

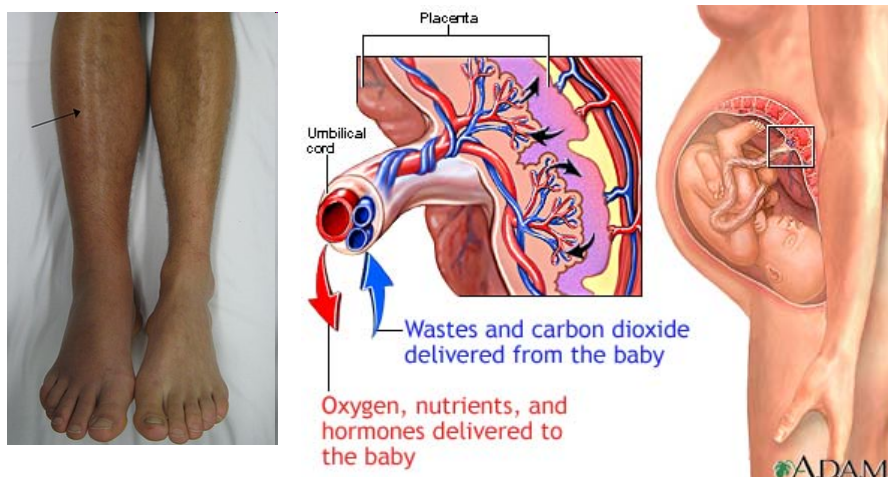
Trombofilia e rischio abortivo

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Obstetrical complications

- ✓ Embryo/Fetal death:
 - early → miscarriage
 - late → stillbirth

- ✓ Preeclampsia / eclampsia / HELLP syndrome
- ✓ Intra-uterine growth restriction (IUGR)
- ✓ Placental abruption

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Recurrent miscarriage

- ✓ HISTORICAL DEFINITION:
3 consecutive pregnancy losses prior to 20 (or 24)
gestational week
- ✓ INCIDENCE: one loss = 1 in 5 pregnancies (15-20%)
recurrent = 1 in 300 pregnancies (0.3%)
- ✓ RISK OF MISCARRIAGE: 30% after 2 losses
33% after 3 losses



This strongly suggests a role for evaluation after just 2 losses
(American Society of Reproductive Medicine)

Questions

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- ✓ If yes, what is the strenght of the association and the magnitude of the risk?
- ✓ Is antithrombotic prophylaxis with LMWH \pm ASA useful to prevent RPL or late obstetrical complications in women with or without thrombophilia?

Antiphospholipid antibodies

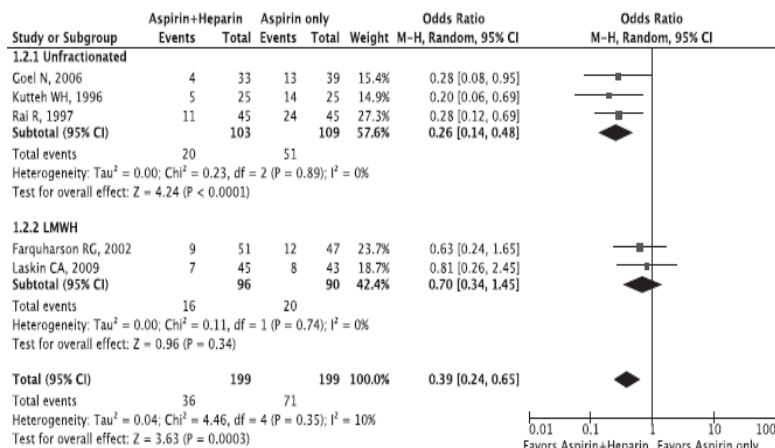
**Recurrent
miscarriage**

**Late obstetrical
complications**

**Thrombosis
Autoimmunity
Inflammation/complement
Inhibition throphoblast proliferation**

Prevention of miscarriage in women with APS and RPL

Ziakas PD et al, Obstet Gynecol 2010



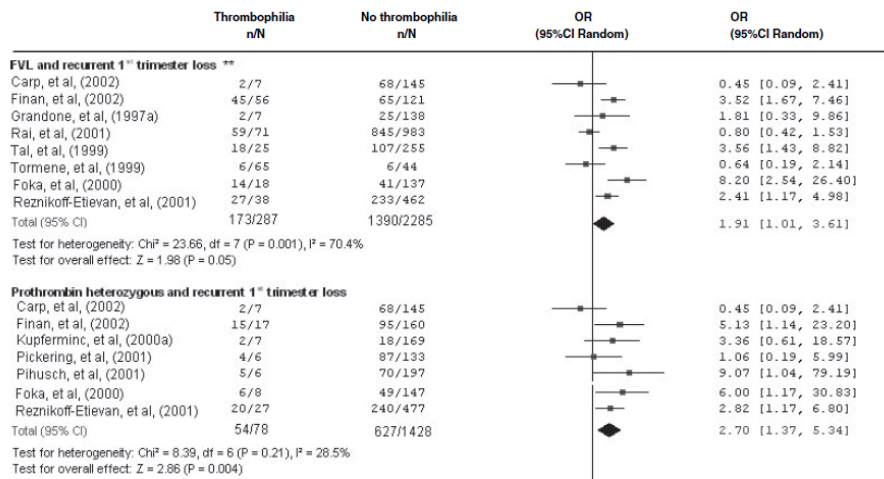
ASA + LMWH
Grade 2B - ACCP 2012

**Association between APS and placenta mediated complications:
meta-analysis of 28 studies.**

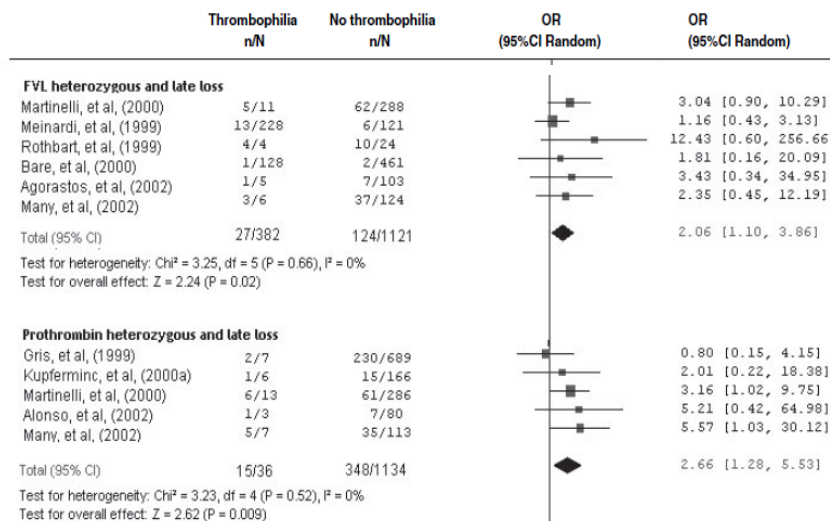
| | | ca-co (n=20) | cohort (n=8) |
|------------------|------|----------------|------------------|
| LAC | PE | 2.3 (1.2-4.6) | - |
| | IUGR | 4.7 (1.3-16.7) | - |
| | PA | - | - |
| | LFL | 4.7 (1.1-20.8) | 10.6 (1.9-59.9) |
| ACA | PE | 1.5 (1.1-2.2) | - |
| | IUGR | - | - |
| | PA | - | - |
| | LFL | 4.3 (1.3-13.7) | 8.9 (1.8-42.5) |
| antiβ2GP1 | PE | - | 19.1 (6.3-57.8) |
| | IUGR | - | 20.0 (4.6-87.4) |
| | PA | - | - |
| | LFL | - | 23.5 (1.2-455.0) |

Abou-Nassar K et al, Thromb Res 2011

Thrombophilia and RPL
Robertson L et al, Br J Haematol 2006



Thrombophilia and late pregnancy loss
Robertson L et al, Br J Haematol 2006



Thrombophilia and adverse pregnancy outcomes: results from the Danish National Birth Cohort.

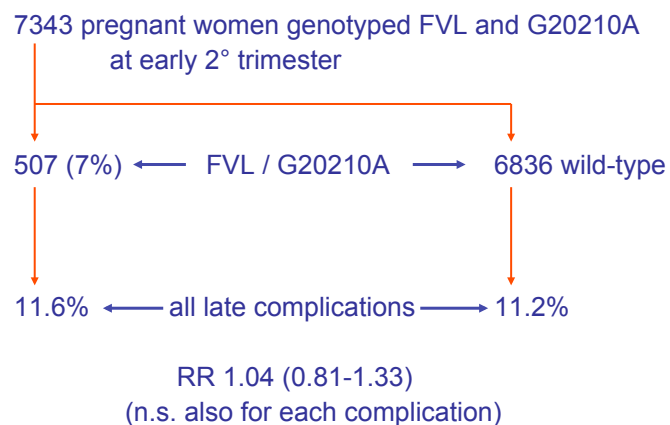
50% of all Danish pregnant women in 5 years (1997-2002) participated to the study, with 101042 pregnancies to 91661 women.

Nested ca-co study (ca 1771 - co 1856) for genotyping:

| | severe PE/HELLP n=236 | fetal growth restriction (<3%) n=1227 | placental abruptio n=308 |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| FVL | 1.6 (1.1-2.4) | 1.4 (1.1-1.8) | 1.7 (1.2-2.4) |
| PTG20210A | 0.8 (0.3-2.3) | 0.8 (0.5-1.4) | 1.7 (0.8-3.5) |

Lykke JA et al, JTH 2012

Prospective Canadian cohort study on thrombophilia and placenta-mediated pregnancy complications.



Rodger MA et al, JTH 2014

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Thrombophilia and pregnancy complications: association not proven causal and antithrombotic prophylaxis is experimental.

Marc A. Rodger, Michael Paidas, Claire McLintock, Saskia Middeldorp, Susan Kahn, Ida Martinelli, William Hague, Karen Montella, Ian Greer

Obstet Gynecol 2008;112 (2):320-324

“... randomized controlled trials in well-defined patient groups are urgently needed.”



| RCTs | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------|--|-------------|
| Country | Publ y | Acronym | Patients' selection | Recruitment |
| Canada | 2009 | pilot study* # | all late OCs | 2000-2007 |
| UK/Australia | 2010 | SPIN | ≥2 misc <24w | 2004-2008 |
| Holland | 2010 | ALIFE | ≥2 misc <20w | 2004-2008 |
| Finland | 2010 | HABENOX# | ≥3 misc <13w, ≥2 13-24w, 1LFL+1 misc<13w | 2002-2007 |
| France | 2010 | NOH-AP | abruptio placentae | 2000-2009 |
| | 2011 | NOH-PE | preeclampsia | 2000-2010 |
| Holland/Australia/Sweden | 2012 | FRUIT\$# | early (<34w) PE/SGA | 2000-2009 |
| Italy | 2012 | HAPPY | all late OCs | 2006-2010 |
| Canada/Australia | 2014 | TIPPS§ | all late OCs | 2000-2012 |
| Germany/Austria | 2015 | ETHIG II | ≥2 misc <12w, ≥1 ≥12w | 2006-2013 |
| Egypt | 2017 | - | ≥3 misc | 2011-2014 |

**only non-thrombophilic women; §only thrombophilic women; #prematurely interrupted*

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RCT in non thrombophilic women with RPL

Pasquier et al, Blood 2015

PREFIX study

258 non trombophilic women ≥3 misc < 15w (2007-2012)

Enoxaparin 40 mg vs placebo

Absolute difference -6% (95%CI -17.1 to 5.1)

Key Points

- The use of low-molecular-weight heparin did not improve live-birth rates in nonthrombophilic women with consecutive recurrent miscarriage.
- Prophylactic doses of low-molecular-weight heparin should no longer be prescribed in this clinical setting.

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A meta-analysis of low-molecular-weight heparin to prevent pregnancy loss in women with inherited thrombophilia.

Leslie Skeith, Marc Carrier, Risto Kaaja, Ida Martinelli, David Petroff, Ekkehard Schleußner, Carl A Laskin, Marc A Rodger

Blood 2016;127 (13):1650-1655

- ✓ 8 RCTs, 483 pregnant women with recurrent miscarriage <10w or ≥1 ≥10w
- ✓ livebirth rate: RR 0.81 (0.55-1.19)
RR 1.04 (0.93-1.16) only multicenter trials


Low-molecular weight heparin and recurrent placenta-mediated pregnancy complications: a meta-analysis of individual patient data from randomised controlled trials

Rodger MA, Gris JC, de Vries JI, Martinelli I, Rey É, Schleussner E et al, for the Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin for Placenta-Mediated Pregnancy Complications Study Group.

Lancet. 2016 Oct 6. pii: S0140-6736(16)31139-4. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(16)31139-4.

- ✓ 8 RCTs, 963 pregnant women of whom 480 LMWH + and 483 LMWH -
- ✓ recurrent placenta-mediated complications: 14% vs 22%
relative risk: 0.64 (0.36-1.11)

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 - **No.**
 - Uncertain.**
 - Likely not.**

Take home message (1)

- ✓ Owing the weak grade of recommendation, pregnant women with **APS and RPL or late obstetrical complications** should receive ASA + LMWH
- ✓ Although **inherited thrombophilia** is weakly associated with **RPL**, ASA and/or LMWH do not improve the live-birth rate and therefore should NOT be given.
- ✓ LMWH in pregnant women with previous **late obstetrical complications** does not seem to reduce the risk of recurrence, except (perhaps) in a small subgroup of women with previous placental abruption. Doubious effectiveness in women with thrombophilia.

Take home message (2)

- ✓ To date, the use of LMWH in women with previous obstetrical complications remains **NOT** evidence based.
- ✓ Before prescribing LMWH to pregnant women in order to improve the actual pregnancy outcome, a **doctor should**:
 - consider the principle of *primum non nocere*
 - consider the off-label indication
 - inform the woman about safety and side effects
 - obtain the signed informed consent



Thank you !