ATTRwt Amyloidosis

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This is the little bugger that causes the problem

- A protein made of 4 identical subunits
- Has two names
 - 1. Prealbumin
 - 2. Transthyretin

The latter because it transports (trans), thyroid hormone (thy) and retinol (retin), which is Vitamin A.



Transthyretin (aka Prealbumin)



A protein with a lot of beta pleated sheets

How does one get TTR amyloidosis?



Other names for Wild Type TTR Amyloidosis (note I am not responsible for them!)

- Senile Cardiac Amyloidosis (SCA)
 - Because patients are older not cognitively impaired
- Senile Systemic Amyloidosis (SSA)
 - Because while it affects mainly the heart other organs can have amyloid deopits
- Age Related Cardiac Amyloidosis

Age Dependent Penetrance: A fancy term for, when does it show up?



Production of Proteins



Protein Folding: A Shout Out to Mother Nature

- Proteins most abundant molecules in biology other than water.
- Must be converted into tightly folded compact structures in order to function.
- Single simple protein has 10¹⁶ possible starting configurations
- Folding is usually extremely efficient a remarkable testament to the power of mother nature (biology).

Protein Misfolding



Tissue Tropism

- Why does transthyretin like the heart?
- Or the ligaments?
- What factors affect the clinical manifestations and progression of the condition?



How does ATTRwt affect the heart? Normal Amyloidosis

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ATTRm and ATTwt

	ATTRm	ATTRwt
Age (years)	Variable (depends on mutation)	>65
Gender (%M/%F)	50%/50%	95%/5%
Race	Depend on mutation	Predominately Caucasians (To date)
Affected Organs	Nerves Heart _{Eyes}	Heart

Why Ejection Fraction (EF) Sucks in Cardiac Amyloidosis



Endomyocardial Biopsy The previous way to diagnose TTR cardiac amyloidosis







PYP Scan for Diagnosing TTR cardiac amyloidosis





Circ Cardiovasc Imaging. 2013;6(2):195-201.

General Treatment for Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

- Diuretics and Salt Restriction Mainstay of therapy
 - Aldosterone Antagonists and Bioavailable Loop Diuretics
- Atrial Fibrillation Nearly Universal Over Time
 - Prevalence At least 1/3 in large series and 53% in the ATTR-ACT study
 - Incidence- ~90% develop AF over time
 - Anticoagulation in atrial fibrillation irrespective of CHADs-Vasc Score
- Calcium channel blockers some contraindicated
- Hypotension compression stockings and midodrine.
- AICD / pacer More of a role for pacing

ATTRwt Cardiomyopathy Clinically Available Options

- Tafamidis -
 - Approved
 - Cost could limit access
- Diflunisal
 - Off label use
 - NSAID use cautiously
 - No recent decompensation
 - Good renal functioin
 - Daily diuretic dose < 80 mg Lasix, no metalozone
 - ? Use with anticoagulation



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Trials Currently or Soon to be at an Amyloid Center Near You for ATTRwt

Drug	Mechanism /Delivery	Trial Name	Trial Design
AG10	Stabilizer	ATTRIBUTE-CM	Placebo controlled,
(Eidos)	Oral		RCT: 2:1 allocation
Patisiran	Silencer	APOLLO-B	Placebo controlled,
(Alnylam)	Intravenous		RCT; 1:1 allocation
ION-682884	Silencer:	IONIS LICA-CM	Placebo controlled,
(Ionis/Akcea)	SQ		RCT; 1:1 allocation
Vutrisiran	Silencer;	HELIOS-B	Placebo controlled,
(Alnylam)	SQ		RCT; 1:1 allocation