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Numbers of included patients per study site

HagaZiekenhuis, The Hague (NL)	219
Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden (NL)	83
Maastricht University Medical Center, Maastricht (NL)	55
Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam (NL)	55
Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen (No)	23
Juravinsky Hospital, Hamilton (Can)	61
Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa (Can)	34
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto (Can)	13
London Health Sciences Center, London (Can)	16
Kingston General Hospital, Kingston (Can)	8

Supplementary tables.

Table S1. Analyzed populations

Primary bleeding endpoint	
ITT	Every inclusion, no exclusions due to off-protocol transfusions, no grade ≥ 2 bleeding at randomization, bleeding observation <i>from randomization</i> until first grade ≥ 2 bleed (Table 2)
PP	Every inclusion, only if $\geq 75\%$ on-protocol transfusions from randomization to first ≥ 2 bleed, no grade ≥ 2 bleeding at randomization neither at day of first transfusion, bleeding observation <i>from first transfusion</i> until first grade ≥ 2 bleed (Table 2)
PPO	Every inclusion, only if 100% on-protocol transfusions from randomization to first ≥ 2 bleed, no grade ≥ 2 bleeding at randomization neither at day of first transfusion, bleeding observation <i>from first transfusion</i> until first grade ≥ 2 bleed (Suppl.)
Efficacy endpoints	
ITT	Every inclusion, no exclusions due to off-protocol transfusions, no grade ≥ 2 bleeding at randomization (Table 4)
PP	Every inclusion, only on-protocol transfusions, no exclusions due to off-protocol transfusions, no grade ≥ 2 bleeding at randomization (Table 4)
Alloimmunization	
ITT	First inclusion, no exclusions due to off-protocol transfusions, at least two samples available for antibody testing, first sample negative for allo-antibodies (Suppl)
PP	First inclusion, only if $\geq 75\%$ on-protocol transfusions, at least two samples available for antibody testing, first sample negative for allo-antibodies (Suppl)
PPO	First inclusion, only if 100% on-protocol transfusions, at least two samples available for antibody testing, first sample negative for allo-antibodies (Figure 3)

Table S2. Bleeding complications (per protocol only)

		Control	Intervention
No. of transfusion treatment periods		200 (163 patients)	164 (142 patients)
Primary endpoint			
WHO grade 2, 3 or 4 bleeding [#]		87 (44%)	85 (52%)
No. of days from <i>first transfusion</i> to first grade 2, 3, or 4 bleeding	median (IQR)	3 (1-4)	2 (1-4)
Percentage of days with grade 2, 3, or 4 bleeding [§]	median (IQR)	0 (0-15)	4 (0-17)
No. of days with grade 2, 3, or 4 bleeding	median (IQR)	0 (0-2)	1 (0-2)
Bleeding details			
Highest grade of bleeding			
None or grade 1		113 (57%)	79 (48%)
Grade 2		78 (39%)	82 (50%)
Grade 3		4 (2%)	2 (1%)
Grade 4		5 (3%)	1 (1%)

WHO = world health organization; IQR=interquartile range;

[#] difference: 8 percentage points, 95% CI (-2 to 19), p-value for non-inferiority 0.216

after correcting for stratification factors (center, diagnosis AML/non-AML and treatment phase conventional/stem cell):

difference: 10 percentage points, 95% CI (1 to 19), p-value for non-inferiority 0.28

[§] p-value for superiority of mean percentages 0.483

Table S3. Platelet transfusion characteristics and pre transfusion platelet count (intention to treat)

		Control	Intervention
No. of platelet transfusions		1568	1659
Characteristics			
Product type according to protocol		1400 (89%)	1373 (83%)
Indication of PLT transfusion			
Prophylactic		1349 (86%)	1436 (87%)
Therapeutic		139 (8.6%)	178 (11%)
Other/Unknown		80 (5.1%)	45 (2.7%)
Major ABO incompatibility		107 (6.8%)	98 (5.9%)
PLT content	$10^{11} \pm SD$	3.46 ± 0.78	3.34 ± 0.56
Storage time	<i>days</i> \pm <i>SD</i>	4.1 ± 1.6	3.9 ± 1.6
No. of PLT transfusions stored 6 or 7 days		294 (19%)	265 (16%)
Pre transfusion PLT count	$10^9/L$	16 ± 14	14 ± 9

ITT = intention-to-treat; PLT = Platelet; SD = Standard deviation

Table S4. Platelet transfusion characteristics and pre transfusion platelet count (per protocol)

		Control	Intervention
No. of platelet transfusions		1166	1269
Characteristics			
Product type according to protocol		1103 (95%)	1137 (90%)
Indication of PLT transfusion			
Prophylactic		1005 (86%)	1137 (90%)
Therapeutic		95 (8.1%)	104 (8.2%)
Other/Unknown		66 (5.7%)	28 (2.2%)
Major ABO incompatibility		83 (7.1%)	77 (6.1%)
PLT content	$10^{11} \pm SD$	3.38 ± 0.67	3.33 ± 0.54
Storage time	$days \pm SD$	4.2 ± 1.6	3.9 ± 1.6
No. of PLT transfusions stored 6 or 7 days		219 (19%)	205 (16%)
Pre transfusion PLT count	$10^9/L$	15 ± 15	14 ± 9

PP = Per-protocol; PLT = Platelet; SD = Standard deviation

Table S5. Transfusion reactions, adverse and serious adverse events.

		Control	Intervention
No. of transfusion treatment periods		<i>279</i>	<i>277</i>
No of transfusion reactions		<i>44</i>	<i>63</i>
No of transfusion treatment periods with 1 or more transfusion reaction	N (%)	<i>39 (14)</i>	<i>45 (16)</i>
No of AEs		<i>168</i>	<i>127</i>
No of transfusion treatment periods with 1 or more AEs	N (%)	<i>83 (30)</i>	<i>89 (32)</i>
No of SAEs		<i>52</i>	<i>37</i>
No of transfusion treatment periods with 1 or more SAEs	N (%)	<i>42 (15)</i>	<i>34 (12)</i>
No of SAEs related to PLT transfusion		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

AEs = Adverse events; SAEs = Serious adverse events; PLT = Platelet; ITT = Intention-to-treat

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1 shows the study scheme.

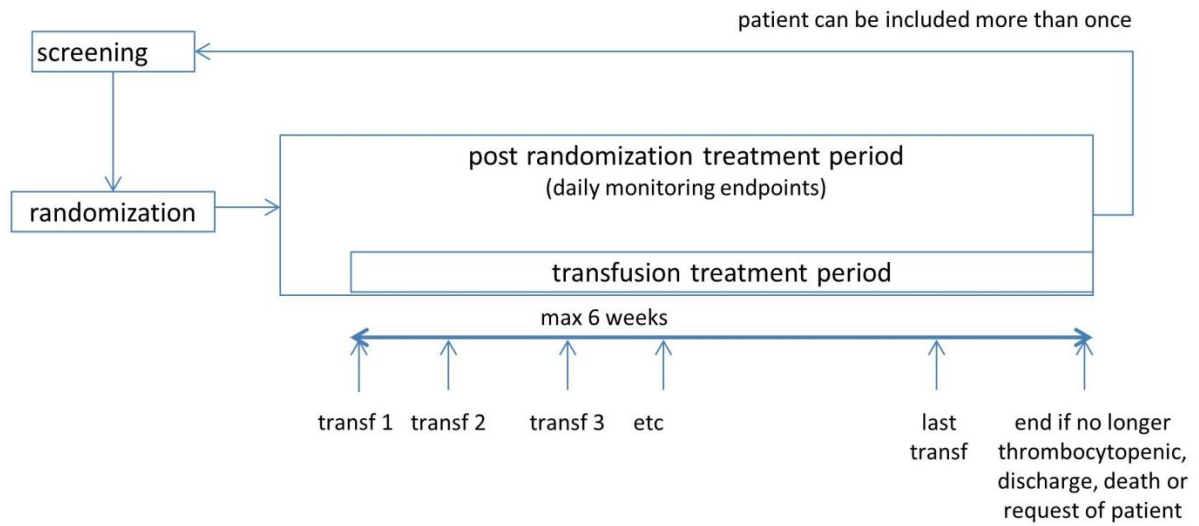


Figure S2 shows the time to the appearance of HLA-class I allo-antibodies in the intention to treat population. In the control arm 6 of the 197 patients developed antibodies as opposed to 15 of 209 in the intervention arm. The risk ratio for cumulative event probabilities at 60 days was 1.75 (95% CI 0.67 – 4.59, $p = 0.25$).

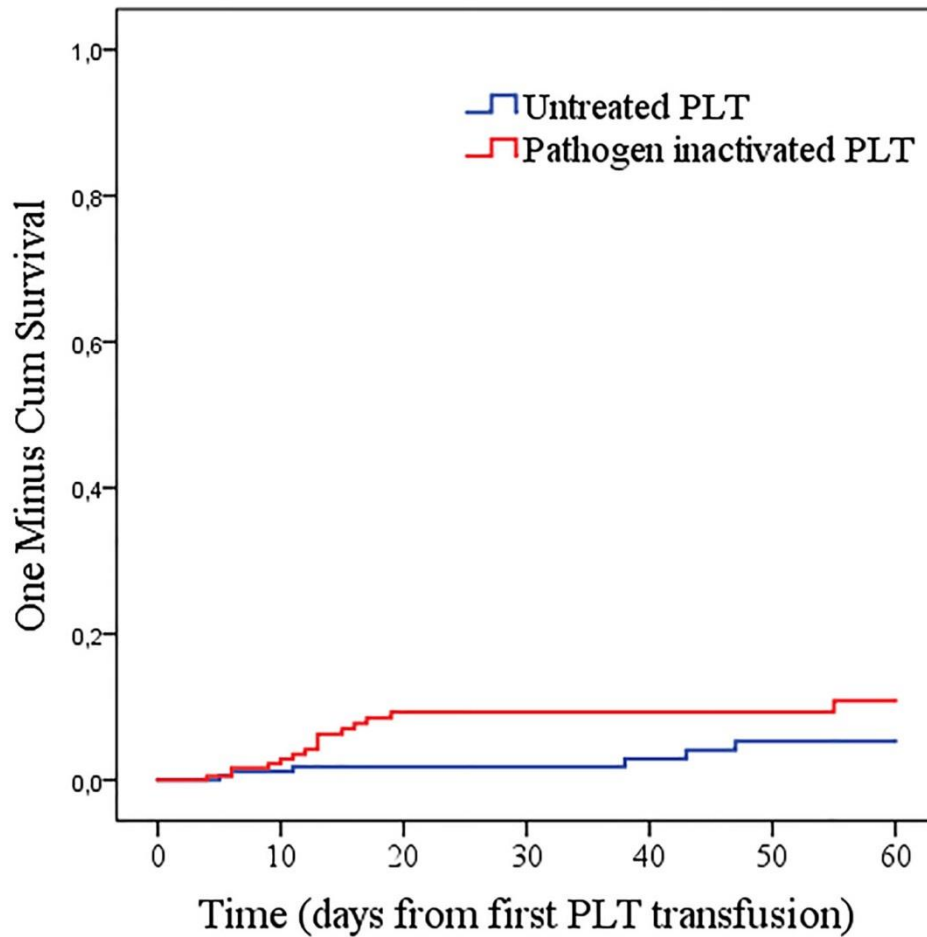


Figure S3 shows the time to the appearance of HLA-class I allo-antibodies in the per protocol population. In the control arm 6 of the 185 patients developed antibodies as opposed to 10 of 193 in the intervention arm. The risk ratio for cumulative event probabilities at 60 days was 1.53 (95% CI 0.55 – 4.30, p = 0.42).

