

Audiologic and Genetic Determination of Hearing Loss in Osteogenesis Imperfecta

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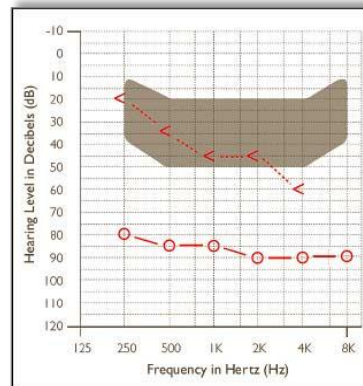
Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI)

Prevalence

- 1/10.000

Phenotype

- Bone fragility
- Scoliosis
- Bone deformities
- Short stature
- Blue sclerae
- Dental abnormalities
- Hearing loss (50%)



Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI)

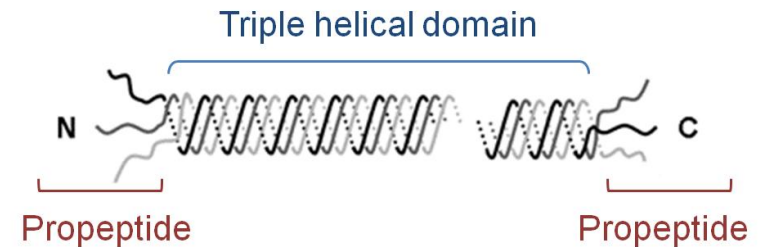
Classification

Type	Severity	Inheritance	Mutated gene	
I	Mild	AD	<i>COL1A1/COL1A2</i>	90 %
II	Lethal	AD	<i>COL1A1/COL1A2</i>	
III	Severe	AD	<i>COL1A1/COL1A2</i>	
IV	Moderate	AD	<i>COL1A1/COL1A2</i>	
V	Moderate	AD	Unknown	5%
VI	Moderate-severe	AR	<i>SERPINF1</i>	
VII	Severe/lethal	AR	<i>CRTAP</i>	
VIII	Severe/lethal	AR	<i>LEPRE1</i>	
IX	Moderate to lethal	AR	<i>PPIB</i>	
X	Severe to lethal	AR	<i>SERPINH1</i>	
XI	Severe	AR	<i>FKBP10</i>	

AD: autosomal dominant; AR: autosomal recessive

Genotype

- 90%: autosomal dominant mutation in *COL1A1* or *COL1A2* → Type I collagen
- ≥ 1000 distinct mutations
- Type I collagen synthesis:



Mild type I

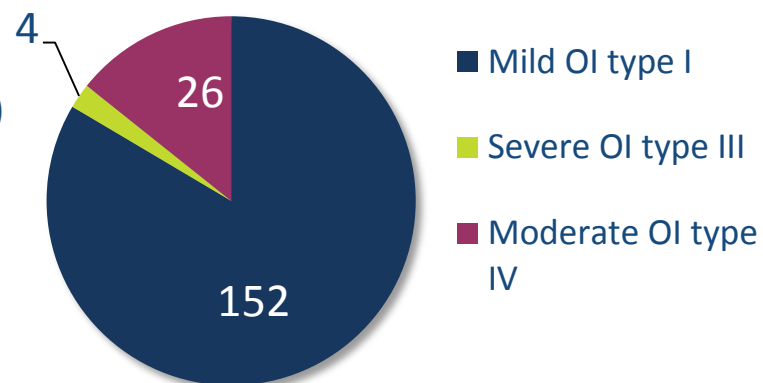
- Mild type I
- Lethal Type II
- Severe type III
- Moderate type IV

Research aims

- Audiologic characterization
- Radiologic evaluation
- Correlating the audiologic phenotype to the genotype

Subjects:

- N=182 (84 Belgian, 67 Dutch, 31 Italian)
- Mean age: 30.2 y. (SD:16,9; 3-89 y)

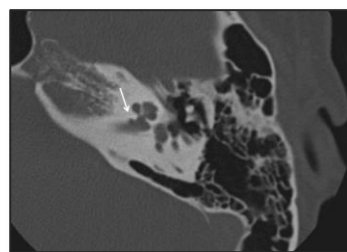


OI types

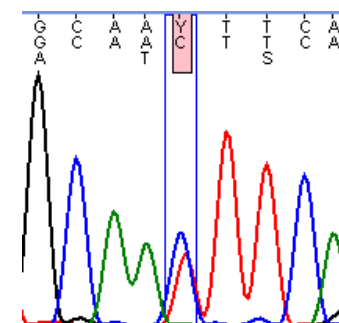
Measurements/analyses:



Audiometry

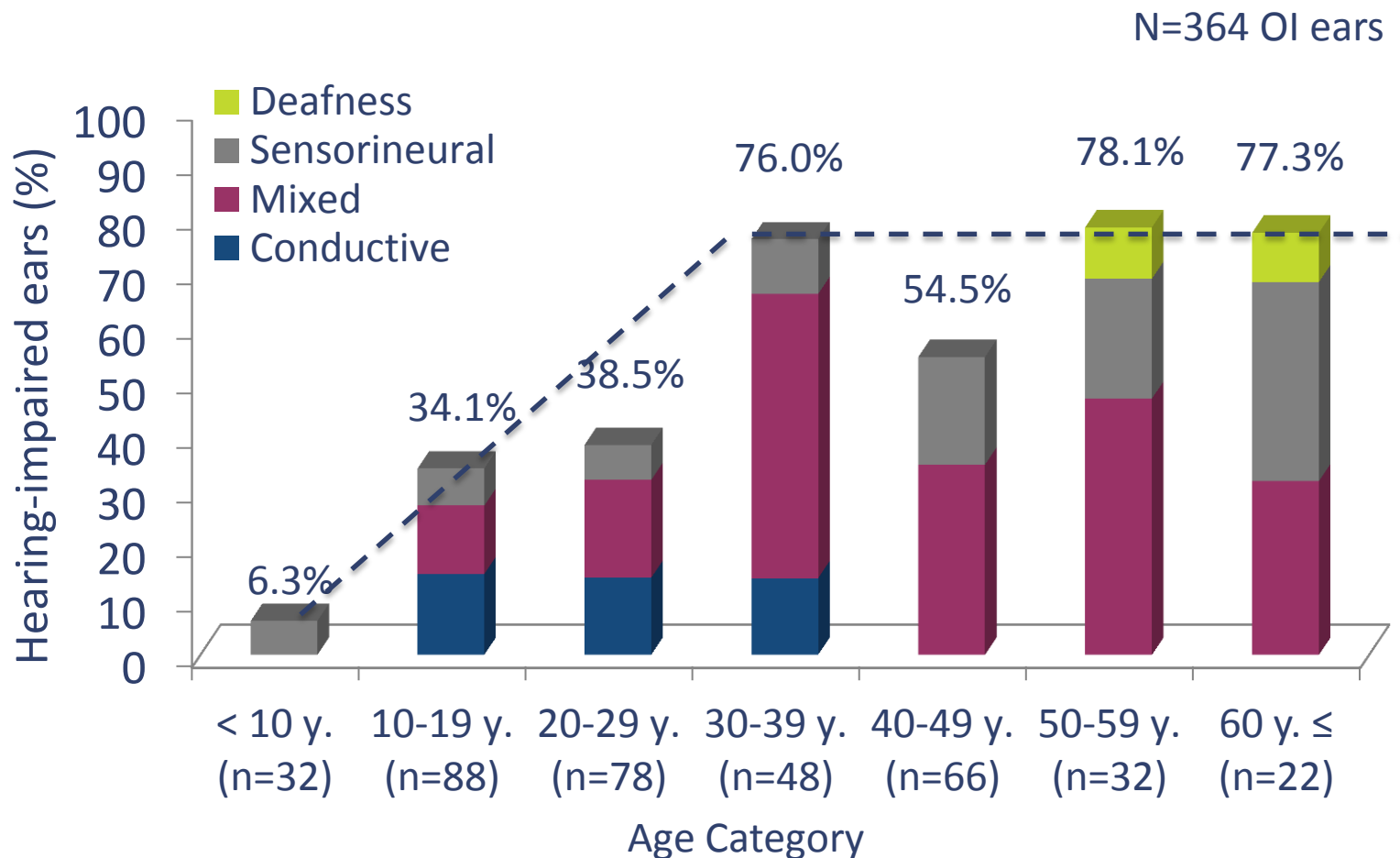


Temporal bone
imaging



Genotype
assessment

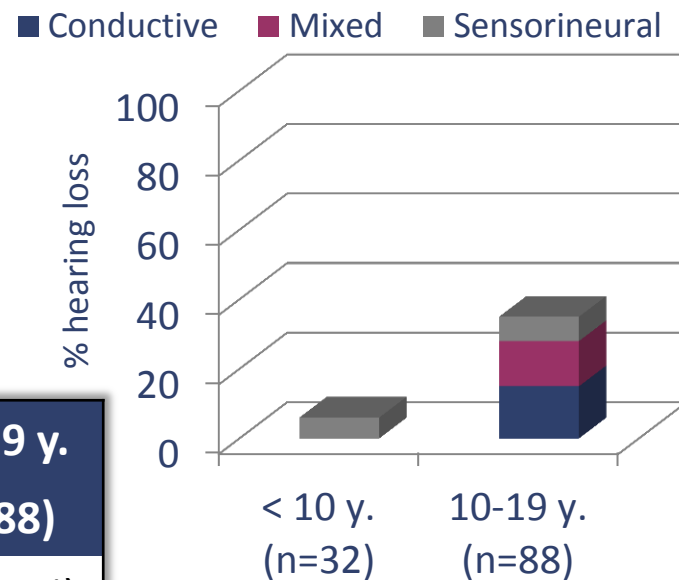
1. Audiologic phenotype (1)



1. Audiologic phenotype (2)

Pediatric population

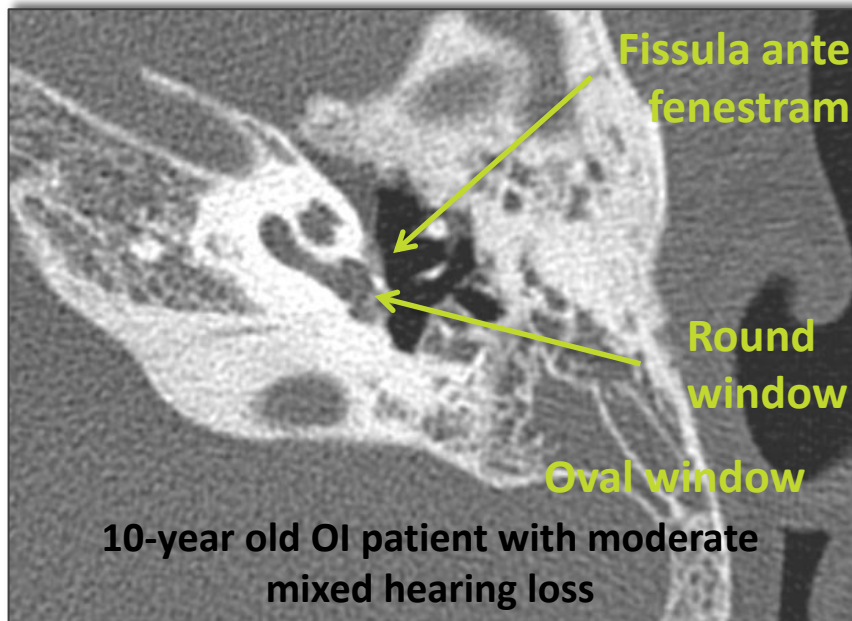
Audiologic phenotype	0-9 y. (n=32)	10-19 y. (n=88)
Normal	30 (94%)	58 (66%)
Hearing loss	2 (6%)	30 (33%)



2. Radiologic characterization

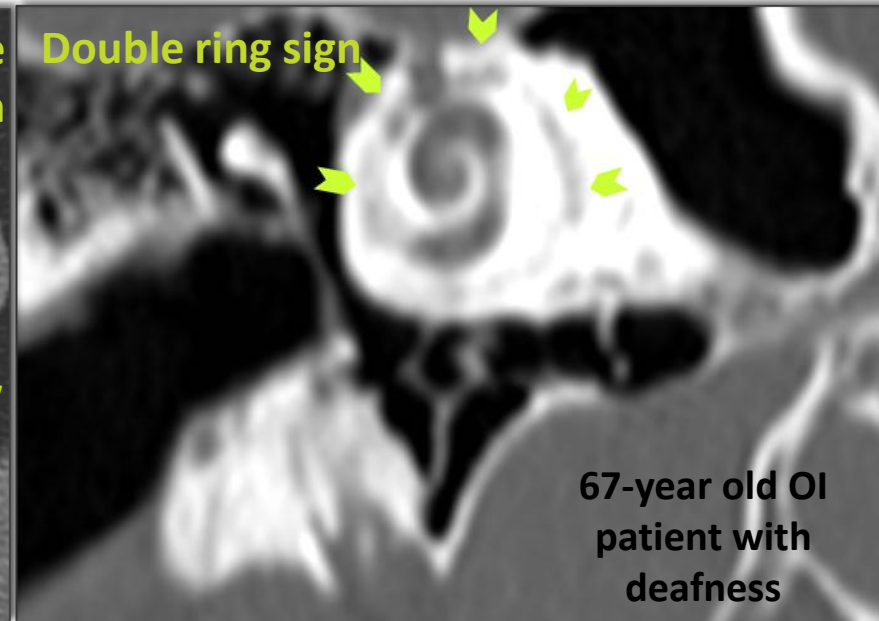
- Computed tomography (CT) images of temporal bone
- 17 hearing-impaired OI patients (conductive or mixed)

Fenestral hypodensities



~ air-bone gap

Retrofenestral hypodensities

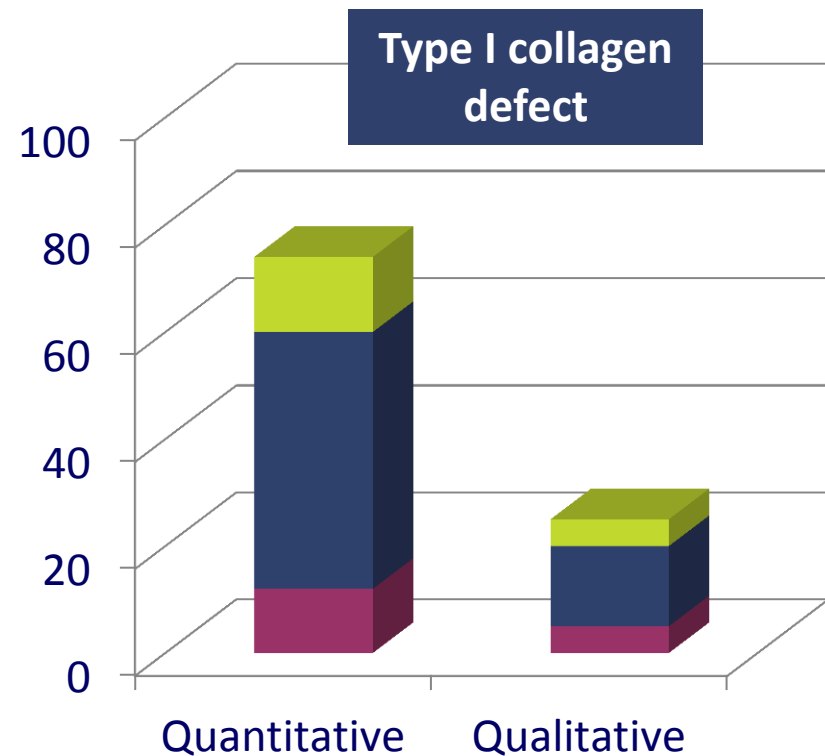
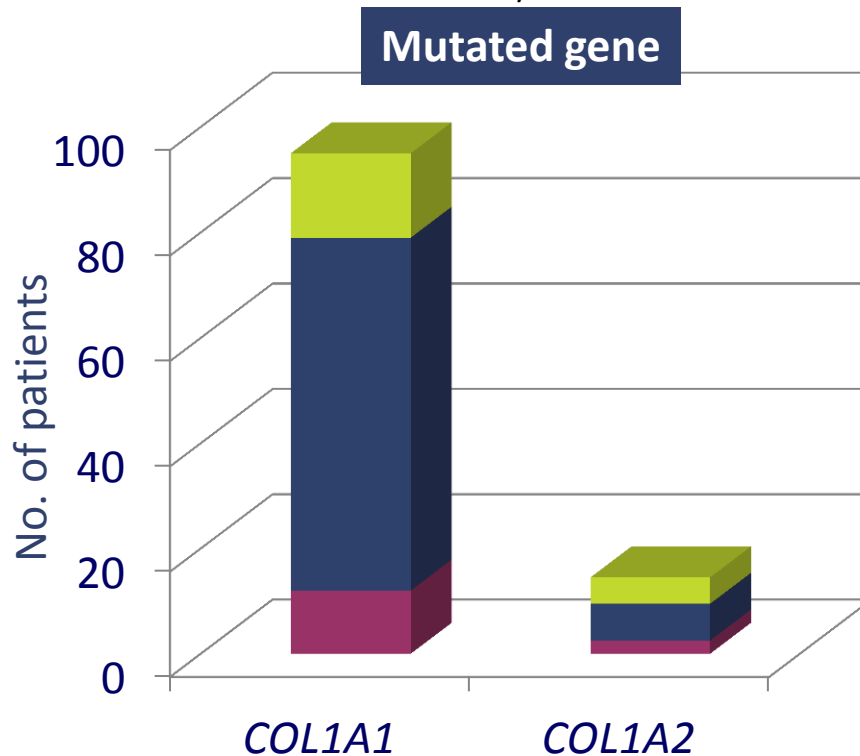


~ bone conduction threshold

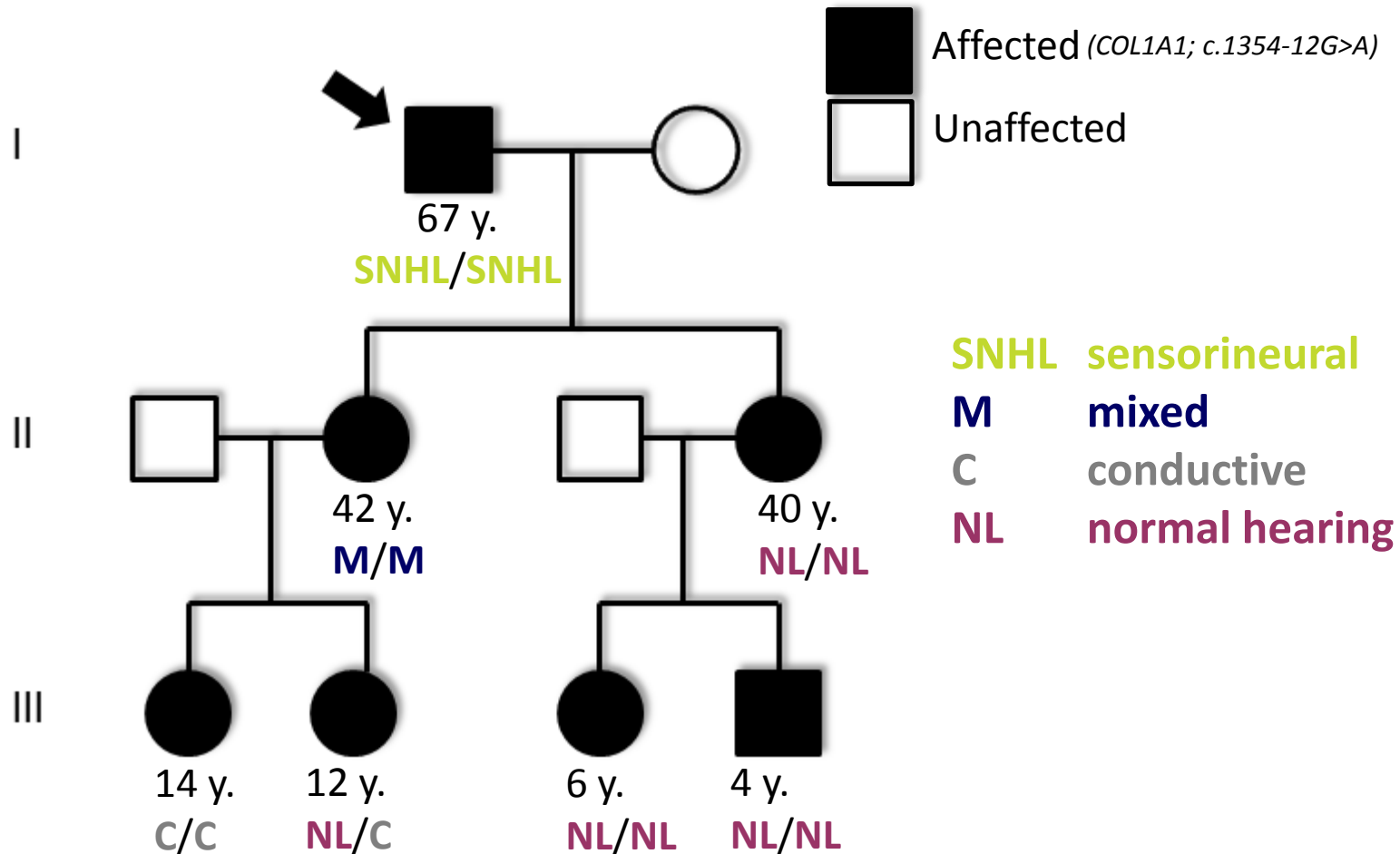
4. Audiologic phenotype-genotype correlation in OI (1)

- 114 OI subjects
 - Hearing-impaired (conductive/mixed/sensorineural)
 - Normal hearing and age ≥ 40 y.

■ Normal ■ Conductive/Mixed ■ Sensorineural



4. Audiologic phenotype-genotype correlation in OI (2)



Intrafamilial variability in audiologic phenotype

5. Genetic modifiers for hearing loss in OI

- No correlation between audiologic phenotype and *COL1A1*/*COL1A2* mutation
- Additional genetic trigger?
- Clinical similarities with otosclerosis

→ Associated with SNP T263I in *TGFB1* (protective)*

Audiologic phenotype	C allele n (%)	T allele n (%)
Normal hearing	18 (17.3)	0 (0.0)
Hearing loss	86 (82.7)	5 (100.0)
○ <i>Conductive/mixed hearing loss</i>	70 (67.3)	3 (60.0)
○ <i>Pure sensorineural hearing loss</i>	16 (15.4)	2 (40.0)

➔ **Audiologic phenotype in OI is NOT associated with SNP T263I in *TGFB1***

*Thys et al. (2007) The coding polymorphism T263I in TGF-beta1 is associated with otosclerosis in two independent populations. *Hum Mol Genet*;16(17):2021-2030.

Conclusion

Audiologic phenotype in OI

- Heterogeneous, intrafamilial variability
- Hearing loss may develop in childhood, usually before 40y.
- Regular follow-up recommended
- No association with *COL1A1/COL1A2* mutation
- No association with SNP T263I in *TGFB1*

Future perspectives

- Genetic modifiers for hearing loss
- Effect of pharmacological treatment (bisphosphonates) on hearing

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