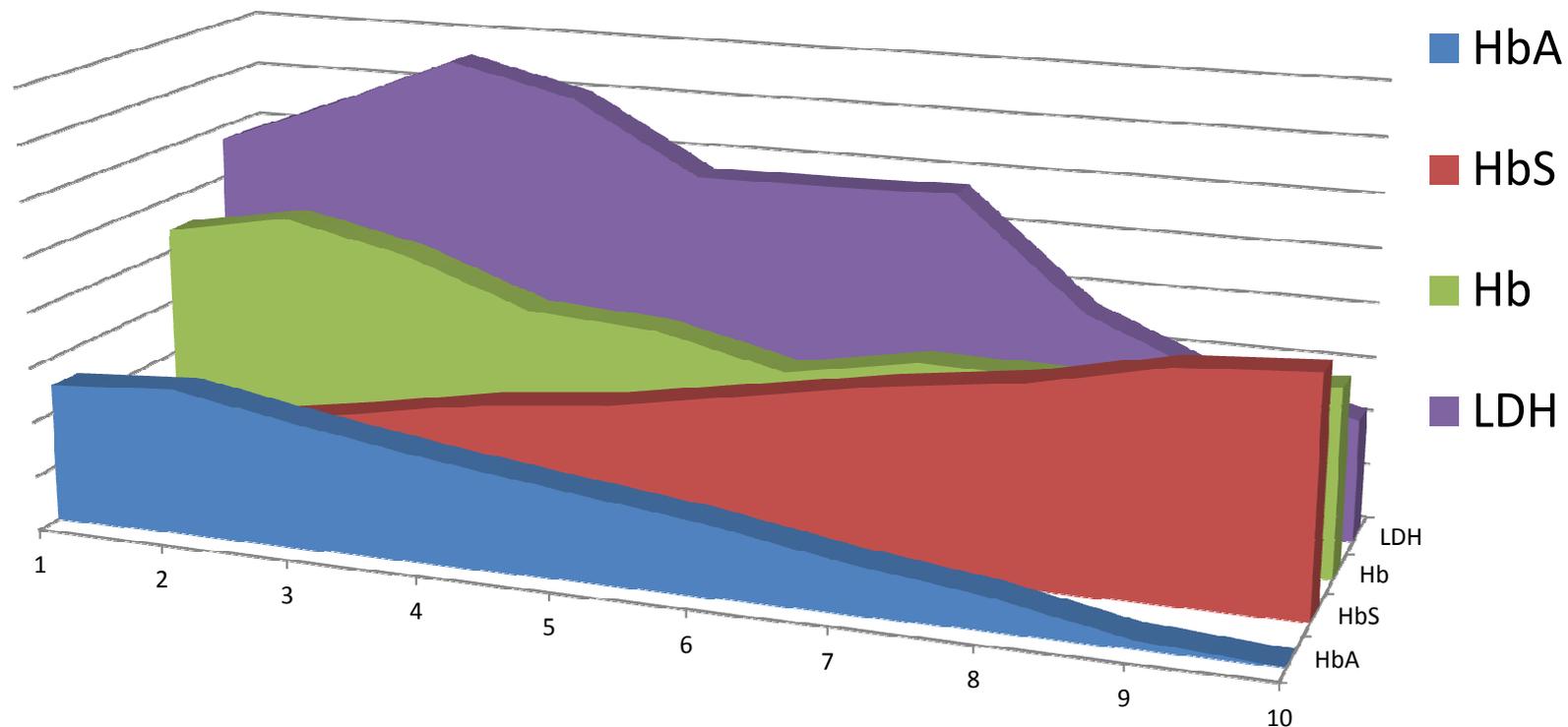
*Hémoglobinurie avec urines Porto.  $\searrow$  %HbA,  $\searrow$  Hb,  $\nearrow$  LDH*

*NE PAS RETRANSFUSER SAUF....*

# Hémolyses retardées post – transfusionnelles

- Diagnostic clinique: **CVO très intenses**
- Présence de signes d'hémolyse intra-vasculaire
  - **Ictère**
  - **Urines très foncées**
  - **Anémie**
  - **Augmentation majeure des LDH**
  - **Augmentation de Bilir**
- **Survient après transfusion (Moyenne 9 jours)**

# ***DHTR: un moyen simple de faire le diagnostic: électrophorèse de l'Hb***



***Chute rapide du taux d'HbA***



# ***Les 2 examens essentiels et urgents***

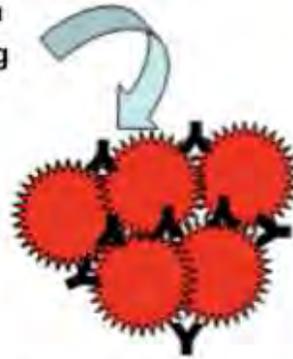
- Test de Coombs direct
- Frottis: présence de schizocytes ?

## *TDA: « test de Coombs direct »*



IgG-coated RBCs from patient with AHA

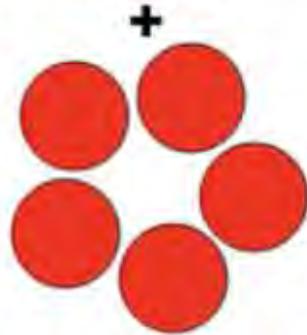
+ Anti-globulin reagent containing Anti-IgG (Y)



IgG-coated RBCs crosslinked by Anti-IgG, causing visible agglutination

3

patient plasma containing IgG antibody to RBCs



RBCs from potential blood donor



Donor RBCs coated with patient IgG antibody

+ Anti-globulin reagent containing Anti-IgG (Y)



IgG-coated RBCs crosslinked by Anti-IgG, causing visible agglutination

## *TDI: « test de Coombs indirect »*

# TDA

**Sensibilité:**

**98-100%**

**Spécificité:**

**95%**



## ■ TDA négatif ?:

- **AutoAc en dessous du seuil de sensibilité**
- **Auto Ac d'isotype IgA ou IgM**
- **Auto Ac de basse affinité**

→ **utiliser des tests plus spécifiques: ELISA, Eluats, etc...**

**TDA**  
**positif**

**Chaud ou**  
**froid ?**

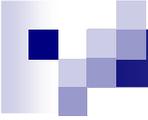


■ AHAI « chaudes » (75%)

- Test Coombs **IgG-C ou IgG** ± faible titre agglu froides

■ AHAI « froides » (25%)

- Test Coombs **C + Agglu froides fort titre**



# **AHAI à Ac chaud, caractéristiques**

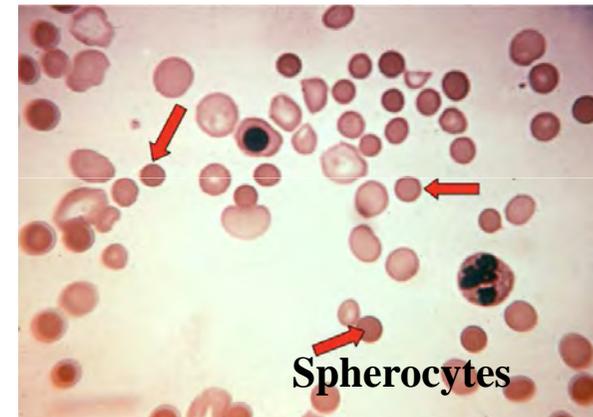
## **(1)**

Test de Coombs de type IgG-C ou IgG seule avec parfois agglutinines froides

- Maladie orpheline (1/100 000/yr)
- Tous les âges mais souvent > 40 yrs
- **Maladies associées: > 50%**
- Sex ratio (F/M): 1.6
- Début insidieux (*mais pas toujours...*)
- Dyspnée, pâleur, ictère,
- Examen physique normal ou **splénomégalie**

# ***AHAI à Ac chaud, caractéristiques(2)***

- Anémie, macrocytose, sphérocytose
- **Réticulocytose (*inconstante*)**
- Haptoglobine basse
- élévation des LDH
- Hyperbilirubinémie NC
- Sphérocytose possible
- **Absence d'hémoglobinurie (sinon, reconsidérer le diagnostic)**



# Caractéristiques de 60 patients adultes atteints d'AHAI auto Ac chauds

Roumier et al, Am J Hematol 2014, in press

caractéristiques	
Sex ratio	1/1
Age moyen	54 ± 22
Hb moyen (g/dL)	6,4 ± 1,7
Réticulocytes (G/L)	285 ± 174
VGM moyen (μL)	108 ± 14
Hapto basse	93%
LDH élevées	93%
Bilirubine élevée	82%
Présence de sphérocytes	41%
<b>Test de Coombs direct</b>	
- IgG	<b>40%</b>
- IgG + C3d	<b>55%</b>
- C3d	3%
- IgA	2%

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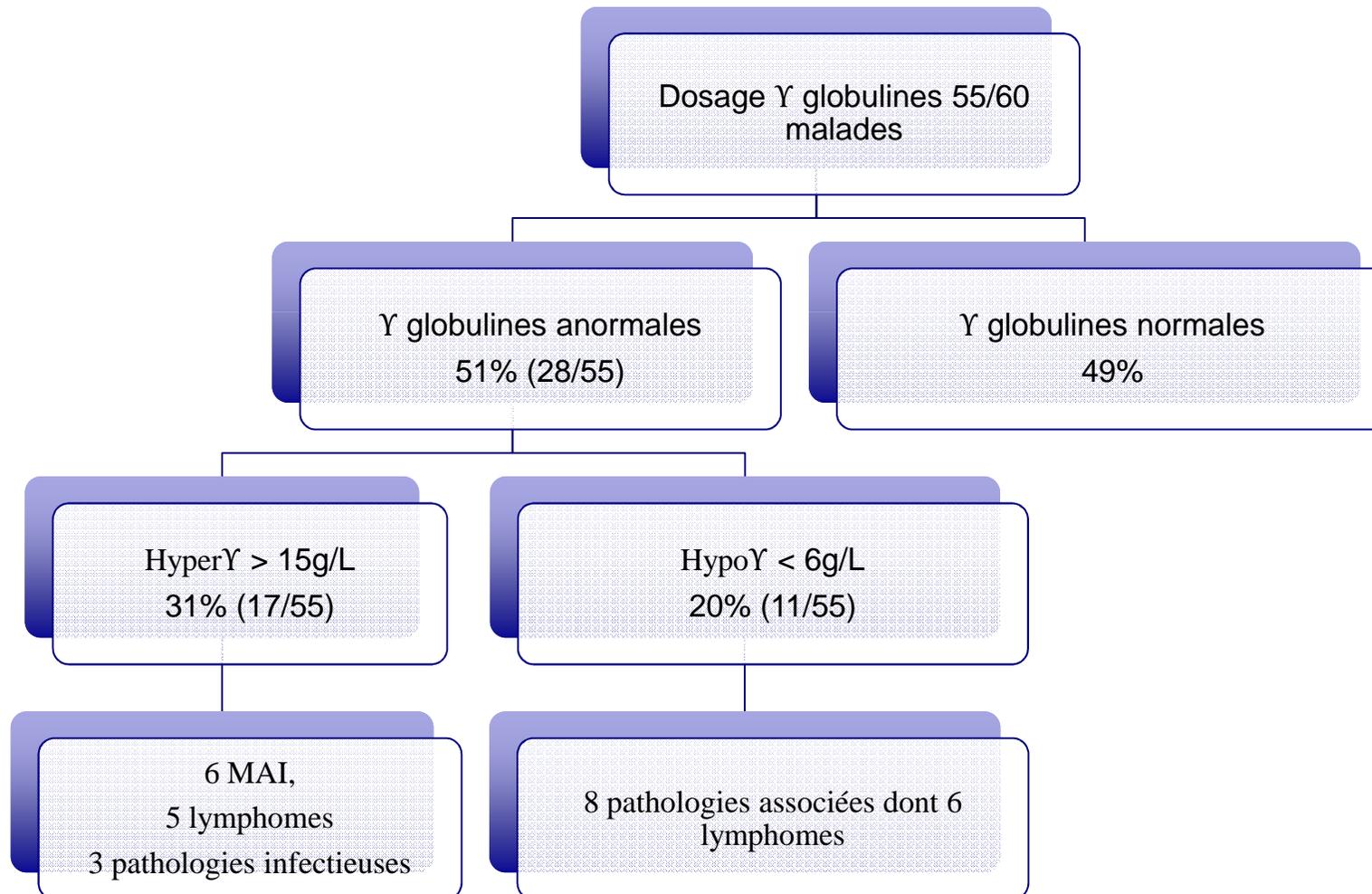
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## Recherche d'agglutinines froides chez 28 patients Présentes dans 4 cas, titre de 1/64 à 1/512

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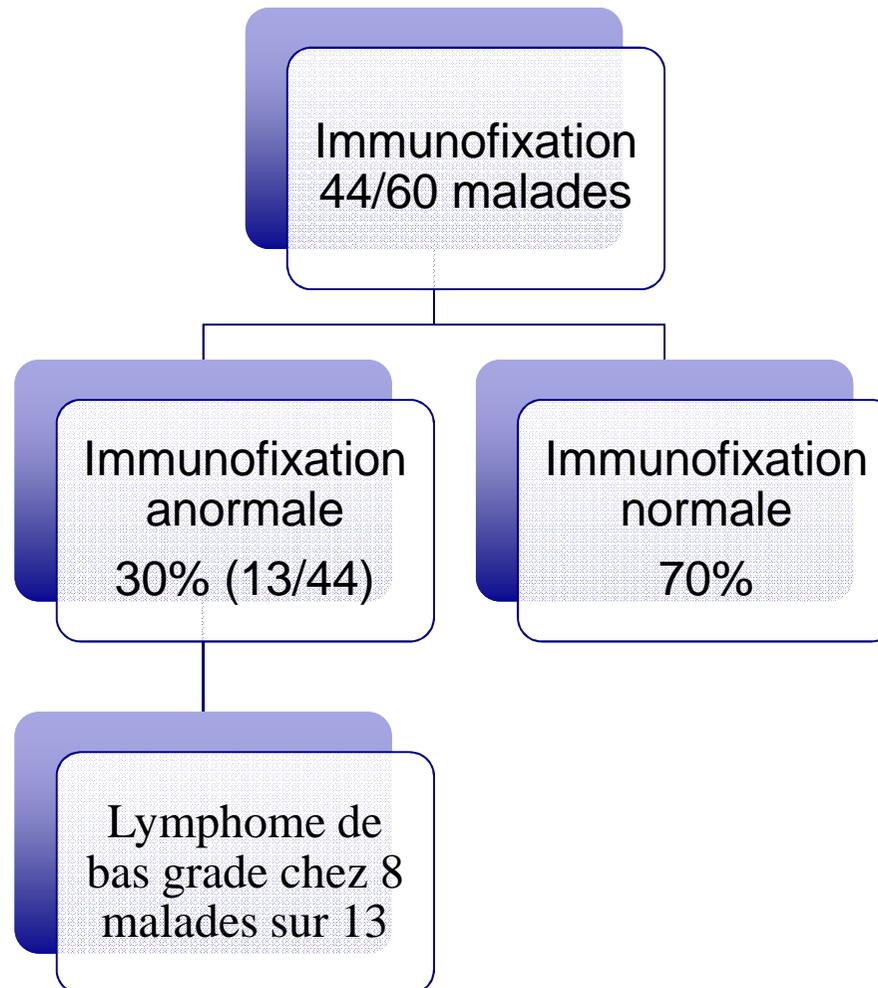
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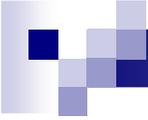




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<b>Pathologies associées</b>	
Hémopathies lymphoïdes	23%
Hémopathies lymphoïdes mal classées	10%
Maladies autoimmunes	13%
Autres	17%
AHAI isolée	35%



# **AHAI chaudes et Hémopathies (n=15/72)**

*Diagnostic de l'hémopathie / AHAI*

**Antérieur : 1**

LLC

**Simultané : 8**

LNH B bas grade : 3

Waldenström : 1

LLC : 3

LAID : 1

**Postérieur : 6**

Hodgkin : 1

LNH immunoblastique : 1

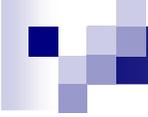
LNH centroblastique : 1

Waldenström : 1

Lymphome T : 1

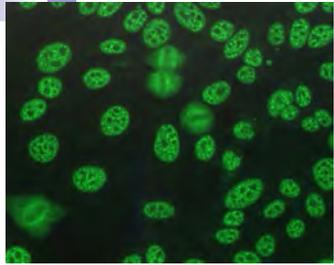
LNH B bas grade : 1

**Le diagnostic d'hémopathie  
lymphoïde peut être retardé  
=> SURVEILLANCE**



# **LLC et AHAI**

- AHAI « chaudes »
- La négativité du TDA n'élimine pas le Dg
- 2 à 4% des LLC
- Facteurs de risque
  - **Age (> 65 ans)**
  - **Sexe (plus fréquent chez l'homme)**
  - **LLC à un stade avancé,**
  - **Lymphocytes > 60 G/L**
  - **Titre élevé de  $\beta 2$  microglobuline**
  - **Absence de mutation IgVH**
- Valeur pronostique débattue
- Rôle de la fludarabine débattu



# ***AHAI et Lupus***

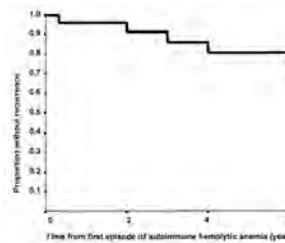
- AHAI « chaudes »
- 5 to 10%
- Anémie sévère 25%
- **Peut précéder le lupus +++**
- Facteurs de risque :
  - APL ?
  - Ethnies noires
  - Thrombopénie (Evans' syndrome)
  - Azathioprine (?)
- Pronostic
  - **N'influence pas le pronostic**
  - Mais associé avec atteintes sévères (neuro, rein...)



# Autoimmune hemolytic anemia in patients with SLE

Kokori et al, Am J Med 2000; 108:198-204

- 41 patients,
- Sex ratio (F/M): 4.1/1
- Warm AHA : 100%
- 66% occurred at the onset of SLE
- Low lupus activity index (ECLAM < 4)
- Low risk of recurrence
- High risk of thrombosis: 10 events (25%)**  
with a follow-up of  $4 \pm 4$  yrs



## Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia in Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

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**PURPOSE:** We sought to evaluate the clinical and serologic associations with, and outcomes of, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, as compared with other types of anemia, in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).  
**SUBJECTS AND METHODS:** We studied 41 consecutive patients with SLE with clinically manifest autoimmune hemolytic anemia, including 27 (66%) in whom hemolysis was the initial disease manifestation. We matched each patient for age and disease duration with a patient with SLE with anemia resulting from a different cause.  
**RESULTS:** The 41 patients had a total of 50 episodes of autoimmune hemolytic anemia. The recurrence rate was 4 per 100 person-years. Cases and controls had similar mean ( $\pm$  SD) lupus activity indexes ( $2.1 \pm 1.5$  vs  $2.4 \pm 1.3$ ,  $P = 0.5$ ). Patients with autoimmune hemolytic anemia at any time could be distinguished from patients with other causes of anemia, because they were more likely to have elevated titers of IgG anticardiolipin antibodies (odds ratio [OR] = 5.8; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.4 to 24) and thrombosis (OR = 4.6; 95% CI, 1.0 to 21). Autoimmune hemolytic anemia at the onset of SLE was independently associated with renal involvement (OR = 3.4; 95% CI, 1.1 to 10), thrombocytopenia (OR = 2.3; 95% CI, 1.1 to 4.8), and possibly thrombotic episodes during follow-up (OR = 11; 95% CI, 0.8 to 160) when compared with controls with other types of anemia at the onset of SLE.  
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Patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) may develop several hematologic complications, including anemia, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia (1,2). Anemia can have many causes, including autoimmunity (3,4). Several case series (5-11) have shown that autoimmune hemolytic anemia occurs in approximately 10% of patients with SLE. It may be the sole presenting sign of the disease and may predate the appearance of other disease manifestations by several years (3). Autoimmune hemolytic anemia can also be part of the antiphospholipid syndrome, which is associated with high titers of anticardiolipin antibodies, thrombosis, thrombocytopenia, and recurrent fetal loss (12). However, the clinical importance and the clinical and serologic associations of autoimmune hemolytic anemia in SLE are controversial. There is substantial uncertainty about whether hemolysis portends a more severe (9,13) or more benign (6,8) prognosis. Moreover, the effects of, and risk factors for, autoimmune hemolytic anemia have

not been evaluated using controls with SLE who have other types of anemia. Hence, the aim of this study was to evaluate the clinical and serologic associations with, and prognosis of, patients with SLE and autoimmune hemolytic anemia. From within a large cohort of consecutive patients with SLE, we identified those with autoimmune hemolytic anemia and compared them with patients with other types of anemia.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

Patients were seen at the Department of Pathophysiology, School of Medicine, National University of Athens, from November 1994 to October 1998. All patients fulfilled at least four of the revised American College of Rheumatology criteria for the diagnosis of SLE (14). We considered patients to have active autoimmune hemolytic anemia if they had a decrease of at least 3 g/dL in their hemoglobin level, an increase in the serum unconjugated bilirubin level of at least 0.6 mg/dL, a reticulocyte count of 5% or greater corrected for hemoglobin levels, and a positive direct Coombs' test by direct antiglobulin test using polyspecific anti-human immunoglobulin and anticomplement antibodies (Ortho Diagnostics, Inc, Raritan, New Jersey). We also required that other causes of hemolysis, including hereditary, drug-induced, microangiopathic hemolytic anemia, had been excluded.

We identified patients who developed autoimmune hemolytic anemia at the onset of SLE, or in whom it oc-

	Univariate models		Multivariate models	
	Odds ratio	P	Odds ratio	P
IgG cardiolipin	4.3 (2.1-9.3)	0.02	5.8 (1.4-24)	0.01
Thrombosis	2.3 (0.7-7.3)	0.2	4.6 (1-21)	0.05

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## ***Bilan à réaliser devant une AHAI à autoAc chauds***

- AAN
- EPP, dosage pondéral des Ig
- Immunofixation
- Phénotypage des lymphocytes circulants
- Scanner TAP
- Sérologies virales HBV/HCV/VIH
- **BM non systématique**

# The spectrum of Evans syndrome in adults: new insight into the disease based of the analysis of 68 cases

Michel et al, *Blood* 2009; 114: 3167-72

- AHAI « chaude »
- Cytopénies souvent marquées et symptomatiques
- Maladie associée dans 50% des cas
- Délai entre les deux cytopénies parfois prolongé
- Evolution sévère
- Mortalité élevée (25%)

## CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

### The spectrum of Evans syndrome in adults: new insight into the disease based on the analysis of 68 cases

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Evans syndrome (ES) is a rare disease characterized by the simultaneous or sequential development of autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) and immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) and/or immune neutropenia. To better describe the characteristics and outcome of ES in adults, a survey was initiated in 2005. The data from 68 patients (60% of them women) fulfilling strict inclusion criteria for ES are reported. The mean age at time of ITP and/or AIHA onset was 52 plus or minus 33 years, both cytopenias occurred simultaneously in 37 cases (54.5%). ES was considered as "primary" in 34 patients (50%) but was associated with an underlying disorder in half of the cases, including mainly systemic lupus, lymphoproliferative disorders, and common variable immunodeficiency. All patients were given corticosteroids, but 50 of them (73%) required at least one "second-line" treatment, including splenectomy (n = 19) and rituximab (n = 11). At time of analysis, after a mean follow-up of 4.0 years, only 22 patients (32%) were in remission of treatment; 16 (24%) had died. In elderly patients, the risk of cardiovascular manifestations related to AIHA seems to be higher than the ITP-related risk of severe bleeding. In conclusion, ES is a potentially life-threatening condition that may be associated with other underlying autoimmune or lymphoproliferative disorders. (*Blood*. 2009;114:3167-3172)

## Introduction

Evans syndrome (ES), which was first described in 1951, is an autoimmune disorder characterized by the simultaneous or sequential development of autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) and immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) and/or immune neutropenia in the absence of any underlying cause.<sup>1-3</sup> Although ES has been since its first description considered or defined as an "idiopathic" condition and thus mainly as a diagnosis of exclusion, ES may be associated with or show other diseases or conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE),<sup>4</sup> lymphoproliferative disorders,<sup>5,6</sup> or primary immunodeficiencies.<sup>7</sup> In childhood, ES may also show an autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome (ALPS), a disorder of disrupted lymphocyte homeostasis related to some mutations in the Fas apoptotic pathway.<sup>8</sup> ES is a rare condition because it is diagnosed in only 0.8% to 3.7% of all patients with either ITP or AIHA at onset.<sup>9</sup> Few and mainly pediatric data on ES are available in the literature<sup>10-12</sup>; therefore, the characteristics and outcome of adult's ES are poorly known. Moreover, because there have been no prospective or randomized controlled trials, the management of ES is based on empirical data, and it is mainly based on indirect evidence extrapolated from the "standard of care" in primary ITP or AIHA or both.

To better define the clinical spectrum of ES in adults and to describe the main characteristics and outcome of this rare condition, a survey was initiated in 2005 throughout the Working Group on Thrombocytopenias of the European Hematology Association.

The data of 68 cases of ES included in this registry are reported here.

## Methods

### Patients

This retrospective cohort study was initiated in the department of Internal Medicine at Henri Mondor University Hospital (Creteil, France), a tertiary national referral center for adult autoimmune cytopenias. The study was then extended to 7 other centers in France (5 = 3 departments of Internal Medicine and 2 = 4 departments of Hematology-Oncology) throughout the Working Group on Thrombocytopenias of the European Hematology Association.

All consecutive patients with the diagnosis of ES in 1 of the 8 participating centers over a 5-year period and fulfilling the following eligibility criteria were included: age  $\geq 16$  years at onset; ES defined by the occurrence of either simultaneously or sequentially within or over a 10-year period of onset of AIHA and ITP or autoimmune neutropenia. AIHA was defined by a hemoglobin (Hb) level of  $\leq 11$  g/dL or less in diagnosis with features of hemolysis (low haptoglobin level and/or increased LDH and/or bilirubin level) and a positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) or when the DAT was negative after the exclusion of any other cause of acquired or hereditary hemolytic anemia. ITP was defined according to American Society of Hematology criteria,<sup>13</sup> and only patients with a platelet count below  $100 \times 10^9$  per L episode occasions were included. In case of concomitant active AIHA, the presence of a mild neutropenia was not an

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- Evolution sévère
- Mortalité élevée (25%)
- Plusieurs lignes thérapeutiques requises
- Dépendance au traitement fréquente
- Avec recul de 4,8 ans, 32% des patients en rémission sans Tt

**Table 4. Causes of deaths, n = 16**

Causes of death	n
<b>Infection</b>	7
Septic shock (n = 6) due to <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (1), <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (1),* unknown bacteria (4)†; one patient with a prior history of stroke had a fatal aspiration pneumonia	
<b>Cancer</b>	3
Site of cancer: uterus (1), pancreas (1), esophagus (1)	
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	3
Stroke (2), myocardial infarction (1)	
Myelodysplastic syndrome (RAEB)	1
B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma	1
Unknown	1

RAEB indicates refractory anemia with excess of blasts.

\*A concomitant hemorrhagic stroke was suspected at time of death.

†Two of these patients had undergone a splenectomy 3 weeks and 2 years prior to death, respectively.

# Maladie des agglutinines froides

Test de Coombs de type C  
avec agglutinines froides

- Maladie, « clonale ».
  - IgMk dans 90% des cas
  - BM : lymphome lymphoplasmocytaire ou zone marginale => Waldenstroem (50%)
- Age médian 67 ans
- Pronostic favorable
- Espérance de vie similaire à celle de la population générale
- Poussées d'hémolyse (infection, exposition au froid)
- **Traitement le plus souvent nécessaire:** « not an indolent disease »
  - Transfusion 50%
  - Autre

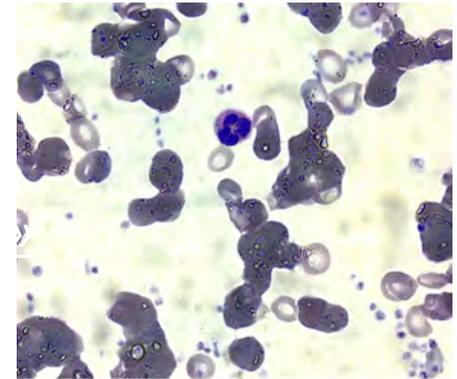
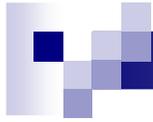


Fig. 1. Peripheral blood smear from a patient with primary CAD.



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## Primary chronic cold agglutinin disease: a population based clinical study of 86 patients

**Table 3.** Bone marrow histology.

	<i>n</i>	%
Normal/reactive lymphocytosis	7	11
Irregular lymphoid hyperplasia	9	13
Non-Hodgkin's B-cell lymphoma	50	76
<i>Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma</i>	33	50
<i>Marginal zone lymphoma</i>	5	8
<i>Small lymphocytic B-cell lymphoma/ Chronic lymphocytic leukemia</i>	4	6
<i>Clonal lymphocytosis/ other small B-cell lymphoma</i>	8	12
Total	66	100

**76 %**

Survie médiane: 12.5 ans

Transformation LNH

Agressif : 3.5 % à 10 ans

# Drug induced immune haemolytic anemia in the Berlin Case-control surveillance study

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ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CASES. THE SPECTRUM OF DRUGS suspected to cause IHA is similar to that reported in the literature (Salama *et al*, 1996). **In principle, any drug may induce IHA. In each case of newly diagnosed IHA a drug aetiology should be considered and a careful history of medication must be taken.**

- Diclofenac
- Fludarabine
- Oxaliplatin
- Ceftriaxone
- Piperacillin

- $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics
- Cotrimoxazole
- Ciprofloxacin
- Lorazepam

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## Drug induced immune haemolytic anaemia in the Berlin Case-Control Surveillance Study

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Drug-induced immune haemolytic anaemia (DIHA) is a serious, but rare condition with an estimated incidence of approximately one case per million inhabitants per year (Petz & Garratty, 2004). A substantial number of fatal cases have been described in case reports, case series and reviews

### Summary

Drug-induced immune haemolytic anaemia is a rare but serious condition. This study investigated the possibility of drug aetiology of immune haemolytic anaemia (IHA) in 134 patients with new onset of IHA who were identified in the Berlin Case-Control Surveillance Study between 2000 and 2009. Single drugs related to IHA in three or more patients and assessed more than once as a certain or probable cause of IHA in a standardized causality assessment included diclofenac, fludarabine, oxaliplatin, ceftriaxone and piperacillin. In a case-control study including all 124 IHA cases developed in outpatient care and 731 controls, significantly increased odds ratios (OR) were observed for diclofenac (OR = 8.6; 95% confidence interval [CI] 3.2–25.2), cotrimoxazole (OR = 6.9; CI 1.1–37.9), ciprofloxacin (OR = 6.9; CI 1.3–38.3), fludarabine (OR = 22.2; CI: 2.8–454.5) and lorazepam (OR = 5.3; CI: 1.2–21.2). Excluding new onset cases with a chronic IHA disease course, an increased risk became also apparent for diclofenac with an OR of 3.1 (CI 1.3–7.0). This is the first case-control study investigating drugs as risk factors for IHA. It corroborates an increased risk for several drugs that have been implicated as a cause of IHA in the standardized causality assessment of individual cases.

**Keywords:** Berlin case-control surveillance study; immune haemolytic anaemia; drug-induced; causality assessment; case-control study.

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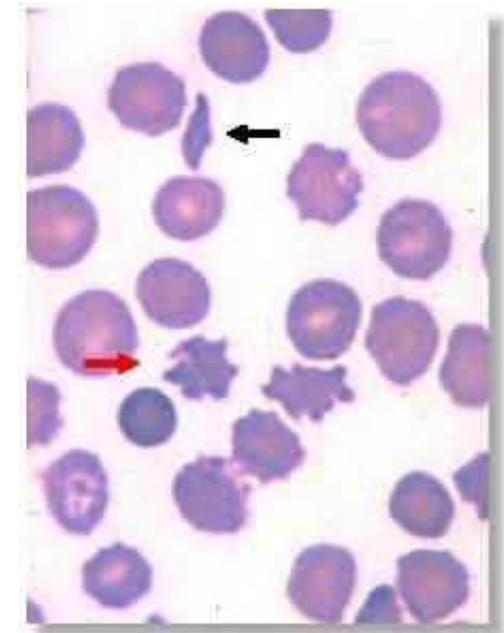
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# ***Les 2 examens essentiels et urgents***

- Test de Coombs direct
- **Frottis: présence de *schizocytes* ?**



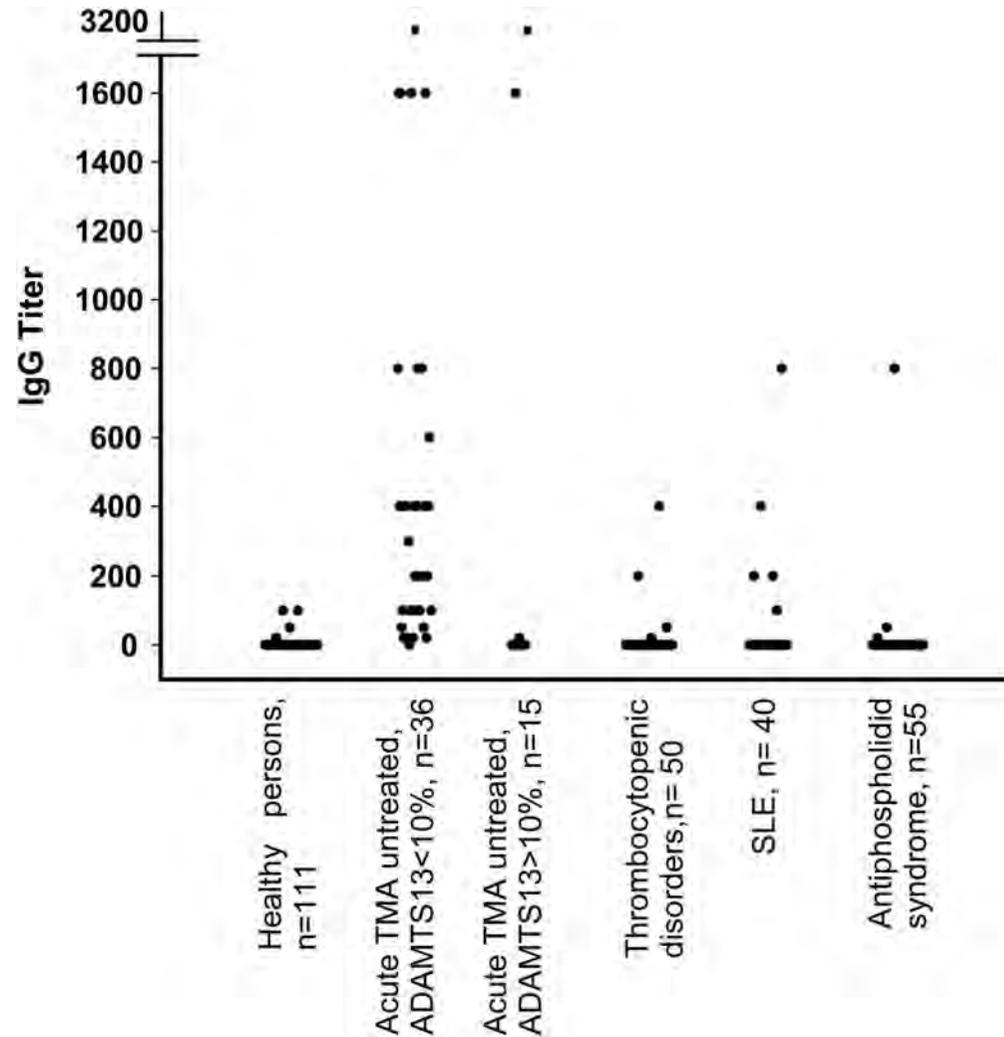


## ***PTT (Sd de Moschcowitz)***

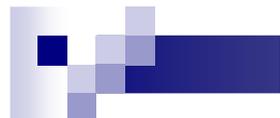
- Hémostase (100 %)
- Thrombopénie ( $\approx$  100 %)
- Signes neurologiques (90 %)
- Atteinte rénale
- Fièvre

*Pentade présente  
dans 40 % des cas*

Figure 1. Anti-ADAMTS13 IgG antibody titers in healthy donors, patients with TMA, thrombocytopenic disorders, and autoimmune diseases other than TMA



Rieger, M. et al. Blood 2005;106:1262-1267



## Mortality in the Catastrophic Antiphospholipid Syndrome

### Causes of Death and Prognostic Factors in a Series of 250 Patients

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**Table 4.** Laboratory features of patients with CAPS, categorized according to their death or survival\*

	Patients who died during a CAPS episode (n = 114)	Patients who survived a CAPS episode (n = 136)
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	15/90 (16.7)	18/131 (13.7)
Hemolysis	33/101 (32.7)	42/119 (35.3)
Thrombocytopenia ( $\leq 100,000$ platelets/mm <sup>3</sup> )	34/86 (39.5)	54/101 (53.4)
Schistocytes	9/78 (11.5)	20/108 (18.5)
Antinuclear antibodies	62/94 (65.9) <sup>†</sup>	56/114 (49.1)
Antiphospholipid antibodies		
IgG aCL	87/103 (84.5)	110/133 (82.7)
IgM aCL	35/92 (38)	57/129 (44.2)
Lupus anticoagulant	78/97 (80.4)	95/126 (75.4)

\* Values are the number of patients/number tested (%). CAPS = catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome; aCL = anticardiolipin antibodies.

<sup>†</sup>  $P = 0.017$  versus the group that survived.



## ***Observation (1)***

- Femme 34 ans
- Asthénie majeure isolée
- Hb 3g/dL, VGM: 102  $\mu^3$
- Réticulocytes: 91x10<sup>9</sup>/L
- Plaquettes: 40x10<sup>9</sup>/L
- **Schizocytose majeure** (25 % des hématies)
- LDH: 5700 UI/L
- Haptoglobine: 0.06 g/L
- Test de Coombs négatif

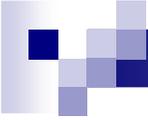
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**PTT ?**



## ***Observation (2)***

- ***Vitamine B12: 35 ng/L (N > 200)***
- Folates sériques: Nx
- Folates globulaires: 180 µg/L (N > 200) } *Piège à folates*
- Homocystéine: 170 µmol/L (N < 16)
- Myélogramme: mégaloblastose

***Penser à une carence en B12  
devant un tableau de MAT !***



## ***Observation n° 2 (1)***

- Femme 67 ans
- Valve mécanique en position mitrale
- Hb: 5,6 g/dL
- Haptoglobine < 0,05 g/dL
- Réticulocytes:  $250 \times 10^9/L$
- Test de Coombs négatif
- **Schizocytes présents**
- Echo cœur: *valve mécanique OK...*



## ***Observation n° 2 (2)***

- Diagnostic d'AHAI à Coombs négatif...
- Echec corticoïdes
- Echec azathioprine
- Transfusions itératives et plusieurs épisodes d'OAP
- Nouvelles écho cœur: *pas de dysfonction de valve...*
- **Schizocytes toujours présents**
- *Discussion de splénectomie...*



## ***Observation n° 3 (3)***

Chirurgie thoracique préférée à la splénectomie !



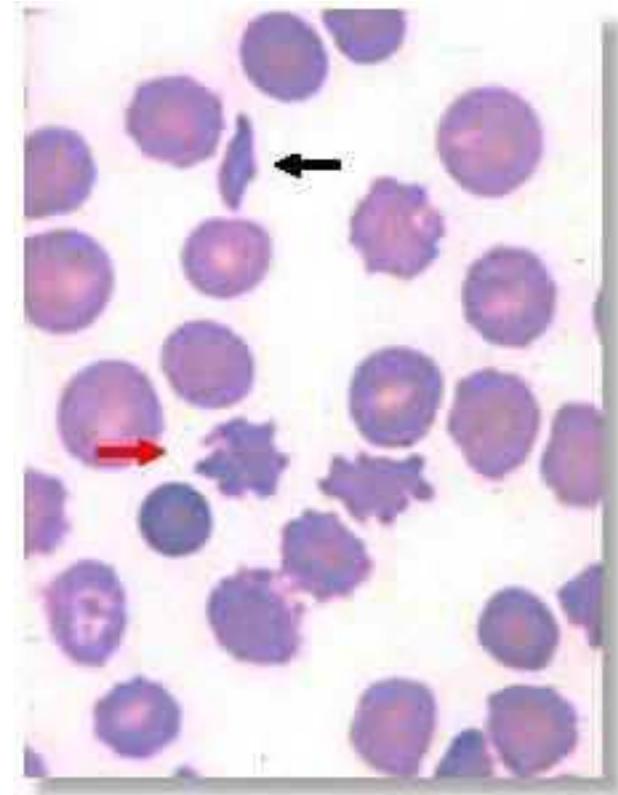
désinsertion de valve mécanique !  
disparition de l'hémolyse...

***Attention au diagnostic d'AHAI à Coombs négatif +++***

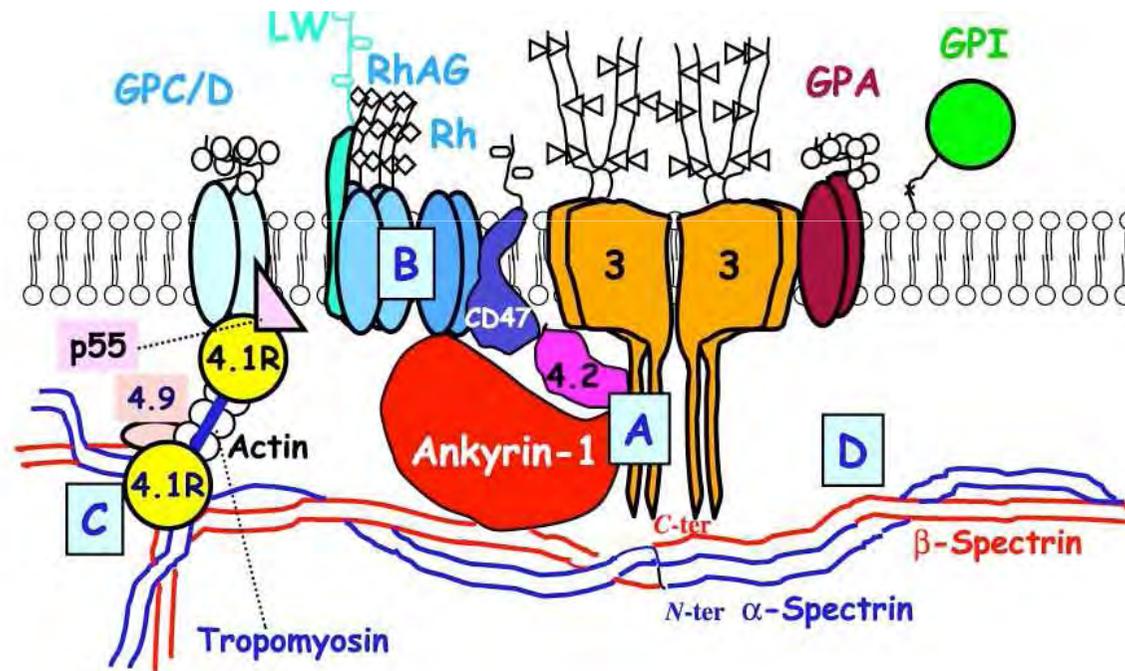
***Penser à la désinsertion de valve mécanique +++***

# ***Etiologies des schizocytoses***

- 1) Valves mécaniques, RA serré
- 2) MAT
  - PTT (LED, Mt, infection, BMT)
  - HELLP
  - SHU
- 3) Métastases osseuses
- 4) HTA maligne, éclampsie, CAPS
- 5) Carences folates/B12

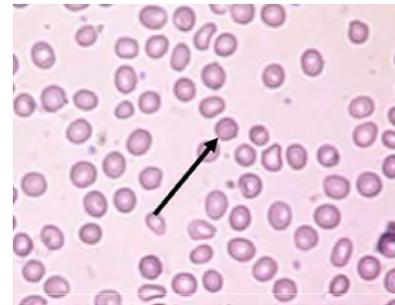


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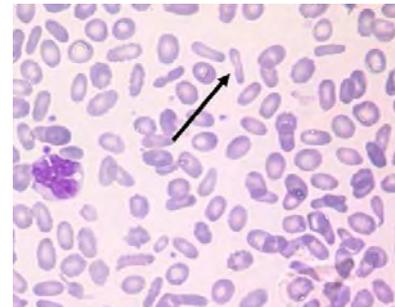


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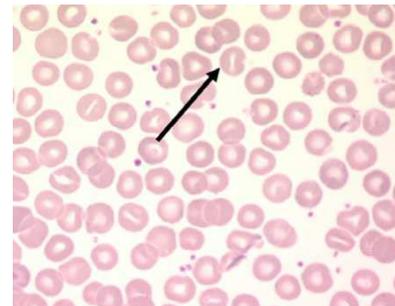
- Sphérocytose

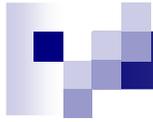


- Ellipsocytose



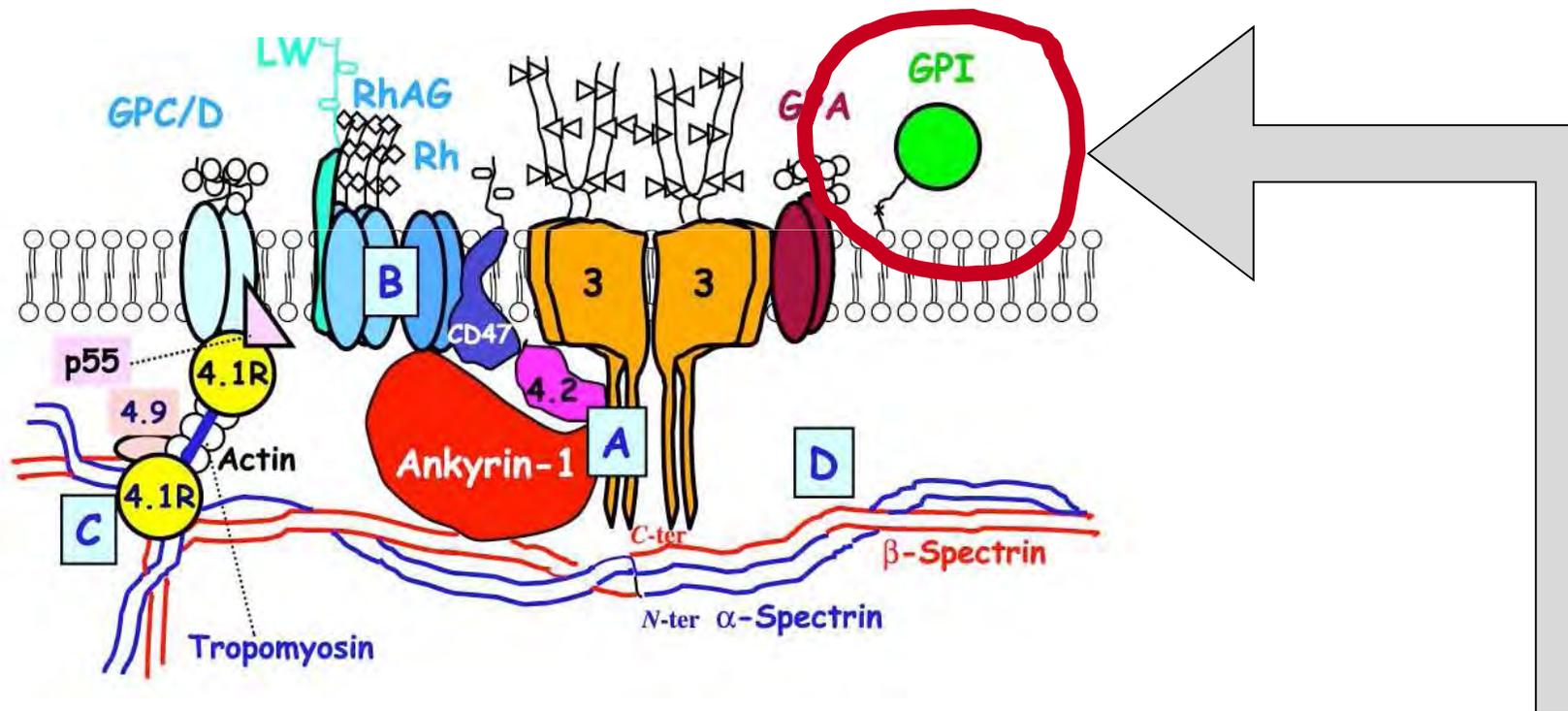
- Stomatocytose





	<b>Sphérocytose</b>	<b>Ellipsocytose</b>	<b>Stomatocytose</b>
<b>Transmission</b>	Dominante (75% des cas)	Dominante	Dominante
<b>Fréquence</b>	1:1000-2500	1:2500-4000	1:30 000-100 000
<b>Répartition géographique</b>	Ubiquitaire	Afrique, Méditerranée	Ubiquitaire
<b>S. cliniques</b>	<b>Hémolyse</b> Lithiase, érythroblastopénie, aggravation si infection	<b>Hémolyse</b> Lithiase, érythroblastopénie, aggravation si infection	<b>Hémolyse</b> <b><u>Thrombose</u></b>
<b>Diagnostic</b>	<b>Cytométrie de flux</b> <b>(test EMA)</b> Ektacytométrie Génétique	<b>Cytométrie de flux</b> Ektacytométrie Génétique	<b>Ektacytométrie</b>
<b>Splénectomie ?</b>	OUI	OUI/NON	<b><u>NON !</u></b>

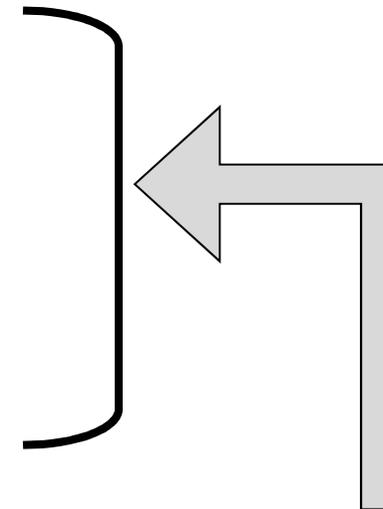
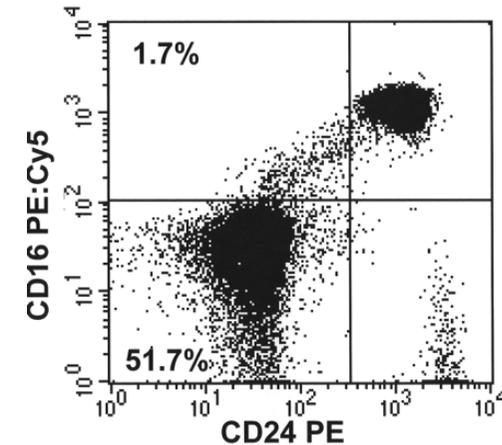
# ***Hémoglobinurie paroxystique nocturne (« HPN »)***



***Déficit des protéines d'ancrage du CD55 et CD59***

# HPN

- Mutation du gène PIG-A  
(chromosome X)
- Défaut d'expression **CD55**  
*(decay accelerating factor)*
- Défaut d'expression **CD59**  
*(membrane inhibitor of reactive lysis)*



**Hypersensibilité à l'action lytique du complément**



# ***HPN, manifestations cliniques***

## ■ **Hémolyse intravasculaire**

- ***Hémolyse, urines rouges***
- ***Asthénie***

## ■ **Thromboses veineuses**

- ***Sites inhabituels***
- ***Peuvent être révélatrices***

## ■ **Carence en NO**

- ***Dysérection***
- ***Douleurs abdominales, spasme oesophagien***

## ■ **Insuffisance médullaire**

# Caractéristiques de l'HPN: registre international de 1610 patients

Schrezenmeir et al, *Haematologica* 2014; 99:5

Caractéristiques	
Femme	53%
Age de début	32 ans (3-87)
Hb (g/dL)	10,6
LDH (x VN)	1,96
% clone HPN	68%
Thrombose	15%
Atteinte rénale	14%
Fatigue	80%
Dypnée	64%
Hémoglobinurie	62%
Douleurs abdominales	44%
Douleurs thoraciques	33%
Dyfonction érectile	30%

ARTICLES

Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria

## Baseline characteristics and disease burden in patients in the International Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Registry

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**ABSTRACT**

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria is a rare, acquired disease associated with hemolytic anemia, bone marrow failure, thrombosis, and, frequently, poor quality of life. The International PNH Registry is a worldwide, observational, non-interventional study collecting safety, effectiveness, and quality-of-life data from patients with a confirmed paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria diagnosis or detectable paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria clone, irrespective of treatment. In addition to evaluating the long-term safety and effectiveness of eculizumab in a global population, the registry aims to improve diagnosis, optimize patient management and outcomes, and enhance the understanding of the natural history of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria. Here we report the characteristics of the first 1610 patients enrolled. Median disease duration was 4.6 years. Median granulocyte paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria clone size was 66.1% (range 0.01-100%). Overall, 16% of patients had a history of thrombotic events and 14% a history of impaired renal function. Therapies included anticoagulation (31%), immunosuppression (19%), and eculizumab (26%). Frequently reported symptoms included fatigue (80%), dyspnea (64%), hemoglobinuria (62%), abdominal pain (44%), and chest pain (53%). Patients suffered from poor quality of life; 23% of patients had been hospitalized due to paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria-related complications and 17% stated that paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria was the reason they were not working or were working less. This international registry will provide an ongoing, valuable resource to further the clinical understanding of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria. (*ClinicalTrials.gov identifier*: NCT01376360)

**Introduction**

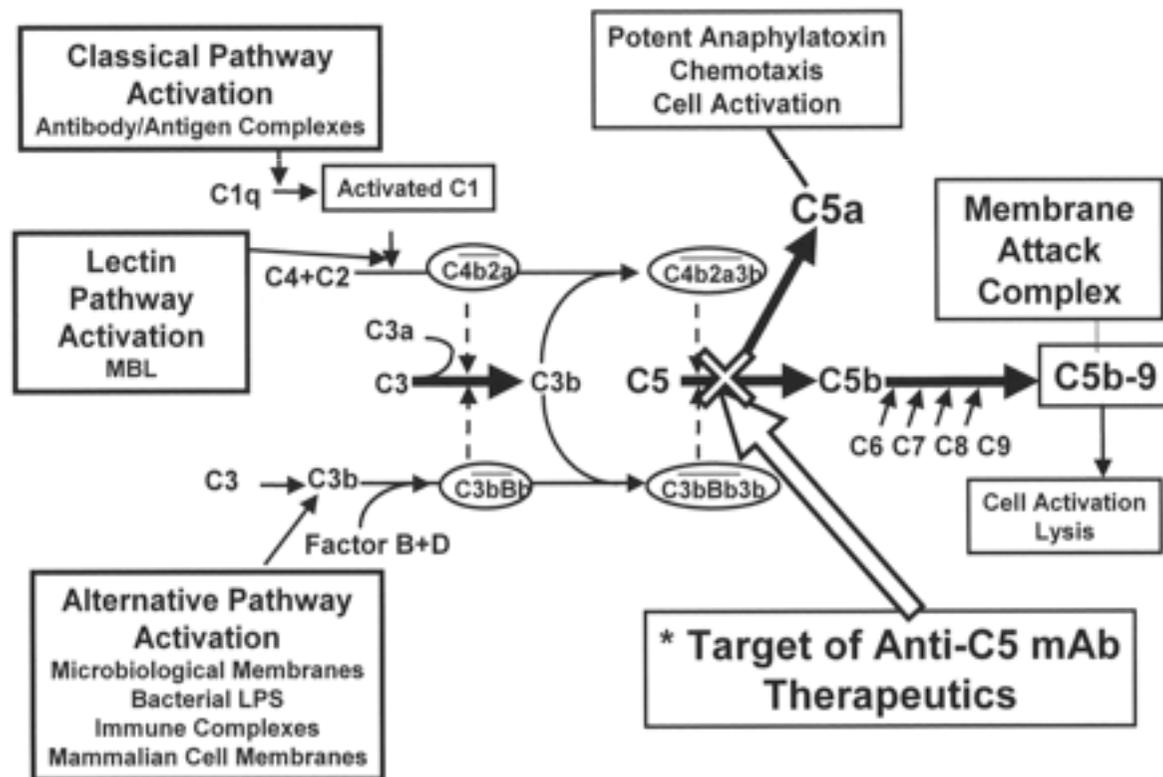
Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) is a rare, acquired disease characterized by chronic intravascular hemolysis caused by uncontrolled complement activation. The cellular abnormality in this life-threatening disease originates from a mutation in the phosphatidylinositol glycan class A (PIG-A) gene, resulting in a deficiency of glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-anchored complement regulatory proteins, including CD55 and CD59, on the surface of blood cells. Patients with chronic hemolysis experience a marked increased risk of thromboembolism (TE), which may ultimately lead to target organ damage and death.<sup>1-3</sup> Retrospective analyses have reported that, despite best supportive care, the 10-year survival rate in patients with PNH ranged from 50% for patients diagnosed between 1940 and 1970<sup>4</sup> to 75% in a most recent series.<sup>5</sup> TE is the leading cause of mortality in patients with PNH, accounting for between 40% and 67% of deaths with known causes. Patients with PNH also experience symptoms including fatigue, abdominal pain, headache, shortness of breath, dyspnea, and erectile dysfunction.<sup>6</sup> These symptoms can be debilitating and significantly reduce the quality of life (QoL) of patients with PNH.<sup>7</sup> PNH may develop in the absence of another hematologic disorder (BMID), as a condition secondary to BMID such as aplastic anemia (AA) or myelodysplastic syndrome, or as sub-clinical PNH.

The only potentially curative therapy for PNH is allogeneic bone marrow transplantation; however, this procedure is associated with substantial morbidity and mortality<sup>8,9</sup> and, consequently, is not an appropriate therapeutic option for most patients. Historically, management of PNH was limited to the use of supportive measures such as blood transfusion and anticoagulation therapy. However, it has been reported that the risk of TE in patients with PNH remains high even in patients who have no clinical evidence of TE or are receiving prophylactic anticoagulation,<sup>10</sup> which is itself associated with an increased risk of bleeding complications.<sup>11</sup> In the

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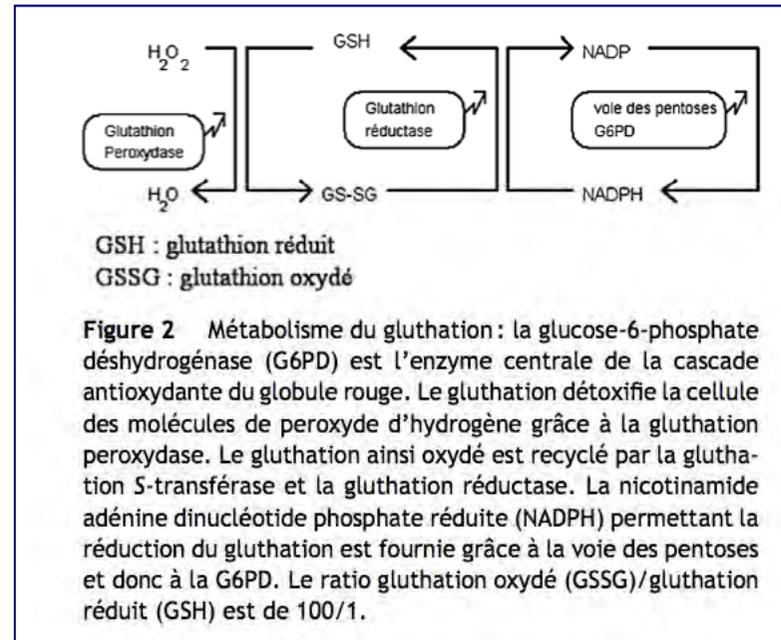
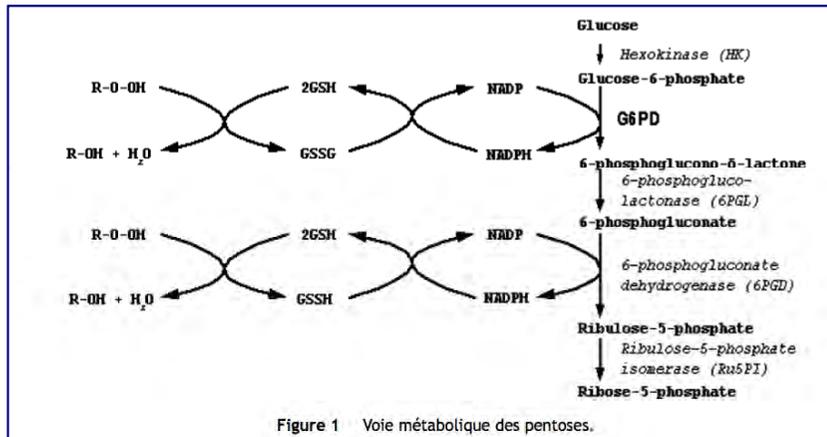
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# ***Eculizumab: Ac monoclonal humanisé inhibant la cascade du complément***



*Hillmen et al, N Engl J Med 2004*

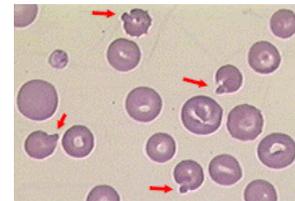
# Enzymopathies



# ***Déficit en G6PD***

- Fréquence +++ (400 millions ...)
- Répartition ubiquitaire
- G6PD => Réduction du glutathion => lutte contre le stress oxydatif

- Précipitation de l'Hb



*corps de Heinz*

- G6PD: gène situé sur le chromosome X
- 300 variants



# ***Déficit en G6PD, phénotype variable***

## ■ **Hémolyse intermittente +++**

- ***Favisme***
- ***Infection***
- ***Médicaments:***
  - Sulfamides
  - Quinolones
  - Antipaludéens
- ***IDM ?, Diabète ?***

## ■ **Hémolyse chronique**

## ■ **Absence d'hémolyse**



# **Déficit en G6PD, phénotype variable**

- **Type A-** : Afrique noire, USA
- **Type méditerranéen**: plus fréquent, touche les caucasiens, phénotype plus grave, accidents hémolytiques plus sévères

Tableau 1 Classification internationale des variants de la glucose-6-phosphate déshydrogénase (G6PD) en fonction de leur activité (selon [4]).

Classe I	Déficit enzymatique avec anémie hémolytique non sphérocytaire chronique
Classe II	Déficit enzymatique sévère avec activité enzymatique inférieure à 10% de la normale
Classe III	Déficit enzymatique discret ou modéré avec activité enzymatique comprise entre 10 et 60% de la normale
Classe IV	Activité comprise entre 60 et 150% de la normale
Classe V	Activité accrue, supérieure à 150% de la normale

# Déficit en G6PD et médicaments



## Vigifavisme

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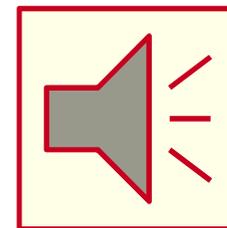
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# Déficit en G6PD et médicaments



Liste  
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## Contre-indiquée

- Acide nalidixique
- Dapsone
- Nitrofurantoïne
- Noramidopyrine / Métamizole sodique
- Rasburicase
- Sulfadiazine (voie orale)
- Sulfafurazol
- Sulfaguanidine
- Sulfaméthoxazole (voies orale et injectable)
- Sulfasalazine
- Triméthoprimine (voies orale et injectable)

## Déconseillée (sauf situation particulière) en raison de cas observés d'hémolyse aiguë

- Chloroquine
- Ciprofloxacine (voies orale et injectable)
- Dimercaprol
- Glibenclamide
- Lévofloxacine (voies orale et injectable)
- Norfloxacine (voie orale)
- Phytoménadione (vitamine K1)
- Spiramycine (voies orale et injectable)
- Sulfadiazine (voie locale)

## Déconseillée (sauf situation particulière) en raison de l'appartenance à une classe pharmacologique à risque, ou d'un risque potentiel d'hémolyse

- Acide pipémidique
- Carbutamide
- Enoxacine
- Fluméquine
- Glibornuride
- Gliclazide
- Glimépiride
- Glipizide
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Loméfloxacine
- Moxifloxacine
- Ofloxacine (voies orale et injectable)
- Péfloxacine (voies orale et injectable)
- Phénazone (voie locale)
- Prilocaine
- Quinine
- Sulfacétamide
- Sulfadoxine
- Sulfaméthizol



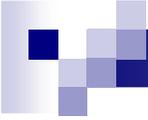
## ***Déficit en G6PD, Diagnostic***

- **Corps de Heinz** (non spécifique)
- **Dosage G6PD** (risque de faux négatif)
  - ***A coupler systématiquement avec le dosage de l'héxokinase***
  - ***Intérêt de l'enquête familiale dans les cas difficiles***
    - Dosage G6PD chez les parents et frères et soeurs
- **Diagnostic génétique moléculaire** généralement inutile

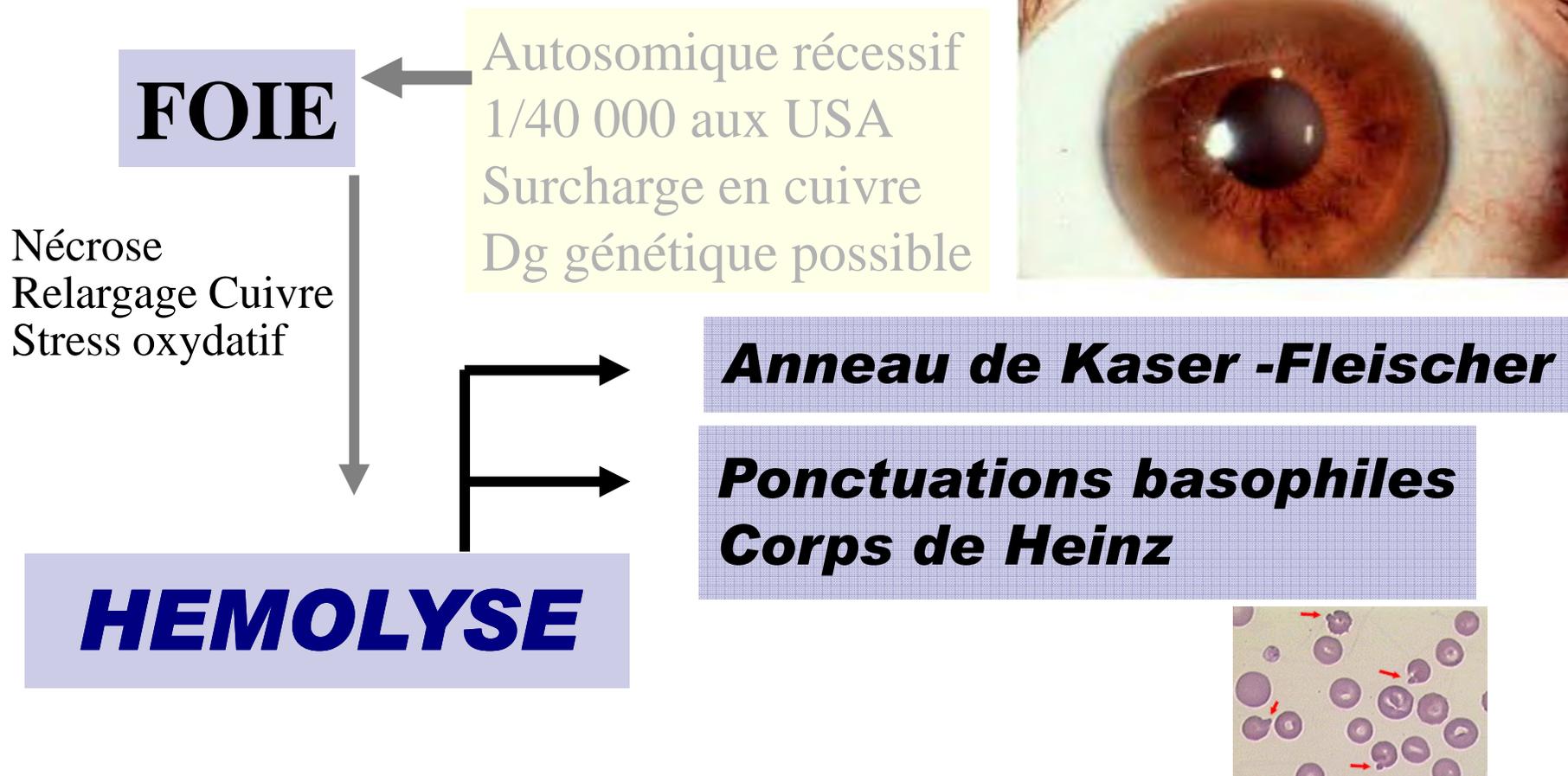


## ***Déficit en pyruvate kinase***

- Phénotype variable
- Facteur de protection contre le paludisme ?
- Répartition ubiquitaire (Europe du Nord, Chine...)
- **Hémolyse**, lithiase pigmentaire, érythroblastopénie, splénomégalie
- Dosage de PK
- Dg moléculaire: Non

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- Femme, 23 ans, origine cambodgienne
  - Adressée pour bilan d'une hémolyse
  - Hb 7,5 g/dL, VGM 108  $\mu$ L, réticulocytes: 154G/L
  - ASAT 3 N, ALAT 4N
  - TP: 51%, FV: 43%
  - Echo abdo: splénomégalie 15 cm, dysmorphie hépatique, signes d'HTP
  - Test de Coombs direct négatif,
  - Absence de schizocytes
  - Électrophorèse de l'Hb en attente

# Maladie de Wilson

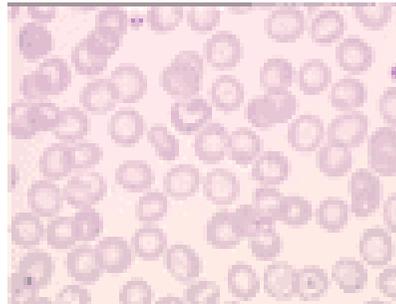




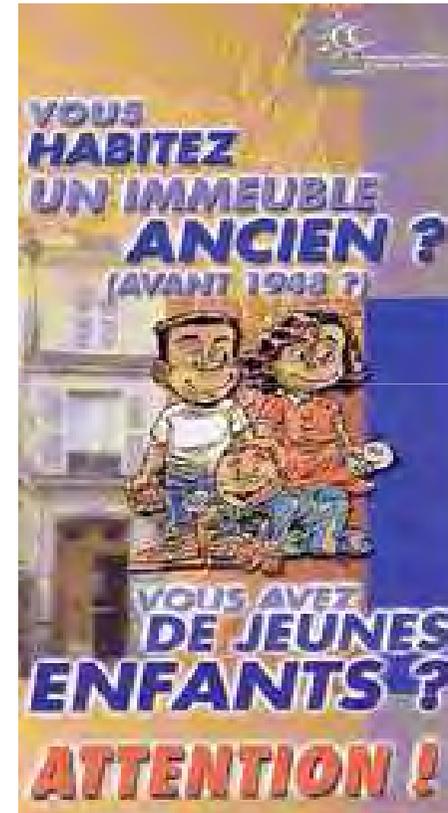
# ***Hémolyses toxiques***

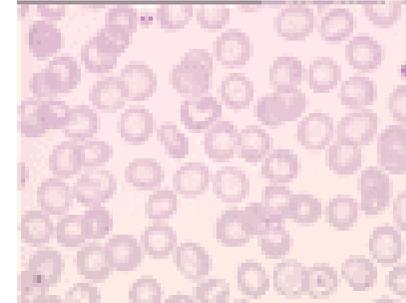
- Médicaments
  - ***Sulfones***
  - ***Ribavirine***
- Plomb
- Cuivre

# ***Saturnisme***



- Hémostolyse
- Hématies ponctuées
- Douleurs abdominales
- HTA
- Pigmentation des gencives
- Plombémie et plomburie ↗↗↗

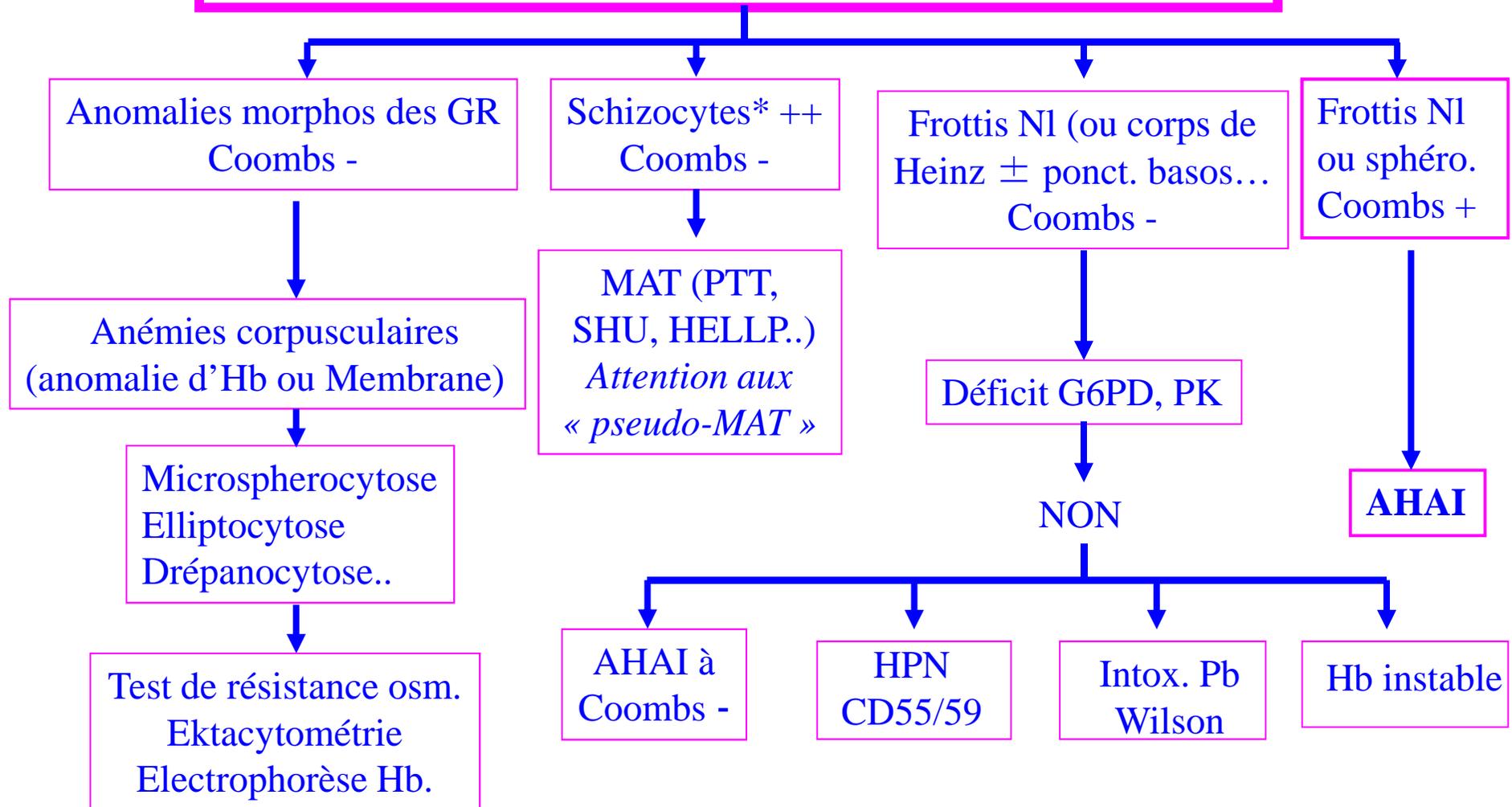




- **Hématies ponctuées** : hématies (en réalité réticulocytes) contenant de nombreuses petites ponctuations sombres, basophiles (témoin d'une anomalie de synthèse de l'hémoglobine)
  - *Thalassémies*
  - *Anémies sidéroblastiques (secondaires (Pb) et primitives)*
  - *Splénomégalie myéloïde*
  - *Grandes dysérythropoïèses*
  - *Chez le nouveau-né (ponctuations fines)*

# Anémie hémolytique

## Frottis sanguin + test de Coombs direct





## ***Que faire quand on a rien trouvé ?***

- AHAI à Coombs négatif ?
- Désinsertion de valve mécanique ?
- Hb instable ?
- **FAIRE UN MYELOGRAMME**

# Sd «ATMDS »

## Acquired $\alpha$ -thalassemia myelodysplastic syndrome

- $\alpha$ -thalassémie acquise
- Déletion d'un ou deux gènes  $\alpha$
- Hémoglobine H
- Anémie microcytaire hypochrome
- Surcharge martiale
- HPLC, Electrophorèse Hb (acétate cellulose, isoélectrofocalisation)
- MDS, SMP, etc...

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### Alpha-thalassémie acquise révélatrice d'un syndrome myélodysplasique de type anémie réfractaire avec hémochromatose secondaire

*Acquired alpha-thalassemia as early sign for myelodysplastic syndrome (refractory anaemia) with secondary haemochromatosis*

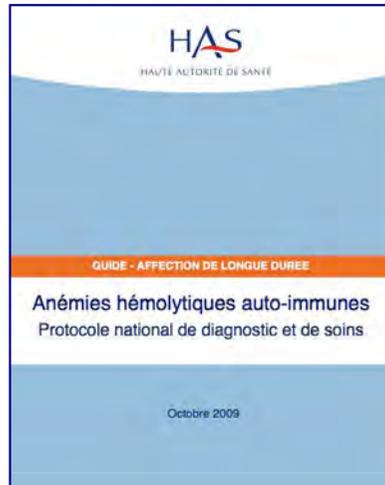
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**Résumé.** Nous rapportons l'observation d'un homme de 59 ans présentant une anémie microcytaire hypochrome régénérative. Les explorations ont révélé la présence d'une hémoglobine H, tétramère de  $\beta$ -globine, qui suggère un trouble de synthèse de l' $\alpha$ -globine et donc une  $\alpha$ -thalassémie. L'absence d'antécédents personnels et familiaux ainsi que la présence d'une aniso-poikilocytose marquée sur les frottis sanguins associée à une nette surcharge en fer (ferritinémie supérieure à 1 500  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) ont fait évoquer un syndrome myélodysplasique. Celui-ci a effectivement été confirmé par un examen médullaire avec notamment des signes marqués de dysérythropoïèse. Ce tableau clinique est compatible avec le syndrome ATMDS (*acquired  $\alpha$ -thalassemia-myelodysplastic syndrome*). Une centaine de cas est recensée dans le monde et un registre international existe depuis le début des années 1980. L'origine de ce syndrome est méconnue, des délétions du génome  $\alpha$  ont été évoquées, mais depuis peu, il semble que le gène *ATRX* soit fréquemment impliqué dans la pathogenèse. Ce gène, situé sur le bras long du chromosome X, code pour une protéine associée à la chromatine qui régule la transcription de certains gènes. Les gènes  $\alpha$  seraient une des cibles de cette protéine.

**Mots clés :** syndrome ATMDS, hémoglobine H, dysérythropoïèse,  $\alpha$ -thalassémie acquise, myélodysplasie, hémochromatose secondaire

**Abstract.** We report the case of a 59 year old man presenting a regenerative microcytic hypochromic anaemia. The investigations revealed the presence of haemoglobin H, suggesting abnormalities in the  $\alpha$ -globin chains synthesis. Alpha-thalassemia was thus suspected. The patient had no personal or familial history. The association with aniso-poikilocytosis and a marked iron overload (ferritinemia > 1 500  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) suggested a myelodysplastic syndrome, which was confirmed with a bone marrow aspiration. The pattern was consistent with the Acquired  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia-Myelodysplastic Syndrome (ATMDS). About a hundred cases are listed worldwide and collected in an international registry. The causes of ATMDS are ignored, but recent reports indicate that the *ATRX* gene may be implicated in the pathogenesis. *ATRX* is a chromatin-associated protein, involved in the transcription of several genes. The  $\alpha$ -globin genes could be one of the targets of the *ATRX* protein.



## Anémie hémolytique chez l'adulte : principales causes et démarche diagnostique

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