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Il paradigma dell'applicazione terapeutica del plasmascambio: le microangiopatie trombotiche

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## Plasma Infusion vs. Plasma Exchange



# What's the deal with ADAMTS 13?



Image of Adam (looking fairly inactive at the moment): Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel.

## Autoimmune Idiopathic TTP Acquired ADAMTS13 Deficiency



## ADAMTS13 Deficient, With Inhibitor Response to Plasma Exchange

### 7 patients with:

- ADAMTS13 <5%
- Inhibitor present
- Multiple relapses in 4 and 2 deaths

#### Plasma exchange:

- Good response
- Unchanged ADAMTS13
- Persistent inhibitor

#### Why is PE effective?



## TTP/HUS: Why Does Plasma Exchange Work?

Stress precipitates TTP in familial ADAMTS13 deficiency

- <u>Childhood triggers</u>: vaginal delivery, upper respiratory infection, pneumonia, otitis media
- <u>Adult triggers</u>: infection, alcohol abuse, pregnancy

Resolution of stress may end an attack of familial (or acquired idiopathic) TTP Similarly about 50% of heterozygous CFH mutation carriers never develop aHUS





Dr. Eli Moschcowitz

## History

- Eli Moschcowitz described "An acute febrile pleiochromic anemia with hyaline thrombosis of terminal arterioles and capillaries. Un undescribed disease" (Archives of Internal Medicine, Chicago, 1925, 36: 89).
- Baehr found microthrombi composed of fibrin and platelets, the pathognomonic lesion.
- Singer named "TTP" to emphasize these lesions
- Named "Moschcowitz's disease" by Bernheim

## **Gasser's syndrome**

The syndrome reported by Gasser in 1955 named the hemolytic-uremic syndrome, was in most respects similar to that previously reported by Moschcowitz, and Baehr as thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura



#### CAN TTP BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM HUS?

Differentiating criteria (from the books)	HUS	TTP	
• Age	Childhood	Adult Multiple Neurological symptoms	
<ul> <li>Organ involvement</li> </ul>	Renal		
Complications	Renal failure		
• Prognosis	Good	Bad	
None of these are really discriminating	HUS	ТТР	
• Age	Adult Giramini. 1969 Shapiro. 1970 Utting. 1973 Karlsberg. 1977 Morel Marager. 1979 Ponticelli. 1980 Cacoub. 1987 Prakash. 1987	Newborn and small children Amorosi. 1966 Monnens. 1967 Kennedy. 1980	
<ul> <li>Organ involvement</li> </ul>		Renal failure	
<ul> <li>Complications</li> </ul>	Multiple Gianantonio, 1983 Fong, 1982	Ridolfi, 1981 Eknoyon, 1986	
<ul> <li>Prognosis</li> </ul>	Can be poor in forms other than classic Drummond, 1985		
The same patient classified as episodes	s HUS or TTP during	two different relapse Shumway, 1957 Mac Whinney, 1962 Mettler, 1969	

A diagnosis of this disease, which I shall term "HUS/TTP", should be entertained whenever acute hemolytic anemia of the microangiopathy type is associated with thrombocytopenia and any degree of renal damage

Remuzzi et al., Kidney International 1987



The term TTP/HUS should be avoided because it obscures differences among the various types of thrombotic microangiopathy

Tsai et al. Throm Haem 2003

## A Classification of TMA

(Thrombotic Microangiopathy)

Typical / diarrheal	HUS or TTP (STX-induced TTP in ADAMTS13 deficient)			
Complement defects	Atypical HUS			
von Willebrand proteinase (ADAMSTS13) deficiency	Generally TTP			
Cobalamin-C deficiency	TMA + multiorgan failure			
Quinine-related	Abrupt TMA, exposure related			
Post transplantation (calcineurin inhibitior related)	De-novo renal TMA May be renal "isolated"			
Others: HIV, radiation, chemotherapy, HELLP, antiphospholipid Ab syndrome, unclassified				

Besbas et al. Kidney International 2006



## **Typical HUS**

#### Triad of :

Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia Thrombocytopenia Acute renal failure



#### Generally <u>diarrhea-associated</u> Shiga toxin produced by *E coli* serotype O157:H7 Shigella, Salmonella, others also Food borne disease: uncooked / unpasteurized products contaminated by animal wastes

Or other infections (respiratory): Invasive *S. Pneumoniae* or viral infections



Riley et al., N Engl J Med



E. coli O157:H7 is associated with sporadic cases of classical HUS of children

Karmali et al., Lancet



A multisystem disease of microangiopathic haemolytic anemia and thrombocytopenia with predominant but not exclusive renal involvement

#### EPIDEMIOLOGY OF SHIGA-LIKE TOXIN – PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAINS (STEC)





FIGURE 1: *E. coli* O157 cases: rates per 100,000 population, 1984-2007

#### GRAN BRETAGNA / Manzo infetto, strage in Scozia Carne, è terrore infinito Arriva il batterio-killer

#### BAL NORTHO CORRESPONDENTS.

LONDRA - Dopo II -morbo della muoca pazza», la meningite. E. dopo la meningite, il colibacilio 0-157. La nalute pubblics in Oran Bretagna divents un problema nazionale, se le epidemie si moltiplicano. Non c'è per ora da allarmansi, anche se Sir Kenneth Calman, fi maggior ufficiale medico britannico. mette in guardia i connazionali dall'-o dagiarsi in un falso senso di sicurezta potenzialmente pericoloso». Stupisce la quantità di foco-Dopo il morbo dell lat degli ultimi mesi: iert un anniano è a menii morto in una casa di ripeto in Scotia, «colibacillo 0-15 colpito dall'enteroagli antibiotici. colite provocata dal hatterio 0-157 ha colpito in E non sarà l'ultimo. Quella scozzese è ormai una strage; nove persone hanno già perso la vita, 386 persone sono state infettate, 57 sono ancora ospedale, 31 de quali «danno grave presecupazion - 61 medici- e almeno una dozziny sono In prognost iserva. ta Non può eachidere che altri malati shano incubando 9 letale batterio, oto già da Lotus . tina d'anni. ilmente af HER. abile dalla mena: è il botterio ucclae 7 persoe in Giappone l'estate scorsa, contro il j uale, dice Sir Kenneth, «non sempre L'epidemia è atata provocata dalla

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Sera

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Corriere

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verificati nel Suffolk, a Brighton, nello

Yorkshire. Le vittime dovrebbero esse-

Secondo l'ufficiale medico Calman

non ci sarebbe motivo d'allarme: ogni

anno si registrano nel Regno Unito

duemila casi di meningite, di cui circa

duecento con esito mortale, e finora le

cifre non si discostano dalla norma. Nel

Alexsio Altichieri

Paese che ha visto esplodere il «mort

della vacca pazza- queste asci-

re meno di dieci.

non suonano del tud



L'epidemia è stata provocata dalla carne avariata di una rinomata macelleria di Wishaw: la John Barr and Son, già premiata per la qualità delle sue merci. Lì una partita di manzo malamente conservato era stata smerciata due settimane fa per preparare "meat pie", il pasticcio di carne che è un piatto centrale della cucina brittannica, da servire a un pranzo per pensionati

## HUS OUTBREAK IN JAPAN

Sakay City (July 12, - July 14, 1996)

> 6,000 school children with acute enterocolitis due to enterohemorrhagic E. coli 0157:H7

Admitted children	629
- HUS 68*	k
- deaths	4
- encephalopathy and intracerebular hemorrhage	2

\* Including a couple of twins treated with hemodialysis (20,000-30,000 ptl/mm<sup>3</sup>)

- Bacteria have been isolated from white radish sprout linked to three new cases observed in Nagoya and Yokohama: identical E. coli O157 genotypes were demonstrated in sprouts and affected patients
- Seeds used to grow the sprouts in Jokohama and Sakay City, the center of the Japanese outbreak, were imported from the same source in Oregon





#### Epidemia di Sindrome Emolitica Uremica in Germania

Una epidemia causata da una grave malattia sta causando preoccupazione in Germania, dove tre donne sono morte e **276** persone hanno sviluppato la sindrome emolitica uremica (HUS), sin dalla seconda metà di maggio.

Paura in Germania: «germe killer» fa le prime vittime Quattro morti e oltre 600 casi per un'epidemia causata dal batterio fecale, *Escherichia Coli* 

#### Batterio killer, 37 i morti in Germania

L'ultima vittima un bimbo di due anni. Epidemia in calo, in tutto **3.254** i casi di infezione.

	Andamento	numero	nuovi	100100000000000000000000000000000000000
NORWAY RUSSIA	dell'epidemia	casi	casi	decessi
SWEDEN	domenica 5 giugno 11	2335		22
NETHERLANDS	lunedì 6 giugno 11	2431	96	24
	martedì 7 giugno 11	2745	314	24
Hamburg	mercoledì 8 giugno 11	2904	159	27
GERMANY	giovedì 9 giugno 11	3092	188	31
	venerdì 10 giugno 11	3255	163	35
SWITZ RUSTRIA	lunedì 13 giugno 11	3343	88	36
	martedì 14 giugno 11	3362	19	37
SPAIN	mercoledì 15 giugno 11	3412	50	39



#### **Batterio Killer del cetriolo**





Batterio killer, germogli di soia colpevoli: trovato il focolaio in un'azienda agricola









## Escherichia coli O157:H7



Rosenshine et al., EMBO J, 1996





Glomerular endothelial cells

 STx promotes leukocyte adhesion and thrombus formation on vascular endothelium via upregulation of β3-integrin and P-selectin

Morigi et al., Blood, 2001

 Activated endothelial cells express NF-kB dependent inflammatory genes in response to STx

> Zoja et al., *Kidney Int,* 2002 Zanchi et al., *J Immunol,* 2008

#### STX-1 PROMOTES PLATELET ADHESION AND THROMBUS FORMATION ON CULTURED MICROVASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM





This occurs under shear stress via upregulation of  $\beta$ 3-integrin and P-selectin and requires IL-8 and MCP1

Morigi et al., *Blood*, 2001 Zoja et al., *Kidney Int*, 2002

#### STX-TREATED MICROVASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELLS



P-selectin C3 deposits DAPI in cell nuclei

#### A MURINE MODEL OF HUS

C57 BL/6 mice received i.p. injections of Stx2 (200ng/mouse) plus LPS (75µg/mouse)



\*P<0.01 vs basal

Morigi et al., J Am Soc Nephrol, 2008

#### P-SELECTIN BLOCKADE LIMITS GLOMERULAR C3 DEPOSITS IN HUS MICE

Stx2/LPS mice were treated with anti P-selectin or irrelevant Ab and sacrificed at 24h


#### ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY IN THE MURINE MODEL OF HUS



Factor B deficient mice did not show platelet clumps in glomeruli and were protected from renal function deterioration

Morigi et al., J Am Soc Nephrol, 2008

#### A CASE of STX-HUS WITH ACTIVATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY OF COMPLEMENT

A 26 year-old-woman admitted to the Hospital with

- watery diarrhea and profuse vomiting
- anemia, thrombocytopenia
- renal insufficiency (creatinine 2 mg/dl)
- Anti-Stx and anti-E. coli O157:H7 LPS antibodies in blood

Low C3 levels: 65 mg/dl Normal C4 levels: 15 mg/dl

Renal biopsy showed classic features of TMA



# **Typical HUS**

# Outcome<br/>Acute episode•Red blood cells transfusion70%•Dyalisis50%•Neurologic involvement25%•Death3-5%

#### Long term results (10-20 years after HUS\*)

63%	Complete recovery
12%	Recovery with proteinuria
6%	<b>Recovery with proteinuria and HTN</b>
16%	Recovery with low GFR $\pm$ proteinuria or HTN
3%	ESRD

\* Diarrheal or URI- related only, pediatric

Spizzirri et al. Pediatric Nephrology 1996



# ACUTE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS IN INFANCY

# Two children and their male cousin who all died at 5 months of age

Fison, Arch Dis Child, 1956

Clin Nephrol, 1991

The successful treatment of atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome with plasmapheresis

Robson WL., Leung AK.

Prevalence: 0,07/10,000 persons

#### **FAMILIAL TTP/HUS**

Definition: at least two cases in the same family

	Autosomal recessive	Autosomal dominant
Affected families	43	13
End stage renal failure	90-100 %	90-100 %
Mortality rate	65 %	> 90 %

Kaplan BS, Kaplan P, 1992



In three large families with HUS and area on chromosome 1q32, where factor H gene is mapped, segregated with the disease

> Warwicker and Goodship, Kidney Int, 1998

#### FAMILIAL HUS IN A BEDUIN FAMILY

Factor H below the limit of detection in two patients, 50 % of normal in healthy relatives

Families of Italian Registry of Familial HUS/TTP



Noris et al., J Am Soc Nephrol, 1999

\* Low C3 (< 15 mg/dl)



#### STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONAL DOMAINS OF FACTOR H

- Factor H plays a pivotal role in the regulation of the alternative pathway of complement activation.
- Produced mainly in the liver as a single peptide glycoprotein, factor H circulates in plasma at a concentration of 50 mg/dl

C3 binding	C3 binding		C3 binding
	Heparin binding	Heparin binding	Heparin binding
Cofactor activity			

#### PUBLISHED DATA ON CFH MUTATIONS IN aHUS

- 80 different mutations identified in 120 patients (54 familial, 66 sporadic)
- Mutation frequency:

familial forms 40 % sporadic forms 13-17 %

- 90% are heterozygous
- Most clustering in the C-terminus domain



Caprioli et al., Blood, 2006

#### SINGLE MUTATION CHANGES IN SCR 20 OF FACTOR H AFFECT ENDOTHELIAL CELL BINDING



Manuelian et al., J Clin Invest, 2003

with

with

H

#### SINGLE MUTATION CHANGES IN SCR 20 OF FACTOR H AFFECT C3b BINDING



#### In contrast SCR20 mutants have a normal co-factor activity in fluid phase

Manuelian et al., J Clin Invest, 2003

Mutations in SCR20, by reducing the capacity of factor H to bind proteoglycans and C3b, would favor the occurrence of microvascular endothelial damage in the presence of complement activating trigger

# DO THE SAME MUTATION TRANSLATES TO THE SAME PHENOTYPE?

#### THE R1210C CFH MUTATION: ONSET AND OUTCOME

	DD*	DG*	D9*	LU	SE	GS	ZM	BV	BM
Onset (years)	8	3	6	31	31	35	0.5	43	53
<i>Outcome (1st episode)</i> complete rem partial rem	•	0		0	•		0		
ESRD						0		0	0
death			0						
Recurrencies	0	0			0		0		
Long term outcome complete rem partial rem	0								
ESRD		0		$\bigcirc$	0	0	0	0	0
death			0						
Kidney transplant									
ok						0			
failure				0		11000			

\*these patients also carry mutations in MCP

Caprioli J. et al., 2006



HUS associated factor H autoantibodies (described in 10% of aHUS cases, mainly in children) mimic the effect of C-terminal factor H mutations, as they inhibit the regulatory function of factor H at cell surfaces by blocking its C-terminal recognition region

Dragon-Durey et al, JASN, 2005 Jozsi et al., Blood, 2007



MCP acts as a cofactor for factor I-mediated cleavage of C3b to inactive C3b

# PNAS

#### Mutations in human complement regulator, membrane cofactor protein (CD46), predispose to development of familial hemolytic uremic syndrome

Anna Richards<sup>\*†</sup>, Elizabeth J. Kemp<sup>\*</sup>, M. Kathryn Liszewski<sup>‡</sup>, Judith A. Goodship<sup>\*</sup>, Anne K. Lampe<sup>\*</sup>, Ronny Decorte<sup>§</sup>, M. Hamza Müslümanoğlu<sup>11</sup>, Salih Kavukcu<sup>1</sup>, Guido Filler<sup>\*\*</sup>, Yves Pirson<sup>††</sup>, Leana S. Wen<sup>‡</sup>, John P. Atkinson<sup>‡</sup>, and Timothy H. J. Goodship<sup>\*†‡‡</sup>

October 28, 2003

MECHANISMS OF DISEASE

Mechanisms of disease

#### G Familial haemolytic uraemic syndrome and an MCP mutation

Marina Noris, Simona Brioschi, Jessica Caprioli, Marta Todeschini, Elena Bresin, Francesca Porrati, Sara Gamba, Giuseppe Remuzzi for the International Registry of Recurrent and Familial HUS/TTP\*

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- Mutations frequency: 12,9 %

MCP

-Mutations cause either reduced protein expression on the cell membrane or defective complement inhibitory activity

Noris et al, CJASN, 2010



Factor I is a serine protease that cleaves C3b to inactive C3b

#### PUBLISHED DATA ON CFI MUTATIONS IN AHUS PATIENTS



22 mutations identified in 32 patients (mutation frequency: 4-10 %)

50% of mutations result in low CFI levels, the others cause impaired C3b inctivation

Caprioli et al., *Blood*, 2006 Fremeaux Bacchi et al., 2007 Kavanagh et al., *JASN*, 2005 Noris et al., *CJASN*, 2010

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#### PUBLISHED DATA ON C3 MUTATIONS IN aHUS PATIENTS



- Mutations frequency: 5-8 %
- All heterozygous
- Cluster in the TED domain
- Most mutations reduce C3b binding to CFH and MCP and severely impair degradation of mutant C3b

Fremeaux-Bacchi et al., *Blood*, 2008 Noris et al., *CJASN*, 2010

#### PUBLISHED DATA ON CFB MUTATIONS IN aHUS PATIENTS



- Mutations frequency: 1-2 %
- All heterozygous
- Cluster in the Bb chain
- Mutants form an hyperactive C3 convertase that enhance C3b formation

Goicoechea et al., *PNAS*, 2007 Roumenina et al., *Blood*, 2009 Noris et al., *CJASN*, 2010

# **Atypical HUS**

**Clinically very severe** 

15% died25% ESRD- 60% major sequelae15% renal insufficiency

1/3 recover without significant renal disease most (75%) of these had a single episode few (25%) of these had recurrent aHUS

(a pediatric series)

Taylor et al Ped Neph 2004

#### LONG TERM OUTCOME OF aHUS PATIENTS



### TRANSPLANTATION OUTCOMES

Kidney graft lost because aHUS recurrence

#### Patients with:

- CFH mutations
- anti-CFH Ab
- CFI mutations
- C3 mutations

12 out 17 0 out of 2 4 out 6 3 out 7

Noris et al., CJASN, 2010

# **Complement and Atypical HUS**

Risk of recurrence after "unmodified" kidney transplant

Protein	Gene	Source	Location	Recurrence Rate
Factor H	CFH	Liver	circulates	> 80%
Factor I	CFI	Liver	circulates	>~80%
MCP	MCP	Widespread	Membrane bound	~ 20%
Factor B	CFB	Liver, ?	circulates	?
C3	C3	Liver, ?	circulates	?
Anti-FH- Ab	CFHR1/ CFHR3	Lymphocyte	circulates	?
	30%			

Loirat, C et al. Pediatric Transplantation 2008, Saland et al. JASN 2009

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Lancet 2002; 359: 1671-72

#### Combined kidney and liver transplantation for familial haemolytic uraemic syndrome

Giuseppe Remuzzi, Piero Ruggenenti, Daniela Codazzi, Marina Noris, Jessica Caprioli, Giuseppe Locatelli, Bruno Gridelli

American Journal of Transplantation 2005; 5: 1146-1150

#### Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome: A Fatal Outcome after Kidney and Liver Transplantation Performed to Correct Factor H Gene Mutation

Giuseppe Remuzzi<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Piero Ruggenenti<sup>a,b</sup>, Michele Colledan<sup>a</sup>, Bruno Gridelli<sup>b</sup>, Alessandro Bertani<sup>a</sup>, Paola Bettinaglio<sup>b</sup>, Sara Bucchioni<sup>b</sup>, Aurelio Sonzogni<sup>a</sup>, Ezio Bonanomi<sup>d</sup>, Valter Sonzogni<sup>a</sup>, Jeffrey L. Platt<sup>c</sup>, Norberto Perico<sup>b</sup> and Marina Noris<sup>b</sup>

#### SIX MORE CASES

-	Age	Factor H mutations
#1 Male	4 months	V1197A and C973Y
#2 Male	1 year	R1215Q
#3 Female	16 years	R1215Q
#4 Male	6 years	S1191L
#5 Male	21 years	R1215Q

- Extensive plasma exchange pre and peri transplant the surgery
- #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 Good renal and liver function at follow-up
- One additional unpublished combined transplant: good outcome

Saland et al., Am J Transplantation 2006 Jalanko et al, Am J Transplantation 2008 Koskinen et al , Mol Immunol 2008

#### ANOTHER FATAL CASE OF LIVER/KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION

- Severe hemodynamic instability upon portal vein clamping
- Additional plasma exchange
- Hepatic artery thrombosis
  Fatal hepatic encephalopathy
- Liver biopsy: No TMA, No rejection Kidney biopsy: No TMA, ATN

Saland et al., JASN, 2009

Despite intensified plasma therapy, liver or liver-kidney transplantation for Factor H associated HUS remains a potentially fatal procedure (death risk 15 to 30%)





#### THE FIRST CASE

#### November 22, 1991

 26-year-old woman with syncope, vomiting and diarrhea

#### Main finding at admission

- Blood pressure: 220/120 mmHg
- Funduscopy: narrow arteries and hemorrhages
- Laboratory tests: hemoglobin: 8.1 g/dl
  - LDH: 2,200 I.U./L
  - blood smear: schysocytosis
  - platelets: 27,000/µL
  - serum creatinine: 2 mg/dl








Kidney transplants performed in 3 patients with MCP mutations have good graft function at 16, 6, and 3 years post-transplantation

Noris et al, CJASN 2010

#### A consensus protocol for transplantation in aHUS

- kidney and liver CFH/CFI CFB/C3 ?
- kidney alone MCP
- Perioperative management
  - 1.5 vol. FFP exchanged before surgery
  - 10-20 ml/kg FFP infused after liver explant
  - low mol. weight heparin
  - aspirin up to 3 mo

Saland, Ruggenenti and Remuzzi, JASN, 2009



Kidney transplant	Kidney transplant	Kidney transplant	Kidney transplant
Liver transplant	Plasmapheresis	Plasmapheresis	
Plasmapheresis	Eculizumab	Rituximab	
Eculizumab			

Noris and Remuzzi, Am J Transplant 2010

# Recommended Initial Evaluation of HUS

Because infections trigger both typical and atypical HUS, initial evaluation should encompass both

Testing should include C3 level as well as classic evaluation (stool culture, LDH, smear, etc.)

>ADAMSTS13 / auto-Ab analysis if TTP not ruled out

Save some plasma for later analysis (CFH, CFI, MCP, C3, CFB, anti-FH-Ab – CFHR1/CFHR3; more likely to be added)

Contacting one of the major registries is prudent

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There are MANY anecdotes of prolonged preservation of kidney function in patients with *CFH* mutation, though most eventually suffer ESRD.

Benefit is not clear for *MCP* mutations– most (single) episodes seem to recover with or without exchange



## **Transplant Considerations**



Gray, Henry. *Anatomy of the Human Body*. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1918; Bartleby.com, 2000. <u>www.bartleby.com/107/</u>.

### **Post-Transplant HUS Recurrence**

Most are within 1 month

Plasma responsiveness of the underlying defect is often retained.

If untreated, most result in graft loss

Chronic plasmapheresis may be required

Seitz, B et al. Transplantation Proceedings 2007

## **Options for Transplantation**

**Kidney transplantation** 

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Kidney transplantation Combined liver-kidney transplantation

•Surgery is a trigger for complement activation

•Preparative plasma exchange before transplant followed by serial plasma exchange is recommended Combined Liver Kidney Transplant For aHUS Secondary to CFH Mutation First 3 Experiences not Encouraging

Auxiliary liver, several month function followed by acute decompensation, death

Hepatic graft failure\* with neurological deficits, 2<sup>nd</sup> liver transplant at 1 month

**Primary hepatic non-function\***, death

\* Complement mediated injury to liver vasculature

Cheong HI. (Abstract) ASN/ISN World Congress 2001, Remuzzi G, et al. Lancet 2002, Remuzzi G, et al. AJT 2005, Cheong HI et al. Pediatr Nephrol 2004

## Liver-Kidney Transplant Protocol Modified by Plasma Exchange

- Hemodialysis (if needed) session no heparin
- Plasma exchange with FFP (minimum 1.5 volumes)
- < 6 hours of surgery</li>
- 10- 20 ml/kg FFP intraoperatively
- Additional FFP if clinically indicated
- Post-operative LMW heparin prophylaxis
- Low dose aspirin prophylaxis

Plasma exchange removes mutant FH, replaces normal LMW heparin used empirically Hold anticoagulation for bleeding or coagulopathy

### **Options for Transplantation**

Kidney transplantation Combined liver-kidney transplantation Kidney transplantation followed by chronic plasma exchange prophylaxis

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Kidney transplantation\* Combined liver-kidney transplantation\* Kidney transplantation\* followed by chronic plasma exchange prophylaxis

Not yet ...

followed by chronic anti-complement therapy followed by specific factor replacement (eg. FH)

## **Complement and Atypical HUS**

About 50%-60% of aHUS cases are <u>associated</u> with a mutation in a complement-related gene

Protein	Gene	Source	Location	% of aHUS
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Factor I	CFI	Liver	circulates	~ 5-10%
Membrane Cofactor Protein	MCP	Widespread	Membrane bound	~ 10-15%
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C3	C3	Liver, ?	circulates	~ 5-10%
Anti-FH-Ab	CFHR1/ CFHR3	Lymphocyte	circulates	~ 10%
	~ 40-50%			

Jozsi et al. Blood 2008, Frémeaux-Bacchi V et al. Blood 2008, Goicoechea de Jorge 2007, Caprioli, et al Blood 2006, Kavanagh Curr Opin Nephrol Hypertens, 2007

#### ROLE OF COMPLEMENT IN HUS





# DELETIONOFC5PREVENTSSPONTANEOUS aHUSIN Cfh<sup>-/-</sup>.FH1∆6-20

- Inter-cross Cfh<sup>-/-</sup>.FH1∆6-20 mice with C5deficient mice
- At 4 months:
  - 📙 mortality
  - 1 renal function
  - renal histology

Pickering et al Mol immunol, 2010

## Thus blockade of C5 could be effective therapeutic strategy in humans



- Eculizumab was safe and well tolerated in patients with Paroxistic Nocturnal Hemoglobimuria (PNH)
- This antibody against terminal complement protein 5 reduced intravascular hemolysis, hemoglobinuria, and the need for transfusion, with an associated improvement in the quality of life

#### Eculizumab for congenital Atypical Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome

Gruppo et al, N Engl J Med, 2009

## Eculizumab for Atypical Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome

Nurnberger et al, N Engl J Med, 2009

Safety and Long-Term Efficacy of Eculizumab in a Renal Transplant Patient with Atypical Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome

Chatelet et al., Am J Kidney Dis, 2009

#### Eculizumab for aHUS: Perspectives

- Four open-label, multicenter clinical trials to assess the efficacy of eculizumab in:
  - Preventing recurrences in adults or adolescents with recurrent, plasma dependent aHUS
  - Achieving remission in adults or adolescents with plasma resistant aHUS

 An academic, multicenter, prospective study to assess the efficacy of eculizumab in preventing aHUS after kidney transplantation

#### **FDA** U.S. Food and Drug Administration of Health and Human Services

#### Eculizumab (Soliris)

On September 23, 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted accelerated approval for the use of eculizumab (Soliris®, Alexion, Inc.) for the treatment of pediatric and adult patients with atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS).





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