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**STUDY ON RED BLOOD CELL ALLOANTIBODIES  
DETECTION IN MALAY WOMEN DURING  
PREGNANCY**

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Antigen sel darah merah

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RBC antigens

Hemolisik fetus dan bayi baru lahir      Haemolytic disease of fetus and newborn

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3. Poster Presentation: Evaluation of the risk factors for development of RBC alloantibodies in Malay pregnant women. (refer attachment)
4. Manuscript: Red Blood Cell Alloantibodies Detection in Malay Pregnant Women: A Tertiary Hospital Experience. Accepted for publication by International Medical Journal on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
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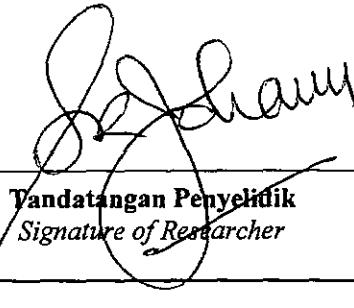
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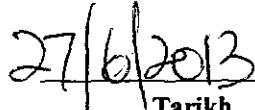
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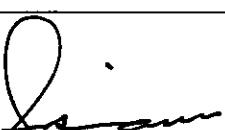
  
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1. To determine the prevalence of RBC antibodies in Malay pregnant women in HUSM	Fifty one (0.99%) out of 5163 pregnant women were found to have irregular RBC alloantibodies and when the specificities were further characterized, 30 (0.58%) women were found to possess clinically significant alloantibody.	Achieved
2. To correlate the RBC alloantibodies with the severity of Haemolytic disease of newborn	Fourteen (0.27%) infants were clinically considered to develop HDFN. Anti-D, anti-c and anti-K were identified to cause moderate to severe HDFN.	Achieved
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Red Blood Cell Alloimmunization among Malay Pregnant Women: A Tertiary Hospital Experience  
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## **ABSTRACT**

### **RED BLOOD CELL ALLOANTIBODIES DETECTION IN MALAY PREGNANT WOMEN AND HAEMOLYTIC DISEASE OF FETUS AND NEWBORN**

Pregnancy is known to cause red blood cell (RBC) alloimmunisation which may lead to the production of harmful alloantibodies and subsequently potentially to cause haemolytic disease of fetal and newborn (HDFN). However, RBC alloantibodies are significantly different between different populations and ethnics. Aim of this study is to determine the prevalence of RBC alloantibody among Malay pregnant women and its association with HDFN.

Clinical and serological data of 5163 Malay pregnant women who attended labour room, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia were collected and analyzed prospectively. The blood samples were subjected to standard blood bank procedure for antibody screening and identification. The infant of women with positive antibody screening was monitored for evidence of HDFN.

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Fifty one (0.99%) pregnant women were found to have irregular RBC alloantibodies and when the specificities were further characterized, 30 (0.58%) women were found to possess clinically significant alloantibody. Most of the clinically significant alloantibodies belonged to Rhesus (Rh) system (55.8%) where anti-E (33.3%) was the most common antibody identified, followed by anti-D (10.0%). Fourteen (0.27%) infants were clinically

considered to develop HDFN. Anti-D, anti-c and anti-K were identified to cause moderate to severe HDFN.

In conclusion, prevalence of RBC alloantibody in Malay pregnant women is low (<1%), which is similar to other published studies. There were differences in the distribution of alloantibody specificity, however the antibodies toward Rh antigen are still the commonest clinically significant alloantibody identified. Considering the low prevalence of clinically significant alloantibodies and HDFN, the value of current routine antenatal RBC antibody screening practice in most Western countries becomes questionable and may not be directly applicable to Malaysian community without modification. The antibody screen should be restricted to women who are RhD negative, or who have a history of HDFN especially due to anti-c and anti-K.

## **ABSTRAK**

### **PENGESANAN ALLOANTIBODI TERHADAP SEL DARAH MERAH DI KALANGAN PEREMPUAN MELAYU MENGANDUNG DAN PENYAKIT HEMOLISIS FETUS DAN BAYI BARU LAHIR**

Mengandung merupakan salah satu penyebab alloimunisasi sel darah merah di mana boleh menjurus kepada pembentukan alloantibodi dan seterusnya berpotensi untuk menyebabkan penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir. Walaubagaimanapun, alloantibodi terhadap sel darah merah adalah berlainan mengikut populasi dan kaum. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk mengenalpasti prevalens alloantibodi terhadap sel darah merah di kalangan wanita Melayu mengandung dan hubungannya dengan penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir.

Data klinikal dan serologi daripada 5163 orang perempuan Melayu mengandung yang datang ke dewan bersalin, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia dikumpul dan dianalisa secara prospektif. Sampel darah dianalisa mengikut prosedur tabung darah yang standard untuk ujian saringan dan penentuan antibodi. Bayi kepada wanita yang mempunyai positif saringan antibodi diawasi untuk penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir.

Lima puluh satu (0.99%) orang perempuan mengandung didapati mempunyai alloantibodi terhadap sel darah merah dan apabila spesifisiti mereka dikenalpasti dengan lebih lanjut, 30 (0.58%) orang didapati mempunyai alloantibodi yang signifikan secara klinikal.

Kebanyakan daripada alloantibodi yang signifikan secara klinikal adalah dari sistem Rhesus (55.8%) di mana anti-E (33.3%) merupakan antibodi yang paling kerap dikenalpasti, diikuti oleh anti-D (10.0%). Empat belas (0.27%) orang bayi didapati mempunyai penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir secara klinikal. Anti-D, anti-c dan anti-K dikenalpasti menyebabkan penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir yang sederhana dan teruk.

Kesimpulannya, prevalens alloantibodi terhadap sel darah merah di kalangan perempuan Melayu mengandung adalah rendah (<1%), seperti yang dilaporkan oleh kajian-kajian lain. Walaupun terdapat kelainan pada taburan spesifikasi antibodi, antibodi kepada antigen Rh adalah yang paling kerap dikenalpasti. Memandangkan rendahnya prevalens alloantibodi yang signifikan secara klinikal dan penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir, nilai saringan antibodi terhadap sel darah merah semasa mengandung yang diamalkan di kebanyakan negara barat dikhuatiri dan kemungkinan tidak boleh dipakai di Malaysia sekiranya tidak diubahsuai. Saringan antibodi sepatutnya terhad kepada wanita yang RhD negatif, atau mempunyai sejarah penyakit hemolisis fetus dan bayi baru lahir terutamanya disebabkan oleh anti-c dan anti-K.