

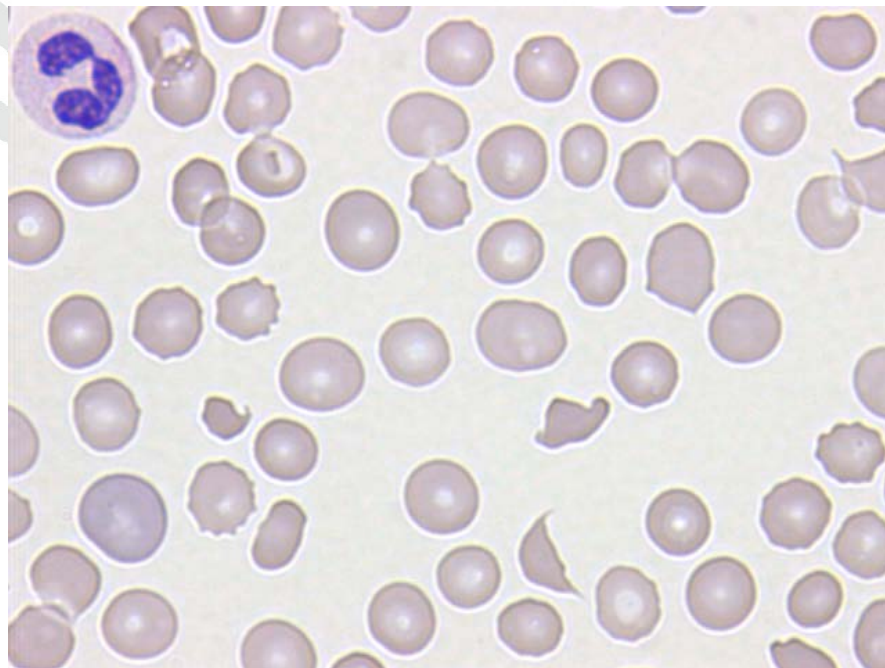


# Nous tractaments de la púrpura trombocitopènica trombòtica adquirida

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aTTP



HL , Female, 23 years-old



# Thrombotic Microangiopathies

- Disorders defined by the presence of a microangiopathic hemolytic anemia (with the characteristic hallmark of schistocytes in the peripheral blood smear), thrombocytopenia and organ malfunction of variable intensity

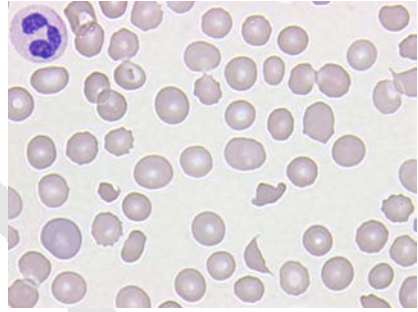


Hereditary or Acquired  
TTP

Hereditary or Acquired  
complement mediated

Drug-mediated  
(immune)

Drug-mediated  
(toxic dose-related)



Coagulation  
mediated (DGKE,  
PLG, THBD)

Metabolims-mediated  
(cobalamin  
deficiency)

Shiga toxin-  
mediated



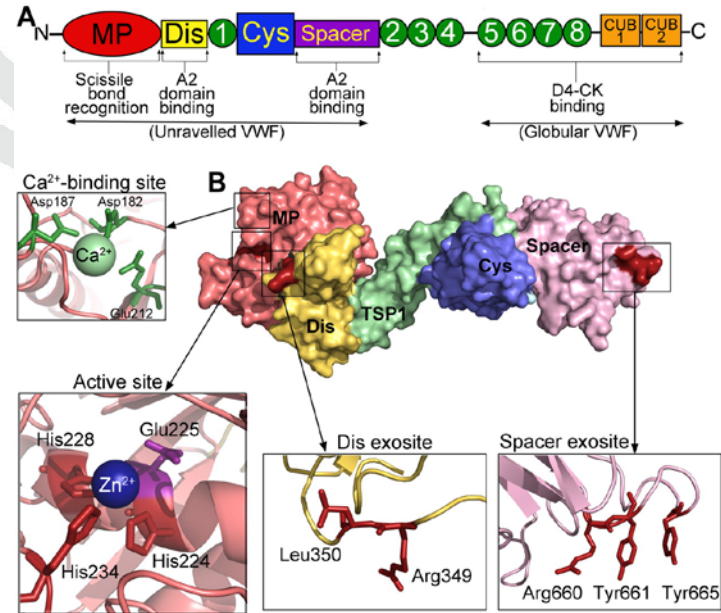
# TMA: etiology

- Primary:
  - Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP):
    - Acquired:
    - Congenital:
  - Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS):
- Secondary:
  - Connective tissue diseases and their allied diseases:
  - Malignancies:
  - Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation:
  - Drugs:
  - E Coli O157:H7 infection:
  - Pregnancy:
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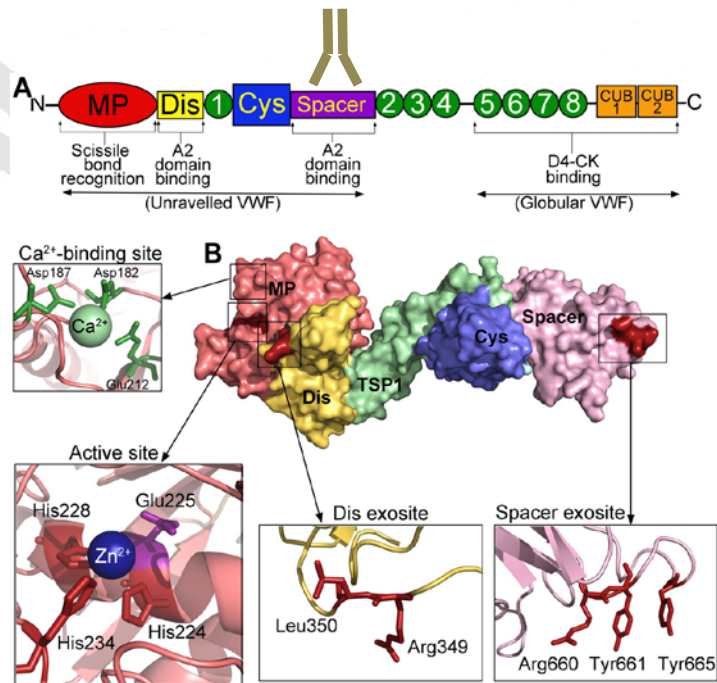
# TMA: etiology and frequencies (Japanese registry)

- Primary: 49.5%
  - Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP):
    - Acquired: 30.9%
    - Congenital: 4.5%
  - Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS): 11.5%
- Secondary: 50.5%
  - Connective tissue diseases and their allied diseases: 24.0%
  - Malignancies: 6.6 %
  - Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation: 5.9%
  - Drugs: 3.8%
  - E Coli O157:H7 infection: 3.4%
  - Pregnancy: 1.6%
  - Other: 5.0%

# ADAMTS13 (a disintegrin-like and metalloprotease with *thrombospondin repeats*)



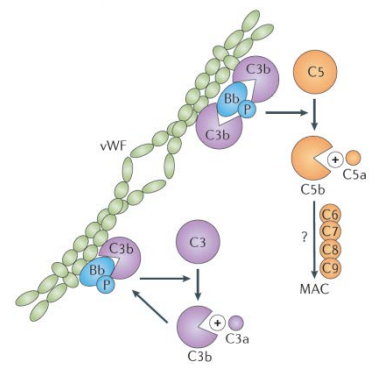
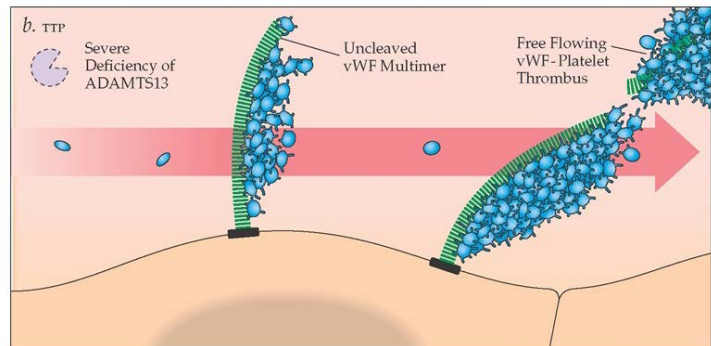
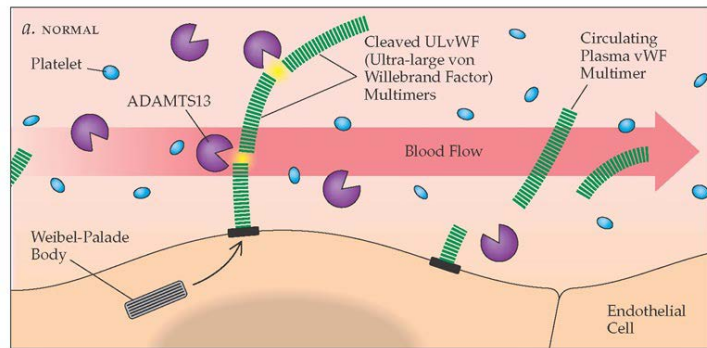
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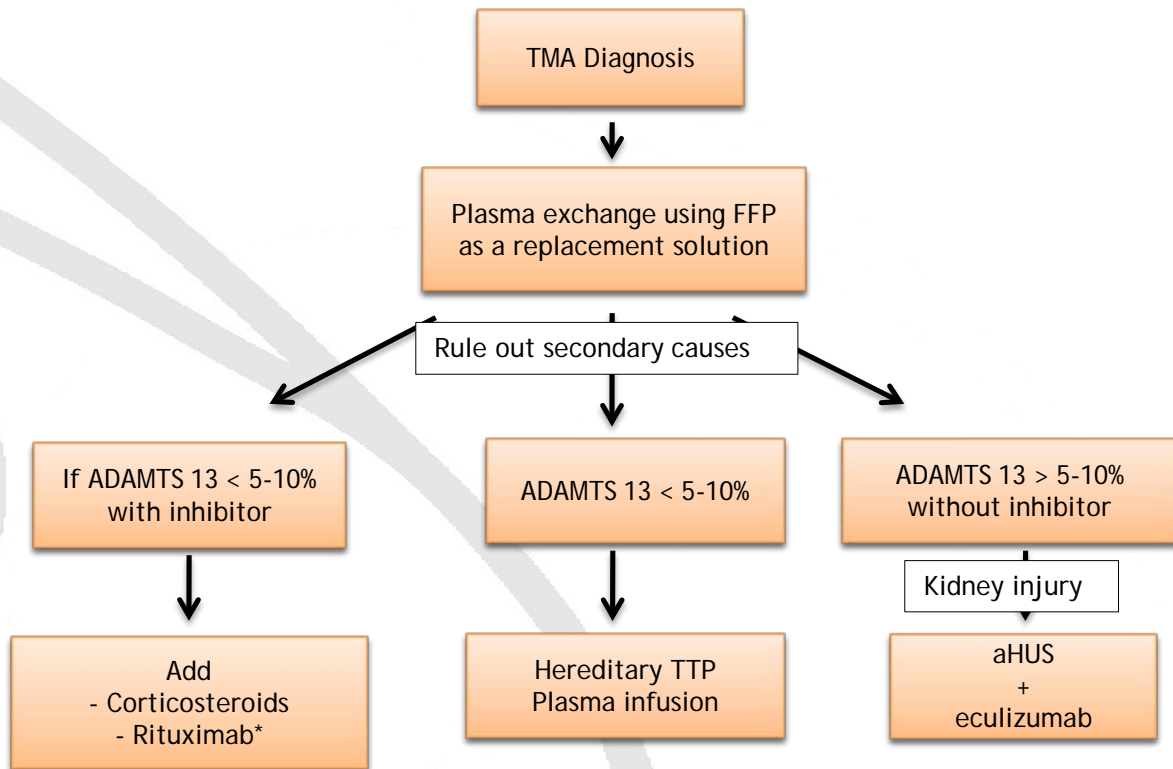






# TTP: Pathogenesis





\*patients with neurologic or cardiac involvement

# Mainstay for the treatment of aTTP

## Standard of care based on two pillars

### Daily PEX until confirmed platelet normalization

- Remove anti-ADAMTS13 autoantibodies and ULvWF.
- Replace functional ADAMTS13

### Immunosuppression (corticosteroids and/or rituximab)

- Suppress autoantibody production

# Treatment Outcome

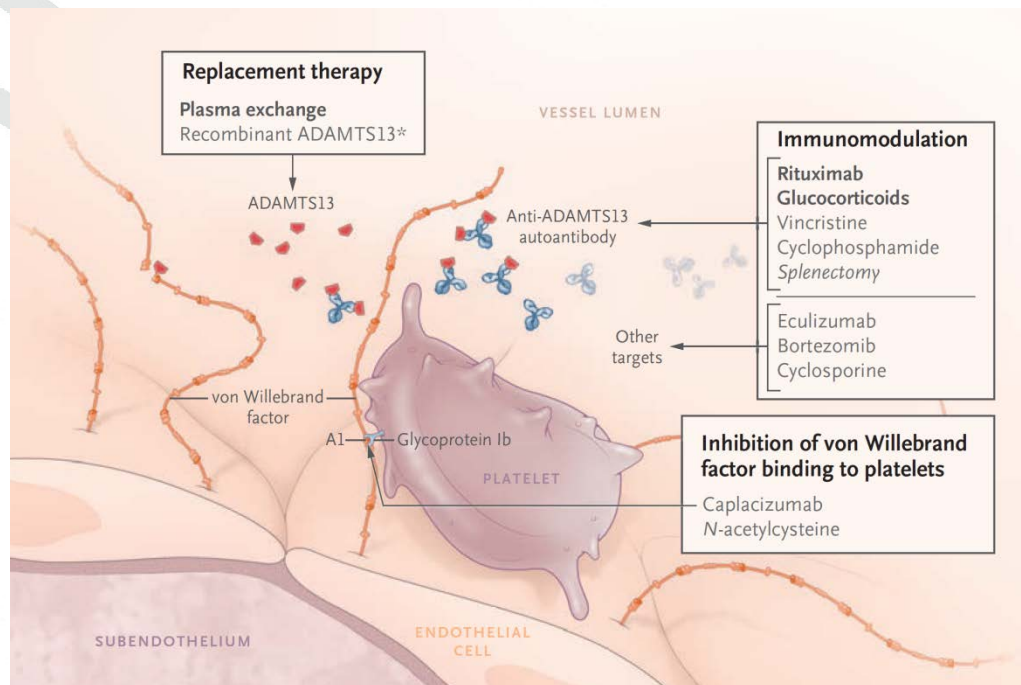
Table 2 | Reports involving  $\geq 10$  patients with acquired, immune-mediated TTP treated with rituximab in the acute phase

Refs	n	Complete remission achieved (%)	Median days to complete remission (range)	History of previous iTTP (%)	Relapse (%)	Median months to relapse (range)	Serious adverse events
Scully <i>et al.</i> <sup>154*</sup>	25	100	11 (7–21)	44	0	NA	One fatal pneumonia, after achieving complete remission, and one morbilliform rash
Jasti <i>et al.</i> <sup>155†</sup>	12	83	18 (14–41)	8	8	23	One varicella zoster virus transverse myelitis and encephalitis
Ling <i>et al.</i> <sup>156‡</sup>	13	92	NA	54	0	NA	None
de la Rubia <i>et al.</i> <sup>157‡</sup>	24	87.5	14 (7–35)	42	12.5	29 (7–29)	None
Scully <i>et al.</i> <sup>158§</sup>	40	82.5	12 (NA)	15	10	27 (17–31)	None
Froissart <i>et al.</i> <sup>159*</sup>	22	82	12 $\pm$ 6.7	14	14	24 (20–36)	None
Page <i>et al.</i> <sup>160‡,  </sup>	16	100	NA	0	12.5	30 and 118.8 <sup>  </sup>	Formally none; however, two patients died of systemic lupus erythematosus during the study
Vazquez-Mellado <i>et al.</i> <sup>161*,§,¶</sup>	11	100	NA	9	9	8	None

iTTP, acquired immune-mediated thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura; NA, data not available. \*Prospective. †Retrospective. §Rituximab as front-line therapy.

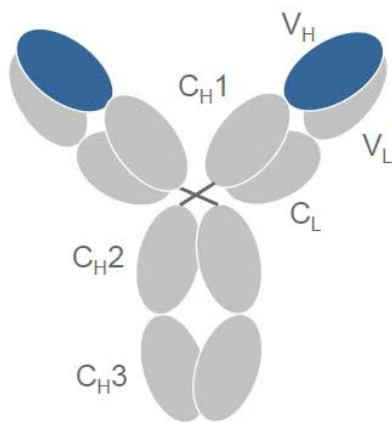
||Only survivors are reported (two additional patients died). ¶Rituximab dosage was lower than in all other studies.

# Current and Emerging Therapeutic Approaches for aTTP

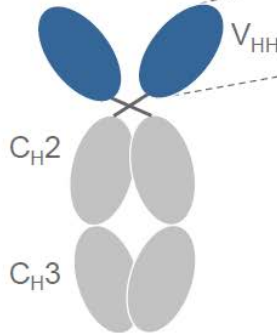




# Nanobodies



**Conventional antibodies**



**Heavy chain only antibodies**



12-15kDa

## Ablynx's Nanobody

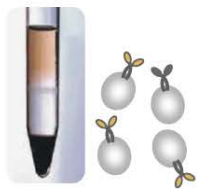
- small
- robust
- sequence homology comparable to humanised/human mAbs
- easily linked together
- nano- to picomolar affinities
- intractable targets
- multiple administration routes
- manufacturing in microbial cells

# Nanobody Development

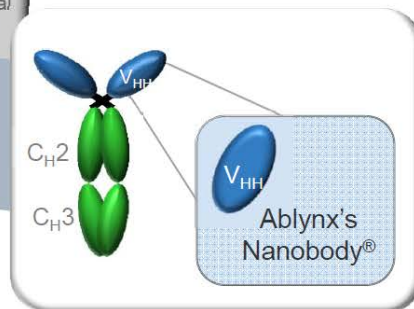
Llama Immunisation



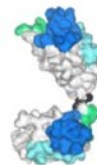
Blood sampling  
6–12 weeks later



Conventional  
antibodies



28 kD

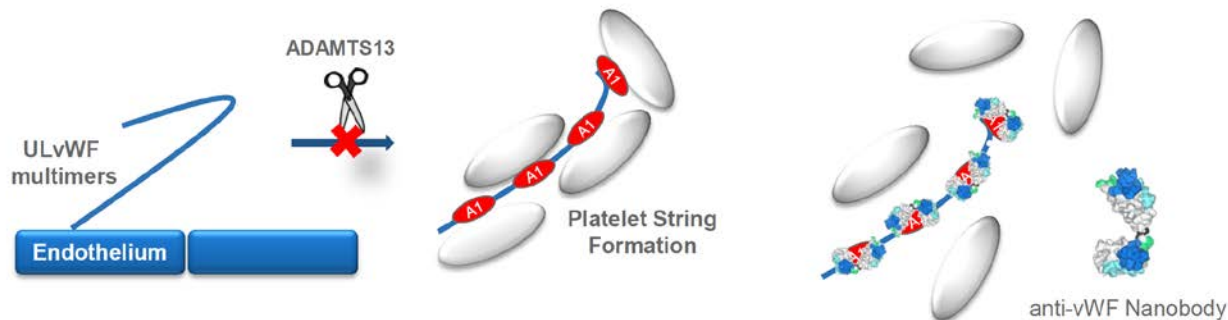


anti-vWF Nanobody

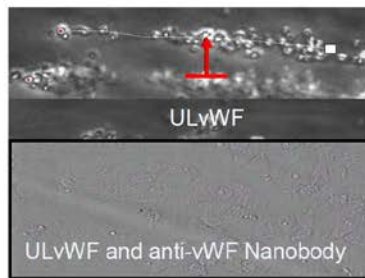


# Anti-VWF Nanobody

anti-vWF Nanobody blocks the platelet – ULvWF interaction



*Ex vivo* platelet string formation



Anti-vWF Nanobody inhibits platelet string formation caused by ULvWF in plasma of TTP patients





## Anti-VWF Nanobody = Caplacizumab

- Caplacizumab: (Cablivi<sup>®</sup>, Sanofi) has been approved for the treatment of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura in the EU (August 2018) and USA (February 2019)

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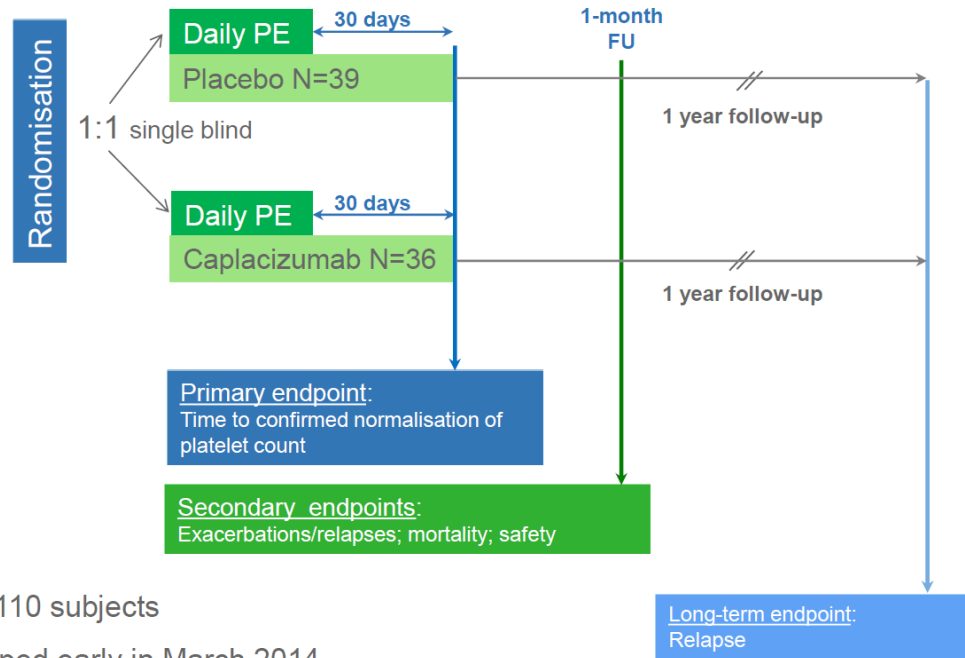
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## Caplacizumab for Acquired Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura

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# TITAN Study



Target – 110 subjects

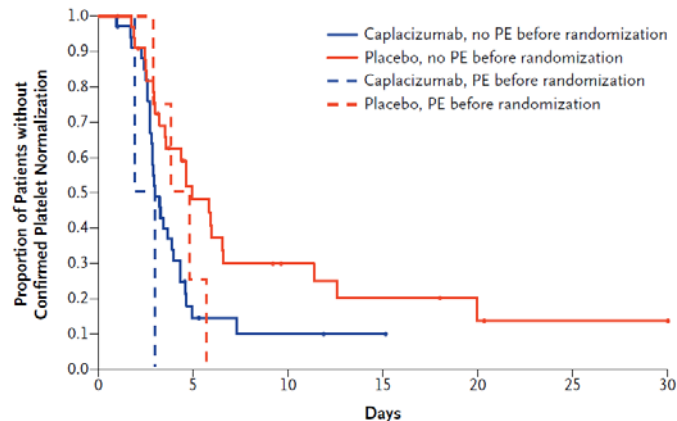
Trial stopped early in March 2014

75 subjects enrolled over 3 years in 32 sites in Europe, US, Israel and Australia



# Normalization of platelet count

Time to response	Caplacizumab (N=36)	Placebo (N=39)
Median days (95% CI), NO prior PE	3.0 (2.7, 3.9)	4.9 (3.2, 6.6)
Median days (95% CI), one prior PE	2.4 (1.9, 3.0)	4.3 (2.9, 5.7)
Overall hazard rate ratio (95% CI) caplacizumab vs. placebo	2.2 (1.3, 3.8)	
Stratified log-rank test p-value	0.005	

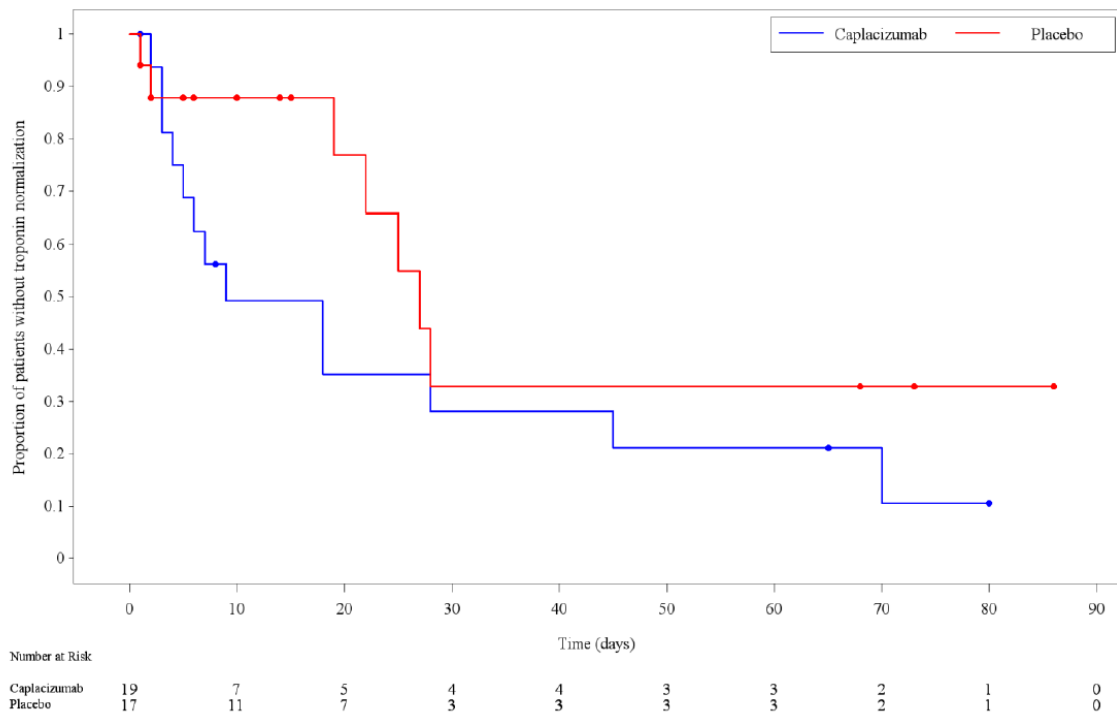


### No. at Risk

Caplacizumab, no PE before randomization	34	4	2	1	0	0	0
Placebo, no PE before randomization	35	13	6	4	2	1	1
Caplacizumab, PE before randomization	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placebo, PE before randomization	4	1	0	0	0	0	0



## Panel A: Time to first Troponin T or I normalization



# Thromboembolic events and mortality

**Table 1** Treatment-emergent major thromboembolic events and acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (aTTP) exacerbations during the treatment period and overall aTTP-related mortality in the safety population of the phase II TITAN study

	Caplacizumab (N = 35)			Placebo (N = 37)		
	No. of events	No. of patients	% of patients	No. of events	No. of patients	% of patients
<b>Major thromboembolic events</b> (based on the SMQ, by preferred term)						
Acute myocardial infarction*	0	0	0	2	2	5.4
Pulmonary embolism	1	1	2.9	1	1	2.7
Deep vein thrombosis†	0	0	0	1	1	2.7
Venous thrombosis‡	0	0	0	1	1	2.7
Ischemic stroke§	0	0	0	1	1	2.7
Hemorrhagic stroke§	0	0	0	1	1	2.7
<b>aTTP exacerbations</b> (based on the SMQ, by preferred term)						
Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura¶	3	3	8.6	13	11	29.7
<b>aTTP-related mortality</b>						
Deaths related to TTP	0	0	0	2	2	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4**</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16**</b>	<b>43.2</b>

# Adverse Events and Serious Adverse Events

Adverse Event	Caplacizumab (N=35)	Placebo (N=37)	Total (N=72)
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		
Event related to study drug†	20 (57)	5 (14)	25 (35)
Event leading to discontinuation of study drug	4 (11)	2 (5)	6 (8)
Event leading to interruption of study drug	3 (9)	4 (11)	7 (10)
Event with death as outcome	0	2 (5)	2 (3)
Bleeding-related event	19 (54)	14 (38)	33 (46)
Immune-related event	17 (49)	12 (32)	29 (40)
Serious events			
Any	13 (37)	12 (32)	25 (35)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Caplacizumab Treatment for Acquired Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura

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## **METHODS**

In this double-blind, controlled trial, we randomly assigned 145 patients with TTP to receive caplacizumab (10-mg intravenous loading bolus, followed by 10 mg daily subcutaneously) or placebo during plasma exchange and for 30 days thereafter. The primary outcome was the time to normalization of the platelet count, with discontinuation of daily plasma exchange within 5 days thereafter. Key secondary outcomes included a composite of TTP-related death, recurrence of TTP, or a thromboembolic event during the trial treatment period; recurrence of TTP at any time during the trial; refractory TTP; and normalization of organ-damage markers.



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Composite outcome:

- TTP-related death
- Recurrence of TTP
- Thromboembolic event
- Refractory TTP
- Normalization of organ-damage markers

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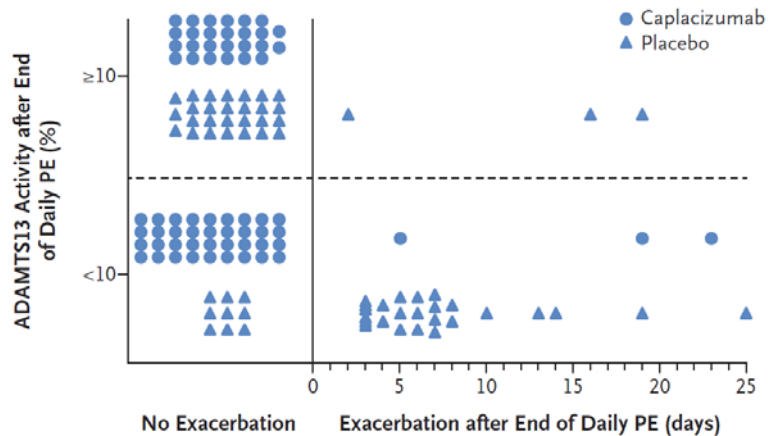
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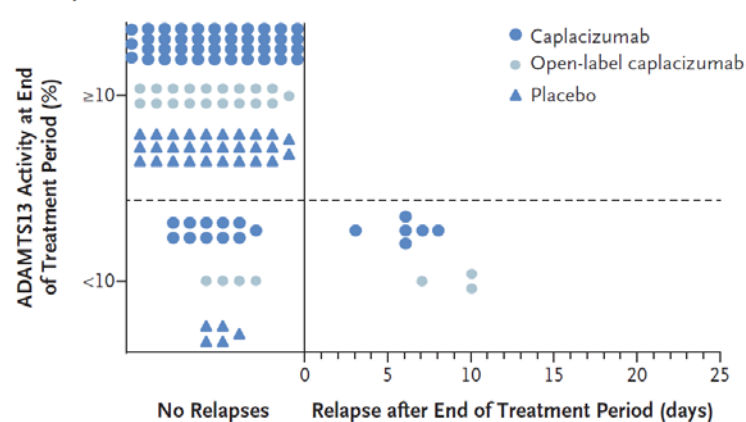
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# HERCULES Trial

A Exacerbations during Trial Treatment Period



B Relapses after End of Trial Treatment Period



- 120 patients, at the end of caplacizumab/placebo administration:-
- 29 (24%) ADAMTS13 activity < 10%
  - 20 (69%) no relapses
  - 9 (31%) relapsed



# Caplacizumab

- Does not remove the antibody blocking ADAMTS-13 activity
- Prevents platelets being consumed in microthrombi with ULvWF multimers:
  - faster normalization of platelets
  - reduction of tissue damage
- Platelet count or organ damage markers not anymore markers of disease activity
- We will have to find new ways of monitoring
- New paradigm in the treatment of acquired TTP

# Mainstay for the treatment of aTTP

Future standard of care based on three pillars?

Daily PEX until confirmed platelet normalization

- Remove anti-ADAMTS13 autoantibodies and ULvWF.
- Replace functional ADAMTS13

Immunosuppression  
(Corticosteroids AND rituximab)

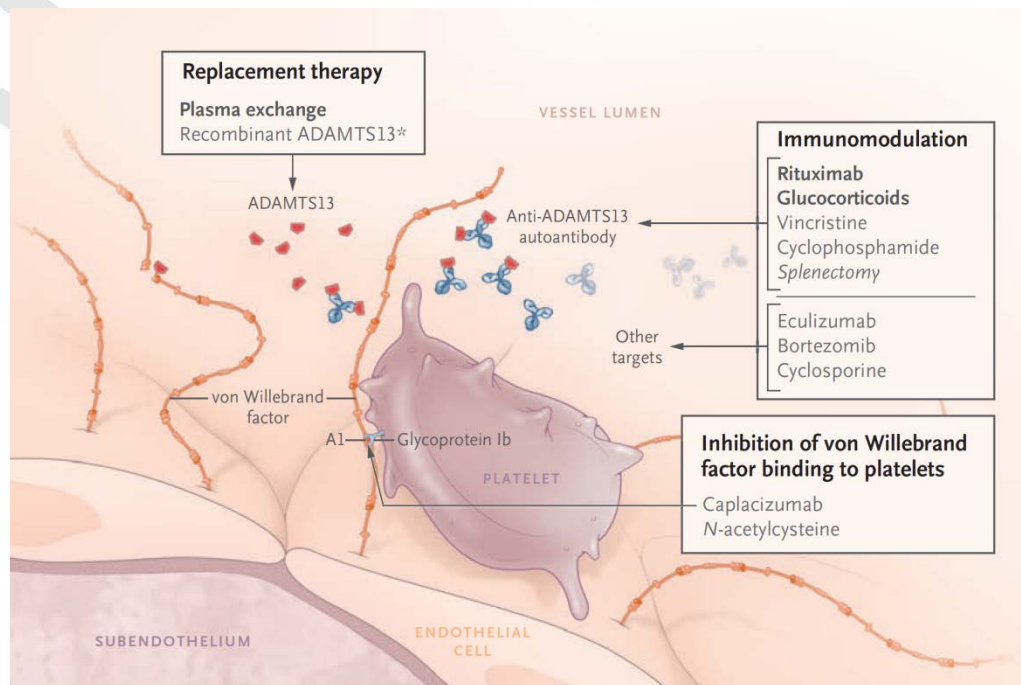
- Suppress autoantibody production

Caplacizumab

- Immediate blocking of binding of vWF to platelets
- Protection against microvascular thrombosis and organ damage
- Reduction in exacerbations
- Reduction in days and complications of PEX



# Current and Emerging Therapeutic Approaches for aTTP



## Cloning, expression, and functional characterization of the von Willebrand factor–cleaving protease (ADAMTS13)

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Deficient von Willebrand factor (VWF) degradation has been associated with thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP). In hereditary TTP, the specific VWF-cleaving protease (VWF-cp) is absent or functionally defective, whereas in the nonfamilial, acquired form of TTP, an autoantibody inhibiting VWF-cp activity is found transiently in most patients. The gene encoding for VWF-cp has recently been identified as a member of the metalloprotease

family and designated *ADAMTS13*, but the functional activity of the *ADAMTS13* gene product has not been verified. To establish the functional activity of recombinant VWF-cp, we cloned the complete cDNA sequence in a eukaryotic expression vector and transiently expressed the encoded recombinant *ADAMTS13* in HEK 293 cells. The expressed protein degraded VWF multimers and proteolytically cleaved VWF to the same fragments

as those generated by plasma VWF-cp. Furthermore, recombinant *ADAMTS13*-mediated degradation of VWF multimers was entirely inhibited in the presence of plasma from a patient with acquired TTP. These data show that *ADAMTS13* is responsible for the physiologic proteolytic degradation of VWF multimers. (*Blood*. 2002;100:3626-3632)

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# Plenary Paper



## CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

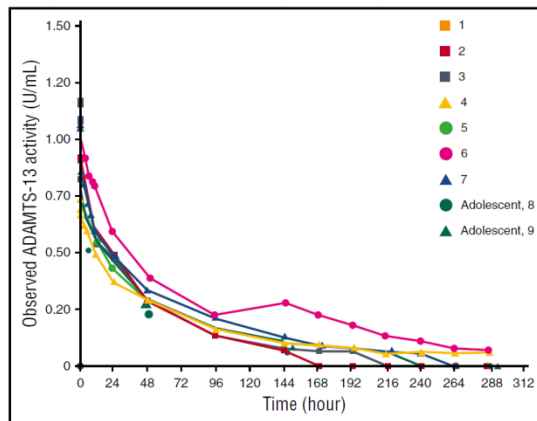
### Recombinant ADAMTS-13: first-in-human pharmacokinetics and safety in congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura

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**Figure 2. Observed ADAMTS-13 activity over time.** ADAMTS-13 activity in plasma was measured at baseline and at times up to 288 hours, using the FRET5-VWF73 assay after a 40 U/kg administration of BAX 930.

## Study of rADAMTS-13 (SHP655) in the Treatment of Participants With Acquired Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (aTTP) (SOAR-HI)



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[Study Type](#) ⓘ : Interventional (Clinical Trial)Estimated [Enrollment](#) ⓘ : 30 participants

Allocation: Randomized

Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment

Masking: Double (Participant, Investigator)

Primary Purpose: Treatment

Official Title: A Phase 2, Multicenter, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-blind Study in Patients With Acquired Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (aTTP) to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics, Safety and Efficacy of rADAMTS-13 (SHP655) Administered in Addition to Standard Of Care (SoC) Treatment

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## Conclusions

- In the last 20 years huge advances in the knowledge of the pathophysiology of acquired TTP have occurred
- Accordingly the therapeutic approach have changed significantly
- New drugs will change the way how we manage patients with the condition reducing even further the morbidity and mortality of the disease

