

# **Solid organ transplant: *when & which variants do best?* Trials – *when?***

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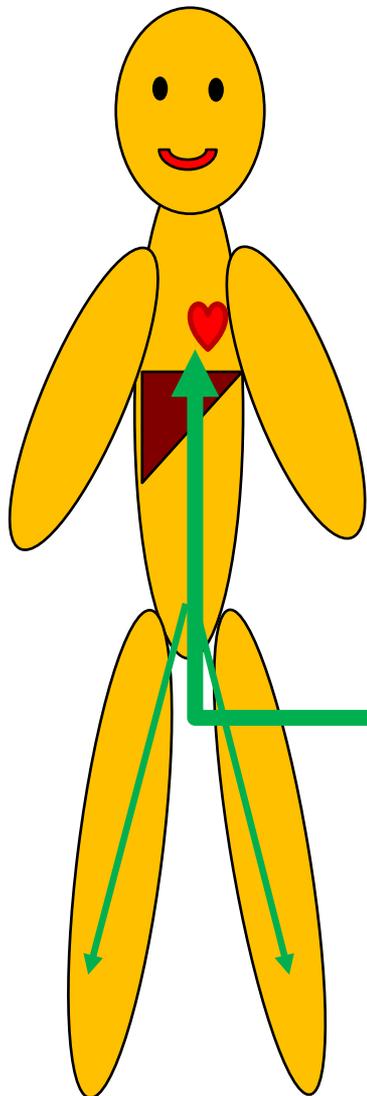
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# Hereditary systemic amyloidoses

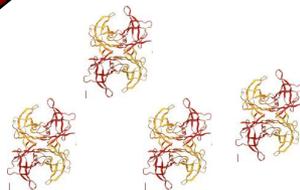
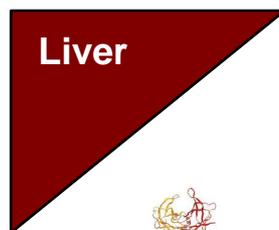
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A $\beta$ 2M	$\beta$ 2-microglobulin	Musculoskeletal system

# Strange truths about hereditary amyloidosis

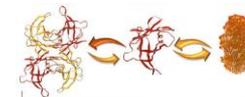
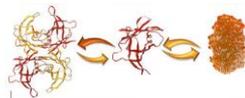
- **For most types, the source of the ‘disease driving’ building blocks (mutant proteins) is the liver,**
- **For most types, the disease driving organ (liver) doesn’t ‘appear’ sick**



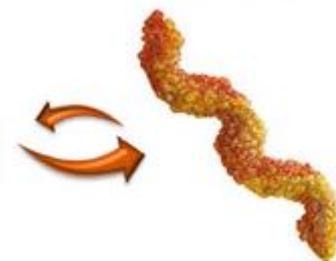
## Site of production



## Blood



## Tissues



Amyloid  
fibrils

TTR  
amyloid

# Transplant Approaches

- 1. Remove mutant protein producer**
  - Liver transplant
- 2. Replace symptomatic organ**
  - Possible for kidney or heart
  - Not possible for nerve or guts
- 3. Do both**

# ATTR Transplant Trivia

- **First OLT for ATTR in 1990**
- **First domino liver transplant in 1995**
- **Partial liver transplants since 1995**
- **ATTR patients do not meet criteria for liver transplant since “normal” liver**

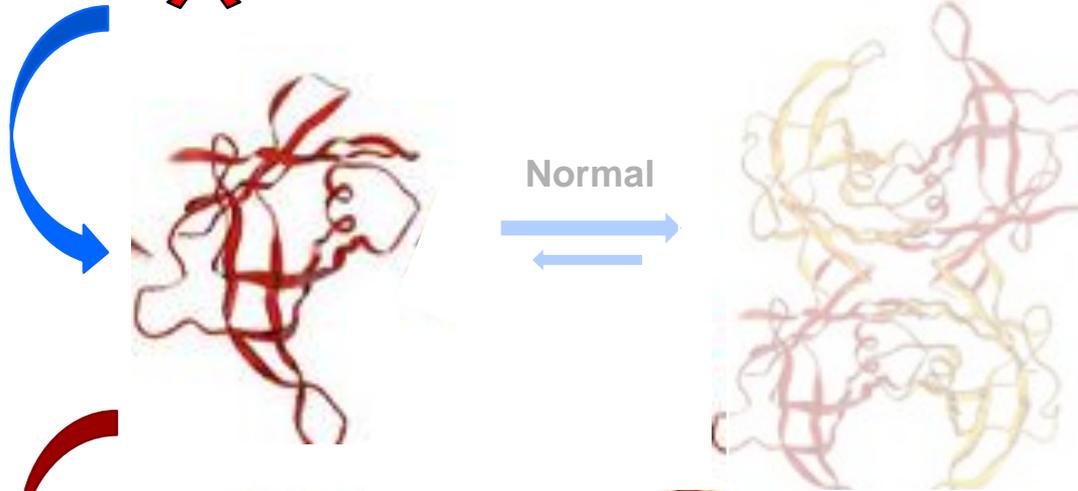
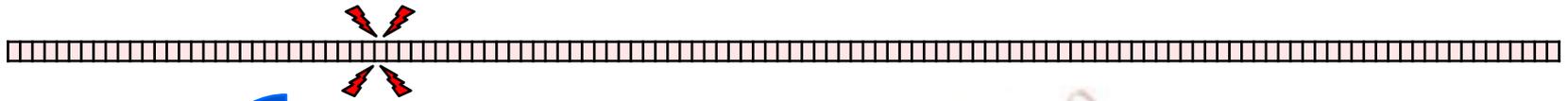


## **Results from the Familial World Transplant Registry**

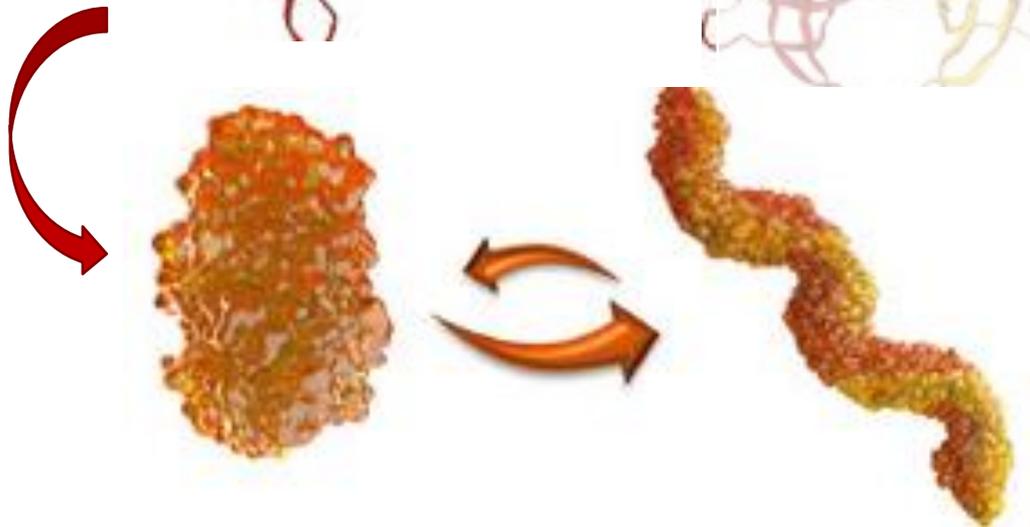
- **Male 57%**
- **Age at transplant: 38.2 (range 21-73)**
- **Duration of disease: 3 years (0-30 years)**

# Mutation in protein

Transthyretin protein (127 amino acids) stretched out

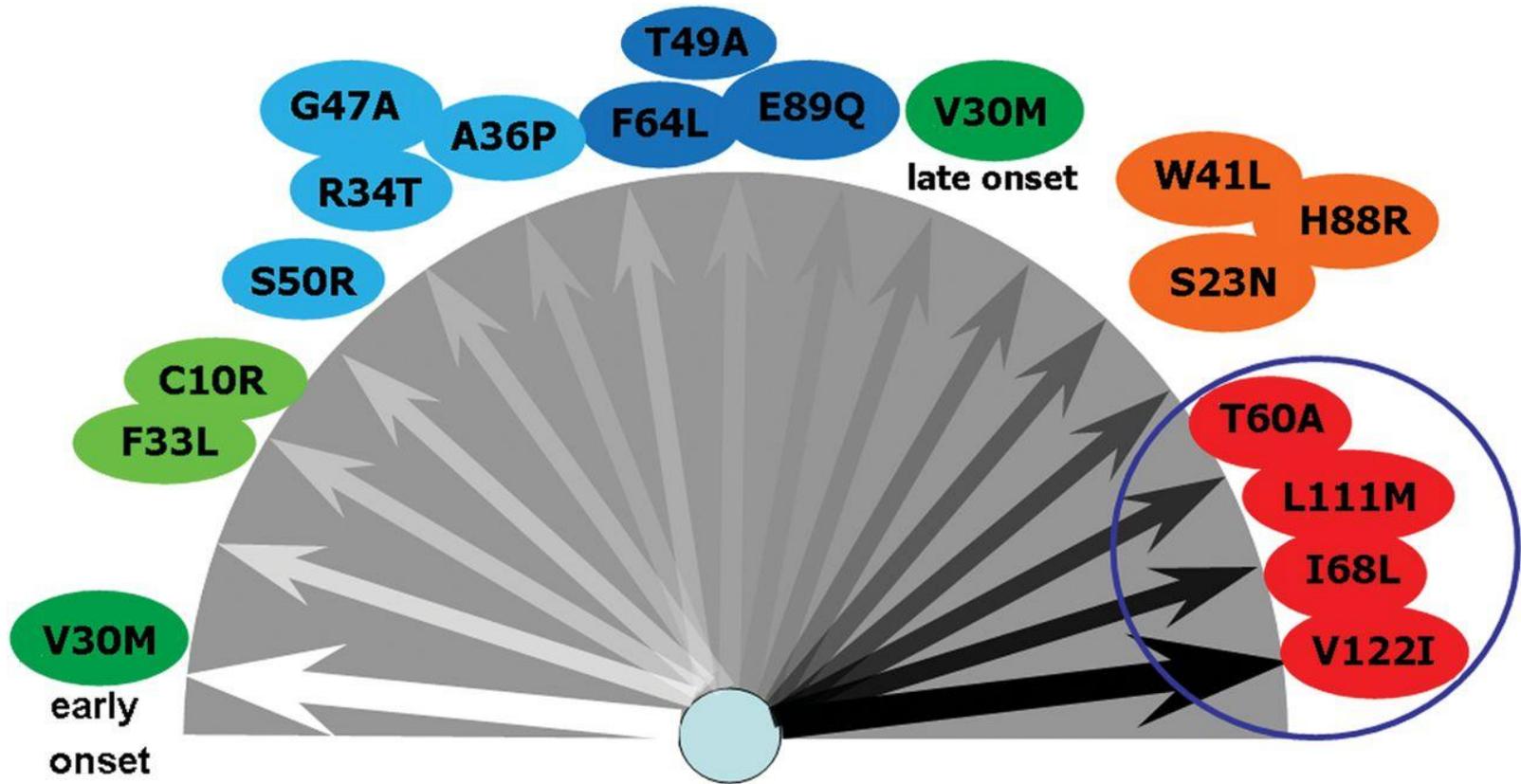


**Abnormal  
(amyloid  
pathway)**



# Spectrum of genotype–phenotype correlations in transthyretin-related amyloidosis.

112 mutations causing disease (2013)



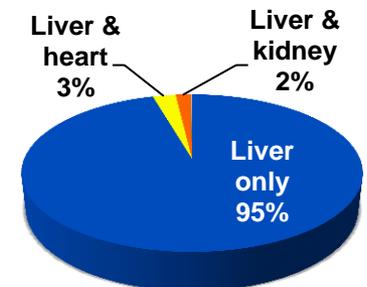
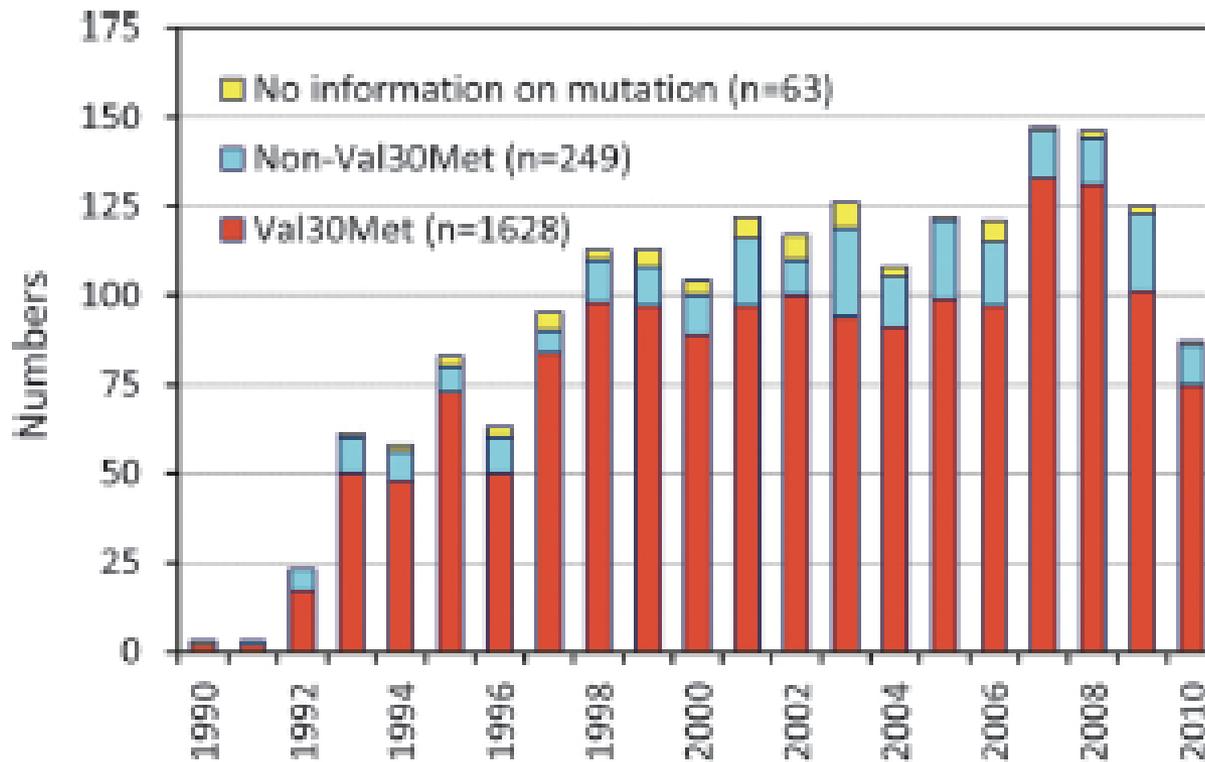
"Neurologic"

"Cardiac"

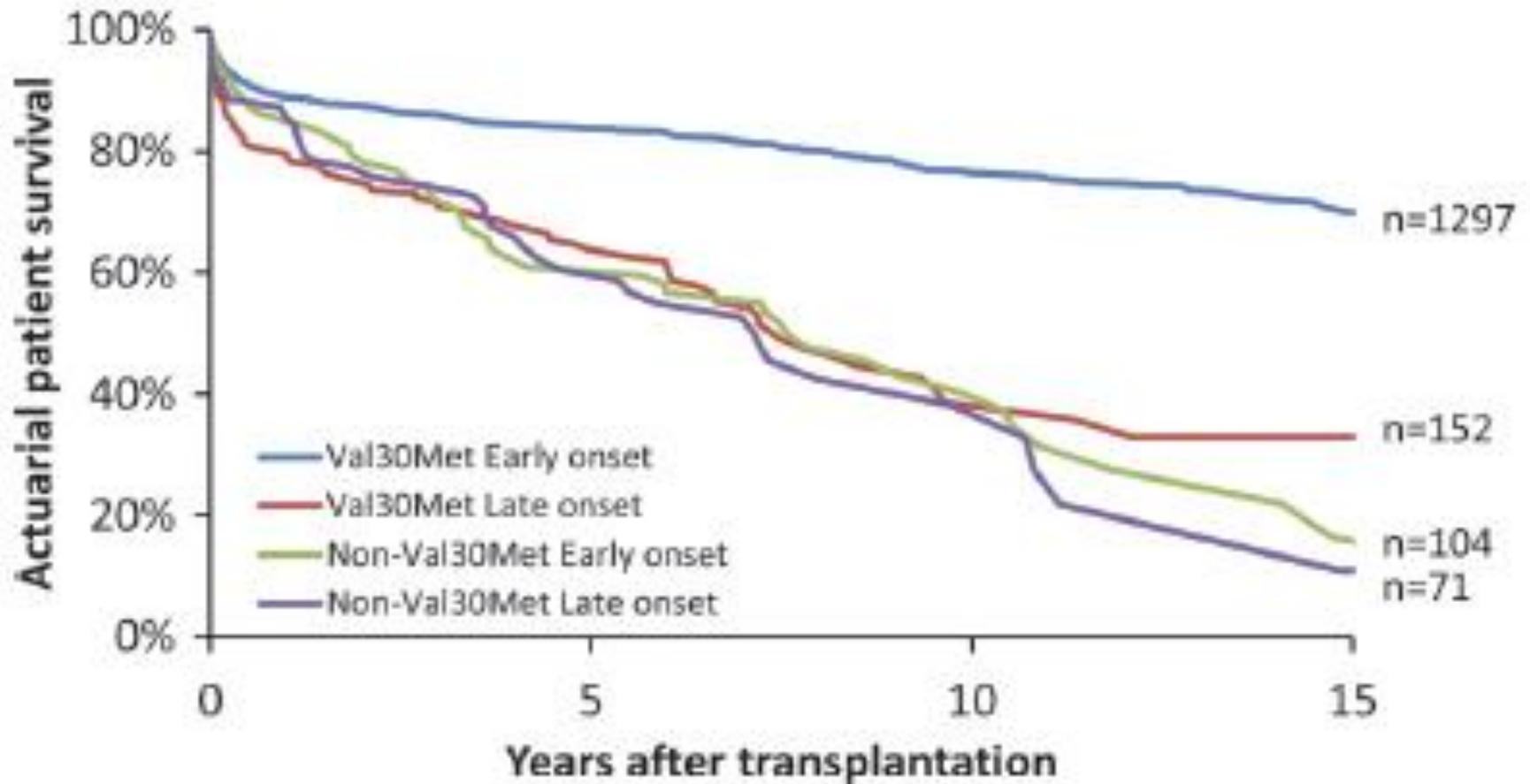
Phenotype

# Liver Transplantation for Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloidosis: After 20 Years Still the Best Therapeutic Alternative?

1940 patients undergoing 2127 liver transplants



# Survival post-OLT for Familial ATTR by mutation



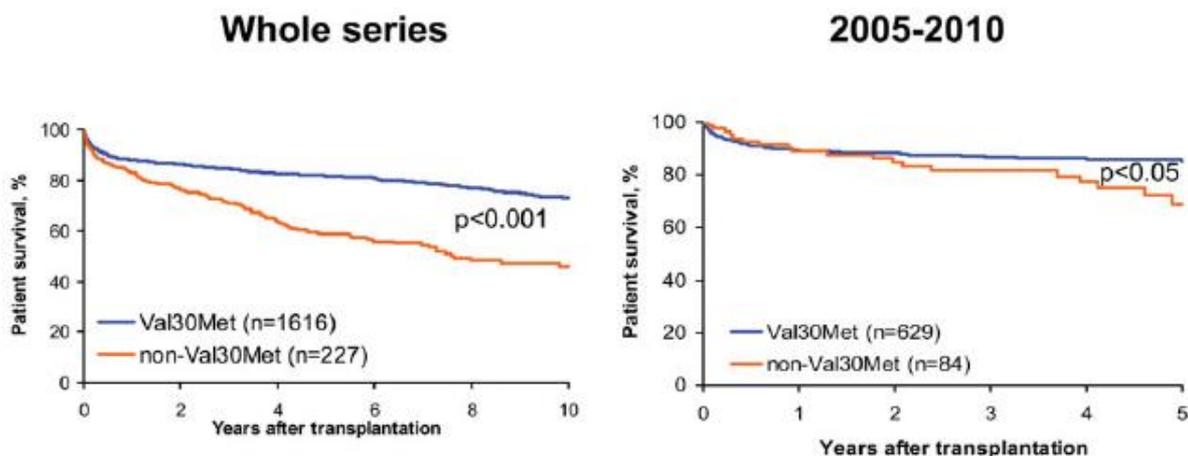
# 10 year Survivorship Post-OLT

*focusing on most common variants*

- Val30Met early onset 85%
- Val30Met late onset 45%
- Val71Ala (N) 85%
- Leu111Met (H) 83%
- Leu58His (H/N) 76%
- Thr60Ala (H/N) 36% if liver Tx only  
58% if heart & liver
- Fewer than 50% alive: Ser50Arg, Ser77Phe, Ser77Tyr, Glu89, Gln, Tyr114Cys

Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy  
World Transplant Register

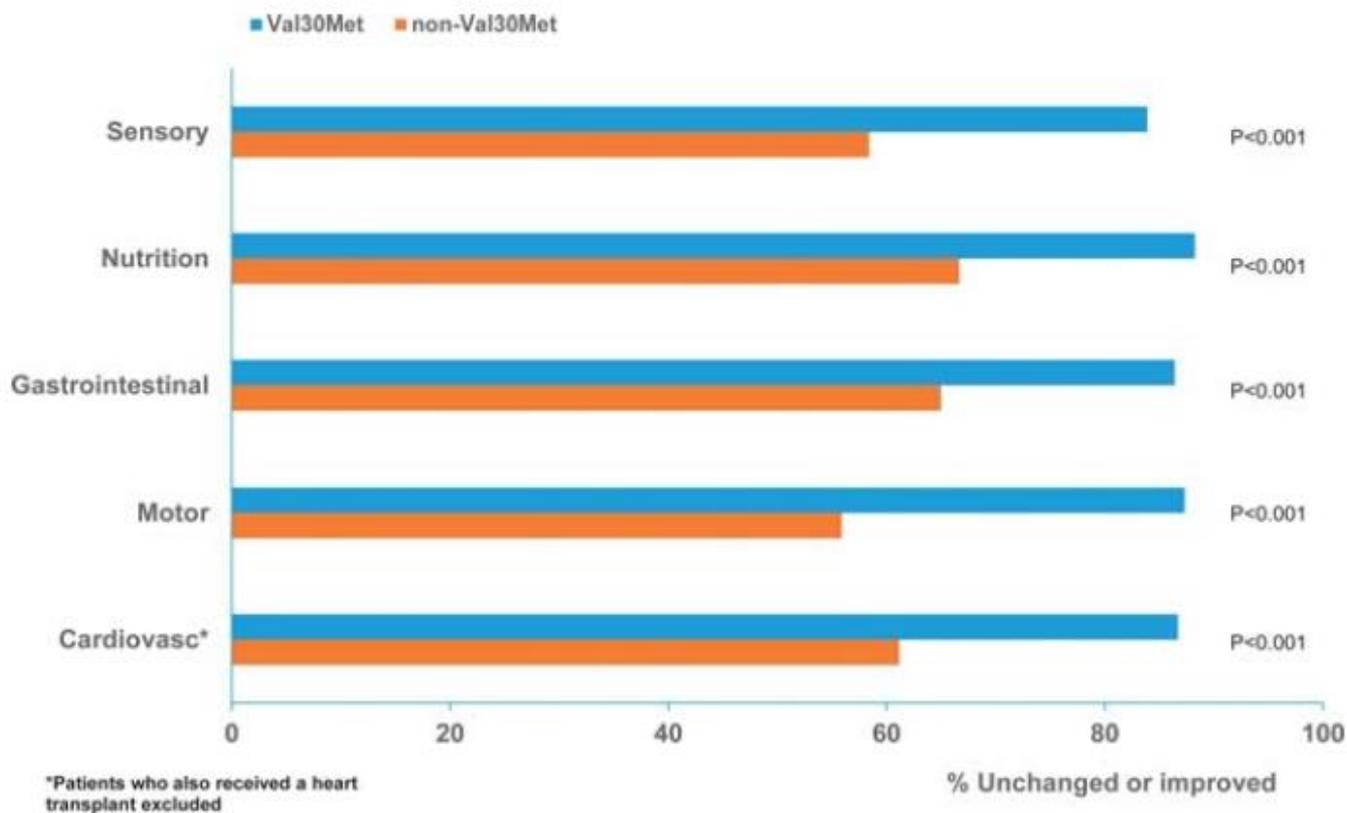
Patient Survival related to TTR mutation  
With Liver Transplantation



December 2010

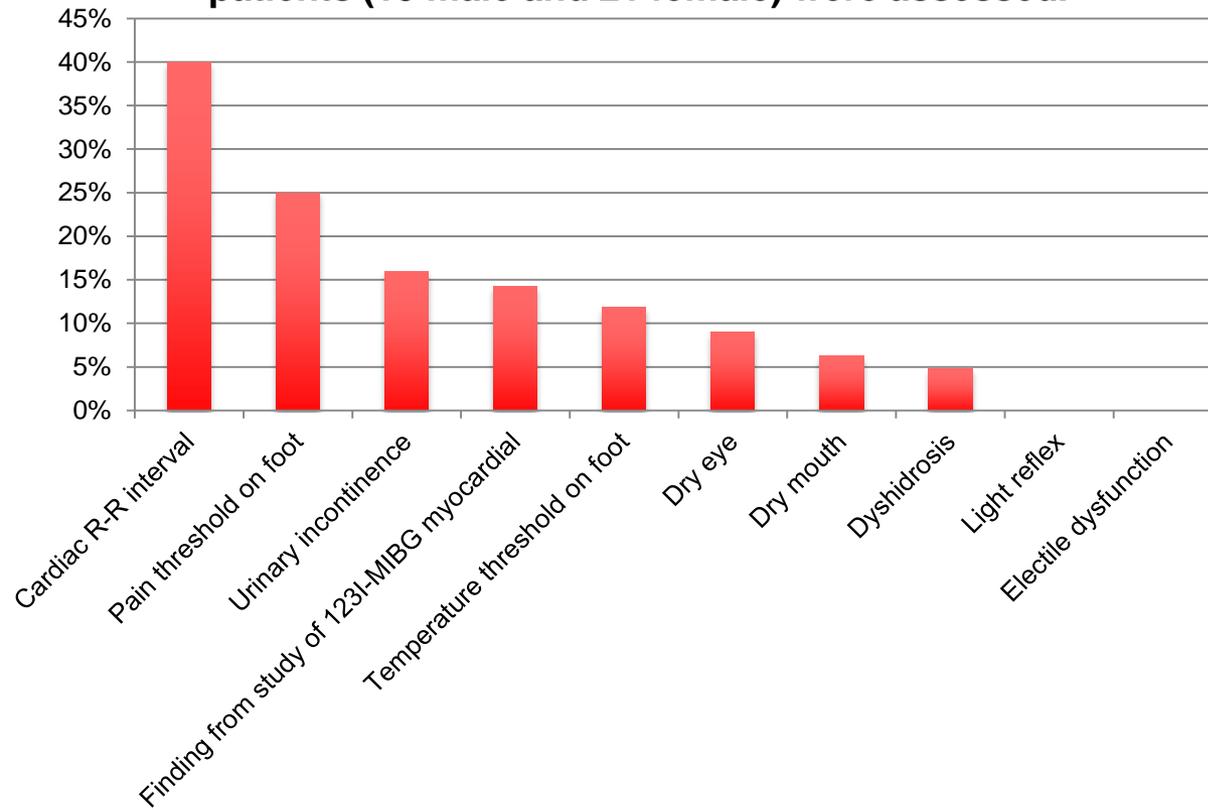
Progression noted in heart, vitreous opacities, autonomic nervous system  
Typically less cardiac deposition if heart transplant done same time

# Stabilization of symptoms better in Val30Met Patients than non-Val30Met Patients with Liver Transplantation



# Improvement in Autonomic Function after Liver Transplant

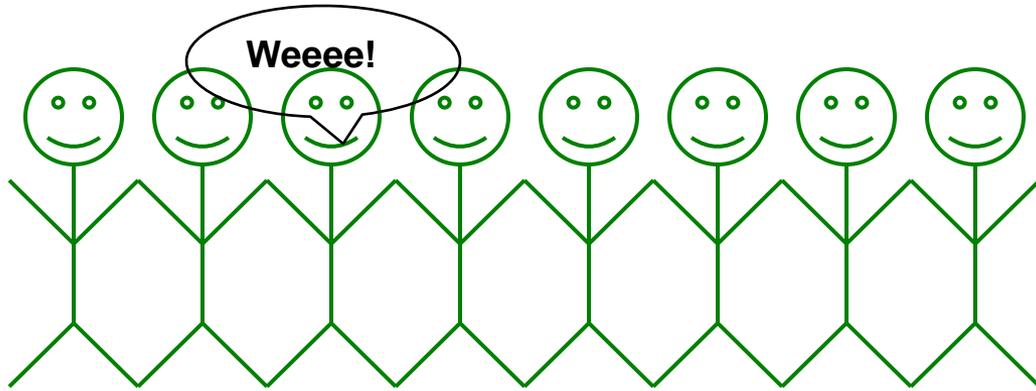
Thirty-six Japanese transplanted FAP ATTR V30M patients (15 male and 21 female) were assessed.



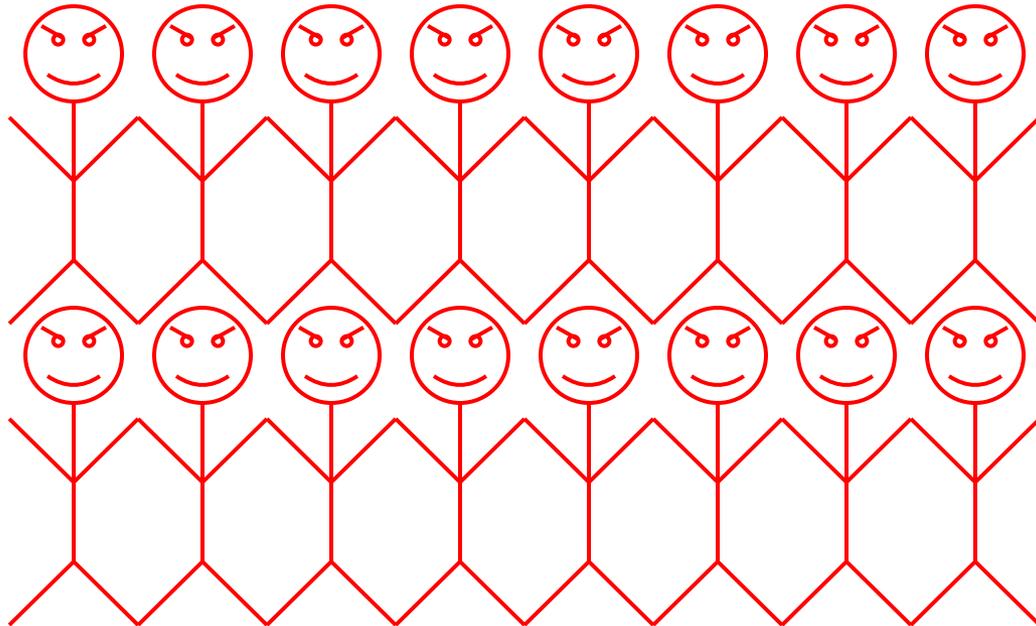
Diarrhea and orthostatic hypotention could not be assessed due to large variation.

# Val30Met Outcomes

- **Neuropathy stable or improved in up to 40%**
- **Nutrition improves in up to 80%**
- **Cardiac progresses in ~50%**
- **Kidney involvement unaffected**
- **Eye deposits progress**



Normal ATTR  
joining the party



Mutant ATTR fibrils  
Made of mutant TTR



# Heart Transplantation for Hereditary ATTR

- **Trend for a superior overall survival among those receiving heart and liver transplant versus those receiving liver transplant only**
- **Mayo Clinic data, and**
- **Similar finding in the FAPTR registry**

# Cardiac-Related Death in Liver Transplant Patients

- 212 patients underwent LTx alone
  - 119 (56%) patients died.
  - 45 (38%) of the deaths were heart related
- 52 had combined LTx/HTx
  - 20 (38%) patients died
  - 3 (15%) of the deaths were heart related

# What Does It All Mean?

- **Known:**
  - **Survival improved with liver transplant in V30M**
  - **Most effective if early**
  - **Major benefit is nutrition**
  - **Combined liver + heart and liver + kidney feasible**

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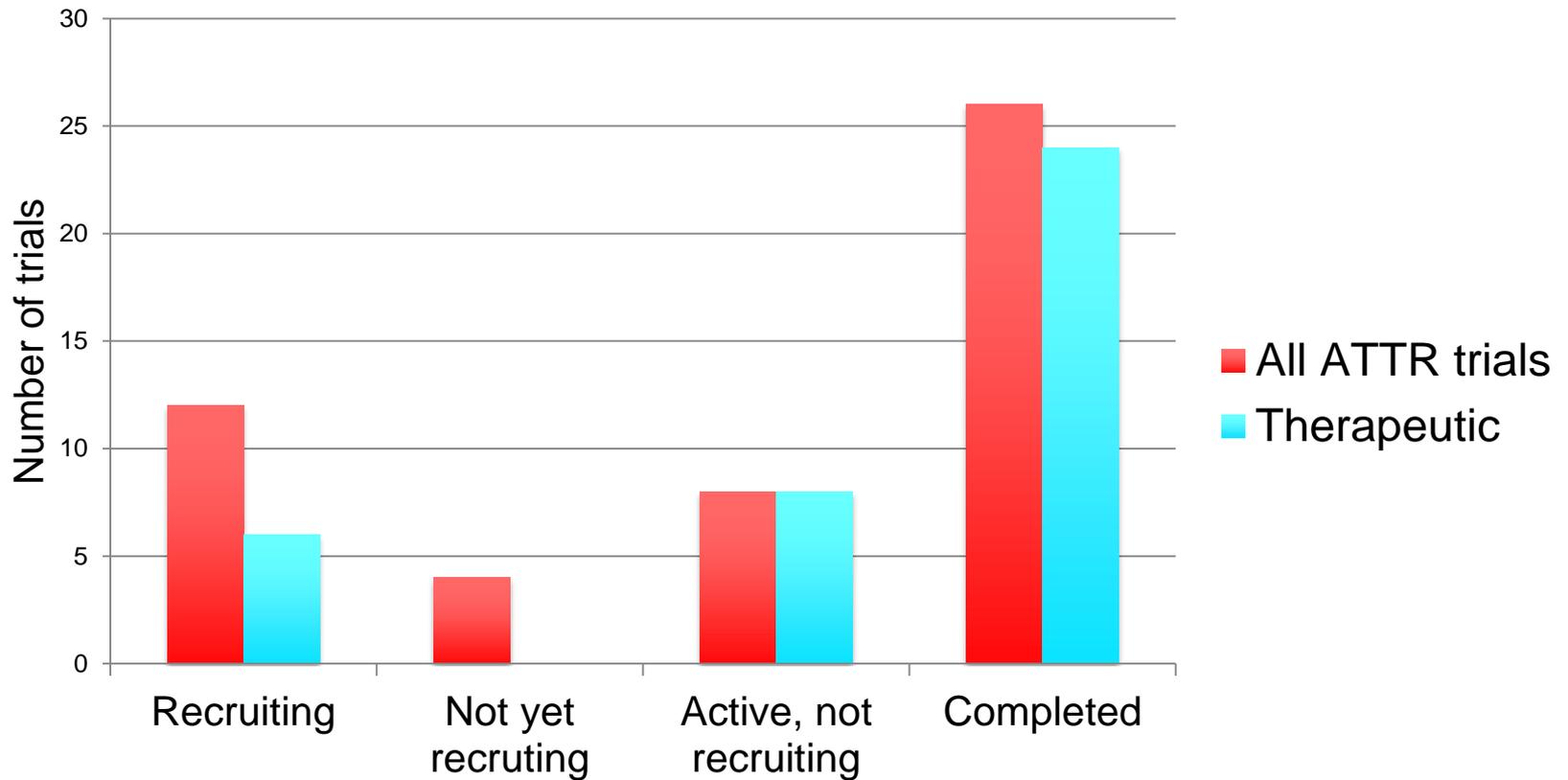
- **Unknown:**
  - **When is it futile?**
  - **Which mutations benefit?**
  - **If heart involved need combined heart + liver?**
  - **Is amyloid halted, slowed, reversed or accelerated?**

**In a perfect world,  
there would be  
no liver transplant...**

- **...Safe, effective,  
affordable drugs would  
help take care of the  
problem**



# Number of ATTR Clinical Trials Registered on Clinicaltrials.gov



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**Made entirely in the liver**

# Fibrinogen A $\alpha$

- **Most common of hereditary renal amyloidoses (Ostertag 1932)**
- **First mutation described by Dr. Benson, 1993**
- **Middle age presentation**
- **If kidney replacement alone, graft fails in 1-7 years with 10-year graft survival of 5% (vs 65%)**

## First Report of Liver Transplant without Kidney Transplant for Fibrinogen A alpha chain Renal Amyloidosis

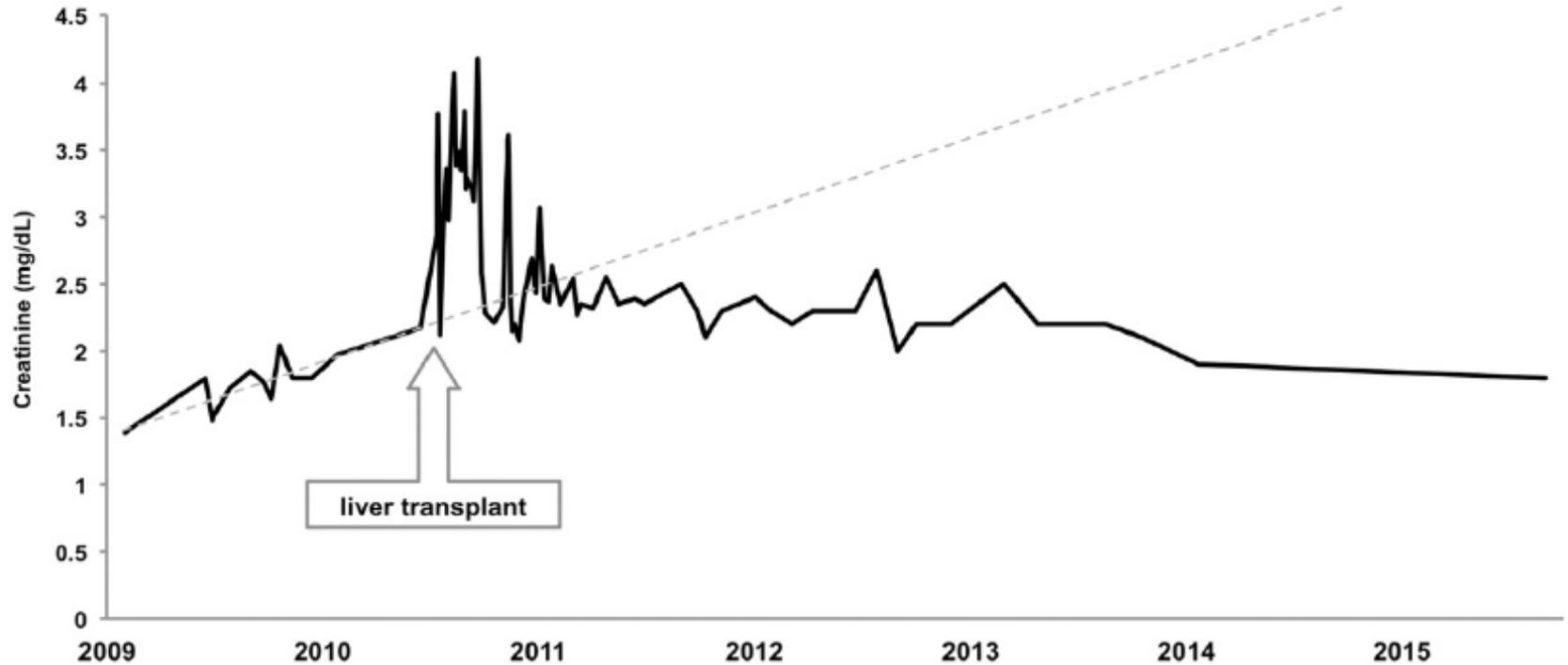


Figure 1. Time course of serum creatinine level in patient with liver transplantation without kidney transplantation.

# Conclusions

- **Liver ( $\pm$  heart) transplant still plays a role in ATTR ValMet30 patients**

  - **Other mutations, less certain**

- **Exciting that other means of reducing the ATTR may be on the horizon**
- **For AFIB, liver + kidney is best**
- **Early diagnosis, better data collection is imperative regardless**