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## Group name

### Case name

Therapy of type 2 autosomal dominant osteopetrosis (ADO2) caused by mutation of the CLCN7 gene (ADO2 CLCN-dependent).

### Owner

University of L'Aquila

### Website

<http://www.univaq.it>

## description

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In this context, a team of researchers from the University of L'Aquila developed siRNAs optimized for the treatment of ADO2 CLCN7-dependent disease, which act on the selective reduction of the mutated protein compared to the normal one.

The siRNA molecules developed have proved to be highly specific, **eliminating at least 80% of the transcript of the mutated gene**, restoring the function of the osteoclasts, and thus creating a situation similar to the normal functioning of the cells, and an improvement in the symptoms of the disease.

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### Industry

Pharmaceutical

### Transaction type

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## Limitations:

Pre-clinical development phase of therapy for ADO2 and characterization on a mouse model (animal).

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## Meta information:

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