ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME:

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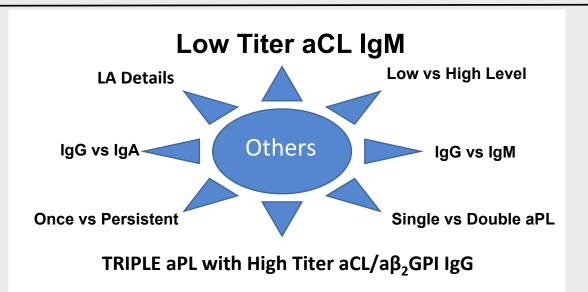
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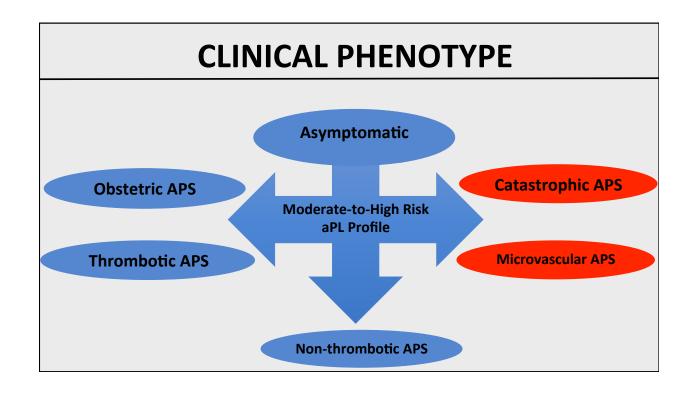
WHAT IS APS?

- Direction of Association:
- aPL Bystander
 - Low titer aCL Severe sepsis (& DVT)
- aPL Risk factor & Potential contributor
 - Triple aPL Provoked DVT after a major cancer surgery
- aPL Cause
 - Triple aPL Unprovoked DVT &
 "aPL-nephropathy" &
 Diffuse alveolar hemorrhage



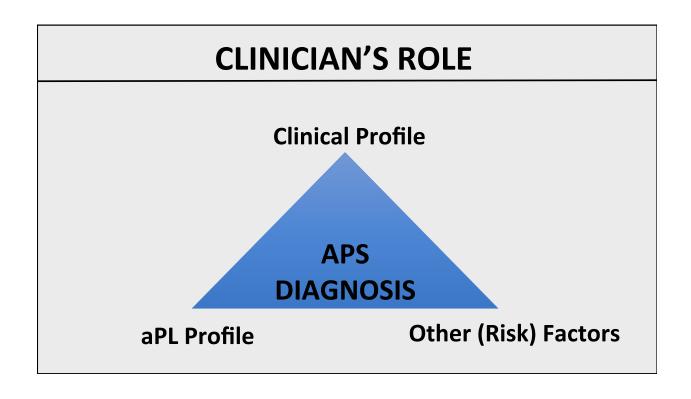
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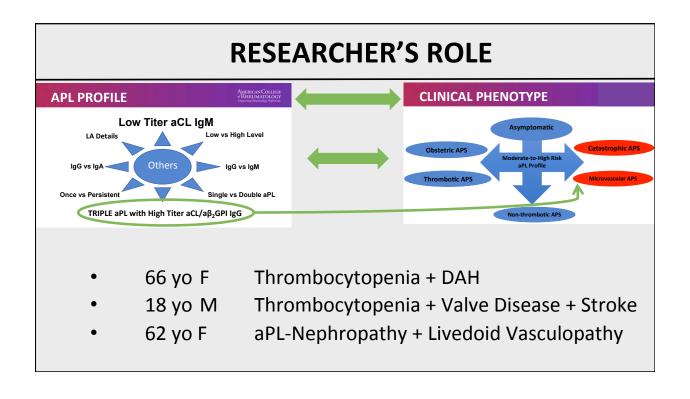


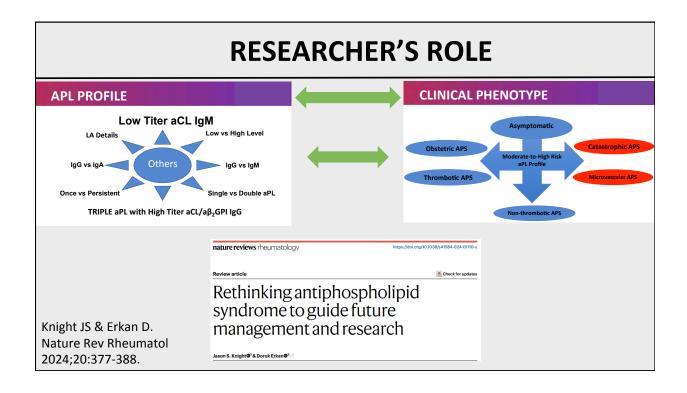


CLINICAL PHENOTYPE

Microvascular APS is a distinct subset from mechanistic, pathologic, and treatment perspectives







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Antiphospholipid Antibody Tests & Profile

"Antiphospholipid Antibody Positive"

- Type
- Isotype
- Titer
- Persistent
- Combination
- Most Recent Test

"Lupus Anticoagulant Test Positive"

- Reliable Laboratory
- Based on Guidelines
- On Anticoagulation
 - Type of anticoagulation
 - INR at the time of LA Test
- · Correction Ratio
- History of ↑PTT
- History of False (+) RPR
- aCL/aβ₂GPI (+)

Antiphospholipid Antibody Tests & Profile

• Level 1

- Persistent Triple aPL with LA & Moderate-to-high Level aCL and a $\beta_2 \text{GPI IgG}$
- Persistent LA Only

• Level 2

- Persistent Moderate-to-high Level aCL and/or aβ₂GPI IgG (LA negative)
- Persistent Moderate-to-high Level aCL and/or aβ₂GPI IgM (LA negative)

• <u>Level 3</u>

• Persistent low level aCL and/or aβ₂GPI IgG/M (LA negative)

Moderate-high: ≥40 ELISA Units - Low: 20-40 ELISA Units

Antiphospholipid Antibody Tests & Profile

BE AWARE:

- ELISA vs Automated Systems
 - Meroni et al. 2023 ACR/EULAR APS Classification Criteria Solid Phase-based aPL Domain: Collaborative Efforts to Harmonize ELISA and non-ELISA aPL Tests
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Antiphospholipid Antibody Tests & Profile

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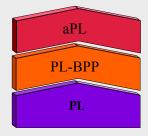
Non-criteria aPL Tests (e.g., aPS/PT)

"Other" aPL Tests

- · Phosphatidylserine-dependent Antiprothrombin **Antibodies**
- Antibodies to Domain I of β₂-Glycoprotein-I
- Antibodies to Domain IV-V of β₂-Glycoprotein-I
- IgA aCL and aβ₂GPI
- APhL Assay
- · Antibodies to Factor Xa
- Annexin A5 Resistance Assay

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Update of the guidelines for Iupus anticoagulant detection and interpretation

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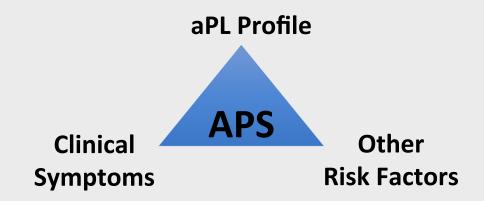
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Antiphospholipid Syndrome Classification vs Diagnosis

	Classification Criteria	Diagnostic Criteria	
Goal	Well defined study sample representative of the majority	All the patients including unusual presentations	
Patients	Homogenous Group Not intended to capture the entire universe of possible patients but rather to capture the majority of patients who share key features (validation critical)	Heteregenous Group	
Billing Reimbursement Impact	No (research only)	Yes	
Treatment Impact	No (research only)	Yes	
Aggarwal et al. Arthritis Care & Research 2015			

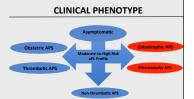
Antiphospholipid Syndrome Classification vs <u>Diagnosis</u>



+ Available clinical and laboratory tests, and differential diagnoses pertaining to the epidemiology in a specific region

Antiphospholipid Syndrome Classification vs Diagnosis

- Confidence in APS diagnosis increases with:
 - Combination of aPL-related clinical events (e.g., thrombotic, obstetric, microvascular, and/or non-thrombotic)
 - When no additional co-morbidities (e.g., venous thromboembolism risk factors, cardiovascular risk factors [including age]) exist
 - For pregnancy morbidity, signs and symptoms of severe placental vascular problems (e.g., pre-eclampsia, placental insufficiency)



Antiphospholipid Syndrome Classification vs Diagnosis

- No APS Diagnostic Criteria
- Classification Criteria should not be used for diagnosis
 - Acceptable as a guide to prevent overdiagnosis or misdiagnosis

Revised Sapporo Classification Criteria

Vascular thrombosis:

• Arterial, venous, or small vessel thrombosis, in any organ or tissue <u>and/or</u>

Pregnancy morbidity:

- \geq 1 fetal deaths \geq 10th week of gestation or
- \geq 1 premature births \leq 34th week of gestation due to PEC, EC, or PI
- ≥3 consecutive (pre) embryonic losses < 10th week of gestation

AND

Laboratory Criteria:

- Positive LA test present on ≥2 occasions, at least 12 w apart and/or
- aCL IgG/M in medium/high titer, on ≥2 occasions, at least 12 w apart <u>and/or</u>
- aβ₂GP-I IgG/M in medium/high titer, on ≥2 occasions, at least 12 w apart

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Antiphospholipid Syndrome Classification vs Diagnosis

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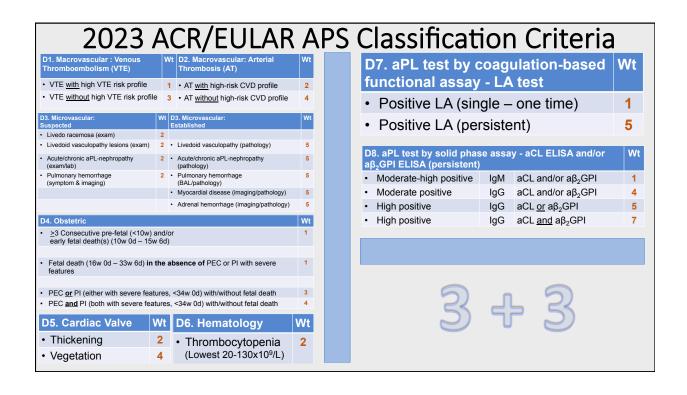
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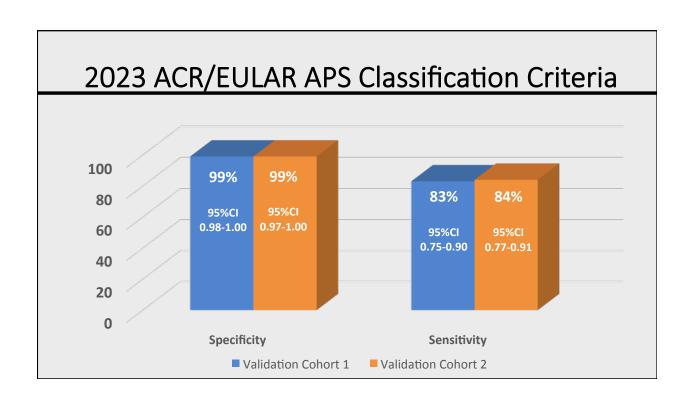
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Conclusions

- Developed using rigorous methodology and international cohorts with multidisciplinary international input
 - Every phase was data-driven and based on consensus
- Clustered, additive, weighted, and risk-stratified independent domains
- Reflect the current thinking about APS, providing high specificity and a stronger foundation for APS research

Future Considerations



- If a case does not meet the APS classification criteria, the case may still be uncertain or equivocal, rather than "not APS"
 - Uncertain or controversial cases should be studied separately to guide future updates of the new criteria
- After publication, all ACR/EULAR-approved criteria sets are expected to undergo intermittent updates

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Catastrophic - Microvascular - Non-thrombotic APS

Definite CAPS

- Involvement of ≥3 organs, systems and/or tissues
- Development of manifestations simultaneously or in less than a week
- Confirmation by histopathology of small vessel occlusion in at least one organ or tissue
- Confirmation of aPL x 2

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Definitions

Catastrophic - Microvascular - Non-thrombotic APS

Microvascular APS

- · Livedo Racemosa
- Livedoid Vasculopathy Lesions (Skin Ulcers) with/without Peripheral Gangrene
- aPL Nephropathy (Acute/Chronic)
 - Post Kidney Transplant Rejection
- Diffuse Pulmonary Hemorrhage
- Cardiac Microthrombosis
- Adrenal Hemorrhage
- Acute Ischemic Encepholopathy

With/without Thrombocytopenia and/or Hemolytic Anemia

Definitions

(aPL-Nephropathy)

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Catastrophic - Microvascular - Non-thrombotic APS

Non-thrombotic APS

- Thrombocytopenia (immune mediated)
- Hemolytic Anemia (immune mediated)
- Cardiac Valve Disease
 - Vegetation
 - Thickening

Definitions





Thrombotic Microangiopathy (Syndrome)

Definitions

Catastrophic - Microvascular - Non-thrombotic APS

Thrombotic Microangiopathy Syndromes

- Endothelial injury-related thrombosis in arterioles and capillaries, which is commonly associated with
 - Thrombocytopenia
 - Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia, and/ or
 - Kidney failure (or other organ failure)

CAPS – SEPSIS – DIC – HIT - TTP HUS - aHUS - HELLP SYNDROME

Definitions

Catastrophic - Microvascular - Non-thrombotic APS

Why Microvascular APS is Scary?

- New Onset Microvascular APS is a Red Flag for CAPS
 - "CAPS" Patients Rarely Present with "CAPS"
- Microvascular APS does not respond to anticoagulation
- The optimal management is unknown

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Primary Thrombosis Prevention

- The ideal strategy should be risk-stratified
 - Age, traditional cardiovascular disease (CVD) and venous thrombosis risk factors, and systemic autoimmune diseases
- CVD and venous thrombosis risk factors should be investigated regularly and eliminated/treated rigorously
- The effectiveness of low dose aspirin is not supported by prospective/RCT data
- My Recommendation: General CVD Guidelines should play a role in the decision making for low dose aspirin therapy

Take Home Messages

Further Reading

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ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME (S ZUILY, SECTION EDITOR)

Primary Thrombosis Prophylaxis in Persistently Antiphospholipid Antibody-Positive Individuals: Where Do We Stand in 2018?

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Secondary Thrombosis Prevention

- · The ideal strategy should be risk-stratified
 - Age, traditional cardiovascular disease (CVD) and venous thrombosis risk factors, and systemic autoimmune diseases
- CVD and venous thrombosis risk factors should be investigated regularly and eliminated/treated rigorously
- High-intensity anticoagulation is not supported by RCTs
- · Additional low dose aspirin should be considered in high CVD-risk patients
- Direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) are not recommended in APS
- No strong data for risk-stratified long term-management recommendations

Take Home Messages

Secondary Thrombosis Prevention

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Guidance	Venous	Arterial
International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies (2020)	 If single- or double-positive aPL following first episode of VTE continuation of DOAC may be considered, while awaiting confirmation of persistence of aPL, based on testing after at least 12 weeks, and thereafter; shared decision-making with patient If triple aPL-positive and already on a DOAC, recommend switch from DOAC to warfarin or other VKA 	DOACs should be avoided First line therapy should be a VK
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Immunosuppressive Approach



- The supporting (pre) clinical evidence is limited
- The management:
 - Based on mostly theoretical and preclinical evidence, very limited clinical evidence in human, and the "expert" opinion.
- We need clinical studies other than case reports/series to accumulate more evidence

Catastrophic APS Management

Anticoagulation + Corticosteroids + Plasma Exchange and/or IVIG (+/- Additional Medications As needed)

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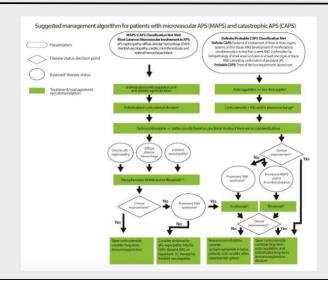
RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES

McMaster RARE-Bestpractices clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and management of the catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome

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Microvascular/Catastrophic APS Management



EXPERT PERSPECTIVES ON CLINICAL CHALLENGES

Expert Perspective: Management of Microvascular and Catastrophic Antiphospholipid Syndrome

CONCLUSION

- aPL-positive patients with hematologic involvement, complement-mediated TMA, microvascular disease, and/or CAPS require a treatment strategy beyond anticoagulation
- Immunosuppressive strategies are mostly based on anecdotal experience given the limited number of clinical studies, and treatment decisions should be individualized for each patient
- As new treatment approaches are investigated for APS, it is important to keep in mind that microvascular disease in APS is a distinct subset from mechanistic, pathologic, and treatment perspectives.

Immunosuppressive Approach

Current Status

- <u>Hydroxychloroquine</u>
- Statins
- Traditional DMARDs
- B Cell Inhibition
- mTOR Pathway Inhibition
- Complement Inhibition

Future Perspectives

- <u>Daratumumab</u>
- Defibrotide
- CAR T-Cell Therapy

Future - Daratumumab NOT YET RECRUITING THE CRUITING THE



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