# Update - Kawasaki disease

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#### Tomisaku Kawasaki - 1<sup>st</sup> description of Kawasaki syndrome (disease)

フレルギー,16(3) 178~222,1967(昭42)

#### 指趾の特異的落屑を伴う小児の急性熱性

皮膚粘膜淋巴腺症候群

(自験例50例の臨床的観察)

日本赤十字社中央病院小児科(部長:神前章雄博士)

川崎富作

(受付:1月19日,1967)

1876年 Fuchs<sup>1</sup>の発表した Herpes iris conjunctivae 以来,多数の学者によつて,眼,皮膚,粘膜を侵す一連の 症候群に対して数タイの症々がちょくたて、スパーパー

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6) 両手,両足が血管神経性浮腫状を呈する……22例(44%)

7) 指趾先の爪皮膚移行部よりの膜様落屑が主として

Kawasaki T. Infantile acute febrile mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome with specific desquamation of the fingers and toes. Clinical observation of 50 cases. Jpn J Allerg. 1967;178–222 (English abstract)



#### 1<sup>st</sup> case – 4y boy



#### Tomisaku Kawasaki's timeline -

- Saw 1<sup>st</sup> case Jan 1961
- 2<sup>nd</sup> case 1 year later
- Suspected a syndrome
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 7 cases reported as "non-scarlet fever with desquamation" at a meeting in 1962
  - 50 cases reported in 1967
  - Published in an Allergy Journal
    - "New syndrome" disputed by colleagues
- Self-limiting and benign or serious?
- Infantile polyarteritis nodosa = KD?
- !970 1<sup>st</sup> nationwide KD survey
  - 10 autopsy cases of sudden death after KD
- 1<sup>st</sup> English language publication 1974

#### Dr Takajiro Yamamoto

#### Independently collected cases from 1950's



#### 1968 – patient with KD developed gallop

Yamamoto T, Kimura J.

Acute febrile mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (Kawasaki): subtype of mucocutaneous ocular syndrome of erythema multiforme complicated with carditis

Shonika Rinsho (Jpn J Pediatr). 1968;21:336 –339

1963 – visiting professor at Cornell, USA – shown a case at Prof. Eichenwald's grand rounds

#### In retrospect, 1<sup>st</sup> cases documented in 1950's

- Sakurai K. Mucocutaneous ocular syndrome: report of a case [in Japanese]. Shonika Rinsho (Jpn J Pediatr). 1954;7:787–790
- Hanawa K. Two cases of pericardial hematoma in infancy [in Japanese]. *Shonika Shinryo (J Pediatr Pract).* 1959;22:820

#### 1<sup>st</sup> identification outside Japan: Hawaii- 1970's

Asian children similar clinical picture KD identified KD from photographs from Japan



#### Dr. Marian Melish



#### Dr. Raquel Hicks

Vd Merwe PL, Gie RP et al Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (Kawasaki disease). A report of 2 cases

S Afr Med J 1980; 581014-6

- Pt 1: ECG inferior myocardial infarction
- Pt 2: aneurysm left coronary artery at postmortem

# Epidemiology

- US
  - Epidemics late winter and spring with 3-year intervals
  - Children from the middle and upper-middle classes
  - ~ 3000 children hospitalized annually
  - More common in Japanese-American
- Japan
  - 5000-6000 per year
  - Epidemics 1979, 1982, and 1985
- Sex: male-to-female 1.5:1
- Genetic: Japan 10x increase risk if affected sibling, 2x increase if parent,
  - similar in US (unpublished)

#### Cases collected 1970-2012



Burns JC et al Seasonality of KD PLOSOne 2013; 8: e75429

#### Cases in top 4 countries



#### Incidence per 100,000 <5y of age



#### Northern Hemisphere – transmissable agent in winter



## Age

- USA 80-90% of admissions < 5 years, median age 3.14 years (1mo-21yrs), 10% under 6 months
- Japanese Incidence boys 0-4 years old 240 per 100 000 (2007-2008) peak in children 6-11 months
- England Incidence in children <5 yrs.</li>
   8 in 100 000 (1998-2003)
- Also < 6 months or > 5 years

Stanley TV, Grimwood K. Classical Kawasaki disease in a neonate Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal 2002 Mar;86(2):F135-6

- Infant <2 weeks of age
- Echo: coronary artery aneurysm day 5
- IVIG rapid improvement

 $KD = leading cause acquired heart disease in the USA \leq 5y$ 



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Fig. 1 - Echocardiogram, cross-sectional sections, performed 33 days after the beginning of Kawasaki disease, showing giant aneurysms 14 mm in diameter in the anterior interventricular artery (DA-A) and in the right coronary artery (CD-B), with an occlusive thrombus inside (arrow) and normal cardiac cavities.

#### ECHO

- asymptomatic coronary artery ectasis
- aneurysm incl giant coronary artery aneurysms with thrombosis

Coronary aneurysms in 25% untreated patients

# Mortality

- Japanese registry of 6576 patients increased mortality in 1<sup>st</sup> 2 months
- During improvement or recovery phase
- Postmortem thrombotic occlusion of coronary artery aneurysms & myocardial infarction

#### **Coronary artery lesions**

#### Dilatation

- Internal diameter
  - <5y >3mm
  - >5y >4mm

#### Persistence abnormalities

Percentage



# Morbidity

- Giant CA >8mm greatest risk for myocardial infarction
   ●↓ left ventricular function in ~ 50%
- Despite healing in smaller CA, vascular reactivity doesn't return to baseline: follow up indefinitely
- Arthritis may persist

CA = coronary aneurysm

#### **Risk of aneurysm**

- Predicted by the severity of the disease
- increased fever > 16 days
- Recurrence of fever after afebrile  $\geq$  48 hours
- Males, < 1 year</li>
- Cardiomegaly
- Laboratory values
  - low hematocrit
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - elevated neutrophil/band counts

Coron Artery Dis. 1995 6:857-64 Thrombocytopenia: a risk factor for acute MI acute phase KD Niwa K et al

- 10 patients
- Coronary aneurysms & acute MI
- Platelet count: 4-12 x 10<sup>4</sup>/mm3
- low ESR with high CRP in 7



#### Kawasaki Disease - Dx

Fever >5 days with no other explanation & ≥4 of the 5 following criteria:

Bilateral bulbar conjuctival injection

Oral mucous membrane changes, injected or fissured lips, injected pharynx or strawberry tongue

Peripheral extremity changes: erythema palms or soles, edema of hands & feet (acute phase) & periungual desquamation (convalescent stage)

Polymorphous rash

Cervical lymphadenopathy (at least one LN >1.5cm in diameter)

#### >5 of 6 with no other explanation

#### Fever

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#### American Heart Association 2004

Japanese Circulation Society 2008

#### Incomplete KD <5/6 criteria supplementary lab criteria

Fever of >5 d associated with 2 or 3 clinical criteria, C-reactive protein ≥3.0 mg/dL and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate ≥40 mm/h with the following criteria (1) albumin ≤ 3.0 g/dL
(2) anemia for age
(3) elevation of alanine aminotransferase
(4) platelets after 7 d ≥ 450,000/mm<sup>3</sup>
(5) white blood cell count ≥15,000/mm<sup>3</sup>
(6) urine ≥10 white blood cells/high-power field

## Atypical vs Typical

Features of Typical KD	Features of Atypical KD
Cervical LAD 60%	Cervical LAD 10%
Rash 90%	Rash 10%
Peripheral extremity changes 85%	Peripheral extremity changes 60%
>90% mucous membrane changes	>90% mucous membrane changes

LAD = lymphadenopathy

#### Tygerberg Children's Hospital (TCH) Racial breakdown



# Longer fever in younger patients (days)



#### What causes KD?

- Unusual response to infectious agent?
- Seasonality & age
  - Novel retrovirus
  - EBV
  - Parvovirus
  - Coronavirus
- Staphylococcal toxin mediated ?

Autoimmune rather than infectious agent?

## Immune dysregulation

- DNA microarrays upregulation neutrophil response genes (adrenomedullin, grancalcin and granulin)
- Evolving disease upregulation of CD8 and NK responses & decreased neutrophil response
- Oligoclonal IgA in respiratory tract arteries: respiratory agent?

## Polymorphisms with KD

- Inositol 1,4,5- triphosphate 3-kinase
   Negative regulator of T cell activation
- Angiopoetin up-regulation & vascular endothelial growth factor down-regulation
  - disrupting vascular homeostasis
- Adenosine triphosphate binding cassette

   Cellular efflux of prostaglandins
- CCR5 gene

Chemokine receptor

Hematological & cytokine & immunological events

- Persistent monocytosis post IVIG coronary artery lesions
- Eosiniphilia
- Upregulation apoptosis genes

#### Animal models

#### Editorial

Of Mice and Children Lessons From a Kawasaki Mouse Model

Jane C. Burns, MD

- Intraperitoneal extract of Lactobacillus casei
- Coronary disease
- IVIG-responsive

Circulation 2012; 125: 1480

# The Dr. who drank infectious broth, gave himself an ulcer, & solved a medical mystery





http://discovermagazine.com/2 010

#### J Robin Warren & Barry J Marshall Noble prize - 2005

#### **Clinical syndrome**

Can be sequential Always ask for features on history

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#### **Clinical Course**

- Prodrome respiratory or gastrointestinal illness
- Abrupt onset fever
- Usually receive abx no response
- Irritable +++







#### Hands





- Warm inflammatory oedema
- Periungual desquamation

#### Painful cracked lips



#### Desquamation



#### Perineal Urethritis



## Strawberry tongue



#### 22 months of age

- Fever for 5 days
- Red eyes
- Lt cervical lymph node enlarged





#### 3 days post polygam



#### **BCG** scar reactivation





#### **Unusual features**

- Hepatitis
- Hydrops gall bladder
- Meningism
- Interstitial pneumonitis
- Urethritis
- Diarrhoea
- Arthritis

#### Phases

- Acute febrile (days 1-11)
  - myocarditis and pericarditis
- Subacute (days 11-21) sudden death
  - Persistent irritability, anorexia, conjunctival injection
  - Fever usually resolves by this stage
    - If persists, greater risk of cardiac complications
  - Thrombocytosis 1 million range
  - Desquamation of the fingertips and toes
  - Aneurysms
- Convalescence (days 21-60) labs normalize

#### **Differential diagnosis**









#### Differential









#### Differential

- Drug reaction

   incl Stevens-Johnson syndrome
- Strep pharyngitis & Scarlet fever
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Measles
- Adenovirus
- Periodic syndrome
- Polyarteritis nodosa
- Hg poisoning

#### **Treatment - effective**

- IVIG 2g/kg IVI 12hrs
- Aspirin
  - 80 100mg/kg'day 4 doses X 2w
  - 3 to 5mg/kg 6-8w or longer if coronary arteries

#### Treatment

- Terai et al (1997), prevalence of CA assessed by blinded echo at 30days and >60 days
  - Aspirin alone: CA 26% (30 days) 18% (>60 days)
  - IVIG 2mg/kg and aspirin: CA 4% (30 days) and 4% (>60 days)
- Oates-Whitehead 2003 Meta-analysis
  - RR of IVIG + aspirin versus aspirin 0.35 95% CI 0.15-0.83
  - 2g much better than 400mg

#### **Timing of Treatment**

- IVIG most effective early
- <5 days = 5 9 days
- <5 days 
  relapse?</p>
- Expert consensus treat within 4 days
- After day 10 still treat if any inflammation

## J Pediatr June 2003 S Shulman

#### IS THERE A ROLE FOR CORTICOSTEROIDS IN KAWASAKI DISEASE?

"The arrival of a good clown exercises more beneficial influence upon the health of a town than twenty asses laden with drugs." —*Thomas Sydenham (1624-1689)*  issue of The Journal, evaluates corticosteroids as an adjunct to IVIG and salicylates for primary therapy of KD.<sup>8</sup>

In reviewing the published experience with corticosteroids in KD, it is important to distinguish between its use as primary therapy and as "rescue therapy" for KD. Most previous

## No response / Relapse

- IVIG resistance: 9 34%
- T >38°C post 48 hours
- Tisk CA abnormalities
- Modalities
  - Pulsed steroids
  - $-TNF\alpha$  blockade
  - Immunosupression
    - Cyclophosphamide
    - Cyclosporin A

Kuo et al Pediatrics & Neonatology 2012; 53: 4-11



#### **TNF** inhibition

#### Infliximab for intensification of primary therapy for Kawasaki disease: a phase 3 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

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## TNF inhibition in acute Rx No benefit

- 196 children KD
  - 1 dose infliximab 5mg/kg plus standard therapy
  - Placebo plus standard therapy
- No difference in treatment resistance (temp >38°C: 36 hours to 7 days post IVIG), both groups 11%
- No effect on CA development

#### Experimental

- Ulinastatin- urinary trypsin inhibitor with anti-inflammatory properties (neutrophil targeted)
  - Not effective as monotherapy

#### **KD** shock

- In acute phase
- Hypotension & shock
- LV systolic dysfunction
- mitral regurgitation
- CA
- Resistant to Rx

## Predicting IVIG nonresponsiveness



Kobayashi T Circulation 2006; 113: 2606

#### IVIG (+ aspirin) ± prednisolone in severe KD: randomised, openlabel, blinded-endpoints trial

- IVIG 2g/kg + Aspirin (30mg/kg/day) - N = 125
- + Methylprednisolone 2mg/kg/day X15 days post normal CRP
  - -N = 123
- Risk score ≥5
- Fever ≤9 days
- No CA abnormalities pre enrolment

Raise study: Kobayashi et al Lancet 2012; 379: 1613

## CA abnormalities lower in IVIG + pred than IVIG alone



#### Infliximab Plus Plasma Exchange Rescue Therapy in Kawasaki Disease

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**Objective** To evaluate infliximab (IFX) in patients with Kawasaki disease (KD) that was unresponsive to additional intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy and subsequent rescue with supplementary plasma exchange (PE) in patients unresponsive to treatment.

Study design We studied 76 patients with KD who received IVIG therapy twice and were unresponsive to additional IVIG.

**Reults** Seventy were treated with IFX alone (92.1%). Six patients who were unresponsive IFX (7.9%) were further treated by PE. This resulted in disappearance of fever and other clinical symptoms, and improvement of laboratory data. There was no severe life-threatening adverse events.Twelve of the 76 cases had developed coronary artery dilatation, and 3 had coronary artery aneurysm within 1 month of disease onset. At the end of follow-up, in all cases, coronary artery lesions were suppressed or reversed.

**Conclusions** Treatment of intractable KD with sequential IVIG, IFX, and PE treatments in a step-wise protocol was effective. (*J Pediatr 2014;164:1128-32*).

#### Long term issues

- Continued inflammation in CA's
- Role for statins?

#### KS in adults

- 57 cases 18 30 years of age
- 2 cases & literature review
- Seve et al Sem Arthritis Rheumatol 2005: 34: 785-92

#### KS & HIV



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#### Adult KD



- 20 cases
- High viral loads
- Low CD4
- Hepatitis virus coinfection

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