

# Drug induced liver injury (DILI): update 2018

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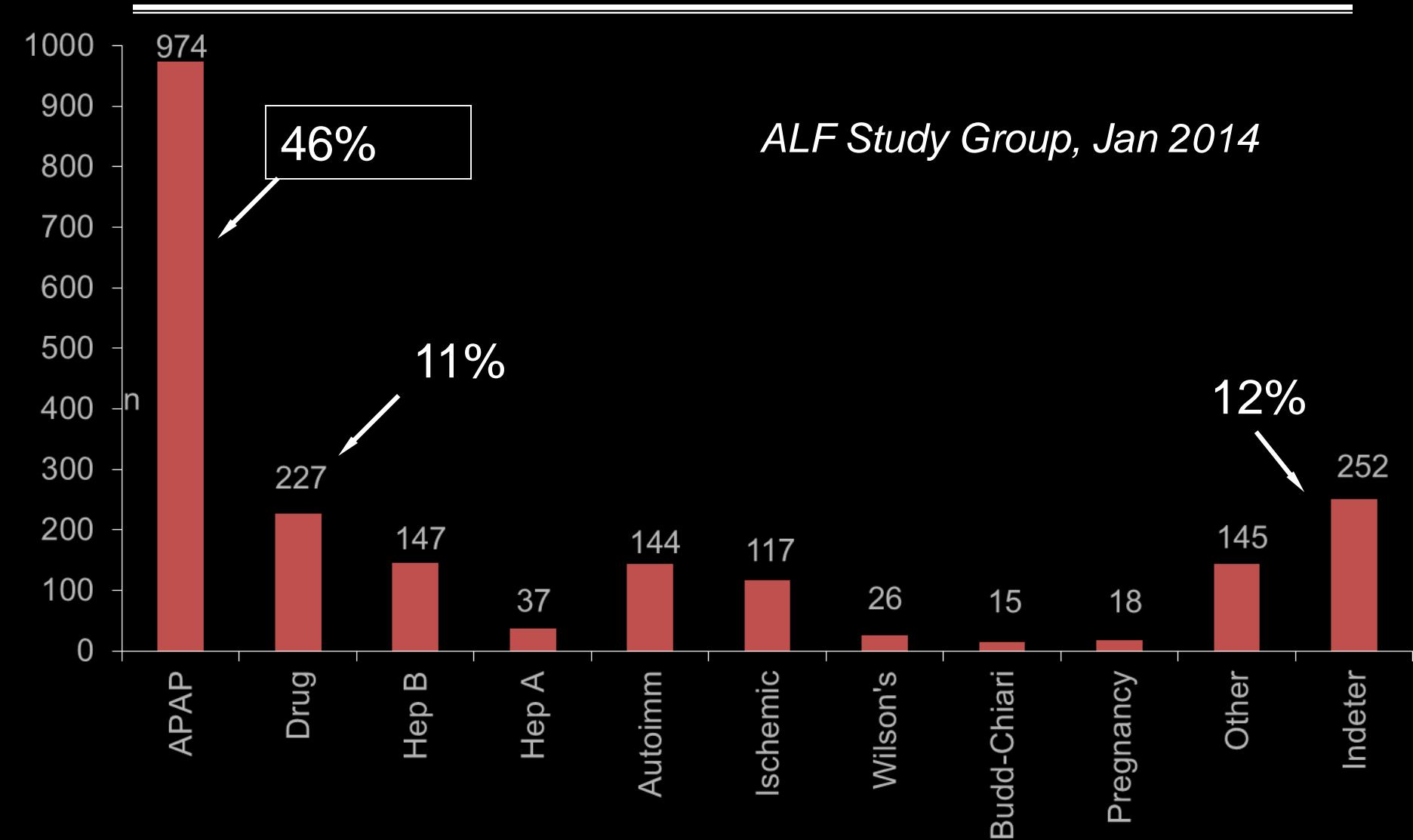
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# DILI and HILI

- Important cause of increased liver biochemistry
- 16% persistently abnormal liver values 6 months after withdrawal,  
12% after one yr (especially cholestatic pattern, associated with  
vanishing bile duct).
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# Etiology of Acute Liver Failure in the US Adult Registry (n = 2,102)



DrugHurt - Claims for T: X The National Invokana Settl +

Niet beveiligd https://drughurt.com/

# DrugHurt.com

As Seen on TV

# 1-800-378-4487

## Invokana Claim?



Suffered a leg, foot, toe amputation or Ketoacidosis?

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## Defective Hip Implant?



Defective hip implants requiring additional surgery

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## Hernia Mesh Claim?



Manufacturers failed to warn of hernia mesh implant risks

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## IVC Filter Claim?



These filters often fail resulting in injury or death

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## Xarelto Claim?



Uncontrollable bleeding associated with use of Xarelto

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## Taxotere Claim?

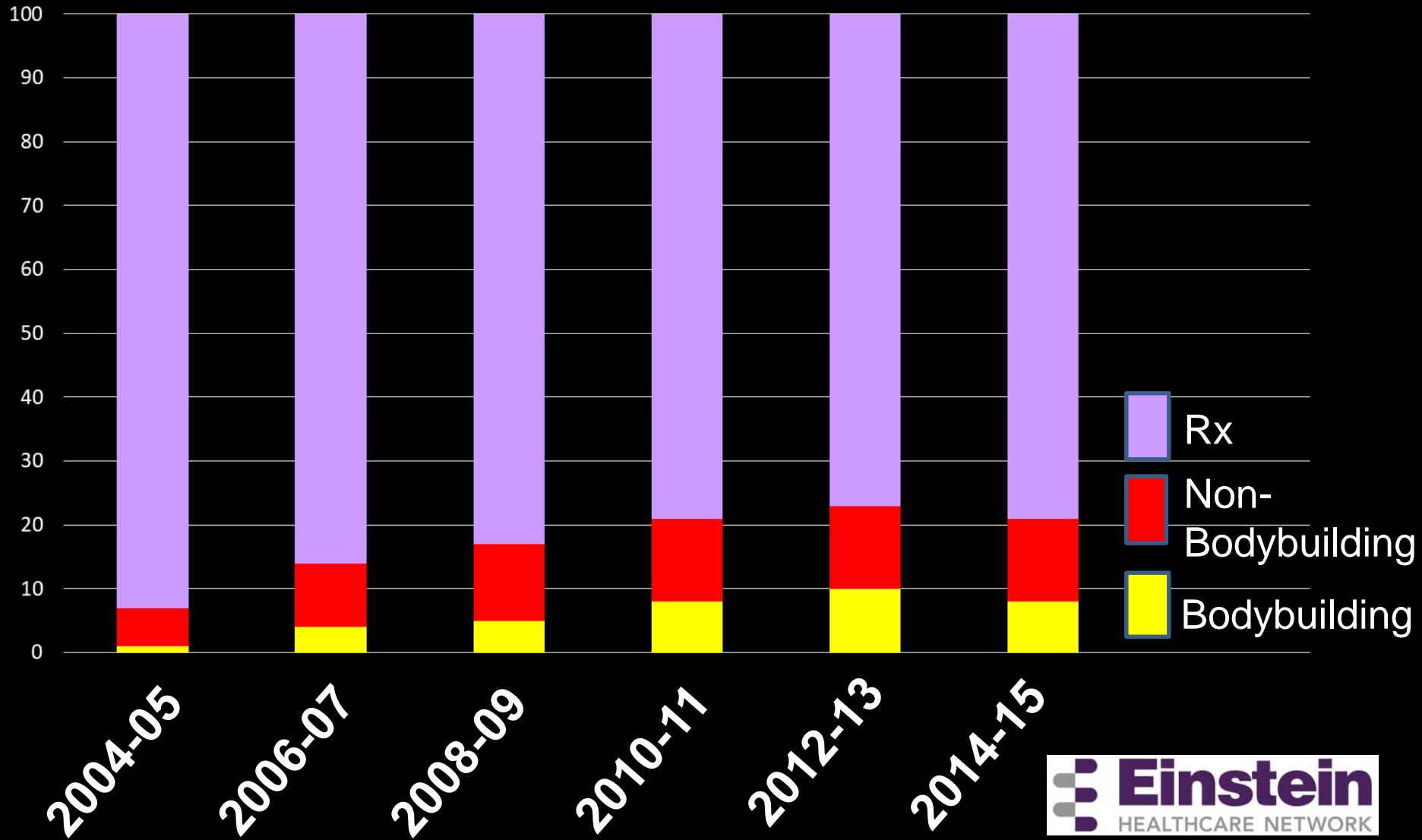


Chemotherapy resulted in permanent hair loss

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# HDS as Causes of DILI

## *Temporal Trends in DILIN*



# Risk from individual compounds

Drug	Patients treated	Prescriptions (n)	Cases (n)	Risk of DILI among exposed	Per 100,000 (95% CI)
Amox-Clavu	35,252	83,379	15	1 in 2350	43 (24-70)
Diclofenac	54,889	112,801	6	1 in 9148	11 (4-24)
Azathioprine	532	3054	4	1 in 133	752 (205-1914)
Infliximab	593	n/a	4	1 in 148	675 (184-1718)
Nitrofurantoin	5476	12,034	4	1 in 1369	73 (20-187)
Isotretinoin	2169	7978	3	1 in 732	138 (29-404)
Atorvastatin	7385	34,171	2	1 in 3693	27 (4-98)
Doxycycline	32,677	54,232	2	1 in 16,339	6 (1-22)

Bjornsson E, et al. Gastroenterology 2013

# DILI: idiosyncratic reaction versus direct hepatotoxicity

## Ends of a spectrum?

-**Idiosyncratic**: most cases of DILI, unpredictable.

relatively rare, multiple hits required (immunologic, genetic, drug metabolism and other factors)

**Direct hepatotoxicity**: limited nr of drugs, more or less predictable

- paracetamol
- alcohol
- tuberculosis drugs (e.g. isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampicine)
- HAART therapy (e.g. nevirapine).
- Methotrexate
- Valproate
- Vitamin A
- Methimazole
- Nefazodone
- Propoxyphene

# Factors associated with DILI risk

- Dose >50-100 mg/day associated with 5-fold increased risk of idiosyncratic dili.
- Drugs which are hepatically metabolized are more hepatotoxic
- lipophilic drugs at increased risk?
- worse prognosis in hepatocellular injury than cholestatic injury
- acute liver failure and poor prognosis associated with:  
Higher MELD score, hepatic encephalopathy, higher age, increase bili, low platelets
- Rechallenge should be avoided (more severe, shorter latency)



# Histochemical Patterns of DILI

Hepatocellular

ALT  
AST

Cholestatic

AlkPhos

# Hepatocellular vs cholestatic DILI: Calculating R-values

-AST or ALT value divided by ULN (fold elevation) : fold elevation of alkaline phosphatase above ULN.

-R> 5: hepatocellular

-R<2: cholestatic

2<R<5: mixed

# Outline of presentation

-DILI

Pathogenesis

diagnosis

Special cases

-hepatotoxicity in setting of chronic liver disease

# Pathogenesis

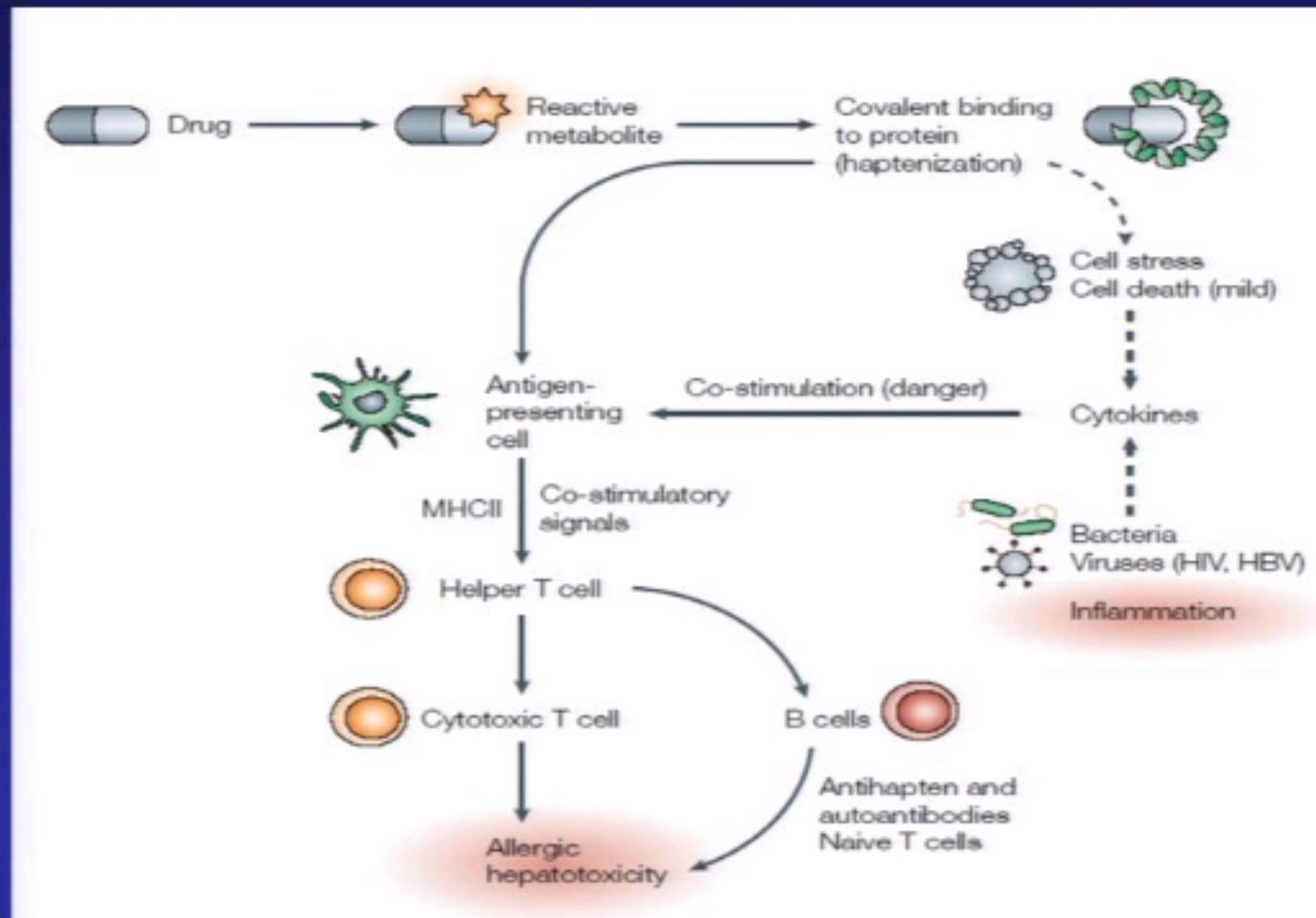


# DILI: Pathogenesis

- Applying the Danger Hypothesis\* to immune-mediated idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity

- Figure from  
Kaplowitz, Nat  
Rev Drug Disc  
2005

\* Danger Hypothesis  
- see:  
• Matzinger. Ann Rev  
Immunol 1994



# GWAS & DILI

- Some success in identifying variants associated with liver injury due to specific compounds – mostly in the HLA region
  - **Abacavir:** only drug not prescribed based on HLA B\*5701 testing, high likelihood of hypersensitive skin reaction and DILI.
  - **Flucloxacillin:** HLA B\*5701 (OR ~ 80) [DILI risk 1:500 carriers & 1:100 carriers >65 years age)
  - **Amoxy-clavulanate:** HLA DRB1\*15:01 & others (OR 2.6-9.3)XX
  - **Minocycline** (HLA B\*35:02);
  - **Terbinafine & fenofibrate** (HLA A\*33:01)

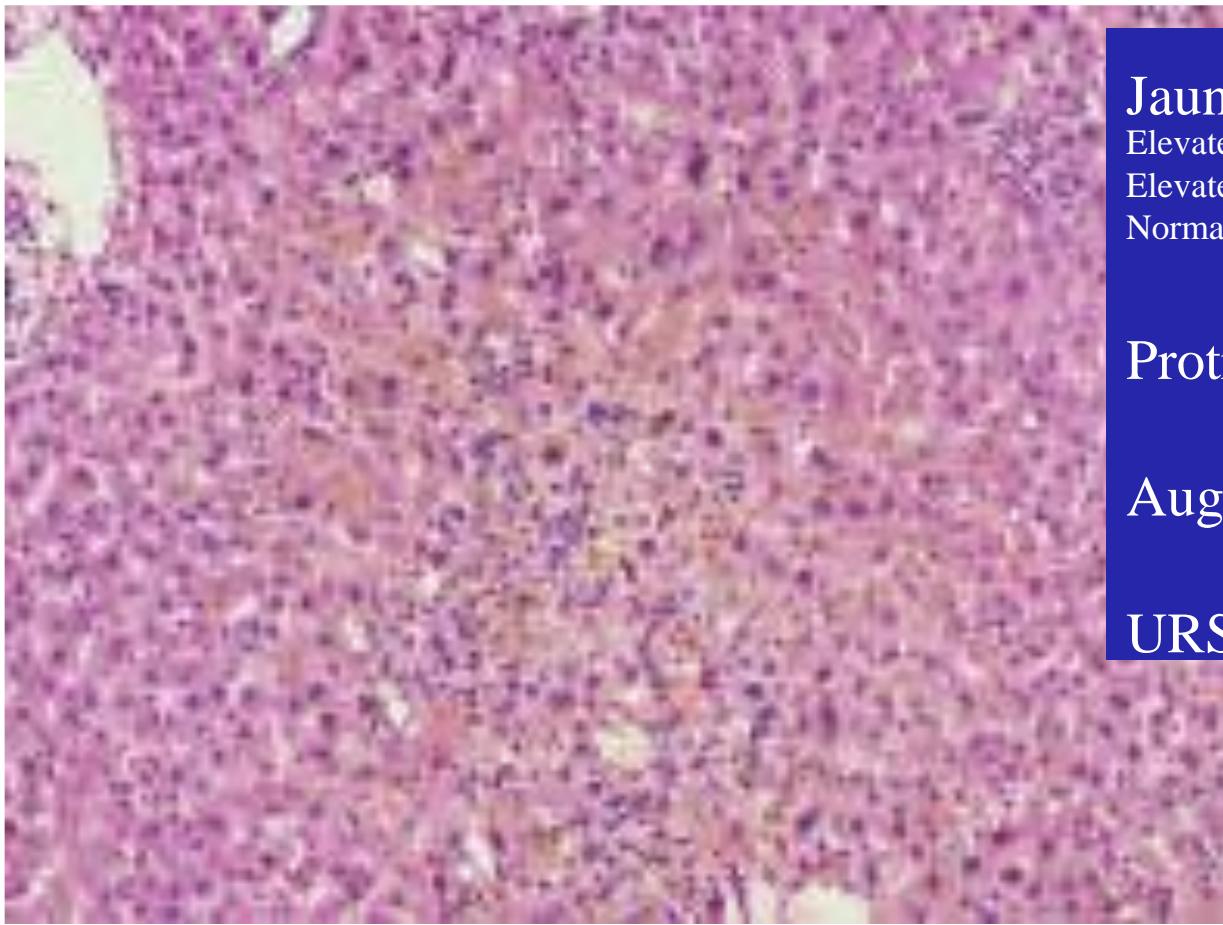


# Diagnosis





# Cholestatic Hepatitis



Jaundice & Itching

Elevated Alk Phos

Elevated ALT/AST

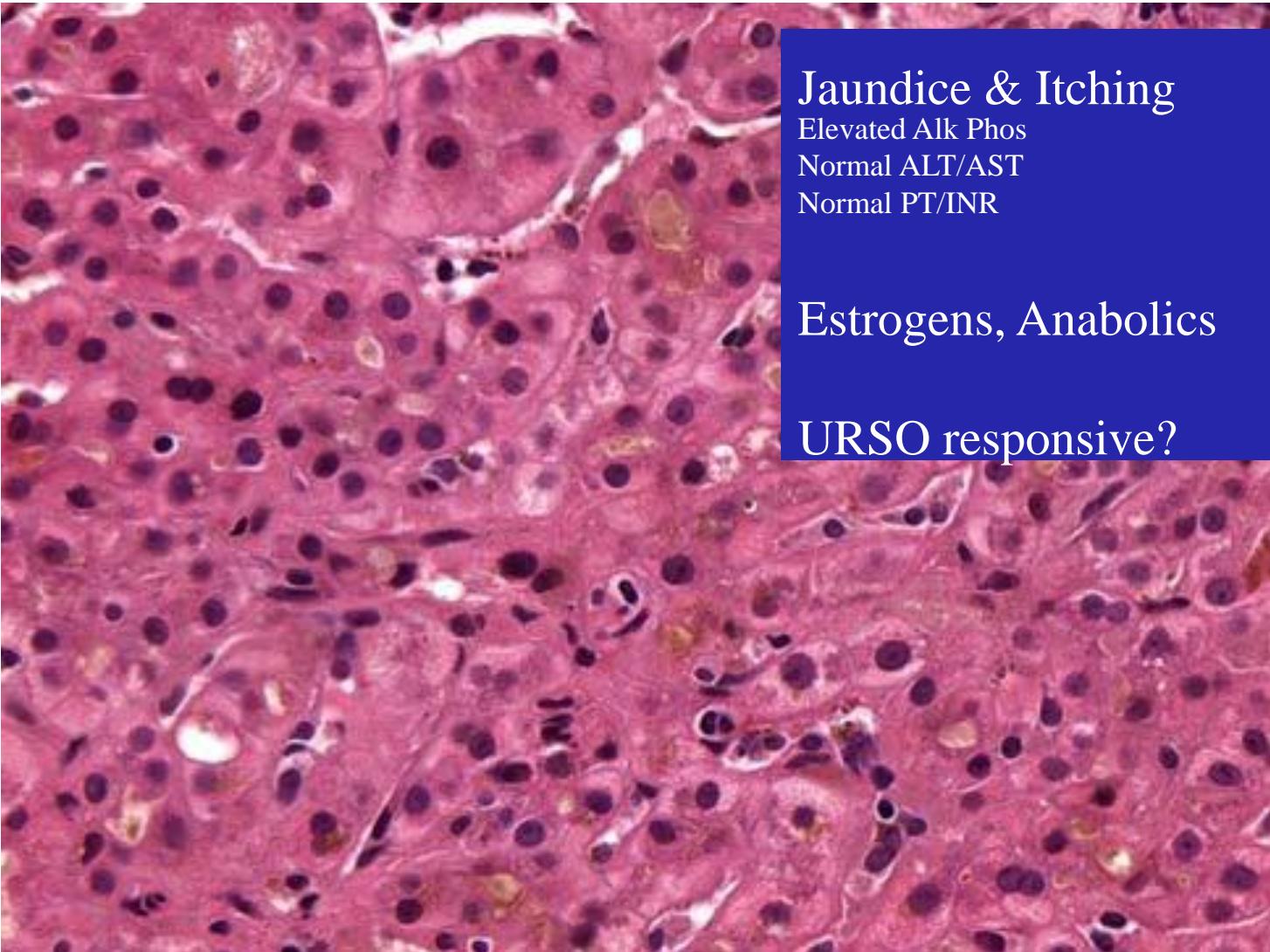
Normal PT/INR

Protracted Course

Augmentin, Macrolides

URSO responsive?

# Bland Cholestasis



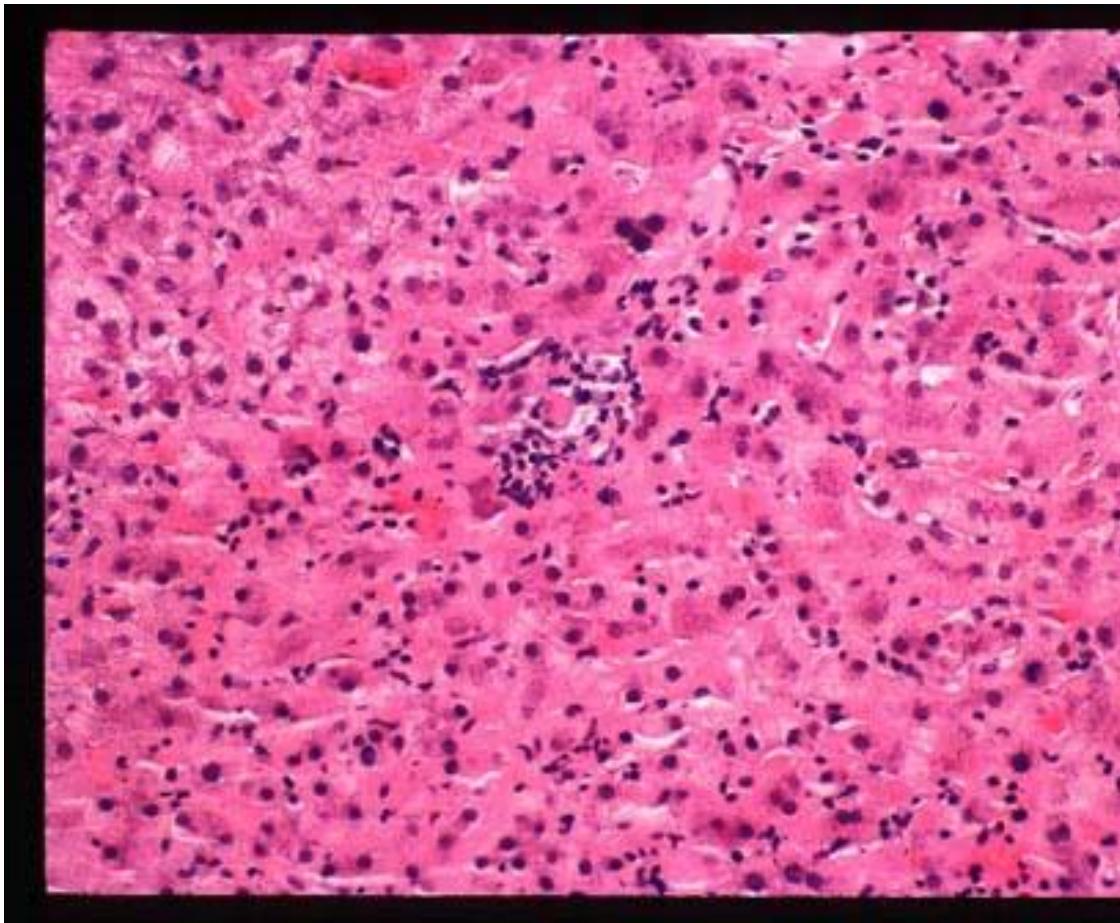
Jaundice & Itching

Elevated Alk Phos  
Normal ALT/AST  
Normal PT/INR

Estrogens, Anabolics

URSO responsive?

# Autoimmune Hepatitis



Constitutional Sx  
Elevated ALT/AST

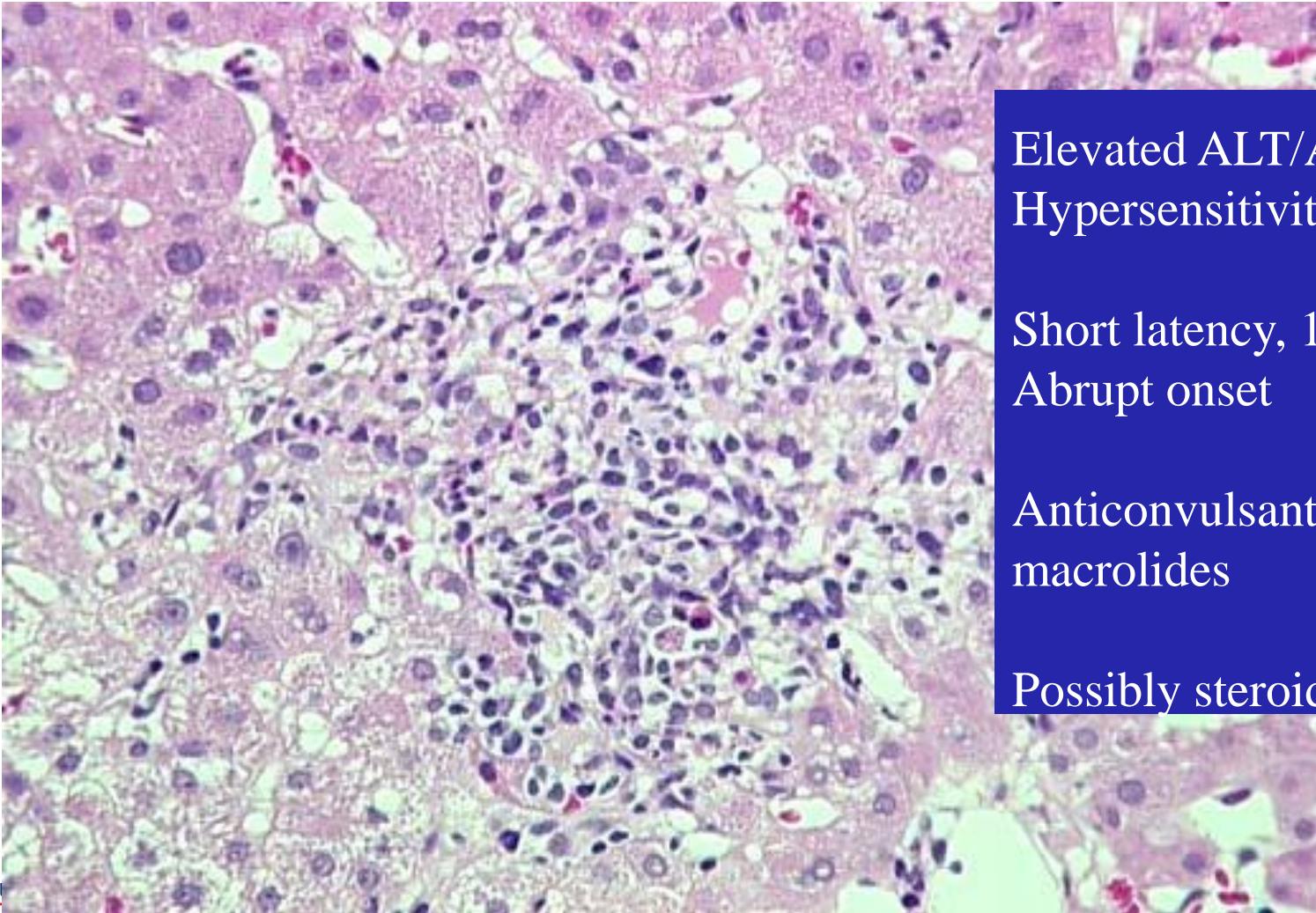
Long latency, 1-12 months

Elevated SMA, ANA  
Elevated globulins

Minocyclin, nitrofurantoin,  
methyldopa, statins

Possibly steroid responsive

# Immunoallergic Hepatitis



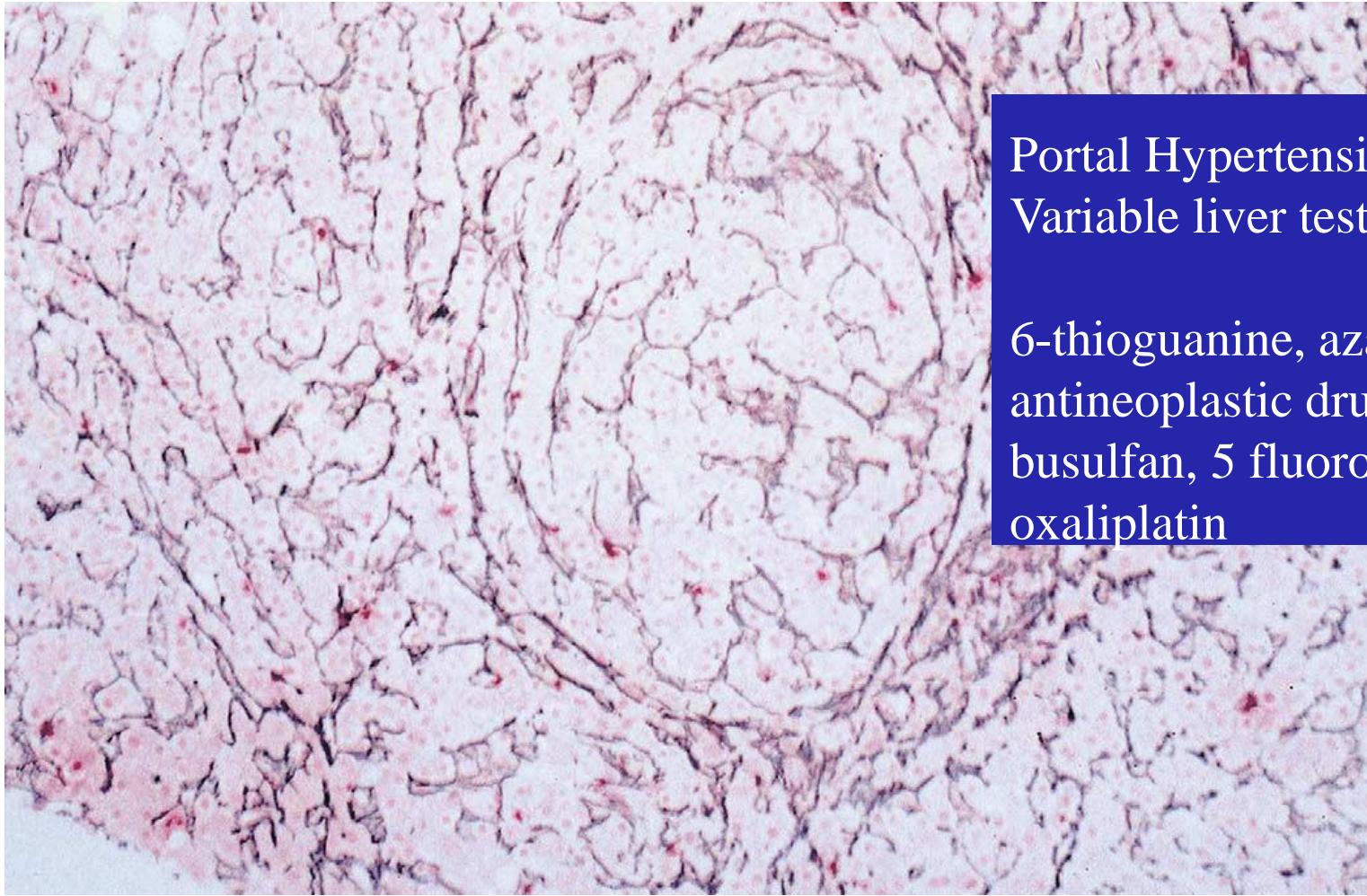
Elevated ALT/AST  
Hypersensitivity

Short latency, 1-4 weeks  
Abrupt onset

Anticonvulsants, sulfonamides,  
macrolides

Possibly steroid responsive

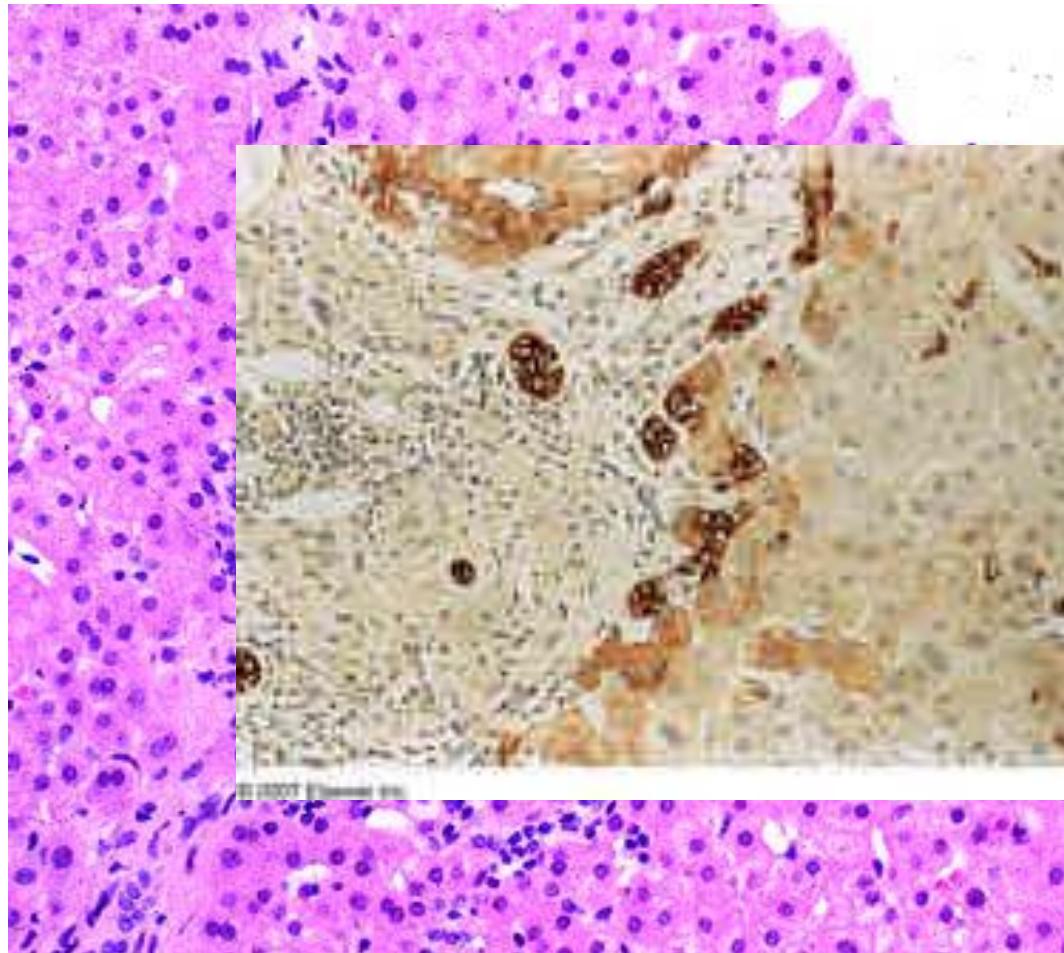
# Nodular Regenerative Hyperplasia



Portal Hypertension  
Variable liver tests

6-thioguanine, azathioprine and  
antineoplastic drugs including  
busulfan, 5 fluorouracil, and  
oxaliplatin

# Vanishing Bile Duct Syndrome



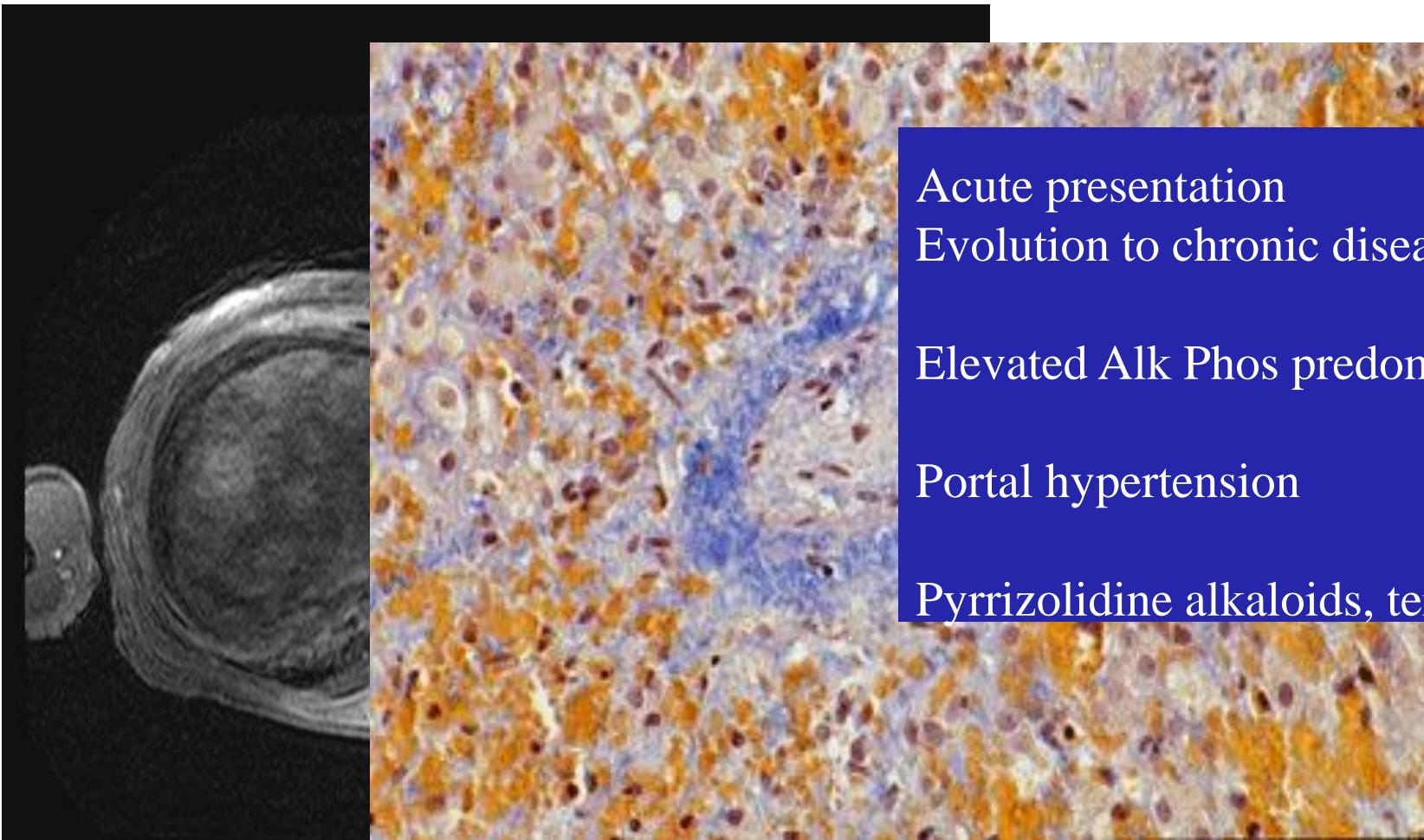
Jaundice, pruritus  
Elevated Alk Phos, Bilirubin

Progressive, protracted

Long latency

Augmentin, tegretol, cipro,  
flucloxacillin, sulfonamides

# Sinusoidal Obstruction Syndrome



Acute presentation  
Evolution to chronic disease

Elevated Alk Phos predominate

Portal hypertension

Pyrrizolidine alkaloids, terpenes

# Further clues

- Presentation < 7 days after first ingestion: antibiotics:
- Presentation >1 yr after first ingestion: nitrofurantoin, minocycline



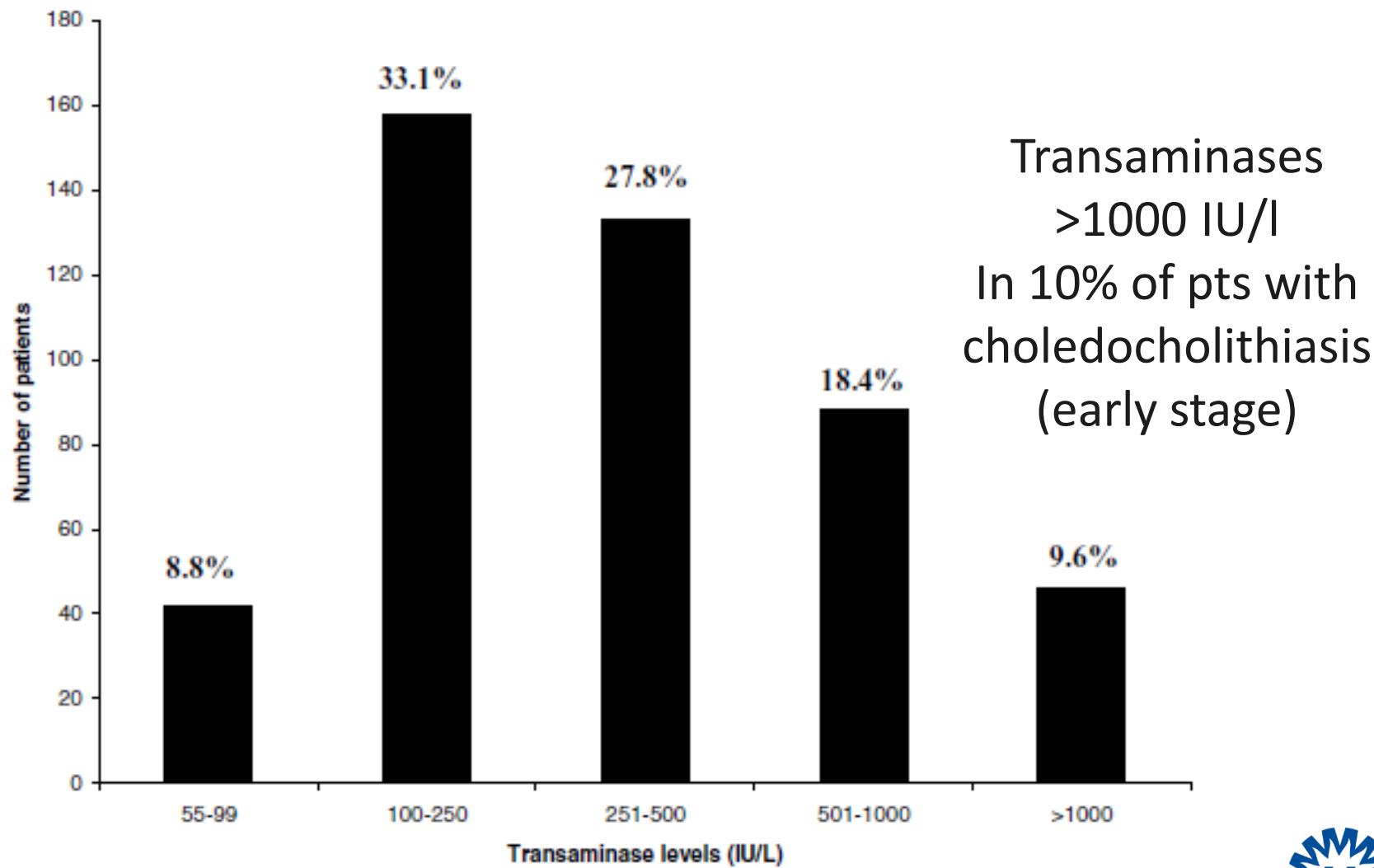
## **Wat staat oa in de DD bij AST en/of ALT > 1000 IU/mL**

- A) Alcohol, choledocholithiasis, paracetamol, ischemische hepatitis
- B) choledocholithiasis, paracetamol, ischemische hepatitis
- C) paracetamol, ischemische hepatitis

Alcohol hepatitis altijd relatief lage transaminasen: AST<500,  
ALT<250

10% van choledocholithiasis transen > 1000IU/mL in eerste 48 uur

# Transaminases and choledocholithiasis



Nathwani RA, Kumar SR, Reynolds TB. Marked Elevation in serum transaminases: an atypical presentation of choledocholithiasis. Am J Gastroenterol 2005;100:295–8.

# Differential diagnosis for suspected dili

- Hepatitis E: positive IgM anti HEV in 3% of 318 suspected DILI cases (especially older men and HIV patients: Gastroenterology 2011;141:1665-72)
- other viral hepatitis (HAV, HBV, HCV).
- Autoimmune hepatitis (some cases of DILI associated with autoimmune phenomena).
- Other (preexistent) liver disease.

## Cause of transaminases >1000 IU/mL (single center Irish study)

-ischemic hepatitis: 61%

-viral hepatitis 12%

-early choledocholithiasis 5%

-Unknown 5%.

(other DD: mushroom, chemical poisoning)

-DILI: 16%

*paracetamol* 8%

*antituberculosis drugs* 3%

*other antibiotics* 2%



# Special cases

# Vrouw 60 jaar

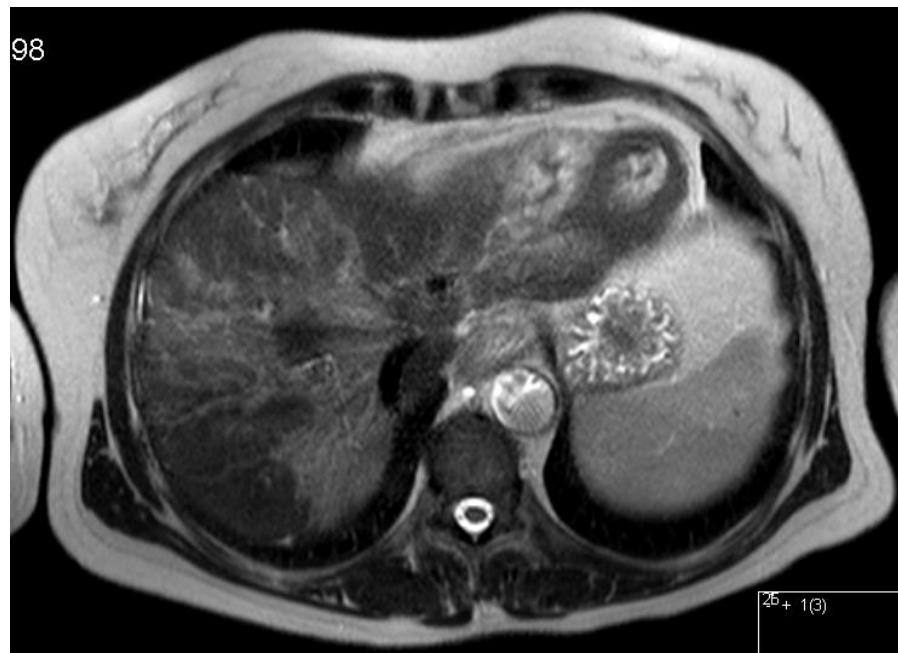
**Voorgeschiedenis:** Hemithyreoidectomie, hypertensie, hypercholesterolemie, recidiverend urineweginfecties.  
Reden verwijzing: progressief gestoorde leverwaarden.

**Anamnese:** geen klachten. BMI 29.1

Medicatie atorvastatine (2 maanden), atenolol (3jr)  
nitrofurantoin (15 maanden), oxazepam (2 maanden),  
captopril (2 jr), furosemide (2 jr)

**Lab:** bili 17, AF piek 171, gGT piek 212, ASAT piek 414, ALAT piek 489. Negatieve immuunserologie.

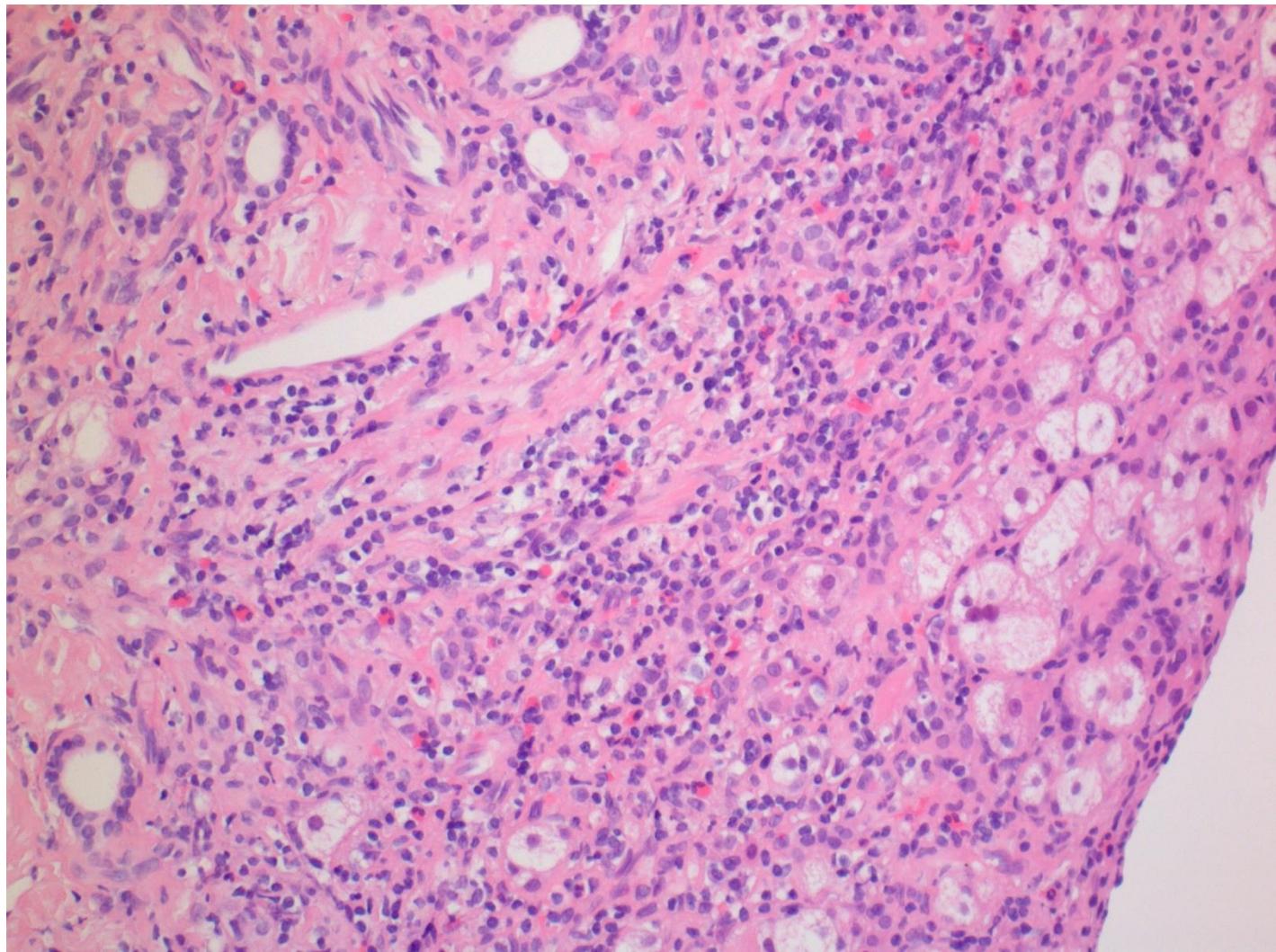
# MRI / MRCP: Progressief beeld atrofie rechterleverkwab met verminderde flow door de rechter vena portatak



# **Wat is de meest waarschijnlijke oorzaak van de gestoorde leverwaarden?**

- A) atorvastatine
- B) nitrofurantoine
- C) "Bona" fide autoimmuun hepatitis type 1.
- D) Atenolol
- E) IgG4 related disease (ook gezien afwijkingen op MRI)

# PA beeld; ernstige autoimmun hepatitis



# Beloop leverproeven na stop nitrofurantoin en tijdelijk prednison + azathioprine

Bepaling	Eenheid	Ref. waarde	01-12-2011	05-01-2012	05-01-2012	07-02-2012	21-02-2012	21-02-2012	06-03-2012	01-05-2012	05-06-2012
			11:11 KERPEC	11:51 KERPEC	15:14 KERPEC	08:39 KERPEC	08:52 KERPEC	08:52 KERPEC	08:29 MBUMDL	11:59 KERPEC	10:14 KERPEC
Bloedchemie											
Natrium	mmol/L	136 - 146									
Kalium	mmol/L	3.8 - 5.0									
Calcium geïoniseerd	mmol/L	1.15 - 1.32									
HbA1c (oud)	%										
Ureum	mmol/L	3.0 - 7.5									
Creatinine	µmol/L	58 - 103	59							85	82
GFR (MDRD)	ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	60 -	>60							>60	>60
Bilirubine Totaal	µmol/L	3 - 21	13	18		15		16	15	12	9
Bilirubine Direct	µmol/L	0 - 5		2							
Alkalische fosfatase	U/L	0 - 120	151	H 171	H	133	H	153	H 137	H 104	92
gamma-GT	U/L	0 - 40	180	H 212	H	151	H	133	H 120	H 92	H 43
ASAT	U/L	0 - 30	319	H 414	H	107	H	36	H 35	H 40	H 36
ALAT	U/L	0 - 35	358	H 489	H	122	H	59	H 56	H 54	H 30
LD	U/L	0 - 250	394	H 396	H	295	H	277	H		294

# Non Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS)

- Diclofenac
  - only NSAID clearly associated with increased risk of clinically relevant DILI. OR 4.1 (95% CI 1.9-8.8).
  - Idiosyncratic
  - 85% of cases within 6 months, 3% after one year
  - Hepatocellular pattern (AST, ALT), centrolobular necrosis.
  - Increased risk in rheumatoid arthritis and concomitant hepatotoxic medication

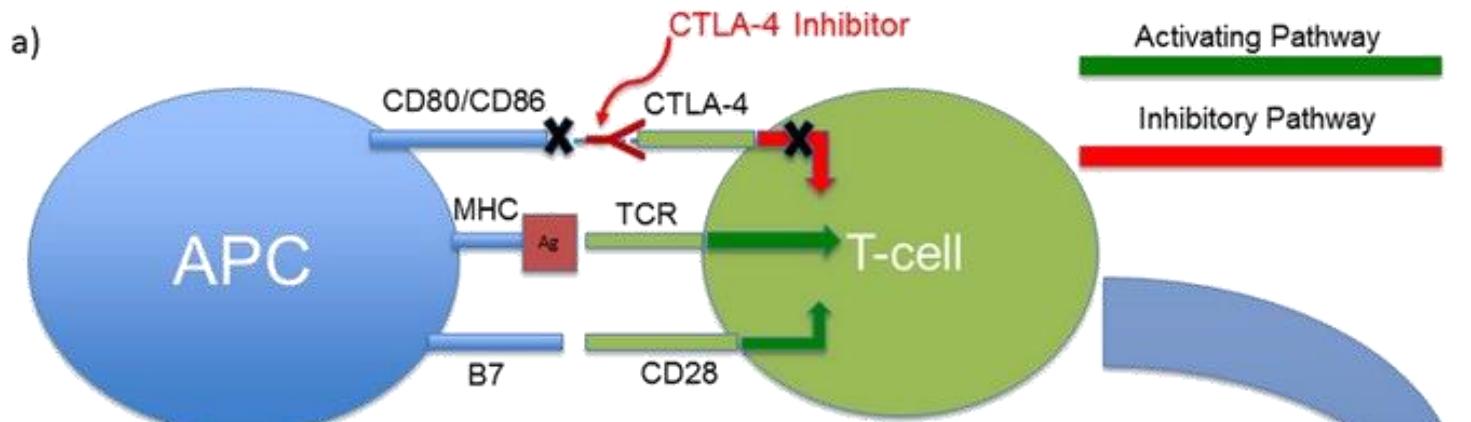


# Immunosuppressive medication

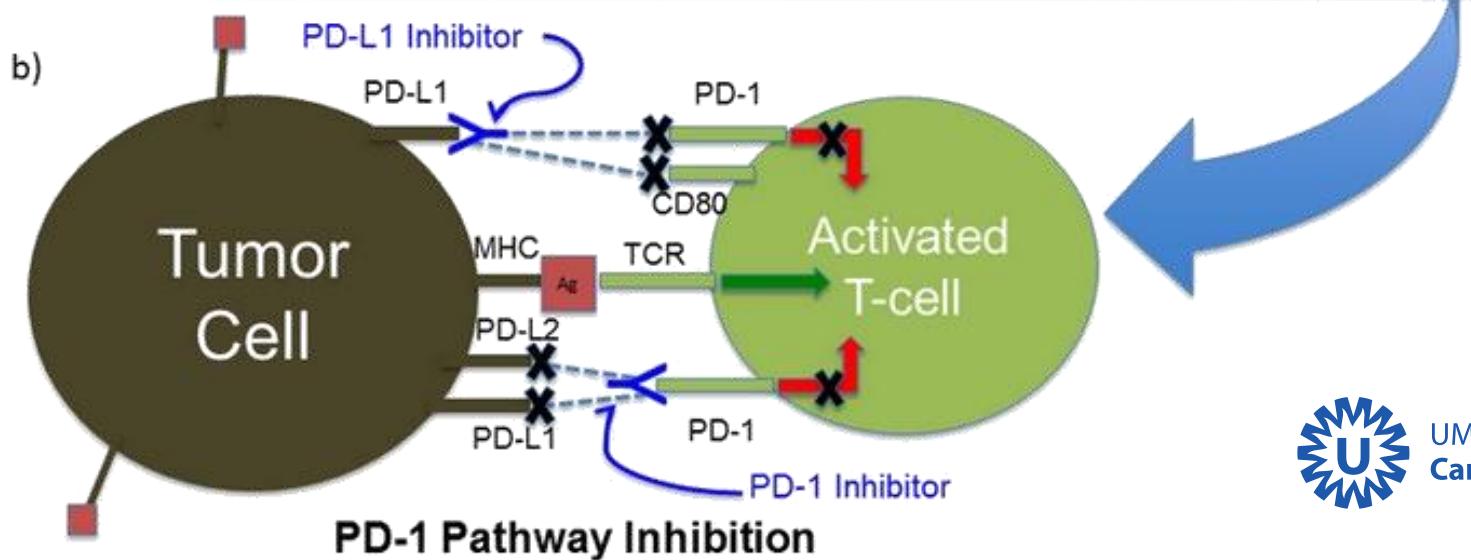
- **Anti-TNF** (Gastroenterol. 2013;144:1419–1425 and Clin Gastro Hepatol 2013;11:558-64): DILI incidence 1:150  
median latency 13 weeks (up to >24 weeks)  
In majority positive auto-antibodies and AIH like histology  
general improvement after anti TNF withdrawal ( $\pm$  steroids)  
class effect, but other agent may be tried.
- **Azathioprine** (Gastroenterol. 2013;144:1419–1425 and Nat Rev Rheumatol 2011;7 (2). DILI incidence 1: 130  
**Acute DILI** 1:1000: weeks 2-33: cholestatic pattern with fever, arthralgia and rash.  
Resolves on withdrawal of drug. Delayed resolution and ductopenia may occur.  
**Vascular syndromes:** nodular regenerative hyperplasia (NRH), veno-occlusive disease (VOD) and peliosis hepatitis.
- **Methotrexate**: direct hepatotoxic injury, hepatic fatty infiltration with fibrosis and cirrhosis  
Risk factors: Diabetes, obesity, dose >20 mg/week and high cumulative dose  
Growing evidence for Fibroscan® and serum procollagen-III in follow up



# Checkpoint inhibitors



CTLA-4 Pathway Inhibition



UMC Utrecht  
Cancer Center

# Clinically available immune checkpoints inhibitors

## FDA approved Indications:

- Melanoma
- Non-small cell lung
- Renal cell carcinoma
- Head and neck cancer
- Urothelial carcinoma
- Hodgkin lymphoma
- Merkel cell carcinoma
- MSI-H and dMMR
- Gastric or GEJ

Anti-PD1	Anti-PDL1	Anti-CTLA4
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)	Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)	Ipilimumab (Yervoy)
Nivolumab (Opdivo)	Avelumab (Bavencio)	
	Durvalumab (Imfinzi)	

Many more in clinical trials in various combinations.

# UMC Utrecht protocol

Uitsluiten virale hepatitis, hepatitis door andere oorzaken en progressie van levermetastasen. Identificeren en staken levertoxicische medicatie

## Graad 1 (ASAT-ALAT <3x ULN en/of bili <1,5x ULN)

- Continueer immuuntherapie; vervolg leverlab

## Graad 2 (ASAT-ALAT 3-5x ULN en/of bili 1,5-3x ULN)

- Controleer leverlab minimaal iedere 3 dagen
- Onderbreek immuuntherapie tot verbetering  $\leq$  graad 1
- Prednison 1 mg/kg/dag (oraal of iv). Continueren tot graad  $\leq$  1; afbouwen  $\geq$  4 weken

## Graad 3-4: ASAT-ALAT >5x ULN en/of bili >3x ULN)

- Opname met dagelijks leverlab
- Prednison 2 mg/kg/dag iv
- Definitief staken huidige immuuntherapie
- Bij onvoldoende herstel na 3-5 dgn: voeg mycofenolaatmofetil 2dd 1000 mg oraal toe

# **Hepatotoxicity in setting of chronic liver disease**

# Hebben patienten met chronisch leverlijden een verhoogd risico op DILI?

- A) ja
- B) nee.

# Hy's observation

Most patients with pre-existing liver disease are not more likely than others to experience hepatic injury on exposure to drugs that can cause idiosyncratic liver damage.

However, should a DILI reaction occur, the consequences could be more dire in patients with impaired hepatic function (mortality 16 vs 5% in recent series).

Exceptions: direct hepatotoxic medications

# Paracetamol, statins and oral hypoglycaemics in cirrhosis

-**Paracetamol:** relatively safe (much better than NSAIDS).

may lead to increased liver values

simultaneous alcohol use may be protective, chronic alcohol use detrimental

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**Lab:** bili 17, AF 171, gGT 212, ASAT piek 141, ALAT 138.  
Negatieve immuunserologie en overige diagnostiek.

# Wat is uw beleid

- A) vervolgen
- B) Vervang atorvastatine door pravastatine
- C) Stop cholesterolsynteseremmer, indien leverwaarden herstellen start pravastatine
- D) Leverbiopt (toch AIH?)

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atorvastatin: metabolism via CYP3A4. clinical relevant hepatic injury 1:3000. Pravastatin: minimal hepatic metabolism. clinical relevant hepatic injury 1:100,000.

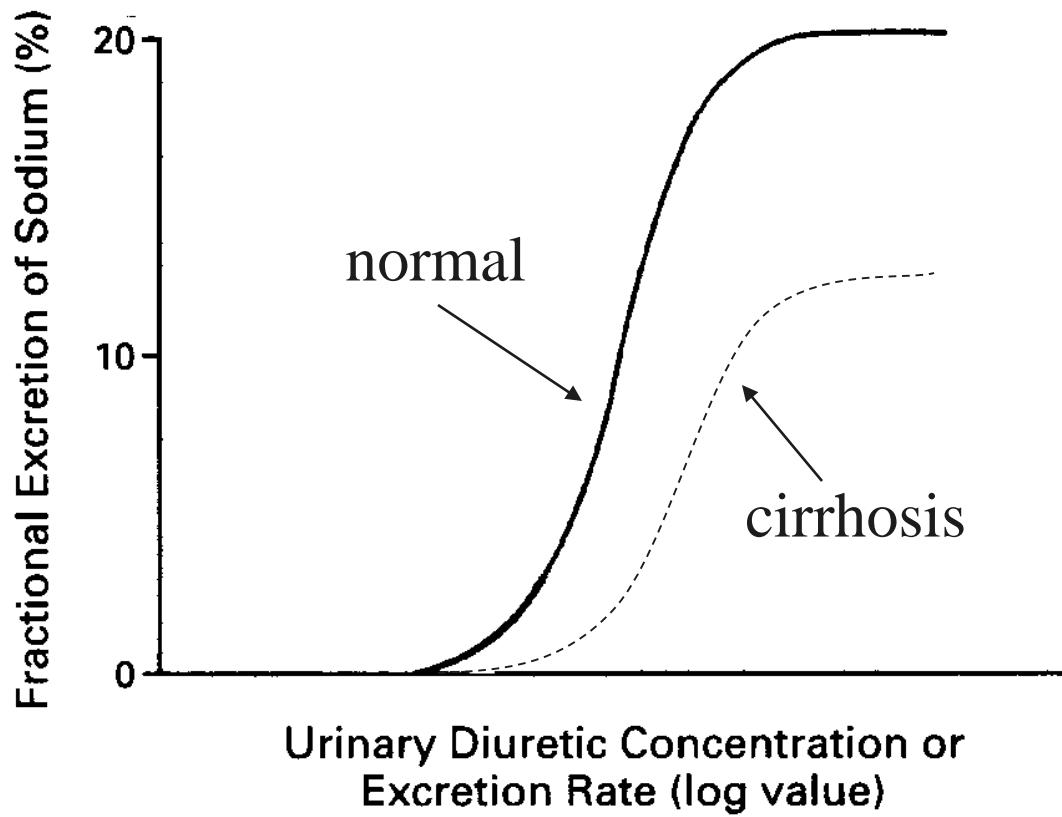
# Enhanced pharmacodynamics effect in decompensated cirrhosis

**precipitation of encephalopathy:** opioids, anxiolytics, sedatives

**Precipitation of renal failure:** NSAIDs (RAAS system).

**Decreased therapeutic response:** beta blockers (normally 90% first pass effect, but not in portal hypertension: low starting dose preferable), loop diuretics, codeine





**Figure 1. Pharmacodynamics of a Loop Diuretic.**

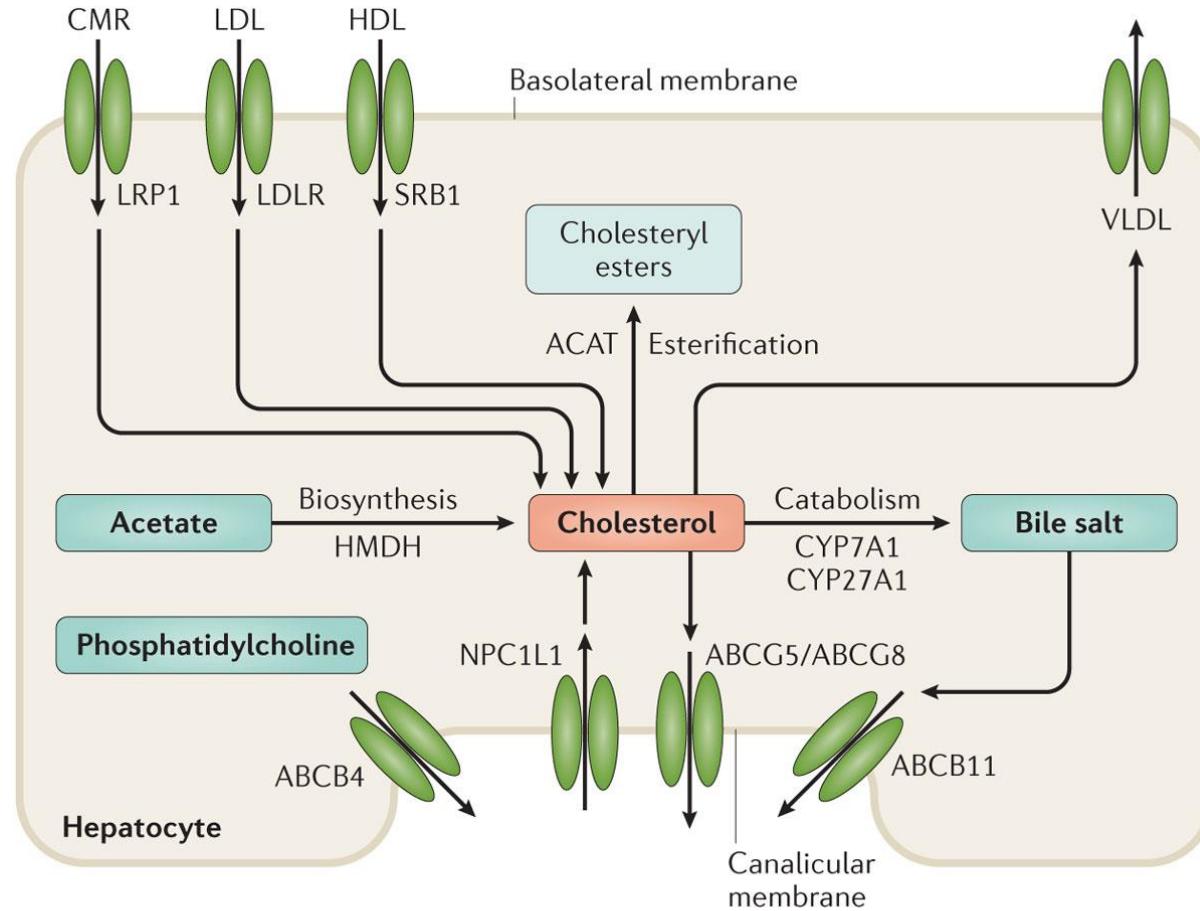
The relation between the natriuretic response and the amount of diuretic reaching the site of action is represented by a sigmoid curve.



# Nadere diagnostiek

- Leverbiopten:
  - Langer bestaande intrahepatische cholestase
  - Enige periportale fibrose
  - Geringe ductulaire proliferatie
- Nadere anamnese: 1 maand voor klachten begonnen met OAC
- Genetisch onderzoek:
  - FIC type 1 (ATP8B1) Allel 1: normaal  
Allel 2: normaal
  - FIC type 2 galzouttransporter (ABCB11) Allel 1: c.2296 G>A (Gly766Arg)  
Allel 2: normaal

# Transport proteins in the hepatocyte canalicular membrane



Nature Reviews | Disease Primers

Lammert, F. et al. (2016) Gallstones  
Nat. Rev. Dis. Primers doi:10.1038/nrdp.2016.24

# Altered pharmacokinetics in decompensated cirrhosis

## Increased drug concentrations

- reduced hepatic blood flow and reduced first pass effect with portal HT (e.g. propranolol).
- less albumin binding (increased free drug conc).
- lower CYP metabolic activity
- less biliary and renal drug excretion.

## Increased drug toxicity

- reduced glutathione stores

## Lower drug concentrations

- increased distribution volume with ascites (lower conc. hydrophilic drugs)

## End organ resistance (e.g. propranolol, furosemide)

# Recently detected causes of DILI

-Sorafenib

-Tolvaptan

-NOACS (especially rivaroxaban)

-Anti-hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals

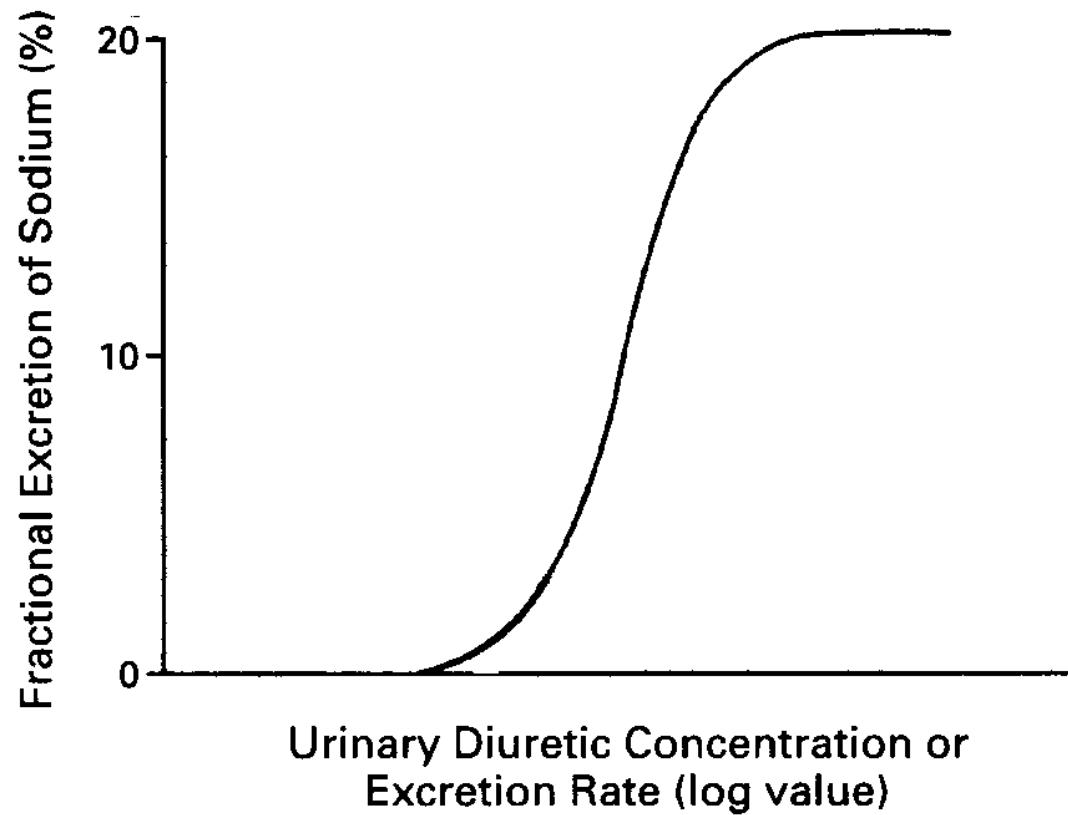
NS3 protease inhibitors simeprevir, asunaprevir, paritaprevir

only 3 RCT with DAA: 2 with 3D+ribavirin, 1 with sofosbuvir + valpatasvir:  
more SAE with active treatment (2.3%, 2.6%, 2.4% vs 0%, 0.5% and 0%). NEJM

2014;370:1594; NEJM 2014;370:1604. NEJM 2015;373:2599

-methylprednisolone (especially in multiple sclerosis).

# Decreased natriuresis with furosemide in cirrosis: end organ resistance



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# Casus

- Vrouw, 20 jaar
- Blanco VG
- Medicatie: OAC, propanolol 2dd 40 mg, acetylcysteine
- Sinds 2 maanden plotseling ontstane geelzucht en jeuk, snel progressief. Wisselend ontkleurde ontlasting en donkere urine.
- Familiair: geen leverziekten/auto-immuunziekten

# laboratorium

- Lab 25-01-2013
  - Bili totaal **479**
  - Bili direct **>170**
  - AF **551**
  - gamma-GT 32
  - ASAT **64**
  - ALAT **72**
  - Albumine 33.4
  - PT **13.1**
  - APTT 36
  - Ferritine **202**
  - Transferrine 3.08
  - ijzer verzediging 0.17
  - IJzer 14
- Virologie, immuun serologie negatief, ceruloplasmine gb
- Echografie: gb

# Wat is de meest waarschijnlijke diagnose?

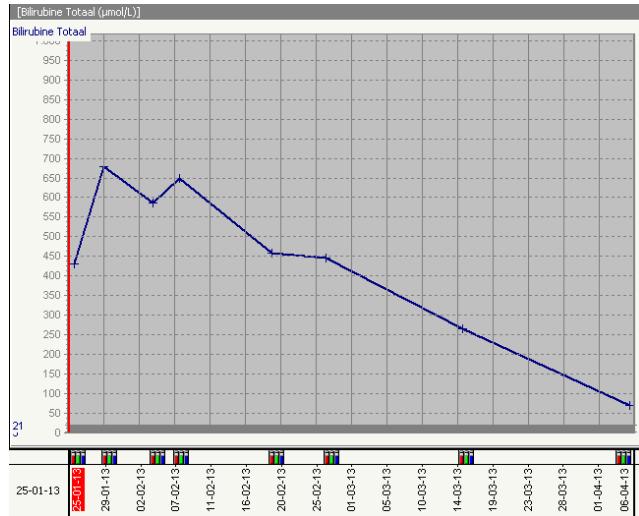
- A): benigne recurrente intrahepatische cholestase (BRIC)
- B): cholestase door orale anticonceptie (ze gebruikt vast de pil, ben ik vergeten te vragen in de anamnese)
- C): primair biliaire cirrose
- D): HILI (herb-induced liver injury: ze gebruikt vast afrodisiacum: of ander alternatief middel: ben ik vergeten te vragen in de anamnese)

# Nadere diagnostiek

- - Nadere anamnese: 1 maand voor klachten begonnen met OAC

# Beloop na staken pil, met symptomatische therapie

bilirubine



galzuren

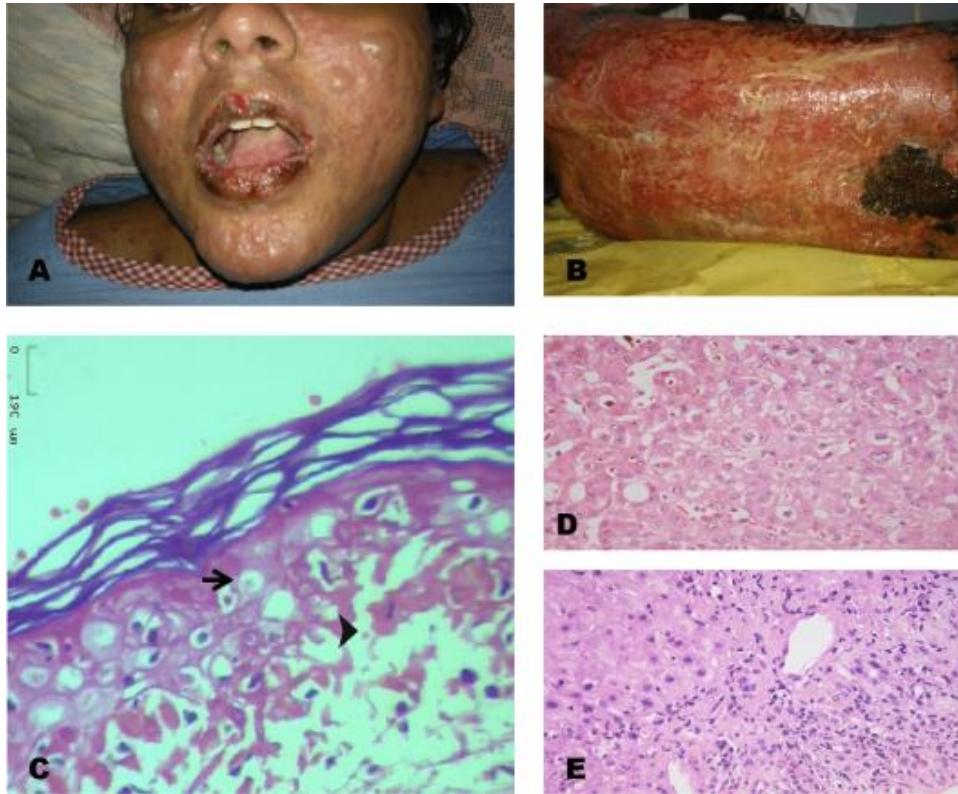


# DILI and skin.

-**DRESS** syndrome: **D**rug Reaction with **E**osinophilia and **S**ystemic **S**ymptoms.

- Stevens Johnson syndrome (<10% skin involved)
- Toxic epidermal necrolysis (>30% of skin involved).

## Drug-induced liver injury associated with Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis



# DILI incidence: Iceland

- Crude annual incidence 19.1 cases per 100,000 Icelandic inhabitants
  - 5 jaundice cases per 100,000 people/year
  - Steady increase in the incidence rate according to age, but no relationship with gender, alcohol and other generally quoted risk factors