## **NEWBORN SCREENING FOR SCID IN BRAZIL**

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KEY REVIEW ARTICLE



## Attending to Warning Signs of Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Across the Range of Clinical Practice

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# A group of > 420 monogenic diseases presenting with: recurrent infections, autoimmunity, inflammation, allergy, and cancer





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## The relevance of collaborative work: the Latin American Society for Immunodeficiencies (LASID) registry model

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EDUCATION 10 YEARS ! ~ 8000 CASES !



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## **PIDD LATAM**



Autoinflammatory Disorders	18
Combined immunodeficiencies with associated or syndromic features	1071
Complement Deficiencies	282
Congenital defects of phagocyte number or function	548
Defects in Intrinsic and Innate Immunity	121
Diseases of Immune Dysregulation	194
Immunodeficiencies affecting cellular and humoral immunity	433
Phenocopies of Inborn Errors of Immunity	19
Predominantly Antibody Deficiencies	4738
Unknown	271
Total	7695



# 90% PIDs without diagnosis



# Diagnosis delay 7 - 10 years



# Severe Combined Immunodeficiency - SCID

### Most severe form of PID

- Newborns usually appear healthy at birth
- Absence or low number of T cells that can be accompanied by B or NK cell deficiency in number and function
- Recurrent infections
- Frequent diarrhea and failure to thrive
- Severe, sometimes fatal reactions to vaccination

(**BCG vaccination** in mandatory in the 1<sup>st</sup> mo of life in Br)

Fatal without immune reconstitution

## PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY





- Antibiotics, Antifungals, Antiviral
- Anti-BCG
- Immunoglobulin replacement
- Enzyme replacement (ADA) as indicated
- Hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation (majority is haploidentical)
- Gene therapy sent abroad (US)







Klebsiela pneumoniae

JPL: received BCG **twice**!

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## Klebsiela pneumoniae





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Omenn Syndrome / SCID Died before BMT













## Post-transplant





## **BCG** complications













JPL: BCG isolated in the lungs, brain and bone marrow





SCID / death post-transplantation

Leaky SCID Moluscum











Omenn Syndrome PRE x POST-TRANSPLANT





240 SCID transplanted 2000 - 2009 25 centers

### 240 SCID transplanted (2000 – 2009) - 25 centers



(Pai et al., 2014)



- 2005: Chan and Puck described TREC quantification as a technique for NBS for SCID
- 2007: SCID was nominated for addition to the screening panel in the USA
- **2008:** first NBS pilot for SCID in Wisconsin
- 2010: start of NBS pilot in São Paulo
- **2014**: start of NBS pilot in Curitiba (Parana, Rondonia, RJ and SP)
- 2016: beginning of the PRONAS SABARA / PENSI / USP pilot program

## SCID: current scenario in Brazil

- Retrospective study with patients suspected of SCID 1996-2010 (= 14 years)
- 70 possible cases in 65 families
  - Only 7 confirmed cases
  - 50% of patients died and 23 of those did not undergo BMT

(Mazzucchelli et al., 2014)



Using incidence for the US: 1: 58,000 live births

## HSCT for PIDs: current scenario in Brazil

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#### Transplantation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Primary Immunodeficiencies in Brazil: Challenges in Treating Rare Diseases in Developing Countries

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- 1990-2015: 221 patients from 11 centers (only 67 SCIDs 30%)
- Median age at transplantation: 22m
- HVGD 33%
- 5y OS: 71.6%
- Deaths were 24% due to infection (55%) or GVHS (13%)



# HSCT for PIDs: current scenario in Brazil

## • SCIDs = 67

- Genetic diagnosis: 27% (18/67)
- Data on BCG vaccination: 53 were vaccinated out of 60 (88%)
- 53% (28/53) disseminated BCG infections
- Majority was transplanted after 6 months of age
  - Diagnostic delay
  - Late referral to a transplant unit
  - Long time to find a compatible donors
  - Lack of beds in the few public hospitals that perform this type of transplant

## HSCT for PIDs: current scenario in Brazil

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(modified from Fernandes et al., 2018)

# How was newborn screening for PIDD established in Brazil?





# TRECs – <u>T</u> cell <u>R</u>eceptor <u>Excision</u> <u>C</u>ircles



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- Produced in the thymus during the process of genetic recombination needed for development of the T cell receptor (TCR)
- Does not undergo clonal expansion
- Approximately 1 TREC = 1 naive T cell

## KREC - <u>K</u>-deleting <u>recombination</u> <u>excision</u> <u>circles</u>



- Produced in the bone marrow during the genetic recombination needed for the development of the **B cell receptor** (BCR)
- Does not undergo clonal expansion
- approximately: 1 KREC = 1 naive B cell
- Allows the detection of **agamaglobulinemia** and also guides SCID genetic investigation



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TRECs x KRECs



Ataxia-telangiectasia

- Amostras encaminhadas
- Agamaglobulinemia
- SCID
- Hipogamaglobulinemia

Cutoff values chosen to detect not only classic SCID, but also other diseases

Cutoff:

TREC < 25 molecules / uL of blood KREC < 20 molecules / uL of blood



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Triagem neonatal de imunodeficiências graves combinadas por meio de TRECs e KRECs: segundo estudo piloto no Brasil

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TREC and KREC values for 4,490 different samples



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## Neonatal screening for severe primary immunodeficiency diseases using high-throughput triplex real-time PCR

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TRECs / µl

## Possible causes for low TRECs worldwide

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#### (Maraucher et al., 2017)

(Dorsey & Puck, 2017)

#### Syndromes with T cell deficiency

DiGeorge / 22q11.2 deletion	57%
Trisomy 21	13%
Ataxia Telangectasia	3%
CHARGE syndrome	2%

#### Secondary T lymphopenia

Congenital heart defect.	25%
Other congenital abnormalities	38%
Fetal hidropsy	13%
Neonatal Leukemia	3%
Maternal immunosuppresive drugs	3-5%
Extreme preterm birth	7%
Idiopatic T lymphopenia	3%

# LIH – NBS in Brazil from 2011 to 2019

- Curently: 4th Pilot Project (PRONAS 2016-2019)
  - N. samples: 20.457
  - TRECs and/or KRECs below 10 molecules/uL of blood = 51 (0.24%)

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Pessoa com Deficiência

- Total samples for NBS from 2011 to 2019: ~ 76,000
  - 57 altered TRECs from NBS (0.16%) <u>2 were SCID detected at birth</u>

(preterms whose values normalized later are not included in this number)

30 pt. with genetic investigation finalized -> genetic variant found in 20 pt. (~67%)

# Identified causes of low TRECs in Brazil

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(normalized TRECs are not included in this result)

# LIH – SCID cases (2011-2019)

 49 suspected SCID patients (symptomatic or referred due to positive Family history of SCID/PID)

(investigated in 2 different institutions – USP and UNIFESP)

- 39% female and 61% males
- Immunophenotypes:

![](_page_35_Figure_5.jpeg)

- 61% with known outcome
- Survival post BMT: 47% (14/30)

Need to **improve communication among investigators**, physicians and transplant team

# LIH – SCID cases (2011-2019)

Genetic investigation

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- 30/49 pt. = 65% (Sanger or WES)
- Genetic variant identified: 20/30 (67%)
- 33% are still unknown

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- Primary investigation- simple exams (blood cell count, Igs)
- Relevance of supporting the family throughout the process

### TRIAGEM PARA

# SCID e AGAMA

Imunodeficiência Combinada Grave e Agamaglobulinemia

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> O Teste do Pezinho SUPER + SCID e AGAMA detectam juntos cinquenta doenças.

Este material é destinado a profissionais de saúde.

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#### Abstract

Objective: To apply, in Brazil, the T-cell receptor excision circles (TRECs) quantification technique using real-time polymerase chain reaction in newborn screening for severe combined immunodeficiancy and assess the feasibility of implementing it on a large scale in Brazil. Methods: 8715 newborn blood samples were collected on filter paper and, after DNA elution, TRECs were quantified by real-time polymerase chain reaction. The cutoff value to determine whether a sample was abnormal was determined by ROC curve analysis, using SSPS. Results: The concentration of TRECs in 8,682 samples ranged from 2 to 2,181 TRECs/ $\mu$ L of blood, with mean and median of 324 and 259 TRECs/ $\mu$ L, respectively. Forty-nine (0.56%) samples were below the cutoff (30 TRECs/ $\mu$ L) and were reanalyzed. Four (0.05%) samples had abnormal results (between 16 and 29 TRECs/ $\mu$ L). Samples from patients previously identified as having severe combined immunodificiency or DiGoorge syndrome were used to validate the assay and

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Newborn screening for severe combined immunodeficiencies using TRECs and KRECs: second pilot study in Brazil

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#### RESUMO

Objetivo: Validar a quantificação de T-cell receptor excision circles (TRECs) e kappo-deleting recombination circles(CRECs) por reação em cadela de polimenase (polymerase chain reaction, PCR) em temporeal (pRT-PCR), para triagem neonstal de imunode/ficiendas primárias que cursam com defeitos nas células T e/out in o Brail. Métodos: Amostras de sangue de recém-nascidos (RN) e controles foram coletadas em papel-filtro. O DNA foi extraído e os TRECs e KRECs foram quantificados por reação duples de qRT-PCR. O valor de corte foi determinado pela análise de Recter Operating Characterístics Curve; utilizando-seo programa Statistical Pacetar for the Social Sciences (SSPS) (IBM\*, Armorie, NY, ELA).

#### ABSTRACT

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Methods: Blood samples from newborns and controls were collected on filter paper. DNA was extracted and TRECs, and KRECs were quantified by a duplex real-time PCR. The cutoff values were determined by receiver operating characteristic curve analysis using SPSS software (IBM\*, Armonk, NY, USA).

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## Diagnosis, treatment and genetic couseling

- **Find** the patient for confirmatory exams
- Lymphocyte immunophenotyping with memory subsets
  - Challenge in Brazil very few labs perform the full phenotyping (neither public or health insurance cover)
- Referral to BMT there are still few beds reserved to PID pt. in public hospitals
- Genetic investigation and counseling of the family

Obs.: atypical SCIDs might need additional exams, such as lymphoproliferative response to mitogens and TCR repertoire analysis  $\rightarrow$  very hard to find in Br

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## Newborn screening for SCID

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(Dorsey & Puck, 2017)