

Diagnostisch algoritme bij leverziekten e.c.i.

Cursorisch onderwijs in maag-darm-
leverziekten

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Mw G, 41 jaar

- **Bekend bij reumatoloog ivm gewrichtsklachten**
- **Doorverwezen ivm verhoogde leverwaarden**
- **Gewicht 94.7 kg, lengte 1.75 m**
- **Geen alcohol, drugs, of andere risicofactoren**
- **Echo abd: steatosis hepatis**

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| Bilirubine ongeconj. | | | | |
| Alkalische fosfatase | 76 | | 79 | |
| ASAT(SGOT) | 79 | H | 209 | H |
| ALAT(SGPT) | 108 | H | 209 | H |
| Gamma-GT | 175 | H | 258 | H |
| Amylase | | | 48 | |

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Wat doet u?

- **Behandelen als NAFLD / NASH; nu geen diagnostiek nodig naar andere leverziekten**
- **Eerst alle andere mogelijke leverziekten uitsluiten (non-directed testing)**

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| Bilirubine totaal | 11 | | ANA (ANF) | <Memo> | * | Transferrine | 2.54 | |
| Bilirubine geconjugeerd | <Memo> | | - titer | 320 | | IJzer | 25 | |
| Bilirubine geconj. | | | fluor. beeld | <Memo> | | LJBC | 30 | |
| Bilirubine ongeconj. | | | dsDNA as | 3.1 | | TIJBC | 55 | |
| Alkalische fosfatase | 79 | | ENA (SSA,SSB,RNP etc.) as | 0.5 | | Verzadigingsperc. | 45 | |
| ASAT(SGOT) | 209 | H | Reumafactor IgM | | | Ferritine | 1237 | H |
| ALAT(SGPT) | 209 | H | Reumafactor IgA | | | Vitamine B12 | 287 | |
| Gamma-GT | 258 | H | CCP as | | | Foliumzuur | 20.7 | |
| Amylase | 48 | | CCP as | | | IE | | |
| Melkzuur (lactaat) | | | Gladspier as | <Memo> | | | | |
| LD | 332 | H | - IgM titer | negatief | | | | |
| CK | 2158 | H | - IgG titer | 160 | | | | |
| Triglyceriden | | | - IgA titer | | | | | |
| Cholesterol | | | LKM (liver, kidney, microsome) as | negatief | | | | |
| HDL cholesterol | | | SLA (soluble liver antigen) as | positief | * | | | |
| Chol:HDL-chol ratio | | | Mitochondrien as | negatief | | | | |
| LDL cholesterol | | | Gliadine (gluten) IgA as | 0.8 | | | | |
| Totaal eiwit | 84 | H | Gliadine (gluten) IgG as | | | | | |
| Ceruloplasmine | 0.24 | | Endomysium IgA as | negatief | | | | |
| a1 Antitrypsine | 1.17 | | TTG IgA as | 1.8 | | | | |
| Totaal IgG | 19.3 | H | | | | | | |
| Totaal IgA | 2.50 | | | | | | | |
| Totaal IgM | 0.95 | | | | | | | |

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(prevalentie / incidentie)

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Pre-test kans leverziekte

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- **NHANES III study (US)**
 - elevated liver enzymes in 7.9% of subjects (n=1,238)
- **BALLETS study (UK)**
 - n=1,236 primary care patients with an abnormal LFT
- **German “Check-Up 35+” Study**
 - elevated liver enzymes in 13.2% of subjects (n=2,741)

NHANES III study (US)

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Table 1. Base-case disease prevalence estimates and true positives by confirmatory testing.

| Disease | Positive by first test n (test) | True positives n (confirmatory test) |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Hepatitis B | 11 (hepatitis B surface antigen) | 11 (viral load) |
| Hepatitis C | 87 (hepatitis C antibody) | 69 (viral load) |
| Hemochromatosis | 42 (transferrin saturation >50%) | 12 (homozygous C282Y genotype) |
| Primary biliary cholangitis | 15 (AMA >1:20) | 11 (biopsy) |
| Primary sclerosing cholangitis | 17 (suggestive ultrasound) | 11 (MRCP) |
| Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency | Range 0-18* (AAT level <80 mg/dl) | 0 (PiZZ phenotype) |
| Alcoholic liver disease | 167 (patient reported history) | - |
| Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease | 508 (steatosis seen on ultrasound) | - |
| Autoimmune hepatitis | Range 22-248* (ASMA >1:20) | 22 (biopsy) |
| Wilson disease | Range 0-104 (ceruloplasmin <20 mg/dl)* | 0 (24 h urine copper >100 µg/L) |
| Total* | 1238 | - |

DILI est. 4.4%

Birmingham and Lambeth Liver Evaluation Testing Strategies (BALLETS) study

Estimated prevalence of liver diseases in the British population

Table 1 Viral, genetic, and autoimmune diseases of the liver (tested for by a “liver panel”), their prevalence in the British population and diagnostic algorithms*

| Disease | Prevalence amongst adult population (%) | Blood tests done on all members of the cohort (to diagnose or screen for the disease) | Diagnostic algorithm |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Chronic viral hepatitis C | 0.42 [46] | Hepatitis C virus antibody (HCV Ab) | Viral marker positive. |
| Chronic viral hepatitis B | 0.3 [47] | Hepatitis B viral markers (HBV Surface Ag) | Viral marker positive. |
| Metal storage disease: Iron | 0.25 (prevalence of phenotype; homozygous plus complex heterozygous) [48] | Iron saturation | Genotype if iron saturation >50%. |
| Primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC) | 0.024 [49] | Antimitochondrial Ab | Raised antibodies and raised ALP level. |
| Autoimmune hepatitis | 0.001 [50] | Smooth Muscle Ab | Raised antibodies and raised ALT, AST or globulin exceeding twice the upper limit of normal. Confirmed by hepatologist. |
| Metal storage disease: Copper | <0.025 [51] | Caeruloplasmin | Low levels of caeruloplasmin. |
| Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency | <0.025 [52] | Alpha-1 antitrypsin | Low Alpha-1 antitrypsin levels followed by phenotype testing. |

*Method by which the diagnosis was made.

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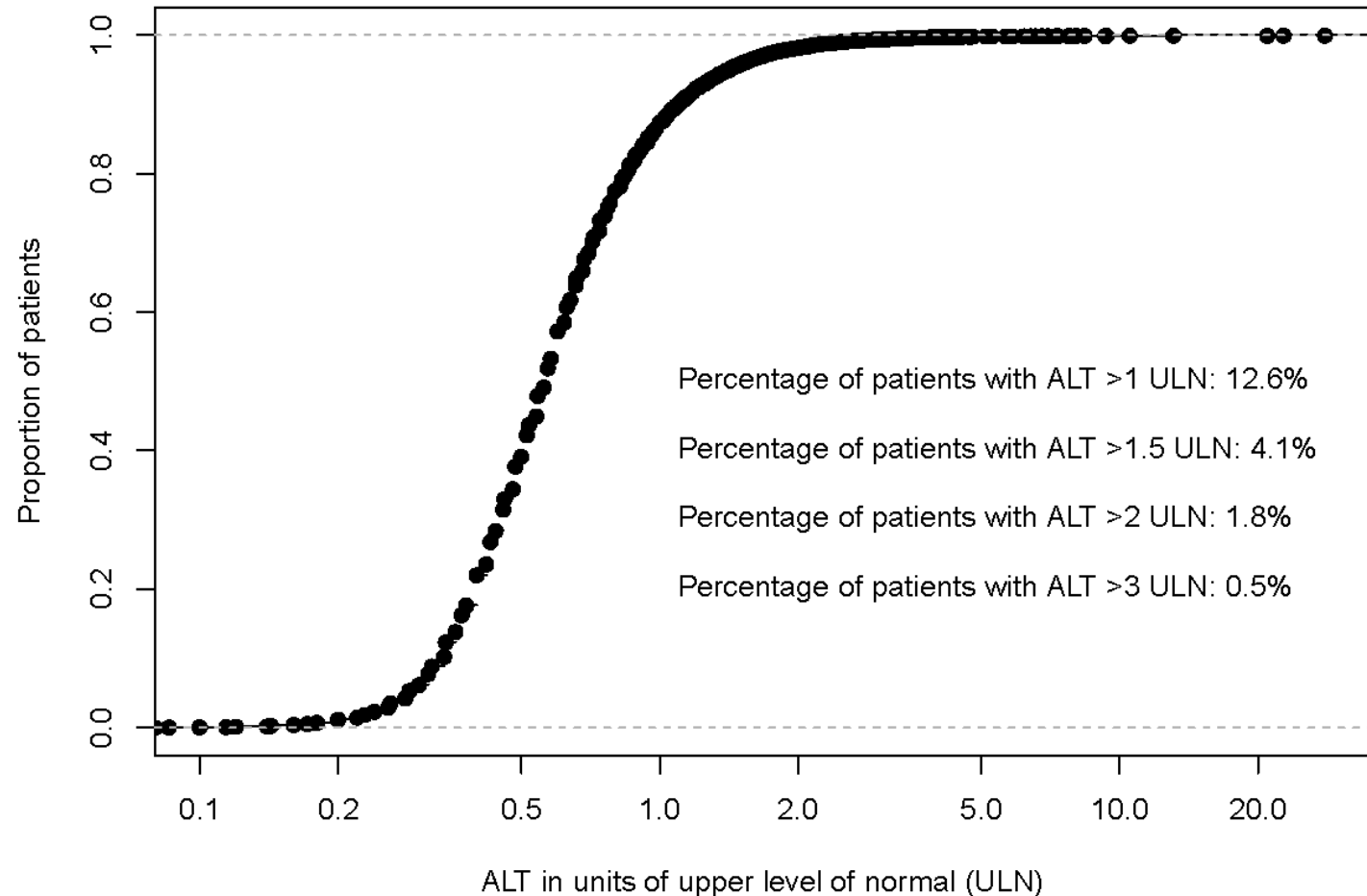
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Table 5 Yield, sensitivity and Positive Predictive Values (PPV) of different detection strategies

| Strategy for viral testing | No. of patients* | Hepatitis cases* | Viral tests | Cases detected | Sensitivity (%) | PPV (%) 95% Confidence Limits |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| A. If repeat LFT panel is abnormal | 1124 | 11 | 955 | 11 | 100 | 1.15 (0.64-2.05) |
| B. If ALT abnormal on primary test | 1064 | 12 | 418 | 8 | 67 | 1.91 (0.97-3.73) |
| C. If ALT > 2 upper limit of normal on primary test | 1064 | 12 | 77 | 6 | 50 | 7.79 (3.62-15.98) |
| D. If patient born in a country of intermediate to high viral hepatitis prevalence. | 1208 | 13 | 170 | 11 | 85 | 6.47 (3.65-11.21) |
| E. If patient born in a country of intermediate to high viral hepatitis prevalence <i>and</i> ALT > 2 upper limit of normal on primary test. | 1041 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 42 | 31.25 (14.16-55.60) |
| F. If patient born in a country of intermediate to high viral hepatitis prevalence, <i>or</i> ALT > 2 upper limit of normal on primary test. | 1041 | 12 | 215 | 11 | 92 | 5.12 (2.88-8.93) |
| G. Test all cases | 1236 | 13 | 1236 | 13 | 100 | 1.05 (0.62-1.79) |

German “Check-Up 35+” Study

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| | Healthy individuals | HBsAg positive patients | Anti-HCV positive patients |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | n = 110 (0.52%) (60% DNA+) | n = 199 (0.95%) (43% RNA+) |
| Age (years) | 57.5 ± 14.5 | 52.3 ± 12.4 | 54.8 ± 15.3 |
| Male (n) | 9092 (43.9%) | 60 (54.5%) | 91 (45.7%) |
| IV drug abuse (n) | 29 (0.1%) | 1 (0.9%) | 56 (28.1%) |
| Blood transfusion before 1992 (n) | 1125 (5.8%) | 4 (4.1%) | 33 (18.2%) |
| Immigration (n) | 1951 (10.0%) | 37 (35.6%) | 29 (15.7%) |
| Infection in household (n) | 763 (4.0%) | 11 (11.0%) | 16 (8.7%) |
| Elevated ALT (n) | 2741 (13.2%) | 24 (21.8%) | 70 (35.4%) |

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 - NAFLD 40%, ALD 25%, HBV/HCV 8%, DILI 4.4%, other < 0.1%
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 - HBV/HCV 1.05%
 - Sensitivity 92% PPV 5.12% if restrict to ALT > 2x ULN or high prevalence background
- **German “Check-Up 35+” Study**
 - HBsAg 0.52% HCV RNA 0.41% of *all* subjects (n=21,008)
 - elevated liver enzymes in 13.2% of subjects (n=2,741)
 - limited correlation HBV/HCV with liver enzymes

Individueel profiel patiënt

- **Patroon leverwaarden**
 - Cholestatisch vs hepatocellulair, ast/alt ratio en hoogte
- **Familiaire belasting**
 - Hereditaire leverziekten (vaak recessief), HBV
- **Afkomst**
 - Migratie uit hoog-risico gebieden
- **Risicogedrag**
 - Sex, drugs en (para)medici
- **Comorbiditeit**
 - Metabool syndroom
- **Expositie**
 - Alcohol, medicatie, OTC, toxische stoffen

Serum liver tests

| Function Assessed | Test | Physiological Function | Site Found |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| “Hepatocellular Arrangement” | Aspartate Aminotransferase | Important enzymes in amino-acid metabolism, allowing for entrance to Krebs Cycle | Liver, skeletal muscle, heart, kidney, brain |
| | Alanine Aminotransferase | | Greatest concentration in the Liver |
| “Cholestatic Arrangement” | Alkaline Phosphatase | Enzyme that transports metabolites across cell membranes. Is present in the bile duct epithelial cells, therefore: biliary stasis = release of the enzyme | Liver, Bone > intestine, placenta, kidney |
| | γ – Glutamyl transpeptidase | Catalyzes the transfer of a γ – Glutamyl group between amino acids. Important for the synthesis and breakdown of glutathione. | Hepatocytes, biliary epithelial cells and renal tubules |
| | Bilirubin | Catabolic product of hemoglobin which is released in the unconjugated form, and conjugated to a water soluble product by hepatic cells. | Serum and Liver. Comparison of ‘conjugated’ and ‘unconjugated’ bilirubin elevations will determine whether intrahepatic. |
| Functional Liver Mass | Albumin | Main protein of human blood plasma. | Liver or dietary |
| | Prothrombin Time | Assay of the extrinsic pathway of coagulation. Assesses factors I, II, V, VII, and X. | Liver (synthesizes vitamin k dependent clotting factors) |

Causes of Elevated Serum Aminotransferase Levels

ALT > AST

(Chronic, Mild < 5 fold)

HEPATIC CAUSES

α_1 -antitrypsin deficiency
 Autoimmune hepatitis
 Chronic viral hepatitis (B, C, and D)
 Hemochromatosis
 Steatosis and steatohepatitis
 Wilson disease
 medication and toxins

NON HEPATIC CAUSES

Celiac disease
 Hyperthyroidism

(Acute severe >20 fold)

Acute bile duct obstruction

Acute Budd-Chiari syndrome
 Acute viral hepatitis
 Autoimmune hepatitis
 Ischemic hepatitis
 Medications/toxins
 Wilson disease

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Hepatic Causes

Alcohol-related liver injury
 Cirrhosis.

Nonhepatic Causes

Hypothyroidism
 Myopathy
 Strenuous exercise

(Acute severe >20 fold)

Hepatic Cause

Medications or toxins in a patient with underlying alcoholic liver injury

Nonhepatic Cause

Acute rhabdomyolysis

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Bij wie komt (chronische) hepatitis vaak voor in Nederland?

Chronische hepatitis B

| | Prevalentie |
|--|-------------|
| 1 ^e generatie migranten | 3,8 % |
| overige Nederlanders | 0,2 % |
| aandeel 1 ^e generatie migranten CHB 65 % | |

Bij wie komt (chronische) hepatitis vaak voor in Nederland?

Chronische hepatitis C

| | Prevalentie |
|--|-------------|
| 1 ^e generatie migranten | 2,2 % |
| overige Nederlanders | 0,1 % |
| aandeel 1 ^e generatie migranten CHC 56 % | |

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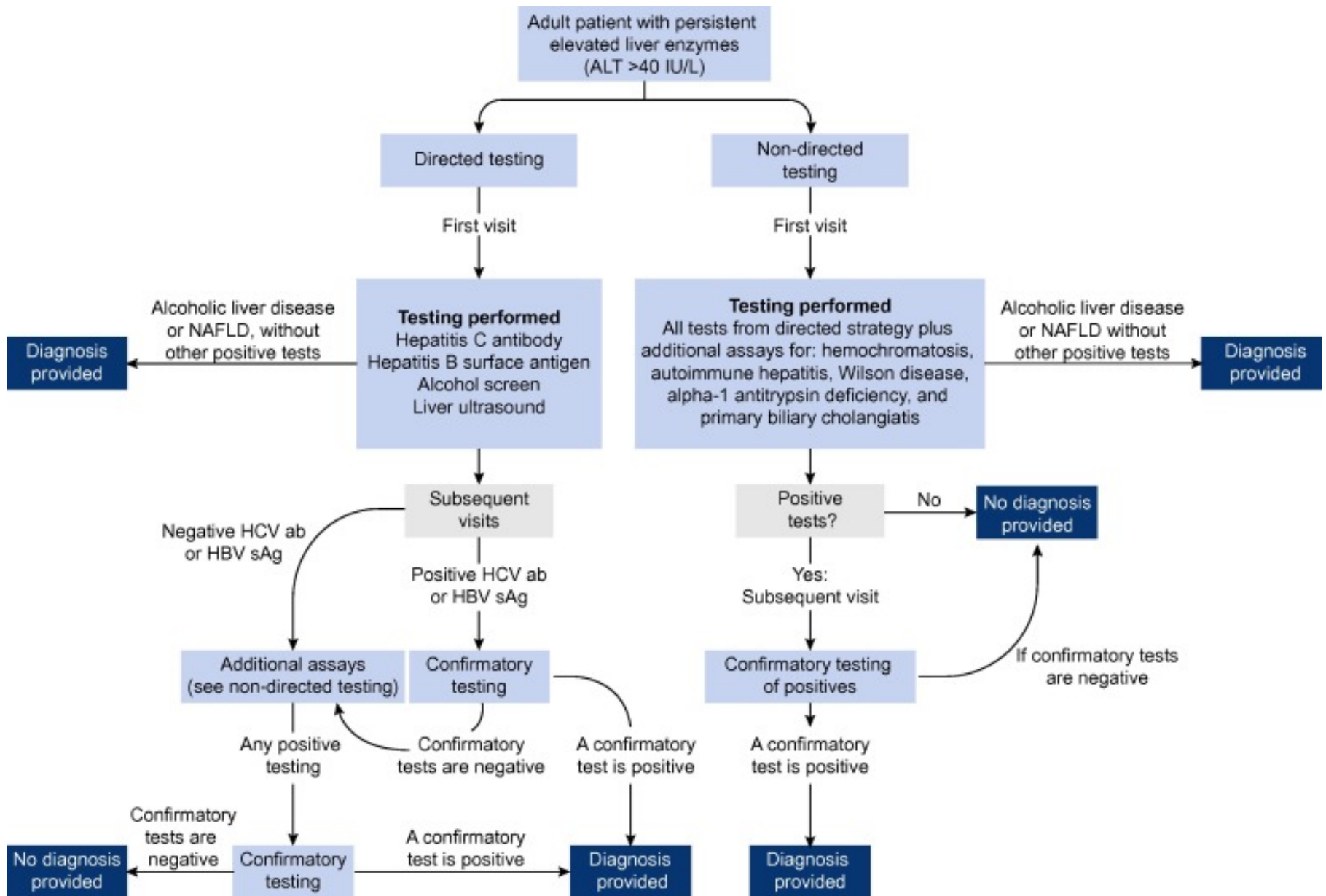
One size fits all.....,
or tailor made?



Extensive testing or focused testing of patients with elevated liver enzymes.

Tapper et al., J Hepatol 2017

- Simulation of 10,000 adult outpatients
- Model based on NHANES III and Ballets population
- Directed versus non-directed testing
- Primary outcome: US dollars per diagnosis
- Secondary: doctor visits, false positives, liver biopsies ordered per diagnosis

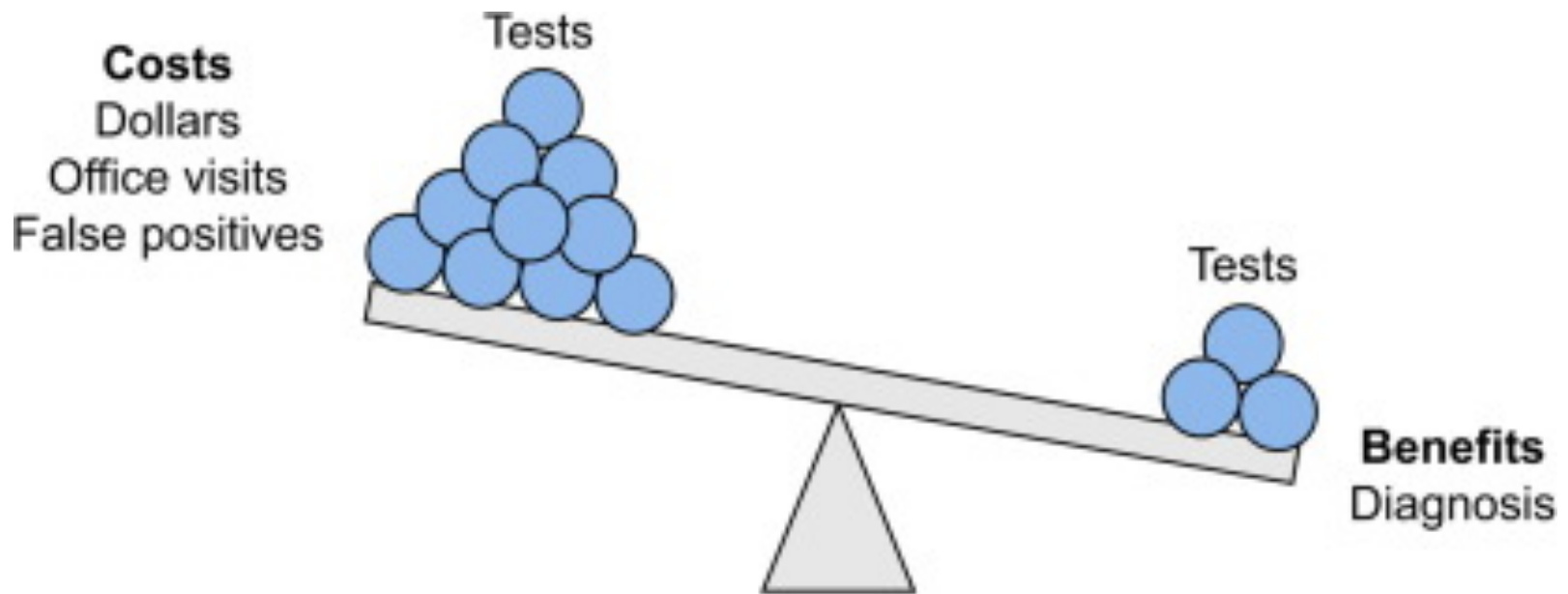


Extensive testing or focused testing of patients with elevated liver enzymes.

| Outcome | Strategy | Average 'cost' per patient | Average diagnoses per patient | Incremental 'cost-diagnosis' ratio |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dollars (2014 USD) per diagnosis | Non-directed testing | 447.84 | 0.54 | n.a. |
| | Directed testing | 502.40 | 0.53 | |
| Visits ('cost') per diagnosis | Non-directed testing | 1.35 | 0.54 | n.a. |
| | Directed testing | 1.61 | 0.53 | |
| False positives ('cost') per diagnosis | Directed testing | 0.10 | 0.53 | 8.45 |
| | Non-directed testing | 0.19 | 0.54 | |

Extensive testing or focused testing of patients with elevated liver enzymes.

- Extensive testing required lowest monetary cost and fewer doctor visits per diagnosis
- Focused strategy generated fewer false-positives and ordered less liver biopsies (4 vs 8 per 100 pts)
- Focused testing most cost-effective strategy when accounting for pretest probabilities (e.g. when ALD, NAFLD or DILI > 51.1%, 53.0% or 13.0% resp.)



When it comes to liver disease testing, less is more when the pre-test probability of a common disease is high

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- **Beoordeel de pretest kans op een specifieke leverziekte, toegespitst op het profiel van de patiënt**
- **Sluit de meest voorkomende leverziekten uit: NAFLD, ALD, HBV/HCV, DILI**
- **Indien geen aanknopingspunten of indien haast geboden is, dan non-directed testing inclusief zeldzamere leverziekten**

Referenties

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