



# Animal model for liver disease

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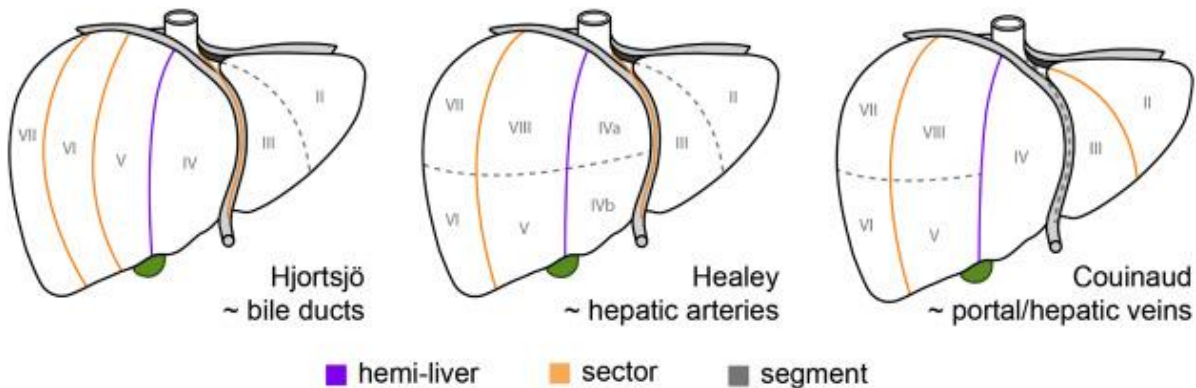
Introduction

Liver  
disease

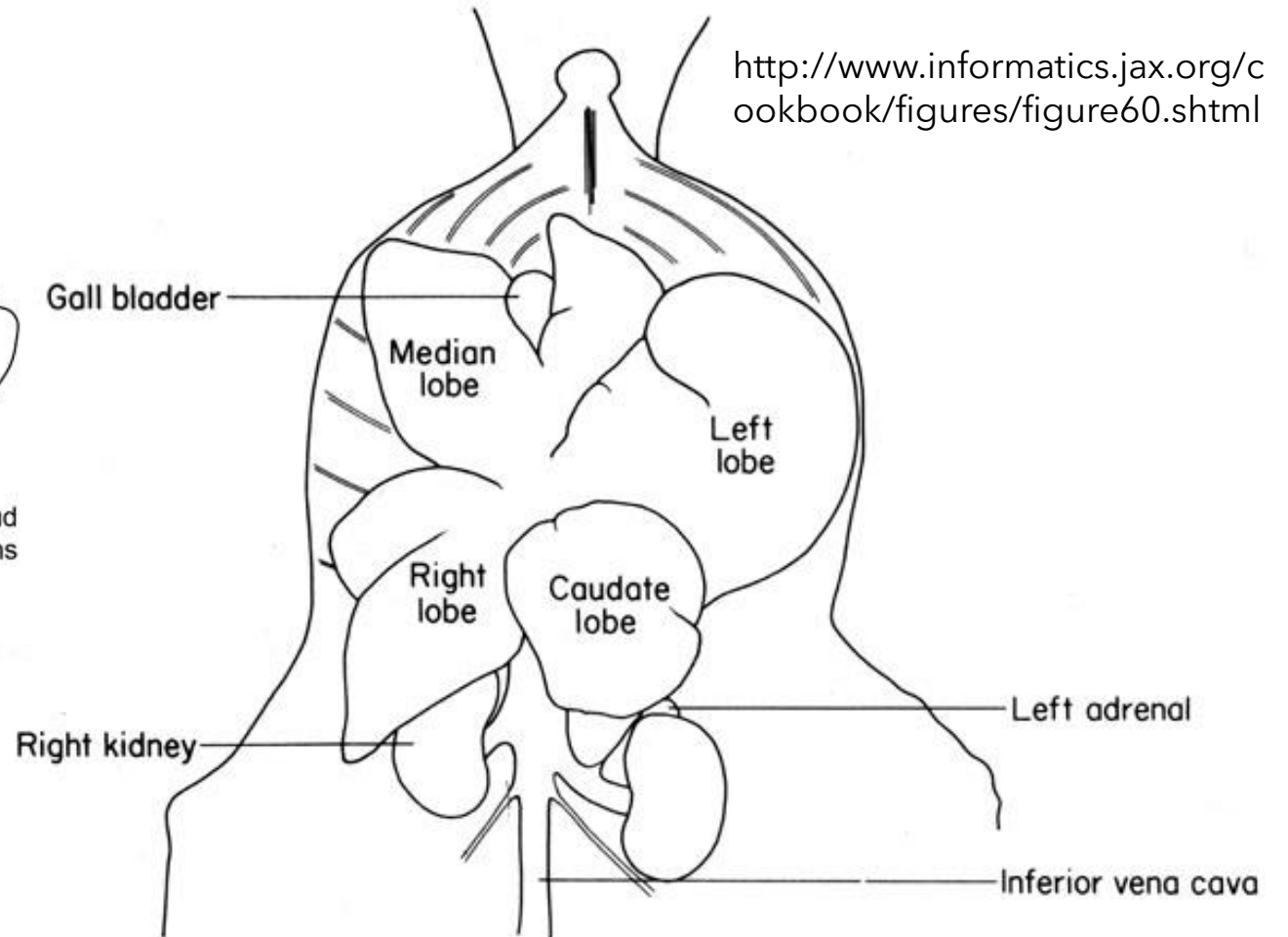
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# I. Introduction

- Liver gross anatomy



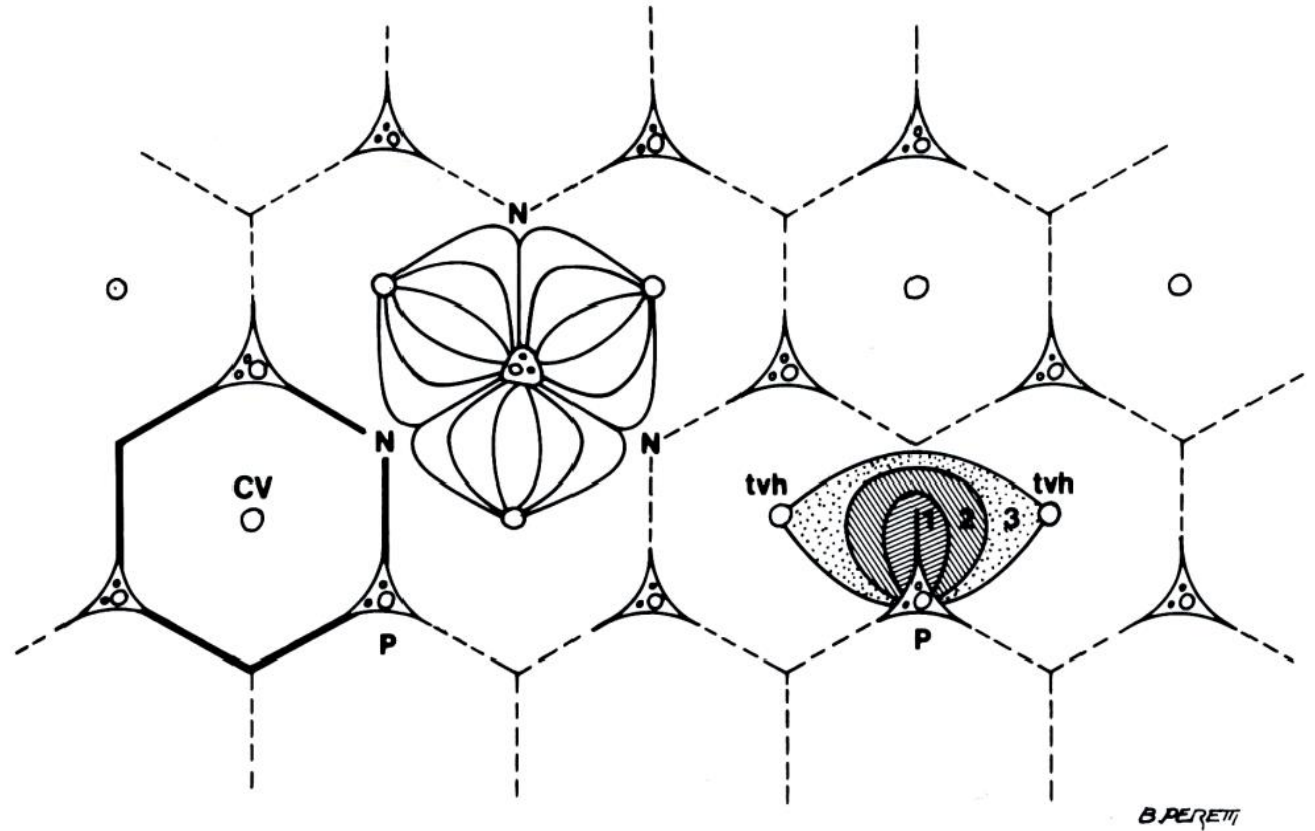
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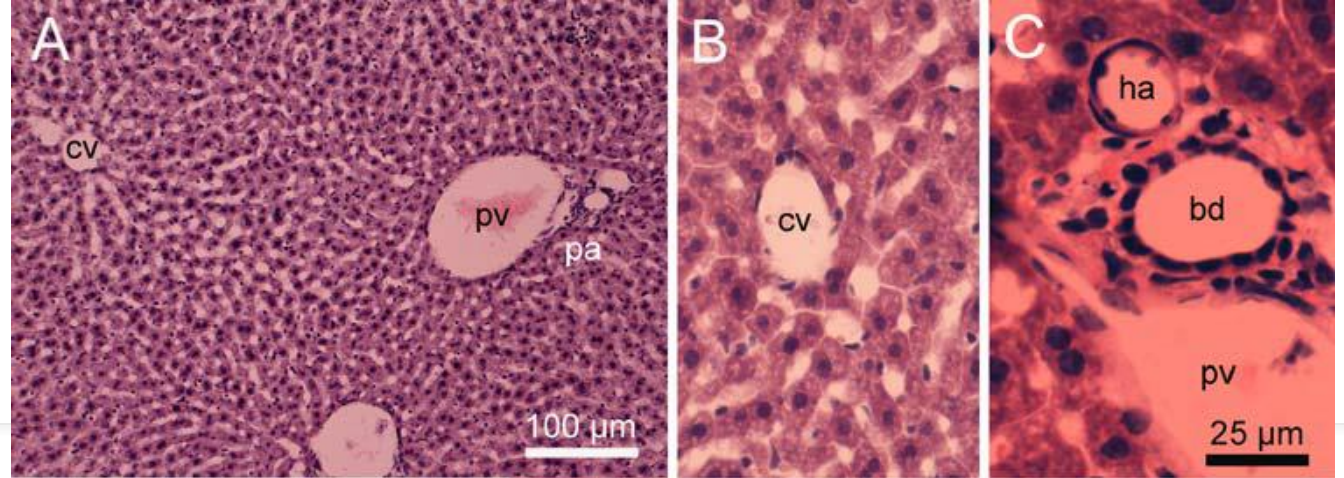
# I. Introduction

The microscopic architecture:  
lobule/unit/acinar

- Vascular
- Cell
- Matrix



Dieter Sasse 1992 Liver architecture



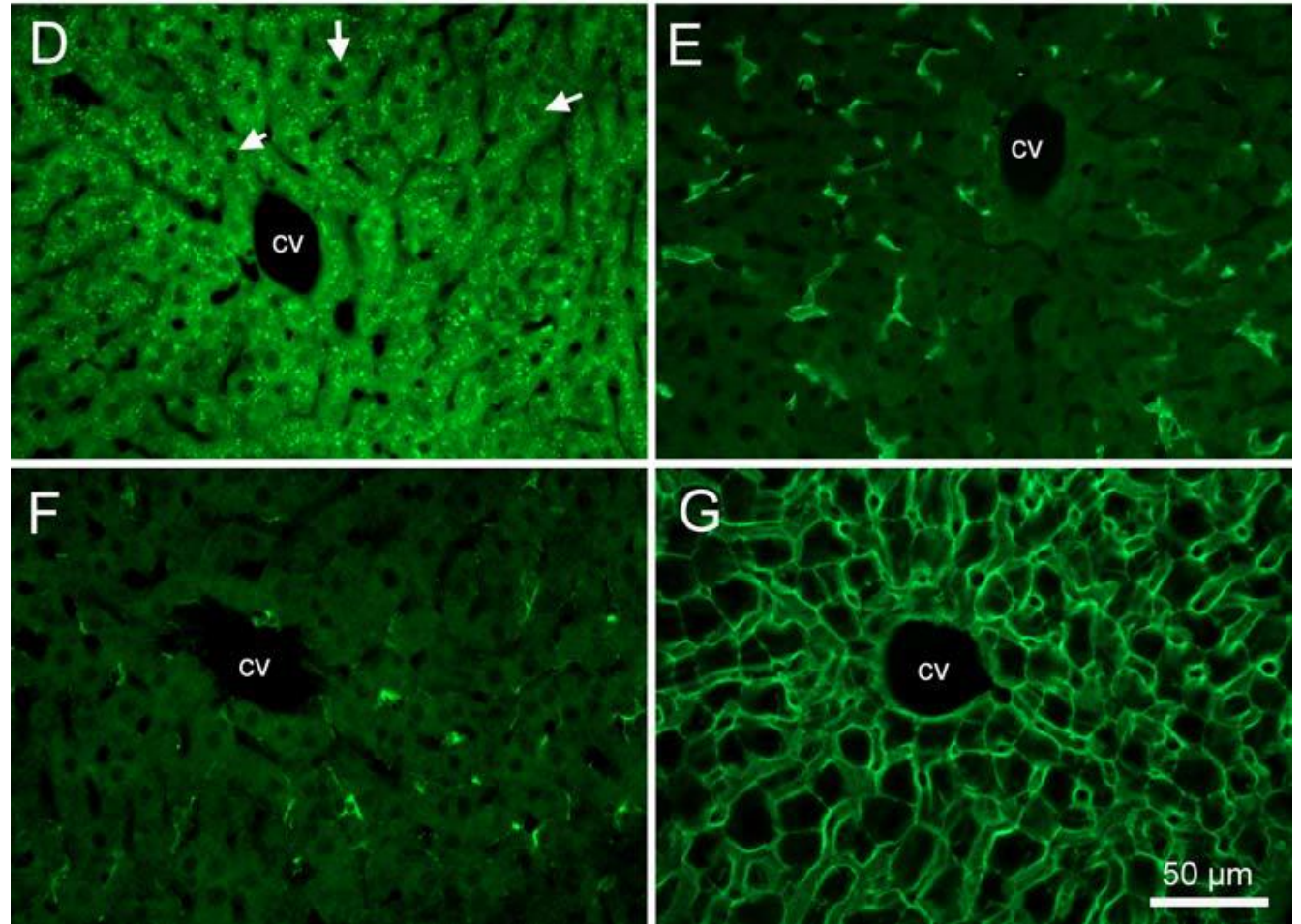
A B C: H&E

D: IHC Albumin

E: IHC F4-80

F: IHC GFAP

G: Tomato lectin





# I. Introduction

- Liver function: The liver plays a major role in metabolism
  - Storage: blood, glycogen, vitamin, ion...
  - Protein synthesis: Albumin, blood clot factor, hormone...
  - Modification, and excretion of exogenous and endogenous substances
  - The synthesis of cholesterol, bile salts, and phospholipids
  - The transformation of carbohydrates

## II. Liver disease

### Inherited hyperbilirubinemia

Gilbert syndrome

Crigler-Najjar syndrome, types I and II

Dubin-Johnson syndrome

Rotor syndrome

### Viral hepatitis

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis D

Hepatitis E

Others (mononucleosis, herpes, adenovirus hepatitis)

Cryptogenic hepatitis

## II. Liver disease

### Immune and autoimmune liver diseases

Primary biliary cirrhosis

Autoimmune hepatitis

Sclerosing cholangitis

Overlap syndromes

Graft-versus-host disease

Allograft rejection

### Genetic liver diseases

Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency

Hemochromatosis

Wilson disease

Benign recurrent intrahepatic cholestasis

Progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis

Others (galactosemia, tyrosinemia, cystic fibrosis, Neiman-Pick disease, Gaucher disease)

*Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 18th ed*



## II. Liver disease

### Vascular injury

Venoocclusive disease

Budd-Chiari syndrome

Ischemic hepatitis

Passive congestion

Portal vein thrombosis

Nodular regenerative hyperplasia

### Acute fatty liver of pregnancy

### Liver involvement in systemic diseases

Sarcoidosis

Amyloidosis

Glycogen storage diseases

Celiac disease

Tuberculosis

*Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare*

## II. Liver disease

### **Alcoholic liver disease**

Acute fatty liver

Acute alcoholic hepatitis

Laennec cirrhosis

### **Nonalcoholic fatty liver**

Steatosis

Steatohepatitis

### **Cholestatic syndromes**

Benign postoperative cholestasis

Jaundice of sepsis

Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)–induced jaundice

Cholestasis of pregnancy

Cholangitis and cholecystitis

Extrahepatic biliary obstruction (stone, stricture, cancer)

Biliary atresia

Caroli disease

Cryptosporidiosis

## II. Liver disease

### Drug-induced liver disease

Hepatocellular patterns (isoniazid, acetaminophen)

Cholestatic patterns (methyltestosterone)

Mixed patterns (sulfonamides, phenytoin)

Microvesicular and macrovesicular steatosis (methotrexate)

### Mass lesions

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Cholangiocarcinoma

Adenoma

Focal nodular hyperplasia

Metastatic tumors

Abscess

Cysts

Hemangioma

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## II. Liver disease



Acute or Chronic



Focal or Diffuse



Mild or Severe

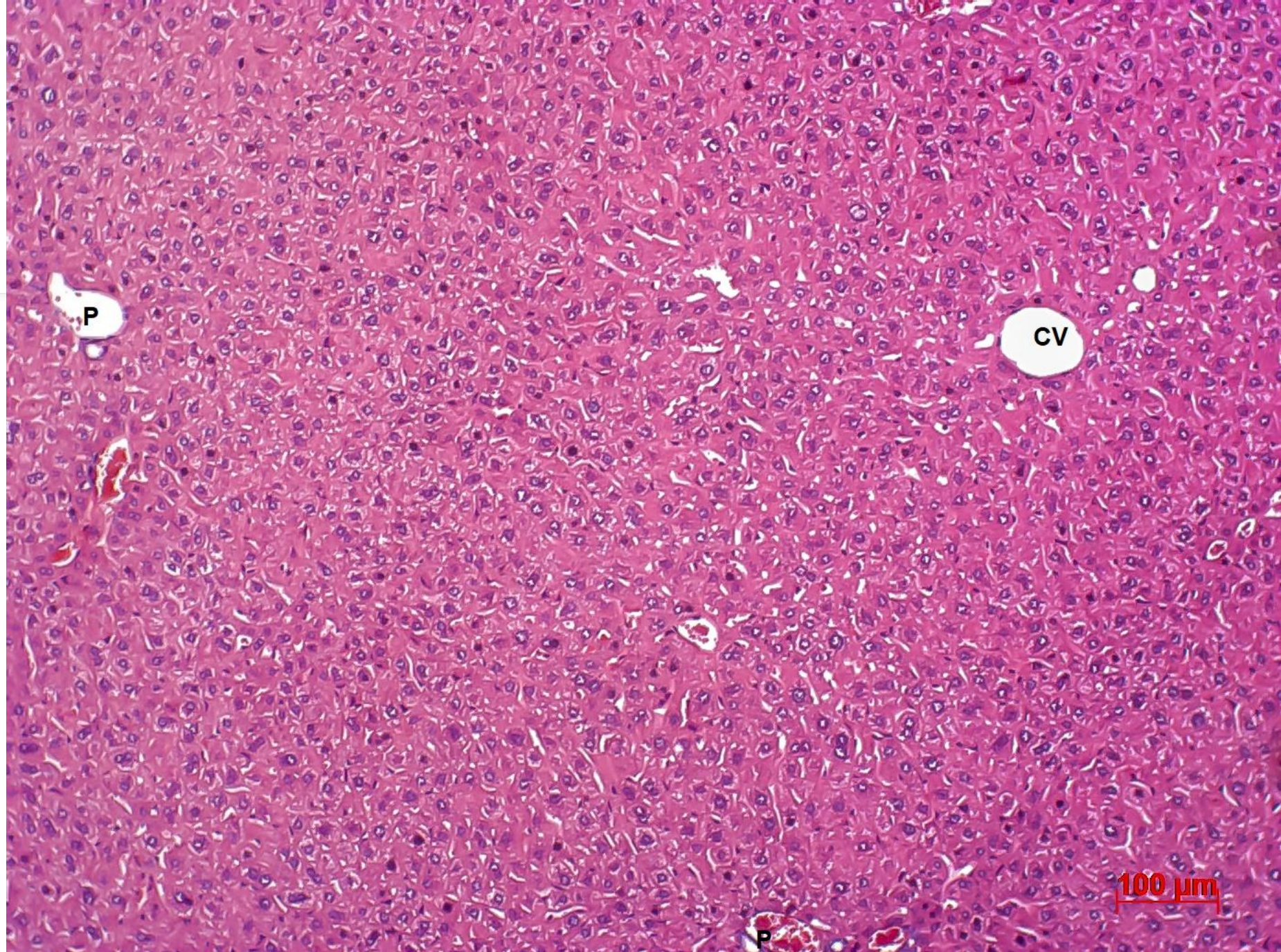


Reversible or Irreversible

## II. Liver disease: Lesions/Patterns

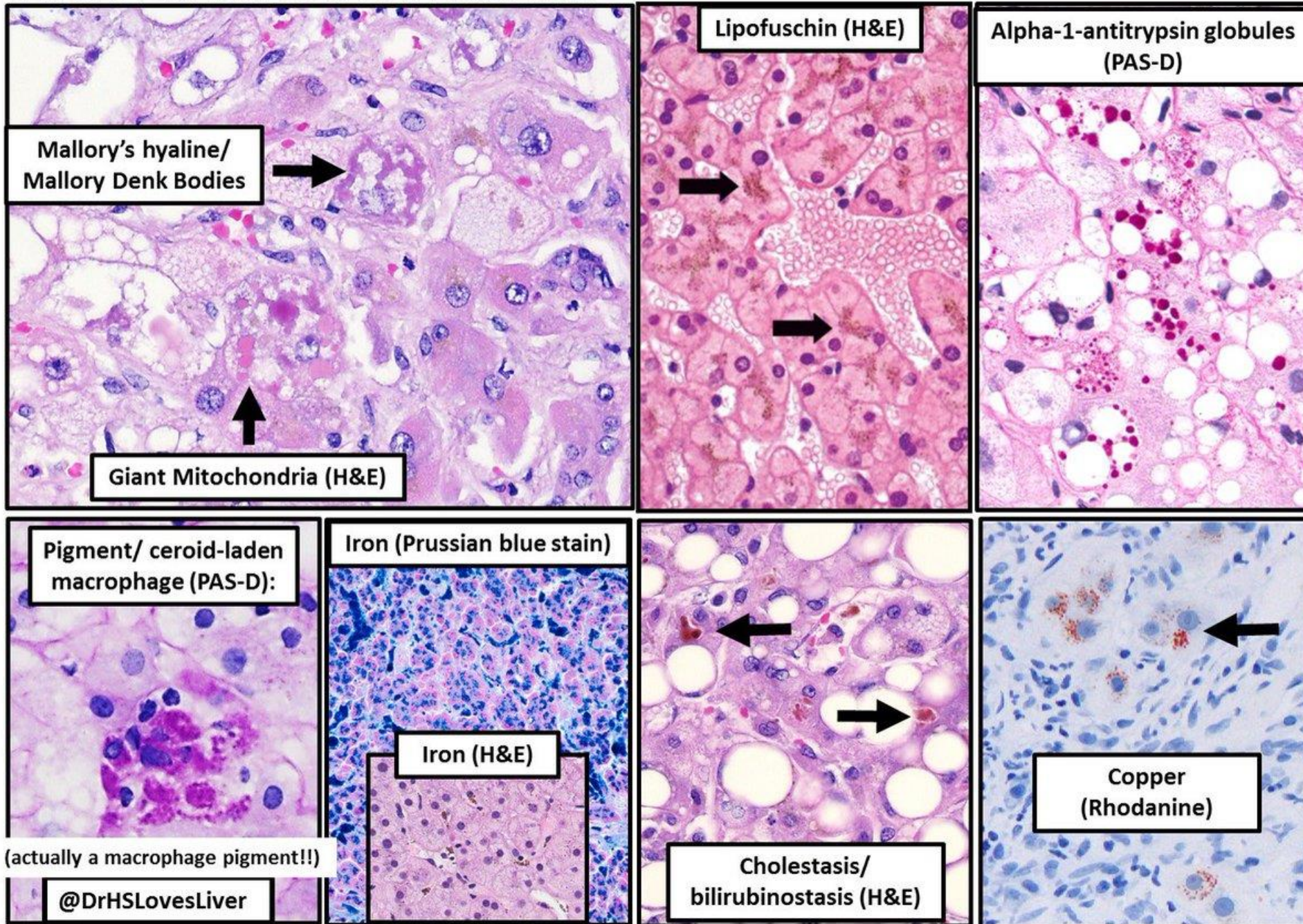
- **Cellular**
  - Cell changes: Pale/ Acidophil/ Ballooning-hydropic swelling/ Clear cell/Mallory bodies/ Hyaline/ Megamitochondria/ Mitochondriosis/ Sanded nuclei/ Cytomegalovirus (CMV) inclusions/ Herpes simplex viral inclusions/ Nuclear vacuolation/ Atrophy of hepatocytes/ Hypoxic vacuoles.
  - Necrosis: Acidophil body, Apoptosis, coagulative, lytic, confluent, bridging, central-central, portal central, surgical, Piecemeal, Lymphocytic piecemeal, Biliary, Fibrous, ductular piecemeal, Liver cell rosettes, focal, spotty, Emperipolesis.
  - Storage phenomena: Fatty/lipidosis, iron, copper, glycogen,  $\alpha$ 1-Antitrypsin, Fibrinogen, *Lipofuscin*, *The pigment in Dubin–Johnson syndrome*, *Ceroid pigment*, *Erythropoietic protoporphyria*.
- **Biliary and cholestatic**: visible bilirubin deposition, Portal and periportal changes.
- **Extracellular matrix = Fibrosis**: *Portal fibrosis, Concentric periductal fibrosis, Centrolobular (acinar zone 3) fibrosis, pericellular or perisinusoidal fibrosis, Perivenular fibrosis, Septal fibrosis, Primary/Secondary collapse, Hepatoportal sclerosis, Biliary fibrosis, Cirrhosis.*
- **Vascular change**: Hepatic artery, Afferent and efferent veins, Sinusoids and the space of Disse, Kupffer cell reaction and granuloma.
- **Histology**
  - Inflammation: *Lobular disarray, Acute hepatitis, Portal hepatitis, Periportal hepatitis, Central (centrolobular) hepatitis, Chronic lobular hepatitis.*
  - Regeneration: *Parenchymal giant cells (multinucleated hepatocytes), Liver cell dysplasia (dysplastic liver cells), Twin-cell plates, Nodular regeneration.*
- **Carcinoma: cancer neoplasia cell**





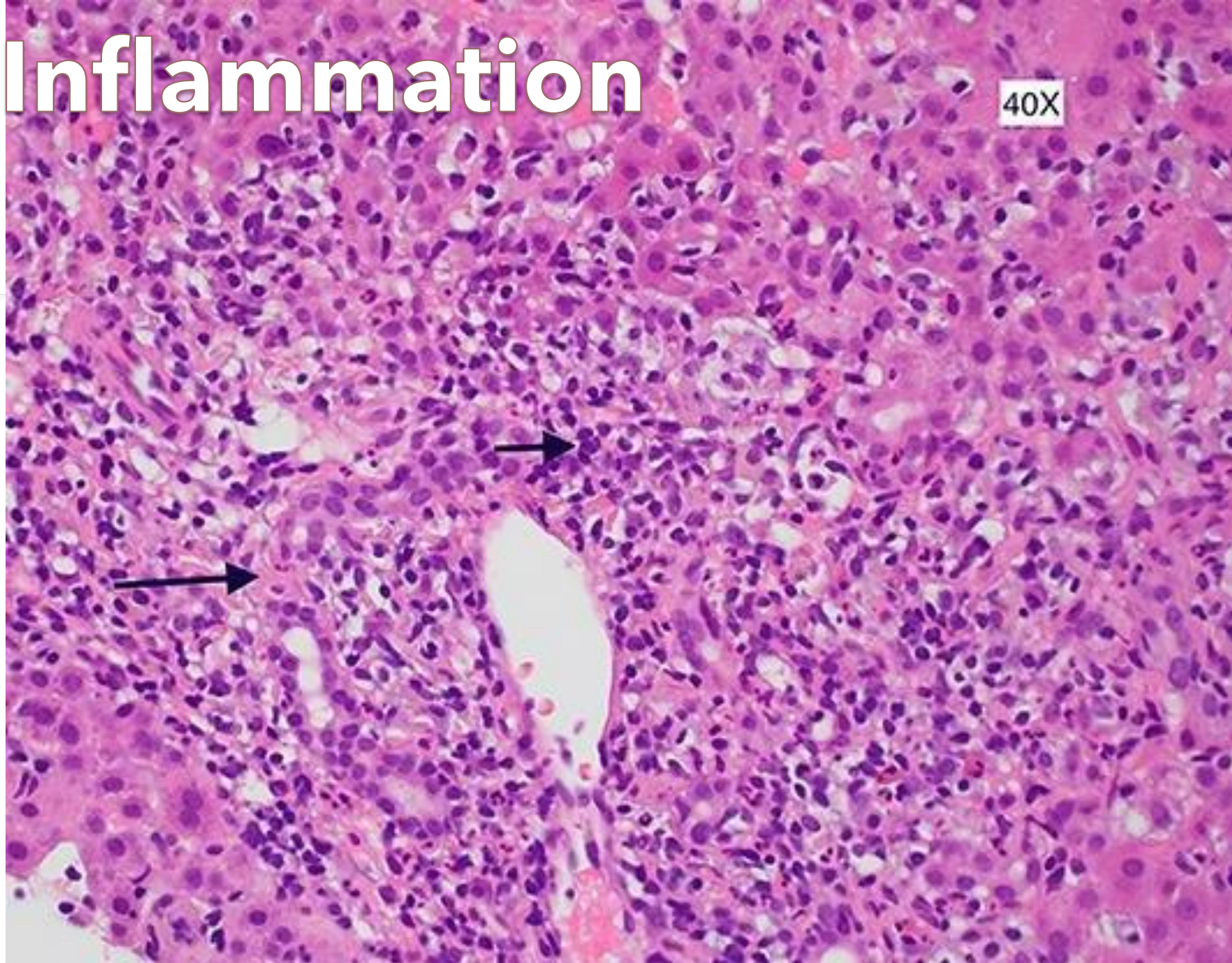


# PRETTY HEPATOCYTE PIGMENTS





# Inflammation

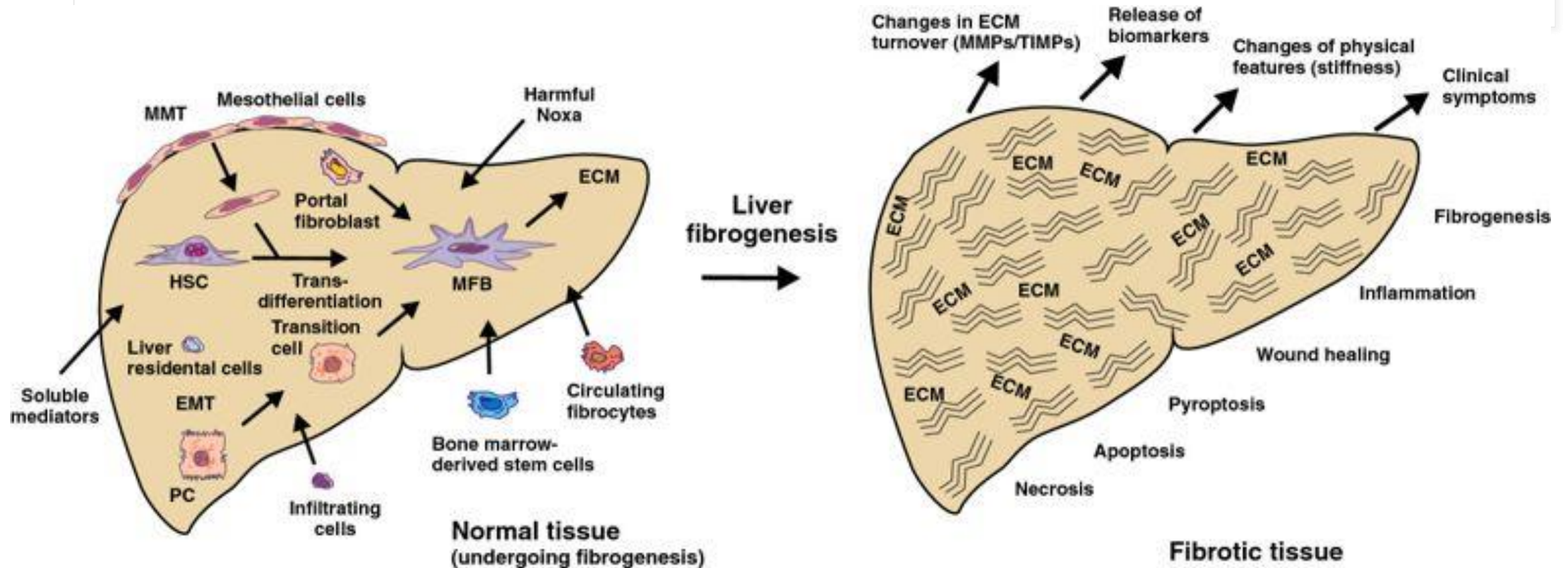


## II. Liver disease: general manifestations

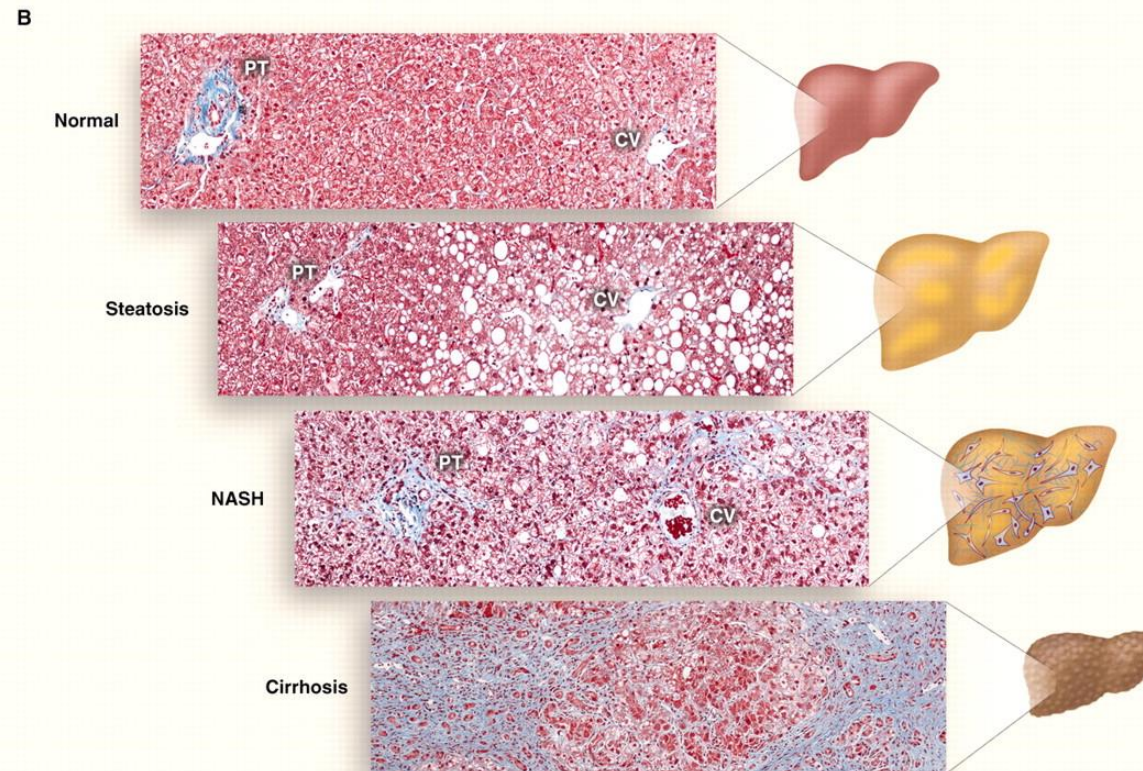
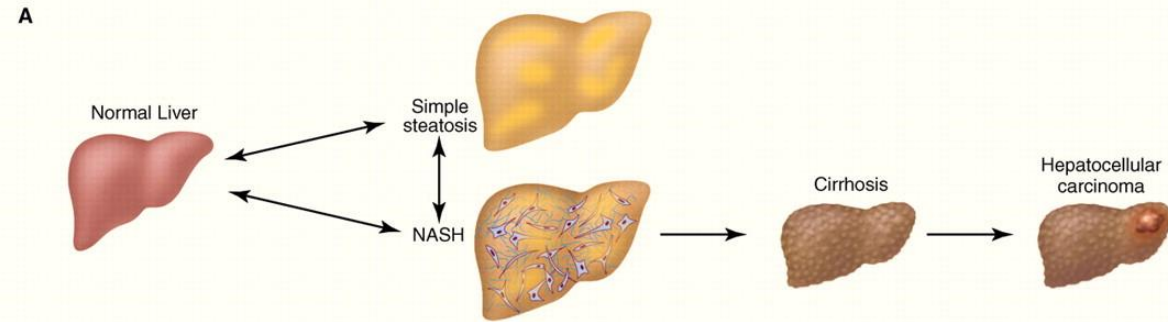
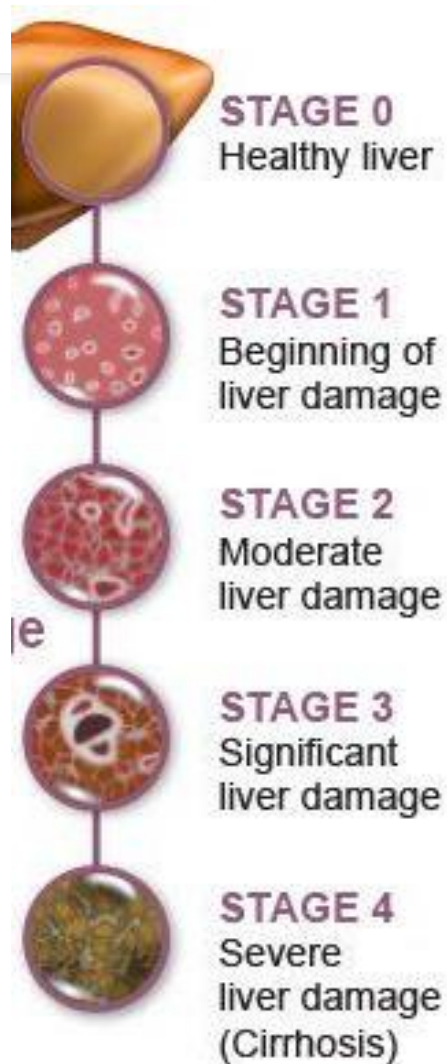
- ❖ **Hepatocellular Failure:** jaundice, muscle wasting, ascites, excessive bleeding, deficiencies.
- ❖ **Portal Hypertension:** Gastroesophageal Varices
- ❖ **Portal Systemic Encephalopathy:** Hepatic Encephalopathy, Cerebral Edema
- ❖ **Complications of Advanced Liver Disease:** Ascites, Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis, Hepatorenal Syndrome



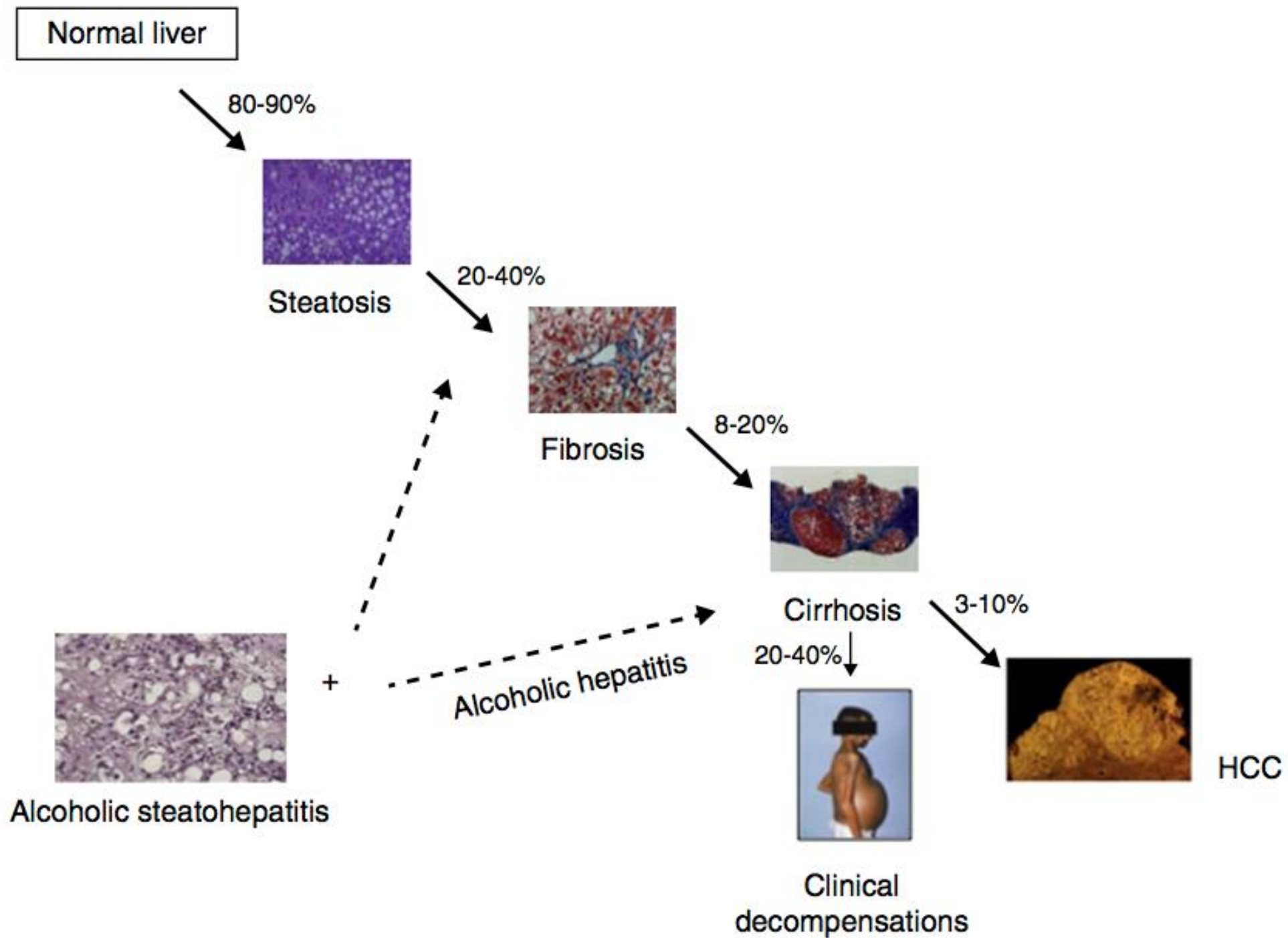
## II. Liver disease: progression



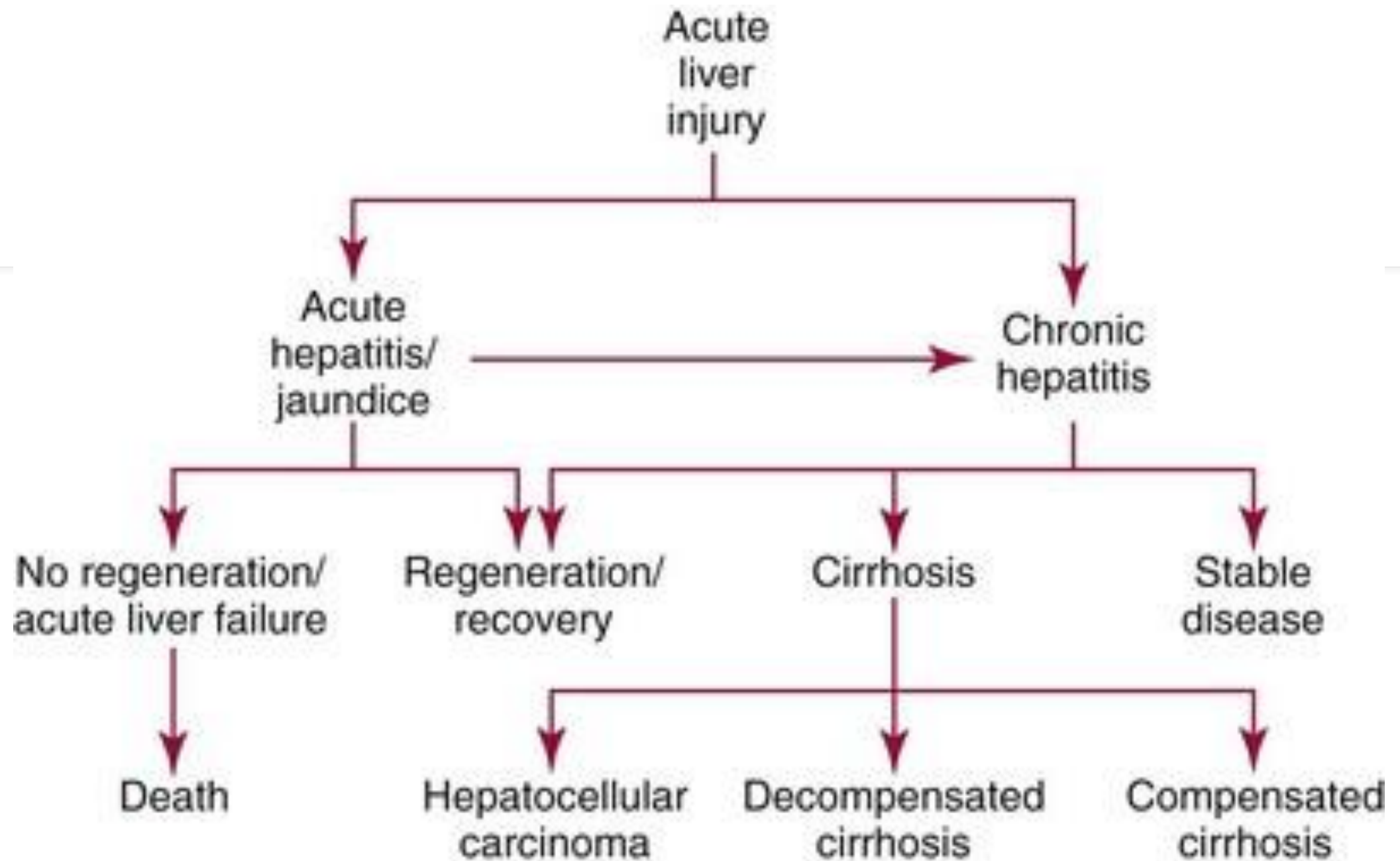
## II. Liver disease: progression











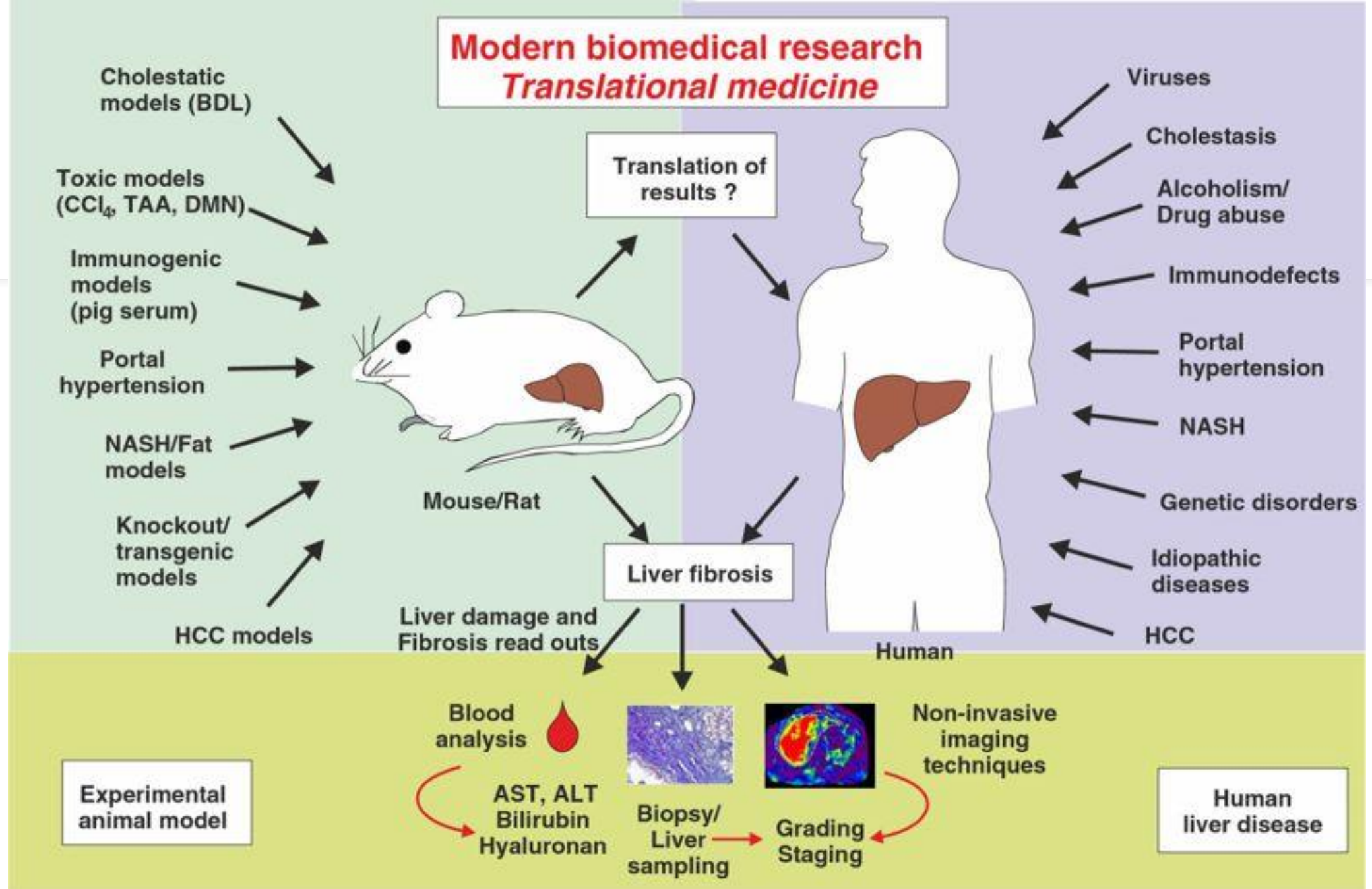
### III. Animal model of liver disease

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- Aims: pathogenesis mechanisms, therapeutic targets, novel therapies, drug toxicity...
- Main objective: mice/rodent

### III. Animal model of liver disease

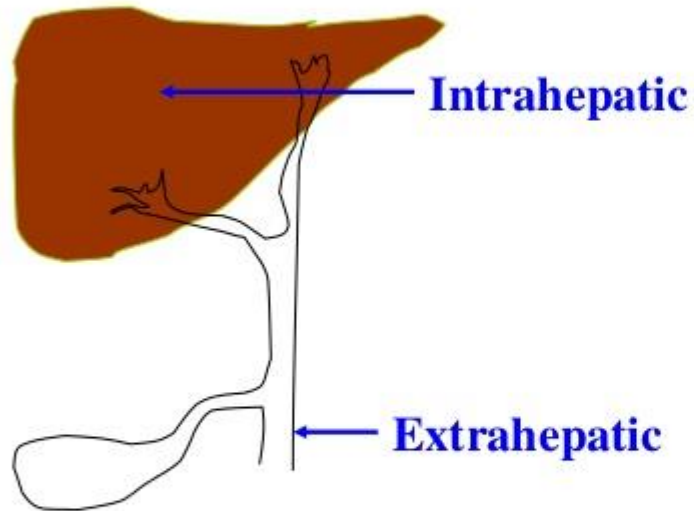
- Surgical:
- Chemical:
- Virus:
- Autoimmune:
- Diet:
- Gene:



# III. Animal model of liver disease

## Cholestasis (Greek-bile stoppage)

Reduction or absence of bile flow into duodenum



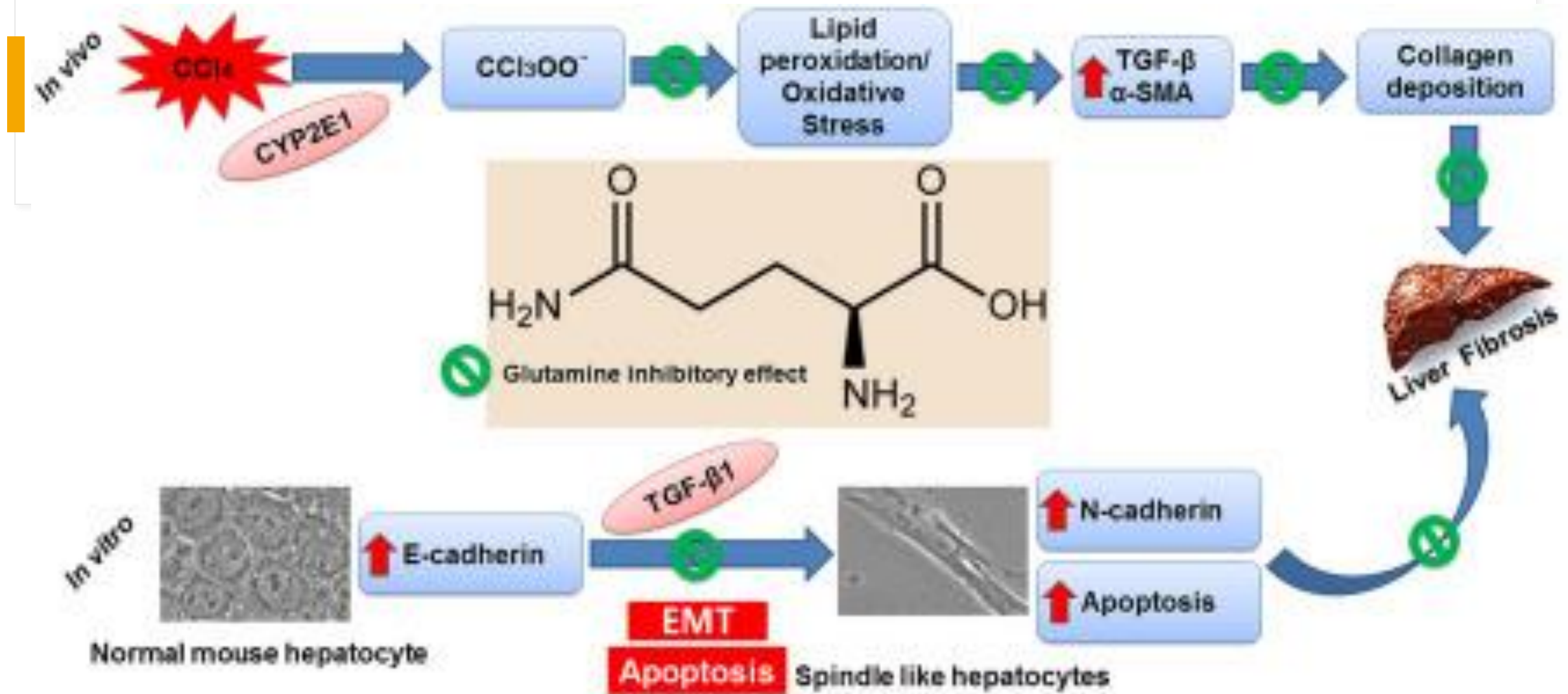
- Impairment of bile secretion at the level of bile ductules (ductular cholestasis)
- Functional defect in bile formation at hepatocyte level (hepatocellular cholestasis)

Chronic if > 6mo duration

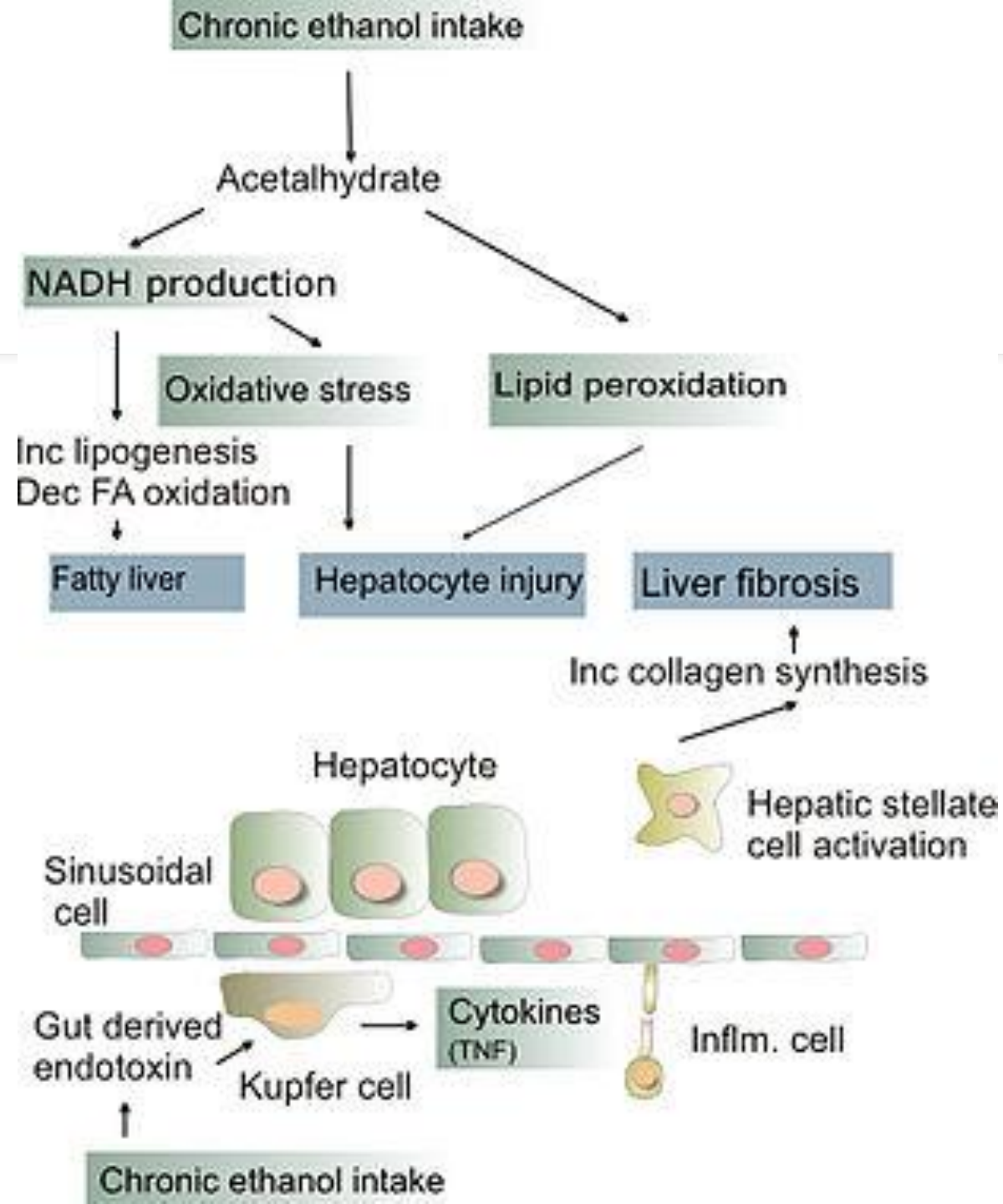
Etiology: differs across ages

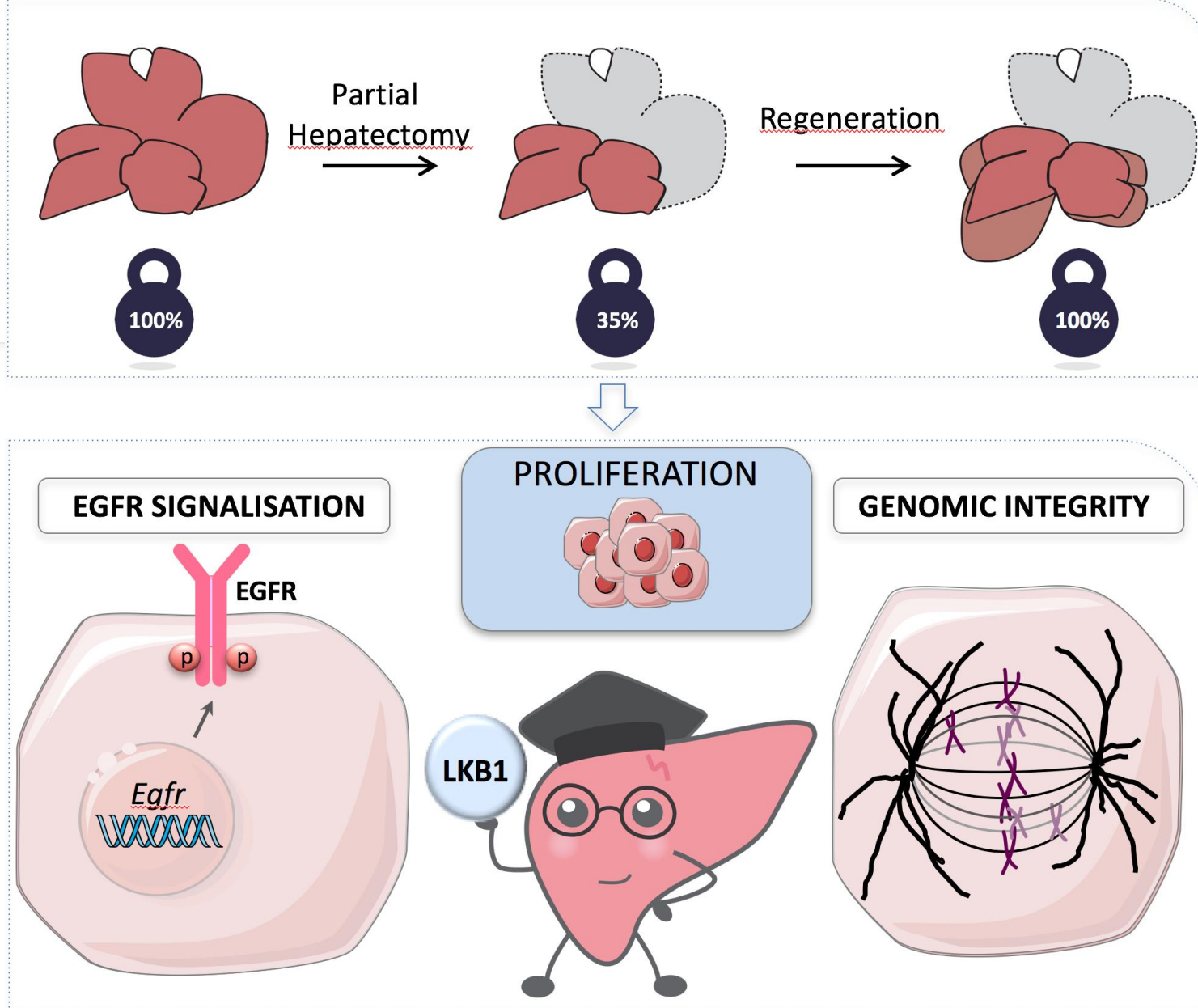
Alkaline phosphatase >1.5ULN, GGT> 3ULN\*





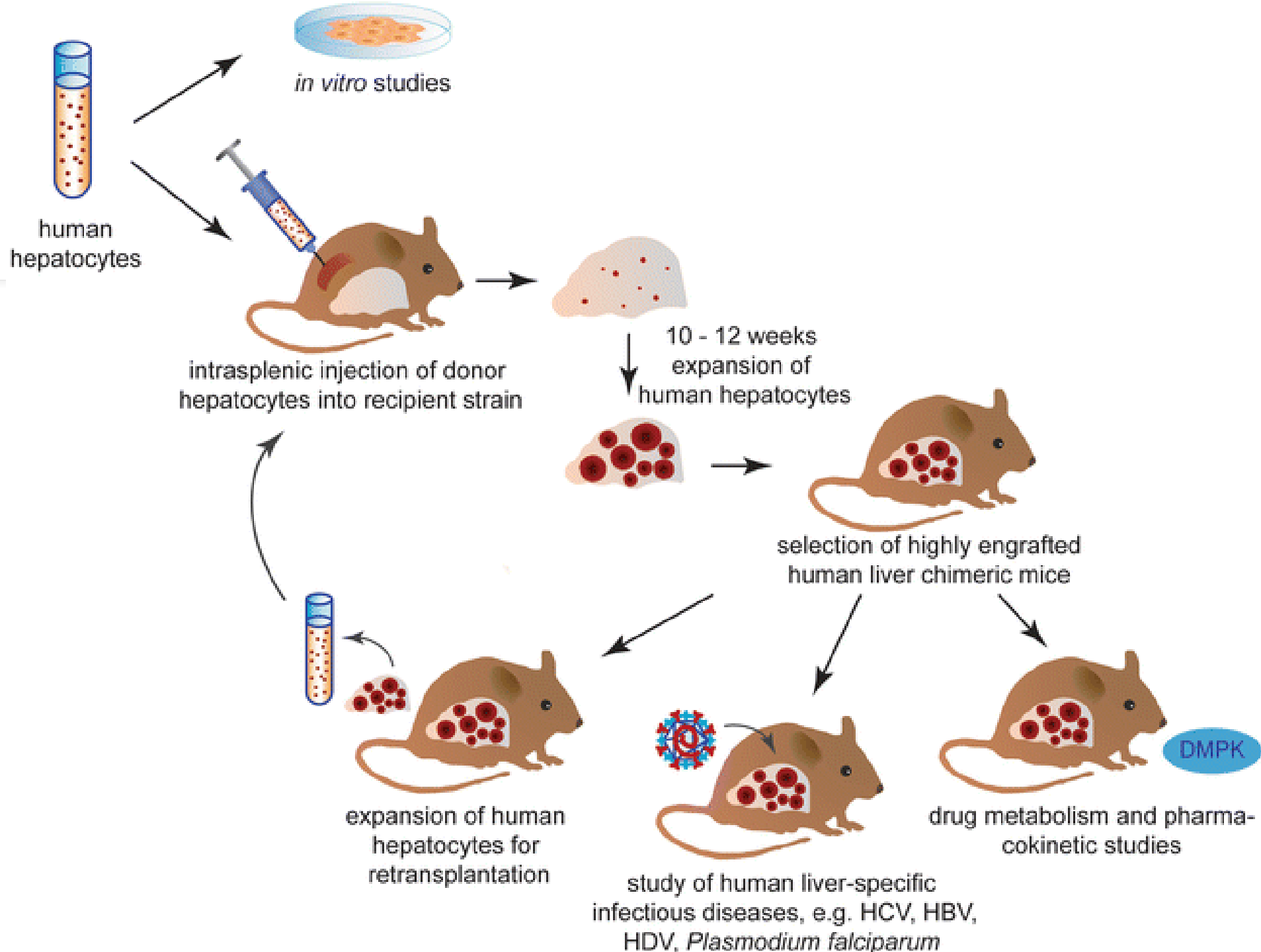


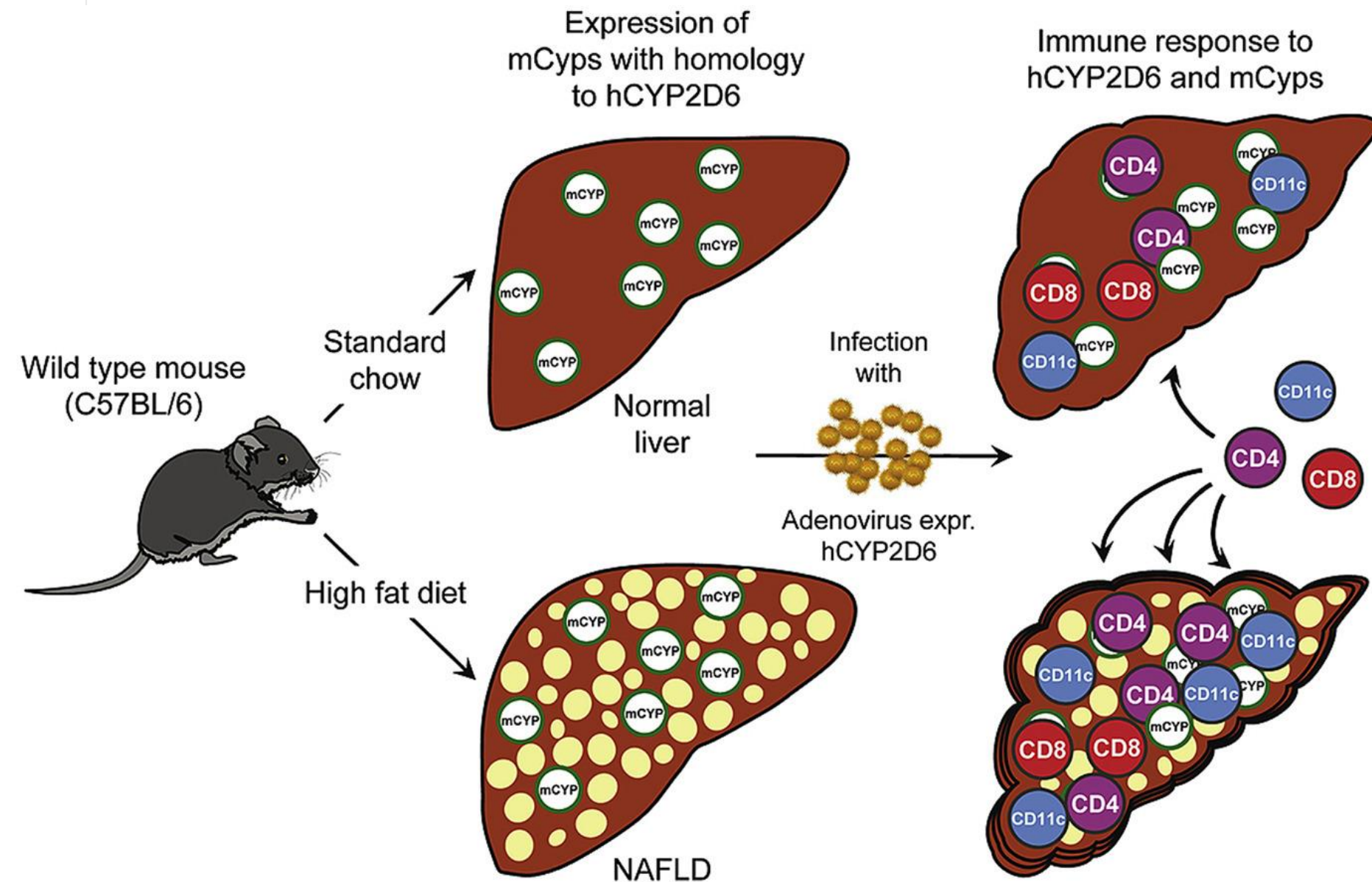




### LKB1 : a Gatekeeper of Controlled Hepatocyte Proliferation

The authors performed liver partial hepatectomy in wild-type and hepatocyte-specific LKB1 knockout mice. Without LKB1, hepatocyte proliferation and genomic integrity are altered during compensatory cell renewal consecutive to hepatectomy. These results reveal the importance to monitor that LKB1 kinase activity is not impaired in the liver of patient undergoing surgical resection.

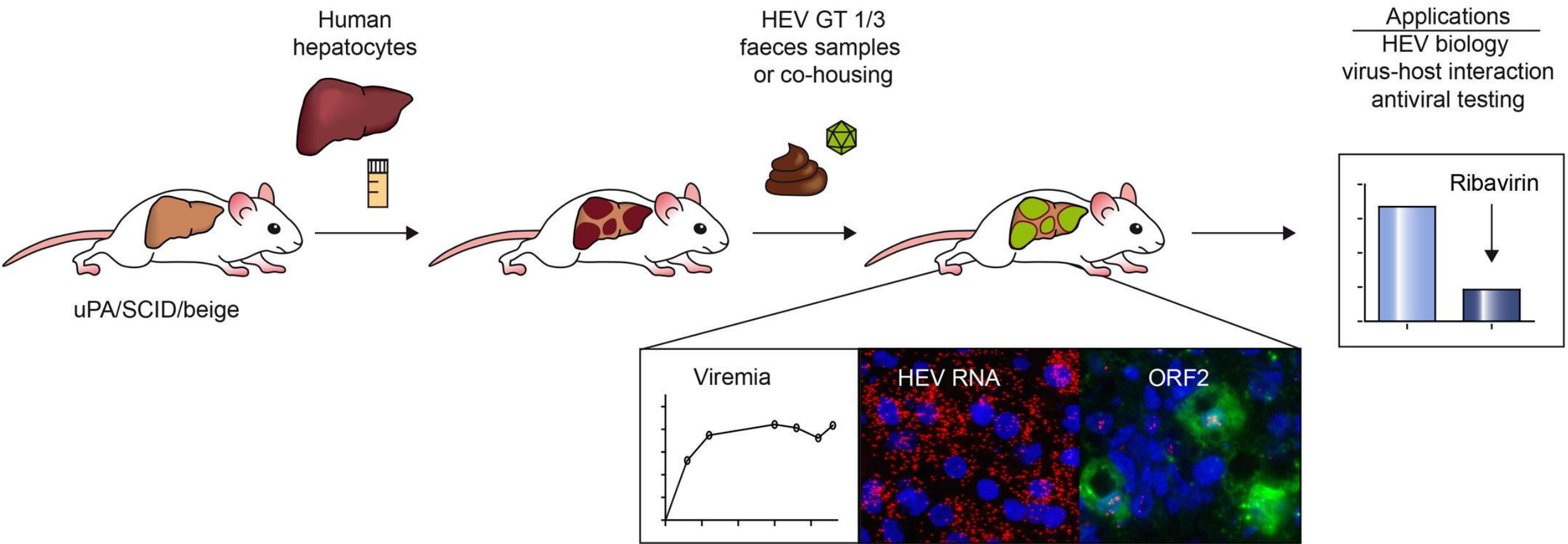




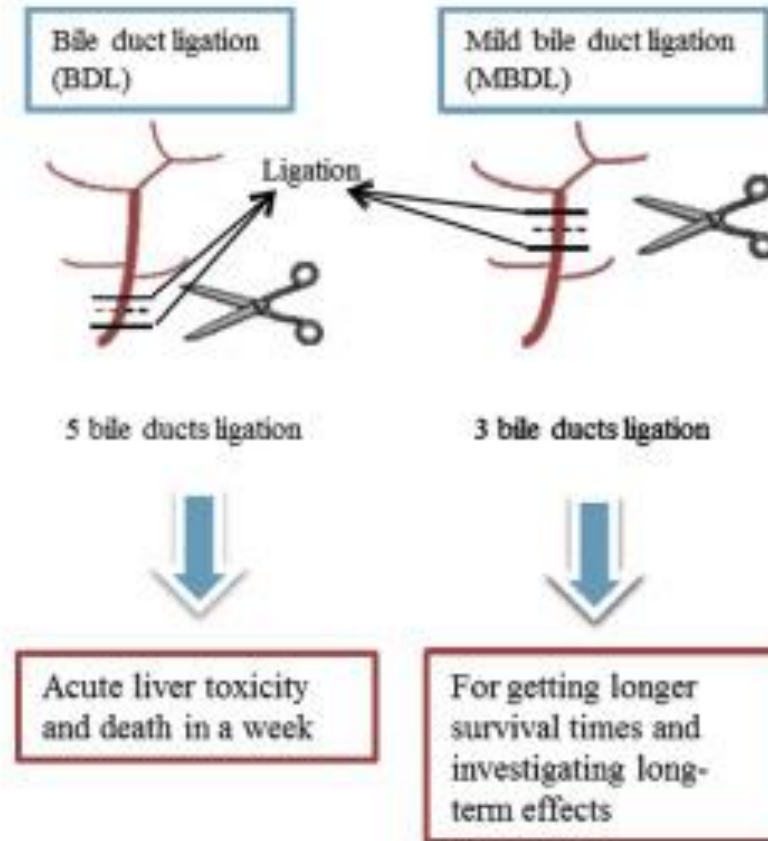
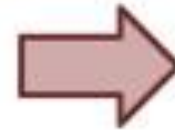
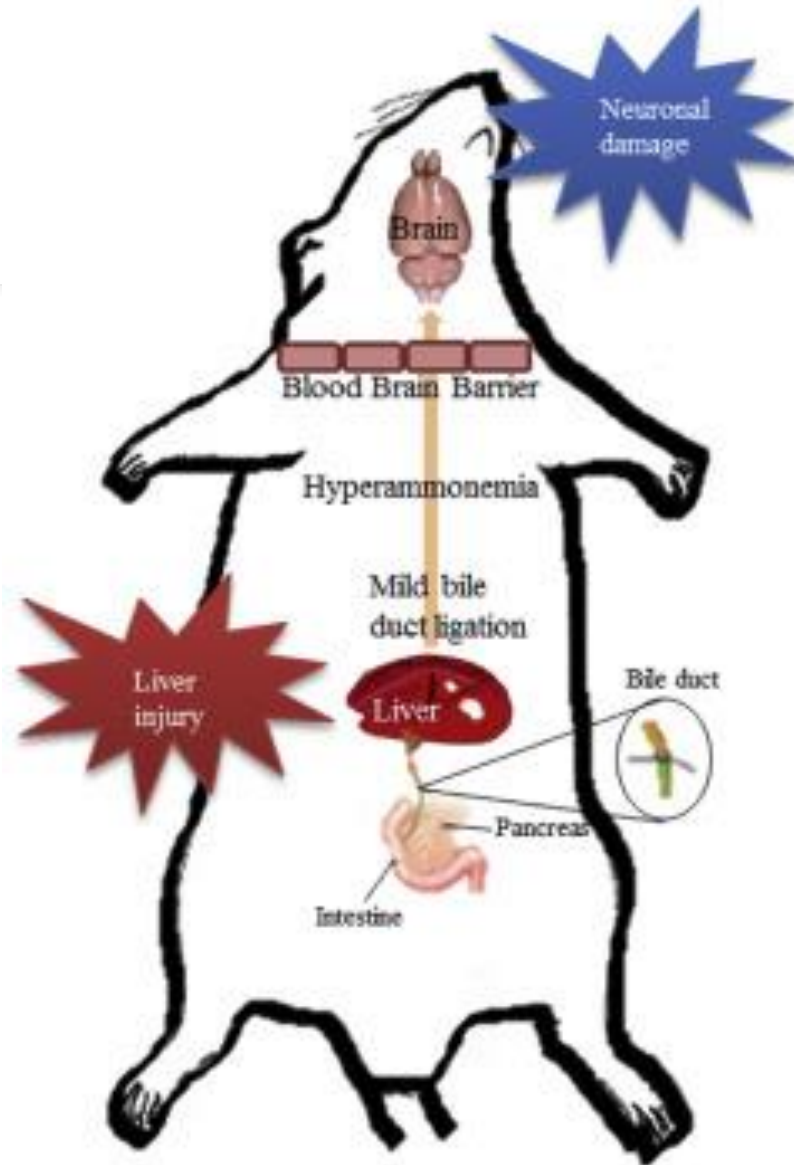
### *Persistent AIH-like disease in Infected NAFLD mice*

Onset: 2-4 weeks after infection	↔
AST/ALT	↔
Anti-CYP2D6 Antikörper	↔
CD11c infiltration	↑
CD4 T cell infiltration	↑
CYP2D6-specific T cells	↑↑
Fibrosis	↑





# Mild Bile Duct Ligation (MBDL) Model





### III. Animal model of liver disease

- Results:???

### III. Animal model of liver disease

Liver model	System	Disease	Culture	Advantages	Weaknesses
Spheroids <sup>182</sup>	<i>In vitro</i>	NAFLD/NASH	PHH, IC, NPC	High-throughput drug screening, co-cultures with NPC possible without any specialised system	Cell choice can modify the output, suboptimal cell–cell interaction, access to fresh human tissue, healthy tissue not really extracted from healthy individuals, lack of complete hepatocyte polarity
Organoids <sup>108</sup>	<i>In vitro</i>	NAFLD/NASH, HCC/CCA	PSC	A genetically stable 3D model, long-term culture, unlimited source of cells, high-throughput drug screening and personalised medicine (gene therapy)	PSCs express foetal markers, limited cell maturation/cell function, failure to recapitulate multiple cell types of the liver
Liver-on-a-chip <sup>109</sup>	<i>In vitro</i>	NAFLD/NASH, ACLD	PHH, IC, NPC	Dynamic fluid flow, commercially available, single and multi-chamber design, sustained functionality for at least 4 weeks, modelling zonal liver phenotypes possible	Low throughput drug screening, access to fresh human tissue, healthy tissue not really extracted from healthy individuals
Precision-cut liver slices <sup>111</sup>	<i>Ex vivo</i>	ALD/ASH, NAFLD/NASH, HCC	Whole tissue	Reproducible, low cost, hepatic environment and ECM present, low amount of tissue	Access to fresh tissue, healthy tissue not really extracted from healthy individuals, functions as metabolic capacity only maintained 3 days
Decellularized liver scaffold <sup>113</sup>	<i>Ex vivo</i>	Under development	PHH, IC, NPC	Provides a neutral environment that mimics (patho)physiological conditions, low antigenicity, simple and safe protocol	Divergence in decellularisation and recellularisation protocols, reendothelisation is a concern, long-term engraftment

ACLD, advanced chronic liver disease; ALD, alcohol-related liver disease; ASH, alcohol-related steatohepatitis; CCA, cholangiocarcinoma; ECM, extracellular matrix; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IC, immortalised cell lines; NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; NASH, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis; NPC, non-parenchymal cells; PHH, primary human hepatocytes; PSCs, pluripotent stem cells.



# Thank you

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