



DISTRIBUTION OF ABO BLOOD GROUP AMONG SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD COMMUNITY OF BIRAUL BLOCK OF DARBHANGA DISTRICT, BIHAR, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The demand for blood and blood products has increased due to advances in medical science, Population growth and increased life expectancy. Due to this the aim of present study to determine the ABO blood group system of various community of Biraul block. Blood samples were collected by door to door survey. The frequencies of ABO blood group distribution indicated blood group B was predominant in three Castes i.e. Dusadh, Chamar and Pasi followed by O, A and AB respectively. While in Brahman and Mallah, blood group O was predominant followed B,A and AB respectively. This study helps us to know the exact distribution of blood group in various castes of Biraul block of Darbhanga.

Keywords: ABO blood group; biraul block; dusadh; chamar; pasi; Mallah.

1. INTRODUCTION

Blood groups are excellent genetic markers and are convenient and useful for population genetic studies. Though the frequency of blood group in a population is a very stable characteristic. It is affected by geographical isolation, temporal variation and genetic drift [1-6].

Blood group selection of any region can be influenced by race, ethnicity, geographical conditions, genetic drift and migration frequency of

population. Environmental factors and natural selection for survival of population in that region also affect the blood group distribution. The study of distribution of blood group is of great importance for inventory management, safe blood transfusion, disease associated with blood group in specific area and preparation of donor data for organ transplantation [7,8].

There has been a lot of study conducted on this topic in different part of world like in USA, Southeast

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Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Mauritania, Thailand, Southwest Nigeria, Iran, Pakistan, Al-Azhar University in Gaza and Jordan, China. In all above studies, there is predominance of blood group O over B followed by A and AB [9-17, Qian *et al* ; 2020, Sabir *et al* ; 2021).

Study on blood group also conducted in different part of India like in Delhi, Kolkata and Bihar (Purnea District). [18,19, 5,6].

But no such study has been conducted in the Biraul Block of the Darbhanga District of Bihar. So the present work was undertaken.

2. MATERIALS ANDMETHODS

Blood sample from individuals belonging to four schedule castes (Mallah, Pasi, Chamar, Dusadh) and Brahman were collected by a door to door survey method from a sample randomly selected from the population living in different villages of Biraul Block of Darbhanga District (Bihar). The subjects were unrelated adult (more than 18 years age) i.e no two person from the same family.

ABO blood group and Rh-factor was estimated using standard methods. Finger was pricked with the sterilized needle and one drop of blood was transferred to three slides. To each drop, a drop of anti sera A, anti sera B and anti sera D was added separately. On the basis of agglutination, the blood group was detected [2,4].The percentage distribution among these subjects was calculated. Allelic frequencies were calculated according to Mourant *et al*. [20].

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

In the present study incidence of different blood groups is given in Tables 1, 2 and Fig 1. The incidence of blood group B was found to be highest in three castes studied i.e. Pasi, Chamar and Dusadh followed by blood group O, A and AB. But in Mallah and Brahman, percentage of blood group O was found to be highest followed by blood group B, A and AB.

In Pasi, out of 98 individuals investigated for ABO blood group, percentage of B was highest (44.89) followed by O (41.83), A (10.20) and AB (3.06). In Chamar, out of 59 individuals, percentage of blood group B was highest (49.15), followed by O (27.12), A (22.03) and AB (1.69). Dusadh (No-138) also shows the highest percentage of B (56.52) followed by O (26.81), A (8.69) and AB (7.97).

The caste Mallah (N=116) was different from all other three castes as percentage of blood group O (43.96) was found highest followed by B (39.65), A (11.22) and AB (5.17).

The caste Brahman (N=190) was also different from above three castes on percentage of blood group O (41.05) was found highest followed by B (25.78), A (18.94) and AB (14.21).

People of Indian sub-continent show a general trend of higher incidence of blood group B from A [20, 21].

In the present study, three castes Pasi, Chamar and Dusadh showed the predominance of blood group B which is in agreement with the above worker and also with Mohroo *et al*. [18].

Table 1. Distribution of ABO blood group in different population

Caste	No. of individuals	Blood group B	Blood group O	Blood group A	Blood group AB
Pasi	98	44	41	10	3
Chamar	59	29	16	13	1
Dusadh	138	78	37	12	11
Mallah	116	46	51	13	6
Brahman	190	49	78	36	27
Total	601	246	223	84	48

Table 2. Allelic frequency of different population

H.W. Frequency	P	Q	R
Pasi	0.07	0.28	0.65
Chamar	0.18	0.30	0.52
Dusadh	0.07	0.41	0.52
Mallah	0.08	0.26	0.66
Brahman	0.13	0.23	0.64

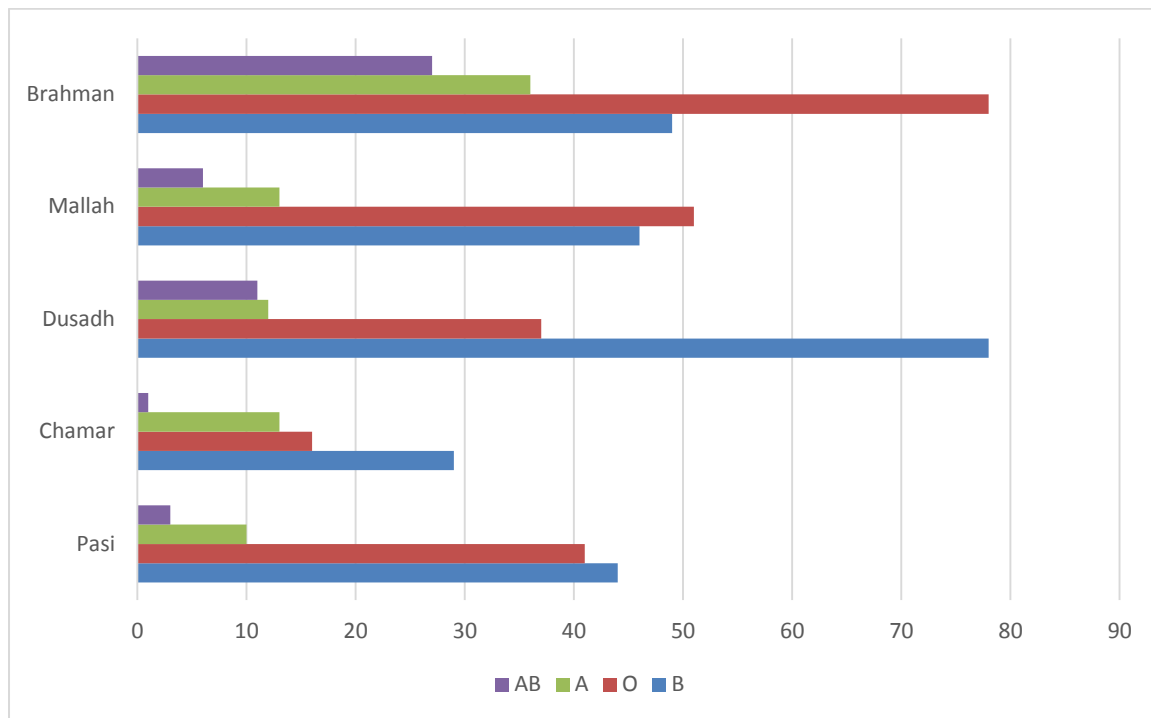


Fig. 1. Percentages of ABO blood groups in the studied populations

The present work differs from others where predominance of blood group A have been reported in the Wuhan of China (Qian *et al* ; 2020).

In the present study Brahman and Mallah population showed the predominance of blood group O over B Which is similar to that reported by Pandey *et al*. [5] in Bengali, Muslim, Kayastha, Rajput and Yadav of Purnea district and Vatsa (2002) in Oraon and Korwa of Gumla District (Jharkhand). This is also similar to studies conducted in USA, Southwest Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Mauritania, Thailand, Southwest Nigeria, Al Azhar University in Gaza and Jordan [9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22]. The allelic frequencies are given in Table 2 indicated that distribution of ABO blood groups among studied populations follow Hardy Weinberg law.

4. CONCLUSIONS

In the present study, it has been found that the percentage of blood group B is predominant over O followed by A and AB in castes like Pasi, Chamar and Dusadh while in Brahman and Mallah, Percentage of blood group O is higher than B followed by A and AB.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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