Citomegalovirus: Nuevos Avances. ¿Pesquisa Universal?

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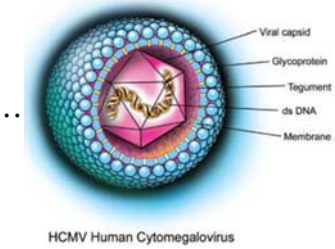

HCMV Human Cytomegalovirus

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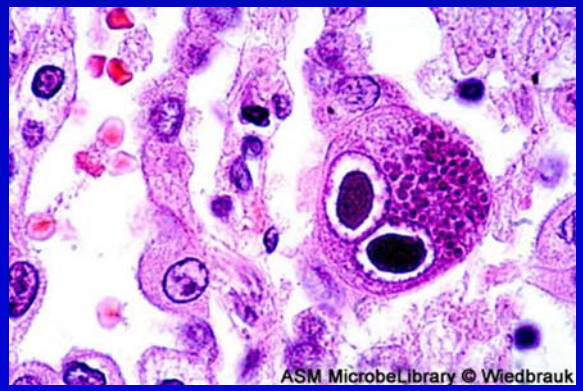
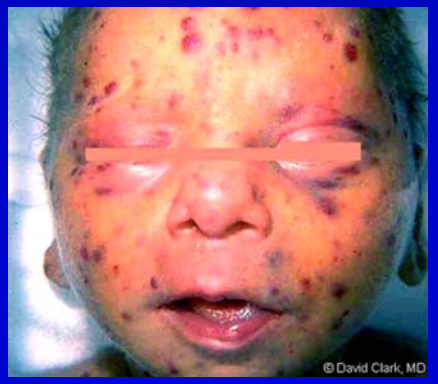
CONGENITAL CMV INFECTION

- Public health impact worldwide:
  - Most common congenital viral infection
  - ~ 0.4% - 1% of all live births in USA
  - ~40,000 infants born infected each year in USA
  - >8000 with sequelae or fatal outcome





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HUMAN MILK: CMV TRANSMISSION

- CMV present in breast milk of 14% of women in the immediate postpartum period, and it is shed intermittently thereafter
- Transmission rate to breast-feeding infant: 30 - 70%
- Disease is uncommon because of passively transferred maternal antibody in the infant
- Preterm infant?

CMV, BREAST MILK, AND THE PRETERM, VLBW INFANT

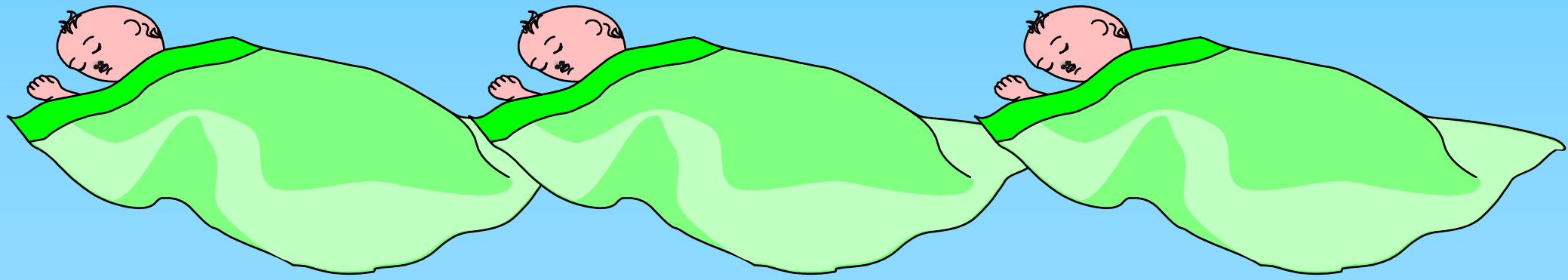
- Lanzieri et al, *Pediatrics*, 2013: meta-analysis
  - Among 299 infants fed untreated breast milk, 19% (11%-32%) acquired CMV infection and 4% (2%-7%) developed CMV-related sepsis-like syndrome
  - Among 212 infants fed frozen breast milk, 13% (7%-24%) acquired CMV infection and 5% (2%-12%) developed CMV-related sepsis-like syndrome
- BPD*? NEC[#]? ROP[+]?

Vochem et al, PIDJ, 1998
*Kelly MS et al. JAMA Pediatrics 2015
[#]Tenqsupakul S et al. Pediatrics 2013
[#]Omarsdottir S et al. J Clinical Virology 2017
[+]Martins-Celini et al. CID 2016

POSTNATAL CMV INFECTION, PRETERM INFANT, AND ADOLESCENCE

- **Brecht et al, J Pediatr, 2015:**
  - Prospective, observational study: Germany
  - ≤32 wks GA; <1500 g BW (1995-2000)
  - Adolescents (11-17 yo): 19 CMV-infected (43%) preterm via BM vs. 23 CMV-negative (47%) preterm infants vs. 24 term
  - Preterm adolescents: lower IQ and visuoperceptive abilities scores (Wechsler)
  - Preterm CMV-infected adolescents: lower cognitive scores

Breast Remains Best!



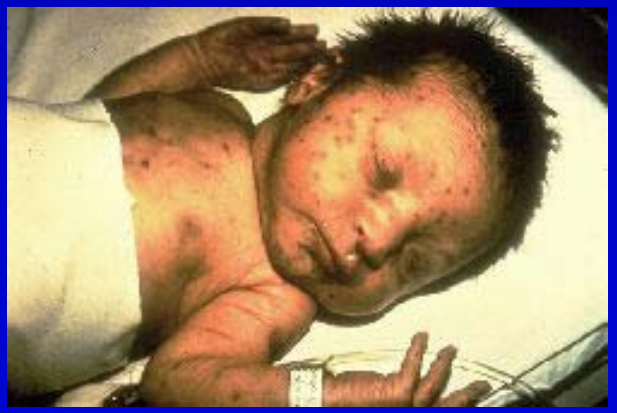
CONGENITAL CMV INFECTION

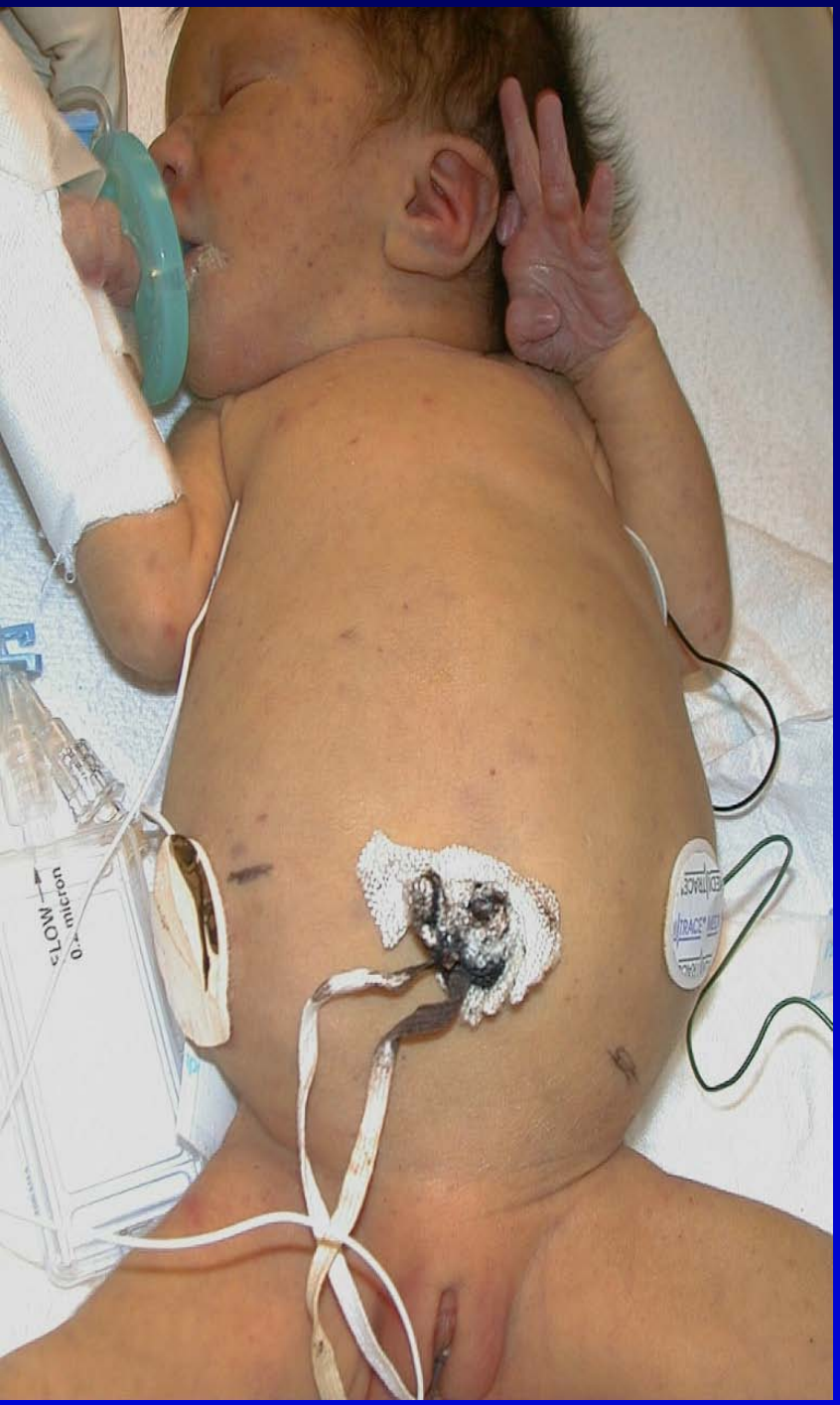
- ***In utero* (transplacental): vertical transmission**
  - **Primary maternal infection: 40%**
  - **Recurrent (reactivation): 0.2-1%**
  - **Re-infection: ?% (Boppana et al. *NEJM* 2001)**
    - **São Paulo: Yamamoto et al. *Am J Ob Gyn* 2010:**
      - **18% (7/40) mothers of congenital CMV-infected infants acquired antibodies reactive with new cytomegalovirus strains during pregnancy**

CONGENITAL CMV INFECTION

- 90% “asymptomatic”

- 10% “symptomatic”



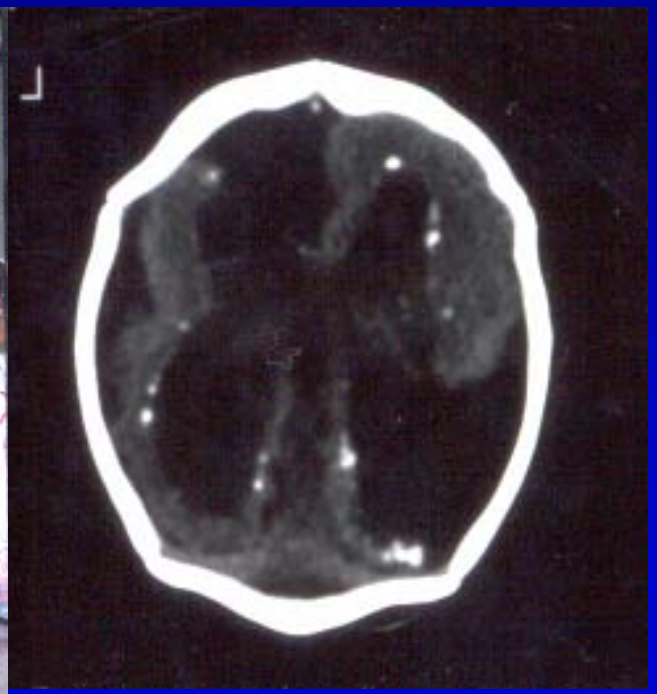


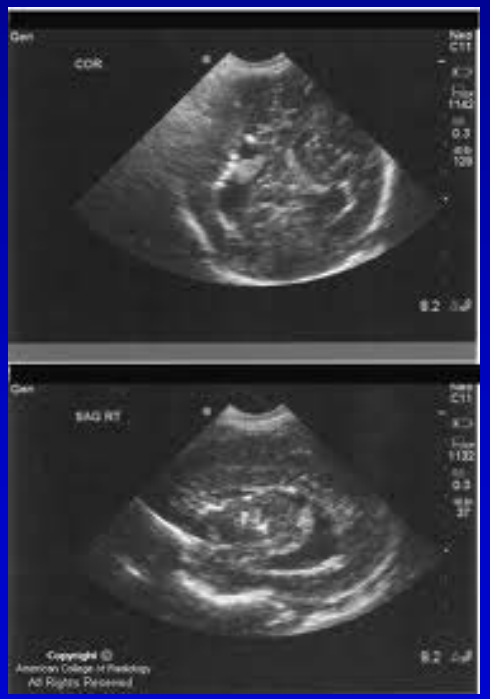
CONGENITAL CMV: CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

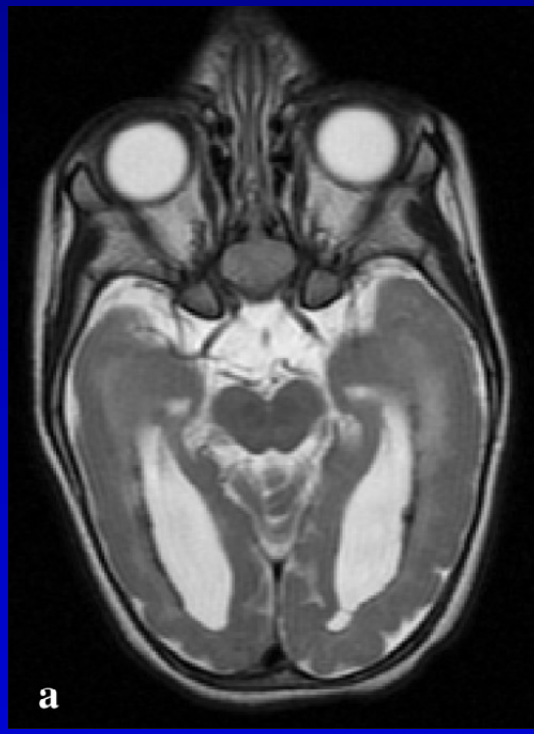
• Jaundice	67%
• Hepatosplenomegaly	60%
• Petechiae	76%
• SGA	50%
• Microcephaly	53%
• Cerebral calcifications	50%
• Seizures	7%
• Pneumonitis	<1%

CONGENITAL CMV: SEQUELAE

- **Neurodevelopmental outcome:**
  - **Neuroimaging: head sono, CT scan, MRI**







Capretti et al. Brain Dev. 2014; De Vries et al. Neuropediatrics 2004

CONGENITAL CMV AND SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS

- **"Symptomatic" infants:**
  - **48%: hearing loss**
  - **30% delayed-onset hearing loss**

- **"Asymptomatic" infants:**
  - **7%: SNHL at initial exam (3-8 wks)**
  - **18%: delayed-onset SNHL detected from 25 to 62 months (median, 27 mo)**

Fowler et al. *J Pediatr* 1997;130:624
Rivera LB et al. *Pediatrics* 2002;110:762

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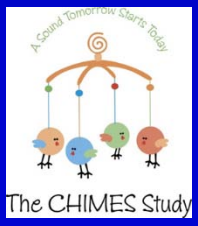
- Dried blood spot from newborn screening?

Pinnitti et alPIDJ 2015; Ross et al. JID 2014; Yamamoto et al. J Clin Virol 2006; Balcarek et al. JID 1993; Halwachs-Baumann et al. Scand J Infect Dis 2000; Stagno et al. J Clin Microbiol 1985

DRIED BLOOD SPOT (DBS) CMV PCR: CHIMES STUDY (NIDCD)

Boppana et al. JAMA 2010;303:1375

- Newborns at 7 medical centers screened for congenital CMV infection using saliva shell vial culture assay and DBS PCR: 3/2007 – 5/2008
- 20,448 newborns: 91 (0.4%) ⊕CMV saliva culture
- DBS PCR:
  - 1-primer (n=11422) vs. 2-primer PCR (n=9026)
    - **Sensitivity: 28%; 34%**
    - Specificity: 99.9%; 99.9%
    - Positive predictive value: 81%; 92%



CMV SCREENING: CHIMES STUDY

- Universal CMV screening: saliva screening?
  - Saliva PCR: sensitivity; specificity
    - Liquid-saliva (n=17,662 infants)
      - 100%; 100%
    - Dried-saliva (n=17,327 infants):
      - 97%; 99.9%

Boppana et al. NEJM 2011;364:2111

CMV SCREENING: TARGETED APPROACH

- Any clinical, laboratory, radiographic sign associated with congenital CMV infection: e.g. SGA/IUGR, microcephaly, thrombocytopenia, lenticulostriate vasculopathy: **urine PCR**
- Infants born to HIV-positive mothers (3-9% CMV-infected): **urine PCR**
- Infants who do not pass newborn hearing screen (6-8% CMV-infected): **urine PCR**

Targeted Newborn CMV Screening for Abnormal Newborn Hearing Screen

- Dallas, TX (1999-2004)*: 6% (16/256) who referred on newborn hearing screen (NBHS) were CMV-positive
- Mandated CMV testing (law): Utah, Connecticut, Iowa, NY
  - Utah (2013)**: 6% (14/234) who “failed” NBHS were CMV-positive
  - Connecticut (2016)[+]: 2% (3/171) newborns who “failed” NBHS had positive saliva CMV PCR

*Stehel et al. Pediatrics 2008
**Diener et al. *Pediatrics* 2017
[+]Vancor et al. *J Pediatr Infect Dis Soc* 2018

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- **?All <34 weeks' gestational age infants**
- **?All NICU admissions**

UNIVERSAL CMV SCREENING IN NICU: WHY?

- Targeted screening for CMV-related hearing loss at NCH NICU (2
- 36% (546/149 creen at >21 d of age
  - 82% (n=4
  - 8% (n=41
  - 11% (n=5
- Missed opportunity for diagnosis and institution of antiviral therapy if indicated.

*Medoro et al. IDWEEK 2017, International CMV Mtg, 2019

Congenital CMV Infection: What should the evaluation be?

THE "ASYMPTOMATIC" INFANT WITH CONGENITAL CMV INFECTION

- 34 infants (Dallas, Buenos Aires): normal physical exam (mean GA, 37 wk; BW, 2900 g)
  - 56% (19/34): ≥1 abnormality on evaluation
    - Anemia: 12%; thrombocytopenia: 16%
    - ↑ALT, 39%; 3%, chorioretinitis
  - Neuroimaging: 46% (11/24) abnormal
    - Lenticulostriate vasculopathy, 5; IVH, 6; calcifications, 4
  - Hearing loss: 21% (7/34)
  - 18 (53%) received antiviral therapy

Ronchi et al. International CMV Conference, SF, 2012; PAS 2014; submitted J Perinatology

Congenital CMV Infection: Evaluation

- Physical examination
- CBC, platelets; (blood viral load, repeat at 6 mo)
- LFTs: ALT, bilirubin T&D; creatinine (rx)
- Head ultrasound; ?MRI
- Eye exam: diagnosis, follow-up at 6-12 months, every 1-2 years
- Hearing evaluation: q6 months for 1st 4 years of age, then yearly
- (Neurodevelopmental assessments: 3-4, 9-12, 24, and 36 months)

CONGENITAL CMV: GANCICLOVIR

Kimberlin et al. *J Pediatr* 2003;143:16

- Multicenter, randomized: 1991-1999
- Ganciclovir (6 mg/kg q12 hr IV x 6 wks) vs. no rx
- 100 infants: ≤ 1 mo, ≥ 32 wks GA, BW ≥ 1200 g
- CNS involvement: microcephaly, abnormal CT / HUS / CSF, chorioretinitis, hearing loss
- 47 evaluable infants
- Primary outcome: hearing
- Neutropenia: 63%
- No change in mortality (6% vs 12%)

PHASE III GANCICLOVIR TRIAL: HEARING OUTCOME

- 6 months (ganciclovir vs no therapy):
  - Improved hearing (or remained normal): 85% vs 56% (p=0.03)
  - Worse hearing: 0 vs. 44% (p<0.001)
- ≥1 year:
  - Improved hearing (or normal): 52% vs 25% (p=0.06)
  - Worse hearing: 20% vs 70% (p=0.001)

PHASE III GANCICLOVIR TRIAL: DENVER DEVELOPMENTAL TESTS

Oliver SE, et al. J Clin Virol, 2009

- Performed at 6 wks, 6 months, and 12 months
- In a blinded fashion, normal developmental milestones that > 90% of children would pass were determined at each age group
  - If a milestone was not met, it was termed a ‘delay’ by the Denver

AVERAGE TOTAL DELAYS PER SUBJECT

Follow-up Interval	Ganciclovir (mean ± SE)	No Treatment (mean ± SE)	P-value
6 weeks (n=74)	1.5 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.3	0.15
6 months (n=74)	4.5 ± 0.7	7.5 ± 1.0	0.02
12 months (n=72)	10.1 ± 1.7	17.1 ± 1.9	0.007

*Oliver SE, et al. J Clin Virol, 2009

PHASE I/II PHARMACOKINETIC EVALUATION OF VALGANCICLOVIR

Acosta et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther, 2007

- 24 neonates (age ≤ 30 d; UTSW, 9 subjects)
- Birth weight ≥1200 g
- Gestational age ≥32 wk
- Population PK:
  - Valganciclovir syrup vs. ganciclovir IV (6 mg/kg/dose q 12 hr) x 6 wks
  - 16 mg/kg/dose q12 hr PO

VALGANCICLOVIR: 6 wks vs. 6 months?

Kimberlin et al. (CASG) NEJM 2015; 372:933

- Phase III trial, 6 wks of oral valganciclovir, then valgan or placebo for total of 6 months
- 109 infants (age ≤30 d; ≥32 wks GA, 1800 g):
  - "symptomatic" - with (63%) or without CNS disease
- Primary outcome: hearing at 6 months
- Bayley-III performed at 24 months

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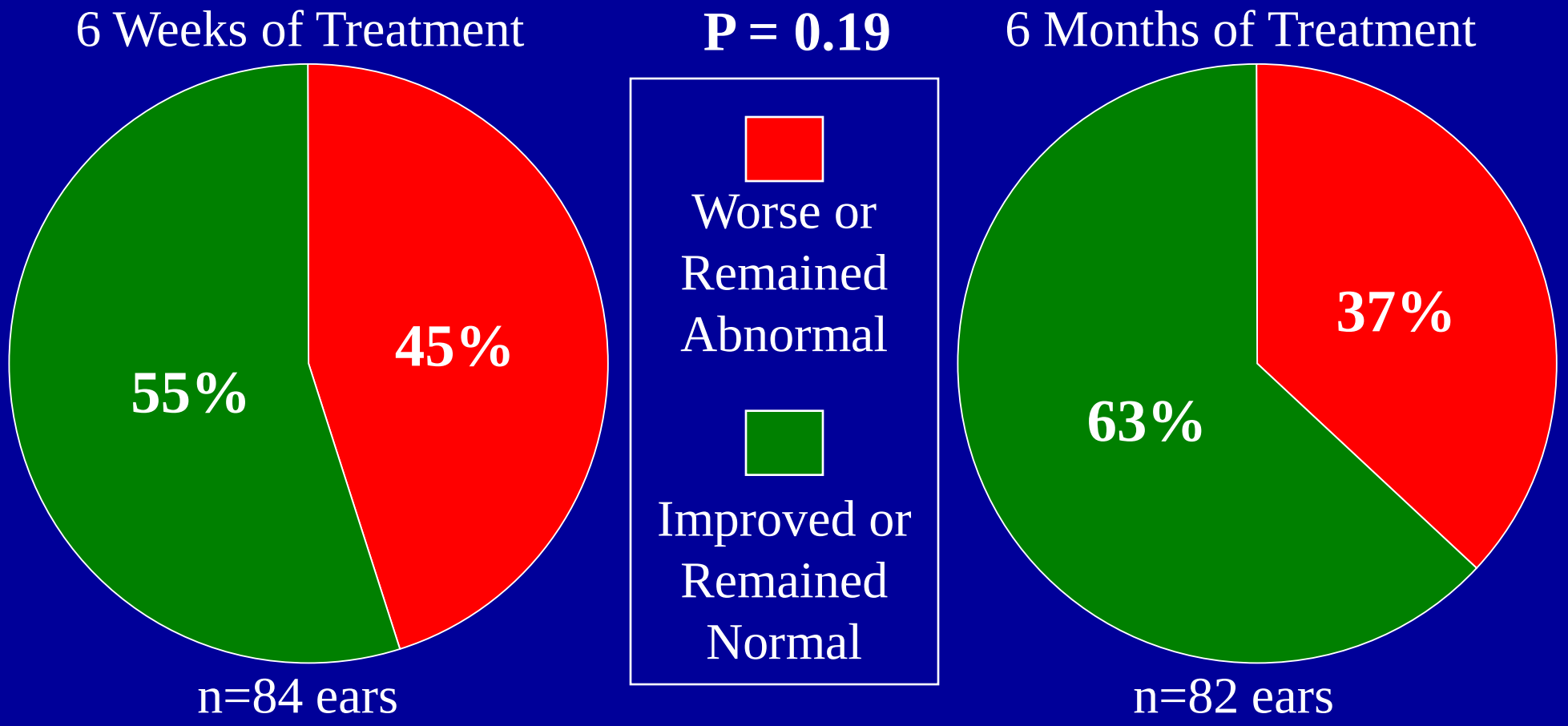

aOR (95% CI): 1.70 (0.77, 3.79)

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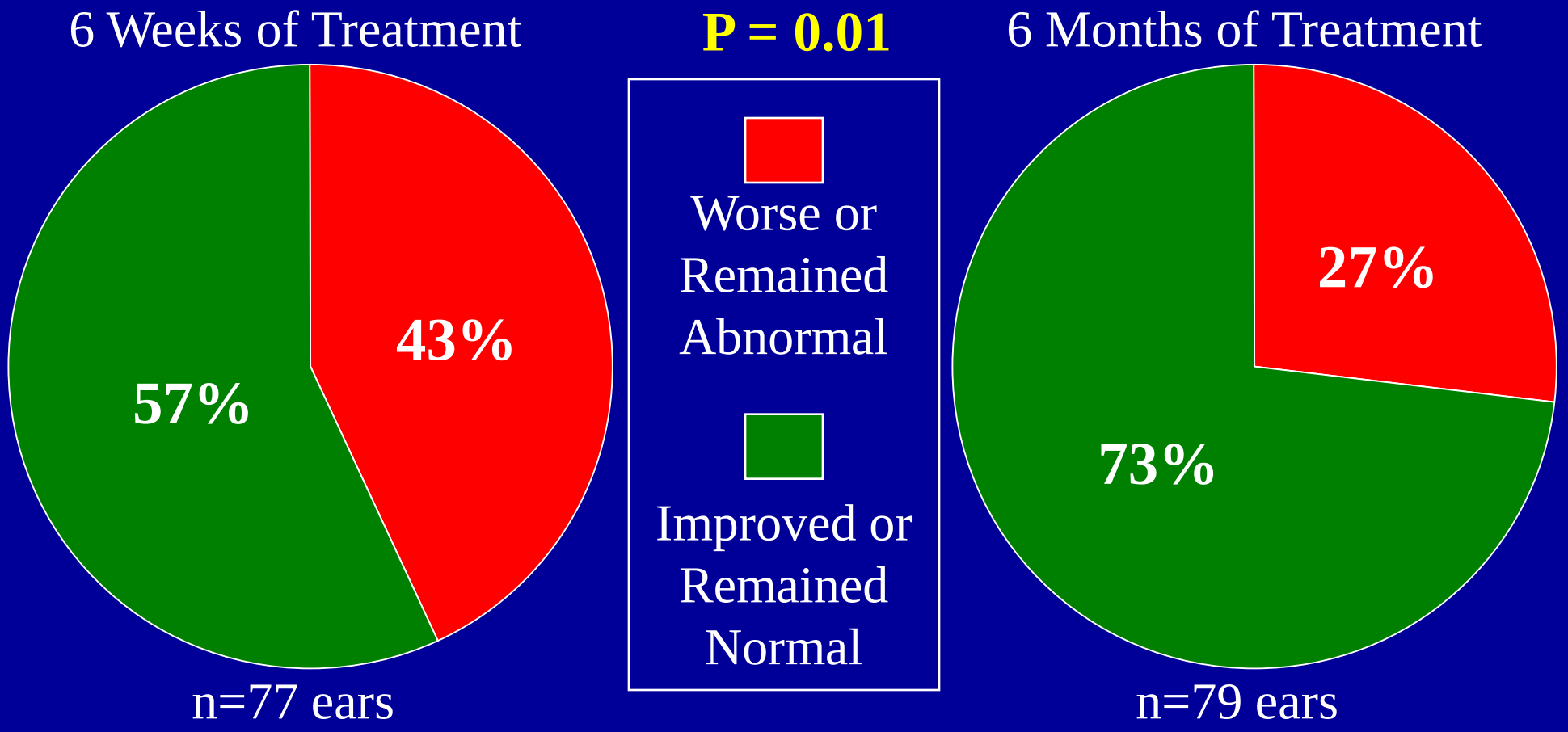

aOR (95% CI): 3.34 (1.31, 8.53)

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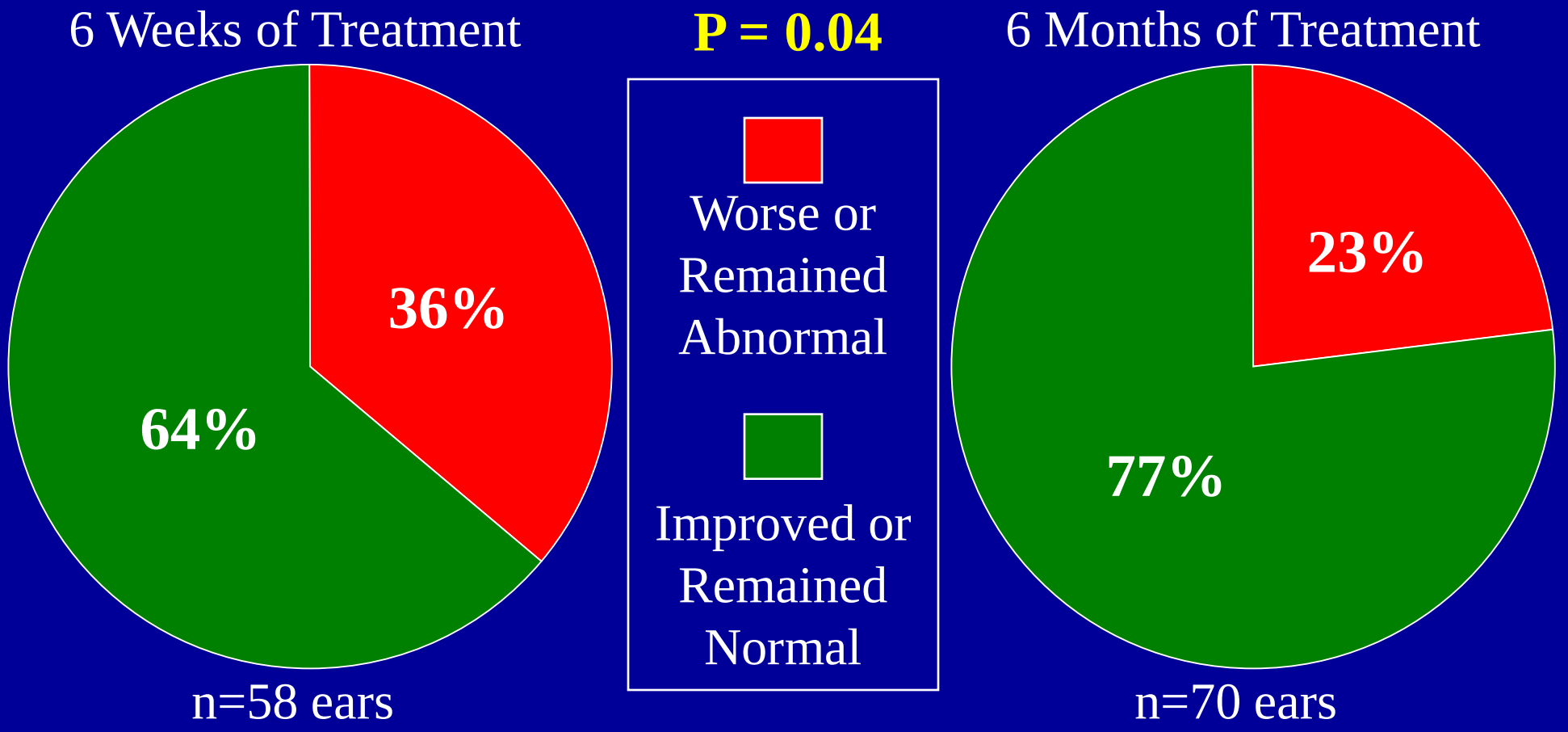

aOR (95% CI): 2.66 (1.02, 6.91)

6 Weeks vs. 6 Months Valganciclovir: BSID-III Results at 24 Months

	6 Week Therapy	6 Month Therapy	Adjusted P-value*
Cognitive Composite	76.0 ± 2.6	84.4 ± 2.6	0.024
Language Composite	72.5 ± 2.9	84.6 ± 2.9	0.004
Receptive Communication Scale	5.2 ± 0.5	7.3 ± 0.5	0.003
Expressive Communication Scale	5.5 ± 0.5	7.3 ± 0.5	0.016
Motor Composite	74.1 ± 3.2	85.5 ± 3.3	0.013
Fine Motor Scale	6.4 ± 0.6	8.0 ± 0.6	0.057
Gross Motor Scale	5.3 ± 0.5	7.0 ± 0.5	0.020

*P-values < 0.007 (= 0.05/7) significant (Bonferroni adjustment for multiple testing)

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CONGENITAL CMV INFECTION: CONCLUSIONS

- Is it time to screen?
  - Universal screening:
    - no … maybe … yes …
  - Selective screening: YES

Ronchi et al. Expert Review of Anti-Infective Therapy, 2017

CONGENITAL CMV: CONCLUSIONS

- Is it time to **treat**?
  - CNS disease: **YES**
  - Clinically apparent disease (“symptomatic”) but no documented CNS disease: **yes**
  - How long? **6 months**
  - Clinically inapparent infection (“asymptomatic”): **NO**

CMV-IGIV IN PREGNANCY

Revello et al. NEJM, 2014

- Phase 2, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind study (Italy)
- 124 women with primary CMV infection diagnosed at 5 to 26 weeks of gestation:
  - CMV-IGIV vs. placebo every 4 weeks until 36 weeks' gestation or detection of CMV in amniotic fluid
- Congenital CMV infection:
  - CMV-IGIV: 30%
  - Placebo: 44% (95% CI, -3 to 31; p=0.13)

Prevention of Congenital CMV Infection: CDC Recommendations for Pregnant Women

Ways a pregnant woman may help reduce her exposure to CMV

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water, especially after changing diapers, feeding a child, wiping a child's nose or drool, or handling children's toys.
- Not sharing cups, plates, utensils, food, or toothbrushes.
- Not sharing towels or washcloths.
- Not putting a child's pacifier in her mouth.
- Cleaning toys, countertops, and anything else that comes in contact with children's urine or saliva.


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- 0.5-1% of all live births infected with CMV
- Most common cause of nongenetic sensorineural hearing loss
- 15-25% of hearing loss occurs beyond the neonatal period
- Treatment (IV and oral) is available – in 1st month of age!