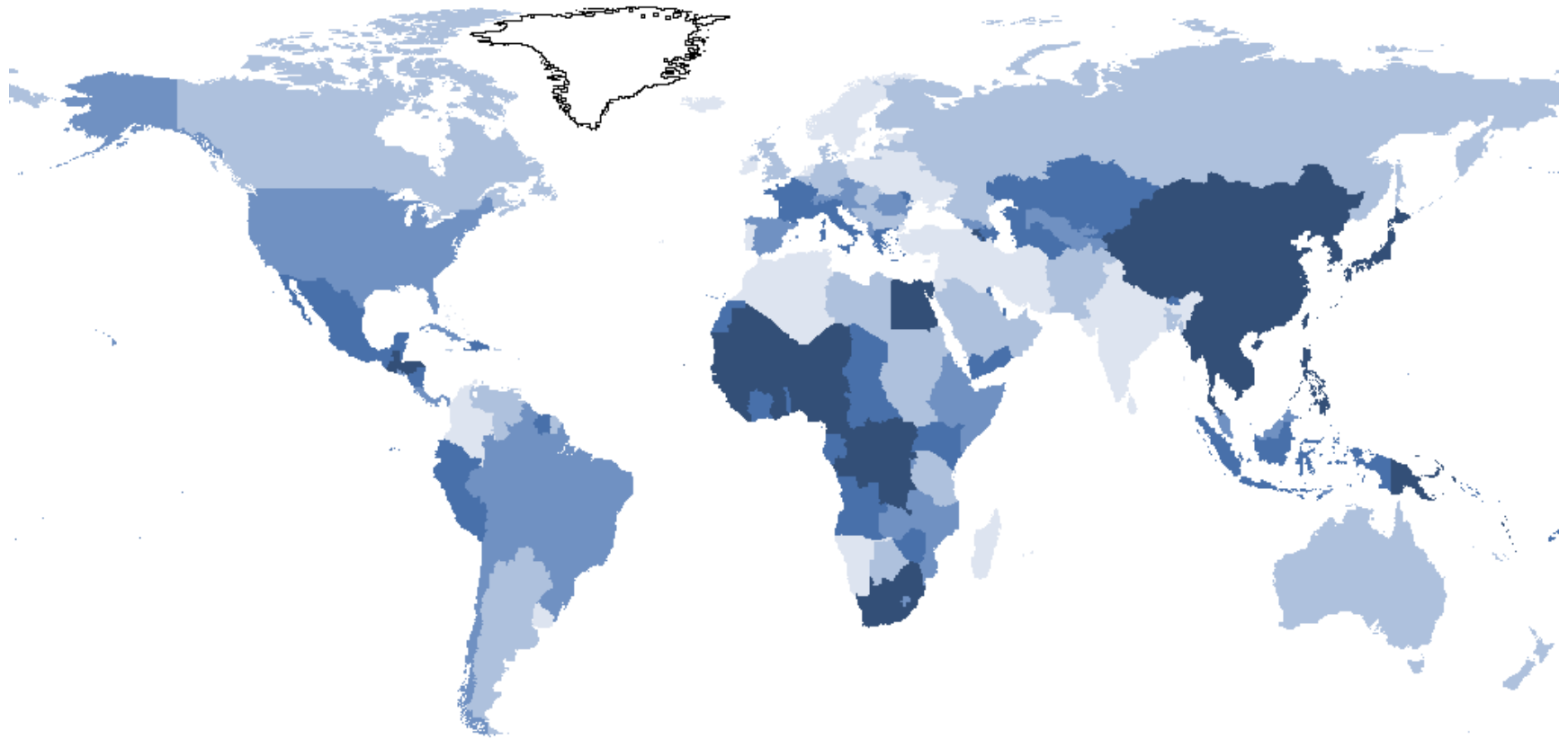


# Alcohol, Environment and HCC

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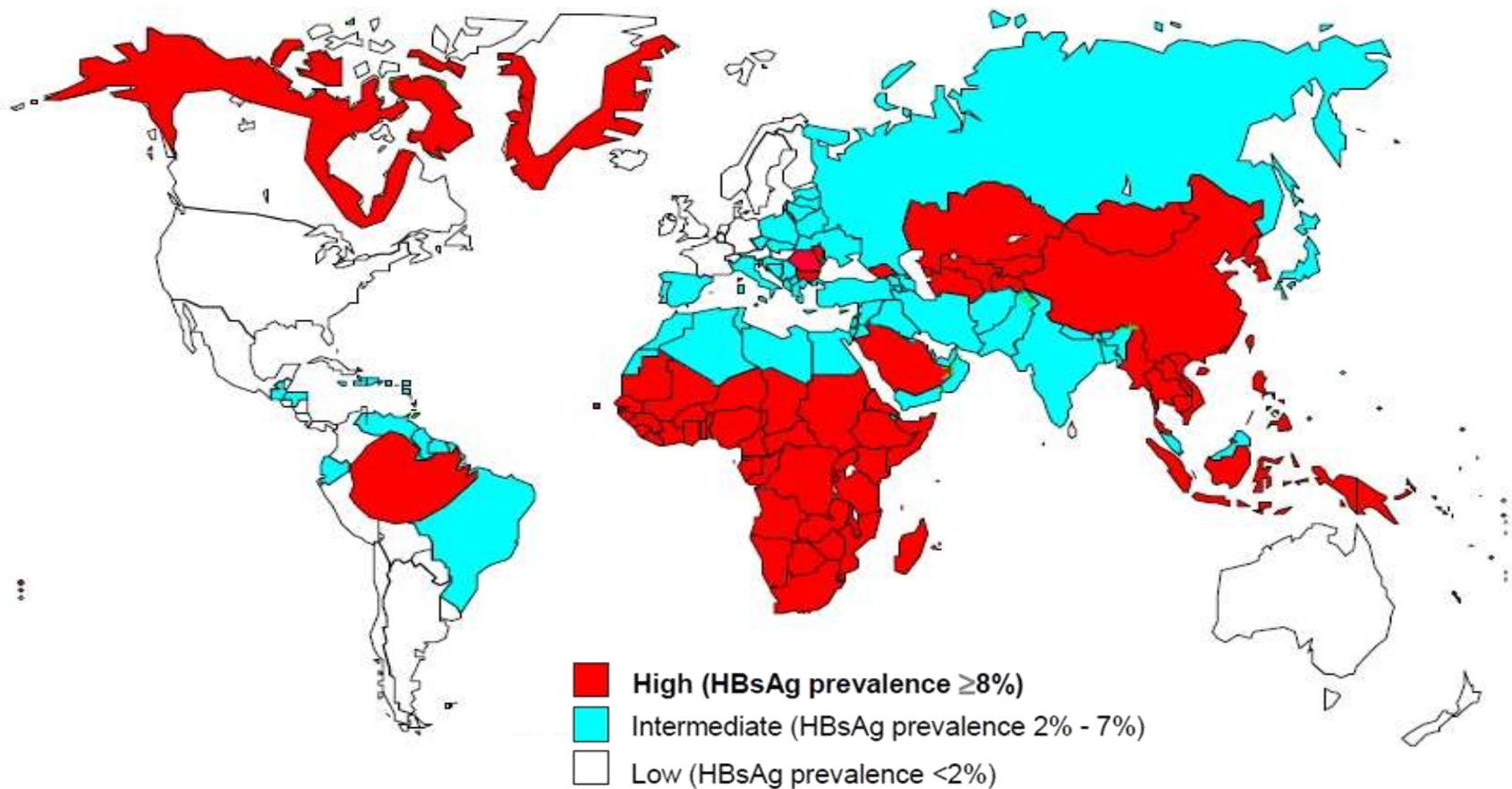
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# Varied incidence of HCC

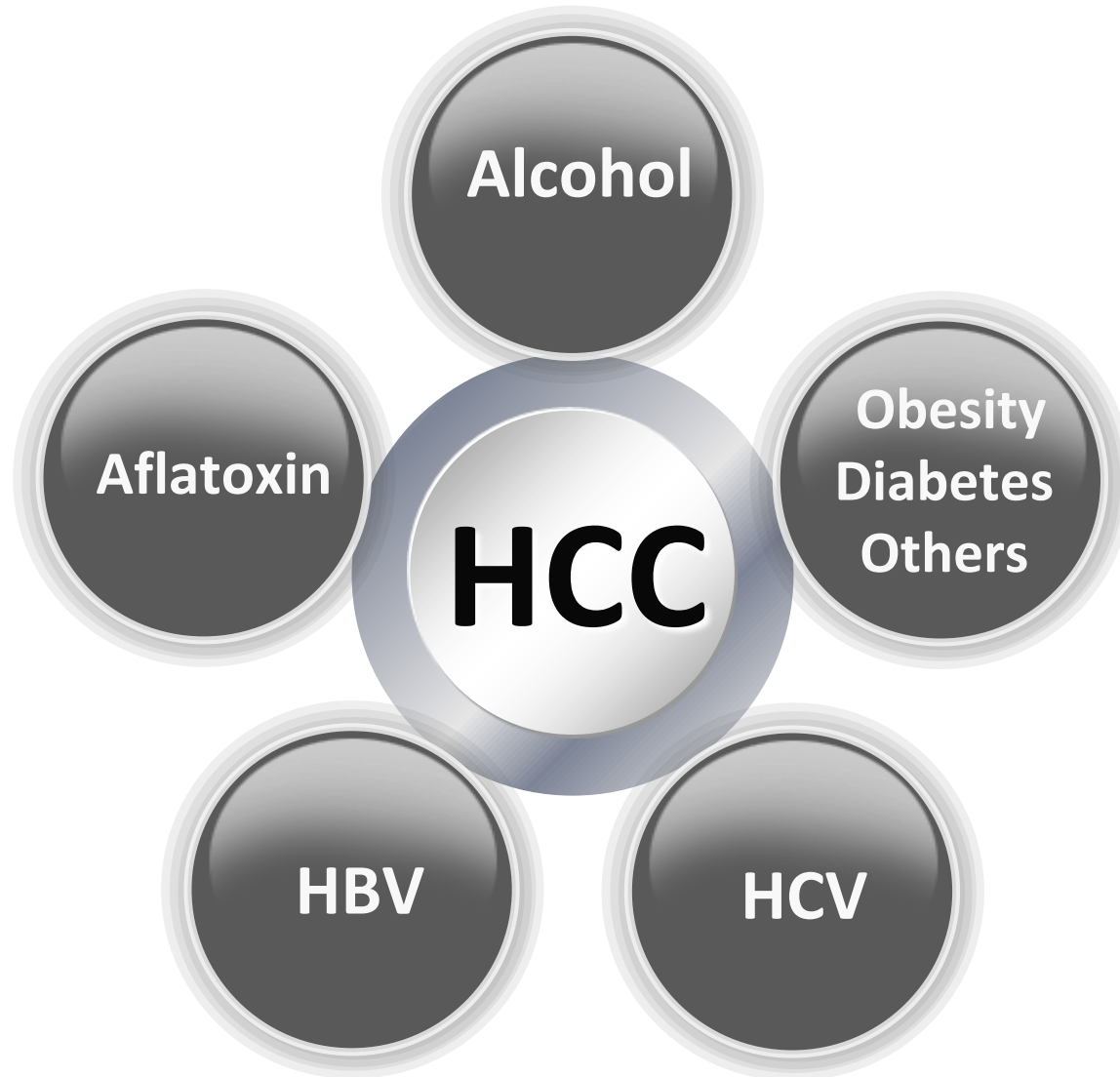


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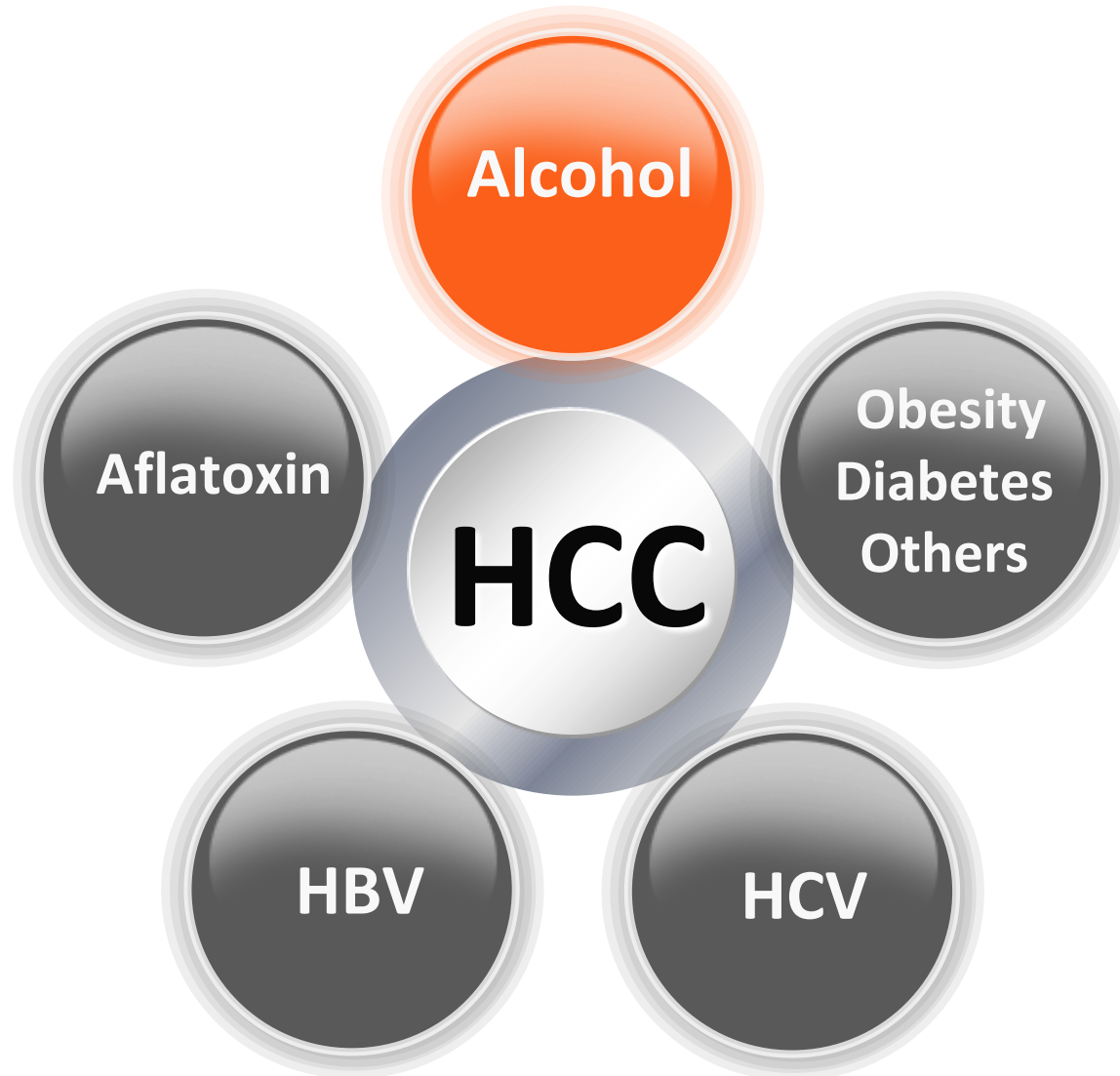
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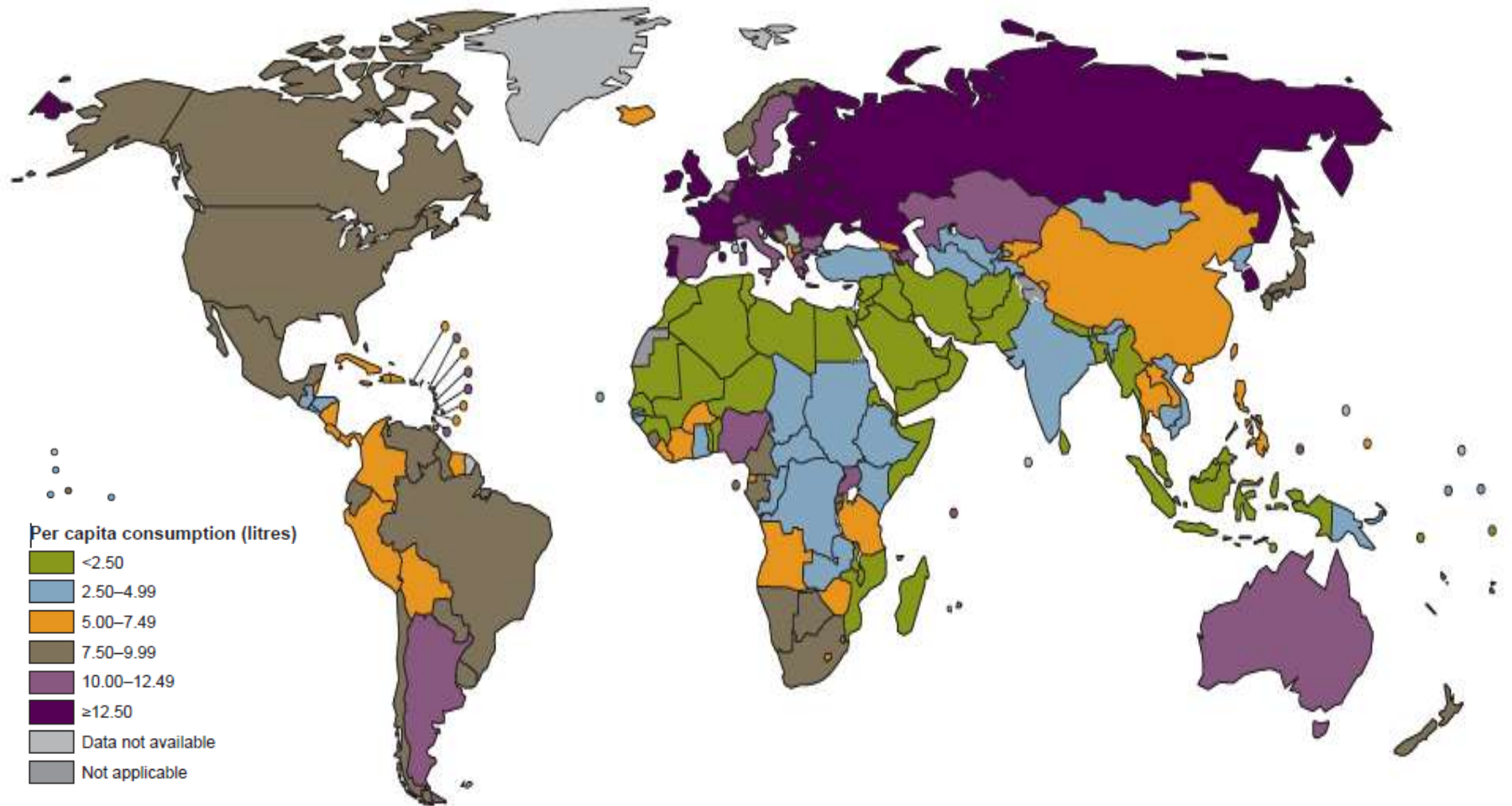
# Etiologies of HCC



# Etiologies of HCC



# Alcohol per capita consumption



# One Standard Drink

12 fl oz of  
regular beer

=

8–9 fl oz of  
malt liquor  
(shown in a  
12 oz glass)

=

5 fl oz of  
table wine

=

1.5 fl oz shot of  
80-proof spirits  
("hard liquor"—  
whiskey, gin, rum,  
vodka, tequila, etc.)



about 5%  
alcohol



about 7%  
alcohol



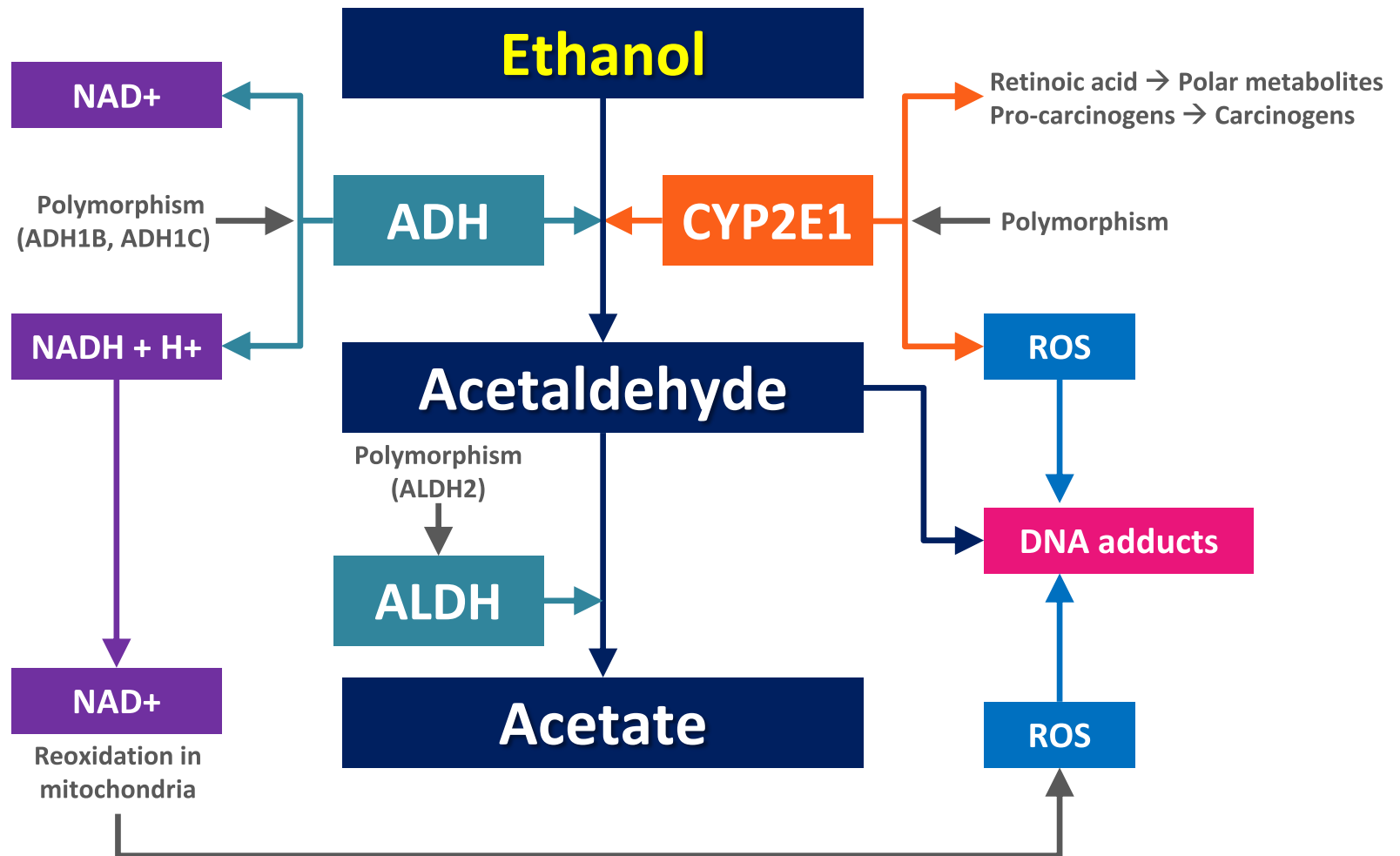
about 12%  
alcohol



about 40%  
alcohol

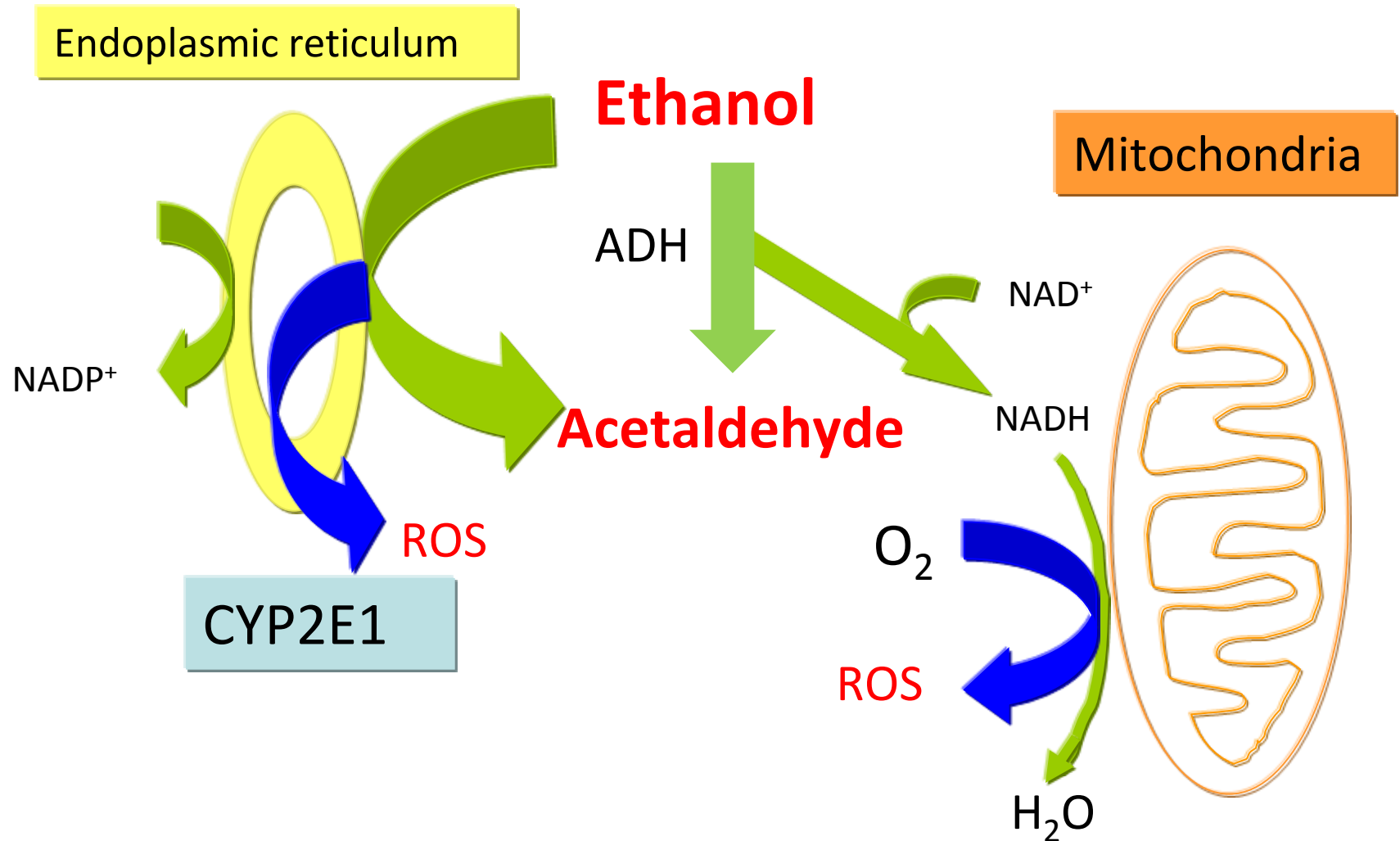
The percent of "pure" alcohol, expressed here as alcohol by volume (alc/vol), varies by beverage.

# Alcohol metabolism

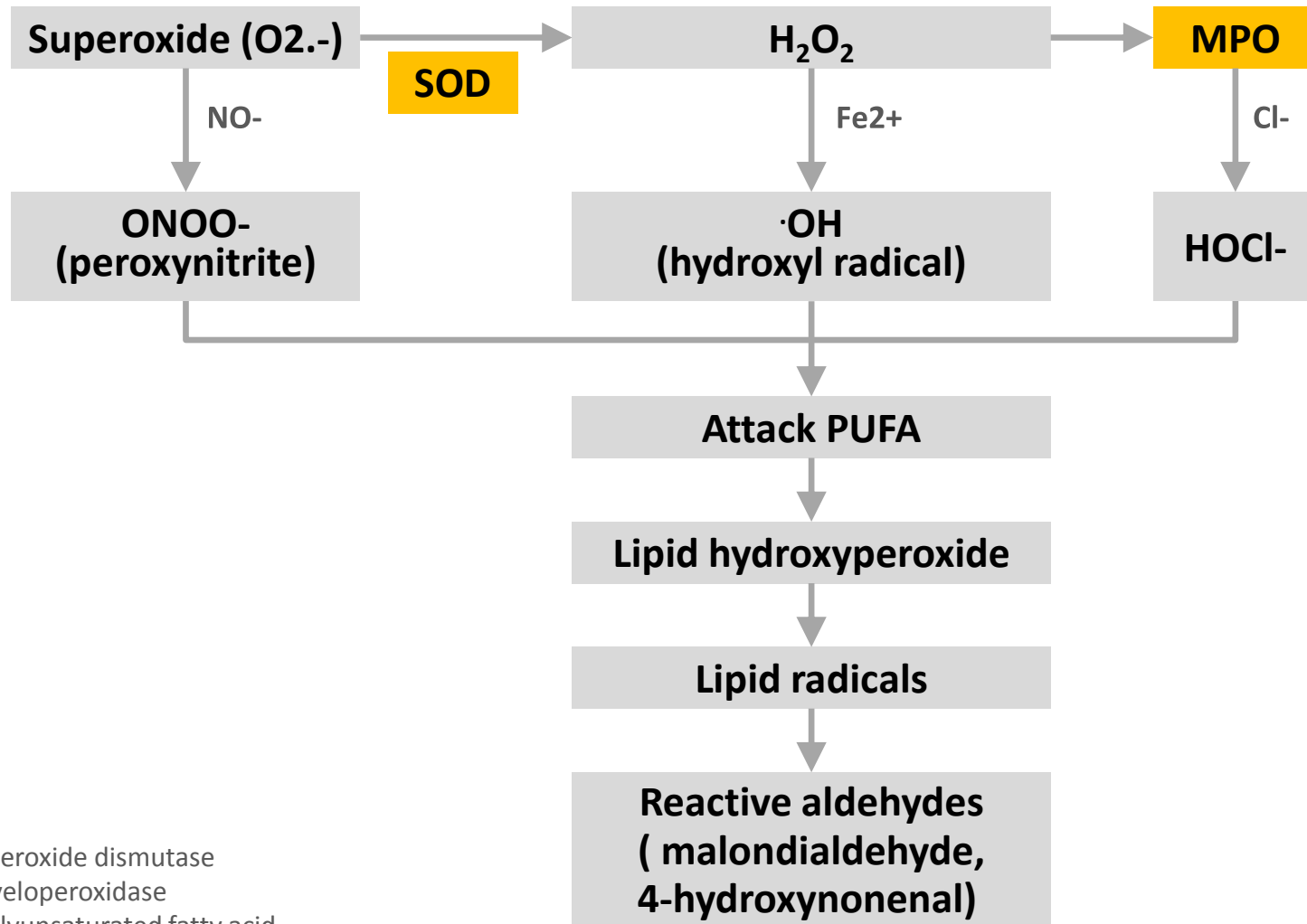




# Mechanism of Ethanol-induced ROS production in hepatocytes



# Effects of oxidative stress



SOD: superoxide dismutase  
MPO: myeloperoxidase  
PUFA: Polyunsaturated fatty acid

# Chronic alcohol consumption leads to liver injury

**Steatosis**

-- fatty liver

**Hepatitis**

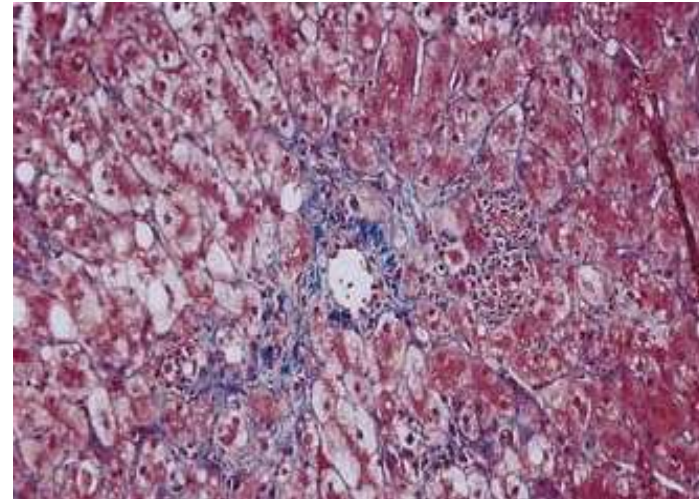
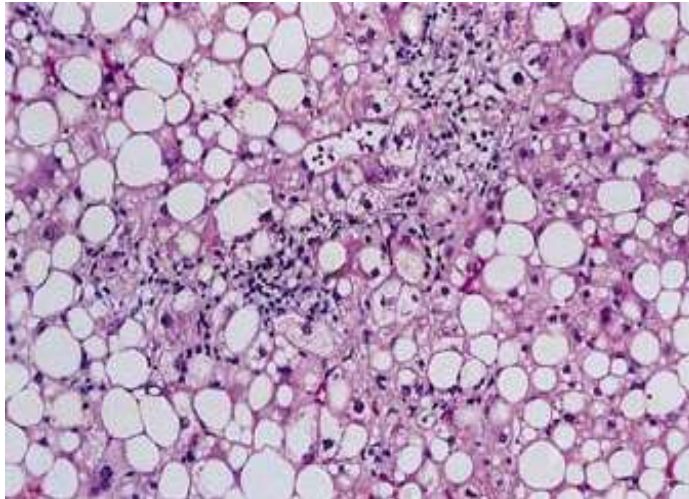
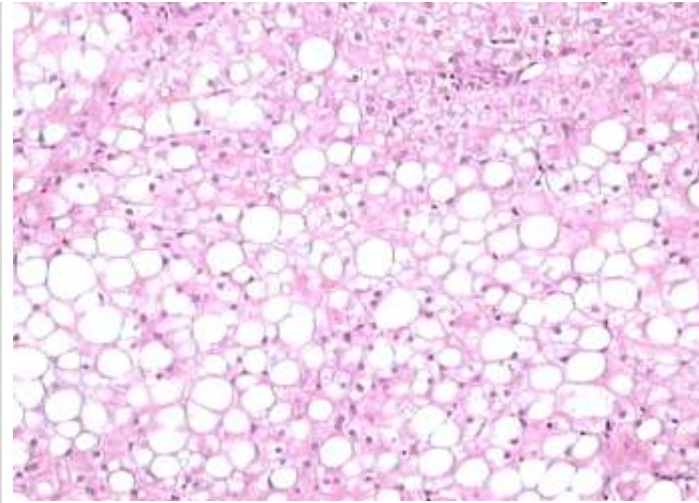
-- inflammation

**Fibrosis**

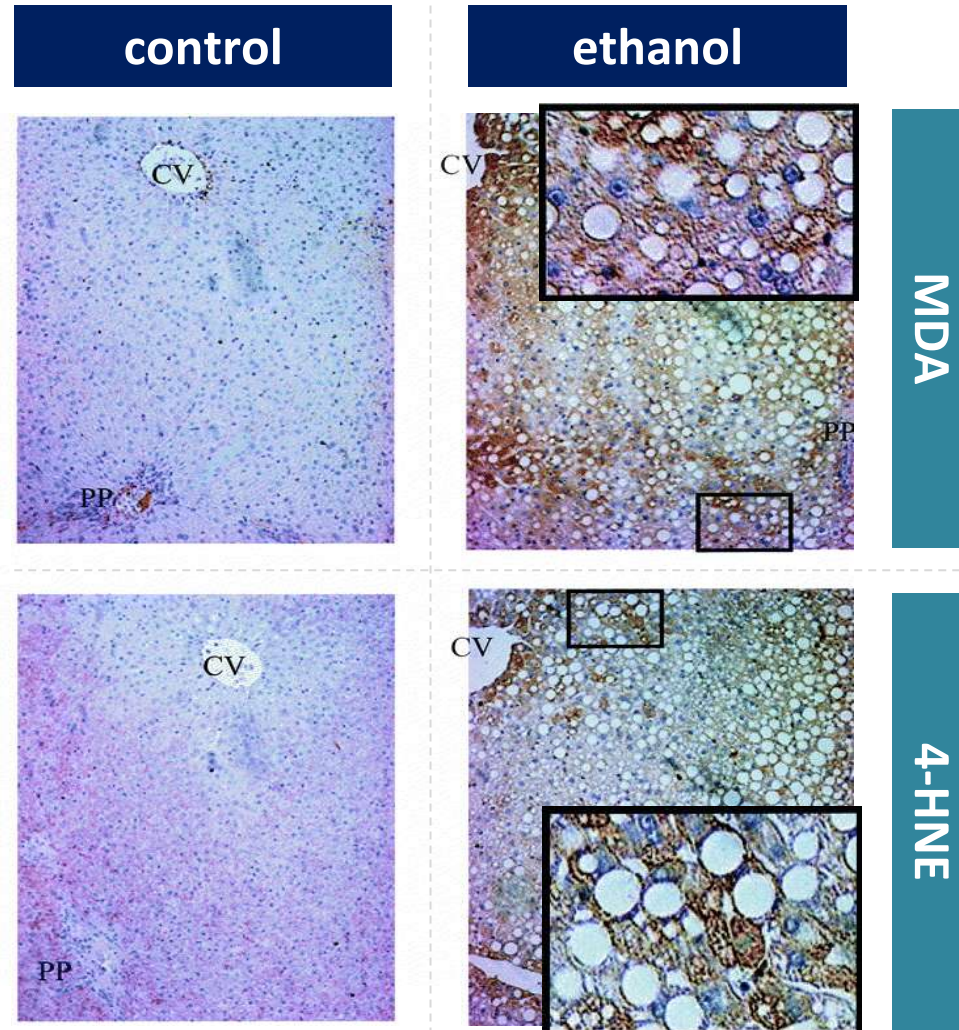
-- excess collagen  
deposition

**Cirrhosis**

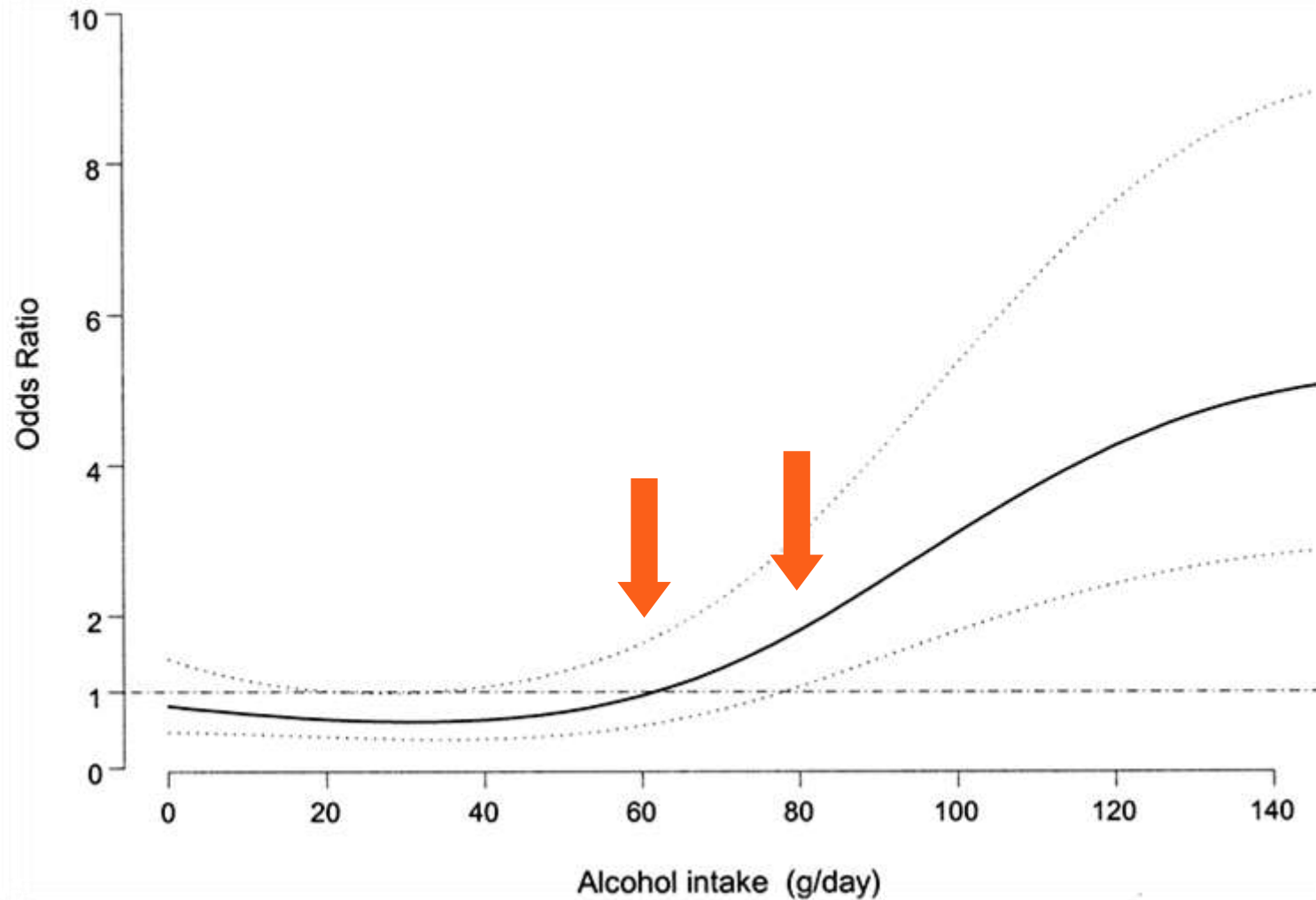
-- tissue scarring



# Immunostaining of reactive aldehydes



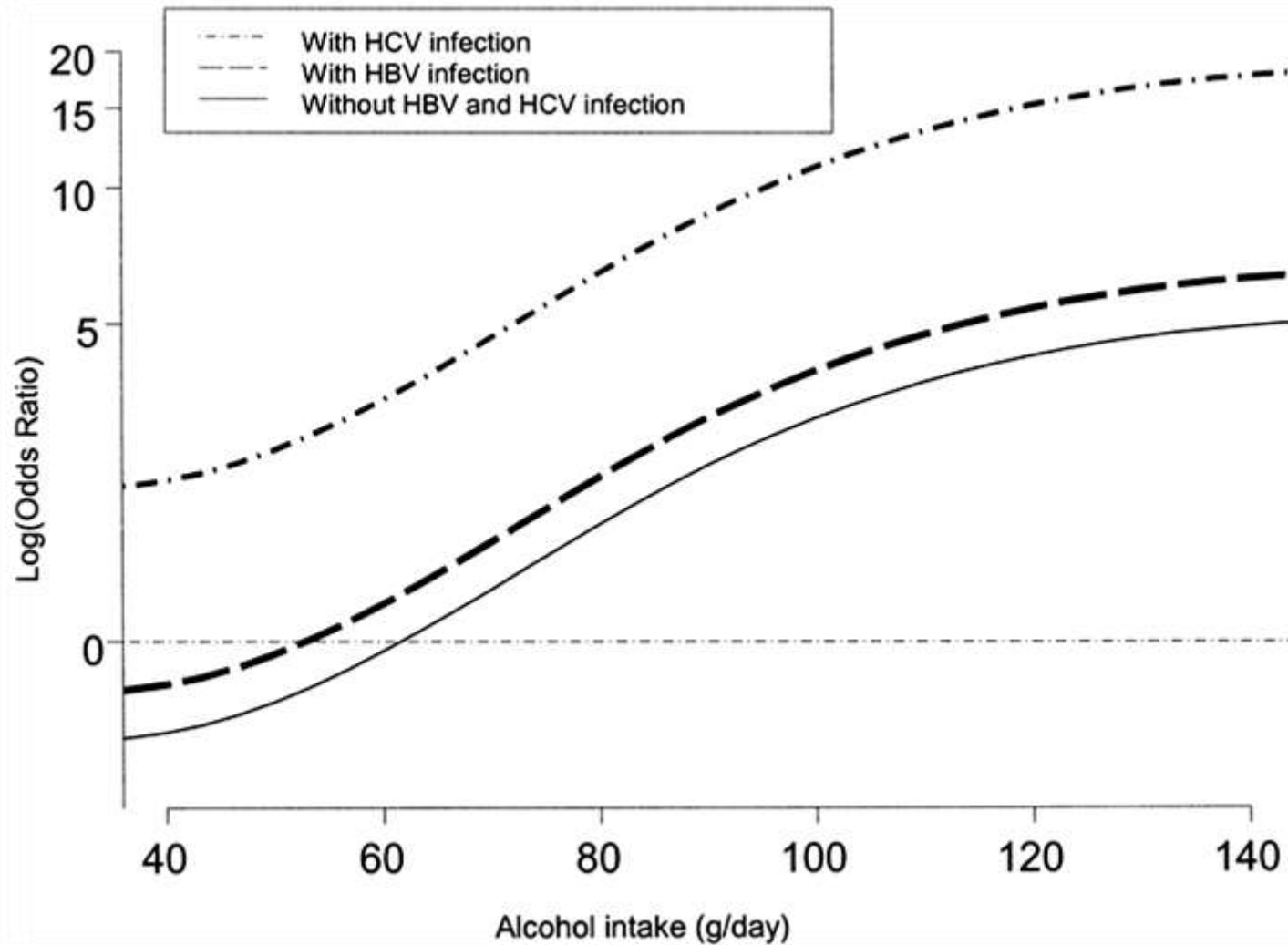
# Dose of alcohol and HCC



# > 80g/day of alcohol increased HCC

Author/country	Alcohol		Hepatitis C	
	Cases/control (number)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Cases/control (number)	Odds ratio (95% CI)
Tagger et al, <sup>17</sup> Italy				
Daily alcohol (g/d)				
<40	31/219	1.0 (reference)	47/18	26.1 (12.6–54)
40–80	27/157	1.5 (0.7–2.9)	32/7	62.6 (23.3–168)
>80	102/203	7.3 (4.0–13.1)	42/5	126 (42.8–373)
Hassan et al, <sup>5</sup> United States				
Daily alcohol				
No	40/136	1.0 (reference)		19.1 (4.1–89.1)
Yes	75/94	2.4 (1.3–4.4)		53.9 (7.0–415.7)
<80 g/day	33/63	1.7 (0.9–3.7)		
>80 g/day	42/31	4.5 (1.4–14.8)		
Yu et al, <sup>3</sup> Taiwan				
Alcohol use				
No	53/81	1.0 (reference)	8/2	6.1 (1.2–30.1)
Yes	60/44	2.1 (1.2–3.7)	6/0	Unable to calculate

# Alcohol and Viral Hepatitis



# Synergism with viral infection and alcohol in HCC development

Interaction Variables		$\beta$ Coefficient ( $\pm$ SE)	P	OR (95% CI)	S (95% CI)*
Virus	Alcohol				
Negative	Negative			1	
Positive	Negative	2.9 (0.79)	.0001	19.1 (4.1-89.1)	
Negative	Positive	0.87 (0.32)	.006	2.4 (1.3-4.4)	
Positive	Positive	3.9 (1.04)	.0001	53.9 (7.0-415.7)	2.7 (1.1-5.2)
Diabetes	Alcohol				
Negative	Negative			1	
Positive	Negative	0.87 (0.33)	.008	2.4 (1.3-4.5)	
Negative	Positive	0.95 (0.34)	.004	2.6 (1.4-4.9)	
Positive	Positive	2.3 (0.69)	.001	9.9 (2.5-39.3)	2.9 (1.3-4.6)

\*S = Synergy Index described by Rothman<sup>9</sup> =  $(OR_{11} - 1)/(OR_{01} + OR_{10} - 2)$ , where  $OR_{11}$  = odds ratio of the joint effect of 2 risk factors;  $OR_{01}$  and  $OR_{10}$  = OR of each risk factor in the absence of the other.



# Alcohol and smoking

Daily alcohol intake (grams)	Pack-years of smoking	No. of patients with viral hepatitis	No. of HCC deaths	HR	(95% CI)	p Value
<b>All patients with viral hepatitis (n = 1990)</b>						
<46.2	<10	996	617	1 <sup>1</sup>	(Reference)	
≥46.2	<10	65	46	1.28	(0.94–1.73)	0.1172
<46.2	≥10	676	484	1.28	(1.12–1.46)	0.0003
≥46.2	≥10	239	192	1.72	(1.45–2.05)	<0.0001
Synergy index (95% CI)		1.30 (0.58–2.89)				
<b>Viral hepatitis patients with early-stage tumor<sup>2</sup> (n = 717)</b>						
<46.2	<10	416	197	1 <sup>3</sup>	(Reference)	
≥46.2	<10	22	15	1.94	(1.13–3.33)	0.0171
<46.2	≥10	213	119	1.31	(1.01–1.69)	0.0430
≥46.2	≥10	63	49	2.20	(1.57–3.08)	<0.0001
Synergy index (95% CI)		0.96 (0.36–2.56)				
<b>Viral hepatitis patients with advanced tumor (n = 1259)</b>						
<46.2	<10	575	417	1 <sup>3</sup>	(Reference)	
≥46.2	<10	43	31	1.07	(0.74–1.55)	0.7184
<46.2	≥10	455	360	1.27	(1.09–1.49)	0.0025
≥46.2	≥10	176	143	1.53	(1.25–1.87)	<0.0001
Synergy index (95% CI)		1.53 (0.41–5.75)				

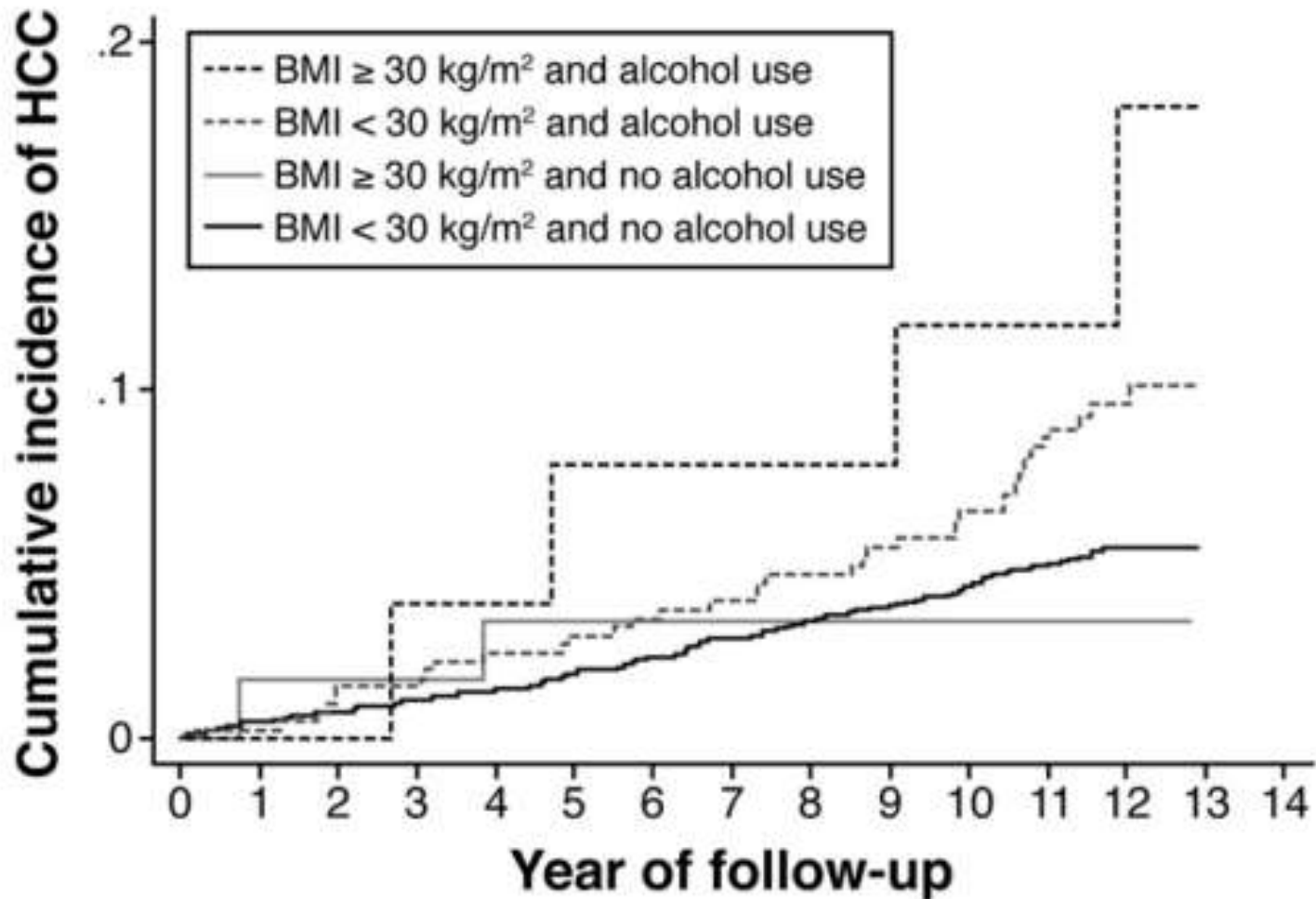
# 10 year abstinence from alcohol leads to decreased HCC-related mortality

Alcohol consumption status	Median daily intake (gram)	No. of participants	No. of HCC deaths	HR	(95% CI)	<i>p</i> Value
1031.0–2744.6	64.8	156	120	1.31	(1.07–1.60)	0.0084
>2744.6	160.4	148	118	1.36	(1.11–1.67)	0.0026
<i>p</i> value for trend				0.0006		
Continuing drinker	43.4	414	315	1 <sup>2</sup>	(Reference)	
<b>Ex-drinker</b>						
<b>Years since quitting</b>						
<5	51.0	84	57	0.83	(0.63–1.10)	0.1977
5–9	41.7	69	50	0.92	(0.68–1.25)	0.5962
≥10	40.5	83	61	0.74	(0.56–0.98)	0.0343
Never drinker	0	1338	866	0.79	(0.69–0.91)	0.0013

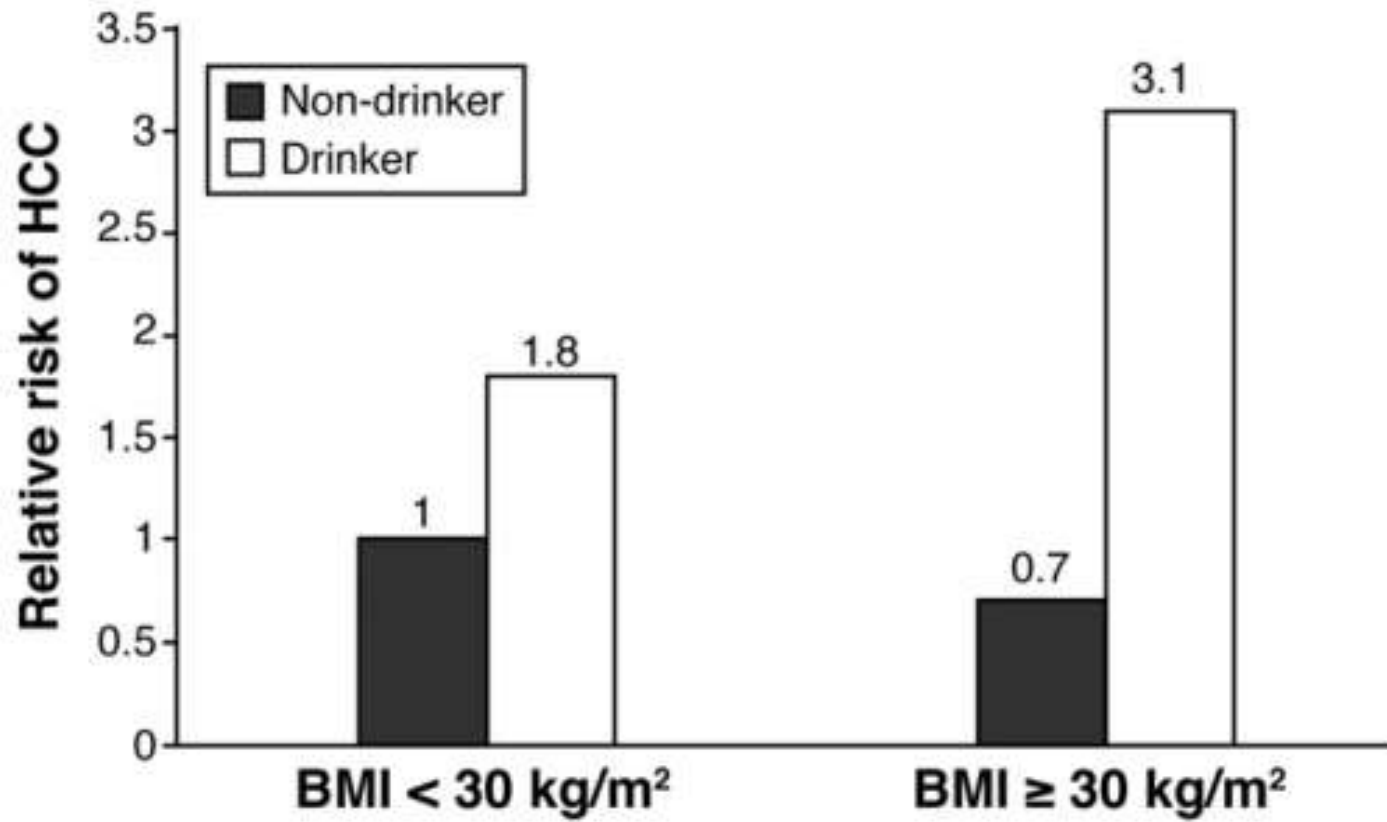
# Alcohol and Diabetes

Factor 1	Factor 2	Cases ( <i>n</i> = 295)	Controls ( <i>n</i> = 435)	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	Interaction effect	
					Additive S (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	Multiplicative OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>
Diabetes	Alcohol drinking					
No	≤ 4 drinks per day	157	352	1.0		
No	≥ 4 drinks per day	76	45	3.4 (2.2–5.4)		
Yes	≤ 4 drinks per day	43	36	2.5 (1.5–4.0)		
Yes	> 4 drinks per day	19	2	17.3 (3.9–77.6)	4.2 (2.6–5.8)	2.0 (0.4–10.1)
Diabetes	Cigarette smoking <sup>c</sup>					
No	Non/long-term ex-smokers	127	272	1.0		
No	Current/recent ex-smokers	106	125	1.5 (1.0–2.2)		
Yes	Non/long-term ex-smokers	33	28	2.5 (1.4–4.4)		
Yes	Current/recent ex-smokers	29	10	4.9 (2.2–10.9)	2.0 (0.9–3.1)	1.3 (0.5–3.5)
Alcohol drinking	Cigarette smoking <sup>c</sup>					
≤ 4 drinks per day	Non/long-term ex-smokers	125	276	1.0		
≤ 4 drinks per day	Current/recent ex-smokers	35	24	3.3 (1.8–6.1)		
> 4 drinks per day	Non/long-term ex-smokers	75	112	1.5 (1.0–2.2)		
> 4 drinks per day	Current/recent ex-smokers	60	23	5.9 (3.3–10.4)	1.7 (0.9–2.6)	1.2 (0.5–2.6)

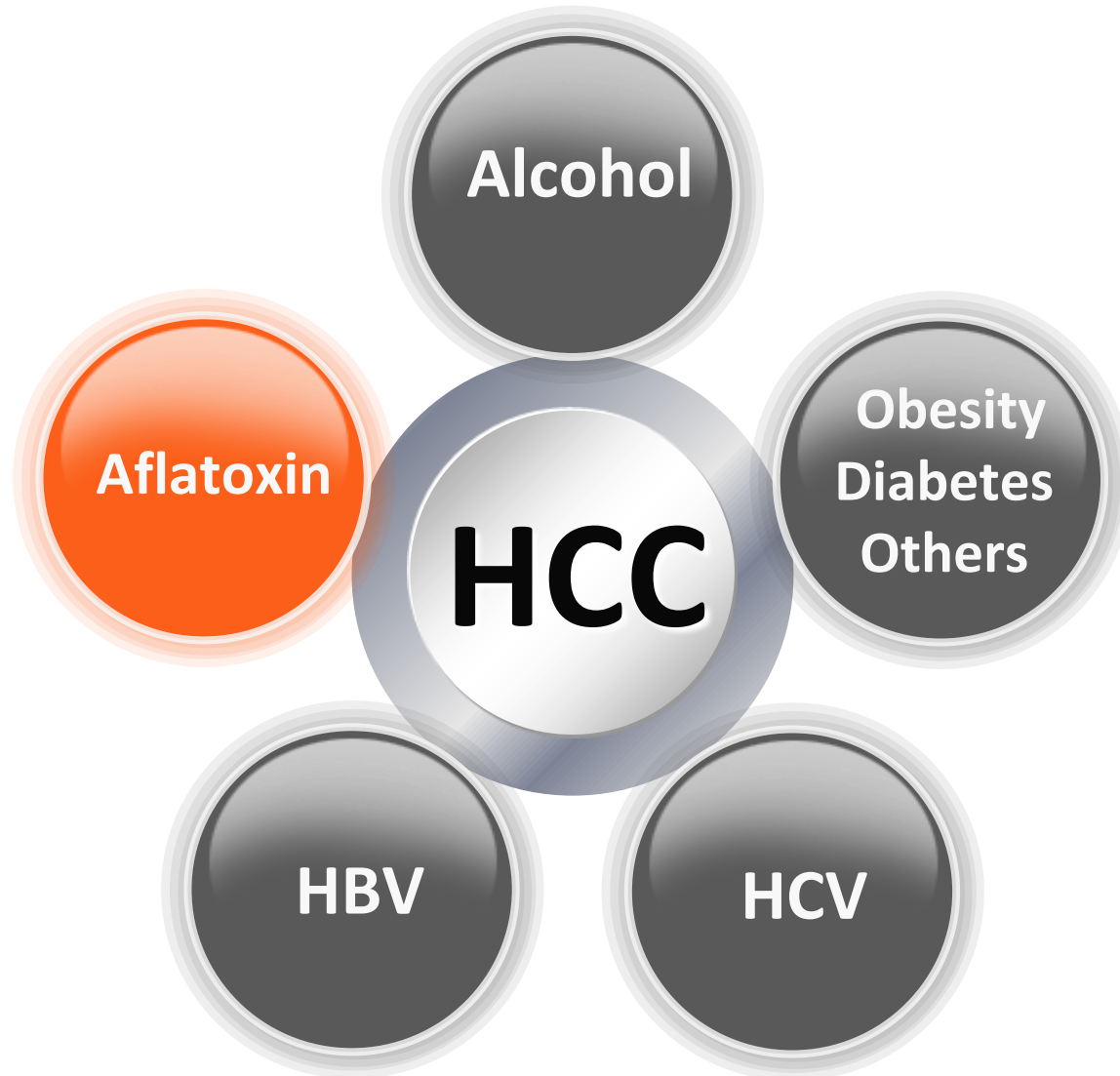
# Alcohol and Obesity



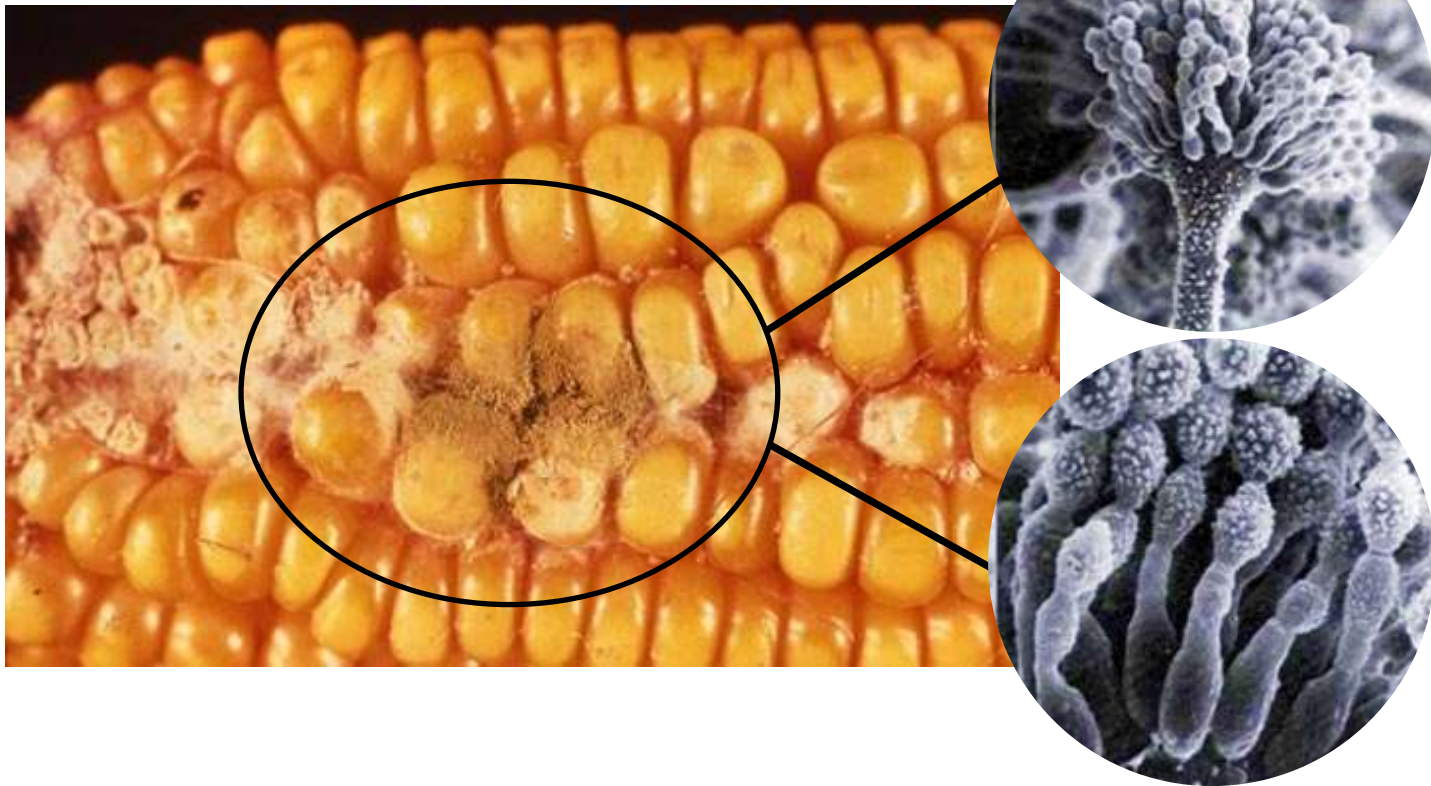
# Synergism of Obesity in Drinkers



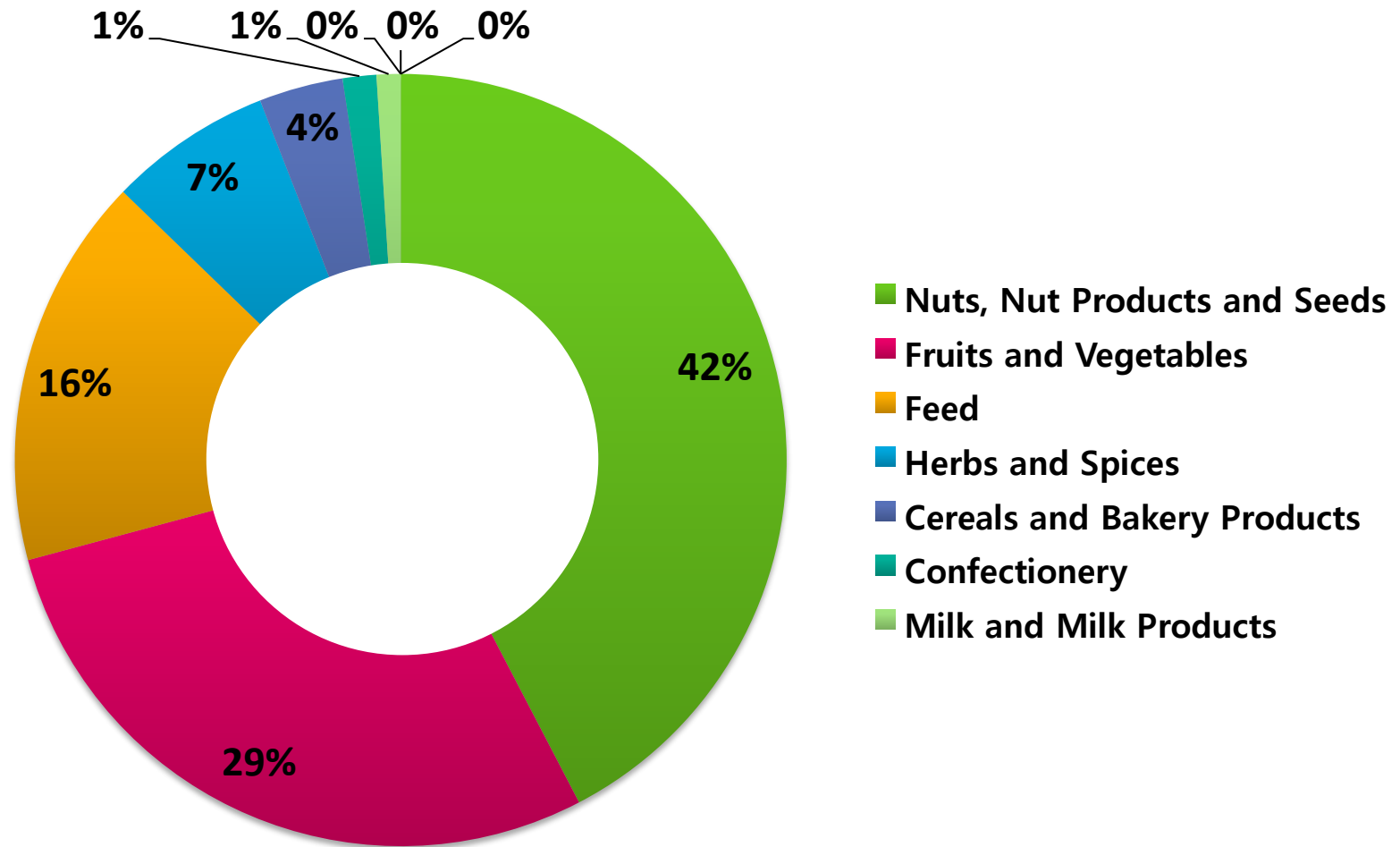
# Etiologies of HCC



# Aflatoxin produced by fungi

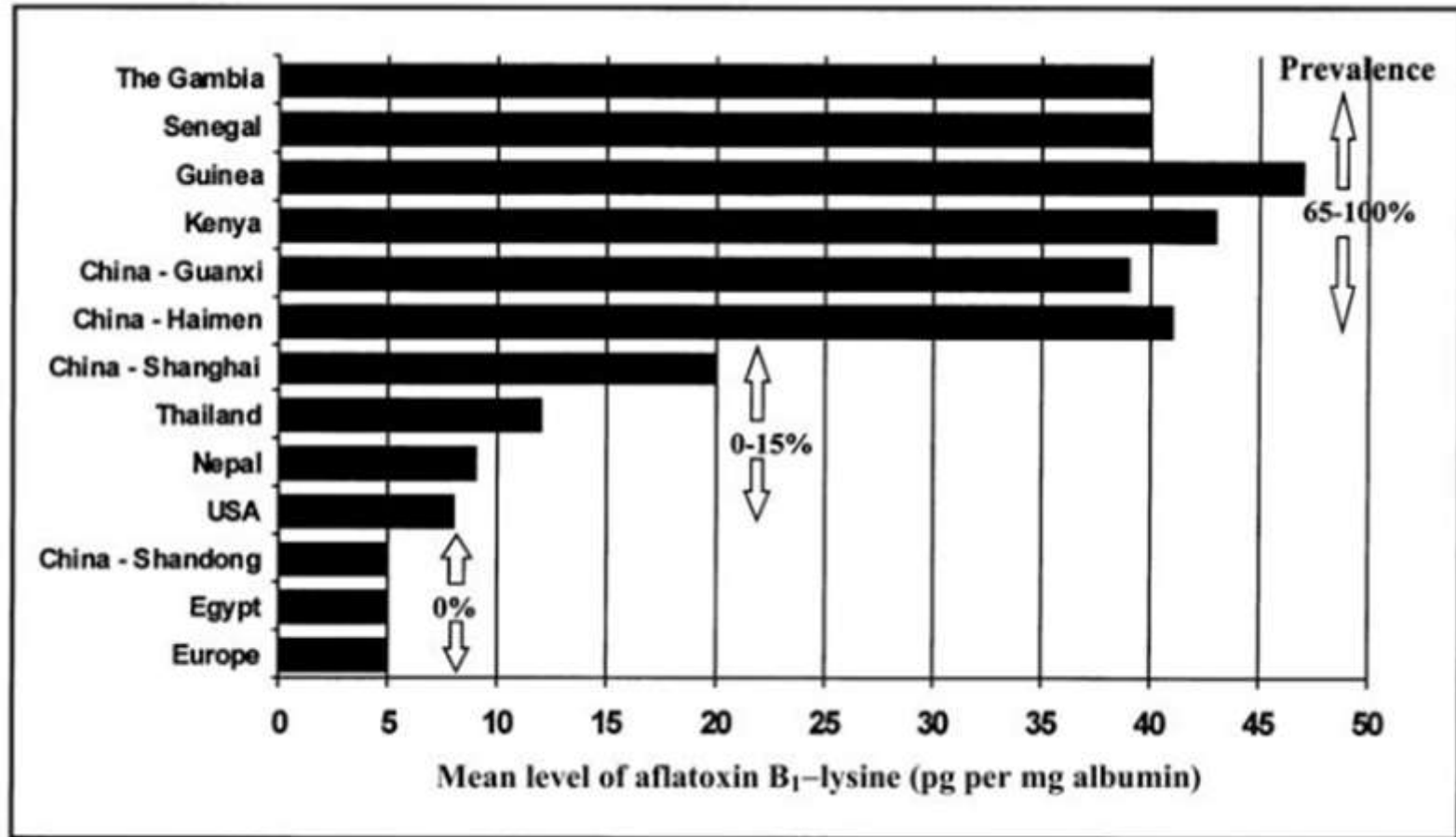


# Aflatoxin in food

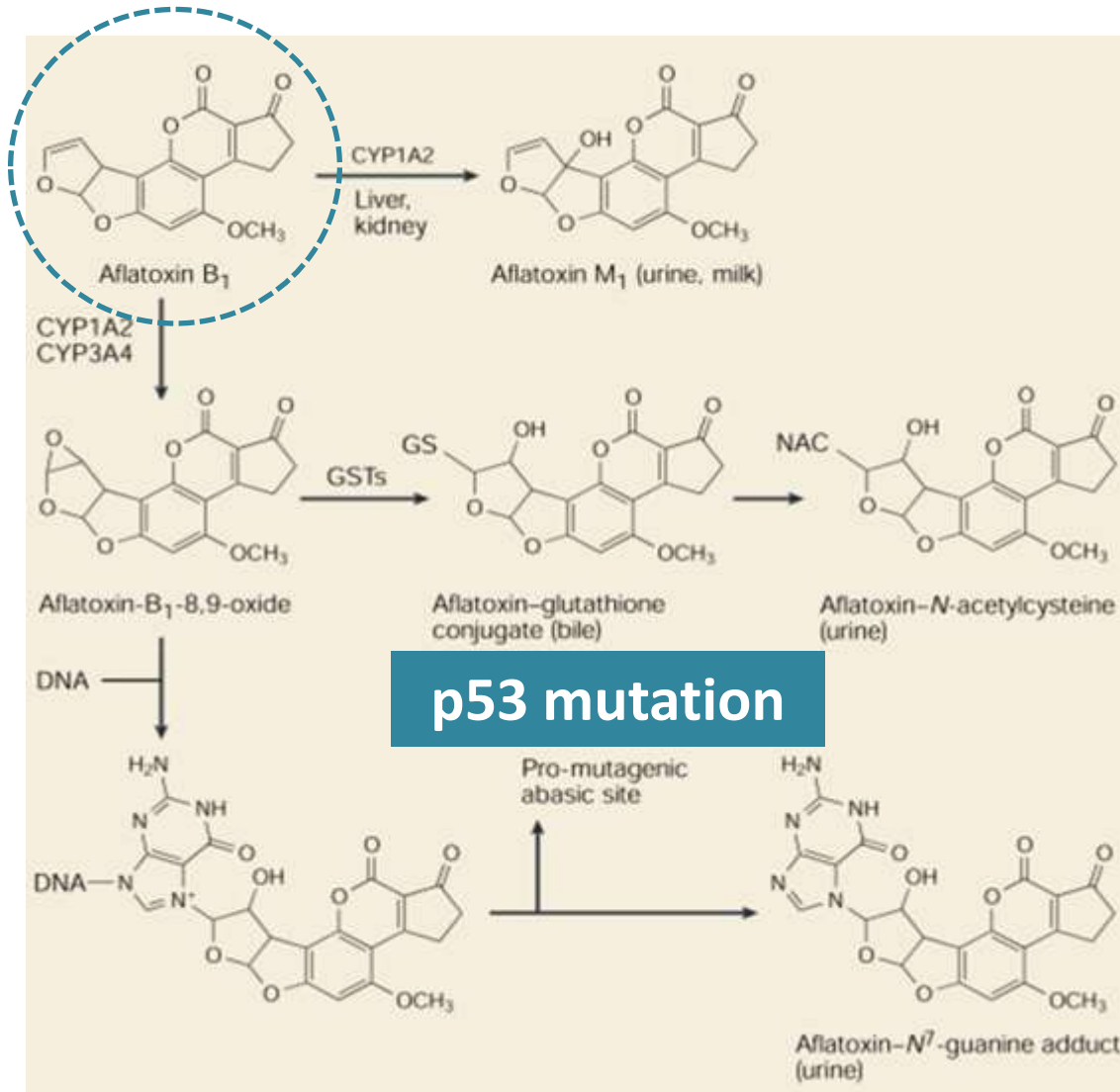




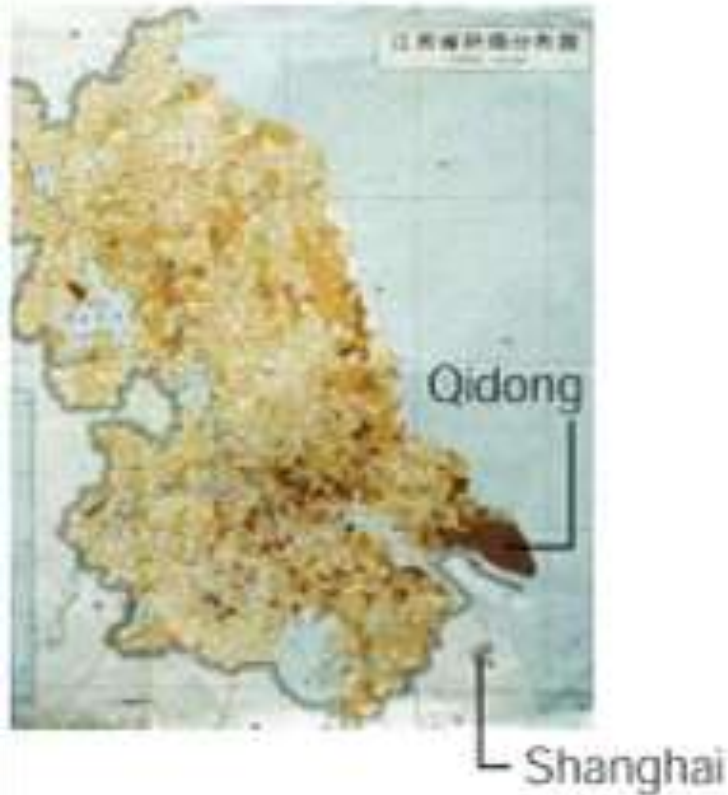
# Prevalence of aflatoxin exposure



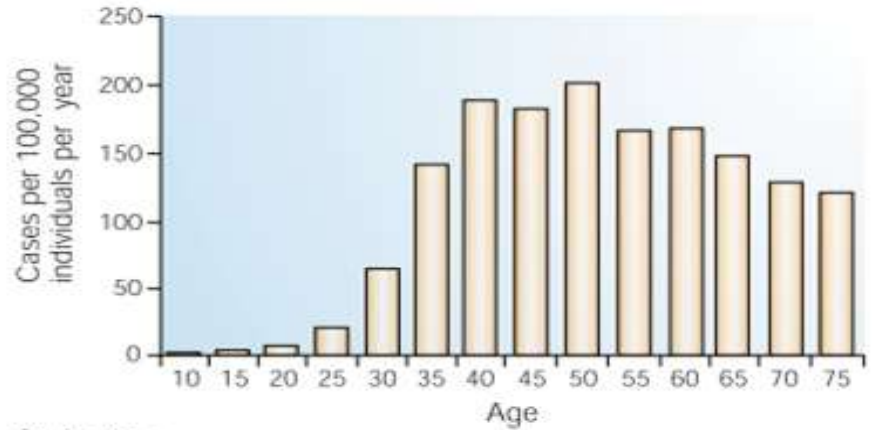
# Aflatoxin detoxification



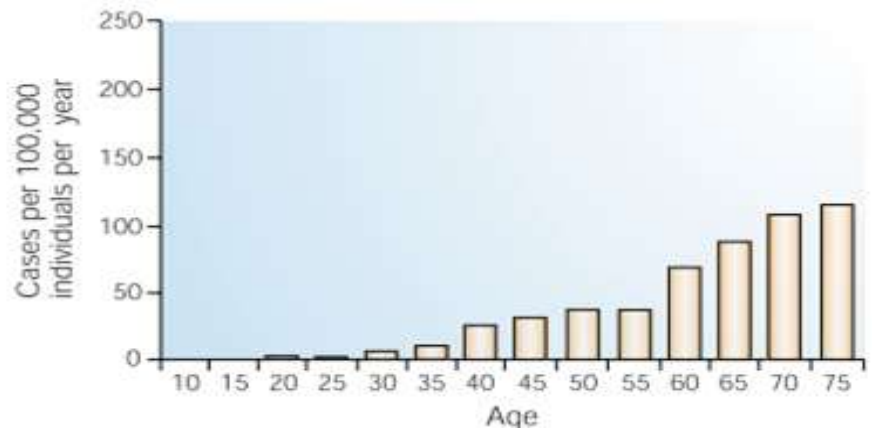
# High incidence of HCC in Qidong



**a Qidong**



**b Beijing**



# Analyses of TP53 mutation in HCC

Region/country	No. of HCC analysed	No. with codon 249 <sup>ser</sup> mutation	Reference
<b>Africa</b>			
Mozambique	15	8	Ozturk (1991)
South Africa — Transkei	12	1	Ozturk (1991)
Southern Africa	10	3	Bressac <i>et al.</i> (1991)
Senegal	15	10	Coursaget <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<b>America</b>			
USA			
Alaska	7	0	Buetow <i>et al.</i> (1992)
Alaskans	12	0	De Benedetti <i>et al.</i> (1995)
	12	0	Kazachkov <i>et al.</i> (1996)
	17	0	Wong <i>et al.</i> (2000)
Mexico	16	3	Soini <i>et al.</i> (1996)

# Analyses of TP53 mutation in HCC

## Asia

### China

Qidong	36	21	Scorsone <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	25	13	Fujimoto <i>et al.</i> (1994)
	20	9	Li <i>et al.</i> (1993)
Xian	45	1	Buetow <i>et al.</i> (1992)
Beijing	9	0	Fujimoto <i>et al.</i> (1994)
Tongan	21	7	Yang <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Jiang-su south	16	9	Shimizu <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Jiang-su north	15	1	Shimizu <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Shanghai	12	1	Buetow <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	18	1	Li <i>et al.</i> (1993)
	20	4	Wong <i>et al.</i> (2000)
Guanxi	50	18	Stern <i>et al.</i> (2001)
Hong Kong	26	1	Ng <i>et al.</i> (1994a,b)
	30	4	Wong <i>et al.</i> (2000)
India	21	2	Katiyar <i>et al.</i> (2000)
Indonesia	4	1	Oda <i>et al.</i> (1992)
Japan	128	1	Oda <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	10	0	Buetow <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	43	0	Murakami <i>et al.</i> (1991)
	60	0	Hayashi <i>et al.</i> (1993)

# Analyses of TP53 mutation in HCC

Region/country	No. of HCC analysed	No. with codon 249 <sup>ser</sup> mutation	Reference
Korea (Republic of)	6	0	Oda <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	35	0	Park <i>et al.</i> (2000)
Singapore (Chinese)	44	0	Shi <i>et al.</i> (1995)
Taiwan, China	2	0	Oda <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	12	0	Hosono <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<b>Europe</b>			
France	100	2	Laurent-Puig <i>et al.</i> (2001)
Germany	13	0	Kress <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	20	0	Kubicka <i>et al.</i> (1995)
Italy	20	0	Bourdon <i>et al.</i> (1995)
Spain	70	0	Boix-Ferrero <i>et al.</i> (1999)
United Kingdom	19	0	Challen <i>et al.</i> (1992)
	170	0	Vautier <i>et al.</i> (1999)

# HCC cases attributable to aflatoxin exposure

WHO region/country	Population (millions) <sup>a</sup>	Annual HCC cases		WHO region/country	Population (millions) <sup>a</sup>	Annual HCC cases	
		HBsAg-negative	HBsAg-positive			HBsAg-negative	HBsAg-positive
<b>Africa</b>				<b>Eastern Mediterranean</b>			
Democratic Republic of Congo	68	1-173	1-551	Egypt	81	51-452	37-1400
Ethiopia	85	11-288	21-643	Iran	66	33-56	4-9
The Gambia	1.7	1-17	3-117	Pakistan	172	116-832	119-851
Kenya	38	11-450	44-2,270	Sudan	41	58-717	140-5,950
Mozambique	21	73-361	111-1,200	Total region	569	446-3,720	341-13,200
Nigeria	149	1,800-2,940	8,200-13,400	<b>Southeast Asia</b>			
South Africa	48	0-79	0-255	India	1,150	438-11,200	331-16,200
Tanzania	41	1-195	1-554	Indonesia	237	203-2,820	160-4,340
Zimbabwe	13	19-50	68-249	Thailand	63	307-439	461-1,100
Total region	755	2,150-9,300	9,230-50,600	Total region	-1,734	1,740-17,300	1,460-27,600
<b>North America</b>				<b>Western Pacific region</b>			
Canada	33	1	1	Australia	21	0-1	0-1
United States	300	8	1-5	China	1,300	1,990-4,430	5,300-14,400
Total region	333	9	2-5	Korea	50	5-29	6-45
<b>Latin America</b>				Malaysia	28	40-372	63-588
Argentina	40	0-16	0-5	Philippines	90	333-462	594-2,330
Brazil	190	4-930	3-969	Total region	-1,740	2,710-6,510	6,310-21,200
Mexico	109	152-924	14-83	<b>Europe</b>			
Total region	562	589-2,980	84-2,060	Eastern Europe	290	94-114	61-244
				Southern Europe	144	0-56	0-121
				Western Europe	183	5-24	1-7
				Total region	617	99-184	62-372
				Total (world)	6,280	7,700-40,000	17,500-115,000
				Total annual HCC cases attributable to aflatoxin worldwide		25,200-155,000	

<sup>a</sup>Data from Central Intelligence Agency 2009.

# The combined effects of HBV and aflatoxin

Population [Reference]	Cohort	Cases	Controls	Biomarker	OR
Shanghai, PRC [17]	18,224 Males	50	267	Urinary AF biomarker <sup>d</sup>	3.4 (1.1–10.0) AF alone 7.3 (2.2–24) HBsAg alone 59.4 (16.6–212) AF and HBsAg
Taiwan [18]	12,040 Males 13,758 Females	56	220	Urinary AF metabolites <sup>e</sup>	1.7 (0.3–10.8) AF alone 22.8 (3.6–143.4) HBsAg alone 111.9 (13.8–905) AF and HBsAg
Taiwan [18]	As above	29 HBsAg +ve	21 HBsAg +ve	Urinary AF metabolites <sup>f</sup>	5.5 (1.3–23.4)
Taiwan [23]	4691 Males 1796 Females	33 (20) <sup>g</sup>	123 (86) <sup>g</sup>	AF-albumin	5.5 (1.2–24.5) AF alone 129 (25–659) AF and HBsAg
Taiwan [21]	4841 Male HBsAg carriers 2501 Male non-carriers	43 HBsAg +ve	86 HBsAg +ve	Urinary AFM1	6.0 (1.2–29.0) <sup>a</sup>
Taiwan [20]	12,024 Males 13,594 Females	79 HBsAg +ve	149 HBsAg +ve	AF-albumin	2.0 (1.1–3.7) <sup>b</sup>
Qidong Co., PRC [22]	145 Male HBsAg carriers	22 HBsAg +ve	123 HBsAg +ve	Urinary AFM1 <sup>c</sup>	3.3 (1.2–8.7)

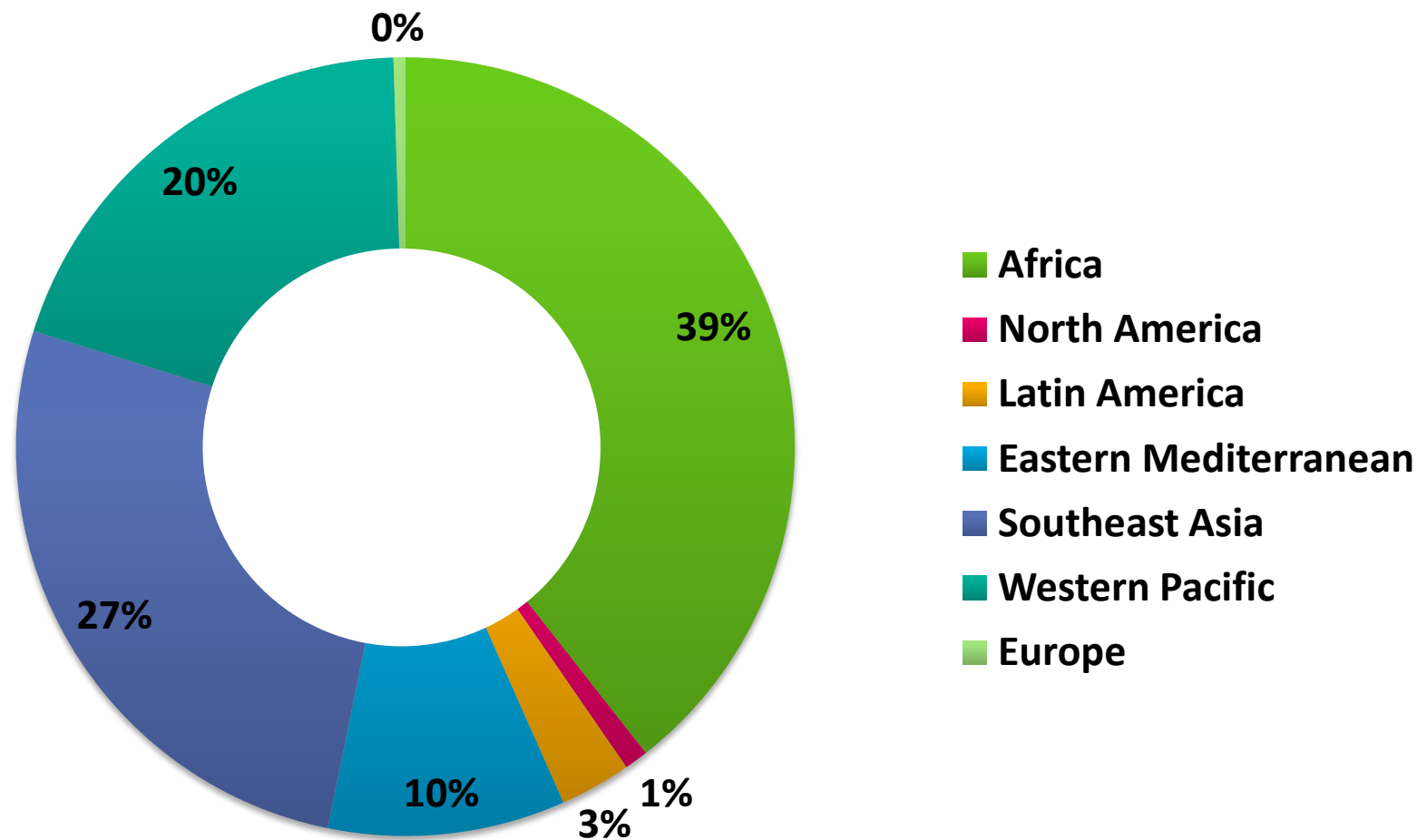


# The effects of aflatoxin in advance liver disease associated with HCV

Comparison of clinical features and aflatoxin levels between anti-HCV-positive patients with and without advanced liver disease

Variables	Advanced liver disease ( <i>n</i> = 76)	No or mild liver parenchyma change ( <i>n</i> = 115)	<i>P</i> value
Age (years)	68.6 ± 6.4	67.7 ± 8.0	0.41
Sex (male:female)	29:47	51:64	0.39
HBsAg	13	11	0.12
ALT (U/L) [median (range)]	52.5 (8–192)	48.5 (5–292)	0.12
Platelet (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	9.6 ± 3.0	11.6 ± 2.4	< 0.001
Albumin (g/dL)	4.0 ± 0.4	4.3 ± 0.3	< 0.001
AFP (ng/mL) [median (range)]	10.1 (1.1–10020)	4 (1.1–353)	< 0.001
Aflatoxin (AFB-alb/alb) [median (range)]	11.4 (0–51.4)	6.3 (0–61.4)	0.007

# HCC cases attributable to aflatoxin in the world



# Preventive measures for aflatoxin

**Meticulate handling of foods**

**HBV vaccination**

# Summary and Conclusions

- **Alcohol is a carcinogen**

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- **Long term intake of >80g/day of alcohol increases the risk of HCC**

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- **A synergistic effect of alcohol, viral hepatitis, smoking, diabetes, and obesity is present**

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- **Aflatoxin is a carcinogen with combined effects when present with viral hepatitis.**

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