

with reduced rates of gallstones. Niacin may interact with other sex-specific risk factors affecting lipids namely hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and parity. This epidemiological study investigated whether dietary niacin reduces the risk of developing symptomatic gallstones (SGs), for the first time using 7-day food diaries (7-DFDs), the most accurate dietary assessment method in large prospective studies.

**Methods** 25,639 participants (54.7% women), aged 40–74 years, enrolled in the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer-Norfolk (EPIC-Norfolk). At recruitment, participants completed 7-DFDs which recorded 1 week's diet including information on recipes, brands, and portion sizes. Nutrient intakes were calculated using a computer program containing nutrient information on 11,000 foods. The cohort was monitored for 14 years to identify participants developing SGs. Cox proportional hazards regression models estimated the sex-specific hazard ratios (HRs), for SGs for quartiles of niacin intake, adjusted for covariates. Binary analyses were performed using the UK reference nutrient intake (RNI) for niacin, and in sensitivity analyses according to HRT use and parity.

**Results** SGs developed in 200 women (mean time to diagnosis=6.0 years SD=2.9 years) and 95 men (mean time to diagnosis=5.9 years SD=3.0 years), and 10.3% of diagnoses were AP. In women, total dietary niacin was associated with a reduced risk of SGs (highest vs lowest quartile HR=0.59 95% CI=0.39–0.91; HR trend=0.85 95% CI=0.74–0.98 p=0.022). The population attributable fraction for niacin intake was 16.3%. Eating the UK RNI for niacin was inversely associated with the risk of SGs in parous women (HR=0.63 95% CI=0.45–0.89 p=0.009), but not in nulliparous women (HR=1.65 95% CI=0.45–6.00 p=0.447). Meeting the UK RNI for niacin was inversely associated with the risk of SGs in women who had never used HRT (HR=0.53 95% CI=0.35–0.81 p=0.003), but not in previous or current users. In men, there were no significant associations for niacin (HR trend=0.92 95% CI=0.75–1.13 p=0.430).

**Conclusions** This data supports a role for dietary deficiencies of niacin in the development of SGs in women, but not men, with effect modification according to HRT use and parity. If further epidemiological studies confirm our findings, then dietary recommendations to increase niacin intake may help prevent the complications of gallstones, including AP.

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#### A REAL WORLD SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE OF SERUM IGG4 TESTING AND CORRELATION WITH CLINICAL OUTCOMES

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**Introduction** Immunoglobulin G4 related disease (IgG4-RD) is a rare, multi-system, fibroinflammatory condition that is increasingly recognised but proves a significant diagnostic challenge. In recent years more reliable diagnostic criteria based on clinical, biochemical, radiological and histological findings have set out to improve differentiating IgG4-RD from non IgG4-RD. Elevated serum IgG4 is not specific for the disease but is often the first investigation when there is suspicion of IgG4-RD. With the increasing use of serum IgG4, the aim of this study was to assess its real world utilisation and describe

the diagnostic approach in those with raised levels in a non-specialist centre.

**Methods** All measurements of serum IgG4 performed in a district general hospital in South Wales (UK) over 5 years were evaluated. In this retrospective observational study those individuals with raised levels were further analysed to assess demographics, clinical presentation, diagnostics and eventual diagnosis. In those with a diagnosis of IgG4-RD, both treatment and response were reviewed.

**Results** 655 serum IgG4 measurements were performed on 560 patients. Of the 560 patients, serum IgG4 was raised ( $\geq 1.35 \text{ g l}^{-1}$ ) in 81 (14.5%) and only 13 (2.3%) had a final diagnosis of IgG4-RD. In those with elevated serum IgG4 59 (72.8%) patients were tested for the purpose of differentiating IgG4-RD and non IgG4-RD. The median serum IgG4 in those diagnosed with IgG4-RD was  $3.4 \text{ g l}^{-1}$ ; this was  $2.2 \text{ g l}^{-1}$  in those with raised levels in non-IgG4-RD. Of the 13 patients diagnosed with IgG4-RD the majority had pancreatobiliary disease; 4 patients with pancreatitis and 3 with sclerosing cholangitis. 11 patients with IgG4-RD were treated with corticosteroids at diagnosis with initial clinical response in all. Long term treatment included corticosteroids, azathioprine, methotrexate and mycophenolate with 3 patients on dual therapy.

**Conclusion** Awareness of IgG4-RD is increasing and serological tests are requested with increasing frequency. However, only a small minority of patients found to have elevated serum IgG4 turn out to have IgG4-RD. The lack of specificity of raised serum IgG4 levels and the variable presentation of disease reinforce the importance of collecting data of patients found to have IgG4-RD. Given that not all cases of IgG4 RD have elevated levels, systematic review and clinical follow up of patients with suspected disease is necessary.

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#### REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW ACR-EULAR CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA FOR IGG4-RELATED DISEASE

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**Introduction** IgG4-related hepatopancreatobiliary disease (IgG4-HPB) is part of a complex fibro-inflammatory systemic condition. It is critical to distinguish IgG4-HPB from malignant and inflammatory disease mimics to guide long-term management. The 2019 ACR/EULAR Classification Criteria for IgG4-related disease (IgG4-RD) were developed and validated in a large international cohort and reported to have excellent diagnostic specificity.<sup>1</sup> We sought to evaluate this in real-world clinical practice through our supra-regional Oxford-London IgG4-RD multi-disciplinary meeting (MDM).

**Methods** We prospectively collected data on 153 patients referred to our IgG4-RD MDM over 4-years with suspected IgG4-RD (Clin Med, Jan 2020 *in press*). Each was classified as definite, possible or not IgG4-RD based on existing diagnostic criteria (HISORT, CDC, Boston Histopathology) and speciality experience. We retrospectively applied the ACR-EULAR classification criteria to this cohort to assess concordance with MDM outcomes.