

Hepatotoxicidad: actualización 2023

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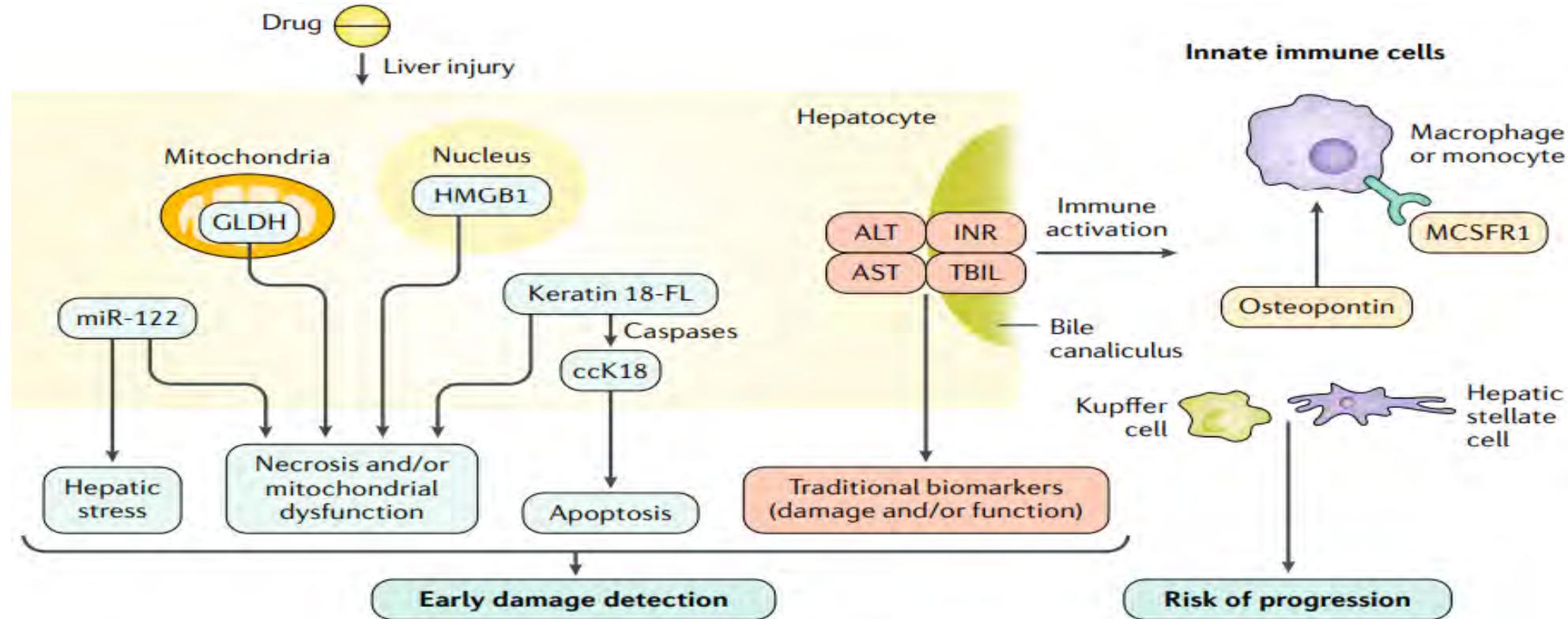
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Nuevos biomarcadores en DILI



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Tandem mass tag-based quantitative proteomic profiling identifies candidate serum biomarkers of drug-induced liver injury in humans

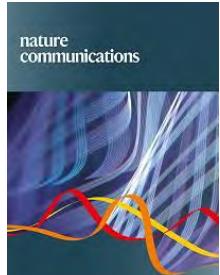
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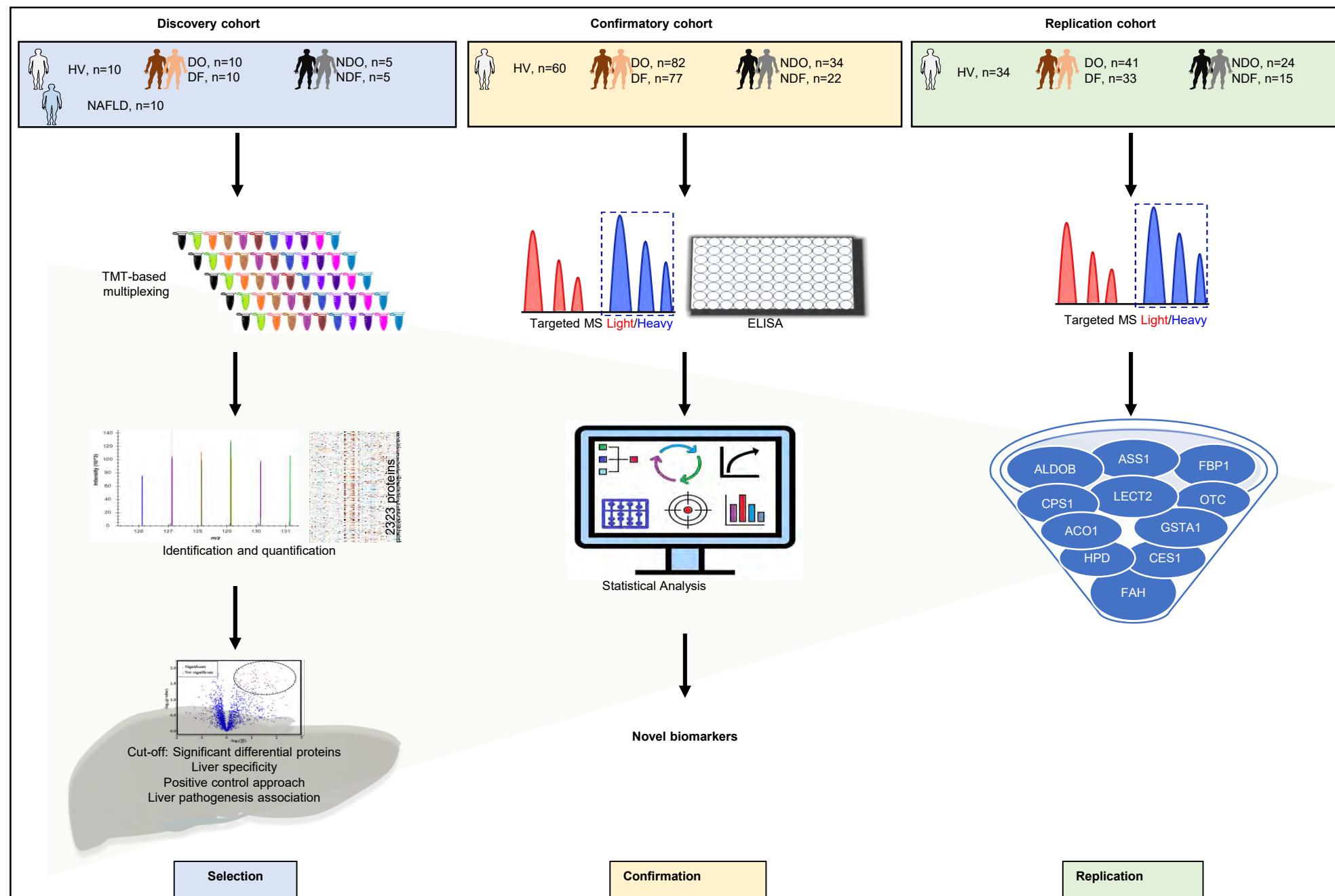
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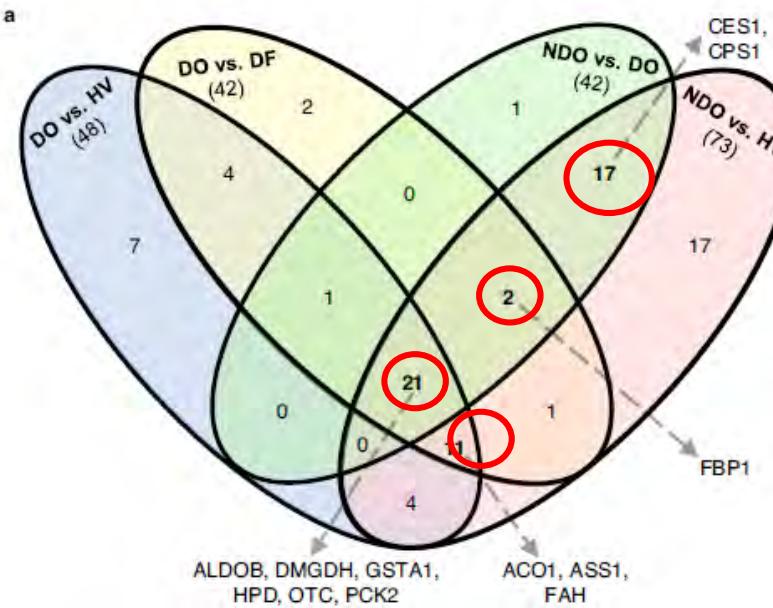
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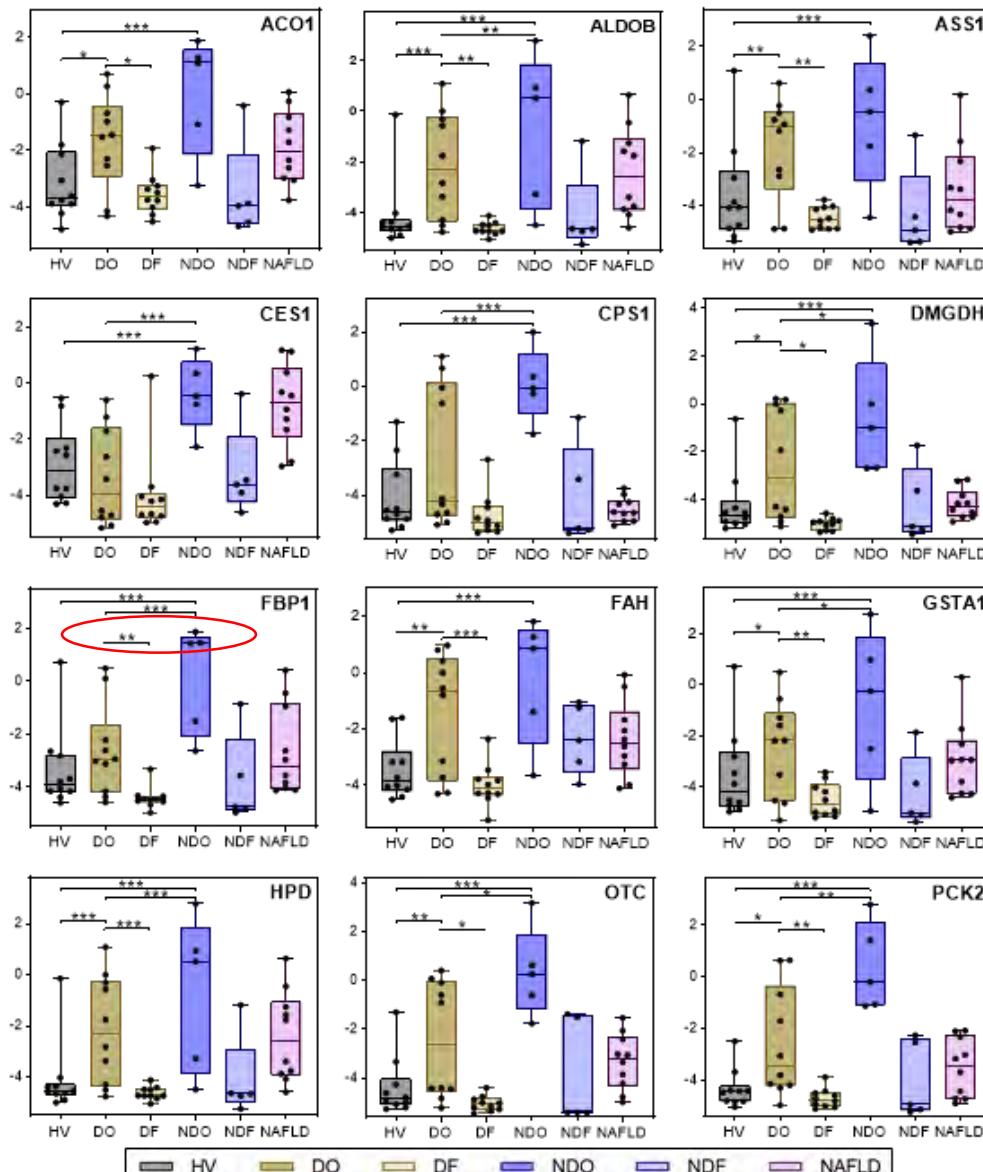
Resultados: identificación de biomarcadores candidatos

- 2323 proteínas identificadas en la cohorte de descubrimiento
- 89 proteínas expresadas diferencialmente (DO vs HV, DO vs DF, NDO vs DO, NDO vs HV)
- 51 presentes en al menos dos comparaciones



- 12 seleccionados en base de especificidad hepática y relevancia mecanística a la biología hepática

Identificación de biomarcadores candidatos



ACO1: Cytoplasmic aconitate hydratase

ALDOB: Fructosebisphosphate aldolase

ASS1: Argininosuccinate synthase

CES1: Liver carboxylesterase 1

CPS1: Carbamoylphosphate synthase

DMGDH: Demethylglycine dehydrogenase

FBP1: Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase 1

FAH: Fumarylacetoacetate

GSTA1: Glutathione S-transferase

HPD: 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase

OTC: Ornithine carbamoyl transferase

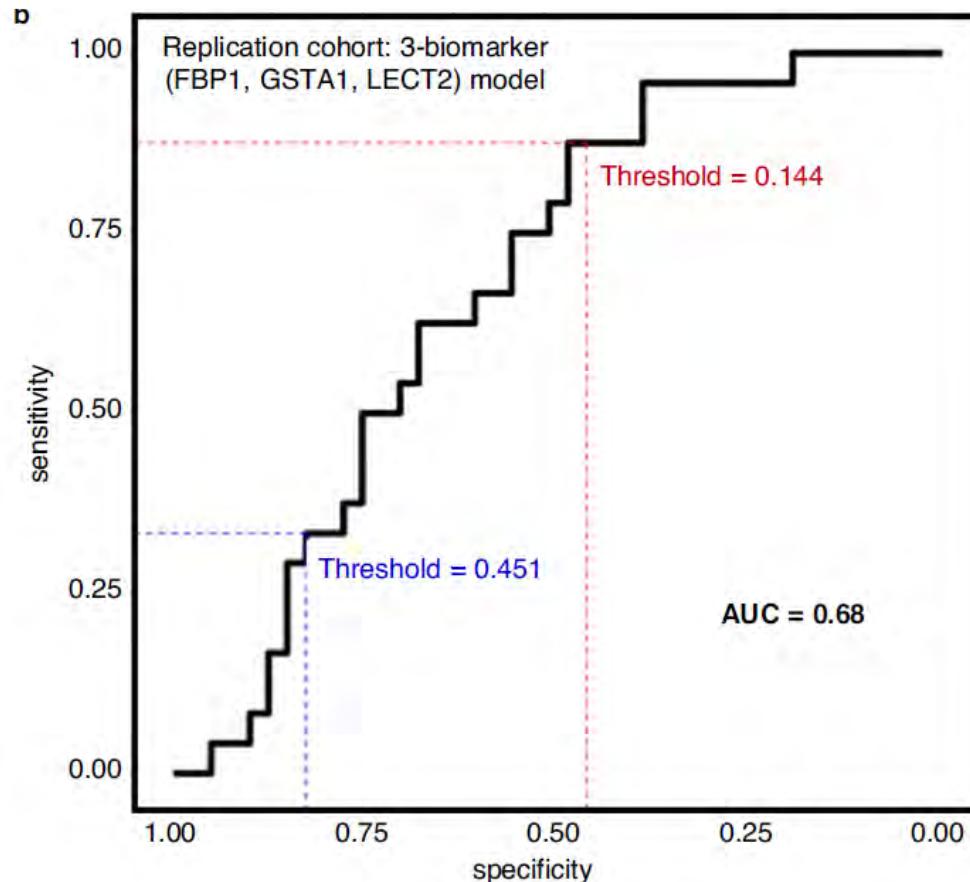
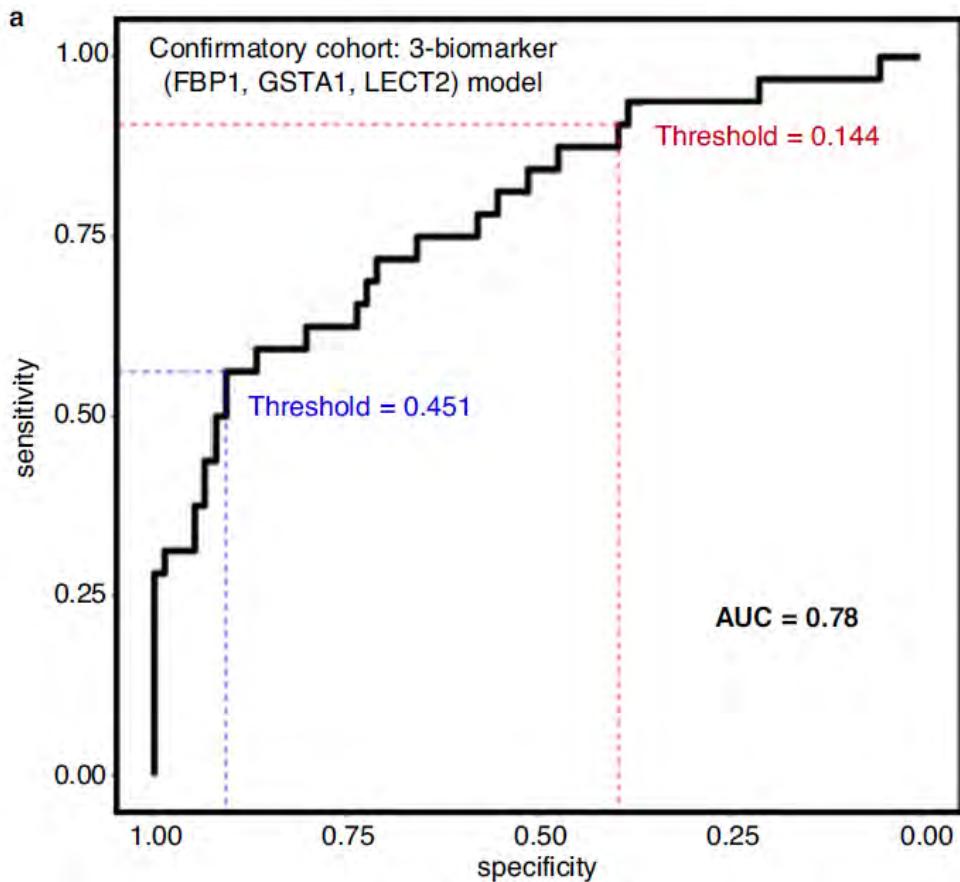
PCK2: mitochondrial phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase 2

LECT2: leukocyte cell-derived, Chemotxin 2, did not meet significance threshold, but was elevated in DO vs NDO

Modelos multivariantes para distinguir NDO vs DO

Method	Biomarkers/Models	AUC of confirmatory cohort between NDO vs. DO	AUC of replication cohort between NDO vs. DO
Logistic regression	FBP1 + GSTA1	0.75	0.69
	FBP1 + GSTA1 + LECT2	0.78	0.68
	FBP1 + CES1 + LECT2	0.78	0.64
Random forest	FBP1 + LECT2	1.00	0.64
	FBP1 + LECT2 + CPS1	1.00	0.61

Modelos multivariantes para distinguir NDO y DO



Mejor modelo: FBP1 + GSTA1 + LECT2
No mejoraba cuando añadieron ALT

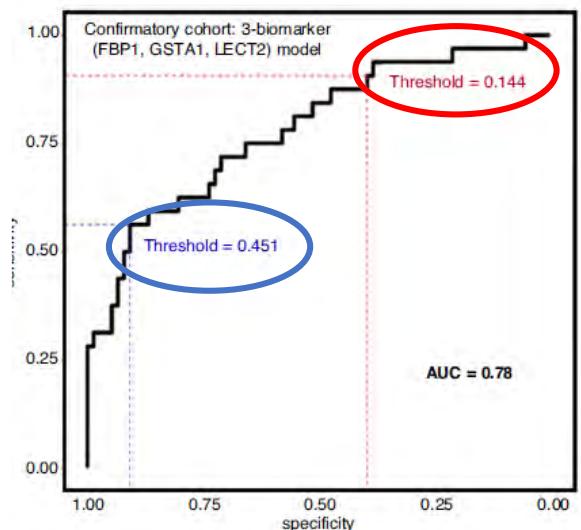
Aplicación clínica

“Screen-and-confirm approach”

- Usar biomarcadores convencionales para identificar daño hepático
- Usar nuevos biomarcadores para “confirmar” DILI

FBP1 + GSTA1 + LECT2

- Valores “cut-off” con especificidad y sensibilidad alto identificados



Usar para “rule-out” o “rule-in” DILI

Aplicación clínica. Ejemplos

1. Breau et al. 2019: 11.3% de pacientes con ALT o AST >1000 IU/L son DILI

Probabilidad de DILI antes prueba con nuevo modelo: 11.3%

Usando el valor de cut-off 0.45

Probabilidad de DILI después prueba con nuevo modelo (+): 21%

2. Donaghy et al. 2013: 15% de pacientes con ictericia son DILI

Probabilidad de DILI antes prueba con nuevo modelo: 15%

Probabilidad de DILI después prueba con nuevo modelo (+): 27%

3. Suzuki et al. 2022: 35% de pacientes con $ALT \geq 5 \times LSN$ o $FA \geq 2 \times LSN$ dentro de 90 días después comenzar tratamiento con amoxicilina-clavulánico son DILI

Probabilidad de DILI antes prueba con nuevo modelo: 35%

Probabilidad de DILI después prueba con nuevo modelo (+): 53%



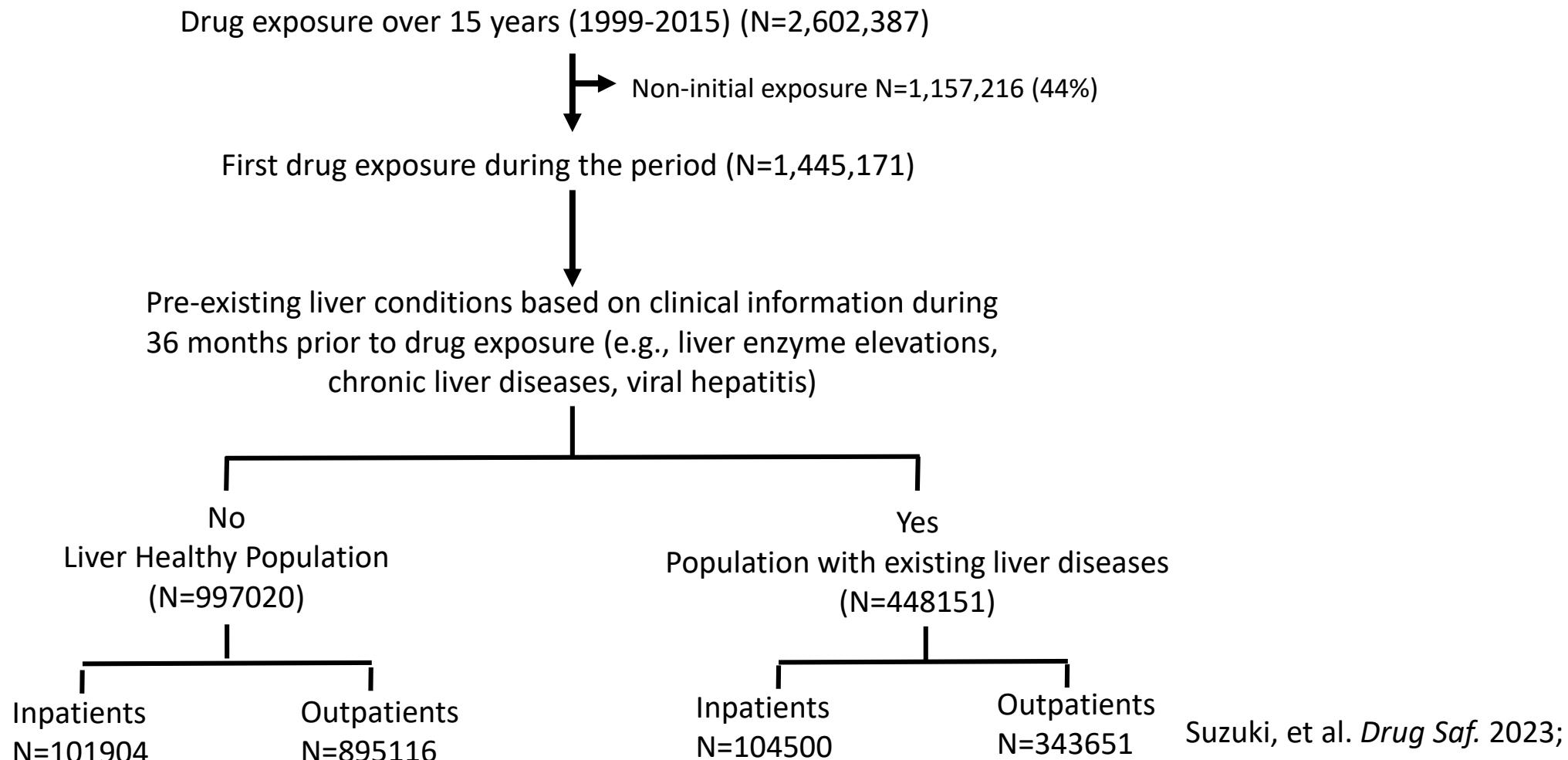
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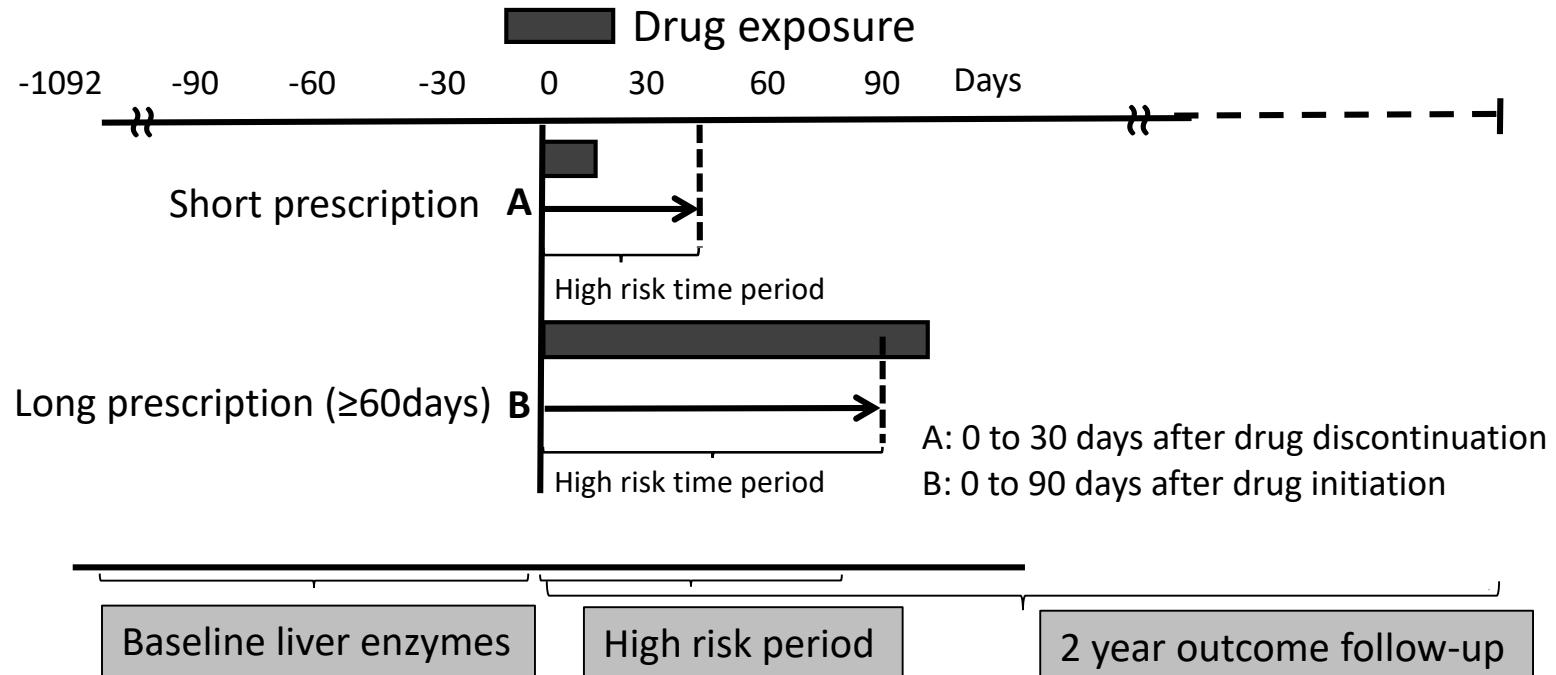
Drug Safety

Assessment of the frequency, phenotypes, and outcomes of acute liver injury associated with amoxicillin/clavulanate in 1.4 million patients in the Veteran Health Administration

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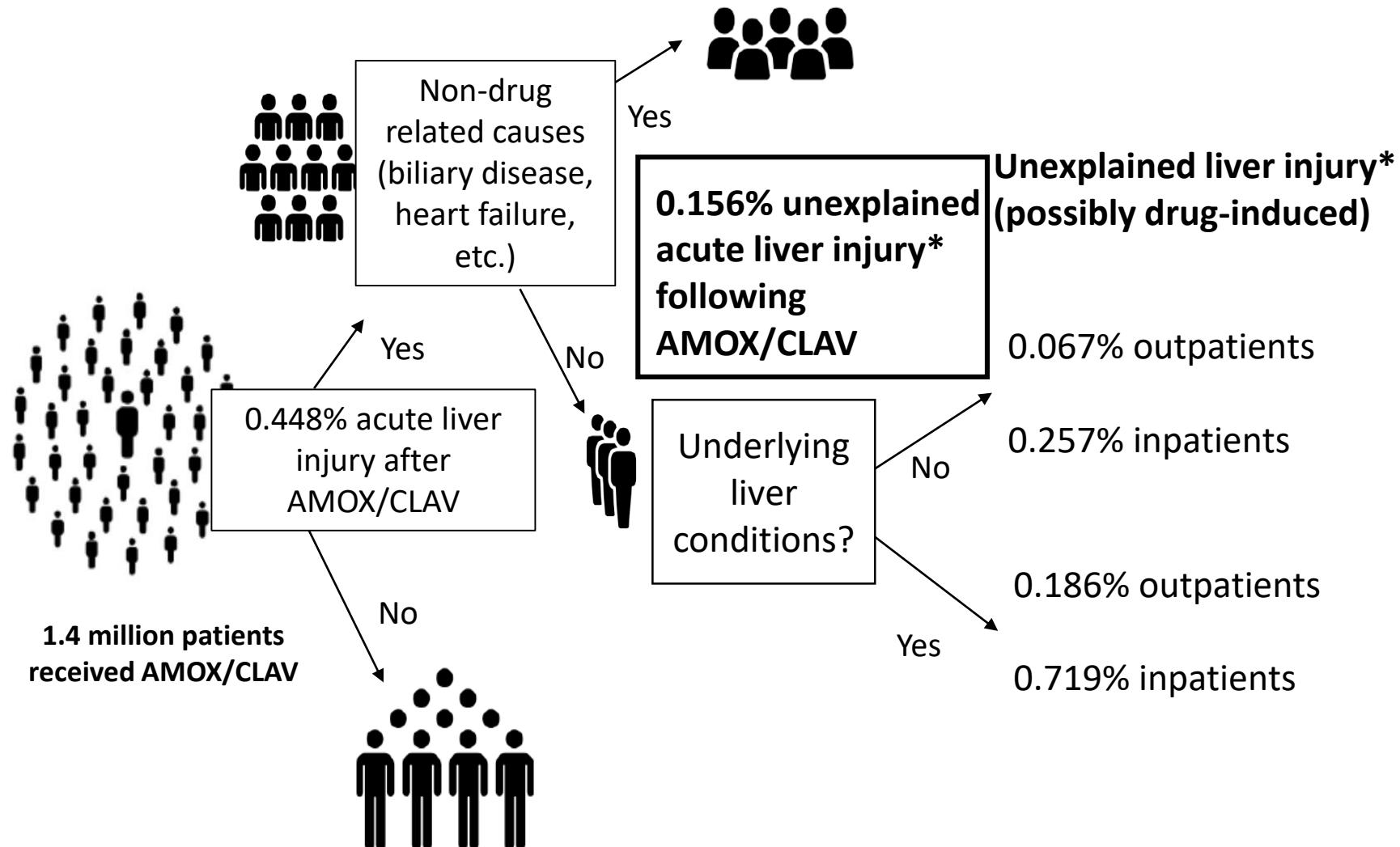


Acute liver injury associated with amoxicillin/clavulanate in 1.4 million patients in the Veteran Health Administration



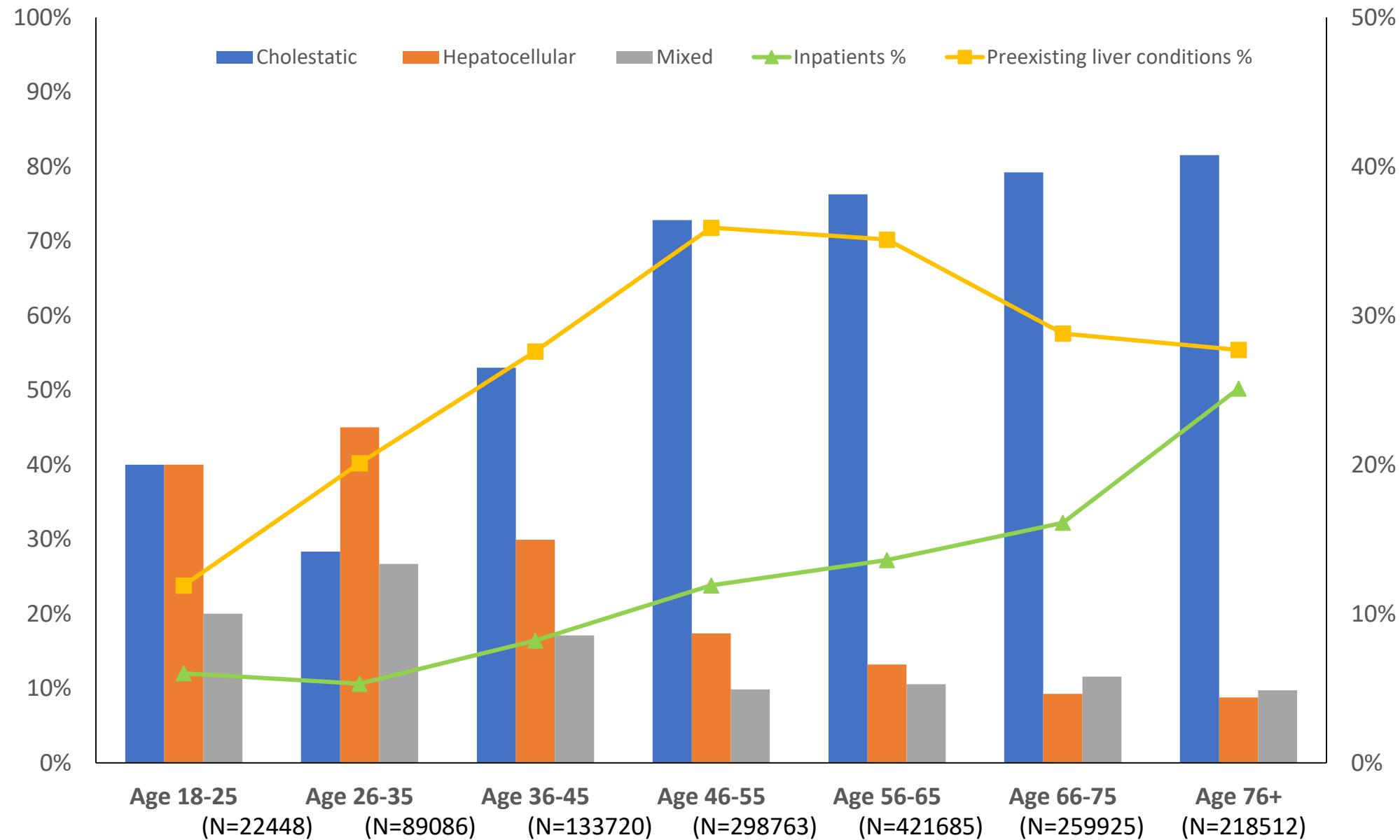
- No test: use ULN
- Normal: use ULN
- Abnormal: median or mean values within 36 months, or ULN, whichever is higher
- Acute liver injury identification: $ALT > 5$ ULN/BLM or $ALP > 2$ ULN/BLM
- Exclude acute liver injury with competing causes within 90 days after liver event
- 24 months after the event (cases) or after exposure (non-cases)
- Death (6, 12, 24 months)

Acute liver injury associated with amoxicillin/clavulanate in 1.4 million patients in the VHA



*ALT \geq 5x upper limits normal (or baseline); or
alk phos \geq 2x upper limits normal (or baseline)

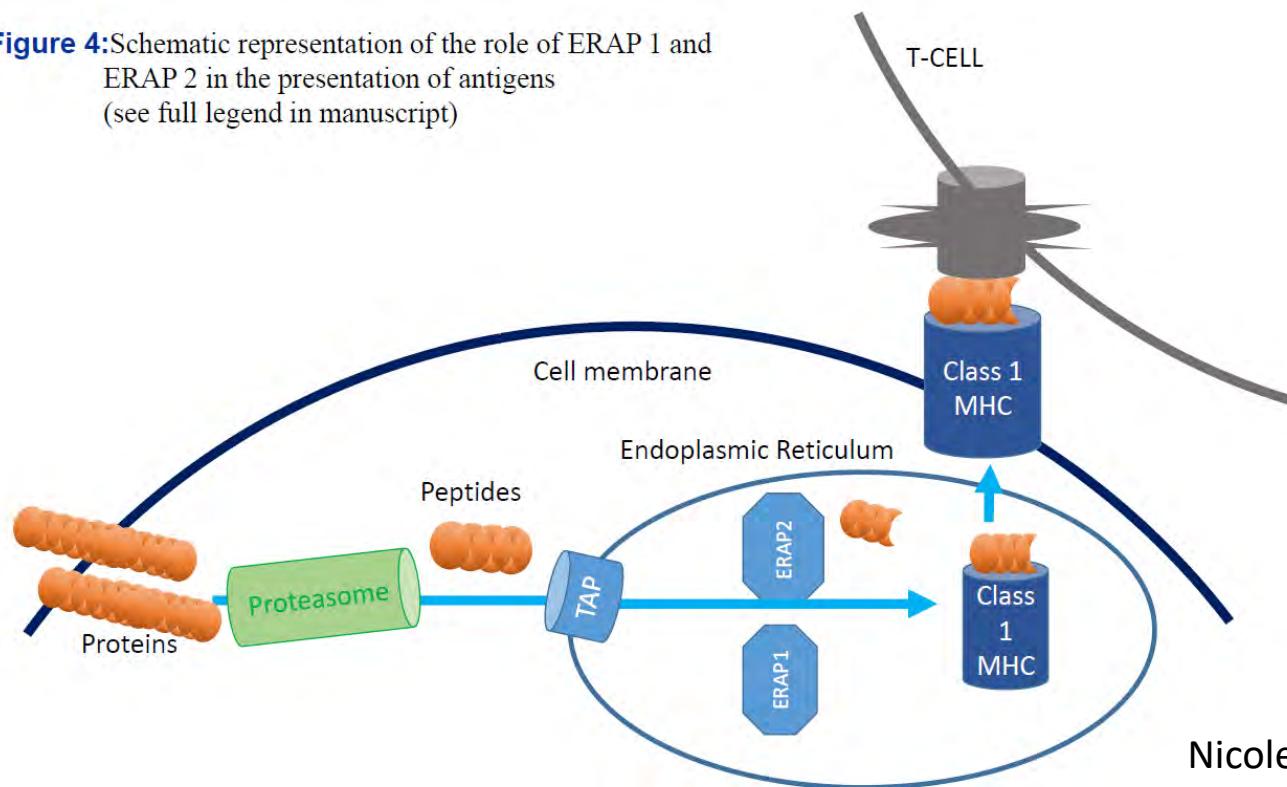
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Identification of Reduced ERAP2 Expression and a Novel HLA Allele as Components of a Risk Score for Susceptibility to Liver Injury Due to Amoxicillin-Clavulanate

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Figure 4:Schematic representation of the role of ERAP 1 and ERAP 2 in the presentation of antigens
(see full legend in manuscript)



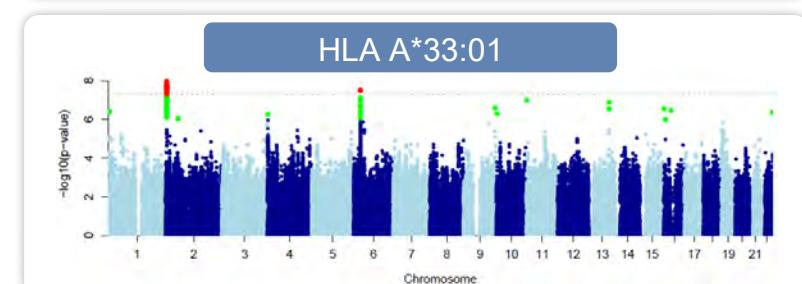
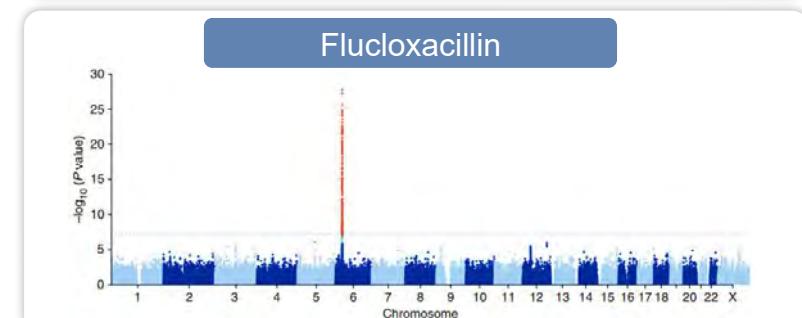
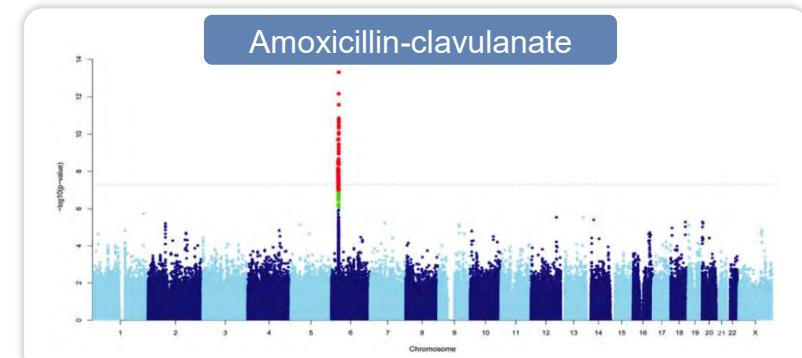
GENETIC BIOMARKERS (GWAS)

Test: HLA type	% positive in DILI cases	% + in 'normal' population
<i>DRB1*15:01</i> <i>B*1801, A*0201</i>	57%-67% (Amoxicillin-clavulanate) 84%-87% (Flucloxacillin) 17% (Carbamazepine)	15%-20%
<i>DRB1*16:01-DQB1*05:02</i>	25% (Flupirtine)	6% 2% 1%
<i>A*33:01</i>	80% (Ticlopidine) 50% (Methyldopa) 50% (Enalapril) 43% (Fenofibrate) 43% (Terbinafine) 40% (Sertraline)	1%
	20% (Erythromycin)	
<i>B*35:02</i>	16% (Minocycline)	0.6%
<i>B*35:01</i>	72% (<i>Green Tea</i>)	11% (Caucasian)
<i>B*35:01</i>	45% (<i>Polygonum multiflorum</i>)	3% (Chinese)

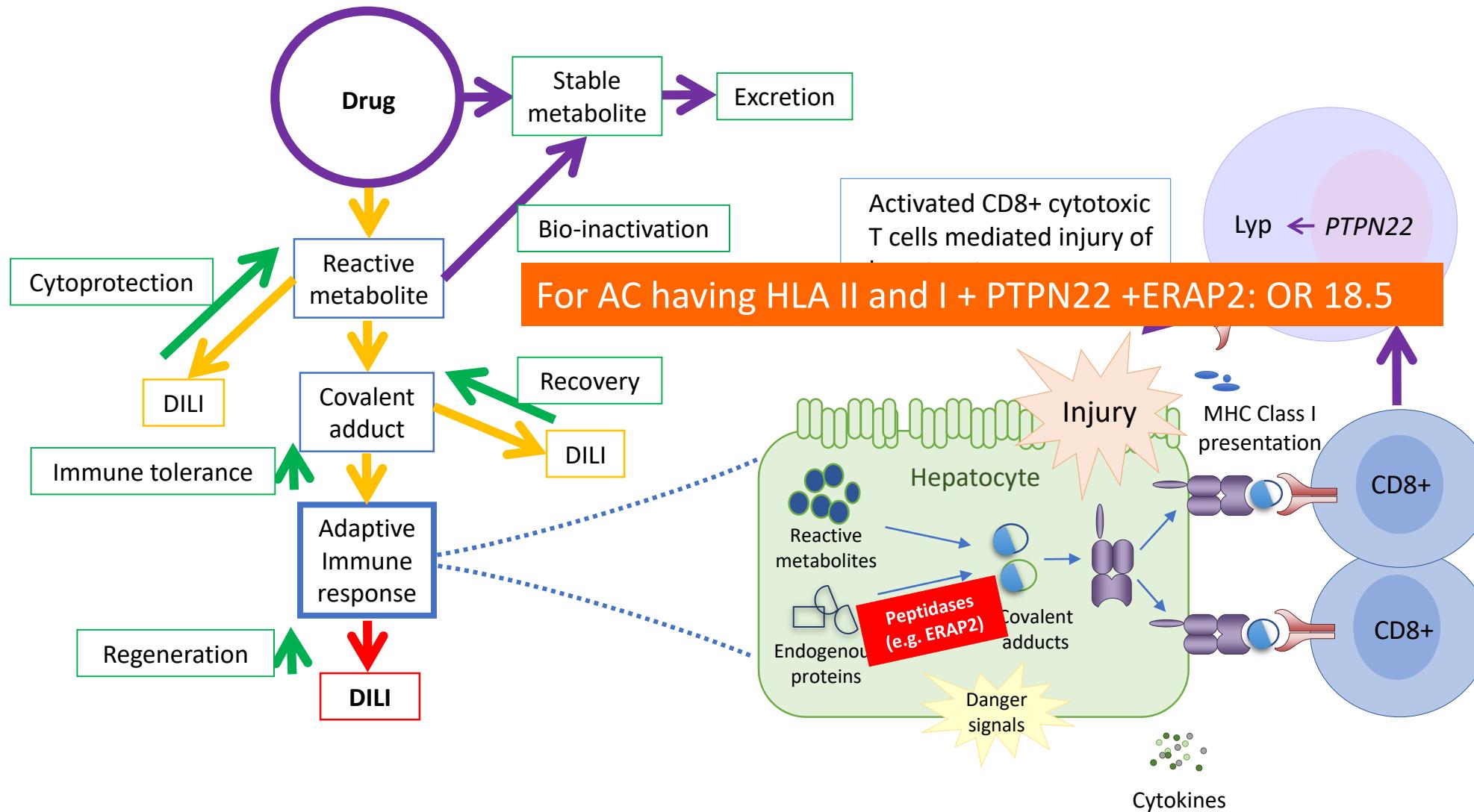
HLA

NO HLA

A non synonymous in the protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 22 gene (*PTPN22*), rs2476601 OR 1.44



Putative mechanism: individual to the general



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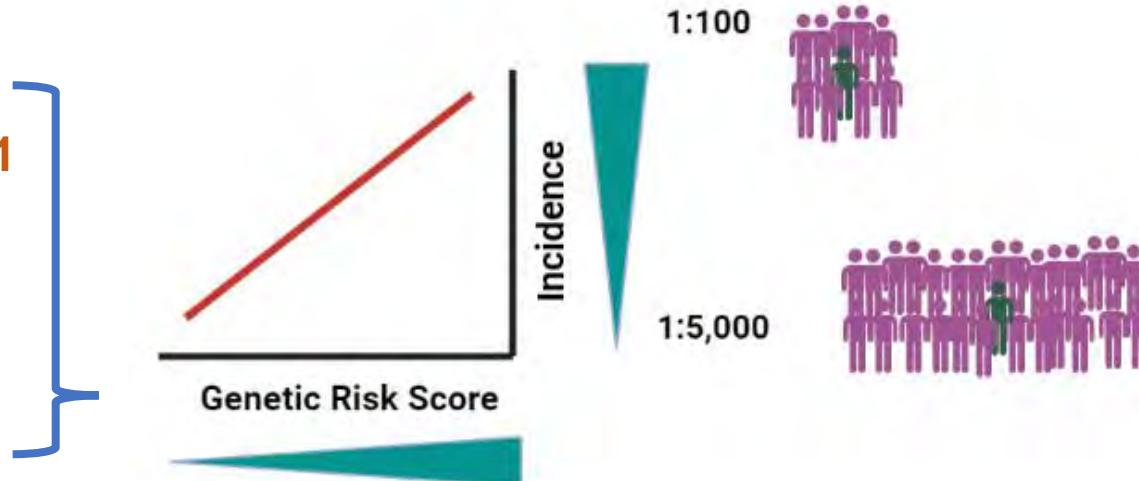
GWAs and general drug susceptibility

Polygenic Risk Score in amoxicillin clavulanate

HLA-DRB1*15:01	HLA-A*02:01 / HLA-B*15:18	PTPN22 Rs2476601 (A)	ERAP2 Rs1363907 (GG)	Freq Cases	Freq Controls	OR	95% CI	P
+	+	-	-	0.15	0.06	5.79	3.89–8.6	3.9×10^{-18}
+	+	+	-	0.06	0.01	10.7	6.3–18.0	7.6×10^{-19}
+	+	-	+	0.14	0.03	10.7	7.1–16.1	6.2×10^{-30}
+	+	+	+	0.05	0.006	18.5	10.4–33	2.1×10^{-23}



- **HLA-DRB1*15:01**
- **HLA-A*02:01 / HLA-B*15:18**
- **PTPN22**
- **ERAP2**



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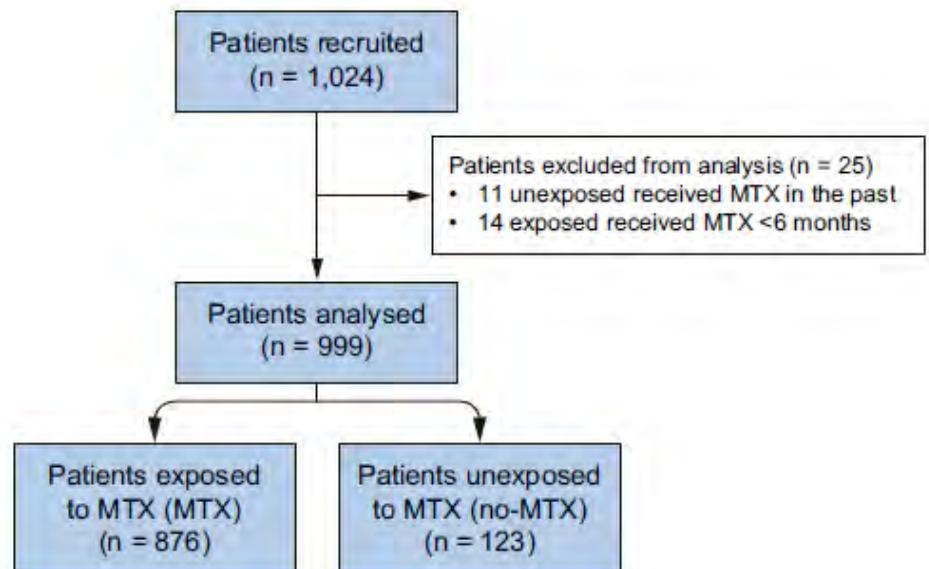
Risk of liver fibrosis associated with long-term methotrexate therapy may be overestimated

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Non-invasive markers of liver fibrosis for monitoring of long-term methotrexate therapy: A multi-centre longitudinal cohort study

Patients and setting

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2014 - 2021

RA or psoriasis
(n = 999)

Exposed to MTX
(n = 876)

Unexposed to
MTX (n = 123)

Cumulative
 4.8 g
 6 years

Non-invasive markers

Liver stiffness



Enhanced liver fibrosis
score (ELF)



Results

Exposed

vs.

Unexposed

4.9 kPa ($p = 0.049$) 5.3 kPa

≥ 11.5 kPa
5.5% ($p = 0.01$) 11.6%

9.32 (n.s.) 9.28

≥ 11.3
2.9% (n.s.) 2.9%

Neither MTX cumulative dose nor duration was associated with elevated liver stiffness.
Type 2 diabetes and BMI were significantly associated with elevated liver stiffness.

Is the development of liver fibrosis in patients receiving methotrexate a matter of coexisting risk factors?

News & views

Hepatotoxicity

Liver fibrosis with methotrexate – an overestimated risk?

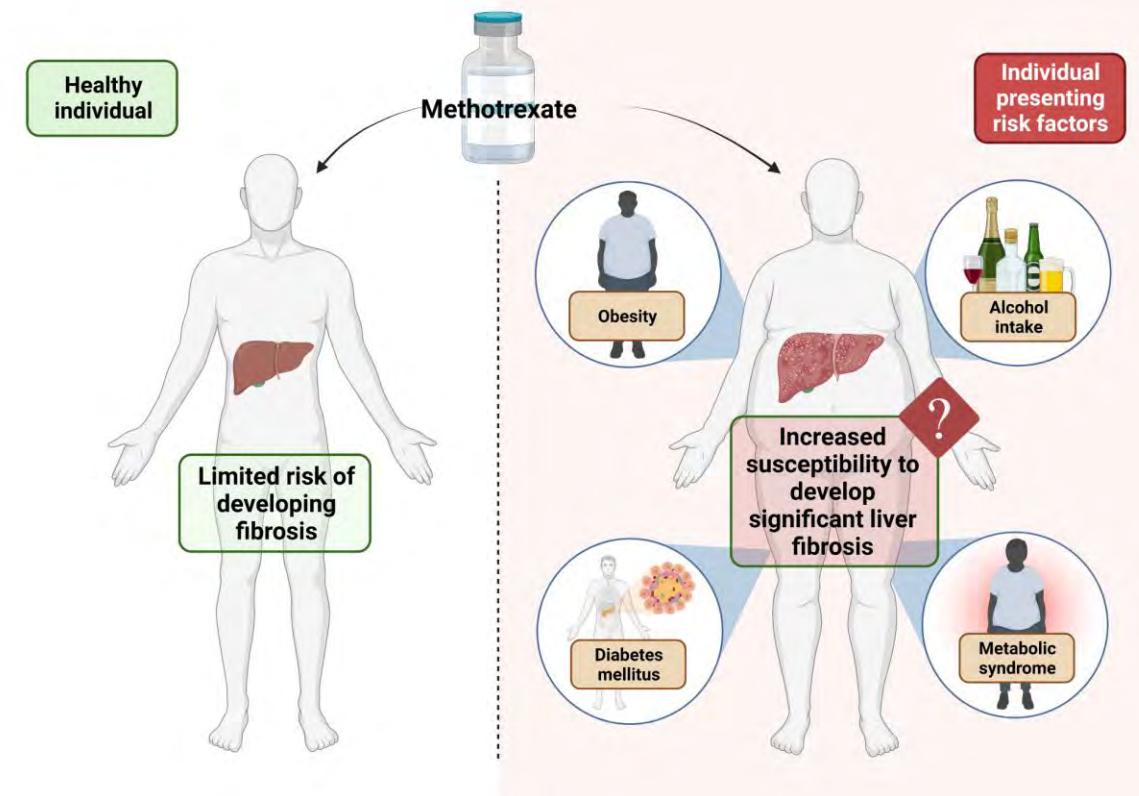
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A prospective study suggests that the risk of liver fibrosis with methotrexate treatment has been overestimated. The findings suggest the need to reconsider the intensive strategies and the screening tools that are recommended for monitoring liver fibrosis in patients receiving methotrexate.

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received methotrexate than among those who had, and ELF markers did not differ between the two groups overall. Neither the cumulative dose of methotrexate nor the duration of therapy with methotrexate was associated with liver stiffness. The cumulative dose of methotrexate was associated with increased ELF markers, but sensitivity analysis revealed that this association was only seen among patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Among these patients, regular use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) – which was considered to be a marker of disease activity – was more strongly associated with an increased ELF score. Given that inflammatory arthritis increases collagen turnover, disease activity increases levels of amino-terminal

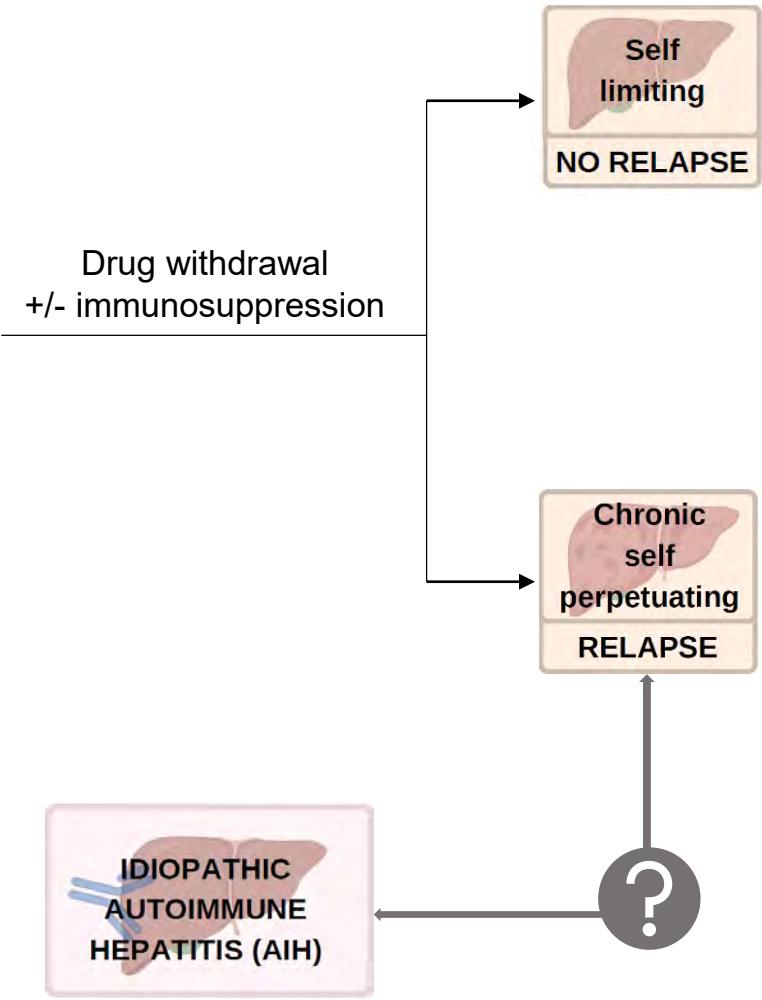
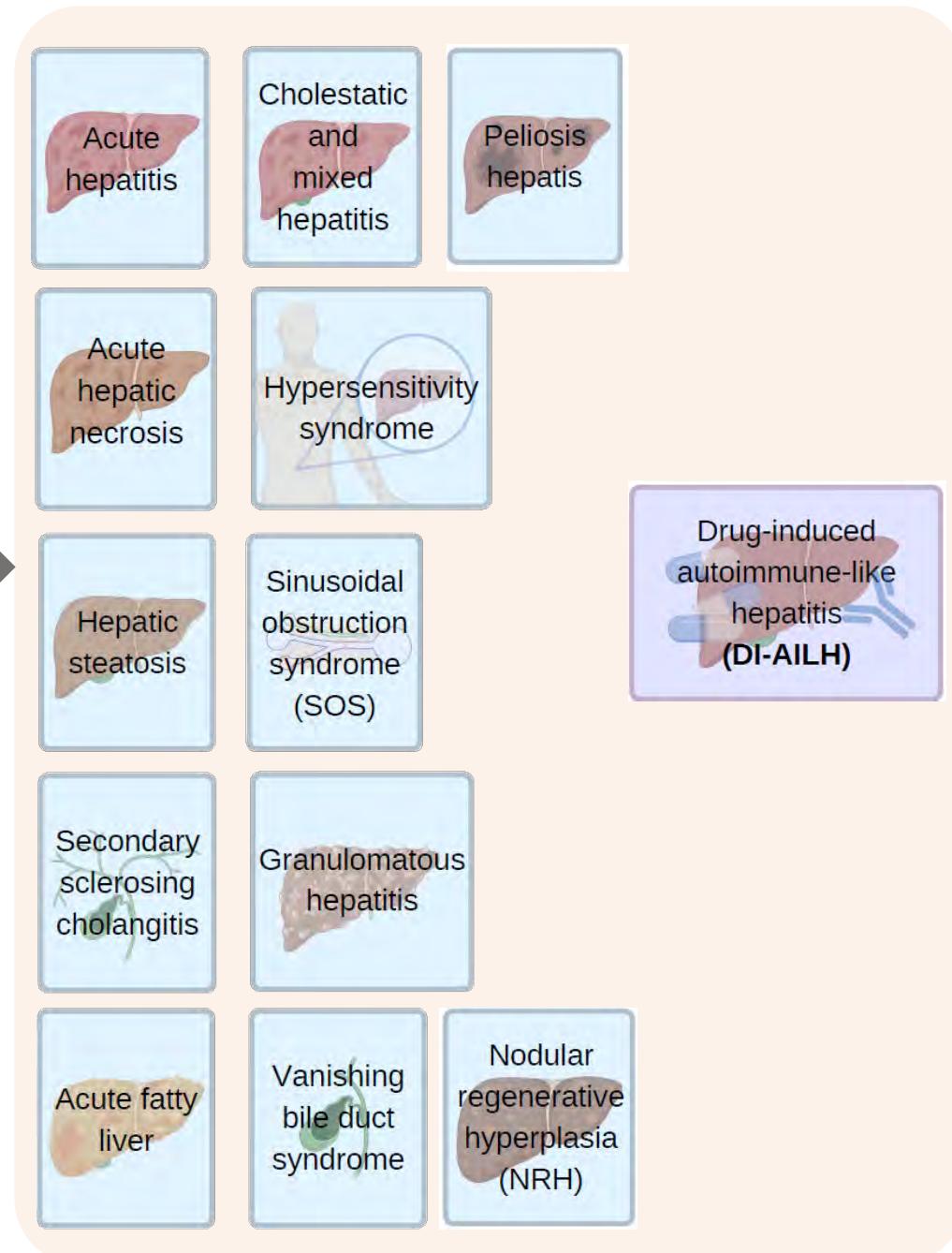


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Drug induced liver injury

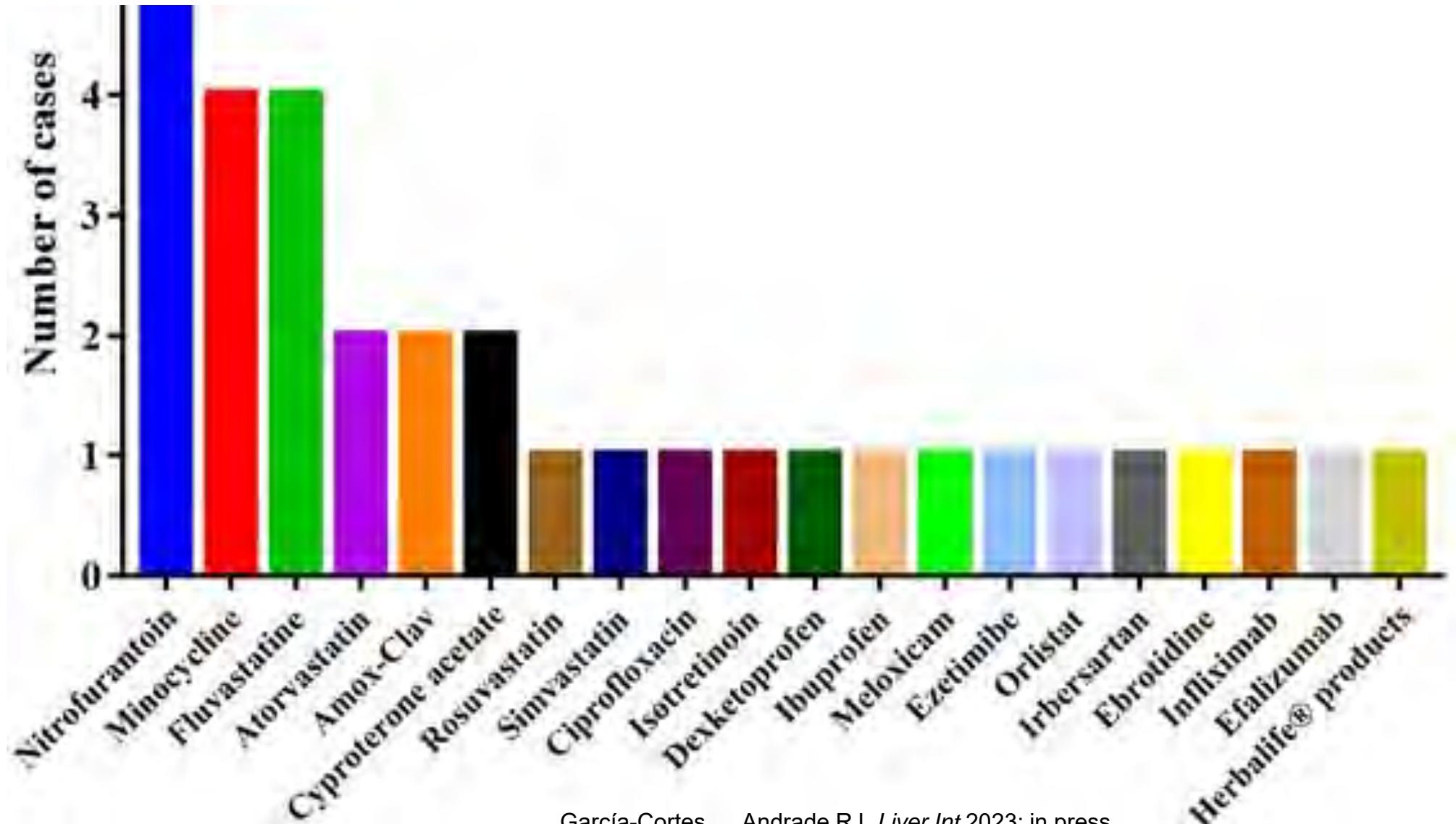


Cases included in the Spanish and LatinAmerica DILI Registries	DILI without autoimmune features (n=1,393)	DILI with autoimmune features (n=33)	AIH (n=71)	p value
Female sex, %	53	58	75	0.001
Age (y), mean±SD	52±18	53±20	53±15	0.971
Pattern of liver injury, %				0.005
Hepatocellular	63	84	81	
Cholestatic	21	6.5	2.3	
Mixed	16	9.7	16	
Jaundice, %	66	58	41	<0.001
Treatment duration (d), median (IQR)	29 (9-68)	92 (40-312)	NA	<0.001
Time to onset (d), median (IQR)	25 (10-62)	94 (42-255)	NA	<0.001
Liver profile at recognition (x ULN), median (IQR)				
Total bilirubin	4.6 (1.1-10)	2.9 (1.5-6.6)	1.1 (0.5-5.0)	<0.001
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	6.2 (2.9-18)	20 (11-29)	9.7 (2.5-22)	<0.001
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	9.2 (4.6-23)	22 (13-34)	9.2 (3.4-26)	<0.001
Immunoglobulin G (peak; g/L), mean±SD	13±7.0	23±11	21±12	<0.001
Positive autoantibodies titres, %				
ANA	18	100	92	<0.001
ASMA	14	91	81	<0.001
AMA	10	34	70	<0.001
Anti-LKM1	2.0	3.1	2.8	0.466
Anti-LKM1	1.1	4.0	19	<0.001
Immunosuppressive treatment, %				
Corticosteroids only	6.9	63	93	<0.001
Corticosteroids and azathioprine	6.9	15	37	
Corticosteroids and azathioprine	0	48	56	
Liver-related death, n (%)	33 (2.4)	0 (0)	NA	1.000
Liver transplant, n (%)	24 (1.7)	1 (3.0)	NA	0.446
Normalization time (d), median (IQR)	93 (48-182)	162 (90-260)	NA	0.004

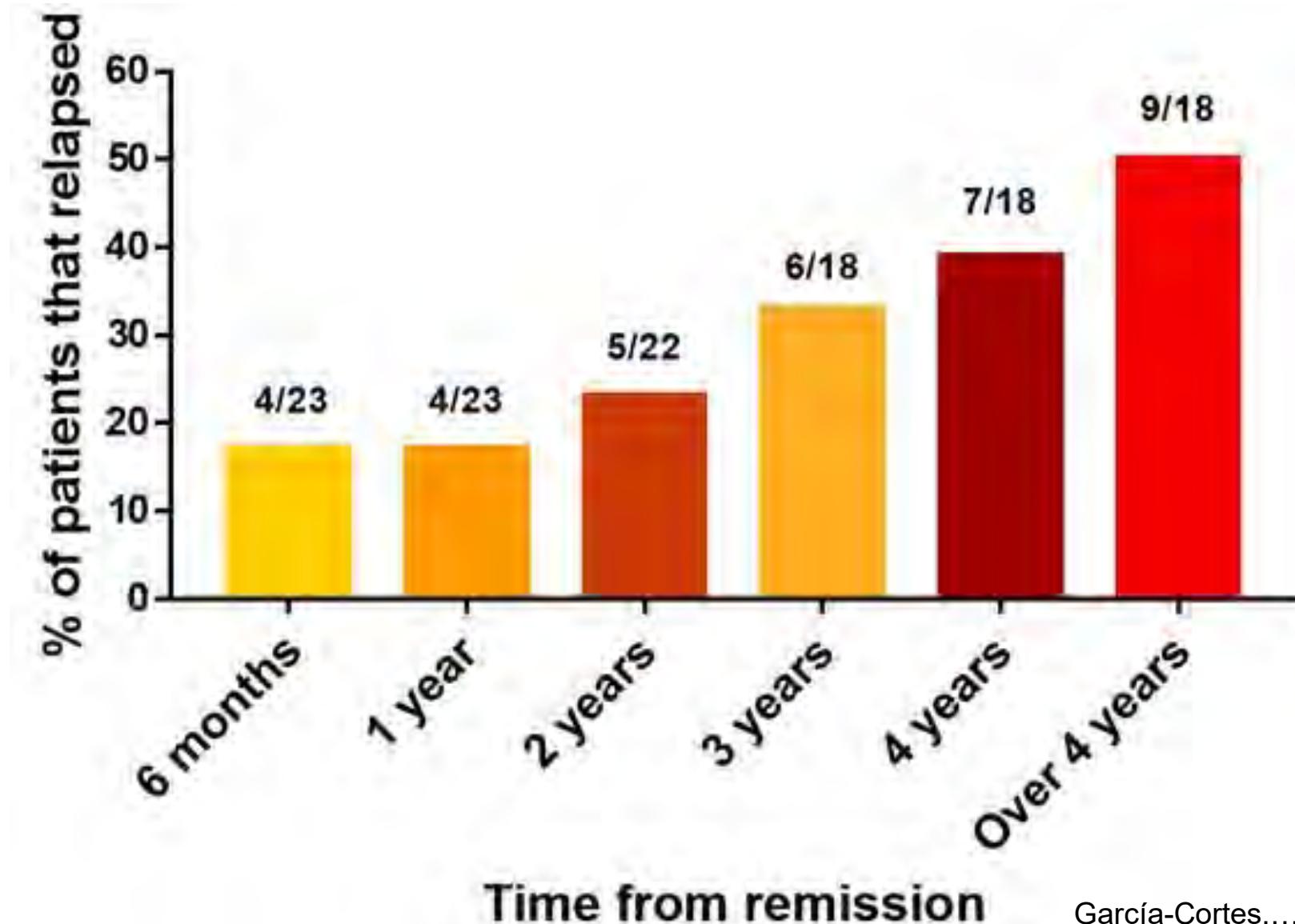
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Histological features, %	DILI with autoimmune features (n=23)	AIH patients (n=65)	p value
Lymphoplasmacytic and eosinophilic infiltrate	70	91	0.034
Monocytic infiltrate	22	15	0.525
Inflammation	43	91	<0.001
Fibrosis stage			
F0	26	14	0.205
F1	30	32	1.000
F2	17	25	0.573
F2-F3	8.7	1.5	0.166
F3	8.7	25	0.138
F4	8.7	3.1	0.279
Interface hepatitis	61	62	1.000
Focal necrosis	26	46	0.138
Rosettes	13	20	0.546
Ballooned hepatocytes	8.7	4.6	0.603

Most frequent culprit drugs in drug-induced autoimmune-like hepatitis cases in the Spanish DILI Registry and the LATINDILI Network

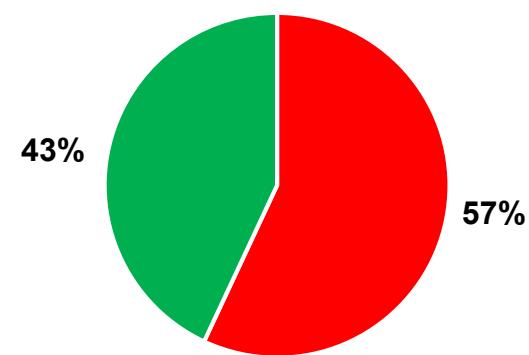
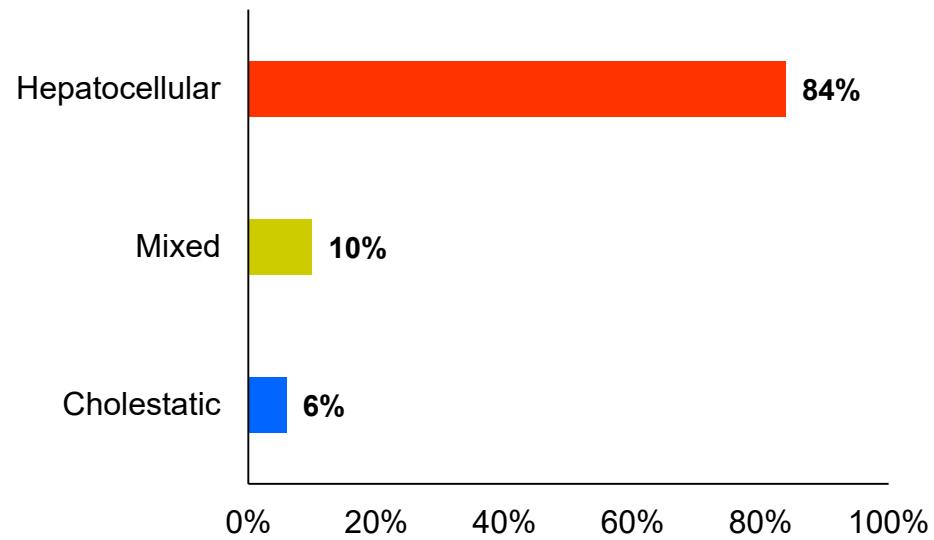


Cumulative relapse rate of drug-induced autoimmune-like hepatitis cases

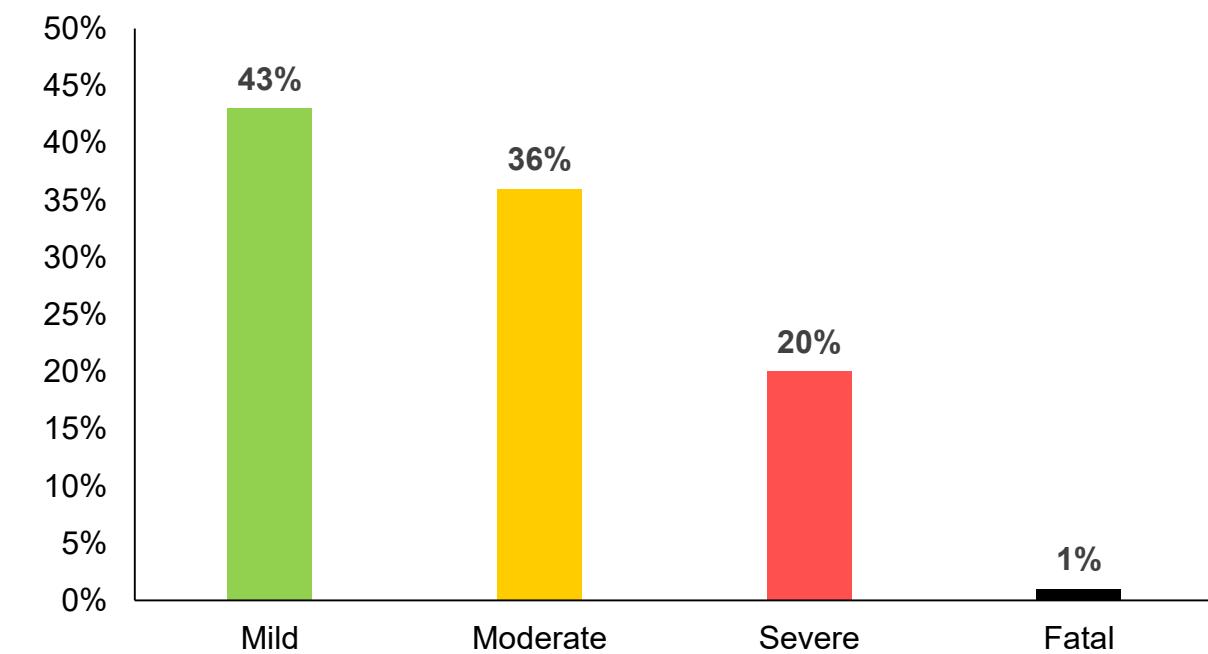


Cases included in the Spanish and LatinAmerica DILI Registries	No relapse (n=14)	Relapse (n=9)	p value
Female sex, %	50	89	0.086
Age (y), mean±SD	59±22	49±15	0.294
Pattern of liver injury, %			0.735
Hepatocellular	75	89	
Cholestatic	17	0	
Mixed	8.3	11	
Eosinophilia, %	43	0	0.048
Liver profile at DILI recognition (x ULN), median (IQR)			
Total bilirubin	1.5 (1.1-3.0)	7 (3.6-9.5)	0.008
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	13 (10-19)	29 (18-36)	0.029
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	12 (10-19)	31 (28-40)	0.038
Immunoglobulin G (peak value; g/L), mean±SD	21±11	19±5.6	0.858
Resolved, n (%)	14 (100)	9 (100)	-
Normalization time (d), median (IQR)	100 (90-202)	202 (176-395)	0.025

DILI after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination



- Immune-mediated hepatitis
- Without immune-mediated hepatitis



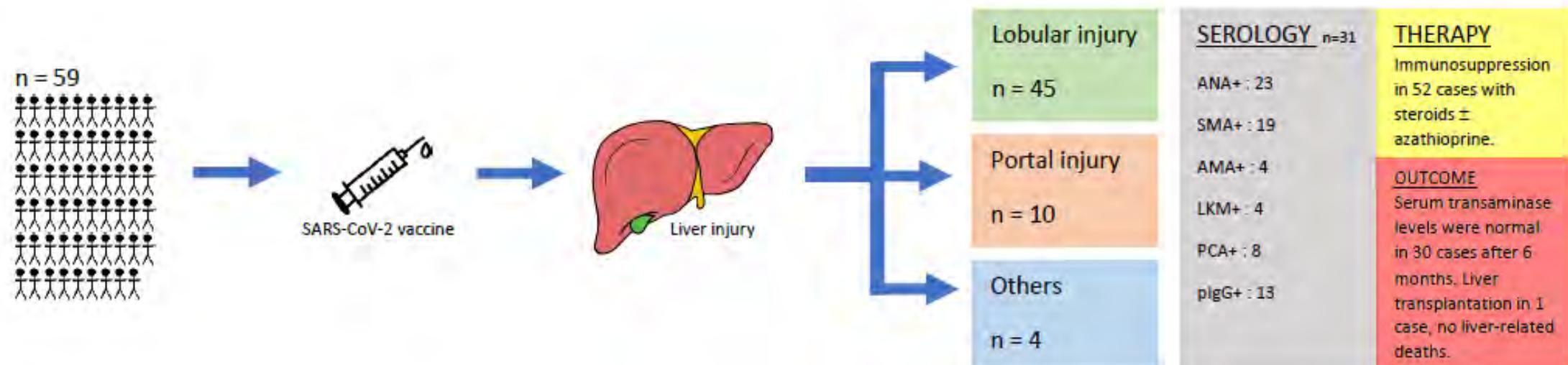
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Histological and serological features of acute liver injury after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination



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Prospective European Drug-induced Liver Injury Network



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AIMS: To establish a consensus for standardized nomenclature in DI-ALH, best practices in management and identify key gaps in the diagnostic and mechanistic biomarkers

Minimal elements for assessment of a suspected case of DI-ALH

- **Demographic and clinical variables**, drug exposure history, temporal criteria, meet criteria for DILI qualification, exclusion of alternative causes
- **Biochemistry**
 - Liver tests at onset, on remission, when worsening, relapse
 - Autoantibodies, IgG
- **Histological features:** *pattern of injury* (portal or lobular based hepatitis), degree of necroinflammatory changes and fibrosis according to Ishak's grading and staging system, *plasma cell infiltration or clusters, documentation of other histological features of significance* (hepatocellular or canalicular cholestasis, chronic cholestasis changes, eosinophils, confluent necrosis, steatosis, vascular injury), *exclusion of other diseases* (e.g., steatohepatitis, cholangiopathy), *overall assessment based on the revised AIH scoring system, simplified criteria, and histological criteria*

Minimal elements for assessment of a suspected case of DI-ALH (II)

- **HLA data:** specific HLA for given drugs and general AIH related HLA
- **Severity:** International expert working group criteria (Aithal et al CPT 2011), nR based Hy's law
- **Treatment:** steroid therapy (when initiated), other immunosuppressants, still on therapy?
- **Outcome:** remission achieved, worsening of the disease, relapse, liver-related death, liver transplant.
- **Follow-up:** 2-4 weeks, 1-3-6-12-18-24 months after diagnosis and once a year, thereafter for 5 years
- **Causality assessment tools:**
 - The RUCAM/CIOMS and its recently improved version RECAM.
 - the revised and the simplified AIH scoring systems issued by the International Autoimmune Hepatitis Group

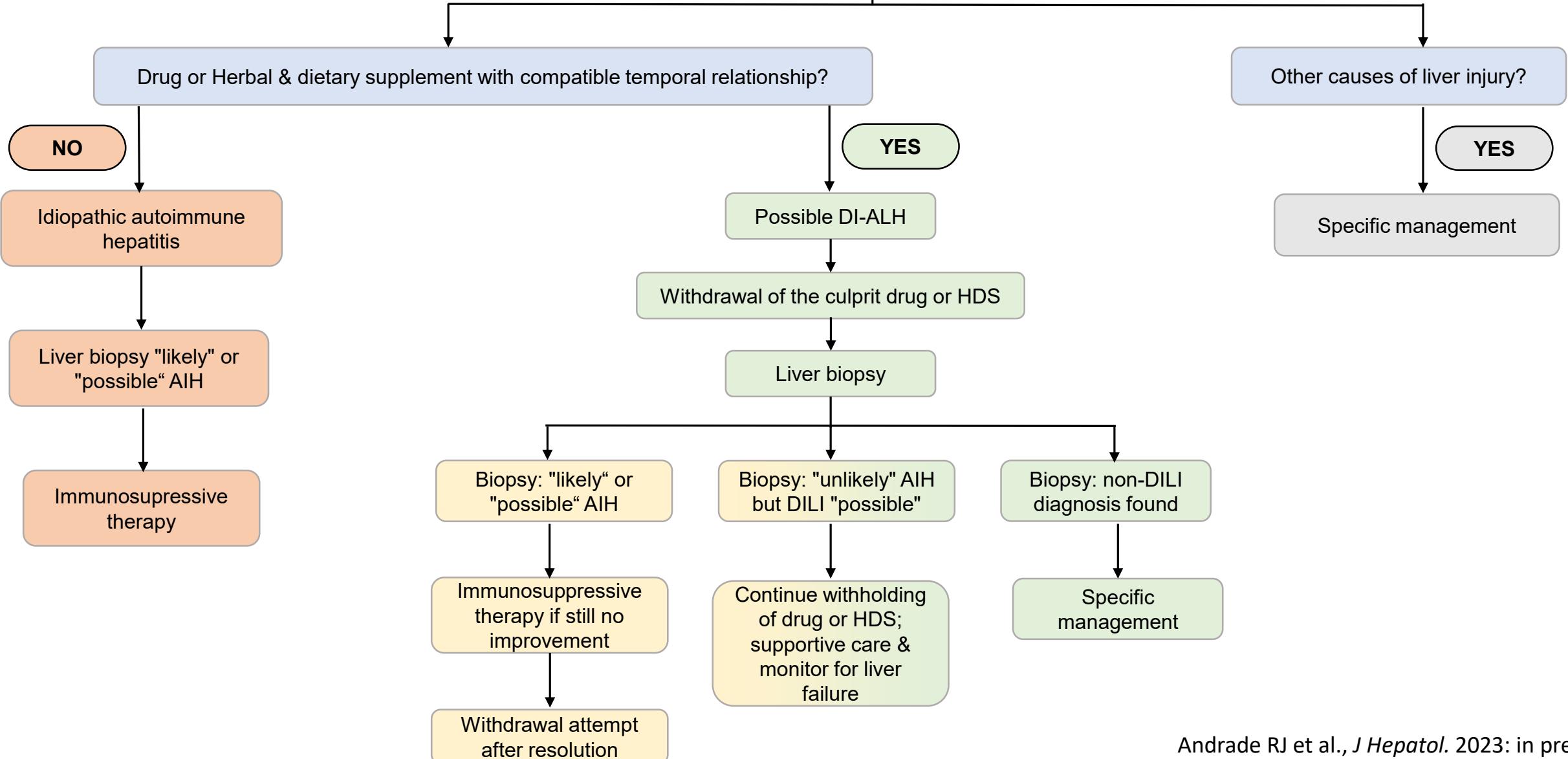
Current gaps and future steps of research to improve the analysis and management of DI-ALH

- **Epidemiology:** based in correct diagnosis and dedicated prospective initiatives
- **Consensus definition:** will allow analyses of larger populations based on the same criteria, to define the different classes of drugs/agents that can cause DI-ALH
- **Improve liver histology evaluation:** to better characterize the patterns of DI-ALH
- **Systematic investigation of autoantibodies:** with comparison to AIH to determine their potential usefulness for diagnosis, prognosis and management.
- **Immunohistochemical and molecular techniques in liver biopsies:** may help identify immunohistochemical markers useful for the diagnosis of DI-ALH
- **Testing for carriage of particular HLA alleles:** in selected cases will assist in the diagnosis of DILI or AIH

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- **Management:** which patients require immunosuppression, standardization in treatment regimens, and when to withdraw
- **Prospective assessment of predictors of positive rechallenge:** with the same or with a different drug and outcomes
- **Liver biopsies and conducting spatial profiling of gene signatures between DI-ALH and AIH:** would highlight the difference for future fine-tuning of nomenclature
- **Comparative analysis using distinct “omics” technologies:** may allow for categorizing DI-ALH cases to better predict their progression, spontaneous resolution, response to therapy and outcomes
- **Larger prospective studies with relevant follow-up information on immunosuppression:** to properly characterize the natural history of DI-ALH.
- **Referral of severe cases to specialized centers:** to better manage DI-ALH patients

Liver injury with autoimmune phenotype (autoantibodies, elevated IgG)



Agenda

- Análisis proteómico de biomarcadores
- Amoxicilina-clavulánico: epidemiología y variantes genéticas
- Metrotexato y riesgo de fibrosis hepática
- DILI autoinmune
- **Corticoides en el tratamiento del DILI**

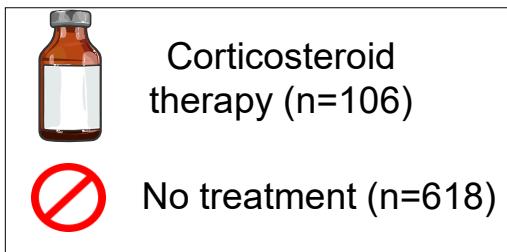
Tratamiento

- No existe un tratamiento específico en el DILI idiosincrásico que haya demostrado en estudios bien diseñados reducir el riesgo de evolución fulminante, muerte, o acortar el tiempo de resolución
- De forma empírica los corticoides se indican en casos de
 - presentación mas florida (ictericia, citólisis marcada)
 - que sugieren un componente alergico (fiebre, rash, eosinofilia)
 - fenotipo autoimmune
 - Toxicidad asociada al tratamiento con inmunoterapia
- Ausencia de evidencia basada en estudios controlados

Tratamiento empírico de pacientes con DILI: datos del Spanish DILI Registry

	Steroids (N=66)	UDCA (n=50)	MARS (n=12)	No treatment (n=497)	p value
Age (years), mean±SD (range)	53±20 (16-88)	55±18 (17-91)	41±18 (20-73)	54±18 (11-90)	0.170
Jaundice, %	89	88	100	65	<0.001
Hospitalization, %	91	67	100	46	<0.001
Hypersensitivity features, %	48	51	83	40	0.010
Total bilirubin	15±11	17±12	30±17	8±9	<0.001
Alanine aminotrasferase	24±30	21±25	12±9	21±24	0.824
Aspartate aminotransferase	21±23	20±31	11±15	18±25	0.317
Alkaline phosphatase	2.8±3.0	3.3±3.4	2.8±2.3	2.2±2.1	0.001
Outcome					
Liver-related death, n (%)	4 (6.1)	3 (6.0)	1 (8.3)	9 (1.8)	0.011
Liver transplantation, n (%)	2 (3.0)	1 (2.0)	1 (8.3)	1 (0.2)	0.011

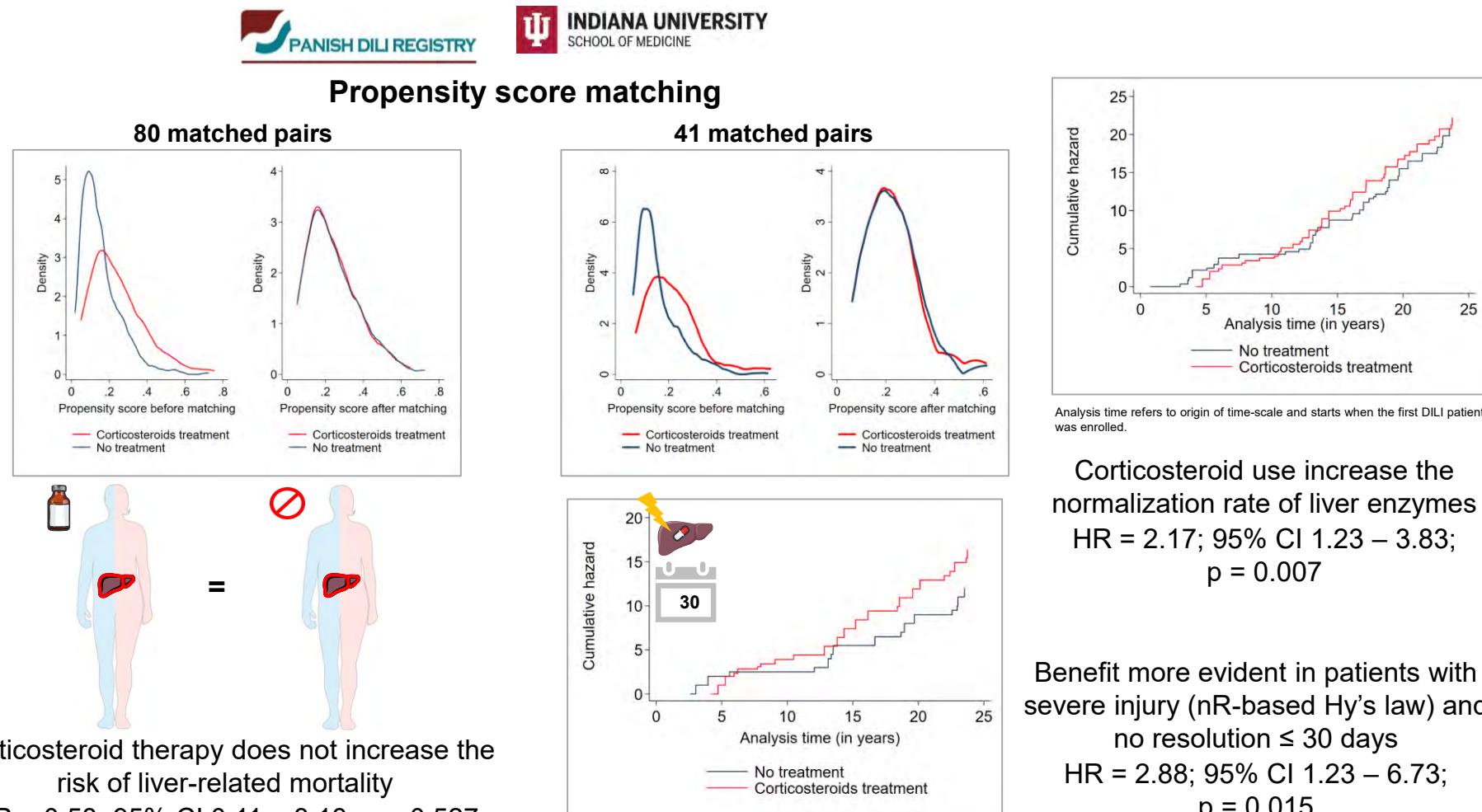
Corticosteroids in DILI: a propensity score matching



In the univariate comparison, patients treated with corticosteroids had:

- ↑ AST values
- ↑ Total bilirubin values
- ↑ Positive autoantibodies

In the univariate analysis, corticosteroids were associated with higher frequency of ALF
 $OR = 3.05; 95\% CI 1.20 - 7.75;$
 $p = 0.019$





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