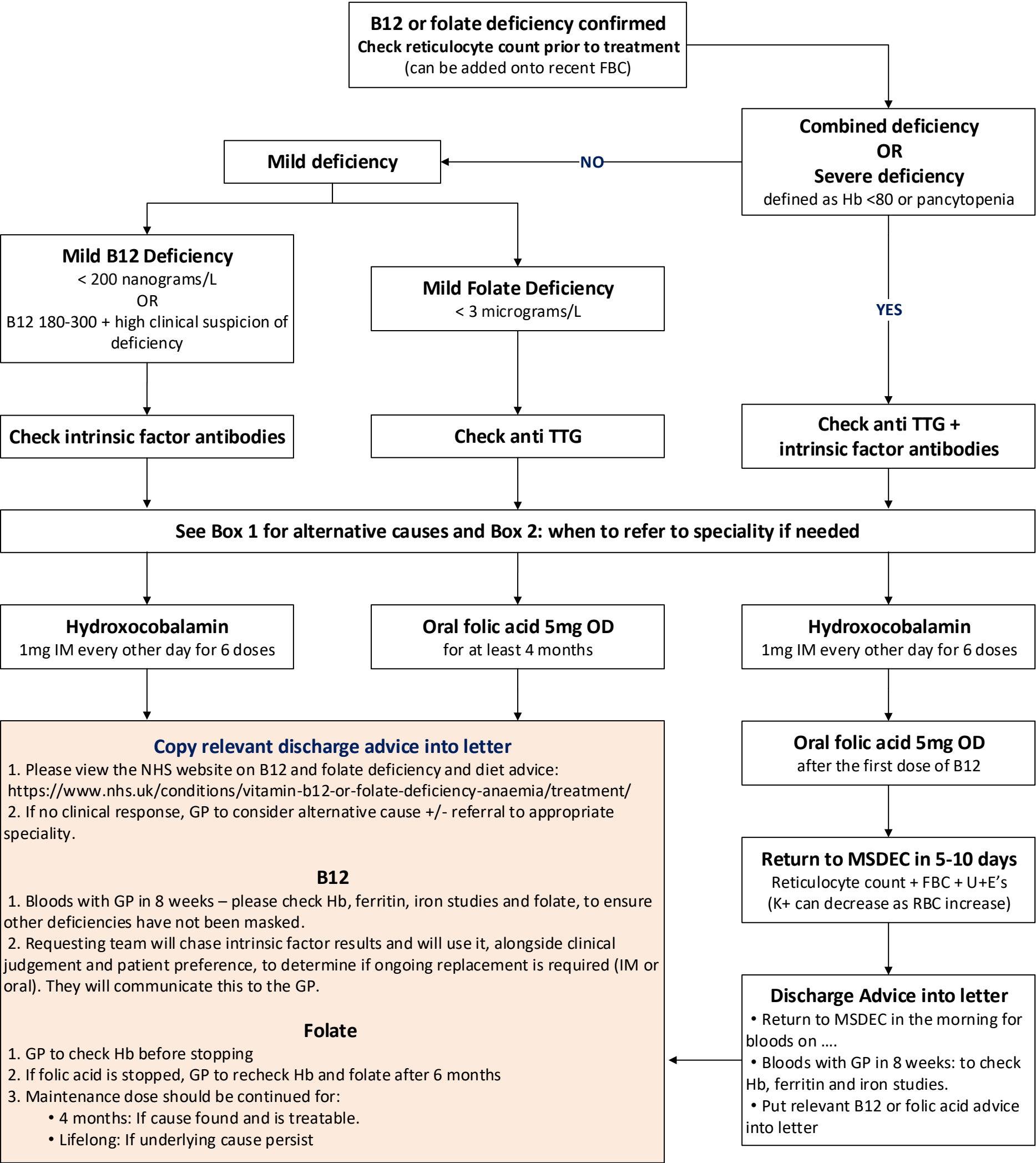


B12 and Folate Deficiency MSDEC Pathway



<p>Box 1: Alternative causes (this is not an exhaustive list)</p> <p>Both B12 and folate: Chronic alcohol use; Vegan diet; Conditions affecting absorption e.g. IBD, gastric surgery, coeliac.</p> <p>B12: Drugs: metformin, COCP, long-term PPI or H2 antagonist, nitrous oxide</p> <p>Folate: Malignancy, Liver disease, Pregnancy, Haemolysis. Drugs: anticonvulsants, methotrexate, trimethoprim, nitrofurantoin</p>	<p>Box 2: Refer to Gastroenterology: If history suggests deficiency is due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A malabsorption condition that is <u>not already known</u>2. Known malabsorptive condition with current severe symptoms
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