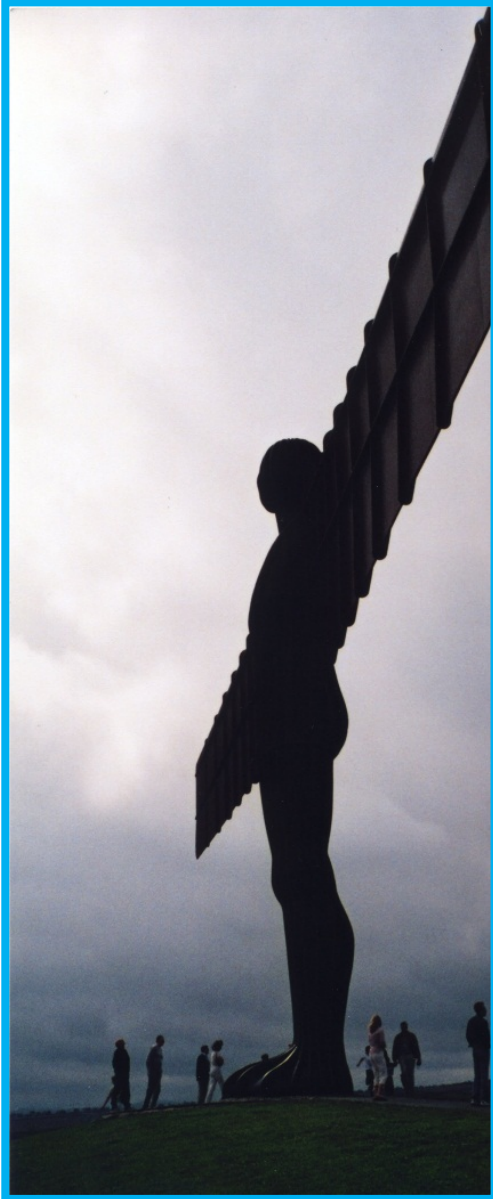


# The future of nutrigenomics



**John Mathers**  
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**Institute of Cellular Medicine**  
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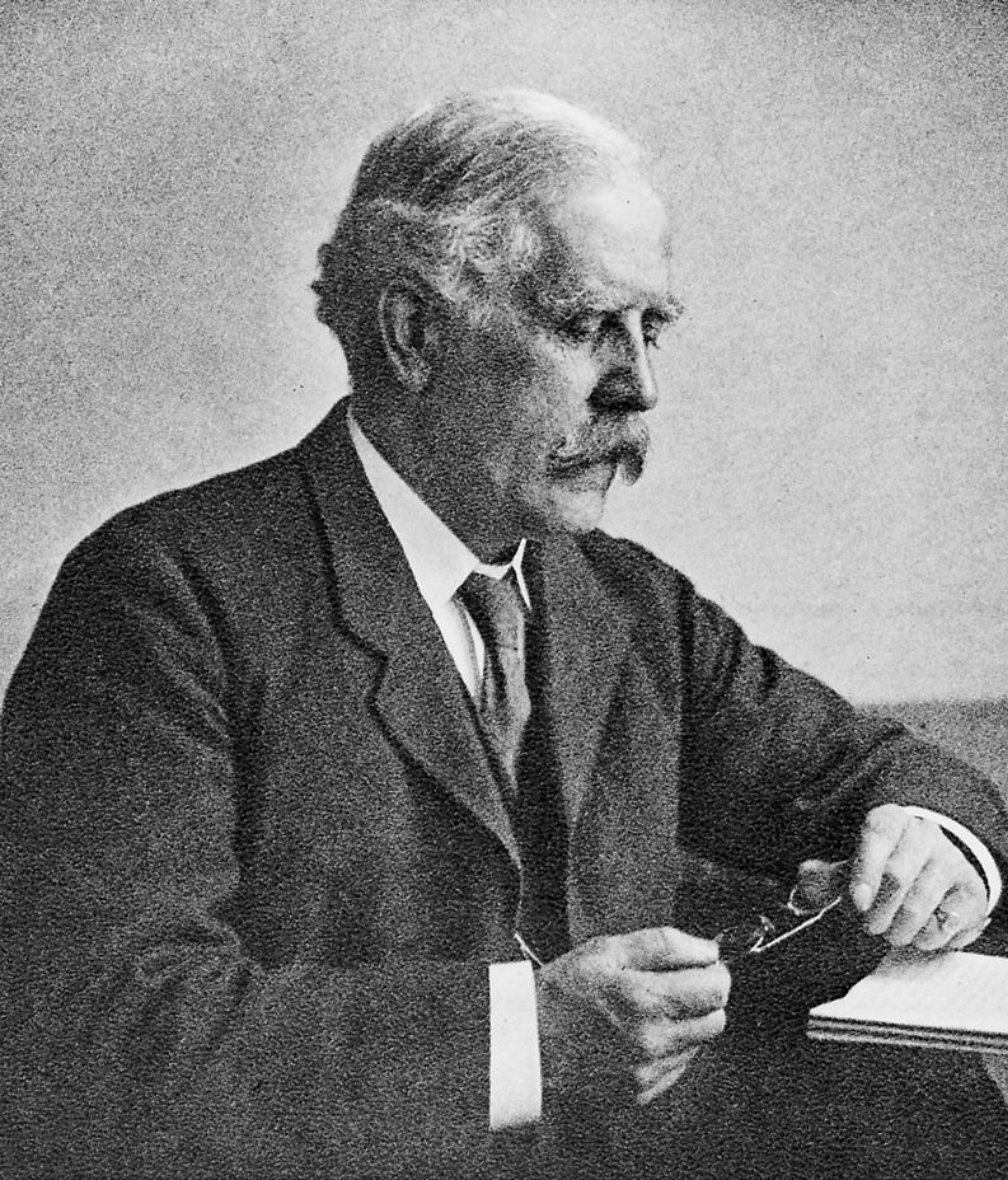


**Newcastle**  
**University**

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**Human Nutrition  
Research Centre**





1857-1936

*A. E. Garrod*

# Alkaptonuria

- Black urine disease or black bone disease
- Common in offspring of 1<sup>st</sup> cousin marriages
- Defect in metabolism of phenylalanine and tyrosine
- Caused by mutations in *HGO* which encodes homogentisate 1,2-dioxygenase

Garrod AE (1902) *The Lancet* December 13



# Inborn Errors of Metabolism

**>40 Inborn Errors of Metabolism**

Defects in metabolism of :

- Amino acids
- Purines and pyrimidines
- Organic acids
- TCA cycle
- Glycogen storage
- Peroxisomes...

Individually rare but collectively common – about 1 in 1500 births

[http://www.iubmb-nicholson.org/inborn\\_errors.html](http://www.iubmb-nicholson.org/inborn_errors.html)



# Phenylketonuria



# Heel prick for Guthrie test

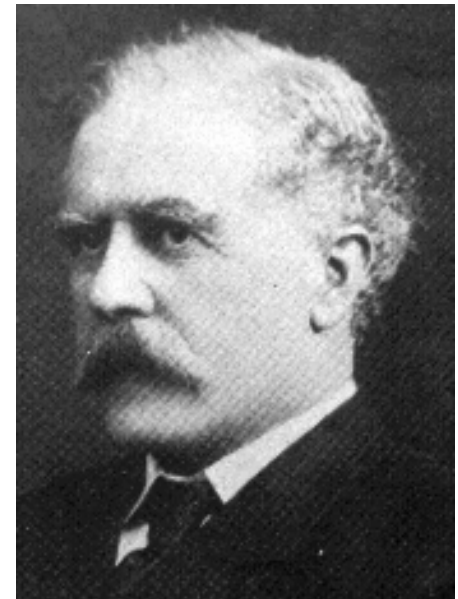


# The importance of inter – individual variability in metabolism

*“... If it be a correct inference ...that the individuals of a species do not conform to an absolutely rigid standard of metabolism, but differ slightly in their chemistry...*

*Such slight peculiarities of metabolism... will readily be masked by **the influences of diet** and of disease...*

*The **phenomena of obesity** and the various tints of hair, skin and eyes point in the same direction...”*



Sir Archibald Garrod,  
around 1910.

Garrod AE (1902) *The Lancet* December 13



# Inter-individual variation in metabolic responses to nutritional challenge

## DIETARY FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE DEXTROSE TOLERANCE TEST

A PRELIMINARY STUDY \*

J. SHIRLEY SWEENEY, M.D.

DALLAS, TEX.

The dextrose tolerance test is now being extensively employed as a diagnostic procedure. It is most beneficially used in the differentiation of mild diabetes mellitus and renal diabetes. It is also being used, and is believed to be of diagnostic value, in many pathologic conditions, such as encephalitis, malignant tumor, pituitary and thyroid dysfunctions and nephritis.<sup>1</sup>



Sweeney JS (1927) *Arch. Int. Med.* **40**, 818-830

Banting & Best 1921-22

# First paper at Nutrition Society in UK



## Genetic determination of nutritional requirements

By J. A. ROPER, \* *Department of Genetics, University of Glasgow*

### *Introduction*

A clear understanding of the genetic control of nutritional requirements came only after the fruitful union of biochemistry, genetics and microbiology. However, to present any account of the genetics of nutrition without a brief discussion of earlier fundamental work is to lose perspective.

The physician Garrod (1902, 1923), working on rare inherited metabolic disorders of man, such as alkaptonuria and cystinuria, was the first to show that genes act

\* Present address: Department of Genetics, The University, Sheffield.

### *Conclusion*

The application of genetical ideas and techniques to the nutrition of micro-organisms has brought a clearer understanding of the relationship of genotype and nutritional requirement. It has opened a new approach and a new way of thought to a large aspect of genotype-environment interaction. Further advances will lead to

# First map of human genome

## 26 June 2000

“...the most important, most wondrous map ever produced by humankind...”





## The new frontier of nutrition science: Nutrigenomics

If you were to sum up the future of nutritional science into a single word, chances are it would be *nutrigenomics*. At least, that's the area of study that Dr. Nancy Fogg-Johnson firmly believes will revolutionize how nutrition and diet will be viewed by the general population.

"Nutrigenomics is the understanding of the effects of nutrients in molecular level processes in the body as well as the variable effects of nutrients and non-nutritive dietary phytochemicals have on each individual person," explains Fogg-Johnson, who has a PhD in nutrition and biochemistry, and has written and lectured extensively on the topic.

In an article titled "Nutrigenomics: The next wave in nutrition research," Fogg-Johnson and her co-author Alex Merolli, outline their prediction for how nutrigenomics will be the "next technological and commercial frontier emerging from genomics":

databases of genetic information will uncover genes that may interact with diet to influence disease.

While such scientific advances are obviously still in their early development stages, dietitians are already pondering their role in the field of nutrigenomics.

"It will be key for the dietitian and nutrition professionals to guide and counsel their patients on how these products and information will fit into their lifestyle. Consumer understanding is an important component of this. RDs should help their clients realize they will still enjoy eating food and that we are not talking about a Spartan diet here! Research shows that if food doesn't taste good, consumers simply won't buy it."

Once these products hit grocery store shelves, they could potentially appear in a variety of forms, according to Fogg-Johnson, from supplement pills to ready-to-eat breakfast cereals, to margarine and salad dressing.

can refer to, in order to gauge when this new technology will be available?

The article written by Fogg-Johnson quotes Dave Evans, president and CEO, Wellgen, Inc., a startup company commercializing Rutgers University technology, with a response to the question of "when":

"In less than 10 years, you'll be able to go to a lab and complete a set of genetic tests to identify your personal disease susceptibilities. When you leave you'll be armed with a list of foods to eat and foods to avoid and a recommendation of dietary supplements to help prevent your diseases."

Dr. Jose M. Ordovas, of the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston, MA, echoes Evans' prediction that dietary supplements will be used in the prevention of diseases, though he doesn't speculate on when that technology will be developed. Instead, he emphasized

# 3 July 2003

## NuGO is born!

**From:** Ommen, Dr.Ir. B. van [mailto:vanOmmen@voeding.tno.nl]

**Sent:** 03 July 2003 09:02

**To:** dolara@ds.unifi.it; enzing@stb.tno.nl; joost@mail.dife.de; jaap.keijer@wur.nl; John Mathers <john.mathers@newcastle.ac.uk>; h.mcardle@rowett.ac.uk; hmroche@tcd.ie; Stierum, Dr. R.H. <Stierum@voeding.tno.nl>

**Subject:** NuGO accepted

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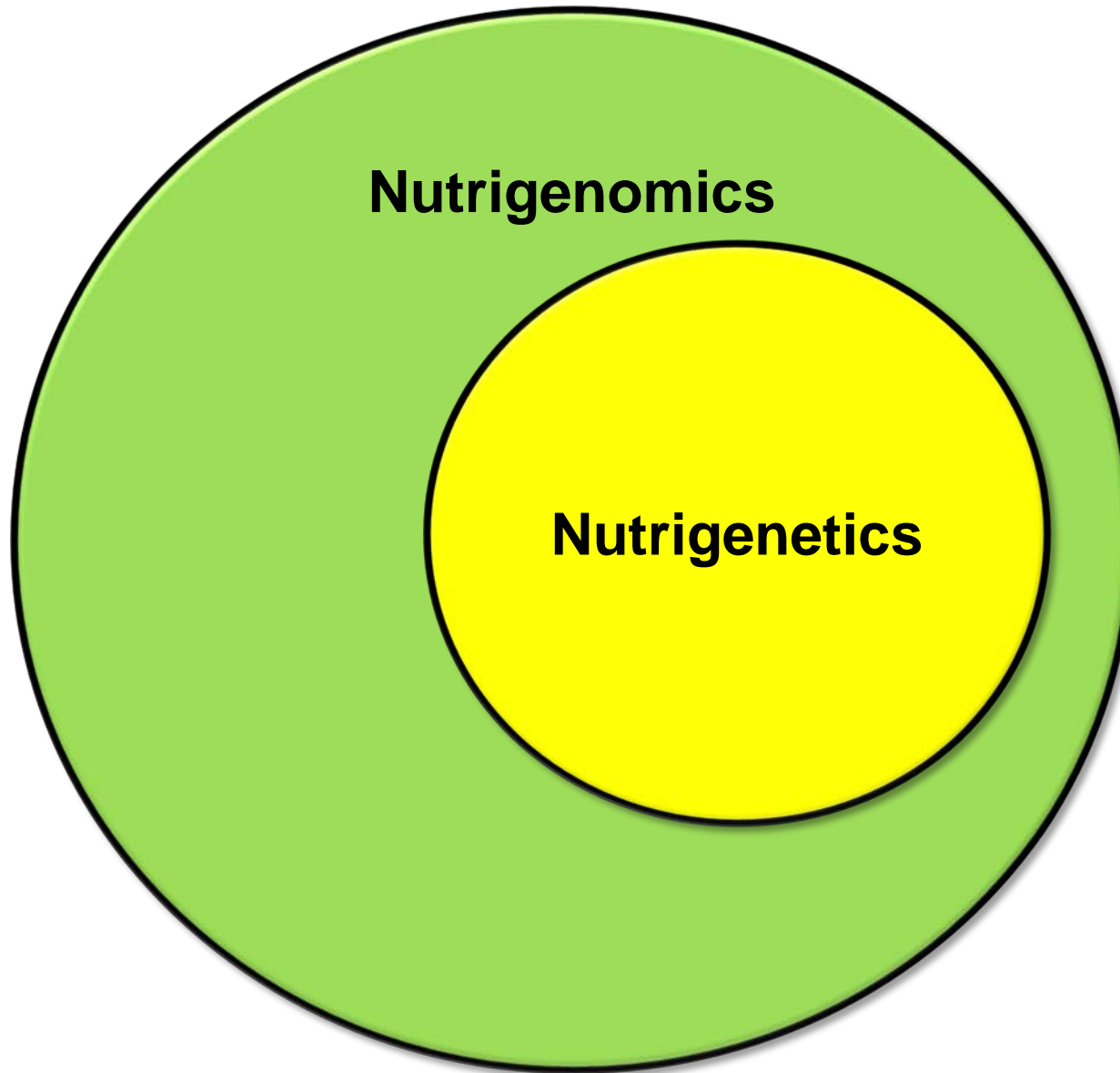
Although no official news yet, I have received very reliable and detailed news on the reviewing of the NuGO proposal. The proposal ended on the 6<sup>th</sup> place in the list of 12 "to be invited for discussion" priority 5 new instruments. We scored 22.5 out of 25 points, with 5/5 on relevance, 4.5/5 potential impact, 4/5 excellence of partners, 4.5/5 integration and 4.5/5 management. Official news will come next week, discussions to start in August.

So: good news! As soon as I get the report, I will let you know.

Greetings, Ben



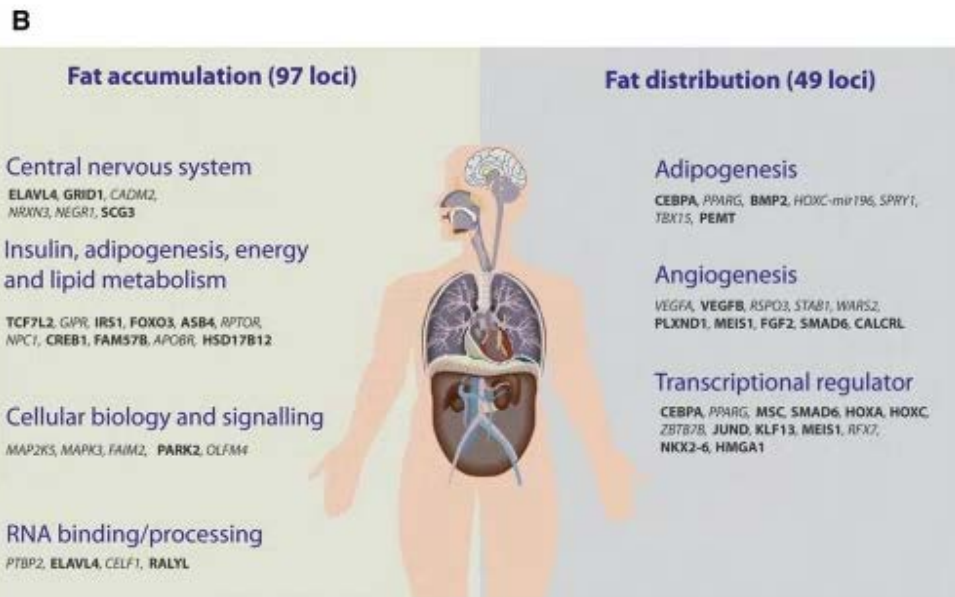
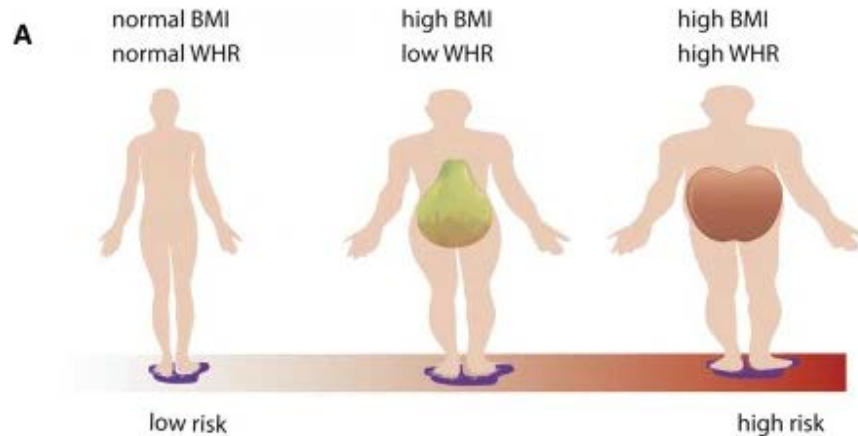
# Nutrigenomics





# **Nutrigenetics: Impact of genotypic variation**

# Genetic contribution to body fatness



➤ 97 variants  
explain 2.7% of  
variation in BMI

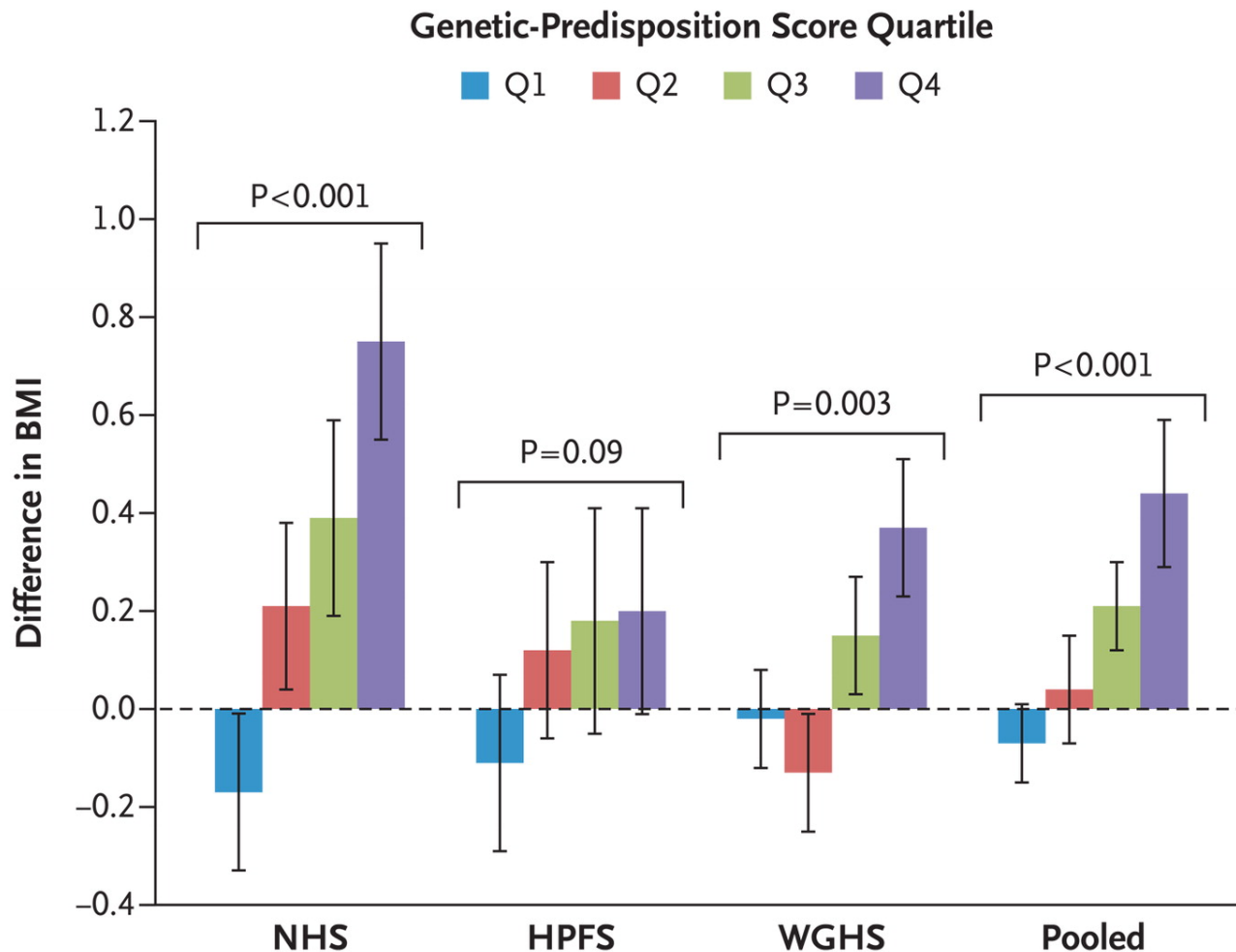


Genetic risk  
scores

Shungin D *et al.* (2015) *Nature* **518**, 187-196  
Locke AE *et al.* (2015) *Nature* **518**, 197-206

Fu J *et al.* (2015) *Cell Metabolism*  
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# Genetic risk amplifies adiposity effect of sugar-sweetened beverages



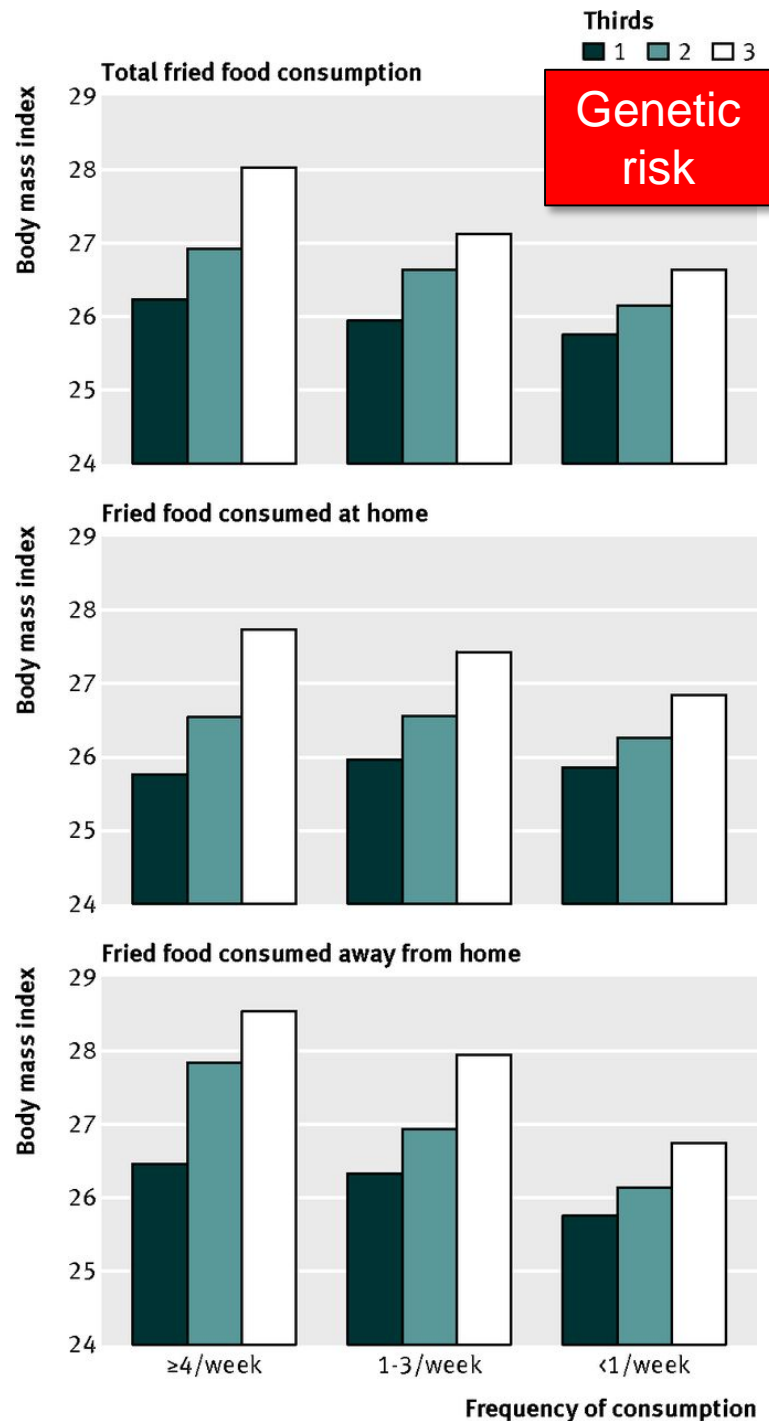
Difference in BMI per serving of sugar-sweetened beverage per Day



Qi Q *et al.* (2012)  
*New Eng. J. Med.*  
**367**,1387-1396



# Genetic risk amplifies adiposity effect of fried foods



Qi Q *et al.* (2014) *BMJ* **348**; g1610

# Genomic structural variation



Chromosome



Gene Reference Sequence

**A** ...ACTTGGATTC... → ... ACTTGGACTC... Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

**B** [A] [B] [D] Gene Deletion

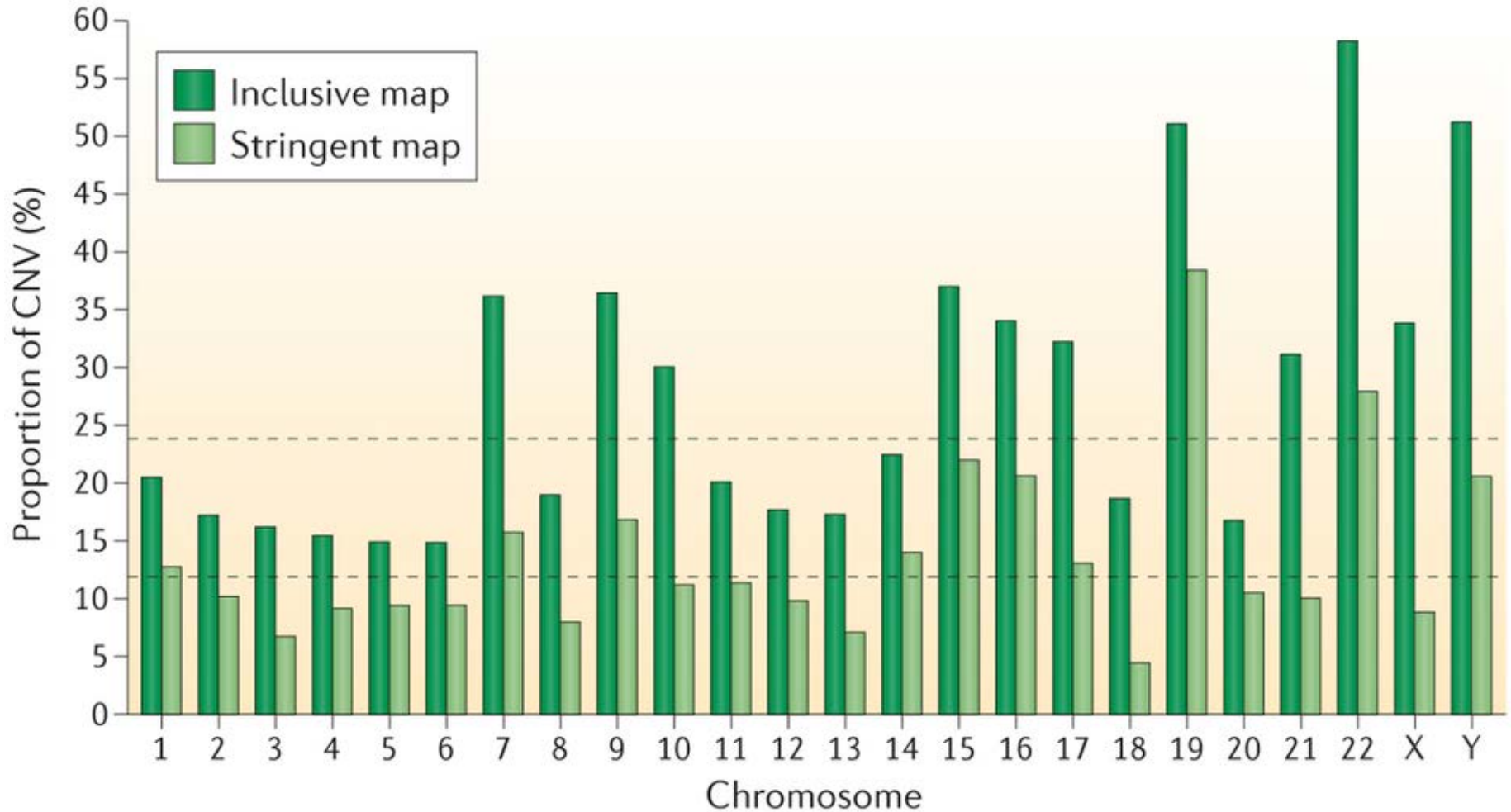
**C** [C] [B] [A] [D] Inverted Gene Sequence

**D** [A] [A] [A] [A] [B] [C] [D] Copy Number Variant (Multi-Copy Duplication)

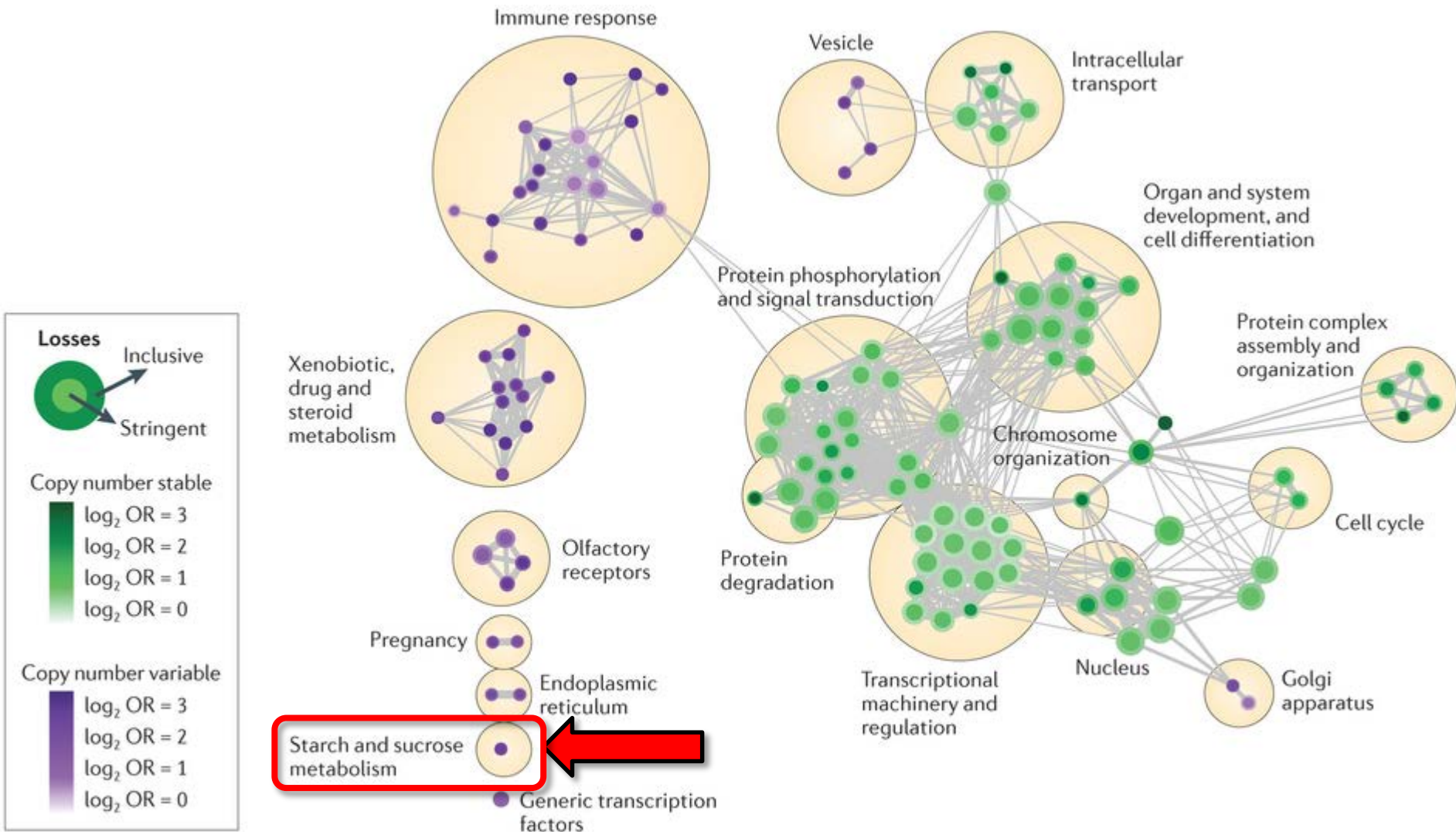
**E** [A] [B] [C] [A] [B] [C] [D] Segmental Duplication

**F** [A] [B] ... [I] [J] [A] [B] ... [I] [J] [A] [B] ... [I] [J] Large Scale Copy Number Variant

# Copy number variants are common!



# CNVs affect multiple cellular processes

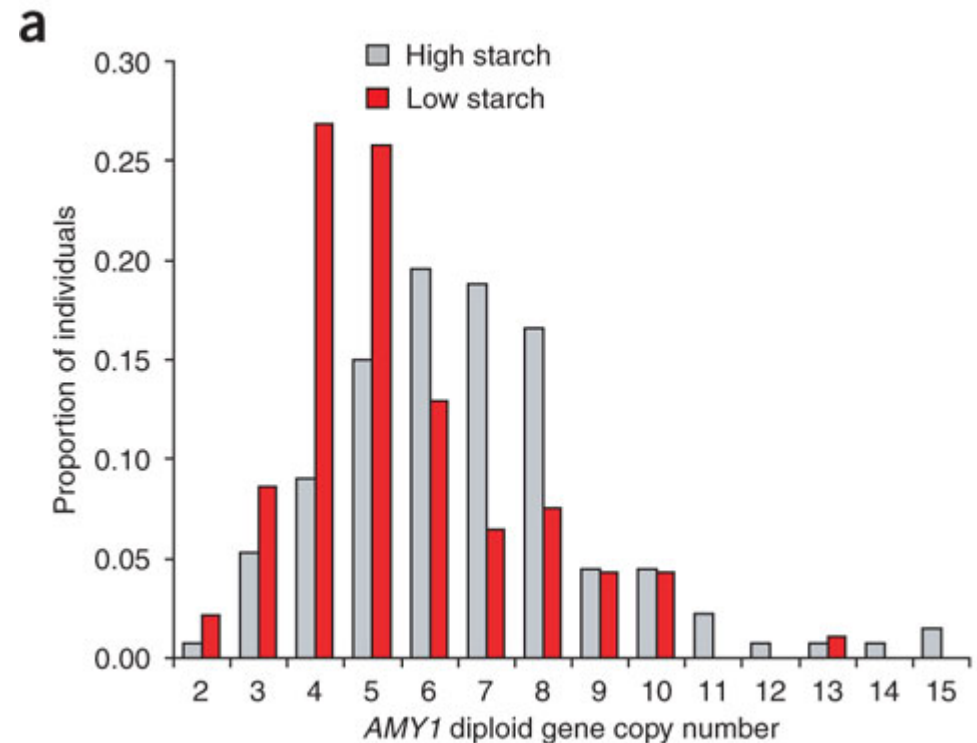
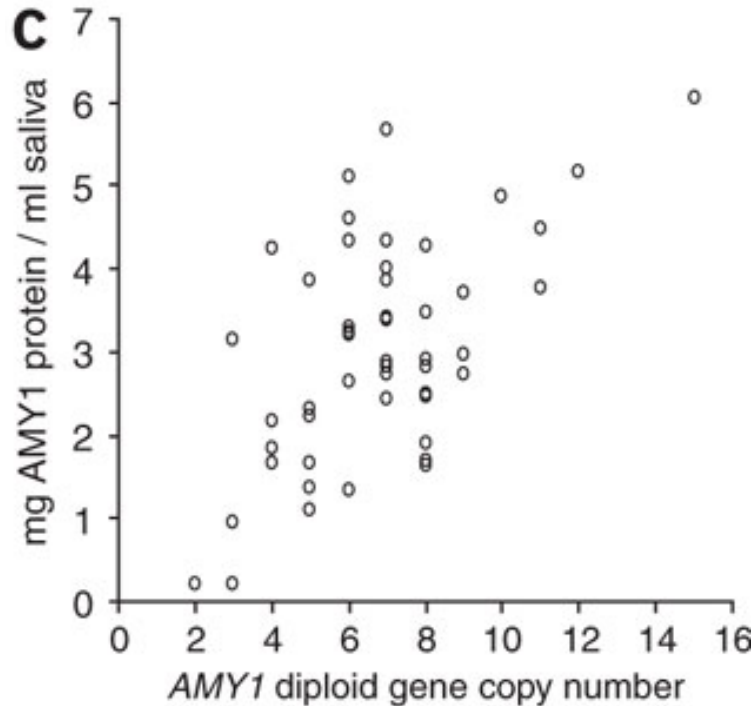




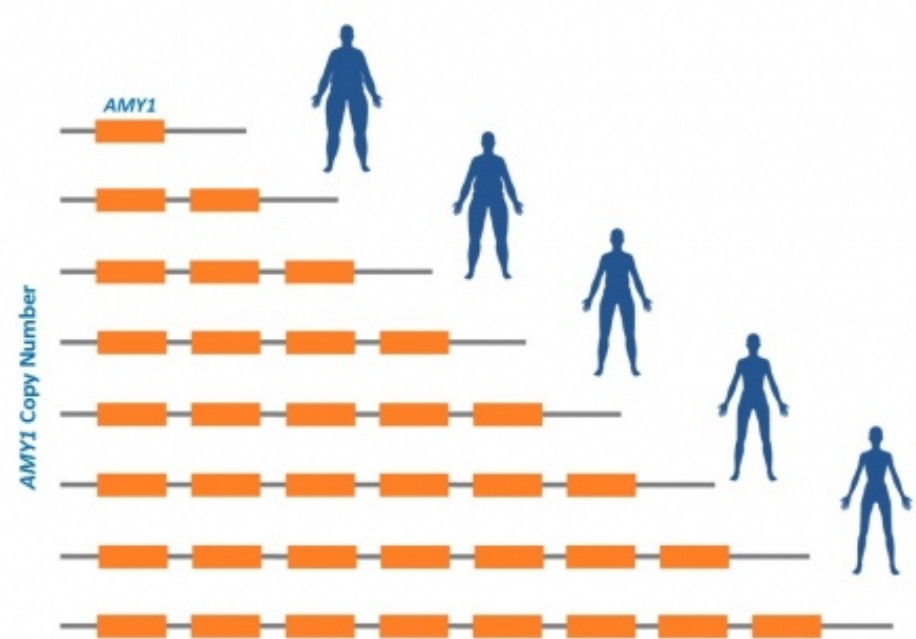
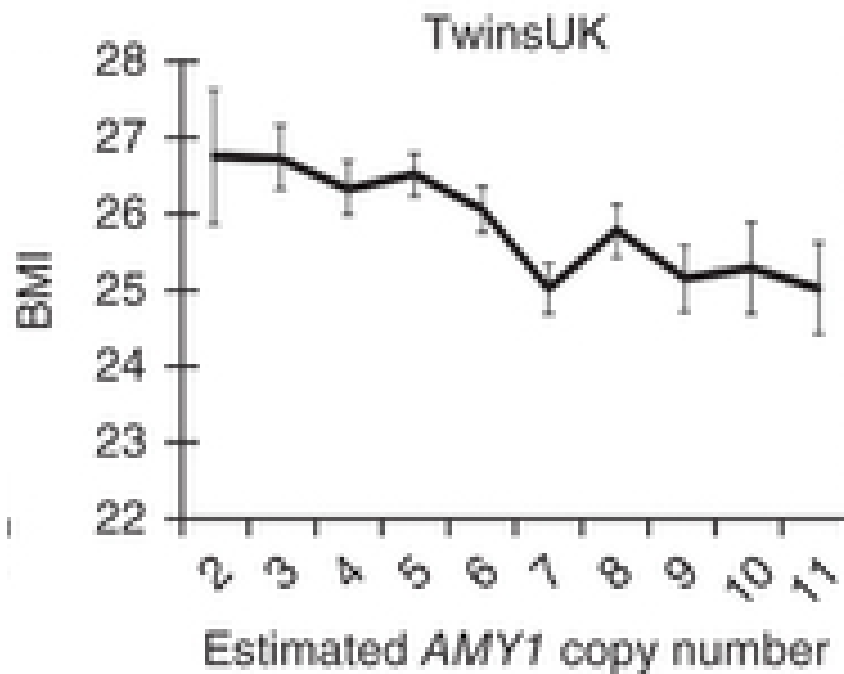
# Starch, saliva and iodine



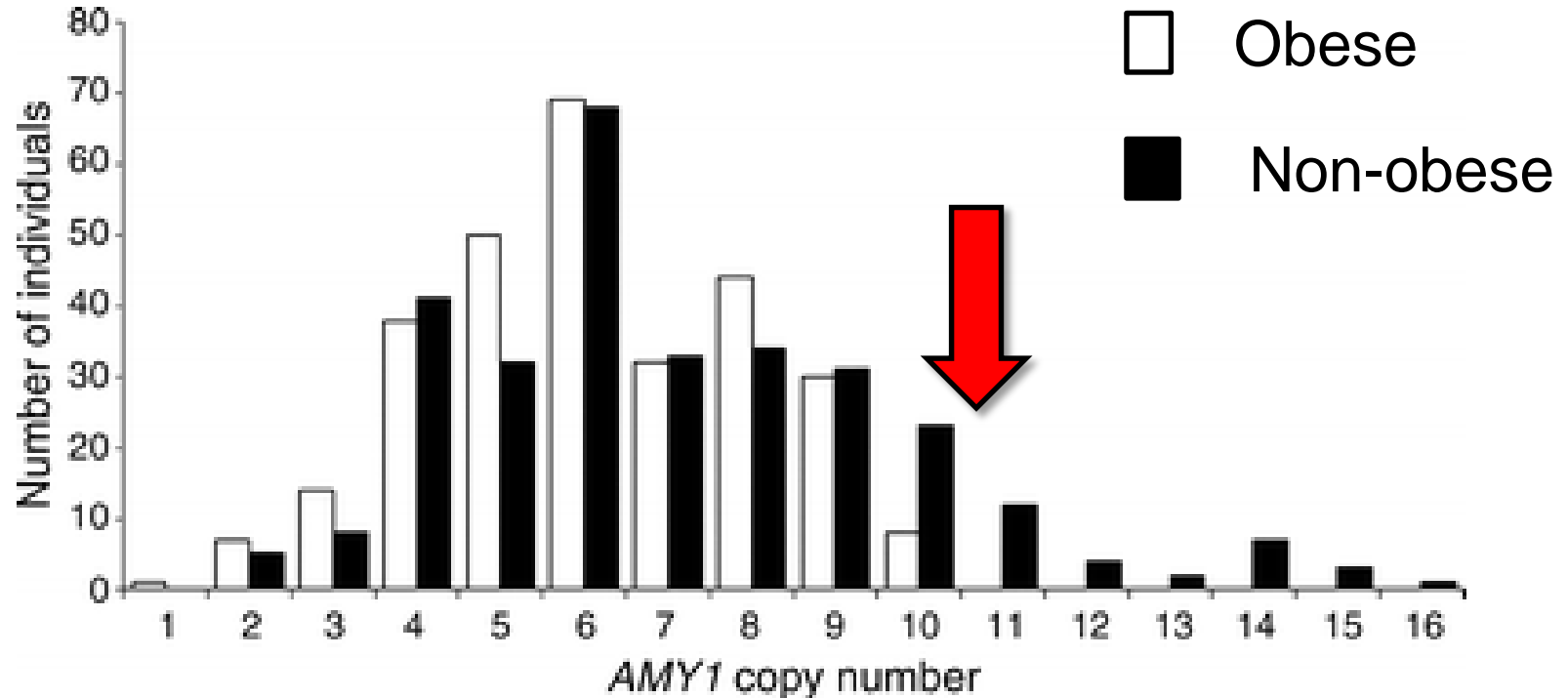
# CNVs in salivary amylase gene appear to be functionally important



# Low copy number for salivary amylase gene associated with obesity



# Low salivary amylase copy number associated with obesity in Mexican children





# At least 84 CNVs associated with BMI

Peterson et al. *BMC Genomics* 2014, **15**:368  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2164/15/368>



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Open Access

# On the association of common and rare genetic variation influencing body mass index: a combined SNP and CNV analysis

Roseann E Peterson<sup>1\*</sup>, Hermine H Maes<sup>2</sup>, Peng Lin<sup>3</sup>, John R Kramer<sup>4</sup>, Victor M Hesselbrock<sup>5</sup>, Lance O Bauer<sup>5</sup>, John I Nurnberger Jr<sup>6</sup>, Howard J Edenberg<sup>7</sup>, Danielle M Dick<sup>8</sup> and Bradley T Webb<sup>9</sup>

- ☐ Many are rare
- ☐ Small effect sizes

# **Nutrigenomics: Understanding mechanisms**

# Example: integrated transcriptomics and proteomics-based study

**Research question:** What is impact of suboptimal selenium status on colorectal epithelium?

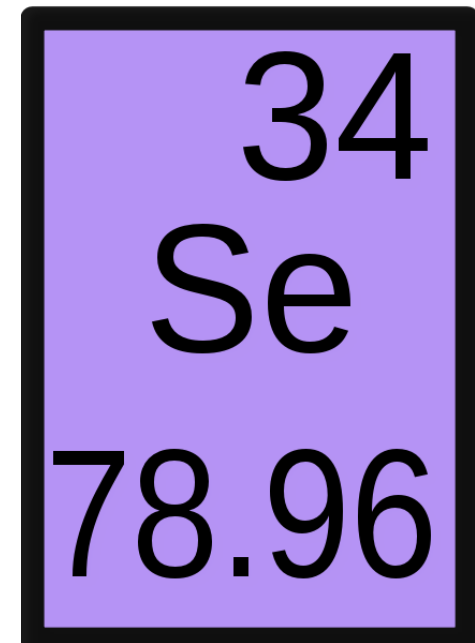
**Participants:** Healthy adults from BORICC Study with **suboptimal** or **optimal** plasma Se status

## Biological functions of selenium:

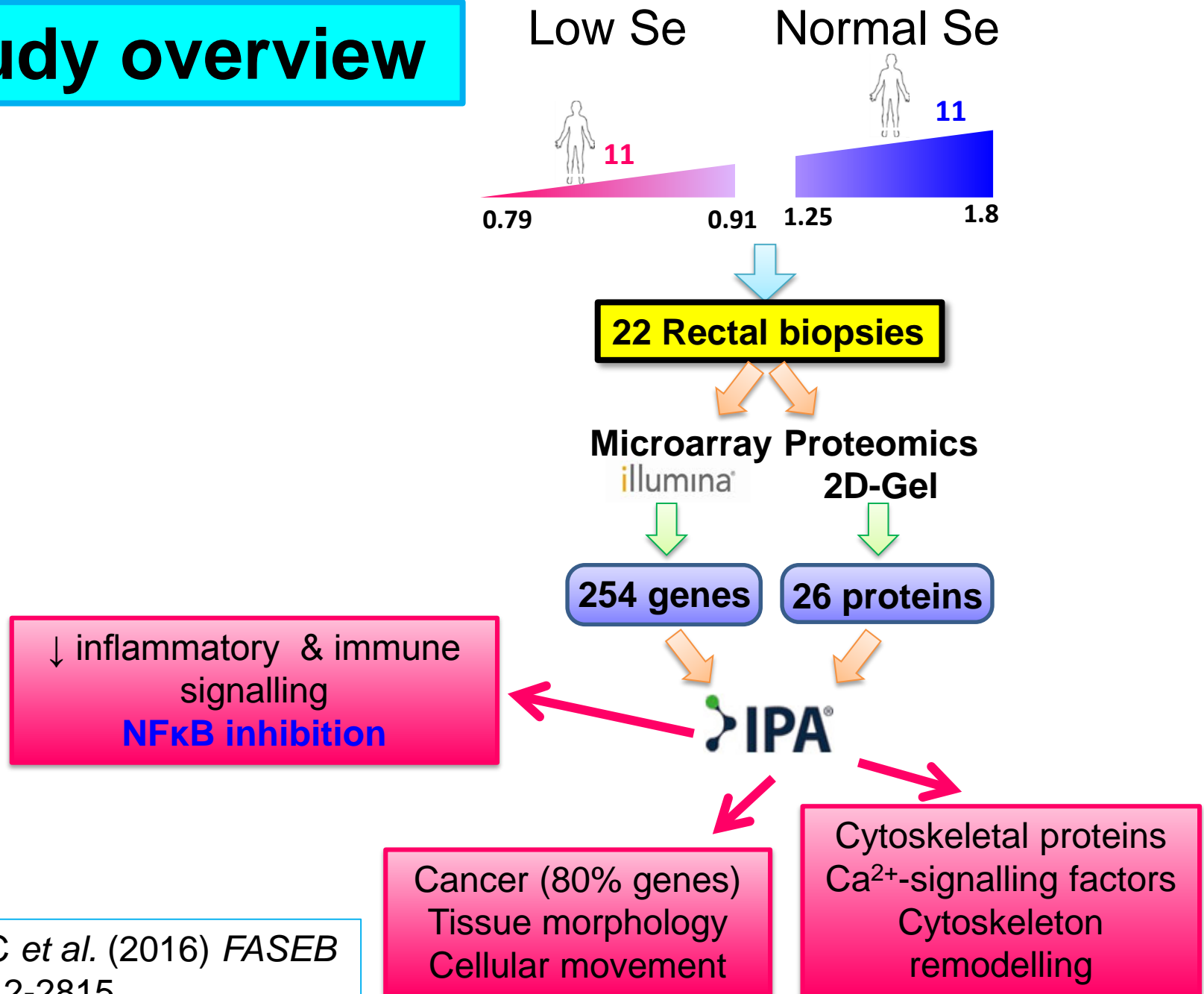
Essential trace element and cofactor for:

- ☐ glutathione peroxidases
- ☐ thioredoxin reductase
- ☐ thyroid hormone deiodinases

Méplan C *et al.* (2016) *FASEB J* **30**, 2812-2815



# Study overview



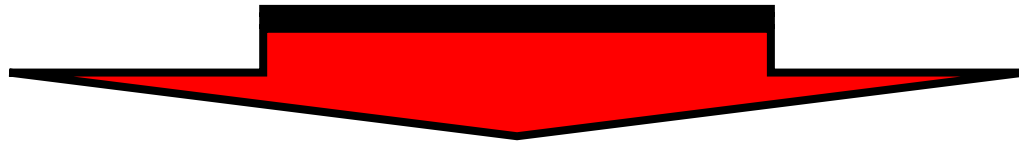


# Effects of suboptimal Se status on gut epithelium

**Healthy epithelium:** NF $\kappa$ B coordinates cytokine production, immune cell response, response to gut microflora and balance between survival and apoptotic factors

## Suboptimal Se:

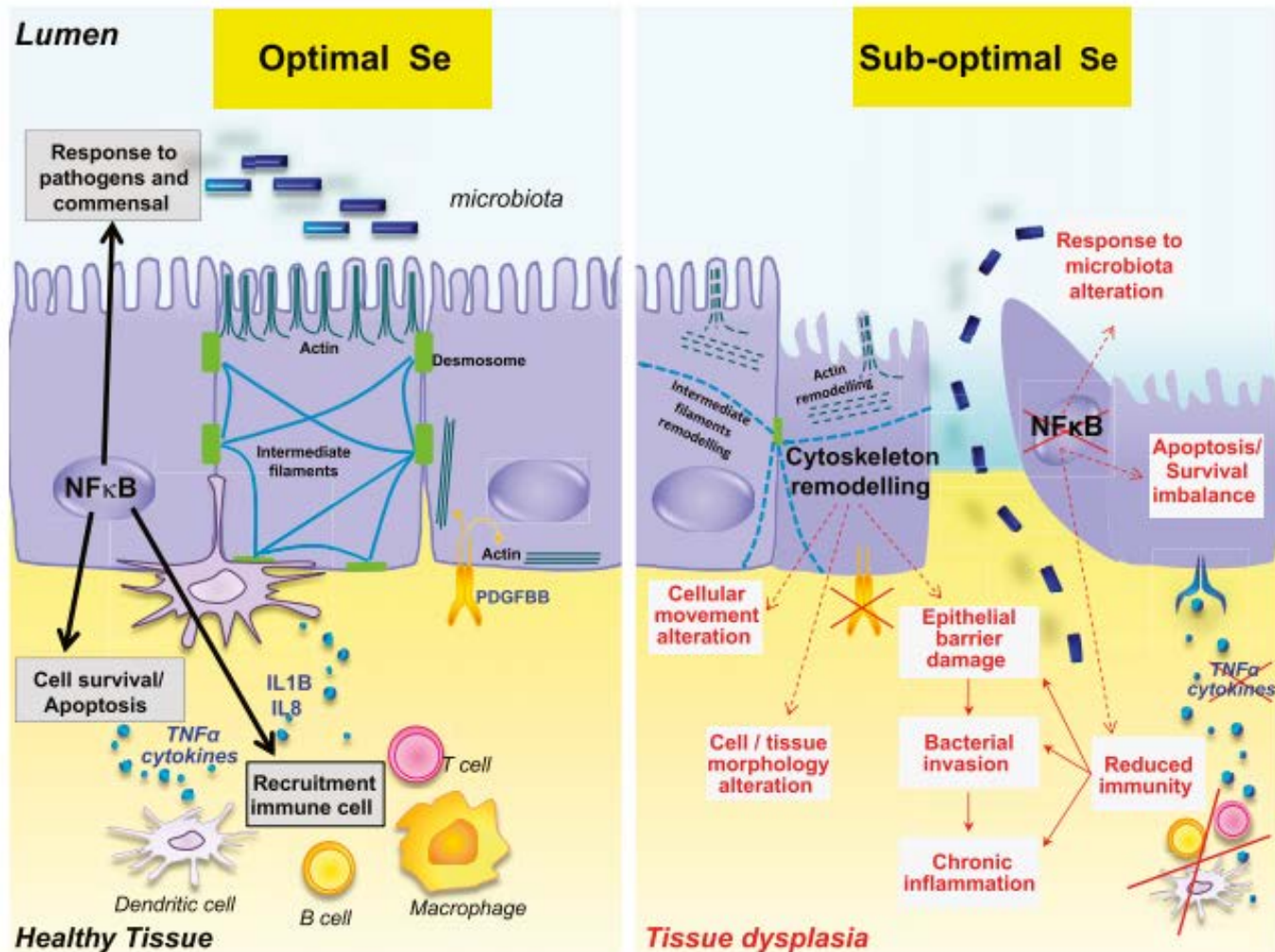
- ↓ inflammatory and immune signalling
- inhibition of NF $\kappa$ B and cytoskeleton remodelling
- changes in cell morphology and movement



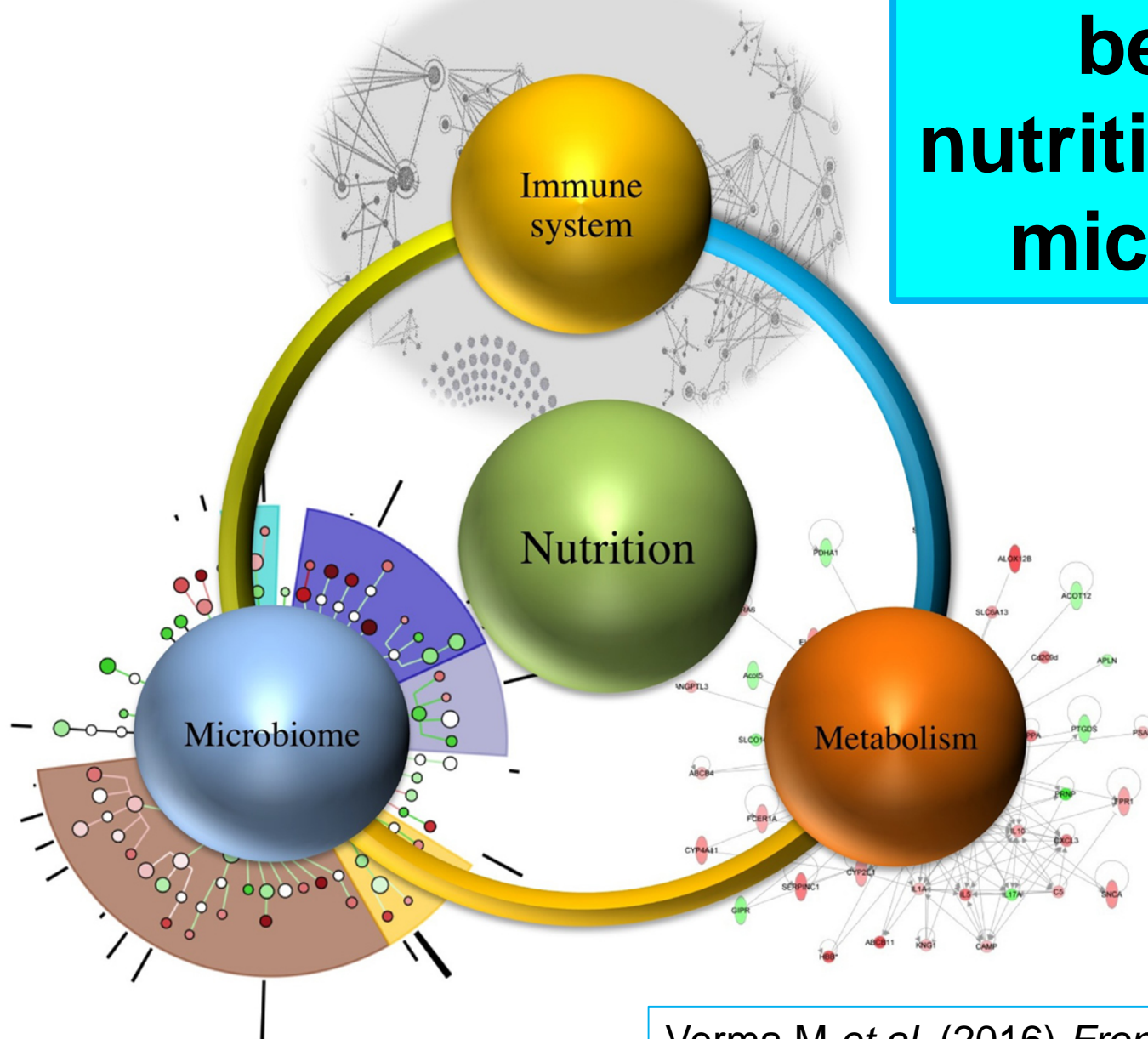
↓ capacity to respond to inflammatory and oxidative stresses, thus could favour CRC development

Méplan C *et al.*  
(2016) *FASEB J*  
**30**, 2812-2815

# Model of effects of sub-optimal Se status on colorectal function



# Interplay between nutrition and the microbiome



Verma M et al. (2016) *Frontiers in Nutrition* 3:5

Mass spectrometry of breast milk from Malawian mothers with:

Healthy infants



Severely stunted infants



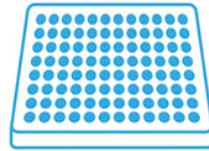
Decreased total, sialylated, and fucosylated milk oligosaccharides



6-month-old stunted, underweight Malawian infant



Fecal microbiota



Arrayed bacterial culture collection



Germ-free mice



Gnotobiotic mice



Gnotobiotic piglets

# Modelling impact of malnutrition on gut microbiota

Prototypic Malawian Diet + Sialylated Milk Oligosaccharides

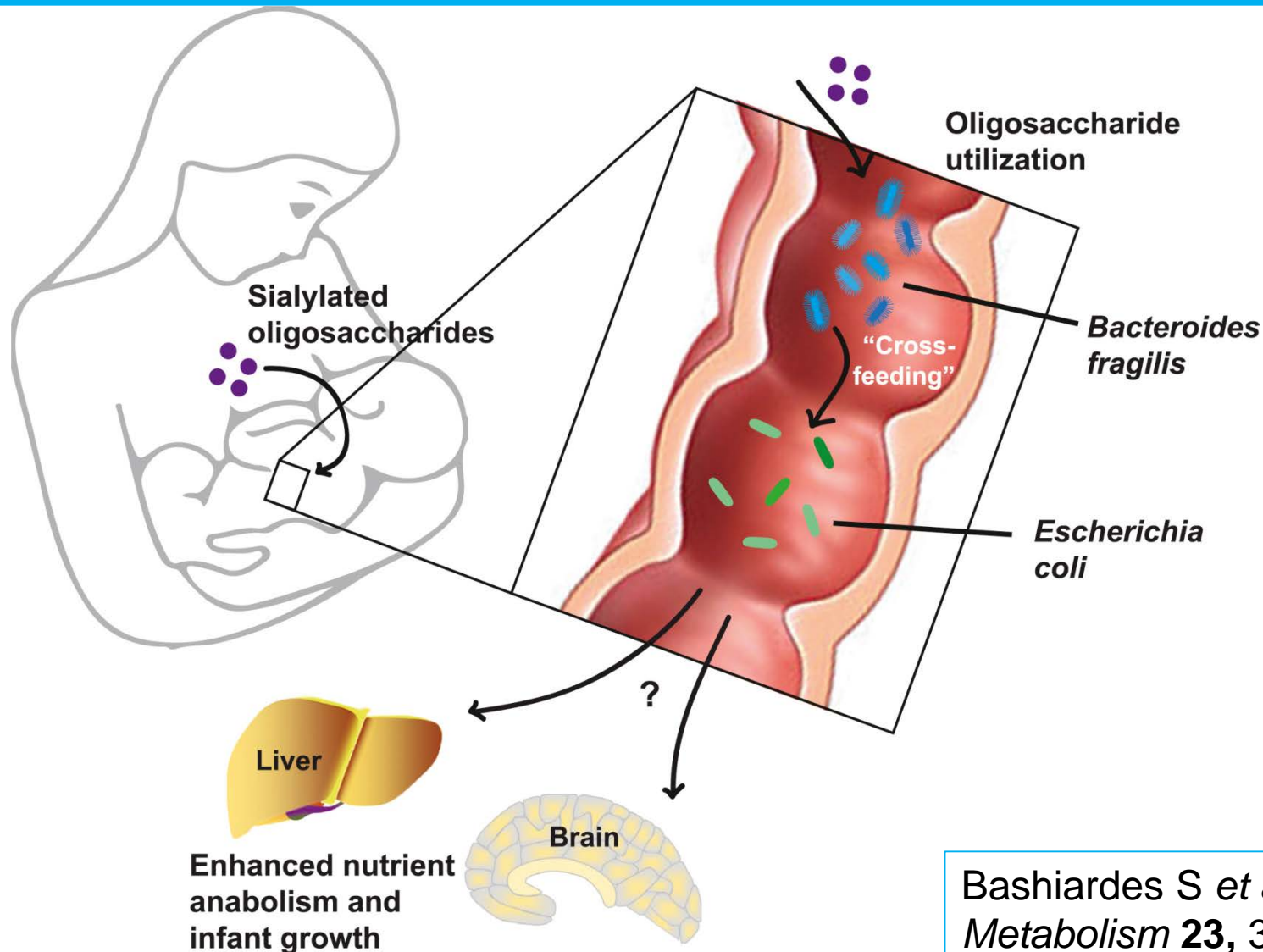
No growth effects

- Increased body weight gain and lean body mass gain
- Bone growth phenotype
- Metabolic effects in liver, muscle, and brain

Confirmation of body weight gain and metabolic phenotypes observed in mice



# Breastmilk oligosaccharides “feed” gut microbiota



Bashiardes S *et al.* (2016) *Cell Metabolism* **23**, 393-394

# Nutrition and epigenomics

## The epigenome

DNA methylation

[●]

DNA  
accessibility

Histone  
modifications

[●]

Polycomb  
complex

Histone

DNA

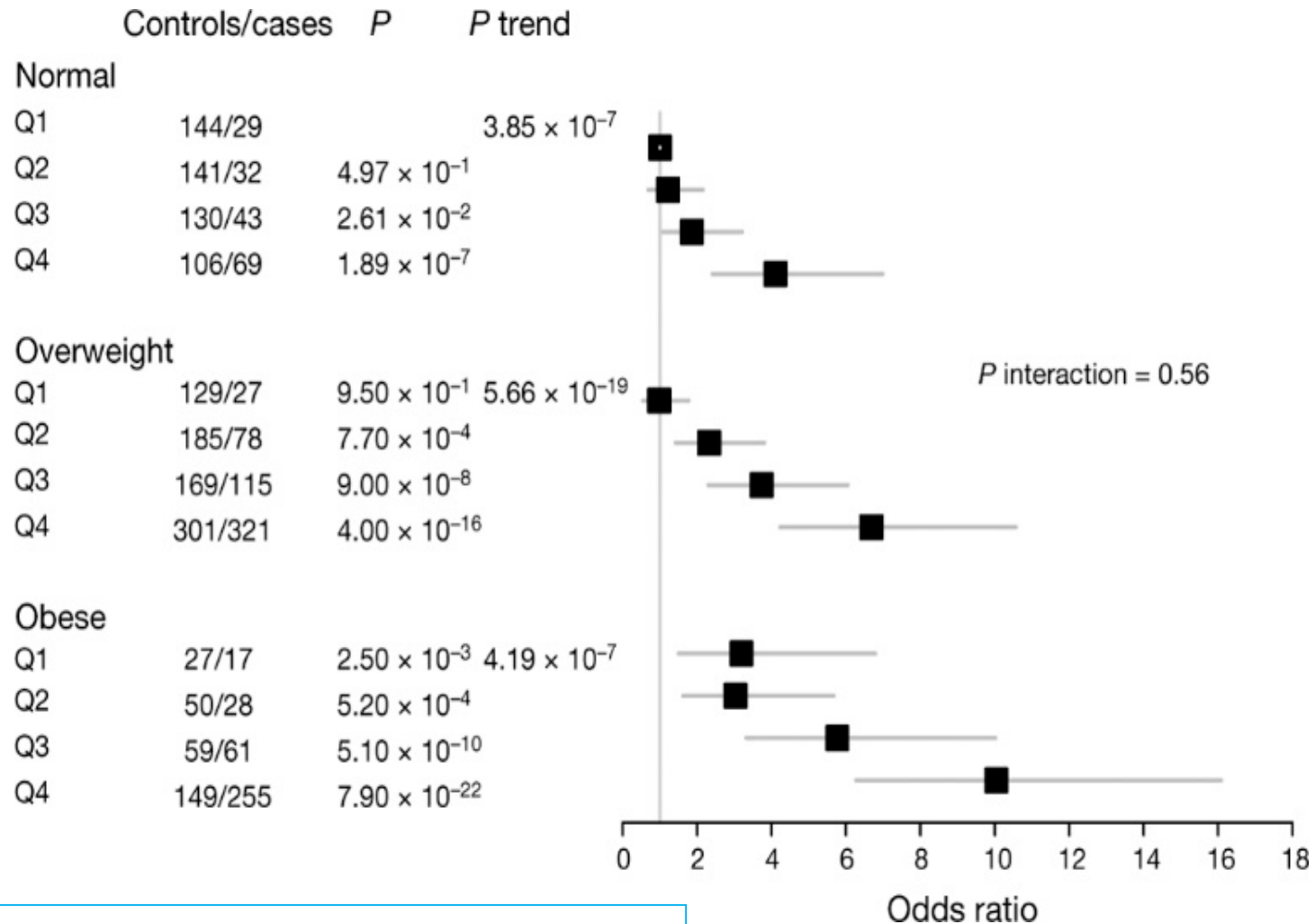
DNA  
binding  
proteins

RNA

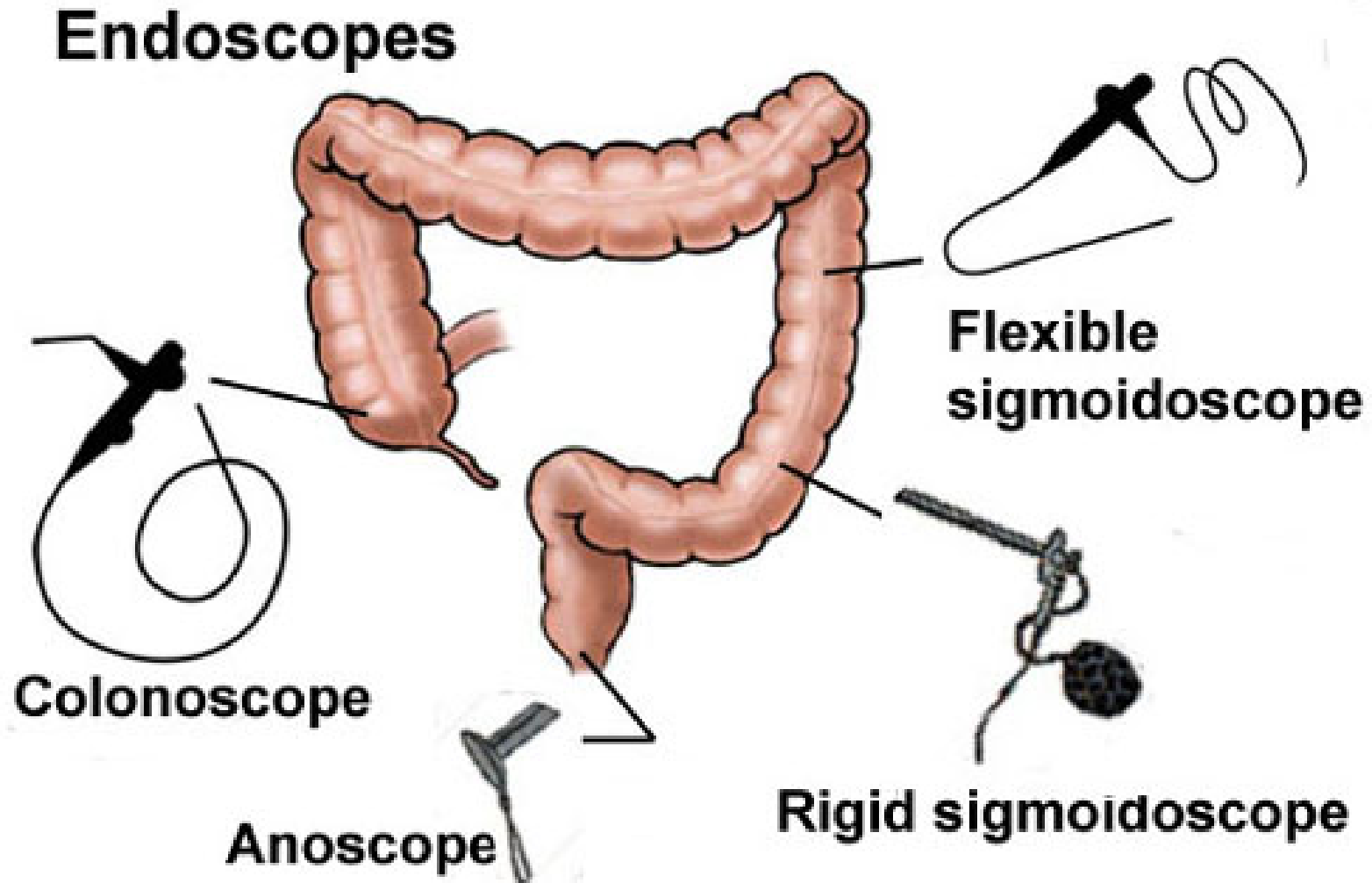




# Methylation risk score and type 2 diabetes in Indian Asians

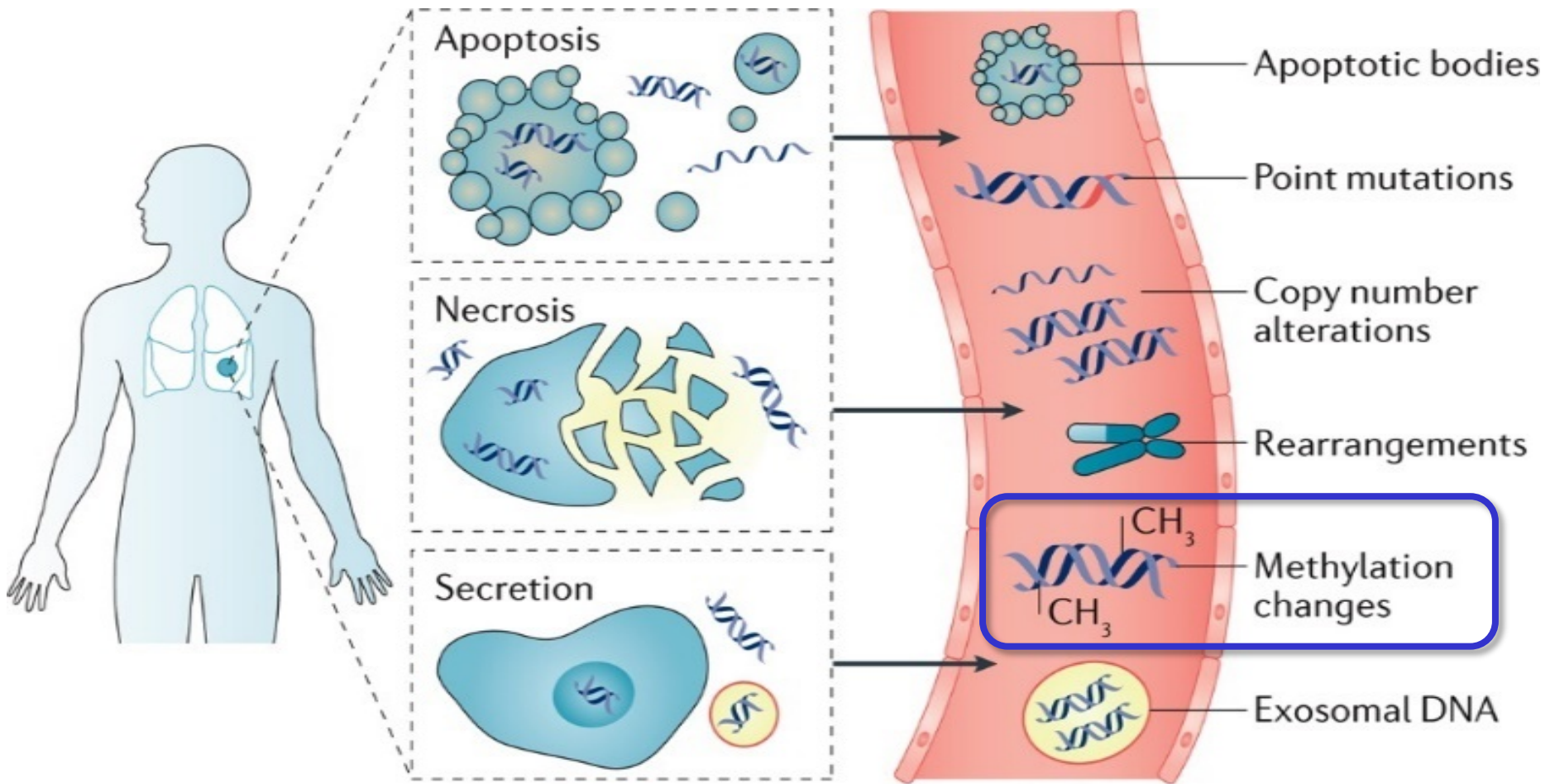


# Epigenetic (DNA methylation) patterns are cell-type specific

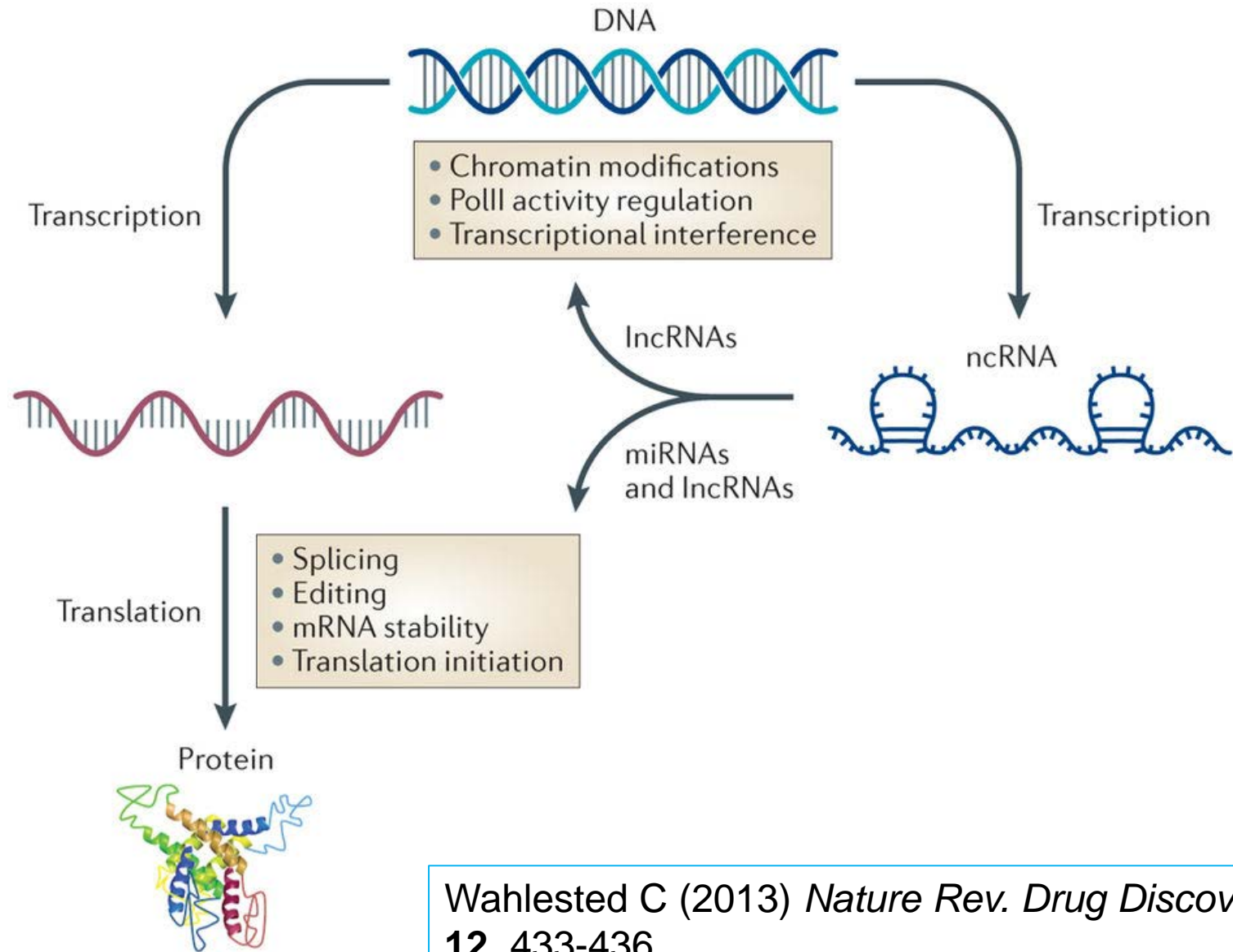




# Potential utility of cell-free DNA



# Regulation by non-coding RNAs



Wahlested C (2013) *Nature Rev. Drug Discovery*  
12, 433-436

# Most of us work for the taxpayer



The taxpayer - that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.

(Ronald Reagan)

# **Nutrigenomics: Applications to improve public health**

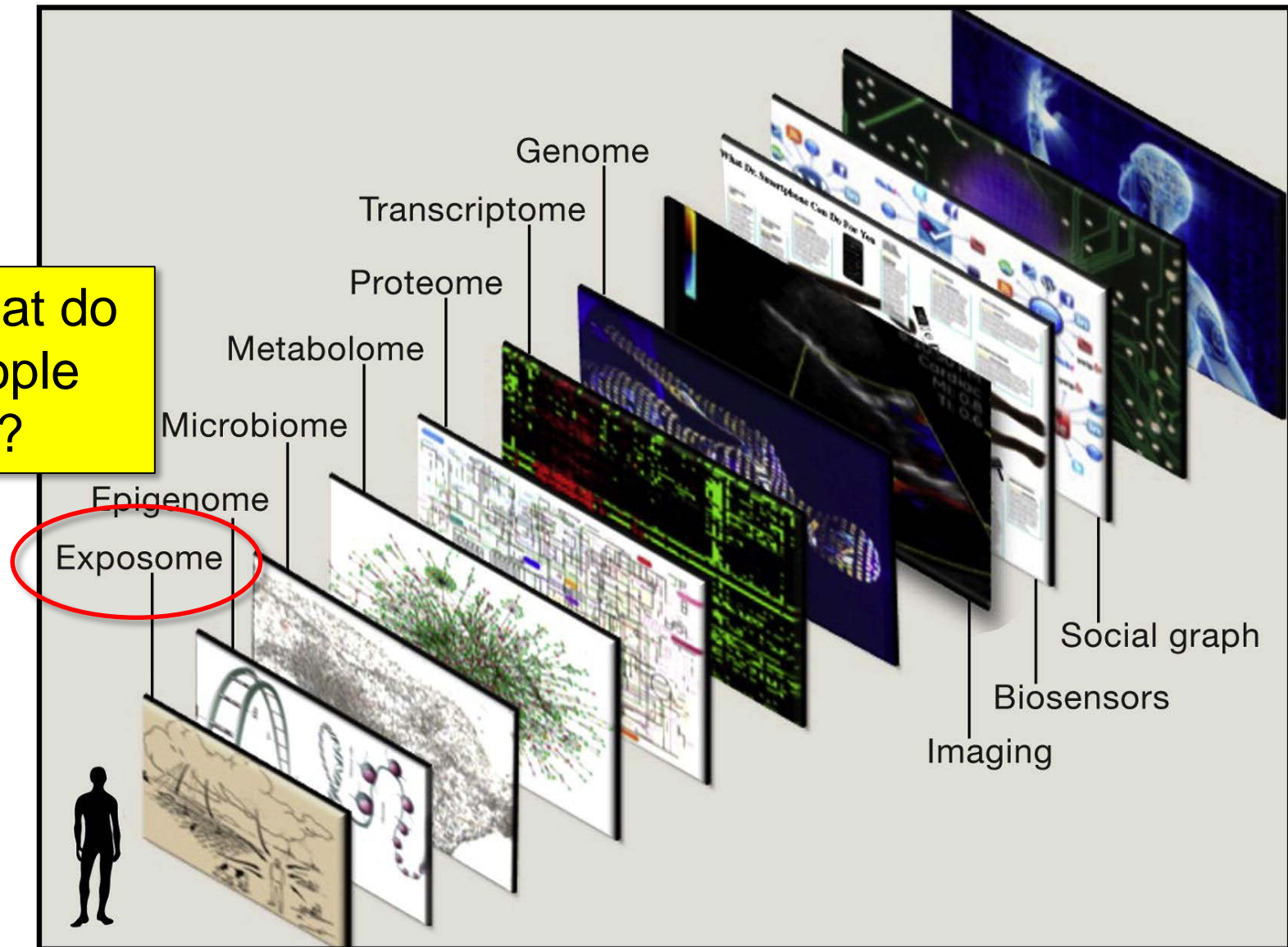
# Measuring dietary intake





# Combining data across multiple levels

What do  
people  
eat?



Adapted from Topol EJ (2014) *Cell* **157**, 241-253

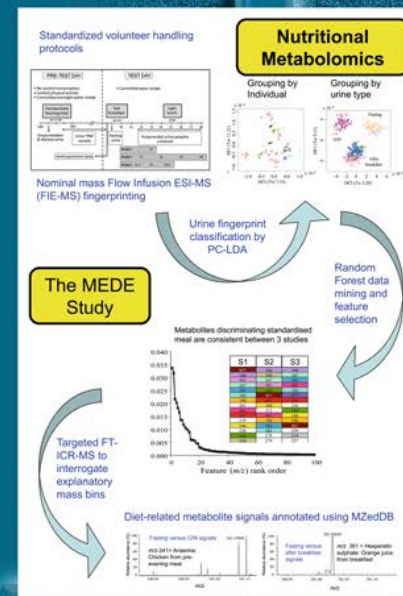
# Using metabolomics approaches to discover novel biomarkers of food intake



Favé G *et al.* (2011)  
*Metabolomics* 7, 469-484

# METABOLOMICS

Volume 7 • Number 4  
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**The Metabolomics Society**



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7(4) 457-624 (2011)

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# **Rationale for a metabolomics approach for discovery of novel biomarkers of food intake**

**Food metabolome**

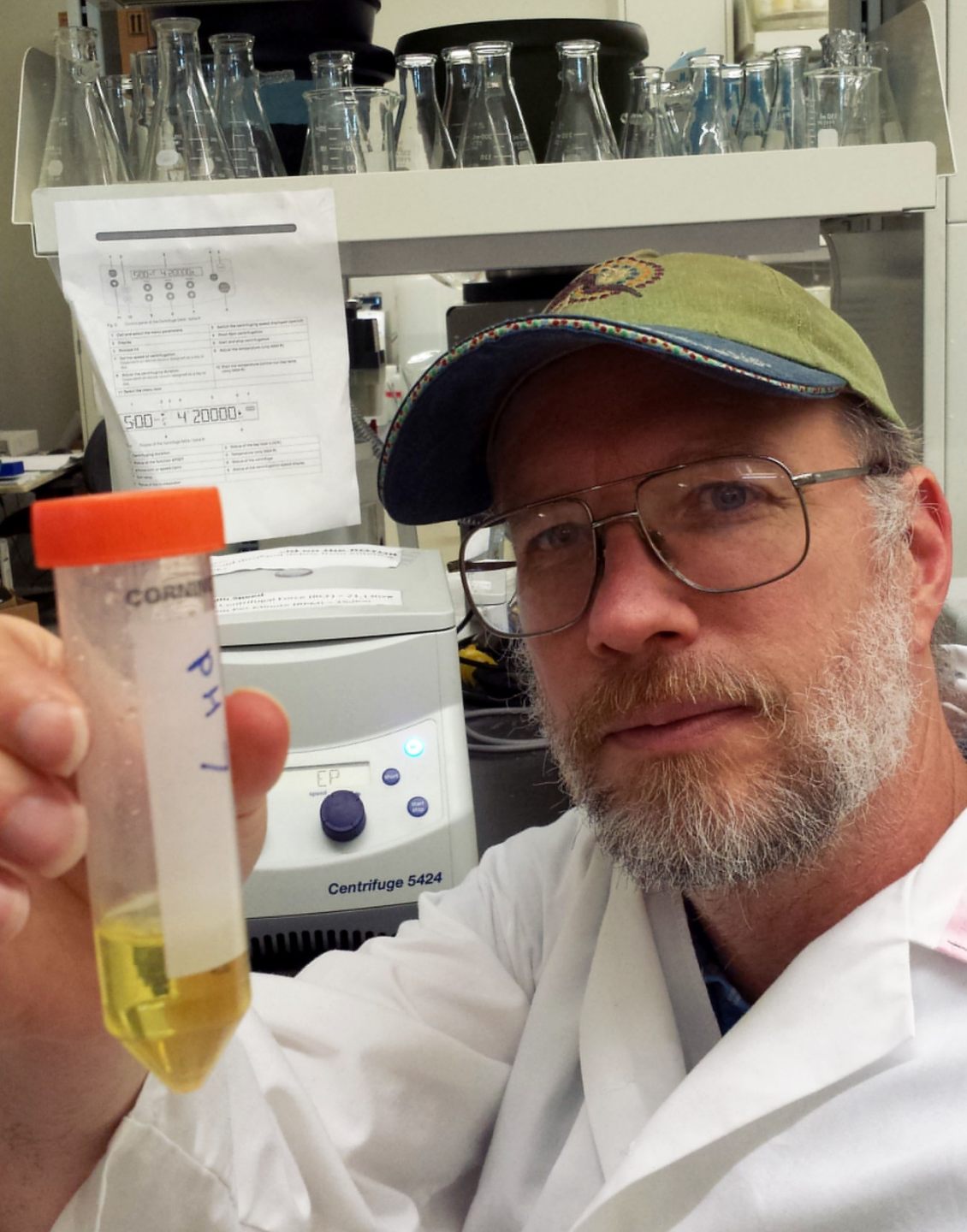


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graph TD; A[Food metabolome] --> B[Plasma metabolome]; B --> C[Urinary metabolome];
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**Plasma metabolome**

**Urinary metabolome**





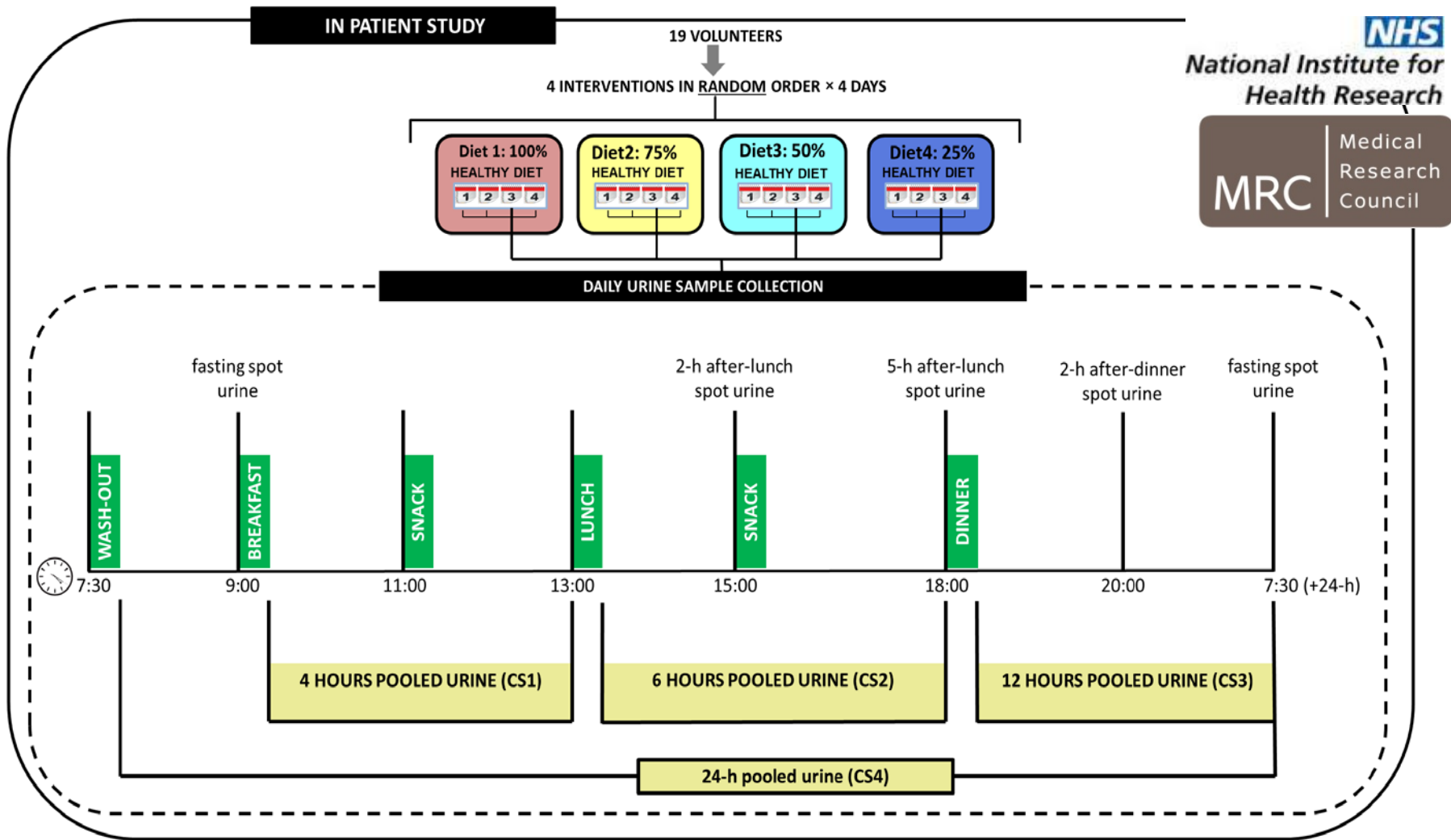
**FOODBALL**  
The Food Biomarker Alliance

**Challenge: Can  
we develop  
biomarkers for  
dietary patterns?**



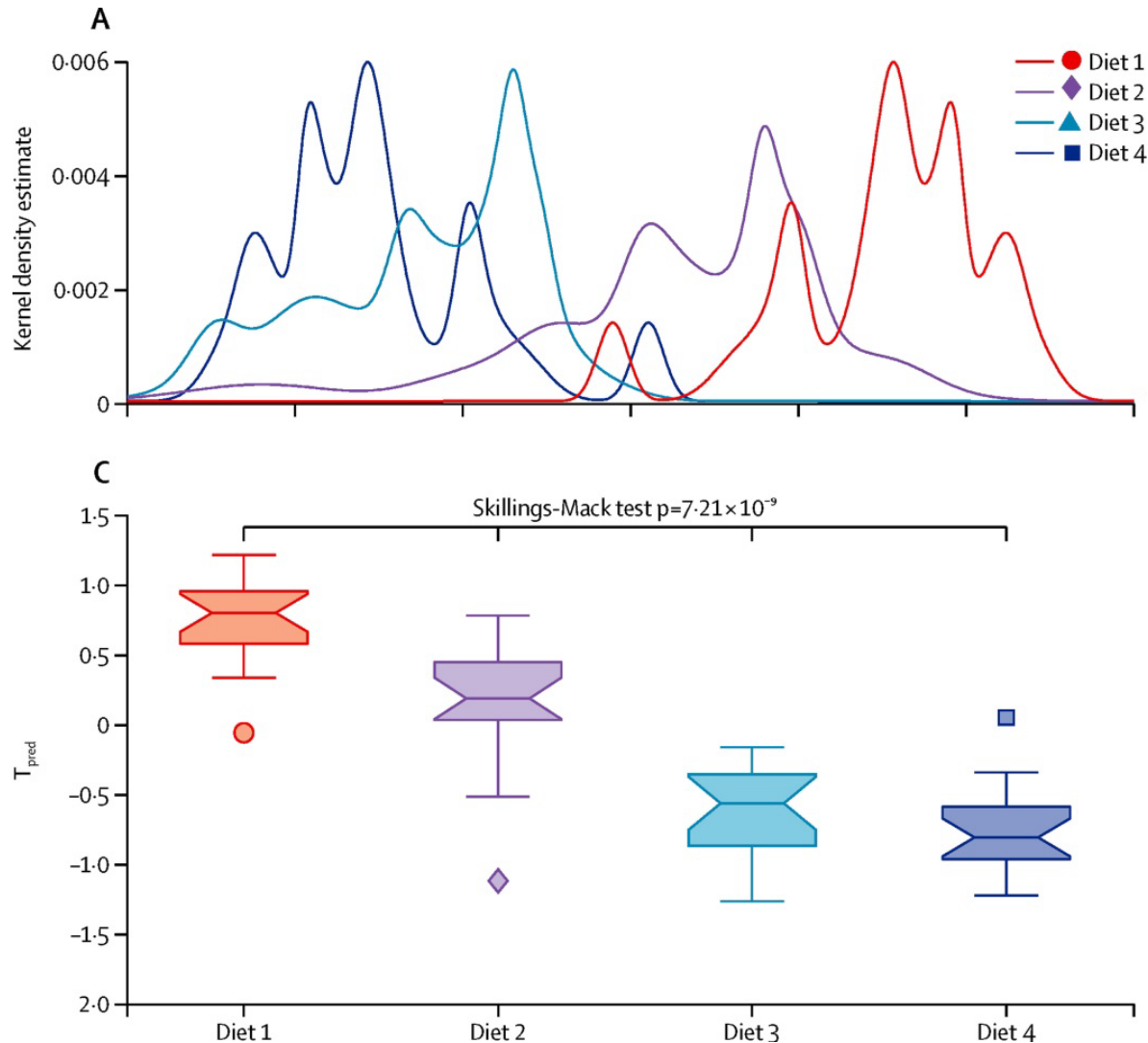


# Study design



Garcia-Perez I *et al.*  
(2017) *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* **5**, 185-195

# Diet “healthiness” is reflected in urinary metabolite patterns



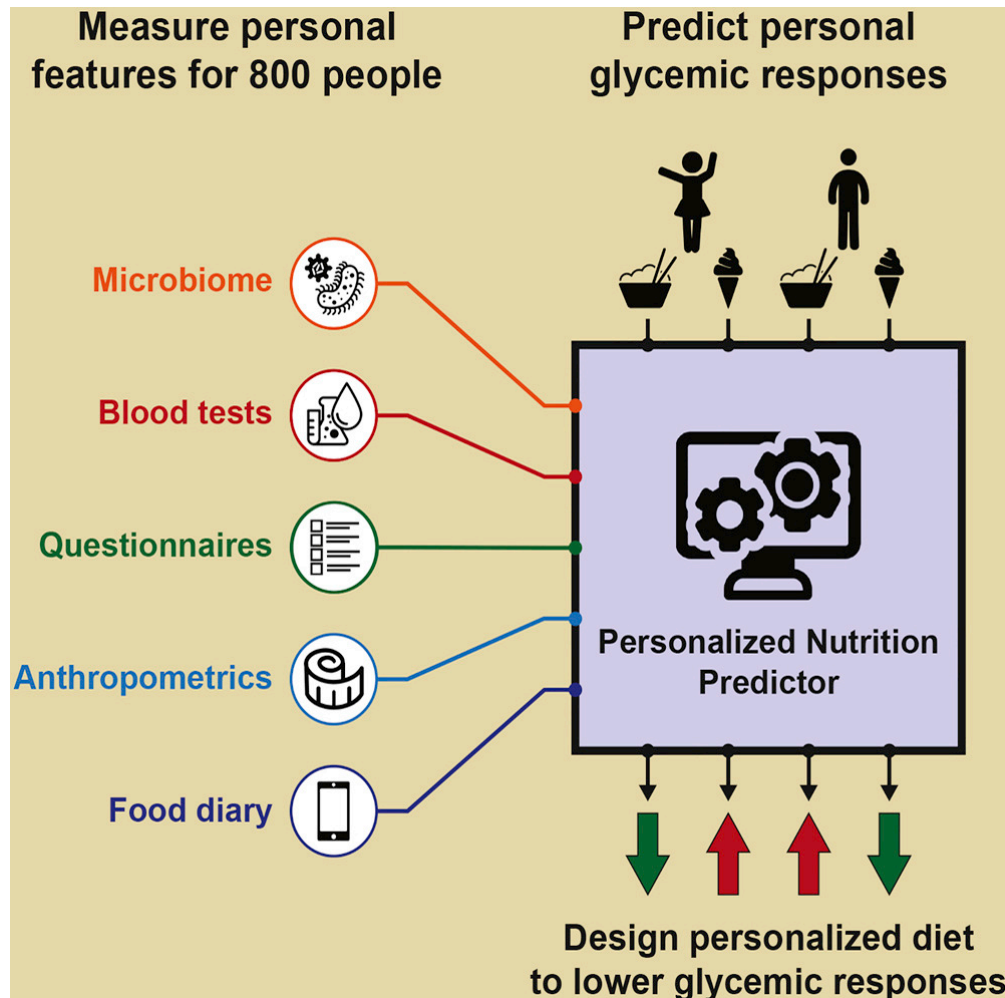
Validated in  
INTERMAP UK  
(n=225) and a  
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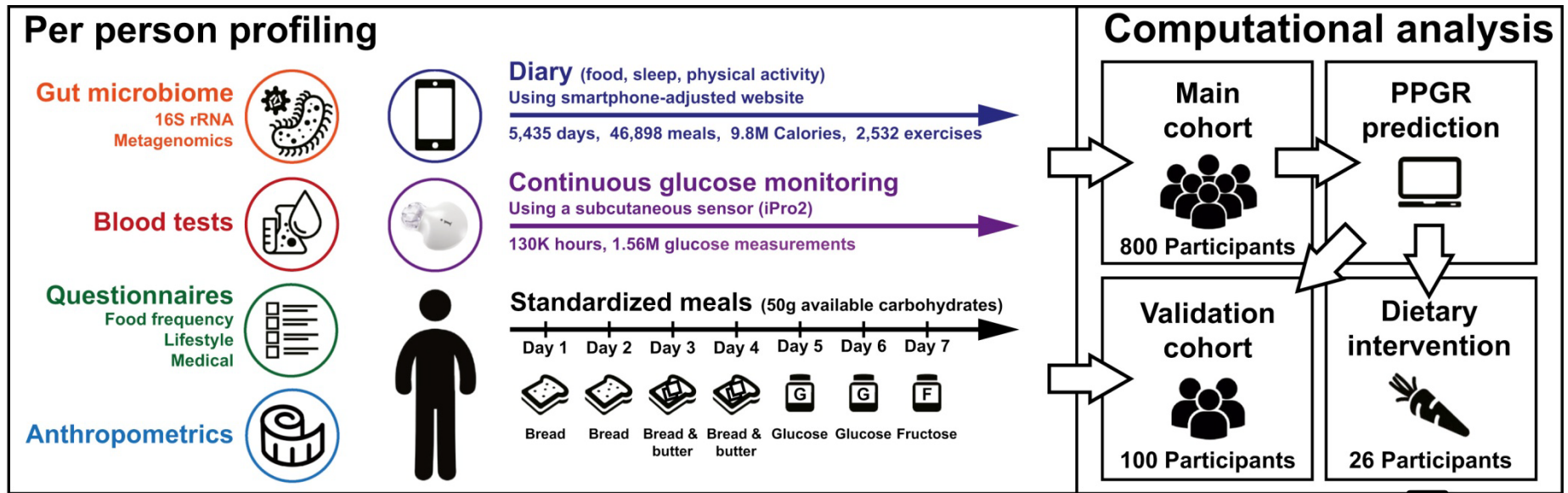
# Application of nutrigenomics: Personalised Nutrition



# Personalised Nutrition by Prediction of Glycaemic Responses



# Overview of study



Good prediction of glycaemic responses over 7 days

Prescribe  
“good” and  
“bad” diets





**RCT in >1600  
people across  
7 European  
countries**

# **A “Proof of Principle” study of Personalised Nutrition across Europe: The Food4Me intervention study**

Celis-Morales C *et al.* (2017) *International Journal of Epidemiology* **46**, 578-588


This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration. (Contract n°265494)



# Take home messages



**Personalised  
nutrition  
works**



**No added  
advantage of  
phenotypic or  
genetic information**



**Internet-based  
delivery is  
effective**



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# What next for personalised nutrition?

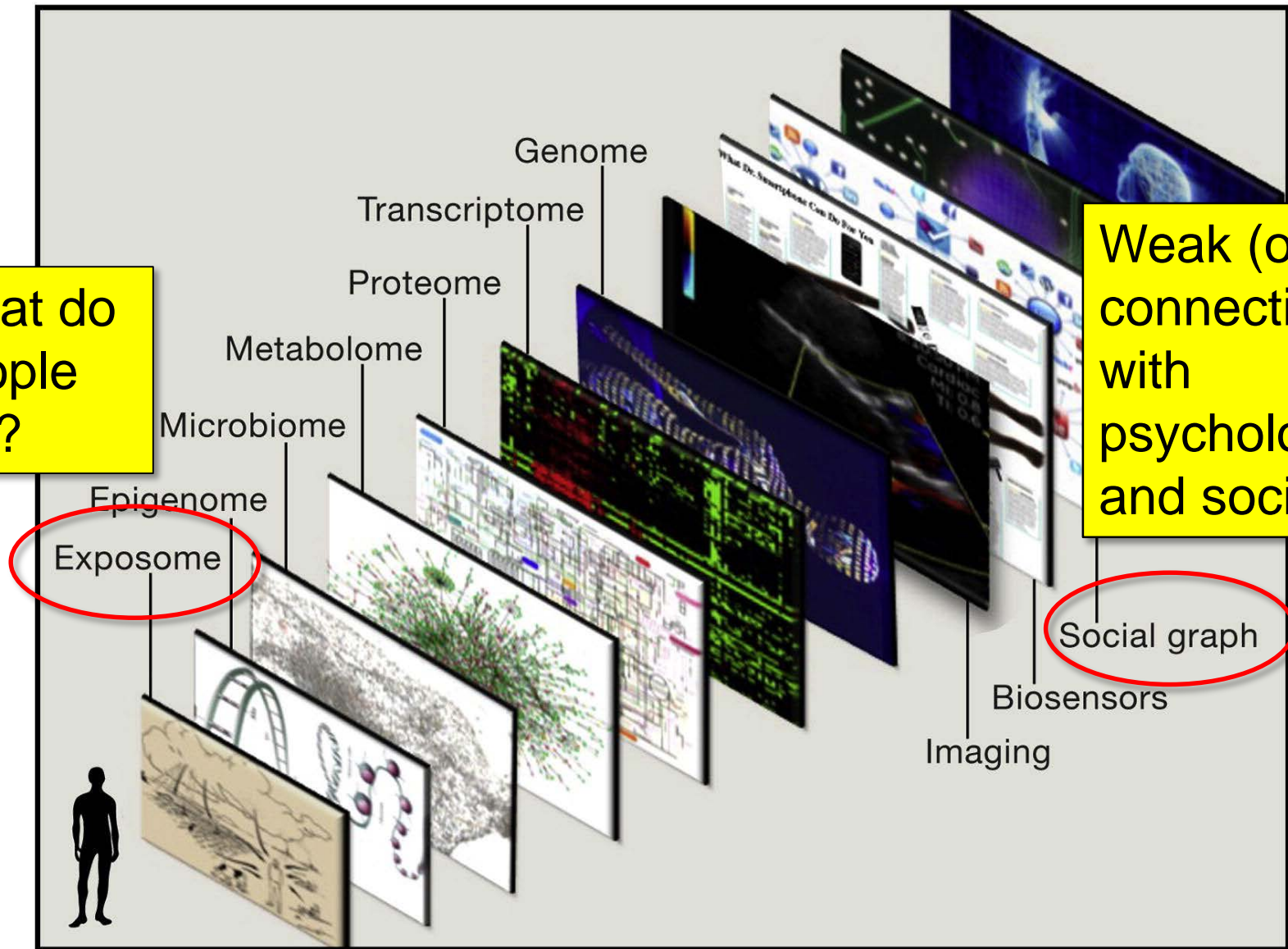
## Unanswered questions:

- What is personalised nutrition for?
  - Health-related goals?
  - Other personal goals?
- What are the key characteristics on which to base personalisation?
- Will personalised nutrition improve health outcomes?
- **Will personalised nutrition narrow (or exacerbate) health inequalities?**

# Combining data across multiple levels

What do people eat?

Weak (or no) connections with psychology and sociology



**New opportunities for nutrigenomics**



**Better models make better science**

Testing A  
Hypothesis

# Developments in stem cell biology

What is a stem cell?

A single cell that can

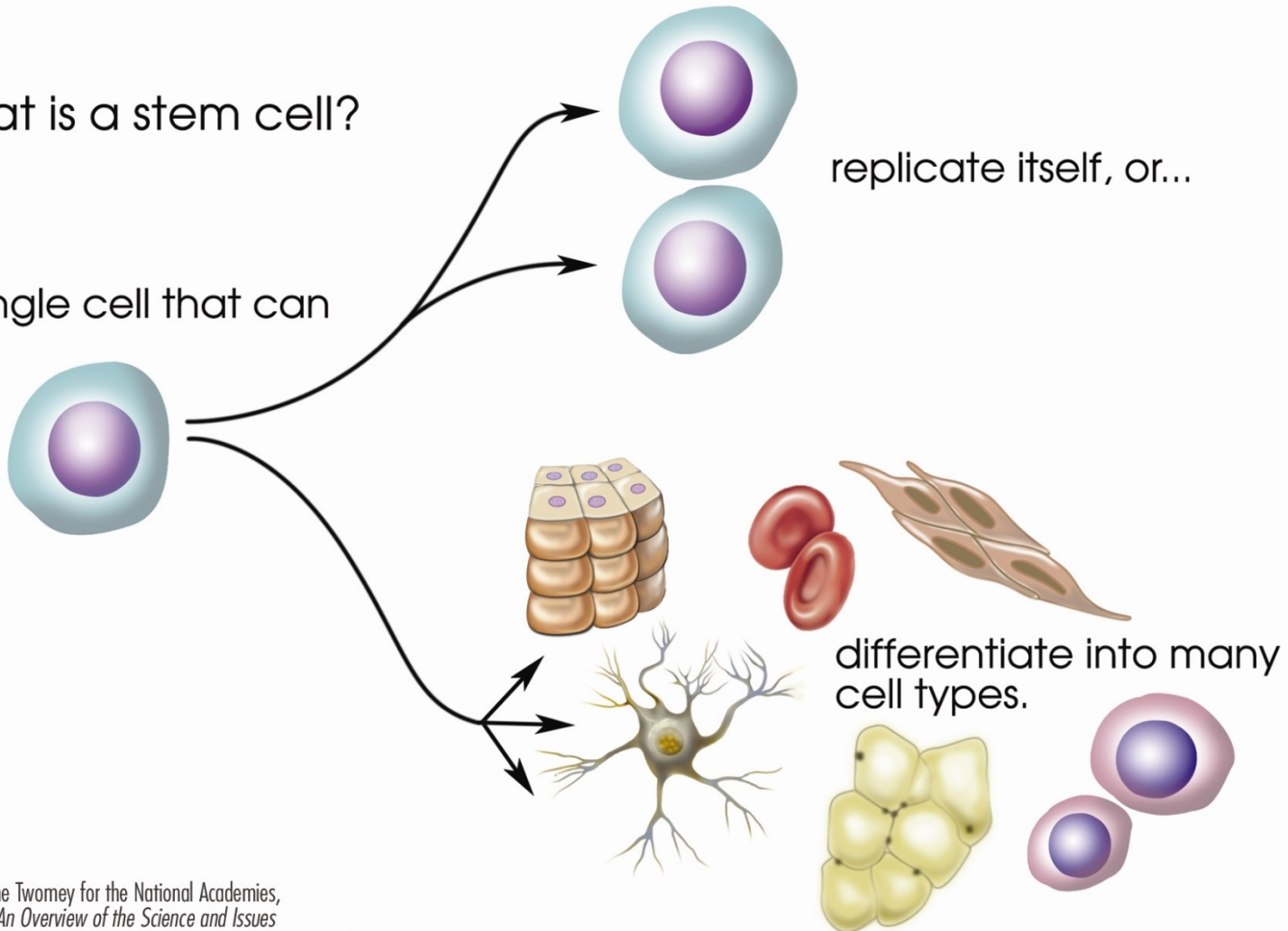
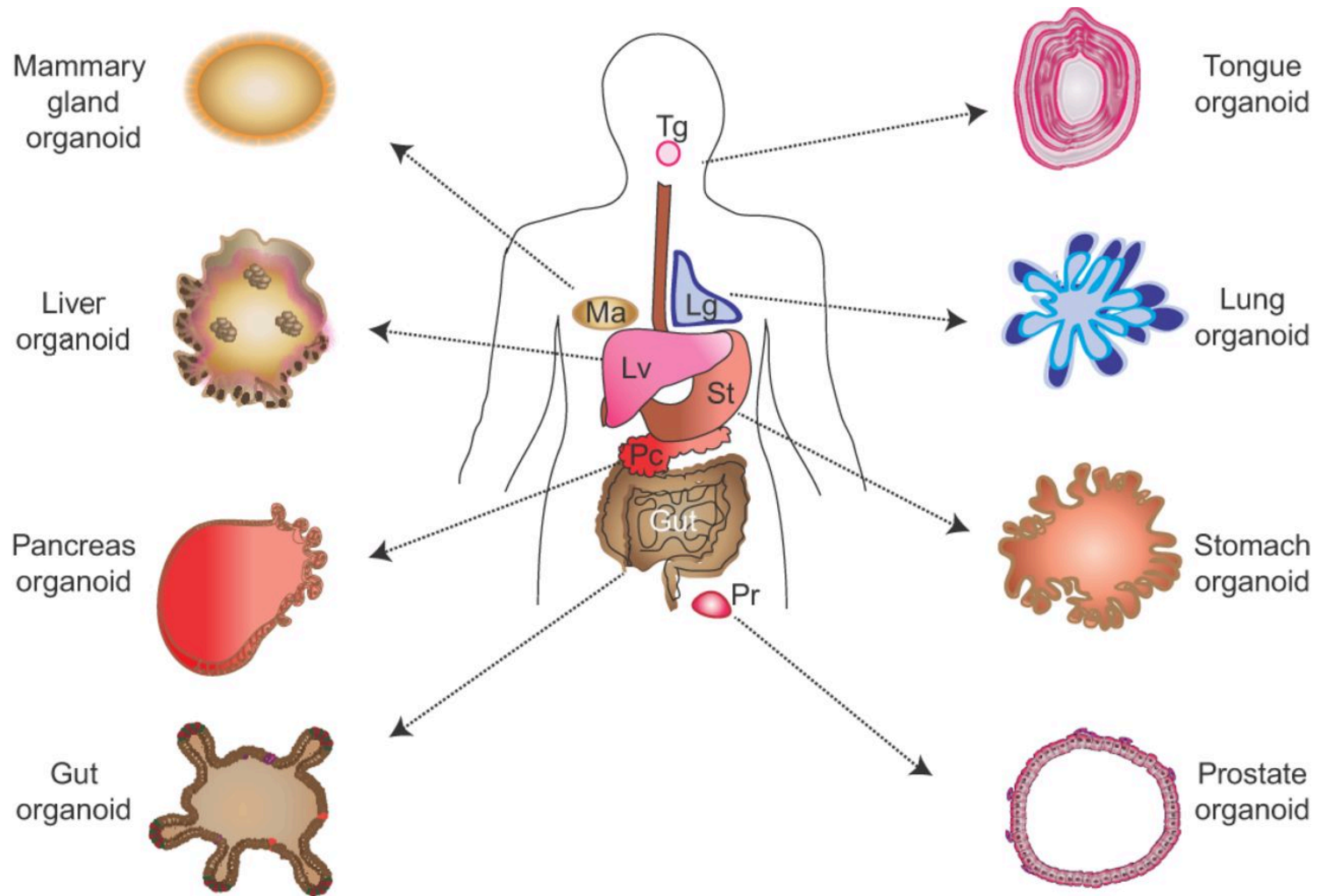


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*Understanding Stem Cells: An Overview of the Science and Issues*  
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# Organoids from adult stem cells



# Genome editing

## From basic science to translation





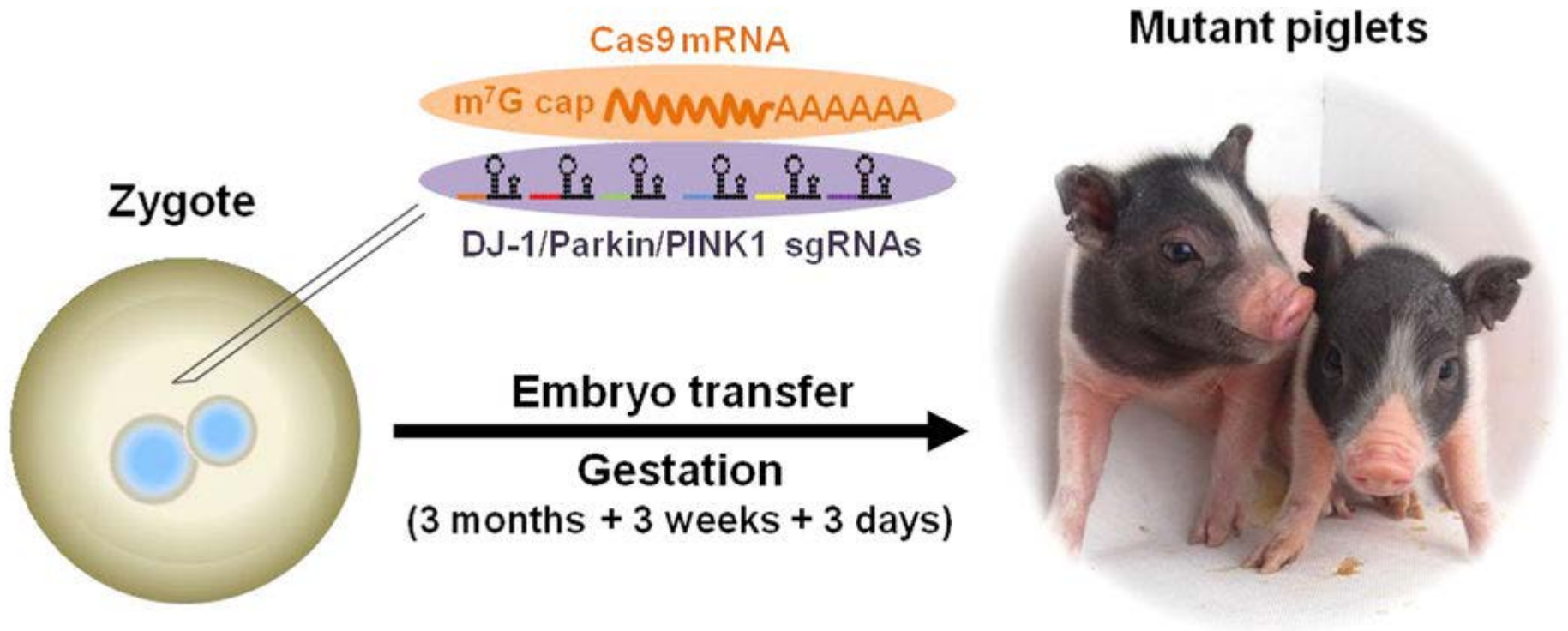
CRISPR-derived  
micro-pig as a pet



Cyranoski D (2015) *Nature* **526**, 18



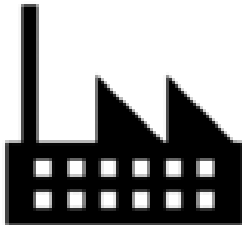


















# Using CRISPR-Cas to develop model of Parkinson's Disease

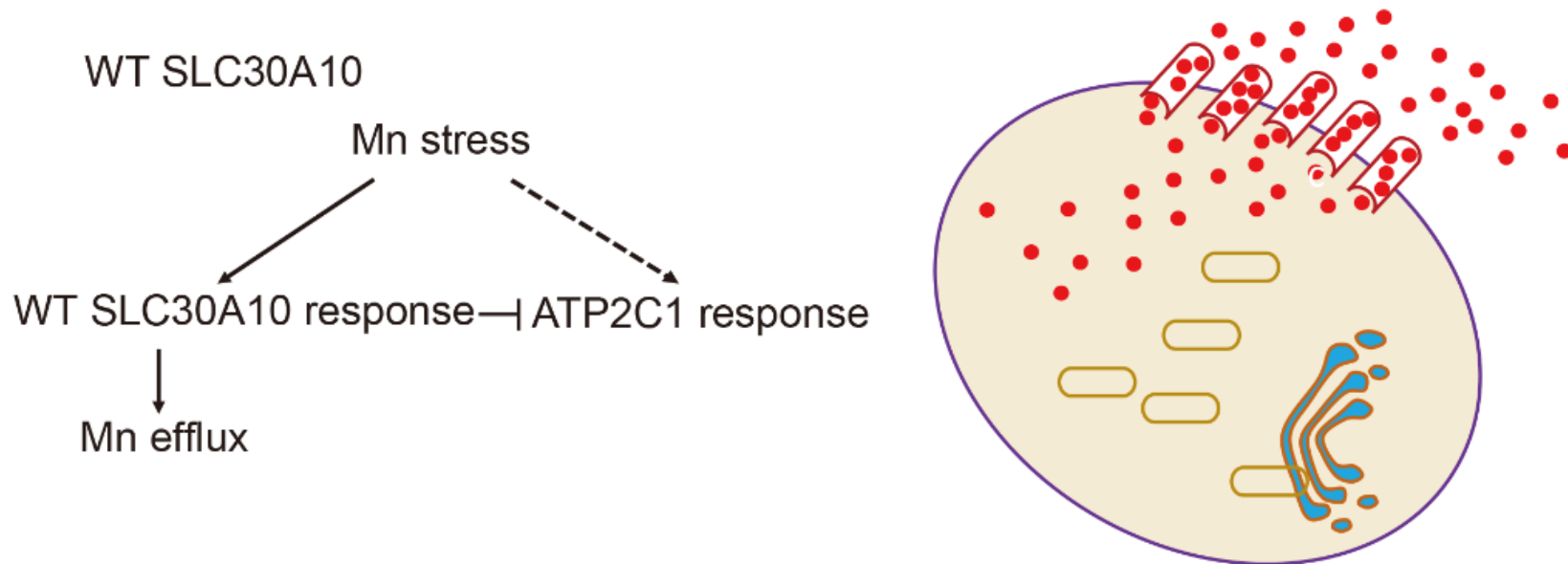


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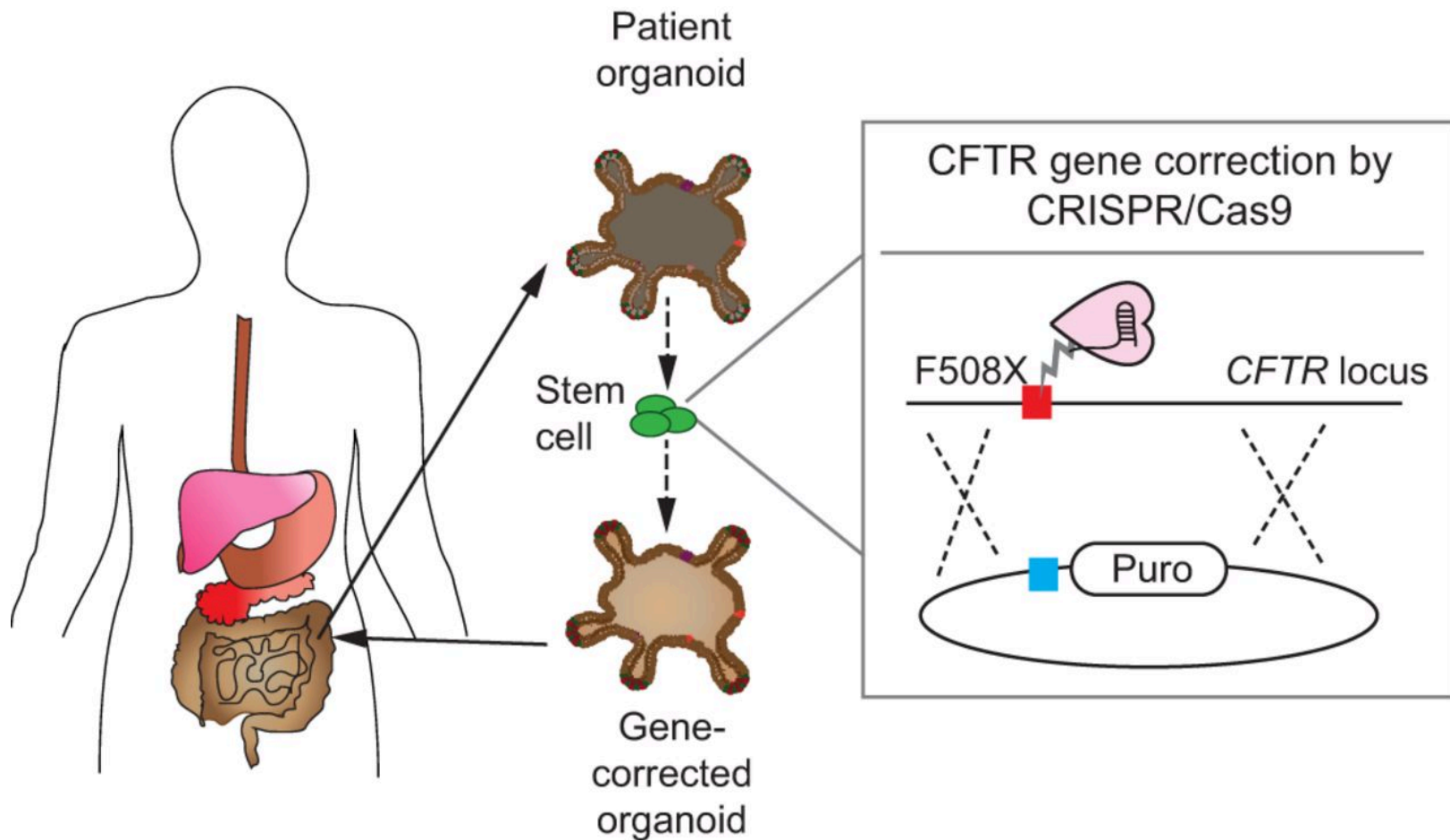
# Gene editing in the future food industry

	Food Chain 	Agriculture 	Manufacturing 	Product 	Food consumption 
Bacterial Ecosystem	Phytobiome	Rumen microbiome	Environmental microbiome	Food microbiome	Commensal microbiota
CRISPR application					
Bacterial Typing					
Antimicrobials/ vaccination					
	Crop genetics	Herd genetics	Starter culture genetics	Probiotics genetics	
Genome Editing					

# Gene editing using CRISPR in zebrafish to investigate manganese homeostasis



# Using genome editing to repair gene defect in cystic fibrosis



Schwank G *et al.* (2013) *Cell Stem Cell* **13**, 663-658

Huch M & Koo B-K (2015) *Development* **142**, 3113-3125



Targeted mutation in *MYBPC3* which causes hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: major cause of sudden death in young athletes

Reproductive biologist Shoukhrat Mitalipov and his team used genome editing to correct a gene that causes a potentially fatal heart condition in humans.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

# CRISPR fixes embryo error

*Gene-editing experiment in human embryos pushes scientific and ethical boundaries.*

Ledford H (2017) Nature **548**, 13-14



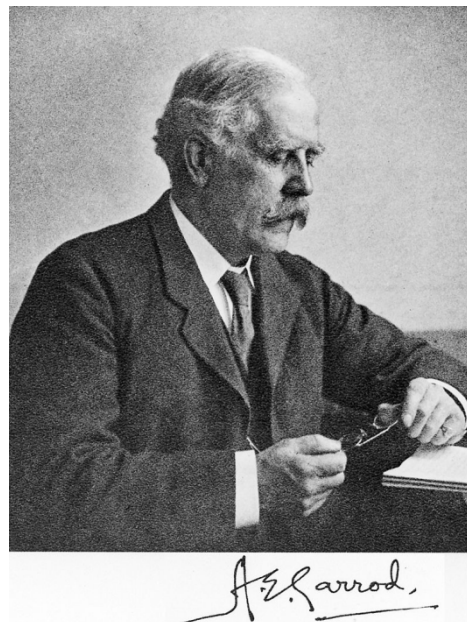
REVIEW

Open Access



# Genome editing for inborn errors of metabolism: advancing towards the clinic

Jessica L. Schneller<sup>1,2</sup>, Ciaran M. Lee<sup>3</sup>, Gang Bao<sup>3</sup> and Charles P. Venditti<sup>2\*</sup>



# Ethical considerations

INSIGHTS



PERSPECTIVES

BIOTECHNOLOGY

## *A prudent path forward for genomic engineering and germline gene modification*

A framework for open discourse on the use of CRISPR-Cas9 technology to manipulate the human genome is urgently needed

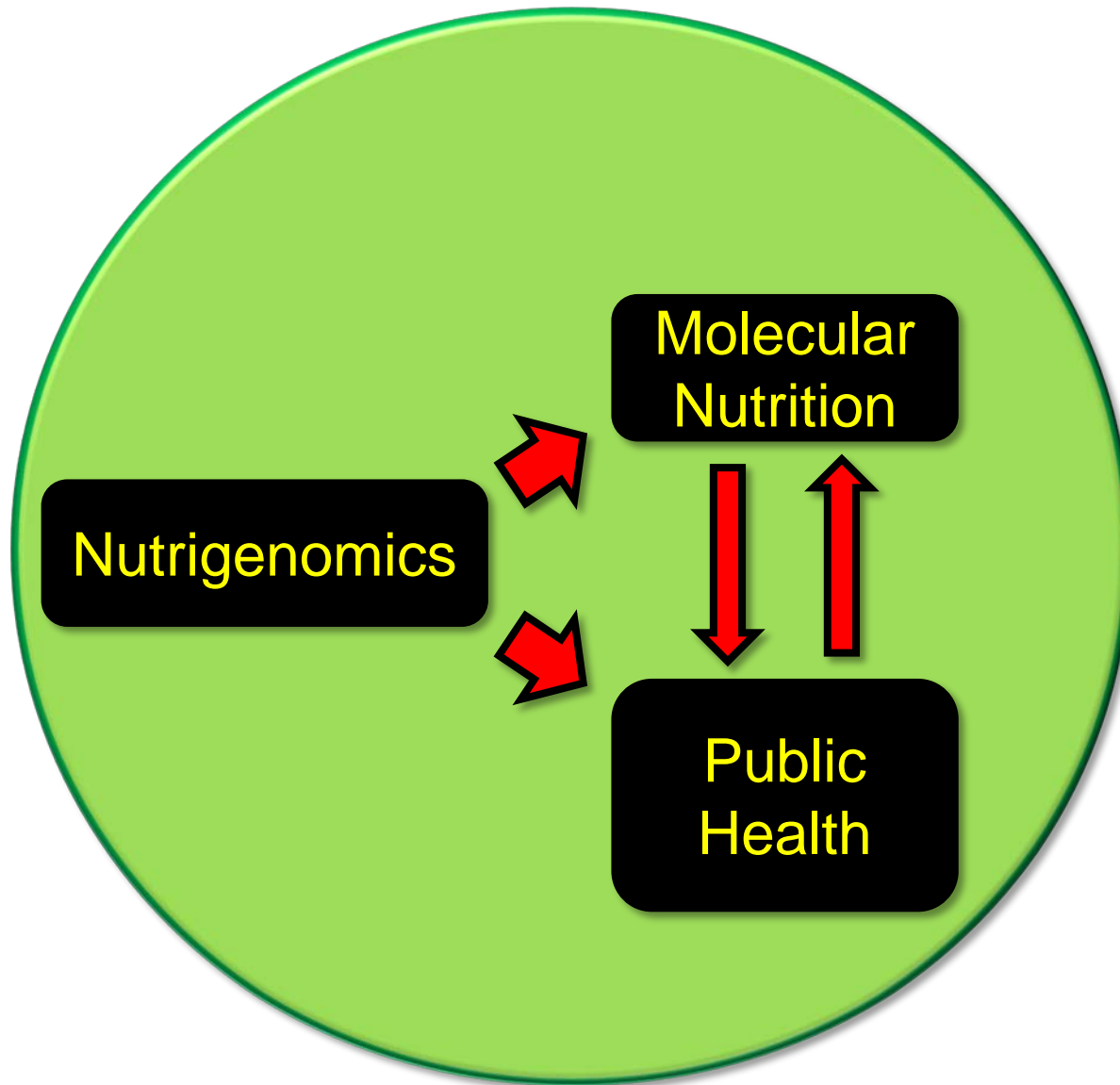
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ture developments. The meeting identified  
immediate steps to take toward ensuring

**CURRENT APPLICATIONS.** The simplicity  
of the CRISPR-Cas9 system allows any re-

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# The future of nutrigenomics?



# Summary

- ✓ **You** will make the future of nutrigenomics
- ✓ Be ambitious – tackle the big questions
- ✓ Design better hypothesis-testing studies
- ✓ Innovate – use novel approaches/ technologies
- ✓ Collaborate, especially with other disciplines

