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Genetics for Precision Drug Development

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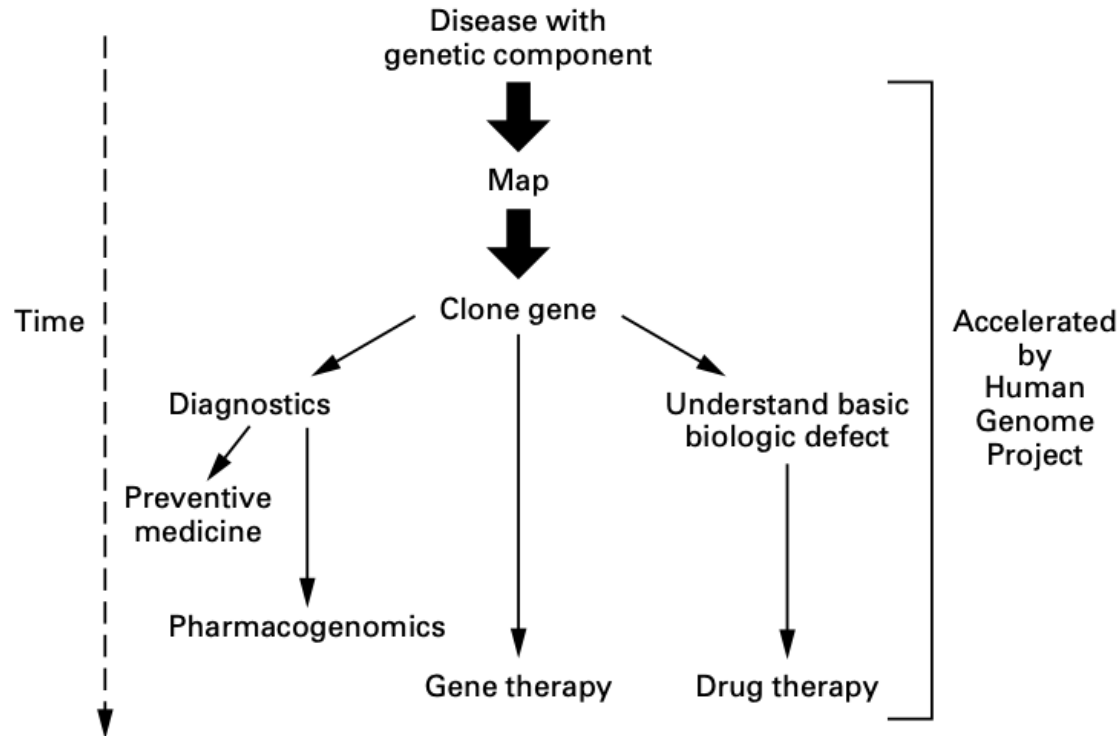
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Expectations from the Human Genome Project

SHATTUCK LECTURE — MEDICAL AND SOCIETAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

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Part 1 : Pharmacogenetics (PGx)

An Emblematic Success Story in PGx



Approved by FDA in 1998

Abacavir Adverse Drug Reaction

3-5 %

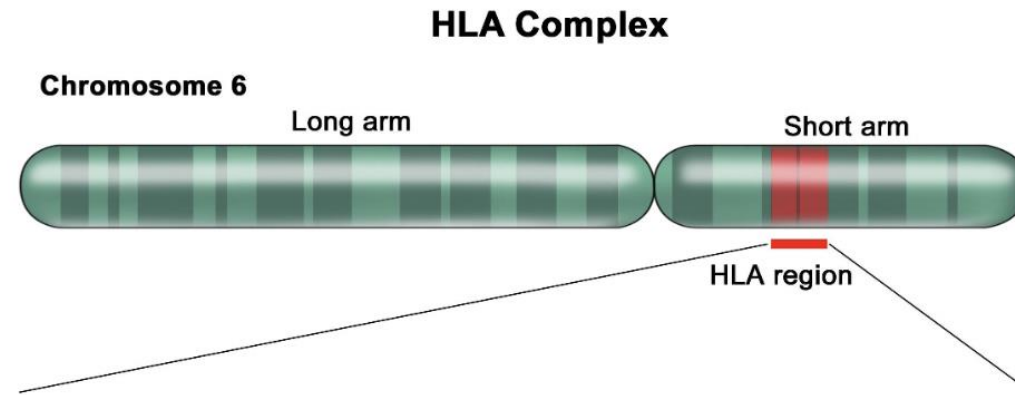
Hypersensitivity reaction



**WARNING: HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS/LACTIC ACIDOSIS
AND SEVERE HEPATOMEGALY**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

Abacavir – Discovery of Genetic Association



HLA-B*5701

Mallal *et al.* 2002. *The Lancet* 359 (9308): 727–32.

Hetherington *et al.* 2002. *The Lancet* 359 (9312): 1121–22.

Abacavir – Prospective Validation

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

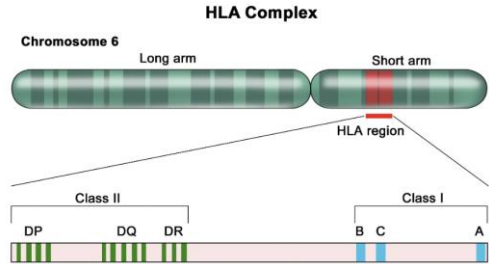
HLA-B*5701 Screening for Hypersensitivity
to Abacavir

Negative Predictive Value **100%**

Number Needed to Genotype **25**



Discovery and Development of PGx Marker



HLA-B*5701

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

HLA-B*5701 Screening for Hypersensitivity to Abacavir








1996 - 1998



2008

Top 10 Prescribed Drugs in the USA

	Rank	Drug Name	Total Patients (2020)
	1	Atorvastatin	26,640,141
	2	Levothyroxine	20,225,373
	3	Metformin	20,122,987
	4	Lisinopril	19,816,361
	5	Amlodipine	16,799,810
	6	Metoprolol	15,007,908
	7	Albuterol	17,902,020
	8	Omeprazole	13,879,629
	9	Losartan	12,690,563
	10	Gabapentin	10,571,700

PGx Databases



Drug label annotation



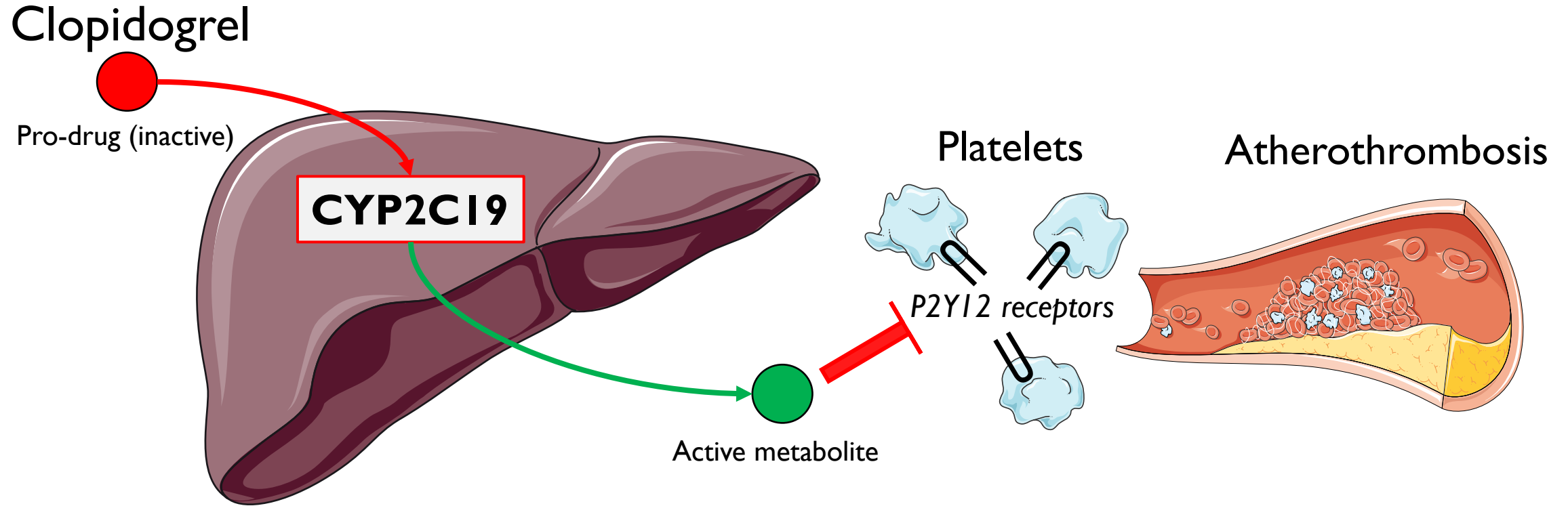
Prescribing information



Clopidogrel



Clopidogrel : A Pro-Drug Activated by CYP2C19



GWAS Studies on Response to CV Drugs

32% of the 221 marketed CV drugs were studied

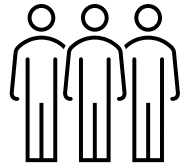
<50% of GWAS reported significant associations

8% of mapped genes have a corresponding drug-gene PGx recommendation

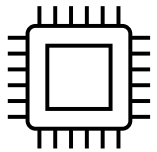
Challenges in Implementing PGx in the Clinic

- Demonstration of clinical validity and clinical utility
- Reimbursement
- Complexity in the interpretation of PGx results
- ELSI of PGx
- Turnaround time and return of PGx results

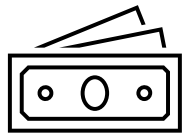
Opportunities for Implementing PGx in the Clinic



- $\geq 95\%$ of us carry actionable PGx variants

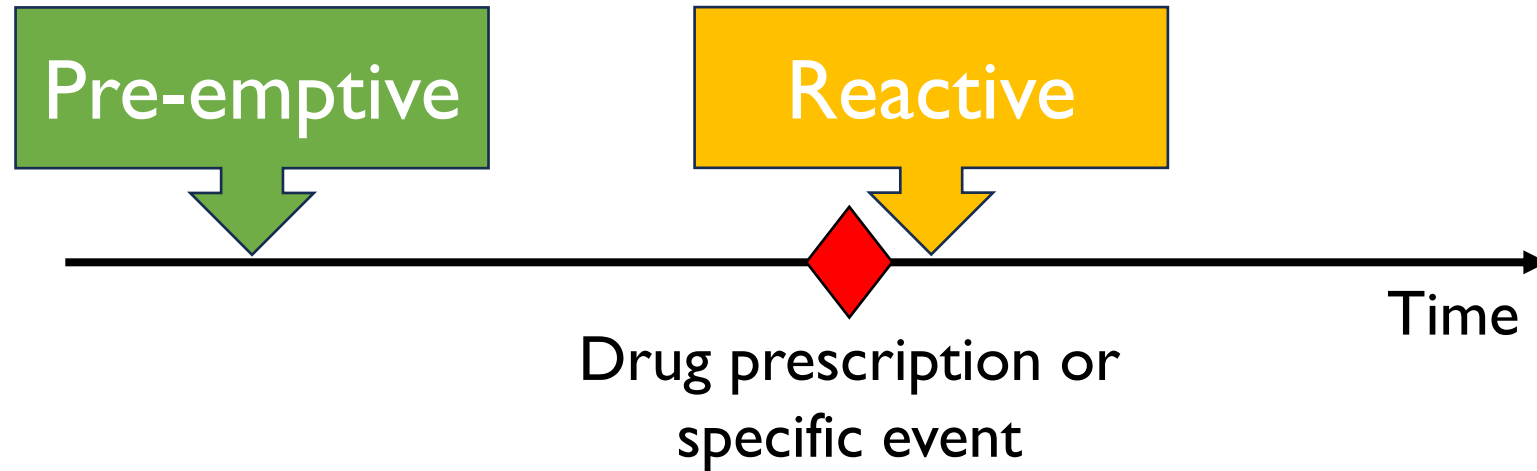


- IT breakthroughs

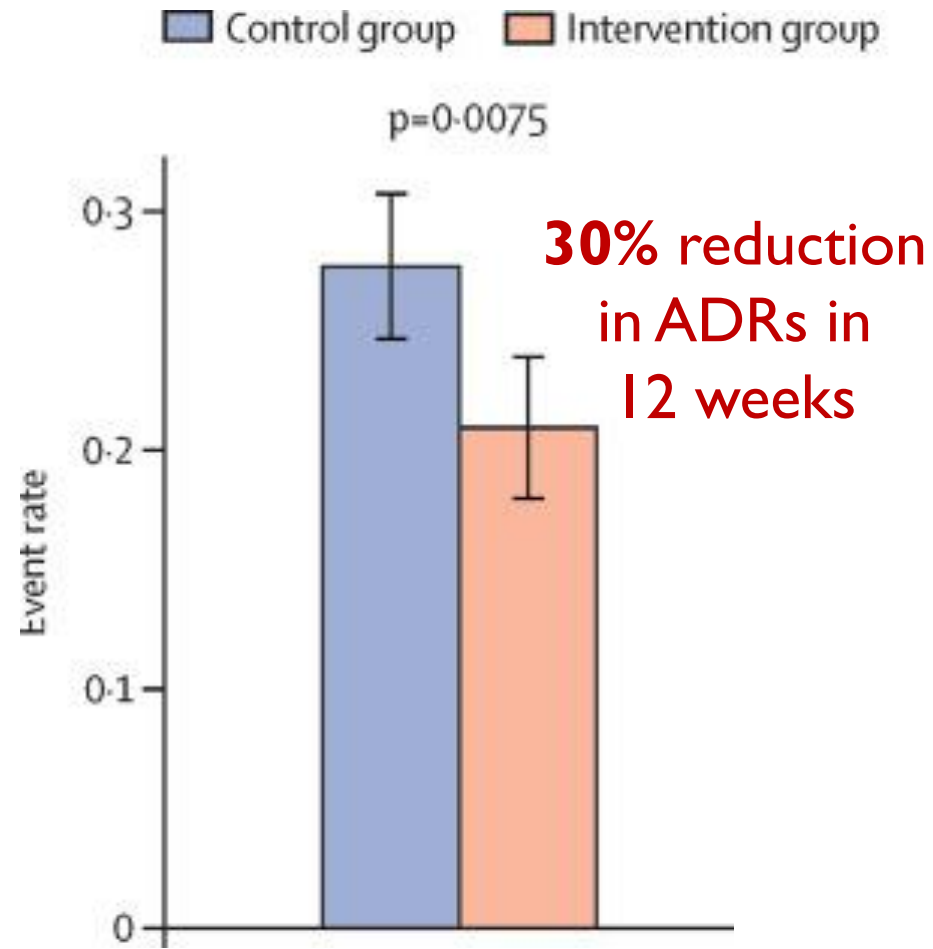


- Decreasing costs of sequencing

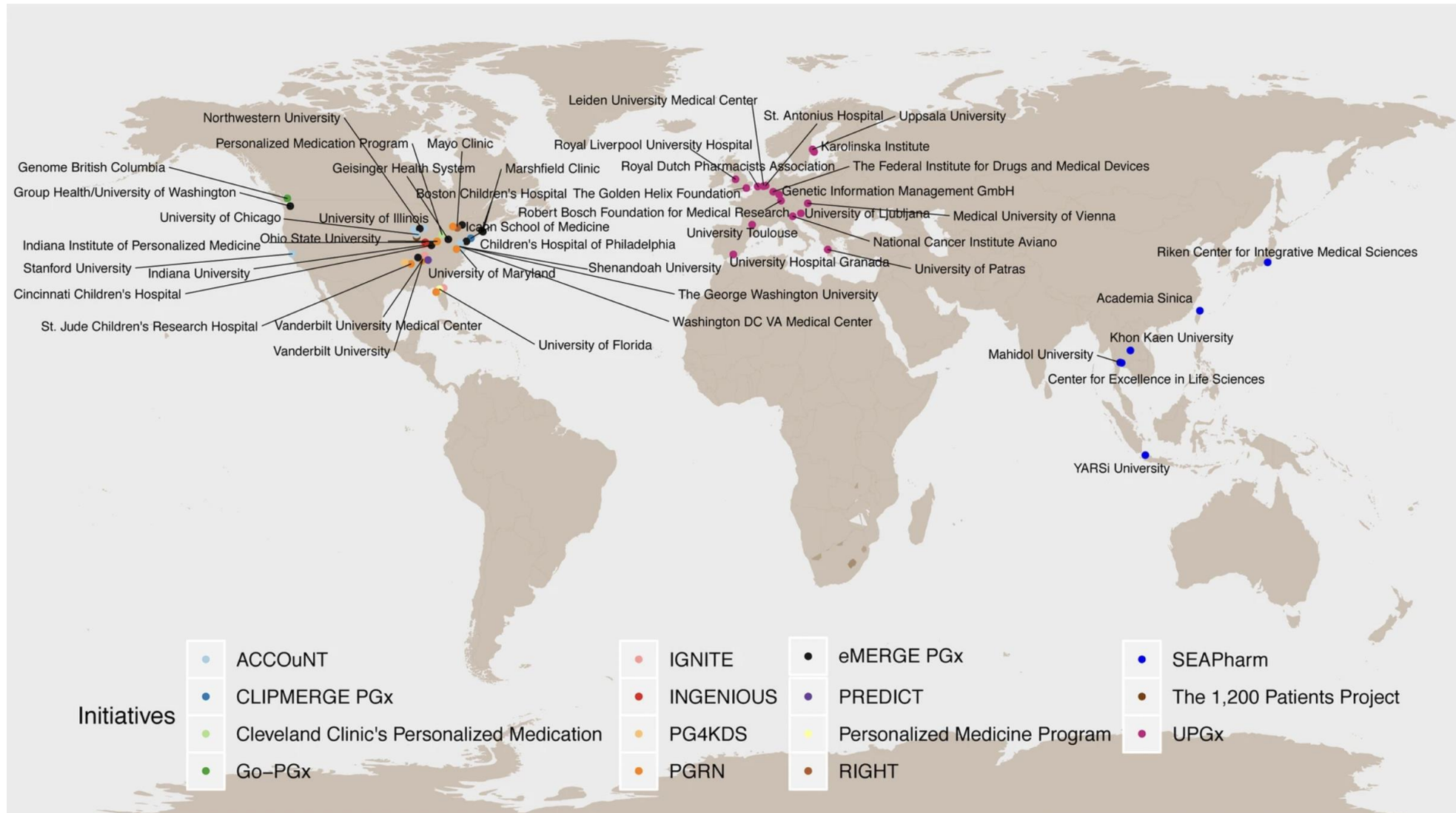
Pre-Emptive vs Reactive PGx



Pre-Emptive PGx Reduces Adverse Drug Reactions



Pre-Emptive PGx Initiatives



Part 2 : New Therapeutics

DDD : A Series of Well-Defined Steps



Drug Discovery

Drug Development



PCSK9 : An Emblematic Example

“The *PCSK9* story is a terrific example of an up-and-coming pattern of translational research.”



Single-minded: Helen Hobbs and Jonathan Cohen's approach to heart-disease genetics yielded a target for drugs that could compete with statins.

PCSK9 : An Amazing Success Story



2003



2006



2015

2022



PCSK9 : An Amazing Success Story



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2006



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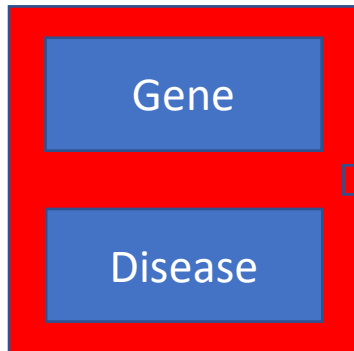
More CRISPR In Human Subjects

12 JUL. 2022 • BY DEREK LOWE • 3 MIN READ • COMMENTS



If you follow the progress of gene editing therapies in human disease, today is an interesting day. **Verve Therapeutics** has **started a trial** using CRISPR base editing technology to modify the **PCSK9** gene in people with a disease called heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH).

Genetically-Driven Drugs



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Review

From target discovery to clinical drug development with human genetics

Katerina Trajanoska¹, Claude Bhérier¹, Daniel Taliun¹, Sirui Zhou¹, J. Brent Richards^{2,3} & Vincent Mooser¹✉

Nature | Vol 620 | 24 August 2023

Methods

12,854

Drugs in Open Targets with ChEMBL ID



2,583

Approved Drugs



1,031

Approved Non-Cancer Drugs with Target Gene



6,697

Drug – Gene – Indication Triplets



348

Drugs with Direct Genetic Evidence (DGE)



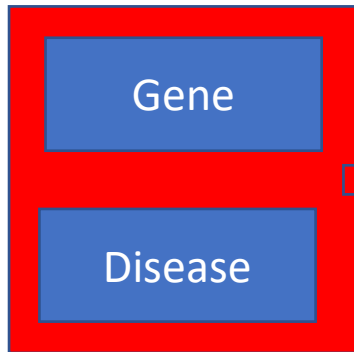
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Drugs with DGE 5y+ Before Approval



Manual curation

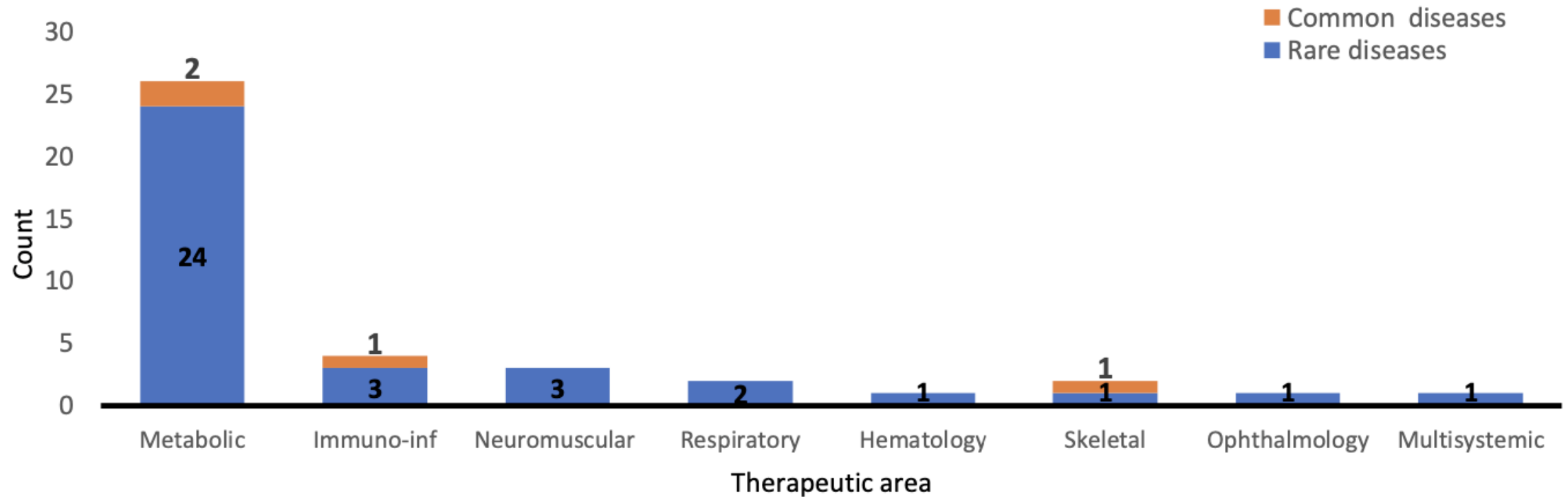
Genetically-Driven Approved Non-Cancer Drugs



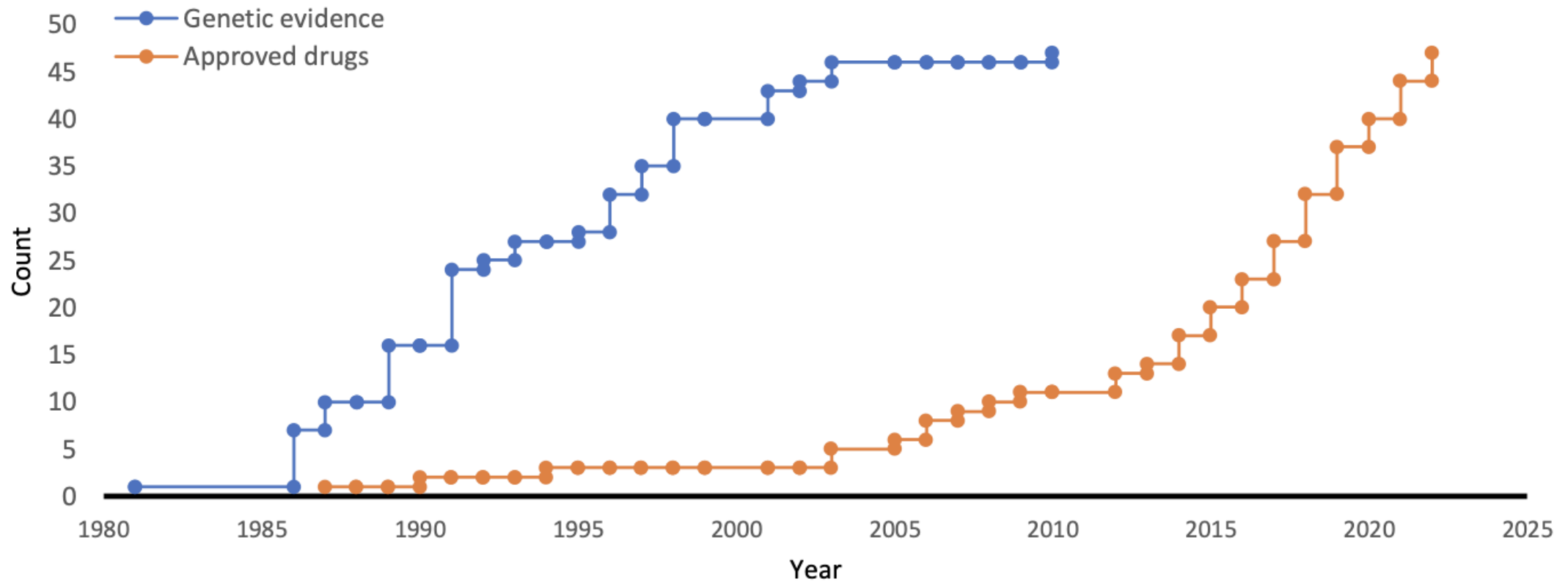
60 Drugs / 40 Targets



Distribution of Genetically-Driven Drugs by Therapy Area and Prevalence of Disease Indication



Median 25-Years Separate Target Discovery from Regulatory Approval of Derived Drug



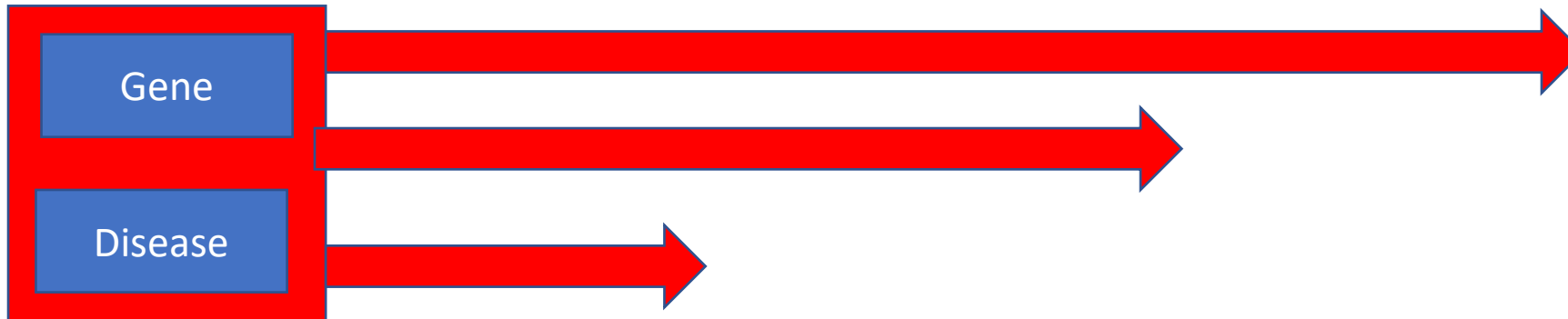
A Word of Wisdom



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Ceci n'est pas un médicament.

Coming up on the Horizon

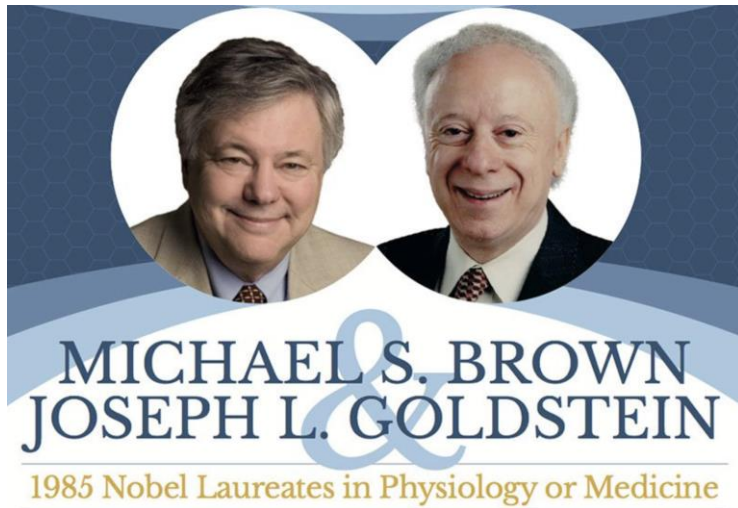


Many genetically well-validated new targets

The Need to Invigorate Drug Development to :

- Prioritize the portfolio
 - Accelerate time to approval
 - Improve early attrition
 - Reduce trial size and costs
- “Precision Clinical Development”

Genetically Enriched Proof-of-Concept Study



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THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

August 27, 1981

EFFECTS OF AN INHIBITOR OF 3-HYDROXY-3-METHYLGLUTARYL COENZYME A REDUCTASE ON SERUM LIPOPROTEINS AND UBIQUINONE-10 LEVELS IN PATIENTS WITH FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA

HIROSHI MABUCHI, M.D., TOSHIHIRO HABA, M.D., RYZO TATAMI, M.D., SUSUMU MIYAMOTO, M.D., YASUYUKI SAKAI, M.D., TAKANOBU WAKASUGI, M.D., AKIRA WATANABE, M.D., JUNJI KOIZUMI, M.D., AND RYOYU TAKEDA, M.D.

Abstract We studied the effects of ML-236B, a competitive inhibitor of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase, on serum levels of lipoproteins and ubiquinone-10 in seven heterozygous patients with familial hypercholesterolemia. ML-236B

terol, and LDL triglyceride decreased significantly ($P < 0.01$, $P < 0.02$, $P < 0.001$, and $P < 0.001$, respectively). However, there were no significant changes in very-low-density-lipoprotein (VLDL) cholesterol and triglyceride or high-density-lipoprotein (HDL) chole-



First Description of *PNPLA3* Am J Hum Gen - Oct 2008

REPORT

Population-Based Genome-wide Association Studies Reveal Six Loci Influencing Plasma Levels of Liver Enzymes

Xin Yuan,¹ Dawn Waterworth,¹ John R.B. Perry,³ Noha Lim,¹ Kijoung Song,¹ John C. Chambers,⁴ Weihua Zhang,⁴ Peter Vollenweider,⁵ Heide Stirnadel,² Toby Johnson,^{6,7,8} Sven Bergmann,^{6,8} Noam D. Beckmann,⁶ Yun Li,¹² Luigi Ferrucci,⁹ David Melzer,³ Dena Hernandez,¹⁰ Andrew Singleton,¹⁰ James Scott,¹¹ Paul Elliott,⁴ Gerard Waeber,⁵ Lon Cardon,¹ Timothy M. Frayling,³ Jaspal S. Kooner,¹¹ and Vincent Mooser^{1,*}

Plasma liver-enzyme tests are widely used in the clinic for the diagnosis of liver diseases and for monitoring the response to drug treatment. There is considerable evidence that human genetic variation influences plasma levels of liver enzymes. However, such genetic variation has not been systematically assessed. In the present study, we performed a genome-wide association study of plasma liver-enzyme levels in three populations (total n = 7715) with replication in three additional cohorts (total n = 4704). We identified two loci influencing plasma levels of alanine-aminotransferase (ALT) (*CPN1-ERLIN1-CHUK* on chromosome 10 and *PNPLA3-SAMM50* on chromosome 22), one locus influencing gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) levels (*HNF1A* on chromosome 12), and three loci for alkaline phosphatase (ALP) levels (*ALPL* on chromosome 1, *GPLD1* on chromosome 6, and *JMJD1C-REEP3* on chromosome 10). In addition, we

Precision Drug Development in Action: PoC for PNPLA3 Inhibitors on I14M Carriers

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A Single-Ascending and Repeated Dose Study of LY3849891 in Participants With Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Study Design

Go to

[Study Type](#) ⓘ: Interventional (Clinical Trial)

Estimated [Enrollment](#) ⓘ: 176 participants

Allocation: Randomized

Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment

Masking: Double (Participant, Investigator)

Primary Purpose: Basic Science

Official Title: A Single-Ascending and Repeated Subcutaneous Dose Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics of LY3849891 in Participants With Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Who Have the PNPLA3 I148M Genotype

Actual [Study Start Date](#) ⓘ: June 8, 2022

Estimated [Primary Completion Date](#) ⓘ: November 5, 2024

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Requirements for Precision Drug Development

- LARGE, DIVERSE, DISEASE-based cohorts
- Patients deeply phenotyped and properly consented for genomic analyses and recall-by-genotype studies
- Interoperable for (international) collaborations
- Ethically and socially responsible

Paving the Way to Precision Drug Development



Review article: Current opinion | Published 4 December 2014, doi:10.4414/smw.2014.14033

Cite this as: Swiss Med Wkly. 2014;144:w14033

The Lausanne Institutional Biobank: A new resource to catalyse research in personalised medicine and pharmaceutical sciences

Vincent Mooser^a, Christine Currat^b

Paving the Way to Precision Drug Development

Original article | Published 20 October 2017 | doi:10.4414/smw.2017.14528

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High participation rate among 25 721 patients with broad age range in a hospital-based research project involving whole-genome sequencing – the Lausanne Institutional Biobank

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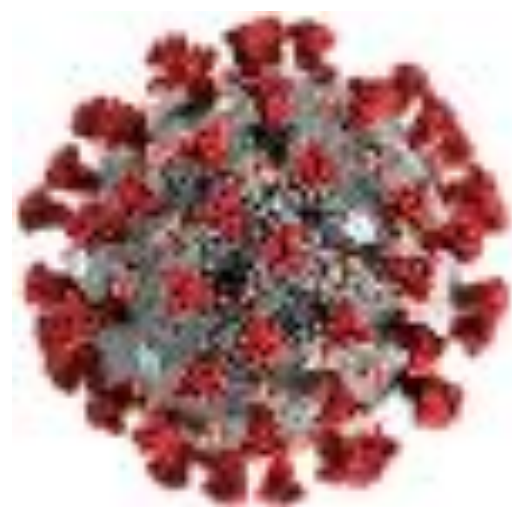
From CHUV to McGill – August 2019



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Mars 2020

- 19 mars 2020 : Mandat du FRQ et de Génome Québec
- 21 mars 2020 : Mise en place de la Task Force (Comité directeur)
- 31 mars 2020 : Approbation par le Comité d'éthique du CHUM

Avril 2020

- 1^{er} avril 2020 : Recrutement du 1^{er} patient

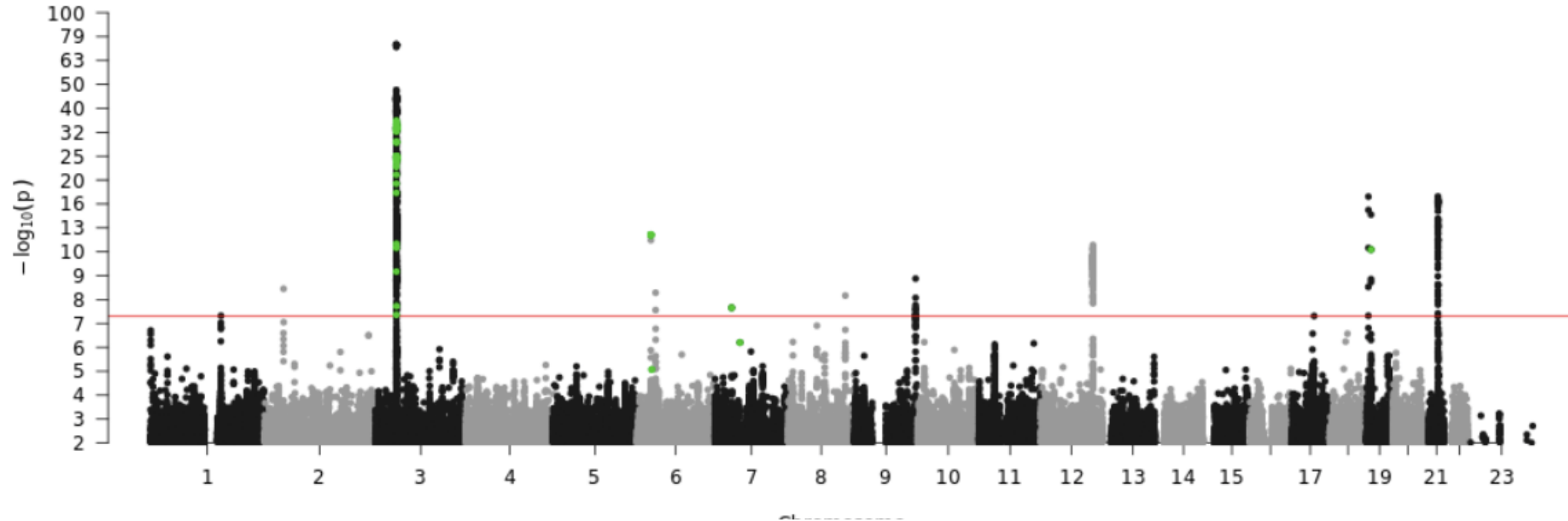
Juin 2020

- 6 juin 2020 : Recrutement du 1000^{ème} patient
- 10 juin 2020 : Contrat avec l'Agence de Santé Publique du Canada
- 15 juin 2020 : Approbation des analyses de base par le Comité de Gouvernance

Juillet 2020

- 17 juillet 2020 : Libération des premières données

GWAS – COVID-19 Host Genome Initiative



nature

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03767-x>

Accelerated Article Preview

Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19

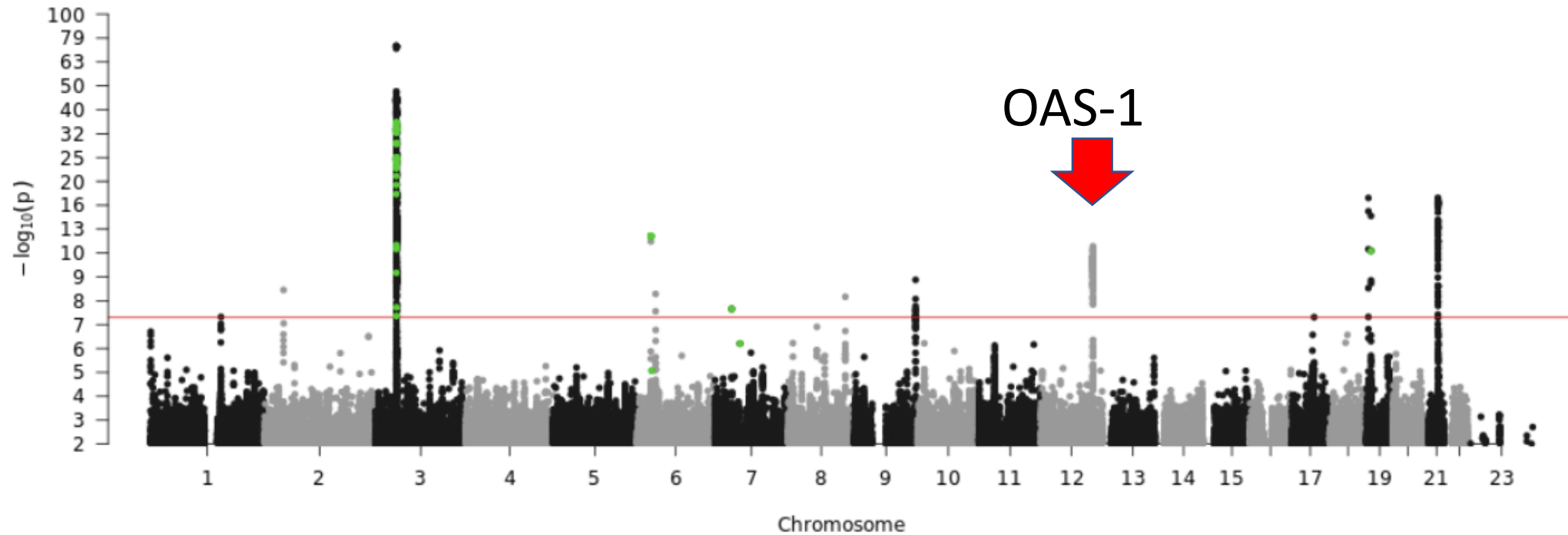
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REVIEW

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VIEW



A Neanderthal OAS1 isoform protects individuals of European ancestry against COVID-19 susceptibility and severity

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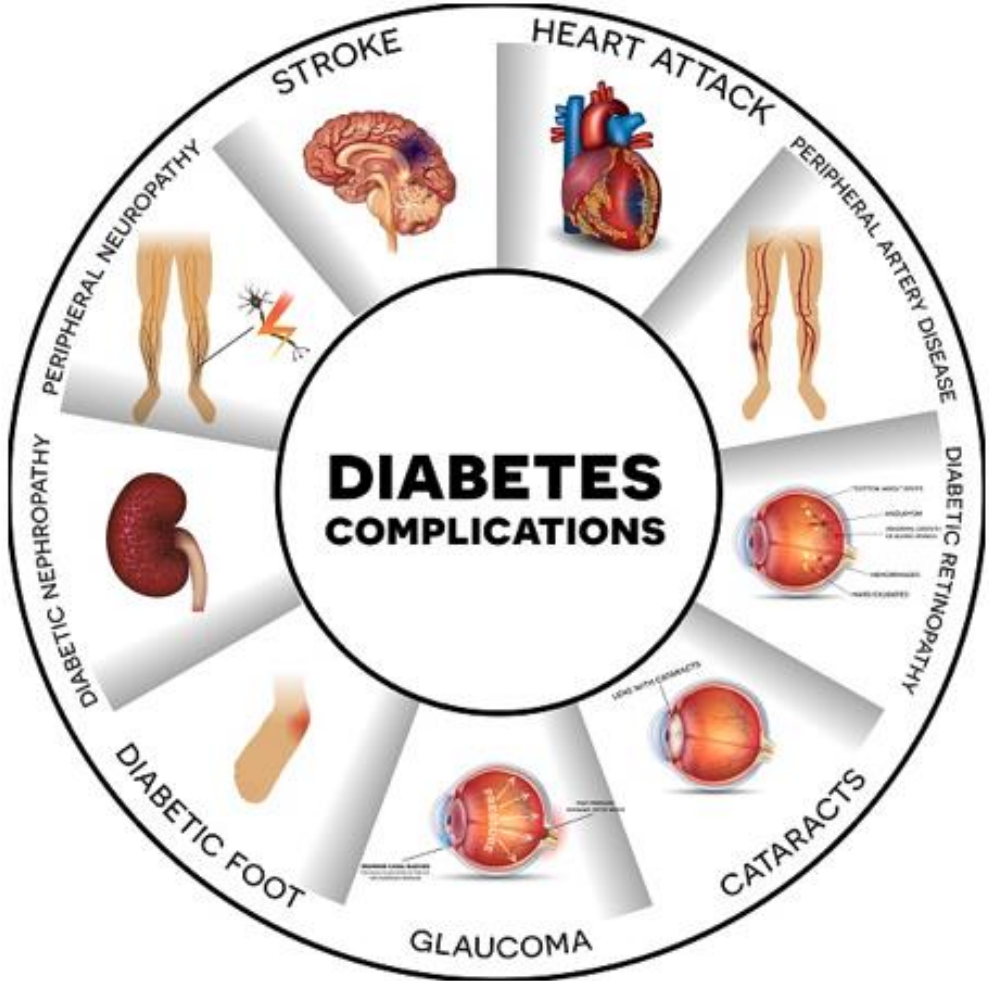
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Paving the Way to Precision Drug Development Recycling the Plans at McGill





- Mission : Improve care of Jewish General Hospital (JGH) patients using genomic medicine
- PI: Brent Richards, Co-PI : Vincent Mooser
- Partners : JGH – CERC – Industry (TBD)
- Funding : JGH Foundation, CERC, industry (TBD)
- Recruitment started : Aug 2023
- Goal : 3500+ patients / yr



Summary

- Genetics has delivered new markers of drug safety and new drugs !!!
- Much more to come on the horizon
- Need to demonstrate clinical utility, i.e. from observation studies to intervention trials
- Infrastructures under construction at McGill for “precision clinical development” of new therapeutics
- Active collaborations with UniBE to foster

Collaborations with UniBE on Genomic Medicine

- Development of new, cost-effective, technologies to sequence whole genomes (in press)
- Genomic architecture of Peripheral Artery Disease (ms in preparation)
- Demonstration of clinical utility of PRS in dyslipidemic patients (Drs Elisavet Moutzouri – Nicolas Rodondi – FNRS funded)
- Under planning : McGill as genomic medicine arm for Digital Twin in Diabetes Project (Jose Garcia, Christoph Stettler, DCR)

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