

## COMMUNICATIONS

### To the Editors:

Anti-Vel and cold-reactive autoantibody

In *Immunohematology* Volume 26, Number 1, 2010, Linz and colleagues present a case report titled "Role for serial prenatal anti-Vel quantitative serologic monitoring with 2-ME serum during pregnancy." The report includes a statement that anti-Vel can simulate the serologic profile of a cold-reactive autoantibody. The authors did not quote a previous paper with similar conclusions that further support this premise. Mechanic et al. describe a study in which eight samples of stored anti-Vel were adsorbed with rabbit erythrocyte stroma (RESt, Immucor/Gamma, Norcross GA). (*Transfusion* 2002;42(9):1180–3). The antibodies were reactive at various testing phases. The adsorbed samples were tested at phases selected based on the test results of the neat samples. The results indicated that anti-Vel was either partially or completely adsorbed by RESt. These results further support the idea that one must be thorough when investigating these types of antibodies.

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