

# Solid organ transplant in ATTR and non-ATTR

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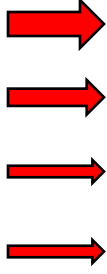
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ACys	Cystatin C	PNS, skin
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# Strange truths about hereditary amyloidosis

- **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**

# Transplant Approaches

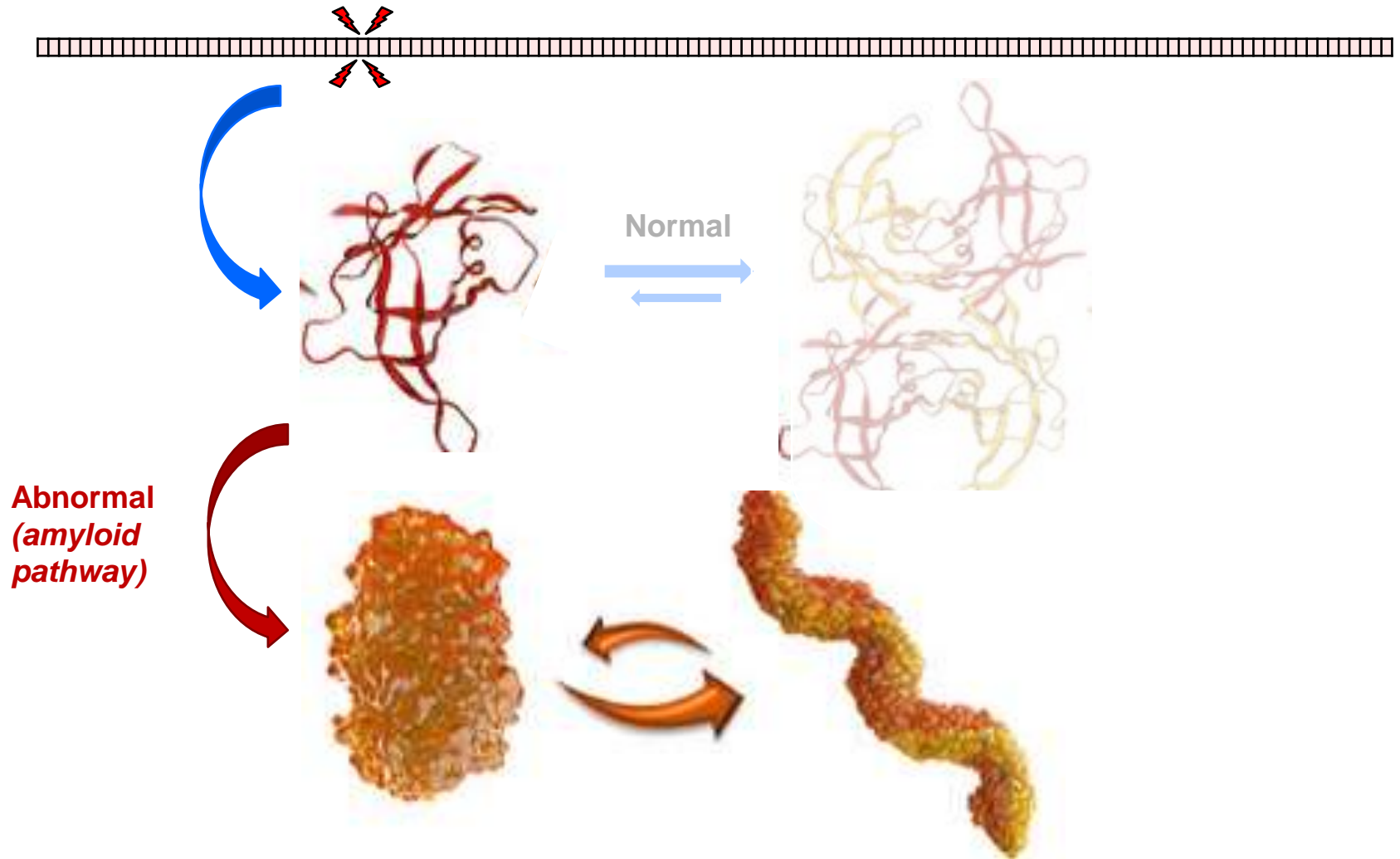
- 1. Remove mutant protein producer**
  - Liver transplant
- 2. Replace symptomatic organ**
  - Possible for kidney or heart
  - Not possible for nerves or guts
- 3. Do both**
  - And if both, in what order?

# ATTR Transplant Trivia

- 1. First liver transplant for ATTR in 1990**
- 2. First domino liver transplant in 1995**
- 3. Partial liver transplants since 1995**
- 4. ATTR patients do not meet criteria for liver transplant since “normal” liver**

# Mutation in protein

Transthyretin protein (127 amino acids) stretched out

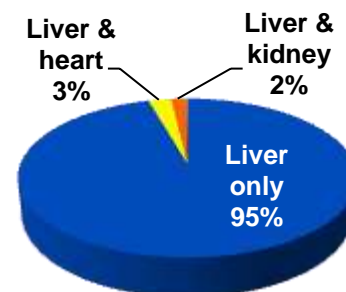
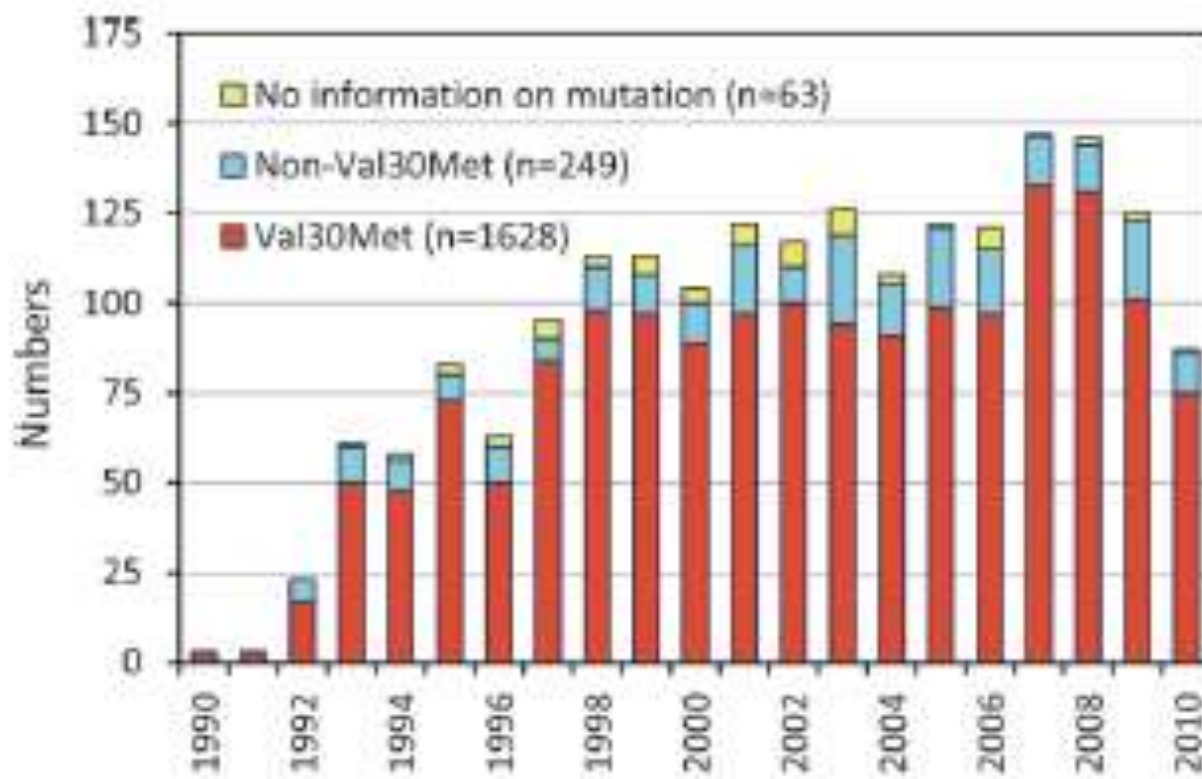




## Results from the Familial World Transplant Registry

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

1940 patients undergoing 2127 liver transplants



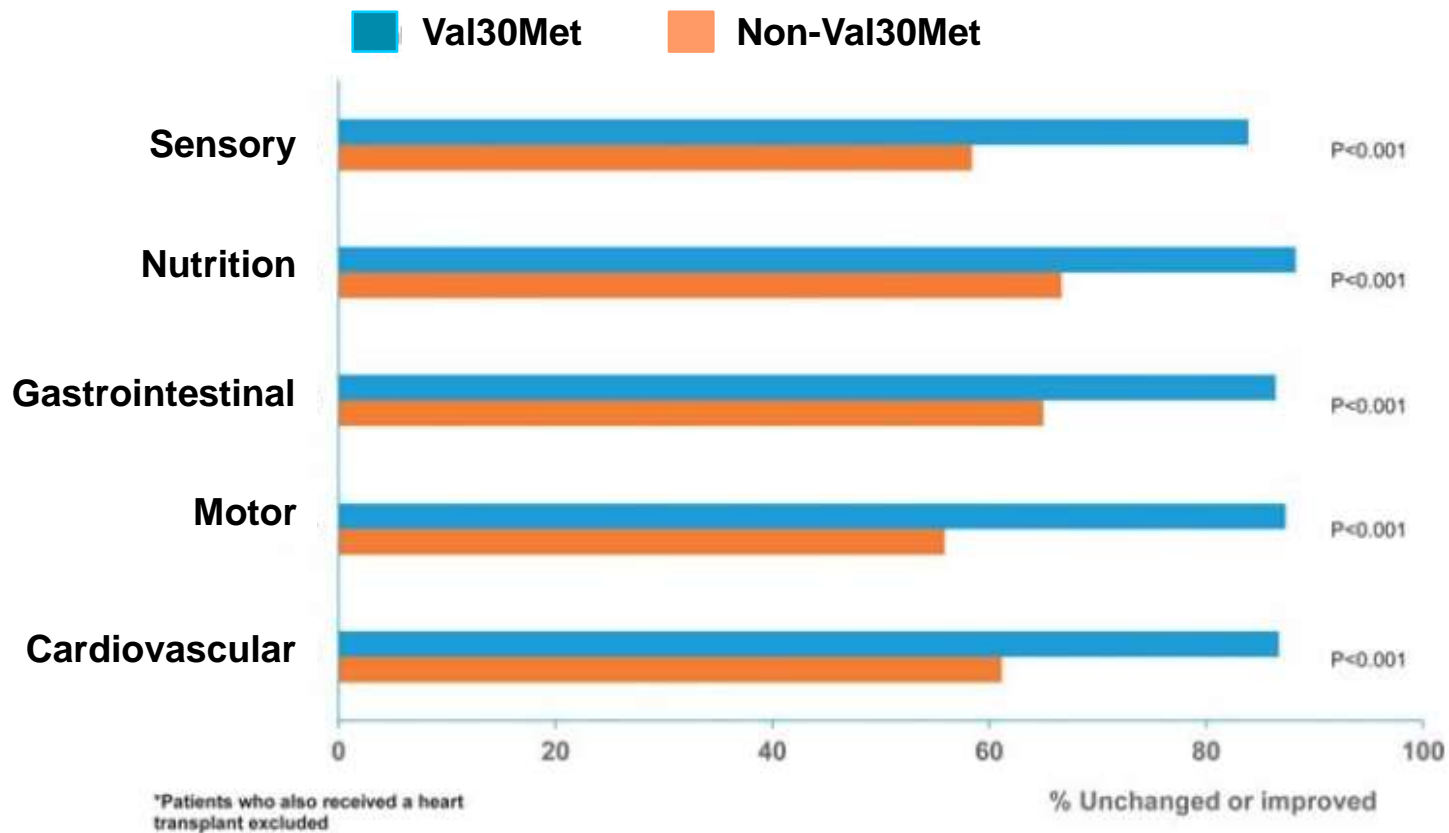


# 10 year Survivorship Post-OLT

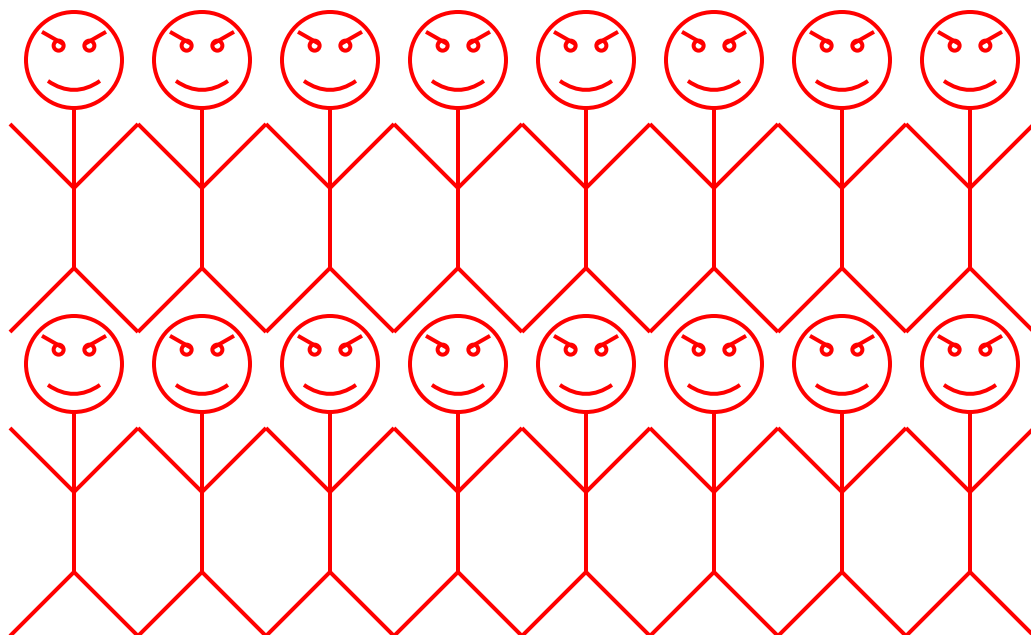
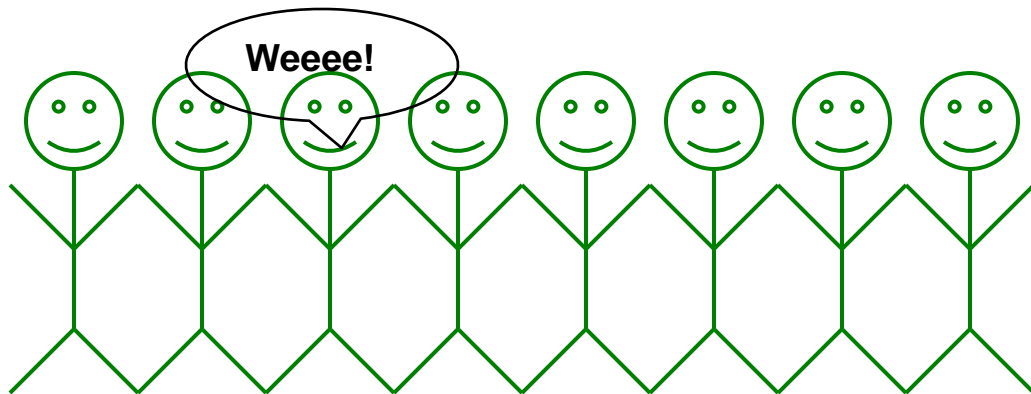
*focusing on most common variants*

- Val30Met early onset 85%
- Val30Met late onset 45%
- Val71Ala (N) 85%
- **Unfortunately, this tells us nothing about quality of life**
- Leu50His (H/N) 70%
- Thr60Ala (H/N) 36% if liver Tx only  
58% if heart & liver
- **Fewer than 50% alive: Ser50Arg, Ser77Phe, Ser77Tyr, Glu89Gln, Tyr114Cys**


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




# Mechanism of Progression Post Liver Transplantation



**KEY**

Mutant ATTR fibrils  
Made of mutant TTR 

Normal ATTR  
joining the party 

# Heart Transplantation for Hereditary ATTR

- **Trend for a superior overall survival among those receiving heart and liver transplant versus those receiving liver transplant only**

# Heart Transplantation in ATTRwt

Original Clinical Science—General



## Outcomes After Cardiac Transplant for Wild Type Transthyretin Amyloidosis

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**Background.** The true prevalence of heart failure due to wild type transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTRwt) is likely underestimated. There is a paucity of data with regard to the management of ATTRwt-related advanced heart failure and the natural history of extracardiac ATTRwt. **Methods.** We conducted a retrospective cohort study of patients undergoing cardiac transplant (HTx) for ATTRwt at a single institution. Comprehensive clinical data, including baseline hemodynamic and echocardiographic characteristics, and posttransplant outcomes, were obtained. **Results.** Seven patients with ATTRwt underwent HTx between 2007 and 2015. All patients were male with a mean age of  $66 \pm 9$ . Patients had a reduced ejection fraction (mean,  $37 \pm 14\%$ ) and elevated filling pressures pre-HTx (mean pulmonary capillary wedge pressure  $22 \pm 7$  mm Hg) before HTx. Three-year survival was 100%; 1 patient died of pancreatic cancer 45 months post-HTx (1 death per 30.8 patient-years). Oxygen consumption ( $\Delta +6.8 \pm 4.9$  mL·kg<sup>-1</sup>·min<sup>-1</sup>) and 6-minute walk distances ( $\Delta +189 \pm 60$  m) improved. Symptomatic gastrointestinal involvement ( $n = 2$ ) and peripheral nerve involvement ( $n = 4$ ) by ATTRwt developed late. **Conclusions.** This is the first report of a series of ATTRwt patients receiving HTx in which excellent outcomes are demonstrated. Although cardiac death is averted, systemic manifestations of ATTRwt may develop posttransplantation.

(*Transplantation* 2018;102: 1909-1913)

100% survival at 3 years

# What Does It All Mean?

## *Known Stuff in ATTRv*

- 1. Survival improved with liver transplant in V30M**
  - *but what about new drugs?*
- 2. Most effective if early**
  - *but how early?*
- 3. Major benefit in nutrition**
- 4. Combined liver + heart and liver + kidney feasible**

# What Does It All Mean?

## *Unknown Stuff in ATTRv*

- 1. When is organ transplant futile?**
- 2. Which mutations benefit?**
  - *Early onset V30M, V71M, L111M, L58H*
- 3. If heart involved, need combined heart and liver?**
  - *And if so, in what order?*
- 4. Should transplant patients get new drugs?**

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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

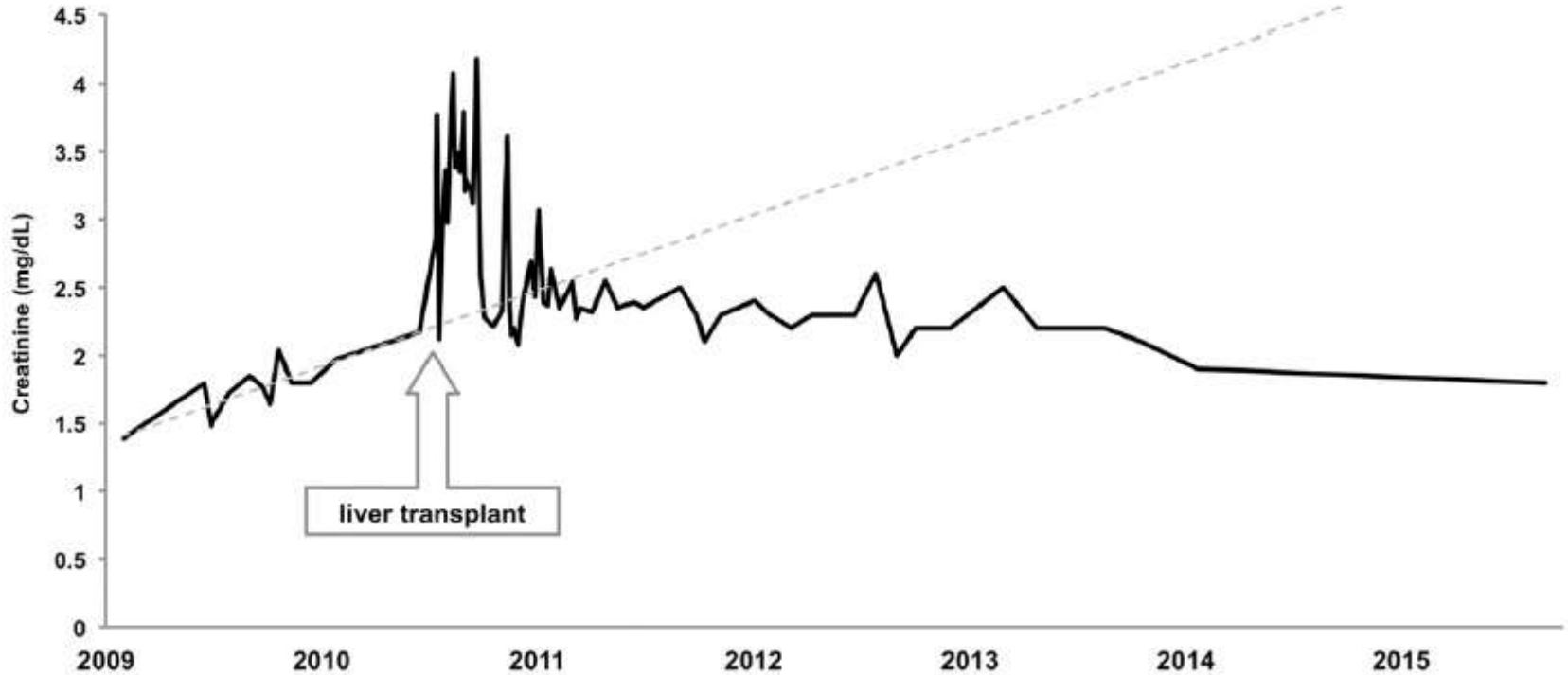


Figure 1. Time course of serum creatinine level in patient with liver transplantation without kidney transplantation.

# Transplants for AApoA-I and ALys

- **AApoA-I**
  - **14 kidney only**
  - **1 kidney and liver; 1 kidney and heart**
  - **10 year graft survival was 77%**
- **ALys**
  - **3 patients received kidneys**
  - **All 3 grafts functioning between 0.9 and 6.2 years**

# **ALECT2—Renal Transplant**

*(short follow-up)*

- **5 patients with renal failure and ALECT2**
  - **Biopsy positive in 1 patient at 6 months**
  - **No recurrence in 4 at 20 months**

Said SM. *Kidney Int.* 2014;86(2):370-377.

- **5 patients with LECT2 in allografts @ T<sub>0</sub>**
  - **FU @ 14, 14, 26 months doing well.**
  - **One died infection at 3 months**
  - **One lost kidney at 84 month due to chronic rejection**

Mejia-Vilet et al. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 74(4):563-566.

# AFib, AApoAI, Alys, LECT2: Who and When?

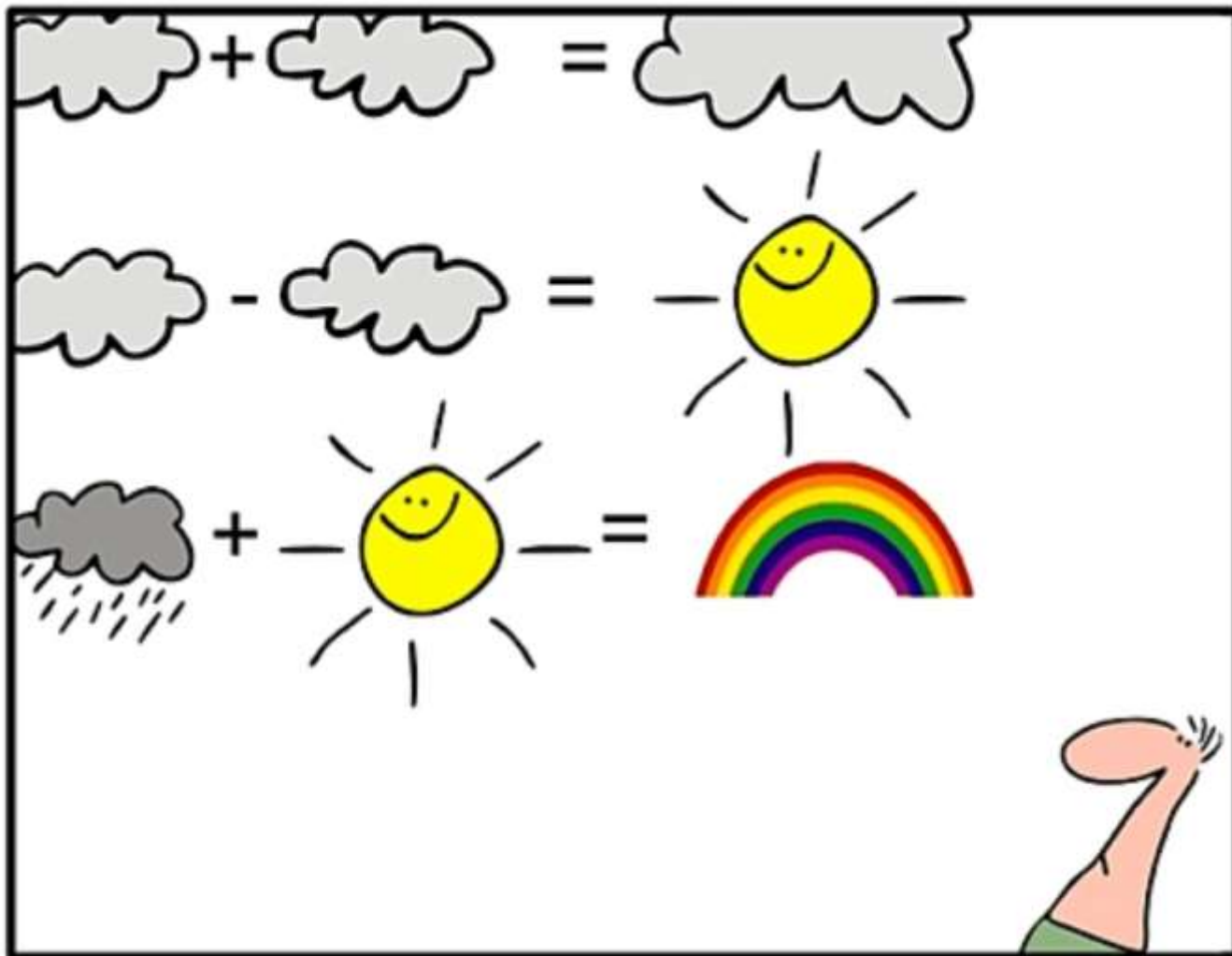
- 1. Intriguing concept of OLT before renal failure in AFib**
- 2. Hard to be too dogmatic for who and when for these very, very rare types**

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

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



# Questions?



*geek and poke*

**SIMPLY EXPLAINED - PART 17:  
CLOUD COMPUTING**



MAYO CLINIC



## Brain Microbleeds 12 Years after Orthotopic Liver Transplantation in Val30Met Amyloidosis

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Unexplained focal neurologic episodes (FNEs) can occur in patients with transthyretin-related familial amyloidotic polyneuropathy (TTR-FAP) after orthotopic liver transplantation (OLT). A patient with Val30Met FAP underwent OLT at age 34 years. Twelve years after transplantation, she presented with recurrent FNEs lasting from 10 minutes to 8 hours each, with nonuniform deficitary clinical features and variably associated with headache. Magnetic resonance imaging showed multiple brain microbleeds and diffuse contrast enhancement of the cranio-spinal leptomeninges consistent with amyloid deposits. Our observation suggests that microbleeds associated with meningovascular amyloidosis can underlie FNEs in TTR-FAP. Moreover, it confirms that OLT does not halt progression of leptomeningeal and vascular amyloid deposition due to TTR production in the choroid plexuses. Such a progression might compromise the good long-term prognosis of patients with TTR-FAP due to increased risk of intracranial hemorrhages. Pharmacologic therapies targeting brain TTR production may modify this scenario. **Key Words:** Cerebrovascular amyloidosis—magnetic resonance imaging—microbleeds—TTR-amyloidosis.

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# Series of V30M patients

**Table 1.** Clinical data of patients included in the study, pre and post-OLT.

n = 54	Pre-OLT	Post-OLT
Neuropathy worsening		37 (71%)
Nephropathy	8 (15%)	18 (35%)
Cardiopathy (any)	14 (26.4%)	32 (61.5%)
Arrhythmias	5 (9.4%)	20 (38.5%)
HF	1 (1.9%)	5 (9.6%)
AVB	5 (9.4%)	18 (35.3%)
Maximum wall thickness	10.08 ± 2.15mm	13.1 ± 4.75mm
Diastolic dysfunction	6 (13.3%)	16 (53.3%)
LVEF	61 ± 3.6%	59 ± 6.7%