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Differentiating and Managing Rare Thrombotic Microangiopathies During Pregnancy and Postpartum

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To the Editors,

In response to your recommendations for revisions, we provide the following updated manuscript entitled “Differentiating and Managing Rare Thrombotic Microangiopathies During Pregnancy and Postpartum” for consideration for publication in the Clinical Expert Series in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

We appreciate the review and constructive suggestions. I can confirm that I have read the ‘Instructions for Authors.’ This revised manuscript was developed in consultation with all co-authors, and it is being submitted with each author giving approval for the final form of the revision. Both a track change, and a clean version of the manuscript are included in this response. Please note that line references for revisions are based on the clean version of the manuscript.

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**Response: We have revised lines 60-63, 98-102 and 273-276 accordingly to improve readability and flow.**

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**Response: We agree with the reviewer that there were a lot of acronyms used which can be challenging to follow. Regrettably, this was unavoidable as thrombotic microangiopathies can be due to many different diagnoses, of which some are specific to obstetrics (HELLP, AFLP), hematology (TTP, CM-HUS) or both (CAPS, aPL). To minimize the number of acronyms, we have removed a number of acronyms (cTTP, iTTP, MAHA, VWF, FVIII).**

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**Response: We have revised this so that the acronym ACOG is used on lines 326 and 549.**

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**Response: We apologize for the number of acronyms which can be confusing to follow. We have removed the following acronyms, cTTP, iTTP, MAHA, VWF, FVIII, and spelled them out whenever used. Additionally, we reintroduced certain acronyms in the headings.**

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**Response:** In response to other reviewers' comments, we have made edits to the sections on pathophysiology. Figure 1 and 2 were created to aid in understanding the pathophysiology of these rare TMAs. Similarly, we have made edits to the section on making the diagnosis based on other reviewers' comments.

A few other observations:

1. Line 205. I think that preeclampsia with severe features and other pregnancy complications are no longer among the obstetric clinical criteria for the diagnosis of APS.

**Response:** For obstetric APS, one of the criterion is, "One or more premature births of a morphologically normal neonate before the 34th week of gestation due to eclampsia and severe preeclampsia, or to recognised features of placental insufficiency." We have revised the sentence on lines 213-215 to clarify this.

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**Response:** We apologize for this error. The sentence should read, "...during the remission phase of CAPS" and has been corrected on line 224.

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**Response:** Thank you for this suggestion. We have added the following sentences in the manuscript on lines 252-256, "The typical features of TMAs occurring in pregnancy and postpartum are listed in Table 1. However, the clinician is reminded that no feature on its own is suffice to definitively confirm or exclude the diagnosis due to the possibility of atypical presentations of these TMAs. Clinical judgment with subspecialist input is imperative in making the final diagnosis."

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**Response:** Both preeclampsia and HELLP have been reported to occur concurrently or as a result of TTP and CM-HUS. We have revised the sentences on lines 259-261 to say, "Both preeclampsia and HELLP syndrome have also been reported to occur concurrently or as a result of TTP or CM-HUS, which adds to the complexity in diagnosis and management."

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**Response:** We have removed the section on "expectant management..." from the manuscript.

6. Furthermore, why do you have to discuss, starting with line 251, AFLP? AFLP is not preeclampsia and not TMA.

**Response:** AFLP is briefly mentioned as AFLP can present with similar features as TTP or CM-HUS. We have revised the discussion on AFLP to clarify this on lines 267-270. We have also moved the sentence on AFLP to the next paragraph to avoid confusion with preeclampsia.

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**We have revised the manuscript on line 298-299 to state that, "...ADAMTS13 testing is crucial to help distinguish the diagnosis of TTP from other TMAs".**

**We have added a paragraph on ADAMTS13 results on line 305-311, "When the result of ADAMTS13 activity is available, severe ADAMTS13 deficiency (<10%) confirms the diagnosis of TTP in patients with high clinical suspicion or an intermediate- to high-risk score. In those with low clinical suspicion or a low risk-score, severe ADAMTS13 deficiency strongly suggests the diagnosis but other clinical diagnoses should also be considered. An ADAMTS13 activity of >20% often rules out the diagnoses of TTP. If the ADAMTS13 activity is between 10-20% (an equivocal result), clinical judgment with hematologist input is required to guide diagnosis and treatment."**

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**Response: We agree with the reviewer that severe renal impairment is rare in preeclampsia. Based on the study by Burwick et al, 2021, which found that a serum creatinine of >1.9 mg/dL was an optimal threshold for pregnancy-associated CM-HUS, we have used this threshold for severe renal impairment on lines 276-278, "Similarly, severe renal impairment (e.g. serum creatinine  $\geq$ 1.9 mg/dL) is more suggestive of CM-HUS, may occur in CAPS, and is less likely in preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome or TTP.**

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**Response: A high clinical suspicion can be based on clinical assessment or using risk assessment models such as a PLASMIC high-risk score of 6-7 or at least 1 criterion met using the French score. This has been added to the manuscript on lines 347-348.**

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**Response: We have included this reference on lines 354-356, “TPE is now the standard of care following the 1991 landmark trial demonstrating the superiority of TPE over plasma infusion for mortality and disease remission...”**

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**Response: This is now included on lines 353-354, “If TPE is not available, transfer to a specialist center with TPE capabilities and specialist input is recommended.”**

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**Response: The current manuscript has been revised to avoid gendered descriptions.**

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