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1 Studies excluded on relevance

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Atidarsagene autotemcel (LIBMELDY®) in metachromatic leukodystrophy. Prescrire International. 2022;31(243):289-90.	Study design
Al-Saady ML, Galabova H, Schoenmakers DH, Beerepoot S, Lindemans C, van Hasselt PM, et al. Longitudinal volumetric analysis of gray matter atrophy in metachromatic leukodystrophy. Journal of Inherited Metabolic Disease. 2024;47(4):792-804. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1002/jimd.12725	Outcomes
Antony JS, Daniel-Moreno A, Lamsfus-Calle A, Raju J, Kaftancioglu M, Ureña-Bailén G, et al. A Mutation-Agnostic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Gene Therapy for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy. CRISPR Journal. 2022;5(1):66-79. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1089/crispr.2021.0075	Intervention
Armstrong N, Olaye A, Noake C, Pang F. A systematic review of clinical effectiveness and safety for historical and current treatment options for metachromatic leukodystrophy in children, including atidarsagene autotemcel. Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases. 2023;18(1). Available from: https://doi.org/10.1186/s13023-023-02814-2	Study design
Aubourg P. Gene therapy for leukodystrophy: Progress, challenges and opportunities. Expert Opinion on Orphan Drugs. 2016;4(4):359-67. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1517/21678707.2016.1151352	Study design
Bekri S, Bley A, Brown HA, Chanson C, Church HJ, Gelb MH, et al. Higher precision, first tier newborn screening for metachromatic leukodystrophy using 16:1-OH-sulfatide. Molecular Genetics and Metabolism. 2024;142(1). Available from: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ymgme.2024.108436	Index test
Beschle J, Doring M, Kehrner C, Raabe C, Bayha U, Strolin M, et al. Early clinical course after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in children with juvenile metachromatic leukodystrophy. Mol.	Comparator

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Corre G, Galy A. Evaluation of diversity indices to estimate clonal dominance in gene therapy studies. Molecular Therapy Methods and Clinical Development. 2023;29:418-25. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.omtm.2023.05.003	Study design
Corrigan-Curay J, Cohen-Haguenauer O, O'Reilly M, Ross SR, Fan H, Rosenberg N, et al. Challenges in vector and trial design using retroviral vectors for long-term gene correction in hematopoietic stem cell gene therapy. Molecular Therapy. 2012;20(6):1084-94. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1038/mt.2012.93	Study design
Dangouloff T, Boemer F, Servais L. Newborn screening of neuromuscular diseases. Neuromuscular Disorders. 2021;31(10):1070-80. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nmd.2021.07.008	Study design
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Kahn JM, Brazauskas R, Tecca HR, Bo-Subait S, Buchbinder D, Battiwala M, et al. Subsequent neoplasms and late mortality in children undergoing allogeneic transplantation for nonmalignant diseases. Blood Advances. 2020;4(9):2084-94. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1182/bloodadvances.2019000839	Population
Leboulch P. Gene therapy: primed for take-off. Nature. 2013;500(7462):280-2. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1038/500280a	Study design
Lum SH, Will A, Church HJ, Mercer J, Tylee KL, Poulton K, et al. A decade of excellent transplant survival in children with inherited metabolic diseases: A report from a single metabolic transplant centre in Europe. Blood Cell Ther. 2019;2(2):31-5. Available from: https://doi.org/10.31547/bct-2018-012	Comparator

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Tolar J, Scott Baker K, Orchard PJ. Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for metabolic storage diseases. <i>Cellular Therapy and Transplantation</i> . 2010;2(7).	Outcomes
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Yabe H, Koike T, Yamamoto S, Otsuka K, Nakajima J, Shibata M, et al. Allogeneic stem cell transplantation for inherited metabolic disorders: 35 years' experience at a single institution. <i>International Journal of Hematology</i> . 2024;120(3):365-74. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1007/s12185-024-03810-3	Population
Yamada M, Inui K. Metachromatic leukodystrophy. <i>Ryōikibetsu shōkōgun shirīzu</i> . 2001(34 Pt 2):178-9.	Study design
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