

Factors and Associated Disorders

Clotting Factors: Nomenclature

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| I* | Fibrinogen |
| Ia* | Fibrin |
| II* | Prothrombin |
| IIa* | Thrombin |
| III* | Thromboplastin |
| IV* | Calcium |
| V | Labile Factor; parahemophilia |
| VII | Proconvertin; stable factor |
| VIII | Anti-hemophilic factor (AHF); hemophilia A |
| IX | Christmas Factor; hemophilia B |
| X | Stuart-Prower Factor |
| XI | Plasma Thromboplastin Antecedent (PTA); hemophilia C |
| XII | Hageman Factor |
| XIII | Fibrin Stabilizing Factor |

* Indicates factors more commonly referred to as full name

Defects:

- FXIII (all by itself)
- Common Pathway: Fibrinogen (II), IIa, V, and X
- Extrinsic Pathway: VII
- Intrinsic Pathway: VIII, IX, XI, XII

Contact Factors: Prekallikrein, High-Molecular Weight
Kininogen (HMWK)

| | Prolonged PT | Prolonged aPTT | Prolonged PT and aPTT |
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| Inherited | | | |
| | VII deficiency | vWF, VIII, IX, XI, or XII deficiency | Fibrinogen, Prothrombin, V, X or combined factor deficiency |
| Acquired | | | |
| | Vit. K deficiency | Heparin use | Liver Disease |
| | Liver Disease | Inhibitor of vWF, VIII, IX, XI, or XII | Supratherapeutic heparin or Warfarin therapy (or combined usage) |
| | Warfarin use | Lupus Anticoagulant | DIC |
| | FVII Inhibitor | | Inhibitor of Prothrombin, fibrinogen, V, X or direct thrombin inhibitor (Dabigatran) |

Factor Disorders

↑ PT / Normal aPTT / Normal TT

FACTOR VII Deficiency

- Rare autosomal recessive
- Deep muscle hematoma, joint hemorrhage, epistaxis menorrhagia
- DDx: DIC, Vit. K Deficiency
- Acquired with liver disease
 - VII --shortest half-life of the Vit. K dependent factors (3-6 hours), so it is best used to detect early liver disease.
- Treat with FFP or Prothrombin complex
- Major surgery requires: >20% Factor VII level

↑ PT and ↑ aPTT: (Common Pathway)

1) Fibrinogen defects

- Quantitative: hypofibrinogenemia and afibrinogenemia
- Qualitative: dysfibrinogenemia

- Afibrinogenemia

- ↑ PT, aPTT, Reptilase and TT, while fibrinogen levels are undetectable
- Rare autosomal recessive with bleeding post trauma, cerebral hemorrhage, hemarthrosis, and poor wound healing
 - Can see umbilical cord stump bleeding
 - Since fibrinogen is a molecular bridge in platelet aggregation a long bleeding time and abnormal platelet aggregation may be seen
 - Treat with cryoprecipitate

- Hypofibrinogenemia

- ↑ PT, aPTT, Reptilase and TT with fibrinogen levels <200 mg/dL
- Heterozygous state of afibrinogenemia with bleeding rarely occurring unless fibrinogen levels <50 mg/dL
 - DDx: DIC and liver disease
 - Treat with cryoprecipitate

- Dysfibrinogenemia

- ↑ PT, aPTT, Reptilase and TT with normal fibrinogen levels
- Autosomal dominant with over 50% asymptomatic, and 25% with mild bleeding
 - remaining percentage can present with thrombosis

2) Prothrombin II defects

- ↑ PT / aPTT with normal TT, 1:1 mix corrects
 - Autosomal recessive with heterozygotes asymptomatic and homozygotes showing severe spontaneous bleeding
 - DDx: Acquired defects including warfarin therapy, Vitamin K deficiency, liver disorders
 - Treat with plasma or prothrombin complex

3) Factor V defects

- ↑ PT / aPTT with normal TT (low FV:C)
 - Autosomal recessive has a short half-life and is heat labile
“parahemophilia” – mucosal bleeding, ecchymoses, hemarthrosis
 - Synthesized in the liver but stored in the alpha granules of platelets
 - May have decrease in platelet alpha granule - associated FV
 - DDx: acquired defect, especially when patient has been treated with bovine thrombin as well as liver disease, carcinoma, and TB
 - Factor V Leiden effects seen when patient has 10% or less of factor V

4) Factor X -- Stuart-Prower defects

- ↑ PT/PTT, Russell Viper Venom Time (direct activator of FX)
(Stypven time): dependent on II, V, X
Normal TT, PLT, BT
 - Vit. K dependent factor
 - Very rare autosomal recessive with umbilical cord bleeding and more mucosal bleeding than hemophilia A
 - DDx: Liver disease, DIC, acquired deficiency

Acquired: amyloidosis sequesters

Normal PT / ↑ aPTT / Normal BT / Normal TT

VIII, IX, XI, XII, PREKALLIKREIN [Fletcher], HMW KININOGEN [Fitzgerald]

1) Fletcher (prekallikrein) defects

- Autosomal dominant with NO risk of bleeding
 - Very ↑ PTT/ normal PT, TT, BT, PLTs, and low FXII
 - single chain produced in the liver
 - 75% bound to HMW kininogen

2) Fitzgerald (HMW Kininogen) defects

- Autosomal recessive with NO risk of bleeding
 - ↑ PTT/ normal PT, TT, BT, PLTs, and low FXII
 - Activation of XI and XII

3) Factor XII (Hageman factor) defects

- Autosomal recessive with NO risk of bleeding, may have inadequate fibrinolysis and increased risk of thrombosis
 - Very ↑ PTT/ normal PT, TT, BT, PLTs, and low FXII

4) Hemophilia C- XI defects

- Incomplete autosomal recessive inheritance (high incidence in Ashkenazi Jews)
 - ↑ PTT/ normal PT, BT, PLTS and low FXI
 - Circulates with HMW kininogen
 - Bleeding tendencies not similar to other hemophilia's

5) Hemophilia B – IX defects

- X-linked recessive- female carriers with spontaneous mutations occurring
 - ↑ PTT/ normal PT, BT, PLTS and low FIX
 - Level of IX determines the severity, clinically identical to Hemophilia A
 - Homology to Vit K dependent serine proteases VII, X, protein C and S

6) Hemophilia A – VIII (classic hemophilia)

- X-linked recessive bleeding disorder with hemorrhage, deep tissue bleeding, hemarthrosis and intracranial bleeding
 - Hemophilia A male with normal female:
 - Obligatory carrier in all daughters, normal in all sons
 - Hemophilia A carrier female with normal male:
 - Hemophilia A in all sons, 50% chance of being carrier in all daughters
 - Female hemophilia A
 - offspring from hemophilia A father and carrier mother

- ↑ PTT/ normal PT, BT, PLTS and low FVIII
 - Anti-VIII antibody: severe hemophiliacs
 - Detected with CAC and Bethesda assay

7) Familial Combined Factor Deficiencies

- V and VIII
 - Mutation causing abnormal protein trafficking issue of FV and FVIII with abnormal secretion
 - Disproportionally prolonged aPTT compared to PT
- II, VII, IX and X
 - Vitamin K carboxylase or reductase deficiency
- VII and X
 - Chromosome 13 deletion

Normal PT and aPTT

1) Factor XIII defects

- Autosomal recessive with severe bleeding in homozygotes
- Delayed umbilical stump healing
- Deep tissue hemorrhages
- Delayed post-traumatic or post-op bleeding
- Abnormal wound healing
- Pregnancy loss due to placental bleeding

Normal PT, aPTT, Platelets and BT

- Abnormal urea clot solubility test