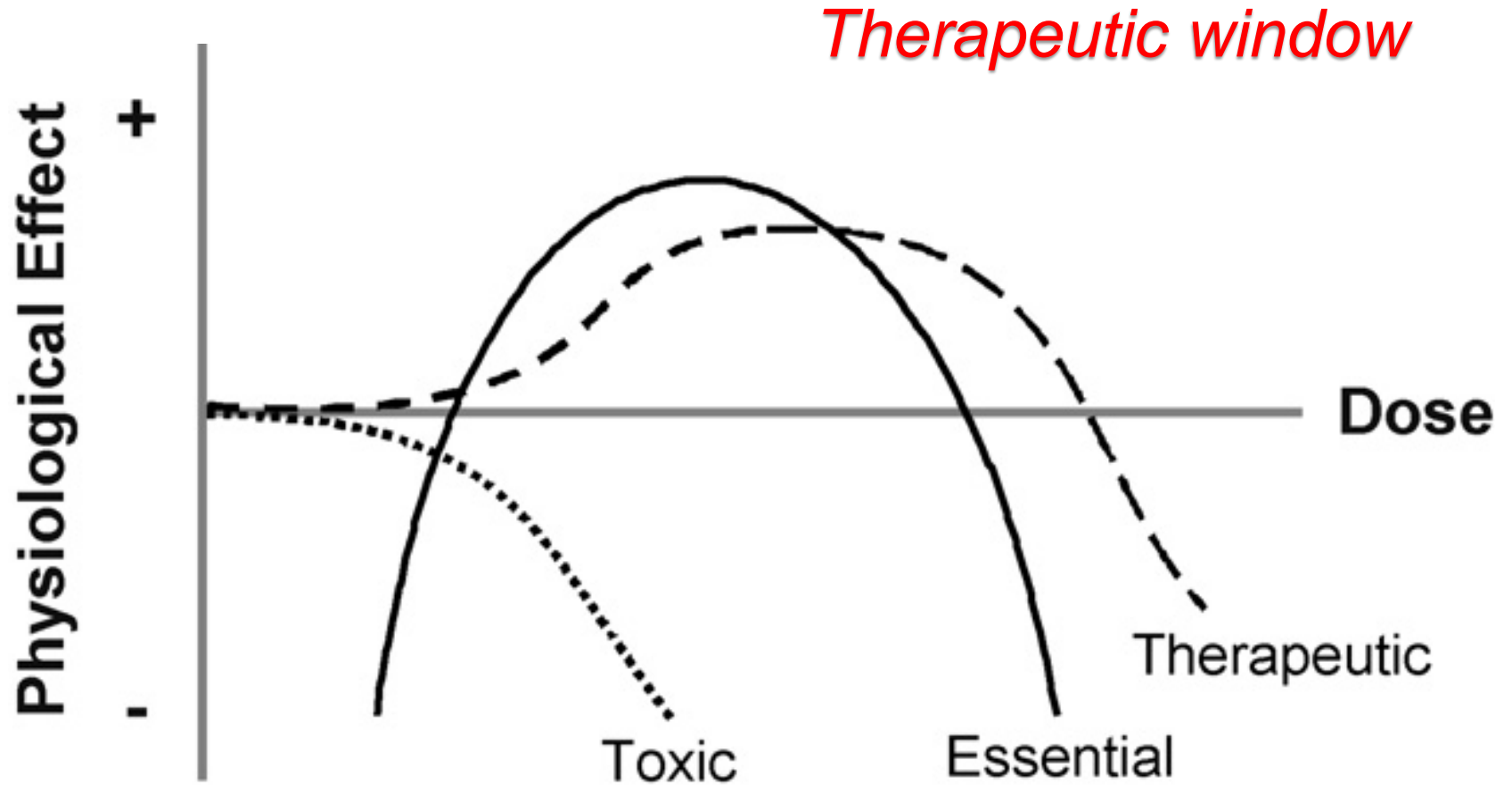
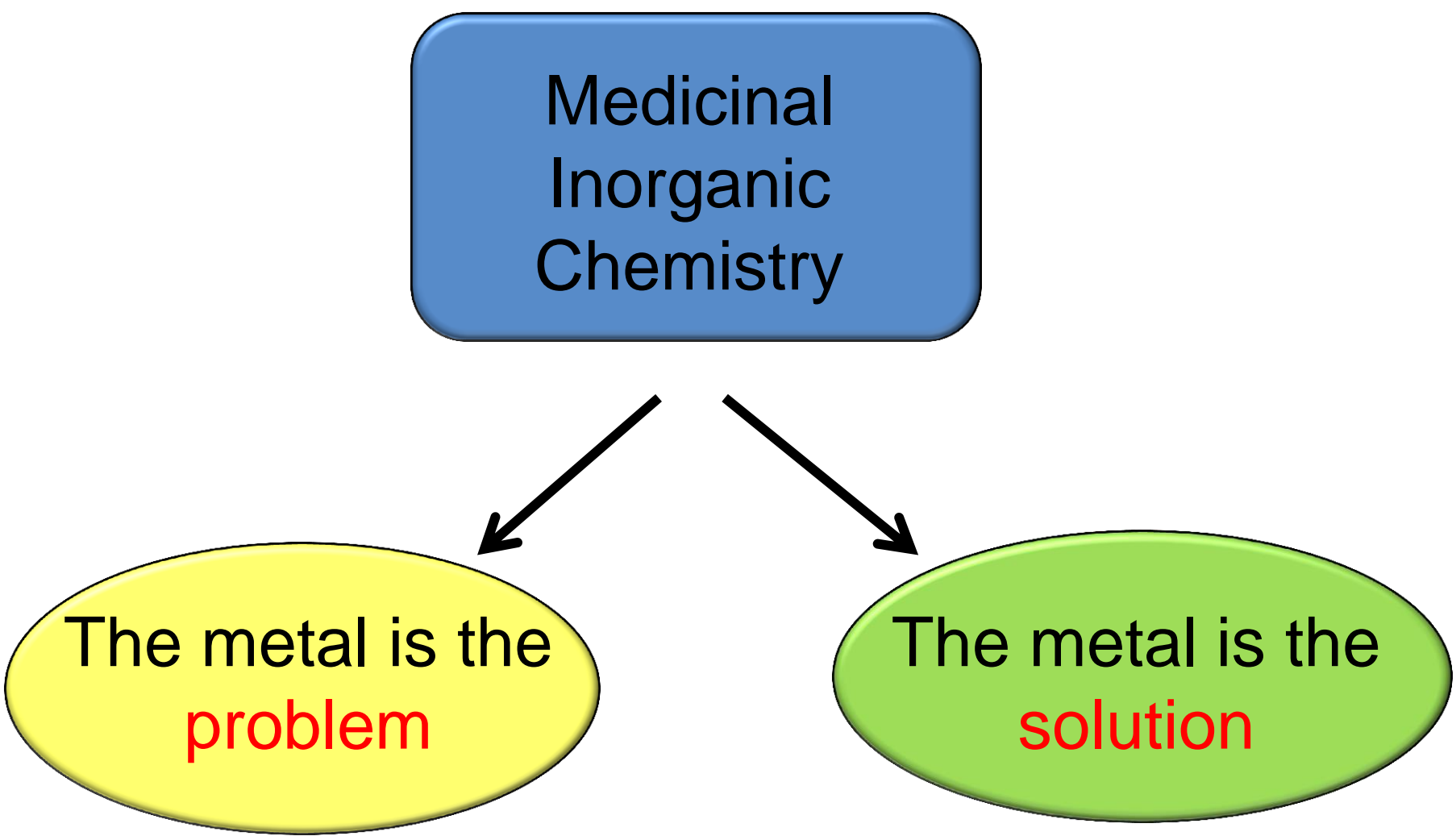


Diagramma di Bertrand



Medicinal Inorganic Chemistry



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graph TD; A[Medicinal Inorganic Chemistry] --> B([The metal is the problem]); A --> C([The metal is the solution]);
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The metal is the
problem

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graph TD; A([The metal is the problem]) --> B[Deficiency and Overload Syndromes (endogenous metals)]; A --> C[Toxicity (hexogenous metals)]; B --> D([Supplements]); B --> E([Chelation Therapy]); C --> E;
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Deficiency and Overload
Syndromes
(*endogenous metals*)

Toxicity
(*hexogenous metals*)

Supplements

Chelation Therapy

The metal is the
problem



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graph TD; A([The metal is the problem]) --> B[Inhibitors or Analogs of Metalloenzymes]
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Inhibitors or Analogs of
Metalloenzymes

The metal is the
solution



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graph TD; A([The metal is the solution]) --> B[Diagnostic and Therapeutic Agents];
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Diagnostic and Therapeutic
Agents

Tossicità di metalli esogeni e altri elementi

Pb

Itai Itai Disease

Cd

Tl

Minamata Disease

Hg

Be

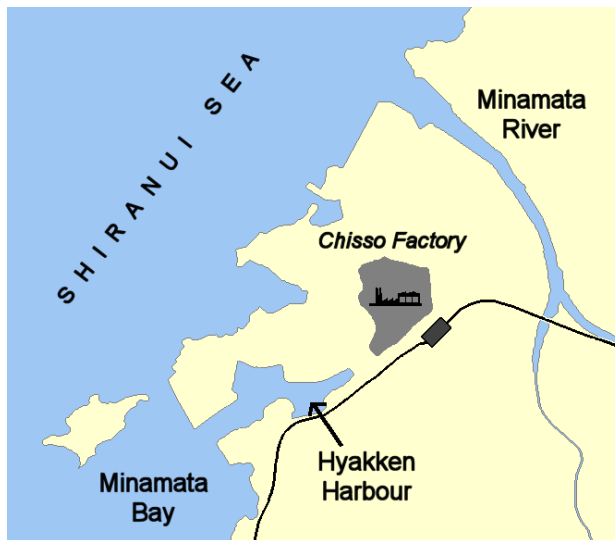
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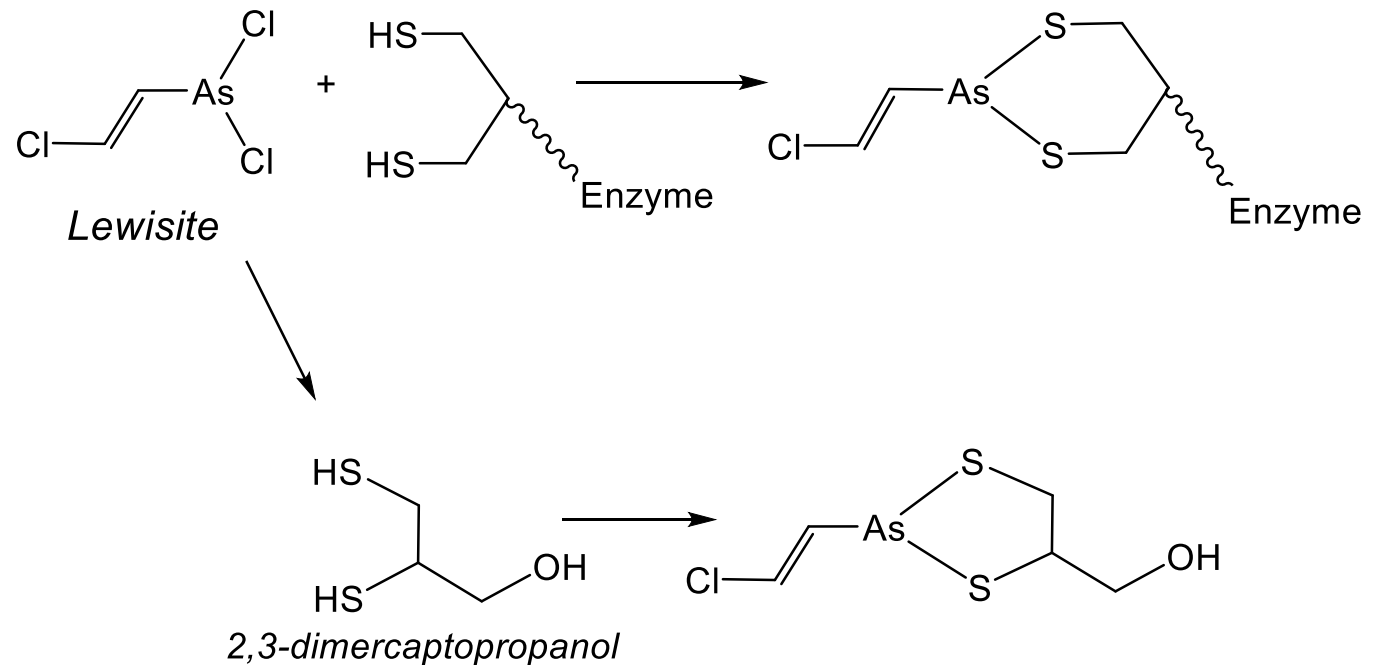
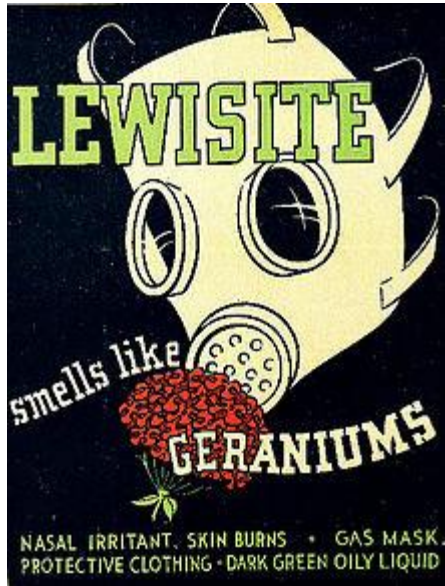
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Chelation Therapy

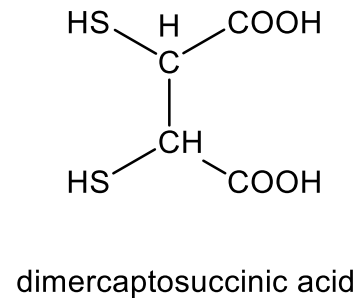
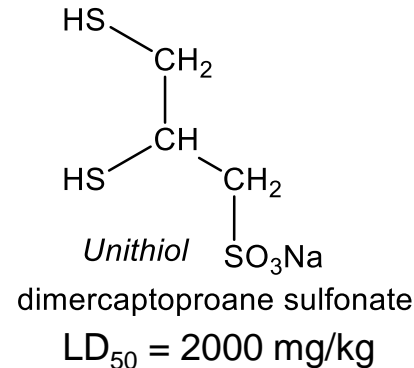
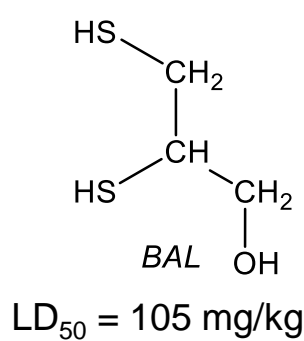


BAL = *British Anti-Lewisite*

Chelation Therapy

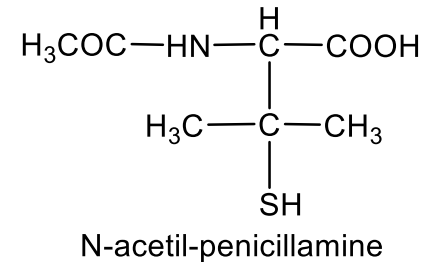
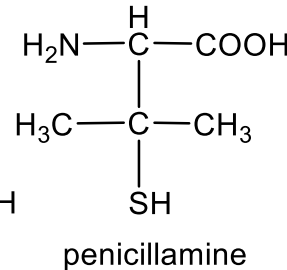
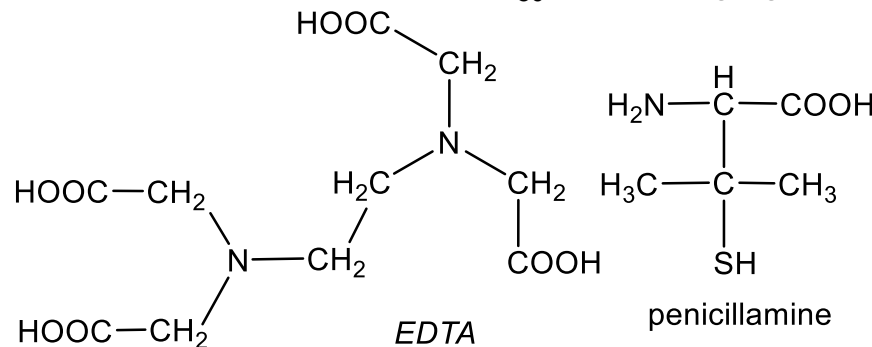
Agent:

- Effective (i.e. match the binding preferences of the ion)
- Selective
- Non toxic
- Resistant to metabolism
- Unexpensive



Adducts:

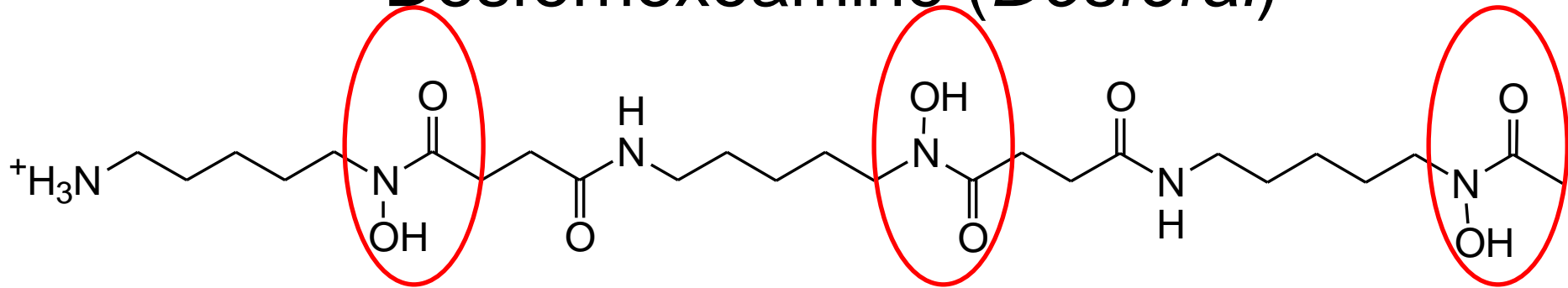
- Stable
- Non toxic
- Highly soluble in water (rapid clearance)
- Resistant to metabolism



Iron chelation therapy

- Mammals are unable to regulate the export of Fe
- Patients affected by severe forms of anemia (e.g. thalassemia) need frequent blood transfusions
- Transfusions lead to iron overload
- Iron overload, if untreated, leads to premature death
Fenton chemistry: $\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{OH}^\cdot + \text{OH}^-$
- Chelation therapy is essential
 1. Efficacia del chelante
 2. Tossicità
 3. Costo
 4. Modo di somministrazione (*compliance*)

Desferrioxamine (*Desferal*)



Desferrioxamine B (DFO, *desferal*)

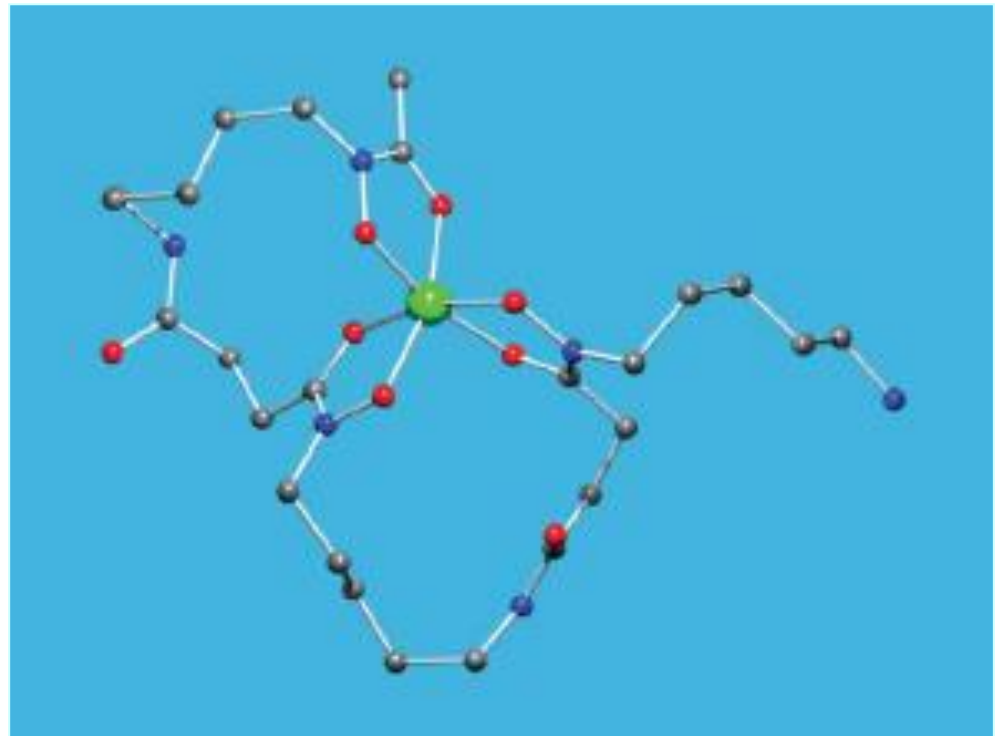
Natural siderophore from *Streptomyces pilosus*

FDA approval: 1968

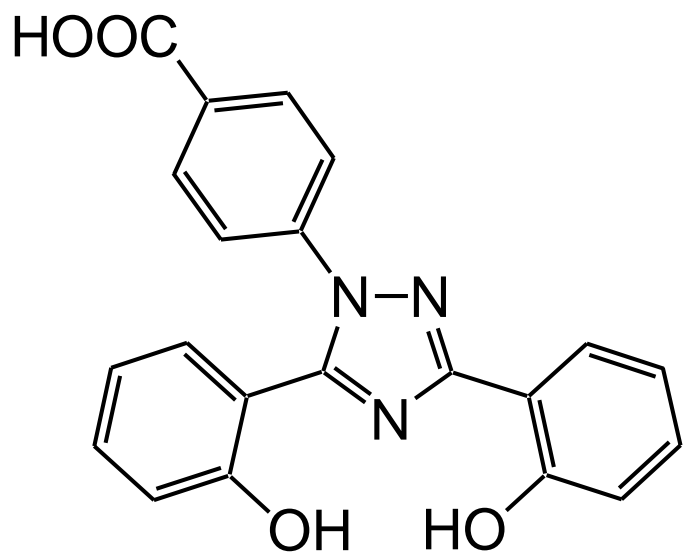
$pFe = 26.6$

$pFe = -\log[Fe^{n+}]$

Drawback: very long
infusion time: 8 – 12 h



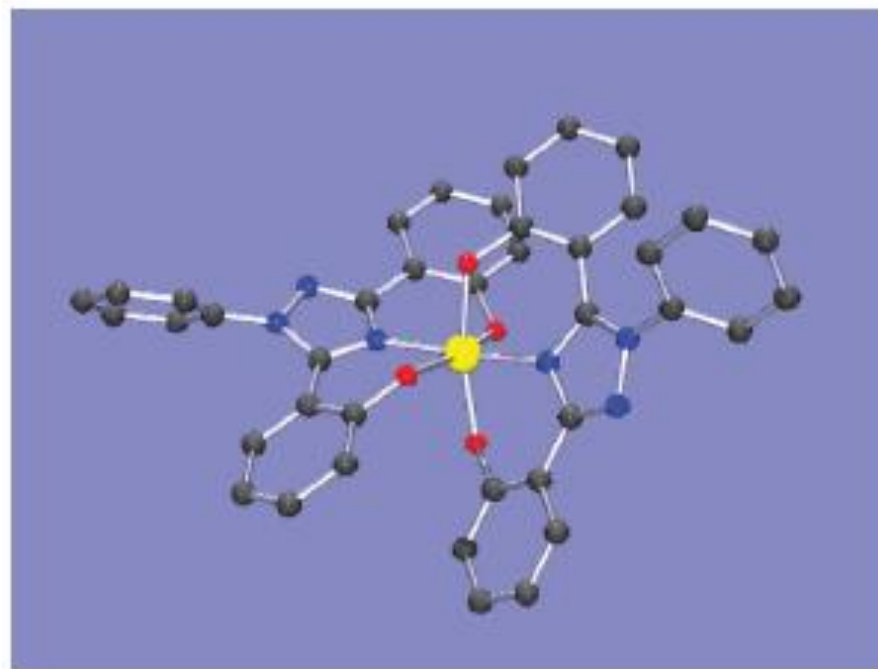
Deferasirox: Orally active



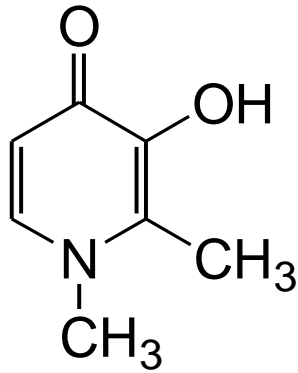
bis-hydroxyphenyl-triazole
deferasirox

pFe = 20

FDA approval: 2005



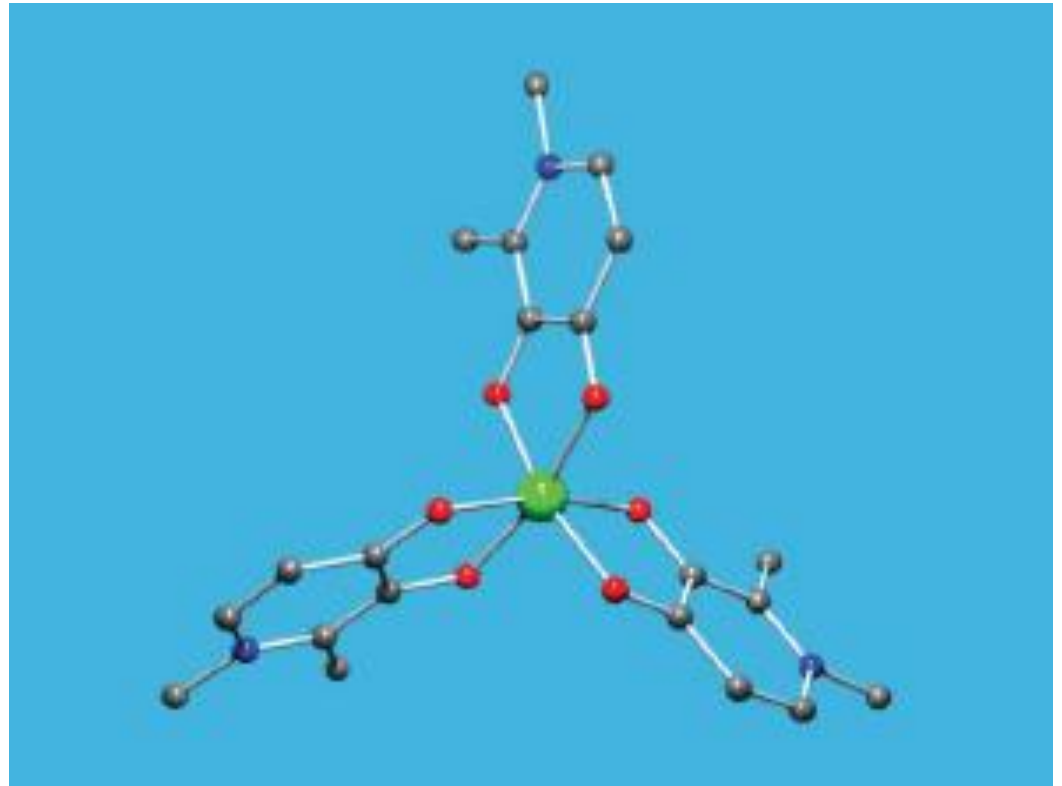
Deferiprone: Orally active

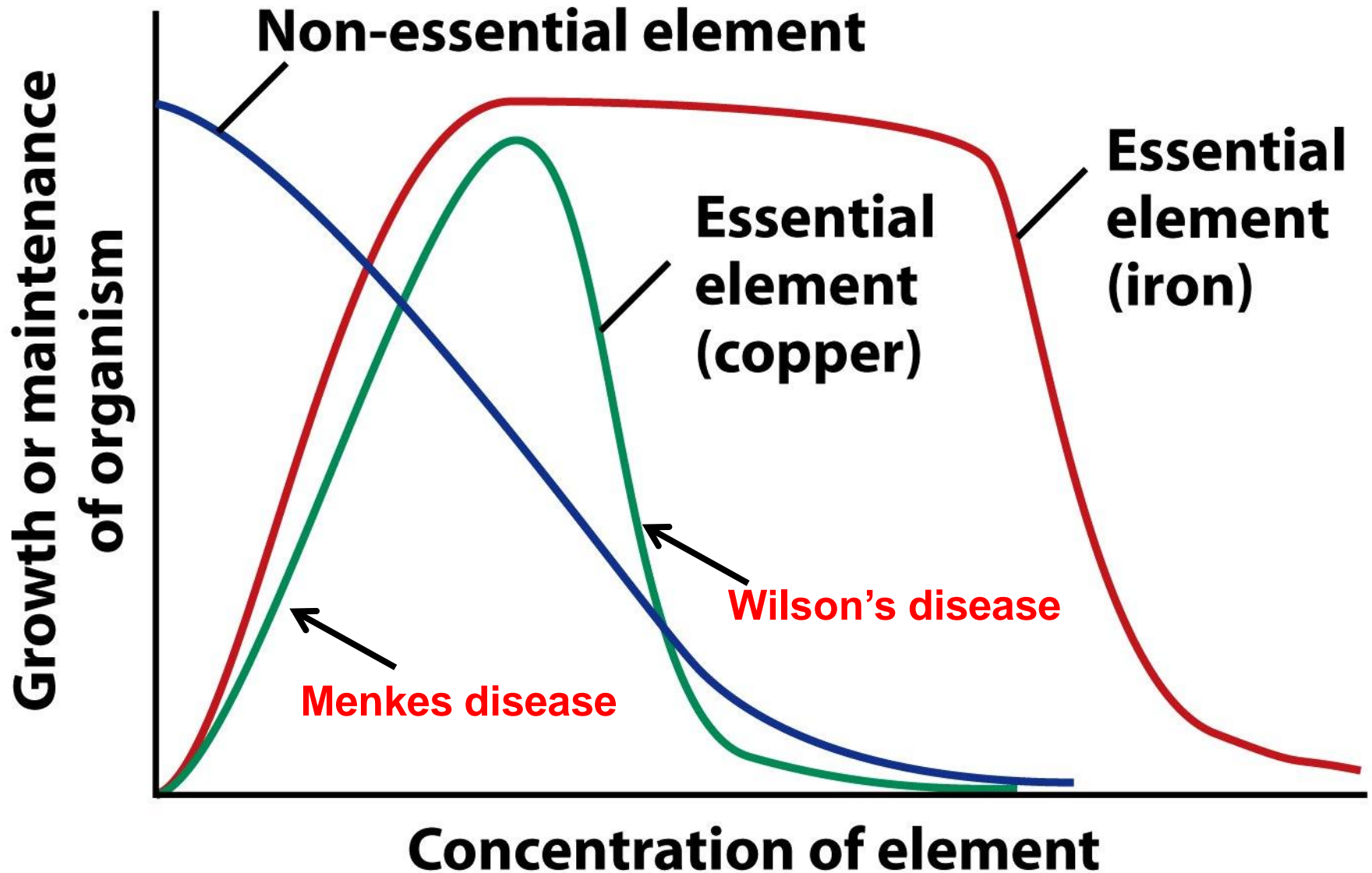


3,4-dihydropyridinone
deferiprone

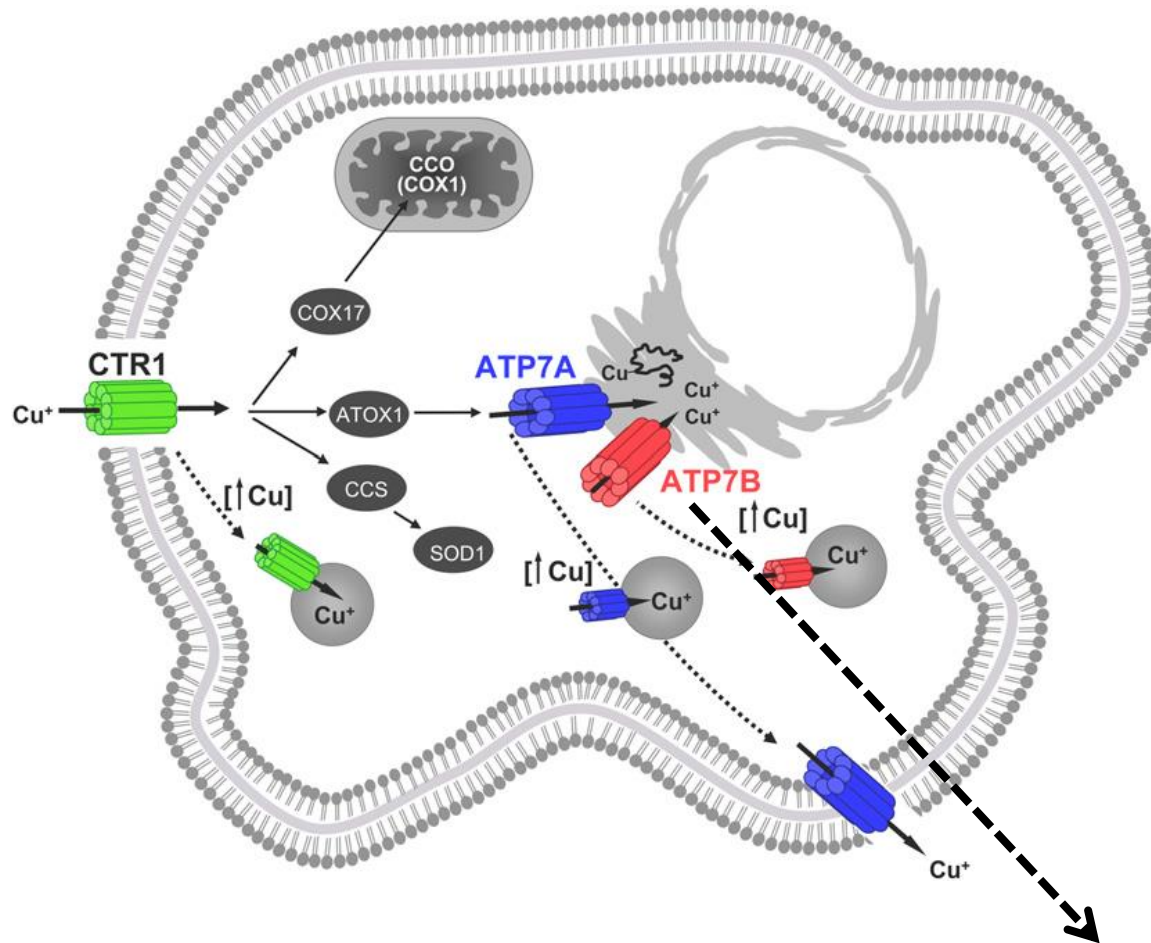
pFe = 20

2011 FDA approval as
second-line oral drug



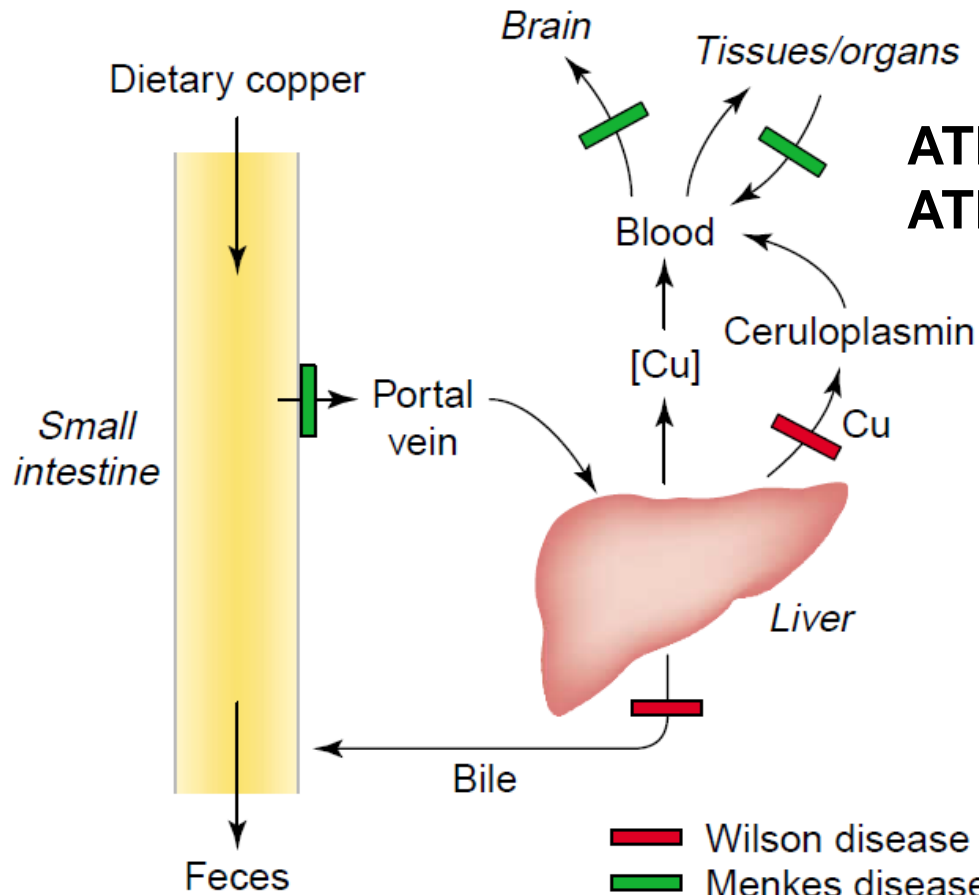


Copper homeostasis



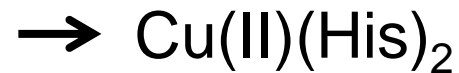
ATP7A: ubiquitous

ATP7B: liver, kidneys, brain



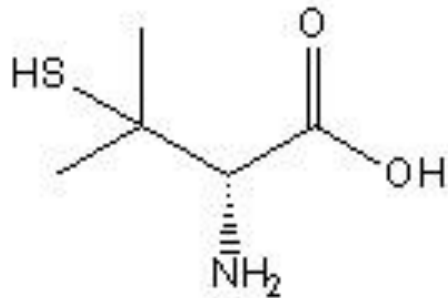
ATP7A: Menkes disease, Cu deficiency

ATP7B: Wilson's disease, Cu overload



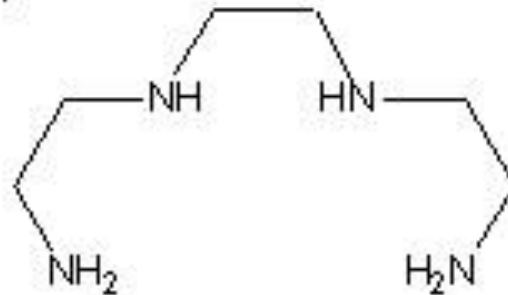
Chelanti per la Sindrome di Wilson (rimozione Cu)

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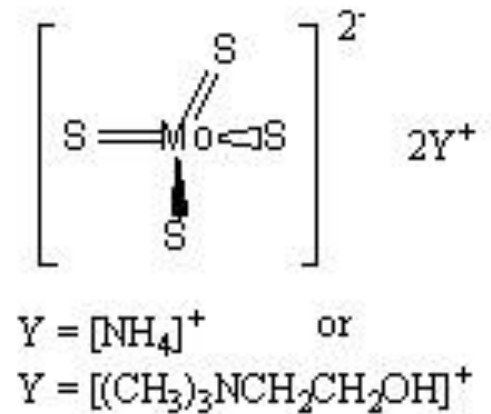
D-penicillamina

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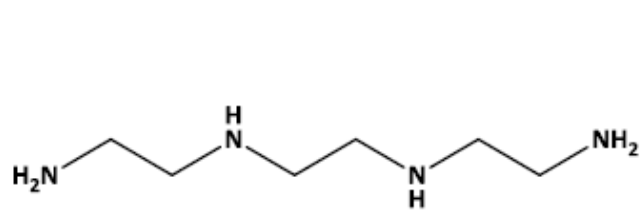


Trien (o *Trientina*)
(tris-etilenetetrammina)

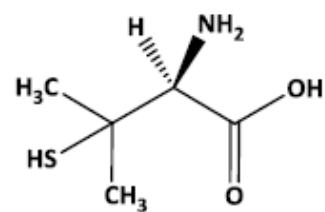
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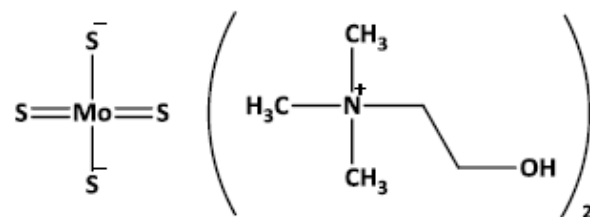
Tetratiomolibdato



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b



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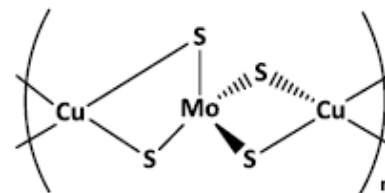
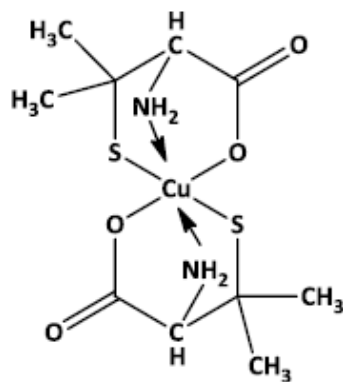
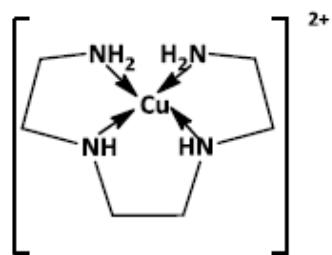


Table 2. Agents for the Treatment of Wilson Disease

agent	mechanism of action	daily adult dosage
D-penicillamine ^a	reduction and chelation of copper; urinary excretion of copper by mobilizing copper from organs	1–2 g orally in divided doses
triethylenetetramine (Trien)	copper chelator and urinary excretion	0.75–1.5 g orally in divided doses
zinc salts	inhibits intestinal absorption of copper by induction of intestinal cell metallothionein; may also induce hepatic metallothionein	150–200 mg orally in divided doses
british anti-Lewisite (BAL)	copper chelator	3 mL of 10% BAL in peanut oil im
tetrathiomolybdate ^b	blocking the intestinal absorption of copper and a copper chelator	Up to 2 mg/kg orally in divided doses

^a Administered with supplementation of 25 mg of pyridoxine orally daily. ^b Experimental.