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**Antiphospholipid Antibody Profile Stability Over Time: Prospective Results from AntiPhospholipid Syndrome Alliance for Clinical Trials and InternatiOnal Networking (APS ACTION) Clinical Database and Repository**

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**Background/Purpose:** APS ACTION Registry was created to study long-term outcomes in persistently antiphospholipid antibody (aPL)-positive patients. Our primary objective was to determine whether clinically significant aPL profiles at baseline remain stable over time. Our secondary objectives were to determine a) whether baseline characteristics differ among patients with stable and unstable aPL profiles, and b) predictors of unstable aPL profiles over time.

**Methods:** For this prospective analysis of available follow-up aPL tests, clinically significant aPL profile was defined as positive lupus anticoagulant (LA) test and/or anticardiolipin (aCL)/anti- $\beta_2$  glycoprotein-I (a $\beta_2$ GPI) IgG/M  $\geq$ 40 U. Stable aPL profile was defined as a clinically significant aPL profile in at least two-thirds of follow-up measurements. Univariate and multivariable generalized linear mixed models with logit link were used to assess the effect of time and other variables of interest on odds of clinically significant aPL profile.

**Results:** Of 472 patients with clinically significant aPL profiles at baseline, based on follow-up aPL tests (median follow up: 5.1 years), 366/472 (78%) patients had stable aPL profiles over time, 54 (11%) unstable; and 52 (11%) inconclusive. Time did not significantly affect odds of maintaining a clinically significant aPL profile at follow-up ( $p=0.906$ ). In multivariable analysis, time, age, active smoking, concomitant systemic autoimmune disease, and hydroxychloroquine use did not significantly affect odds of maintaining a clinically significant aPL profile. Baseline triple aPL positivity increased (Odds Ratio [OR] 0.25, 95% Confidence Interval [CI] 0.10-0.64,  $p=0.004$ ) and isolated LA test positivity decreased (OR 3.3, 95% CI 1.53-7.13,  $p=0.002$ ) the odds of an unstable aPL profile during follow-up.

**Conclusion:** Approximately 80% of our international cohort patients with clinically significant aPL profiles at baseline (positive LA test and/or aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M  $\geq$ 40 U), maintained a clinically significant aPL profile at a median follow-up of five years; triple aPL-positivity increased the odds of a stable aPL profile. These results will guide future validation studies of stored blood samples through APS ACTION Core Laboratories.

**Introduction:**

Antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) is an autoimmune disorder characterized by thrombosis and pregnancy morbidity in patients with persistently positive antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL).

Antiphospholipid antibodies that are used for APS classification include lupus anticoagulant test (LA), anticardiolipin antibodies (aCL), and anti- $\beta_2$  glycoprotein-I antibodies (a $\beta_2$ GPI)(1).

The assessment of aPL profile upon evaluation of aPL-positive patients is critical. Persistently positive aPL are more likely to have important clinical implications, while transiently positive aPL, especially of low titer, may be a result of infections or medications. Certain aPL profiles, such as LA positivity, high titer aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI, or triple aPL positivity, are more strongly associated with aPL-related clinical events, although traditional risk factors also need to be taken into account while evaluating aPL-positive patients(2). The course of aPL positivity over time is also important in the risk stratification and management of patients; however, there are limited prospective data on the course of aPL tests over time.

Antiphospholipid Syndrome Alliance for Clinical Trials and International Networking (APS ACTION) is an international network created to design and conduct large-scale, multicenter studies and clinical trials in persistently aPL-positive patients. The APS ACTION clinical database and repository ("Registry") was created to study the natural course of persistently aPL-positive patients with or without autoimmune disorders over at least 10 years; the Registry allows us to perform large-scale cross-sectional and prospective analyses, which will eventually help us better understand the clinical characteristics of APS patients.

In this analysis of the APS ACTION Registry, our primary objective was to determine whether clinically significant aPL profiles (defined as positive LA test and/or aCL/aβ<sub>2</sub>GPI IgG/M ≥40 U) at baseline remain stable over time in persistently (two or more occasions at least 12 weeks apart) aPL-positive patients. Our secondary objectives were to determine a) whether demographic, clinical, and laboratory characteristics at baseline differ among patients with stable and unstable aPL profiles over time, and b) predictors of unstable aPL profiles over time.

## **Methods:**

### APS-ACTION Registry

The APS-ACTION Registry is a web-based data capture system developed in **Research Electronic Data Capture-REDCap**, that includes patients with persistently positive aPL (positive on two occasions at least 12 weeks apart) with or without other systemic autoimmune disease. Inclusion criteria are positive aPL, based on the Updated Sapporo APS Classification Criteria, tested at least twice within one year prior to enrollment. Patients are followed every 12±3 months with clinical and laboratory data, and blood collection.

### Study Cohort

As of January 2019, 796 patients were enrolled in APS ACTION Registry from 26 centers worldwide; 472 patients with baseline clinically significant aPL profiles and follow-up visits with available aPL tests were included in this analysis (Figure 1).



## Data Collection

For this retrospective and longitudinal prospective Registry analysis study, we retrieved clinical and laboratory data at baseline and follow up. The clinical data included information on demographics (age, sex, race and ethnicity), history of other connective tissue disease, aPL-related history (thrombosis, obstetric, and non-criteria aPL manifestations, i.e., thrombocytopenia, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, cardiac valve disease, livedo reticularis/racemosa, skin ulcers, aPL nephropathy, and cognitive dysfunction), and medications. All available standard-of-care measurements (retrospective and prospective) for LA, aCL IgG/M and a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M from the Registry were utilized. For the baseline visit, we used the most recently available aPL profile (LA, aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M). At each annual follow up visit, we used the first available aPL profile that was reported for that time period. High aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI titers reported as “greater than x” units (e.g., >80 U) were converted to “x” units (e.g. 80 U) to facilitate the statistical analysis.

## Definitions

We defined a *clinically significant profile* as positive LA test and/or aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M  $\geq 40$  U, and a *stable clinically significant aPL profile* as a clinically significant profile in at least two-thirds of follow-up aPL measurements. We defined aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M as “positive” when the reported titer was  $\geq 40$  U.

*Inconclusive aPL profile* during the follow-up was defined as: a) missing determinant aPL test result(s) (those used to determine the baseline clinically significant aPL profile) with no other positive aPL tests; or b) negative determinant aPL test result(s) with missing other aPL test result(s).

## Statistical Analysis

We hypothesized that a clinically significant aPL profile at baseline remains stable over time. Univariate and multivariable generalized linear mixed models (GLMM) with logit link were used to assess the effect

of time, and other variables of interest, on odds of clinically significant aPL profile over time. A GLMM framework allowed us to introduce random effects to account for within-subject correlation due to repeated measures of aPL profile across follow-up. T-test (for normally distributed variables), Wilcoxon rank-sum (for non-normally distributed variables), and Fisher's exact tests (for categorical variables) were employed to compare clinical characteristics of patients with stable versus unstable aPL profiles. Univariate and multivariable logistic regression were used to examine predictors of unstable aPL profile (negative LA and aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M <40 U).

### **Results:**

Of 472 patients who had a clinically significant aPL profiles at baseline (female: 349 [74%]; median age: 49 years [interquartile range [IR]: 39-59]); median follow up: 5.1 years [IR]: 4.3-5.8]; median number of follow-up visits with aPL tests: 2 [IR: 1-3]), based on the different number of available aPL tests at each year of follow up, 254 (73%) had clinically significant aPL profiles at one-year follow-up, 216 (72%) at two-year, 177 (72%) at three-year, 135 (73%) at four-year, and 61 (70%) at five-year (Figure 1, Table 1).

#### Antiphospholipid Antibody Profile Stability Over Time

Three hundred and sixty-six of 472 (78%) patients had stable and 54/472 (11%) had unstable aPL profiles over a median follow-up of five years. One hundred and fifty-one [32%] patients contributed to the stability analysis with one follow up visit, 99 [21%] with two, 105 [22%] with three, 87 [18%] with four, and 27 [6%] with five). In 52/472 (11%) patients, the assessment was inconclusive; thus, these patients were excluded from further analysis (Figure 1). A univariate GLMM demonstrated that time across follow up did not significantly affect odds of maintaining a stable clinically significant aPL profile over

time ( $p=0.906$ ). Similar results were observed when the model was adjusted for age, active smoking, concomitant autoimmune disease, and HCQ use at baseline ( $p=0.838$ ).

### Demographic, Clinical and, Laboratory Characteristics Differences Between Stable Versus Unstable aPL Profile Status

Table 2 describes baseline demographic, clinical, and laboratory characteristics of the 420 patients who had stable and unstable clinically significant aPL profiles at follow up. Lupus anticoagulant, aCL IgM, and/or a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG positivity, and positivity on two or more aPL tests at baseline, were associated with a stable aPL profile ( $p<0.001$ ,  $p=0.004$ ,  $p=0.005$ ,  $p<0.001$ , respectively). Patients with a stable clinically significant aPL profile, compared to those with unstable aPL profile, were more likely to have had 1) a positive LA test (83% vs 59%), 2) aCL IgM (24% vs 7%), 3) a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG (36% vs 17%), and /or 4) two or more positive aPL tests (62% vs 33%). While aCL IgG or a $\beta_2$ GPI IgM positivity was not associated with a stable aPL profile ( $p=0.057$ ,  $p=0.063$ , respectively), a larger proportion of patients with a stable aPL profile were aCL IgG (50% vs 35%) and/or a $\beta_2$ GPI IgM positive (21% vs 9%) at baseline. In addition, patients with stable clinically significant aPL profiles, compared to those with unstable aPL profiles, were more likely to have higher aCL IgG (median 46 U vs 16 U) and a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG (median 22 U vs 3 U) titers at baseline, and triple aPL positivity, while they were less likely to have isolated LA test positivity or isolated a $\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M positivity. No differences were noted between patients with or without concomitant autoimmune disease at baseline.

### Predictors of an Unstable Antiphospholipid Antibody Profile Over Time

In a univariate unadjusted logistic model with unstable aPL profile as the outcome, triple aPL positivity at baseline was associated with a 75% decreased likelihood for unstable aPL profile at follow up (OR 0.25, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.1-0.6,  $p=0.004$ ) (Table 3). Furthermore, patients with isolated LA test

positivity at baseline had 3.3 times higher odds for unstable aPL profiles (OR 3.3, 95% CI 1.5-7.1,  $p=0.002$ ). In a multivariable logistic model adjusted for age, gender, active smoking, concomitant autoimmune disease, and HCQ use at baseline, triple aPL positivity was associated with lower odds of unstable aPL profiles (OR 0.17, CI 0.1-0.4,  $p<.0001$ ), while isolated LA test positivity was associated with higher odds of unstable aPL profiles (OR 3.65, CI 1.9-6.8,  $p<.0001$ ). Baseline isolated  $a\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M positivity was also associated with higher odds of unstable aPL profiles (OR 4.17, CI 1.24-14.1,  $p=0.02$ ) in our multivariable analysis.

#### Individual Antiphospholipid Antibody Result Stability Over Time:

Table 4 describes the course of aCL and  $a\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M titers over time based on their assignments to one of the following categories at baseline and follow up: 0-19 U, 20-39 U, 40-79 U, and  $\geq 80$  U.

Approximately 90% and 60-80% of follow up tests in patients with a baseline titer of 0-19 U and  $\geq 80$  U, respectively remained in the same category. For baseline titers of 20-39 U and 40-79 U, during the follow-up, 23-30% and 19-33% remained in the same range, 36-60% and 41-65% decreased to a lower category, and 17-36% and 16-28% increased to a higher category, respectively. With respect to LA test, 88% of patients with baseline isolated LA positivity receiving no anticoagulation had a stable clinically significant profile at follow up, compared to 52% on anticoagulation.

#### **Discussion:**

Our large-scale analysis of persistently positive aPL patients demonstrated that a clinically significant aPL profile, defined as a positive LA test and/or aCL/ $a\beta_2$ GPI IgG/M  $\geq 40$ U, remains stable during a median follow-up of five years, independent of age, active smoking, concomitant systemic autoimmune disease,

and HCQ use at baseline. Triple aPL-positivity increases and isolated LA positivity decreases the odds of a stable aPL profile.

Based on a limited number of studies, 70-90% of patients with persistently positive aPL profiles remain positive during follow up ranging from two to ten years(3-5). In contrast, one study of 105 women with persistently positive aPL tests (49 with primary APS) found that in 59% of patients the aPL profile become negative within approximately 10 years of follow up(6). The limitations of these studies include retrospective study designs with varying follow up times and frequency of aPL tests, the different cut-off levels are used to define aPL positivity ( $\geq 20$  or 40 U, or  $>99^{\text{th}}$  percentile of controls), and incomplete analysis of aPL profiles. Using a large, multicenter, international database of patients with persistently positive aPL profiles, we demonstrated that clinically significant aPL profiles remain stable over time at a median follow up of five years; our results are based on explicit and clinically relevant definitions of aPL profile positivity, and prospectively collected clinical and laboratory data.

Interpretation of an aPL test should be done cautiously since not every positive test is clinically important. Triple aPL positivity(7, 8) or LA positivity(9) is known to confer a higher risk for aPL-related clinical events compared to aCL and a $\beta_2$ GPI positivity. Additionally, IgG aCL and a $\beta_2$ GPI are more likely to be associated with clinical events compared to IgM(10). The clinical significance of low titer aPL (20-39 U) should be interpreted carefully since it may be transient and associated with infectious triggers. Persistence of aPL positivity (when tested at least 12 weeks apart) and medium to high titers of aCL and a $\beta_2$ GPI, as defined by the Updated Sapporo APS Classification Criteria, are more likely to be associated with APS. To that point, this study shows that patients who maintain a stable clinically significant aPL profile at five years of follow up are more likely to have at baseline LA test positivity, two or more

positive aPL tests (including triple aPL positivity), and higher ELISA titers for aCL IgG that are clinically meaningful.

When determining predictors for an unstable aPL profile over time, we controlled for various factors that have been implicated in maintenance of aPL test positivity. Firstly, the use of HCQ was considered a potentially contributing factor as a retrospective study has demonstrated that patients with SLE and persistently positive aPL profiles (positive LA and/or an aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI  $\geq$ 40 U) were less likely to be on HCQ, compared to patients with transiently positive or negative profiles(11); HCQ may also decrease aCL IgG/M levels, and dRVVT (dilute Russell's Viper Venom Time) prolongation(12). Secondly, smoking was implicated in triggering aPL production, yet interpretation of relevant studies is difficult since smoking is a risk factor for thrombosis along with aPL(13). Finally, we speculated that presence of concomitant autoimmune disease (such as SLE) may be associated with stable aPL tests since SLE is characterized by aberrant auto-antibody production; a small study has supported that lupus activity was higher in patients with persistently positive aPL tests (LA and aCL)(14). Therefore, even after controlling age, gender, active smoking, concomitant autoimmune disease (mainly SLE), and HCQ use at baseline, triple aPL positivity was still 83% less likely to be associated with an unstable aPL profile.

Lupus anticoagulant test, when persistently positive, is highly associated with obstetric and thrombotic events. Despite guidelines, LA results among laboratories may be discrepant due to lack of standardization and use of different screening tests. In addition, LA results may be unreliable when tested on anticoagulation including direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) (15, 16). An exercise among four different laboratories demonstrated that discordant or inconclusive LA test results occur in 45% of patients with history of thrombosis or suspected APS, which increases to 75% when only patients on vitamin K antagonists are examined(17). In our cohort, isolated LA test positivity had significantly higher

odds of being associated with an unstable aPL profile; we speculate that this finding was due to relatively high number of anticoagulated patients. For more accurate assessment, future APS-ACTION studies will be completed using core laboratory LA test results, which have been performed using methods with minimal interference with anticoagulation.

Our study has several limitations. Firstly, we have missing follow-up data as aPL testing was based on the discretion of the treating physician; however, we plan to re-assess the aPL profiles in future studies using stored blood samples from each patient visit. Secondly, we could not assess the aPL profile stability in 11% of patients who had inconclusive aPL profiles in our cohort. A portion of these patients (24/52) could potentially have been added to the unstable aPL group; however, we wanted to avoid basing our results on the assumption that the rest of aPL profile remained negative when no data were available. Thirdly, median aCL/a $\beta_2$ GPI titers may have been underestimated as: a) for titers reported as “greater than x units” we used the upper limit; and b) we used all available titers irrespective of positivity. Fourthly, the association between stable aPL profile over time and aPL-related clinical events at follow up was not examined due to the small numbers of such events in the Registry. Finally, referral bias may influence the generalizability of our findings.

Despite these limitations, APS ACTION Registry is comprised of patients from tertiary referral centers across the world, and we believe that the large number of patient data provide a better understanding of aPL profile changes over time. The findings of this study are expected to inform and serve as a comparator for future validation studies of aPL profiles in stored blood samples of patients in the APS ACTION Registry, bypassing issues of assay and protocol heterogeneity among different laboratories across the world, interference of anticoagulation use at time of testing, and missing data.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, using a large, multicenter, international database of patients with persistently positive aPL profiles, we demonstrated that clinically significant aPL profiles remain stable over time at a median follow up of five years. These results will help guide future validation studies of stored blood samples through APS ACTION Core Laboratories.

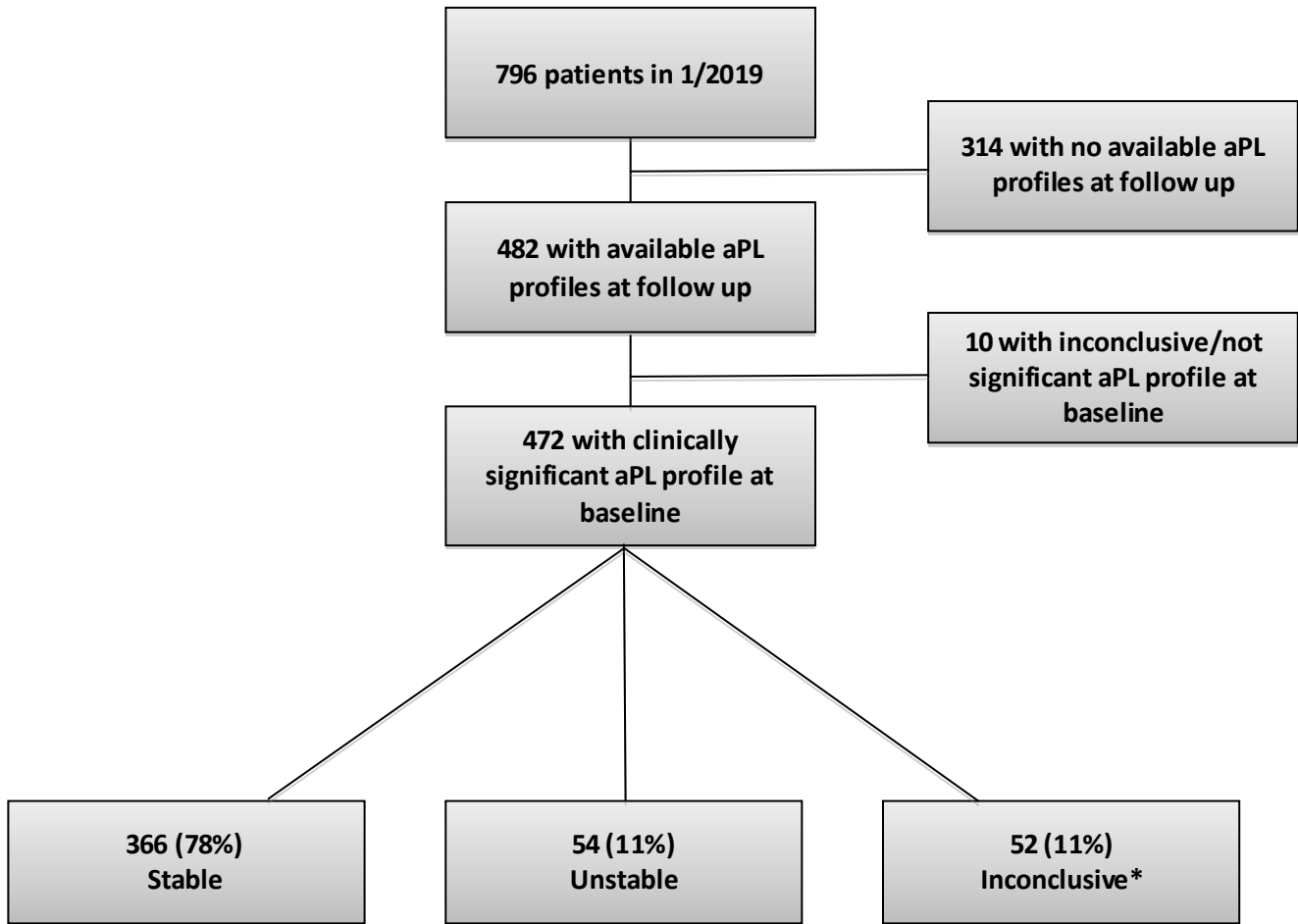


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**Figure 1: Antiphospholipid Antibody Profile Over Time (N=482)**



\*Reasons for inconclusive follow-up aPL profile: a) missing determinant aPL test(s) (those used to determine the baseline clinically significant aPL profile) with no other positive aPL tests (n: 28); and b) negative determinant aPL test result(s) with missing other aPL test result(s) (n: 24).

**Table 1: Antiphospholipid Antibody Profiles Over Time (N=482)**

	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>0-12M</b>	<b>12-24M</b>	<b>24-36M</b>	<b>36-48M</b>	<b>48-60M</b>
<b># of Patients with Follow-up</b>	N/A	452	398	357	282	138
<b># of Patients with aPL Results</b>	482	348	302	245	184	87
<b>Significant aPL Profile*</b>	472 (98%)	254 (73%)	216 (72%)	177 (72%)	135 (73%)	61 (70%)
<b>Insignificant aPL Profile**</b>	3 (1%)	31 (9%)	29 (10%)	24 (10%)	14 (8%)	7 (8%)
<b>Inconclusive aPL Profile***</b>	7 (1%)	63 (18%)	57 (19%)	44 (18%)	35 (19%)	19 (22%)

#: Number **aPL**: Antiphospholipid Antibody, **M**: Months, **f/u**: follow up, **N/A**: Not Applicable

\*Positive LA test and/or aCL/aβ<sub>2</sub>GPI IgG/M ≥40 U; \*\*Negative LA test and aCL/aβ<sub>2</sub>GPI IgG/M <40 U; and

\*\*\*Missing determinant aPL test result(s) (those used to determine the baseline clinically significant aPL profile) with no other positive aPL tests, or negative determinant aPL test result(s) with missing other aPL test result(s).

**Table 2: Baseline Clinical and Laboratory Characteristics of Patients (N=420) with Stable or Unstable Clinically Significant Antiphospholipid Antibody Profiles at Follow-Up**

	Total	Clinically Significant aPL Profile		p-value
	(n=420)	Stable (n=366)	Unstable (n=54)	
<b>Female</b>	305 (73%)	267 (73%)	38 (70%)	0.74
<b>Age Median (IR)</b>	48.9 [48.1, 50.4]	48.6 [47.9, 49.4]	48.6 [48, 50]	0.09
<b>White</b>	279 (78%)	238 (77%)	41 (87%)	0.30
<b>Non-Latin American</b>	165 (39%)	137 (37%)	28 (52%)	0.46
<b>Autoimmune Disease</b>				<b>0.76</b>
<b>aPL/APS Only</b>	278 (66%)	244 (67%)	34 (63%)	
<b>Other SAIDx</b>	148 (35%)	128 (35%)	20 (37%)	
<b>aPL-Related History</b>				
<b>Vascular Event (any)</b>	285 (68%)	245 (67%)	40 (74%)	0.35
<b>Venous Event (any)</b>	183 (64%)	153 (62%)	30 (75%)	0.16
<b>Arterial Event (any)</b>	125 (44%)	115 (47%)	10 (25%)	0.01
<b>TIA (any)</b>	38 (9%)	37 (10%)	1 (2%)	0.04
<b>Pregnancy Morbidity*</b>	136	119	17	0.83
<b>Spontaneous Abortions**</b>	13	10	3	0.21
<b>Premature Birth***</b>	37	34	3	0.56
<b>Unexplained Fetal Death****</b>	76	67	9	0.80
<b>aPL Tests</b>				
<b>Lupus Anticoagulant (+)</b>	319 (80%)	288 (83%)	31 (58%)	<0.001
<b>aCL IgG <math>\geq</math>40U</b>	202 (48%)	183 (50%)	19 (35%)	0.06
<b>aCL IgM <math>\geq</math>40U</b>	93 (22%)	89 (24%)	4 (7%)	0.004
<b>a<math>\beta</math><sub>2</sub>GPI IgG <math>\geq</math>40U</b>	139 (33%)	130 (36%)	9 (17%)	0.005
<b>a<math>\beta</math><sub>2</sub>GPI IgM <math>\geq</math>40U</b>	81 (19%)	76 (21%)	5 (9%)	0.06
<b><math>\geq</math> 2 Positive aPL Tests</b>	244 (58%)	226 (62%)	18 (33%)	<0.001
<b>aPL Titers</b>				
<b>aCL IgG</b>	36 [10, 93]	46 [13, 100]	16 [4, 56]	<0.001
<b>aCL IgM</b>	12 [5, 39]	13 [5, 42]	8.5 [2, 15.5]	0.006
<b>a<math>\beta</math><sub>2</sub>GPI IgG</b>	19 [3, 74]	22 [3, 83]	3 [1, 30]	<0.001
<b>a<math>\beta</math><sub>2</sub>GPI IgM</b>	9 [2, 33]	10 [2, 39]	4 [1, 20]	0.04
<b>aPL Profiles</b>				
<b>Triple aPL Positivity</b>	174 (41%)	167 (46%)	7 (13%)	<0.0001
<b>Double aPL Positivity</b>	120 (29%)	106 (29%)	13 (26%)	0.75
<b>Isolated LA Test Positivity</b>	84 (20%)	62 (17%)	22 (41%)	0.0002
<b>Isolated aCL IgG/M Positivity</b>	29 (7%)	23 (6%)	6 (11%)	0.24
<b>Isolated a<math>\beta</math><sub>2</sub>GPI IgG/M Positivity</b>	13 (3%)	8 (2%)	5 (9%)	0.02
<b>Medications</b>				
<b>Aspirin</b>	201 (48%)	187 (51%)	14 (26%)	<0.001
<b>Warfarin</b>	223 (53%)	192 (52%)	31 (57%)	0.68
<b>Hydroxychloroquine</b>	194 (46%)	168 (46%)	26 (48%)	0.82

**IR:** Interquartile Range, **aPL:** Antiphospholipid Antibody, **APS:** Antiphospholipid Syndrome, **SAIDx:** Systemic Autoimmune Diseases, **TIA:** Transient Ischemic Attack, **aCL:** Anticardiolipin Antibody, **a $\beta$ <sub>2</sub>GPI:** Anti- $\beta$ <sub>2</sub>-Glycoprotein-I Antibody

\*Out of 207 patients with history of pregnancy (with or without morbidity); \*\*Three consecutive unexplained spontaneous abortions before 10<sup>th</sup> week; \*\*\*Premature birth before 34<sup>th</sup> week due to eclampsia, preeclampsia or placental insufficiency; \*\*\*\*Unexplained fetal death at or beyond 10<sup>th</sup> week

**Table 3: Predictors of Unstable Antiphospholipid Antibody Profile at Follow-Up**

<b>Univariate (unadjusted)</b>	<b>Odds ratio (95% CI)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Triple aPL Positive</b>	0.25 (0.10-0.64)	0.004
<b>Double aPL Positive</b>	0.67 (0.31-1.46)	0.32
<b>Isolated LA Test Positivity</b>	3.30 (1.53-7.13)	0.002
<b>Isolated aCL Positivity</b>	2.13 (0.71-6.37)	0.18
<b>Isolated a<math>\beta_2</math>GPI Positivity</b>	2.31 (0.49-10.75)	0.29
<b>Gender (male)</b>	0.70 (0.33-1.48)	0.35
<b>Hydroxychloroquine Use</b>	0.94 (0.47-1.87)	0.85
<b>Autoimmune Disease</b>	1.27 (0.60-2.67)	0.54
<b>Active Smoking</b>	1.56 (0.32-7.53)	0.58
<b>Age</b>	1.27 (0.98-1.63)	0.06
<b>Multivariable (adjusted*)</b>	<b>Odds ratio (95% CI)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Triple aPL Positive</b>	0.17 (0.07-0.39)	<0.0001
<b>Isolated LA Test Positivity</b>	3.65 (1.94-6.84)	<0.0001
<b>Isolated a<math>\beta_2</math>GPI Positivity</b>	4.17 (1.24-14.1)	0.02

**LA:** Lupus Anticoagulant, **aCL:** Anticardiolipin Antibody, **a $\beta_2$ GPI:** Anti- $\beta_2$ -Glycoprotein-I Antibody, **CI:** Confidence Interval, **HCQ:** Hydroxychloroquine

\*Adjusted for age, gender, active smoking, presence of concomitant autoimmune disease, and HCQ use at baseline.

**Table 4: Individual Antiphospholipid Antibody Course Over Time**

	BL Titer	# of Pts at BL	# of f/u aPL	aPL Titer at Follow-Up (in Units)			
				0-19	20-39	40-79	≥80
aCL IgG	0-19 U	195	420	89%	9%	2%	1%
aCL IgM		281	652	91%	5%	4%	1%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgG		159	375	90%	5%	3%	2%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgM		206	477	94%	3%	1%	1%
aCL IgG	20-39 U	53	145	41%	23%	24%	12%
aCL IgM		54	140	51%	24%	18%	7%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgG		34	83	36%	30%	19%	14%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgM		31	72	60%	24%	7%	10%
aCL IgG	40-79 U	74	199	25%	22%	33%	21%
aCL IgM		49	113	29%	14%	33%	24%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgG		41	90	20%	21%	31%	28%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgM		17	37	51%	14%	19%	16%
aCL IgG	≥80 U	111	255	10%	7%	18%	65%
aCL IgM		41	104	6%	4%	29%	62%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgG		68	139	6%	5%	9%	79%
aβ <sub>2</sub> GPI IgM		40	90	11%	8%	11%	70%

**aPL:** Antiphospholipid Antibody, **aCL:** Anticardiolipin Antibody, **aβ<sub>2</sub>GPI:** Anti-β<sub>2</sub>-Glycoprotein-I Antibody, **BL:** Baseline, **f/u:** Follow-Up, **#:** Number