



Significance of respiratory virus infections in HSCT: Not just a cold!

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Learning objectives

- Appreciate the clinical significance of respiratory virus infections (RVI) in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) recipients
- Review most relevant respiratory viruses affecting HSCT population
- Recognize which patients can be potentially treated
- Overview of available treatment and prevention options

Advances in diagnostic technology are allowing identification of novel etiologic agents for “idiopathic” pneumonia

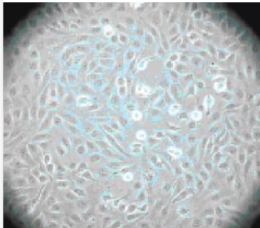
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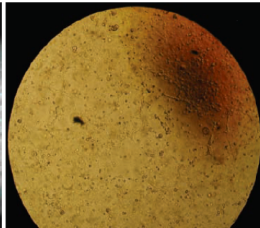
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Viral Culture

Uninfected Madin-Darby canine kidney cells

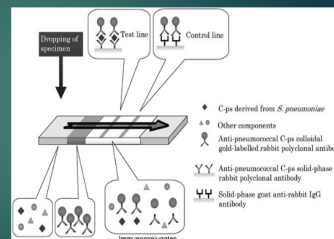


Cytopathic effect typical of influenza infection in Madin-Darby canine kidney cells



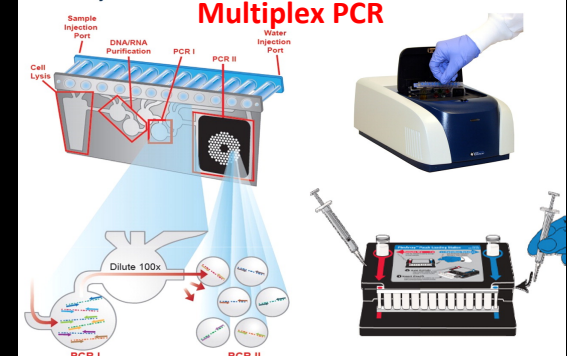
Rapid Antigen Detection Tests (RADT)

- ▶ Lateral flow immunoassays
- ▶ Results typically read in 15 min
- ▶ Used for many different type of infections
 - ▶ Strep throat
 - ▶ Flu



The FilmArray Pouch

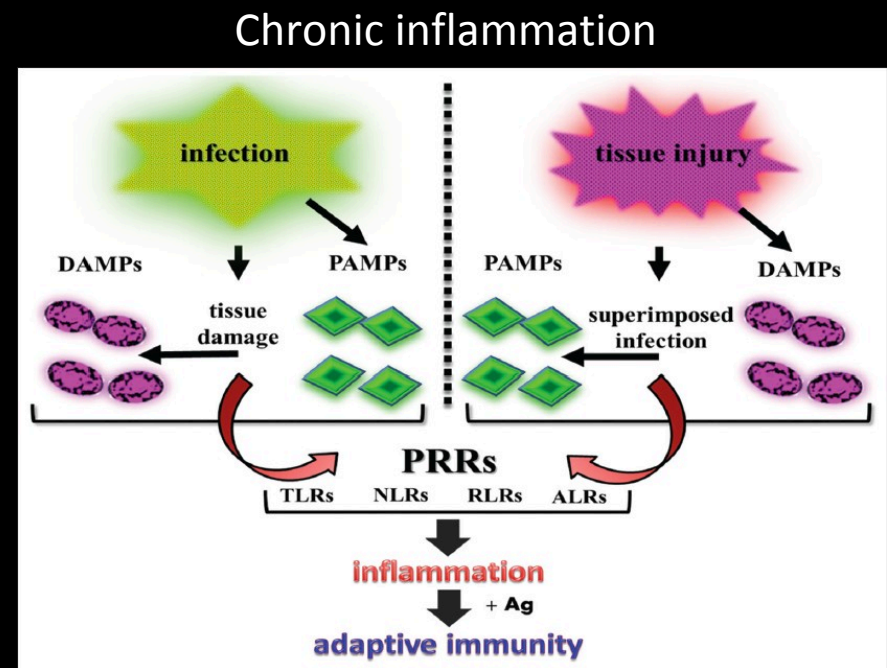
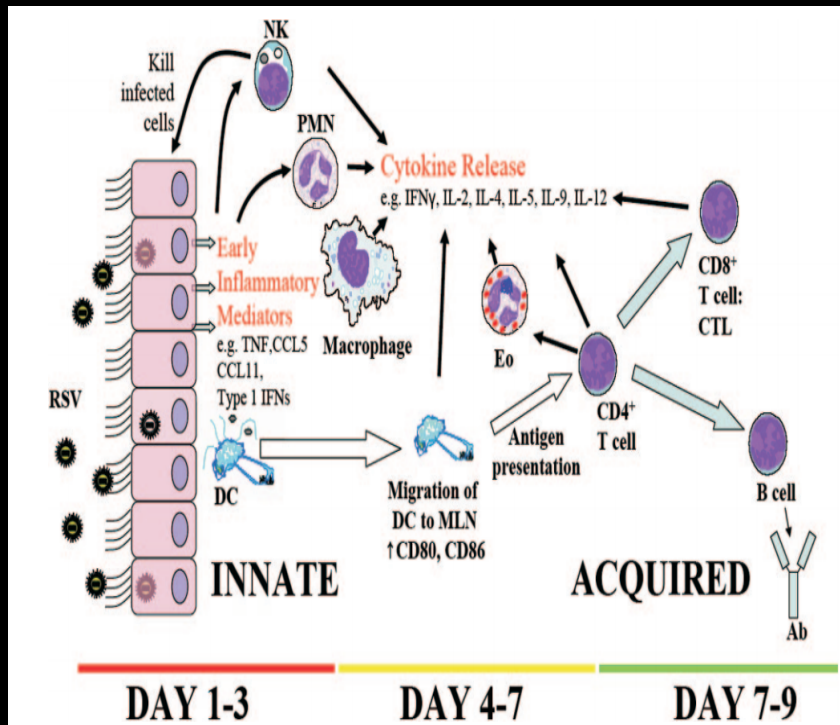
Multiplex PCR



Rates of Disease Progression, and mortality due to RVI in HSCT

Virus	Infection Rates in First 100 Days (%)	Progression from URI to LRI (%)	Overall 30-day Mortality with LRI (%)	References
RSV	2–6	20–40	25–45	(13,25–27)
PIV	4–7	18–44	~35	
Influenza A/B	1–3	15–18	~25	
Metapneumovirus	3–6	25–41	~33	(28–30)
Rhinovirus	21	2–4	~20	(31–34)

Immune response to RVI and chronic allograft dysfunction

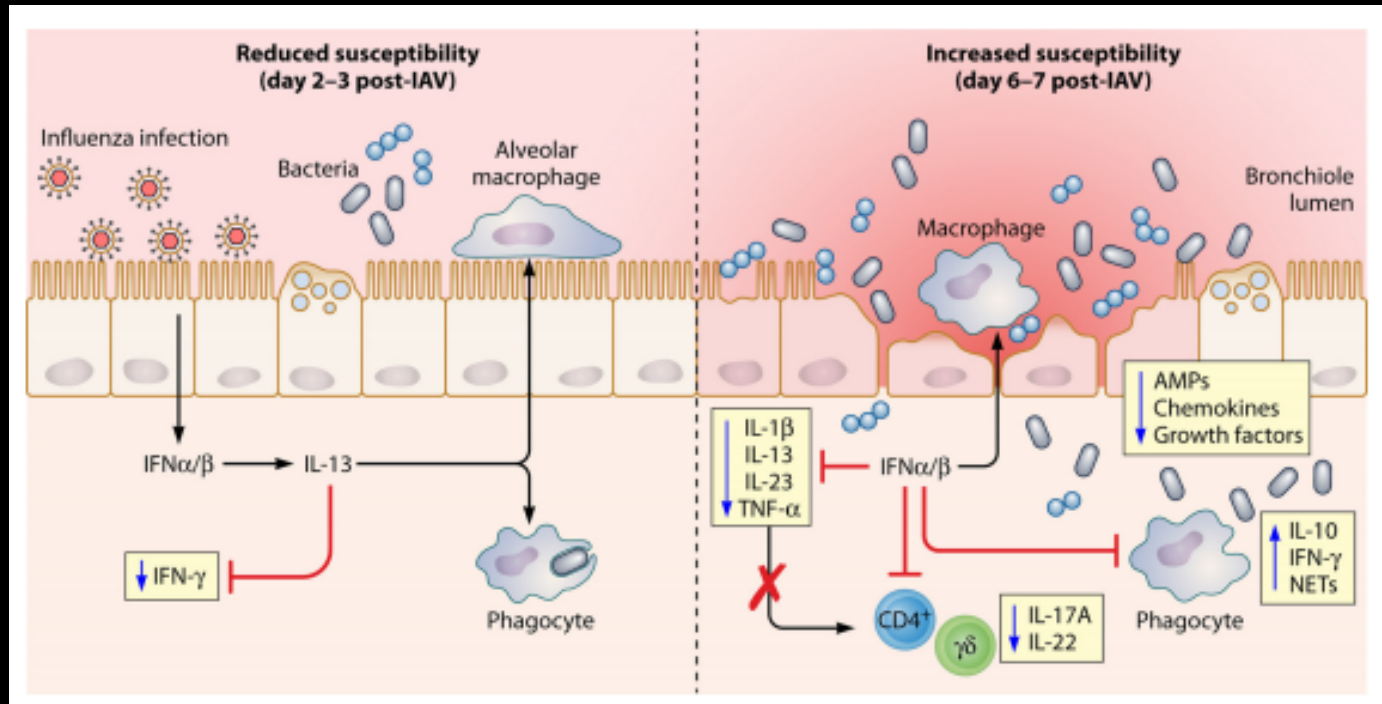


**Prolonged viral shedding
and innate immunity
activation**



(Image Courtesy of <http://weknowmemes.com/2013/01/batman-on-flu-season/>)

Superinfection after influenza virus infection



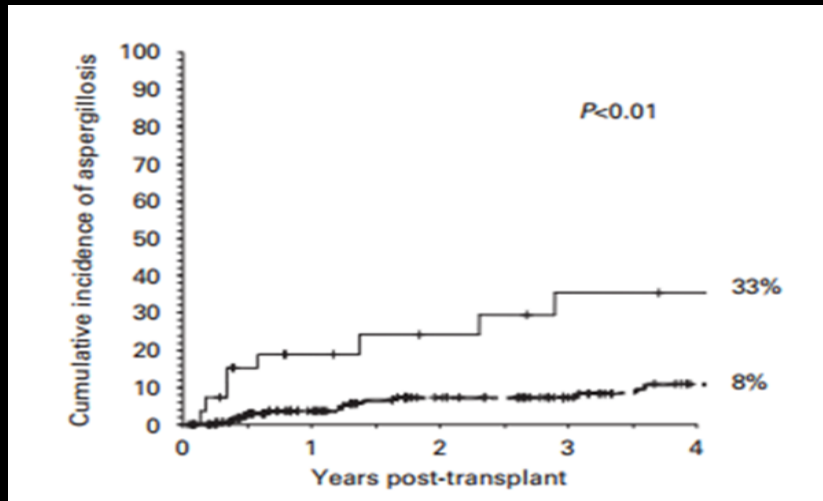
Murine Model

Epithelial damage

Neuraminidase activity enhance streptococcal adherence

Reduced phagocyte activity

Increased risk of Invasive Aspergillosis



Martino, R et al. Bone Marrow Transplantation Vol 44, pages749-756(2009):

219 Allo HSCT

27 developed IA (13%)

Risk Factors :

LRTI by respiratory virus (HR 4.3), GVHD (HR 2.9) and CMV infection (HR 2.8)

Marr, KA et Al. Blood, 15 December 2002 Volume 100, Number 13:

- 1682 HSCT recipients
- Patients with respiratory virus infections at day 40 post allo HSCT had a 2.1-fold increased risk of subsequent IA

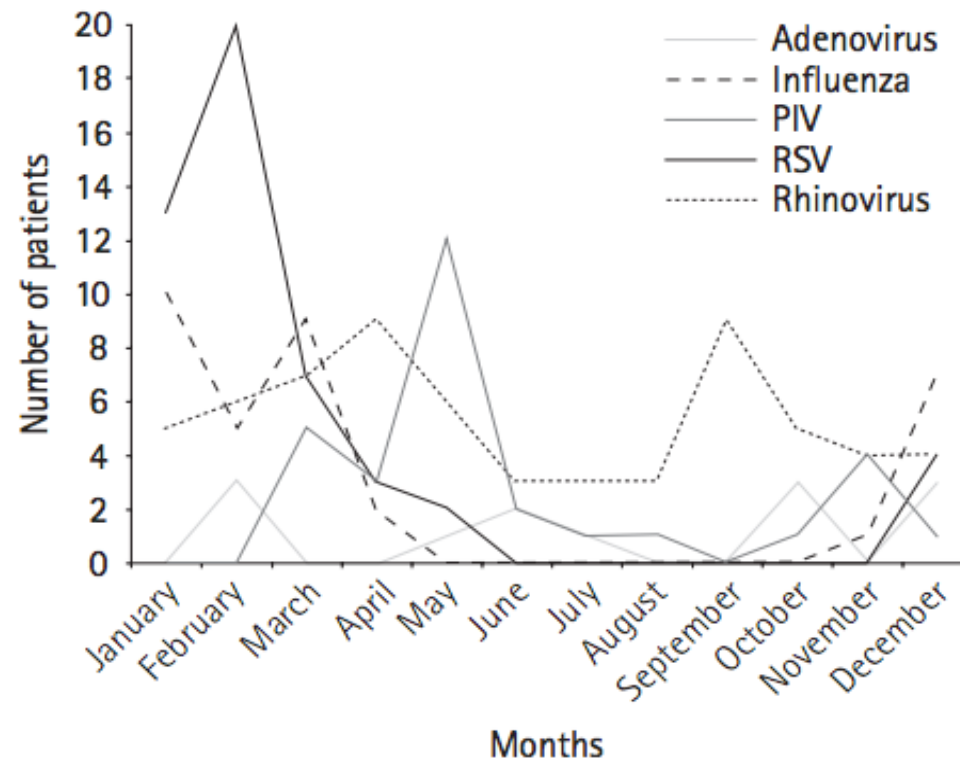
Complications of respiratory virus infections in transplant recipients

- LRTI (increased mortality)
- Acute and chronic allograft dysfunction
- GVHD
- Co infection (bacterial and fungal)
- Immune system exhaustion?

MOST RELEVANT RESPIRATORY VIRUSES IN HSCT RECIPIENTS

Seasonal distribution

Figure 1. Seasonal distribution of respiratory viral infections by pathogen



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Respiratory viruses testing at MCV (Feb 2014- May 2016)

Inpatient and outpatient
2812 patients
4213 tests

Adenovirus	5.15%
Bordetella pertussis.	0.12%
Chlamydomphila pneumoniae	0.09%
Coronavirus 229E	1.07%
Coronavirus HKU1	2.35%
Coronavirus NL63	2.56%
Coronavirus OC43	4.04%
Human Metapneumovirus	6.01%
Influenza A	0.31%
Influenza A 2009 H1	3.80%
Influenza A H1	0.07%
Influenza A H3	4.27%
Influenza B	2.71%
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	0.93%
Parainfluenza 1	1.40%
Parainfluenza 2	0.59%
Parainfluenza 3	4.18%
Parainfluenza 4	1.59%
Respiratory Syncytial Vir	16.16%
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	42.61%

BMT inpatient units, BMT, Dalton and
transplant clinics.

Adenovirus	3	0.44%
Coronavirus 229E	19	2.79%
Coronavirus HKU1	26	3.81%
Coronavirus NL63	13	1.91%
Coronavirus OC43	38	5.57%
Human Metapneumovirus	25	3.67%
Influenza A 2009 H1	15	2.20%
Influenza A H3	16	2.35%
Influenza B	8	1.17%
Parainfluenza 1	16	2.35%
Parainfluenza 2	1	0.15%
Parainfluenza 3	43	6.30%
Parainfluenza 4	17	2.49%
Respiratory Syncytial Vir	139	20.38%
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	302	44.28%
Grand Total	682	100.00%

Influenza



Influenza A and B

- Incidence: 9.4 to 47% (among patients with respiratory infections). 1.3% overall
- **Mortality: 4.5 up to 47.8%**
- Clinical course: LRTI, secondary superinfection with fungal or bacterial pathogens. Emergence of M2 inh resistance
- Dx: Direct antigen Detection (DAD), PCR.
- Rx: Flu A or B - **neuraminidase inhibitors** (oseltamivir PO, Peramivir IV or zanamivir Inh), M2 inhibitor (amantadine and rimantadine - Flu A. RBV may be in combination



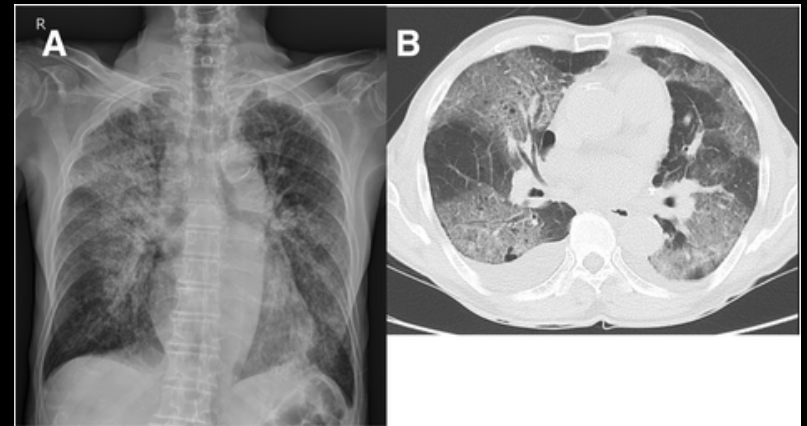
1918 pandemic flu infected 500 million, killed around 100 millions



ARDS secondary to H1N1 infection

RSV

- Incidence: 23.9-31 %(among patients with respiratory infection). Overall 8.7%
- **Mortality: 6.5-26% (~80% if untreated from older reports)**
- Clinical course URTI, LRTI, graft failure, **airflow decline**
- Year round transmission, peak in the cold seasons. Nosocomial outbreaks
- Dx: Viral culture, DAD, PCR.
- Rx: RBV, IVIG, Palivizumab



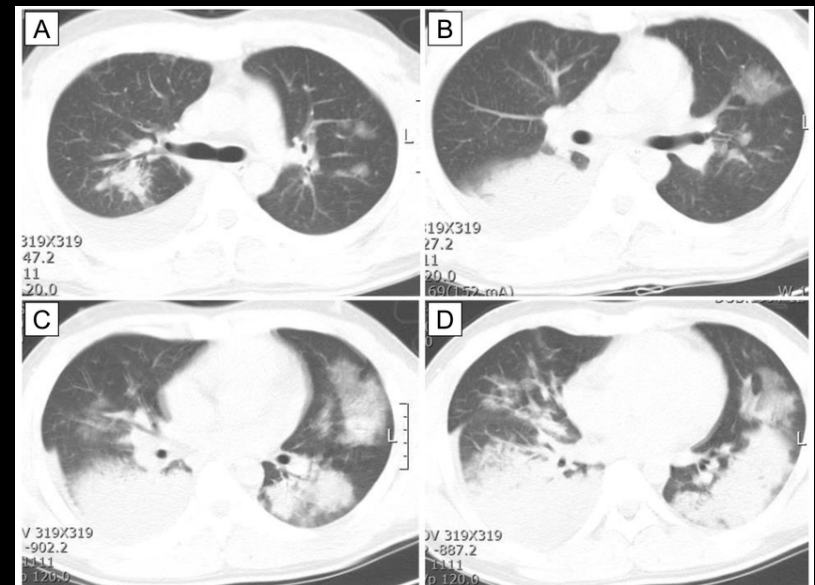
Journal of Medical Case Reports 2017. 11:353

Adenovirus

- Several serotypes
- Incidence 2.7-47%. **Mortality 18-52.8%**
- Clinical course : URTI, LRTI, **extra - pulmonary manifestations (Enteritis, hemorrhagic cystitis, renal failure, hepatitis, CNS involvement)**, graft failure or delayed engraftment, dissemination
- Community acquired or reactivation. Peak at summer months
- DX: PCR
- Rx: Cidofovir. Gancyclovir and Acyclovir have poor activity. **Reduction of immunosuppression**



www.medscape.com



J Thorac Dis 2016;8(5):848-854

Parainfluenza

- Incidence: PIV-3 > PIV1 > PIV2 > PIV4. 9.6-28% Among patients with respiratory infection. Overall 7.1-13.8%
- **Mortality: 4 -75%**
- Clinical course: URTI, LRTI, encephalitis. Common coinfection with *A. fumigatus* , CMV, RSV and other bacterial pathogens.
Airflow decline
- **High rate of asymptomatic shedding. Nosocomial transmission is common**
- DX: Viral Culture, DAD , PCR
- Rx: +/- RBV, IVIG. **DAS-181?**

HMPV

- Incidence: 3-4%
- Mortality: **data obscured due to co-infection.**
~12.5%
- Clinical course: URI, LRTI, respiratory failure, pulmonary hemorrhage
- Dx: Viral Culture, DAD, PCR
- Rx: ? Ribavirin, ?IVIG

Coronavirus

- Year round circulation, slight predominance in winter
- LRTI < 10% in HSCT
- Mortality estimated <10%
- **Deadly coronaviruses: SARS and MERS**
- Rx: Lack of antiviral agents and clinical trials

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus

- Rhinoviruses:
 - Incidence: 7.8%
 - Mortality: Fatal cases reported
 - Clinical course: URI, LRTI (rare). Prolonged shedding
 - Supportive therapy
- Enteroviruses:
 - Incidence: 0.7% in BAL specimens. 6% in patients with respiratory infections
 - Mortality: Fatal cases reported
 - Clinical course: LRTI, ARDS, Meningitis -Encephalitis
 - Supportive therapy

Highlights of clinical presentation in HSCT recipients

- Wide range of disease: URI -trachea-bronchitis – bronchiolitis – pneumonia
- Often present with mild or atypical symptoms and fever may be absent
- Viral shedding is usually prolonged
- Look for subsequent development of bacterial and fungal pneumonia

**WHO NEEDS TO BE
TREATED?**

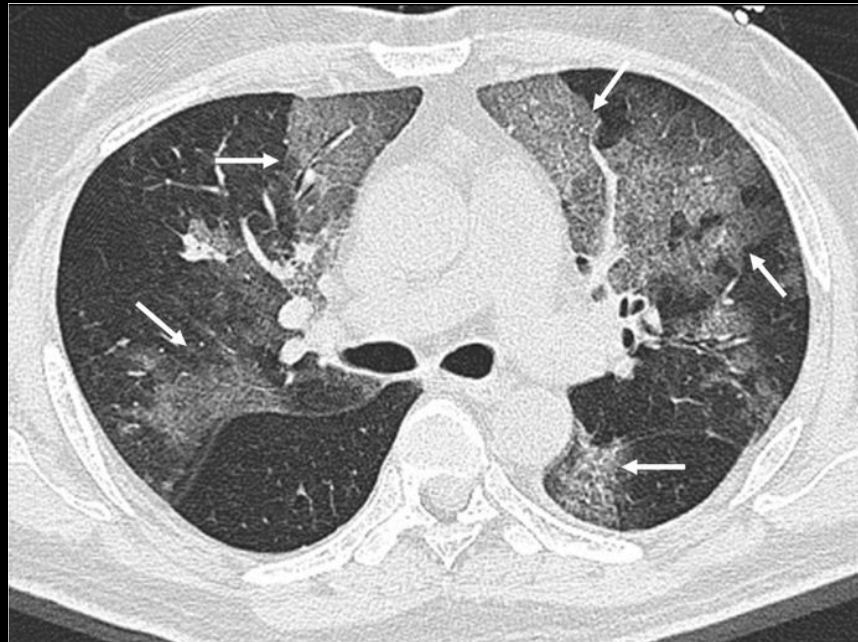


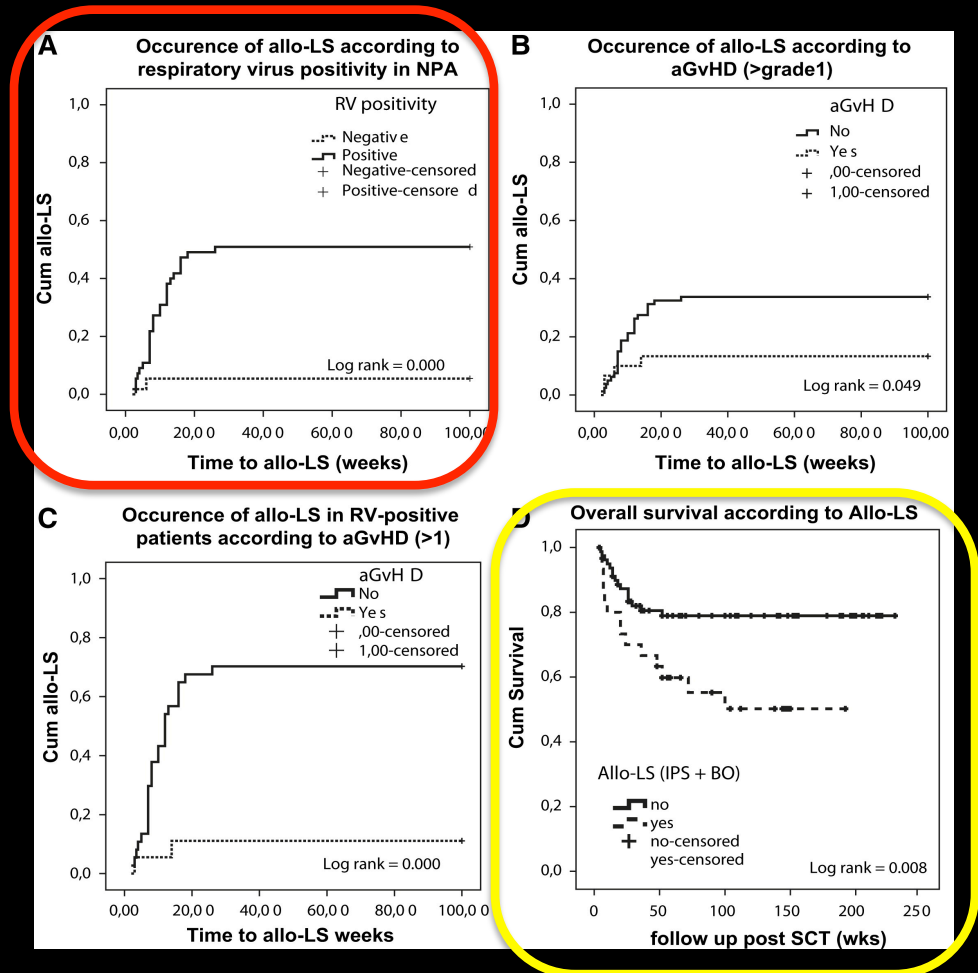
Table 2. Risk Factors of Respiratory Syncytial Virus–Associated Complications in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Patients

Progression to LRTID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lymphopenia $<0.2 \times 10^9/\text{L}$• Older age• Mismatched/unrelated donor• Allogeneic HSCT <1 mo• Neutropenia $<500/\mu\text{L}$• No therapy with aerosolized ribavirin + IVIG
Mortality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preengraftment• Lymphopenia $<0.2 \times 10^9/\text{L}$• Allogeneic HSCT <1 mo• Severe immunodeficiency• Older age (>65 y)

Abbreviations: HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; LRTID, lower respiratory tract infectious disease.

Respiratory virus infections and Alloimmune lung syndrome (IPS,BOS, COP)

- 110 Ped allo HSCT
- 27% developed allo-LS strongly associated to RVI
 - 18 Idiopathic Pulmonary syndrome
 - 12 Bronchiolitis obliterans
- Overall survival is decreased associated Allo immune –Lung Syndromes



Preventive Measures

Respiratory Virus.	Incubation Period (days)	Mode of transmission	Infection Prevention Principles
RSV	4-4	Direct or indirect contact; droplet	Standard. Contact and Droplet precautions.
ADV	5-9	Direct contact; aerosols; fecal-oral	Standard. Contact and Droplet precautions.
Influenza	1-4	Contact; droplet; aerosol	Standard. Droplet precautions. Airborne with invasive ventilation; Seasonal vaccination; Post exposure prophylaxis with Oseltamivir
PIV	2-6	Direct contact; droplet; large particle aerosol	Standard. Airborne and Droplet precautions.
hMPV	4-6	Direct contact; droplet; large particle aerosols	Standard. Contact precautions.
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	1-9	Direct or indirect contact; large or small particle aerosol	Standard. Droplet precautions.

Therapies under development for HSCT and HM RVIs

	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
RSV	GS-5806 (Presatovir)* GILEAD			
	ALS-8176 ALIOS			
	ALN-RSV01 ALNYLAM			
	MEDI8897 mAb MEDIMMUNE			
PIV	DAS181 (Fludase)* ANSUN			
Influenza	IV Zanamivir GlaxoSmithKline			
	Favipiravir TOYOMA CHEMICAL			
	Nitazoxanide ROMARK			
	IV Hyperimmune Immunoglobulin NIH			
	Anti-Influenza Immune Plasma NIH			
	Laninamivir BIOTA			
	DAS181 (Fludase) ANSUN			
	MHAA4549A mAb GENENTECH			
	CR6261 mAb JANSSEN			
	MEDI8852 mAb MEDIMMUNE			
Rhinovirus Enterovirus	TCN-032 mAb THERACLONE			
	Vapendavir BIOTA			
	Omalizumab (Xolair) GENENTECH			

ALS-8176: Nucleoside analog targeting RSV polymerase, demonstrated reduction on VL And disease severity.
ALN-RSV01. Small interfering RNA with robust VL decrease *in vitro* and mice.

Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2016 May;22(5):965-70. Epub 2016 Feb 22.
(56% complete clinical response to DAS 181)

Available through FDA EIND. Useful for Oseltamevir resistance strains

PB1 inhibitor (of viral polymerase complex) approved for use against pandemic flu in Japan.

Rossignol, J. Antiviral Research 110 (2014) 94–103 Rossignol Antiparasitic drug, with broad spectrum antiviral activity (Flu, RSV, PIV, Coronavirus, Norovirus, . Blocks maturation of Hemagglutinin. No available data published yet from NCT01610245 (Oselt vs NTZ vs Oselt/NTZ vs placebo).

DiLillo et al. Nat Med. 2014 Feb;20(2):143-51. doi: 10.1038/nm.3443. Epub 2014 Jan 12. Broadly neutralizing hemagglutinin stalk-specific antibodies require FcγR interactions for protection against influenza virus in vivo.

Summary

- RVI are increasingly recognized as significant threat to Hematopoietic Stem Cell transplant recipients
 - High frequency of nosocomial acquisition, frequency of progression to pneumonia, secondary Alloimmune Lung syndromes and high mortality rate
- Influenza, RSV, PIV, HMPV and adenoviruses cause most serious disease in immunocompromised hosts
- Therapeutic options are currently limited, with few antiviral agents approved for clinical use
- Infection control measures and immunization against pathogens for which vaccines are available is important

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Questions?

