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- Antiphospholipid Syndrome
  - متلازمة الفوسفوليبيد

# Main clinical features

**Thrombotic** events arterial, venous or small vessel thrombosis in any tissue or organ

يحدث تخثر وريدي أو شرياني في أي نسيج أو عضو

Recurrent **pregnancy loss** fetal death, premature birth, spontaneous abortion

يحدث فقدان حمل متكرر، وفاة الجنين والولادة المبكرة والإجهاض التلقائي

**Thrombocytopenia** a decrease in the number of blood platelets

نقص الصفيحات الدموية

# Epidemiology

Sex ratio	pAPS (F:M) 5:1
	sAPS (F:M) 3:1
Age at onset	34 years +/- 13
Diagnosis	42 years +/- 14
APS categories	53 % primary APS
	47 % disease associated APS
	36 % SLE
	5 % SLE-like
	6 % other AID

# Prevalence and risk groups

## الانتشار و مجموعات الخطورة

– **primary** APS (PAPS) (53%)

– **secondary** APS (47%)

- 37% associated with SLE or SLE-like syndrome

– **Females** are more frequently affected than males

– يتكرر عند الإناث أكثر من الذكور

- mainly second and third decades of life

– يصيب الافراد في العقدين الثاني والثالث من العمر

# Thrombophilia Screening

## Inherited

1. Hyperhomocysteinemia (C677T) mutation
2. FV Leiden mutation (A506G) mutation
3. Mutation in prothrombin (G 20210 A)
4. Prothrombin II (PTII) mutation
5. Protein S or protein C deficiency

## Acquired

1. Lupus anticoagulant
2. Cardiolipin and  $\beta$ 2-Glycoprotein I Antibodies

# Positive Diagnosis if at least 1 clinical and 1 laboratory criteria are met

## Clinical criteria

- Vascular thrombosis
- Pregnancy morbidity
  - Unexplained fetal death beyond 10w
  - Premature birth before 34w
  - 3 or more unexplained spontaneous Ab before 10w

## Lab criteria

- Anti-Cardiolipin IgG or IgM positive on two occasions in 12 weeks
- Anti- $\beta_2$ -Glycoprotein I IgG or IgM positive on two occasions in 12 weeks
- LA on 2 occasions at least 12 weeks apart

# International consensus statement on an update of the classification criteria for definite antiphospholipid syndrome (APS)

Replacing the 1999 published Sapporo classification criteria

استبدال معايير تصنيف سابورو المنشورة لعام 1999

Divided in „Clinical“ and „Laboratory“ criteria

مقسمة إلى معايير "سريرية" و "مختبرية"

Anti-β2-glycoprotein I IgG and IgM added to laboratory criteria

إضافة أضداد B2-glycoprotein I IgG و IgM إلى معايير المختبر

Tests should be repeated after 12 weeks

يجب تكرار الاختبارات بعد 12 أسبوعًا

Coexisting inherited or acquired factors for thrombosis are no reason to exclude Thrombophilia Screening including APS tests

رغم تشارك العوامل الموروثة أو المكتسبة للتخثر يجب عدم استبعاد اختبارات APS في

Thrombophilia

clinical symptoms  
arterial and/or venous thrombosis, recurrent fetal loss

$\beta_2$ GPI (IgG, IgM), aCL (IgG, IgM), LA

aCL,  $\beta_2$ GPI and  
LA negative

$\beta_2$ GPI (IgA),  
aPs, aCL (IgA)

negative

one parameter positive

aPE, aPI

**APS**

negative

positive

**APS**

Follow-Up  
after 6 months

other reasons  
of thrombophilia

aCL,  $\beta_2$ GPI and/or LA  
low positive/borderline

confirmation testing of  
aCL,  $\beta_2$ GPI and LA after 12 weeks

negative

low positive / borderline

positive

**APS**

confirmation with  
• aCL (IgA)  
• aPs  
•  $\beta_2$ GPI (IgA)  
• aPE  
• aPI

at least one parameter  
positive

**APS**

aCL and/or  $\beta_2$ GPI  
and/or LA positive

confirmation testing of  
aCL,  $\beta_2$ GPI and LA after 12 weeks

positive

**APS**

aCL anti-cardiolipin antibodies  
aPE anti-phosphatidylethanolamine  
antibodies  
aPs anti-phosphatidylserine antibodies  
aPI anti-phosphatidylinositol  
antibodies  
 $\beta_2$ GPI anti- $\beta_2$ -glycoprotein I antibodies  
LA lupus anticoagulant

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Autoantibodies in Systemic Autoimmune  
Diseases. Fabst Sci.Publ. Lengerich.  
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# APS in pregnancy

## Obstetric manifestations in Antiphospholipid syndrom

**n = 590 pregnant woman\***

- Pre-eclampsia 9.5 %
- Eclampsia 4.4 %
- Placental abruption 2.0 %

**n = 1580 pregnant woman\***

- Fetal loss < 10 week 35.4 %
- Fetal loss  $\geq$  10 week 16.9 %
- Premature birth 10.6 %

\*reference 2

# أسباب فقدان الجنين Causes for Fetal Loss

Numerous causes for recurrent fetal losses are known, like genetic disorders, endocrine factors, anatomic anomalies, immunologic causes

الأسباب المعروفة لفقدان الجنين المتكرر معروفة ، مثل الاضطرابات الوراثية وعوامل الغدد الصماء والشذوذ التشريحي والأسباب المناعية

Miscarriages triggered by APS occur later, beginning with the 16<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy

تحدث حالات الإجهاض لاحقًا ، بدءًا من الأسبوع السادس عشر من الحمل

Antiphospholipid antibody titers interfere directly with the proliferation and differentiation as well as the invasion of the syncytiotrophoblasts

• يتعارض عيار أضداد الفوسفوليبيد المضاد مباشرة مع الانتشار والتفاضل وكذلك غزو الأرومة الغازية للخلايا المخلوية

# APS related complications in vitro Fertilization

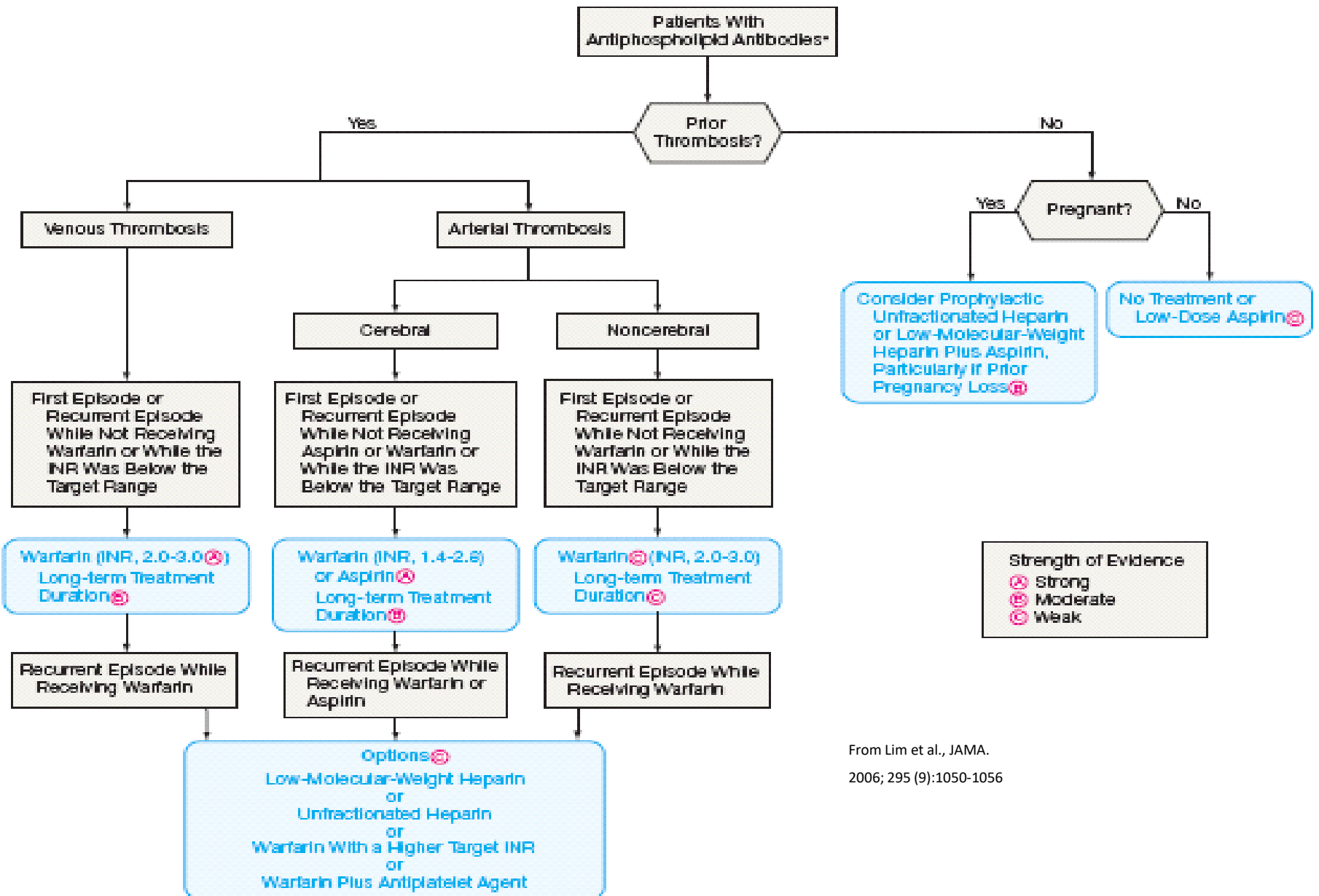
## المضاعفات ذات الصلة في الاخصاب بالانبوب

### Study Design:

1. At least 3 fetal losses < 10 week (n=97) or
2. IVF with at least 10 failed transfers (n=105)
3. Tested for Lupus-Antikoagulans
4. Anti-Cardiolipin-Abs IgG and IgM,
5. Antiphosphatidylserine-Abs
6. Antiphosphatidylethanolamin-Abs,
7. Antiphosphatidylinositol-Abs
8.  $\beta$ 2-Glycoprotein-I-Abs, ANA

**84 (23 %) positive for at least one autoantibody**  
**Highest Correlation with  $\beta$ 2GP I-Abs and ANA**

# Antiphospholipid Syndrome



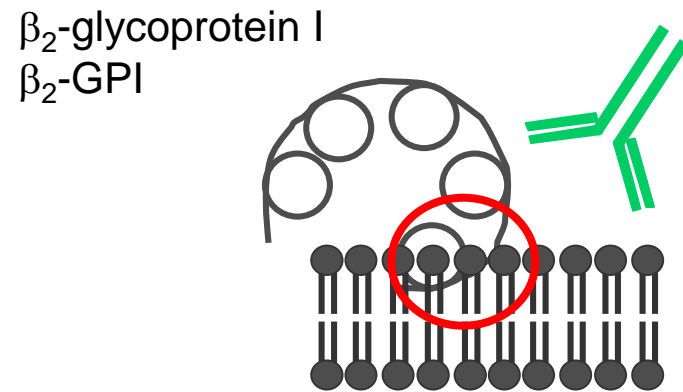
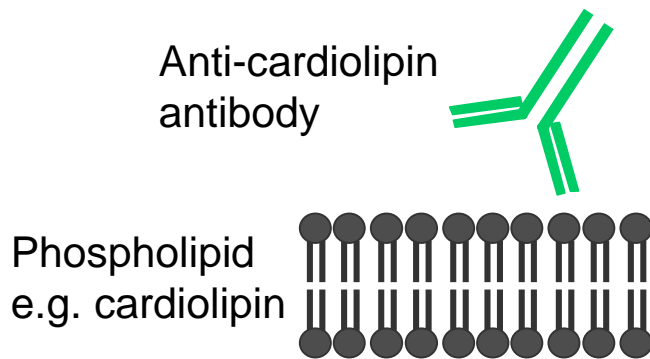
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2006; 295 (9):1050-1056

# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

- Cardiolipin-Antibodies
- Cardiolipin Antibodies Screen/ Combi
- IgG / IgM / IgA
  - Cardiolipin is immobilized in a biological active vesicle حويصلة like structure
  - Presentation together with human  $\beta_2$ -Glycoprotein I as cofactor on the microtiter plate and in the dilution buffer
  - Calibration and validation by use of Harris sera and Koike preparations
  - Included in the revised international classification criteria for APS

# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

## Possible antigenic structures of antiphospholipid antibodies

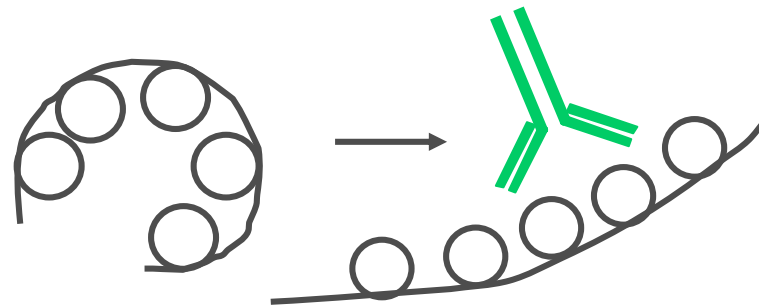


First description of anti-cardiolipin antibodies: ELISA with cardiolipin coated to wells

$\beta_2$ -glycoprotein I has been identified as protein cofactor required for binding of antibodies to cardiolipin (common epitope)

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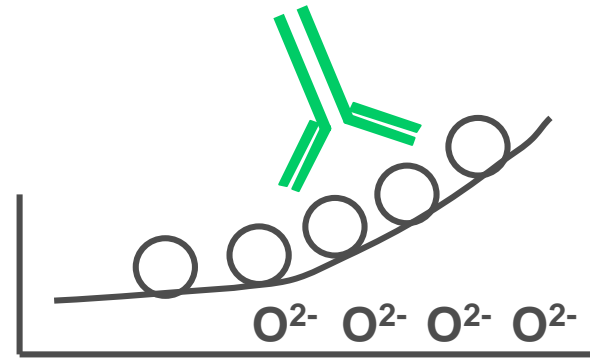
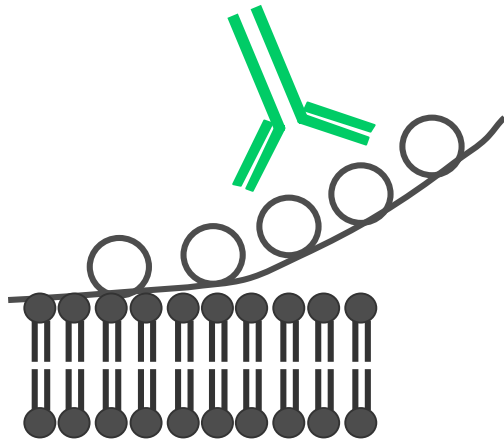


Anti-phospholipid/cardiolipin antibodies can bind to  $\beta_2$ -GPI alone but epitopes are hidden inside the molecule

Binding is only possible upon conformational change of  $\beta_2$ -GPI

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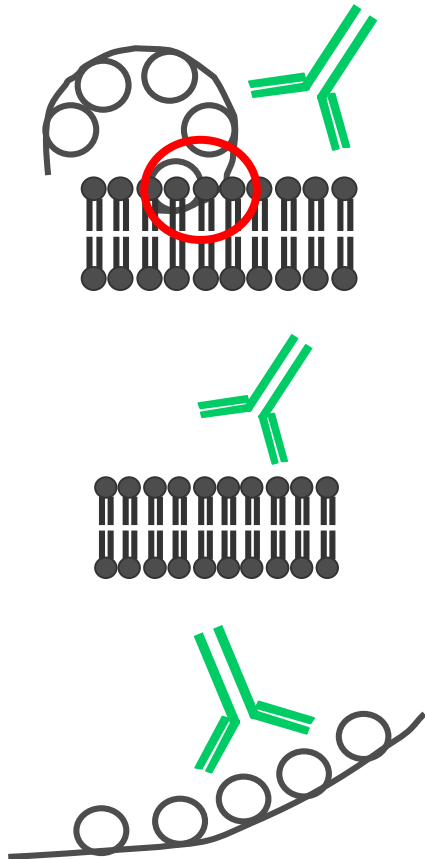
Conformational change is induced by binding to negatively charged cardiolipin or negatively charged (irradiated) ELSA plate

These anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI antibodies are regarded as being more specific than anti-cardiolipin antibodies but they lack sensitivity



# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

Majority of commercially available Cardiolipin ELISA tests employ Cardiolipin plus  $\beta_2$ -GPI as cofactor



This allows simultaneous detection of:

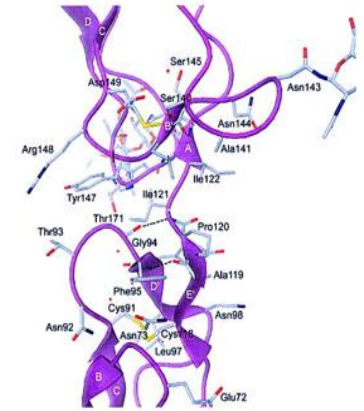
- $\beta_2$ -GPI dependent anti-cardiolipin antibodies
- Anti-cardiolipin antibodies
- Anti- $\beta_2$ -GPI antibodies

# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

- Cardiolipin-Antibodies
- Calibration against all available international reference preparations
  - Harris sera  
Calibration in GPL-U/ml, MPL-U/ml, APL-U/ml
  - Koike preparations  
monoclonal antibodies, named HCAL and EY2C9  
Calibration in ng/ml

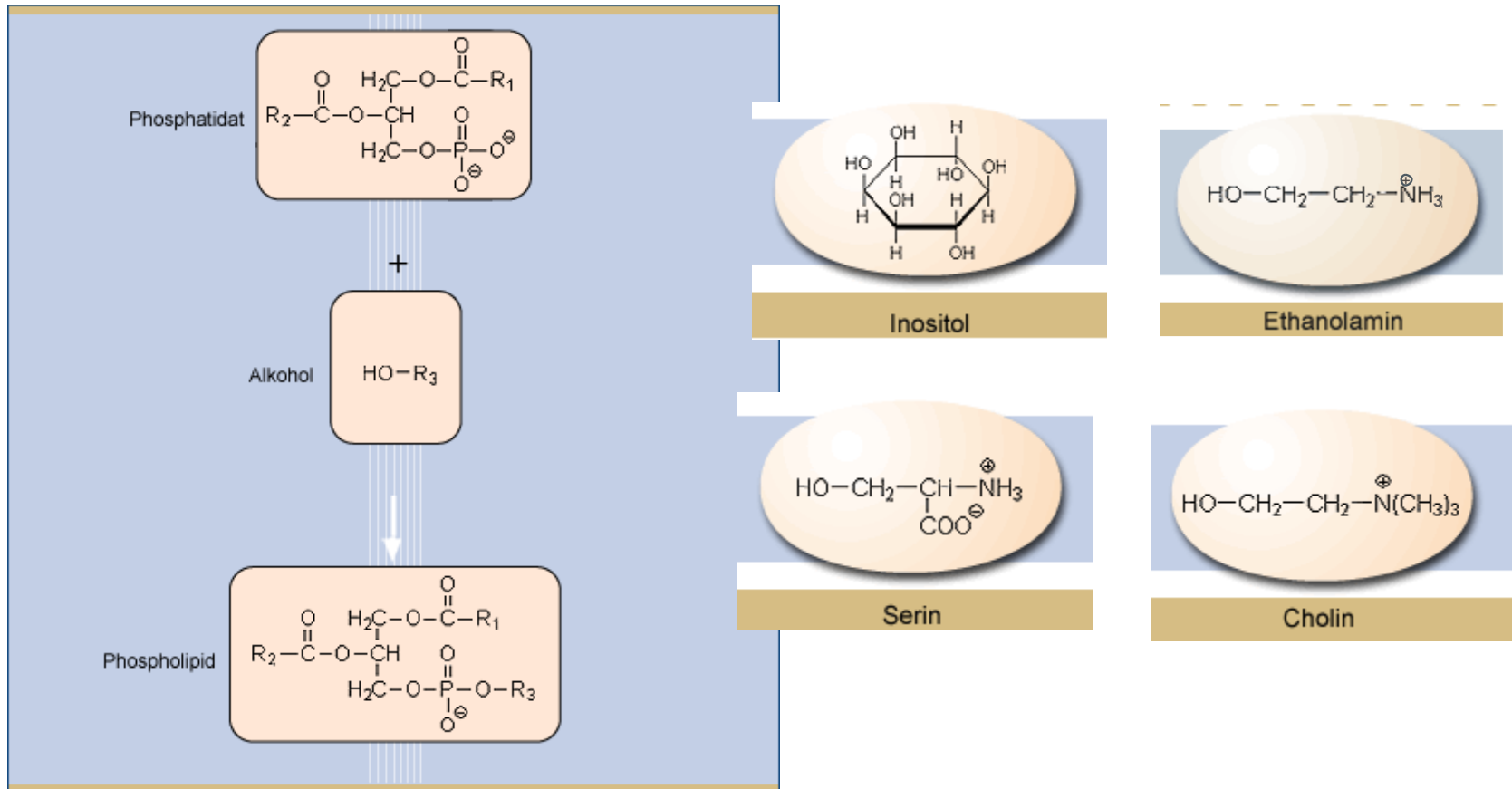
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- $\beta$ 2-Glycoprotein I-Antibodies
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IgG IgM / IgA
  - human native antigen
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# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

## PHOSPHOLIPIDS



# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

Antiphospholipid antibodies are a heterogeneous family of antibodies that react with:

## Phospholipids

## Cardiolipin

Phosphatidylcholine

Phosphatidylethanolamine

Phosphatidylinositol

Phosphatidylserine      etc ...

## Phospholipid-binding proteins (Proteins involved in coagulation)

## $\beta_2$ -Glycoprotein I

Thrombin

Prothrombin

Annexin V      etc ...

## Complexes of proteins and phospholipids

# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

- Phosphatidylserine-Antibodies
- Phosphatidylserine-Antibodies Screen IgGAM
  - High correlation to lupus anticoagulans
  - SLE patients frequently show positive for aPS Abs (mainly IgG and/or IgA)
  - In thrombotic-free patients the coincidence of aCL Abs **and** aPS Abs increases the risk for thrombosis by 30 %
  - May be the only autoantibody present in APS (5-10 %)