

# Trombosi Portal

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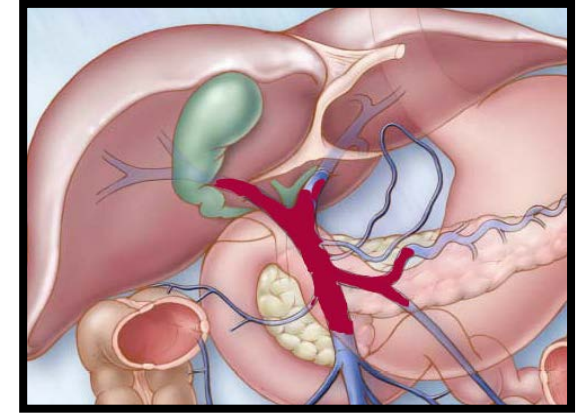
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# Portal Vein Thrombosis

**Extrahepatic obstruction of the portal vein  
or of both intrahepatic portal vein  
branches with or without involvement of  
the splenic or mesenteric vein**




**2018: Not enough with this  
definition!!!**

## Healthy or Disease Liver (Cirrhosis/IPH/other)?

Current status of portal vein thrombosis in Japan: Results of a questionnaire survey by the Japan Society for Portal Hypertension

Kojima et al. Hepatology Research 2018

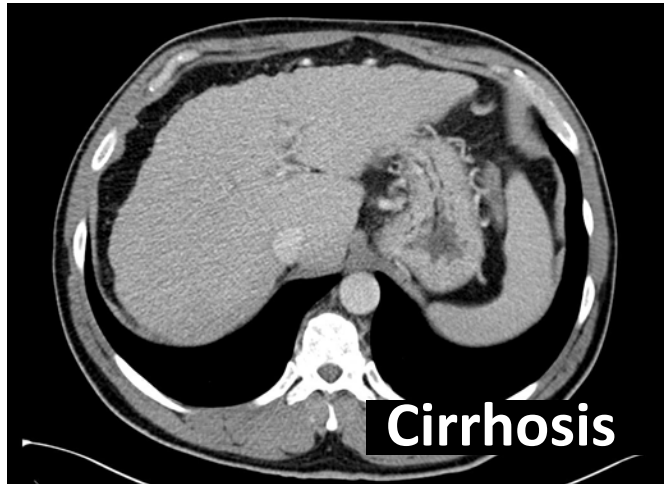
Table 2 Underlying diseases in 539 patients with portal vein thrombosis

	Number of cases (%)
Portal hypertensive disease	434 (80.5)
Liver cirrhosis	406 (75.3) 
Idiopathic portal hypertension	20 (3.7)
Extrahepatic portal vein obstruction	8 (1.5)
Other	105 (19.5)
Other liver disease	7 (1.3)
Biliary disease	30 (5.6)
Pancreatic disease	22 (4.1)
Inflammatory disease	10 (1.9)
Malignancy	26 (4.8)
Blood disease	5 (0.9)
Other	5 (0.9)
Total	539 (100)

# Portal Vein Thrombosis

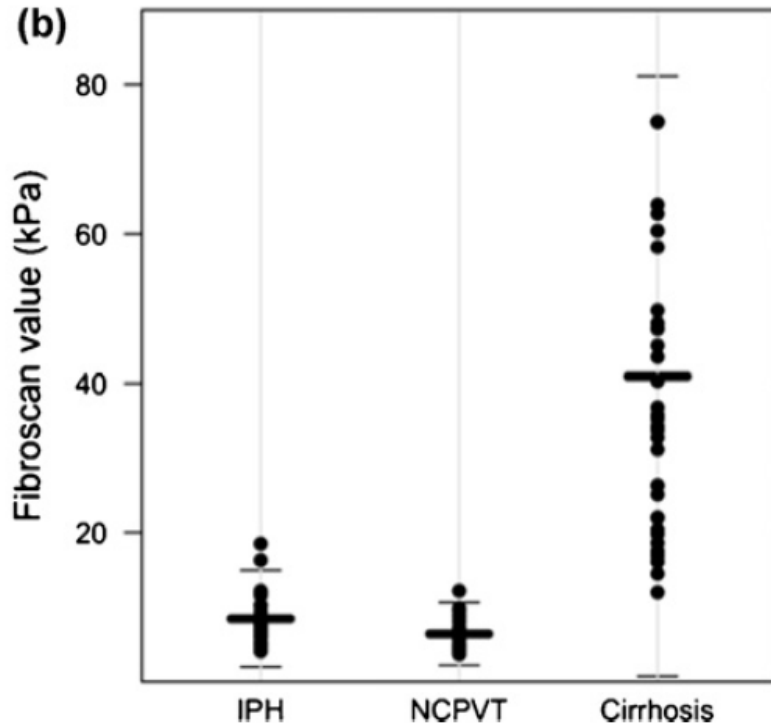
**Not always easy to identify underlying liver disease**

- **Long-Term PVT in healthy promote macroscopic changes (atrophy/hypertrophy...)**
- **Cirrhosis and IPH similar morphological changes**

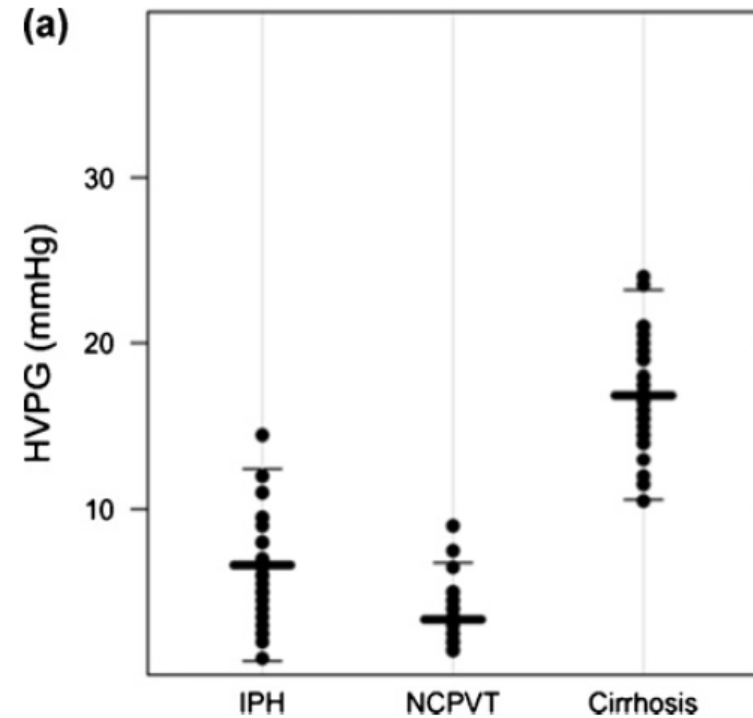


# Elastography and HVPG helps discarding cirrhosis but may be similar in IPH and healthy livers

**Liver Stiffness**



**Hepatic Vein Catheterization**



Seijo S et al, Dig Liver Dis 2012

**Sometimes, liver biopsy needed...**

# PVT Staging and Characterization

- Healthy or Disease Liver (Cirrhosis/IPH/other)
- **Partial/Occlusive (% of lumen occluded/or of patency?)**
- **Segments of the Portal Venous Axis affected (branches/trunk/splenic/mesenteric?)**
- **Acute/Chronic?**

**Impact in diagnostic strategy, in prognosis and in treatment decisions**

**US-Doppler first choice for thrombosis detection.  
Angio-CT/MRI mandatory for extension/characterization**



# PVT on a Healthy Liver

## Etiology

**Acquired or Inherited Prothrombotic Dis. 40-50%**

- *Myeloproliferative Neoplasms*
- *Prothrombin gen mutation*
- *Others*

**Local Factor: Surgery, abd. inflammation... 20-30%**

**Idiopathic 20-30%**

- **>50% more than one prothrombotic disorder**
- **36% of pts with local factor, also had a systemic prothrombotic disorder**

# PVT on a Healthy Liver. Etiology

**PH: Splenomegaly with Hypersplenism and Plasma Volume Expansion with Hemodilution**



**Mask increases in blood cells. MNP underdiagnosed**

**JAK2; Exon 12 JAK2; MPL; Calreticulin!**

**140 PVT**

**30 JAK2+ (21.4%)**

**2 CALR+ /110 JAK2- (1.8%)**

Turon et al. J Hepatol 2015

**Still MNP that are negative for JAK2, Exon 12, Calr and MPL.  
Could NGS be able to help to characterize these patients?**



# PVT in Healthy Liver

**Acute PVT**



- ***Abdominal Pain***
- ***Intestinal Ischemia***



**Chronic PVT/  
Portal Cavernoma**



- ***Variceal Bleeding***
- ***Portal Colangiopathy***
- ***Recurrent Thrombosis***
- ***Others***

**Aim of Rx in Acute PVT:**

- **Prevent Ischemic Complications**
- **Prevent Progression to Chronic PVT**

## **Envie Study. Anticoagulation in 95 Acute PVT**

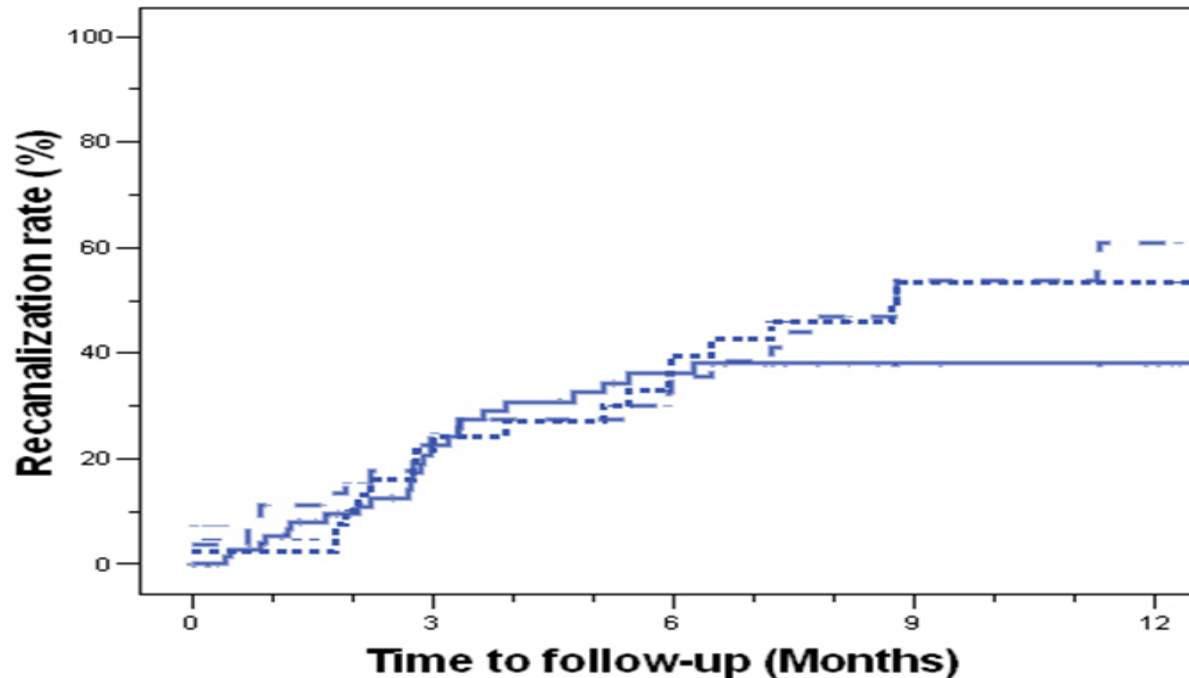
- **2 Intestinal Infarction, limited intestinal resection, both pts survived**

### **Low number of adverse events**

- **9 bleeding (5 GI; 3 Severe: No mortality)**
- **2 death (1 Late malignancy and 1 sepsis)**

Plessier for the Envie Group. Hepatology 2009

# Recanalization rate in 95 pts with ACUTE Splanchnic Vein Thrombosis anticoagulated

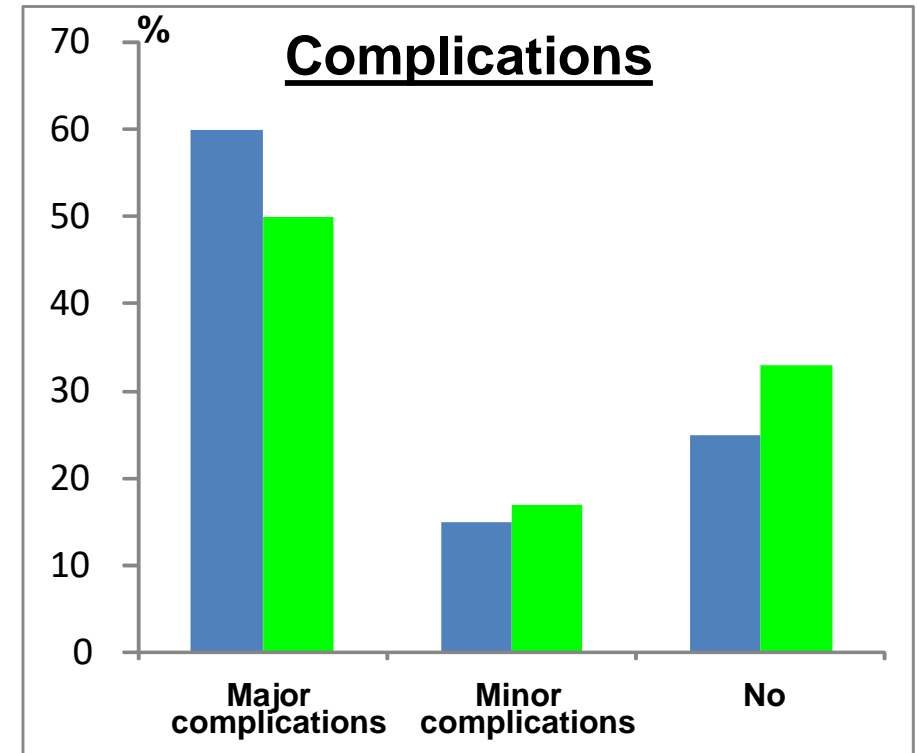
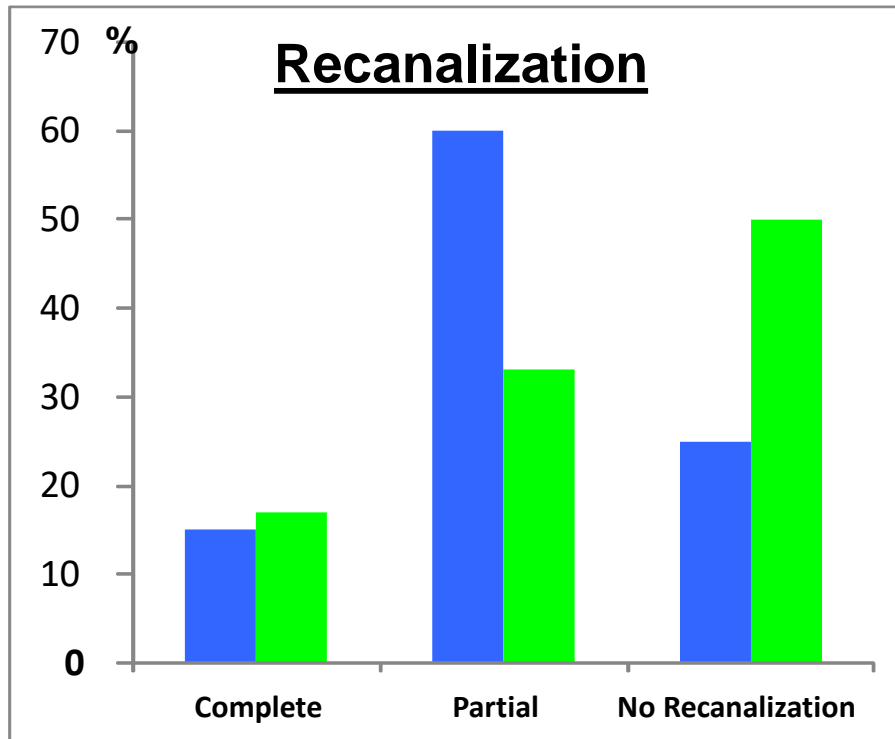


**Patients at risk**  
 Trunk or both branches

**Although, PV System completely patent in only 20% of pts, not all “non-completely patent pts” developed PH related complications.**

# Thrombolytic Therapy in Acute PVT. Recanalization and complications

- **Almost 100% success of thrombolytic Rx with few complications. Potential publication bias.**



 Hollingshead et al. JVIR 2005 (n=20)

 Smalberg et al. Thromb Haemost 2008 (n=12)

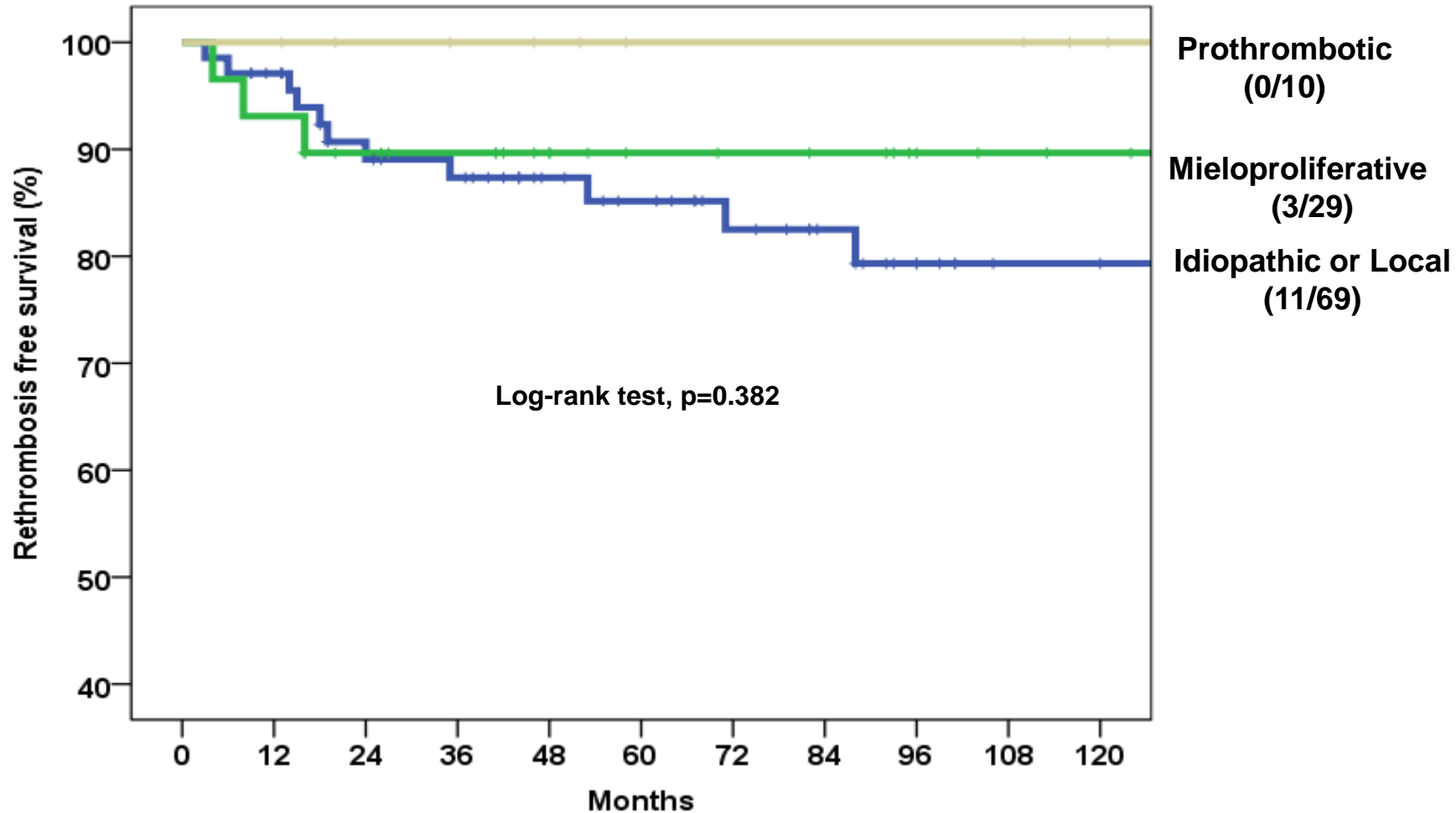
# Recurrent Thrombosis

- **More common than suspected, but frequently asymptomatic and only recognized if intentionally investigated**
- **Rethrombosis may deteriorate outcome (EV, Colangiopathy)**
- **Different risk according with underlying etiology.**

## Currently to prevent rethrombosis, ACO is recommended when:

- **Existence of an underlying prothrombotic disorders**
- **Previous thrombosis of other vascular territories**
- **Rethrombosis/thrombosis progression**

# Recurrent Thrombosis on the PV system according to etiology in a cohort of 108 Pts with Chronic PVT

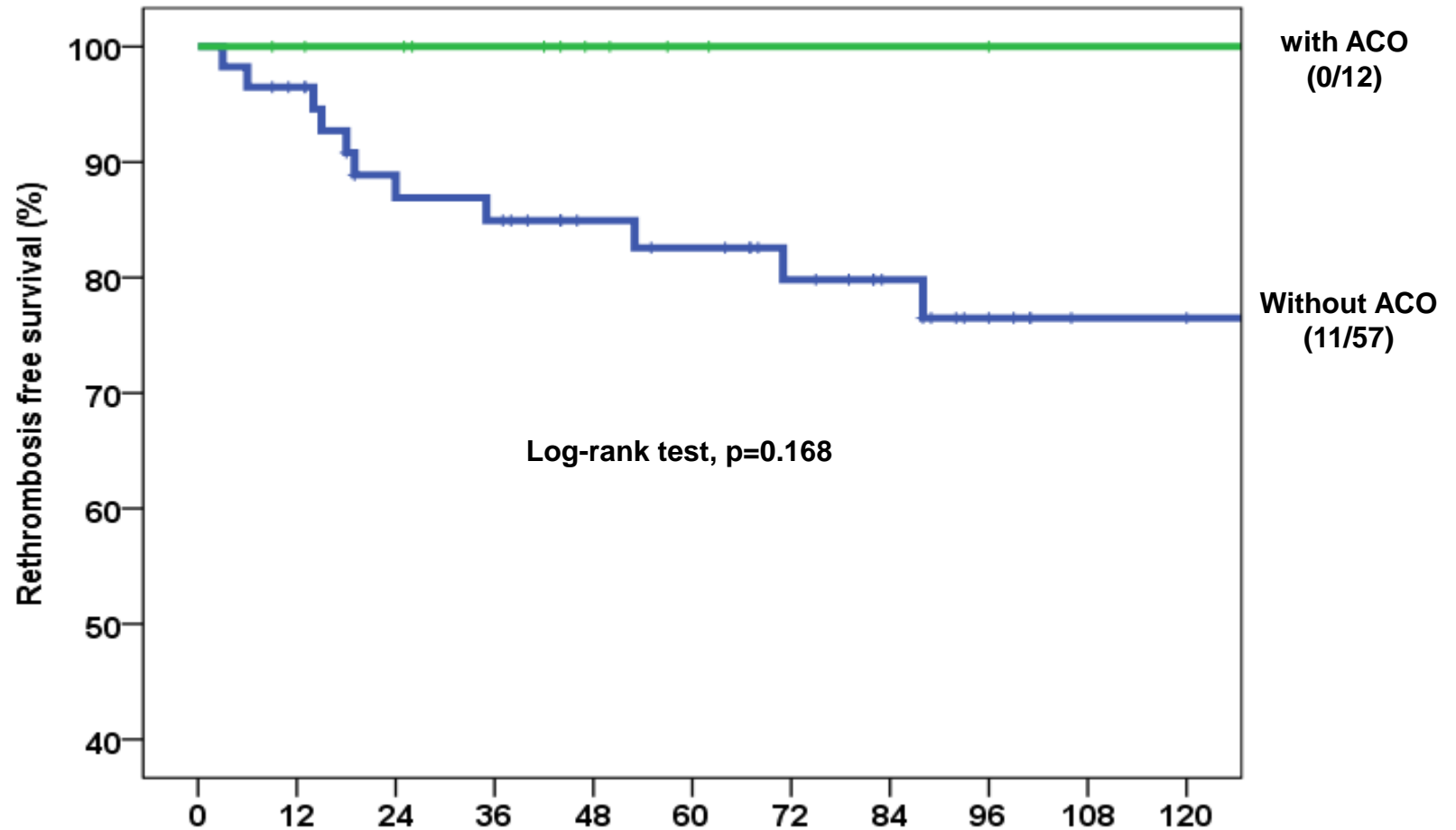


Number at risk

Months

Prothrombotic	10	10	8	7	6	4	4	4	4	4	2
Mieloproliferative	29	27	23	21	15	13	12	11	7	6	5
Idiop. or Local factor	69	64	54	51	41	37	31	26	19	15	14

# Recurrent Thrombosis in patients with Idiopathic or Underlying Local Factors receiving or not ACO



Number at risk

**Anticoagulation**

12    11    10    8    5    3    2    2    1    1    1

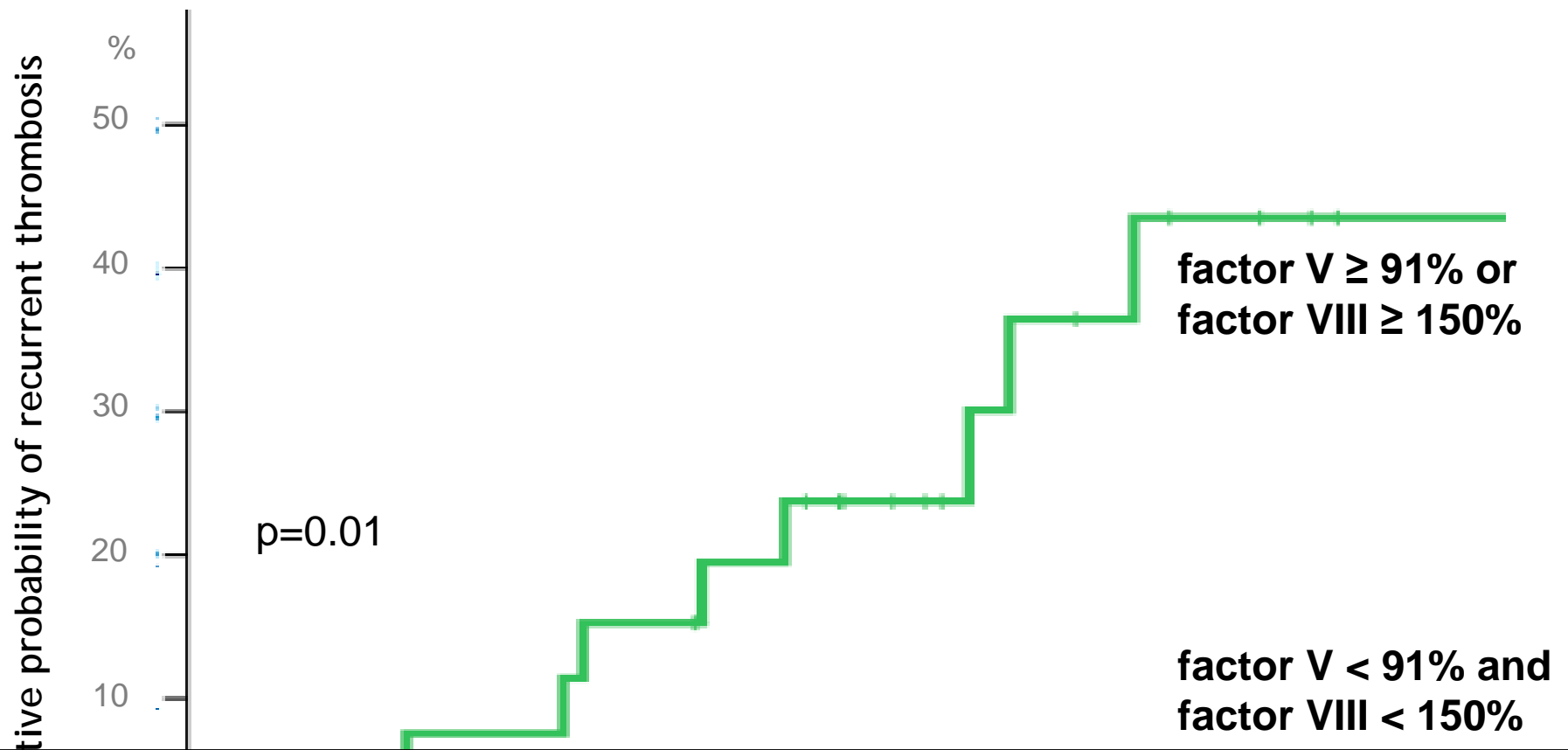
**No anticoagulation**

57    53    44    43    36    34    29    24    18    14    13



**In 48 of the 57 patients with Idiopathic/local PVT not receiving anticoagulation a complete Thrombophilic study was done at admission.**

**Factor V and Factor VIII independent predictors of Recurrent Thrombosis**



**Is there a group of patients with Idiopathic thrombosis or secondary to local factors that need to be also treated with long-term anticoagulation?**

factor V  $< 91\%$  and  
factor VIII  $< 150\%$

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# Anticoagulation and EBL. What to do?

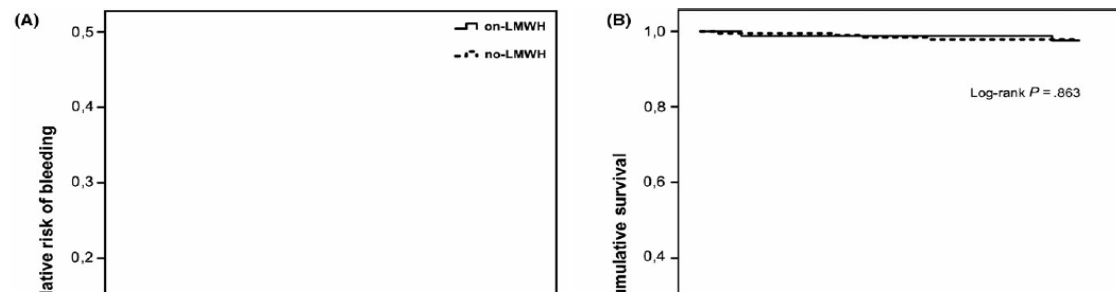
**Bleeding risk of variceal band ligation in extrahepatic portal vein obstruction is not increased by oral anticoagulation**

Guillaume et al. European J of Gastro & Hepatol 2018

	EHPVO patients with OAT (group A) (n = 30)	EHPVO patients without OAT (group B) (n = 13)	Cirrhotic patients (group C) (n = 43)
Patients with UGB episodes	5/30 (16.7)	4/13 (30.8)	1/43 (2.3)
UGB episodes/VBL sessions			
During the entire follow-up	9/121 (7.4)	6/130 (4.6)	2/220 (0.9)
Within 15 days following a VBL session	4/9 (44.4)	2/6 (33.3)	0/2 (0)
Causes of UGB episodes			
Esophageal variceal	5	4	2
Gastric variceal	1	1	0

**No need to Stop Oral ACO?. More bleeding in Non-LC PVT?. More data needed!**

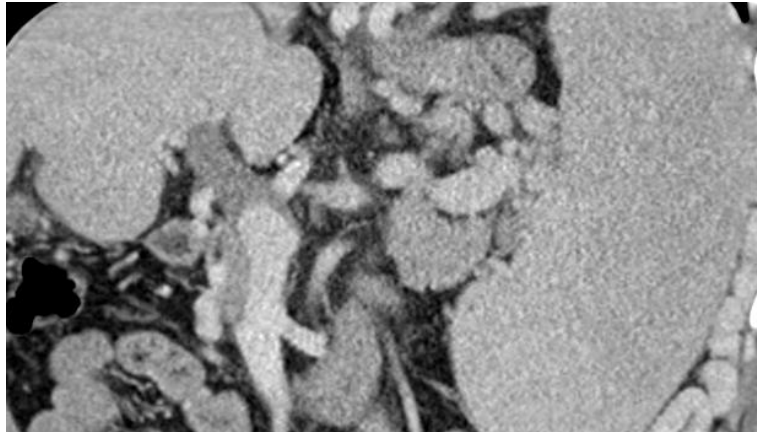
**Low molecular weight heparin does not increase bleeding and mortality post-endoscopic variceal band ligation in cirrhotic patients**



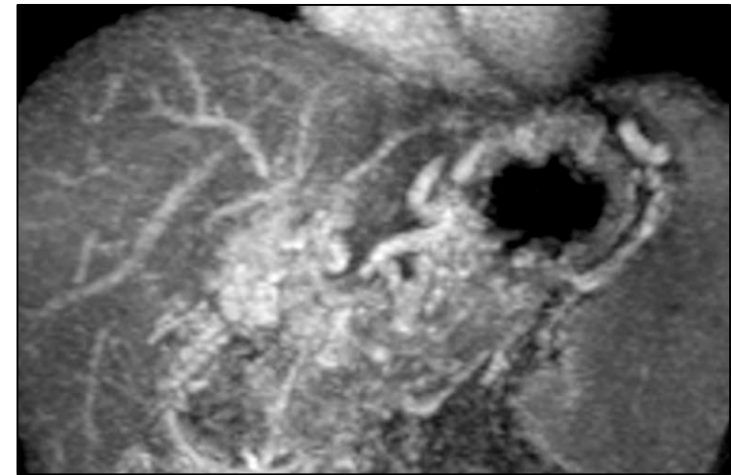
**80 pts on LMWH (169 EBLs)  
185 pts no-LMWH (384 EBLs)**

**Just stop the previous LMWH day dose, restart same day at night?  
No need to delay ACO initiation?**

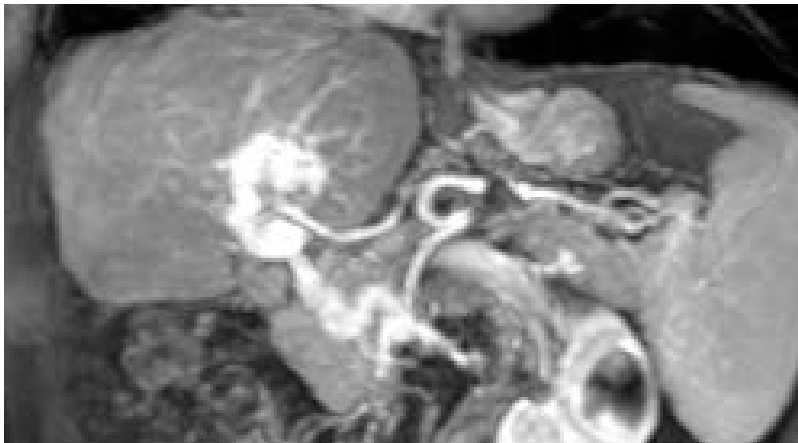
# Chronic Portal Vein Thrombosis



Complete Occlusion, but recognized PV



Not recognized PV

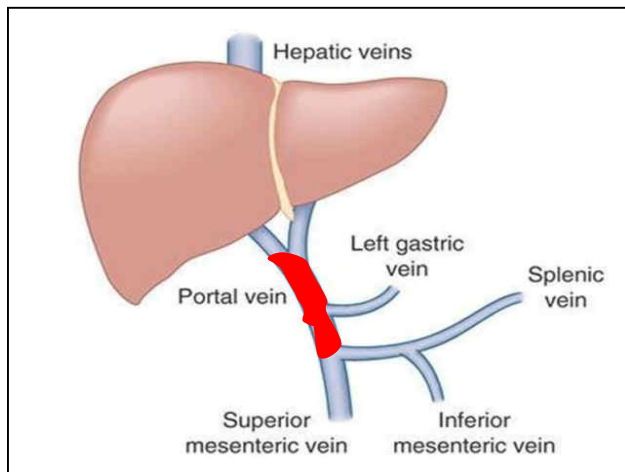


Portal Cavernoma

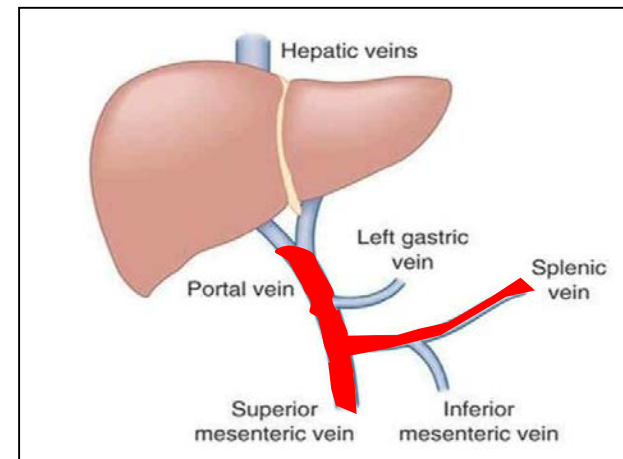


# Factors influencing Feasibility of TIPS in Chronic Portal Vein Thrombosis

- **Patent Intrahepatic Portal Vein Branches? Or at least recognizable? Or completely unrecognizable?**
- **Is there a patent “landing” zone or all the portal venous axis is thrombosed?**



TIPS + Recanalization Likely



TIPS + Recanalization Extremely Difficult

# PVR + TIPS in Chronic PVT

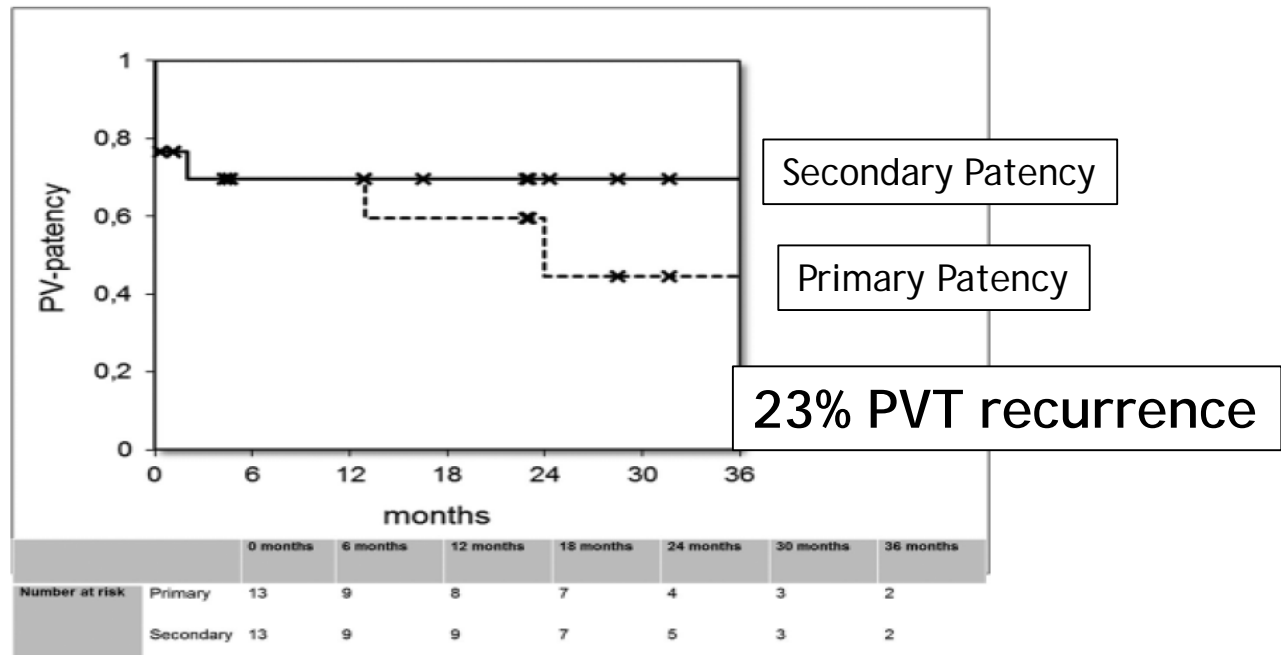
Preinterventional computed tomography  
n=21

PVR-TIPS attempted  
n=17

**Exclusion**  
- Ineligible due to „lacking landing zone“ \*, n=4

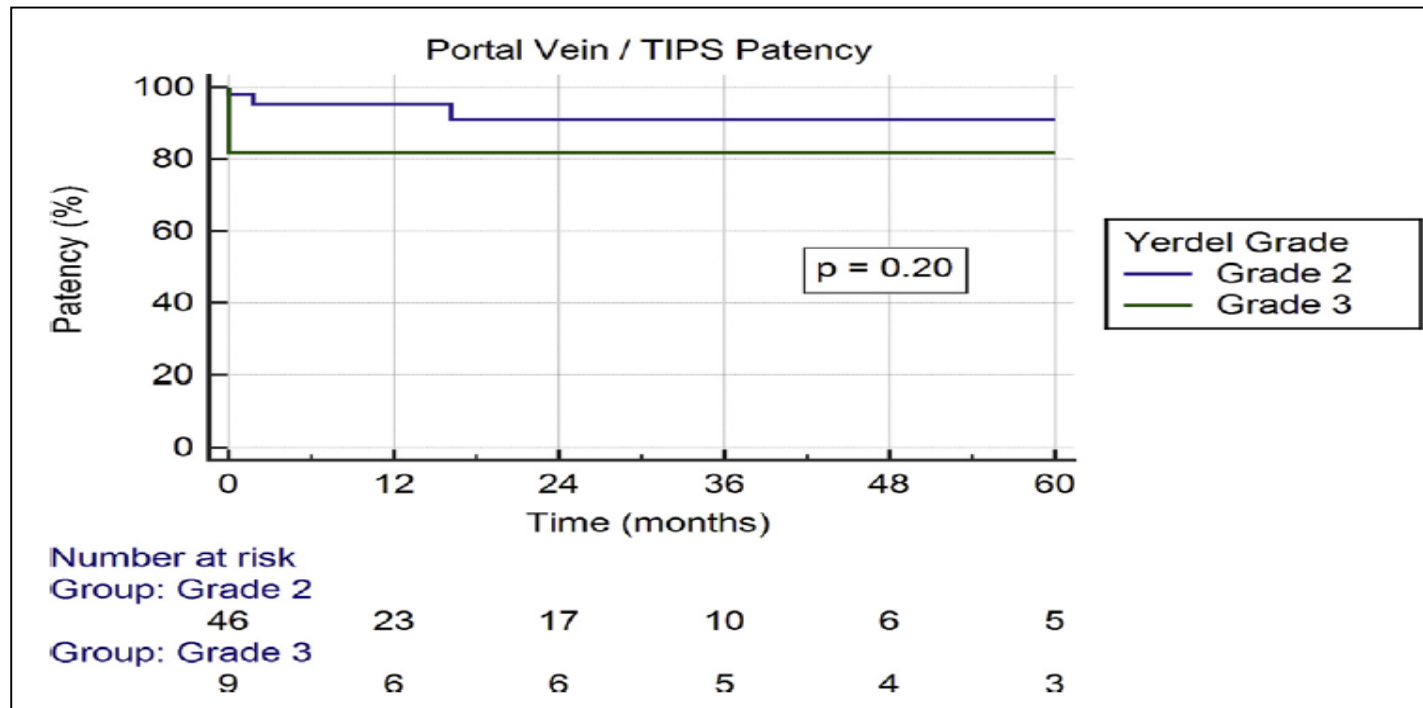
9/17 real Fibrotic cord instead of Main portal vein (Failure in 4/9)

Transjugular approach



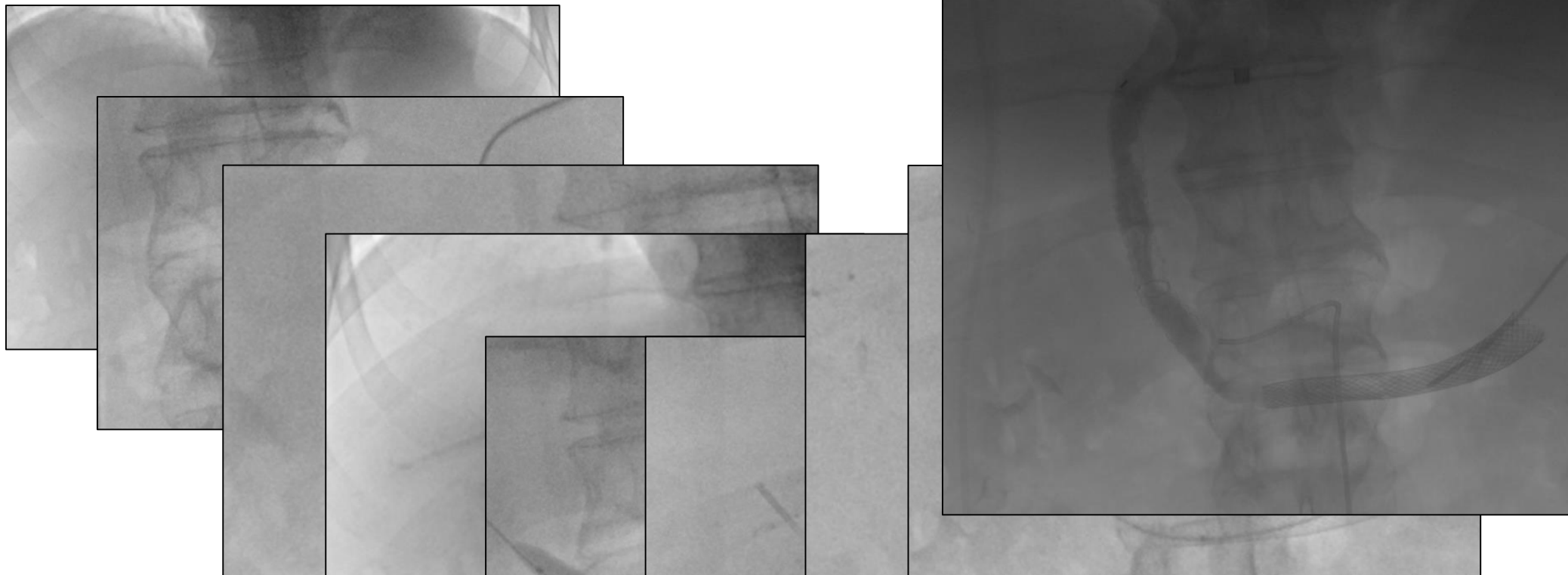
# PV Recanalization-TIPS in Chronic PVT

- Pts with cirrhosis discarded OLT for Chronic PVT
- Initially Transhepatic approach, then transsplenic.  
Faster, less complications



Hemoperitoneum no requiring surgery 8%





# **PVR +/-TIPS as a new therapeutic strategy for selected cases with Chronic PVT**

# In Primary PVT without Liver Disease TIPS is not always necessary

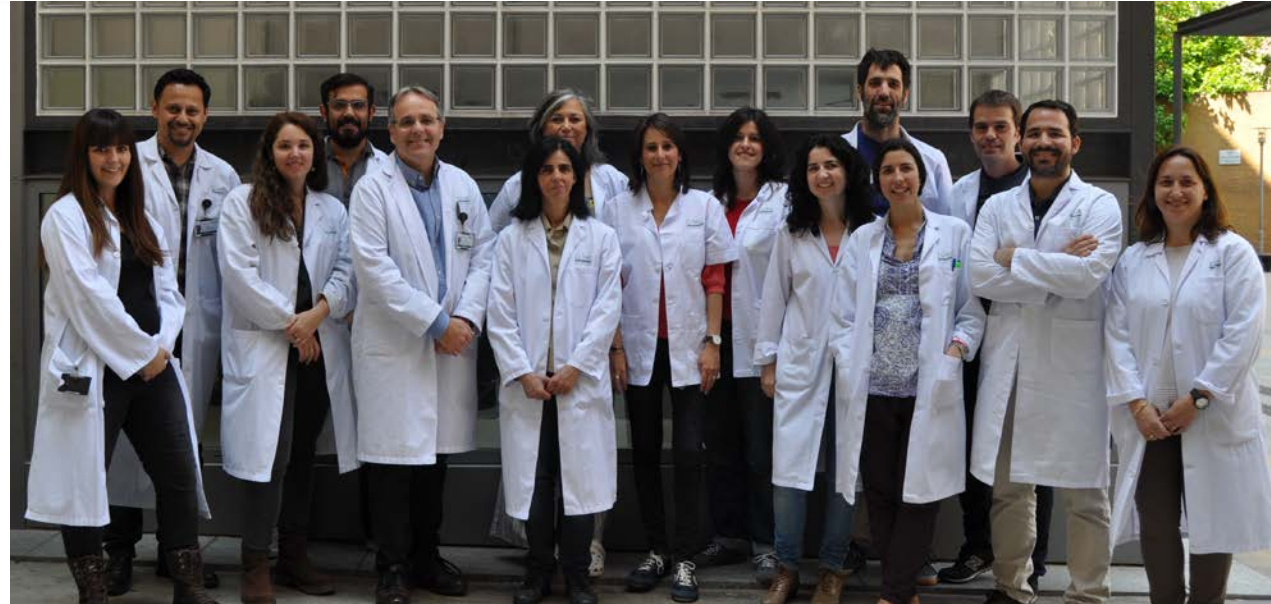


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