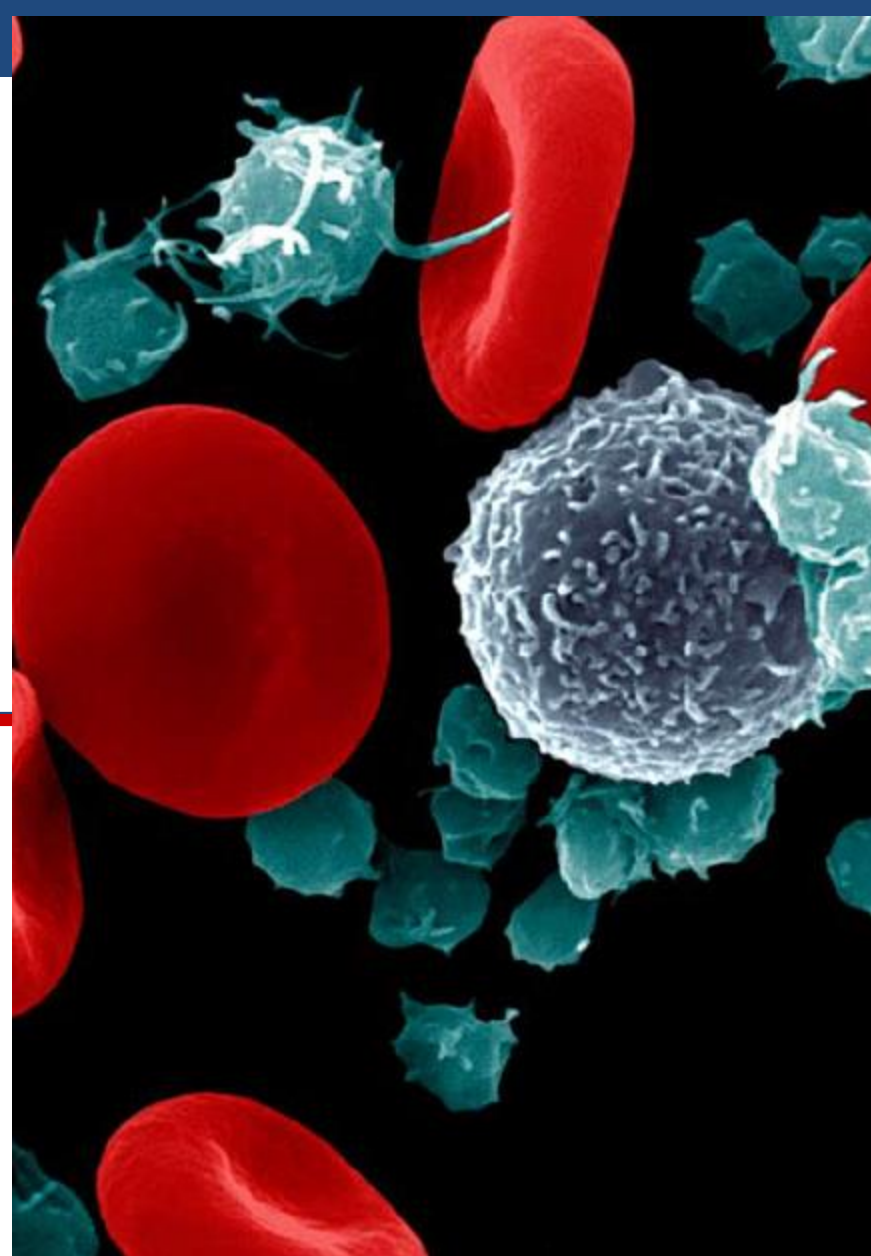


# Transfusion Therapy

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# Definitions

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**Blood product;** any therapeutic substance prepared from human blood.

**Whole blood;** unseparated blood collected into an approved container containing an anticoagulant preservative solution.

**Blood component;**

1. A constituent of blood , separated from whole blood such as
  - ✓ Red cell concentrate
  - ✓ Plasma
  - ✓ Platelet concentrates
2. Plasma or platelets collected by apheresis
3. Cryoprecipitate prepared from fresh frozen plasma

# Contents of a bag of donor blood

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- Anticoagulants
  - Citrate
  - Heparin
- Preservatives
  - Citrate
  - Adenine
  - Dextrose

# Blood Components

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It is preferable to give the patient the specific portion of the blood required rather than whole blood:

- red cells for oxygen-carrying capacity,
- plasma for coagulation proteins,
- platelets for microvascular bleeding.
- WBCs; infections

# Whole Blood

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- A unit of whole blood is collected in CPDA-1 anticoagulant giving it:
  - ✓ a shelf –life of 35 days
  - ✓ a volume of 510 ml (450 ml of blood plus 63 ml of CPDA-1).
- Whole blood is indicated in the management of :-
  - ✓ trauma
  - ✓ surgical cases involving extensive blood loss.



# What are the advantages of whole blood?

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- 1- It provides colloid osmotic pressure and some coagulation factors.
  - 2- It does not expose the recipient to RBCs and plasma from different donors.
- ✓ Amount to be transfused: 15- 20 ml/kg.
  - ✓ Each 6 ml/kg raises the Hb by 1 gm.



# Red Blood Cells

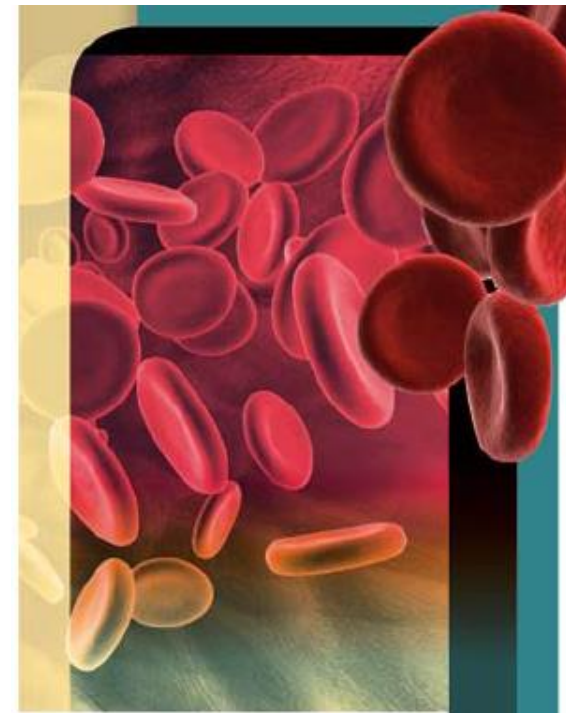
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## **Packed RBCs are the products of choice for**

- ✓ the correction of an isolated defect in oxygen- carrying capacity, as in chronic anemia.
- ✓ patients with cardiovascular compromise.

## **Amount**

- Amount to be transfused: 10-15 ml/ kg
- Each 4ml/ kg raises Hb by 1 gm



# Leukocyte- Reduced Red Cells

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## What are the main indications for LRRCs?

- Prevention of non-hemolytic febrile transfusion reactions.
- Prevention of alloimmunization to HLA antigens that can prevent post- transfusion platelets increments, such as in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.



# Washed Red Cells

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- RBCs are washed using isotonic saline solutions, by either automated or manual techniques.
- The resulting product must be transfused within 24 hours.
- The primary aim of washing is to remove plasma proteins, although some leukocytes and platelets are removed.
- Indication:  
prevention of severe allergic transfusion reactions.

# Indications of Blood Transfusion

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## I-Intrauterine Transfusion

- Is indicated to correct fetal anemia caused by red cell alloimmunization ( Rh. Incompatibility)

## II- Neonatal Transfusion

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### Exchange Transfusion

- Indications:- Severe anemia at birth
  - Severe hyperbilirubinemia.

### Red Cell Transfusion

- ✓ acute blood loss of  $>10\%$  blood volume;
- ✓ hemoglobin less than 8 g/dl in a stable newborn with symptoms of anemia
- ✓ hemoglobin less than 12 g/dl in an infant with respiratory distress syndrome or congenital heart disease.

# III-Transfusion Support for Children with Hemoglobinopathies

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- **These children are:**
  - frequently transfused,
  - possible future candidates for stem cell transplantation **(SCT)**.
- All children on regular transfusion should be vaccinated against hepatitis B.
- Children with chronic anemias including aplastic anemia should have extended red cell phenotype (Rh and Kell) prior to regular transfusions.
- The rate of transfusion of red cell products is 5 ml /kg/ h.

## IV- Transfusion support for HSCT, aplastic anemia & malignancies

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### Red Cells

- All children with aplastic anemia, or who are being treated with chemotherapy&/ radiotherapy may become candidates for **SCT**.
- For children with bone marrow aplasia; RBC concentrates are reserved for symptomatic patients with Hb < 7 g/dl.
- Irradiation of blood products should be considered before and during conditioning for all types of **SCT**.

## V- Acute blood loss

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- The need for transfusion is based on estimation of lost circulating blood volume and hemoglobin concentration.
- Acute loss of  $> 25\%$  of circulating blood volume

# Types of transfusion therapy in SCD

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- **Intermittent simple transfusion**
  - Blood given on an “as needed” basis
- **Chronic simple transfusion<sup>1</sup>**
  - Transfusions administered regularly, usually every 3–4 weeks
- **Exchange transfusion<sup>2</sup>**
  - Removal and administration of multiple units of blood, usually about every 4 weeks
    - Manual
    - Automated

<sup>1</sup>Adams RJ, *et al. N Engl J Med.* 1998;339:5–11;

<sup>2</sup>Cabibbo S, *et al. Transfus Apheresis Sci.* 2005;21:315–321

# Acute vs Chronic Transfusion

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**Acute: simple or exchange**

**Acute exacerbation of baseline anemia**

1. Aplastic crisis
2. Splenic sequestration
3. Hepatic sequestration
4. Hyperhemolysis



## **Severe vaso-occlusive events**

1. Acute chest syndrome
2. Stroke
3. Severe infection
4. Acute multi-organ failure syndrome

## **Preparation for procedures**

1. General anesthesia and surgery
2. Radiographs with ionic contrast

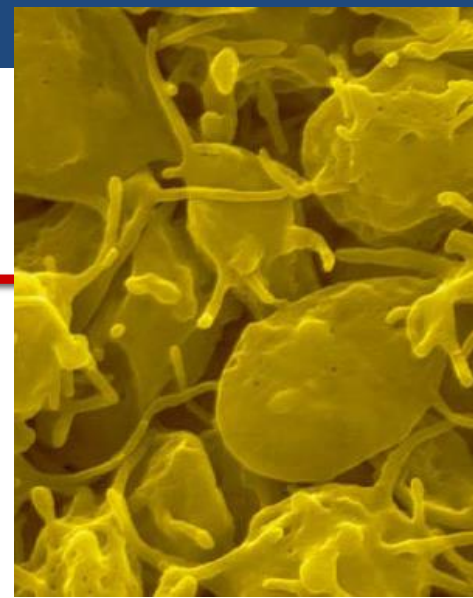
### **Chronic Transfusion Therapy**

**Indications:** Stroke

# Platelets Transfusion

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- Platelets: derived from Whole Blood; should contain  $\geq 5.5 \times 10^{10}$  platelets
- Anticoagulant is the same as used for the whole blood collection.
- Rh-negative recipients should receive Rh-negative platelets when possible.
- Platelet viability is optimal at 22° C but storage is limited to 4-5 days.



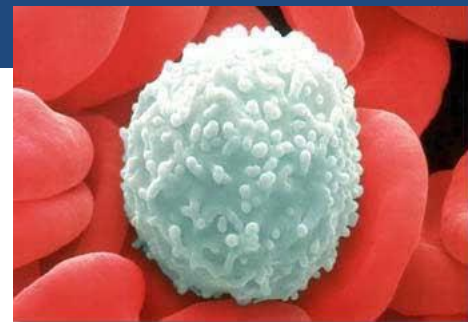
# Indications

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- Acute Leukemia and following High Dose Chemotherapy
- Chemotherapy for Solid Tumors
- Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP):
  - a) Patients with major, life-threatening bleeding or intraoperative hemorrhage.
  - b) Prophylactic transfusions are usually inappropriate since transfused platelets do not survive any longer than patients' native platelets.
  - c) Transfusion may be considered before elective splenectomy with platelet counts  $\leq 10,000/\text{mm}^3$ .

- Aplastic Anemia:

Transfuse stable patients prophylactically at counts  $\leq 5,000/\text{mm}^3$  and patients with fever or minor hemorrhage at counts  $6,000\text{-}10,000/\text{mm}^3$ .



- PLT at any count, but with PLT dysfunction plus bleeding or an invasive procedure.

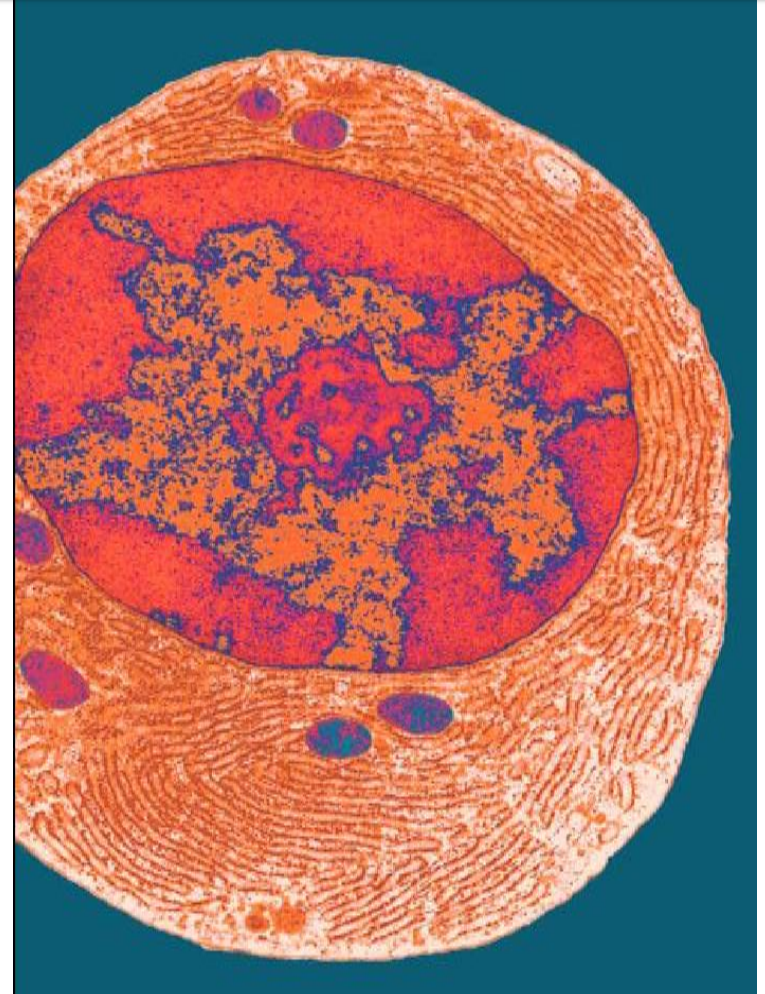
### **Dosing:**

- Transfusion of 10 ml/kg, it increase plt 10.000.
- Response to platelet transfusion is adversely affected by the presence of fever, sepsis, splenomegaly, severe bleeding, consumptive coagulopathy, HLA alloimmunization

# Frozen Plasma (FFP)

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- Plasma consists of the non-cellular portion of blood that is separated & frozen after donation.
- It may be prepared from whole blood or collected by apheresis.
- The volume of the unit is approximately 250 ml.
- FFP is frozen at -18C or colder within 6-8 h of collection



# FFP contains

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- ✓ Proteins – Fibrinogen, vWF, protein C & S,
- ✓ and soluble clotting factors (V,VII,IX,XI)



- ❑ FFP must be thawed, usually in a water bath, and infused immediately or stored at 1-6°C for up to 24 hours.
- ❑ Dose : 15 ml/kg.

# Indications

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1. Active bleeding or risk of bleeding due to deficiency of multiple coagulation factors.
2. Bleeding or prophylaxis of bleeding for a known single coagulation factor deficiency for which no available concentrate.
3. Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

# **Frozen Plasma should not be used for**

1. Increasing blood volume or albumin concentration
2. Coagulopathy that can be corrected with administration of Vitamin K.
3. Normalizing abnormal coagulation screen results, in the absence of bleeding.



# Cryoprecipitate

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- A cryoprecipitate unit is prepared by thawing one unit of FFP between 1-6°C and recovering the cold insoluble precipitate.
- The cryoprecipitate is refrozen within 1 hour.
- If the label indicates “Cryoprecipitate, Pooled,” several units of cryoprecipitate have been pooled into one bag.

## **Cryoprecipitate contains concentrated levels of:**

Fibrinogen, Factor VIII:C, Factor VIII: vWF, Factor XIII.

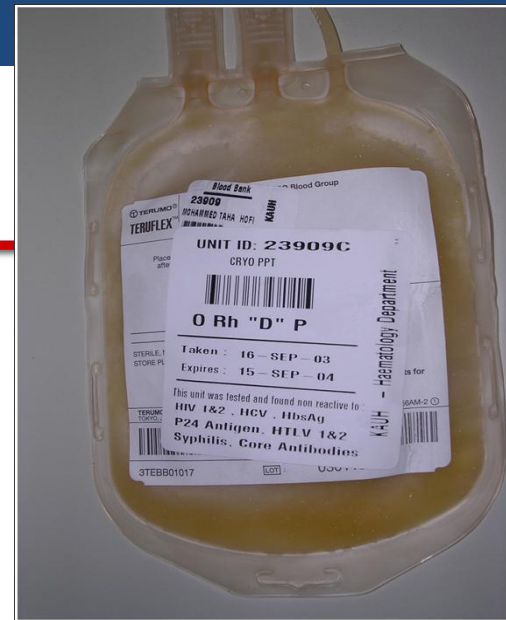
**Each unit of cryoprecipitate contains** at least 80 IU Factor VIII:C and 150 mg of fibrinogen in 5-20mL of plasma.

# Selection and Preparation:

- Compatibility testing is unnecessary.
- Rh type need not be considered.
- It is preferable to use cryoprecipitate that is ABO-compatible with the recipient's RBCs.

**Dose** : 1 bag/5kg or 15 ml/kg

- Cryoprecipitate is indicated for bleeding associated with fibrinogen deficiencies and Factor XIII deficiency.



# Granulocyte transfusions

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## Guidelines:

- ✓ Neutrophils of 500 c/cmm and bacterial infection unresponsive to appropriate antimicrobial therapy.
- ✓ Qualitative neutrophil defect and infection and unresponsive to appropriate antimicrobial therapy.

# Volume of blood products

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- Packed red blood cells (PRBCs): 250-350 mL per unit.
- Fresh frozen plasma (FFP): 250–300 mL per unit.
- Platelets: 40–50 mL per unit (single donor), 250-350 mL per unit (pheresis).
- Cryoprecipitate: 10–12 mL per unit.

# Compatibility test ( cross-match)

- Compatibility testing involves two separate procedures involving both donor and recipient blood:

1. ABO & Rh blood type identification
2. Donor/recipient cross-match

The antibody screen **(which is an indirect Coombs test)** is performed to identify recipient antibodies against RBC antigens.

The ABO Blood System				
Blood Type (genotype)	Type A (AA, AO)	Type B (BB, BO)	Type AB (AB)	Type O (OO)
Red Blood Cell Surface Proteins (phenotype)	 A agglutinogens only	 B agglutinogens only	 A and B agglutinogens	 No agglutinogens
Plasma Antibodies (phenotype)	 b agglutinin only	 a agglutinin only	NONE. No agglutinin	 a and b agglutinin

## Compatibility paper:

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○ Should compare information on blood bag and compatibility paper:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Blood group and Rh
- ✓ Type of blood product
- ✓ NO.
- ✓ Date
- ✓ Blood compatible or not with signature of officer



# Blood Bank Request

## جمهورية العراق

وزارة الصحة  
مديرية مستشفى

التسلسل :  
العدد :  
التاريخ :



### الى /مركز نقل الدم الرئيسي

### م/ طلب دم

يرجى تزويدنا بالدم او احد مشتقاته للمريض الراقد في مستشفىنا وحسب المعلومات المدرجة ادناه من قبل الطبيب المعالج.

اسم الطبيب الثلاثي :	جنسية المريض :	مدير المستشفى :
وحدة الطيبة :	السعبة :	
التشخيص :		
العمر :	السرير :	رقم الملف :
عنوان سكن المريض / حي ( )	حملة ( )	رقم الدار ( )
اسم الطبيب المعالج ( )	توقيعة ( )	

<input type="checkbox"/>	PAKED RED CELLS .....	UNITS
<input type="checkbox"/>	WHOLE BLOOD .....	UNITS
<input type="checkbox"/>	WASHED RED CELLS .....	UNITS
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<input type="checkbox"/>	RECENT HB and p.c.v .....	حدث دم للهيموغلوبين

ملاحظة: ١. تملأ الاستمارة بشكل كامل من قبل الطبيب المعالج وترسل الينا قبل (٢٤) ساعة  
على ان تتضمن توقيع المدير وختم المستشفى.  
٢. ستهل الطليبات الناقصة.  
٣. يعاد الدم غير المستعمل الى مصرف دم المستشفى ويمنع بقاؤه في الدردات.

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- ✓ Warm the blood
- ✓ Check vital signs
- ✓ Point the amount of blood according to pt. wt.
- ✓ Consider diuretic in case of severe anemia & HF.
- ✓ Duration of blood transfusion(2-4)hr.

وزارة الصحة  
دائرة صحة  
مستشفى

استمارة مطابقة الدم

تم مطابقة كريات الدم الحمراء للقفينة المرقمة  
مع مصل المريض  
بالطريقة البصرية لمدة ساعتين وكانت  
النتيجة

اسم الفاحص :  
التوقيع :  
التاريخ :

ملاحظة :  
١ - لا يسحب الدم من المصرف الا في حالة اعطائه للمريض .  
٢ - المصرف غير مسؤول عن اي ضرر او تلف يحصل للقفينة بعد خروجها  
من المصرف .  
٣ - تحفظ هذه الاستمارة في ملف المريض .

مصرف الدم

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# Observe for signs of blood reaction

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**ANY QUESTION?**