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# Experiencias con tecnologías en la mitigación para reducir el ITT para diferentes patógenos - NAT

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## POTENCIAL CONFLICTO DE INTERESES:

En los últimos 2 años recibí honorarios por conferencias de las empresas Roche y Grifols.

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# ¿QUE ES NAT?

NUCLEIC ACID TEST o  
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST

Métodos de amplificación de ácidos nucleicos (ADN/ARN)  
con muy alta sensibilidad y especificidad

Reacción en cadena de la polimerasa (PCR)  
Amplificación mediada por transcripción (TMA)

# **¿ CUAL ES LA UTILIDAD DE NAT EN LA TAMIZAJE DE DONANTES DE SANGRE?**

- 1. DONANTES EN VENTANA IMUNOLÓGICA**
- 2. VARIANTES ANTIGÊNICAS (ex. mutantes HBsAg)**
- 3. PORTADORES SILENCIOSOS (ex. HCV)**

## INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Vox Sanguinis

International survey on NAT testing of blood donations:  
expanding implementation and yield from 1999 to 2009

W. K. Roth (Germany), M. P. Busch (USA), A. Schuller (Germany), S. Ismay, A. Cheng, C. R. Seed (Australia), C. Jungbauer (Austria), P. M. Minsk (Belarus), D. Sondag-Thull (Belgium), S. Wendel, J. E. Levi (Brazil), M. Fearon (Canada – CBS),

# Introduction of NAT testing

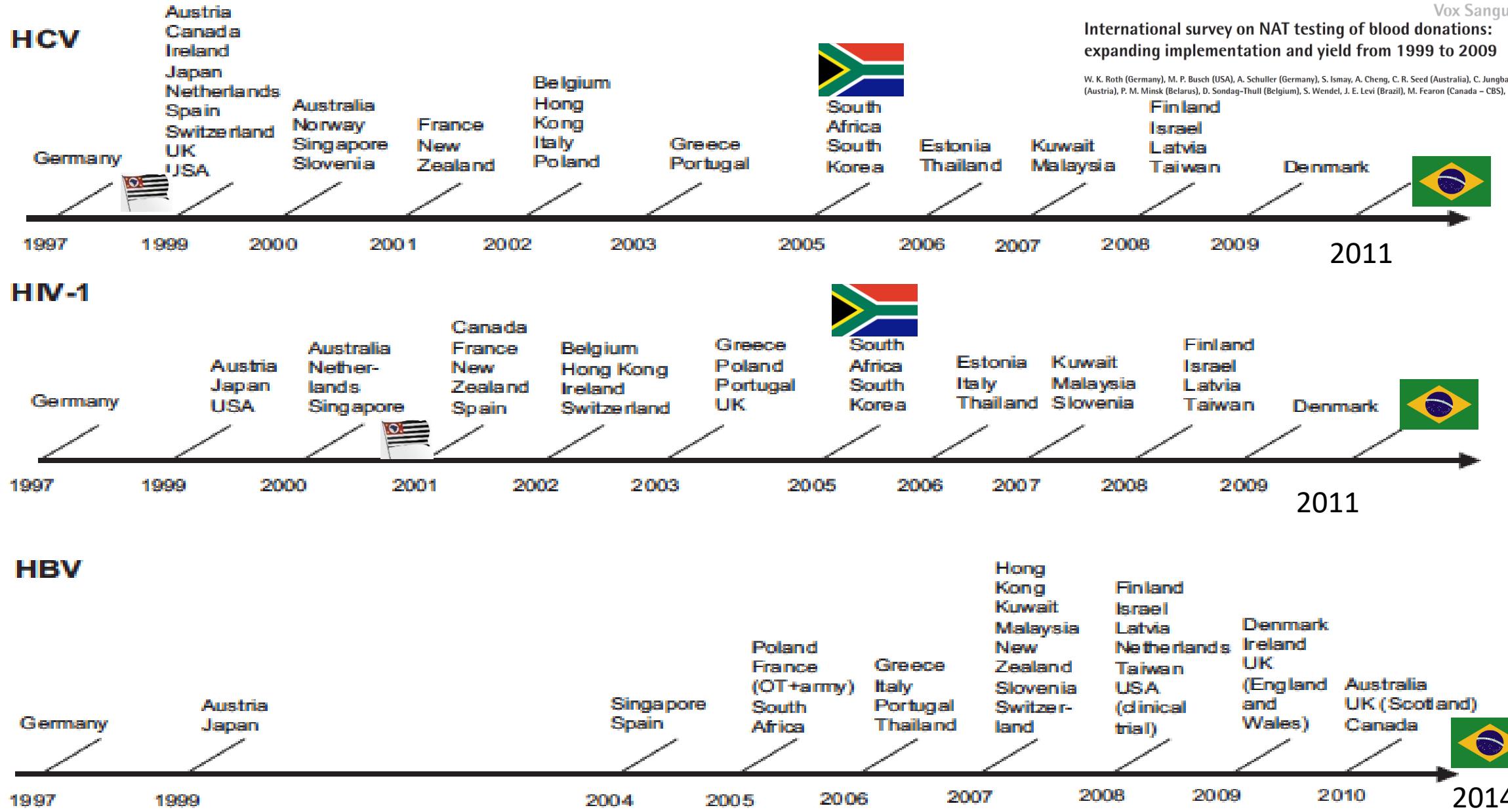


Fig. 1 Introduction of nucleic acid amplification technology (NAT) testing.

# **Impact of individual-donation nucleic acid testing on risk of human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B virus, and hepatitis C virus transmission by blood transfusion in South Africa**

*Transfusion.* 2009;49:1115–25

*Marion Vermeulen, Nico Lelie, Wendy Sykes, Robert Crookes, Johanna Swanevelder, Lilian Gaggia, Martin Le Roux, Eben Kuun, Sam Gulube, and Ravi Reddy*



**BACKGROUND:** In 2005, the South African National Blood Service introduced individual-donation (ID) nucleic acid test (NAT) screening for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) RNA, hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA, and hepatitis B virus (HBV) DNA. At the same time the use of ethnic origin to prioritize the transfusion of blood according to a hierarchy of residual risk was discontinued.

# International survey on NAT testing of blood donations: expanding implementation and yield from 1999 to 2009

**Table 3** NAT-only positives since introduction of NAT testing

Region/ country	Virus	Screened donations since implementation of NAT	NAT-only positives	NAT-only positives/ million
Africa	HIV-1	2 202 295	81	36·78
	HCV	2 202 295	4	1·82
	HBV	2 202 295	232	105·34
Asia/ Pacific	HIV-1	71 458 330	44	0·62
	HCV	71 458 330	169	2·37
	HBV	50 679 100	1091	21·53
Europe	HIV-1	110 860 111	73	0·66
	HCV	139 474 595	206	1·48
	HBV	56 342 555	550	9·76
North America	HIV-1	87 652 586	45	0·51
	HCV	89 652 687	299	3·34
	HBV	5 062 264	11	2·17
South America	HIV-1	347 374	1	2·88
	HCV	408 167	2	4·9
	HBV	No NAT testing		

**Table 1.** Yield of blood donation NAT testing worldwide since in-  
troduction and in 2008

Virus	Period	Tested donations, <i>n</i>	NAT-only positives, <i>n</i>	NAT-only positives/ million	Rate 2008/ total
HIV	total	272,520,696	244	0.90	2.14
	2008	37,356,757	72	1.93	
HCV	total	303,196,074	680	2.24	0.83
	2008	37,095,225	69	1.86	
HBV	total	114,286,214	1,884	16.48	0.52
	2008	19,887,649	169	8.50	

From Roth et al. [32].

## PRIMARY SCREENING OF BLOOD DONORS BY NAT TESTING FOR HCV-RNA: DEVELOPMENT OF AN "IN-HOUSE" METHOD AND RESULTS

Silvano WENDEL(1,2), José Eduardo LEVI(1,2), Deise Tihe TAKAOKA(2), Isabela Cristina SILVA(2), Juliana Polachini de CASTRO(2), Mário A. TOREZAN-FILHO(1,2), Jorge GHANAME(3), Romualdo GIOACHINI(4,5), Joselito BRANDÃO(5) & Edison Luis DURIGON(6)

Rev. Inst. Med. trop. S. Paulo  
49(3):171-176, May-June, 2007

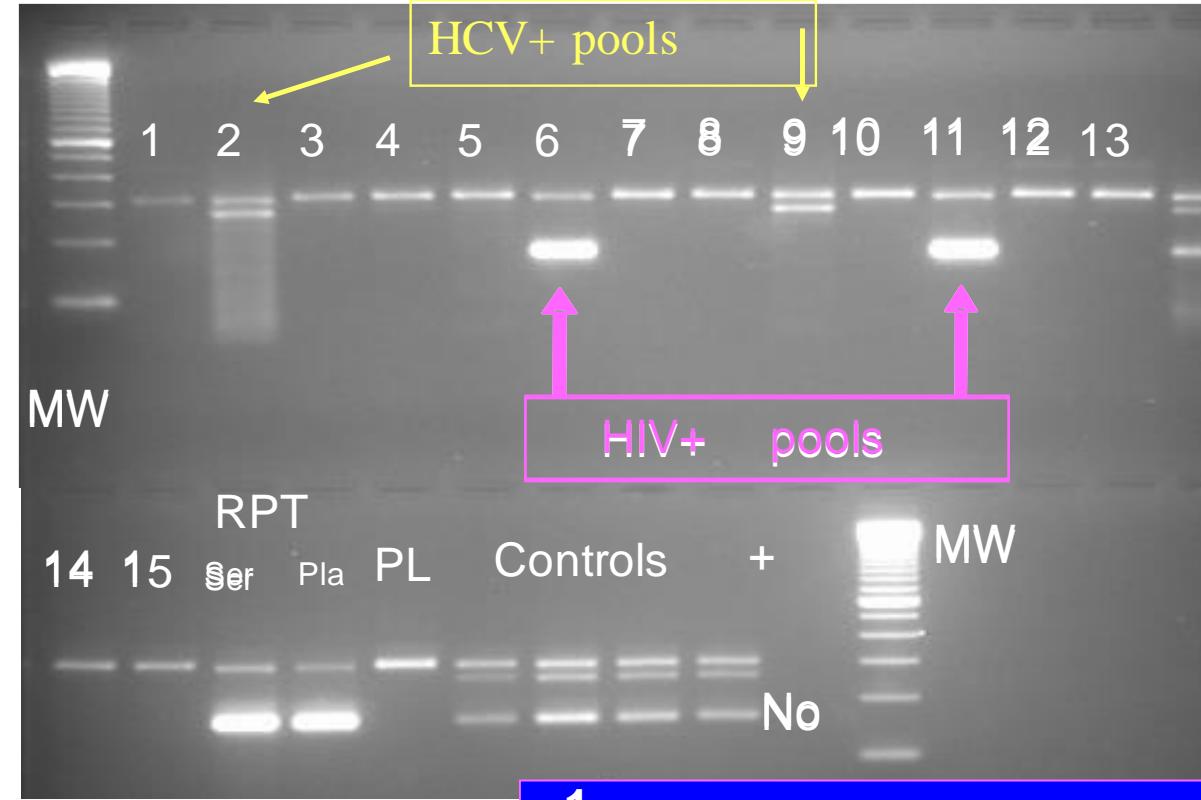
## REPLACEMENT OF HIV p24 Ag TEST BY A MULTIPLEX RT-PCR METHOD FOR PRIMARY SCREENING OF BLOOD DONORS

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**Table 5**  
Laboratory data from a NAT+/EIA- donor, detected in the window period

Date	Anti HIV A (Abs/Cut-off)	Anti HIV B (Abs/Cut-off)	NAT	Viral load copies/mL	Western blot
27/2/6 Index donation	NRT	NRT	RT	8,310 ( $\log_{10} = 3.92$ )	Ind p24+ weak Conclusion: <b>Indeterminate</b>
9/3/6	2.0/0.198 (RT)	1.91/1.00 (RT)	RT	> 750,000	Ind p24+ weak Conclusion: <b>Indeterminate</b>
20/3/6	2.0/0.181 (RT)	6.25/1.00 (RT)	RT	> 750,000	gp160 weak/gp 120 weak/p24 weak Conclusion: <b>Reactive</b>

NRT = Non Reactive; RT = Reactive



1	□	□	□	□	□	□
2	□	□	□	□	□	□
3	□	□	□	□	□	□
4	□	□	□	□	□	□
5	□	□	□	□	□	□
6	□	□	□	□	□	□
7	□	□	□	□	□	□
8	□	□	□	□	□	□
9	■	■	■	■	■	■
10	■	■	■	■	■	■
11	■	■	■	■	■	■
12	■	■	■	■	■	■
13	■	■	■	■	■	■
14	■	■	■	■	■	■
15	■	■	■	■	■	■

# Rotina kit NAT BioManguinhos



Pooling 2h

Extracción 2h 20 min

"Set-up" 30 min

RT-PCR 2h 30 min

7h 30 min – 8h

92 pools de 6 muestras= 552 donaciones/rutina





# NAT - REDUCCIÓN SIGNIFICATIVA DEL RIESGO

The Brazilian experience of nucleic acid testing to detect human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis C virus, and hepatitis B virus infections in blood donors

TRANSFUSION 2018;58:862–870



TABLE 5. Results of the tested blood bags and NAT-positive detection of HIV, HCV, and HBV, every year since the pilot study

Year	Blood bags screened for HIV and HCV	NAT-positive		Blood bags screened to HBV	NAT-positive
		HIV	HCV		
2008 (pilot study)	5,392	0	0	NT	
2009/2010 (multicentric)	219,791	2	0	NT	
2011	471,360	0	1	NT	
2012	1,292,558	3	1	NT	
2013	2,511,092	14	4	NT	
2014	2,939,086	12	5	43,442	0
2015	3,015,848	13	6	2,596,573	18
2016	3,155,409	19	11	3,155,409	24
Total	13,610,536	63	28	5,795,424	42

NT = not tested.

TABLE 6. Geographic distribution of blood bags that are NAT positive for HIV, HCV, and HBV and NAT-yield rates per million

Geographic region	NAT positive			
	HIV (yield)	HCV (yield)	HBV (yield)	
South	14 (5.87)	8 (3.35)	2 (1.52)	
Southeast	21 (3.29)	13 (2.04)	12 (4.24)	
Midwest	6 (5.05)	4 (3.37)	5 (7.68)	
Northeast	11 (4.01)	3 (1.09)	17 (12.11)	
North	11 (12.10)	0	6 (14.14)	
Total	63	28	42	

VHB = 7.24/MILLÓN

VIH = 4.62/MILLÓN

VHC = 2.05/MILLÓN



# Usefulness of nucleic acid testing to reduce risk of hepatitis B virus transfusion-transmitted infection in Argentina: high rate of recent infections

Transfusion. 2017 Mar;57(3pt2):816-822. doi: 10.1111/trf.13946

Sebastián Blanco,<sup>1,2</sup> Marcos César Balangero,<sup>1,2</sup> Mildre Cledy Valle,<sup>1</sup> Oscar Luis Montini,<sup>1</sup> Luis Horacio Carrizo,<sup>1</sup> and Sandra Verónica Gallego<sup>1,2</sup>

$$76 \text{ NAT HBV+} - \begin{cases} 68 \text{ anti-HBc y HBsAg+} \\ 3 \text{ anti-HBc + y HBsAg- (OBIs)} \\ 3 \text{ anti-HBc- y HBsAg- (ventanas)} \end{cases} \quad \text{RENDIMIENTO} = 1,8/100.000$$

TABLE 1. Virologic and serologic markers of HBV infection in blood donors with suspected OBI

Donor	AgHBs*	AgHBet†	Anti-core‡	IgM core§	Anti-HBe	Anti-HBs¶	NAT**	VL (IU/mL)††
1	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	294##
2	Nonreactive	ND	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	<29\$\$
3	Nonreactive	ND	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	<29\$\$
4	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	<29##
5	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	<29
6	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	99

\* HBsAg. † GYM-VG and ARCHITECT A HBsAg assays. ‡ Abbott



# **EXPERIENCIA NAT HEMOCENTRO DISTRITAL**

## **Julio 2006 – Febrero 2015**

*Bernardo Camacho Rodríguez MD MCs*



Procesado hasta 23-02-2015	Muestras analizadas	Pooles	Muestras inicialmente positivas	Muestras negativas	Muestras positivas
HCV	<b>304836</b>	<b>50807</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>304836</b>	<b>0</b>
HIV	304836	50807	11	304836	0
HBV	304836	50807	30	304831	<b>5</b>

3 NAT+/ EIE Negativo 1/100.000

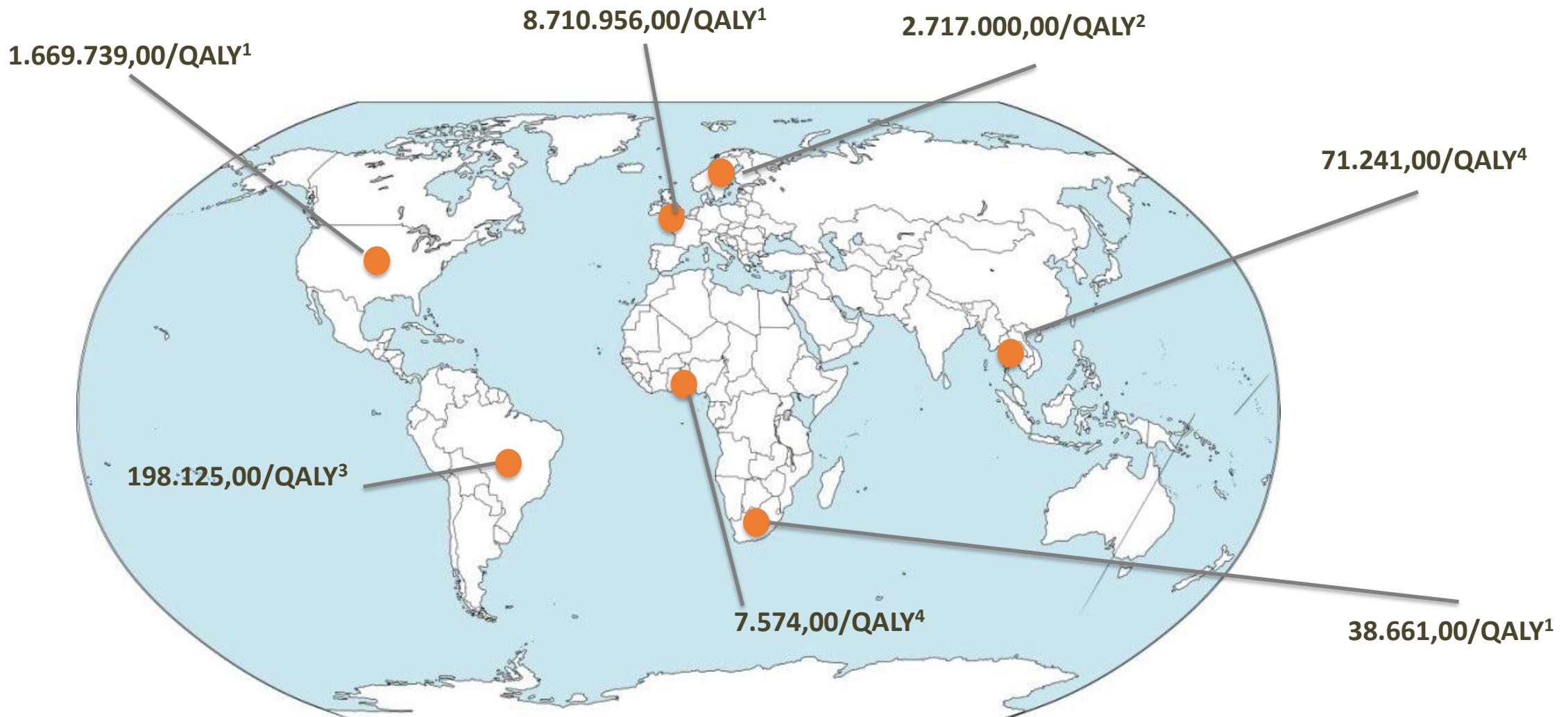
2 HBV ocultas: Core+ NA+ HBsAg negativo

# IMPLEMENTACIÓN DE NAT EN LA TAMIZAJE SANGUÍNEA EN BS DE LATINOAMERICA -2022

PAÍS	NAT	OBLIGATORIO
Antigua and Barbuda		
Anguilla		
Argentina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EN ALGUNAS PROVINCIAS
Aruba		
Barbados		
Bermuda		
Bolivia, Plurinational State of		
Brazil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SI
Bahamas		
Belize		
Chile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curaçao	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Colombia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Costa Rica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Cuba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dominica		
Dominican Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ecuador	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SI
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)		
Grenada		
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands		
Guatemala	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

PAÍS	NAT	OBLIGATORIO
Guyana		
Honduras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Haiti		
Jamaica		
Saint Kitts and Nevis		
Cayman Islands		
Saint Lucia		
Montserrat		
Mexico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nicaragua		
Panama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SI
Peru	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Puerto Rico		
Paraguay		
Suriname		
El Salvador	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Turks and Caicos Islands		
Trinidad and Tobago		
Uruguay		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of		
Virgin Islands, British		
Virgin Islands, U.S.		

# ANÁLISIS DE COSTO-EFECTIVIDAD DE NAT EN EL MUNDO



1. Custer et al. Vox Sanguinis 2017 – MP16 (US\$ de 2014)

2. Davidson et al. Transfusion 2011 – ID-NAT (US\$ de 2007)

3. Relatório CONITEC n.26/2012

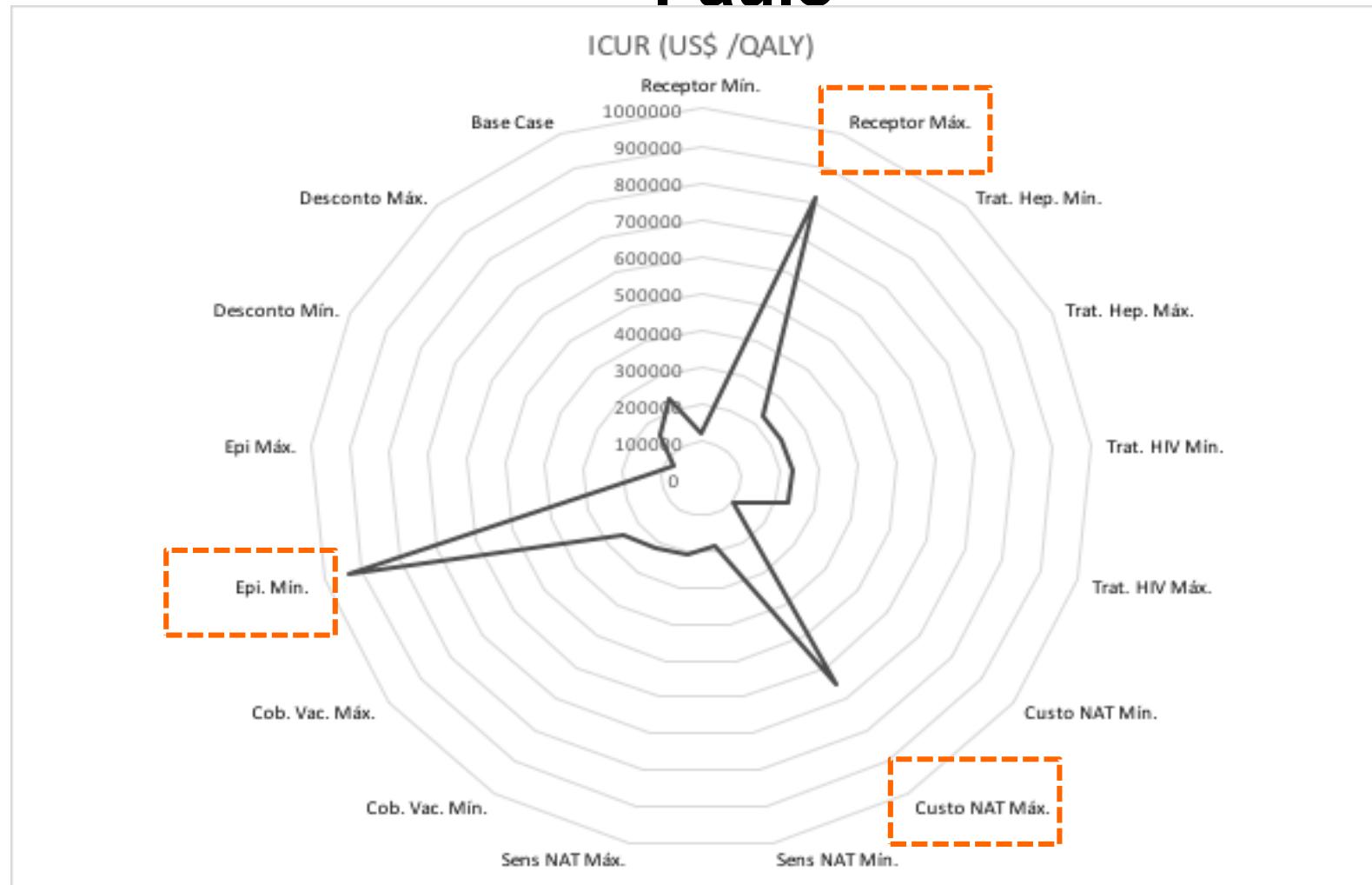
4. van Hulst et al., Transfusion 2009

# Evaluación Económica del NAT en Brasil

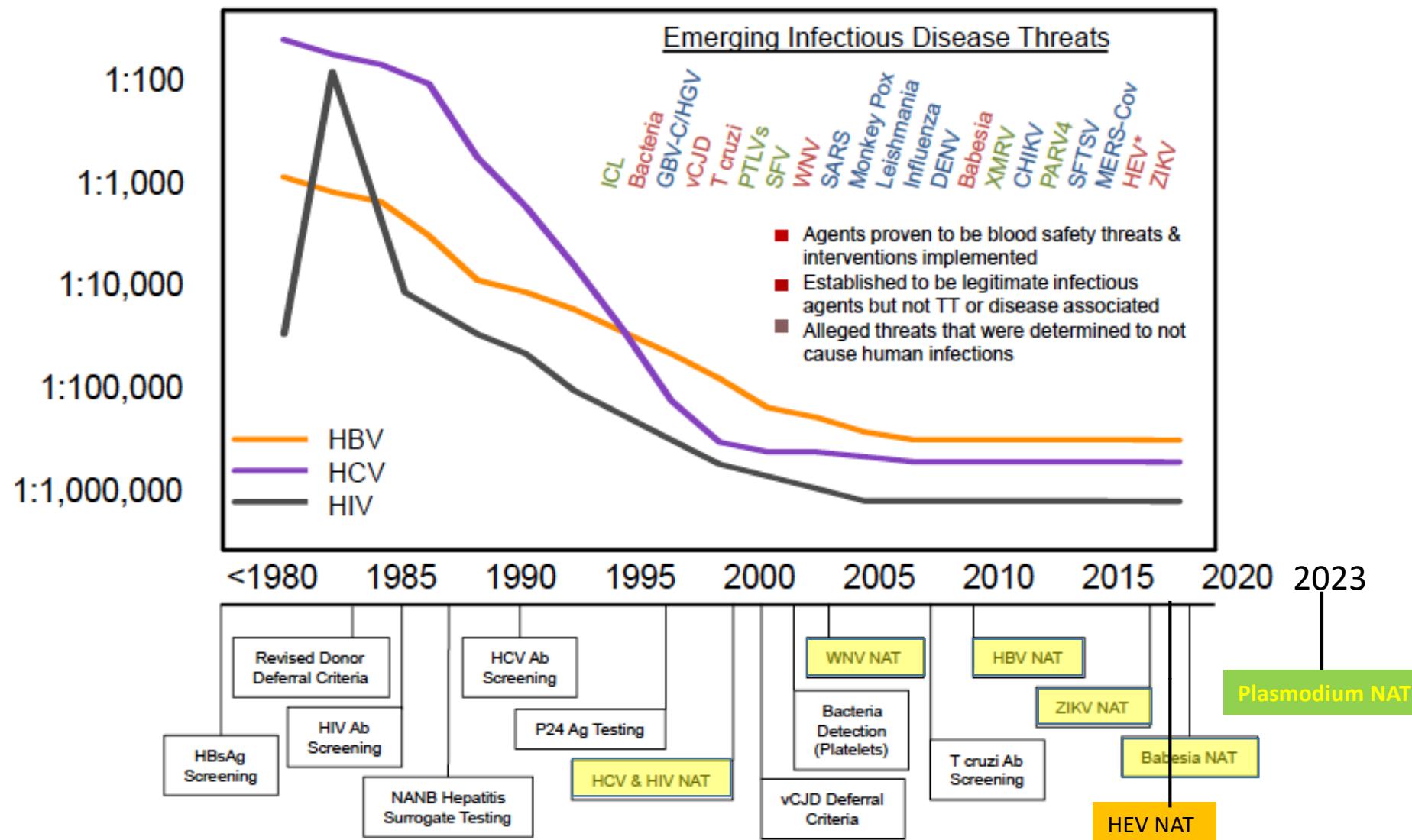
## PhD Thesis, Rafael Leme Souza,

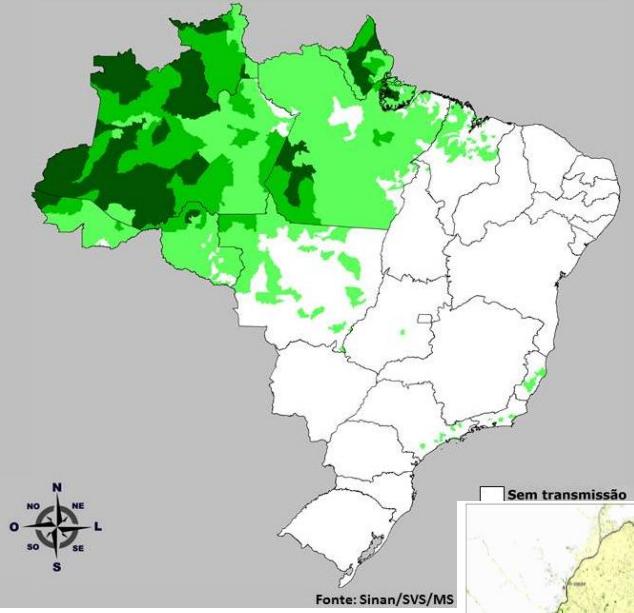
## Instituto de Medicina Tropical da Universidade de São Paulo

Análise de sensibilidade univariada da razão de custo-utilidade incremental para cada estratégia de triagem de sangue [em dólares para o ano de 2018 por QALY].



# Risks of major transfusion-transmitted viral infections and emerging infectious agents of concern to blood safety





# The hidden *Plasmodium malariae* in blood donors: a risk coming from areas of low transmission of malaria

Rev Inst Med Trop São Paulo. 2020;62:e100

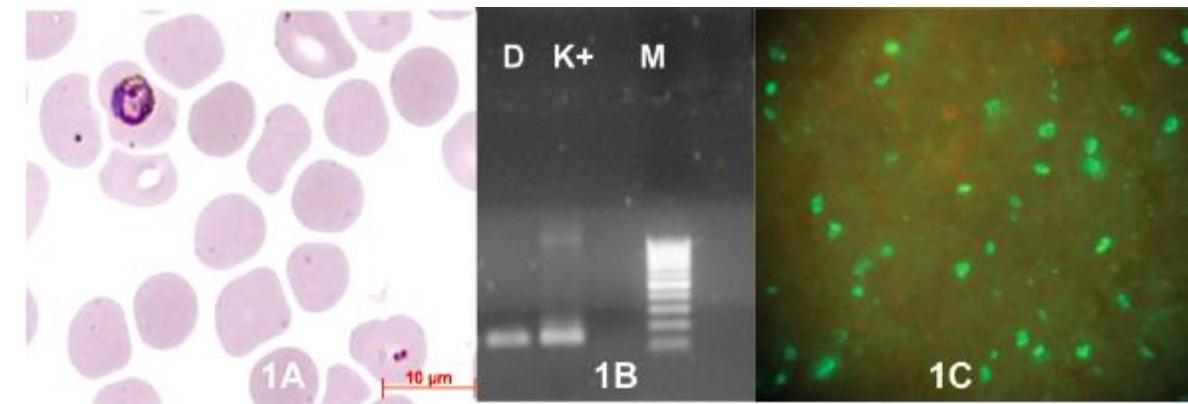
Mariana Aschar<sup>b</sup><sup>1</sup>, José Eduardo Levi<sup>b</sup><sup>1,2</sup>, Maria L. R. N. Farinas<sup>b</sup><sup>1</sup>, Sandra C. Montebello<sup>3</sup>, Alfredo Mendrone-Junior<sup>b</sup><sup>3</sup>, Silvia Maria Di Santi<sup>b</sup><sup>1,4,5</sup>



*Neoregelia johannis*   *Anopheles (Kerteszia) cruzii*   *Allouata sp.*



## TRANSFUSION-TRANSMITTED MALARIA: CASE REPORT OF ASYMPTOMATIC DONOR HARBORING *Plasmodium malariae*



Rev. Inst. Med. Trop. São Paulo  
53(1):55-59, January-February, 2011

## Transfusion-Transmitted Dengue and Associated Clinical Symptoms During the 2012 Epidemic in Brazil

Ester C. Sabino,<sup>1</sup> Paula Loureiro,<sup>2</sup> Maria Esther Lopes,<sup>3</sup> Ligia Capuani,<sup>1</sup> Christopher McClure,<sup>4</sup> Dhuly Chowdhury,<sup>4</sup> Claudia Di-Lorenzo-Oliveira,<sup>5</sup> Lea C. Oliveira,<sup>1</sup> Jeffrey M. Linnen,<sup>6</sup> Tzong-Hae Lee,<sup>7</sup> Thelma Gonçalez,<sup>7</sup> Donald Brambillia,<sup>4</sup> Steve Kleinman,<sup>7,8</sup> Michael P. Busch,<sup>7,9,a</sup> and Brian Custer<sup>7,9,a</sup>; for the International Component of the NHLBI Recipient Epidemiology and Donor Evaluation Study-III

**Conclusions.** During a large epidemic of DENV-4 infection in Brazil, >0.5% of donations were RNA positive, and approximately one third of components resulted in TT. However, no significant clinical differences were evident between RNA-positive and RNA-negative recipients.

Rio de Janeiro and Recife were successfully tested. Rates of confirmed infection with DENV, all of which typed as DENV-4, were 0.51% in Rio de Janeiro and 0.80% in Recife. The peak of the epidemic occurred in week 19 (early May) of 2012 in Rio de Janeiro and week 14 (early April) in Recife, with rates of confirmed DENV RNA detection of >1% and >2%, respectively.

**TASA DE TRANSMISIÓN = 37.5%**

## Real-time symptomatic case of transfusion-transmitted dengue

**TRANSFUSION** 2015;55:961–964

José Eduardo Levi,<sup>1,2</sup> Anna Nishiya,<sup>1</sup> Alvina Clara Félix,<sup>2</sup> Nanci Alves Salles,<sup>1</sup> Luciana Ribeiro Sampaio,<sup>1</sup> Fátima Hangai,<sup>1</sup> Ester Cerdeira Sabino,<sup>3</sup> and Alfredo Mendrone Jr<sup>1</sup>

# NAT-ZKV

Information for Blood Establishments Regarding FDA's Determination that Zika Virus is no Longer a Relevant Transfusion-Transmitted Infection, and Withdrawal of Guidance titled "Revised Recommendations for Reducing the Risk of Zika Virus Transmission by Blood and Blood Components" **12 MAYO 2021**



## DONACIONES NAT ZKV+ EE.UU

2016 - 1.8% (PUERTO RICO)

ABRIL 2016 - DECIEMBRE 2017 = 400

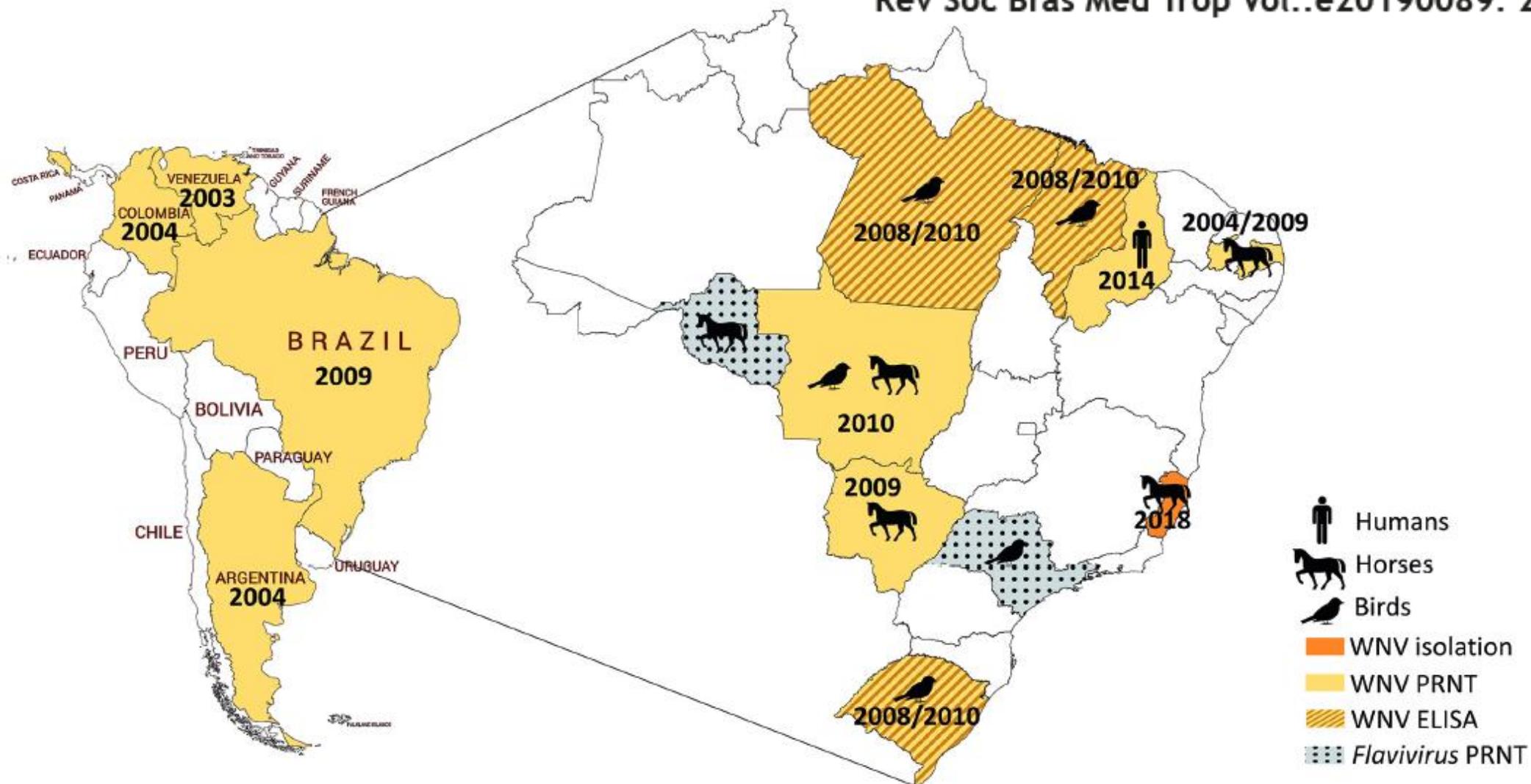
2017 = 17 DONACIONES

2018 = 2 DONACIONES

MARZO 2018 - ABRIL 2019 = 0

# West Nile virus infections are here! Are we prepared to face another flavivirus epidemic?

Rev Soc Bras Med Trop Vol.:e20190089: 2019



# Mitigating the risk of transfusion-transmitted infections with vector-borne agents solely by means of pathogen reduction

*Transfusion.* 2022;1-11.

TABLE 3 Percentage of donations in which infectious titers would be within PRT inactivation capacity

Pathogen	A/UVA P RTs			S-303/GSH PRT Red blood cells
	Plasma	Platelets in 100% plasma	Platelets in 65%PAS/35% plasma	
WNV	100%	100%	100%	N/A
DENV	100%	100%	100%	100%
ZIKV	100%	100%	100%	100%
CHIKV	100%	100%	100%	>98.2%
<i>Babesia microti</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%

TABLE 4 Number of donors deferred for risk of infection with or testing reactive for vector-borne pathogens at the American Red Cross in 2019<sup>a</sup>

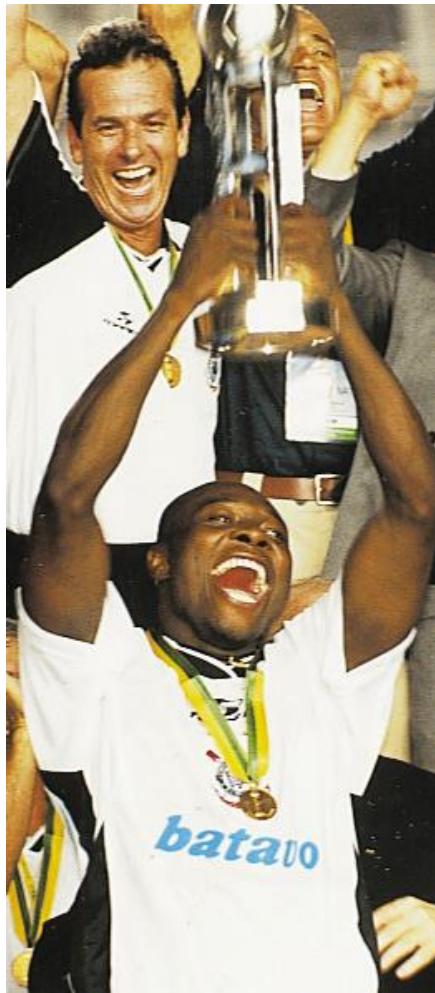
Vector-borne agent	Available U.S. mitigation options	Number of deferred donors	Number of additional platelet donations with A/UVA PRT <sup>b</sup>	Number of additional RBC donations with S-303/GSH PRT <sup>b</sup>
WNV	MP-NAT/ID-NAT	45	5	40
<i>Babesia</i>	Deferral, ID-NAT, PRT	89	9	80
<i>Plasmodium</i>	Deferral due to travel, PRT	26,673	2667	24,006
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	Deferral, first time serology	951	95	856
Total		27,758 <sup>c</sup>	2776	24,982

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