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In children with sickle cell disease and high transcranial Doppler (TCD) velocities, transfusion therapy reduces the risk of stroke but is associated with complications such as alloimmunization and iron overload. Bernaudin and colleagues for the DREPAGREFFE Trial Investigators studied 67 children with sickle cell disease who required chronic transfusions for persistently elevated TCD velocities and found that matched-sibling donor hematopoietic stem cell transplantation was associated with lower TCD velocities compared with standard care. In an Editorial, Kwiatkowski suggests that future trials should evaluate the efficacy of transplantation using alternative sources of stem cells for children who lack a matched sibling donor.

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