

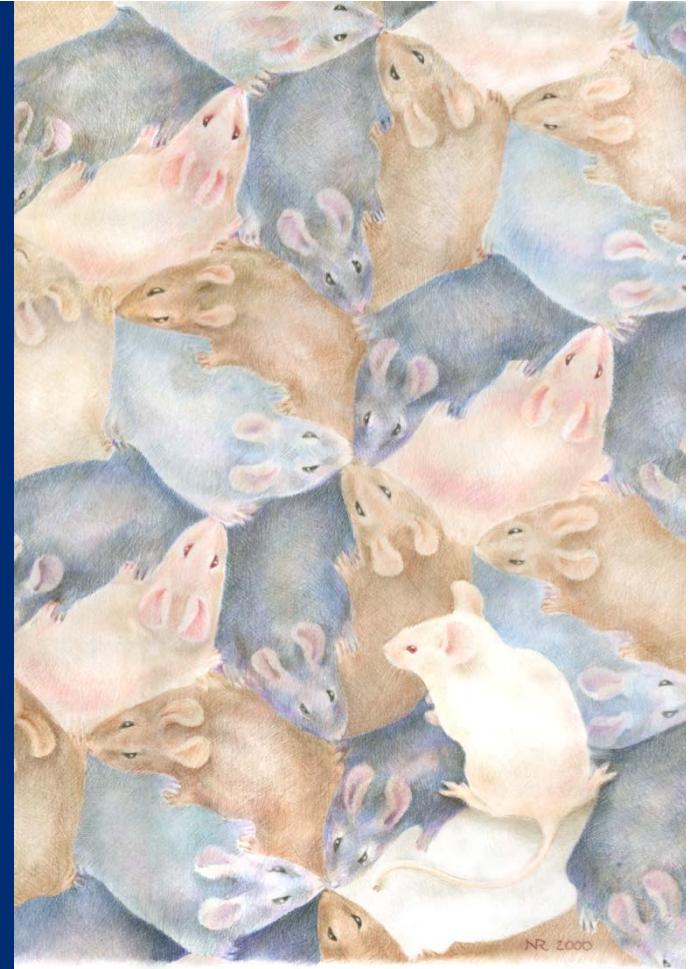
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*Advancing Personalised Medicine
with Animal Models*

Athens November 2017

Of mice and CRISPR

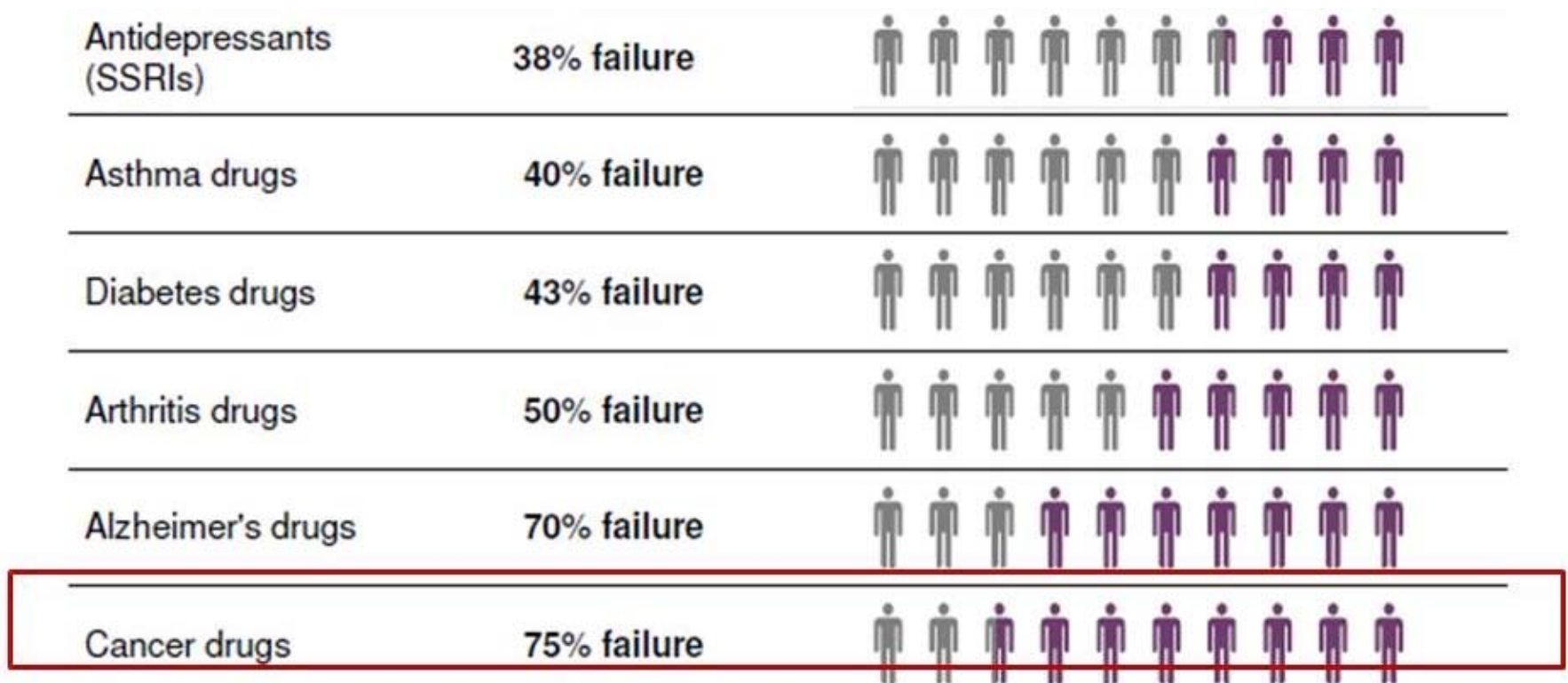
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Why precision medicine?

Patients respond differently to the same medicine:



Achieving precision medicine

“..a revolution in the way we cure and prevent disease, using cutting edge technology to match patients with treatment.”

Medical research then: *Defined molecular pathways govern health and disease*

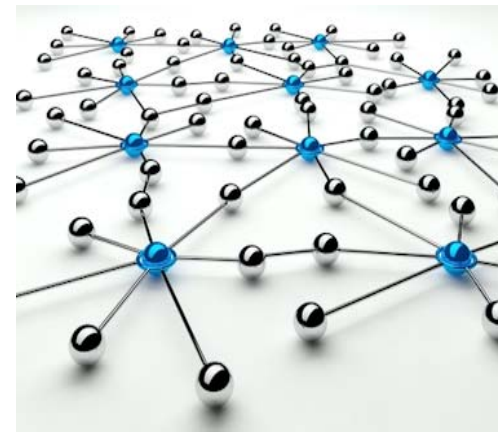
Medical research now: *Individual's genetic makeup governs the unique set of features and functions underlying health status and disease susceptibility*



Challenges of precision medicine

Different diseases disrupt **distinct sets of biological networks:**

- genetic networks
- molecular networks
- cellular networks
- organ networks



Variation in disease susceptibility and outcome between individuals reflects distinct **disturbances in an assembly of networks.**

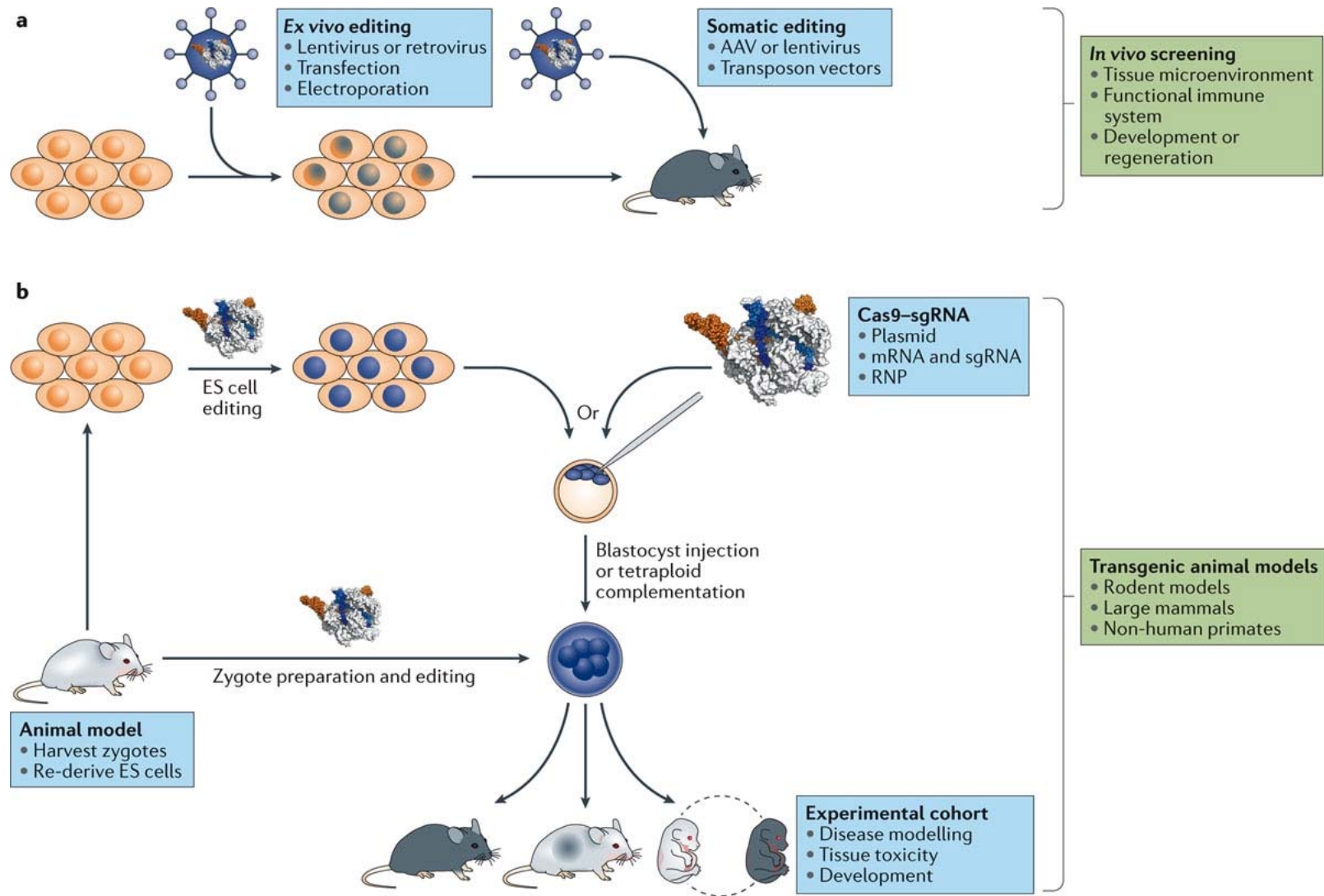


What scientific vistas will CRISPR open for precision medicine?

- Creation of **complete allelic series** of a genetic disease
- **Experimental validation** of the phenotypic output of combinatorial gene variations
- **Humanization**: the progressive reshaping of the whole mouse genome
- Comprehensive understanding of **genetic background** and its effect on Mendelian disease mutation



CRISPR-Cas in mouse modelling



?

How to model complex traits with CRISPR?

- **Multiplex mutations** in a single mouse
- **Stack variations** by crossing multiple mutant mice for combinatorial power
- **Reengineer functional portions** of the mouse genome (eg immunoglobulins)
- **Expand the genetic diversity** of mouse backgrounds on which to test mutations



Inbred mice: pros and cons

- Homozygous across their entire genome
- All mice within a strain are genetically identical
- Reproducible models of disease



A/J: high incidence of spontaneous lung adenomas



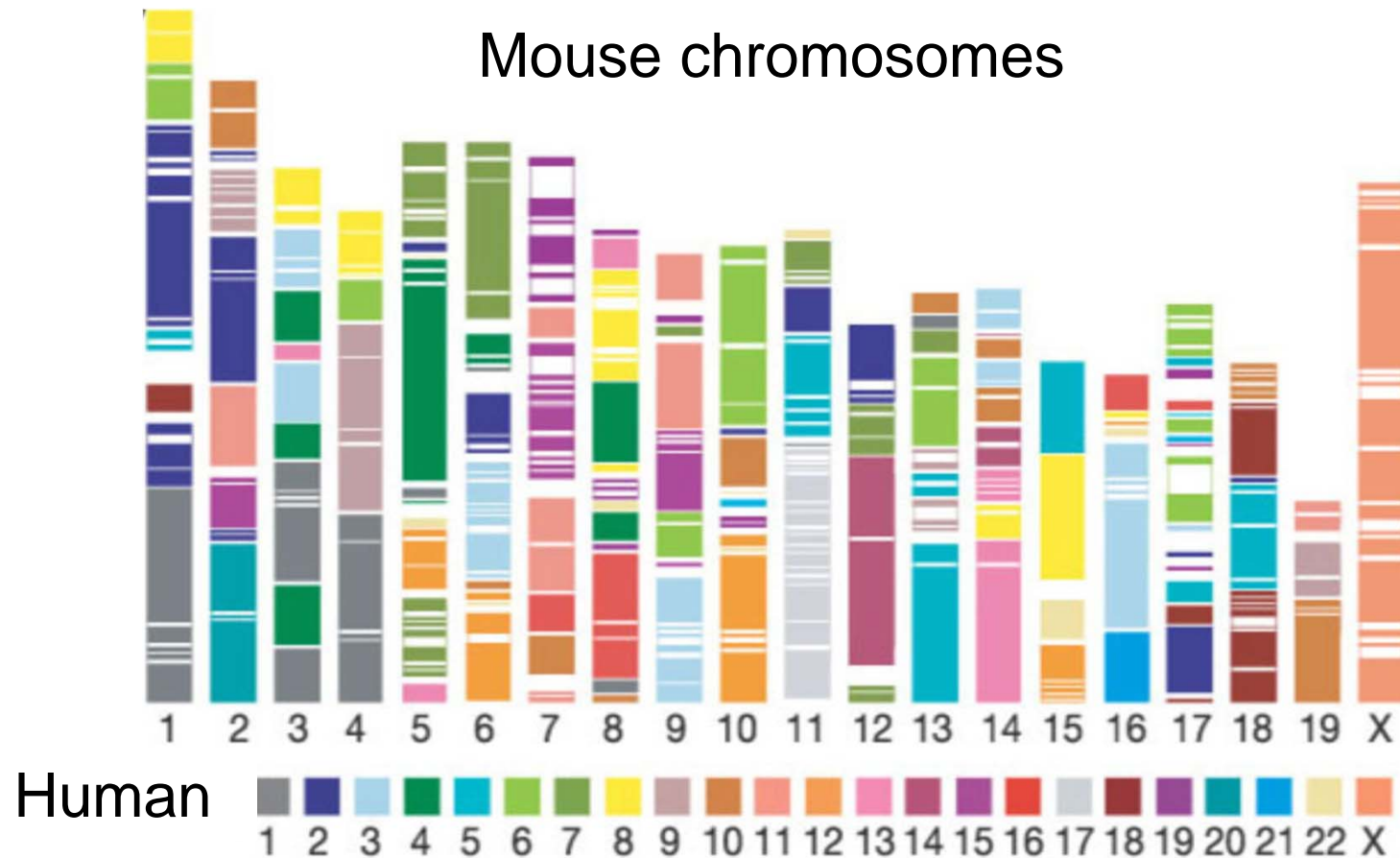
C3H/HeJ: high incidence of spontaneous hepatomas



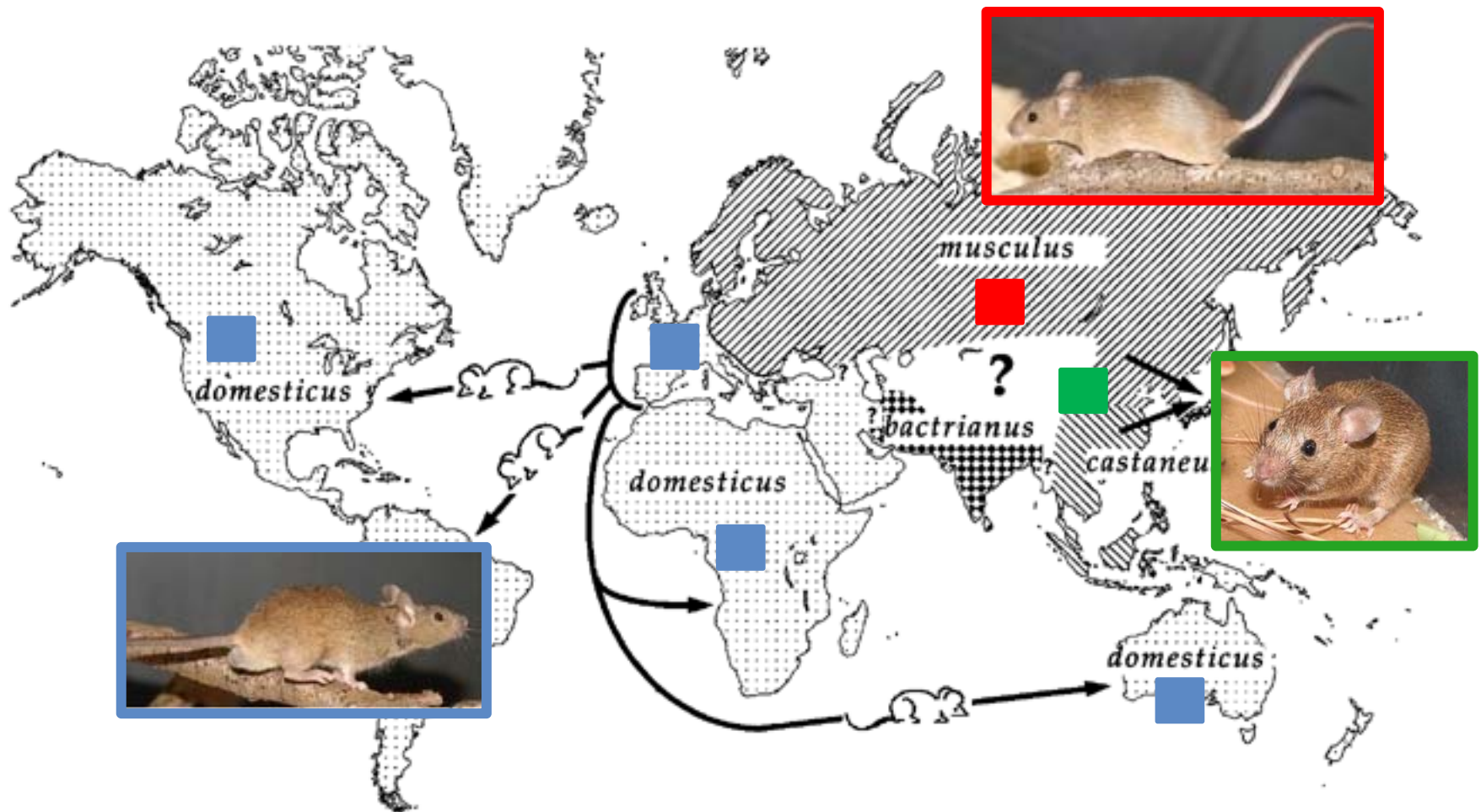
C57BL/6J or N:
a.k.a. “The Mouse”



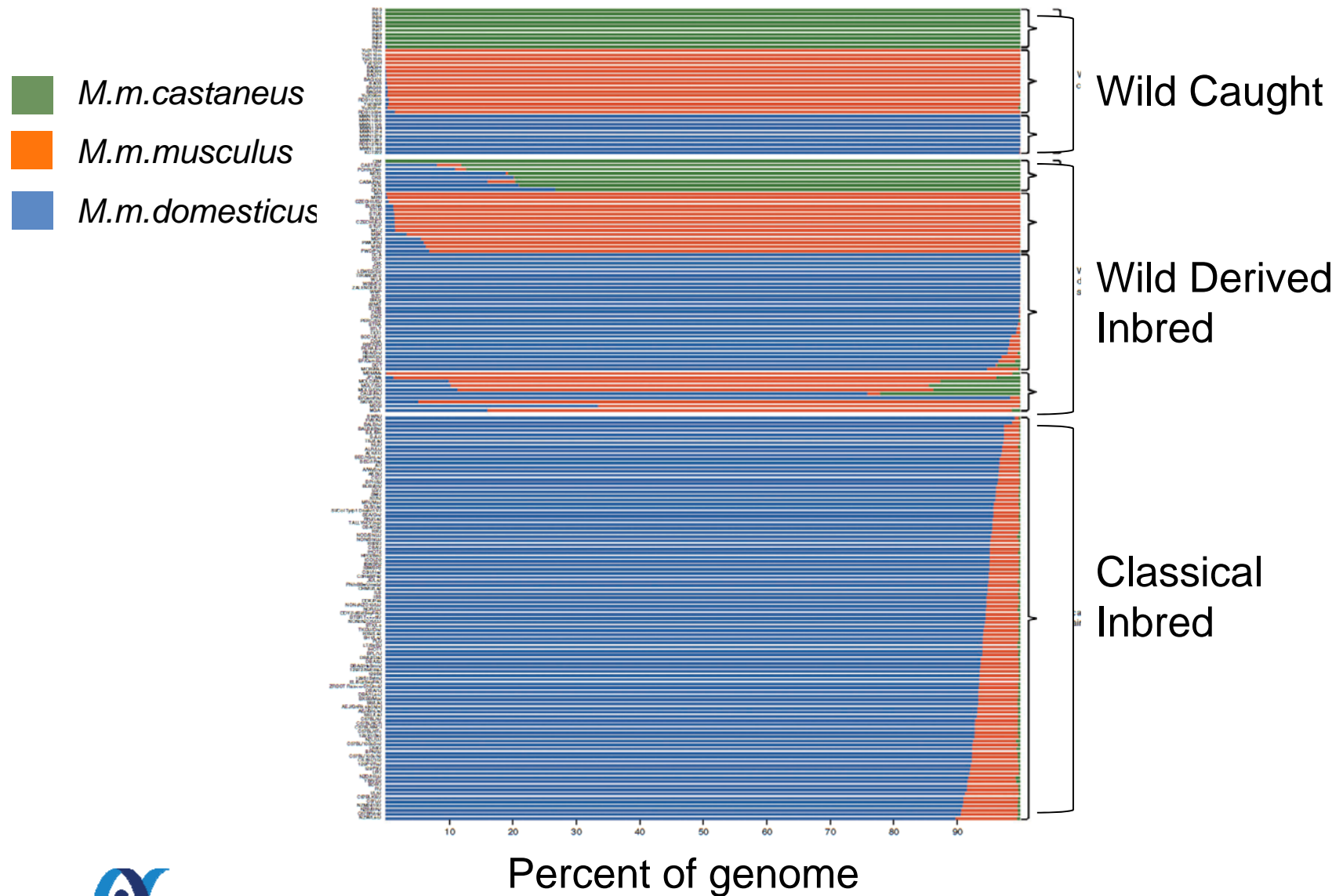
Much of our genetic information can be mapped onto the mouse genome (synteny)



Laboratory mice are derived from three major sub-species



Limited genetic diversity of inbred mouse lines



Is an inbred mouse a good model for the genetically diverse human population?



Genetically diverse mice

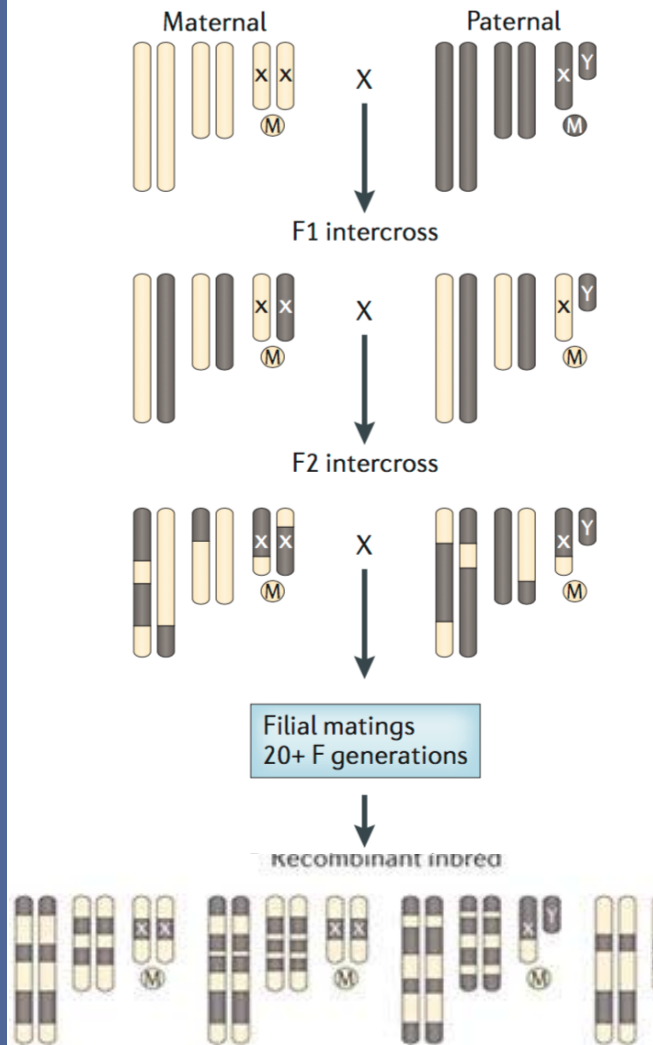


Genetically diverse human population

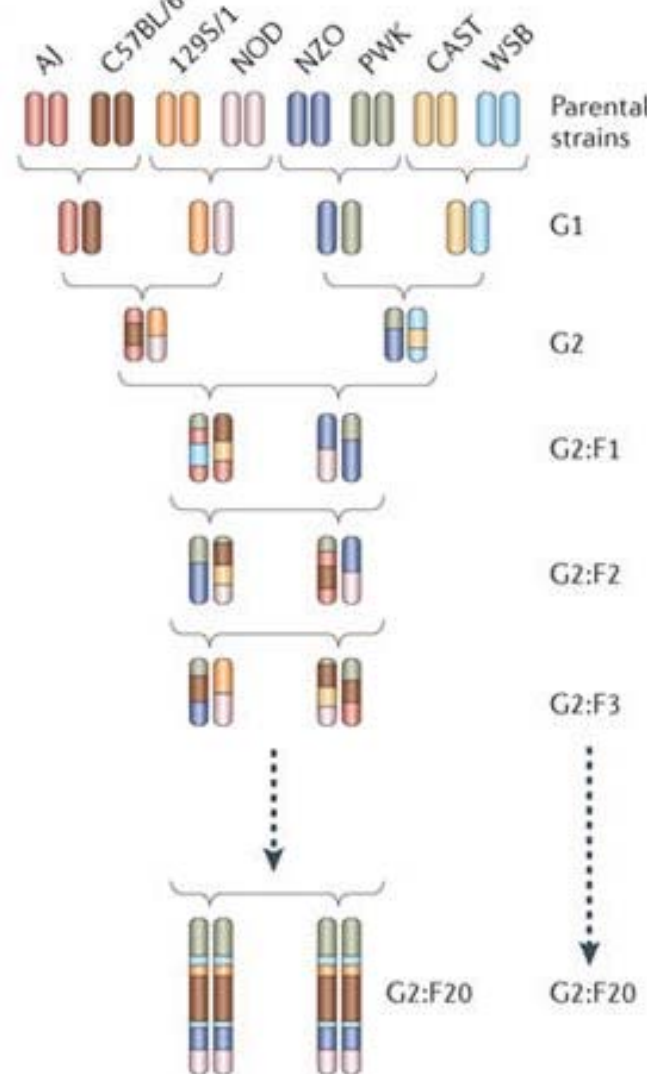


Recombinant inbred resources

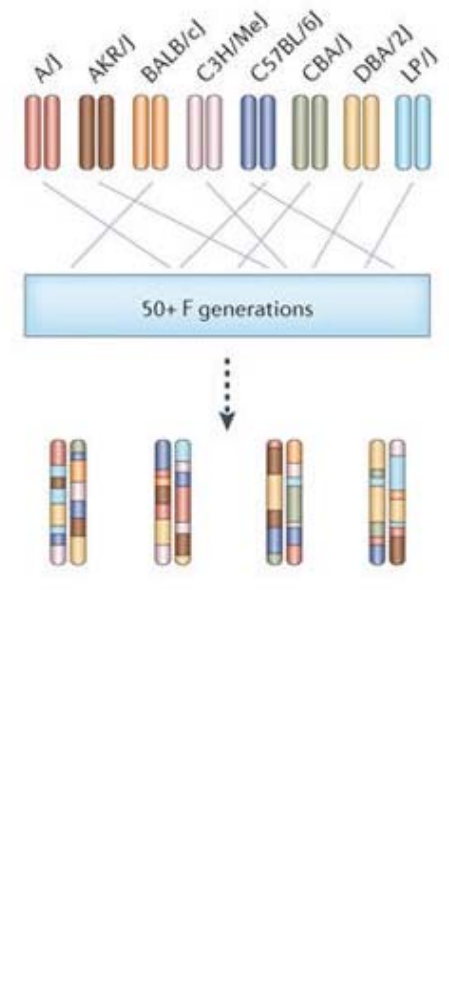
F2 intercross (BxD)



Collaborative Cross



Diversity Outcross

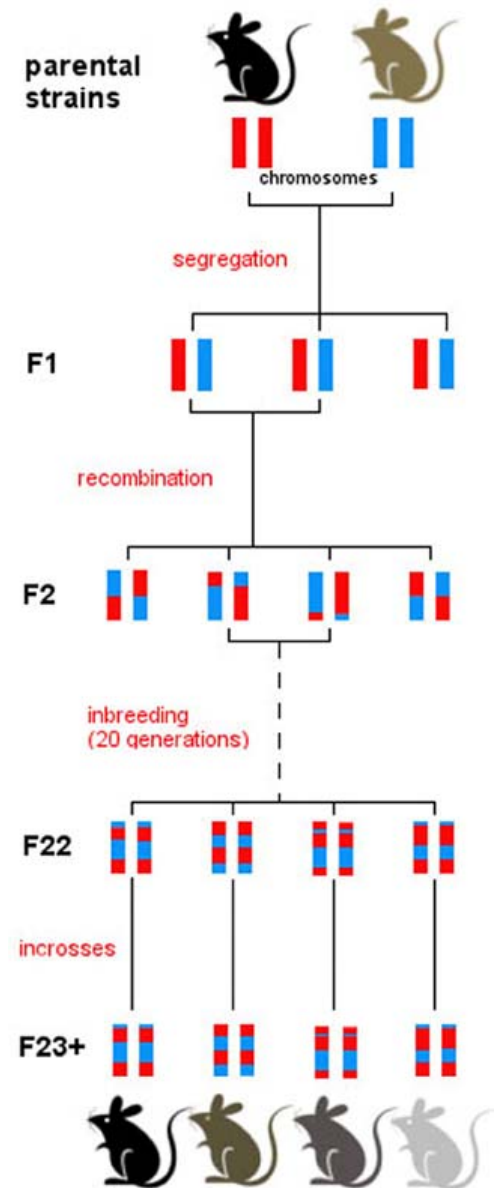


BxD Recombinant Inbred strains

The BXD family of strains were derived by crossing C57BL/6J (B6) and DBA/2J (D2) and inbreeding progeny for over 20 generations.

Data for thousands of phenotypes and nearly 100 gene, protein, and metabolite expression data sets have been acquired over a nearly a 40-year period.

Two strains differ at approximately 4.8 million SNPs. Variants are mostly single nucleotide polymorphisms and about 500,000 insertion-deletions)



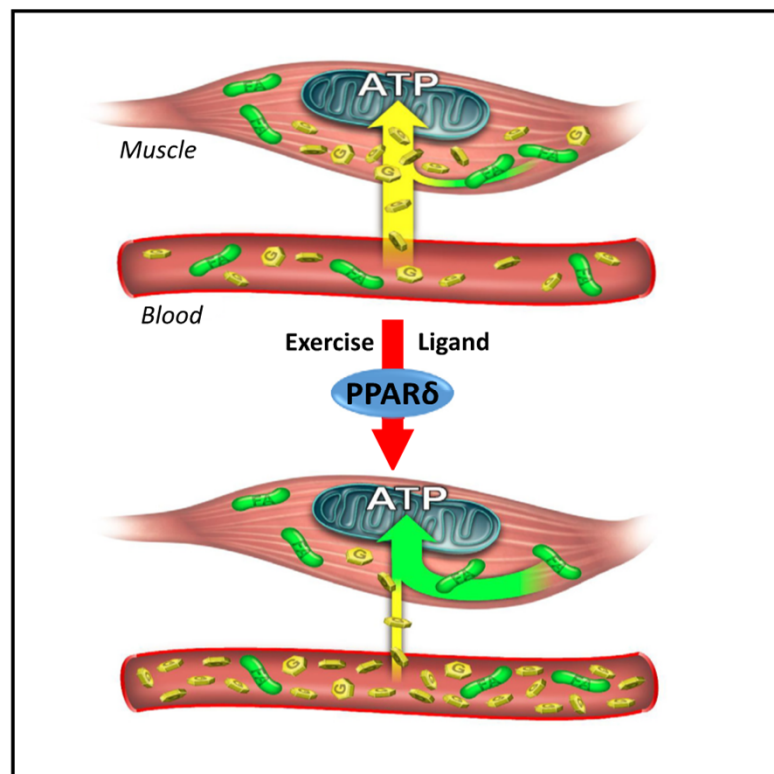
Mapping endurance parameters with BxD

Cell Metabolism

Fan et al, 2017

PPAR δ Promotes Running Endurance by Preserving Glucose

Graphical Abstract



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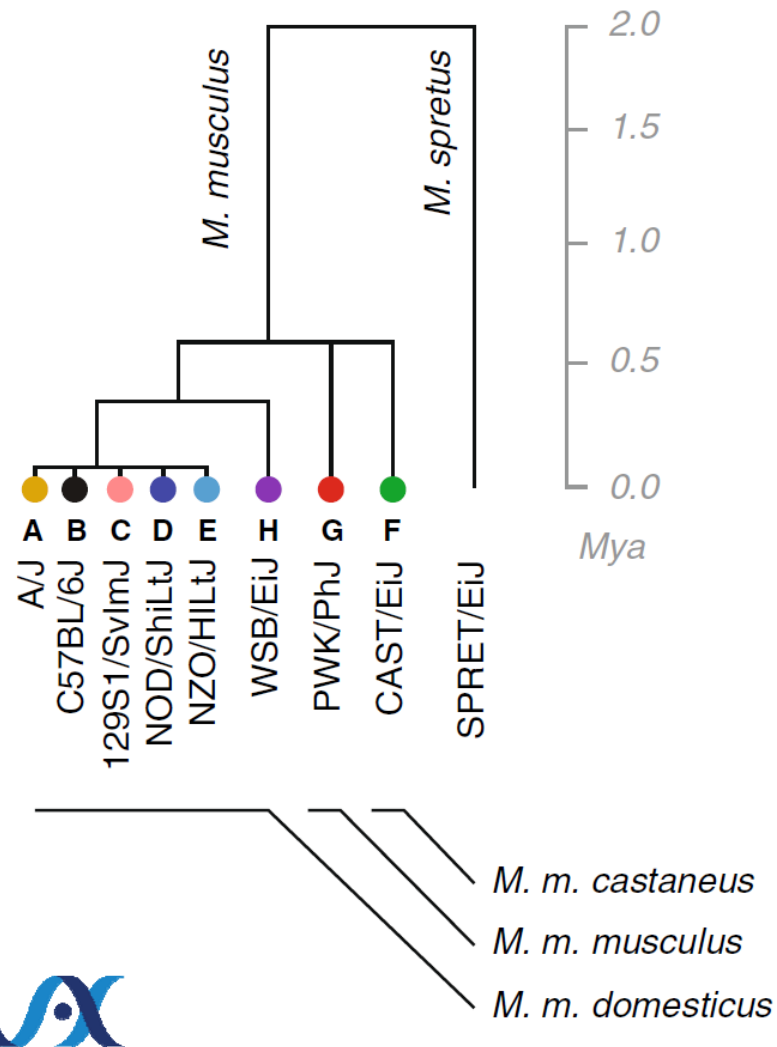
In Brief

Carbohydrate depletion in endurance sports leads to the “hitting the wall” phenomenon, which is mitigated through sports training. Fan et al. show that muscle PPAR δ actively suppresses glucose catabolism. Glucose sparing by PPAR δ delays the onset of hypoglycemia and extends running time by ~100 min in agonist-treated mice.

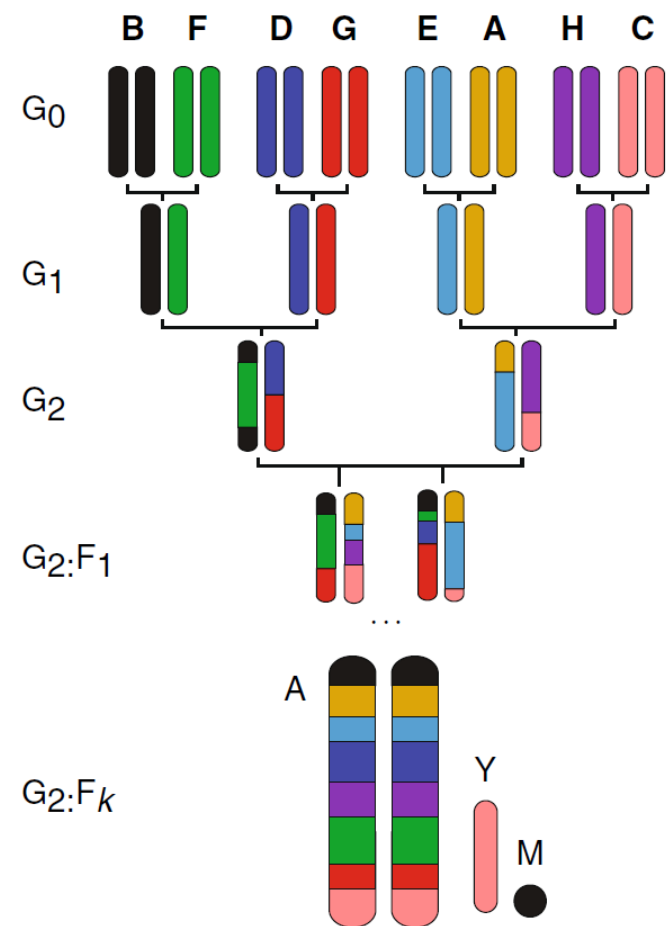


Collaborative Cross (CC) structure

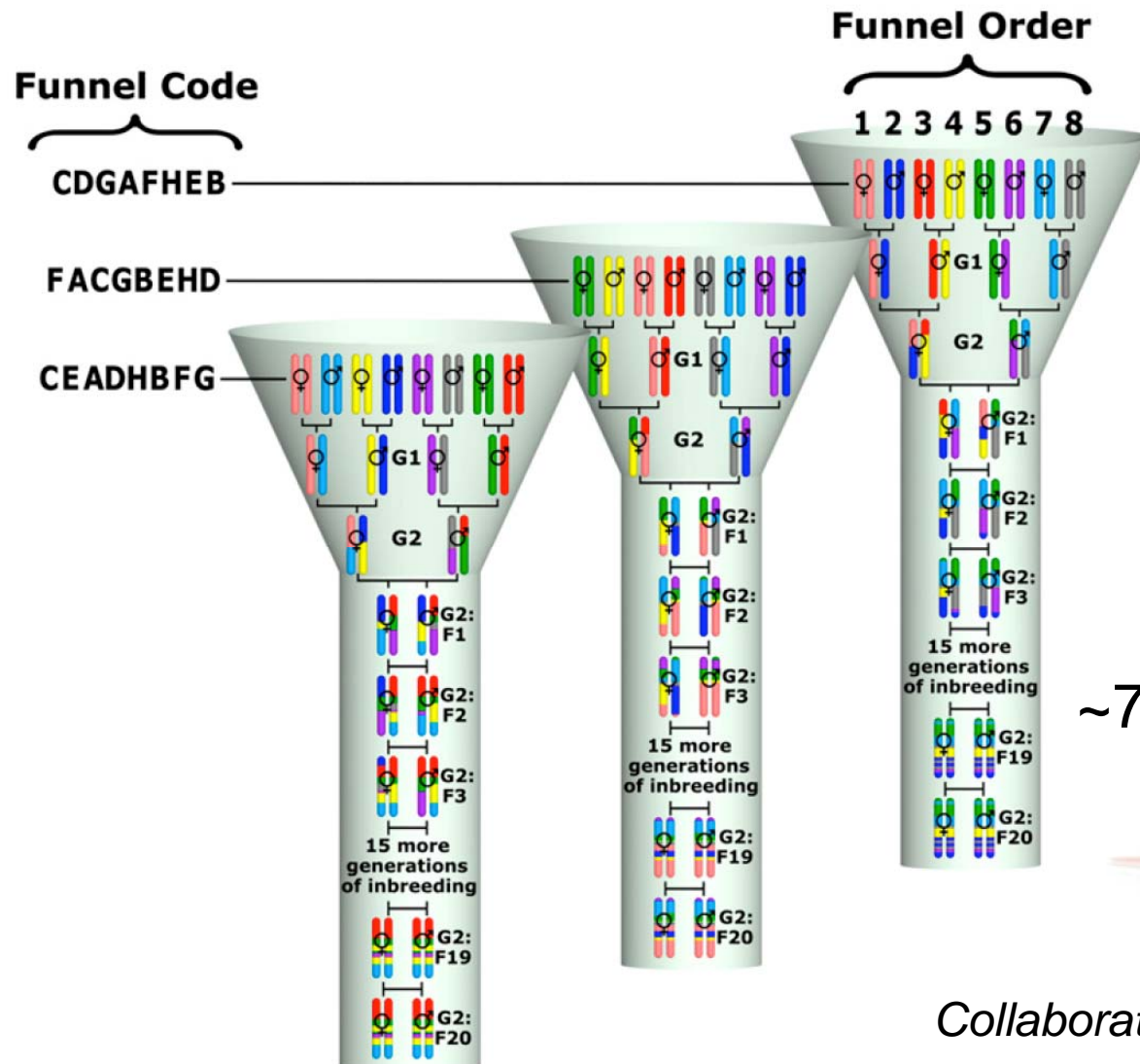
Select 8 inbred founder lines



Multiparent crosses



CC mice: RI strains with high diversity



~70 strains available



*Collaborative Cross Consortium,
Genetics 2012*

CC mice recapitulate variation in human infectious disease outcomes

Modeling Host Genetic Regulation of Influenza Pathogenesis in the Collaborative Cross

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PLoS Pathogens (2012)

Expression Quantitative Trait Loci for Extreme Host Response to Influenza A in Pre-Collaborative Cross Mice

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G3 (2012)

Host genetic diversity enables Ebola hemorrhagic fever pathogenesis and resistance

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Science (2014) 346:987-991



Genetic Diversity in the Collaborative Cross Model Recapitulates Human West Nile Virus Disease Outcomes

Jessica B. Graham,^a Sunil Thomas,^b Jessica Swarts,^a Aimee A. McMillan,^b Martin T. Ferris,^c Mehul S. Suthar,^d Piper M. Treuting,^e Renee Ireton,^b Michael Gale, Jr.,^b Jennifer M. Lund^{a,f}

[mbio.asm.org](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmbio.1004000) May/June 2015 Volume 6 Issue 3

Genetically diverse mice are novel and valuable models of age-associated susceptibility to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

David E Harrison^{1†}, Clinton M Astle¹, M Khalid Khan Niazi², Samuel Major³ and Gillian L Beamer^{3*†}

Immunity & Ageing (2014) 11:24

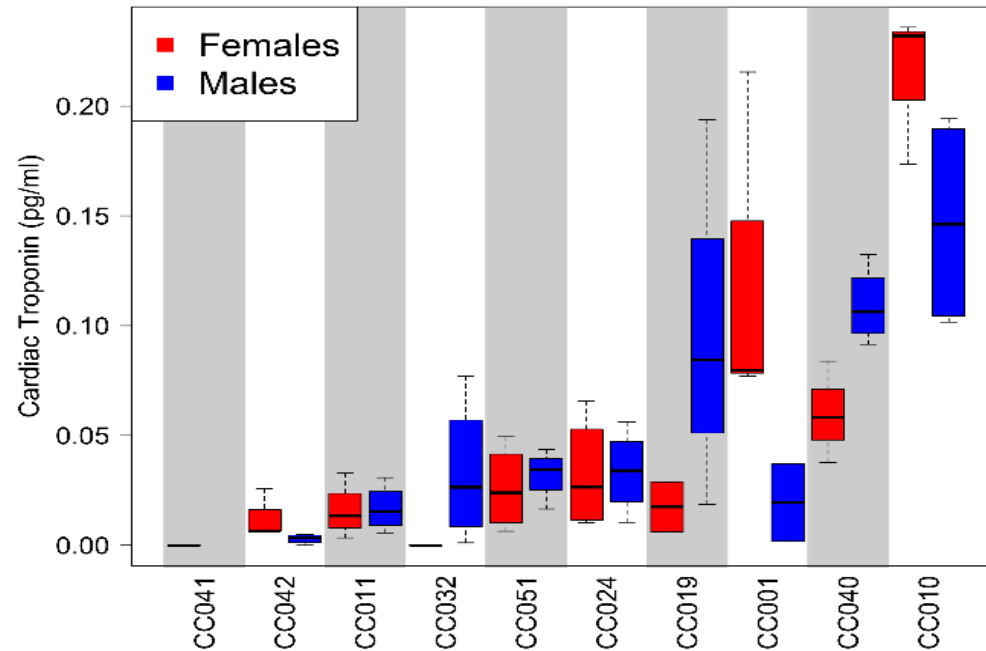
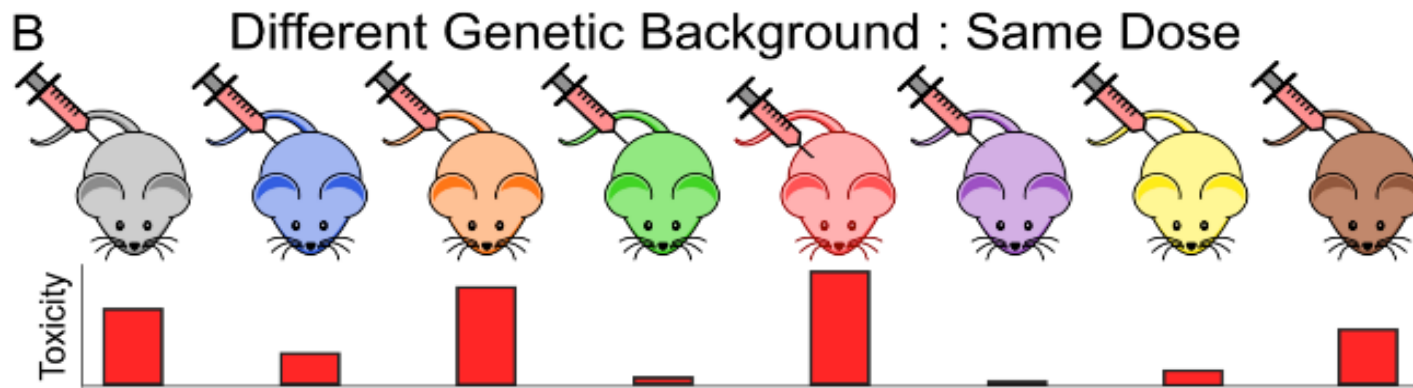
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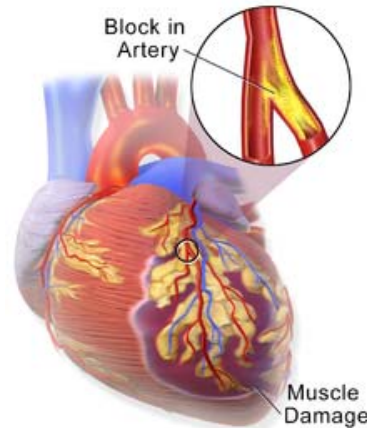
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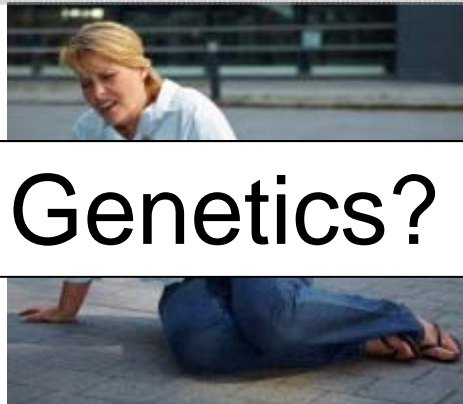
CC inbred strains recapitulate cancer drug-induced cardiotoxicity outcomes



How to predict the clinical variation in response to heart attack?



Stress



Gender

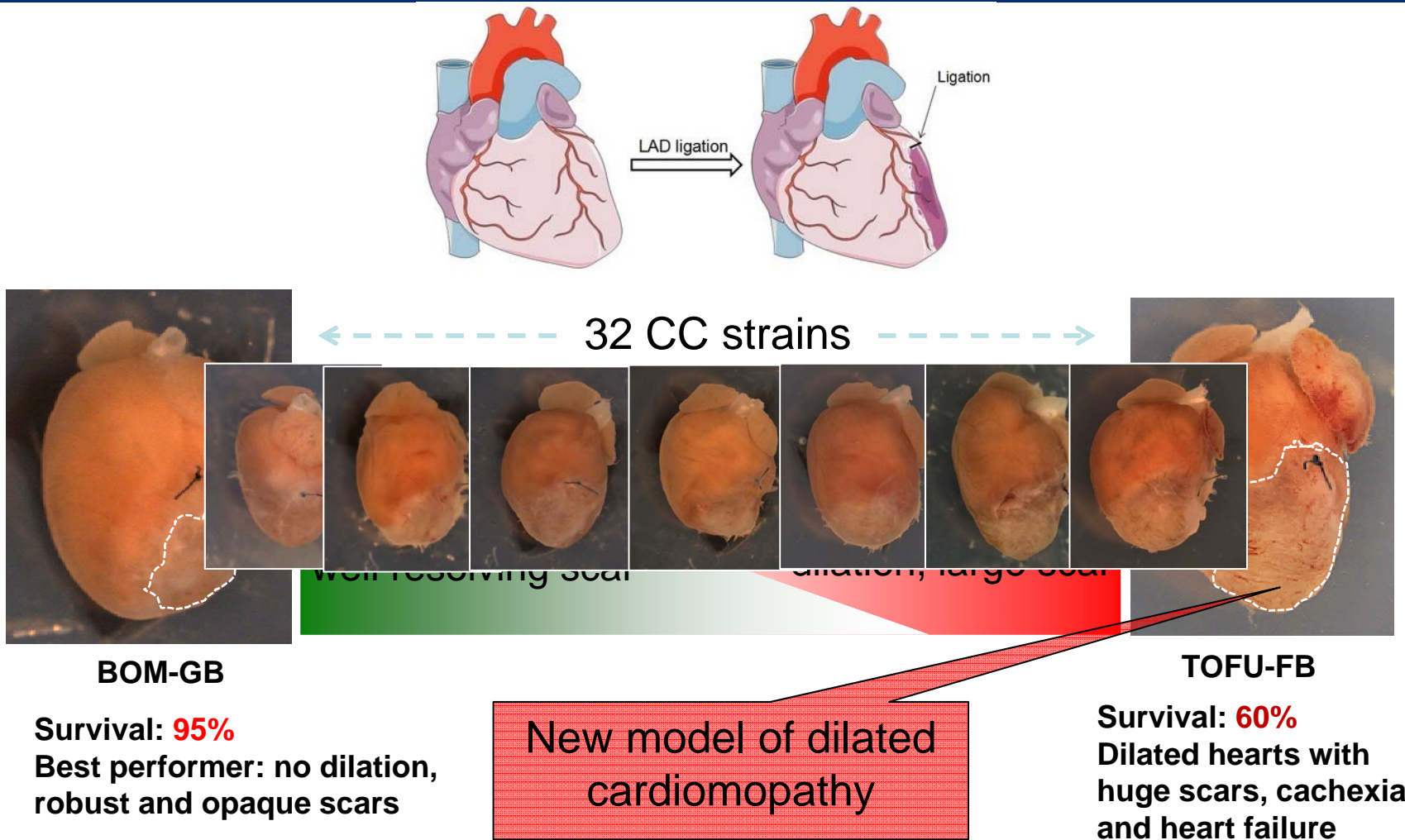


Lifestyle

Genetics?



Varied response to heart attack in CC mice



Mapping modifiers of heart failure: Myo18b

Myo18b knockout in mice:

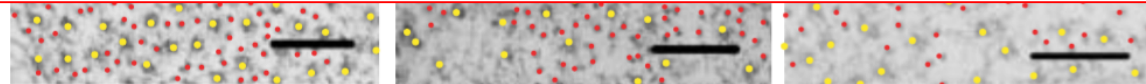
Disordered myofibrillar structures in skeletal muscles

Journal of Neuromuscular Diseases 2 (2015) 219–227
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Research Report

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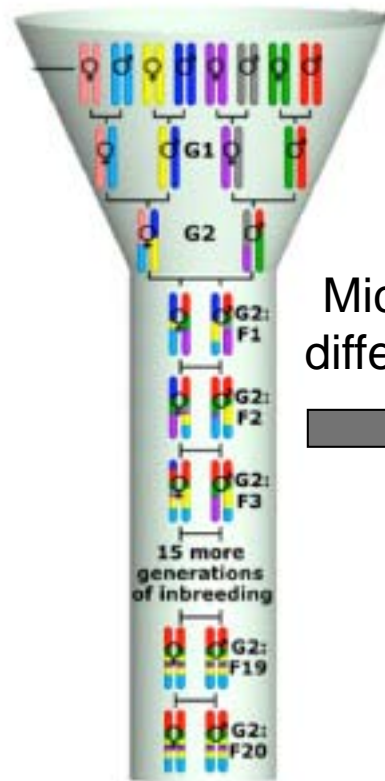
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Ajima et al, Genes to Cells 2008

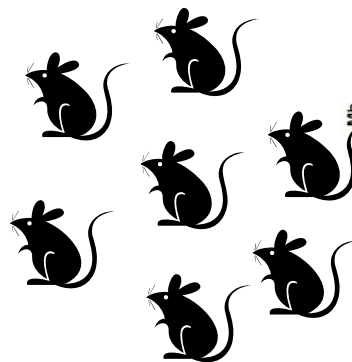
Diversity outcross (DO) mice: reaching individual human variation levels

Collaborative Cross Funnel

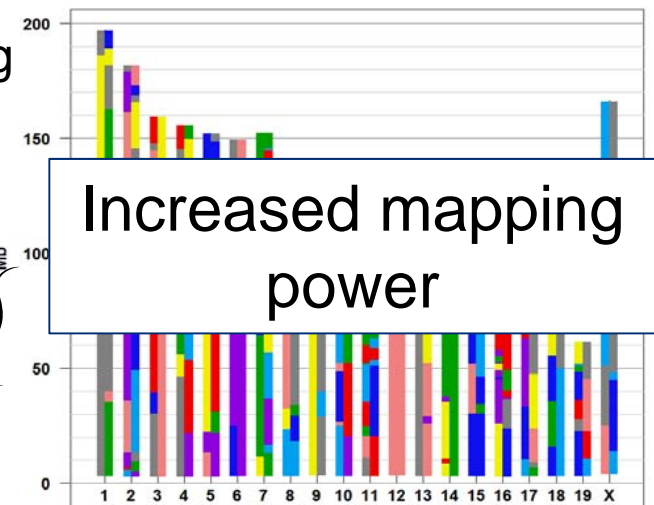


Mice from 144 different funnels

Random breeding



Diversity Outcross chromosomes

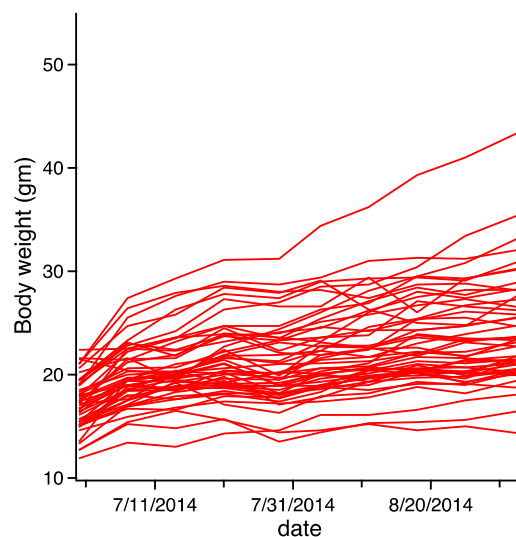


- DO mice contain 40 million SNPs
- Humans have ~15 mil. common SNPs
- Each mouse is genetically unique

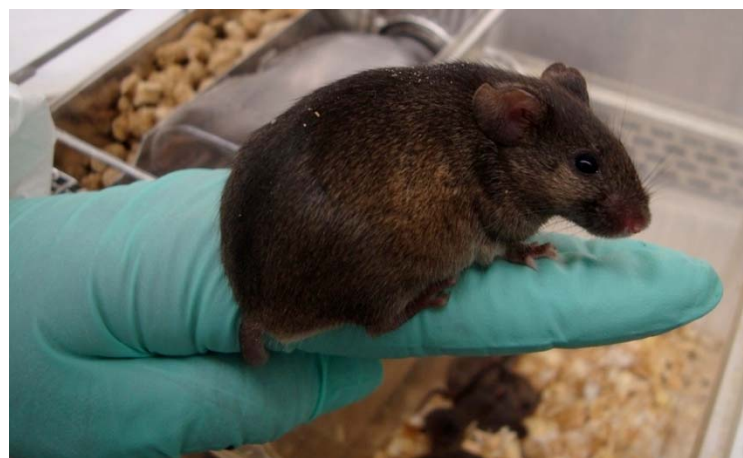
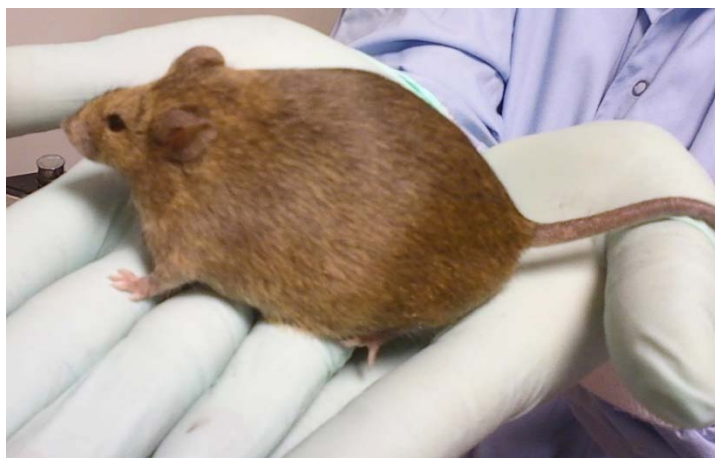
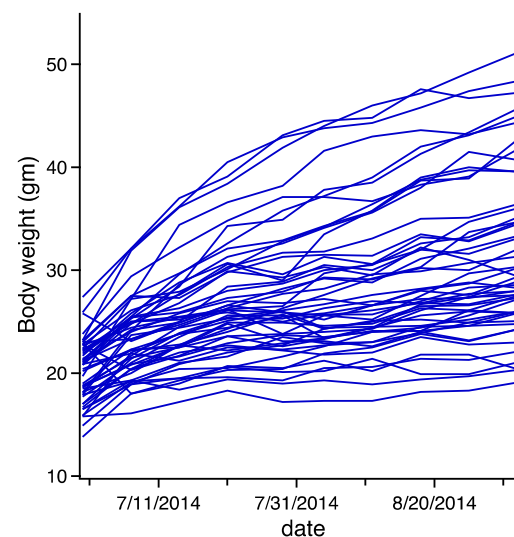


Diverse characteristics of individual DO mice

female DO mice

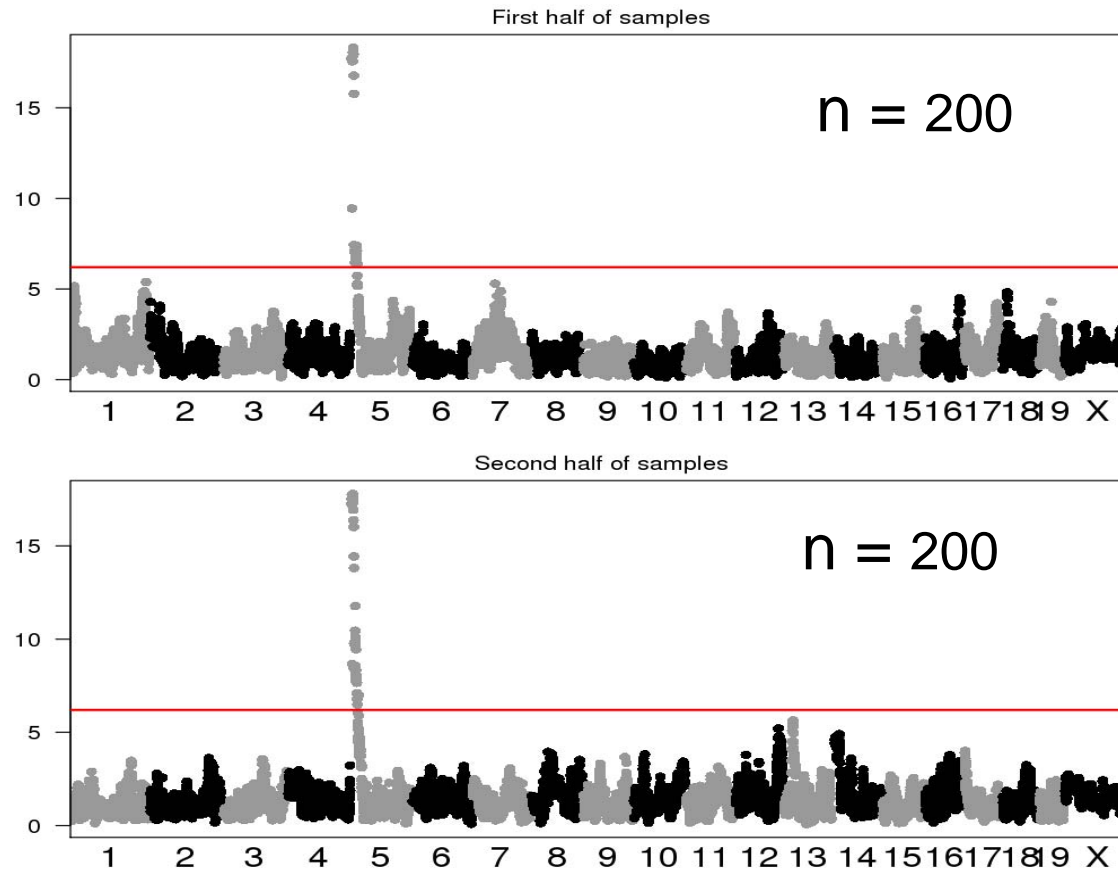


male DO mice



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Are DO studies reproducible?



- Change in neutrophils in response to DOX
- Split by cohorts run several months apart



Using genetic diversity for network analysis

Defining the consequences of genetic variation on a proteome-wide scale

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By measuring genome-wide transcript and protein expression in livers from **192 Diversity Outbred mice**, 2,866 protein quantitative trait loci (pQTL) were identified with twice as many local as distant genetic variants:

1. support **distinct transcriptional and post-transcriptional models**
2. reveal an **extensive network** of direct protein-protein interactions
3. local genotype can provide **accurate predictions of protein abundance**



Harness mouse diversity resources and CRISPR to functionalize the human genome



Human genomics: where are we headed?

Reading the genome

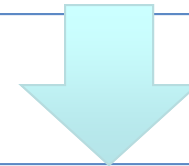
**Understanding
genetic & genomic
complexity**



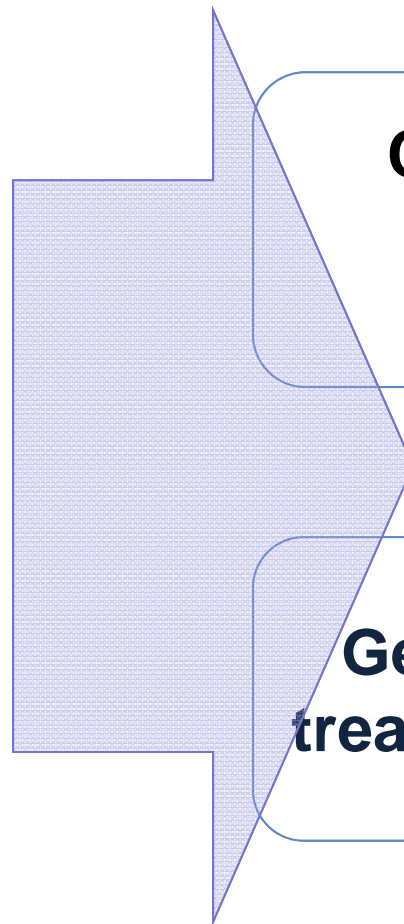
**Molecular
mechanisms of
disease**

Writing the genome

**Complex disease
models:
mice and cells**



**Genetic solutions to
treating human disease**



Goal 1: “reading” the human genome

Decoding human variation with mouse diversity pipelines:

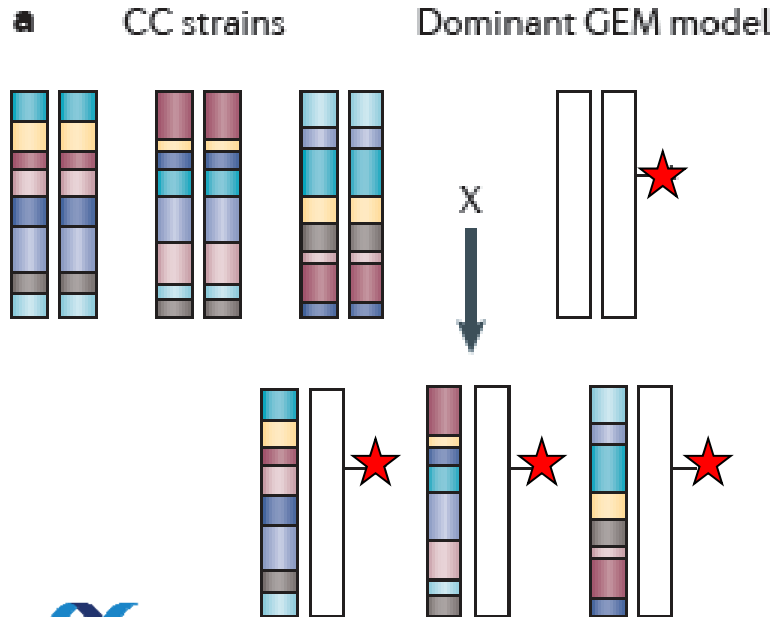
- Genetic mapping of variable disease phenotypes
- Validation of candidate modifiers with mutation
- Mapping gene networks onto human genome data



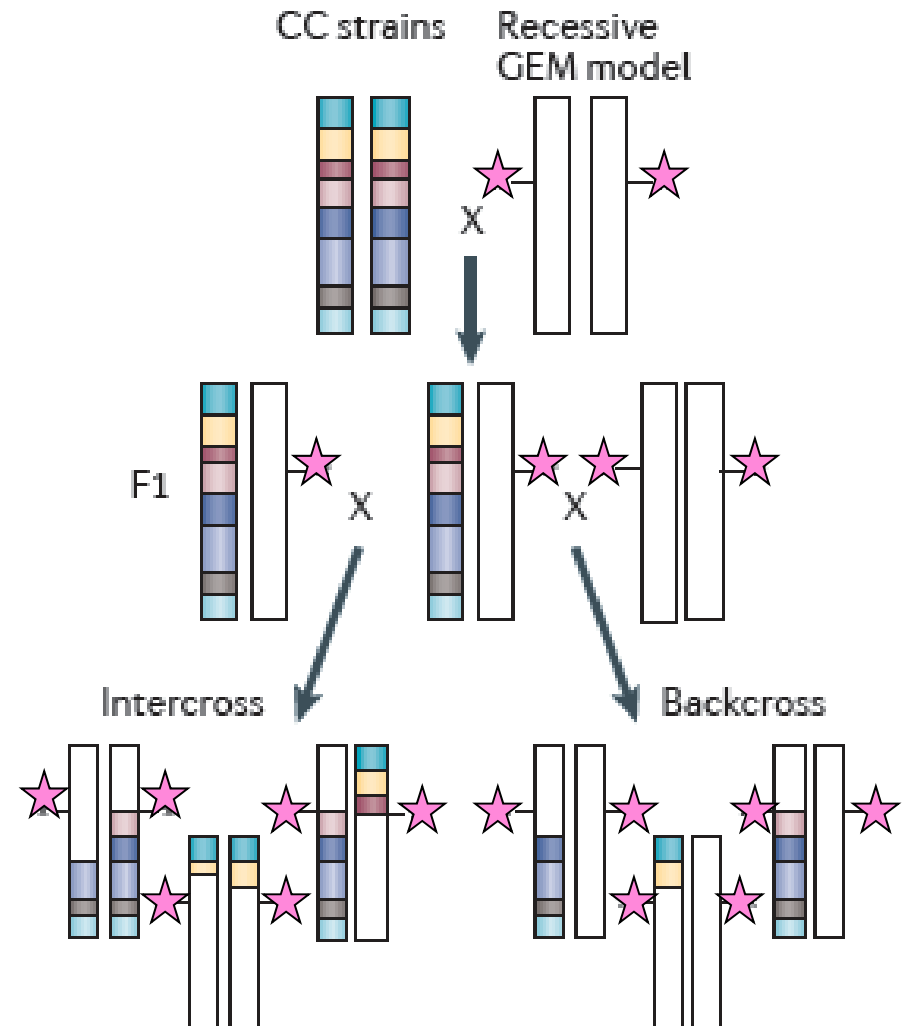
Validation of candidate modifiers with mutation

Crossing CRISPR mutants into CC inbred panels

Dominant gene



Recessive gene



Map networks onto human genome data

Genomics England: sequencing 100,000 human genomes with associated medical records (NHS): 39,540 completed



It is estimated half of all Britons will get some form of cancer at some point in their lives.



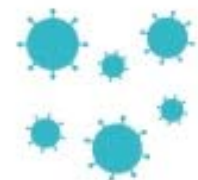
A rare disease is one that affects 1 in 2,000 or less of the UK population. There are up to 8,000 rare diseases – affecting a total of 3 million people in the UK.

8,000
rare diseases affecting
3,000,000
people in the UK



There are over 100 rare diseases included in the Project and 7 common cancers.

7 common cancers
100+ rare diseases



Map networks onto human genome data

All of Us Research Program (NIH) seeks to extend the Precision Medicine Initiative to all diseases by building a national research cohort of one million or more U.S. participants, with the statistical power to detect associations between environmental and/or biological exposures and a wide variety of health outcomes.

Enrollment opens soon (eg US way behind)



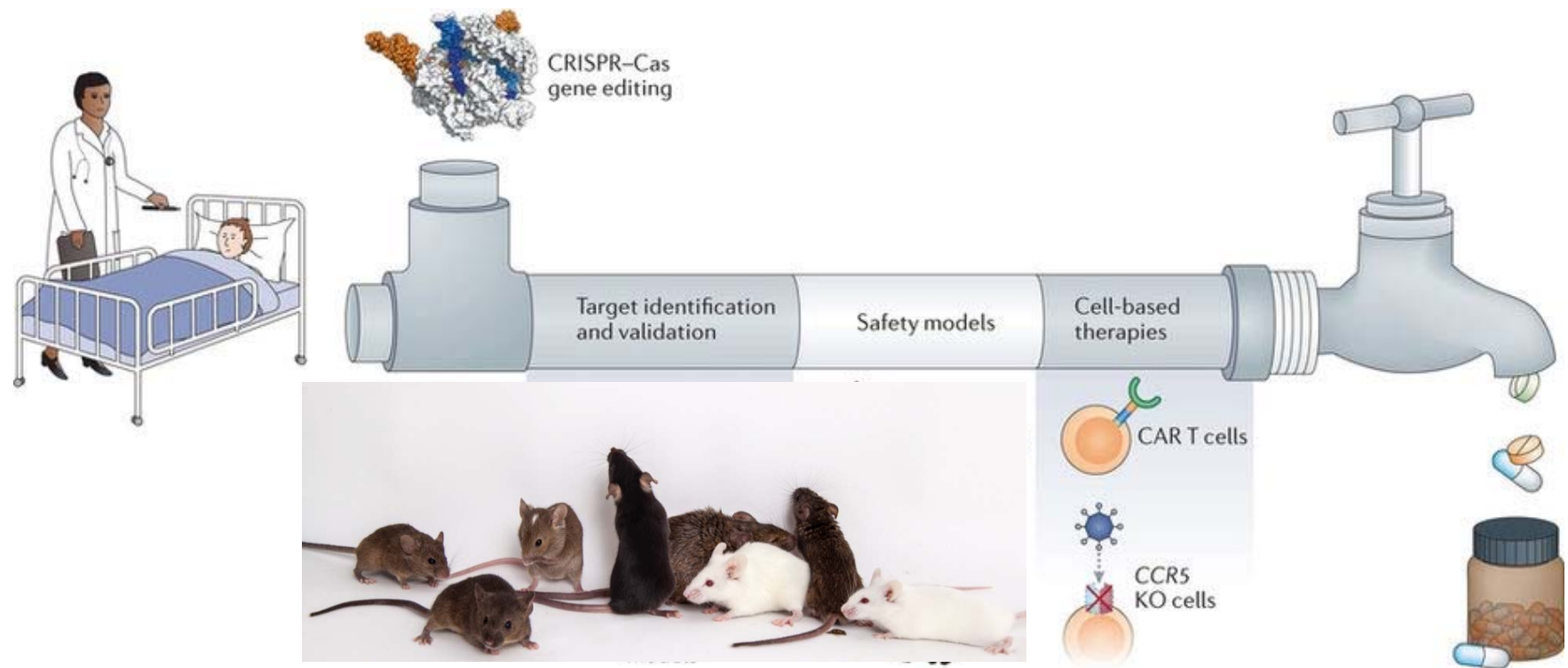
Goal 2: “writing” the human genome

Curing complex diseases in mouse diversity panels:

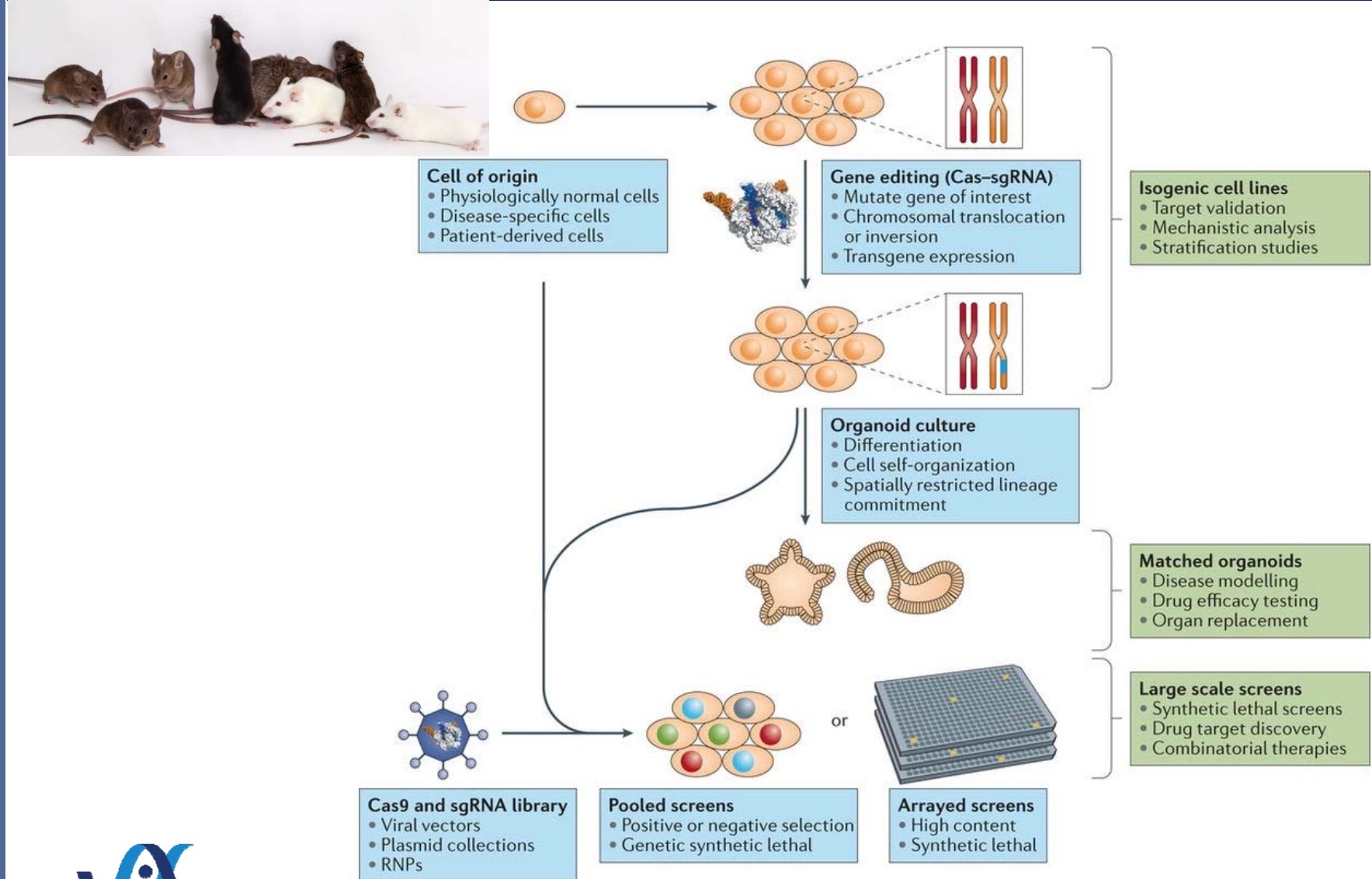
- Testing therapeutics targeted to complex disease traits
- “Repairing” these traits with CRISPR editing



Drug discovery with mouse diversity pipelines



Mouse diversity panels as cell resources for CRISPR editing



Somatic gene correction with CRISPR

Viral or plasmid-based gene editing:

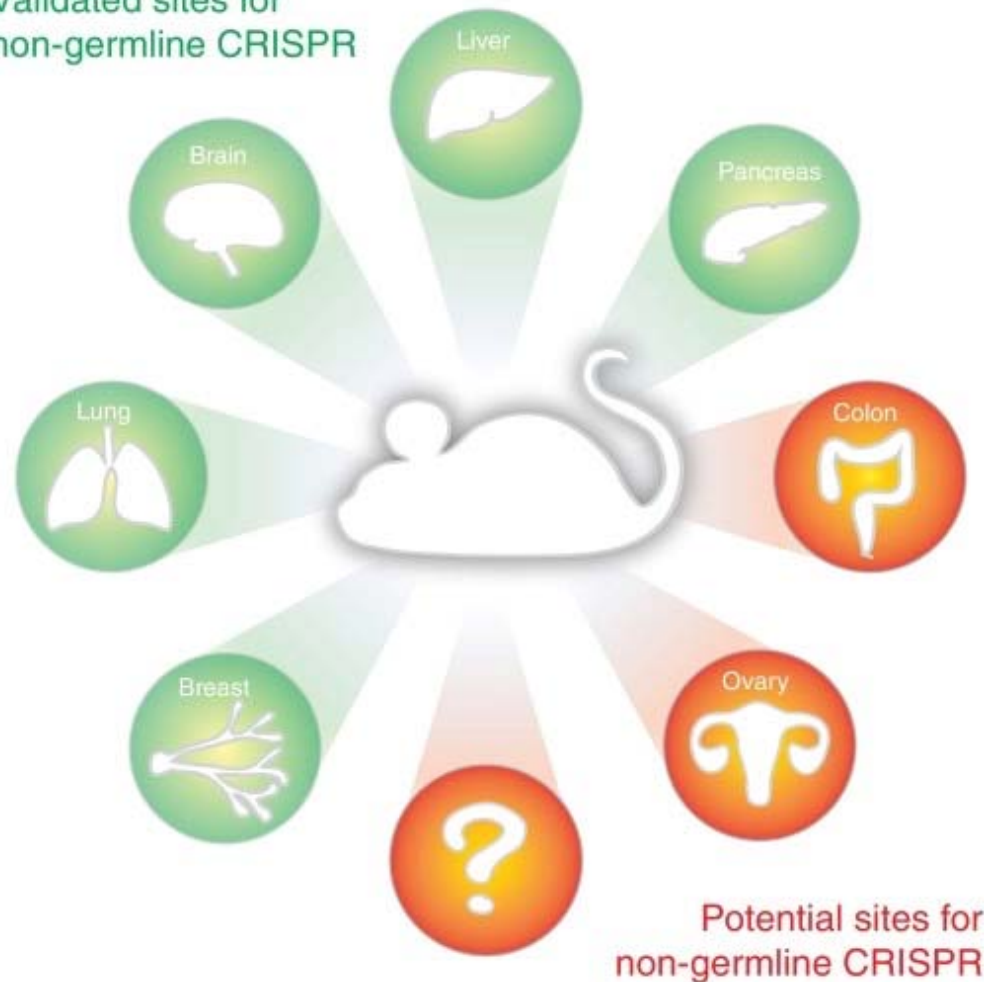
Pros:

- Avoids germline modification
- Tissue-targeted gene editing
- Tested in human (CarT)

Cons:

- Cas immunogenicity
- Developmental defects?
- Co-morbidities missed?

Validated sites for non-germline CRISPR



Somatic gene editing in humans

Functional CAR T cells evade host immunity in unmatched recipients

Produced by TALEN editing to simultaneously introduce CAR and disrupt TCR and CD52 in T cells

“Off-the-shelf” CAR T cells used to treat two infants with relapsed refractory acute lymphocytic leukemia and bridge them to allogeneic stem cell transplantation.



Layla Richards



Writing our genomes? Don't know enough yet



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