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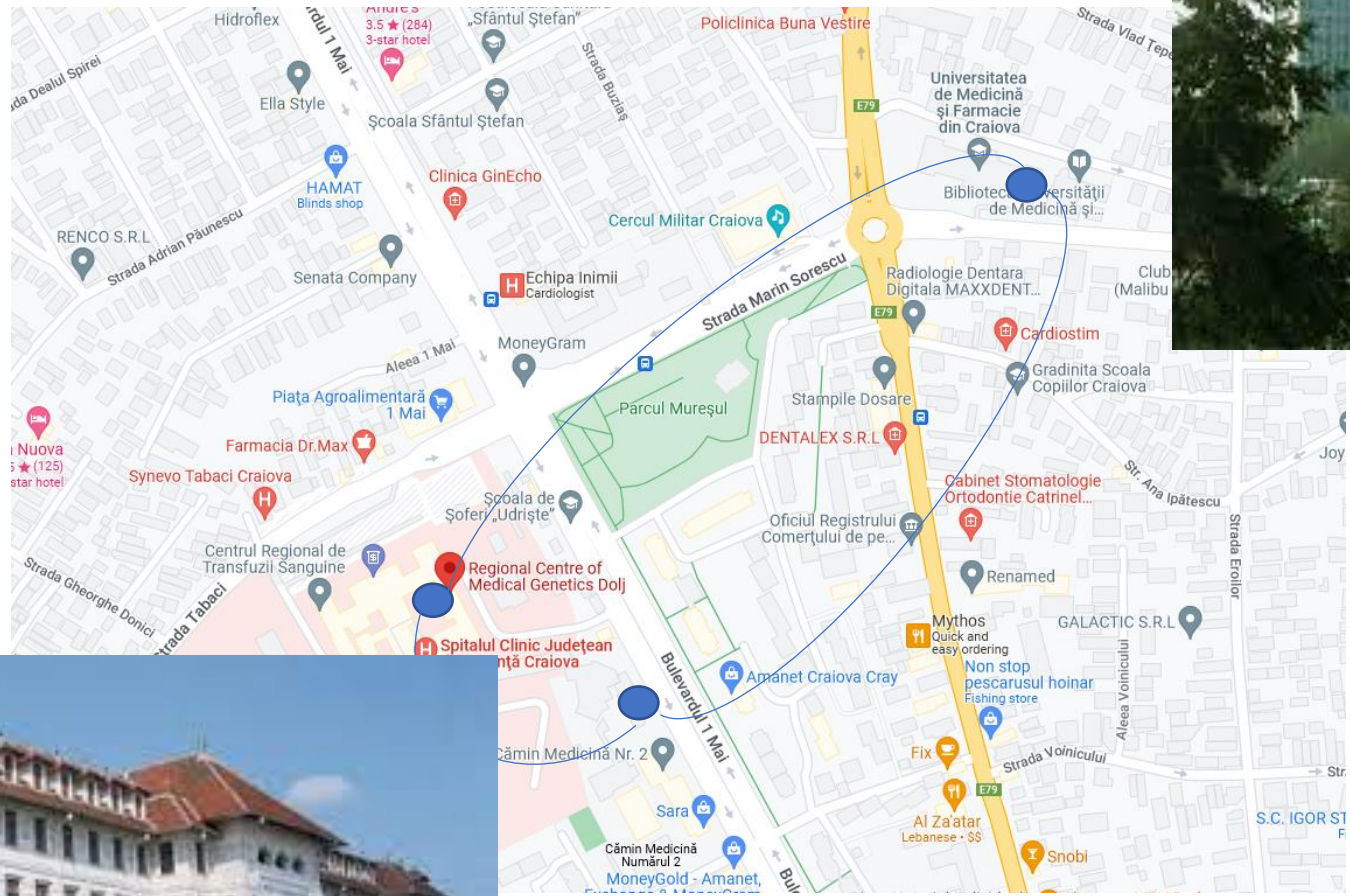
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## OMS 1358/2014 RETEAUA ROMANA DE GENETICA MEDICALA

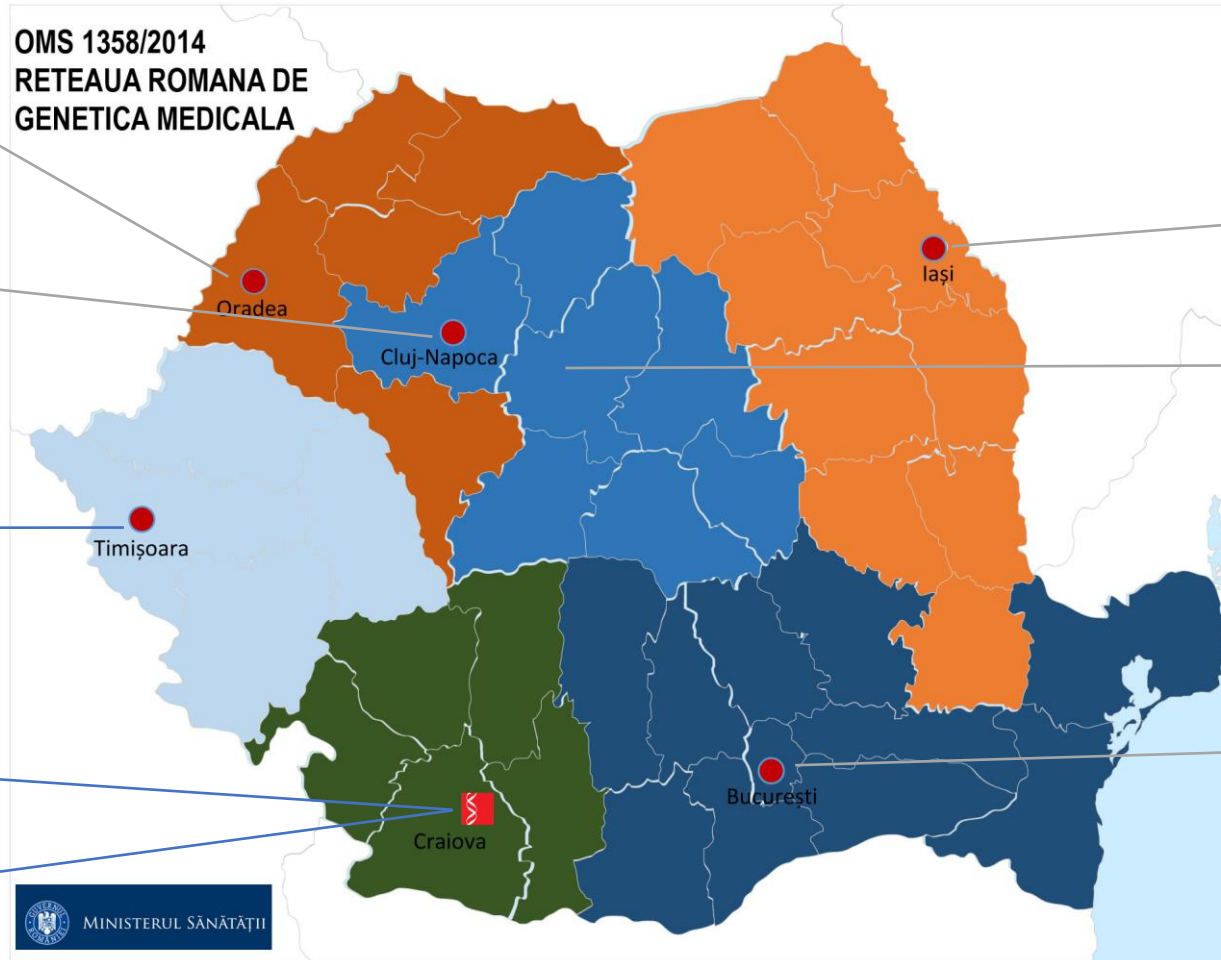
Oradea

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Timisoara

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Iasi

TgMures

Lab IOMC



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# prof. Mixich, prof. Ioana

ML, CCR, HCV, HPV

RT-PCR ...  
LGU

2008-2013  
TARGET - LGU  
echipamente, spatiu

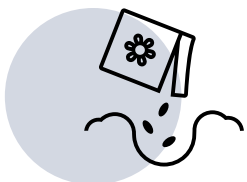
2015  
donatie GUDB  
MC

2013-2017  
TANDEM  
etichetare, criostocare, 2017 NGS non-self RUMC

2015-2017  
RID-TB  
echipamente, resursa umana

2016  
donatie server AC

2016-2021  
FUSE  
echipamente functional, resursa umana



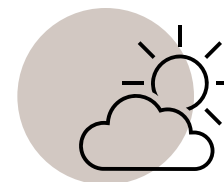
## 2015-prezent

dupa ordin 2014 infiintare  
PN.VI.3.3. Malformatii



## 2015

QF-PCR aneuploidii  
comodat ABI



## 2016

aCGH  
MLPA

2020  
HINT  
resursa umana

proiecte gastro  
resursa umana

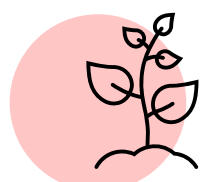
2018-prezent  
DRD-ME - non-self



## 2020

primele 2 runuri NextSeq  
PN.I.2. Infectioase  
Contracost  
echipamente MS  
personal angajat

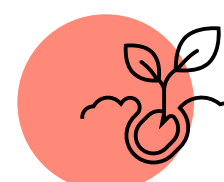
2019  
Bal caritabil



## 2019

licitatie NextSeq  
spatiul initial in cadrul  
Laboratorului de Analize Medicale al  
SCJUC

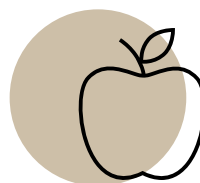
2018-2022  
PROGENERARE



## 2018

QF-PCR CNAS  
Contracost  
donatie ABI  
dec 2017 SEQ  
workshop MiSeq

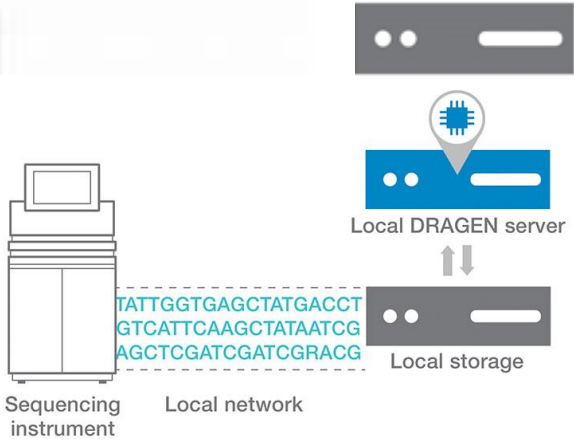
2017  
Asoc DRAVET  
MutationSurveyor



## 2022

...

# Core-facility



Core-facility

**PROGRAMUL OPERAȚIONAL INFRASTRUCTURĂ MARE**

**FORMULARUL CERERE DE FINANȚARE**

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**Axa Prioritară 9**

**Protejarea sănătății populației în contextul pandemiei cauzate de COVID-19**

**Obiectivul Specific 9.1**

**Creșterea capacității de gestionare a crizei sanitare COVID-19**

**Titlul Proiectului**

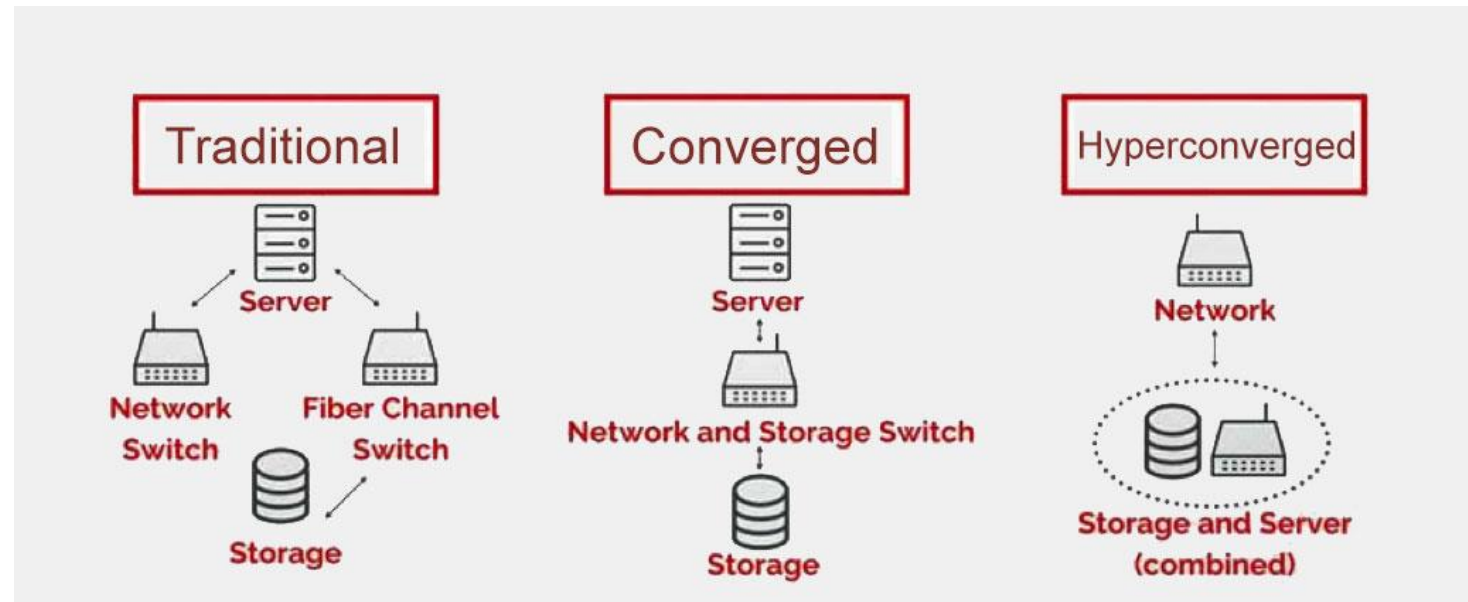
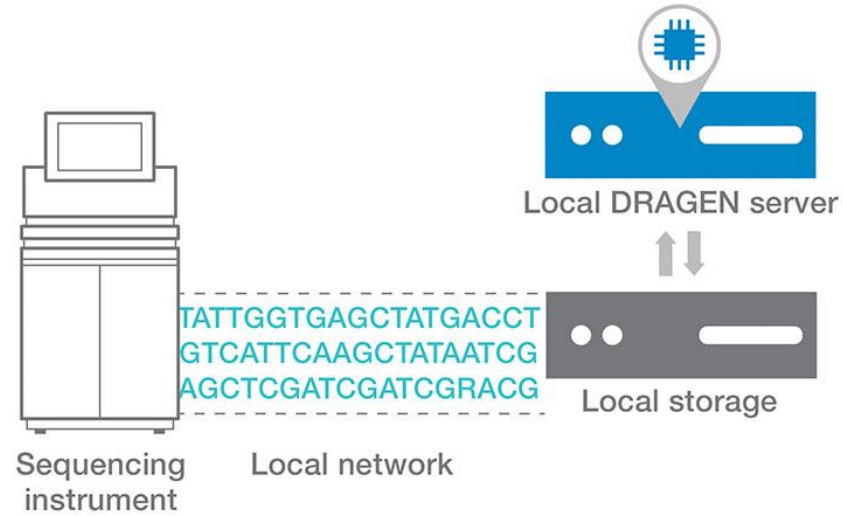
**Creșterea capacității de diagnostic prin RT PCR la nivelul SCJUC în vederea asigurării unui management eficient al pacienților suspecti COVID19 din regiunea Sud – Vest Oltenia**

**Solicitant**

Digitalizarea activității educaționale și de cercetare în cadrul UMF din Craiova

C15: Educație

Investiția 16: Digitalizarea universităților și pregătirea acestora pentru profesiile digitale ale viitorului







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## Tandem

Concurrent Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus; unraveling the causal link, and improving care

**Titlul proiectului** **Concurrent Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus; unraveling the causal link, and improving care (Tandem)**

**Director de proiect** Ioana Mihai  
Universitatea de Medicina si Farmacie din Craiova

**Durata proiectului** 42 luni

**Numar contract** 217EU

**Autoritate contractanta** UEFISCDI

**Tip proiect** FINANTARE CDI > CAPACITATI > Modulul III > PC7

**Perioada proiect** 01.03.2013 - 31.01.2017

**Suma contractata** 162 504,40 EUR

Diabetul zaharat (DZ) triplează riscul apariției tuberculozei (TB). Consorțiul TANDEM, constituit din parteneri de pe cinci continente, va avea un rol semnificativ în ameliorarea managementului pacienților cu TB și DZ.



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## RID-TB

**Titlul proiectului** Rolul factorilor imunogenetici si al deficitului de vitamina D in tuberculoza (RID-TB)

**Director de proiect** Conf. univ. dr. Mihai IOANA  
UMF Craiova

**Durata proiectului** 2 ani

**Numar contract** 163/01.10.2015

**Autoritate contractanta** UEFISCDI

**Tip proiect** PN-II-RU-TE-2014

**Perioada proiect** 01.10.2015 - 30.09.2017

**Suma contractata** 550000 RON

Ipoteza de lucru propusa: deficitul de vitamina D este asociat cu risc crescut de infectie TB si progresie spre TB activa, prin autofagie si raspuns citokinic inadecvat la M.tb.




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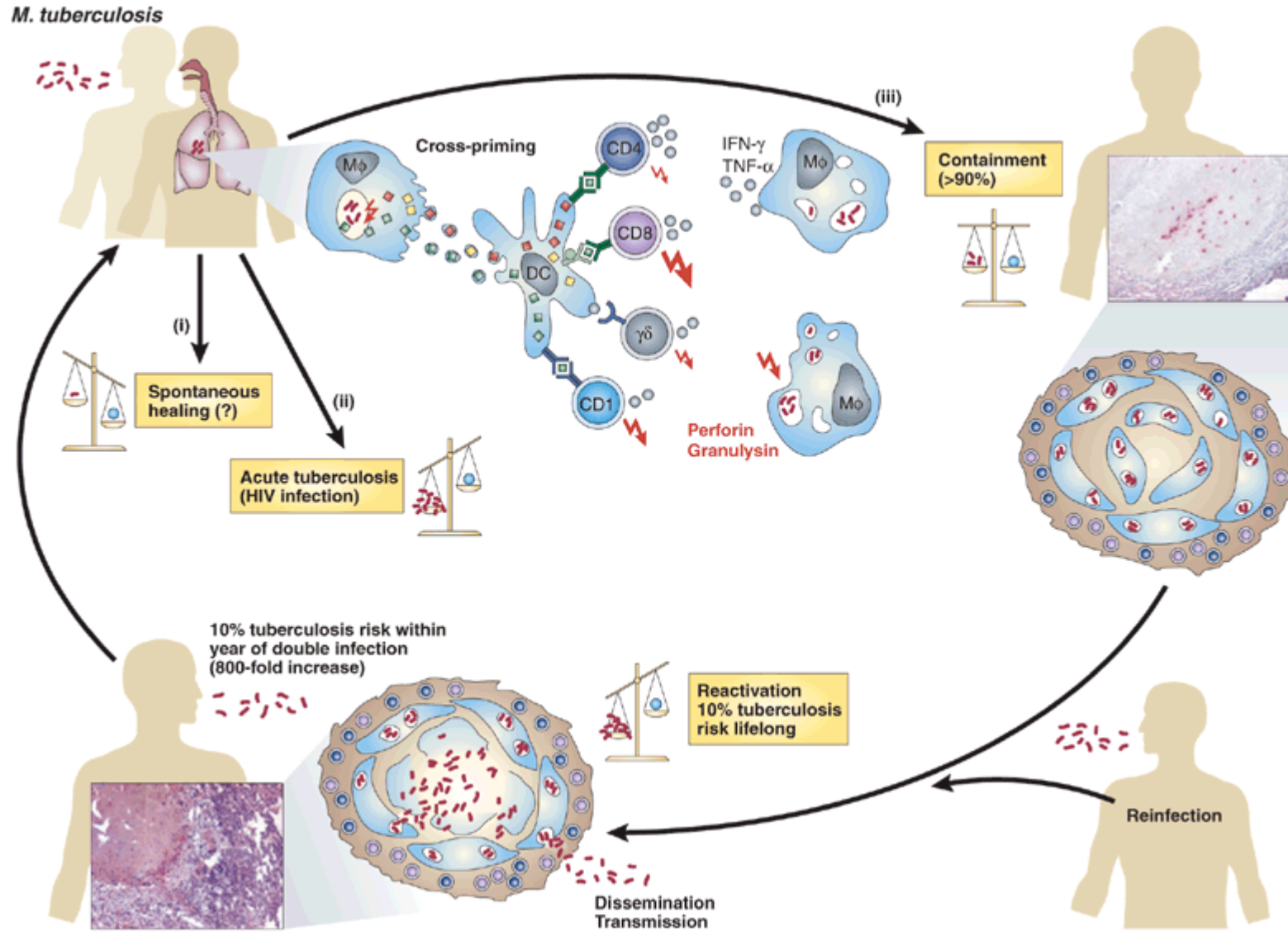
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Illumina iScan platform was used for genotyping on HumanCore Exome chips, on previously established Indonesian and Romanian cohorts:

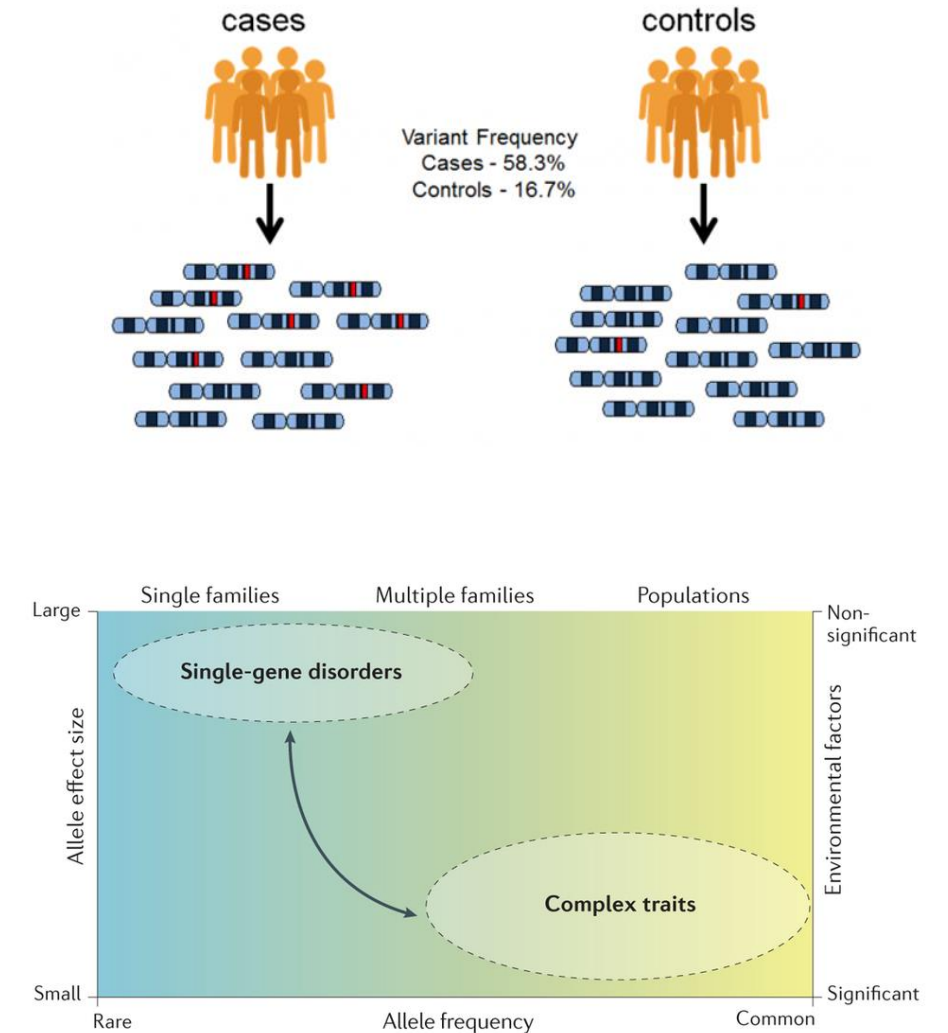
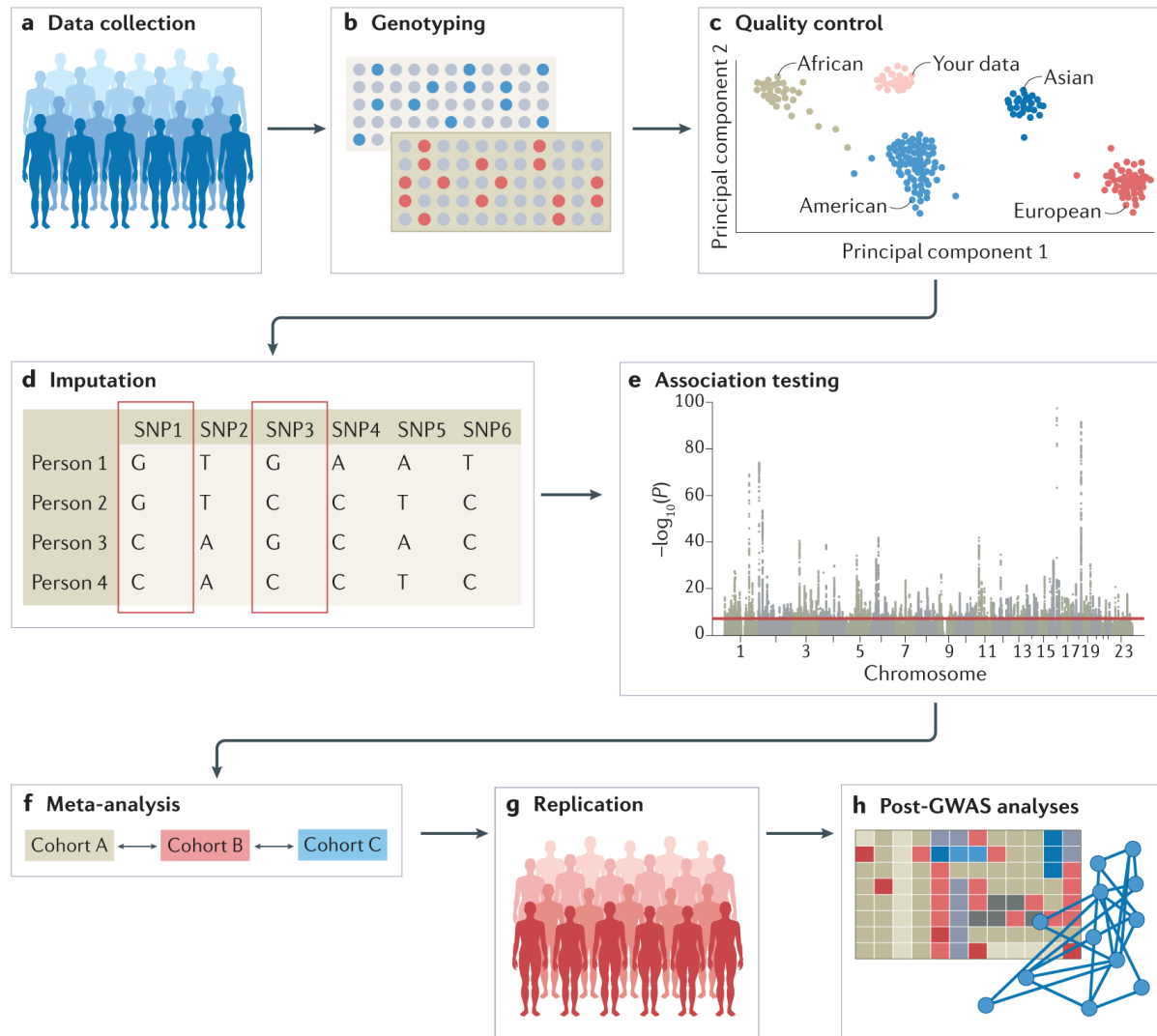
- (1) TANDEM - Concurrent Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus; unraveling the causal link, and improving care, conducted in 4 recruiting sites, out of which Romania and Indonesia have genotyping data (Collaborative project FP7-HEALTH-2012-INNOVATION-1 305279),
- (2) INFECT - Innate Factors and Early Clearance of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, conducted in Bandung, Indonesia (funded by the University of Otago and Mercy Hospital, Dunedin, New Zealand),
- (3) TBM - TB Meningitis research, conducted in Bandung, Indonesia, detailed in table 1 per phenotype (VIDI grant Reinout van Crevel and Indonesian support)



“The TANDEM Consortium brings together partners with complementary skills in clinical studies, epidemiology, health economics, human genetics and immunology.”

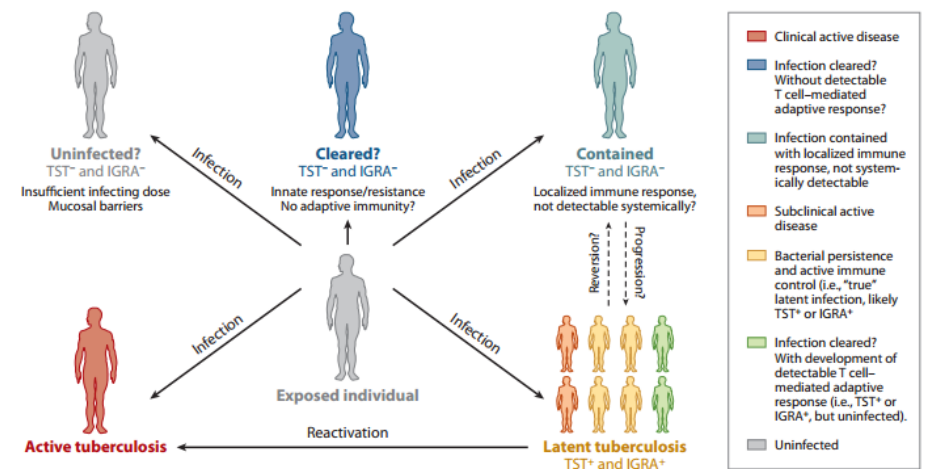
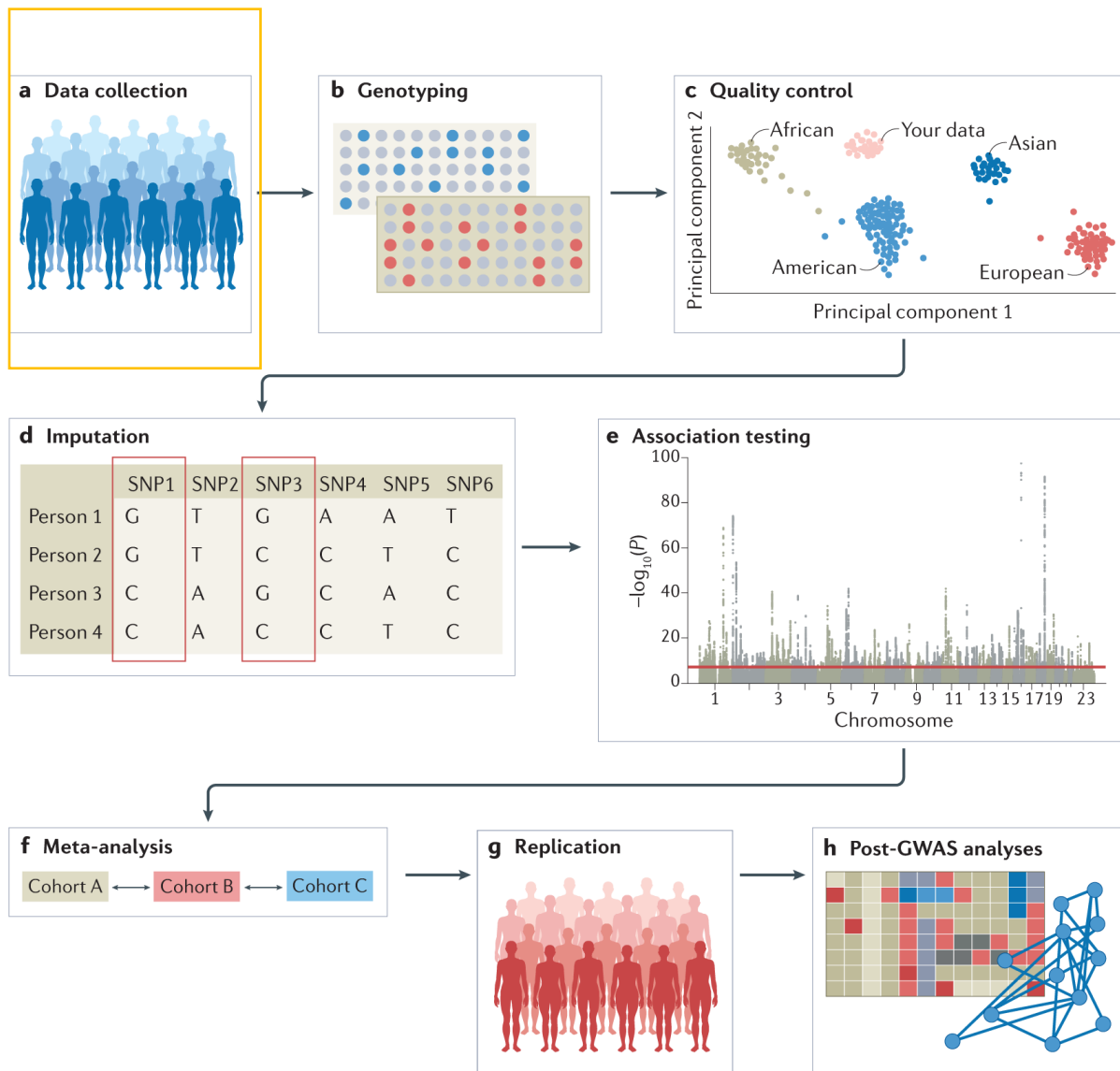


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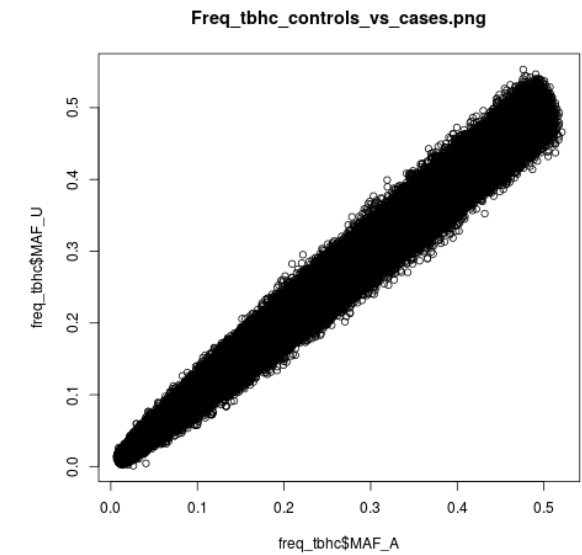
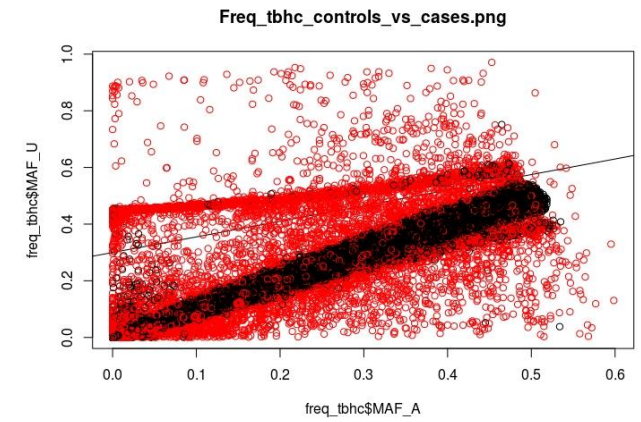
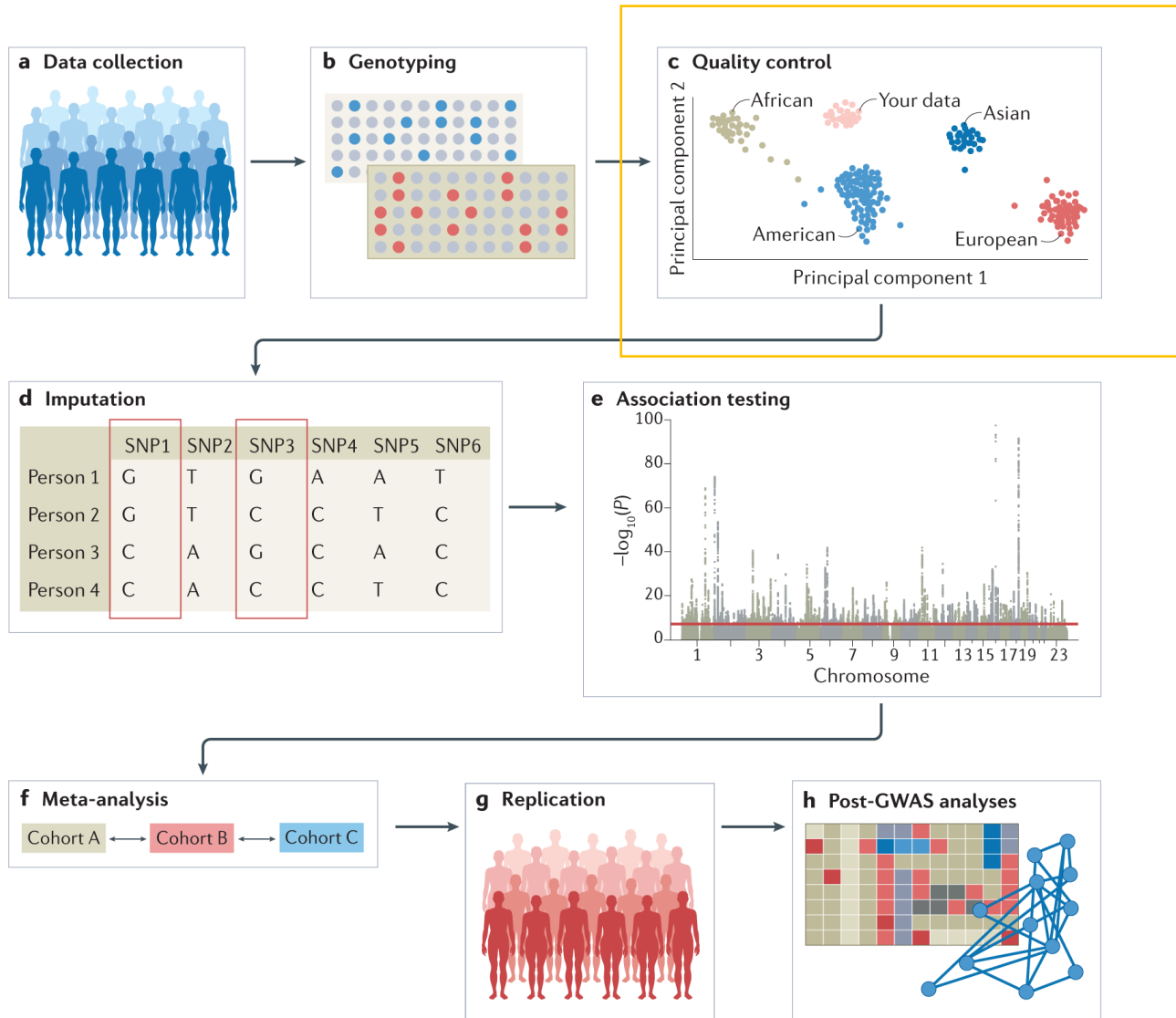


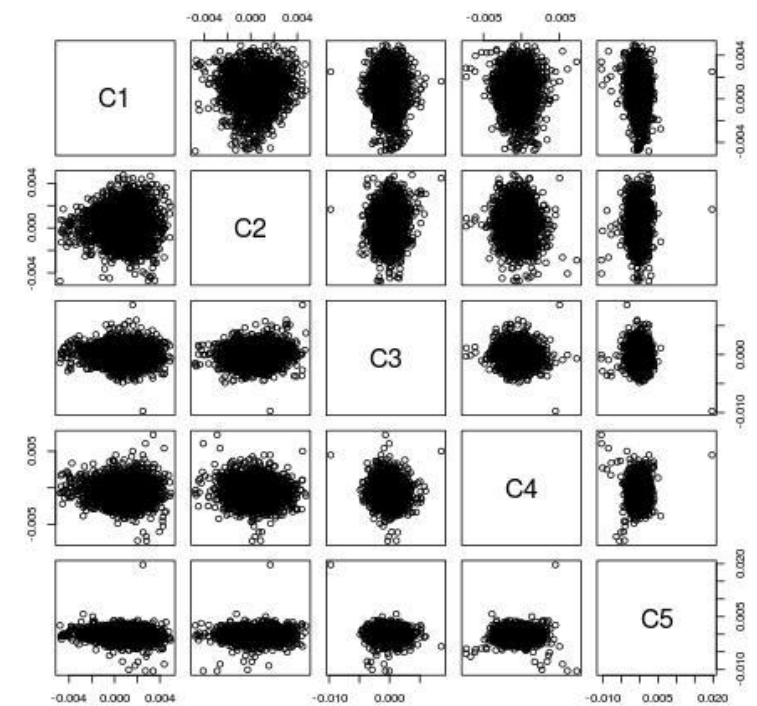
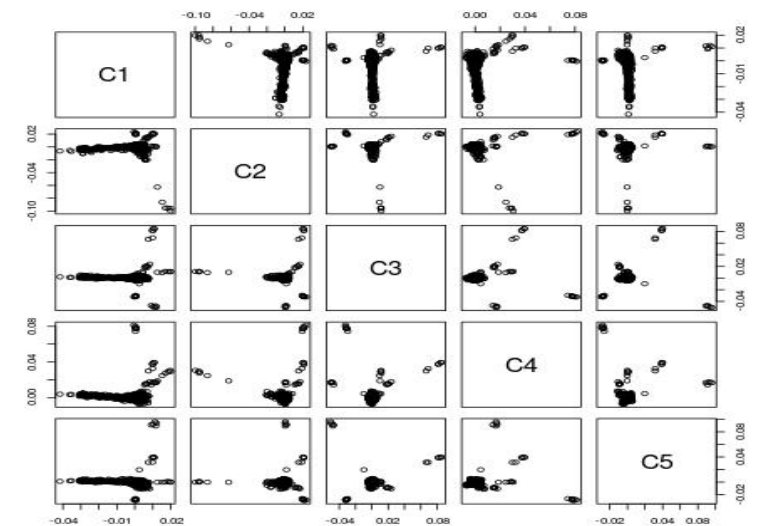
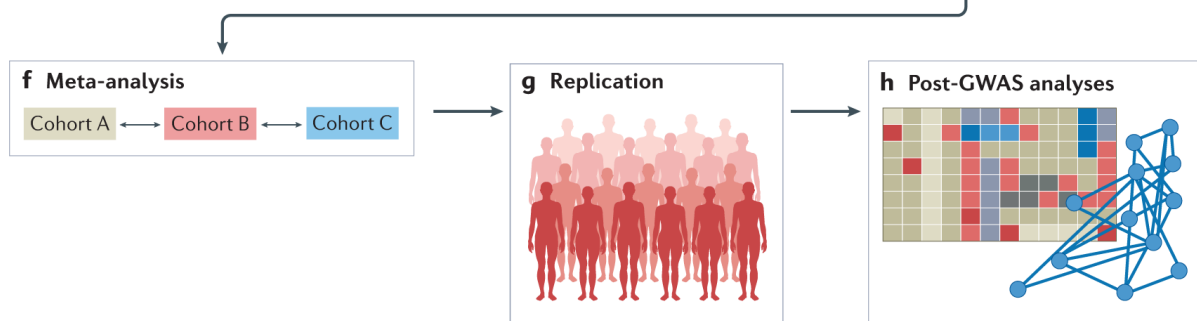
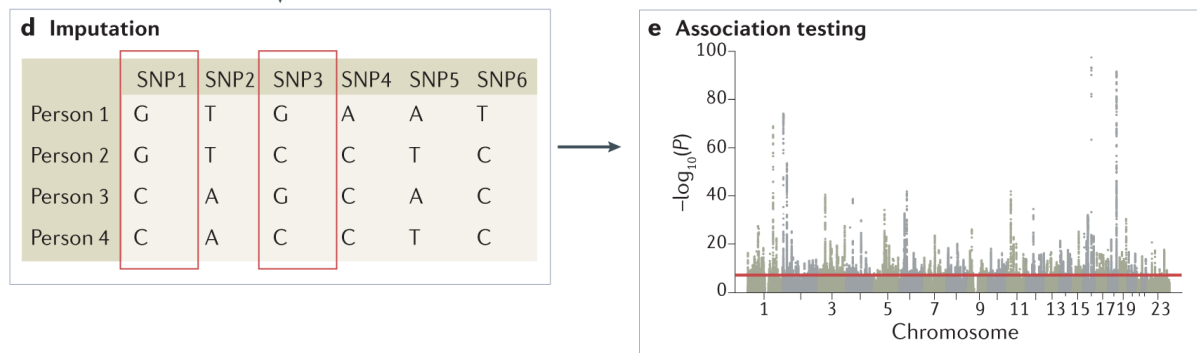
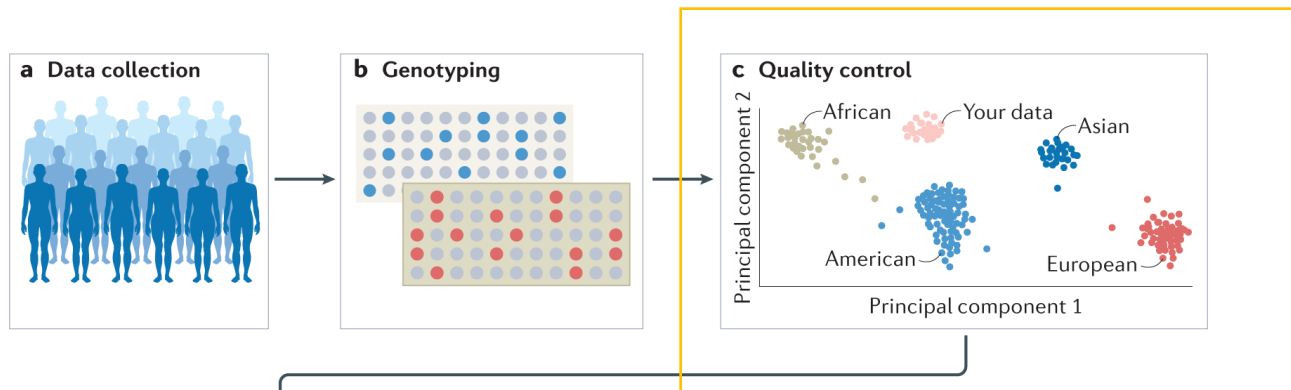
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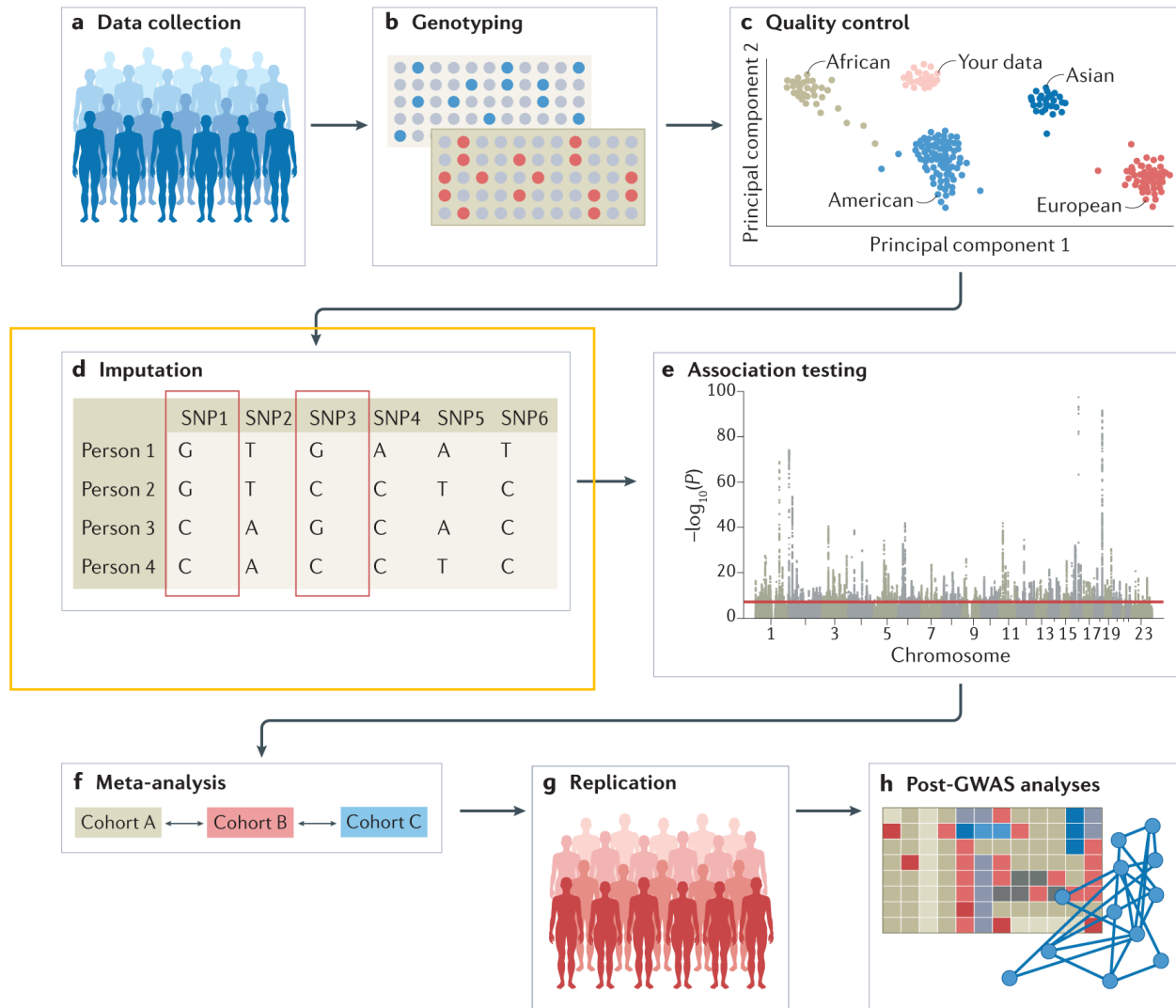


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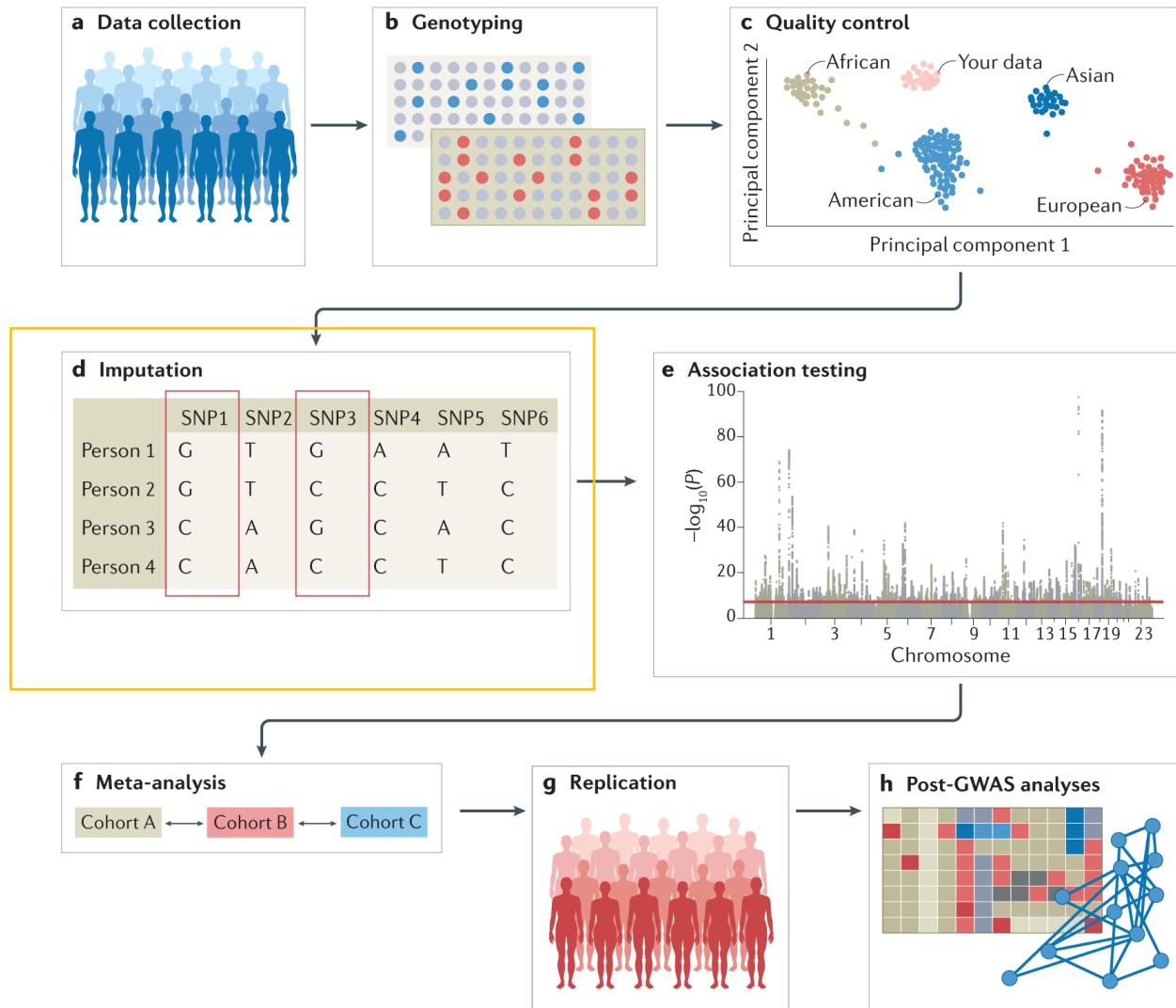




The RIGHT reference panel for imputation?

## Using population-specific add-on polymorphisms to improve genotype imputation in underrepresented populations

Zhi Ming Xu, Sina Rüeger, Michaela Zwyrer, Daniela Brites, Hellen Hiza, Miriam Reinhard, Liliana Rutaihwa, Sonia Borrell, Faima Isihaka, Hosiana Temba, Thomas Maroa, Rastard Naftari, Jerry Hella, [ ... ]. Jacques Fellay [ view all ]



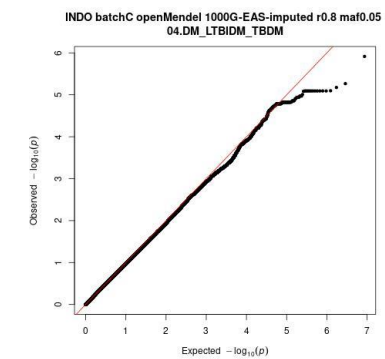
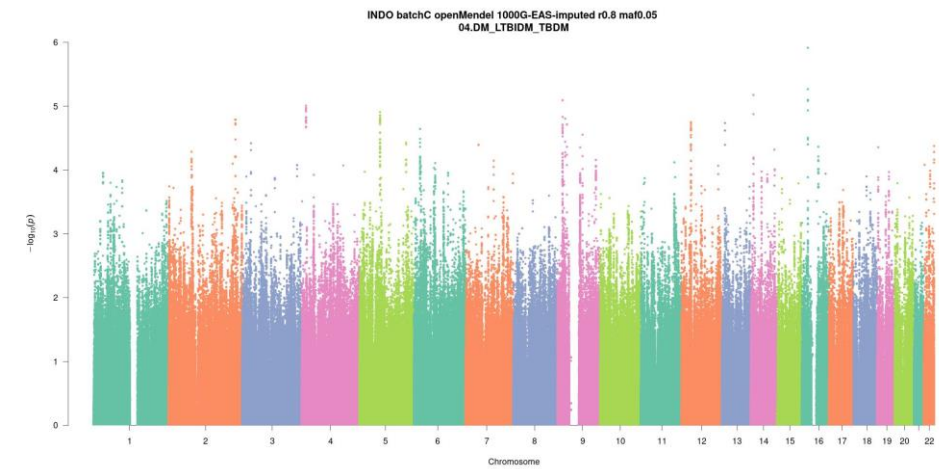
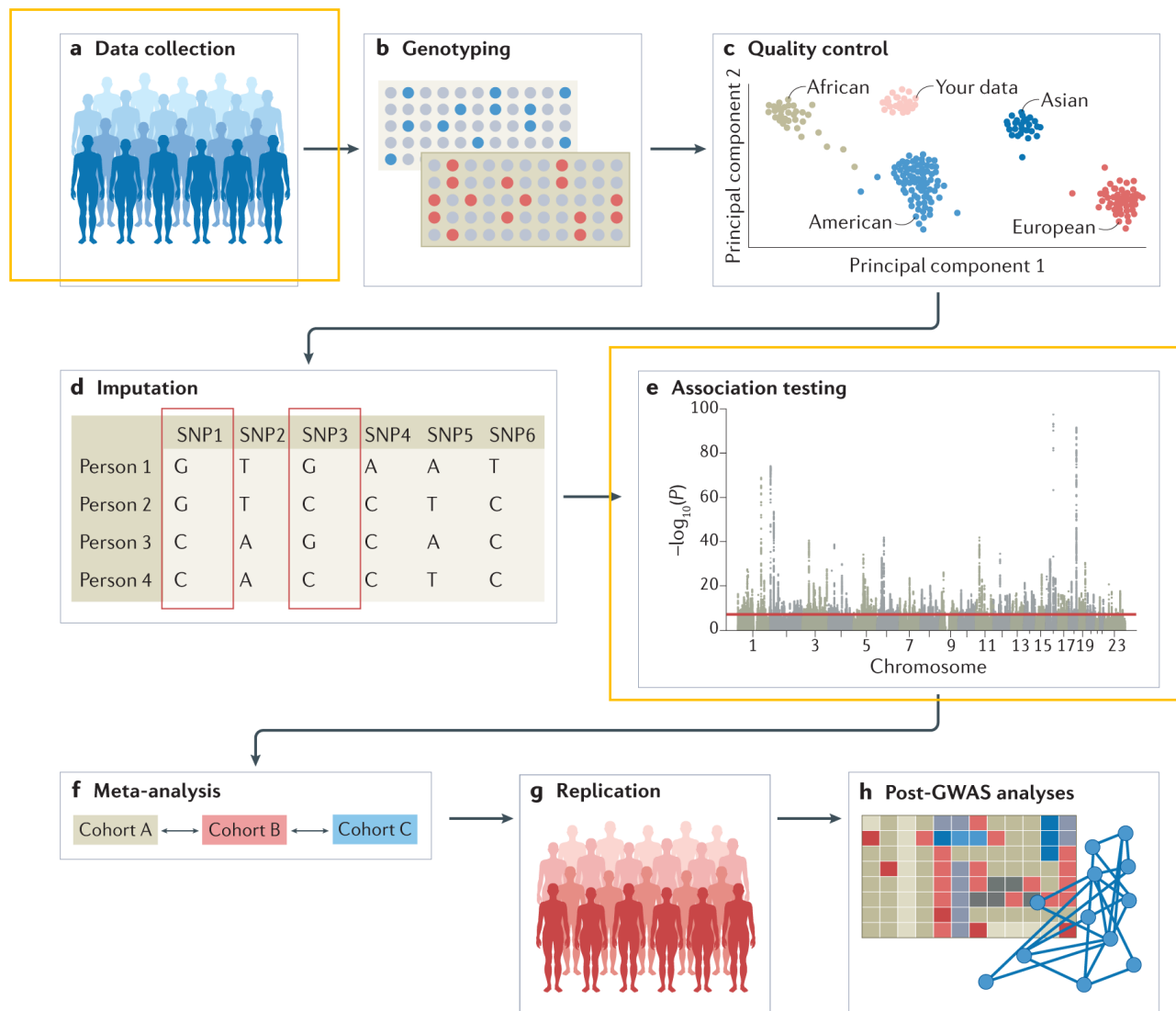
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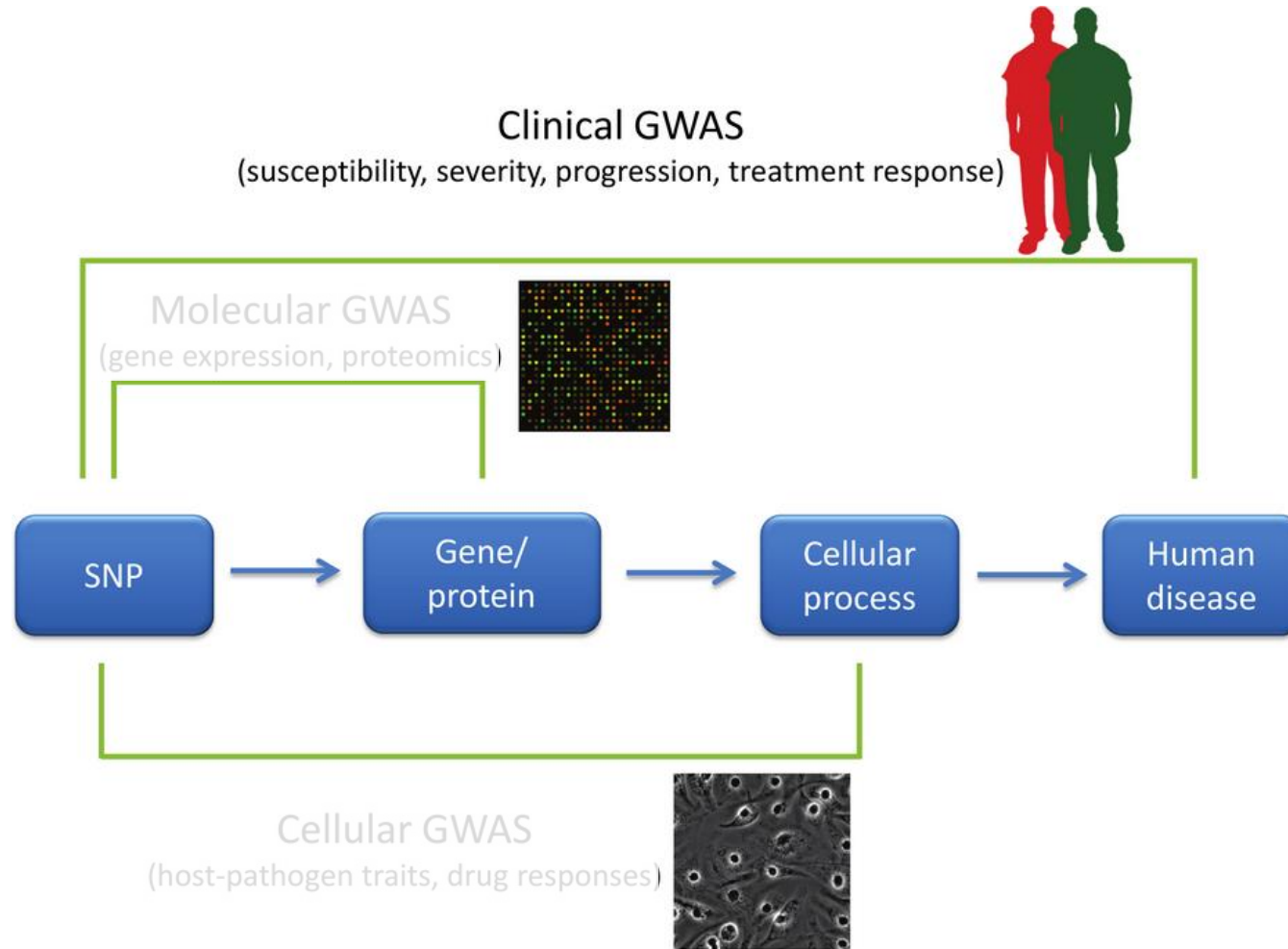
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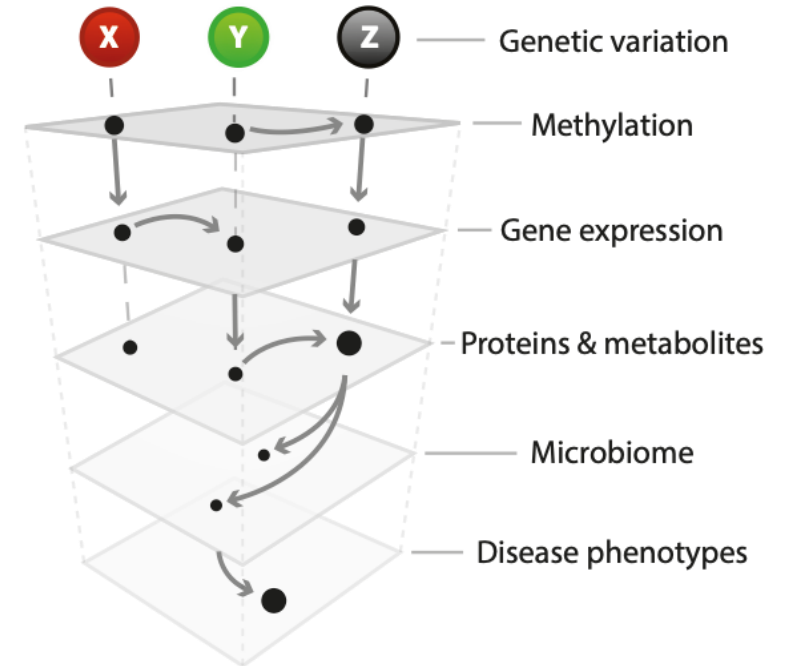
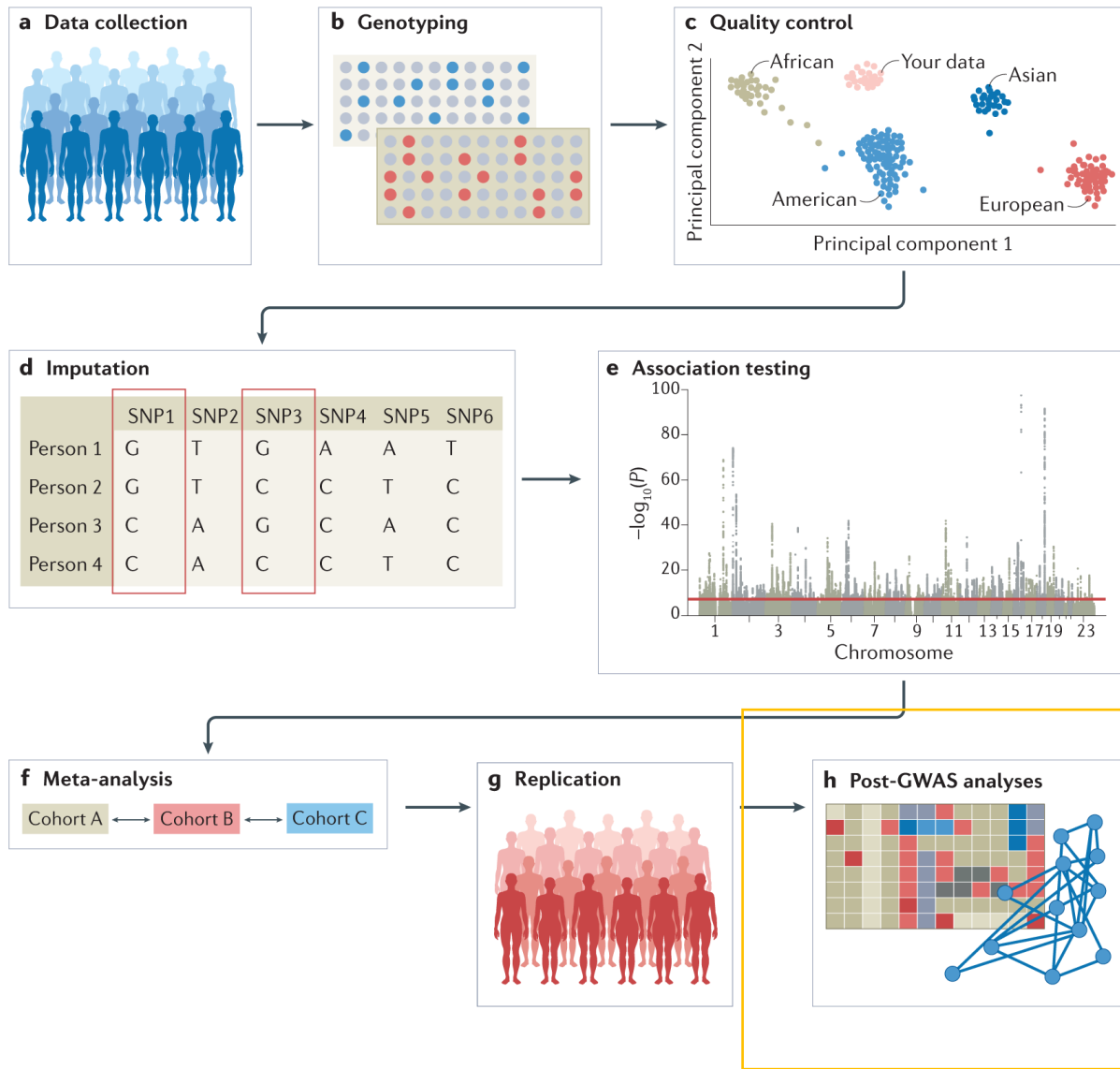
Impute references

Joint calling



# SNP -> gene -> pathway -> phenotype

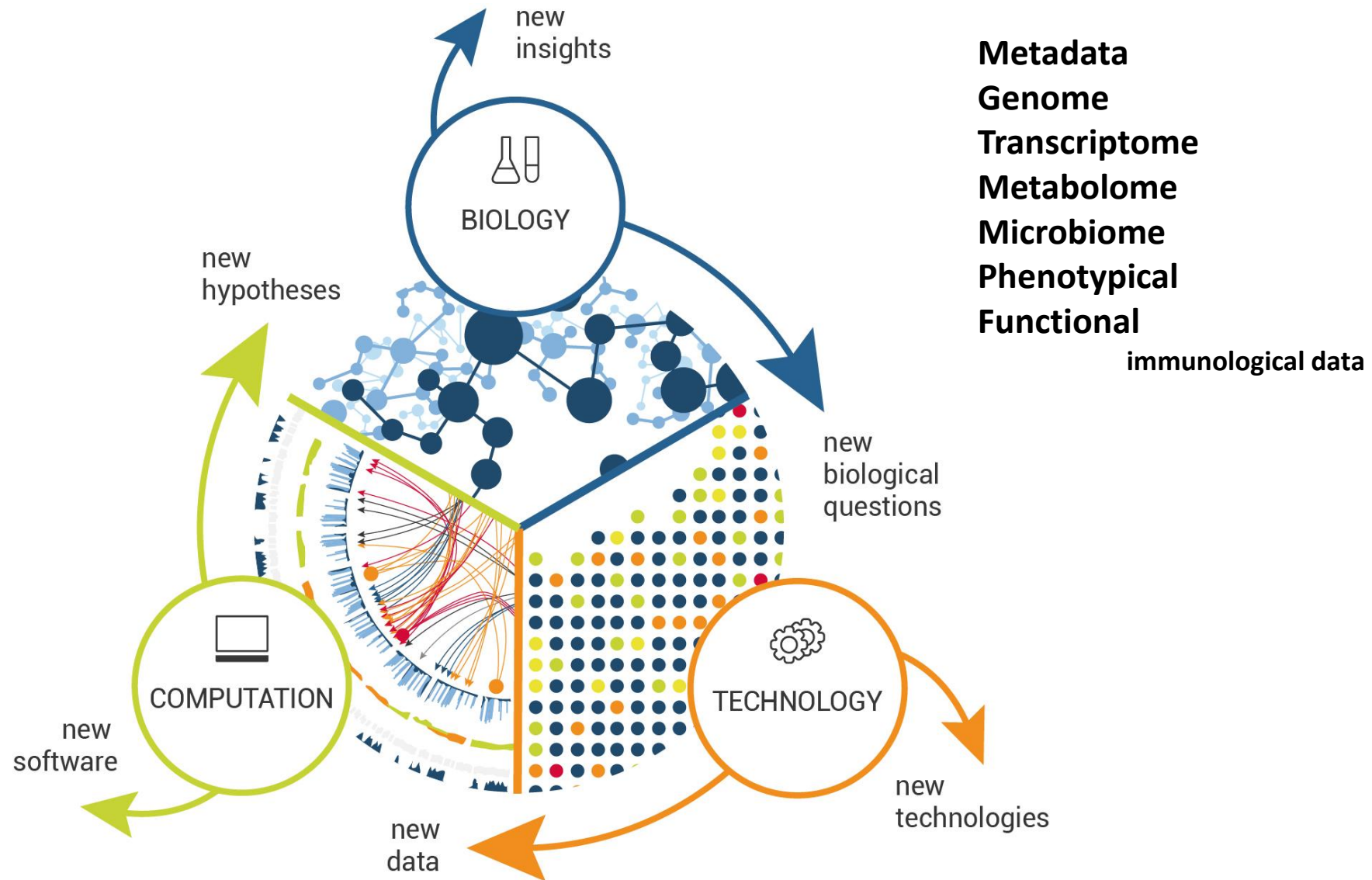




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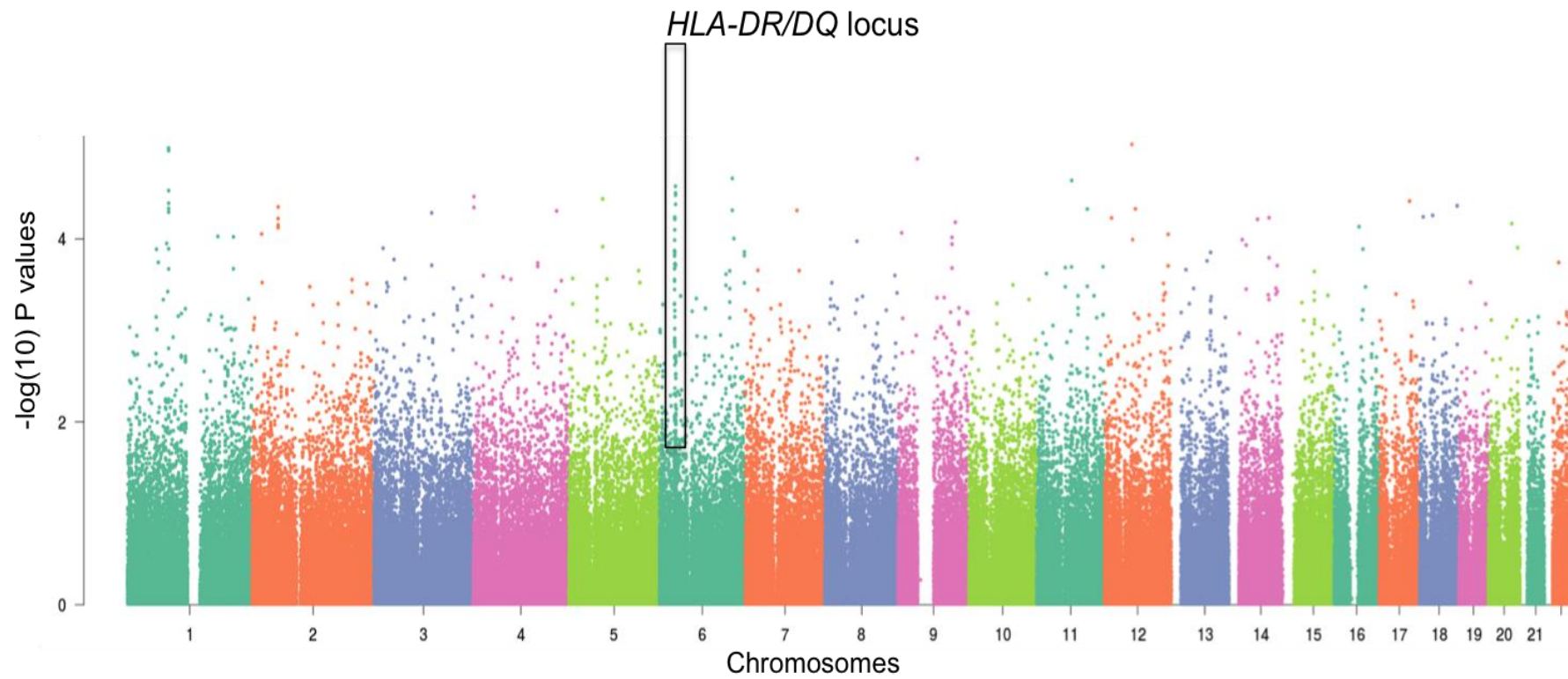
DM vs TBDM

functional validation

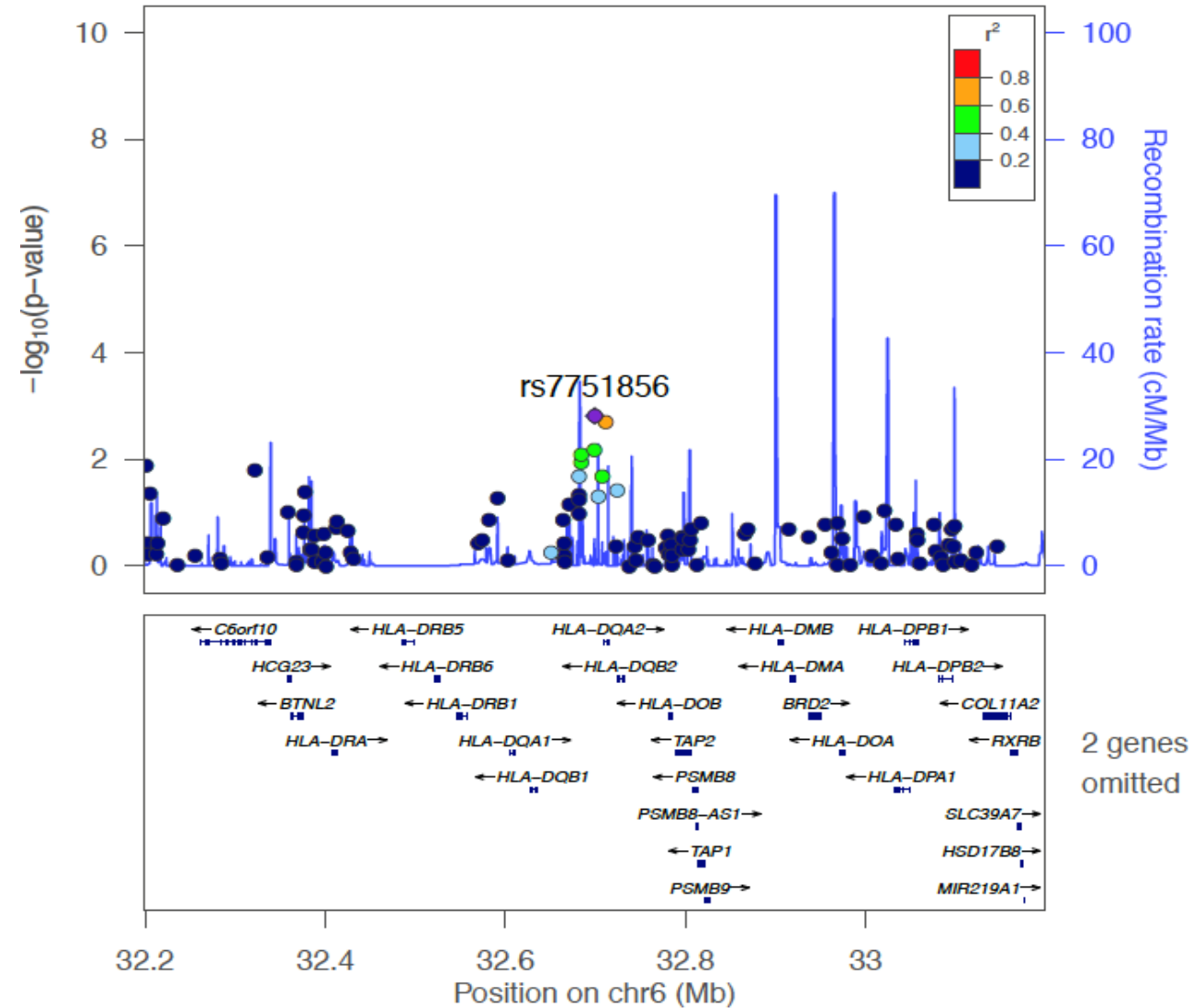


Indonesian data

DM vs TBDM

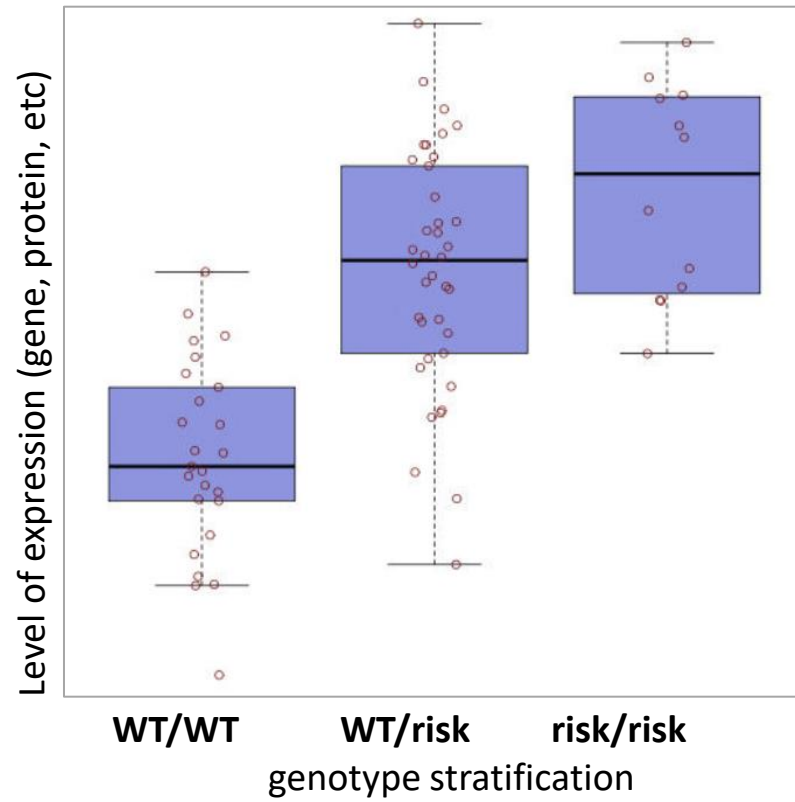
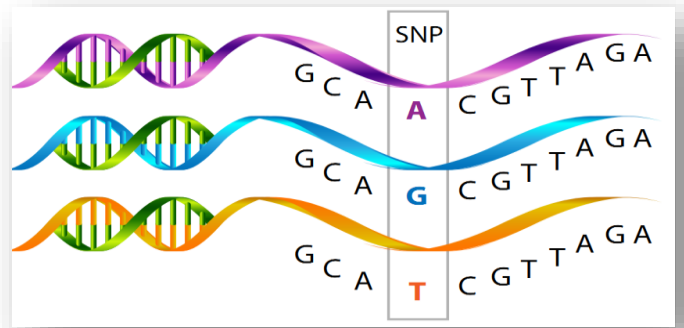
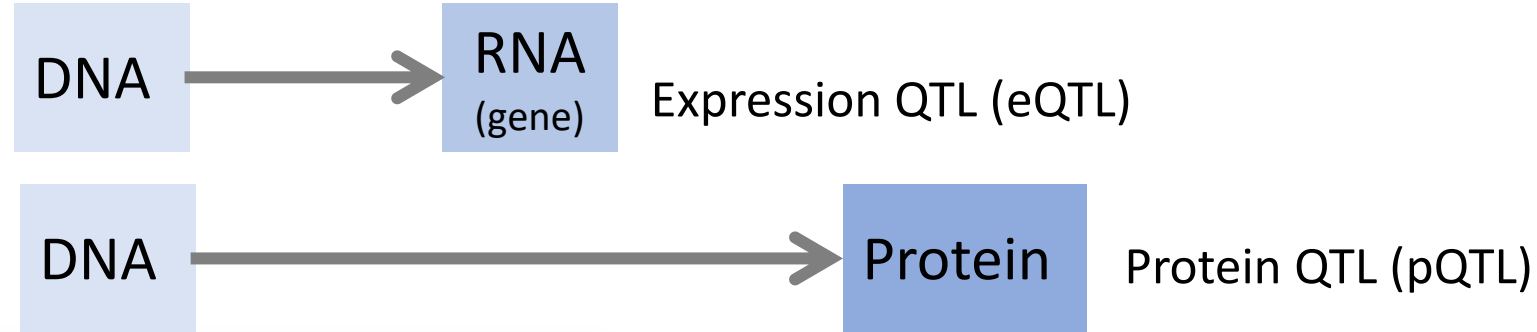


Indonesian data **DM vs TBDM** identifying genes, gene function prediction and pathways

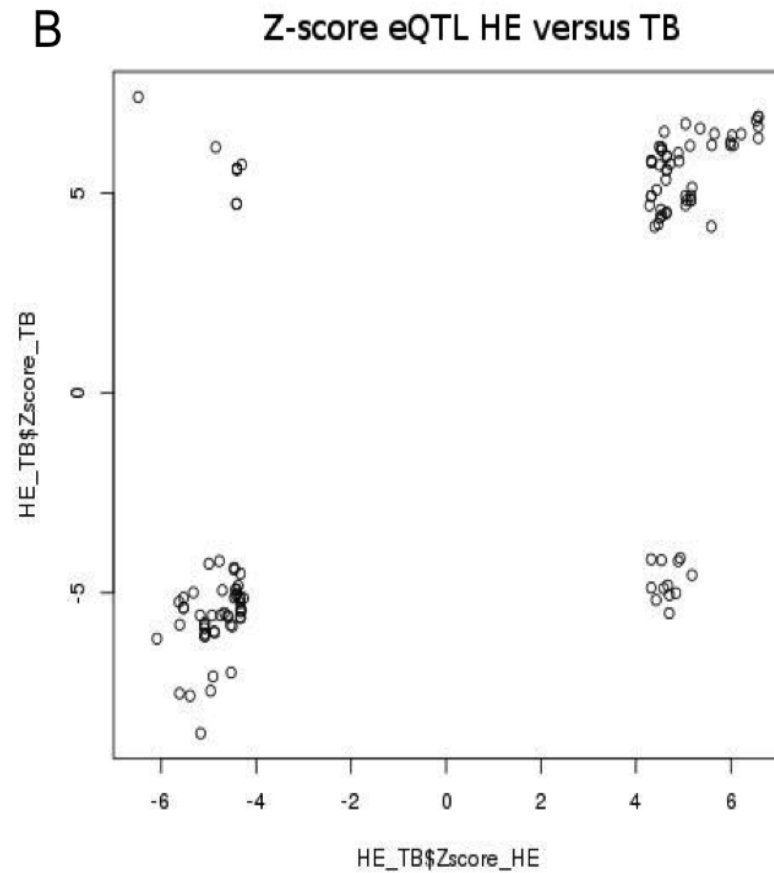
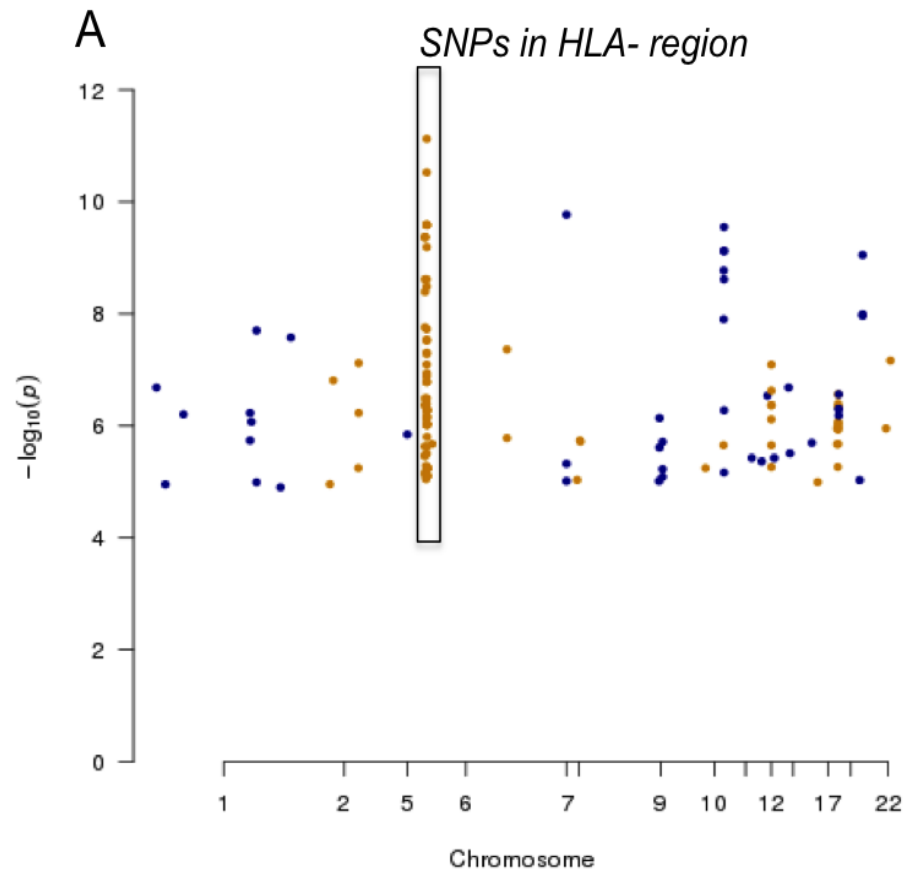




# Quantitative trait loci (qtl): correlation between genotypes and quantitative phenotypes



Indonesian data    **DM vs TBDM**    cis-eQTL



## What we hope to do better

- good phenotyping
- choice of controls – the community and household model, extreme phenotype
- ethnicity-specific imputation panels
- analysis of different steps in the infectious process
- use of pathogen (mycobacteria) information

early clearer -> latent TB -> active pulmonary TB -> TB meningitis





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## FUSE

**Titlul proiectului** **Genomica FUnctionala in infectii SEvere (FUSE)**

**Director de proiect** Netea Mihai Gheorghe

**Durata proiectului** 4 ani

**Numar contract** 31/01.09.2016

**Autoritate contractanta** ANCS

**Tip proiect** Componenta1 - Apel

**Perioada proiect** 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2020

**Suma contractata** 8 813 621.12 RON

Raspunsul imun este determinat de interactiunea dintre genomul uman, agentii patogeni si microbiom. Aceasta interactiune este alterata la pacientii cu sepsis. Identificarea acestor dezechilibre va duce la descoperirea de noi tinte terapeutice.



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- Sepsis is the primary cause of **death** from infection, especially if not recognized and treated promptly. Its recognition mandates urgent attention.
- Sepsis is a syndrome shaped by **pathogen** factors and **host** factors (eg, sex, race and other genetic determinants, age, comorbidities, environment) with characteristics that evolve over time. What differentiates sepsis from infection is an **aberrant or dysregulated host response** and the presence of organ dysfunction.
- Sepsis-induced organ dysfunction **may be occult**; therefore, its presence should be considered in any patient presenting with infection. Conversely, unrecognized infection may be the cause of new-onset organ dysfunction. Any unexplained organ dysfunction should thus raise the possibility of underlying infection.
- The **clinical and biological phenotype** of sepsis can be modified by preexisting acute illness, long-standing comorbidities, medication, and interventions.
- Specific infections may result in local organ dysfunction without generating a dysregulated **systemic** host response.

System	Score				
	0	1	2	3	4
Respiration					
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg (kPa)	≥400 (53.3)	<400 (53.3)	<300 (40)	<200 (26.7) with respiratory support	<100 (13.3) with respiratory support
Coagulation					
Platelets, ×10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	≥150	<150	<100	<50	<20
Liver					
Bilirubin, mg/dL (μmol/L)	<1.2 (20)	1.2–1.9 (20–32)	2.0–5.9 (33–101)	6.0–11.9 (102–204)	>12.0 (204)
Cardiovascular	MAP ≥70 mm Hg	MAP <70 mm Hg	Dopamine <5 or dobutamine (any dose) <sup>b</sup>	Dopamine 5.1–15 or epinephrine ≤0.1 or norepinephrine ≤0.1 <sup>b</sup>	Dopamine >15 or epinephrine >0.1 or norepinephrine >0.1 <sup>b</sup>
Central nervous system					
Glasgow Coma Scale score <sup>c</sup>	15	13–14	10–12	6–9	<6
Renal					
Creatinine, mg/dL (μmol/L)	<1.2 (110)	1.2–1.9 (110–170)	2.0–3.4 (171–299)	3.5–4.9 (300–440)	>5.0 (440)
Urine output, mL/d				<500	<200

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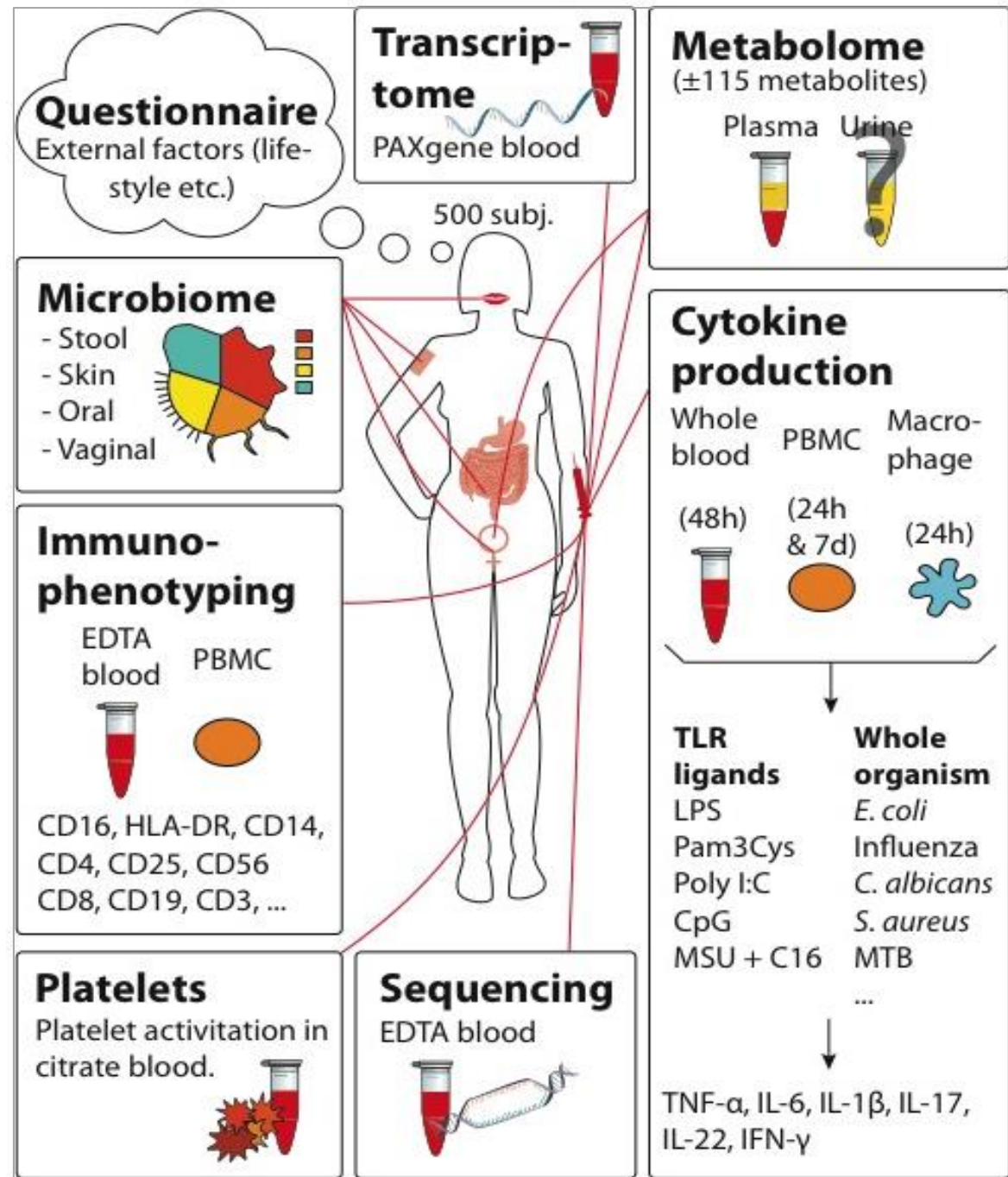
Abbreviations: FIO<sub>2</sub>, fraction of inspired oxygen; MAP, mean arterial pressure; PaO<sub>2</sub>, partial pressure of oxygen.

<sup>a</sup>Adapted from Vincent et al.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>b</sup>Catecholamine doses are given as μg/kg/min for at least 1 hour.

<sup>c</sup>Glasgow Coma Scale scores range from 3–15; higher score indicates better neurological function.

A population-based cohort to identify factors that contribute to inter-individual variability in immune responses

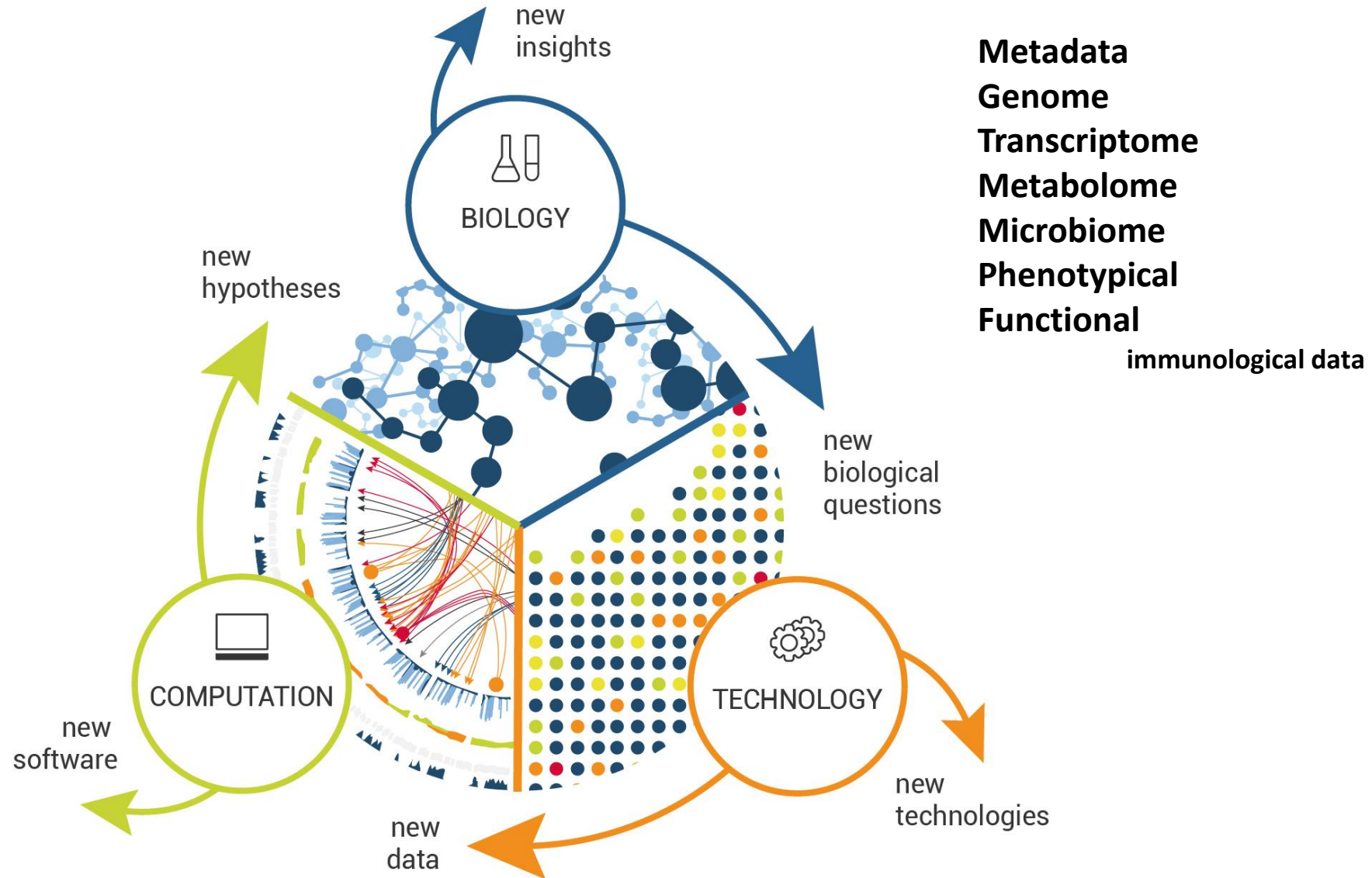


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Li Y et al., *Cell* (2016)

Romanian data

sepsis

functional validation



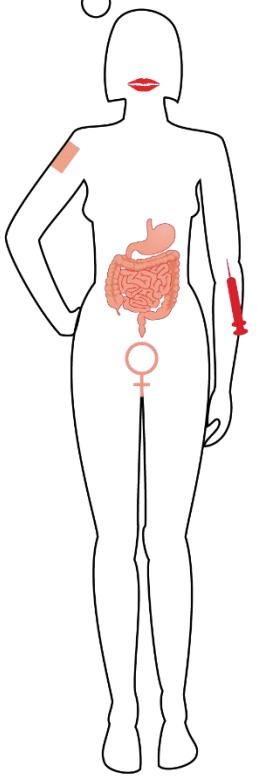


**Questionnaire**  
 External factors, e.g.: age, gender, medicine usage, BMI, height, smoking, contraceptive, ...


500 healthy volunteers

# HFGP

human functional genomics project

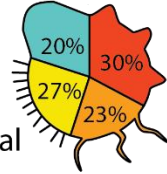



**Platelets**  
 Platelet activation in citrate blood




**Microbiome**

- Stool
- Skin
- Oral
- Vaginal

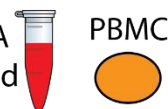


**Immunoglobulins**  
 Whole blood  
 IgG, IgA, IgM, IgG1/2/3/4




**Immuno-phenotyping**

EDTA blood      PBMC




CD45+, CD14+, CD19+, CD3+, CD3+/-CD56+, CD4+, CD8+, CD4+CD25h, NK

**Hormones**  
 Whole blood  
 Thyroid, Steroid

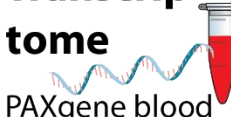


**Genome**




EDTA blood

**Transcriptome**



PAXgene blood

**Metabome**  
 Plasma






**Various**

- CRP
- Circ. mediators



**Cytokines**

Whole blood (48h)	PBMC (24h & 7d)	Macrophage (24h)
		

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<b>TLR ligands</b> LPS Pam3Cys MSU + C16 ...	<b>Whole organism</b> Influenza <i>C. albicans</i> <b><i>Borrelia</i></b> ...
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TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-17, IL-22, IFN- $\gamma$

<http://www.humanfunctionalgenomics.org>

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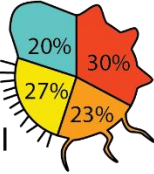


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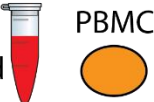


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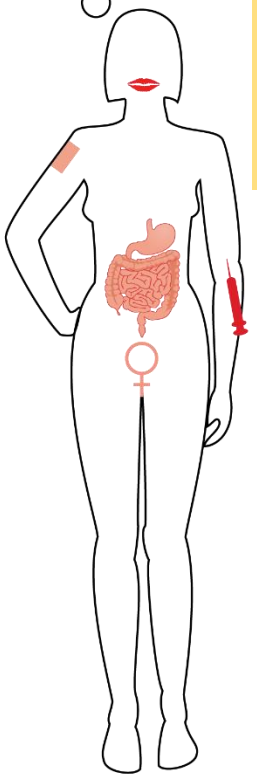
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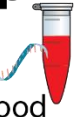
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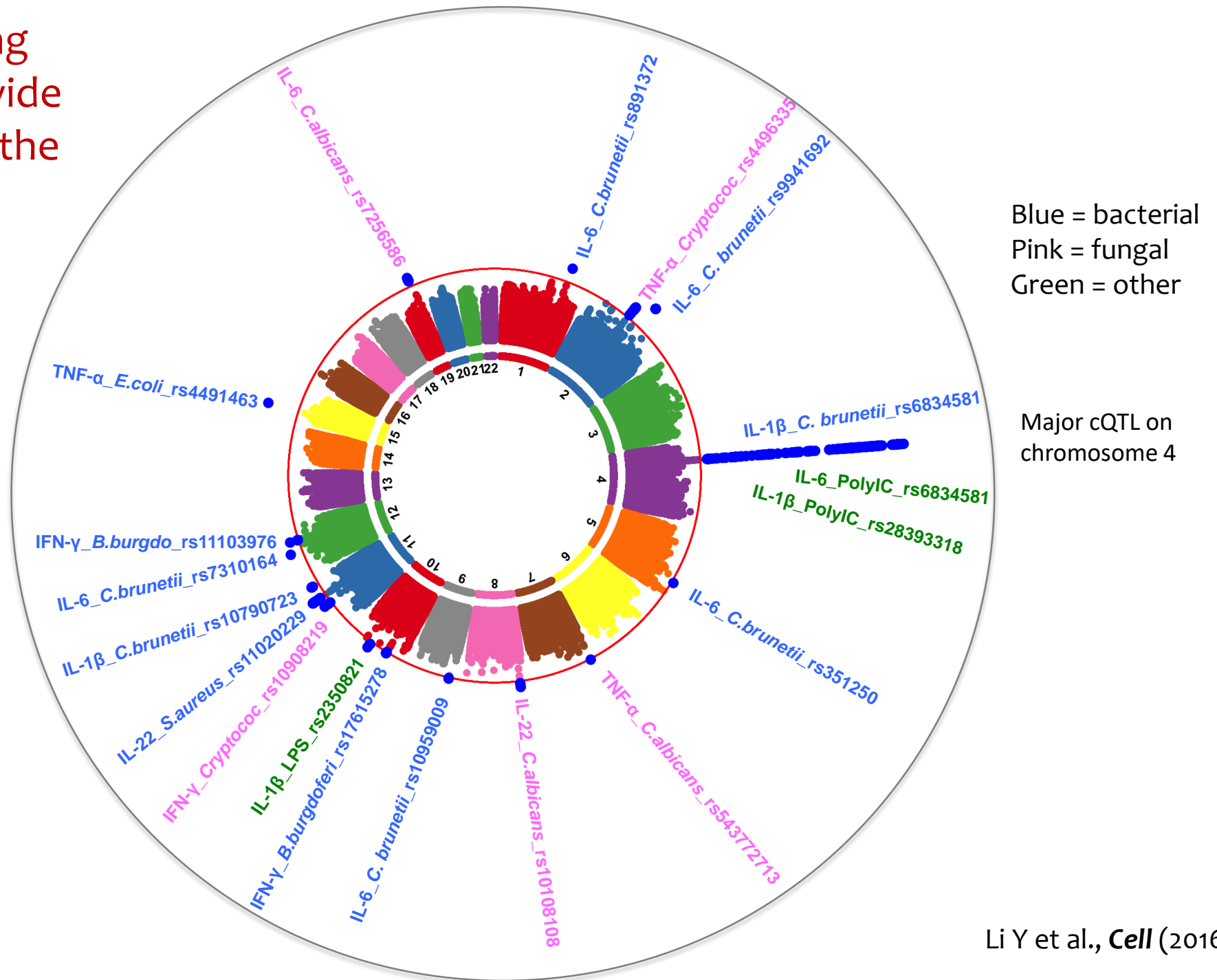
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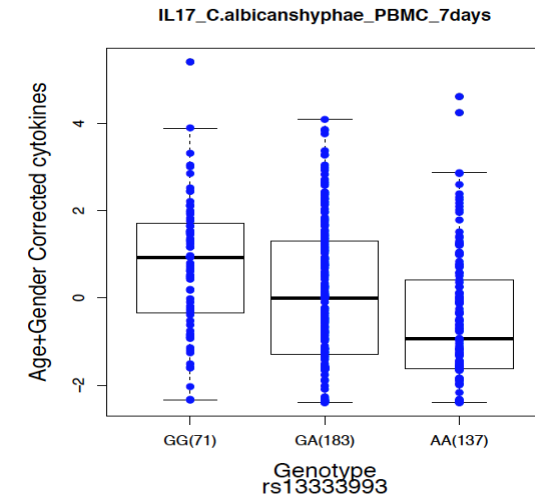
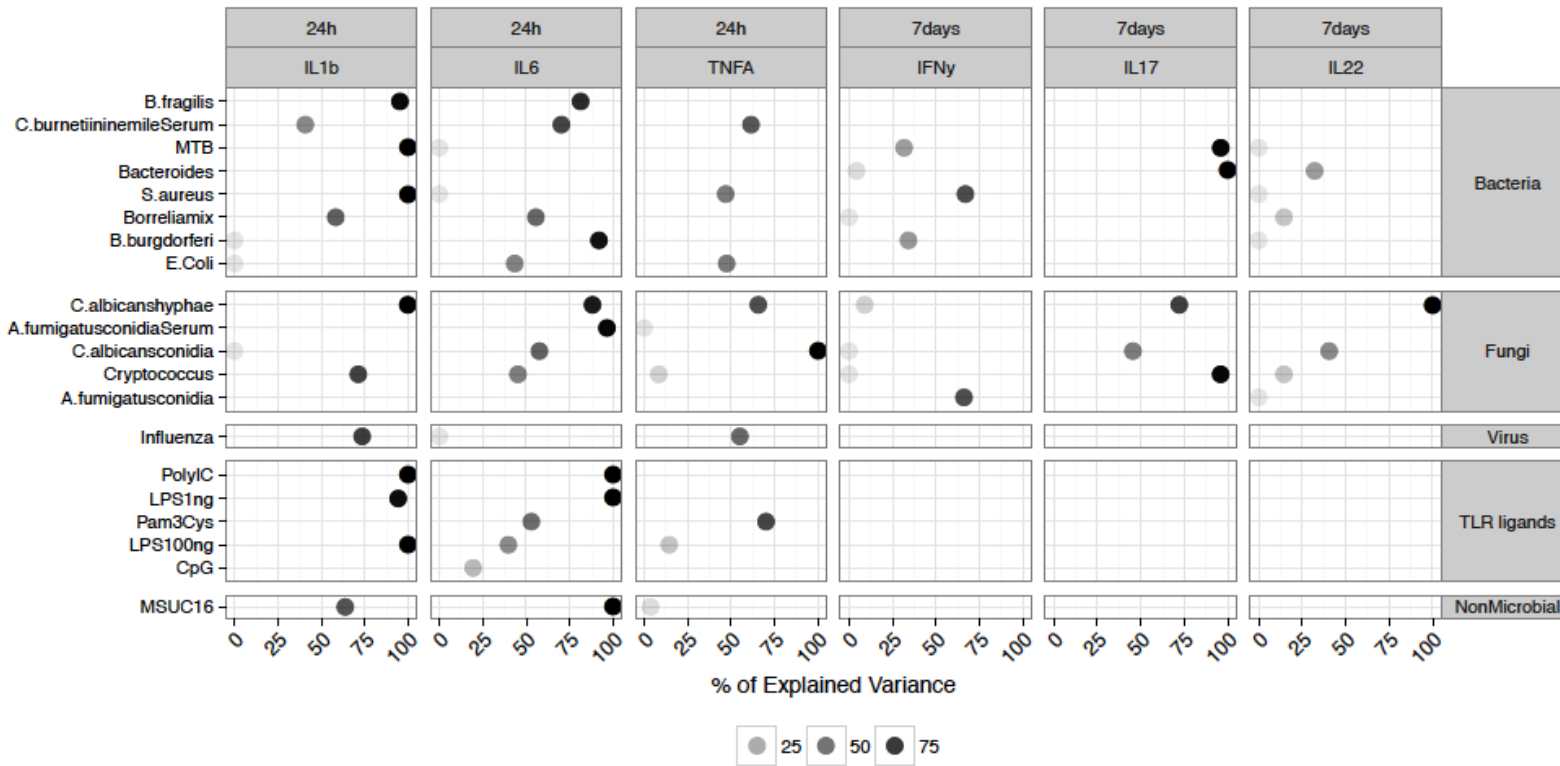
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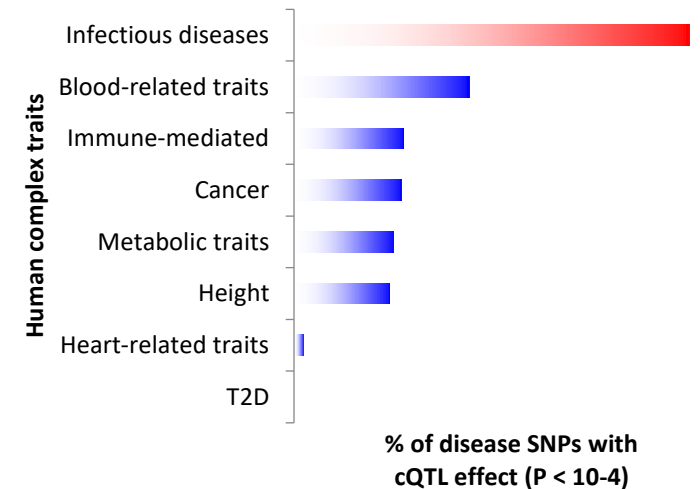
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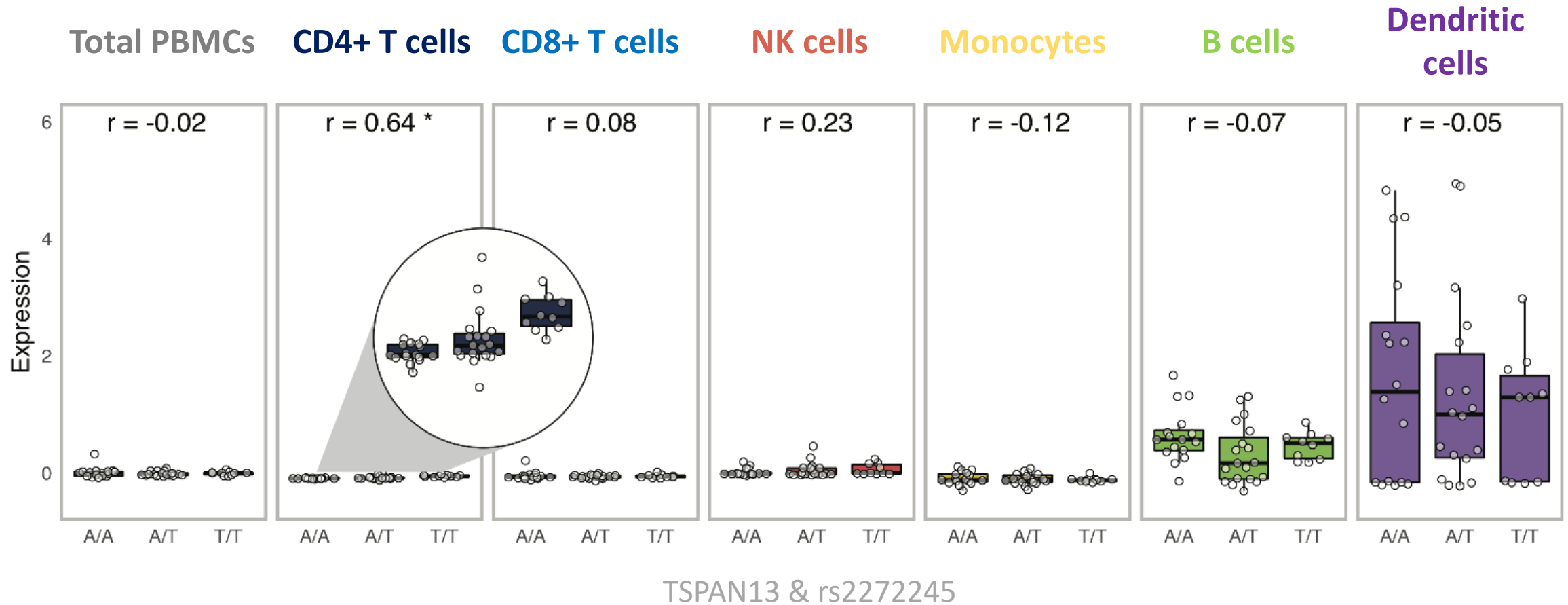
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









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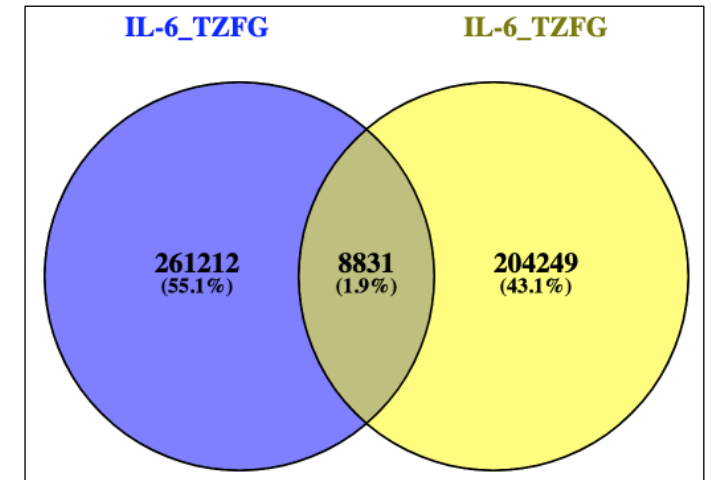
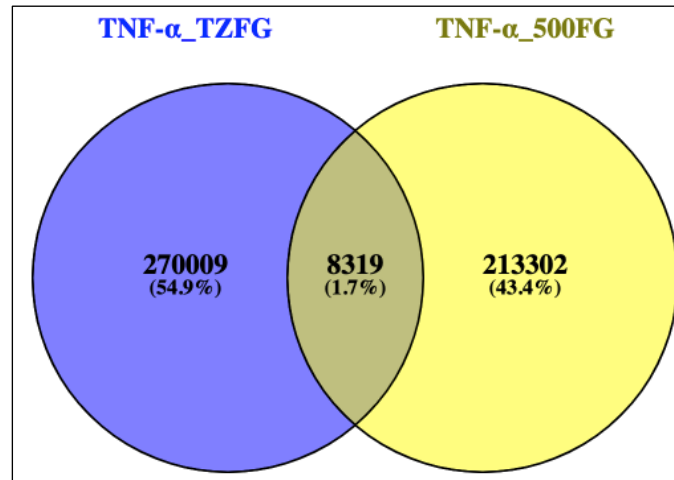
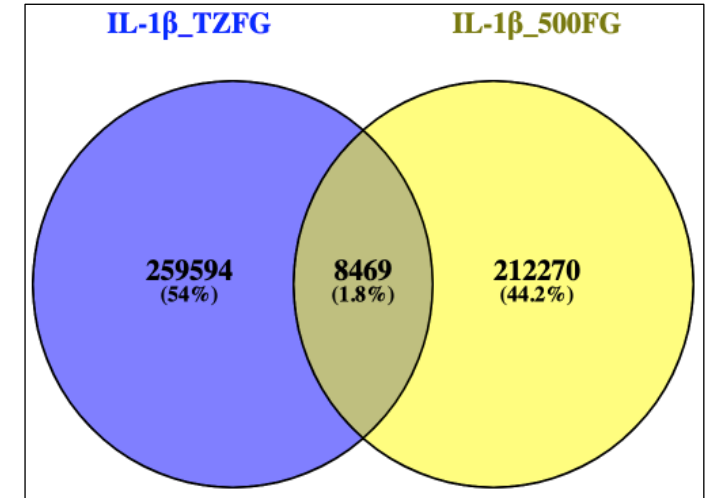
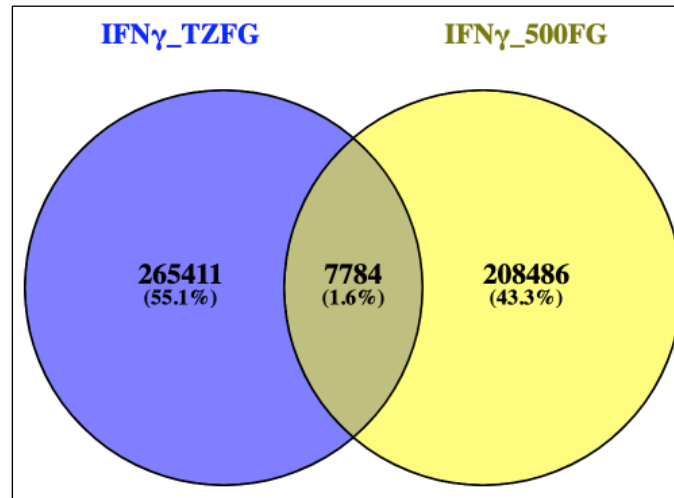


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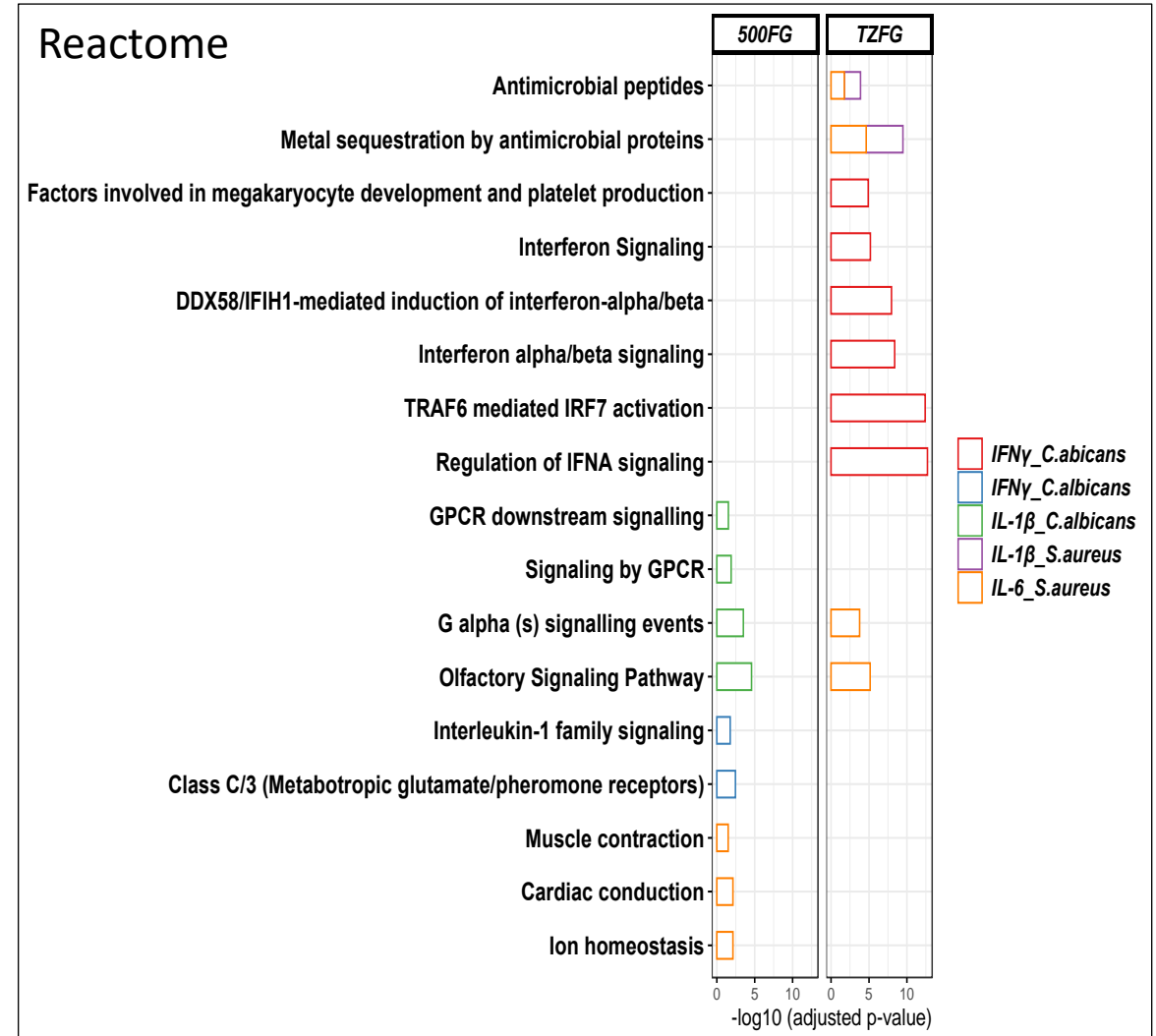
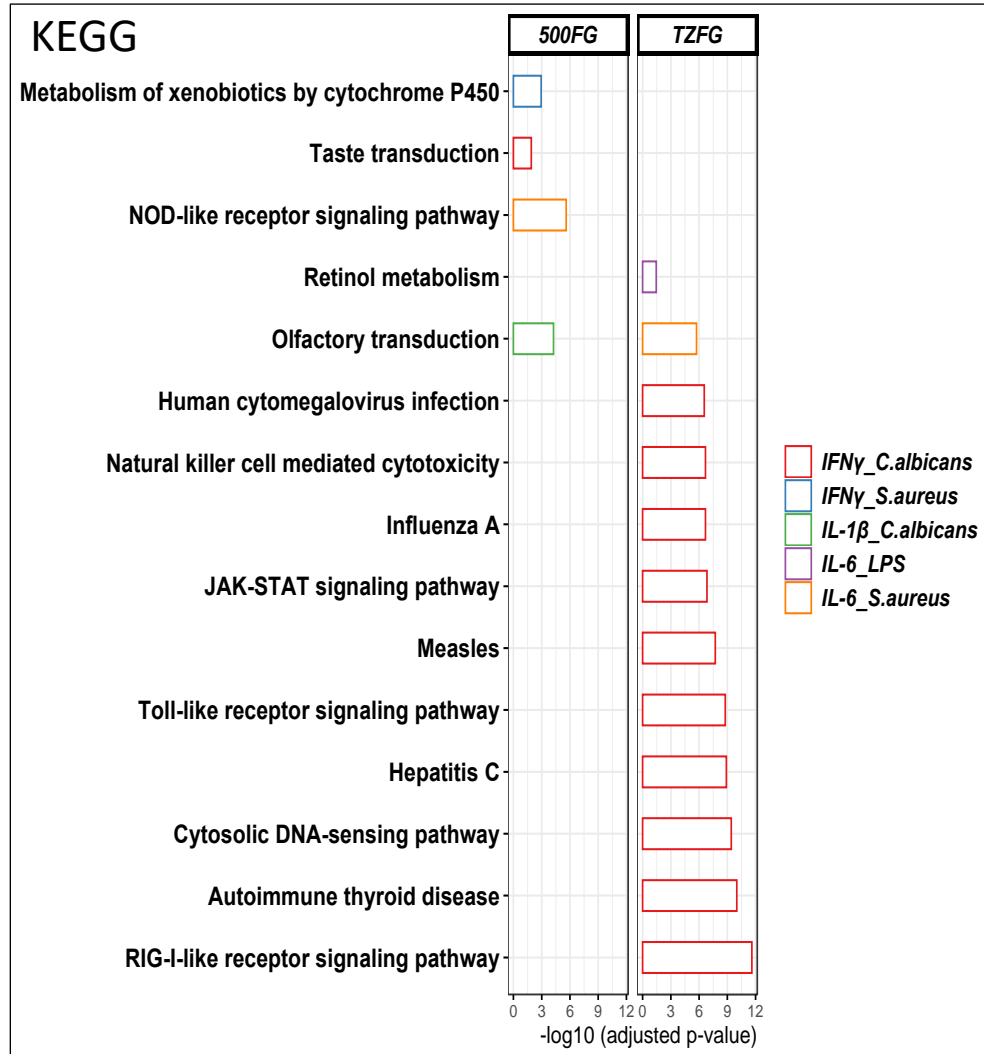


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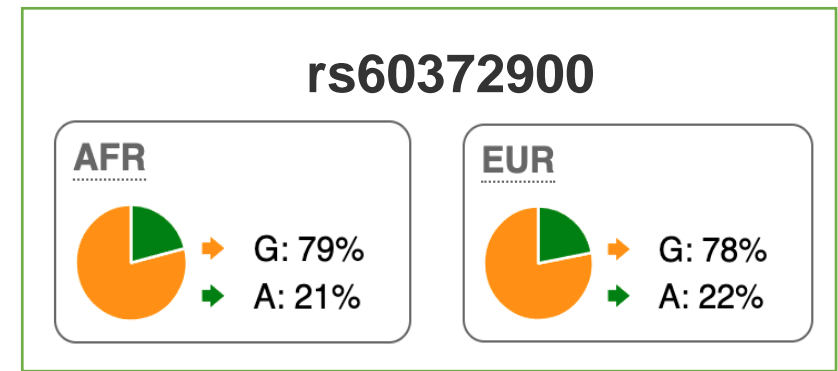
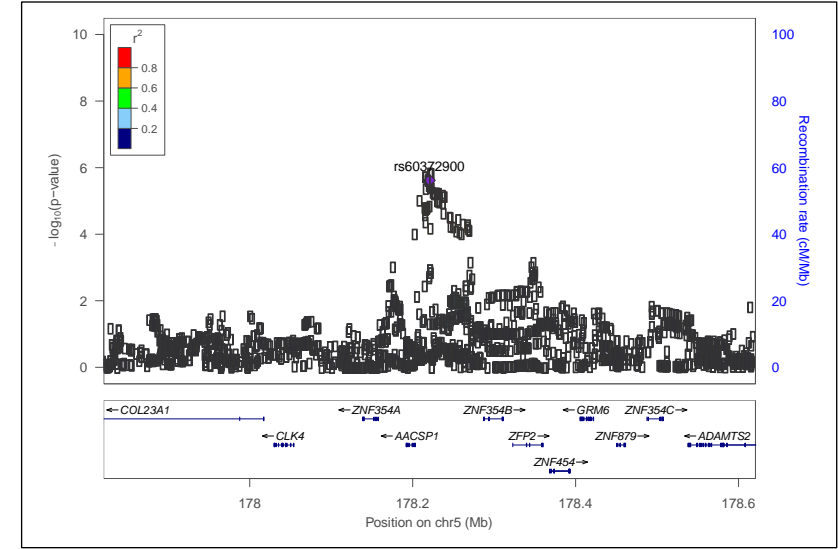
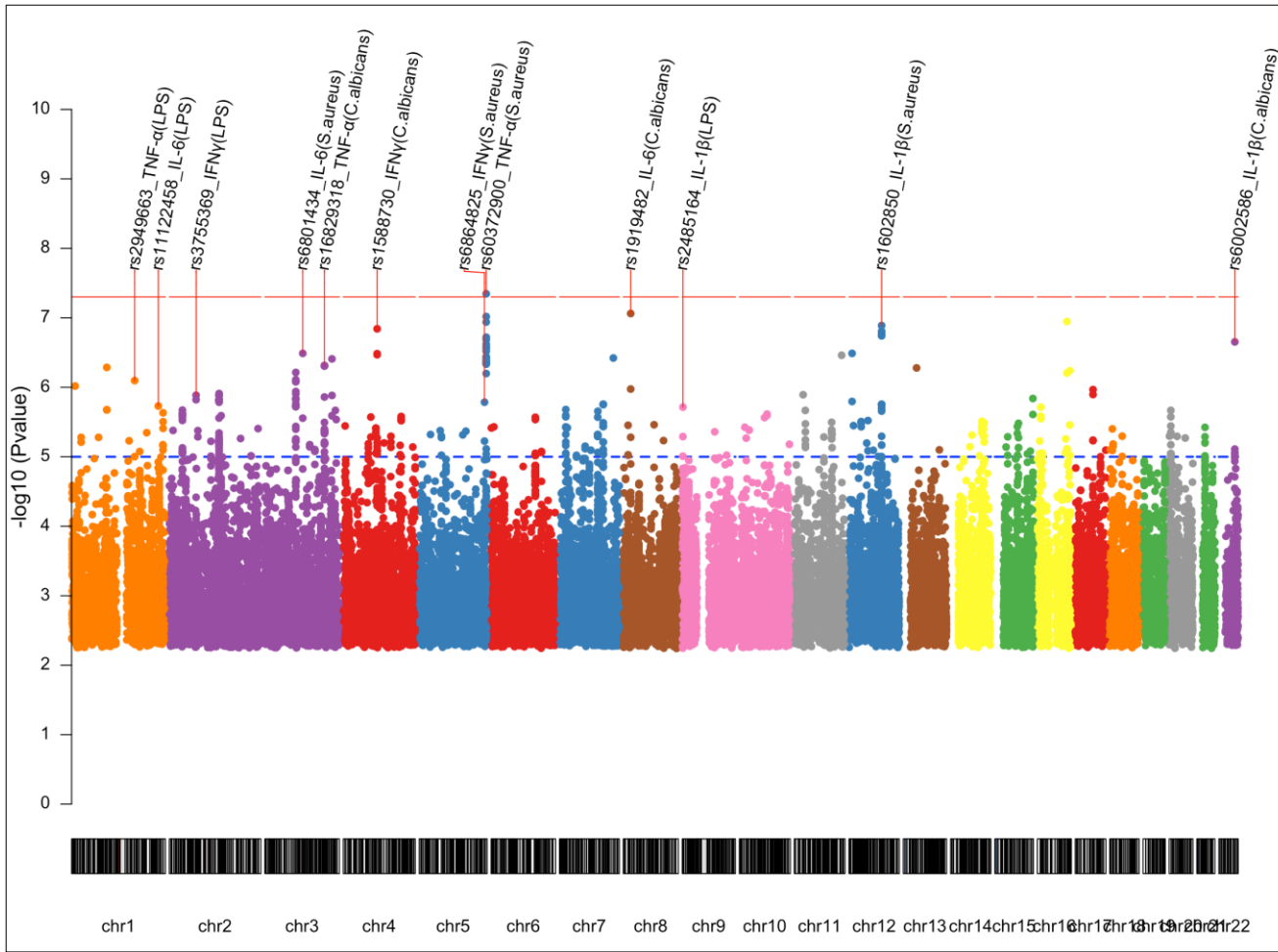
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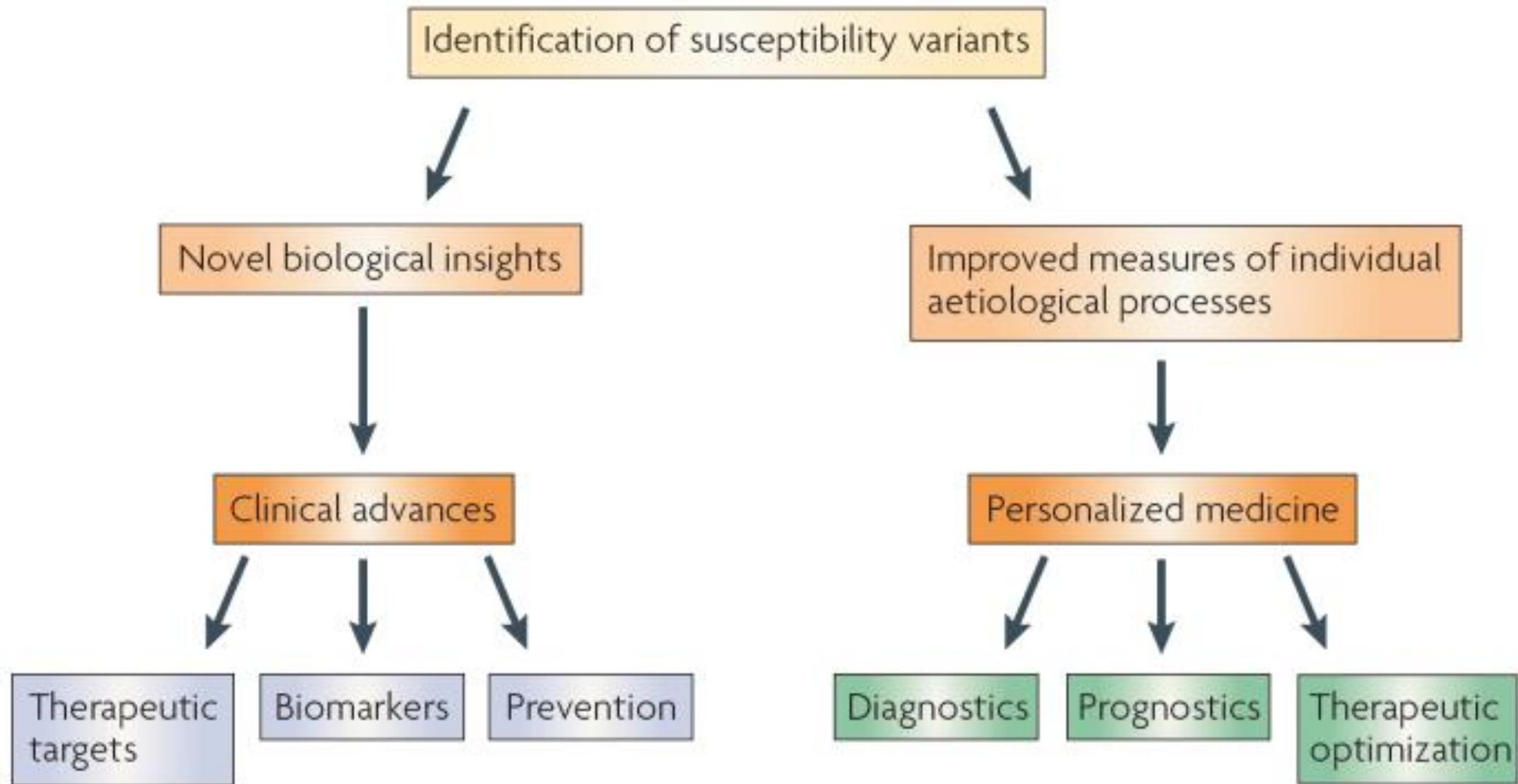
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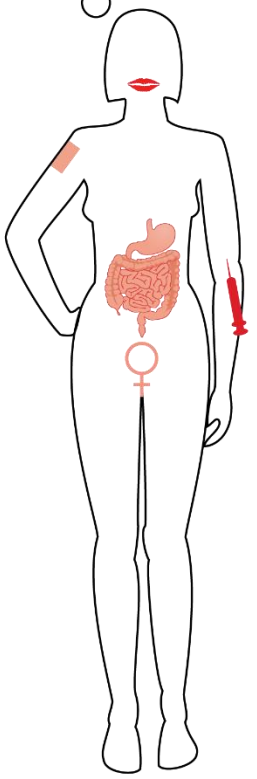


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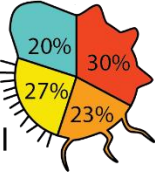



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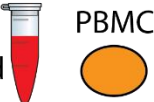


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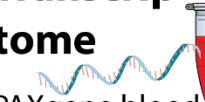
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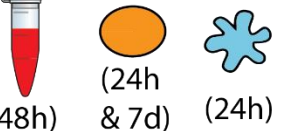
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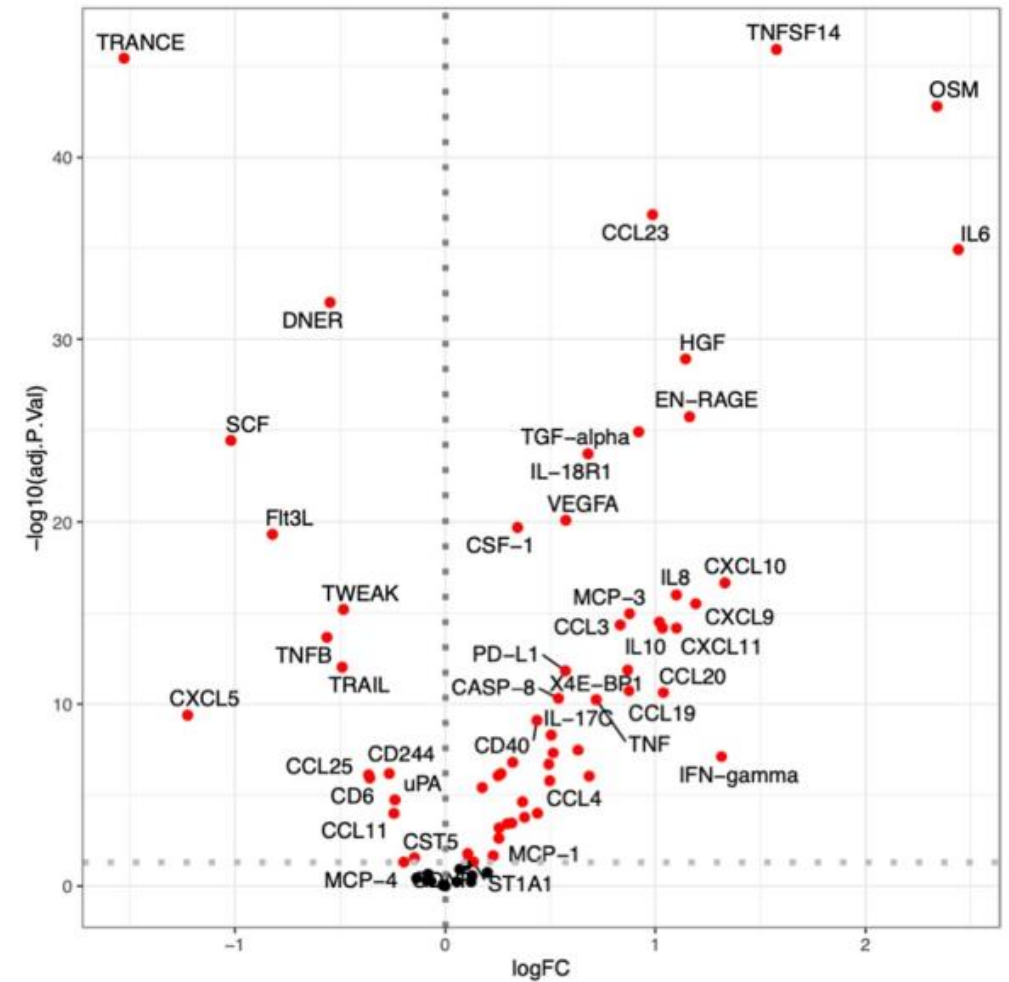
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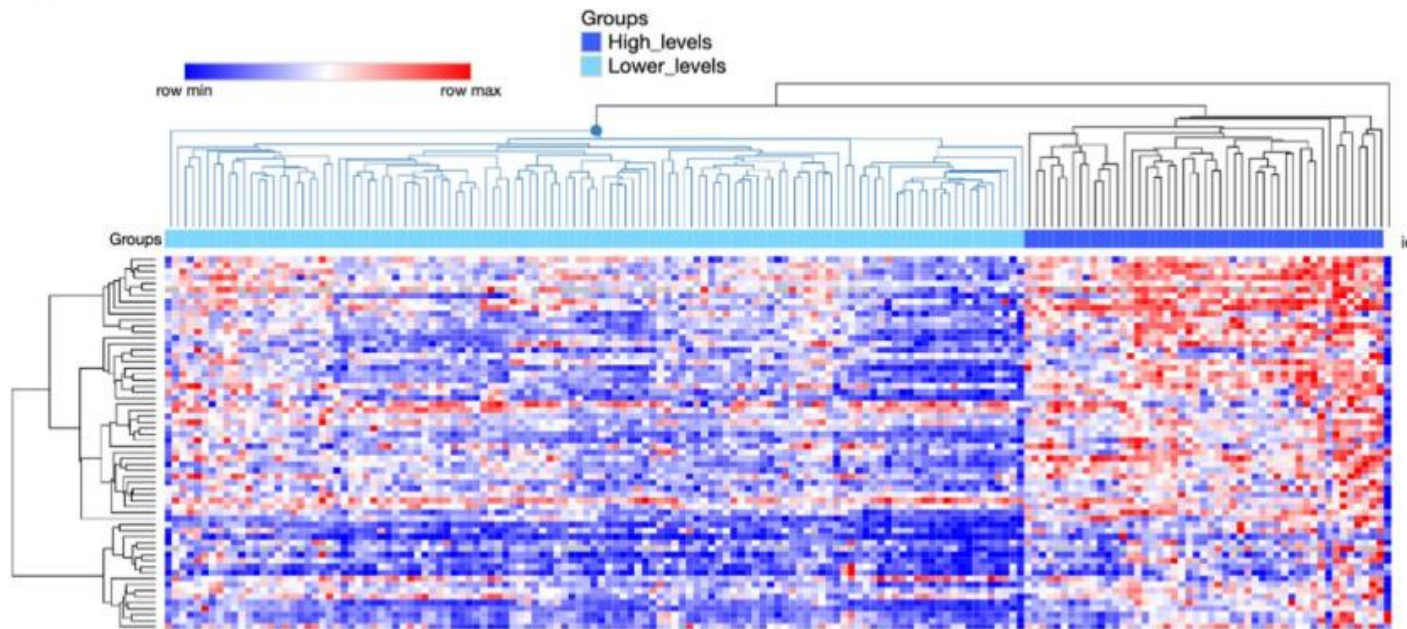


**Fig. 1** Comparison of circulatory inflammation proteins in patients with severe infection. Volcano plot with the comparison of 75 circulating proteins between patients and controls. Significant changes are depicted in red. Benjamini–Hochberg method was used to correct for multiple testing. Significance was defined as adjusted p values  $< 0.05$ . Age, sex and BMI were used as covariates in the analysis.  $\log_{FC}$  logarithm of the fold change

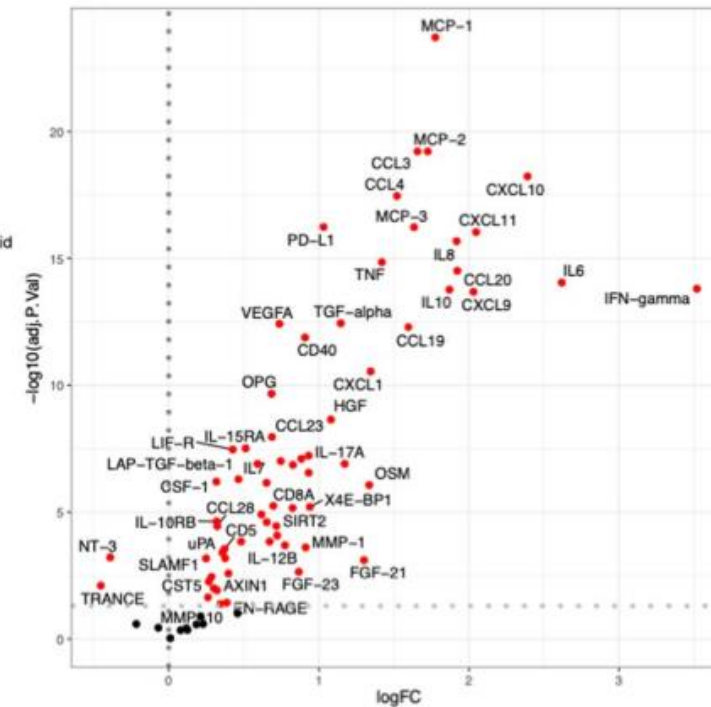


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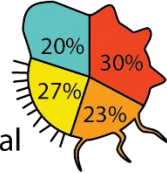


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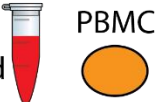


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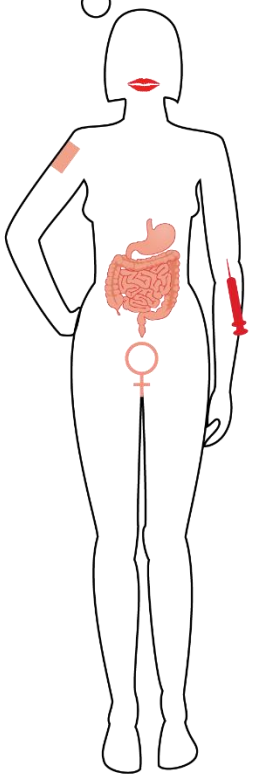
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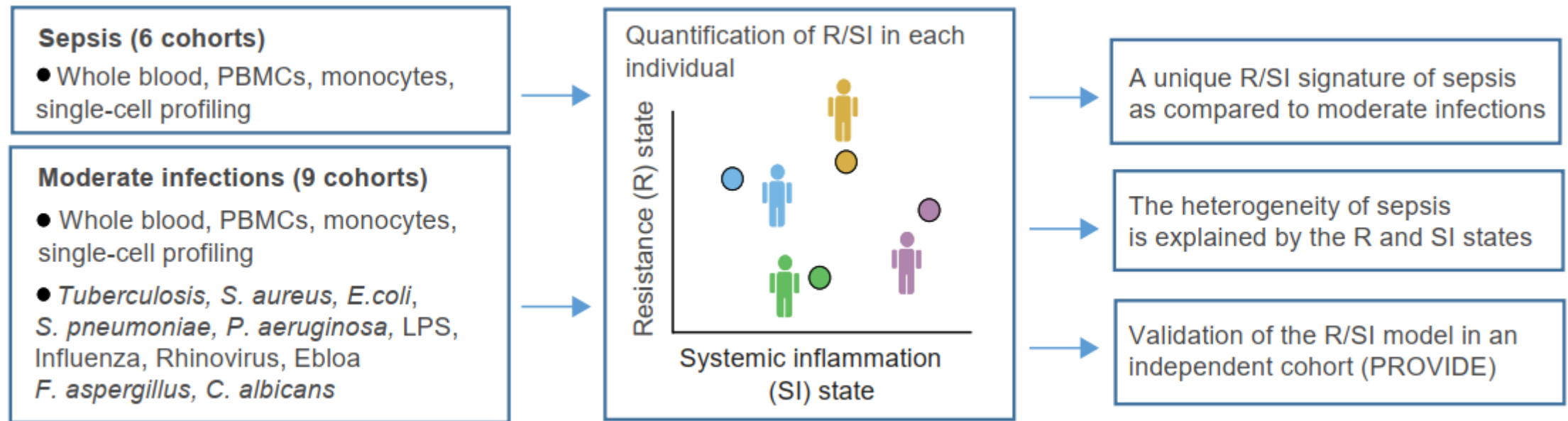
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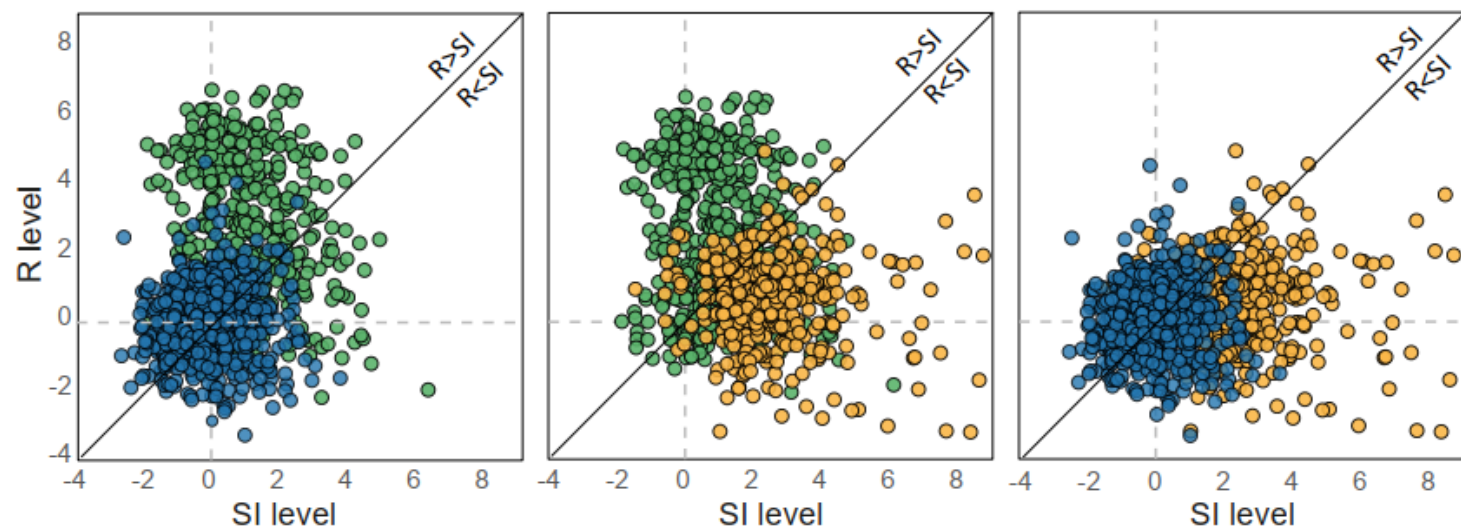
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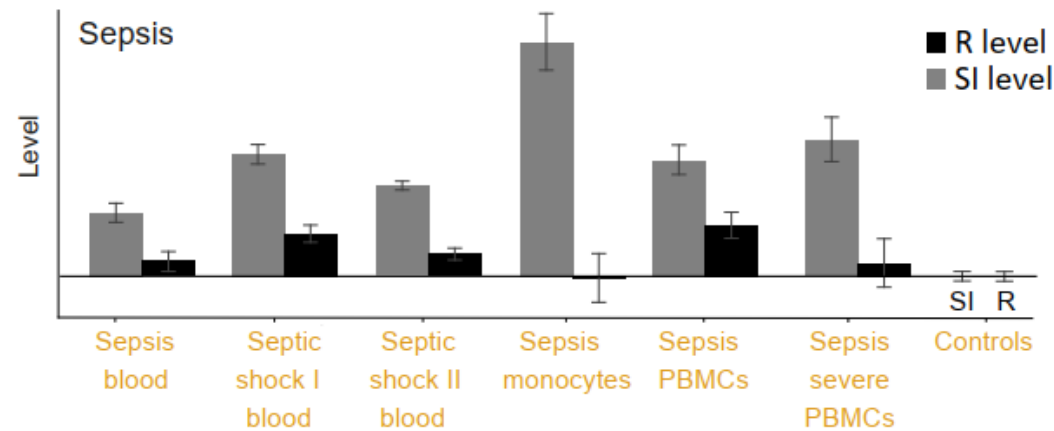
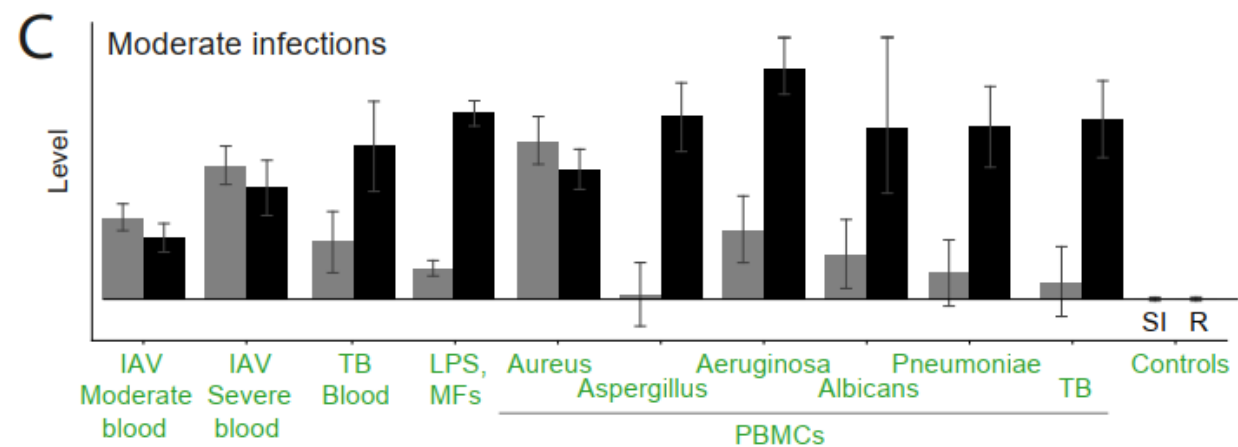
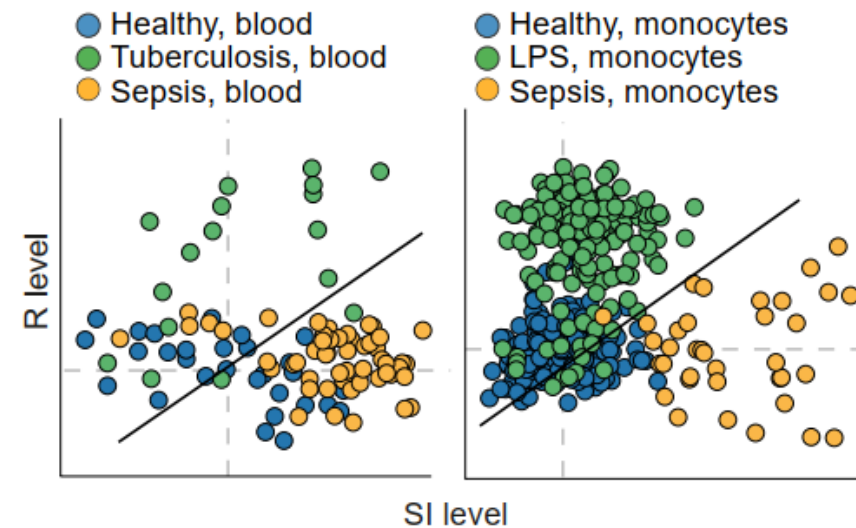
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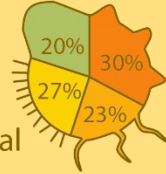


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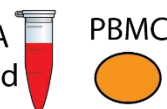
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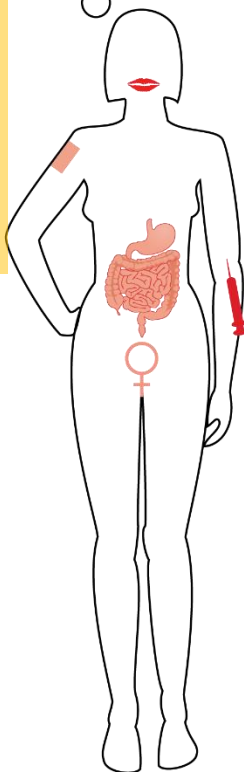
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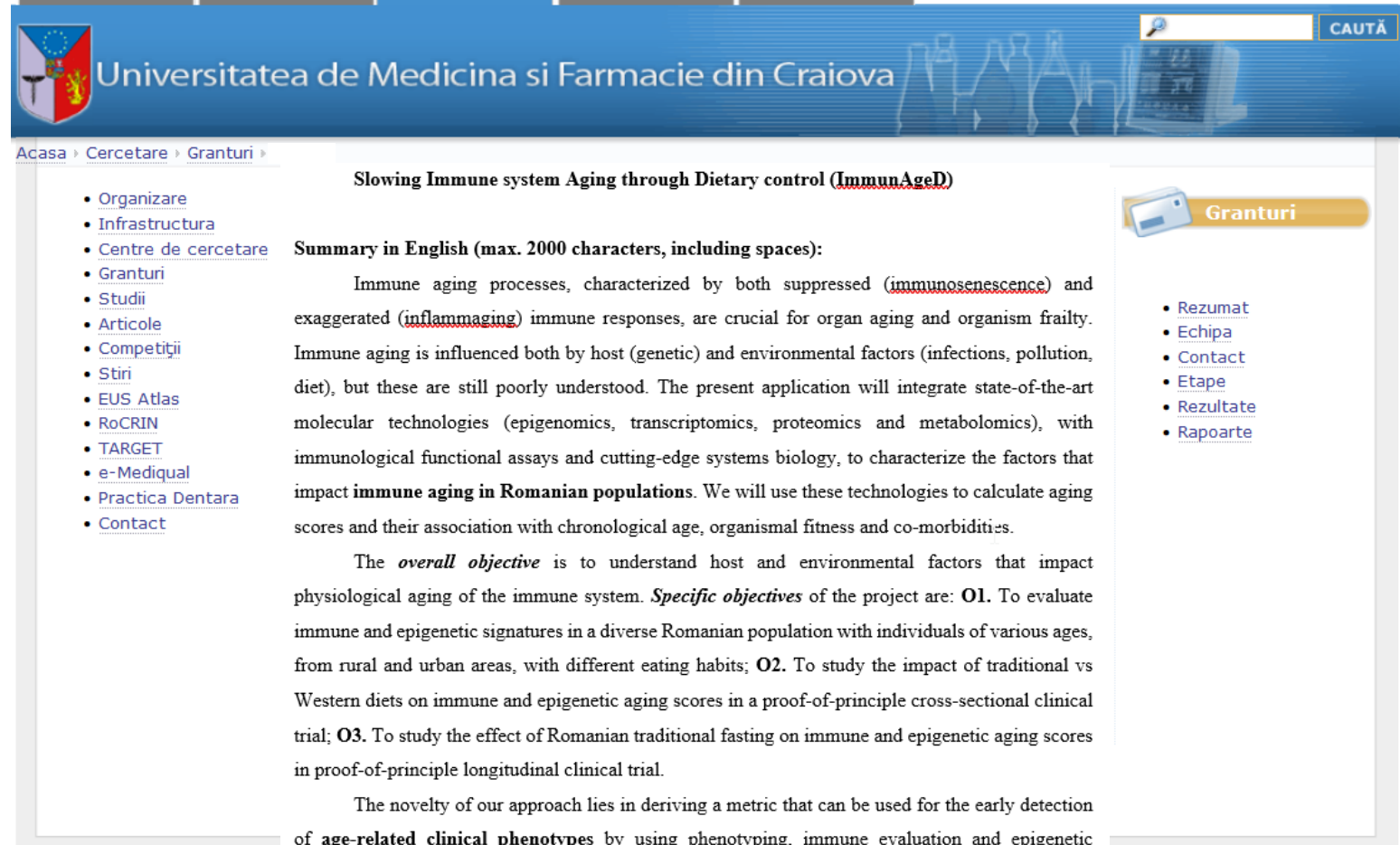
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**Summary in English (max. 2000 characters, including spaces):**

Immune aging processes, characterized by both suppressed (immunosenescence) and exaggerated (inflammaging) immune responses, are crucial for organ aging and organism frailty. Immune aging is influenced both by host (genetic) and environmental factors (infections, pollution, diet), but these are still poorly understood. The present application will integrate state-of-the-art molecular technologies (epigenomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics), with immunological functional assays and cutting-edge systems biology, to characterize the factors that impact **immune aging in Romanian populations**. We will use these technologies to calculate aging scores and their association with chronological age, organismal fitness and co-morbidities.

The *overall objective* is to understand host and environmental factors that impact physiological aging of the immune system. *Specific objectives* of the project are: **O1**. To evaluate immune and epigenetic signatures in a diverse Romanian population with individuals of various ages, from rural and urban areas, with different eating habits; **O2**. To study the impact of traditional vs Western diets on immune and epigenetic aging scores in a proof-of-principle cross-sectional clinical trial; **O3**. To study the effect of Romanian traditional fasting on immune and epigenetic aging scores in proof-of-principle longitudinal clinical trial.

The novelty of our approach lies in deriving a metric that can be used for the early detection of **age-related clinical phenotypes** by using phenotyping, immune evaluation and epigenetic methylation clock, as well as the potential for **intervention** through understanding the role of dietary interventions. This study will also allow to assess the role of important societal changes as the Romanian population transitions from a traditional to a Western-type diet and lifestyle.

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