



**PATIENT**

Artemis Cooper-Martin

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

7.5 Years

**WEIGHT**

5.98 kg

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Severe hepatopathy of unknown etiology. Was given Gabapentin for US. Some barbering of legs and abdomen. Recommend Abdominal US.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT greater than 500U/L was previously 200-300

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.19 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.14 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.39 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.56 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

**Spleen**

The spleen is large, but normal in shape, measuring 1.17 cm. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is mildly heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.



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**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach contains mild fluid and gas. The gastric wall is somewhat prominent, measuring at 0.59 cm, with intact wall layering. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Jejunum wall measures 0.22 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

**Pancreas**

The area of the pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

**Free Abdomen**

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Large spleen – Possible differentials include anatomic variation (large cat), congestion, splenitis, lymphoid hyperplasia, and less likely infiltrative neoplasia.
- Heterogeneous liver – Hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with inflammation/infection (cholangiohepatitis), infiltrative neoplasia, lipidosis or other hepatopathy.
- Mildly thickened gastric wall with intact wall layering – The stomach wall thickening could be consistent with inflammation, edema, infiltrative neoplasia, imaging artifact due to rugal folds, other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

No focal lesions are visualized associated with the liver to explain the elevation in ALT reported. Additionally, the gallbladder appears within normal limits, most consistent with a primary hepatopathy. Consider the following for further evaluation:

- Recommend pre- and post-prandial bile acids to assess liver function.
- Recommend screening for hyperthyroidism.
- If clinically appropriate, consider testing for toxoplasmosis.
- Consider a fine needle aspirate to look for any evidence of round cell neoplasia, infectious causes of hepatitis, etc. (provided coagulation parameters are normal).

If liver function is abnormal and/or liver values are persistently elevated, biopsies of the liver with samples for histopathology and culture may eventually be warranted.



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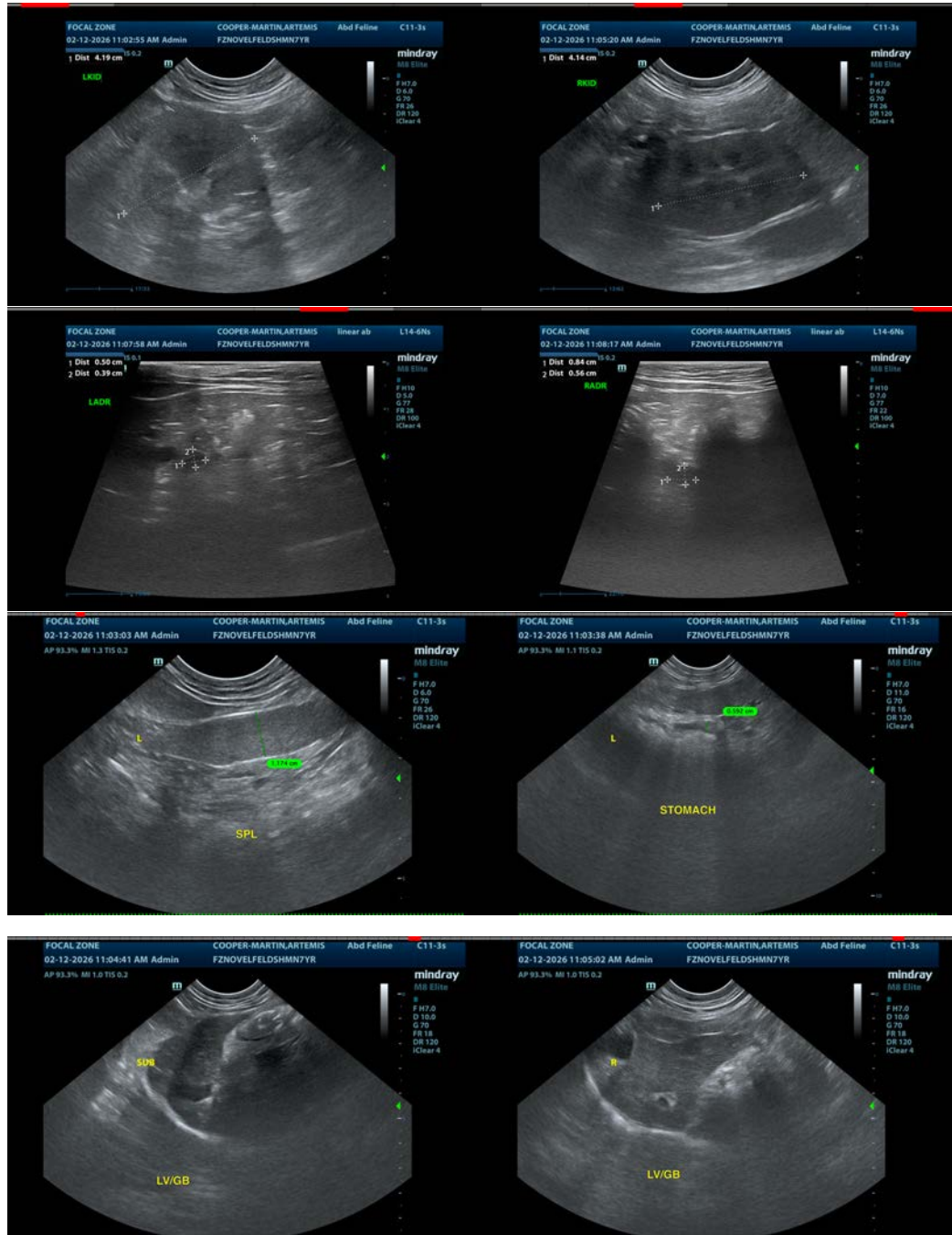
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Prior to more invasive testing you could consider treatment for acute liver injury/cholangiohepatitis with a course of Ursodiol, Denamarin, and antibiotics.

The gastric wall is somewhat prominent on today's exam. This could represent image artifact, gastritis, or even early neoplastic change. Consider continued monitoring, particularly if reduction in appetite or vomiting develops.





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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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