

Alcol e Tumori: Il Rischio in un Bicchiere

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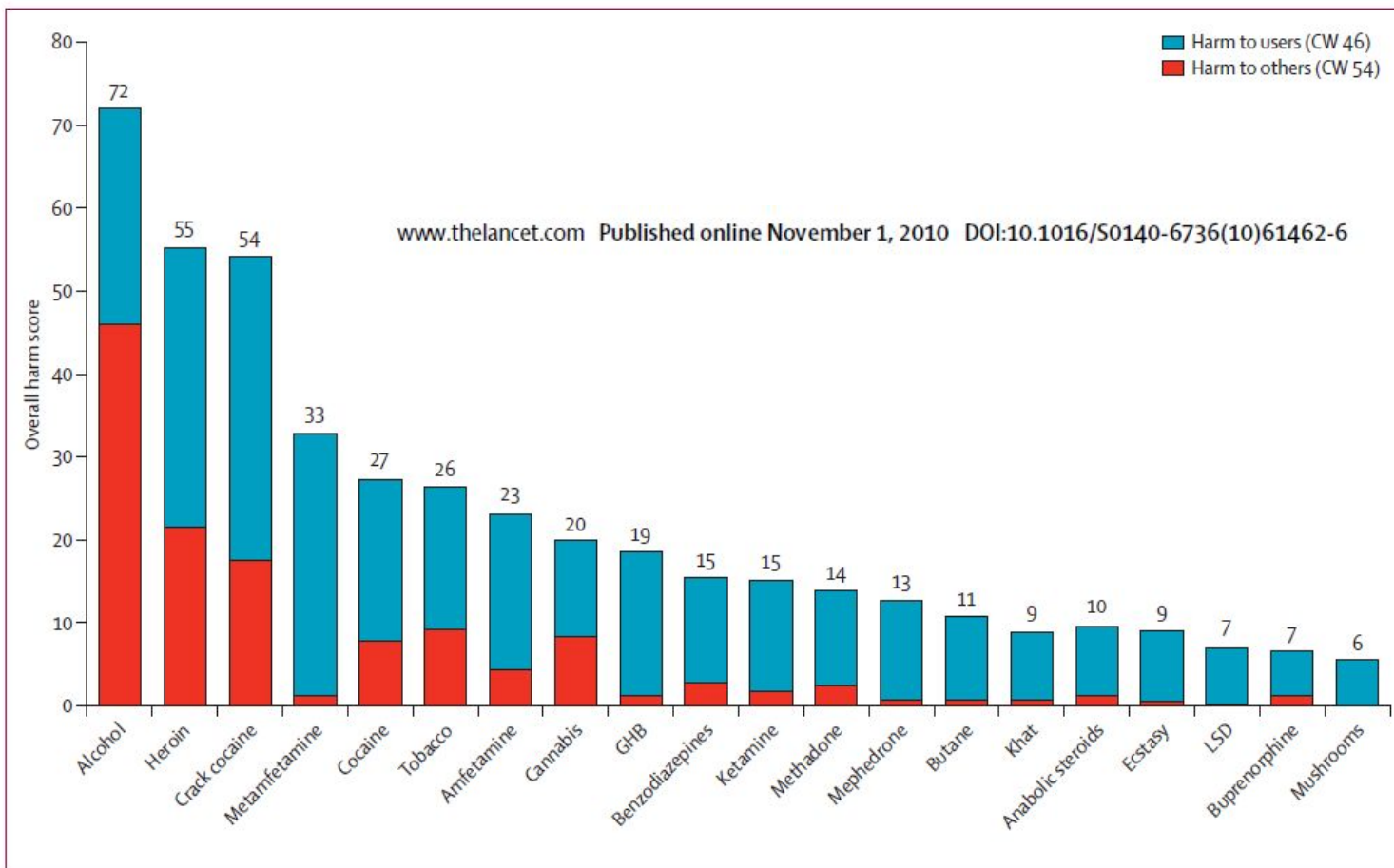


Figure 2: Drugs ordered by their overall harm scores, showing the separate contributions to the overall score of harms to users and harm to others. The weights after normalisation (0-100) are shown in the key (cumulative in all the criteria to users, 46; cumulative in all the criteria to others, 54). CW=cumulative weight. GHB= γ hydroxybutyric acid

Drug harms in the UK: a multicriteria decision analysis

David J Nutt, Leslie A King, Lawrence D Phillips, on behalf of the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs

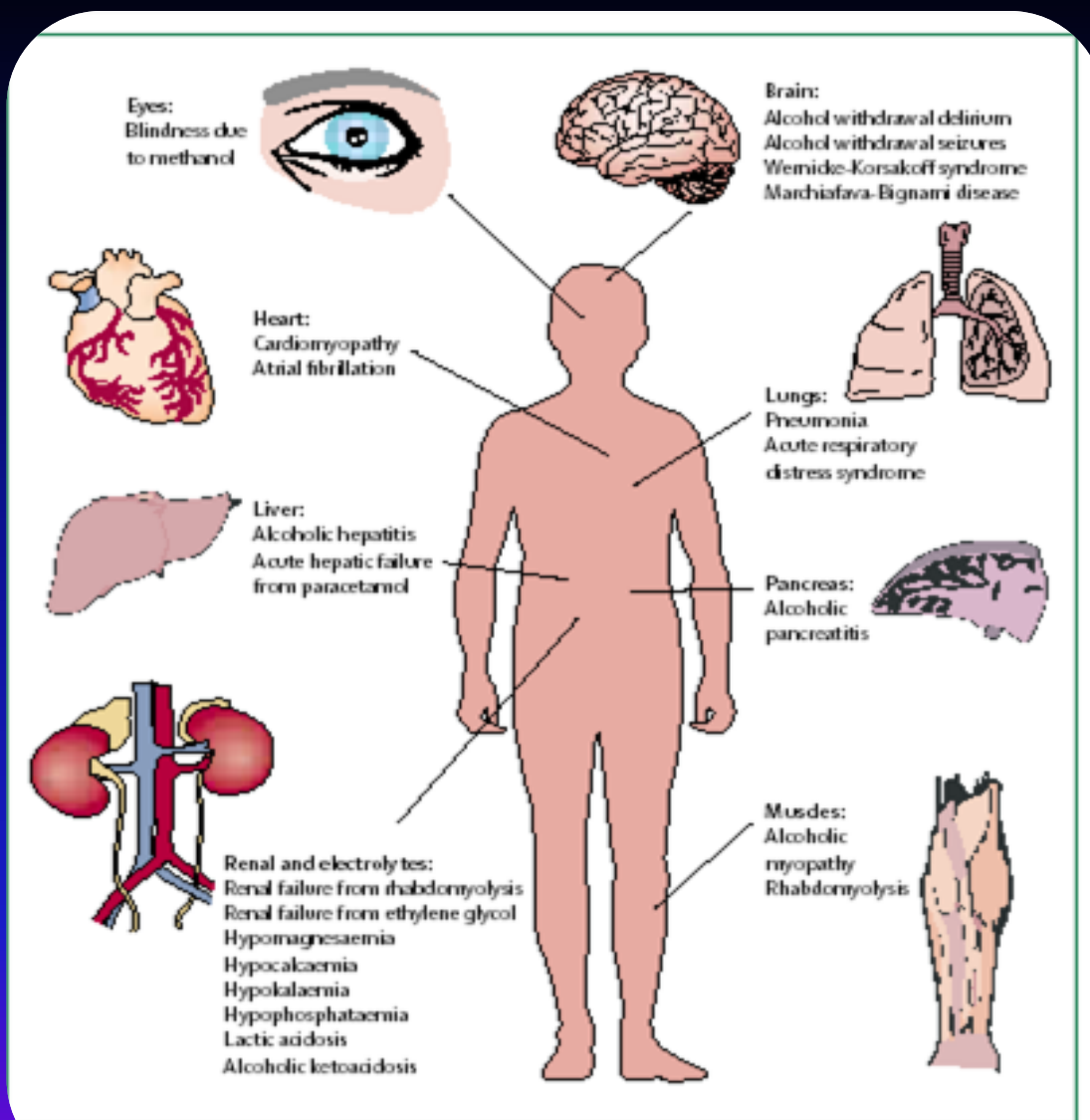


Figure 1: Disorders that can occur in critically ill patients as a result of alcohol abuse or dependence

Farmaci ed ormoni

ETANOLO

Glucosio ↓ (Ipoglicemia)

Piruvato

Lattato

NADPH

MEOS

NAD

ADH

IDROGENO

Collagene (?)

Iperlattacidemia

NADP

Acidosi renale

NADH

Uricemia

Sostituzione degli acidi grassi
come fonte energetica

Gotta

**ACETALDEIDE
(tossico)**

Acidi grassi

(ALDH)

Acetato

Chetosi

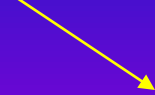
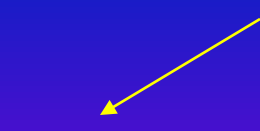
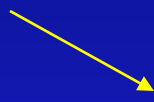
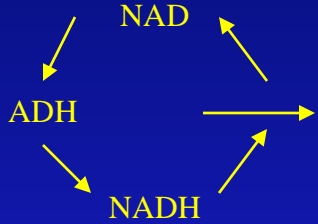
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Steatosi

Iperlipidemia

Metaboliti polari

Polimorfismi: ALDH2, ADH2, ADH3



ALCOHOL

Fatty Liver



Alcohol Hepatitis/Fibrosis



Cirrhosis



Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Chronic Pancreatitis

Parotid Hypertrophy

Carcinogenesis*

Glossitis

Stomatitis

Gastro-Esophageal Reflux

Mallory-Weiss Syndrome

Chronic Gastritis

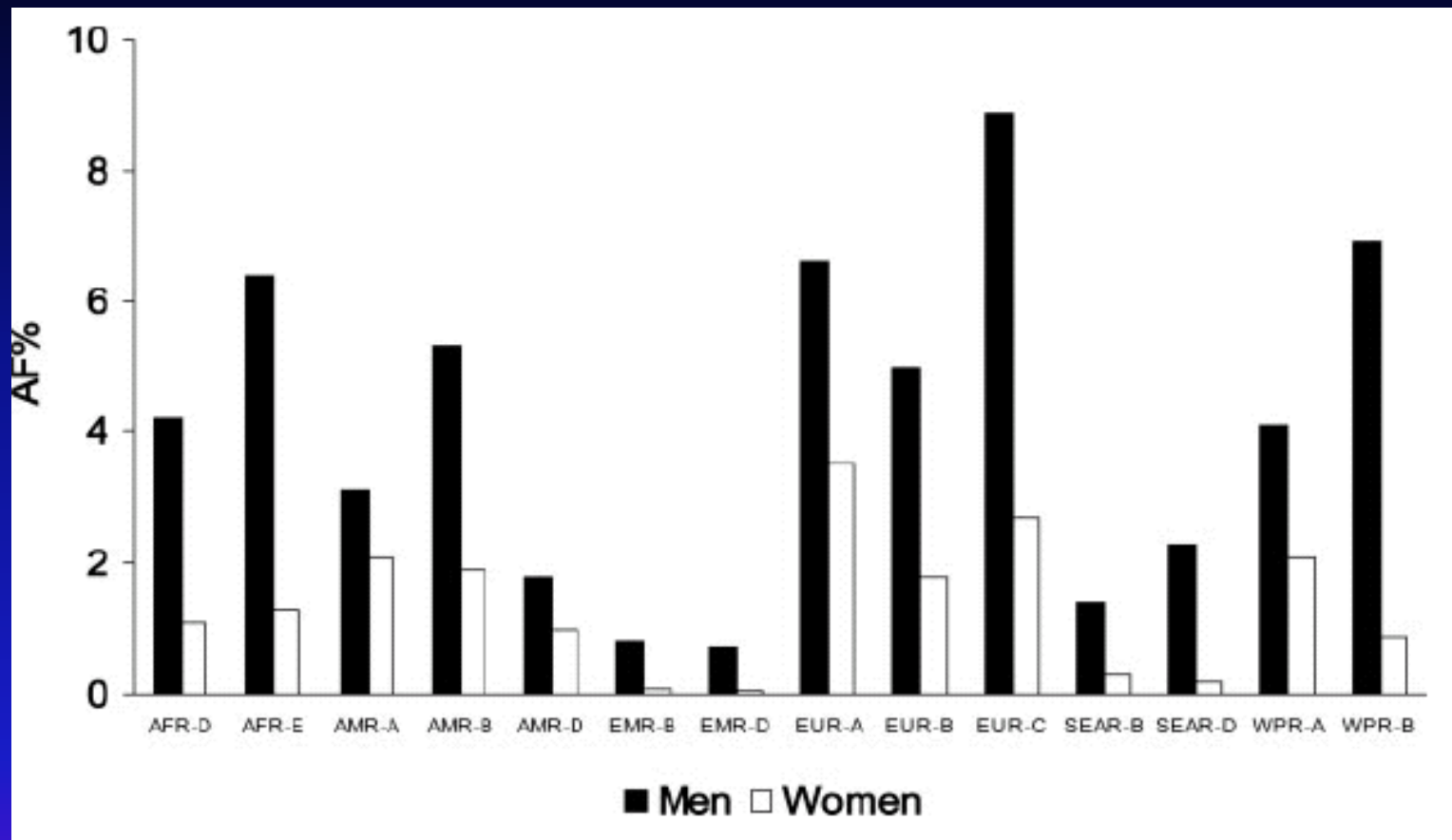
Erosive Hemorrhagic Gastritis

Delayed Gastric Emptying

Malabsorption

Reduce Transit Time

*Upper Aero-Digestive Tract, Colon, Rectum, Breast, Liver, Pancreas



Alcohol-Attributable fraction (AF) of all cancer by sex and WHO subregion

IARC; Lancet Oncology, November 2009

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Parental smoking (cancer in the offspring)	Hepatoblastoma*	Childhood leukaemia (in particular acute lymphocytic leukaemia)*	
Second-hand smoke	Lung	Larynx,* pharynx*	
Smokeless tobacco	Oral cavity, oesophagus,* pancreas		
Areca nut			
Betel quid with added tobacco	Oral cavity, pharynx, oesophagus		
Betel quid without added tobacco	Oral cavity, oesophagus*	Liver*	
Alcohol consumption	Oral cavity, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, liver, colorectum, female breast	Pancreas*	Kidney, non-Hodgkin lymphoma
Aetaldehyde associated with alcohol consumption	Oesophagus,* head and neck*		
Chinese-style salted fish	Nasopharynx	Stomach*	
Indoor emissions from household combustion of coal	Lung		

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combustion of coal

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Table 1 | Alcohol and experimental carcinogenesis

Animal species	Sex	No.	Exposure time	Ethanol administration	Effects	Comments	Ref
B6C3F1 mice	F and M	281	104 weeks	2.5% and 5.0% in dw	More male animals with HCA and HCC	Significant dose-related trend ($P < 0.05$)	31
ICR mice	F	40	25 months	10% and 15% in dw	45% more animals with papillary and medullary adenocarcinomas of the breast ($P = 0.0012$)	No tumours in control group	32
C57/B6 ^{APC^{Min}} mice	M	24	10 weeks	15% and 20% in dw	More intestinal tumours ($P = 0.027$); more tumours in the distal small intestine ($P = 0.01$)	C57/B6 ^{APC^{Min}} mice represent a genetic model that resembles that of FAP in humans.	33
SD Rats	F and M	440	Life long	10% in dw	More tumours of oral cavity, lips, tongue and forestomach ($P = 0.001$)	More animals developed malignant tumours, and more tumours per animal were observed after alcohol feeding	34

dw, drinking water; F, female; FAP, familial adenomatous polyposis; HCA, hepatocellular adenoma; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; M, male.

Seitz and Stickel, Nature Rev. 2007

Selection process and main characteristics of the studies selected for the meta-analysis

Condition	History of studies selection			Study design		No. of cases	RR (and 95% CI) for selected doses of alcohol intake ^a		
	Retrieved ^b	Included ^c	Selected ^d	Case-control	Cohort		25 g/day	50 g/day	100 g/day
<i>Neoplastic conditions (cancer site)</i>									
Oral cavity and pharynx	58	24	15	14	1	4507	1.86 (1.76–1.96)	3.11 (2.85–3.39)	6.45 (5.76–7.24)
Esophagus	51	28	14	13	1	3233	1.39 (1.36–1.42)	1.93 (1.85–2.00)	3.59 (3.34–3.87)
Larynx	38	20	20	20	0	3789	1.43 (1.38–1.48)	2.02 (1.89–2.16)	3.86 (3.42–4.35)
Colon		16	16	12	4	5360	1.05 (1.01–1.09)	1.10 (1.03–1.18)	1.21 (1.05–1.39)
Rectum	49	14	6	4	2	1420	1.09 (1.08–1.12)	1.19 (1.14–1.24)	1.42 (1.30–1.55)
Liver	43	19	10	8	2	1321	1.19 (1.12–1.27)	1.40 (1.25–1.56)	1.81 (1.50–2.19)
Breast	72	48	29	24	5	32,175	1.25 (1.20–1.29)	1.55 (1.44–1.67)	2.41 (2.07–2.80)
<i>Non neoplastic conditions</i>									
Essential hypertension	11	3	2	0	2	5801	1.43 (1.33–1.53)	2.04 (1.77–2.35)	4.15 (3.13–5.52)
Coronary heart disease	196	51	28	0	28	49,640	0.81 (0.79–0.83)	0.87 (0.84–0.90)	1.13 (1.06–1.21)
Ischemic stroke		7	6	3	3	893	0.90 (0.75–1.07)	1.17 (0.97–1.44)	4.37 (2.28–8.37)
Hemorrhagic stroke	56	9	9	6	3	1192	1.19 (0.97–1.49)	1.82 (1.46–2.28)	4.70 (3.35–6.59)
Gastroduodenal ulcer	9	3	2	1	1	425	0.98 (0.77–1.25)	0.97 (0.59–1.57)	0.93 (0.35–2.45)
Liver cirrhosis	27	15	9	6	3	2202	2.90 (2.71–3.09)	7.13 (6.35–8.00)	26.52 (22.26–31.59)
Chronic pancreatitis	4	2	2	2	0	247	1.34 (1.16–1.54)	1.78 (1.34–2.36)	3.19 (1.82–5.59)
Injuries and violence	34	18	12	1	11	4501	1.12 (1.06–1.18)	1.26 (1.13–1.40)	1.58 (1.27–1.95)
Total	561	240	156	99	57	116,706	–	–	–

Corrao et al, Preventive Medicine 2004

	Cases	Controls	Relative risk (95% CI)	p for trend	Ref
Oral, pharynx					
Men					
None	13	78	1.00 (Reference)	<0.001	13
<1 OWE	20	90	1.33 (0.57-3.13)		
1.0-2.9 OWE	19	48	2.37 (1.00-5.64)		
3.0-6.9 OWE	13	27	2.89 (1.10-7.60)		
≥7 OWE*	8	11	4.36 (1.39-13.68)		
Women					
None	55	192	1.00 (Reference)	1.0	13
<1 OWE*	34	127	0.93 (0.53-1.64)		
1.0-2.9 OWE*	7	28	0.87 (0.29-2.59)		
3.0-6.9 OWE*	1	8	0.44 (0.03-7.09)		
≥7 OWE*	3	4	2.62 (0.51-13.34)		
Non-drinkers					
<35 years of drinking	16	382	2.9 (0.9-9.2)	0.03	14
≥35 years of drinking	22	278	3.6 (1.2-11.2)		
Missing data	0	2			
Oesophagus					
Never drinkers	91	423	1.00 (Reference)	0.002	15
1-24 mL ethanol/day	14	65	1.43 (0.72-2.84)		
25-49 mL ethanol/day	12	43	1.61 (0.75-3.48)		
50-149 mL ethanol/day	14	69	1.77 (0.85-3.67)		
≥150 mL ethanol/day	9	18	5.70 (2.11-15.44)		
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Larynx					
<8 drinks/day	31	142	1.00 (Reference)	NA	16
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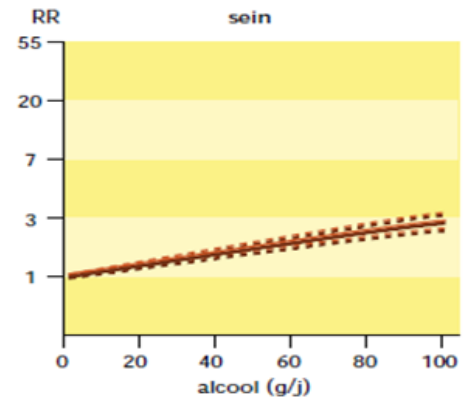
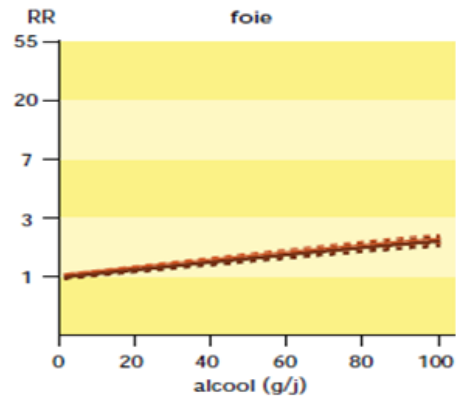
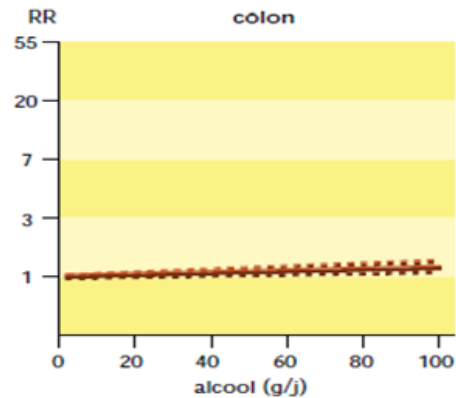
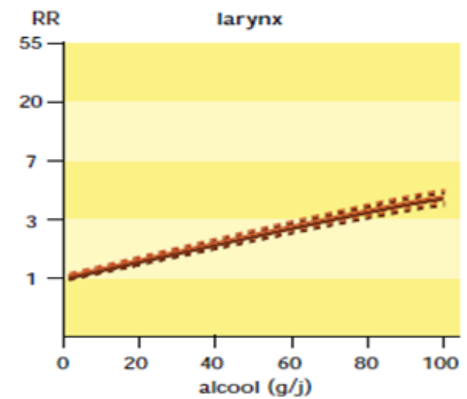
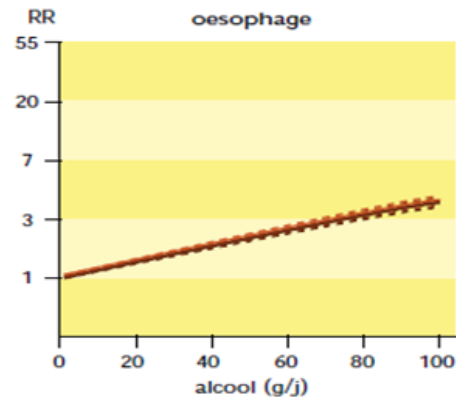
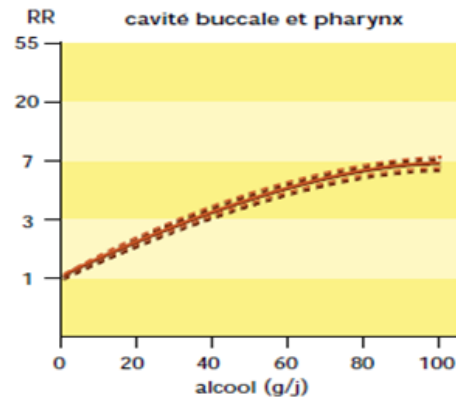
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Lancet, February 2006

FIGURE 10: ILLUSTRATION SYNTHÉTIQUE DES RISQUES RELATIFS DE CANCER DE LA CAVITÉ BUCCALE ET DU PHARYNX, DE L'ŒSOPHAGE, DU LARYNX, DU CÔLON, DU FOIE ET DU SEIN SELON LES QUANTITÉS D'ALCOOL CONSOMMÉES



Site of cancer (ICD 7)	Men				Women			
	Obs	Exp	SIR	(95% CI)	Obs	Exp	SIR	95% (CI)
All cancers except non-melanoma skin cancer (140-205 minus 191)	2145	1140.8	1.9	(1.8-2.0)**	601	239.1	2.5	(2.3-2.7)**
Buccal cavity and pharynx (140-148)	227	48.2	4.7	(4.1-5.4)**	42	3.2	13.1	(9.5-17.7)**
Lip (140)	3	14.5	0.2	(0.0-0.6)*	0	0.3	0.0	(0.0-12.7)
Tongue (141)	47	5.7	8.3	(6.1-11.0)**	10	0.5	20.4	(9.8-37.5)**
Salivary glands (142)	6	3.2	1.9	(0.7-4.1)	1	0.4	2.3	(0.0-12.9)
Mouth (143-144)	76	11.0	6.9	(5.5-8.7)**	11	1.0	10.7	(5.3-19.1)**
Pharynx (145-148)	95	13.8	6.9	(5.6-8.4)**	20	1.0	21.1	(12.9-32.5)**
Digestive organs and peritoneum (150-159)	473	297.8	1.6	(1.5-1.7)**	55	38.4	1.4	(1.1-1.9)*
Oesophagus (150)	80	19.6	4.1	(3.2-5.1)**	8	1.1	7.1	(3.1-14.0)**
Stomach (151)	68	49.6	1.4	(1.1-1.7)*	7	3.7	1.9	(0.8-3.9)
Colon (153)	89	87.5	1.0	(0.8-1.3)	14	15.7	0.9	(0.5-1.5)
Rectum (154)	81	66.6	1.2	(1.0-1.5)	4	7.4	0.5	(0.2-1.4)
Liver (155)	64	13.6	4.7	(3.6-6.0)**	8	1.3	6.0	(2.6-11.9)**
Gall bladder (155.1)	9	7.6	1.2	(0.5-2.3)	4	1.7	2.3	(0.6-6.0)
Pancreas (157)	61	36.5	1.7	(1.3-2.2)**	6	4.8	1.2	(0.5-2.7)
Respiratory system (160-164)	661	276.7	2.4	(2.2-2.6)**	96	24.2	4.0	(3.2-4.9)**
Larynx (161)	121	26.1	4.6	(3.9-5.5)**	4	1.0	3.9	(1.0-9.9)*
Lung (162)	523	238.2	2.2	(2.0-2.4)**	90	22.4	4.0	(3.2-5.0)**
Pleura (162.2)	11	6.5	1.7	(0.8-3.0)	1	0.3	3.6	(0.1-19.9)
Urinary system (180-181)	174	156.3	1.1	(1.0-1.3)	16	10.7	1.5	(0.9-2.4)
Kidney (180)	64	44.4	1.4	(1.1-1.8)*	10	4.8	2.1	(1.0-3.8)*
Urinary bladder (181)	110	112.0	1.0	(0.8-1.2)	6	5.9	1.0	(0.4-2.2)
Breast (170)	3	2.2	1.4	(0.3-4.1)	93	75.9	1.2	(1.0-1.5)
Female genital organs (171-176)	-	-	-	-	58	45.8	1.3	(1.0-1.6)
Cervix uteri (171)	-	-	-	-	29	16.3	1.8	(1.2-2.6)*
Corpus uteri (172)	-	-	-	-	8	13.2	0.6	(0.3-1.2)
Ovary (175)	-	-	-	-	16	13.8	1.2	(0.7-1.9)
Male genital organs (177-179)	170	133.6	1.3	(1.1-1.5)*	-	-	-	-
Prostate gland (177)	135	100.7	1.3	(1.1-1.6)**	-	-	-	-
Testis (178)	27	28.1	1.0	(0.6-1.4)	-	-	-	-

* $P < 0.05$.

** $P < 0.001$.

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** $P < 0.02$

Bladder (158)	51	58.1	1.0	(0.9-1.4)	-	-	-	-
Bladder (158)	132	100.3	1.3	(1.1-1.6)**	-	-	-	-
Breast (170) (151-153)	150	133.9	1.1	(1.1-1.2)	-	-	-	-
Ovary (175)	-	-	-	-	10	13.8	1.3	(0.7-1.9)
Colon (153)	-	-	-	-	8	13.7	0.9	(0.3-1.5)
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Prostate (177) (151-153)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

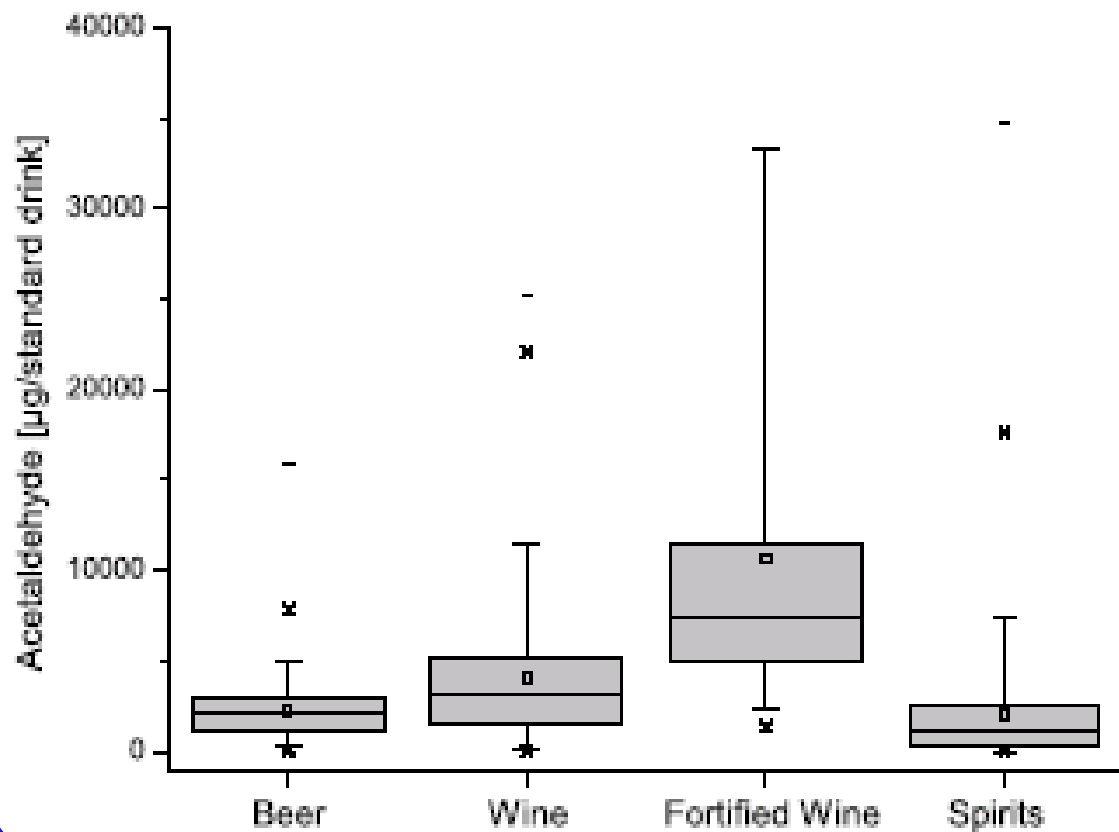
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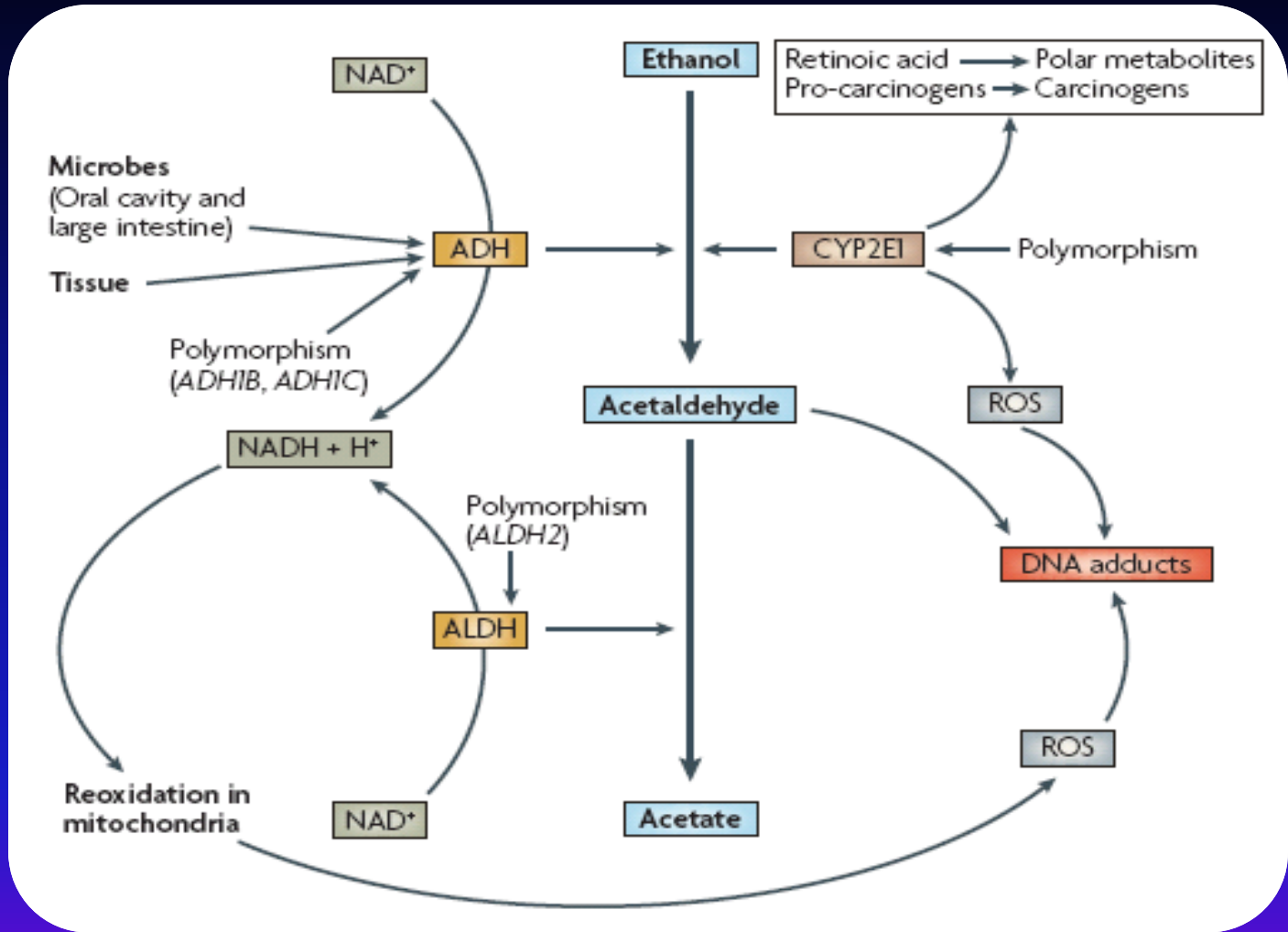
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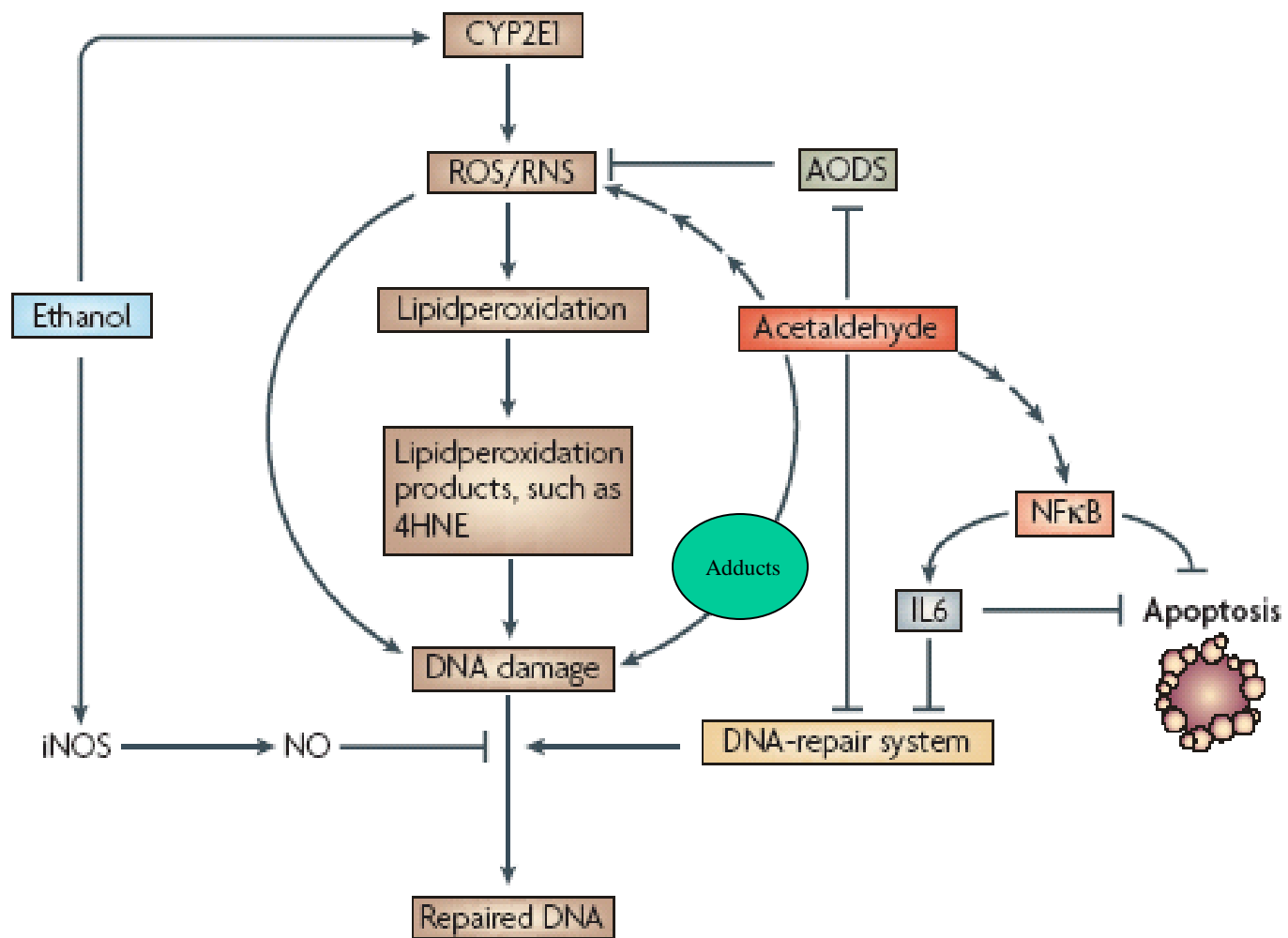
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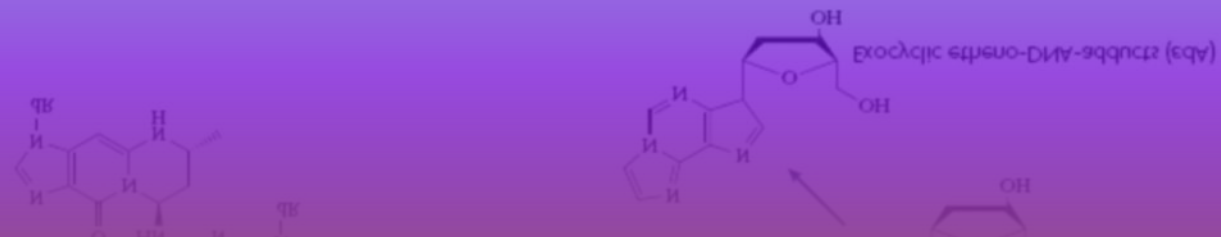
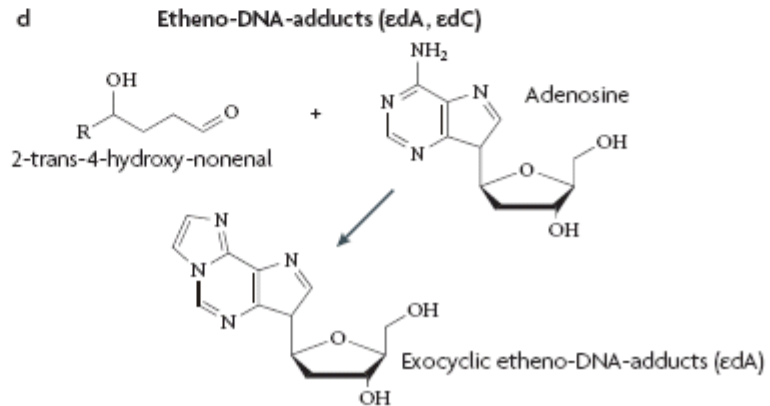
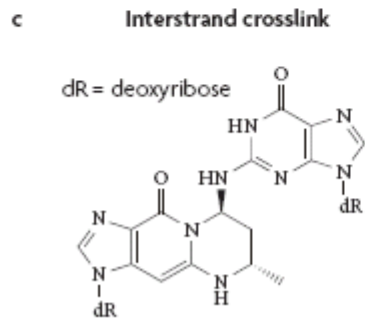
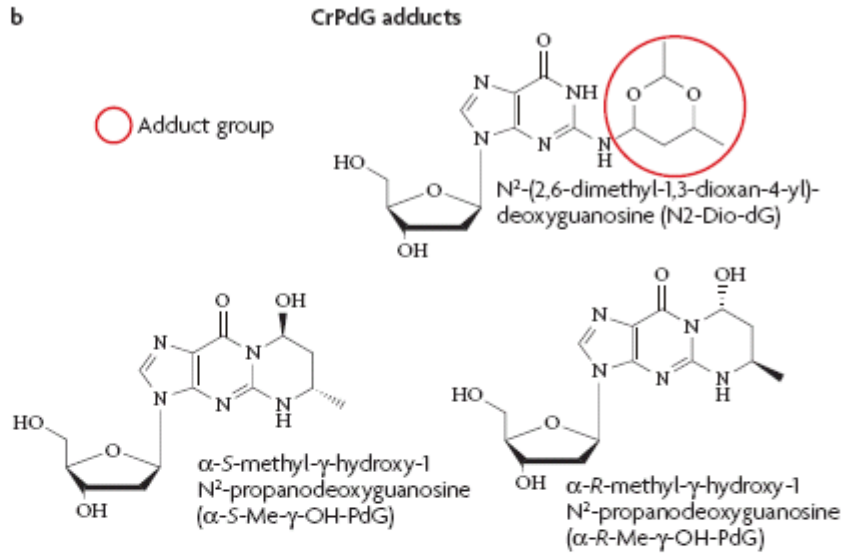
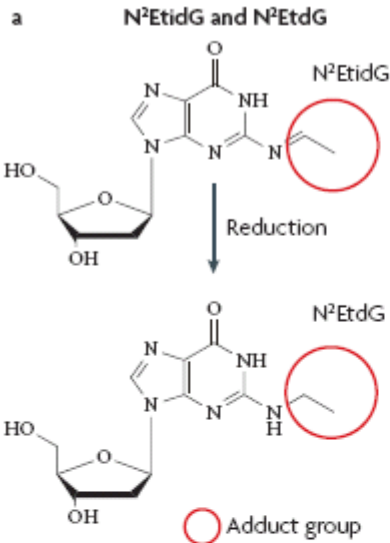
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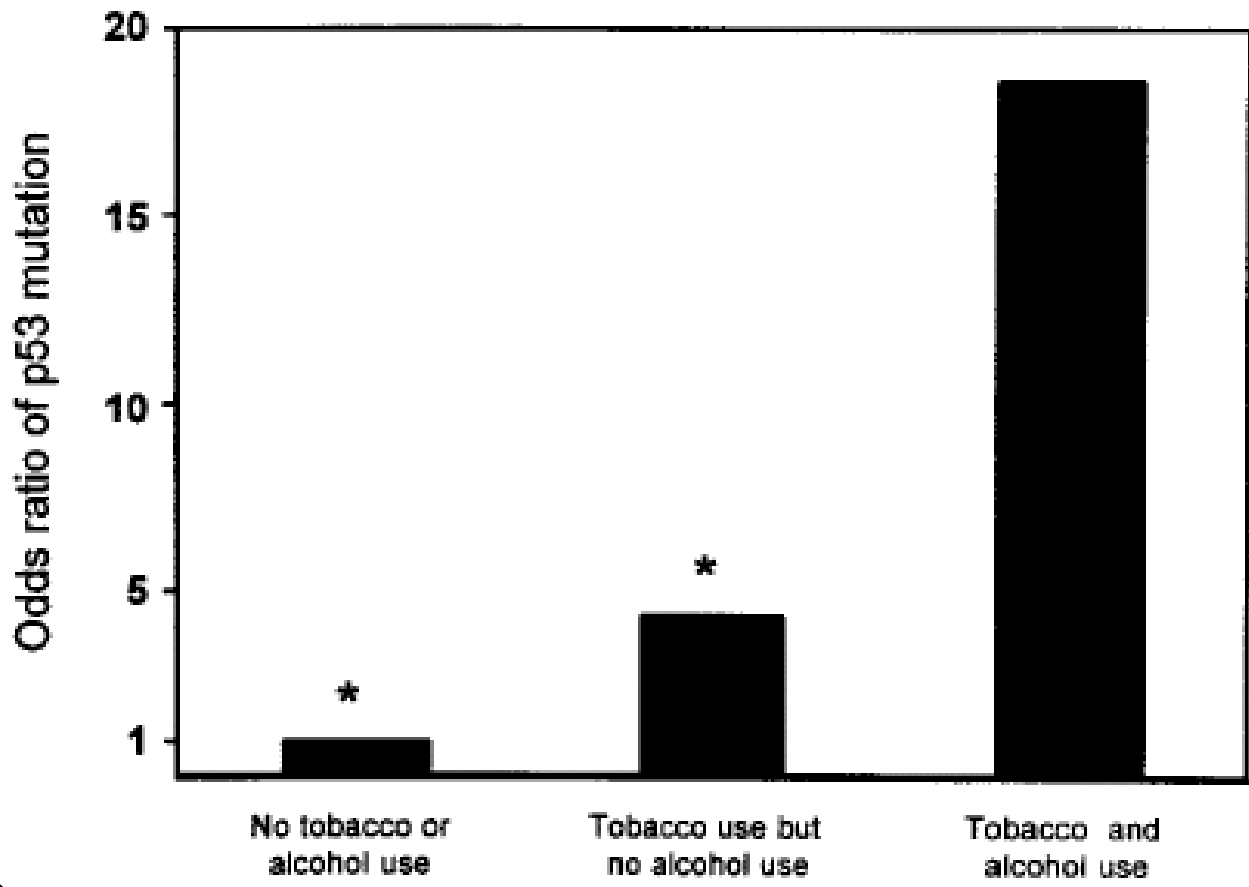
ALCOHOL AND CARCINOGENESIS

- ✓ **Local Effect**
- ✓ **Acetaldehyde (ALDH isoenzymes polymorphism)**
- ✓ **Polymorphisms of ADH1B, ADH1C**
- ✓ **Induction of CYP2E1 (conversion of various xenobiotics)**
- ✓ **Nutritional Deficiencies**
- ✓ **Interaction with Retinoids**
- ✓ **Changes in the degree of Methylation**
- ✓ **Immune Surveillance**









PREDISPOSITION TO ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASE

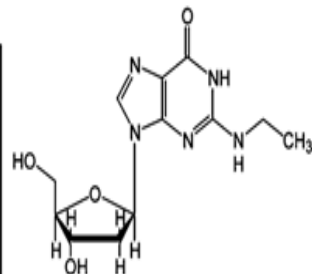
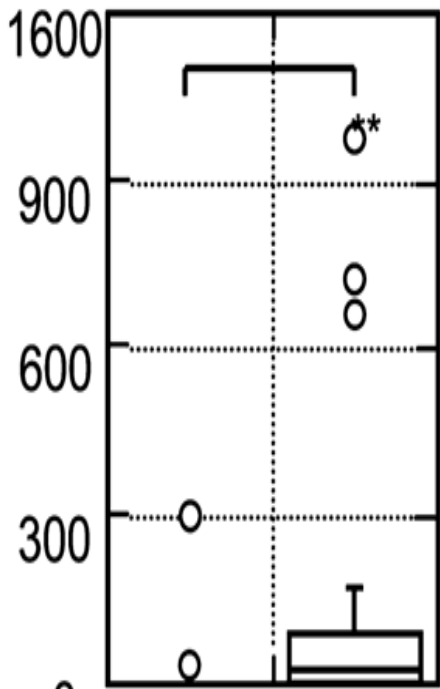
Mutations and Polymorphism of genes

- Ethanol metabolism (ADHs, ALDHs, CYP2E1, Mitochondrial Superoxide Dismutase, Myeloperoxidase)
- Cytokines of the inflammatory response (TNF alpha, TNF alpha promoter polymorphisms, IL1, IL10, TNF-alpha-type-1 receptor,....)
- Polymorphisms in DNA repair genes (DNA ligase III, DNA polymerase b, poly-ADP-ribose-polymerase....)
- Genes involved in estrogen synthesis and metabolism (CYP17, CYP19, CYP1B1, catechol-O-methyltransferase)
- Polymorphisms in methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase
- GABA-ergic, dopaminergic, serotonergic systems
- Components of immune systems (innate, adaptive)

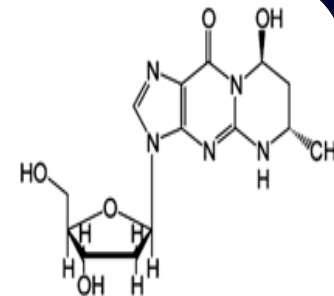
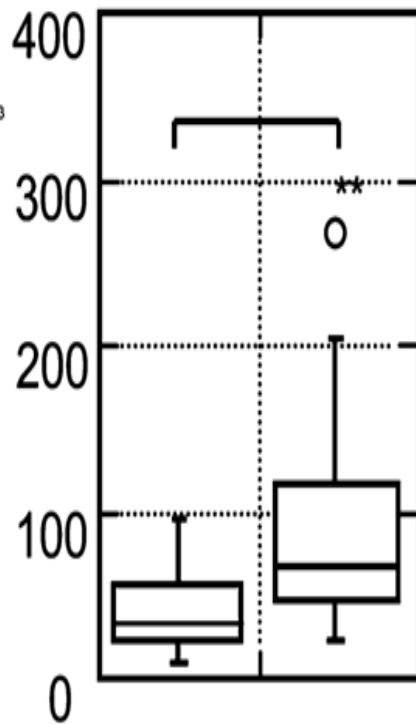
TABLEAU 1 : POLYMORPHISMES GÉNÉTIQUES ASSOCIÉS AUX ENZYMES QUI MÉTABOLISENT L'ALCOOL

Enzyme	Allèles humains	Ancienne nomenclature	Activité enzymatique	Fréquence par population	Référence
ADH1B	<i>ADH1B*1</i>	<i>ADH2*1</i>	Active		Bosron, 1986 ; Quertemont, 2004 ; Brennan, 2004b ; Coutelle, 1998
	<i>ADH1B*2</i>	<i>ADH2*2</i>	Hyperactive (x 43 / <i>ADH1B*1</i>)	Européenne 0-10 % Africaine 0-15 % Asiatique 10-90 %	
	<i>ADH1B*3</i>	<i>ADH2*3</i>	Hyperactive		
ADH1C	<i>ADH1C*1</i>	<i>ADH3*1</i>	Hyperactive (x 2,5 / <i>ADH1C*2</i>)	Européenne 45-70 % Africaine 75-90 % Asiatique 85-100 %	Bosron, 1986 ; Quertemont, 2004 ; Brennan, 2004b ; Coutelle, 1998
	<i>ADH1C*2</i>	<i>ADH3*2</i>	Active		
ALDH2	<i>ALDH2*1</i>		Active		Crabb, 1989 ; Brennan, 2004b
	<i>ALDH2*2</i>		Inactive (/ <i>ADLH2*1</i>)	Européenne 0-5 % Asiatique 0-35 %	
CYP2E1	<i>c1</i>		Active		Bouchardy, 2000 ; Hildesheim, 1997
	<i>c2</i>		Hyperactive (/ <i>CYP2E1 c1</i>)	Européenne 0-10 % Asiatique 20-25 %	

Adducts level (fmol / $\mu\text{mol dG}$)



N^2 -Et-dG



α S-Me- γ -OH-PdG

2*1/2*1 2*1/2*2
ALDH2 genotype

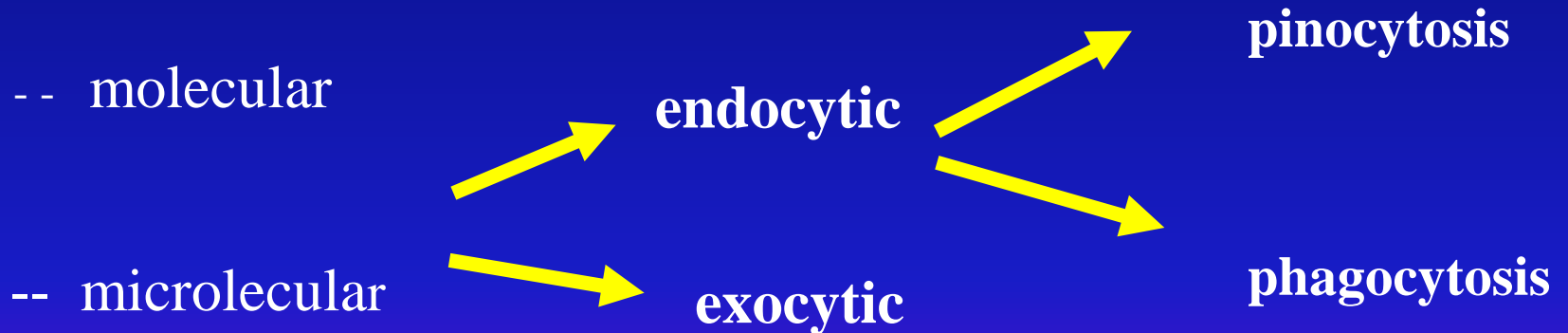
2*1/2*1 2*1/2*2
ALDH2 genotype

Matsuda et al, Chem Res Toxicol 2006

ALCOHOL AND ORAL CANCER

Cytological alterations (reduction cytoplasmic area, abnormal DNA profile...)

- mucosal transport : intercellular passage
- mucosal transport : intracellular mechanisms



Cowpe et al, 1988; Axford et al, 1999; Howie et al, 2001;
Graham, 2005; Tramacere et al, Oral Oncology 2010

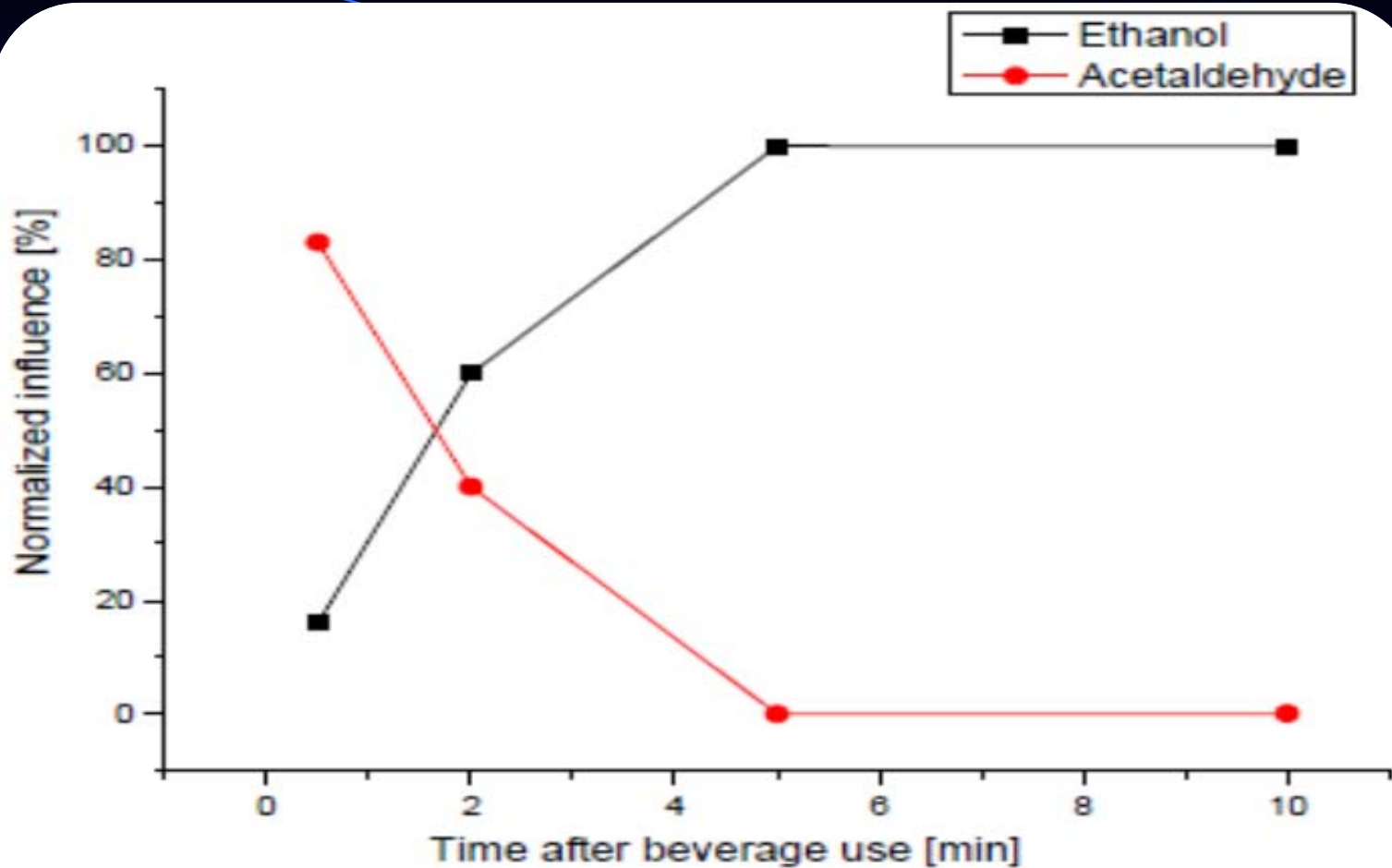


Figure 2 Influence of ethanol and acetaldehyde content of the beverages on the salivary acetaldehyde concentration.

beverages on the salivary acetaldehyde concentration
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 Lachenmeier and Monakhova, J Exp Clin Cancer Res 2011
 Time after beverage use [min]

0 5 4 6 8 10

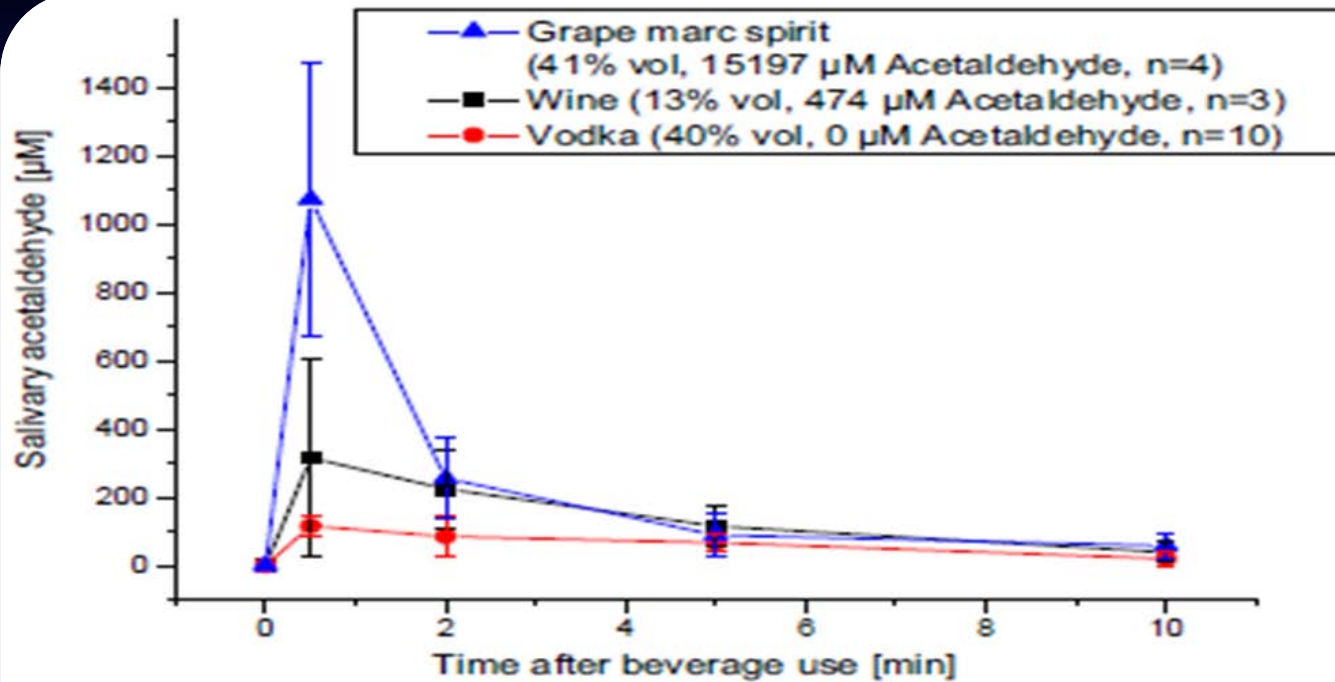


Figure 1 Salivary acetaldehyde concentrations after alcoholic beverage use in three different samples. The values are average and standard deviation of all assessors. The figure legend states the alcoholic strength (in % vol) and the acetaldehyde content (in µM) in the beverages, as well as the number of assessors used for each beverage.

[Lachenmeier and Monakhova, J Exp Clin Cancer Res 2011](#)

Effects of acute and chronic consumption on esophageal motility

Parameter	Acute effects (healthy humans)	Chronic effects (alcoholics)
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Tonus of the lower
esophageal sphincter
Tubullary contractions

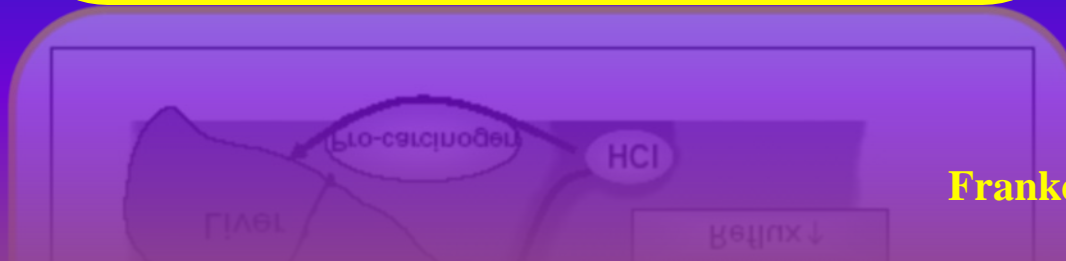
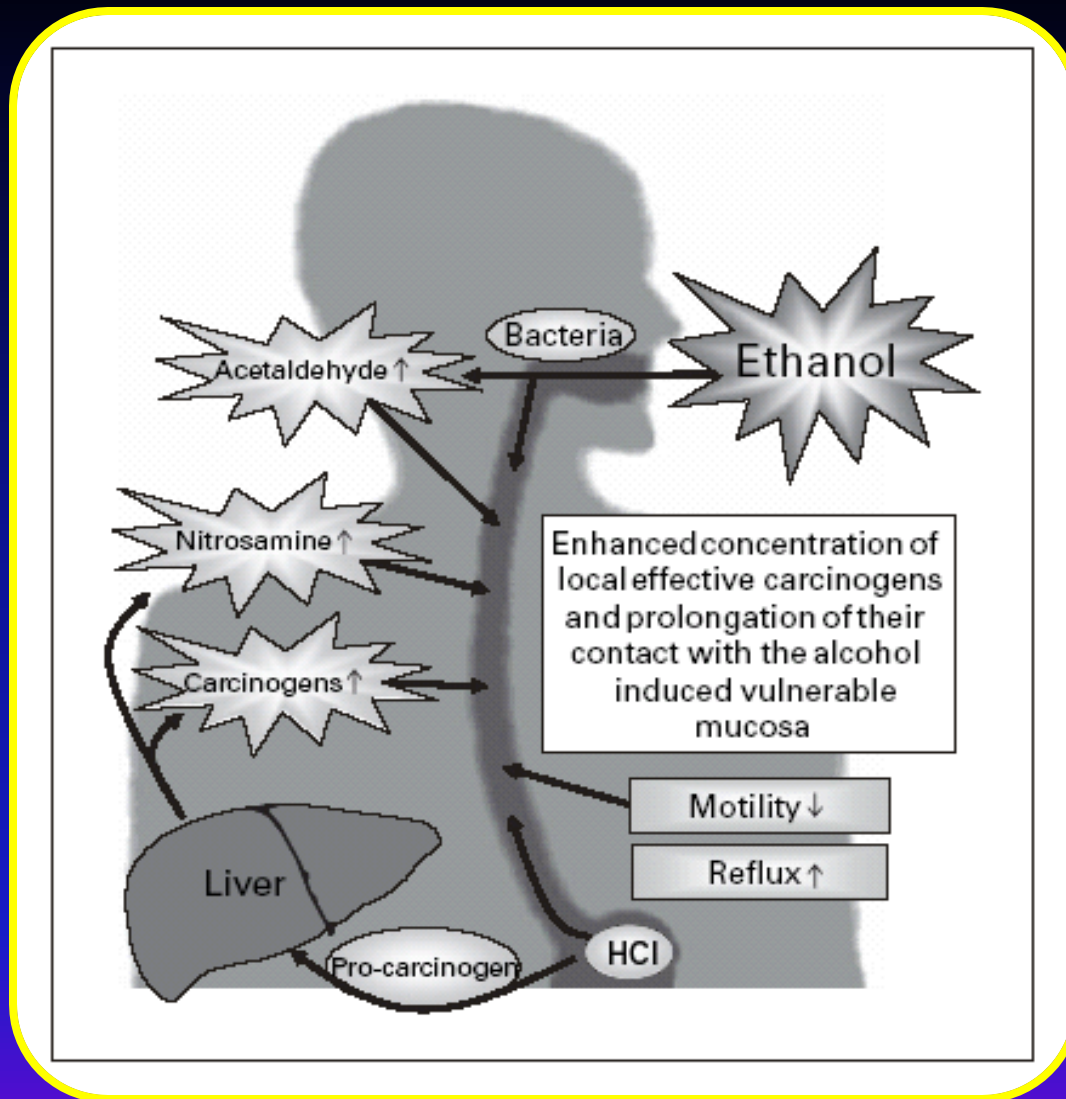
Decreased
Decreased amplitudes and
propagation
Increase in double- peaked and
simultaneous contractions

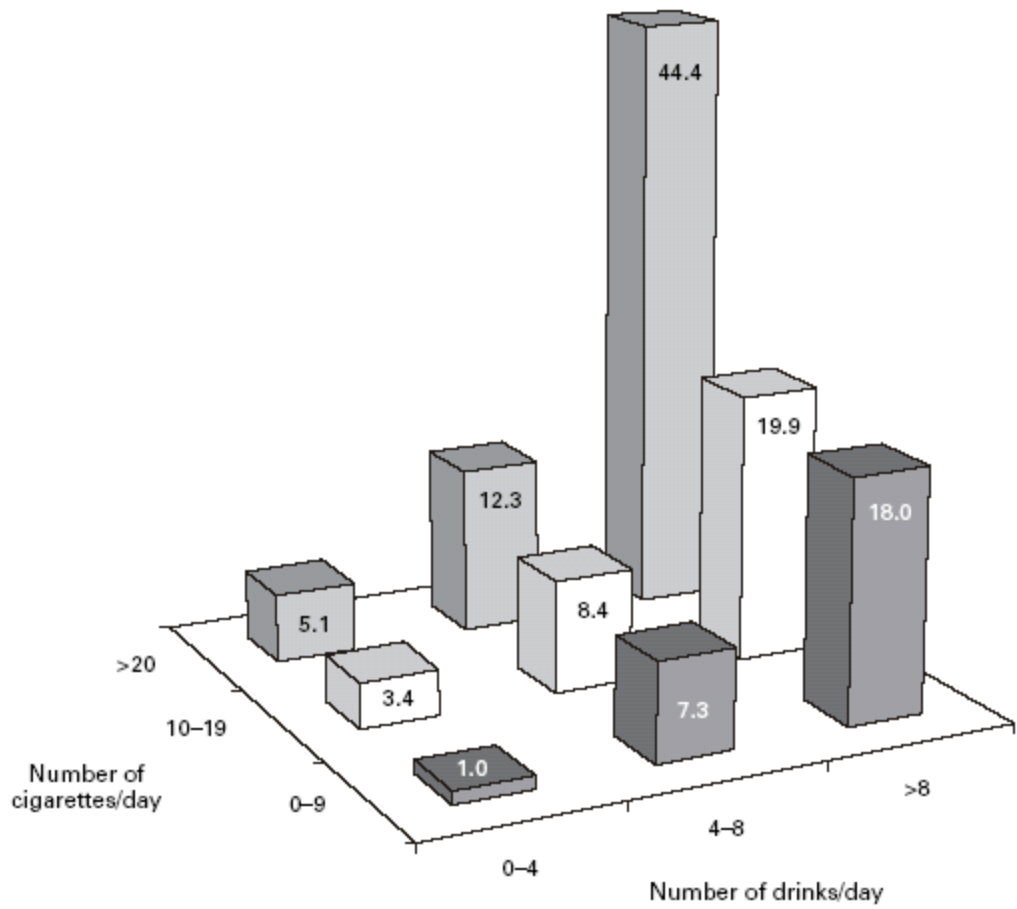
Increased,normalization during abstinence
Increase in higher amplitudes and
simultaneous contraction
Prolongation of each contraction,no
normalization during abstinence

Esophageal clearance
Number of refluxes

Decreased
Increased

Decreased , normalization during abstinence
No data





CARCINOGENESIS NUTRITIONAL FACTORS

Ethanol and Retinoid Metabolism

vitamin A and Retinoic Acid in the liver
(> catabolism by ethanol – induced CYP2E1)



< in mitogen -activated protein kinase (MAPK)
> in levels of phosphorylated JNK



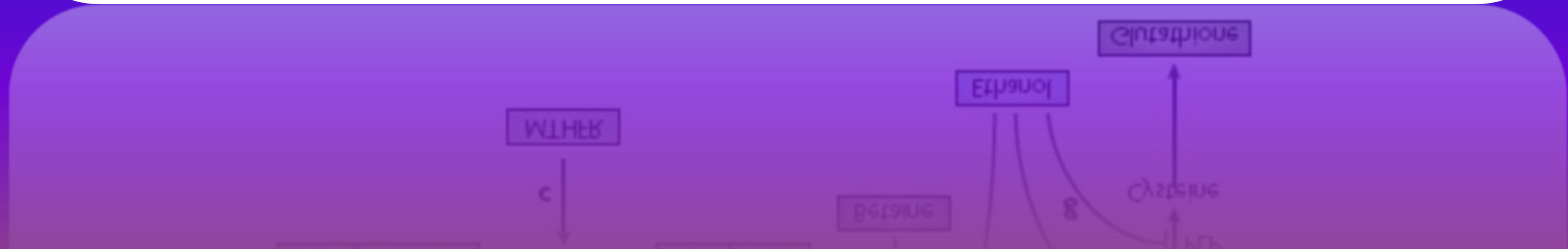
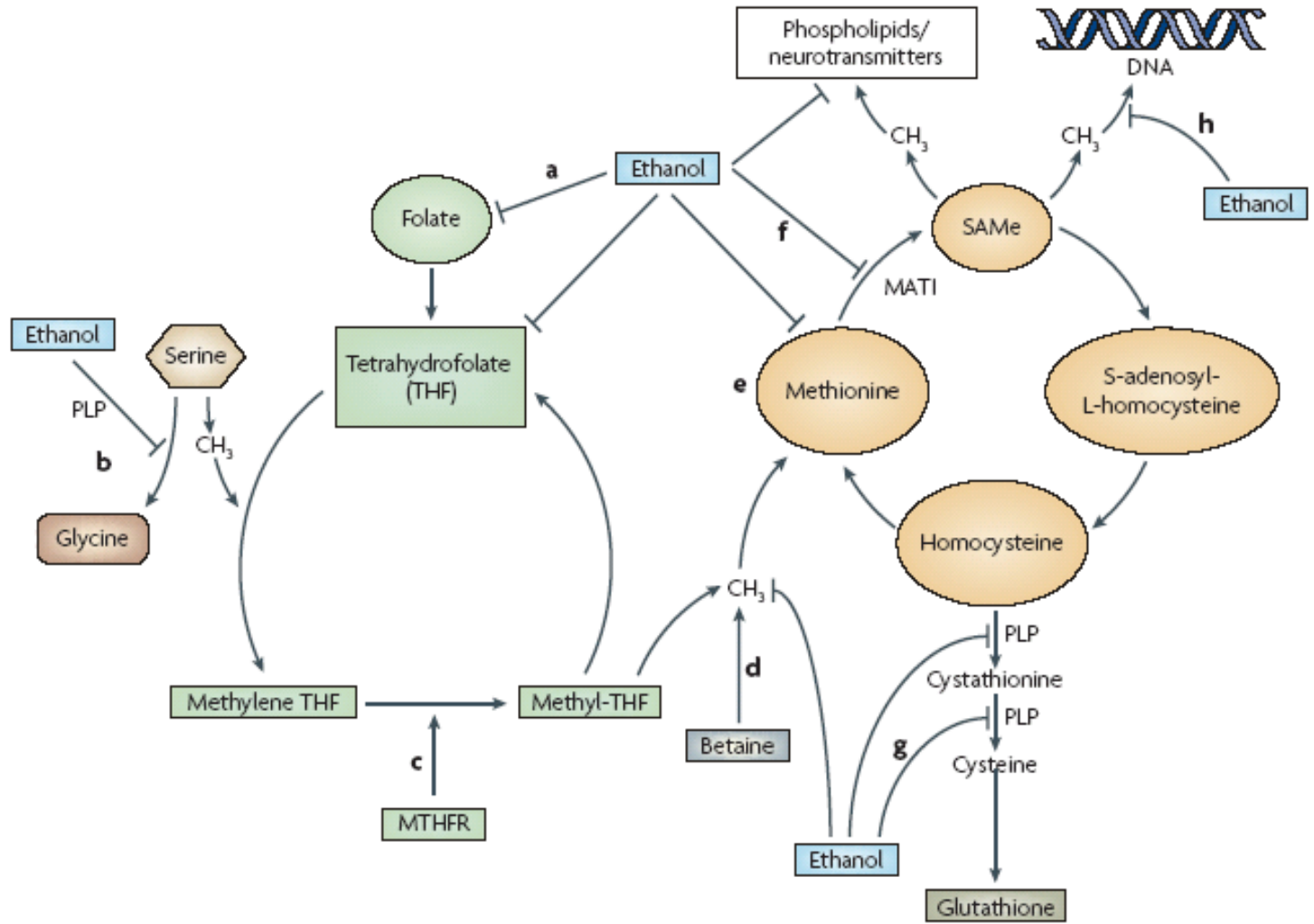
expression AP1 (JUN and FOS) transcriptional complex



> cell hyperproliferation/ < apoptosis

Liu et al, Gastroenterology 2001; Chung et al Carcinogenesis 2001;
Liu et al , Alcoholism Clin Exp Res 2002

- Ethanol and Altered Methyl Group Transfer



← **Alcohol**
(homocysteine,SAM)

← **Folate**
(depletion)

← **Selenium**
(depletion)

Alcohol →
promoting -
(APC1, p 14 ,p 16 , h MLH1)

Folate →
p53/MTHFR
Polymorphism

Selenium →
p53.p16

Phytoestrogens →
(H-ras , OR binding?)

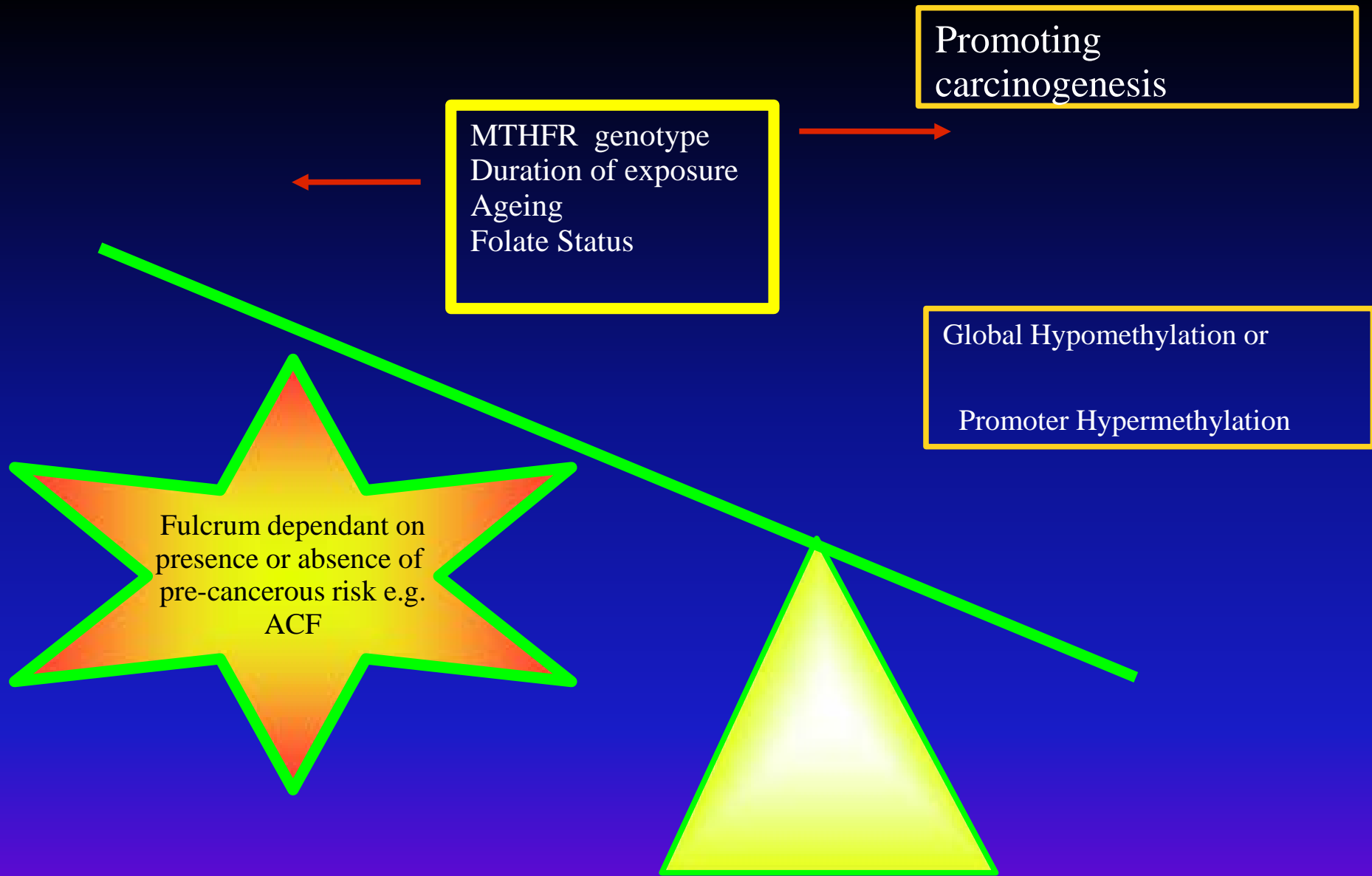
Green Tea →
reversal)
(p 16 , MGMT,hMLH1)

CARCINOGENESIS
Genome
Hypomethylation

oncogenes

Health
Phenotype
Age

CARCINOGENESIS
Gene Promoter
Hypermthylation

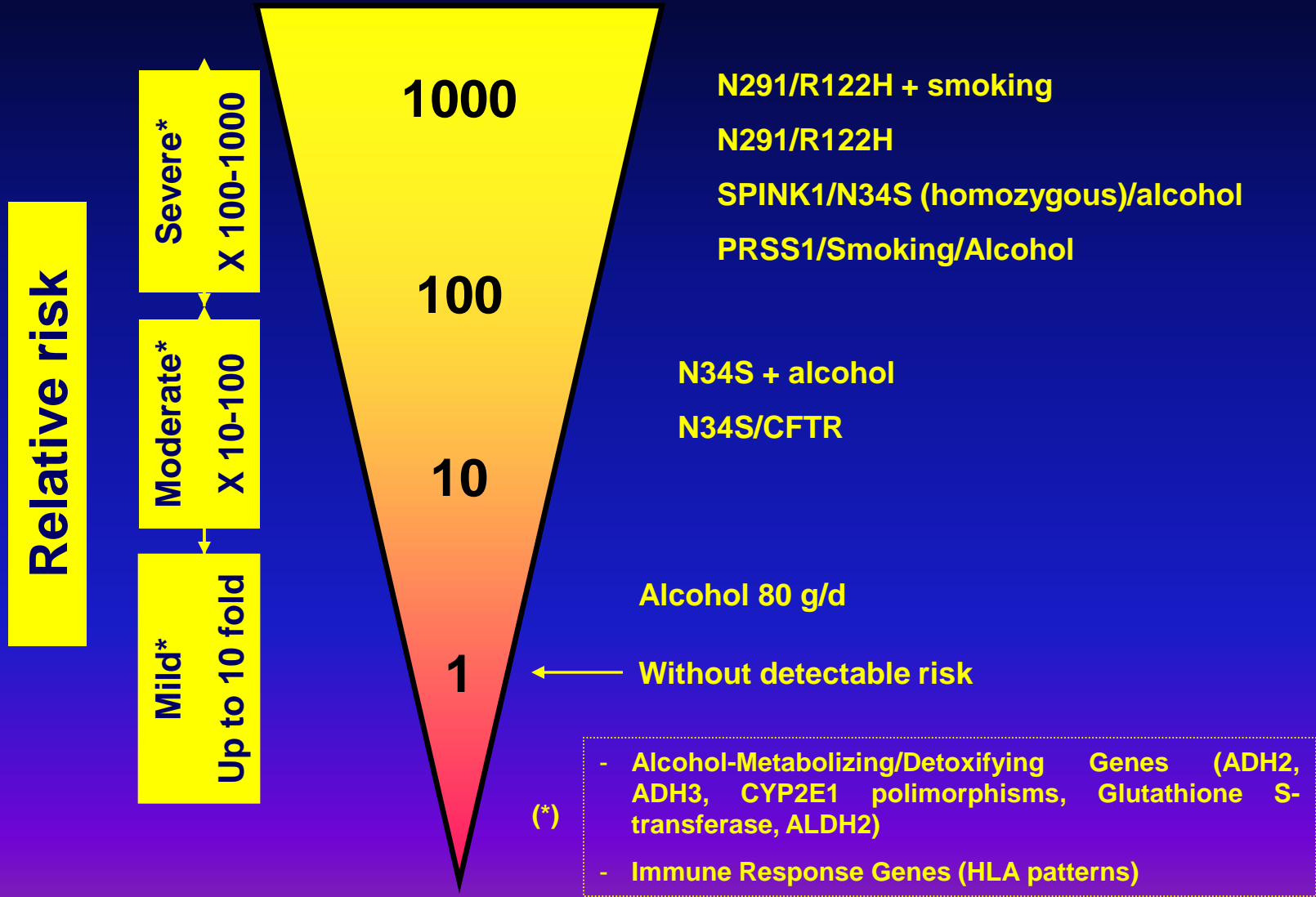


Arasdaradnam et al, Epigenetics 2008

***Most alcohol- induced disease increases
in a linear fashion
as intake increases; oral oesophagus,
breast and colon cancer fall into this
pattern, with no “safe level” of consumption***

Sheron et al, Gut 2008

Strength of genetic and environmental risk factors of chronic pancreatitis



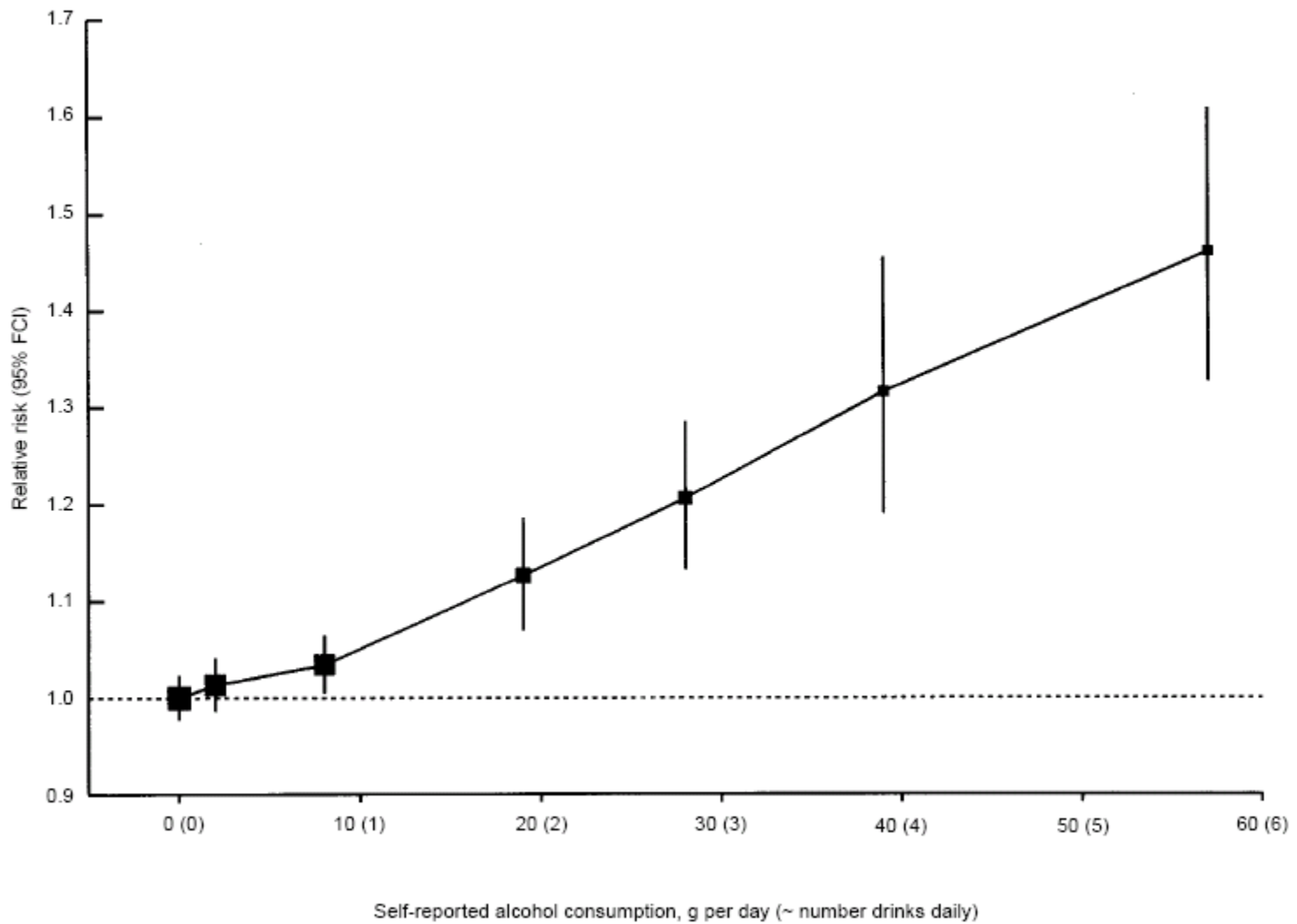
Distribution of pancreatic cancer cases and controls ,
 Ors and corresponding 95% Ci^a by smoking and drinking habits ,
 Italy 1991 - 2008

	Drinking habits (drinks / week) ^b						Total
	< 7		7- 20		> 21		
	Ca:Co	OR (95%CL)	Ca:Co	OR (95%CL)	Ca:Co	OR (95%CL)	
Smoking habits							
Never	47:133	1 ^c	54:119	1.68(1.00-2.82)	25:53	2.42(1.20-4.86)	1 ^c
Former	19:40	1.09(0.53-2.21)	19:51	1.52(0.74-3.12)	41:76	2.67(1.38-5.17)	1.09(0.73-1.63)
<i>Current (cigarettes/days)</i>							
<20	12:24	1.65(0.71-3.85)	17:27	1.76(0.81-3.82)	22;24	4.15(1.87-8.18)	1.53(0.97-2.41)
>20	11:8	3.33(1.08-10.23)	9:8	3.78(1.15-12.36)	21:27	4.29(1.93-9.56)	2.38(1.37-4.15)
Total	1 ^c			1.46(0.98-2.17)		2.53(1.58-4.07)	

^a Estimates from conditional logistic regression conditioned on center , sex and age , and adjusted for year of interview , education , history of diabetes mellitus and body mass index

^b Former drinkers excluded

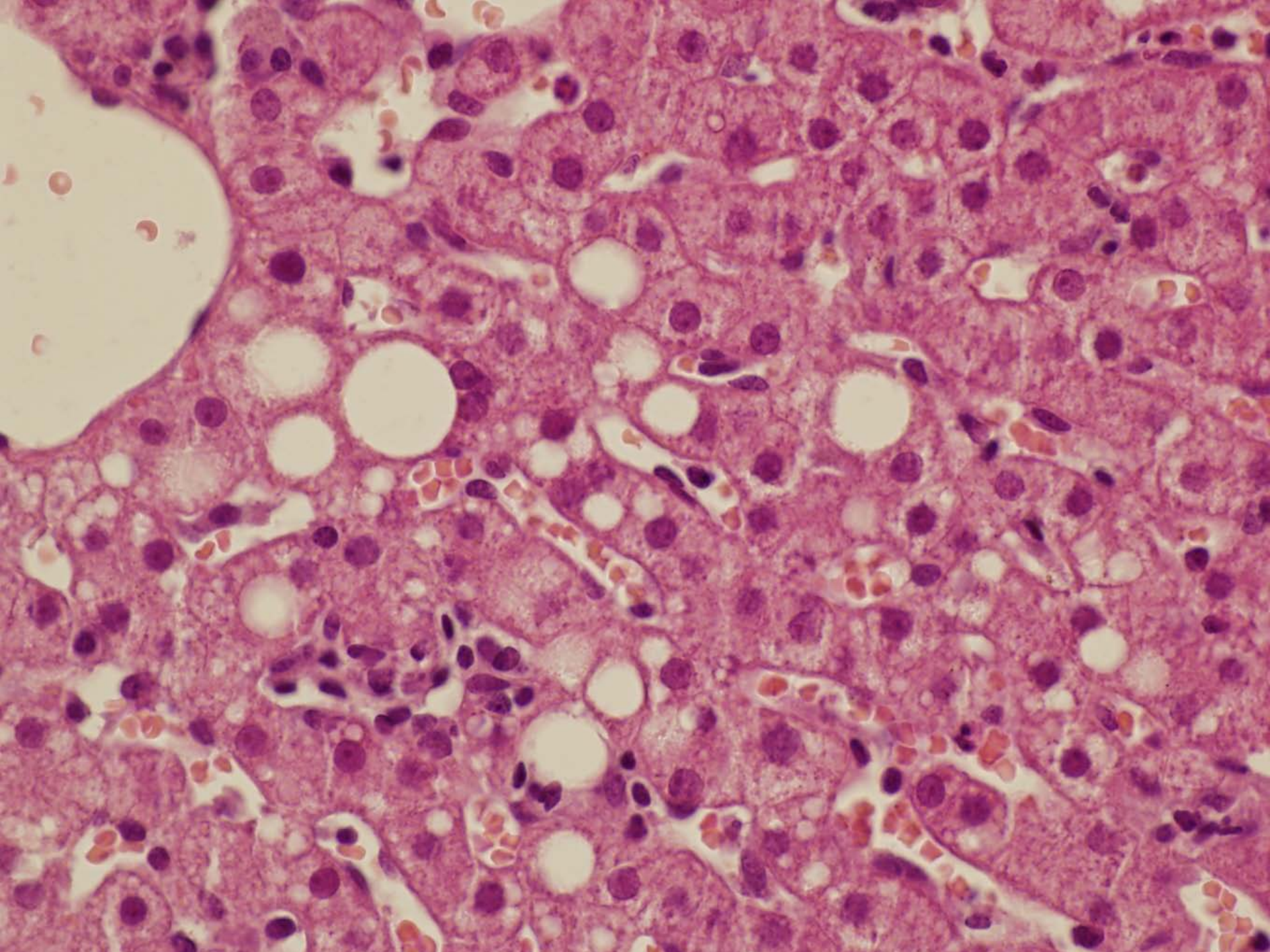
^c Reference category



Br J of Cancer, 2002

... women who do not drink should not start,
and those who do drink should do so in moderation ,
which is generally recognized to be about a drink per day.
Alcohol intake is one of the few modifiable breast cancer
risk factors yet identified

Singletary and Gapstur, JAMA 2001



A



Normal liver

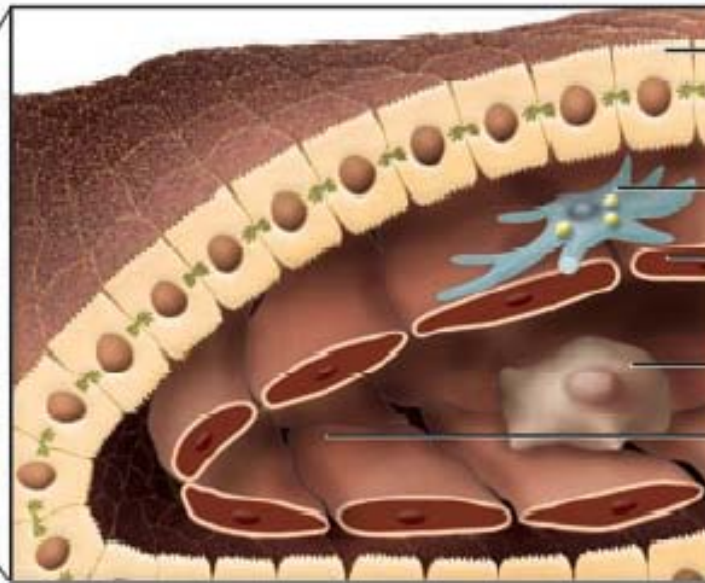
Chronic
liver injury



B



Liver with
advanced fibrosis



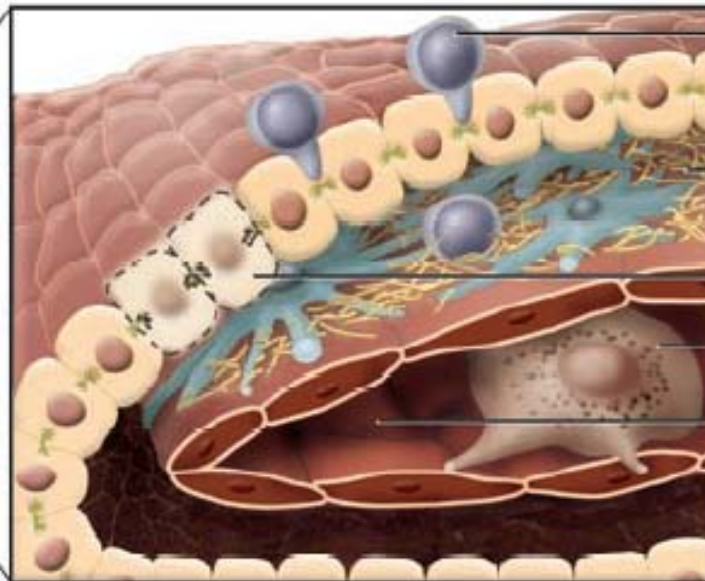
Hepatocyte

Hepatic stellate cell

Sinusoidal
endothelial cell

Kupffer cell

Sinusoid lumen with
normal resistance to
blood flow



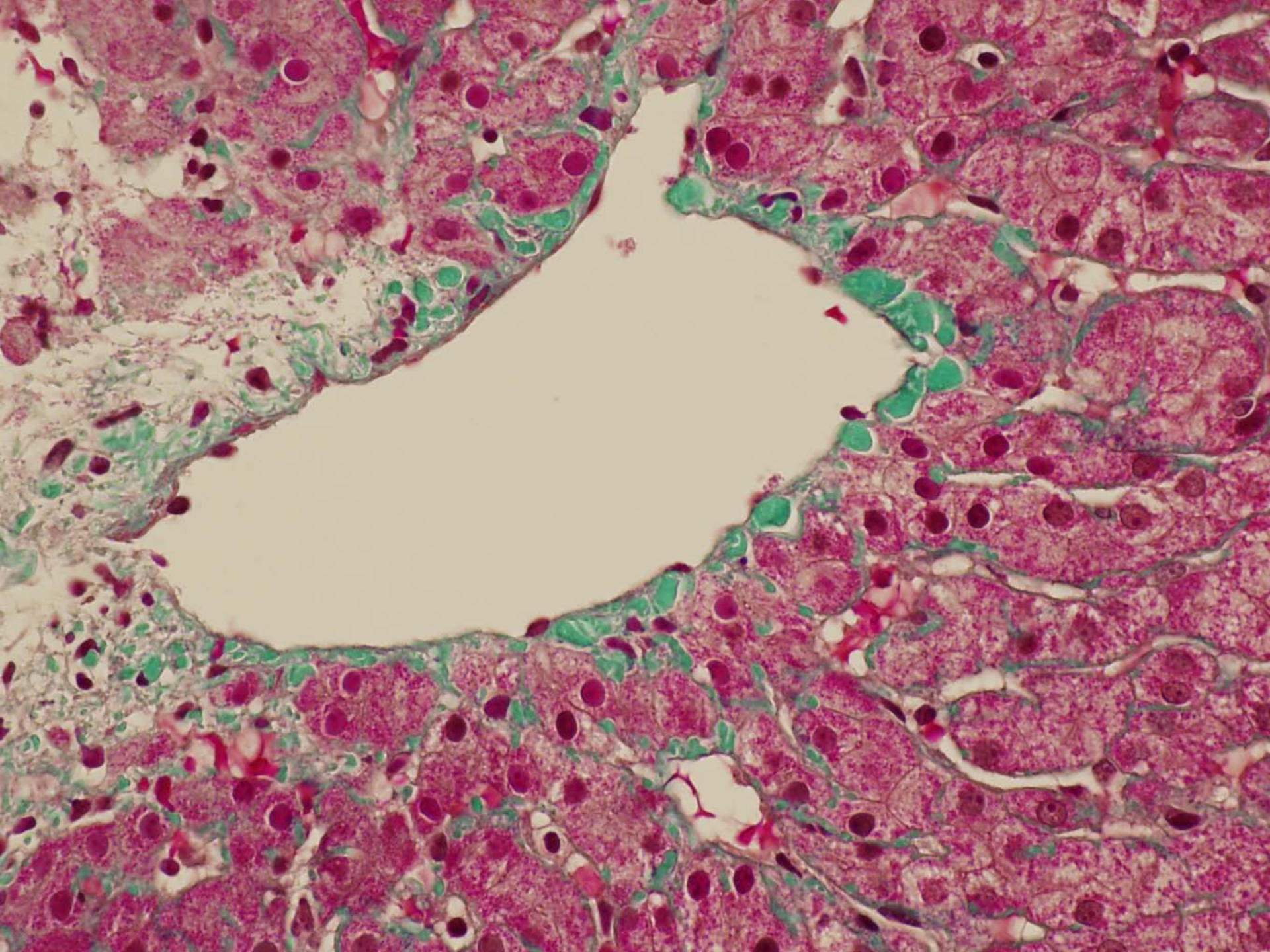
Infiltrating lymphocyte

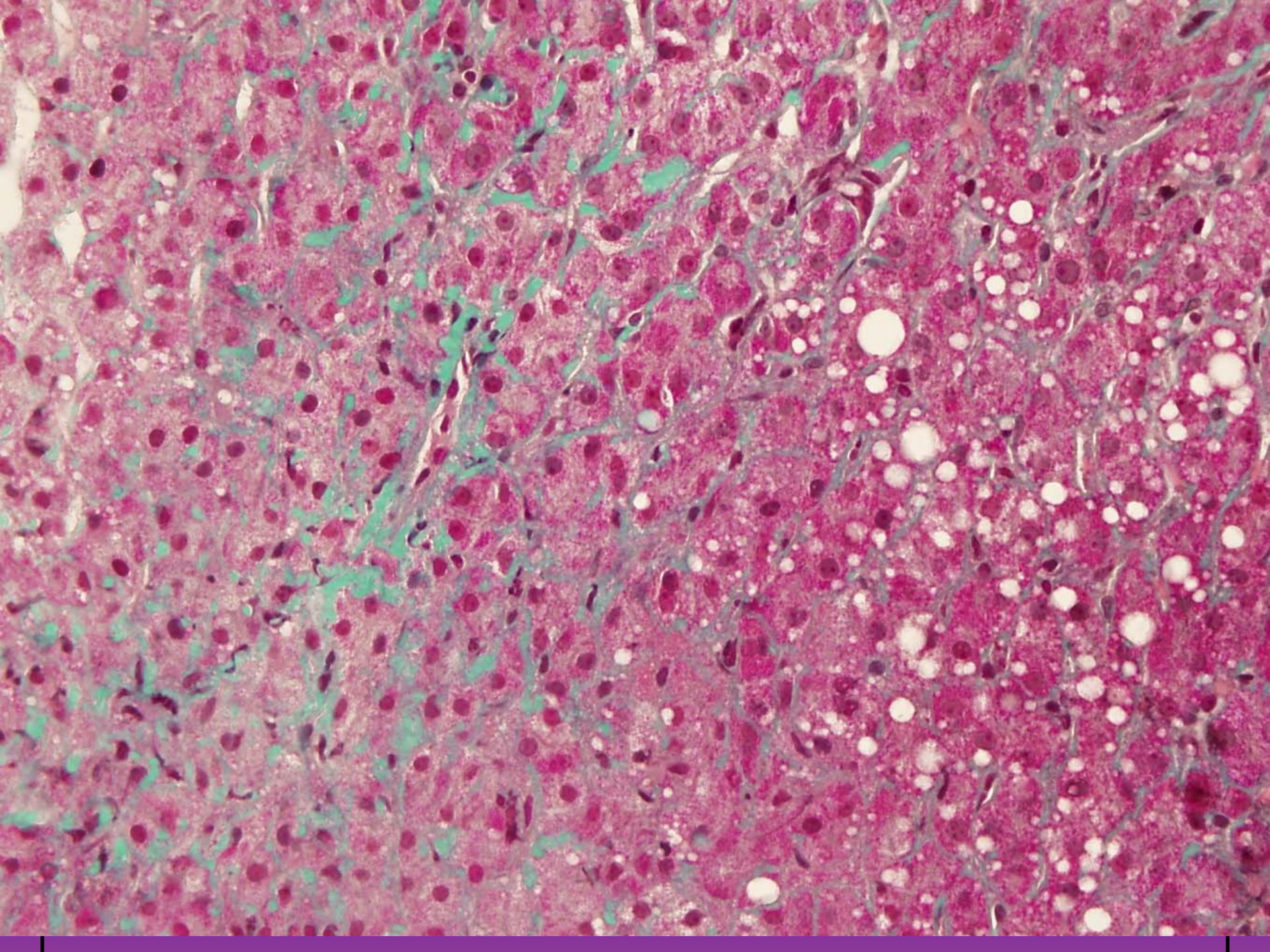
Extracellular matrix
proteins

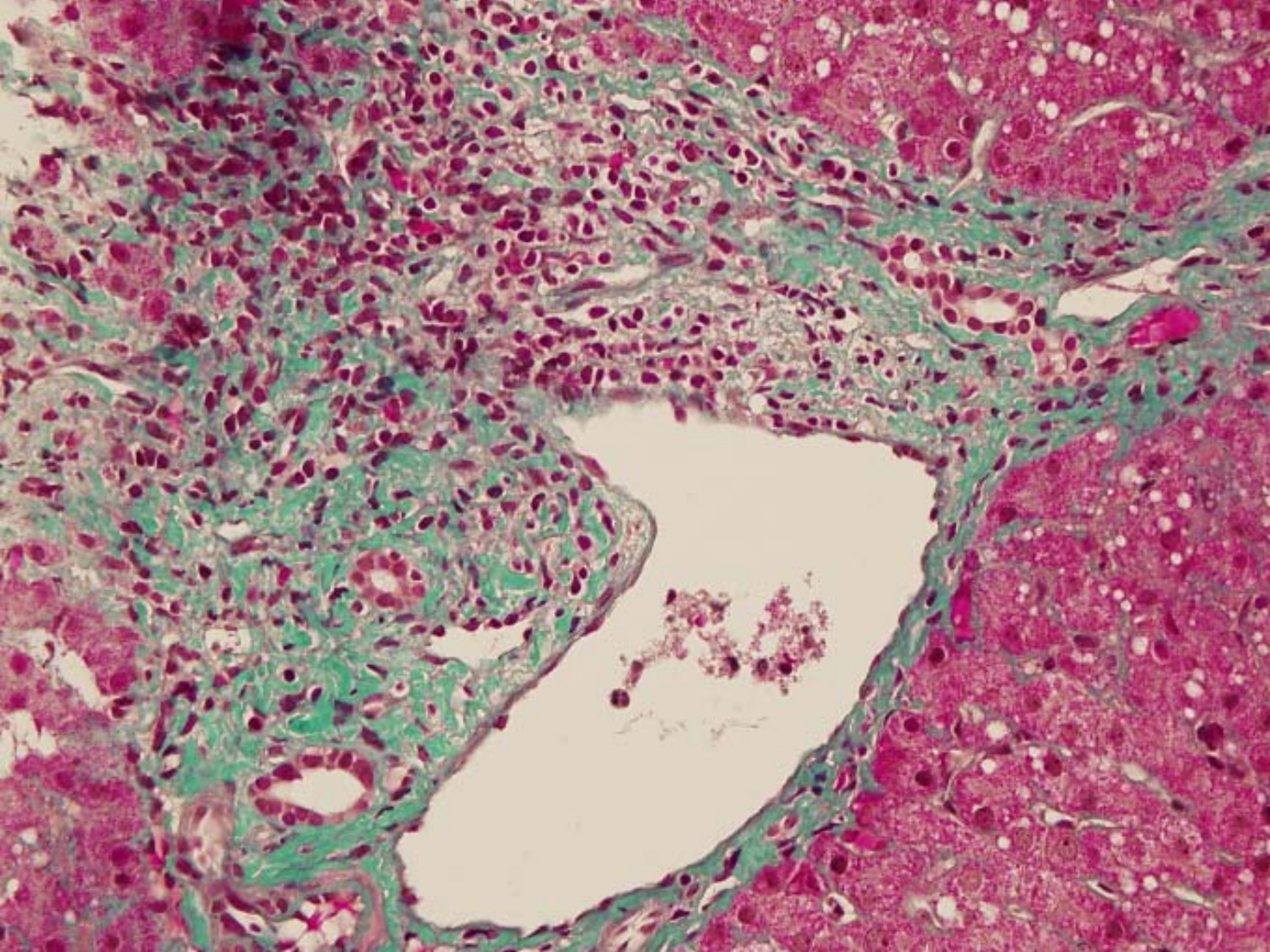
Apoptotic hepatocyte

Activated Kupffer cell

Sinusoid lumen with
increased resistance
to blood flow







gr/die →



12-20 women, 25-80 men

O'Shea, 2010

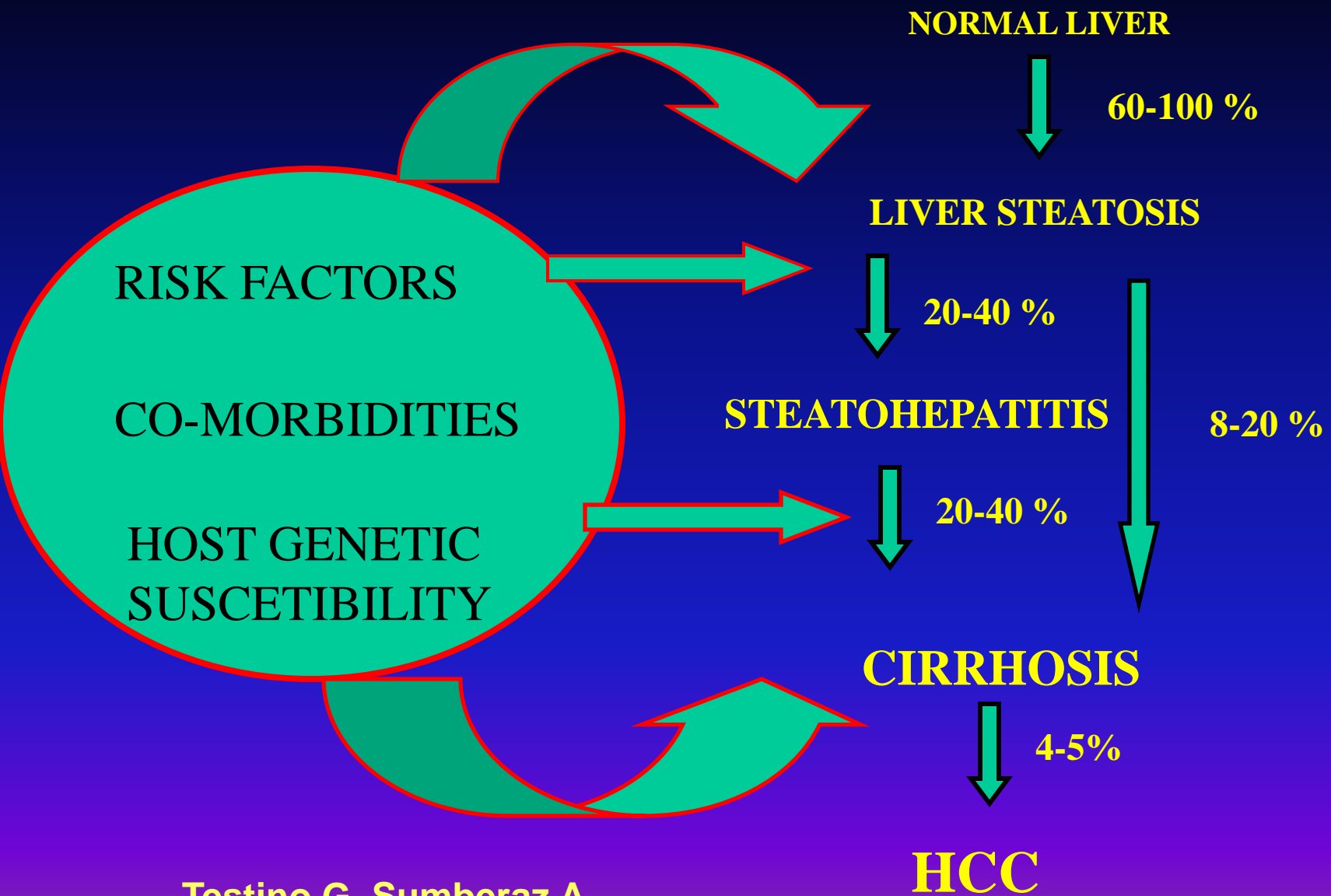
Daily Alcohol Intake > 30 g/day

Odds of developing cirrhosis or lesser degrees of liver disease

cirrhosis: 13.7; lesser degrees: 23.6

Bellentani et al, 1997

CHRONIC ALCOHOL DRINKER

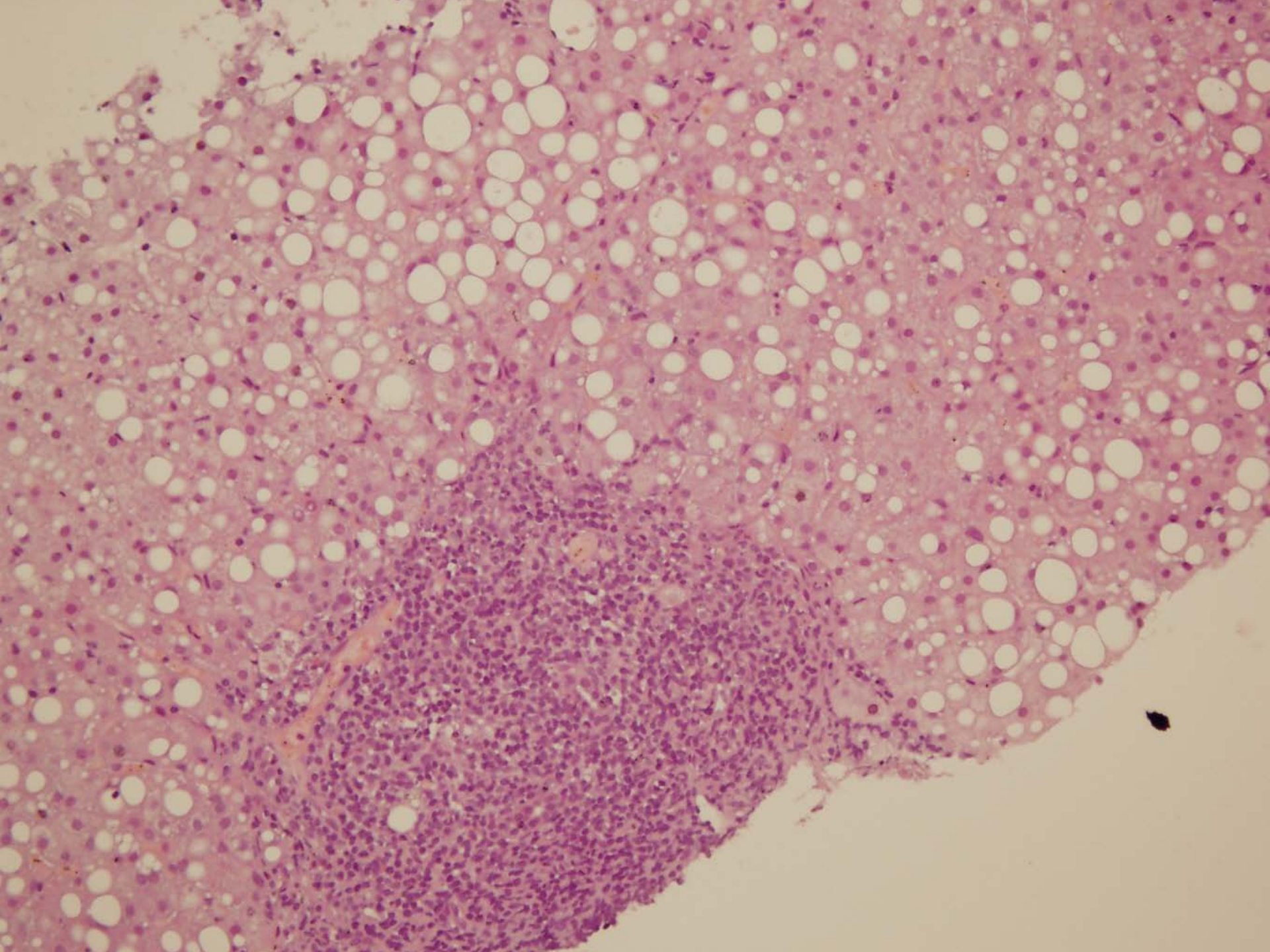


Testino G, Sumberaz A
Hepatogastroenterol, 2008

Mechanisms by which alcohol worsens virus induced liver disease

Mechanism	HCV	HBV
Enhanced viral replication	Debated [9,15–28]	Demonstrated [42]
Increased oxidative stress	Demonstrated [29–31]	Not demonstrated
Impaired immune response	Demonstrated [32,33]	Not demonstrated
Induction of steatosis	Demonstrated [34]	Not demonstrated
Hepatocyte apoptosis	Demonstrated [37]	Not demonstrated
Iron overload	Demonstrated [35,36]	Not demonstrated
Decreased antiviral therapy response	Demonstrated [38–40]	Not demonstrated

Numbers of corresponding references are reported in square brackets.



Alcol – HCV : Epidemiologia

8-55.5 % dei pazienti affetti da epatite cronica alcolica sono positivi per anticorpi anti-HCV

(Sata J Viral Hepat 1996; Kwon 2000 J Gastroenterol Hepatol; Ashwani J Clin Gastroenterol 2007)

HCV-RNA positivo 4-82 % (Befrits Scand J Gastroenterol 1995)

HCV –RNA POSITIVO / EPATOPATIA ALCOLICA : 40%

(Testino G et al, 2009)

HCV REPLICATION AND ALCOHOL

Increase in release of HCV RNA from alcohol – damaged hepatocytes

Direct stimulatory effect of alcohol on HCV replication

Endotoxin activates NF – KB nuclear transcription

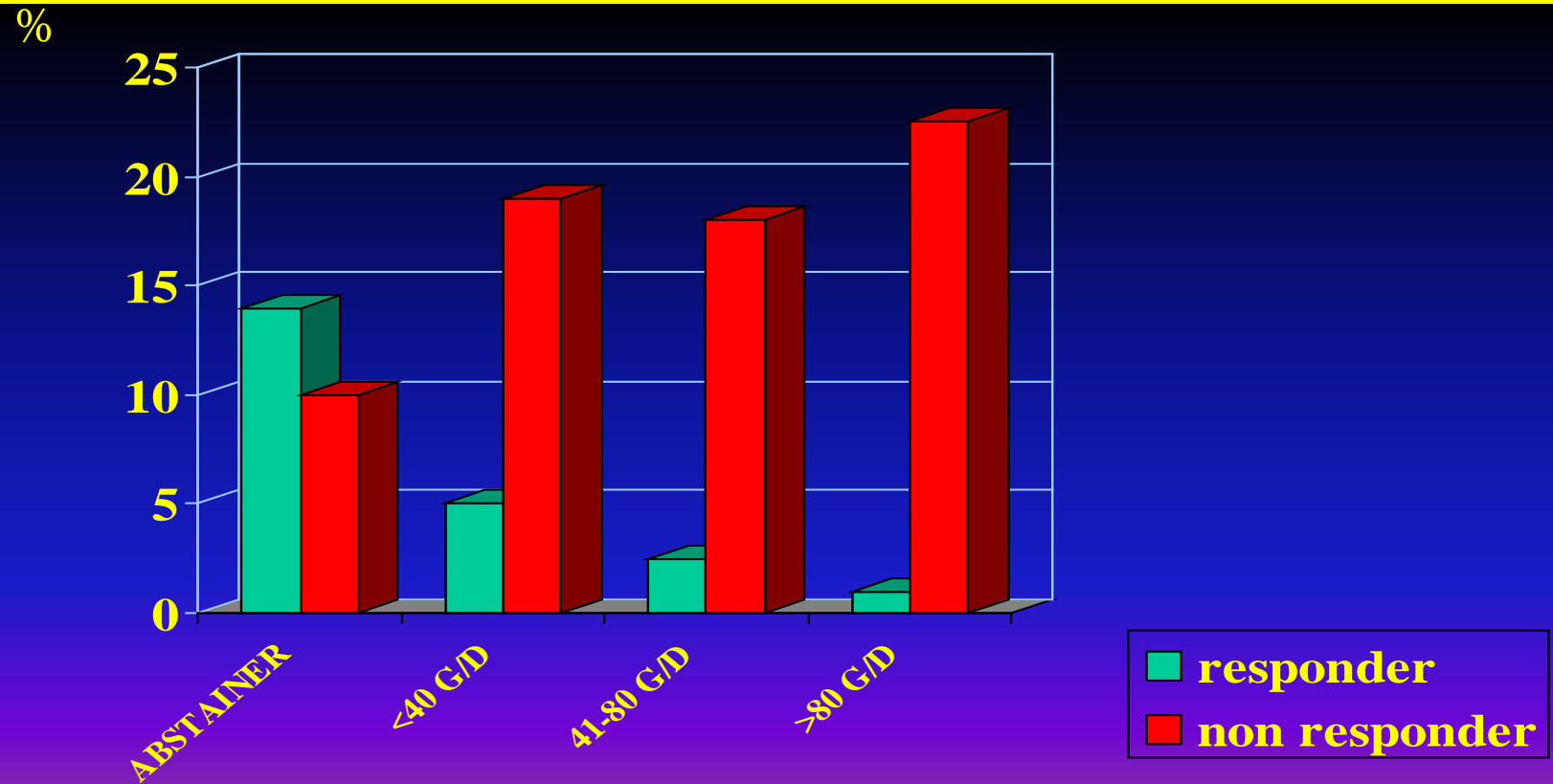
Upregulate cyclooxygenase-2 expression

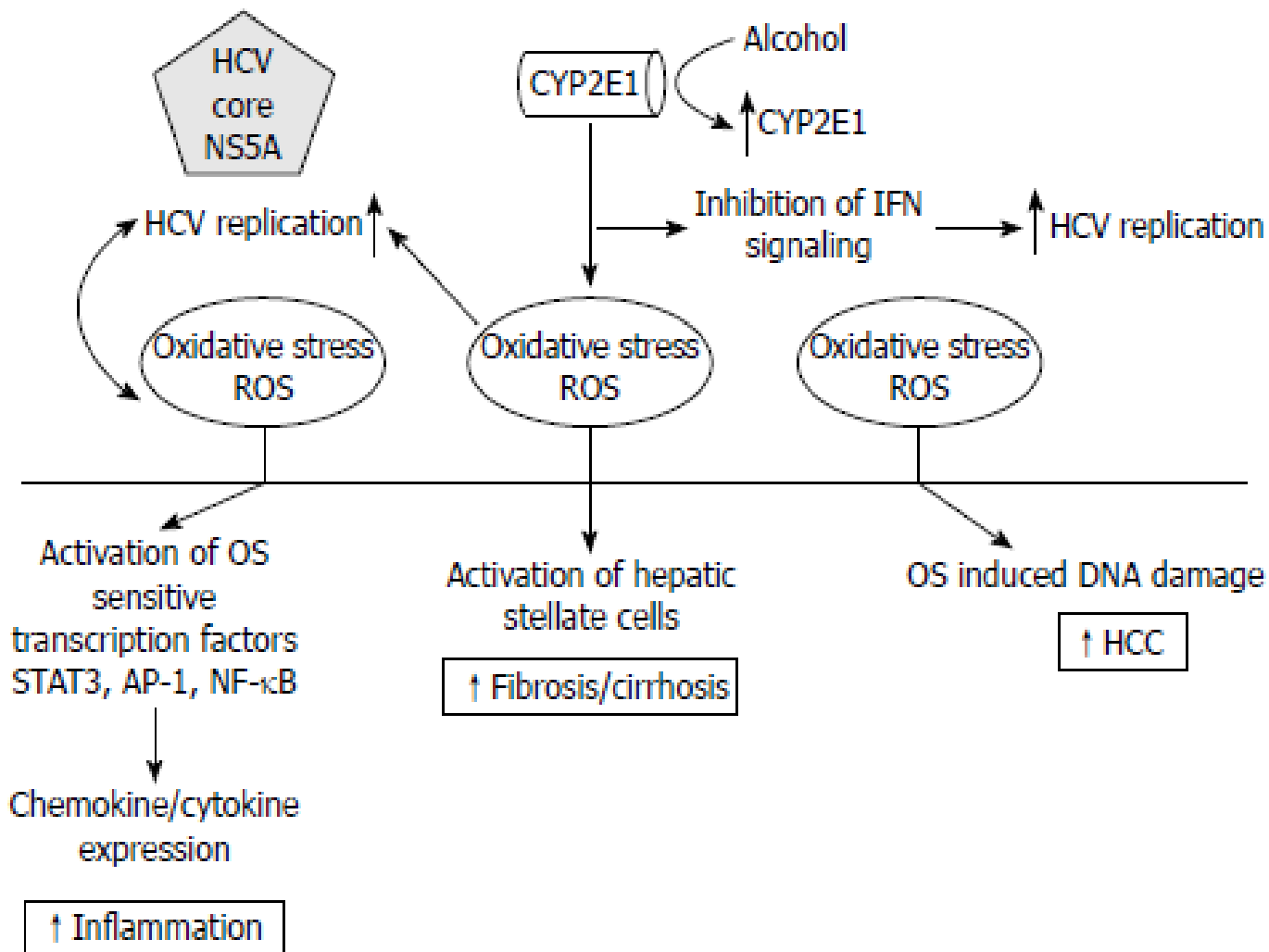
Modulation of innate and acquired immune responses to HCV

Synergistic induction of oxidative stress

**Plumlee et al, Virology Journal 2005
Dey and Cederbaum, Hepatology 2006
Ashwani et al, J Clin Gastroenterol 2007
Reuben A, Current Op Gastroent 2008
McCartney and Beard, WJG 2010**

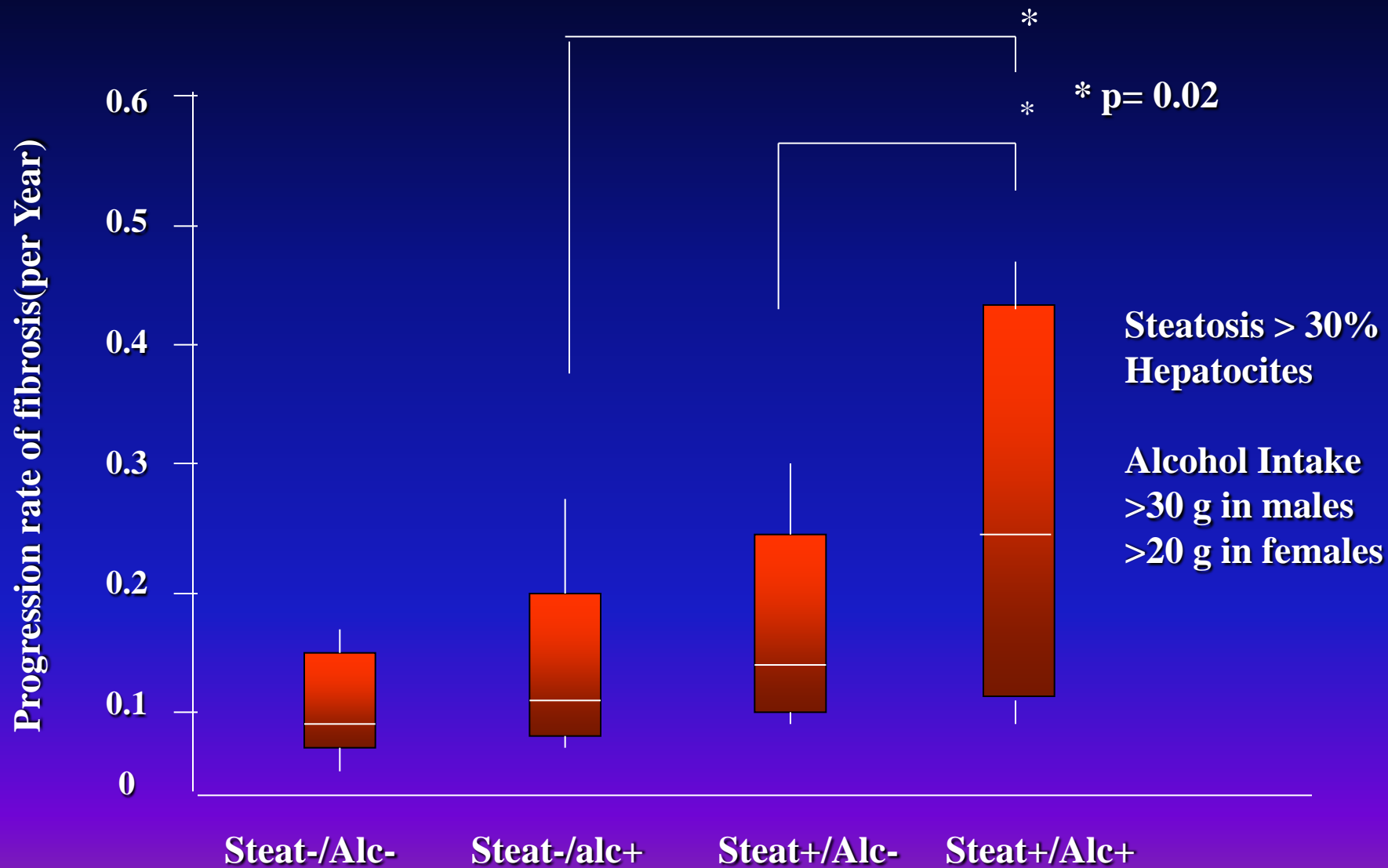
Percentage of chronic hepatitis patients responding to interferon as a function of ethanol use





↑ Inflammation

Effect of the Interaction Between Steatosis and Alcohol Intake on Liver Fibrosis Progression in Chronic Hepatitis C.



Histological grading of necroinflammation, staging of fibrosis, and risk of liver cirrhosis in patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection and alcohol consumption

Parameter	Group A (N = 14)	Group B (N = 40)	Group C (N = 42)	Group D (N = 24)
Necroinflammation	1,8 ± 0,7	3,4 ± 1,6 ^a	2,9 ± 1,3 ^a	3,1 ± 1,1 ^a
Fibrosis	2,9 ± 1,0	2,9 ± 0,9	3,4 ± 1,0 ^a	3,6 ± 0,7 ^a
Cirrhosis, n (%)	5 (8,4)	10 (16,9) ^b	28 (47,5) ^b	16 (27,2) ^b

Group A, alcoholic liver disease; Group B, HCV only; Group C, HCV + <80 g/day of alcohol; Group D, HCV+ > 80 g/Day of alcohol

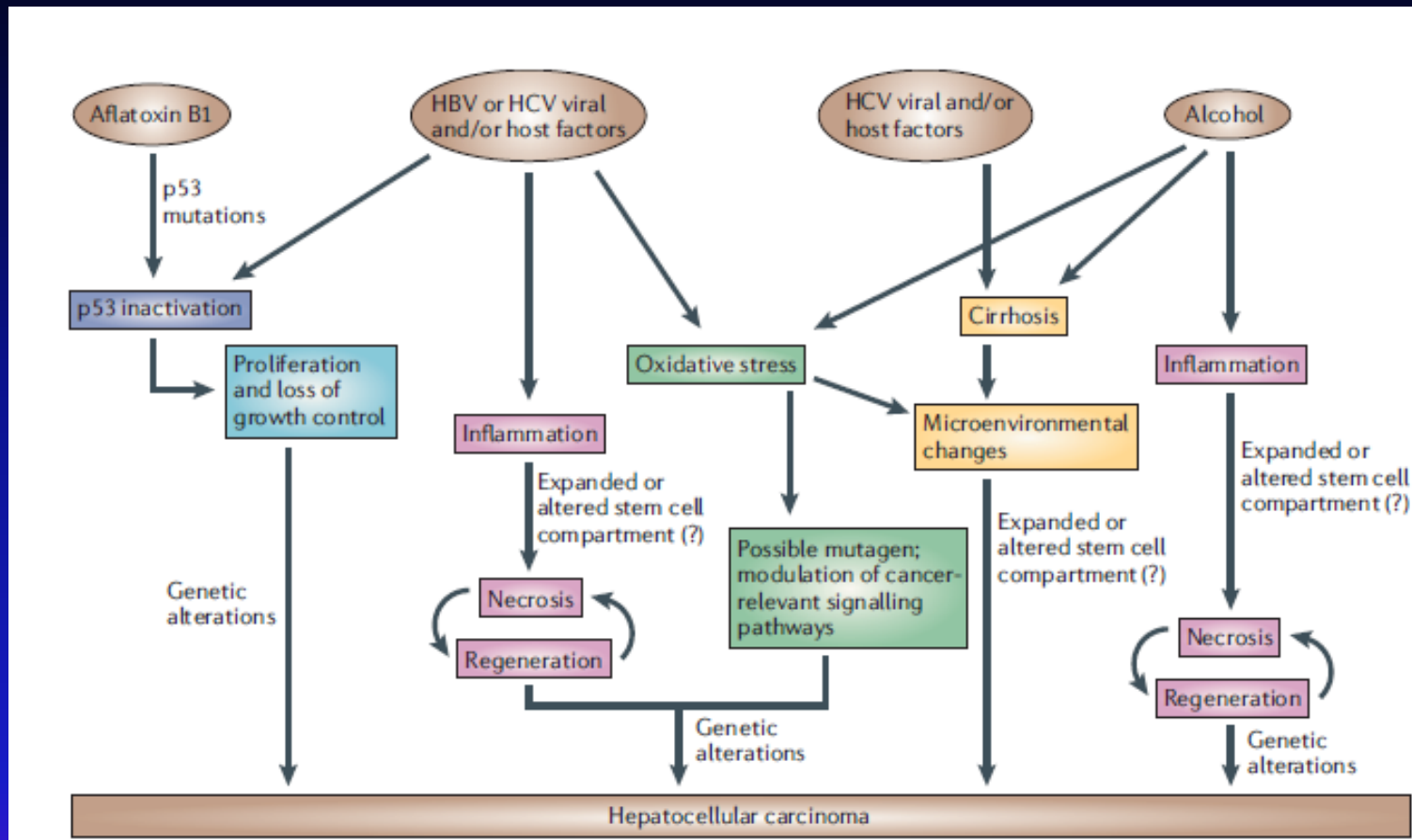
^a Significantly different by Student's *t*-test. Necroinflammation: Groups B, C and D vs Group A, *P* < 0.001; B vs C, D, ns; C vs D, ns. Fibrosis: Group A vs Group B, ns; A or B vs C, *P* < 0,01; A, B vs D, *P* < 0,01; C vs D, ns.

^b Significantly different by χ^2 test. Risk of cirrhosis: Group A vs Group B, C or D, *P* < 0,001; B vs C or D, *P* < 0,01. ns, not significant.

Variables	Progressive fibrosis (n = 44)	Non-progressive fibrosis (n = 34)	
Sex (M/F)	28/16	16/18	
Transmission route (IDU/BT/SEX/HCW/unknown)	16/12/3/2/1	16/10/1/2/5	
Genotype (1/2/3/unknown)	19/11/12/2	18/4/10/2	
Age at initial biopsy (years)	36.8 (27.1–44.3)	34.0 (28.1–43.5)	
Age at follow-up biopsy (years)	43.7 (38.5–50.6)	39.0 (35.4–46.0)	
Time between first and follow-up biopsy (years)	6.5(3.9–10.6)	5.5 (2.5–7.7)	
Total amount of alcohol (g ethanol)	15 400 (3300–36 600)	3900 (900–14 500)	P = 0.007*
Alcohol per day (g ethanol)	5.7 (2.0–16.0)	2.6 (1.1–7.7)	P = 0.03*
Drinking frequency (drinking days/year)	34.5 (21.0–75.0)	8.2 (6.0–25.0)	P = 0.006*
Quantity consumed on each occasion (drinks/occasion)	4.0 (3.0–8.0)	3.0 (2.0–6.0)	

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Westin et al, J Viral Hep 2002



Farazi et al, Nature 2006

Distribution of cases and controls and odds ratios and their 95% confidence intervals according to alcohol intake and the presence of HCV and HBV infection

Alcohol intake (g/day)

HCV or HBV infection

0 - 60

> 60

Cases / control s
(no)

OR

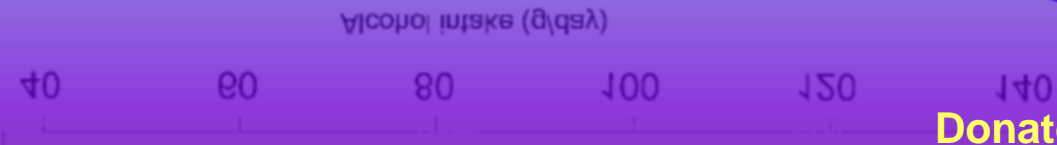
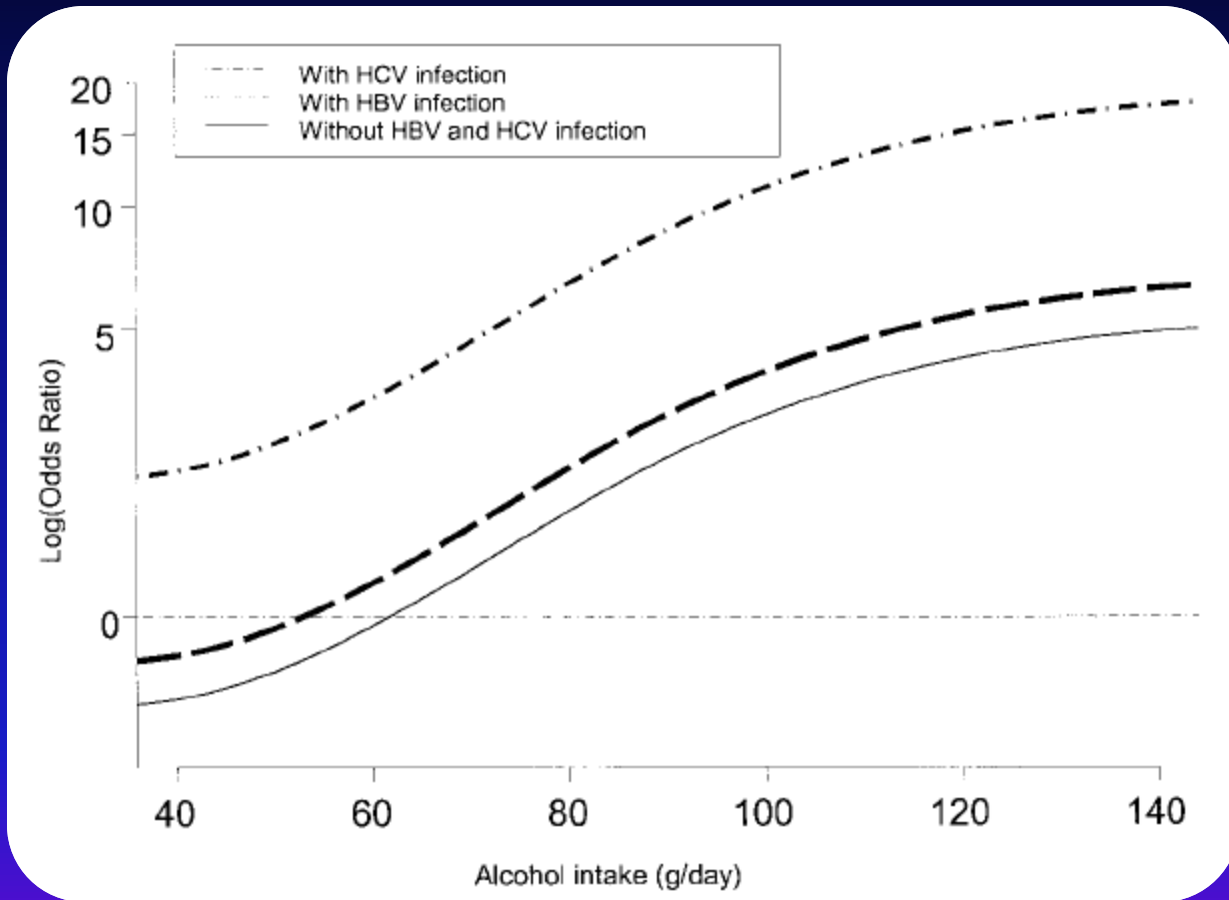
95%CI

Cases / control
(no)

OR

95%CI

Neither	30 / 412	Reference		157/ 335	7.0	4.5, 11.1
HCV infection	95/ 21	55.0	29.9, 10.0	76/ 11	109	50.9, 233.0
HBV infection	41 / 27	22.8	12.1, 42.8	51/ 17	48.6	24.1, 98.0

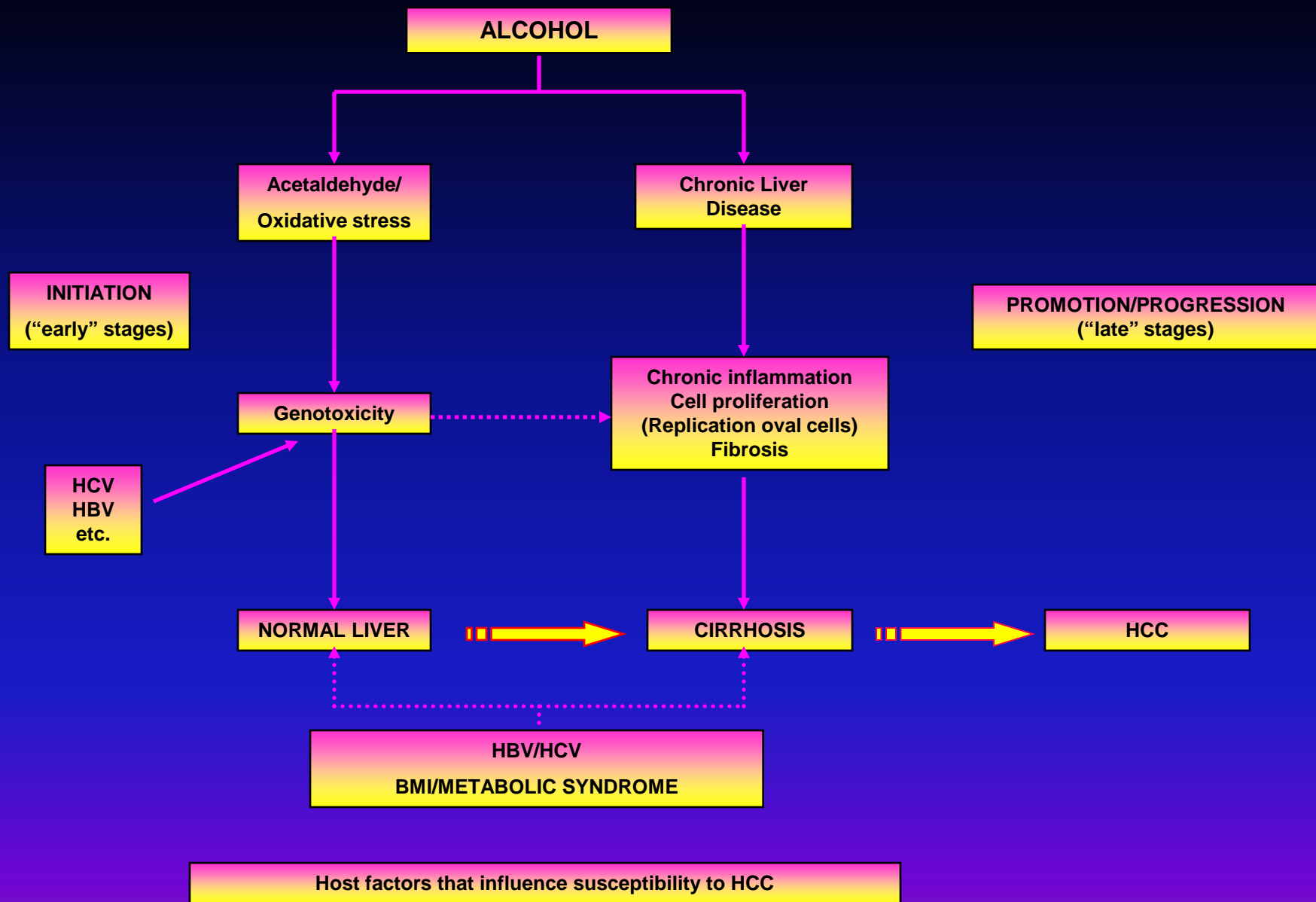


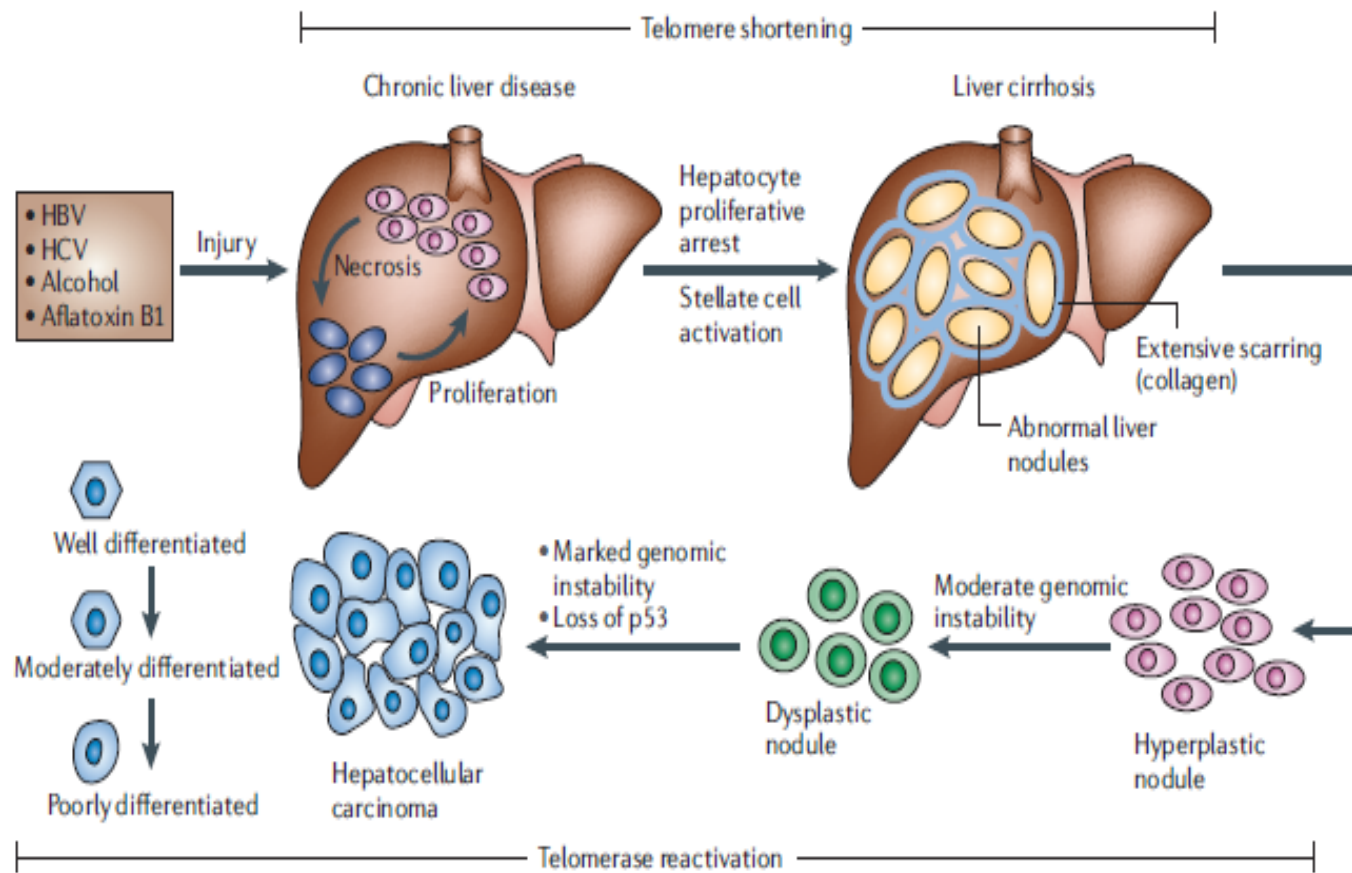
Donato et al., 2002

Interaction of Heavy Alcohol Consumption (> 80 mL ethanol/d) With Chronic Hepatitis Virus Infection (HBV or HCV) and Diabetes Mellitus: Logistic Regression Analysis With Adjusted OR

Interaction Variables		β Coefficient (\pm SE)	P	OR (95% CI)	S (95% CI)*
Virus	Alcohol				
Negative	Negative			1	
Positive	Negative	2.9 (0.79)	0.0001	19.1 (4.1-89.1)	
Negative	Positive	0.87 (0.32)	0.006	2.4 (1.3-4.4)	
Positive	Positive	3.9 (1.04)	0.0001	53.9 (7.0-415.7)	2.7 (1.1-5.2)
Diabetes	Alcohol				
Negative	Negative			1	
Positive	Negative	0.87 (0.33)	0.008	2.4 (1.3-4.5)	
Negative	Positive	0.95 (0.34)	0.004	2.6 (1.4-4.9)	
Positive	Positive	2.3 (0.69)	0.001	9.9 (2.5-39.3)	2.9 (1.3-4.6)

Hassan et al., 2002





Farazi et al, Nature 2006

TELOMERE LENGTH ACCORDING TO USUAL DRINKING CATEGORIES

	Geometric mean	95% CI	P-value	P-trend
0-1 drink-units/day	0.67	(0.63-0.72)	Ref.	
2-4 drink-units/day	0.61	(0.56-0.68)	0.14	
>4 drink-units/day	0.48	(0.39-0.59)	0.002	0.003

Pavanello et al, International Journal of Cancer 2011

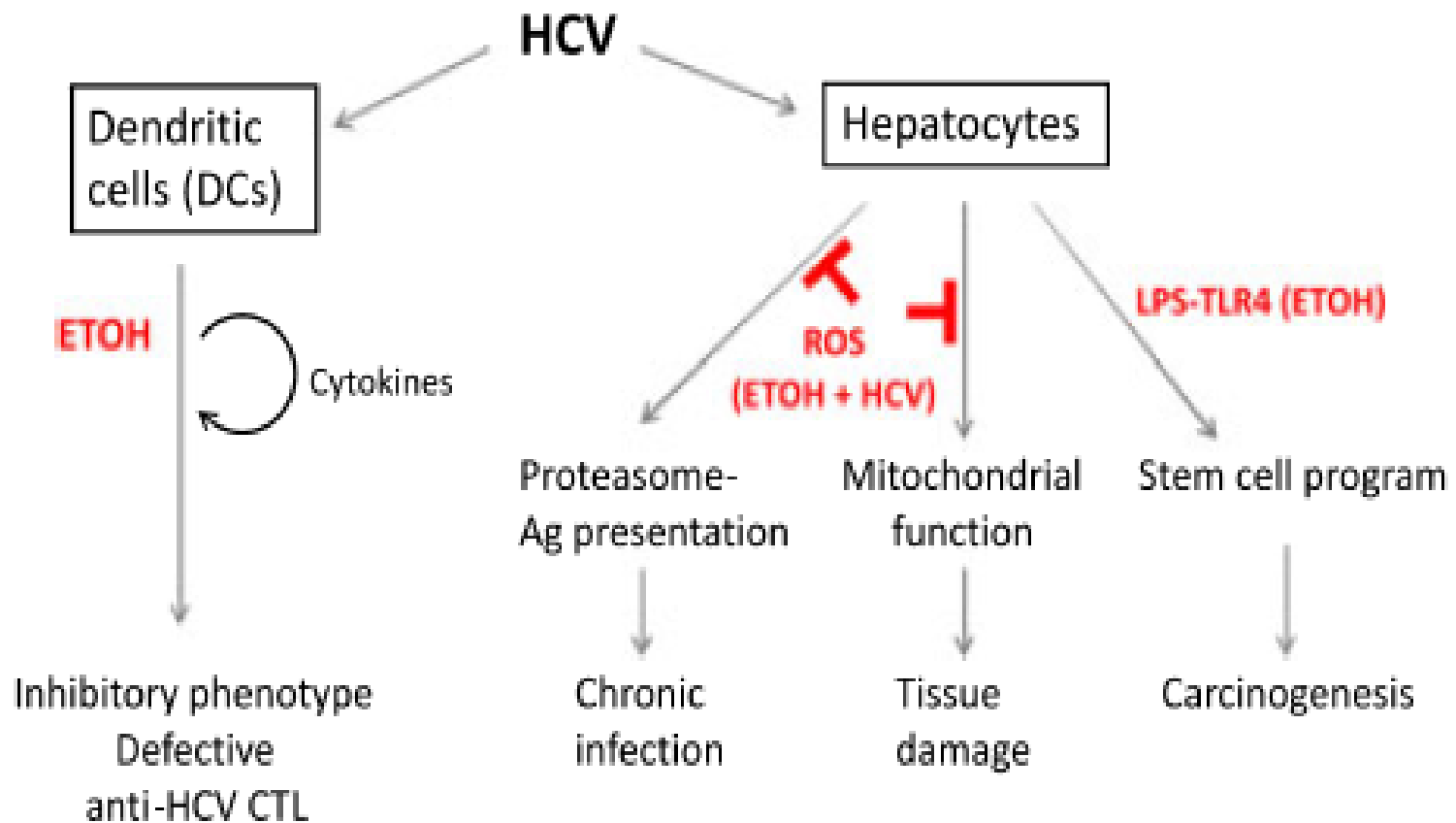
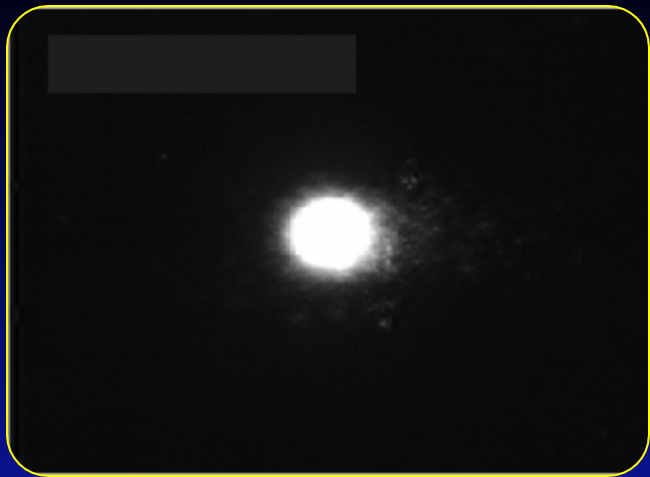
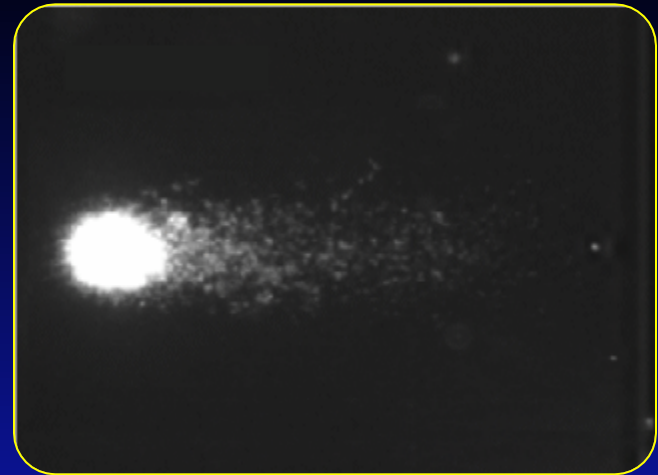


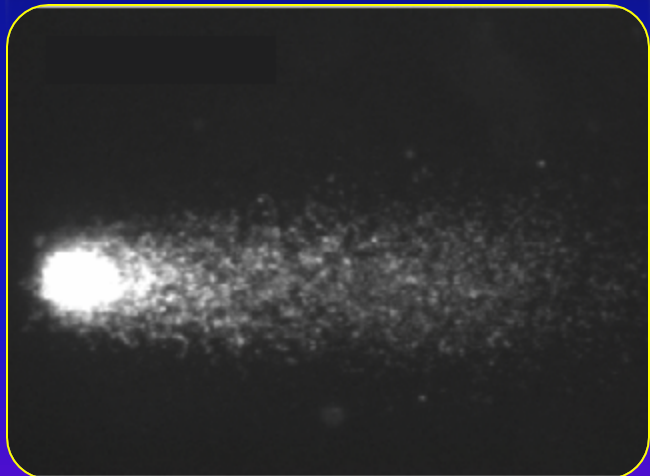
Fig. 1. A schematic of the interactions between alcohol and HCV and their impact on immune cells and liver cells. Ag, antigen.



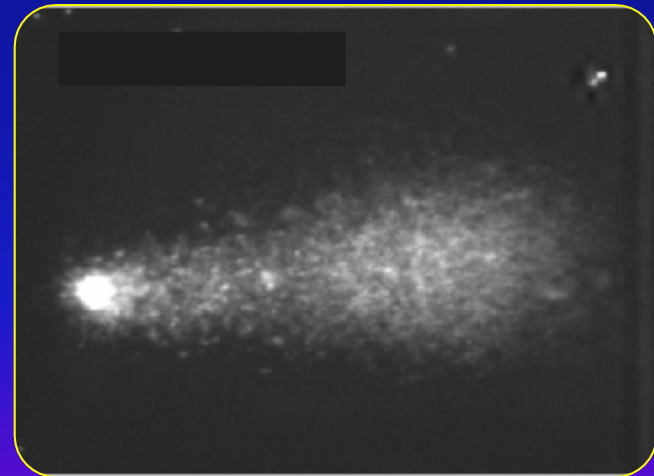
controllo



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1,2,3 = diversi gradi di danno

FREQUENCY OF DNA HYPERMETHYLATION IN HCC AND THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH ALCOHOL

Percentage of hypermethylated tumor samples

Gene	Percentage
RASSF1A	67%
GSTP1	44%
P14 ^{ARF}	0%
GNMT	30%
DOK1	60%
MGMT	22%
CHRNA3	33%

RASSF1A: Ras signalling

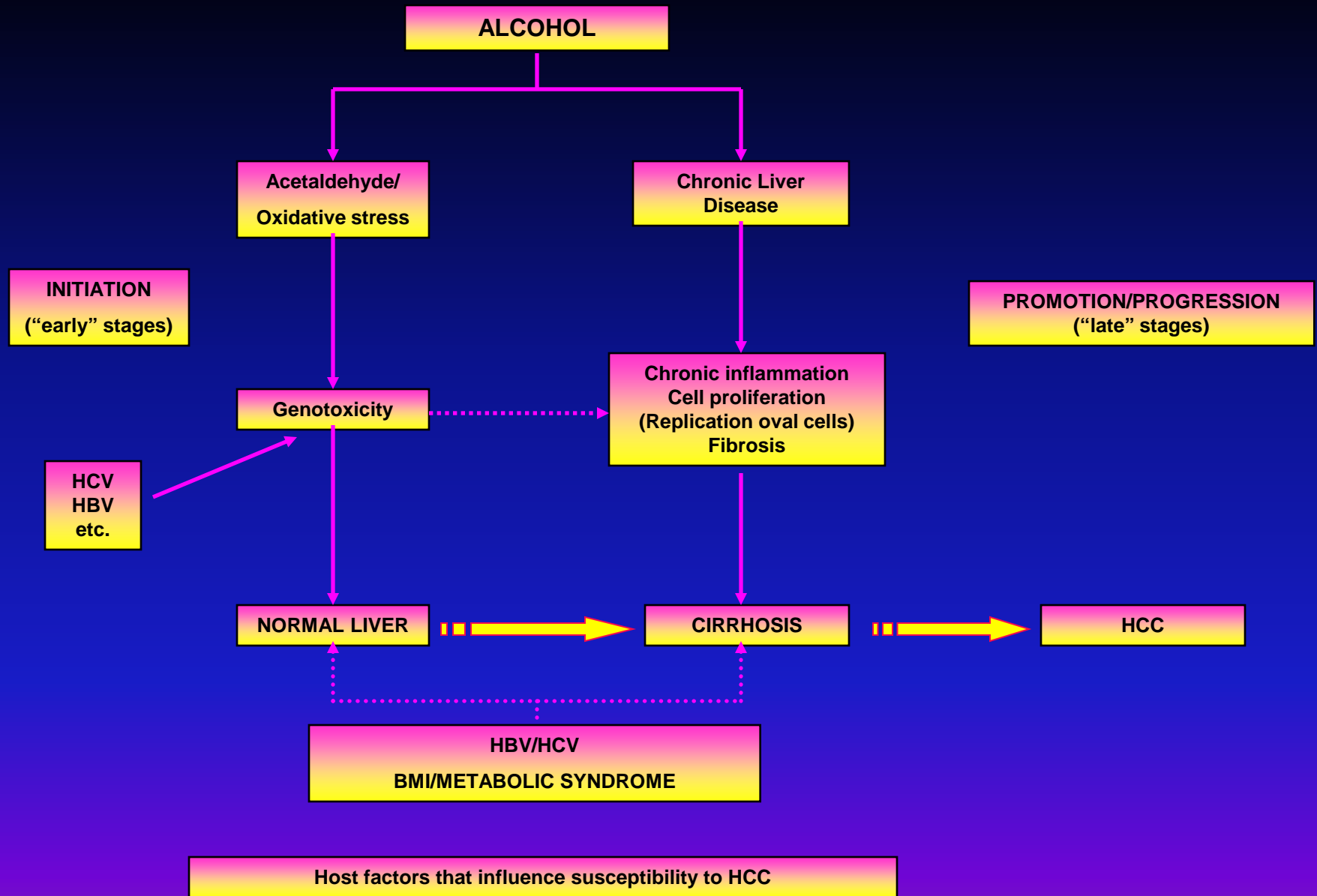
GSTP1: detoxification of carcinogens

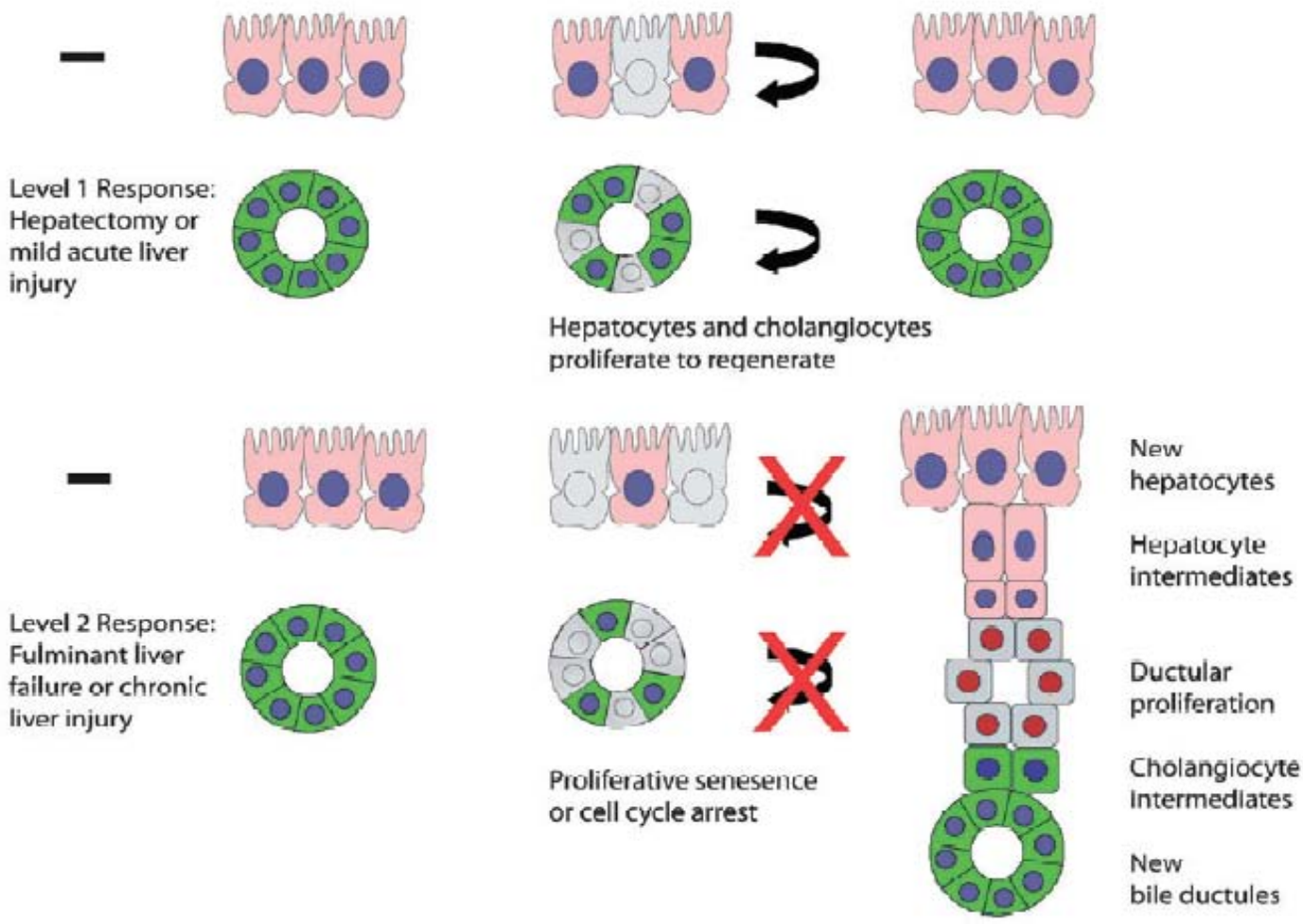
DOK1: response to interferon

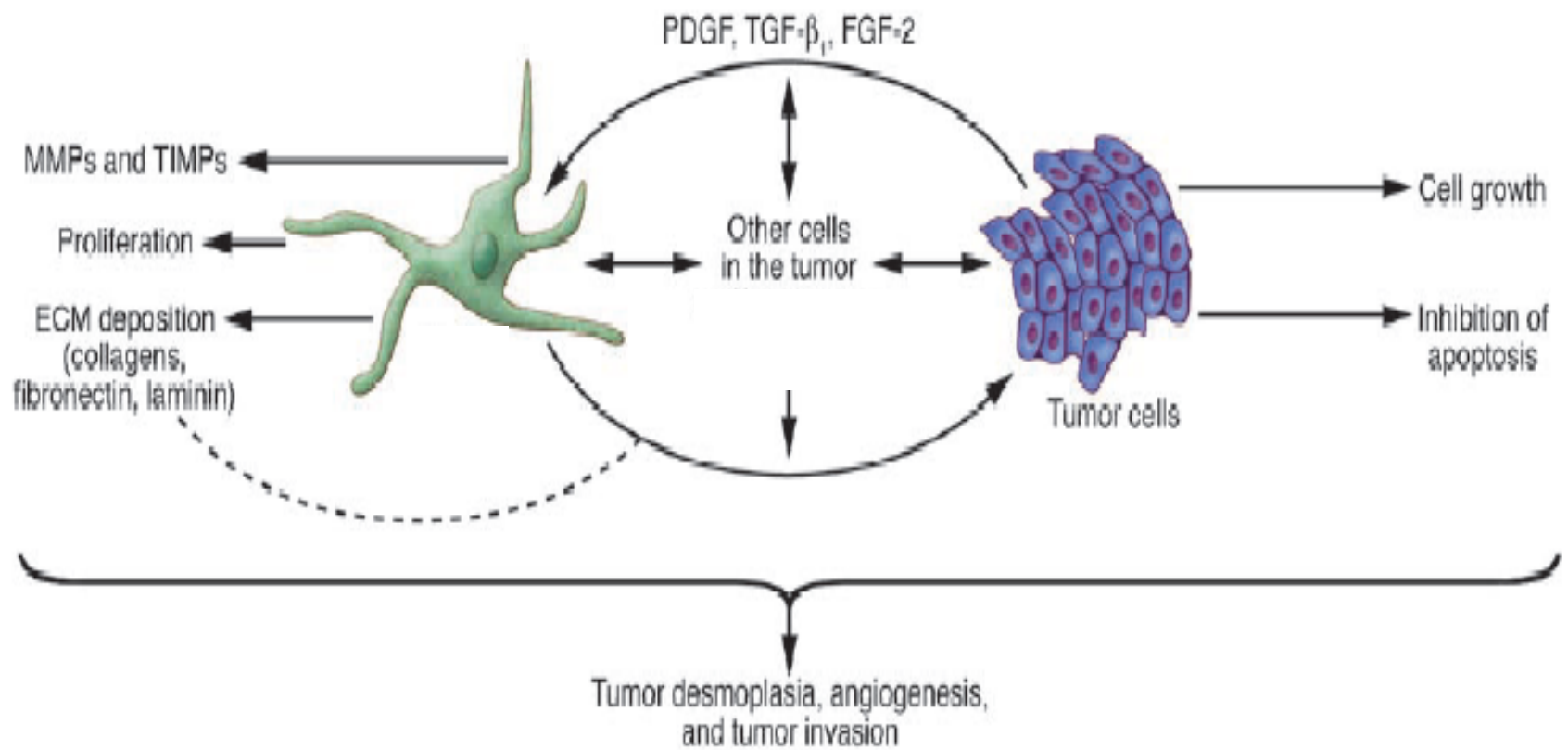
CHRNA3: angiogenic growth

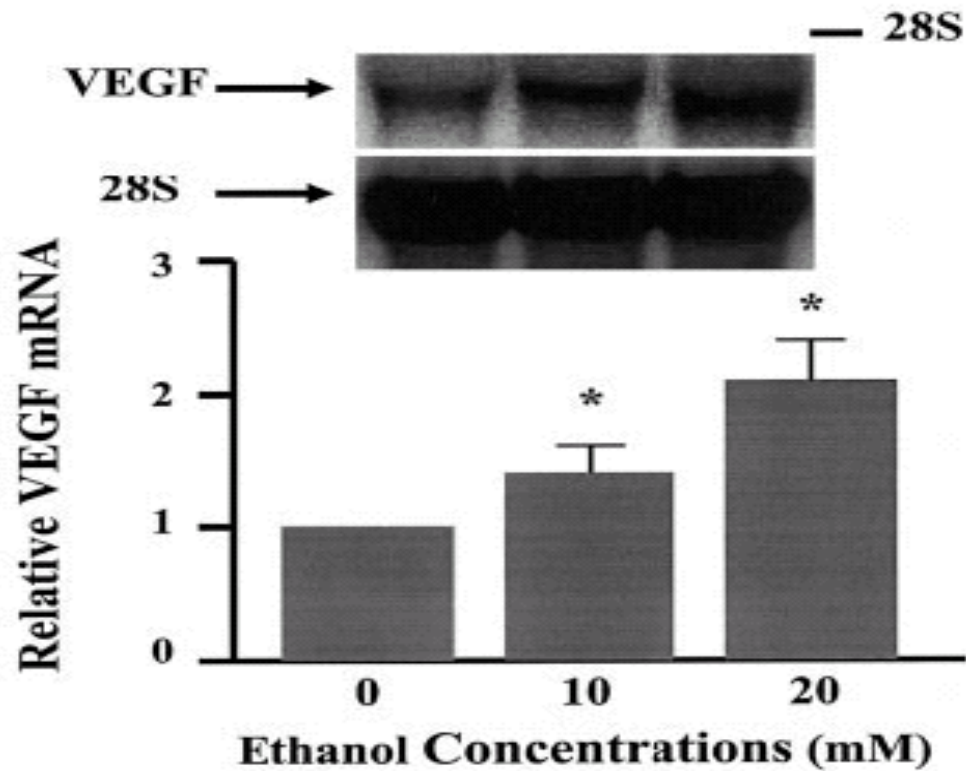
MGMT: DNA repair

LAMBERT et al, J HEPATOL 2010

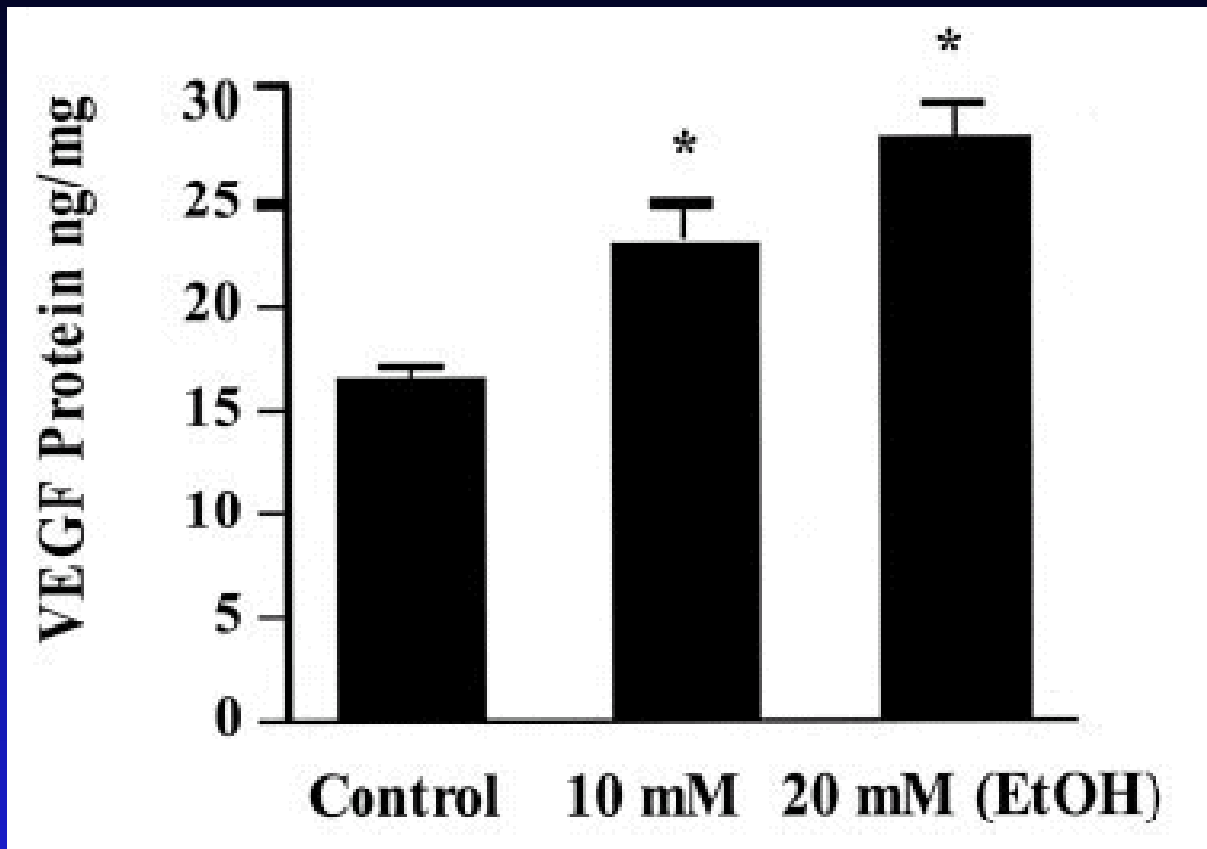




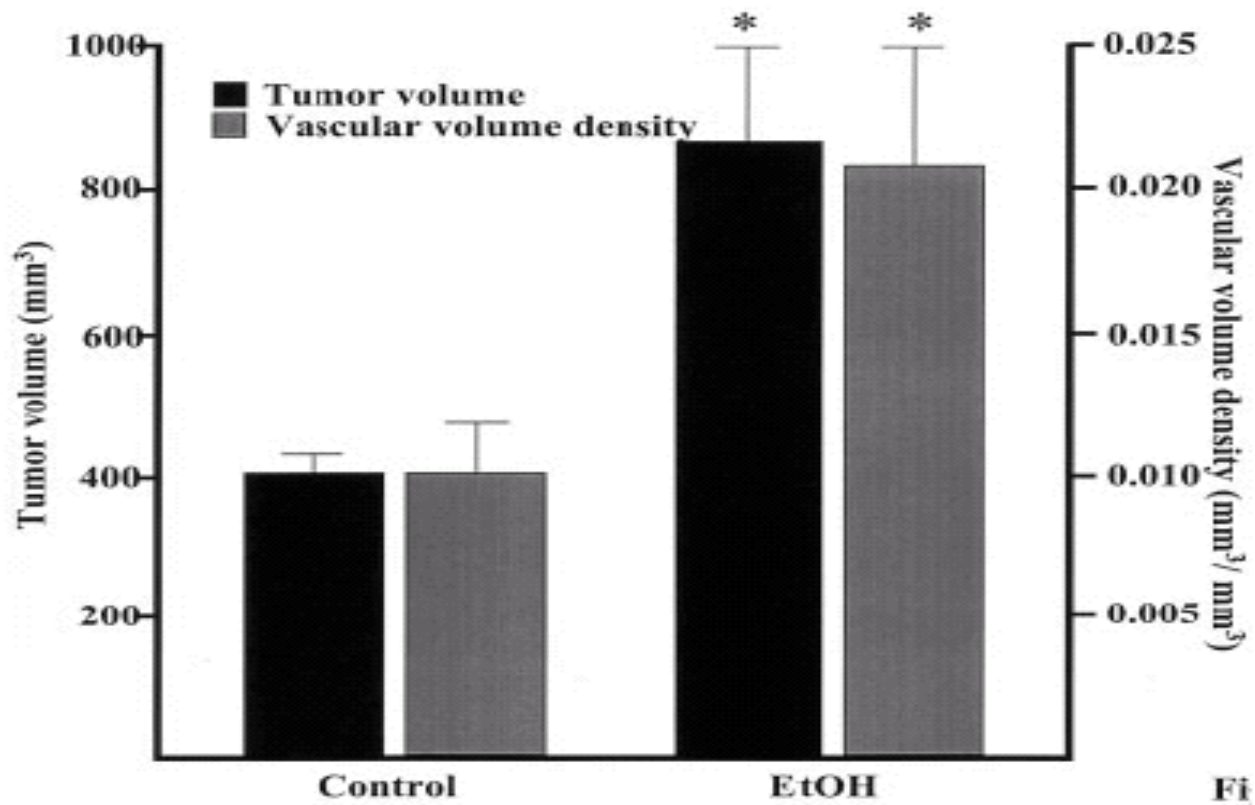




Gu JW et al, Cancer 2005



Gu JW et al, Cancer 2005



Gu JW et al, Cancer 2005

Correlation between Liver Metastasis and Alcohol Consumption

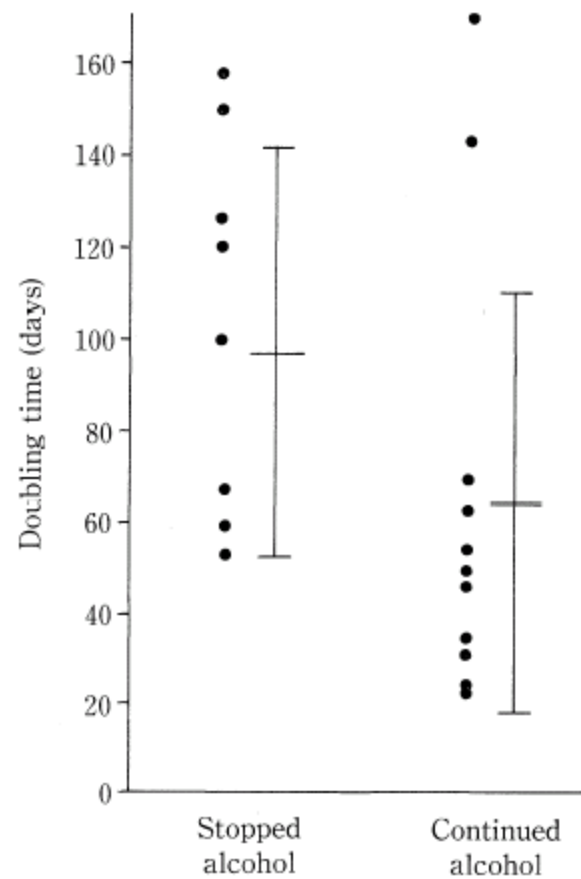
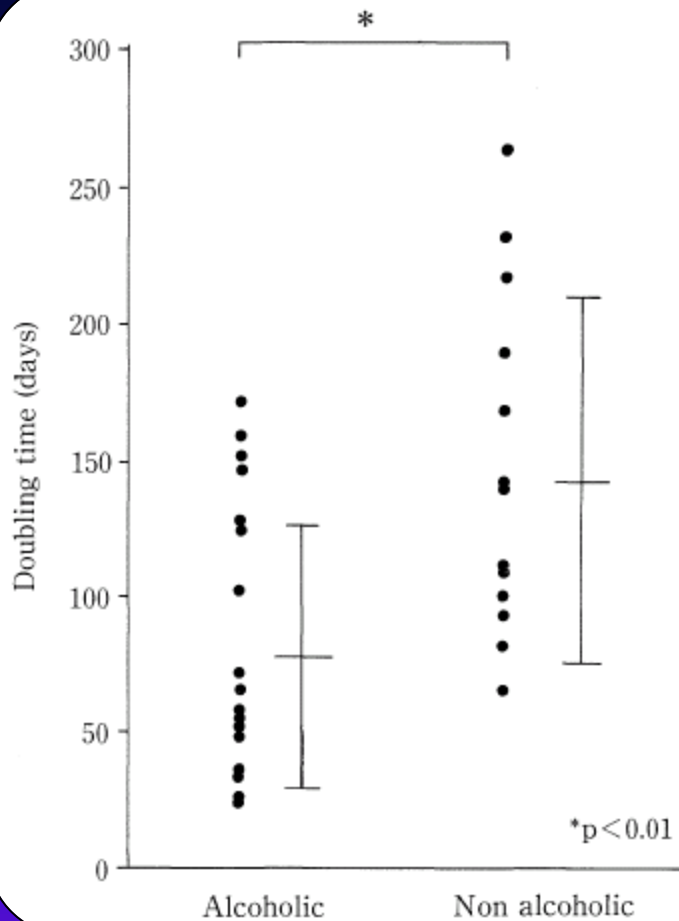
	Liver metastasis cases/total cases		<i>P</i> value ^a
	NACG	ACG	
Total	17/95	17/38	0.0021
Synchronous	7/95	9/38	0.0201
Metachronous ^b	10/88	8/29	0.0714

NACG: Nonalcohol-consuming group; ACG: alcohol-consuming group.

^a Fisher's exact test.

^b Synchronous liver metastasis cases were excluded.

Maeda M et al, Cancer 1998



Alcoholic Non alcoholic

alcohol alcohol
Stopped Continued

After detection HCC 20-80 gr/day

Matsuhashi et al, Internal Medicine 1996

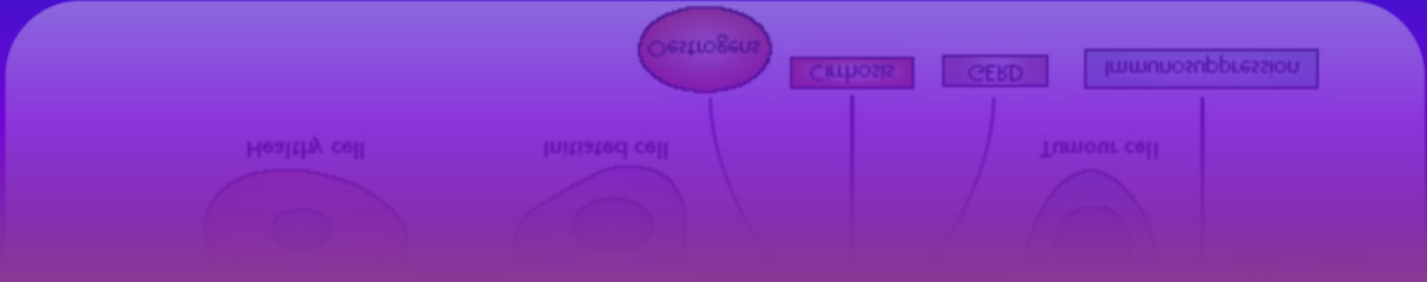
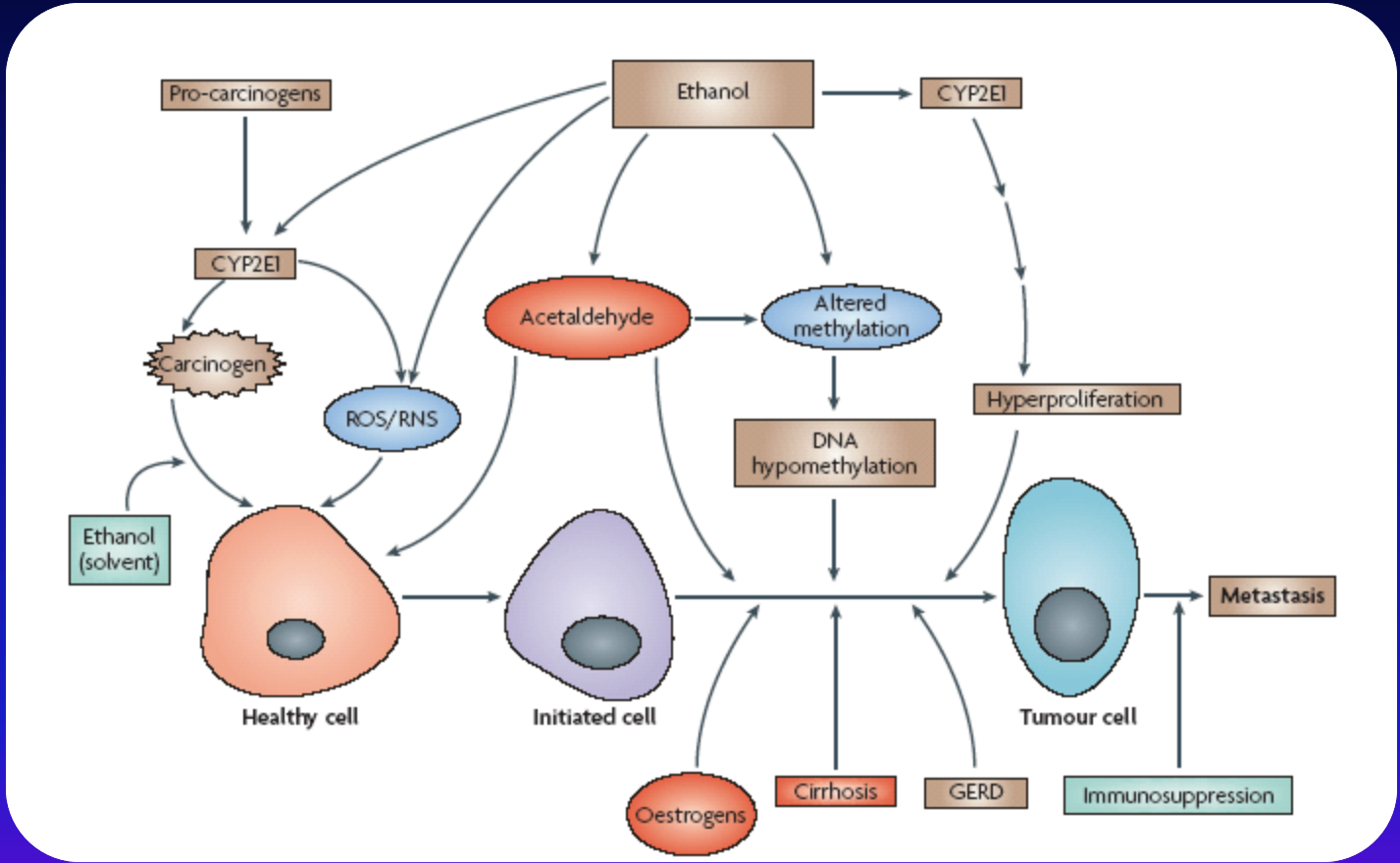
5 5– year HCC incidence rate

5 – year death incidence rate

Group 1	0/20 (0%)	1/20 (5%)
Group 2 and 3	4/77 (5.1%)	9/77 (11.6%)
Group 4	32/93 (34.4%)	35/93 (37.6%)

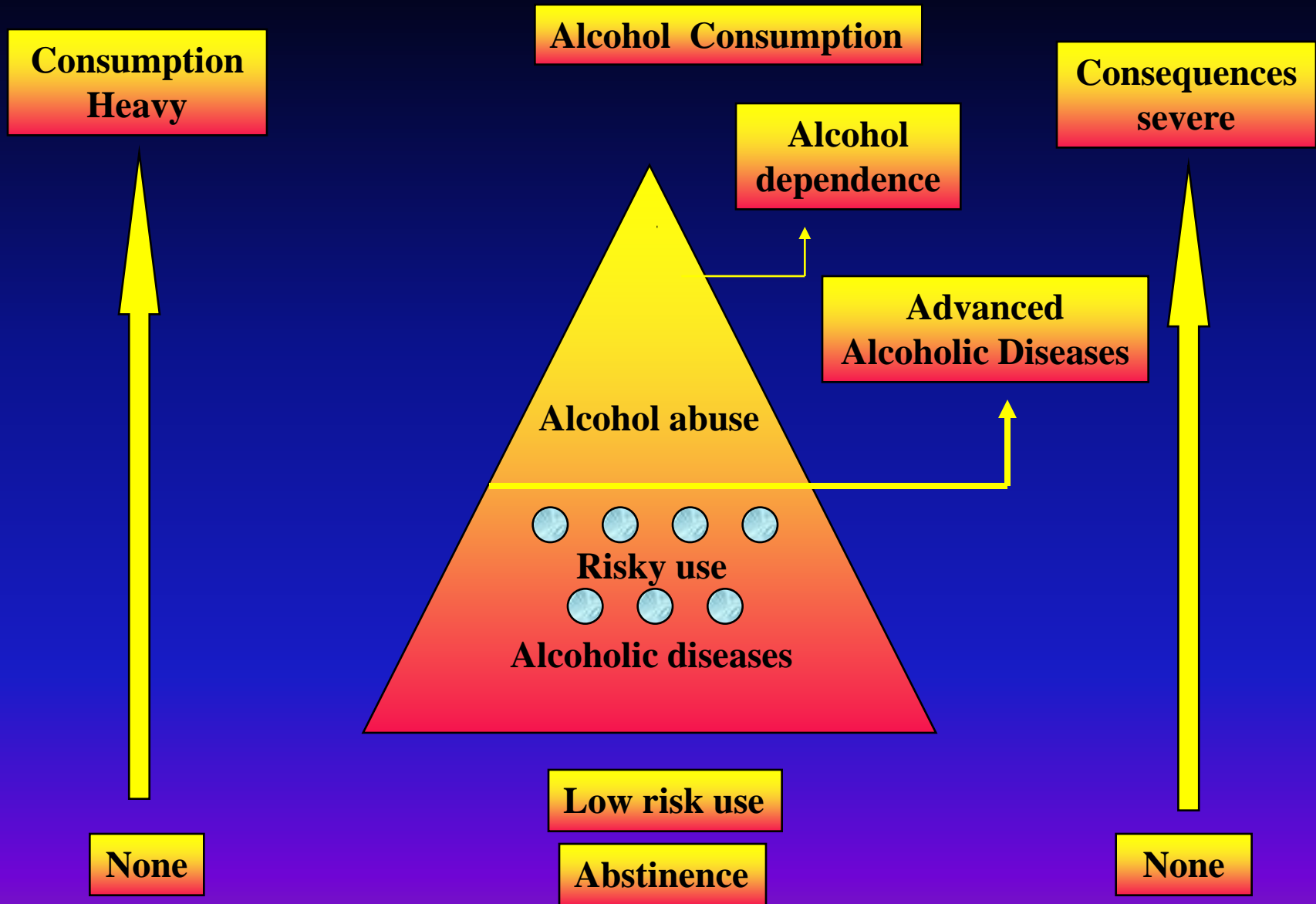
- 1) N. Polymorphisms
- 2) 1–2 ALA –SOD 2 ALLELES
- 3) 2 GMPO ALLESSES
- 4) 2 GMPO ALLELES +
1-2 ALA – SOD 2 ALLESES

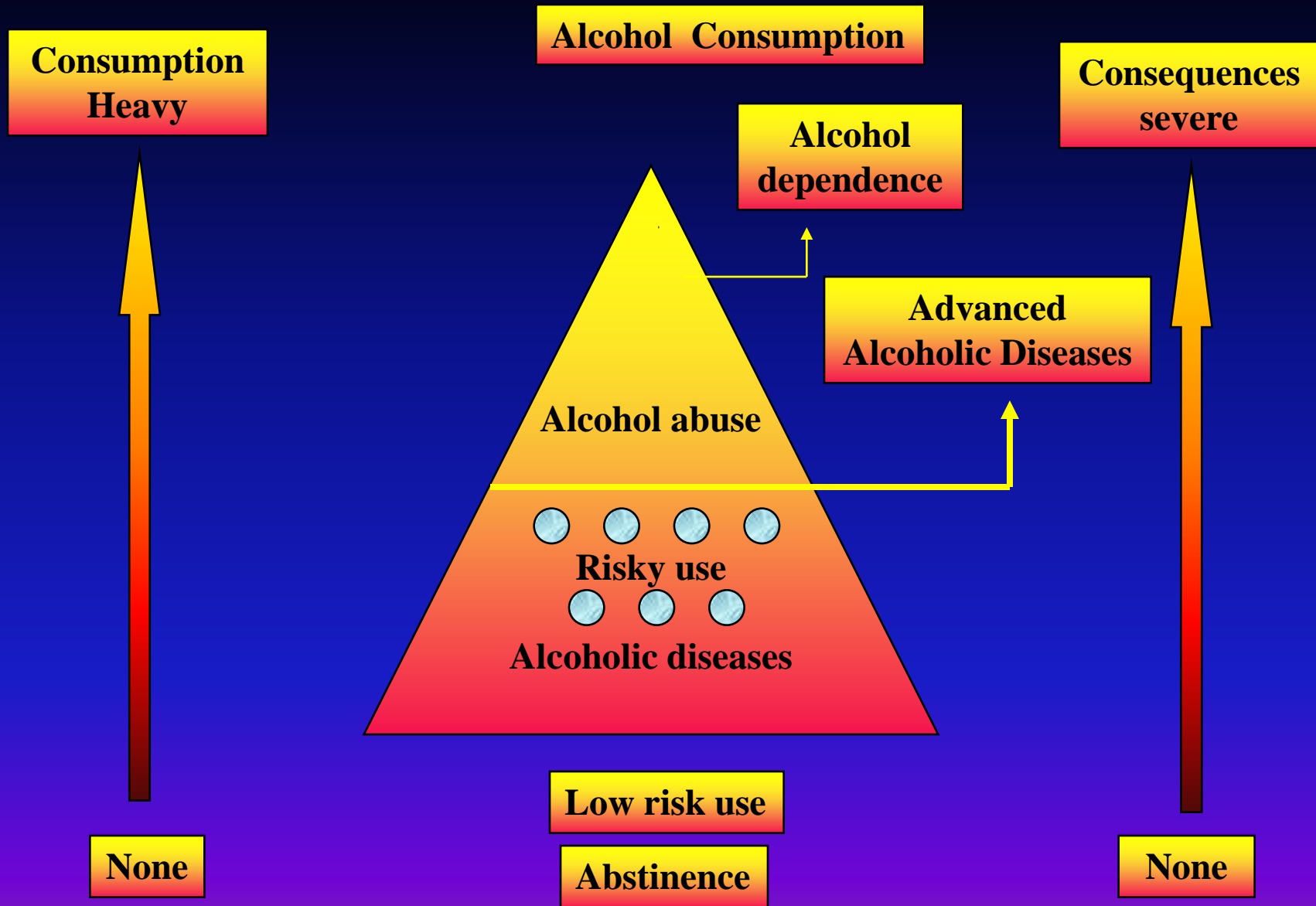
Nathon et al, Hepatology 2009



RISK FACTORS FOR ALCOHOL ASSOCIATED CARCINOGENESIS

- 1) Upper aerodigestive tract:** smoking, poor oral hygiene and poor dental status, highly concentrated alcoholic beverages, additional supplementation of vitamin A and β -carotene, ADH1C*1,1 homozygosity, ALDH 2*2,2-mutation, precancerous conditions such as Barret's oesophagus and gastro-oesophagus and gastro-oesophagus reflux, atrophic gastritis, Helicobacter pylori infection
- 2) Liver:** cirrhosis, hepatitis B- and C infection, haemochromatosis, exposure to aflatoxins and vinylchloride
- 3) Pancreas:** smoke, N291/R122H, SPINK1/N34S, PRSS1
- 4) Colorectum:** chronic inflammatory bowel disease, polyps, deficiency of folate, ADH1C*1 homozygosity, ALDH2*2 mutation
- 5) Breast:** high oestradiol concentrations (especially in midcycle), ADH1C*1 genotype? Family history





ALCOHOL AND CANCER RECOMMENDATION

“no safe level” - “low risk”

20 – 30 gr/day in healthy man

10 gr/day in healthy women

European Code Against Cancer,
Boyle et al; Ann Oncol 2003

28 gr /day in healthy man

14 gr / day in healthy women

US Departments of Agriculture and Health
and Human Services; July 2009

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“THE ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY A THRESHOLD LEVEL OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BELOW WHICH NO INCREASE RISK FOR CANCER IS EVIDENT “

Bagnardi et al, Alcohol Research and Health 2001

Institute National du cancer, Paris 2007

World Cancer Research Fund, American Institute for Cancer Research, 2010

IARC, 2010

Association of European Cancer Leagues, 2011



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