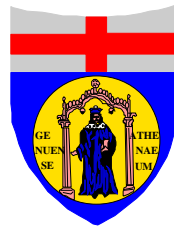


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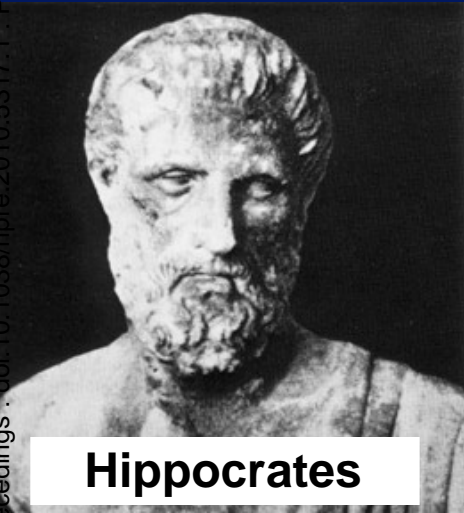
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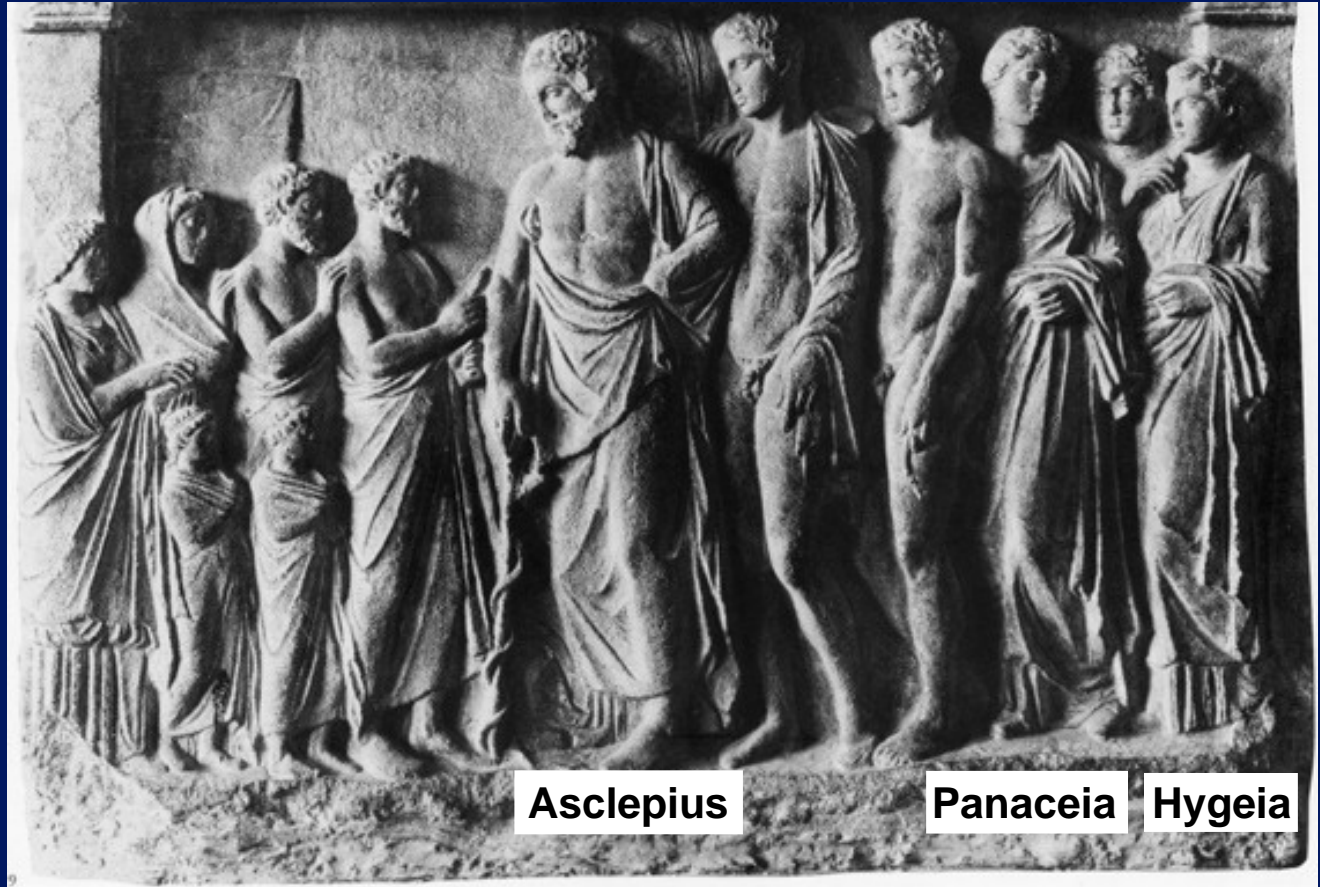
THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I swear by Apollo the Physician and Asclepius and Hygeia and Panaceaia and all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will fulfill according to my ability and judgment this oath.....

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Hippocrates



Asclepius

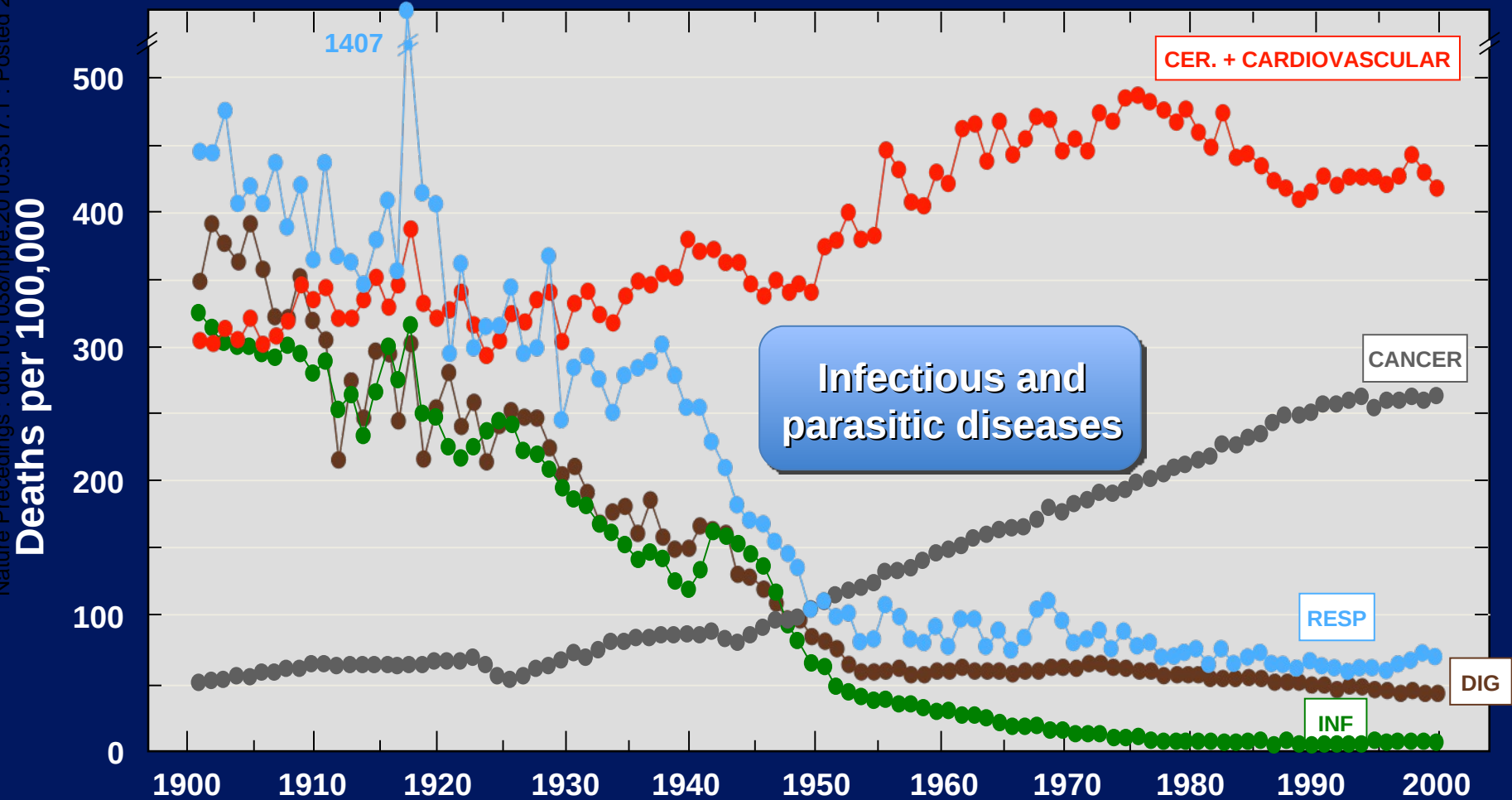
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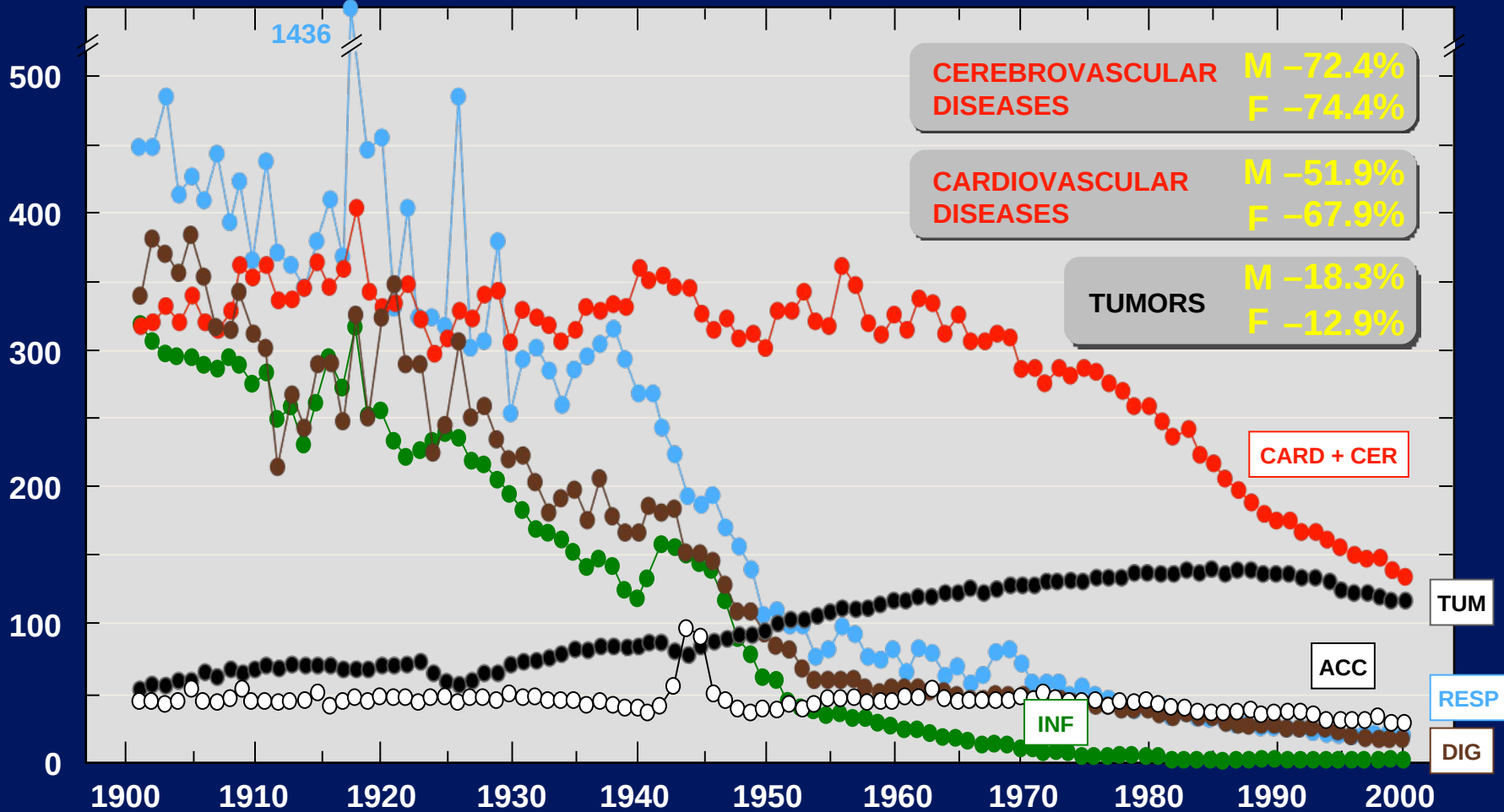
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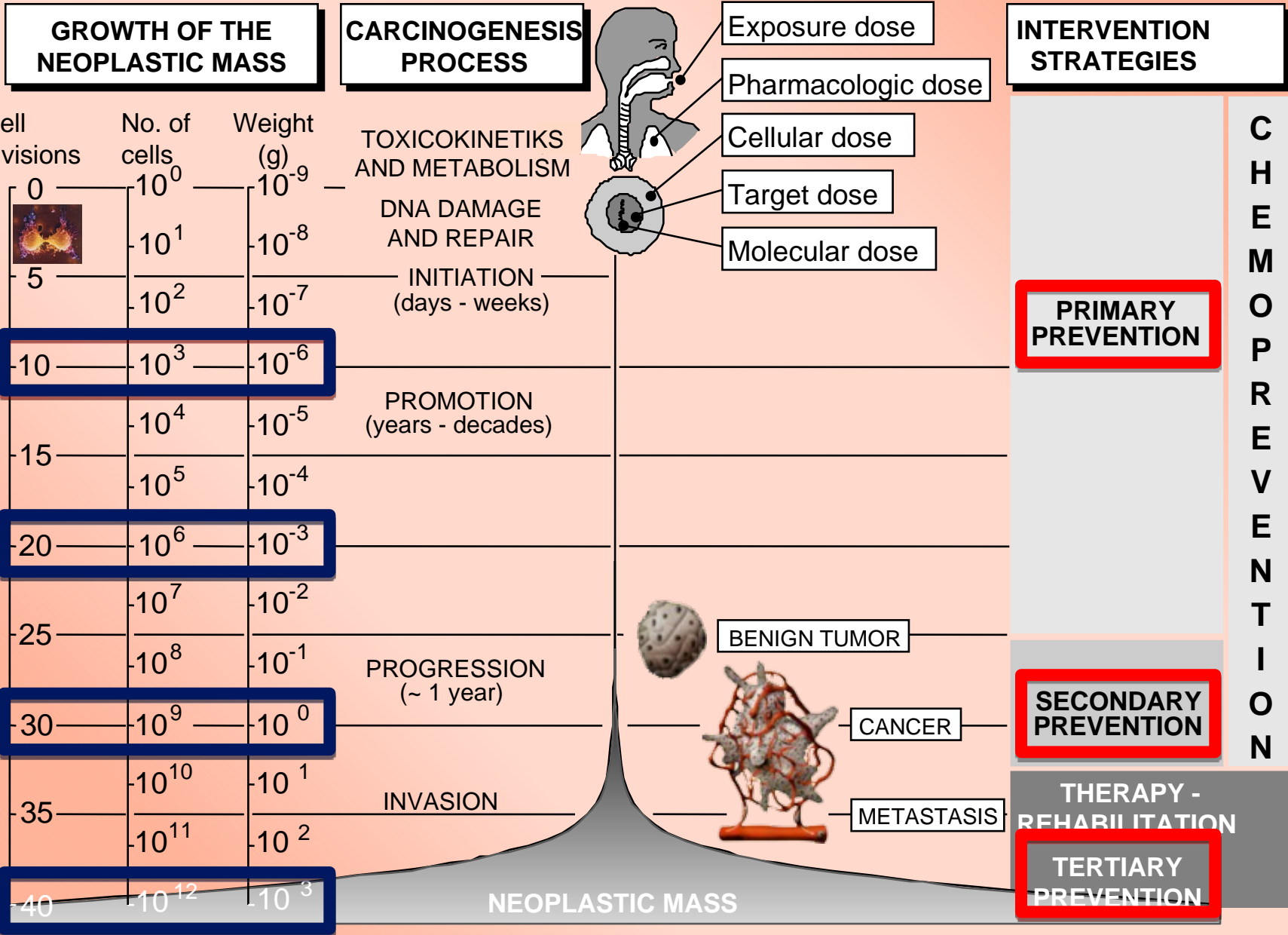
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Deaths per 100,000





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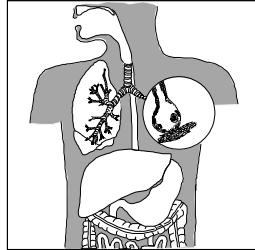
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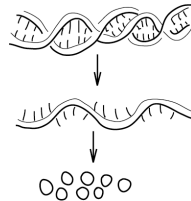
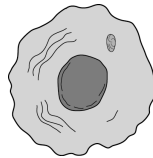
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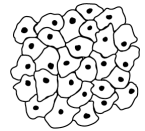
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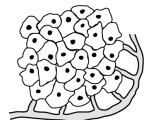
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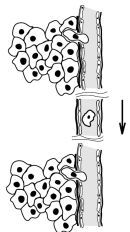
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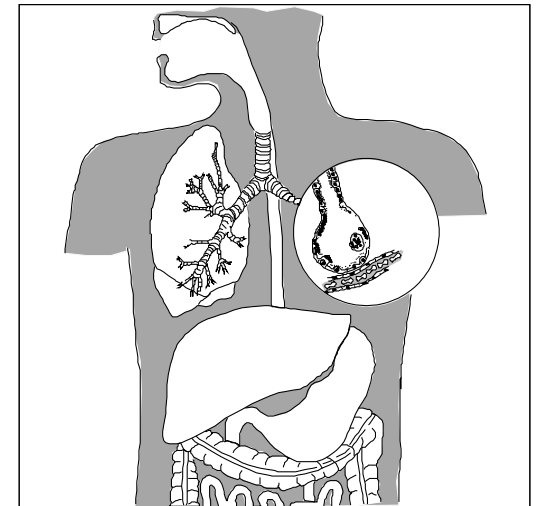
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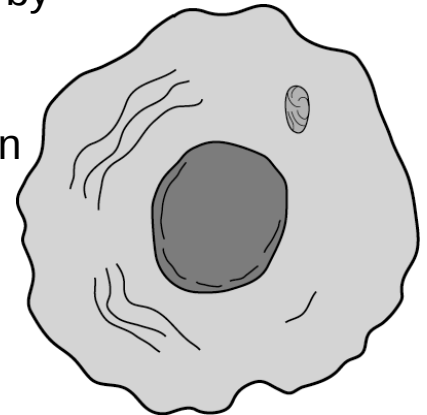
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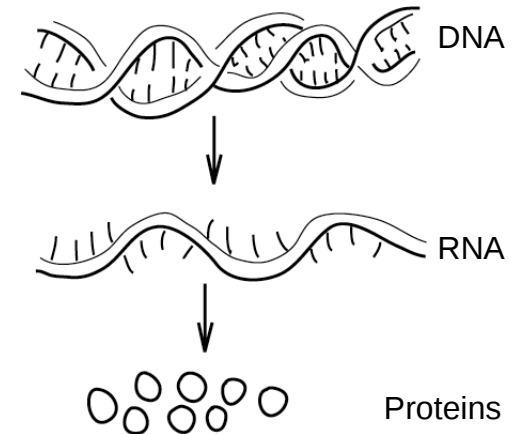
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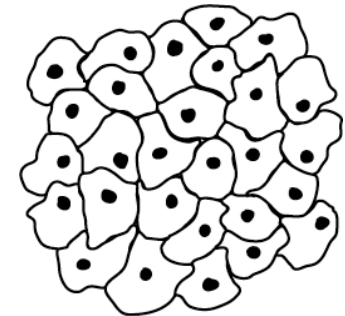
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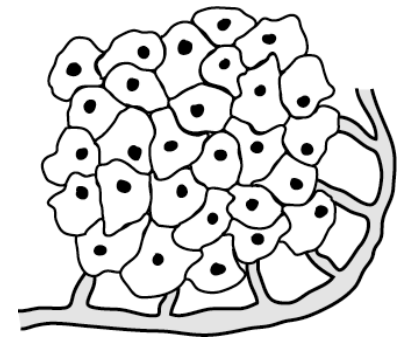
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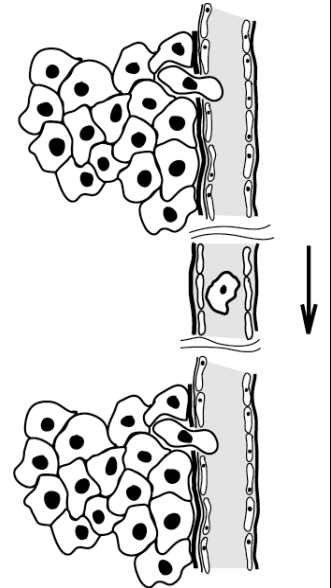
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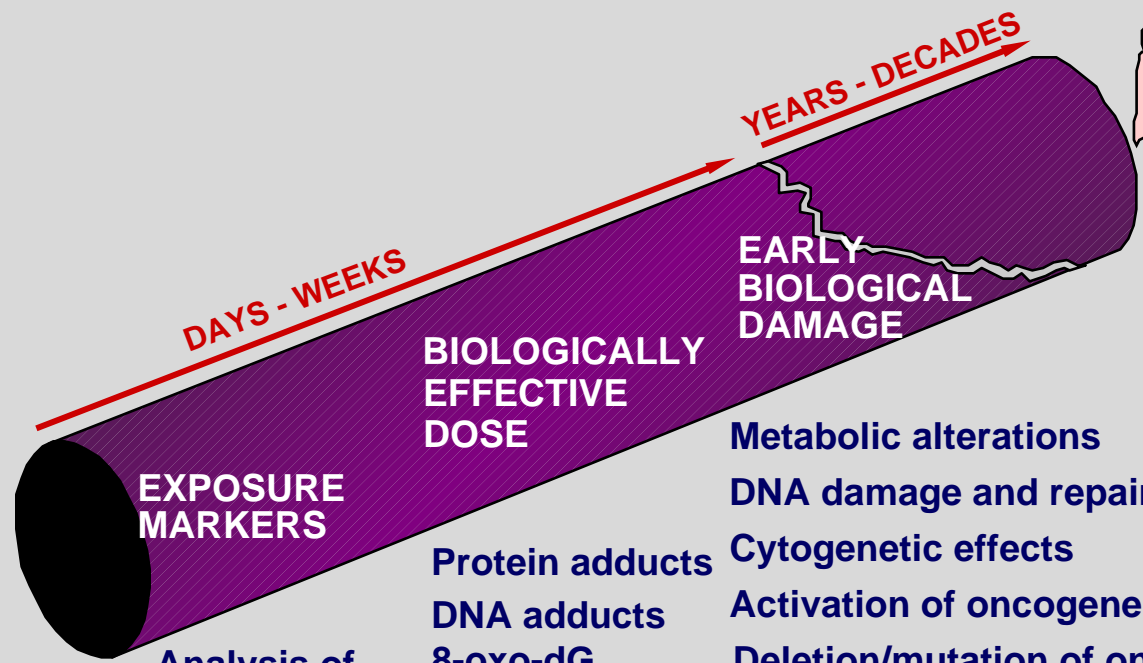
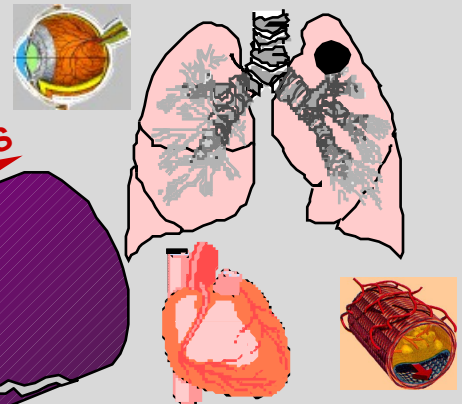
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DECODING THE BLACK BOX

DISEASES



EXPOSURE MARKERS

Analysis of metabolites
Mutagenicity of escreta

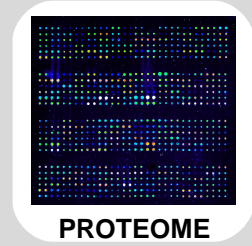
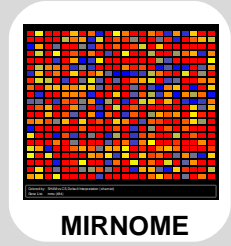
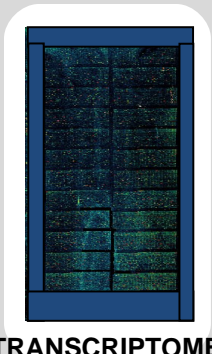
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Protein adducts
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EARLY BIOLOGICAL DAMAGE

Metabolic alterations
DNA damage and repair
Cytogenetic effects
Activation of oncogenes
Deletion/mutation of oncosuppressor genes
Proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, etc.

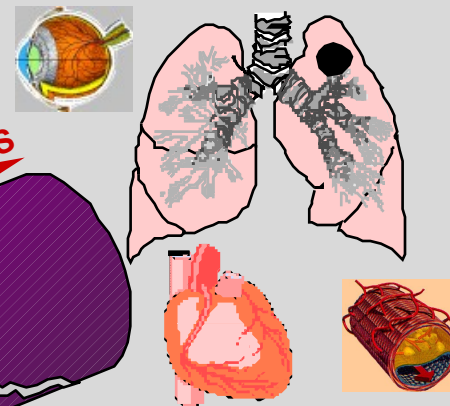
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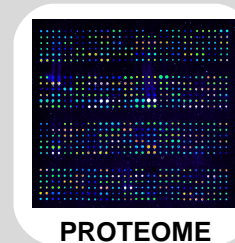
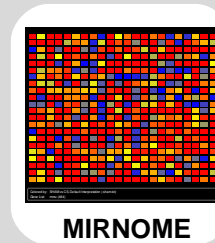
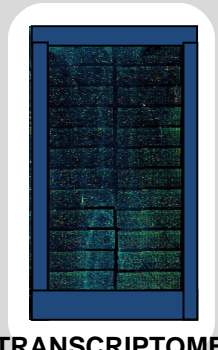
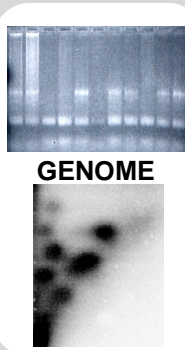
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Cancer / Physical agents



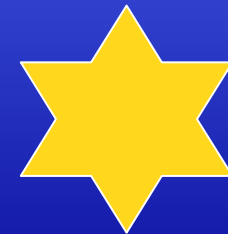
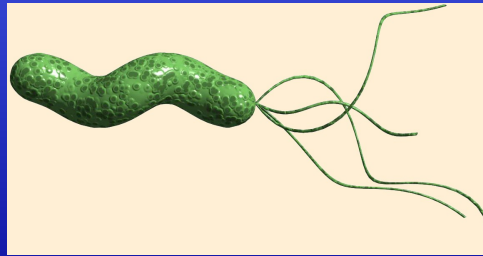
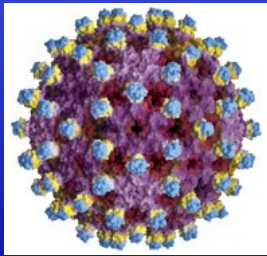
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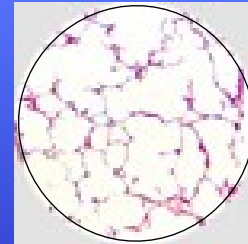
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Cancer / Microbial diseases



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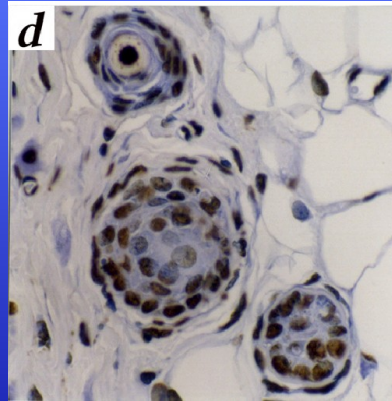


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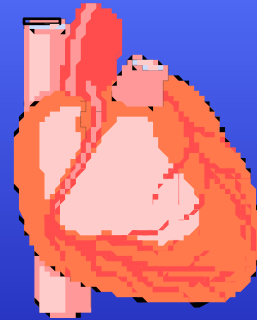
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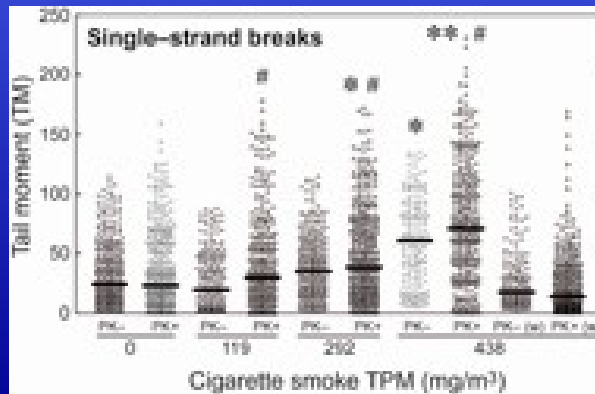
Heart diseases



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Pathological conditions

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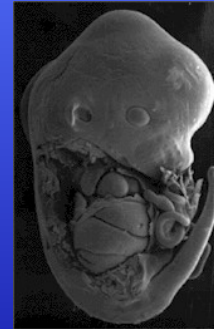
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Physiological situations

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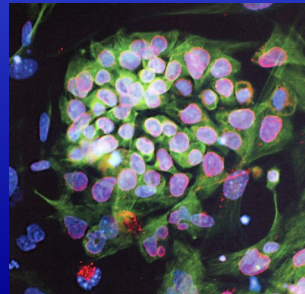


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Newborn mice / fetuses

8-oxo-dGuo

DNA adducts

Expression of 746 genes

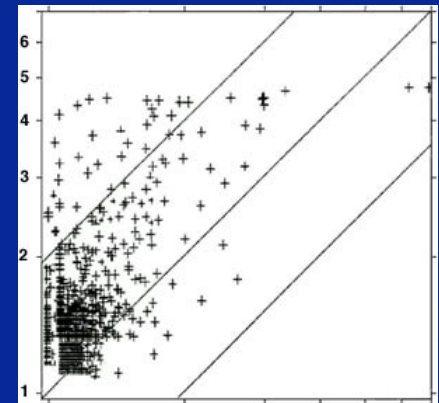
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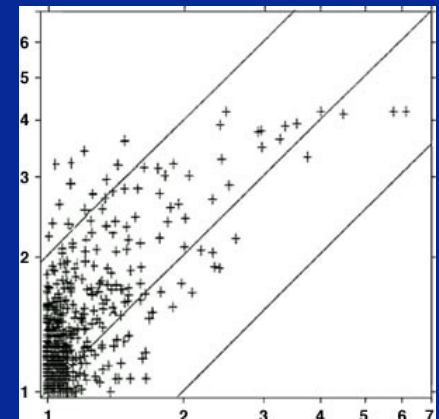
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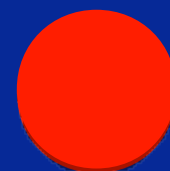
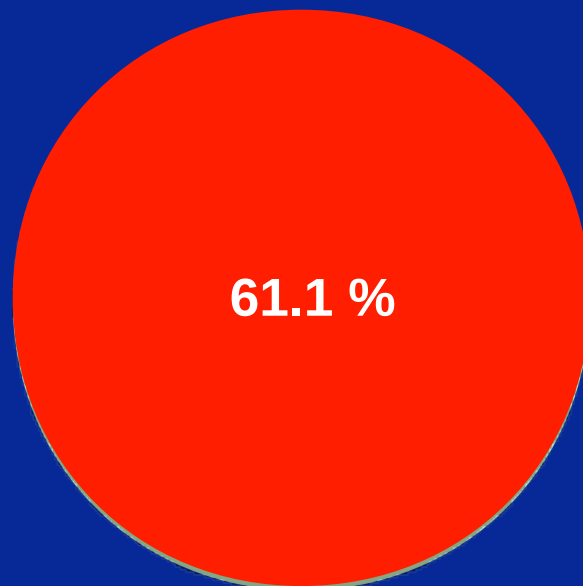
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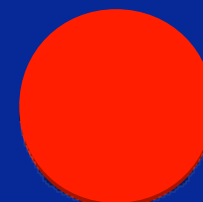
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HYPERPLASIA OF BLADDER EPITHELIUM

UNTREATED PREGNANT MICE

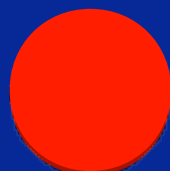


16.7 %



20.4 %

NAC-TREATED PREGNANT MICE



17.0 %



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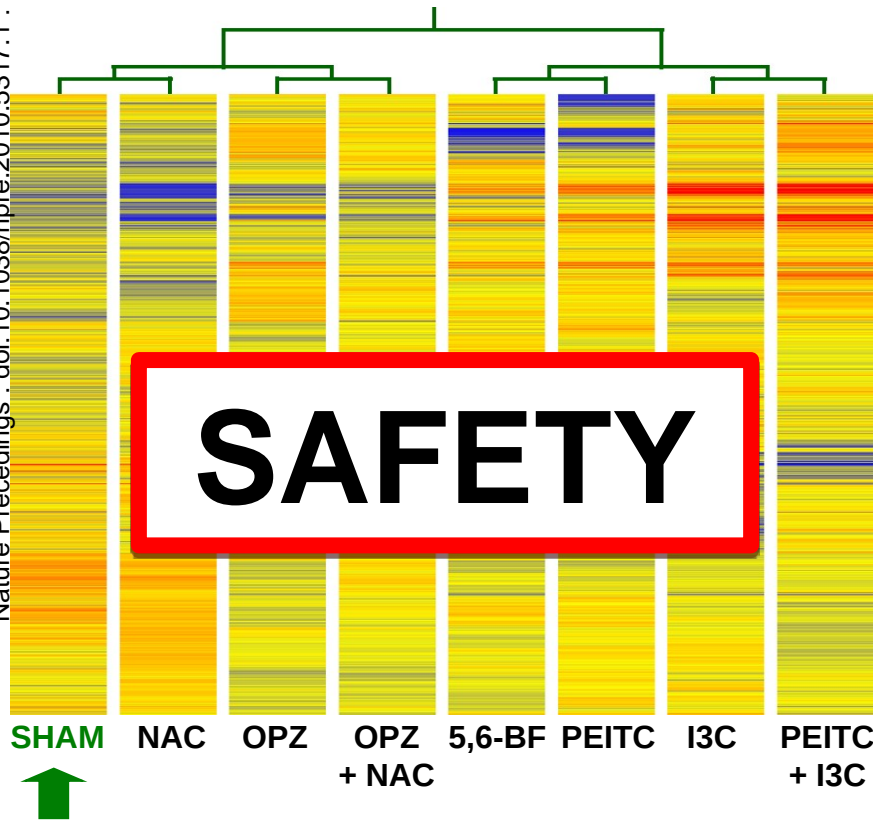


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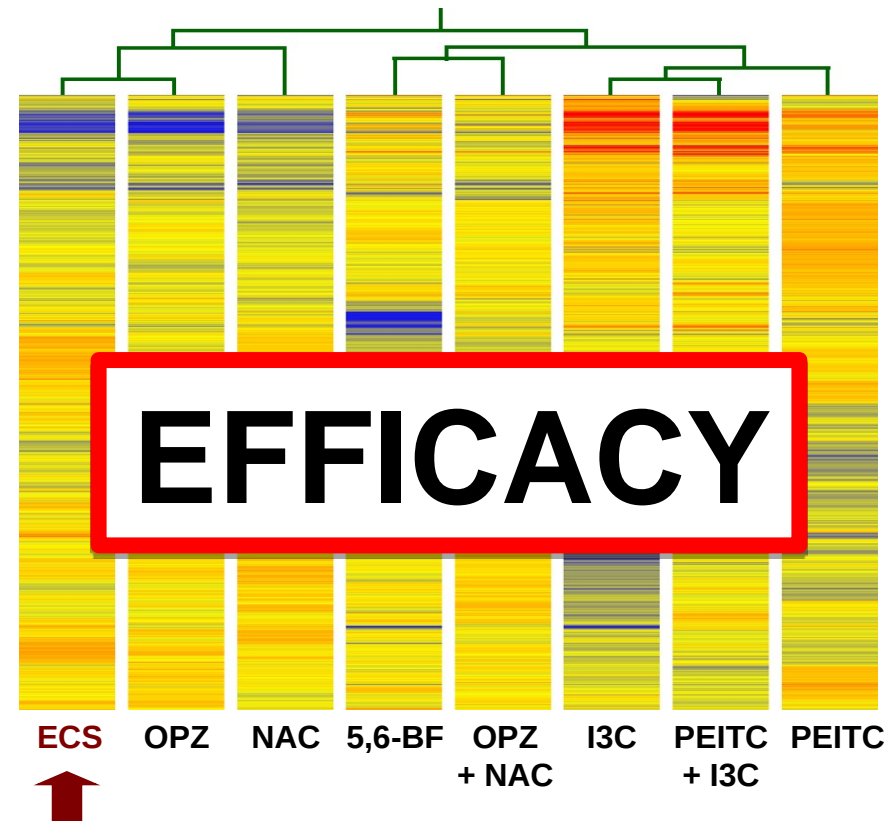
EXPRESSION OF 4858 GENES IN MOUSE LUNG

A. Izzotti et al., Mutat. Res. 591, 212–223, 2005

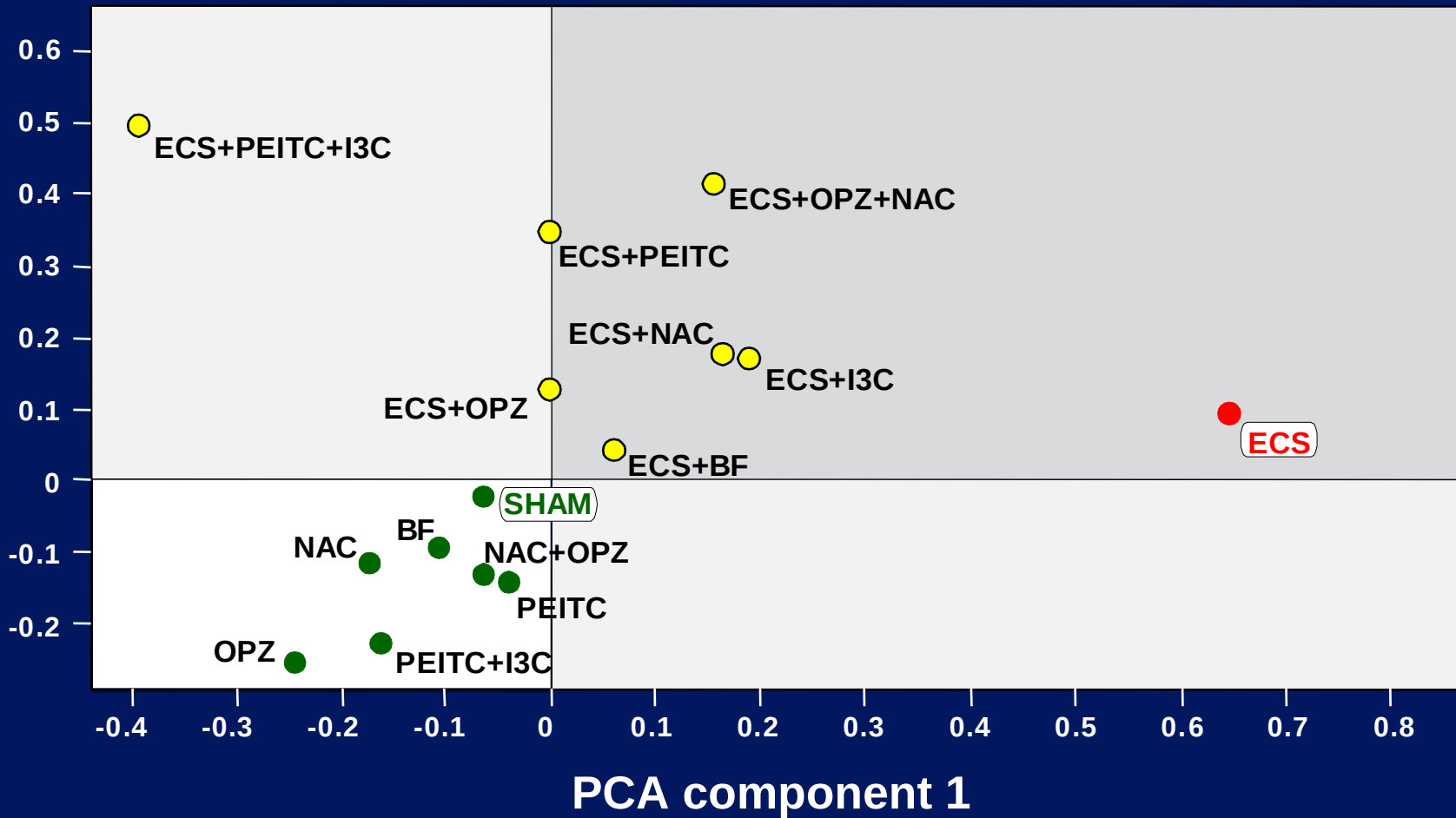
SMOKE-FREE MICE



SMOKE-EXPOSED MICE



EFFECT OF CIGARETTE SMOKE (ECS) AND CHEMOPREVENTIVE AGENTS ON miRNA EXPRESSION IN RAT LUNG



EXPOSURE OF HAIRLESS MICE TO HALOGEN LAMPS

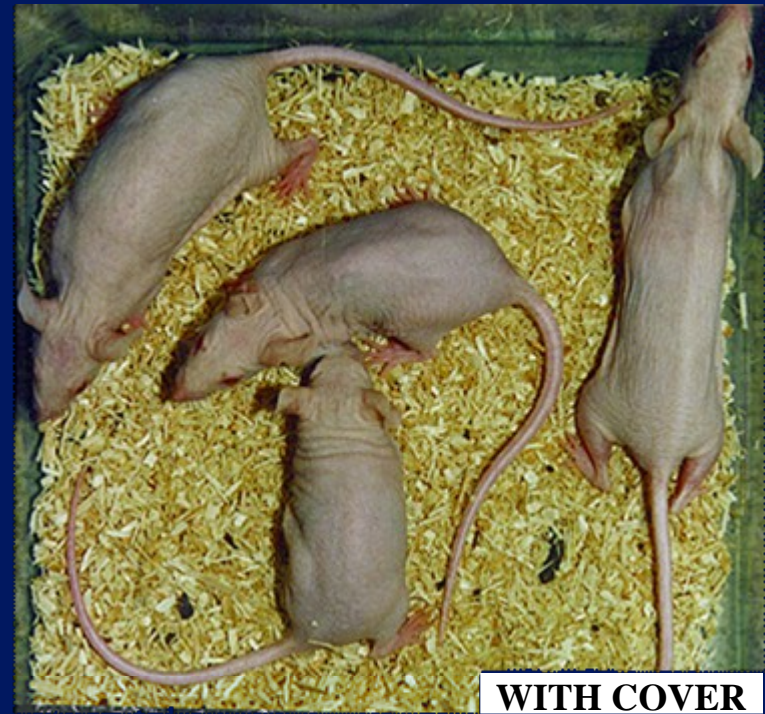
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SKIN CARCINOGENICITY OF HALOGEN LAMPS

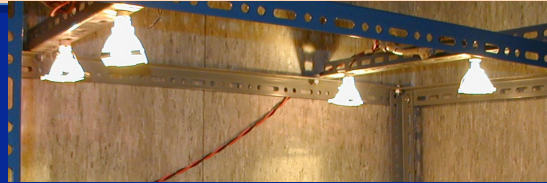
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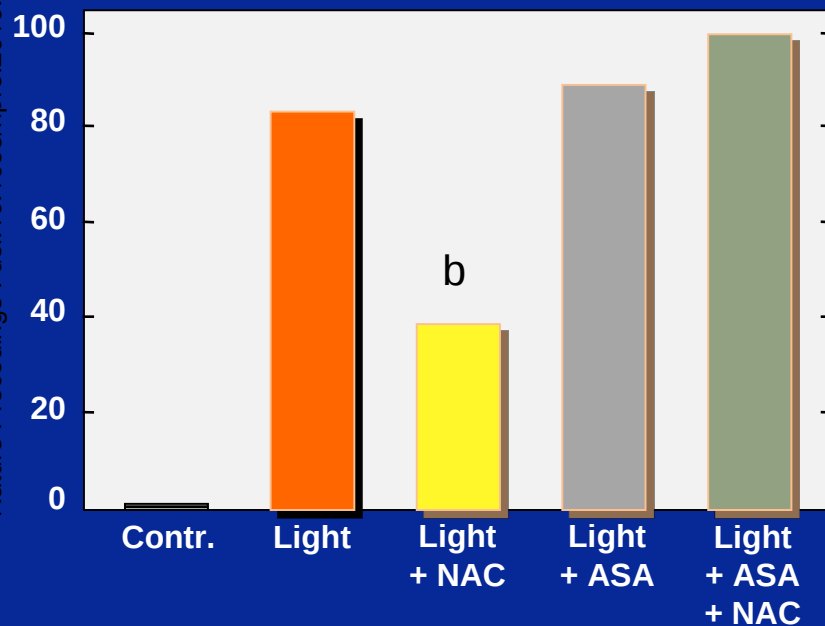


MODULATION OF LIGHT-INDUCED SKIN TUMORS BY N-ACETYLCYSTEINE (NAC) AND ASCORBIC ACID (ASA)

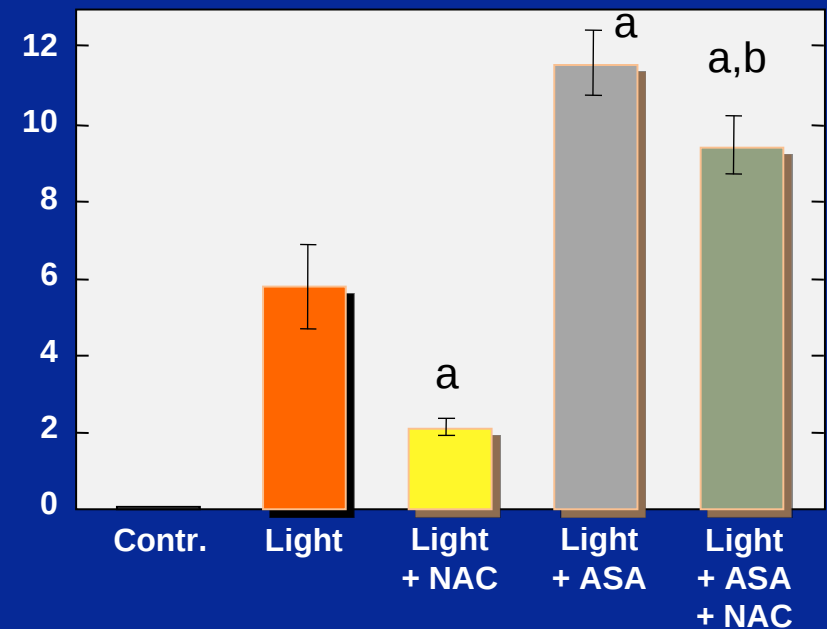
F. D'Agostini et al., Carcinogenesis 26, 657–664, 2005



Incidence (%)



Multiplicity (mean ± SE)



^a $P < 0.001$, as compared with Light; ^b $P < 0.001$, as compared with Light + AsA

THE PREVENTION OF INFECTION-ASSOCIATED CANCERS

(S. De Flora and P. Bonanni, 2010)

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| Pathogen | IARC Group | Main associated cancer |
|--|------------|---|
| Hepatitis viruses | | |
| HBV | 1 | Hepatocellular carcinoma |
| HCV | 1 | Hepatocellular carcinoma |
| HDV | 3 | None |
| Papillomaviruses | | |
| α HPV type 16 | 1 | Cancers at several sites |
| α HPV types 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59 | 1 | Cervical cancer |
| α HPV type 68 | 2A | Cervical cancer |
| α HPV types 26, 30, 34, 53, 66, 67, 69, 70, 73, 82, 85, 97 | 2B | Cervical cancer |
| β HPV type 5 and 8 | 2B | Skin cancer |
| α HPV type 6 and 11 | 3 | None |
| Other β and γ HPV types | 3 | None |
| Polyomaviruses | | |
| JCV | NA | CNS tumors and colorectal cancer? |
| MCV | NA | Skin cancer (Merkel cell carcinoma) |
| SV40 | NA | Malignant mesothelioma ? |
| Herpesviruses | | |
| EBV or HHV4 | 1 | Burkitt's lymphoma, sinonasal angiocentric T-cell lymphoma, immunosuppressor-related non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma |
| KSHV or HHV8 | 1 | Kaposi's sarcoma, primary effusion lymphoma |

| Pathogen | IARC Group | Main associated cancer |
|------------------------------|------------|---|
| Retroviruses | | |
| HTLV-I | 1 | Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma |
| HTLV-II | 3 | None |
| HIV-I | 1 | Kaposi's sarcoma, non-Hdgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, cervical cancer, anus cancer, conjunctive cancer |
| HIV-II | 2B | Kaposi's sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma |
| HERV-K | NA | Human breast cancer |
| Helicobacter pylori | | |
| | 1 | Gastric cancer, MALT |
| Schistosomes | | |
| <i>S. haematubium</i> | 1 | Urinary bladder cancer |
| <i>S. japonicum</i> | 2B | Colorectal and liver cancers |
| <i>S. mansoni</i> | 3 | None |
| Liver flukes | | |
| <i>Opistorchis viverrini</i> | 1 | Cholangiocarcinoma |
| <i>Opistorchis felineus</i> | 3 | None |
| <i>Chlonorchis sinensis</i> | 1 | Cholangiocarcinoma |

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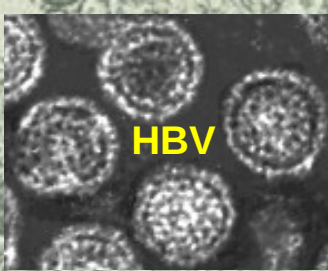
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| HCV | | |
| HDV | | |
| Papillomaviruses | | |
| α HPV type 16 | 1 | Cancers at several sites |
| α HPV types 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59 | | <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 5.2% of all cancers 100% of cervix cancers </div> |
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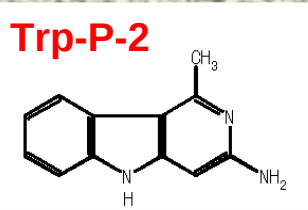
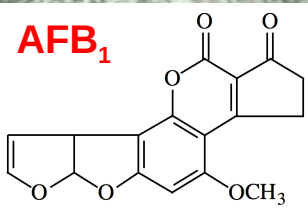
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Prevention of HBV infection



Regulations

Avoidance of exposure

Health education

PRIMARY PREVENTION OF HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

Chemoprevention

Diet

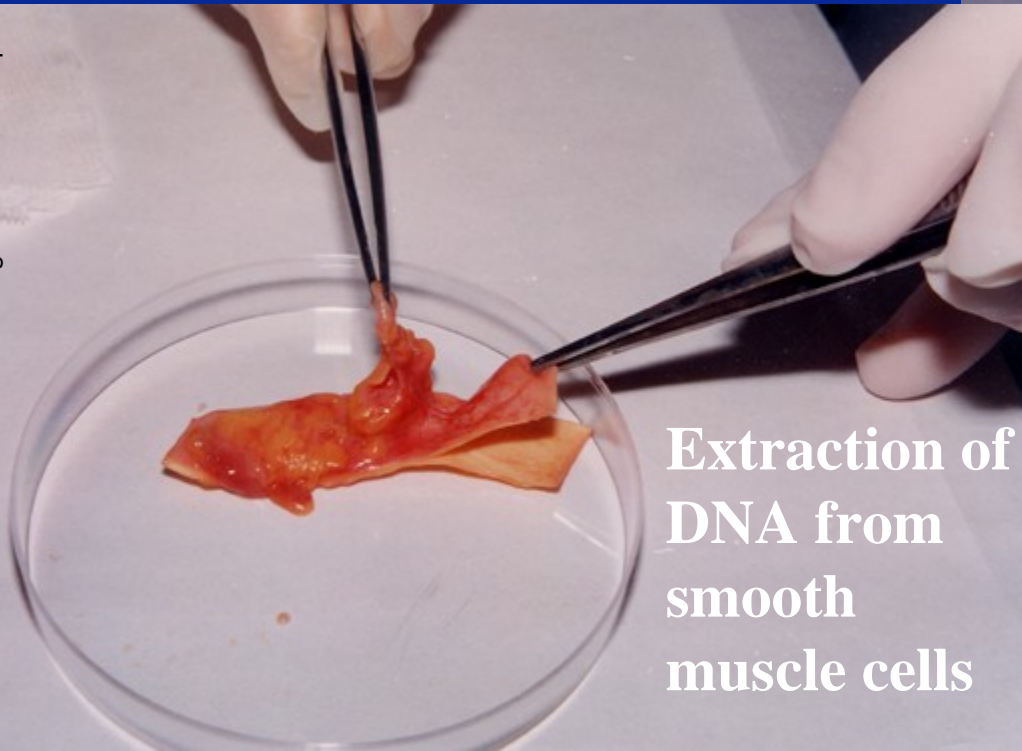
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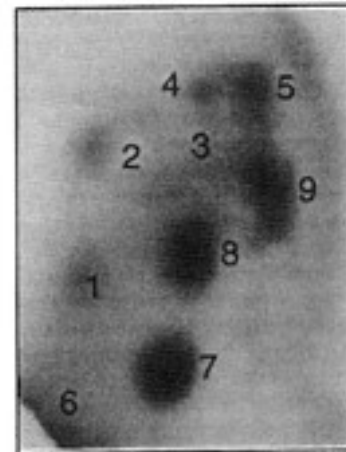
HUMAN ABDOMINAL AORTA WITH ATHEROSCLEROTIC LESIONS

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Extraction of
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muscle cells

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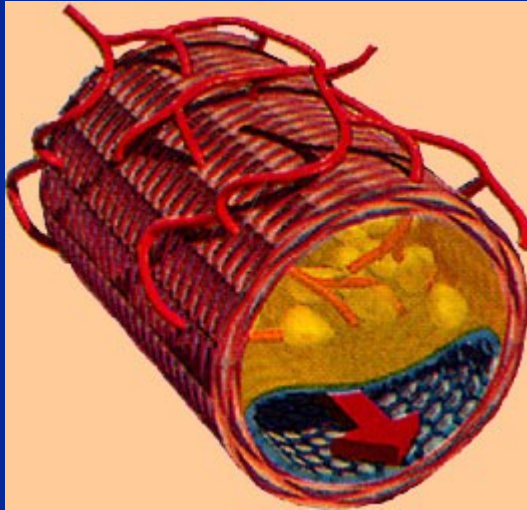


Butanol extraction

MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

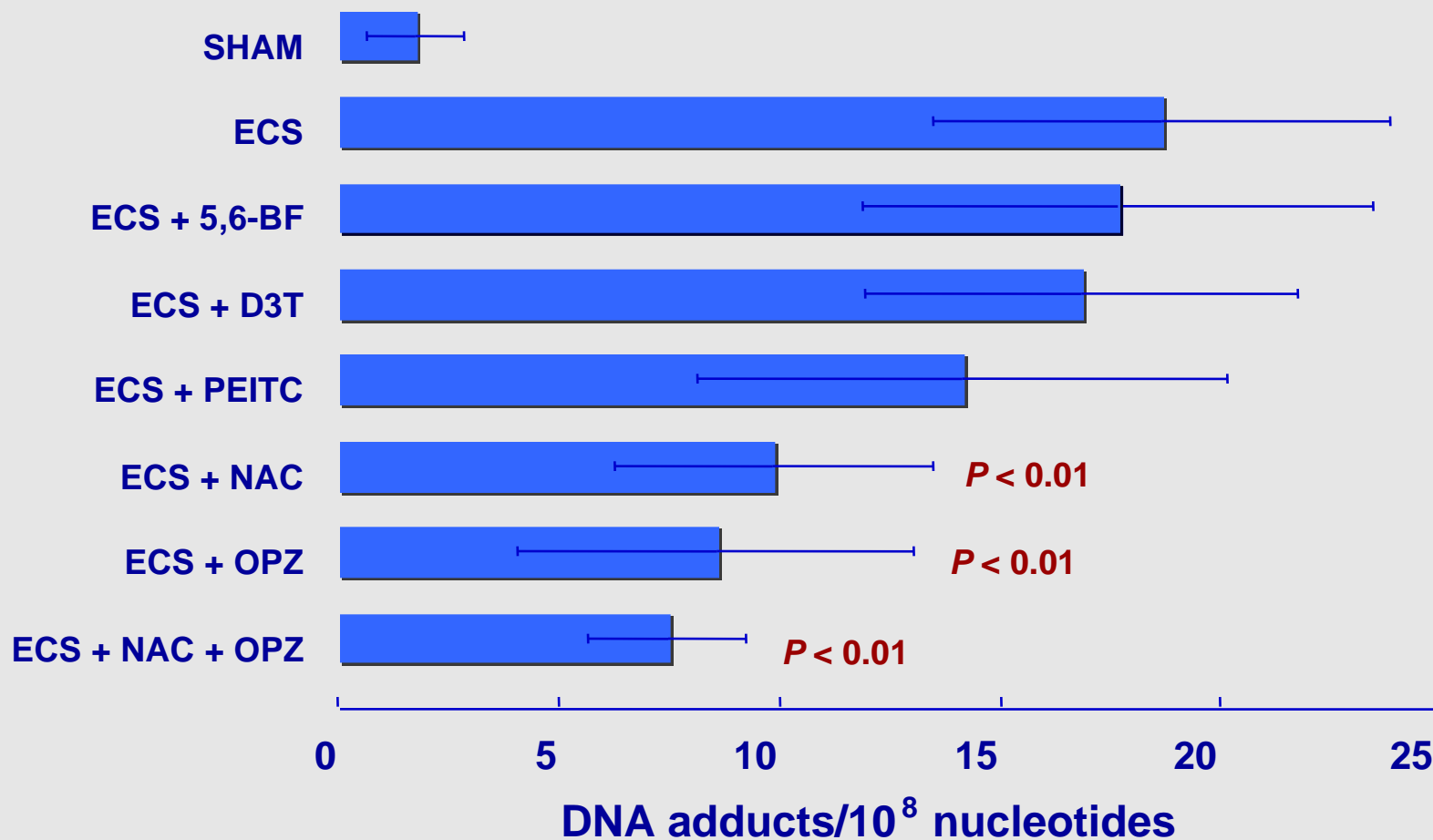
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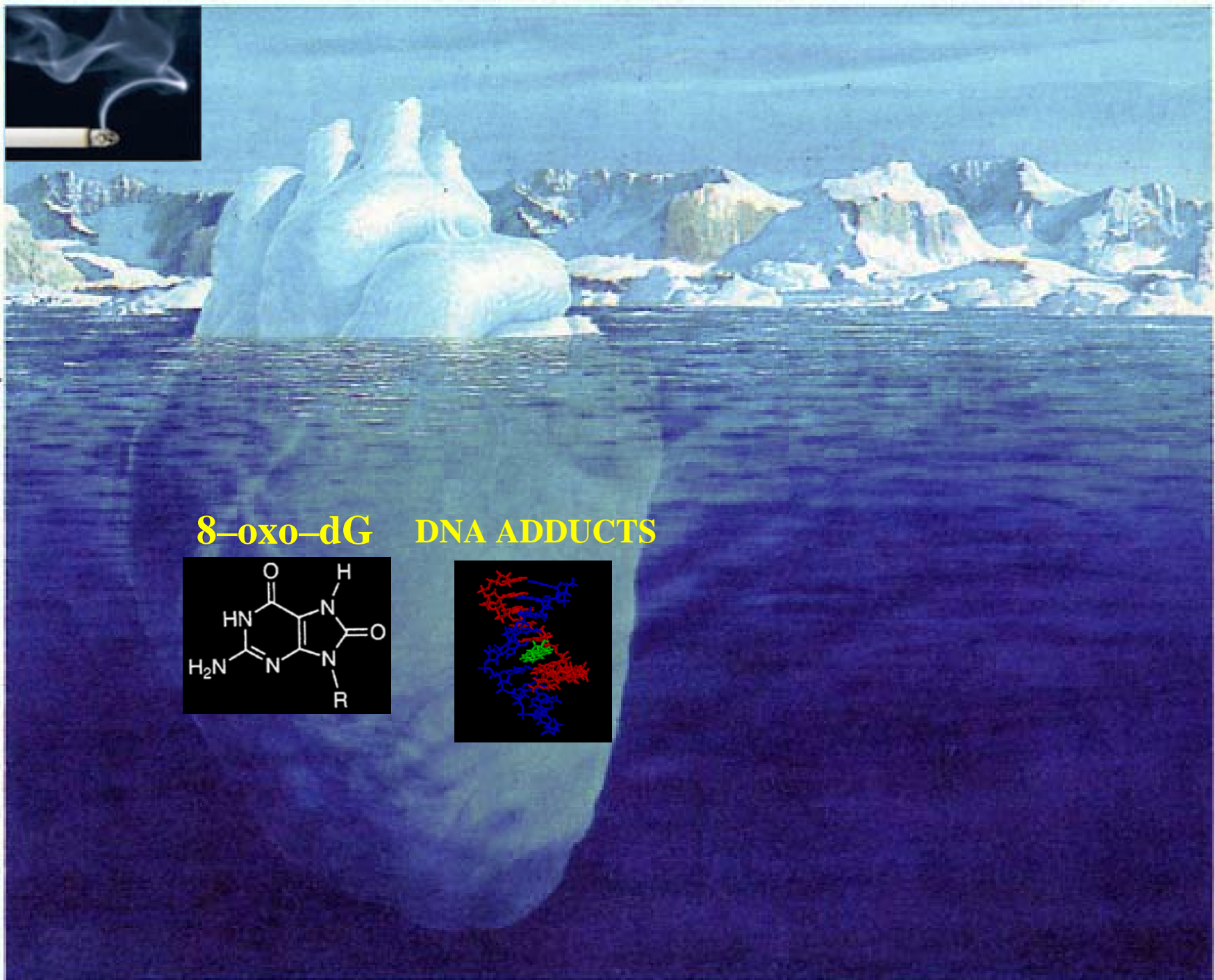
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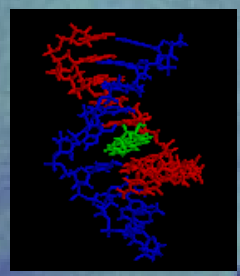
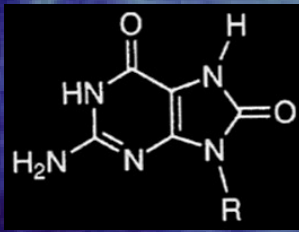
- Age of patients
- Number of cigarettes smoked currently
- High blood pressure
- Blood triglycerides
- Blood cholesterol (total/HDL)
- SFS-positive DNA adducts
- Oxidative DNA damage (8-OH-dG)

MODULATION OF DNA ADDUCTS BY DIETARY AGENTS IN THE AORTA OF SMOKE-EXPOSED RATS

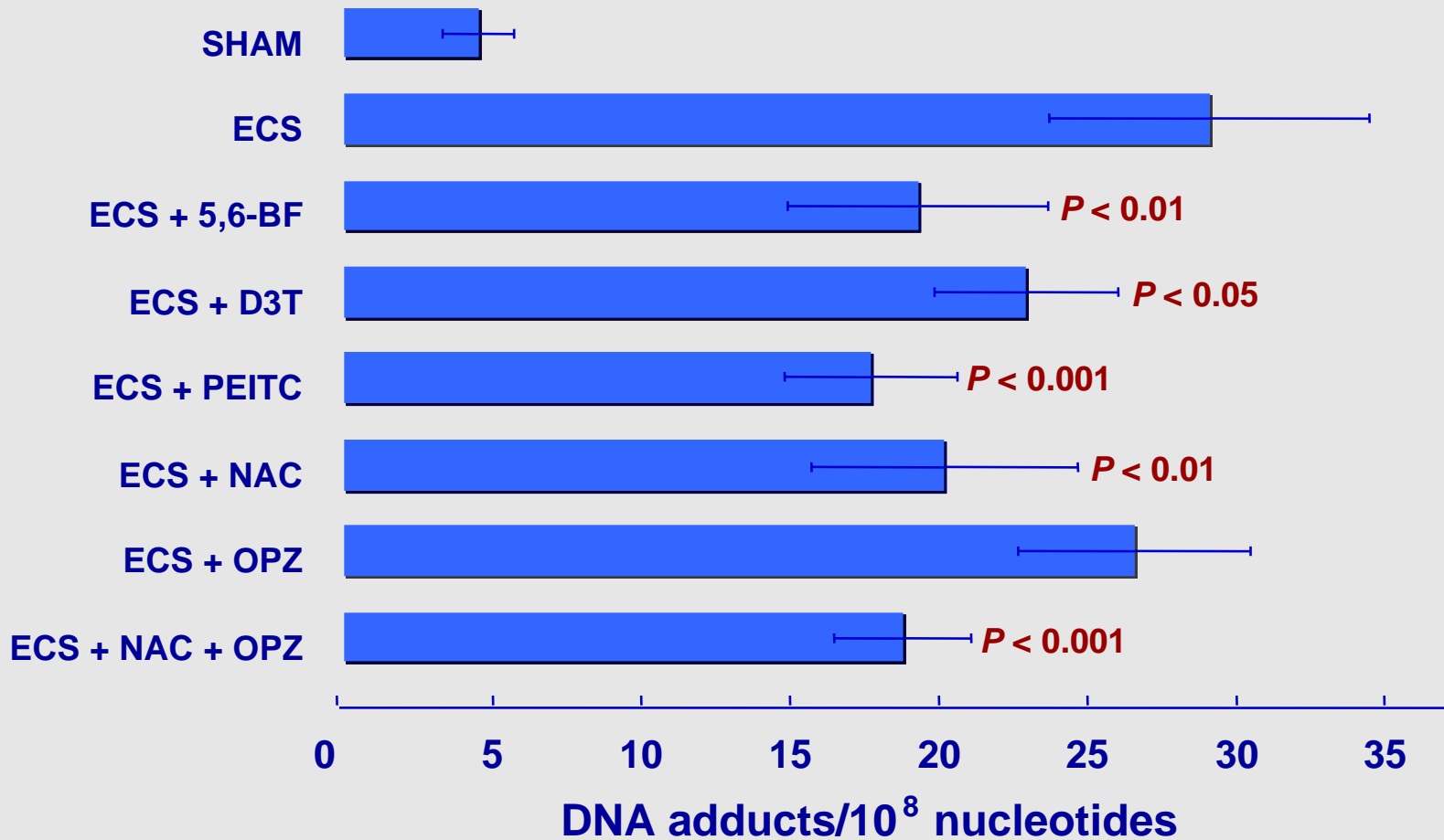




8-oxo-dG DNA ADDUCTS



MODULATION OF DNA ADDUCTS BY DIETARY AGENTS IN THE HEART OF SMOKE-EXPOSED RATS



REQUIREMENTS

EFFICACY

LOW COST

PRACTICALITY

TOLERABILITY

INTERVENTION (Targets)

THERAPY (Cancer patients)

**TERTIARY PREVENTION
(Treated cancer patients)**

**EARLY INTERVENTION
(Cancer patients in preclinical or early stage)**

**PREVENTION OF PROGRESSION
(Individuals affected by precancerous lesions)**

**TARGETED CHEMOPREVENTION
(High risk individuals)**

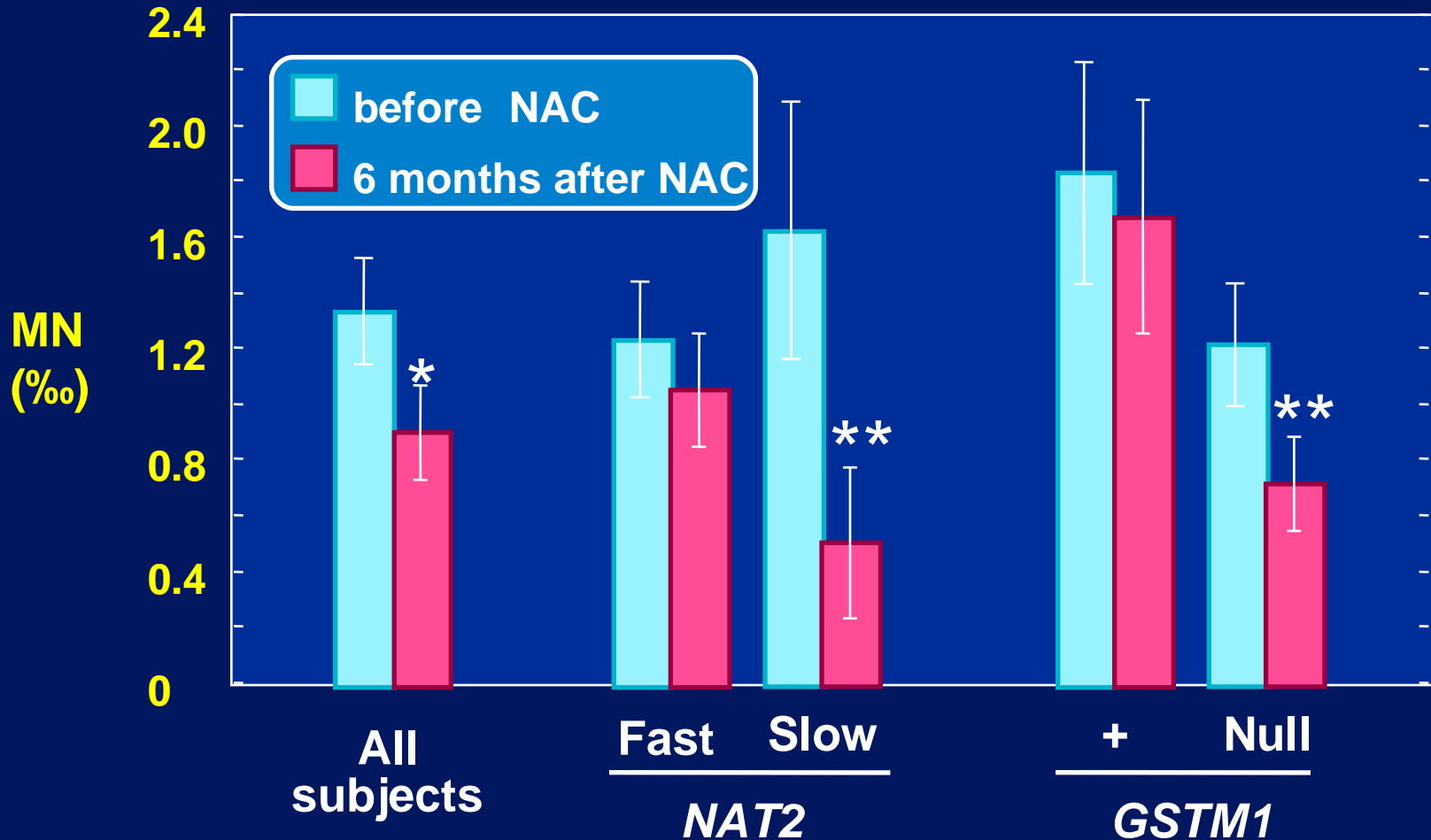
**PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION
(Healthy subjects in the population)**

PHASE II CHEMOPREVENTION TRIAL WITH NAC IN DUTCH SMOKERS

| | | DNA adducts/ 10 ⁸ nucleotides in BAL cells | 8-oxo-dGuo/ 10 ⁵ nucleotides in BAL cells | Micronuclei in mouth cells (‰) |
|---------|----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Placebo | T ₀ | 6.0 ± 0.7 | 4.8 ± 0.5 | 1.2 ± 0.3 |
| | T ₆ | 5.9 ± 0.7 | 3.2 ± 0.8 | 1.0 ± 0.2 |
| NAC | T ₀ | 6.0 ± 0.9 | 4.9 ± 0.7 | 1.3 ± 0.3 |
| | T ₆ | 4.3 ± 0.8 | 1.8 ± 0.3 | 0.9 ± 0.3 |

Statistically significant as compared to T₀

PHARMACOGENOMICS / NUTRIGENOMICS OF CHEMOPREVENTIVE AGENTS



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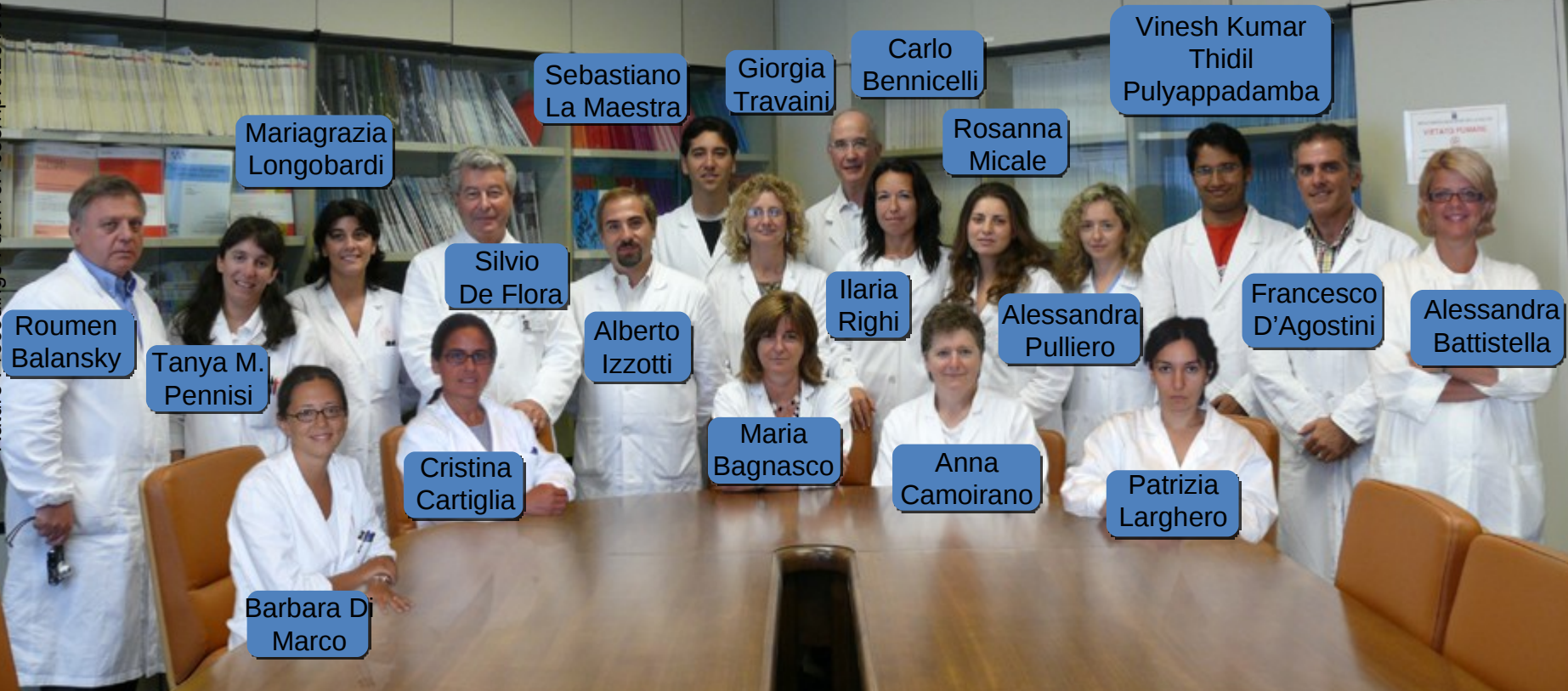
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