

"Το Stress και σαρκοπενία: Ιατρική ακριβείας στην καρδιομεταβολική νόσο - Επιλογή Θεραπείας"



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Definitions

- **Precision** (or stratified) medicine refers to processes that combine available data concerning human biology, behaviors and contexts to optimize the medical approach, usually by tailoring prevention strategies, diagnostics and therapeutics to subgroups of populations sharing similar characteristics; the objective is to minimize error and risk and maximize efficacy
- **Personalized** (or individualized) medicine refers to final step in the process of translating evidence into practice, taking into account individual's references, capabilities and circumstances

Ιατρική της ακρίβειας

- Παρόλο που πολλά είναι γνωστά για τους παράγοντες κινδύνου που οδηγούν στο καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο (πχ. τρόπος ζωής, επίπεδο εκπαίδευσης και πρόσβαση στη θεραπεία) σε **επίπεδο πληθυσμού**, οι συγκεκριμένοι παράγοντες που οδηγούν το **κάθε ξεχωριστό άτομο** σε νόσο είναι λιγότερο προσδιορίσιμοι
- Τα διαγνωστικά κριτήρια κοινών νοσημάτων είναι **βασισμένα στα συμπτώματα**, όπως και η επιλογή και η αξιολόγηση της θεραπείας καθώς και τα συμπεράσματα για την πρόγνωση της νόσου
- Αυτό δεν αφήνει περιθώρια για αναγνώριση με ακρίβεια των χαρακτηριστικών της νόσου και συχνά προδιαθέτει σε ιατρικά σφάλματα
- Αυτές οι προκλήσεις έχουν ωθήσει την ανάπτυξη μεθόδων που αποσκοπούν στη βελτίωση της ακρίβειας και της ορθότητας στην ιατρική και τη δημόσια υγεία, μια έννοια που αναφέρεται συχνά ως **ιατρική της ακρίβειας**



In medical parlance precision means a
“relative lack of random error”

Τεκμηριωμένη ιατρική

- ✓ Η βέλτιστη πρακτική πρόληψης και θεραπείας σύνθετων νοσημάτων μέχρι σήμερα βασίζεται στην τεκμηριωμένη ιατρική, που τυπικά είναι αποτέλεσμα τυχαιοποιημένων κλινικών μελετών και μελετών παρατήρησης
- ✓ Άλλοι τύποι πειραματικών δεδομένων αλλά και μελετών πραγματικού κόσμου συμπληρώνουν την ιατρική λήψη αποφάσεων.
- ✓ Η ιατρική βασισμένη στην τεκμηρίωση εστιάζει περισσότερο στις εκτιμήσεις της μέσης έκθεσης του πληθυσμού σε κίνδυνο και στην αποτελεσματικότητα ή την ασφάλεια της θεραπείας, ή και τα δύο, υπό την προϋπόθεση ότι αυτοί οι μέσοι όροι έχουν νόημα για προβλέψεις σε ατομικό επίπεδο

Καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο

- Το καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο που περιλαμβάνει την **παχυσαρκία**, τον **σακχαρώδη διαβήτη**, την **καρδιαγγειακή νόσο** και τη **λιπώδη νόσο του ήπατος** καθώς και τις **επιπλοκές** τους, αποτελεί μέγιστη απειλή για την παγκόσμια υγεία
- Παρά την πρόοδο στην κατανόηση και τη διαχείριση του που οδηγούν σε καλύτερες εκβάσεις, παρουσιάζει ακόμη αυξημένη **νοσηρότητα** και **θνητότητα**, με την αυξανόμενη παγκόσμια επιβάρυνση αυτών των ασθενειών να αποδίδεται σε μεγάλο βαθμό σε **τροποποιήσιμους παράγοντες κινδύνου**
- Το 2022 περισσότεροι από το 10% του παγκόσμιου πληθυσμού (>500 εκατομμύρια άνθρωποι) ζουν με σακχαρώδη διαβήτη, με μεγαλύτερη αύξηση στον επιπολασμό της νόσου να αναμένεται στην Υποσαχάρια Αφρική, την Μέση Ανατολή και την Νότια Ασία έως το 2045

Καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο

Το 2022

- **1 στα 8 άτομα ζουν με παχυσαρκία**
- 2,5 δισεκατομμύρια ενήλικες ζουν με υπερβάλλον βάρος, 890 εκατομμύρια εξ αυτών ζουν με παχυσαρκία
- 37 εκατομμύρια παιδιά, κάτω των 5 ετών ζουν με παχυσαρκία
- Ο επιπολασμός της MAFLD ανέρχεται στο 32% του πληθυσμού παγκοσμίως
- 10% του παγκόσμιου πληθυσμού έχει διαγνωστεί με καρδιαγγειακή νόσο (Στεφανιαία Νόσος, Καρδιακή Ανεπάρκεια, Αγγειακό Εγκεφαλικό Επεισόδιο)

Καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο-Επιπολασμός

Region	Prevalence
Europe	29%
Asia	22%
Africa	18%
South America	31%
North America	34%

TABLE 1: Prevalence of cardiometabolic syndrome by region.

Καρδιομεταβολικό σύνδρομο και σαρκοπενία

Research paper

Sarcopenia and the cardiometabolic syndrome: A narrative review



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ABSTRACT

Sarcopenia is a prevalent problem in the older population that is commonly considered for its well-known adverse functional associations. Cardiovascular diseases and metabolic syndrome are also significant problems whose prevalence dramatically increase with age and remain the main cause of mortality in older adults. These two entities have recently been suggested to be inter-related and significant evidence has accumulated. In this article, we review the current evidence on this proposed association and the possible related pathophysiologic mechanisms. **In summary, it seems that lower muscle mass is associated with higher cardiometabolic diseases (CMD) when adjusted for weight, but lower CMD when adjusted for height squared. Sarcopenic obesity – obesity and sarcopenia combined – might be associated with a greater risk of CMD than sarcopenia and obesity alone. Sarcopenia and CMD seem to share a common pathway and interact with each other to facilitate mutual abnormalities.**

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Sarcopenic Obesity and Cardiometabolic Health and Mortality in Older Adults: a Growing Health Concern in an Ageing Population

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Abstract

Purpose of Review Sarcopenic obesity (SO) is a growing public health problem in older adults. Whether SO confers higher risk of cardiometabolic disease and mortality than obesity or sarcopenia alone is still a matter of debate. We focus on recent findings on SO and cardiometabolic health and mortality in older adults.

Recent Findings SO is associated with increased mortality compared to non-sarcopenic obesity, but similar mortality risk compared to sarcopenia without obesity. SO is associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD), diabetes, and physical disability than obesity or sarcopenia alone. SO, in the presence of diabetes, is associated with the highest risk of CVD and chronic kidney disease. A definition and diagnostic criteria for SO has recently been proposed (ESPEN and EASO).

Summary SO is associated with more adverse outcomes overall than sarcopenia or obesity alone. Future research is required to assess the impact of the new SO definition on health outcomes.



Osteosarcopenic adiposity (OSA) phenotype and its connection with cardiometabolic disorders: Is there a cause-and-effect?

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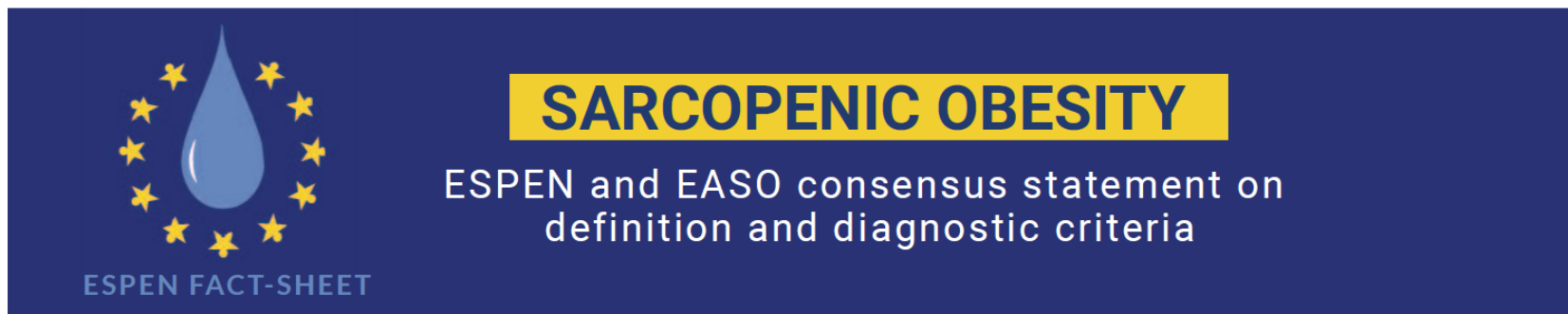
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ABSTRACT

The objectives were to examine if there is a causal relationship between osteosarcopenic adiposity (OSA) syndrome (coexistence of osteopenia/osteoporosis, sarcopenia, and excess adiposity) and cardiometabolic disorders or if these disorders initiate the development of OSA and its worsening. The search was conducted in PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science to include articles up to the end of 2023. Of n=539 articles retrieved, n=15 met the eligibility criteria. Only studies conducted in adults and with all three body composition compartments (bone, muscle/lean, adipose) measured were considered. The results revealed that several cardiometabolic disorders, namely, hypertension, dyslipidemia (elevated total and LDL-cholesterol, lower HDL-cholesterol), insulin resistance, hyperglycemia, lower serum vitamin D, and some inflammatory markers were accompanied by OSA. In most cases, the OSA phenotype was associated with worse outcomes than cases with healthy or less impaired body composition. Our initial questions about the reciprocal cause-and-effect relationships could be surmised with more certainty for the OSA and some cardiovascular risks (hypertension, dyslipidemia) and some metabolic abnormalities (several inflammatory markers). The results of this review underscore the importance of body composition in health and from a clinical perspective, all three body composition compartments should be measured by standardized technologies using regulated diagnostic criteria to identify OSA. Randomized trials and prospective studies in diverse groups of older and younger individuals are necessary to determine if the relationships between OSA and clinical endpoints are causal and reversible through intervention and to uncover the mechanisms.

Σαρκοπενική παχυσαρκία



OBESITY + SARCOPENIA = SARCOPENIC OBESITY



**Abnormal
and excessive fat
accumulation**

+



**Loss of
skeletal muscle mass
and function**

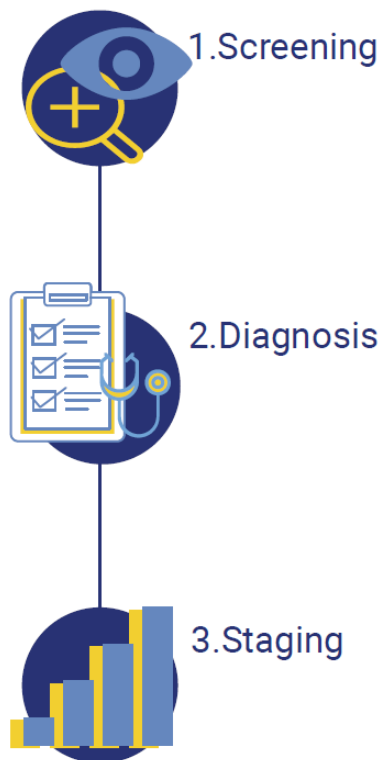


**strong negative clinical impact,
may lead to disabilities,
complications,
it negatively affects health
and survival.**



Σαρκοπενική παχυσαρκία

3 STEPS IDENTIFICATION



1

- a. **HIGH BMI or WC** (based on ethnic cut-points)
- b. **SURROGATE PARAMETERS FOR SARCOPENIA** (clinical symptoms, clinical suspicion or questionnaires (e.g. SARC-F in older subjects))

Both conditions (a+b) must be present to proceed with diagnosis

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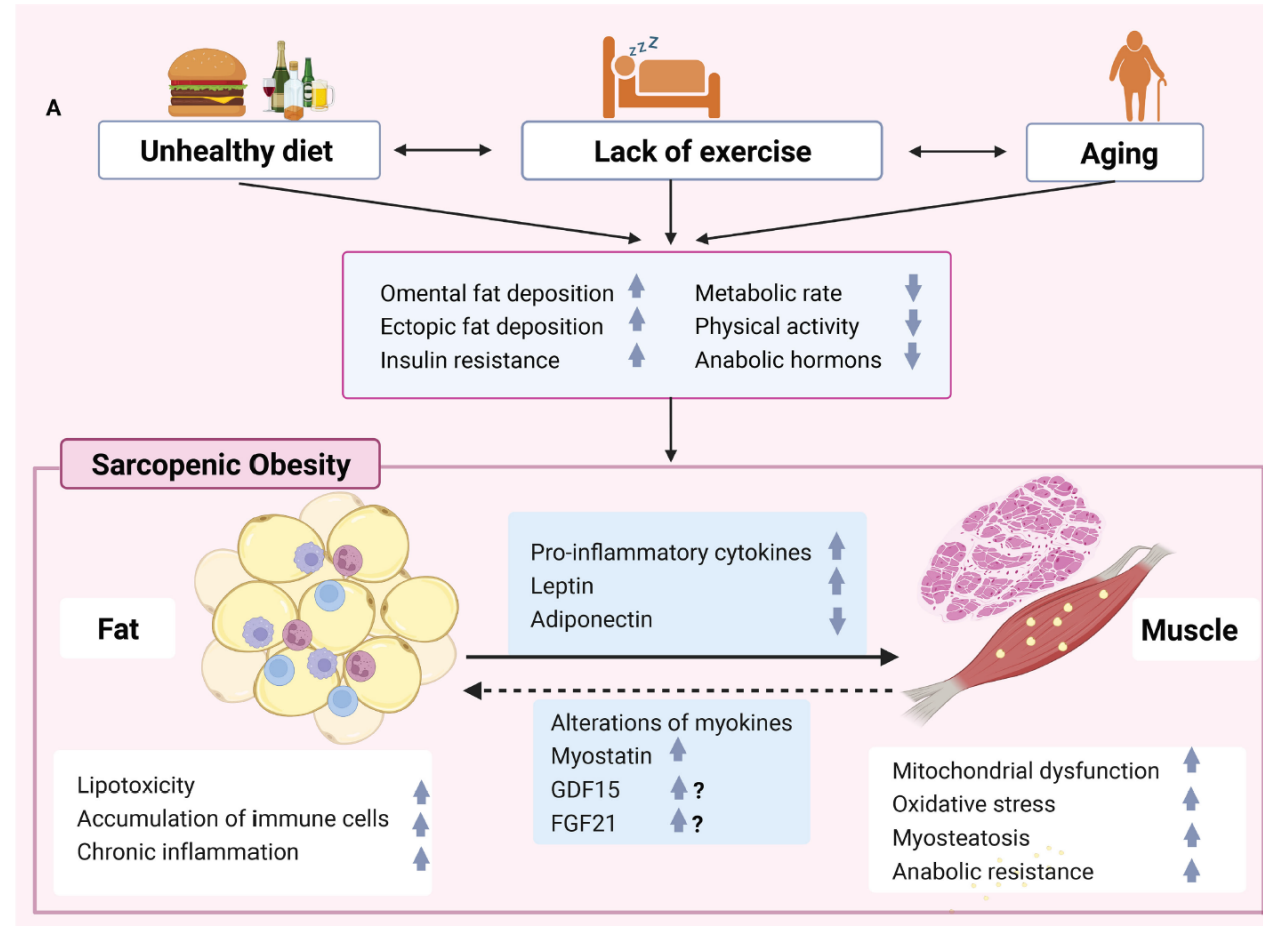
- c. **ALTERED SKELETAL MUSCLE FUNCTIONAL PARAMETERS** (Hand grip strenght, chair stand test). **If yes, go to d.**
- d. **ALTERED BODY COMPOSITION:** ↑%fat mass (FM) and ↓muscle mass (MM: ALM/W by DXA or SMM/W by BIA)

Both conditions (c+d) must be present to assess the presence of sarcopenic obesity (SO).

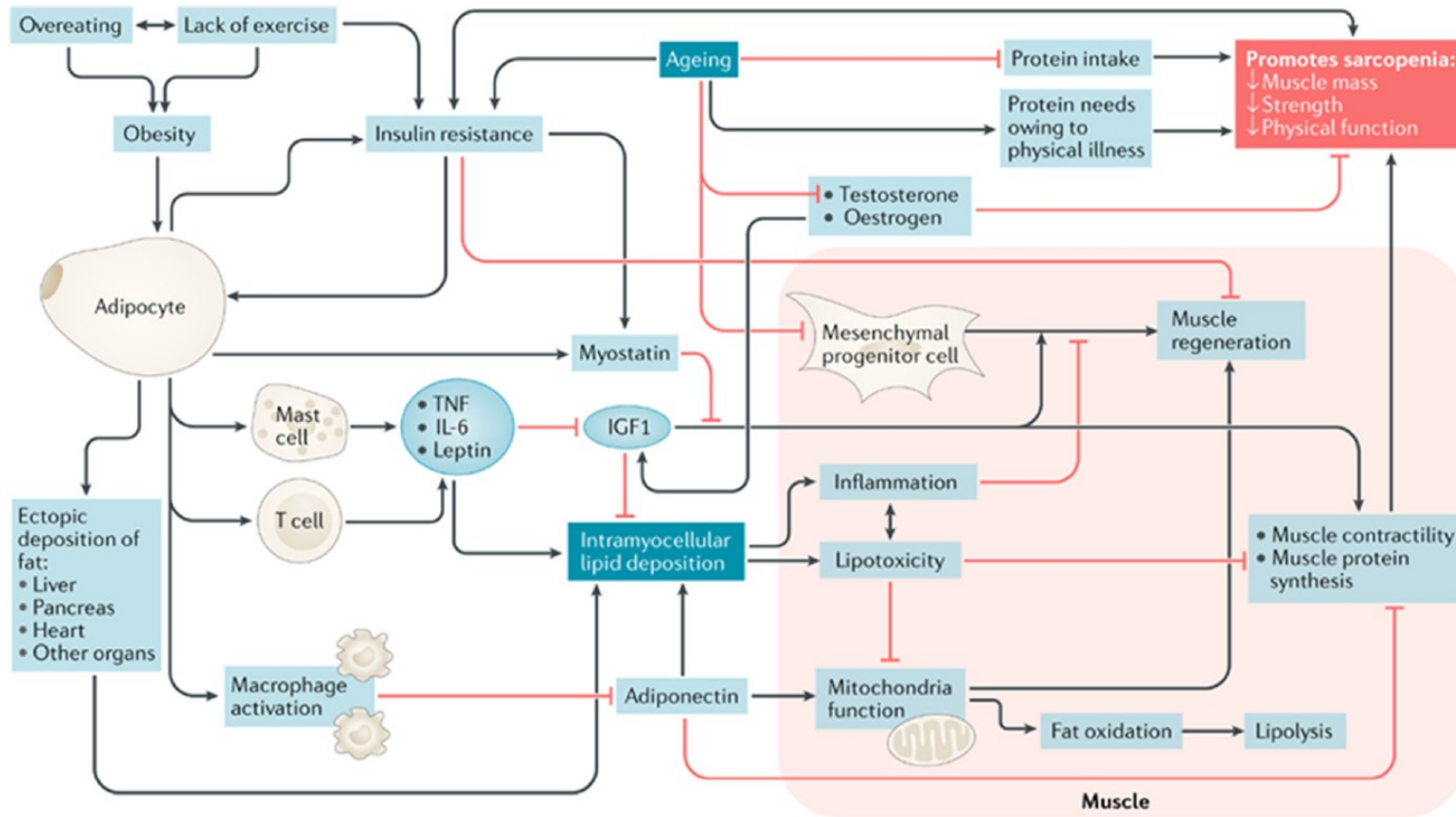
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- A two-level STAGING based on complications from ↑ FM and ↓MM
- **STAGE I:** NO complications
 - **STAGE II:** at least one complication attributable to SO (e.g. metabolic diseases, functional disabilities, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases)

Παθοφυσιολογία



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Definition and Diagnostic Criteria for Sarcopenic Obesity: ESPEN and EASO Consensus Statement

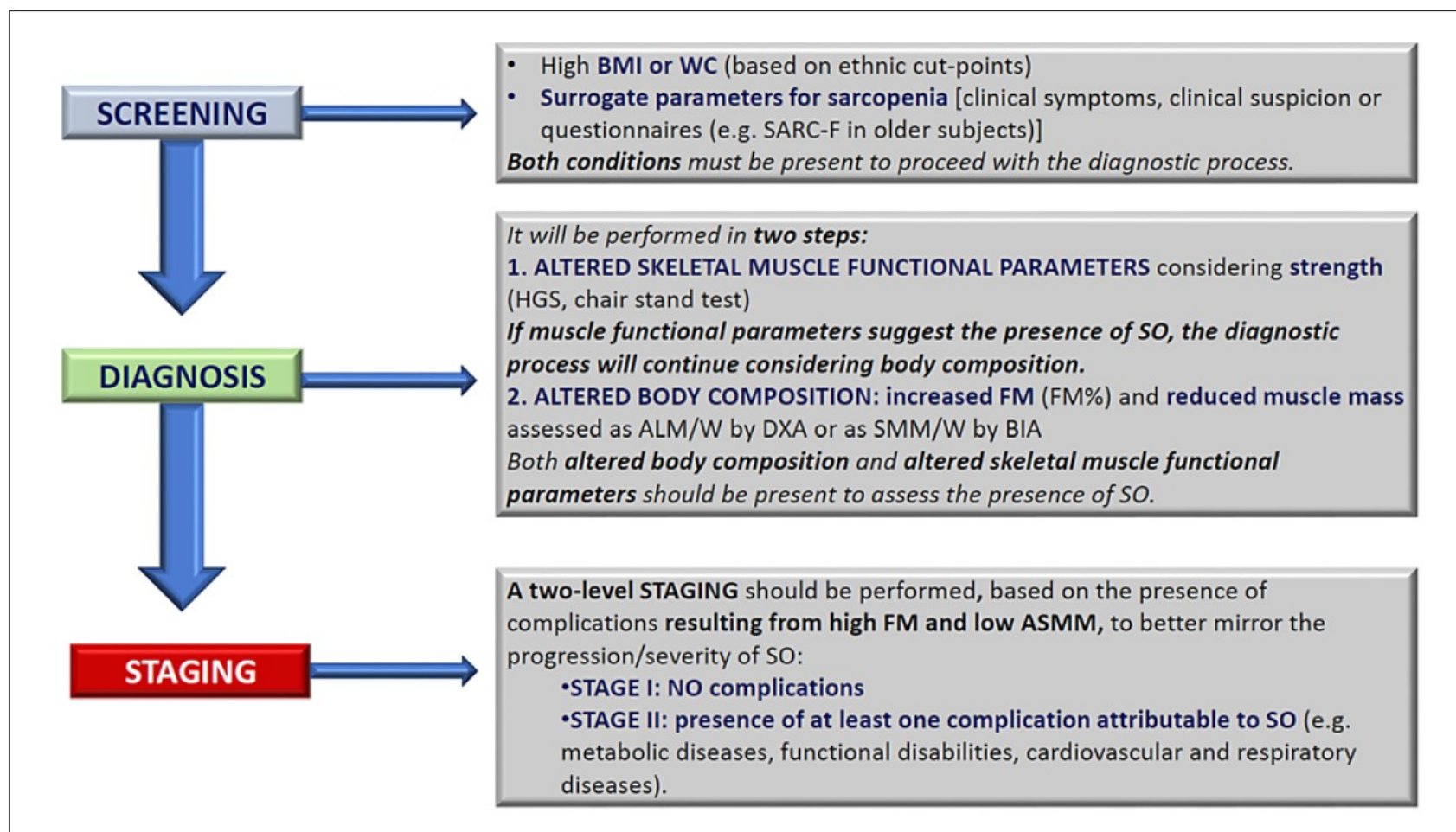
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Υποψία Σαρκοπενικής Παχυσαρκίας

Table 1. Clinical symptoms or suspicion factors for the screening of sarcopenic obesity

Age >70 years
Chronic disease diagnosis (e.g., inflammatory diseases and organ failure or chronic disease) including but not limited to:
Chronic heart failure
Chronic kidney disease (particularly renal replacement therapy)
Chronic bowel failure or dysfunction
Chronic liver disease (particularly NASH and liver cirrhosis)
Chronic respiratory disease
Chronic neurologic and neurodegenerative diseases
Chronic cognitive impairment
Depression
Organ transplantation
Endocrine diseases (e.g., metabolic syndrome, diabetes mellitus, hypercortisolism, hypogonadism and corticoid treatment)
Osteoarthritis
Cancer (especially but not limited to chemotherapy of breast or prostate cancer)
Recent acute disease/nutritional events:
Recent hospitalization (particularly but not limited to COVID-19, ICU stay, surgery)
Recent major surgery or trauma with/without complications
Recent sustained immobilization or reduced mobility (e.g., trauma, fracture, orthopaedic disease)
Recent history of reduced food intake (e.g., <50% for >2 weeks)
Recent weight loss (including diet-induced voluntary weight loss and weight cycling syndrome)
Recent rapid increase in weight
Long-standing restrictive diets and bariatric surgery
History – complaint of:
Repeated falls
Weakness, exhaustion
Fatigability
Perceived progressive movement limitations

Διάγνωση Σαρκοπενικής Παχυσαρκίας



Ιατρική της ακρίβειας

Λαμβάνει υπόψη την ατομική μεταβλητότητα

- ✓ Γενετικό υπόβαθρο
- ✓ Επιγενετικές αλλαγές
- ✓ Εντερικό μικροβίωμα
- ✓ Περιβάλλον
- ✓ Τρόπο ζωής
- ✓ Απάντηση στην φαρμακευτική αγωγή

Στοχεύει στην καλύτερη στρατηγική

- Πρόγνωσης
- Διάγνωσης
- Πρόληψης και θεραπείας

Για κάθε ασθενή ξεχωριστά



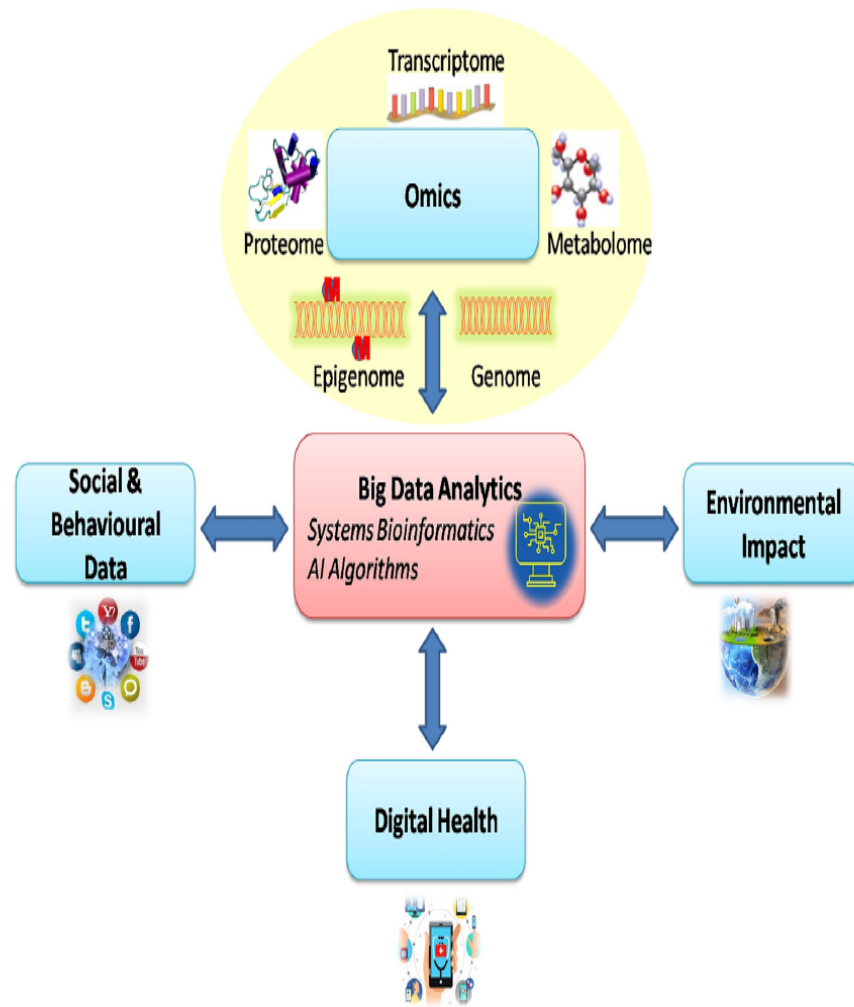


Fig. 1 – Tools of precision medicine.

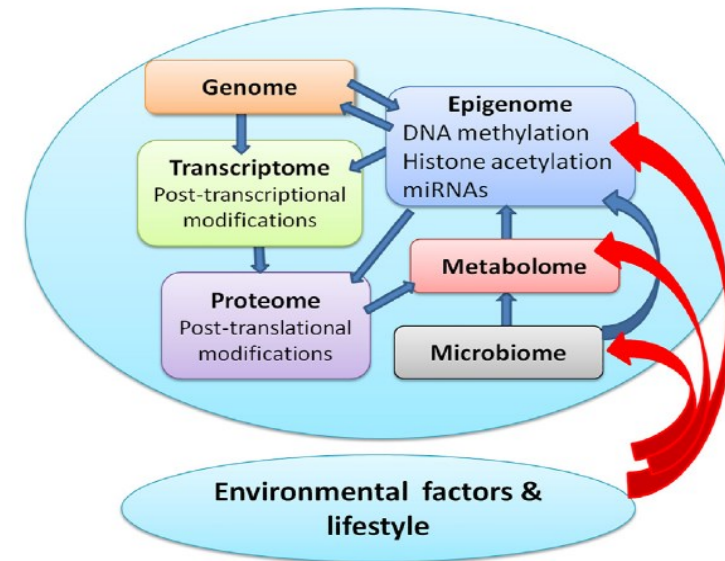
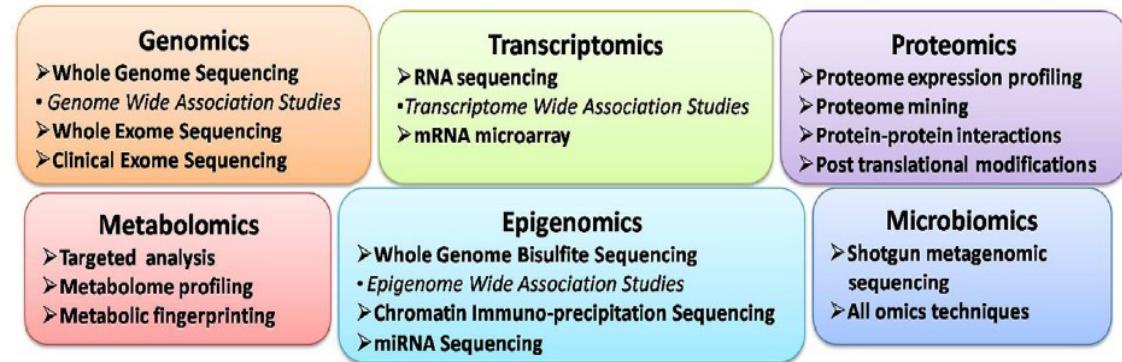


Fig. 3 – Factors affecting omics signature.

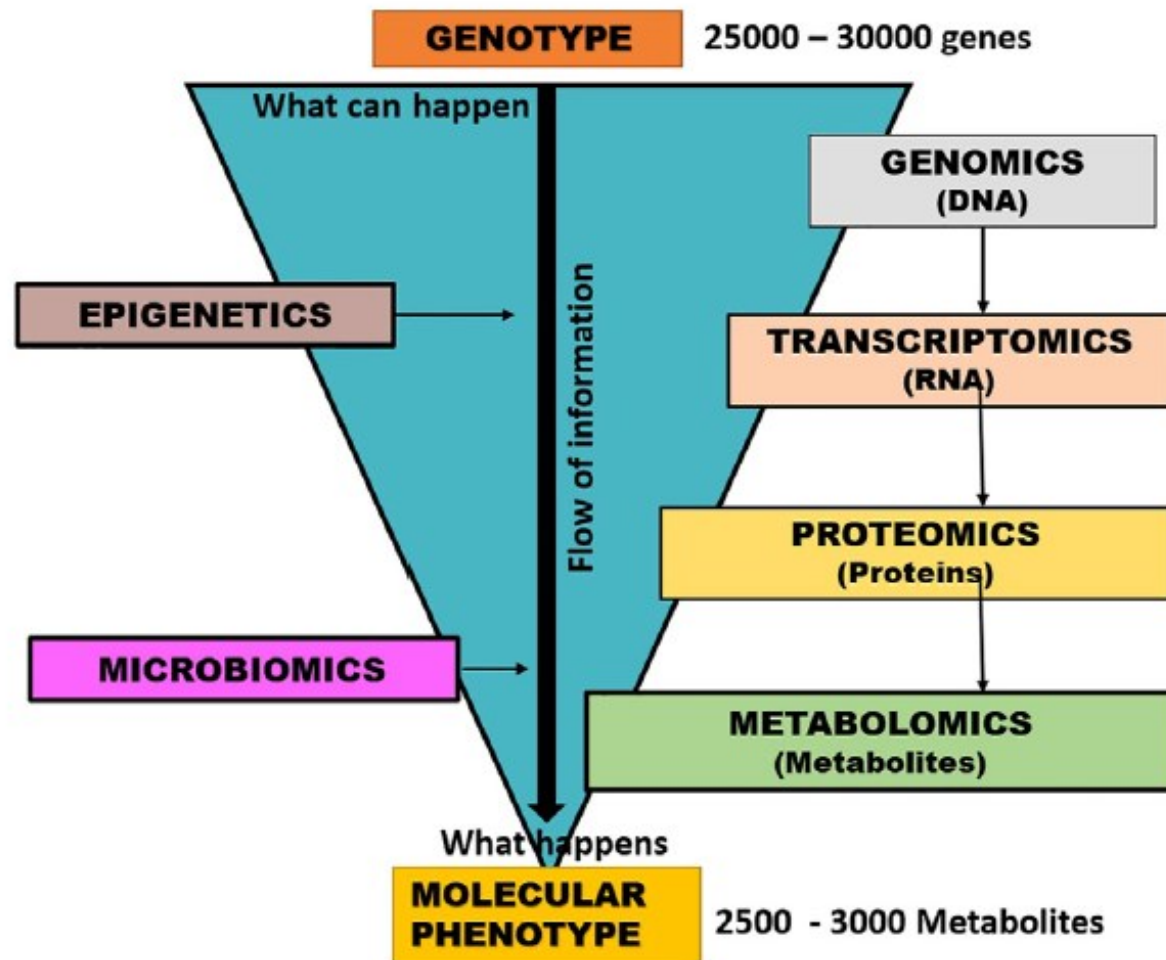
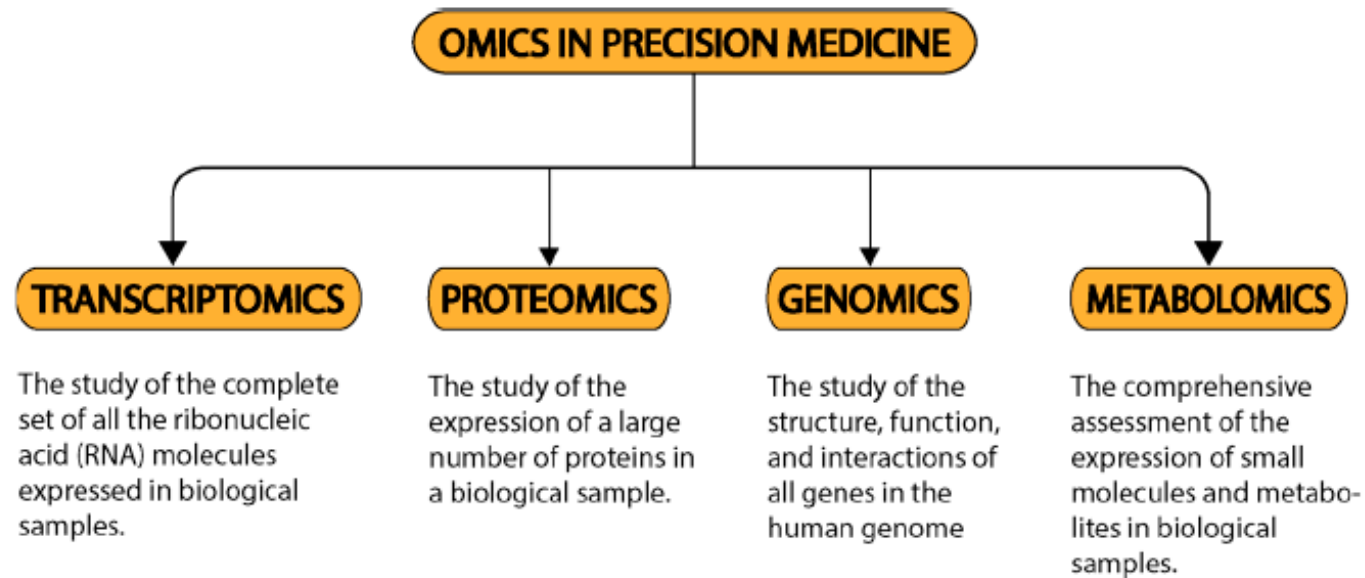
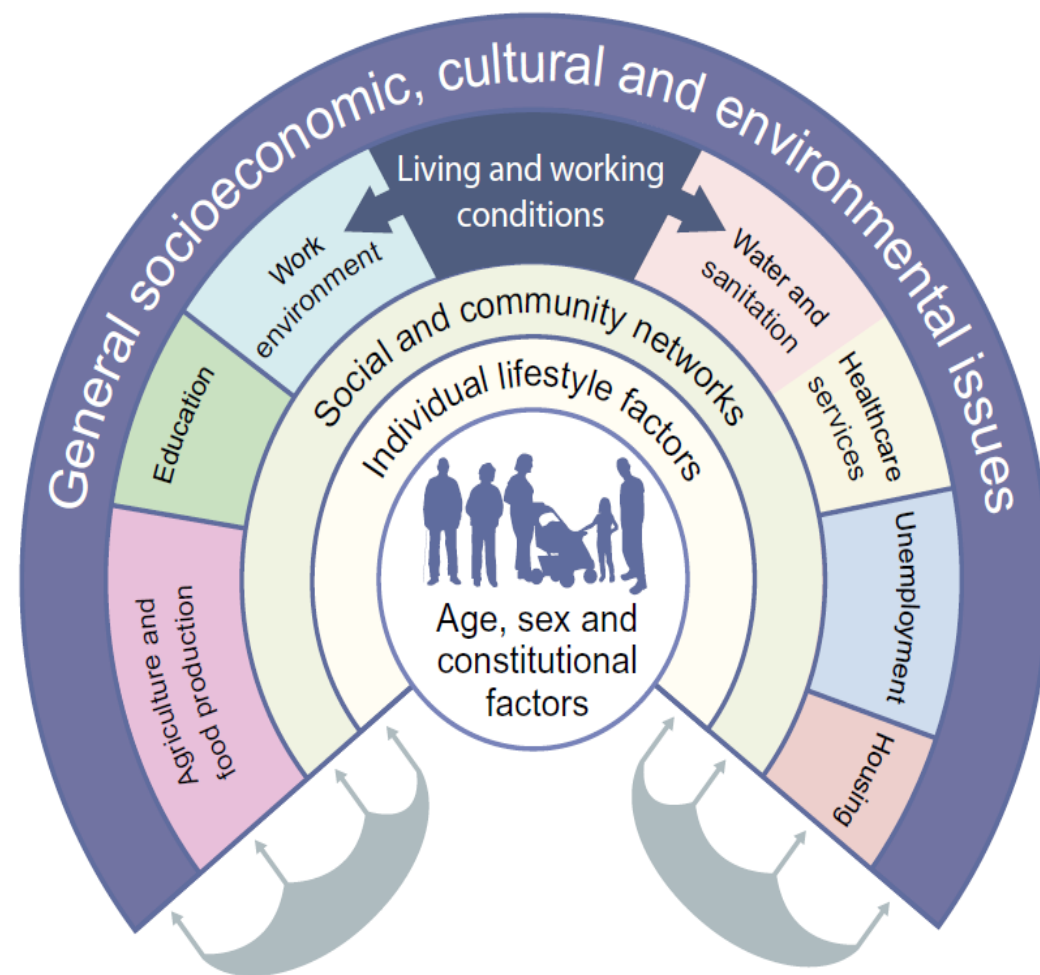


Fig. 4 – Translation of genetic polymorphisms to observable phenotypes.

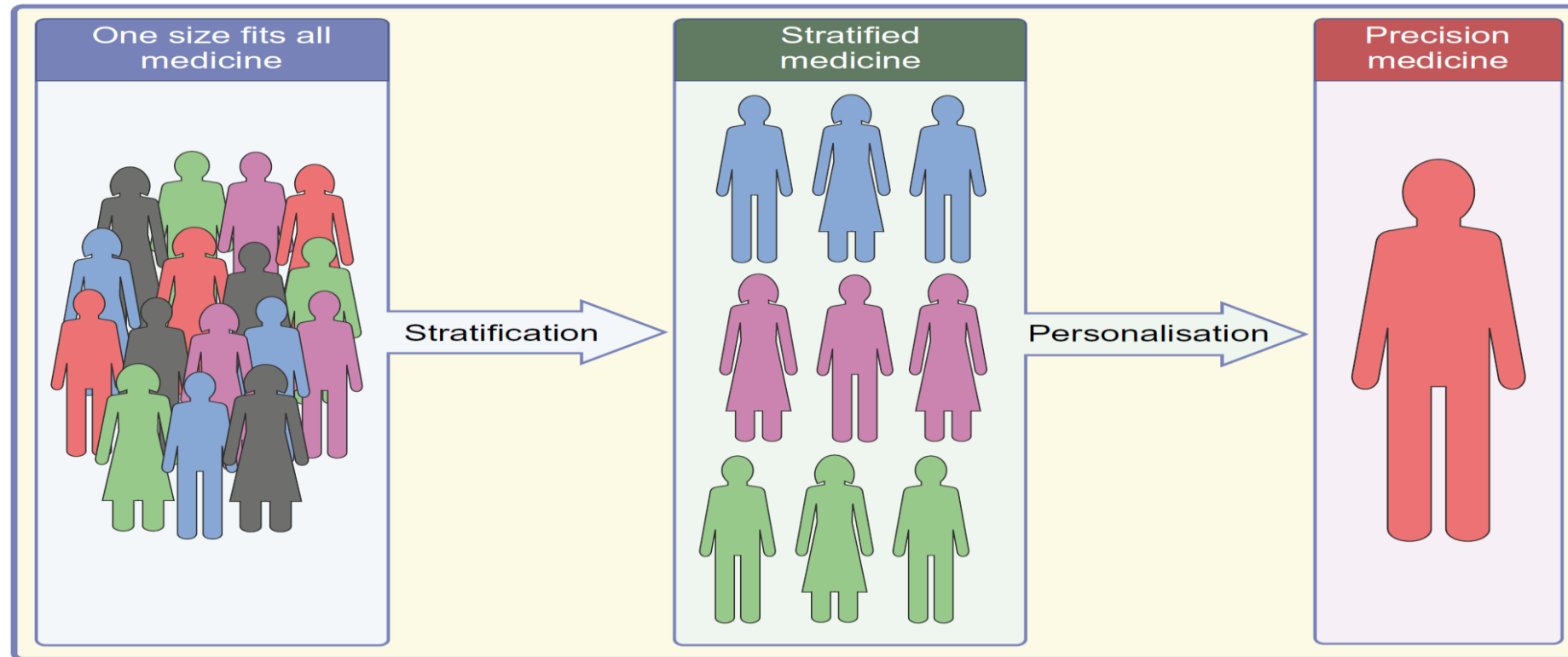






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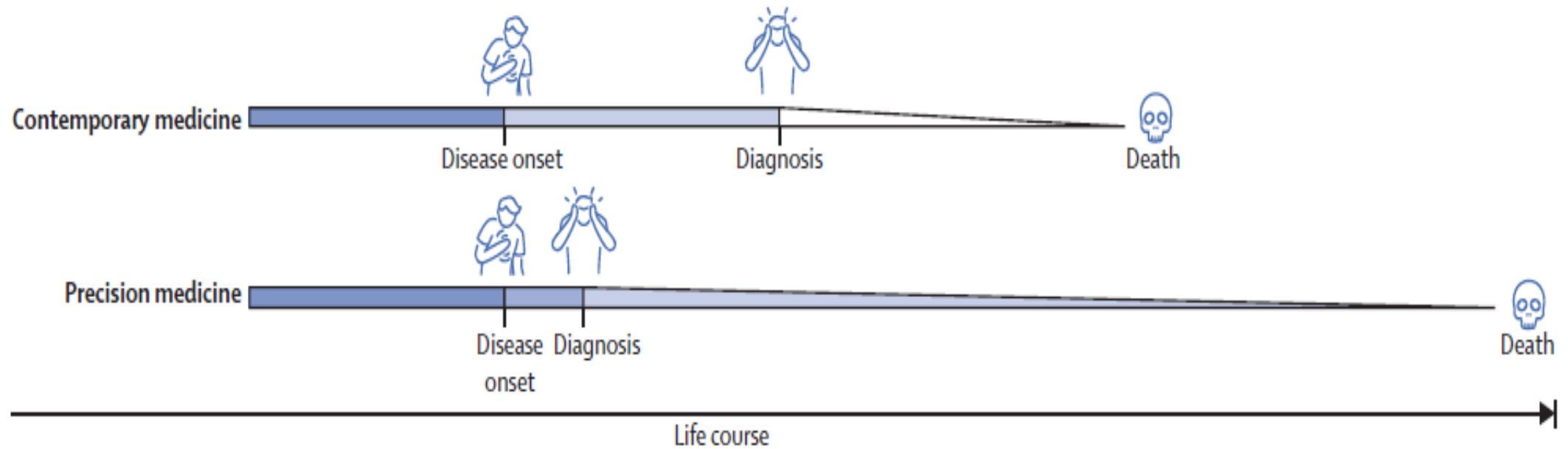
Στόχος της ιατρικής της ακρίβειας είναι η εξατομίκευση των θεραπειών και η βελτίωση της αποτελεσματικότητας της θεραπείας, μειώνοντας τις παρενέργειες και παρέχοντας πιο στοχευμένη φροντίδα



Πρόληψη

Precision prediction

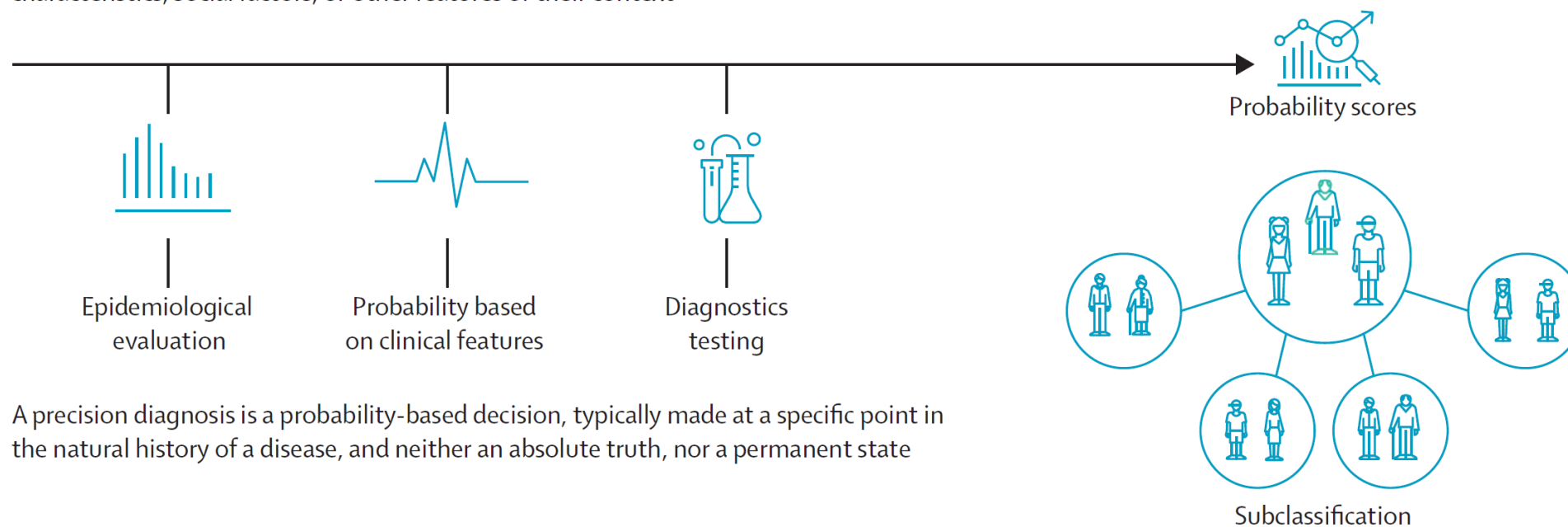
Optimising the prediction of incident disease by assigning precise estimates of a person's lifetime risk of disease and time to disease onset



Διάγνωση

Precision diagnostics

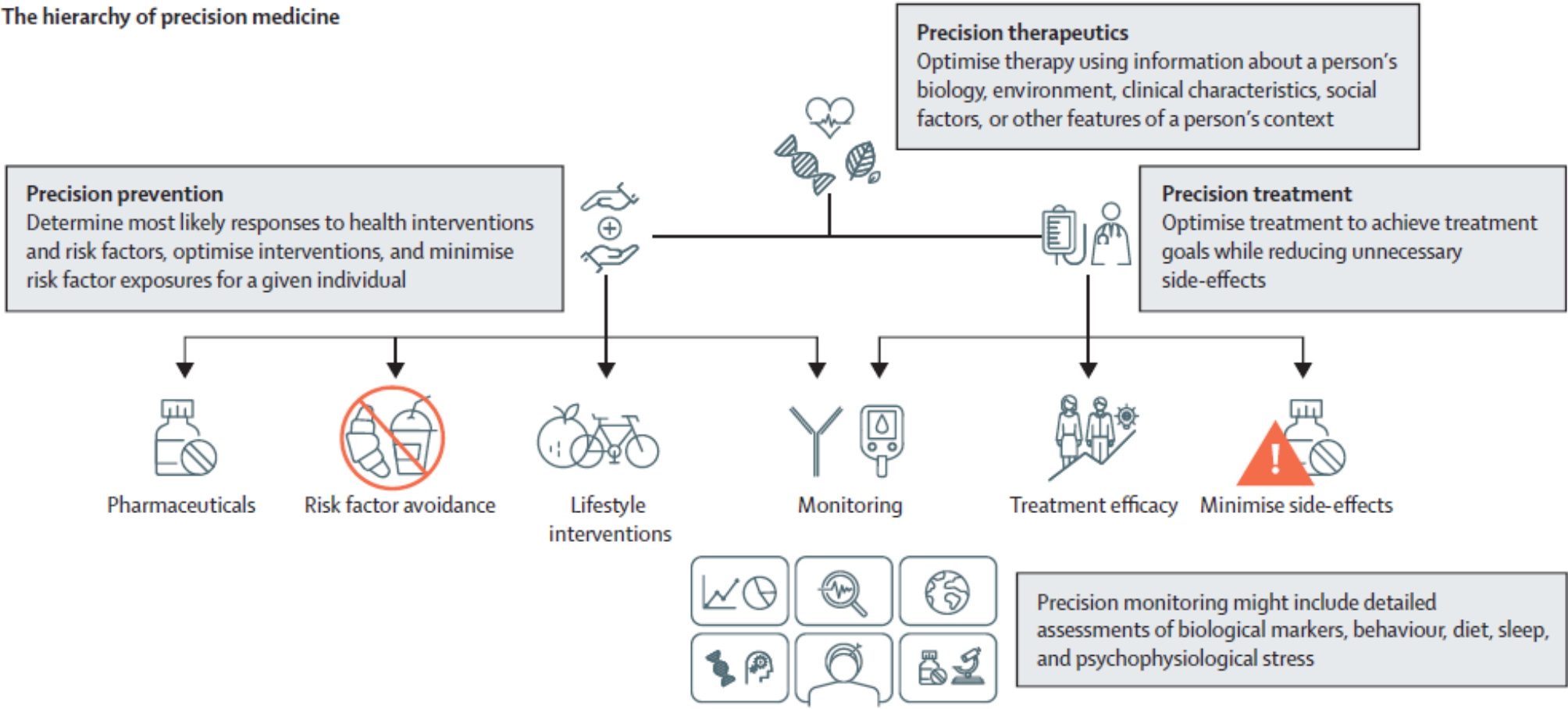
Refining the characterisation of cardiometabolic disease to optimise therapies or prognostication using information about a person's biology, environment, clinical characteristics, social factors, or other features of their context



A precision diagnosis is a probability-based decision, typically made at a specific point in the natural history of a disease, and neither an absolute truth, nor a permanent state

Πρόληψη και θεραπεία

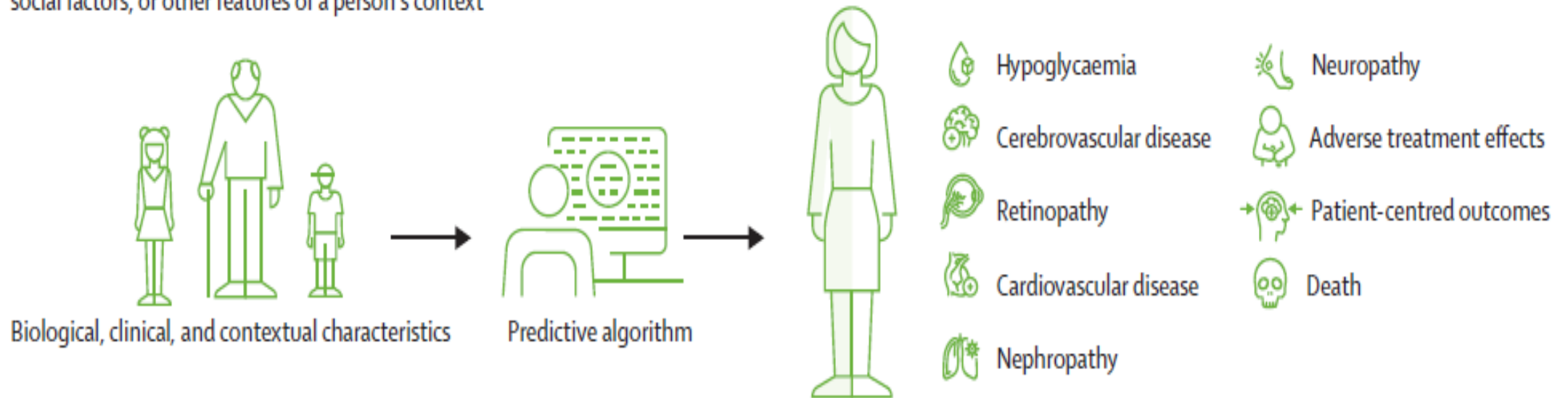
The hierarchy of precision medicine

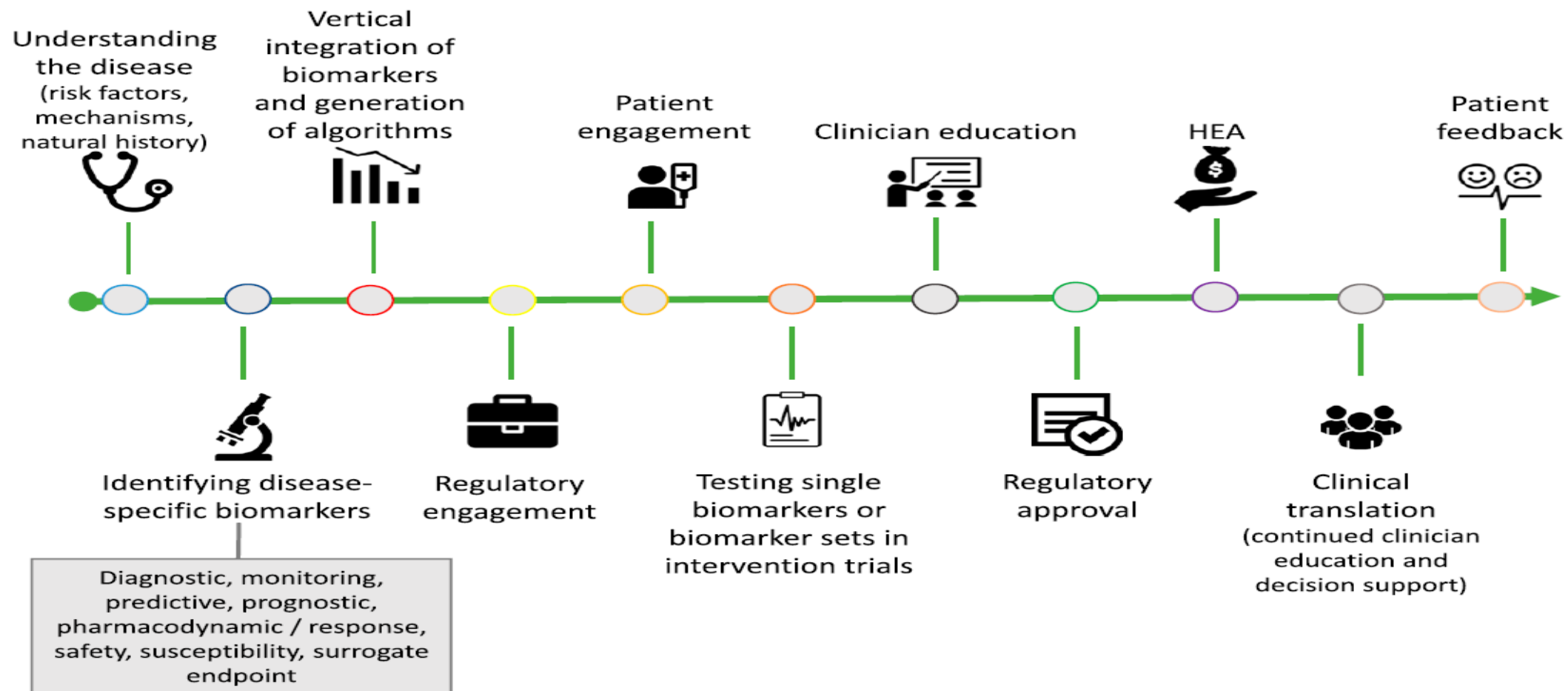


Πρόγνωση της νόσου

Precision prognostics

Improve the precision and accuracy with which a person's disease-related outcomes are predicted using information about their biology, environment, clinical characteristics, social factors, or other features of a person's context

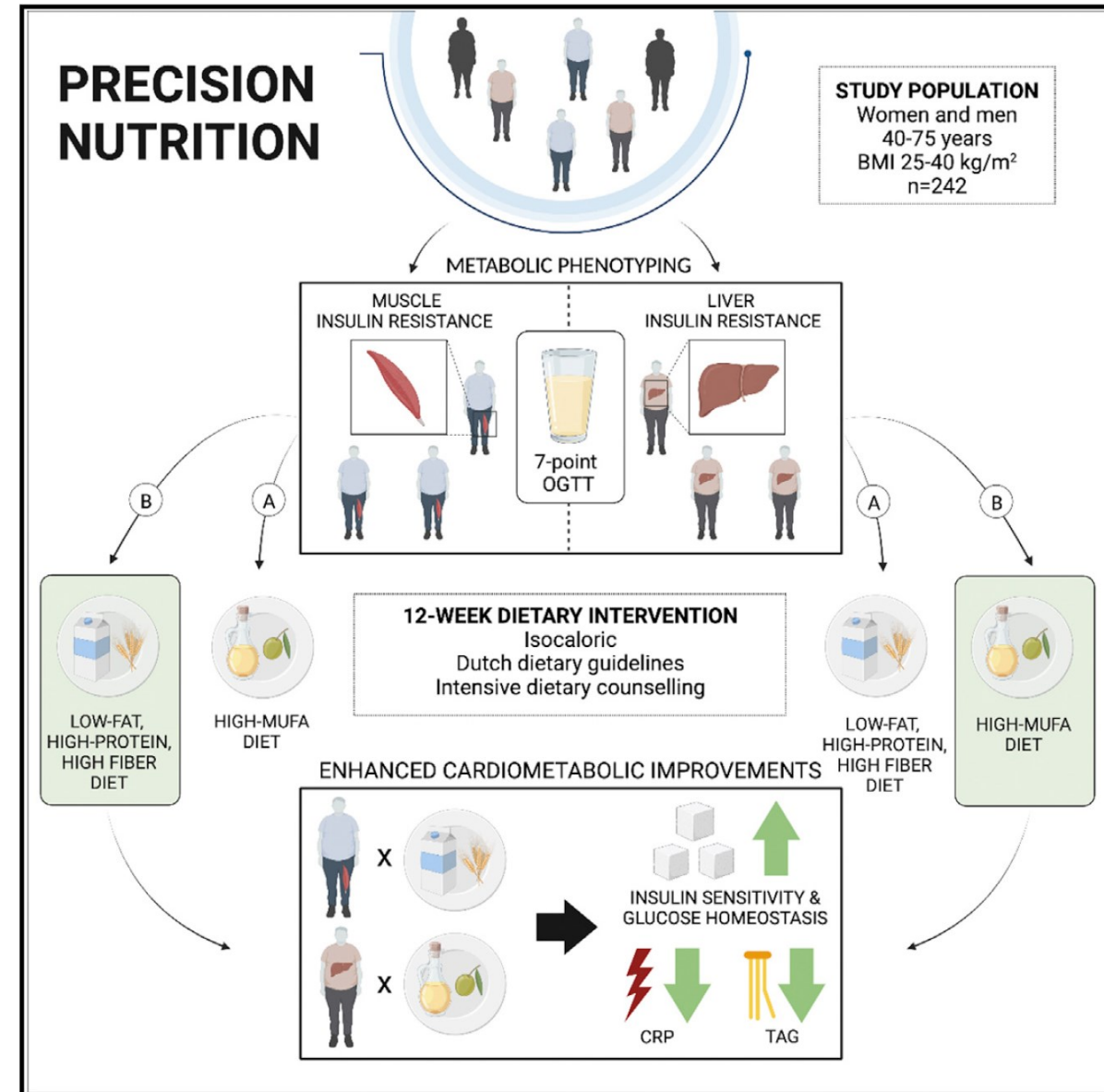




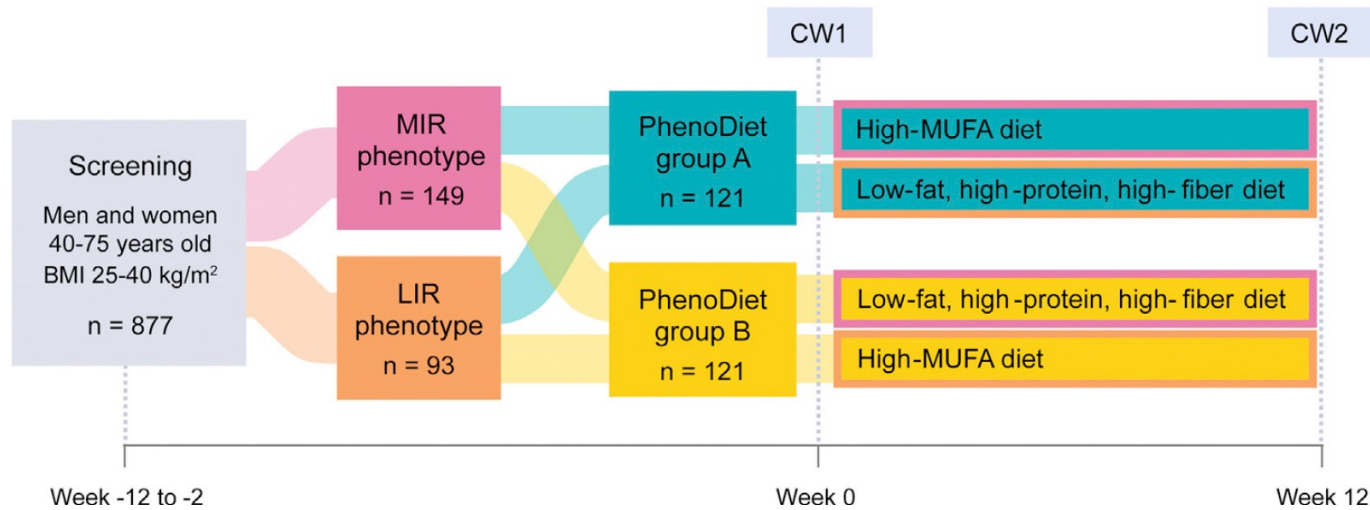
Cardiometabolic health improvements upon dietary intervention are driven by tissue-specific insulin resistance phenotype: A precision nutrition trial

In brief

Trouwborst, Gijbels, and Jardon et al. included 242 adults with tissue-specific insulin resistance in a 12-week precision nutrition trial. Here, they demonstrate that modulation of macronutrient composition within the dietary guidelines based on tissue-specific insulin resistance phenotype enhances cardiometabolic health improvements.



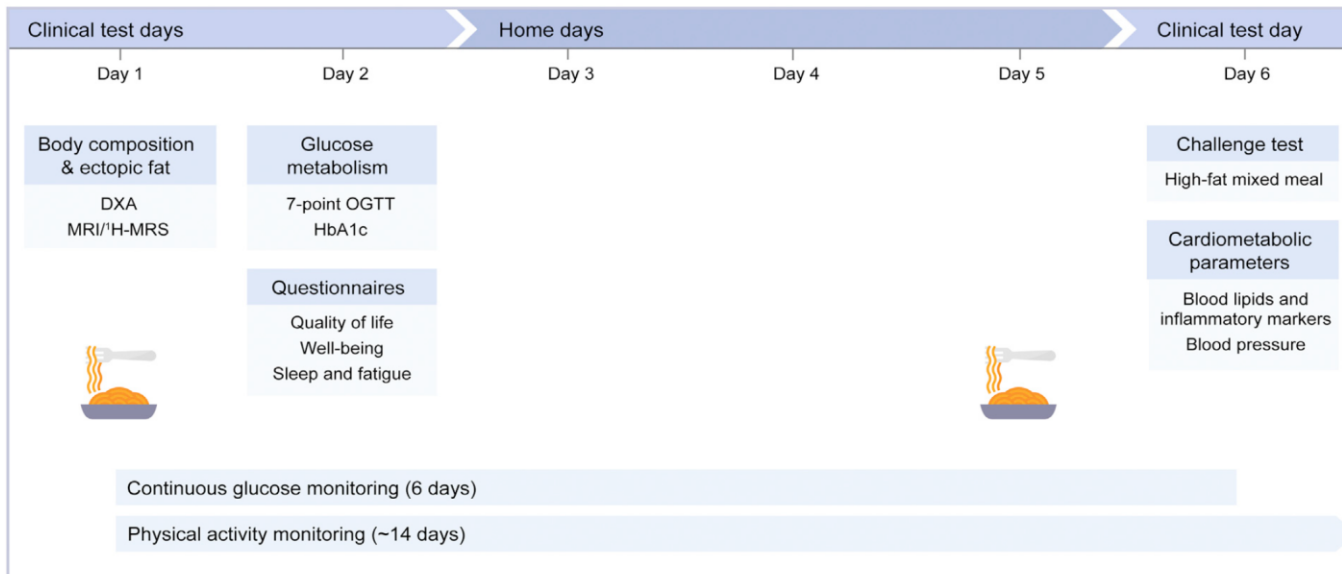
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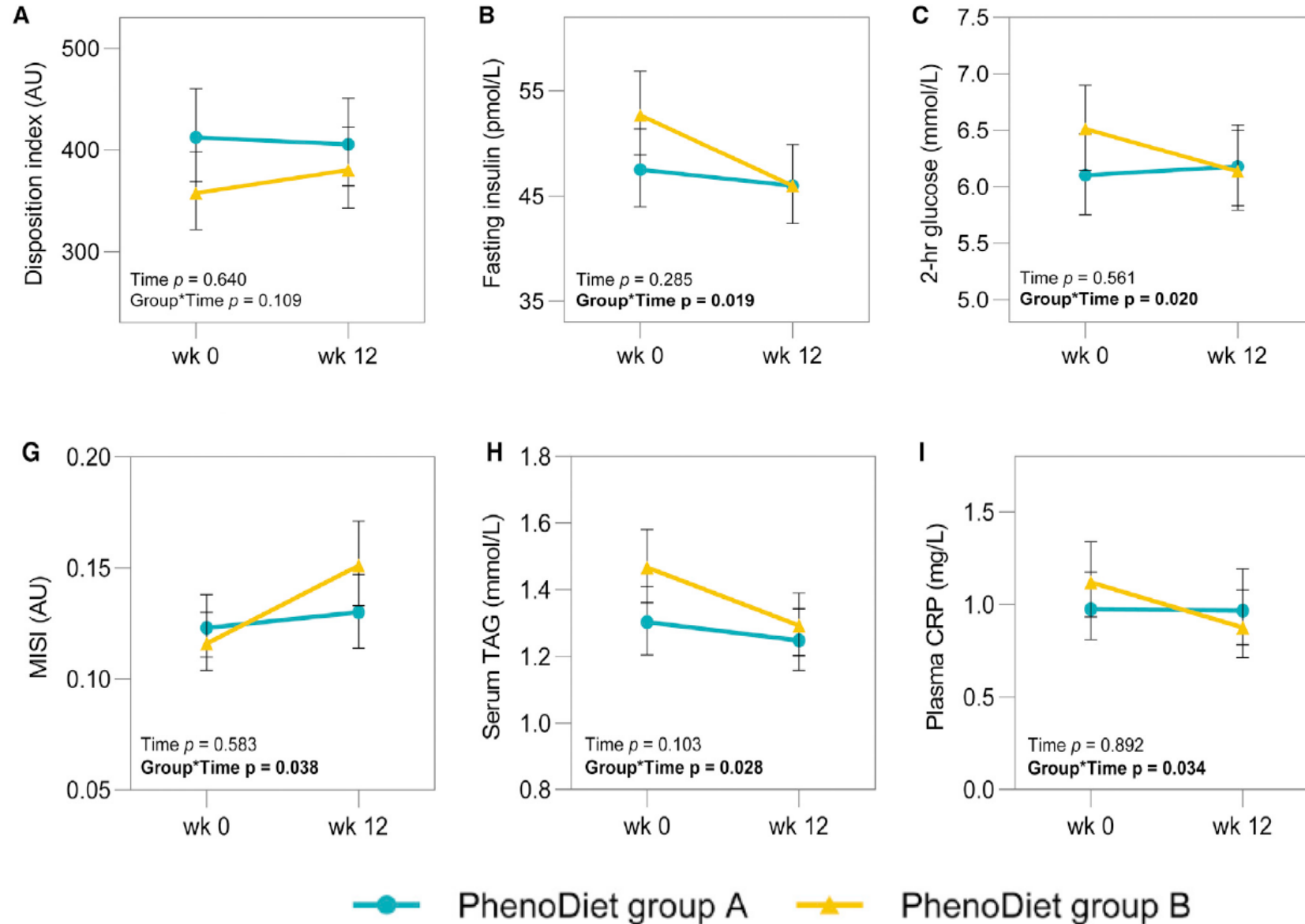


Study design of the PERSON study

Primary outcome: Disposition index - a composite measure of insulin sensitivity and insulin secretion

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Μεγαλύτερη πρόοδος στην
ινσουλινοευαισθησία, την
ανοχή στην GLU, τα TAG
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Genetic determinants of cardiometabolic risk: A proposed model for phenotype association and interaction

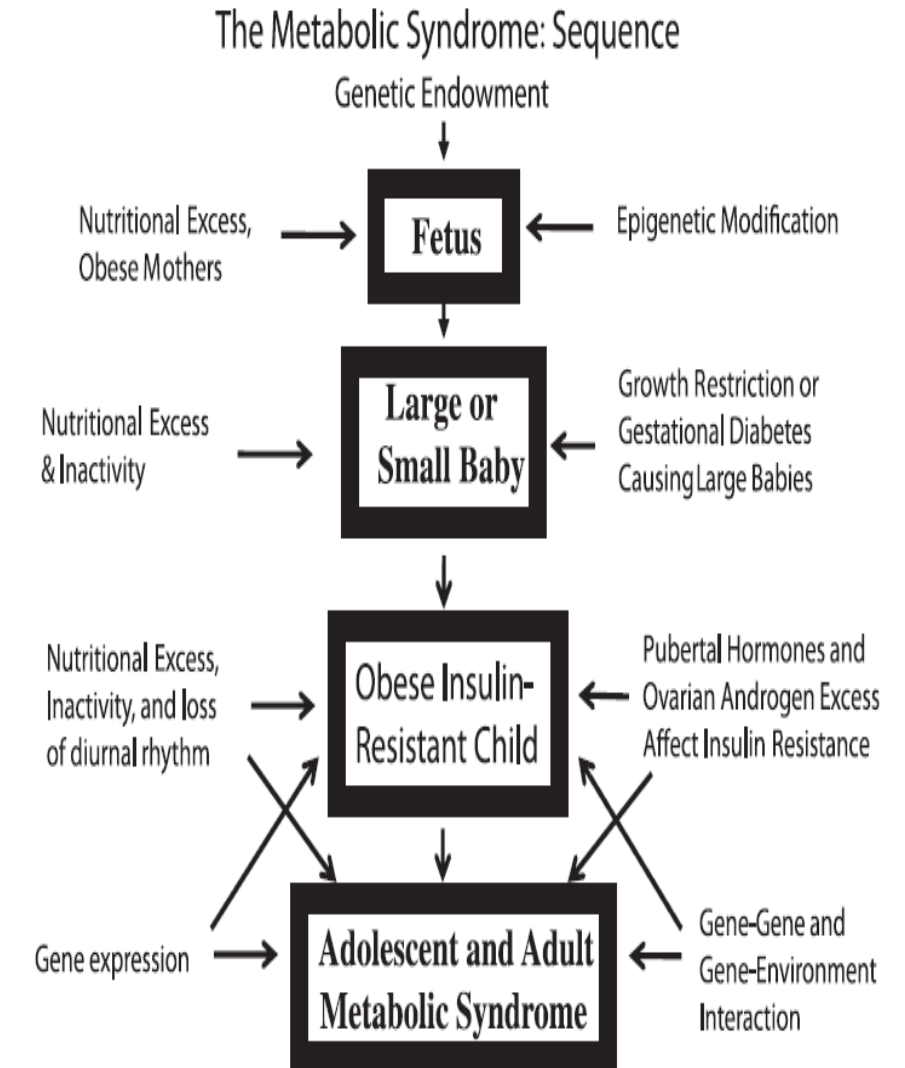
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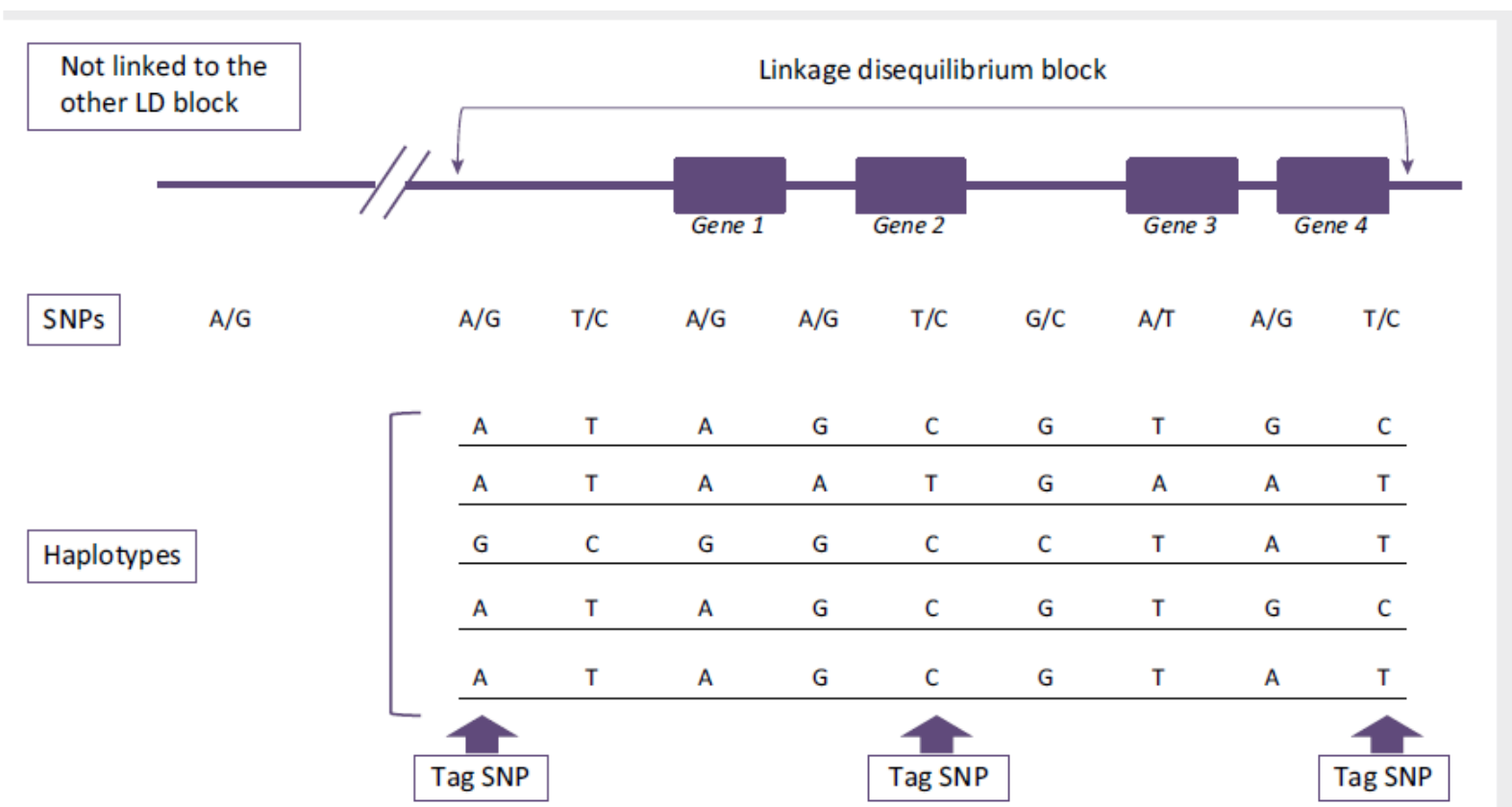
Abstract: This review provides a translational and unifying summary of metabolic syndrome genetics and highlights evidence that genetic studies are starting to unravel and untangle origins of the complex and challenging cluster of disease phenotypes. The associated genes effectively express in the brain, liver, kidney, arterial endothelium, adipocytes, myocytes, and β cells. Progression of syndrome traits has been associated with ectopic lipid accumulation in the arterial wall, visceral adipocytes, myocytes, and liver. Thus, it follows that the genetics of dyslipidemia, obesity, and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease are central in triggering progression of the syndrome to overt expression of disease traits and have become a key focus of interest for early detection and for designing prevention and treatments. To support the “birds’ eye view” approach, we provide a road-map depicting commonality and interrelationships between the traits and their genetic and environmental determinants based on known risk factors, metabolic pathways, pharmacologic targets, treatment responses, gene networks, pleiotropy, and association with circadian rhythm. Although only a small portion of the known heritability is accounted for and there is insufficient support for clinical application of gene-based prediction models, there is direction and encouraging progress in a rapidly moving field that is beginning to show clinical relevance. © 2013 National Lipid Association. All rights reserved.



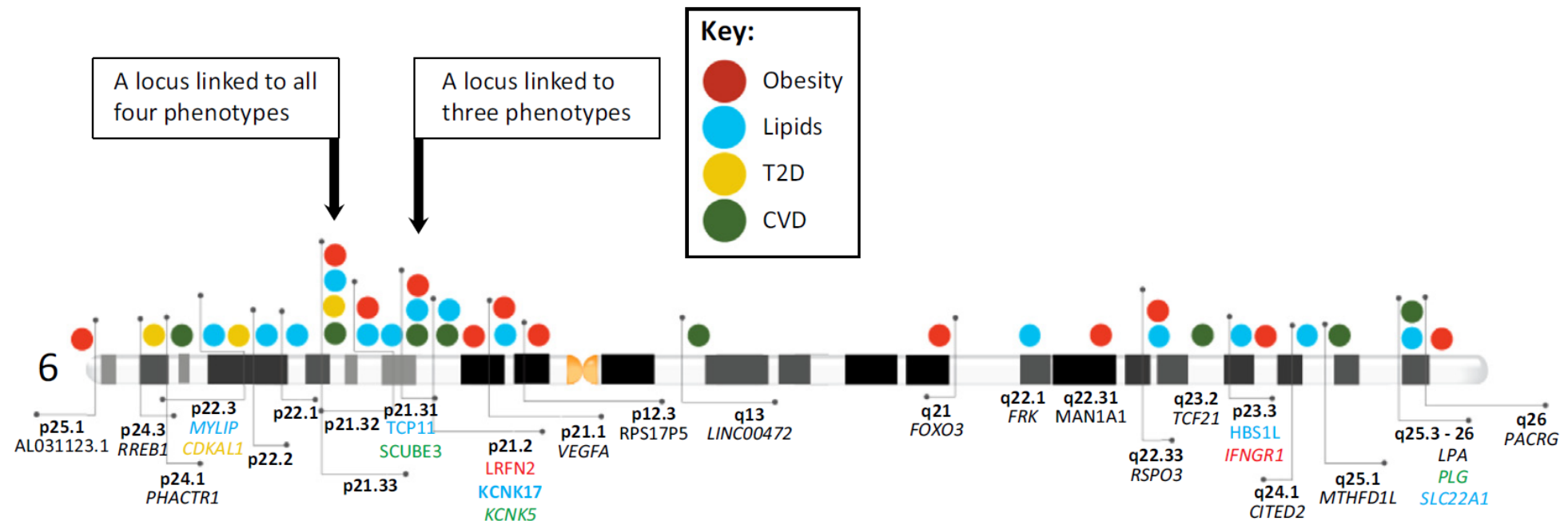
Review

GWAS as a Driver of Gene Discovery in Cardiometabolic Diseases

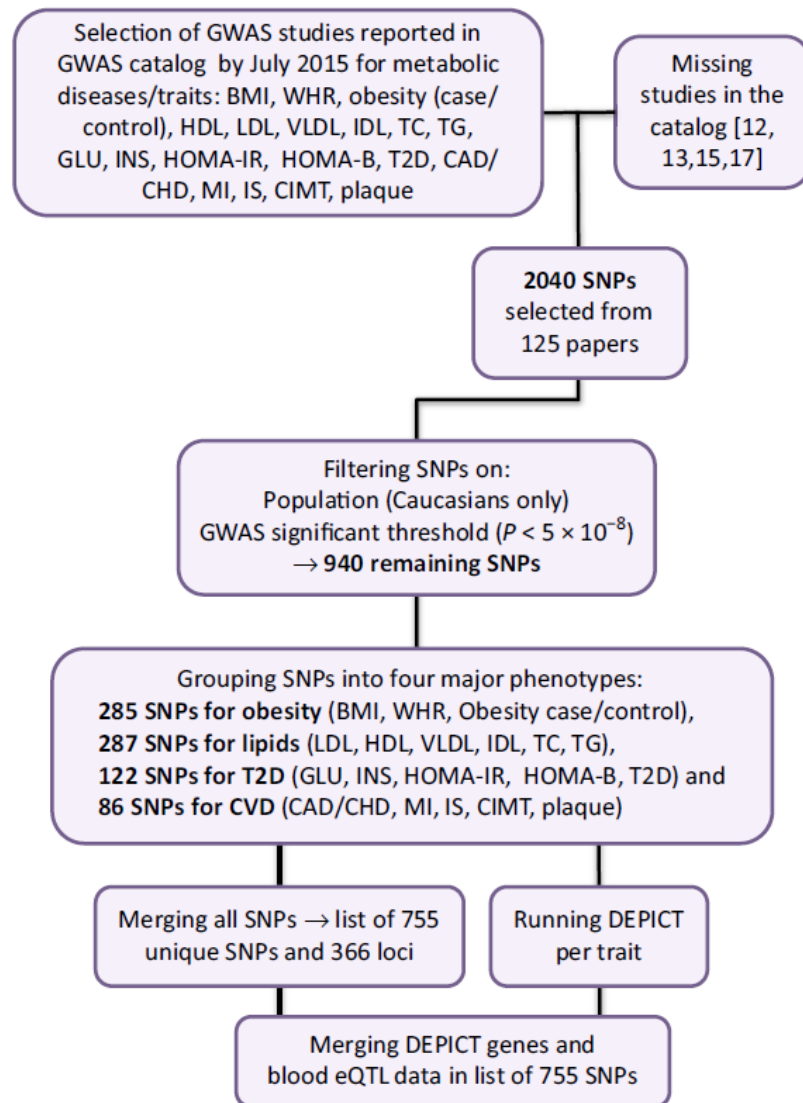
Cardiometabolic diseases represent a common complex disorder with a strong genetic component. Currently, genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have yielded some 755 single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) encompassing 366 independent loci that may help to decipher the molecular basis of cardiometabolic diseases. Going from a disease SNP to the underlying disease mechanisms is a huge challenge because the associated SNPs rarely disrupt protein function. Many disease SNPs are located in noncoding regions, and therefore attention is now focused on linking genetic SNP variation to effects on gene expression levels. By integrating genetic information with large-scale gene expression data, and with data from epigenetic roadmaps revealing gene regulatory regions, we expect to be able to identify candidate disease genes and the regulatory potential of disease SNPs.



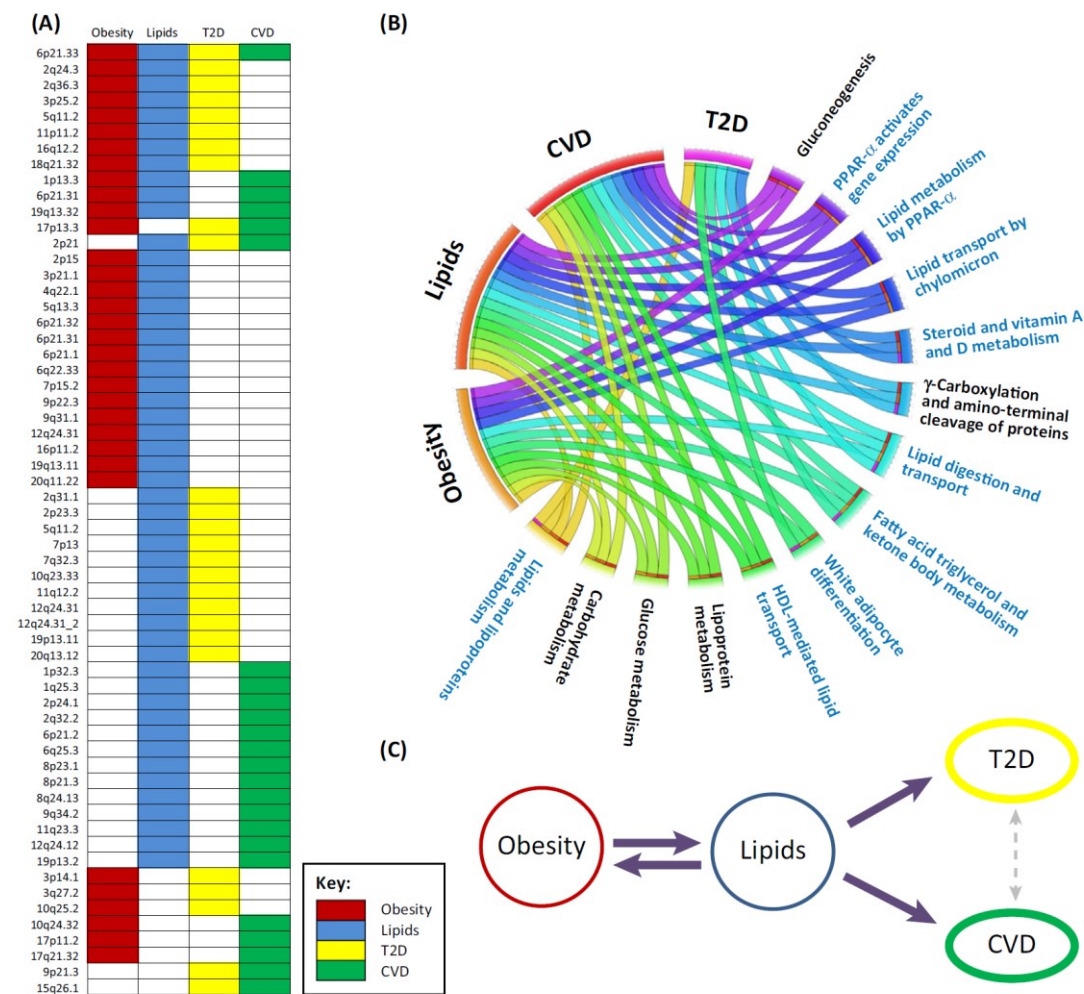
Linkage disequilibrium (LD) is a measure of non-random association between segments of DNA (alleles) at different positions on the chromosome (loci) in a given population based on a comparison between the frequency at which two alleles are detected together at the same loci versus the frequencies at which each allele is simply detected (alone or with the second allele) at that same loci. Loci are said to be in linkage disequilibrium when the frequency of being detected together (the frequency of association of their different alleles) is higher or lower than expected if the loci were independent and associated randomly



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STATE OF THE ART REVIEW

Genetics

Polygenic risk scores for the prediction of cardiometabolic disease

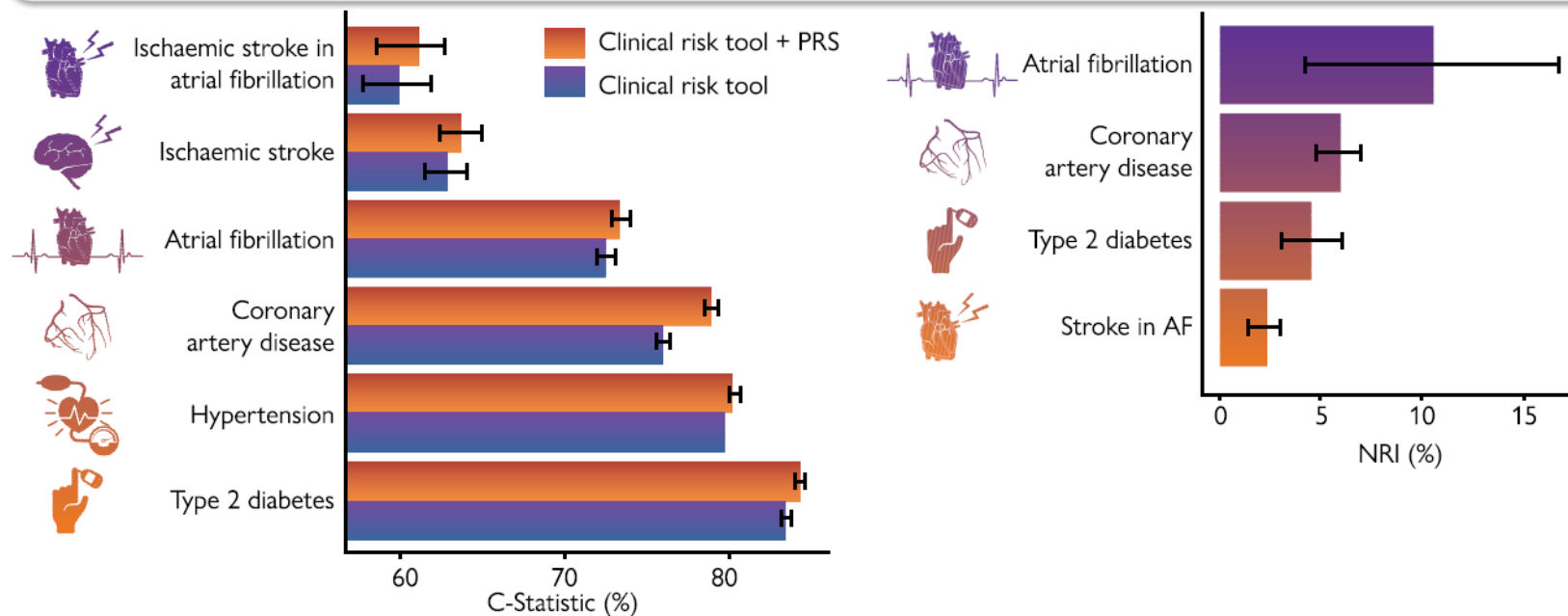
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Graphical Abstract

Predictive accuracy of clinical risk tools with the addition of PRS



Potential clinical uses of PRS

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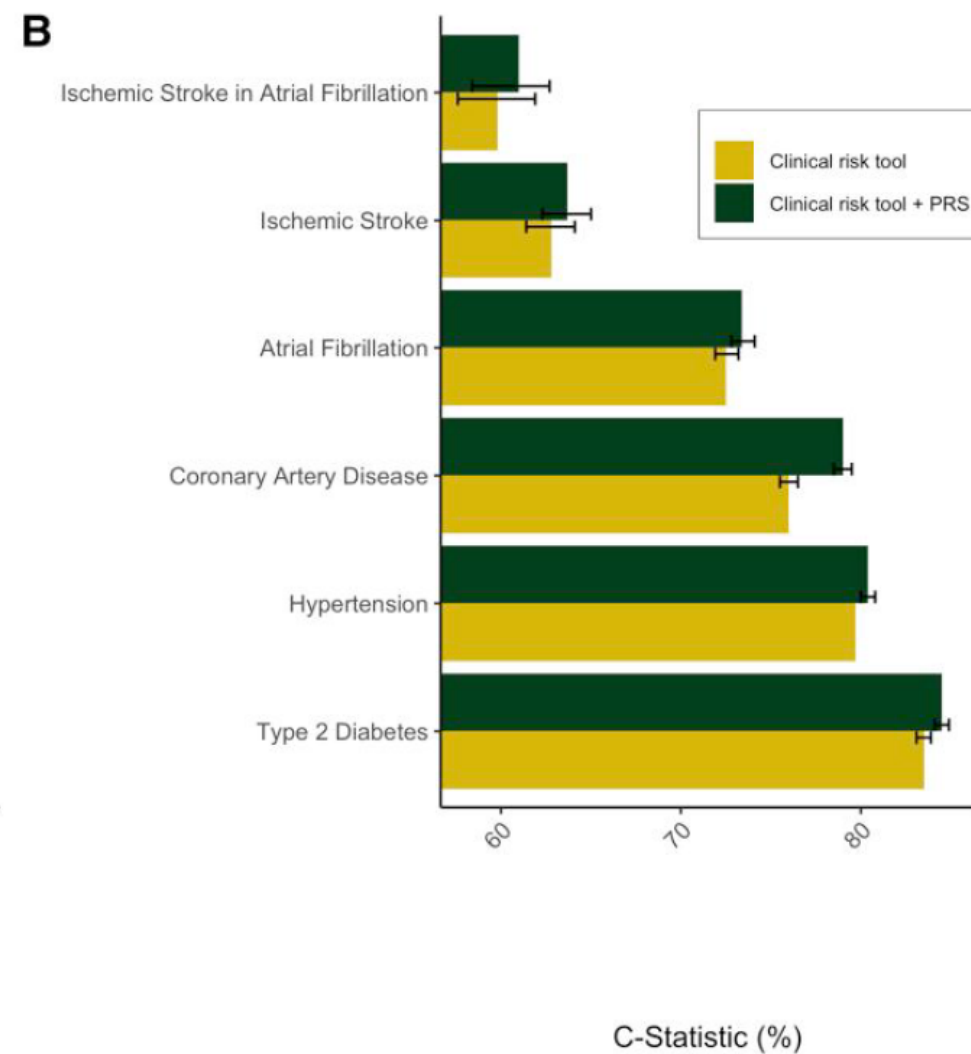
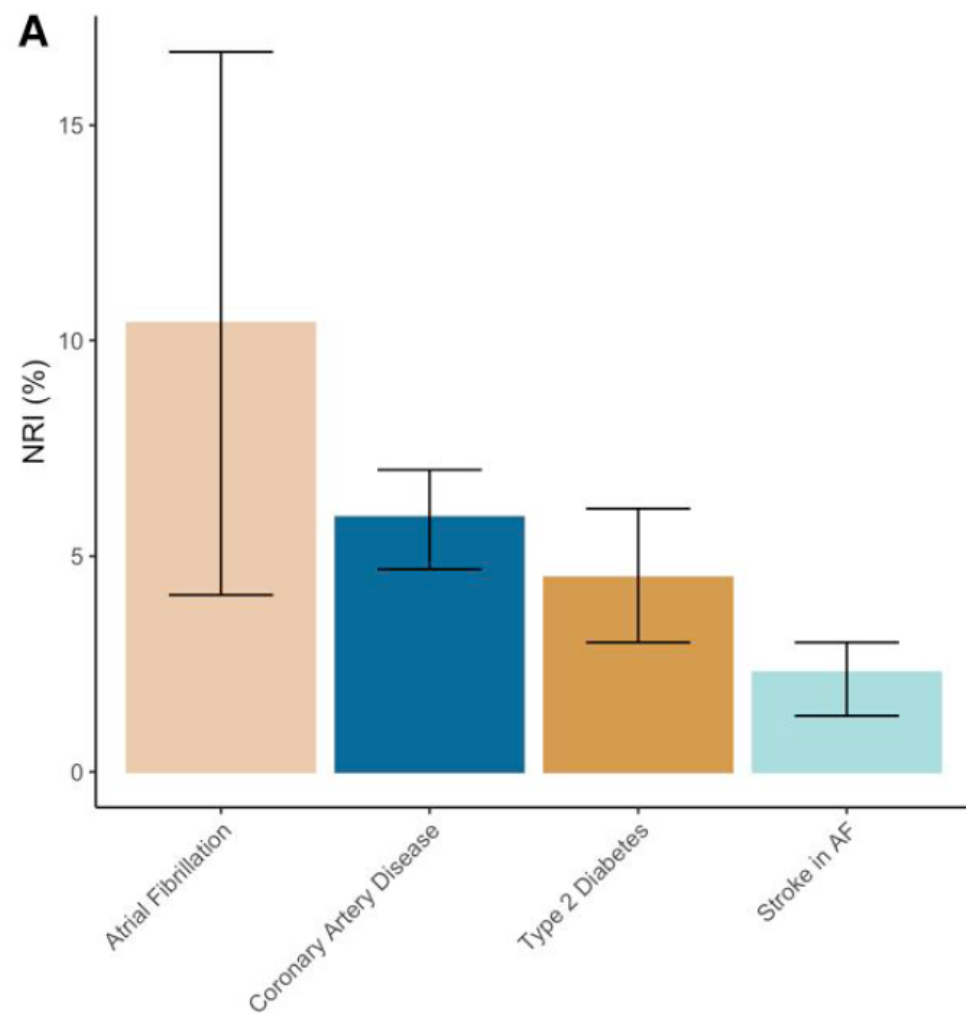


Table 2 Potential clinical utility of cardiometabolic PRS

Primary prevention	Promote a healthy lifestyle	Communicating a patient's risk may promote a healthier diet and increased exercise, although data examining this are mixed.
	Enhanced prediction	For a number of cardiometabolic diseases, the addition of PRS enhances the prediction of classification.
	Earlier therapeutic interventions	Patients at high risk may benefit from early interventions, such as those at high risk of CAD.
	Robust risk factor control	Many cardiometabolic diseases are risk factors for other cardiometabolic diseases, such as hypertension for coronary artery disease. Identification of those at high risk could facilitate more robust risk factor control, e.g. lower blood pressure target for those at high risk of CAD.
	Personalized screening	Those at higher PRS may benefit from earlier routine screening to facilitate earlier intervention, such as regular HbA1c screening. Although long-term data is required.
	Cascade screening	For patients who have a PRS that is similar to that inferred by monogenic risk. This may mean families may benefit from screening, as is recommended for monogenic diseases
Secondary prevention	Drug response	For some cardiometabolic diseases, there is an array of medication options. PRS may indicate which medication or which combination of medicines is most beneficial.
	Disease progression	At diagnosis, the trajectory of disease is largely unknown, PRS could indicate which participants will develop mild or severe disease.
	Disease complications	Prediction of complications from cardiometabolic conditions, such as ischaemic stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation.

The relationship of genetic risk score with cardiometabolic risk factors: a cross-sectional study

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Abstract

Background & aims For more than eight decades, cardiovascular disease (CVD) has remained the leading cause of death in the world. CVD risk factors are multifaceted, with genetics and lifestyle both playing a role. The aim of this study was to investigate the association between a genetic profile risk score for obesity GRS and cardio-metabolic risk factors in overweight and obese women.

Methods The current cross-sectional study was conducted on 391 overweight and obese women. The genetic risk score was created by combining three single nucleotide polymorphisms [MC4R (rs17782313), CAV-1 (rs3807992), and Cry-1 (rs2287161)]. Anthropometric measurements, blood pressure, and some blood parameters were measured by standard protocols.

Results A significant association between the GRS and some of cardiometabolic risk factors variables such as body mass index ($\beta=0.49$, 95%CI=0.22 to 0.76, $p<0.001$), waist circumference ($\beta=0.86$, 95%CI=0.18 to 1.54, $p=0.01$), body fat mass ($\beta=0.82$, 95%CI=0.25 to 1.39, $p=0.005$), %body fat ($\beta=0.44$, 95%CI=0.06 to 0.82, $p=0.02$), and hs-CRP ($\beta=0.46$, 95%CI=0.14 to 0.78, $p=0.005$) was observed in crude model. After adjustment for confounding factors (age, BMI, and physical activity), a significant positive association was observed between BMI ($p=0.004$), WC ($p=0.02$), body fat mass ($p=0.01$), %BF ($p=0.01$), hs-CRP ($p=0.009$), and GRS. In addition, we discovered a significant negative association between the GRS and BMC ($= -0.02$, 95%CI = -0.05 to -0.001, $p=0.04$). But other variables did not show any significant association with GRS among obese and overweight women.

Conclusion We found a significant positive association between GRS, including MC4R (rs17782313), CAV-1 (rs3807992), and Cry-1 (rs2287161) and cardiometabolic risk factors among overweight and obese Iranian women.

Keywords Cardiometabolic risk factors, Genetic risk score, Obesity

Table 3 Association of GRS on cardiometabolic risk factors among obese and overweight female subjects

Variables	GRS			Model1			
	Crude			B	95 CI	P-value	R2
	B	95 CI	P-value				
BMI (Kg/m ²)	0.49	0.22 to 0.76	<0.001	0.42	0.13 to 0.71	0.004	
Body composition							
WC (cm)	0.86	0.18 to 1.54	0.01	0.81	0.08 to 1.53	0.02 ^a	0.01
WHR (ratio)	0.12	-0.20 to 0.45	0.46	0.004	0.00 to 0.008	0.07 ^a	0.01
BFM (kg)	0.82	0.25 to 1.39	0.005	0.79	0.19 to 1.39	0.01 ^a	0.01
BF (%)	0.44	0.06 to 0.82	0.02	0.49	0.08 to 0.89	0.01 ^a	0.01
BMR (kcal)	-1.49	-10.95 to 7.96	0.75	-4.66	-14.99 to 5.66	0.37 ^a	0.006
BMC (g)	-0.02	-0.44 to 0.005	0.12	-0.02	-0.05 to -0.001	0.04 ^a	0.02
SMM (kg)	-0.01	-0.25 to 0.23	0.92	-0.09	-0.35 to 0.16	0.46 ^a	0.08
Blood pressure							
SBP (mmHg)	0.62	-1.20 to 2.44	0.50	-0.21	-2.10 to 1.67	0.82	0.081
DBP (mmHg)	0.20	-1.09 to 1.50	0.75	-0.47	-1.81 to 0.86	0.48	0.071
Blood parameters							
FBS (mg/dl)	0.54	-0.85 to 1.95	0.44	0.26	-1.13 to 1.66	0.71	0.10
Total cholesterol (g/dl)	-3.63	-8.74 to 1.47	0.16	-3.78	-9.09 to 1.53	0.16	0.09
TG (mg/dl)	2.28	-7.68 to 12.25	0.65	1.12	-9.65 to 11.90	0.83	0.07
HDL (mg/dl)	-1.13	-2.66 to 0.40	0.14	-0.42	-2.05 to 1.21	0.61	0.008
LDL (mg/dl)	-2.5	-5.95 to 0.92	0.15	-2.24	-5.81 to 1.31	0.21	0.084
hs-CRP (mg/L)	0.46	0.14 to 0.78	0.005	0.44	0.11 to 0.78	0.009	0.15
HOMA index	0.04	-0.13 to 0.23	0.61	-0.03	-0.22 to 0.16	0.76	0.10
Insulin (mIU/ ml)	0.01	-0.01 to 0.05	0.33	0.01	-0.02 to 0.04	0.45	0.07
MCP-1 (ng/ml)	0.43	-8.21 to 9.07	0.92	0.91	-8.00 to 9.83	0.84	0.009
Galectin3 (ng/ml)	0.09	-0.93 to 1.12	0.85	0.04	-1.17 to 1.26	0.93	0.03
PAI-1 (ng/ml)	-0.68	-3.80 to 2.43	0.66	-2.13	-5.41 to 1.15	0.20	0.06

SD: Standard deviation; R2: R-squared; GRS: Genetic risk score; BMI: Body mass index; WC: waist circumference; WHR: waist height ratio; BFM: body fat mass; BF: body fat; BMR: Basal metabolic rate; BMC: bone mineral content; SMM: skeletal muscle mass; SBP: Systolic blood pressure; DBP: Diastolic Blood Pressure; FBS: fasting blood sugar; TG: Triglyceride; LDL: Low density lipoprotein; HDL: High density lipoprotein; hs-CRP: High-sensitivity C-reactive protein; MCP-1: monocyte chemoattractant protein; PAI-1: Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor 1

† Calculated by linear regression

Model1: Adjusted for age, BMI, physical activity, and energy intake

a BMI considered as collinear and this variable adjusted for age, physical activity, and smoking

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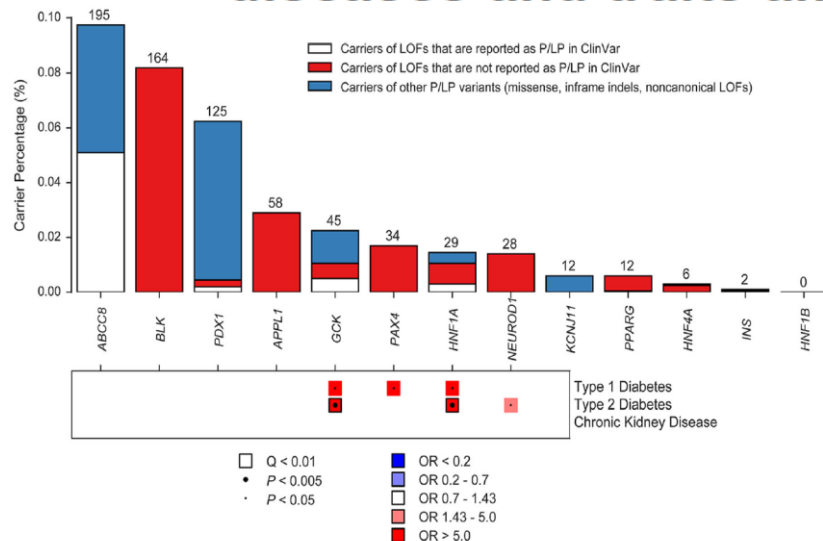
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Analysis of rare genetic variation underlying cardiometabolic diseases and traits among 200,000 individuals in the UK Biobank



Showed that a PRS had greater predictive accuracy than any clinical risk factor: PRS C-statistic: 0.623 (95% CI 0.615–0.631), compared with a range of ~0.550 to 0.594 for clinical risk factors [smoking, T2DM, self-reported family history of heart disease, body mass index (BMI), hypertension, high cholesterol].



Metabolic health and cardiometabolic risk clusters: implications for prediction, prevention, and treatment

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Among 20 leading global risk factors for years of life lost in 2040, reference forecasts point to three metabolic risks—high blood pressure, high BMI, and high fasting plasma glucose—as being the top risk variables. Building upon these and other risk factors, the concept of metabolic health is attracting much attention in the scientific community. It focuses on the aggregation of important risk factors, which allows the identification of subphenotypes, such as people with metabolically unhealthy normal weight or metabolically healthy obesity, who strongly differ in their risk of cardiometabolic diseases. Since 2018, studies that used anthropometrics, metabolic characteristics, and genetics in the setting of cluster analyses proposed novel metabolic subphenotypes among patients at high risk (eg, those with diabetes). The crucial point now is whether these subphenotyping strategies are superior to established cardiometabolic risk stratification methods regarding the prediction, prevention, and treatment of cardiometabolic diseases. In this Review, we carefully address this point and conclude, firstly, regarding cardiometabolic risk stratification, in the general population both the concept of metabolic health and the cluster approaches are not superior to established risk prediction models. However, both subphenotyping approaches might be informative to improve the prediction of cardiometabolic risk in subgroups of individuals, such as those in different BMI categories or people with diabetes. Secondly, the applicability of the concepts by treating physicians and communication of the cardiometabolic risk with patients is easiest using the concept of metabolic health. Finally, the approaches to identify cardiometabolic risk clusters in particular have provided some evidence that they could be used to allocate individuals to specific pathophysiological risk groups, but whether this allocation is helpful for prevention and treatment still needs to be determined.


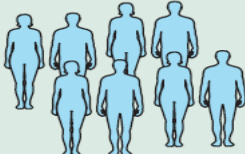
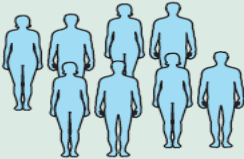
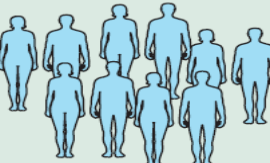
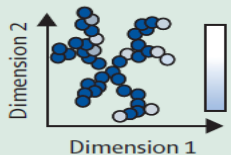
Risk stratification	Metabolic health	Diabetes clusters	Genetic-based clusters in type 2 diabetes	Clusters with elevated type 2 diabetes risk	Tree method in type 2 diabetes
Parameters	Blood pressure, triglycerides HDL-cholesterol, glycaemia insulin resistance, waist-to-hip ratio (fatty liver)	GAD autoantibodies, HbA _{1c} , BMI, age at diagnosis, HOMA2-B, HOMA2-IR	94 independent type 2 diabetes genetic variants and 47 diabetes-related traits	Insulin sensitivity, insulin-secretion index using insulin and glucose concentrations at fasting and at 120 min during OGTT, fasting insulin, fasting triglycerides, waist circumference, hip circumference, BMI and HDL-cholesterol	HbA _{1c} , BMI, total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, triglycerides, alanine aminotransferase, creatinine, and systolic and diastolic blood pressure
Phenotype	 <p>Normal weight Overweight Obesity</p> <p>Either metabolically healthy or metabolically unhealthy</p>	 <p>SAID SIDD SIRD MOD MARD</p>	 <p>Impaired IS and high PI Impaired IS and low PI IR and obesity IR and lipodystrophy IR and impaired liver, or lipid metabolism</p>	 <p>Very low risk Low risk Impaired IS IR Fatty liver Visceral obesity</p>	
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Figure 4: Metabolic health and selected data-driven cluster approaches for cardiometabolic risk stratification

Depicted are the concept of metabolic health and four cluster approaches that were proposed for cardiometabolic risk stratification in patients at risk of diabetes or with diagnosed diabetes. Metabolic health is defined by the most widely used methods,^{11,13,14} diabetes clusters have been proposed by Ahlqvist and colleagues,⁶⁰ genetic-based clusters in type 2 diabetes have been proposed by Udler and colleagues,⁶² clusters with elevated type 2 diabetes risk have been proposed by Wagner and colleagues,⁶⁶ and the two dimensional tree in type 2 diabetes has been proposed by Nair and colleagues.⁶⁴ Displayed are the variables that were used for risk stratification, the phenotypes or clusters that resulted from the methodological approach, and a summary about the possible application of these risk stratification approaches. ++=well supported. +=supported. -=not supported. ?=unknown. HOMA2-B=homeostasis model assessment of β -cell function. HOMA2-IR=homeostasis model assessment of insulin resistance. IR=insulin resistance. IS=insulin sensitivity. MARD=mild age-related diabetes. MOD=mild obesity-related diabetes. OGTT=oral glucose tolerance test. PI=proinsulin. SAID=severe autoimmune diabetes. SIDD=severe insulin-deficient diabetes. SIRD=severe insulin-resistant diabetes.

Precision medicine in type 2 diabetes

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The Precision Medicine Initiative defines precision medicine as ‘an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment and lifestyle for each person’. This approach will facilitate more accurate treatment and prevention strategies in contrast to a one-size-fits-all approach, in which disease treatment and prevention strategies are developed for generalized usage. Diabetes is clearly more heterogeneous than the conventional subclassification into type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Monogenic forms of diabetes like MODY and neonatal diabetes have paved the way for

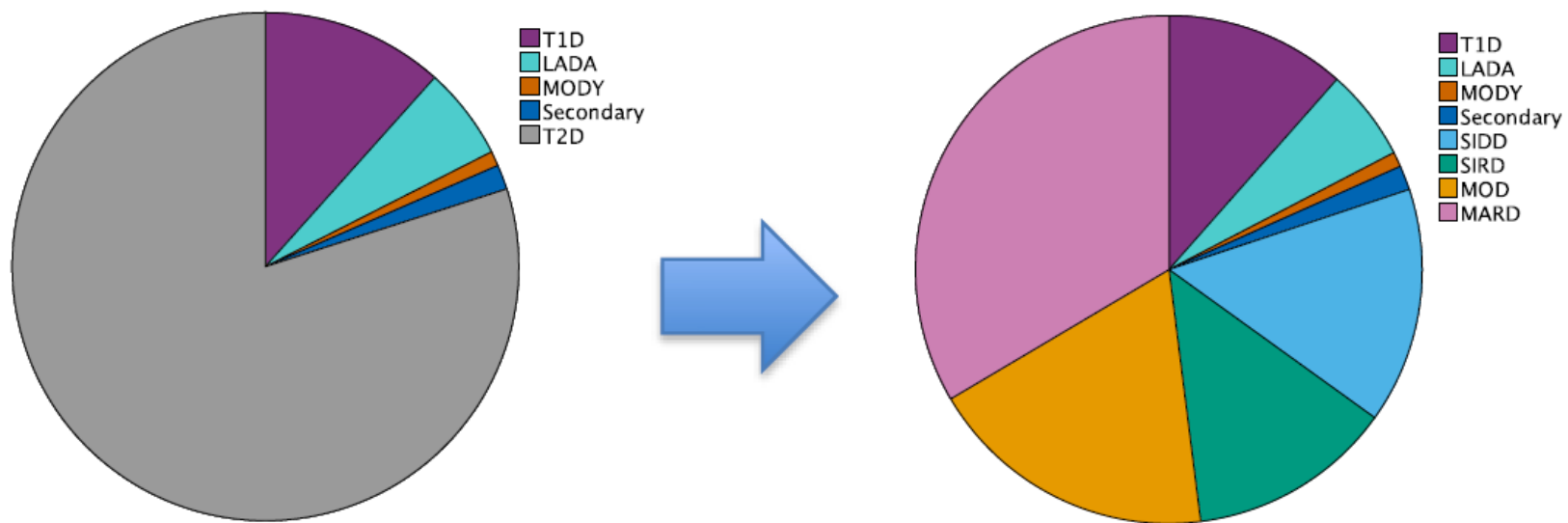
precision medicine in diabetes, as carriers of unique mutations require unique treatment. Diagnosis of diabetes in the past has been dependent upon measuring one metabolite, glucose. By instead including six variables in a clustering analysis, we could break down diabetes into five distinct subgroups, with better prediction of disease progression and outcome. The severe insulin-resistant diabetes (SIRD) cluster showed the highest risk of kidney disease and highest prevalence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, whereas patients in the insulin-deficient cluster 2 (SIDD) had the highest risk of retinopathy. In the future, this will certainly be improved and expanded by including genetic, epigenetic and other biomarker to allow better prediction of outcome and choice of more precise treatment.

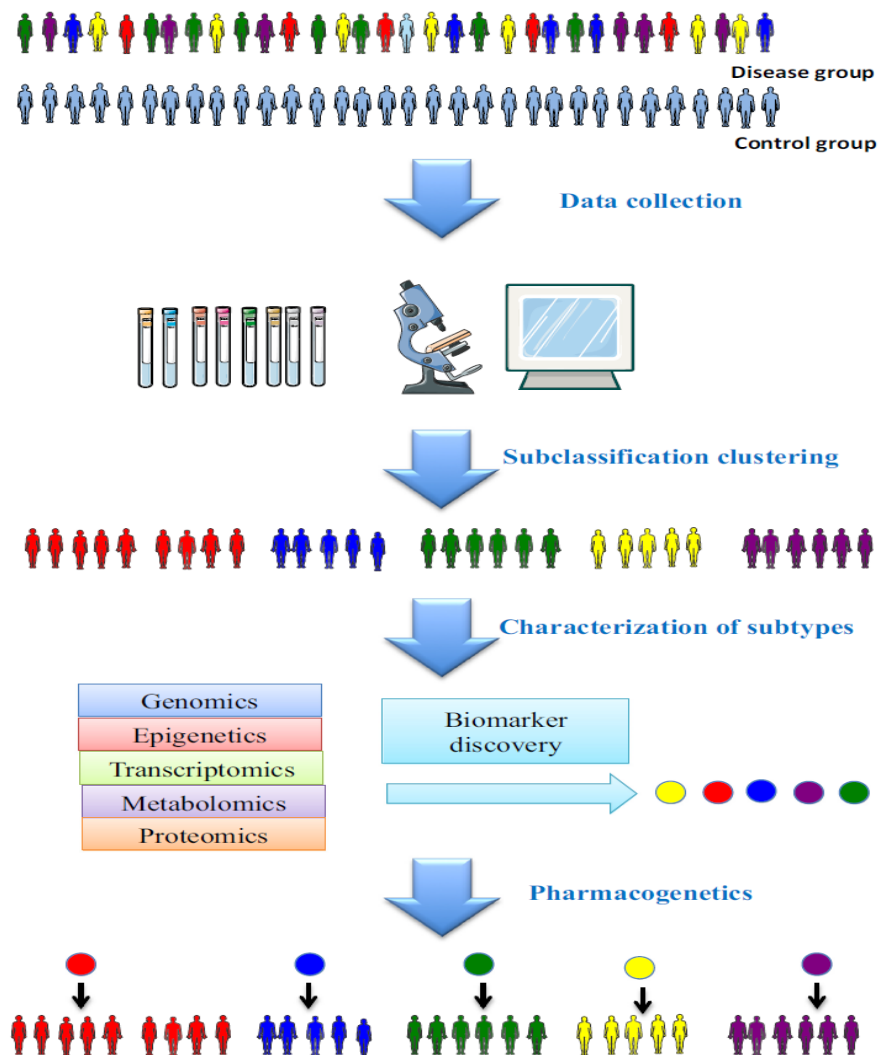
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Table 1 *Diabetes clusters, characteristics and outcomes*

	Cluster/ characteristics	SAID	SIDD	SIRD	MOD	MARD
Phenotypic characteristics	HbA1c	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	Age at onset	Early	Early	Late	Late	Latest
	BMI	Low	Low	High	High (obese)	High
	GADA	+(by definition)	-	-	-	-
	ZnT8A autoantibodies	+(common)	-	-	-	-
	Insulin deficiency	++	++	+-	+ -	+ -
	Insulin resistance	+	+	+++	+	+
	Ketoacidosis at diagnosis	Frequent	Frequent			
Complications	Complications	Little risk of early development of complications	High risk of retinopathy	High risk of diabetic kidney disease Highest prevalence of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease	Little risk of complications	Little risk of complications
Treatment	Insulin	42%	29%	<4%	<4%	<4%
		Need insulin	Mistreated by metformin, need often insulin	Need treatment which enhances insulin sensitivity	Lifestyle, metformin	Lifestyle, metformin

GADA, glutamic acid decarboxylase autoantibodies; MARD, mild age-related diabetes; MOD, mild obesity-related diabetes; SAID, severe autoimmune diabetes; SIDD, severe insulin-deficient diabetes; SIRD, severe insulin-resistant diabetes; ZnT8A antibodies, zinc transporter 8 autoantibodies.





Pharmacogenetics

There is still some light in the tunnel, mainly using genetic variants to predict treatment responses, that is, pharmacogenetics. Genetic variants regulating genes encoding for proteins involved in drug transport or metabolism are plausible candidates. Metformin is the most commonly used drug for treatment of T2D, and several studies have identified genetic variants which influence the glucose-lowering effect of metformin. A variant in the *SLC22A1* gene encoding for the organic cation transporter 1 (OCT1), which is involved in transport of metformin into the cell, was associated with response to metformin [49]. Similarly, a variant in another metformin transporter, *MATE1* (multidrug and toxin extrusion 1), influenced response to metformin in a small study.[50]. The large metformin consortium (MetGen) demonstrated that a variant in the *SLC2A2* gene encoding for glucose transporter 2 (GLUT2) also was associated with metformin response [51]. Finally, a GWAS exploring glycemic response to metformin identified variants near the *ATM* gene (Ataxia Teleangiectasia) [52].

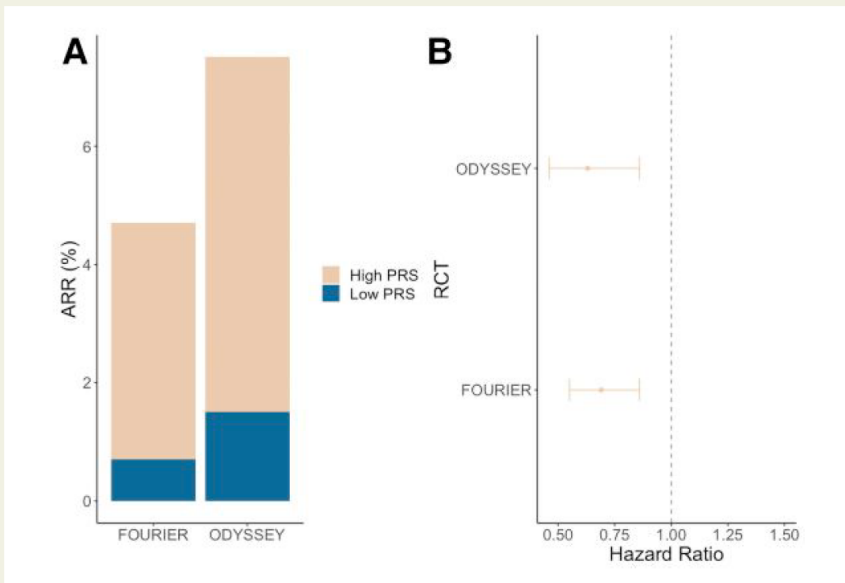


Figure 2 Derived from randomized clinical trials: the effect of PCSK9 inhibitors (A and B) on major vascular events (coronary heart death, myocardial infarction, coronary revascularization, stroke) stratified by polygenic risk scores. Panel A shows the absolute risk reduction by polygenic risk score group in the FOURIER trial [absolute risk reduction: 4% vs 0.7%, $P = 0.004$, hazard ratio: 0.69 (0.55–0.86) for high polygenic risk score]¹⁰⁴ and ODYSSEY OUTCOMES trial (absolute risk reduction: 6% vs. 1.5%, interaction $P = 0.04$).¹⁰³ High polygenic risk score was defined as top 20% in FOURIER, and top 10% in ODYSSEY OUTCOMES. Panel B shows the hazard ratios for PCSK9 inhibitors in the high risk polygenic risk score groups in each trial: FOURIER: hazard ratio: 0.69 (0.55–0.86), and ODYSSEY OUTCOMES: 0.63 (0.46–0.86).

Η μείωση απόλυτου κινδύνου εμφάνισης καρδιαγγειακής νόσου με τη χρήση PCSK9 είναι μεγαλύτερη σε άτομα με υψηλό σκορ εκτίμησης γενετικού κινδύνου



Challenges and Future Directions

- **Access and Equity:** Precision medicine requires advanced technologies, specialized expertise, and data access, which **may not be equally available** across populations or regions
- **Ethical and Privacy Concerns:** The use of genetic data and patient information for precision medicine raises **concerns about privacy and potential misuse of sensitive health data**
- **Integration into Clinical Practice:** Widespread adoption of precision medicine in routine care requires overcoming barriers in terms of **education, cost, infrastructure, and regulatory approval**

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