



Liver Algorithm - Footnotes

- **¹ Timing of ROTEM-analysis:**
 - Baseline, re-check after 60 min or in case of bleeding during pre-anhepatic phase, 5-10 min after cava clamping (early anhepatic phase), 30-45 min after cava clamping (late anhepatic phase), 5-10 min after reperfusion, 30-45 min after reperfusion, skin closure, and always in case of diffuse bleeding as well as 10-15 min after a specific hemostatic intervention
- **² Check basic conditions:**
 - Temp. > 35°C; pH < 7.2; Ca^{++} > 1 mmol/L
 - Hb ≥ 7 g/dL
- **³ Antifibrinolytic therapy:**
 - EACA can be used instead of TXA (based on local practice)
 - Dirkmann et al. Anesth Analg. 2014
 - $CT_{FIB} > 600$ s represents a flat-line in FIBTEM
 - Increased fibrinolysis at/after reperfusion without diffuse bleeding may be self-limiting; re-check ROTEM analysis after ML reached 15% and consider avoidance of TXA treatment
- **⁴ Fibrinogen dose calculation (stepwise approach):**

Targeted increase in $A5_{FIB}$ (mm)	Fibrinogen dose (mg/ kg bw)	Fibrinogen concentr. (mL / kg bw)	Cryoprecipitate (mL / kg bw)
2	12.5	0.6 [1 g per 80 kg]	1 [5 U per 80 kg]
4	25	1.2 [2 g per 80 kg]	2 [10 U per 80 kg]
6	37.5	1.9 [3 g per 80 kg]	3 [15 U per 80 kg]
8	50	2.5 [4 g per 80 kg]	4 [20 U per 80 kg]
10	62.5	3.1 [5 g per 80 kg]	5 [25 U per 80 kg]
12	75	3.8 [6 g per 80 kg]	6 [30 U per 80 kg]

- Fibrinogen dose (g) = targeted increase in $A5_{FIB}$ (mm) x body weight (kg) / 160
- Correction factor (140-160 mm kg g⁻¹) depends on the actual plasma volume
- Reached increase can be lower than calculated increase in severe bleeding
- 10 U Cryoprecipitate ≈ 2 g Fibrinogen concentrate
- **⁵ Platelet concentrate (PC) transfusion:**
 - Cave: Platelet transfusion is associated with increased mortality in liver transplantation!
 - Consider compensation by increased $A5_{FIB} \geq 14$ mm
 - Check platelet function with ROTEM *platelet* or Multiplate (ADPtem and TRAPtem)
 - $A5_{EX}$ 16-25 mm or ADPtem < 30 Ohm x min: 1 pooled or apheresis PC
 - $A5_{EX} \leq 15$ mm or ADPtem < 30 Ohm x min (and TRAPtem < 50 Ohm x min): 2 pooled or apheresis PC
 - $A5_{EX} \leq 5$ mm: Platelet concentrate + fibrinogen
- **⁶ If Prothrombin-Complex-Concentrate (PCC) is not available:**
 - 10-15 mL FFP /kg bw or
 - 45-90 µg rFVIIa /kg bw (if $A5_{EX}$ and $A5_{FIB}$ are ok but FFP is not effective)
- **⁷ AT substitution:**
 - Consider AT substitution in patients with an increased risk of thrombosis (e.g., PBC, Budd-Chiari-Syndrome, portal vein thrombosis, malignancies) and/or known pre-existing severe AT deficiency
- **⁸ Protamine:**
 - Endogenous heparin effect after liver graft reperfusion usually is self-limiting and does not require reversal by protamine. However, consider protamine administration in severe bleeding.
- **⁹ Simultaneous interventions:**
 - Maximal three interventions at the same time (in first analysis and severe bleeding)
 - Maximal two interventions at the same time (in second analysis and moderate to severe bleeding)
 - Only one intervention at the same time (in second or later analysis and mild to moderate bleeding)

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