

A Case of Neonatal Cholestasis Presenting With Neurologic Symptoms in an Adolescent

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Objectives

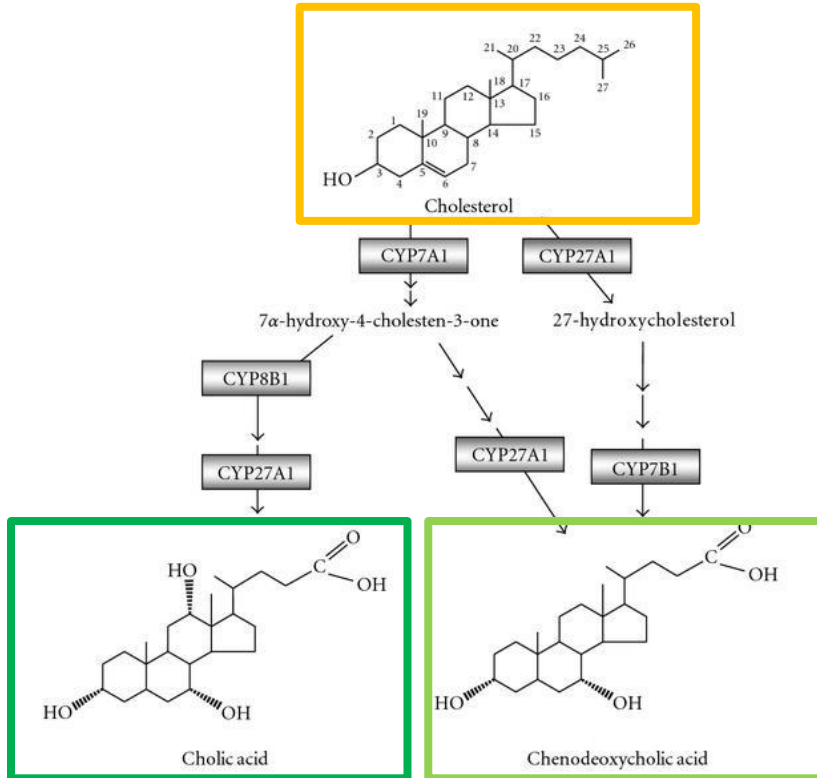
- Briefly describe the differential diagnosis of neonatal cholestasis.
- Discuss the extrahepatic manifestations of cholestasis.
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Case Presentation

- A 13-year-old boy from Mexico who presented with a diagnosis of “idiopathic cholestasis”.
- He was observed to have cholestatic liver disease at age 1 with normal GGT.

T bilirubin	6.2) ↑
D bilirubin	4.7	↑
ALT	325	↑
AST	370	↑
INR	2.5	↑
Alb	3.3	↓
GGT	33	↔
sBA	340	↑

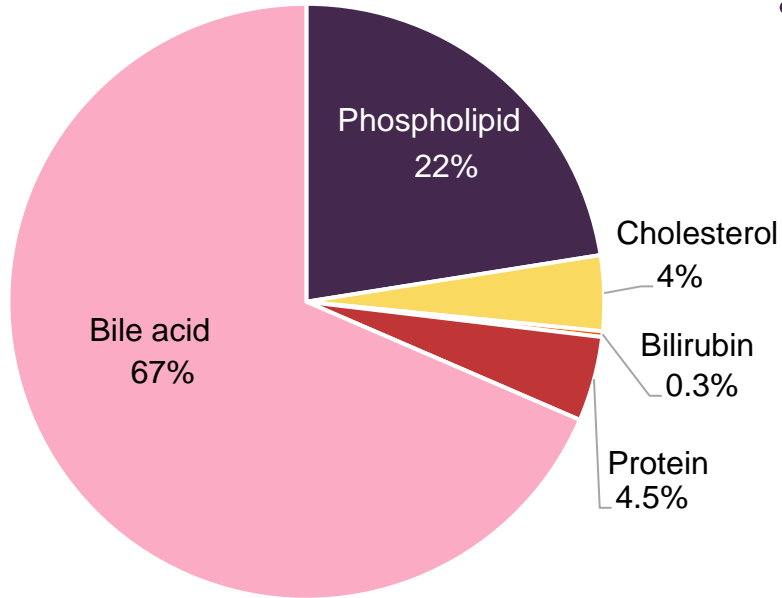
Bile Acid Synthesis from Cholesterol



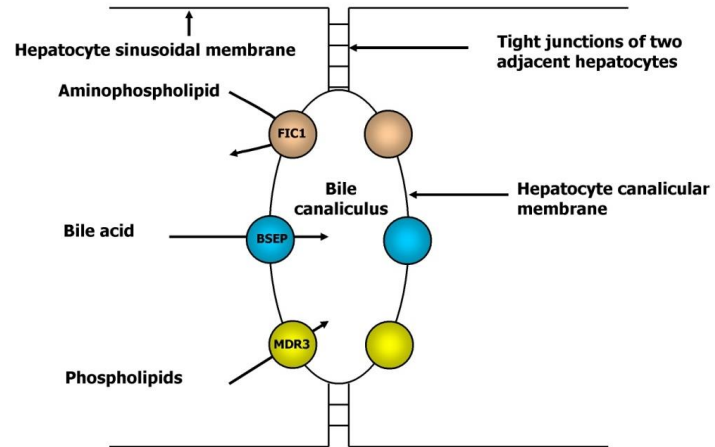
- Bile Acid Synthesis Defects (BASD):

- Low serum BAs + low GGT cholestasis

Bile and Canalicular Transporters



- **Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFICs)**
 - High serum BAs + low GGT cholestasis

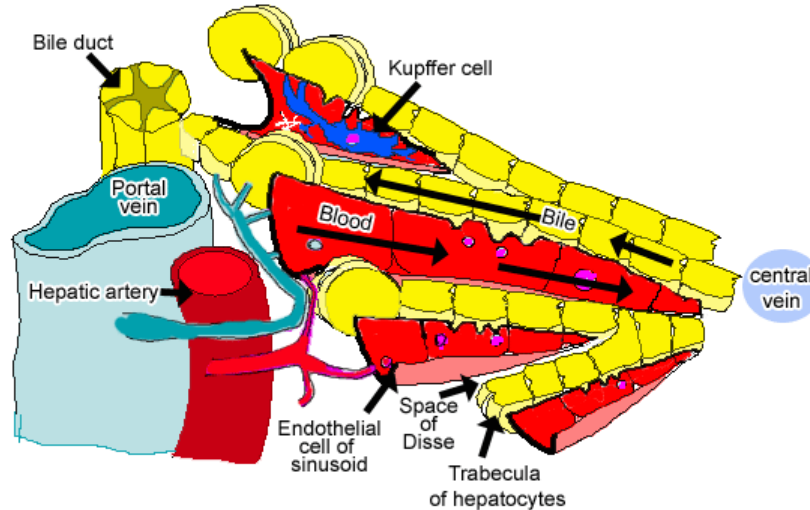
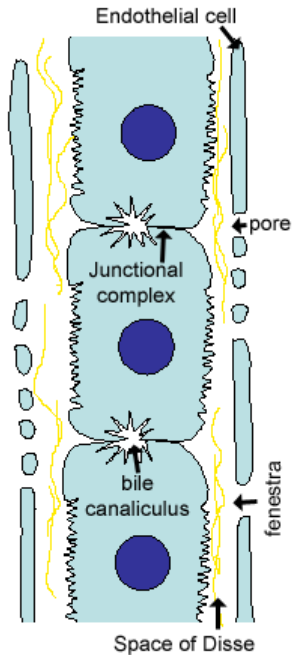


Key Clinical Features

	PFIC1	PFIC2	PFIC3
Feature	ATP8B1	ABCB11	ABCB4
Direct hyper bilirubinemia	Birth – 6m	Birth – 6m	Birth – adulthood
GGT	LOW	LOW	HIGH
Earliest time to cirrhosis	Late childhood and adolescence	Early infancy	Any age
Extrahepatic Sx	Diarrhea , Hearing Loss, Pancreatitis, Pneumonia	NO	NO
Pruritus	YES	YES	YES/NO
Cholelithiasis	NO	YES	YES (Intrahepatic)
Cancer	?	HCC	HCC & CCA (teens +)

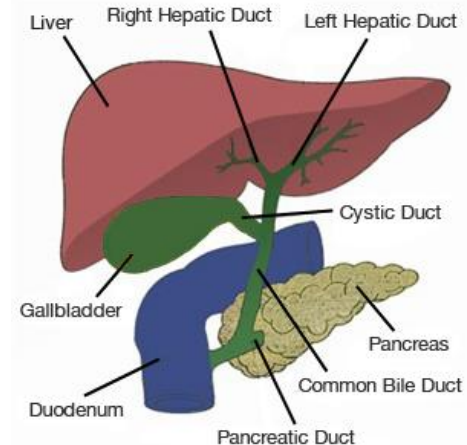
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Paucity of the Intrahepatic Bile Ducts



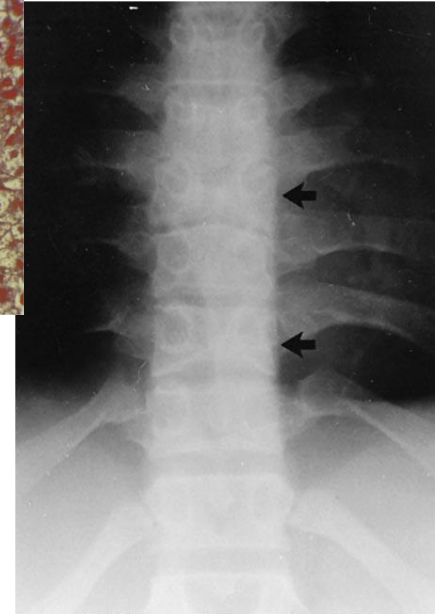
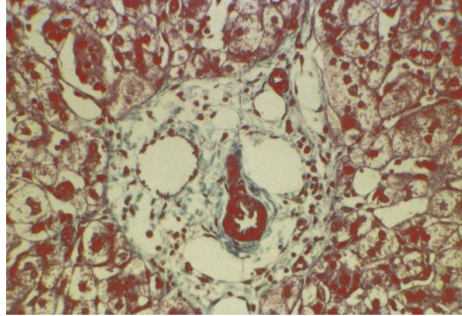
- **Alagille Syndrome**

- JAG1 mutation >> NOTCH 2 mutation
- Very high GGT

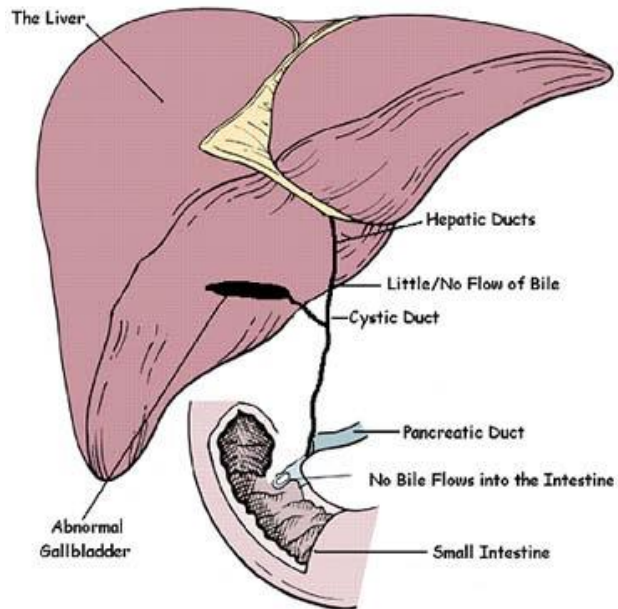


Alagille Syndrome

- Pulmonic stenosis/ TOF
- Aneurysms/ Vascular malformations → Brain MRI/ MRA
- Horseshoe kidneys



Extrahepatic Biliary Atresia



Infant Stool Color Card

No. of Booklet : _____

Abnormal



It is essential to observe your baby's stool color continuously after discharge from a nursery. If the stool color resembles the numbers 1-3 (white, clay-colored, or light yellowish), the possibility on your baby suffering from biliary atresia is higher. Please take this card and your baby to consult a doctor as quickly as possible. Regardless of what the stool color is, please bring this card to your doctor at 30 days of age for health check. If the baby cannot go back for health check, please fill in the number of the color resembling your baby's stool, along with the following blanks, and mail this card to our registry center.

Normal



The baby's stool color is most like No. _____
Date of this kind of stool _____
Name of the baby _____ Birthday _____
Name of the mother _____ Tel. _____
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The hospital or clinic where the baby was born _____

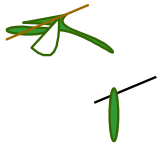
If the number is No.1-3, please inform us by fax immediately. We will provide the related information and help you out.

Fax: 02-2388-1798 ; Tel: 02-2382-0886

Infant Stool Color Card Registry Center

Neonatal Cholestasis

Extrahepatic Bile Duct



Biliary atresia

- Choledochal cyst
- Bile duct hypoplasia
- Bile duct duplication
- Agnesis of the extrahep. ducts
- Choledocholithiasis
- Inspissated bile syndrome

Miscellaneous:

- Endocrine: panhypopituitarism, hypothyroidism
- Gestational Alloimmune Liver Disease (GALD)
- PN associated cholestasis
- Sepsis

Intrahepatic Bile Duct



Bile duct paucity:

Alagille Syndrome

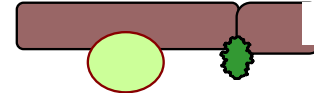
Non-syndromic

- Ductal Plate Malformation:
- Congenital Hepatic Fibrosis
- Caroli disease
- ARPKD
- ADPKD
- von Meyenburg complexes

Cystic Fibrosis

Neonatal sclerosing cholangitis

Hepatocytes



Indeterminant (“Neonatal Hepatitis”)

Viral Infection:

- CMV, HSV
- Rubella, Parvovirus B19
- HAV, HBV, Adenovirus, Enterovirus

Bacterial/Parasitic Infection:

- Gram negative sepsis
- Syphilis, TB, Listeria

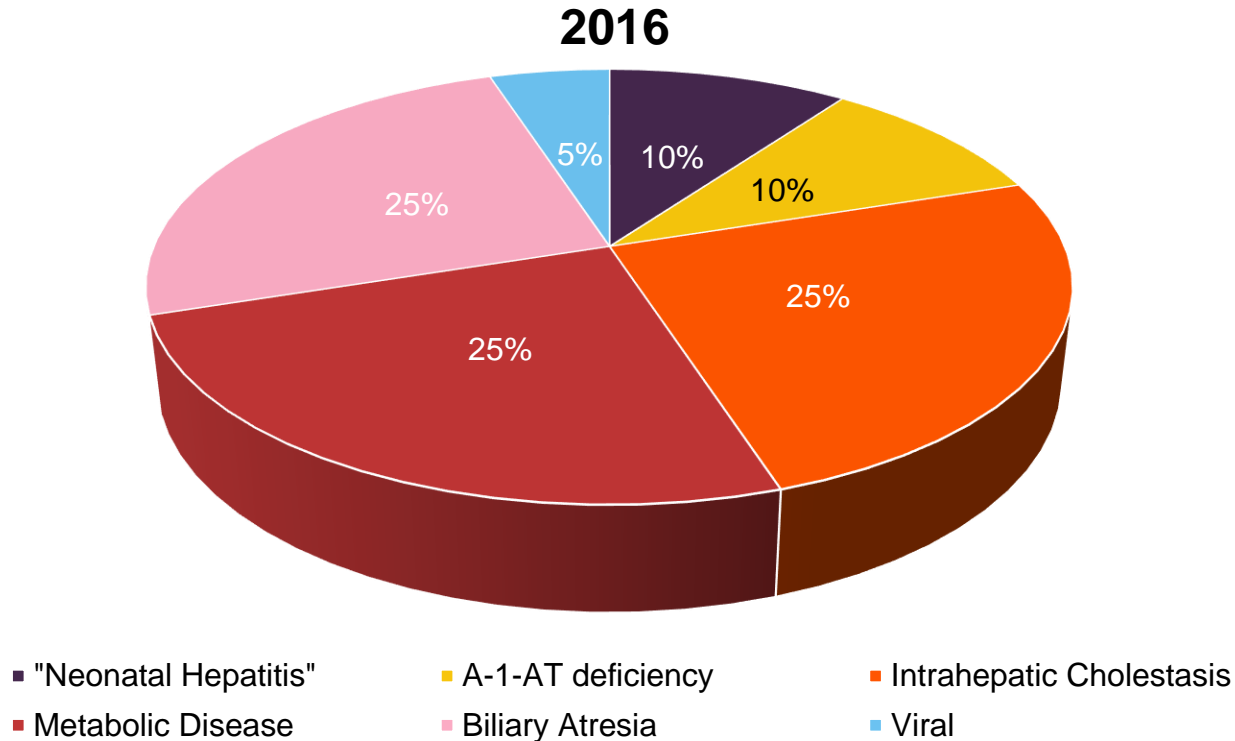
Transporter genes:

- PFIC1 (FIC1/ATPB1)**
- PFIC2 (BSEP/ABCB11)**
- PFIC3 (MDR3/ABCB4)**

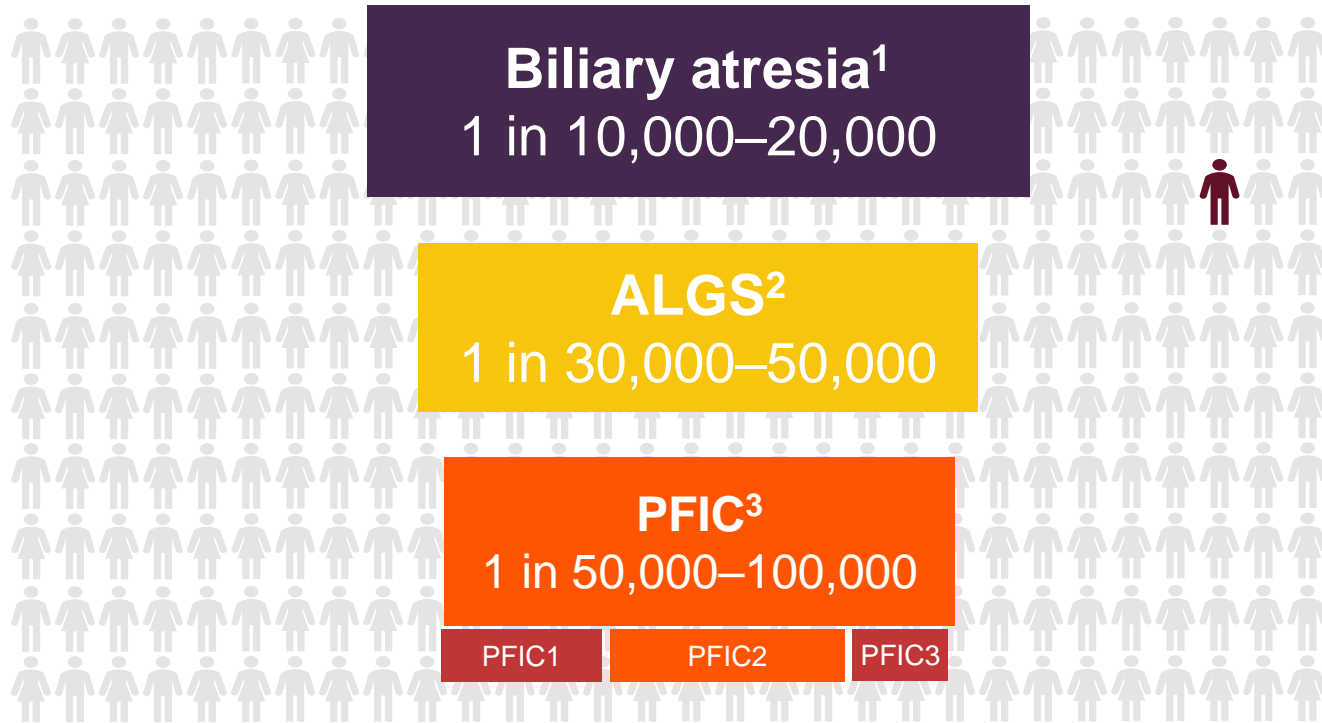
Metabolic/Storage diseases:

- Lipid metabolism — Niemann-Pick
- Tyrosinemia
- Galactosemia
- Bile acid synthesis defect
- Peroxisomal — Zellweger’s
- Mitochondrial disorders
- a₁-antitrypsin deficiency**
- Lysosomal acid lipase deficiency
- Drug toxicity

Differential – Neonatal Cholestasis



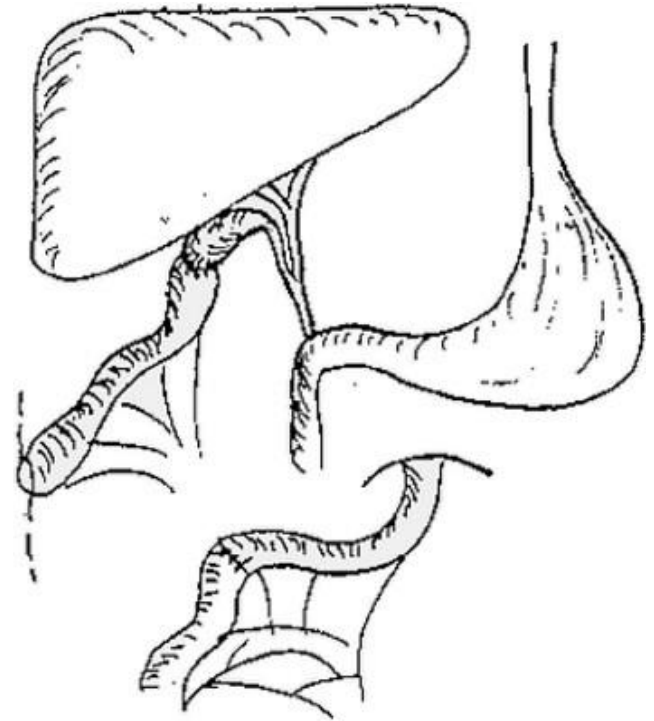
Incidence: ALGS, PFIC, and Biliary Atresia Are Rare Diseases



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Case Presentation (Continued)

- Had worsening pruritus that was unresponsive to ursodiol and rifampin until age 3.5 → PFIC type 1 diagnosis was made based on clinical history.
- He underwent Roux-en-Y partial biliary diversion at age 3.5, which resolved his pruritus.



CHOLESTASIS GENETIC PANEL: 77-GENE TESTING PANEL TO HELP IDENTIFY GENETIC CAUSES OF CHOLESTASIS

Traverse Therapeutics (formerly Retrophin) has partnered with PreventionGenetics to offer a 77-gene cholestasis panel. *This resource is provided at no cost to patients, physicians, or payers.* It is easy to use and detects an array of potential causes of cholestasis or jaundice, many of which may be life threatening.

**The 66-gene cholestasis panel that was performed through EGL Genetics is now being run through PreventionGenetics as a 77-gene panel. This test is still available at no-cost to qualifying patients.*

HOW TO ORDER THE CHOLESTASIS GENETIC PANEL



Create your profile
(US physicians Only)



Order your collection kit
(see options below)



The kit will be delivered within
48 hours



Send completed kit back to
PreventionGenetics



Receive results within 2-4 weeks

2 COLLECTION KIT OPTIONS



SALIVA COLLECTION KIT

BLOOD COLLECTION KIT



LOG IN TO ORDER KIT

Username:

Password:

Next time log me in automatically.

LOG IN

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CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

(US physicians Only)

Username:

Password:

Confirm password:

CREATE ACCOUNT

Case Presentation (Continued)

- The patient maintained appropriate growth and development until age 12 → Acute onset of neurologic symptoms:
 - Regression of speech, loss of fine and gross motor milestones, cerebellar ataxia, severe dysarthria, slow speech, and concern for vision loss.
- Magnetic resonance imaging of his brain and 24-hour video electroencephalogram were normal.

Neurologic findings were all attributed to severe vitamin E deficiency, as levels were undetectable

Case Presentation (Continued)

- Genetic testing → compound heterozygote for two missense mutations (c.3457C>T and c.499G>A) in the ABCB11 gene → confirming the diagnosis of **PFIC 2**.
- Given significant neurologic morbidity, the patient was listed for LTx with MELD score of 6.
- He received an anonymous orthotopic left lateral segment living donor liver transplant 18 days after listing.
- POD# 8, vitamin E alpha levels were undetectable. Vitamin E supplementation was started → Level on POD# 39 was 7.8 mg/L.
- The patient is now 16 years old, ambulates independently, can speak in full sentences, and has markedly improved coordination.