



# **Coexistence of Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome with acute pancreatitis: "The Dilemma of Double Trouble"- An Analysis of Four Cases and Review of Literature**

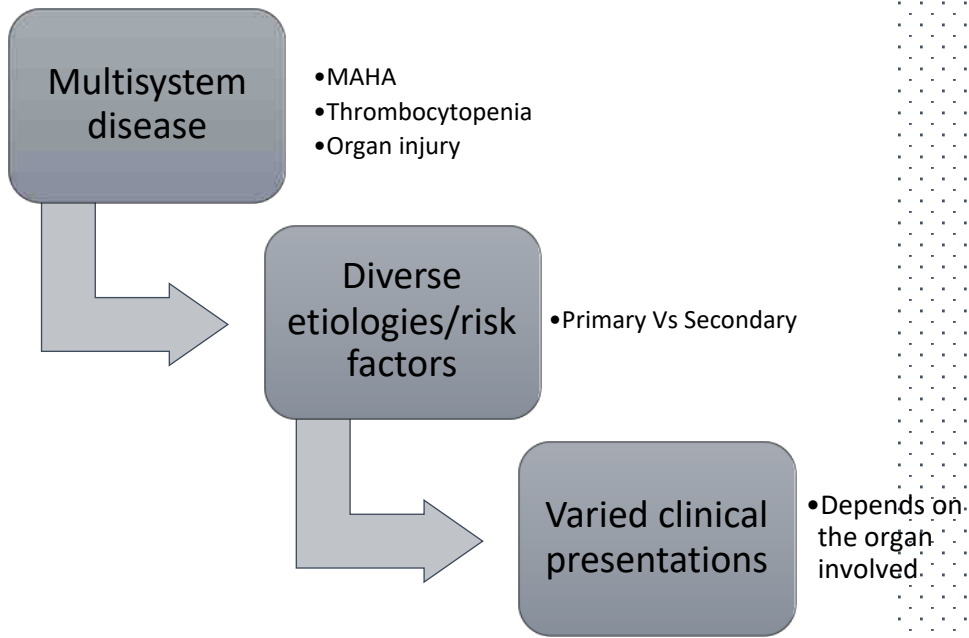
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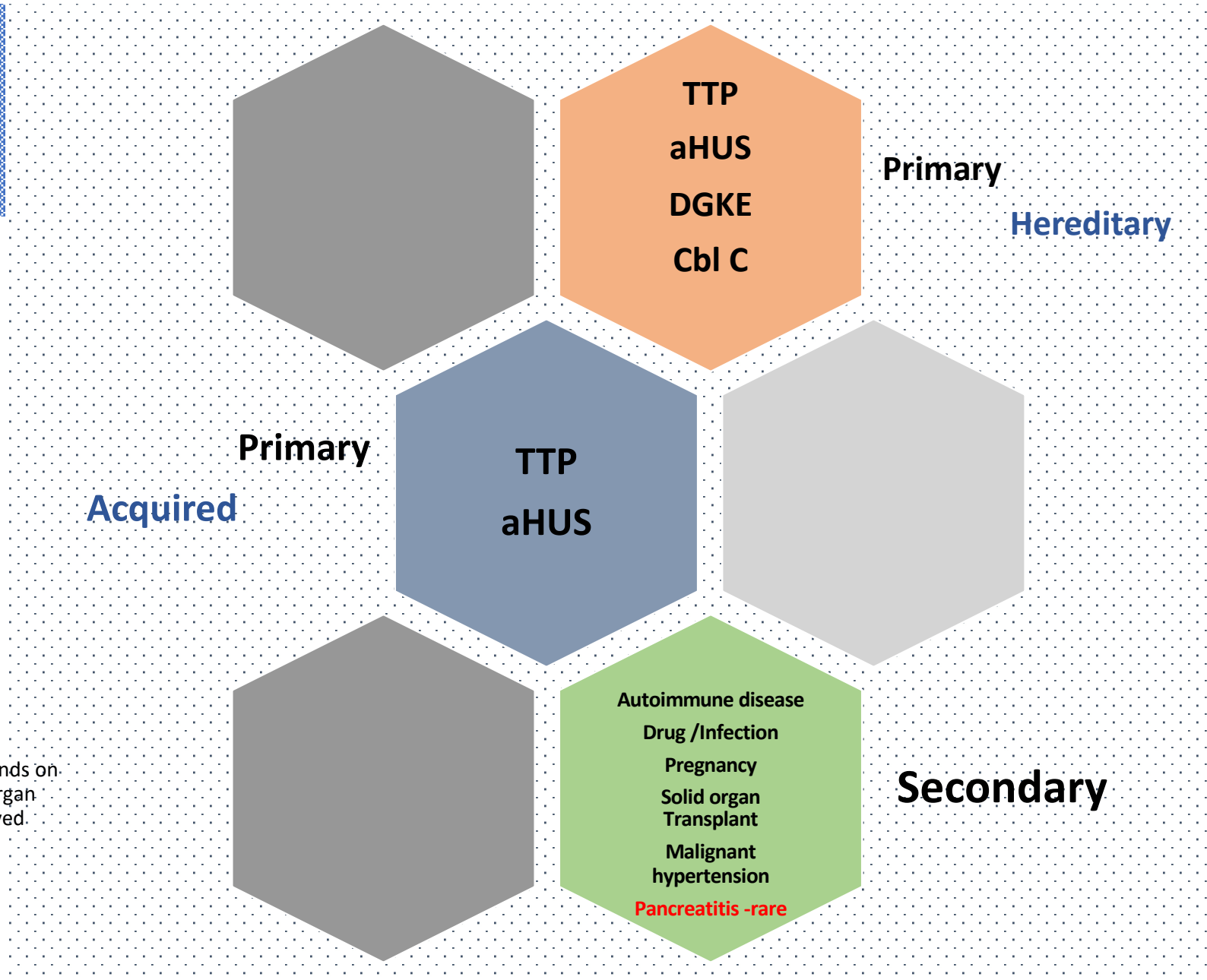
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# Introduction

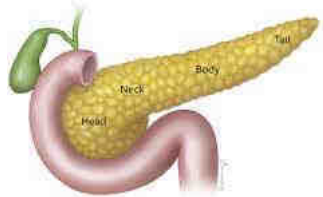
## TMA



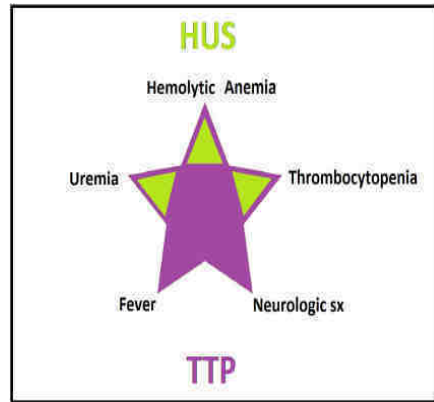
TMA- Thrombotic Microangiopathy  
TTP- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura  
aHUS- atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome  
Cbl C- Cobalamin C  
DGKE- Diacylglycerol Kinase Epsilon  
MAHA-Microangiopathic Hemolytic Anemia



# Coexistence of pancreatitis and aHUS/TTP

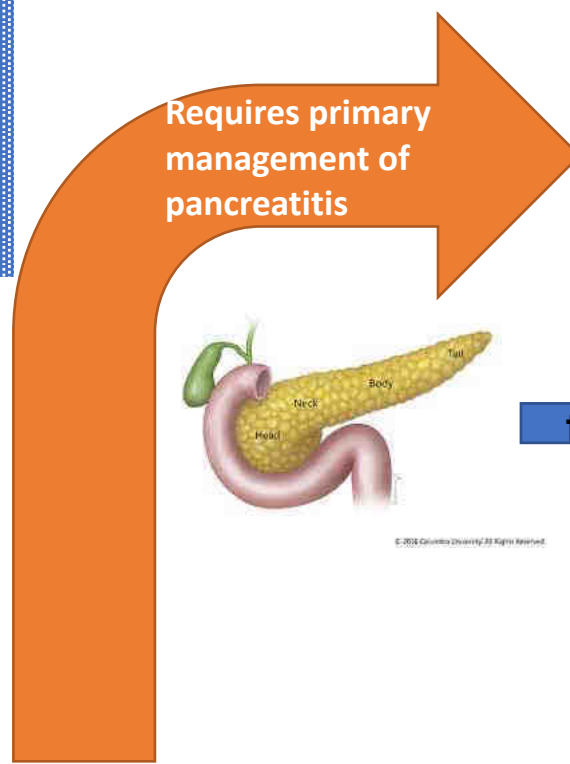


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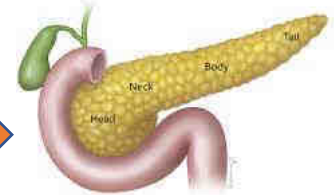
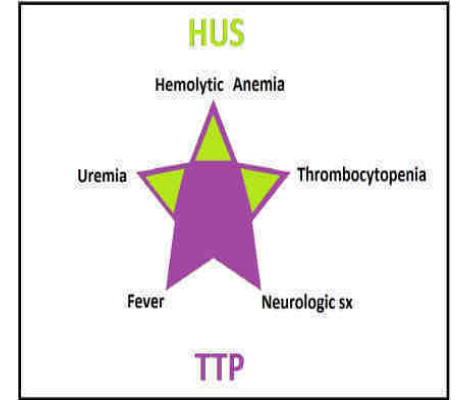


**41 cases since 1978**  
**AP → aHUS/TTP**  
**aHUS/TTP → AP (rarely reported)**

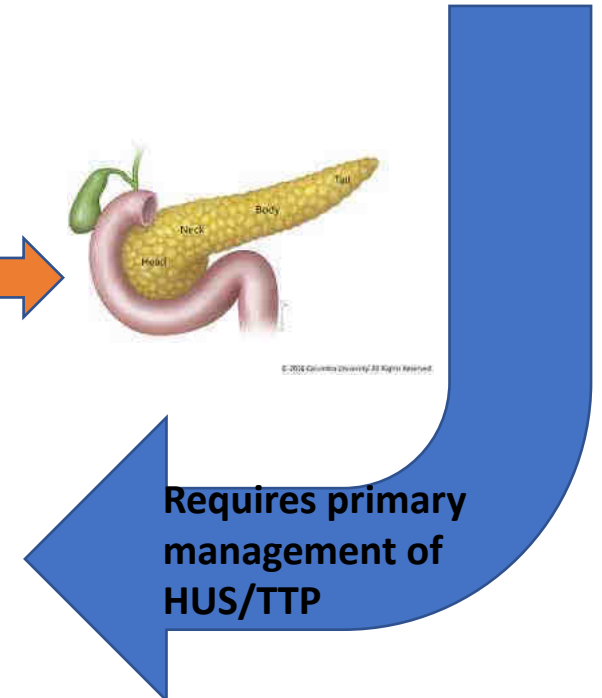
AP- Acute Pancreatitis  
 TTP- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura  
 aHUS- atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome  
 HUS- hemolytic uremic syndrome



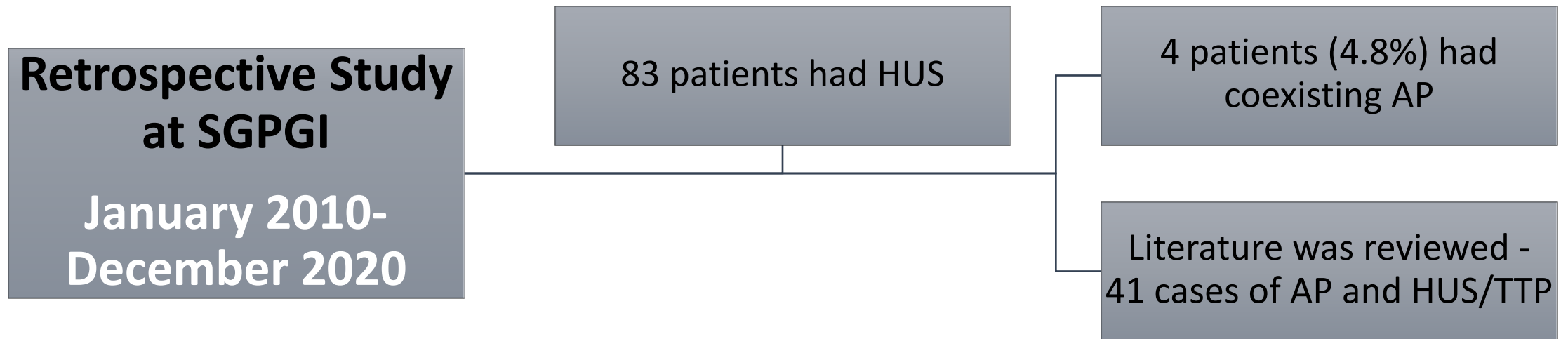
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# Material and methods: Study design



# Material and methods: Definitions

TMA-defined clinically as MAHA, thrombocytopenia and organ dysfunction

Pancreatitis and its severity-according to the 2012 Atlanta classification

AKI- defined as per KIDGO criteria

HUS- aHUS due to complement dysregulation, due to shiga toxin, other genetic causes

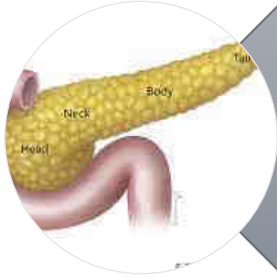
TTP – ADAMTS13 < 10%, inherited or acquired

Secondary HUS-HUS associated with co-existing diseases (drugs, infection, malignancy,transplant,systemic diseases)

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TTP- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura  
HUS- hemolytic uremic syndrome  
TMA- Thrombotic Microangiopathy

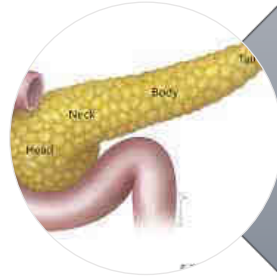
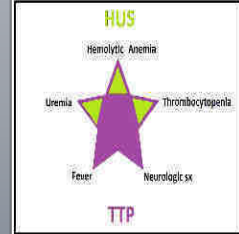
AKI- Acute Kidney Injury  
MAHA-Microangiopathic Hemolytic Anemia  
ADAMTS-13 – an enzyme that cleaves vWF

# We defined coexistence as:



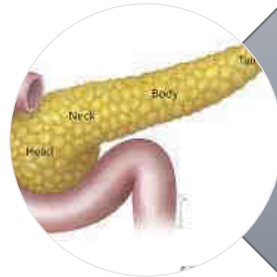
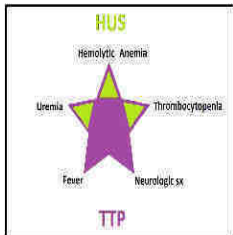
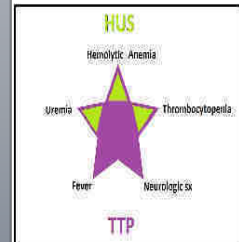
## Type I coexistence- AP- associated secondary TMA

TMA is associated and preceded by AP



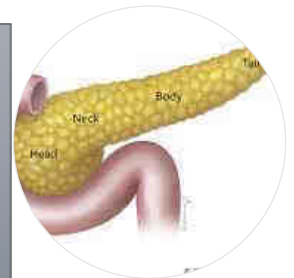
## Type II coexistence-TMA triggered by AP

TMA is triggered by and preceded by AP in patients who had underlying inherited complement dysregulation or ADAMTS-13 deficiency



## Type III coexistence- TMA associated with HUS and AP

HUS is associated either with concurrent AP or AP occurs late in the course, which was demonstrated to have ADAMTS-13 deficiency, antibody to complement proteins, inherited complement dysregulation or mutation of diacylglycerol kinase  $\epsilon$ , cobalamin C defect, etc.

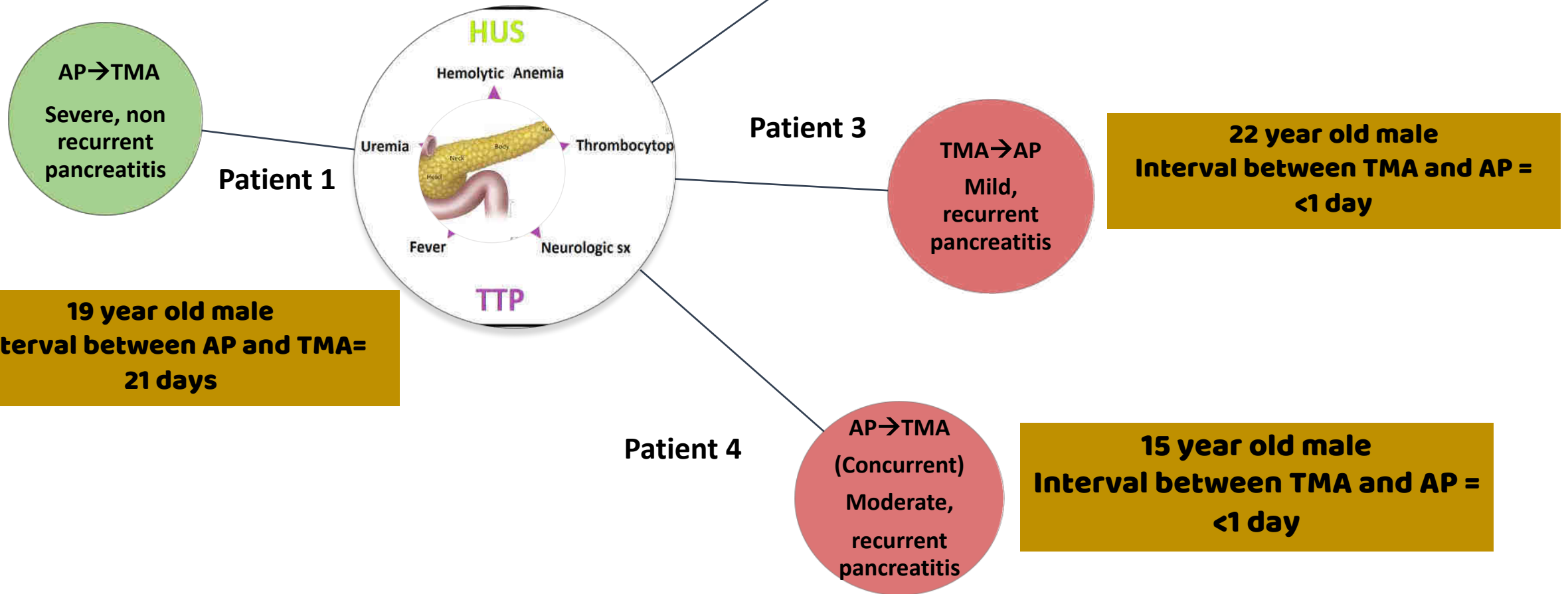


**Concurrent**

**or**

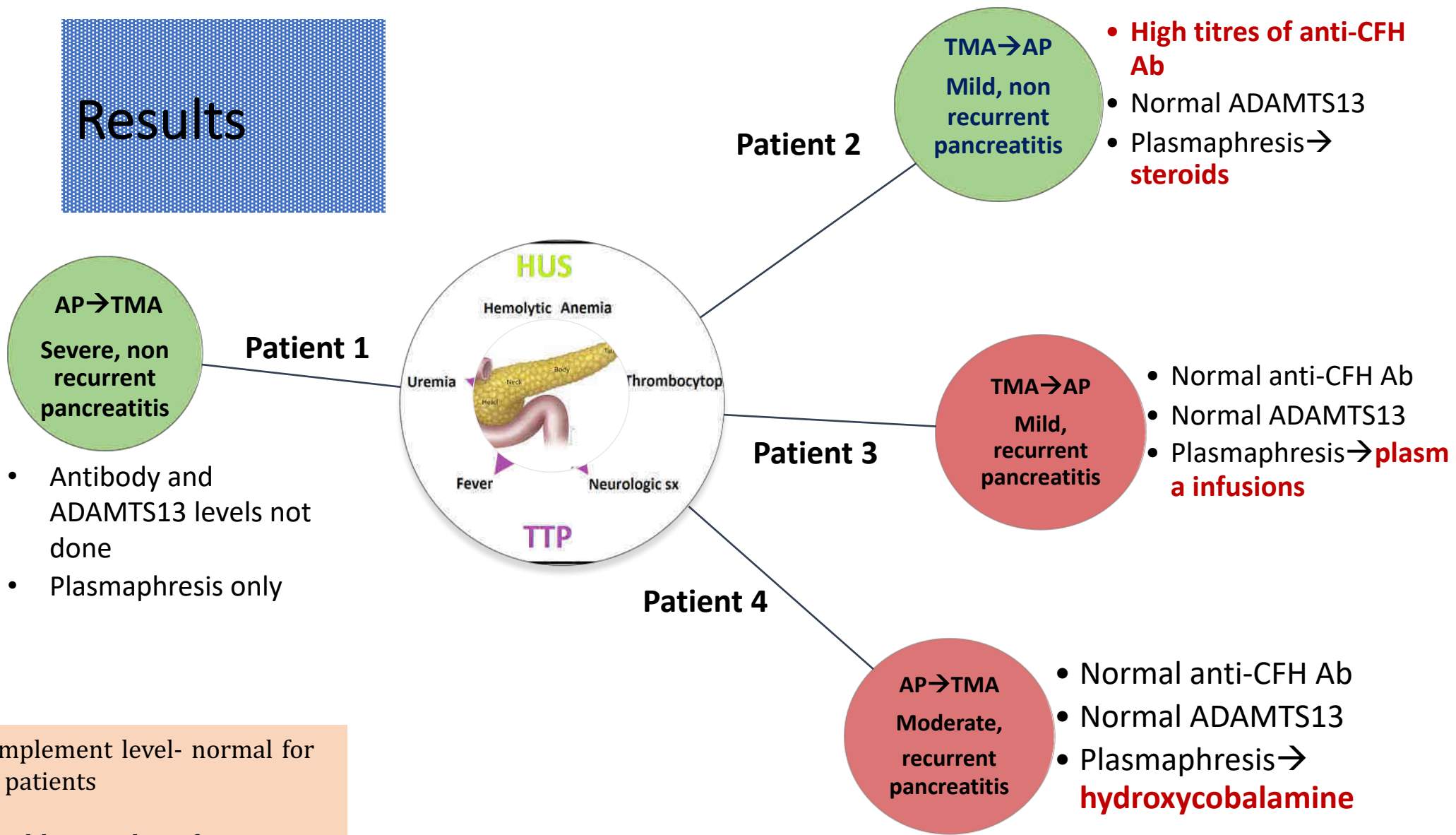
**AP occurs late**

# Results- Demographic details



Red circles- partial recovery of renal function  
Green circles- full recovery of renal function

# Results



Complement level- normal for all patients

Renal biopsy done for patient 3 and 4 –suggestive of TMA

All are idiopathic pancreatitis

**Genetic analysis- MMACHC mutation associated with Cobalamin C deficiency**

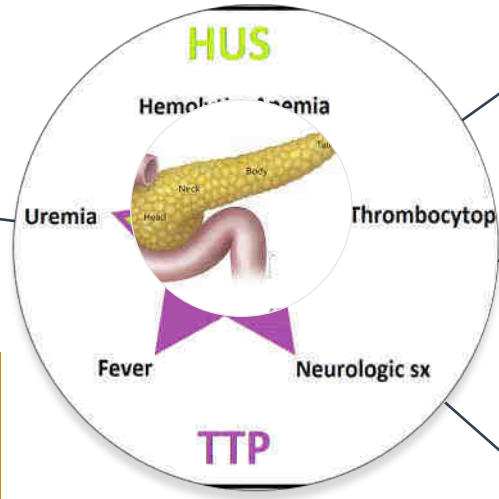
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# Results-Type of coexistence

AP → TMA  
Severe, non recurrent  
pancreatitis

Patient 1



Patient 2

TMA → AP  
Mild, non recurrent  
pancreatitis

**TMA associated with HUS and AP due to Anti CFH Ab**

Patient 3

TMA → AP  
Mild, recurrent  
pancreatitis

**TMA associated with HUS and AP due to ? inherited complement dysregulation**

Patient 4

AP → TMA  
(Concurrent)  
Moderate,  
recurrent  
pancreatitis

**TMA associated with HUS and AP due to genetic MMACH deficiency**

**AP associated secondary HUS**

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# Review of literature

Variables /Total patients N=45	AP associated secondary HUS N= 37 {36 + 1(our series)}	HUS triggered by AP N= 4	TMA associated with HUS and AP N=4{1+ 3 (our series)}
<b>Age</b>	37 years (18-74 years)	49 years (35-61 years)	18.5 years (13-29 years)
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Males-30(81%),</b> Females-7 (29%)	Males-1(25%), <b>Females-3(75%)</b>	<b>Males-3 (75%),</b> Female1(25%)
<b>Etiology of AP / TMA</b>	<b>Alcohol 20 (54%)</b> <b>Idiopathic 7 (19%)</b> Gall stones 5 (13.5%) Post ERCP 3 (8.1%) Others 1 (2.7%) Drugs 1 (2.7%)	Alcohol 2 (50%) Gall stone 2 (50%)	Primary TMA-1 Hereditary-2 (1suspected, 1-proven) Acquired 1 (Anti CFH Ab)
<b>Time between AP and TMA</b>	Median-3 days (1 – 15 days)	3 days (2-4 days)	5.5 days (<1 -15 days)
<b>Recurrent AP or TMA</b>	<b>Recurrent AP-4</b> (2 alcohol, 2 Idiopathic)	<b>Recurrent AP-1</b> (1 Idiopathic)	<b>Recurrent AP-2</b> due to recurrent TMA (1 MMACH mutation, 1hereditary TMA)
<b>Treatment</b>	PI-6 (16.2%) PLEX-6 (16.2%) PI and PLEX-1 (2.7%) <b>Steroids-10 (27%)</b> Only fluid therapy- 2 (5.5%) RTx-0, Eculizumab-3 (8.1%) Combination-6 (16.2%) No information 3 (8.1%) cases.	PI-0 <b>PLEX- 4 (100%)</b> PI and PLEX- 0 Steroids-2 (50%) Only fluid therapy 0 RTx-1 (25%), Eculizumab- 0 Combination of Tx -2 (50%)	Plasma infusions- 1 <b>PLEX- 4 (100%)</b> Plasma infusions and PLEX- 0 Steroids-1 (25%) Only fluid therapy- 0 Rituximab- 0, Eculizumab-0, Combination of therapies- 0

PI – plasma infusion  
PLEX- plasmapheresis  
RTX- Rituximab  
ECZ- eculizumab

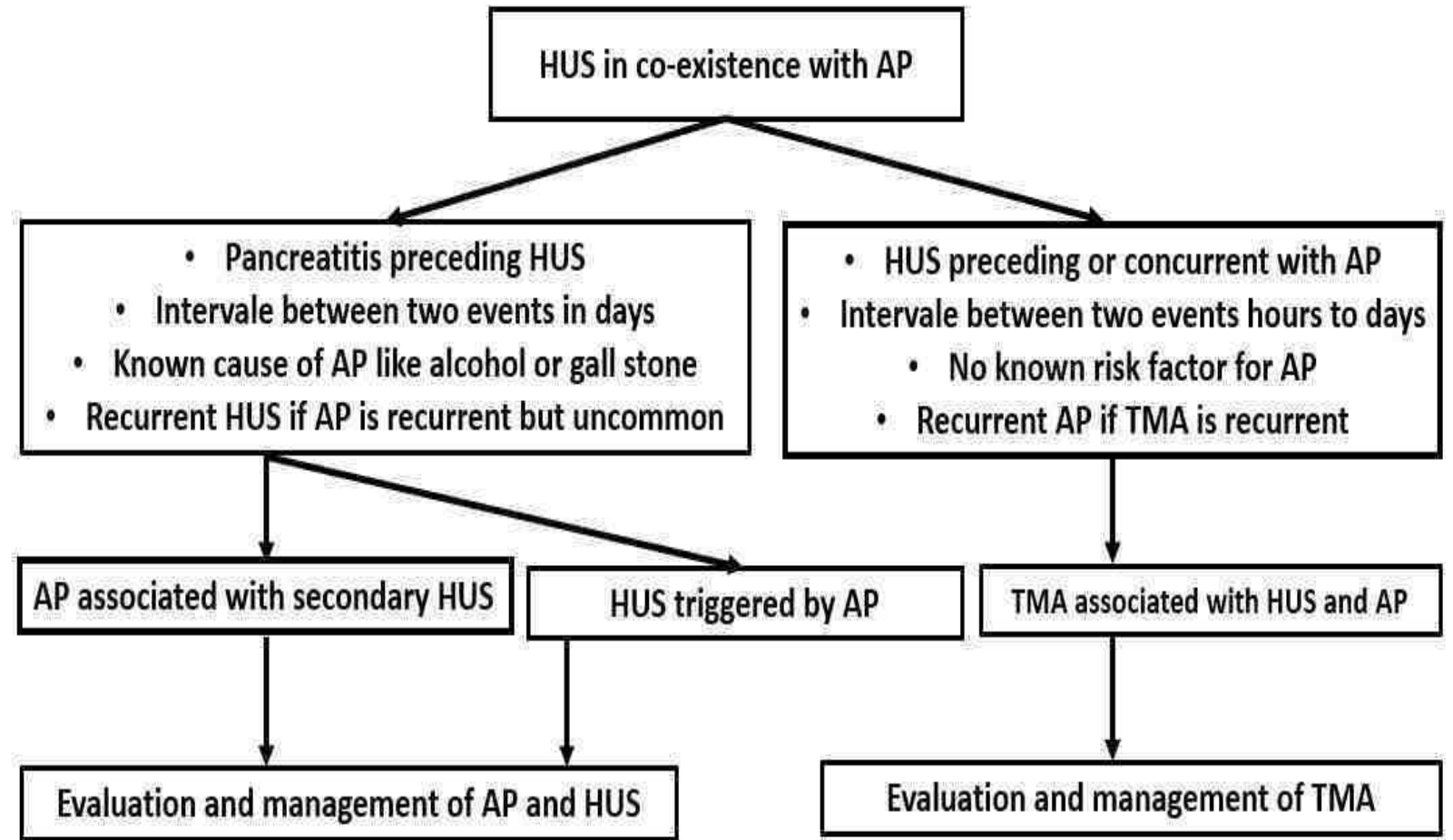
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Complement levels Done in 7 patients	<b>Not done in 33 (89.1%) cases,</b> Normal levels in 4 (11.9%) cases	<b>Not done in any case</b>	<b>Normal- 3 (75%)</b> Not done -1 (25%)
ADAMTS13 levels Done in 9 patients	<b>Not done in 34 (91.8%) cases</b> Normal levels in 3 (8.2%) cases	<b>Low in 100% patient</b> ADAMTS13 antibody 1. Absent in 2 cases (50%) 2. Present in 2 cases (50%).	Normal-2 (50%) Not done -2 (50%)
Anti-CFH antibody levels Done in 3 patients	<b>Not done in 36 (97.2%) cases,</b> Normal levels in 1 (2.8%) case	Not done in any case	<b>Normal- 2 (50%),</b> High titres- 1(25%) Not done- 1(25%)
Genetic analysis Done in 6 patients	<b>Not done in 32 (86.5%) cases</b> Done in 5 (13.5%) case which was normal	Not done in any case	<b>Not done- 3 (75%),</b> MMACHC mutation in one case (25%)
Diagnosis Renal biopsy done in 10 patients	<b>Clinical 30 (81%)</b> Biopsy done in 7 (19%) cases	<b>Made clinically in all cases.</b> Biopsy not done in any case	<b>Made Clinically in all cases.</b> Post-mortem biopsy - 1 Biopsy is done in 2 (50%) cases

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<b>Outcome</b> (Renal + Hematological), Full recovery 30/45 Partial recovery 7/45 No recovery 2/45 Death 3/45	<b>Full recovery-26 (70.2%)</b> Partial recovery-4 (10.8%) No recovery- 2 (5.4%) No information about 3 (8.2%) Death 2 (5.4%) case	<b>Full recovery-3 (75%)</b> Partial recovery- 1 (25%)	<b>Full recovery-1 (25%)</b> Partial recovery- 2 (50%) Death in 1 case (25%)
<b>Etiology of co-existence</b>	<b>AP associated secondary HUS</b>	<b>HUS triggered by AP</b> Auto-antibody to ADAMTS-13- 2 Familial ADAMTS-13 def - 2	<b>TMA associated with HUS and AP</b> Anti CFH Ab mediated-1 Inherited complement dysregulation-1 MAMCH mutation-1

# Discussion-



**Proposed algorithm suggesting approach to patients of HUS in co-existence with AP**

# Pathogenesis of the coexistence



**Co-existence of AP + HUS**

<p><b>Type 1 Co-existence</b> AP associated with secondary HUS</p>	<p>IL-6, IL-8, TNF-<math>\alpha</math>, and other cytokines/enzymes causing direct endothelial injury</p> <p>HUS</p>
<p><b>Type 2 Co-existence</b> TMA triggered by AP</p>	<p>Patients with ADAMTS-13 deficiency or Congenital HUS due to complement dysregulation</p> <p>TMA/HUS</p>
<p><b>Type 3 Co-existence</b> TMA associated with HUS and AP</p>	<p>Patients of TMA due to ADAMTS-13 deficiency, complement dysregulation or mutation of diacylglycerol kinase <math>\epsilon</math>, cobalamin C defect etc.</p> <p>TMA/HUS</p> <p>Involvement of different organ in TMA</p>

# Salient features:

## Type 1-AP associated secondary HUS

- Most common scenario
- Cytokines released by AP cause endothelial injury
- If AP patients develop MAHA & renal dysfunction → high suspicion of HUS
- Relapse is infrequent
- Needs to correct AP etiology and to treat TMA

## Type 2-HUS triggered by AP

- AP unmasks the underlying etiology of TMA
- Circulating high MW vWF triggered by AP
- Not cleared due to underlying ADAMTS13 deficiency/complement dysregulation
- Relapse is frequent
- Needs to correct underlying etiology to prevent recurrent episodes

## Type 3-TMA associated with HUS and AP

- AP occurs as extrarenal manifestation of TMA
- AP develops concurrently or later in the course
- If TMA patients develop characteristic pain abdomen → high suspicion of AP
- Relapse is frequent
- TMA etiology needs correction