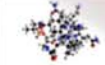


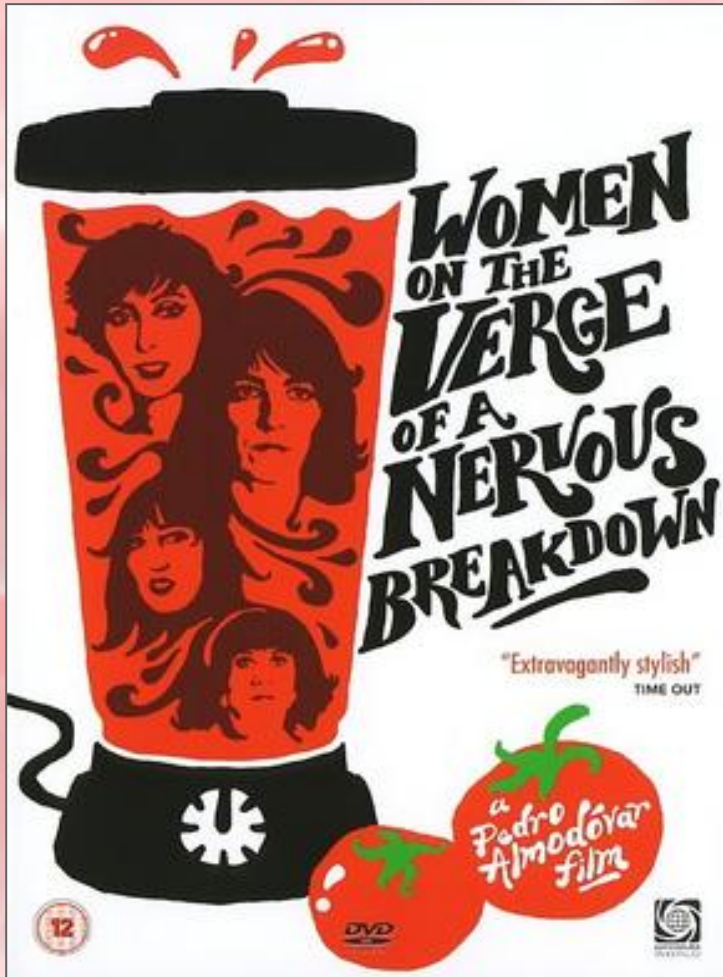
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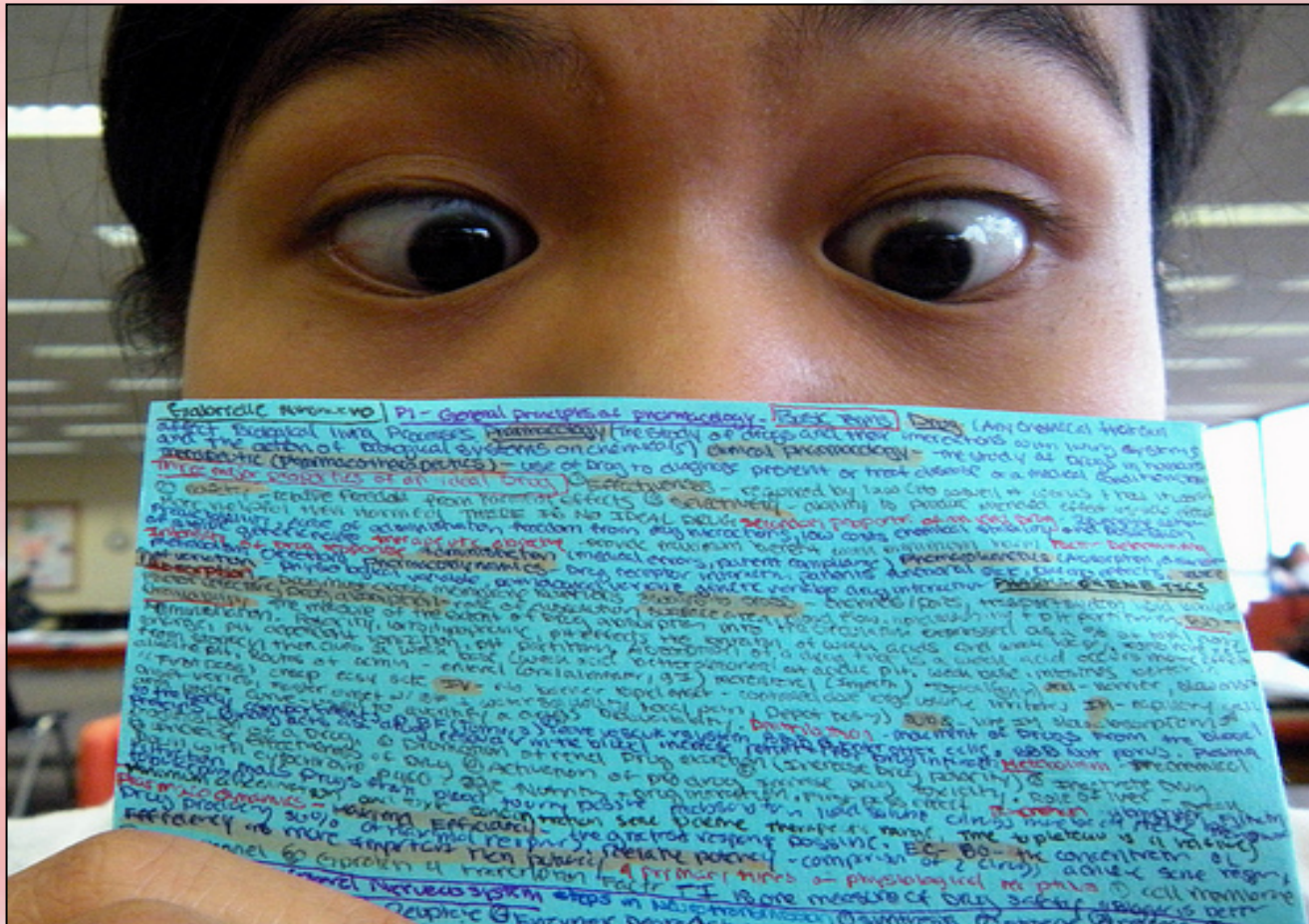
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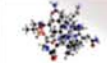


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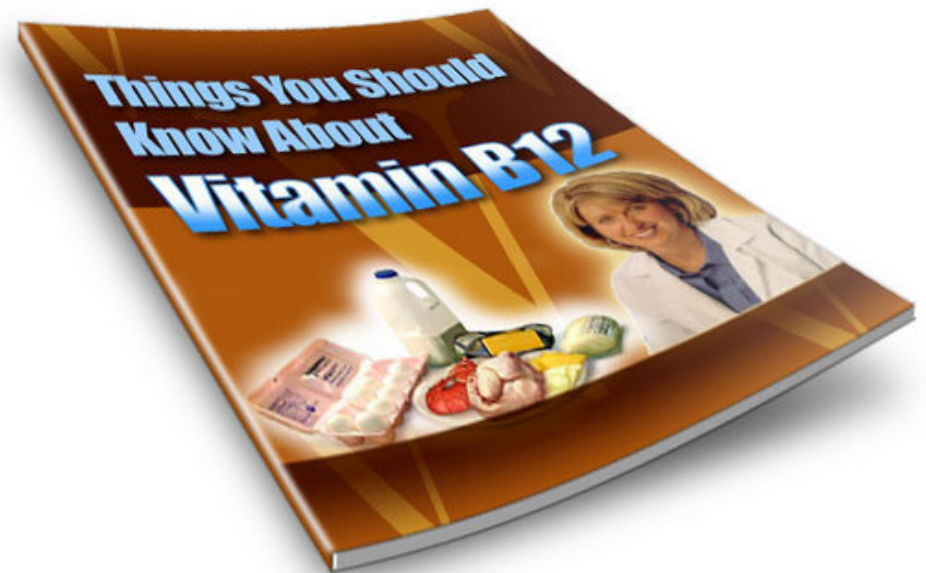


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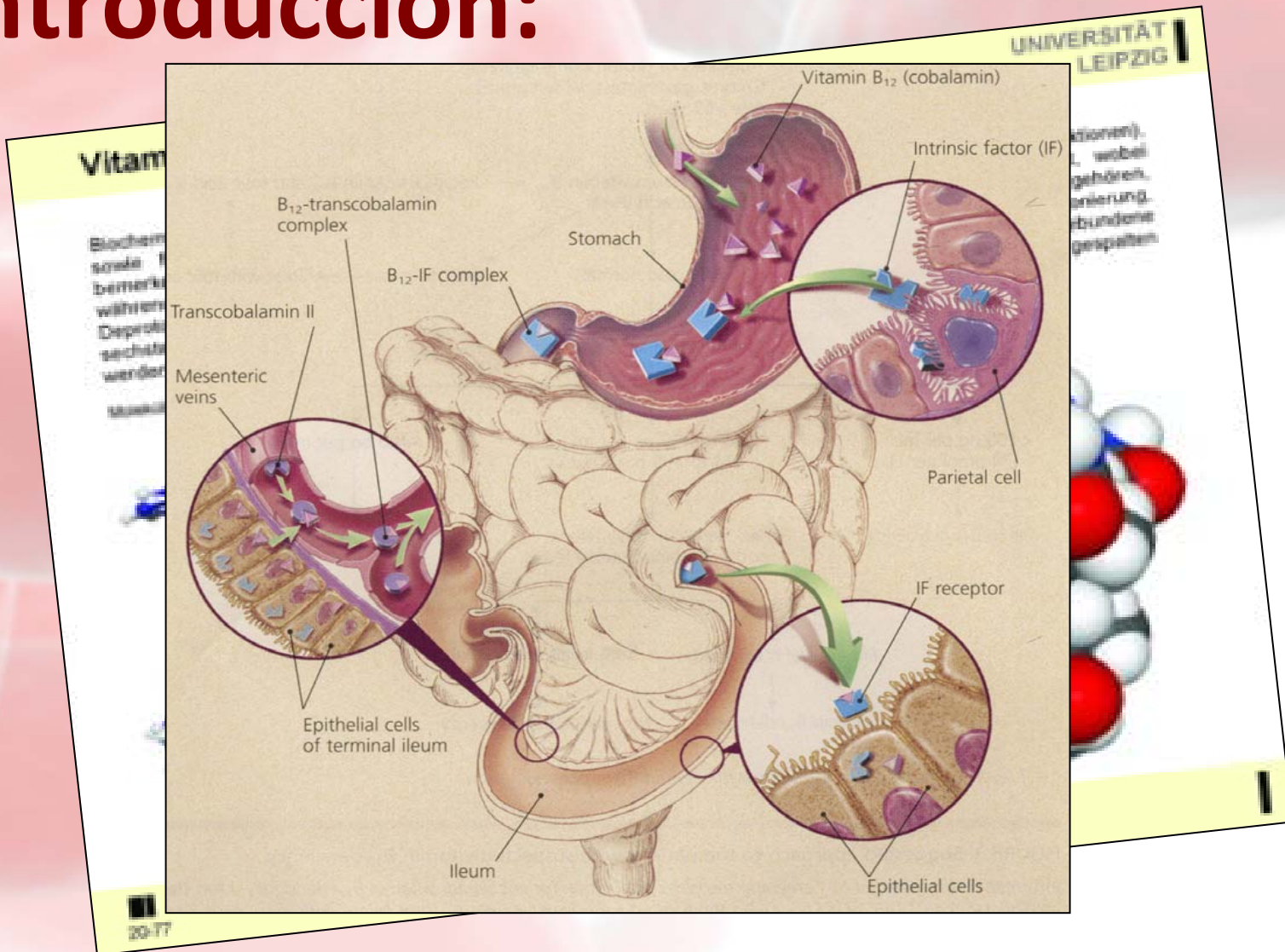


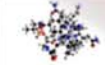
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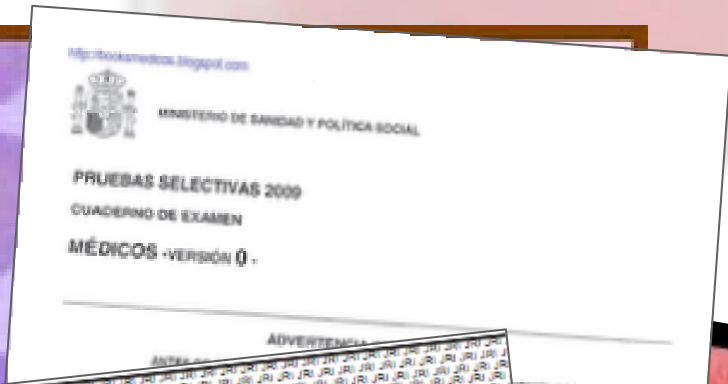
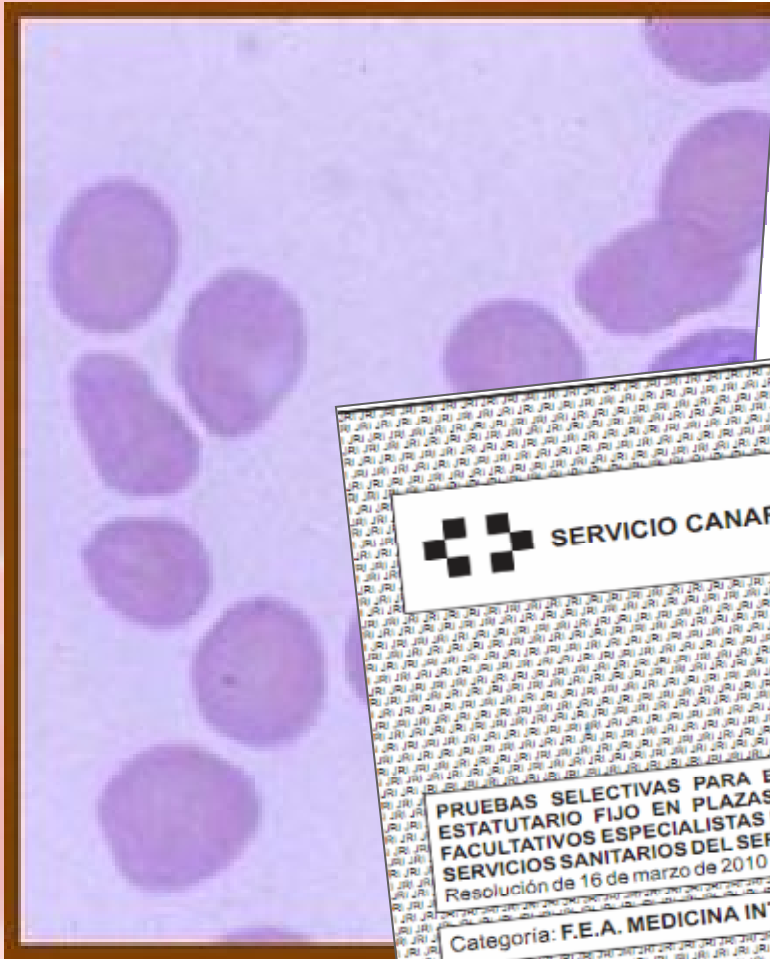


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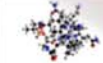
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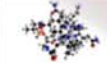


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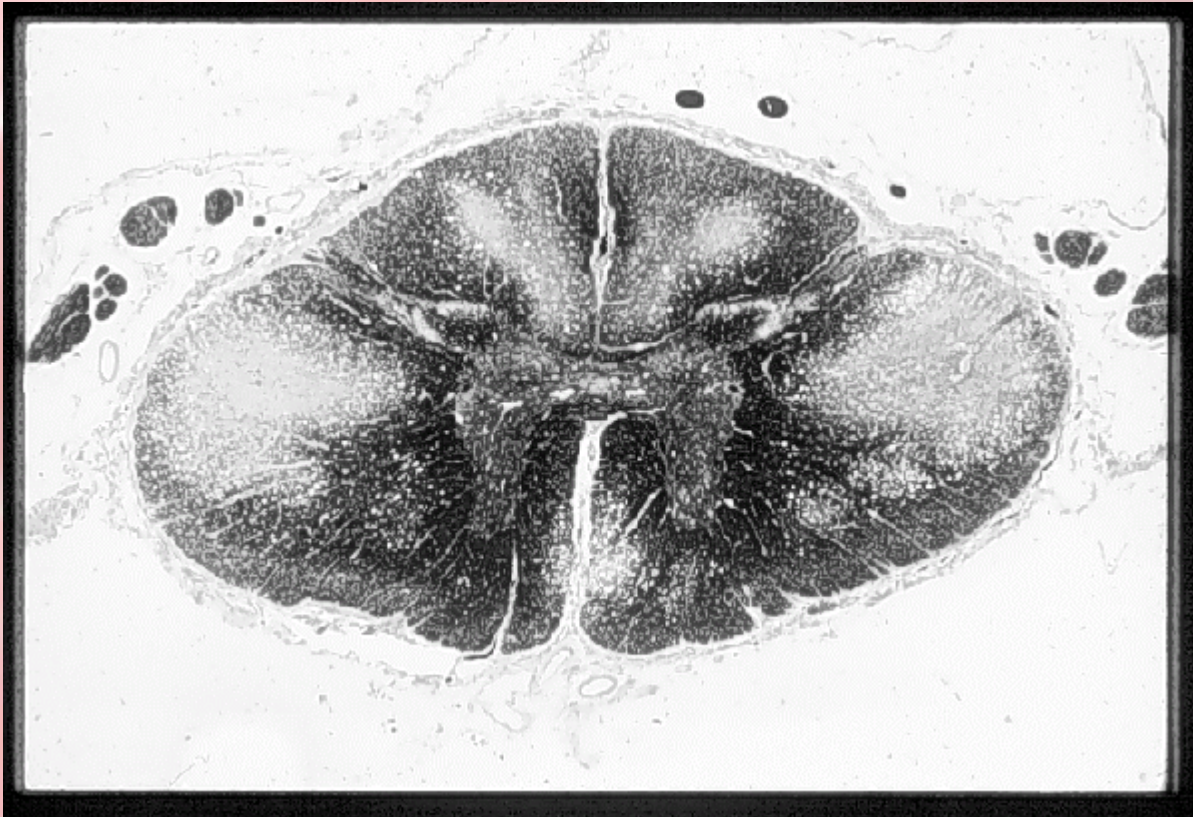
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<b>Macrocitosis VCM &gt; 101fl</b>	<b>8/350 (2,28 %)</b>
<b>Anemia + Def. Vit. B12</b>	<b>32/350 (9,1 %)</b>
<b>Anemia + Macrocitosis</b>	<b>6/350 (1,7 %)</b>
<b>Anemia + Macrocitosis + Déf. Vit. B12</b>	<b>2/350 (0,5 %)</b>

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Tableau 4

Principales manifestations cliniques des carences en vitamine B12 [1,2,4,16,17,23,24,38]

### Manifestations hématologiques :

- fréquentes : macrocytose, hypersegmentation des neutrophiles, anémie macrocytaire
- rares : thrombopénie et neutropénie isolées, pancytopénie ;
- exceptionnelles : anémie hémolytique, tableau de pseudomicroangiopathie thrombotique

### Manifestations neuropsychiatriques :

- fréquentes : polynévrites (surtout sensitives), ataxie, signe de Babinski ;
  - classiques : sclérose combinée de la moelle ;
  - rares : syndrome cérébelleux, atteintes des nerfs crâniens dont névrite optique, ataxie
  - en cours d'étude : altérations des fonctions supérieures voire démences, accident
- parkinsoniens, dépression, épilepsie, troubles du sommeil.

### Manifestations digestives :

- classiques : glossite de Hunter, ictère et élévation des LDH et de la bilirubine (« avoironnement intramédullaire ») ;
- liens discutables : douleurs abdominales, dyspepsie, nausées et vomissements, diarrhées
- rares : ulcères cutanéomuqueux rebelles et/ou récidivants.

### Manifestations gynéco-obstétriques :

- discutables : atrophie de la muqueuse vaginale et infections chroniques vaginales (surtout mycoses) et/ou urinaires ;
- en cours d'étude : hypofertilité et avortements à répétition (infertilité masculine)

### Autres :

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Table 1. Neurologic and Psychiatric Symptoms of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Deficiency and Parkinson Disease (PD)

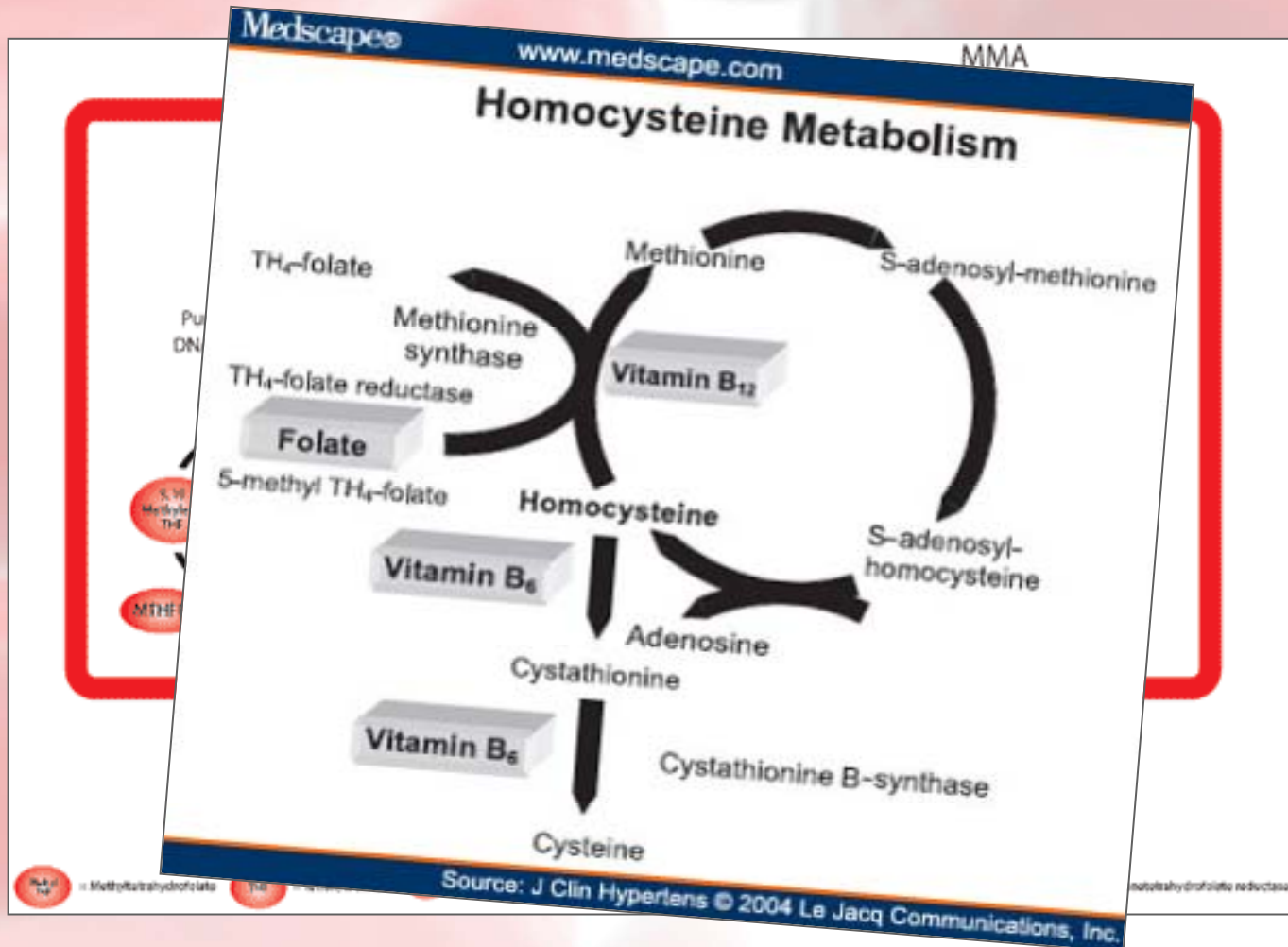
(Clinical manifestations of cobalamin deficiencies)

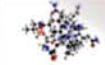
	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> Deficiency	PD
<b>Autonomic</b>		
Impotence, urinary or fecal incontinence	+	+
Orthostatic hypotension	+	+
<b>Cerebral</b>		
Dementia, memory loss, cognitive impairment	+	++
Depression	+	++
Psychosis	+	++
<b>Myelopathic</b>		
Subacute combined degeneration	+	-
Ataxia	+	-
Spasticity	+	-
Lehmitte sign (electric-shock-like sensations in the spine)	+	+
<b>Abnormal Gait</b>		
Spastic	+	-
Shuffling	-	+
<b>Constitutional</b>		
Fatigue	+	+

\*Seen in PD or resulting from dopaminergic PD treatment), or both

Note gait abnormalities do not always appear "typical" of textbook descriptions

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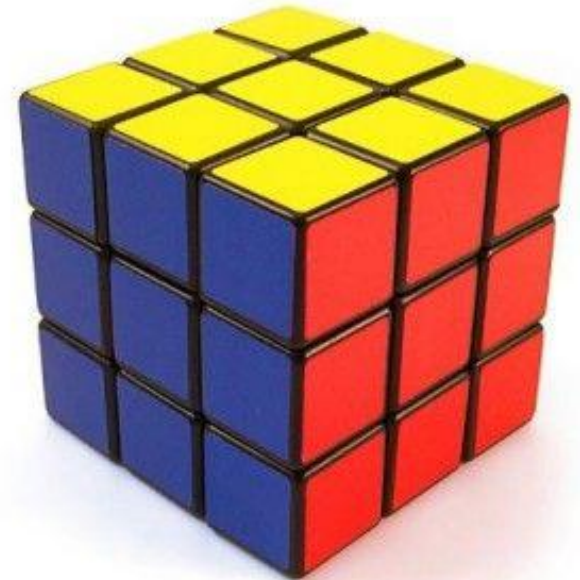
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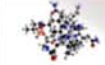
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200 pctes ingresados

23% déficit

## Importance of low serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and red cell folate concentrations in elderly hospital inpatients

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The importance of the low B<sub>12</sub> and red cell folate concentrations in 200 consecutive patients admitted to a geriatric unit were low serum concentrations of B<sub>12</sub> (15), red cell folate (26), or methyl red cell count. Bone marrow deoxyuridine suppression was low in vitamin concentrations, but 55% of those with abnormal bone marrow, and 73% had a normal deoxyuridine suppressed value correlation and neutrophil lobe count. Thus synthesis of thymidylate deficiency in at least 8% of newly admitted elderly patients despite the biochemical disturbance affecting diet may have been responsible for many of the low

red cell folate concentrations in 10 and low serum B<sub>12</sub> in three, and in another study of 39 patients, in whom the mean serum folate was low, there was judged to be "little evidence of folate deficiency".<sup>1</sup> More recently, Magnus *et al* found that hypersegmented neutrophils could be observed only when the serum B<sub>12</sub> concentrations were all reduced and inferred that isolated low values of either B<sub>12</sub> or folate were not synonymous with functional deficiency.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, although it is widely held that the finding of a low serum B<sub>12</sub> or red cell folate concentration is unimportant in the absence of macrocytosis, there is at present no objective evidence to support this view. We therefore set out to determine the prevalence of low serum B<sub>12</sub> and red cell folate concentrations among newly admitted elderly patients and to determine their significance by performing deoxyuridine suppression tests on bone marrow cells.

The deoxyuridine suppression test measures the efficiency of the methylation of deoxyuridylate to thymidylate, which depends on adequate intracellular concentrations of both 5,10-

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# Etiología:

Table 100-3 Causes of C

Nutritional	Vegans
Malabsorption	Pernicious an
Gastric causes	Congenital abs
	Total or partial
Intestinal causes	Intestinal stagn
	Ileal resection an
	Selective malabs
	Tropical sprue
	Transcobalamin II
	Fish tapeworm

## 1. Alteraciones dietéticas:

- Vegetarianismo estricto
- Kwashiorkor

## 2. Defectos de absorción:

- Anemia perniciosa ó de Biermer
- Gastrectomías parciales y totales
- Gastritis atrófica
- Inmunodeficiencia variable común
- Lesiones del intestino delgado:
  - . Enfermedad celiaca
  - . Esprúe
  - . Linfoma
- Sobrecrecimiento bacteriano
- Infestación por botriocéfalo
- Patología orgánica del ileon terminal:
  - . Enfermedad inflamatoria intestinal (EII)
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  - . Resecciones
- Defecto de receptor de ileon terminal (Immerslund)
- Defecto en la liberación de las cobalaminas de los alimentos

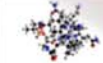
## 3. Aumento de las necesidades:

- Embarazo

## 4. Defecto de la utilización:

- Fármacos
- Cirrosis crónica
- Etilismo crónico



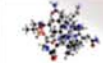


# Diagnóstico:

<b>Table 5. Tailored Diagnostic Approach for Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Deficiency</b>		
<b>Problem</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Suggested Tests</b>
Patient with mild to severe hematologic or neurologic signs or symptoms, or both	Confirm suspected vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency	Serum B <sub>12</sub>
Patient with hematologic or neurologic signs or symptoms, or both, unlikely due to vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency	Ensure if vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency exists, it is not missed	Serum B <sub>12</sub> MMA* and Hcy <sup>†</sup>
Asymptomatic patient with condition known to cause vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency	Determine if vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency has developed yet	MMA (metabolic changes often precede low cobalamin levels)
Asymptomatic patient accidentally found to have low B <sub>12</sub> level or high Hcy <sup>†</sup>	Determine if vitamin B <sub>12</sub> deficiency exists	MMA

\*MMA—methylmalonic acid  
†Hcy—homocysteine

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# Diagnóstico:

**Table 1** Determinants of serum cobalamin levels.

**“FALSE” LOW VALUES<sup>a</sup>**

Folate deficiency  
Pregnancy<sup>c</sup>  
Oral contraceptives<sup>c</sup>  
Multiple myeloma<sup>c</sup>  
HIV infection<sup>c</sup>  
Low haptocorrin levels

**“FALSE” HIGH/NORMAL VALUES<sup>b</sup>**

High Haptocorrin Levels:  
Myeloproliferative disorders  
Renal disease  
Increased tissue release of Cbl  
Liver disease  
Low/absent transcobalamin  
Low affinity transcobalamin polymorphisms  
Inherited Disorders of Cbl metabolism  
Recent Cbl therapy  
Cobalamin analogues<sup>d</sup>:  
Nitrous oxide therapy  
High dose Vitamin C  
Intestinal bacterial overgrowth  
Assay methodological errors

Abbreviations: Cbl, cobalamin; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus-1.

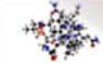
<sup>a</sup> Indicates low Cbl levels in the absence of impaired Cbl supply to tissues.

<sup>b</sup> Indicates high or normal Cbl levels despite impaired Cbl supply to tissues.

<sup>c</sup> See text.

<sup>d</sup> Dependent on assay method.

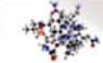
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# Tratamiento:

<i>Due to</i>	<i>Initial Cyanocobalamin</i>	<i>Maintenance Cyanocobalamin</i>
Pernicious anemia	Varies, not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg intramuscularly (IM) or subcutaneously (SQ) every (q) week x 8</li></ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg IM or SQ x 7 in 1 month</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg IM or SQ q month <b>for life</b></li></ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg–2 mg orally (PO) every day (QD) <b>for life</b></li></ul>
Other food-bound B <sub>12</sub> malabsorption problems	Varies, not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg IM or SQ q week x 8</li></ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg IM or SQ x 7 in 1 month</li></ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg–2 mg PO QD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg IM or SQ q month <b>possibly for life</b></li></ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 650 µg–1 mg PO QD <b>possibly for life</b></li></ul>

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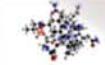
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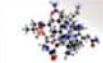
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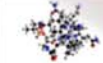
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**Table 2**  
**Distribution of Types of Anemia in Persons Age 65 and Older, U.S.\***  
 NHANES III, Phase II, 1991–94.

Anemia	Number in the United States	Type, %	All anemia, %
<b>With nutrient deficiency</b>			
Iron only	466,715	48.3	16.6
Folate only	181,471	18.8	6.4
<b>B<sub>12</sub> only</b>	<b>165,701</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Folate and B <sub>12</sub>	56,436	5.8	2.0
Iron with folate or B <sub>12</sub> or both	95,221	9.9	3.4
Total	965,544	100.0	34.3
<b>Without nutrient deficiencies</b>			
Renal insufficiency only	229,686	12.4	8.2
ACI, no renal insufficiency	554,281	30.0	19.7
Renal insufficiency and ACI	120,169	6.5	4.3
Unexplained anemia	945,195	51.1	33.6
Total	1,849,331	100.0	65.7
Total, all anemia	2,814,000	NA	

ACI indicates anemia of chronic inflammation and NA indicates not applicable

\* Note: This research was originally published in *Blood*. Guralnik JM, Eisenstaedt RS, Ferrucci L, Klein HG, Woodman RC. Prevalence of anemia in persons 65 years and older in the United States: evidence for a high rate of unexplained anemia. *Blood*. 2004;104:2263–2268. © The American Society of Hematology.<sup>10</sup>



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### DEFICIT DE VITAMINA B12. ANALISIS DE FACTORES ETIOLÓGICOS Y FORMAS DE PRESENTACIÓN

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#### OBJETIVOS

Análisis de la forma de presentación y frecuencia con que se realiza un estudio etiológico y sus resultados en una serie de pacientes con déficit de vitamina B12 ingresados en un Servicio de M. Interna.

#### MATERIAL Y MÉTODO

Se estudiaron 119 pacientes con diagnóstico de déficit de vitamina B12 (B12 < 200 pg/ml). Se recogieron datos demográficos, antecedentes, tratamiento previo, motivo de ingreso, valores de hemoglobina, VCM, leucocitos, plaquetas, la presencia de anemia (definida por los criterios de la OMS). Se recogieron los estudios realizados para investigar la etiología del déficit. Se analizó la forma de presentación del déficit de vitamina B12, si se producía anemia o no y su relación con características clínicas o analíticas. También se analizó con qué frecuencia se realizaron estudios para determinar la etiología del déficit y si la realización del estudio se relacionó con características clínicas, con el grado del déficit vitamínico o con la presencia o intensidad de la anemia. Para evaluar la relación entre variables categóricas se utilizó el test de Chi-cuadrado y para la relación con variables continuas el test T-Student o U de Mann-Whitney.

#### RESULTADOS

51 eran varones (42,9%) y 68 mujeres (57,1%), con una edad media de 77,4 años, DE: 7,5 (rango de 60 a 94 años). Los principales diagnósticos de ingreso fueron: insuficiencia cardiaca, 45 (37,8%), infecciones, 55 (46,2%), accidente cerebrovascular, 9 (7,6%) y trombosis venosa profunda, 4 (3,4%). Tomaban metformina 28 pacientes (23,5%) y omeprazol 94 (79%). Presentaron anemia 83 pacientes (69,7%), siendo la hemoglobina media de 11,1 g/dl (rango: 6,7 a 16,4). Los varones tuvieron anemia con más frecuencia que las mujeres (80,4% vs 61,8%; p=0,029). Sin embargo, las mujeres tenían valores de vitamina B12 y la edad (p=0,9). Presentaban anemia (p=0,004). No se observó relación entre los valores de hemoglobina y la edad (p=0,166). Los valores de

### CONCLUSIONES

En nuestro estudio la anemia está presente casi en el 70% de los pacientes con déficit de vitamina B12. La serología de H. Pylori positiva se demuestra en el 70,2%, mientras que la serología de H. Pylori negativa se encuentra en el 29,8%.

### CONCLUSIONES

La prevalencia de déficit de vitamina B12 en pacientes con anemia ferropénica es elevada, pudiendo oscilar entre uno de cada 5 a 10 pacientes. En presencia de anemia ferropénica se debe estudiar la posible coexistencia de déficit de vitamina B12, especialmente ante un ADE muy elevado. La microcitosis no excluye el déficit de B12 y de hecho es el hallazgo más frecuente.

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**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

## Is there any relationship between pernicious anemia and iron deficiency?

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**SUMMARY**

**Introduction** – Previous studies have suggested that iron deficiency could be due to atrophic gastritis of the body/fundus. The aim of this study was to determine the prevalence of iron deficiency among patients with pernicious anemia and associated factors.

**Patients and methods** – All patients with pernicious anemia diagnosed at our institution between January 1990 and February 2002 anemia fundic gastritis and 3) extent of gastric atrophy on histologic studies of gastric biopsies was performed in a blinded manner. Iron deficiency was defined as serum ferritin level < 15 µg/L in women and < 40 µg/L in men.

**Results** – Ninety-five patients (59 women), mean age 40 years (range 20-90) were included. Twenty patients (21.1%) had normal blood cell counts, 12 patients (12.6%) had microcytosis with or without anemia and 63 patients (65.8%) microcytosis with or without anemia. Serum ferritin levels were measured in 88 patients: 16 (17.6%) of whom, all women, had iron deficiency. They were significantly younger (32 years) than patients without iron deficiency (41.6 years, P < 0.0001). Serum ferritin levels did not differ between the groups with and without iron deficiency. A significantly higher prevalence was observed in iron deficiency patients. Multivariate analysis showed that iron deficiency was linked to female gender and age < 50 years.

**Conclusion** – Iron deficiency and microcytic anemia are not rare in patients with pernicious anemia and should not rule out the diagnostic search for fundic gastritis but is linked to female gender and young age, suggesting that iron deficiency could play a role. Whether increased iron absorption due to reduced acid secretion favors the expression of pathological iron has not to be determined.

**RÉSUMÉ**

**Existe-t-il une relation entre la maladie de Biermer et la carence martiale ?**

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**Introduction** – Des études antérieures ont suggéré que la gastropathie atrophique fundus pouvait être à l'origine d'une carence martiale dans la maladie de Biermer ainsi que les facteurs associés.

**Patients et méthodes** – Tous les malades atteints de maladie de Biermer diagnostiqués dans notre CHU entre janvier 1990 et février 2002 ont été inclus. Les entées d'anémie étaient : 1) le ou 2) un anémie d'atrophie gastrique et 3) l'étendue de l'atrophie gastrique par des biopsies et 3) l'étendue de l'atrophie gastrique par des biopsies a été effectuée. La carence martiale était définie par une ferritine < 15 µg/L chez les femmes et < 40 µg/L chez les hommes.

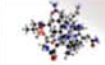
**Résultats** – Cent-vingt-cinq malades (59 femmes), d'âge moyen 40 ans (écart-type 20-90), ont été inclus. Vingt patients (21,1%) sans anémie, 12 malades (12,6%) avec microcytose avec ou sans anémie et 63 malades (65,8%) avec microcytose avec ou sans anémie. Les taux de ferritine sérique ont été mesurés chez 88 patients : 16 (17,6%) d'entre eux avaient une carence martiale. Ils étaient significativement plus jeunes (32 ans) que les malades sans carence martiale (41,6 ans, P < 0,0001). Les taux de ferritine sérique ne différaient pas entre les 2 groupes avec et sans carence martiale. Le statut de l'atrophie gastrique et l'absence de l'hyperplasie intestinale n'étaient pas liés à la carence martiale. En analyse multivariée, nous avons observé que la carence martiale était liée au sexe féminin et à l'âge < 50 ans.

**Conclusion** – La carence martiale et l'anémie microcytaire ne sont pas rares chez les malades atteints de maladie de Biermer et ne doivent pas être négligées dans le diagnostic de carence martiale et de microcytose. Elles sont liées au sexe féminin et à un jeune âge, suggérant que la carence martiale pourrait jouer un rôle. Whether increased iron absorption due to reduced acid secretion favors the expression of pathological iron has not to be determined.

**Introduction**

Pernicious anemia, also called Biermer's disease, is an autoimmune gastritis limited to the fundus of the stomach resulting in destruction of fundic glands [1, 2]. Patients exhibit characteristic autoantibodies directed against parietal cells of the fundus of which the main molecular target is H<sub>2</sub>K<sub>99</sub>-ATPase. In addition acid and intrinsic factor are produced. Vitamin B12 malabsorption which responds to oral intrinsic factor. Vitamin B12 or cobalamin deficiency is not a constant feature of pernicious anemia because of more abundant body reserves. Vitamin B12 deficiency generally occurs at an advanced stage of fundic atrophy [1, 2].

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**Pernicious Anaemia Symptom Checklist**

Symptom	
<b>Common/early symptoms</b>	
Shortness of breath - 'the sighs'	
Extreme fatigue	
<b>Brain fogs</b>	
- poor concentration	
- short-term memory loss	
- confusion ('handbag in the fridge syndrome')	
- nominal aphasia (forgetting names of objects)	
- clumsiness/lack of coordination	
<b>Brittle, dark nails: dry skin anywhere on body</b>	
Mood swings, 'tear jags', heightened emotions	
<b>Neurological symptoms</b>	
<b>Imbalance:</b>	
- dizzy/faint	
- 'shoulder bumps' - frequently bumping into or falling against walls	
- general unsteadiness, especially when showering and dressing	
- inability to stand up with eyes closed or in the dark	
- numbness/tingling - especially in hands, arms, legs, feet	
<b>Tinnitus - nerve damage in the brain</b>	
<b>Less common symptoms</b>	
Irritability/frustration/impatience; desire for isolation, quiet and peace; aversion to bright lights and crowded spaces	
Unaccountable and sudden diarrhoea often reported following a spell of constipation	
<b>Sleep disturbance</b>	
- even though patient is exhausted, is unable to sleep	
- waking up still tired, even after many hours sleep	
<b>Hair loss - can range from moderate to severe; premature greying of hair</b>	
<b>Poor digestion</b>	
Burning legs and feet - Grierson-Gopalan Syndrome	
Neuropathic pain/Fluoromyalgia - often on only one side of the body	
Vertigo - inability to cope with heights, linked to the need for a visual reference as compensation for damage to the brain's balance mechanism	
Hypoparathyroidism - almost exclusively among females	
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Psooriasis/eczema/acne	
Rosacea - a reddening of the skin around the nose and cheeks	
Arrhythmia - irregular fast or slow heartbeat	
Rheumatoid Arthritis	
Coeliac disease - sensitivity to wheat and/or wheat products	
Myasthenia Gravis - weak muscles leading to problems swallowing, chewing and opening eye(s)	
Vitiligo - white patches that develop on the skin	
Psooriasis Arthritis	

**This is for indicative purposes only and is NOT a definitive tool for self-diagnosis. Your Doctor is the best source of advice and is the only person who can**

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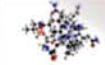
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<b>Strange Tiredness</b>		
The Fogs - lack of clarity/difficulty in concentrating	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
Breathlessness - 'The Sighs' or 'The Gulps'	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
Brittle nails	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
Brittle nails with ridges	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
Pins and needles - usually in your hands and feet	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ extra 5 points
Swollen and/or sore Tongue	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
Sudden unaccountable bouts of diarrhoea	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
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Tinnitus	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 points
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Family history of B12 Deficiency/Pernicious Anaemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 points
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## Update on Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Deficiency

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Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (cobalamin) deficiency is a common cause of megaloblastic anemia, a variety of neuropsychiatric symptoms, and elevated serum homocysteine levels, especially in older persons. There are a number of risk factors for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency, including prolonged use of metformin and proton pump inhibitors. No major medical organizations, including the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, have published guidelines on screening asymptomatic patients, including the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, such as those with malabsorption disorders, may or low-risk adults for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency, but high-risk patients, such as those with malabsorption disorders, may warrant screening. The initial laboratory assessment of a patient with suspected vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency should include a complete blood count and a serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> level. Measurements of serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> should be used to confirm deficiency, and measurement of serum homocysteine and/or methylmalonic acid should be used to confirm deficiency. Oral administration of high-dose vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (1 to 2 mg daily) is as effective as intramuscular administration in correcting the deficiency, regardless of etiology. Because crystalline formulations are better absorbed than naturally occurring vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, patients older than 50 years and strict vegetarians should consume foods fortified with vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> supplements, rather than attempting to get vitamin B<sub>12</sub> strictly from dietary sources. Administration of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> to patients with elevated serum homocysteine levels has not been shown to reduce cardiovascular outcomes in high-risk patients or alter the cognitive decline of patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer disease. (*Am Fam Physician*. 2011;83(12):1425-1430. Copyright © 2011 American Academy of Family Physicians.)

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Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (cobalamin) is a water-soluble vitamin that is crucial to normal neurologic function, red blood cell production, and DNA synthesis. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> is essential for three enzymatic processes: the conversion of methionine to succinyl coenzyme A; and the conversion of 5-methyltetrahydrofolate to tetrahydrofolate, a process necessary for DNA synthesis and red blood cell production.<sup>1</sup> It cannot be manufactured by humans and must be regularly obtained from the ingestion of animal proteins or fortified cereal products. Gastric acid liberates vitamin B<sub>12</sub> from animal proteins, after which it combines with intrinsic factor produced by gastric parietal cells and is absorbed in the terminal ileum.

Pernicious anemia, which is characterized by an autoimmune-mediated chronic atrophic gastritis, is a classically described cause of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency;<sup>2</sup> other common causes include posturgical malabsorption, dietary deficiencies, and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> malabsorption from food.<sup>3</sup> Because of extensive hepatic stores of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, there may be a five- to 10-year delay between the onset of deficiency and the appearance of clinical symptoms.<sup>4</sup>

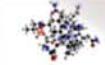
In asymptomatic patients with low-normal levels of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (200 to 250 pg per mL [147.56 to 258.23 pmol per L]), elevated levels of the precursor compounds homocysteine and methylmalonic acid may prompt a decision to supplement patients with vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.<sup>5</sup>

The true prevalence of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency is difficult to estimate because reports are based on values that vary because of inclusion criteria and individual laboratory methodology. In 1994, the Framingham Heart Study reported the prevalence of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency, as defined by a serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> level less than 200 pg per mL and elevated levels of serum homocysteine, methylmalonic acid, or both, to be 12 percent among 548 community-dwelling older patients.<sup>6</sup> However, most deficient patients did not have hematologic manifestations, and neurologic manifestations were not assessed. According to unpublished data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 3.2 percent of U.S. adults older than 50 years are estimated to have a serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> level less than 200 pg per mL.<sup>7</sup> Risk factors for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency are listed in Table 1.<sup>8,9</sup>

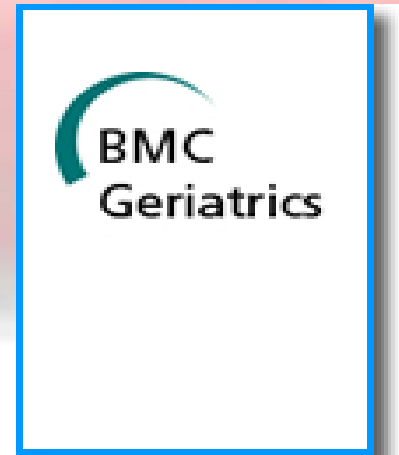
Of particular interest to family physicians, an association between metformin

- Hasta un 30% de los pacientes con niveles normales de VB12 en suero tienen anemia y enfermedad neurológica.

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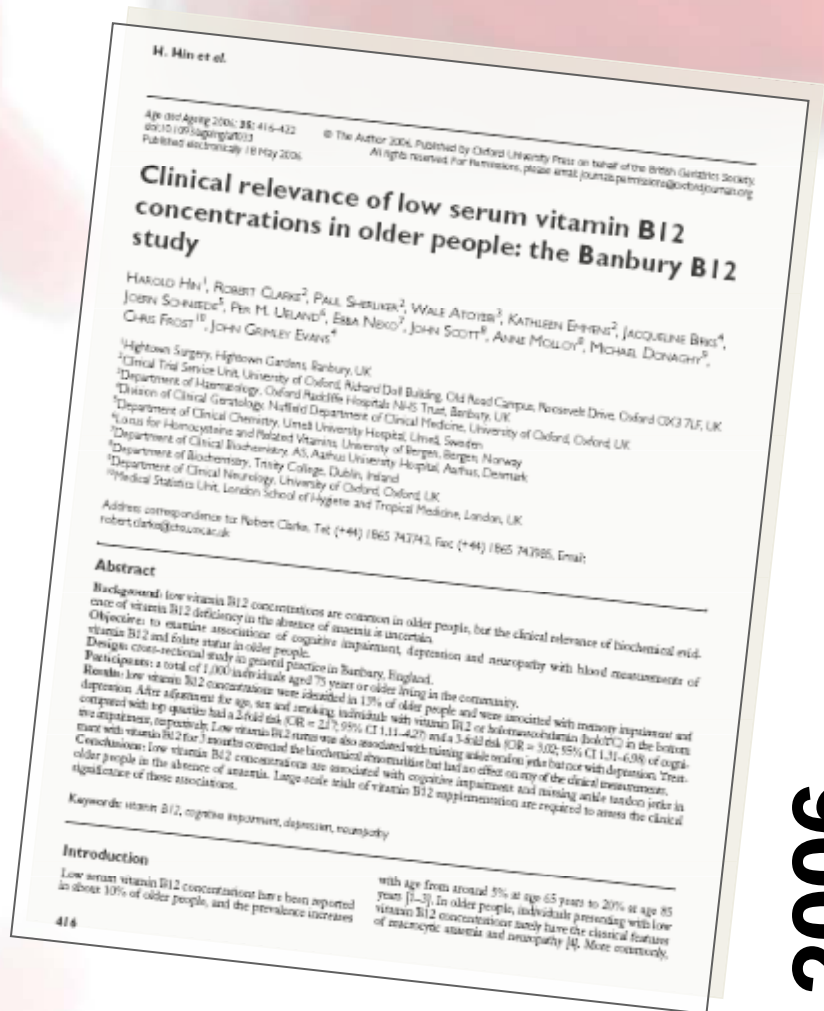
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1000 participantes  
13 % déficit VB12

Asociación con deterioro cognitivo, depresión y neuropatía

3 casos de A. perniciosa



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**Table 3.** Absolute risk and OR (95% CI) of cognitive impairment, depression, neuropathy and missing ankle tendon jerks by quartiles of vitamin status in participants with no history of prior treatment (*n* = 830)

Quartiles of vitamin status	Mean level	Cognitive impairment (MMSE <22/30) ( <i>n</i> = 75)		Depression (HAD-d >11) ( <i>n</i> = 62)		Neuropathy <sup>b</sup> ( <i>n</i> = 30)		Missing ankle tendon jerks ( <i>n</i> = 360)		
		%	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	%	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	%	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	%	OR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	
holoTC (pmol/l)	IV	122	3.8	1.0	4.7	1.0	2.9	1.0	35.1	1.0
	III	74	9.6	2.50 (1.06–5.88)	5.7	1.11 (0.47–2.67)	3.8	1.35 (0.46–3.96)	45.5	1.53 (1.03–2.26)
	II	53	10.5	2.62 (1.12–6.11)	9.8	2.02 (0.92–4.47)	3.4	1.15 (0.38–3.51)	42.5	1.35 (0.91–2.00)
	I	30	12.0	3.02 (1.21–6.98)	8.9	1.66 (0.74–3.71)	4.3	1.51 (0.52–4.38)	45.8	1.49 (1.00–2.21)
B12 (pmol/l)	IV	350	7.2	1.0	6.1	1.0	3.4	1.0	20.8	1.0
	III	240	7.3	0.99 (0.46–2.12)	9.3	1.47 (0.70–3.08)	3.9	1.21 (0.43–3.42)	44.4	1.46 (0.98–2.16)
	II	185	7.6	1.00 (0.47–2.12)	6.6	1.00 (0.45–2.20)	2.4	0.71 (0.22–2.29)	46.5	1.59 (1.07–2.36)
	I	125	13.9	2.17 (1.11–4.27)	7.1	1.00 (0.46–2.20)	4.8	1.52 (0.56–4.11)	42.5	1.30 (0.88–1.94)
Folate (nmol/l)	IV	55.3	2.9	1.0	5.2	1.0	2.4	1.0	39.4	1.0
	III	27.9	8.7	3.31 (1.27–8.60)	6.1	1.19 (0.51–2.74)	2.9	1.21 (0.36–4.02)	41.8	1.11 (0.75–1.65)
	II	18.6	14.4	5.34 (2.14–13.31)	10.4	2.07 (0.97–4.42)	4.3	1.81 (0.59–5.51)	42.7	1.09 (0.74–1.61)
	I	11.0	9.7	3.38 (1.31–8.70)	7.5	1.38 (0.62–3.08)	4.3	1.85 (0.61–3.64)	44.9	1.25 (0.85–1.85)
tHcy (µmol/l)	I	9.92	3.4	1.0	5.2	1.0	1.9	1.0	33.8	1.0
	II	12.69	7.7	2.35 (0.93–5.92)	6.1	1.04 (0.45–2.41)	2.4	1.34 (0.35–5.11)	43.4	1.47 (0.99–2.19)
	III	15.52	12.0	3.61 (1.50–8.68)	7.0	1.23 (0.54–2.79)	4.3	2.35 (0.70–7.84)	44.4	1.47 (0.99–2.19)
	IV	22.34	13.0	4.07 (1.70–9.75)	10.8	1.91 (0.89–4.09)	5.7	3.19 (0.99–10.27)	47.2	1.59 (1.06–2.37)
MMA (µmol/l)	I	0.18	4.4	1.0	5.6	1.0	2.9	1.0	32.6	1.0
	II	0.25	8.1	1.79 (0.60–3.41)	6.2	1.12 (0.49–2.58)	2.4	0.78 (0.23–2.60)	43.3	1.50 (1.00–2.23)
	III	0.32	7.2	1.43 (0.60–3.42)	7.0	1.19 (0.54–2.65)	5.2	1.78 (0.64–4.96)	44.4	1.55 (1.05–2.31)
	IV	0.68	16.4	3.67 (1.68–8.04)	10.3	1.72 (0.81–3.66)	3.9	1.27 (0.42–3.78)	48.6	1.76 (1.18–2.62)

CI, confidence interval; HAD-d, Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale; holoTC, holotranscobalamin; MMA, methylmalonic acid; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination; tHcy, homocysteine.

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for age, sex and smoking.

<sup>b</sup>Neuropathy was defined if they had more than two symptoms and more than two signs indicative of neuropathy.



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**Folate and vitamin B-12 status in relation to anemia, macrocytosis, and cognitive impairment in older Americans in the age of folic acid fortification<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>**

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**Abstract**

**Background—**Historic reports on the treatment of pernicious anemia with folic acid suggest that high-level folic acid fortification delays the diagnosis of or exacerbates the effects of vitamin B-12 deficiency, which affects many seniors. This idea is controversial, however, because observational data are few and inconclusive. Furthermore, experimental investigation is unethical.

**Objective—**We examined the relations between serum folate and vitamin B-12 status relative to anemia, macrocytosis, and cognitive impairment (ie, Digit Symbol-Coding score <34) in senior participants in the 1999–2002 US National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

**Design—**The subjects had normal serum creatinine concentrations and reported no history of stroke, alcoholism, recent anemia therapy, or diseases of the liver, thyroid, or sensory nerves (ie, >145). We defined low vitamin B-12 status as a serum vitamin B-12 concentration <148 pmol/L or a serum methylmalonic acid concentration >519 nmol/L—the maximum of the reference range for serum vitamin B-12—repeat participants with normal creatinine.

**Results—**After control for demographic characteristics, cancer, smoking, alcohol intake, serum ferritin, and serum creatinine, low versus normal vitamin B-12 status was associated with anemia (odds ratio (OR): 2.7; 95% CI: 1.7, 4.2), macrocytosis (OR: 1.8; 95% CI: 1.0, 3.3), and cognitive impairment (OR: 2.5; 95% CI: 1.8, 3.8). In the group with a low vitamin B-12 status, serum folate (OR: 2.5; 95% CI: 1.8, 3.8) was associated with anemia (OR: 3.1; 95% CI: 1.5, 6.8) and cognitive impairment (OR: 2.8; 95% CI: 1.1, 6.1). In the normal vitamin B-12 group, ORs relating high versus normal serum folate to these outcomes were <1.0 (*P*<sub>ivariate</sub> <0.05, but significantly <1.0 only for cognitive impairment (0.4; 95% CI: 0.2, 0.9).

**Conclusion—**In seniors with low vitamin B-12 status, high serum folate was associated with anemia and cognitive impairment. When vitamin B-12 status was normal, however, high serum folate was associated with protection against cognitive impairment.

**Keywords**  
 Aging; anemia; cognition disorders; folate; fortified food; nutrition surveys; vitamin B-12 deficiency

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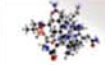
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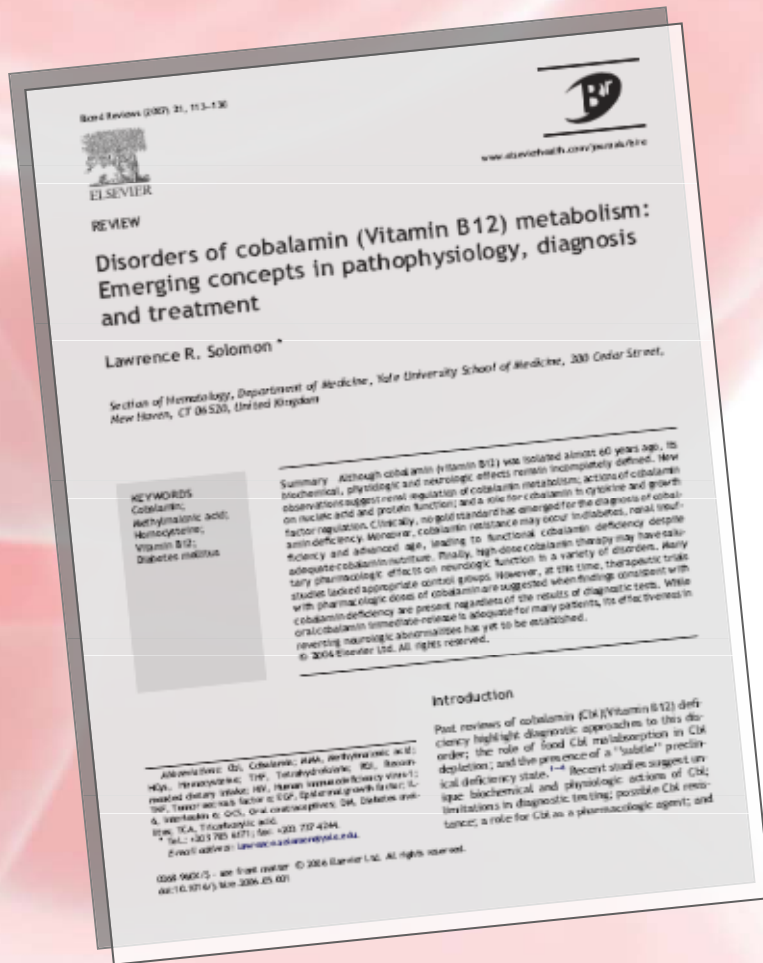
↓ VB12 + niveles altos de folato, Anemia y deterioro cognitivo





# Disfx inmunitaria – déficit VB12:

2007



↑ TBC en vegetarianos

Rpta inmune anómala a la vacuna antipneumocócica

↓ Linfocitos totales y CD8

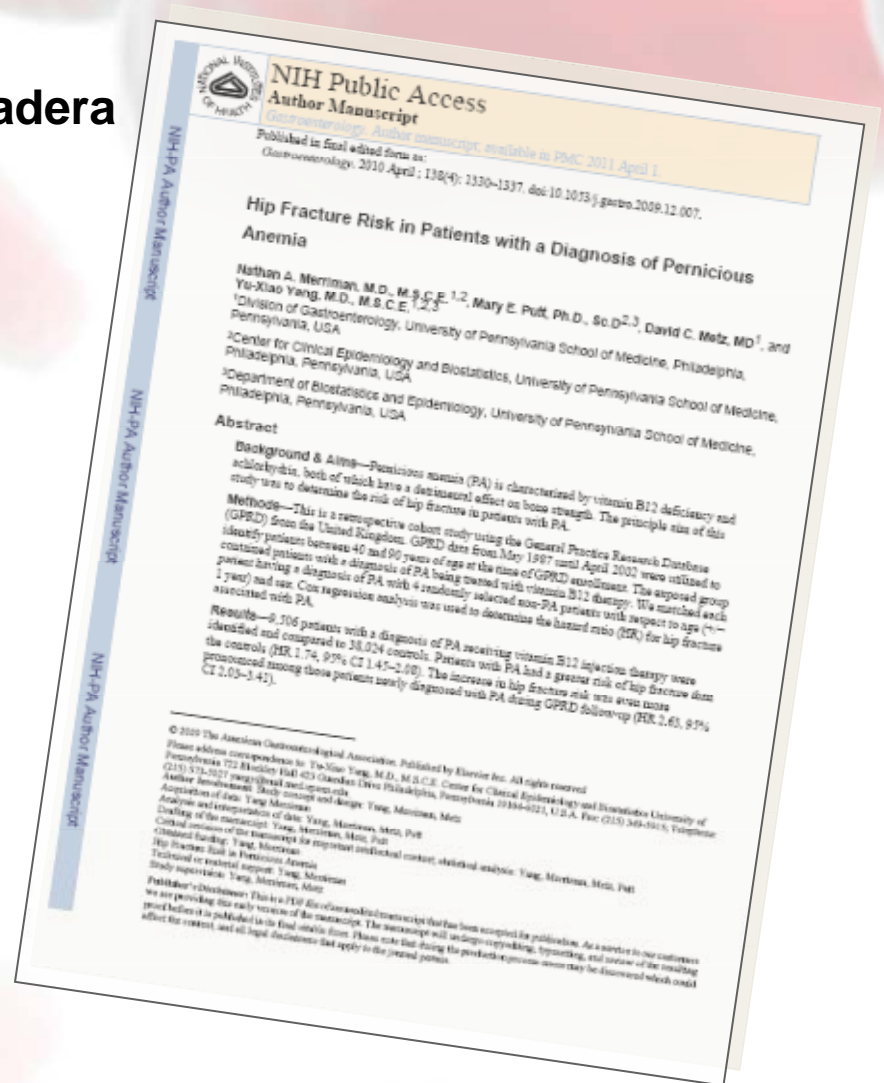
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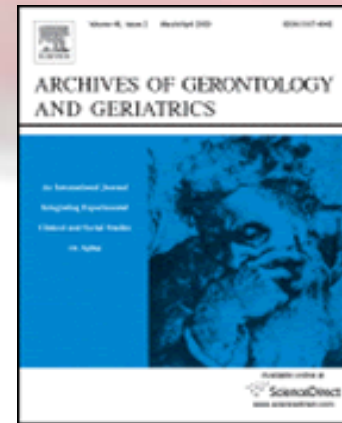
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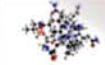
# Osteoporosis - déficit VB12:

## 2011



### 269 pçtes > 65 años

### Descenso de DMO, mayor pérdida ósea y riesgo de fx osteoporóticas



# Osteoporosis - déficit VB12:

**Table 2**

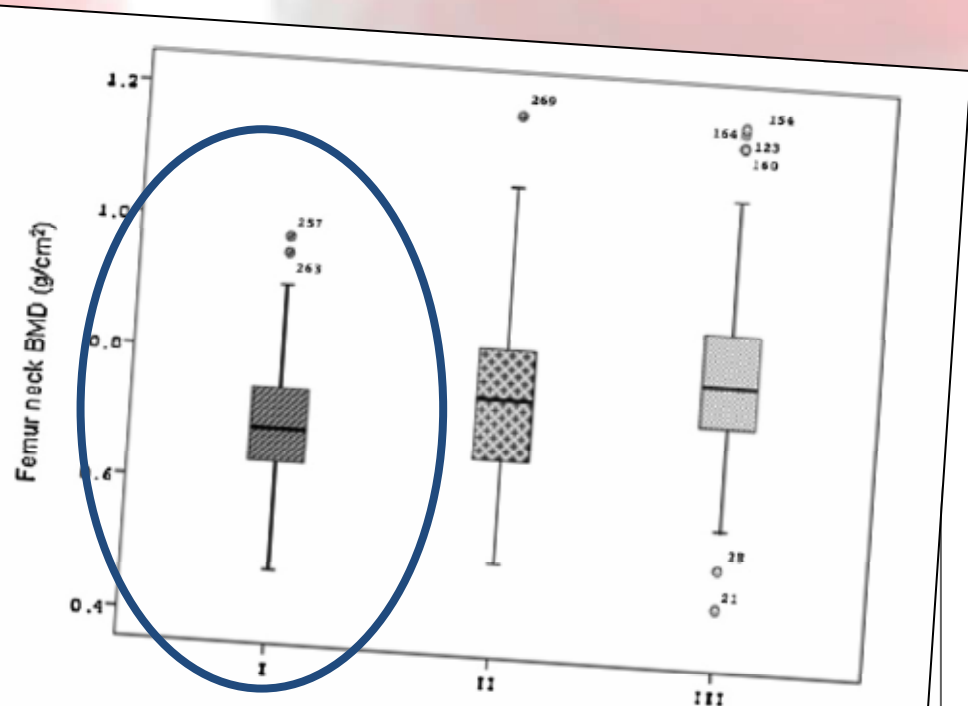
Subject's characteristics and femur bone mineral density values according to Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> tertiles

	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> (pg/l)
	Group I <200
Number	65
Age (years)	76.6 ± 6.8
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.7 ± 3.9
Current alcohol intake (%)	1.6
Ever smoking (%)	12.5
Physical active <sup>a</sup> (%)	25.4
Femur total BMD (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.68 ± 0.13
Femur total T-score	-1.43 ± 0.88
Neck BMD (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.57 ± 0.13
Neck T-score	-1.94 ± 0.98

<sup>a</sup> One-way ANOVA test results.

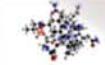
<sup>\*</sup> Chi-square test results.

<sup>a</sup> Engaging in 3 days or more of physical activity per week.



$p = 0.013$  versus tertiles I and II  
 $p < 0.001$  versus tertiles I and III  
 $p = 0.003$  versus tertiles II and III

**Fig. 1.** Means of femur neck bone mineral density according to tertiles of serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub> concentrations.

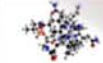


# E. cardiovascular – déficit VB12:

niveles bajos de B12



**hiperhomocisteinemia**



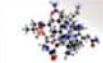
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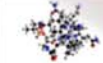


# E. cardiovascular – déficit VB12:

**TABLE 4.** Comorbidities With Folate and Vitamin B12 Deficiency and Combined Deficiency, by Age in Years

Comorbidity	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60–69	70–79	80–89
Epilepsy	72	48	12	0	0	0	5
Peripheral neuropathy	0	12	72	12	36	20	0
Multiple sclerosis and/or demyelination	24	84	24	0	0	0	0
Migraine	12	60	24	0	0	0	0
Ischemic stroke	0	0	0	24	108	240	22
Hemorrhagic stroke	0	12	0	0	24	12	3
Cognitive impairment	0	0	0	0	12	30	6
Brain tumors	0	0	12	0	36	10	0
Parkinson disease or Parkinsonism	0	0	0	0	0	48	0

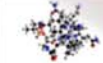
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# Conclusiones:

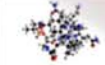
- El déficit de vitamina B12 es frecuente.
- Existen diferencias geográficas.
- La concentración plasmática de VB12 puede no coincidir con la concentración tisular.
- No existen unos criterios diagnósticos para el diagnóstico de déficit de vitamina B12.
- Alta coexistencia con ferropenia.





# Conclusiones:

- El déficit de VB12 no sólo se asocia con alteraciones hematológicas.
- La anemia perniciosa sólo explica el 10 % de las anemias por déficit de VB12.
- El tratamiento es sencillo y es barato, aunque no hay consenso en el mismo.



# Piensa en mí...



gracias

**B12**