

MASLD: Fisiopatología y rol del alcohol en la modulación del daño hepático

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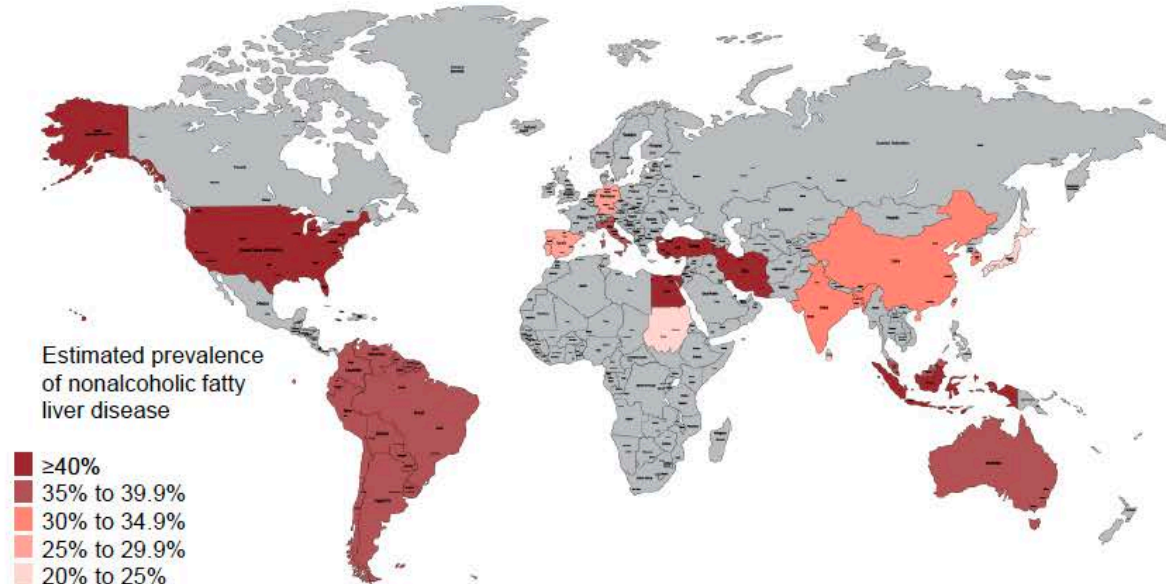
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MASLD Epidemiology and Rising Prevalence

Globally, the overall prevalence of MASLD is 32%, while the prevalence of MASH is between 12% and 14%¹

Geographical Differences in the Prevalence of MASLD Worldwide^{2,3}

- Prevalence is significantly higher among those with T2D and visceral obesity⁴⁻⁷
- Among those with obesity, the prevalence of MASH is 25% to 30%, while ~30% to 40% of people with diabetes have MASH⁴⁻⁷

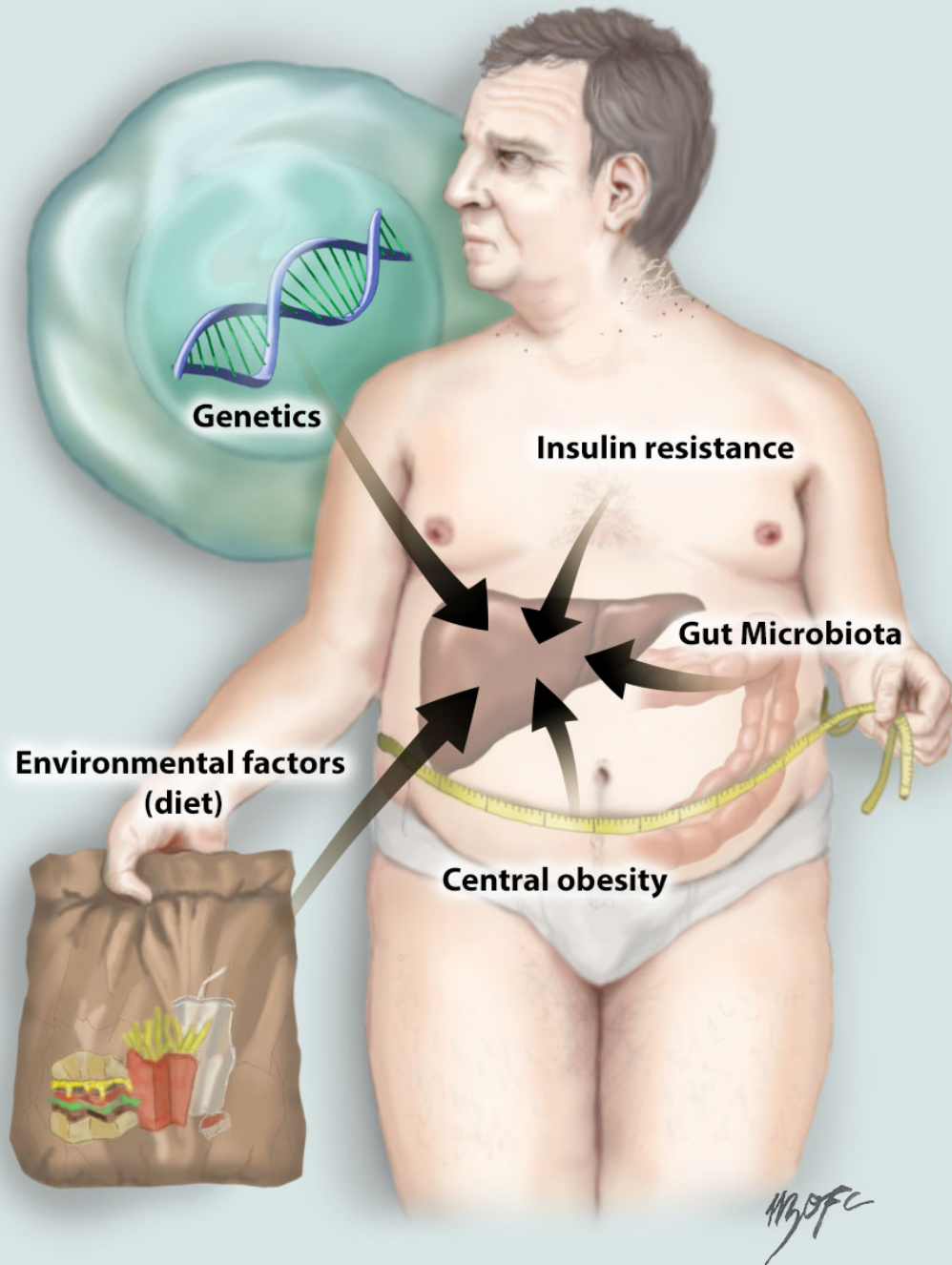


In one study, ~70% of patients with T2D have MASLD (steatosis) and ~15% have clinically significant liver fibrosis (stages \geq F2),⁸ consistent with other recent population-based studies in the United States^{9,10}

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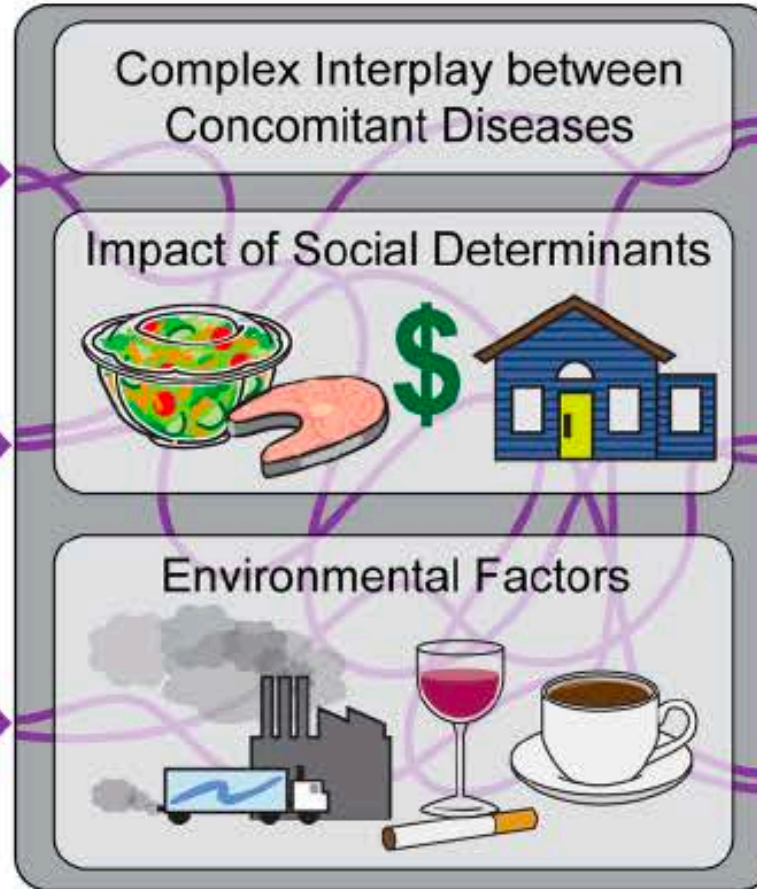
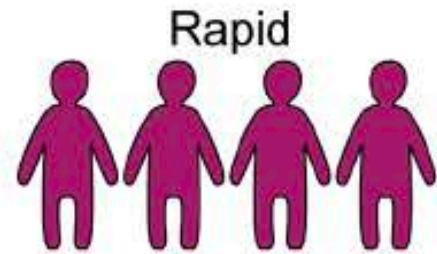
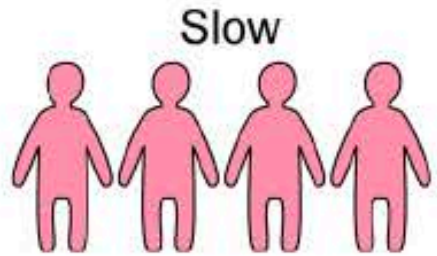
- ✓ Sinopsis fisiopatológica MASLD
- ✓ Papel del alcohol en la modulación del daño hepático
- ✓ Implicancias clínicas



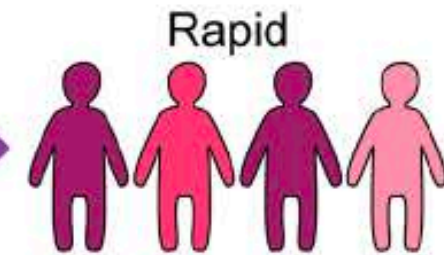
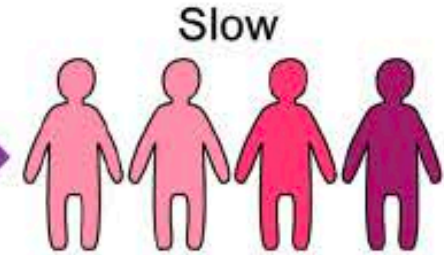
- ✓ El desarrollo de **MASLD/MASH** involucra múltiples vías moleculares que complejas y que no han sido completamente dilucidadas
- ✓ Las alteraciones fisiopatológicas pueden ocurrir de forma **secuencial** o **paralela** y con diferentes jerarquías dentro del espectro de la enfermedad y a lo largo del tiempo
- ✓ La **heterogeneidad** de la enfermedad probablemente se deba a una contribución diferencial de las vías patogénicas
- ✓ El **alcohol** en incluso en dosis bajas ha sido un factor confundente en los estudios

MASLD/MASH: Complexity/heterogeneity

Genetic Predisposition



Actual Disease Course



MASLD: Genetics

Table 2 | Genes involved in pathophysiology of overlap between NAFLD and ALD

Gene	Protein name	Variant	Cytogenetic location	Pathway	Outcomes in NAFLD and ALD
<i>PNPLA3</i>	Patatin-like phospholipase domain-containing 3	rs738409 C>G	22q13.31	Lipid metabolism	The risk variant modulates liver fat deposition, disease severity and progression in terms of inflammation and fibrosis in NAFLD and ALD ^{166,232}
<i>TM6SF2</i>	Transmembrane 6, superfamily member 2	rs58542926 C>T	19p13.3–p12	Miscellaneous	The polymorphism was associated with increased hepatic triglyceride content and advanced hepatic fibrosis or cirrhosis in NAFLD and ALD ^{233,234}
<i>MBOAT7</i>	Membrane-bound O-acyltransferase domain-containing 7	rs641738 C>T	19q13.42	Lipid composition of cell membranes	The variant was identified as a risk factor for ALD and promotes fat accumulation in the liver and development of NAFLD, inflammation, fibrosis and HCC due to reduced protein expression ^{166,234}
<i>GCKR</i>	Glucokinase regulator	rs1260326 T>C	2p23.3	Lipid synthesis	The variant decreases circulating fasting glucose and insulin levels but increases the production of malonyl-CoA, thereby promoting hepatic fat accumulation by serving as a substrate for lipogenesis and by blocking fatty acid oxidation ²³⁵
<i>HSD17B13</i>	17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 13	rs72613567 T>TA rs62305723 G>A	4q22.1	Lipid metabolism	HSD17B13 protects against liver inflammation, cirrhosis and HCC due to both dysmetabolism and alcohol; the risk variants are related to the modulation of inflammation and fibrogenesis ¹⁷⁰
<i>SOD2</i>	Superoxide dismutase 2, mitochondrial	rs4880 C>T	6q25.3	Oxidative stress	The risk variant was associated with more advanced fibrosis in NASH ²³⁶ and may increase the susceptibility to alcohol-related cirrhosis ²³⁷

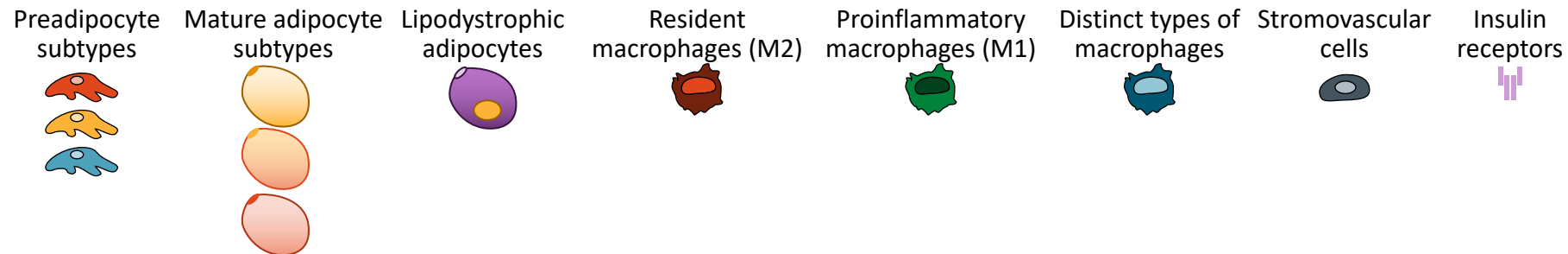
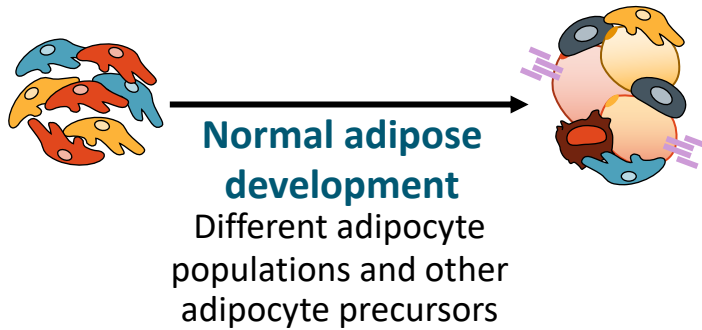
Genes are ordered according to relevance to clinical practice. ALD, alcohol-related liver disease; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; NASH, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis.

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Stressed Adipose Tissue

Normal adipose development

Normal nutrition
Normal microbiome
Adipocyte growth factors



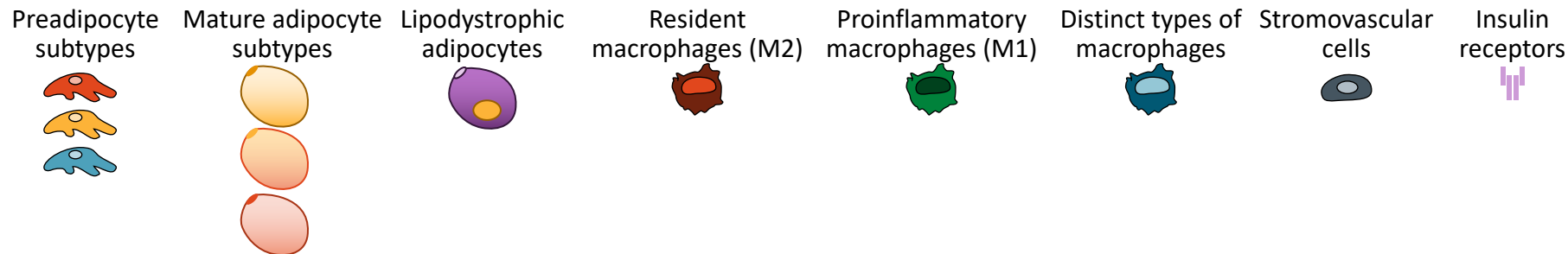
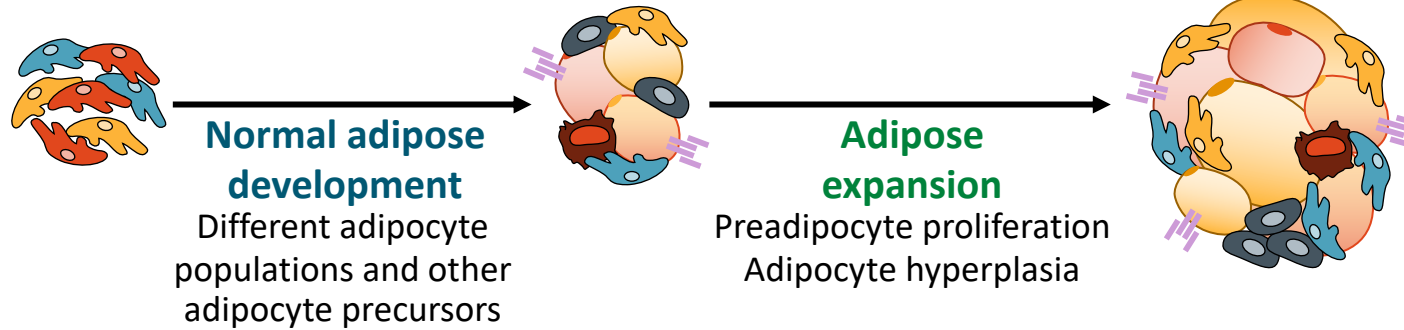
Stressed Adipose Tissue

Normal adipose development

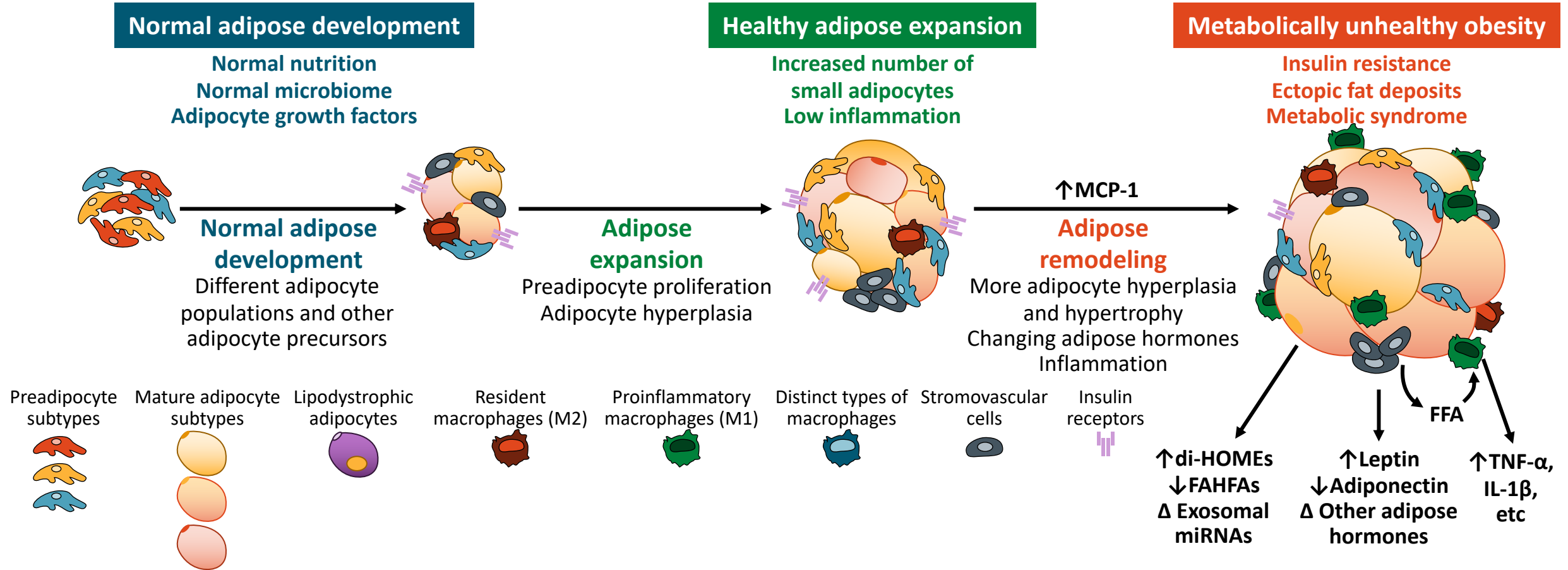
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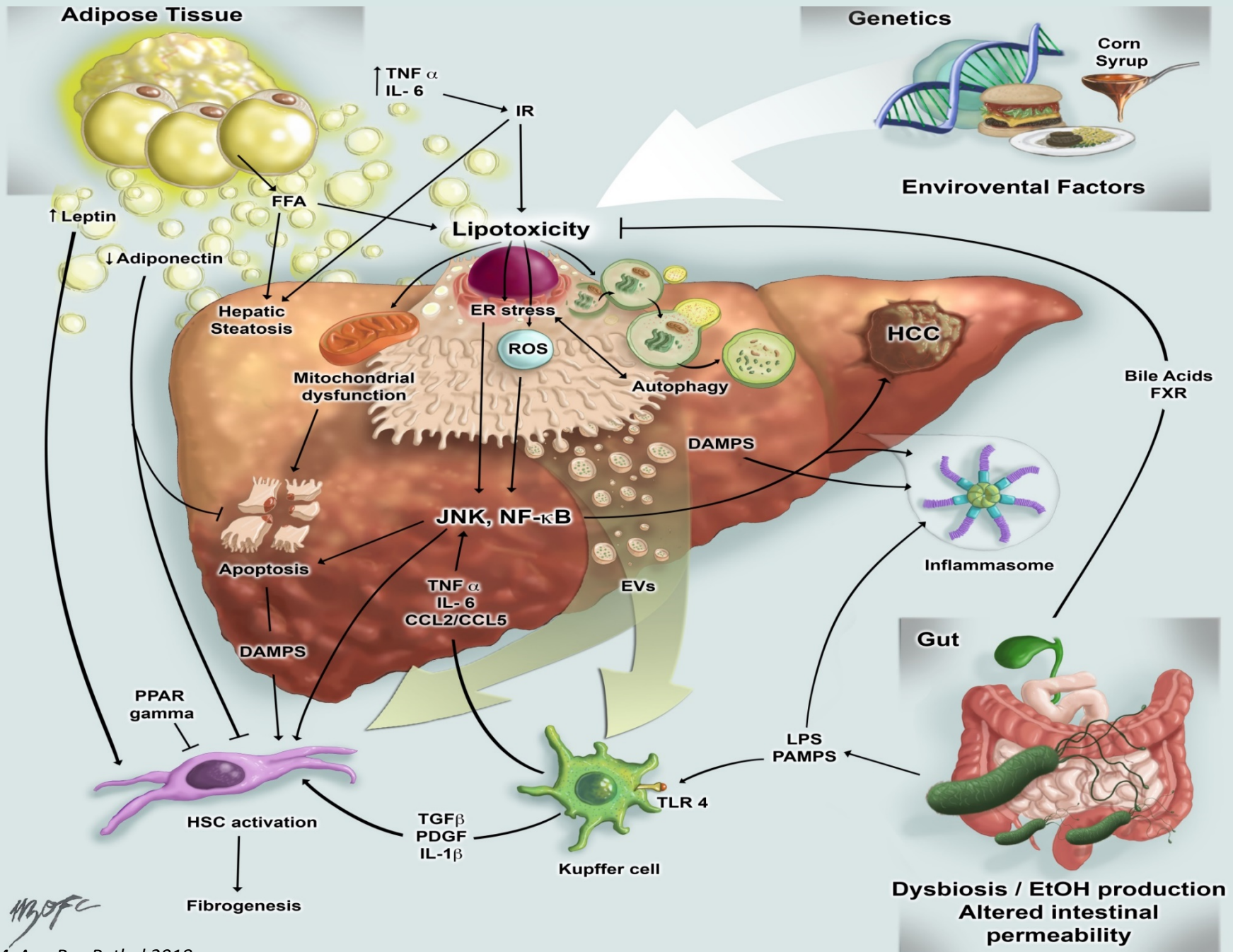
Healthy adipose expansion

Increased number of
small adipocytes
Low inflammation

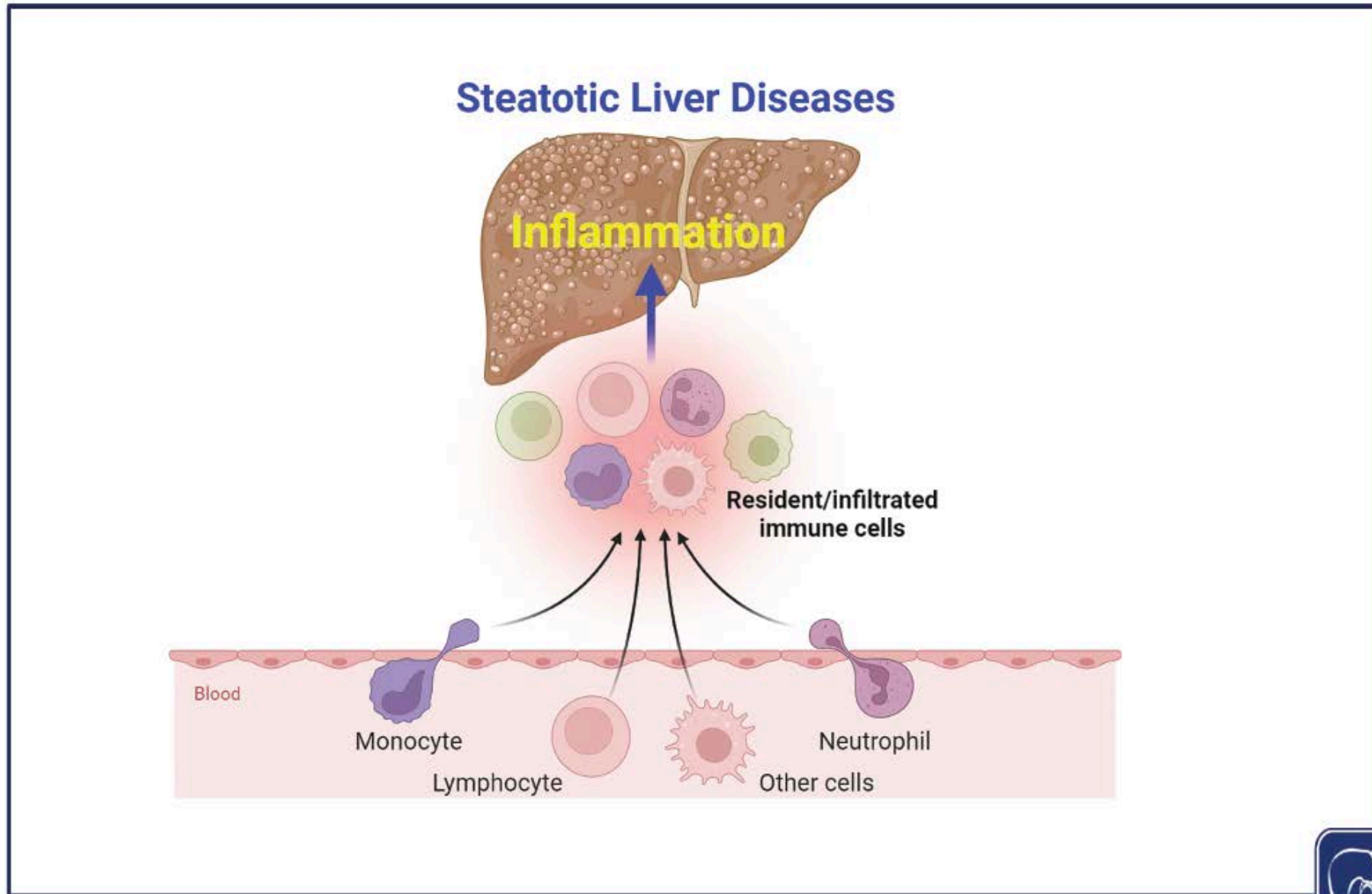


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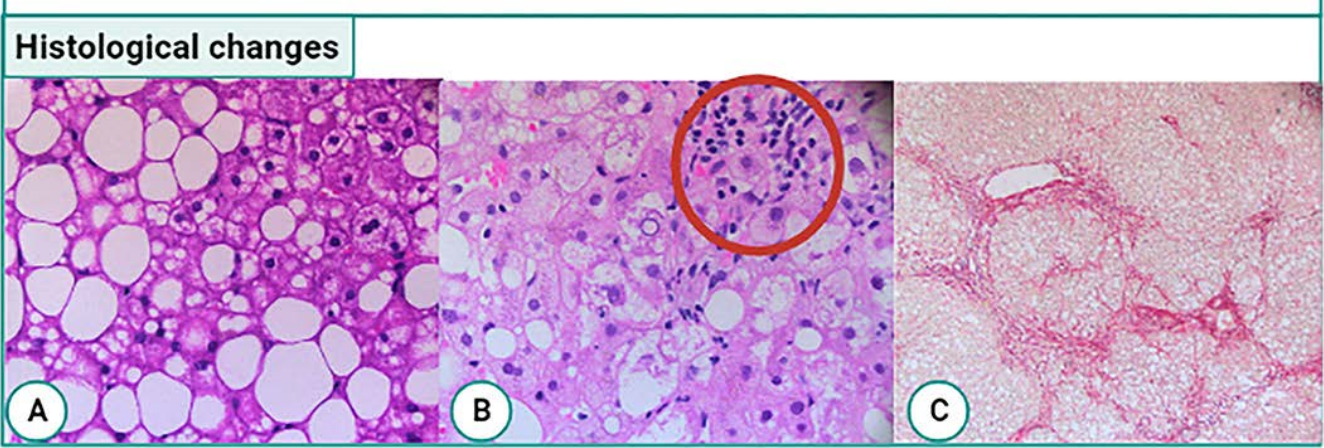
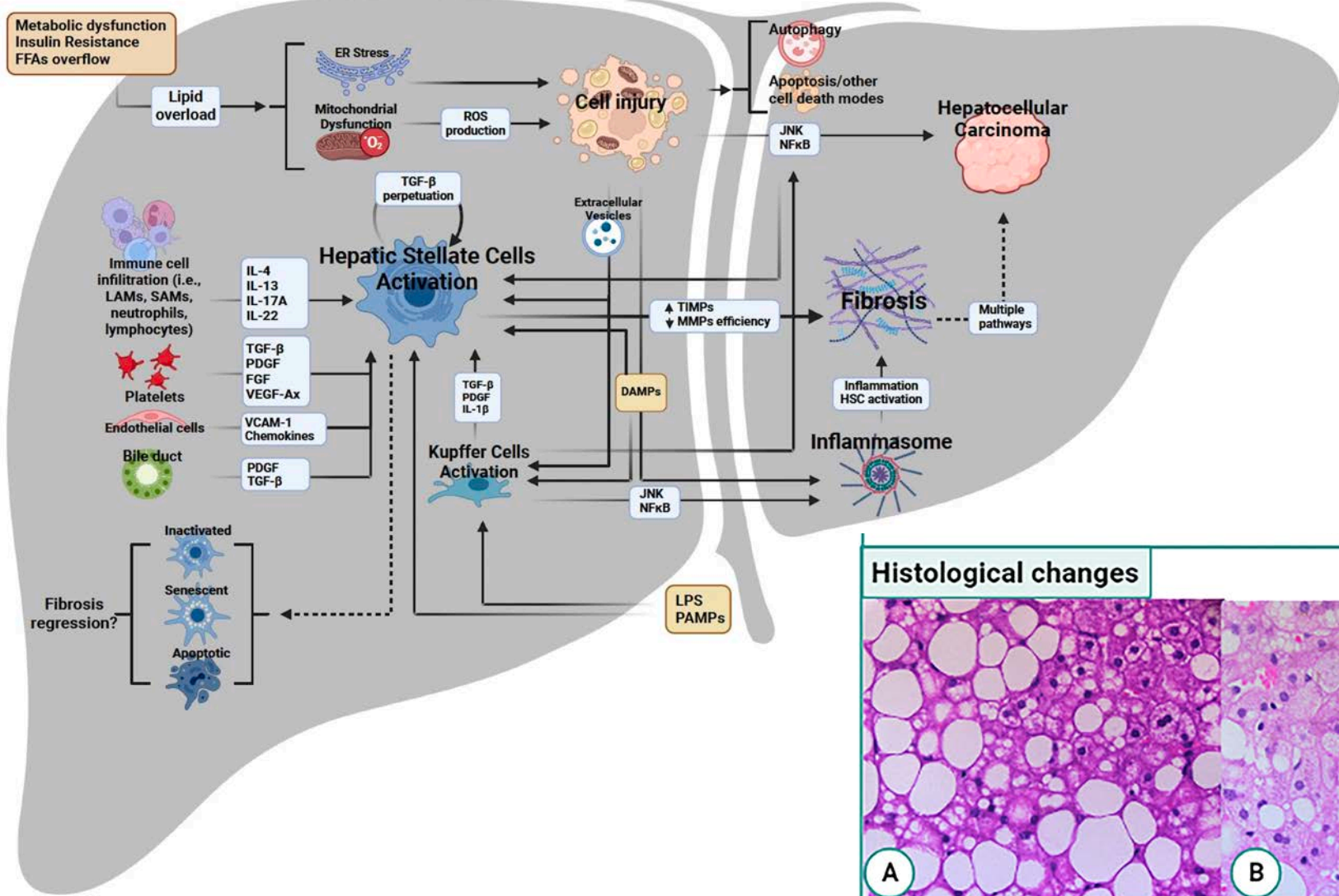




Inflamación en MASLD

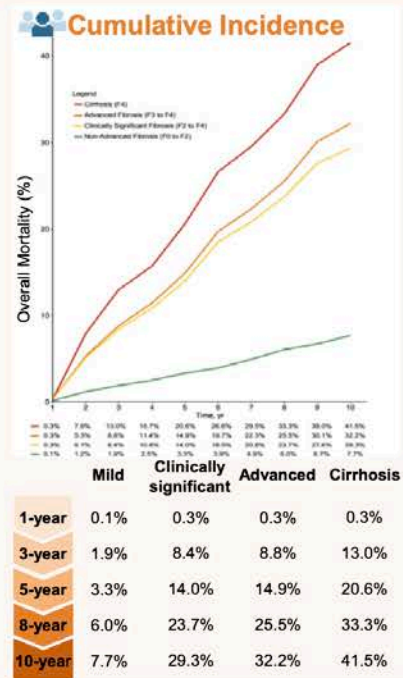


Fibrogenesis: Un proceso clave en la progresión de MASLD



Fibrosis is the main determinant of clinical outcomes including mortality

Mortality Outcomes by Fibrosis Stage in Biopsy-Proven Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease. A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 17,301 Patients



All-Cause Mortality

Compared to F0	HR	CI	p-value
F2	1.46	(1.08 - 1.98)	p=0.01
F3	1.96	(1.41 - 2.72)	p<0.01
F4	3.66	(2.65 - 5.05)	p<0.01
F1 - F4	1.99	(1.47 - 2.71)	p<0.01
F1 - F2	1.33	(1.05 - 1.70)	p=0.02

Presence of **clinically significant fibrosis** (HR: 2.36, 95% CI: 1.74 - 3.19, p<0.01) and **advanced fibrosis** (HR: 2.84, 95% CI: 2.18 - 3.70, p<0.01) resulted in an **increase** in all-cause mortality compared to F0.

Clinically significant fibrosis compared to **non-clinically significant fibrosis** resulted in a **significant increase** in mortality (HR: 2.06, CI: 1.52 - 2.81, p<0.01).

Liver-Related Mortality

Compared to F0	HR	CI	p-value
F2	4.07	(1.44 - 11.5)	p<0.01
F3	7.59	(2.80 - 20.5)	p<0.01
F4	15.1	(5.27 - 43.4)	p<0.01
F1 - F4	4.15	(1.77 - 9.73)	p<0.01
F1 - F2	2.39	(0.93 - 6.18)	p=0.07

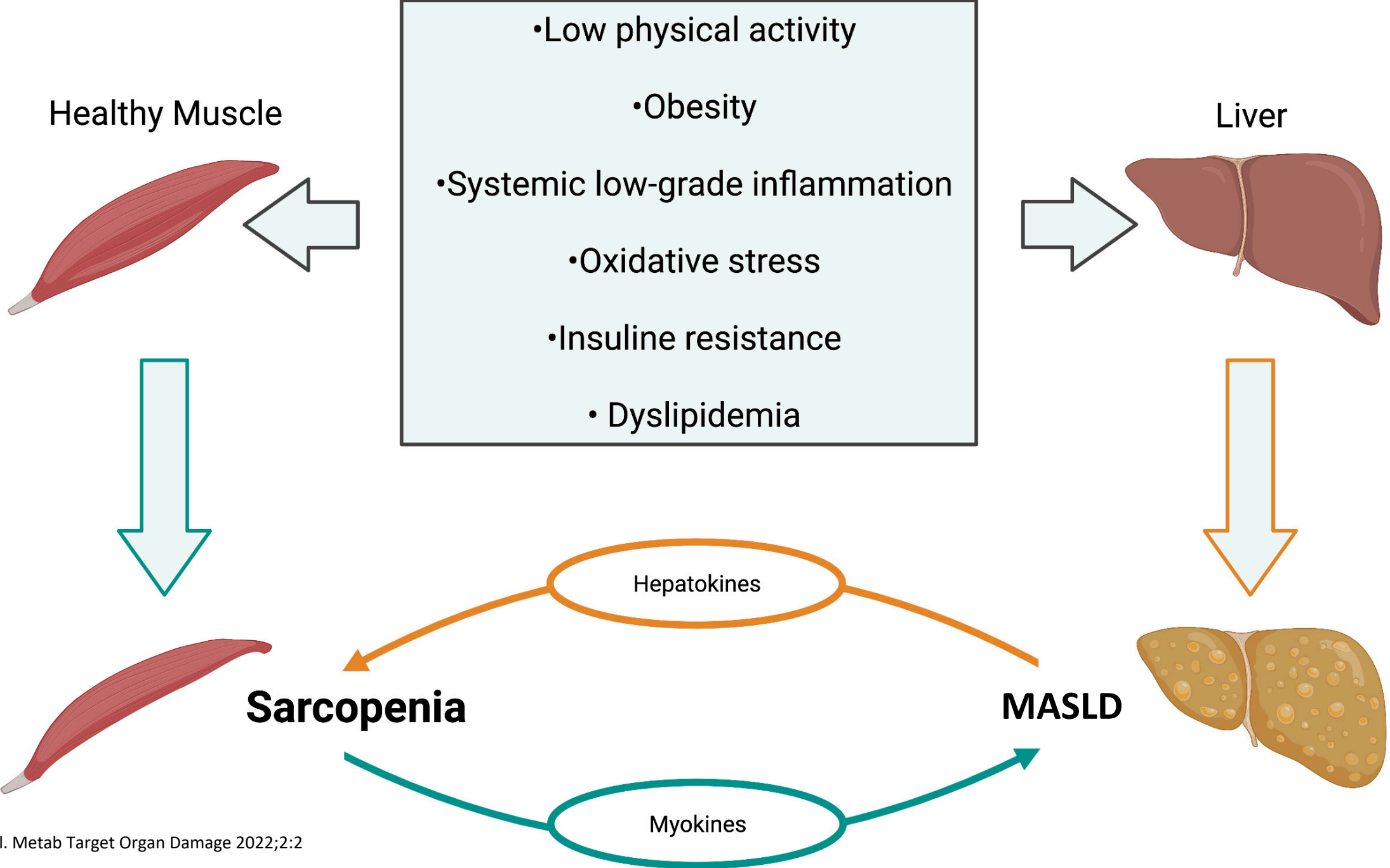
Clinically significant (HR: 6.63, CI: 2.78 - 15.8, p<0.01) or **advanced fibrosis** (HR: 9.38, 3.79 - 23.2, p<0.01) results in an **increased** risk of liver-related mortality compared to F0.

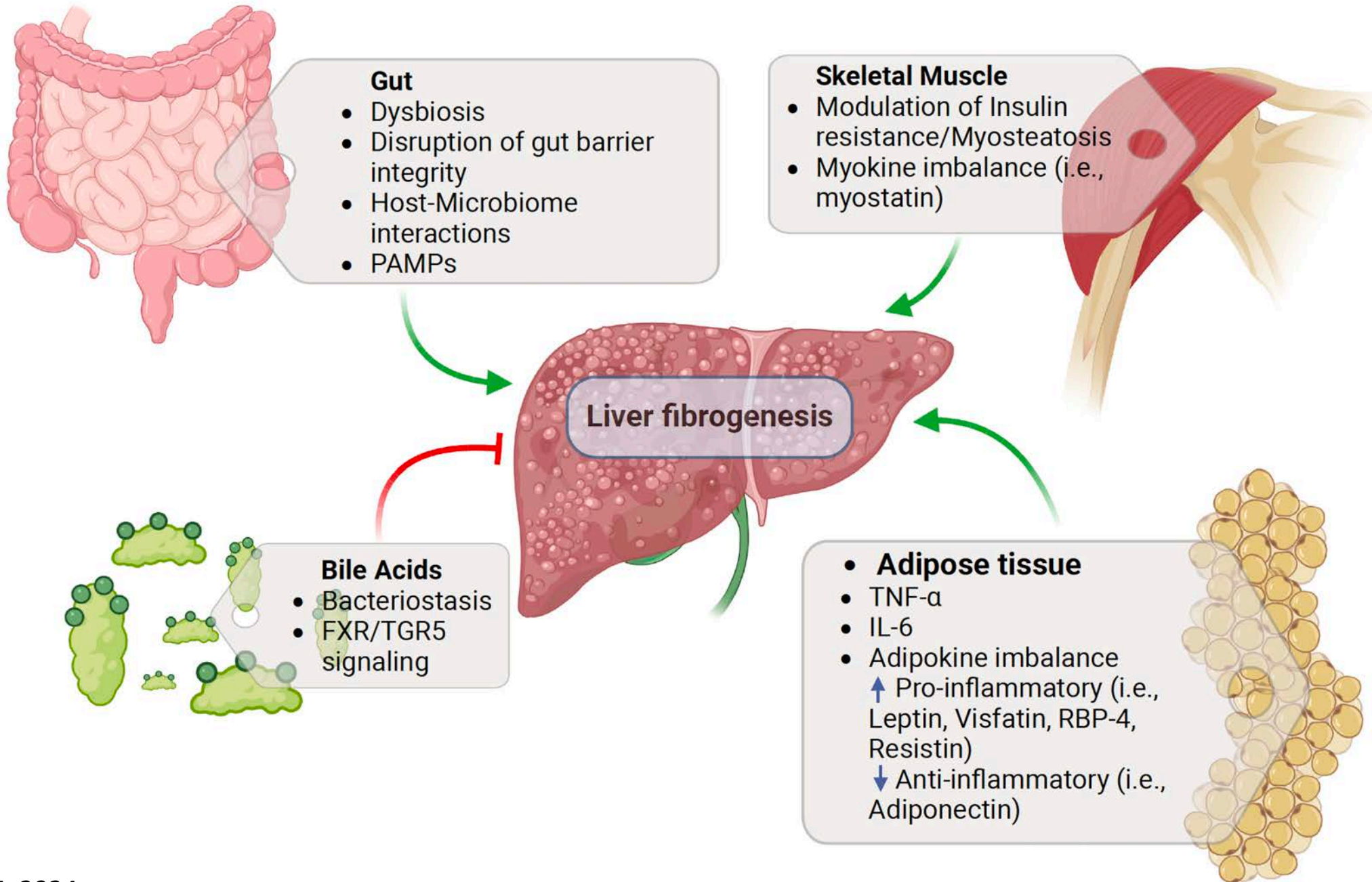
Clinically significant fibrosis results in an **increase** in liver-related mortality compared to **non-clinically significant fibrosis** (HR: 6.49, 3.30 - 12.8, p<0.01).

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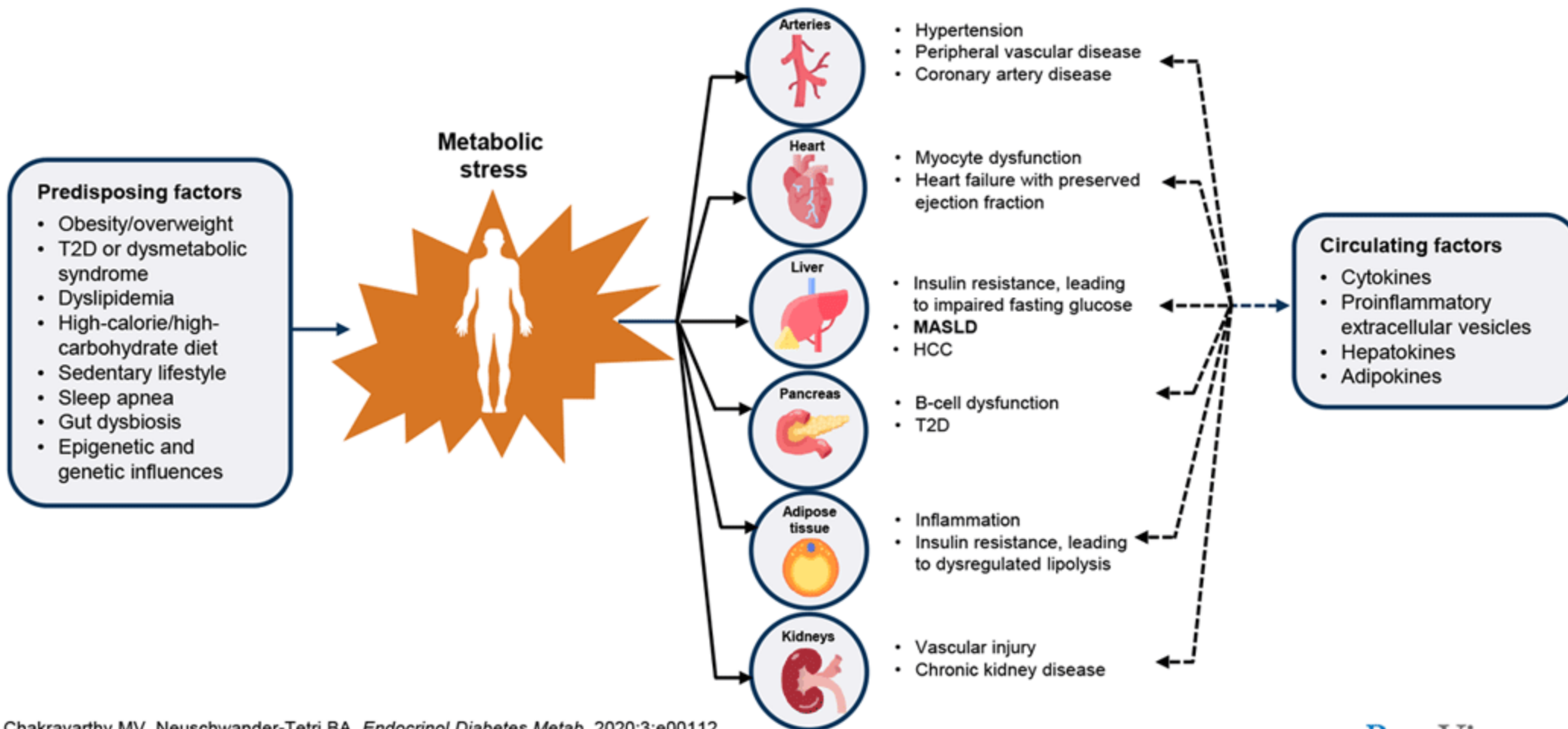
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MASLD Is Part of a Systemic Disease With Strong Associations With Components of Metabolic Syndrome^{1,2}

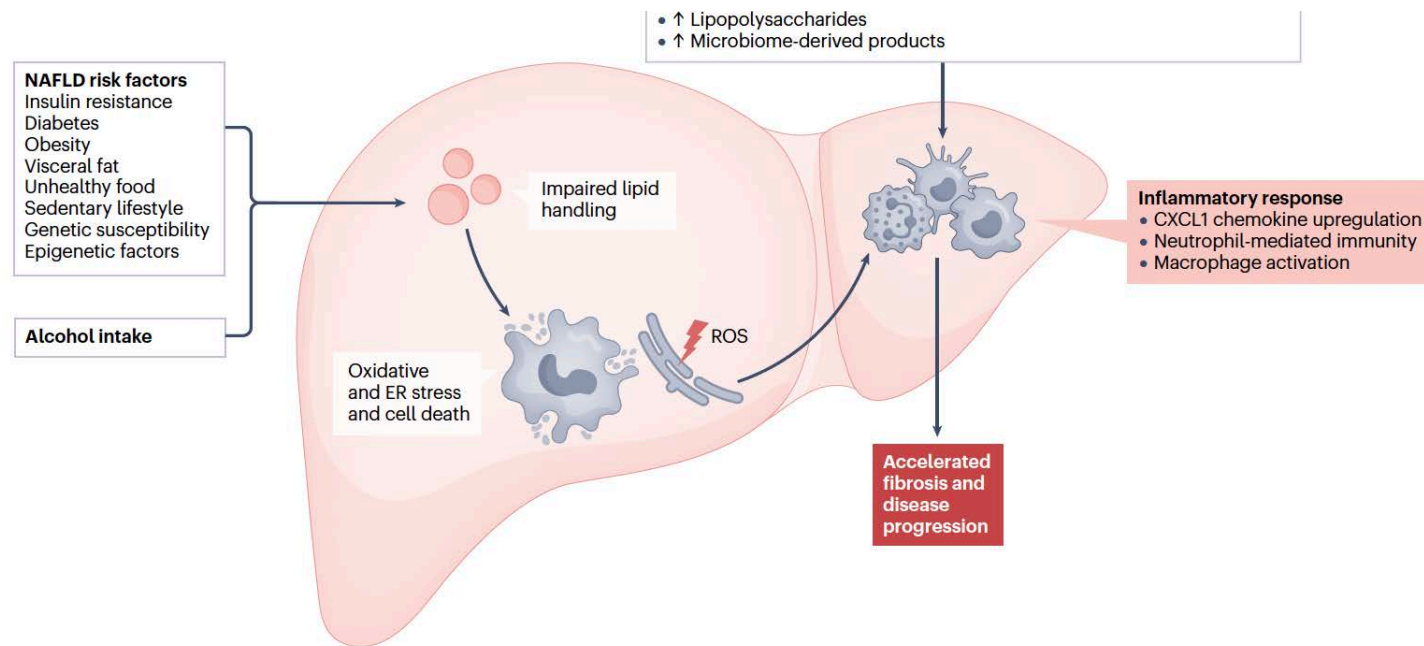


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The intersection between alcohol-related liver disease and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

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MetALD: new opportunities to understand the role of alcohol in steatotic liver disease

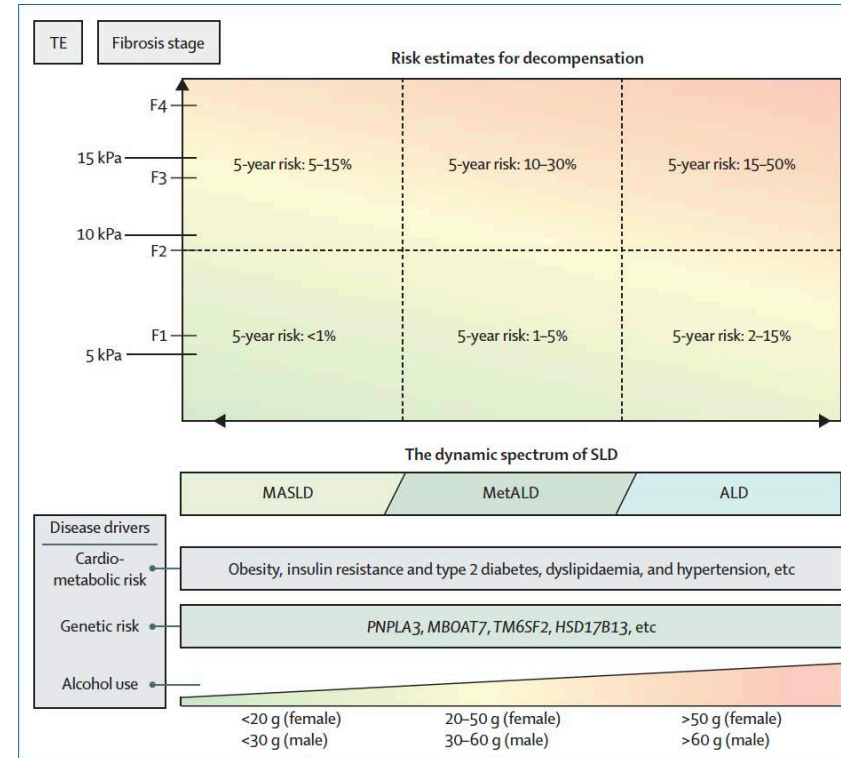
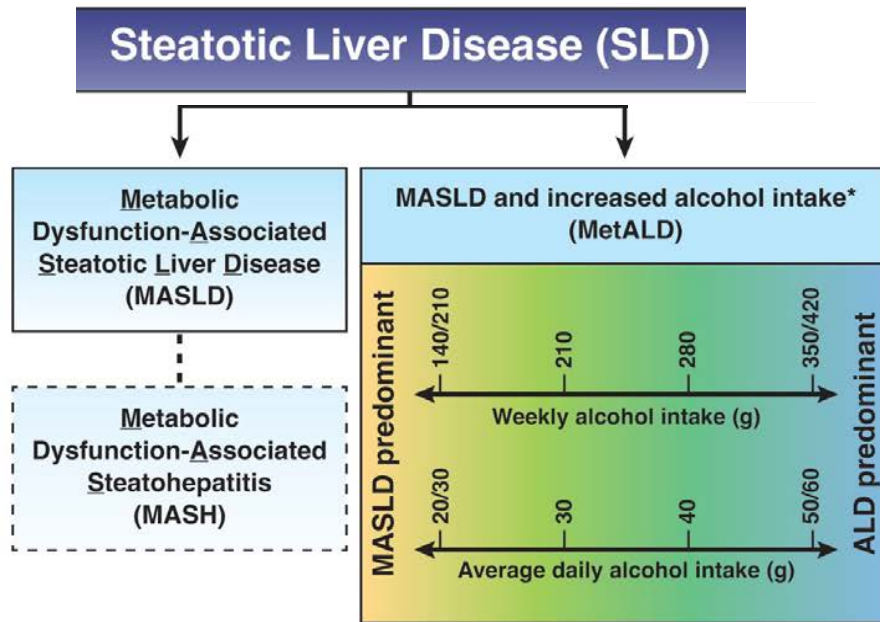
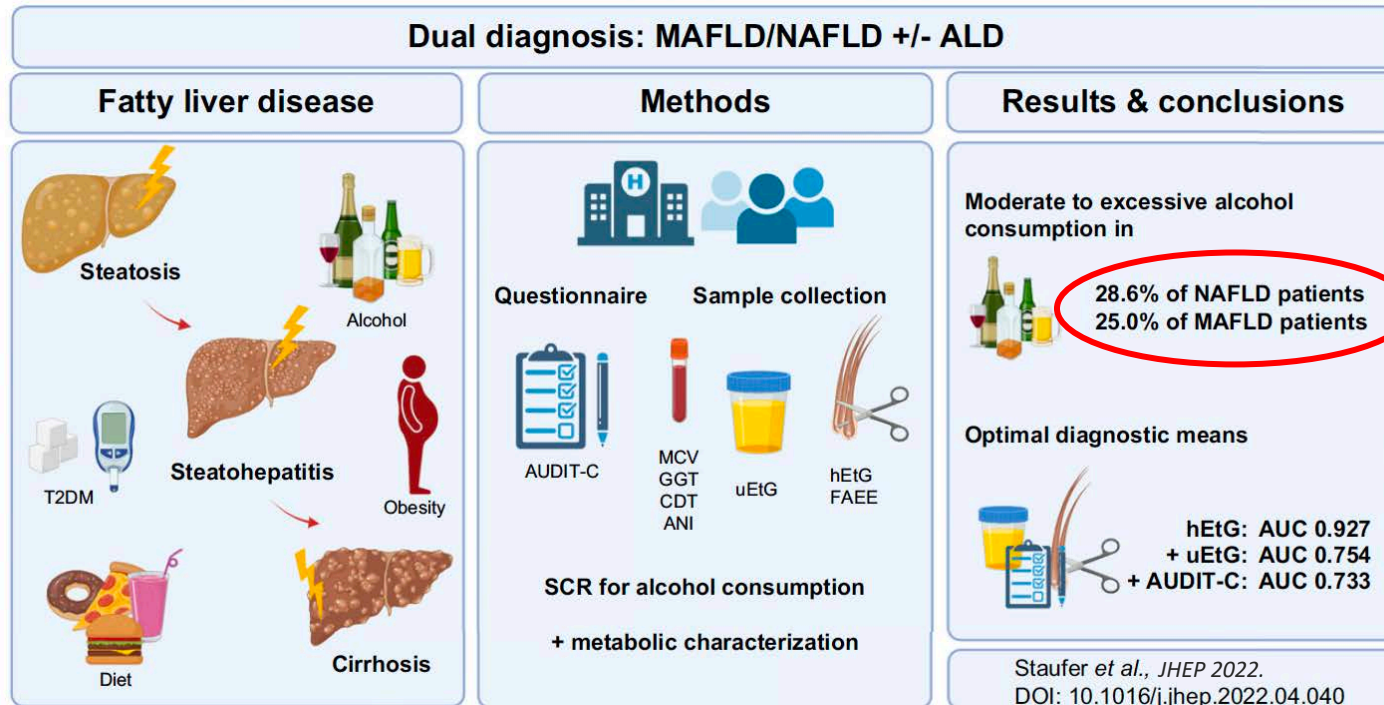


Figure: The dynamic spectrum of steatotic liver disease
 The graph shows how the disease drivers of SLD (x-axis) and the severity of liver disease (y-axis) determine the risk of developing decompensated liver disease within 5 years. Risk estimates derived from observational studies.^{8,11-13} ALD=alcohol-related liver disease. F1=fibrosis stage 1. F2=fibrosis stage 2. F3=fibrosis stage 3. F4=fibrosis stage 4. MASLD=metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease. SLD=steatotic liver disease. TE=transient elastography.

Ethyl glucuronide in hair detects a high rate of harmful alcohol consumption in presumed non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

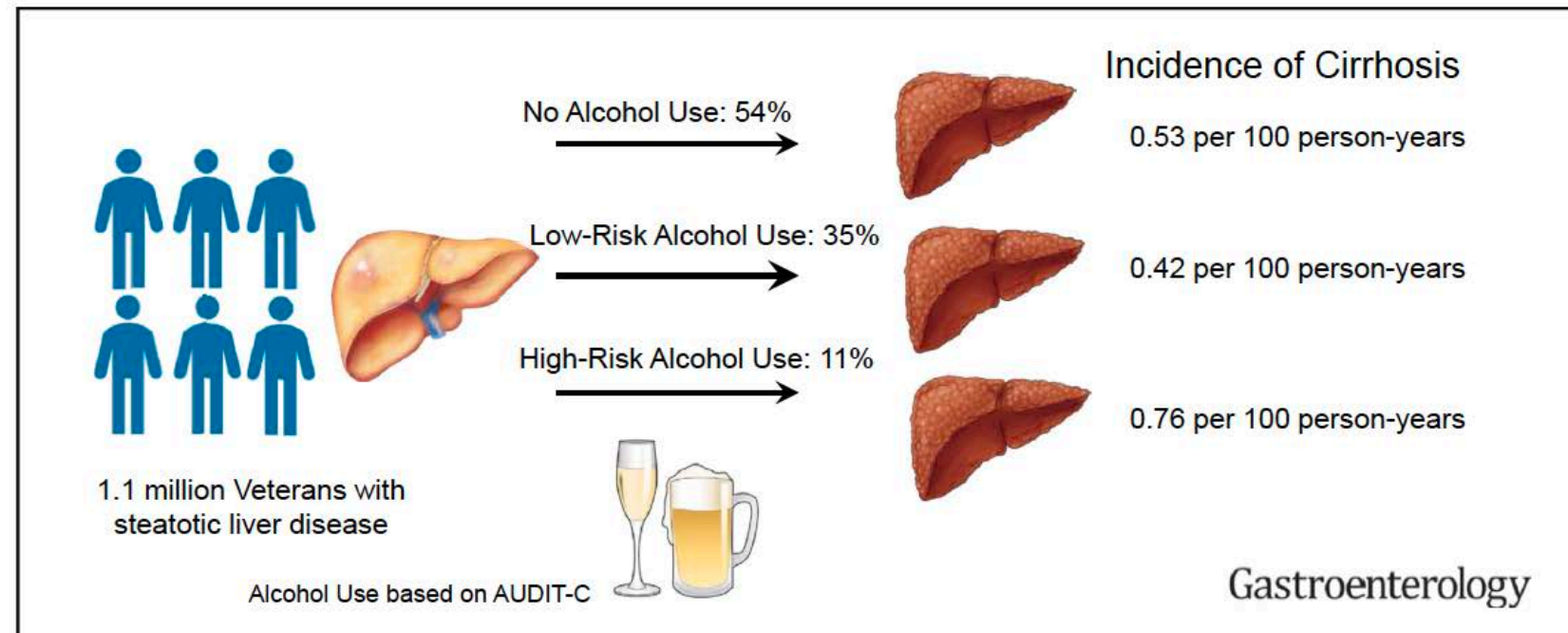


Impact of Longitudinal Alcohol Use Patterns on Long-Term Risk of Cirrhosis Among US Veterans With Steatotic Liver Disease



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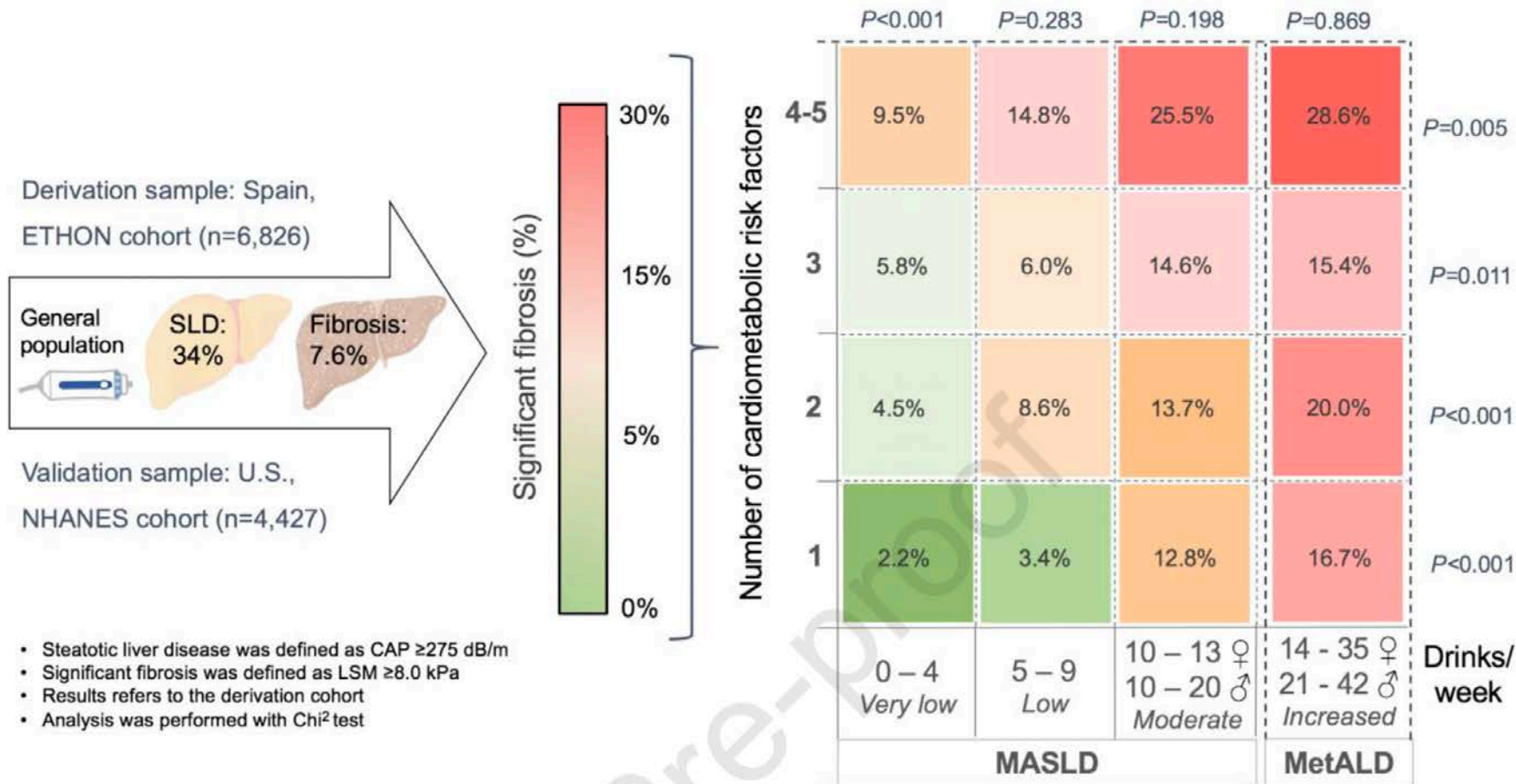
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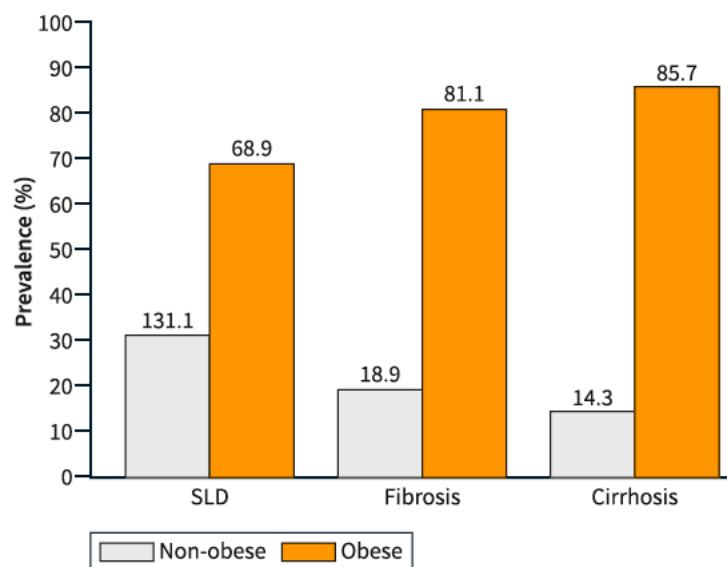
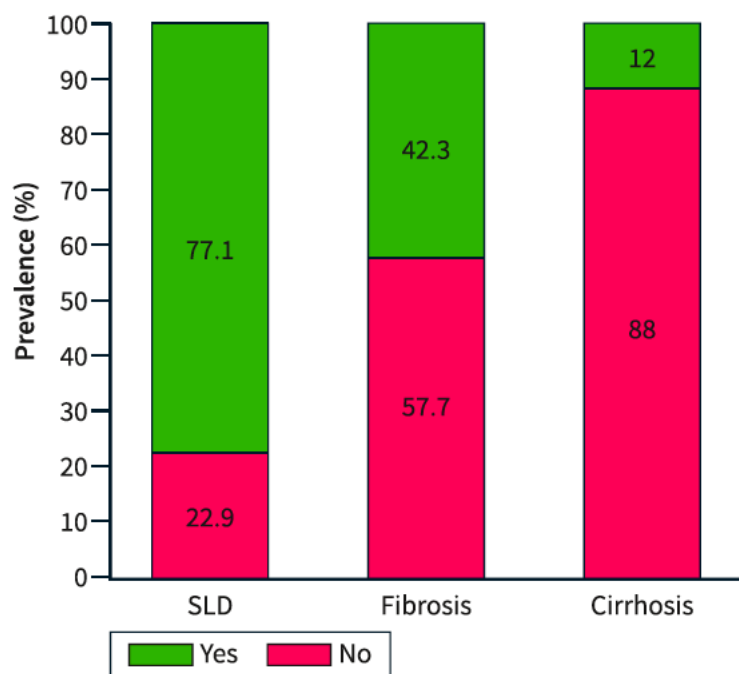
These data provide important data on the harmful effects of high-risk alcohol use in patients with steatotic liver disease, and future studies are needed to evaluate novel interventions for systematic and timely assessment of alcohol use with linkage to addiction services for those with identified high-risk alcohol use.

Low-to-moderate alcohol consumption is associated with increased fibrosis in individuals with metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease



Obesity and harmful alcohol consumption are predictors for advanced liver disease in the disease management program for type 2 diabetes

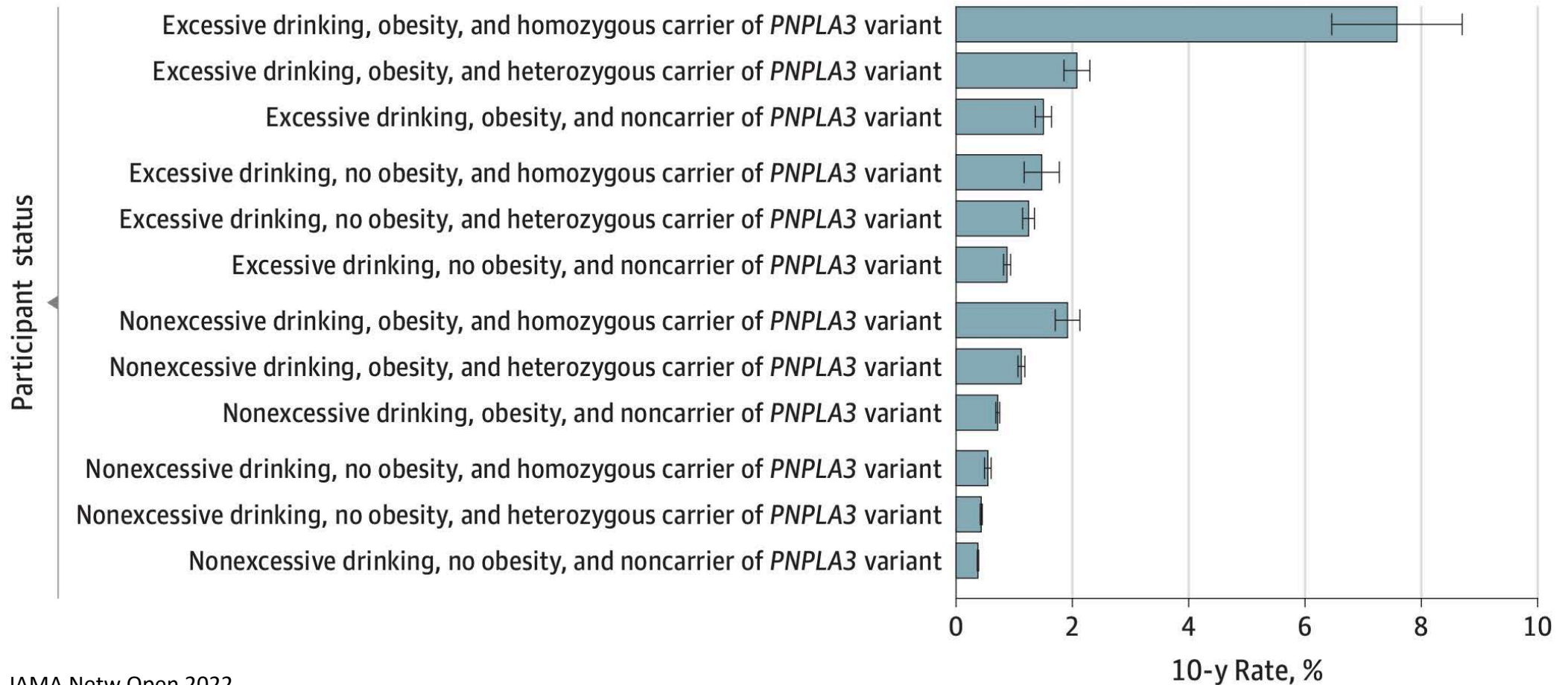
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Results: The majority of participants were male (62%), and the median age was 66 years (interquartile range 59; 71). The median body mass index was 31.1 kg/m², with 58.9% of the participants being obese. Harmful alcohol consumption was prevalent in 8.0% and 20.0% of the entire cohort and in those with cirrhosis, respectively. The prevalence of SLD, fibrosis, and cirrhosis was 77.1%, 42.3%, and 12.0%, respectively. In multivariable logistic regression analysis, obesity, and harmful alcohol consumption were associated with the highest odds of fibrosis (odds ratio [OR] 5.198, 95% confidence interval [CI] 2.269–11.908) and cirrhosis (OR 5.615, 95% CI 1.274–24.756), respectively.

Individual susceptibility: Cirrhosis

A Cumulative 10-year incidence rate of cirrhosis



Implicancias Clínicas patogenia: medicina de precisión

A Precision Medicine Guided Approach to the Utilization of Biomarkers in MASLD

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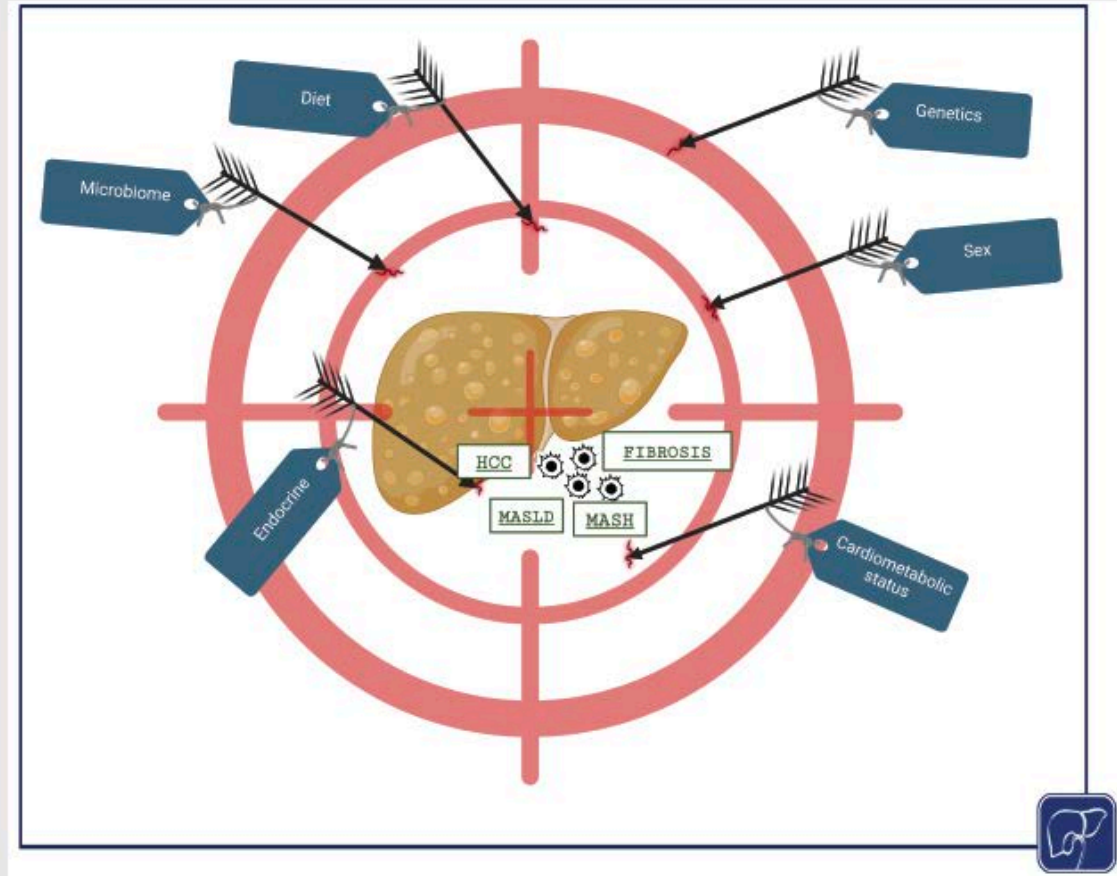
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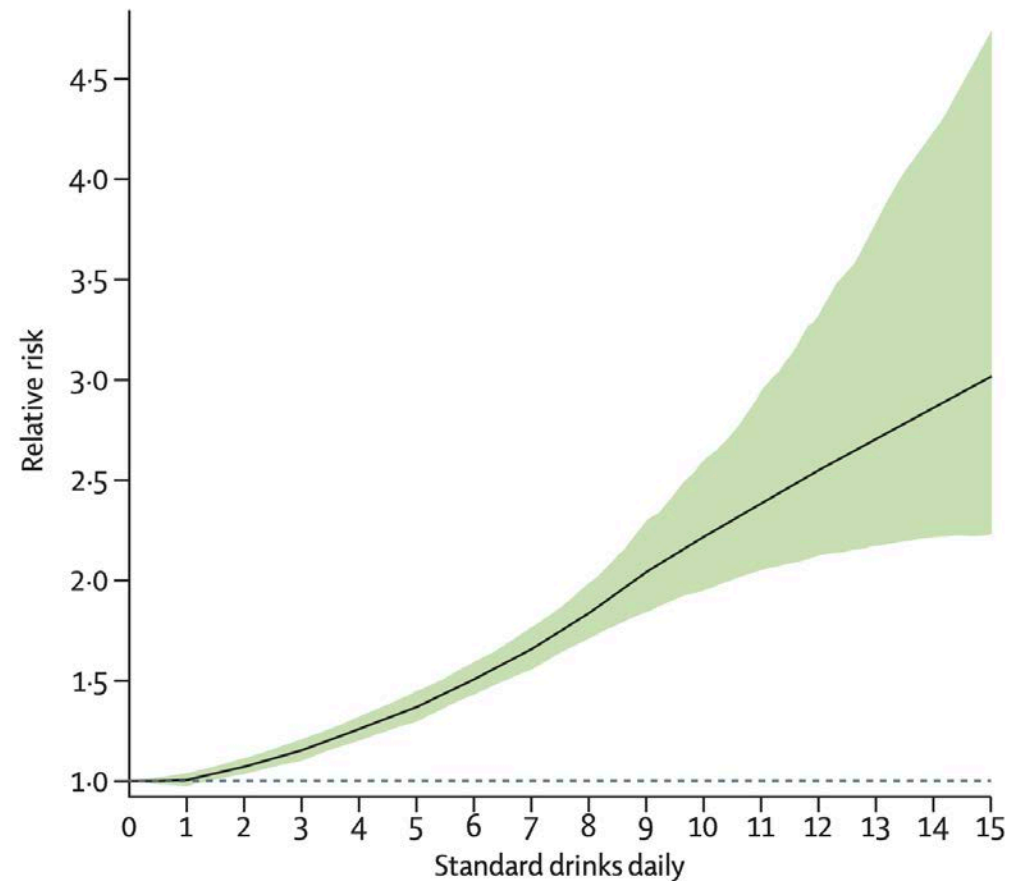
Graphical Abstract



How much alcohol can my patient without liver disease drink?

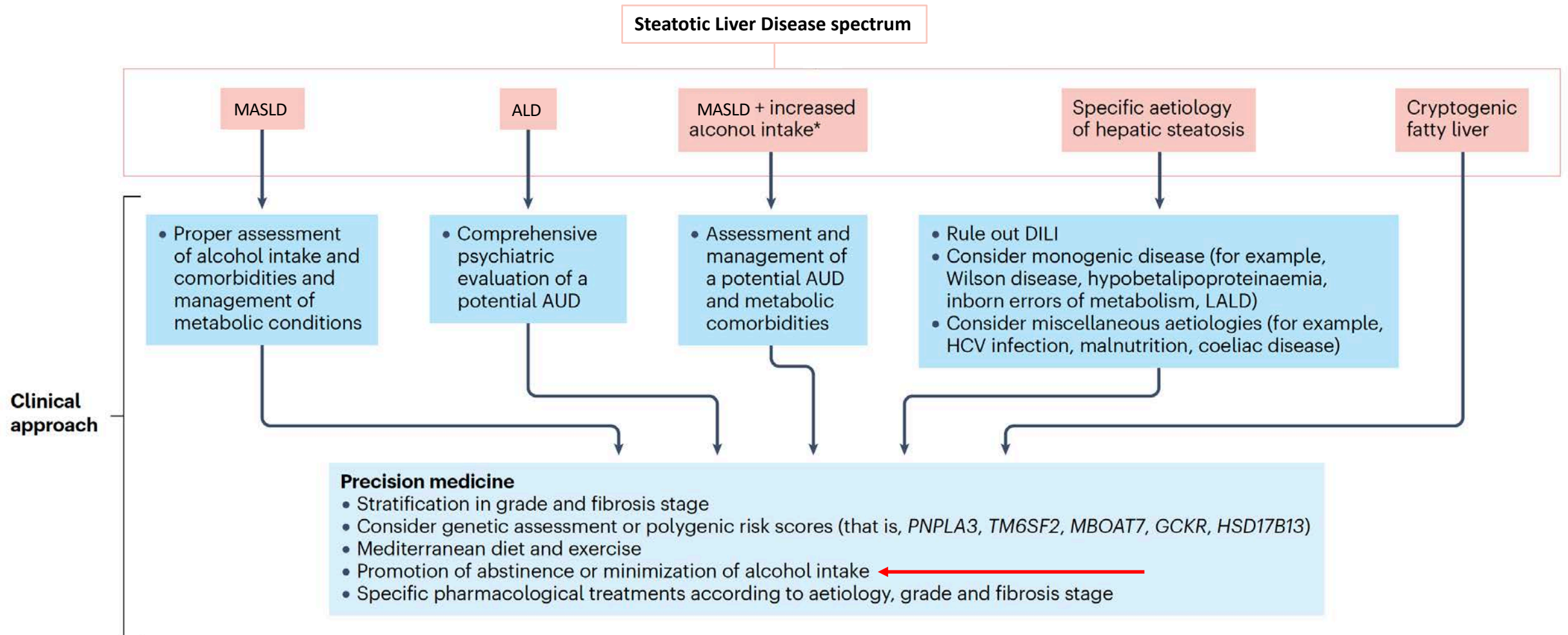
The level of consumption that minimises health loss due to alcohol use is **zero**

Weighted relative risk of alcohol for all attributable causes, by standard drinks consumed per day



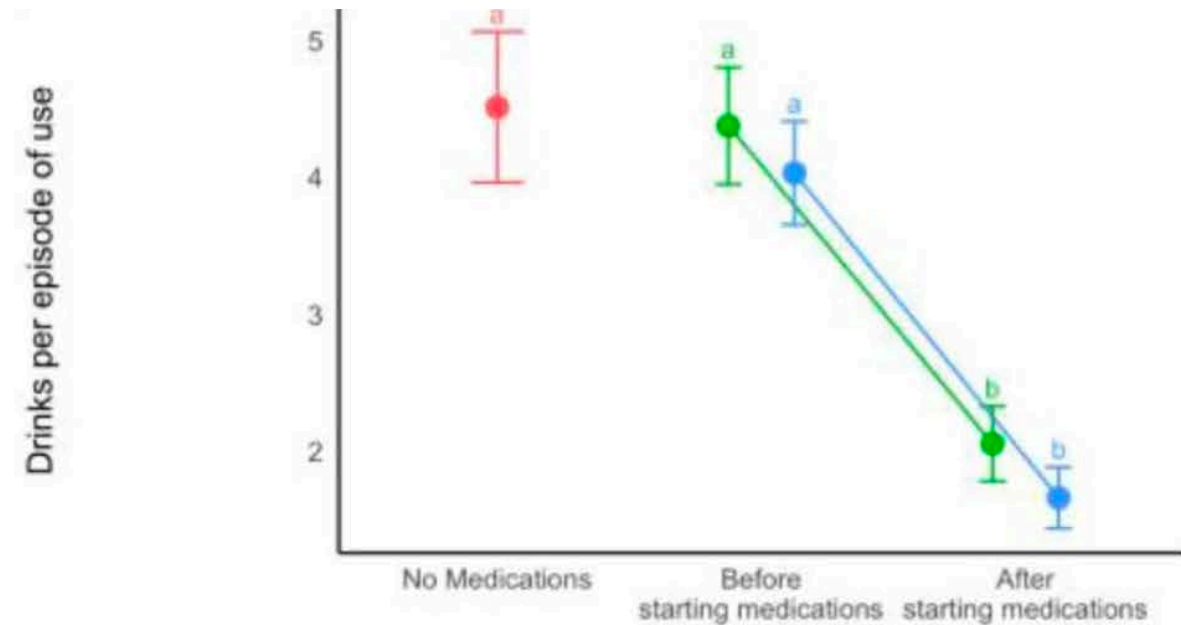
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Implicancias Clínicas: MASLD & OH



Semaglutide and Tirzepatide reduce EtOH in obesity

- 1st: A machine-learning based attribution mapping of ~ 68,250 posts related to GLP-1 or GLP-1/GIP agonists on the Reddit platform
- 2nd: 153 participants; current alcohol drinkers; BMI ≥ 30
- Real-world evidence of reduced alcohol consumption in people with obesity taking Semaglutide or Tirzepatide medications, suggesting potential efficacy for treatment in AUD comorbid with obesity



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