

Why always at 2 a.m?

Differential diagnosis & therapy of TTP, HUS & aHUS

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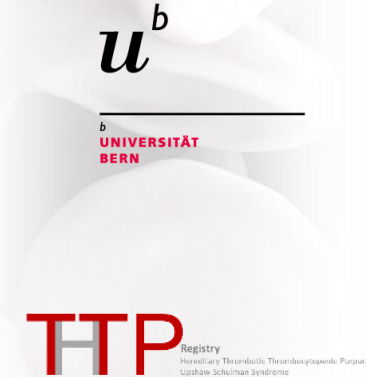
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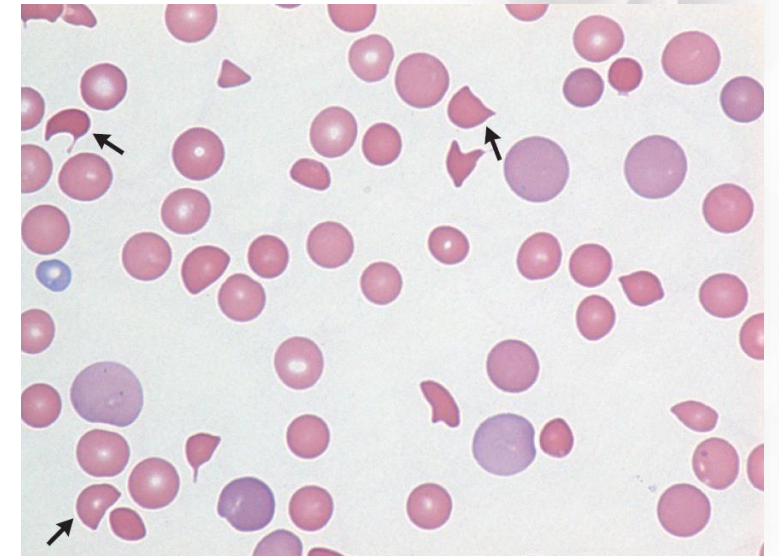


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Patient case

- 35j male, so far healthy
- History of abdominal pain and head ache, and beer-brown urine since 2 days
- Emergency consultation: Temp. 37.5°, no abnormal neurological findings, no hematoma nor petechia
- Lab
 - Hb 86g/L; platelets 6x10⁹/L; numerous schistocytes on smear
 - Bilirubin & LDH increased; haptoglobin < LLD
 - Creatinine 1mg/dl (88μmol)
 - HIV negative



Bhandari S & Kumar R. NEJM 2019;380;16:e23

Agenda

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Why always at 2 a.m. ?
- ❖ Treatment of:
 - ✓ Immune-mediated TTP (iTTP)
 - ✓ Congenital / hereditary TTP (cTTP)
 - ✓ Atypical / complement-mediated HUS (aHUS / cm-TMA)



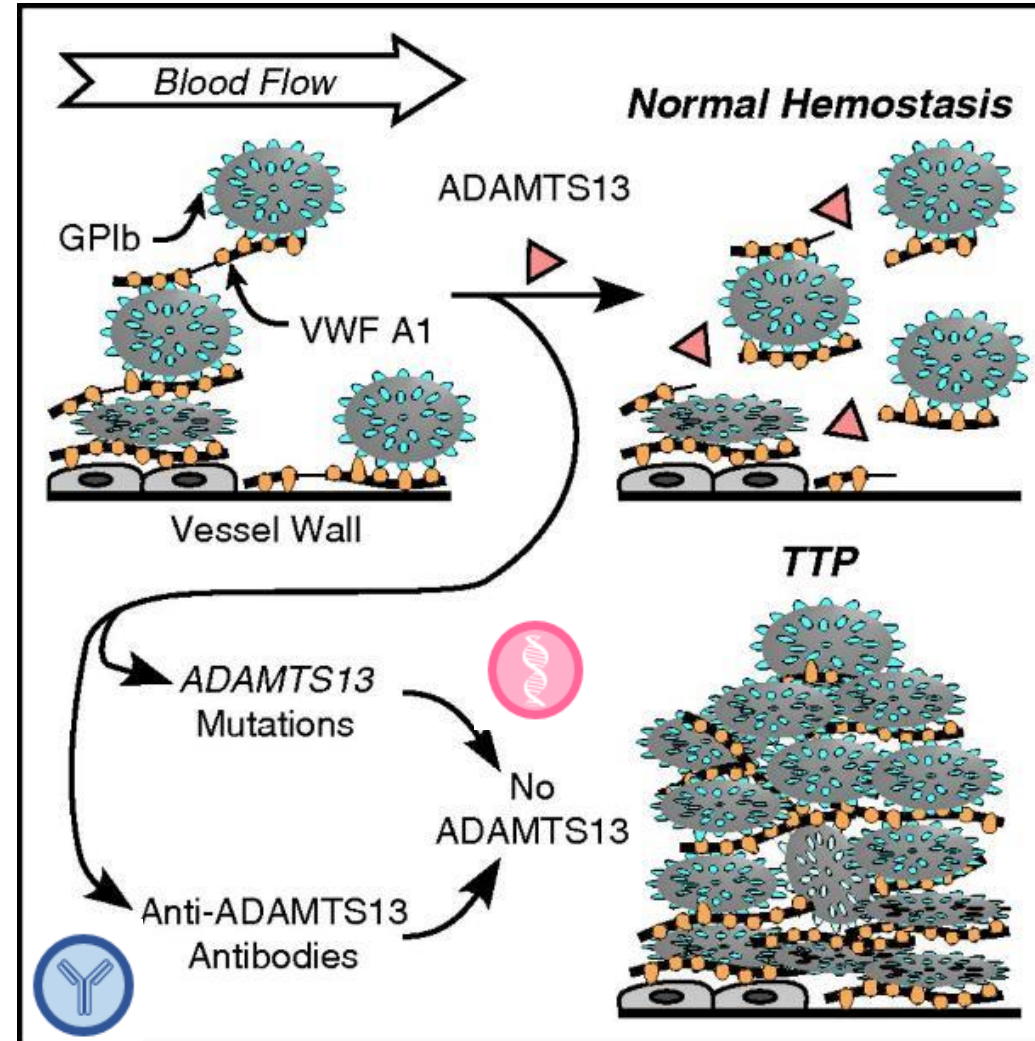
Pathophysiology TTP, HUS, aHUS

TTP = ADAMTS13 <10%

-  Congenital TTP (cTTP)
-  Immune-mediated TTP (iTTP)

HUS

- D+/STEC HUS (Shiga-toxin)
- aHUS (cm-TMA): no diagnostic assay; **clinical diagnosis after exclusion of other TMAs**; 50-60% of pat. harbor germline variants (GoF/LoF) or acquired Abs against proteins of AP (C3; FH; FI; MCP/CD46; FB; THBM);



AKI:
Acute kidney injury
AP: alternative pathway
of complement
cm-TMA:
complement-med. TMA

Why always at 2 a.m. ?

❖ Circadian presentation ?

❖ Awareness ?

No.

Rare → low on DD list

Annual incidence:

All TMA $\sim 11 / 10^6$

iTTP $\sim 2 / 10^6$

aHUS $\sim 0.5 / 10^6$



Bad Homburg: Entlaufenes Zebra gesichtet Foto: Polizeipräsidium Mittelhessen / dpa

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❖ “Fear/Stress” ?

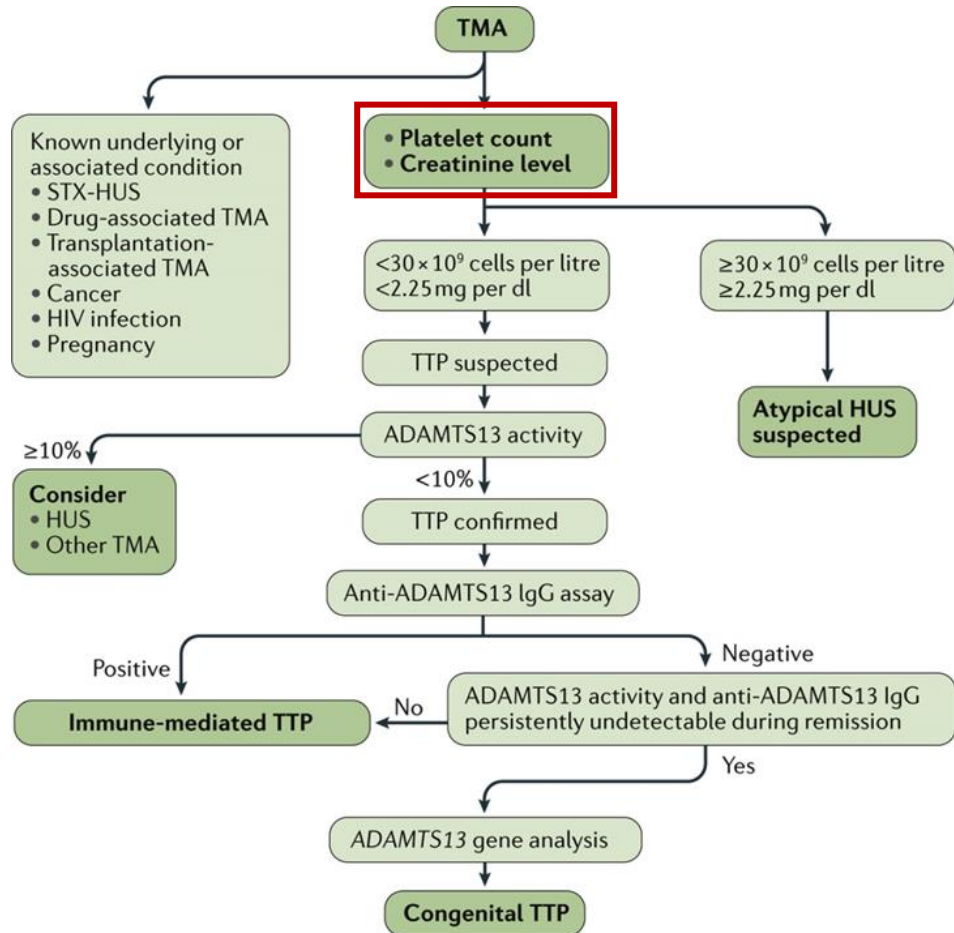
On duty = resident;
reduced personnel;
limited lab tests available; ...

❖ What needs to be decided at 2 a.m. ?

- ✓ TTP vs. HUS > start treatment immediately or “wait”
- ✓ ICU vs. normal ward



Diagnostic algorithm



Nature Reviews | Disease Primers

Kremer Hovinga JA *et al.* Nat Rev Dis Primers. 2017 Apr 6;3:17020

Clinical context of ADAMTS13 <10%

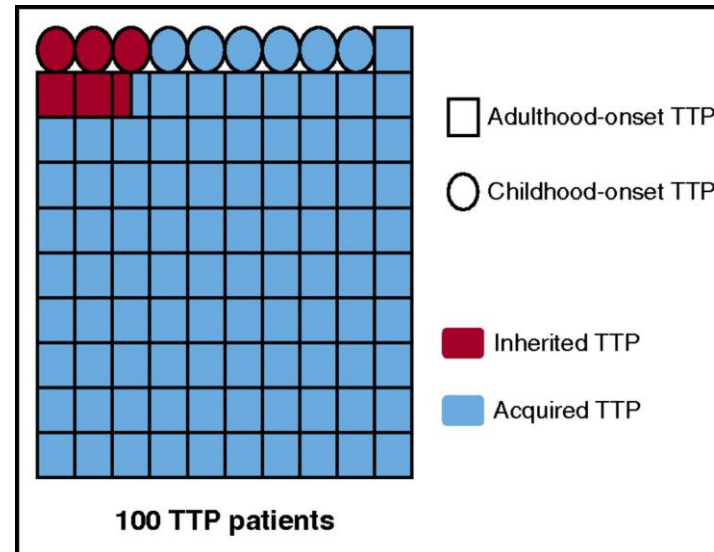
Table 1. Main associated clinical contexts identified at the initial acute episode of TTP in reports involving more than 50 patients (both adults and children)

Series (year)	USS, %	Idiopathic, %	Infection* and HIV, %	Autoimmune disease, %	Cancer and/or organ/HPSC transplant, %	Pregnancy and postpartum, %	Other, %	Drugs, %
Scully et al (2008) ³ [N = 176]	5	77	<1 and 7	—	2	5†	4	<1
Kremer Hovinga et al (2010), Deford et al (2013) ^{6,8} [N = 60]	0	77	7	5	2 and 2	5	3	0
Lotta et al (2010) ⁴ [N = 136]	0	79	0	7	0	9	1	4
Fujimura et al (2010) ⁵ [N = 326]	12	60	0	14	2 and 0	1	4	7
Jang et al (2011) ⁷ [N = 66]	0	59	9	6	8 and 1	6	3	8
Blombery et al (2016) ⁹ [N = 57]	0	75	3 and 0	18	0	2	0	2
Coppo et al (2016) ¹⁰ [N = 772]	3	49	12 and 3	11	9 and 4	5	3	1

HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; HPSC, hematopoietic stem-cell; N, number of patients.

*Specific diagnosis made.

†Pregnancy and combined oral contraceptive pill.



Joly BS *et al.* Blood 2017;129:2836f

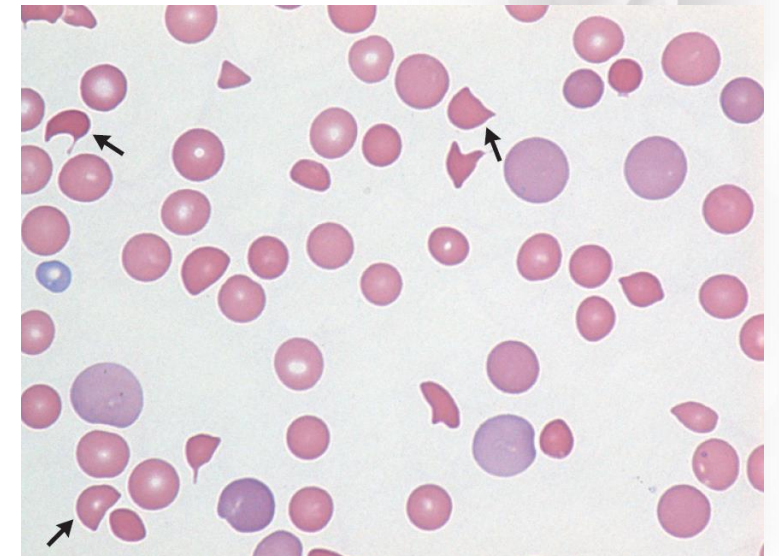
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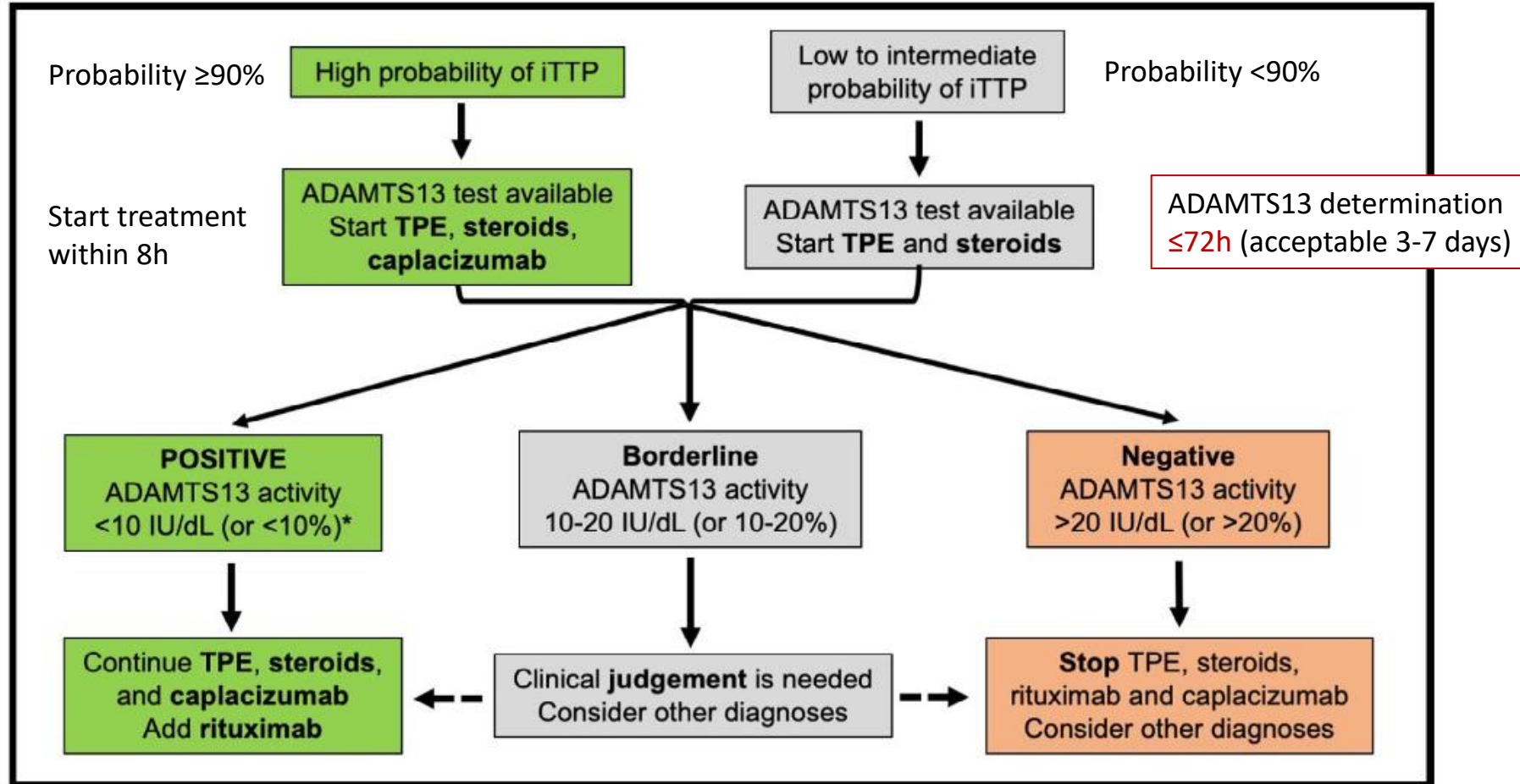
FRENCH Score: 2/2 points
PLASMIC Score: 5 (+1-2)/7 points
➤ **ADAMTS13 <1%**

Additional biomarkers suggestive of TTP:

- ✓ ↑ troponin (non-STEMI) → indication for ICU/telemetry
- ✓ ↑ a-amylase, lipase (pancreatitis);
- ✓ etc.



Treatment iTTP – Guidelines ISTH 2020



Zheng XL *et al.* JTH 2020;18:2486f – ISTH Diagnosis Guideline 2020
Zheng XL *et al.* JTH 2021;19:1864f – **Review**

*Caplacizumab
Only when ADAMTS13 test is available

Treatment iTTP – Caplacizumab

TITAN (phase 2) and **HERCULES** (phase 3) trials

- 108 SoC + Caplacizumab vs. 112 SoC + placebo
 - Death/major TE event/TTP exacerbation **14 (13%)** vs. 53 (47.3%)

Peyvandi F *et al.* N Engl J Med 2016;374:511f

Scully M *et al.* N Engl J Med 2019;380:335f

Peyvandi F *et al.* Blood Adv 2021;5:2137f - Integrated data

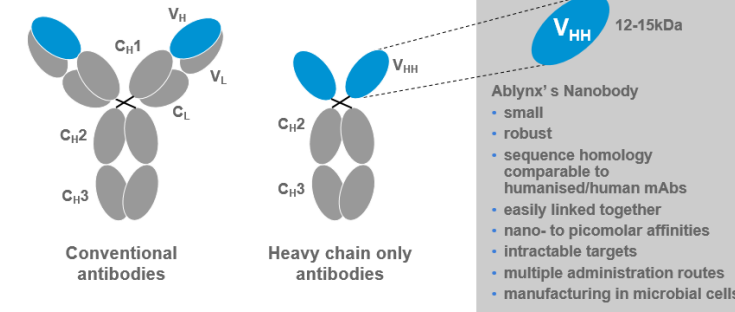
Real World Data – **confirm RCT experience**

- Germany**, 29 Sites; 60 pat. (06/2018 – 12/2019), 46/60 (76.7%) 1st iTTP episode
 - 8 (13.3%) as in HERCULES, 52 «free» protocol; 35 «front-line», 25 «rescue»
 - ADAMTS13 at time of stop of caplacizumab:
 - <10% : 11/34 pat. had relapse /exacerbation; 91% <28 days of capla stop
 - >10% : NO** relapse / exacerbation
- UK**, 115 pat (incl. 5 pediatri.; 05/18 – 01/20); 85 evaluable vs. 39 historic controls
 - 5 deaths – Capla start **“delayed”** as «salvage therapy» days 2, 3, 8, 19 and 22

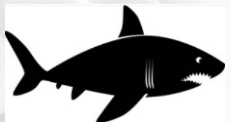
Völker LA *et al.* Blood Adv 2020;4:3085f

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Dutt T *et al.* Blood 2021;137:1731f



TTP Registry
Hereditary Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
Upshaw-Schulman syndrome



Treatment iTTP – Caplacizumab 2

- **FRANCE**, 90 pat. triplet regimen vs. 180 historic controls
 - **Triplet regimen**
 - TPE from dy 1
 - Caplacizumab from dy 1
 - Rituximab within dy 1-3 (as soon as ATS13 is available)
 - Prim. outcome (refractoriness & death) **2.2 vs. 12.2% (p = 0.01)** (one death due to central PE)
 - Second. outcomes:
 - exacerbation **3.4 vs. 44% (p = 0.01)**
 - platelet recovery **1.8x faster**
 - days in hospital **13 vs. 22 (p < 0.01)**

Adverse event	Number of adverse events	Description
Major bleeding*	2	One with hemorrhagic shock with lower digestive bleeding One with abundant menorrhagia with a decrease in hemoglobin level of 2.5 g/dL
Clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding*	11	Three with macroscopic gastrointestinal hemorrhage Seven with epistaxis One with subcutaneous hematoma larger than 25 cm ²
Non-clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding *	17	Nine with ecchymosis or small hematoma Six with gingival bleedings Two with catheter site hemorrhage
Inflammatory reaction	6	Inflammatory swelling at the injection site, especially at the end of the treatment course
Thrombocytosis	19	Platelet count ($\times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$) >450-600: 11 cases >600-900: 7 cases >900: 1 case



Kaufeld J *et al.*
Ann Hematol 2021;100:3051f

* **No** patient received a
➤ VWF concentrate, or
➤ hemostatic treatment

iTTP – where to? TPE – free algorithm

Patient with (suspected) TTP (ADAMTS13 <10%; high PLASMIC / FRENCH Score)

- diagnostic samples and procedures, incl. preparing for TPE but w/o central line (yet), avoid Tc transfusion
- 1st injection of **10mg Caplacizumab** i.v. & methylprednisolone 1-2mg/kg/BW p.o. or 100mg i.v.
 - Consider to give plasma infusion (2-4 units of fresh frozen plasma/Octaplas)
 - Monitor vital signs and neurology
 - Re-test platelet count (Tc) and organ function markers after ~ 6 – 8 (ev. 12 ?) hours

IMPROVING:

platelet count increasing, stable organ function
= Response to treatment – no TPE needed

Daily **10mg Caplacizumab** s.c. until ADAMTS13 >20%
Start **Rituximab**
CBC and organ function markers daily
Discharge w. Tc >150 G/l on 2 consecutive days

NOT IMPROVING:

Start **TPE**, and continue until Tc >150 G/l & stable

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iTTP – where to? TPE – free algorithm

- GERMANY (REACT-2020 TTP Registry) & AUSTRIA (ATMAR) – no uniform protocol
 - SOC (TPE, immunosuppression) with frontline caplacizumab
 - 59 iTTP pat., 59 episodes treated with TPE, immunosuppression & caplacizumab
 - **TPE-free regimen** (caplacizumab and immunosuppression only)
 - 41 iTTP pat., 42 episodes

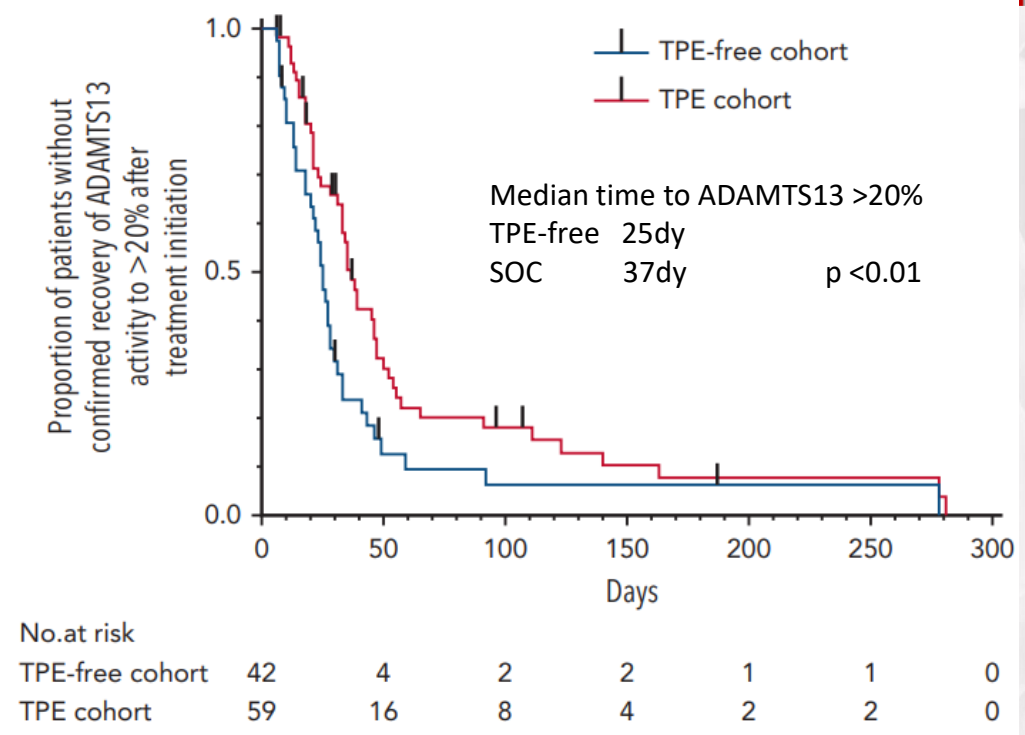
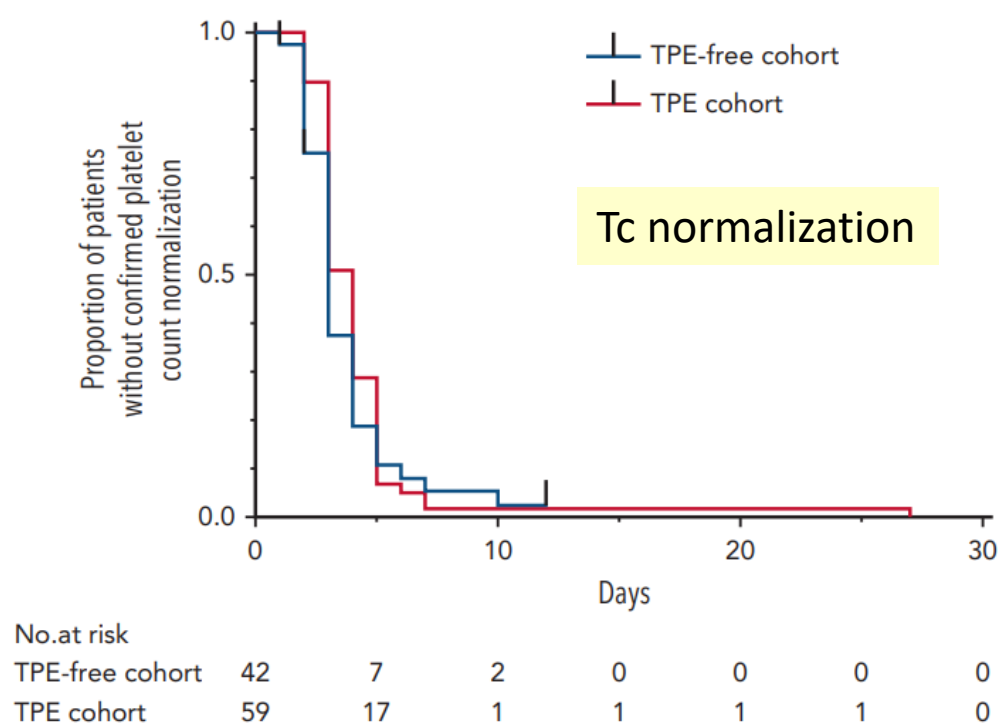
Parameter	TPE-free cohort (n = 42)	TPE cohort (n = 59)	P value
Median age (range), y	43 (20-83)	47 (20-80)	.43
Median LDH (range), U/L	703 (214-2500)	1052 (373-3467)	<.01
Initial troponin			.17
Elevated, n (%)	16 (38.1)	27 (45.8)	
Not elevated, n (%)	11 (26.2)	8 (13.6)	
Data missing, n (%)	15 (35.7)	24 (40.7)	
Median serum creatinine (range), mg/dL	0.95 (0.57-5.30)	1.07 (0.5-3.65)	.07
Neurological symptoms upon admission, n (%)			
Patients with at least 1 neurological symptom	24 (57.1)	26 (44.1)	.23

Kühne *et al.* Blood 2024;144:1486f



iTTP – where to? TPE – free algorithm

- GERMANY (REACT-2020 TTP Registry) & AUSTRIA (ATMAR)
 - SOC (TPE, immunosuppression) with frontline caplacizumab; 59 iTTP pat & episodes
 - **TPE-free regimen** (caplacizumab and immunosuppression)
 - 38/42 (90.5%) clinical response w/o TPE; 4/42 +TPE, initiated median +1.5dy (range 1-2)



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ADAMTS13 >20%

Off-label use of Rituximab and of Caplacizumab

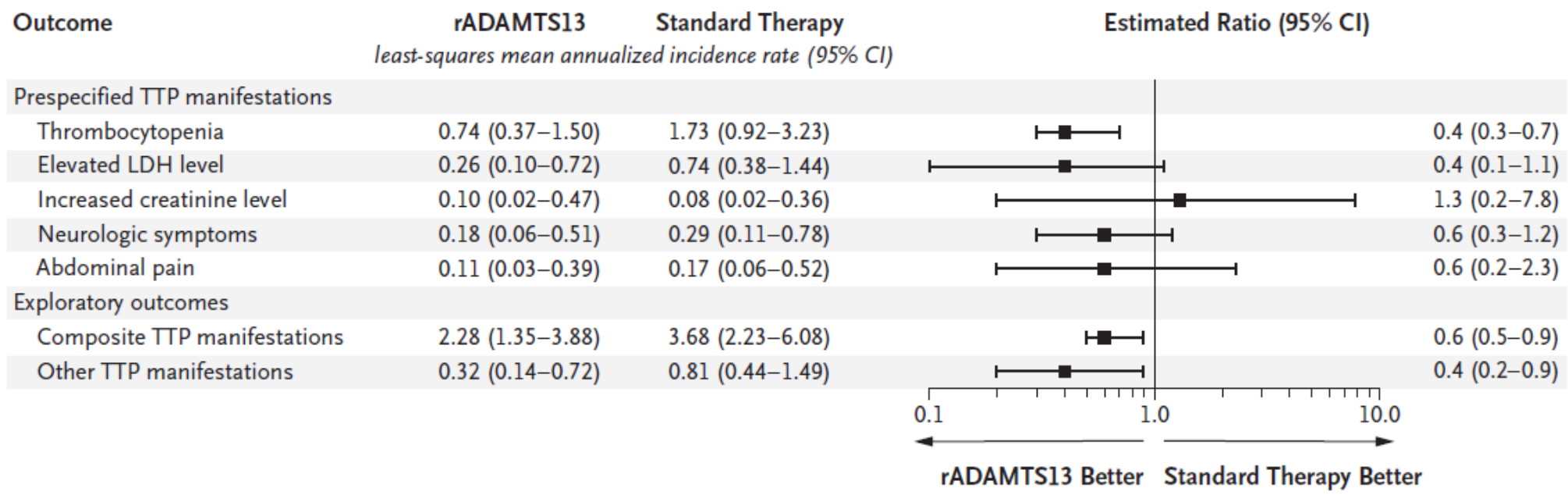
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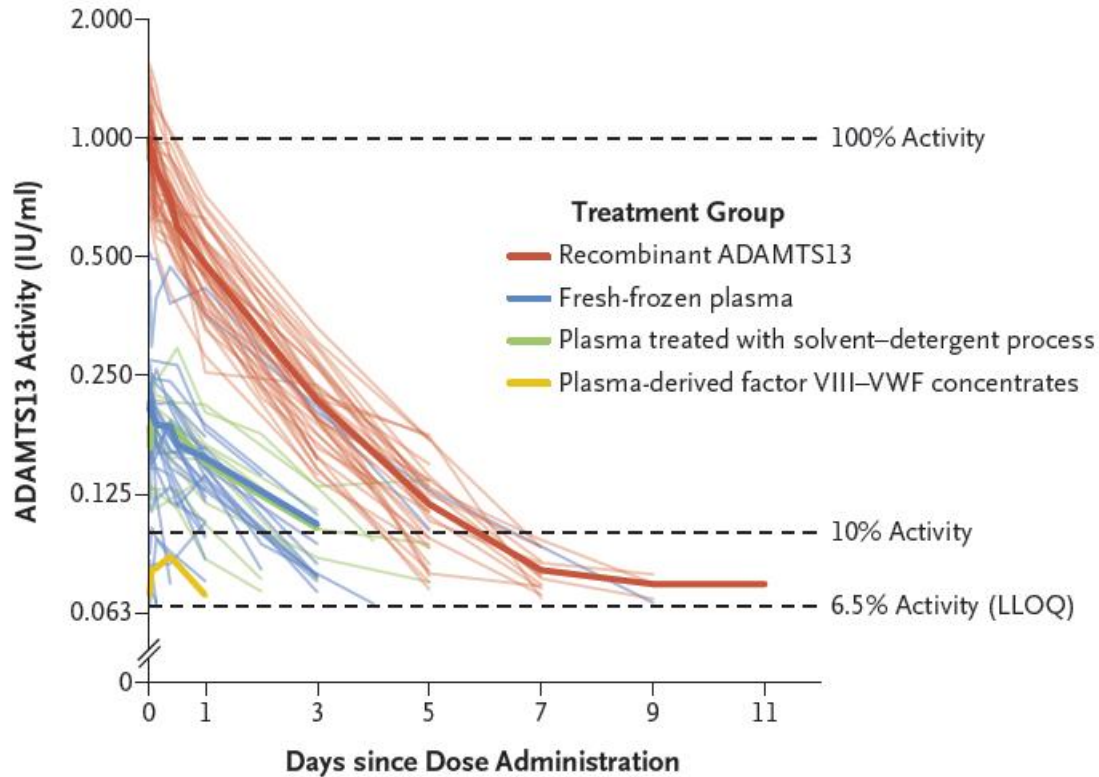
cTTP – rADAMTS13 (TAK-755; Adzynma®)

Approval status: FDA 11/23; EMA 08/24; SwissMedic expected 09/25



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cTTP – rADAMTS13 (TAK-755; Adzynma®)



No. of Patients

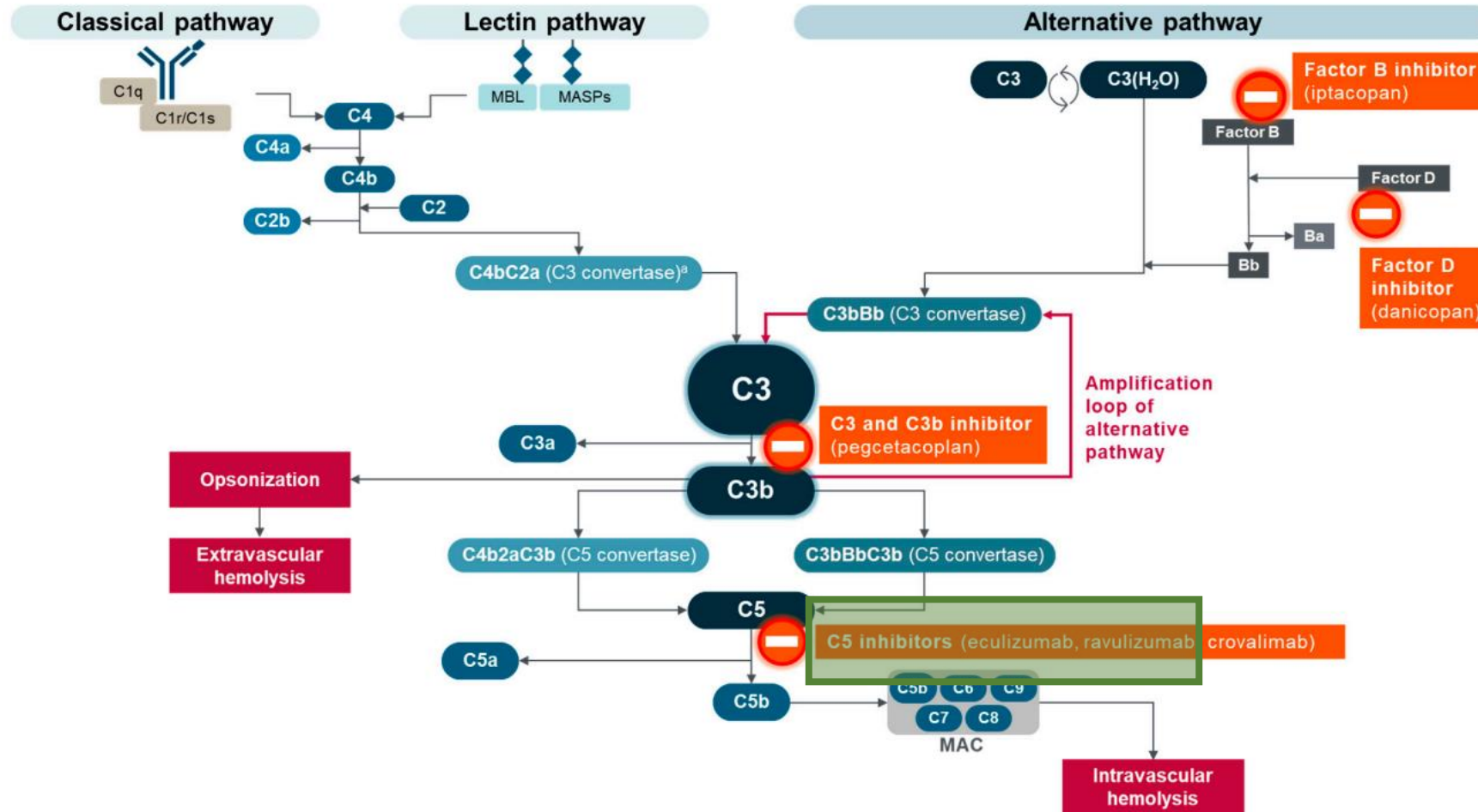
Recombinant ADAMTS13	36	39	34	31	13	3
Fresh-frozen plasma	23	27	11	2		1
Plasma treated with solvent-detergent process	7	9	5	3		
Plasma-derived factor VIII-VWF concentrates	2	1				

rADAMTS13 dose:
40 U/kg body weight

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PNH / aHUS – complement inhibition



Approved for aHUS

Summary

- ADAMTS13 activity assays (widely) available in DACH countries
 - TTP = ADAMTS13 <10%
 - aHUS: clinical diagnosis; after exclusion of other TMAs
- Pathophysiology-based treatment of iTTP
 - Triplet-regimen vs. **TPE-free**
 KoGu required: Rituximab (Art 71a) – unproblematic; Caplacizumab (Art 71b) – **problematic !!**
- **Recomb. ADAMTS13 (ADZYMNA®)** for cTTP
 - iTTP phase 3 trial – rADAMTS13 in addition to TPE underway
- Complement inhibition for aHUS –
 - anti-C5 inhibition highly effective (initiation within days - weeks)
 - Vaccination against encapsulated bacteria !



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