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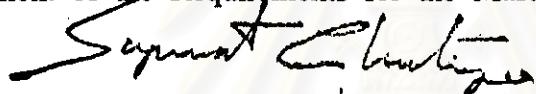
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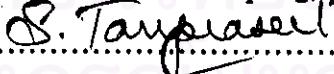
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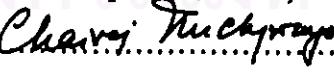
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None of the 314 donations with elevated ALT as well as the 100 donations with normal ALT but negative for anti-HCV had detectable serum HCV RNA. Of the 168 blood donations positive for anti-HCV, 104 (62.5%) had detectable HCV RNA. Among the anti-HCV positive donations, those with elevated ALT had significantly higher probability of detecting HCV RNA than those with normal ALT level. Also, HCV RNA was significantly detected in donations with high ELISA OD value compared to those with low ELISA OD value. Since all HCV RNA positive donations had anti-HCV, anti-HCV screening alone would be sufficient to detect HCV infection, even without ALT screening. The donations with elevated serum ALT but anti-HCV negative, none had detectable HCV RNA. Therefore, the second generation anti-HCV screening by Abbott appeared efficient in preventing transfusion-related HCV transmissions, at least in this study. Routine ALT screening in addition to anti-HCV screening for further prevention of hepatitis C virus infection may be not necessary. In the absence of assays for viral antigens, the direct detection of HCV RNA by PCR could be useful as a confirmatory test to identify infectious carriers in blood donors.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AIH	autoimmune hepatitis
ALT	alanine amino transferase
anti-HBc	anti-hepatitis B core
bp	base pare
°c	degree celsius
C	core
cDNA	complementary deoxyribonucleic acid
dATP	deoxyadenosine 5'-triphosphate
dCTP	deoxycytidine 5'-triphosphate
DEPC	diethylpyrocarbonate
dGTP	deoxyguanosine 5'-triphosphate
dNTP	deoxynucleotide triphosphate
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dTTP	deoxythymidine 5'-triphosphate
E	envelope
EIA	enzyme immuno assay
ELISA	enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
et al	et alii
xg	gravity ( centrifugal force )
geq	genome equivalent
GuSCN	guanidinium isothiocyanate
HAV	hepatitis A virus
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HCV	hepatitis C virus
HCl	hydrochloric acid
IU/ml	international unit per milliliter
KCl	potassium chloride

<b>kD</b>	kilo dalton
<b>M</b>	molar
<b>MgCl<sub>2</sub></b>	magnesium chloride
<b>min</b>	minute
<b>ml</b>	milliliter
<b>mmol</b>	millimolar
<b>mM</b>	millimolar
<b>M-MLV</b>	Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus
<b>mol</b>	molar
<b>NaCl</b>	sodium chloride
<b>NANBH</b>	non-A, non-B hepatitis
<b>NBC</b>	National Blood Center
<b>NCR</b>	non-coding region
<b>NS</b>	non-structural
<b>nt</b>	nucleotide
<b>ORF</b>	open reading frame
<b>pmol</b>	picromolar
<b>PCR</b>	polymerase chain reaction
<b>PTH</b>	posttransfusion hepatitis
<b>RIBA</b>	recombinant immunoblot assay
<b>RNA</b>	ribonucleic acid
<b>RNasin</b>	Ribonuclease inhibitor
<b>rpm</b>	round per minute
<b>RT</b>	reverse transcriptase
<b>SDS</b>	sodium dodecyl sulfate
<b>Taq</b>	<i>Thermus aquaticus</i>
<b>TBE</b>	Tris-Borate-EDTA
<b>TRCS</b>	Thai Red Cross Society
<b>Tris</b>	Tris-( hydroxy methyl )-aminoethane
<b>U/ml</b>	unit per milliliter

ug	microgram
ul	microliter
uM	micromolar
UV	ultra violet
v/v	volume per volume
w/v	weight per volume

