

## A Novel Genotype in Patients with Alcohol Use Disorder

Meryem Jefferies<sup>1,2</sup>, Nghi Phung, Thao Lam<sup>1,2</sup>, Robert Graham<sup>1</sup>, Mahsa Shahidi<sup>1,2</sup>, Bridin Murnion, Marguerite Tracy, Jacob George<sup>2</sup>, Mark Douglas<sup>2</sup>, Eslam Mohammed<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Western Sydney Local Health District Drug Health, <sup>2</sup> Storr Liver Centre, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Westmead Hospital and University of Sydney.

**Presenters email:** [Meryem.Jefferies@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Meryem.Jefferies@health.nsw.gov.au)

**Aim:** Harmful alcohol use globally resulted in 3 million death, 132.6 million disabilities annually. Moreover, alcohol use disorder is the main cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer.<sup>1</sup> Research attention focussed on viral hepatitis-related liver disease, metabolic dysfunction associated with fatty liver disease<sup>2</sup>, and related genetic factors. However, alcohol-related liver disease and genetic factors have not been studied. This research presents the interferon lambda genotype association with alcohol-related liver disease.

**Method:** In Drug Health Service 131 patients with alcohol-dependent were recruited. The study protocol was approved by the Human Ethics Committee and performed compliance with ICH/GCP requirements.<sup>3</sup> Clinical study included blood tests which are alanine and aspartate aminotransferases (ALT, AST), gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT), full blood count (FBC), Electrolytes (sodium, potassium, and chloride), urea, creatinine (EUC), comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP) and Thyroid function tests (TFTs). Fibro scan, cognitive tests, and Depression-anxiety-stress (DASS21) were also performed. Genotyping of interferon lambda was performed at Westmead Institute for Medical Research. The data were analyzed using SPSS and Prism software programs.

**Results:** ST, ALT, and GGT elevate, and Platelets were decreased in Alcohol-related liver disease. IFNL3/4 CC allele has a significant association with GGT and nonsignificant association with AST. IFNL3/4 TT allele has a significant association with Platelets and a nonsignificant association with ALT. IFNL3/4 both CC and CT have an association with fibrosis however this relationship is not significant. IFNL3/4 CC allele has an association with HDL however this relationship is not significant. IFNL3/4 TT has a significant association with Triglycerides, Cholesterol, Cholesterol/ HDL, and LDL.

**Discussion:** Interferon lambda has a significant association with alcohol-related liver disease and will be a useful genetic marker to predict alcohol-related liver disease and will help to plan better health care in Drug Health settings. More participants will be helpful for the verification of these results.

**Disclosure of interest:** None to disclose.

---

<sup>1</sup> Global Status report on alcohol and health 2018 <<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/alcohol>>.

<sup>2</sup> Eslam M, Sanyal AJ, George J MAFLD: A consensus-driven proposed nomenclature for metabolic associated fatty liver disease. *Gastroenterology*. 2020 Feb 7. pii: S0016-5085(20)30171-2. doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2019.11.312.

<sup>3</sup> Ethics Approval Number WSLHD HREC4159

