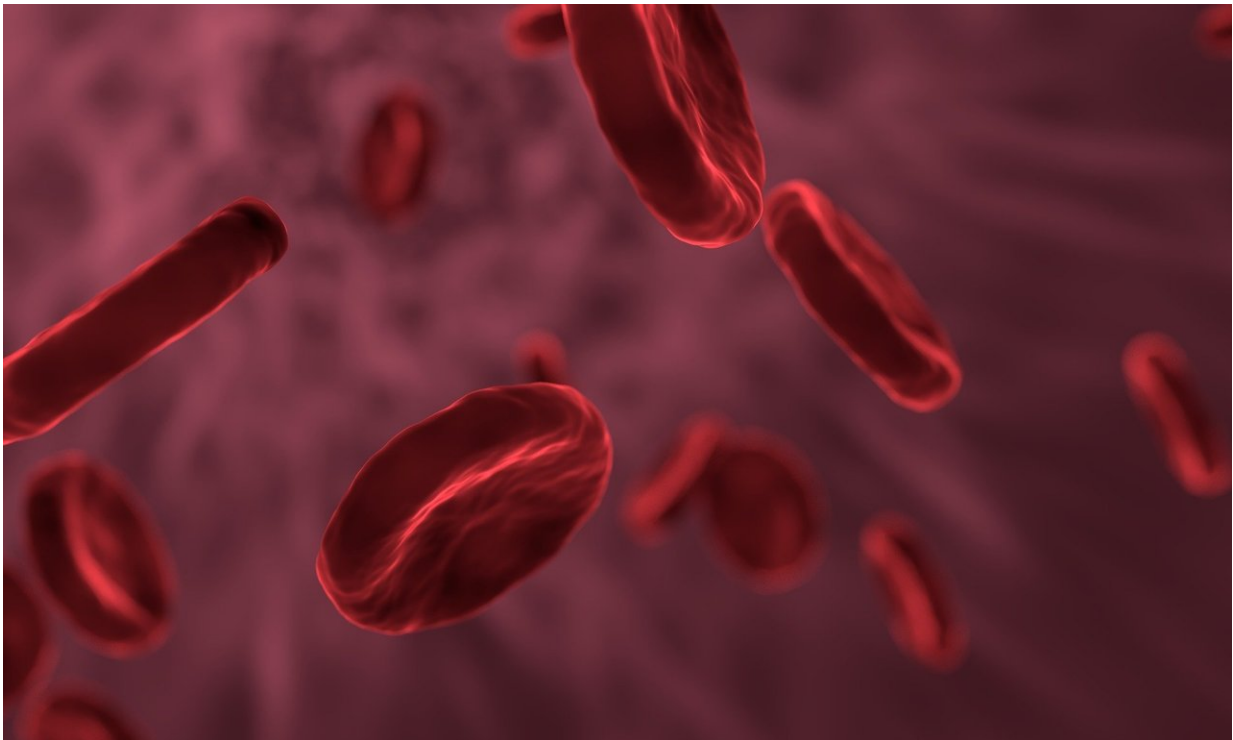


# South Florida girl in need of rare blood to fight cancer

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A worldwide search is on to find blood donors with a rare genetic variation to help save a 2-year-old South Florida girl battling cancer.

Zainab Mughal has neuroblastoma and needs life-saving transfusions. But finding compatible donors is immensely challenging, because she's

missing a common antigen most people carry in their blood, called "Indian B."

Florida-based OneBlood says the donors must have "A" or "O" type blood and be Pakistani, Indian or Iranian; and that even within these [ethnic groups](#), fewer than 4 percent of people have the [genetic variation](#).

Three donors have been found thus far, including a person in England, but Zainab will need more blood than they can provide.

OneBlood is offering to coordinate compatibility testing anywhere in the world.

For more information, visit [www.oneblood.org/zainab](http://www.oneblood.org/zainab) .

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