

Don par aphérèse, incluant la plasmathérapie contre le COVID-19



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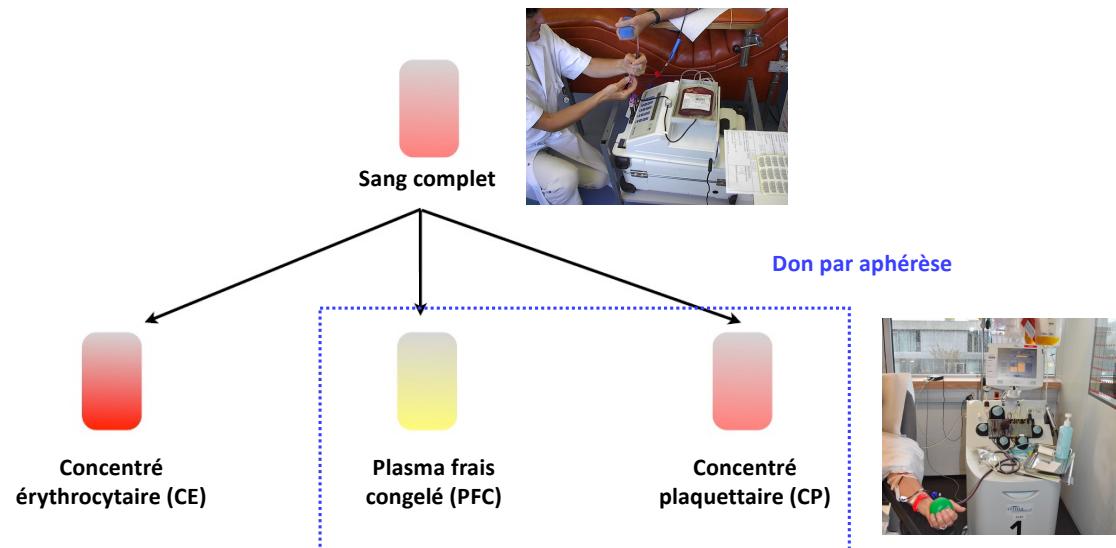
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Concentré érythrocytaire (CE)

- Volume 275 +/- 75 ml
- Hct 60%, Hb 40 gr
- Conservation à 2-6°C pdt 42j



Plasma frais congelé (PFC) inactifé

- Volume 200 ml
- Conservation à -25°C pdt 24 mois



Concentré plaquettaire (CP) inactifé

- Volume 200-330 ml
- $>2.4 \times 10^{11}$ plaquettes (5 UI)
- Conservation à 20-24°C pdt 5-7j sous agitation

Le don de sang total ou complet



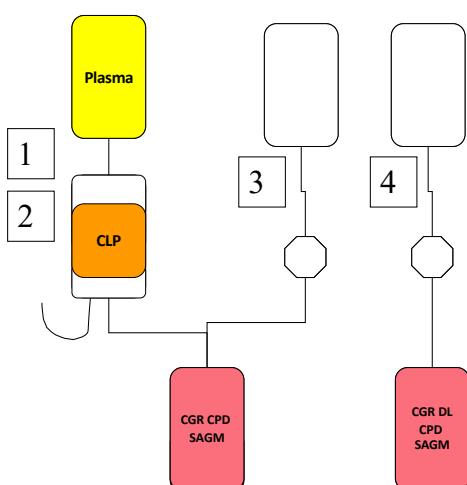
Prélèvement de sang veineux recueilli aseptiquement dans un dispositif clos autorisé, à usage unique, contenant un volume approprié de solution anticoagulante et de conservation, stérile et apyrogène

- De **18 à 70 ans** révolus (**→ 75 ans si donneur régulier**)
- Poids $\geq 50 \text{ kg}$
- Taux d'hémoglobine: **125 g/l** (**♀**) et **135 g/l** (**♂**)
- Délai entre 2 dons: 10 à 12 semaines
- Maximum **3 dons/an** (**♀**) et **4 dons/an** (**♂**)

- Durée du don en général **<10-12 min**
- Prélèvement d'env **450 ml de sang** (< 15% du VST)
- Perte d'env **1gr d'hémoglobine** et **200 mg de fer** (adsorption digestive 1-2 mg/j)
- Perte négligeable en plaquettes
- Soustraction de **250 ml de plasma** (15-20 g de protéines dont 12 g d'albumine)

<https://www.blutspende.ch/fr/informations-pour-les-donneurs/autres-types-de-don>

Processus de préparation par filtration du CGR



1) Centrifugation

2) Séparation du plasma, couche leucoplaquettaire (CLP) et du concentré de globules rouges (CGR)

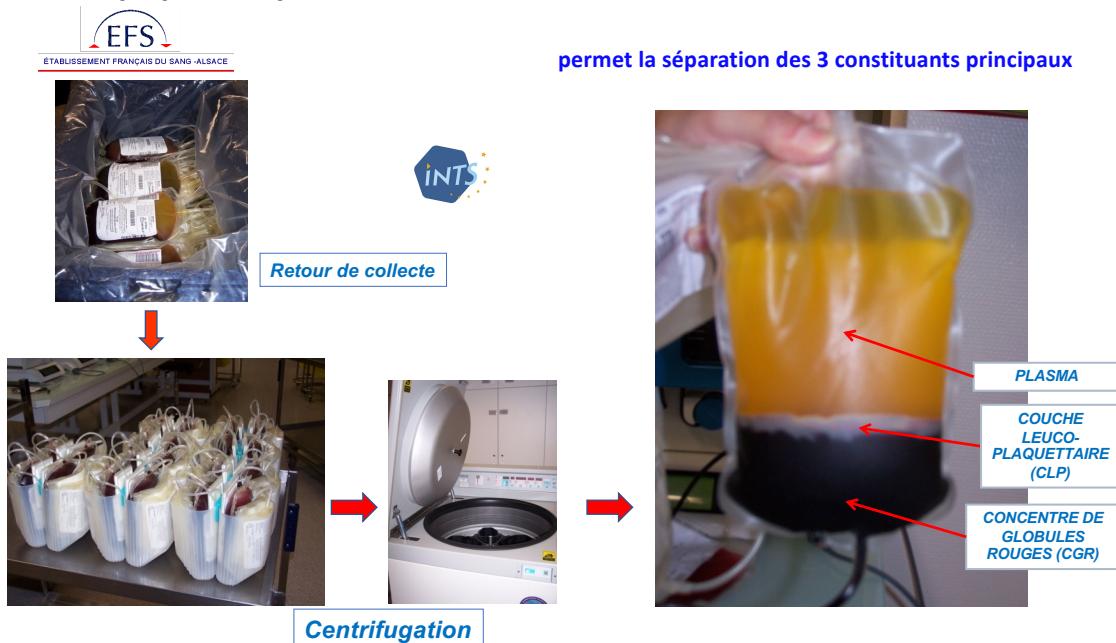
3) Ajout de la solution additive SAG-M

4) Filtration du concentré de globules rouges (CGR) → étape de déleucocytation

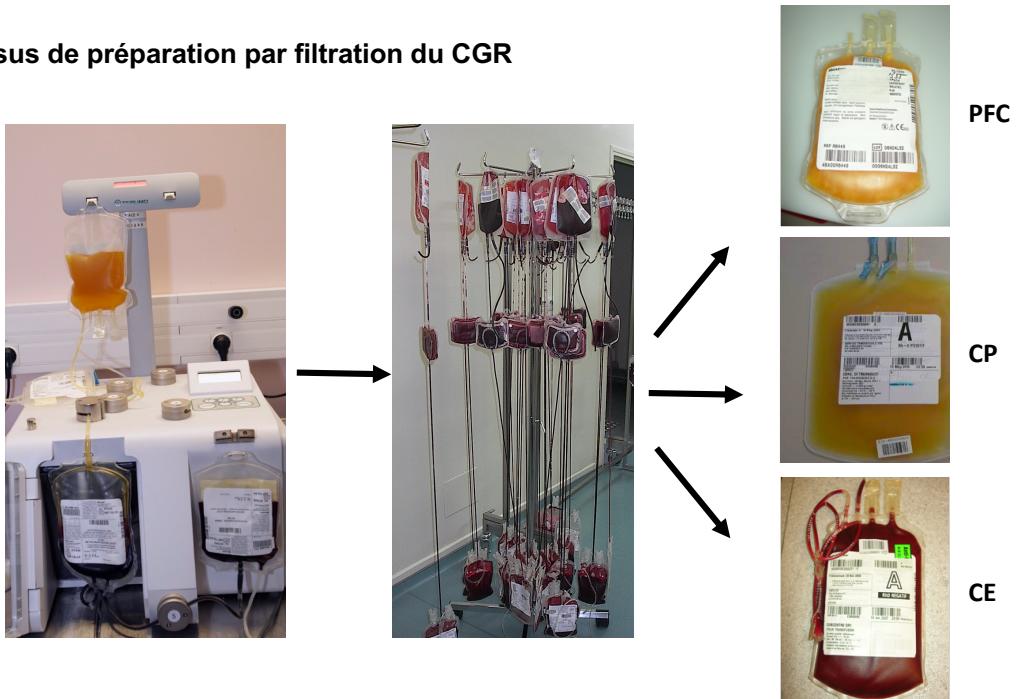
CPD = citrate phosphate dextrose

SAG-M = saline adénine glucose mannitol

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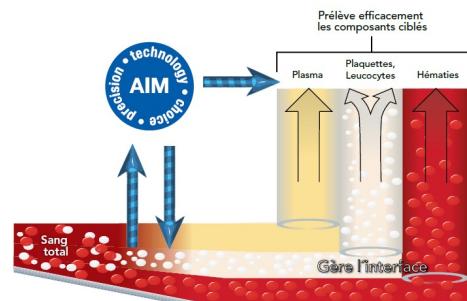


Le don par aphérèse



Prélèvement réalisé avec un séparateur de cellules qui permet au cours d'une circulation extracorporelle d'obtenir un ou plusieurs types de produits sanguins labiles, chacun répondant aux critères-qualité selon les prescriptions de Transfusion Suisse

- Don d'aphérèse simple ou combinée
- Plaquettes ou plasma ou plaquettes/plasma



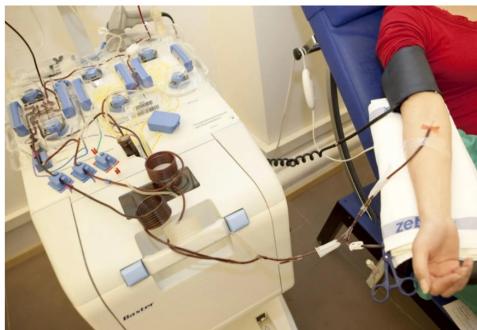
Le don de plasma thérapeutique



- De 18 à 65 ans révolus
- Poids ≥ 50 kg
- Délai entre 2 dons: de 2 à 4 semaines
- Le taux de protéines totales est ≥ 60 g/l
 - Si inférieur à 60 g/l = contre-indication au don
- Critères de sélection supplémentaires
 - Qualité abord veineux
 - Vigilance sur les risques hémodynamiques (poids, VST, TA, tolérance des dons antérieurs)
 - Vigilance sur les effets 2° du citrate (ACTD de malaise, trouble du métabolisme phosphocalcique, tétanie)
- Prélèvement donneurs hommes (prévention TRALI) 

- Durée du don environ 40 min
- Prélèvement d'env 650 ml de plasma (max 750 ml et 16% VST)
- Transfert hydrique du secteur extra-vasculaire vers intravasculaire (40 à 100 ml/h).
Importance de l'hydratation pré-don
- Soustraction de 50 g de protéines dont 30 g d'albumine
- Potentiel effet hypocalcémiant du citrate

Le don de plaquettes



- De **18 à 65 ans** révolus
- Poids $\geq 50 \text{ kg}$
- Délai entre 2 dons: **4 à 6 semaines (max 12x/an)**
- Numération plaquetttaire $\geq 150 \text{ G/l}$
 - Si inférieur à $<150 \text{ G/l}$ = contre-indication au don
- Critères de sélection supplémentaires
 - Qualité abord veineux
 - Vigilance sur les **risques hémodynamiques** (poids, VST, TA, tolérance des dons antérieurs)
 - Vigilance sur les **effets 2° du citrate** (ACTD de malaise, trouble du métabolisme phosphocalcique, tétanie)

- Durée du don environ **60 à 90 min**
- Prélèvement d'env **500-650 ml de plaquettes** (max 750 ml/séance et 16% VST)
- Potentiel effet **hypocalcémiant** du citrate
- Rejet du donneur si **prise d'anti-agrégants** (aspirine, AINS) au cours des 5 jours précédent la thrombocytaphérèse ou **allergie aigue**

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Concentrés plaquettaires (CP): 2 méthodes de production

Concentré plaquettaire de sang complet



Concentré plaquettaire d'aphérèse



1 concentré plaquettaire $>2.4 \times 10^{11}$ plaquettes

Mélange de 5 donneurs (de sang complet): moins de plasma d'un seul donneur

Aphérèse à partir d'un seul donneur: typage HLA et HPA possible (état réfractaire aux transfusions de plaquettes)

Examens virologiques

1) Obligatoire

- **HIV** → sérologie anti-HIV (4^e génération avec Ag P24), PCR HIV
- **Hépatite B** → sérologie (Ag HBs, anti-HBc) et PCR HBV
- **Hépatite C** → sérologie (anti-HCV) et PCR HCV
- **Hépatite E** → PCR HEV
- **Syphilis TPHA**
- PCR HAV et parvovirus B19 (demandé par le fractionneur pour le plasma frais congelé)

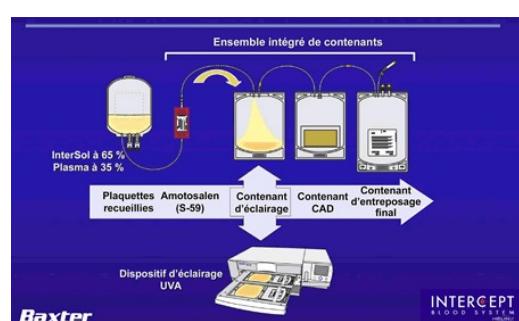
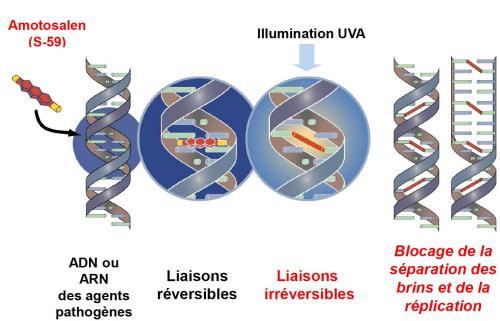
2) Si exposition à risque

- Sérologie de **paludisme** et **de Chagas**, virus du Nil occidental

3) Anti-CMV sur demande pour transfusion intra-utérine



Inactivation des pathogènes par amotosalen et UV-A (dès janv 2011)



Principe: ajout de l'amotosalen/Intercept et irradiation UV-A = intercalation de molécules d'amotosalen dans les brins d'acides nucléiques sous l'action d'une illumination UVA. Elimination secondaire de l'amotosalen

- Protection possible contre les **pathogènes émergents ou non dépistés** (virus, bactéries, protozoaires)
- Inactivation moins efficace des **virus non-enveloppés** (HAV, parvovirus B19 et HEV)
- Efficacité sur les **lymphocytes donneur** => prévention GvHD post transfusion (plus besoin d'irradier les CP)

Indications cliniques pour la transfusion de CP ou de PFC

Transfusion prophylactique de plaquettes

- Lors de **thrombopénies centrales** (ex. chimiothérapie thrombopéniant, aplasie médullaire)
- But: prévenir la survenue d'une **hémorragie** c/o un patient thrombopénique

Transfusion thérapeutique/curative de plaquettes

- Lors de **saignement actif** avec thrombopénie ou thrombopathie **ou choc hémorragique**
- But: corriger une **hémorragie**

Transfusion de plasma

- Coagulation de dilution lors d'une transfusion massive (PTM)
- Trouble global de l'hémostase et saignement
- Echanges plasmatiques en cas de Purpura Thrombotique Thrombopénique (PTT)

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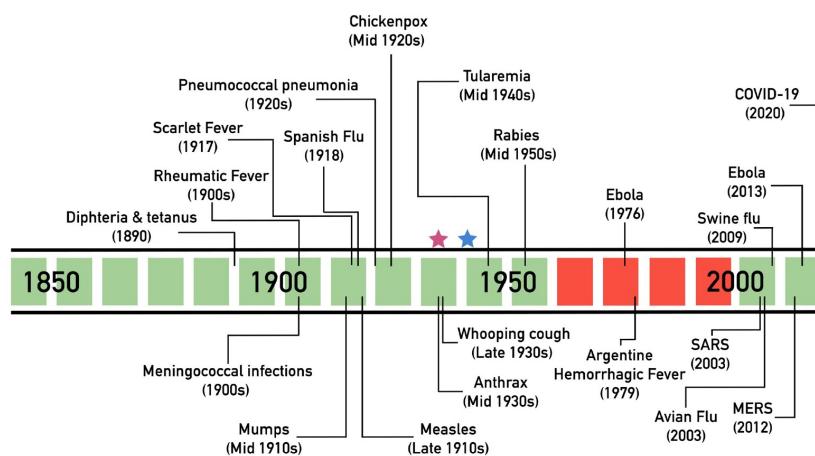
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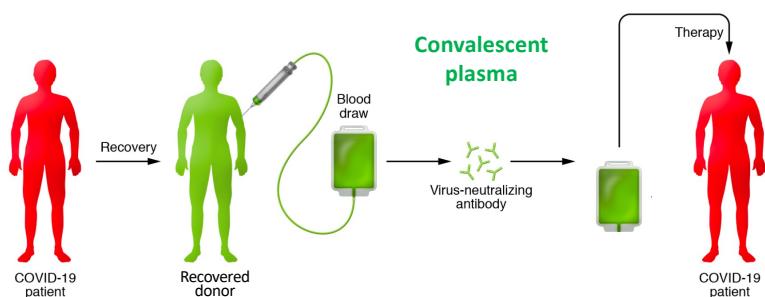
Historical concepts



Convalescent plasma collected from patients who have recovered from an infection, has been used to treat various infectious diseases since the early 20th century, although its benefit has not been consistently studied in randomized clinical trials

Montelongo-Jauregui et al., PLoS Pathogens, 2020; <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1008735>

Schematic use of convalescent plasma for COVID-19 therapy



Convalescent plasma is a passive antibody transfer therapy

Plasma from donors who have recovered from COVID-19 contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 that may help suppress the virus and modify the inflammatory response

Adapted from Casadevall A. and Pirofski LA, J Clin Invest, 2020; 130(4): 1545-1548

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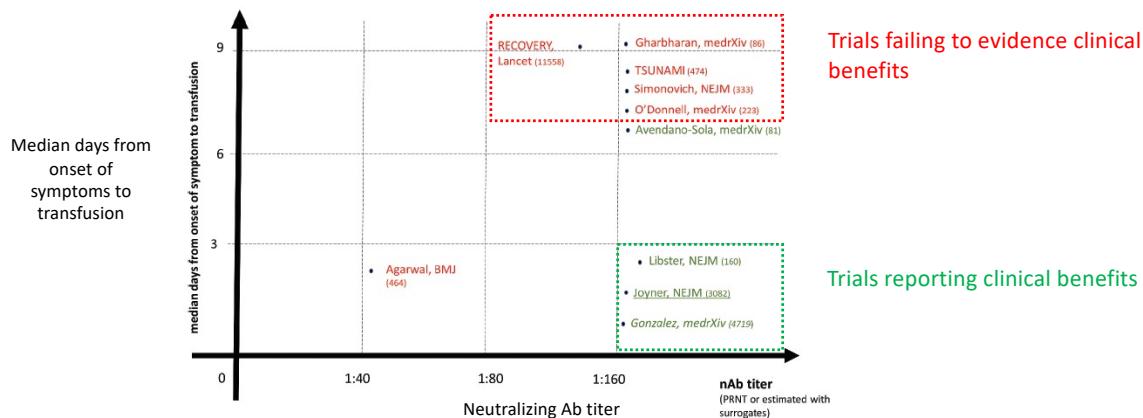


Figure 1. Graphical summary of COVID19 convalescent plasma (CCP) randomized controlled trials (RCT), propensity-score matched trials (italics), and matched controlled trials (underlined characters) for which nAb titer and days from onset of symptoms to transfusion were disclosed, and having placebo or best supportive care as a comparator. The green characters show trials reporting clinical benefits, while the red characters show trials which failed to evidence clinical benefit.

Focosi D and Franchini M, Expert review of vaccines, 2021; <https://doi.org/10.1080/14760584.2021.1932475>

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JAMA | Original Investigation

Association of Convalescent Plasma Treatment With Clinical Outcomes in Patients With COVID-19 A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Treatment with convalescent plasma compared with placebo or standard of care was not significantly associated with a decrease in all-cause mortality or with any benefit for other clinical outcomes. The certainty of the evidence was low for moderate for all-cause mortality and low for other outcomes.

No association with a decrease in all-cause mortality

It is becoming clear that we need to:

- Use plasma with sufficient antibody level
- Administer convalescent plasma at the right time
- Identify the subgroups of patients who may benefit

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The Effect of Convalescent Plasma Therapy on COVID-19 Patient Mortality: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Article Highlights

- There remains a lack of consensus on convalescent plasma use in hospitalized patients with COVID-19.
- Meta-analyses of randomized clinical trials and matched-control data demonstrated that COVID-19 patients transfused with convalescent plasma exhibited a lower mortality rate compared to patients receiving standard treatments.
- Additional analyses showed that early transfusion (within 3 days of hospital admission) of high-titer plasma is associated with lower mortality.
- These data provide evidence favoring the efficacy of human convalescent plasma as a therapeutic agent in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

Association with a lower mortality rate

Janiaud P et al., JAMA, 2021; <https://doi:10.1001/jama.2021.2747>

Klassen SA et al., 2021; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mayocp.2021.02.008>

Subgroups of patients that may best benefit

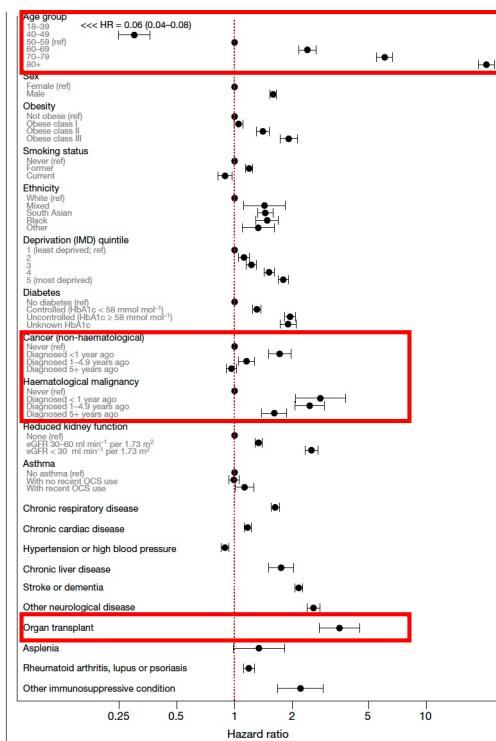
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Factors associated with COVID-19-related death using OpenSAFELY

Fig. 3 | Estimated hazard ratios for each patient characteristic from a multivariable Cox model. Hazard ratios are shown on a log scale. Error bars represent the limits of the 95% confidence interval for the hazard ratio. IMD, index of multiple deprivation; obese class I, BMI 30–34.9; obese class II, BMI 35–39.9; obese class III, BMI ≥ 40; OCS, oral corticosteroid; ref, reference group. All hazard ratios are adjusted for all other factors listed other than ethnicity. Ethnicity estimates are from a separate model among those individuals for whom complete ethnicity data were available, and are fully adjusted for other covariates. Total $n=17,278,392$ for the non-ethnicity models, and $12,718,279$ for the ethnicity model.

Comorbidity	Hazard Ratio for death Full adjusted
Solid cancer < 1y	1.72
Hematological malignancy < 1y	2.8
Hematological malignancy 2y – 5y	2.46
Organ transplant	3.53

Williamson et al., Nature, 584;430, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2521-4>



JAMA Oncology | Original Investigation

Association of Convalescent Plasma Therapy With Survival in Patients With Hematologic Cancers and COVID-19

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- Retrospective study, 143 patients with hematological malignancies
- Moderate to severe COVID-19
- Treated with CCP and compared to 823 untreated controls

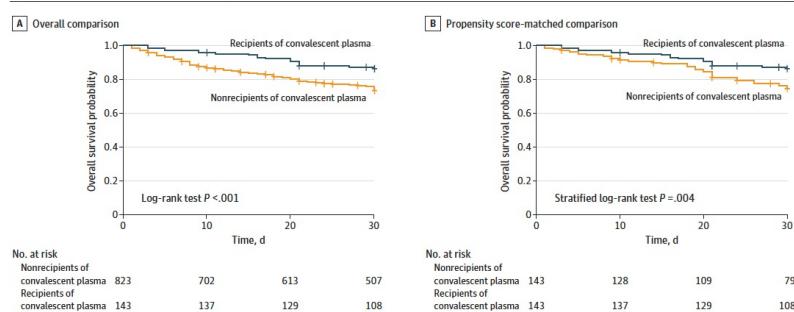
Key Points

Question Is convalescent plasma therapy associated with improved outcomes of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 and hematologic cancer?

Findings In this cohort study of 966 patients with hematologic cancer and COVID-19, after adjustment for potential confounding factors, convalescent plasma treatment was associated with a significantly improved 30-day mortality in the 143 individuals who received it. This association remained significant after propensity score matching.

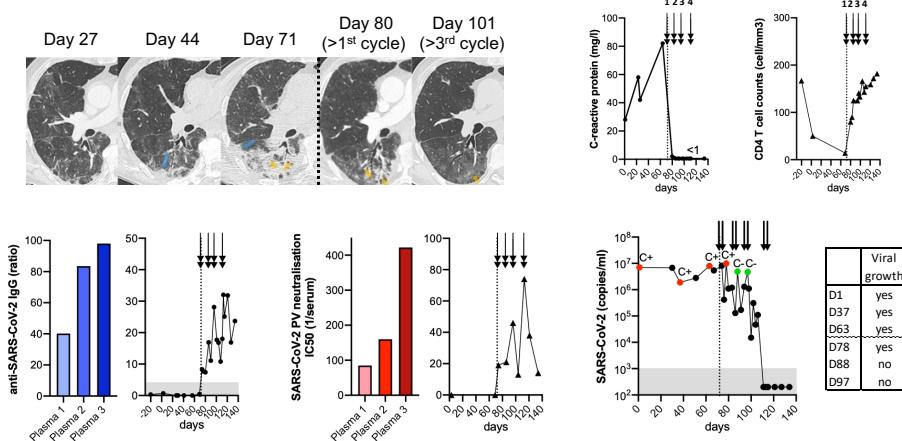
Meaning These findings suggest a potential survival benefit in the administration of convalescent plasma to patients with hematologic cancers and COVID-19.

Figure. Overall Survival Rates Among Recipients vs Nonrecipients of Convalescent Plasma



Thompson et al., JAMA Oncol, 7(8):1167-1175, 2021

Successful convalescent plasma treatment in chronic SARS-CoV-2 infection



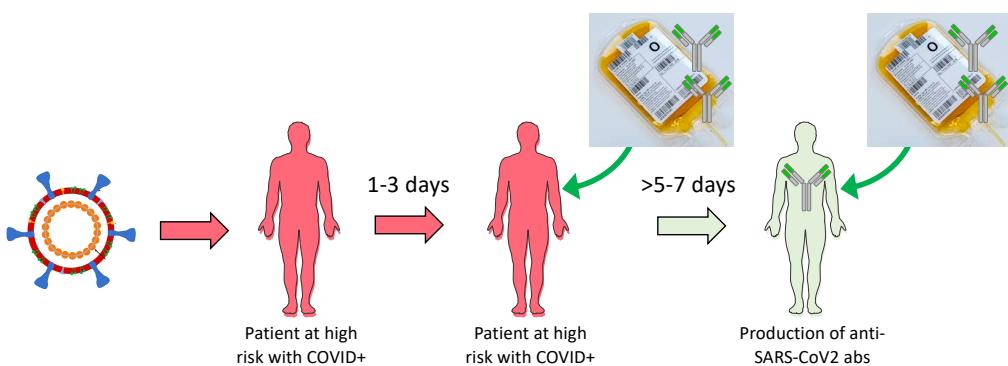
- Successful treatment of a severely immunocompromised patient with prolonged SARS-CoV-2 disease by four cycles of convalescent plasma transfusion
- Cumulative increase in anti-SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies following each plasma transfusion was associated with progressive and finally complete viral clearance

Zimmerli et al., *Front Immunol*, 12:613502, 2021

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fimmu.2021.613502/full>

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Administration of CP at the right time with high antibody titers

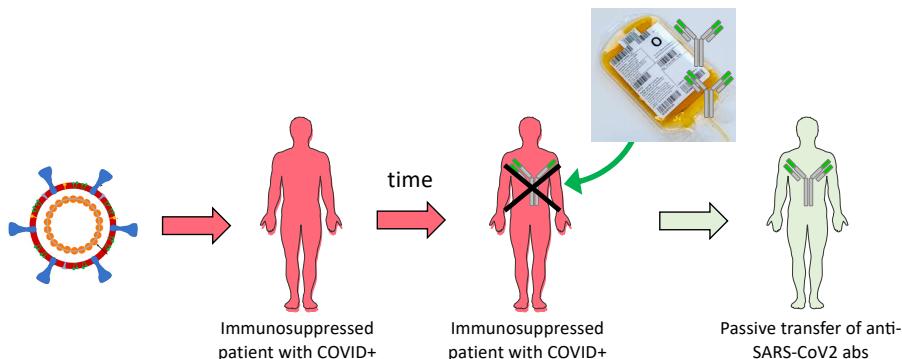


- Convalescent plasma appears ineffective for most immunocompetent patients with COVID-19 pneumonia. This may in part be explained by the fact that many of them already produce anti-SARS-CoV2 antibodies
- Yet, the INFANT-COVID study supports the notion that there may be a clinical benefit when **high-titer convalescent plasma are given early (<72 hours after symptom onset)** in a selected high-risk cohort of patients

Simonovich et al., *N Eng J Med*, Nov, 2020

Libster R. et al., *N Eng J Med*, 2021; 384(7):610-618

Subgroups of patients who may best benefit of convalescent plasma



- Several studies have provided evidence that convalescent plasma with anti–SARS-CoV-2 antibodies appears to be a promising approach in the context of **immunosuppressed patients, unable to mount a specific humoral response to SARS-CoV-2**

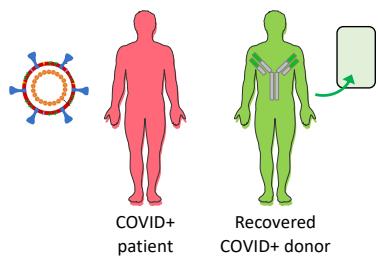
Hueso et al., Blood, 136(20):2290, 2020

Tremblay et al., Cancer Medicine, 9:8571, 2020

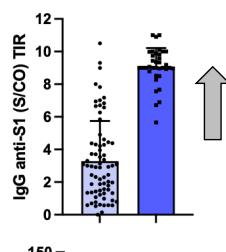
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Plasma with enriched antibodies against SARS-CoV2

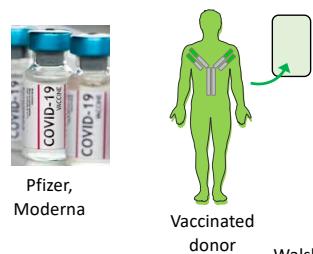
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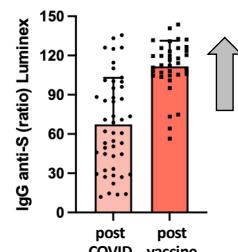
- Heterogeneous responses
- Polyclonal humoral response
- Decay (< 6 mo)
- Variants ?
- Difficulties for plasma supply with high antibody titers**



2. Plasma post vaccination = VP



- Strong homogeneous responses
- Oligoclonal response (S protein)
- Decay (>6 mo)
- Variants ?
- Plasmapheresis performed > two weeks after 2nd vaccination**



Walsh et al., N Engl J Med, Oct 2020 Jackson et al., N Engl J Med, Aug 2020

Unpublished data

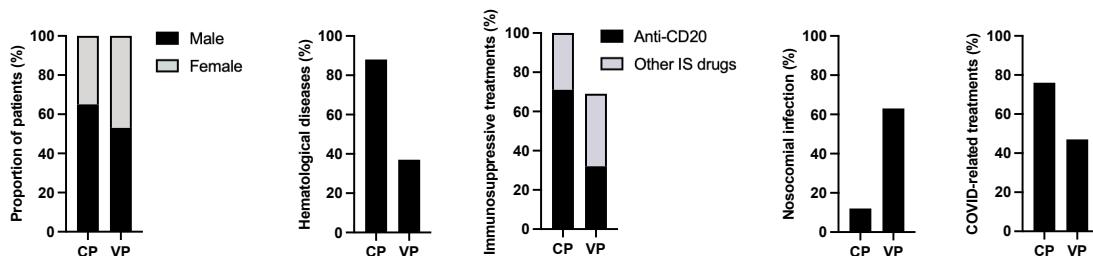
La plasmathérapie basée sur la vaccination anti-SARS-CoV2, représente-t-elle une source alternative de plasma enrichi en anti-SARS-CoV2 ?

Quels résultats thérapeutiques peuvent être attendus chez les patients immunodéficients traités par plasmathérapie vaccinale par rapport au plasma convalescent ?

CHUV: Thérapie expérimentale dans le cadre individual

Study design:

- **Immunosuppressed patients:** hematological malignancies treated with rituximab or other immunosuppressive drugs (< 2 yrs), autoimmune disease, organ transplant, or other high-risk factors/nosocomial infection (<72h)
- CP = 17 patients who received convalescent plasma (Nov 2020 to March 2021)
- VP = 19 patients who received vaccine-based plasma (March 2021 to July 2021)
- 6 patients received 2 to 4 treatments, sequentially
- Mild to moderate or severe COVID-19 disease, only 4 patients vaccinated (2 completely)

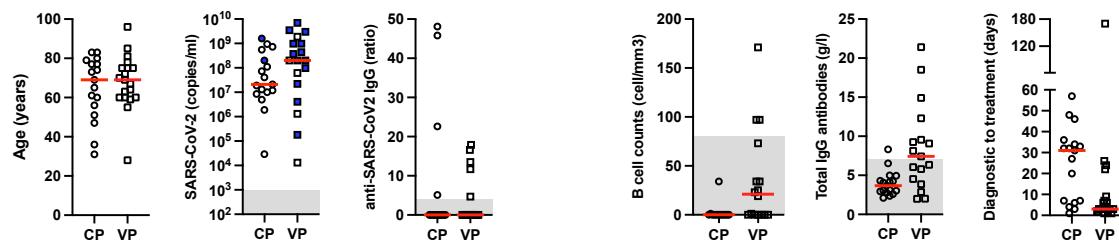


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- B cell lymphopenic and hypogammaglobulinemia



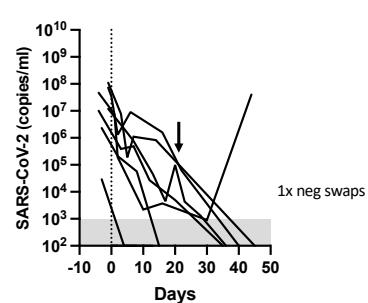
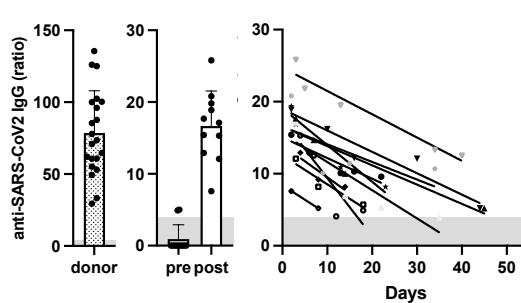
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Preferential decline in anti-S IgG titers in patients with Rituximab

Convalescent plasma



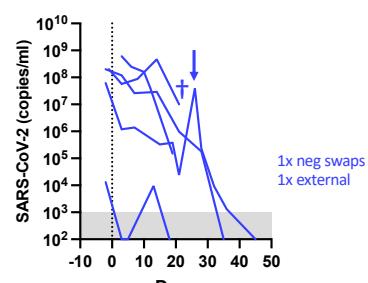
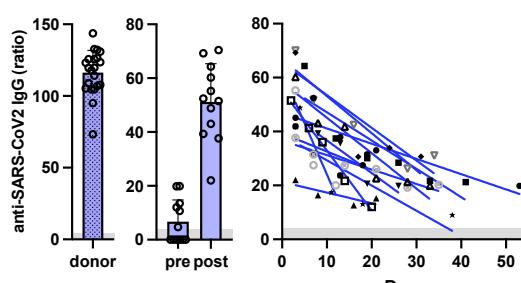
Post COVID
D1: 2x200ml
D2: 2x200ml



Vaccine-based plasma

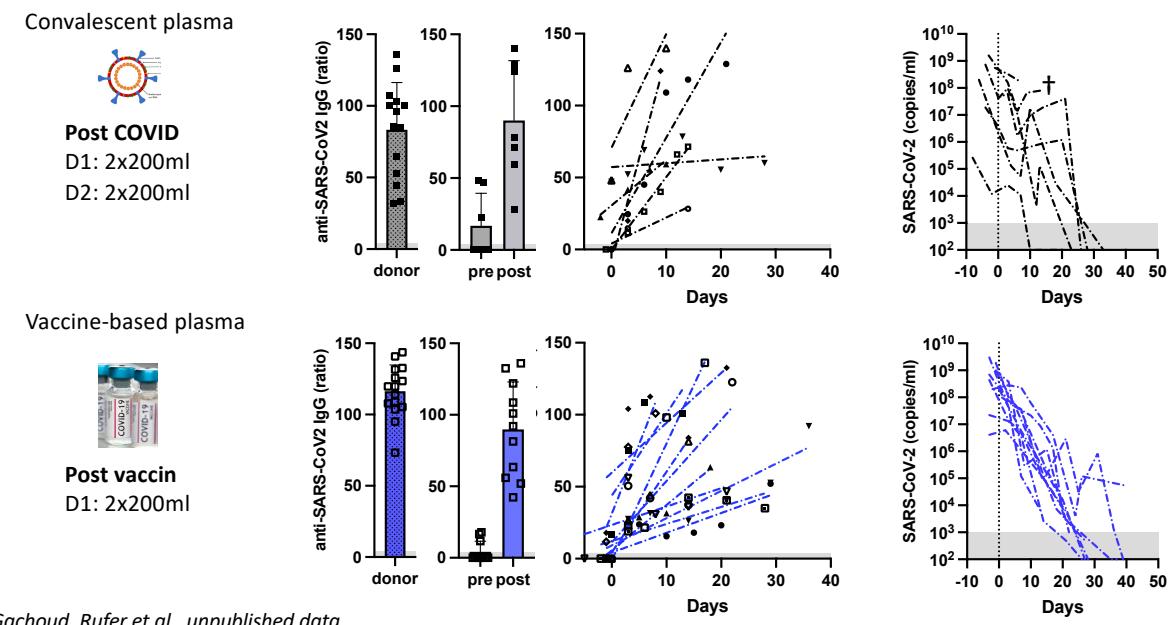


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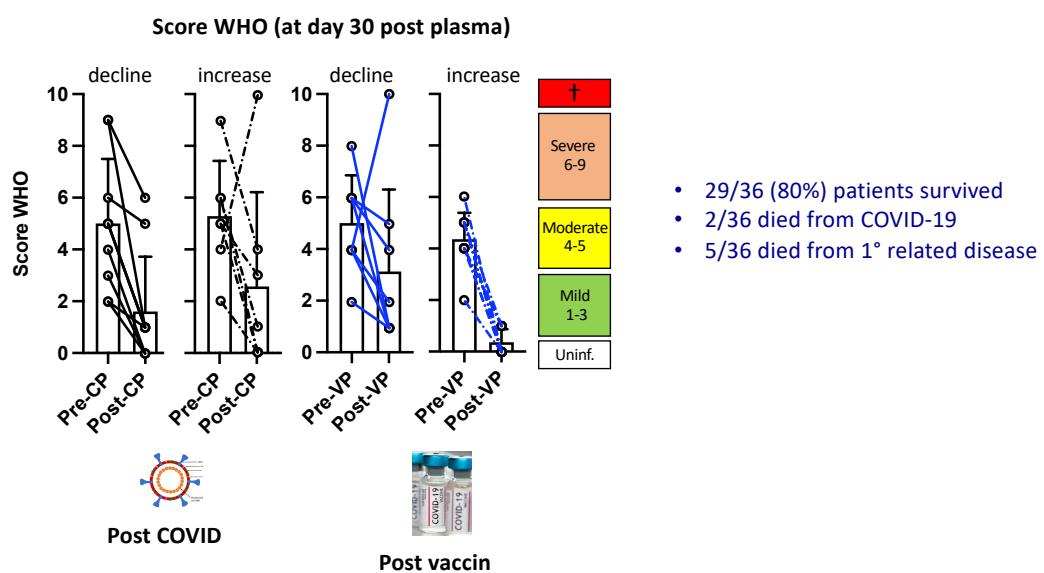


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Antibody-enriched plasma also represents a bridging therapy

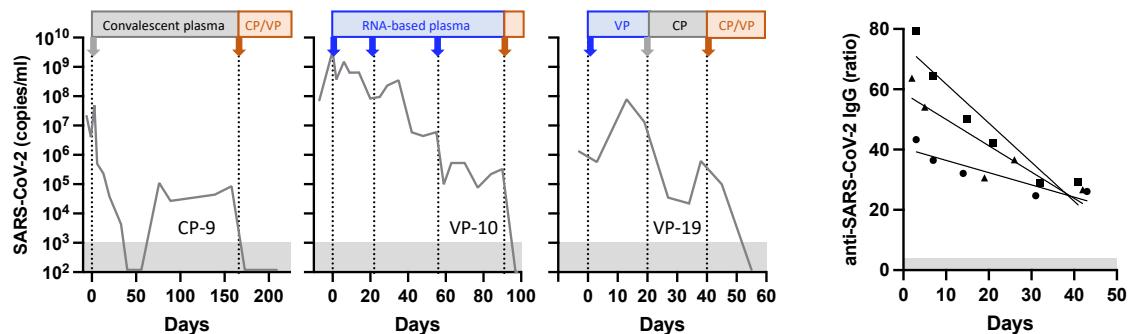
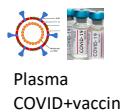


Similar rates of clinical recovery occur in both types of plasma



Plasma transfusion from convalescent/vaccinated donors

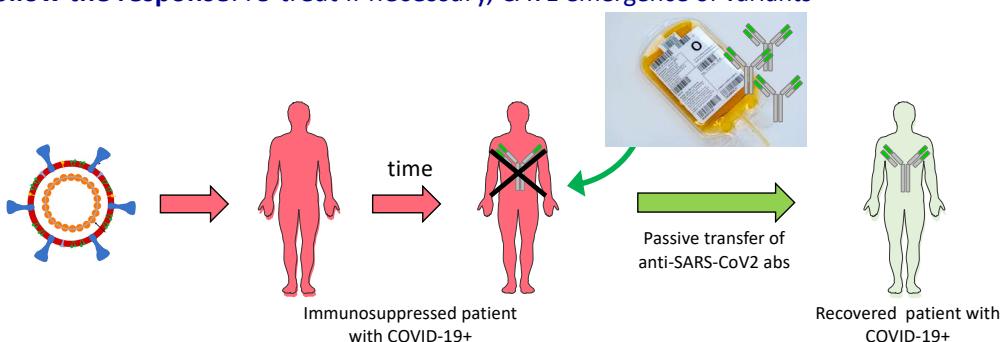
Three patients received an additional plasma transfusion from convalescent/vaccinated donors, allowing complete viral clearance



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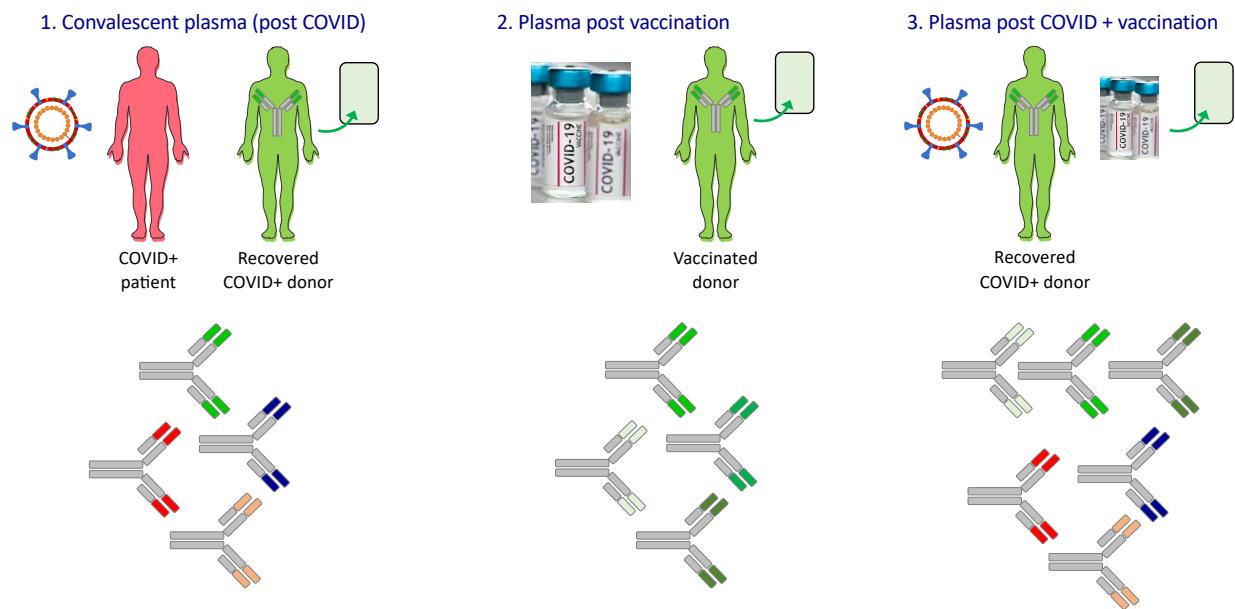
Conclusions -1

- **Treat the right patients:**
 - It is likely that some forms of immunosuppression will respond better than others (bridging) (anti-CD20 > other hemato-oncological treatment > autoimmun recipient)
- **At the right time** = as early as possible, before severe disease
- **Use high antibody titers:** convalescent plasma versus vaccine-based plasma
- **Follow the response:** re-treat if necessary, CAVE emergence of variants

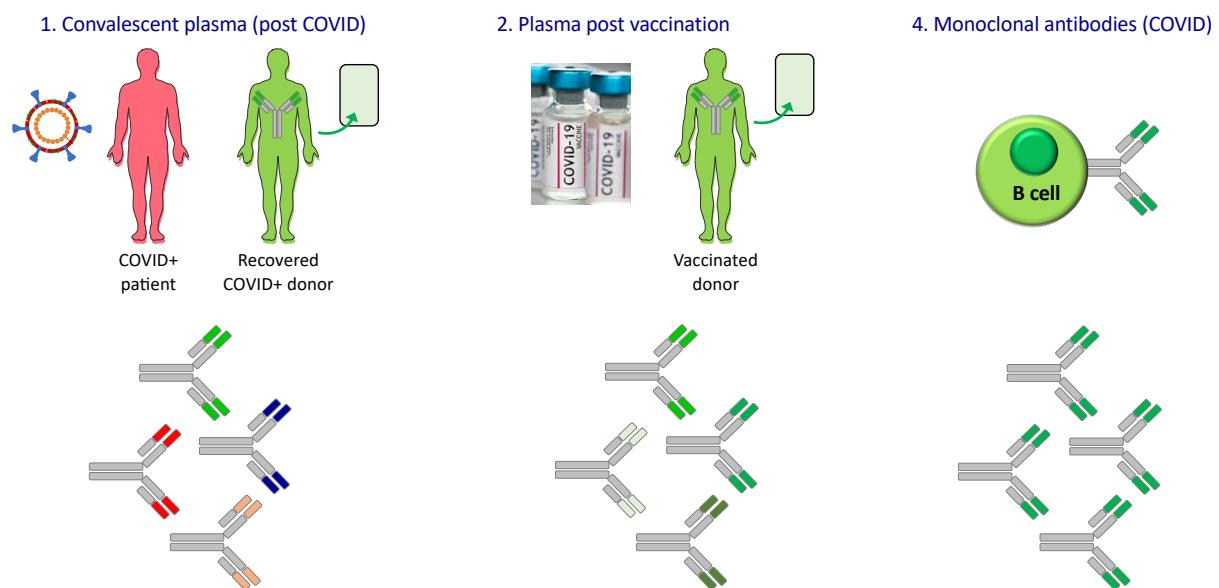


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