



# Personalized medicine: what does it mean to pharmacists?

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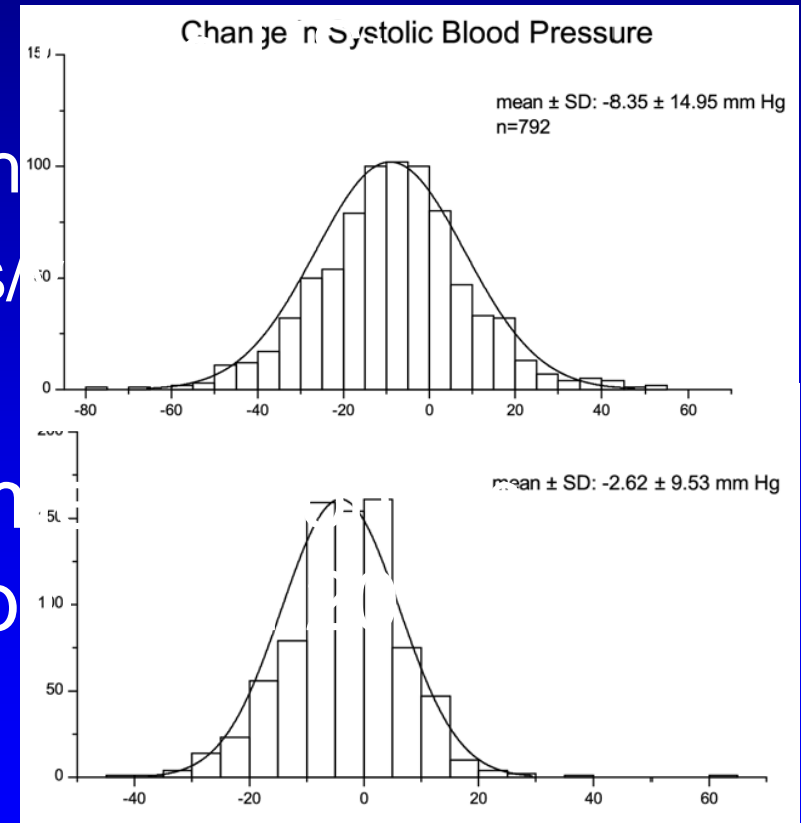
# Plan of the presentation

- Why personalized medicine?
- How will personalized medicine change clinical practice?
- Will personalized medicine impact our notion of evidence-based practice?
- Will personalized medicine change pharmacy education?

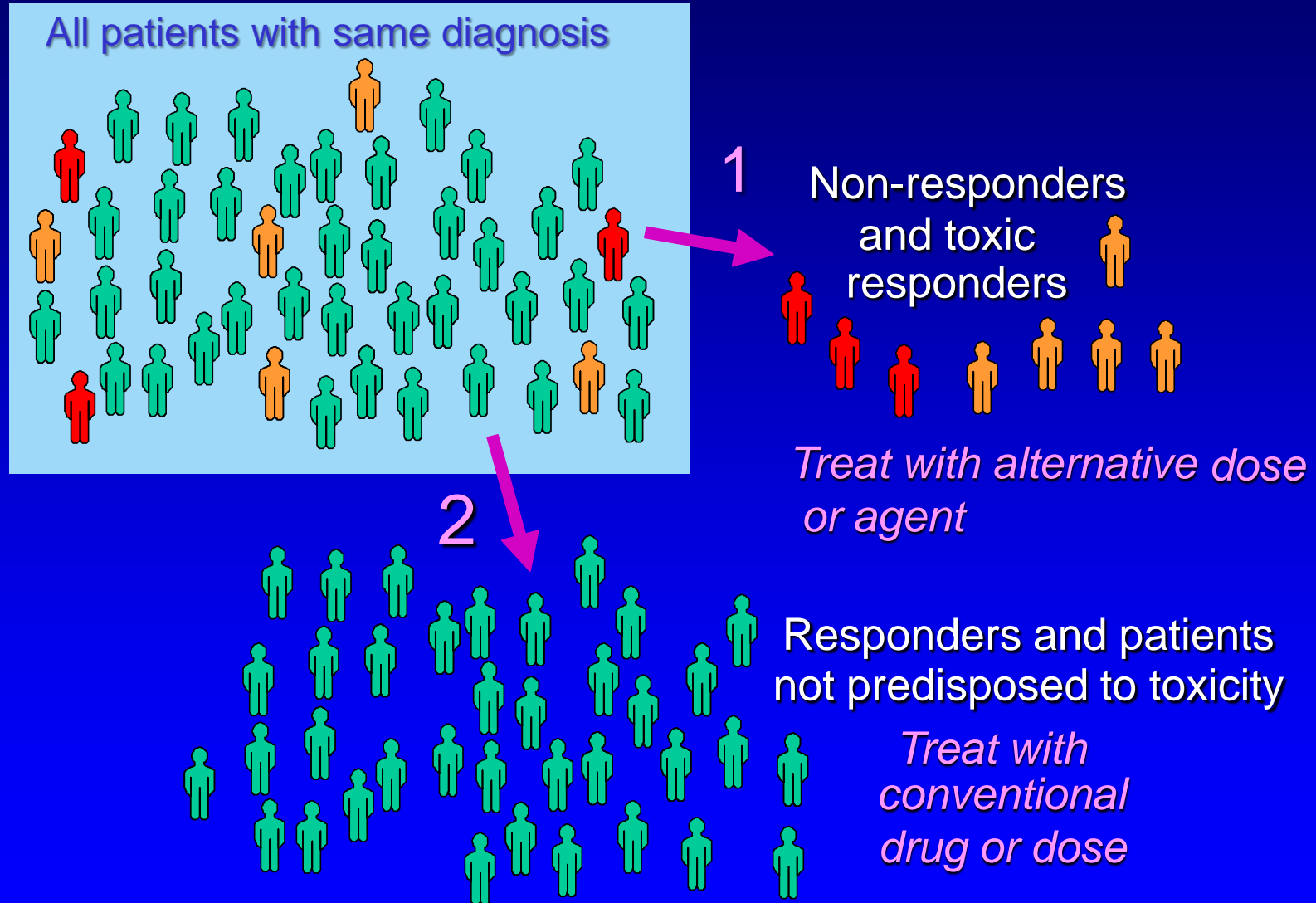
**Why personalized medicine?**

# Why personalized medicine?

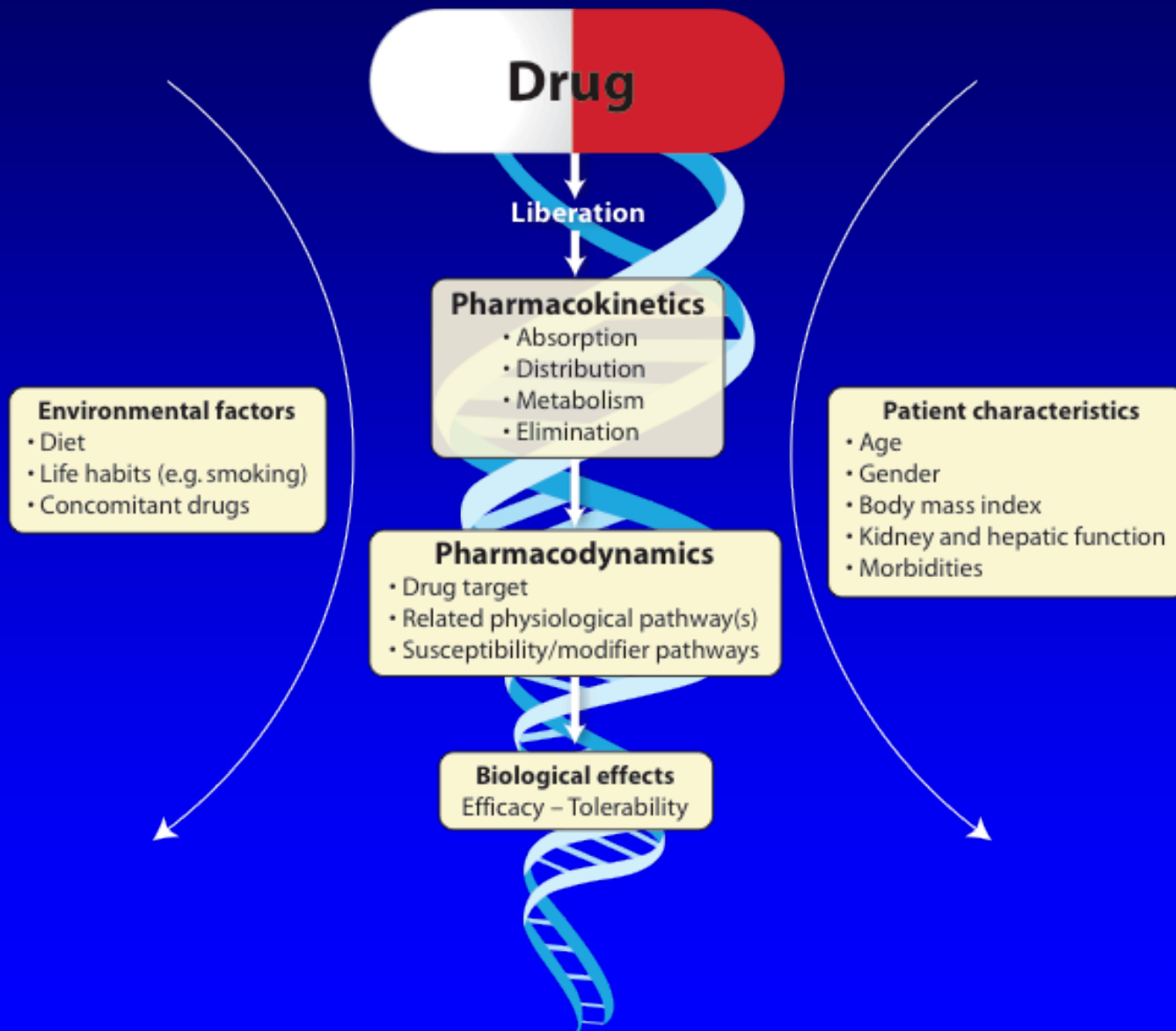
- Variable response to drugs
- Adverse drug reactions
  - 4th to 6th cause of death
  - 2 million hospitalisations/year
  - Up to \$160 billion/year
- The annual cost of CV medicine in Canada surpassed \$5 b



# Potential of personalized medicine

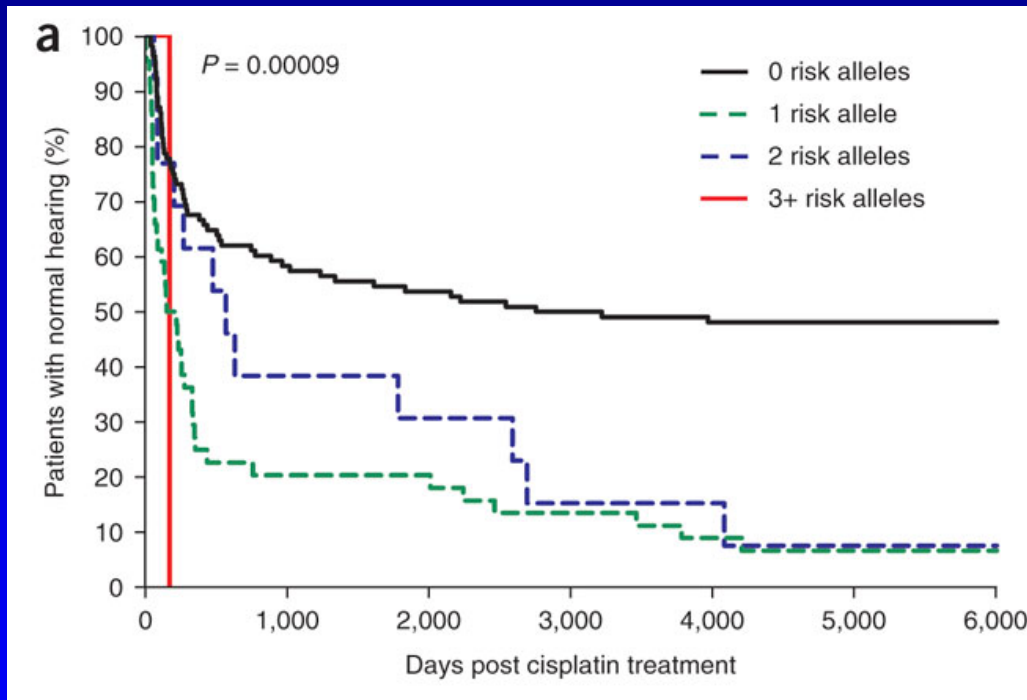


# Pharmacogenomics



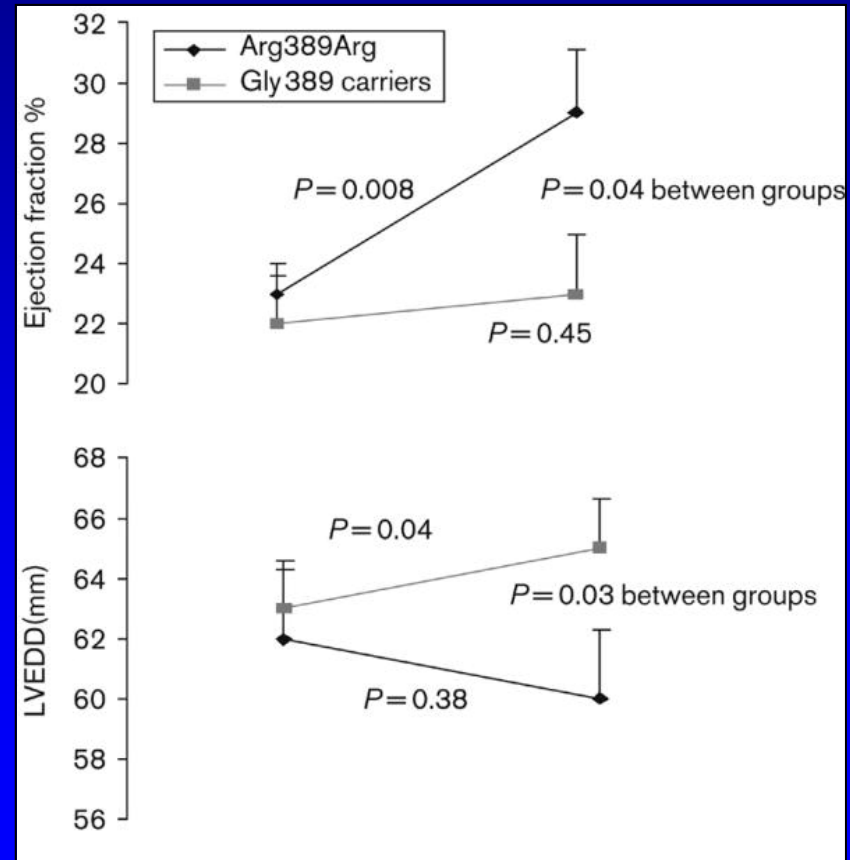
# Selected examples

*TPMT* and *COMT* cisplatin-induced hearing loss



Ross CJ, et al. Nat Genet. 2009;41:1345-9.

*ADRB1* Arg389Gly and left ventricular remodelling with metoprolol

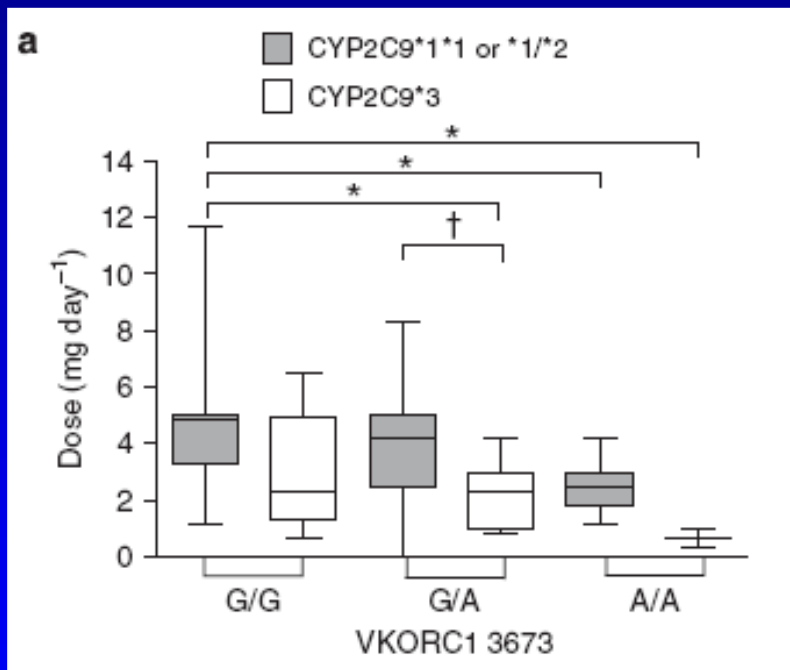


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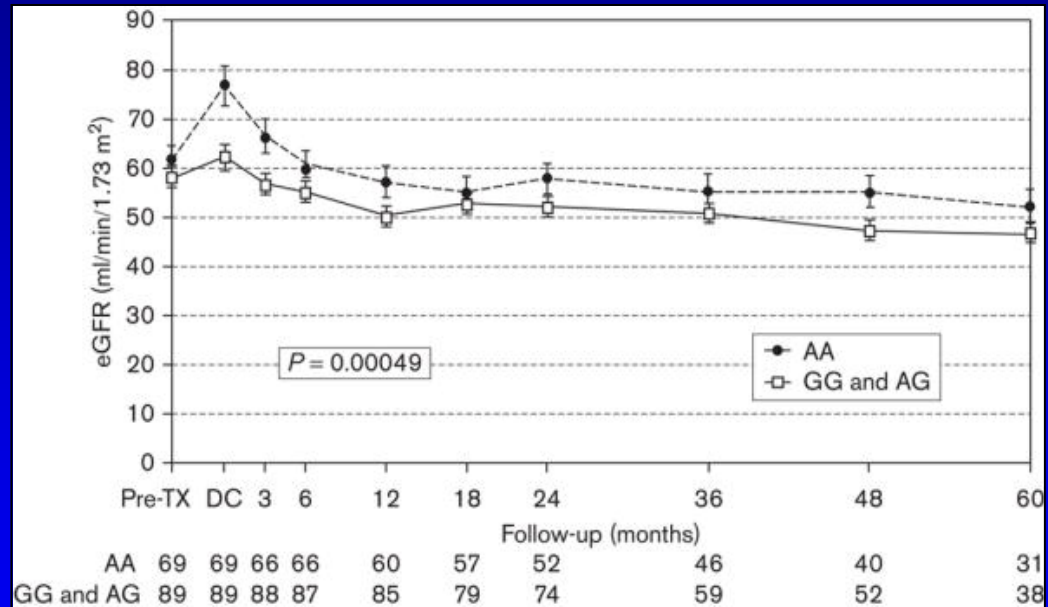


# Selected examples

## Warfarin and CYP2C9 and VKORC1




## PRKCB1 and CNI-induced renal dysfunction



Lachance K, et al. Pharmacogenet Genomics. 2012 ;22:336-43.

Michaud V, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2008;83:740-8.

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# ACCP COMMENTARY

## Recommended Basic Science Foundation Necessary to Prepare Pharmacists to Manage Personalized Pharmacotherapy

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

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Eric Boyce, Pharm.D., Larry Buie, Pharm.D., Christine M. Formea, Pharm.D.,  
Jason C. Gallagher, Pharm.D., Mary S. Hayney, Pharm.D., M.P.H., and Julie Oestreich, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

- *« As experts in pharmacotherapy, pharmacists may well provide an increasingly valuable service in dealing with the complexities of the drug decision process in the era of personalized medicine. »*



**Groupe d'action pour la  
pharmacothérapie personnalisée**

# Who are we?

- « A group of health care professionals who aim at promoting and educating other health care professionals and the public regarding personalized pharmacotherapy.»



**How will personalized medicine  
change clinical practice?**



**How will personalized medicine  
change clinical practice?**

*New terminology*

Linkage  
disequilibrium

Haplotype

Genomewide  
association study

Allele

Wild-type

Metabolomics

Transcriptomics

Exon

Single nucleotide  
polymorphism

Point-of-care  
genotyping

Proteomics

Next-generation  
Sequencing



**How will personalized medicine  
change clinical practice?**

*Potential ethical considerations*

# Genetic information vs other biomarkers

- Unique to each individual → part of a person's identity.
- Does not change with time, accompanies a person throughout their life.
- Not only relevant for an individual, but also their family members.

# Patient case

- Gene Gray, 48-year-old woman.
  - Diagnosis : New-onset heart failure
  - New prescription:
    - Furosemide 40 mg po qd
    - Ramipril 1.25 mg qd
    - Metoprolol 25 mg po bid

**Patient Name: Gene Gray**

**Date of Birth:** 16-02-1964

**Laboratory #** 12345

Go to [www.GeneMedRx.com/dnalogin](http://www.GeneMedRx.com/dnalogin) to determine interaction risk before prescribing medication to this patient. The patient's genetic information listed below impacts response to the majority of medications.

**DST-CYP2D6 \*4/\*5 Poor Metabolizer**

**DST-CYP2C19 \*2/\*3 Poor Metabolizer**

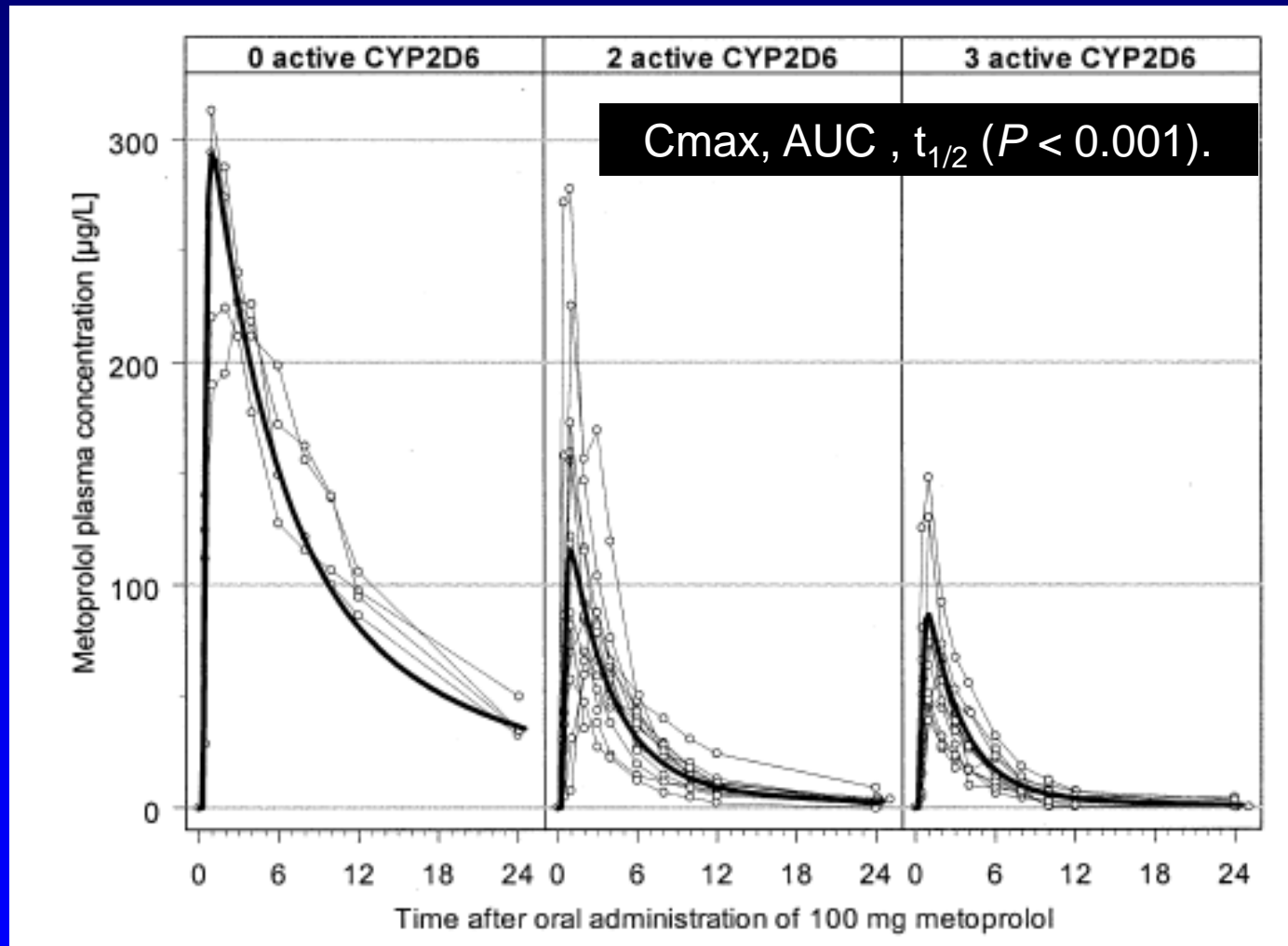
**DST-CYP2C9 \*1/\*1 Normal Metabolizer**

**DST-VKORC1 A/A High sensitivity to warfarin**

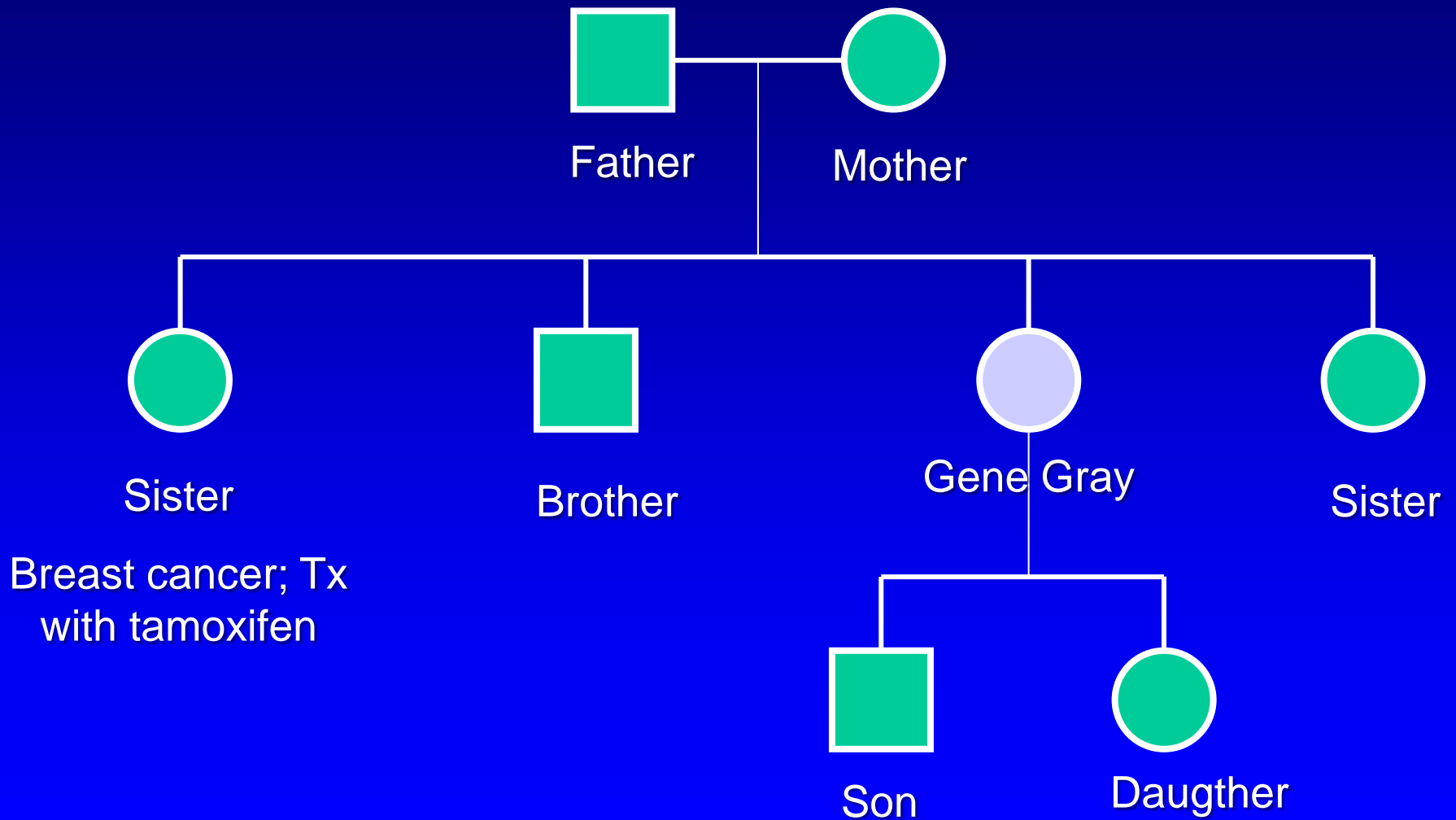


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# CYP2D6 and Metoprolol in HF



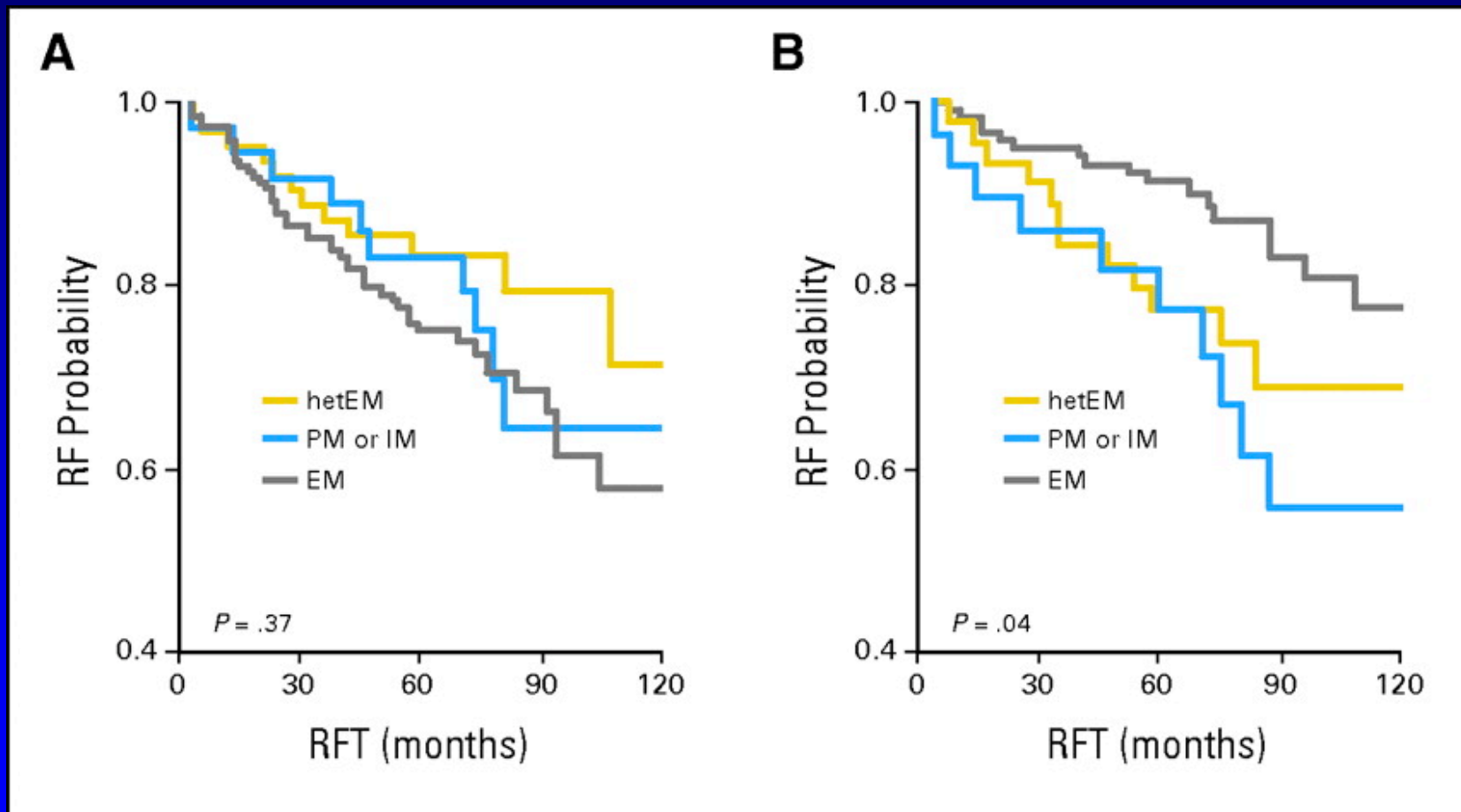
# Family tree



# CYP2D6 and tamoxifen

No tamoxifen

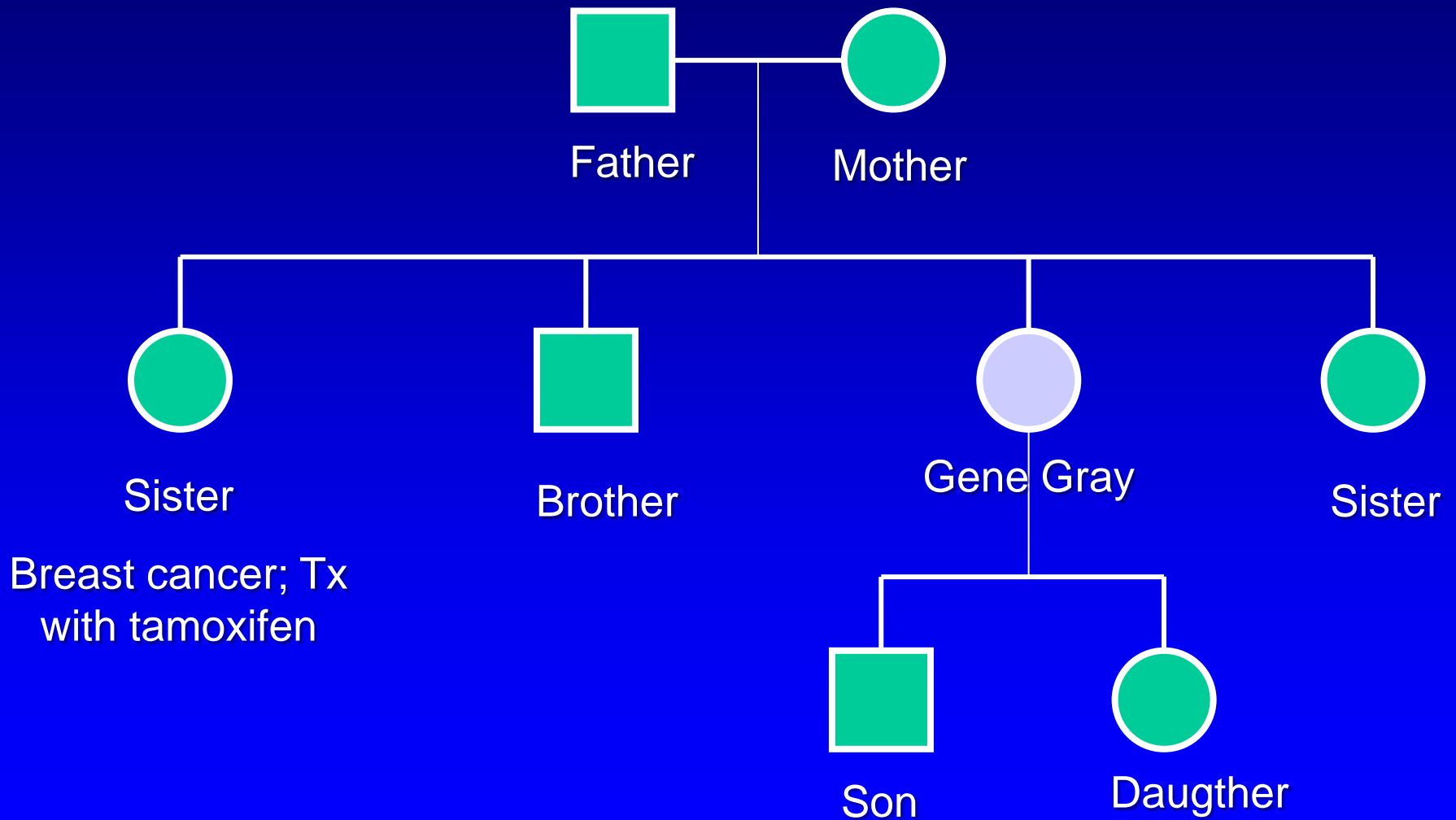
Tamoxifen



RFT: Relapse-free time

EM: extensive metabolizer  
PM: poor metabolizer

# Family tree



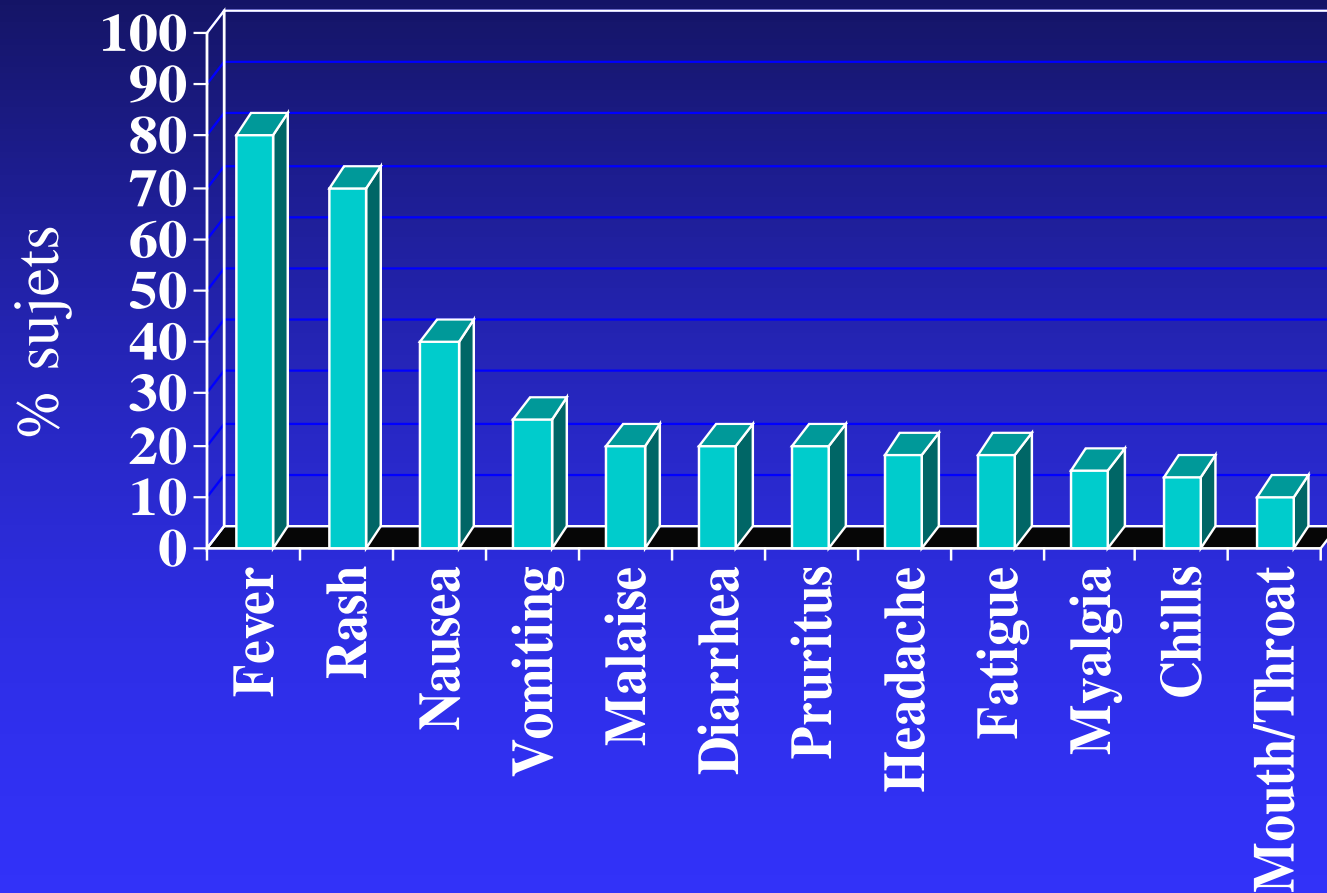


**How will personalized medicine  
change clinical practice?**

*Selected examples*

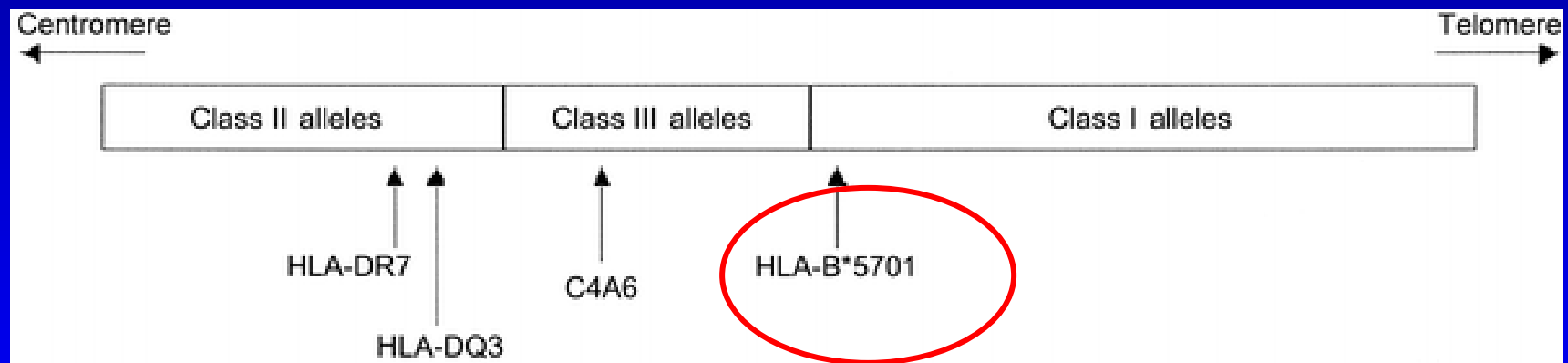
**Abacavir**

# Abacavir hypersensitivity : Clinical presentation



Hetherington S, et al. Poster 60, 7th CROI, 2000

# HLA genes located on chromosome 6 is associated with abacavir hypersensitivity



# PREDICT-1 - Results –

	Prospective Screening (N = 803)	Control (N = 847)
Clinically diagnosed hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir, %	3.4	7.8
Immunologically confirmed reaction,%	0	2.7

- Clinical utility (Immunologically confirmed reaction):
  - Sensitivity: 100% (85.2–100) (all positives)
  - Specificity: 96.9% (95.5–98.0)
  - Positive predictive value: 47.9% (33.3–62.8)
  - Negative predictive value: 100% (99.5–100)

# Abacavir

- US prescribing information

Patients who carry the HLA-B\*5701 allele are at high risk for experiencing a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir. Prior to initiating therapy with abacavir, screening for the HLA-B\*5701 allele is recommended; this approach has been found to decrease the risk of hypersensitivity reaction. Screening is also recommended prior to reinitiation of

- Clinical guidelines

## HLA-B\*5701 SCREENING (Updated December 1, 2007)

### *Panel's Recommendations:*

- *The Panel recommends screening for HLA-B\*5701 before starting patients on an abacavir (ABC)-containing regimen to reduce the risk of hypersensitivity reaction (HSR) (AI).*
- *HLA-B\*5701-positive patients should not be prescribed ABC (AI).*
- *The positive status should be recorded as an ABC allergy in the patient's medical record (AII).*
- *When HLA-B\*5701 screening is not readily available, it remains reasonable to initiate ABC with appropriate clinical counseling and monitoring for any signs of HSR (CIII).*

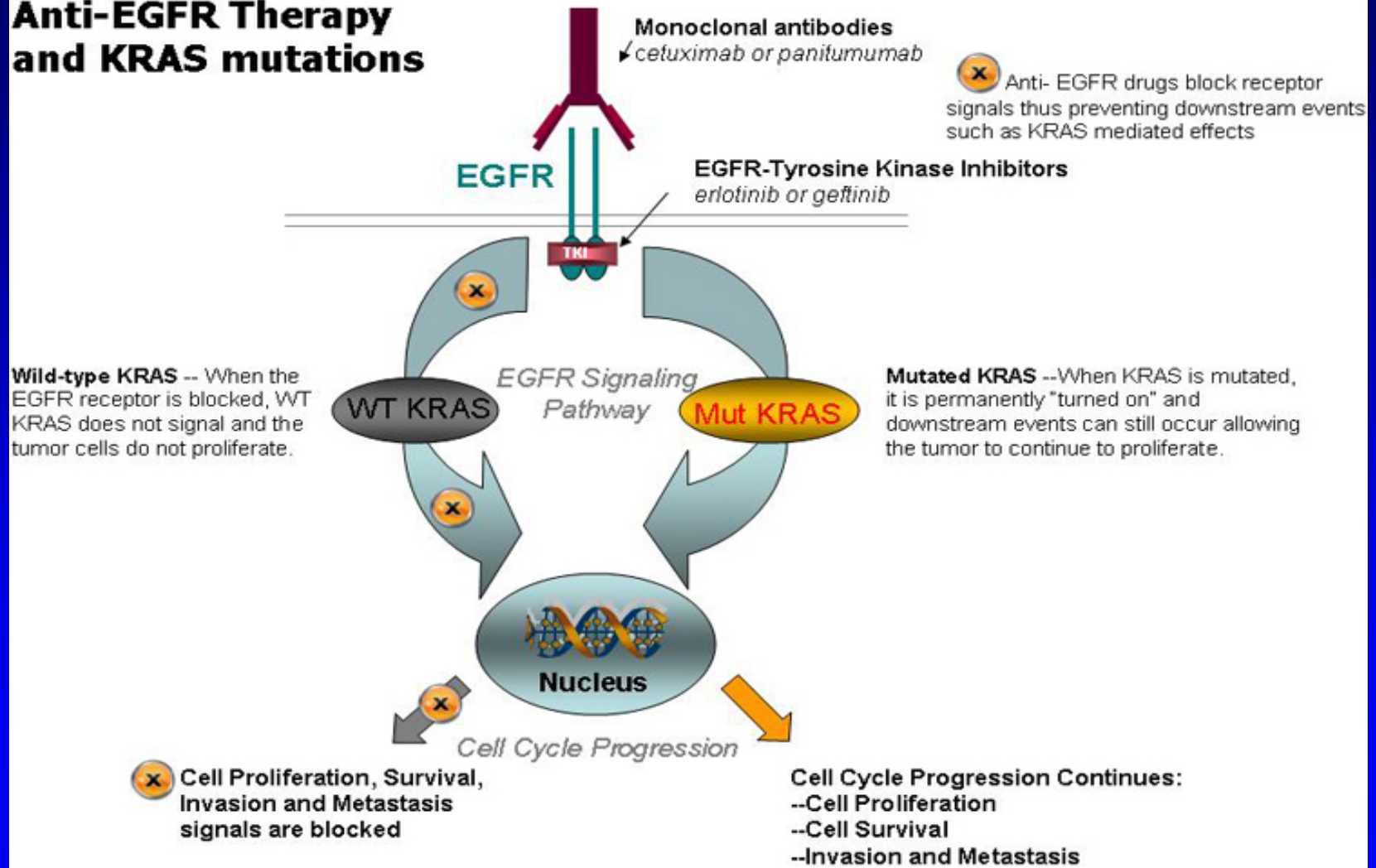
*Rating of Recommendations: A = Strong; B = Moderate; C = Optional*

*Rating of Evidence: I = data from randomized controlled trials; II = data from well-designed nonrandomized trials or observational cohort studies with long-term clinical outcomes; III = expert opinion*

**Panitumumab**

# KRAS mutations

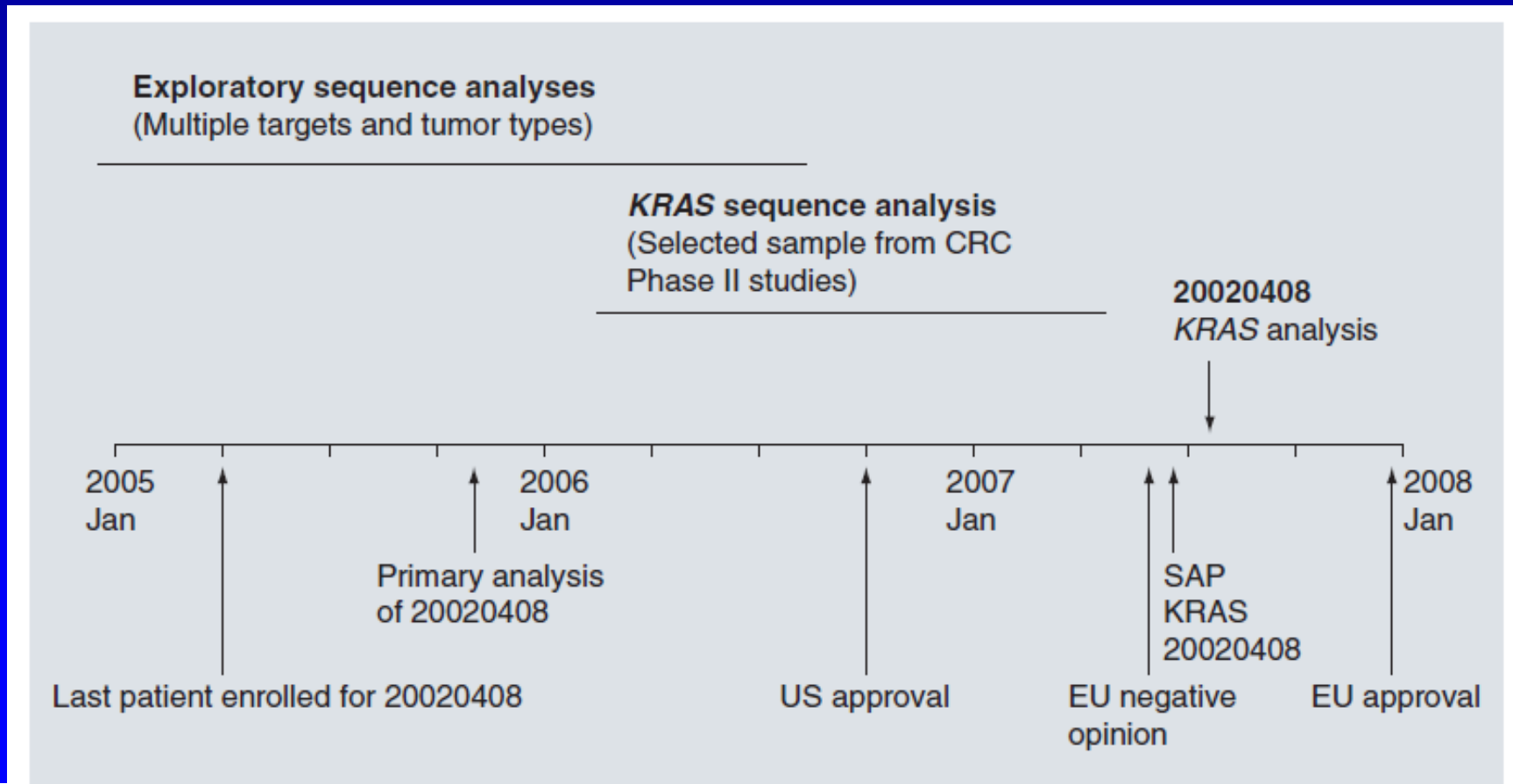
## Anti-EGFR Therapy and KRAS mutations





# Panitumumab

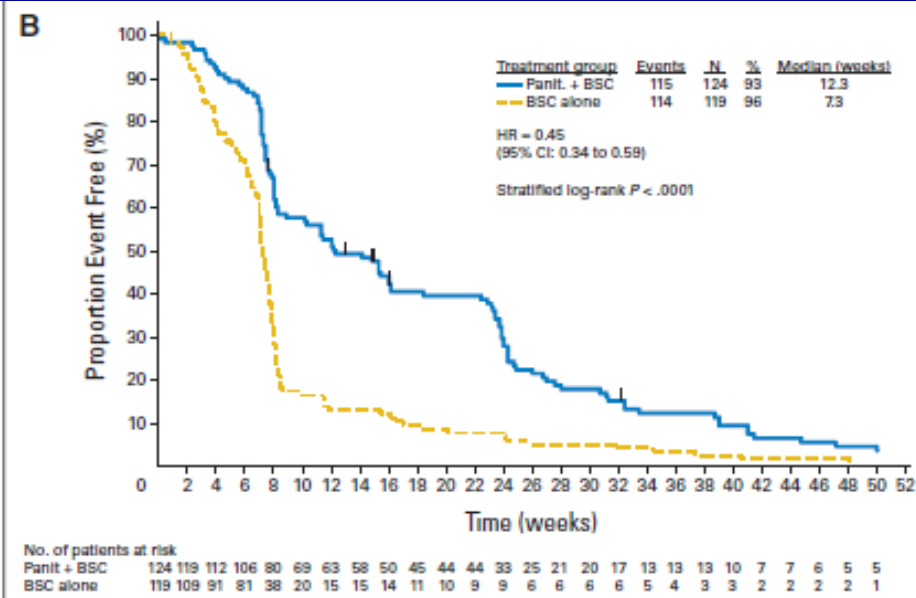
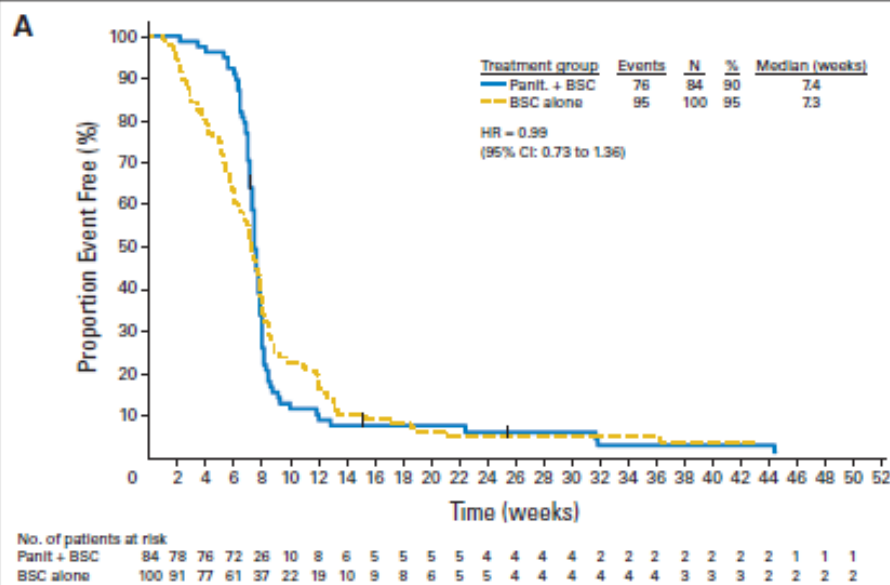
- Conflicting data from phase II and epidemiological studies suggested that patients with mutations in the *KRAS* gene did not respond to panitumumab.
- Incidence:



# Panitumumab

Mutant *KRAS* group

Wild-type *KRAS* group



# Panitumumab

- Retrospective Pgx analyses lead to the approval of panitumumab in Europe.
- US prescribing information updated to limit the use KRAS wild-type carriers only.
- Integrated in clinical practice guidelines.

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Vectibix is indicated as a single agent for the treatment of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)-expressing, metastatic colorectal carcinoma (mCRC) with disease progression on or following fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-containing chemotherapy.

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The effectiveness of Vectibix as a single agent in the treatment of metastatic colorectal carcinoma is based on progression-free survival and improvement in disease-related symptoms.

Retrospective subset analyses of metastatic colorectal cancer patients whose tumors had *KRAS* mutations showed that the treatment of colorectal cancer with these

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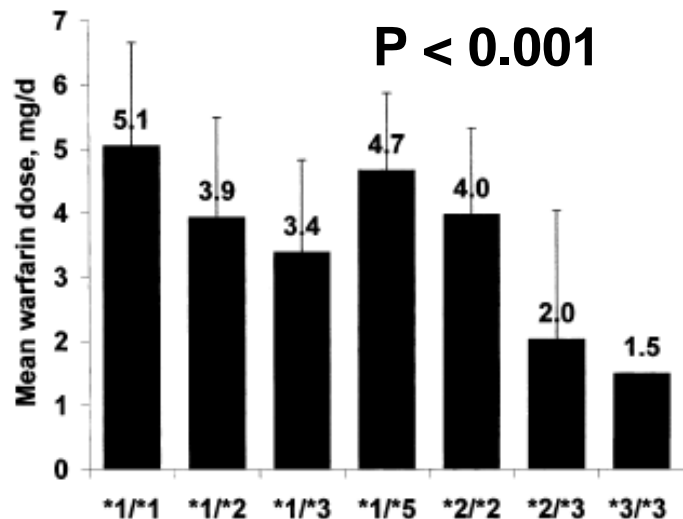
American Society of Clinical Oncology Provisional Clinical Opinion: Testing for *KRAS* Gene Mutations in Patients With Metastatic Colorectal Carcinoma to Predict Response to Anti-Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

Carmen J. Allegra, J. Milburn Jessup, Mark R. Somerfield, Stanley R. Hamilton, Elizabeth H. Hammond, Daniel F. Hayes, Pamela K. McAllister, Roscoe F. Morton, and Richard L. Schilsky

**Warfarin**

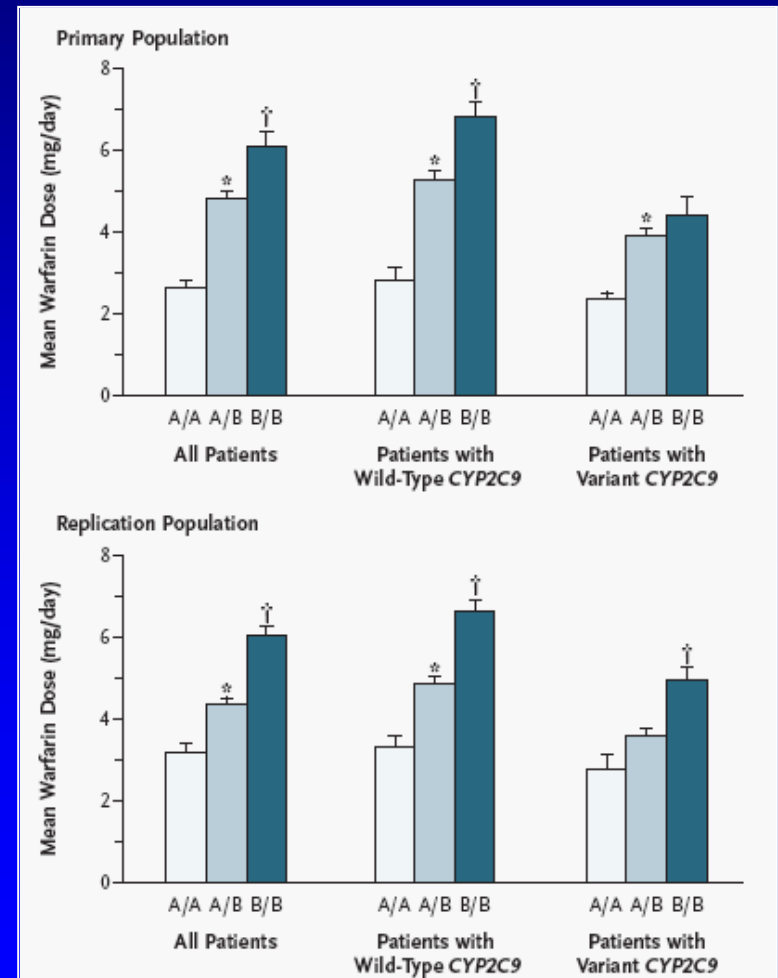
# Association of *CYP2C9* and *VKORC1* and warfarin dosing

N = 369



*CYP2C9*

*VKORC1*



## Required Patient Information

Age:  Sex:  Ethnicity:

Race:

Weight:  lbs or  kgs

Height: ( feet and  inches) or ( cms)

Smokes:  Liver Disease:

Indication:

Baseline INR:  Target INR:  ☐ Randomize & Blind

Amiodarone/Cordarone® Dose:  mg/day

Statin/HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitor:

Any azole (eg. Fluconazole):

Sulfamethoxazole/Septra/Bactrim/Cotrim/Sulfatrim:

## Genetic Information

VKORC1-1639/3673:

CYP4F2 V433M:

GGCX rs11676382:

CYP2C9\*2:

CYP2C9\*3:

CYP2C9\*5:

CYP2C9\*6:

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# The COUMAGEN studies

## COUMAGEN I

- Randomized trial (N = 206)
  - PGx-guided warfarin vs conventional treatment
  - Primary objective not met (reduction of the number of INR outside the target range)...
  - ... but, better dose prediction ( $p < 0.001$ ), fewer dosing changes ( $p = 0.03$ ) and INRs ( $p = 0.06$ )

## COUMAGEN II

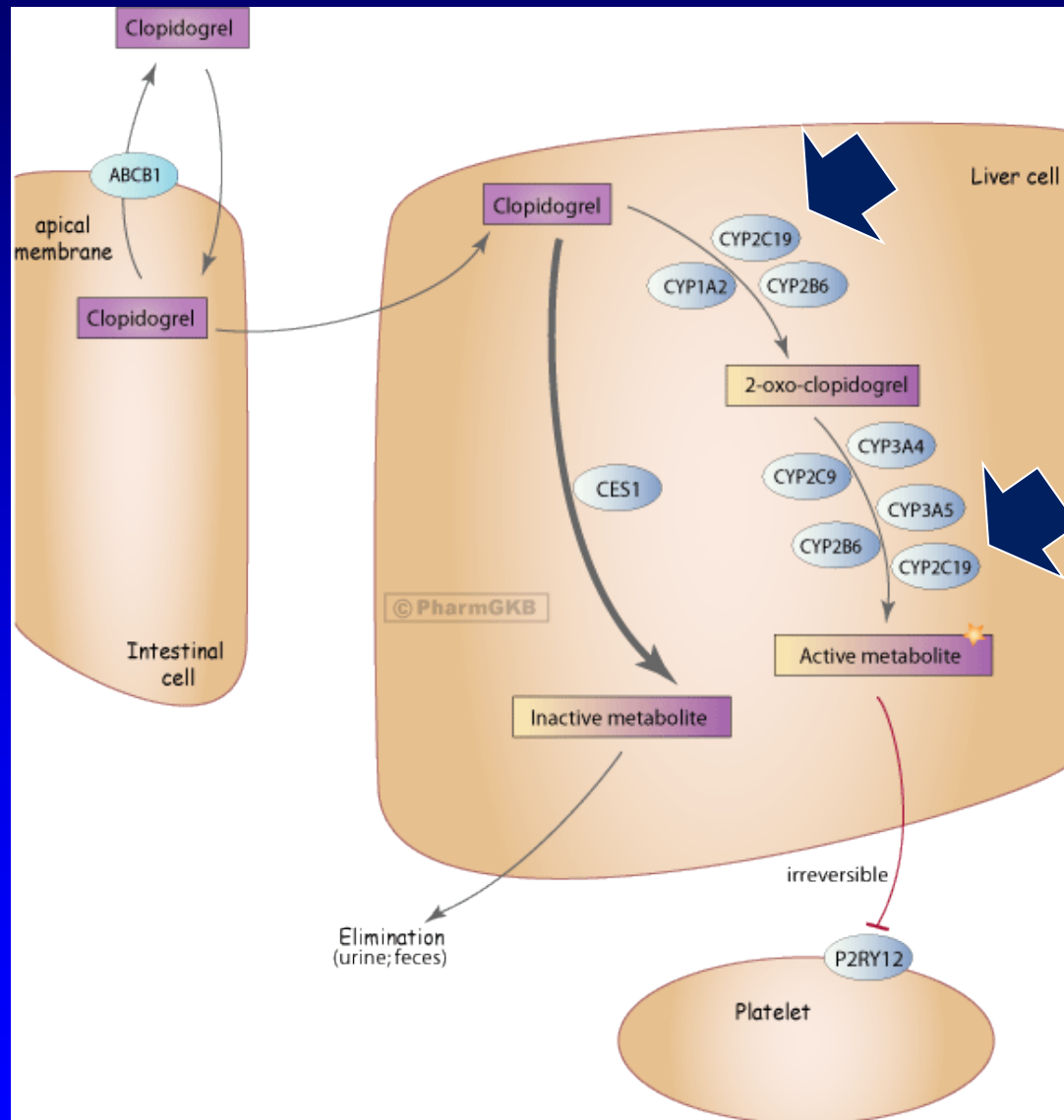
- Randomized trial (N = 504)
  - compared 2 PGx algorithms + parallel control group ( $n = 1911$ )
  - No difference between PGx algorithms
  - Better anticoagulation control in the two PGx arms than in the control group...

...but the study design greatly limits the conclusions that can be drawn

# Clopidogrel



# Clopidogrel pharmacokinetics



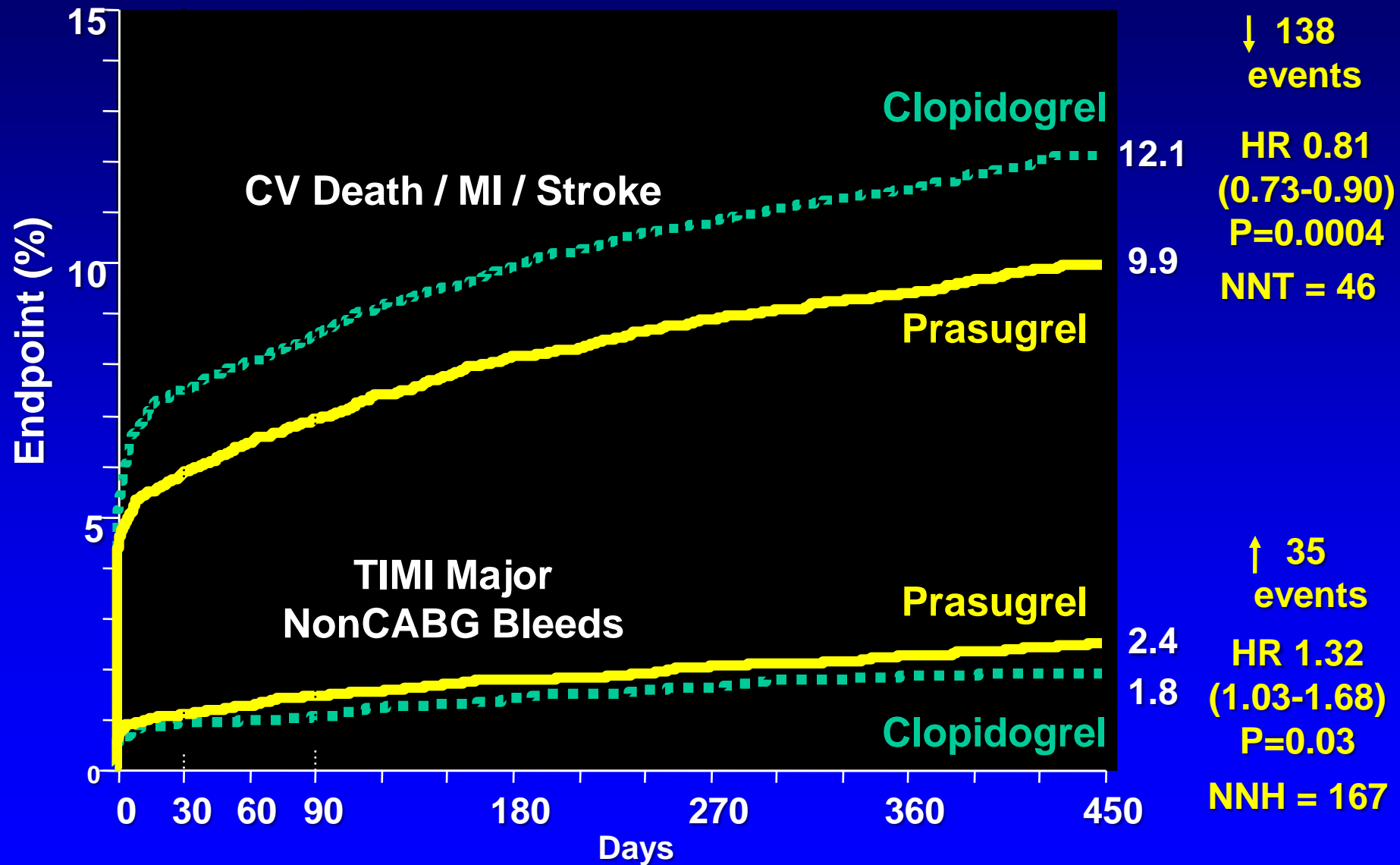
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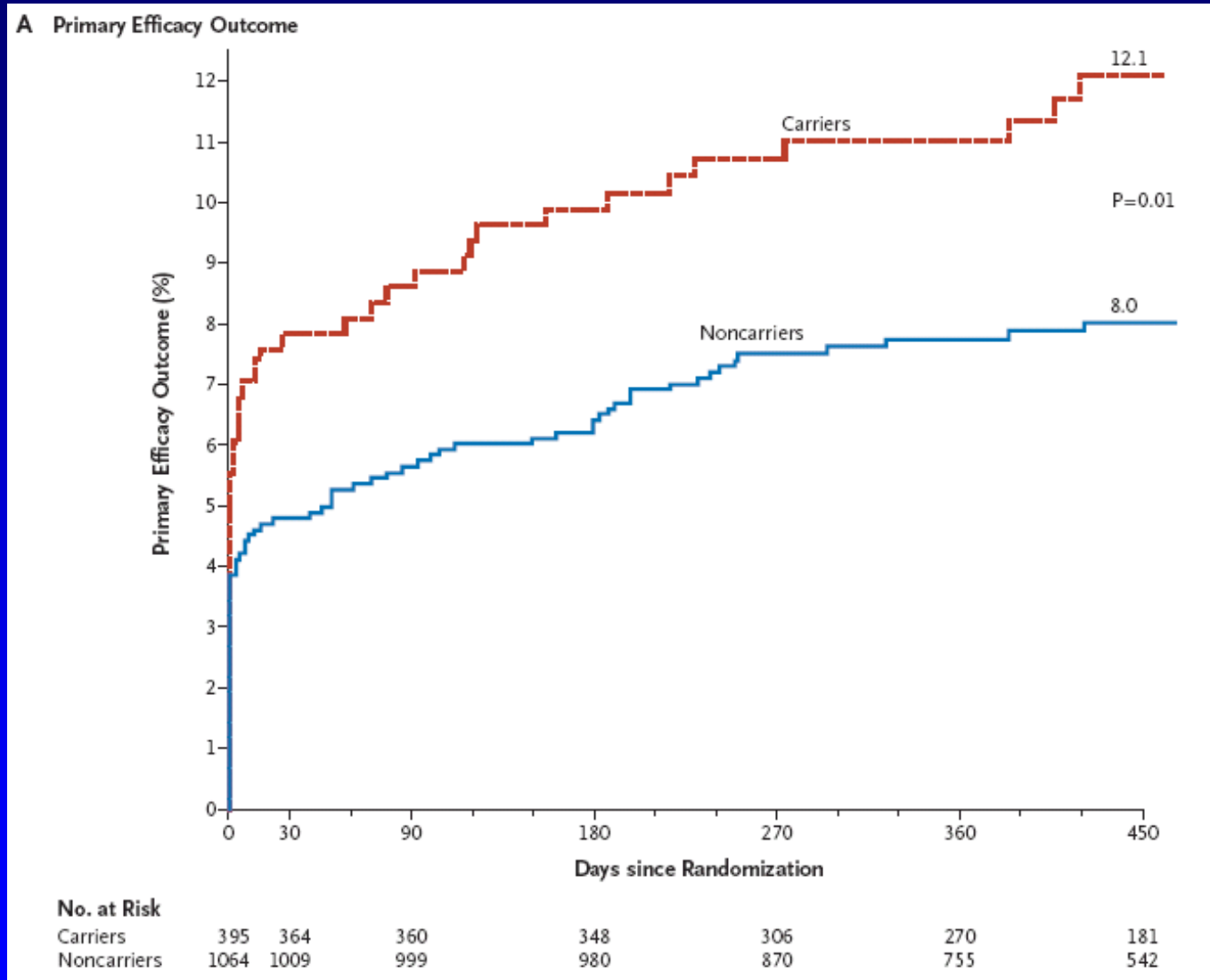
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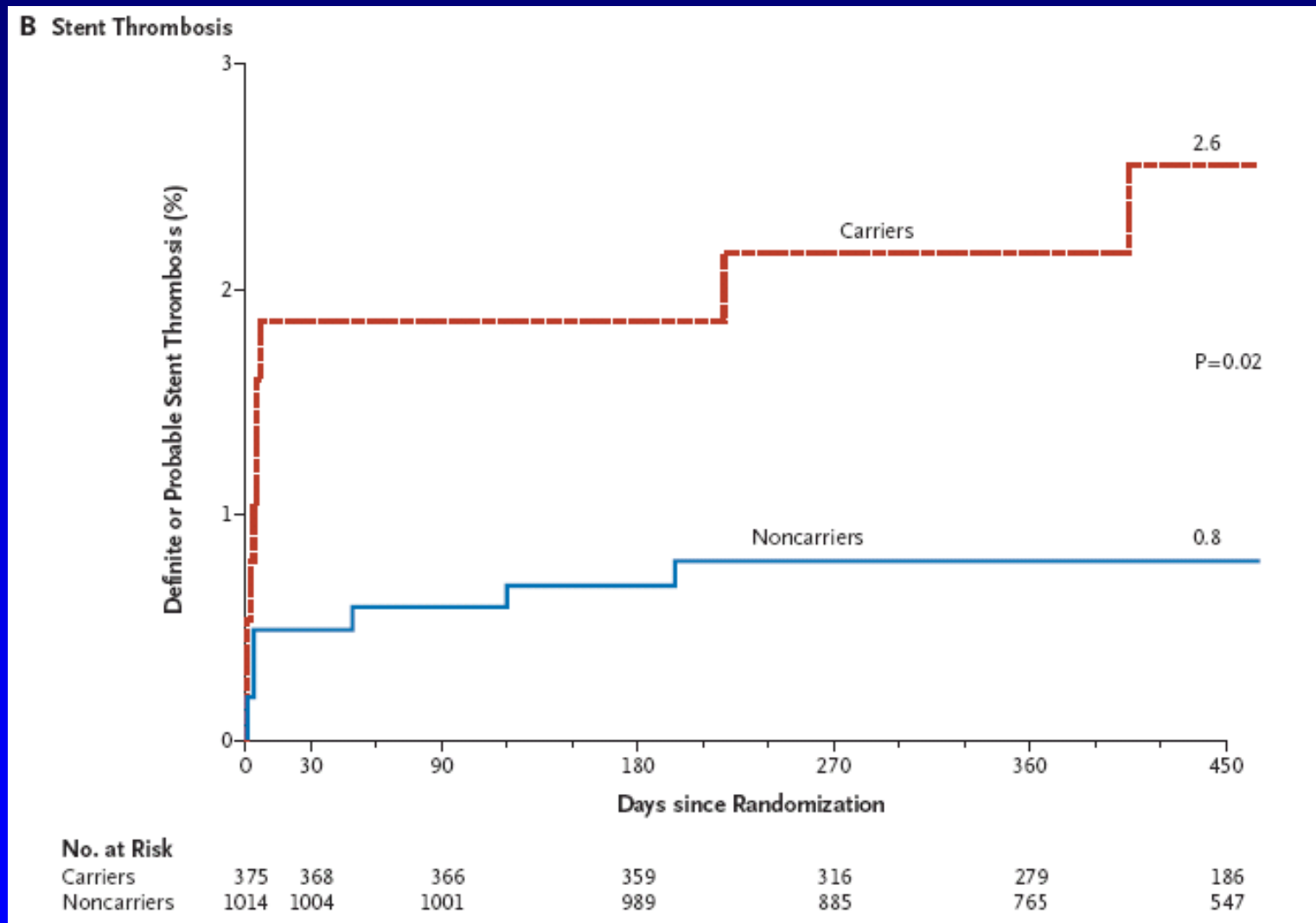
# Balance of Efficacy and Safety



# Primary end point according to *CYP2C19* genotype in patients receiving clopidogrel



# Risk of stent thrombosis according to *CYP2C19* genotype in patients receiving clopidogrel



# Replication???

# Replication!!!

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## REVIEW

# Reduced-Function *CYP2C19* Genotype and Risk of Adverse Clinical Outcomes Among Patients Treated With Clopidogrel Predominantly for PCI

A Meta-analysis *JAMA*. 2010;304(16):1821-1830

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## ABSTRACT

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# Results

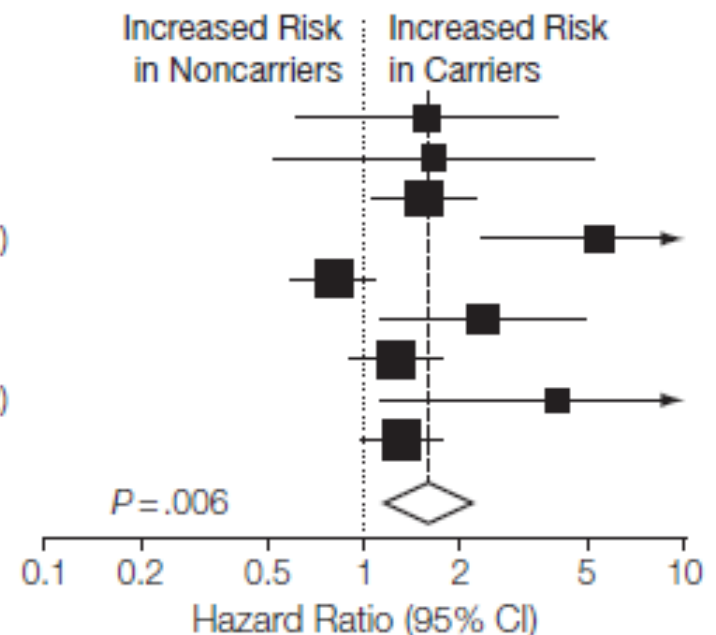
**Figure 2.** Cardiovascular Death, Myocardial Infarction, or Ischemic Stroke by *CYP2C19* Genotype

**A** Carriers of 1 or 2 *CYP2C19* Reduced-Function Alleles vs Noncarriers

*CYP2C19* Reduced-Function Alleles,  
No. of Events/  
No. of Individuals at Risk

	1 or 2	None	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
CLARITY-TIMI 28	8/77	10/150	1.56 (0.61-3.94)
EXCELSIOR	5/243	7/554	1.63 (0.52-5.14)
TRITON-TIMI 38	46/395	83/1064	1.53 (1.07-2.19)
AFIJI	15/73	11/186	5.38 (2.32-12.47)
FAST-MI	63/635	193/1573	0.79 (0.59-1.06)
RECLOSE	15/247	14/525	2.32 (1.12-4.81)
ISAR	55/680	119/1805	1.23 (0.89-1.70)
CLEAR-PLATELETS	6/68	4/160	3.95 (1.11-14.02)
Intermountain	68/344	141/906	1.29 (0.97-1.72)
Overall	281/2762	582/6923	1.57 (1.13-2.16)

10.2%      8.5%

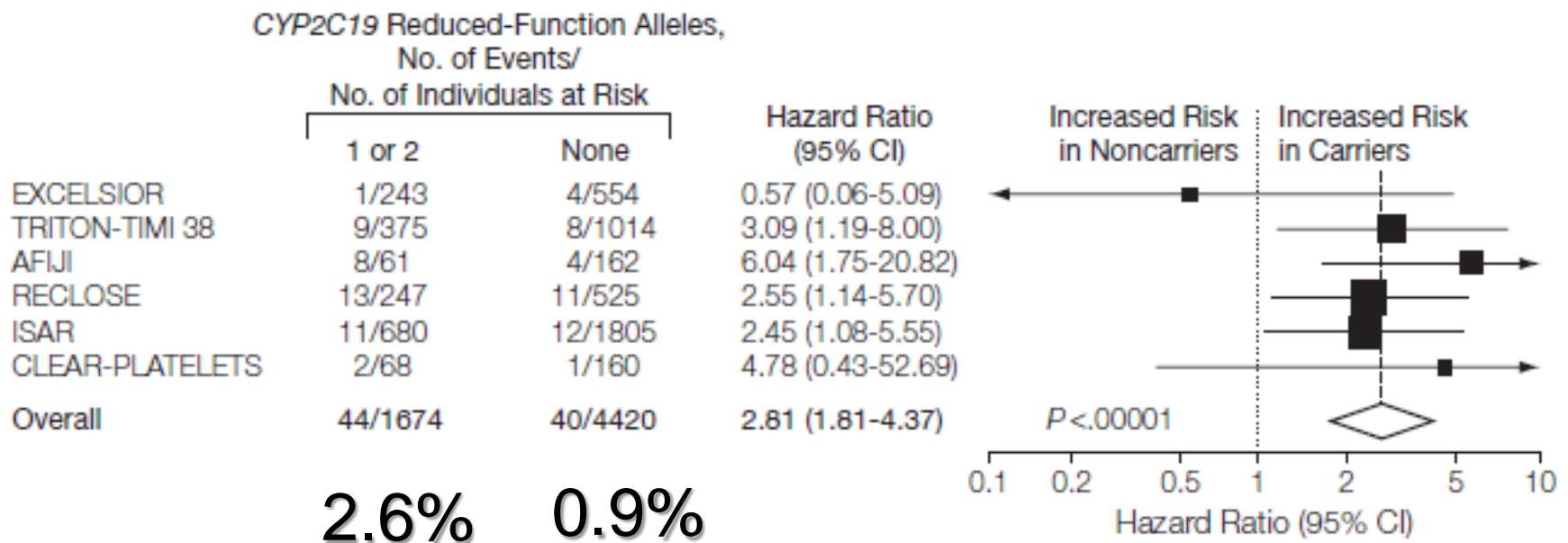




# Results

**Figure 3. Stent Thrombosis by CYP2C19 Genotype**

**A** Carriers of 1 or 2 CYP2C19 Reduced-Function Alleles vs Noncarriers



# Can we do anything about this?

- Use of high-dose clopidogrel?
  - In stable CAD patients (n = 333), clopidogrel 225-300 mg/day produced similar levels of platelet reactivity in *CYP2C19*\*2 heterozygotes than 75 mg in non carriers.
    - But not in homozygotes!
  - No robust clinical data to support the use of such doses
- Alternatives?
  - The effects of prasugrel and ticagrelor are independent of *CYP2C19*.
    - Genotype-guided use vs unselected use of these new agents ?

# Pgx of clopidogrel and warfarin, ready for prime time?

- It all depends on the evidence!
- ... and your definition of “evidence”



**Will personalized medicine  
impact our notion of evidence-  
based practice?**

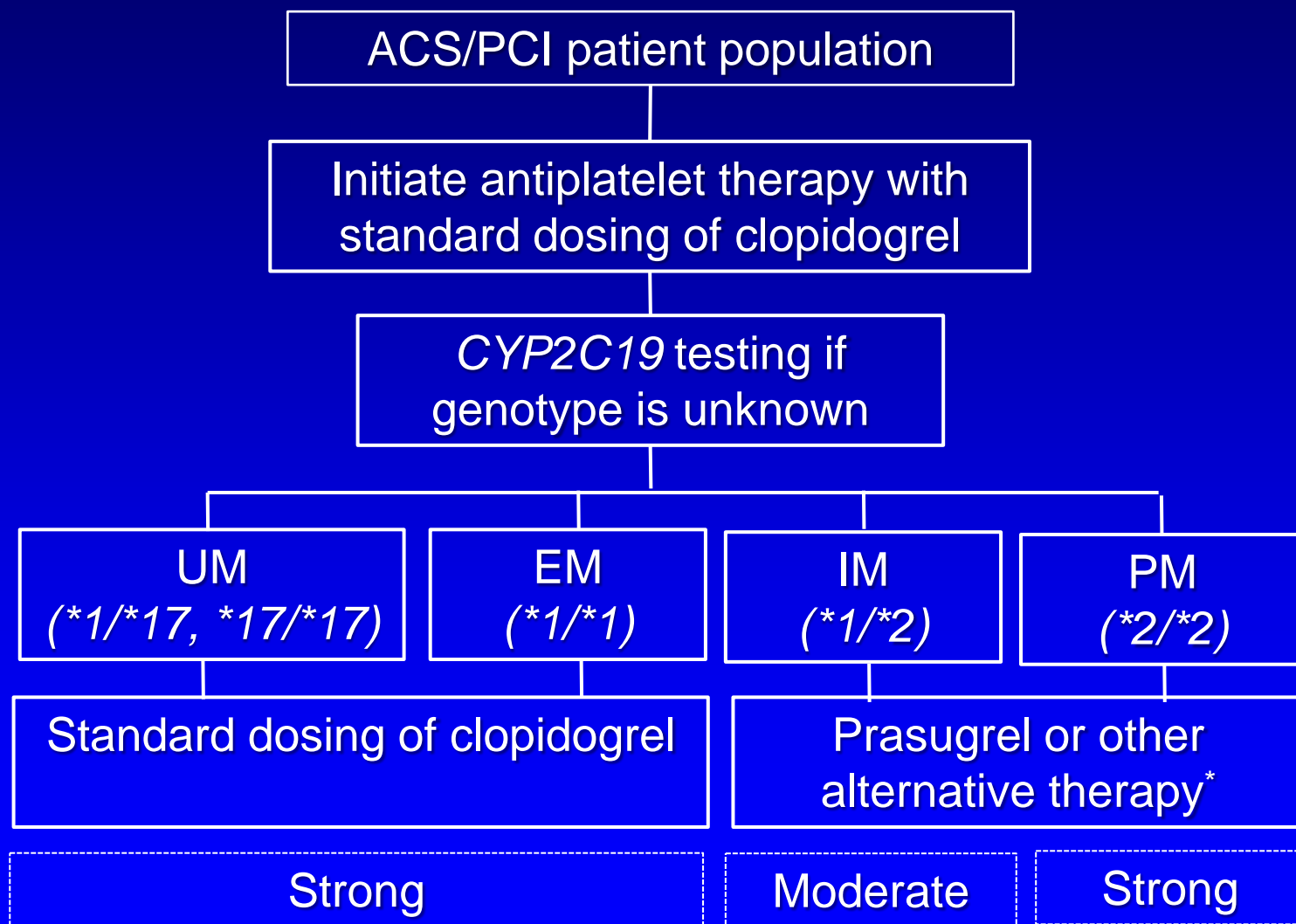
# « Evidence » - based pharmacogenomics

- Marked differences in the evaluation of the “evidence”
  - American Heart Association, American College of Chest Physician
    - RCTs are at the center of the evaluation process.
  - Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention (EGAPP)
    - One (Level 2) or two (level 1) RCTs are required to provide convincing evidence of clinical utility
  - Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) of the NIH’s PGX Research Network:
    - Level 1 evidence: the evidence includes consistent results from well-designed, well-conducted studies.

# CYP2C19 and AHA/ACC

- *“Genotyping for CYP2C19 for a loss of function variant in patients with UA/NSTEMI (or after ACS with PCI) on clopidogrel therapy might be considered if results of testing may alter management (IIb recommendation; LOI:C)”*

# The Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium of the NIH Pharmacogenomics Research Network - Clopidogrel



Strength of the  
recommandation

# Warfarin pharmacogenomics and ACCP

- « *For patients initiating VKA therapy, we recommend against the routine use of pharmacogenetic testing for guiding doses of VKA (Grade 1B).* »



## The Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium of the NIH Pharmacogenomics Research Network - Warfarin

- « *The recommendations for dosing based on genotype contained herein are rated as level A, or strong, (...) However, (...) the impact on clinical outcomes is unknown.* »

# Can RCTs of Pgx markers be performed?

- Yes!

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## HLA-B\*5701 Screening for Hypersensitivity to Abacavir

Simon Mallal, M.B., B.S., Elizabeth Phillips, M.D., Giampiero Carosi, M.D., Jean-Michel Molina, M.D., Cassy Workman, M.B., B.S., Janez Tomažič, M.D., Eva Jägel-Guedes, M.D., Sorin Rugina, M.D., Oleg Kozyrev, M.D., Juan Flores Cid, M.D., Phillip Hay, M.B., B.S., David Nolan, M.B., B.S., Sara Hughes, M.Sc., Arlene Hughes, Ph.D., Susanna Ryan, Ph.D., Nicholas Fitch, Ph.D., Daren Thorborn, Ph.D., and Alastair Benbow, M.B., B.S.,  
for the PREDICT-1 Study Team\*

# Are they always necessary?

- No, not always.
- We use « markers » to personalize our selection of drugs, in the absence of RCTs:
  - Choice of an antibiotic in a patient treated with digoxin or warfarin (clarithromycin vs cefuroxime)
  - Choice of a beta-blocker in a patient with severe renal dysfunction (atenolol vs metoprolol)

# Are they always necessary?

- Clopidogrel
  - RCTs not necessary when alternatives exist for a specific indication (prasugrel or ticagrelor in non-ST elevation ACS undergoing a PCI)
  - Becomes a question of the cost-effectiveness of the Pgx tests
    - Would not be an issue if the information was readily available
      - Do we have RCTs of all drugs for which we adjust dosage based on renal function?

# Are they always necessary?

- Different paradigms:
  - The Pgx test leads to withholding treatment (or providing a less effective treatment):
    - Beta-blockers appear ineffective in heart failure patients who are *ADRB1* Gly389 carriers

## 3 major ongoing randomized trials:

**COAG** (Clarification of Optimal Anticoagulation Through Genetics)

**GIFT** (Genetics Informatics Trial of Warfarin Therapy)

**EU-PACT** (European Pharmacogenetic Approach to Coumarin Anticoagulant Therapy)

**Will personalized medicine  
change pharmacy education?**

# In the United States...

- Survey by Murphy et al.
  - PGx taught in 92% of Pharmacy schools
    - 97.1% at PharmD entry-level
    - Estimated didactic hours:
      - <10 hours: 40.6%
      - 11 to 30 hours: 42.0%
      - 31 to 60 hours: 14.5%
- Practicing pharmacists
  - Survey by Roederer et al (n = 737).
    - Ninety percent want to receive Pgx training

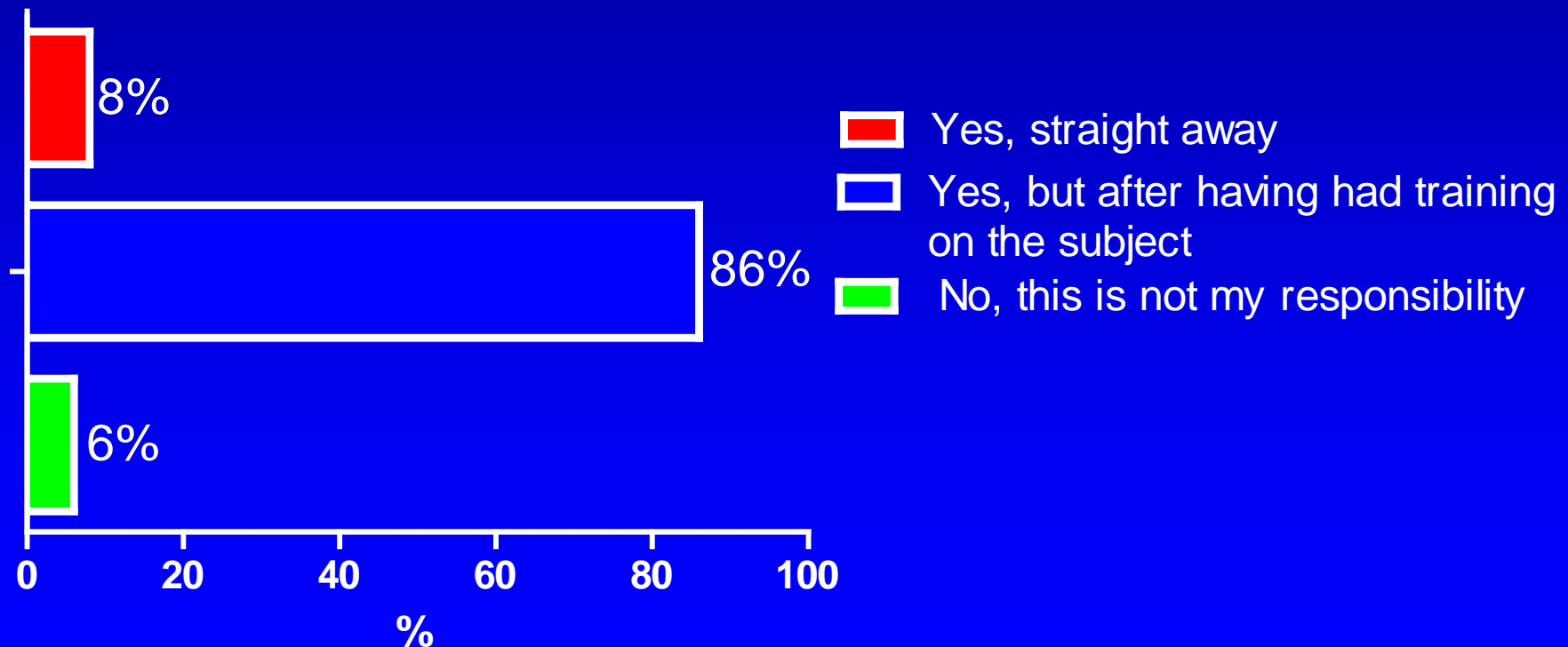
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Roederer MW, et al Personalized medicine 2012;9:19-27.

# In Canada...

- Survey of 284 pharmacists

Would you agree to receive your patient's pharmacogenomic testing results, interpret them and advise your patient on a treatment choice?

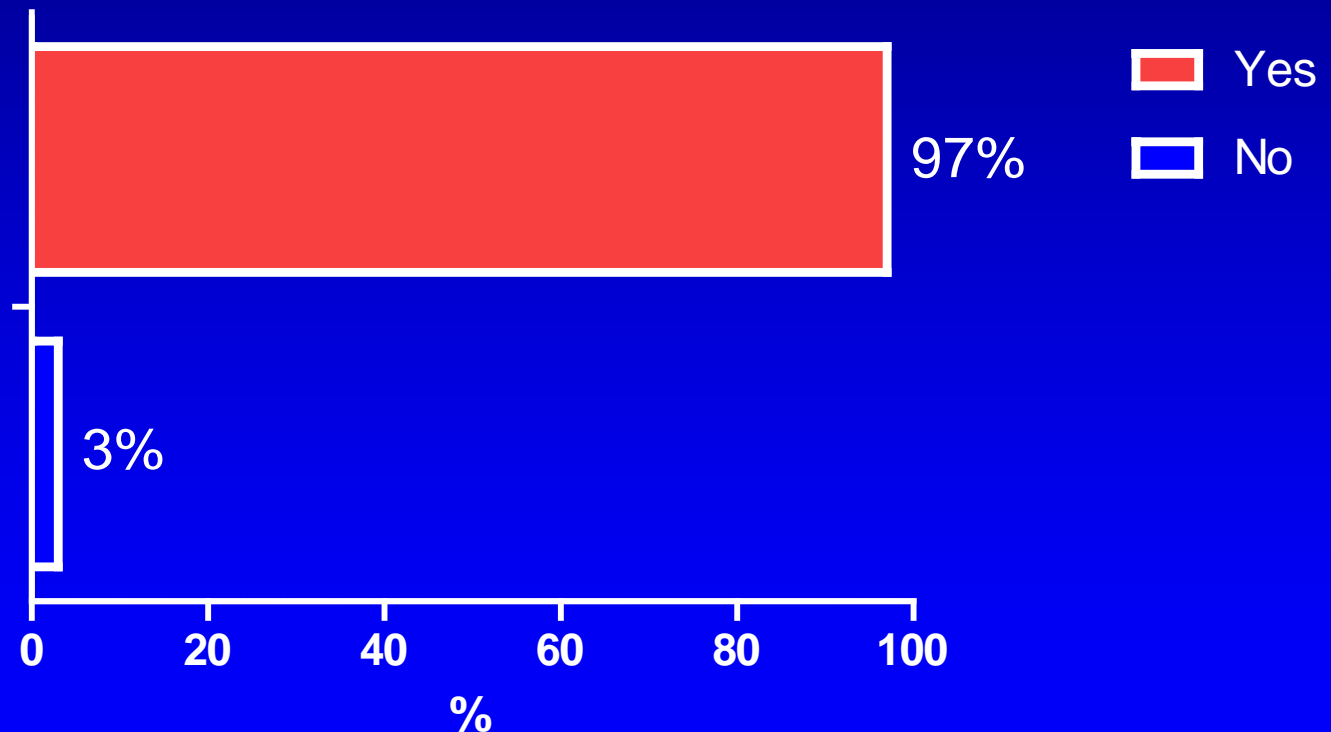




# In Canada...

- Survey of 284 pharmacists

Would you like to participate in training on pharmacogenomics?



# Conclusions

- Personalized medicine is entering clinical practice
- Because of their expertise of pharmacotherapy, pharmacists are well-positioned to face the arrival of this new field.
  - Additional training is required for most
    - Educational programs must be developed
- Pharmacists must play a leading role in developing and implementing personalized medicine in clinical practice.

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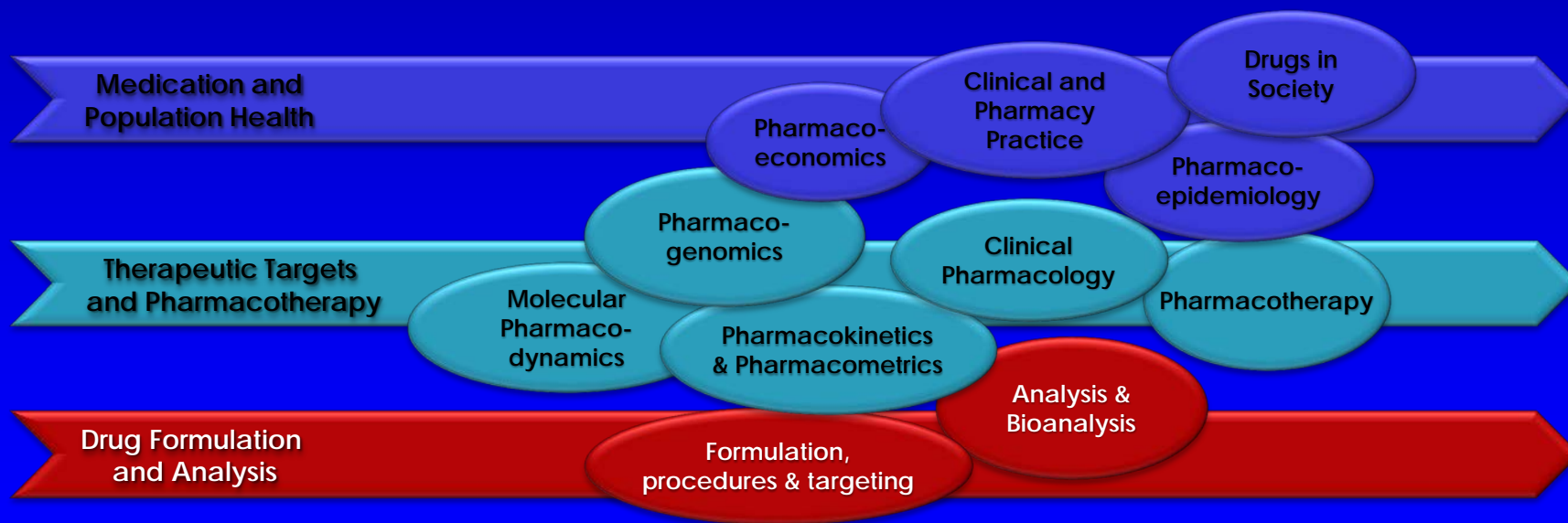
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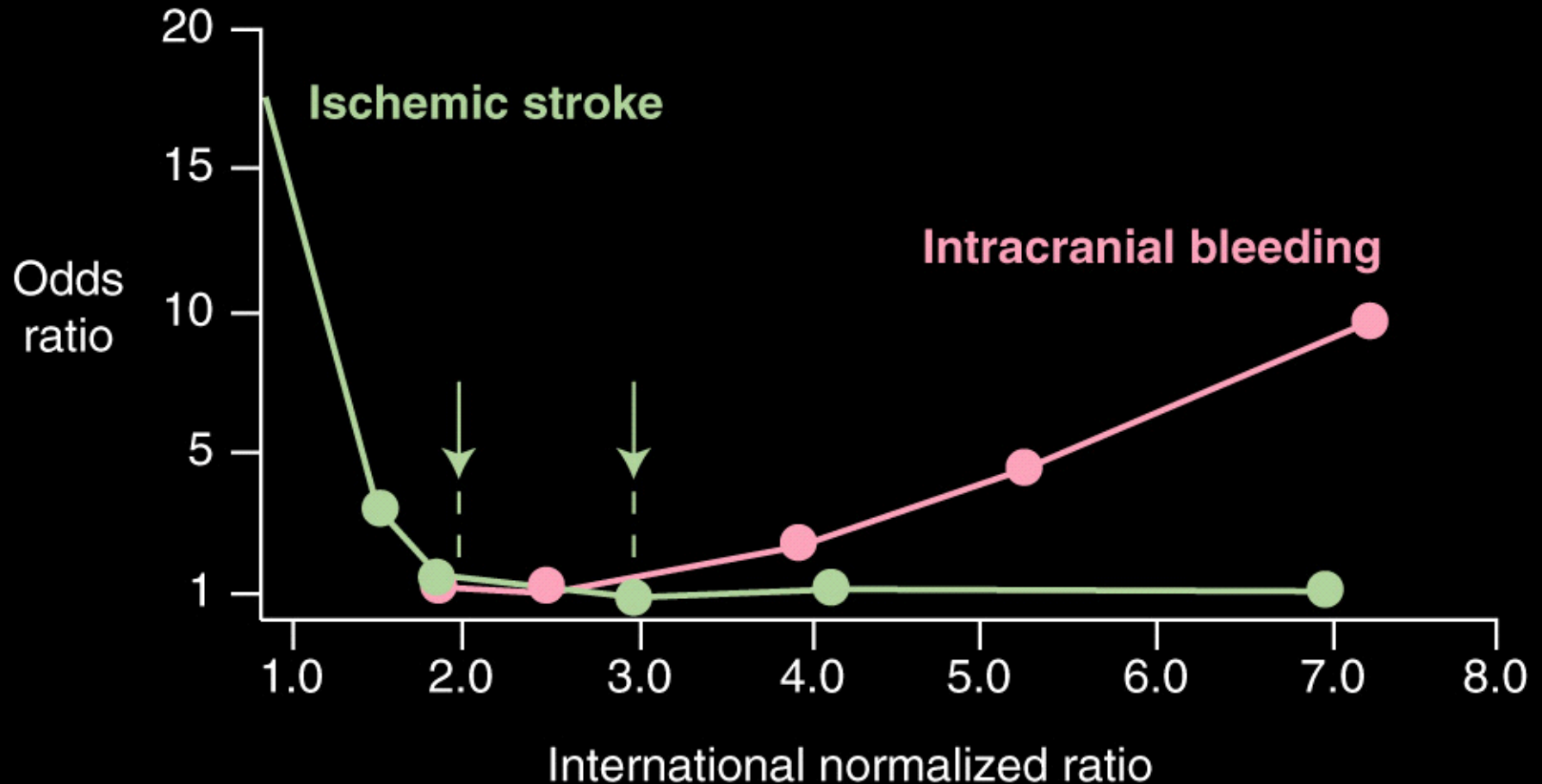
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Research Themes



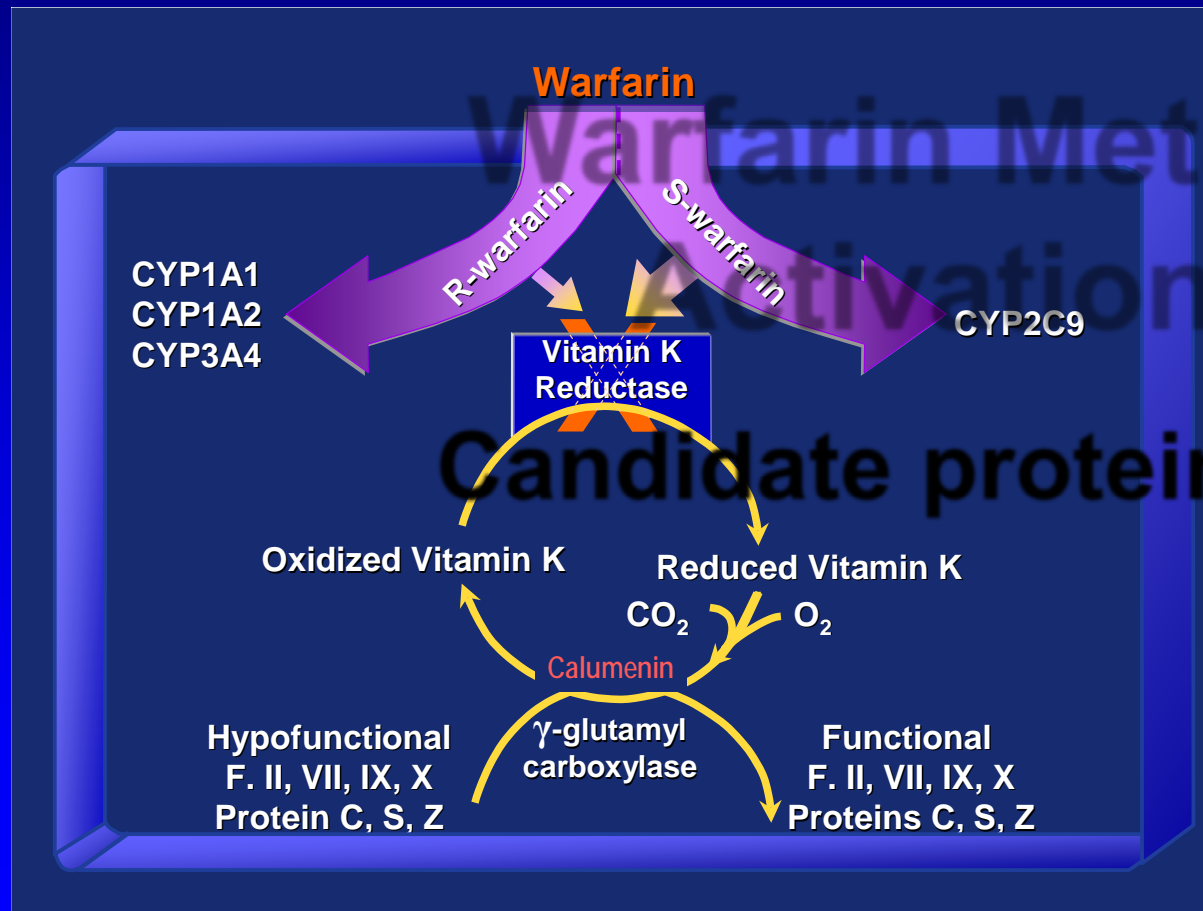


# Warfarin: Narrow therapeutic window



# Warfarin Metabolism and Activation Pathway

Candidate proteins in the pathway



Gage et al. 2005

# Are they always necessary?

- Nevertheless, the clinical utility of PGX tests must be established before their implementation in practice.
- We need to move from analytic and clinical validity, towards clinical utility.
- Clinical validity vs utility?
  - Clinical validity: a test's ability to accurately and reliably diagnose a disorder, assess susceptibility or risk, or provide information on prognosis or variation in drug response
  - Clinical utility: evidence that test results can change patient management decisions and improve net health outcomes (balance of benefits and harms)

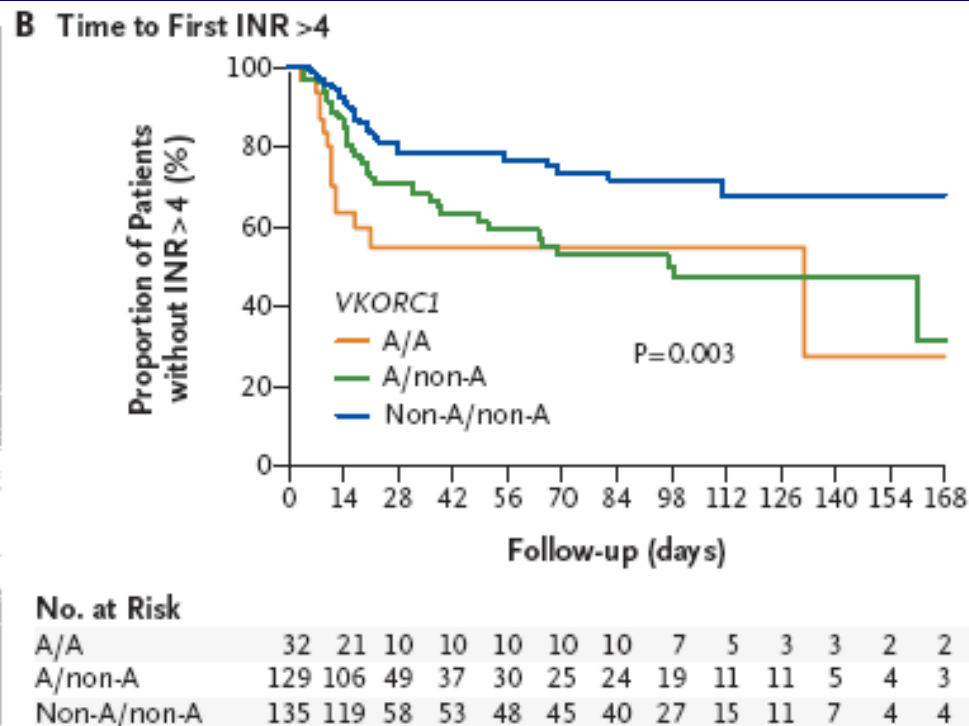
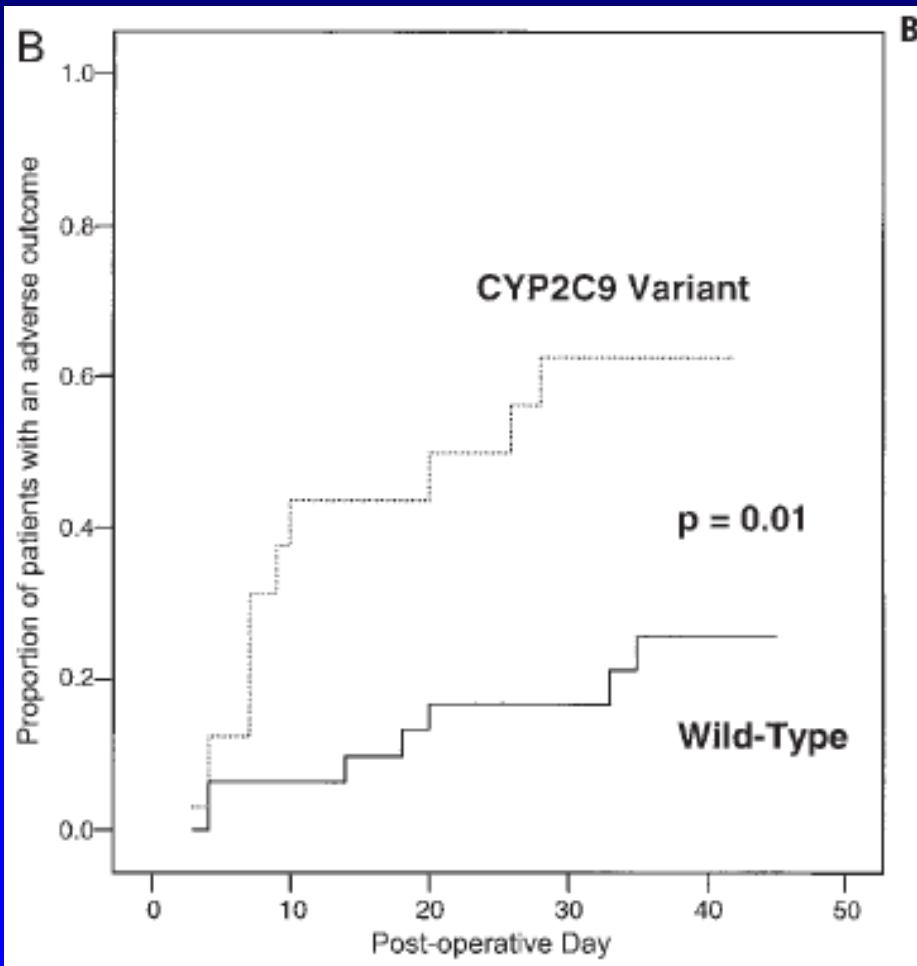


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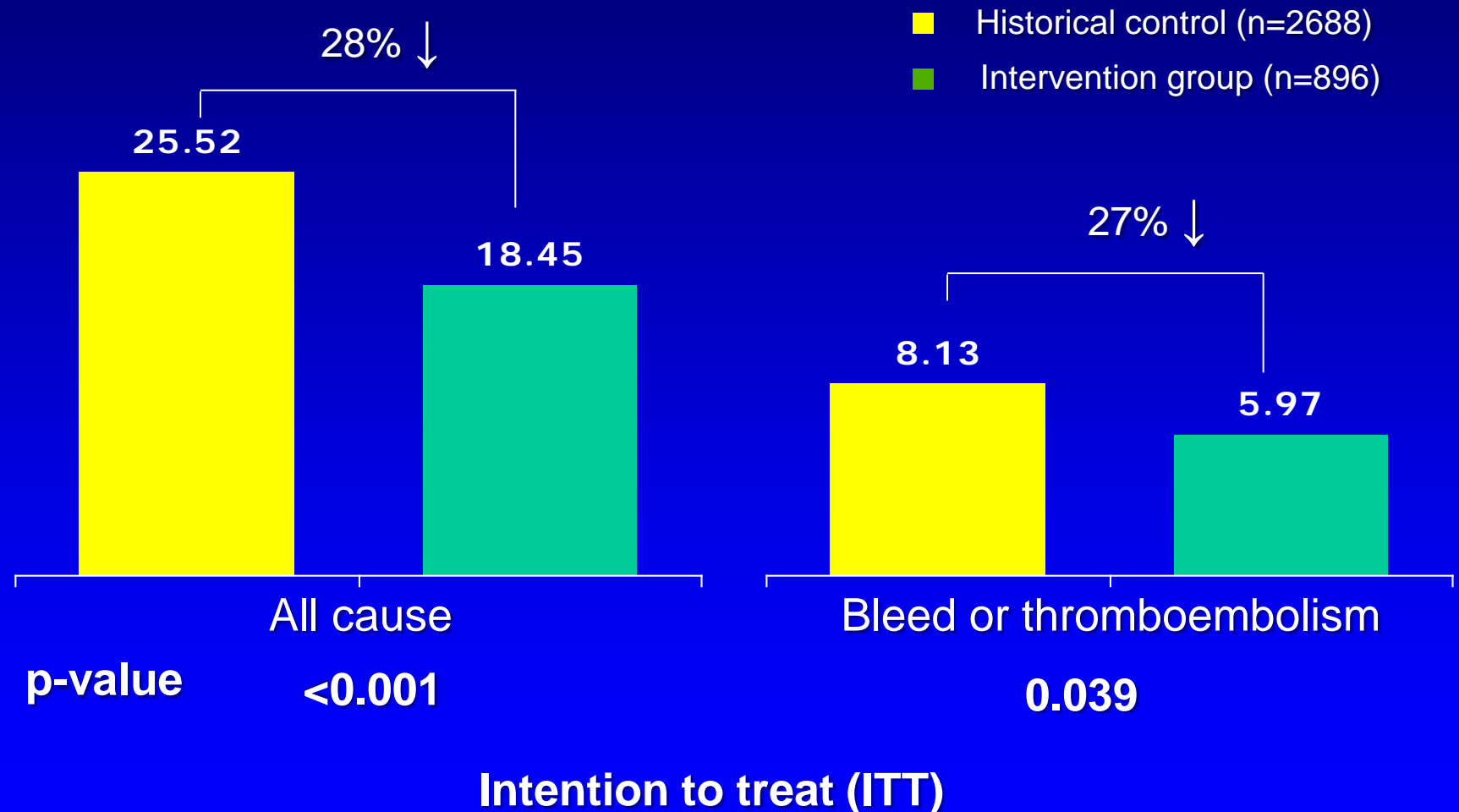
- A) One of the three Rice Krispies® characters(SNP, Crackle et Pop!)
- B) A new hybrid car (The SNP!)
- C) The abbreviation de *Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms*



# Coumarin derivatives and excessive anticoagulation

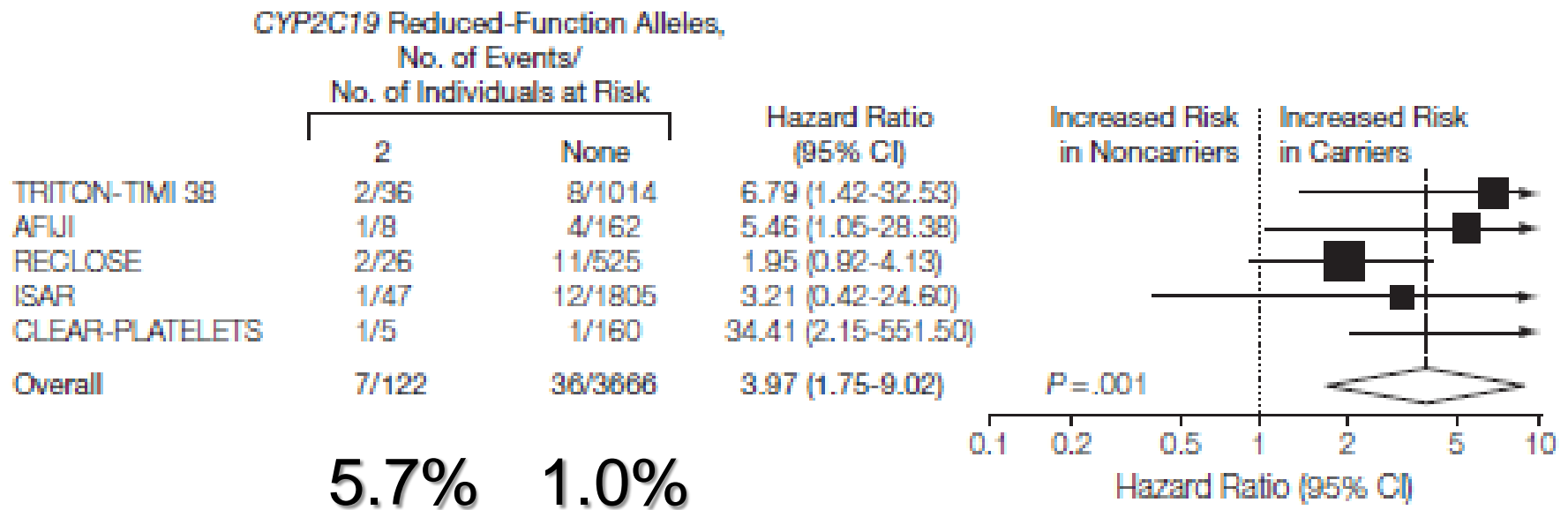


# Results: Unadjusted 6 mo. hospitalization rates ≥1 hospitalization per 100 patients/6months



# Results

## C Carriers of 2 CYP2C19 Reduced-Function Alleles vs Noncarriers





*“Oh, I forgot,....  
here are my latest CBC,  
creatinine clearance,  
electrolytes, biomarkers  
and, of course... my  
genome ...”*

# US monograph of warfarin

**Table 1: Three Ranges of Expected Maintenance COUMADIN Daily Doses Based on CYP2C9 and VKORC1 Genotypes<sup>†</sup>**

VKORC1	CYP2C9					
	*1/*1	*1/*2	*1/*3	*2/*2	*2/*3	*3/*3
GG	5-7 mg	5-7 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg
AG	5-7 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg
AA	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg

<sup>†</sup>Ranges are derived from multiple published clinical studies. VKORC1 -1639G>A (rs9923231) variant is used in this table. Other co-inherited VKORC1 variants may also be important determinants of warfarin dose.

Simple!

But much less precise than the algorithm available  
at <http://www.warfarindosing.org>