

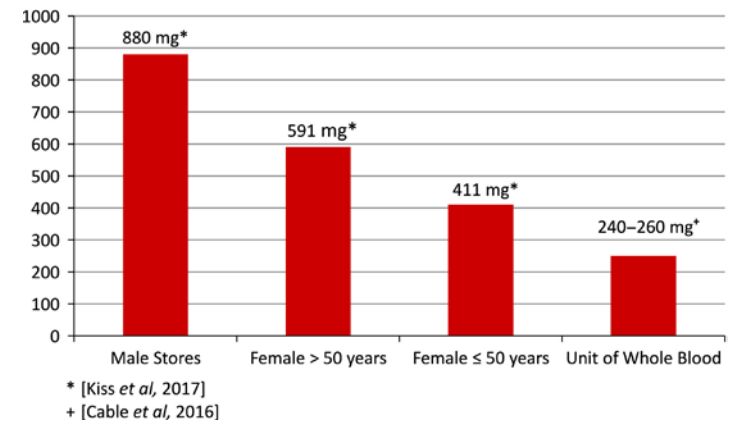
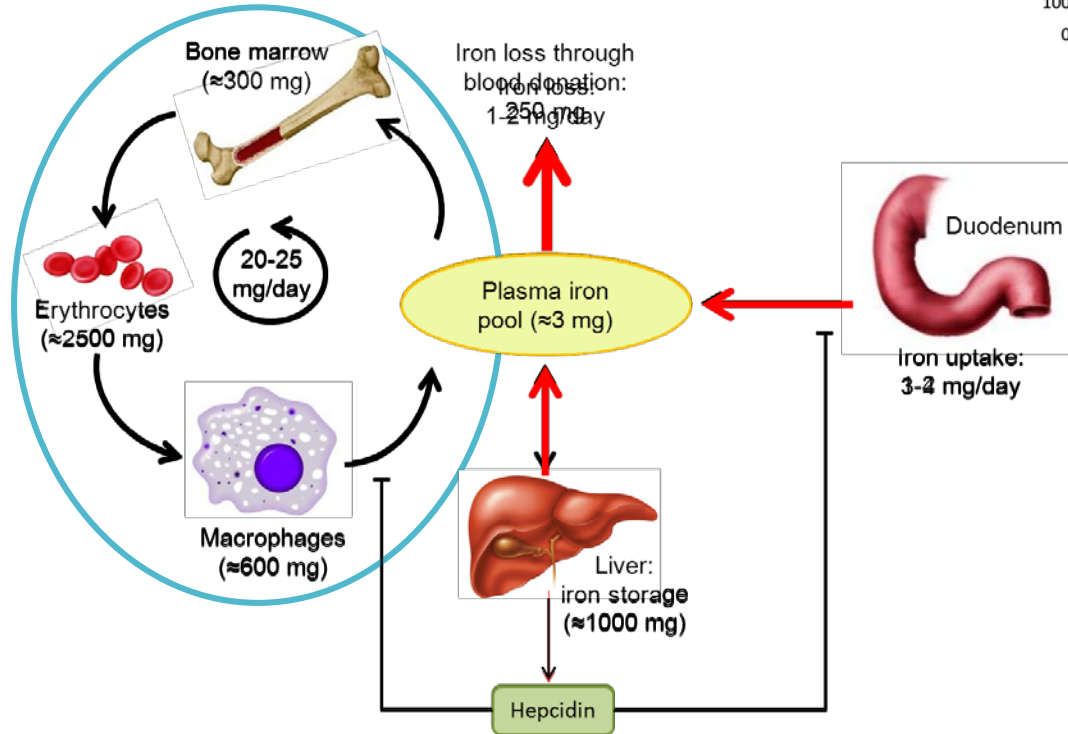
# Donor haemoglobin and iron

Update on KIND, Donor InSight and FIND'EM studies

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## Iron homeostasis

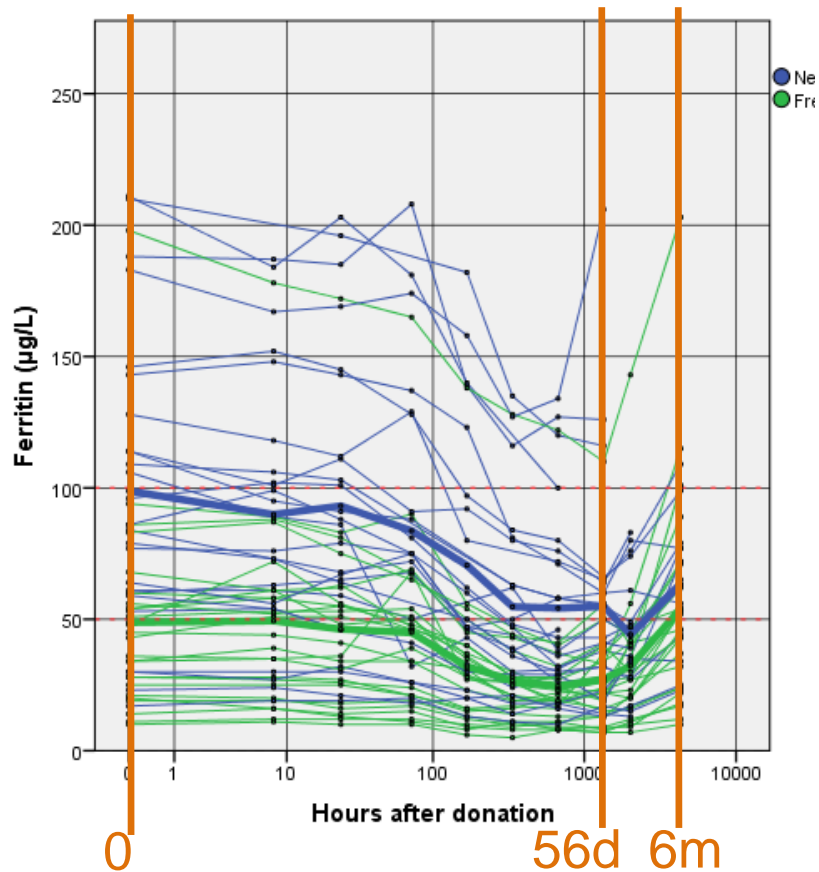


\* [Kiss *et al*, 2017]

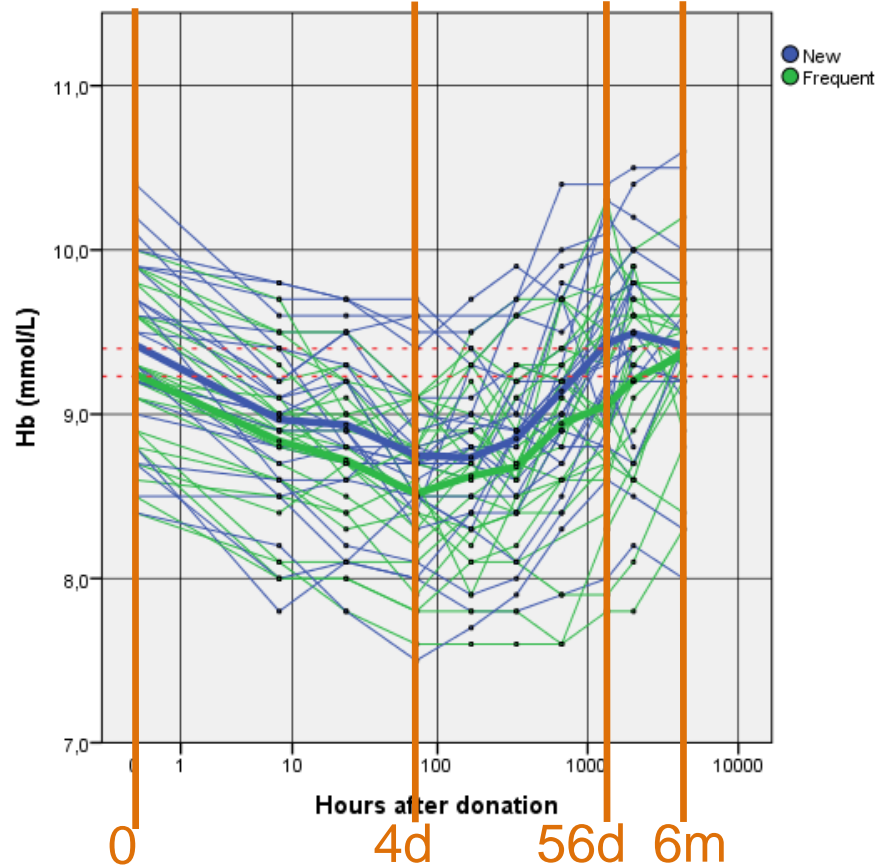
+ [Cable *et al*, 2016]

# Kinetics of IronN after Donation (KIND)

Ferritin



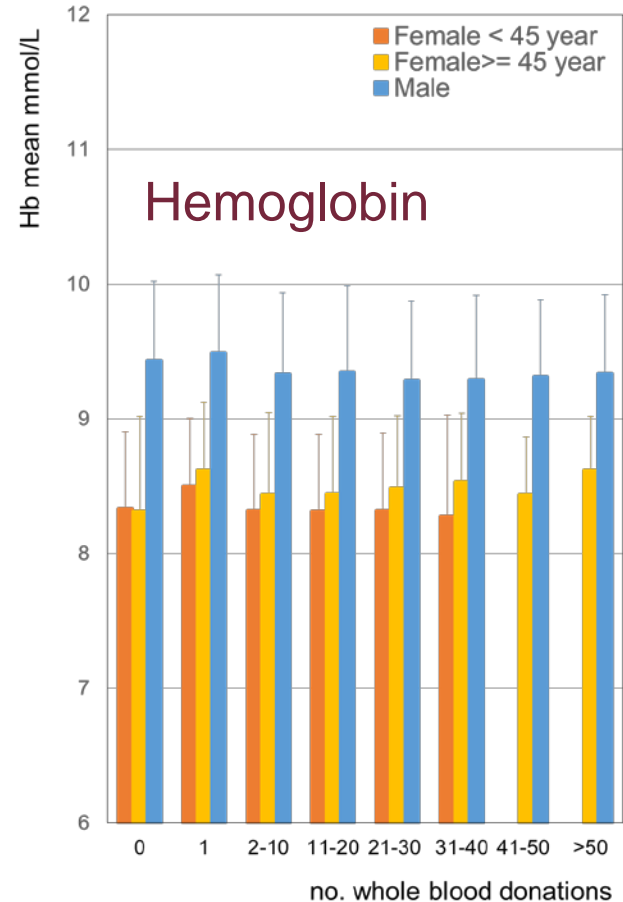
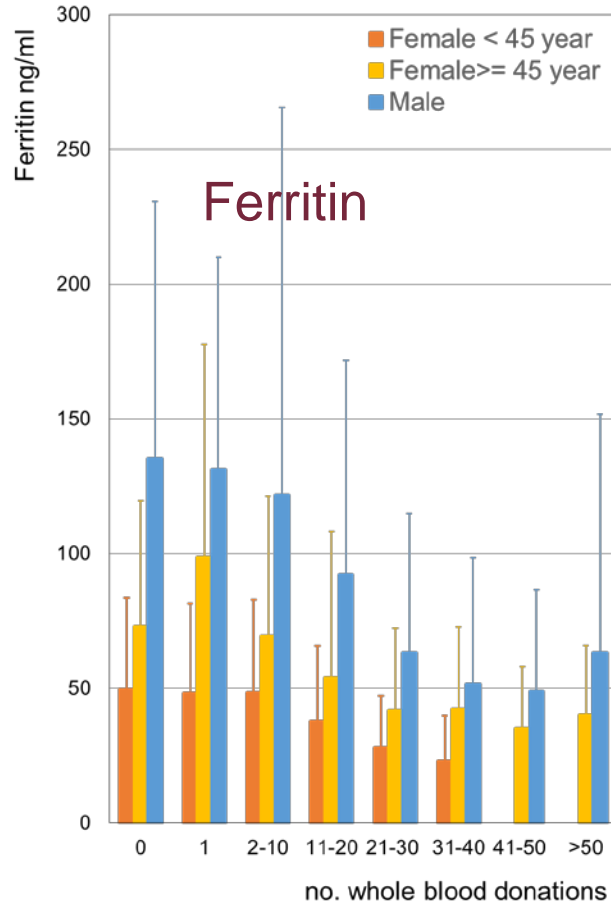
Hemoglobin



Schotten et al., Blood 2016

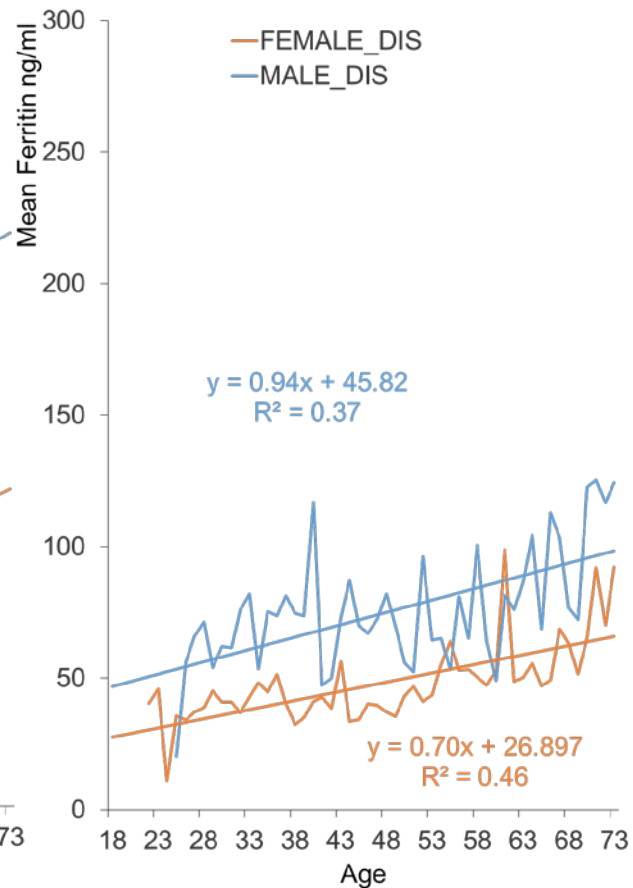
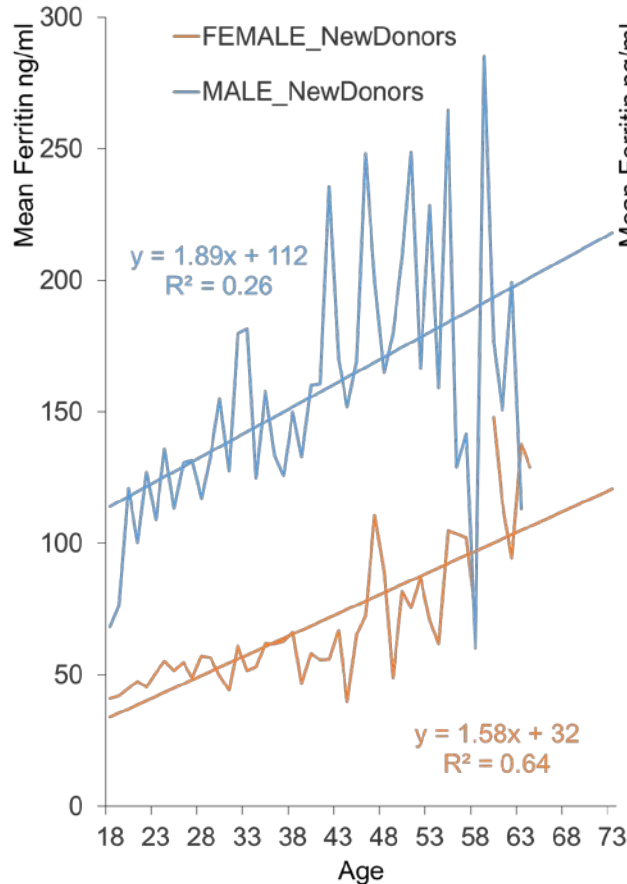
# Correlation with number of donations

Cross-sectional data  
Donor InSight-III



## Ferritin and age of donors

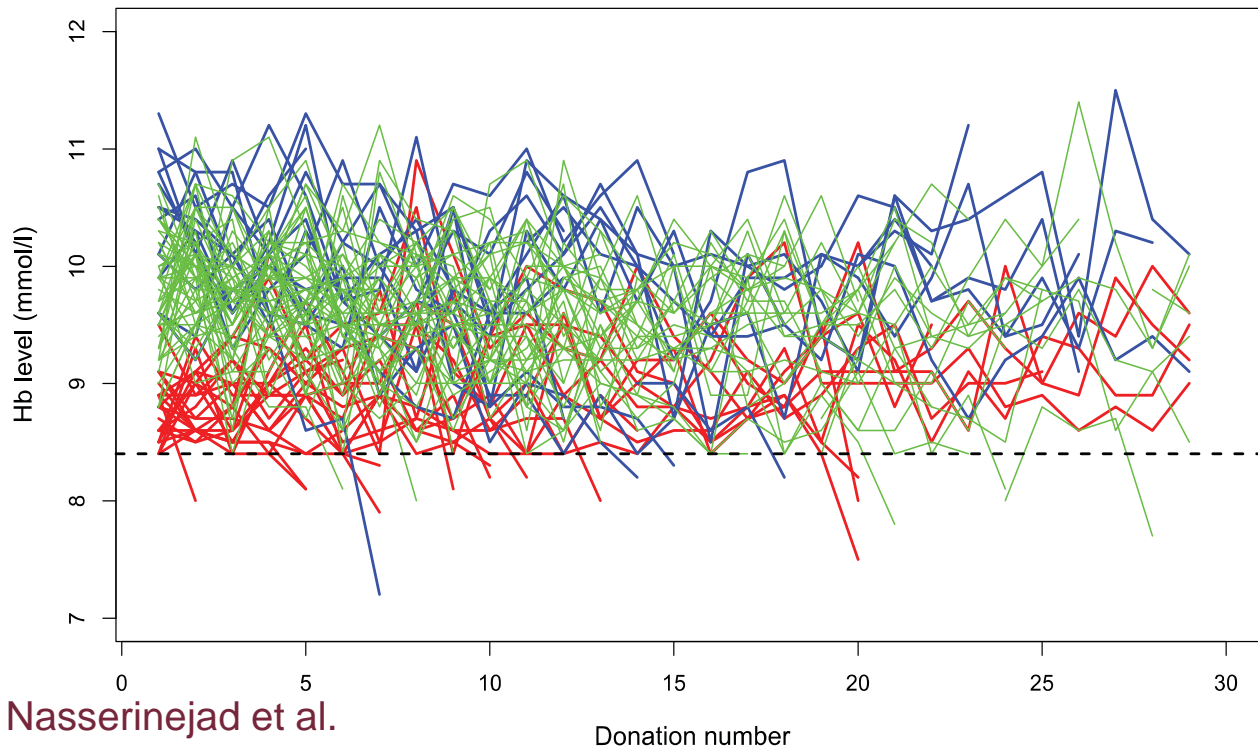
Cross-sectional data  
Donor  
InSight-III





# Male Hb profiles (three groups)

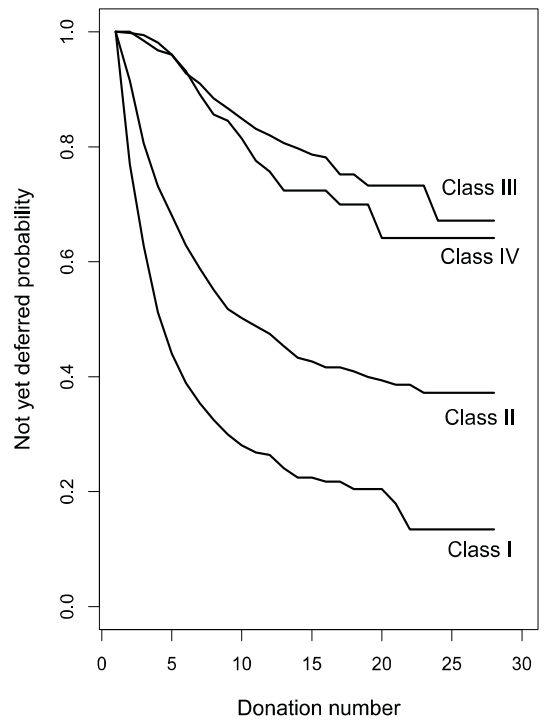
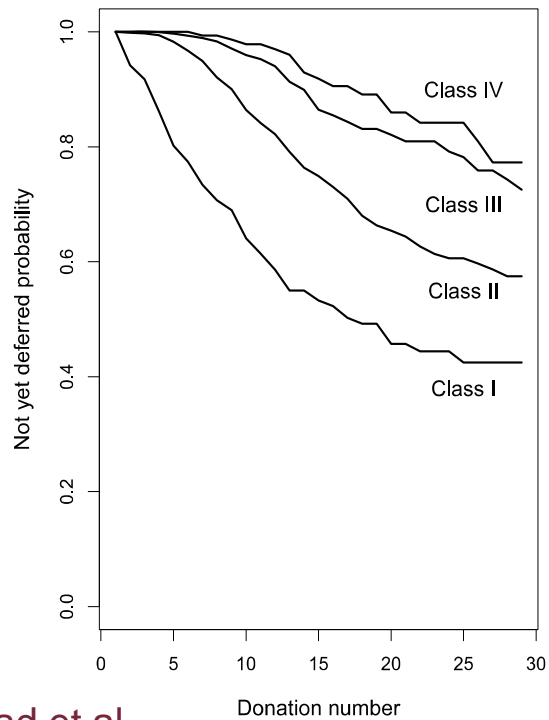
## Latent class growth analyses



K. Nasserinejad et al.



# Donors deferred proportion Kaplan-Meier curves of the latent classes

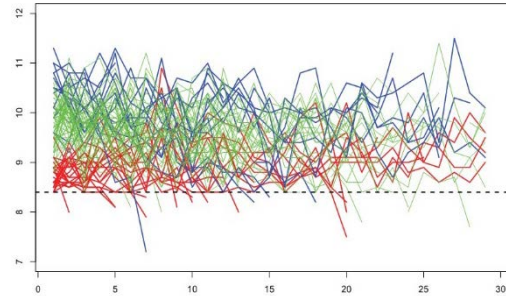




PhD project Tiffany Timmer

## Donor InSight (DIS)-III

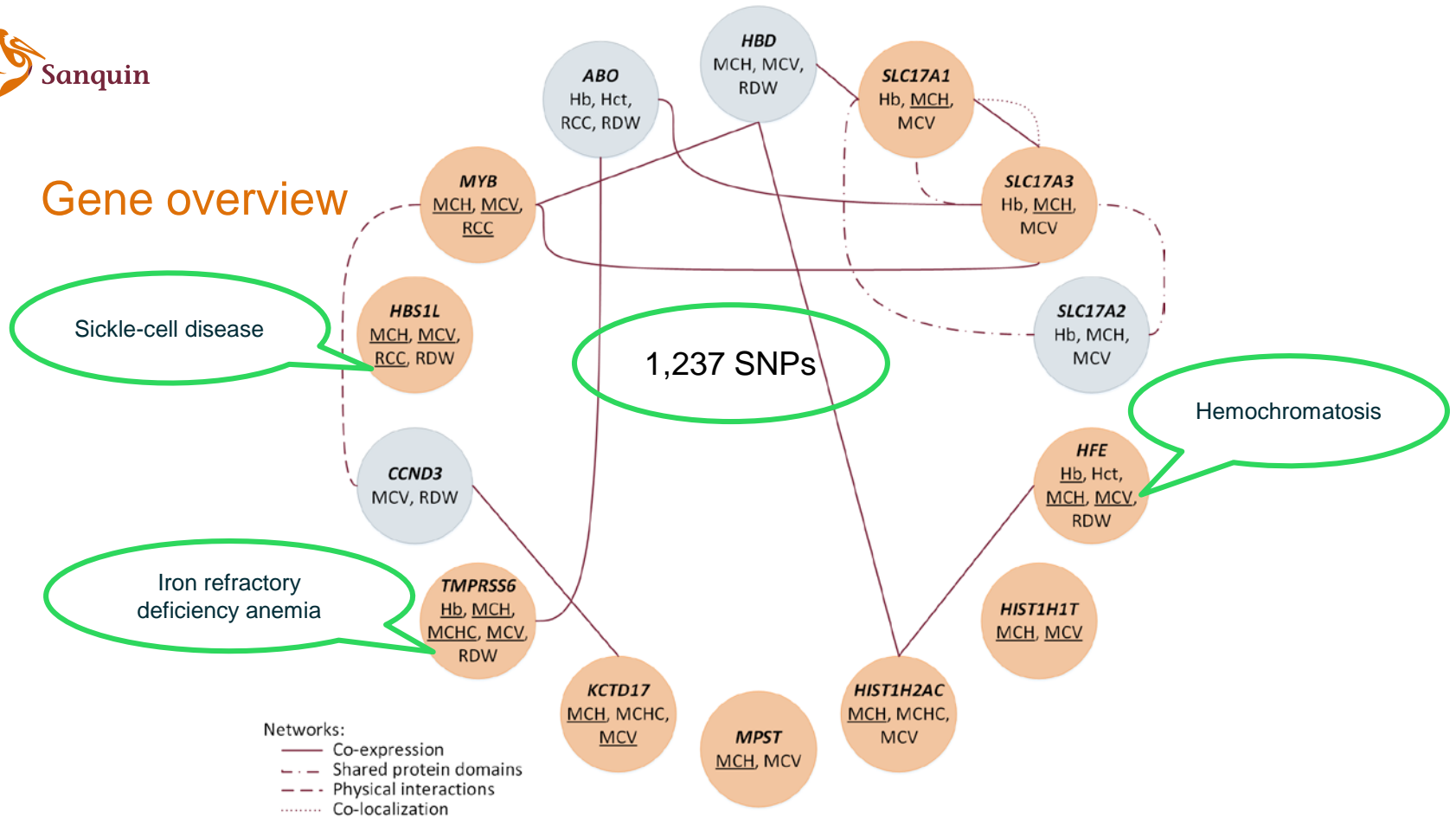
Aim: Identify genetic determinants of Hb trajectories



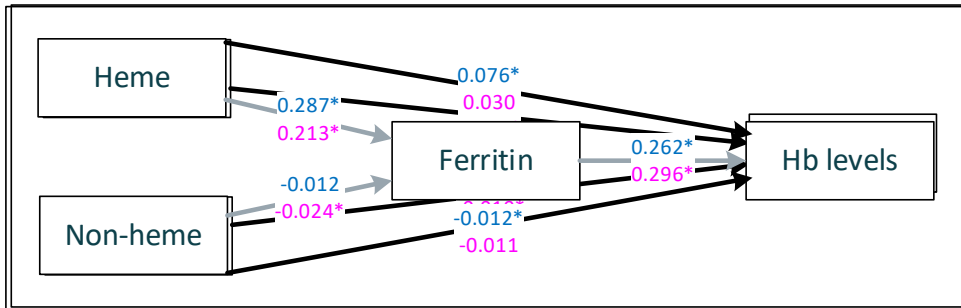
+ questionnaires: 3.000 donors



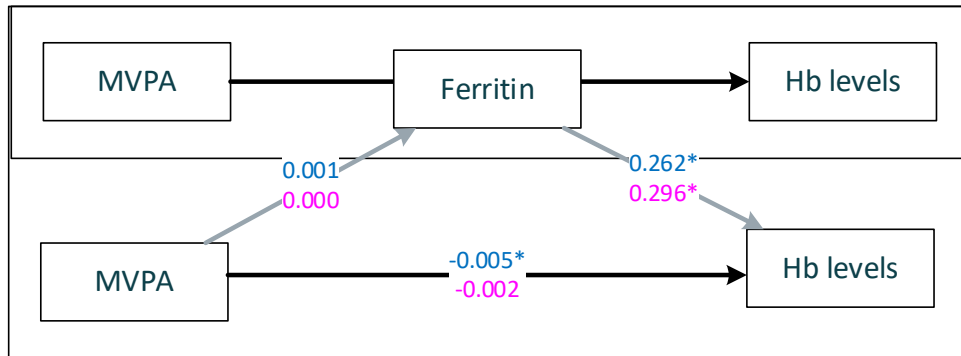
## Gene overview



## Lifestyle behaviors and Hb



Males / Females



Indirect effect		
♂	<b>Heme</b>	<b>0.075 (0.048 to 0.110)</b>
	Non-heme	-0.003 (-0.008 to 0.001)
♀	<b>Heme</b>	<b>0.063 (0.030 to 0.099)</b>
	Non-heme	<b>-0.007 (-0.013 to -0.002)</b>

Indirect effect		
♂	MVPA	0.000 (-0.001 to 0.001)
♀	MVPA	0.000 (-0.001 to 0.001)

## Iron deficiency-related symptoms

Fatigue, Cognitive dysfunction, Pica (craving and consumption of nonfood substances), Restless leg syndrome, Impaired exercise tolerance, Adverse pregnancy outcomes (perinatal mortality, preterm delivery, low birth weight, newborn cognitive abnormalities), Hearing loss

BUT

- Donors usually non-anaemic
- Symptoms in donors related to ferritin?



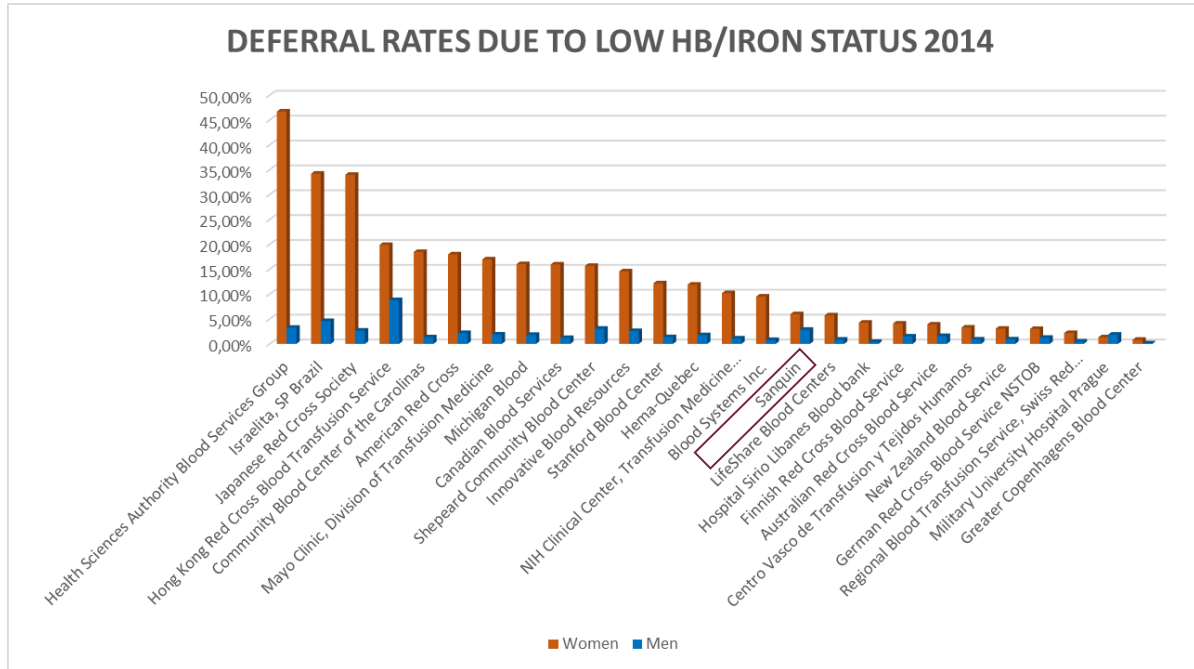
## Sanquin donors – Hb deferrals in whole blood donors

Reasons for donor deferral:

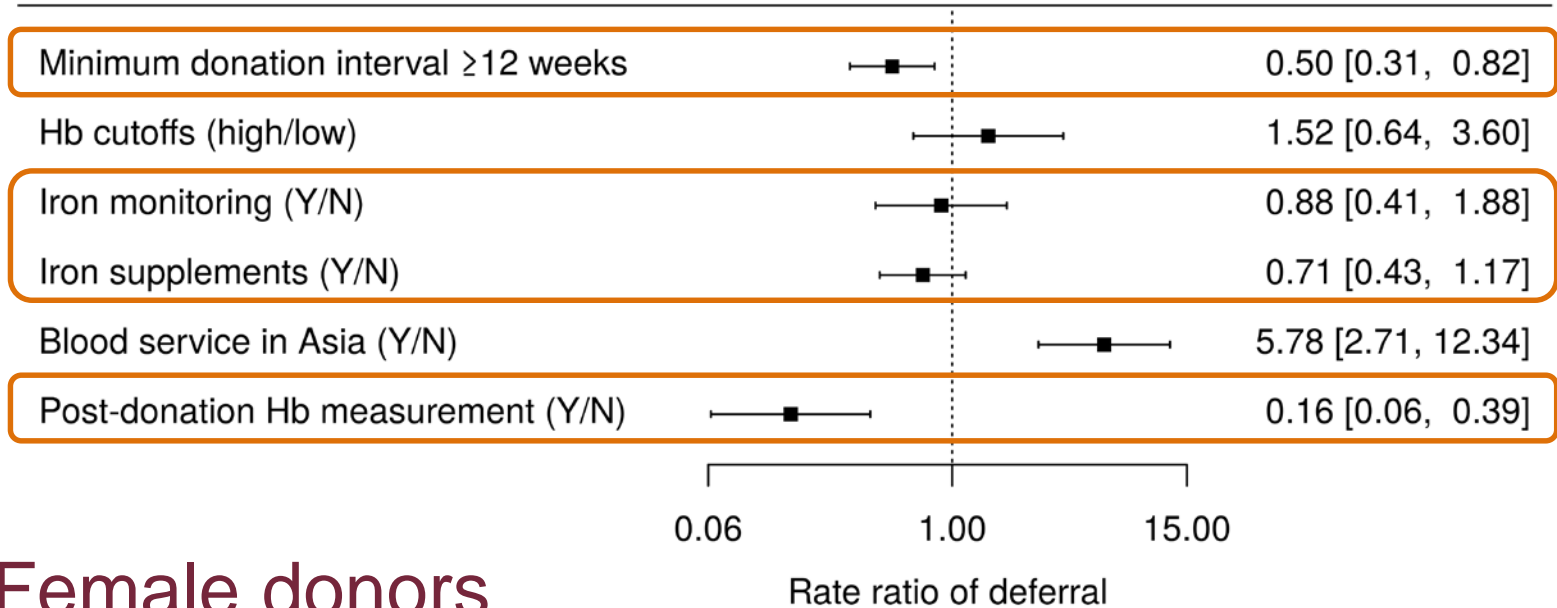
- Travel
- Needle contact
- Sexual risk behaviour
- Disease/medication use/medical procedures

	Hb cutoff	Donations	Hb deferrals	%
Men	<8.4 mmol/L	228,428	8,046	3.5%
Women	<7.8 mmol/L	227,037	15,365	6.8%
			1/1/18 – 31/12/18	

## International low Hb deferral rates



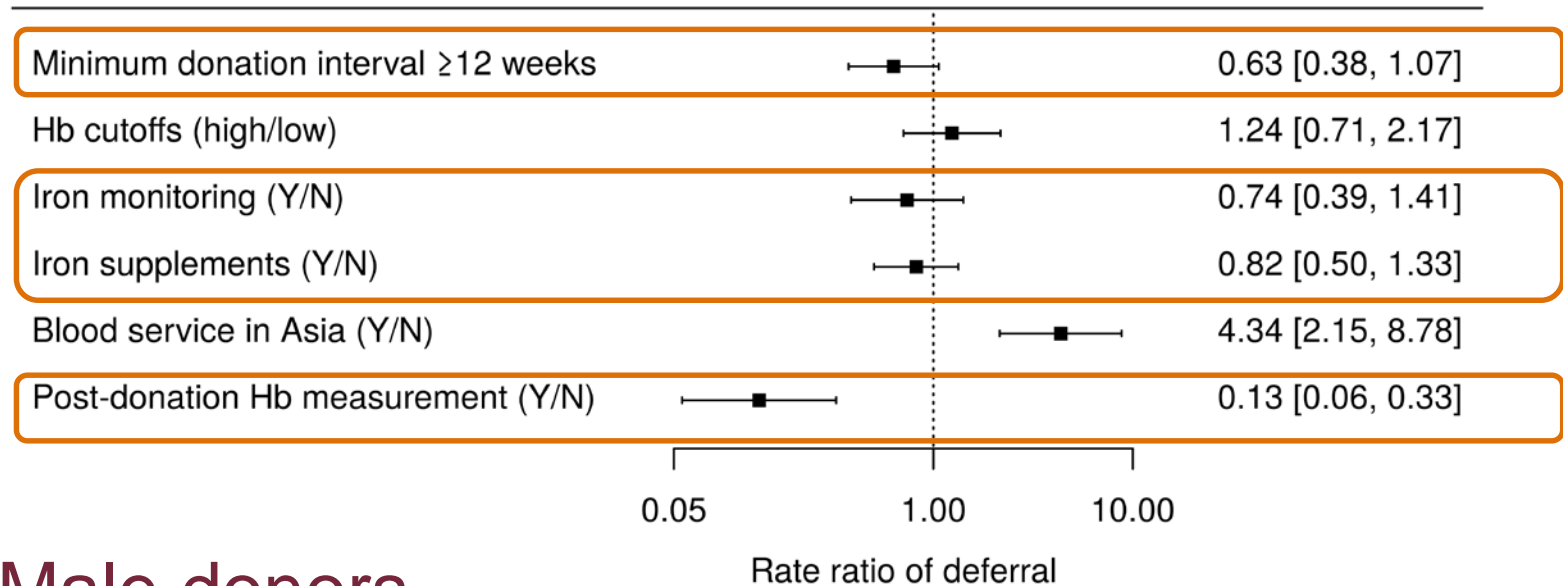
## Prevention of low Hb (deferrals)?



## Female donors

Ongoing BEST Collaborative project by K. van den Hurk and E. Di Angelantonio, et al.

## Prevention of low Hb (deferrals)?



## Male donors

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At predonation screening,  
every 5th donation



**Ferritine**

$\leq 15$  ng/ml: 12 months  
15-30 ng/ml: 6 months

No iron supplementation





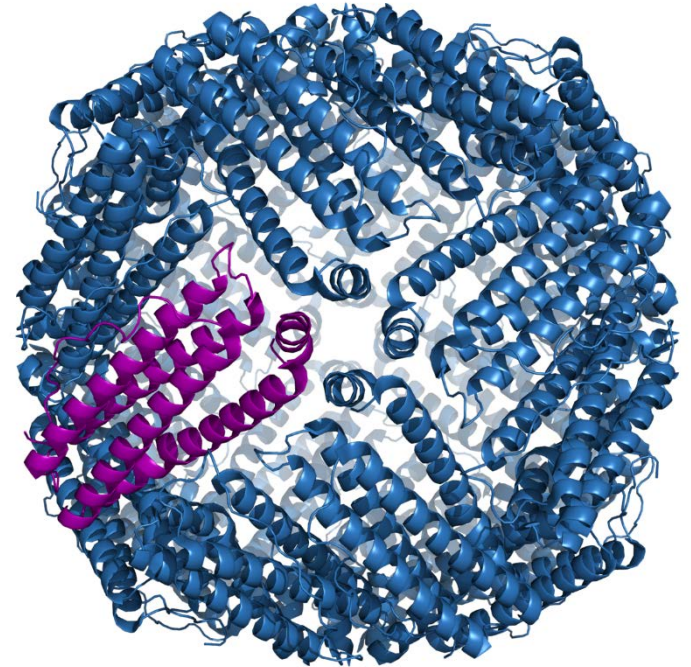
## Hypothesized effects

### Middle-long-term

- Increasing Hb and ferritin levels
- Decreasing deferral rates
- Improved donor health
- Improved donor availability
- Equal costs

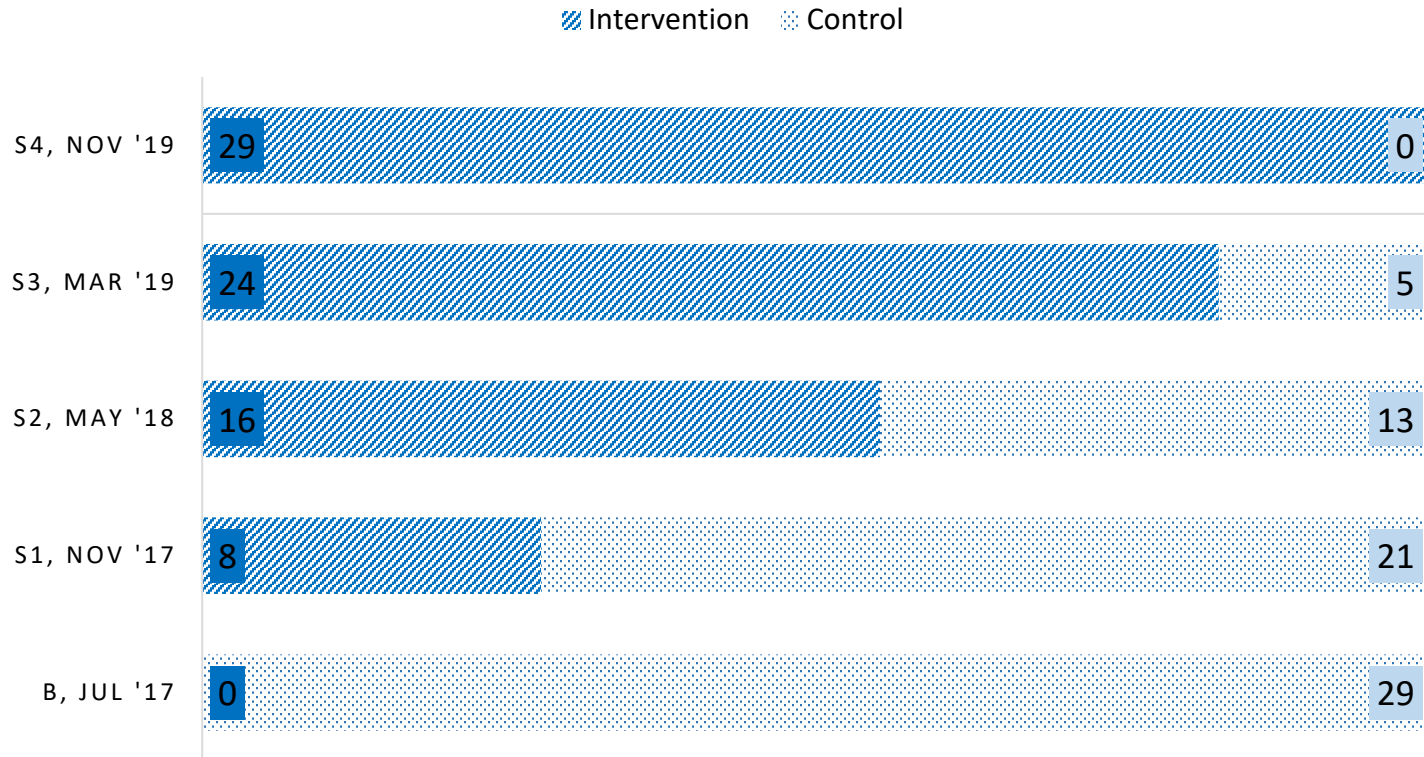
### Long-term

- Personalized intervals
  - longitudinal Hb and ferritin measurements



# FIND'EM stepped wedge cluster-randomized trial

## Ferritin measurement IN Donors – Effectivity of iron Monitoring



# Low-ferritin deferrals at Sanquin since Sep 2017

Ferritin cutoffs	New donors
<15	3.9%
15-30	13.2%
n	10,499
<b>Total % deferred</b>	

Females: 10.0%

Males 8.1%

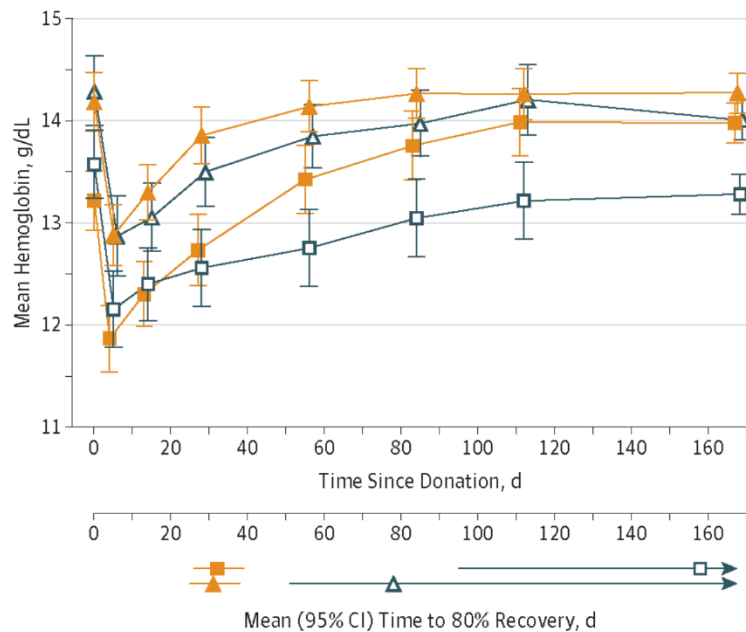
Ferritin levels were measured post-donation in donors not deferred

From: **Oral Iron Supplementation After Blood Donation - A Randomized Clinical Trial**

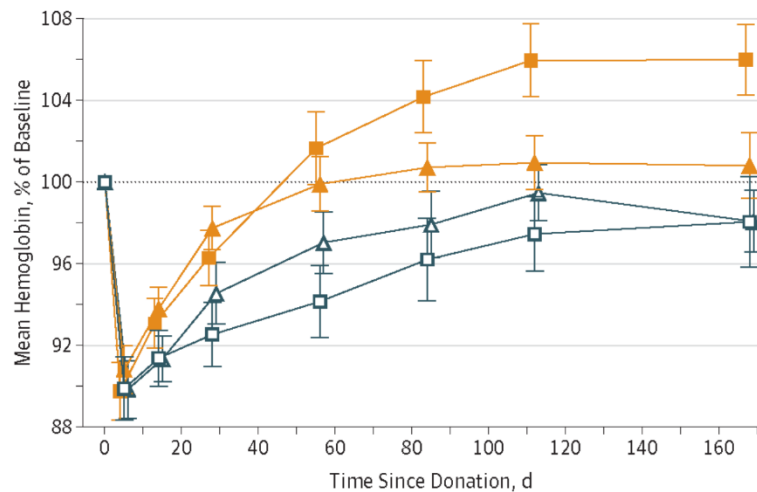
JAMA. 2015;313(6):575-583. doi:10.1001/jama.2015.119

Higher ferritin (>26 ng/mL)		Low ferritin (≤26 ng/mL)	
▲	Received iron supplements	■	Received iron supplements
▲	No iron	□	No iron

**A** Hemoglobin level over time since blood donation



**B** Hemoglobin level as percentage of baseline



## To conclude

Iron depletion unwanted effect of  
(repeated) donations

Ferritin-guided donation intervals  
under study

Iron supplementation and genetic  
testing alternative options

