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(57) Abstract: The present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject having aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject.

TREATING SEIZURE WITH RECOMBINANT ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE**SEQUENCE LISTING**

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TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to the method of treating seizure in HPP or non-HPP patients. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to identifying a subpopulation of HPP patients or non-HPP patients having aberrant levels and/or functions of at least one of alkaline phosphatase substrates but having normal or unaffected mineralization phenotype and treating such subpopulation of patients with at least one of recombinant alkaline phosphatase.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Hypophosphatasia (HPP) is a rare, heritable form of rickets or osteomalacia with an incidence as great as one per 2,500 births in Canadian Mennonites and of one per 100,000 births in the general population for the more severe form of the disease. Milder forms are more prevalent. This “inborn error of metabolism” is caused by loss-of-function mutation(s) in the gene (*ALPL*) that encodes the tissue-nonspecific isozyme of alkaline phosphatase (TNALP; a.k.a., liver/bone/kidney type ALP). The biochemical hallmark is subnormal ALP activity in serum (hypophosphatasemia), which leads to elevated blood and/or urine levels of three phospho-compound substrates: inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), phosphoethanolamine (PEA) and pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP).

[0004] HPP features perinatal, infantile, childhood, adult, and odontohypophosphatasia forms, classified historically according to age at diagnosis. Phenotype ranges from almost complete absence of bone mineralization in utero with stillbirth, to spontaneous fractures and dental disease occurring first in adult life. Perinatal

lethal HPP (perinatal HPP, or PL-HPP) is expressed in utero and can cause stillbirth. Some neonates survive several days, but suffer increasing respiratory compromise due to the hypoplastic and rachitic disease of the chest. In infantile HPP, diagnosed before six months of age, postnatal development seems normal until onset of poor feeding, inadequate weight gain, and appearance of rickets. Radiological features are characteristic and show impaired skeletal mineralization, sometimes with progressive skeletal demineralization leading to rib fractures and chest deformity. Childhood HPP has highly variable clinical expression.

Premature loss of deciduous teeth results from aplasia, hypoplasia, or dysplasia of dental cementum that connects the tooth root with the periodontal ligament. Rickets causes short stature and skeletal deformities including, for example, bowed legs, enlargement of the wrists, knees, and ankles as a result of flared metaphysis.

Adult HPP usually presents during middle age, although frequently there is a history of rickets and/or early loss of teeth followed by good health during adolescence and young adult life. Recurrent metatarsal stress fractures are common, and calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate deposition causes attacks of arthritis and pyrophosphate arthropathy. Odontohypophosphatasia is diagnosed when the only clinical abnormality is dental disease and radiological studies and even bone biopsies reveal no signs of rickets or osteomalacia.

[0005] The severe clinical forms of HPP are usually inherited as autosomal recessive traits with parents of such patients showing subnormal levels of serum AP activity. For the milder forms of HPP, *e.g.*, adult and odontohypophosphatasia, an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance has also been documented.

[0006] Since the occurrence of HPP is rare, the diagnosis of HPP is usually missed at the early stages of illness. In addition, most HPP symptoms, such as abnormal skull shape, back pain, bone fractures, bone spurs (bumps around the joints), bow legs, bumps in the rib cage, loss of height over time/short stature, and pain in the joints, are similar to symptoms caused by other more common diseases, such as osteogenesis imperfecta, nutritional rickets, osteoarthritis, and osteoporosis. Other factors that are sometimes used to diagnosis HPP include, for example, low levels of alkaline phosphatase (ALP) in the blood, higher than normal levels of calcium in the blood and urine, bone changes (including bowing (bending) of bones in the arms and legs), poor growth, thick wrists and ankles, loose ligaments, bone

pain, fractures, premature tooth loss, family history of HPP, and mutations in the *ALPL* gene.

[0007] As HPP patients may develop symptoms (e.g., mineralization defects) with different severity, there is an unidentified subpopulation of HPP patients with minor to none 5 of the typical HPP symptoms, who have been traditionally mis-diagnosed and/or ignored for treatment (such as enzyme replacement with recombinant TNALP). Moreover, many HPP patients have additional symptoms (such as seizures) in addition to their characteristic mineralization defect(s). Thus, there exists a need to identify such patient populations not only for monitoring (and thus early treatment for) potential health deterioration with HPP 10 symptoms, but also for treating symptoms other than mineralization defects with recombinant TNALP.

SUMMARY

[0008] The present disclosure provides a method of identifying a population of 15 subjects with alkaline phosphatase (e.g., *ALPL* in human and *Akp2* in mice) gene mutations. Such population of subjects may be previously diagnosed or may be not yet diagnosed with HPP. Such gene mutations may result in reduced alkaline phosphatase protein levels and/or protein function(s) (e.g., enzymatic functions towards PPi, PLP, and/or PEA, or other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP)). Such gene mutations may be 20 identified by well-known methods in the art. After identifying such a population, close monitoring will follow their disease progression with seizures and/or with other HPP symptoms. Recombinant alkaline phosphatase will be supplied to such population to treat or prevent seizures and/or other symptoms.

[0009] The present disclosure in one aspect provides a method of identifying a 25 population of subjects with alkaline phosphatase gene mutations and at least one symptom. In some embodiments, subjects in such population have been previously diagnosed with HPP but have minor, unaffected, or undetectable bone and/or teeth mineralization defects. In other embodiments, subjects in such population have not yet been diagnosed with HPP. In one embodiment, subjects in such population have not yet been diagnosed with HPP and 30 have no characteristic HPP symptoms (such as bone and/or teeth mineralization defects). In

some embodiments, the at least one non-HPP symptom is seizure. Such seizure may be responsive or nonresponsive to vitamin B6 and/or other traditional anti-seizure drug treatment(s). The term “undetectable” in the present disclosure refers to a scenario when a phenotype (e.g., one of bone and/or teeth mineralization phenotypes) on a patient is too minor to be detectable by a person of ordinary skill in the art using common technology known in the art, or a scenario when such person of ordinary skill in the art cannot differentiate the phenotype on that patient from the phenotype of a common healthy person or a common patient without a disease or disorder in which the phenotype is a commonly accepted diagnosis standard (e.g., HPP). The term “unaffected” in the present disclosure refer to the scenario when a phenotype (e.g., bone and/or teeth mineralization phenotypes) on a patient is undetectable or is detectable but too minor to meet the commonly accepted diagnosis threshold so that such patient with the phenotype is considered by a person of ordinary skill in the art as a patient having a disease or disorder in which the phenotype is a commonly accepted diagnosis standard (e.g., HPP).

[0010] The present disclosure provides a method of identifying a subpopulation of subjects having HPP, comprising measuring the degree of mineralization of bones and/or teeth of those subjects and comparing such degree with those of normal healthy subjects, wherein such subjects in the subpopulation have minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects compared to normal healthy subjects. In some embodiments, such subjects in the subpopulation have seizure symptoms. Such seizure symptoms may be responsive or nonresponsive to vitamin B6 and/or other traditional anti-seizure drug treatment(s).

[0011] The present disclosure provides a method of identifying a subpopulation of subjects having not been diagnosed with HPP, comprising measuring alkaline phosphatase levels and/or enzymatic functions in such subpopulation, wherein such subjects in the subpopulation have defective alkaline phosphatase levels and/or enzymatic functions compared to normal healthy subjects. In some embodiments, such subjects in the subpopulation have seizure symptoms. Such seizure symptoms may be responsive or nonresponsive to vitamin B6 and/or other traditional anti-seizure drug treatment(s).

Traditional technology in the art can be applied to measure alkaline phosphatase levels in

those subjects. For example, the DNA/RNA levels of alkaline phosphatase may be tested by PCR or hybridization (e.g., Southern/Northern blot) methods used in genetic screening. The protein levels of alkaline phosphatase may be tested by PAGE/SDS-PAGE, Western blot, ELISA or other immunoassays using anti-alkaline phosphatase antibodies. The enzymatic 5 functions of alkaline phosphatase may be tested *in vitro* or *in vivo* using alkaline phosphatase substrates PPi, PLP, and/or PEA, or other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In one embodiment, such subjects in the subpopulation have minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects.

10 [0012] As one aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of identifying a population or subpopulation of subject as disclosed above. As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating at least one symptom in those subjects in the identified population or subpopulation with recombinant ALP supplementation. In some embodiments, such at least one symptom is seizure, either responsive or nonresponsive to vitamin B6 and/or other anti-seizure drug treatment(s).

15 [0013] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject having aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject. Such aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities may be due to aberrant protein levels and/or function of at least one alkaline phosphatase in the subject. The alkaline phosphatase 20 activities disclosed herein can be measured by the enzymatic activity of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase under physiological conditions toward phosphoethanolamine (PEA), inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), and/or pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), or other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In one preferred embodiment, the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group 25 consisting of PLP, PPi, and PEA.

[0014] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject having above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject. In one embodiment, the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, PEA, and

other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In one preferred embodiment, the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, and PEA.

[0015] In the present disclosure various terms such as “above-normal,” “lower than normal,” “higher than normal,” or similar others refer to levels and/or activities of at least one molecule in a specific subject (e.g., a human) which are above, lower, or higher than the levels and/or activities of said at least one molecule (or its/their endogenous counterpart(s)) in a normal subject (e.g., a normal human). The most obvious example for a normal human is a human being who has no HPP or HPP symptoms and has no mutations or modifications to ALPL gene and ALP proteins which may result in HPP-related symptoms. In another scenario focusing on ALP functions, the scope of a “normal” human in the present disclosure may be broadened to include any human beings having no aberrant endogenous alkaline phosphatase activity (which may be tested by, e.g., the substrate (PPi, PEA, PLP, or pNPP) levels and compared to the corresponding activity in other healthy or normal human beings).

[0016] In other embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:

(i) identifying a subpopulation of subjects with aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities (e.g., due to aberrant protein levels and/or function) who suffer, or are likely to suffer, from seizure; and

(ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the subpopulation. The alkaline phosphatase activities disclosed herein can be measured by the enzymatic activity of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase under physiological conditions toward phosphoethanolamine (PEA), inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi) and/or pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), or other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In one preferred embodiment, the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, and PEA.

[0017] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:

(i) identifying a population of subjects with above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate who suffer, or are at risk to suffer from seizure; and

(ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the population. In one embodiment, the at least one

5 alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, PEA, and other substrates such as *para*-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In one preferred embodiment, the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, and PEA.

[0018] The subjects of the population or subpopulation disclosed herein may be

10 hypophosphatasia (HPP) patients having minor or non-detectable bone and/or teeth mineralization defects, non-HPP patients, or subjects who have not been diagnosed with HPP.

[0019] The subjects of the population or subpopulation disclosed herein may have increased serum pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP) and/or reduced intracellular pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP).

[0020] The subjects of the population or subpopulation disclosed herein may have reduced at least one of Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid (GABA) and serine levels in brain and/or other tissues/organs. The subjects of the population or subpopulation disclosed herein may have at least one of increased cystathionine levels in brain and other 15 tissues/organs (e.g. detectable in urine). In one embodiment, the subject has at least one of reduced brain GABA and reduced brain serine. In another embodiment, the subject has at least one of increased brain and urinary cystathionine.

[0021] In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase disclosed herein is administered to the subjects of the subpopulation continuously for at least 25 one week, one month, three months, six months, or one year. For example, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase may be administered daily for 3 days, one week, two weeks, one month, two months, three months, four months, five months, six months, seven months, eight months, nine months, ten months, eleven months, one year, fifteen months, eighteen months, two years, thirty months, three years, or for a longer period.

[0022] In one embodiment, the administration of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase elevates brain GABA and/or serine levels. In another embodiment, the administration of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase decreases brain and/or urine cystathionine levels.

5 **[0023]** In some embodiments, a therapeutically effective amount of at least one additional therapeutic agent is administered to the subject of the population or subpopulation disclosed herein in conjunction to the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein. In one embodiment, such at least one additional therapeutic agent comprises at least one anti-seizure drug. Such at least one anti-seizure drug may be one or
10 more drug or drugs, and includes but is not limited to, for example, vitamin B6 and its variants, any anti-seizure drug blocking sodium channels or enhancing γ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) function, GABAA receptors, the GAT-1 GABA transporter, GABA transaminase, any anti-seizure drug blocking voltage-gated calcium channels, Synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2A (SV2A), $\alpha 2\delta$ -aldehydes (e.g., Paraldehyde), aromatic allylic alcohols (e.g.,
15 Stiripentol), barbiturates (e.g., Phenobarbital, Methylphenobarbital, and Barbexaclone), benzodiazepines (e.g., Clobazam, Clonazepam, Clorazepate, Diazepam, Midazolam, Lorazepam, Nitrazepam, Temazepam, and Nimetazepam), bromides (e.g., potassium bromide), carbamates (e.g., Felbamate), carboxamides (e.g., Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, and Eslicarbazepine acetate), fatty acids (e.g., valproates, Vigabatrin,
20 Pro gabide, and Tiagabine), fructose derivatives (e.g., Topiramate), GABA analogs (e.g., Gabapentin and Pregabalin), hydantoins (e.g., Ethotoin, Phenytoin, Mephenytoin, and Fosphenytoin), oxazolidinediones (e.g., Paramethadione, Trimethadione, dimethadione, and Ethadione), propionates (e.g., Beclamide), pyrimidinediones (e.g., Primidone), pyrrolines (e.g., Brivaracetam, Levetiracetam, and Seletracetam), succinimides (e.g., Ethosuximide,
25 Phensuximide, and Mesuximide), sulfonamides (e.g., Acetazolamide, Sultiamide, Methazolamide, and Zonisamide), triazines (e.g., Lamotrigine), ureas (e.g., Pheneturide and Phenacemide), valproylamides (amide derivatives of valproate) (e.g., Valpromide and Valnoctamide), or others (e.g., Perampanel). The term “in conjunction to” or “in
30 conjunction with” of the present disclosure means that at least two actions (e.g., at least two administrations of any recombinant alkaline phosphatase and/or any additional anti-seizure

drug disclosed herein) occur at the same point in time or space, including but not limited to: in the same formulation for administration, in different formulations but administered in the same time, in different formulations and administered one after another with an interval time short enough to be considered by a skilled artisan as being administered in the same time, 5 and in different formulations and administered one after another with an interval time of at least, e.g., 30 mins, one hour, two hours, four hours, six hours, eight hours, twelve hours, eighteen hours, one day, two days, three days, one week, two weeks, or a longer time, given that such interval time is considered by a skilled artisan as being administered at the same point in time or space but not in different administration time points for therapy.

10 **[0024]** As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure as disclosed herein, further comprising:

maintaining co-administration of the at least one additional anti-seizure drug and the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase for a pre-determined time; and

15 withdrawing administration of the at least one additional anti-seizure drug but maintaining administration of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject.

[0025] In some embodiments, the at least one additional anti-seizure drug and the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase disclosed herein are co-administered to the subject for at least one month, at least six months, or at least one year. For example, the pre- 20 determined time for co-administration may be at least 3 days, one week, two weeks, one month, two months, three months, four months, five months, six months, seven months, eight months, nine months, ten months, eleven months, one year, fifteen months, eighteen months, two years, thirty months, three years, or for a longer period. In one embodiment, the at least one additional anti-seizure drug is at least one of vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) or its 25 variants.

[0026] In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein for treatment is physiologically active towards phosphoethanolamine (PEA), inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi) and/or pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), or other substrates such as para-Nitrophenylphosphate (pNPP). In some embodiments, such at least 30 one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises a tissue nonspecific alkaline phosphatase

(TNALP), a placental alkaline phosphatase (PALP), a germ cell alkaline phosphatase (GCALP), an intestinal alkaline phosphatase (IALP), or functional fragments, fusions, or chimeric constructs thereof. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is a soluble fragment of TNALP, PALP, GCALP, or IALP, or their functional

5 fragments, fusions, or chimeric constructs thereof. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is a fusion or chimeric protein comprising fragments or portions from at least one, two, three, or four different types of alkaline phosphatases, such as a TNALP-IALP chimeric construct, an IALP-PALP chimeric construct, and other TNALP chimeric or fusion proteins. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant

10 alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence as listed in SEQ ID NO: 2. In some other embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of

15 the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 75% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 85% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 95% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:

20 2. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence as listed in SEQ ID NO: 2. In some other embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ

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ID NO: 2. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 75% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:

2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present

5 disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 80% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 85% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another

10 embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid

15 sequence having at least 95% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the high 20 stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

25 [0027] In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein for treatment is a fusion protein. At least one linker known in the art may be inserted in such fusion protein. In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is fused to an immunoglobulin molecule. In one embodiment, the immunoglobulin molecule is a fragment crystallizable region (Fc). In another embodiment, the Fc comprises an amino acid sequence as listed in SEQ ID NO: 3. In some other

embodiments, the Fc comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 3. In some other embodiments, the Fc is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 3. In one embodiment, the Fc is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0028] In other embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein for treatment is fused to a negatively charged peptide. Such negatively charged peptide may include poly-aspartate or poly-glutamate of any length, e.g., from 6 to 20 amino acid residues. In some embodiments, the negatively charged peptide is D10, D8, D16, E10, E8, or E16. In some embodiments, the negatively charged peptide is D10, D16, E10, or E16. In one preferred embodiment, the negatively charged peptide is D10.

[0029] In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein comprises a soluble ALP (sALP) fusion protein comprising a structure of sALP-Fc-D10, or a structure of sALP-Fc, Fc-sALP, Fc-sALP-D10, D10-sALP-Fc, or D10-Fc-sALP. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence as listed in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 4. In some other embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1 or 4. In some other embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence having

at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1 or 4. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1 or 4, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0030] In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein can be administered in a dosage from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 8 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 1 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 0.5 mg/kg/day, from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day, from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 8 mg/kg/day, from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 1 mg/kg/day, from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day, from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 8 mg/kg/day, from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage (e.g., 6 mg/kg/week is comparable to 1 mg/kg/day). The administration route for the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase described herein may include any known methods in the art, including, at least, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, sublingually, intrathecally and/or intradermally administration. In one embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered intravenously. In some embodiments, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in multiple dosages through a same or different routes. In other embodiments, at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in multiple dosages through different routes concurrently or sequentially. For example, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase may be administered first intravenously and then, in later

dosages, subcutaneously. Alternatively, intravenous administration may also be used in later dosages for quick therapeutic responses. Choice of routes for multiple dosages may be determined by a skilled artisan to achieve the most efficacy, stability (e.g., half-life of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase and/or the at least one additional anti-seizure drug), efficiency, and/or cost-effective goals. No specific limitation on the choice of administration routes and/or the application of different administration routes in different dosages is intended by the present disclosure.

[0031] As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject having aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to said subject, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0032] As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject having above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to said subject, wherein the at least one recombinant

alkaline phosphatase comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0033] As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:

- (i) identifying a population of subjects with aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities who suffer, or are at risk to suffer, from seizures; and
- (ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the population,

wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline

phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0034] As another aspect, the present disclosure provides a method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:

- (i) identifying a population of subjects with above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate who suffer, or are at risk to suffer, from seizures; and
- (ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the population,

wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10. In one embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, such at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase of the present disclosure is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2. In another embodiment, the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is encoded by a polynucleotide molecule which is hybridizable under high stringency conditions to at least one polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90%, 95%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the high stringency conditions comprise: pre-hybridization and hybridization in 6 X SSC, 5 X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS and 100mg/ml of denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA at 68°C; and washes in 2 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; in 2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 10 min; and in 0.1 X SSC and 0.5% SDS at 65°C three times for 5 minutes.

[0035] In some embodiments, the subject(s) described herein is a human or non-human mammal. In one embodiment, the subject(s) is a human.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0036] Figure 1 presents the design and schematic structure of the recombinant ALP of the present disclosure exemplified by human soluble TNALP fusion protein hsTNALP-FcD10. Panel A presents a schematic representation of the complete primary translation product of the human tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase gene (TNALP) including the N-terminal signal peptide and the transient membrane-anchored signal for GPI-addition. Panel B presents the primary translation product of the fusion protein. Panel C presents the primary translation product lacking the cleavable TNALP signal peptide;

[0037] Figure 2 presents the protein sequence for hsTNALP-FcD10 with the N-terminal peptide signal (SEQ ID NO: 1). In this sequence, the 17-aa N-terminal peptide signal is shown italicized and underlined. The hsTNALP portion (SEQ ID NO: 2) is italicized but not underlined. The Fc portion (SEQ ID NO: 3) is underlined but not italicized. Asparagine (N) residues corresponding to putative N-glycosylation sites are labeled in bold and lower-case letters. Bold letters in upper-case (i.e., LK & DI) correspond to linkers between the hsTNALP portion and the Fc portion and between the Fc portion and the C-terminal D10, respectively. These linkers are derived from endonuclease restriction sites introduced during cDNA engineering.

[0038] Figure 3 presents the protein sequence for the hsTNALP-FcD10 without the N-terminal peptide signal (SEQ ID NO: 4). The hsTNALP portion (SEQ ID NO: 2) is italicized but not underlined. The Fc portion (SEQ ID NO: 3) is underlined but not italicized. Asparagine (N) residues corresponding to putative N-glycosylation sites are labeled in bold and lower-case letters. Bold letters in upper-case (i.e., LK & DI) correspond to linkers between the hsTNALP portion and the Fc portion and between the Fc portion and the C-terminal D10, respectively.

[0039] Figure 4 presents X-ray images showing mineralization of leg bones from wild-type mice (WT), *Akp2*^{+/−} heterozygous mice (HET), and *Akp2*^{−/−} homozygous mice

(HOM). Different degrees of mineralization defects (from having severe to unaffected phenotypes) were found among *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice.

[0040] Figure 5 presents a summary of phenotype distribution among different colonies of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice (using radiographic image scoring).

5 [0041] Figure 6 depicts that body weights of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice (generation designation: F4) correlated with their disease severity (i.e., having severe or slight mineralization defect or unaffected/normal mineralization). Wild-type mice (*Akp2*^{+/+}) were used as control.

10 [0042] Figure 7 depicts that body weights of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice correlated with their disease severity mineralization phenotypes. The leftmost two groups of data (*Akp2*^{-/-}) represent data of all *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice with various (e.g., severe or unaffected) disease severity. Wild-type and *Akp2*^{+/+} heterozygous mice were used as control.

15 [0043] Figure 8 depicts that the bone (femur and tibia) length of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice (generation designation: F10) correlated with their disease severity. The leftmost groups of data (*Akp2*^{-/-}) represent data of all *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice with various (e.g., severe or unaffected) disease severity. Wild-type and *Akp2*^{+/+} heterozygous mice were used as control.

20 [0044] Figure 9 presents a comparison of life span among of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice having different mineralization phenotypes. All *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice had a significantly reduced life span regardless of mineralization phenotypes.

25 [0045] Figure 10 depicts that *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice had reduced brain Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid (GABA) concentration, which was correctable by daily ALP (sTNALP-FcD10, or asfotase alfa) treatment. Wild-type mice with or without treatment were used as control. Left panel: GABA concentrations were measured at Day 10 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 9 (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 (8.2 mg/kg) daily to Day 9 (“GRP 2”), and wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”). Right panel: GABA concentrations were measured at Day 48 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 (8.2 mg/kg) daily to Day 35 and then treated with empty vehicle control (i.e., discontinuation of treatment) daily to Day 47 (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to

Day 47 (“GRP 2”), wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”), and wild-type mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 35 and then treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 47 (“GRP 4”).

[0046] Figure 11 depicts that *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice had significantly elevated brain Cystathionine concentration, which was correctable by daily ALP (sTNALP-FcD10, or asfotase alfa) treatment. Wild-type mice with or without treatment were used as control. Left panel: cystathionine concentrations were measured at Day 10 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 9 (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 (8.2 mg/kg) daily to Day 9 (“GRP 2”), and wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”). Right panel: cystathionine concentrations were measured at Day 48 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 (8.2 mg/kg) daily to Day 35 and then treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 47 (“discontinuation”) (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 47 (“GRP 2”), wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”), and wild-type mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 35 and then treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 47 (“GRP 4”).

[0047] Figure 12 depicts that *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice had significantly reduced brain Serine concentration, which was correctable by daily ALP (sTNALP-FcD10, or asfotase alfa) treatment. Wild-type mice with or without treatment were used as control. Left panel: serine concentrations were measured at Day 10 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 9 (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 9 (“GRP 2”), and wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”). Right panel: serine concentrations were measured at Day 48 for (from left to right) knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 (8.2 mg/kg) daily to Day 35 and then treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 47 (“discontinuation”) (“GRP 1”), knockout mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 47 (“GRP 2”), wild-type mice without any treatment (“GRP 3”), and wild-type mice treated with sTNALP-FcD10 daily to Day 35 and treated with empty vehicle control daily to Day 47 (“GRP 4”).

[0048] Figure 13 compares life spans of *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice (having severe mineralization defect or normal mineralization) receiving 325 ppm dietary pyridoxine supplement.

[0049] Figure 14 compares the brain GABA and Cystathionine concentrations of 5 wild-type (WT) or *Akp2*^{-/-} homozygous mice having severe mineralization defect (KO-severe) or normal mineralization (KO-normal), all receiving 325 ppm dietary pyridoxine supplement. The shaded area refers to a profile where mice have comparatively low brain GABA concentration but comparatively high brain Cystathionine concentration.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0050] Many HPP patients have seizures as additional symptoms to their characteristic mineralization defect. The *Akp2*^{-/-} mice also develop seizures which are subsequently fatal. See Waymire et al. 1995 *Nature Genetics* 11:45-51. As vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) is a traditional treatment for seizures, many HPP patients having seizures are treated with vitamin B6 as a prophylactic therapy. However, some HPP patients are not responsive to pyridoxine treatment. Even for those pyridoxine-responsive HPP patients, 15 high doses of vitamin B6 can, over time, be toxic, and may result in nerve damage or numbness and tingling in the extremities that may eventually be irreversible. The most common vitamin B6 toxicity symptoms include, for example, headache, severe fatigue, mood change, nerve change, etc. According to the safety publication on vitamin B6 20 (pyridoxine) by Mayo Clinic Health System on its website (<http://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements/vitamin-b6/safety/hrb-20058788>), excess vitamin B6 may cause abnormal heart rhythms, acne, allergic reactions, breast enlargement or soreness, changes in folic acid levels, decreased muscle tone, drowsiness or sedation, 25 feeling of a lump in the throat, feeling of tingling on the skin, headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, nausea, rash, recurrence of ulcerative colitis (an inflammatory bowel disorder), stomach discomfort or pain, sun sensitivity, vomiting, worsened asthma, low blood pressure, blood sugar level change, and increased risk of bleeding. Vitamin B6 may also interfere with other medicine treatments. For example, it can reduce the effectiveness of levodopa 30 therapy, which is used to treat Parkinson's disease. People taking penicillamine, used to

treat Wilson's disease, lead poisoning, kidney stones and arthritis, should take vitamin B6 only under a physician's direct supervision. Estrogenic herbs and supplements, including birth control pills, may interact with vitamin B6.

[0051] The present disclosure provides a method of identifying a population of

5 subjects who have aberrant (e.g., deficient) alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity (e.g., have defective allele(s) of the *ALPL* gene in humans or of the *Akp2* (the ortholog of *ALPL*) gene in mice) or aberrant gene and/or protein levels of ALP substrates (e.g., PPi, PEA, and PLP). As used herein, the term "aberrant" means the expression levels and/or the enzymatic activity of a protein (e.g., an ALP), or its biologically active fusions or fragments thereof, 10 deviates from the normal, proper, or expected course. For example, a subject (e.g., a human or a non-human animal, including but not limited to a mouse) with an "aberrant" ALP activity means such subject has an abnormal ALP activity, which may be due to, e.g., deficient or lack of an ALP gene or protein product and/or defective or loss-of-function of an ALP gene or protein product, relative to the level of expression and/or activity of such 15 ALP protein from a healthy subject or a subject without a HPP symptom or a disease or disorder state characterized by aberrant protein levels and/or activity of at least one of ALP substrates (e.g., PPi, PLP, and PEA). In particular, the protein expression levels or activity of an ALP is deficient, lack of, or defective when such expression levels or activity is lower (such as, less than 95%, 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%, 65%, 60%, 55%, 50%, 45%, 40%, 20 35%, 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%, 5%, 1%, or lower) than the level of expression or activity of such ALP protein from a healthy subject or a subject without a HPP symptom or a disease or disorder state characterized by aberrant protein levels and/or activity of at least one of ALP substrates (e.g., PPi, PLP, and PEA). The population of subjects can be identified irrespective of whether they have previously been diagnosed with hypophosphatasia (HPP). 25 The population is identified, for example, based on a reduced ALP activity due to, for example, lack or reduced levels of ALP protein(s) and/or defective ALP proteins with reduced or abolished enzymatic activity. Causes of reduced ALP activity include, for example, mutations in genes that encode ALPs, thereby leading to defective alleles of such genes, defects in signaling molecules that regulate the expression of ALPs, abnormal expression or regulation of co-factors, and/or aberrant expression of upstream or 30

downstream factors that regulate the activity of ALPs. Particular alleles of *ALPL* can result in, for example, reduced alkaline phosphatase protein levels and/or protein function. Such alleles can be identified by methods known in the art. The members of the identified population should be monitored to determine disease progression (HPP) and other

5 symptoms, *e.g.*, seizures. Recombinant alkaline phosphatase, for example, can be supplied to the identified population to treat or prevent seizures and/or other symptoms, *e.g.*, symptoms related to HPP or reduced ALP activity.

[0052] The terms “individual,” “subject” and “patient” are used interchangeably and refer to any subject for whom diagnosis, treatment or therapy is desired, particularly 10 humans. Other subjects may include, for example, cattle, dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, mice, horses and the like. As used herein, an “at-risk” subject is a subject who is identified as having a risk of developing a disease, disorder or symptoms associated with, for example, aberrant ALP activity.

[0053] HPP patients are traditionally identified by their characteristic bone and/or 15 teeth mineralization defects. However, HPP patients vary as to the degree of the mineralization defect, ranging from very severe to undetectable. Obviously, those HPP patients with minor or no mineralization defect are prone to misdiagnosis and delayed, if any, treatment with, for example, recombinant alkaline phosphatase. Described herein are materials and methods for identifying a subpopulation of HPP patients with minor,

20 unaffected, or undetectable bone and/or tooth mineralization defects for alkaline phosphatase replacement treatment. Such patients may have been previously diagnosed with HPP but, due to their minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects, have not been treated with alkaline phosphatase. The present disclosure includes providing materials and methods for treating such subjects in the subpopulation with, for example, 25 alkaline phosphatase or agent(s) that increase the activity of endogenous alkaline phosphatase. Such treatment may, for example, treat or prevent symptoms other than mineralization defects and/or prevent future mineralization defects due to disease progression.

[0054] Described herein are methods for identifying a population of ALP-defective 30 subjects who either exhibit HPP and/or HPP-related symptoms, or who are at risk for

developing HPP and/or HPP-related symptoms. The identified population can include subjects who have previously been identified as having HPP or HPP-related symptoms, or who are asymptomatic without a previous diagnosis. A diminished serum ALP activity leads to, for example, increased protein levels and/or functions of at least one of alkaline phosphatase substrates (e.g., pyrophosphate (PPi), pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP) or phosphoethanolamine (PEA)). Methods for identifying the subject population include, for example, the detection of defective alkaline phosphatase alleles (either prenatal or after birth), measurement of *in vivo* protein expression levels or functional activity, measurement of associated marker analytes in a sample, or other methods known in the art for determining ALP activity.

10 [0055] The identified population with aberrant ALP activity can have symptoms other than bone and tooth mineralization defects. However, due to their minor or no mineralization defects, such subjects are less likely diagnosed as HPP subjects or treated with, for example, alkaline phosphatase. Described herein, therefore, are materials and methods for identifying and treating subjects who are at risk for developing a disease, disorder or symptoms associated with aberrant ALP activity, especially those who do not exhibit some common HPP symptoms (e.g., bone mineralization defects).

15 [0056] The present disclosure provides a subpopulation of alkaline phosphatase knockout (*Akp2*^{-/-}) mice which have minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects but still have a shortened life span. Studies on these mice indicated that alkaline phosphatase deficiency significantly reduced protein levels of gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), a chief inhibitory neurotransmitter in the mammalian central nervous system. The observed reduction in brain GABA was rescued by recombinant alkaline phosphatase treatments. Since a population of subjects has defective alkaline phosphatase but minimal or 20 no mineralization defects, there is a population of subjects at risk for ALP-related disease(s), disorder(s) or symptoms, e.g., seizures, who are responsive to, for example, alkaline phosphatase replacement therapy or other therapies for increasing ALP activity.

25 [0057] Adding to the fact that HPP patients often exhibit seizures, described herein are data showing that, even in patients who do not exhibit some of the more dramatic HPP symptoms (e.g., bone mineralization defects), a reduced or abolished serum ALP activity

leads to seizures. This population experiences or is at risk for experiencing seizures and other diseases, disorders or symptoms associated with reduced or abolished ALP activity (e.g., at risk for developing HPP or HPP symptoms).

[0058] Seizure or seizures in the present disclosure can be broadly classified as epileptic seizures, involving a brief episode of signs and/or symptoms due to abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain, and non-epileptic seizures, which are paroxysmal events that mimic an epileptic seizure but do not involve abnormal, rhythmic discharges of cortical neurons. The outward effect of seizures can vary from uncontrolled jerking movement (tonic-clonic seizure (formerly known as grand mal seizures); sometimes referred to as “convulsions”) to as subtle as a momentary loss of awareness (absence seizure). (Fisher et al., 2005 *Epilepsia* 46:470–2 and Ricker 2003 Differential Diagnosis in Adult Neuropsychological assessment. Springer Publishing Company. p. 109. ISBN 0-8261-1665-5). As used herein, “seizure” or “seizures” refers to any seizure or convulsion event due to any physiological or environmental causes, including, but not limited to, epileptic seizures, non-epileptic seizures, vitamin B6-responsive seizures, B6-non-responsive seizures, etc. The term “seizure” is often used interchangeably with “convulsion.” Convulsions occur when a subject’s body shakes rapidly and uncontrollably. During convulsions, the person’s muscles contract and relax repeatedly. There are many different types of seizures. Some have mild symptoms without shaking.

[0059] Mice lacking alkaline phosphatase function (e.g., *Akp2*^{-/-}) develop seizures that are subsequently fatal (Waymire 1995). The seizures are caused by a defect in the metabolism of pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP) by alkaline phosphatase, similar to that found in HPP patients. Generally, pyridoxine (vitamin B6) can be absorbed as three different vitamers: PLP, pyridoxamin-P, and pyridoxine-glucoside (Plecko 2009 *Can J Neurol Sci* 36:S73-S77). However, in the liver the latter two will be converted into the only active cofactor PLP by pyridox(am)ine-5-phosphate oxidase (PNPO). PLP in blood circulation is then dephosphorylated by alkaline phosphatase into pyridoxal (PL), which freely crosses cell membrane and gets re-phosphorylated by pyridoxal kinase into intracellular PLP. PLP, once inside cells, is a cofactor of various enzymatic reactions in amino acid and neurotransmitter metabolism such as, for example, the conversion of glutamate into gamma-

aminobutyric acid (GABA), the glycine cleavage system, dopamine, histamine, D-serine, hydrogen sulfide and the aromatic acid decarboxylase in serotonin and homovanillic acid synthesis. In *Akp2*^{-/-} mice, due to the defective alkaline phosphatase, PL cannot be produced from PLP, resulting in elevated plasma PLP levels but reduced intracellular PLP concentrations. The lack of intracellular PLP shuts down downstream metabolism including, for example, the production of GABA by glutamate decarboxylase (GAD) in the brain.

5 [0060] GABA acts at inhibitory synapses in the brain of vertebrates by binding to specific transmembrane receptors in the plasma membrane of both pre- and postsynaptic neuronal processes. This binding causes the opening of ion channels to allow the flow of either negatively charged chloride ions into the cell or positively charged potassium ions out of the cell. This action results in a negative change in the transmembrane potential, usually causing hyperpolarization. Two general classes of GABA receptor are known: GABA_A in which the receptor is part of a ligand-gated ion channel complex, and GABA_B metabotropic receptors, which are G protein-coupled receptors that open or close ion channels via intermediaries. GABA levels were found to be reduced approximately 50% in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice compared to control littermates, which contributes to a shortened life span for the knockout mice (Waymire 1995). Further, by supplementing vitamin B6 (pyridoxal, or PL, but not PN), the seizure phenotype was rescued in about 67% of the *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with a hybrid 10 genetic background, although the rescued animals subsequently developed defective dentition. The remaining 33% responded poorly to PL injections or were nonresponsive. On the contrary, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with an inbred genetic background are all poor responders or 15 even nonresponsive to PL supplement.

20 25 [0061] Alkaline Phosphatases (ALPs)

[0062] There are four known isozymes of ALP, namely tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNALP, see discussion below), placental alkaline phosphatase (PALP) (NCBI Reference Sequences [NP_112603] and [NP_001623]), germ cell alkaline phosphatase (GCALP) (NCBI Reference Sequence [P10696]) and intestinal alkaline phosphatase (IALP) 30 (NCBI Reference Sequence [NP_001622]). These enzymes possess very similar

three-dimensional structures. Each of their catalytic sites contains four metal binding domains for metal ions (two Zn²⁺ and one Mg²⁺) necessary for enzymatic activity. These enzymes catalyze the hydrolysis of monoesters of phosphoric acid and also catalyze a transphosphorylation reaction in the presence of high concentrations of phosphate acceptors.

5 For example, PALP is physiologically active toward PEA, PPi and PLP, which are known natural substrates for TNALP (Whyte, 1995; Zhang, 2004).

[0063] Based on the structural similarity among ALPs, one would expect some functional overlaps over them as well. Human and rodents fed a diet with a high fat content, for example, had elevated levels of circulating ALPs originated from IALP (Langman 1966 and Gould 1944 *Biochem.* 4:175-181). Thus, increasing the dietary intake may elevate IALP and thus compensate for TNALP function by reducing circulating PLP in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice. Similarly, PALP expressed in human female carriers of HPP during pregnancy showed compensation for TNALP (Whyte 1995 *J. Clin. Invest.* 95:1440-1445).

[0064] Identification of a population of subjects with reduced or abolished ALP

15 activity can be subsequently treated, for example, with a therapeutically effective amount of recombinant TNALP or other ALP isozymes. Different isozymes can be administered alone interchangeably or in combination. Identified subjects can be treated, for example, by recombinant TNALP, PALP, IALP and/or GCALP. These ALPs can be mammalian (such as human) proteins, non-mammalian proteins, or fusion proteins comprising at least part of 20 mammalian portions.

[0065] TNALP and Variants

[0066] TNALP is a membrane-bound protein anchored through a glycolipid to its C-terminal (Swiss-Prot, P05186). This glycophosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchor is added 25 post-translationally after removal of a hydrophobic C-terminal end, which serves both as a temporary membrane anchor and as a signal for the addition of the GPI. The recombinant TNALP described herein includes, for example, the soluble portion of TNALP. A more specific example includes a recombinant TNALP that comprises a human TNALP wherein the first amino acid of the hydrophobic C-terminal sequence, namely alanine, is replaced by 30 a stop codon. The soluble TNALP (herein called sTNALP) so formed contains all amino

acids of the native anchored form of TNALP necessary for the formation of the catalytic site but lacks the GPI membrane anchor. Known TNALPs include, for example, human TNALP [NCBI Reference Sequences NP_000469, AAI10910, AAH90861, AAH66116, AAH21289, and AAI26166]; rhesus TNALP [XP_001109717]; rat TNALP [NP_037191]; dog TNALP [AAF64516]; pig TNALP [AAN64273], mouse [NP_031457], bovine [NP_789828, NP_776412, AAM 8209, AAC33858], and cat [NP_001036028]. The term "wild-type" "or "wild-type sequence" used for TNALP or other genes or proteins in the instant disclosure refers to the typical form of such genes or proteins as it occurs in nature in normal human, non-human mammals, or other living organisms. A wild-type sequence may refer to the 5 standard "normal" allele at a locus for a gene or the standard "normal" primary amino acid sequence (optionally with the standard "normal" post-translational modifications to and/or inter-chain bonds and/or interactions among amino acid residues) for a polypeptide or protein, in contrast to that produced by a non-standard, "mutant" allele or amino acid sequence/modification/interaction. "Mutant" alleles can vary to a great extent, and even 10 become the wild type if a genetic shift occurs within the population. It is now appreciated that most or all gene loci (and less frequently but still possible for most polypeptide sequences) exist in a variety of allelic forms, which vary in frequency throughout the 15 geographic range of a species, and that a uniform wild type may not necessarily exist. In general, however, the most prevalent allele or amino acid sequence – i.e., the one with the highest frequency among normal individual human or other organisms - is the one deemed 20 as wild type in the instant disclosure. The term "normal" used for human or other organisms in this specification refers to, except for specified otherwise, a human or other organisms without any diseases (e.g., HPP), disorders, and/or symptoms or physiological consequences (e.g., mineralization defects, seizures, etc.) caused by or related to the aberrant activity 25 (which may be due to, e.g., deficient or lack of gene or protein product and/or defective or loss-of-function of gene or protein product) of the relevant gene or polypeptide/protein. The most obvious example for a normal human is a human being who has no HPP or HPP symptoms and has no mutations or modifications to *ALPL* gene and ALP proteins which may result in HPP-related symptoms. In another scenario focusing on ALP functions, the 30 scope of a "normal" human in the present disclosure may be broadened to include any

human beings having no aberrant endogenous alkaline phosphatase activity (which may be tested by, e.g., the substrate (PPi, PEA and PLP) levels and compared to the corresponding activity in other healthy or normal human beings).

[0067] Recombinant TNALPs described herein can include sequences that are

5 substituted, either at the nucleotide or amino acid level, by sequences at one or more positions of the TNALP sequence, at two or more positions of the TNALP sequence, at 3 or more positions of the TNALP sequence, at 5 or more positions of the TNALP sequence, at 10 or more positions of the TNALP sequence, or at 15-20 or more positions of the TNALP sequence. Substitutions can include, for example, conservative substitutions, replacement
10 by orthologous sequences, and/or disruptive substitutions. TNALP sequences can also have deletions or rearrangements.

[0068] One of skill in the art will recognize that conservative substitutions can be

made at the nucleotide level to coding sequences that result in functional expression
15 products. As such, the TNALP sequence and fragments (optionally including exons and regulatory sequences) can be wild-type sequences of TNALP, or they can be variant sequences that share a high homology with wild-type sequences. The disclosure provides for the use of sequences that at least about 70%, about 71%, about 72%, about 73%, about 74%, about 75%, about 76%, about 77%, about 78%, about 79%, about 80%, about 81%, about 82%, about 83%, about 84%, about 85%, about 86%, about 87%, about 88%, about 20 89%, about 90%, about 91%, about 92%, about 93%, about 94%, about 95%, about 96%, about 97%, about 98%, about 99%, or about 100% or above identity to desired wild-type sequences. As used herein, the term “about” means plus or minus 10% of the numerical value of the number with which it is being used.

[0069] The terms “homology” or “identity” or “similarity” refer to sequence

25 relationships between two sequences and can be determined by comparing a nucleotide position or amino acid position in each sequence when aligned for purposes of comparison. The term “homology” refers to the relatedness of two nucleic acid or amino acid sequences. The term “identity” refers to the degree to which the compared sequences are the same. The term “similarity” refers to the degree to which the two sequences are the same, but includes

neutral degenerate nucleotides that can be substituted within a codon without changing the amino acid identity of the codon.

[0070] One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that individual substitutions, deletions or additions to a nucleic acid, peptide, polypeptide or protein sequences that alter, 5 add or delete a single amino acid or a small percentage of amino acids in the encoded sequence is a “conservatively modified variant.” Such variants can be useful, for example, to alter the physical properties of the peptide, *e.g.*, to increase stability or efficacy of the peptide. Conservative substitution tables providing functionally similar amino acids are known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Such conservatively modified variants are in 10 addition to and do not exclude polymorphic variants, interspecies homologs and alternate alleles. The following groups provide non-limiting examples of amino acids that can be conservatively substituted for one another: 1) Alanine (A), Glycine (G); 2) Aspartic acid (D), Glutamic acid (E); 3) Asparagine (N), Glutamine (Q); 4) Arginine (R), Lysine (K); 5) Isoleucine (I), Leucine (L), Methionine (M), Valine (V); 6) Phenylalanine (F), Tyrosine (Y), 15 Tryptophan (W); 7) Serine (S), Threonine (T); and 8) Cysteine (C), Methionine (M).

[0071] Without being limited by theory, recombinant ALP described herein encompasses sequences comprising a consensus sequence derived from the ALP extracellular domain of human ALP isozymes and of known functional ALPs (*e.g.*, ALPs originated from human, non-human mammal, mouse, rat, cattle, cat, dog, pig, etc.). As used 20 herein the terminology “extracellular domain” refers to any functional extracellular portion of the native protein (*e.g.*, without the peptide signal). Recombinant sTNALP retaining original amino acids 1 to 501 (18 to 501 when counting the secreting signal peptide) (Oda *et al.*, *J. Biochem* 126: 694-699, 1999), amino acids 1 to 504 (18 to 504 when secreted) (Bernd *et al.*, US Patent 6,905,689) and amino acids 1 to 505 (18-505 when secreted) (Tomatsu *et al.*, US 2007/0081984), are enzymatically active. Further, a recombinant sTNALP retaining 25 amino acids 1 to 502 (18 to 502 when secreted) (Figure 3) of the original TNALP is enzymatically active (see PCT publication no. WO 2008/138131). This indicates that amino acid residues can be removed from the C-terminal end of native alkaline phosphatases without affecting their enzymatic activity. Moreover, the present disclosure also includes 30 any ALP variants containing at least one substitution, deletion, addition, and/or modification

(*e.g.*, glycosylation, PEGylation, glutathionylation, ubiquitination, sialylation acetylation, amidation, blockage, formylation, gamma carboxyglutamic acid hydroxylation, methylation, phosphorylation, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid and/or sulfatation) to amino acid residues of wild-type ALP. Such variants, to be useful for the present disclosure, need only retain some 5 degree (*e.g.*, more than or about 30%, about 40%, about 50%, about 60%, about 70%, about 80%, about 90%, about 100%, about 150%, about 200%, about 300%, or more) of *in vitro* and/or *in vivo* activity compared to wild-type ALP.

[0072] Fusion Proteins Comprising ALP

10 **[0073]** The methods described herein can utilize a recombinant ALP (*e.g.*, TNALP) fusion protein for the treatment of the identified subject population(s). Fusion proteins may comprise the full length or fragments of ALP or variants disclosed herein and maintain biological activity. Without being limited by theory, fusion proteins may comprise other portions, such as any polypeptides, lipids, nucleotides, or other moieties, to maintain or 15 improve, for example, alkaline phosphatase functions. For example, fusion proteins may comprise a fragment crystallizable region (Fc) or other full-length or fragments of immunoglobulins to increase the stability or retention time (*e.g.*, with a longer half-life) of ALP *in vivo*. Similarly, albumin fusion technology may be used to improve the half-life of circulating ALP (Schulte 2011 *Thromb Res.* 128:S9-12). Furthermore, fusion proteins may 20 comprise a targeting portion to direct ALP to specific tissue, organ or cells.

25 **[0074]** The present disclosure also encompasses fusion proteins comprising post-translationally modified ALP proteins or fragments thereof, which are modified by, *e.g.*, glycosylation, PEGylation, glutathionylation, ubiquitination, sialylation acetylation, amidation, blockage, formylation, gamma-carboxyglutamic acid hydroxylation, methylation, phosphorylation, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid and/or sulfatation.

30 **[0075]** The term “recombinant protein” or “recombinant polypeptide” refers to a protein encoded by a genetically manipulated nucleic acid. The nucleic acid is generally placed within a vector, such as a plasmid or virus, as appropriate for a host cell. Although Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells have been used as a host for expressing some of the recombinant proteins described herein, a person of ordinary skill in the art will understand

that a number of other hosts and expression systems, *e.g.*, modified CHO cells including, but not limited to CHO-DG44 and CHO/dhfr- (also referred to as CHO duk⁻), HEK293 cells, PerC β , baby hamster kidney (BHK) cells, bacterial cells, *in vitro* systems, L cells, C127 cells, 3T3 cells, COS-7 cells, etc., may be used to produce recombinant proteins.

5 “Recombinant cleavable” protein or polypeptide refers to a recombinant protein that can be cleaved by a host cell enzyme so as to produce a modified activity, *e.g.*, rendering the recombinant protein or polypeptide into a secreted or soluble protein.

[0076] Fragment crystallizable region (Fc) fragments

10 [0077] Useful Fc fragments for the present disclosure include Fc fragments of IgG that comprise the hinge, the CH₂ and CH₃ domains. IgG-1, IgG-2, IgG-3, IgG-3 and IgG-4 for instance can be used. An exemplary amino acid sequence for the Fc fragment used in a fusion protein with ALP in the present disclosure is listed in SEQ ID NO: 3. Similarly, other amino acid sequences for the Fc fragment, such as an amino acid sequence having at 15 least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or higher sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 3, are also included in the present disclosure.

[0078] Negatively charged peptides

20 [0079] The ALP fusion proteins of the present disclosure may comprise a bone-targeting polypeptide, such as, for example, a negatively charged peptide. The negatively charged peptide may be a poly-aspartate or poly-glutamate selected from the group consisting of D10, D8, D11, D12, D13, D14, D15, D16, E10, E8, E11, E12, E13, E14, E15, and E16, or any other formats known in the art, *e.g.*, as described in PCT publication no. WO 2008/138131.

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[0080] Formation of Fusion Proteins

[0081] The present disclosure provides a recombinant ALP construct or an ALP fusion protein for treating identified subject populations and subpopulations, *e.g.*, of HPP patients. Such recombinant ALP construct or fusion protein can comprise a full-length or 30 fragment of a soluble ALP (sALP, *e.g.*, sTNALP) isoenzyme and an Fc fragment, further

with or without a negatively charged peptide. These components can be fused together in any sequence from the 5' terminus to the 3' terminus, provided the resulting fusion protein maintains or improves alkaline phosphatase activity. Exemplary formats of fusion proteins include, without limiting, sALP-Fc-D10, sALP-Fc, D10-Fc-sALP, Fc-sALP, D10-sALP-Fc.

5 Fc-sALP-D10, Fc-D10-sALP, etc. In these formats, D10 can be optionally substituted by any other negatively charged peptide or targeting moiety, and the Fc fragment can be substituted by any functional IgG or immunoglobulin.

[0082] The present disclosure provides a method of treating seizures with recombinant ALP constructs, including sALP with or without Fc fusion and/or negatively charged peptide tags. While it is well known in the art that negatively charged peptide tags (such as D10) can target ALP to bone tissues (see, e.g., PCT publication no. WO 2008/138131), it's surprising that a bone-targeted sALP-Fc-D10 construct (a.k.a., asfotase alfa) functions well to improve *Akp2*^{-/-} mice survival and ameliorate seizure-related physiological parameters, such as restoring GABA and serine levels and decreasing cystathionine levels in brain.

[0083] Spacer

[0084] Different components (e.g., fragments or portions) of an ALP fusion protein can be fused together through a separating linker or spacer. In some embodiments the spacer can be a short polypeptide comprising at least 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more amino acids. In one embodiment, the Fc fragment in the sALP (e.g., sTNALP) fusion protein acts as a spacer that allows the protein to be more efficiently folded. This was confirmed by the discovery that expression of sTNALP-Fc-D10 was higher than that of sTNALP-D10 (Example 2 of PCT publication no. WO 2008/138131). While not being limited by theory, the Fc fragment could act to alleviate the repulsive forces caused by the presence of the highly negative charges the D10 sequence adds at the C-terminus of the sALP sequence. Other useful spacers include, but are not limited to, polypeptides able to alleviate the repulsive forces caused by the presence of the highly negatively charged sequence (e.g., poly-aspartate such as D10) added to the sALP sequence.

[0085] The spacer can be designed to, for example, alleviate steric hindrance that could impede the interaction of two sALP domains from two sALP monomers.

Furthermore, a spacer may be introduced between the sALP portion and the Fc portion if needed, e.g., the sTNALP-Fc-D10 constructs as illustrated in Figures 2 and 3 have spacers 5 between the sTNALP. The Fc and D10 comprise two amino acids (LK and DI, respectively).

[0086] A bone targeted sALP (e.g., sTNALP-Fc-D10) can further optionally comprise one or more additional amino acids 1) downstream from the poly-aspartate or poly-glutamate; and/or 2) between the poly-aspartate and the Fc fragment; and/or 3) 10 between the spacer such as the Fc fragment and the sALP fragment. This is the case, for example, when the cloning strategy used to produce the bone targeting conjugate introduces exogenous amino acids in these locations. The exogenous amino acids, however, should be selected so as not to provide an additional GPI anchoring signal. The likelihood of a designed sequence being cleaved by the transamidase of the host cell can be predicted as 15 described by Ikezawa (Ikezawa 2002 *Biol Pharm. Bull.* 25(4):409-417).

[0087] Conditions suitable for sALP expression or its fusion protein can be optimized as would be recognized by one of skill in the art. Such conditions include the use of, for example, a culture medium that enables production of the sALP or its fusion protein. Such medium can be prepared with a buffer comprising, for example, bicarbonate and/or 20 HEPES; ions including, for example, chloride, phosphate, calcium, sodium, potassium and/or magnesium; iron; carbon sources including, for example, simple sugars and/or amino acids; lipids, nucleotides, vitamins and/or growth factors including, for example, insulin. Commercially available media like alpha-MEM, DMEM, Ham's-F12 and IMDM supplemented with 2-4 mM L-glutamine and 5% Fetal bovine serum can be used. 25 Commercially available animal protein-free media like, for example, Hyclone™ SFM4CHO, Sigma CHO DHFR⁺, Cambrex POWER™ CHO CD supplemented with 2-4 mM L-glutamine can be used. These media are desirably prepared without thymidine, hypoxanthine and L-glycine to maintain selective pressure allowing stable protein product expression.

[0088] The term “bone tissue” is used herein to refer to tissue synthesized by osteoblasts composed of an organic matrix containing mostly collagen and mineralized by the deposition of hydroxyapatite crystals.

[0089] The fusion proteins comprised in the bone delivery conjugates of the present disclosure are useful for therapeutic treatment of bone defective conditions by providing an effective amount of the fusion protein to the bone. The fusion proteins are provided in the form of pharmaceutical compositions in any standard pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, and are administered by any standard procedure, for example by intravenous injection.

[0090] As used herein the terminology “HPP phenotype” is meant to generally, if not specified otherwise, refer to any characteristic phenotype of subjects having HPP, such as, but not limited to, any phenotype related to bone or teeth mineralization defects. HPP phenotypes can also include “HPP symptoms” in addition to bone mineralization defects including, but not limited to, for example, rickets (defect in growth plate cartilage), osteomalacia, elevated blood and/or urine levels of inorganic PPi, PEA, or PLP, seizure, bone pains, calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate crystal deposition (CPPD) in joints leading to chondrocalcinosis and premature death. Without being so limited, an HPP phenotype can be documented by growth retardation with a decrease of long bone length (such as, for example, femur, tibia, humerus, radius, ulna), a decrease of the mean density of total bone and a decrease of bone mineralization in bones such as, for example, femur, tibia, ribs and metatarsi, and phalange, a decrease in teeth mineralization, a premature loss of deciduous teeth (e.g., aplasia, hypoplasia or dysplasia of dental cementum). Without being so limited, correction or prevention of a bone mineralization defect may be observed by one or more of the following: an increase of long bone length, an increase of mineralization in bone and/or teeth, a correction of bowing of the legs, a reduction of bone pain and a reduction of CPPD crystal deposition in joints.

[0091] “A non-HPP subject” is meant to refer to any subject who 1) is not yet diagnosed to have HPP and has no HPP phenotype; 2) has been diagnosed to have no HPP; or 3) has no aberrant alkaline phosphatase activity.

[0092] “Treatment” refers to the administration of a therapeutic agent or the performance of medical procedures with respect to a patient or subject, for either

prophylaxis (prevention) or to cure or reduce the symptoms of the infirmity or malady in the instance where the patient is afflicted. Prevention of a disease, disorder or symptoms associated with aberrant ALP activity is included within the scope of treatment. The methods and compositions described herein or identified through methods described herein can be used as part of a treatment regimen in therapeutically effective amounts. A "therapeutically effective amount" is an amount sufficient to decrease, prevent or ameliorate the symptoms associated with a medical condition.

5 [0093] Other Anti-seizure Drugs

10 [0094] Conventional antiepileptic drugs may block sodium channels or enhance GABA function. In addition to voltage-gated sodium channels and components of the GABA system, other targets include GABA_A receptors, the GAT-1 GABA transporter and GABA transaminase. Additional targets include voltage-gated calcium channels, SV2A and

α2δ. Exemplary anti-seizure drugs include, for example, aldehydes (e.g., paraldehyde),

15 aromatic allylic alcohols (e.g., stiripentol), barbiturates (e.g., phenobarbital, methylphenobarbital and barbexaclone), benzodiazepines (e.g., clobazam, clonazepam, clorazepate, diazepam, midazolam, lorazepam, nitrazepam, temazepam and nimetazepam), bromides (e.g., potassium bromide), carbamates (e.g., felbamate), carboxamides (e.g., carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine and eslicarbazepine acetate), fatty acids (e.g., valproates,

20 vigabatrin, progabide and tiagabine), fructose derivatives (e.g., topiramate), GABA analogs (e.g., gabapentin and pregabalin), hydantoins (e.g., ethotoin, phenytoin, mephenytoin and fosphenytoin), oxazolidinediones (e.g., paramethadione, trimethadione and ethadione), propionates (e.g., beclamide), pyrimidinediones (e.g., primidone), pyrrolines (e.g.,

brivaracetam, levetiracetam, and seletracetam), succinimides (e.g., ethosuximide,

25 phensuximide and mesuximide), sulfonamides (e.g., acetazolamide, sultiamide, methazolamide and zonisamide), triazines (e.g., lamotrigine), ureas (e.g., pheneturide and phenacetamide), valproylamides (amide derivatives of valproate) (e.g., valpromide and valnoctamide), and others (e.g., perampanel).

[0095] At least one of the conventional anti-seizure drugs can be co-administered

30 together with one or more recombinant ALPs described herein to a subject to treat or

alleviate seizure symptoms. In particular, such combination therapy(ies) can be used to treat subjects suffering from vitamin B6-resistant seizures, and they can be used to treat a population identified as described herein whose subjects exhibit reduced ALP activity irrespective of whether they have other HPP-like symptoms. Such conventional anti-seizure 5 drugs may be administered with the recombinant ALP at the same time (for a pre-determined period of time), or prior to or post ALP administration.

[0096] Route of administration

[0097] Therapeutic agents described herein, *e.g.*, recombinant ALPs, can be 10 administered, for example, orally, nasally, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, sublingually, intrathecally or intradermally. The route of administration can depend on a variety of factors, such as the environment and therapeutic goals.

[0098] By way of example, pharmaceutical composition of the present disclosure 15 can be in the form of a liquid, solution, suspension, pill, capsule, tablet, gelcap, powder, gel, ointment, cream, nebulae, mist, atomized vapor, aerosol, or phytosome. Dietary supplements as disclosed herein can contain pharmaceutically acceptable additives such as suspending agents, emulsifying agents, non-aqueous vehicles, preservatives, buffer salts, flavoring, coloring and sweetening agents as appropriate. Preparations for oral administration also can be suitably formulated to give controlled release of the active 20 ingredients.

[0099] Dosage

[0100] The specific dosages will depend on many factors including the mode of 25 administration and the age and weight of the subject. Typically, the amount of bone targeted or untagged ALP contained within a single dose is an amount that effectively prevent, delay or correct seizures without inducing significant toxicity. Typically, sALPs or its fusion protein in accordance with the present disclosure can be administered to subjects in doses ranging from 0.001 to 500 mg/kg/day and, in a more specific embodiment, about 0.1 to about 100 mg/kg/day, and, in a more specific embodiment, about 0.2 to about 20 mg/kg/day. 30 The allometric scaling method (Mahmood *et al.* 2003 *Clin. Pharmacol.*, 43(7):692-7 and

Mahmood 2009 *J. Pharma. Sci.*, 98(10):3850-3861) can be used to extrapolate the dose from mice to human. The dosage can be adapted by the clinician in accordance with conventional factors such as the extent of the disease and different parameters from the patient.

5 [0101] The therapeutically effective amount of sALP or its fusion protein may also be measured directly. The effective amount may be given daily or weekly or fractions thereof. Typically, a pharmaceutical composition disclosed herein can be administered in an amount from about 0.001 mg up to about 500 mg per kg of body weight per day (e.g., 0.05, 0.01, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.8, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, 4mg, 5 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 16 mg, 10 20 mg, 30 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg or 250 mg). Dosages may be provided in either a single or multiple dosage regimens. For example, in some embodiments the effective amount of the sALP or its fusion protein is a dose that ranges from about 0.1 to about 100 mg/kg/day, from about 0.2 mg to about 20 mg per day, from about 1 mg to about 5 mg per day, from about 1 mg to about 6 mg per day, from about 1 mg to about 7 mg per day, from about 1 mg to about 8 mg per day, from about 1 mg to about 10 mg per day, from about 0.7 mg to about 15 210 mg per week, from about 1.4 mg to about 140 mg per week, from about 0.3 mg to about 300 mg every three days, from about 0.4 mg to about 40 mg every other day, and from about 2 mg to about 20 mg every other day.

20 [0102] These are simply guidelines since the actual dose must be carefully selected and titrated by the attending physician based upon clinical factors unique to each patient or by a nutritionist. The optimal daily dose will be determined by methods known in the art and will be influenced by factors such as the age of the patient as indicated above and other clinically relevant factors. In addition, patients may be taking medications for other diseases or conditions. The other medications may be continued during the time that sALP or its 25 fusion protein is given to the patient, but it is particularly advisable in such cases to begin with low doses to determine if adverse side effects are experienced.

[0103] Carriers/vehicles

30 [0104] Preparations containing sALP or its fusion protein may be provided to patients in combination with pharmaceutically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous

solvents, suspensions or emulsions. Examples of nonaqueous solvents are propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, vegetable oil, fish oil, and injectable organic esters. Aqueous carriers include water, water-alcohol solutions, emulsions or suspensions, including saline and buffered medical parenteral vehicles including sodium chloride solution, Ringer's dextrose 5 solution, dextrose plus sodium chloride solution, Ringer's solution containing lactose, or fixed oils. Intravenous vehicles may include fluid and nutrient replenishers, electrolyte replenishers, such as those based upon Ringer's dextrose, and the like.

[0105] The pharmaceutical compositions described herein can be delivered in a controlled release system. In one embodiment polymeric materials including polylactic acid, polyorthoesters, cross-linked amphipathic block copolymers and hydrogels, polyhydroxy butyric acid and polydihydropyrans can be used (see also Smolen and Ball, *Controlled Drug Bioavailability, Drug product design and performance*, 1984, John Wiley & Sons; Ranade and Hollinger, *Drug Delivery Systems*, pharmacology and toxicology series, 2003, 2nd edition, CRRC Press), in another embodiment, a pump may be used (Saudek et al., 1989, *N. Engl. J. Med.* 321: 574).

[0106] The therapeutic agents of the present disclosure could be in the form of a lyophilized powder using appropriate excipient solutions (e.g., sucrose) as diluents.

[0107] Further, the nucleotide segments or proteins according to the present disclosure can be introduced into individuals in a number of ways. For example, osteoblasts 20 can be isolated from the afflicted individual, transformed with a nucleotide construct disclosed herein and reintroduced to the afflicted individual in a number of ways, including intravenous injection. Alternatively, the nucleotide construct can be administered directly to the afflicted individual, for example, by injection. The nucleotide construct can also be delivered through a vehicle such as a liposome, which can be designed to be targeted to a 25 specific cell type, and engineered to be administered through different routes.

[0108] The fusion proteins of the present disclosure could also be advantageously delivered through gene therapy. Useful gene therapy methods include those described in PCT publication no. WO 2006/060641, U.S. Patent no. US 7,179,903 and PCT publication no. WO 2001/036620 using, for example, an adenovirus vector for the therapeutic protein 30 and targeting hepatocytes as protein producing cells.

[0109] A "gene delivery vehicle" is defined as any molecule that can carry inserted polynucleotides into a host cell. Examples of gene delivery vehicles are liposomes, biocompatible polymers, including natural polymers and synthetic polymers; lipoproteins; polypeptides; polysaccharides; lipopolysaccharides; artificial viral envelopes; metal particles; and bacteria, or viruses, such as baculovirus, adenovirus and retrovirus, bacteriophage, cosmid, plasmid, fungal vectors and other recombination vehicles typically used in the art that have been described for expression in a variety of eukaryotic and prokaryotic hosts, and may be used for gene therapy as well as for simple protein expression. "Gene delivery," "gene transfer," and the like as used herein, are terms referring to the introduction of an exogenous polynucleotide (sometimes referred to as a "transgene") into a host cell, irrespective of the method used for the introduction. Such methods include a variety of techniques such as, for example, vector-mediated gene transfer (*e.g.*, viral infection/transfection, or various other protein-based or lipid-based gene delivery complexes) as well as techniques facilitating the delivery of "naked" polynucleotides (such as electroporation, "gene gun" delivery and various other techniques used for the introduction of polynucleotides).

[0110] The introduced polynucleotide may be stably or transiently maintained in the host cell. Stable maintenance typically requires that the introduced polynucleotide either contains an origin of replication compatible with the host cell or integrates into a replicon of the host cell such as an extrachromosomal replicon (*e.g.*, a plasmid) or a nuclear or mitochondrial chromosome. A number of vectors are capable of mediating transfer of genes to mammalian cells.

[0111] A "viral vector" is defined as a recombinantly produced virus or viral; particle that comprises a polynucleotide to be delivered into a host cell. Examples of viral vectors include retroviral vectors, adenovirus vectors, adeno-associated virus vectors (*e.g.*, see PCT publication no. WO 2006/002203), alphavirus vectors and the like.

[0112] In aspects where gene transfer is mediated by a DNA viral vector, such as an adenovirus (Ad) or adeno-associated virus (MV), a vector construct refers to the polynucleotide comprising the viral genome or part thereof, and a transgene. Ads are a relatively well characterized, homogenous group of viruses, including over 50 serotypes

(WO 95/27071). Ads are easy to grow and do not require integration into the host cell genome. Recombinant Ad derived vectors, particularly those that reduce the potential for recombination and generation of wild-type virus, have also been constructed (WO 95/00655 and WO 95/11984). Vectors that contain both a promoter and a cloning site into which a 5 polynucleotide can be operatively linked are known in the art. Such vectors are capable of transcribing RNA *in vitro* or *in vivo*. To optimize expression and/or *in vitro* transcription, it may be necessary to remove, add or alter 5' and/or 3' untranslated portions of the clones to eliminate extra, potential inappropriate alternative translation initiation codons or other sequences that may interfere with or reduce expression, either at the level of transcription or 10 translation.

15 [0113] The sALP or its fusion protein of the present disclosure may also be used in combination with at least one other active ingredient to correct a bone mineralization defect or another detrimental symptom of HPP, *e.g.*, seizures. It may also be used in combination with at least one with at least one other active ingredient to correct cementum defect.

[0114] Kits

20 [0115] The present disclosure also relates to a kit for identifying a population of subjects who exhibit reduced ALP activity and/or for treating the identified population. The kit, for example, can identify subjects who do not exhibit bone mineralization defects, and can include, for example, therapeutic agents and formulations for treating seizures (*e.g.*, B6-resistant seizures treated, for example, by a recombinant ALP, *e.g.*, a recombinant TNALP). The kit can further comprise instructions to administer the composition or vector to a subject to correct or prevent a disease, disorder or symptoms associated with reduced ALP activity, *e.g.*, HPP and HPP-associated symptoms.

25 [0116] Such kits may further comprise at least one other active agent able to prevent or correct a phenotype of the subject (such as other anti-seizure drugs).

[0117] In addition, a compartmentalized kit in accordance with the present disclosure includes any kit in which reagents are contained in separate containers. Such containers include small glass containers, plastic containers or strips of plastic or paper.

30 Such containers allow the efficient transfer of reagents from one compartment to another

compartment such that the samples and reagents are not cross-contaminated and the agents or solutions of each container can be added in a quantitative fashion from one compartment to another.

5 [0118] All references cited herein are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and for all purposes to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes. To the extent publications and patents or patent applications incorporated by reference contradict the disclosure contained in the specification, the specification is intended to supersede and/or take precedence over any such contradictory material.

10 [0119] All numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, reaction conditions, and so forth used in the specification and claims are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term “about.” Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical 15 parameters set forth in the specification and attached claims are approximations that may vary depending upon the desired properties sought to be obtained by the present disclosure. At the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should be construed in light of the number of significant digits and ordinary rounding approaches.

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EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1 Expression and Purification of Recombinant sTNALP-FcD10

25 [0120] In order to facilitate the expression and purification of recombinant TNALP, the hydrophobic C-terminal sequence that specifies GPI-anchor attachment in TNALP was eliminated to make it a soluble secreted enzyme (Di Mauro et al. 2002 *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research* 17:1383-1391). The coding sequence of the TNALP ectodomain was also extended with the Fc region of the human IgG1 (γ 1) (Swiss-Prot P01857). This allowed 30 rapid purification of the recombinant enzyme on Protein A chromatography and surprisingly, its increased expression. Furthermore, to target the recombinant TNALP to

bone tissue, a deca-aspartate (D10) sequence was attached to the C-terminal of the Fc region. This chimeric form of TNALP, designated sTNALP-FcD10, retains full enzymatic activity both when assayed at pH 9.8 using the artificial substrate p-nitrophenylphosphate and when assayed at pH 7.4 using inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), as the physiological substrate. As in the naturally occurring form of TNALP the N-terminal signal peptide is cleaved off during the co-translational translocation of the protein across the rough endoplasmic reticulum. Its design and structure is schematically illustrated in Figure 1. The amino acid sequence of the fusion protein (including the signal peptide) is shown in Figure 2. The amino acid sequence of the fusion protein as secreted (i.e. without the signal peptide) is shown in Figure 3. For a complete description of an expression process and characteristics of an exemplary sTNALP-FcD10 fusion protein, see, e.g., PCT Publication No. WO 2008/138131.

EXAMPLE 2 An “Unaffected” HPP Mice Subpopulation

15 [0121] *Akp2*^{-/-} mice generally exhibit physiological manifestations similar to human HPP patients. For example, such mice may 1) have much less (e.g., less than 1%) ALP plasma activity; 2) appear normal at birth but develop apparent skeletal disease at 6 or 11 days of age (depending on the phenotype); 3) have elevated plasma levels of at least one of PPi, PLP and PEA; 4) have progressive rachitic changes, osteopenia, and are prone to fractures; 5) have epileptic seizures and apnea; 6) have poor feeding and/or inadequate weight gain; and/or 7) die by day 21 of age. However, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice may have different degrees of phenotypic expression. For example, in Waymire 1995, none of the *Akp2*^{-/-} mice had mineralization defects. In addition, B6 supplement (in the form of pyridoxal, or PL, but not PN) also rescued the seizure phenotype and promoted survival in about 67% of the *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with a C57BL/6, 129/Sv (B6129) hybrid genetic background, although the rescued animals subsequently developed defective dentition. The remaining 33% responded poorly to PL injections or were nonresponsive. However, all *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with an inbred 129/Sv genetic background responded poorly to PL injections or were nonresponsive.

20 25 [0122] The present disclosure provides a group of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice (with the same hybrid genetic background as in Waymire 1995 but from different generations) with varied degrees

in mineralization phenotypes, but with similar shortened life span. Interestingly, recombinant TNALP rescued all the KO mice and restored GABA, serine and cystathionine to WT levels without B6 supplement.

[0123] Different subpopulations of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice had severe, moderate, slight or even unaffected phenotypes comparing to wild-type littermates. Figure 4 shows the different mineralization defects of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice. Figure 5 shows that in various mouse colonies with the same genotype there was a wide distribution of phenotype severity. About 30% of knockout mice in each colony exhibited “unaffected” phenotypes (e.g., no significant bone mineralization defects as shown in Figure 4, no significant body weight defects as shown in Figure 6, and no significant bone length defects as shown in Figure 8). Surprisingly, knockout mice with “unaffected” (mineralization) phenotypes still had a significantly reduced life span comparable to other knockout mice with more severe phenotypes (Figure 9; showing almost all knockout mice (severe and unaffected mice) died around Day 25 after birth).

[0124] Both the impact of prophylactic treatment with and withdrawal of recombinant TNALP on vitamin B6 transmembrane transport in the brains of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice were analyzed. In the prophylaxis study, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with a C57BL/6, 129/Sv (B6129) hybrid background from the HPP-M2h_F4 breeding colony were injected subcutaneously with either 8.2 mg/kg (a.k.a., 8.2 mpk) recombinant TNALP or vehicle once daily for 9 days beginning at birth. Wild-type mice on the same background were not treated and served as reference controls. In the withdrawal study, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice on the same hybrid background and F4 generation were treated daily from birth with a similar dose of recombinant TNALP for 35 days followed by 12 days with either vehicle (withdrawal) or continued recombinant TNALP treatment. Controls included both wild type mice without treatment and mice treated with recombinant TNALP for the first 35 days and then switched to vehicle for an additional 12 days. All mice had free access to a certified commercial laboratory rodent diet (Charles River Rodent Diet 5075-US) that was not supplemented with pyridoxine. At necropsy, brains were collected, frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C.

[0125] With continuous daily treatment of sTNALP-FcD10, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice (including those having the “unaffected” phenotype) had a much longer life span compared to untreated

mice. As shown in Figures 10-12, right panels, such “unaffected” knockout mice survived at least to Day 48 (when all mice were terminated).

[0126] This discovery of an “unaffected” *Akp2*^{-/-} mice subpopulation is consistent with previous reports of a HPP patient subpopulation with Vitamin B6-resistant seizures but without bone deformities (e.g., see de Roo et al., 2014 *Molecular Genetics and Metabolism* 111:404-407 and Baumgartner-Sigl et al., 2007 *Bone* 40:1655-1661). Clearly, there is a risk for such subpopulation of HPP patients to miss out on timely and effective diagnosis if medical practitioners limit their HPP diagnosis methods to the traditional detection of bone deformities or mineralization defects. Patients with normal bone mineralization should not be overlooked for the possibility of having other HPP-related symptoms. If a patient has seizures and/or aberrant ALP protein levels/function (e.g., with an increased levels of ALP substrates, such as PPi, PLP, and PEA), determination should be made to verify such patient belongs to an “unaffected” subpopulation and whether treatment with ALP supplement is indicated. Generally, if a patient has seizures, especially vitamin B6-resistant seizures, extra effects should be taken to test if the patient has a defective ALP function or increased levels of ALP substrates, such to determine if an ALP supplement treatment is indicated.

EXAMPLE 3 *Akp2*^{-/-} Mice Have Reduced Brain Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid (GABA)

20 Correctable by Daily Treatment of Recombinant sTNALP-FcD10

[0127] Alkaline phosphatases, such as TNALP, PLALP, GALP and IALP, are physiologically active toward their substrates phosphoethanolamine (PEA), inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi) and pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP). Reduced alkaline phosphatase activity, such as in a TNALP knockout or mutant subject, results in accumulation of extracellular PLP and PPi. The accumulation of systemic PLP leads to a concomitant decrease in intracellular PLP, since PLP, in its phosphorylated state, cannot cross the plasma membrane to enter cells. PLP is the catalytically active form of vitamin B6 and acts as a cofactor for more than 140 different enzyme reactions involved in amine and amino acid metabolism (Percudani, R. & Peracchi, A., *EMBO Rep.*, 4:850 4, 2003). For example, low intracellular PLP may lead to reduced CNS GABA, which may further lead to seizures. In

addition, a high concentration of PPi may result in rickets (osteomalacia), craniosynostosis, respiratory compromise, nephrocalcinosis, or muscle weakness. In severe cases these complications may result in death. Abnormal amine and amino acid metabolism, due to decreased alkaline phosphatase activity, contributes to the pathogenesis and phenotype

5 characteristic of HPP.

[0128] To measure brain amino acid concentrations, whole mouse brains from -80°C storage were homogenized in 2.5 µL of phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4, plus protease inhibitor cocktail, Roche Diagnostics Cat # 05892970001) per milligram tissue. Tissue suspensions were sonicated for 15 seconds and clarified by three successive centrifugations at 21,000 x g for 15 min at 4°C to remove debris. Supernatant extracts were frozen at -80°C until assay. Total protein was measured using the Coomassie Plus Bradford microplate assay (Thermo Scientific Cat # PI23236).

[0129] Amino acid concentrations were quantified by Biochrom 30+ (Biochrom Ltd., UK) amino acid analysis according to a lithium high performance program using L-

15 norleucine (NORL) (Sigma Cat# N8513) as the internal standard (ISTD). Brain extracts were deproteinized by a 1:4 dilution into a master mix containing NORL-ISTD and 5-sulfosalicylic acid dihydrate (SSA) (Sigma Cat# S7422) at final concentrations of 250 µmol/L and 2.5%, respectively. Protein precipitates were removed by two successive centrifugations at 10,000 x g, 4°C. A standard mix was prepared by adding acid, neutral, 20 and basic amino acid standards (Sigma Cat# A6407 and A6282) as well as NORL-ISTD to the final volume of 250 µmol/L (with SSA at 2.5%). 40 µL of standard mix and deproteinized samples were injected into the analyzer and amino acids were separated as outlined in the "Accelerated Analysis of Amino Acids in Physiological Samples," Biochrom Application Note: 90 (according to Biochrom Ltd. (Cambridge, UK) manufacturer's 25 instructions). Amino acid concentrations (µmol/L) were determined using EZChrom software. Final concentrations were expressed as µmol amino acid/gram wet weight brain.

[0130] As shown in the left panel of Figure 10, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice exhibited a decreased GABA concentration relative to wild-type mice, which was corrected by a continuous daily treatment of sTNALP-FcD10. The right panel of Figure 10 shows that GABA restoration by 30 such continuous treatment lasted at least to Day 48, significantly beyond the Day 25 life

span for knockout mice. However, discontinuation of sTNALP-FcD10 treatment after Day 35 reduced GABA concentration again in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice.

[0131] To further investigate the function of sTNALP-FcD10 (SEQ ID NO: 1), brain cystathionine and serine (both of which are known to be regulated by PLP for their production) concentrations were measured and compared between *Akp2*^{-/-} mice and wild-type mice. As shown in Figures 11 and 12, respectively, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice had significantly reduced brain serine level, but significantly elevated brain cystathionine level, compared to those of wild-type mice. Continuous treatment with sTNALP-FcD10, however, elevated serine levels and reduced cystathionine levels in those knockout mice to a level comparable to wild-type mice. Similarly, discontinuation of sTNALP-FcD10 treatment after Day 35 reversed the correction by sTNALP-FcD10 (see right panels of Figures 11 and 12).

[0132] Daily sTNALP-FcD10 treatment improved *in vivo* alkaline phosphatase function and increased brain GABA concentration. Such treatment re-balanced the abnormal amine and amino acid metabolism in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice and indicated the efficacy of such a treatment for seizure and seizure-related phenotypes.

[0133] Interestingly, the bone-target signal D10 in the tested construct did not prevent its functions to improve knockout mice survival and ameliorate seizure-related physiological parameters, such as restoring GABA and serine levels and decreasing cystathionine levels in brain.

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EXAMPLE 4 Clinical Trial Improvement

[0134] Clinical trials tested whether hsTNALP-FcD10 (asfotase alfa, SEQ ID NO: 1) treatment improved seizure in HPP patients. All patients with history of vitamin B6-responsive seizures were very severely affected by HPP, and two of them died after the start of treatment with hsTNALP-FcD10. One of the patients had seizures at birth and died after several years on hsTNALP-FcD10 treatment. Vitamin B6 was supplied to the patient but was insufficient to prevent seizures. Clonazepam was then administered but the patient died after experiencing seizures along with brain edema, fever, differential ion imbalance, and potential cardiomyopathy.

[0135] Six patients with history of B6-responsive seizures who were on a B6 prophylaxis regimen prior to the start of the treatment with hsTNALP-FcD10 did not experience seizures during hsTNALP-FcD10 treatment. One additional patient, who likely had a history of B6-responsive seizures and who discontinued prophylaxis with B6 5 immediately upon initiation of hsTNALP-FcD10 treatment, experienced seizures that were resolved when B6 co-therapy prophylaxis was resumed. Another patient with history of B6-responsive seizures, who maintained B6 prophylaxis in conjunction with the treatment with hsTNALP-FcD10, discontinued B6 prophylaxis after one year of co-treatment and maintained hsTNALP-FcD10 treatment only. This patient had no seizure experience after 10 the discontinuation of B6 prophylaxis.

[0136] The preliminary clinical data showed that hsTNALP-FcD10 treated seizures in HPP patients. Clinical data did show that monotherapy with hsTNALP-FcD10 was effective and vitamin B6 supplement was not necessary, at least after co-administration of the two molecules for a certain length of time (e.g., one year in one patient). The therapeutic 15 effect of hsTNALP-FcD10 post-B6-discontinuation is recognized, since B6-responsive seizures usually cannot be completely prevented by B6 supplement (e.g., only a portion of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice may be rescued by vitamin B6 supplement). However, if there was no co-administration (of B6 and hsTNALP-FcD10) step (e.g., no co-administration in one patient) or, probably, if the co-administration period did not last long enough, the hsTNALP-FcD10 20 treatment alone was not sufficient to continuously prevent reappearance of B6-responsive seizures.

[0137] HPP patients were evaluated in a retrospective natural history study and two Phase II clinical trials with asfotase alfa treatment. The clinical data for similar patients (e.g., severely affected infants and young children with perinatal or infantile HPP) from 25 different trials (matched for their history of rachitic chest, respiratory compromise, and/or vitamin B6-responsive seizures), with or without asfotase alfa treatment, were collected and compared. Forty-eight (48) patients were identified from the natural history study and 37 patients were identified from the asfotase alfa treatment studies, with the demographics as shown below in Table 1.

Table 1 Demographics for patients from clinical studies

| | Historical Controls (N = 48) | Treated (N = 37) |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Age Enrolled Mean ± SD Median (min, max) | NA | 23 ± 24 months 9 (0, 71) |
| Age at onset of HPP Mean ± SD Median (min, max) | n = 47 1 ± 2 months 0 (0, 6) | n = 26* 1 ± 2 months 1 (0, 6) |
| Gender, % (n) Male Female | 54% (26) 46% (22) | 43% (16) 57% (21) |
| Race, % (n) White Asian Other | 83% (40) 4% (2) 13% (6) | 78% (29) 16% (6) 5% (2) |
| Duration of treatment Median (min, max) | NA | 2 (0, 5) years |

NA: not applicable. *: Not collected in one trial

[0138] The signs/symptoms for severe HPP of these patients at beginning of the studies (i.e., prior to the asfotase alfa treatment for the patients from the Phase II studies) were recorded and summarized (Table 2). Patients from the natural history studies and from the Phase II treatment studies (“treated” in Table 2, for consistency with Table 1) were chosen with similar percentages of signs/symptoms of severe HPP. Ten of 48 patients in the natural history studies and 13 of 37 patients in the Phase II treatment studies had vitamin B6-responsive seizures.

Table 2. Summary of study population having signs of severe HPP

| Signs of Severe HPP | Historical Controls (N = 48) | “Treated” (N = 37) | P-Value |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Rachitic chest | 83% (40) | 81% (30) | 0.78 |
| Respiratory compromise | 83% (40) | 73% (27) | 0.29 |

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|---|----------|----------|------|
| Vitamin B ₆ -responsive seizures | 21% (10) | 35% (13) | 0.22 |
| All of the above | 17% (8) | 22% (8) | 0.59 |

[0139] The survival rate of the selected patients from the natural history studies and from the Phase II asfotase alfa treatment was compared and summarized in Table 3. Most patients (about 58%) in the natural history studies failed to survive to one year, while their survival rates continued to decrease and reached the bottom line of about 27% between the age of one year to three-and-a-half years. However, most patients (about 89%) treated with asfotase alfa survived even beyond five years of age.

Table 3. Survival rate of patients selected from different studies at different ages

| Patient Age (Yrs) | Survival Rate | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Historical Controls | Treated |
| 1 | 42% | 95% |
| 3.5 | 27% | 89% |
| 5 | 27% | 89% |

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[0140] The surviving patients from different studies were analyzed for signs of severe HPP after reaching one year old. As shown in Table 4, out of the 48 patients from the natural history study group, 33% of patients having rachitic chest (13 of 40) survived, while 18% of patients suffering from respiratory compromise (7 of 40) survived. However, not a single patient (0 of 10) with Vitamin B6-responsive seizures survived. In contrast, in the Phase II treatment groups, 90% patients (27 of 30) having rachitic chest survived and 89% patients (24 of 27) having respiratory compromise survived. Specifically, 85% patients (11 of 13) having vitamin B6-responsive seizures survived. Thus, asfotase alfa treatment dramatically promoted the survival rate of patients with vitamin B6-responsive seizures,

while vitamin B6 alone (for those patients in the natural history study group) rarely improved survival by inhibiting seizures.

Table 4. Summary of study population having signs of severe HPP after treatment

| Signs of Severe HPP | Historical Controls (N = 48) | Treated (N = 37) |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| Rachitic chest | 33% (13/40) | 90% (27/30) |
| Respiratory compromise | 18% (7/40) | 89% (24/27) |
| Vitamin B ₆ -responsive seizures | 0% (0/10) | 85% (11/13) |
| All of the above | 0% (0/8) | 88% (7/8) |

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[0141] While patient survival was taken as the primary parameter for analysis, invasive ventilation-free survival was set as the secondary analytical parameter. Similarly, in Table 5, only 31% patients in the natural history studies survived without invasive ventilation at age of one year, while their invasive ventilation-free survival rates continued to decrease and reach the bottom line of about 25% between the age of one year to three-and-a-half years. However, most patients (about 83%) treated with asfotase alfa survived even beyond five years.

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Table 5. Invasive ventilation-free survival rate of patients by age

| Patient Age (Yrs) | Invasive Ventilation-Free Survival Rate | |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| | Historical Controls | Treated |
| 1 | 31% | 96% |
| 3.5 | 25% | 83% |
| 5 | 25% | 83% |

[0142] Asfotase alfa treatment for infants severely affected by HPP significant improved their skeletal mineralization, which occurred on average as early as 3 months,

continued, and was generally sustained over 3 years. Patients showed improved gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and cognitive skills.

[0143] In conclusion, compared to historical controls, asfotase alfa treatment helped severely affected patients with perinatal and infantile HPP (which were at high risk of death) to improve both the overall survival rate (89% vs. 27%, P<0.0001) and the invasive ventilation-free survival rate.

EXAMPLE 5 Treating Seizure in Mice and Humans

[0144] *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects and wild-type littermates are treated with a soluble recombinant ALP construct (e.g., sTNALP, sTNALP-Fc, sTNALP-FcD10 or other recombinant isozyme constructs). Seizures before and after the treatment are recorded by video camera or other physiological methods. Concentrations of brain GABA, serine, and cystathionine (may also come from serum or urine sources) are tested and compared with known methodology. The therapeutic effect of recombinant ALP is shown by the discovered reduced seizures and/or restored GABA/serine concentration after treatment in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice. Different dosage regimens are tested and compared. Vitamin B6 alone or combination therapy is also tested for any potential synergistic effect.

[0145] Similarly, HPP patients with minor, unaffected, or undetectable mineralization defects and healthy volunteers are treated with a soluble recombinant ALP construct disclosed in the present disclosure. Seizures before and after the treatment are reported and compared. Physiological parameters, such as plasma and/or urine cystathionine (or brain concentrations of GABA, serine and/or cystathionine), are measured and recorded. The therapeutic effect of recombinant ALP is shown by the discovered reduced seizures and/or restored plasma/urine cystathionine concentration after treatment. Vitamin B6 alone or combination therapy is also tested for any potential synergistic effect. Different time lengths for co-therapy are tested to optimize the co-therapy process followed by ALP supplement therapy alone.

[0146] A new subpopulation of patients not previously diagnosed as affected by HPP is also identified by genetic screening or other known methodologies to have defective

alkaline phosphatase protein levels and/or function. One characteristic symptom such patient subpopulation has is seizures, either vitamin B6-responseve or not. Patients in such subpopulation are then treated with recombinant ALP constructs disclosed herein, with or without B6 supplement. If B6 supplement is co-administered, it will be discontinued after a 5 certain time (determined by the physician or drug administrator according to the individual situation of each patient) followed by ALP single therapy.

EXAMPLE 6 Maximization of Seizure Treatment by Monitoring Biomarkers in Patients

10 [0147] A specific subpopulation of patients having seizures is identified by their characteristic above-normal levels of alkaline phosphatase substrates (e.g., PPi, PEA, and PLP). Such abundant DNA, RNA, and/or protein levels of those substrates are detected by regular methodologies known in the art, including, e.g., quantitative PCR, Southern Blot, Northern Blot, PAGE, SDS-PAGE, Western Blot, etc. After identifying this specific patient 15 subpopulation, recombinant ALP constructs disclosed herein will be administered to relieve seizure symptoms. Optionally, one or more other anti-seizure drugs, such as vitamin B6 20 vitamers, may be co-administered for at least a period of time. For such single or combinational therapy with ALP replacement, patients are closely monitored for their endogenous biomarkers prior to, during, and post-treatment. For example, when vitamin B6 is co-administered, physicians or other drug administers will monitor the levels of biomarkers in the recipient patients to determine, preferably based on the individual 25 situation of each patient, the time point to co-administer vitamin B6, the dosage regimen for B6 and/or recombinant ALP, the length of period for co-administration, and the time point to discontinue vitamin B6 co-administration, etc.

25 [0148] Biomarkers suitable for monitoring herein include, at least, alkaline phosphatase substrates (PPi, PEA, and/or PLP), or other biomarkers affected by these alkaline phosphatase substrates (e.g., GABA, cystathionine, serine, dopamine, serotonin, histamine, D-serine and hydrogen sulfide, etc.). Such biomarkers may be tested using patient serum or urine or by other standard testing methodology known in the art.

EXAMPLE 7 Failure of Vitamin B6 to Treat Seizure in *Akp2*^{-/-} Mice

[0149] Vitamin B6 treatment is a standard seizure treatment. However, many HPP patients and *Akp2*^{-/-} mice have B6-resistant seizure, which is not correctable by vitamin B6 administration and can lead to death. A further study was carried out to confirm the lack of effect of vitamin B6 on *Akp2*^{-/-} mice. In the study, *Akp2*^{-/-} mice were treated with 325 ppm dietary vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) supplement. However, seizures were still observed in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with either normal bone mineralization or with severe mineralization defects. None of the knockout mice with either mineralization phenotype survived past 25 days (Figure 13).

[0150] To confirm that the biomarker profiles cannot be corrected by pyridoxine supplement in *Akp2*^{-/-} mice, brain amino acid concentrations were measured using the same method as disclosed in Example 3, except that S-(2-Aminoethyl)-L-cysteine (AEC) (Sigma Cat# A2636) (instead of L-norleucine (NORL)), was used as the internal standard (ISTD), and finally 15 μ L, rather than 40 μ L, of standard mix and deproteinized samples were analyzed. As shown in Figure 14, 17-19 day old wild type mice receiving dietary pyridoxine supplement had comparatively high GABA concentration and low Cystathionine concentration in brain, while *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with severe mineralization defects (i.e., the typical Vitamin B6-resistant HPP group, having biomarker profiles in the shaded area) had comparatively low GABA concentration and high Cystathionine concentration in brain (shown in the shaded area), despite 325 ppm dietary pyridoxine supplement. For *Akp2*^{-/-} mice with normal bone mineralization, some had GABA and Cystathionine concentrations correctable by pyridoxine supplement, while there was also a subgroup having those biomarkers not correctable by pyridoxine supplement (shown in the shaded area).

[0151] In conclusion, a subgroup of *Akp2*^{-/-} mice was confirmed to have normal bone mineralization but lethal, vitamin B6-resistant, seizures. Correspondingly, a similar subpopulation of patients also exists (whether diagnosed as HPP patients or not) with ALP defects and seizures but normal bone mineralization. A new diagnosis protocol (based on ALP functions, such as PLP/PPi/PEA levels or biomarkers as disclosed herein) is thus suggested to identify such subpopulation of patients in order to effectively treat their symptoms in a timely manner. In addition, ALP (such as asfotase alfa) supplementation

(either alone or in combination with vitamin B6), rather than vitamin B6 alone, should be administered for a better therapy for this subpopulation of patients.

[0152] Many modifications and variations disclosed herein can be made without departing from its spirit and scope, as will be apparent to those skilled in the art. The specific embodiments described herein are offered by way of example only and are not meant to be limiting in any way. It is intended that the specification and examples be considered as exemplary only, with the true scope and spirit of the invention being indicated by the following claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating seizure in a subject having aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject.
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2. A method of treating seizure in a subject having above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject.
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3. A method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:
 - (i) identifying a population of subjects with aberrant alkaline phosphatase activities who suffer, or are at risk to suffer, from seizure; and
 - (ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the population.
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4. A method of treating seizure in a subject comprising:
 - (i) identifying a population of subjects with above-normal levels of at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate who suffer, or are at risk to suffer, from seizure; and
 - (ii) administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to a subject in the population.
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5. The method of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the subject has been diagnosed with hypophosphatasia (HPP) and wherein the subject has minor or non-detectable bone mineralization defects.
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6. The method of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the subject has not been diagnosed

with HPP.

7. The method of claim 1 or 3, wherein the alkaline phosphatase activity is measured by the alkaline phosphatase enzymatic activity towards at least one of pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), and phosphoethanolamine (PEA).

8. The method of claim 2 or 4, wherein the at least one alkaline phosphatase substrate is selected from the group consisting of PLP, PPi, and PEA.

10 9. The method of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the subject has increased serum pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP).

10. The method of any one of claims 1-9, wherein the subject has reduced intracellular pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP).

15 11. The method of any one of claims 1-10, wherein the subject has at least one of reduced brain Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid (GABA) and reduced brain serine.

20 12. The method of any one of claims 1-11, wherein the subject has at least one of increased brain and urinary cystathionine.

13. The method of any one of claims 1-12, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered to the subject daily for at least one week, one month, three months, six months, or one year.

25 14. The method of any one of claims 1-13, wherein administration of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase elevates brain GABA.

15. The method of any one of claims 1-14, wherein a therapeutically effective amount of

the at least one additional therapeutic agent is administered in conjunction to the subject.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one additional therapeutic agent is an anti-seizure drug.

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17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

maintaining co-administration of the at least one additional therapeutic agent with the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase for a pre-determined time; and

10 withdrawing administration of the at least one additional therapeutic agent while maintaining administration of the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase to the subject.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one additional anti-seizure drug and the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase are co-administered to the subject for at least 15 one month, at least six months, or at least one year.

19. The method of any one of claims 15-18, wherein the at least one additional therapeutic agent is at least one of vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) and a vitamin B6 vitamer.

20. The method of any one of claims 1-19, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises at least one of a tissue nonspecific alkaline phosphatase (TNALP), a placental alkaline phosphatase (PALP), a germ cell alkaline phosphatase (GCALP), an intestinal alkaline phosphatase (IALP), or biologically functional fragments, fusions, or chimeric constructs thereof.

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21. The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is a soluble fragment of TNALP, PALP, GCALP, or IALP.

22. The method of any one of claims 1-21, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

23. The method of any one of claims 1-22, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is a fusion protein.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is fused to an immunoglobulin molecule.

10 25. The method of claim 24, wherein the immunoglobulin molecule is a fragment crystallizable region (Fc).

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the Fc comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

15 27. The method of any one of claims 1-26, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is fused to a negatively charged peptide.

20 28. The method of claim 27, wherein the negatively charged peptide is at least one of D10, D16, E10, and E16.

29. The method of any one of claims 1-28, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises a structure of sALP-Fc-D10.

25 30. The method of claim 29, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

31. The method of any one of the previous claims, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

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33. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

10 34. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 8 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

15 35. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.5 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

20 36. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 0.5 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

37. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 1 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

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38. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

30 39. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase

is administered in a dosage from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 8 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

40. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered in a dosage from about 1 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day, or a comparable weekly dosage.

5 41. The method of any one of the previous claims, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered by at least one of intravenous, intramuscular, 10 subcutaneous, sublingual, intrathecal, and intradermal route.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered intravenously.

15 43. The method of claim 42, wherein the at least one recombinant alkaline phosphatase is administered intravenously and then subcutaneously.

44. The method of any one of the previous claims, wherein the subject is a human.

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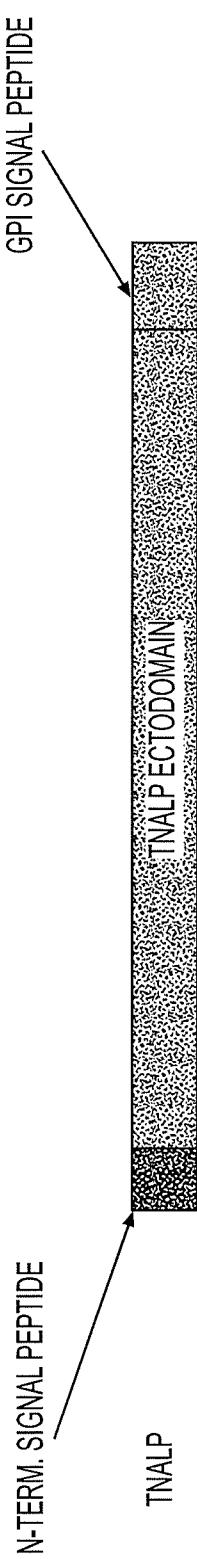


FIG. 1A



FIG. 1B



FIG. 1C

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FIG. 2

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FIG. 3

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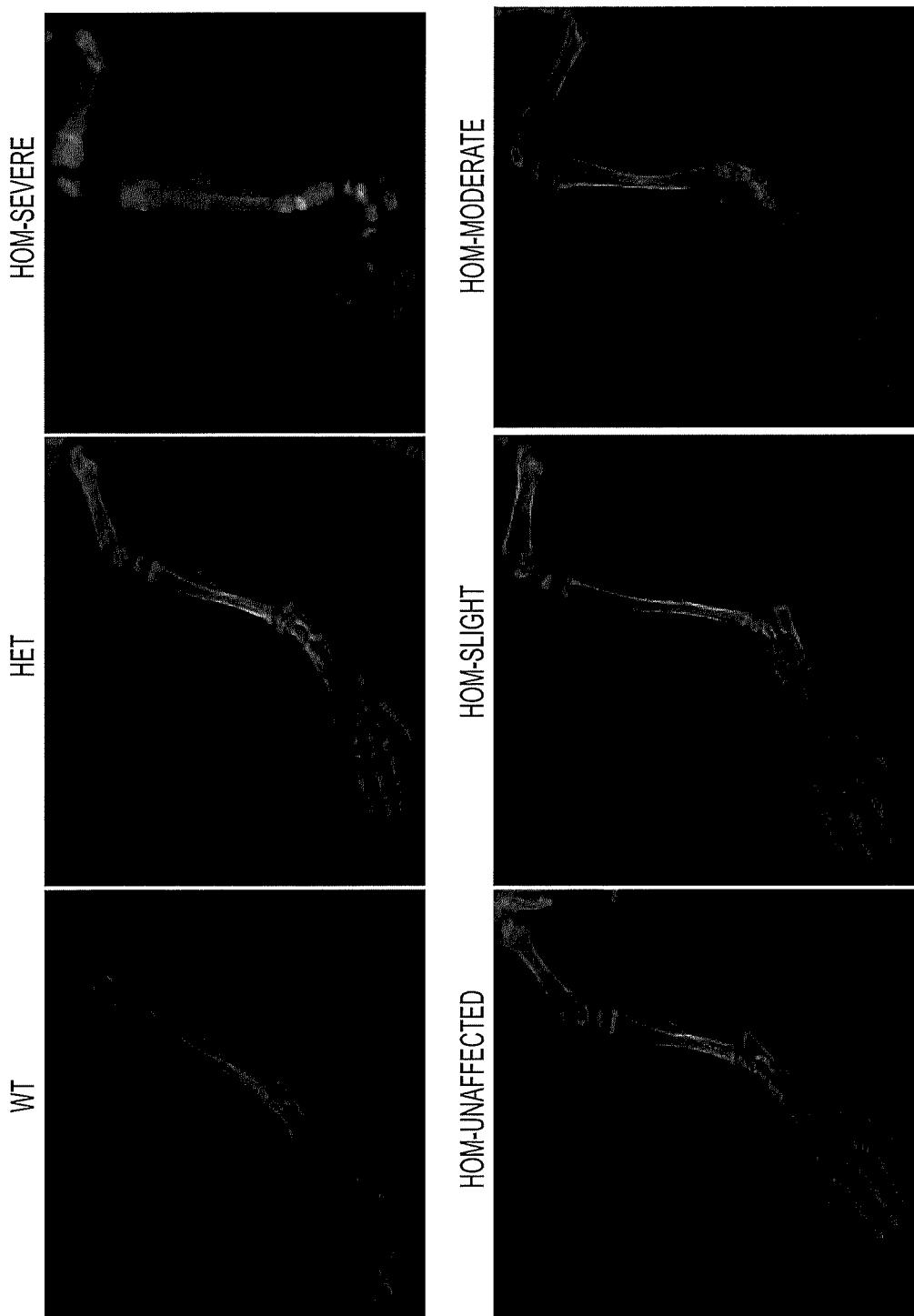


FIG. 4

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| STUDY # | N= | SEVERE | MODERATE | SLIGHT | UNAFFECTED |
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| HPP-M2h-F4 (COLONY 1) | 38 | 14 (36.84%) | 4 (10.53%) | 11 (28.95%) | 9 (23.68%) |
| HPP-M2h-F10 (COLONY 1) | 42 | 20 (47.63%) | 4 (9.52%) | 4 (9.52%) | 14 (33.33%) |
| HPP-M2h-F4 (COLONY 2) | 48 | 6 (13%) | 18 (37%) | 16 (33%) | 8 (17%) |
| HPP-M2h-F4 (COLONY 3) | 91 | 26 (28.5%) | 11 (12%) | 28 (31%) | 26 (28.5%) |
| HPP-M2h-F4 (COLONY 4) | 49 | 9 (18.37%) | 9 (18.37%) | 18 (36.73%) | 13 (26.53%) |
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FIG. 5

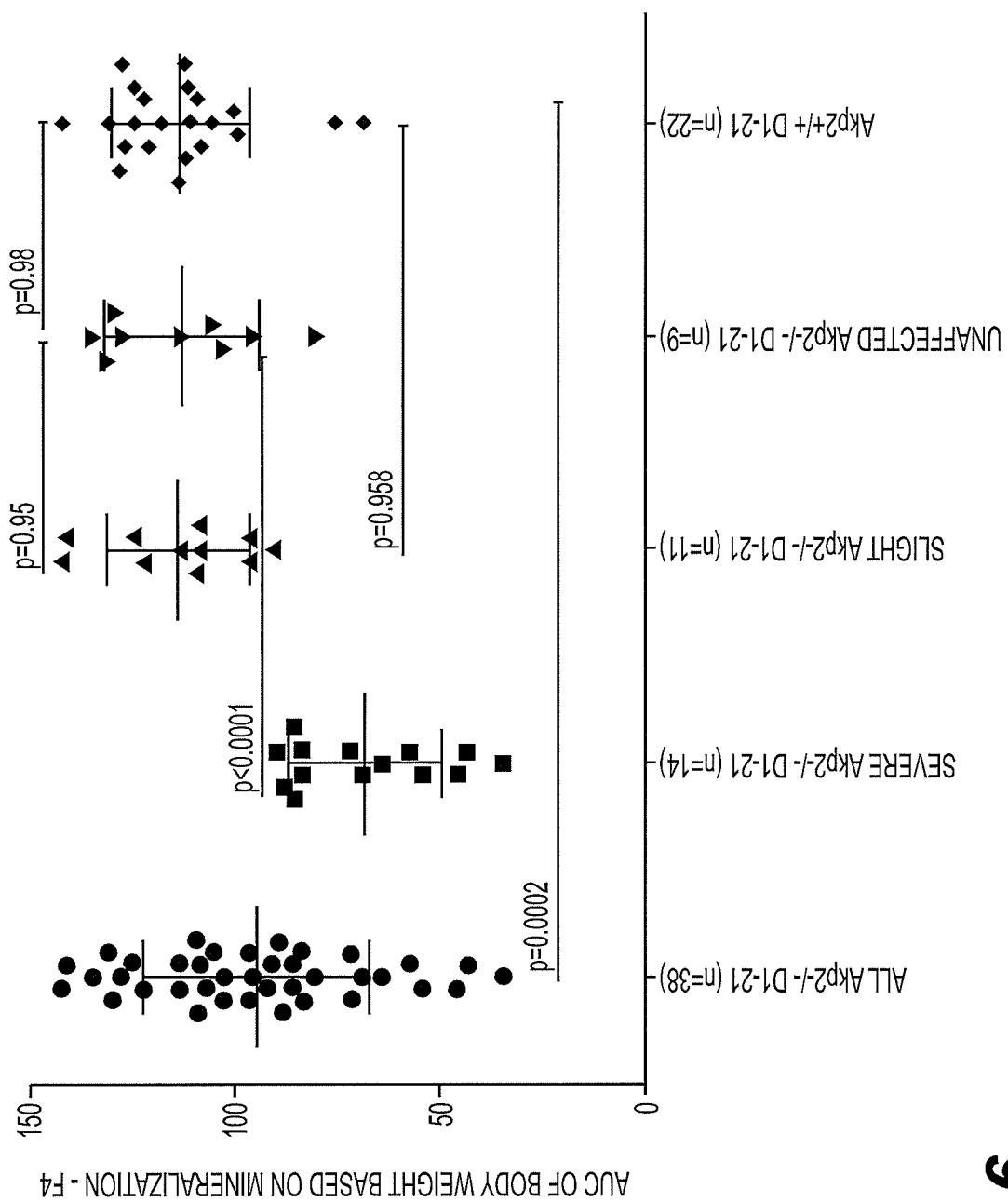


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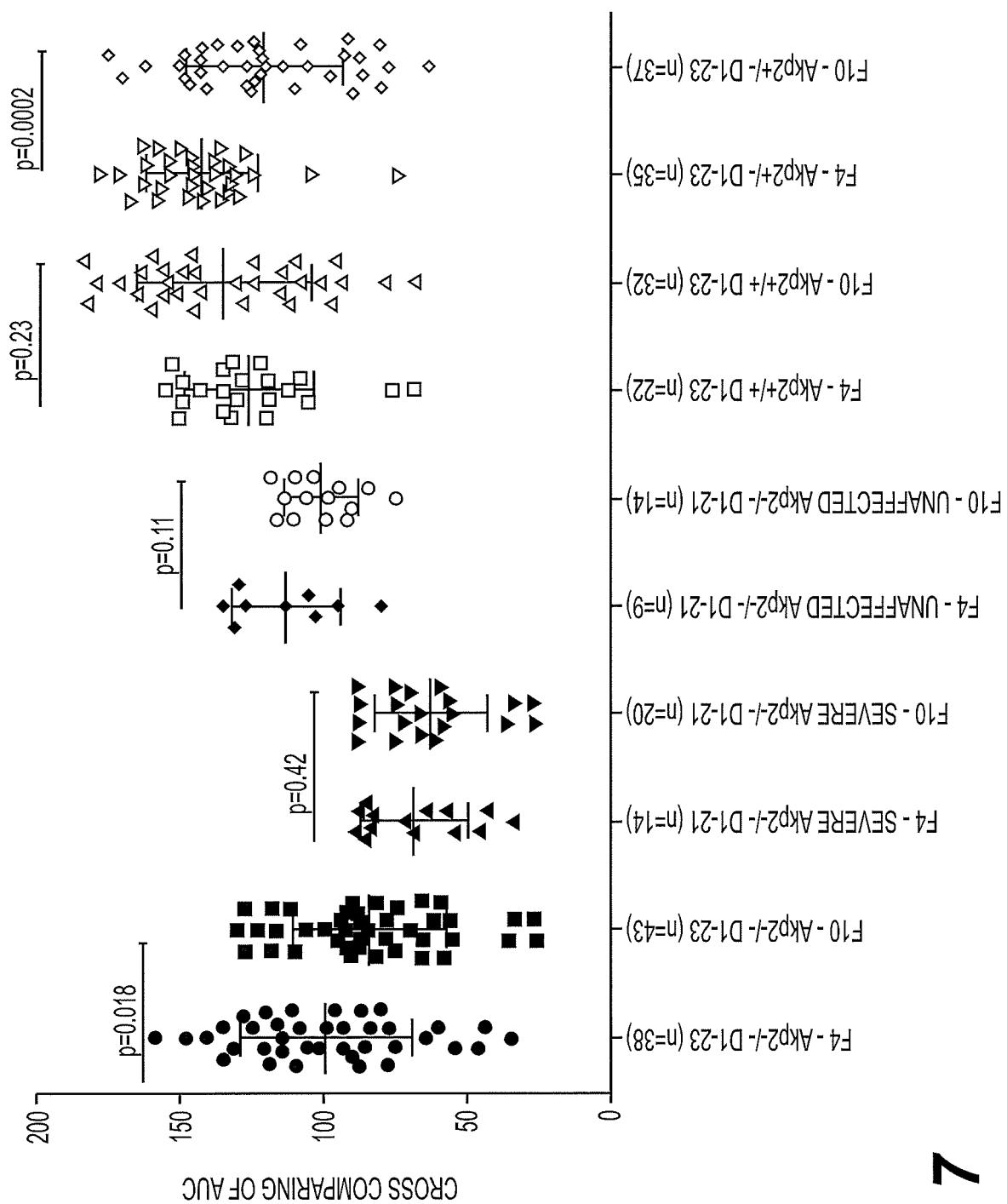


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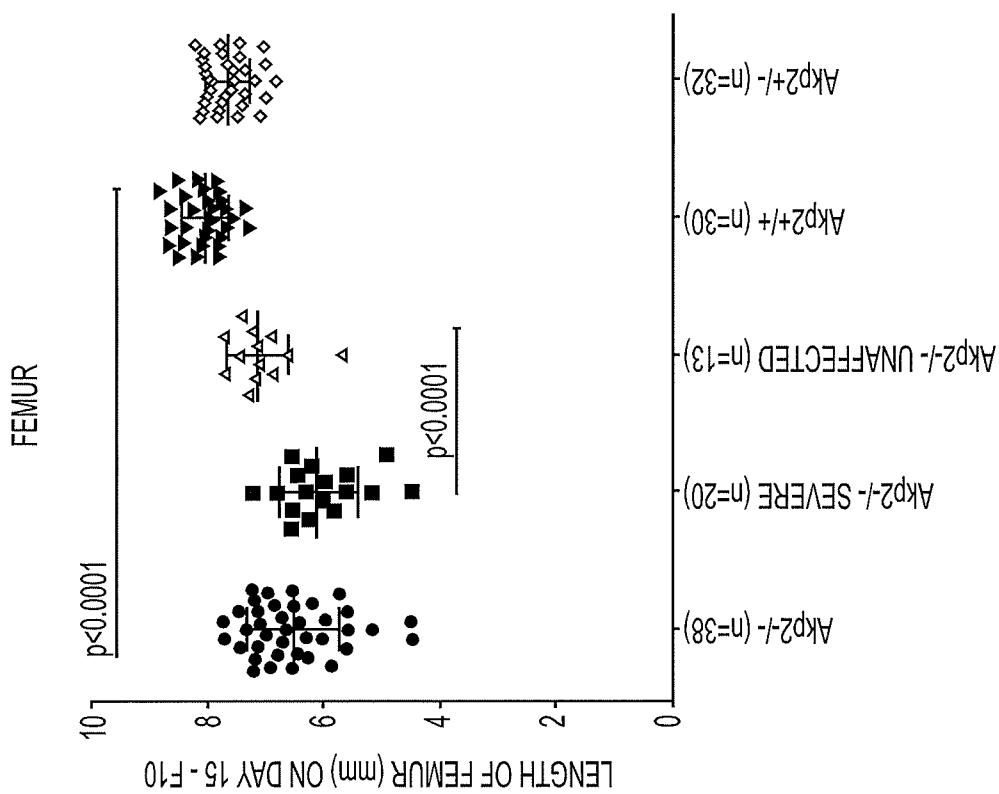
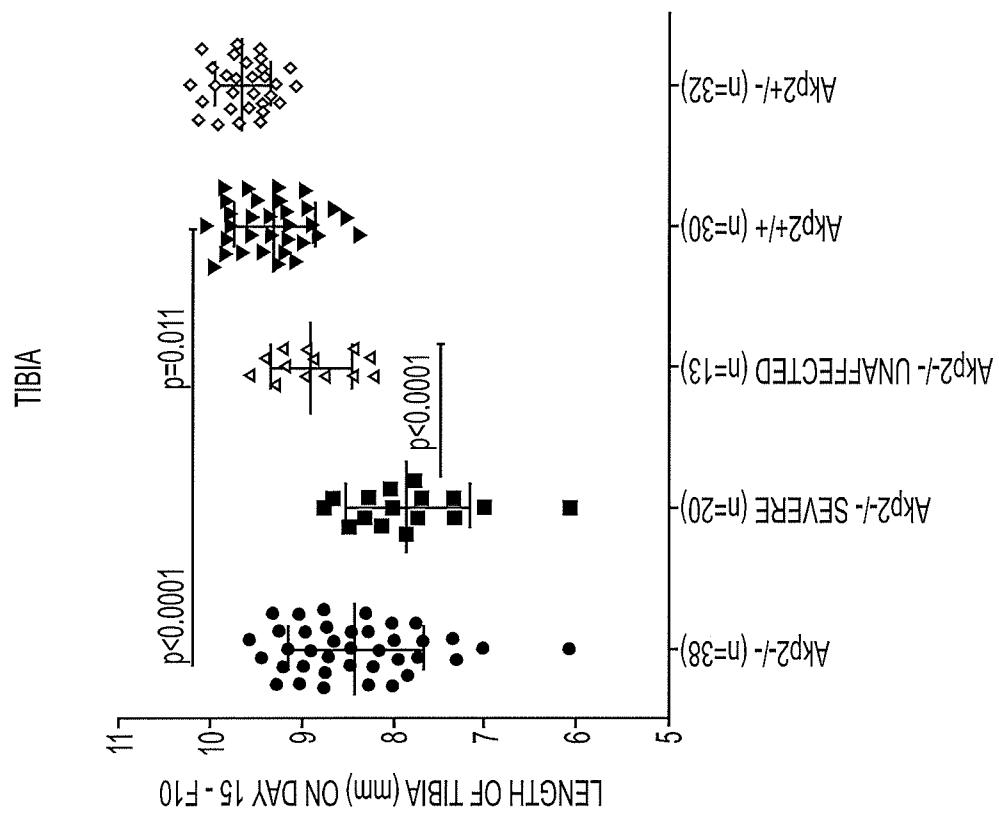


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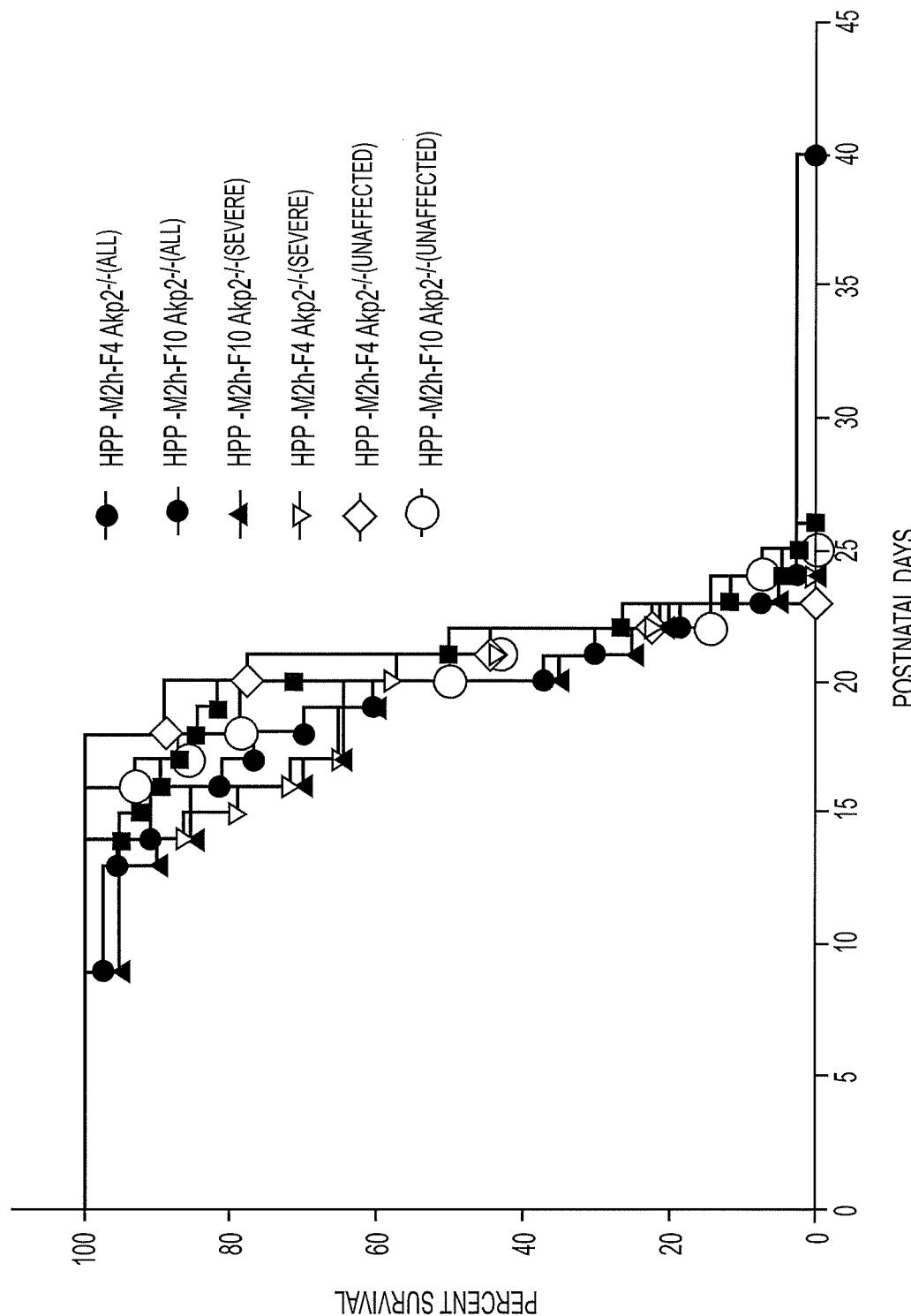
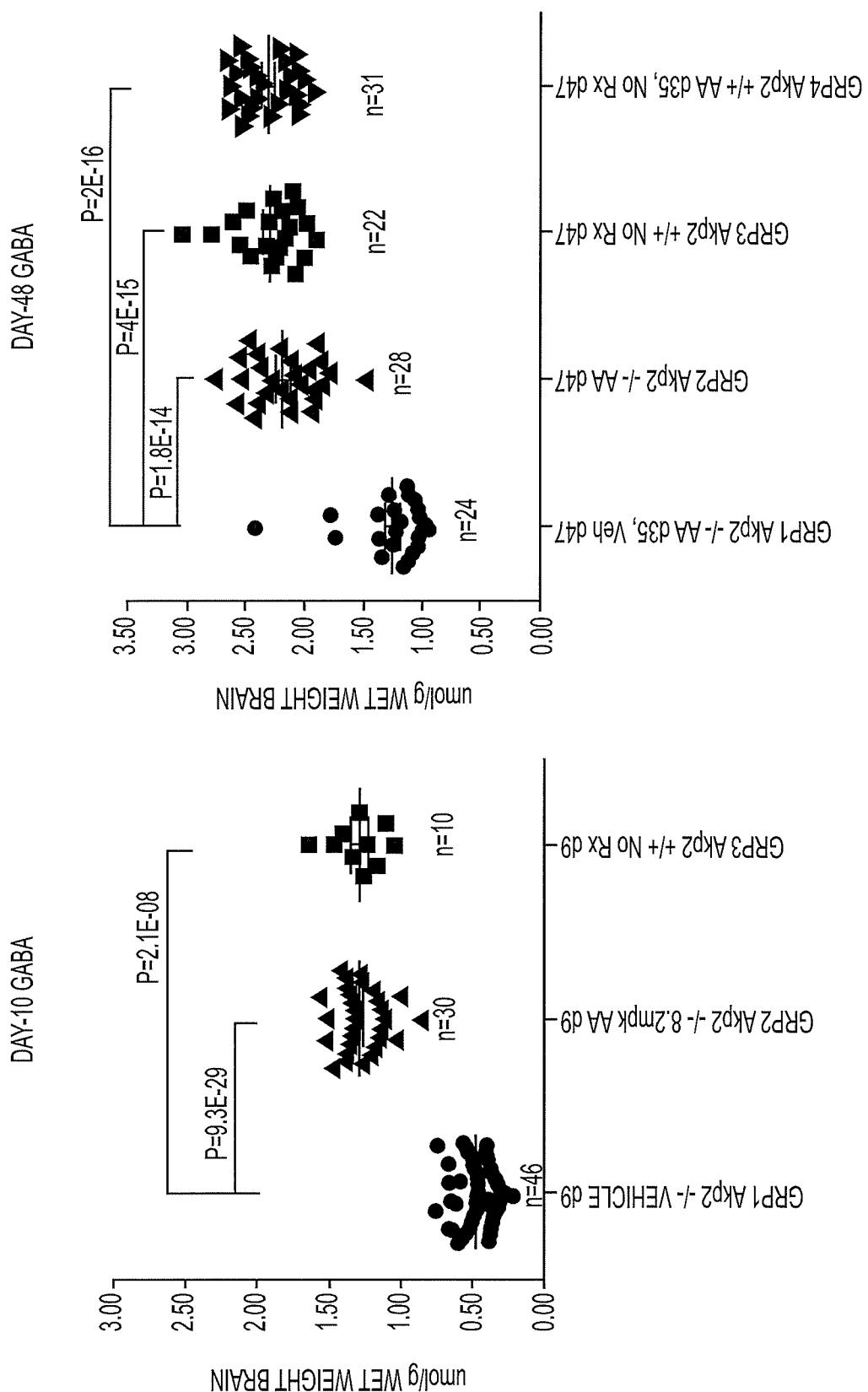
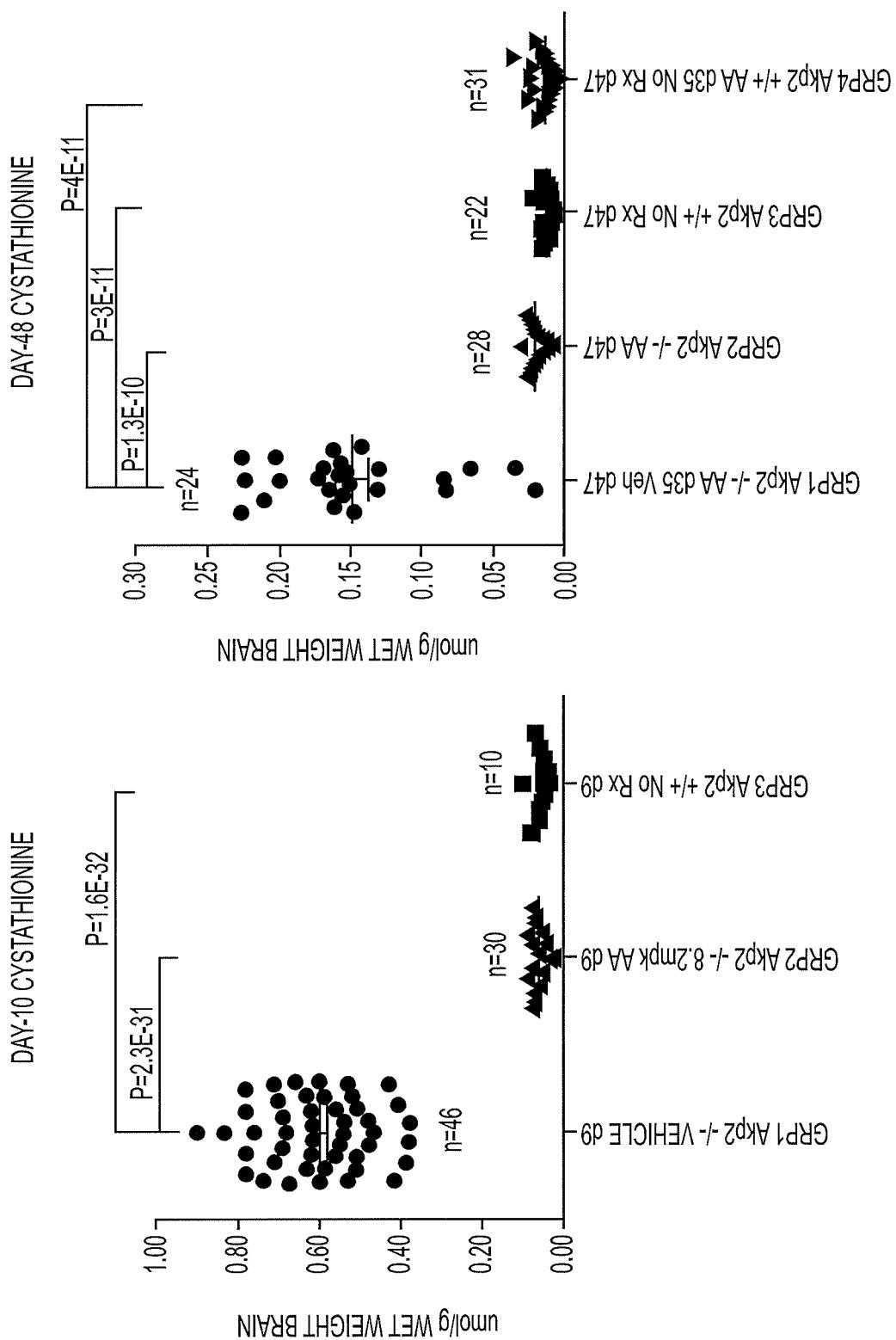


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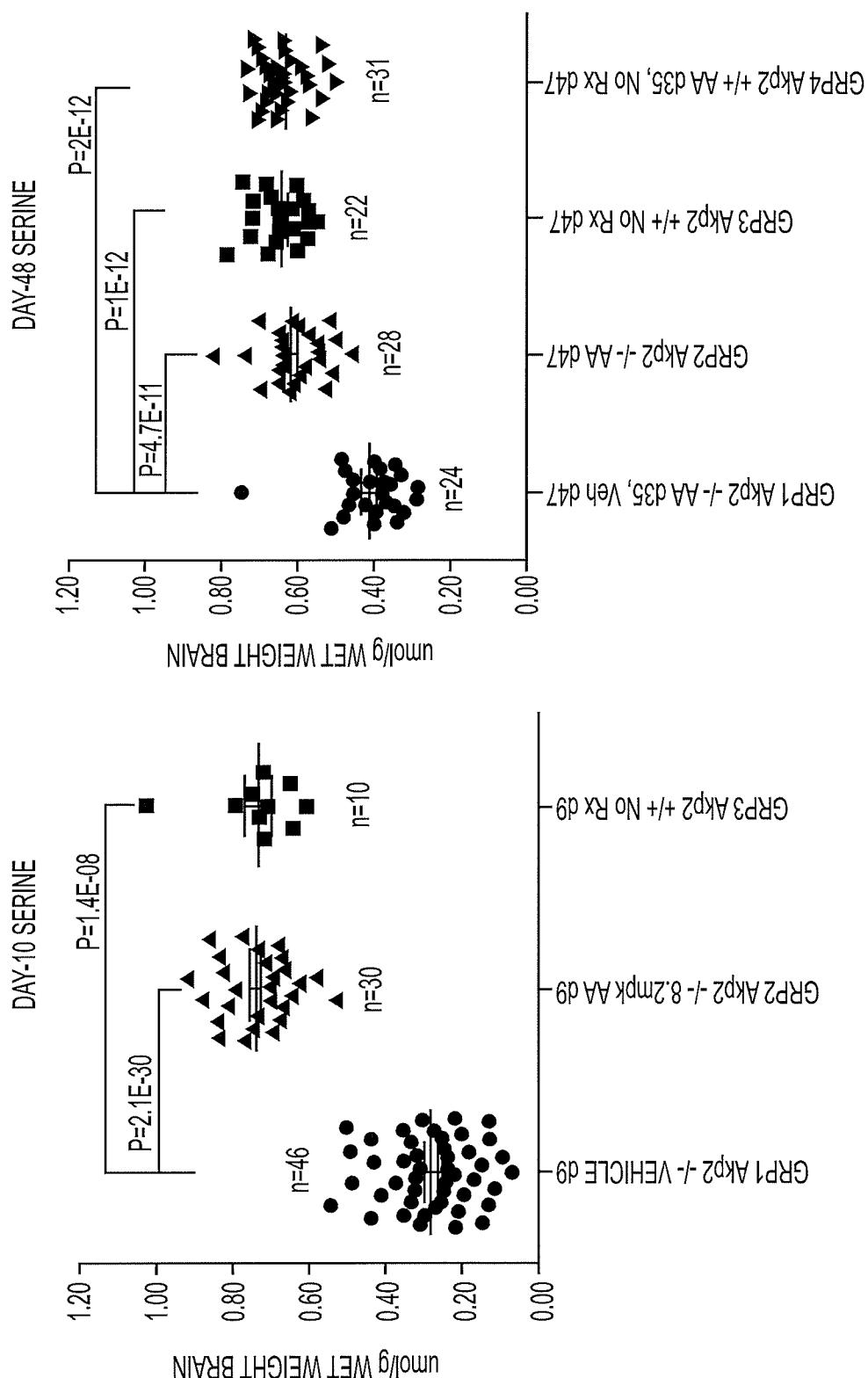
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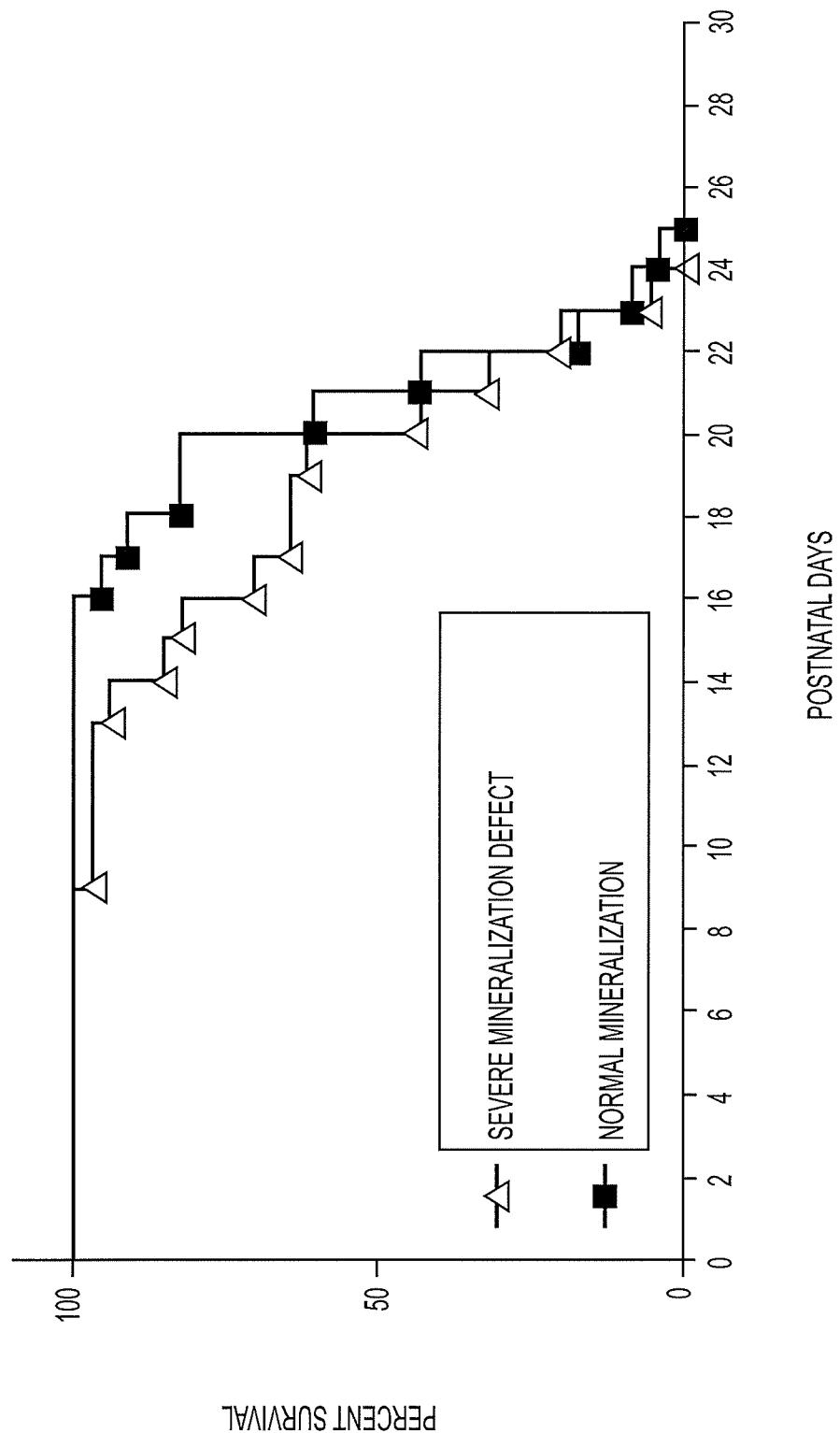
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**FIG. 13**

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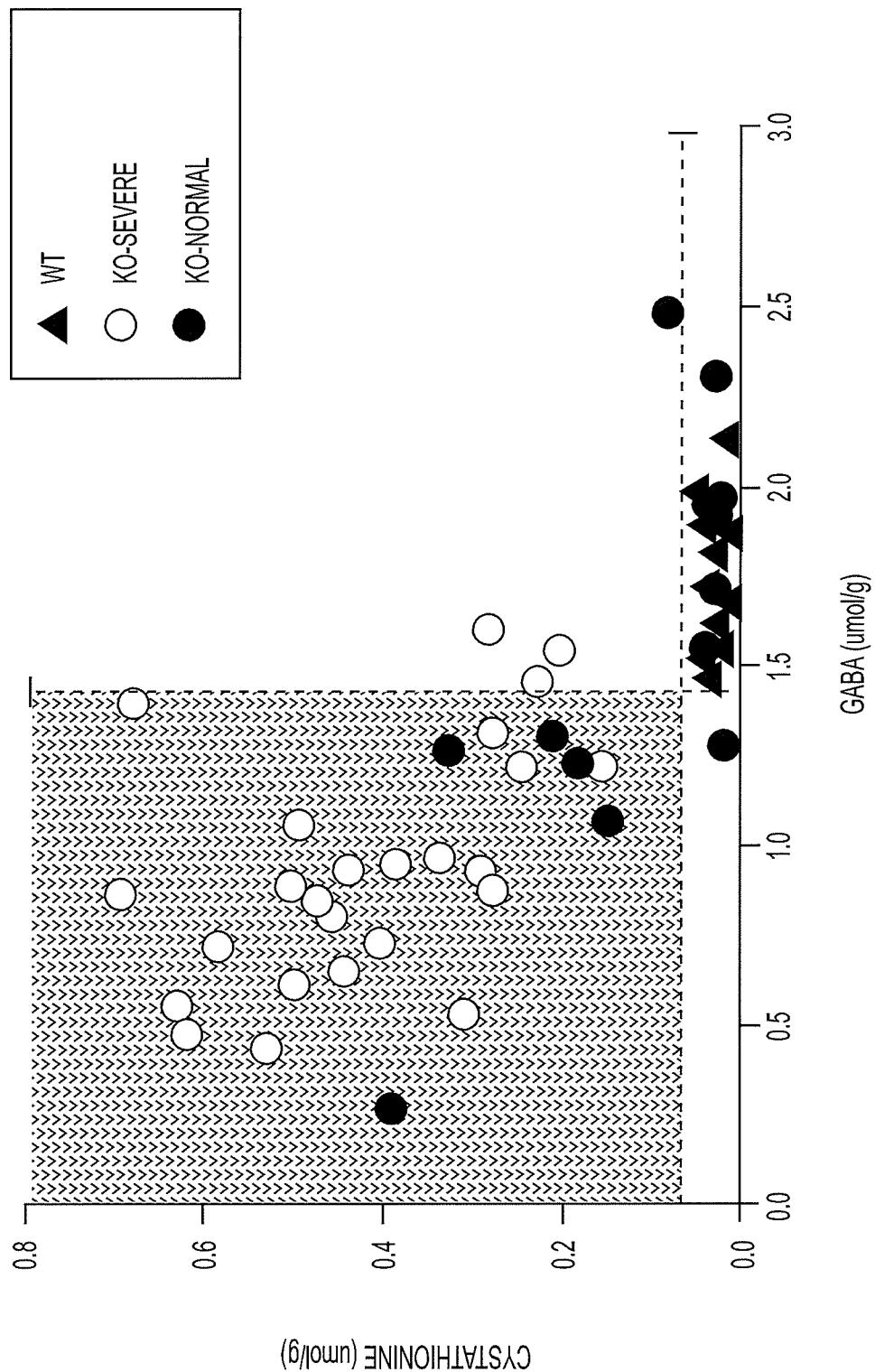


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