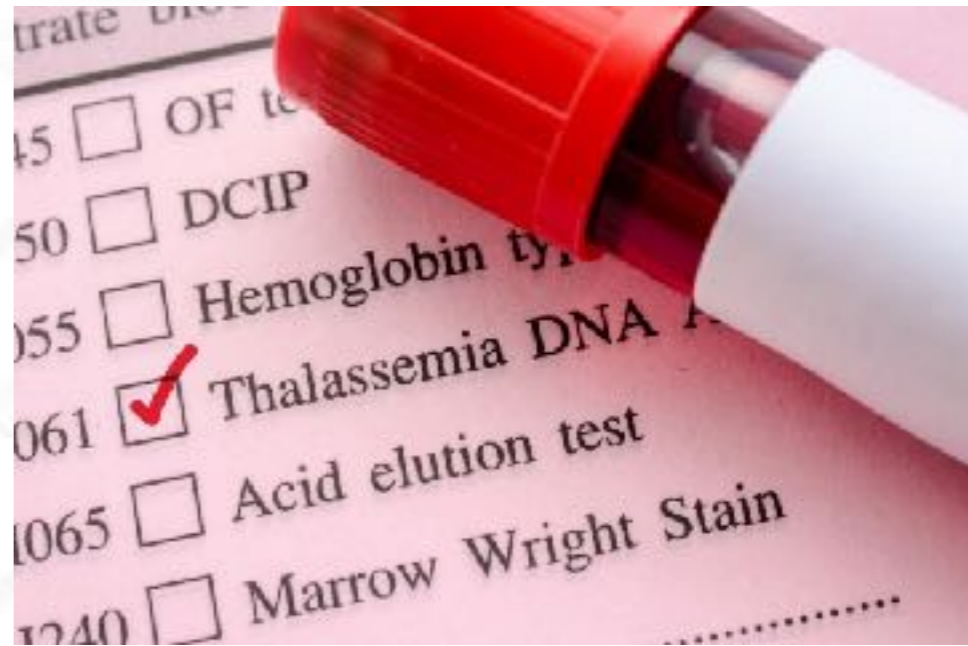




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Thalassemia

What you ~~should~~ know...
must

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Learning objectives



Overview of Thalassemia and diagnostic test

Treatment and complication

New coming treatment agents



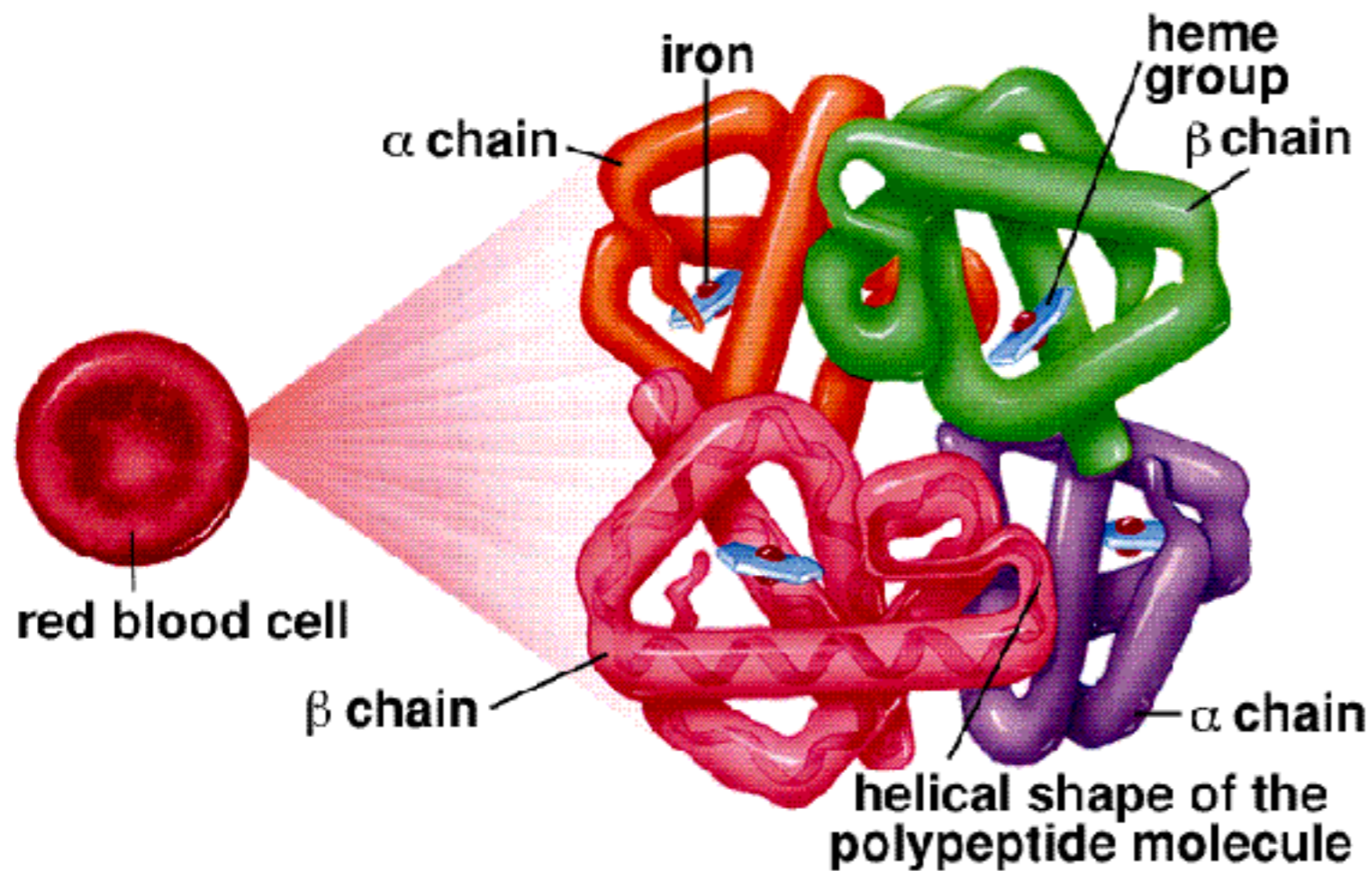


Structure of Hemoglobin



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Hemoglobin Molecule



- Hb** consists of 4 subunits
- 2 α -chain/ α -like chain
 - 2 β -chain/ β -like chain



Structure of Hemoglobin



Type of “Globin chain”

α (Alpha)-globin chain and ζ (Zeta)-globin chain consist of 141 Amino acids

- located on the short arm of ***Chromosome 16***

β (Beta), γ (Gamma), δ (Delta), ϵ (Epsilon)-globin chain consist of 146 Amino acids

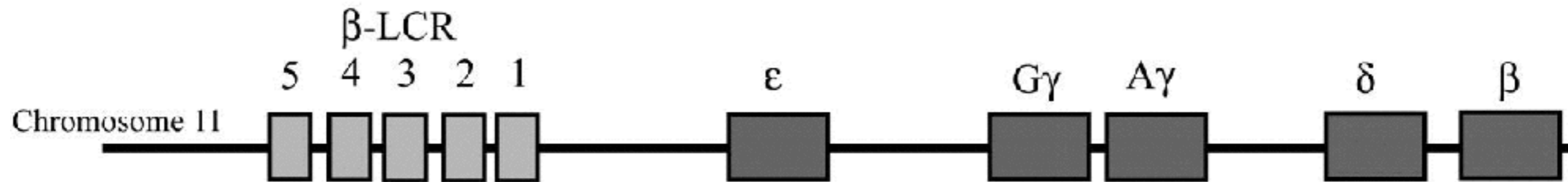
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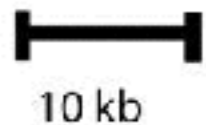
Globin genes



EMBRYO	FETUS	ADULT
$\zeta 2 \epsilon 2$	$\alpha 2 \gamma 2$	$\alpha 2 \beta 2$
$\alpha 2 \epsilon 2$		$\alpha 2 \delta 2$
$\zeta 2 \gamma 2$		

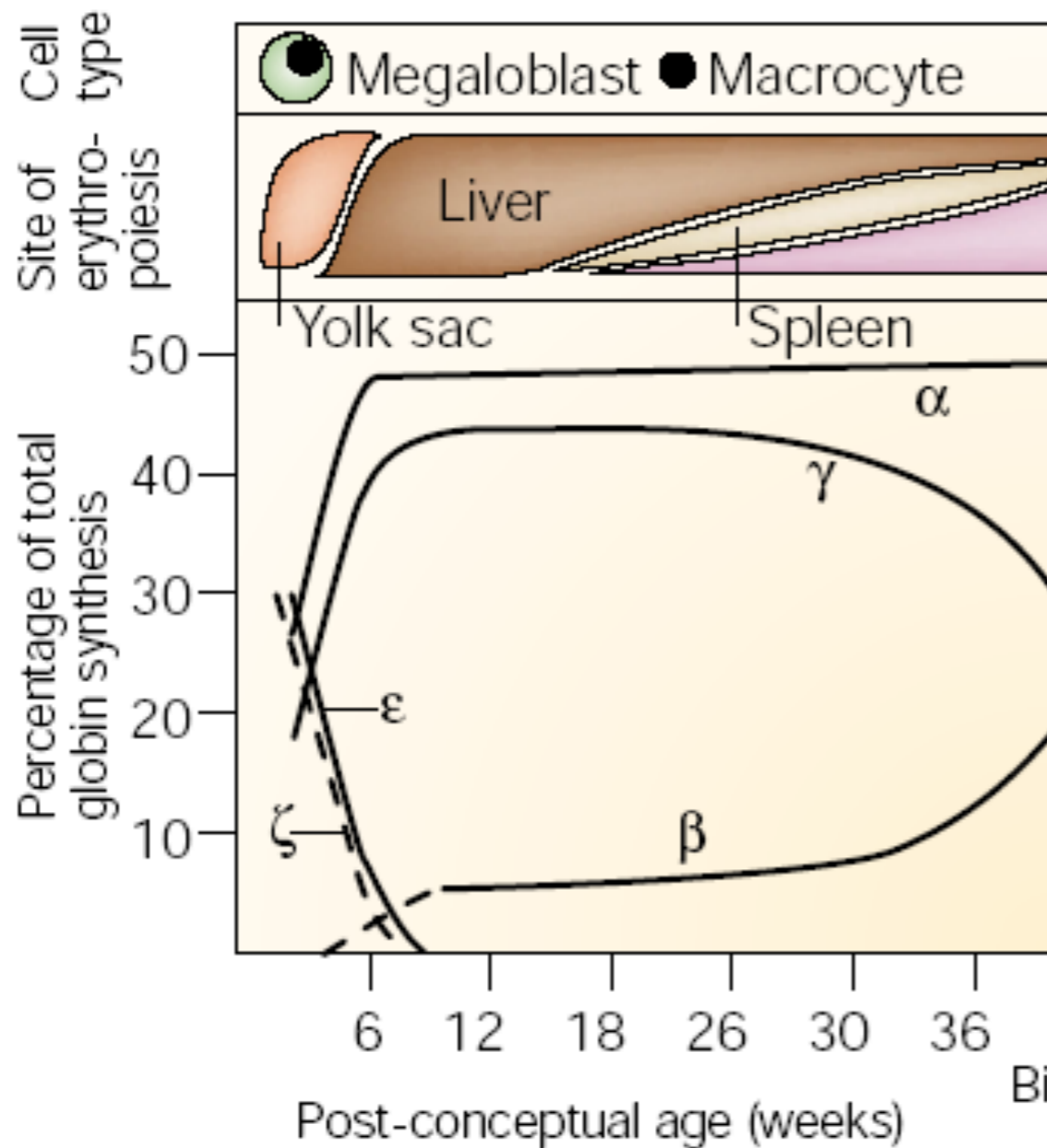


Approximate scale:





Globin gene synthesis



Embryonic Hemoglobin

- **Hb Gower I** : $\zeta_2 \epsilon_2$
- **Hb Gower II** : $\alpha_2 \epsilon_2$
- **Hb Portland** : $\zeta_2 \gamma_2$

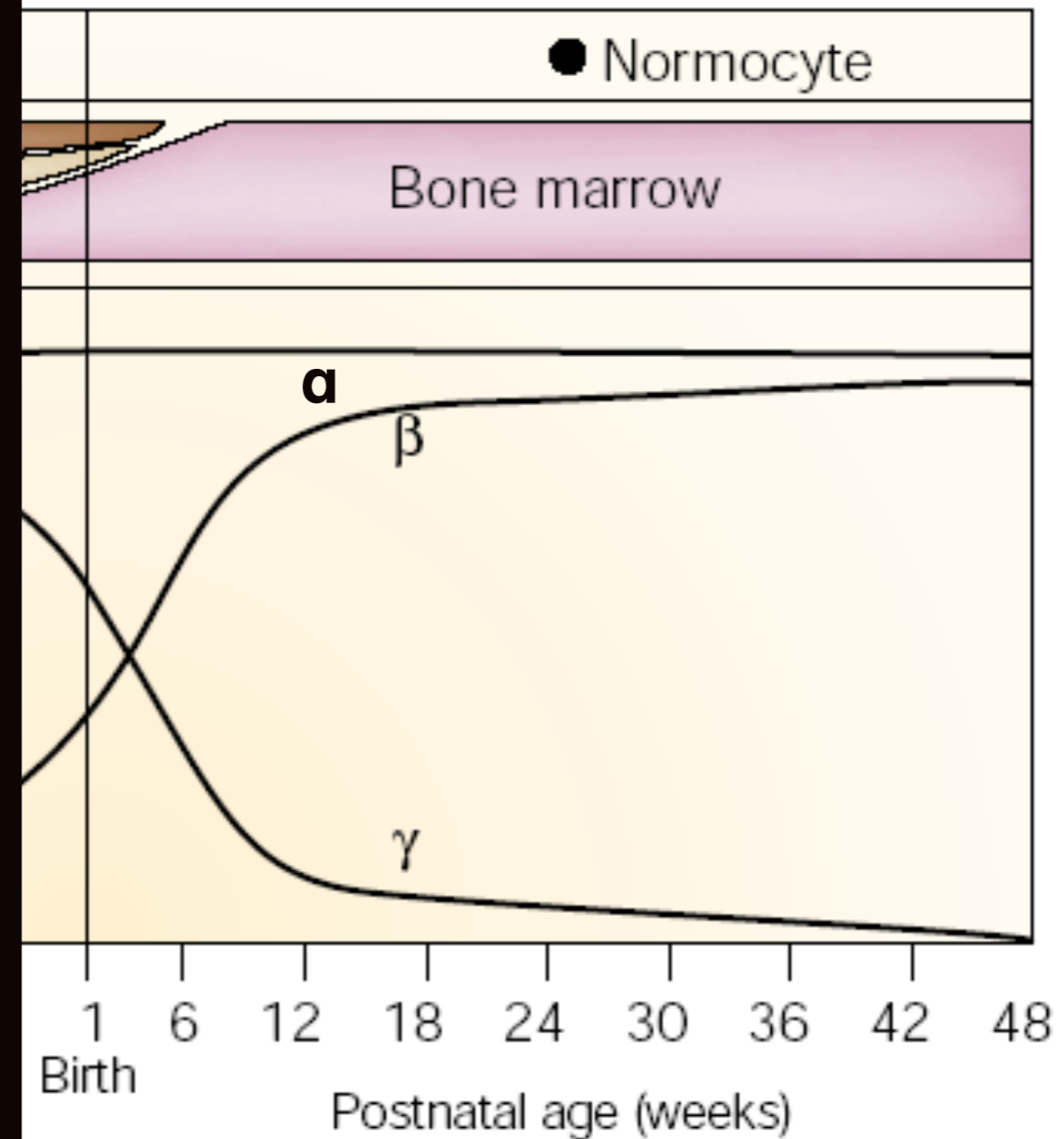


Globin gene synthesis



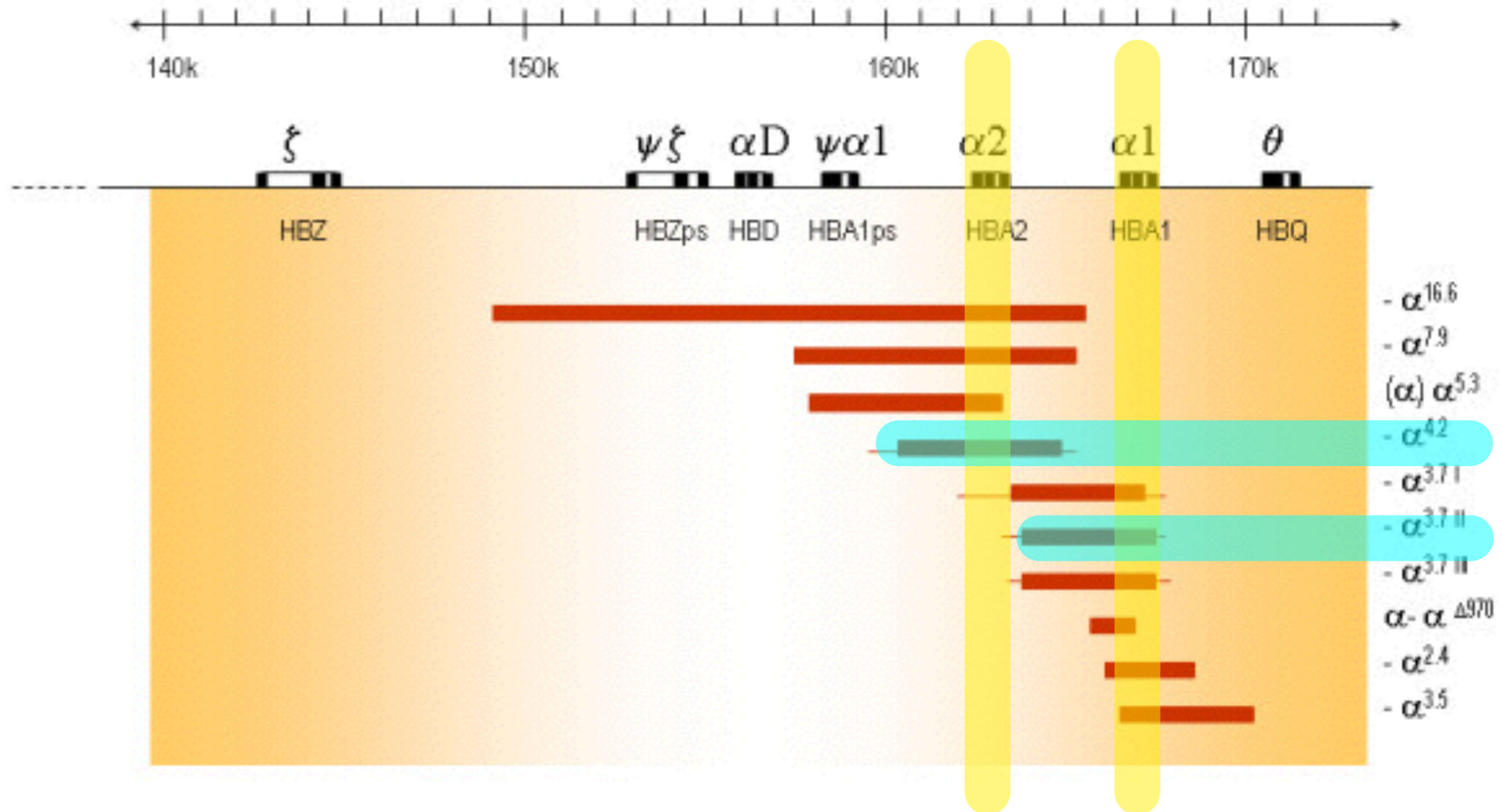
Fetal Hemoglobin

- **Hb F** : $\alpha_2 \gamma_2$
- **Hb A** : $\alpha_2 \beta_2$
- **Hb A₂** : $\alpha_2 \delta_2$





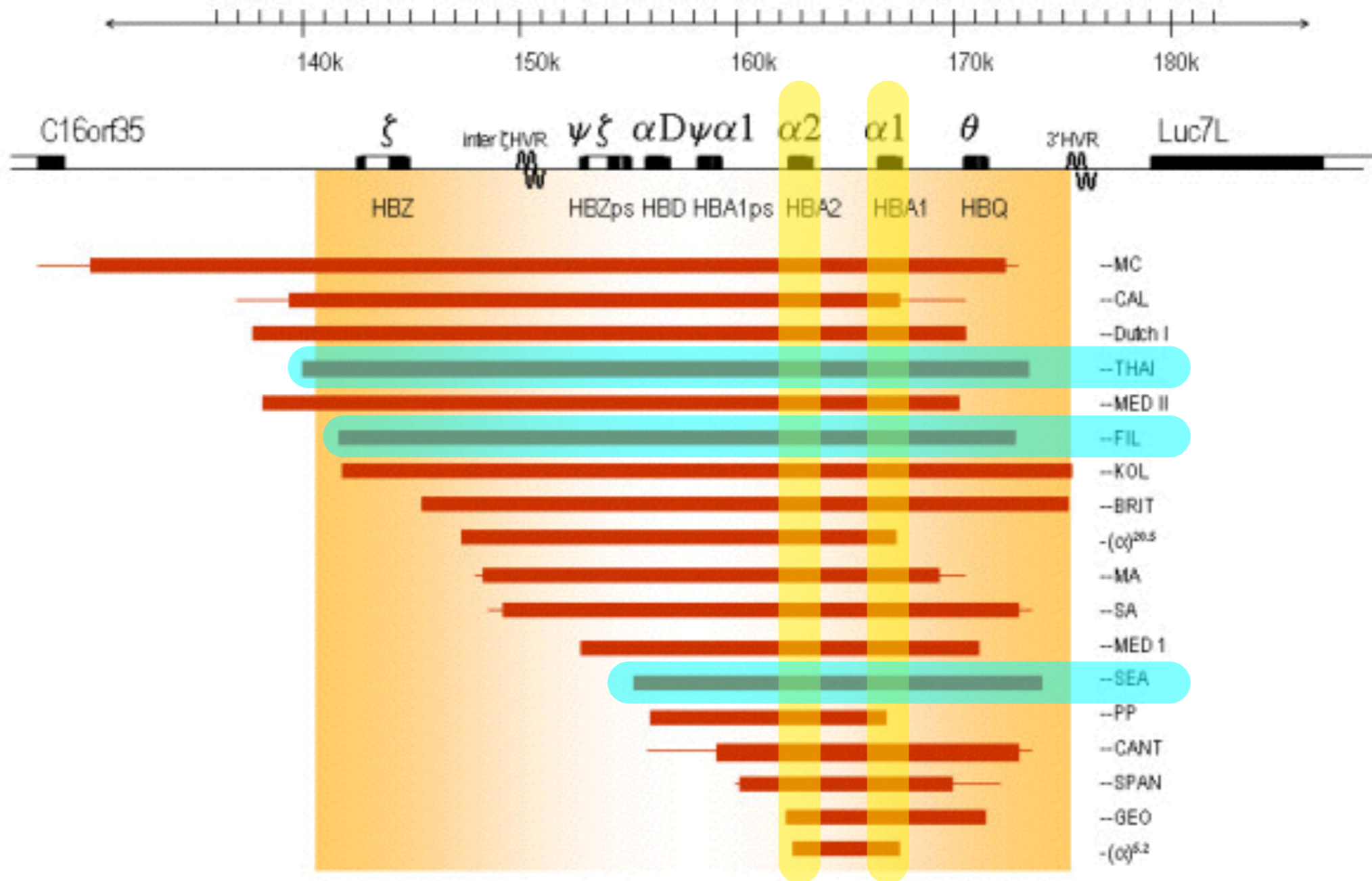
Deletion of alpha globin gene



Deletion of one alpha gene giving rise to **alpha⁺-thalassemia / alpha thal-2 deletion**



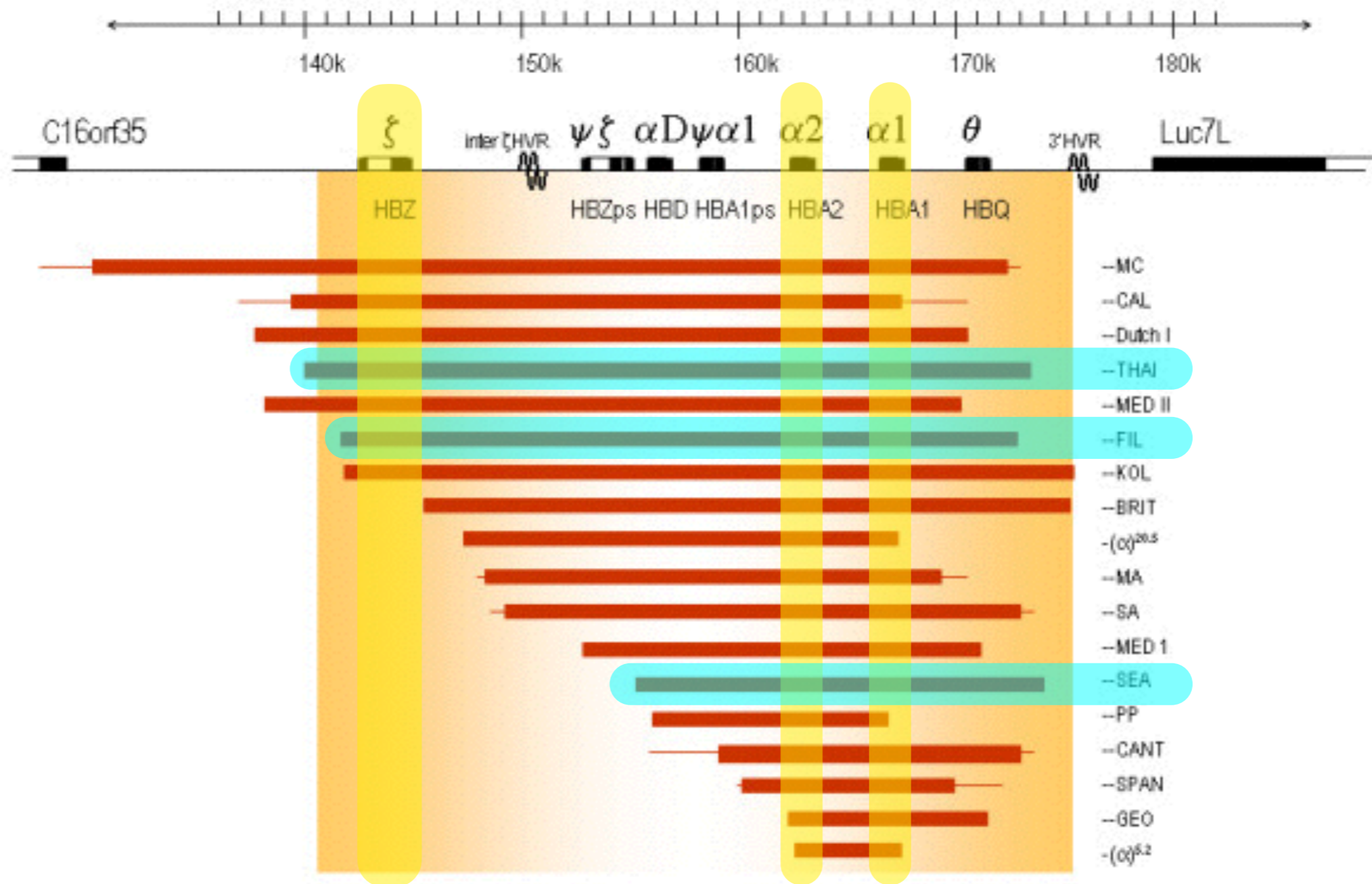
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Deletion of two alpha gene giving rise to alpha⁰-thalassemia / alpha thal-1 deletion



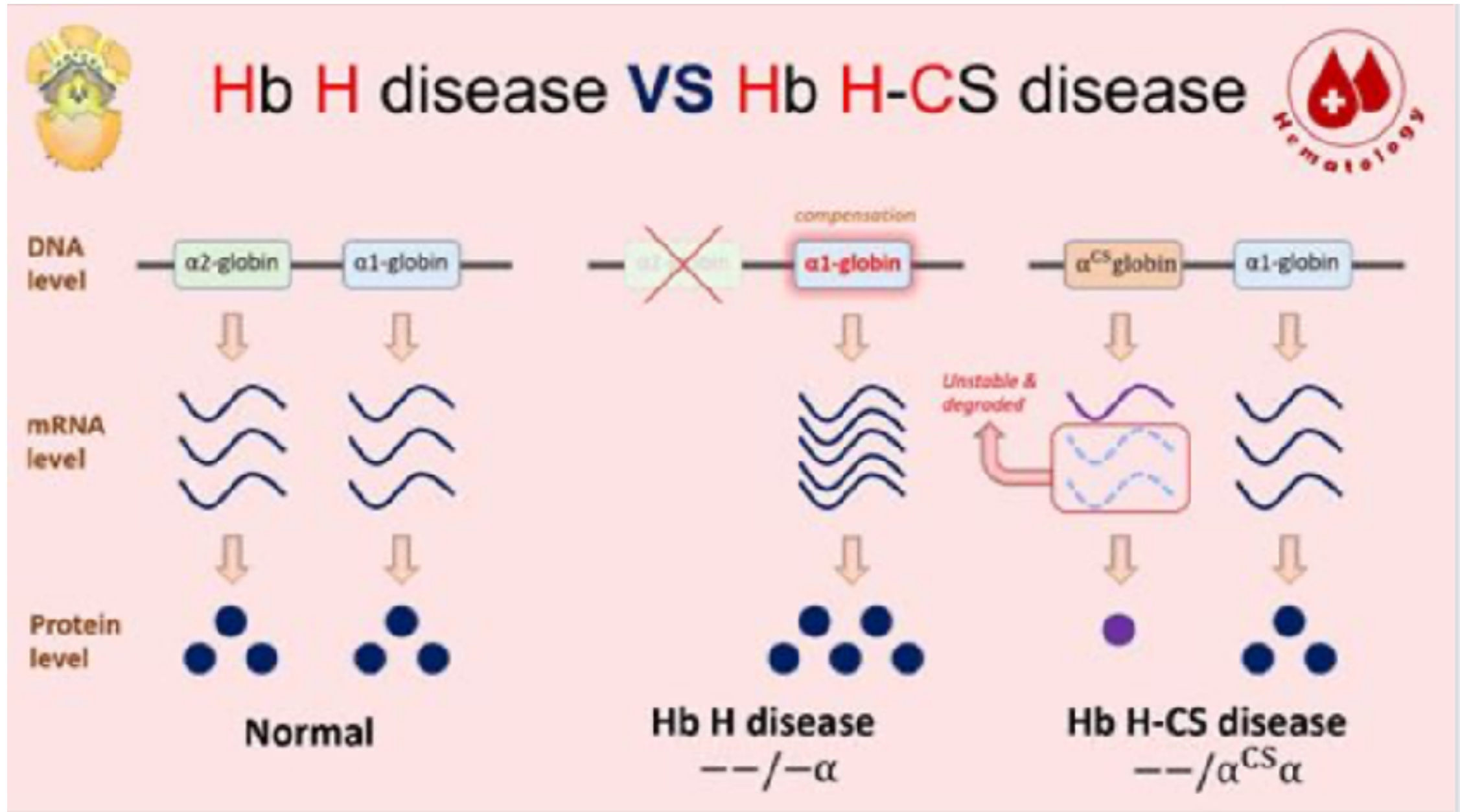
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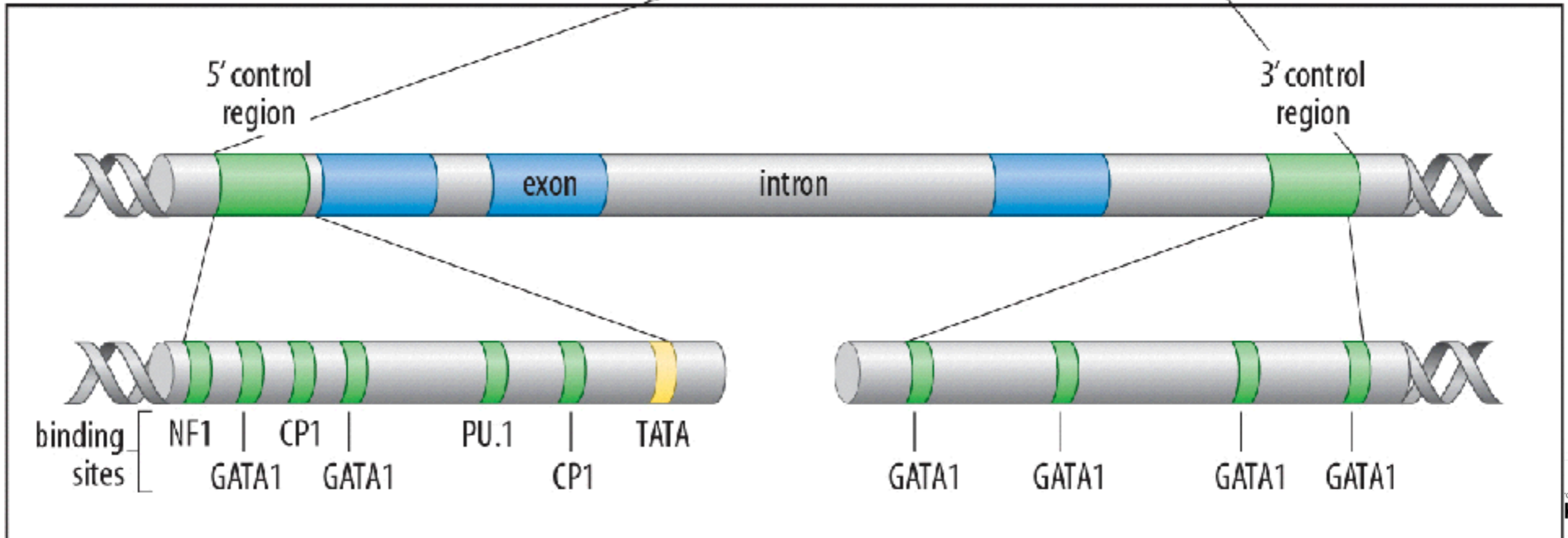
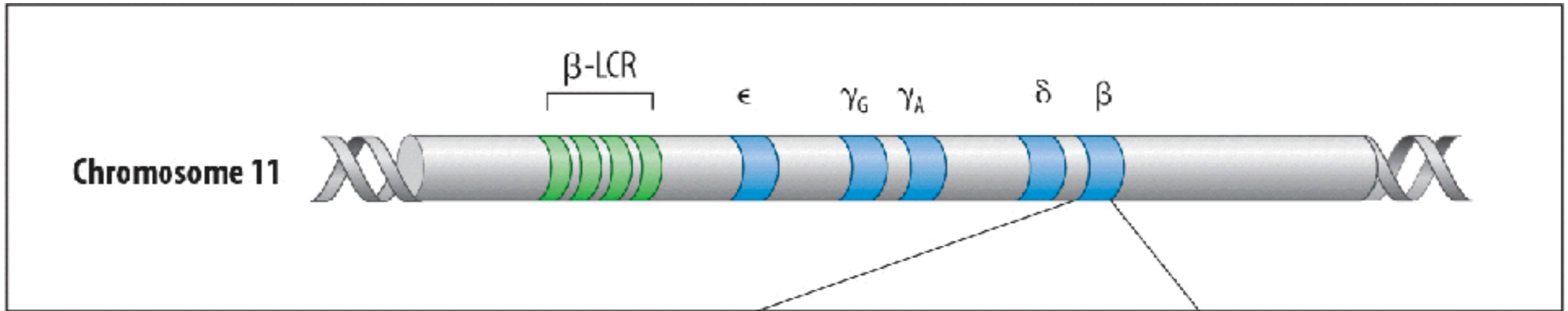
Non-deletion of alpha globin gene



Non-deletion of alpha gene giving the compensation from another alpha gene



Mutation of Beta globin gene





Thalassemia disease



Thalassemia Major

Tranfusion-Dependent Thalassemia
TDT

- Severe anemia presenting early in life
- Require lifelong RBC transfusion
- If untreated, lead to dead in first decade of life

Homozygous Beta thalassemia (β^0/β^0)

Beta thalassemia/Hb E (β^0/β^E)

Bart's hydrops fetalis

Thalassemia Intermedia

Non-Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemia
NTDT

- Mild anemia
- Diagnosed usually in late childhood
- Occasional blood transfusion may be required

Beta thalassemia intermedia (β^0/β^+ or β^+/β^+)

Beta thalassemia/Hb E (β^0/β^E or β^+/β^E)

Hemoglobin H disease



Beta thalassemia



β^0-thalassemia mutation	β^+-thalassemia mutation
Codon 41/42 deletion (-CTTT)	Codon 19 (A>G)
Codon 17 (A>T)	IVS I nt-5 (G>C)
Codon 35 (C>A)	IVS II nt-654 (C>T)
Codon 71/72 (+A)	Codon 26 (G>A)



Prevalence of alpha thalassemia



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Clinical and molecular genetic features of Hb H and AE Bart's diseases in central Thai children

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Prevalence of alpha thalassemia



Background: α -Thalassemia, one of the major thalassemia types in Thailand, is caused by either deletion or non-deletional mutation of one or both α -globin genes. Inactivation of three α -globin genes causes hemoglobin H (Hb H) disease, and the combination of Hb H disease with heterozygous hemoglobin E (Hb E) results in AE Bart's disease.

Objective: This study aimed to characterize the clinical and hematological manifestations of 76 pediatric patients with Hb H and AE Bart's diseases treated at Phramongkutklao Hospital,

- **76 patients** with Hb H and AE Bart's disease
- **Non deletional** Hb H and AE Bart's disease **had severe symptoms** than **deletional types**.

patients with deletional AE Bart's disease. Non-deletional AE Bart's disease also had a history of urgent blood transfusion with the average of 6 ± 0.9 times compared to 1 ± 0.3 times in patients with deletional Hb H disease. The difference was statistically significant.

Conclusion: This study revealed the differences in clinical spectrum between patients with Hb H disease and those with AE Bart's disease in central Thailand. The differentiation of α -thalassemia is essential for appropriate management of patients. The molecular diagnosis is useful for diagnostic confirmation and genotype-phenotype correlation.

Keywords: genotype, phenotype, Hb H disease, AE Bart's disease, Thai children



Prevalence of beta thalassemia



Molecular analysis of beta-globin gene mutations among Thai beta-thalassemia children: results from a single center study

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Prevalence of beta thalassemia



Table 1 Genotype of 65 clinically manifested beta-thalassemia patients

Genotype	N (%)
Beta-thalassemia major	60 (92.3)

Table 2 The frequency of beta-thalassemia mutations in 88 alleles

Beta-thalassemia mutations	Type	Number of alleles (%)
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Six common mutations

Codon 41/42 (-TCTT)	0	33 (37.5)
Codon 17 (A>T)	0	23 (26.1)
IVS-I-5 (G>C)	+ (severe)	7 (8.0)
IVS-II-654 (C>T)	0	6 (6.8)
IVS-I-1 (G>T)	0	4 (4.5)
Codon 71/72 (+A)	0	2 (2.3)

Codon 71/72 (+A)/beta ^E	1 (1.5)
Codon 19 (A>G) or Hb Malay/beta ^E	1 (1.5)
Beta-thalassemia intermedia	5 (7.7)
Codon 41/42 (-TCTT)/beta ^E	1 (1.5)
3.4 kb deletion/beta ^E	2 (3.1)
Codon 17 (A>T)/beta ^E	1 (1.5)
IVS-I-1 (G>T)/beta ^E	1 (1.5)
Total	65 (100)

Abbreviations: HbE, hemoglobin E; Hb, hemoglobin.

Total	88 (100)
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Abbreviation: Hb, hemoglobin.



Prevalence of Thalassemia



NORTH

α -thalassemia	30%
α^0 -thal.	5-12%
α^+ -thal.	19-26%
β -thalassemia	9-10%
Hb E	8%

CENTRAL

α -thalassemia	20-25%
α^0 -thal.	3.5%
α^+ -thal.	16%
β -thalassemia	3%
Hb E	13-19%



NORTHEAST

α -thalassemia	20%
α^0 -thal.	3%
α^+ -thal.	12%
β -thalassemia	6%
Hb E	20-60%

SOUTH

α -thalassemia	16%
α^0 -thal.	2.5%
α^+ -thal.	14%
β -thalassemia	2-4%
Hb E	9-11%

Courtesy of Thalassemia Foundation of Thailand



Prevalence of Thalassemia



Disease	Couple at risk (per year)	Birth (per year)	Living Patient
<p>มีการศึกษาพบว่า การรักษาผู้ป่วย <i>Beta thal/Hb E</i> หนึ่งรายตลอดอายุขัย 30 ปี จะเสียค่ารักษาพยาบาลเป็นเงิน 20,825,000 บาท</p>			
Hb H disease	28,000	7,000	420,000
Total	48,500	12,125	523,750

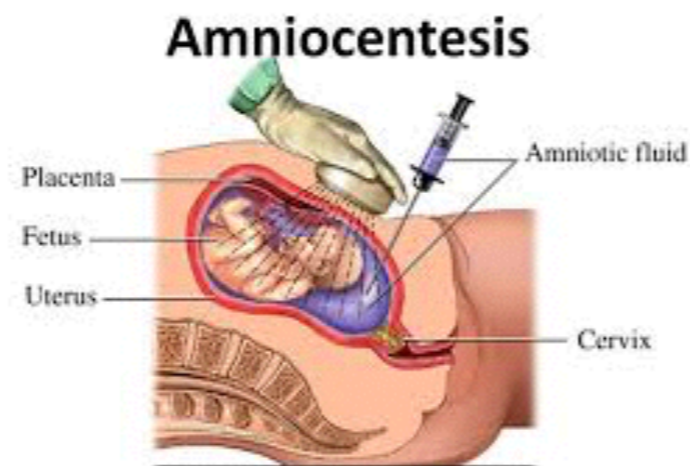


Prenatal Diagnosis



เป้าหมายการตรวจเพื่อคัดกรอง

- Hb Bart's hydrop fetalis
- Homozygous beta thalassemia
- Beta thalassemia / Hemoglobin E



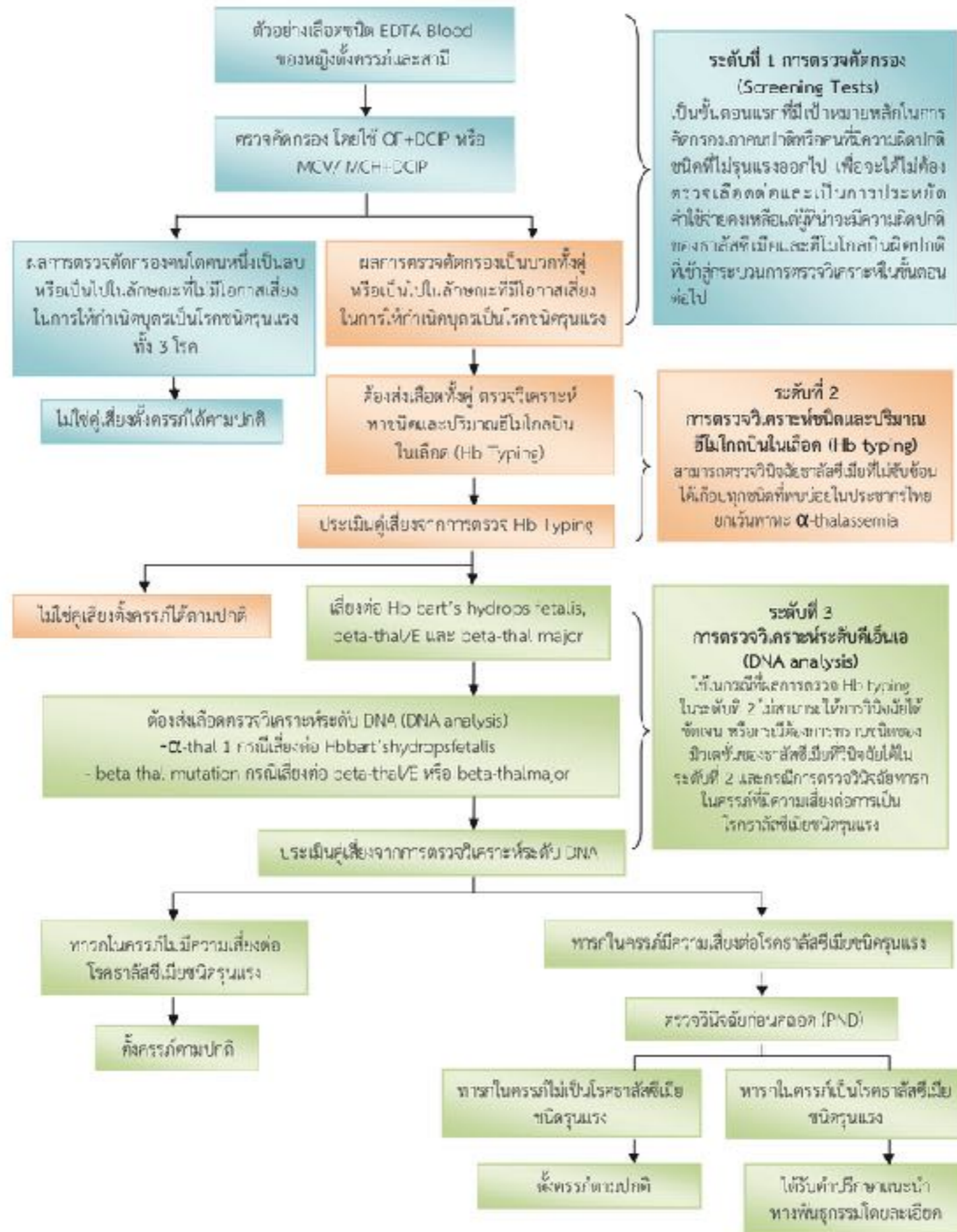


Prenatal Diagnosis



การเก็บตัวอย่างทารก

วิธี	GA	Risk	สิ่งที่ได้	สามารถส่งตรวจ	Point
Amniocentesis	16-20	0.5%	Cell	DNA Study	ถ้า + อาจต้องใช้เวลา repeat
Chorionic Villus Sampling	10-13	0.5-1%	Cell	DNA Study	ถ้า GA มากกว่านี้ DNA อาจไม่ค่อยดี
Cordocentesis	18-22	2.5%	Cell + Blood	DNA Study + Hb Typing	GA<18 : Cord เล็ก ดูดยาก GA>22 : ถ้า + ทำอะไรต่อไม่ได้แล้ว



ภาพที่ 3: ขั้นตอนการตรวจทางห้องปฏิบัติการเพื่อวินิจฉัยธาลัสซีเมียและฮีโมโกลบินผิดปกติในหญิงตั้งครรภ์และสามี



NHSO Protocol



การป้องกันและควบคุมโรค โลหิตจางธาลัสซีเมีย

Screening : OF/ DCIP/ MCV and MCH
If abnormal : checked husband

Confirmation : Hb typing for **Bart's hydrop fetalis, Homo Beta, B tha/Hb E**
Confirm with DNA : **alpha thal-1 del, beta thal**

Prenatal diagnosis : CVS, Amniocentesis, Cordocentesis

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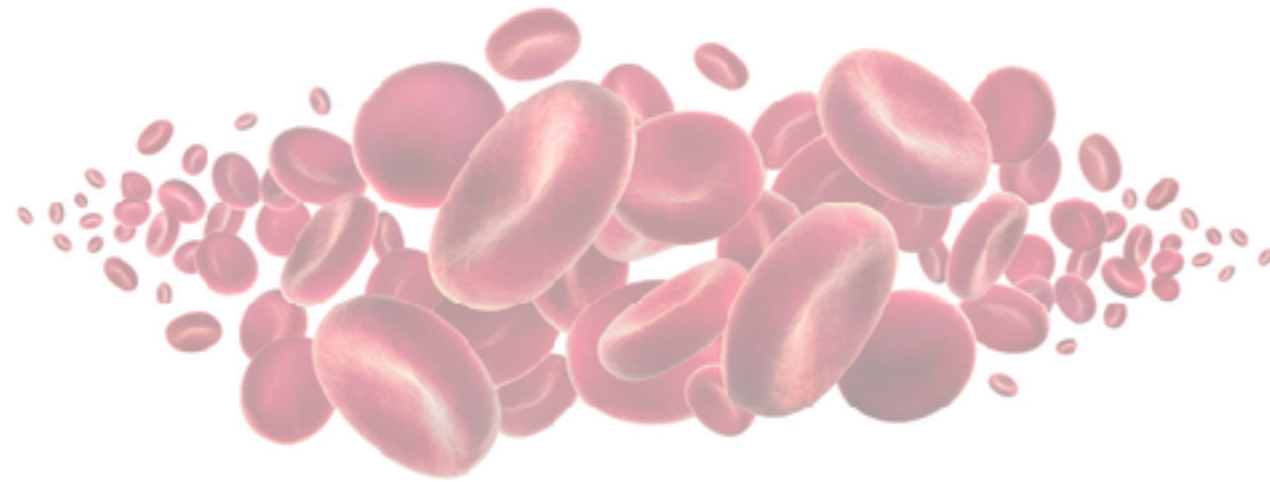


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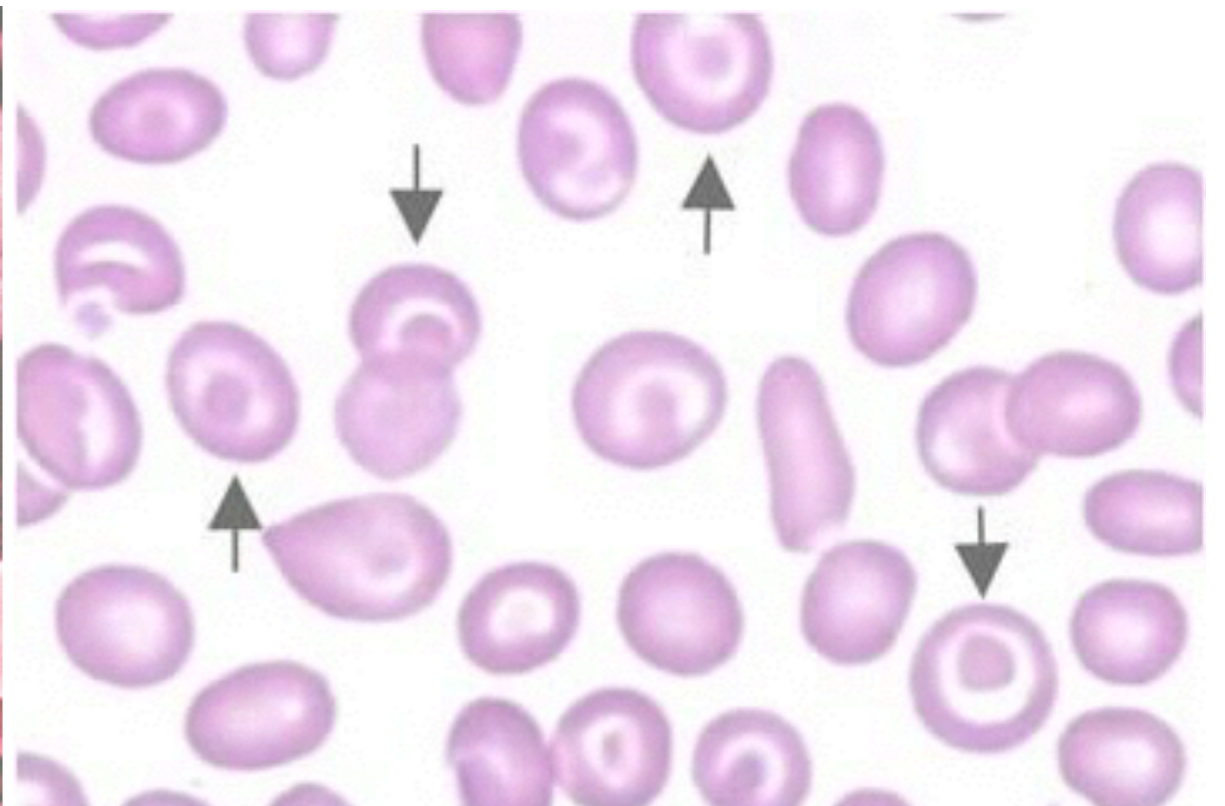
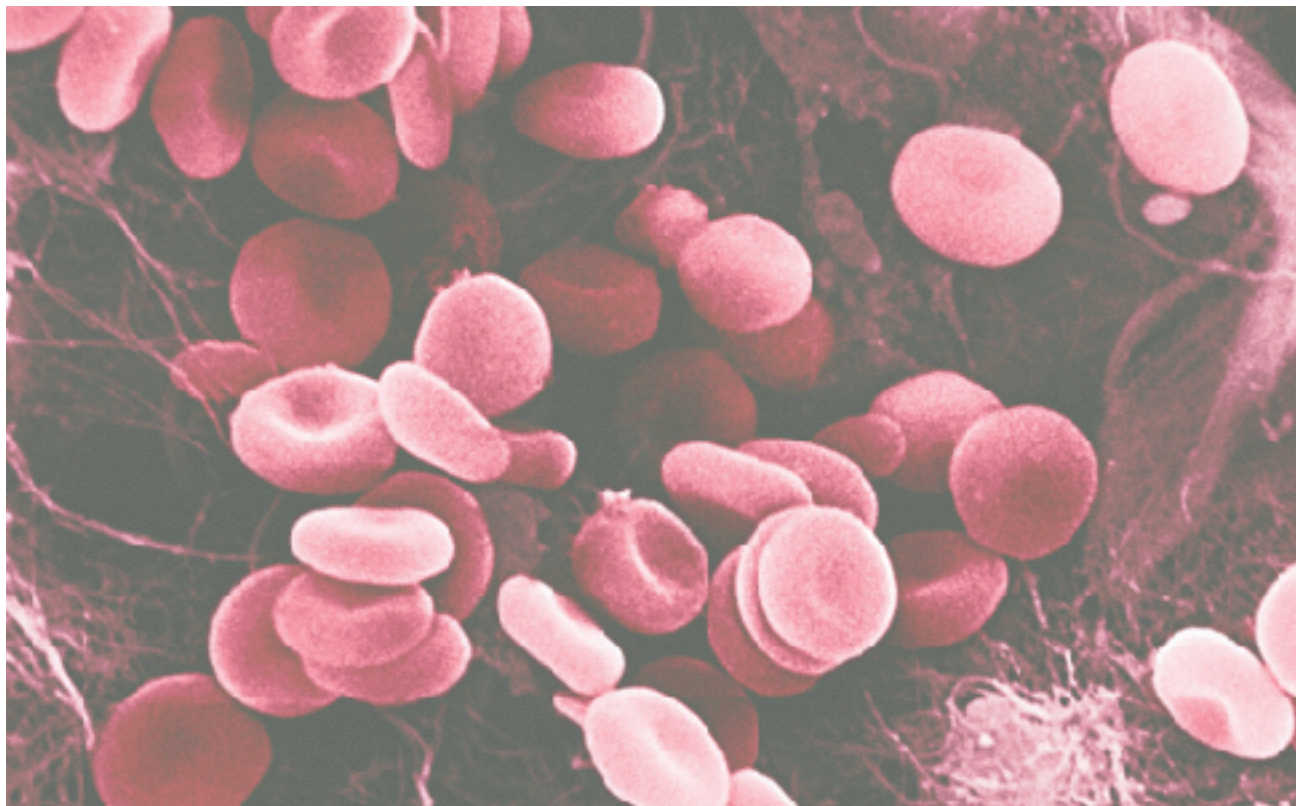


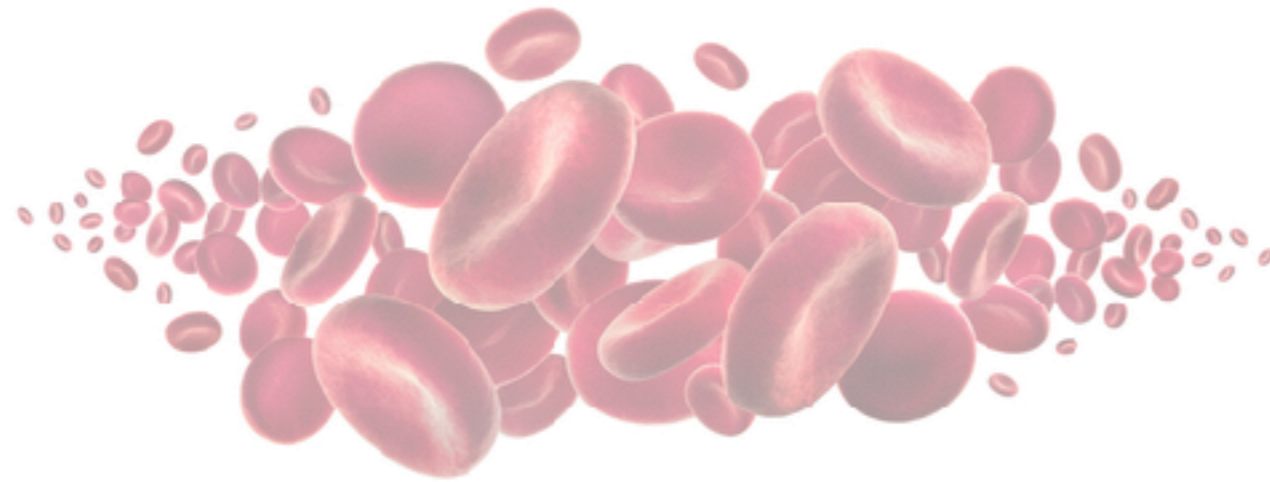
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เพื่อรักษาระดับ Hb 9.5-10.5 g/dl

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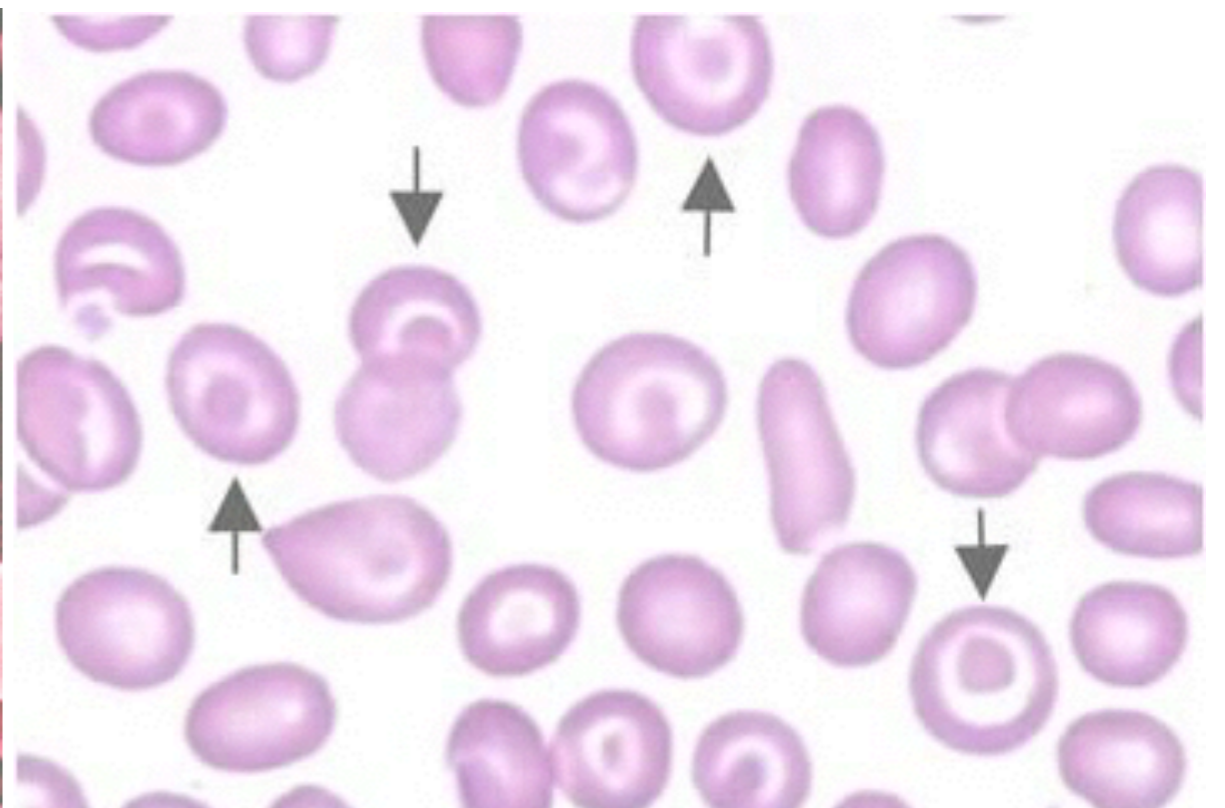
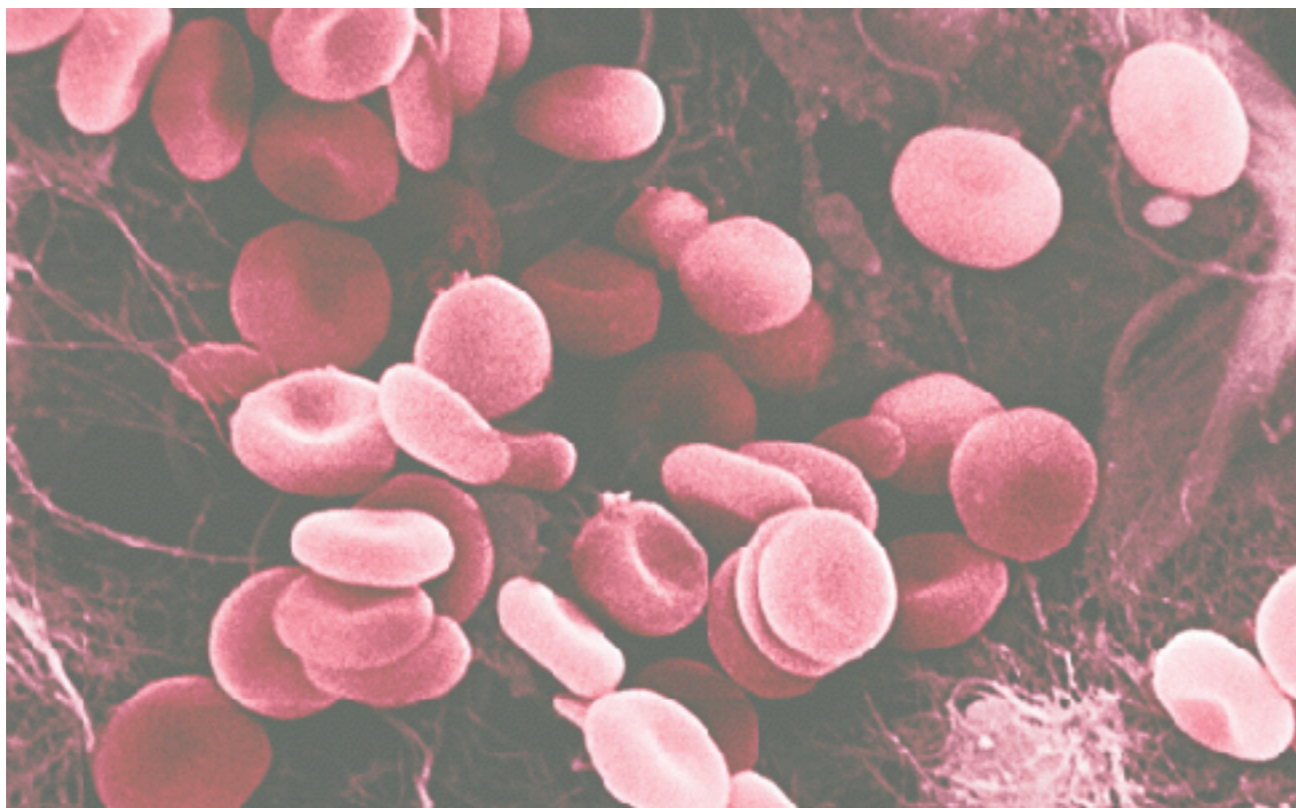


Clinical features





Diagnosis





Screening Test



Screening test for Thalassemia (*2 tests for screening*)

- Red cell Indices (MCV, MCH)
- One tube osmotic fragility test
- DCIP - DiChlorophenolIndoPhenol preparation test



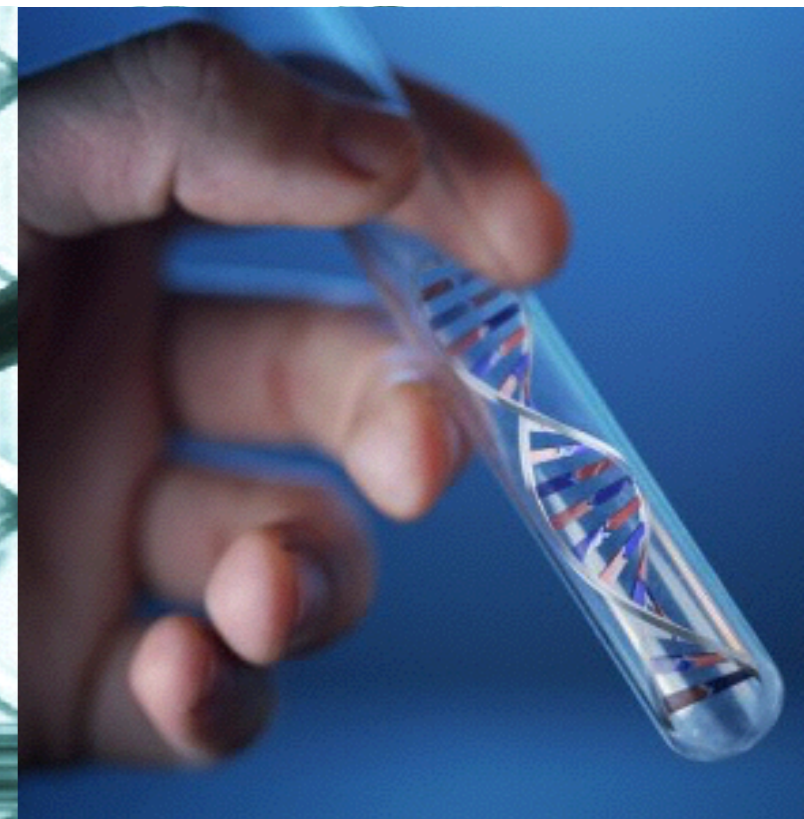
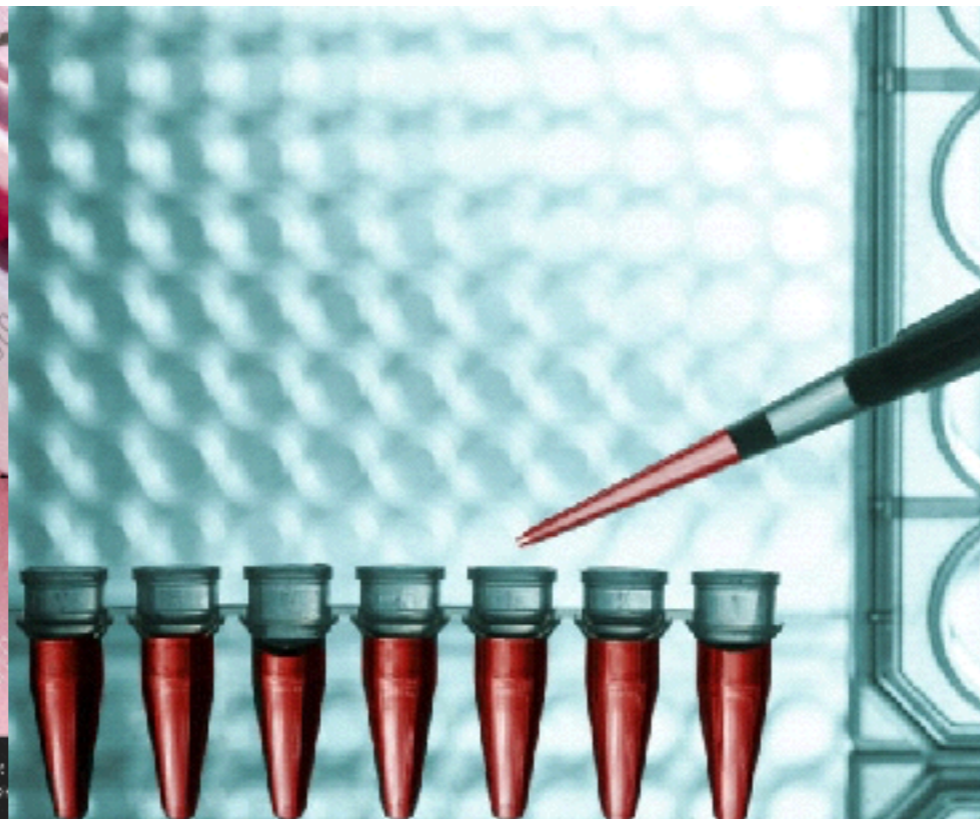
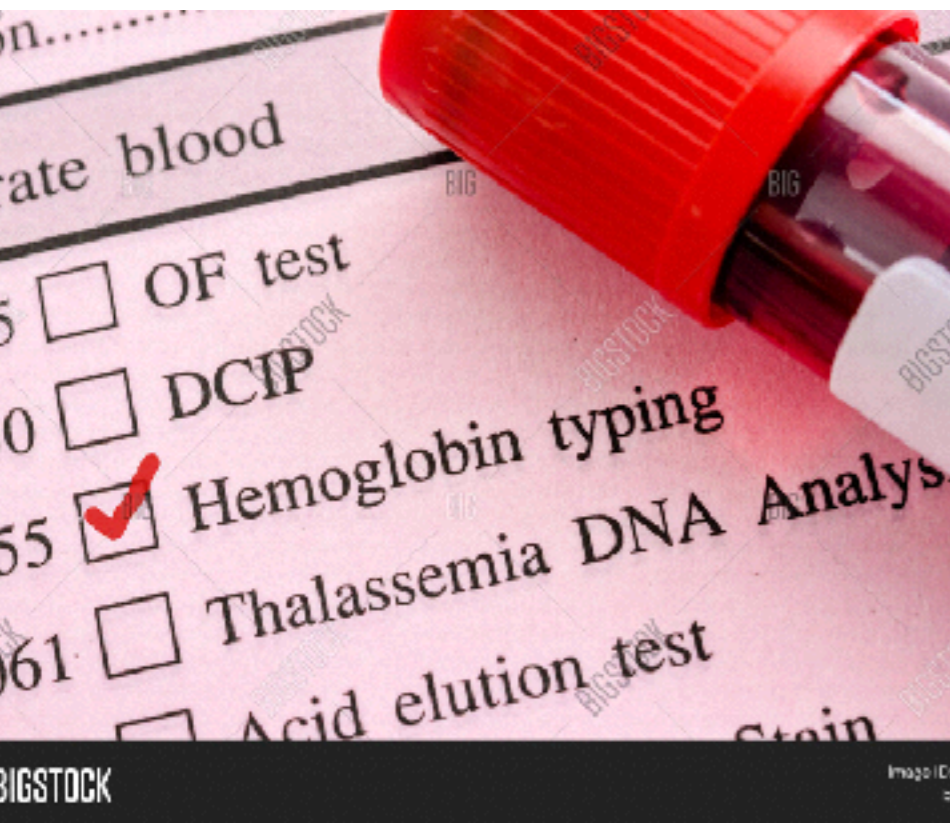


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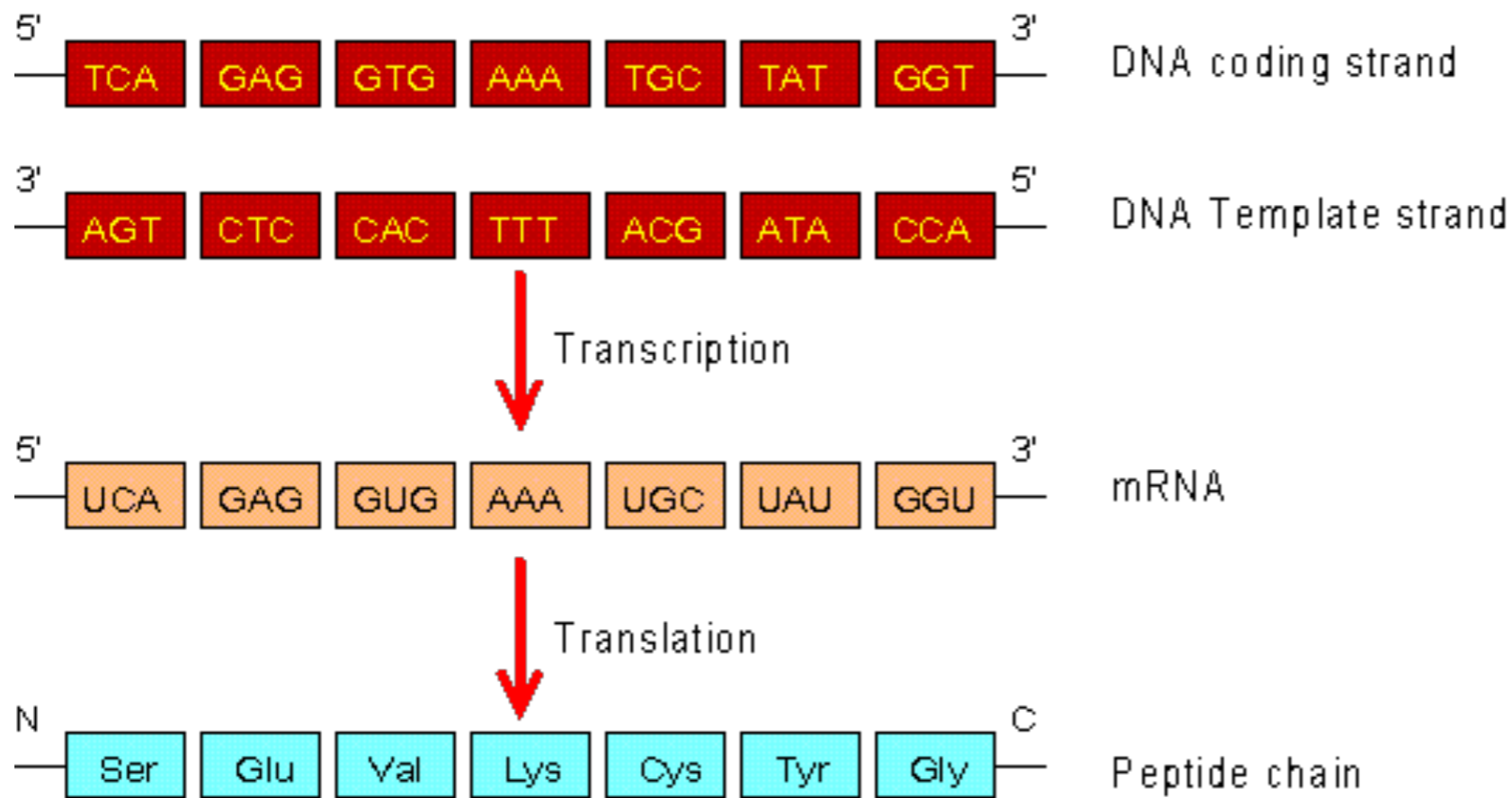
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- Hemoglobin typing
- Molecular testing





Confirmation Test



Genetic testing

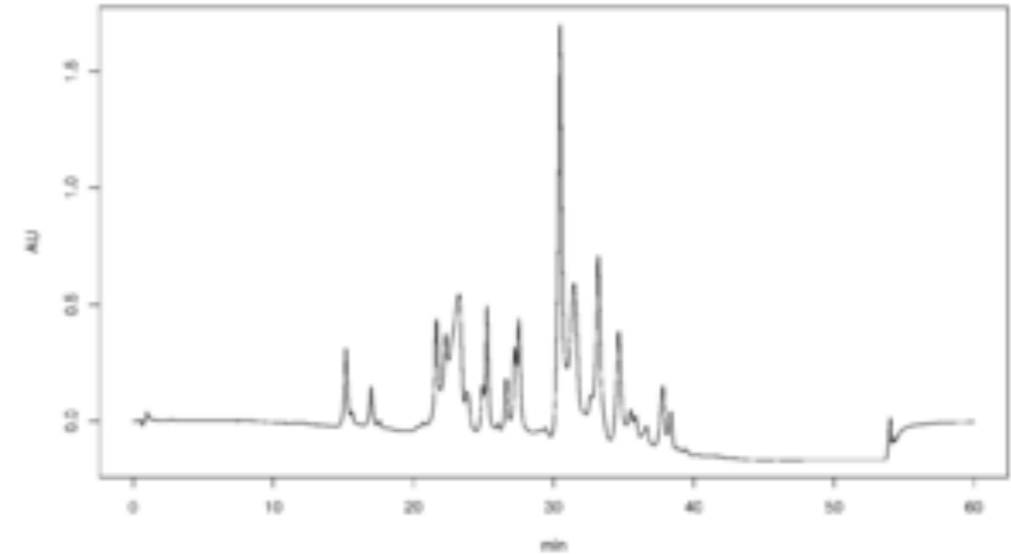
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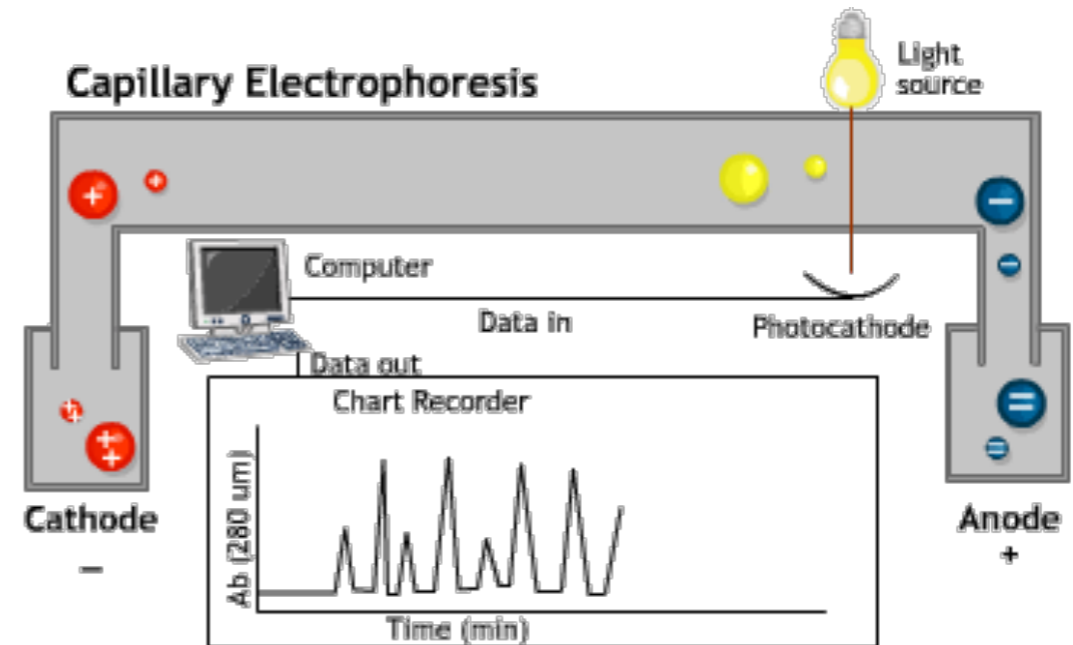
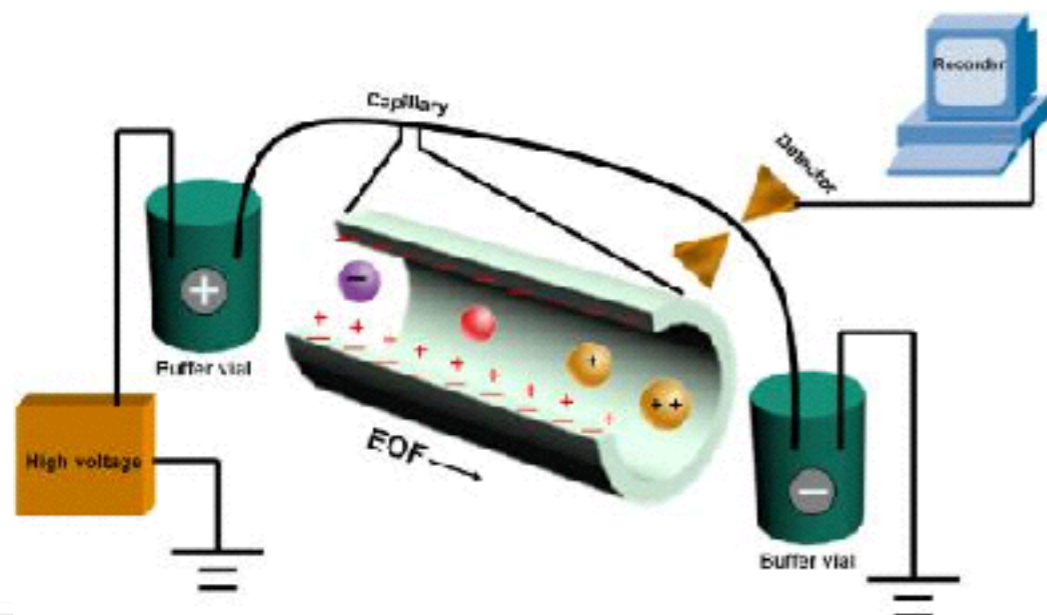
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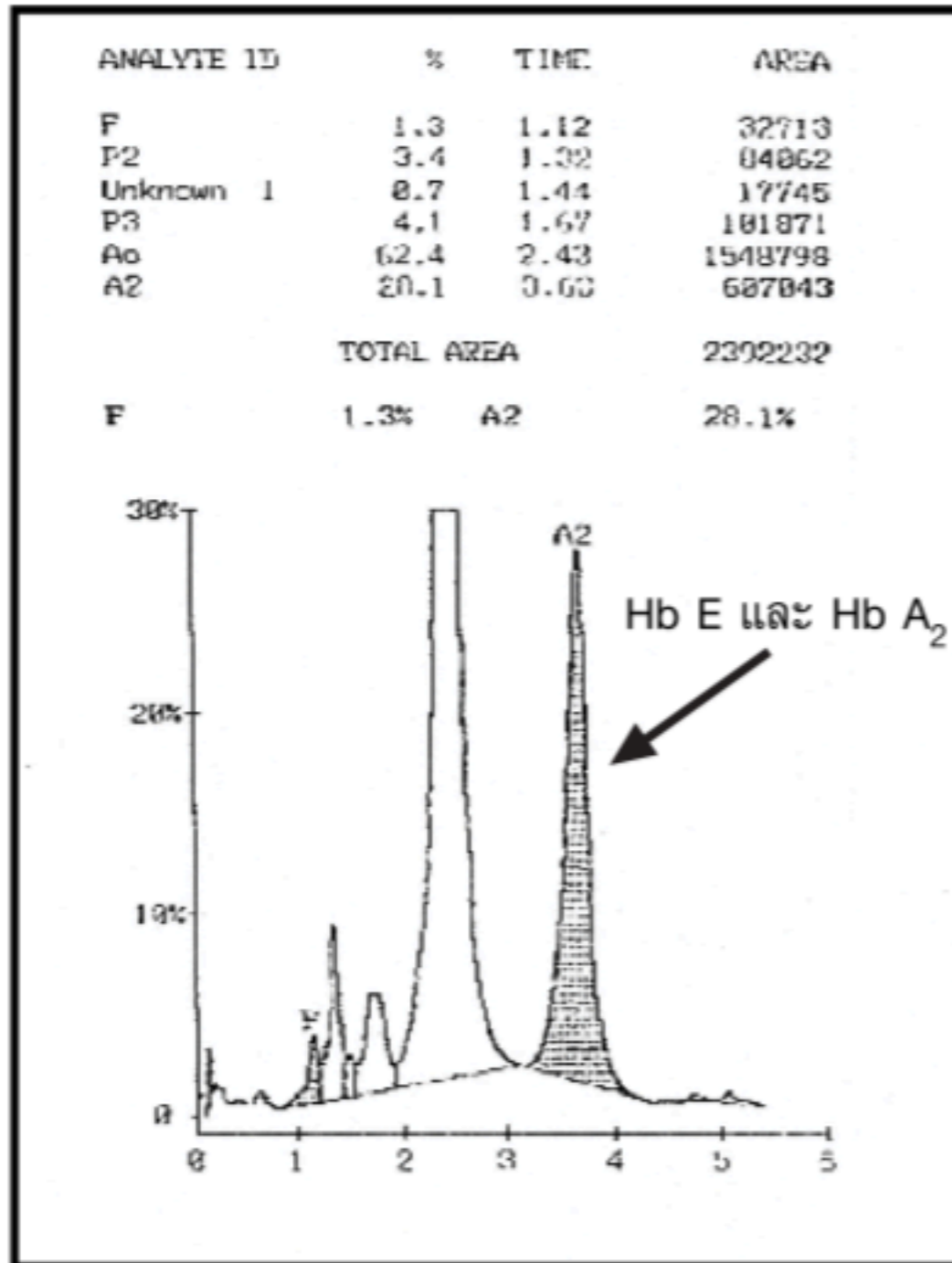


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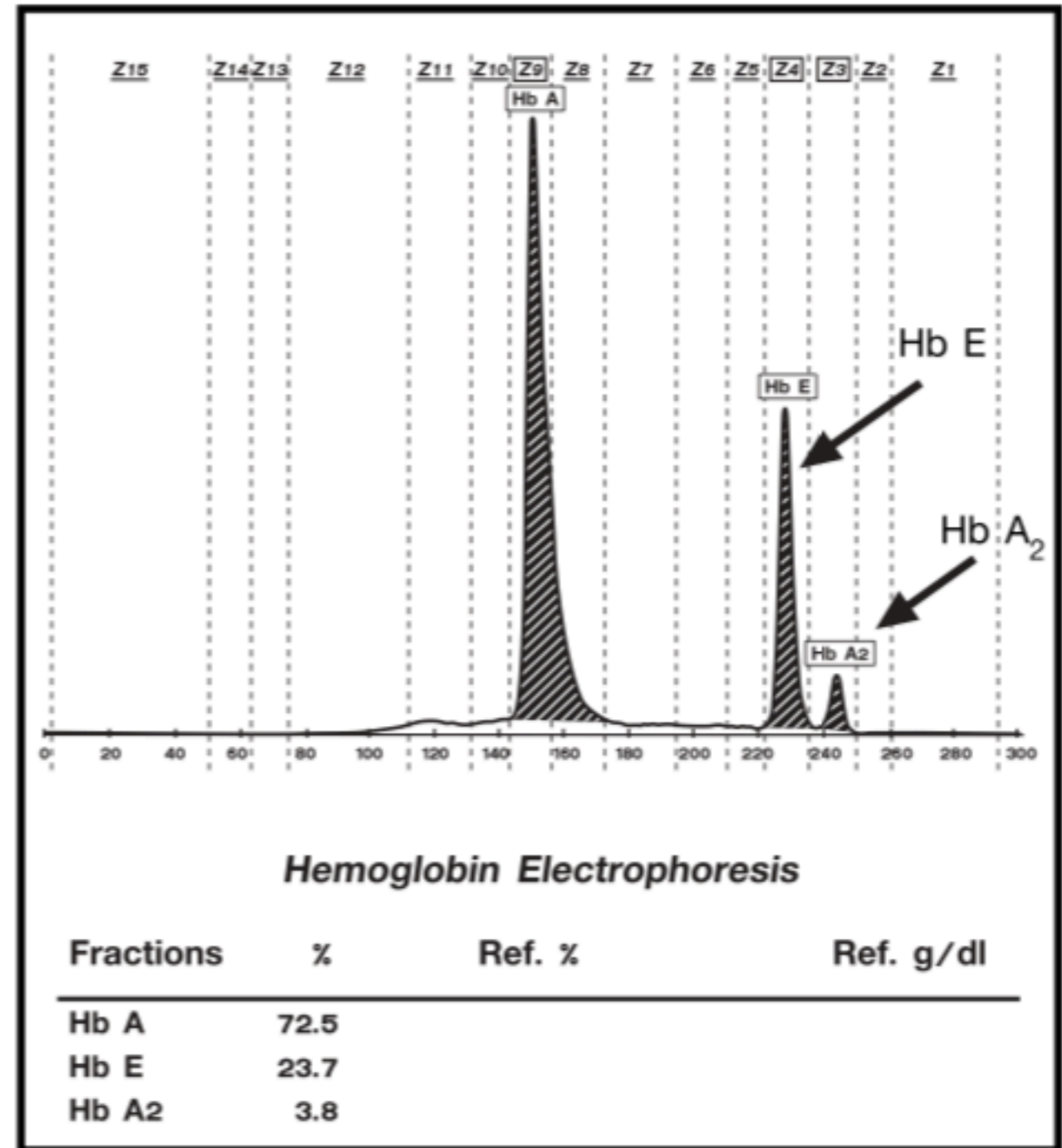




Hemoglobin typing



High Pressure Liquid Chromatography



Capillary Electrophoresis



Hemoglobin typing



Must know!!!

<i>Hb A</i>	$\alpha 2 \beta 2$	<i>Hb H</i>	$\beta 4$
<i>Hb A2</i>	$\alpha 2 \delta 2$	<i>Hb Bart's</i>	$\gamma 4$
<i>Hb F</i>	$\alpha 2 \gamma 2$		

Normal : $(\alpha\alpha, \alpha\alpha)(\beta, \beta)$

- A. Decrease production*** : ปริมาณ Hb
- B. Abnormal production (amino acid)***
Variant Hb Ex; Hb E, Hb Cs



Thalassemia




Hb type: Criteria for diagnosis

Condition	Hb typing
Normal	A ₂ A (A ₂ 2.5-3.5%)
a-thal 1 trait	A ₂ A (A ₂ 2.5-3.5%)*
a-thal 2 trait	A ₂ A (A ₂ 2.5-3.5%)*
b-thal trait	A ₂ A (A ₂ > 4%)
Hb E trait	EA (E= 25- 35 %)
Hb E homozygous	EE (E >85%)
Hb CS trait	CS A ₂ A (CS 1-2 %)
Hb CS homozygous	CS A ₂ A (CS 3-6%



Interpretation!!!




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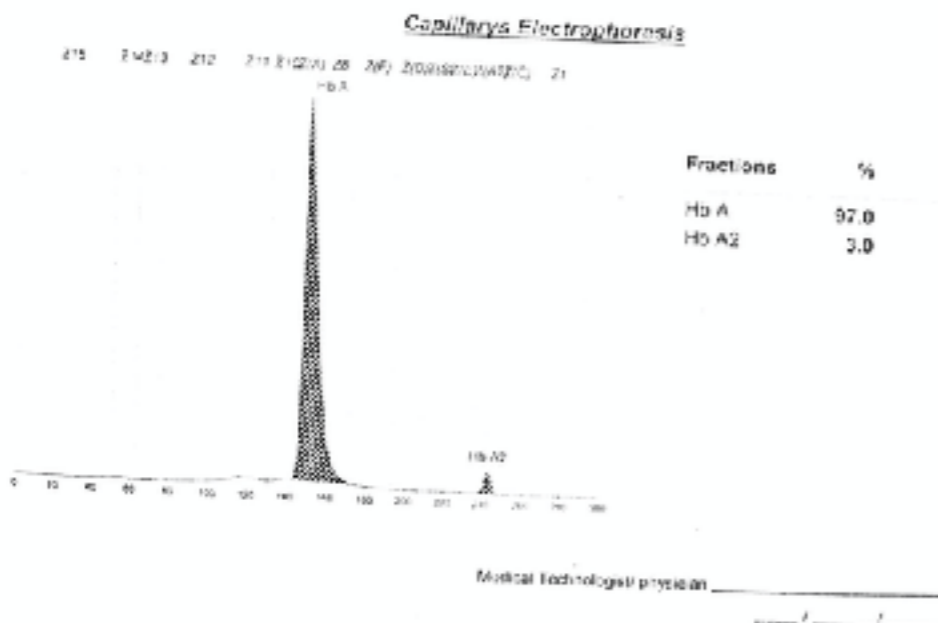
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RBC INDICES			
Hb	15.5	g/dl	12.0 - 16.0
Hct	45.6	%	37.0 - 47.0
MCV	92.3	fl	80.0 - 100.0
MCH	31.3	Pg	27.0 - 34.0
RDW	14.1	%	11.9 - 14.8

INTERPRETATION : _____
 EXTENDED COMMENT : _____

Hb	15.5	g/dl
Hct	45.6	%
MCV	92.3	fl
MCH	31.3	Pg
RDW	14.1	%


Hb A	97.0	%
Hb A2	3.0	%





Interpretation!!!




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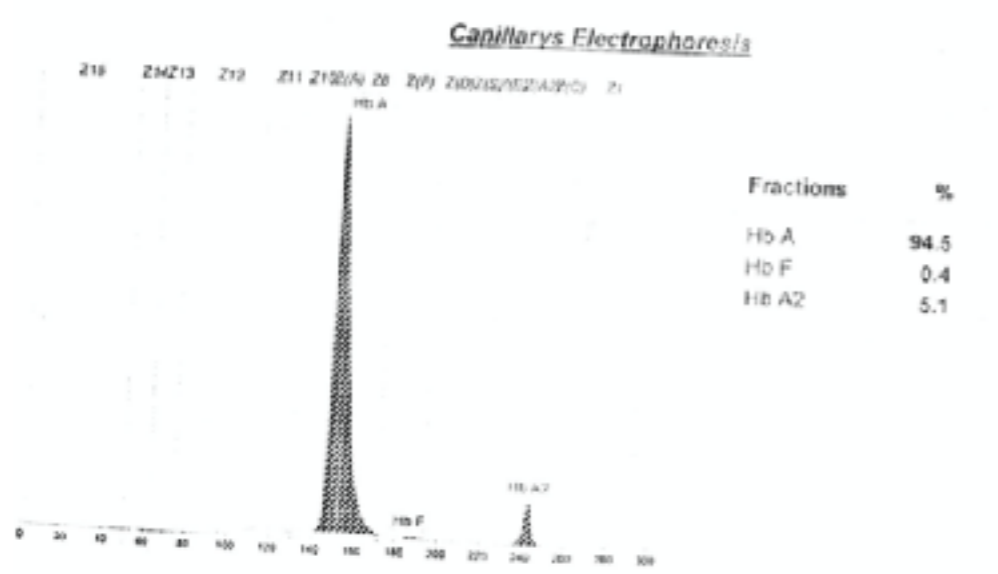
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HCT	32.7	%	37.0 - 47.0
MCV	73.8	fl	80.0 - 100.0
MCH	24.8	Pg	27.0 - 34.0
RDW	16.0	%	11.9 - 14.8

Hb	11.0	g/dl
Hct	32.7	%
MCV	73.8	fl
MCH	24.8	Pg
RDW	16.0	%

INTERPRETATION : _____

EXTENDED COMMENT : _____


Hb A	94.5	%
Hb F	0.4	%
Hb A2	5.1	%





Interpretation!!!




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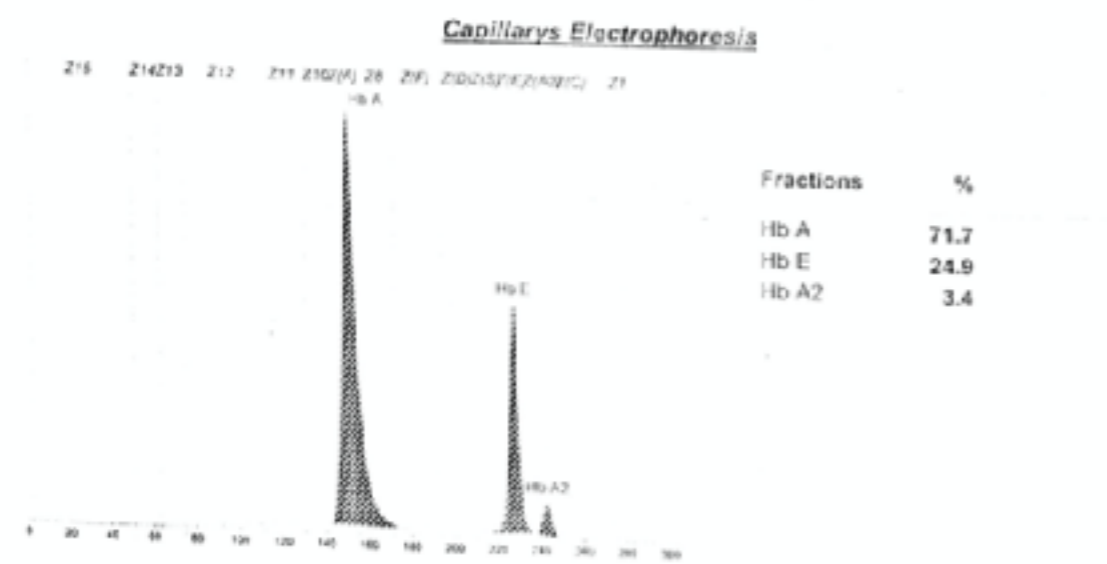
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HCT	40.9	%	37.0 - 47.0
MCV	78.9	fl	80.0 - 100.0
MCH	26.2	Pg	27.0 - 34.0
RDW	14.8	%	11.9 - 14.8

Hb	13.6	g/dl
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MCV	78.9	fl
MCH	26.2	Pg
RDW	14.8	%

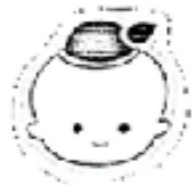
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EXTENDED COMMENT :

Hb A	71.7	%
Hb F	24.9	%
Hb A2	3.4	%





Interpretation!!!



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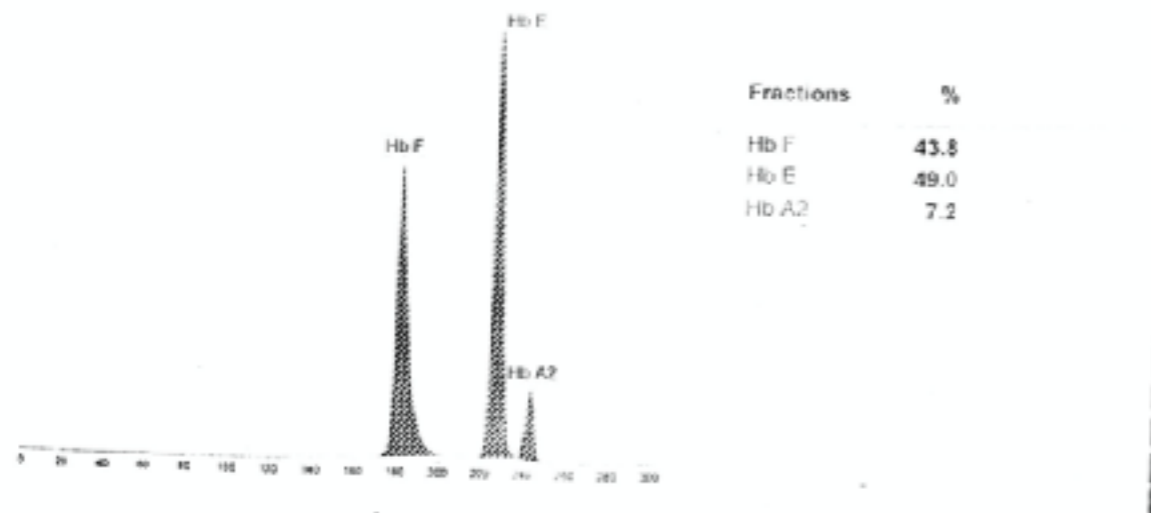
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TEST	RESULT	UNIT	REFERENCE RANGE
RBC INDICES			
Hb	6.9	g/dl	12.0 - 16.0
HCT	22.1	%	37.0 - 47.0
MCV	62.7	fl	80.0 - 100.0
MCH	19.6	Pg	27.0 - 34.0
RDW	29.7	%	11.9 - 14.8

INTERPRETATION :

EXTENDED COMMENT : Hb F stain : Positive

Capillary Electrophoresis



Hb	6.9	g/dl
Hct	22.1	%
MCV	62.7	fl
MCH	19.6	Pg
RDW	29.7	%

Hb F	43.8	%
Hb E	49	%
Hb A2	7.2	%



Interpretation!!!




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ID : 10000139
 HN : 30080/62
 Date : 22/07/2019
 Age : 24
 Sex : F
 Lab No. : 139

HB TYPING REPORT FORM

TEST	RESULT	UNIT	REFERENCE RANGE
RBC INDICES			
Hb	13.6	g %	12.0 - 16.0
HCT	41.5	%	37.0 - 47.0
MCV	81.4	fl	80.0 - 100.0
MCH	26.6	Pg	27.0 - 34.0
RDW	14.2	%	11.9 - 14.8

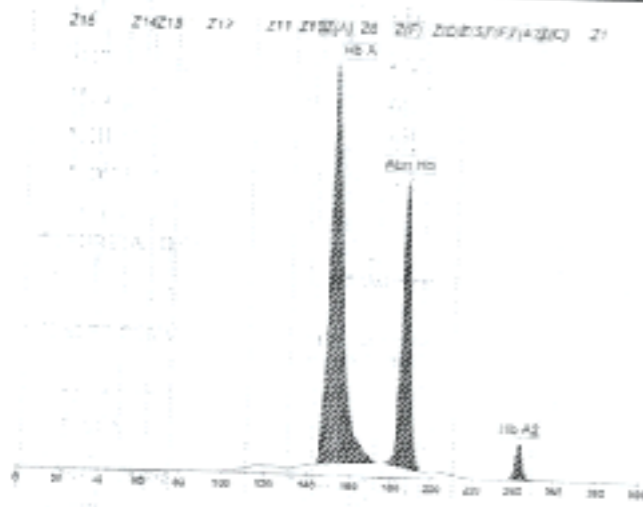
INTERPRETATION :

A2A with rare abnormal Hb - suspected abnormal Hb

EXTENDED COMMENT :

Hb stain : Negative
 Further investigation for alpha globin gene and beta globin gene deletion are suggested if detected

Capillary Electrophoresis



Fractions	%
Hb A	64.0
Abn Hb	32.7
Hb A2	3.3

✓ Tick.

Medical Technologist/physician _____

Hb	13.6	g/dl
Hct	41.5	%
MCV	81.4	fl
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Others Detecting Techniques



Alpha globin gene

Alpha thal-1 deletion

Multiplex Gap PCR

Alpha thal-2 deletion

Uncommon large deletion or alpha-globin gene triplication

Multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA)

Common known point mutation; CS, PS, QS

The amplification-refractory mutation system (ARMS) PCR

Point mutation

Uncommon point mutation; Unknown

Alpha-globin gene sequencing

Beta globin gene

Deletion of beta gene

ARMS PCR

Reverse dot blot

Uncommon large deletion

Deletion

Non-deletion

Common known point mutation

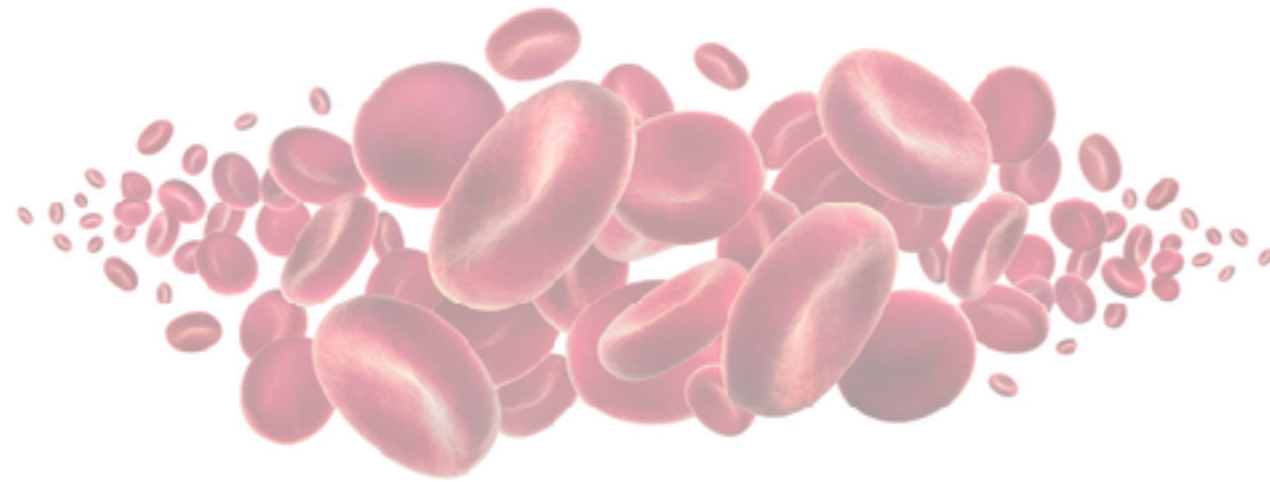
ARMS PCR

High resolution melting (HRM) analysis

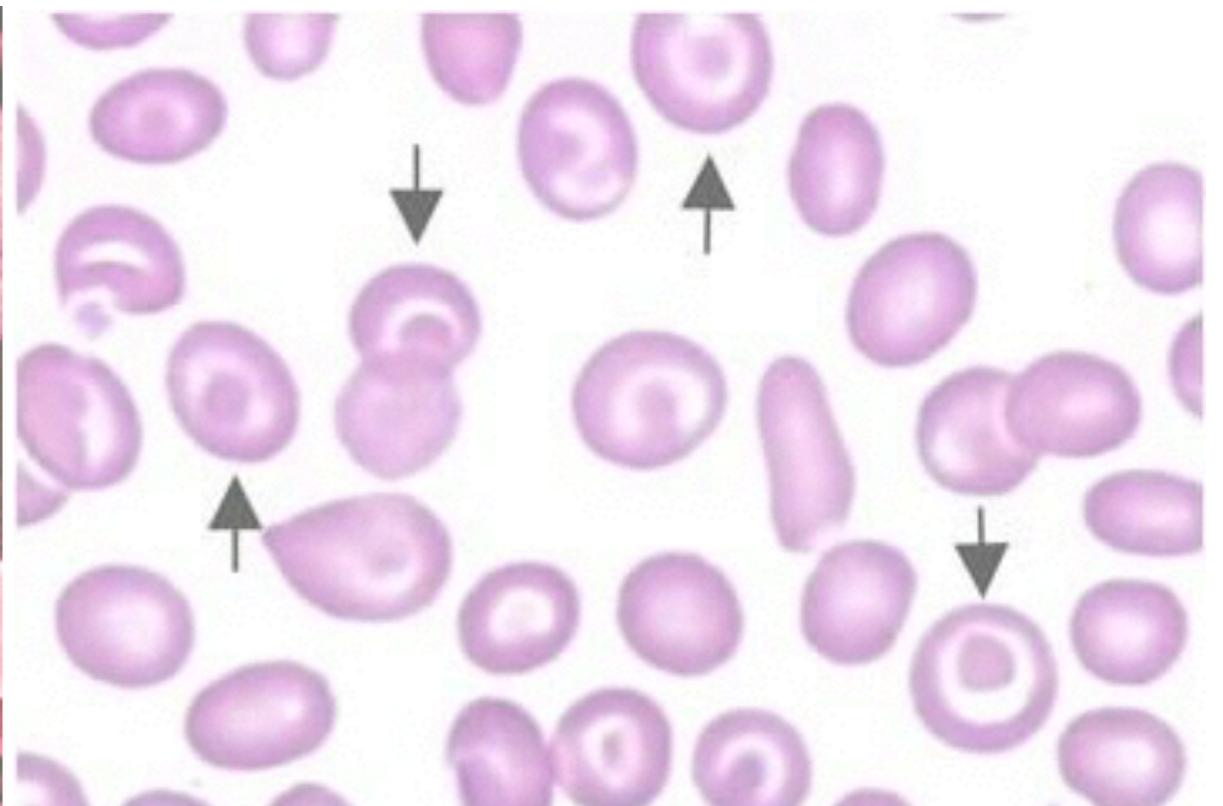
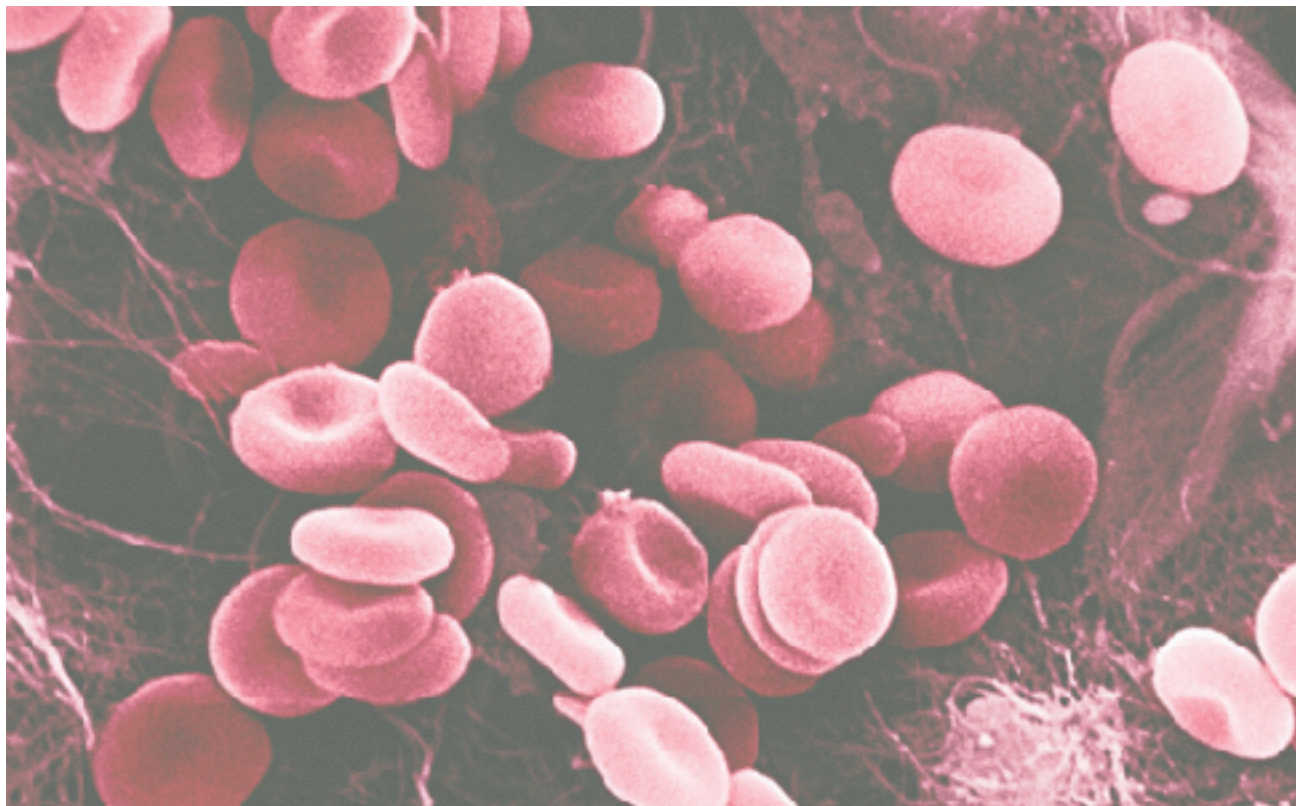
Point mutation

Uncommon point mutation; Unknown

Beta-globin gene sequencing



Treatment





Treatment



Curative treatment

- Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
- Gene therapy

Standard treatment

- Education and genetic counseling
- Regular blood transfusion to maintain Hb 13-14 g/dL post transfusion and 9-10 at all time
- Supportive treatment : Folic acid, MTV
- Iron chelation



Blood transfusion



200–250 mg iron:
Whole blood: 0.47 mg iron/mL
'Pure' red cells: 1.16 mg iron/mL

Porter JB. *Br J Haematol* 2001;115:239–252

- 1 blood unit contains 200 mg iron
- A 60 kg patient with thalassemia receiving 45 units of blood annually has transfusional iron intake of 9 g iron/year
 - 0.4 mg iron/kg body wt/day
- In addition, up to 4 mg/day may be absorbed from the gut
 - Up to 1.5 g iron/year
- Overload can occur after 10–20 transfusions

Iron overload is an inevitable consequence of multiple blood transfusions



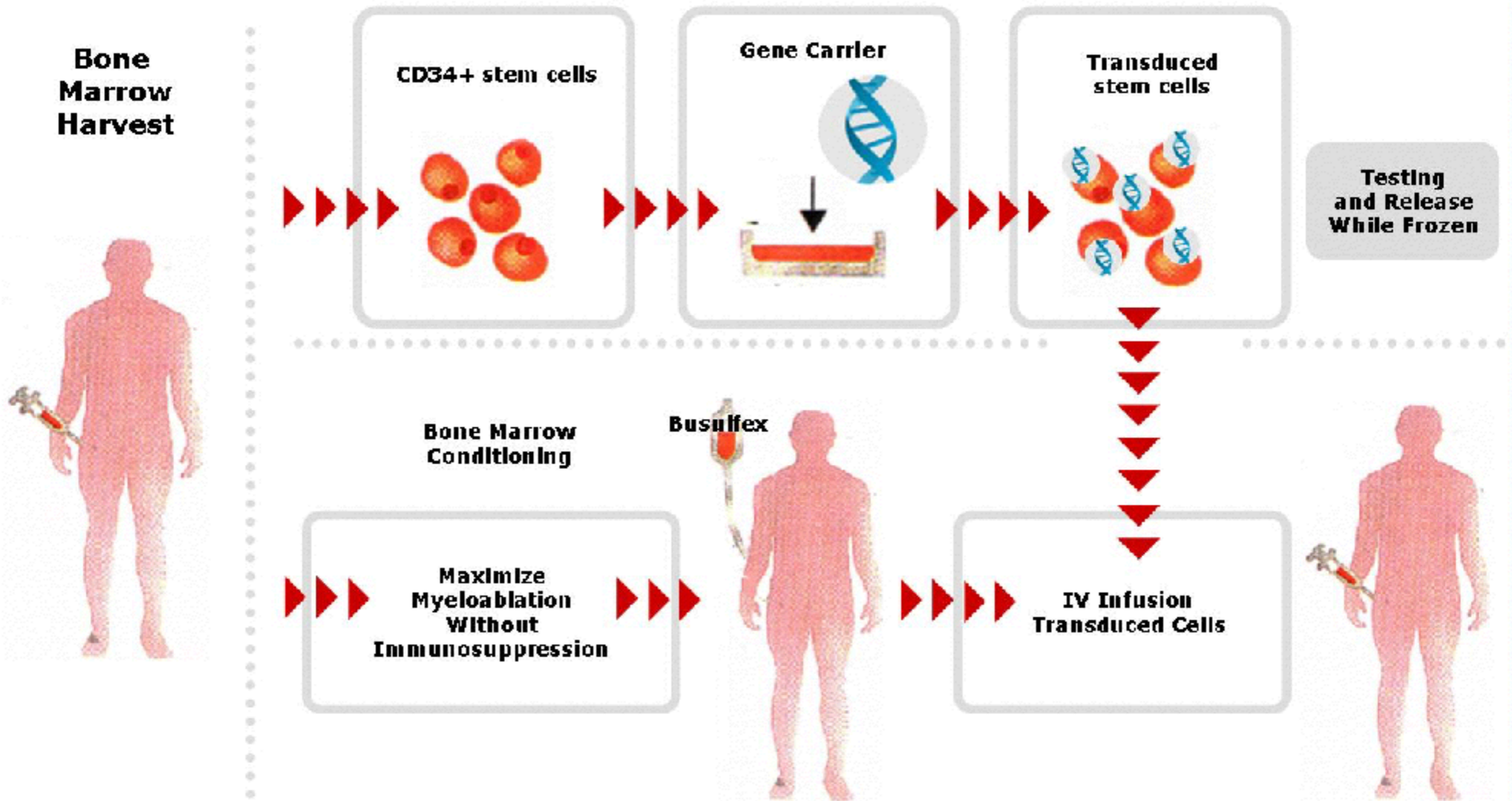
Transfusion regimen



- การให้เลือดเพื่อยับยั้งการสร้างเม็ดเลือดแดง อย่างสม่ำเสมอ (regular transfusion) ควรให้ในผู้ป่วยธาลัสซีเมียรุนแรงหรือ ชนิดพึ่งพาเลือด (Transfusion dependent thalassemia; TDT) ซึ่งได้รับการวินิจฉัยใหม่
- จุดมุ่งหมายคือรักษาค่า Hb ของผู้ป่วย สูงกว่า 9 กรัม/ดล. ตลอดเวลา และไม่ให้เกิน 14 กรัม/ดล
- โดยให้ เลือดกรอง หรือปั่นแยกเม็ดเลือดขาวออก ขนาด 12-15 มล./กก. หรือ 1-3 ยูนิตในผู้ใหญ่ ทุก 2-6 สัปดาห์ ทำให้ผู้ป่วยมีคุณภาพชีวิตที่ดี การเจริญเติบโตปกติ โดยเฉพาะผู้ป่วยเด็ก



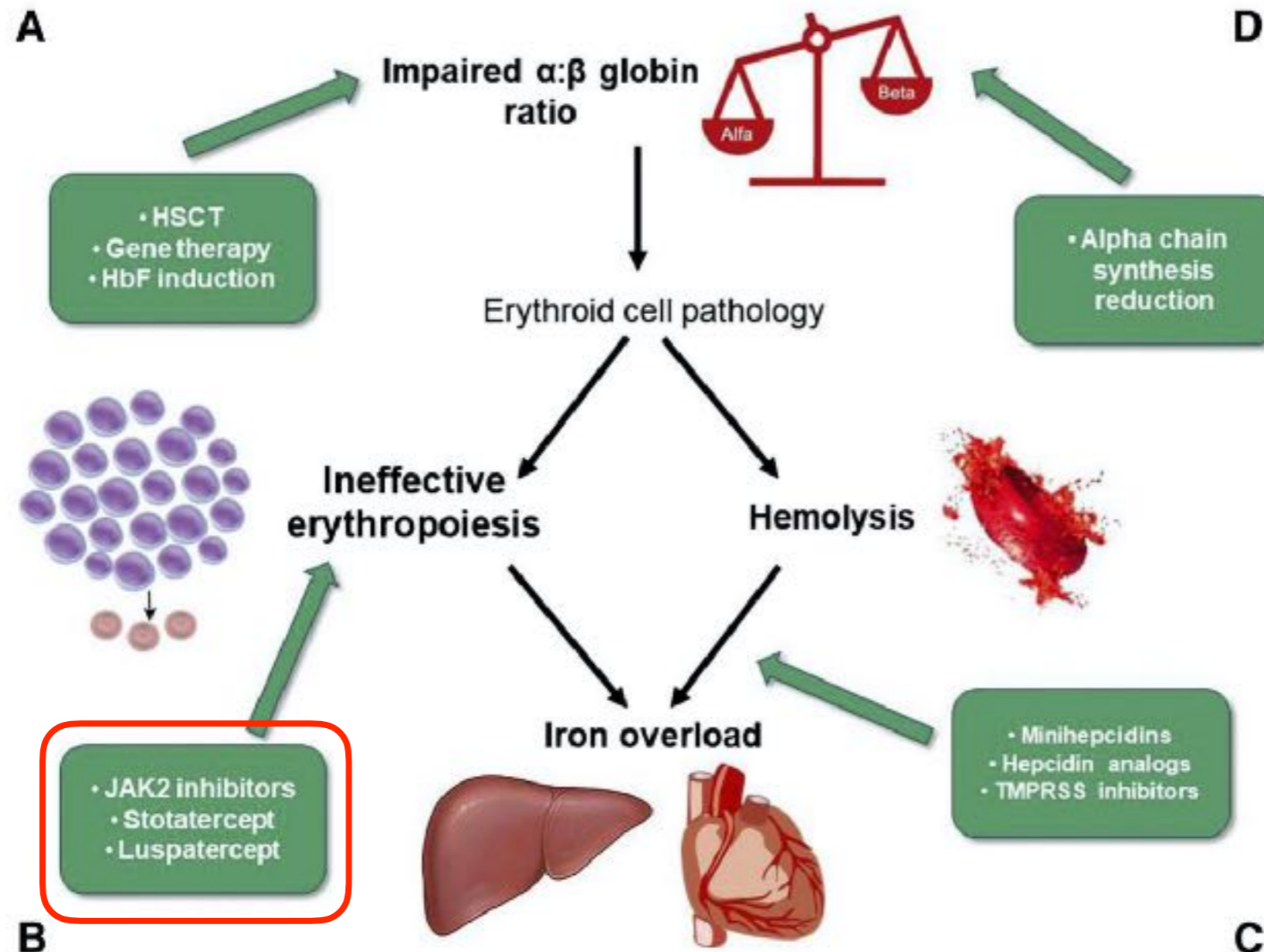
Gene Therapy





Novel therapy

New therapeutic targets in β -thalassemias: (A,D) impaired α : β -globin ratio, (B) ineffective erythropoiesis, and (C) iron metabolism and hemolysis.

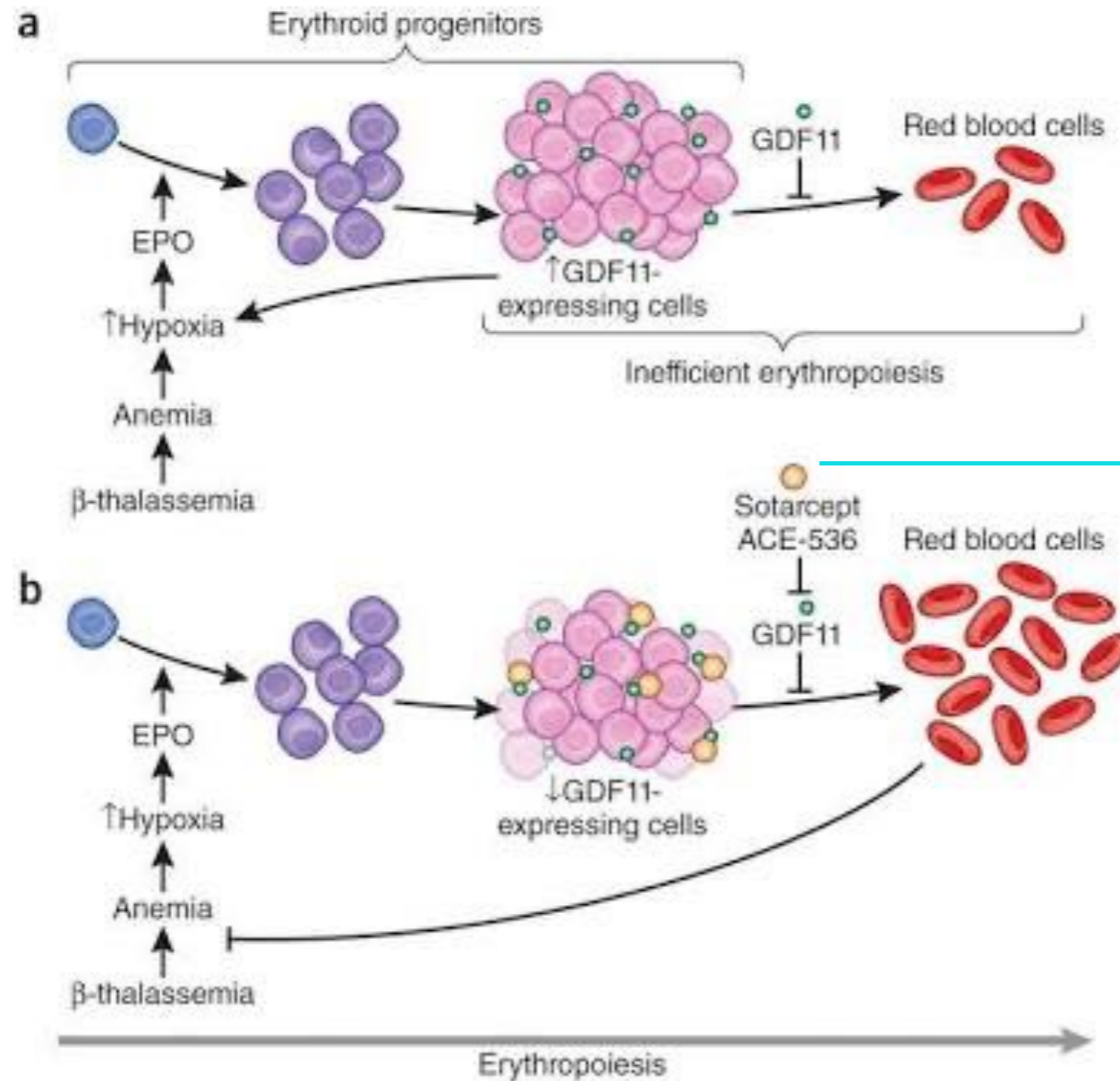


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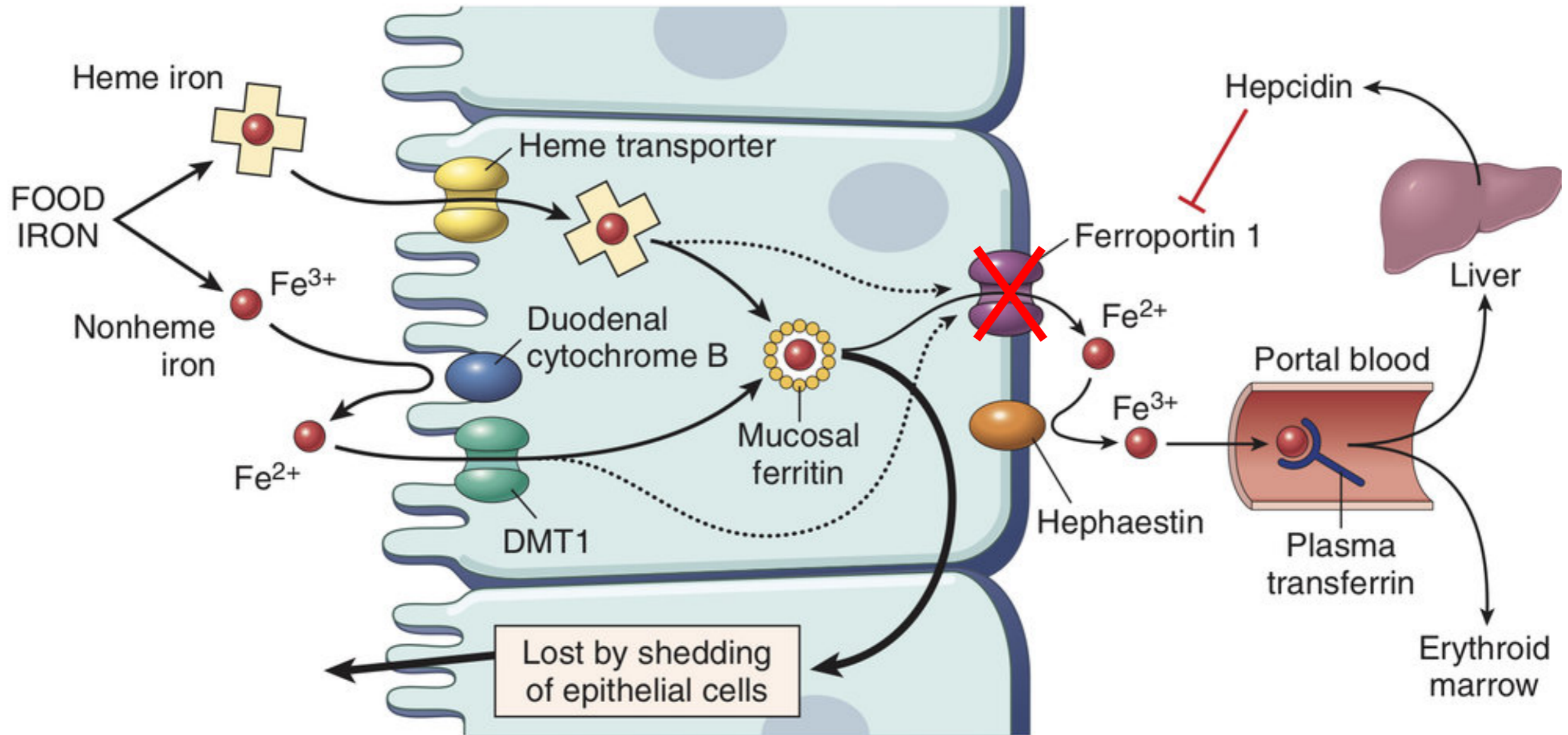
GDF-11 Antagonists



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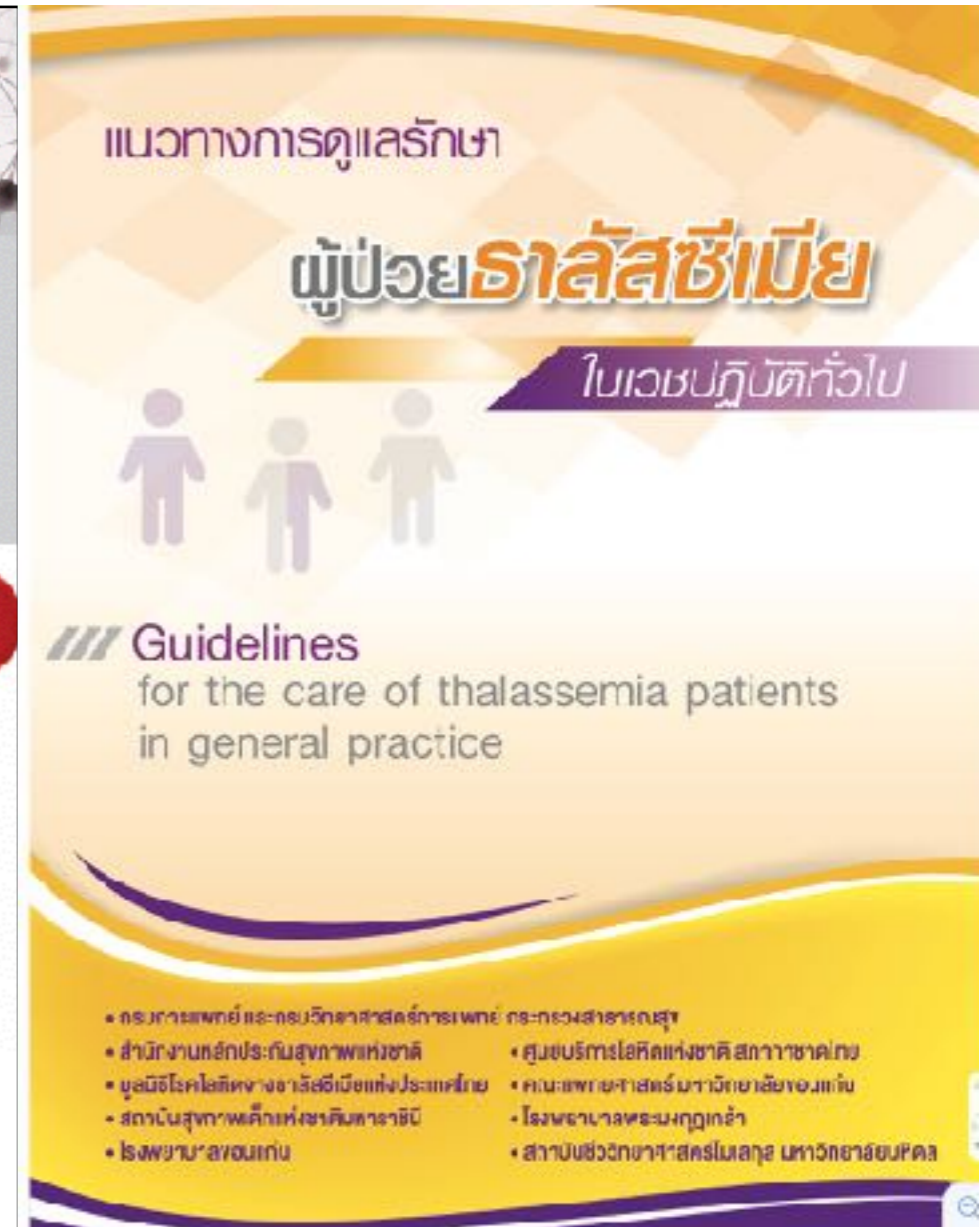
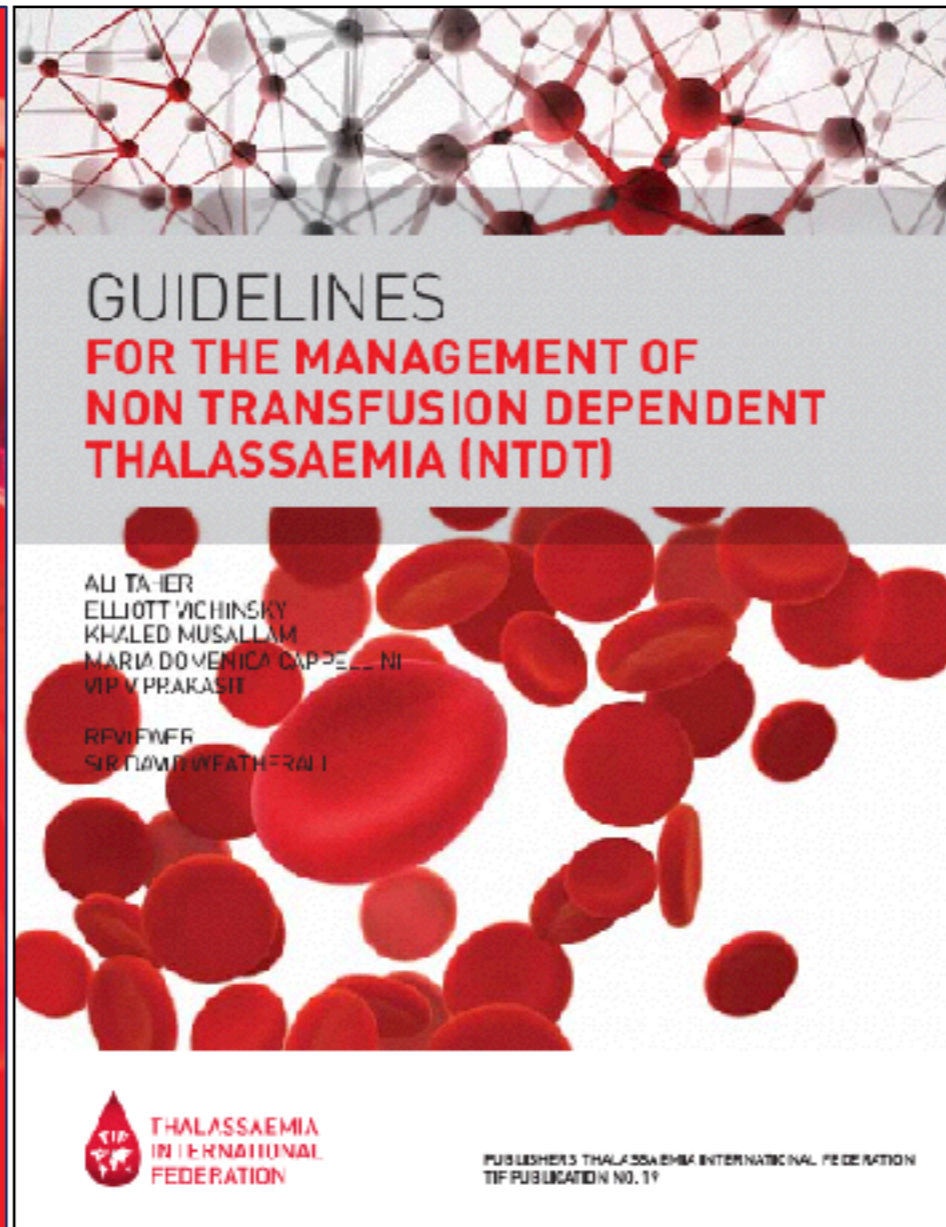
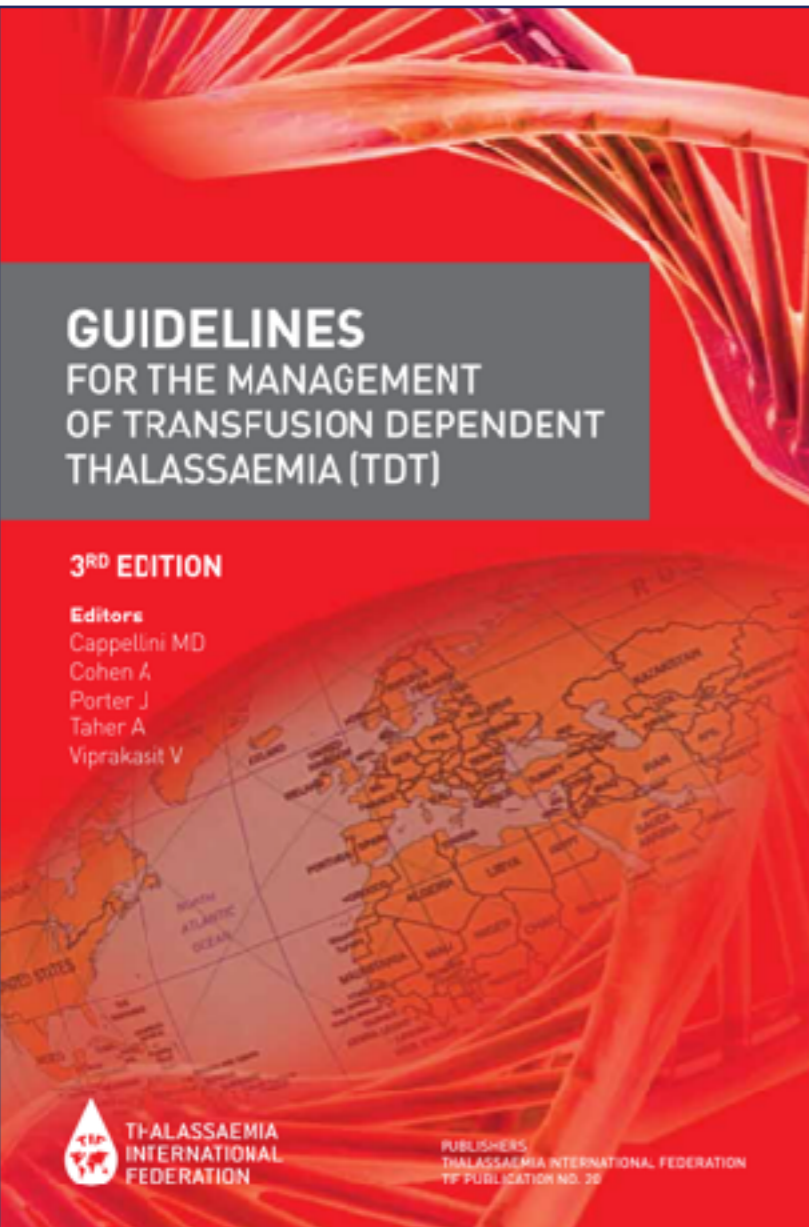


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