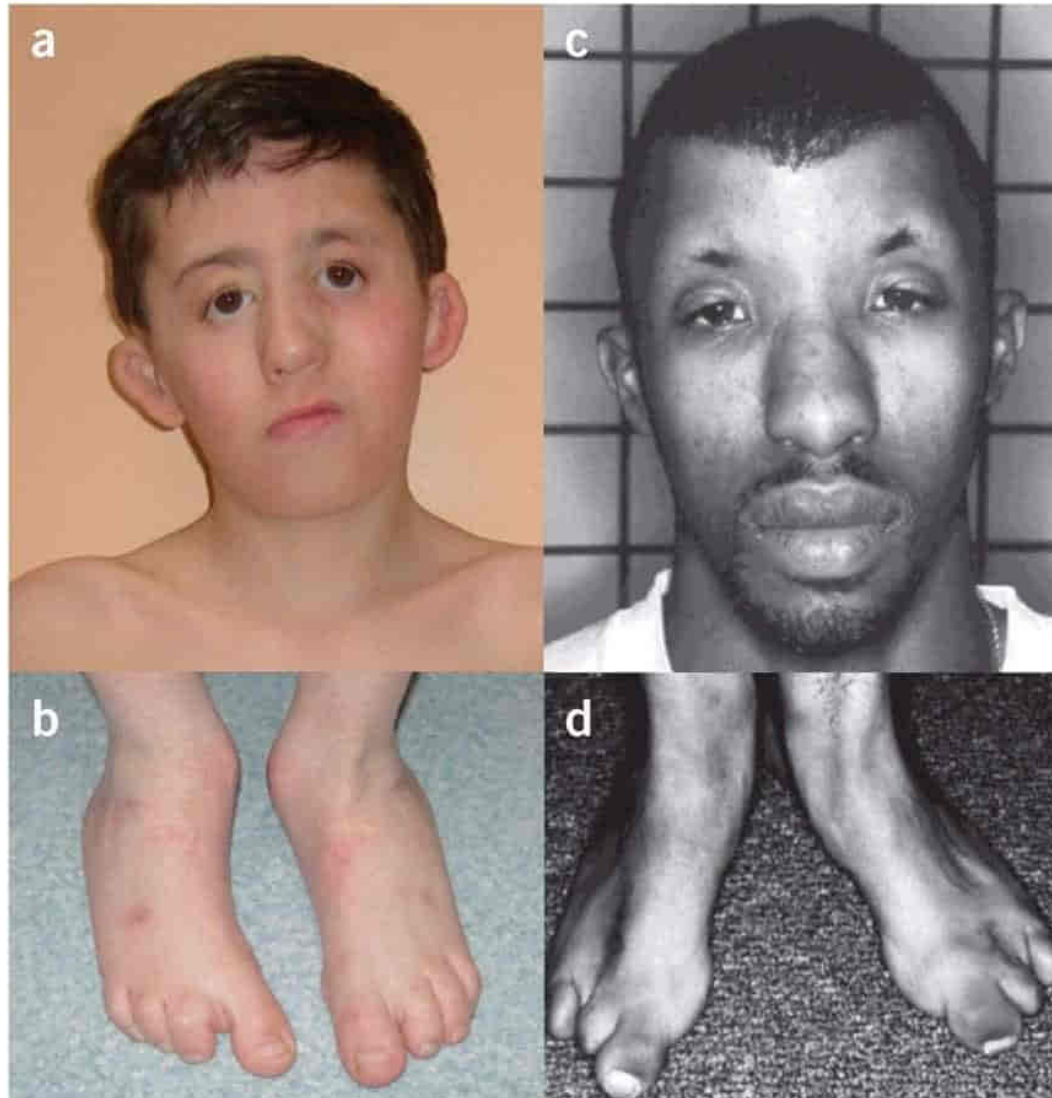


# Dihydro-orotate dehydrogenase (DHODH) deficiency



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# Dihydro-orotate dehydrogenase deficiency- Maastricht patient



- Bilateral mesomelic dysplasia
- Shortened radius and tibia
- Shortening and bowing of ulna and fibula

- Both hands 4 digits (incl. thumb.)
- Both feet 3 digits
- Cutaneous syndactyly digit I & II right foot
- Abnormal stance of ankles and feet

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## POSTAXIAL ACROFACIAL DYSOSTOSIS; POADS

*Alternative titles; symbols*

**MILLER SYNDROME**

**GENEE-WIEDEMANN SYNDROME**

- severe micrognathia
- cleft lip and/or palate
- hypoplasia or aplasia of the postaxial elements of the limbs
- coloboma of the eyelids
- supernumerary nipples
- ?liver dysfunction?
- *DHODH* – Dihydroorotate Dehydrogenase deficiency
- Ng, S. B. et al. Exome sequencing identifies the cause of a mendelian disorder. *Nature Genet.* 42: 30-35, 2010.
- 3 months treatment with uridine at age 4 years for behavioural problems unsuccessful (Duley et al, MGM, 2016)
- >>>> “Potential uridine treatment in early pregnancy to prevent morphological anomalies presents an exciting but untested possibility.”

# DE NOVO synthesis



1. Glutamine amidotransferase
2. Carbamoyl phosphate synthase II

**CAD**

3. Aspartate transcarbamylase

L-aspartate  
carbamoyl phosphate

N-carbamoyl-L-aspartate

4. Dihydroorotase

(S)-dihydroorotate

**DHODH**

5. Dihydroorotate dehydrogenase

orotate

6. Uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase

**UMPS**

Orotidine 5'-phosphate

7. Orotidine 5'-phosphate decarboxylase

Cytoplasm

Mitochondrion



## RECYCLING pathway

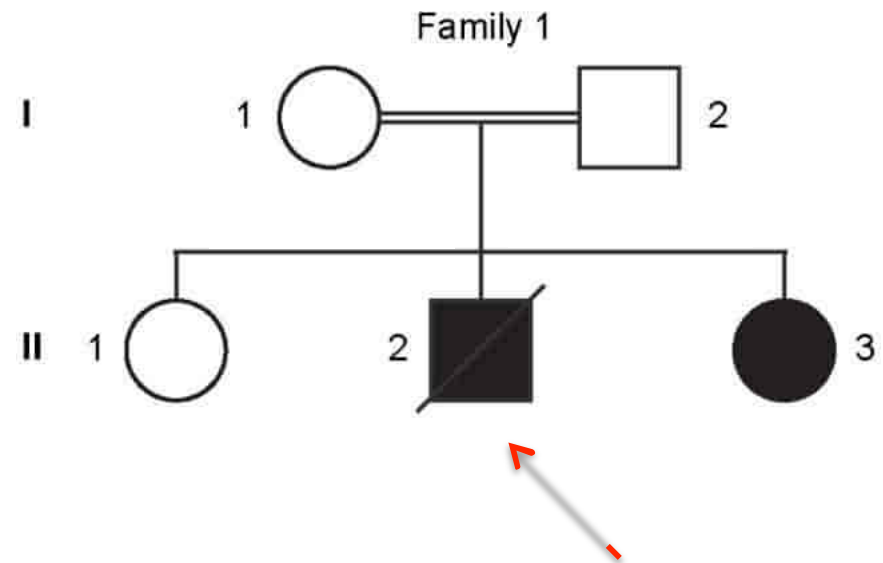
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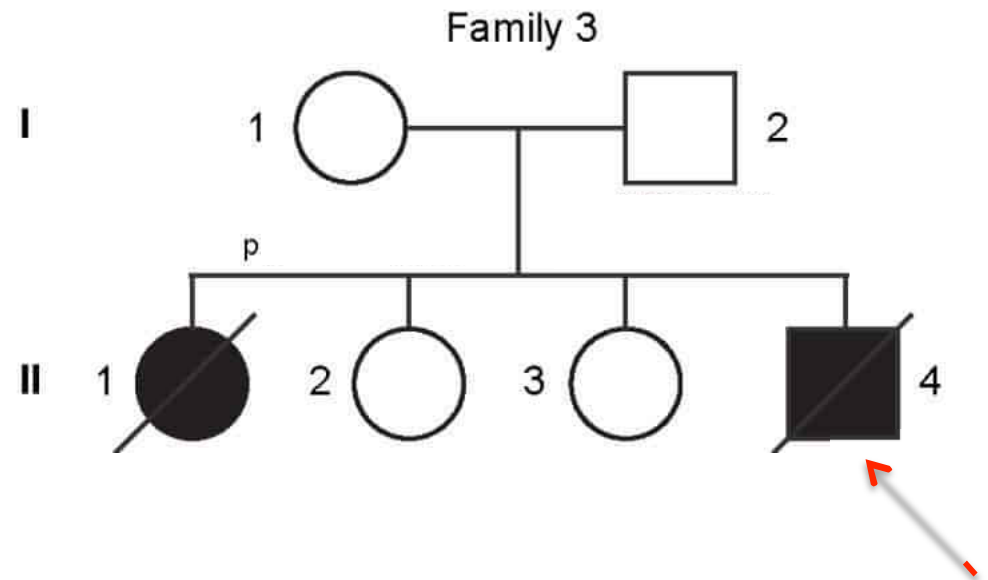
UMP

UTP, CTP, dTTP, dCTP

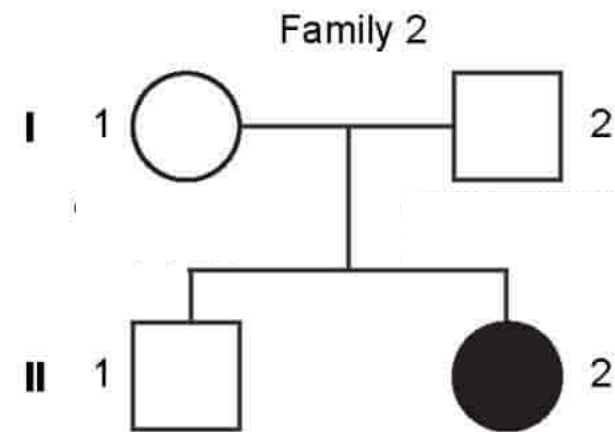
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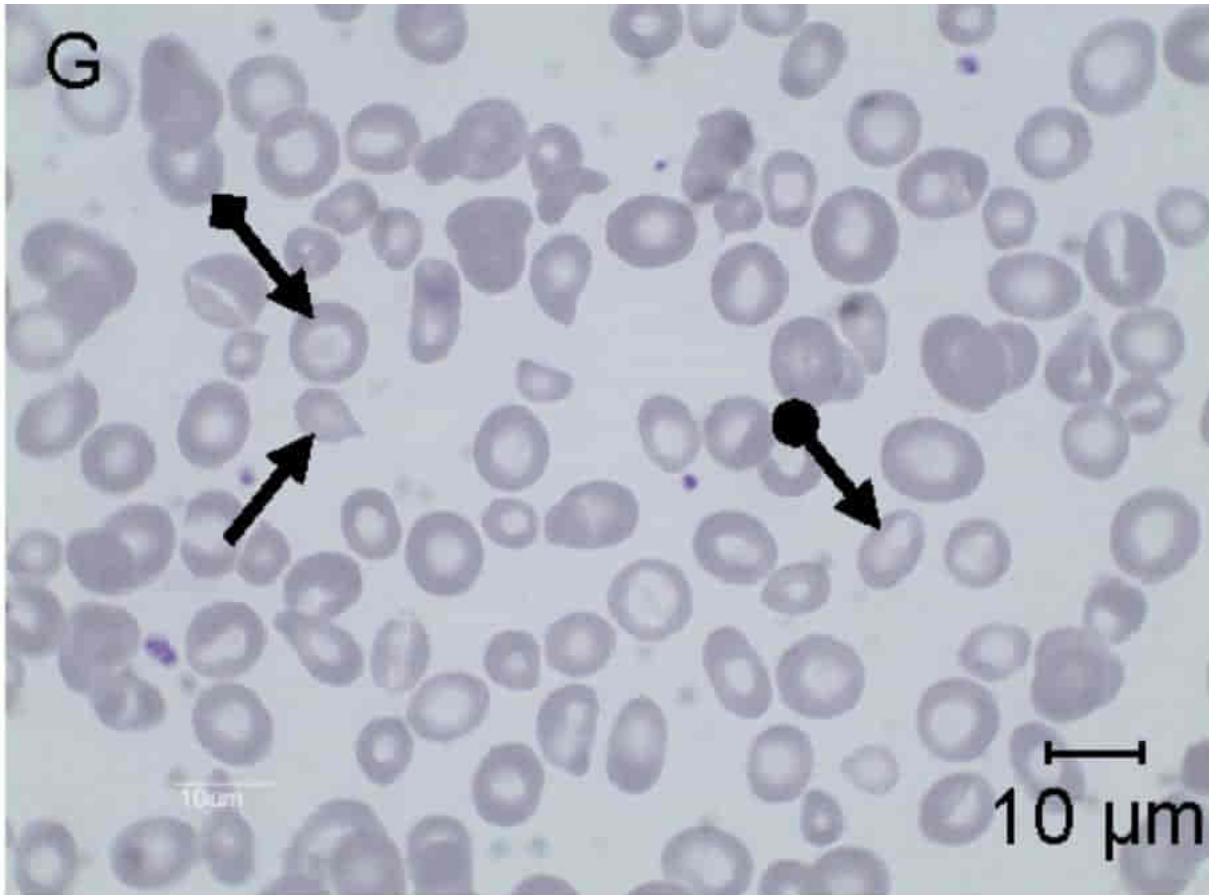
- Serbian Roma, bottle fed
- Developmental delay < 1y
- First seizure 20 m  
>>> several super-refractory status epilepticus
- Loss of skills 3y  
> swallowing problems, unable to move, minimal conscious state > deceased at age 4 y
- Parents: sister “healthy”



- Serbian Roma, bottle fed
- First child had died of epilepsy (no details)
- Developmental delay 18m (cave refugees)
- 1<sup>st</sup> seizure 24 m
- >>> several super-refractory status epilepticus
- Loss of skills 4 y > swallowing problems, unable to move, minimal conscious state > deceased at age 5 y



- German, breast fed
- Developmental delay 4 m
- 1<sup>st</sup> seizure 6 m >>> several super-refractory status epilepticus
- Loss of skills 4 y > swallowing problems, unable to move, minimal conscious state

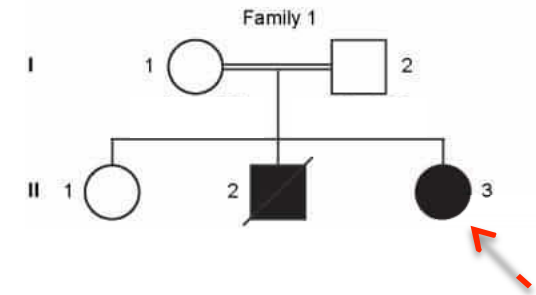
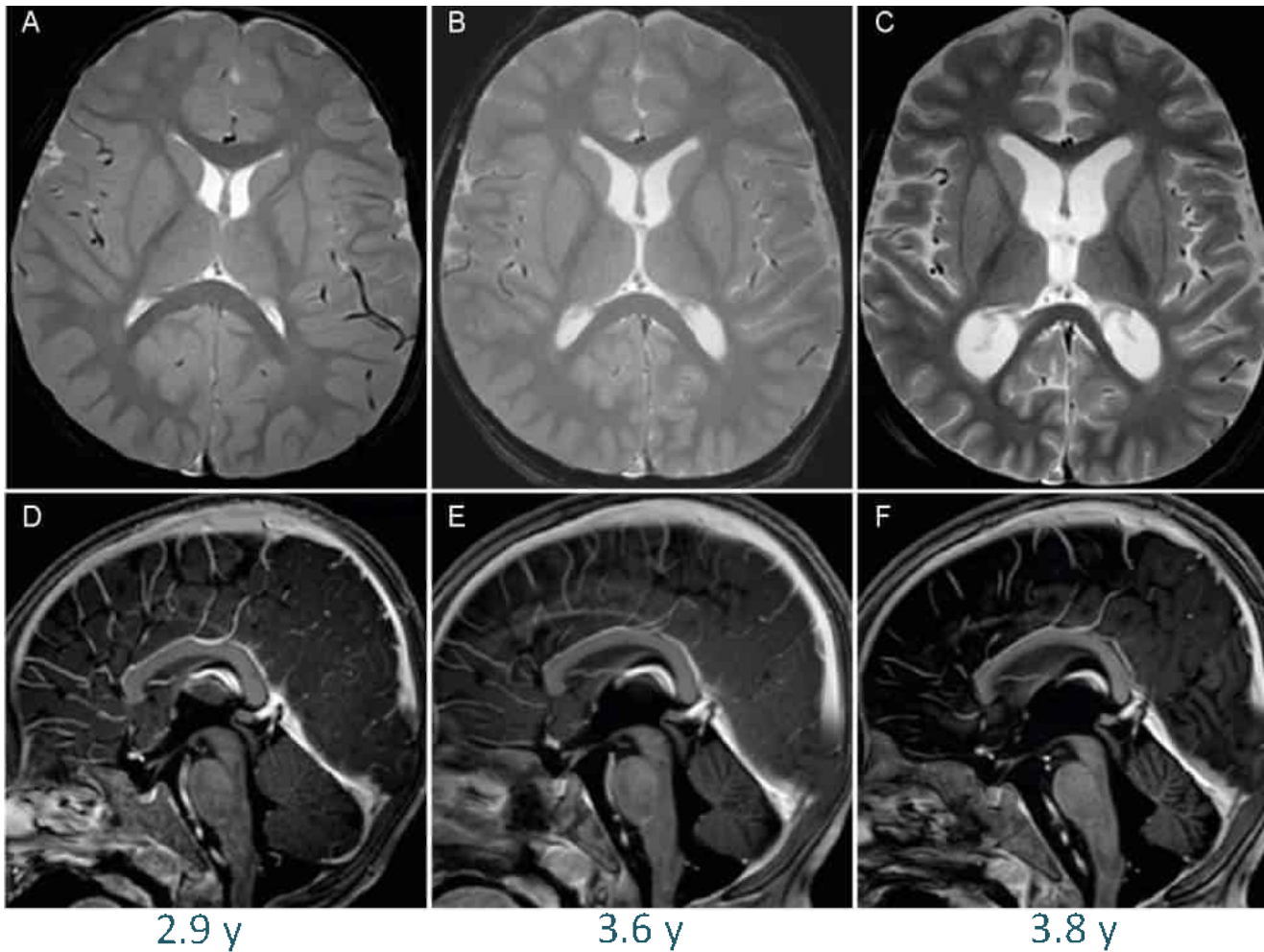


↗ teardrop cell

↗ target cell

- Mild anemia (HB 10% below ref. range)
- Normal MCV
- Anisopoikilocytosis in peripheral blood smear

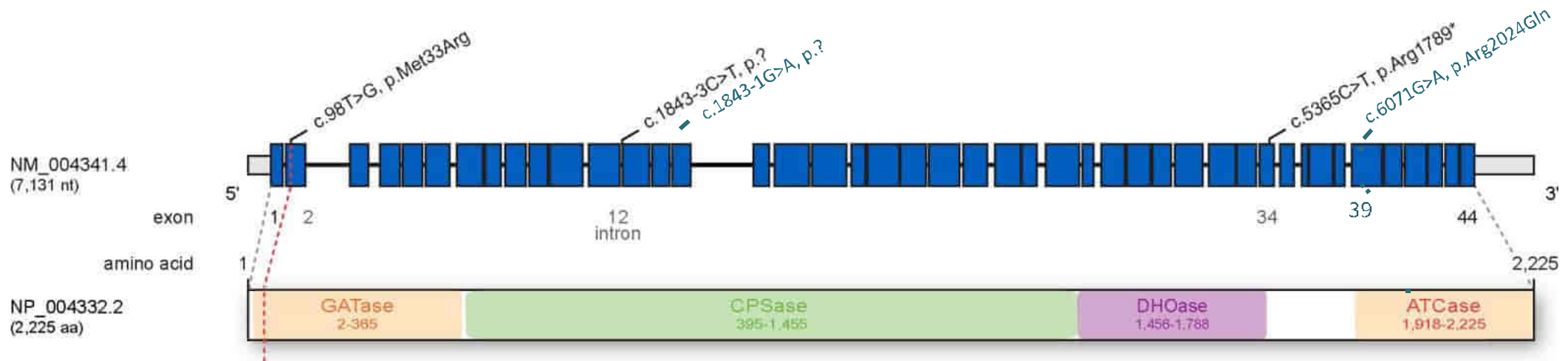




MRI: progressive  
global atrophy

- Extensive clinical chemical and metabolic screening unremarkable
- Transferrine isoelectric focussing (TIEF) unremarkable
- Purines/Pyrimidines (urine, serum) unremarkable

# NGS: rare variants in *CAD*



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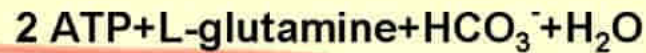
## Biallelic mutations in *CAD*, impair *de novo* pyrimidine biosynthesis and decrease glycosylation precursors

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- ?North American female
- (FTT, diarrhea 1m)
- Developmental Delay < 1y
- One seizure 17 m
- Mild anemia, anisopoikilocytosis
- TIEF unremarkable, urinary orotic acid 1x decreased, 1x normal
- No follow up

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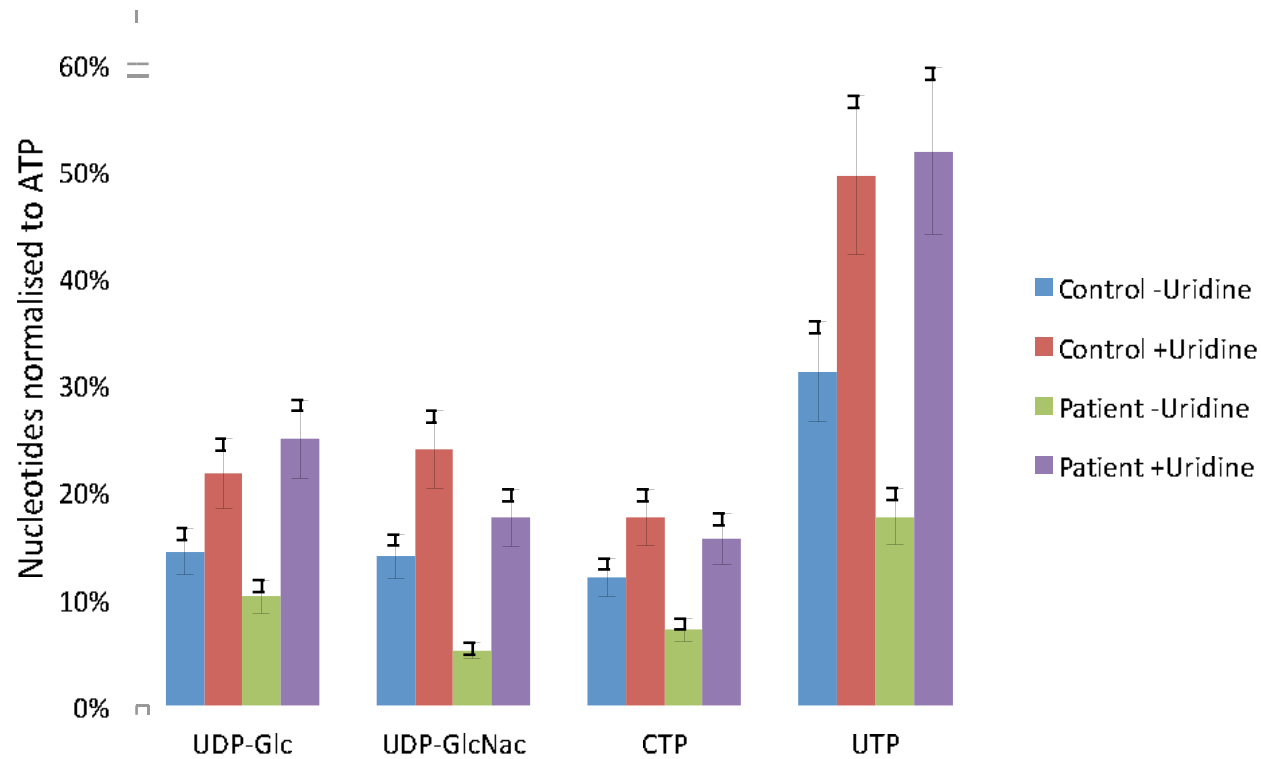
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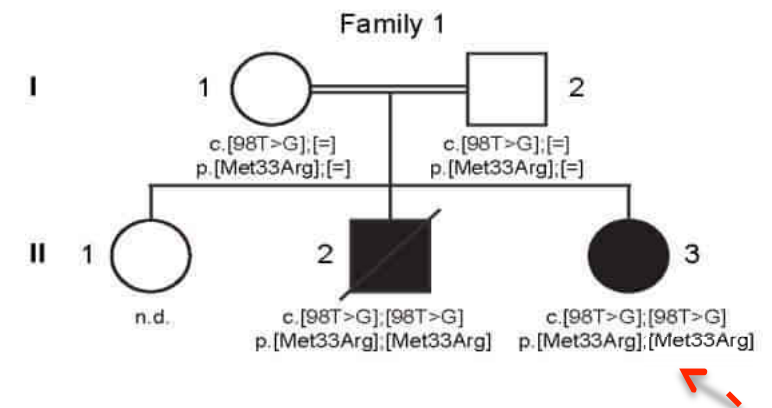
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# Uridine restores nucleotide sugar levels in patient fibroblasts

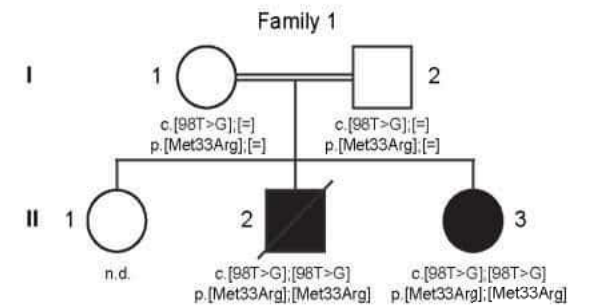
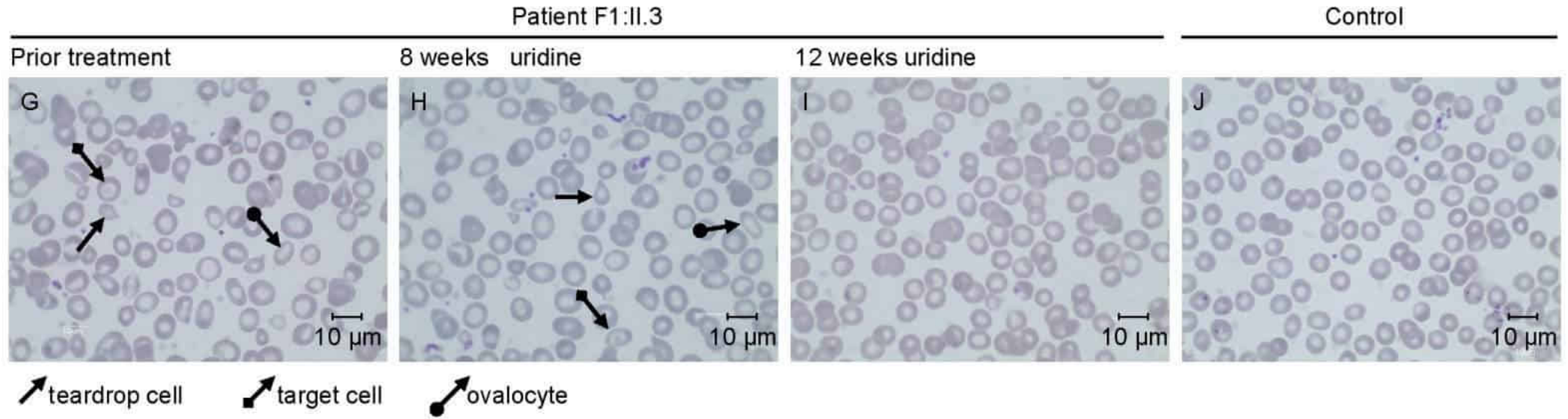


# Uridine treatment 4 x 25 mg/kg (100 mg/kg/day)

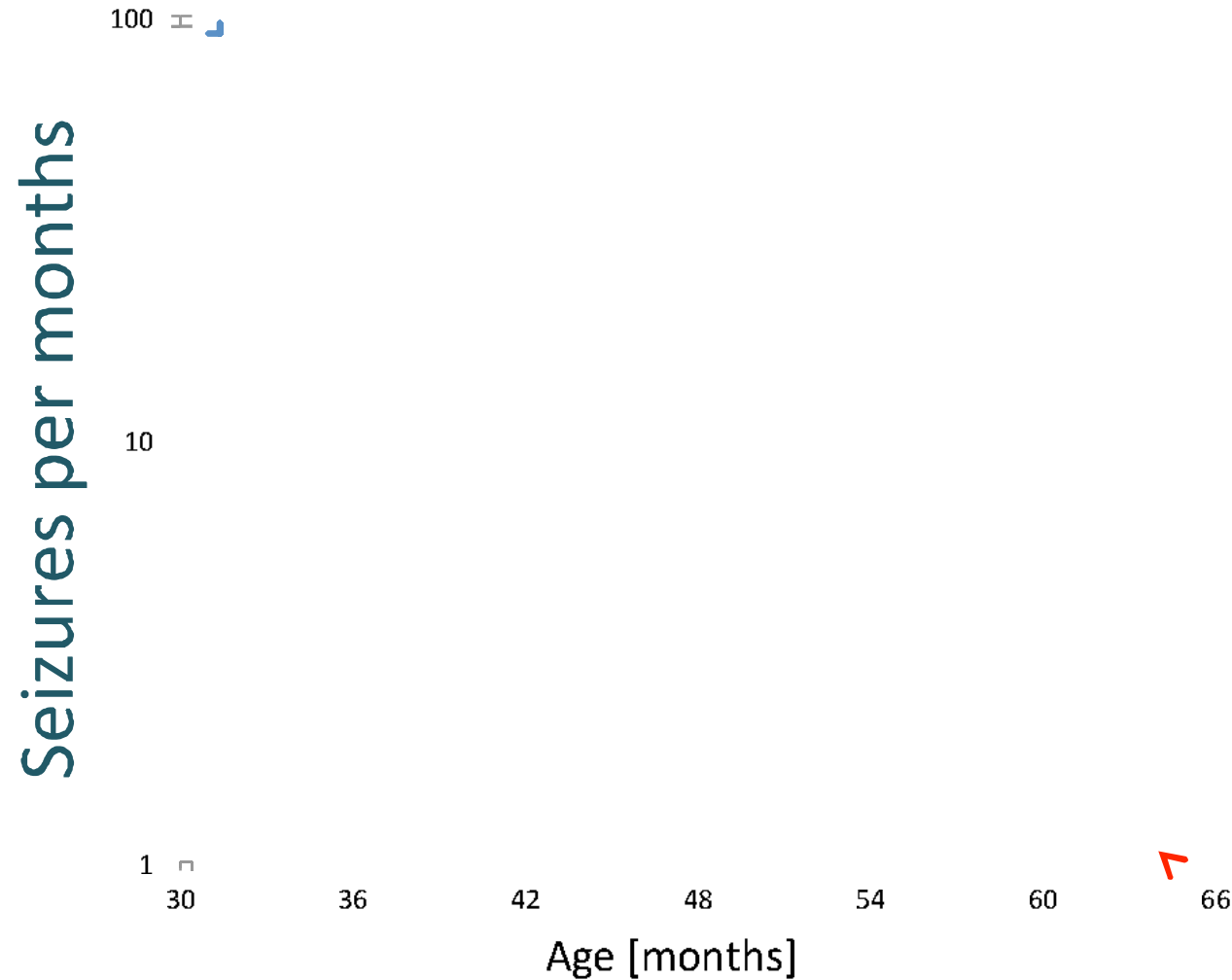
- Younger sister:
  - Serbian Roma, bottle fed
  - Developmental Delay < 1y
  - First seizure 24 m
    - >>> several seizures per week, UNTREATED
  - Developmental arrest
  - Anemia, anisopoikilocytosis



# Uridine resolves anemia

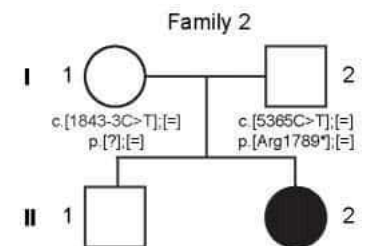


# Uridine leads to immediate cessation of seizures



Seizure free since 11 months

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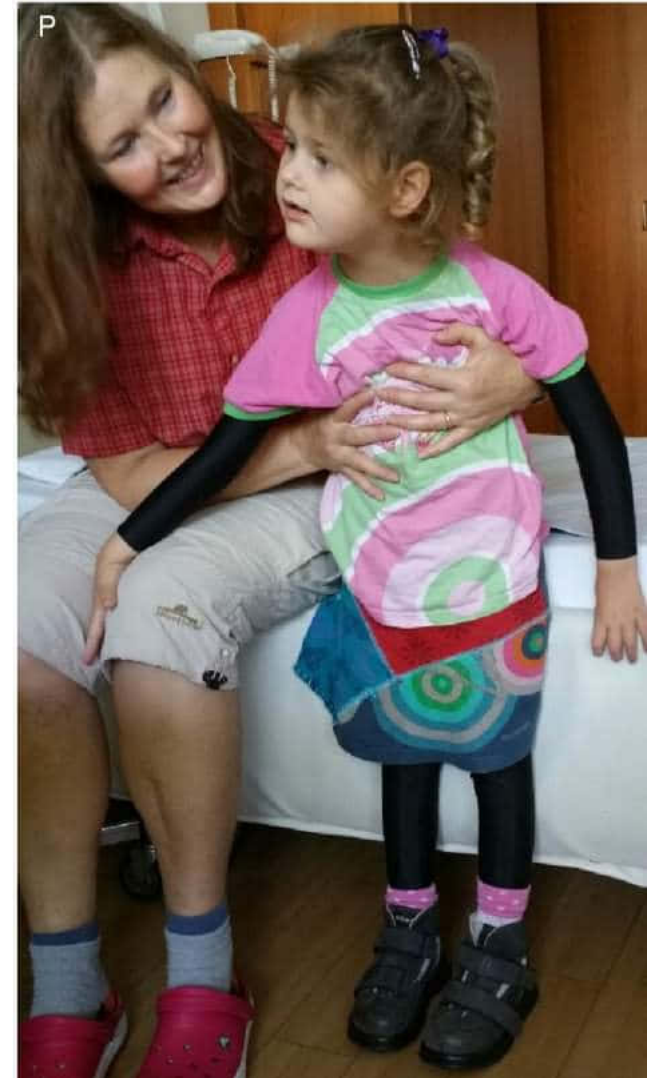


# Uridine: lost developmental skills regained



Prior treatment

2018: ??????

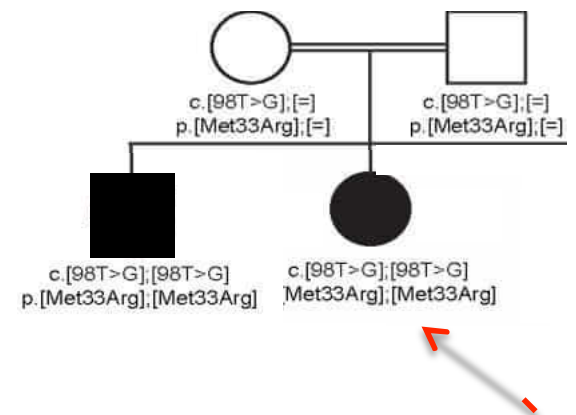


9 weeks treatment



# Additional patients – milder phenotype!

- *Brazilian family, lost to follow up*
- *Several US-based patients (C. Ficioglu, H. Freeze) treatment succesful for epilepsy, no details for other s/s*
- *Russo et al AJ of Hematology: anemia, epilepsy*
- **Germany (Dr. Benkel) august 2018**
  - Girl 2 y, 4 x AED, loss of skills (walking, crawling)
  - Regained crawling, (instable) walking within 3 w of uridine
  - Older brother 10 y:
    - learning difficulties, attention deficit
    - Focal seizures “Rolando epilepsy”
    - blood smear pending, uridine started



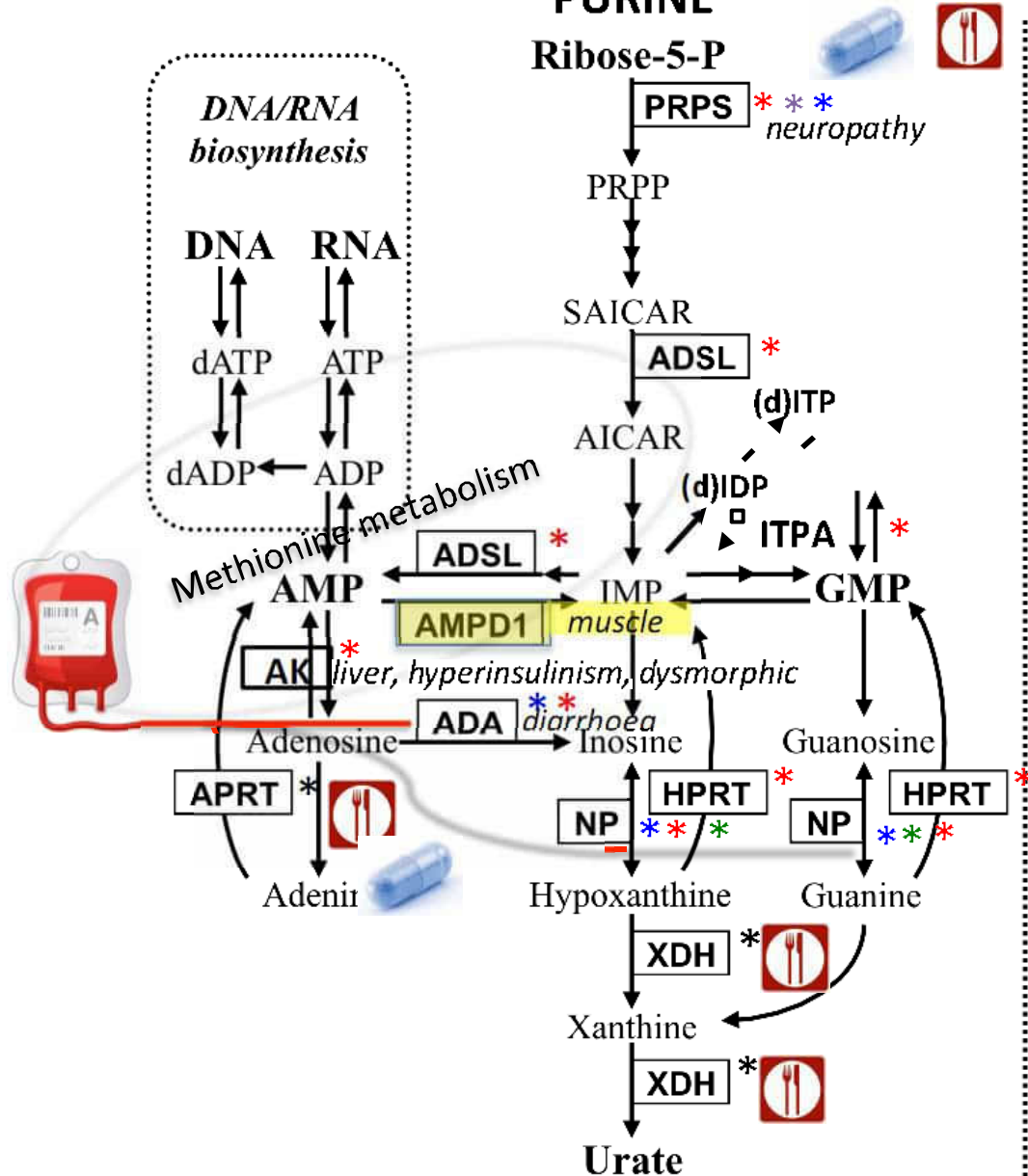
# *CAD-deficiency:*

## *De novo pyrimidine synthesis disorder*

- Recognizable phenotype:
  - Developmental delay/intellectual disability
  - Seizures/epileptic encephalopathy
  - +/- Progressive neurodegeneration
  - Anisopoikilocytosis in peripheral blood smear, +/- anemia
  - +/-Early death
- Treatable IEM: Uridine 4 x 25 mg/kg (100 mg/kg/day)
  - **Immediate cessation of seizures**
  - Blood smear normalizes within 8-12 weeks
  - Regain of lost skills/ restart of development
- CAD deficiency should be added to both the (short) lists of
  - treatable inborn errors of metabolism
  - treatable metabolic epilepsies
- Urgent need for a biomarker >>> new born screening
- Cave: effect of nutritional uridine (e.g. formula, tube feeding)

# PURINE

Ribose-5-P



\* ID/DD? neurological (CNS incl. hearing/vision)

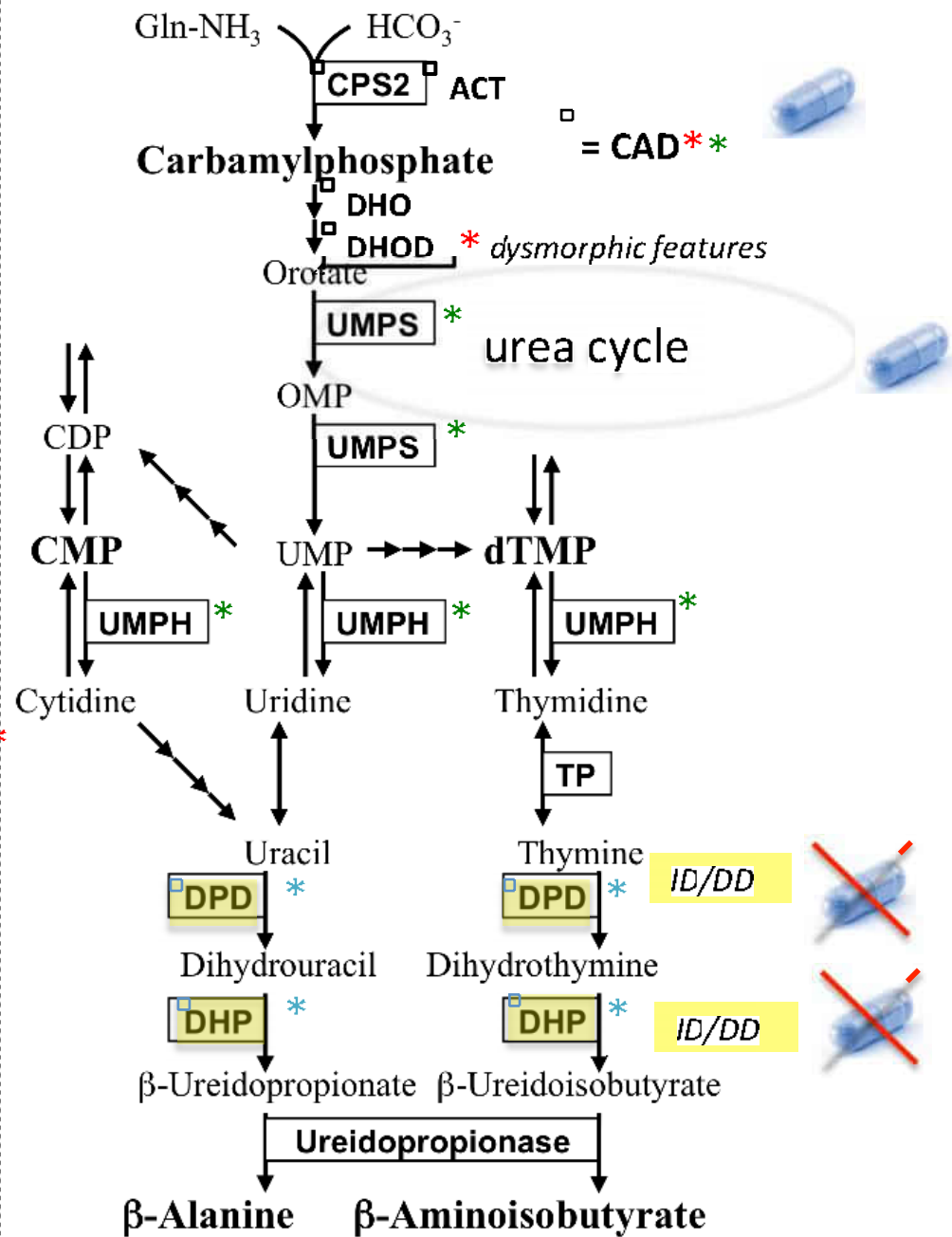
\* hematological \* immunological

\* nephrolithiasis/renal \*gout

\* drug toxicity

? non disease ?

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