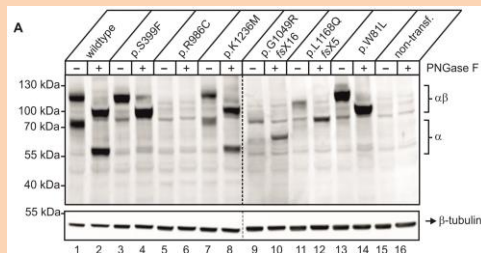


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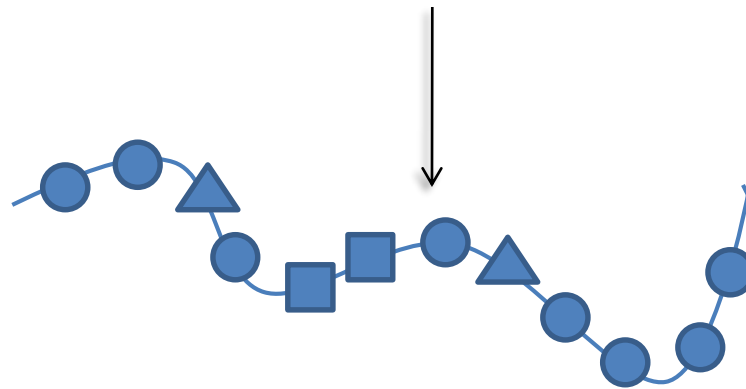


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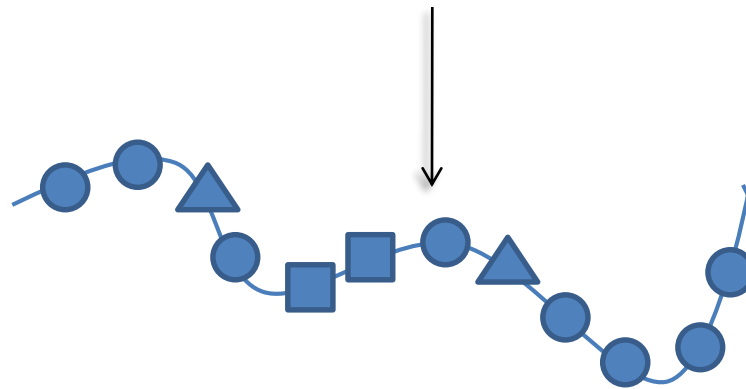
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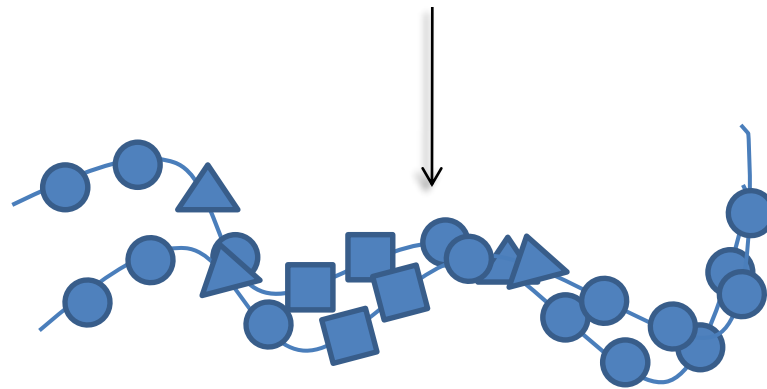
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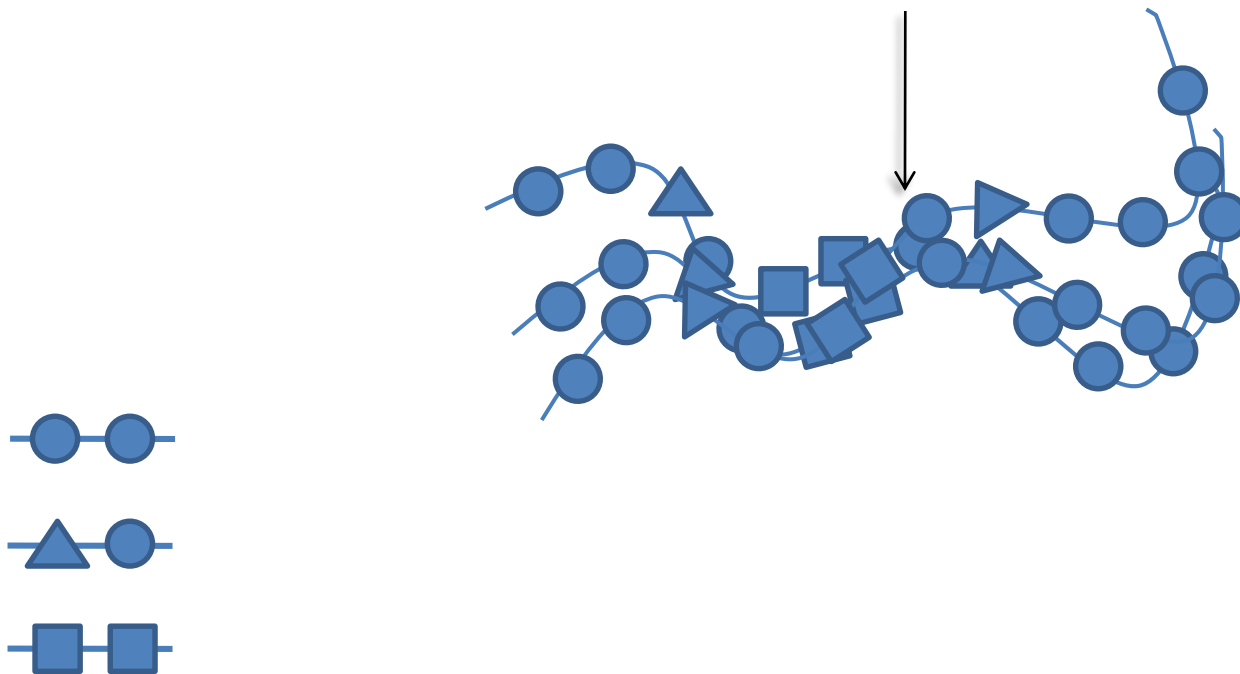
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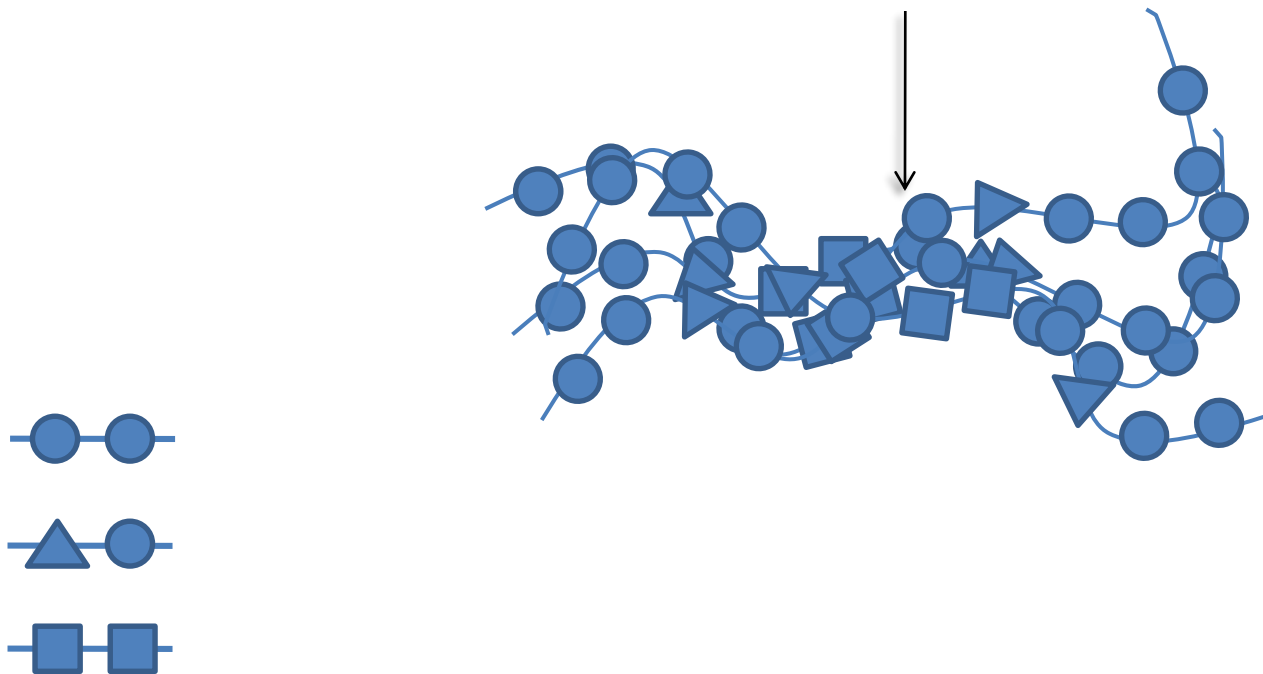
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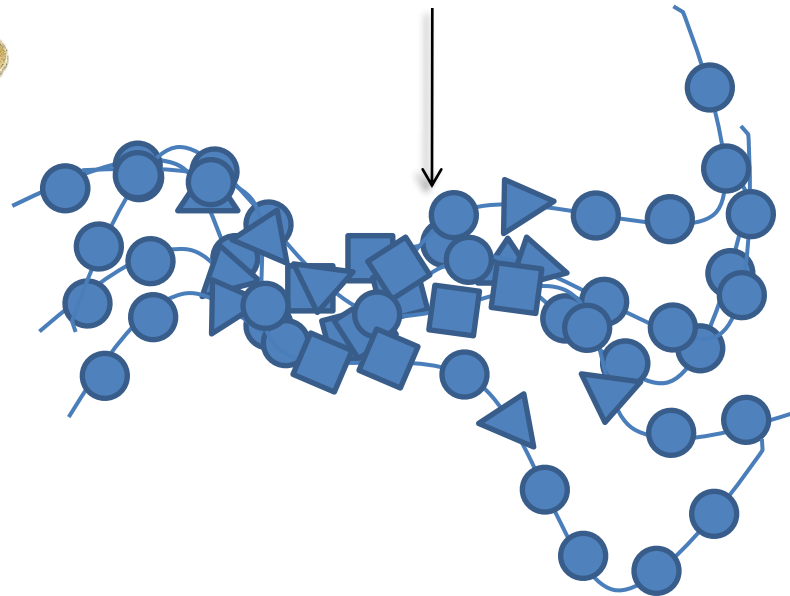
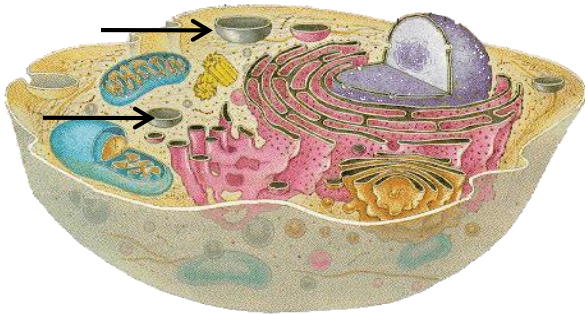
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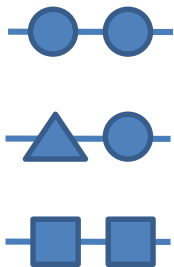
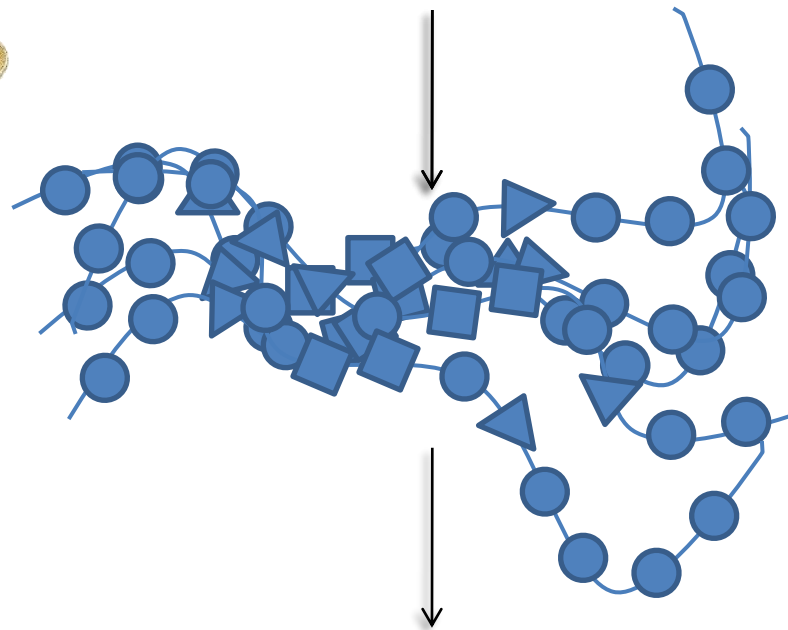
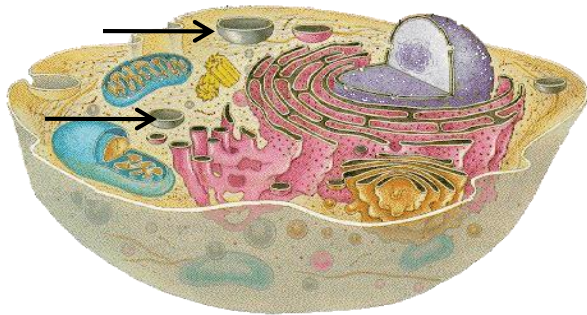
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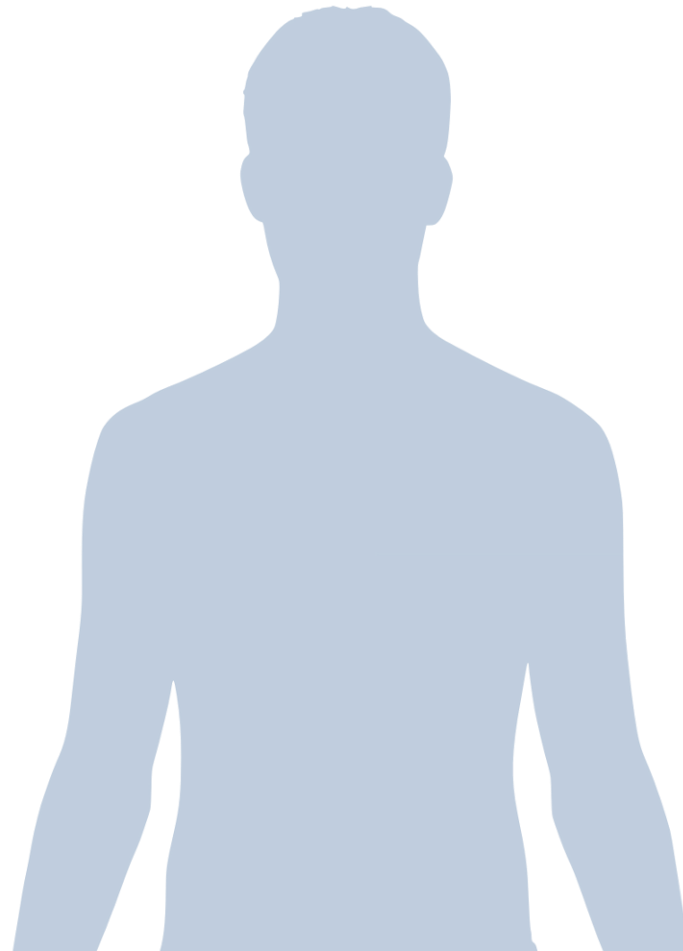
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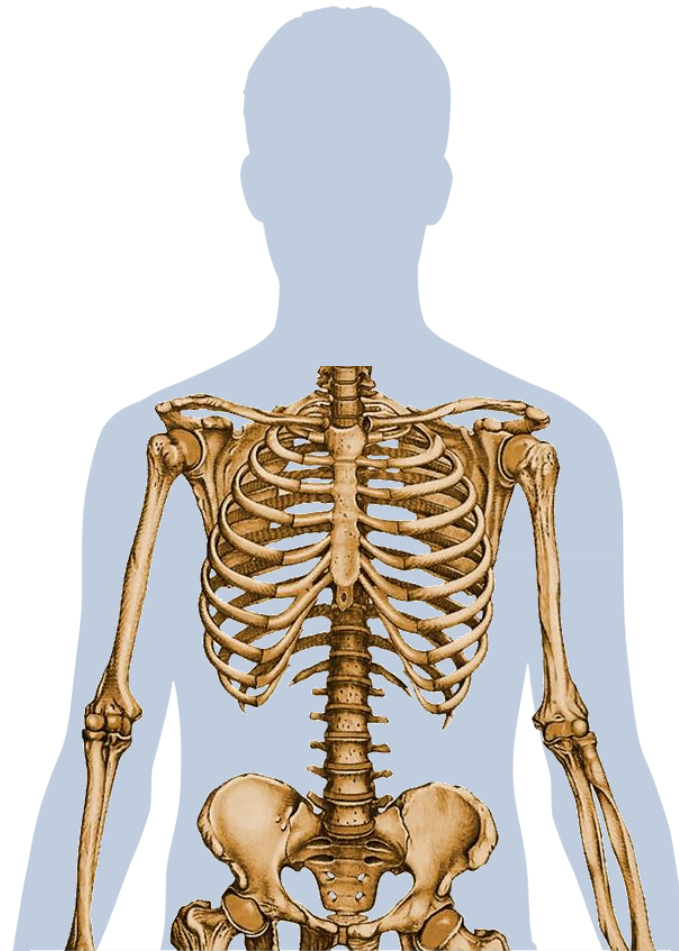
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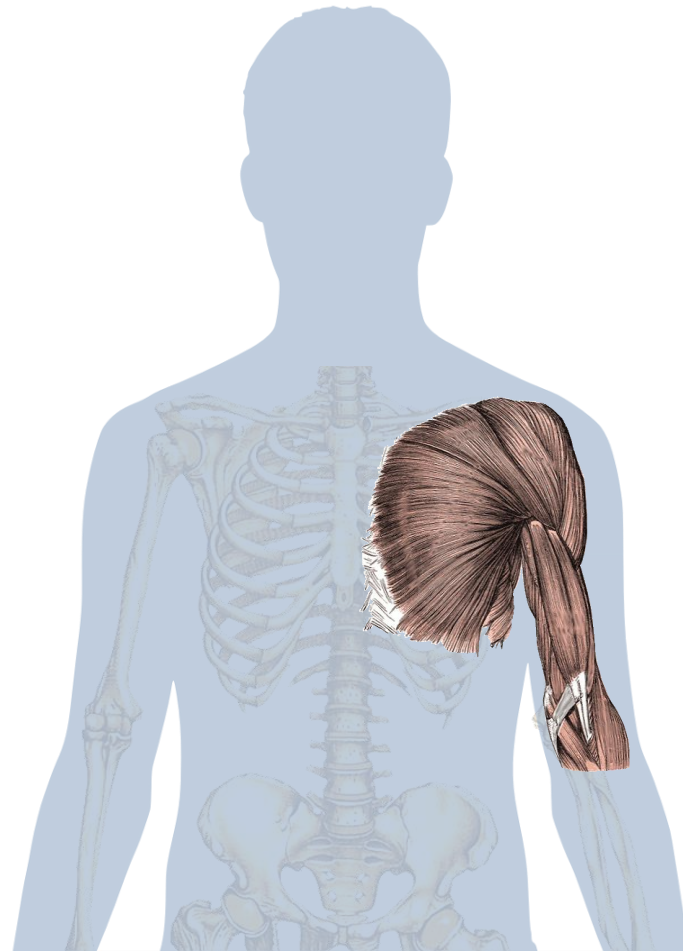
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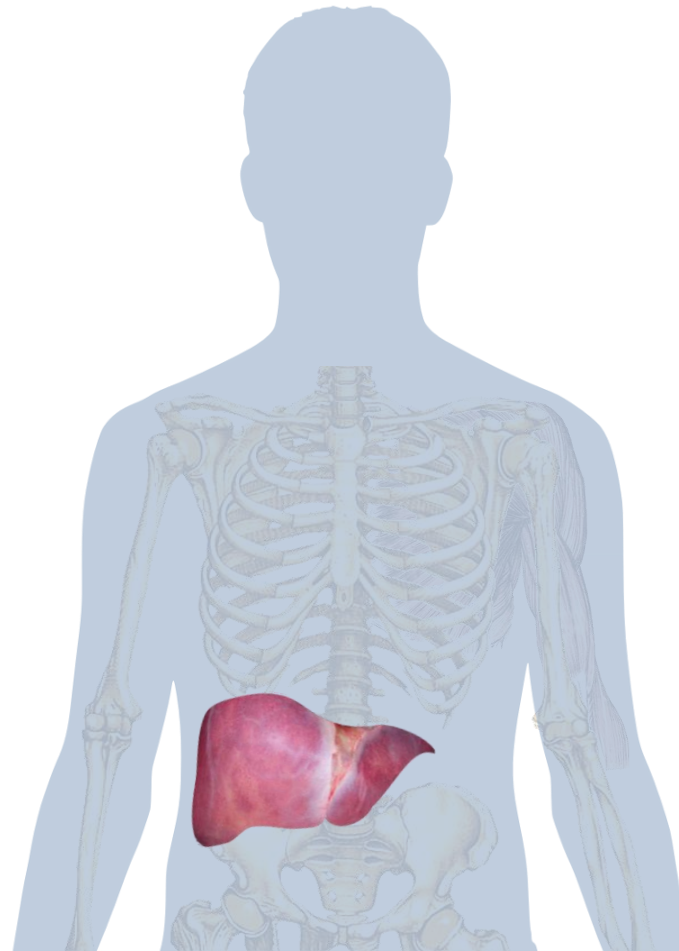
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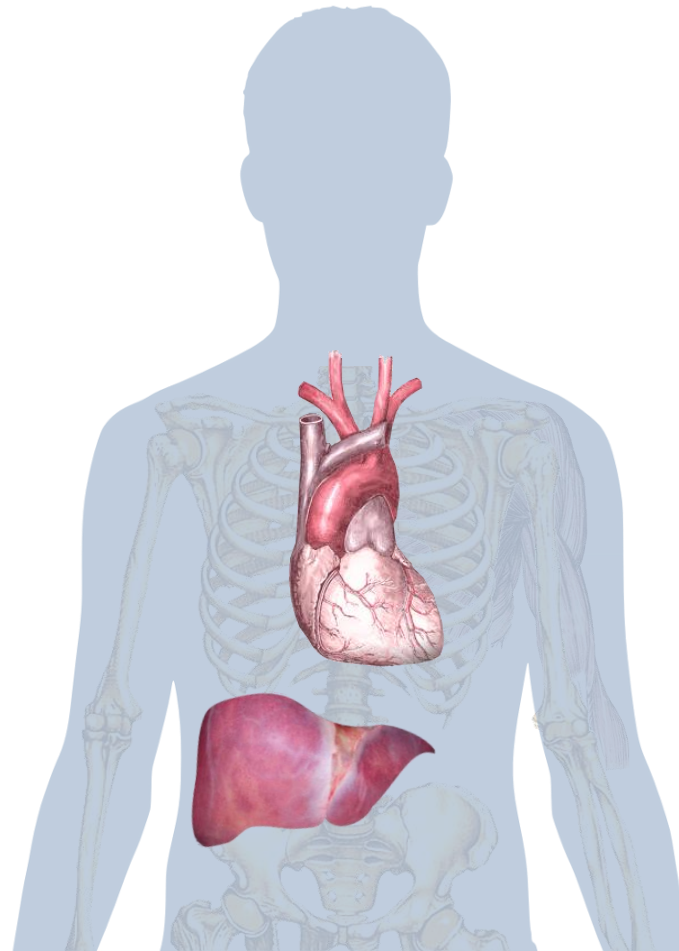
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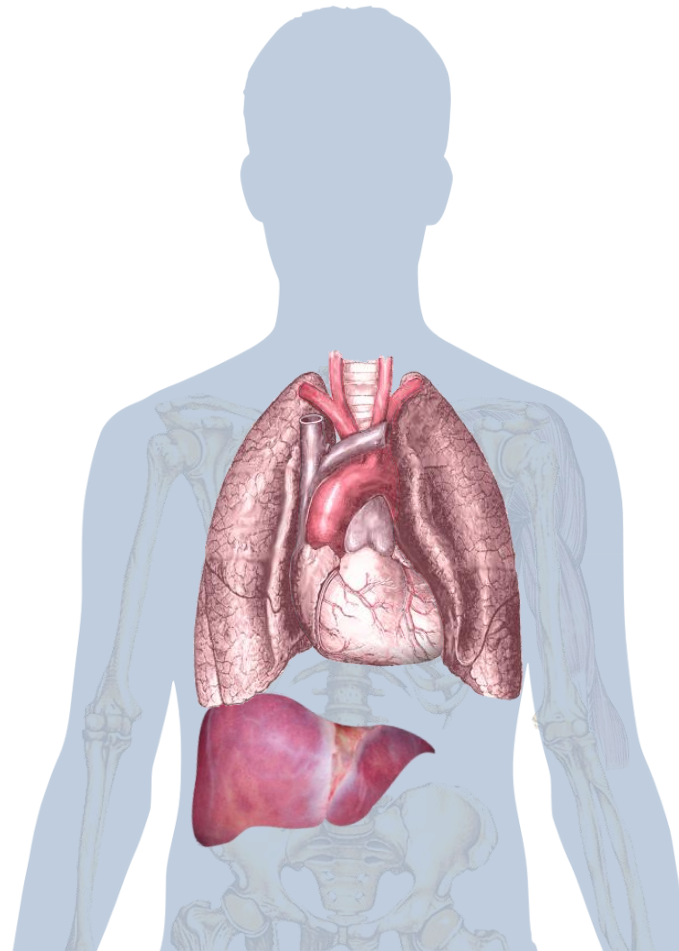
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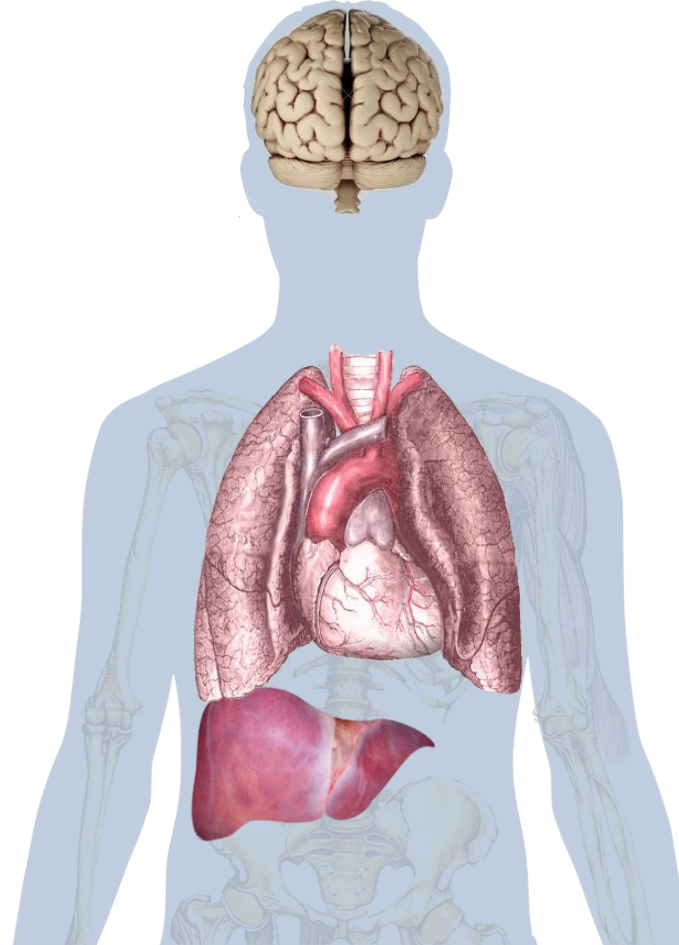
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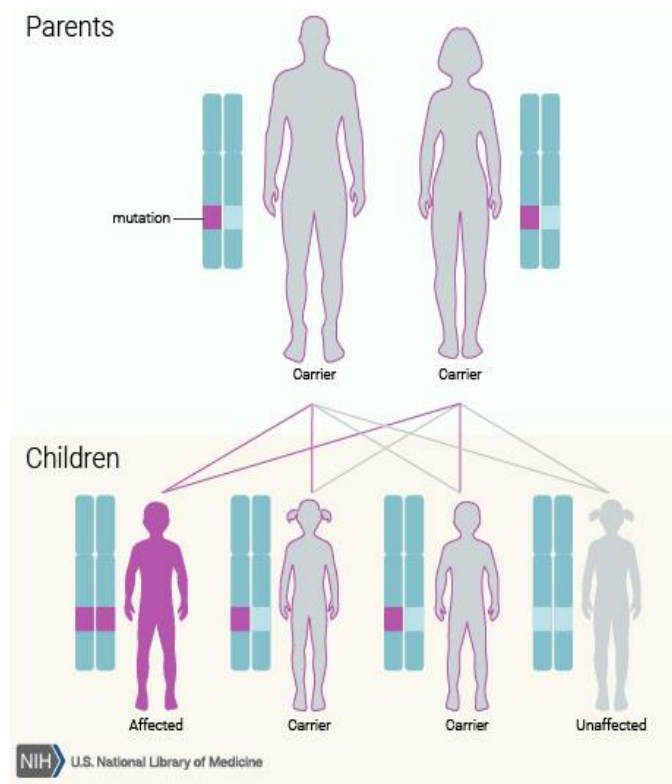
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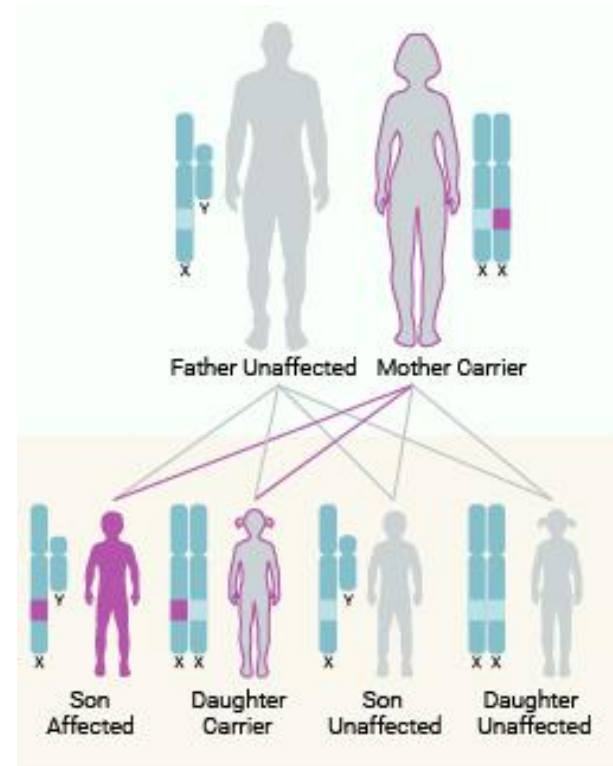


# Mode of Inheritance

## Autosomal recessive



## X-linked recessive (only MPS II)



# MPS patients' needs/problems

## Diagnosis



## Therapy



# Molecular study of Portuguese patients

## MPS II

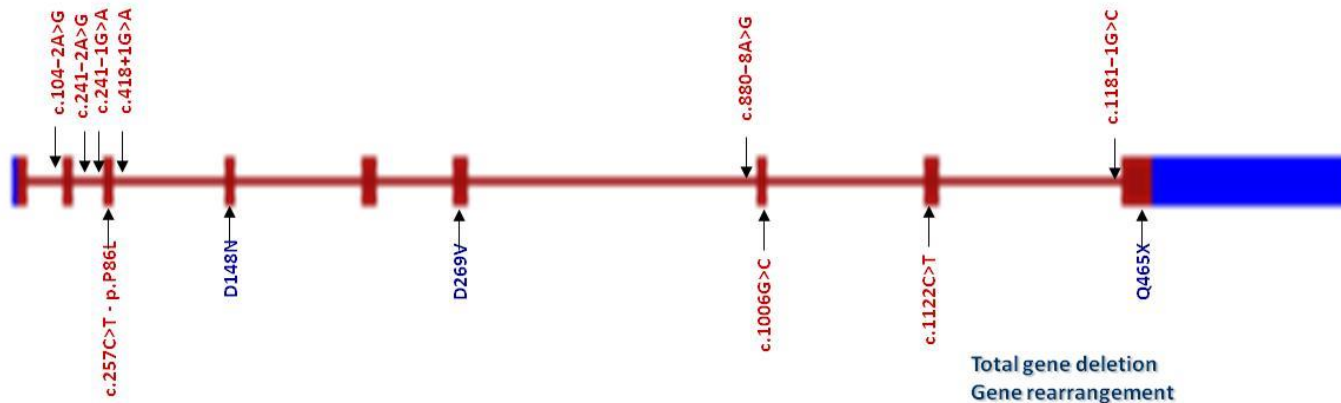
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16 unrelated Portuguese patients;  
15 different mutations;



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## MPS IIIA and IIB

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### Short Report

Molecular analysis of mucopolysaccharidosis type IIB in Portugal: evidence of a single origin for a common mutation (R234C) in the Iberian Peninsula

11 Portuguese patients;  
5 novel mutations.

Frequent mutation: R234C (also in Spanish patients)



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## MPS IIIC

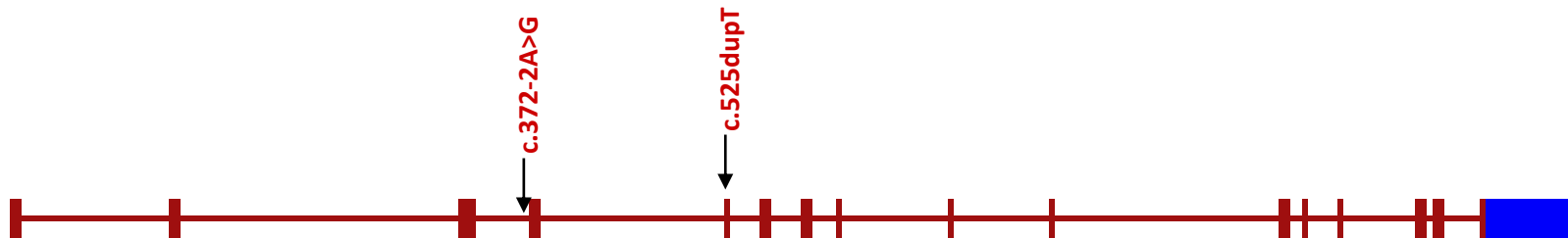
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### Letter to the Editor

Molecular characterization of Portuguese patients with mucopolysaccharidosis IIIC: two novel mutations in the *HGSNAT* gene

3 patients;  
2 novel mutations.



# Molecular study of Tunisian patients

## Update of the spectrum of mucopolysaccharidoses type III in Tunisia: identification of three novel mutations and *in silico* structural analysis of the missense mutations

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*Porto, Portugal*

Original article

**Background:** Mucopolysaccharidoses type III (MPS III) are a group of autosomal recessive lysosomal storage diseases, caused by mutations in genes that code for enzymes involved in the lysosomal degradation of heparan sulphate: heparan sulfate sulfamidase (*SGSH*),  $\alpha$ -N-acetylglucosaminidase (*NAGLU*), heparan sulfate acetyl-CoA:  $\alpha$ -glucosaminide N-acetyltransferase (*HGSNAT*), and N-acetylglucosamine-6-sulfatase (*GNS*).

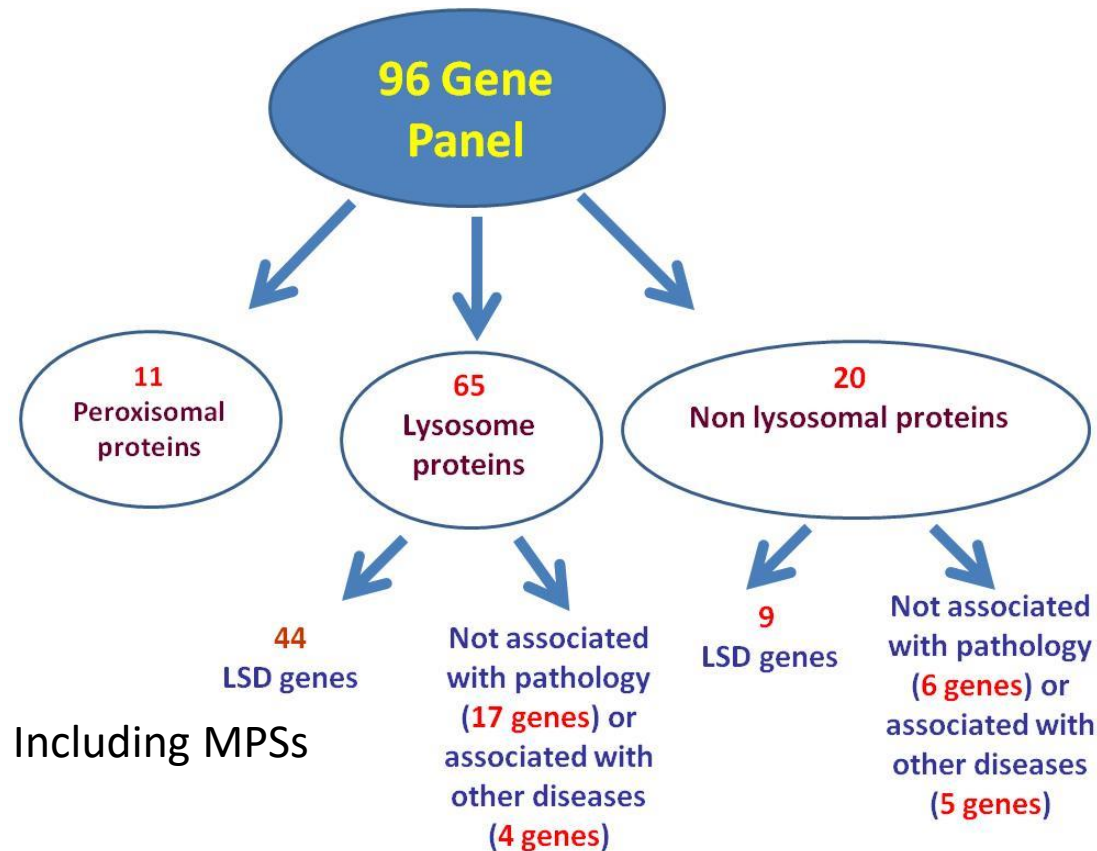
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**Conclusions:** Three novel mutations are reported here, further contributing to the knowledge of the molecular

# Molecular study of Portuguese patients

Next-generation-sequencing (NGS) as an approach for the diagnosis of LSDs

Our current NGS-based workflow gene panel seems to be a valid tool for the genetic analysis of the classical LSDs associated genes.



# Aparentemente saudáveis!



## PROJECTO **find**

A IMPORTÂNCIA DE UM DIAGNÓSTICO

A maioria das crianças com MPS não apresentam sintomas ao nascimento e o fenótipo progride com o tempo. O diagnóstico atempado deste tipo de doenças é essencial para modificar a sua evolução e poder proporcionar aconselhamento genético familiar.



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## Se suspeitar

Solicite **GRATUITAMENTE** um  
KIT de diagnóstico por e-mail para:  
**[projecto.find@gmail.com](mailto:projecto.find@gmail.com)**

As mucopolissacaridoses (MPS) são doenças de sobrecarga multissistémicas e progressivas que costumam AFECTAR:



**SISTEMA NERVOSO**

(atraso psicomotor, deteriorização cognitiva, alterações do comportamento)



**SISTEMA MÚSCULO-ESQUELÉTICO**

(disostose múltipla, contracturas, síndrome do túnel cárpico, cifoescoliose)



**ORGANOMEGALIAS**



**SISTEMA RESPIRATÓRIO** (constipações e otites recorrentes, hipoacusia, síndrome de apneia obstrutiva do sono)



**OLHOS** (opacidade da córnea, retinopatia)



**CORAÇÃO** (valvulopatia, miocardiopatia)



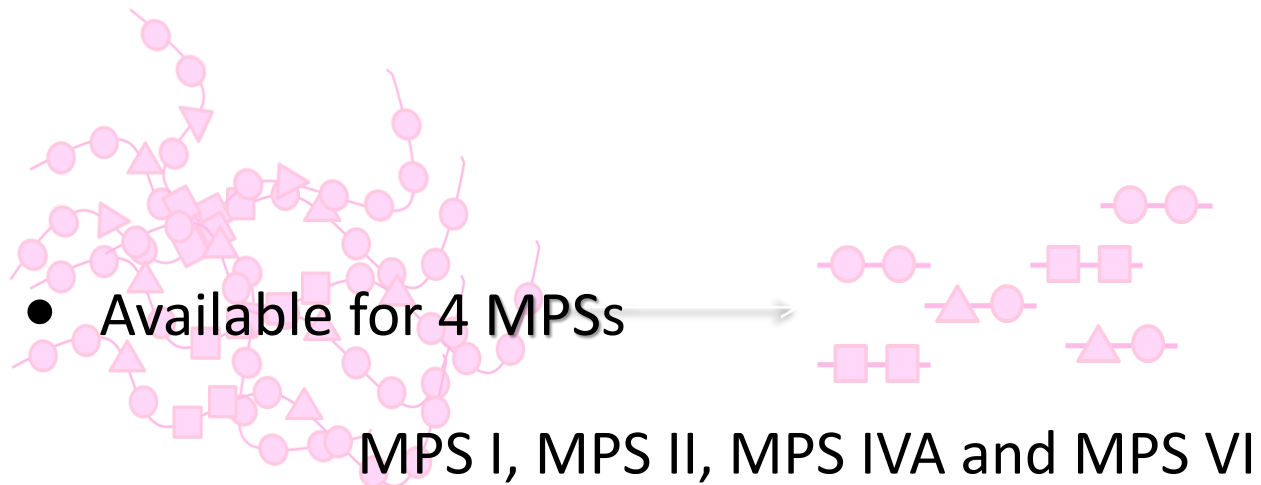
**TECIDO CONJUNTIVO** (hérnias)



**ROSTO** (fácies grosseiras)

# Available Therapies

## Enzyme Replacement Therapy



# Current limitations

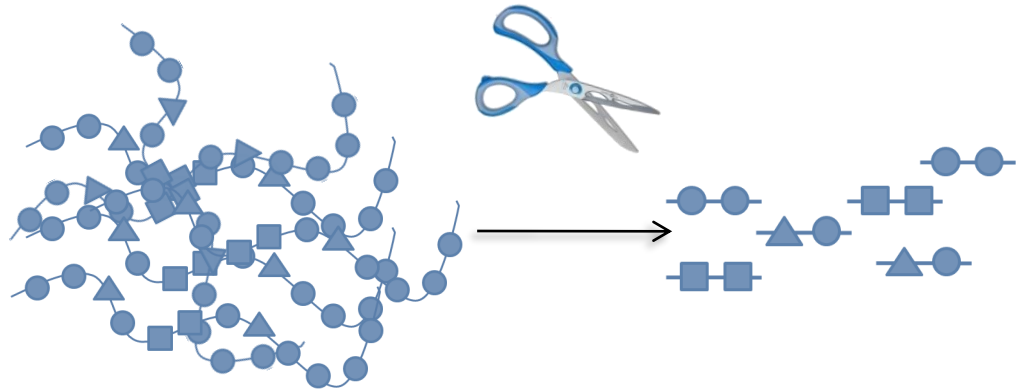
- Cost
- Lifelong dependance
- Ineffective for the CNS manifestations

*“With research, possibilities are limitless” ...*

- ‘Broader’ approaches  
*i.e. 1 therapy  $\Leftrightarrow$  1 disease*  
*(or even more!)*
- ‘Personalized’ approaches  
*i.e. 1 therapy for each mutation/  
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- ‘Broader’ approaches



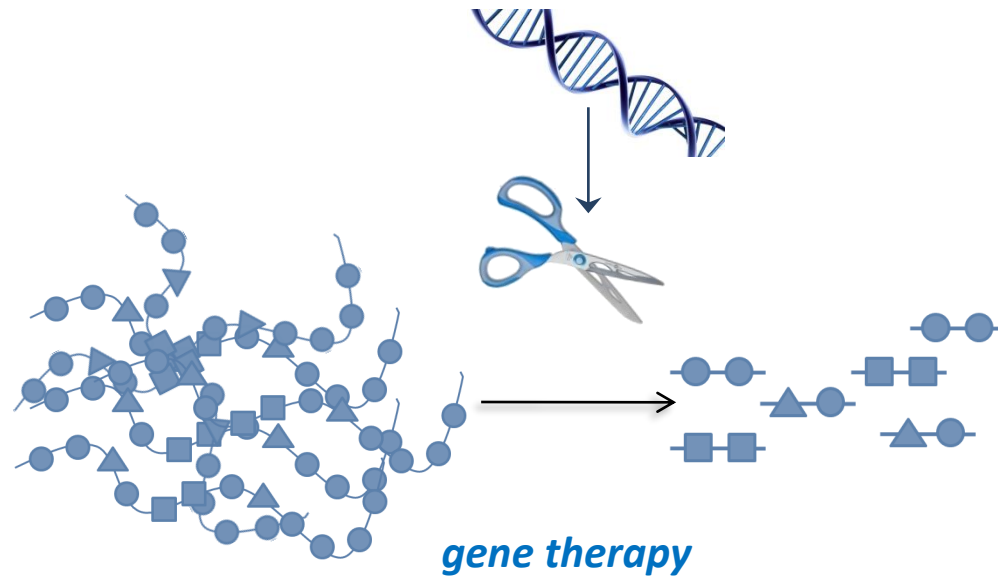
*enzyme replacement therapies*

*more effective*

*able to cross the BBB*

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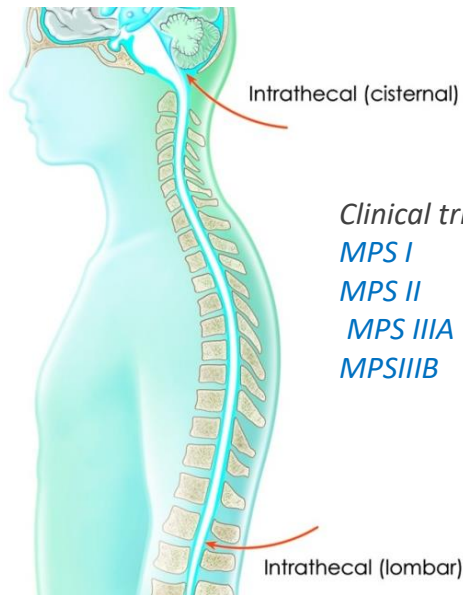


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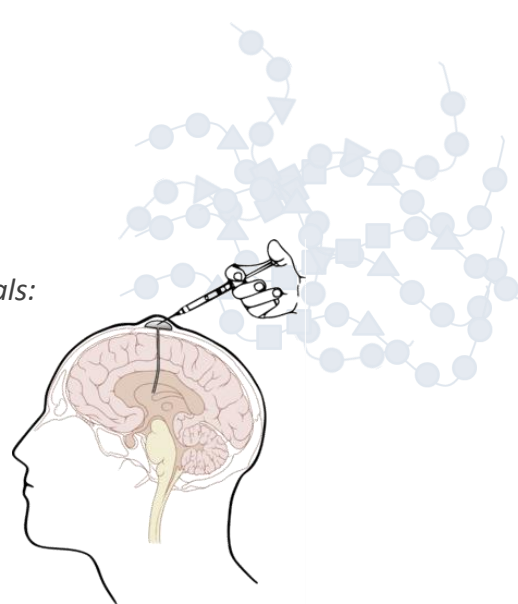
*Metachromatic leukodystrophy*

# “With research, possibilities are limitless” ...

- ‘Broader’ approaches  
*Final goal: brain*  
*How?*



Clinical trials:  
*MPS I*  
*MPS II*  
*MPS IIIA*  
*MPSIIIB*

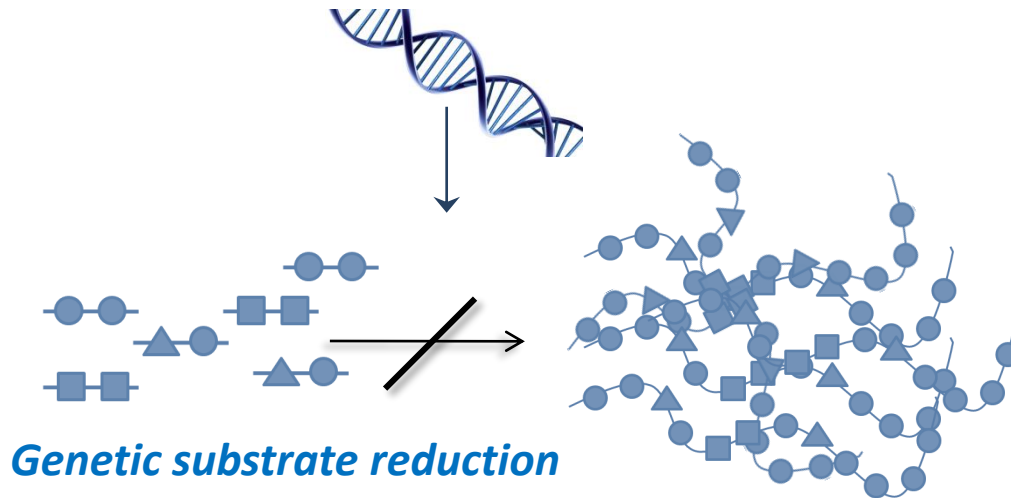


*intracerebroventricular injections*

- ✂ *Better vectors*  
*Modified viruses (non-pathogenic)*
- \* *retroviruses (RNA)*  
*Lentiviruses*
- \* *adenoviruses (DNA)*  
*‘adeno-associated’ viruses (AAV)*

# “With research, possibilities are limitless” ...

- ‘Broader’ approaches



Gaucher

Zavesca<sup>®</sup>  
(Miglustat; Actelion)

Cerdelga<sup>®</sup>  
(Eliglustat tartrate; Genzyme)

Niemann-Pick C

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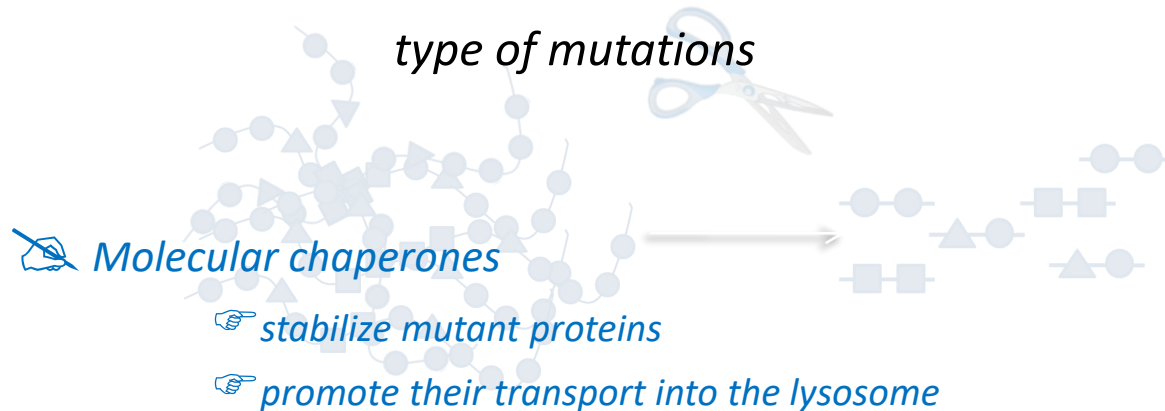
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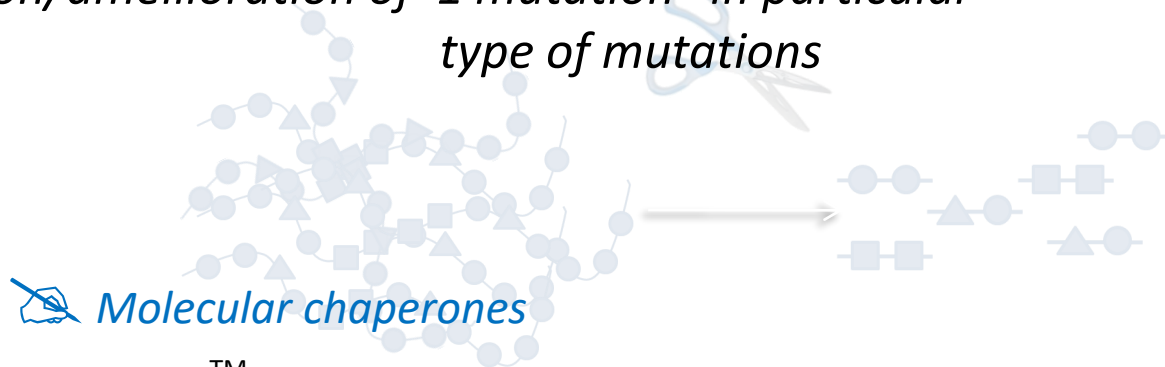
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 *Molecular chaperones*

Galafold™

(Migalastat; Amicus Therapeutics)



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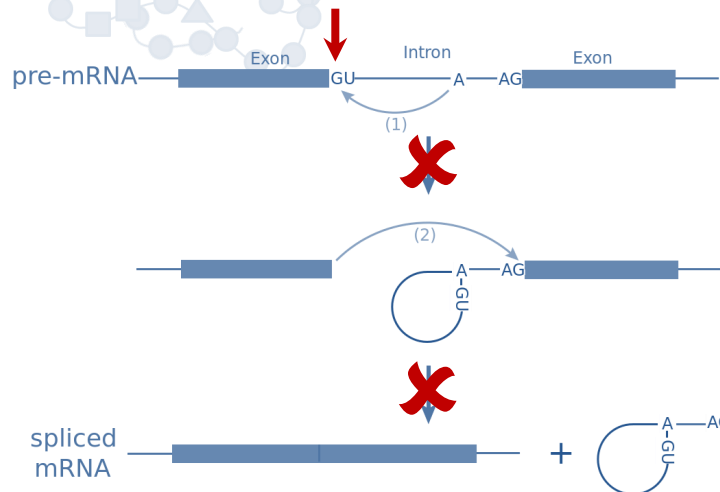
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 *Correction of splicing mutations*



# Our work at INSA...

- ‘Broader’ approaches
  - gSRT for MPS
- ‘Personalized’ approaches
  - correction of *splicing* mutations in different LSDs

## Common denominator:

Genetic-based therapies

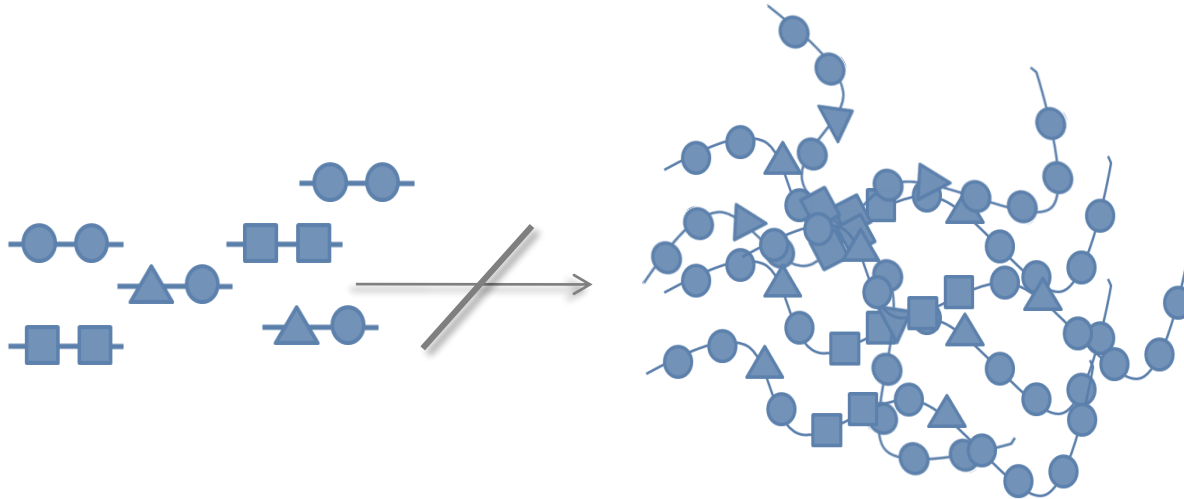
*RNA-based*

‘Easy’ to test at a cellular level – 1<sup>st</sup> stage

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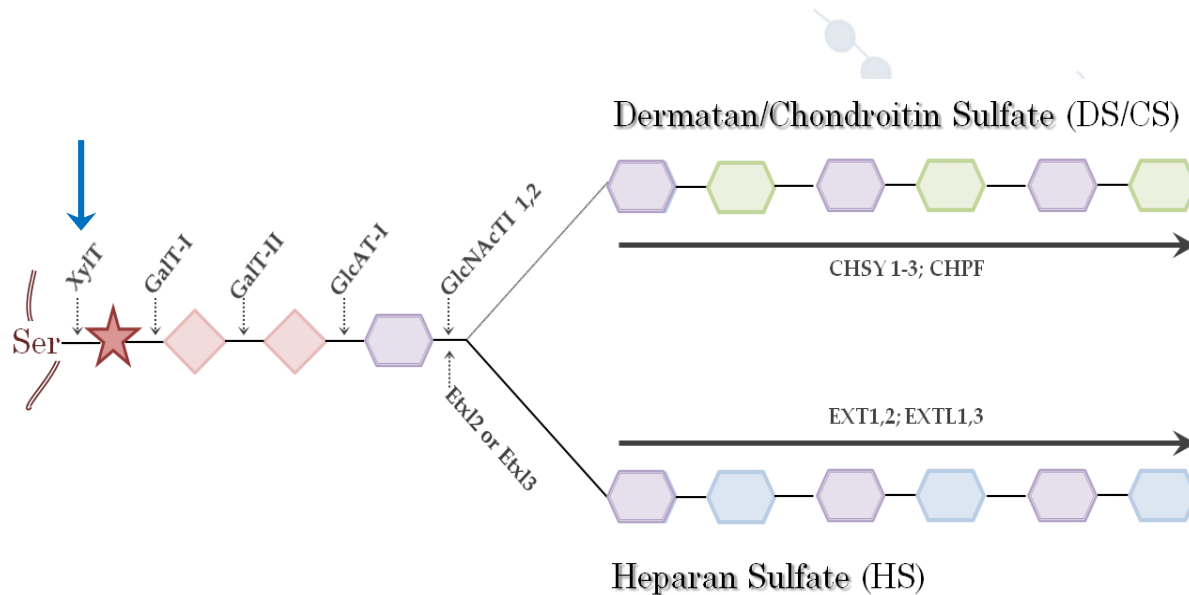


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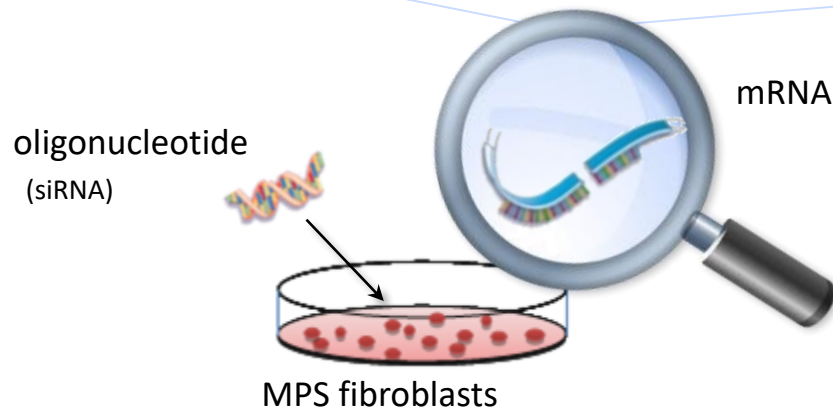
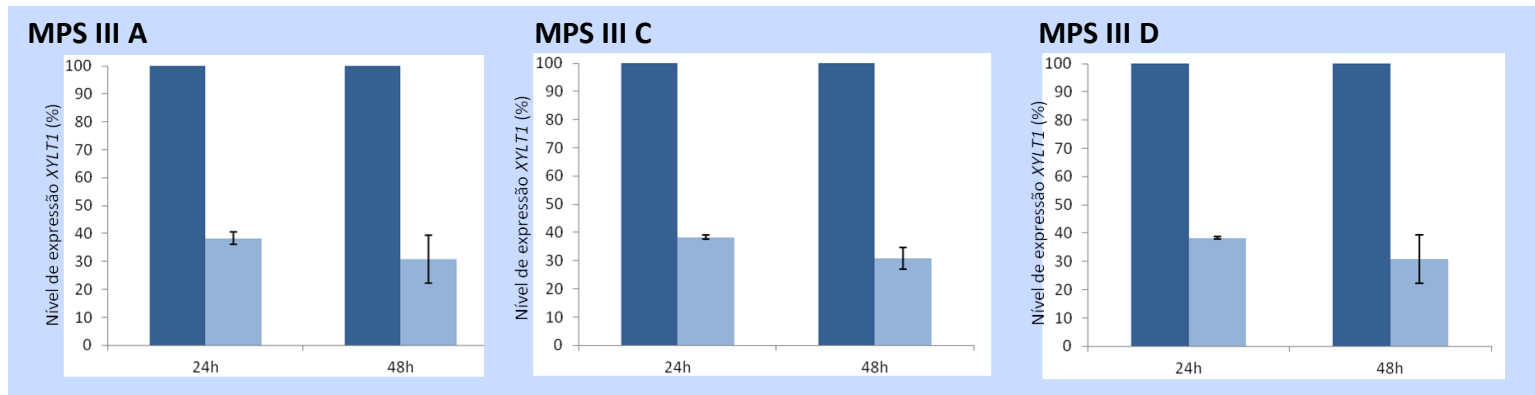
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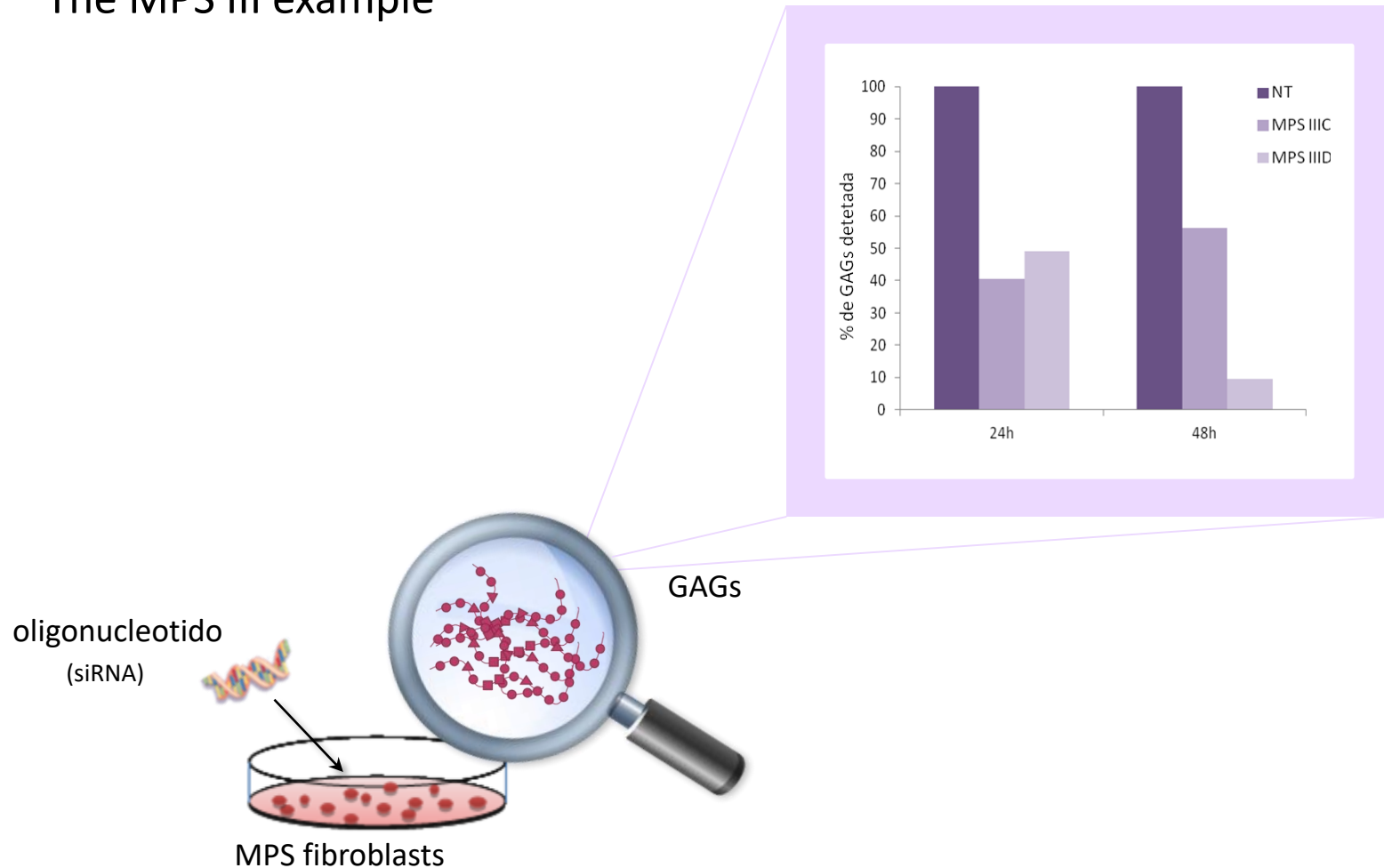
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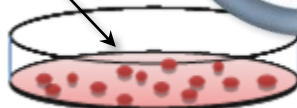
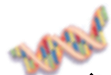


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*Promising results!*

*Reasons to keep studying...*

siRNA



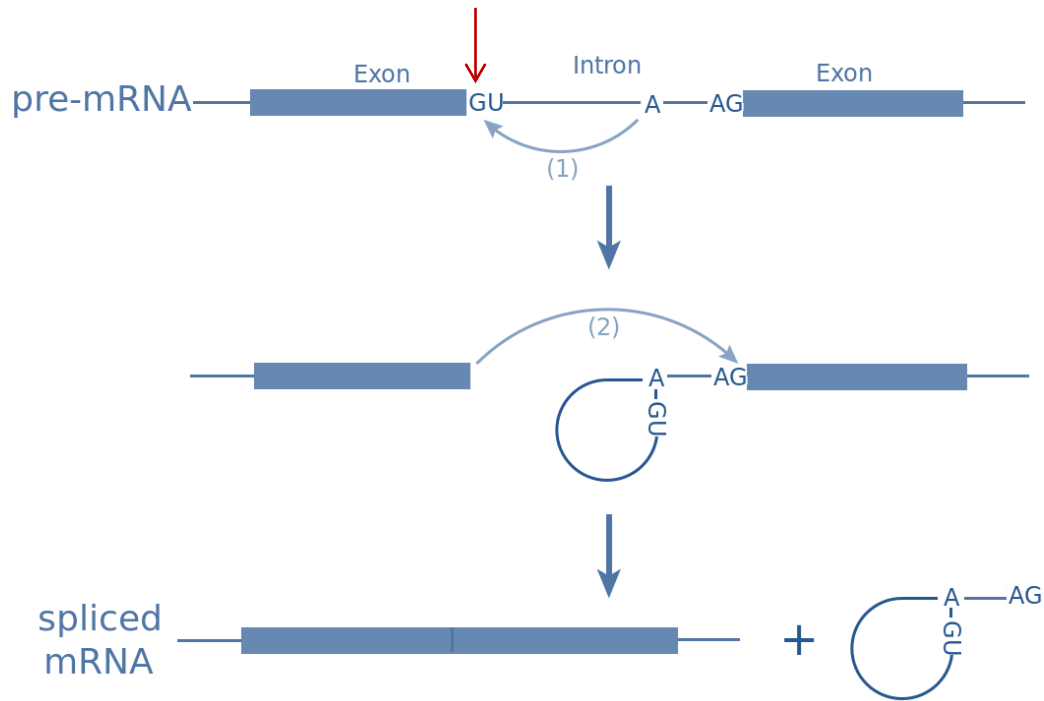
MPS III fibroblasts



# *Splicing* Therapies for LSD



- 'Personalized' approach



# *Splicing* Therapies for LSD

- The MPS example

- MPS III C

- *Splicing* mutations → frequent (~20%)

↪ 1 quite frequente in

Portuguese  
Spanish  
Morrocan

| patients



**c.234+1G>A**



*good motifs to attempt splicing correction as a therapeutic approach!*

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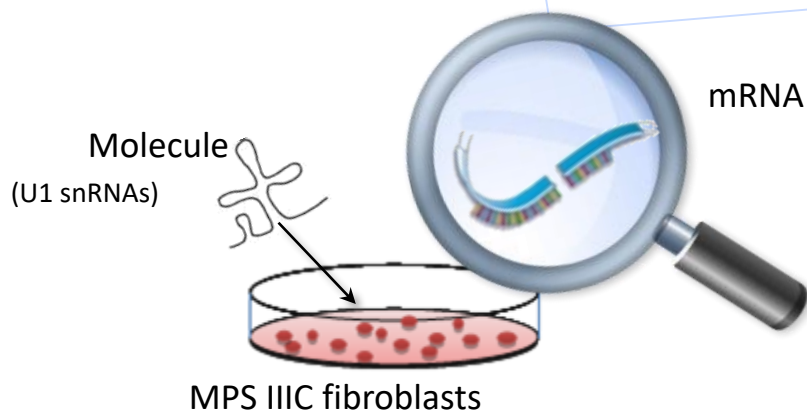
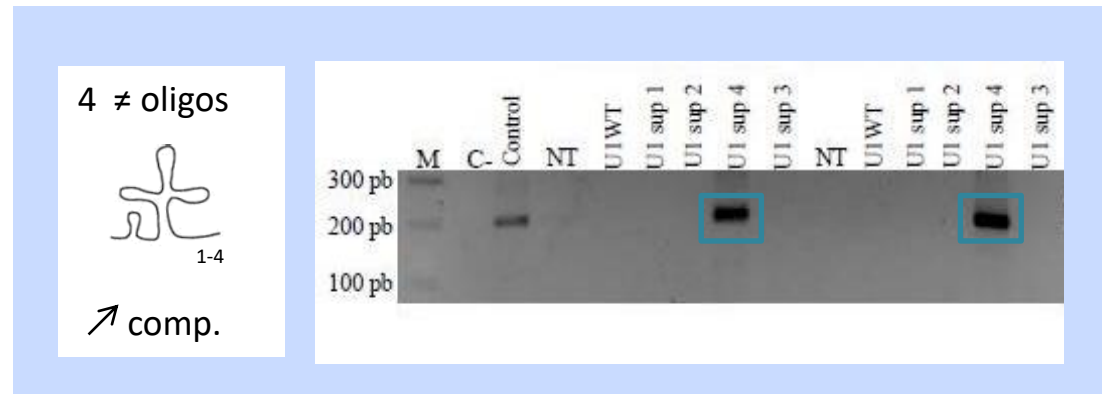
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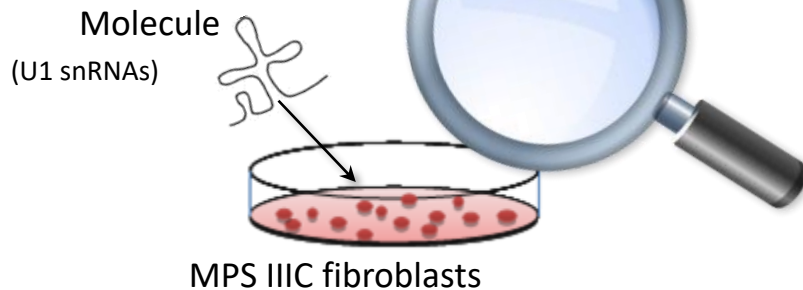


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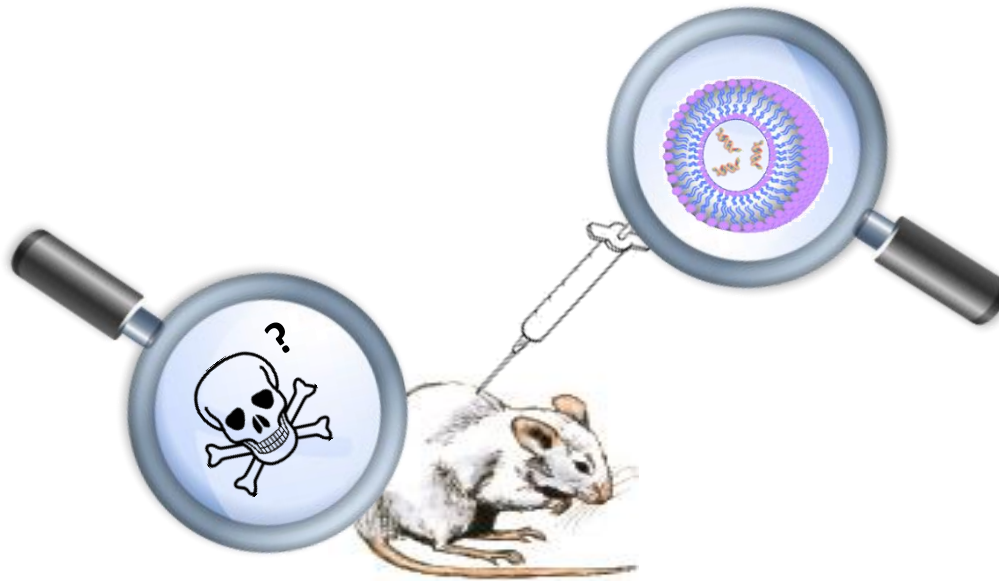
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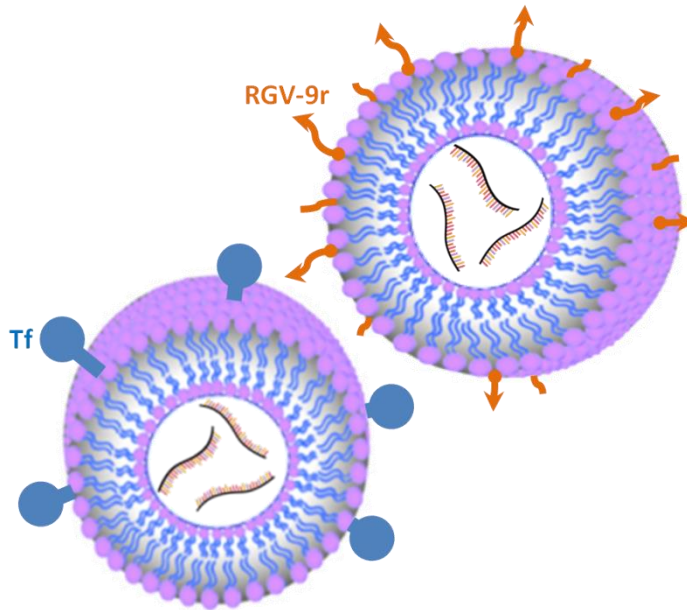
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- Design a proper siRNA delivery strategy for therapeutic purposes



- Coupling of specific ligands to siRNA-carrying liposomes
  - Transferrin (Tf)
  - Rabies virus peptide derivative (RGV-2r)

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