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(54) **Title:** THE USE OF DEFERIPRONE AND METHODS TO TREAT AND/OR PREVENT FRIEDREICH ATAXIA RESULTING FROM INTRACELLULAR MISHANDLING OF IRON

(57) **Abstract:** A therapeutically effective amount of deferiprone or deferasirox or physiologically acceptable salts thereof for the prevention, stabilization, treatment, or reversal of iron-induced FRDA disease in patients resulting from mitochondrial iron-induced damage to preferentially reduce the iron stores in the mitochondria. Also for the treatment of other conditions affecting the brain where a key element in the generation of the resultant pathology is the intracellular mishandling of iron.