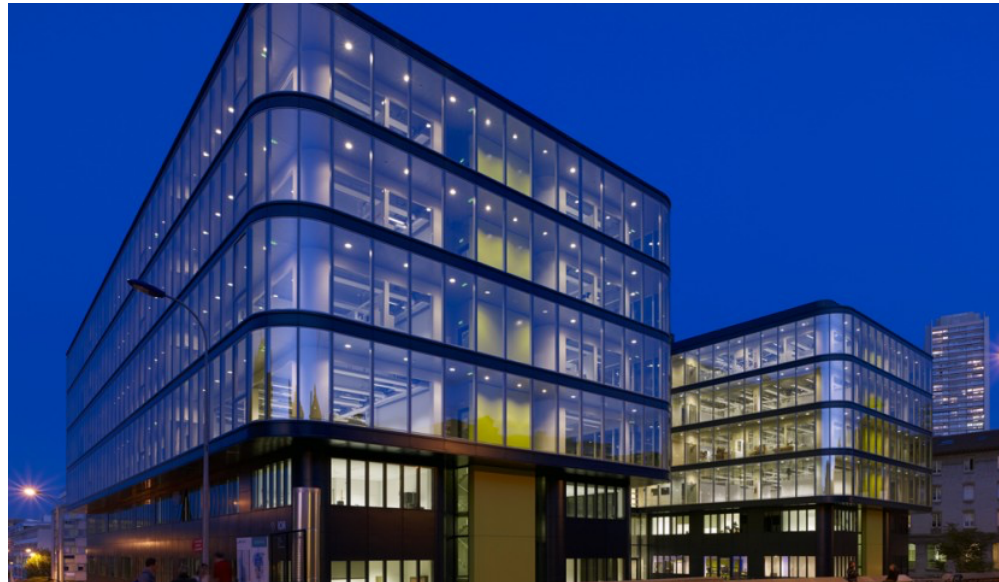


Adult leukodystrophies

Early symptoms of late-onset leukodystrophies

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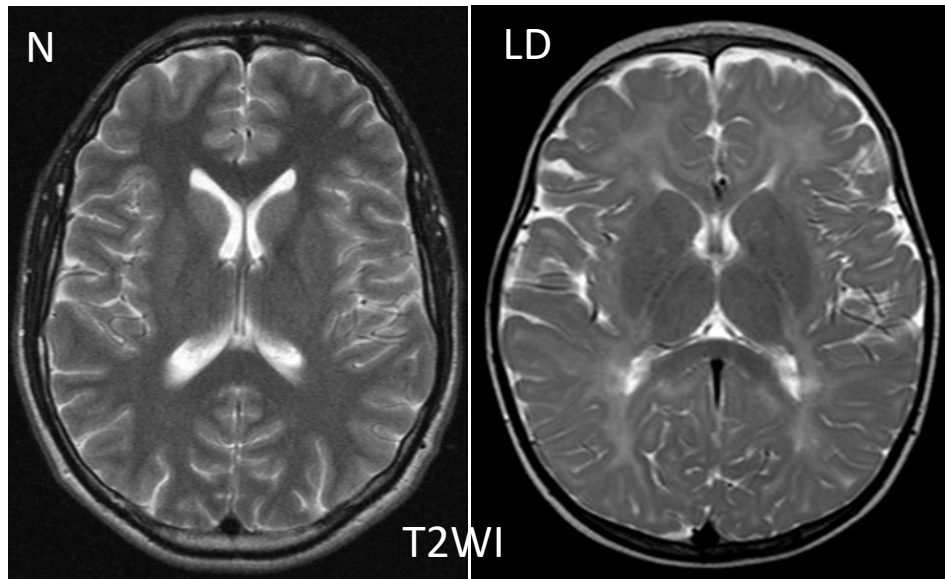
Learning objectives

- **When to think about a leukodystrophy (LD) in adult patients?**
- **What are the clinical presentations of adult-onset LD?**
- **What are the first-line plasma biomarkers in adult-onset LD?**
- **What are the main treatments of adult-onset LD?**

Leukodystrophies

MRI analysis: T2

T2 hyper intensity in the affected white matter is present



T1 signal may be variable

Diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of leukodystrophies

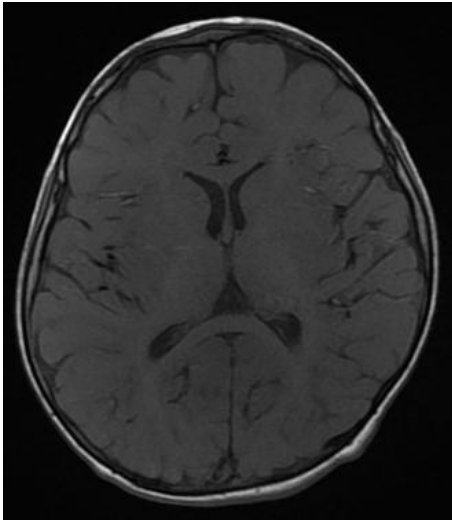
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MRI analysis: T1

Hypomyelinating

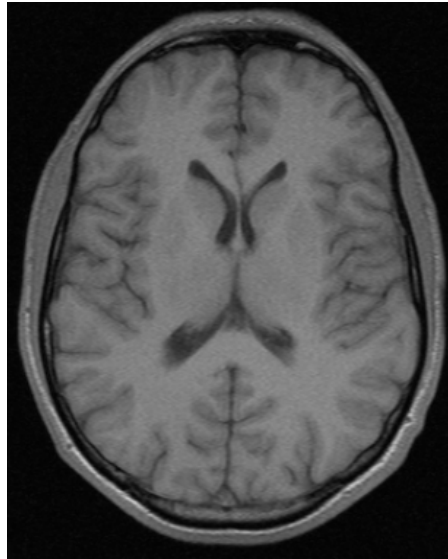
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Or mild hypersignal

Normal

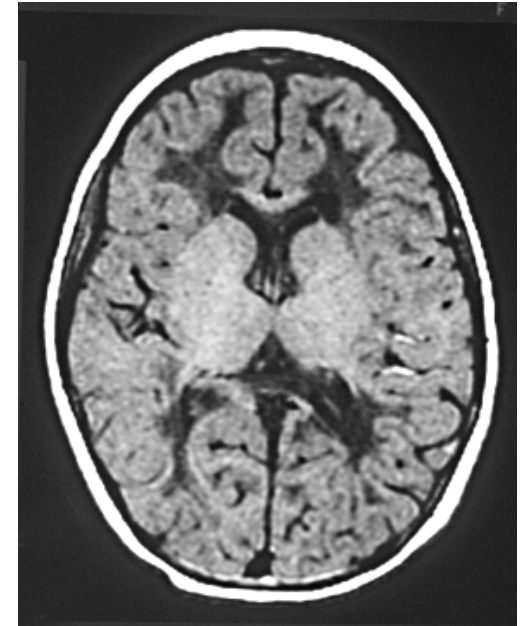
Full maturation



Hypersignal WM/GM

Demyelinating

Myelin destruction



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Leukodystrophies

EDITORIAL

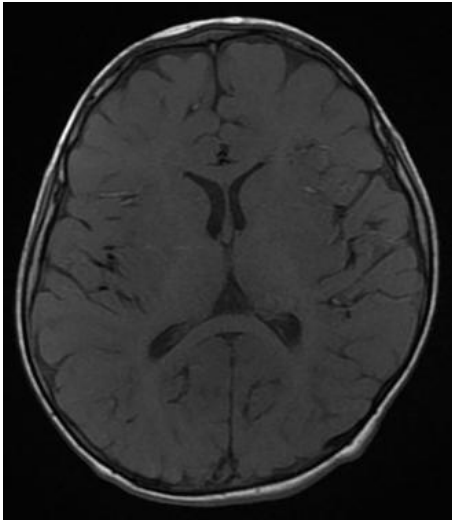
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Hypomyelinating leukodystrophies in adults

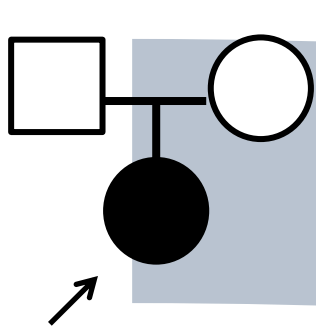
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GJC2
POLR3A
TUBB4A



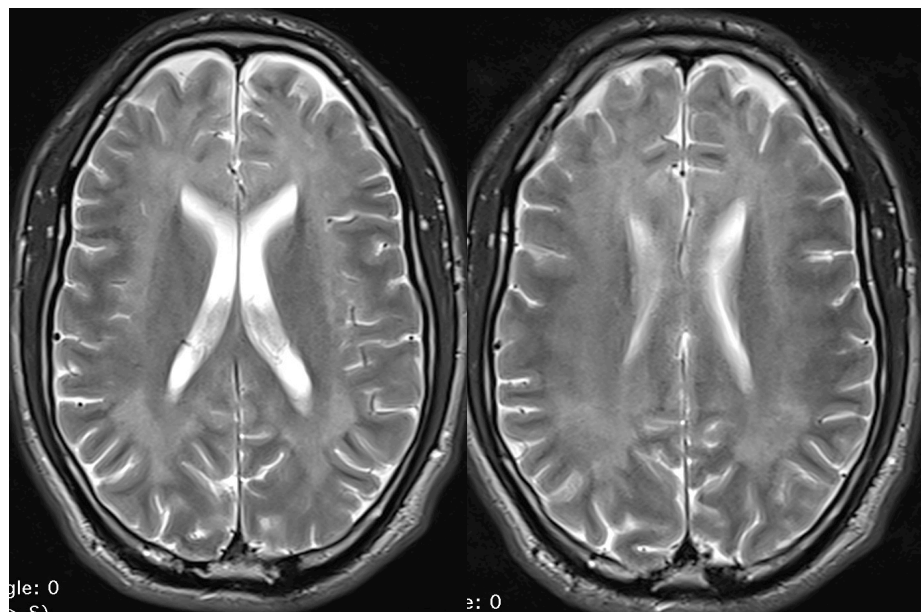
Primary
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Adolescence

Hypogonadotropic
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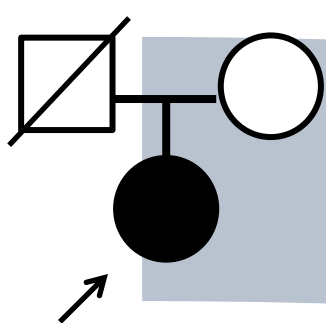
15 years

POLR3A



Partial seizures

19 years



Mild
urgencies

17 years

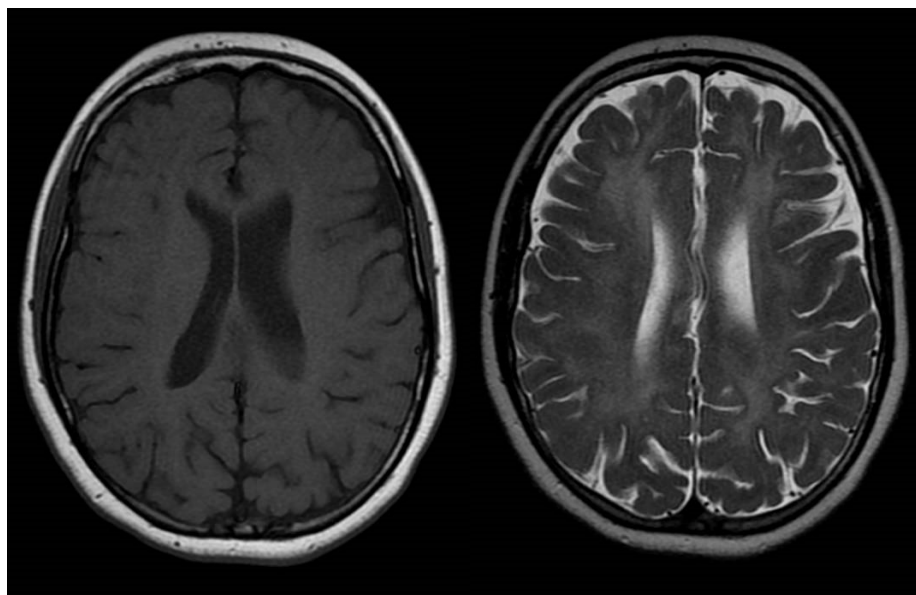
Spastic
gait

30 years

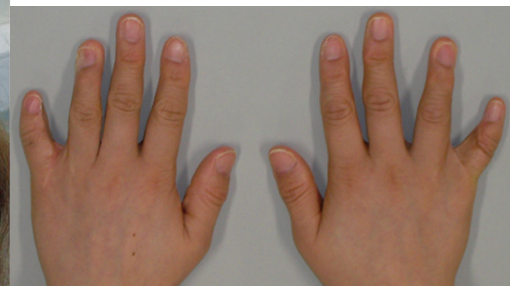
GJA1

Spastic paraplegia
Severe neurogenic bladder

49 years



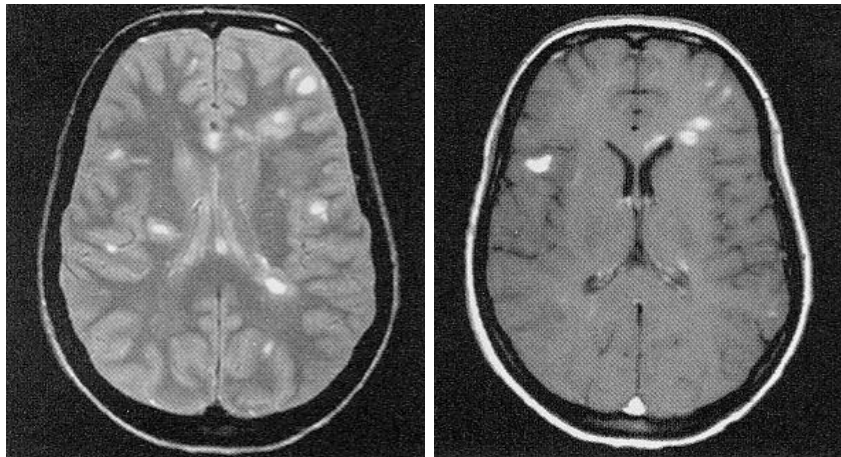
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Demyelinating leukodystrophies

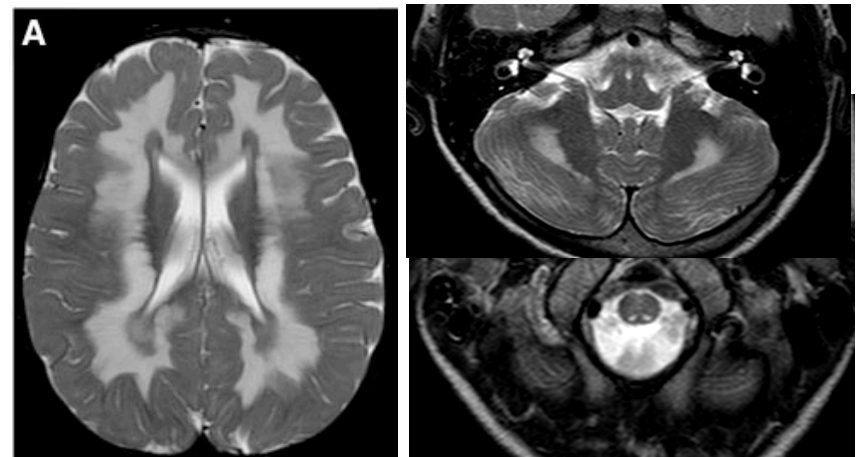
Acquired

- *Asymmetric distribution*
- *Gadolinium enhancement*
- *Rapid increase*
- *Different ages*



Genetic

- *Symmetric distribution*
- *Confluent or fascicular*



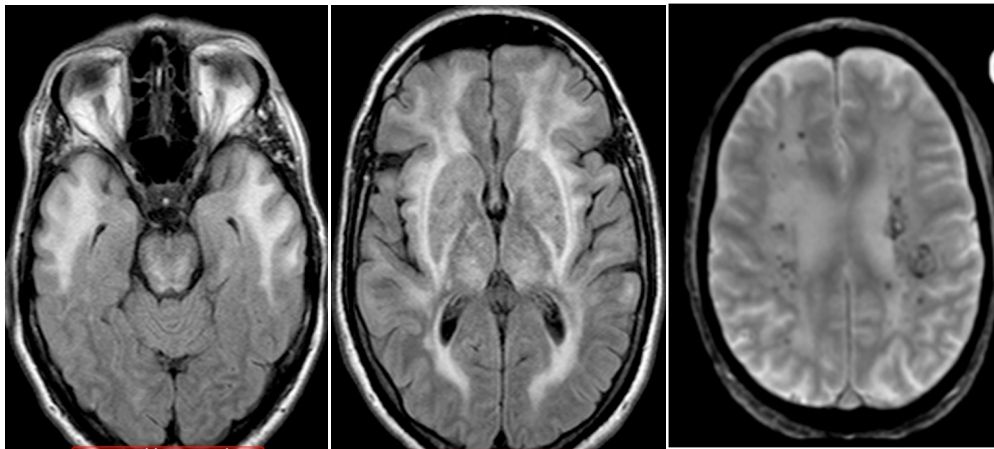
Demyelinating leukodystrophies - Genetic

Vascular

Calcifications

Without calcifications

L with Calcifications and Cysts (LCC)
Aicardi Goutieres Syndrome



-Brainstem
-Temporal lobes

-External capsules
-Deep grey matter

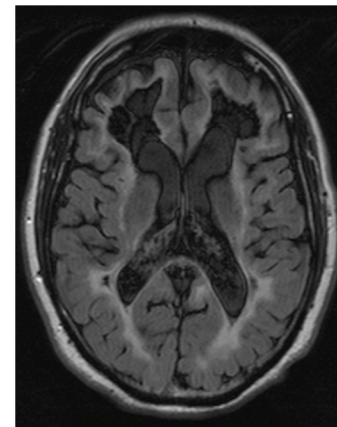
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Sequence
Microbleeds

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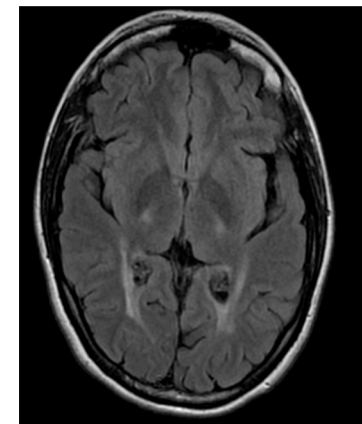
Non vascular

Swelling cavitating

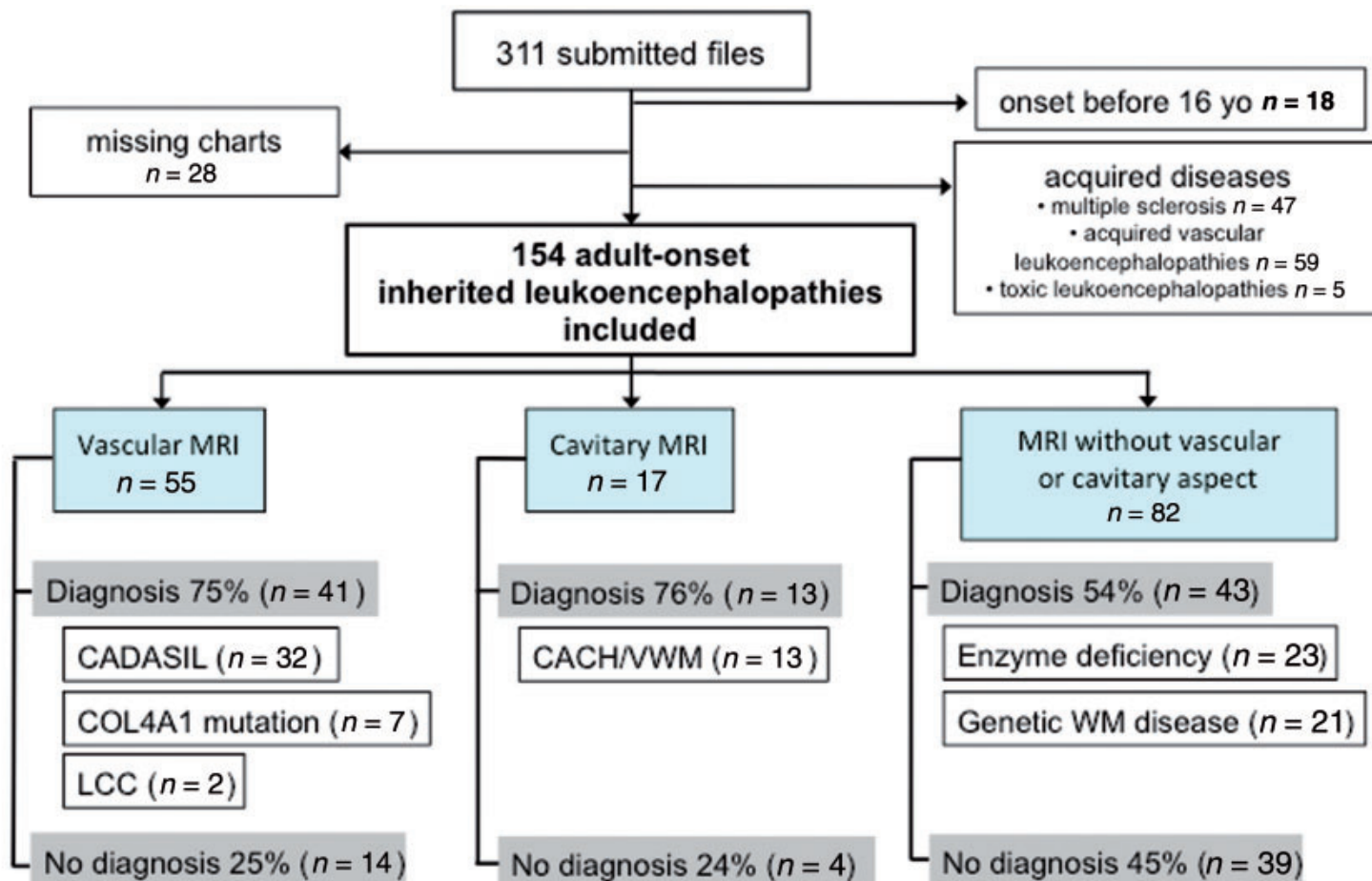
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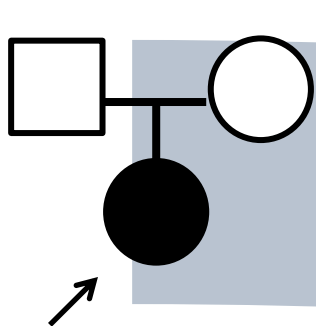


**Astrocytic
dysfunction**



**Metabolic
screening**

REPORT**Adult-onset genetic leukoencephalopathies:
A MRI pattern-based approach in a
comprehensive study of 154 patients**



Mild school
difficulties

Adolescence

Premature
ovarian failure

28 years

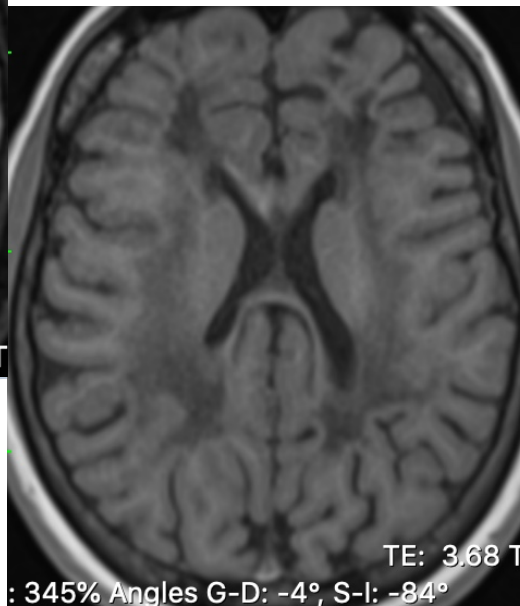
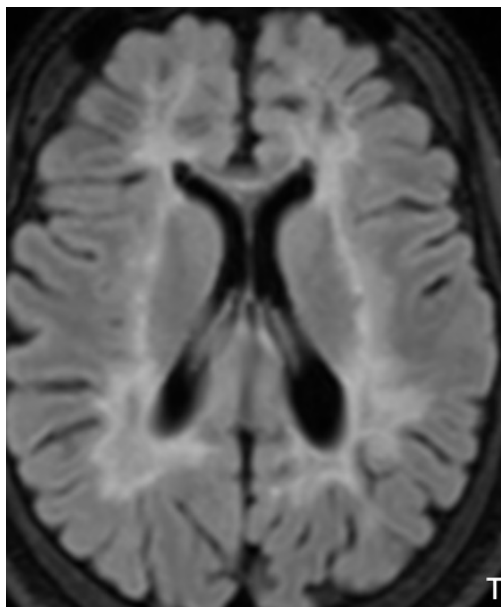
Neurogenic
bladder

31 years

Cognitive decline
Proprioceptive ataxia

35 years

EIF2B3





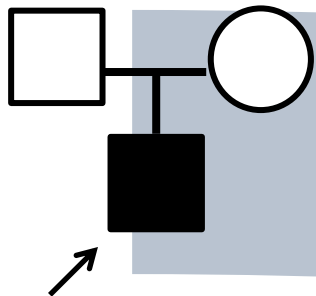
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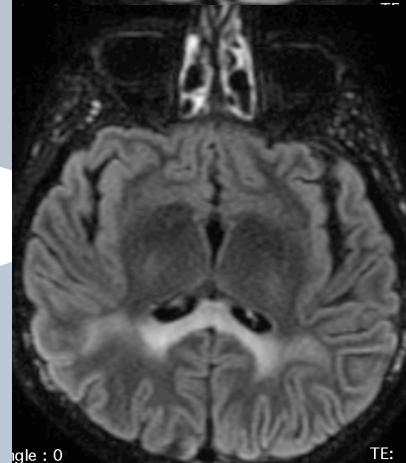
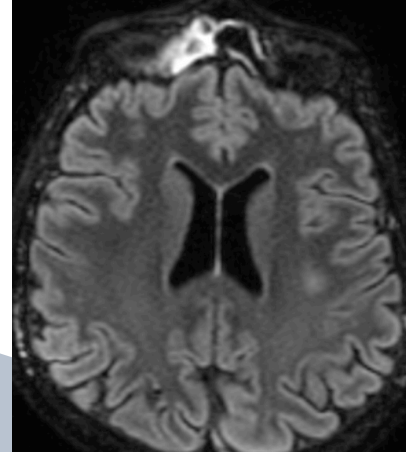
Gait difficulties

Falls

40 years

Progressive
spastic paraplegia

43 years



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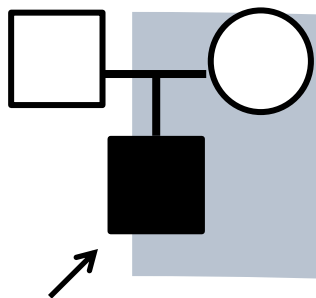
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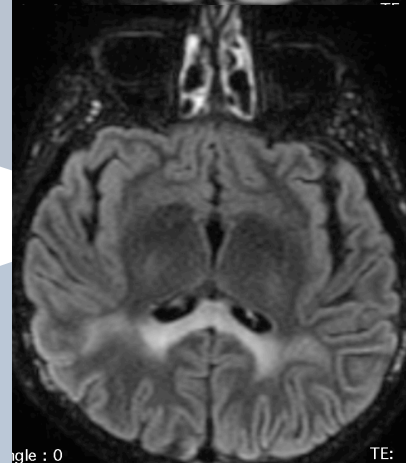
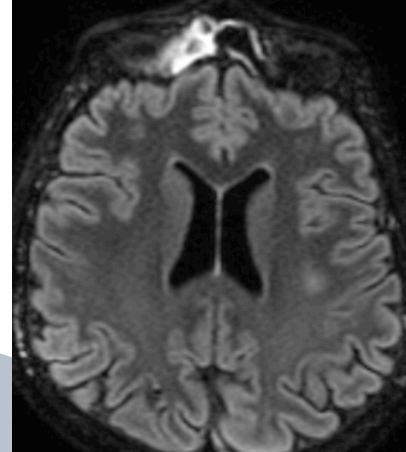
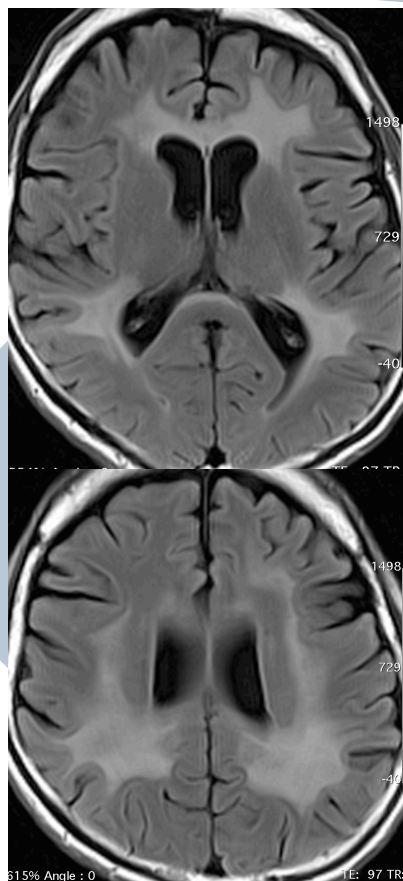
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Rapid
cognitive decline

44 years





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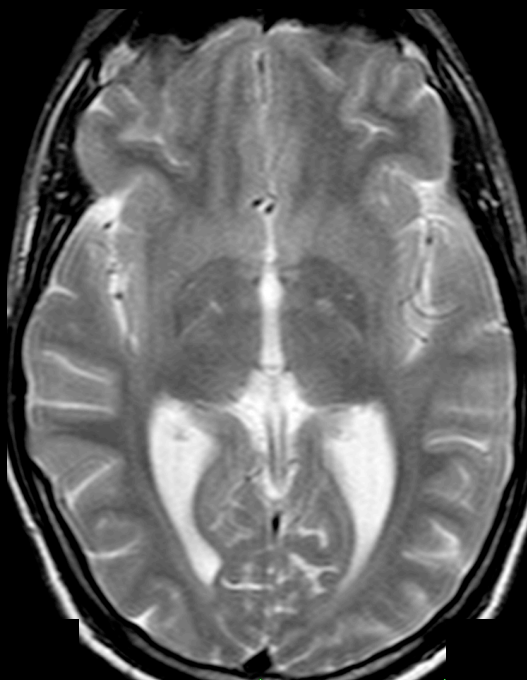
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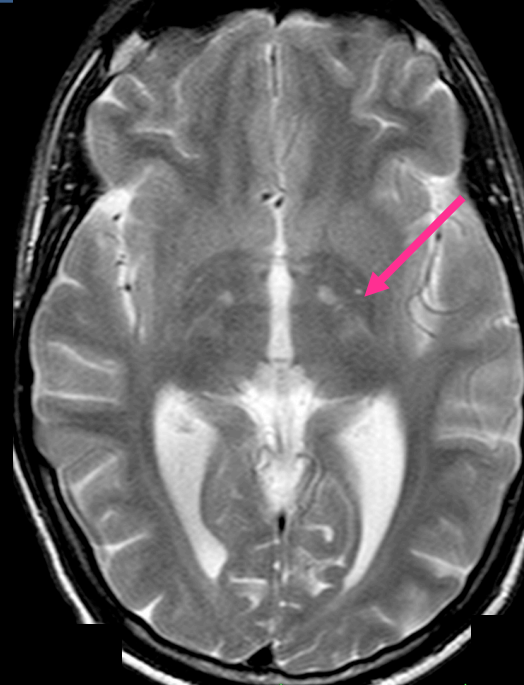
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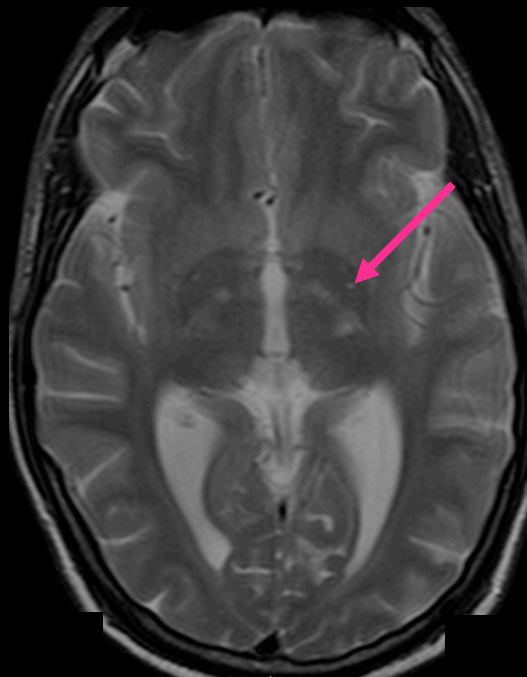
2018



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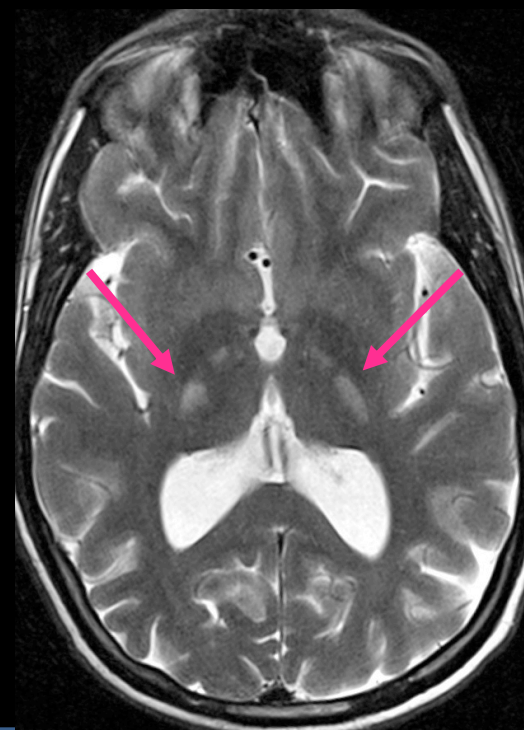
2019

Depression

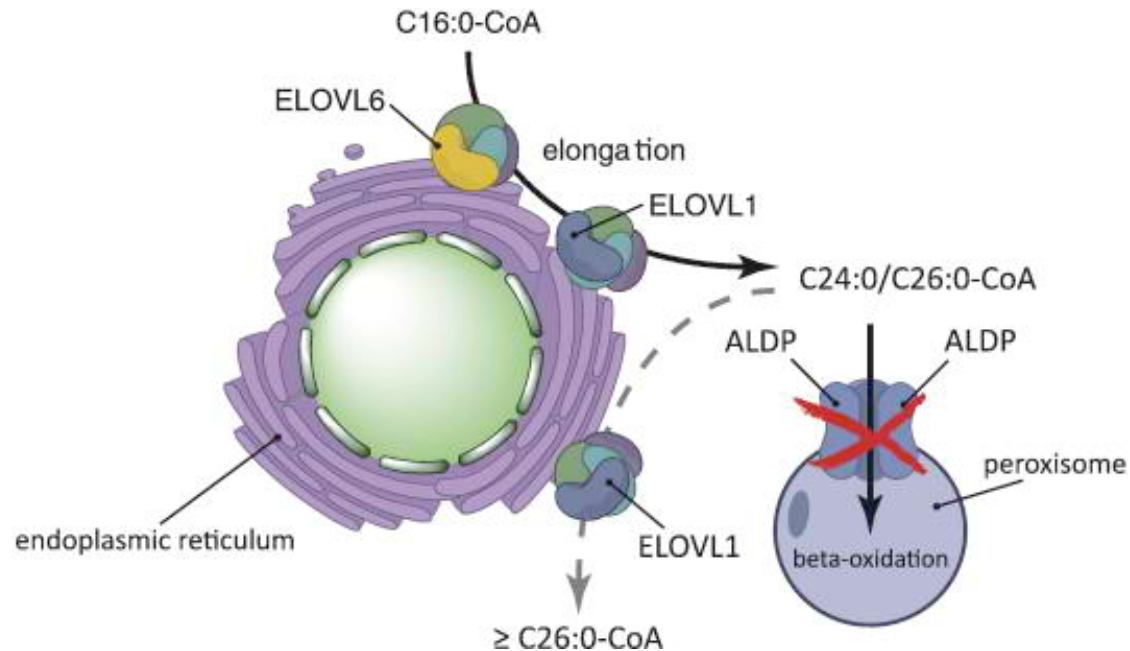


2020

Rapid
motor &
cognitive
decline



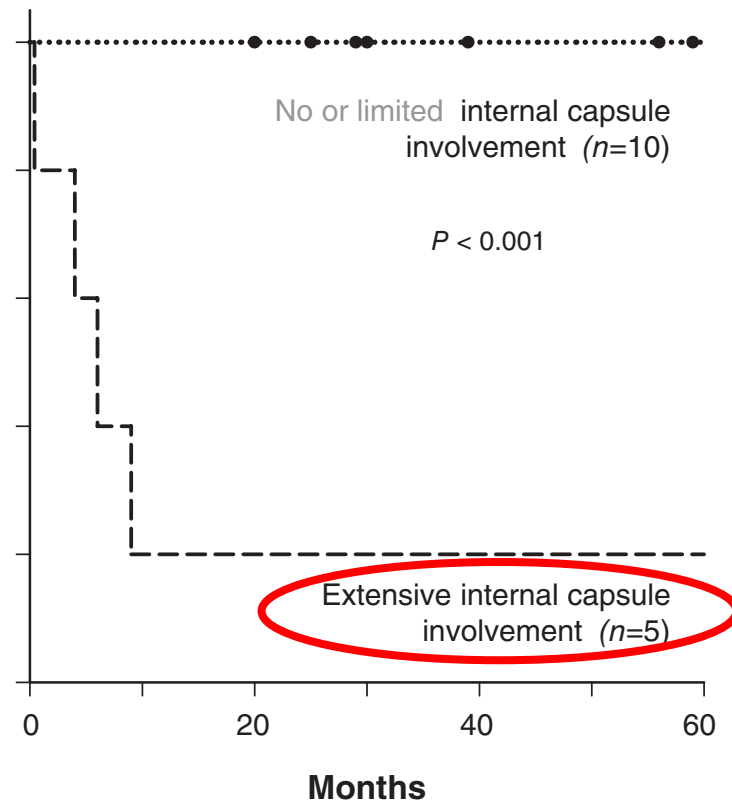
Adrenoleukodystrophy & very long chain fatty acids



- **X-linked disease**
- **Adult cerebral form: 20-50% over 10 years**
- **Adrenocortical insufficiency – 80% (10% symptomatic)**
- **Early inflammatory phase: Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation**

Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation with myeloablative conditioning for adult cerebral X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy

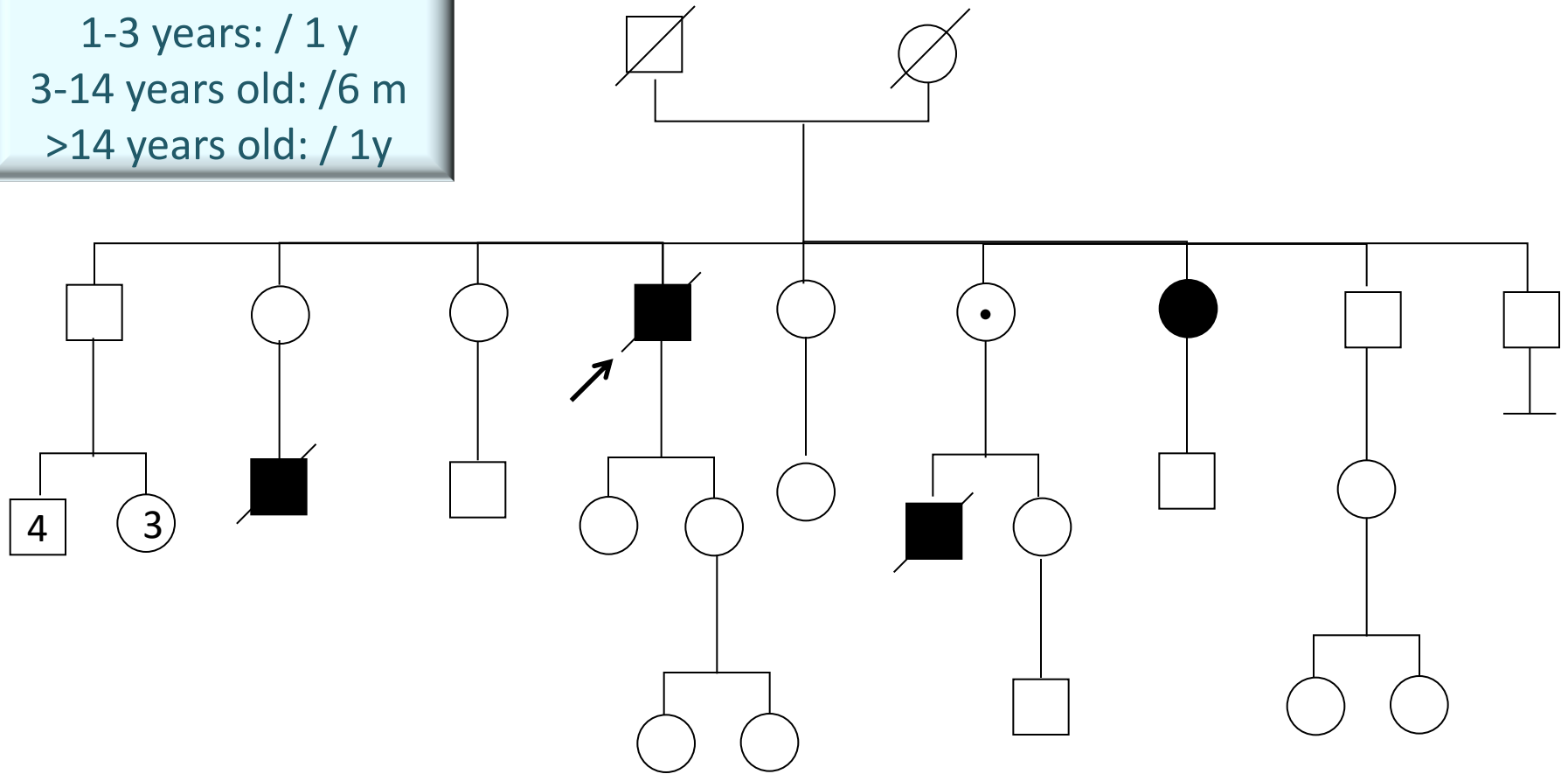
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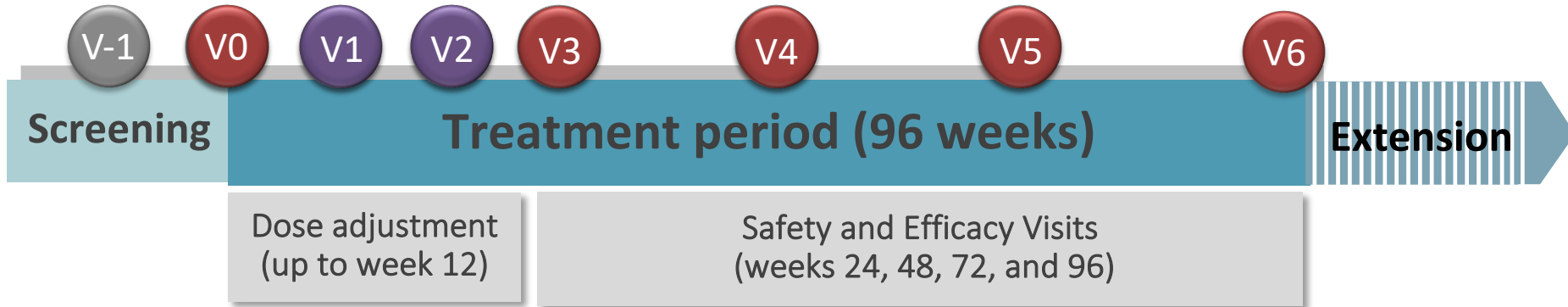


A family story...

MRI

1-3 years: / 1 y
3-14 years old: / 6 m
>14 years old: / 1y





Daily dose of Leriglitazone or placebo (2:1 ratio)
116 patients randomized (10 countries) / 96 completed



The primary endpoint, change from Baseline in 6MWT, was not met. However a statistical and clinically meaningful difference was observed in early symptomatic patients.

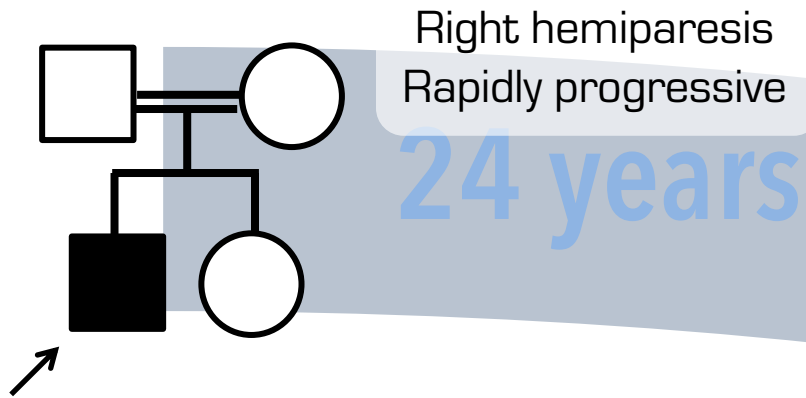


Body Sway. Patients treated with leriglitazone showed statistically significant differences vs. placebo on various parameters and conditions including "eyes closed, feet together" and "eyes closed, feet apart".



EDSS and SSPROM. Leriglitazone also consistently showed favorable trends when compared to placebo. Again, these beneficial effects on myelopathy symptoms were more prominent in patients with more recent onset of symptoms.

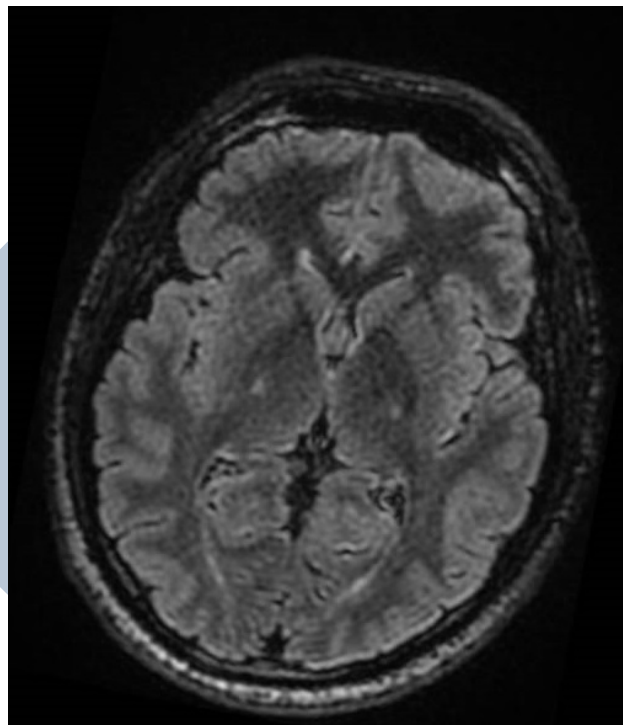
| Progressive cALD reported by sites | Leriglitazone | Placebo | p-value |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total (% of randomized) | 0 / 77 (0%) | 6 / 39 (15.4%) | 0.001 |



Left hemiparesis
Rapidly progressive
Inflammatory CSF

27 years

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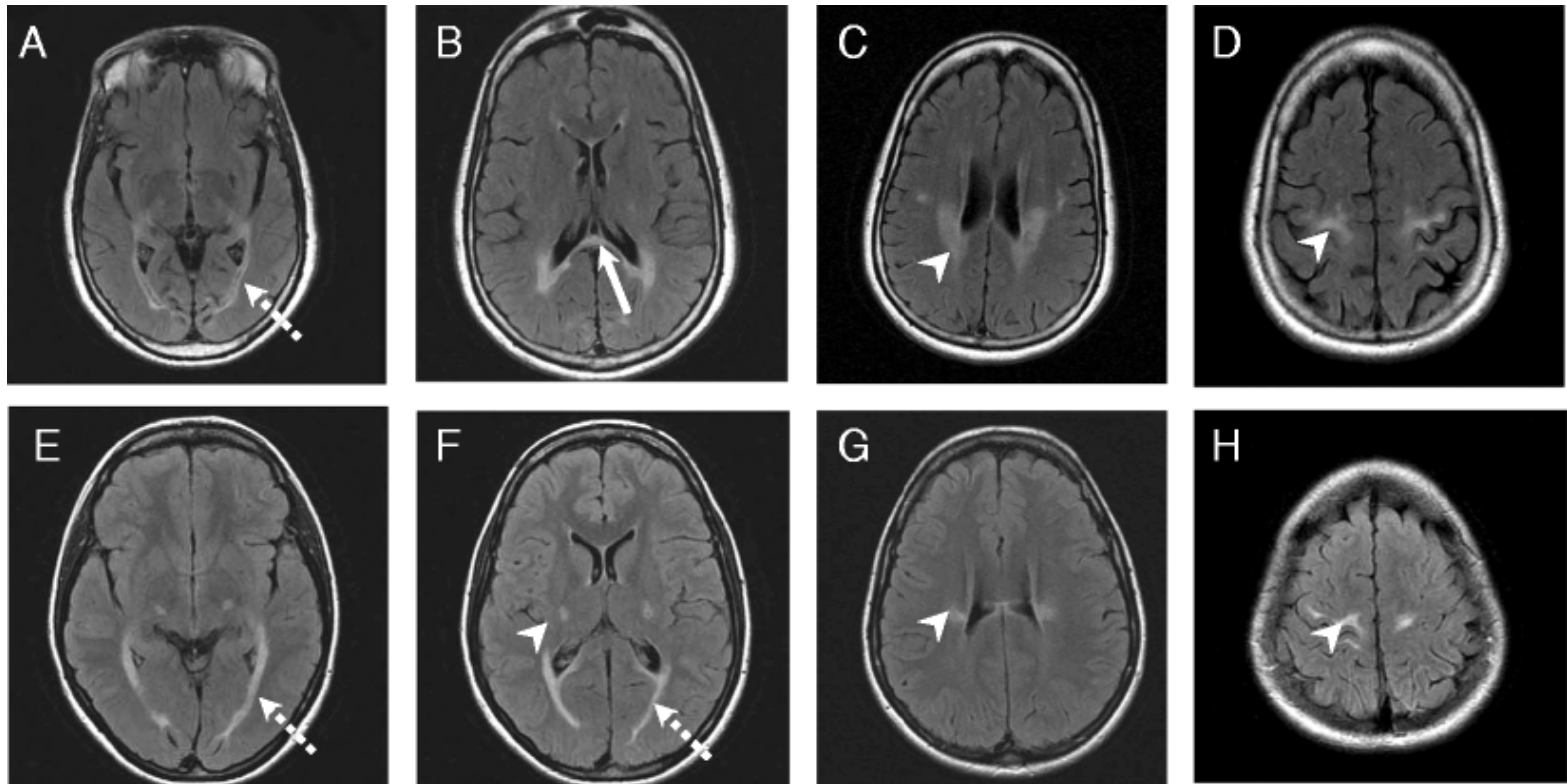
Tetrapyramidal Sd
EDSS 7

28 years

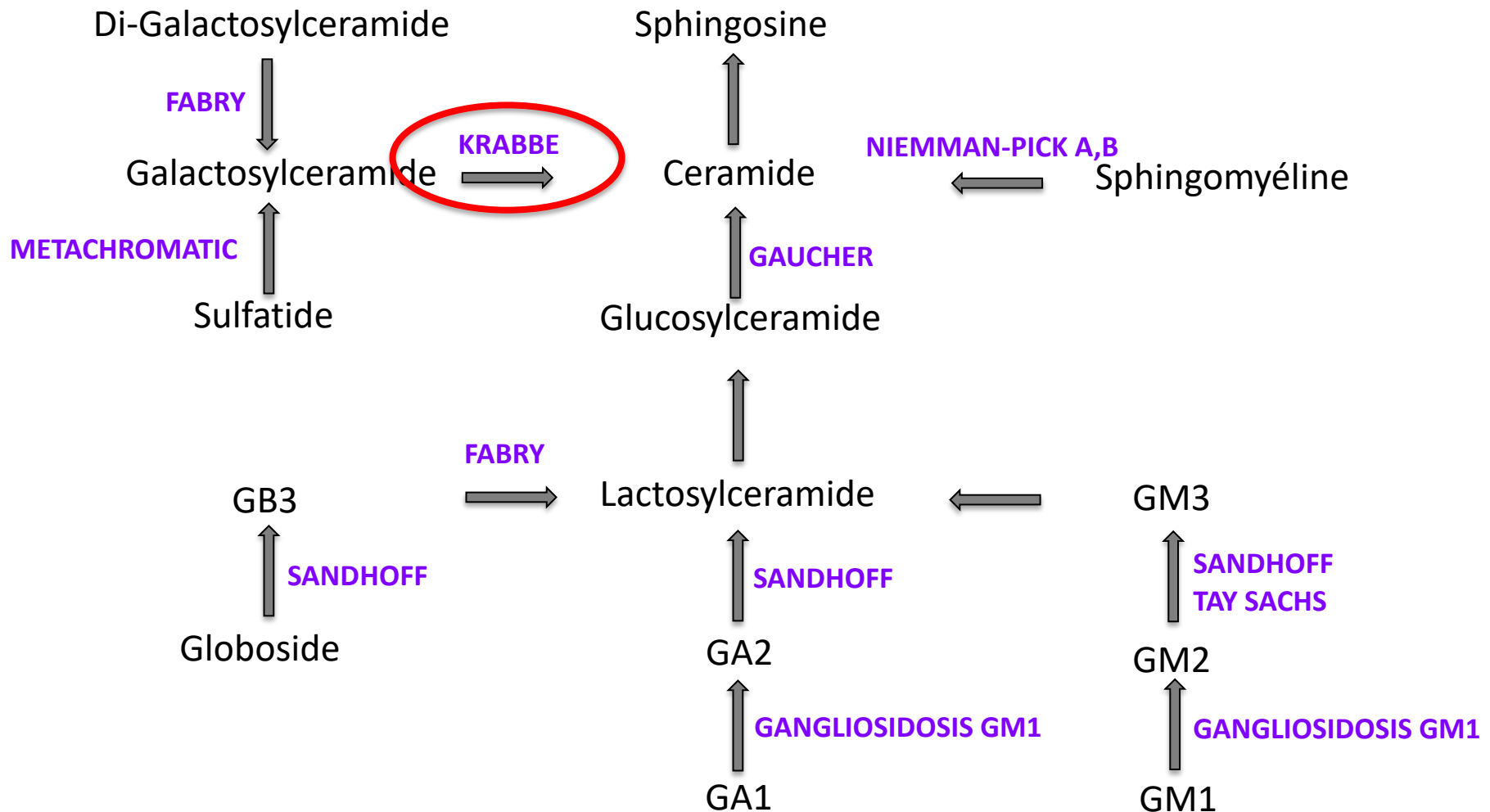
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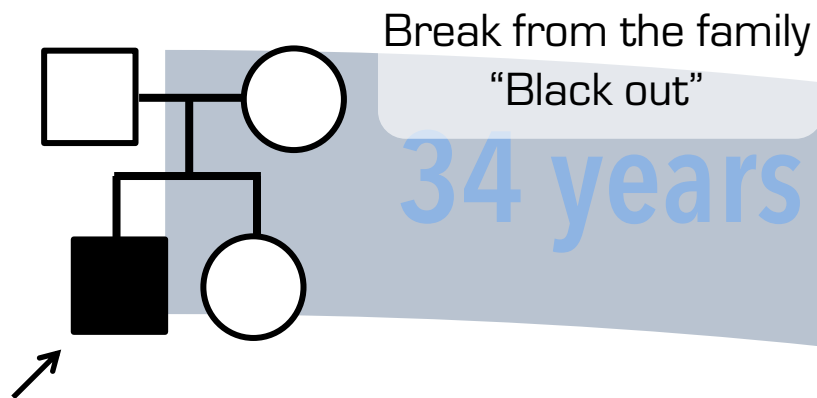
Krabbe disease (galactocerebrosidase deficiency)

- 41 patients, 4-66 years old
- Spastic paraplegia > neuropathy > cerebellar ataxia
- Cognitive decline, optic atrophy (15%)



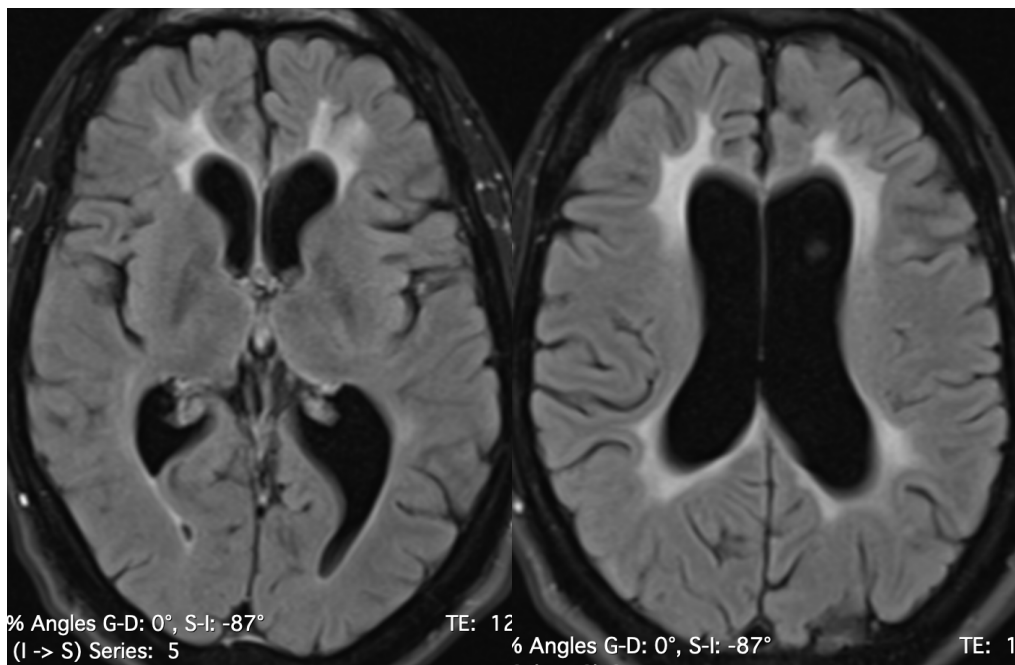
Sphingolipids metabolism





Lives on the street
Seizures
Psychosis

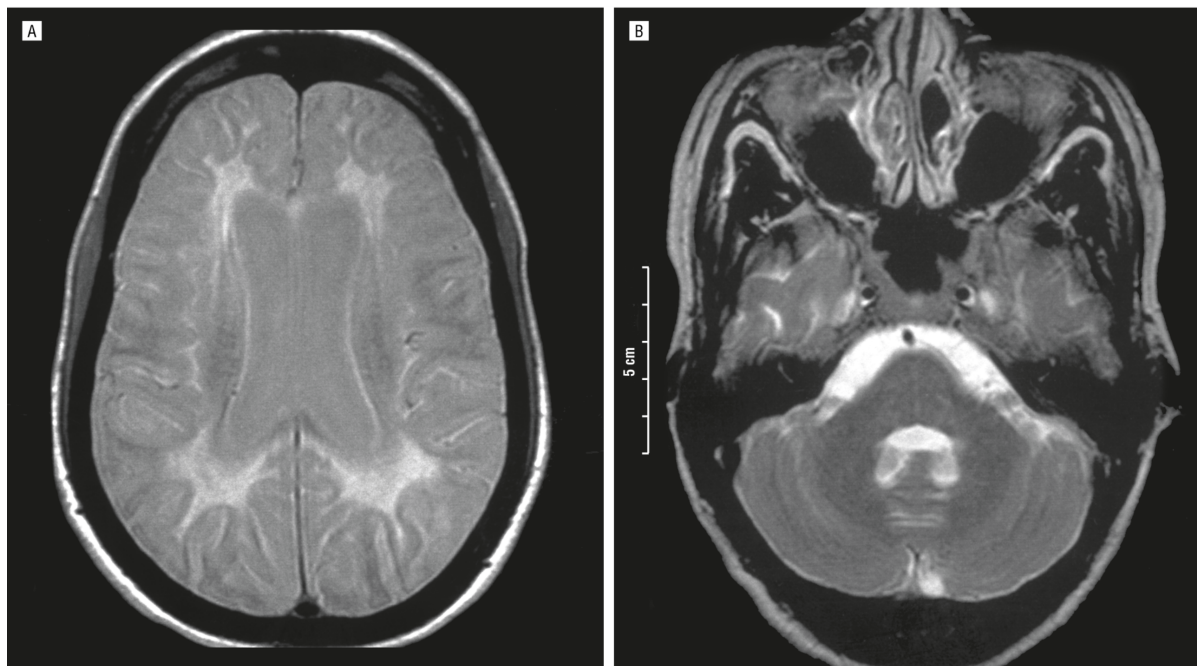
41 years



Schizophrenia
Frontal syndrome

42 years

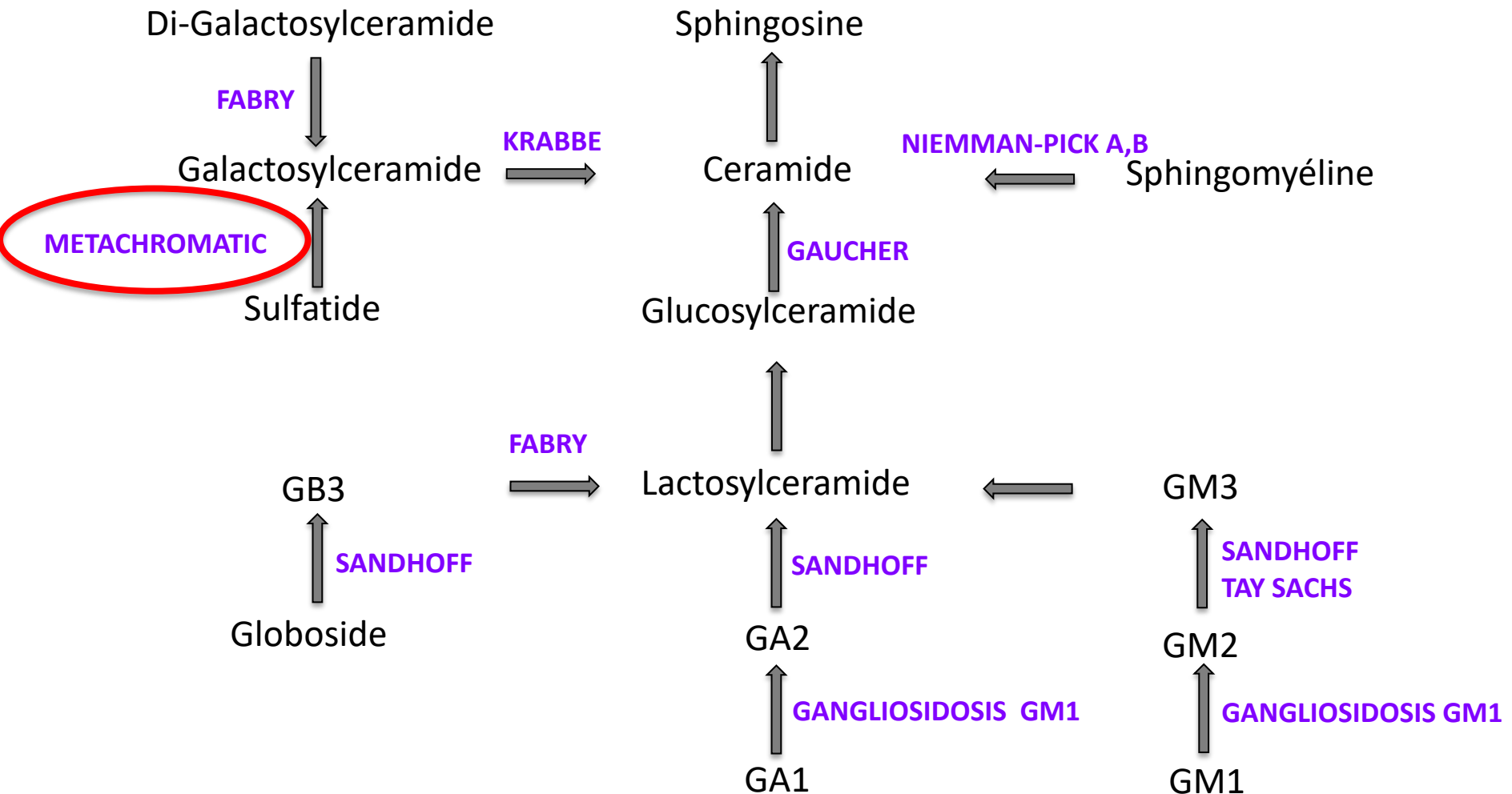
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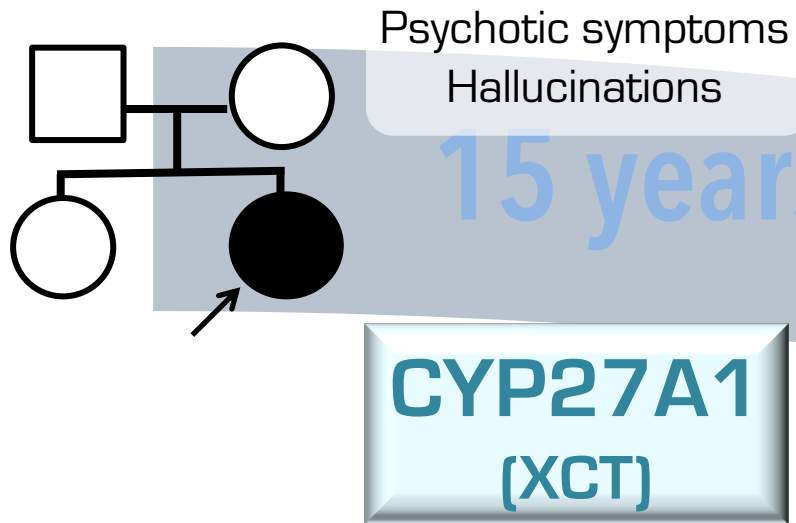


- 42 patients, 10-60 years old
- Genotype-phenotype correlation

Spastic paraplegia & ataxia / Fronto-temporal dementia

Spingolipids metabolism





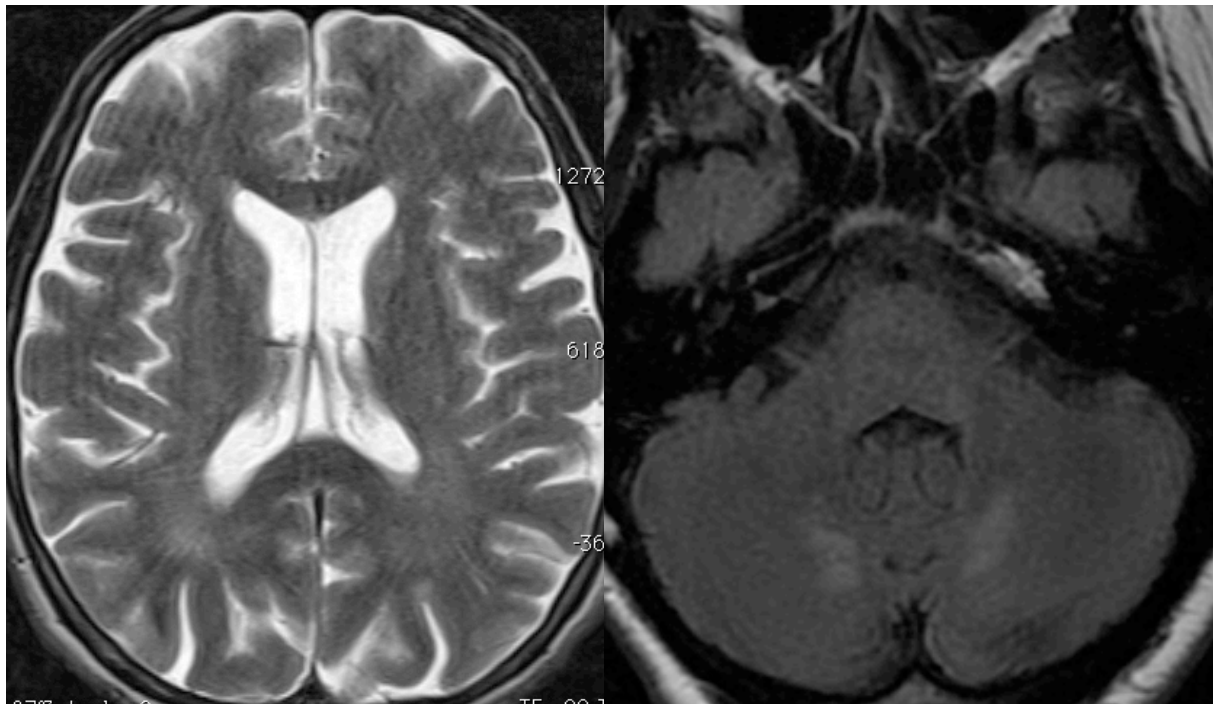
15 years

Bilateral cataract

18 years

22 years

Spastic paraplegia
Weight loss





How would you treat this patient?

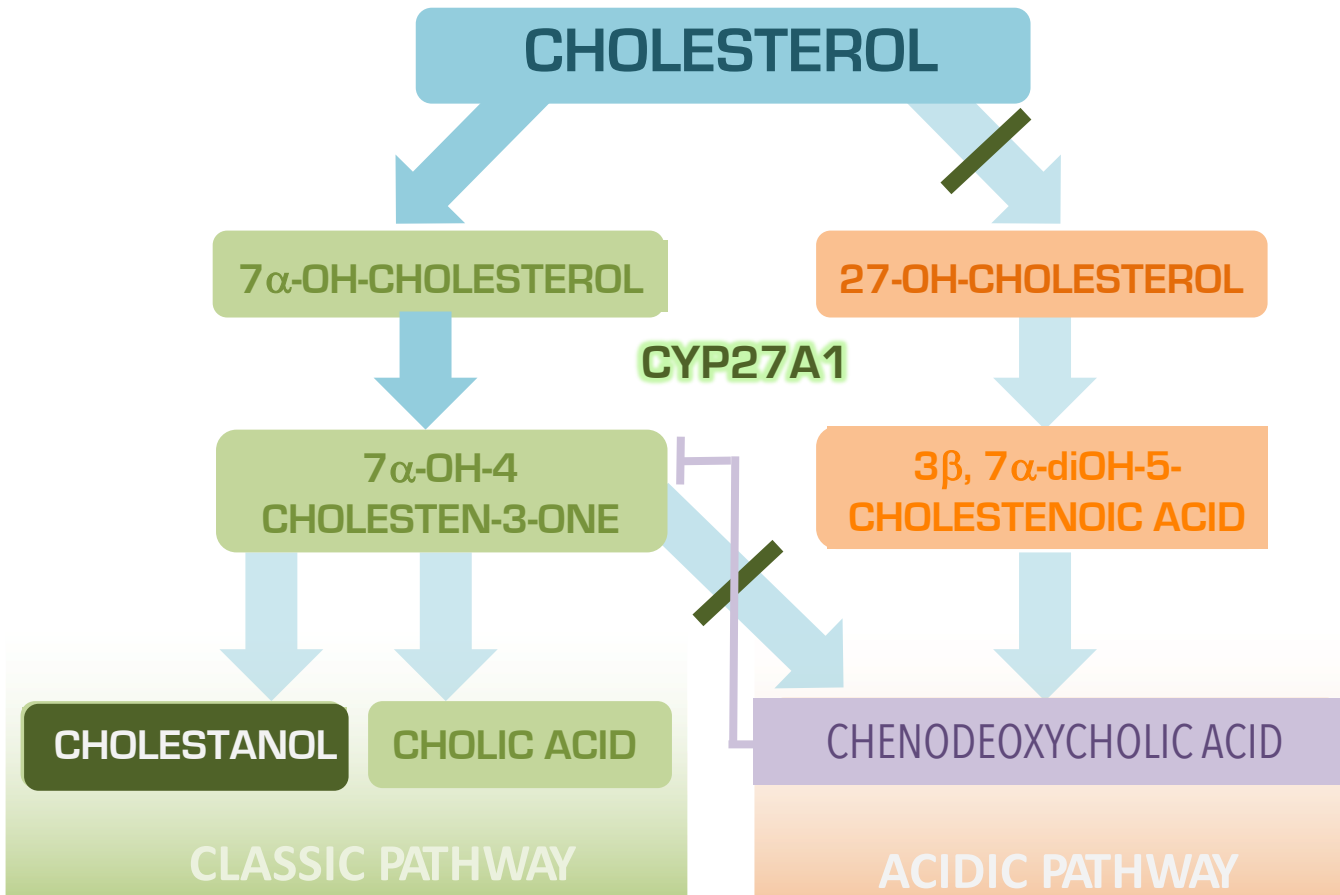
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2. Chenodeoxycholic acid
3. LDL apheresis
4. Cholic acid + atorvastatin
5. Chenodeoxycholic acid + atorvastatin



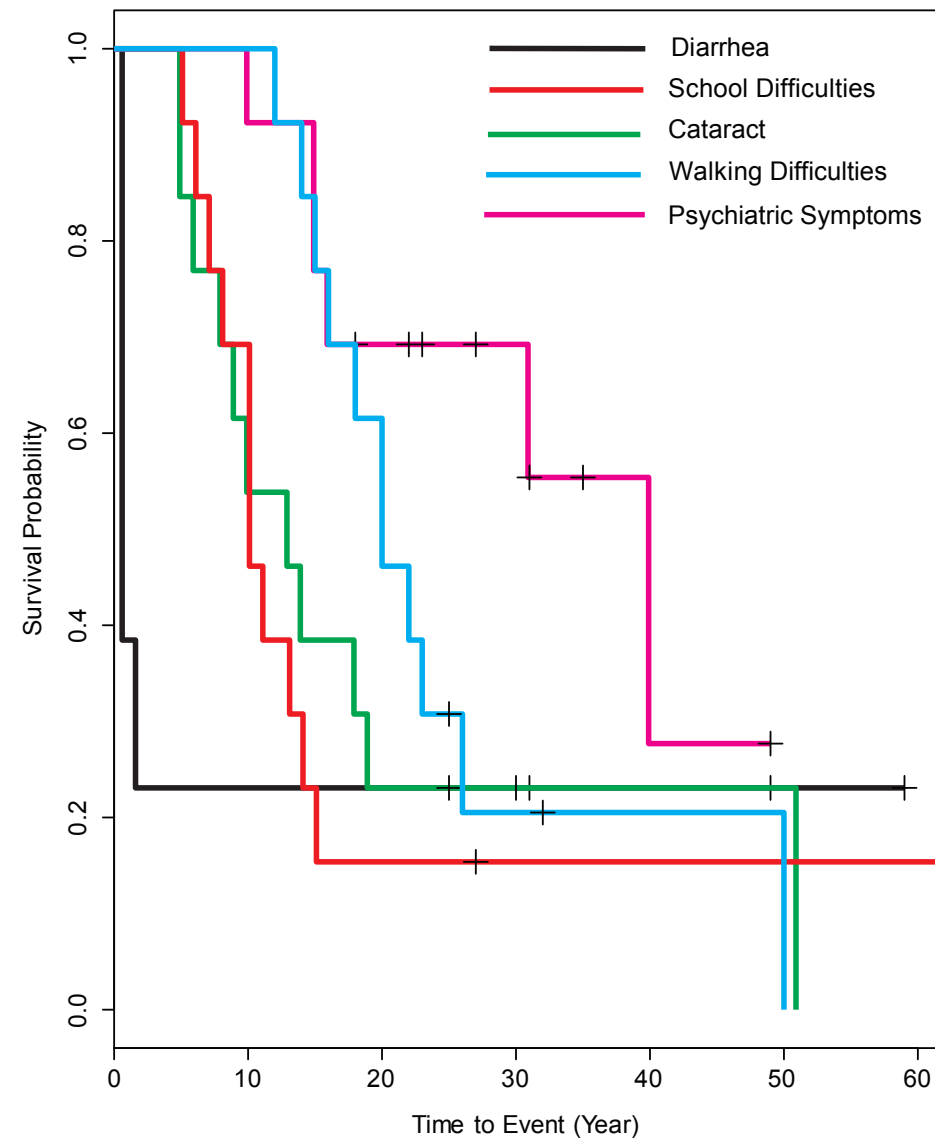
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Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis



Therapeutic window in CTX



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Natural history of cerebrotendinous
xanthomatosis: a paediatric disease
diagnosed in adulthood



Therapeutic window in CTX

Expert opinion on diagnosing, treating and managing patients with cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX): a modified Delphi study



2021

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Long-term treatment effect in cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis depends on age at treatment start

2019

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2018

Treatment with chenodeoxycholic acid in cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis: clinical, neurophysiological, and quantitative brain structural outcomes

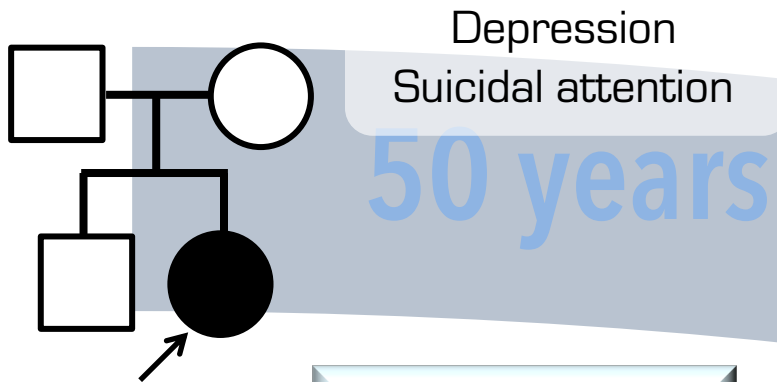
< 25 years of age

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2013

Neurological Outcome in Cerebrotendinous Xanthomatosis Treated With Chenodeoxycholic Acid: Early Versus Late Diagnosis

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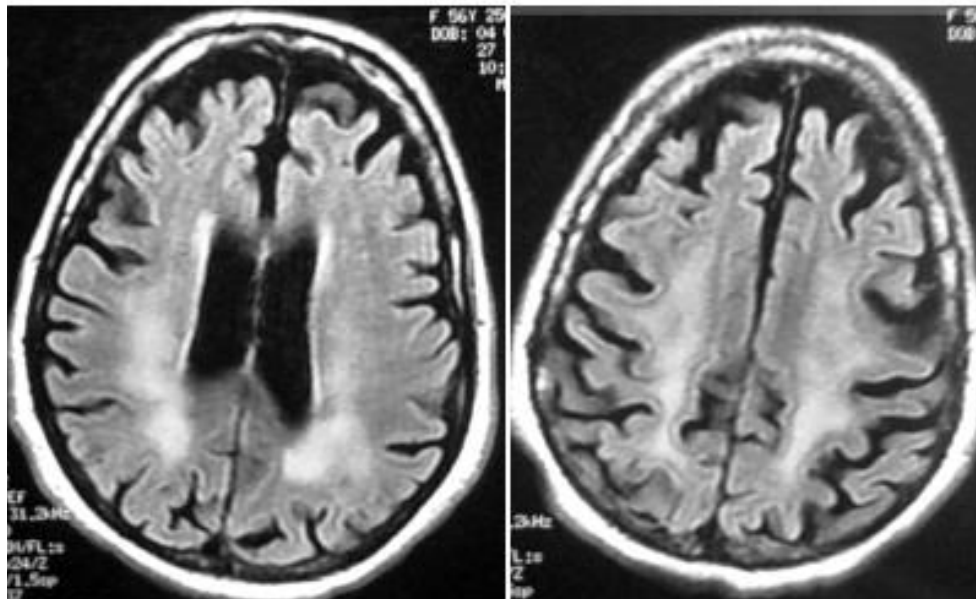


MTHFR

Psychosis
(visual hallucinations)

53 years

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Acute paraplegia
Coma

56 years

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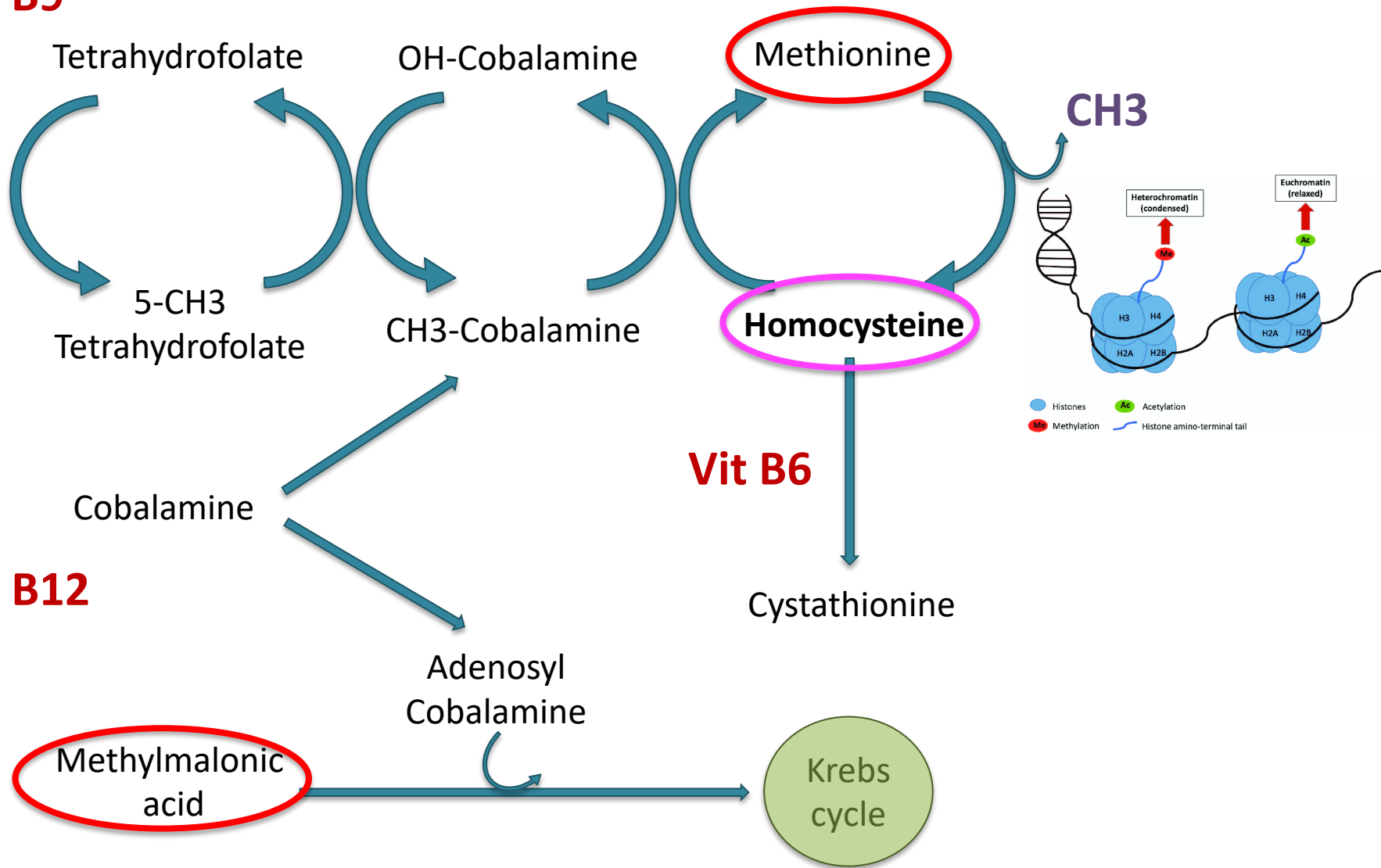


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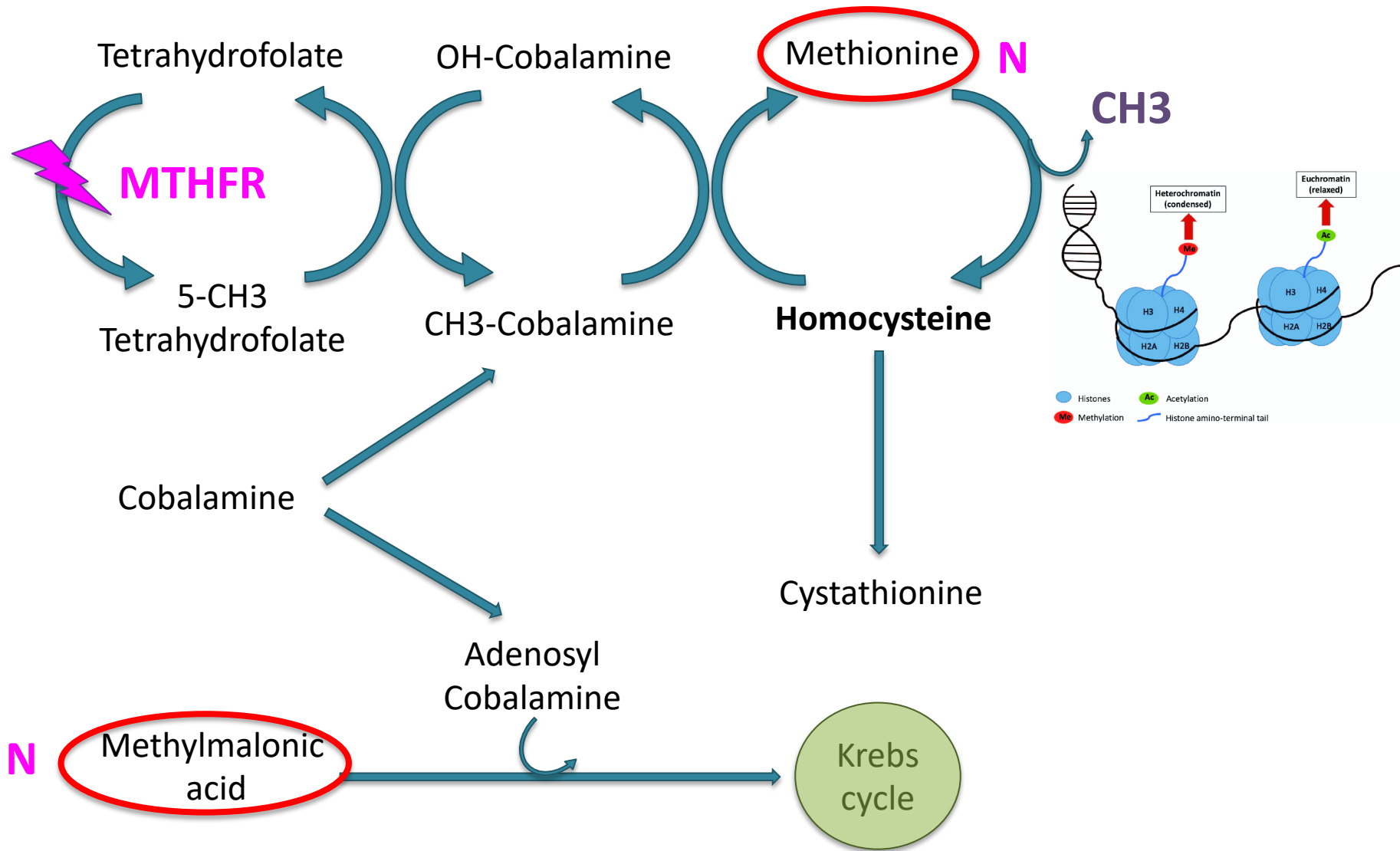
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MTHFR deficiency and homocystein remethylation

Vit B9

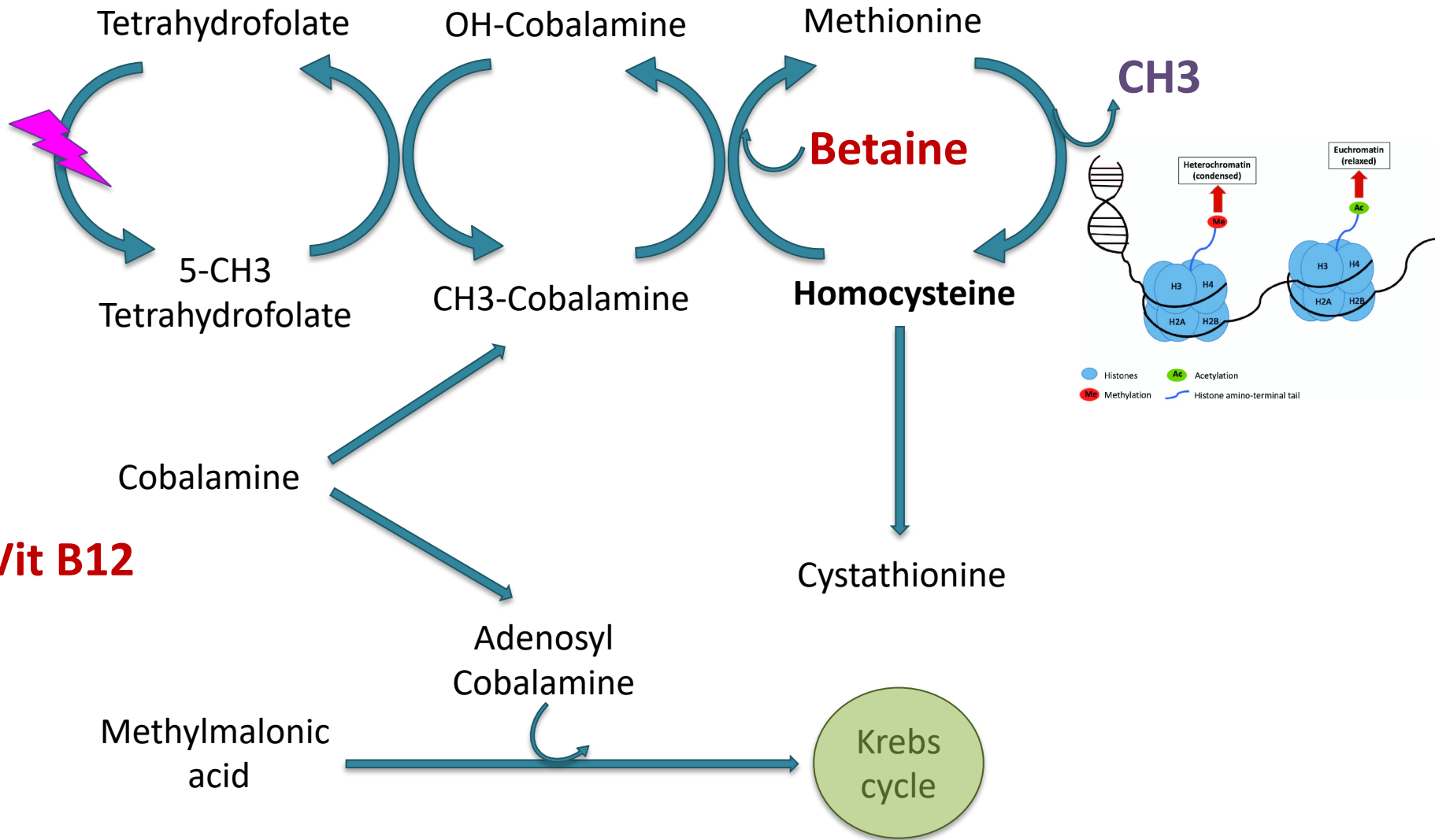


MTHFR deficiency

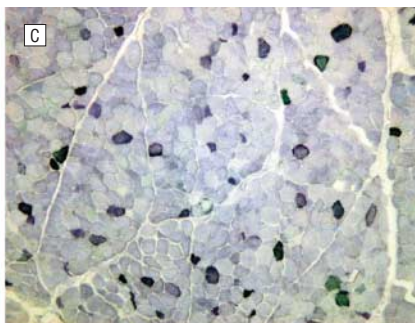
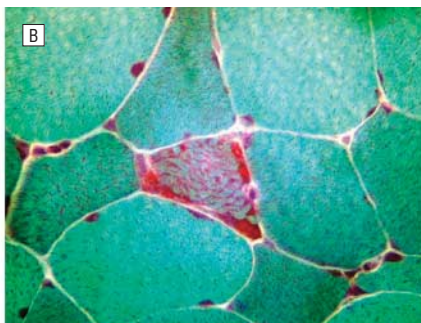
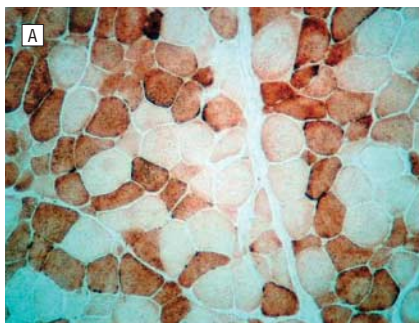
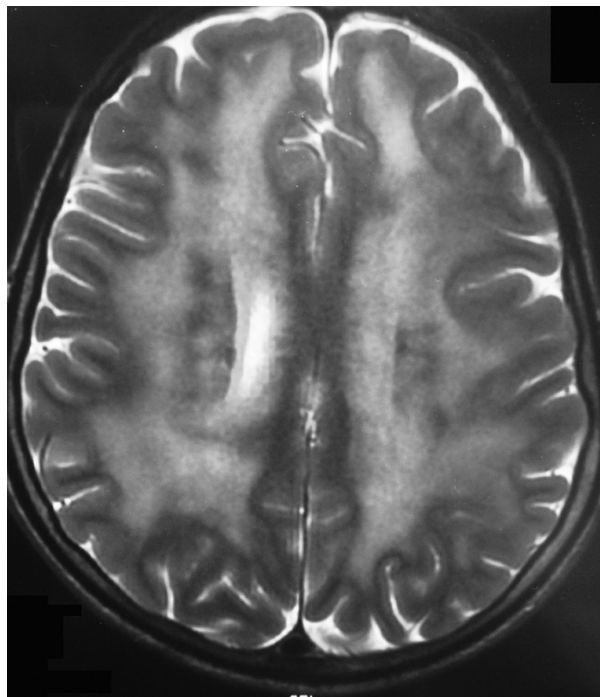
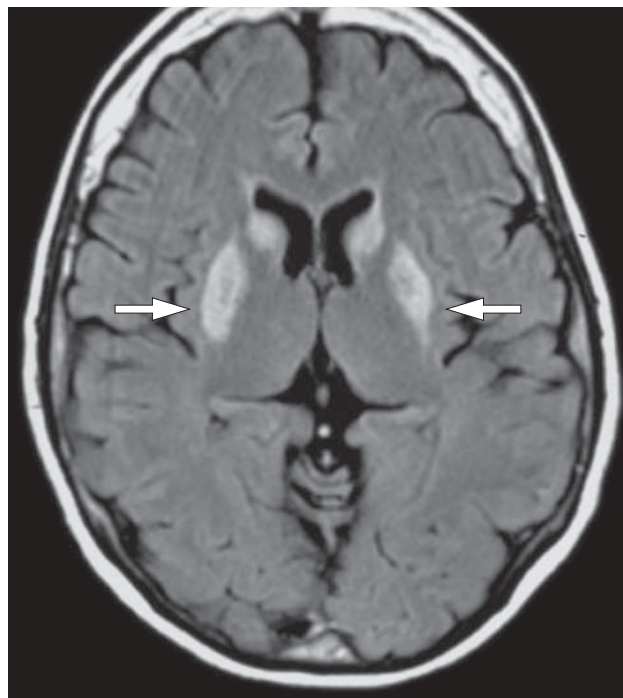


Treatment

Vit B9



Mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalomyopathy (MNGIE, thymidine phosphorylase)



Liver transplantation

Leukodystrophy &... biomarkers

Ophthalmology, Audiometry, Other

delay, **cataract**, spasticity, ataxia, psychosis

spasticity, ataxia, psychosis

spasticity, ataxia, **optic atrophy**

delay, **deafness**, **bone**, ataxia, psychosis

spasticity, **adrenal insufficiency**

spasticity, ataxia, **deafness**, **retinopathy**

delay, spasticity, neuropathy, **epilepsy**

PEO, intestinal pseudo-obstruction

Sterols

CTX

Lysosome

MLD

Krabbe

α -mannosidosis

Peroxisome

ALD

PBD

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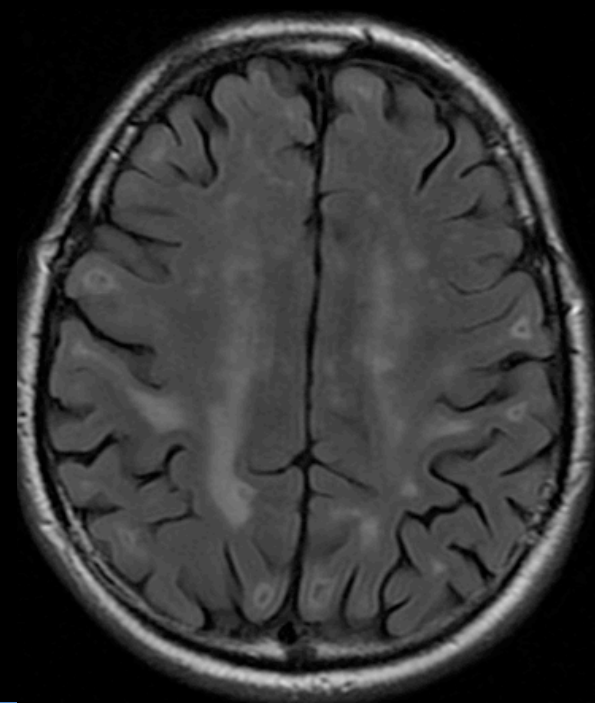
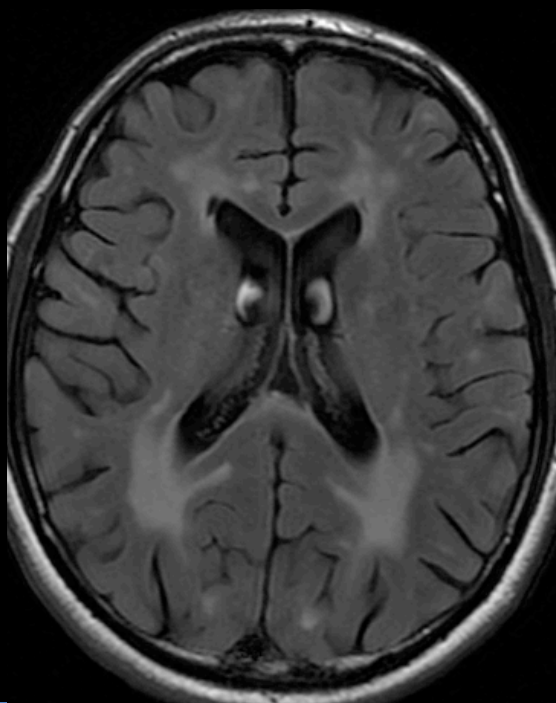
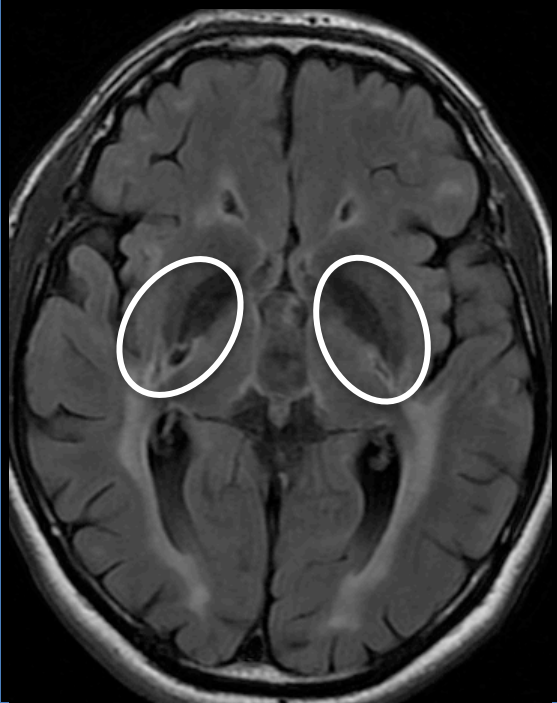
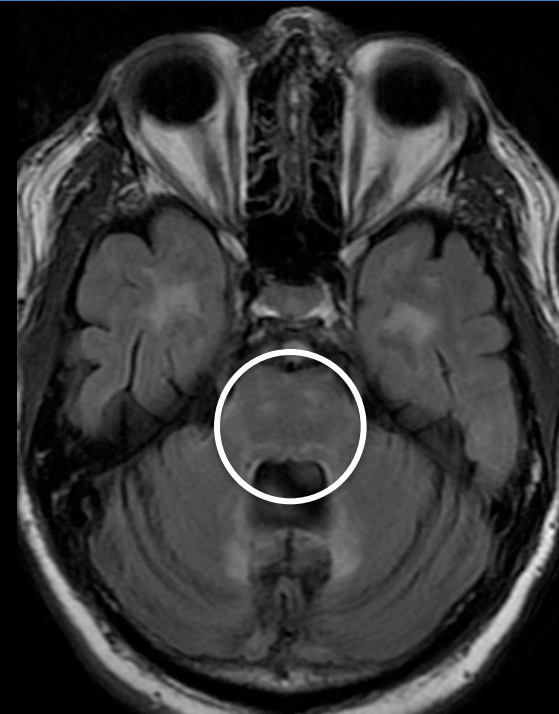
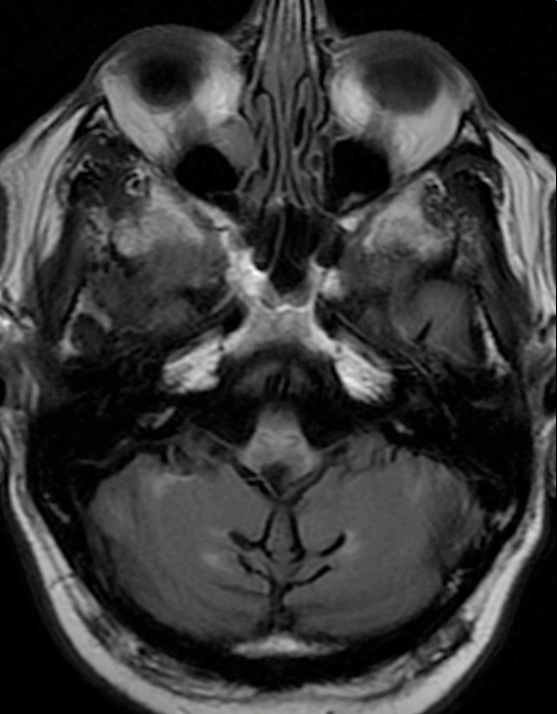
Phytanic, pristanic acids

Homocystein

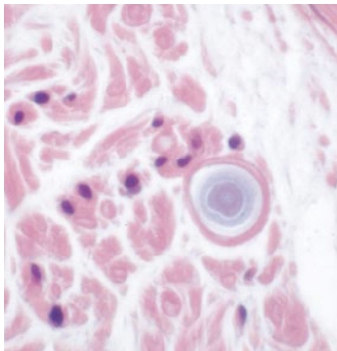
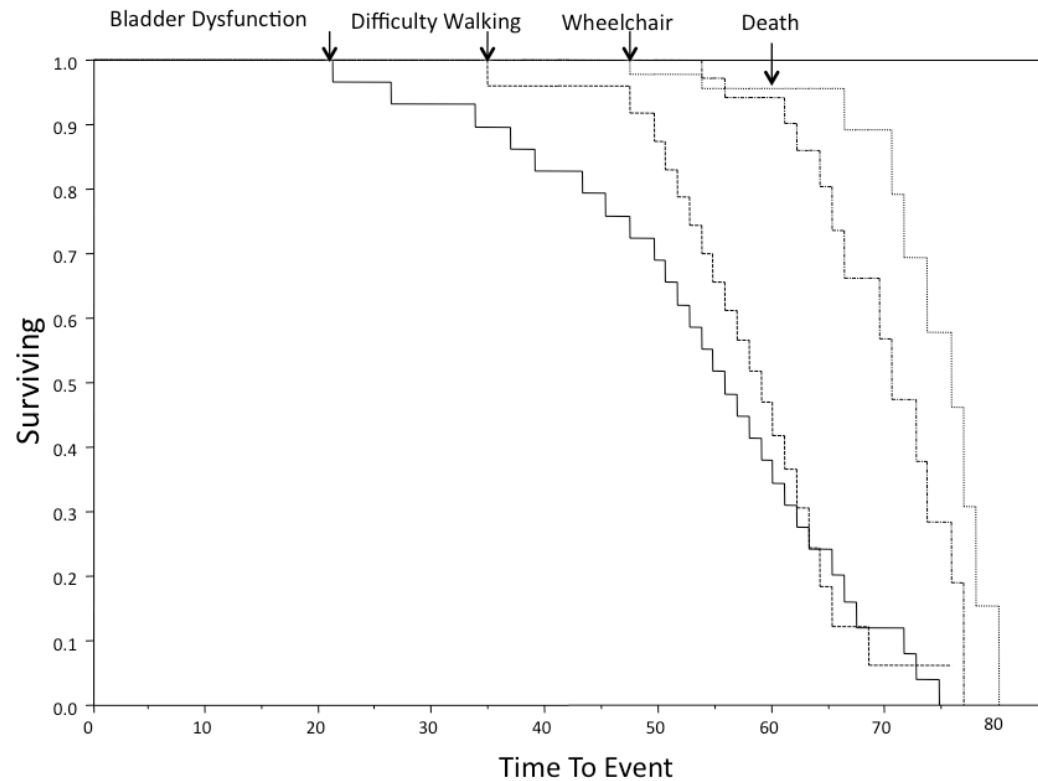
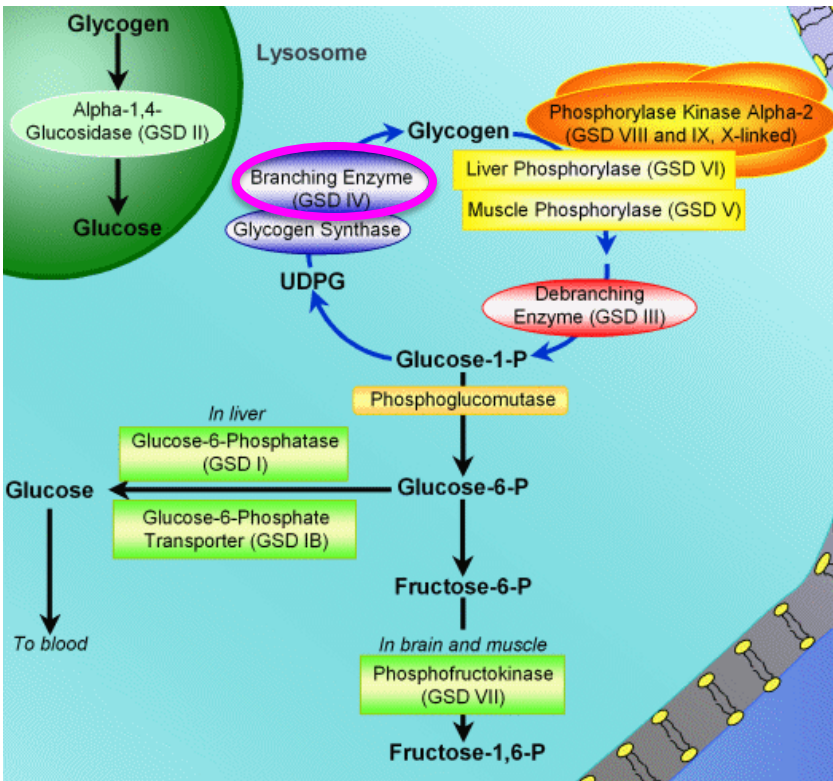
Lactate

Peripheral (demyelinating) neuropathy

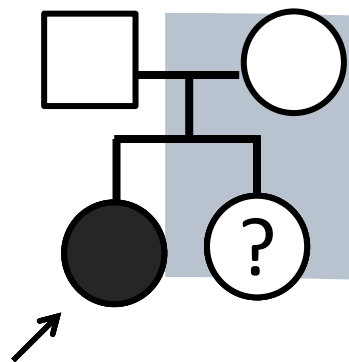




Glycogen branching enzyme



**Adult Polyglucosan
Body Disease**



Depression
Psychosis

Adolescence



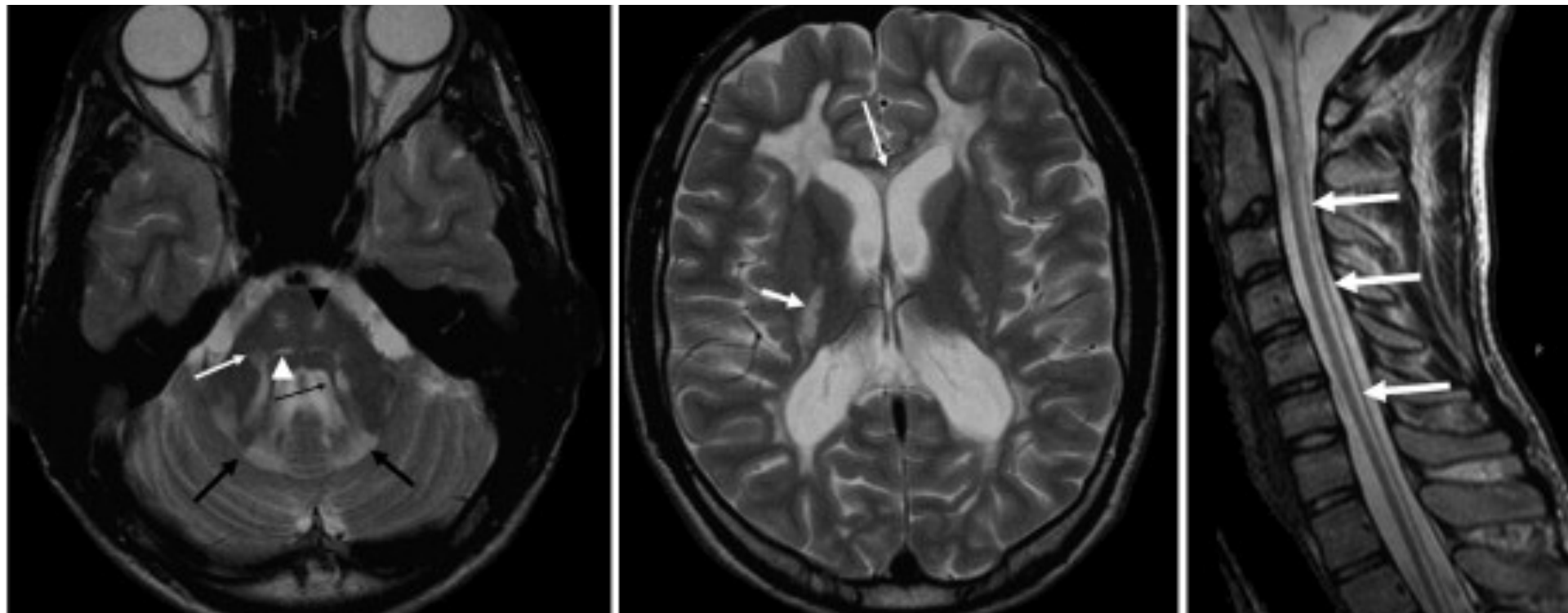
Motor deterioration
with NLP change

26 years

35 years

2nd episode of motor
deterioration with NLP change

LBSL: DARS2 mutations



Differential diagnosis: LMNB1 dup, Alexander disease

Myelitis and/or optic neuropathy

Family

Negative history

Narrative

Over 2 weeks: spastic tetraparesis

Decreased visual acuity

Bedridden and nearly blind

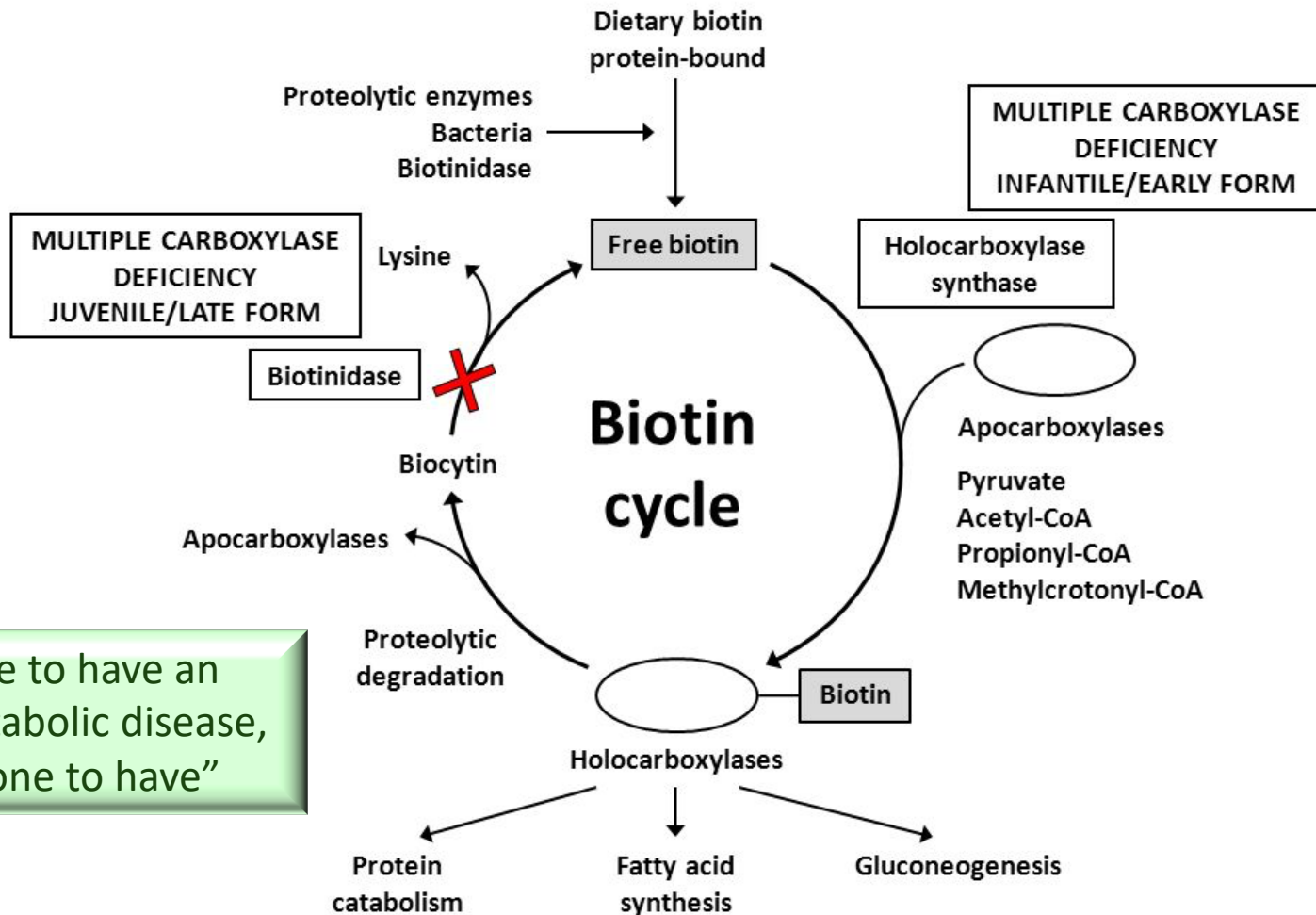
Investigation

Bilateral optic neuropathy

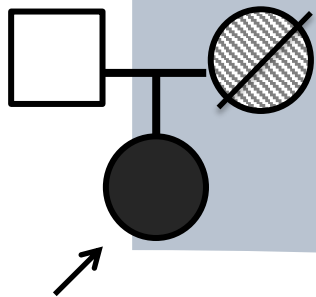
Oligoclonal bands



Biotinidase deficiency



“If you have to have an inherited metabolic disease, this is the one to have”

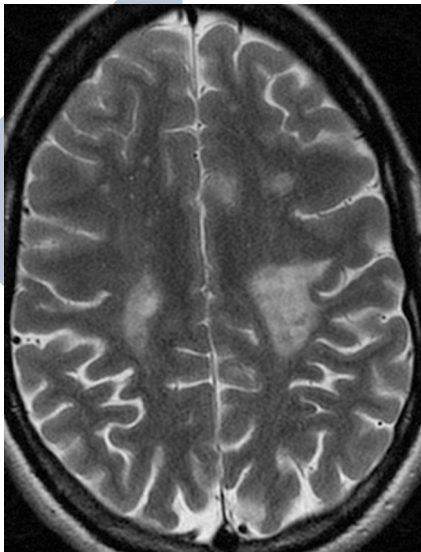


Mild head trauma
Stiffness right leg

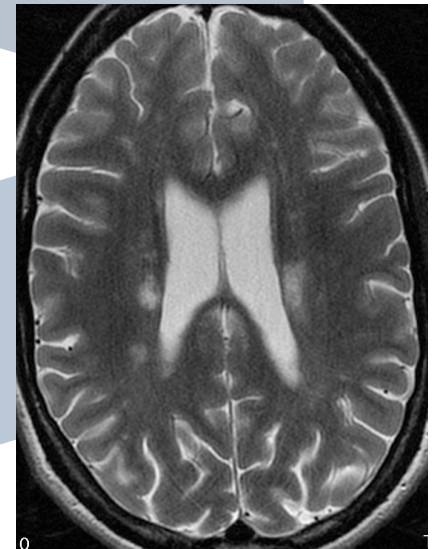
32 years

Rapid
spastic paraplegia

33 years

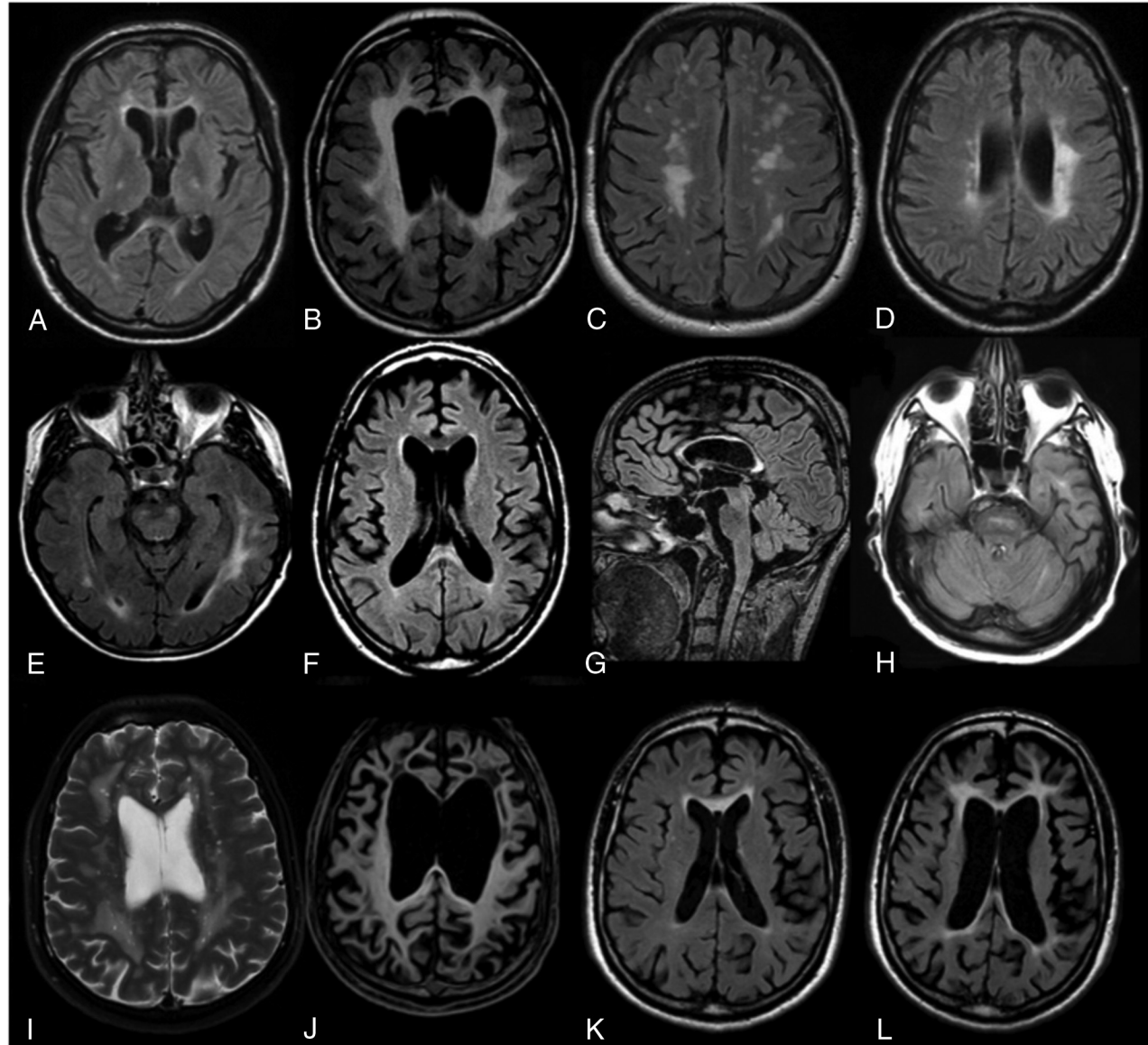


Need a walker
Only a few steps



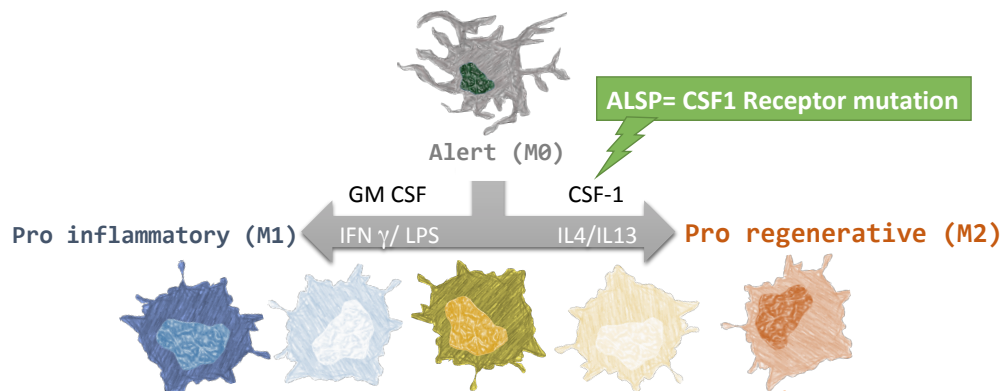
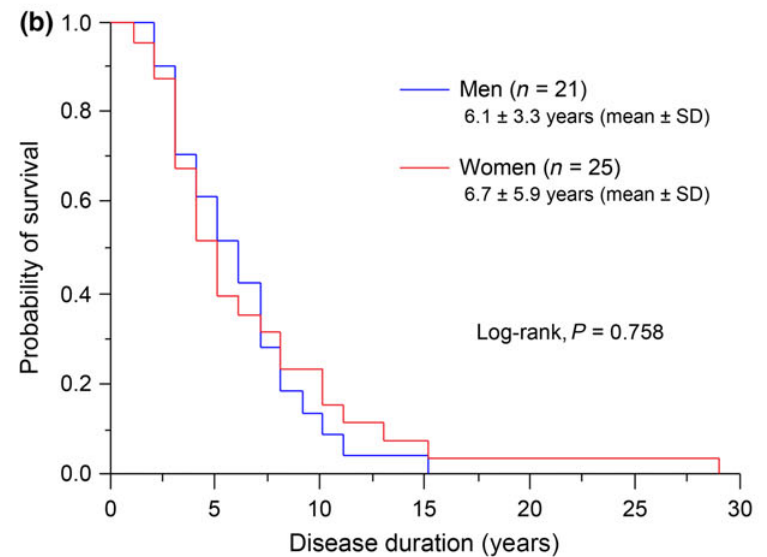
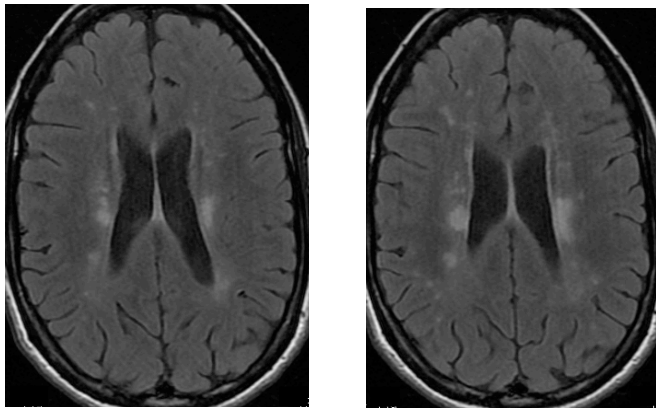
CSF1R-related leukodystrophy

Family history
No Gd enhancement
No spinal lesions
Normal CSF



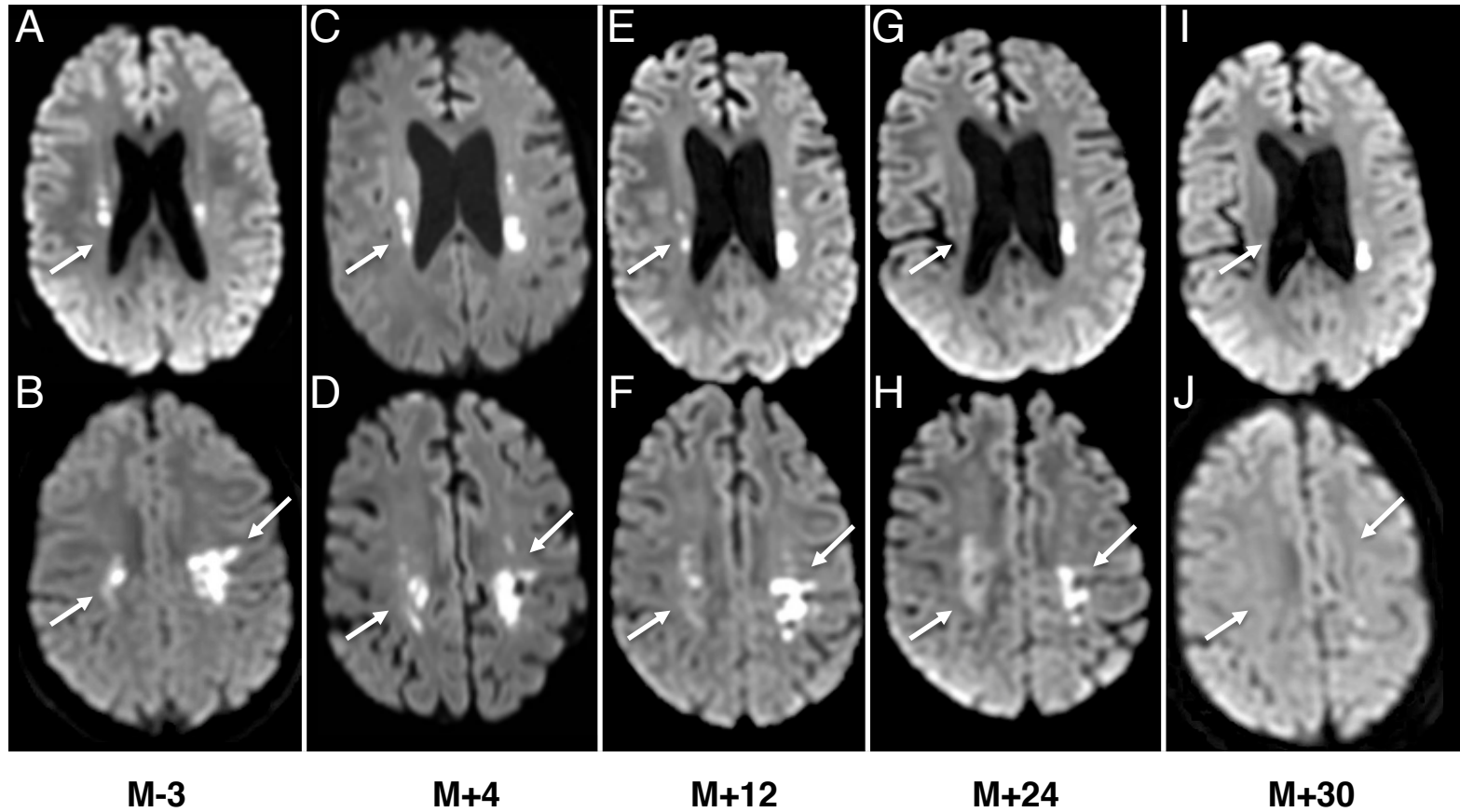
CSF1R –related ALSP

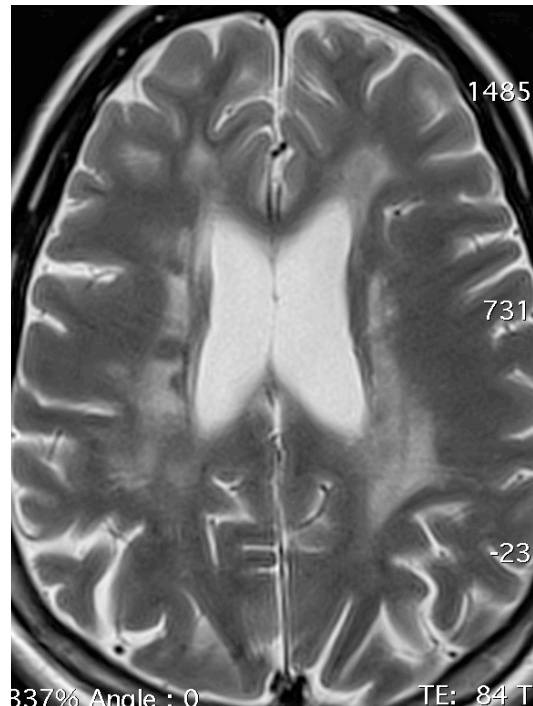
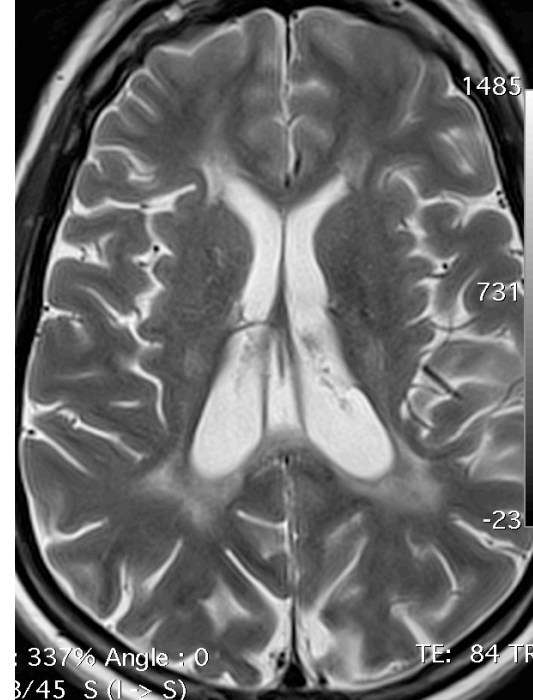
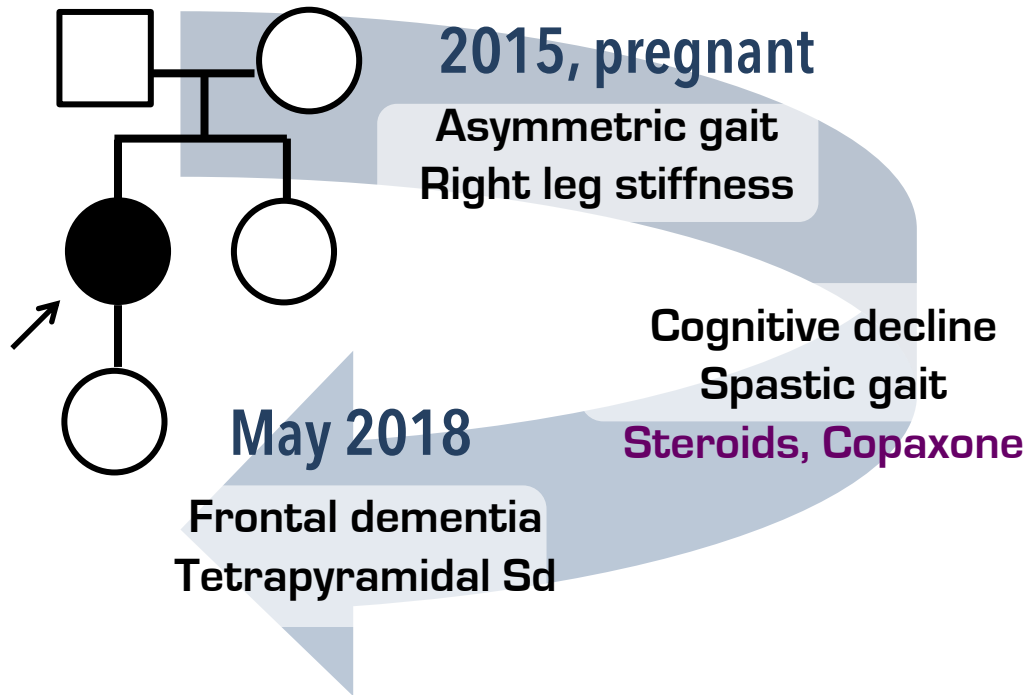
Mimicks severe forms of multiple sclerosis



Hematopoietic Stem
Cell Transplantation

HSCT in CSF1R-ALSP





- Think Leukodystrophy – it is not just MS...
- T1-weighted images, sensory evoked potentials, nerve conduction studies
- Think Biomarkers – it is not just NGS
- Think Treatments

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