

# Precision Medicine: Its Application in Clinical Investigation and Practice Innovation

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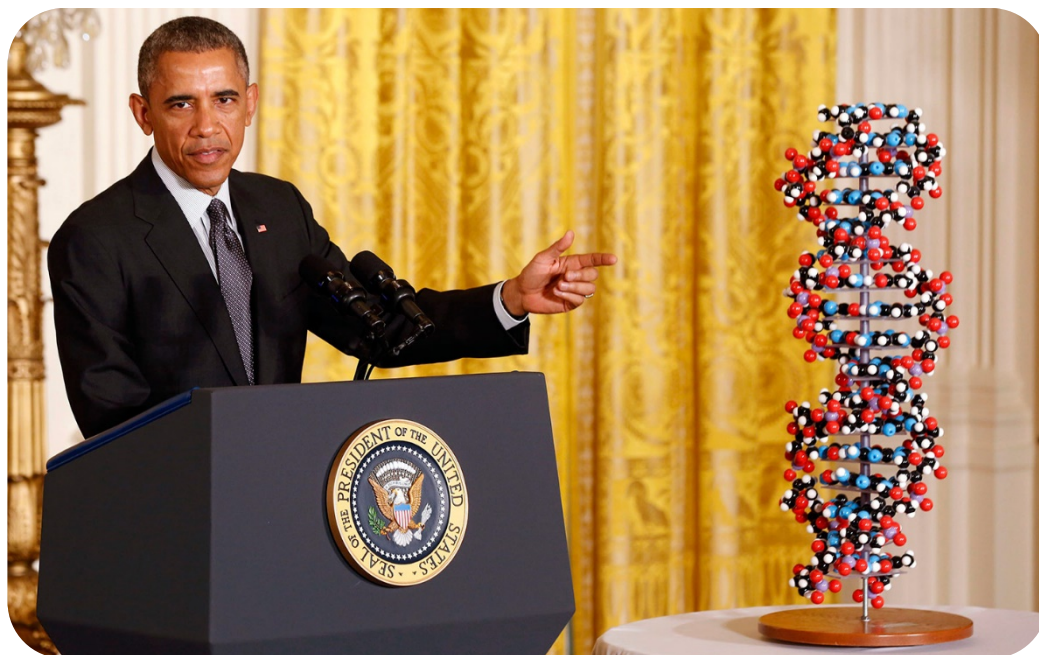
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# Definition of Precision Medicine

- Precision medicine is an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person



**2015**

Obama's Precision  
Medicine Initiative  
\$215 million

China

\$8.2 billion



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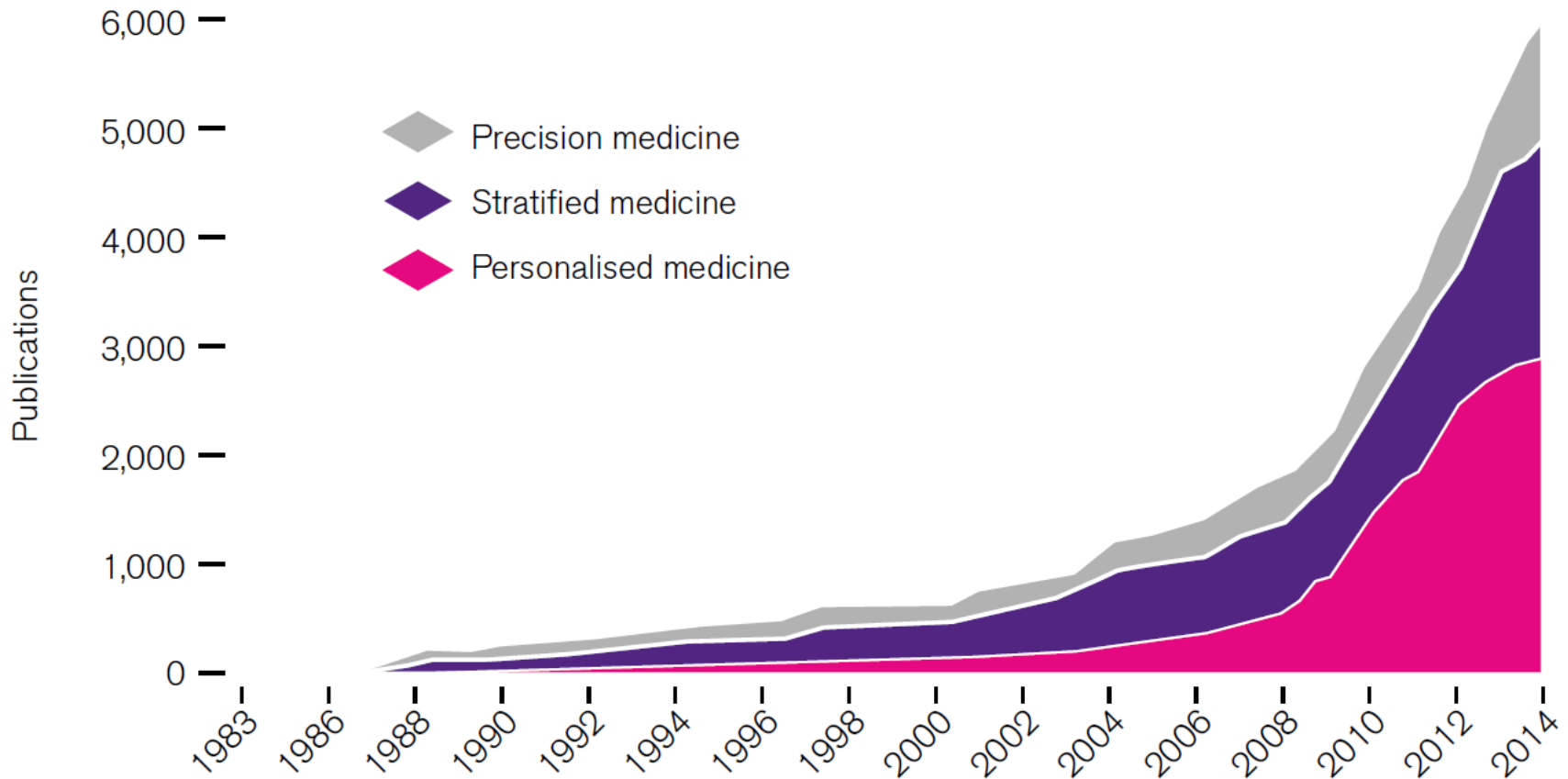
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# Terminology

## Publication keyword search results: 1983 - 2014



# Marker of Success

We will have succeeded when this area is simply called:

# Medicine



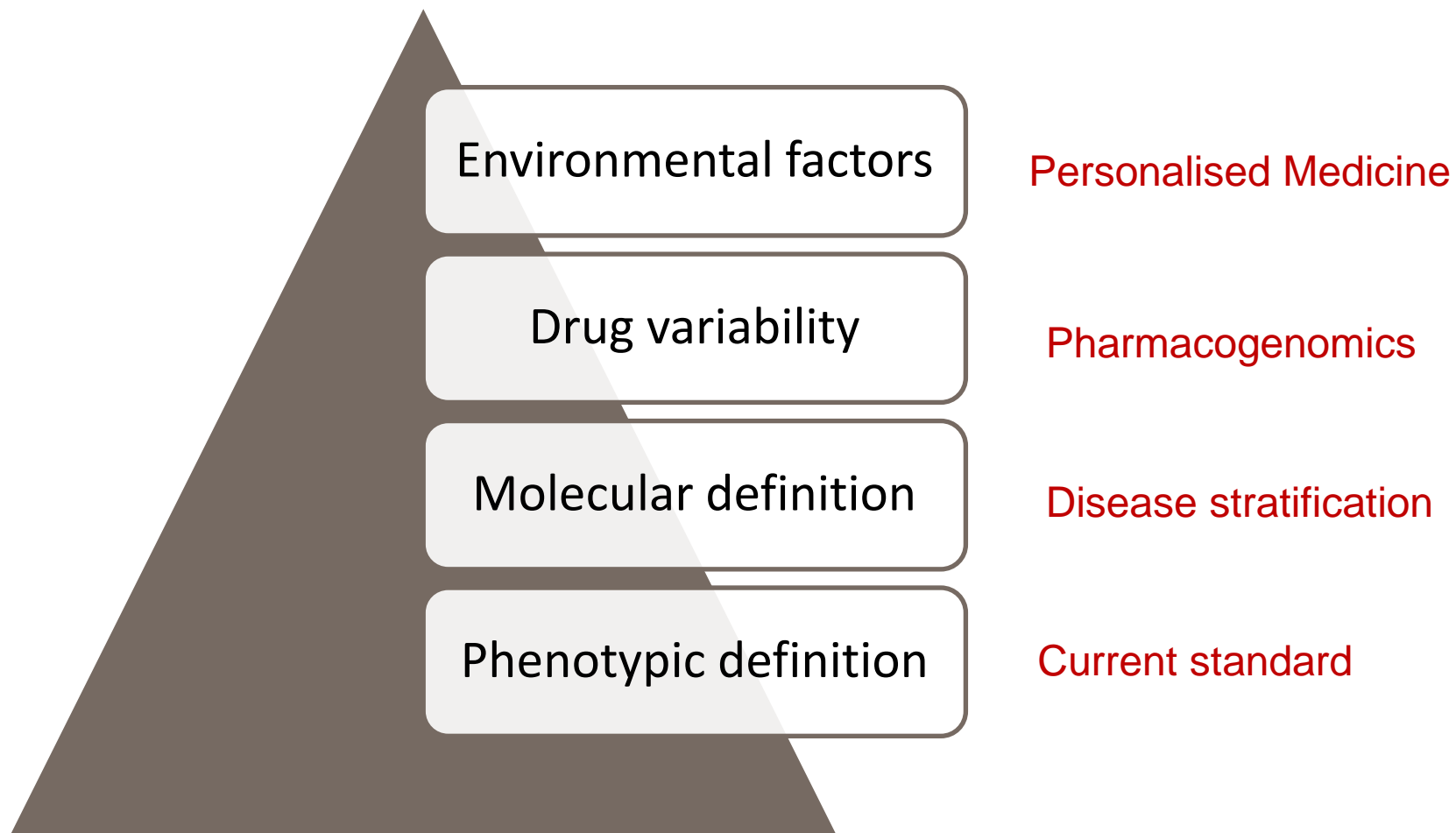
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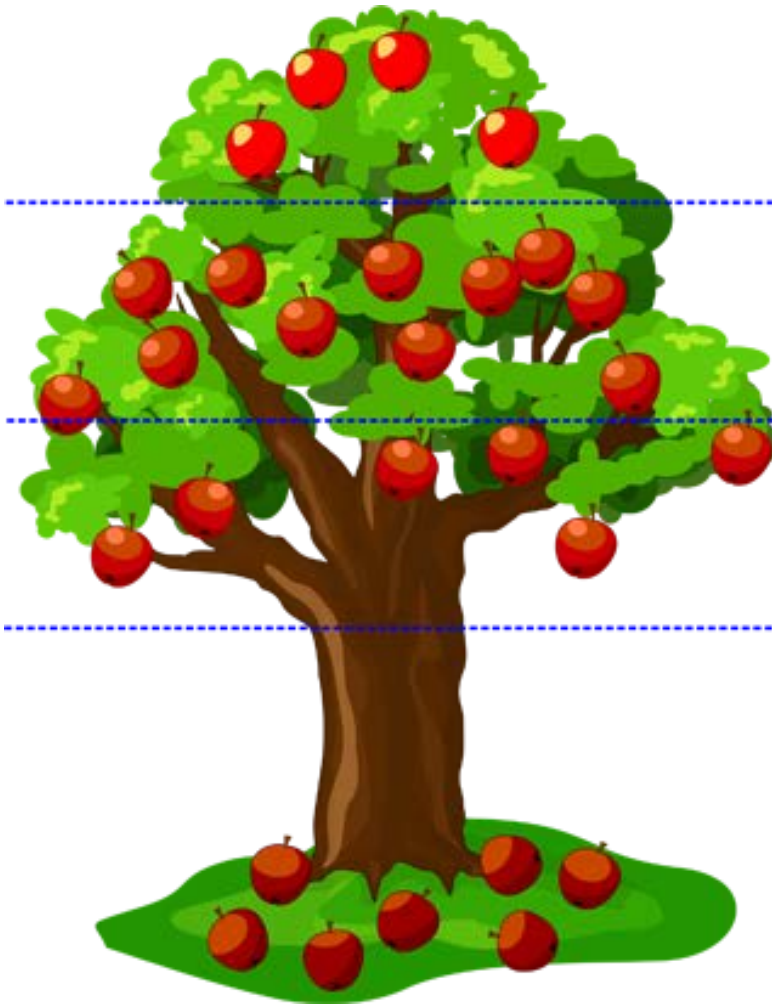
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# A Concept of Personalised Medicine



Pirmohamed, Annu. Rev. Genomics Hum. Genet. 2014. 15:15.1–15.22



**Sweet Fruit**

**Bulk of Fruit**

**Low-Hanging Fruit**

**Ground Fruit**



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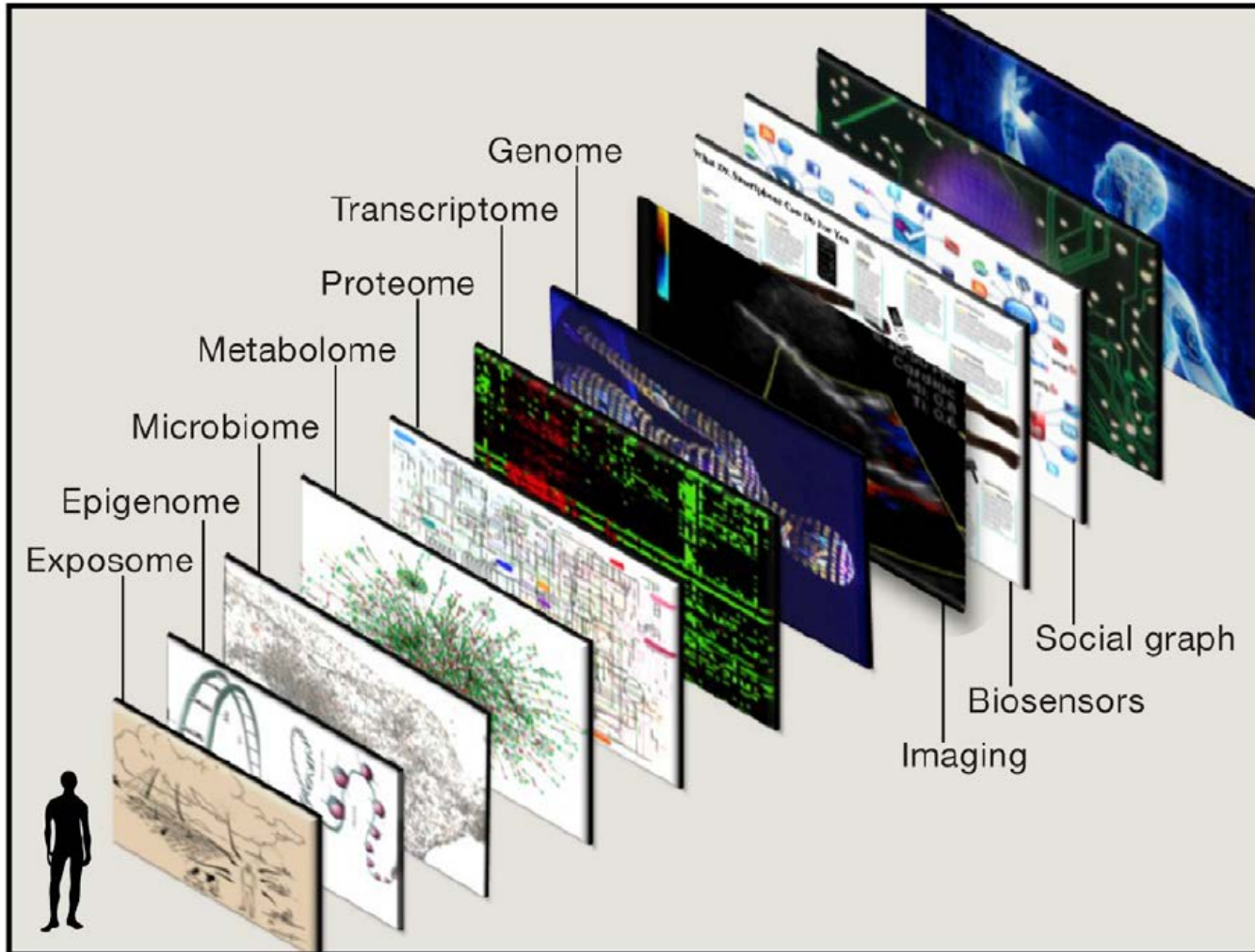
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# Systems Approaches

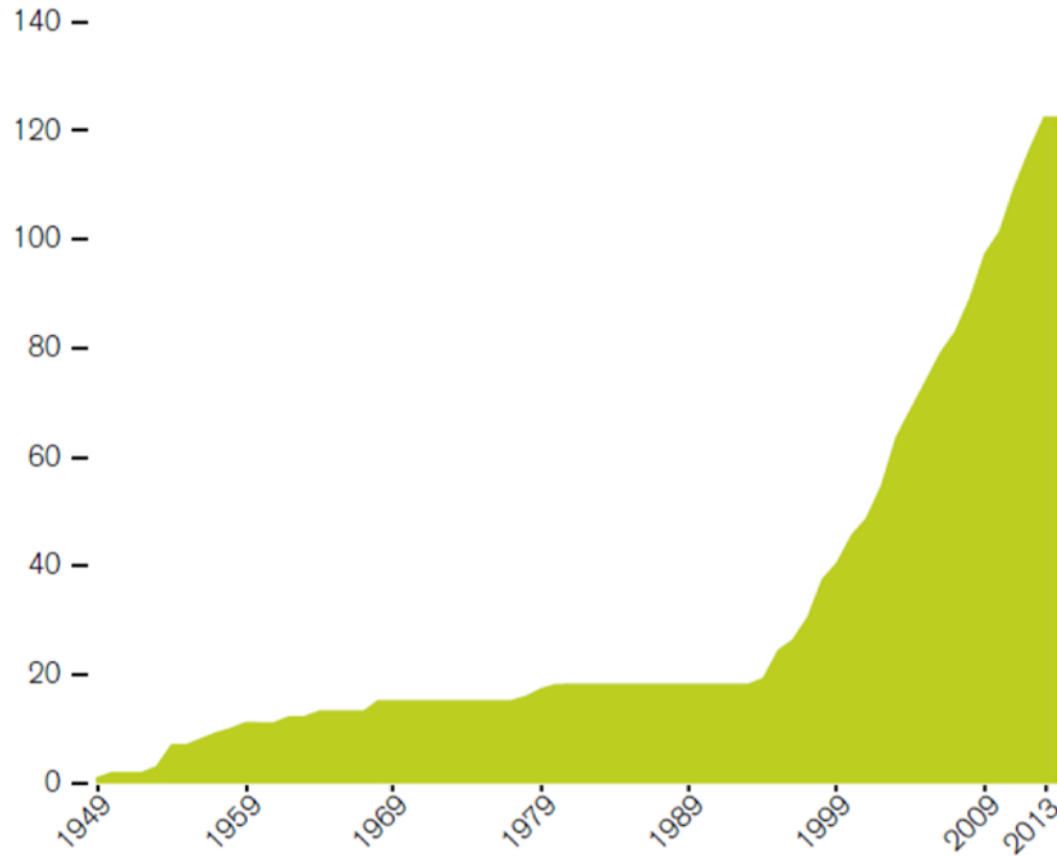


Topol,  
Cell, 2014



# Regulatory Approvals

FDA drug approvals requiring an associated biomarker  
1949 - 2013 (cumulative total)



The number of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) medicine approvals containing an associated biomarker has increased seven-fold since 1993, an average annual growth rate of

**17%**





# EMA SmPCs With Mandatory Genomic Testing

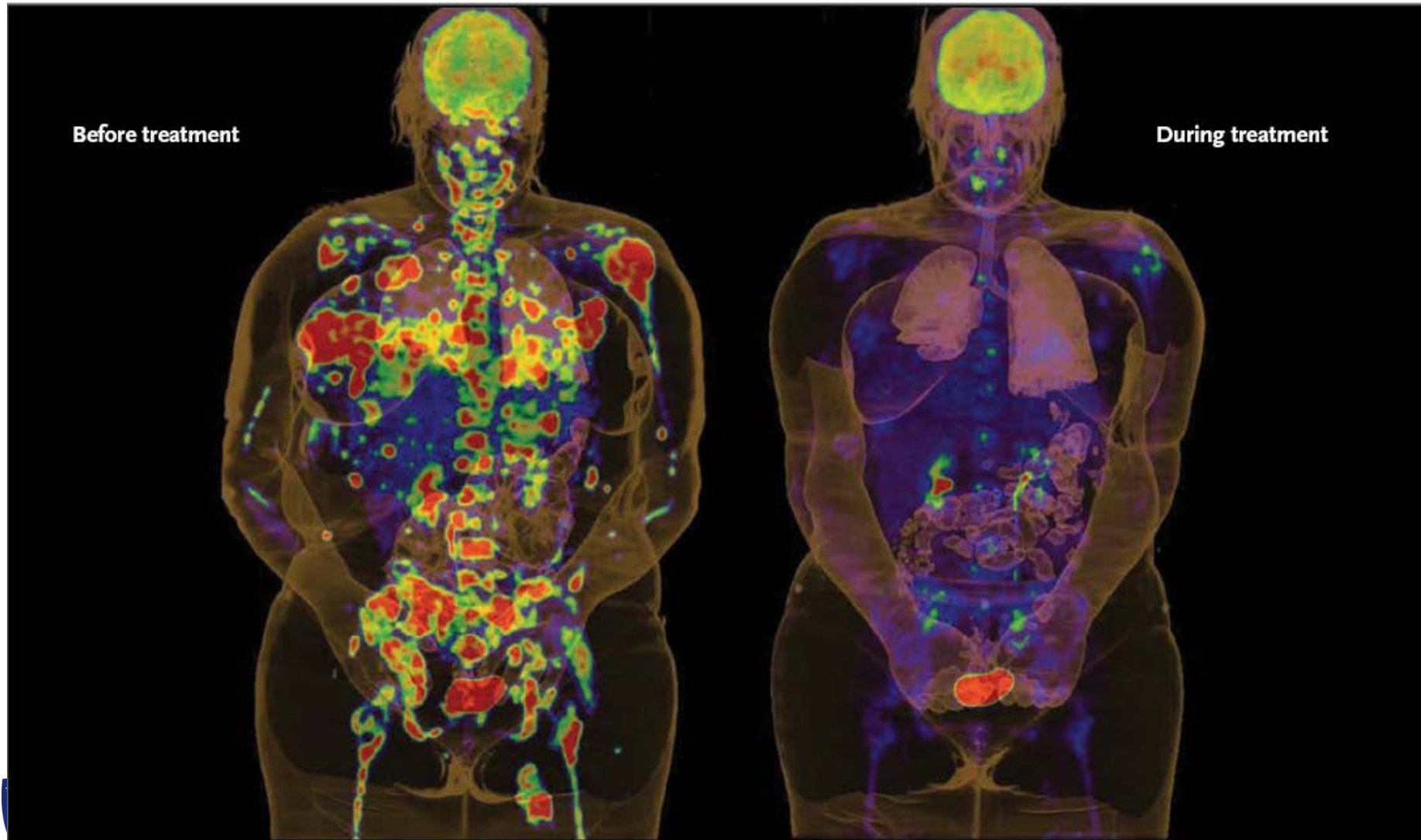
The Pharmacogenomics Journal (2015), 1–10

Name	INN	Year of approval	PGx biomarker	Indication
<i>SmPC section Therapeutic indications (section 4.1)</i>				
Herceptin	Trastuzumab	2000	HER2	Stomach neoplasms Breast neoplasms
Tyverb	Lapatinib	2008		Breast neoplasms
Afinitor	Everolimus	2009		Carcinoma, renal cell pancreatic neoplasms, breast neoplasms
Kadcyla	Trastuzumab emtansine	2013		Breast neoplasms
Perjeta	Pertuzumab	2013		Breast neoplasms
Ziagen	Abacavir	1999	HLA-B*5701	HIV infections
Trizivir	Abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine	2000		
Kivexa	Abacavir/lamivudine	2004		
Tarceva	Erlotinib	2005	EGFR	Non-small-cell lung carcinoma pancreatic neoplasms
Iressa	Gefitinib	2009	EGFR	Non-small-cell lung carcinoma
Giotrif	Afatinib	2013	EGFR	Non-small-cell lung carcinoma
Erbix	Cetuximab	2004	EGFR	Colorectal neoplasms
			RAS	Head and neck neoplasms
Vectibix	Panitumumab	2007	RAS	Colorectal neoplasms
Glivec	Imatinib	2001	BCR-ABL Kit <i>CD117</i> FIP1L1-PDGFR	Chronic myelogenous leukaemia Gastrointestinal stromal tumours Myelodysplastic-myeloproliferative diseases Dermatofibrosarcoma Precursor cell lymphoblastic leukaemia-lymphoma Hypereosinophilic syndrome
Sprycel	Dasatinib	2006	BCR-ABL	Chronic myelogenous leukaemia precursor cell lymphoblastic leukaemia-lymphoma
Tasigna	Nilotinib	2007	BCR-ABL	Chronic myelogenous leukaemia
Bosulif	Bosutinib	2013	BCR-ABL	Myelogenous leukaemia
Imatinib (accord, actavis, medac)	Imatinib	2013	BCR-ABL Kit <i>CD117</i> FIP1L1-PDGFR	Chronic myelogenous leukaemia Myelodysplastic-myeloproliferative diseases Dermatofibrosarcoma Precursor cell lymphoblastic leukaemia-lymphoma Hypereosinophilic syndrome
Iclusig	Ponatinib	2013	T315I mutation BCR-ABL	Lymphoid leukaemia Myeloid leukaemia
Zelboraf	Vemurafenib	2012	<i>BRAF V600</i>	Melanoma
Tafinlar	Dabrafenib	2013		
Adcetris	Brentuximab vedotin	2012	CD30	Hodgkin disease lymphoma (non-Hodgkin)
Xalkori	Crizotinib	2012	ALK	Non-small-cell lung carcinoma
Kalydeco	Ivacaftor	2012	CFTR <i>G551D</i>	Cystic fibrosis
Caprelsa	Vandetanib	2012	<i>RET</i> mutation	Thyroid neoplasms
Trisenox	Arsenic trioxide	2002	PML-RAR- $\alpha$ t(15;17)	Acute promyelocytic leukaemia

Nov 2014: Eliglustat also approved with CYP2D6 genotyping

Only 3 drugs outside the cancer area

# Malignant Melanoma and BRAF Inhibitor: Baseline and 2 Weeks After



Disease area	Drug (Rx) and Companion diagnostic (CDx)		US approval		EU approval	
	Rx	CDx	Rx	CDx	Rx	CDx
<b>Melanoma</b>	<b>Zelboraf (vemurafenib)</b> Roche/Plexxikon	<b>cobas® 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test</b> Roche	Aug 2011	Aug 2011	Feb 2012	Yes
	<p>This drug was selected by Roche for development owing to knowledge of the biomarker: the drug showed effects in melanomas containing a particular mutation, V600E, in a protein called BRAF. The Rx and CDx were developed in parallel, and co-approved in one of the <u>fastest FDA approvals in history (four months)</u>. Zelboraf was approved by NICE in November 2012.<sup>20</sup></p>					
<b>Non small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)</b>	<b>Xalkori (crizotinib)</b> Pfizer	<b>Vysis ALK Break Apart FISH probe kit</b> Abbott Molecular Diagnostics	Aug 2011	Aug 2011	Jul 2012**	Sep 2011
	<p>A 2007 study linked a subset of NSCLC to the <i>ALK</i> fusion gene. This prompted a partnership between Rx and CDx manufacturers, and patient stratification using this CDx resulted in dramatic improvement in response rates. Approval was rapid both in the US and in the EU.</p>					

Source: Academy of Medical Sciences Report



# Somatic Gene Variants and Therapies

Genetic abnormality	HGVS nomenclature*	Target†	Medications	Disease
<i>AKT</i> mut (act)	p.Glu17Lys	mTOR	Sirolimus, everolimus	RCC
<i>BCR-ABL</i> (SV)	t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.21)	ABL	Imatinib, dasatinib	CML, Ph <sup>+</sup> ALL
<i>BCR-ABL</i> (SV, mut)	p.Val299Leu	ABL	Bosutinib, nilotinib	Imatinib-resistant CML
<i>BCR-ABL</i> (T135I)	p.Thr135Ile	ABL	Ponatinib	CML, Ph <sup>+</sup> ALL
<i>BCR-ABL</i> (SV)	t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.21)	SRC	Dasatinib	CML, Ph <sup>+</sup> ALL
<i>BRCA1/2</i> variants	Too numerous to list	PARP	Olaparib	Ovarian cancer
<i>BRAF</i> SNVs (V600E/K)	p.Val600Glu, p.Val600Lys, p.Val600Asp	BRAF	Dabrafenib, vemurafenib	Melanoma
<i>BRAF</i> SNVs (V600)	p.Val600Glu, p.Val600Lys, p.Val600Asp	MEK	Trametinib	Melanoma
<i>EGFR</i> (ex 19 del, SNV L858R)	p.Glu746_Ala750del, p.Leu858Arg	EGFR	Afatinib, erlotinib	NSCLC (EGFR <sup>+</sup> )
<i>EGFR</i> mut (act, amp)	p.Glu746_Ala750del, p.Leu858Arg	EGFR	Gefitinib	NSCLC (EGFR <sup>+</sup> )
<i>EGFR</i> <sup>+</sup> and WT <i>KRAS</i>	N/A	EGFR	Cetuximab, panitumumab	EGFR <sup>+</sup> colon cancer (WT <i>KRAS</i> )
<i>EML-ALK</i> (SV)	inv(2)(p21p23)	ALK	Crizotinib	NSCLC
<i>FLT3</i> CNV (amp)	p.D600_L601insFREYEYD, p.Asp835Tyr	FTL3	Sunitinib, sorafenib	AML
<i>HER2</i> (amp)	N/A	ERBB2	Lapatinib, trastuzumab	HER2 <sup>+</sup> breast cancer
<i>KIT</i> mut (act)	p.Trp557_Lys558del, p.Asp579del, p.Val559Asp	KIT	Imatinib, sunitinib	RCC, GIST
<i>PDGFR</i> (mut or SV)	p.Asp842Val	PDGFR	Sunitinib, imatinib	RCC, GIST, pancreatic cancer
<i>PI3K</i> (mut or amp)	PIK3CA p.Glu542Lys, p.Glu545Lys; p.His1047Arg, p.His1047Leu	PI3K	Idelalisib	CLL, NHL
<i>RARA</i> (SV, gene fusion)	t(15;17)(q24;q21)	RARA	Tretinoin, alitretinoin	APL, CTCL, Kaposi sarcoma
<i>RARA</i> (SV, gene fusion)	t(15;17)(q24;q21)	RARA	Arsenic trioxide	APL
<i>SMO</i> mut (act)	p.Trp535Leu, p.Arg199Trp, p.Arg562Gln	Smoothen	Vismodegib	Basal cell carcinoma
<i>VHL</i> (mut)	Too numerous to list	VEGFR	Sorafenib	RCC, hepatic cancer, thyroid cancer
<i>VEGF</i> (mut)	N/A	VEGF	Ziv-aflibercept	Colon cancer

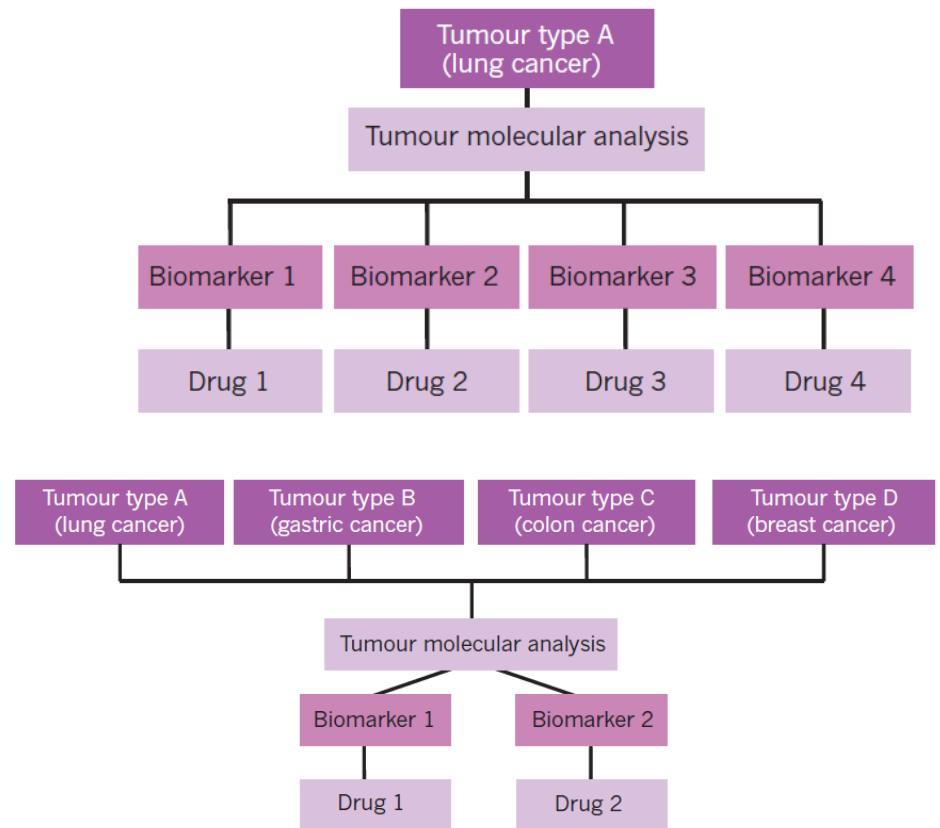


# Patient-centred trials for therapeutic development in precision oncology

Andrew V. Biankin<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Steven Piantadosi<sup>5</sup> & Simon J. Hollingsworth<sup>6</sup>

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- Novel trial designs – acceptability for registration
- Umbrella trial – investigation of single tumour type but stratification by different mutations linked to specific candidate drugs
- Basket study – in multiple tumour types but with a focus on one or few biomarkers

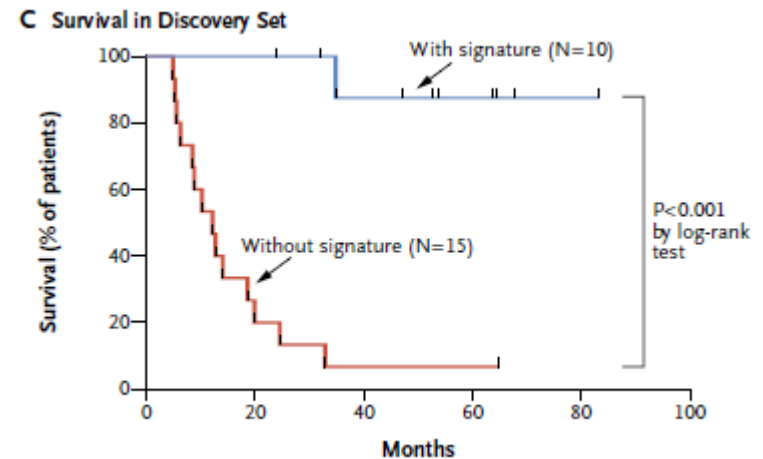
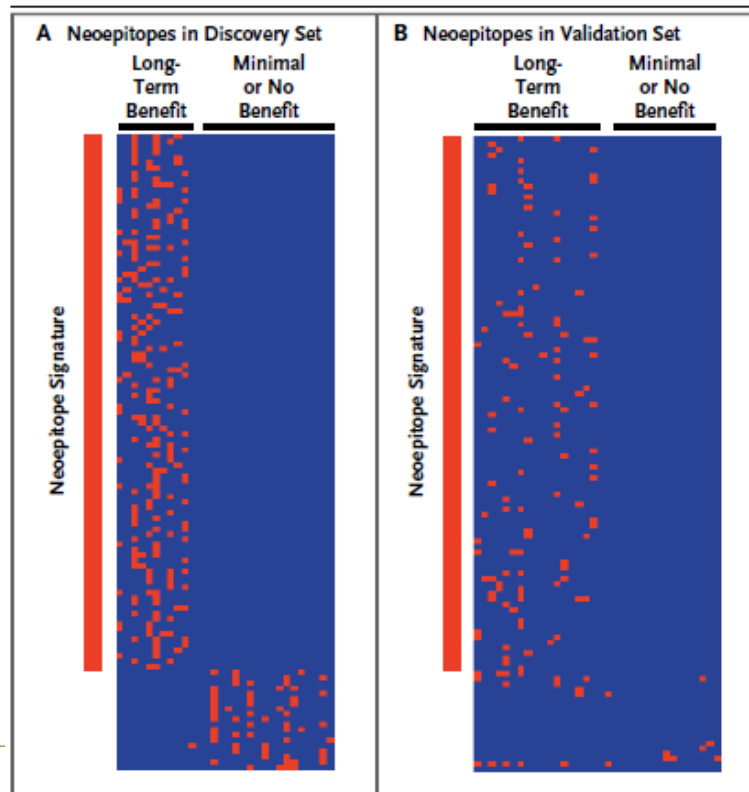




# Genetic Basis for Clinical Response to CTLA-4 Blockade in Melanoma

Alexandra Snyder, M.D., Vladimir Makarov, M.D., Taha Merghoub, Ph.D., Jianda Yuan, M.D., Ph.D., Jesse M. Zaretsky, B.S., Alexis Desrichard, Ph.D., Logan A. Walsh, Ph.D., Michael A. Postow, M.D., Phillip Wong, Ph.D., Teresa S. Ho, B.S., Travis J. Hollmann, M.D., Ph.D., Cameron Bruggeman, M.A., Kasthuri Kannan, Ph.D., Yanyun Li, M.D., Ph.D., Ceyhan Elipenahli, B.S., Cailian Liu, M.D., Christopher T. Harbison, Ph.D., Lisu Wang, M.D., Antoni Ribas, M.D., Ph.D., Jedd D. Wolchok, M.D., Ph.D., and Timothy A. Chan, M.D., Ph.D.

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# Microbiome and Cancer Immunotherapy

## CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

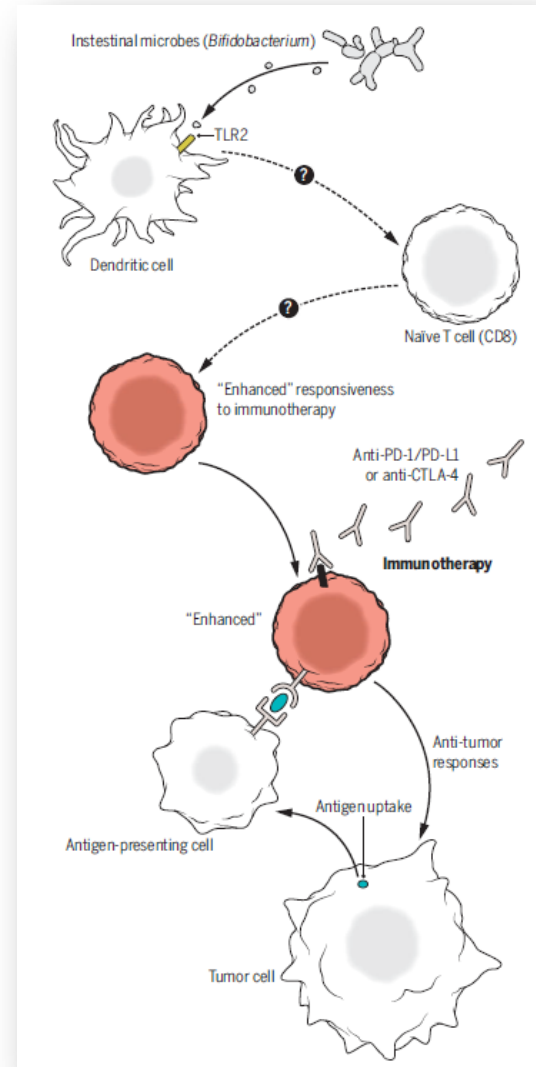
### Anticancer immunotherapy by CTLA-4 blockade relies on the gut microbiota

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### Commensal *Bifidobacterium* promotes antitumor immunity and facilitates anti-PD-L1 efficacy

Ayelet Sivan,<sup>1\*</sup> Leticia Corrales,<sup>1\*</sup> Nathaniel Hubert,<sup>2</sup> Jason B. Williams,<sup>1</sup> Keston Aquino-Michaels,<sup>3</sup> Zachary M. Earley,<sup>2</sup> Franco W. Benyamin,<sup>1</sup> Yuk Man Lei,<sup>2</sup> Bana Jabri,<sup>2</sup> Maria-Luisa Alegre,<sup>2</sup> Eugene B. Chang,<sup>2</sup> Thomas F. Gajewski<sup>1,2,†</sup>

Science, 27 Nov 2015



Snyder et al, Science, Nov 2015



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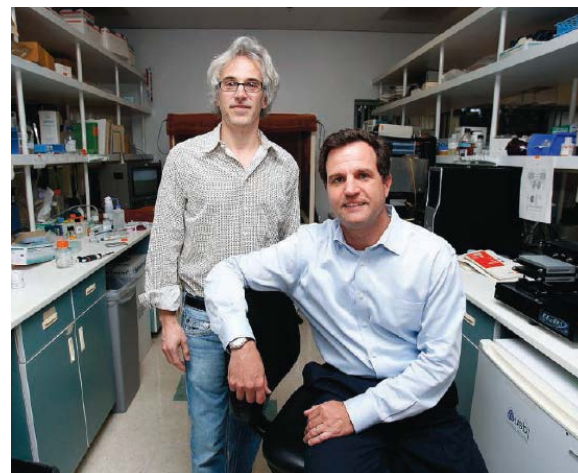
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# New Cystic Fibrosis Drug Offers Hope, at a Price

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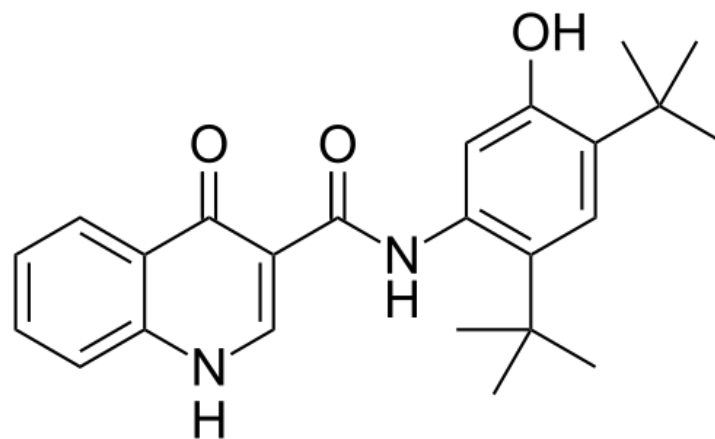
- New CF drug, ivacaftor
- Targets *G551D* mutation in the *CFTR* gene (4% of CF population)
- Fantastic innovation with increases in FEV1 ~10%



- 200 scientists
- 600,000 compounds screened
- *In silico* screening of 2.7 million compounds
- 3 possible candidates

## Indication expanded in 2014:

G178R, S549N, S549R, G551S, G1244E, S1251N, S1255P, and G1349D



# New Cardiovascular Targets

## **PROTEIN CONVERTASE SUBTILISIN/KEXIN TYPE 9 (PCSK9)**

- Gain-of-function-mutations lead to high LDL-C and premature CVD; Loss-of-function mutations – lower plasma levels of LDL-C and lower CVD risk
- Increased PCSK9 attenuates LDL receptor recycling resulting in higher LDL-C levels
- Human monoclonal antibodies now available – lower LDL-C. Effect on mortality not clear yet.

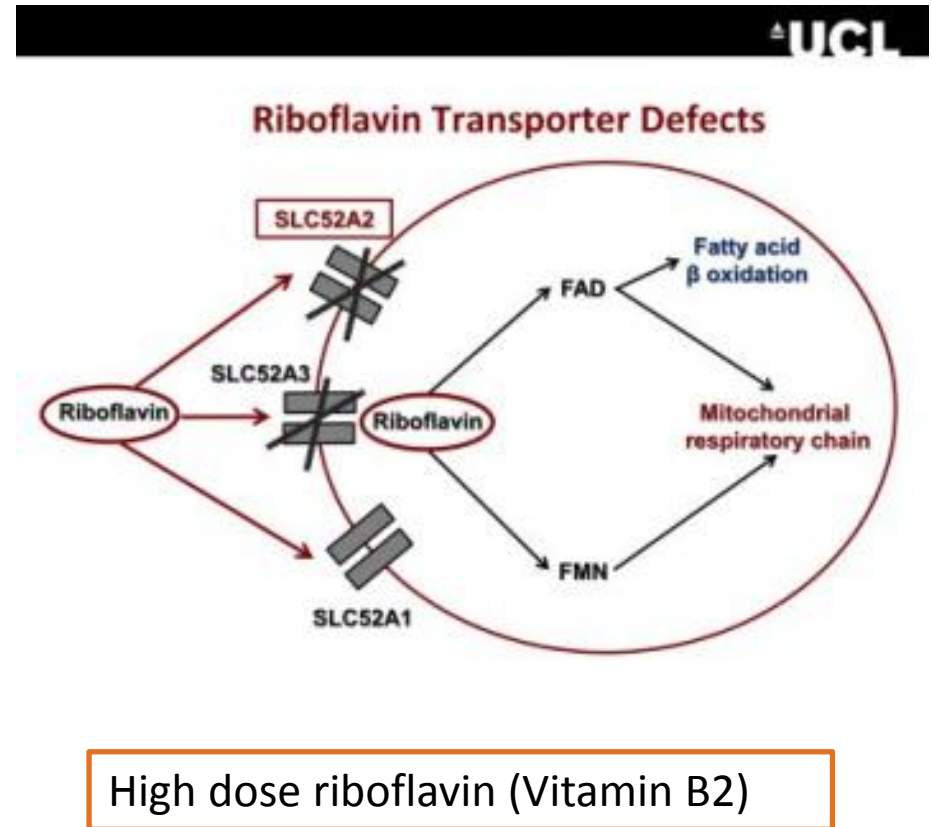
## **ANGIOPOEITIN-LIKE 4 (ANGPTL4)**

- ANGPTL4 inhibits lipoprotein lipase (which reduced lipid levels)
- Mutations in ANGPTL4 decrease triglyceride levels and patients have decreased CV risk
- Monoclonal antibodies against protein in mice lead to reduce TG



# Brown-Vialetto van Laere syndrome

- Childhood motor neurone disease
- Deafness, speech and swallowing problems, face and limb weakness and breathing problems
- Rare, autosomal recessive
- About 60 cases reported
- Exome sequencing

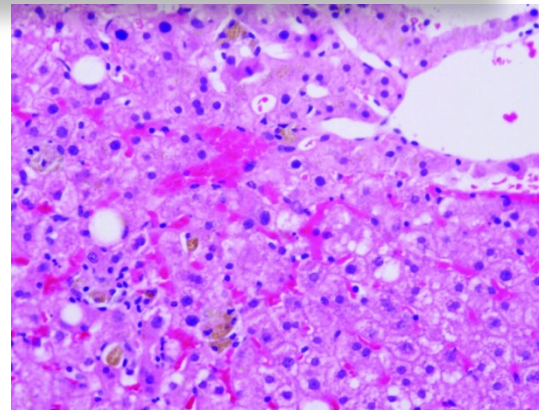




# Serious Adverse Drug Reactions



Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis



Hepatocellular hepatitis

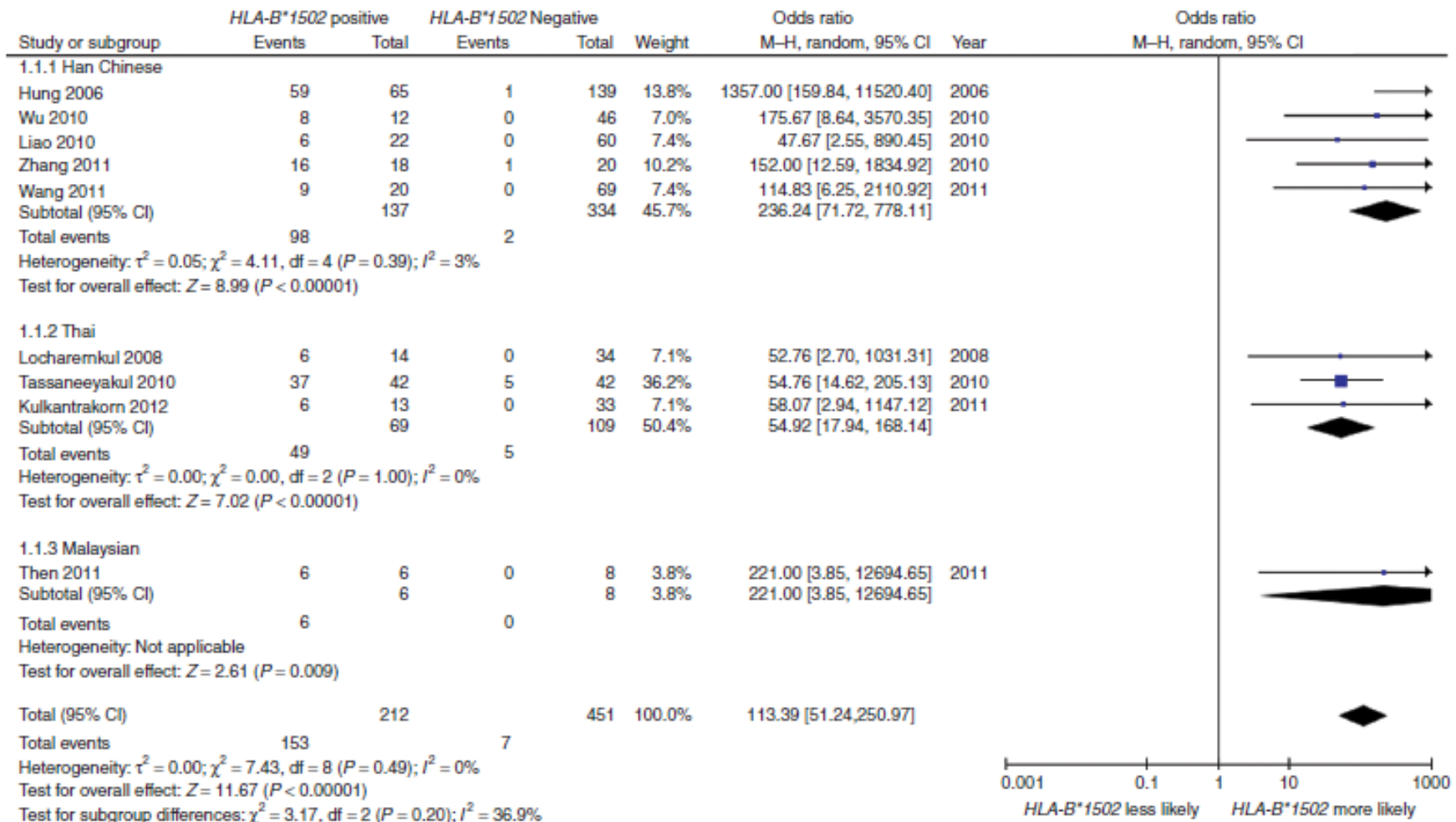


# HLA Genotype and Carbamazepine-Induced Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions: A Systematic Review

CPT, 2012

VL Yip<sup>1</sup>, AG Marson<sup>2</sup>, AL Jorgensen<sup>3</sup>, M Pirmohamed<sup>1</sup> and A Alfirevic<sup>1</sup>

**HLA-B\*1502**





# Effects of a HLA-B\*15:02 screening policy on antiepileptic drug use and severe skin reactions

Neurology® 2014;83:2077-2084

Evidence strong  
and consistent

Serious ADR  
potentially  
preventable

Government willing  
to pay for the test

- Faced with this choice what would you do if a patient needs to be prescribed CBZ?
  - A. Ignore screening policy and prescribe CBZ
  - B. Screen patient for HLA-B\*15:02 and prescribe alternative drug if positive
  - C. Avoid CBZ all together and prescribe an alternative



# Effects of a HLA-B\*15:02 screening policy on antiepileptic drug use and severe skin reactions

Neurology® 2014;83:2077-2084

- HLA-B\*15:02 screening policy introduced in Hong Kong (Sept 16, 2008): Compared 3 years before with 3 years after (111,242 patients)
- CBZ prescriptions declined from 16.2% to 2.6% (other AEDs increased).
- When testing used, it worked: Incidence of SJS/TEN induced by carbamazepine reduced (0.24% to 0%)
- SJS/TEN induced by phenytoin increased
- Overall incidence of AED-induced SJS/TEN remained unchanged (0.09% [42/45,832] vs 0.07% [39/55,326])



# Law of Unintended Consequences



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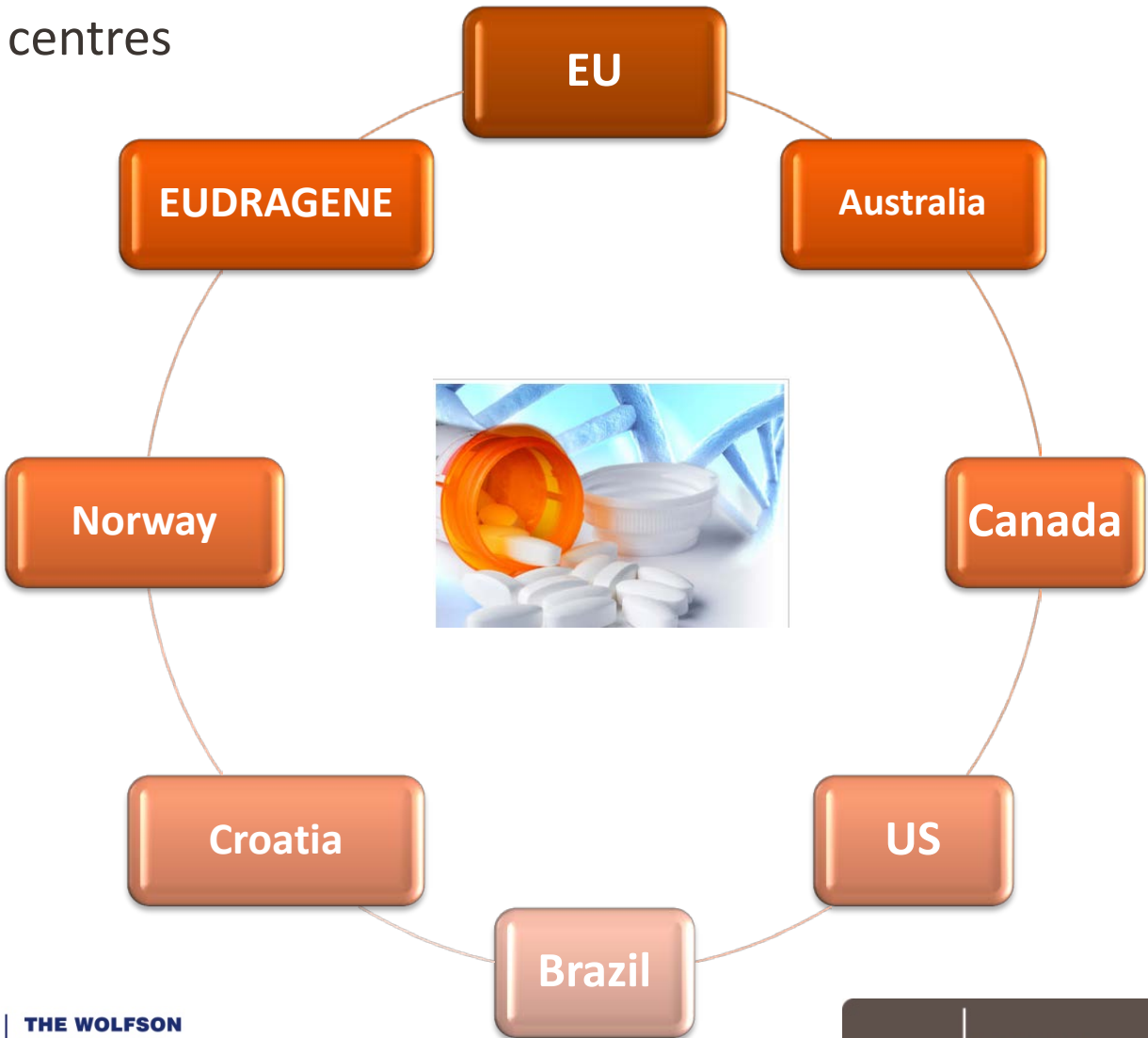
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# InTernational Consortium on Drug Hypersensitivity (ITCH)

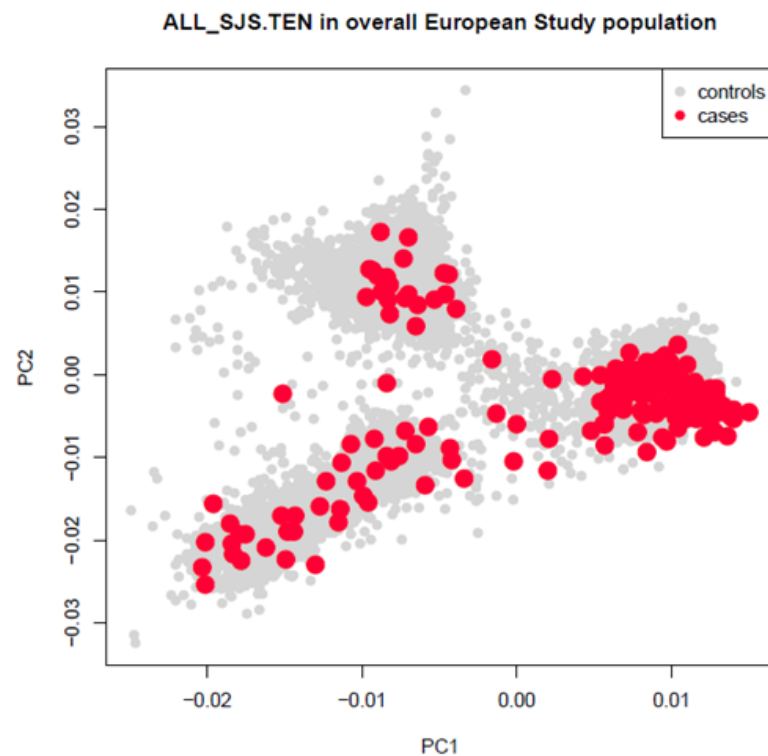
- 12 international centres
- 50 UK centres
- 1500 patients



Sponsored by the International Serious Adverse Event Consortium (iSAEC)

# SJS/TEN Patients

DRUGS	SJS/TEN
ALLOPURINOL	10
AMOXICILLIN	16
AMOXICILLIN/CLAVULANIC ACID	5
AMPICILLIN	2
BACAMPICILLIN	1
CARBAMAZEPINE	33
LAMOTRIGINE	18
OTHERS	100
PHENYTOIN	11
SULFASALAZINE	6
TRIMETHOPRIM/SULFAMETHOXAZOLE	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>



177 Caucasians Cases



# Associations of Serious Adverse Drug Reactions with HLA Alleles

<b>A*31:01</b> Carbamazepine	<b>A*33:03</b> Ticlopidine	<b>A*68:01</b> Lamotrigine	<b>A*02:06</b> Cold medicines	<b>B*13:01</b> Dapsone Trichlorethylene	<b>B*15:02</b> Carbamazepine Phenytoin
<b>B*35:05</b> Nevirapine	<b>B*44:03</b> Cold Medicines	<b>B*56:02</b> Phenytoin	<b>B*57:01</b> Abacavir Flucloxacillin	<b>B*58:01</b> Allopurinol	<b>C*04:01</b> Nevirapine
<b>C*08:(01)</b> Nevirapine	<b>DRB1*07:01</b> Ximelagatran Lapatinib Asparaginase	<b>DRB1*11:01</b> Statins	<b>DRB1*13:02</b> Aspirin	<b>DRB1*15:01</b> Lumiracoxib Co-amoxiclav	<b>DQA1*01:02</b> Lumiracoxib
<b>DQA1*02:01</b> Lapatinib	<b>DQB1*02:01</b> Ximelagatran Clometacin	<b>DQB1*05:02</b> Clozapine	<b>DQB1*06:02</b> Co-amoxiclav Lumiracoxib	<b>DQB1*06:04</b> Ticlopidine	<b>DQB1*06:09</b> Aspirin





# Problems in Implementing HLA Gene Tests

- Cost varies
- Single HLA tests
- Only available in some immunology laboratories in the NHS
- Turnaround time is variable, and can be about 2 weeks

## Multiple HLA Biomarker Panel

### Aim

- 24 HLA alleles
- Lower cost than individual alleles
- Turnaround time <48 hours
- Development of a decision support system



Poison is in everything,  
and no thing is without  
poison. The dosage makes  
it either a poison or a  
remedy

Dose  $\neq$  exposure



Paracelsus, 1493-1541



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# Variation in Drug Exposure as a Result of Renal Impairment

- Example: Aztreonam SmPC
  - ▶ “after an initial usual dose, the dosage of aztreonam should be halved in patients with estimated creatinine clearances between 10 and 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>”
- Many different examples in hepatic and renal impairment with dose instructions based on PK studies and occasionally PK-PD modelling
- No need for RCTs – in fact, would be impractical



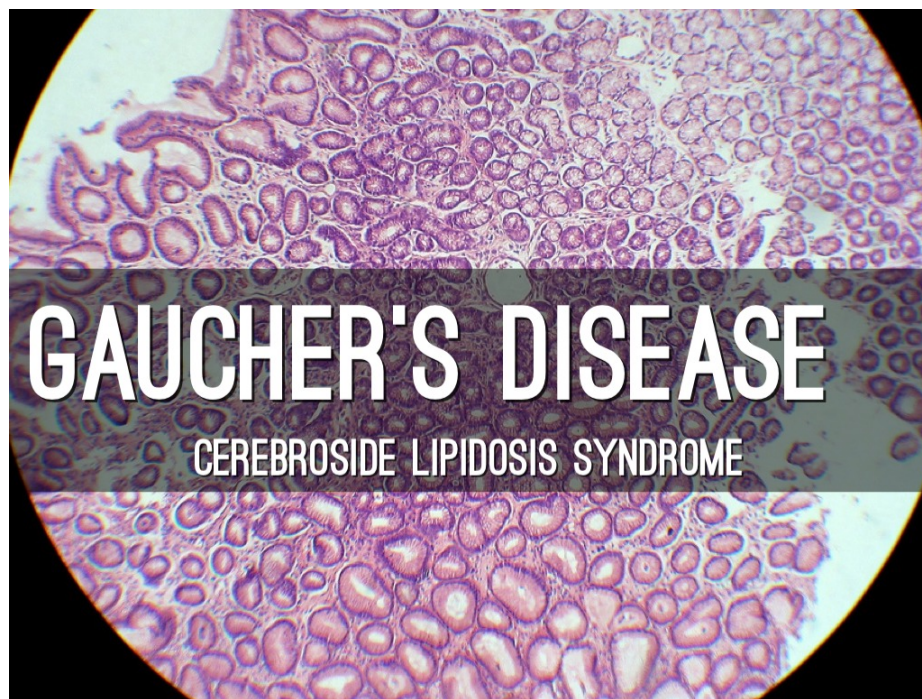
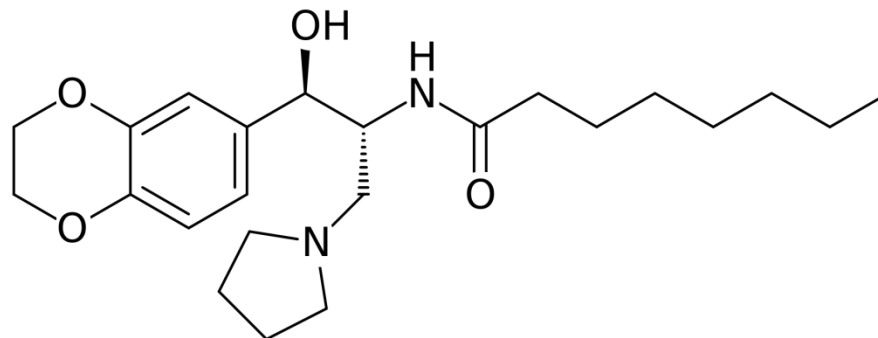
# Variation in Drug Exposure as a Result of Genetic Polymorphism

- A genetic polymorphism leading to *same degree of change in drug exposure* as renal impairment is often ignored and/or RCT data are required for implementation
- However, many patients will have genomic data in healthcare records (for example, from 100K genome project)
- Some patients may present with direct to consumer genetic tests
- Should these variants be ignored, and conventional dosing used?
- Or should the same principles as applied to renal/hepatic impairment be used for genetic polymorphisms to enable more precise dosing?



# Eliglustat

- Glucosylceramide synthetase inhibitor
- Licensed for Gaucher's disease by FDA in 2014
- CYP2D6 and CYP3A4 substrate
- **CYP2D6 EMs or IMs:** 84mg orally twice daily
- **CYP2D6 PMs:** 84mg orally once daily





# Warfarin

- Number of users UK:  
**600,000**
- Dose (mg) range per day:  
**0.5-20**
- Fold variability in dose:  
**40**
- Major bleeding rate per 100-person years:  
**2.6**
- Ranking in ADR list:  
**3**



Approved for human use in 1954





# Oral anticoagulation: a critique of recent advances and controversies

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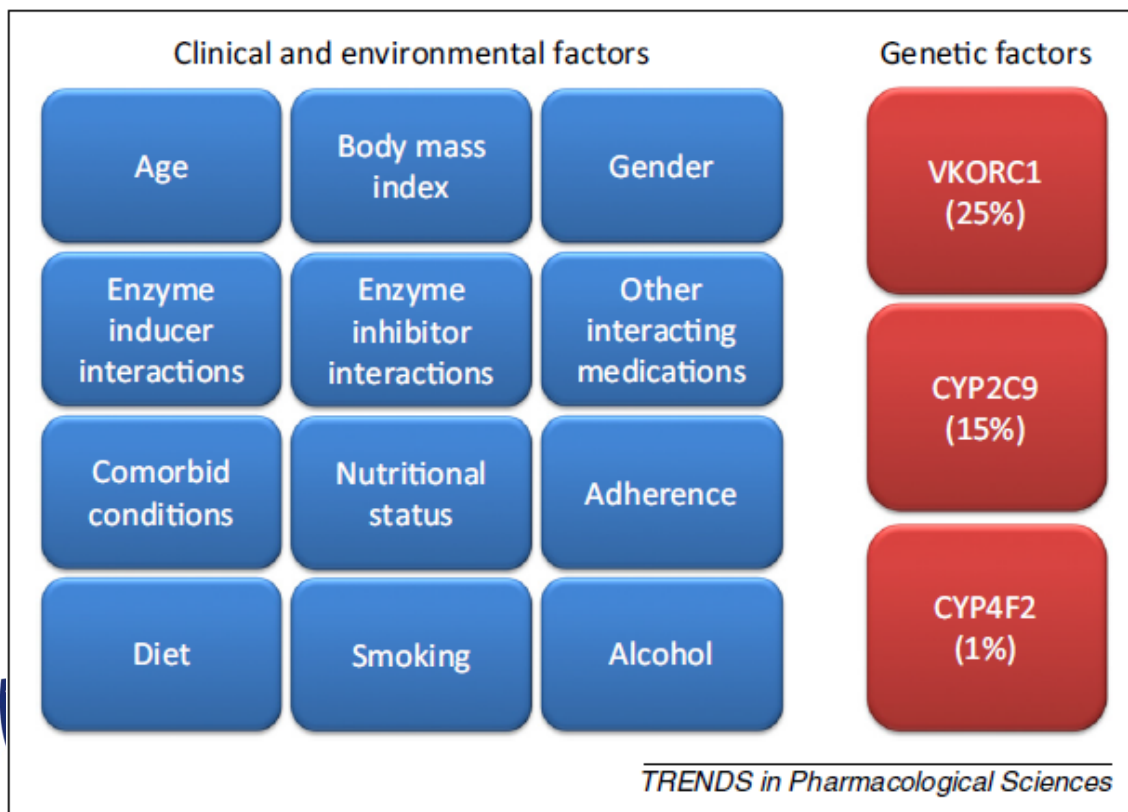
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# Pharmacogenetic-Based Dosing: Warfarin Randomised Controlled Trial



- FP7 sponsored EU trials
- 454 patients
  - 226 in genotype arm
  - 228 in standard care arm
- Point of Care test for genotyping



**European Union Pharmacogenetics of AntiCoagulant Therapy**

# A Randomized Trial of Genotype-Guided Dosing of Warfarin

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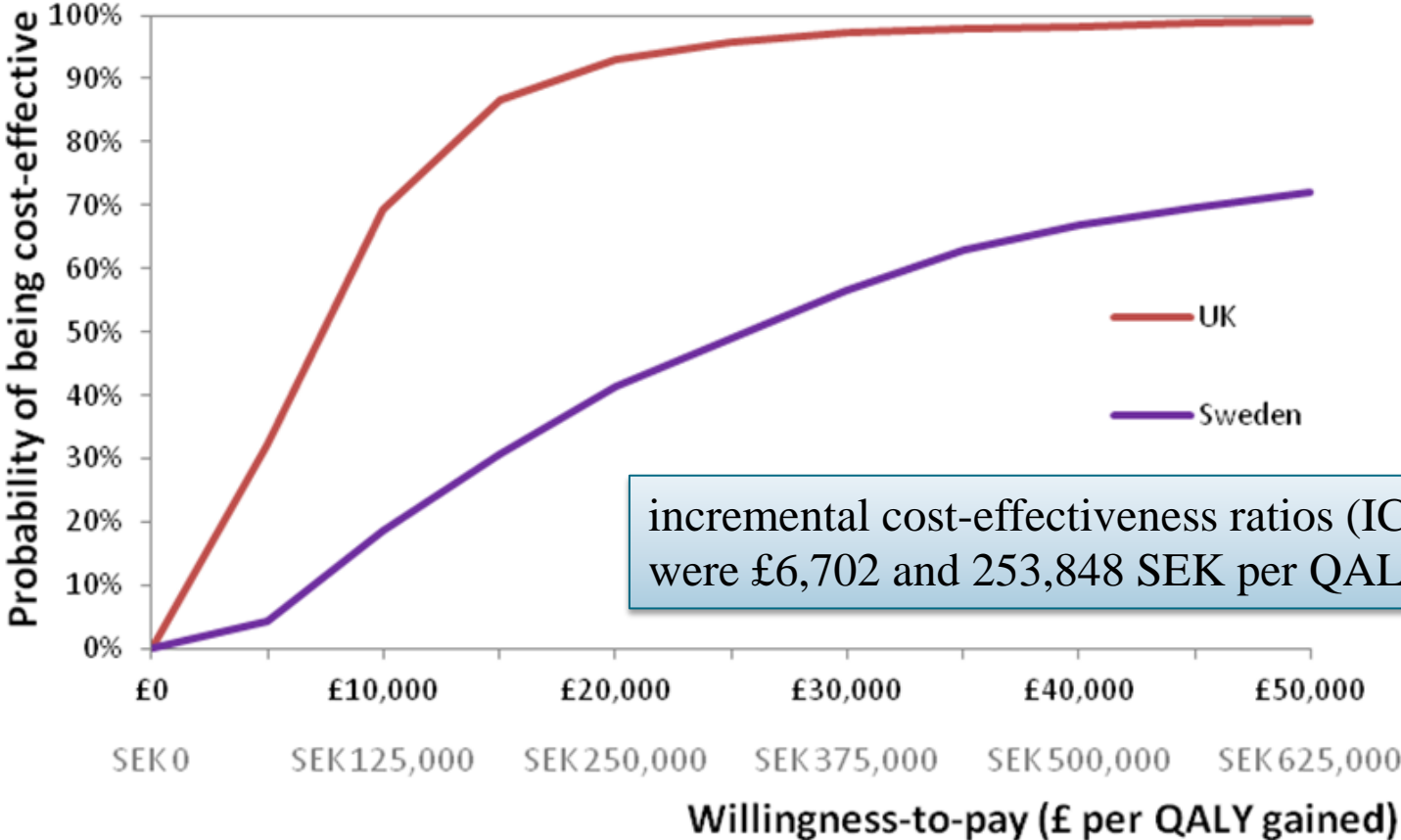
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Genotyped arm %TTR	Standard dosing (control) arm %TTR	Adjusted Difference	P value
<b>ITT ANALYSIS (n= 211 vs 216)</b>			
67.4%	60.3%	7%	P<0.001
<b>PER-PROTOCOL (n=166 vs 184)</b>			
68.9%	62.3%	6.6%	P=0.001

**PRIMARY OUTCOME MEASURE:** Percent time within therapeutic INR range 2.0-3.0 (TTR) during 12 weeks following the initiation of warfarin therapy

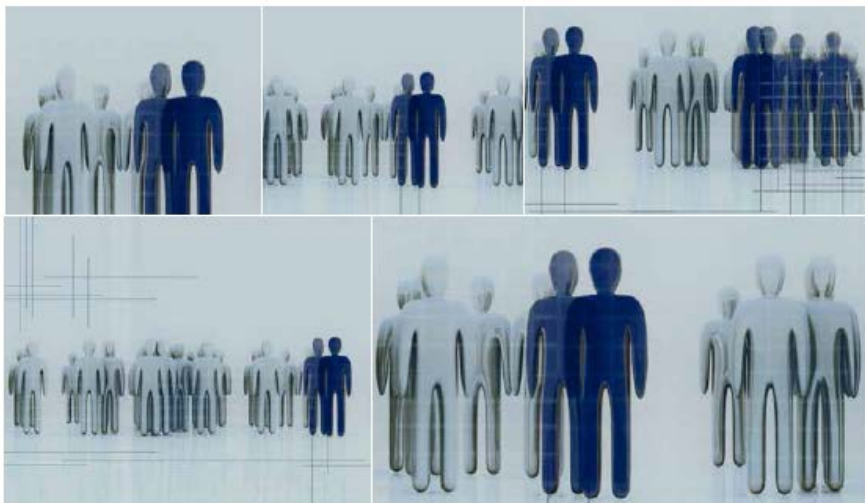


# EU-PACT Cost Effectiveness



incremental cost-effectiveness ratios (ICERs) were £6,702 and 253,848 SEK per QALY gained





Realising the potential of stratified medicine

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- Increase pace of progress which is only possible through involvement of many stakeholders
- **Linking of biomedical and health informatics systems**
- Incentives to develop stratified medicine products
- Adoption
- Need for collaboration



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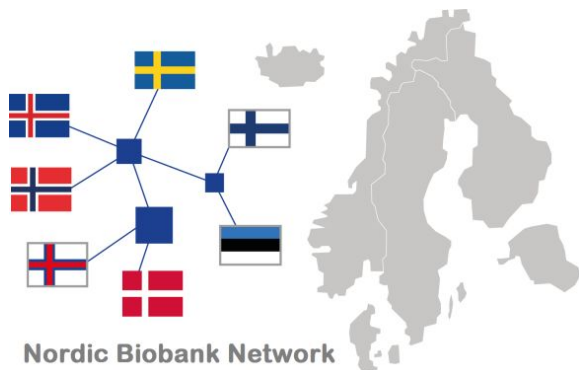
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# Deep Phenotyping

- **Deep phenotyping** can be defined as the precise and comprehensive analysis of phenotypic abnormalities in which the individual components of the phenotype are observed and described

DEEP PHENOTYPING

## The details of disease

*Precision medicine demands precise matching of deep genomic and phenotypic models – and the deeper you go, the more you know.*

Delude, Nature, Nov 2015

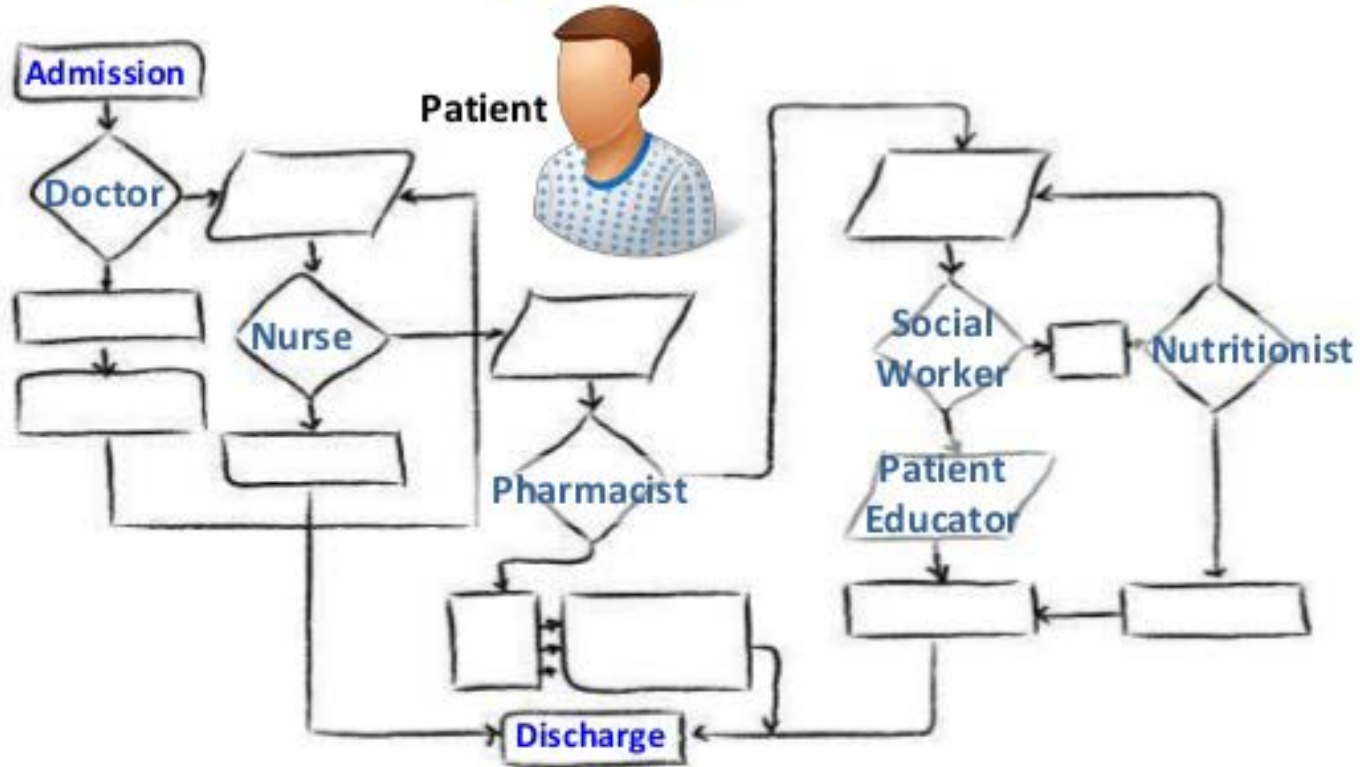
Are our health records up to the challenge of deep phenotyping?





# What is a Clinical Pathway?

Plan of Care



Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

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# Concluding Thoughts

- Landscape is highly positive, but many aspects are at an early stage and thus aspirational. The challenge will be to get them to work
- Electronic health records and connectivity is very important, but key issues will need to be tackled
- The focus is very much on new drugs and partnership with Pharma Industry, which is of course important.
- However, most of the drugs used are off-patent, and the same issues of variability are seen. We could learn a lot, more quickly, by more funding in this area.
- Important not to forget about drug safety and drug dose
- We need buy-in of healthcare systems (re-engineering of pathways and education and training)



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