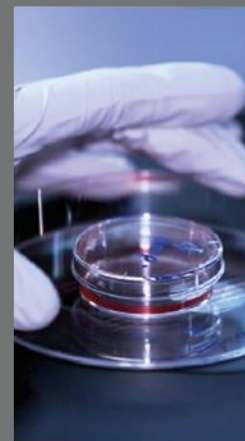




HEV RISK ASSESSMENT FOR PLASMA PRODUCTS



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INTRODUCTION

- Proven HEV transfusion risk (France, Japan, UK, Germany...)
 - +20 notifications in France (ANSM)
 - **12 Post – transfusion notifications (HEV RNA +ve Plasma) received at LFB**
 - ➔ 11 donations fractionated; 3 on stock (discarded)
- Confirmed high seroprevalence and incidence in France (geno. 3)
 - endemic (hyper- in some areas): 22,4 % (8-86,4 %) (*Mansuy, Hepatology 2016*)
 - 1 HEV RNA +ve / 2,218 donations (*Gallian, EID 2014*)
 - **5 Look-back information from SD plasma HEV RNA testing**
 - ➔ 4 donations fractionated; 1 on stock (discarded)
- No transmission documented from plasma derivatives
 - risk assessment for PDMP

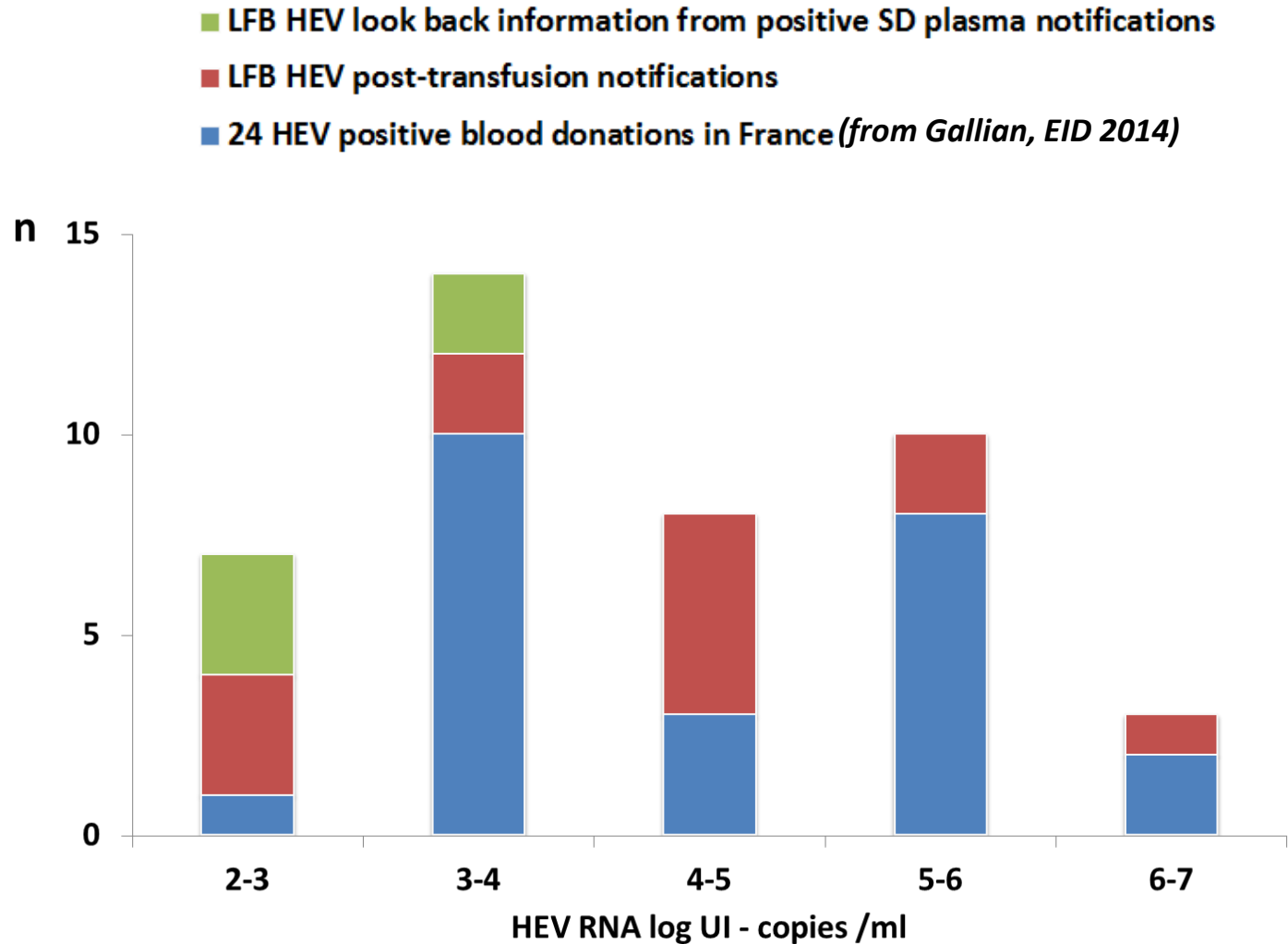
ASSESSING THE RISK FOR VIRUS TRANSMISSION

- Guideline on plasma-derived medicinal products
EMA/CHMP/706271/2010 - Chapter 9
 - *...where possible, include a quantitative estimation of the probability of a virus contaminant being present in a defined dose of final product*
 - *“overall virus inactivation/removal capacity” of the mfg process*
 - CPMP guideline on virus validation (CPMP/BWP/268/95)
 - for emerging viruses:
 - relevance of model viruses (ie HAV 27 – 30 nm for 15/20 N Nanofiltration)
 - investigational studies recommended
 - *“potential virus input”: potential amount of virus that may be present in the amount of starting material needed to manufacture a single dose of product*
 - number of viraemic donations in the mfg pool, volume of individual donations, titre of a viraemic donation
 - amount of plasma for production of one vial of product

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VIREMIA IN HEV RNA +VE DONATIONS



- low to moderate viremia in HEV +ve donations

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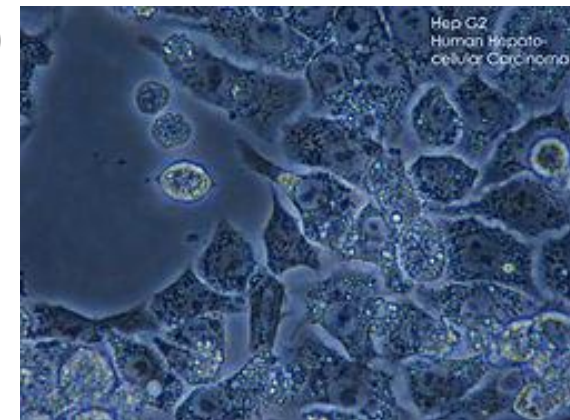
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HEV INFECTIVITY ASSAY

(LHOMME *et al*, J.VIROL 2014)

VIROLOGY Laboratory, CH TOULOUSE, FRANCE, Pr J. IZOPET

- HEV (genotype 3f) sources:
 - faecal sample from acute HE patient
 - cell supernatant
- HEV replicating Cells: Hep G2/C3A (ATCC)
- Virus stock: $10^8 - 10^{10}$ HEV RNA copies/ml - $\sim 5 \log \text{TCID}_{50} / \text{ml}$
 - HEV RNA/TCID₅₀ Ratio = 4,28 log copies +/- 0,91 (n=7)
- Detection and quantification of HEV RNA
 - in house RT-PCR (*Abravanel, J Clin Microbiol 2012*)
- Titration
 - Infectivity Assay (TCID₅₀/ml)
 - *de novo* HEV RNA (RT-PCR) in cell culture
 - infectivity titration (+ve wells): Reed et Muench
 - Q-PCR (nanofiltration experiments)



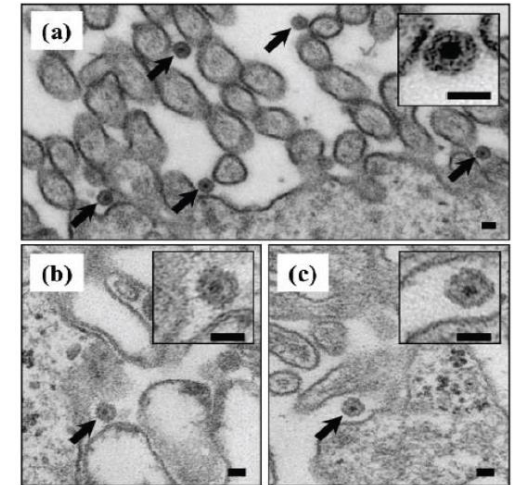
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HEV ~ ENVELOPED VIRUS: IMPACT ON SIZE AND SERONEUTRALIZATION

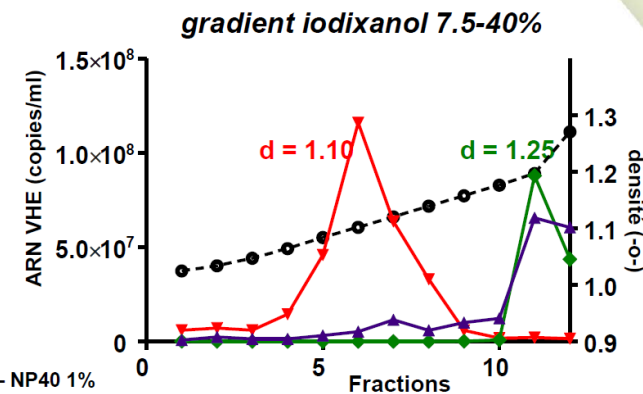
Nagashima et al, *J Gen Virol* 2014 95 2166-2175,
Takahashi et al, *J Clin Microbiol*, 2010, 48 1112-25

- HEV in feces and bile: non enveloped
- In circulating blood and culture supernatant, HEV covered with a cellular membrane similar to EV
- Estimated Size (TEM)
 - membrane associated HEV particles ~50 nm (secretion associated with exosomes)
 - without outer membrane: 30 – 35 nm diameter
- Buoyant density (gradient)
 - HEV in serum (and culture): 1,15 - 1,16 g/ml
 - HEV in faeces: 1,27 – 1,28 g/ml
- HEV in serum non neutralizable by immune sera the difference to HEV from feces



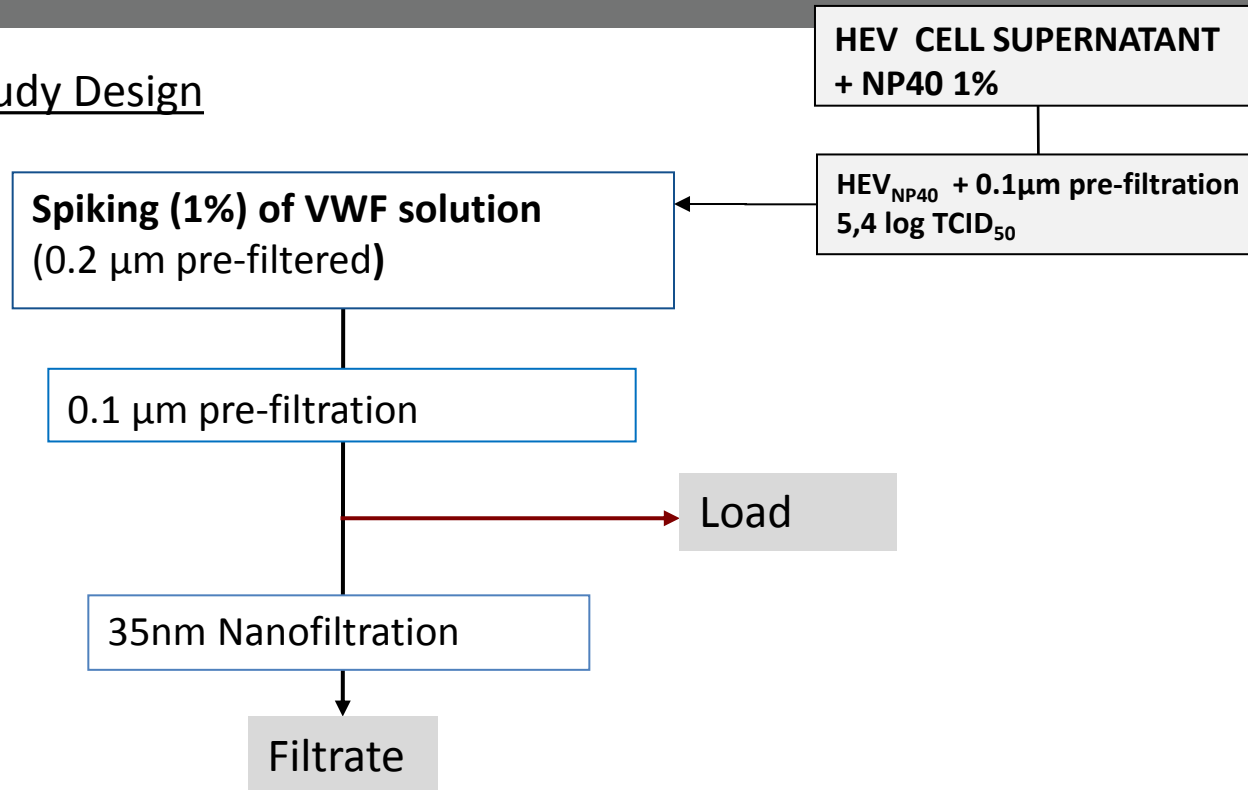
PLC/PRF/5 (a), HepG2 (b) and A549 (c) cells infected with cell culture-produced HEV (JE03-1760F strain). Arrows = extracellular membrane-associated virus-like particles.

Scale bars: 50nm.

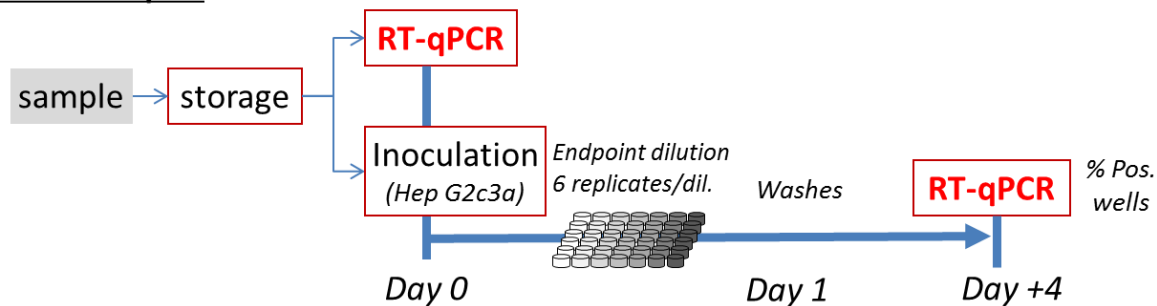


35 N NANOFILTRATION OF VWF

Study Design



Analysis of samples



HEV REDUCTION – NANOFILTRATION PLANOVA 35N

PRODUCT	Von Willebrand Factor (VWF)	
Virus (treatment)	HEV Cell Supernatant (+ Detergent - NP40)	
	Viral load (log TCID₅₀)	RNA copies (log)
Spike	5,4	9,5
Load (0,1 µm)	5,3	9,3
(Load 2 – after low pH)	-	-
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35 N Filtrate	2,8	7,2	7,0	6.1*
RF	2.5	2,1	0,4	3.1

* free RNA accdg to RNase digestion studies

- Significant reduction of infectivity of HEV through 35 nm nanofiltration of VWF
- HEV reduction on 35 nm filter > HAV (~ no reduction)
- (at least) 3.1 log HEV RNA copies reduction through 35 nm nanofiltration of IgG

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Matsui, Hepatol Res 2014	Japan	Platelets	-	-	<u>6,8</u>
Hauser, Blood 2014	France	FFP (Intercept)	Min. 200	? (estimate 100 IU/mL)	? (> 4,3)
Haïm-Boukobza, J Hepatol 2012	France	Platelets	(estimate 3 – 30)	<u>4,2</u>	~ 5
Matsubayashi, Transfusion 2008	Japan	Platelets	-	-	<u>5,4</u>
Colson, EID 2007	France	RBCU	<u>310</u>	? (estimate 100 IU/mL)	? (> 4,5 *)

*data from literature

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REVIEW OF HEV TRANSFUSION CASES-FRANCE

- Data from 22 transfusion HEV transmission cases in France
(19 cases from ANSM, 08/2006 – 07/2014, updated from LFB data)
 - imputability: 14/19 certain, 5/19 probable
 - all blood components involved: Plasma (S/D plasma, quarantined FFP, AI FFP), RBC, Platelets (pooled Platelets concentrates, apheresis platelets)
 - HEV RNA Quantification: 20 (?*) – $2,5 \cdot 10^5$ copies/ml
 - Considering minimal plasma volume per component (worst case) total HEV RNA content in donations which transmitted
 - **20/22 cases > 3.9 log IU** (11/22 > 5 log)
 - 2 (probable) cases: 3,16 (?*) - > 3,45 log IU

* *genotype divergence*

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- No evidence to date that HEV represents a risk to PDMP: no history of residual hepatitis risk through the use of PDMP
- Historical HEV circulation in developed countries with high seroprevalence and incidence in donor populations
- Risk assessment for PDMP (PTC)
 - low to moderate viremia in HEV RNA +ve donations
 - efficient steps towards NEV in PDMP manufacturing processes
 - available data from transfusion cases favour a 4 log HEV RNA correspondence to Infectivity which should be considered in the HEV risk assessment model for PDMP

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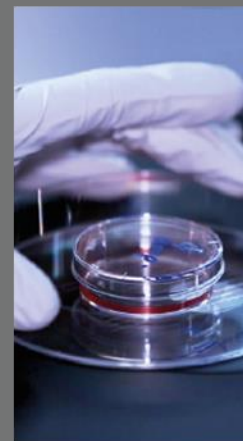
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