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**PLASMA LIOFILIZZATO COME ALTERNATIVA ALL'UTILIZZO  
DEL PLASMA FRESCO CONGELATO**

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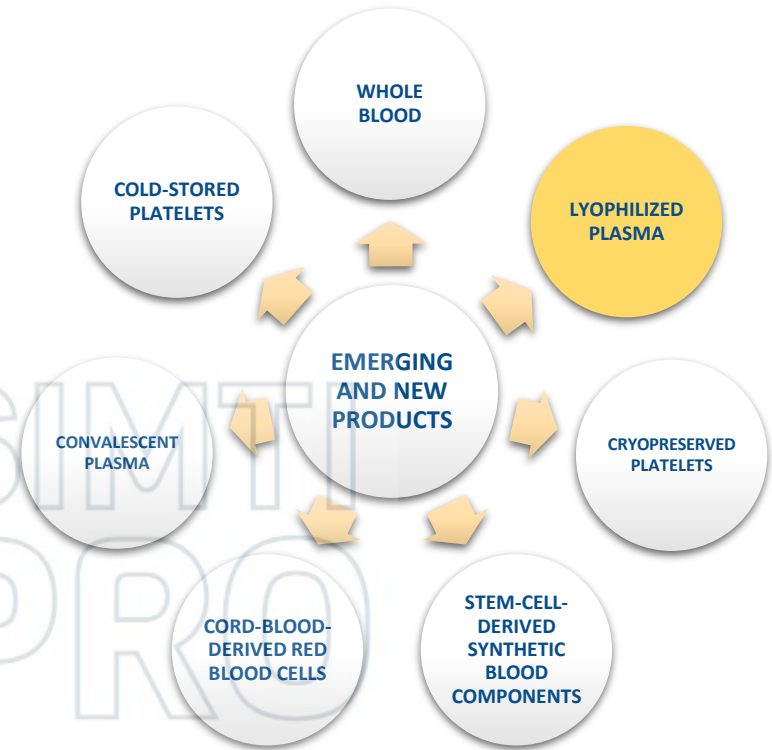
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## The future of blood services amid a tight balance between the supply and demand of blood products: Perspectives from the ISBT Young Professional Council

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*“In the future, blood services may offer **new products**, improve access to blood donation, implement new technologies and establish research partnerships with local health authorities.”*

**“Lyophilized plasma can expedite plasma infusion** in patients with severe coagulopathy or major bleeding. It can be **reconstituted in less than 6 min**. Relative to fresh frozen plasma, it can increase fibrinogen levels, shorten the time to transfusion, and improve prothrombin time ratio and factor II and V levels”.



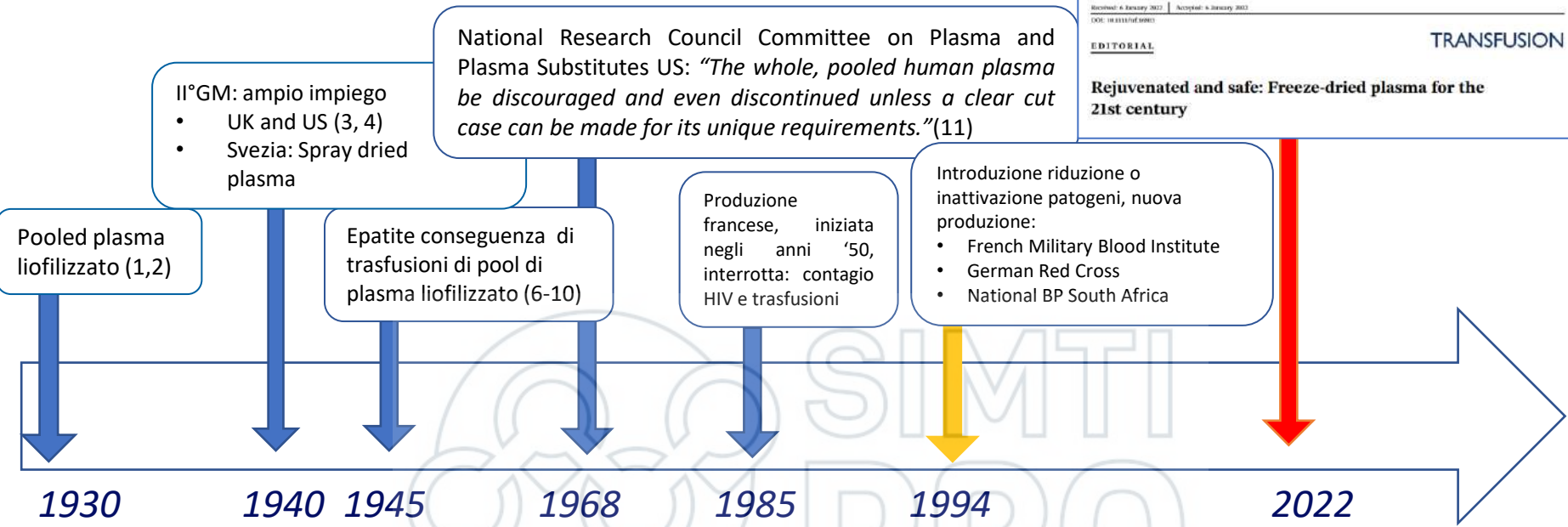
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EDITORIAL

TRANSFUSION

Rejuvenated and safe: Freeze-dried plasma for the 21st century



## FROZEN AND DRIED PLASMA FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY USE

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Abstract | Full Text

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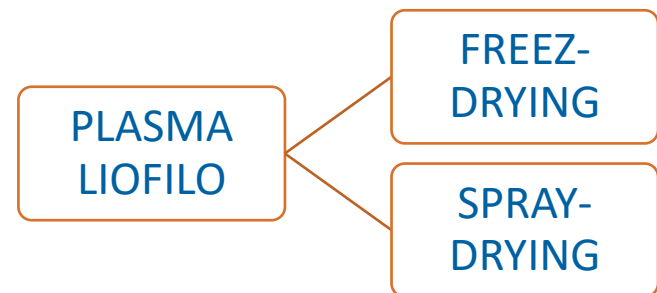
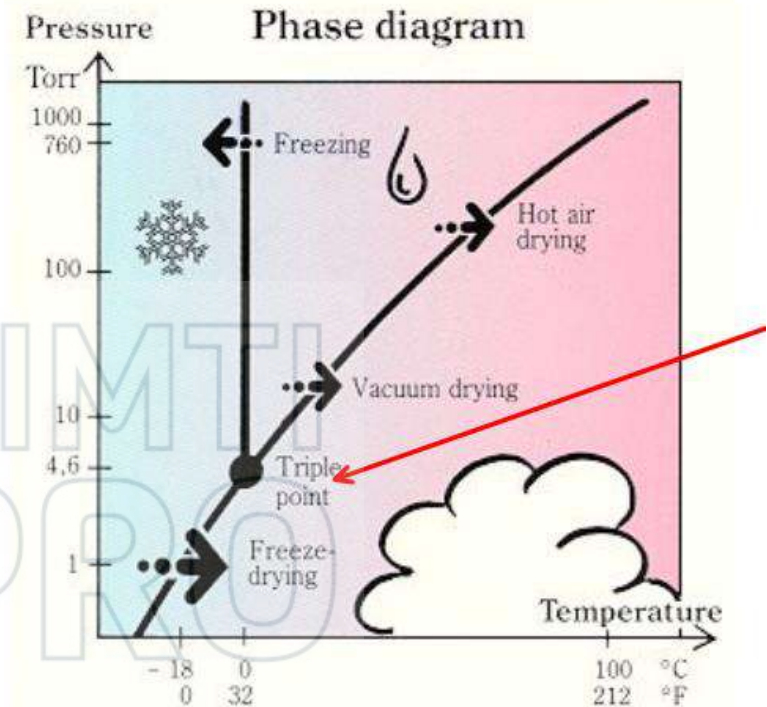
Il termine «liofilo» deriva da due vocaboli greci che sono  $\lambda\iota\omega\sigma$ =solvente e  $\phi\iota\lambda\omega\sigma$ =affinità: quando i materiali vengono sottoposti a questo processo, acquistano avidità di acqua.

Venne impiegato per la prima volta nel 1935 per indicare una sostanza disidratata.

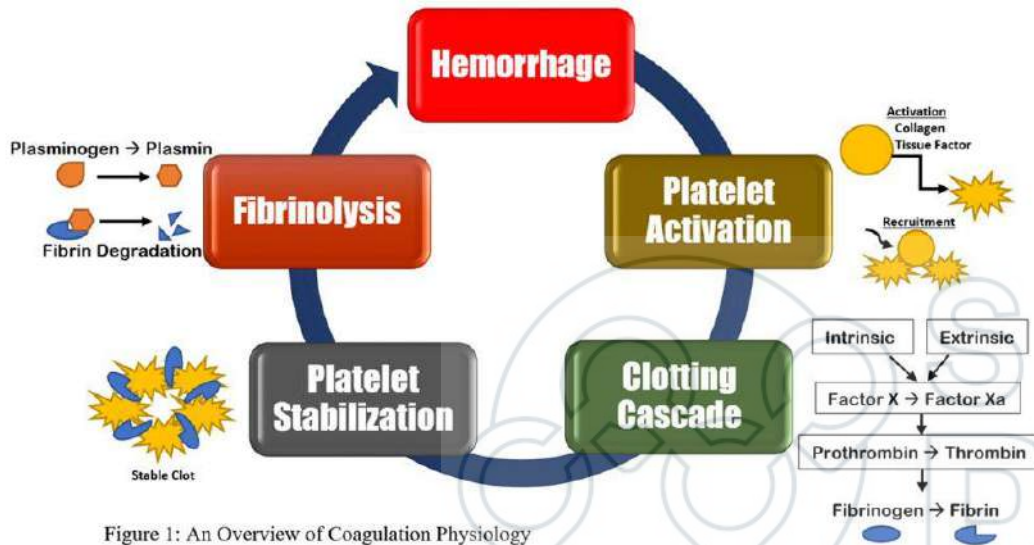
La liofilizzazione mediante freeze-drying è l'essiccamento per sublimazione ovvero il passaggio diretto dallo *stato solido* allo *stato di vapore* del solvente congelato.

Lo spray-drying permette la trasformazione di soluzioni o sospensioni liquide acquose in polveri, attraverso in processo di atomizzazione, con conseguente evaporazione istantanea dell'acqua.

L'assenza di acqua o di umidità residua permette la lunga conservazione di tutte le attività delle sostanze biologiche che possono, poi, essere trasformate nella soluzione con semplice aggiunta del solvente.



POSSIBILE APPLICAZIONE PRE-OSPEDALIERA: UNA PIÙ RAPIDA DISPONIBILITÀ PRESENTA VANTAGGI NEL CONTESTO DEL TRAUMA



*Trauma is responsible for 8% of global annual mortality.*

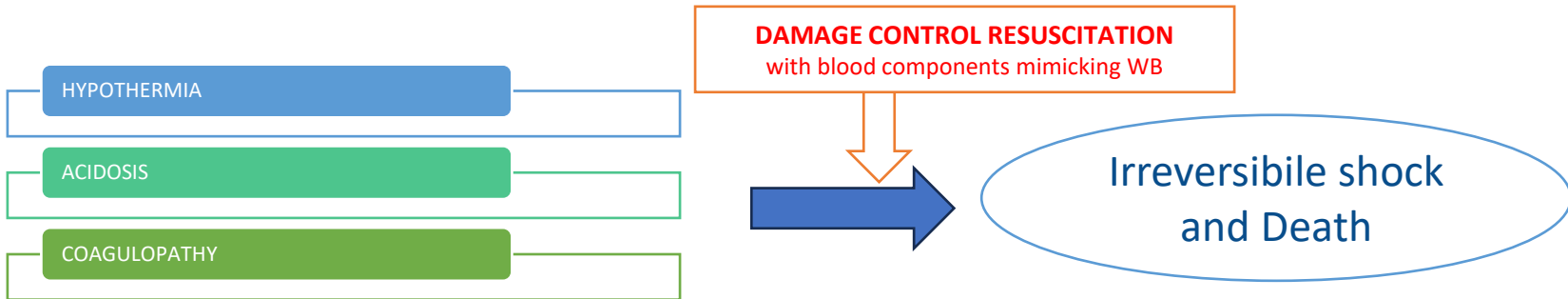
*Among trauma patients, haemorrhage is a leading cause of death worldwide.*

*Bleeding is one of the most common reasons for patient presentation in the prehospital setting. Peak mortality occurs at 30 min.*

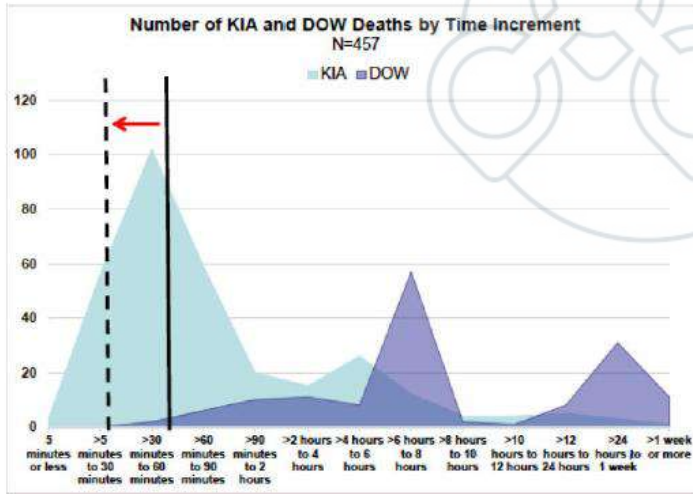
Mc Laughlin CJ, 2023

Zaza M, et al. 2020

- **Emorragia** → perdita di GR, fattori di coagulazione, piastrine, fibrinogeno e volume plasmatico.
- Queste perdite sono aggravate dal consumo dei fattori nel processo di coagulazione.



- L'utilizzo di soluzioni saline (cristalloidi) può esacerbare il processo, causando coagulopatia da diluizione e acidosi.
- La trasfusione appropriata, al contrario, rappresenta un approccio vantaggioso.



*Plasma gives more time to get whole blood into the patient (Beecher et al. 1945)*

*“Plasma produces superior volume expansion when compared to crystalloids, allowing less volumes infused to match volume lost, faster hemodynamic recovery, and decreased third-spaced volume ...” Zaza et al. 2020*

Shackleford JTS 2016

- KIA: killed in action
- DOW: death of wounds
- Black line: earlier goal to provide blood

- ↑ fattori coagulazione
- correzione iperfibrinolisi
- miglioramento disfunzione endoteliale
- ↑ albumina



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## COMBAT

### Plasma-first resuscitation to treat haemorrhagic shock during emergency ground transportation in an urban area: a randomised trial

Use of **prehospital plasma** during **rapid ground rescue of patients with haemorrhagic shock** before arrival at an **urban level 1 trauma centre**.

Eligible patients were **randomly assigned to receive plasma or normal saline (control)**. The primary endpoint was **mortality within 28 days of injury**. The as-treated analysis included **125 eligible patients, 65 received plasma and 60 received saline**.

**The groups did not differ in mortality at 28 days ( $p=0.37$ )**. Due to the consistent lack of differences in the analyses, **the study was stopped for futility after 144 of 150 planned enrolments**.

During rapid ground rescue to an urban level 1 trauma centre, **use of prehospital plasma was not associated with survival benefit**. Blood products might be **beneficial in settings with longer transport times**, but the financial burden would not be justified in an urban environment with short distances to mature trauma centres.

Moore HB et al. 2018





## Prehospital Plasma during Air Medical Transport in Trauma Patients at Risk for Hemorrhagic Shock

J.L. Sperry, F.X. Guyette, J.B. Brown, M.H. Yazer, D.J. Triulzi, B.J. Early-Young, P.W. Adams, B.J. Daley, R.S. Miller, B.G. Harbrecht, J.A. Claridge, H.A. Phelan, W.R. Witham, A.T. Putnam, T.M. Duane, L.H. Alarcon, C.W. Callaway, B.S. Zuckerbraun, M.D. Neal, M.R. Rosengart, R.M. Forsythe, T.R. Billiar, D.M. Yealy, A.B. Peitzman, and M.S. Zenati, for the PAMPer Study Group\*

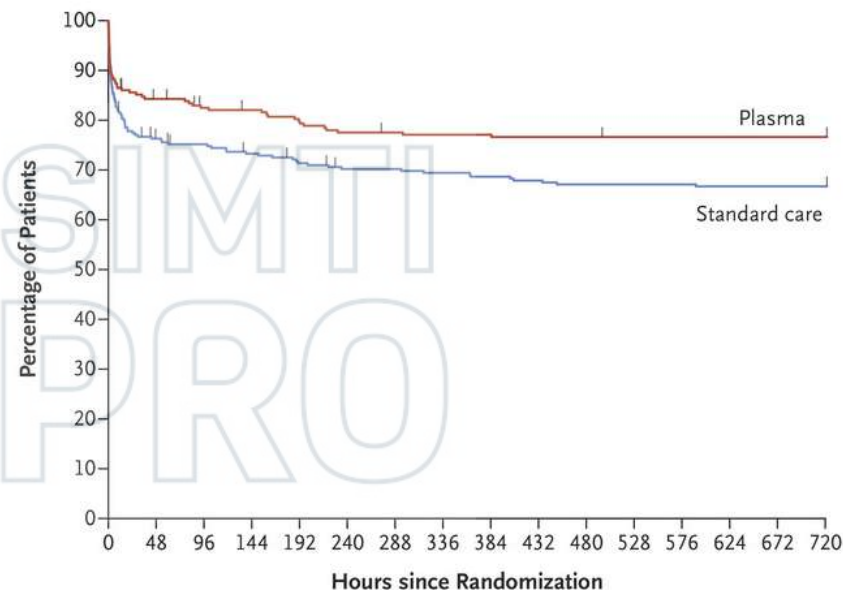
Multicenter, cluster-randomized, phase 3 superiority trial that compared the administration of **thawed plasma with standard-care resuscitation during air medical transport**.

**Mortality at 30 days** was significantly lower in the plasma group than in the standard-care group ( $p=0.03$ ).

Kaplan–Meier curves showed an **early separation of the two treatment groups** that began **3 hours after randomization** and **persisted until 30 days** after randomization (**log-rank chi-square test, 5.70;  $P=0.02$** ).

No significant differences were noted with respect to multi-organ failure, acute lung injury, acute respiratory distress syndrome, nosocomial infections, or allergic or transfusion-related reactions.

## PAMPer



No. at Risk	0	48	96	144	192	240	288	336	384	432	480	528	576	624	672	720
Plasma	230	183	172	170	169	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168
Standard care	271	194	181	179	173	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172

In injured patients at risk for haemorrhagic shock, the prehospital administration of thawed plasma was safe and resulted in lower 30-day mortality and a lower median pro-thrombin time ratio than standard-care resuscitation.

Sperry JL et al. 2018

JAMA Surgery | Original Investigation

## Association of Prehospital Plasma Transfusion With Survival in Trauma Patients With Hemorrhagic Shock When Transport Times Are Longer Than 20 Minutes A Post Hoc Analysis of the PAMPer and COMBAT Clinical Trials

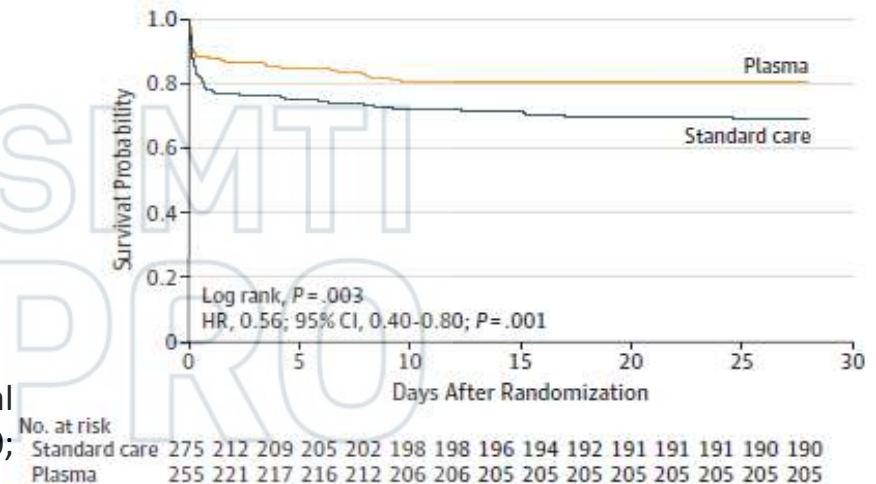
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To facilitate a **post hoc combined analysis of the COMBAT and PAMPer** trials to examine questions that could not be answered by either clinical trial alone. We hypothesized that **prehospital transport time influenced the effects of prehospital plasma on 28-day mortality**.

Cox regression analysis showed a significant overall survival benefit for plasma (hazard ratio [HR], 0.65; 95%CI, 0.47-0.90;  $p = 0.01$ )

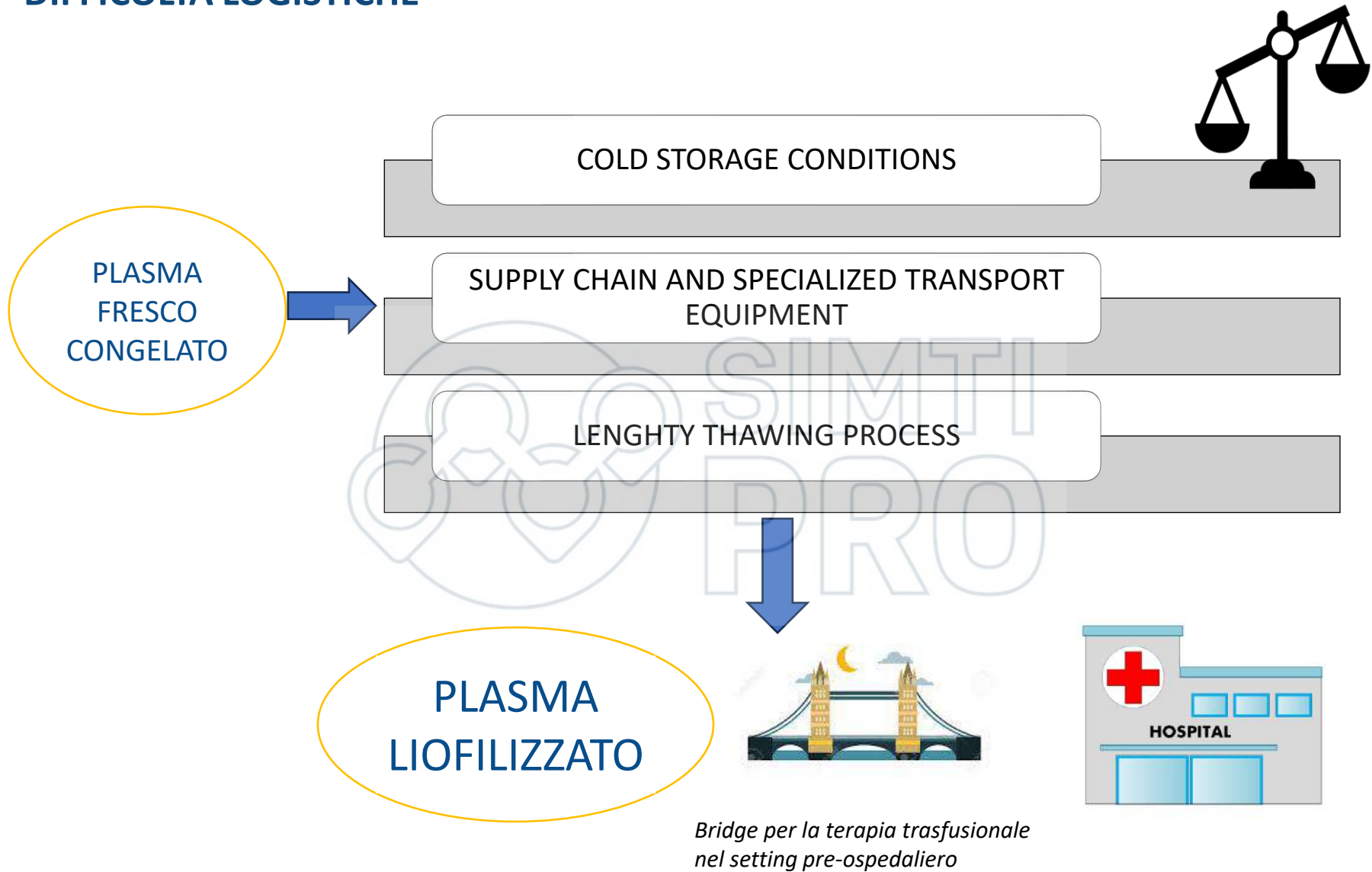
In 625 patients with hemorrhagic shock, it was observed **increased mortality with standard care (crystalloids) if pre-hospital transport time more than 20 minutes**. These data suggest that **prehospital plasma is associated with a survival benefit** when transport times are **longer than 20 minutes** and that the **benefit-risk ratio is favorable for use of prehospital plasma**.

C Plasma vs standard care in >20-min transport time group



Pusateri AE et al. 2020

# APPROVVIGIONAMENTO DI PLASMA FRESCO CONGELATO: DIFFICOLTÀ LOGISTICHE





## Emocomponente prodotto nel ST

- A. **French Lyophilized Plasma, FLYP (French Military Blood Institute, Centre de Transfusion Sanguine des Armees, CTSA)**  
Pool 11 donatori riduzione patogeni (amtosalene/UV)  
uso militare/uso civile ambiente austero
- B. **Lyoplas N-w, (German Red Cross)**  
Aferesi da singolo donatore quarantenate ospedali militari e civili, servizi medici di emergenza civili
- C. **Bioplasma FDP (National Bioproducts Institute, Pinetown, South Africa)**  
Pool donatori, ABO universale, trattamento S/D

## Farmaceutico

Plasma liofilizzato universale trattato con S/D per trasfusione pre-ospedaliera

Approved for prehospital transfusion regulatory assessment for marketing authorisation in selected countries of the European Union

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# PLASMA LIOFILIZZATO: CARATTERISTICHE TECNICHE

**Table 1**

Data for FLyP was generated after 12 months at ambient temperature [5] and for LyoPlas after 15 months at 25°C [23].

	FLyP	LyoPlas
Process	Lyophilized pooled (<11 donors)	Lyophilized single-donor
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Characteristics	Most factor levels normal ABO universal Leukoreduced	Most factor levels normal ABO-type specific Leukoreduced
Reconstitution	Sterile water (minutes)	Sterile water (minutes)

*Sheffield et al. 2022*



Long storage time  
Reconstitution time  
< 6 min



Shelf life 2/3 years



Stored at room  
temperature



To be resolved in  
water at time of  
use



Produced under  
inactivation  
process



Leukoreduced  
ABO-type specific  
or ABO universal

# PLASMA LIOFILIZZATO: CARATTERISTICHE QUALITATIVE

## Quality of freeze-dried (lyophilized) quarantined single-donor plasma

*Jürgen Bux, Dieter Dickhörner, and Edgar Scheel*

Lyophilized plasma showed characteristics similar to FFP. Since FDP requires neither complex logistics nor time-consuming thawing, it allows rapid treatment of coagulopathies.

*Bux J et al. 2013*

## In Vitro Hemostatic Properties of French Lyophilized Plasma

Christophe Martinaud, M.D.,\* Corinne Civadier, Pharm.D.,† Sylvain Ausset, M.D.,‡ Catherine Verret, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.,§ Anne-Virginie Deshayes, Pharm.D.,† Anne Galliot, M.D.†

*Martinaud C et al 2012*

## Retention of hemostatic and immunological properties of frozen plasma and COVID-19 convalescent apheresis fresh-frozen plasma produced and freeze-dried in Canada

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Changes in protein activities or clotting times arising from freeze-drying were <15%. In vitro characteristics of TFDP or CC-TFDP were comparable to their originating plasma, making future clinical studies appropriate.

*Sheffield WP et al. 2022*

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Parameter	Mean ± SD	Reference range	Mean ± SD	Reference range
PT (ratio test/control)	1.2 ± 0.1	< 1.5	Not reported	
aPTT (s)	39.0 ± 2.4	30-40	35.46 ± 2.02	26-37
INR	Not reported		1.21 ± 0.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.8-1.2
Fibrinogen (g/l)	2.4 ± 0.3	2-4	2.31 ± 0.37	2-4
Factor V (%)	51 ± 16 <sup>a</sup>	70-120	77.96 ± 11.65	65-100
Factor VIII (%)	62 ± 10	50 -150	83.68 ± 11.65	60-150
Factor XI (%)	79 ± 11	50-140	87.54 ± 13.75	65-150
Factor XIII (%)	103 ± 12	20-120	Not reported	
Protein C (%)	96 ± 9	70-120	97.6 ± 20.04	80-150
Protein S (%)	77 ± 16	70-140	71.7 ± 6.46	60-150
Antithrombin (%)	101 ± 5	80-120	90.0 ± 8.60	80-135
Alpha-2 antiplasmin (%)	95 ± 3	80-120	Not reported	
von Willebrand (%)	Not reported		90.00 ± 16.91	60-160

<sup>a</sup> Indicates mean value out of reference range. Where units were originally reported as units/mL (U/mL) or international units/mL (IU/mL), they have been converted to percent normal (%), where 100% is equal to 1.00 U/mL or IU/mL as appropriate.

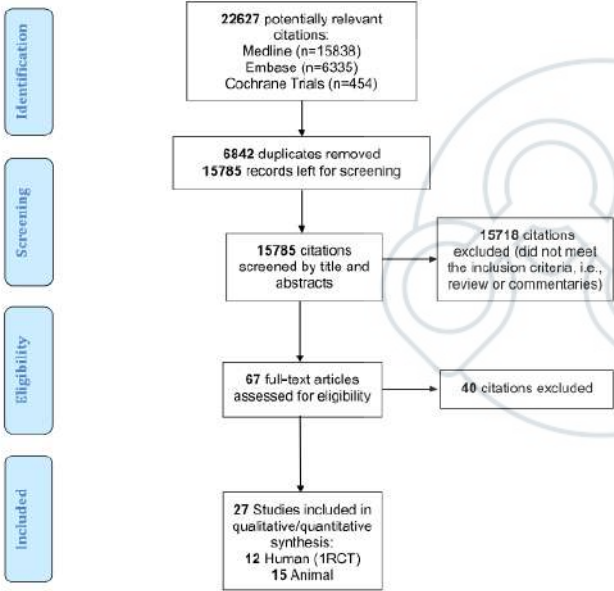
- **Rispetto al PFC, no differenze sostanziali in termini di qualità, per dosaggio di proteine plasmatiche e parametri coagulativi.**
- **Trascurabile perdita attività dei fattori labili della coagulazione (circa il 25% per il fattore VIII, generalmente aumentato nel trauma; altri come fibrinogeno, fattore XI, proteina C e antitrombina inalterati).**

*Sheffield WP al. 2022*

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## Freeze-dried plasma for major trauma – Systematic review and meta-analysis

Garrick Mok, MD, Richard Hoang, MD, Montaha Wajid Khan, MD, Dylan Pannell, MD, PhD, Henry Peng, PhD, Homer Tien, MD, MSc, Avery Nathens, MD, PhD, Jeannie Callum, MD, Keyvan Karkouti, MD, MSc, Andrew Beckett, MD, MSc, and Luis Teodoro da Luz, MD, MSc, *Ottawa, Canada*



12 human studies (RCT, 1; observational, 11) and 15 animal studies

Data from two studies (n = 119) were combined for meta-analyses for mortality and transfusion of allogeneic blood products. For both outcomes, no difference was identified. For mortality, pooled odds ratio was 0.66 (95% confidence interval, 0.29–1.49), with  $I^2 = 0\%$ . Use of **FDP is feasible, and no adverse events were reported**. Animal data suggest similar results for coagulation and anti-inflammatory profiles for FP and FDP.

Human data assessing freeze dried plasma use in trauma report **no difference in mortality and transfusion of blood compared with FFP**. Data from animal trauma studies report no difference in coagulation factor and anti-inflammatory profiles. Results should be interpreted **with caution because most studies were observational and have heterogeneous population (military and civilian trauma) and a moderate risk of bias**.

Well-designed **prospective observational studies** or, preferentially, **RCTs are warranted** to answer FDP's effect on laboratory (coagulation factor levels), transfusion, and clinical outcomes (organ dysfunction, length of stay and mortality).

Mock G et al. 2021

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## French lyophilized plasma versus fresh frozen plasma for the initial management of trauma-induced coagulopathy: a randomized open-label trial

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- Open-label, phase 3, randomised trial
- **Adult trauma patients requiring an emergency pack of 4 plasma units within 6 h of injury.**
- Randomly assigned to receive **4-FLyP units** or **4-FFP units.**
- Primary end-point: fibrinogen concentration at 45 min after randomisation.
- Secondary outcomes: time to transfusion, changes in haemostatic parameters at different time-points, blood product requirements and 30-day in-hospital mortality.
- 48 patients were randomized (FLyP, n = 24; FFP, n = 24).

## TRAUCC trial: French Lyophilised Plasma (FLyP) and Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)

- **FLyP reduced the time from randomisation to transfusion of first plasma unit compared with FFP (14 vs 77 min)**
- FLyP achieved a higher fibrinogen concentration 45 min after randomisation (baseline-adjusted mean difference 0.29 g/L) and a greater improvement in prothrombin time ratio, factor V and factor II. **The between group differences in coagulation parameters remained significant at 6 h**
  - FLyP reduced fibrinogen concentrate requirements
  - **Thirty-day in-hospital mortality rate** was 22% with FLyP and 29% with FFP
  - **FLyP led to a more rapid coagulopathy improvement** than FFP

FLyP led to a **more rapid, pronounced and extended increase in fibrinogen concentrations** and **coagulopathy improvement compared with FFP** in the initial management of trauma patients.

Garrigue D et al. 2018





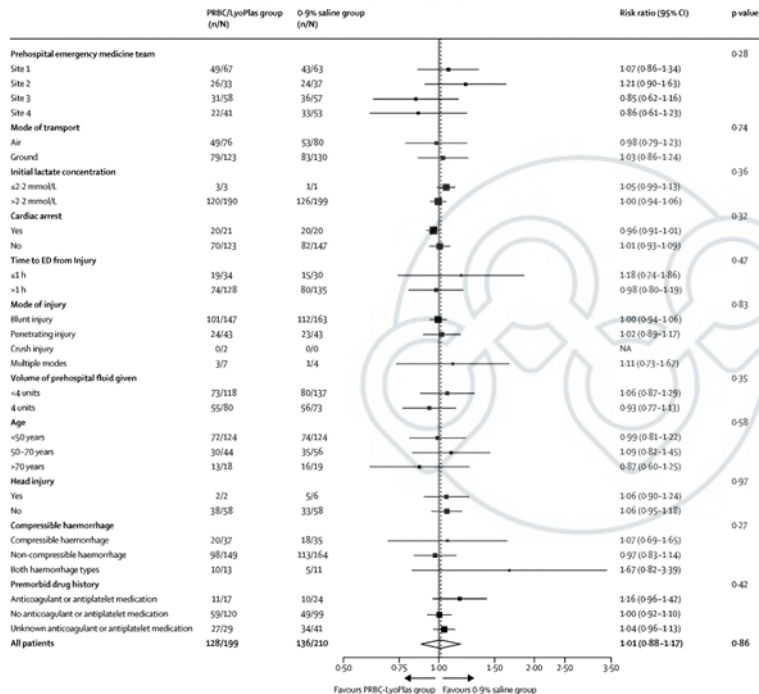
Resuscitation with blood products in patients with trauma-related haemorrhagic shock receiving prehospital care (RePHILL): a multicentre, open-label, randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial



Nicholas Crombie, Heidi A Doughty, Jonathan R B Bishop, Amisha Desai, Emily F Dixon, James M Hancox, Mike J Herbert, Caroline Leech, Simon J Lewis, Mark R Nash, David N Naumann, Gemma Slinn, Hazel Smith, Iain M Smith, Rebekah K Wale, Alastair Wilson, Natalie Ives, Gavin D Perkins, on behalf of the RePHILL collaborative group\*

4 Pre-hospital emergency medical centres in UK

## Lyoplas N-w



- Multicentre, allocation concealed, open-label, parallel group, randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial done in **four civilian prehospital critical care services in the UK**
- Pre-hospital two units of pRBC and LyoPlas each (n=209) or up to 1 litre 0.9% sodium chloride (n=223) in adult trauma patients with haemorrhagic shock and hypotension**
- It did not show a difference for the composite endpoint **mortality and/or lactate clearance**
- The trial was stopped at 432/490 patients due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

The trial **did not show** that prehospital PRBC–LyoPlas resuscitation was superior to 0.9% sodium chloride for adult patients with trauma related haemorrhagic shock. **Further research is required to identify the characteristics of patients** who might benefit from prehospital transfusion and **to identify the optimal outcomes** for transfusion trials in major trauma.

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Original Investigation | Emergency Medicine

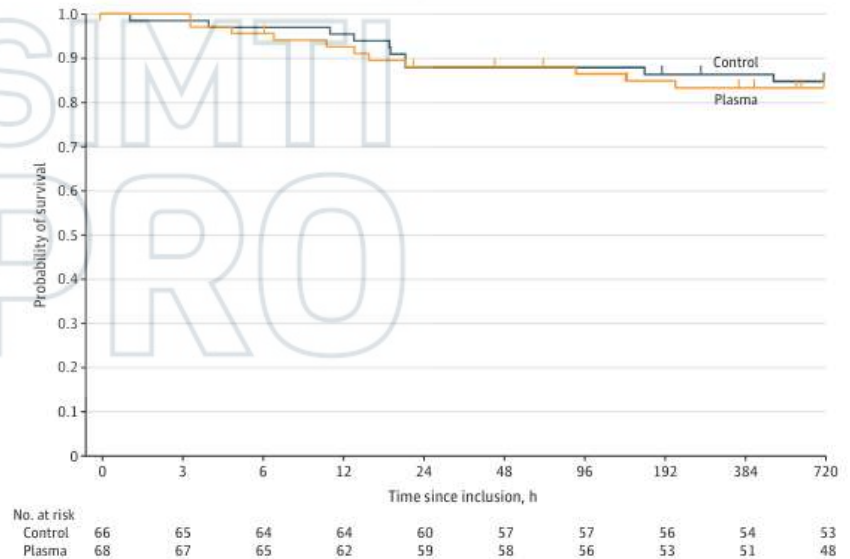
## Prehospital Lyophilized Plasma Transfusion for Trauma-Induced Coagulopathy in Patients at Risk for Hemorrhagic Shock A Randomized Clinical Trial

# FLyP

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French ALS teams during ground transportation to a level 1 trauma center

- Multicenter randomised clinical trial **comparing either plasma or standard care with normal saline infusion (control)**. The primary outcome was **INR on arrival at the hospital**. Secondary outcomes included the need for massive **transfusion and 30-day survival**.
- 150 randomised patients, 134 were included in the analysis with 68 in the plasma group and 66 in the control group.
- The groups **did not differ significantly in the need for massive transfusion** (7 [10.3%] vs 4 [6.1%]; relative risk, 1.78 [95% CI, 0.42-8.68];  $p = 0.37$ ) or **30-day survival** (hazard ratio for death, 1.07 [95% CI, 0.44-2.61];  $p = 0.89$ ).



In this **randomised clinical trial** including severely injured patients at risk for hemorrhagic shock and associated coagulopathy, **prehospital transfusion of lyophilized plasma was not associated with significant differences in INR values vs standard care with normal.**

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## Pre-hospital freeze-dried plasma for critical bleeding after trauma: A pilot randomized controlled trial

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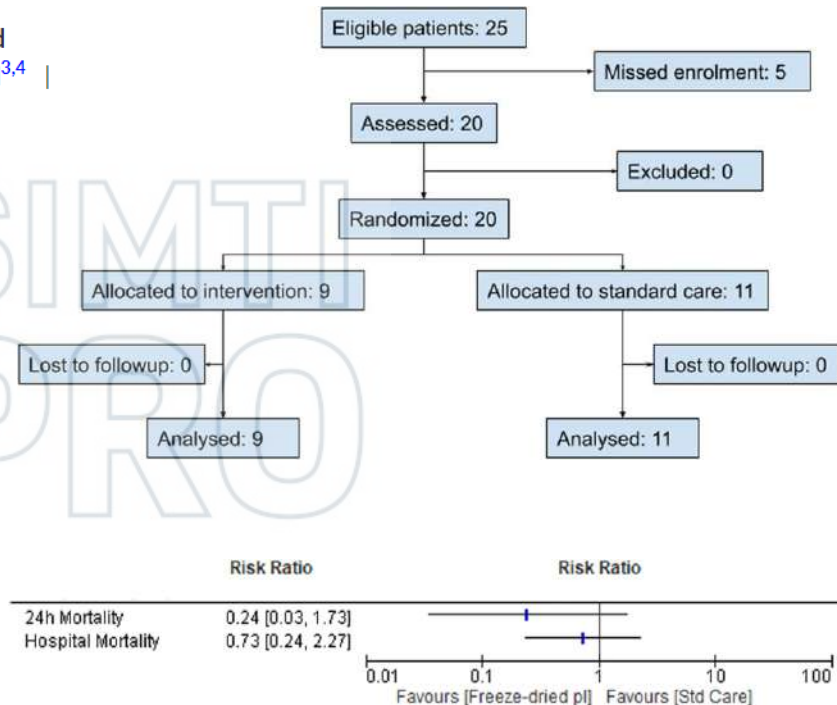
Pilot trial to assess the feasibility of transfusing *freeze-dried plasma* with *red blood cells (RBCs)* using in an Australian aeromedical prehospital setting.

Patients managed with prehospital RBCs randomized to receive 2 units of freeze-dried plasma (Lyoplas N-w) or standard care (no plasma).

- Primary outcome: proportion of eligible patients enrolled and provided the intervention.
- Secondary outcomes: preliminary data on effectiveness, including mortality censored at 24 h and at hospital discharge, and adverse events.

Mortality may have been lower in the freeze-dried plasma group at 24 h (RR 0.24, 95% CI 0.03-1.73) and at hospital discharge (RR 0.73, 95% CI 0.24-2.27). No serious adverse events related to the trial interventions were reported.

## Lyoplas N-w



This **first reported experience of freeze-dried plasma** use in Australia **suggests prehospital administration is feasible**. Given longer prehospital times typically associated with HEMS attendance, there is potential clinical benefit from this intervention and rationale for a definitive trial.

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Original Articles

## Prehospital Freeze-Dried Plasma in Trauma: A Critical Review

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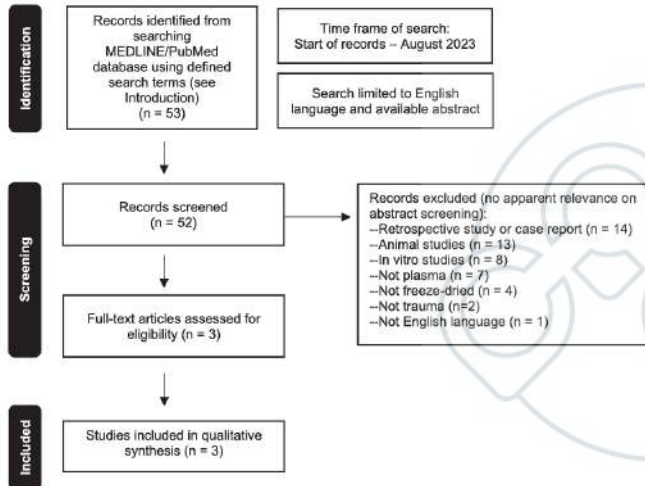


Figure 1. PRISMA [46] diagram of systematic search strategy.

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PMID	35271808	35881397	37103482
Nature	RCT	RCT	RCT (pilot)
Study duration	2016–2021	2016–2019	2021 (5 months)
Publication year	2022	2022	2023
Setting	UK multicentre air/ground EMS; open-label prehospital treatment	French multicentre EMS; open-label prehospital treatment	Australian single air EMS; open-label prehospital treatment
Inclusion	Trauma patients 16 years or over assessed for transfusion, SBP < 90 mm Hg or no radial pulse	Adult trauma patients SBP < 70 mm Hg or shock index > 1.1	Adult trauma patients assessed to require transfusion in a 5-month set time period
Exclusion	Blood products prerandomization, pregnancy, prisoners, isolated head injury	Pregnancy, prisoners, allergy to amotosalen, coagulation factors prior to randomization, DNR	>90 years, no venous access, known pregnancy, active palliative care
Consent	Assumed/deferred	Assumed/deferred	Not specified
Intervention	Up to 2 units PRBC + 2 units LyoPlas vs up to 4 × 250 mL normal saline	Up to 4 units FLYP (and saline as needed for hemodynamic goals) vs up to 1000 mL normal saline	1-unit PRBC + 2 units LyoPlas vs 1-unit PRBC alone
Randomization and blinding	1:1, allocation concealed until randomization	1:1, allocation concealed until randomization	1:1, allocation concealed until randomization
Enrolment and rationale	438 to give 80% power to detect 10% difference in primary outcome	140 to give 80% power to detect mean difference in INR of 0.3	Eligible patients in 5 month set time interval
Patients (n)	432	150	25
Age	Medians 38 (27–57), 39 (24–59) (IQR)	Medians 36.6 (26.8–49.5) vs 33.6 (25.2–47.6) (IQR)	Medians (IQR) 48 (40–51) vs 34 (19–54)
Male (%)	82% in both arms	86.8 vs 77.3	77.8 vs 63.6
Blunt injury (%)	78 vs 80	58.8 vs 60.6	Not specified
Prehospital crystalloid (mL)	Means 422 vs 437	Median 700 (475–1000) vs 1000 (700–1350) (IQR)	Mitra et al. Not specified
Tranexamic acid (%)	87 vs 92	83.8 vs 90.9	0
Primary outcome	Composite of mortality + failure to clear lactate	INR at hospital arrival	% of patients enrolled
Analysis	ITT, model-based	ITT	ITT
Outcome	No difference between groups, 64% vs 65%, P = .996	No difference between groups, Median 1.21 vs 1.20, P = .88	80% of patients were enrolled and 76% received the intervention

DNR, Do Not Resuscitate; EMS, Emergency Medical Services; INR, International Normalized Range; IQR, interquartile range; ITT, intention to treat; SBP, systolic blood pressure; UK, United Kingdom

Available high-level evidence **does not support** a benefit of prehospital administration of FDP to trauma patients. **Lack of evidence of benefit** in those clinical settings subjected to RCT investigation is **not necessarily evidence of lack of benefit** in all scenarios. It is possible that there is an unidentified **subset of trauma patients** who could benefit most from its use.

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# PLASMA LIOFILIZZATO CARATTERISTICHE QUALITATIVE

## Characterization and first-in-human clinical dose-escalation safety evaluation of a next-gen human freeze-dried plasma

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*Clinical dose escalation safety trial in healthy volunteer subjects of a next-generation product, stored in plastic bag containers with rapid reconstitution for immediate infusion.*

- **Characterisation and clinical safety data of the first, next-generation FDP stored in plastic bags with rapid reconstitution. Coagulation and chemistry parameters of FFP and their derivative FDP units were compared.**
- **First-in-human, dose-escalation safety evaluation of FDP, involving 24 healthy volunteers who donated either whole blood or apheresis plasma to create autologous FDP, in three dose cohorts (270, 540, and 810 ml)**
- **Cohort 3 was randomised, double-blind with a cross-over arm that compared FDP versus FFP using descriptive analysis for AEs, coagulation, haematology, and chemistry parameters.**
- **FDP coagulation factors, clotting times, and product quality (pH, total protein, and osmolality) post-lyophilization were preserved.**

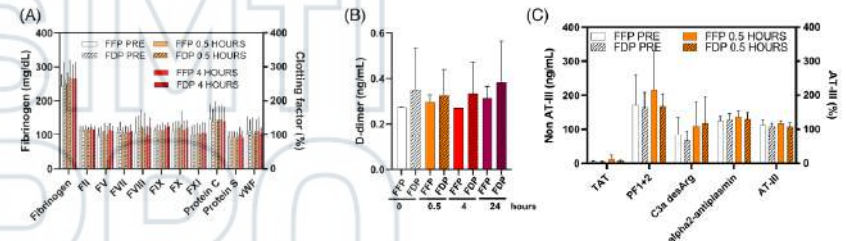


FIGURE 5 Time kinetics of clotting factor levels and pro-thrombotic indicators in plasma before and after infusions in Cohort 3. (A) Fibrinogen, prothrombin (FII), factor V (FV), factor VII (FVII), factor VIII-Coagulant (FVIII), factor IX (FIX), factor X (FX), factor XI (FXI), protein C, protein S, and von Willebrand factor antigen (vWF). Protein C levels higher than 200% were found outside the linearity range and used as of 200% for quantitative calculations. (B) D-dimer. Level of sensitivity was 0.27 ng/ml. For specimens with levels lower than 0.27 ng/ml, a level of 0.27 ng/ml was used for quantitative calculations. (C) Thrombin-antithrombin (TAT) complexes, prothrombin fragment 1 + 2 (PF1 + 2), complement C3a desArg fragment, alpha2-antiplasmin, and antithrombin III (AT-III). Data are presented as average + one SD. No statistically significant differences between the levels of any of the parameters analyzed before or after the infusions of FFP or FDP were found.

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This first next-generation FDP product preserves the potency and safety of FFP in a novel rugged, compressible, plastic container, for rapid transfusion.

## The European guideline on management of major bleeding and coagulopathy following trauma: sixth edition



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### Pre-hospital blood product use

#### Recommendation 4

*No clear recommendation or suggestion in favour or against the use of pre-hospital blood products can be provided at this time*

The pre-hospital use of blood products is technically feasible; however, logistical hurdles and the scarcity of universal blood group donors, along with health economic challenges and financial burdens, remain subjects of ongoing investigation and debate.

**“Due to conflicting data and the financial burden involved in the design and implementation of pre-hospital pRBC and plasma transfusion programmes., no clear recommendation or suggestion in favour or against the use of pre-hospital blood products can be provided at this time.** The decision to commit to routine pre-hospital use of blood products requires careful consideration by all stakeholders and must be adapted to local circumstances and settings”

**Prehospital use of freeze-dried plasma may have logistic benefits over thawed/frozen plasma and retrospective evidence has demonstrated feasibility, positive effects on coagulation, and when administered as bolus followed by pre-hospital pRBC, a capacity to reduce pRBC requirements.**

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TABLE 1 Screening tests of blood coagulation and inhibition

Parameters	OctaplasLG final product specification	Reference range plasma	Frozen OctaplasLG (N = 12)	Freeze-dried OctaplasLG Lyo (N = 3)	FFP (N = 12)
aPTT (s)	23-40	28-40	28 (27-31)	29 (28-31)	30 (26-35)
PT (s)	n.s.	12.5-16.5	11.8 (11.2-12.6)	11.4 (11.4-11.5)	11.4 (10.0-14.1)
RT (s)	n.s.	<20	14.6 (14.2-14.9)	13.9 (13.1-14.3)	17.4 (14.7-19.7) <sup>a,b</sup>
TT (s)	n.s.	14-20	14.7 (13.9-16.6)	12.4 (12.1-12.8)	14.1 (11.9-15.7) <sup>b</sup>
Thrombin (nM)	n.s.	n.s.	147 (111-175)	163 (161-166)	66 (33-118) <sup>a,b</sup>
Leg time (min)	n.s.	n.s.	6.2 (5.5-7.5)	6.0 (6.0-6.0)	8.0 (5.5-11.0) <sup>a,b</sup>
AUC (nM × min)	n.s.	n.s.	1376 (1219-1528)	1476 (1438-1525)	1116 (803-1358) <sup>a,b</sup>
Clotting time (min)	n.s.	n.s.	417 (206-465)	342 (311-374)	379 (330-451)
MCP (mm)	n.s.	n.s.	20 (18-23)	22 (21-22)	22 (16-28)
Factor II (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.65-1.54	1.08 (0.98-1.14)	1.15 (1.12-1.21)	1.29 (1.05-1.51) <sup>a</sup>
Factor V (IU/ml)	≥0.5	0.54-1.45	0.93 (0.90-1.00)	0.90 (0.90-0.90)	0.99 (0.80-1.25)
Factor VII (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.62-1.65	1.07 (0.97-1.21)	1.13 (1.10-1.20)	1.35 (0.85-1.74)
Factor VIII (IU/ml)	≥0.5	0.45-1.68	1.08 (0.80-1.30)	0.93 (0.80-1.00)	1.32 (0.61-1.80) <sup>a</sup>
Factor IX (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.45-1.48	1.15 (0.99-1.27)	1.20 (1.10-1.37)	1.32 (1.06-1.54)
Factor X (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.68-1.48	1.09 (0.98-1.12)	1.25 (1.22-1.29)	1.19 (1.08-1.52)
Factor XI (IU/ml)	≥0.5	0.42-1.44	0.93 (0.90-1.00)	0.80 (0.80-0.80)	0.99 (0.69-1.20) <sup>a</sup>
Factor XII (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.40-1.52	1.19 (1.03-1.40)	1.00 (0.95-1.03)	0.98 (0.54-1.37) <sup>b</sup>
Factor XIII (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.65-1.65	0.92 (0.85-0.98)	0.90 (0.88-0.92)	0.88 (0.64-1.20)
VWF:RCO (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.45-1.75	0.87 (0.78-0.94)	0.95 (0.89-1.07)	1.08 (0.57-1.42) <sup>a</sup>
ADAMTS13 (IU/ml)	n.s.	n.s.	0.99 (0.83-1.24)	0.92 (0.88-0.94)	0.92 (0.58-1.38)
Antithrombin (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.80-1.25	0.96 (0.91-1.02)	1.06 (1.02-1.11)	1.14 (0.91-1.36) <sup>a</sup>
HClII (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.65-1.35	1.23 (1.14-1.36)	1.18 (1.12-1.24)	1.27 (0.67-1.71)
Protein C (IU/ml)	≥0.7	0.58-1.64	1.00 (1.00-1.00)	1.03 (1.00-1.10)	0.97 (0.76-1.16)
Protein S activity (IU/ml)	≥0.3	0.65-1.45	0.66 (0.60-0.80)	0.67 (0.60-0.70)	1.02 (0.69-1.40) <sup>b</sup>
Protein S antigen (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.65-1.45	0.87 (0.81-0.93)	0.81 (0.80-0.82)	1.05 (0.73-1.39) <sup>a</sup>
Plasmin inhibitor (IU/ml)	≥0.2	0.72-1.32	0.43 (0.40-0.50)	0.47 (0.40-0.50)	1.33 (1.11-1.49) <sup>a,b</sup>
Plasminogen (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.68-1.44	0.87 (0.82-0.90)	0.86 (0.83-0.88)	0.96 (0.70-1.18)
AIAT (mg/ml)	n.s.	n.s.	1.32 (1.02-1.47)	1.26 (1.15-1.42)	1.48 (0.93-1.71)
AIAT Ag (mg/ml)	n.s.	1.10-2.60	1.17 (1.04-1.24)	1.16 (1.16-1.17)	1.20 (0.80-1.46)
C1-INH (IU/ml)	n.s.	0.60-1.24	1.18 (1.02-1.45)	1.17 (1.08-1.22)	1.56 (1.17-1.97) <sup>a,b</sup>

Note: Mean (minimum-maximum) levels are presented.

<sup>a</sup>Statistically significant differences between OctaplasLG and FFP are indicated, that is, p-value < .05.

<sup>b</sup>Statistically significant differences between OctaplasLG Lyo and FFP are indicated, that is, p-value < .05.

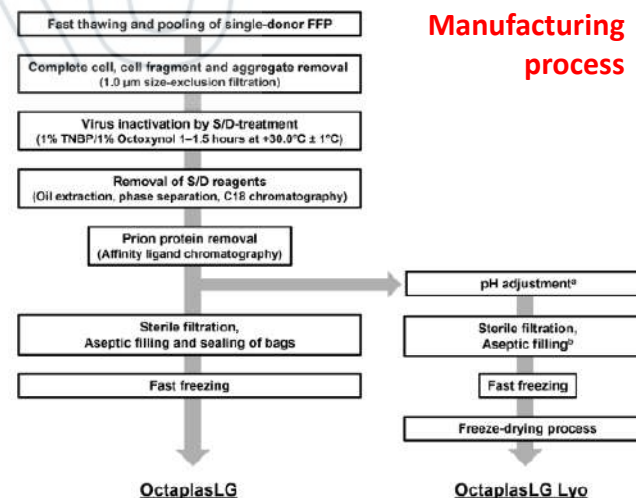
Abbreviations: AIAT, α<sub>2</sub>-antitrypsin; ADAMTS-13, a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with a thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13; Ag, antigen; aPTT, activated partial thromboplastin time; AUC, area under the curve; C1-INH, C1-inhibitor; FFP, fresh frozen plasma; HClII, heparin cofactor II; IU, international units; MCP, maximum clot firmness; N, number of batches; n.s., not specified; PT, prothrombin time; RT, reptilase time; TT, thrombin time; VWF:RCO, ristocetin cofactor activity of von Willebrand factor.

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## INDICAZIONI

- Complesse carenze di fattori della coagulazione come la coagulopatia dovuta a grave insufficienza epatica o trasfusioni massicce.
- Terapia sostitutiva nei deficit di fattori della coagulazione, quando uno specifico concentrato di fattori della coagulazione non è disponibile per l'uso o in situazioni di emergenza quando non è possibile una diagnosi di laboratorio precisa.
- Rapida inversione degli effetti degli anticoagulanti orali, quando un concentrato di complesso protrombinico non è disponibile per l'uso o la somministrazione di vitamina K è insufficiente a causa della compromissione della funzionalità epatica o in situazioni di emergenza.
- Emorragie potenzialmente pericolose durante la terapia fibrinolitica, utilizzando ad es. attivatori tissutali del plasminogeno, in pazienti che non rispondono alle misure.
- Procedure terapeutiche di plasmaferesi, comprese quelle nella porpora trombocitopenica.

FIGURE 1 Flow-chart of the OctaplasLG and OctaplasLG Lyo manufacturing process. <sup>a</sup>The pH value is adjusted in stepwise manner by using citric acid, phosphoric acid and low pressure. <sup>b</sup>The sterile filtered plasma is filled under aseptic conditions into sterile and depyrogenated type I glass vials (200-210 ml plasma per vial). FFP, fresh frozen plasma; S/D, solvent/detergent; TNBP, tri(n-butyl)phosphate.



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## GAPP-PRO – **Piloting Gapp model approach for assessing and authorizing novel substances of human origin preparation process”.**

- La Joint Action europea ha lo scopo di testare e perfezionare la metodologia della precedente JA GAPP con l’obiettivo di:



Simulare i processi di autorizzazione su nuovi prodotti nei diversi ambiti di attività della donazione e trapianto delle sostanze di origine umana (ad es. trapianto di microbiota, latte materno, collirio ecc.);

Verificare la capacità di implementazione del modello nei diversi Stati Membri, con particolare riferimento ad una comune valutazione dei livelli di rischio;

- Testare la metodologia in un’ottica di multi-country assessment;
- Formare gli assessor;
- Testare la fattibilità di mettere in atto dei joint assessment anche attraverso il coinvolgimento di stakeholder dei settori dei dispositivi medici e delle terapie avanzate.

- **Volto a testare e perfezionare la metodologia di autorizzazione di nuovi processi e prodotti relativi a sostanze di origine umana.**
- **Tra i prodotti/processi innovativi in corso di valutazione anche il plasma liofilizzato.**



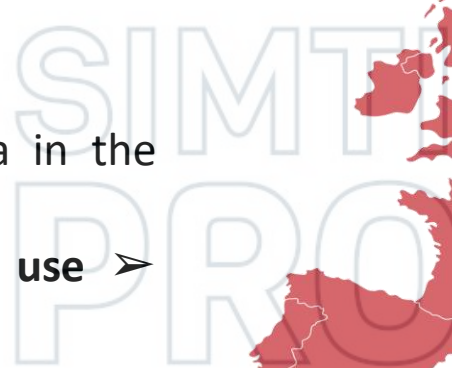


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## Dried Plasma Subgroup

The **main focus** of the **Dried plasma WG**:

- Support the **inclusion** of dried plasma in the **EDQM Blood Guide**
- Understand **the demand and clinical use** ➤ **Survey of EBA member states**

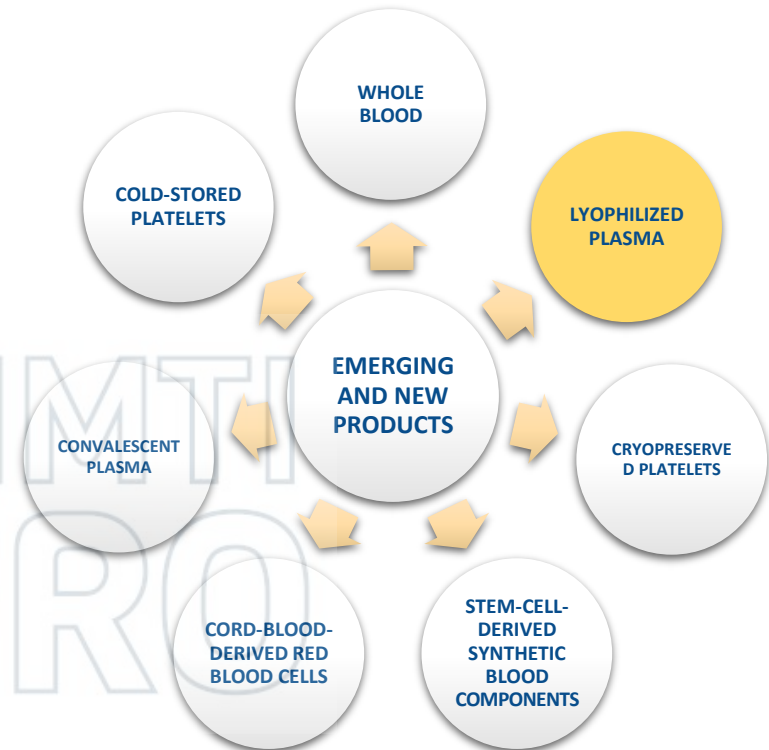


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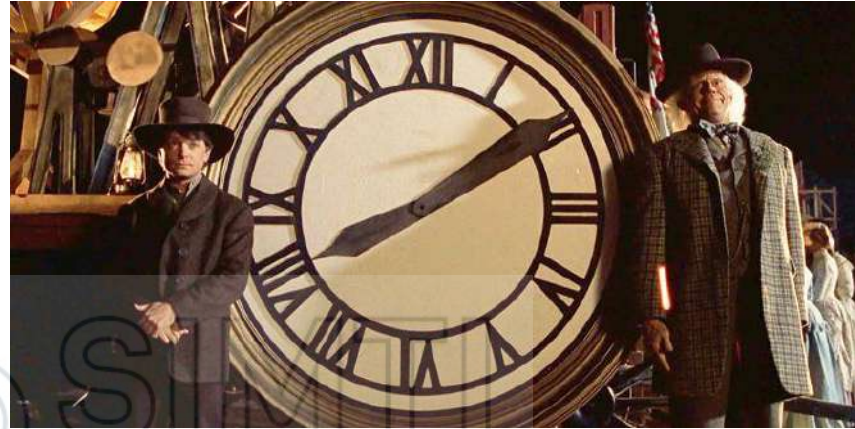
- Availability of the technology for local production
- Source limitations: Demand of plasma for fractionation
- Regulatory aspects: Blood product versus drug

## CONCLUSIONI

- **Approccio attualmente valutabile** nel contesto **pre-ospedaliero emergenziale militare e civile.**
- **Possibile estensione**, in un futuro, **ad un più ampio utilizzo clinico**, in considerazione degli evidenti vantaggi tecnici e logistici?
- Sono necessari **ulteriori studi** volti ad identificare le **caratteristiche dei pazienti** che potrebbero beneficiarne dell'utilizzo nel contesto emergenziale, con una migliore definizione e standardizzazione di **outcomes primari e secondari**, e con il **supporto degli strumenti POC.**
- E' necessaria una **valutazione opportuna in relazione al rapporto costo/beneficio** anche alla luce dell'attuale contesto geopolitico che rende più insistente la richiesta di tali prodotti.



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*Sooner or later, everything old is new again!*  
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