

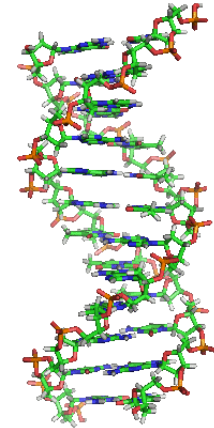


European
Crohn's and Colitis
Organisation

The Genetics of IBD

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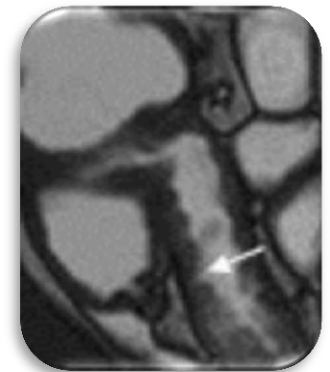
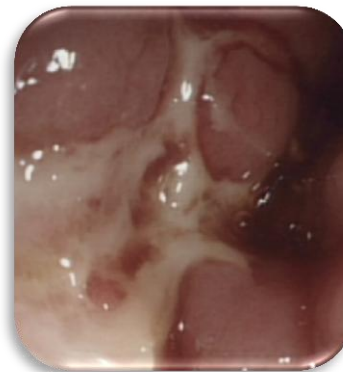
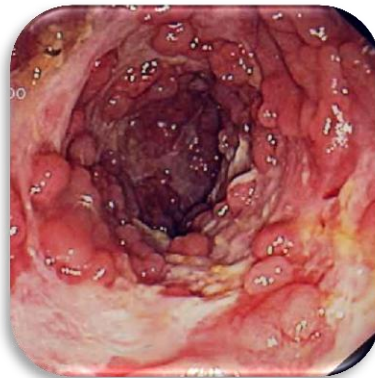
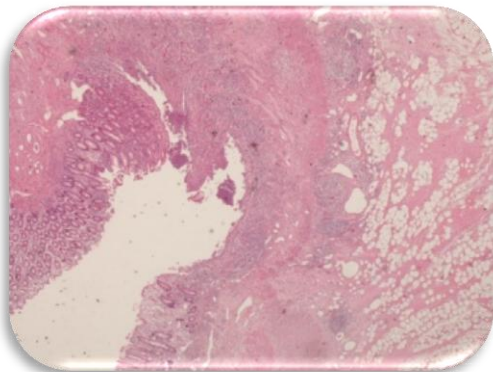




Fig. 1. Clinical presentation. **A**, Anterior abdomen showing the expanded abdominal wall defect containing colostomy and mucus fistula (arrow). Note formation of multiple new enterocutaneous fistulae (arrowheads). **B**, Endoscopic appearance of the colon before colectomy showing a large ulcer occupying approximately one third of the luminal surface. **C**, Terminal ileum 3 weeks postcolectomy, normal mucosa. **D**, Terminal ileum during second postcolectomy flare. **E**, Terminal ileum 3 weeks after panel **D**, after initiation of bowel rest, nonabsorbed antibiotics, and tacrolimus.

Making a definitive diagnosis: Successful clinical application of whole exome sequencing in a child with intractable inflammatory bowel disease

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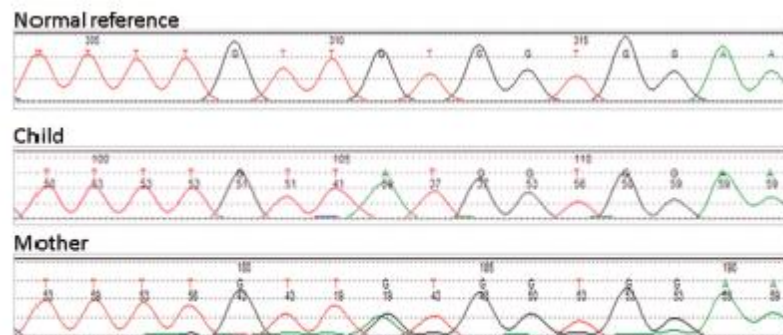
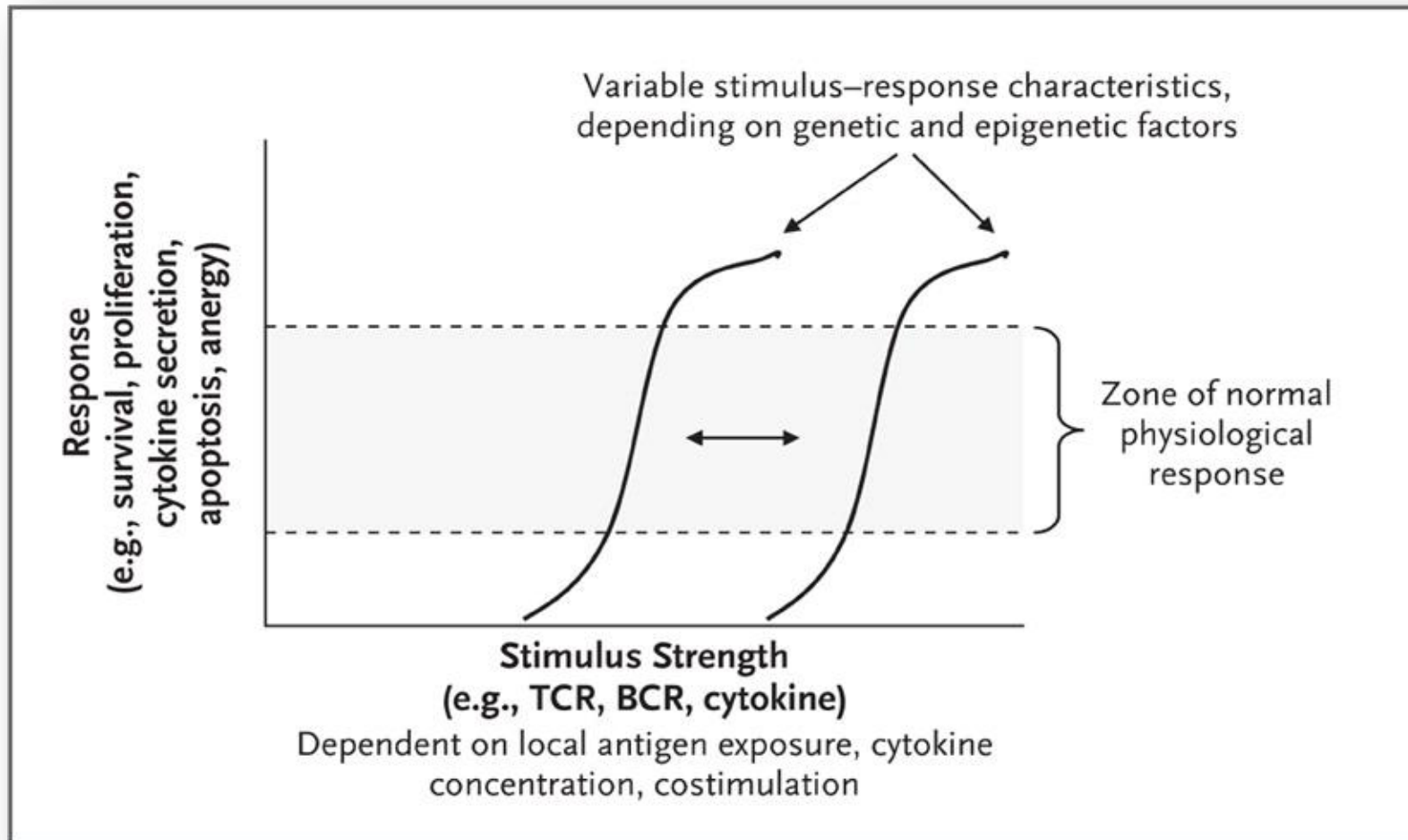


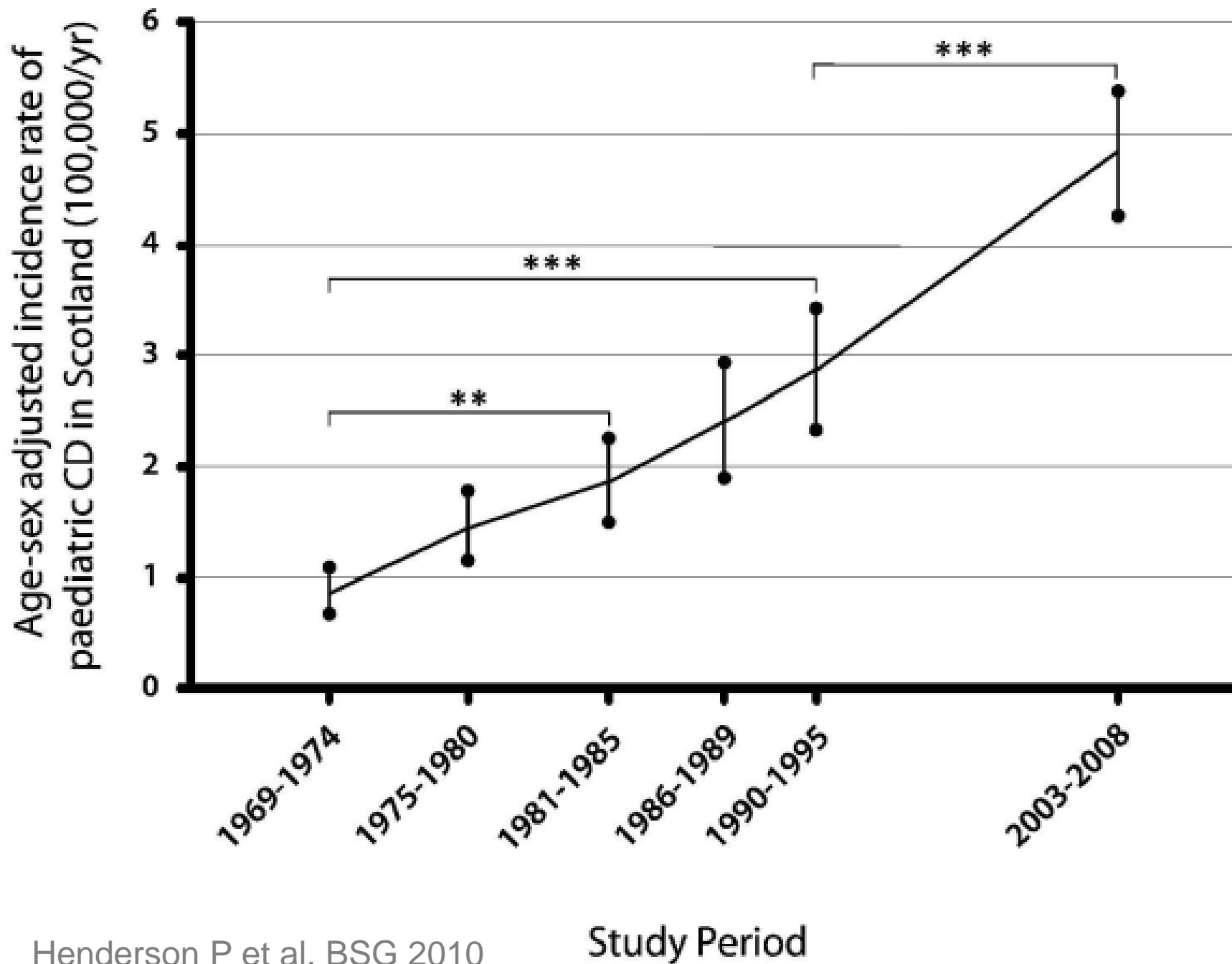
Fig. 3. Clinical confirmation in the child and mother. The region of the *XIAP* gene surrounding the mutation in both the child and the mother was sequenced using the BigDye Terminator Cycle Sequencing kit and analyzed on an ABI3730XL automated DNA sequencer. The Sanger sequence trace from a normal human control is shown at the top. Hemizygosity at the candidate locus is confirmed in the child (middle panel). The mother is heterozygous at this locus (bottom panel).

Stimulus–Response Thresholds & Immune Recognition as a Quantitative Trait.

Regulation of T and B cells controlled by cell signalling events:

- Normal variation in range of potency
- Varies between individuals & within different cells types in same individual





Developed world:

- * Massive increase in IBD in last century



Developing world:

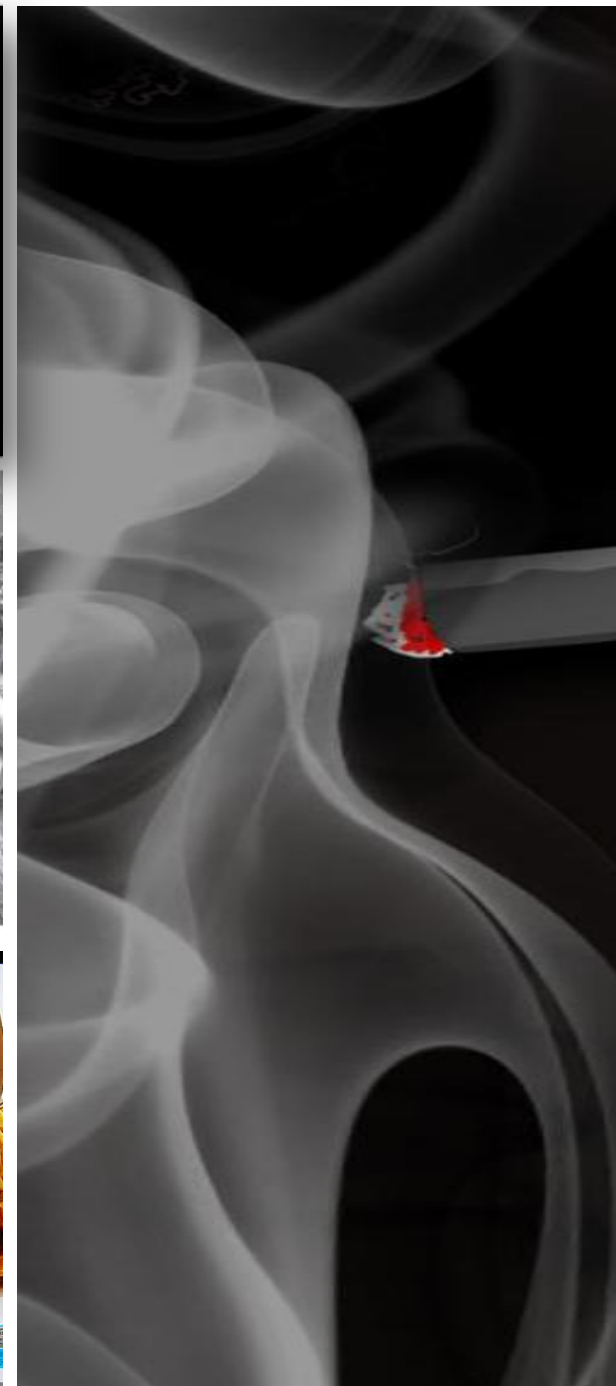
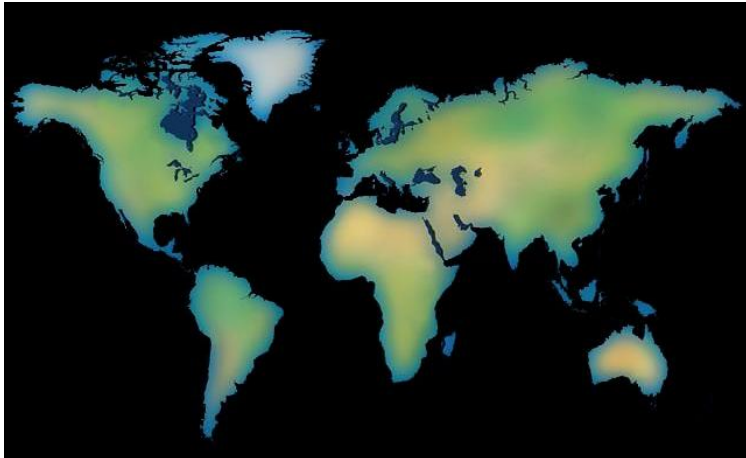
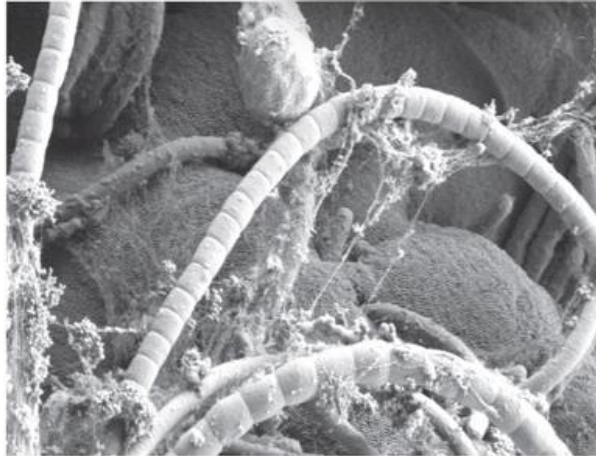
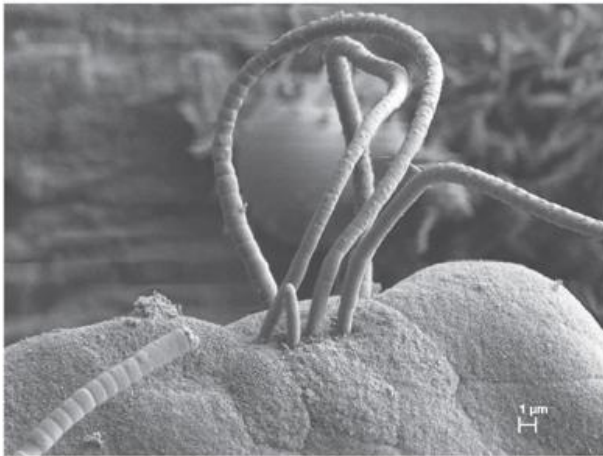
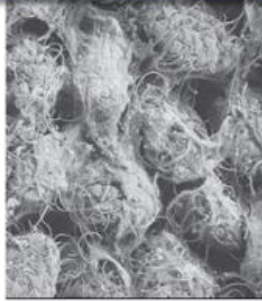
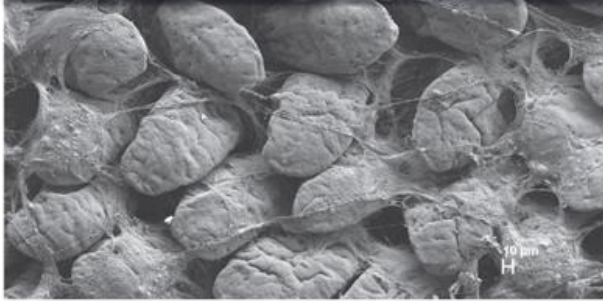
- * Increase in recent years as countries adopt Western lifestyle

- * Cannot be explained by genetics ...

... rather, must be related to drastic environmental changes of last century and the not yet adapted (predisposing) genetic background of a sub-fraction of population

*** IBD pathogenesis:
insights from epidemiology**

Environment & IBD



A positive family history is the strongest known risk factor in the development of Crohn's disease

Sibling relative risk (λ_s): 25-35

Monozygotic twin concordance: 45%

RELATIVE RISK OF CROHN'S DISEASE

MZ	1 st degree	sibling	parent	offspring
667	5-35	25-42	12-16	2-30

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Bipolar disorder

Also known as manic depression, it affects 100 million people around the world

Coronary heart disease

The most frequent cause of death in Britain, with 100,000 victims every year. By 2020, it will be the biggest killer in the world

Hypertension

High blood pressure affects 16 million people in Britain. Can lead to stroke, heart disease and kidney failure

Type 1 diabetes

Diabetic condition in which sufferers have to inject insulin. Affects 350,000 people in UK

Type 2 diabetes

Almost 2 million Britons are affected by this late-onset disease, which is linked with the growing obesity epidemic

Rheumatoid arthritis

Nearly 400,000 people in Britain are afflicted with this auto-immune disease of the joints

Crohn's disease

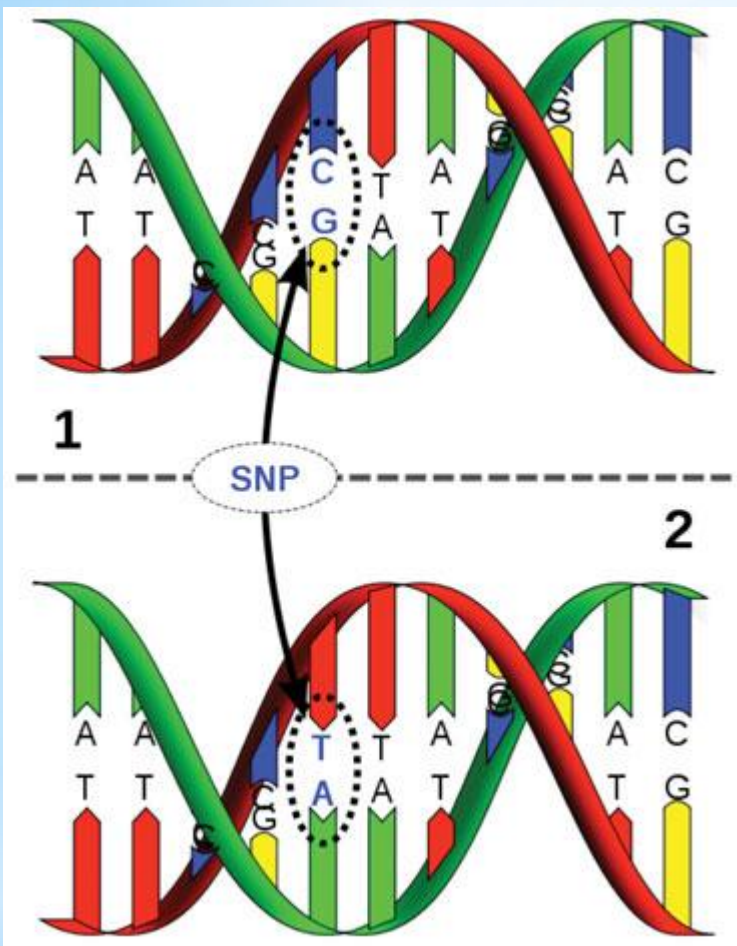
Up to 60,000 people are affected by this debilitating bowel condition which can cause distress and pain for a lifetime

THE GENETIC REVOLUTION

DISCOVERY OF GENES RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVEN OF THE MOST COMMON ILLNESSES OFFERS HOPE TO MILLIONS OF SUFFERERS

FULL STORY, PAGE 2



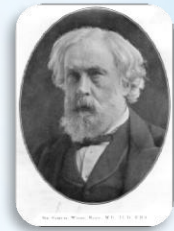
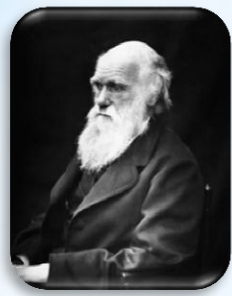


- * 11 million SNPs in dbSNPv.129

- * 3.5 million SNPs characterised in HapMap project

- * ~3 million short insertions and deletions

* **Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)**



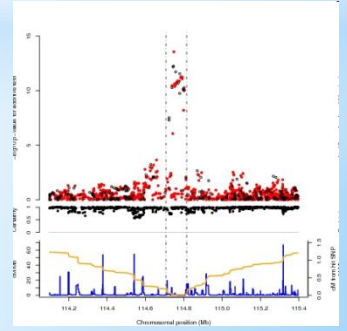
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2010

GWAS

WGS



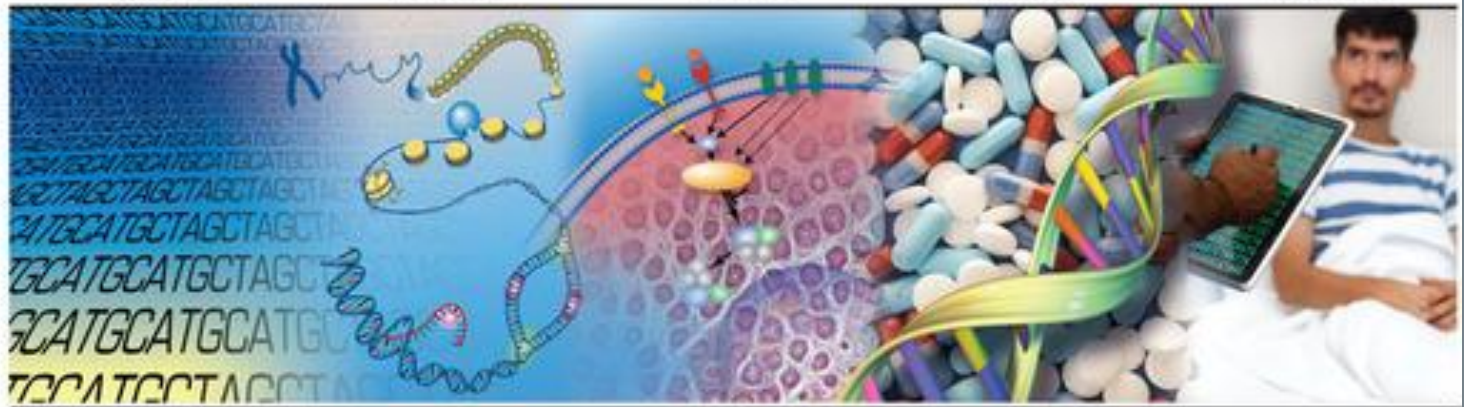
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Understanding
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Understanding
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Advancing
the science of
medicine

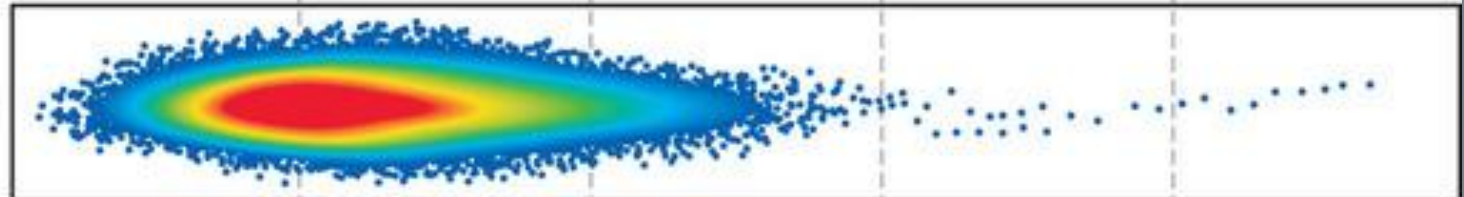
Improving the
effectiveness of
healthcare



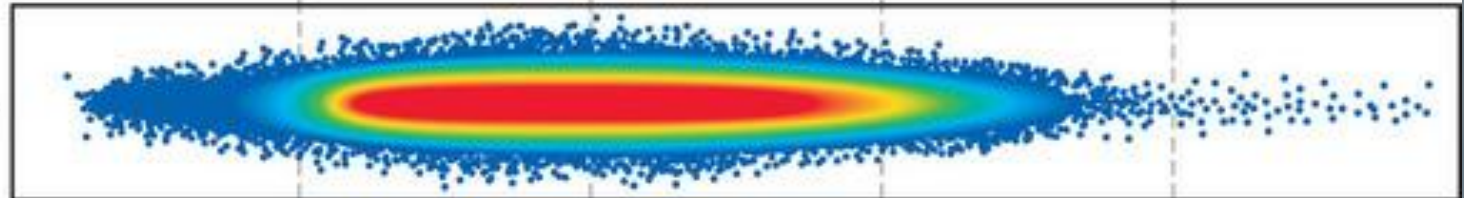
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Human Genome Project



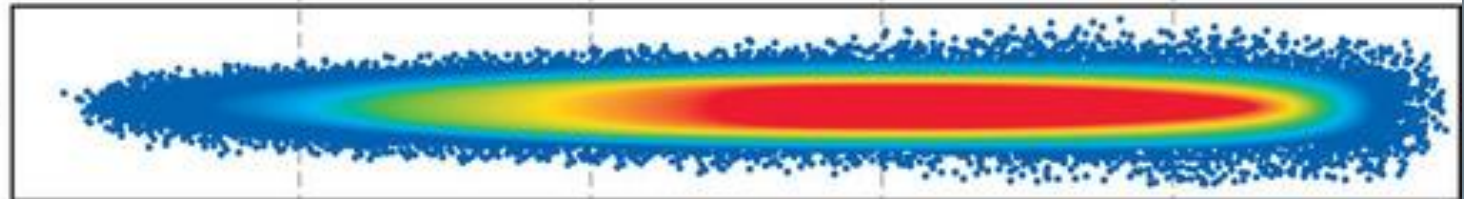
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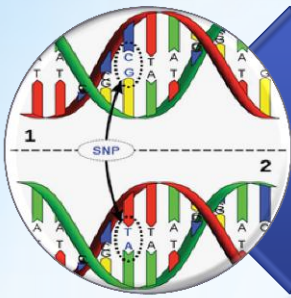


2011-2020



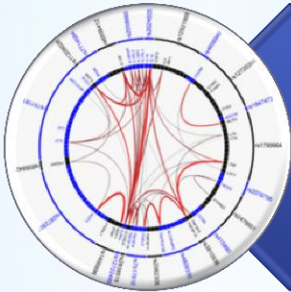
Beyond 2020





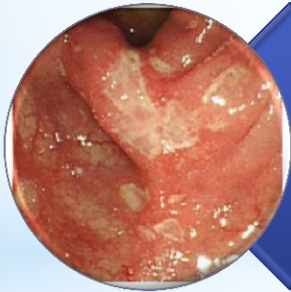
Identify susceptibility alleles

- Genome-wide linkage studies
- Genome-wide association scans (GWAS)
- Whole-genome sequencing



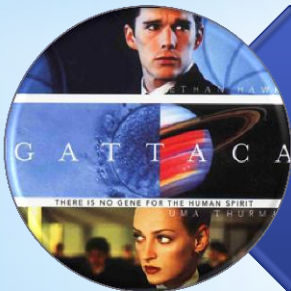
Novel biological insight

- Autophagy
- Th17 signalling
- Barrier function



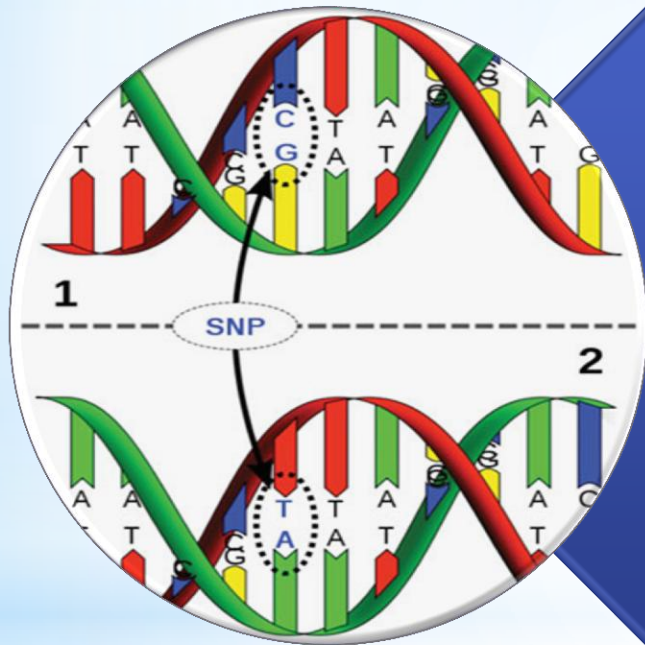
Clinical advance

- Therapeutics
- Prevention
- Biomarkers



Personalised medicine

- Diagnostics
- Prognostics
- Therapeutic optimisation



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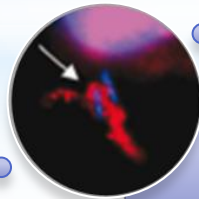
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• Whole-genome sequencing

>160 independent IBD susceptibility loci



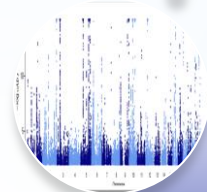
Twin studies



Genome-wide linkage



GWAS



Meta-GWAS



ImmunoChip



Whole-genome sequencing

2012

2011

2008

2007

2001

1980's

**NEUTROPHIL DYSFUNCTION IN
CROHN'S DISEASE**

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Neutrophil dysfunction

1976

**Association of NOD2 leucine-rich
repeat variants with
susceptibility to Crohn's disease**

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NOD2

2001

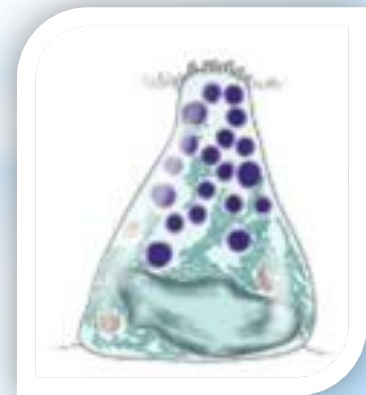


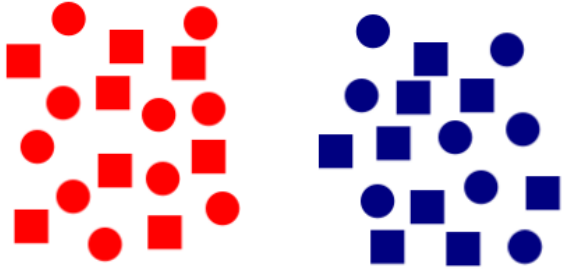
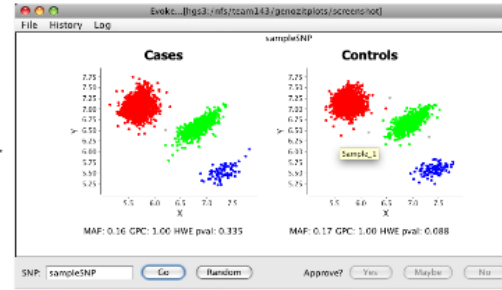
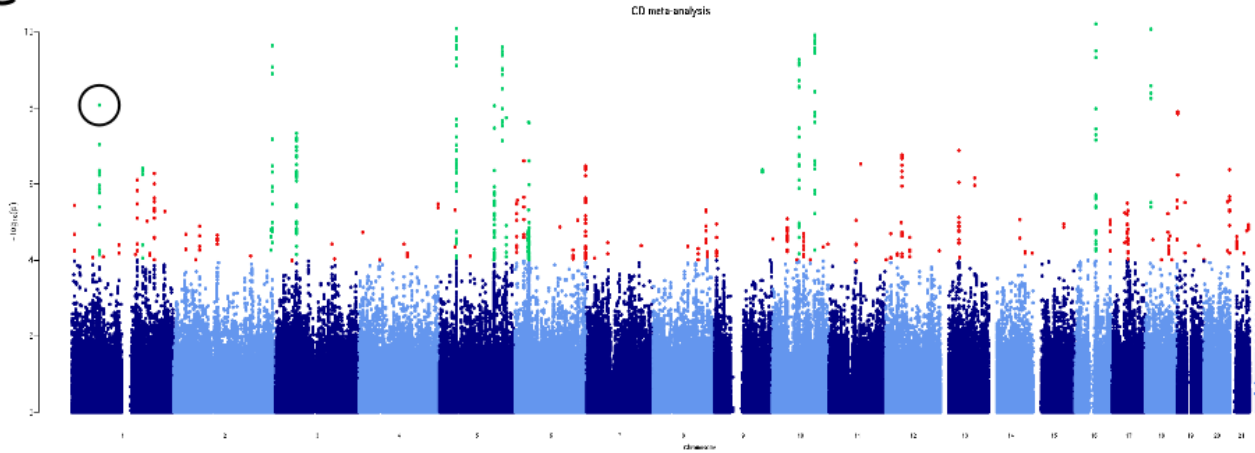
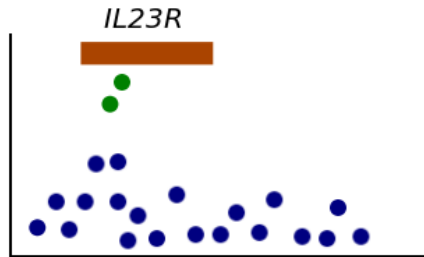
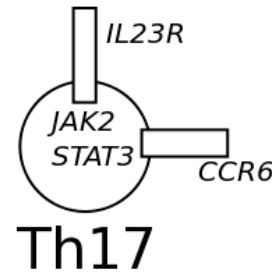
Innate immunity

2006

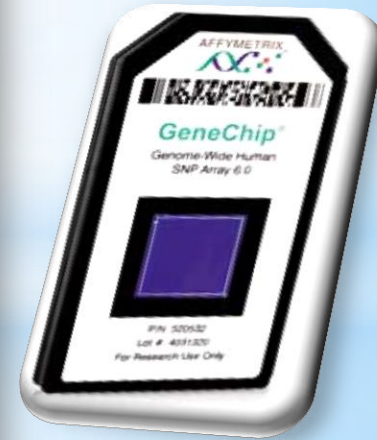
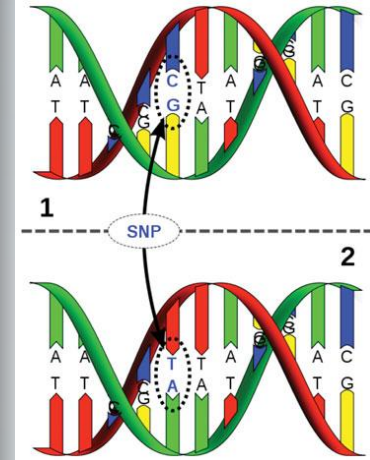


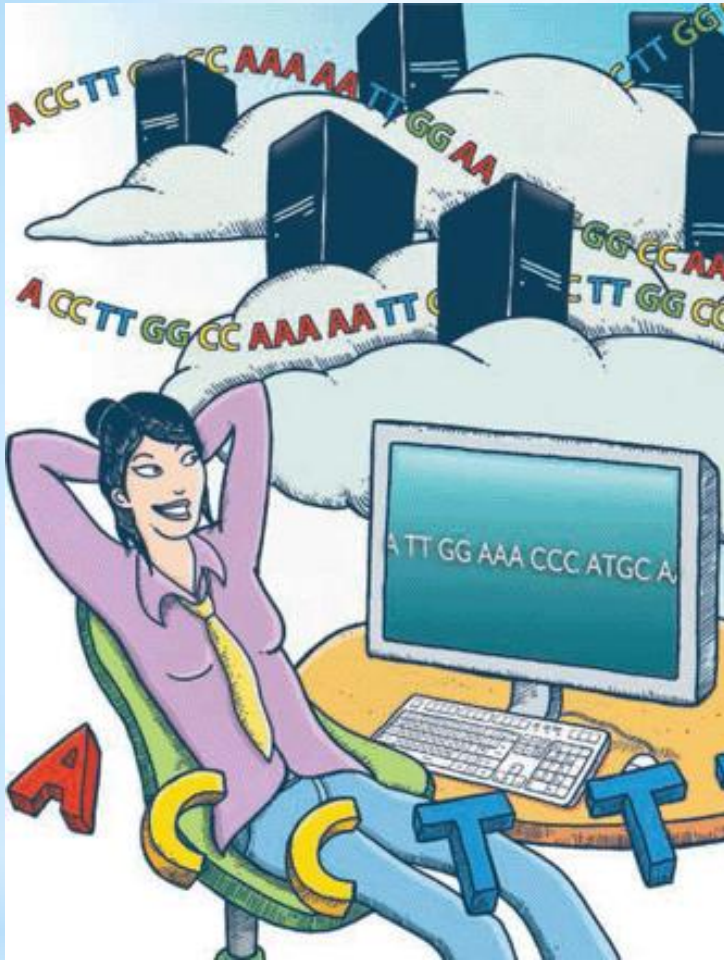
Innate immunity



A**B****C****D****E**

GWAS





- * $P_{\text{discovery}} < 5 \times 10^{-5}$
- * $P_{\text{replication}} < 0.05$
- * $P_{\text{combined}} < 5 \times 10^{-8}$

* **Statistical rules of thumb**

PHENOTYPE	No. of GWAS loci	Proportion of heritability explained (%)
Type 1 diabetes	41	~60
Foetal Hb levels	3	~50
Macular degeneration	3	~50
Type 2 diabetes	39	20-25
Lipid levels	95	20-25
Crohn's disease	71	23
Ulcerative colitis	47	16
Height	180	~12

* GWAS for common diseases & traits

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Crohn's disease

Ulcerative colitis

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ARTICLES

Genome-wide association study of 14,000 cases of seven common diseases and 3,000 shared controls

The Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium*

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Sequence variants in the autophagy gene *IRGM* and multiple other replicating loci contribute to Crohn's disease susceptibility

NKX2.3

PTPN2

IL12B

3p21 [MST1]

Genome-wide association study of ulcerative colitis identifies three new susceptibility loci, including the *HNF4A* region

The UK IBD Genetics Consortium & the Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium 2*

Barrett J, Lee J, Lees CW *et al*

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CDH1

LAMB1

HNF4A



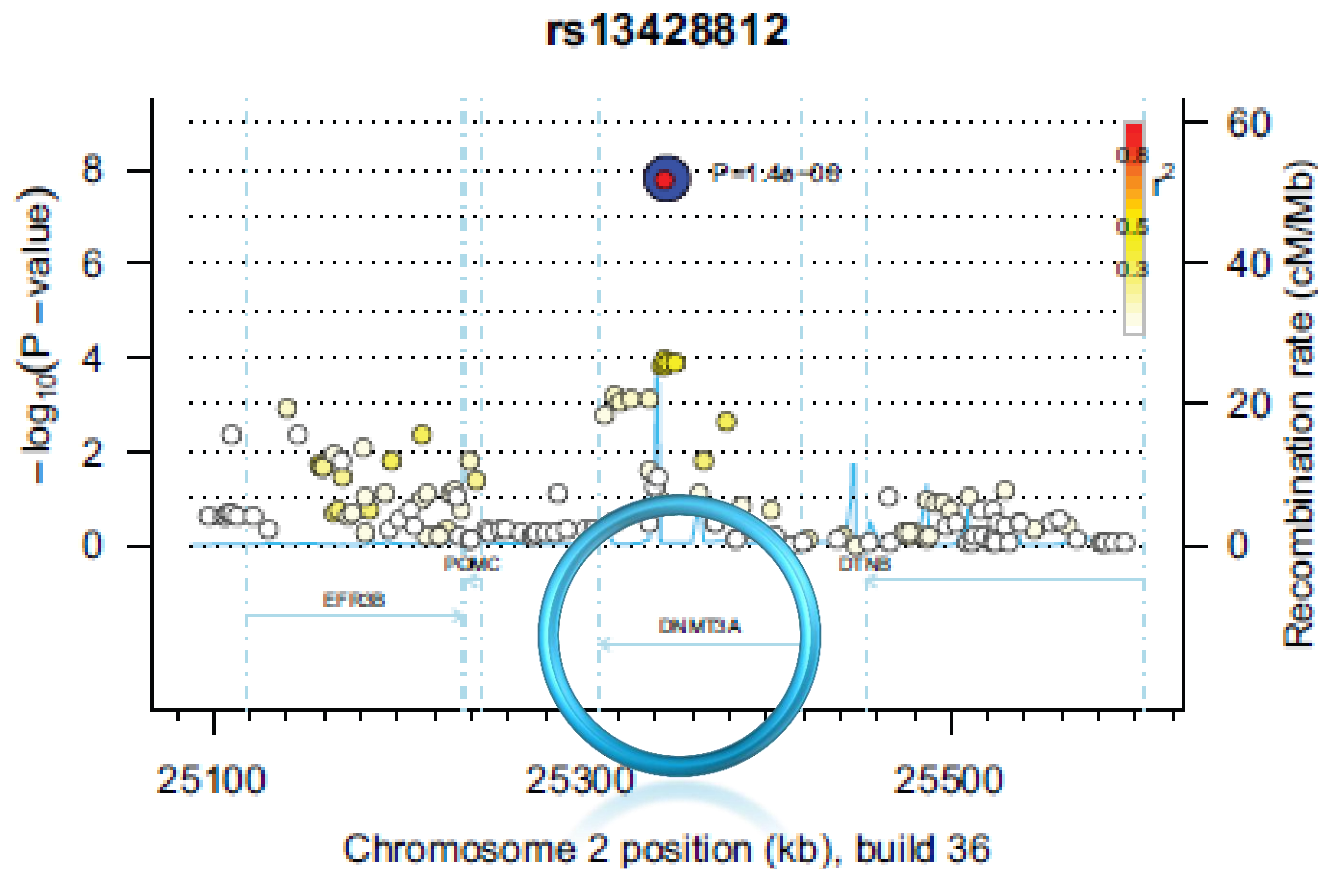
International IBD Genetics Consortium (IIBDGC)



Crohn's disease meta-GWAS <i>Franke A, McGovern D, Barrett et al Nature Genetics 2010; 42(12):1118-25</i>	Crohn's Cases	Controls
Discovery cohort (6 GWAS)	6,333	15,056
Replication cohort	14,934	13,647
Crohn's disease total	21,267	28,703

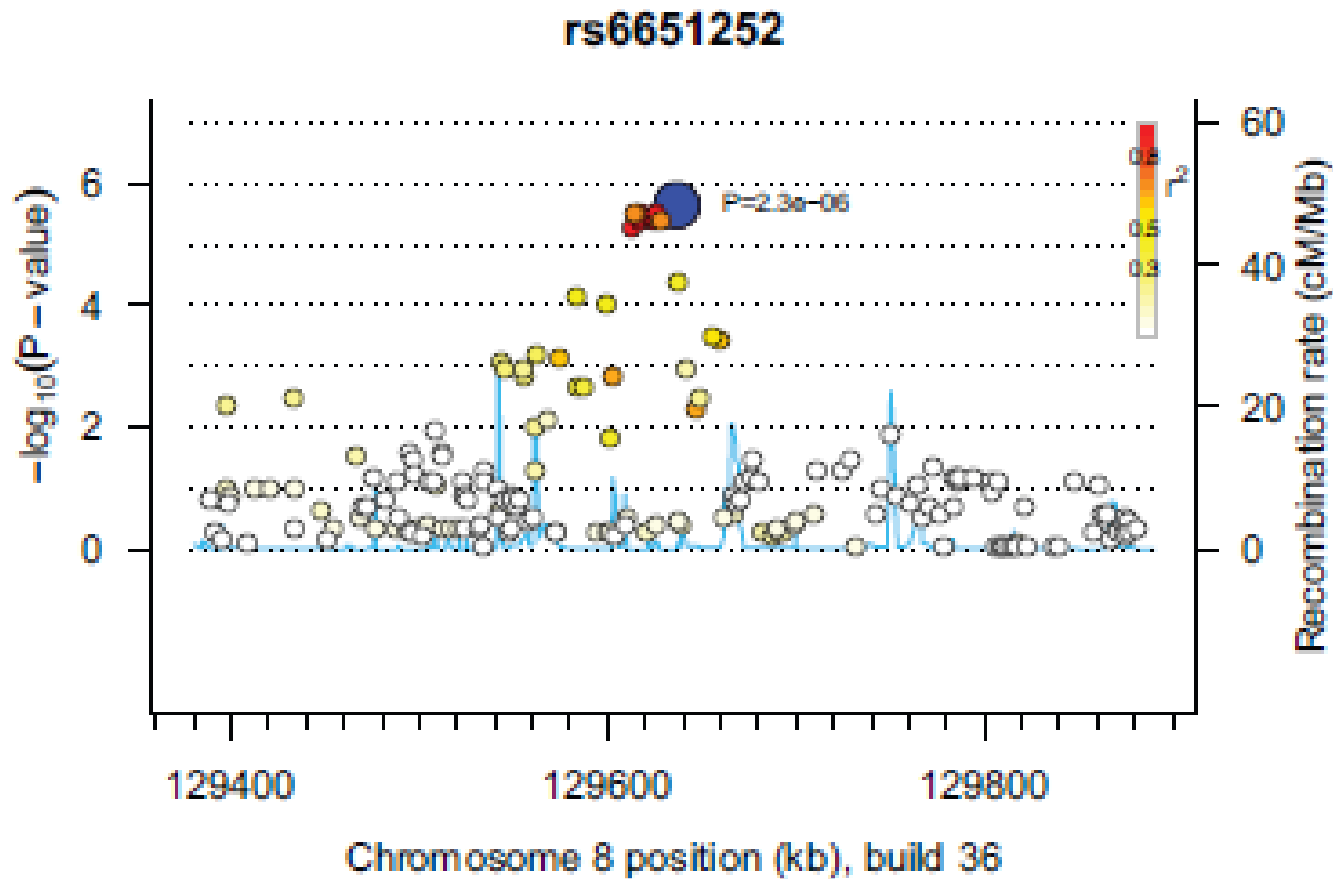
Ulcerative colitis meta-GWAS <i>Anderson C, Boucher G, Lees CW et al Nature Genetics 2011 [Epub]</i>	UC Cases	Controls
Discovery cohort (6 GWAS)	6,782	20,099
Replication cohort	9,628	12,917
Ulcerative colitis total	16,410	33,016

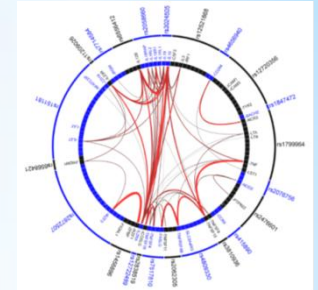
* 'one gene' locus



DNMT3A

*Gene 'desert'

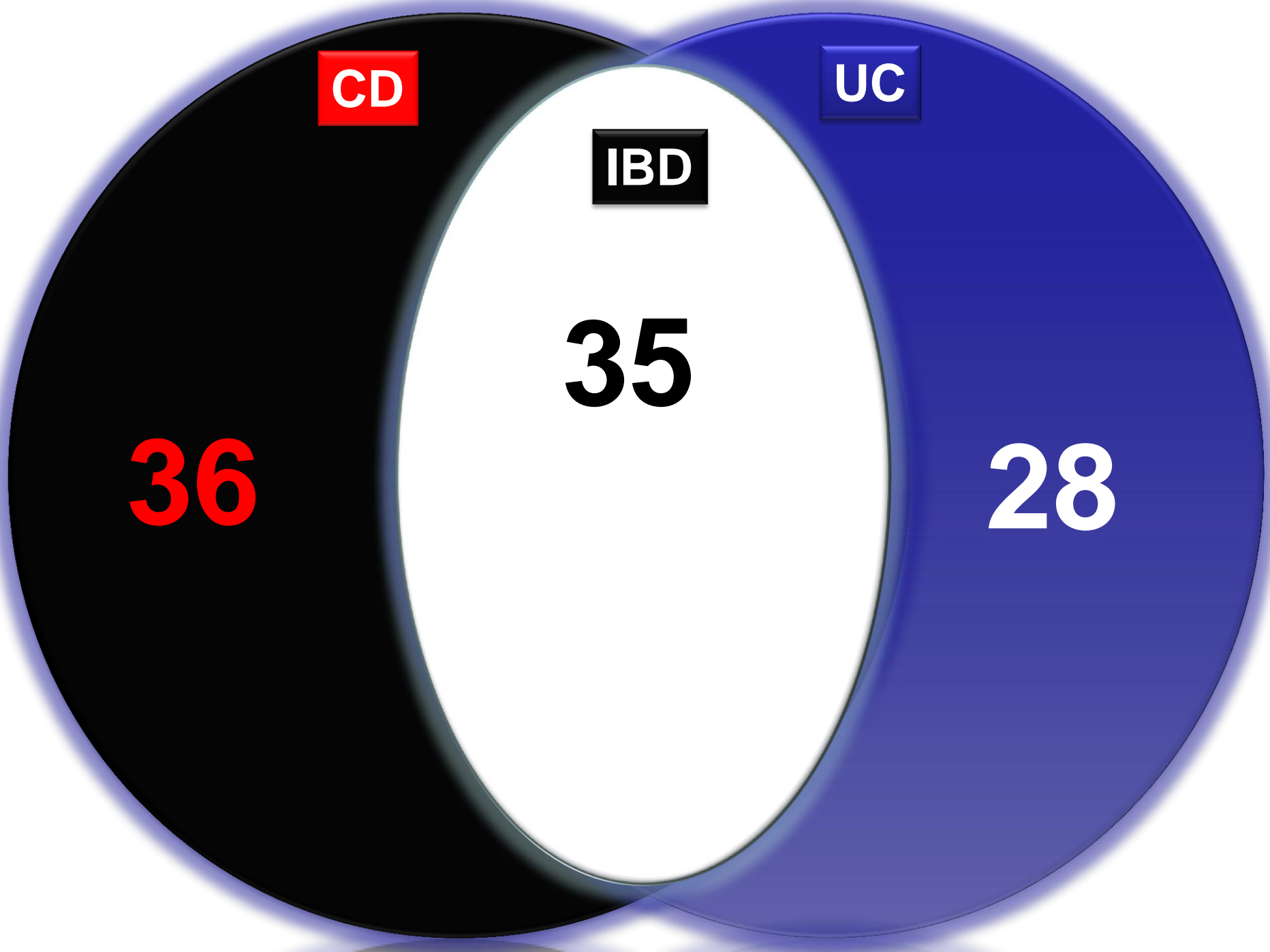




- * GRAIL - literature-mining tool
 - * Gene-Relationships Amongst Implicated Loci
- * eQTLs from existing databases
 - * Correlate focal SNP expression with gene expression
- * nsSNP - 1000 genomes & HapMap3 data
- * Position

Ultimately requires detailed fine-mapping of loci

* **How can we dissect
multi-genic loci?**



CD

UC

IBD

36

35

28

CD

Innate immunity

NOD2
ATG16L1
IRGM
LRRK2

Immune-mediated

PTPN22
CCR6
IL2RA
IL18RAP
IL27
ERAP2
ITLN1
CCL2/CCL7
TNFSF11
BACH2
TAGAP
VAMP3

Other

DENND1B
DNMT3A
GCKR
THADA
SP140
PRDX5
ZPF36L1
ZMIZ1
MUC1/SCAMP3
CPEB4
FADS1
5q31 (IBD5)

IBD

Th17
*IL23R**
*IL12B**
*STAT3**
*JAK2**
TYK2

Other

*NKX2-3**
*CREM**
*C11orf30**
*ORMDL3**
*RTEL1**
*PTGER4**
*KIF21B**
CDKAL1
ZNF365

HLA
*DRB*103*

Immune-mediated

*MST1**
*IL10**
*CARD9**
*REL**
*PRDM1**
*TNFSF15**
*ICOSLG**
*IL1R2**
YDJC
SMAD3
PTPN2

UC

Epithelial barrier

ECM1
HNF4A
CDH1
LAMB1
GNA12

Immune-mediated

IFN γ / IL26
IL8RA / IL8RB
IL2 / IL21
IL7R
TNFRSF9
TNFRSF14
FCGR2A
IRF5
LSP1

Other

OTUD3 / PLA2G2E
DAP
PIM3
CAPN10

- * 98 IBD genes contribute small amount to genetic variance:
 - * 23% (from 20%) in Crohn's
 - * 16% (from 11%) in UC
- * Typing 50k CD cases would:
 - * Yield 140 loci but only \uparrow proportion explained by 2-3%
- * NOD2 lead SNP accounts 0.8%
- * All 3 common NOD2 SNPs together account for ~5%

* CD genetics: proportion of variance explained

*ImmunoChip

- * Customized Illumina GWA Chip

- * ~200.000 SNPs

- * Content focused on 9 immune-mediated diseases

*Two main aims

- 1) Locus finding:

- * Deep replication of the UC and CD meta-analyses

- * Shared genetics immune-mediated diseases

- 2) Extensive fine-mapping of IBD associated loci

*ImmunoChip

* Crohn's disease

* 43 Novel loci

* 7 previously associated with UC (e.g. *IL2/IL21*, *FCGR2A*)

* 23 associated with other immune-mediated diseases

* Ulcerative Colitis

* 39 Novel loci

* 13 previously associated with CD (e.g. *STAT3*, *LRRK2*, *IBD5*)

* 17 associated with other immune-mediated diseases

* Interim I-chip analysis



ARTICLE

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A map of human genome variation from population-scale sequencing

The 1000 Genomes Project Consortium*

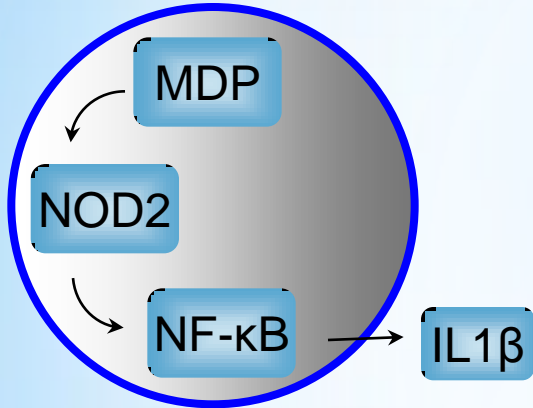
Worldwide :

- * 2,700 human genomes sequenced by the end of Nov 2010
- * 30,000 human genomes sequenced by the end of 2011

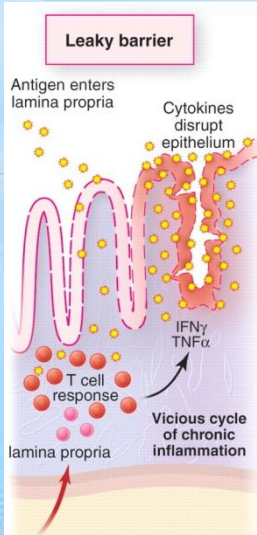
* **Whole-genome sequencing**

INNATE IMMUNITY

NOD2



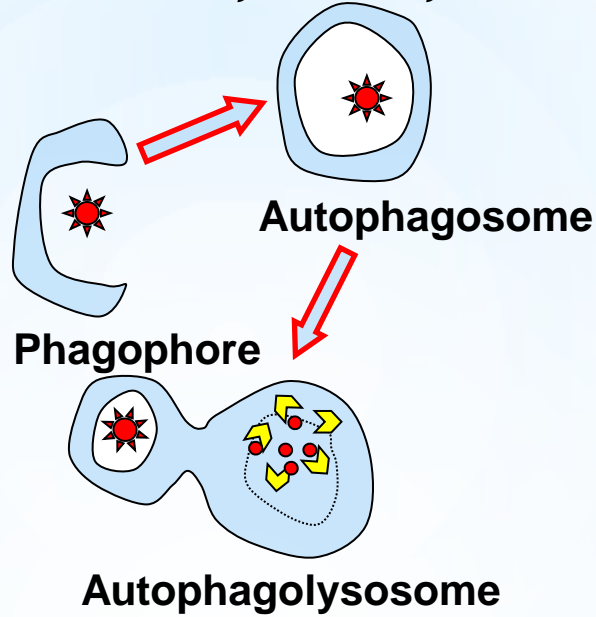
DEFECTIVE BARRIER



ECM1
CDH1
LAMB1
HNF4α

Autophagy

ATG16L1; IRGM; ATG5



IL10 signalling

IL22, IL26, IFN γ

IL10RB

IL10

STAT3

NOD2

ATG16L1

ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY

IL23R; IL12B
JAK2; STAT3
TNFSF15; CCR6
IL27; REL

IL23

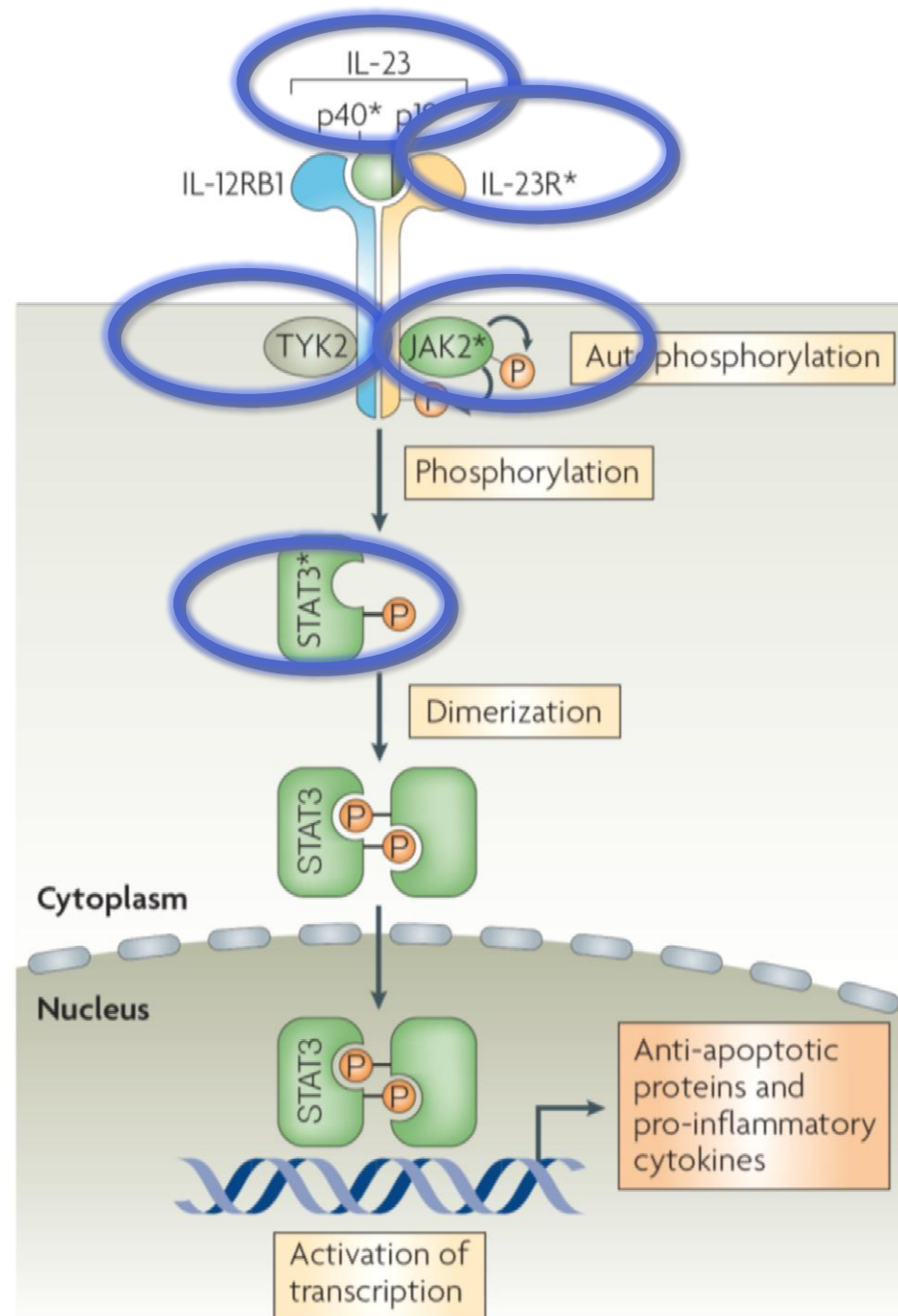
IL23R

Th17

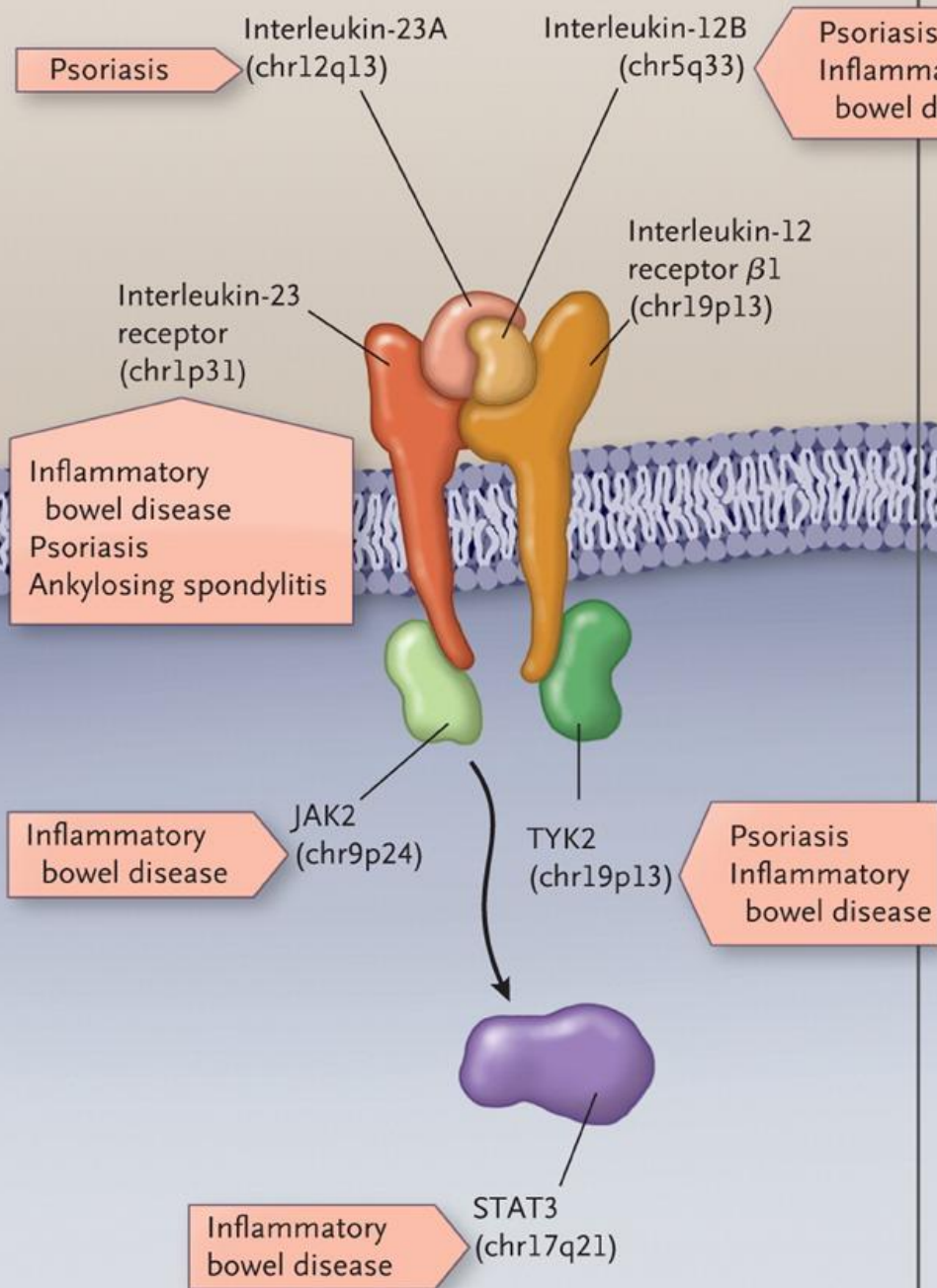
IL17

A series of studies in animal models suggest IL23, rather than IL12, is a key regulator of Th1 response and colitis.

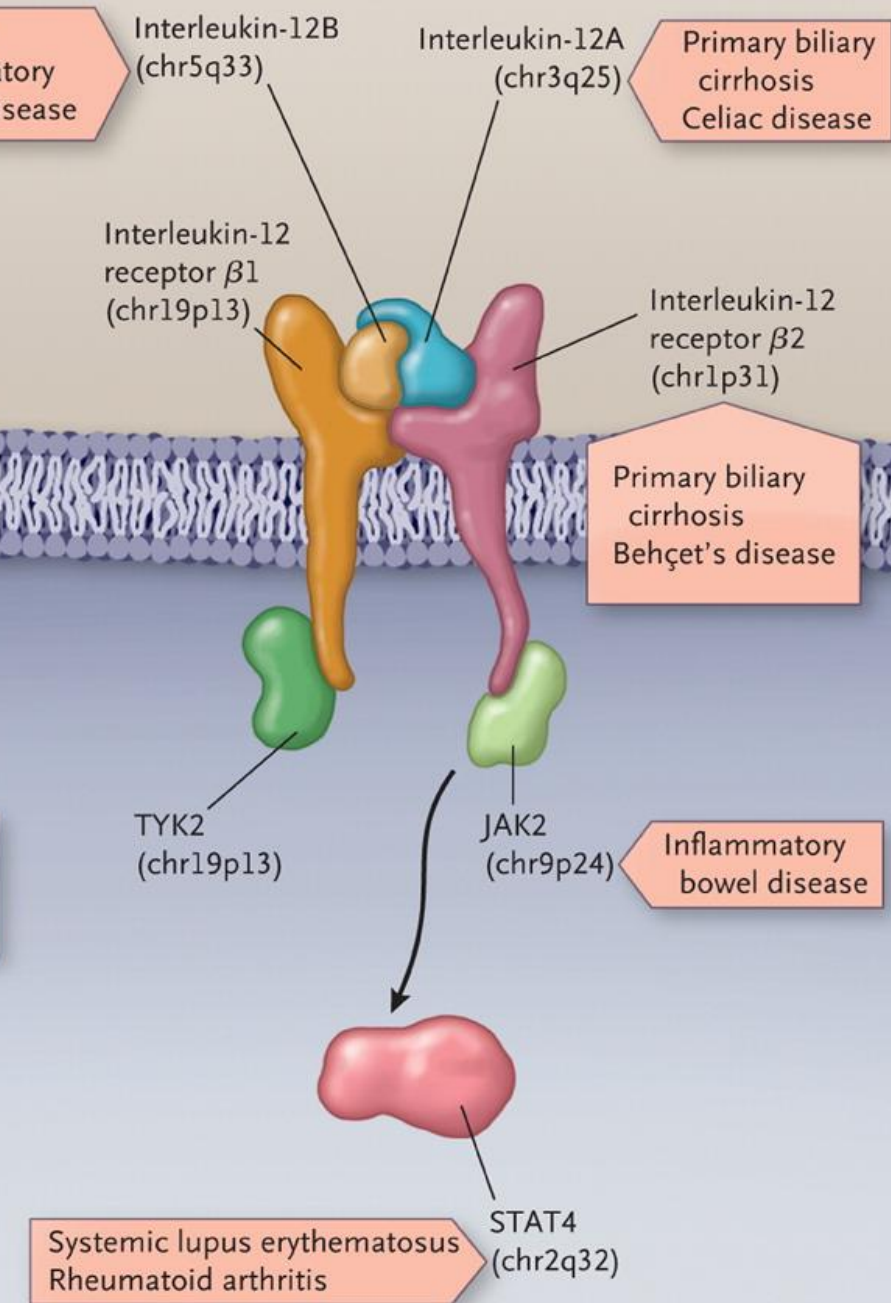
* IL23



Interleukin-23 signaling (Th17 cells)



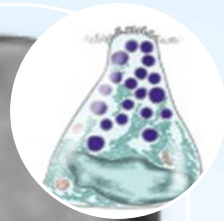
Interleukin-12 signaling (Th1 cells)



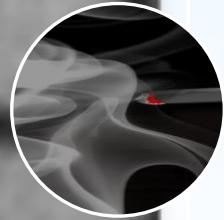
- * Causal variant is almost certainly *R620W*
- * Associated with T1DM, RA, A-I thyroid disease, myasthenia gravis, systemic sclerosis, vitiligo, Addison's and alopecia
- * And infectious disease (invasive bacterial infection & ?M.tb)
- * BUT ... in Crohn's disease it is protective
- * R620W risk allele is 'gain-of-function'
 - * Phosphatase with higher catalytic activity
 - * More potent -ve regulation of T-cell activation
- * *Lyp^{-/-}* mice have incr T-cell activation with incr production of antibodies
- * Alterations in PTPN22 change the thresholds for receptor signalling by T and B cells

* **PTPN22**
an intracellular phosphatase

TI Crohn's



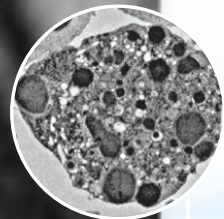
Paneth cells



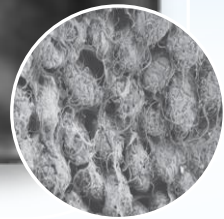
Cigarette Smoke



NOD2



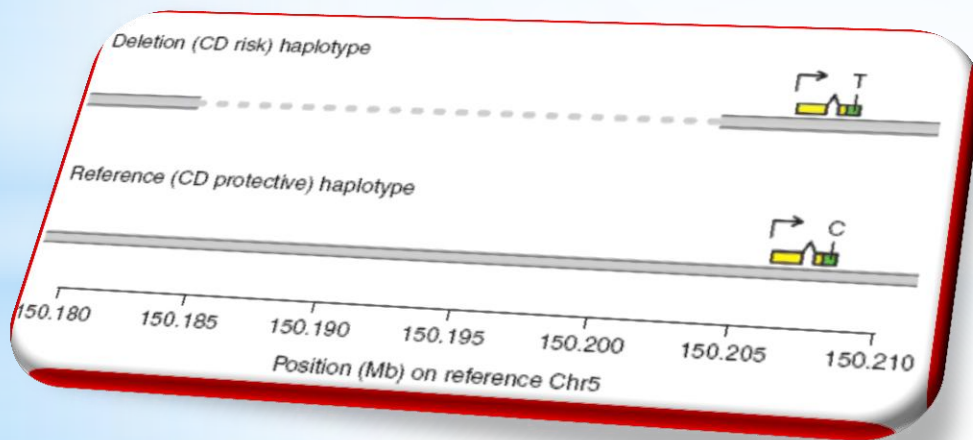
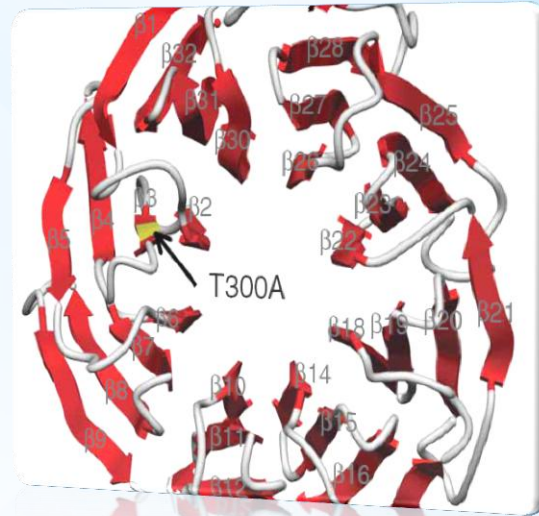
Autophagy



Dysbiosis

* **ATG16L1 & IRGM**

- * 2 novel, replicated CD susceptibility genes clearly implicating (*?defective*) autophagy in CD pathogenesis



* **Autophagy**

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Loss of the autophagy protein Atg16L1 enhances endotoxin-induced IL-1 β production

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A key role for autophagy and the autophagy gene Atg16L1 in mouse and human intestinal Paneth cells

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NOD2 stimulation induces autophagy in dendritic cells influencing bacterial handling and antigen presentation

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Nod1 and Nod2 direct autophagy by recruiting ATG16L1 to the plasma membrane at the site of bacterial entry

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* **ATG16L1**

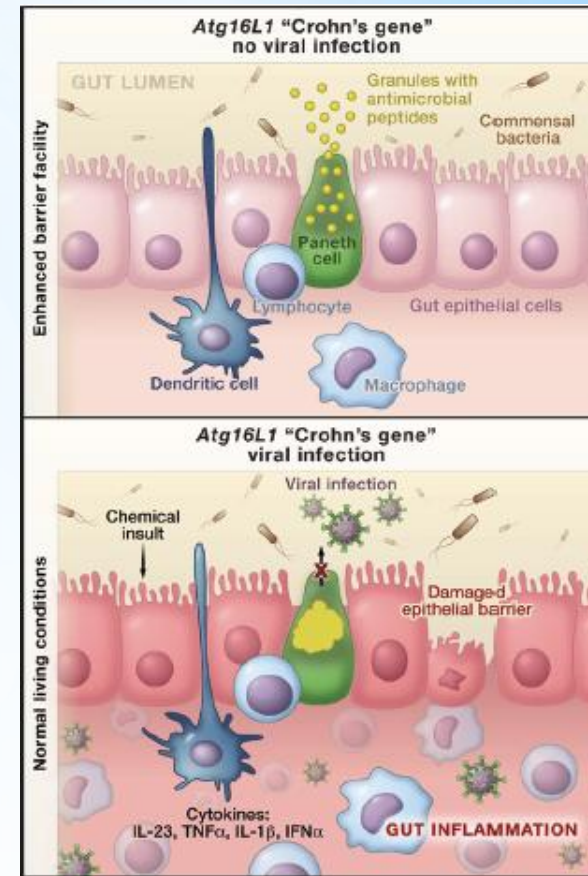
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D'oh! Genes and Environment Cause Crohn's Disease

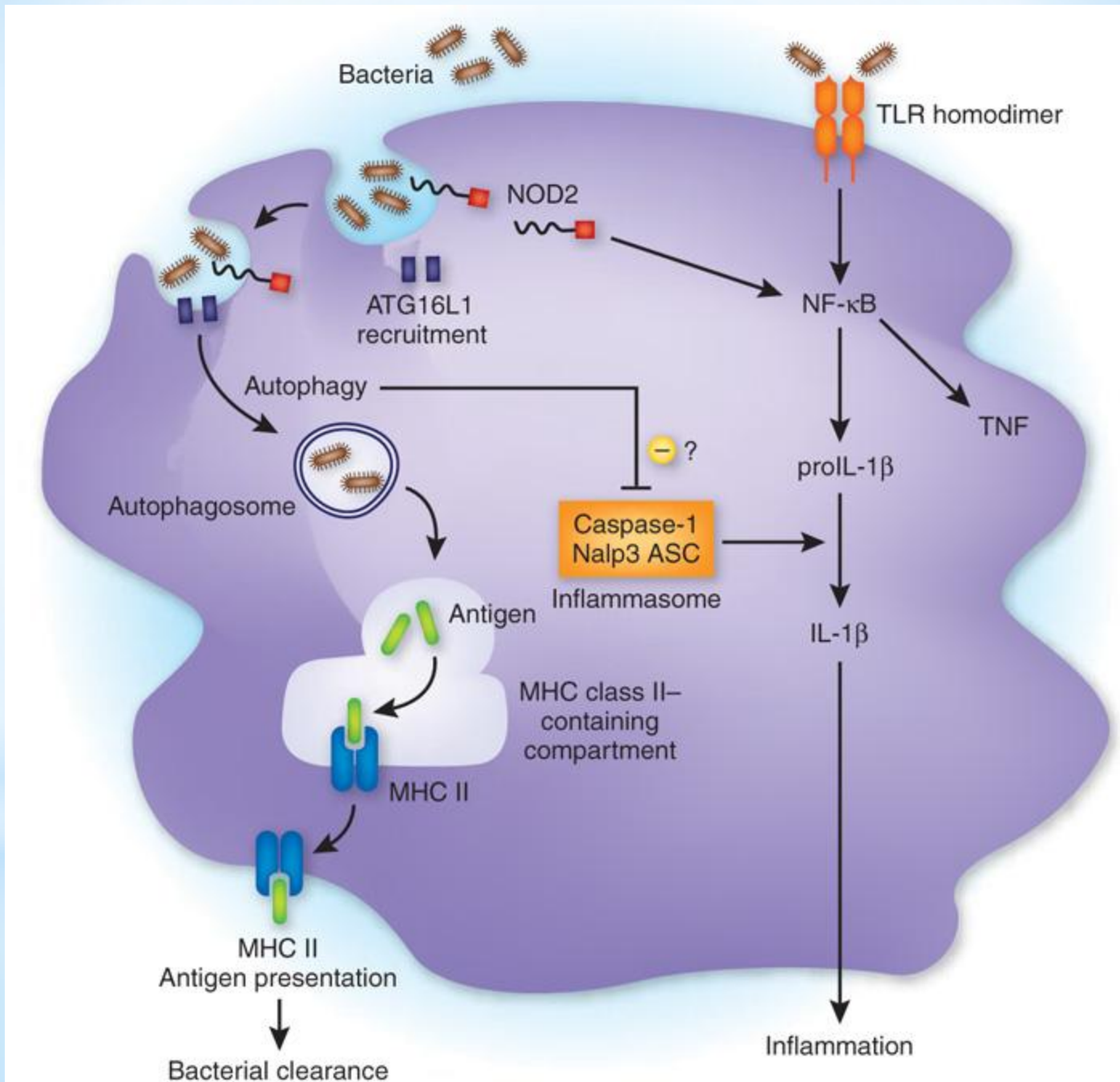


* *Atg16l1*^{HM} + MNV CR6 + DSS = hallmarks of Crohn's disease

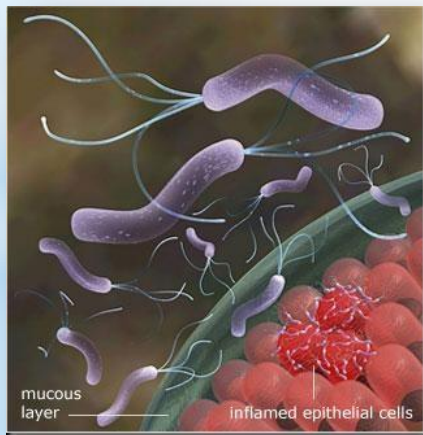
- * Inflammation of muscularis, mesenteric fat and blood vessels
- * ↑ lymphoid aggregate
- * Subserosal fibrosis
- * Hypertrophy of muscularis propria
- * *These effects (but not standard DSS injury) are ↓↓ by blocking TNF α or IFN γ or with broad-spectrum antibiotics*



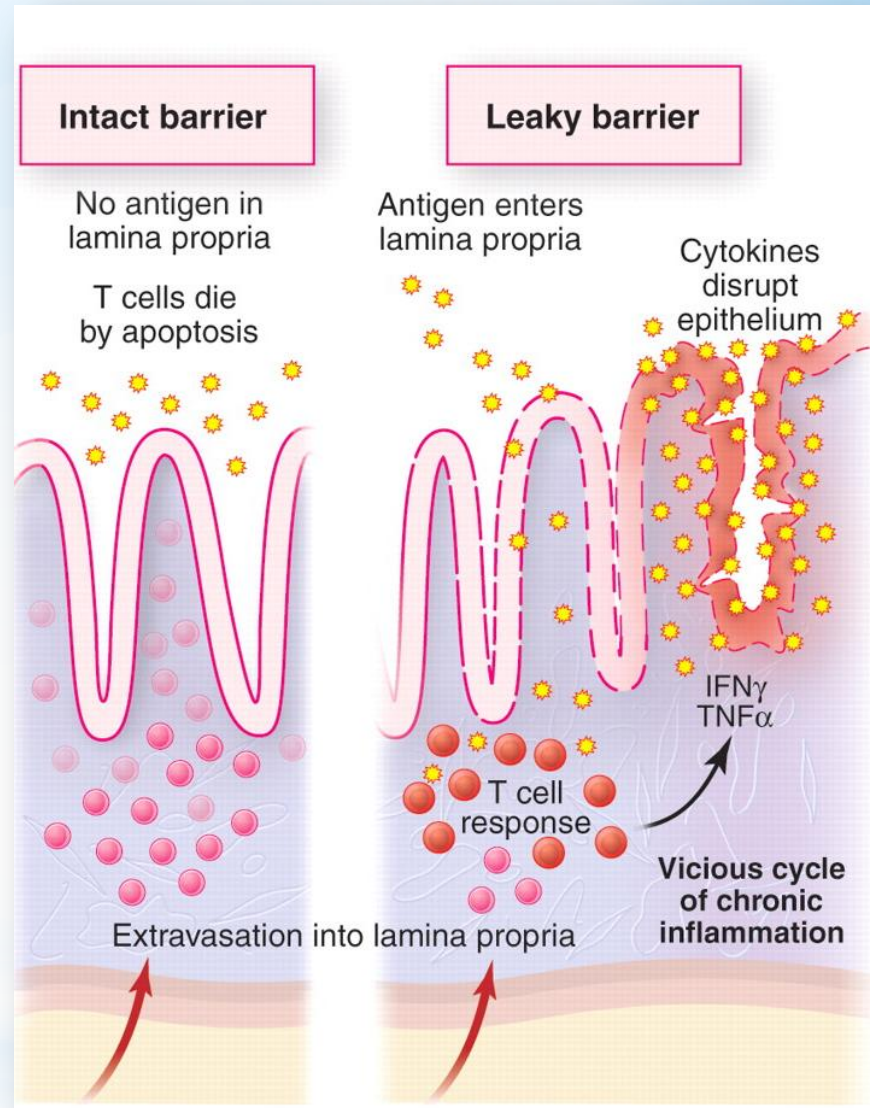
**Gene defect + bacteria + virus + chemical injury
ALL required to reproduce Crohn's-like phenotype**



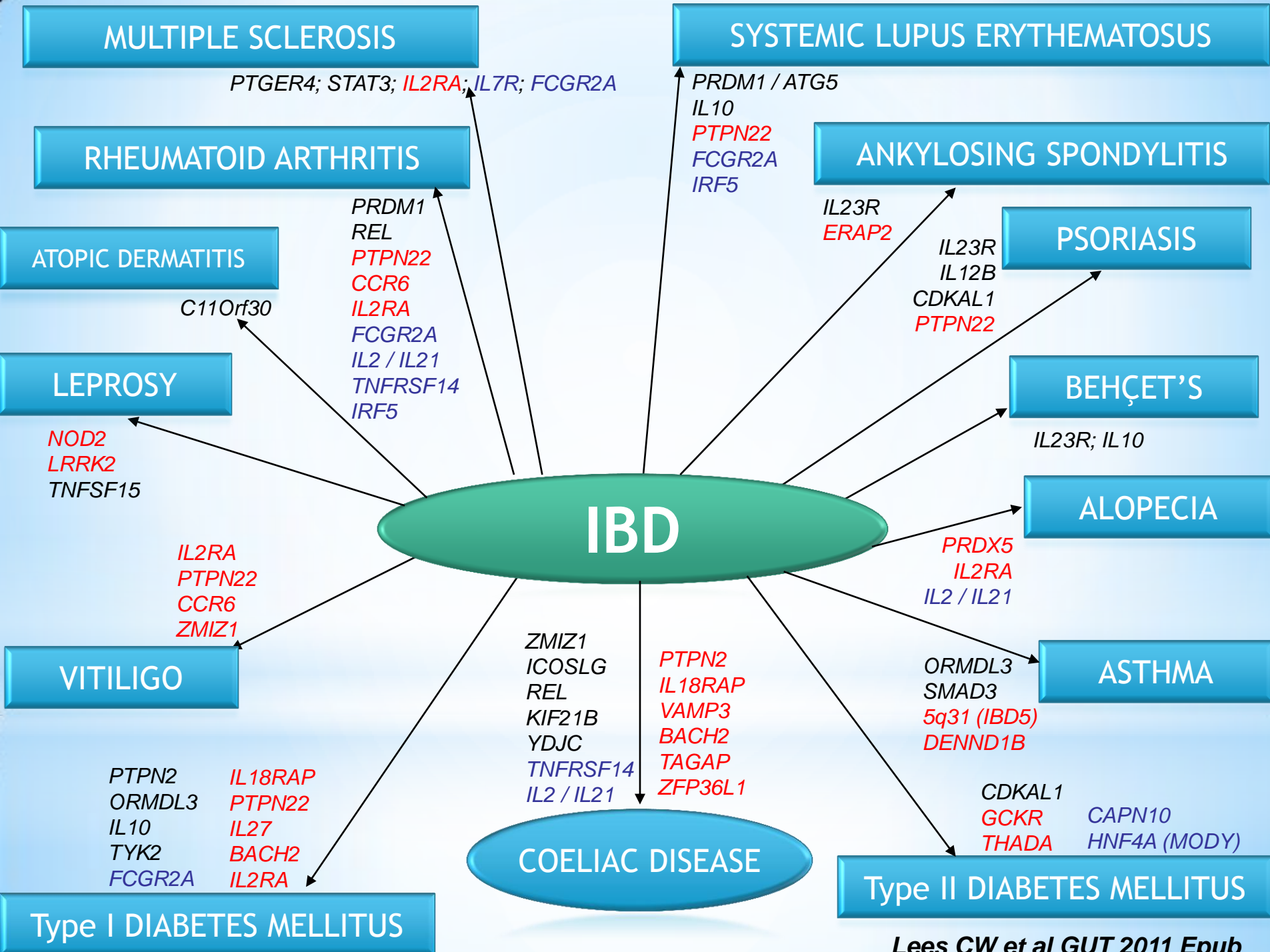
*The association of *NOD2*, *ATG16L1* and *IRGM* strongly indicates that alterations in the intracellular processing of bacteria constitute a central feature of the pathogenesis of Crohn's disease.



ECM1
E-cadherin
Laminins
HNF4 α
GNA12

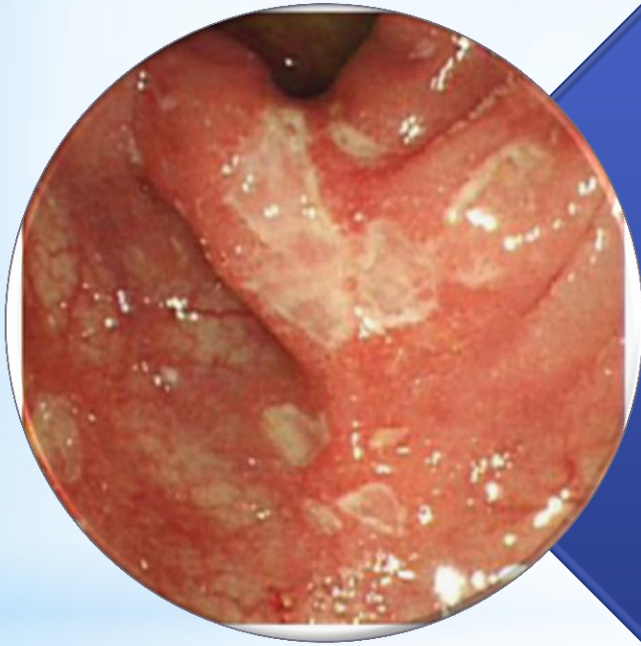


* Defective barrier function in UC



- * **cSNP**; Lead GWAS SNP highly correlated ($r^2 > 0.8$) with common coding mutation (p.G428A / p.W142X)
- * Non-secretor variant
 - * 20% of background population
 - * Ass. with no secretion of blood group antigens at epithelial surfaces
- * Near-complete protection from symptomatic norovirus infection
- * Partial protection from HIV and H pylori infection
- * BUT increased risk of Crohn's disease

* **FUT2**



Clinical advance

- Therapeutics
- Prevention
- Biomarkers

• BIOWALKER

* *HMG CoA Reductase & statins*

- * SNPs within the gene ass. with small effects on cholesterol levels
- * BUT ... statins which target the gene product are pretty effective & widely prescribed!

* Learning from other phenotypes ...

A Randomized Trial of Ustekinumab, a Human Interleukin-12/23 Monoclonal Antibody, in Patients With Moderate-to-Severe Crohn's Disease

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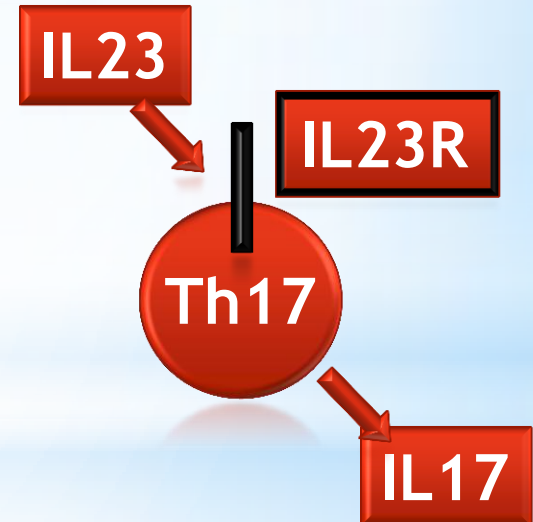
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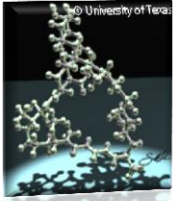
Anti-Interleukin-12 Antibody for Active Crohn's Disease

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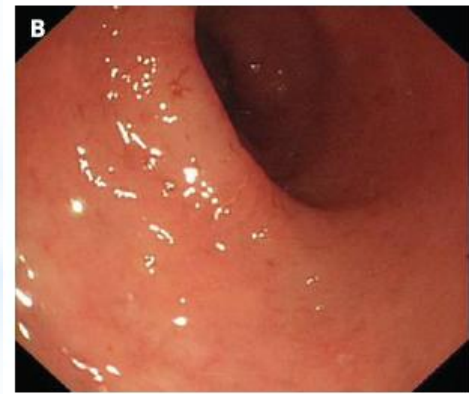
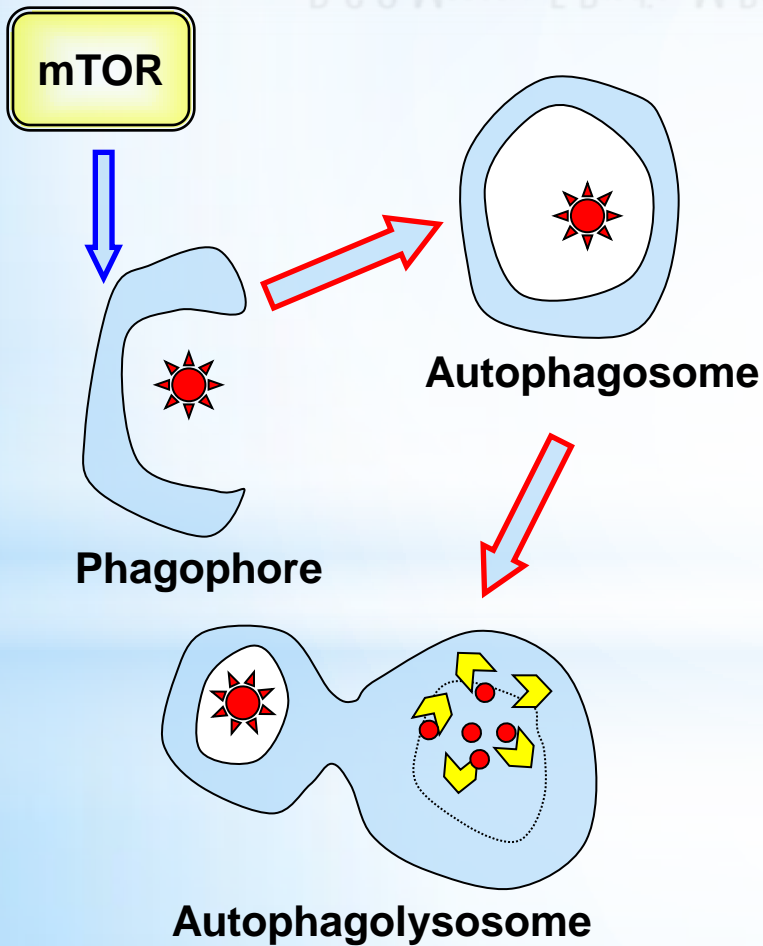
* **Anti-IL23**

Case report

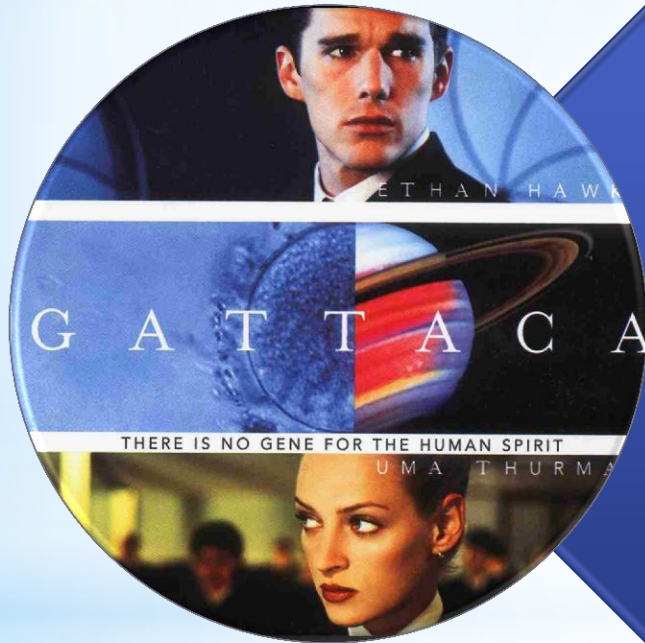


Use of sirolimus (rapamycin) to treat refractory Crohn's disease

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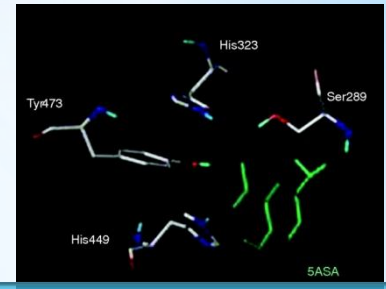
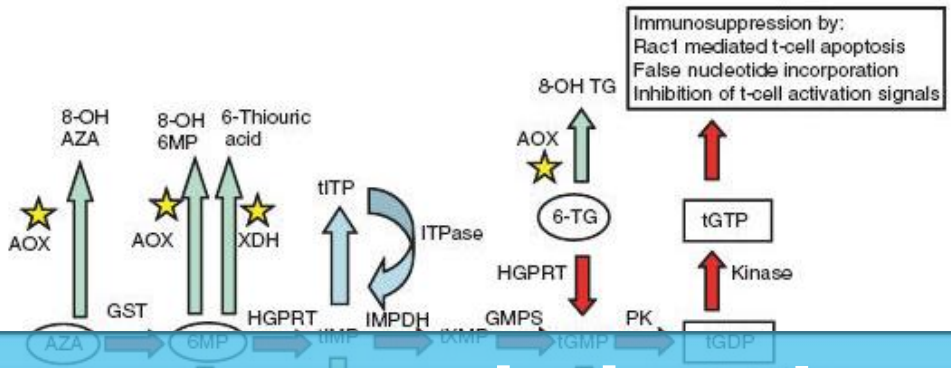
* **Autophagy**



Personalised medicine

- Diagnostics
- Prognostics
- Therapeutic optimisation





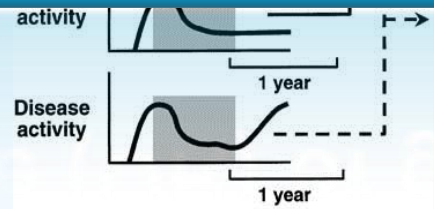
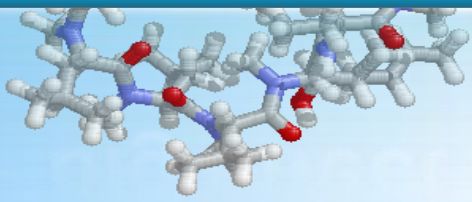
Can we use existing drugs better?

Predict response

- and avoid toxicity in non-responders

Predict risk of adverse events

- big effect size (OR) of germline mutations



DRUG	RESPONSE	N	Genome-wide sign / replication	Implicated gene
Simvastatin	Myopathy	85/90	Yes / Yes	SLCO1B1
Flucloxacillin	Liver injury	51/282	Yes / Yes	HLA-B*5701
Iloperidone	QT prolongation	183 / 0	No / No	None found

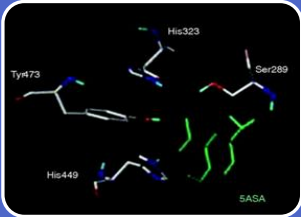
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*HLA-B*5701* genotype is a major determinant of drug-induced liver injury due to flucloxacillin

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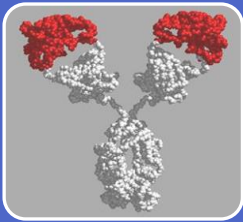
* GWAS on ADR

Adapted from Ann Daly Nature Reviews Genetics 2010



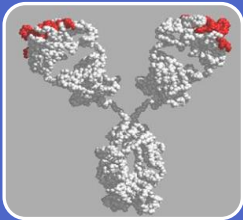
5-ASA induced nephrotoxicity

- Currently recruiting
- Tariq.ahmad@doctors.org.uk



Rare anti-TNF side-effects

- Demyelination
- Lymphoma



Response to anti-TNF drugs

- Acute severe UC (rescue therapy)
- Primary non-response in Crohn's



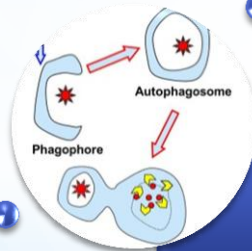
Colitis-associated colon cancer



'Designer'
Clinical trials



Existing
therapies?



Biology of
causal variants



Gene discovery

* Drug pipeline from gene discovery



Address issue of missing heritability



Sub-phenotypes



True biological understanding



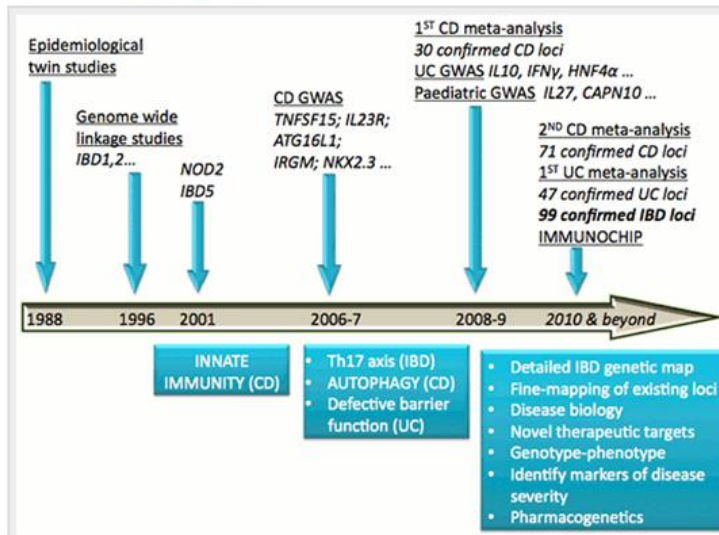
Apply the technology to patients

* IBD Genetics 'to do' list

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International Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium (IIBDGC)

The International IBD Genetics Consortium is a network of researchers working on the genetics of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). We have undertaken a number of large scale genome-wide association studies of both Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, which have identified dozens of genomic loci implicated in these diseases (99 at the end of 2010). We hope that this research can be translated into a more complete understanding of the biology of IBD which might lead to improved diagnoses and treatment.



IBD Genetics Historical Timeline

Complex Disease Genetics for Clinicians

26-27 January 2012

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