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# Menkes Disease

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An X-linked disorder caused by mutations in the ATP7A gene resulting in the abnormal transport and metabolism of copper. It affects primarily male infants. It is characterized by hypotonia, seizures, failure to thrive, and peculiar colorless or steel-colored brittle hair.