

However, as observed, all these patients were post-transplant and patients who progressed to chronic hepatitis had significantly lower levels of CD3 and CD4 cells, highlighting the importance particularly of T-cell-mediated immunity for pathogen clearance. This difference in presentation is really interesting. The progression to fulminant liver failure in pregnant women could be because of immunological injury, while chronic hepatitis could be mediated by failure to inhibit viral replication, given that these patients were immunosuppressed and immunological injury was absent. Further research is required to understand the implications of immunology and hepatitis E infection.

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