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# Is It Time for Personalized Medicine in Patient Care?

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# Individual variability in drug response can have serious consequences



Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS)  
Adverse Drug Reaction

# Adverse Drug Reactions

- 4-6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the USA<sup>1</sup>
- Health care costs: \$137-177 billion annually (USA)<sup>2-3</sup>
- Cause 7% of all hospital admissions<sup>4</sup>
- Cause serious reactions in over 2,000,000 hospitalized patients (6.7%) each year in the USA<sup>1</sup>
- Cause fatal reactions in over 100,000 hospitalized patients each year in the USA<sup>1</sup>
- 50% of newly approved therapeutic health products have **serious ADRs**, discovered only after the product is on the market (Health Canada, 2007)
- 95% of all ADRs are unreported

1. Lazarou et al, *JAMA*, 1998

2. Johnson et al, *Arch Intern Med* 1995

3. Ernst et al, *J. Am. Pharm. Assoc.* 2001

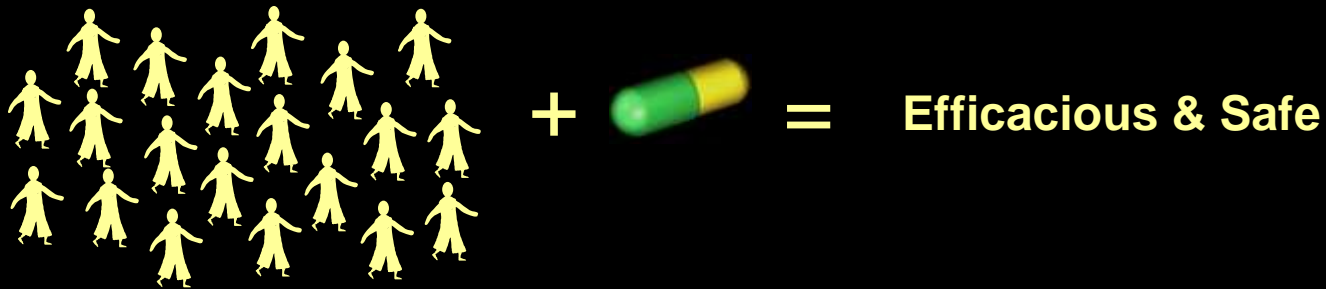
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5. Mjølndal et al, *EACPT3*, 1999

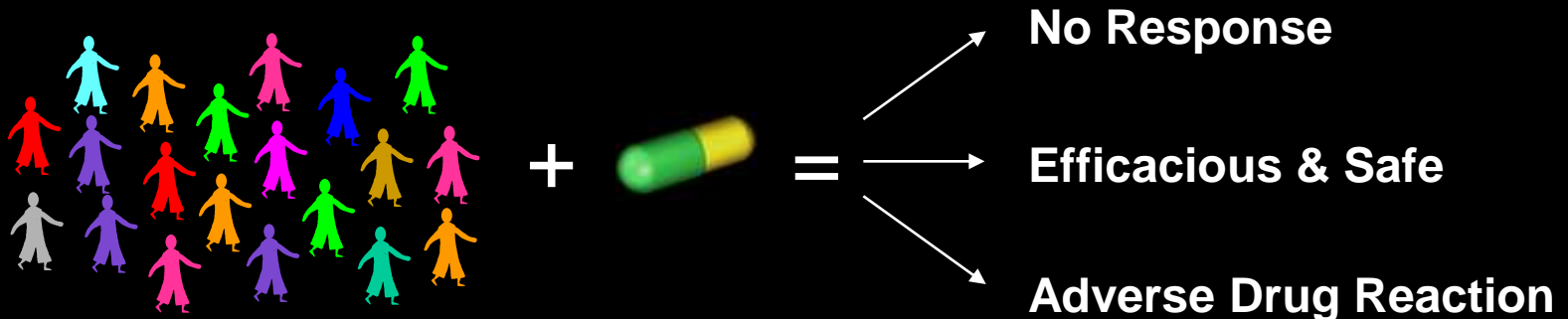
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# Paradox of Modern Drug Development

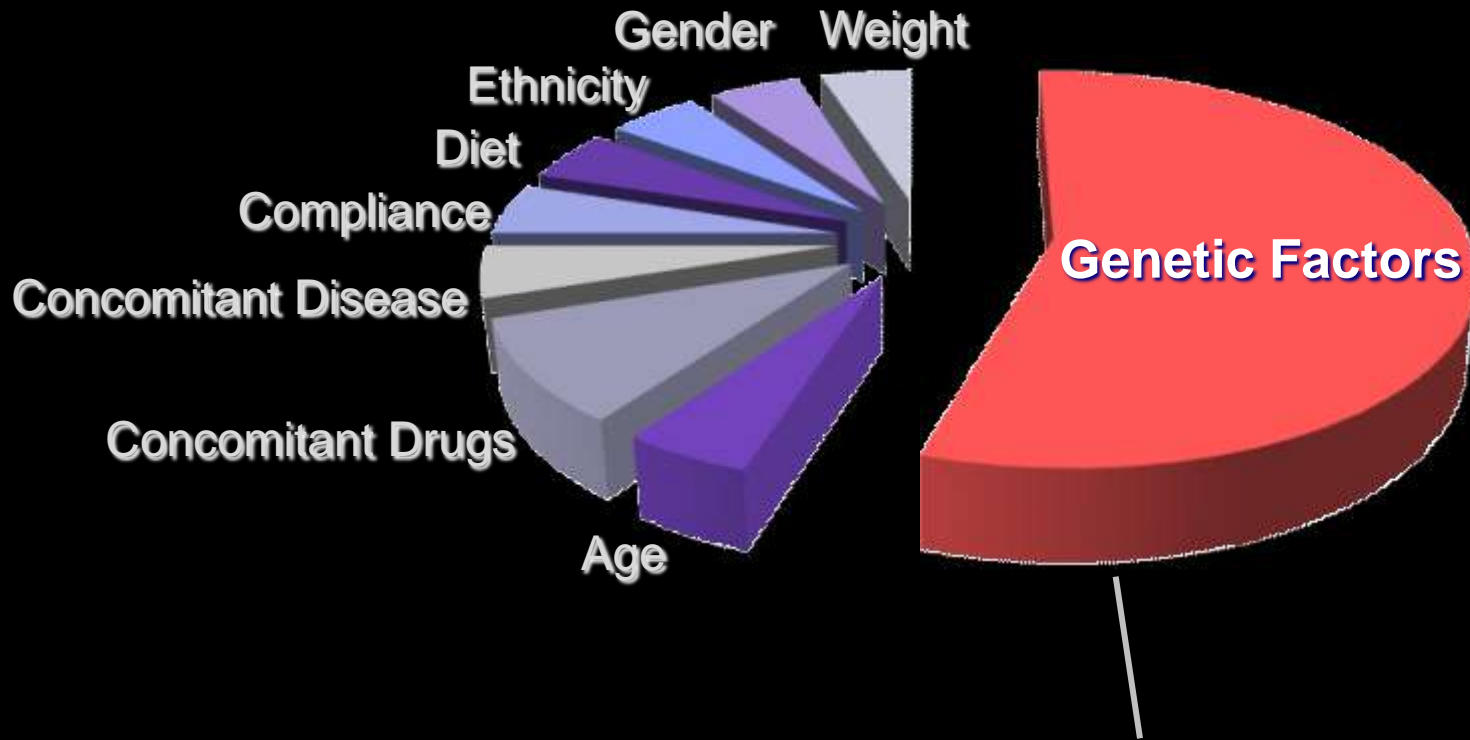
1. Clinical trials provide evidence of efficacy and safety at usual doses in *populations*



2. Physicians treat *individual* patients who can vary widely in their response to drug therapy



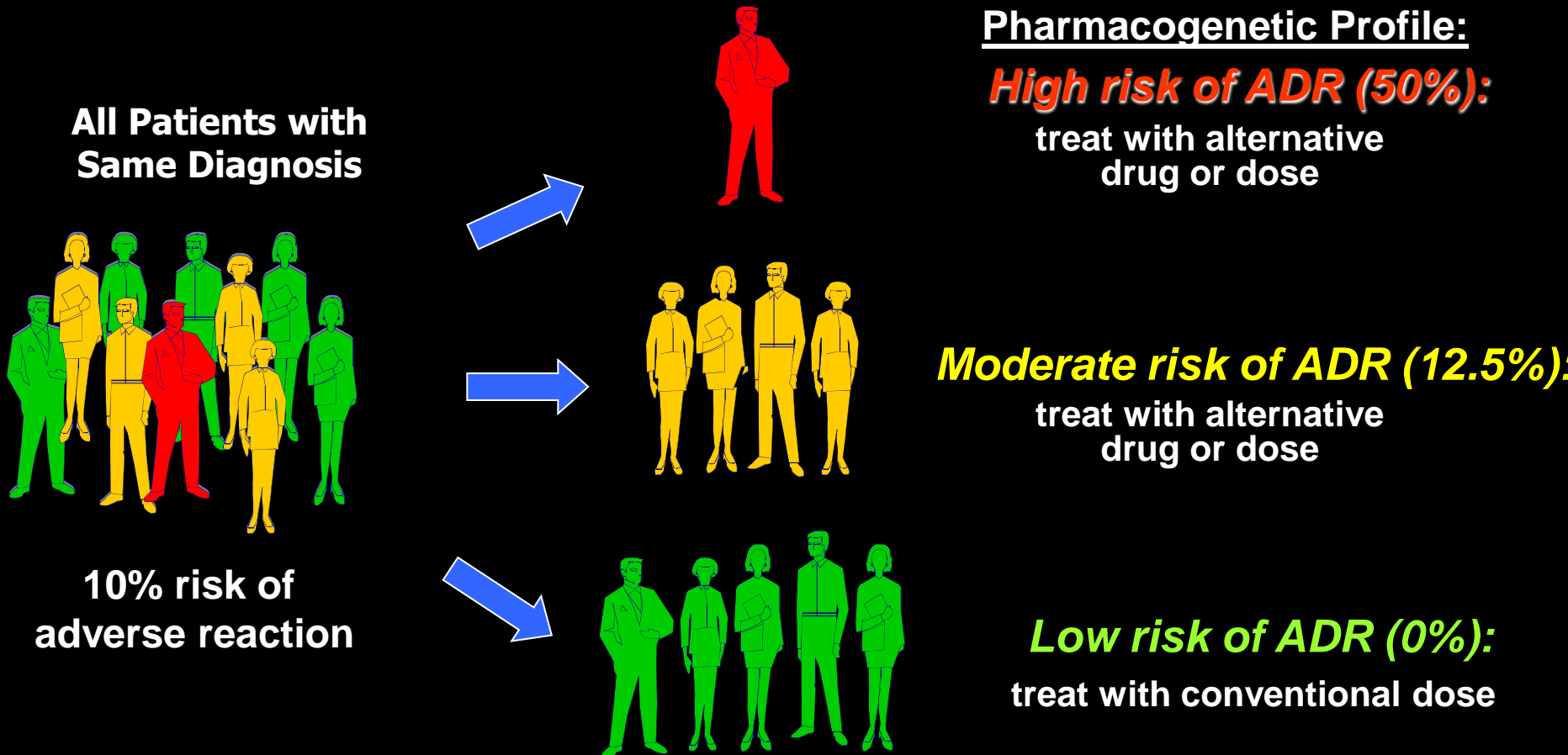
# Factors Contributing to Variability in Drug Response



**Patient genotype is currently an unknown factor in the prescribing of medicines**

# Pharmacogenomics

- Avoid adverse drug reactions
- Maximize drug efficacy for individual patients



# Health Systems Need to Move Us from Serious Medical Problems to Solutions

## Research and Development Methods/Outputs

- Identify patients with ADRs
- Identify 'matched' patients on same medications, without ADRs
- Look for genetic variation in key drug biotransformation genes
- Inform new-drug development
- Develop new dosing guidelines
- Focus on drug outcomes – benefit AND risk

# The Canadian Pharmacogenomics Network for Drug Safety (CPNDS) Plan

## Hypothesis

- Genetic polymorphisms in drug biotransformation genes underlie a significant portion of concentration-dependent ADRs

## Goal

- To develop genotype-based dosing guidelines to predict harm and avoid severe ADRs



# CPNDS Biomarker Discovery Strategy

**1. Identify patients with ADRs & matched controls**



**2. Collect DNA samples (blood/saliva)**



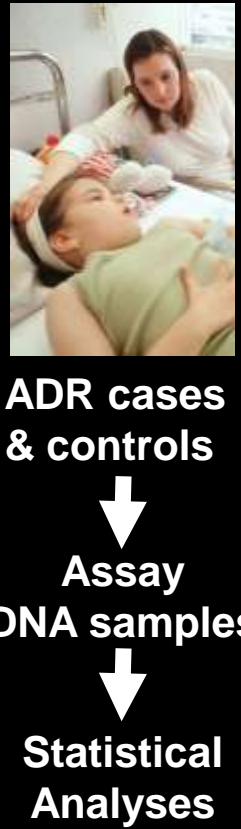
**3. Detailed patient clinical characterization**



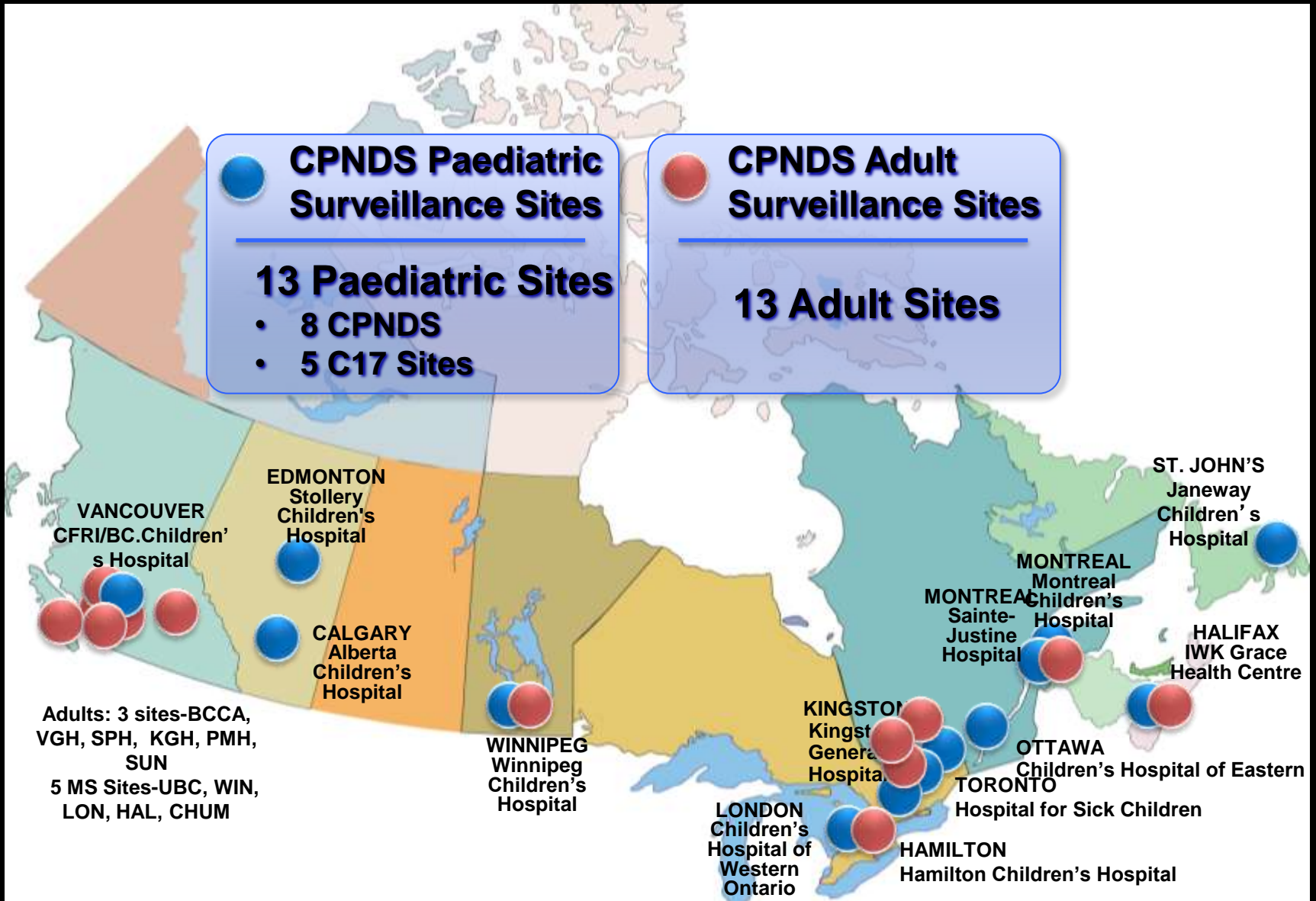
**4. Screen genetic variants**



**5. Replication**

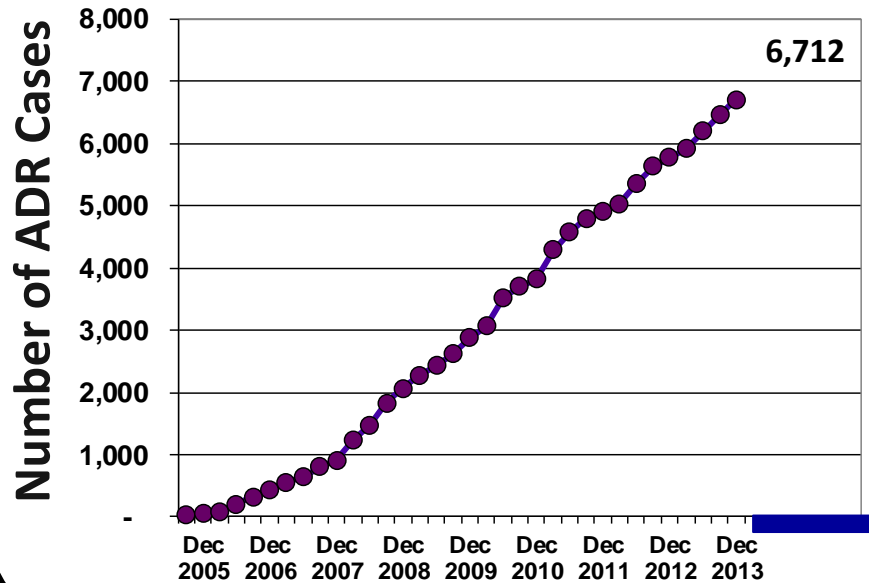


# CPNDS Network in Canada



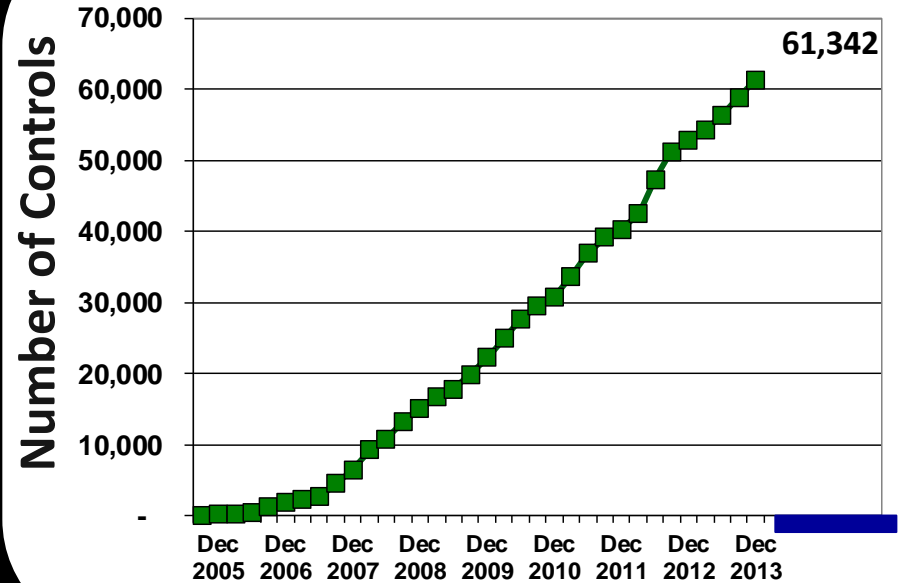
# Recruitment of ADR cases and drug-matched controls

## Serious ADR cases



>6,700 ADR cases

## Drug-matched controls



>61,000 drug-matched controls

Could take 4-5 hours, or up to 4-5 days to complete clinical characterizations

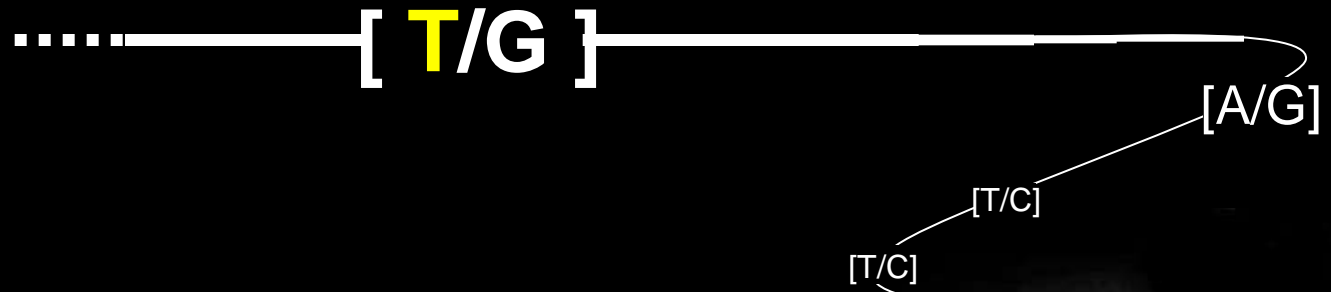




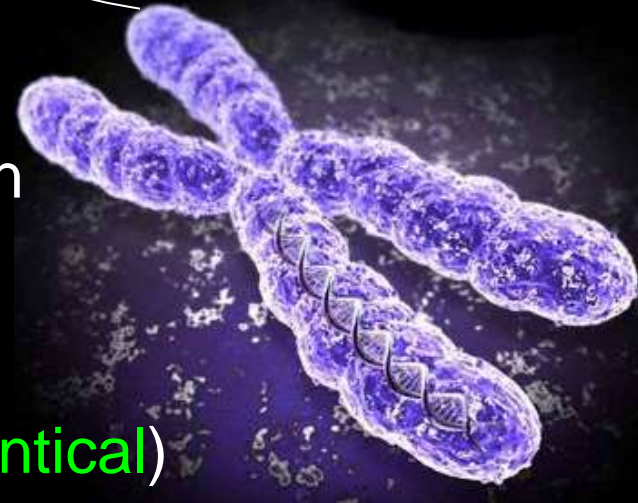


We are 99.9% genetically identical

# Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNP)



- Variations in DNA (frequency >1%)
- SNPs make up >90% of genetic variation
- When comparing 2 people:
  - 1 SNP occurs every 600-1200 bp
  - (= 5-10 million differences, ~99.9% identical)
- 14.7 Million known SNPs (January 2009)
- SNPs can alter the amino acid sequence of the encoded protein as well as alter RNA splicing and transcription
- New technology can test > 24 million SNPs per day





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Array Matrix

# ADME/Tox Genes SNP Arrays

Gene Classification	Examples
Phase I Metabolizing Enzymes	CYP1A1, CYP2B6, ALDH2
Phase II Metabolizing Enzymes	UGT2B7, GSTM1, NAT1, COMT
Receptors / Drug Targets	VDR, PPARG, CETP
Transporters	ABCB1, ABCC1, ABCC2
Transcription factors	HNF4A, STAT3, NR1I2
Immunity	HLA variants
Ion Channels	SCN5A, KCNH2, KCNQ1
Others	EPHX1, FMO1, PTGS1

## Versions:

**Initial:** 2k ADME SNP panel (*220 genes*)



**Phase II:** 4.6k ADME (*300 genes*)  
or 1.2M genome-wide scan



**Current:** 10k ADME & 2.5-5M+ arrays  
Genome Sequencing



# Anthracycline Case Report

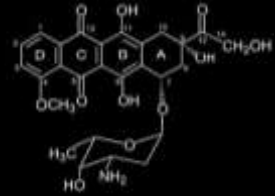
- A previously healthy 10-year-old presented with abdominal mass
- Biopsy confirmed neuroblastoma
- Patient began standard doxorubicin chemotherapy protocol
  - Cumulative dose: 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>



# Case Report

- A previously healthy 10-year-old child presented with neuroblastoma to B.C. Children's Hospital
- Began doxorubicin chemotherapy
- Prior to last cycle of treatment, child became unwell during a routine CT scan at BC Children's Hospital
  - Intubated and rushed to ICU
  - **Developed serious cardiac dysfunction, virtually no cardiac output**
  - **Child placed on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)**  
*(heart-lung machine)*
  - **Child received a heart transplant**
  - **First transplanted heart rejected**
  - **Child received a second heart transplant**
- Child is currently cancer remission

# Anthracyclines



- Doxorubicin, Epirubicin, Daunorubicin, Idarubicin
- Administered to 70% all childhood cancer patients
- Adjuvant chemotherapy for 50-90% of breast cancer
  - 22,000 patients/year in Canada
- At least **970,000 patients** receive each year (N. America)

## Highly effective

- Introduction of anthracyclines contributed to improved childhood cancer survival: from 30% in 1960s to >80% today



# Anthracycline-Induced Cardiotoxicity

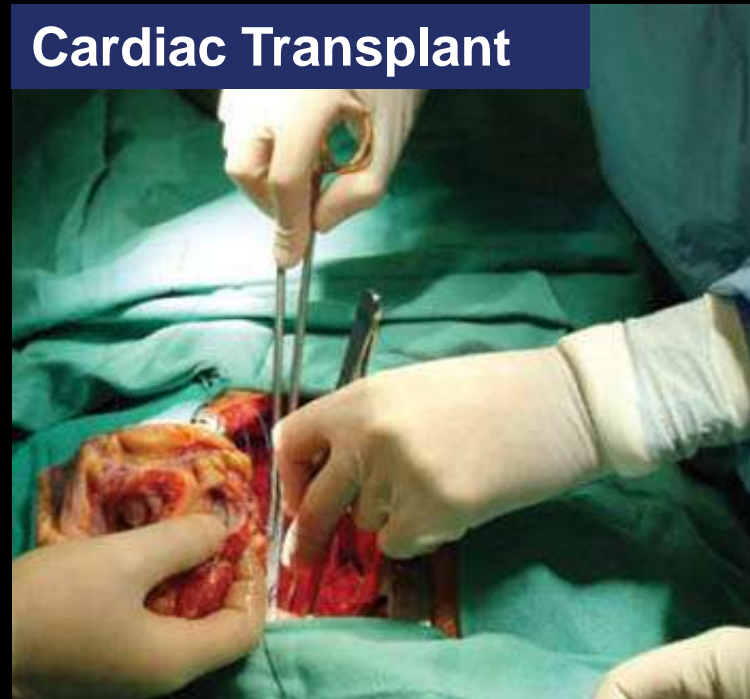
- Since 1967, recognized that anthracyclines can cause fatal cardiac toxicity (Tan et al., *Cancer*, 1967)
- 5-16% of patients suffer serious cardiomyopathy and heart failure
  - Toxicity can occur at doses  $<300$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - While some patients tolerate  $>1000$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- May require intra-ventricular assist device or heart transplant
- Increased severity in children, especially less than 4 years old
- 72% mortality rate for severe cases (BC Cancer Agency 2010)

Kremer et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2004; Canadian Cancer Statistics 2007; Mariotto et al. *J Natl Cancer Inst*. 2002

ECMO Unit



Cardiac Transplant



# Anthracycline-induced Cardiotoxicity

- Most important risk factor is high cumulative dose
- However there is no absolute safe dose
- Large inter-individual variability suggests genetic susceptibility

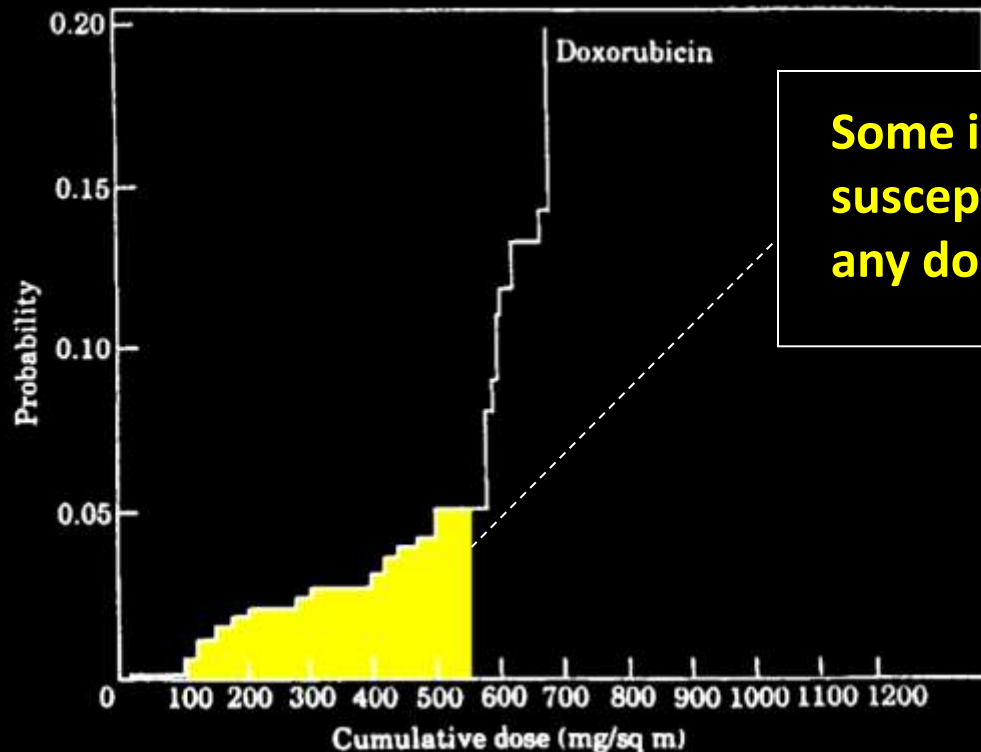


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Wouters et al. *Br J Haematol.* 2005;131(5):561-78  
Lipshultz et al. *Heart.* 2008;94(4):525-33

# Classification of Anthracycline-Cardiotoxicity

Controls  
n=266

■ No cardiotoxicity, SF  $\geq 30\%$ ,  $\geq 5$ yr follow-up

■ Grade 1 toxicity:

- Shortening fraction 27-30% or
- Resting ejection fraction 50-60%

■ Grade 2 toxicity: Moderate to severe cardiotoxicity

- Shortening fraction  $< 15\%$  or Shortening fraction 15-26%
- or resting ejection fraction 40-50%

■ Grade 3 toxicity: Symptomatic congestive heart failure

- Shortening fraction  $< 15\%$  or
- Resting ejection fraction  $< 40\%$

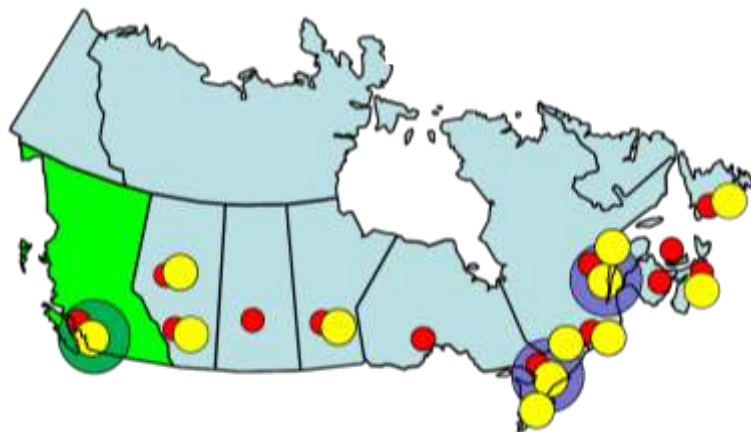
■ Grade 4 toxicity: Congestive heart failure requiring heart transplant or ventricular assist device

- Resting ejection fraction  $< 20\%$

ADR  
Cases  
n=78



# Replication of *SLC28A3* in a third independent Dutch cohort from Amsterdam



**Discovery**

**Canada  
Replication**

**Dutch  
Replication**

**Combined**

Gene

OR P-value

OR p-value

OR p-value

OR p-value

***SLC28A3***

**0.29 0.0071**

**0.33 0.0072**

**0.46 0.05**

**0.36 1.6 E-5**

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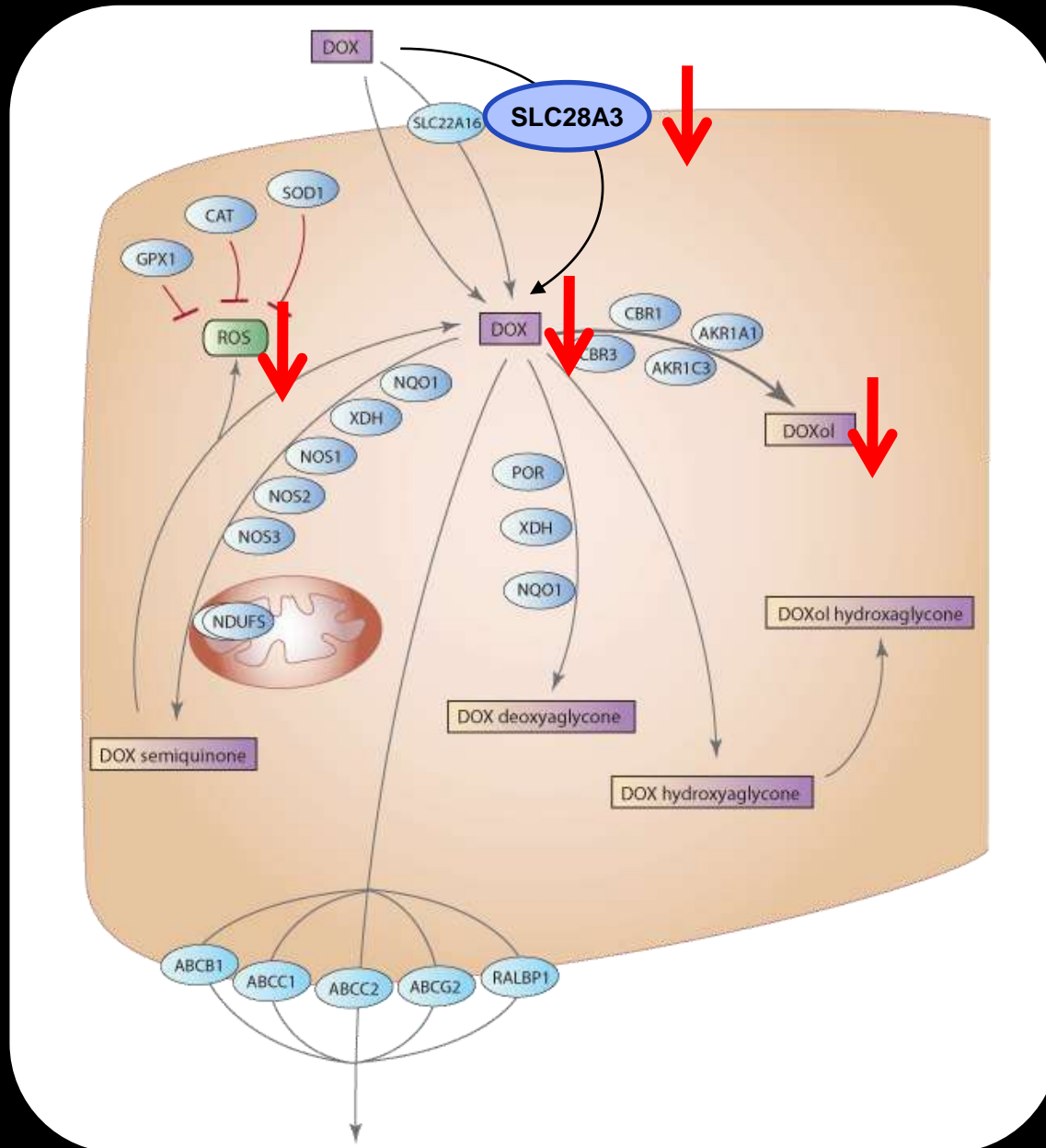
**n = 156**

**n = 188**

**n = 177**

**n = 521**

# Potential mechanism of SLC28A3



Reduced SLC28A3  
expression

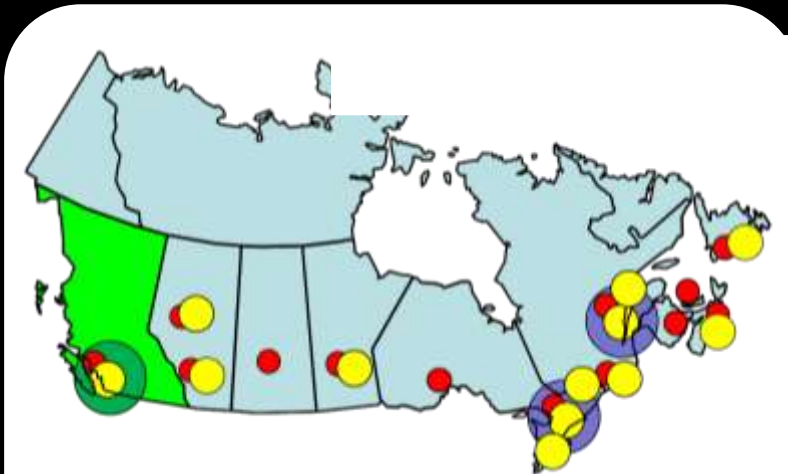
Less anthracycline  
into cell

Less ROS and toxic  
alcohol metabolites

Less toxicity



# Replication of *UGT1A6* synonymous variant in a third independent Dutch cohort



**Risk Allele Frequency**  
**Controls: 1.9%**  
**Cases: 6.4%**

**Discovery**

**Canada Replication**

**Dutch Replication**

**Combined**

Gene

OR P-value

OR p-value

OR p-value

OR p-value

***UGT1A6***

**4.1 0.040**

**4.0 0.07**

**7.98 0.0062**

**4.3  $2 \times 10^{-4}$**

**V209V**

**n = 156**

**n = 188**

**n = 177**

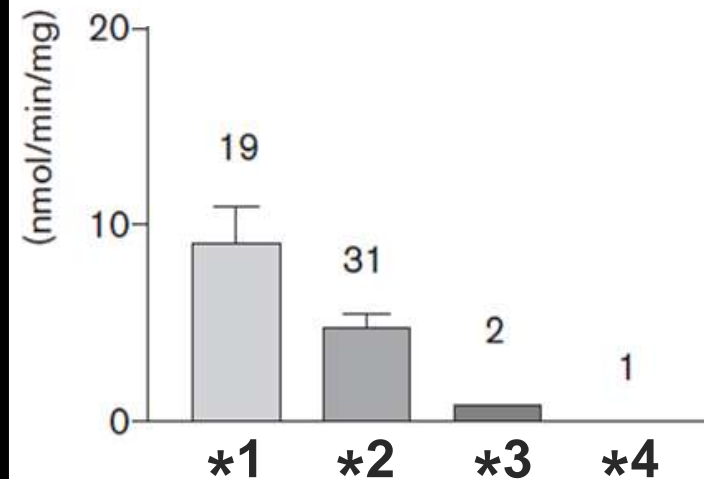
**n = 521**

# Potential mechanism of UGT1A6

- **UGT1A6: UDP glucuronosyltransferase 1A6** glucuronidates many different substrates
- Synonymous Val209Val variant tags the **UGT1A6\*4b** haplotype: S7A/L105L/R184S/V209V
- **UGT1A6\*4** has **30-100% reduced enzyme activity**
- Parent anthracycline compounds not glucuronidated, but metabolites undergo glucuronidation
- Altered glucuronidation may lead to accumulation of drug or metabolites

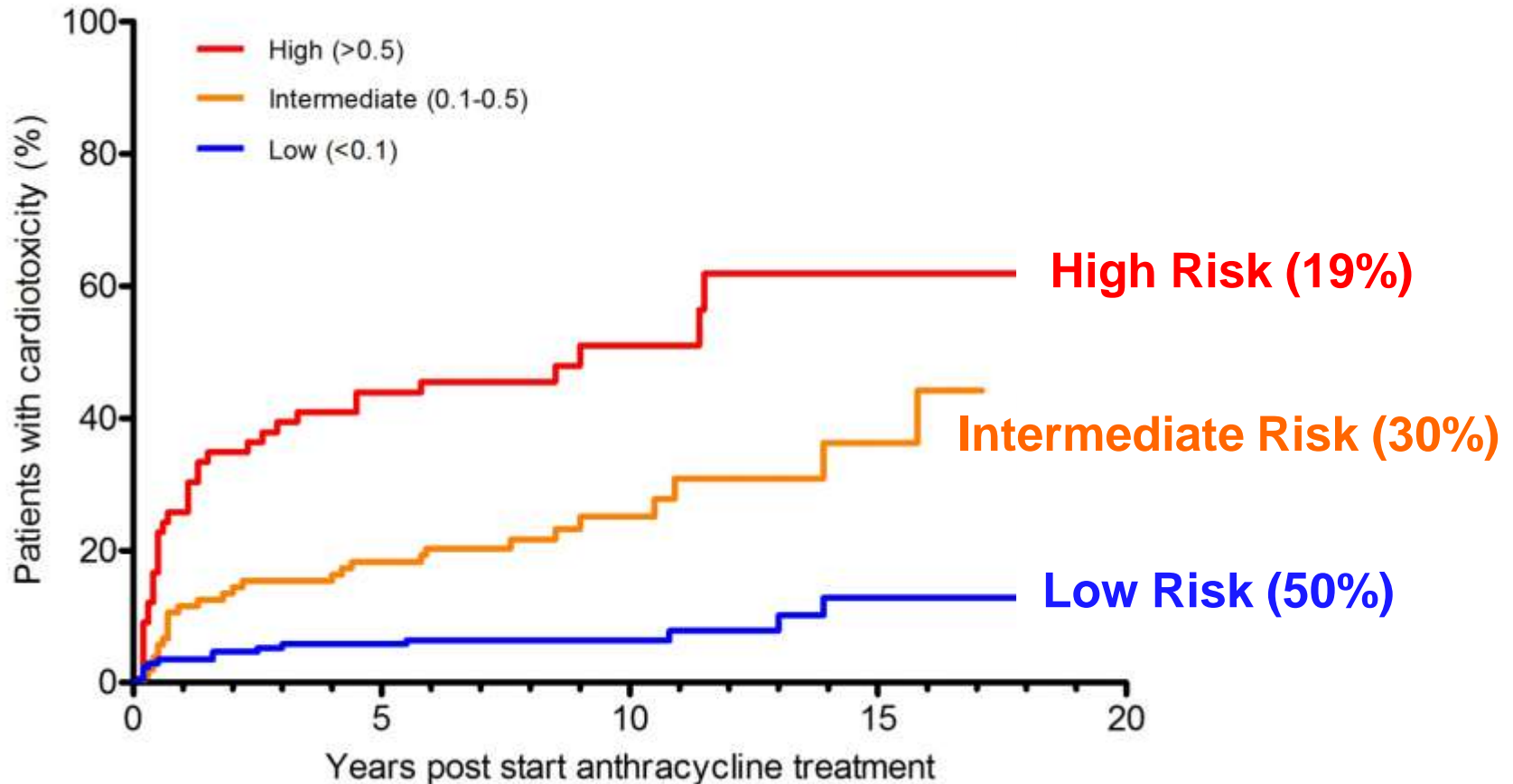
- Nagar et al., *Pharmacogenetics*, 2004  
- Shnaswamy et al., *J Phar Exp Ther*, 2005

## Reduced UGT1A6\*4 activity (*p*-Nitrophenol glucuronidation)



Nagar et al., *Pharmacogenetics*, 2004

# ***SLC28A3 + UGT1A6 + Clinical Variables*** **for Risk Prediction of Anthracycline Cardiotoxicity**



**Cdn Cohorts**

**ROC: AUC (SNPs + Clinical) = 0.76**



# Clinical Options for Personalized Anthracycline Therapy

Depending on risk prediction, clinician could take different actions:

## Low Risk

- Echocardiogram follow-up as usual

## Intermediate Risk

- Intensify echocardiogram follow-up  
e.g. patients in rural centres often miss appointments

## High Risk

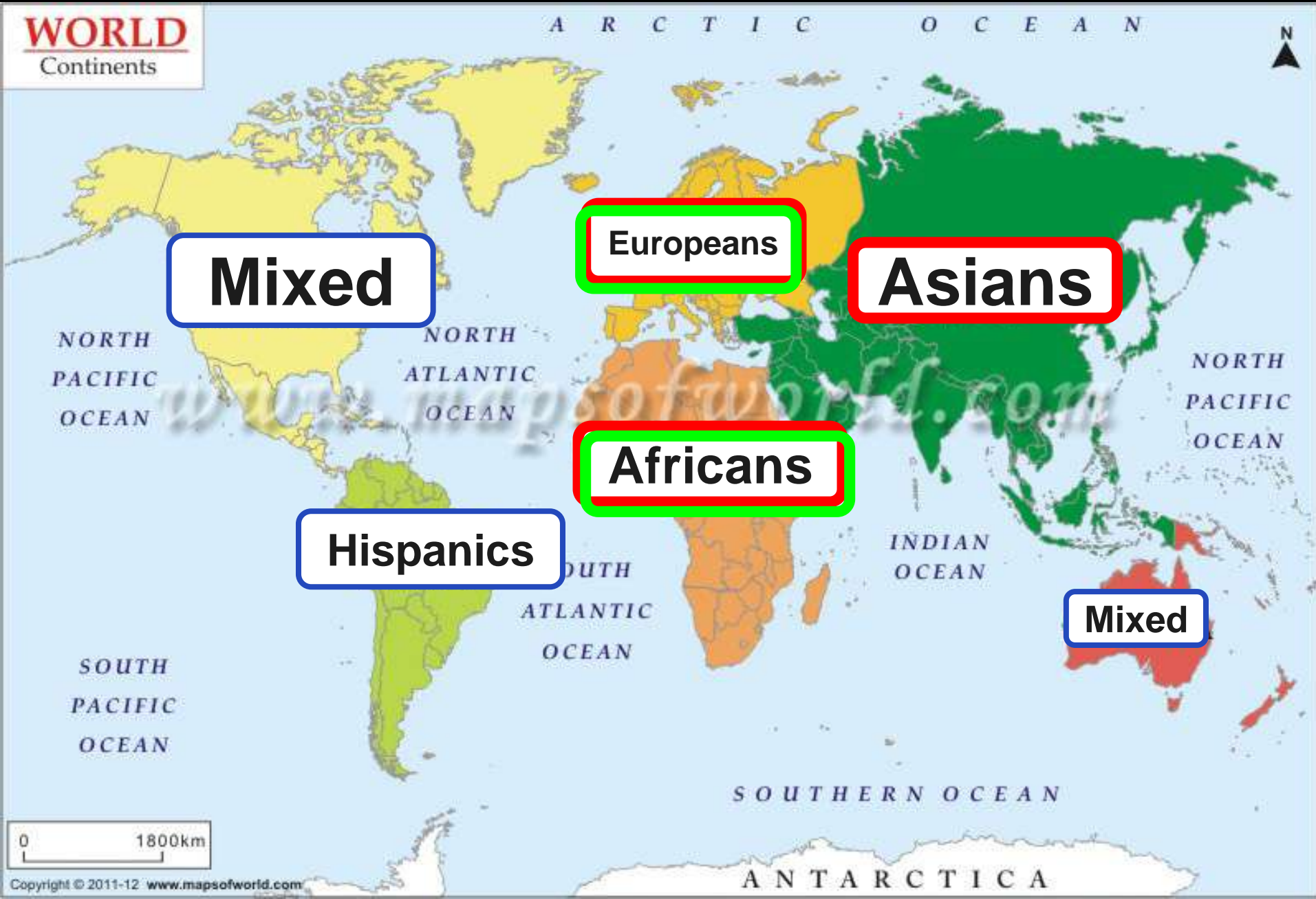
- Alternative medication (e.g. mitoxantrone) or dose
- Add cardioprotectant (e.g. dexrazoxane)
- Start treatment with ACE-inhibitors or beta-blockers to prevent further damage

# One Race But Many Variations





# Genetic Ancestral Populations



**WORLD**

Continents

A R C T I C O C E A N



**Mixed**

**Europeans**

**Asians**

NORTH  
PACIFIC  
OCEAN

NORTH  
ATLANTIC  
OCEAN

NORTH  
PACIFIC  
OCEAN

**Africans**

**Hispanics**

SOUTH  
ATLANTIC  
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INDIAN  
OCEAN

**Mixed**

SOUTH  
PACIFIC  
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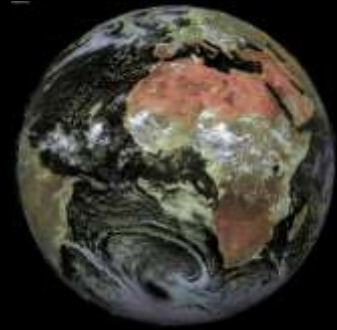
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# Pharmacogenomic Diversity Project Aims

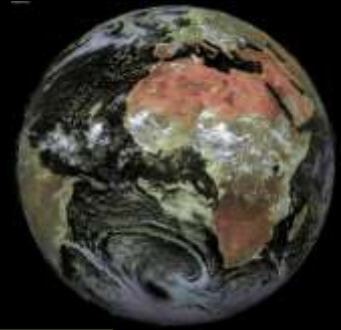
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- **Elucidate the pharmacogenomic diversity within African populations**
- **Identify the genetic causes of drug response differences between different ethnic populations**

# Study Population

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- 1. Two genetic ancestries (Africans and Europeans) n = 1330**
- 2. African Ancestry Populations n = 372**
- 3. European Ancestry Population n = 958**
- 4. Genetic Ancestry ascertained by PCA**



# Analysis of 4500 Pharmacogenomic Variants in 15 African Subpopulations

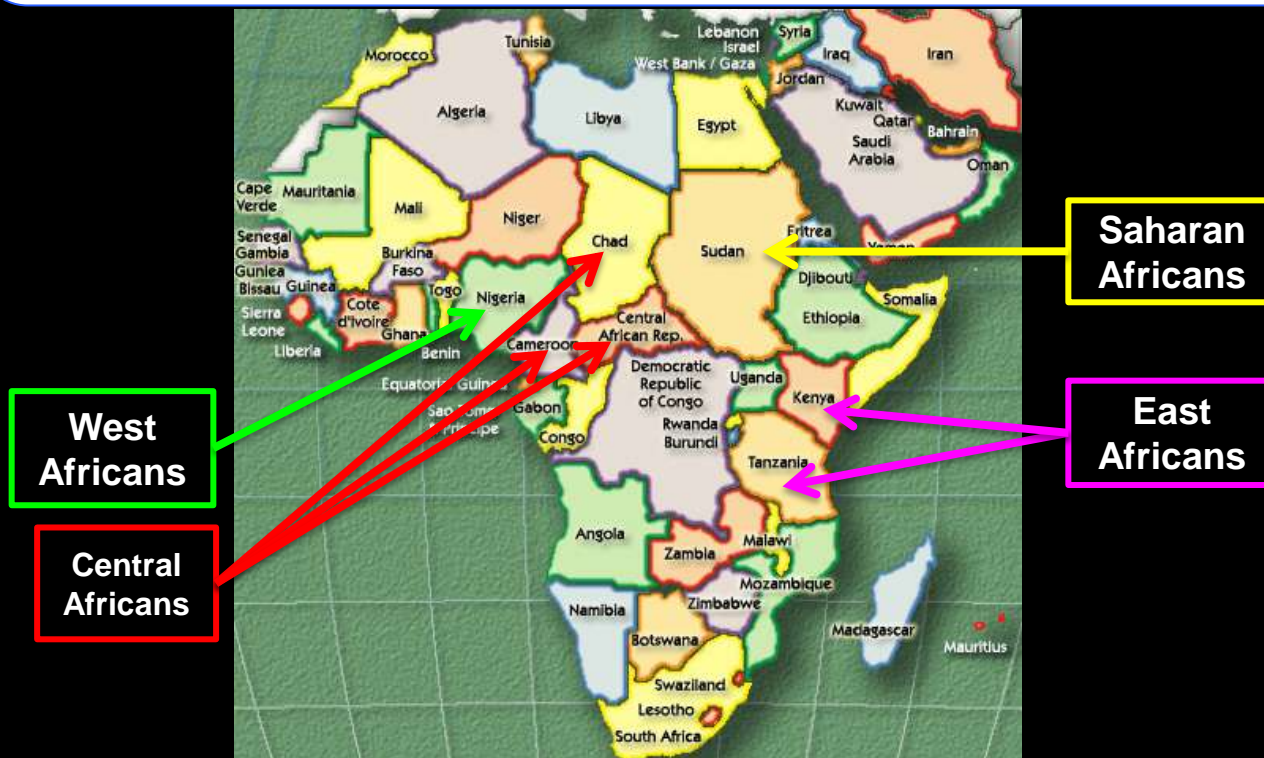
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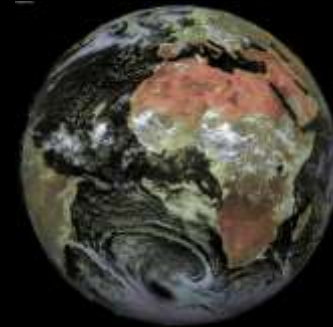
Higher frequency of genetic variants conferring increased risk for ADRs for commonly used drugs treating cancer, AIDS and tuberculosis in persons of African descent

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# African Populations Diversity Panel

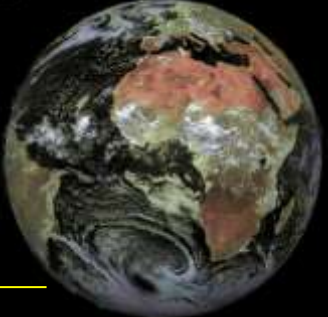


Population Name	Pop Code	n (total 281)	Country	Region	Subsistence
Fulani	CAFU	19	Cameroon	Central Africa	Herder
Lemande	CALM	19	Cameroon	Central Africa	Farmer
Mada	CAMD	19	Cameroon	Central Africa	Farmer
Bakola Pygmy	CAPL	19	Cameroon	Central Africa	Hunter-gatherer
Bulala	CHBU	16	Chad	Central Africa	Farmer (with fishing)
Boni	KEBN	19	Kenya	Eastern Africa	Hunter-gatherer
Borana	KEBR	19	Kenya	Eastern Africa	Herder
Luo	KELO	19	Kenya	Eastern Africa	Herder
Sengwar	KESN	19	Kenya	Eastern Africa	Hunter-gatherer
Yoruba	NGYR	19	Nigeria	Western Africa	Farmer
Beja	SDBA/SDHD	19	Sudan	Saharan Africa	Herder
Datog	TZDT	19	Tanzania	Eastern Africa	Herder
Hazda	TZHZ	19	Tanzania	Eastern Africa	Hunter-gatherer
Iraqw	TZIQ	19	Tanzania	Eastern Africa	Mixed farmer
Sendawe	TZSW	18	Tanzania	Eastern Africa	Hunter-gatherer



# Pharmacogenomic Analysis

## The Strategy



African Ancestry

European Ancestry

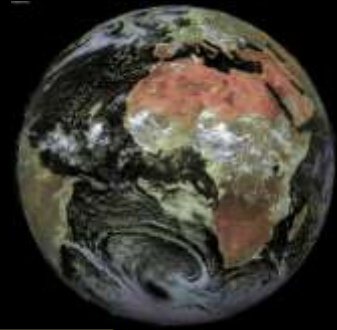
WHO Model List  
of Essential  
Medicines

PGX Differences  
AFR vs. EUR

1. Cancer Chemotherapy
2. Antiretrovirals
3. Anticoagulants
4. Other Drugs



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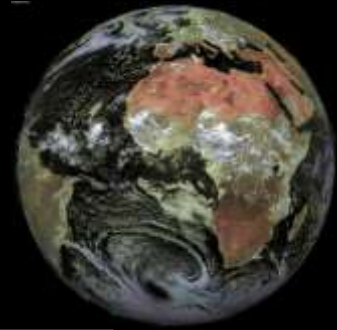


## Anthracyclines & Related Compounds

- Known toxicity problems include severe cardiotoxicity and heart failure in up to 16% of treated patients
- African Americans have a higher rate of cardiotoxicity after doxorubicin (7%) vs. Caucasian population (2.4%) ( $p < 0.027$ , odds ratio 2.93) - *Hasan et al., J Natl Med Assoc. 96:196-199. 2004*
- African Americans have a **1.7-fold greater relative risk** of cardiotoxicity – *Marsh et al., J Clin Oncol. 15:1544–521. 1997*



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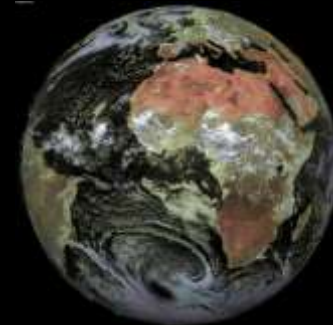


## Anthracyclines

PGX Gene Variant	AFR Ancestry %MAF	EUR Ancestry %MAF	<i>P</i>
<b>UGT1A6 rs17863783</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>9.8E-015</b>
<b>ABCC1 rs4148350</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2.1E-007</b>
<b>ABCB1 rs2235047</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.8E-036</b>
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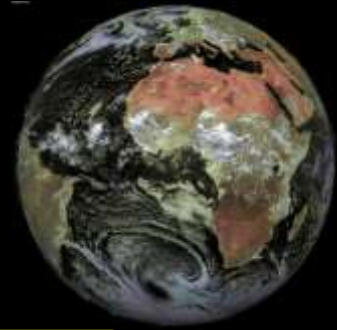


## Anthracyclines

PGX Gene Variant	AFR Ancestry %MAF	EUR Ancestry %MAF	<i>P</i>
<b><i>SLC22A17</i> rs4982753</b>	5.7	25.2	<b>8.4E-025</b>
<b><i>SULT2B1</i> rs10426377</b>	17.5	27.4	<b>4.7E-004</b>
<b><i>SLC28A3</i> rs4877847</b>	44.4	54.2	<b>4.4E-002</b>



# Pharmacogenomic Analysis



## Cisplatin and Platinum Compounds

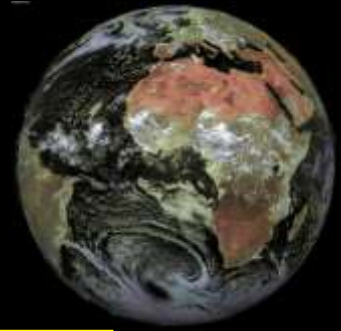
- Ototoxicity, nephrotoxicity, neutropenia, neurotoxicity

	<u>European Ancestry</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>P-value</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Cisplatin toxicity	8.3%	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>0.007</b>	Shord et al, <i>Anti-Canc Drugs</i> 2006
“ <b>Increased cisplatin toxicity</b> in South African patients vs. patients from western countries”				Nyongesa et al, <i>Int J Gyn Cancer</i> , 2006
“ <b>40% lower maximum tolerable dose</b> in South African population”				Nyongesa et al, <i>Int J Gyn Cancer</i> , 2006





# Pharmacogenomic Analysis



## Cisplatin

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PGX Gene Variant	AFR Ancestry %MAF	EUR Ancestry %MAF	<i>P</i>
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### Risk Variant

<b><i>TPMT</i> rs12201199</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.5E-129</b>
<b><i>COMT</i> rs9332377</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>5.4E-014</b>

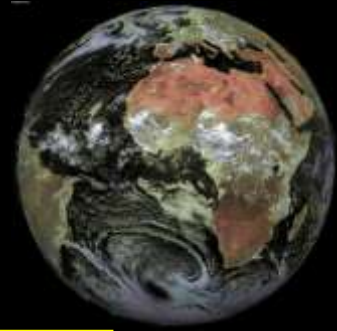
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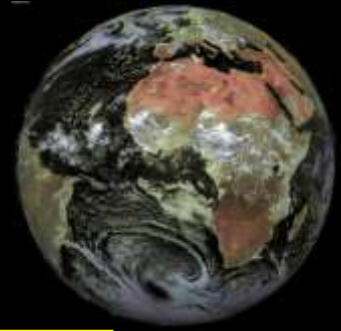


## Vinca Alkaloids

- **Vincristine**, vinblastine, vindesine, and vinorelbine.
- The main adverse effects of vincristine are peripheral neuropathy, hyponatremia, constipation and hair loss
- **34.8% of Caucasians** experienced vincristine-related neurotoxicity compared with only **4.8% of African Americans (P = 0.007)** - Renbarger et al, 2008. *Pediatr Blood Cancer*; 50:769–71.



# Pharmacogenomic Analysis



## Vincristine

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PGX Gene Variant	AFR Ancestry %MAF	EUR Ancestry %MAF	<i>P</i>
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## Risk Variant

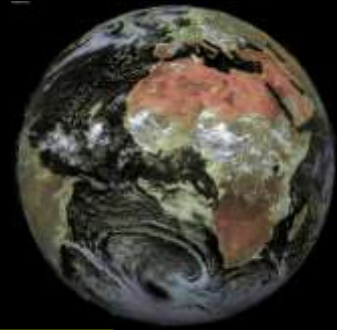
NOS3 rs1799983	4.9	33.8	8.5E-012
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# Pharmacogenomic Analysis

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## PGX of Antiretroviral Drugs

- Increased frequency of low activity variants may increase drug accumulation and the frequency and risk of drug toxicity in African patients

## What We Know About Drug Response

There are patient-specific differences in drug response. One drug is not ideal for all patients.

## What We are Now Figuring Out

Pharmacogenetic biomarkers can help tailor therapy for an individual patient

## What We Can Achieve

- Better risk/benefit information for individual patients
- Improved attainment of therapeutic objectives
- Avoidance of harm
- Rationale for the need of a range of therapeutic options to meet patient needs

# Patients & Clinicians



## Phase II

## Phase I





# Canadian Pharmacogenomics Network for Drug Safety



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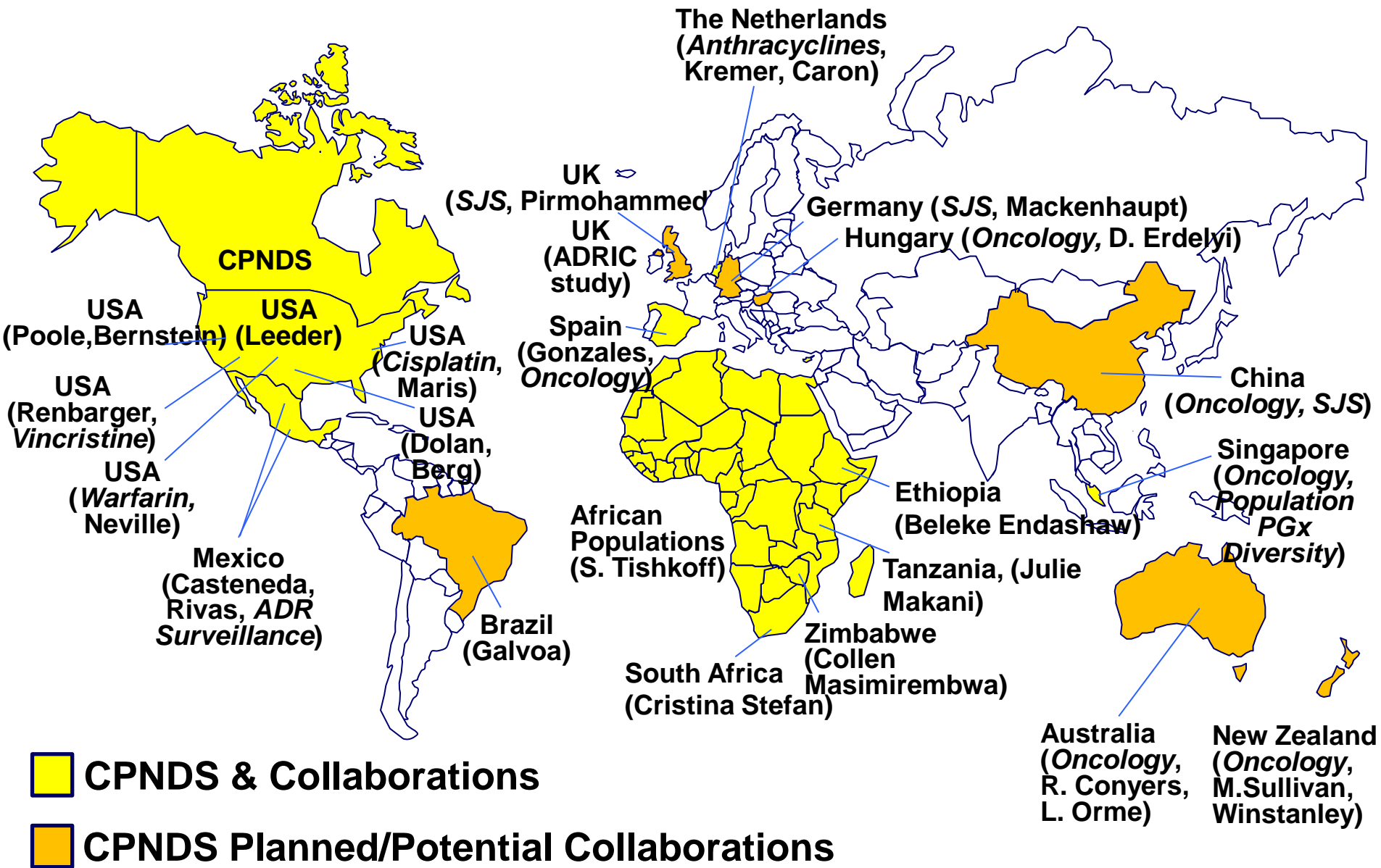


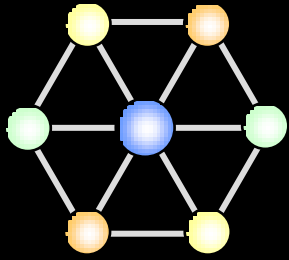
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# CPNDS International Surveillance Sites and Collaborations





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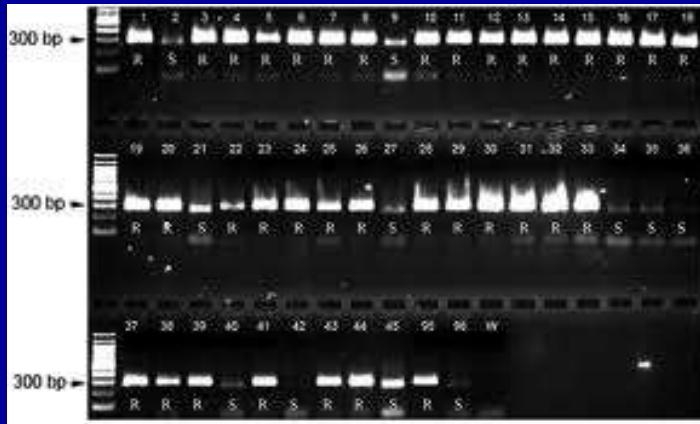


**Canadian  
Pharmacogenomics  
Network  
for Drug Safety**

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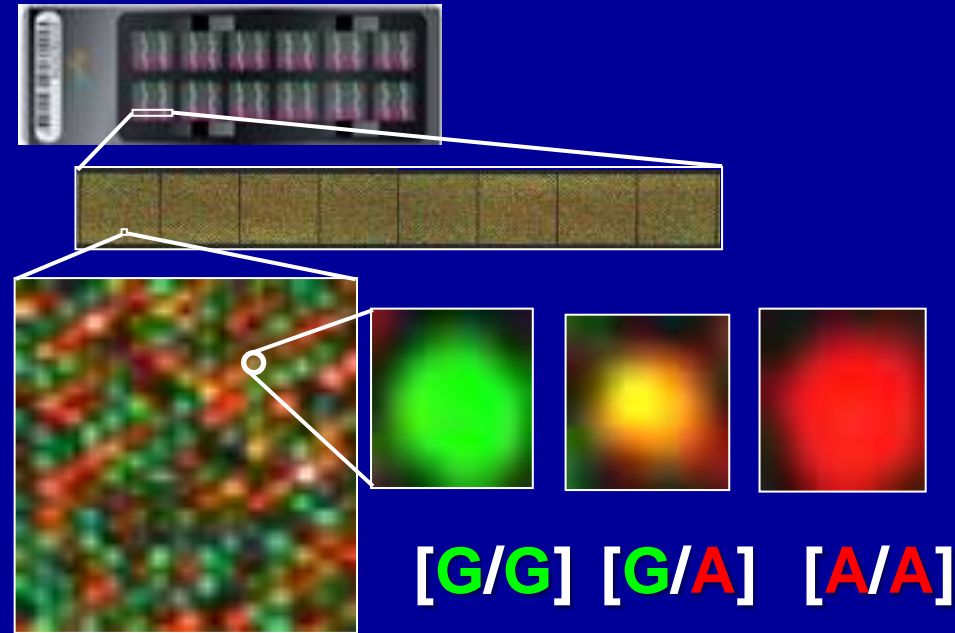
# Advances in Genomics Technology

Year 2002



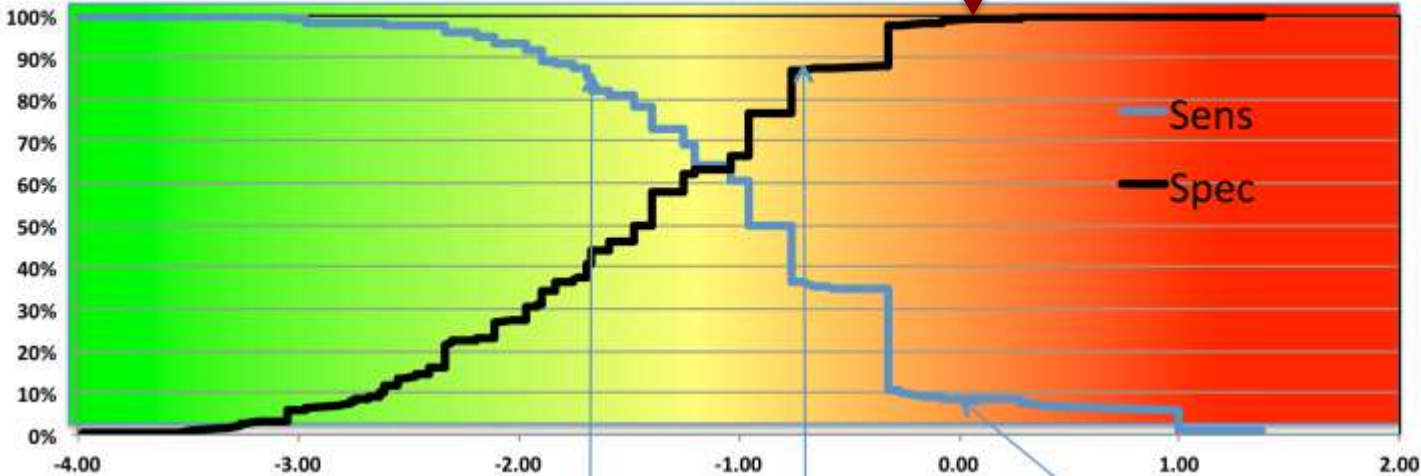
**12+ years** to genotype  
1 million variants  
throughout the genome  
Cost: \$2.7 billion

Year 2013



**2 days** to genotype  
1 million variants  
Throughout the genome  
Cost: ~\$250

# Patient IND701701



Low Risk Cutoff  
Sens: 85%  
Spec: 40%  
PPV: 30%  
NPV: 90%

High Risk Cutoff  
Sens: 37%  
Spec: 88%  
PPV: 47%  
NPV: 82%

**LOW RISK**  
34% of Population  
10% Risk of Cardiotoxicity

**INTERMEDIATE RISK**  
47% of Population  
25% Risk of Cardiotoxicity

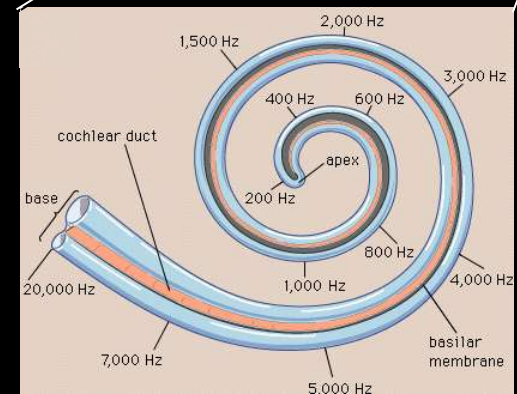
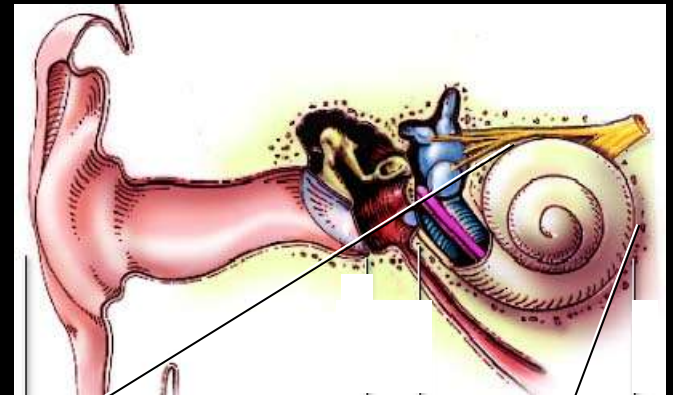
**HIGH RISK**  
18% of Population  
47% Risk of Cardiotoxicity

**VERY HIGH RISK**  
3% of Population  
70% Risk of Cardiotoxicity



# Cisplatin

- Drug of choice for solid tumours including hepatoblastoma, ovarian, CNS, osteosarcoma, neuroblastoma, lung, bladder, head and neck tumors
- **1,000,000 new patients** receive cisplatin each year (N. America & Europe)
- Causes permanent hearing loss
- 10-38% of patients
- Increased frequency and severity in children
  - **28%-61%** of children 5-14 develop severe hearing loss
  - **38%-62%** of children <5 yrs old develop severe hearing loss (Li et al, 2004)
- B.C. Children's Hospital: 37% of patients developed grade 3-4 deafness since 2005



# Cisplatin Case Studies

## Case 1

- 14 yrs old
- Osteosarcoma of right proximal tibia
- Diagnosed Nov 2000
- Chemotherapy:
  - Cisplatin
  - Doxorubicin
  - Methotrexate
- Alive and Well

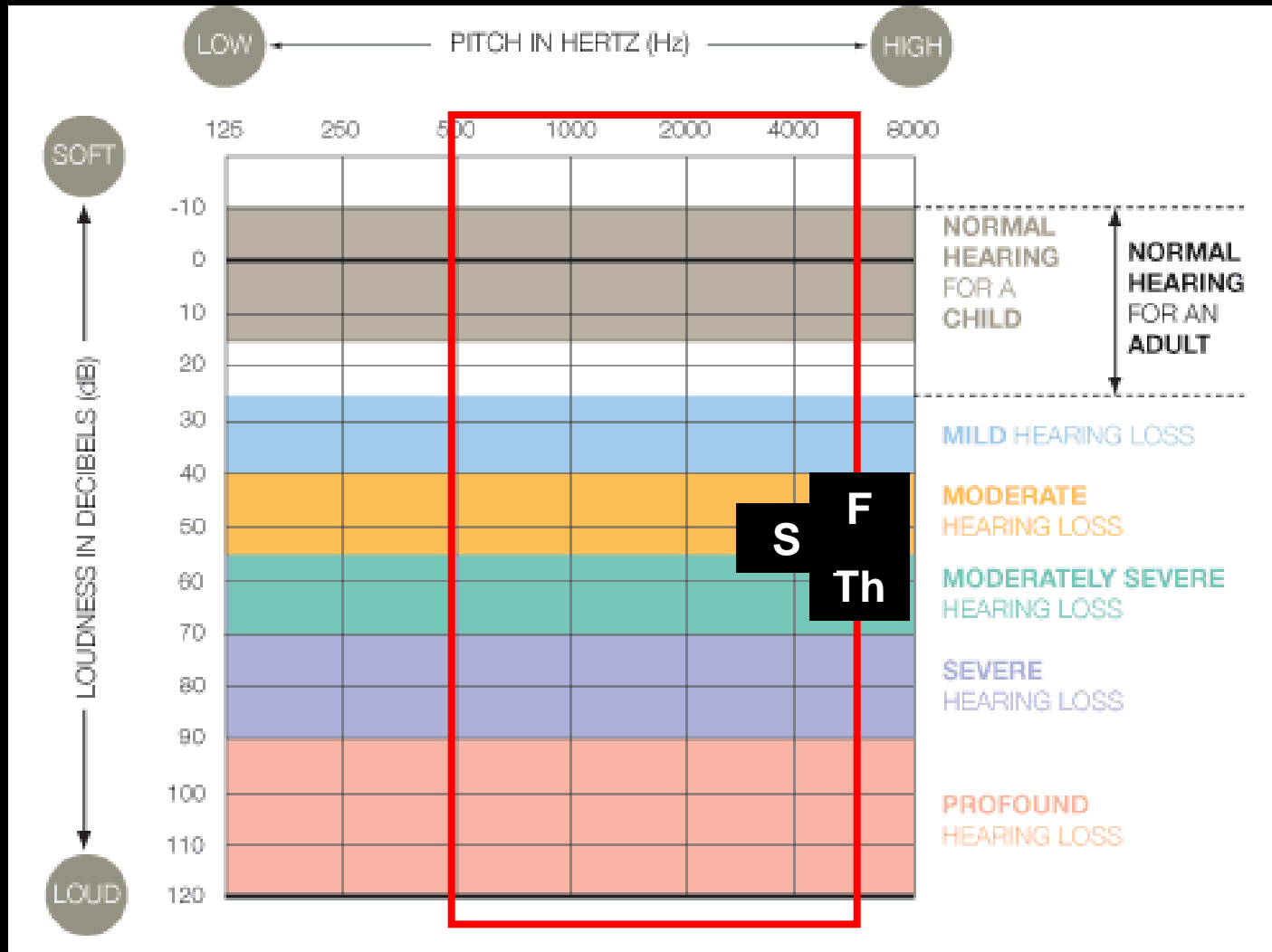
## Case 2

- 12 yrs old
- Osteosarcoma of right proximal tibia
- Diagnosed Oct 1998
- Chemotherapy:
  - Cisplatin
  - Doxorubicin
  - Methotrexate
- Alive and Well

# Cisplatin Case Studies

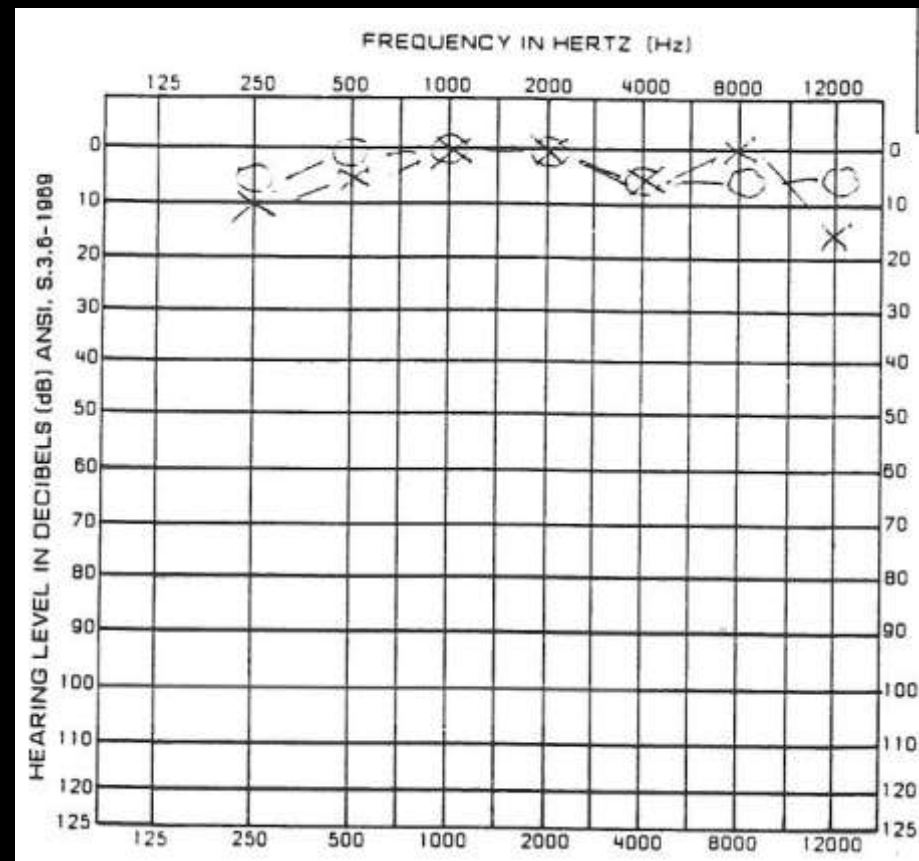
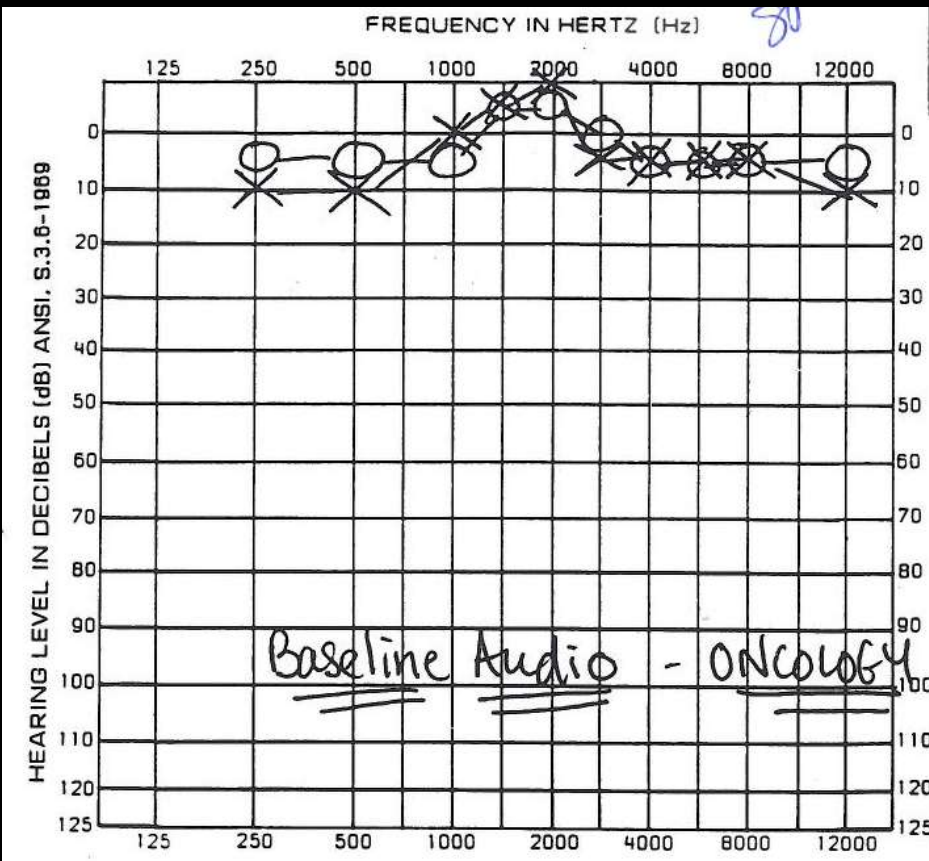
- Cases sound similar
  - Same tumor
  - Same protocol
  - Same good outcome from cure point of view
- However :
  - Significant difference in Audiograms
  - Case 2 needed last 2 doses of cisplatin held due to significant hearing loss
  - Case 2 needs hearing aids

# Audiogram



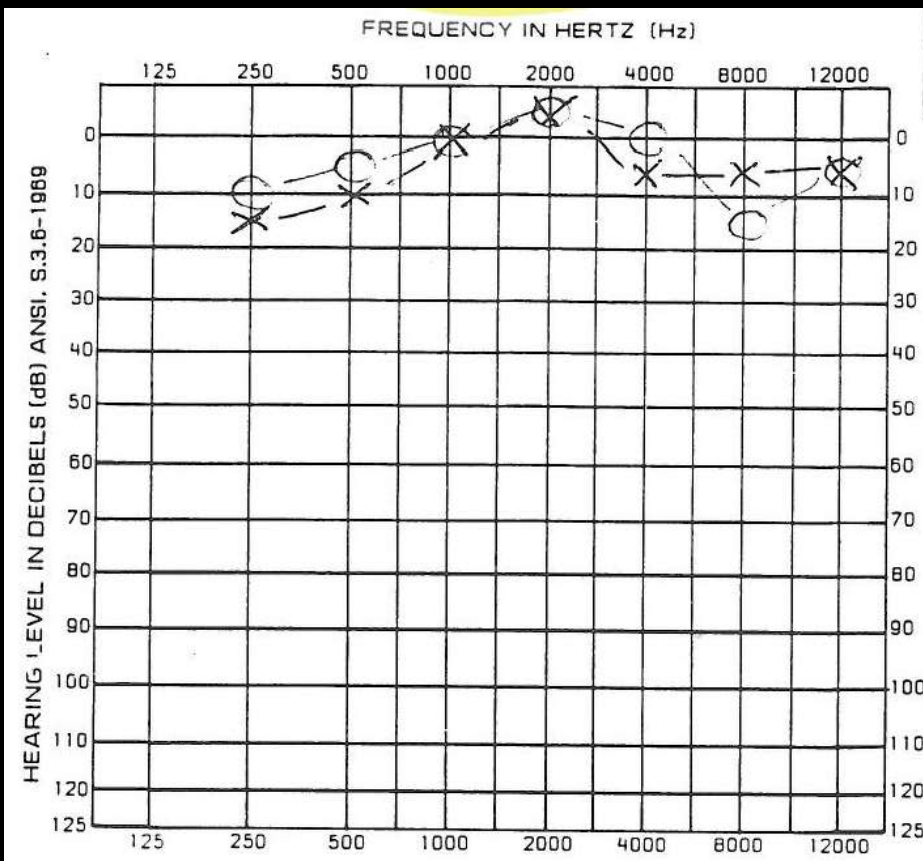
# Case 1

# Case 2

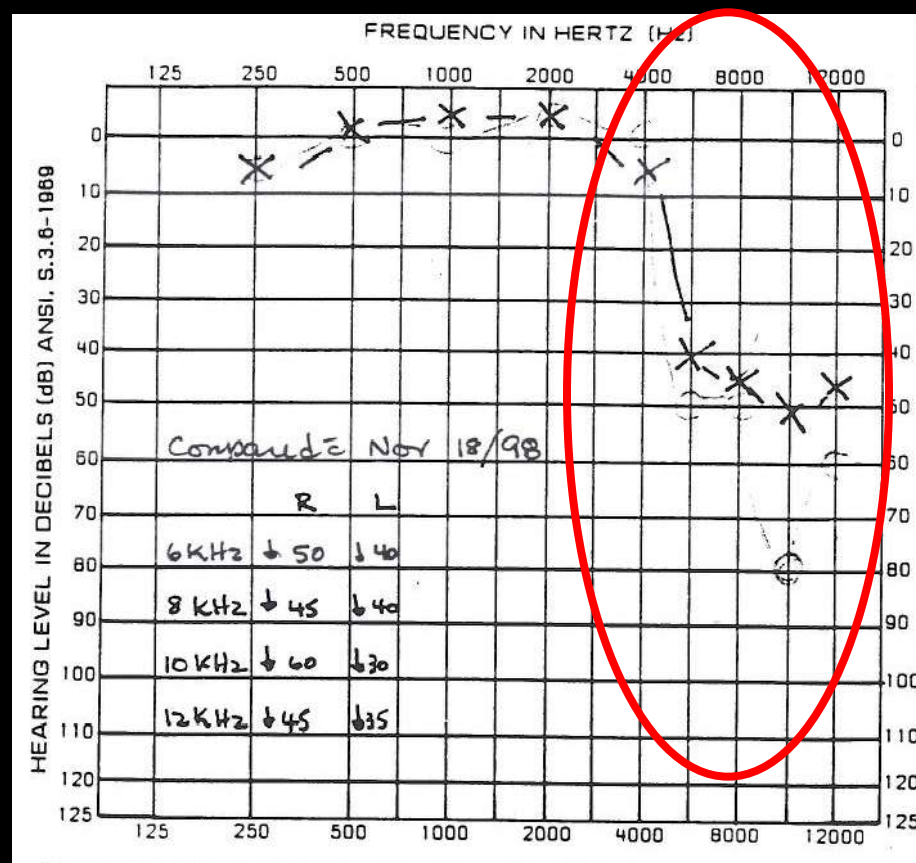


BASELINE STUDIES

# Case 1



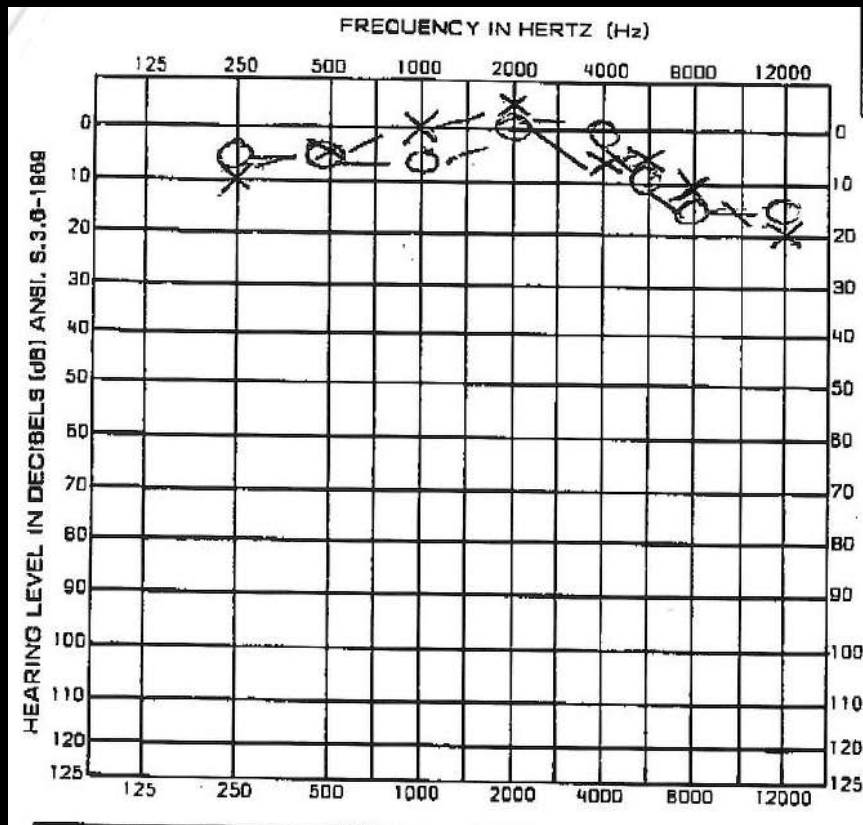
# Case 2



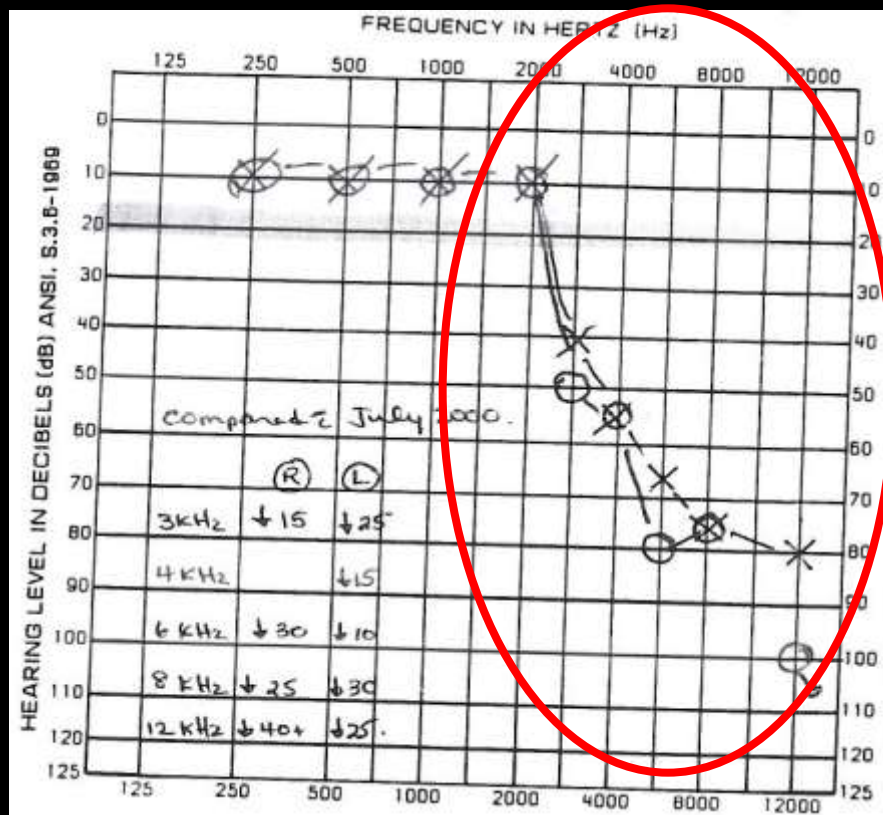
MIDPOINT OF THERAPY  
(AFTER 2 CYCLES OF CISPLATIN)



# Case 1



# Case 2



CURRENT STUDIES

- Why does one child get hearing loss with cisplatin, while another does not?



# Cisplatin-ADR Patient Recruitment

- 162 pediatric patients with hepatoblastoma, brain tumor, germ cell tumours, neuroblastoma, osteosarcoma

## Classification of Cisplatin ADR Cases and Controls

Controls

- **Grade 0: Normal Hearing**

Hearing threshold of 20 dB or less (within normal range) at all frequencies

n = 56

- **Grade 1 Hearing Loss: Mild High Freq. Loss**

Minimum hearing threshold of 20-25 dB (4000 Hz and above)

- **Grade 2 Hearing Loss: Moderate High Freq. Loss**

May require speech therapy or intervention with hearing aid  
Minimum hearing threshold of 25-39 dB (4000 Hz and above)

- **Grade 3 Hearing Loss: Severe Hearing Loss**

Requires intervention with hearing aid  
Minimum hearing threshold of 25-39 dB (2000 Hz and above)

n = 106

- **Grade 4 Hearing Loss: Deafness**

Requires intervention with cochlear implant  
Minimum hearing threshold of 40dB or more (1000Hz and above)

ADR  
Cases

# Identified Genetic Variants Associated with Cisplatin-Induced Deafness

## Combined Discovery + Replication (n = 162)

<u>Gene</u>	<u>SNP</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Controls</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>P-value</u>
<b>TPMT</b>	<b>Intron</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>2.2 x 10<sup>(-4)</sup>*</b>
<b>COMT</b>	<b>Intron</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.8 x 10<sup>(-4)</sup>*</b>

### 1. Loss of TPMT: Increased Cisplatin Toxicity

- Cisplatin binds purines → DNA cross-linking → Cell death
- TPMT normally inactivates purine-compounds (e.g. cisplatin)

### 2. Loss of COMT: Increased Cisplatin Toxicity

- COMT and TPMT both use 'S-adenosyl-L-methionine' substrate
- Accumulation of SAM substrate is toxic in the presence of cisplatin

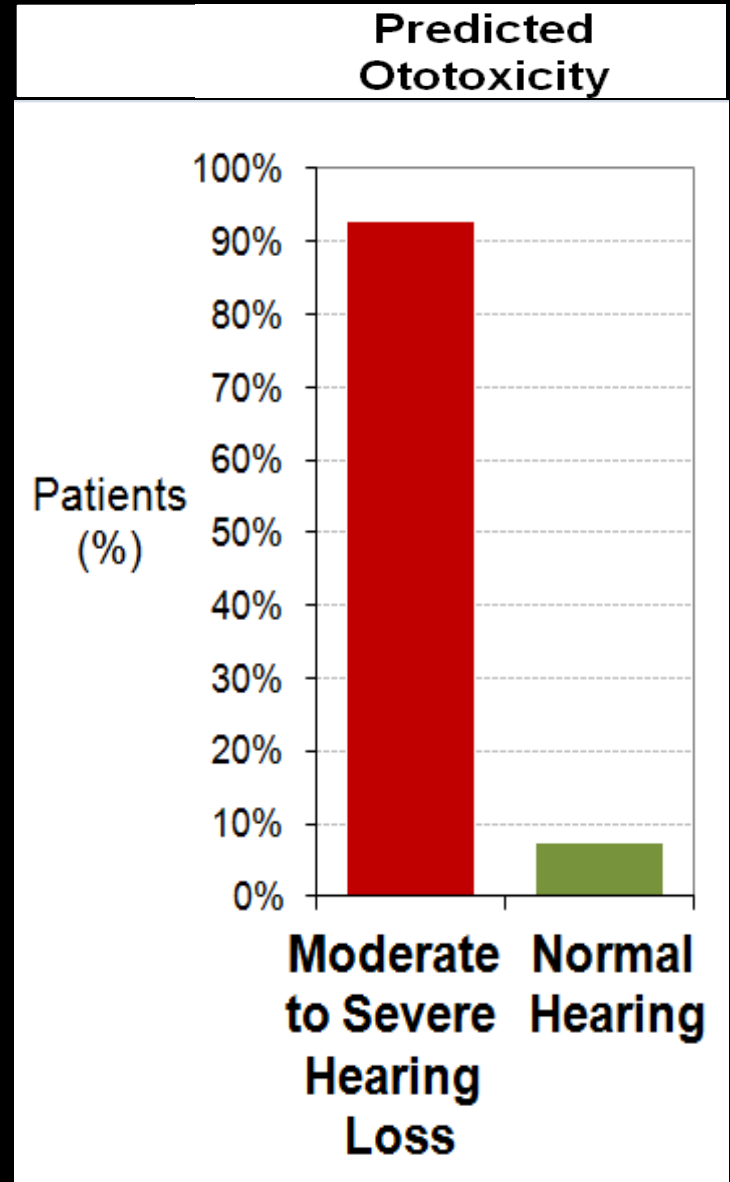
# Combining Top 2 SNPs in *TPMT* and *COMT* Identifies 48% of Cisplatin Ototoxicity Cases with High Specificity

	<u>Deaf Cases</u>	<u>Normal Hearing Controls</u>
Combined <i>TPMT/COMT</i>	48.1%	7.1%

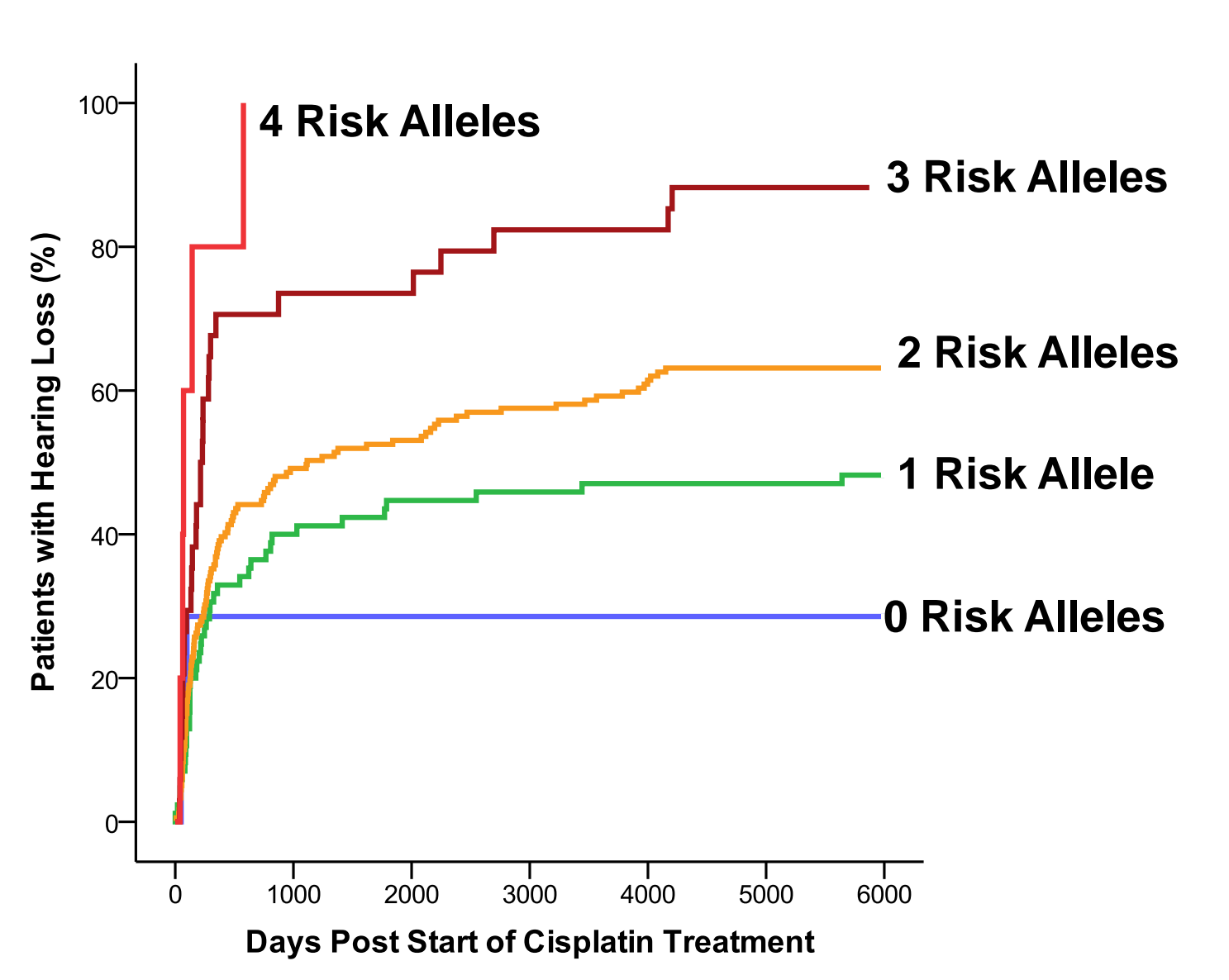
<u>Odds ratio</u>	<u>p-value</u>
12.1	$3.4 \times 10^{-8}$

**Sensitivity: Specificity:**  
48.1%      92.9%

**PPV: NPV:**  
92.7%      48.6%



# Increasing numbers of risk alleles means increased severity, frequency, and earlier onset of hearing loss







# Drug Label Change

## FDA changed the cisplatin drug label warning of the pharmacogenomic risk of deafness in susceptible patients

**January 30, 2012**

In cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and as a service to our members, ACCP will periodically distribute information about newly approved therapies or significant changes to approved therapies. This helps the FDA to inform professionals in the patient care arena of recent approvals in a timely manner. Included in the e-mail from the FDA will be a link to the product label, which will provide the relevant clinical pharmacology information on the indication, contraindications, dosing, and safety. In sending this information, ACCP does not endorse any product or therapy and does not take any position on the safety or efficacy of the product or therapy described.

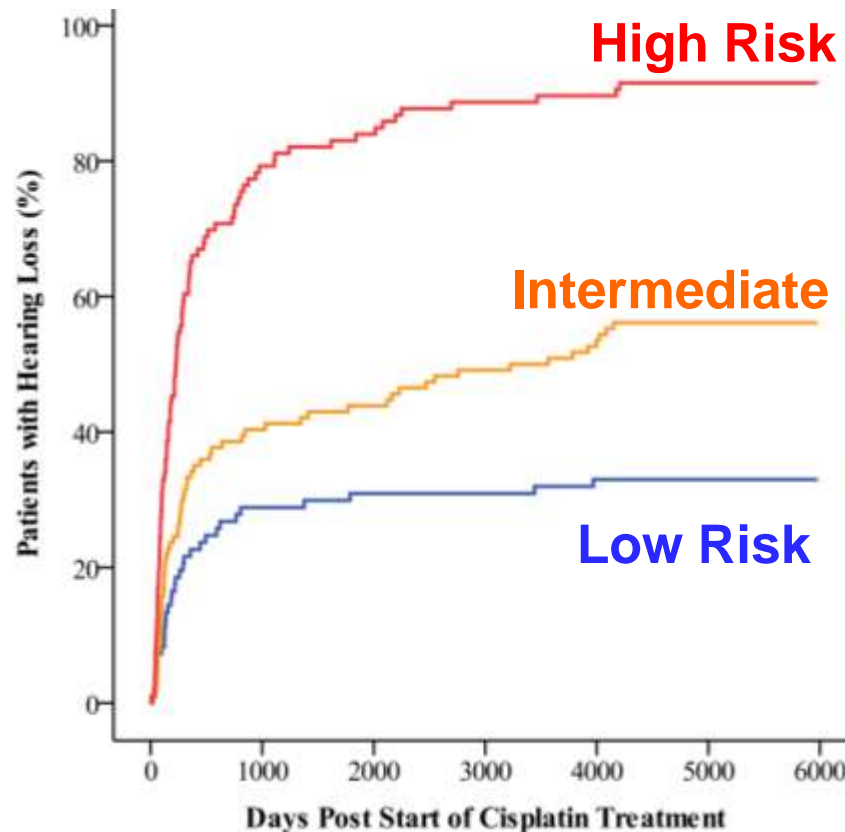
### **Pharmacogenetic changes to the FDA-approved PLATINOL® (cisplatin) label include safety update regarding cisplatin-induced hearing loss in children**

The FDA updated the PLATINOL® (cisplatin) product label on December 29, 2011 to include new safety information pertaining to the association of variants in the thiopurine S-methyltransferase (TPMT) gene and an increased risk of cisplatin-induced ototoxicity in children. Cisplatin was originally approved as PLATINOL® by the FDA in 1978 and is currently indicated for the treatment of metastatic testicular tumors, metastatic ovarian tumors, and advanced bladder cancer. Cisplatin's toxicity profile includes risk for ototoxicity. Ototoxicity is manifested by tinnitus and high-frequency hearing loss which is often bilateral, typically irreversible, and can be progressive despite cessation of cisplatin. Hearing loss can occur following a single cisplatin dose, but tends to become more frequent and severe following repeated dosing. Ototoxic effects may be related to peak plasma concentrations of cisplatin. While cisplatin-induced ototoxicity can occur in both adults and children, its prevalence in children is estimated to be as high as 60% and the ototoxic effects can be particularly devastating on a child's cognitive, speech, language, and

Replication of *TPMT* and *ABCC3* genetic variants highly associated with cisplatin-induced hearing loss in children.

Clinical Pharmacology  
& Therapeutics

Kusala Pussegoda<sup>1,2</sup>, Colin J Ross<sup>1,2,5,10</sup>, Henk Visscher<sup>1,2,10</sup>, Mojgan Yazdanpanah<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Beth Brooks<sup>4</sup>, S Rod Rassekh<sup>2,5</sup>, Yassamin Feroz Zada<sup>6</sup>, Marie-Pierre Dubé<sup>6</sup>, Bruce C Carleton<sup>2,7,8</sup>, Michael R Hayden<sup>1,2</sup> & the CPNDS Consortium<sup>9</sup>



Kaplan-Meier curve of cisplatin-induced hearing loss in three different risk groups.

(*TPMT* rs12201199, *COMT* rs4646316 and *ABCC3* rs1051640).

( $P_{\text{trend}}=3.4 \times 10^{-19}$ ).

# What Next?

## Patient Predicted to be at High Risk for Cisplatin-Induced Ototoxicity

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What is done now without a predictive test:

Protocol	Treatment	Ototoxicity	Intervention
Osteosarcoma	Doxorubicin & cisplatin	Grade 2	<b>Reduce cisplatin 50%</b>
		Grade 3+	<b>Discontinue cisplatin</b>
CNS tumors	Cisplatin, Etoposide, + Vincristine	Grade 2	<b>Reduce cisplatin 50%</b>
		Grade 3+	<b>Discontinue cisplatin</b>
Neuroblastoma	Doxorubicin + cisplatin	Grade 3+	<b>Discontinue cisplatin</b>



# New Treatment Options with Pharmacogenetic Personalized Medicine

- Alternative medications (i.e. carboplatin?)
- Modified cisplatin dose
- Increase monitoring in high risk patients
- Protective strategies to prevent cisplatin-ototoxicity (e.g. sodium thiosulfate)

**Implementing cisplatin PGx testing would save an estimated \$16 million/yr in Canada**

- Dionne et al, *Pharmacogenomics Journal*, 2011

# Highlights of Research Publications

## Recent Key Publication:

Clinical Pharmacology  
& Therapeutics

International Centre for  
Drug Safety and  
Efficacy Research

**HLA-A\*31:01 and HLA-B\*15:02 as genetic markers for  
carbamazepine hypersensitivity in children**

Ursula Amstutz<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Colin J.D. Ross<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Lucila I. Castro-Pastrana<sup>5</sup>, Michael J. Rieder<sup>6</sup>,

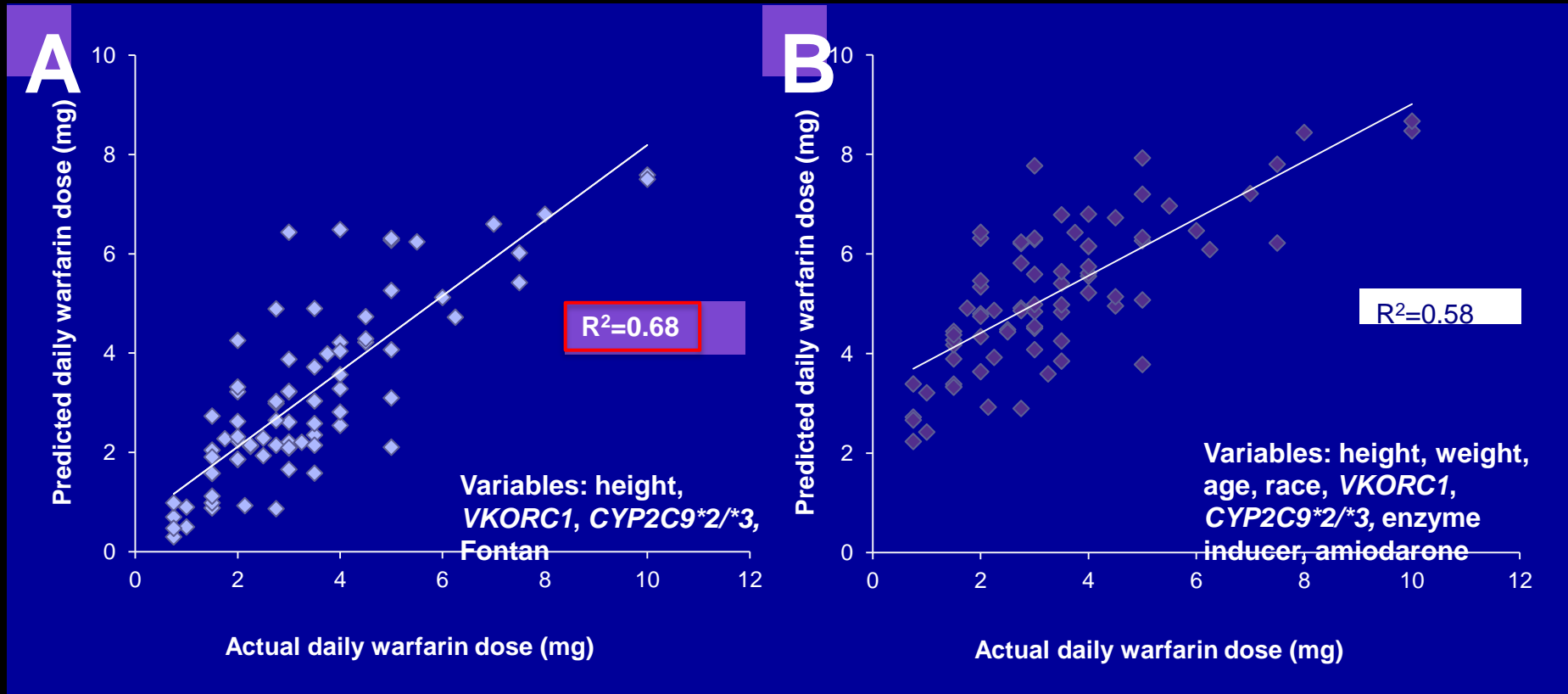
Neil H. Shear<sup>7</sup>, Michael R. Hayden<sup>4</sup>, Bruce C. Carleton<sup>1,2,3</sup>, and the CPNDS Consortium<sup>8</sup>

**“...HLA-A\*31:01 was significantly associated with CBZ-HSS (OR: 26.4, p=0.0025) and maculopapular exanthems (OR: 8.6, p=0.0037)... HLA-B\*15:02 was associated with CBZ-SJS (OR: 38.6, p=0.002)...**

**...first study to demonstrate the association of HLA-A\*31:01 with CBZ hypersensitivity in children... highlighting the importance HLA-A\*31:01 as a predictive biomarker across various ancestries**

# Results: Dose prediction model

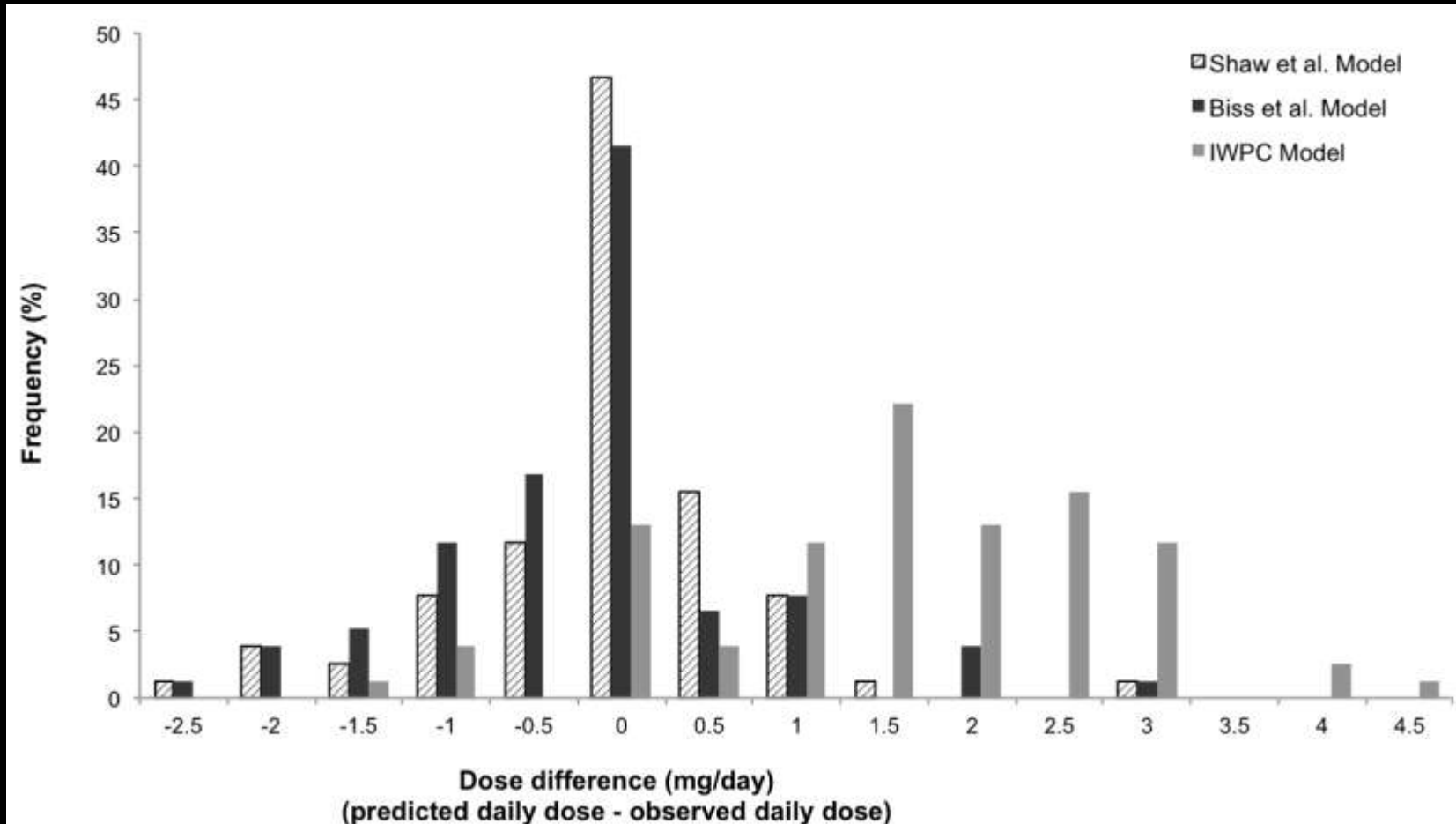
Compared the performance of a (A) **pediatric-derived dosing model** (Biss et al., 2012) and an (B) **adult-derived dosing model** (IWPC, 2008) when predicting the required dose in children



Pediatric-derived model was significantly more accurate when predicting optimal dose ( $p=0.023$ )



# Results: Dose prediction model



**Pediatric-derived** model slightly **under-estimated** the required dose, while the **IWPC model over-estimated** the required dose in our cohort of patients

# Results: Dose prediction model for warfarin in Children

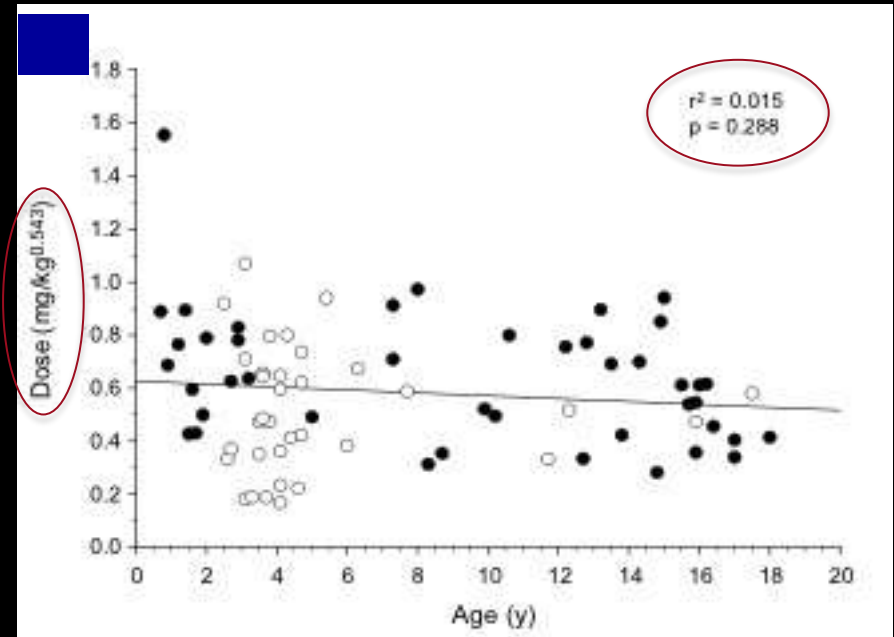
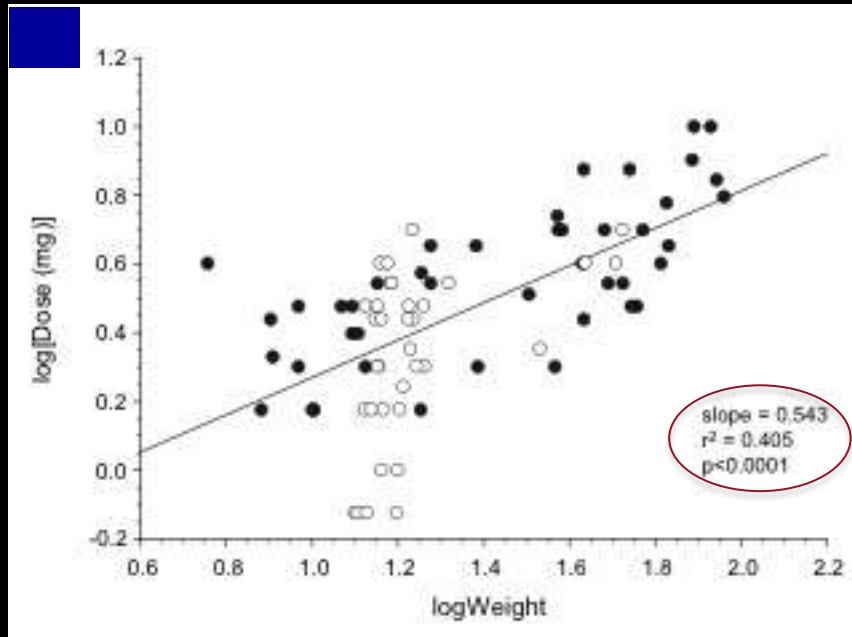
Contribution of *VKORC1* and *CYP2C9* genotypes and clinical factors to multivariate regression model for predicting therapeutic warfarin dose in children (mg)

x variable	Univariate R <sup>2</sup>	Contribution to model, %	p-value
Weight	52.8	52.8	<0.001
<i>VKORC1</i>	17.2	12.2	<0.001
<i>CYP2C9</i> *2	0.04	1.0	0.078
<i>CYP2C9</i> *3	7.8	7.9	<0.001
Fontan	17.9	2.4	0.015
<b>Full Model</b>	--	<b>76.3</b>	<0.001

Regression Equation:

Square root of dose = 1.71 +0.014 [weight] – 0.257[*VKORC1* variant alleles]– 0.127[*CYP2C9* \*2 alleles]– 0.463[*CYP2C9* \*3 alleles]– 0.161[Fontan]

# Results: Allometric Scaling & Dose



- **Log[dose]** plotted against **log[weight]** gives a slope of **0.543**
- Allometric scaling using 0.543 as an exponent helps to eliminate the effect of age on dose ( $r^2=0.015$ )

# Results: Allometric Scaling & Dose

Contribution of *VKORC1* and *CYP2C9* genotypes and clinical factors to multivariate regression model for predicting therapeutic warfarin dose in children (mg/kg<sup>0.543</sup>)

x variable	Contribution to model, %	p-value
<i>VKORC1</i>	20.8	<0.001
<i>CYP2C9</i> *3	15.6	<0.001
Heart Valve	7.9	0.003
<i>CYP2C9</i> *2	2.3	0.081
<b>Full Model</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

Using **allometric scaling increases the contribution of genetics** to dose variability from 21.1% to 38.7%

# Results: Therapeutic dose



- Both **CYP2C9** and **VKORC1** significantly influenced required warfarin **dose** in children
- **Larger percentage of dose variability** was explained by clinical and genetic factors (76.3%) in **children than in adult studies**
- **Validated** the performance of a **pediatric** pharmacogenetic dosing model
- Results suggest that a **pediatric-specific dosing model** should be used in children to avoid over-anticoagulation