

Stem Cell Treatment (SCT) & Autism



Panel discussion:

Cord Blood – Stanislav Volchkov, MD, PhD, Samara, Russia

Bone Marrow – Dusan Maric, MD, PhD and Dzihan Abazovic, MD, Serbia

Cord Tissue / MSCs – Magdalena Chrościńska-Krawczyk, MD, PhD, Poland

The procedure

The ongoing clinical trial

**Safety and Efficacy of the Transfusion of UCB in Patients With
an ASD Depending on the Degree of HLA Compatibility. (ASD-HLA2019)**

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The procedure

This is prospective, non-randomized (open-label) with control group study.

150 patients in three groups.

- 1 group – high HLA compatibility (≤ 4 of 6 HLA loci)
- 2 group - low HLA compatibility (≥ 4 of 6 HLA loci)
- 3 group – control group

Total of 2 Cord blood infusion with the delay of 6 months

Cell count ≤ 50 millions cells per kg of patient weight
100 millions cells when possible used



Allogenic Cord blood

Paton MCB, Wall DA, Elwood N, Chiang KY, Cowie G, Novak I, Finch-Edmondson M. Safety of allogeneic umbilical cord blood infusions for the treatment of neurological conditions: a systematic review of clinical studies. Cytotherapy. 2022 Jan;24(1):2-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jcyt.2021.07.001. Epub 2021 Aug 10. PMID: 34384698.

Common advantages

- **Safe** – used for transplant more than 30 years as HSC source;
- **Highly active** due they harvested in newborns (youngest adult cells);
- Contains much different cells with neuroprotection and immunologic preferences.

Private advantages

- Collected and stored in certified cord blood bank (EFI, WMDA, ISO);
- Most effective bank in Russia with more than 50 transplants worldwide.



Cord blood application

- **IV application** – due it most safe procedure and in most cases not require any additional sedation even with ASD patients.
- IV application effective due the mononuclear cells can cross the brain barrier and cell secretome.
- No difference in effectiveness in comparing with other cell delivery methods but with difference in safety (IV most safe method)

Sanchez-Diaz M, Quiñones-Vico MI, Sanabria de la Torre R, Montero-Vílchez T, Sierra-Sánchez A, Molina-Leyva A, Arias-Santiago S. **Biodistribution of Mesenchymal Stromal Cells after Administration in Animal Models and Humans: A Systematic Review.** J Clin Med. 2021 Jun 29;10(13):2925. doi: 10.3390/jcm10132925. PMID: 34210026; PMCID: PMC8268414.



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Inclusion criteria

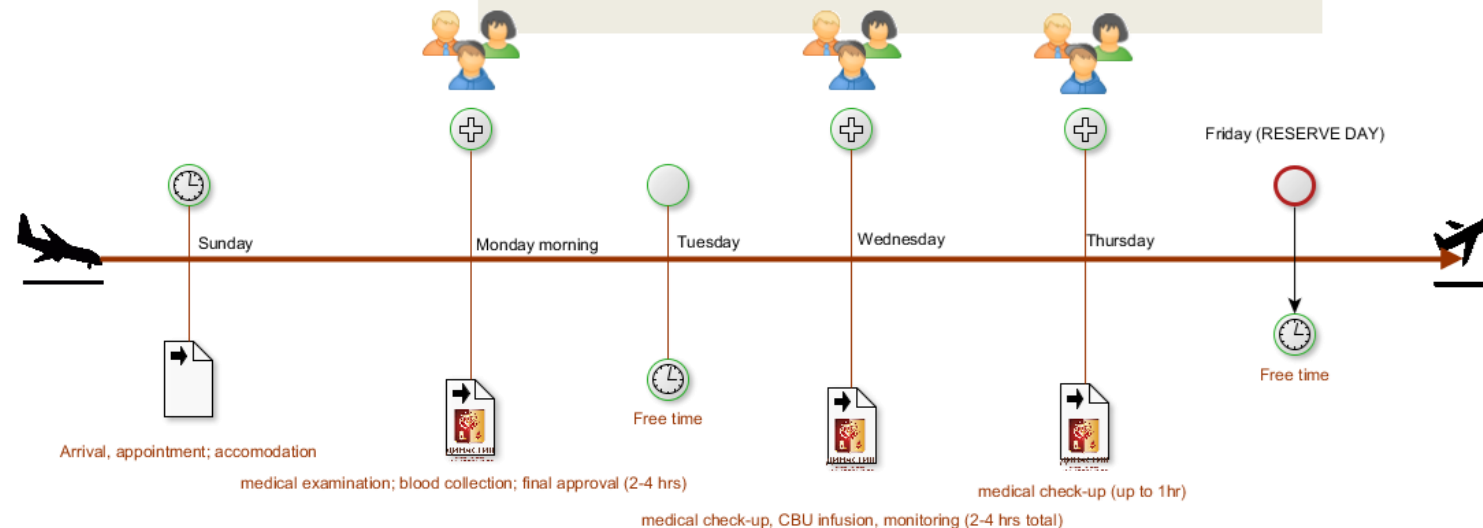
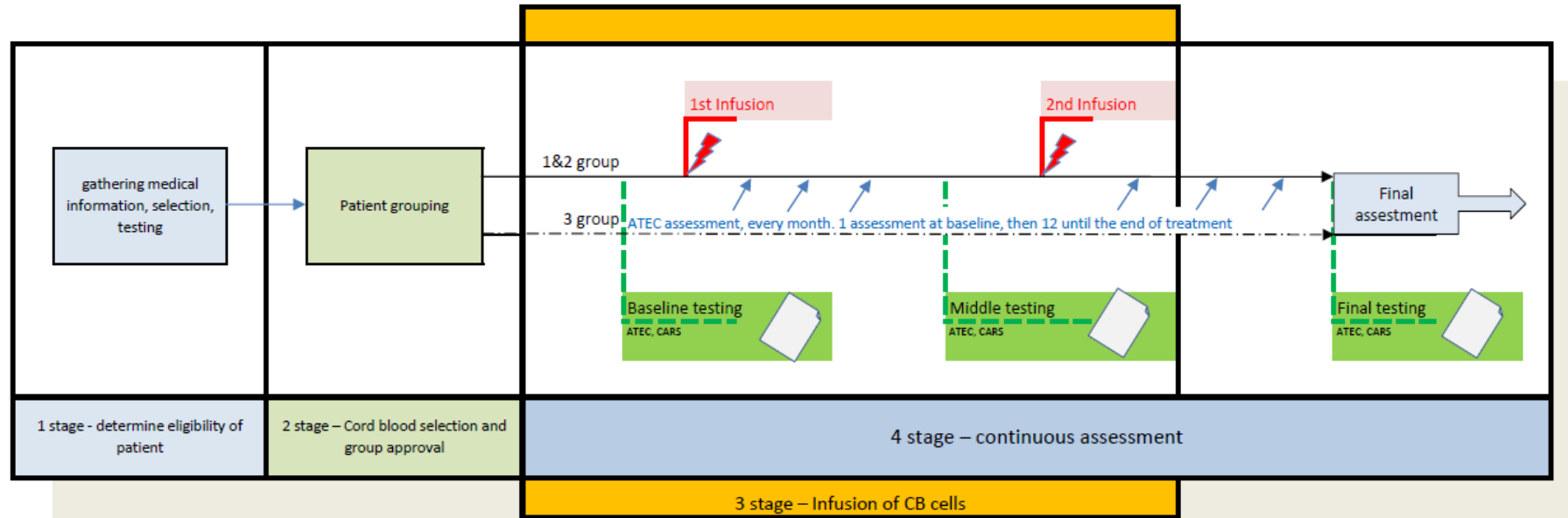
- Patient selection criteria (indications for this type of treatment):
 - Patient's age is from 4 to 14 years;
 - Diagnosis: autism spectrum disorder;
 - Severity of the disease according to ATEC scale not less than 16 points;
 - Compatible allogeneic specimen suitable for infusion;
 - Consent of parents (legal guardians).

Patient exclusion criteria (contraindications for this type of treatment):

- Patient's age up to 4 years, after 14 years;
- Presence of the following conditions in the history: heart failure at the stage of decompensation, stroke in the history less than 1 year ago, anemia and other blood diseases;
- Decompensation for chronic and endocrinological diseases;
- Acute respiratory viral and bacterial infections, less than 1 month after acute phase;
- HIV infection, hepatitis B and C;
- Oncological diseases, chemotherapy in history;
- Tuberculosis;
- Severe form of intellectual disability as a concomitant disease (at the discretion of the Center's doctors);
- Cerebral palsy in children;
- Fragile X chromosome syndrome;
- Seizures of epilepsy or anticonvulsant medication therapy in the last 6 months and/or history of seizures more often than once every 6 months.



Typical procedure



Studies and results

- 40 patients enrolled in ASD program.
- Received CB infusion procedure - 25

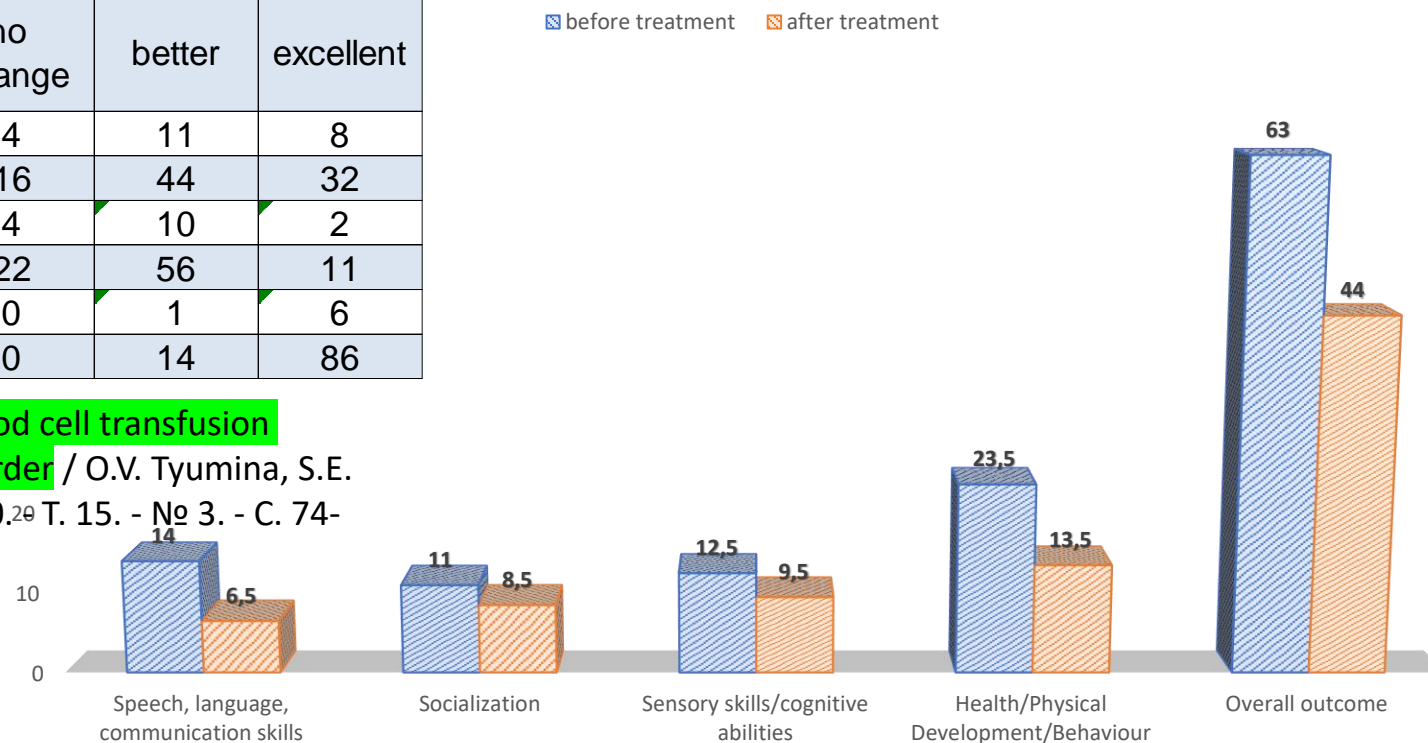
| Nr | dates | | number of infusions | behavior changes | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | 1 infusion | 2 infusion | | bad | no change | better | excellent |
| total cases by type of change | | | 25 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 8 |
| % of changes | | | | 8 | 16 | 44 | 32 |
| with 1 infusion | | | 18 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 2 |
| % of changes | | | | 11 | 22 | 56 | 11 |
| with 2 infusions | | | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| % of changes | | | | 0 | 0 | 14 | 86 |

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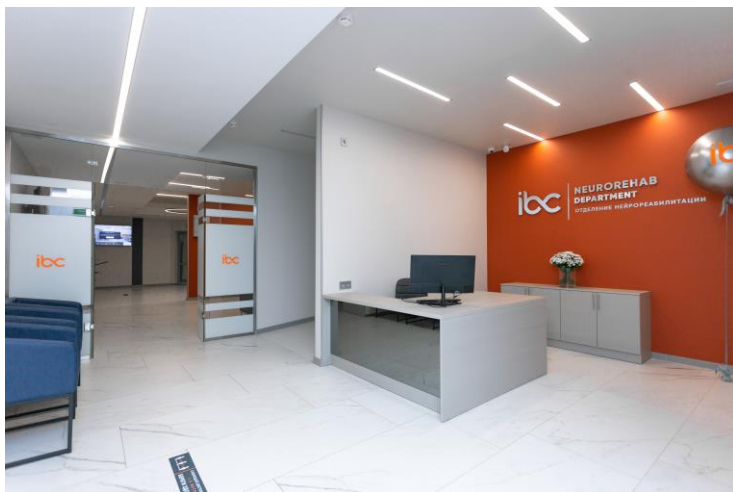
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The further Studies

- Low HLA matched CBU infusion selected by Kir receptor (UCB-Kir)
- Umbilical cord blood with Mesenchymal cells – combined (MSC-UCB combi)
- Umbilical cord blood with MSC Exosomes (UCB-MSC.EXO)
- Exosomes from mesenchymal cells in patients with ASD and CP (MSC.EXO)
- CD 14+ cells from UCB in patients with ASD and CP (CD14+ select)
- CD 14+ exosomes for patients with ASD and CP (CD14EXO)

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