

the Scilly naval disaster



Harrison's solution

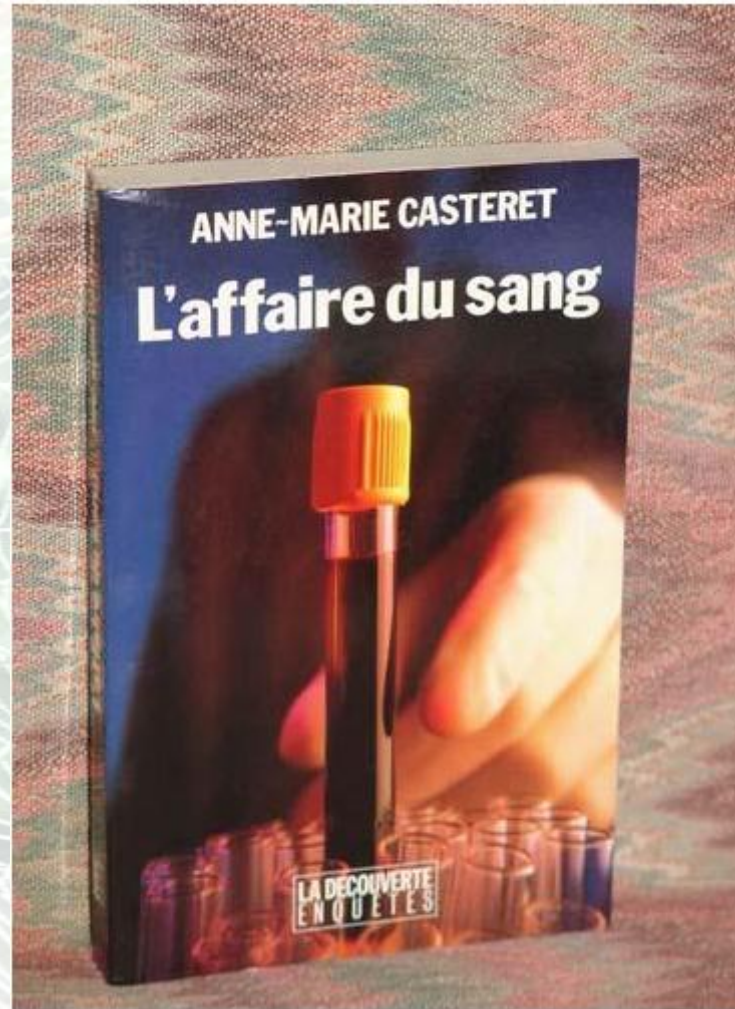


Transfusion safety: early history



- 17th century: animal blood
- 18th century: forbidden by law (too dangerous)
- 19th century: human blood as live saving therapy
- 20th century: more indications, relatively safe ?
- 1991:

The French blood disaster



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HV: Concepts and models I



What is reported and when ?

- Only Adverse reactions (AR) or also Adverse Events (AE)
- All vs only serious AR
- Only in recipients or also in donors
- All or only product related AR and AE
- “ Hot” vs “ Cold” vigilance

HV: Concepts and models II



How is the system organised?

- Local, regional/national,international
- Passive vs active
- Voluntary vs mandatory
- Centralised vs decentralised
- Governance:
 - regulator, manufacturer,
professional societies,Public Health

Reporting in haemovigilance systems



Country/ region	*Reports/ 1000 units	What is reportable	Type of system
UK	0.20	<i>Serious reactions + IBCT</i>	Voluntary
Ireland	1.22	<i>Serious reactions + IBCT</i>	Voluntary
France	2.83	All reactions	Mandatory
Netherlands	2.90	All reactions	Voluntary
Québec	7.07	All reactions	Voluntary

First year of reporting to the European Commission



Total SAR

(serious adverse reactions)

2201 (1/10.000)

**Attributable to quality
and safety
of blood components**

22 (1/1.000.000) = 1%

From Thomas Brégeon, European Commission
Directorate general for Health and Consumers

CONCLUSION



Irrespective of the structure of the system

Haemovigilance may provide data for priority settings and evaluation of preventive strategies

HV: Results 1



Haemovigilance systems

have documented that

- blood transfusion is safe**

and that

- labile blood components are**

extremely safe

HV: RESULTS II



Administrative errors in the hospital still constitute an important category of preventable serious reactions, however

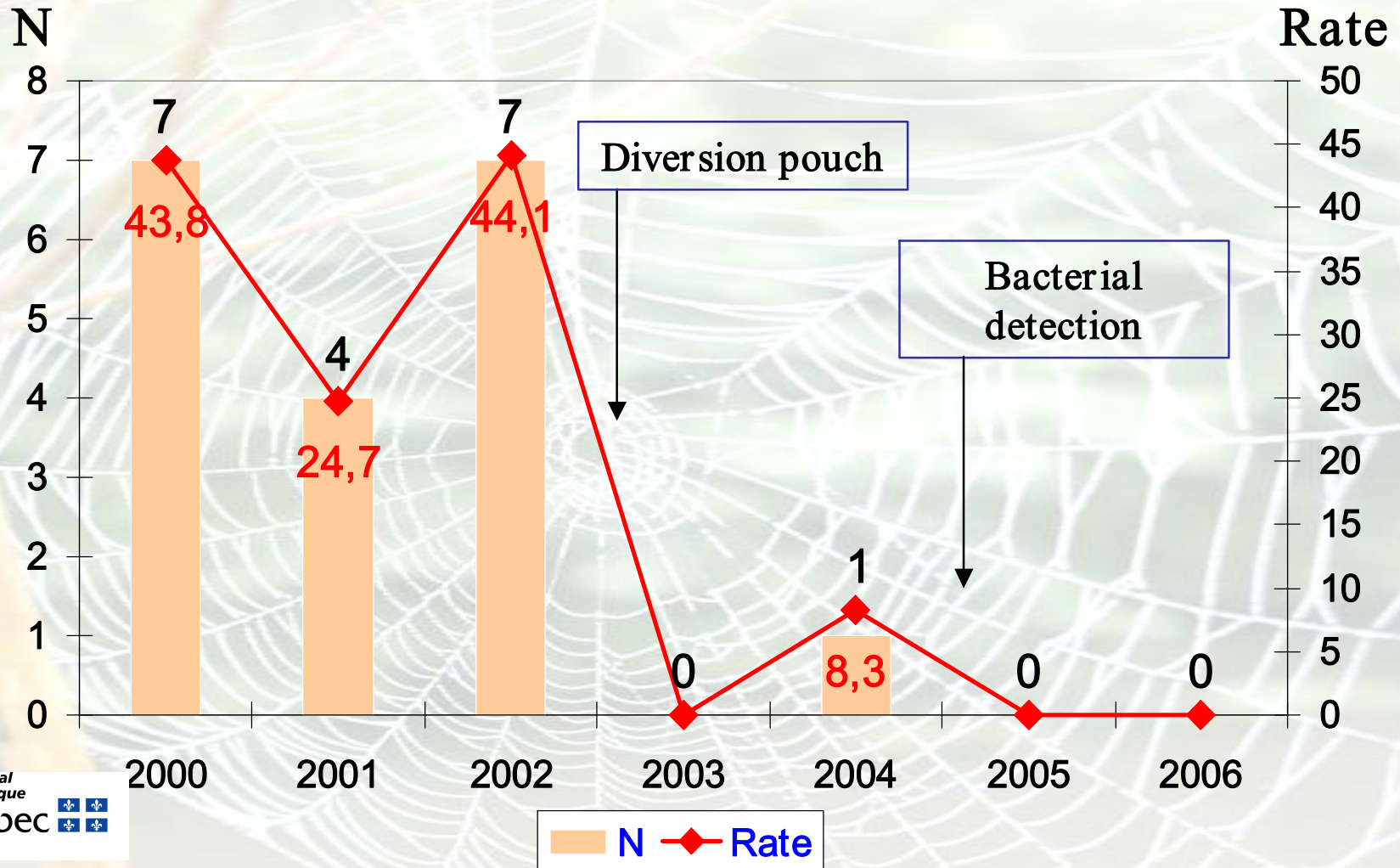
Many serious reactions are not (yet) preventable

Results III

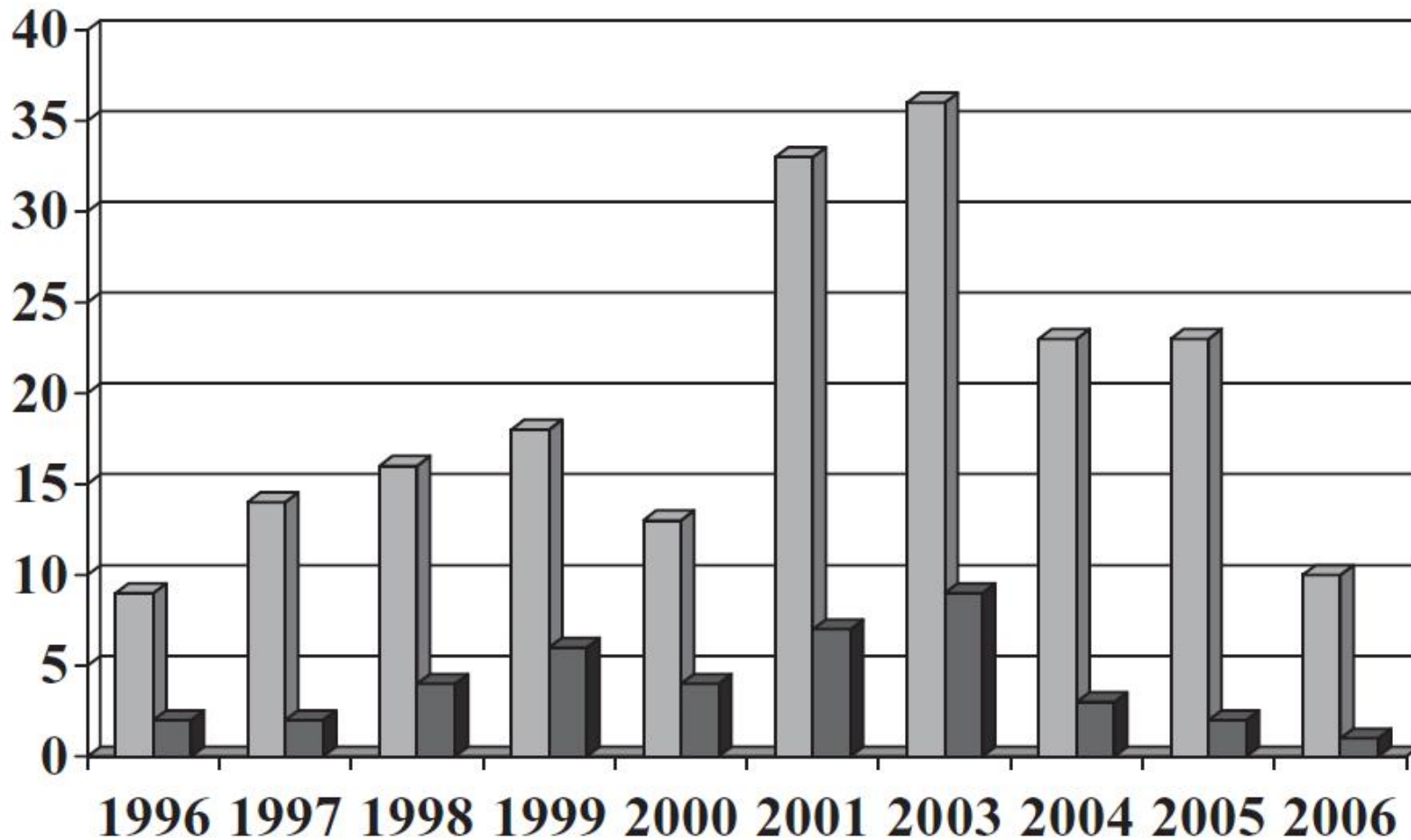


Well functioning Haemovigilance systems contribute significantly to evidence-based blood transfusion medicine, in particular the introduction of measures that improve the safety, such as

Frequencies and Ratios/100,000 Bacterial Infections - Platelet pools



The rise and fall of TRALI documented by SHOT



Chapman et al. Transfusion, 2009; 50: 440-452

SHOT Manchester 06-07-10

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EHN: members



- **Australia**
- Austria
- Belgium
- **Canada**
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- **Japan**
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- **New Zealand**
- Norway
- Portugal
- **Singapore**
- Slovenia
- **South Africa**
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- **United States**

From EHN to IHN



INTERNATIONAL HAEMOVIGILANCE NETWORK

WWW.IHN-ORG.NET

IHN: main activities



- Website (www.ihn-org.net)
- Annual business meeting
- Annual Seminar (IHS)
- Working parties
- Database

IHS XIII Amsterdam



- **Dates: 9-11 february 2011**
- **Venue: Royal Tropical Institute**
- **Program will include :**
 - **US HV program: first data**
 - **Risk management (vulcano ashes)**
 - **WS on quality indicators**
 - **morning for HV officers/nurses**
 - **IHN Award II**

IHN: results



- **Transfer of knowledge and experience: not readily measurable**
- **Standardisation: uniform definitions**
- **Database**

Standardisation



The IHN and the *ISBT Working Party for Haemovigilance* have made two important contributions:

1. definitions of adverse reactions and adverse events in patients
2. definitions of complications and adverse events in donors

IHN database



General results – Year 2007

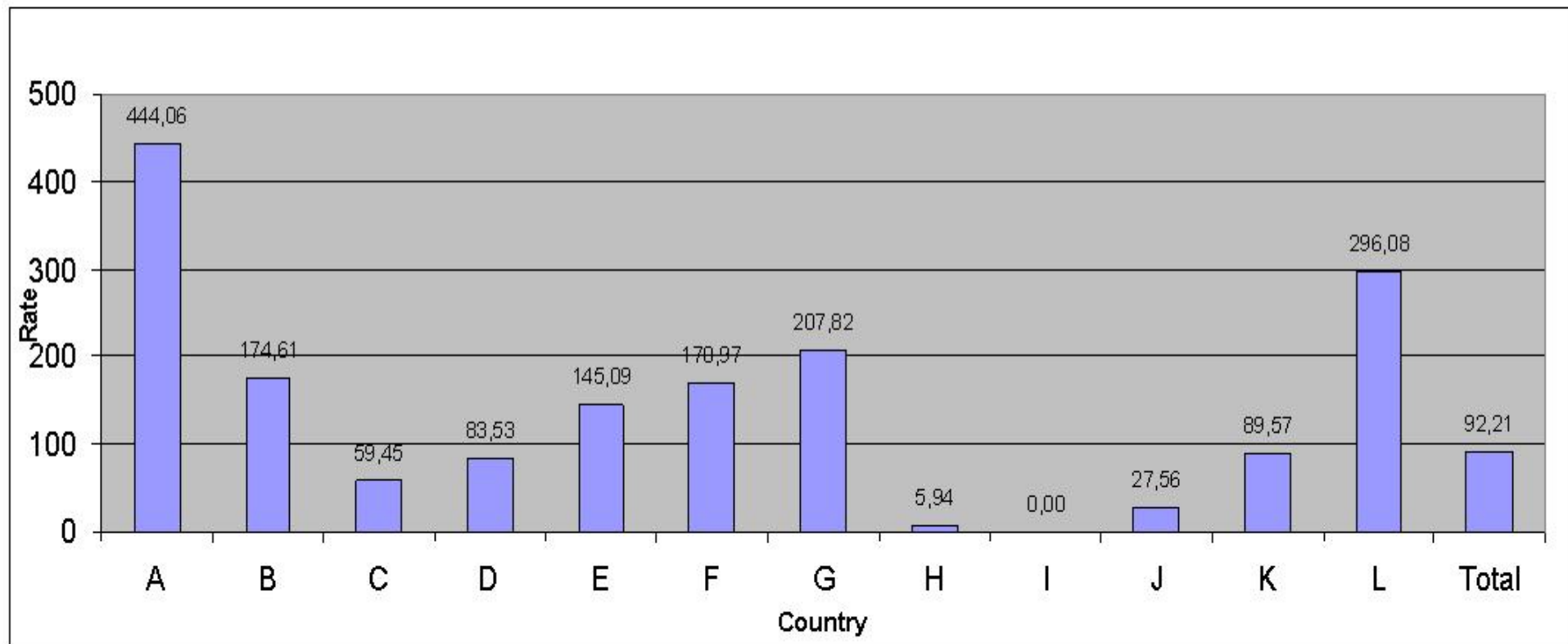


- 12 haemovigilance systems
 - 11 national
 - 1 regional

- 13,142 adverse reactions

- 14,391,424 units issued (11 systems)

Incidence of adverse reactions by country - 2007



Per 100,000 units issued

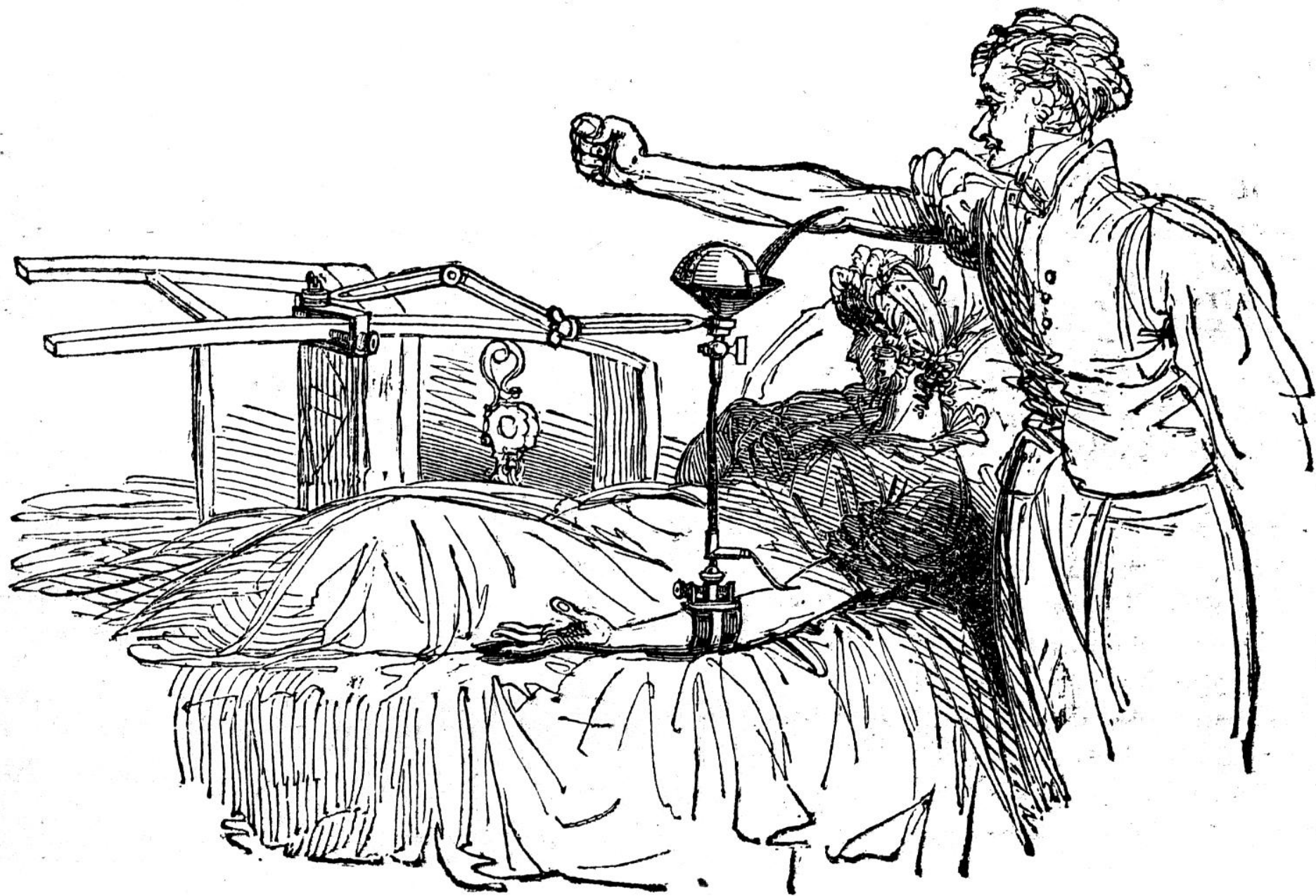
Conclusions

- It is possible to create an international database for ATR reporting
 - With relatively valid information
 - Incidence of ATR varies between countries
 - Reporting of ATRs varies
 - Estimation of imputability varies
 - Transfusion practices vary
 - Compliance to international definitions is not optimal
 - STARE will contribute to improve that situation
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Questions



***Bloodtransfusion:
worth the risk?***

***Safer products:
worth the money?***

Should we watch for more than safety of blood transfusions?



Risk

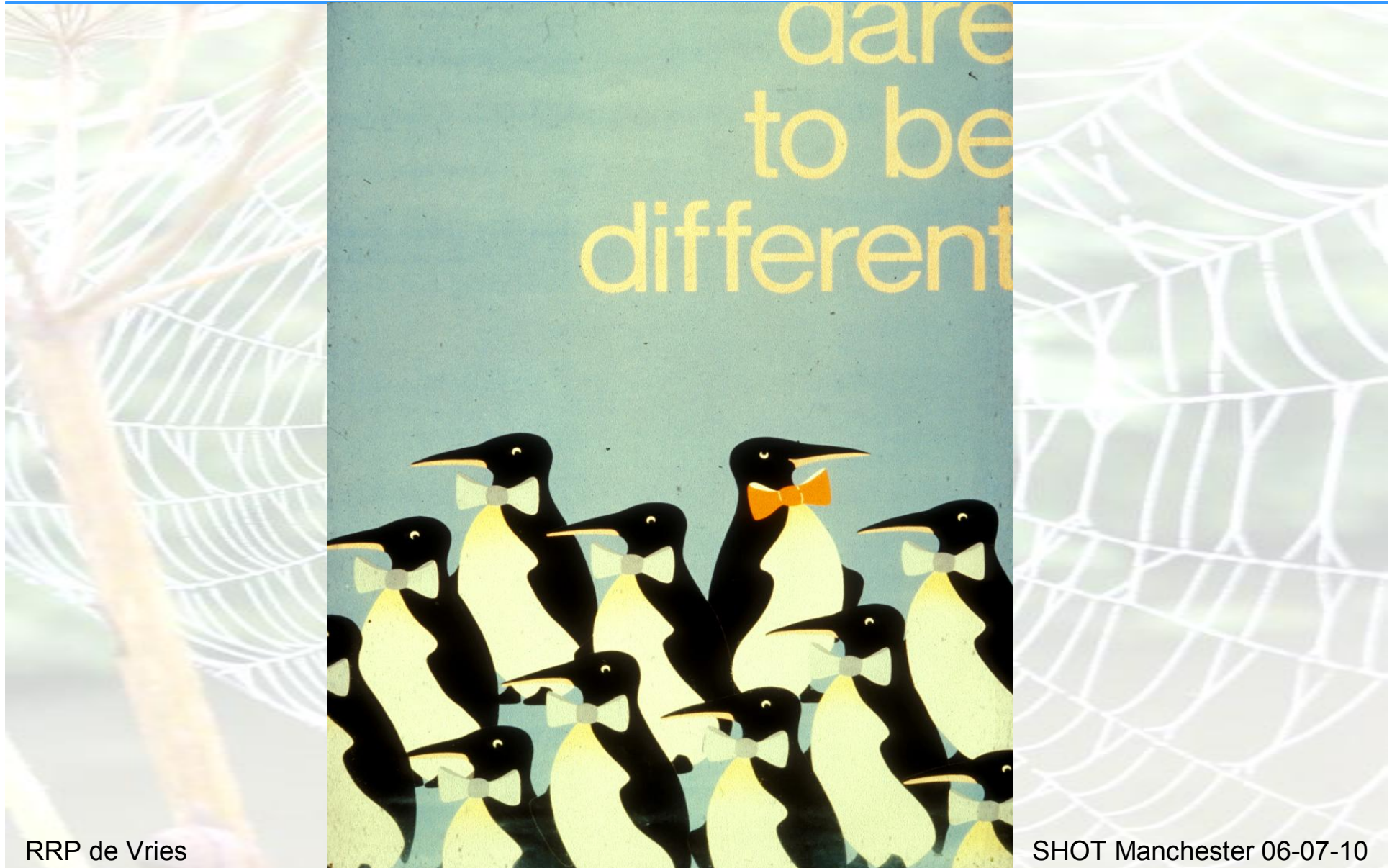
- Medication 1: 100
- Blood Transfusion 1: 10.000
- Blood component 1: 1.000.000

- Blood saving procedures ???

Benefit

- Blood transfusion ??????????

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Annual SHOT Symposium



**I wish you
a very vigilant,
highly informative
and pleasant day**