

Survival in incidentally discovered amyloid cardiomyopathy

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Nonbiopsy Diagnosis of Cardiac Transthyretin Amyloidosis

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- Cardiac uptake of bone tracers have a 98% sensitivity and 86% specificity for transthyretin (ATTR) cardiomyopathy.
- Blood samples ruling out light chain (K λ) dysglobulinemi is diagnostic (accuracy near 100%) for ATTR
 - With a few, well known differerials

Purpose:

- All patients referred for HDP bone scintigraphy at AHUS during a ten-year period were reviewed to identify the prevalence of cardiac uptake and survival/time to death of these patients
- Analysis included 3168 patients
 - 1801 males median age 75.2
 - 1367 females median age 66.6

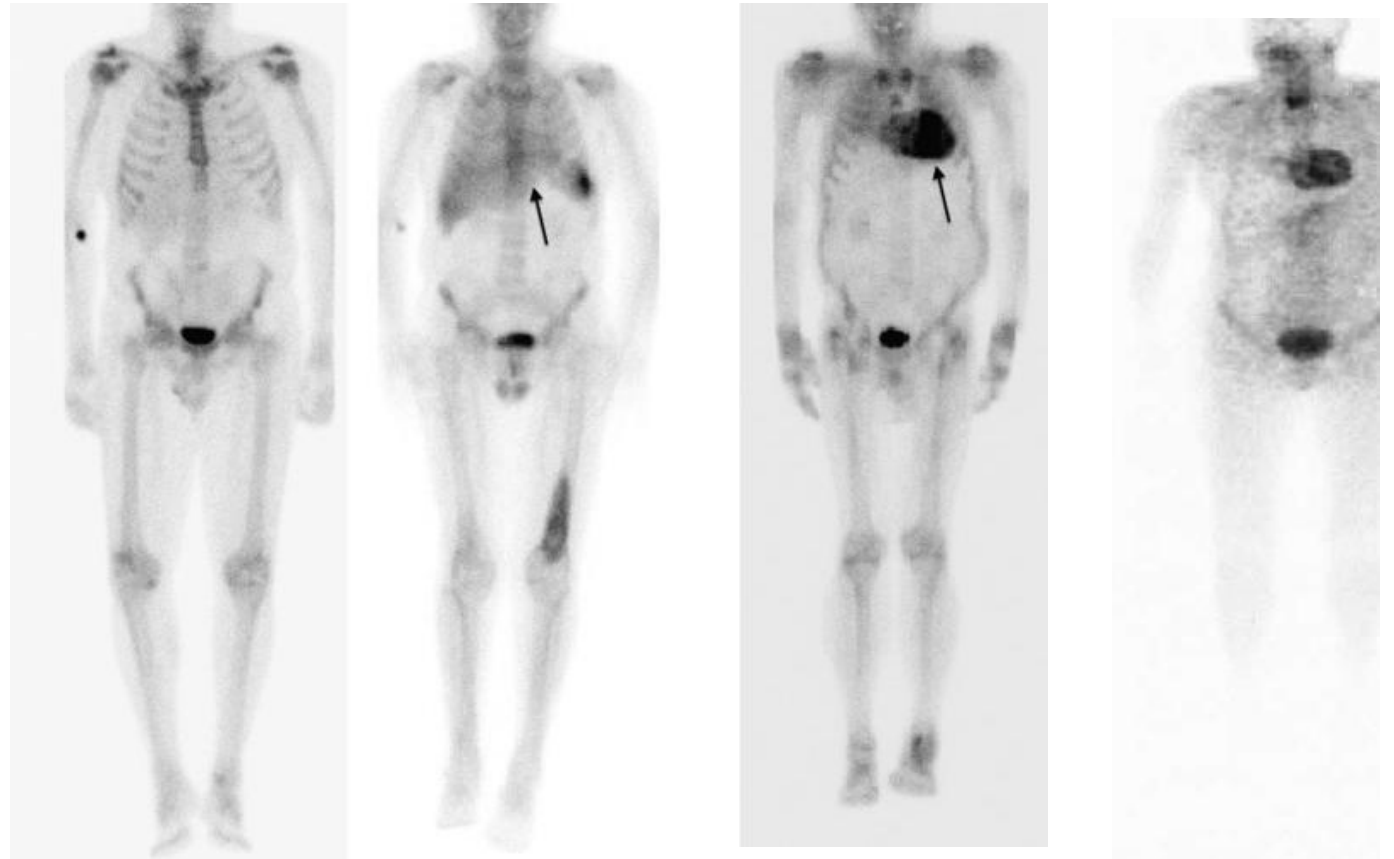
Methods:

All patients above 50 years with HDP bone scan including the thorax were included.

Cardiac uptake was scored according to Perugini.

Perugini score and survival/time to death were recorded.

Censored Kaplan-Meyer data were used to compare Perugini and gender related survival.



Results:

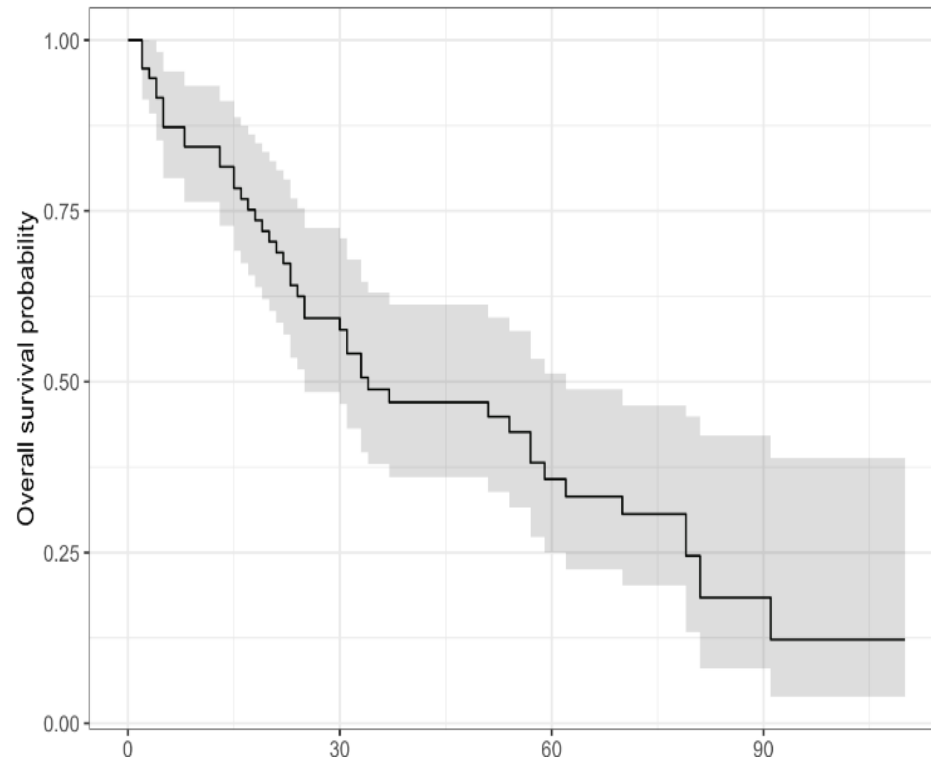
- 72 patients with cardiac uptake
- 30 patients alive at the end of study.
- Median survival 34 months.
- Censored data show highest mortality in the Perugini 1 group, closely followed by Perugini 3.
- For Perugini grade 1 patients the initial two years after diagnosis was defined by a high mortality, with a subsequent substantial decrease in mortality.

Cardiac uptake related to age, gender and mortality.

Perugini	1	1	2	2	3	3
Gendre	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Dead	20/30	9/14	6/13	1/2	10/14	NA
50-59	0	2	0	0	0	0
60-69	3 1213	2 1145	0	0	1	0
70-79	6	5	1	0	1	0
80-89	19	5	9	2	9	0
90-	2	0	3	0	3	0

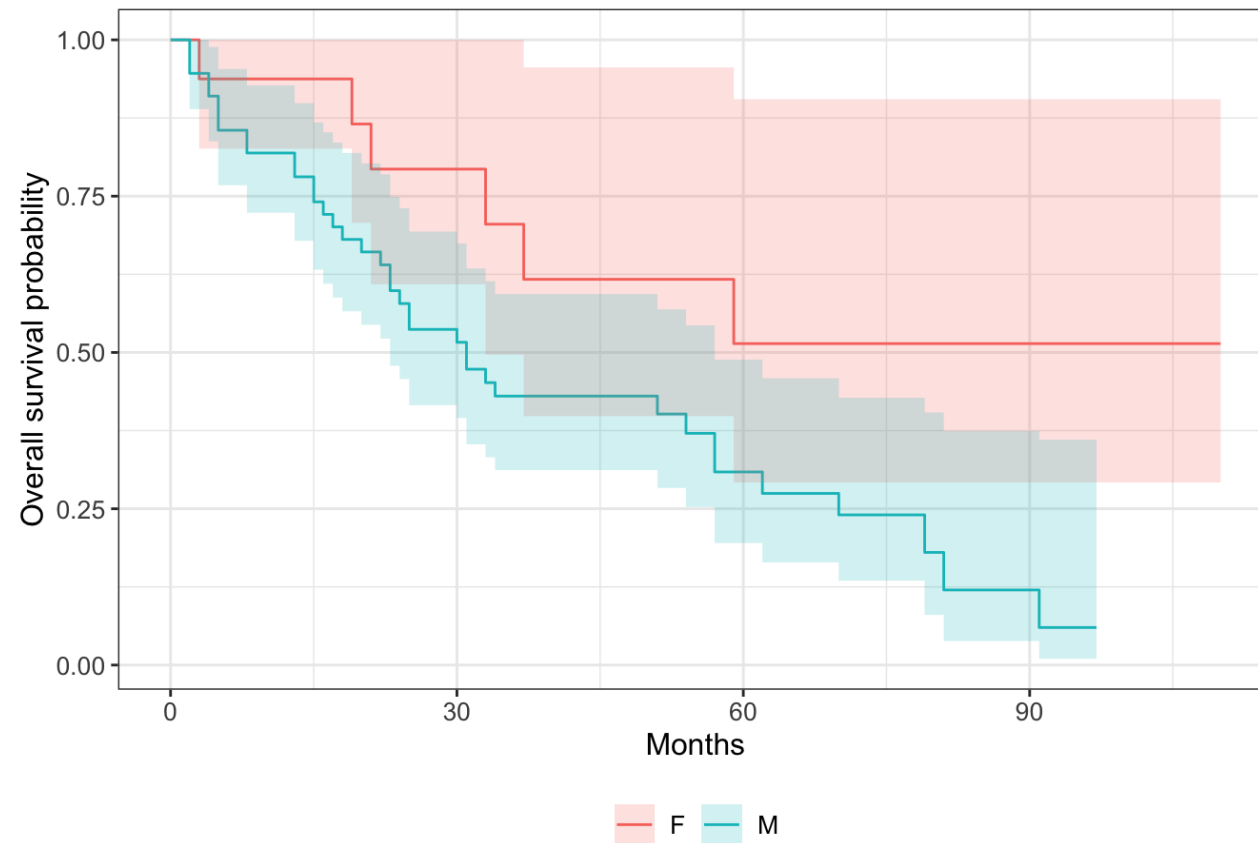
Kaplan Meyer curve for all patients

Median survival 34 months



Kaplan Meyer gender related survival.

Median survival males 31 months, not reached for females

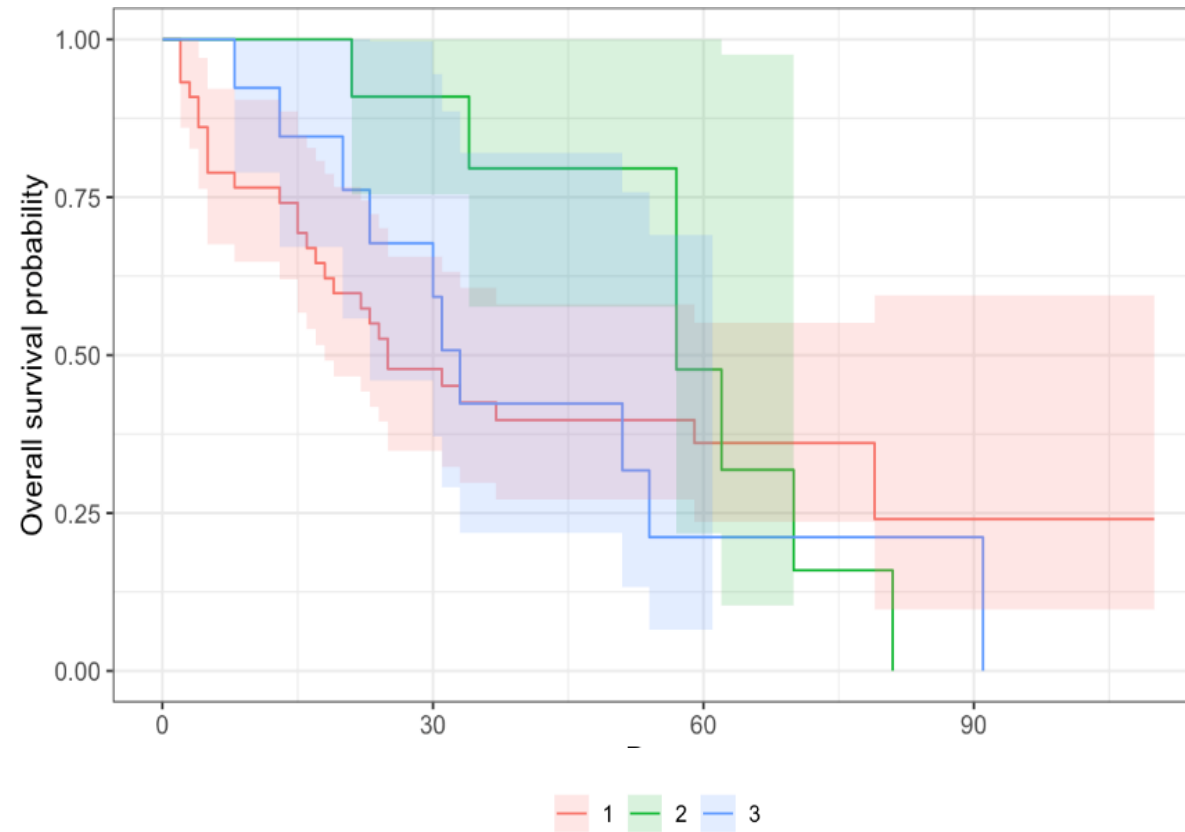


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Median and 25% survival

	50% median survival	75% mortality
All	34 months	79 months males Not reached for females
Perugini 1	28 months	82
Perugini 2	58 months	72
Perugini 3	32 months	52

Kaplan Meyer curve: Perugini grade related survival



Limitations:

- No SPECT nor biopsy
- Differential diagnosis include:
 - High bloodpool activity, bone pathology, recent myocardial infarction, hydroxychloroquin toxicity
- No individual had an explanation other than amyloidosis for the cardiac uptake.
 - Eliminate high blood pool uptake or rib fracture as potential cause

Discussion:

- Transthyretin (ATTR) CM is a disease of elderly men, reaching 12% in men above 90 years.
- Perugini grade 3 was not observed in females.
- Amongst patients aged 50-79 years with Perugini grade 1, the incidence was the same for men and women.
- The prognosis was worse for Perugini grade 1 patients than for Perugini grade 2 and 3 patients.

Conclusion:

- Biphasic, high initial mortality
- Highest in Perugini 1 patients
- Similar incidence in males and females below 80 years
- Indicates that, indeed, many of our Perugini grade 1 patients suffered from undiagnosed non-ATTR amyloid deposits, probably immunoglobulin light chain cardiomyopathy.

