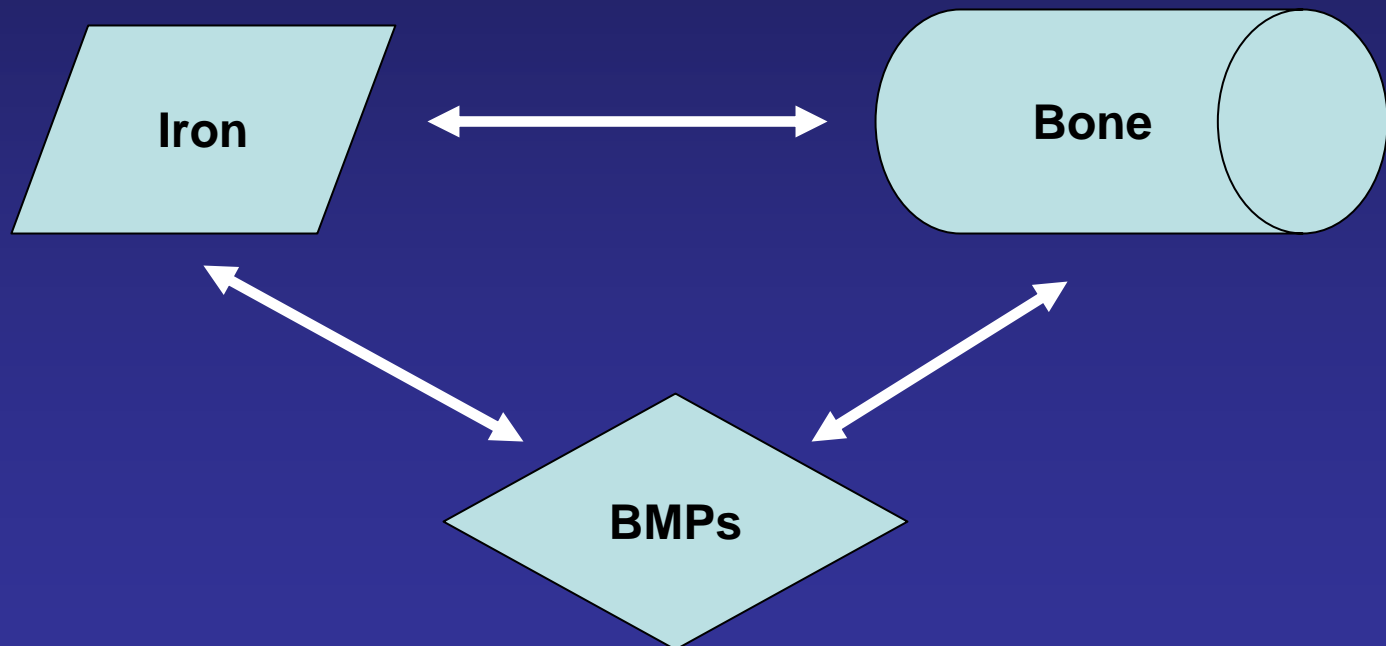


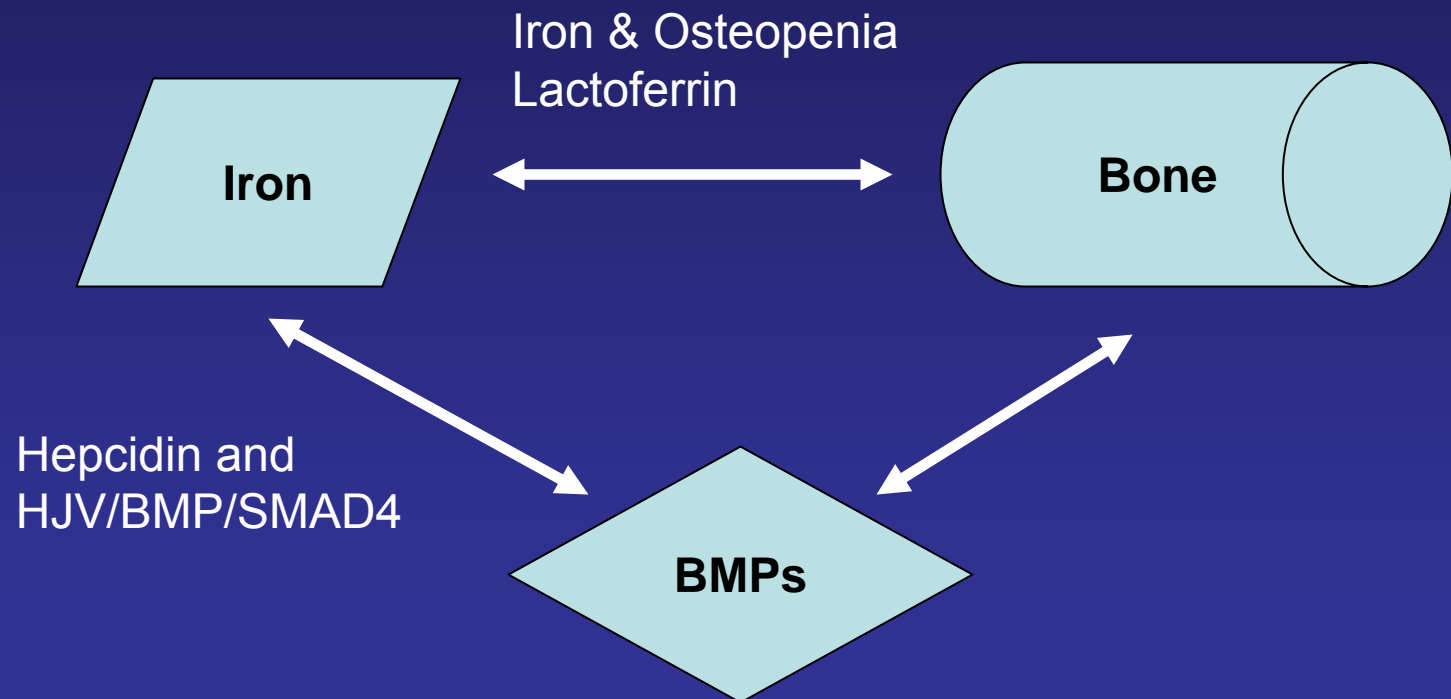
# Isn't It Ironic: BMPs and the Relationship Between Iron and Bone

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# General Outline



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# Iron & Bone:

## Hereditary Hemochromatosis

- Autosomal recessive disorder
- Due to common mutation in HFE gene
- Low clinical penetrance
- Hepatic iron overload
- Low hepcidin levels

# Iron and Osteopenia

- Sickle Cell Disease
- Thallesemia
- HH
- Transfusion iron overload
- Post-menopause

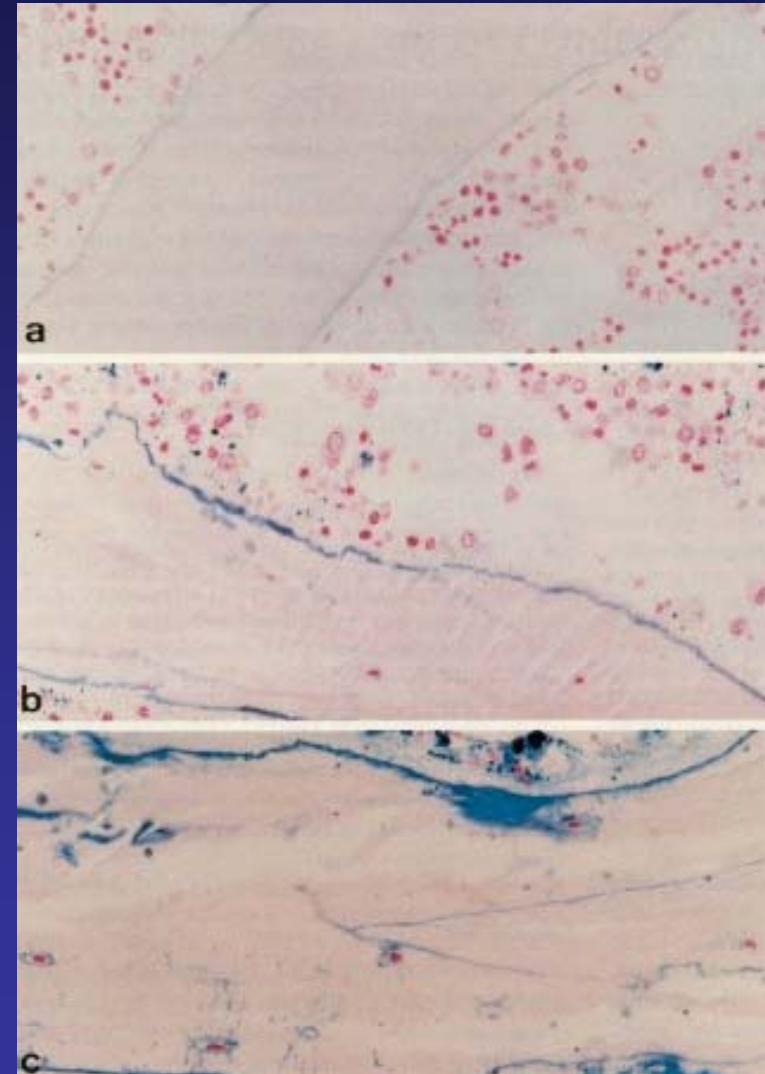
# Bone Disease in Hemochromatosis

- Fractures
  - case reports
- Osteoporosis
  - 29-34%
- Osteopenia
  - 71-79%



**Stainable bone iron in undecalcified, plastic-embedded sections.  
Occurrence in man related to the presence of "free" iron  
H Laeng, T Egger, C Roethlisberger and H Cottier**

- 2.3% of 1536 iliac crest biopsies in patients without HH
- 4/4 with HH
- 11/15 vertebral bone fragments with HH
- Correlates with presence of NTBI
- Found at "osteoid seam"

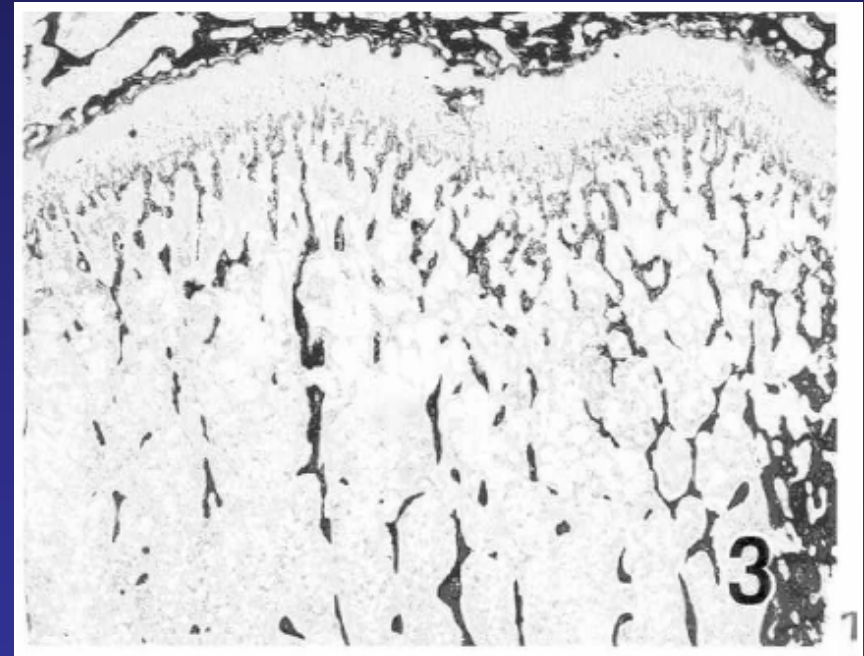


# Iron Lactate-Induced Osteopenia in Male Sprague-Dawley Rats

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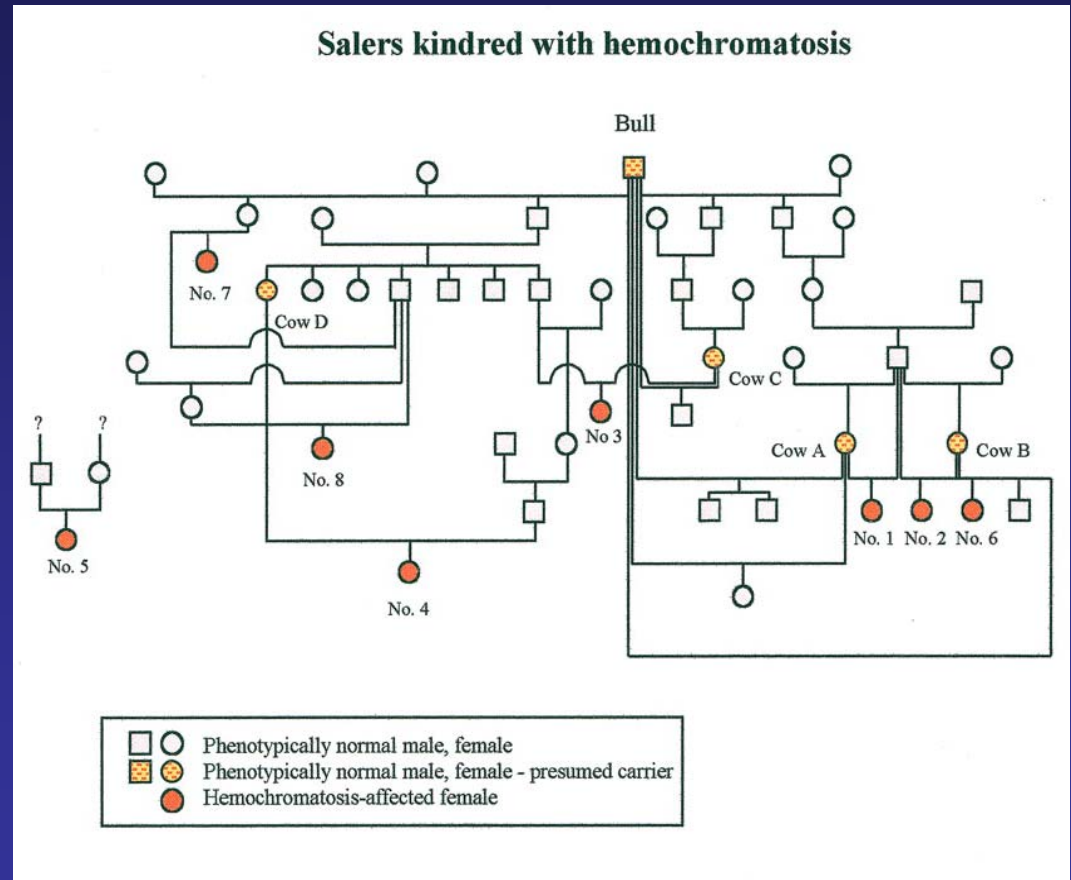
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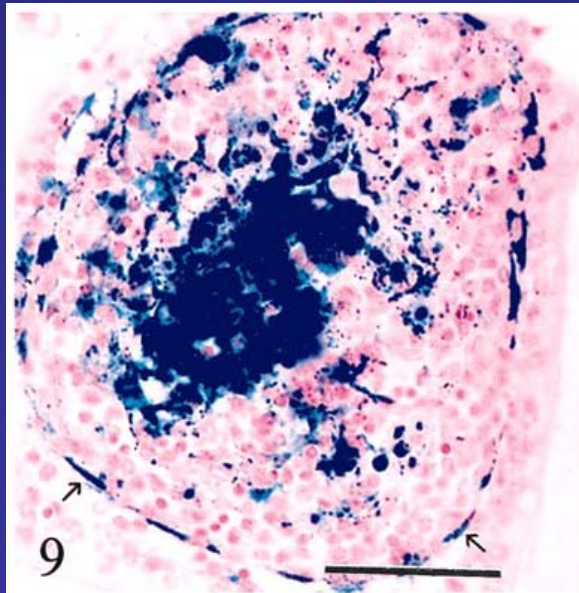
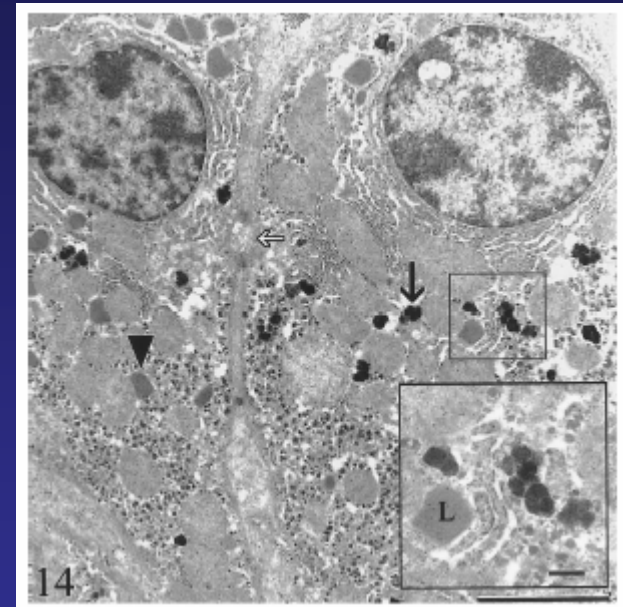
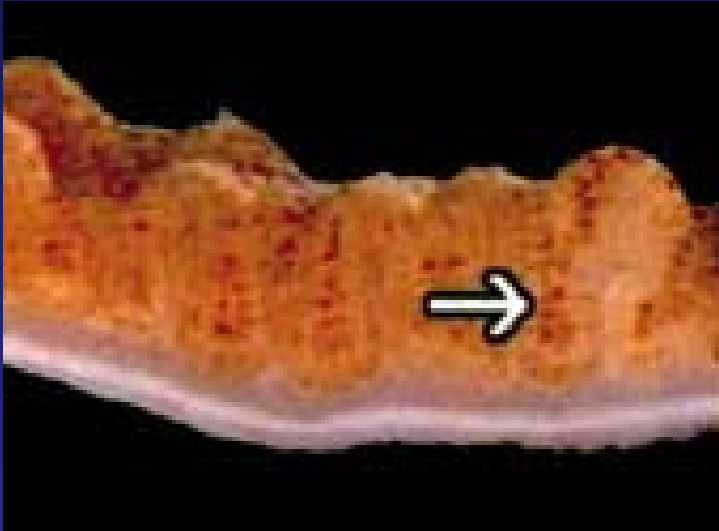
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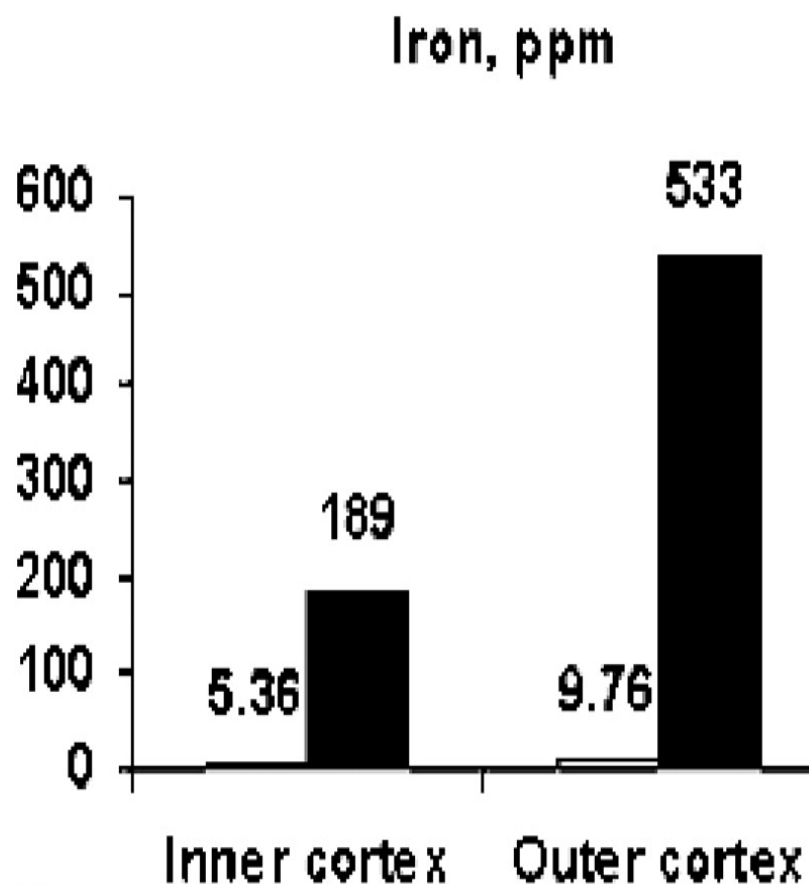


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# Skeletal Changes in Hemochromatosis of Salers Cattle

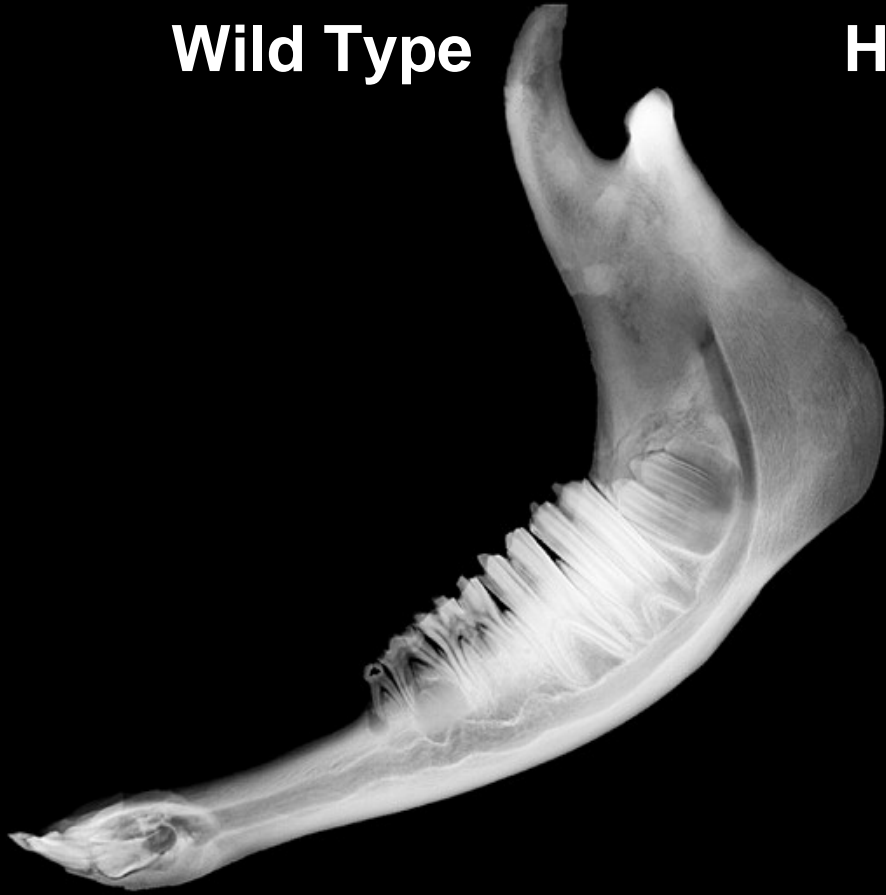
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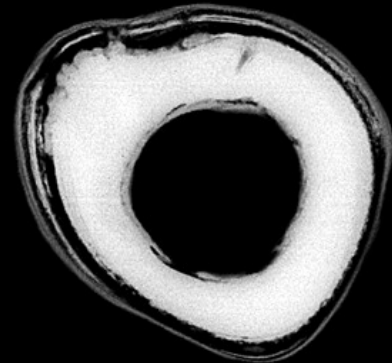
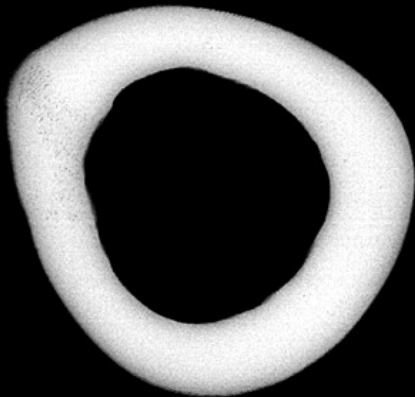
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**Wild Type**



**Hemochromatosis**



# **Age-associated Iron Accumulation in Bone: Implications for Postmenopausal Osteoporosis and a New Target for Prevention and Treatment by Chelation**

**Liu G**, **Men P**, **Kenner GH**, **Miller SC**

- Ovariectomized rat model of postmenopausal osteoporosis
- Severity of osteoporosis associated with iron accumulation in bone
- Mitigated by bone-targeted chelator

# Potential Mechanisms for Iron-Related Osteopenia

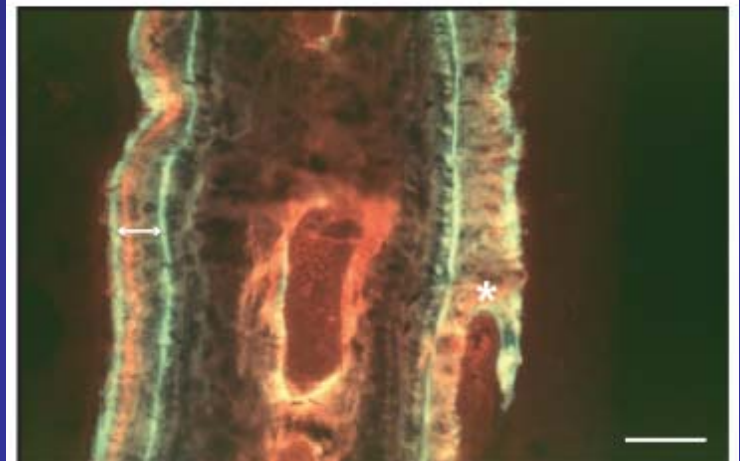
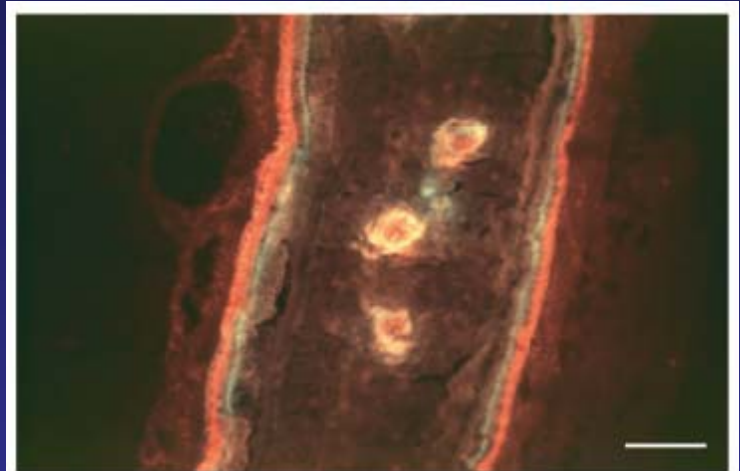
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- Hyperparathyroidism
- Iron toxicity
- “Unknown factor”

# Lactoferrin Is a Potent Regulator of Bone Cell Activity and Increases Bone Formation *in Vivo*

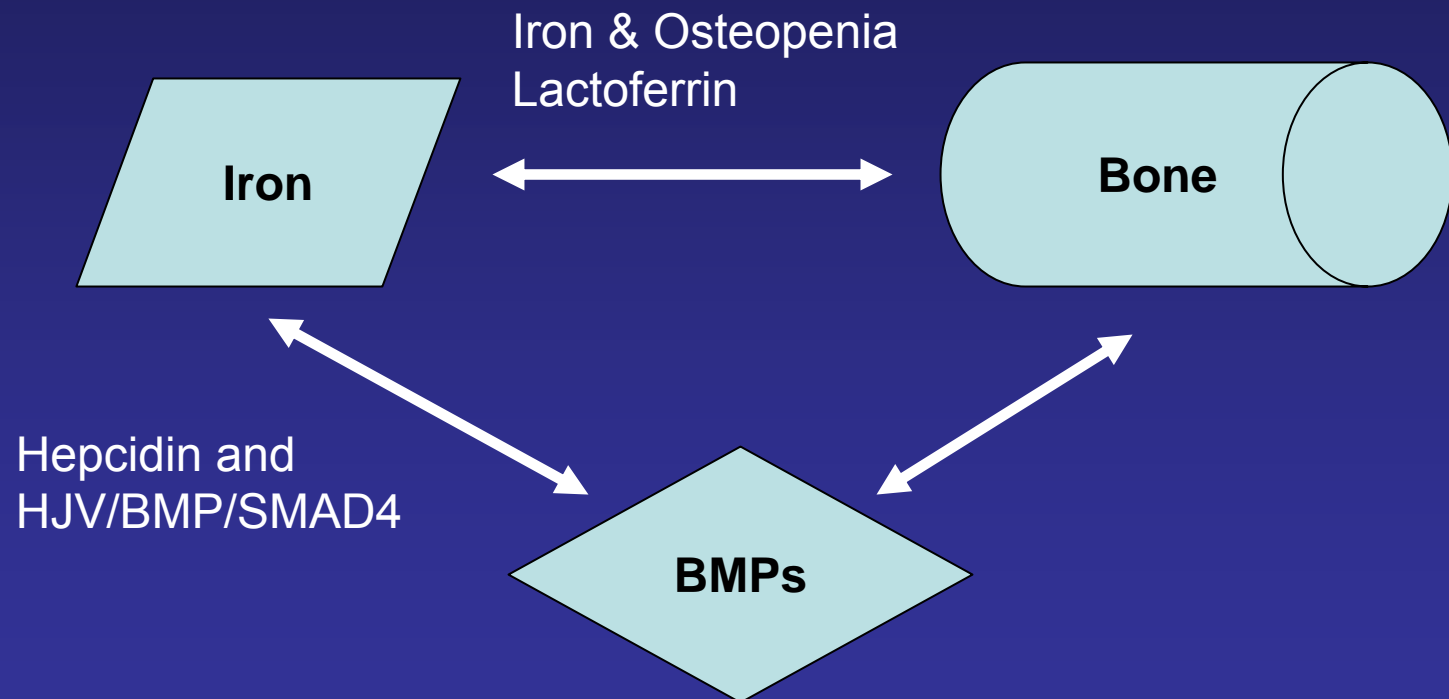
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- Lactoferrin
  - Member of transferrin family
  - Iron binding protein
  - Produced by exocrine glands, neutrophils
- Anabolic to bone
  - Stimulator of osteoblast proliferation, differentiation
  - Inhibitor of osteoclastogenesis

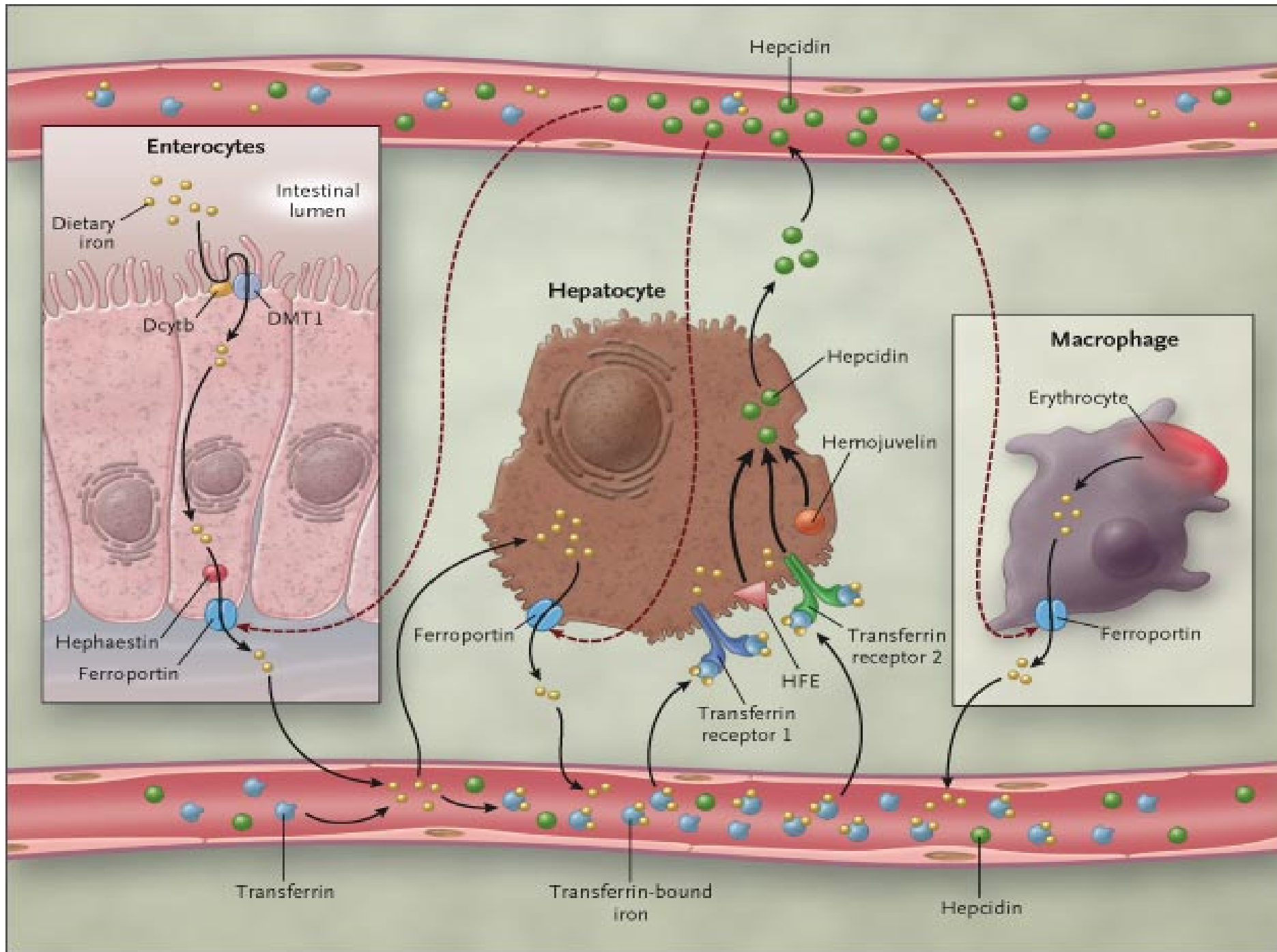
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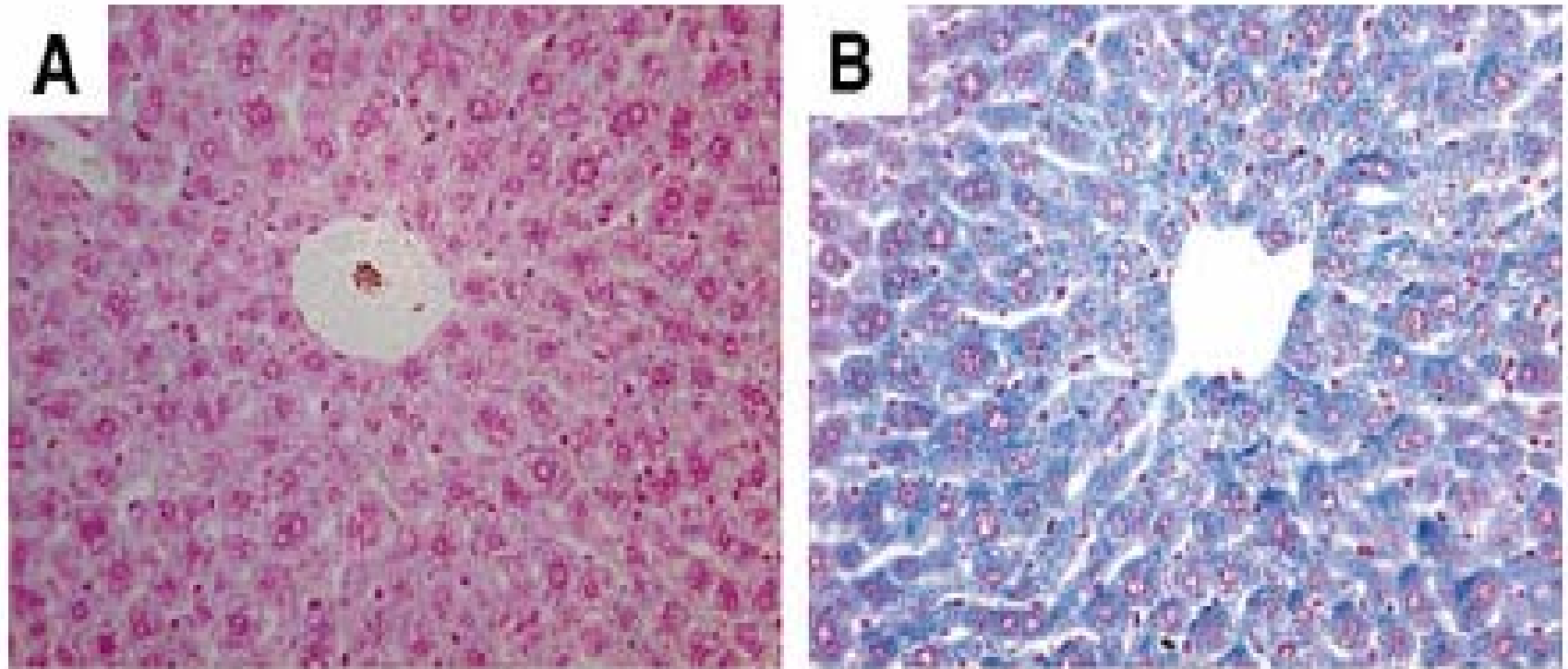




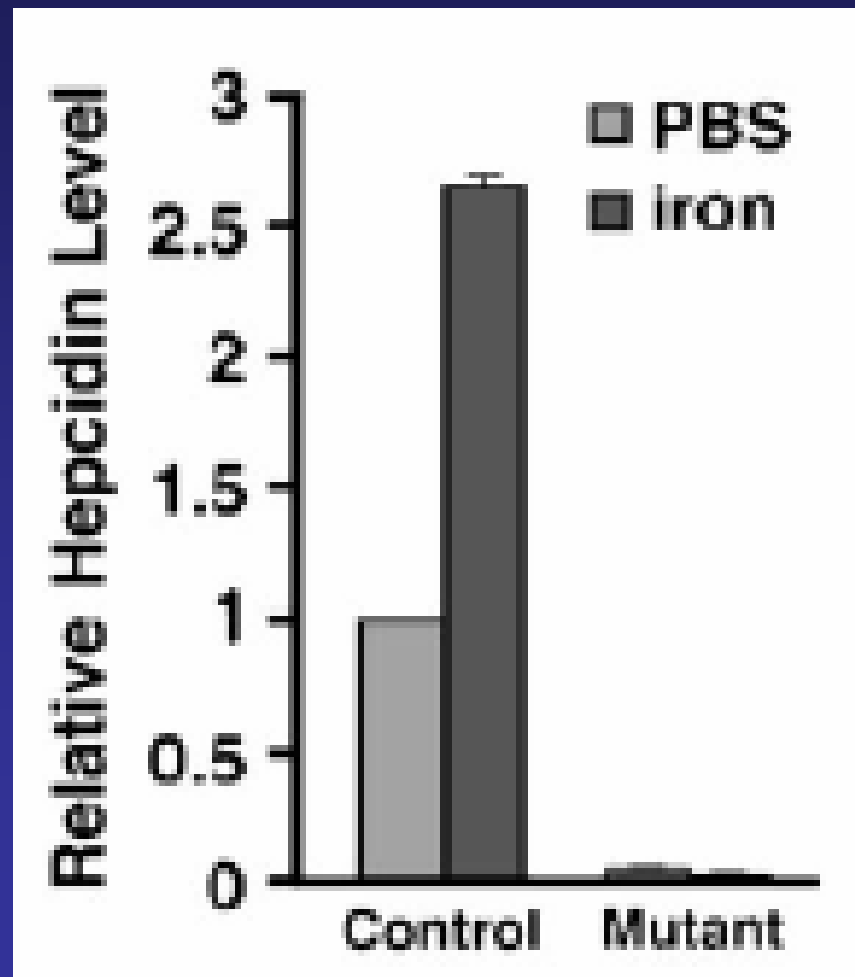


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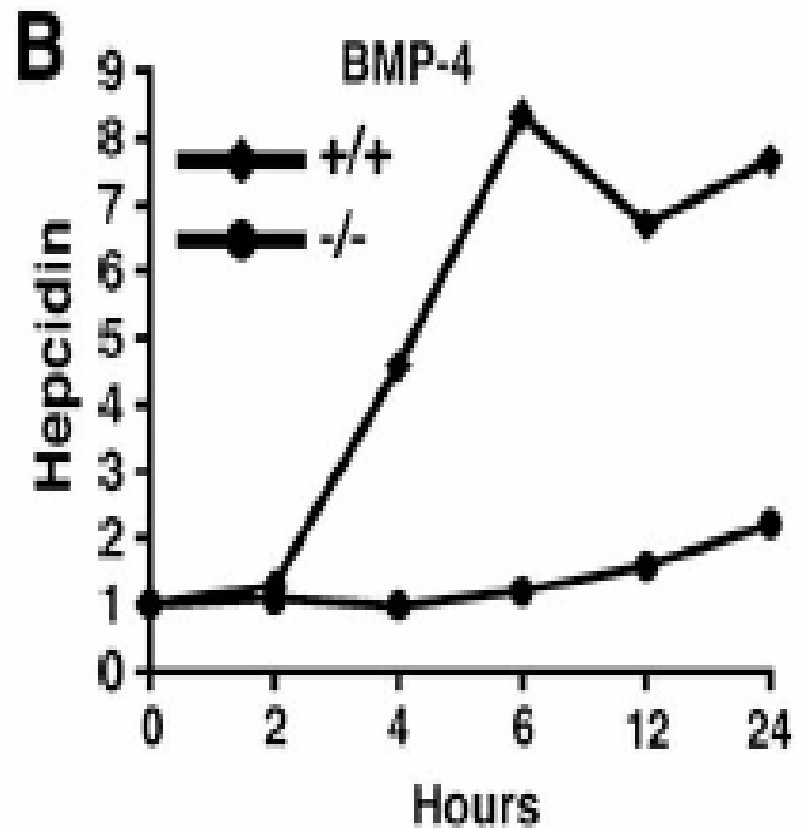
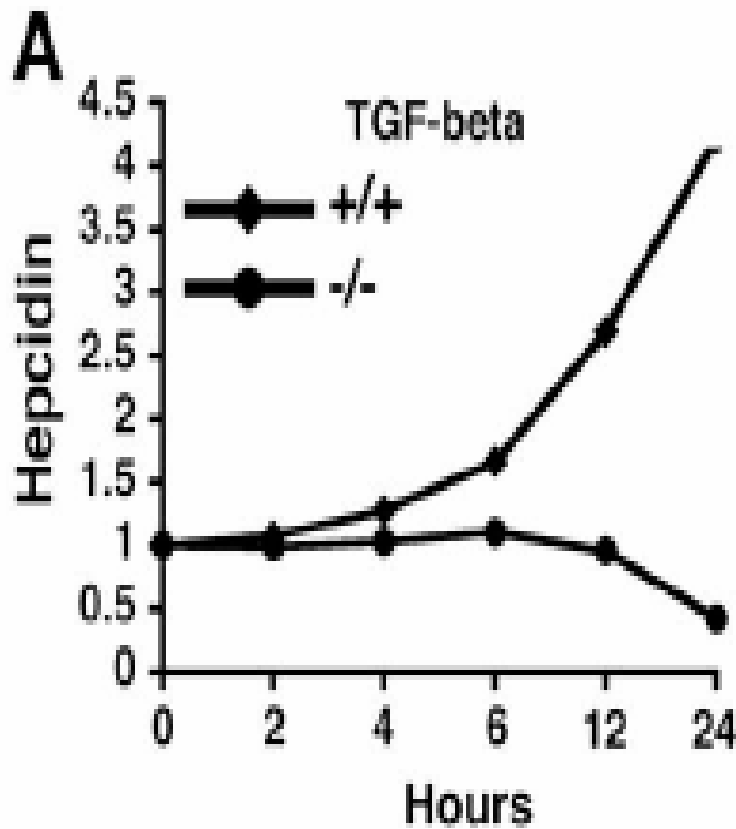
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# Loss of Hepcidin Regulation in Haptocellular SMAD4 KO Mice

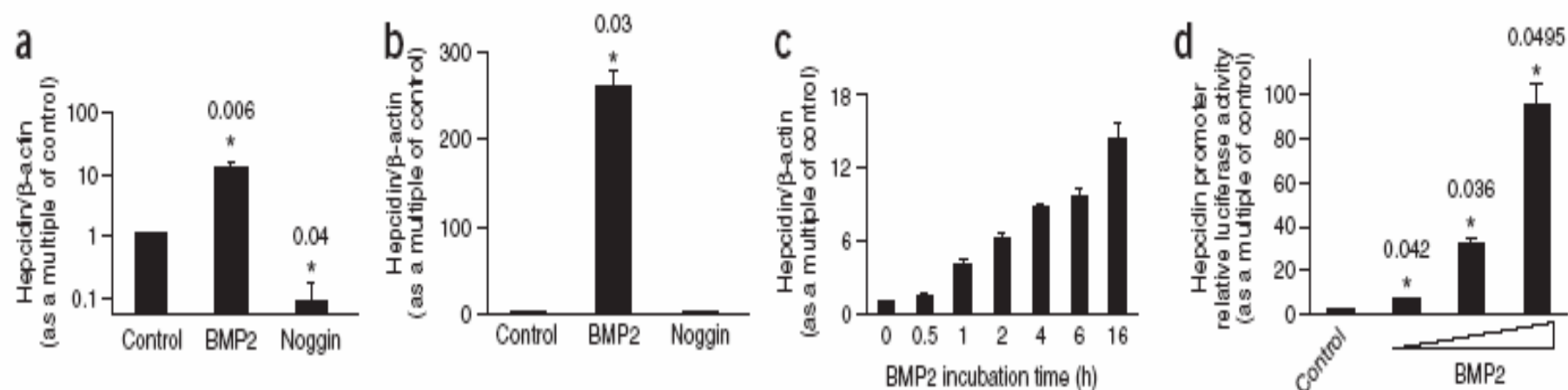


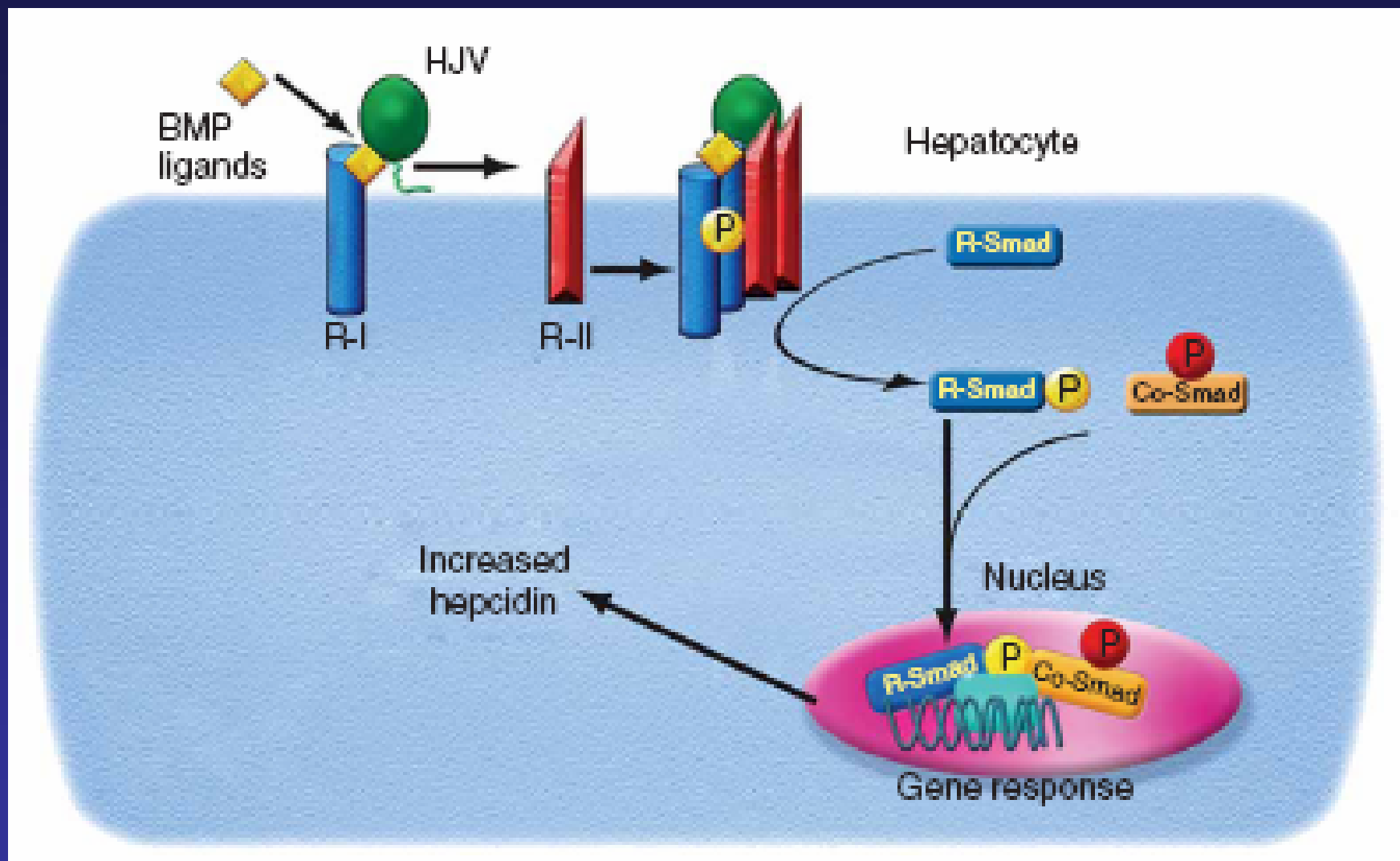
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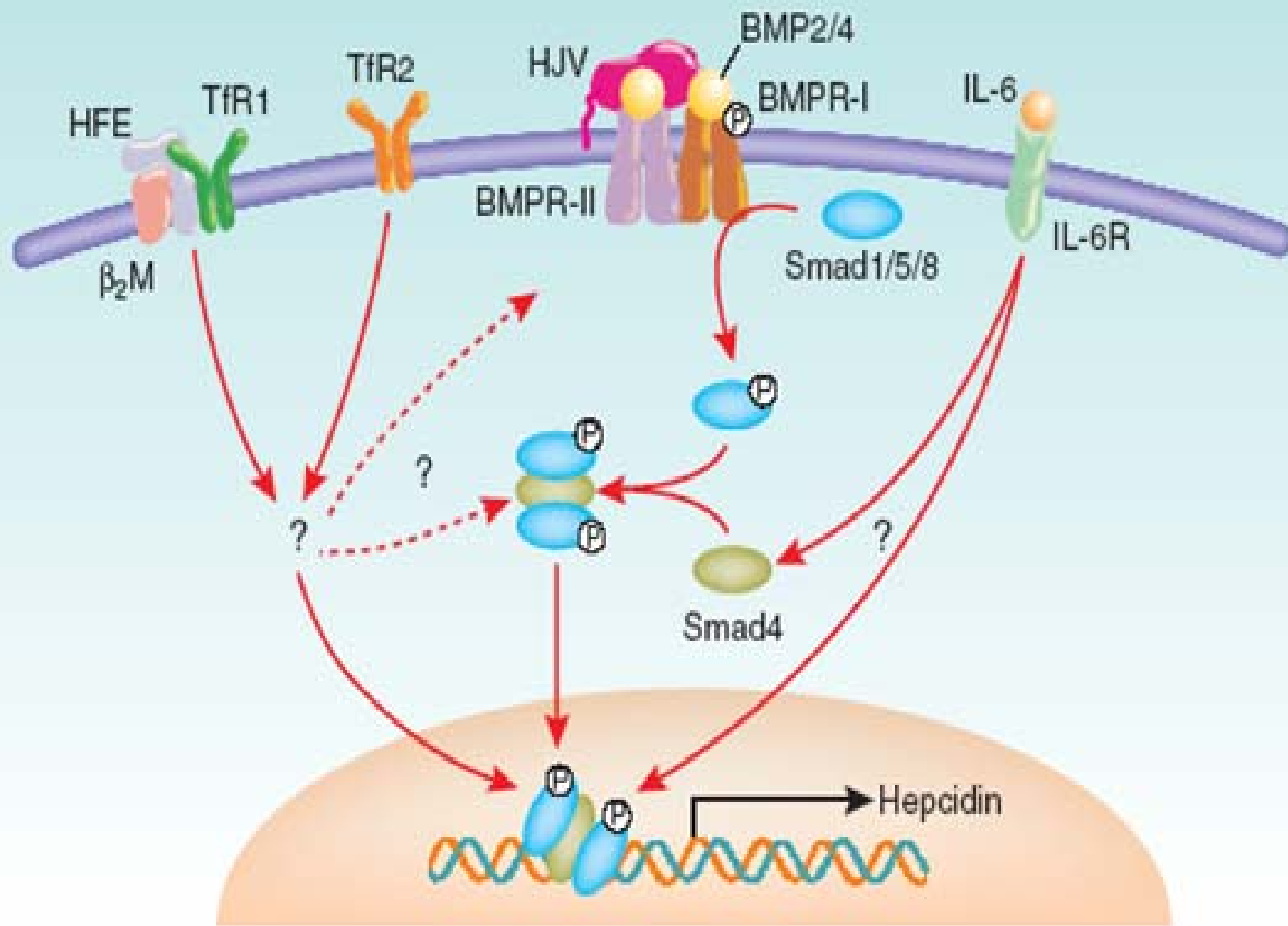


# Bone morphogenetic protein signaling by hemojuvelin regulates hepcidin expression

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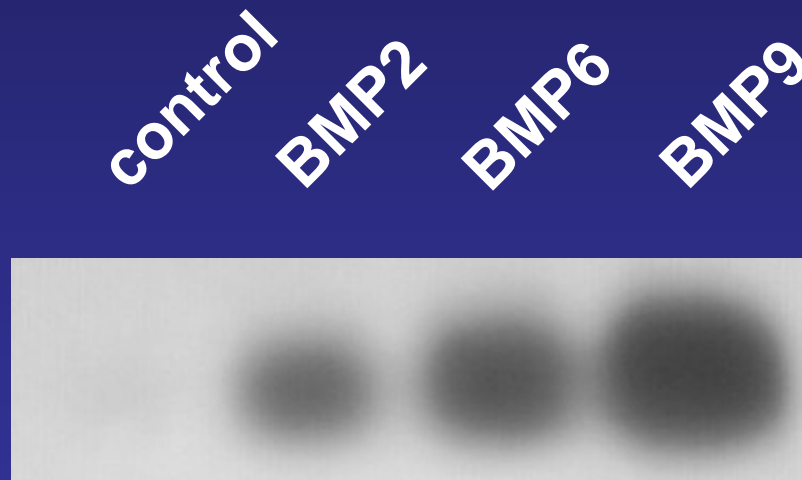


<b>Name<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Alternative name</b>	<b>Potential functions</b>	<b>Bone induction model studied</b>
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BMP-3	Osteogenin	Bone formation	Rodent, subcutaneous
BMP-3B	GDF-10	Bone formation	NS
BMP-4	BMP-2B	Cartilage and bone morphogenesis	Rodent, subcutaneous
BMP-5	—	Bone morphogenesis	NS
<b>BMP-6</b>	Vgr-1	Cartilage hypertrophy	Rodent, subcutaneous
BMP-7	OP-1	Bone differentiation	Rodent, subcutaneous
BMP-8	OP-2	Bone formation	NS
BMP-8B	OP-3	NS	NS
<b>BMP-9</b>	GDF-2	NS	NS
BMP-10	—	NS	NS
BMP-11	GDF-11	NS	NS
BMP-12	GDF-7, CDMP-3	Ligament and tendon development	NS
BMP-13	GDF-6, CDMP-2	Cartilage development and hypertrophy	NS
BMP-14	GDF-5, CDMP-1, CDMP-2	Mesenchymal condensation and chondrogenesis	Rodent, subcutaneous, intramuscular
BMP-15	CDMP-1	NS	Rodent, subcutaneous
BMP-16	—	NS	NS
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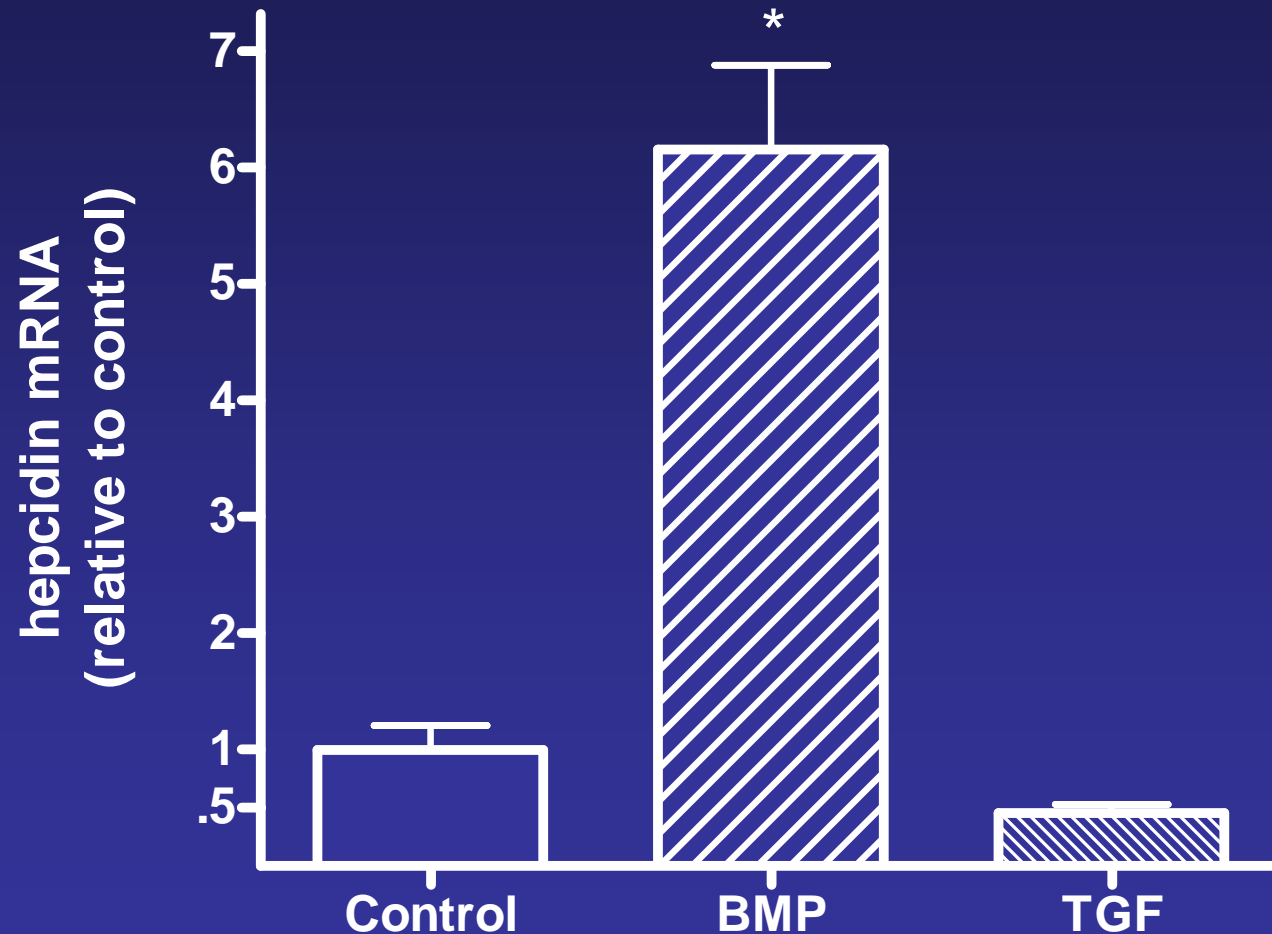
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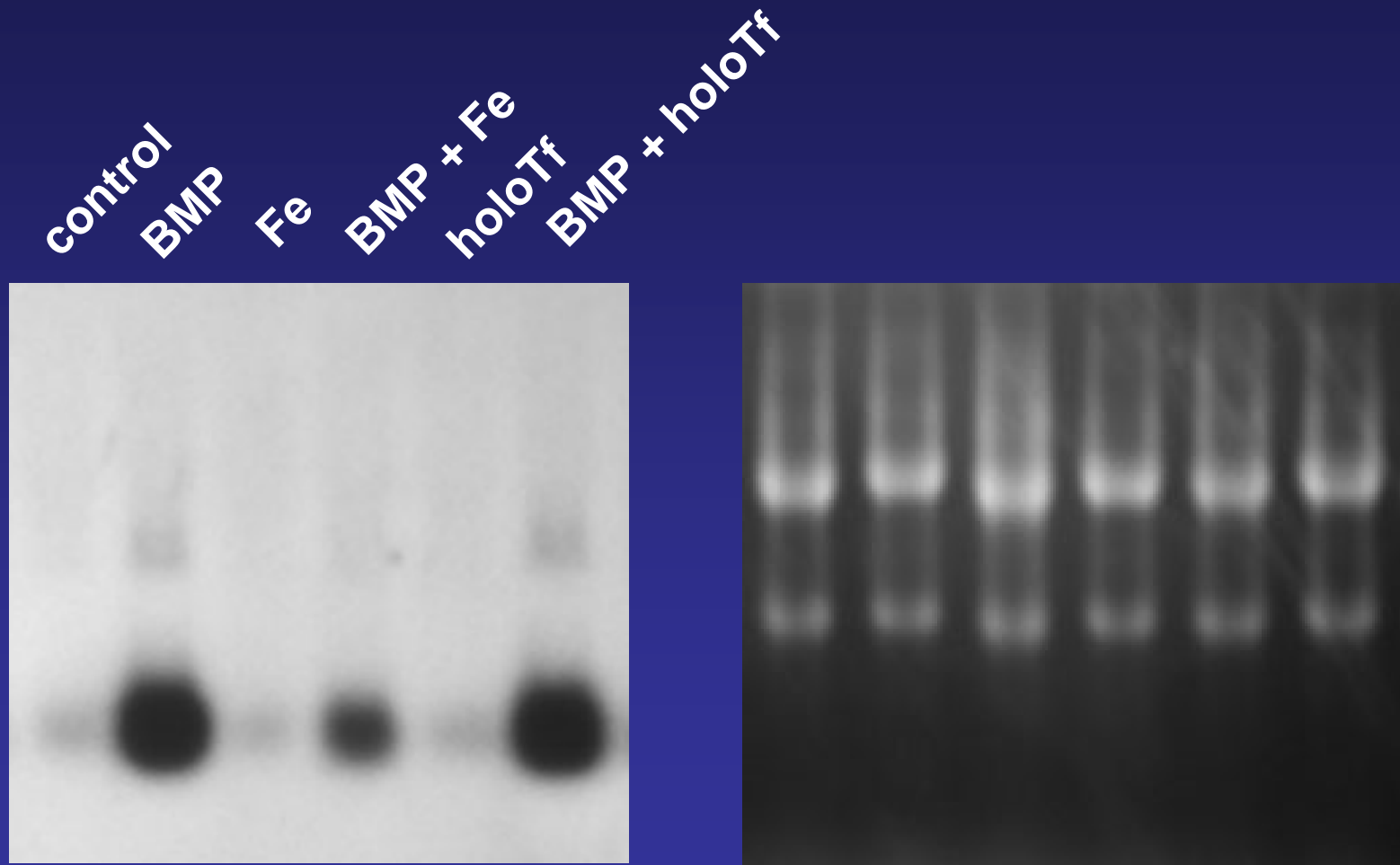
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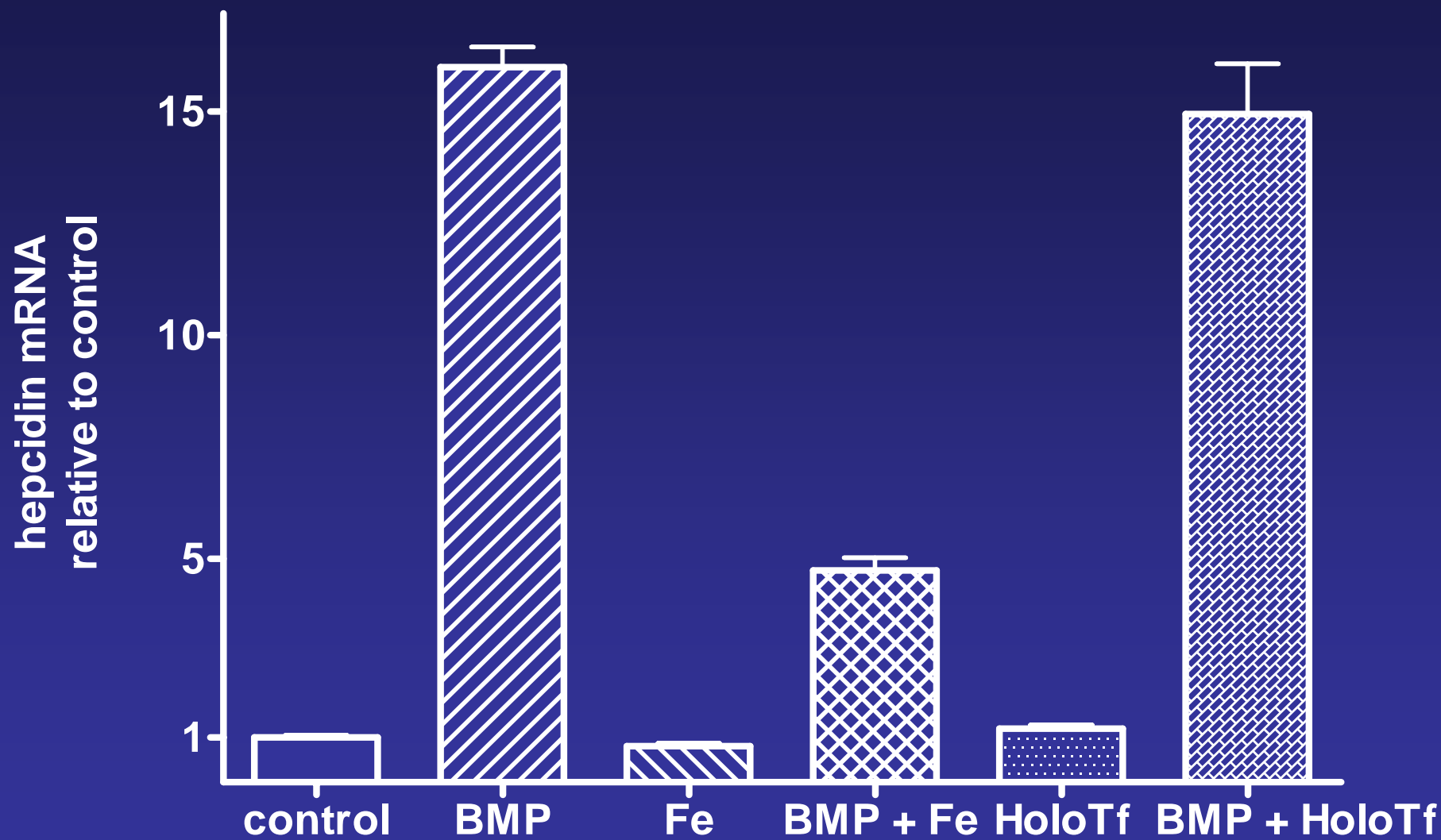


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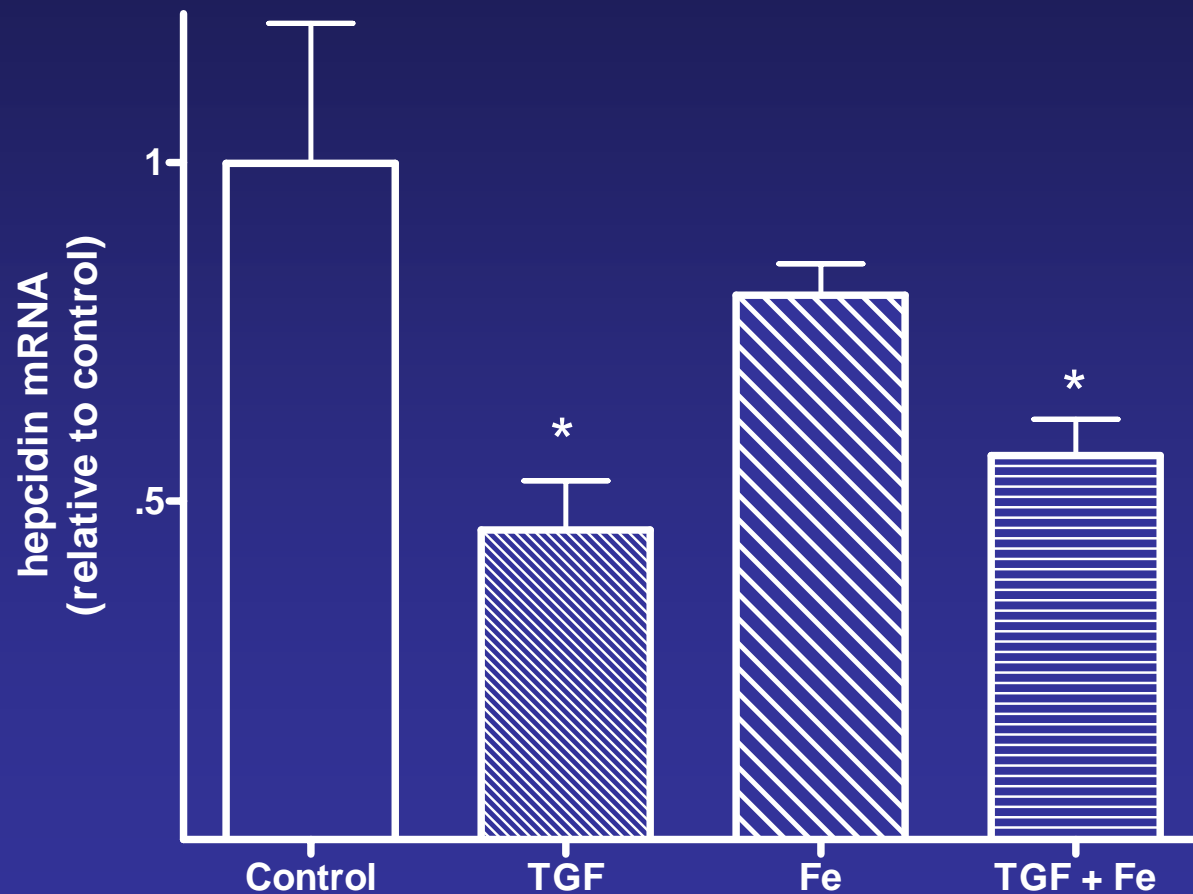


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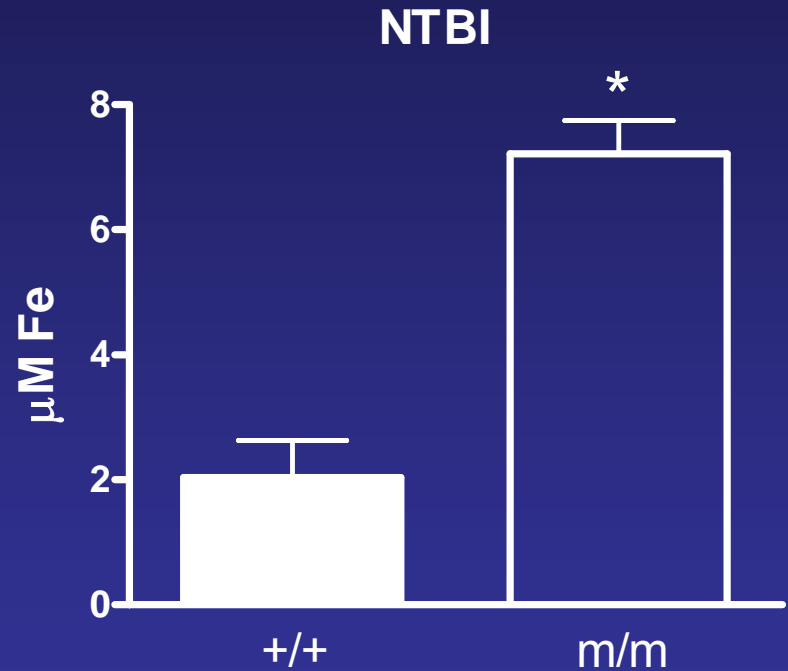
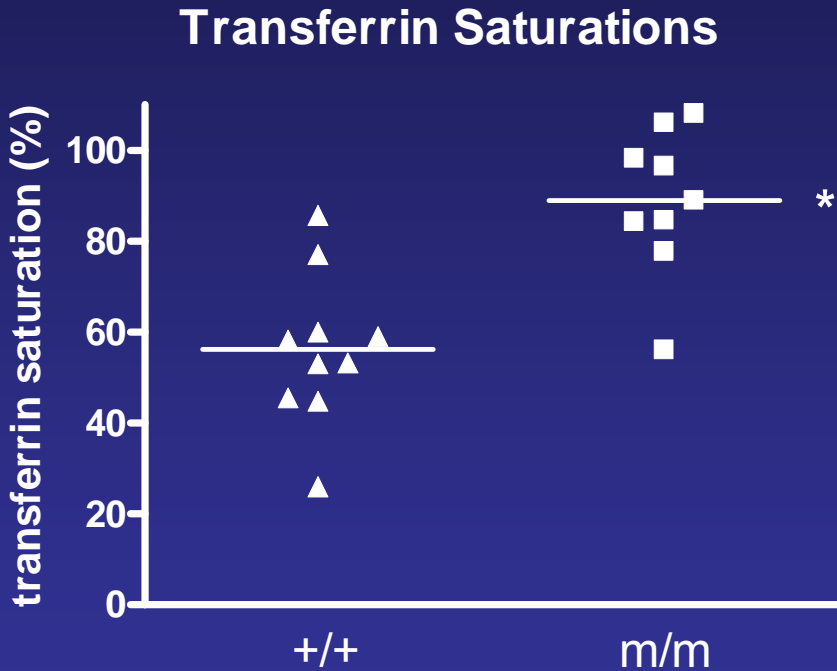




# Effect of Iron on TGFb Signaling in HuH7 Cells



# NTBI in Hemochromatosis



# Increased NTBI and Decreased Hepcidin

- HFE, TfR2, HJV associated HH
- Atransferrinemia
- Acute hemolysis

# Increased NTBI, Decreased Hepcidin, Osteopenia

- HH
- Sickle cell
- Beta thalassemia



# Speculative Model

- Holotransferrin increases hepcidin
- Elemental iron decreases BMP signaling
- In iron overload, increased elemental iron attenuates BMP signaling
- Decreased BMP signaling leads to
  - Decreased hepcidin
  - Osteopenia

