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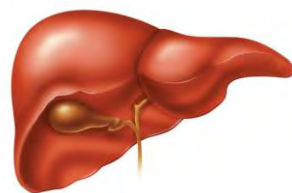


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# Enfermedad de Wilson

## ¿Hay un nuevo horizonte terapéutico?



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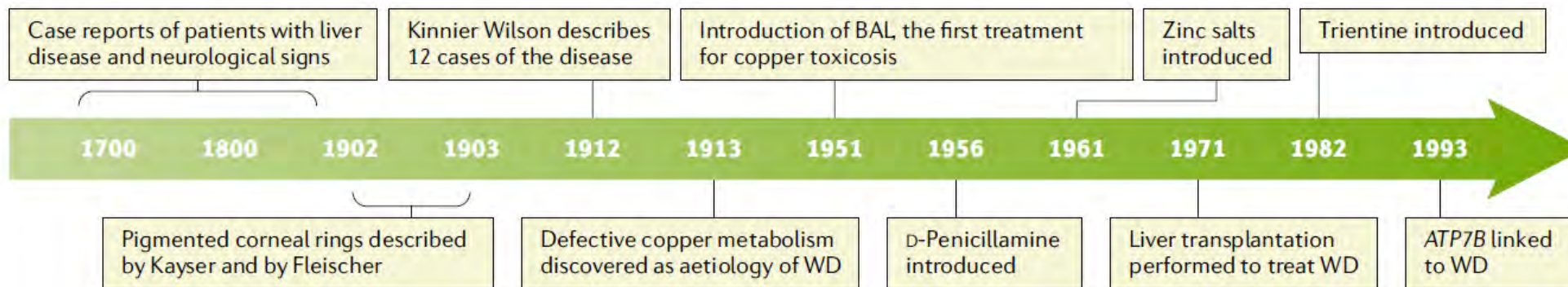
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**PROGRESSIVE LENTICULAR DEGENERATION:  
A FAMILIAL NERVOUS DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH  
CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER.<sup>1</sup>**

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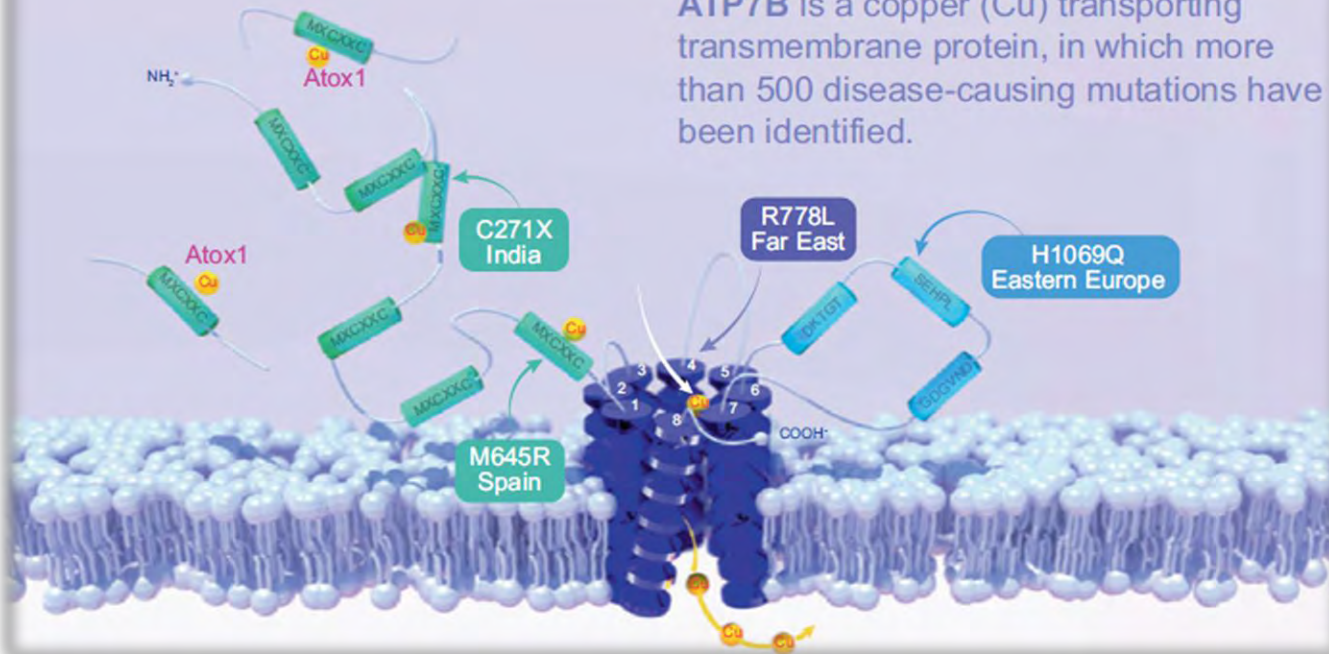
*(From the Laboratory of the National Hospital, Queen Square.)*



## REGIONAL PREDOMINATING MUTATIONS

Wilson's disease (WD) is an autosomal recessive disorder caused by mutations in the *ATP7B* gene coding for the *ATP7B* protein.

*ATP7B* is a copper (Cu) transporting transmembrane protein, in which more than 500 disease-causing mutations have been identified.



## Genetic prevalence

1/7,026

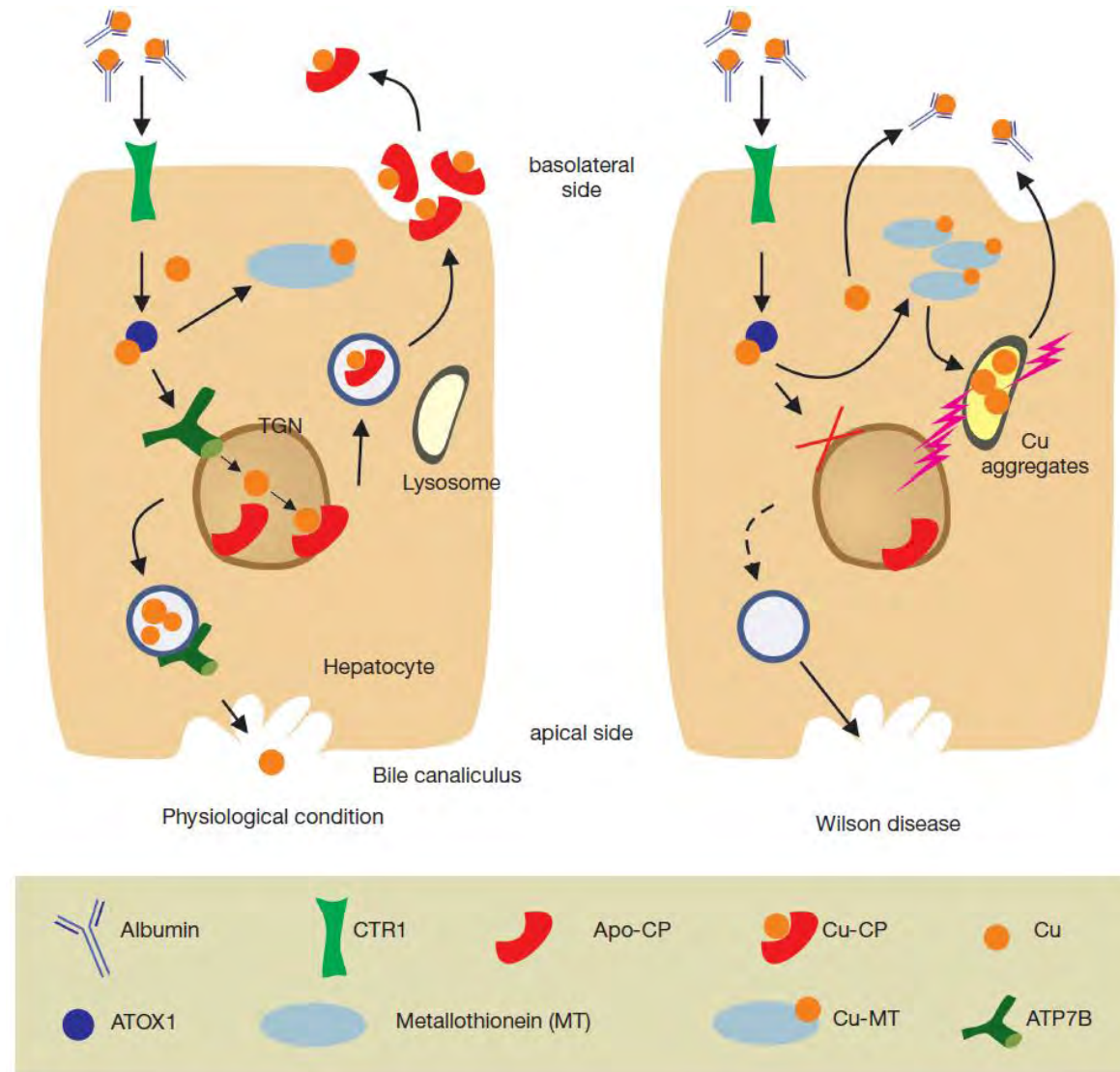
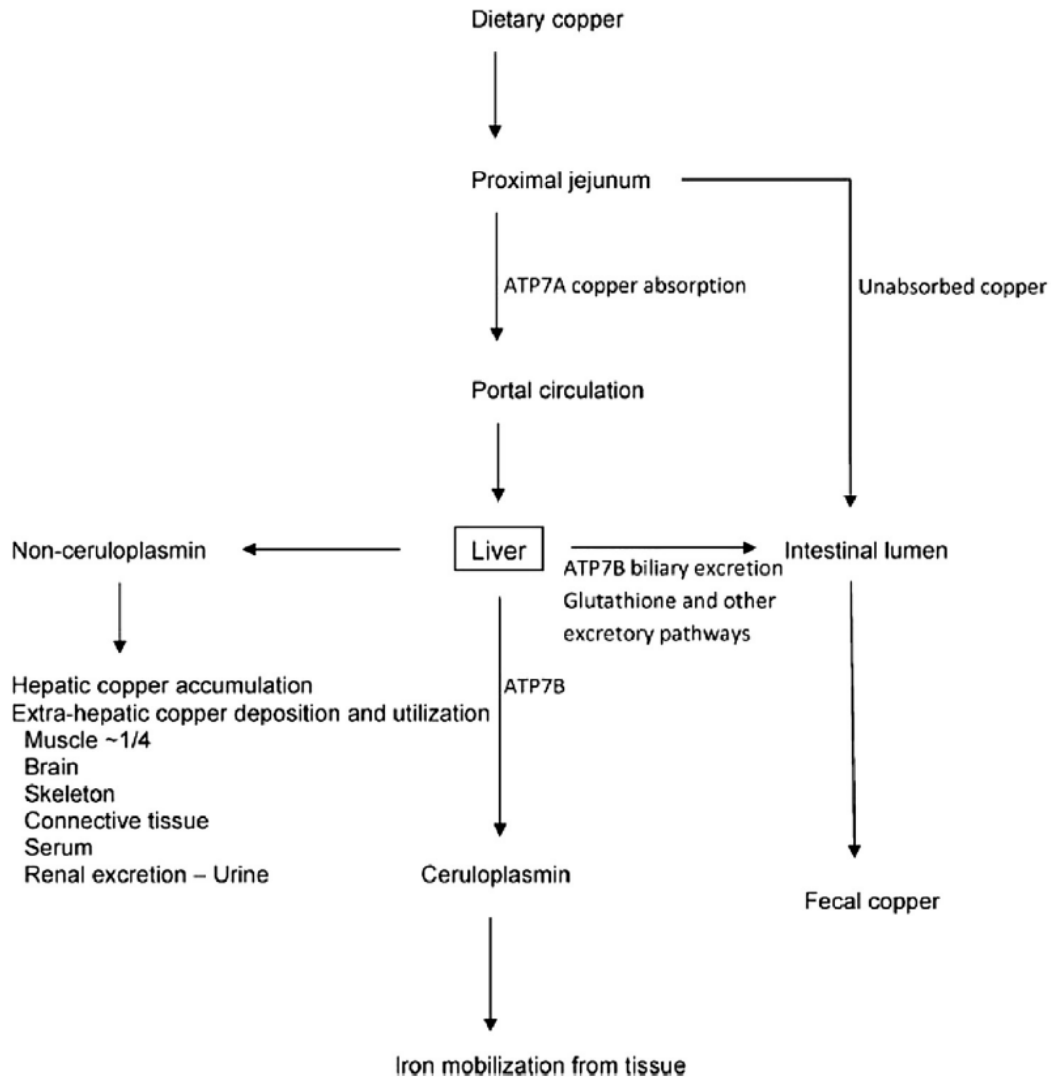
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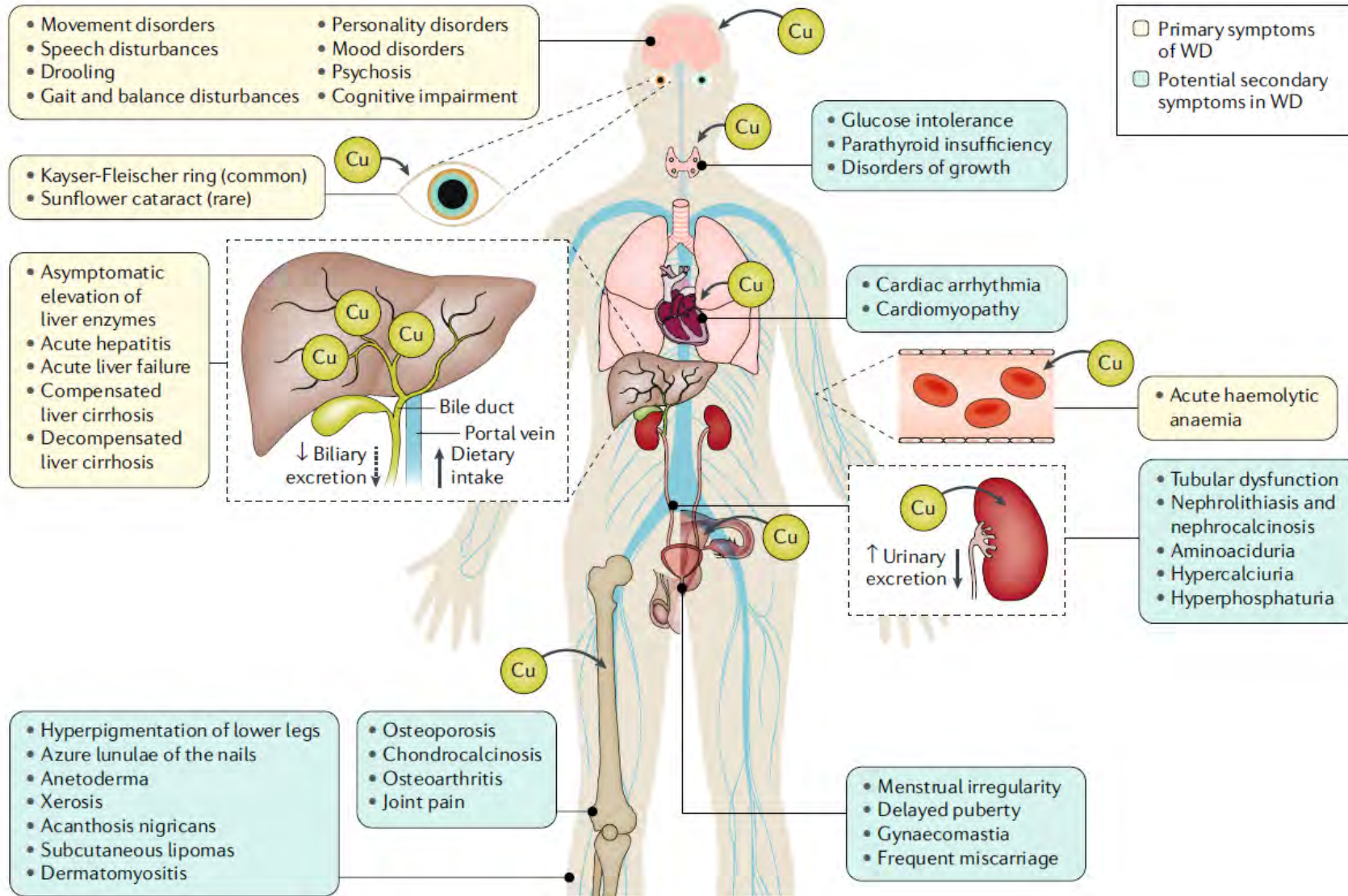
- Epigenetics
- Metabolism
- Incomplete penetrance
- Missed diagnoses

## Clinical prevalence

1/30,000





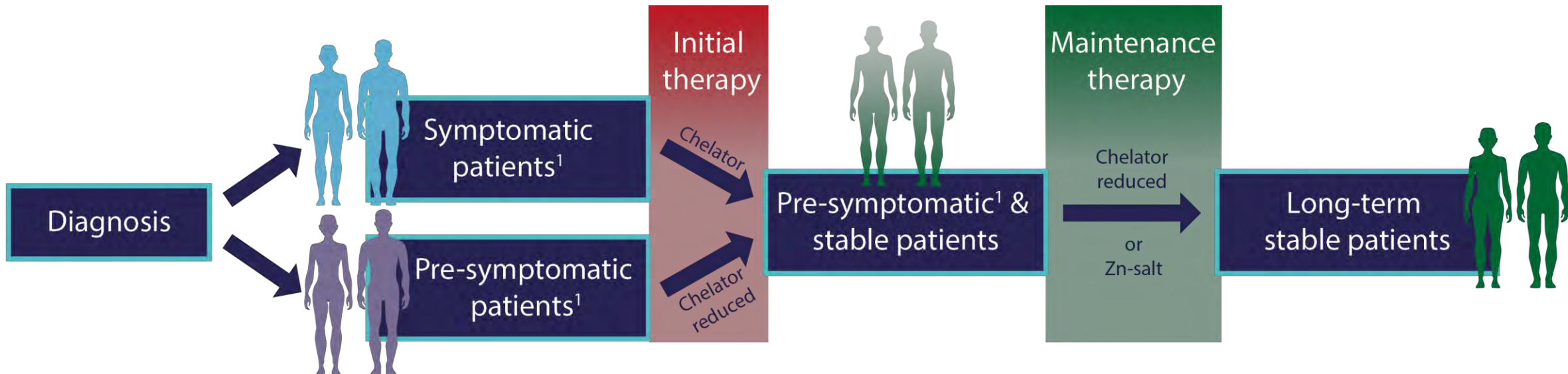




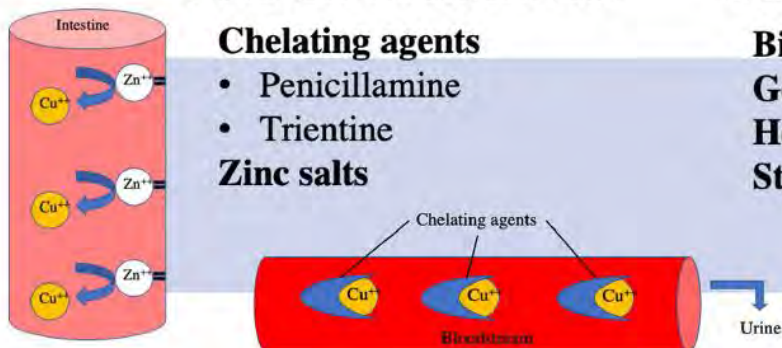
Síntomas y signos clínicos típicos		Otros tests	
Anillos de Kayser-Fleischer		Cobre hepático (en ausencia de colestasis)	
Presentes	2	>5x LSN (>4μmol/g)	2
Ausentes	0	0,8-4μmol/g	1
Síntomas neurológicos**		Normal (<0,8μmol/g)	-1
Severos	2	Gránulos Rodanina-positivos*	1
Moderados	1	Cobre urinario (en ausencia de hepatitis aguda)	
Ausentes	0	Normal	0
Ceruloplasmina sérica		1-2xLSN	1
Normal (>0,2g/L)	0	>2xLSN	2
0,1-0,2g/L	1	Normal, pero >5xLSN después de la D-penicilmamina	2
<0,1g/L	2	Análisis de mutaciones	
Anemia hemolítica Coombs-negativa		Detectadas en ambos cromosomas	4
Presente	1	Detectadas en 1 cromosoma	1
Ausente	0	Sin mutaciones detectadas	0
<b>PUNTUACIÓN TOTAL</b>		<b>Resultado evaluación:</b>	
4 o más		Diagnóstico confirmado	
3		Diagnóstico posible, se necesitan más tests	
2 o menos		Diagnóstico poco probable	

**TABLE 2. NEW DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS**

Parameter	Description	WD Diagnosis
Radioactive copper ( <sup>64</sup> Cu) ratio	<sup>64</sup> Cu infused intravenously and measured within the liver and serum after 2, 24, and 48 hours <sup>14</sup>	
24 hours/2 hours		<0.3
48 hours/2 hours		<0.395 <sup>14</sup>
Genetic analysis	Polymerase chain reaction amplification of <i>ATP7B</i> mutations	Disease-causing mutations
REC	Whole-genome sequencing: assesses all liver disease genes, not just WD Serum assay. REC = exchangeable copper/serum copper	>2.08 μmol/L for extrahepatic disease >1.53 μmol/L for hepatic disease Normal range: 0.62 and 1.15 μmol/L <sup>15</sup>



## Current Treatments



### Chelating agents

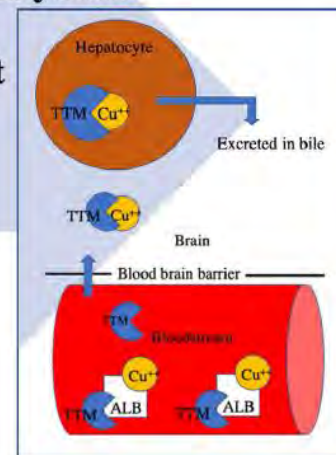
- Penicillamine
- Trientine

### Zinc salts

## Future Treatments

### Bis-choline tetrathiomolybdate

- Gene therapy
- Hepatocyte transplant
- Stem cell transplant





Medication	Mechanism of action	Side effects	Monitoring	Dose	Other notes
<b>Penicillamine</b>	Copper chelator from hepatic and other stores, induces urinary excretion of copper.	<b>Early:</b> fever, cutaneous eruptions, myelosuppression <b>Late:</b> nephrotoxicity including nephrotic syndrome, pemphigus or pemphigoid lesions, systemic lupus erythematosus, Goodpasture's syndrome, deleterious effects on vascular collagen.	<b>Adequacy of treatment:</b> 24-h urinary copper excretion, 12–32 $\mu\text{mol/day}$ (750–2000 $\mu\text{g/day}$ ) after an initial peak. Values below 3.2 $\mu\text{mol/day}$ (200 $\mu\text{g/day}$ ), together with serum free copper of $>2.36 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ( $>150 \mu\text{g/l}$ ) may suggest noncompliance. Serum free copper of $<0.79 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ( $<50 \mu\text{g/l}$ ) may suggest overtreatment. <b>For toxicity:</b> full blood count with liver and renal biochemistry, and urinalysis before initiation and then every 1–2 weeks for the first 2 months, then every 4 weeks.	<b>Initial:</b> 125–250 mg/day, increased by 250 mg increments every 4–7 days, to a maximum of 1000–1500 mg/day in 2–4 divided doses <b>Maintenance:</b> 750–1000 mg/day, in 2–3 divided doses <b>Children:</b> 20 mg/kg/day, in 2–3 divided doses.	Risk of neurological worsening in 10–20% of patients with a neurological presentation when used as initial therapy. Supplemental pyridoxine recommended (25–50 mg/day).
<b>Trientine</b>	Copper chelator, induces urinary excretion of copper.	Similar to penicillamine but at a much lower frequency. Most common is proteinuria.	<b>Adequacy of treatment:</b> similar to penicillamine. <b>For toxicity:</b> No laboratory studies necessary but good practice to monitor counts and urinalysis as for penicillamine.	<b>Initial:</b> 750–1500 mg/day, in 2–3 divided doses. <b>Maintenance:</b> 750–1000 mg/day, in 2–3 divided doses. <b>Children:</b> 20 mg/kg/day, in 2–3 divided doses.	Risk of neurological worsening after initiating therapy is $<20\%$ and lower than the risk from penicillamine.
<b>Zinc</b>	Induces metallothionein and inhibits absorption of copper with faecal excretion.	Gastric irritation. Has an otherwise excellent safety profile.	<b>Adequacy of treatment:</b> 24-h urinary copper excretion (usually $<1.2 \mu\text{mol/day}$ while on maintenance therapy). Urinary zinc levels and serum free copper may also be measured. <b>For toxicity:</b> No laboratory studies are necessary.	<b>Initial:</b> controversial and not currently recommended for initial monotherapy. <b>Maintenance:</b> 150 mg/day of elemental zinc for larger adults and children (75 mg/day if less than 50 kg), in three divided doses.	Asymptomatic patients may be treated with maintenance dosages of zinc monotherapy.



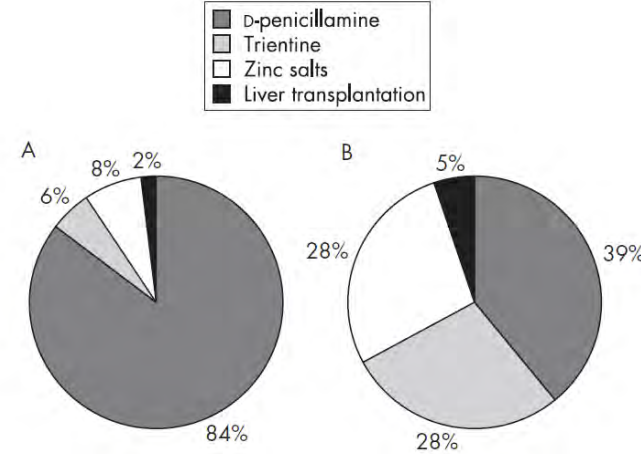
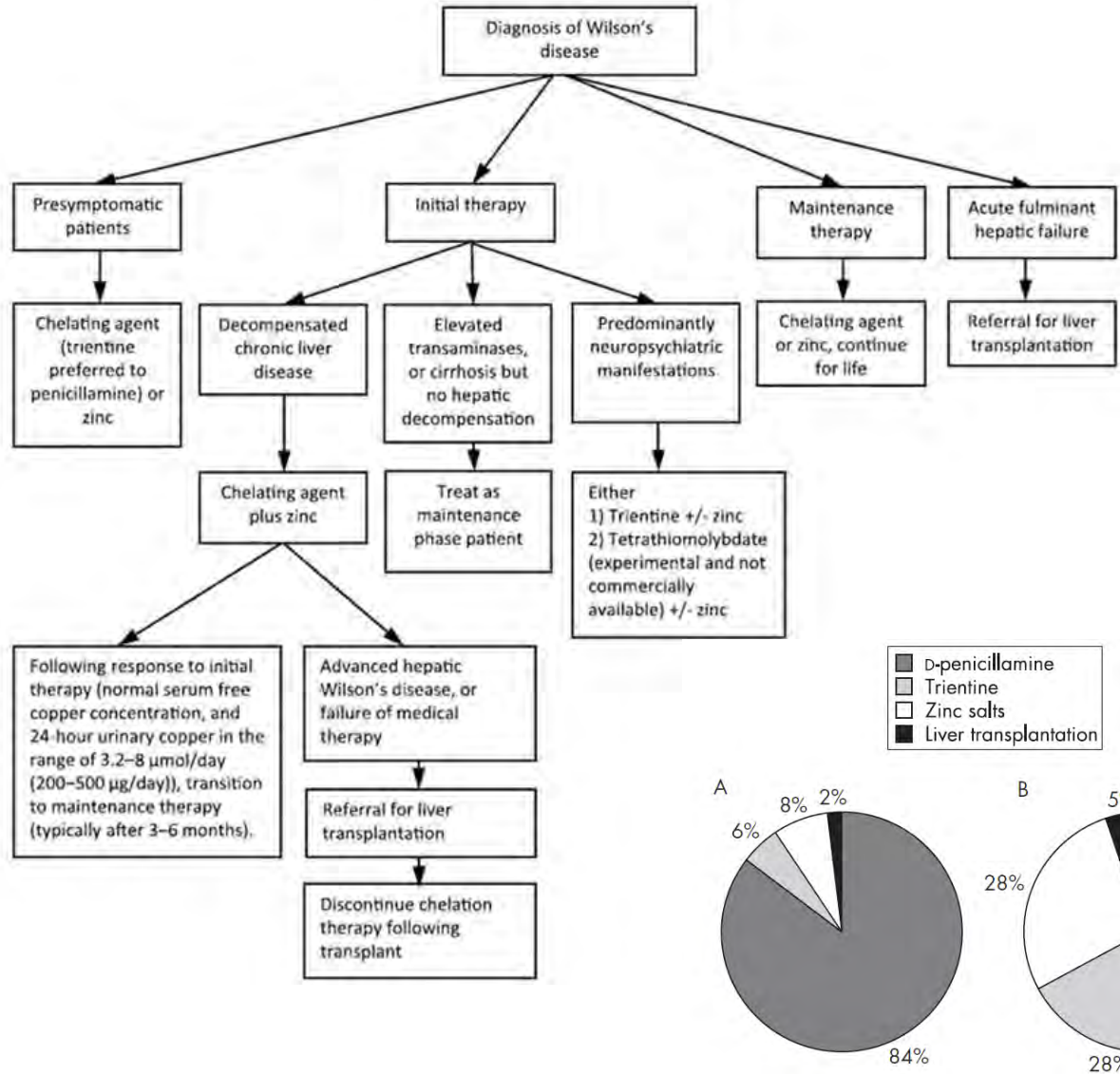
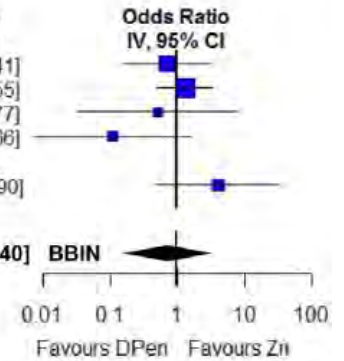


Figure 2 Treatment of patients with Wilson's disease (A) at diagnosis and (B) at the end of the study.

(A) Comparison: DPen versus Zn  
Outcome: mortality

Study	DPen		Zn		Odds Ratio IV, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total	
Czlonkowska 1996	3	34	4	33	0.70 [0.14; 3.41]
Czlonkowska 2005	10	79	8	81	1.32 [0.49; 3.55]
Medici 2006	1	23	1	12	0.50 [0.03; 8.77]
Weiss 2011	1	220	1	23	0.10 [0.01; 1.66]
Ranucci 2014	0	27	0	15	
Czlonkowska 2014	4	71	1	72	4.24 [0.46; 38.90]
Vieira Barbosa 2018	0	6	0	2	

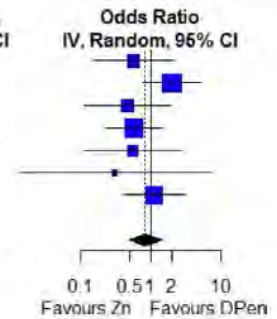
Total (95% CI) 460 238 0.73 [0.16; 3.40]  
Heterogeneity:  $I^2 = 37%$ ,  $\tau^2 = 1.415$ ,  $p = 0.17$



(B) Comparison: DPen versus Zn  
Outcome: asymptomatic/improved

Study	DPen		Zn		Weight	Odds Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
Czlonkowska 1996	13	19	23	29	11.9%	0.57 [0.15; 2.12]
Iono 2004	58	87	11	22	23.2%	2.00 [0.78; 5.16]
Medici 2006	9	23	7	12	10.3%	0.46 [0.11; 1.90]
Weiss 2011	125	220	16	23	24.2%	0.58 [0.23; 1.46]
Bruha 2011	60	80	11	13	8.2%	0.55 [0.11; 2.67]
Rodriguez 2012	11	18	2	2	2.1%	0.31 [0.01; 7.32]
Czlonkowska 2014	63	71	63	72	20.2%	1.12 [0.41; 3.10]

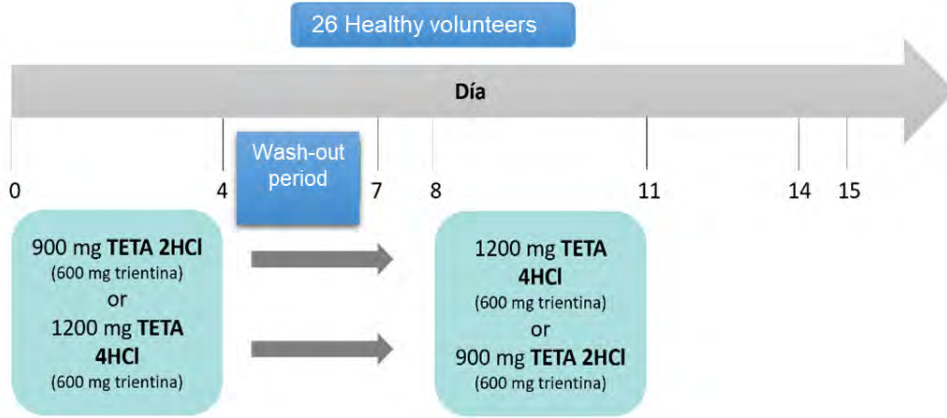
Total (95% CI) 518 173 100.0% 0.84 [0.48; 1.48]  
Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0$ ;  $Chi^2 = 5.89$ ,  $df = 6$  ( $P = 0.44$ ),  $I^2 = 0%$



**Table 3.** Details of Patients Who Failed to Respond to Treatment

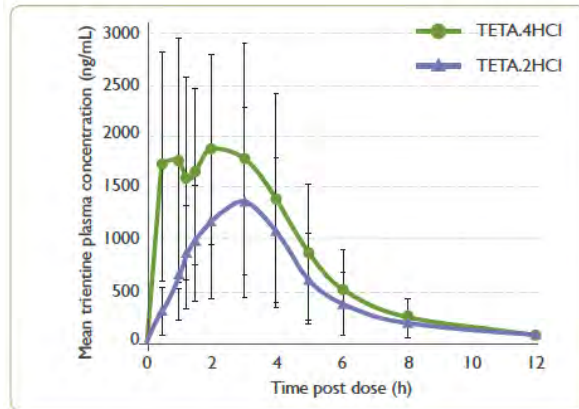
Patient no.	Sex	Diagnosis by family screening	Initial presentation	Kayser-Fleischer rings at diagnosis	Liver cirrhosis at diagnosis	Event "treatment failure" occurred				
						Under therapy with	Time on this medication (y)	Time from diagnosis to failure (y)	First-line therapy	Rescue therapy
7	Female	No	Hepatic	None	None	Zinc	9.93	17.05	D-penicillamine	Trientine
15	Male	No	Hepatic	Yes	Yes	Zinc	1.16	34.75	D-penicillamine	Trientine
25	Female	No	Asymptomatic	Yes	None	Zinc	3.63	7.99	D-penicillamine	Trientine
31	Female	Yes	Hepatic	Not determined	None	Zinc	1.00	13.01	D-penicillamine	D-penicillamine
39	Female	Yes	Hepatic	None	Yes	Zinc	3.11	3.11	Zinc	Trientine
69	Male	No	Mixed	Yes	Yes	Zinc	1.18	27.26	D-penicillamine	D-penicillamine
72	Female	No	Neurological	Yes	None	Zinc	18.34	34.35	D-penicillamine	Trientine
88	Female	Yes	Asymptomatic	None	None	Trientine	1.45	14.06	D-penicillamine	Zinc (in follow-up: zinc failure; final successful rescue treatment: D-penicillamine)
88	Female	Yes	Asymptomatic	None	None	Zinc	3.94	18.00	D-penicillamine	D-penicillamine
91	Male	Yes	Hepatic	None	None	Zinc	2.70	6.65	D-penicillamine	D-penicillamine
94	Female	No	Hepatic	None	None	Zinc	3.50	3.75	D-penicillamine	Combination
94	Female	No	Hepatic	None	None	Trientine	2.30	14.90	D-penicillamine	D-penicillamine
104	Male	Yes	Hepatic	None	None	Zinc	0.67	0.83	Zinc	D-penicillamine
127	Male	No	Neurologic	None	None	Zinc	1.06	1.96	Zinc	Combination
135	Male	Yes	Hepatic	Yes	None	Zinc	2.52	15.33	D-penicillamine	Trientine
177	Female	No	Neurologic	None	Yes	Trientine	0.50	0.76	Zinc	D-penicillamine
184	Male	No	Hepatic	Yes	Yes	D-penicillamine	26.68	26.68	D-penicillamine	Trientine
205	Male	No	Hepatic	Not determined	Yes	Zinc	8.33	8.50	D-penicillamine	OLT
215	Male	No	Hepatic	None	None	Combination	2.08	2.08	Combination	D-penicillamine





TETA.4HCl showed considerably greater Trientine bioavailability vs. TETA.2HCl.

Mean (SD)	TETA.4HCl	TETA.2HCl
$C_{max}$	2340 ng/mL (1170)	1490 ng/mL (864)
$AUC_{0-t}$	10100 ng.hr/mL (5740)	6600 ng.hr/mL (3870)



**TRIUMPH-1  
STUDY**

## TRIUMPH-2 STUDY

### Methods

Single oral administration of each of the following in a randomized crossover design:

TETA 2HCl "lower dose" = 3 capsules (500mg trientine base)

TETA 2HCl "higher dose" = 5 capsules (833mg trientine base)

TETA 4HCl "lower dose" = 3 tablets (450mg trientine base)

TETA 4HCl "higher dose" = 5 tablets (750mg trientine base)

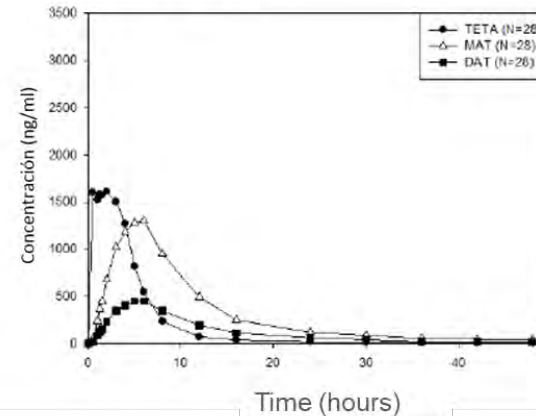
### Design:

- Phase I
- Single center
- Randomized
- Interventional
- Open-label
- 4-way crossover study

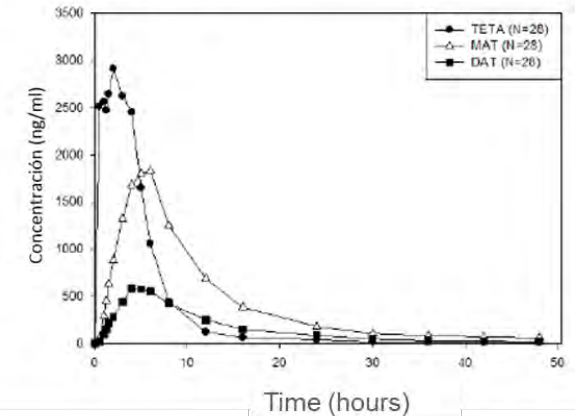
### Eligible patients:

- Healthy adult volunteers (n=28)









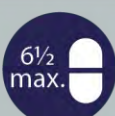

a) Lower dose



b) Higher dose



Adjustment factor 0.6 based on  $C_{max}$  and 0.64 based on the area under the curve (AUC)

	Trientine 4HCl	Trientine 2HCl
Handling	Easy to use • Blister package with film-coated tablets • Easy to swallow <sup>1</sup> 	Available only as vials <sup>2</sup> 
Storage	No particular storage limitations • No cooling required <sup>1</sup> 	Cooled storage necessary (2-8° C) <sup>2</sup> 
Dosage	Individual Dosage • Dividable film-coated tablets <sup>1</sup> 	Cannot be divided (capsules) <sup>2</sup> 
Additives	• Gelatine free and lactose free <sup>1</sup> 	Contains gelatine <sup>2</sup> 
Daily consumption	Low daily consumption • Dosage for adults: 3 to 6 1/2 tablets daily <sup>1</sup> 	High daily consumption: • Dosage for adults: 4 to 8 Capsules daily <sup>2</sup> 

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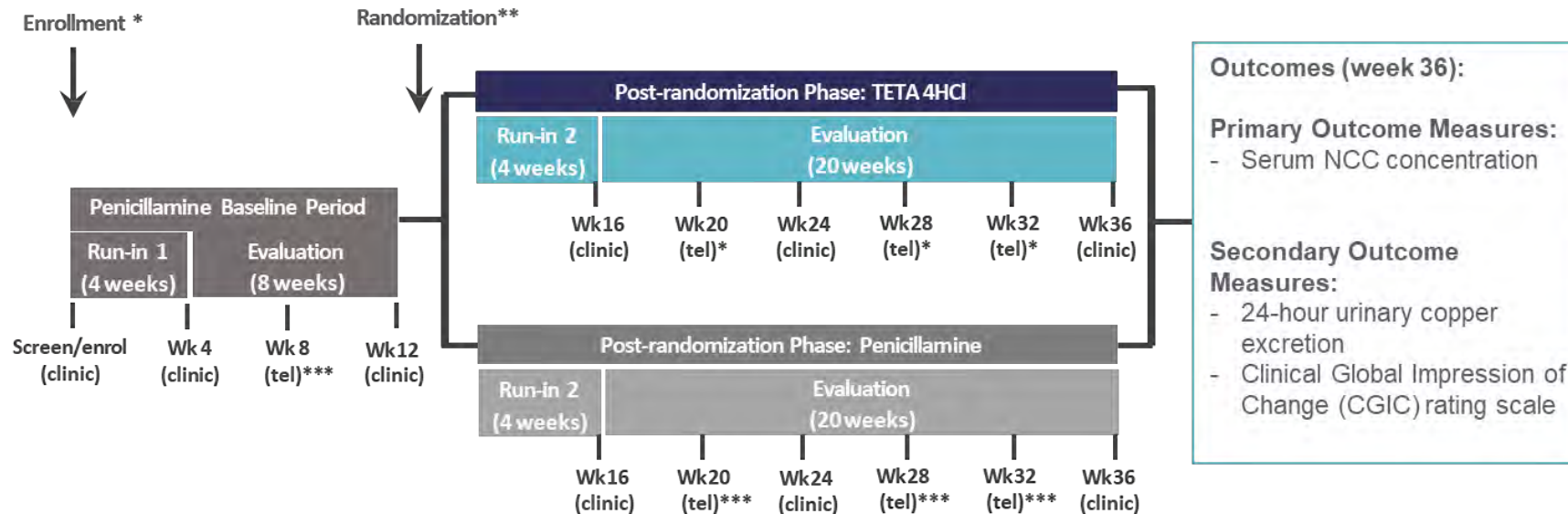
## CHELATOR STUDY

### Design:

- Multicentre
- Randomized
- Open label study with standard-of-care active comparator

### Eligible patients:

- n= 55 WD pat
- 18-75 years old
- Tolerating and well-controlled on DPA per 1 year



### Extension Phase (72 weeks)

Continue allocated TETA 4HCl or penicillamine for further 24 weeks, then all receive TETA 4HCl for 48 weeks

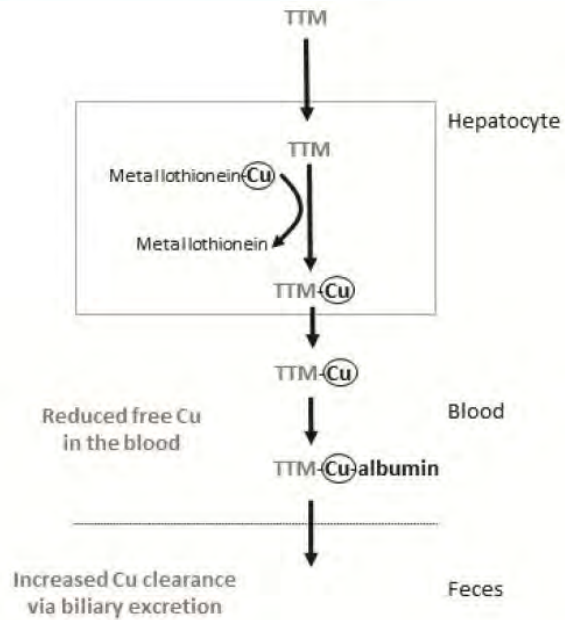
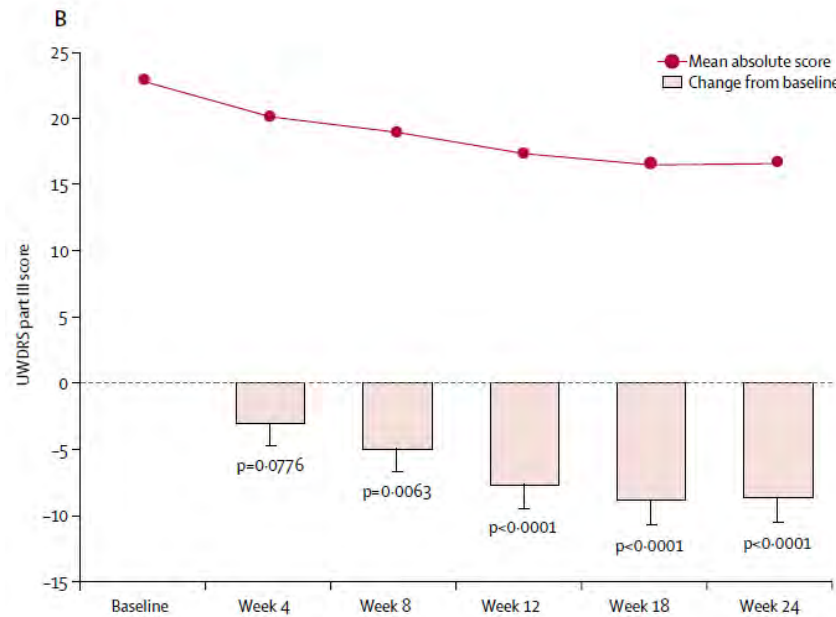
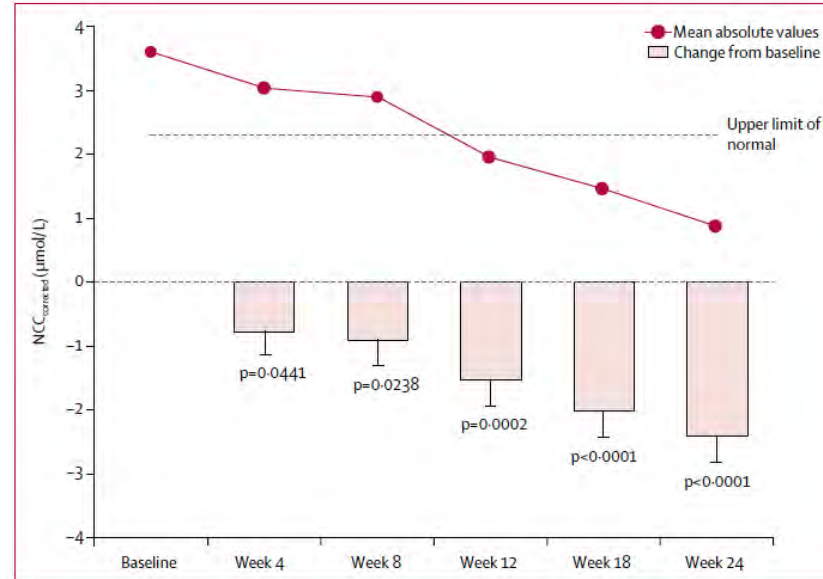
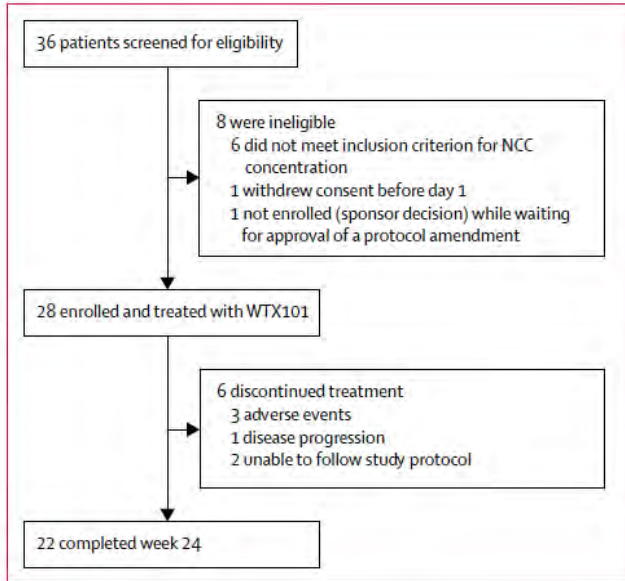
Clinic visits at Wk 60, Wk 84, and Wk 108 for all patients (additional visit at Wk 64 for patients previously in penicillamine arm)

\* Enrollment of stable patients receiving penicillamine for  $\geq 52$  weeks, stable dose for  $\geq 16$  weeks

\*\* Randomization of adequately controlled patients per protocol criteria

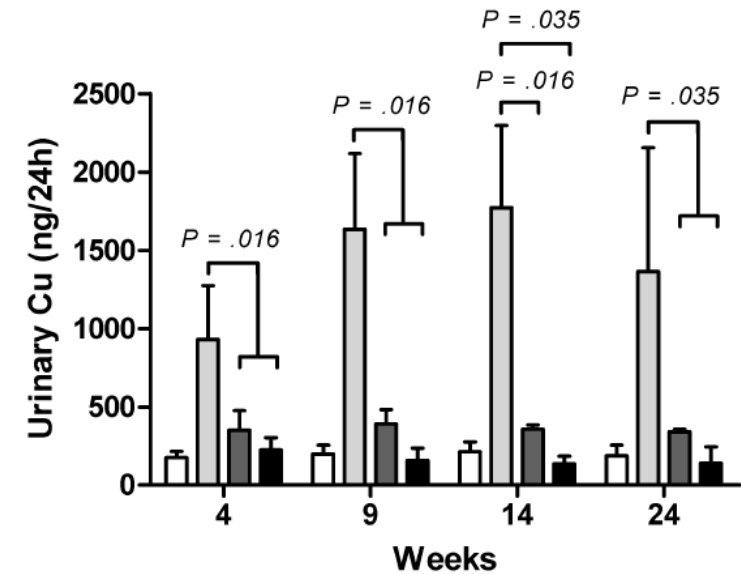
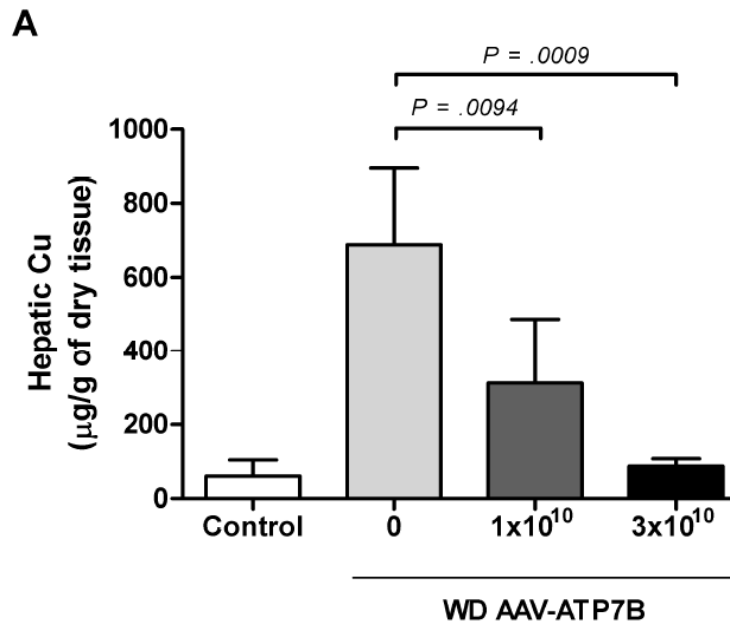
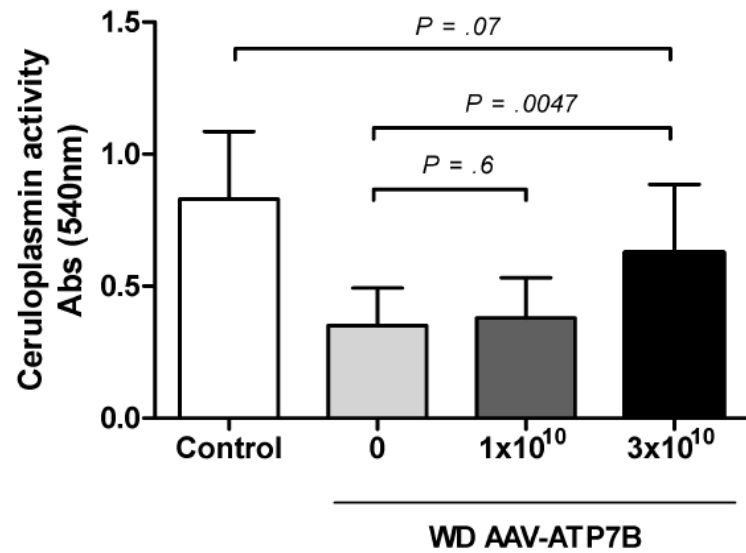
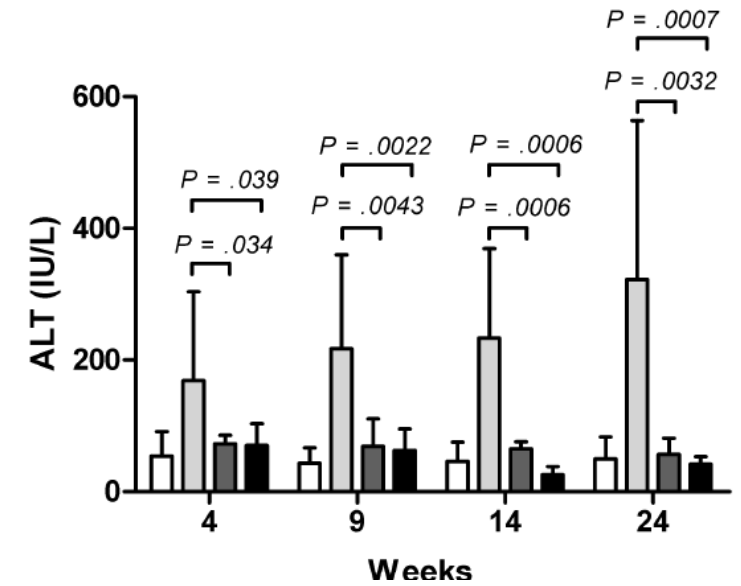
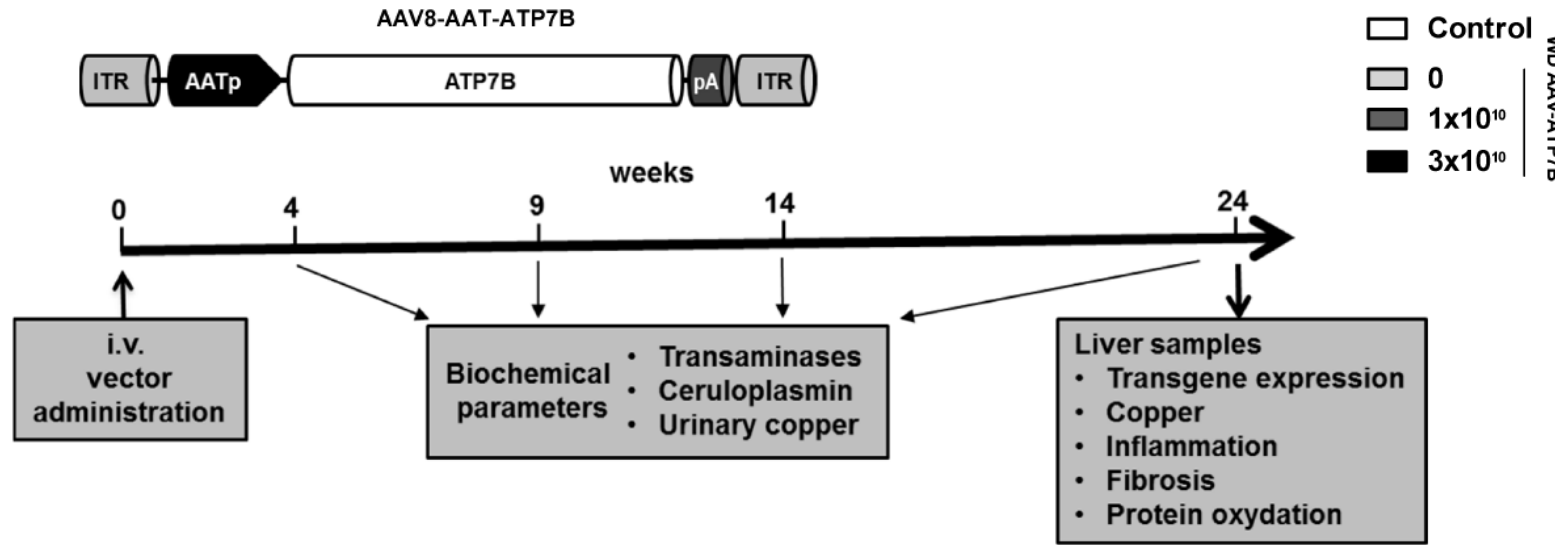
\*\*\* May be telephone visit with lab samples obtained directly from patient

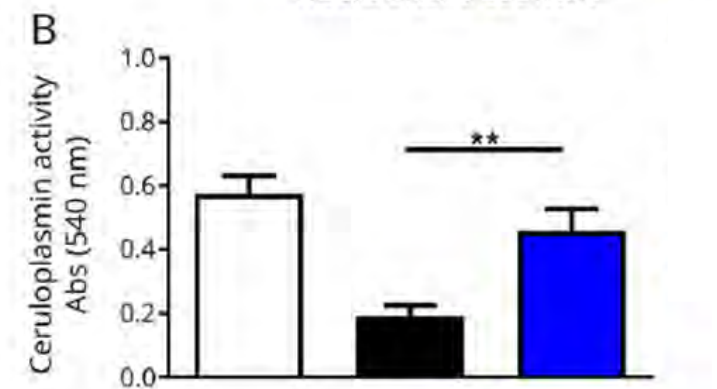
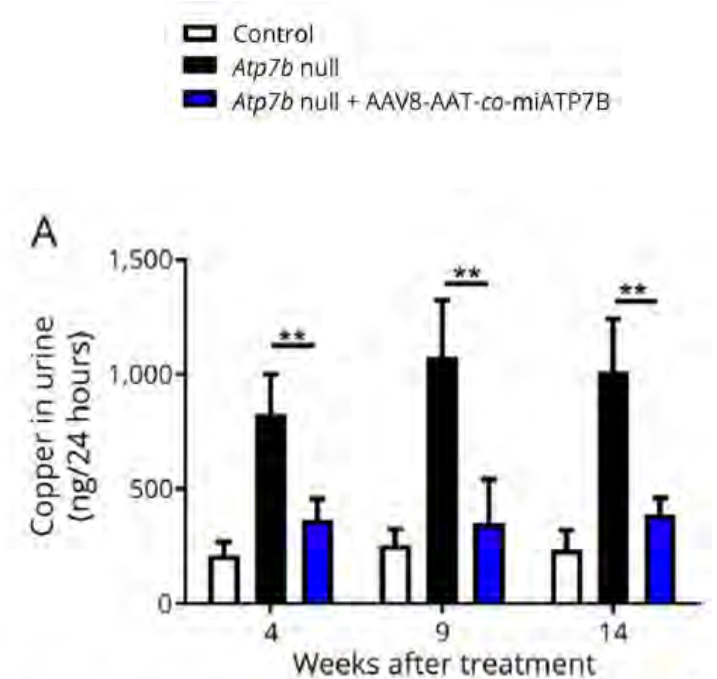
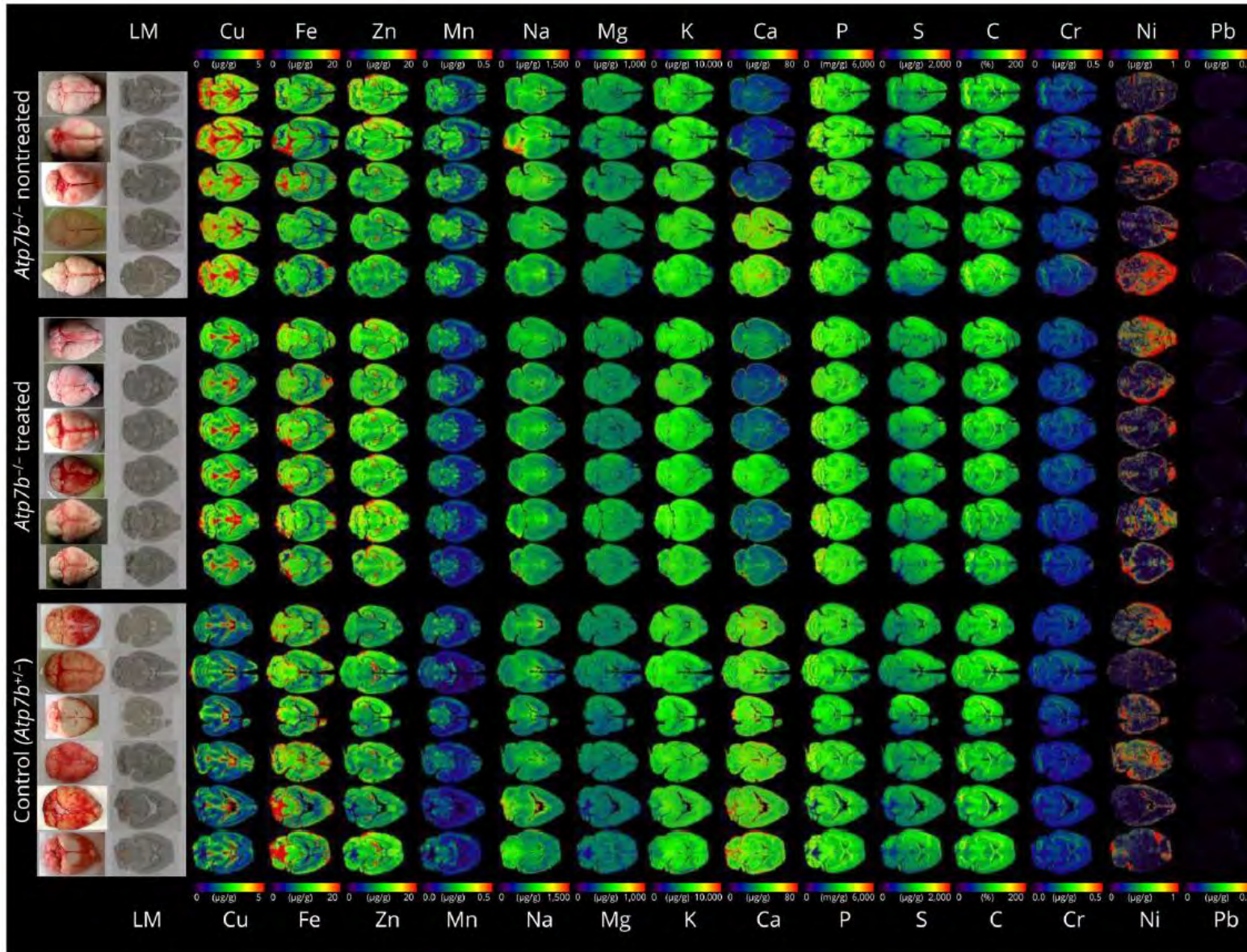
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	Number of patients (%)
Patients reporting at least one treatment-emergent adverse event	17 (61%)
ALT increased	8 (29%)
GGT increased	8 (29%)
AST increased	7 (25%)
Hepatic enzyme increased	4 (14%)
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	3 (11%)
Headache	2 (7%)
Tremor	2 (7%)
Nausea	2 (7%)
Dry skin	2 (7%)
Leukopenia	2 (7%)
Patients reporting at least one treatment-emergent serious adverse event	7 (25%)
Psychotic disorder	1 (4%)
Abnormal behaviour	1 (4%)
Adjustment disorder	1 (4%)
Affective disorder	1 (4%)
Mania	1 (4%)
Personality disorder	1 (4%)
ALT increased	1 (4%)
Hepatic enzyme increased (severe increase in ALT or AST)	1 (4%)
Gait disturbance	1 (4%)
Agranulocytosis	1 (4%)
Decline in neurological functioning	1 (4%)

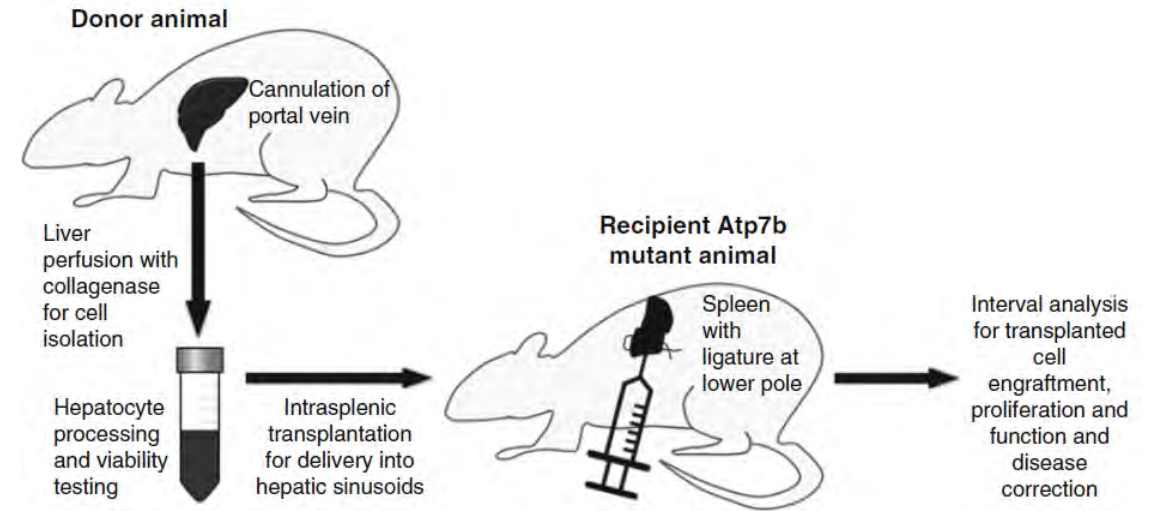
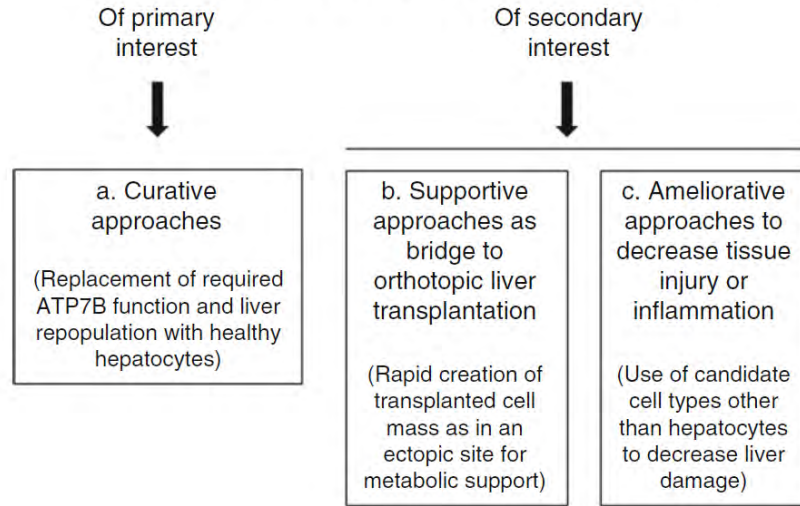




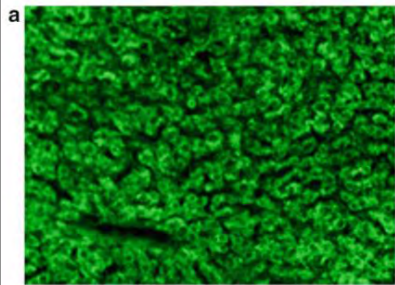




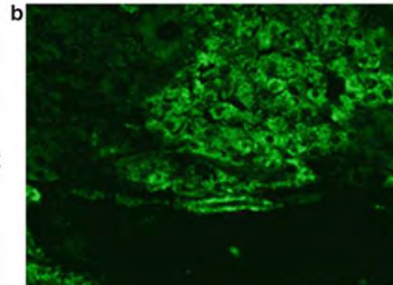
Relevant mechanisms for cell therapy in Wilson's disease



Hepatocytes derived from pluripotent stem cells <sup>a</sup>	Stem cells from adult liver <sup>b</sup>	Hepatocytes derived from extrahepatic stem cells <sup>c</sup>
Embryonic stem cells	Hepatocyte subpopulations	Hematopoietic stem cells from bone marrow, peripheral blood, cord blood, etc.
Fetal liver stem cells	Oval cell populations	Mesenchymal stem cells
Induced pluripotent stem cells	Other cell types	Amniotic or placental stem cells



Donor LEA rat



LEC rat 3 mo after cells



LEC rat without cells

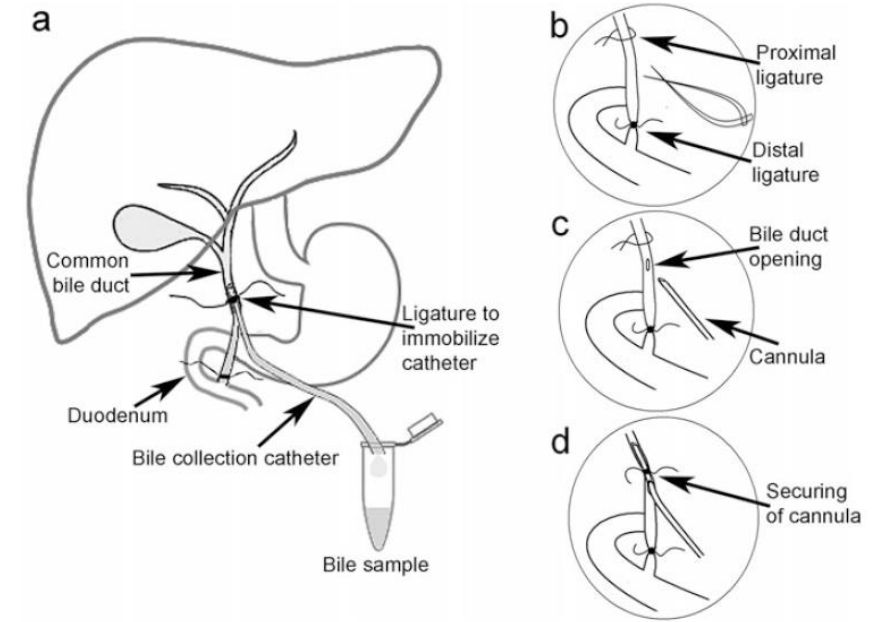


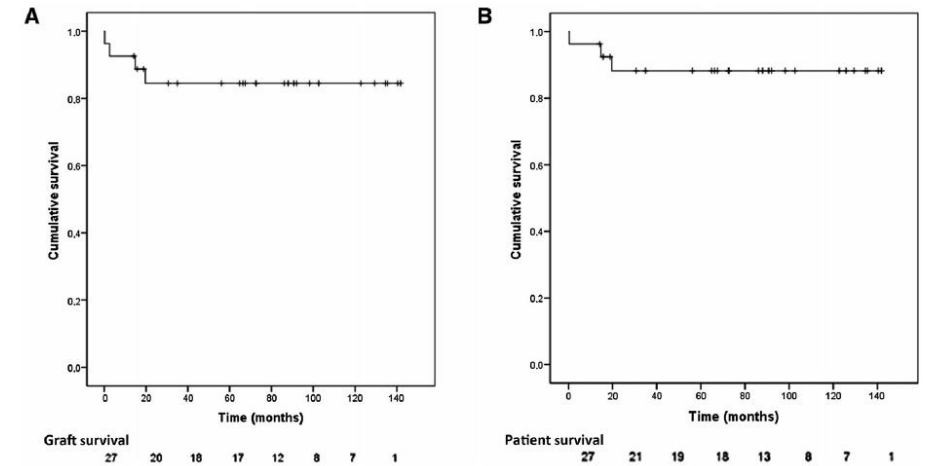
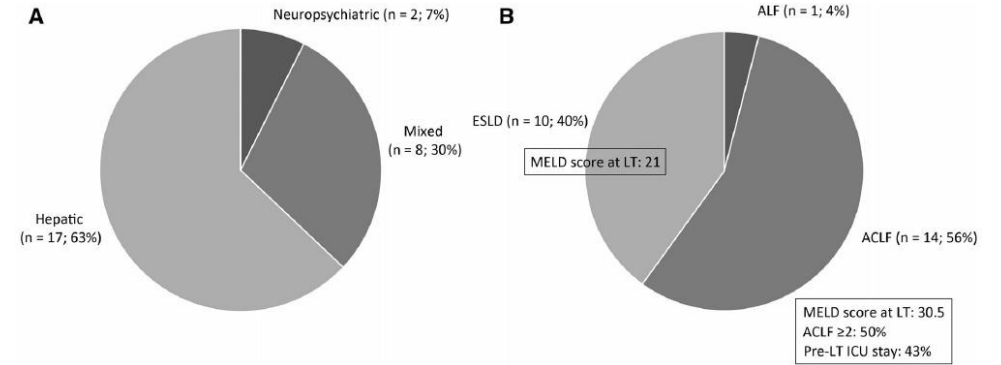
Table 4 | Wilson disease prognostic index

Parameter	0 points	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points
Serum bilirubin (micromoles per litre)	0–100	101–150	151–200	201–300	>301
Aspartate aminotransferase (units per litre)	0–100	101–150	151–300	301–400	>401
International normalized ratio	0–1.29	1.3–1.6	1.7–1.9	2.0–2.4	>2.5
White blood cell count (10 <sup>9</sup> per litre)	0–6.7	6.8–8.3	8.4–10.3	10.4–15.3	>15.4
Albumin (grams per litre)	>45	34–44	25–33	21–24	<20

A score of  $\geq 11$  points is associated with high probability of death without liver transplantation

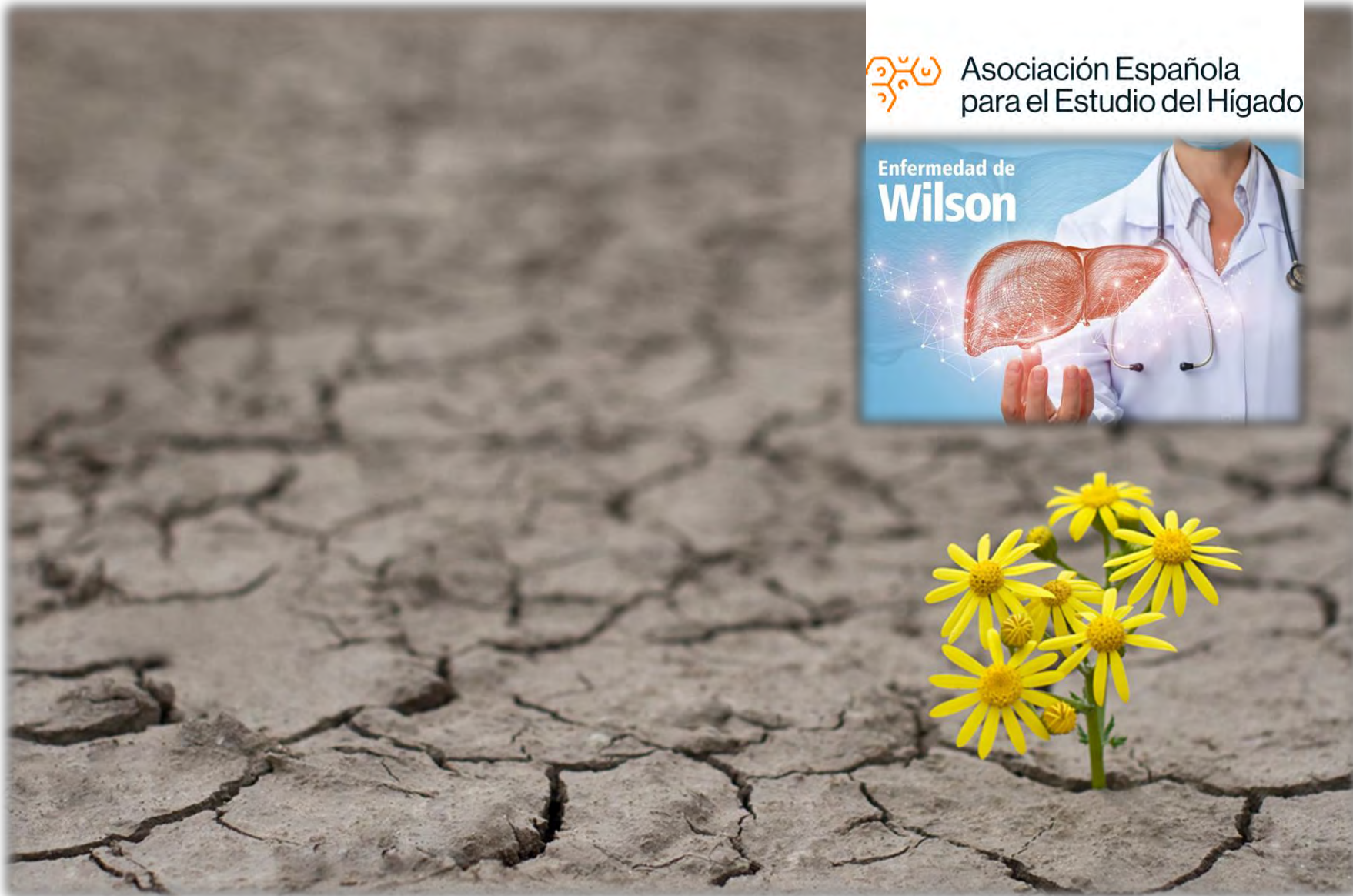
Patient Number	Sex	Age, years	Transplant	ALT, IU/L	AST, IU/L	ALP, IU/L	TB, mg/dL	INR	Albumin, g/dL	Creatinine, mg/dL	Lactate, mmol/L	Platelets, $\times 1000/mm^3$	Hb, g/dL
1	Male	19	No	48	77	47	4.9	2.3	2.2	NA	NA	119	7.6
2	Male	19	No	52	102	90	4.9	2.6	2	0.55	NA	77	9
3	Female	49	No	714	585	46	9.5	2.4	1.9	0.7	1.3	159	12.5
4	Female	57	Yes	44	198	39	10.42	2.17	2.2	0.6	1.8	106	10.2
5	Female	21	Yes	16	83	25	35	2.5	2.4	0.6	NA	173	8.2
6	Female	18	Yes	20	125	24	48.1	2.8	2.8	0.82	1.7	195	5.7
7	Female	25	Yes	255	364	184	16.7	3.7	2	0.63	NA	46	9.7
8	Female	20	Yes	52	181	44	11.7	5.4	1.4	0.53	NA	88	9.1

Patient Number	Leipzig Score*	K-F Rings	Ceruloplasmin, mg/dL	24-Hour Urine Copper, $\mu g$	ATP7B Mutation Analysis <sup>†</sup>	Hemolytic Anemia <sup>‡</sup>	Liver Copper, $\mu g/g$ dry weight of liver
1	6	Yes	4	7583	NA	NA	NA
2	7	No	16	3235	Homozygous	NA	NA
3	5	Inconclusive	17	146	1 exon loci	NA	70
4	5	Yes	23	NA	NA	Yes	1122
5	8	Yes	4	4702	Heterozygous	Yes	NA
6	6	No	13	17,210	NA	Yes	1525
7	10	No	9	3991	Homozygous	NA	1374
8	8	Yes	9	1094	NA	Yes	§





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