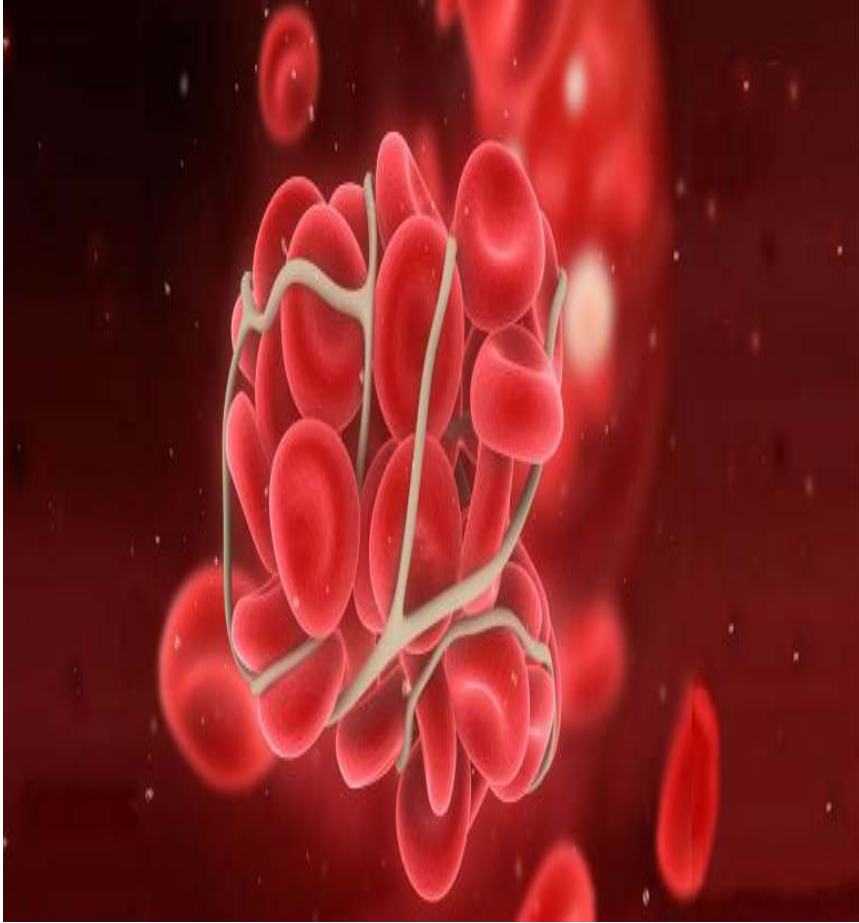


A microscopic view of blood, showing numerous red blood cells (erythrocytes) and several white blood cells (leukocytes). The red blood cells are small, round, and biconcave, appearing as reddish-brown discs. The white blood cells are larger, with irregular shapes and prominent nuclei, appearing as light greenish-yellow structures. The background is a deep red color, representing the plasma of the blood.

# ***OLGULARLA ANTİFOSFOLİPİD SENDROMU***

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# **ANTİFOSFOLİPİD SENDROMU**



- ***Venöz ve/veya arteryal tromboz***
- ***Gebelik morbiditeleri***
- ***En az 12 hafta fosfolipid ve proteinlere karşı gelişmiş otoantikörlerin varlığı ile karakterize sistemik ve otoimmün hastalıktır .***
- ***lupus-antikoagülan(LA),***
- ***antikardiolipin (aCL)***
- ***anti- $\beta$ 2-glikoprotein-I ( $\alpha\beta$ 2GPI)***

# OLGU 1

- 34 yaşında bayan hasta
- 2010 yılında doğum yaptıktan sonra eklem ağrıları olmuş. Salazoprin başlanmış.
- Haziran 2015 de **ANA:+**, anti ds dna:-  
**lupus antikoagülanı:2** ,  
**antikardiyolipin Ig M:69**  
anti kardiyolipin Ig G<2

# OLGU 1

- 6 haftalık gebeyken (Aralık 2015) Romatoloji polikliniğine başvurdu.
- FM:Solunum,kardiyak,nörolojik sistem muayenesi normal. Aktif artrit bulgusu yok. Cilt döküntüsü yok.
- BK:6200 Hb:12.5 PLT:154000
- **ESH:51 mm/h** CRP:3,27 mgr/dl KCFT:N BFT:N TİT:N
- RF:- CCP:-

# OLGU 1

- **ANA:Pozitif** Antids DNA: - ENA profili:-
- C3-C4:N
- **Anti- Beta 2 Glikoprotein Ig M>200**
- Anti- Beta 2 Glikoprotein Ig G<2
- Anti kardiyolipin Ig M:19.95
- Anti kardiyolipin Ig G<2
- **Lupus Antikoagülanı:+**

➡ Antifosfolipid Sendromu???

➡ Klinik????

➡ Tedavi???

# ***Sapporo Klasifikasyon Kriterleri***

## ***Klinik Kriterler***

### ***Vasküler tromboz***

≥1 arteriyel, venöz veya küçük damar trombozu

### ***Gebelik morbiditesi***

- Bir veya fazla sayıda, normal fetal morfolojide 10. haftadan sonra fetal kayıp
- Bir veya fazla sayıda, preeklampsi, eklampsi veya plasental yetmezlik nedeniyle 34 hafta öncesinde prematüre doğum
- Üç veya daha fazla 10. haftadan önce spontan düşüklükler (kromozomal anormallikler, maternal anatomik veya hormonal anormallikler dışlanmalı)

## ***Laboratuvar Kriterler***

En az 12 hafta aralıkla iki ya da daha fazla durumda

- Lupus antikoagülan testi pozitifliği
- Antikardiyolipin antikoru (IgG ve/veya IgM)
- Anti-β2-glikoprotein-I antikorunun (IgG ve/veya IgM)

***Tanı için 1 Klinik ve 1 Laboratuvar Bulgu***

# Antifosfolipid Sendromu

| Klinik Tutulum           | Sıklık     |         |                                              |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
|                          | Primer AFS | AFS-SLE |                                              |
| Trombositopeni           | %20-25     | %30-40  |                                              |
| Kalp kapak tutulumu      | % 12-33    | %40     | Kapakta kalınlaşma,vejetasyon, regurjitasyon |
| <b>Cilt Tutulumu</b>     |            |         |                                              |
| Livedo retikülaris       | %20-25     | %35     |                                              |
| Ülser                    | %33        | %7-10   | Pretibial alanda                             |
| Süperfisial tromboflebit | %9         |         |                                              |
| <b>Böbrek Tutulumu</b>   |            |         |                                              |
| Renal arter stenozu      | %26        |         |                                              |
| Nefropati                | %35        | % 39-67 | Arteriol,glomeruler kapiller tutulumu        |

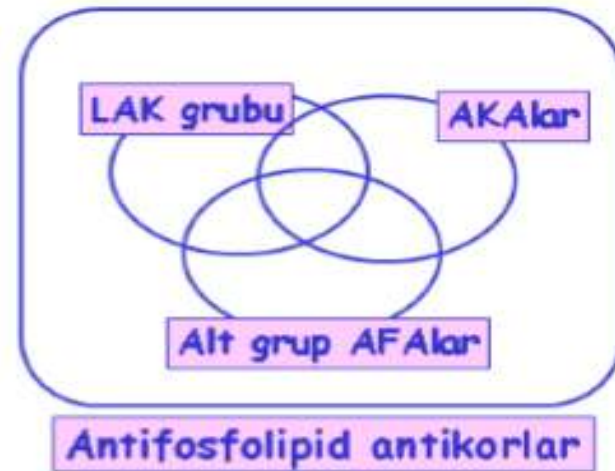
# Antifosfolipid Sendromu

| Klinik Tutulum      | Primer AFS | Sıklık<br>AFS-SLE |                                                   |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>S.S.Tutulumu</b> |            |                   |                                                   |
| Migren/baş ağrısı   | % 20       | %25               |                                                   |
| Epilepsi            | %6-7       | %14               |                                                   |
| Kognitif bozukluk   | %38        | %48               |                                                   |
| Demans              | %25-56     |                   | Kronik rekurren iskemik ataklar nedeniyle         |
| <b>Göz Tutulumu</b> | %15-88     |                   | Amarosis fugax, retinal damar trombozu(arter/ven) |
| Transver miyelit    |            | %1                |                                                   |
| Pulmoner hemoraji   | %1         |                   |                                                   |

# Anti Fosfolipid Antikorları

SLE gibi otoimmün hastalıklarda, enfeksiyon ve malignite seyrinde ve bazı ilaçlara bağlı ortaya çıkabilen heterojen antikorlardır. Normal kişilerde de bulunabilirler.

- Anti-kardiyolipin
- Anti-fosfatidilserin
- Anti-fosfatidil inozitol
- Antifosfatidil kolin
- Anti-fosfatidil etanolam
- LAK pozitifliği yapanlar



Ruiz-Irastorza G, et al: LANCET, 2010

# Lupus Antikoagülanı

- **Lupus antikoagülan testi**, aFL'in protrombinin trombine dönüşümünü inhibe etme yeteneğini ölçmesi açısından fonksiyonel bir koagülasyon testidir.
- İnvitro olarak antikoagülan etkili olmasına rağmen invivo olarak koagülasyonu etkiler.
- Doğrulama basamakları olmaksızın pozitif bir tarama testi pozitif LA testi değildir.

# Anti Fosfolipid Antikorları

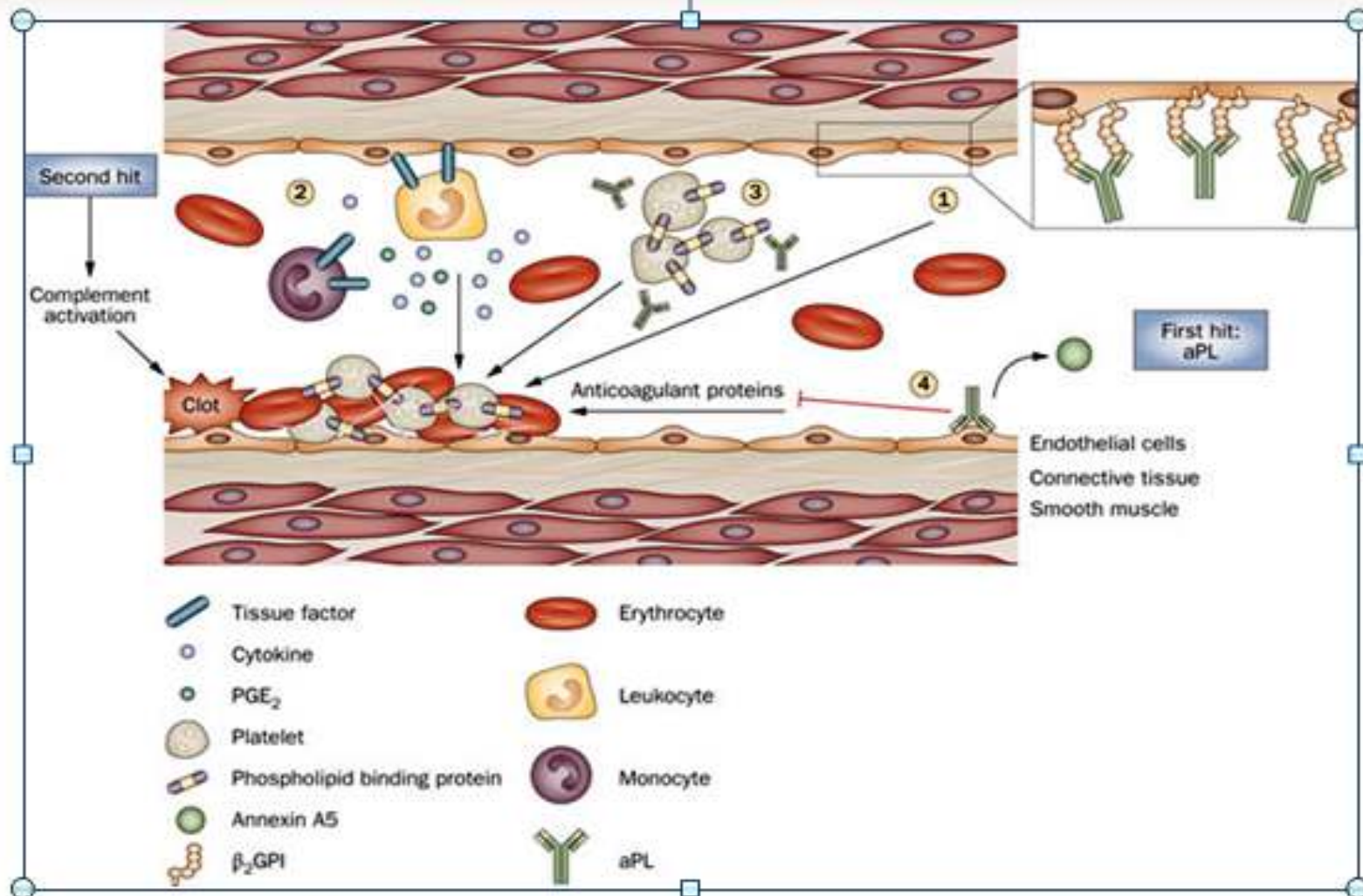
**Antikardiolipin  
antikoru (aCL) IgG/M**

**Anti- $\beta$ 2-glikoprotein-I  
antikoru (a $\beta$ 2GPI) IgG/  
M**

**$\geq 40$  U >40 GPL veya  
MPL veya 99 persentil  
üzerinde**

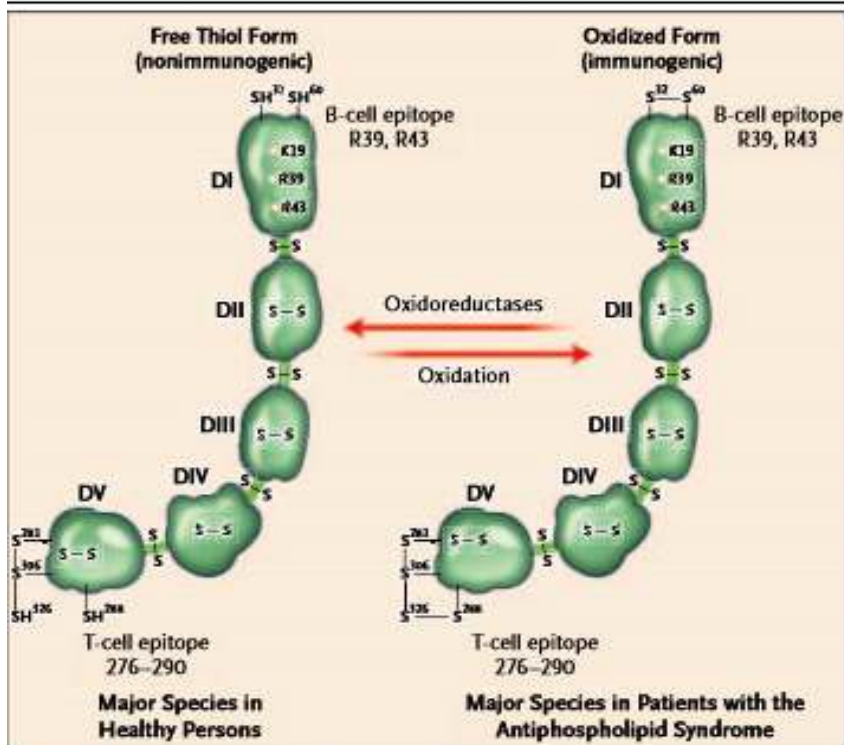
**12 hafta ara ile**

**Figure 1 Pathogenic clotting mechanisms mediated by aPL**



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# $\beta$ 2-Glikoprotein I – A Proteini

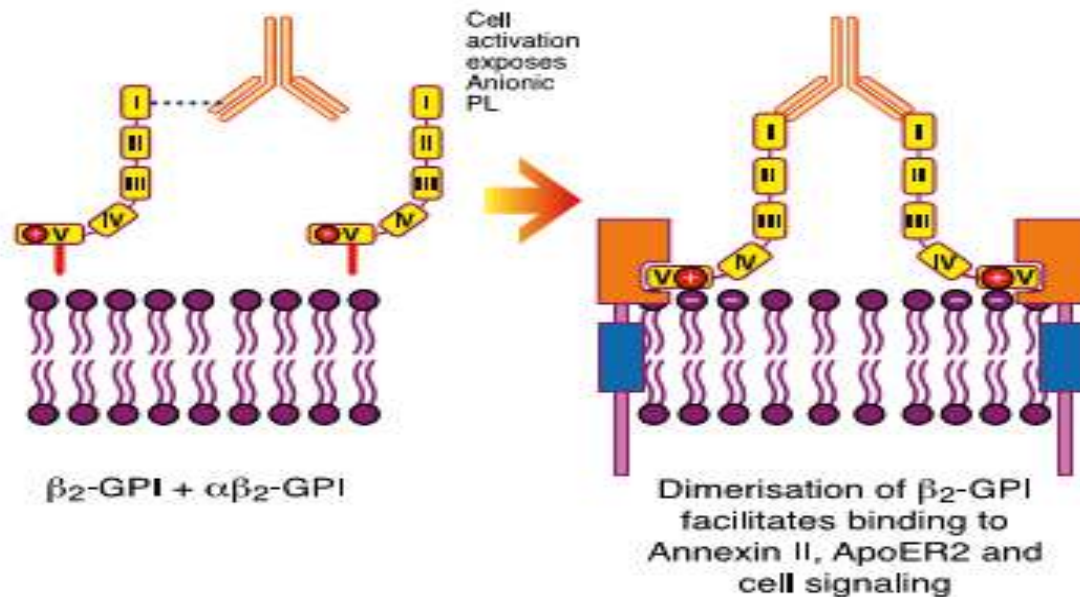


**Figure 1. Schematic Representation of the Crystal Structure (Fishhook Configuration) of  $\beta$ <sub>2</sub>-Glycoprotein I ( $\beta$ 2GPI).**

The carboxy-terminal amino acid cysteine (Cys) 326 forms a disulfide (S-S) bridge with Cys288. D denotes domain, K lysine, R arginine, and SH free thiol. The numbers indicate the position of the amino acid starting from the amino-terminal end of the protein.

- $\beta$ 2-glikoprotein I , lipid bağlayıcı protein (50-kDa) olup dolaşımdaki plazma konsantrasyonu 4  $\mu$ M (200  $\mu$ g/ml).
- “Kompleman Kontrol Proteini”
- $\beta$ 2-glikoprotein I hücre membranına penetre olur. Ek olarak aniyonik fosfolipidler, sulfatide , heparin, comp. C3 , annexin A2 , platelet glycoprotein Ib , megalin , apolipoprotein receptor 2 , von Willebrand factor vb ligandlara bağlanır.

# Trombosit ve Endotel Hücreleri



**Figure 1. Schematic representation of how anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI Abs in complex with  $\beta_2$ -GPI may interact with certain surface receptors on platelets (eg, ApoER2') and endothelial cells (eg, annexin II, also known as annexin A2) to induce cellular activation. Reprinted from Miyakis et al<sup>17</sup> with permission.**

# PLT TxA<sub>2</sub> üretimi

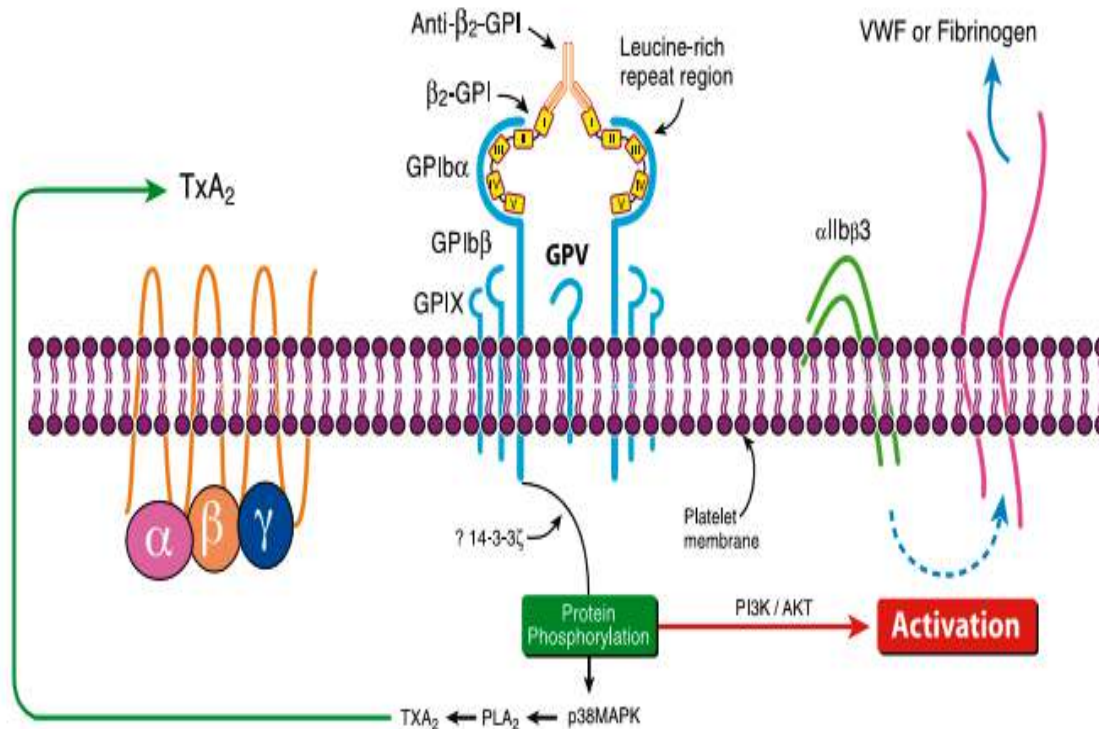
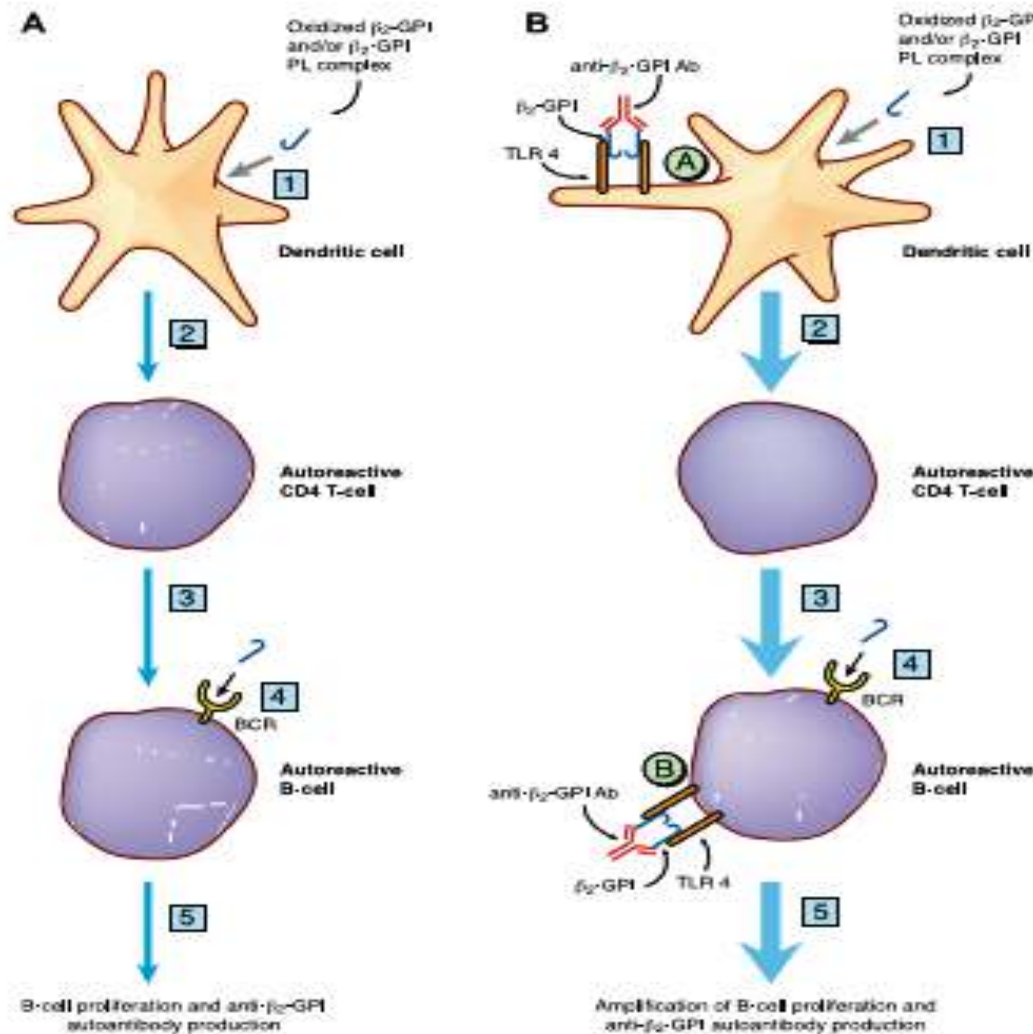
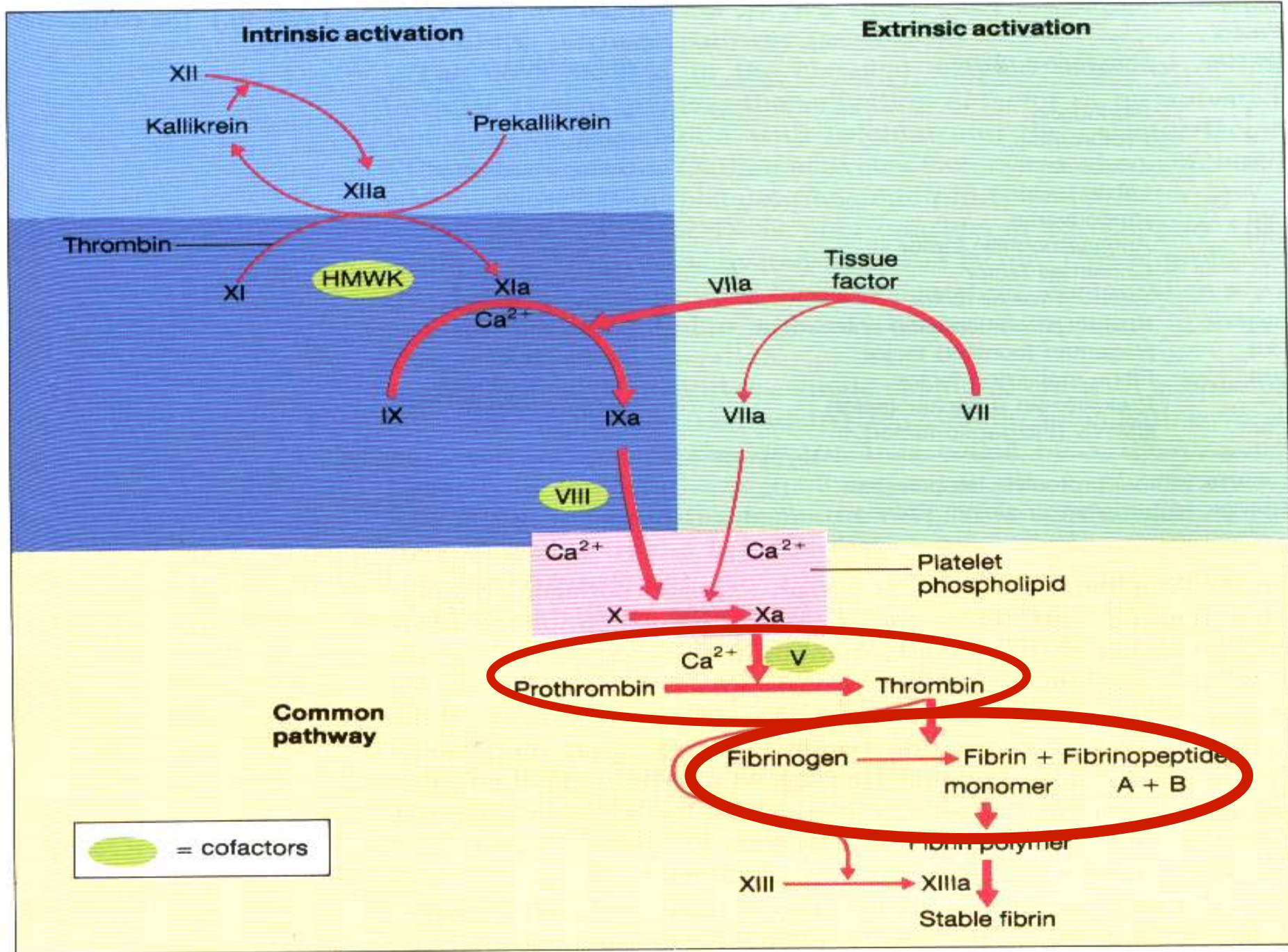


Figure 2. Proposed mechanism of how anti-β<sub>2</sub>-GPI Abs in complex with β<sub>2</sub>-GPI may crosslink the GPIbα subunit of the GPIb-IX-V receptor on platelets to induce activation of the p38 MAPK/PLA<sub>2</sub> and the PI3K/Akt intracellular pathways, potentially leading to thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> production and the activation of αIIbβ<sub>3</sub>. TxA<sub>2</sub> indicates thromboxane. Reprinted from Shi et al<sup>27</sup> with permission.

# CD4 T hücrelerin oto-reaktivasyonunun uyarılması



**Figure 4.** Schematic representation of the hypothesis that anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI Abs in complex with  $\beta_2$ -GPI may be able to amplify the production of autoantibodies via their ability to bind and crosslink TLR4. (A) The steps that have been delineated in in vitro experiments to be important in the generation of autoantibodies directed against  $\beta_2$ -GPI. Step 1: the uptake and intracellular processing of the autoantigen  $\beta_2$ -GPI (complexed to phospholipid or in the oxidized form) via as yet poorly delineated mechanisms. Step 2: the presentation (by activated DCs) of the  $\beta_2$ -GPI cryptic epitope to autoreactive CD4<sup>+</sup> HLA class II-restricted T cells. DCs have been shown to release an array of cytokines that lead to Th1 polarization. Step 3: activated autoreactive CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells providing help to autoreactive B cells, which have also received a signal via the B-cell receptor (BCR) (see step 4). Step 4: the ligation by  $\beta_2$ -GPI of the B-cell receptor on autoreactive B cells. Step 5: anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI autoantibody production. (B) It is hypothesized that oxidized  $\beta_2$ -GPI or the anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI Ab/ $\beta_2$ -GPI complex may function as an immunologic adjuvant by providing a costimulatory signal via TLR4 on DCs (circled A) and B cells (circled B), leading to the amplification of the signals delineated in panel A. The thick blue line denotes the amplification of steps 1 to 5.



# Tromboz Patogenezi

- Kompleman Aktivasyonu,
- Endotelyal Disfonksiyon,
- Monositlerden proinflamatuvar sitokinlerin salınması,
- PLT protrombotik mekanizmaların aktivasyonu,
- CD4 T hücrelerin otoreaktivasyonunun uyarılması,
- Fibrinolitik Sistemin bozulması,
- Apoptotik hücre klerensinin bozulması,
- Doğal antikoagülanlara (Protein C) direnç gelişmesi,
- Makrofajlarca alınan oksidize düşük dansiteli lipoproteinlerin (ox-LDL) endotel hasarına yol açması ve oluşan anti-oxLDL antikor ile AFA arasında çapraz reaksiyonu.....

# AFS Gebelik

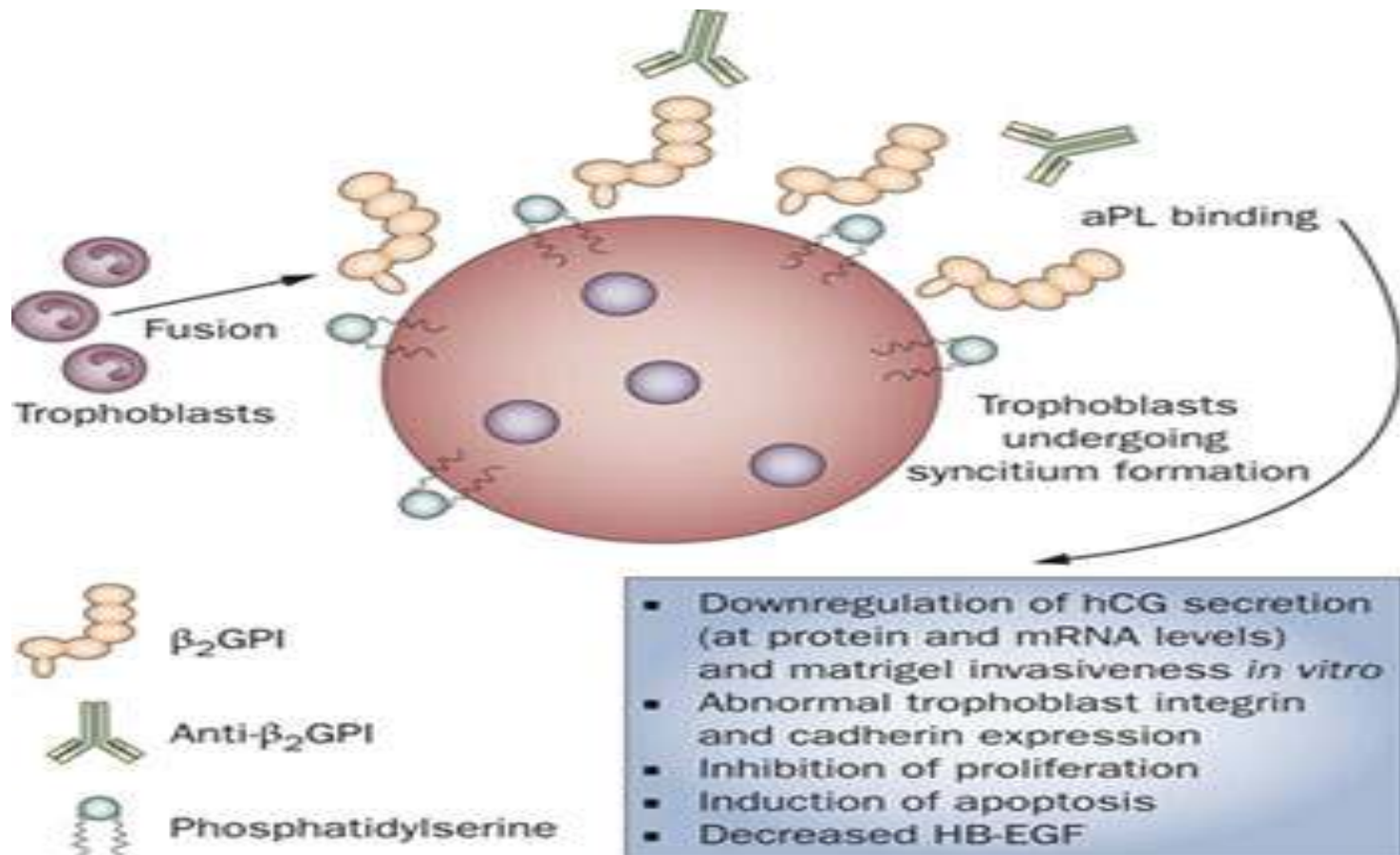


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# AFS Gebelik Patogenezi

- Trombotik değişiklikler,
- hCG salınımının supresyonu,
- Kompleman aktivasyonunun indüksiyonu ve plasental injuri,
- Direkt trofoblastların büyüme ve farklılaşmasına etkisi (defektif plasantasyon)

# aPL effects on trophoblasts

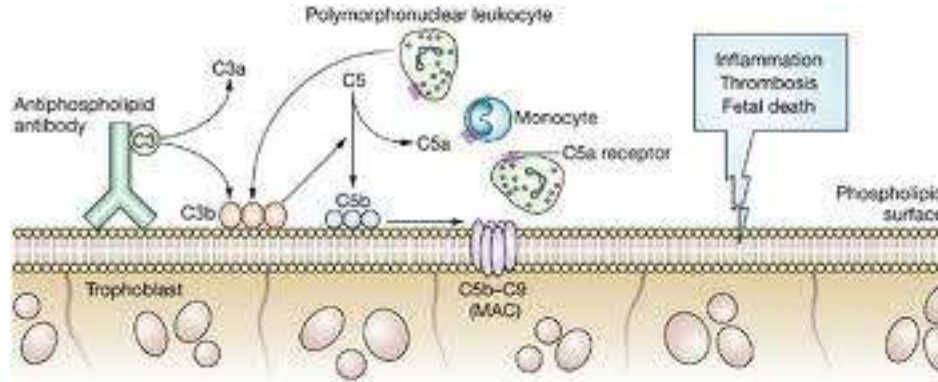


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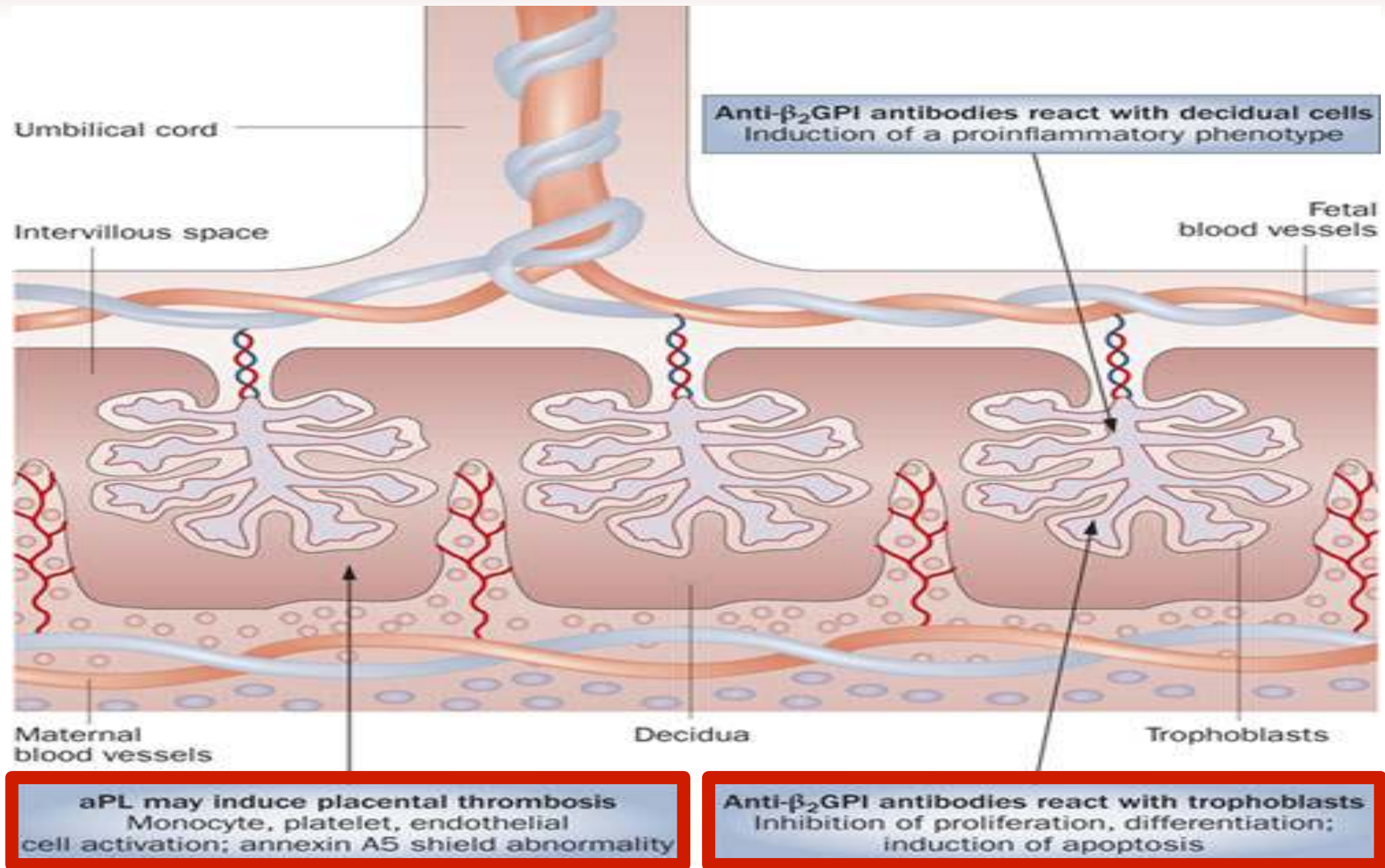
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# Antifosfolipid Antikorlar- Patofizyoloji



- Antifosfolipid antikorlar ⚡ trofoblastlar
  - Villöz sitotrofoblast farklılaşmasının inhibisyonu
  - Desiduaya doğru ekstravillöz sitotrofoblast invazyonunun inhibisyonu
  - Sinsityotrofoblast apoptozunun indüklenmesi
  - Sinsityotrofoblast yüzeyde kompleman aktivasyonu ile maternal enflamatuar yolların başlaması

## Main effects of aPL on placenta



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Tekrarlayan gebelik kayıpları dışında,  
aFL antikorlar başka obstetrik patolojiler de yapabilir:

- Utero-plasenter yetmezlik,
  - İntrauterin fetal büyüme geriliği
  - Fetal distres
  - 34. hf öncesi erken doğum
- HELLP sendromu
- Preeklampsi, eklampsi
- Ablasio plasentae
- İnfertilite

(Carp HJ, Shoenfeld Y: Clin Rev Allergy Immunol. 2007;32(2):159-61)



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## Review

# The European Registry on Obstetric Antiphospholipid Syndrome (EUROAPS): A survey of 247 consecutive cases<sup>☆</sup>

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**Table 2**Detailed current<sup>\*</sup> obstetric complications in this OAPS series (N=247).

| Complications                                | N (%)      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| No                                           | 118 (47.8) |
| Yes                                          | 129 (52.2) |
| Prematurity                                  | 61 (47.3)  |
| Stillbirth & Fetal Loss                      | 29 (22.5)  |
| Miscarriage (latest)                         | 21 (16.3)  |
| FGR early onset                              | 18 (14.0)  |
| Preeclampsia early onset                     | 17 (13.2)  |
| Preeclampsia late onset                      | 16 (12.4)  |
| Prematurity & Preeclampsia early onset/HELLP | 15 (11.6)  |
| Prematurity & FGR early onset                | 9 (7.0)    |
| HELLP                                        | 7 (5.4)    |
| Abnormal uterine blood flow                  | 7 (5.4)    |
| Cord blood flow restriction                  | 4 (3.1)    |
| Abruptio placentae                           | 5 (3.8)    |
| Prematurity & FGR & Preeclampsia/HELLP       | 4 (3.1)    |
| Abnormal middle cerebral artery blood flow   | 4 (3.1)    |
| FGR late onset                               | 2 (1.6)    |
| Placental haematoma                          | 1 (0.8)    |

<sup>\*</sup> Latest pregnancy. The majority of women were under any treatment.

# AFS-YÜKSEK RİSKLİ GEBELİK

- Antikorların üçününde pozitifliği,
- Öyküde tromboz hikayesinin olması,
- SLE gibi primer hastalığa sekonder olması.

# Gebelikte Antifosfolipid Antikor Sendromu Tedavi

- Kumadin 1. trimestr yan etkileri;teratojenik  
Embryopati  
Mental retardasyon  
Optik atrofi  
Nasal hipoplazi  
Iskelet anomalileri  
CNS anomalileri  
Fetal hemoraji

# Gebelikte Antifosfolipid Antikor Sendromu Tedavi

- LMWH daha az maternal yan etki, fetus'a geçmez, daha efektif, faktor Xa inhibisyonu
- Profilaktik dozaj için seviye ölçümüne gerek yok
  - \*Tinzaparin 4500 IU q gun
  - \*Enoxaparin 40 mg q gun
  - \*Dalteparin 5000 IU bid
- Terapotik anti-faktor Xa pik seviye hedefi 0.8-1.2 IU/ml
  - \*Tinzaparin 175 IU/kg q gun
  - \*Enoxaparin 1 mg/kg bid
  - \*Dalteparin 100 IU/kg q bid



## Review

# 14th International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies Task Force Report on Obstetric Antiphospholipid Syndrome<sup>☆</sup>



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Live birth rates in groups with recurrent early miscarriage (REM) and antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL) treated with low dose aspirin (LDASA) alone.

| Author, year           | N  | SAB | Anticardiolipin thresholds |     | LA  | % live births |
|------------------------|----|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
|                        |    |     | IgG                        | IgM |     |               |
| Cowchock, 1992 [59]    | 19 | ≥2  | >30                        | >11 | Yes | 68.4          |
| Kutteh, 1996 [60]      | 25 | ≥3  | >27                        | >27 | No  | 44.0          |
| Rai, 1997 [61]         | 45 | ≥3  | >5                         | >5  | Yes | 42.2          |
| Pattison, 2000 [62]    | 20 | ≥3  | ≥5                         | ≥5  | Yes | 80.0          |
| Farquharson, 2002 [63] | 47 | ≥3  | >9                         | >5  | Yes | 72.3          |
| Goel, 2006 [65]        | 39 | ≥2  | >18                        | No  | No  | 61.5          |
| Laskin, 2009 [67]      | 21 | ≥2  | >15                        | >25 | Yes | 76.2          |

SAB: Spontaneous abortion.

LA: lupus anticoagulant.

Live birth rates in groups with recurrent early miscarriage (REM) and antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL) treated with heparin and low dose aspirin (LDASA).

| Author, year           | N  | SAB | Anticardiolipin thresholds |     | LA  | Type | % live birth |
|------------------------|----|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|
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| Cowchock, 1992 [59]    | 26 | ≥2  | >30                        | >11 | Yes | UFH  | 73.1         |
| Kutteh, 1996 [60]      | 25 | ≥3  | ≥27                        | ≥27 | No  | UFH  | 80.0         |
| Rai, 1997 [61]         | 45 | ≥3  | >5                         | >5  | Yes | UFH  | 71.1         |
| Farquharson, 2002 [63] | 51 | >3  | >9                         | >5  | Yes | LMWH | 78.4         |
| Goel, 2006 [65]        | 33 | ≥2  | >18                        | No  | No  | UFH  | 84.8         |
| Laskin, 2009 [67]      | 22 | ≥2  | >15                        | >25 | Yes | LMWH | 77.3         |
| Dendrinos, 2008 [66]   | 40 | ≥3  | M/H                        | M/H | Yes | LMWH | 72.5         |
| Triolo, 2003 [64]      | 19 | ≥3  | ≥40                        | No  | No  | LMWH | 84.2         |

SAB: Spontaneous abortion.

LA: lupus anticoagulant.

LMWH: Low molecular weight heparin.

UFH: Unfractionated heparin.

M/H: Medium/High

Comparison of live birth rates in groups with recurrent early miscarriage (REM) and antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL) treated with unfractionated heparin (UFH) or low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) plus low dose aspirin (LDASA) and LDASA alone.

| Author          | Intervention | Heparin LDASA |                 | LDASA |                 | p value |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
|                 |              | N             | Live births (%) | N     | Live births (%) |         |
| Kutteh [60]     | UFH/LDASA    | 25            | 80              | 25    | 40              | <0.05   |
| Rai [61]        | UFH/LDASA    | 45            | 72              | 45    | 42              | 0.01    |
| Farqharson [63] | LMWH/LDASA   | 51            | 78              | 47    | 72              | NS      |
| Goel [65]       | UFH/LDASA    | 33            | 85              | 39    | 62              | 0.04    |
| Laskin [67]     | LMWH/LDASA   | 22            | 77              | 21    | 76              | NS      |

Trials comparing live birth Rates in women with recurrent early miscarriage (REM) and antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL) treated with low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) and low dose aspirin (LDASA) to those treated with intravenous immune globulin (IVIG).

| Author                | LMWH/LDASA |                 | IVIG |                 | p-Value |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|---------|
|                       | N          | Live births (%) | N    | Live births (%) |         |
| Triolo, 2003 [64]     | 19         | 84.2            | 21   | 57.1            | 0.06    |
| Dendrinios, 2009 [67] | 40         | 72.5            | 38   | 39.5            | 0.003   |

# Gebelikte Antifosfolipid Antikor Sendromu Tedavi

- aFL + tekrarlayan düşük, preeklampsi, IUGG ve tromboz öyküsü yok

**Düşük doz aspirin(100 mgr/gün)**

- aFL+ tekrarlayan düşük öyküsü mevcut

**Düşük doz aspirin+ DMAH**

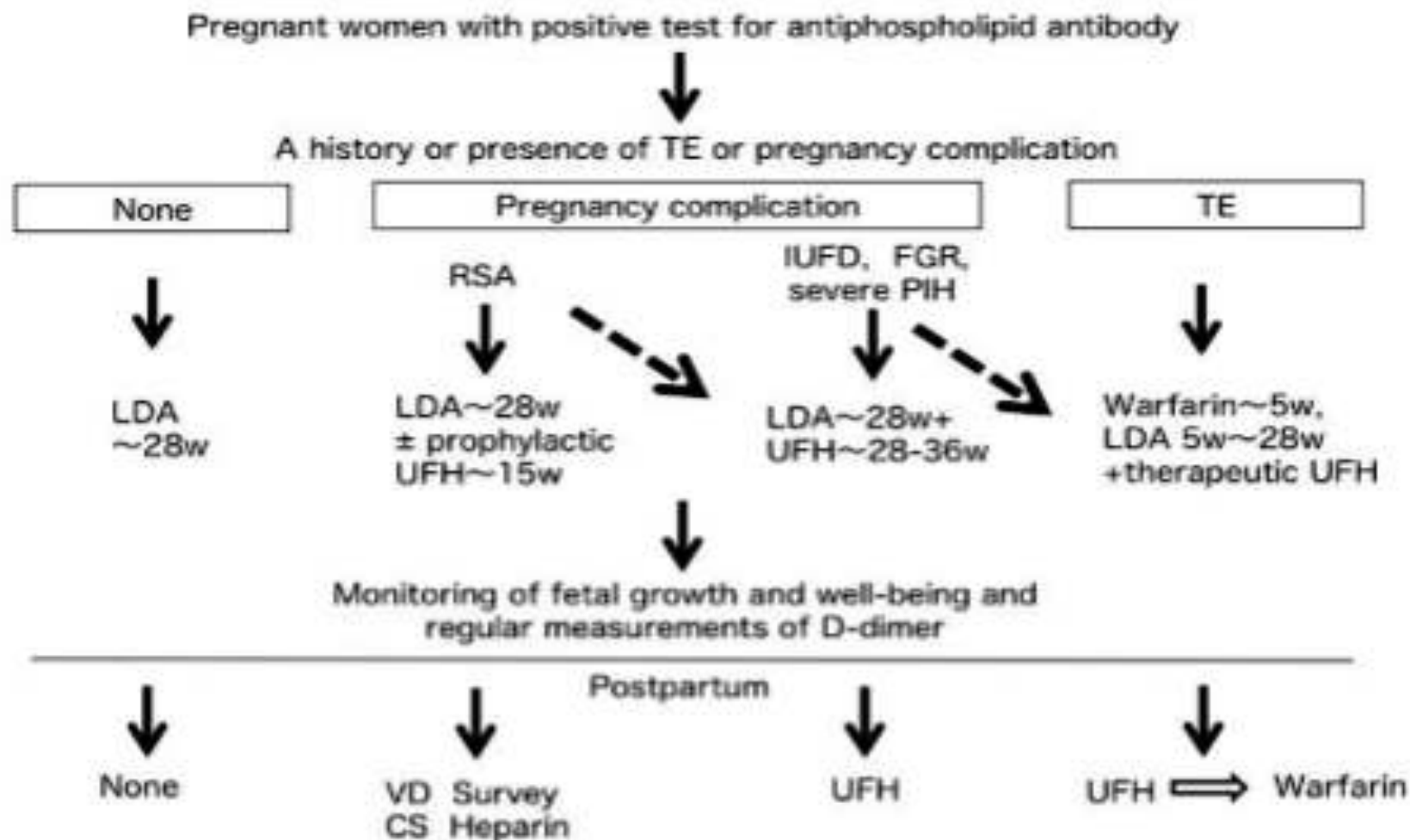
- aFL+ tromboz

**Düşük doz aspirin+Teropotik dozda heparin**

- SLE eşlik ediyorsa **Hidroksiklorokin+Azatiopürin**
- Katastrofik AFS **IVIG**

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TE, thromboembolism; RSA, recurrent spontaneous abortion; IUID, intrauterine fetal death; FGR, fetal growth restriction; PIH, pregnancy-induced hypertension; LDA, low dose aspirin; UFH, unfractionated heparin; VD, vaginal delivery; CS, cesarean section.

# Antithrombotic effects of hydroxychloroquine in primary antiphospholipid syndrome patients

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may explain why migration was only partially restored.

### Conclusion

Hydroxychloroquine reversed the aPL-inhibition of trophoblast IL-6 secretion and partially limited aPL-inhibition of cell migration. Thus, some form of combination therapy that includes HCQ may be beneficial to pregnant APS patients.

differentiation by using ELISA-measured  $\beta$ -human chorionic gonadotropin hormone ( $\beta$ -hCG) secretion. We used three types of aPL to study their effect on cell fusion and differentiation: aPL derived from obstetric APS patients and

Several studies have shown an important risk of thrombosis relapse in antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) [1,2], and the need for secondary prophylaxis [3]. Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) is such a treatment, showing a positive balance between benefits and risks, and a low economic cost. The goals of this first prospective study in primary APS patients were to assess the efficacy of HCQ as a new therapeutic approach, and to evaluate its effectiveness relative to standard oral anticoagulants (OAs) for the prevention of recurrent thrombosis.

We report a preliminary prospective non-randomized study approved by the institutional review board in

antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) is an association of thromboembolic complications and/or obstetric pathologies and the presence of antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL) [1]. Obstetric APS treatment combines low-dose aspirin with low molecular weight heparin [2]. Unfortunately, it is inefficient in about 30% of cases, reinforcing

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# A prospective open-label pilot study of fluvastatin on proinflammatory and prothrombotic biomarkers in antiphospholipid antibody positive patients

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** To determine if proinflammatory and prothrombotic biomarkers are differentially upregulated in persistently antiphospholipid antibody (aPL)-positive patients, and to examine the effects of fluvastatin on these biomarkers.

**Methods** Four groups of patients (age 18–65) were recruited: (a) primary antiphospholipid syndrome; (b) systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) with antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) (SLE/APS); (c) persistent aPL positivity without SLE or APS (Primary aPL); and (d) persistent aPL positivity with SLE but no APS (SLE/aPL). The frequency-matched control group, used for baseline data comparison, was identified from a databank of healthy persons. Patients received fluvastatin 40 mg daily for 3 months. At 3 months, patients stopped the study medication and they were followed for another 3 months. Blood samples for 12 proinflammatory and prothrombotic biomarkers were collected monthly for 6 months.

**Results** Based on the comparison of the baseline samples of 41 aPL-positive patients with 30 healthy

in otherwise healthy individuals as well as in 30%–40% of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) patients. aPL-mediated clinical events occur due to complex interaction of proinflammatory and prothrombotic cells. *First*, aPL increase endothelial cell (EC) expression of the cellular adhesion molecules (CAMs) such as intracellular CAM-1 (ICAM-1), vascular CAM-1 (VCAM-1) and E-selectin (E-sel).<sup>2–6</sup> *Second*, tissue factor (TF) upregulation is an important mechanism of the prothrombotic effects of aPL.<sup>7–9</sup> *Third*, aPL induce significant increase in proinflammatory cytokines (interleukin (IL)-6, IL-8 and tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ )) on EC.<sup>8–9</sup> Fluvastatin diminishes aPL-mediated upregulation of adhesion molecules and TF in vitro in ECs, as well as the in vivo thrombogenic and proinflammatory effects of aPL in mice.<sup>10–12</sup>

Given the relationship between thrombosis and increased expression of CAMs, TF activity and proinflammatory cytokines in APS, we hypothesise that patients with persistently positive aPL have increased levels of proinflammatory and prothrom-

**IN FOCUS**

## **Fluvastatin inhibits up-regulation of tissue factor expression by antiphospholipid antibodies on endothelial cells**

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## Global effects of fluvastatin on the prothrombotic status of patients with antiphospholipid syndrome.

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#### Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** Numerous mechanisms have been proposed to explain the thrombotic/proinflammatory tendency of antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) patients. Prothrombotic monocyte activation by antiphospholipid antibodies involves numerous proteins and intracellular pathways. The anti-inflammatory, anticoagulant and immunoregulatory effects of statins have been aimed as a therapeutic tool in APS patients. This study delineates the global effects of fluvastatin on the prothrombotic tendency of monocytes from APS patients.

**METHODS:** Forty-two APS patients with thrombosis and 35 healthy donors were included in the study. APS patients received 20 mg/day fluvastatin for 1 month. Blood samples were obtained before the start, at the end and 2 months after the end of treatment.

**RESULTS:** After 1 month of treatment, monocytes showed a significant inhibition of tissue factor, protein activator receptors 1 and 2, vascular endothelial growth factor and Flt1 expression that was related to the inhibition of p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) and nuclear factor kappa B/Rel DNA-binding activity. Proteomic analysis showed proteins involved in thrombotic development (annexin II, RhoA and protein disulphide isomerase) with altered expression after fluvastatin administration. In-vitro studies indicated that the inhibition of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase by fluvastatin might inhibit protein prenylation and MAPK activation.

**CONCLUSION:** The data from this study support the belief that fluvastatin has multiple profound effects in monocyte activity, which might contribute to thrombosis prevention in APS patients.

# OLGU 2

- Kırk yaşında erkek hasta,
- Şikayeti:15 gündür olan nefes darlığı ve göğüs ağrısı
- Hikayesi: 4 yıl önce arteriyel tromboz nedeni ile sağ alt ekstremitte trombektomi ameliyatı  
2 yıl önce iskemik serebrovasküler olay

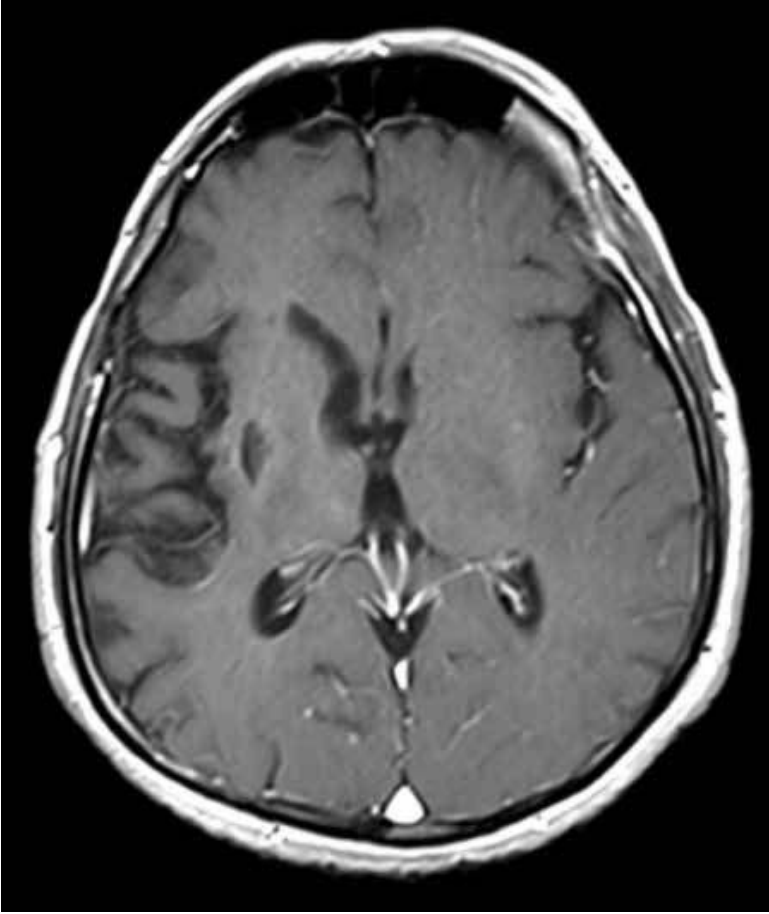
## OLGU 2

- Pulmoner tromboemboli ön tanısıyla çekilen ventilasyon/perfüzyon sintigrafisi, **pulmoner tromboemboli açısından yüksek riskli** bulundu.
- Hastanın tam kan sayımında pansitopeni saptandı. Periferik yaymasında, fragmente eritrositler gözlenirken, atipik hücre saptanmadı. Vitamin B12 ve folik asit değerleri normal sınırlarda bulundu. Laktat dehidrogenaz değeri, laboratuvar normallerinin üst sınırından dört kat yüksek bulundu. Hastada **hemolitik anemi** olduğu kabul edildi.

# OLGU 2

- Daha önce bilinen böbrek problemi bulunmayan hastanın **kreatinin değeri: 1.7 mg/dl**  
idrar sedimentinin **aktif**.  
24 st.lik idrar proteini:**4 gram/gün**  
Hastanın genel durumu ve kanama riski göz önüne alınarak böbrek biyopsisi yapılamadı.
- Hepatosplenomegali ve transaminaz yüksekliği gözlenen hastanın yapılan portal sistem manyetik rezonans (MR) **anjiyografisinde,portal vende parsiyel tromboz** saptandı.

**Şekil 1. (a) Geçirilmiş serebrovasküler olaya bağlı kronik serebral enfark alanı. (b) Manyetik rezonans anjiyografi’de saptanan parsiyel portal ven trombüsü.**



# OLGU 2

- Antikoagülan tedavi öncesi bakılan bazal aktive parsiyel tromboplastin zamanı ve protrombin zamanı uzun olarak tespit edildi. Bu bulgu üzerine AFS ön tanısı ile  
**Lupus antikoagülanı:** İki kez pozitif  
Antikardiyolipin Ig G ve M: Negatif
- Diğer trombofili nedenlerinin araştırılmasında Faktör V Leiden mutasyonu, protrombin gen mutasyonu ve, MTHFR C677T mutasyonu negatif olarak bulundu. Protein C ve S, antitrombin ve homosistein seviyesi normal sınırlarda tespit edildi.
- Hastada mevcut bulgularla bağ dokusu hastalığı olabileceği de düşünülerek, **antinükleer antikor testi (ANA), anti-dsDNA, antisentromer ab:+**
- Enfektif etyolojilerinin araştırılması için alınan kan ve idrar kültüründe üreme gözlenmedi. Fizik muayene ve sorgulamada enfeksiyon odağı gözlenmedi.

## OLGU 2

- Hastada aynı anda tespit edilen ve akut gelişen, ikisi görüntüleme yönteminde gösterilmiş tromboz ile karakterize,
- Üç ayrı organ sisteminde tutulum olması, lupus antikoagülan testi pozitifliği
- ve diğer muhtemel etkenlerden enfeksiyon ve herediter trombofili ekarte edilmesi sonrası, olası KAFS kabul edilerek tedaviye başlandı.

# OLGU 2

- Hastaya trombosit sayımına göre **düşük moleküler ağırlıklı heparin**
- Yatışının 10, 11 ve 12. günlerinde **Metilprednizolon** 1 gr/gün/3 gün İ.V Takiben 1 mgr/kg/gün prednisolone eşdeğer dozundan oral olarak devam edildi.
- Yatışının 24. gününde **intravenöz immünglobulin (IVIG)** 2 gr/kg/gün, **plazma değişimi** eşliğinde başlandı. Toplam üç gün IVIG alan ve 11 seans plazma değişimi uygulanan hastanın, pansitopenisinin devamı üzerine yatışının 37. gününde, bir kez daha üç gün **metilprednizolon** 1 gr/ gün dozundan verildi.
- Hastanın yatışının 46. gününde genel durumunda iyileşme, pansitopenisinde düzelme izlendi. Proteinüri değerinin gerilemesi üzerine, idame takibinde, **siklofosamid** aylık 1 gr parenteral, 1 mg/kg/gün **prednisolone** eşdeğeri oral steroid ve **oral antikoagülasyon** ile izlenmesine karar verildi.

# Katastrofik AFS

**1. Üç veya daha fazla organ, sistem ve/veya dokuda tutulum olduğunun kanıtlanması\***

2. Bulguların aynı anda veya bir haftadan kısa sürede gelişmesi

3. Küçük damar trombozunun en az bir organ veya dokuda histopatolojik olarak gösterilmesi\*\*

4. Antifosfolipid antikorlarının kalıcı olarak varlığının gösterilmesi (lupus antikoagülanı ve/veya antikardiolipin antikorları)\*\*\*

**“Kesin” katastrofik AFS: 4 kriterin aynı anda varlığı**

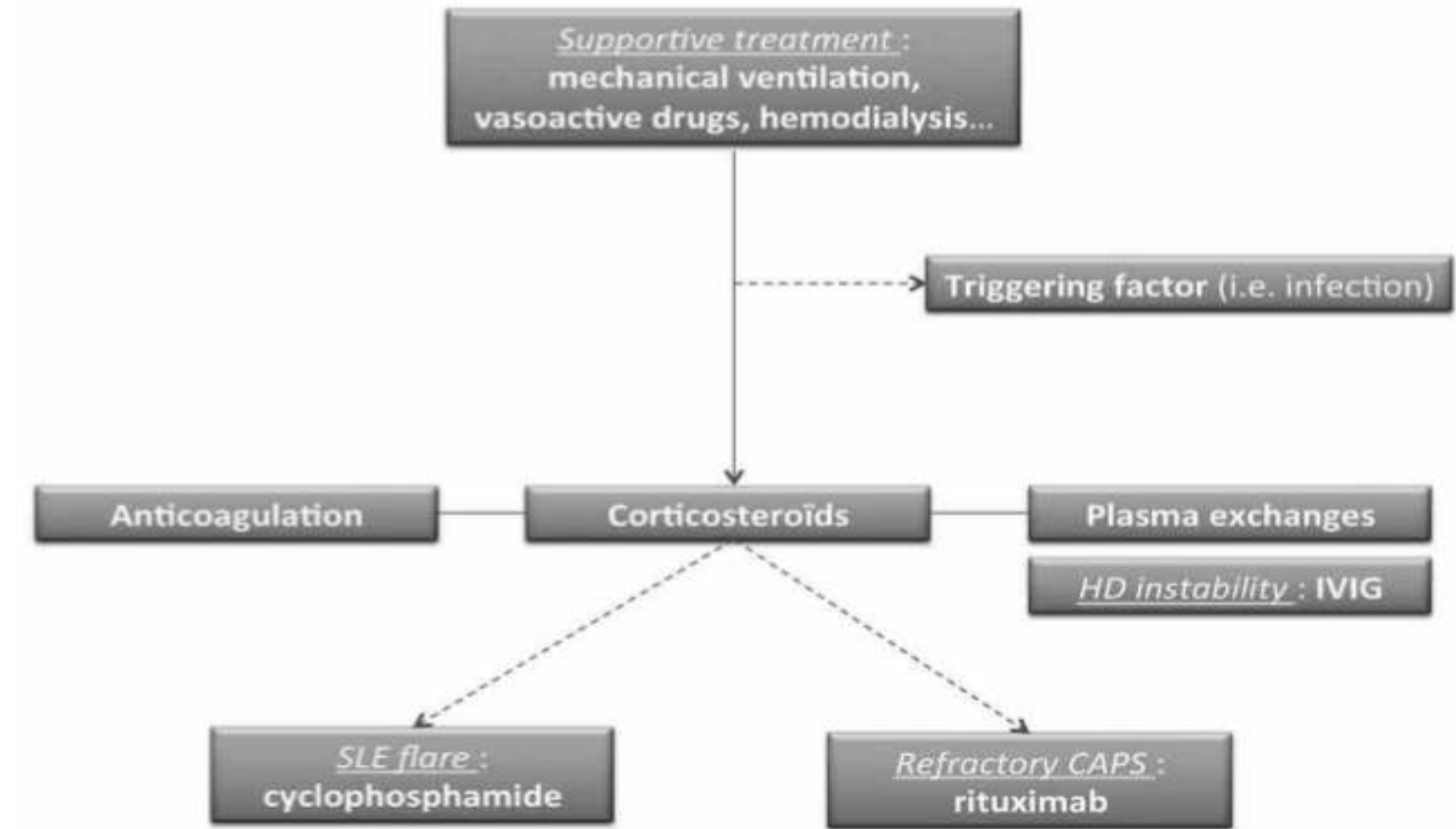
**Olası” katastrofik AFS:**

- Kriter 2-3-4 ve sadece iki organ, sistem ve/veya doku tutulumu varlığı
- Kriter 1-2-3 ve hastalarda aFL varlığının en az 6 hafta arayla gösterilememiş olması (örnek: katastrofik AFS öncesinde aFL test edilmemiş hastanın erken dönemde kaybedilmesi)
- Kriter 1-2-4
- Kriter 1-3-4 ve bir haftadan daha uzun ancak bir aydan daha kısa sürede üçüncü vasküler olayın gelişmesi

## Clinical manifestations of CAPS

| <b>System involved (frequency)</b> | <b>Clinical symptoms</b>                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Renal (71%)                        | Hypertension (mild to malignant)<br>Proteinuria and microscopic hematuria<br>Acute renal failure<br>Renal vein thrombosis<br>Renal infarction |
| Pulmonary (64%)                    | Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)<br>Pulmonary embolism                                                                              |
| Central nervous system (62%)       | Lack of awareness<br>Confusion syndrome<br>Neurologic deficit (stroke)<br>Posterior reversible encephalopathy (PRES)                          |
| Cardiac (51%)                      | Cardiac failure<br>Valvular dysfunction (mitral, aortic)<br>Pericardial effusion<br>Myocardial infarction                                     |
| Skin (50%)                         | Ischemic necrosis of the extremities<br>Livedo racemosa<br>Subungual hemorrhages flames                                                       |
| Hepatic (30%)                      | Biological cytolysis by microvascular ischemia                                                                                                |
| Gastrointestinal (23%)             | Ischemic abdominal pain<br>Acalculous cholecystitis<br>Pancreatitis<br>Splenic rupture                                                        |
| Adrenal glands (23%)               | Hypotension (atypical in CAPS)<br>Abdominal or lombar pains<br>Electrolyte disorders                                                          |

# Katastrofik AFS-Tedavi



# Katastrofik AFS-Tedavi



- Ritüksimab
- Eculizumab: Fare kaynaklı, insanlaştırılmış monoklonal antikor. Kompleman protein C5'e bağlanır. Böylece C5 konvertaz ile yıkılmasını önler. Sonuçta membran atak kompleksinin oluşumu engellenir.



# OLGU 3

- 27 yaşında ,bayan ,daha önceden SLE tanısıyla **Plaquenil** ve **Imuran** tb. kullanıyormuş. Dış merkezde çocuk sahibi olma talebiyle kullandığı ilaçlar kesilerek ovulasyon indüksiyonu yapılmış. Bir hafta sonra karın ağrısıyla **Ovaryan Hiperstimülasyon Sendromu** tanısıyla yatarak tedavi olmuş.Birhafta sonra taburcu edilmiş. Nefes darlığı ve göğüs ağrısıyla Koşuyolu Kalp Hast. Hastanesi acil servise başvurmuş.MI? Miyozit ön tanılarıyla Koroner Yoğun Bakım Servisine yatırılmış.

# OLGU 3

- BK:5600 Hb:8.6 Plt:273000
- ALT:24 U/L AST:53.4 U/L
- T.Protein:5.99 g/dl (6.4-8.3)
- albumin:2.49 g/dl (3.5-5.2)
- ESH:141 mm/st CRP:8.56 mgr/dl (0-0.34)
- TiT:albumin +

# OLGU 3



# OLGU 3

- Entübe ,bilinci kapalı
- Koroner anjiyografi yapılamadı. Koroner Tromboz??? Miyokardit????
- EF:% 30 Prednol 250 mgr/gün 4 gün →60mgr/gün
- İViG:0.5 mgr/kg 4 gün verildi.
- Takiplerinde troponin düzeylerinde düzelme??? Akc gr de düzelme
- Kontrol Beyin BT: Diffüz ödem (hipoksik)
- Yatışının 15.günü **exitus mortalis**

# OLGU 3

ANA – ANTİDS DNA – ENA PROFİLİ –

- **lupus antikoagülanı: 4 ,**
- **Anti- Beta 2 Glikoprotein Ig M>123.95 RU/ML**
- Anti- Beta 2 Glikoprotein Ig G<2
- Anti kardiyolipin Ig M:28.05 RU/ML
- Anti kardiyolipin Ig G<2

# KONTRASEPSİYON

## SLE

- Kombine OK ler tromboembolizm riski↑
- Progesteron içeren preparatların nefritli ve ACE inb. kullananlarda  $K^+$  seviyesini arttırdığı gösterilmiş.
- Progesteron içeren transdermal patch SLE hastalarında çalışma yok.
- Levonorgestrel İUA :Enf riskine dikkat
- Bariyer yöntemi

# KONTRASEPSİYON

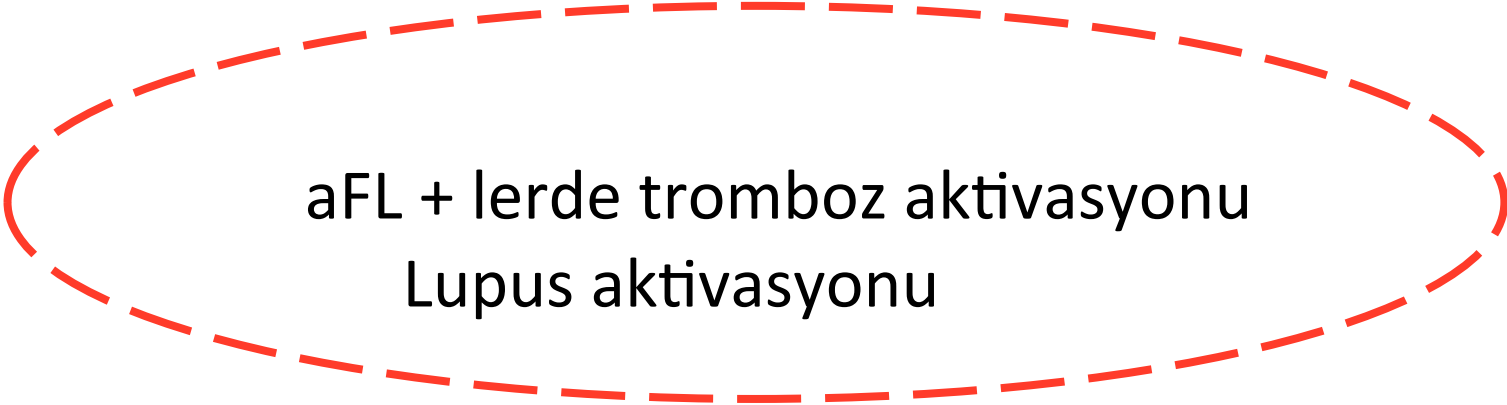
## AFS

- Kombine OK ler tromboembolizm riski↑
- Porgesteron içeren praparatların tromboembolizm riski çok az. Warfarin kullananlarda menstruel kanamayı azalttığı için yararlı olduğu, uzun dönemde yan etkilerinin kullanımını sınırılıyor.
- Levonorgestrel İUA
- Bariyer yöntemi

# IVF

## SLE-AFS

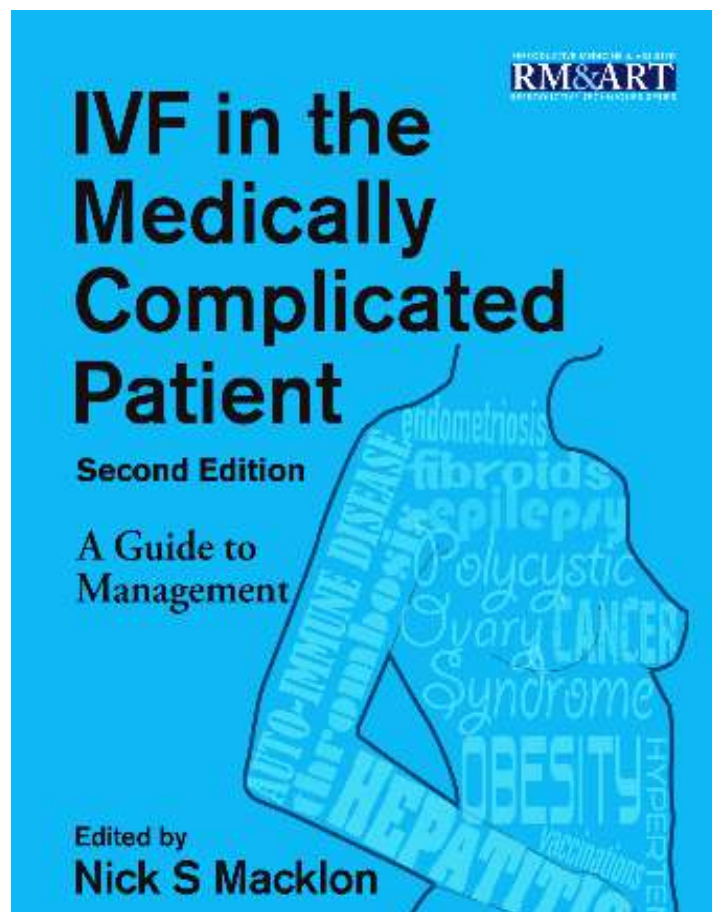
- Hormon manupülasyon ve fertilizasyon tedavileri



aFL + lerde tromboz aktivasyonu  
Lupus aktivasyonu

- Ovarian hiperstimulasyon, multifetal gebelik, prematürite ve emosyonel distress.

*6 ay boyunca sessiz seyrediyorsa IVF uygulanabilir*



**TABLE 4.2**

Clinical Situations in which Ovarian Stimulation Should Be Discouraged in Women with SLE

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Acute flare (and the following 6–12 months)

Pulmonary hypertension or arterial hypertension

Valvulopathy or heart disease

Previous thromboembolism

Severe renal disease

Antiphospholipid syndrome and anti-Ro/anti-La antibodies

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Source: Adapted from Bellver J, Pellicer A. *Fertil Steril* 2009 Dec;92(6):1803–10.

**Table 4**

Guidelines for use of estrogens in women with SLE.

| Clinical criteria                                                                                 | Laboratory criteria                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Inactive or stable/moderate disease                                                            | 1. No lupus anticoagulant                                                                          |
| 2. No history of venous or arterial thrombosis                                                    | 2. No high titres of any antiphospholipid antibody isotype (IgG >40 GPL, IgM >40 MPL, IgA >50 APL) |
| 3. No history of lupus exacerbation with estrogens                                                |                                                                                                    |
| 4. Nonsmoker                                                                                      |                                                                                                    |
| 5. Normotensive                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |
| Consider progestogen-only oral contraceptives                                                     |                                                                                                    |
| OR                                                                                                |                                                                                                    |
| Use the lowest dose of ethinylestradiol ( $\leq 35 \mu\text{g}$ ) in combined oral contraceptives |                                                                                                    |

[Table 5](#) summarizes the guidelines for ovarian stimulation in women with SLE or APS.

**Table 5**

Guidelines for ovarian stimulation in women with SLE or antiphospholipid syndrome.

Friendly ovarian stimulation

Clomiphene citrate: drug of choice in ovulation induction

Prevent ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome

Single embryo transfer

Coadjuvant therapy: anticoagulation, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants

Transfer of frozen embryos and ovum donation

Natural cycles better than treated cycles

Natural E<sub>2</sub> better than synthetic estrogens

Transdermal route better than oral route

Luteal phase support

Progesterone better than hCG

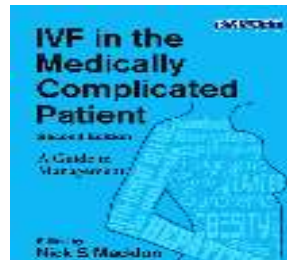
Natural P better than synthetic progestogens

Vaginal route better than oral route

# IVF

## SLE-AFS

- **aFL + tromboz öyküsü yok:** Embriyo transferinden sonra LMWH
- **aFL+ tromboz öyküsü +:** Teropatik dozda heparin+ Düşük doz aspirin
- **SLE aFL -:** Immunsupresan tedavi





## Abstract ▾

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## Successful Pregnancy Following Assisted Reproduction in Woman With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Hypertension: A Case Report.

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### Abstract

Patients with systemic lupus erythematosus have a poor prognosis of pregnancy, since it is associated with significant maternal and fetal morbidity, including spontaneous miscarriage, pre-eclampsia, intrauterine growth restriction, fetal death and pre-term delivery. We report a case with successful pregnancy in a patient with systemic lupus erythematosus and hypertension. A 39-year-old nulliparous woman presented with systemic lupus erythematosus with antinuclear and antiphospholipid antibodies, hypertension and recurrent pregnancy loss presented for assisted reproduction. The patient responded well to enoxaparin and prednisone during both assisted reproduction and prenatal treatment. This case report indicates that prescription of immunosuppressant and blood thinners can be safely recommended throughout the whole prenatal period in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. Enoxaparin and prednisone may be prescribed concurrently during pregnancy.

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## European registry of babies born to mothers with antiphospholipid syndrome

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- 134 çocuk , 65 i kız -69 u erkek
- 22 'i (%16) preterm doğum ,19 'u 2500 gr altında (%14)
- Neonatal komplikasyon 18 olguda (13%), 5 olguda enfeksiyon (4%).
- 5 yıllık takip boyunca thromboz veya SLE tespit edilmedi.
- 3 çocukta davranışsal bozukluk (1çocukta otizm, 1çocukta hiperaktivite, 1 çocukta yeme bozukluğu ve konuşmanın gecikmesi)
- 1 çocukta aksiyal hipotoni ile psikomotor gecikme

**Table 4** Offspring's general characteristics, neurodevelopment and follow-up during 5 years

|                                            | At birth<br>(n=130) | 3 Months<br>(n=110) | 9 Months<br>(n=105)               | 24 Months<br>(n=64)                                                              | 5 Years<br>(n=27)             |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Weight (kg)                                | 3±0.5               | 5.7±1.1             | 8.8±1.5                           | 12±2                                                                             | 19±5                          |
| Weight <2 SD                               | —                   | 3 (3%)              | 4 (4%)                            | 0                                                                                | 0                             |
| Height (cm)                                | 48±3                | 58±21               | 71±5                              | 84±7                                                                             | 111±10                        |
| Height <2 SD                               | —                   | 9 (9%)              | 9 (9%)                            | 0                                                                                | 0                             |
| Cranial perimeter (cm)                     | 34±2                | 40±2                | 45±2                              | 48±2                                                                             | 50±2                          |
| Cranial perimeter <2 SD                    | —                   | 0                   | 2 (2%)                            | 0                                                                                | —                             |
| Infections                                 | 5 (4%)              | 6 (5%)              | 10 (10%)                          | 11 (17%)                                                                         | —                             |
| Atopy                                      | —                   | 8 (7%)              | 8 (7%)                            | 7 (11%)                                                                          | 1 (4%)                        |
| Lupus                                      | 0                   | 0                   | 0                                 | 0                                                                                | 0                             |
| Thrombosis                                 | 0                   | 0                   | 0                                 | 0                                                                                | 0                             |
| Neurodevelopmental abnormality             | —                   | 1 (1%)              | 1 (1%)                            | 3 (5%)                                                                           | 2 (7%)                        |
| Neurodevelopmental abnormality description | —                   | Axial hypotony      | Axial hypotony, psychomotor delay | Autism; hyperactive behaviour; feeding disorders, language delay, growth failure | Autism; hyperactive behaviour |

Each column represents the number of evaluated children at the check point.

**Table 5** Characteristics of children with neurodevelopmental abnormalities

| Case | Mother's age | APS features           | Pregnancy outcome    | Pregnancy treatment | Gestational age (weeks) | Sex | Birth weight (g) | Clinical features                                 | APL                                                    |
|------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 32           | Obstetrical (IUGR/IUD) | Gestational diabetes | LWMH                | 38                      | M   | 2790             | Autism                                            | Negative                                               |
| 2    | 23           | Obstetrical (RFL)      | —                    | LWMH                | 36                      | M   | 2500             | Hyperactive behaviour                             | Negative at birth; ACL IgG 12 U at 2 years             |
| 3    | 44           | Obstetrical (RFL)      | Gestational diabetes | LWMH-aspirin        | 37                      | F   | 2900             | Feeding disorders, language delay, growth failure | Negative at birth; transient anti-β2GPI IgG 3–9 months |
| 4    | 33           | Obstetrical (IUGR/IUD) | IUGR                 | LWMH                | 37                      | F   | 1570             | Axial hypotony, psychomotor delay                 | Negative                                               |

ACL, anticardiolipin antibodies; anti-β2GPI, anti-β<sub>2</sub> glycoprotein-I antibodies; APL, antiphospholipid antibodies; APS, antiphospholipid syndrome; F, female; IUD, intrauterine fetal death; IUGR, intrauterine growth restriction; LWMH, low-weight molecular heparin; M, male; RFL, recurrent fetal loss.



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