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1,000,000,000 CHF investment

7,000,874 hours of work

6,587 experiments

423 researchers

1 medicine



With Prof Susan M Gasser
and Prof Olivier Michelin

THE MAKING OF AN INNOVATIVE MEDICINE

*Introductory workshops on translational biomedical research and drug discovery
and development*

**BIO-698 resumes Thursday September 21. 2023
4:15 PM @ AAC 108**



Sciences de la Vie -SV



Prof Roger G. Clerc

The Making Of An Innovative Medicine – course schedule

Thursday's @ 4-6 PM except 14.12/21.12.23 @2-6 PM



Session 1: Scope of the course _ general organization _ case study

21.09.23 *Embracing a career at the heart of biomedical research !?*

AAC108

Session 2: Historical perspective: the modern pharmacy

28.09.23 *Advent of modern medicines - placebo controlled drug development*

AAC108

Session 3: Introduction to translational research: crossing the bridge

05.10.23 *A chasm has opened wide between biomedical research and patients in need*

AAC014

Session 4: Therapeutic target identification I & II

12-19.10.23 *"me too" vs a wealth of innovative targets _ small MW cpds vs biologicals*

AA014 AAC108

Early front loading of biomarker identification for cohort stratification

Session 5: Structure based drug design _ medicinal chemistry _ low/high throughput

26.10.23 **screening assays_ multiple parallel parameters optimization MDO**

AAC108

Setting up screening assays, the robotics, the million cpds libraries

Session 6: Therapeutic modalities peptides and biologicals: today's -

02.11.23 **tomorrow's pharmacy NBEs**

AAC108

Challenges (cost of goods - healthcare payers) and opportunities

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Session 7: **Personalized Healthcare** PHC _ precision medicine

09.11.23 *How PHC started: from a single case to a paradigm change*

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Session 8: **Pharmacogenetic** polymorphisms, Pharmacogenomics

16.11.23 *Interindividual variability toxicity in response to medicines*

AAC014

Session 9: **In vivo pharmacology, investigative toxicology** with Dr Nathalie Brandenberg PhD

23.11.23 *Pre-clinical research ends up with IDB's, FDA guidelines, EMA*

AAC108

Session 10: **Clinical research**_ phase 0, phase I, II, III, IV

30.11.23 *The long and complex experimental procedures with human patients*

AAC108

Session 11: **Intellectual property** integrity in research my genome vs. all genomes

07.12.23 *Why are patents essential to new medicine/biotech development*

AAC108

Session 12: **Health Hackathon – Hacking medicine I** with Dr Greg Michielin MD PhD

14.12.23 *Pitches –building teams – hacking problem - 5Ws – brainstorm*

starts @ 2PM ! MED21522

Session 13: **Health Hackathon – Hacking medicine II** with Prof O. Michielin MD - Prof SM Gasser PhD judges

21.12.23 *Building up solutions – make it better - final presentations*

starts @ 2PM ! AAC231

WORKSHOP LISTING - THE MAKING OF AN INNOVATIVE MEDICINE BIO698			
! NON EXHAUSTIVE LISTING - SUGGESTIONS WELCOME !			
sessions	no	workshops	speaker/s
S02 (28-09-23) AAC108 			
historical medicines	1	vaccine discovery : E. Jenner and smallpox	Danica M
with Nobel laureates while	2	penicillin: impact, whose invention ?	
hopping on giant shoulders	3	prozac at the core of psychiatry	
	4	lipitor/statins at last a blockbuster	
	5	artemisinin and malaria	Umailr
	6	cyclosporin from soil sample to blockbuster	Umailr
S03 (5-10-23) AAC014 			
translational research	7	expanding the scope of targeted therapies	
an emerging field	8	chronotherapy	Pitt
S04 (12-10-23) AAC014 			
therapeutic target identification	9	rare diseases repurposing medicines	Adrien
S04b (19-10-23) AAC108 	10	nocosomial inf/MRSA/phage antibacterials	Georges
therapeutic target identification	11	Crispr/Cas9 gene editing huntington disease	Pitt
	12	AI in drug discovery	Simon
S05 (26-10-23) AAC108 			
structure based drug design	13	macrocycles and non druggable targets	Masota
	14	chemoproteomics - NMEs	Nico G
	30	AIDS HIV from deadly virus to chronic disease	Camilla
S06 (02-11-23) AAC108 			
therapeutic modalities - NBEs	15	therapeutic peptides/incrretins	Tim
	16	biologicals on the rise MABs medicines	Nico G
	16	RNA therapeutics, antisense medicines	
S07 (9-11-23) AAC108 			
PHC personalized healthcare	17	BRCA1 preventive surgery/tumor board	Nikita
Human genomics	18	SOPHIA Genetics - GWAS	
	19	disease enabling biomarkers/micro RNAs	Isika
S08 (16-11-23) AAC014 			
pharmacogenetic polymorphism	20	NextGenSequencing - precision medicine	Hien
	21	deCODE Inc pharmgenomic/iceland genealogy	
S09 (23-11-23) AAC108 			
in vivo pharmacology	22	thalidomide repurposing mulitple myeloma	
toxicology	23	organoids come of age CFTR patients	Nathalie B
S10 (30-11-23) AAC108 			
clinical research	24	AI medicine 2.0	Simon
	25	most common genetic defect : cystic fibrosis	
	26	sex bias in predclinial and clinical research	Weilin
	27	placebo/nocibo effects	Tim
S11 (07-12-23) AAC108 			
intellectual property/integrity	28	SMA gene therapy - pay for performance	Abtin
	29	biopatents - 23 and Me - my genome	Khosiyat
S12 (14-12-23) starts @ 2PM		Hacking medicine	all + invitees
 MED21522!			
S13 (21-12-23) start @ 2 PM		Hacking medicine	all + invitees
 AAC231 			



Workshops _ The Making Of An Innovative Medicine (today's class)





- Clinical research_early and late clinical trials of novel medicines (internal conference website ICH)
- Submit the IND (to authority and ethics body)investigational new drug application IDB
- First-in-human FIH trials
- Placebo - Nocebo





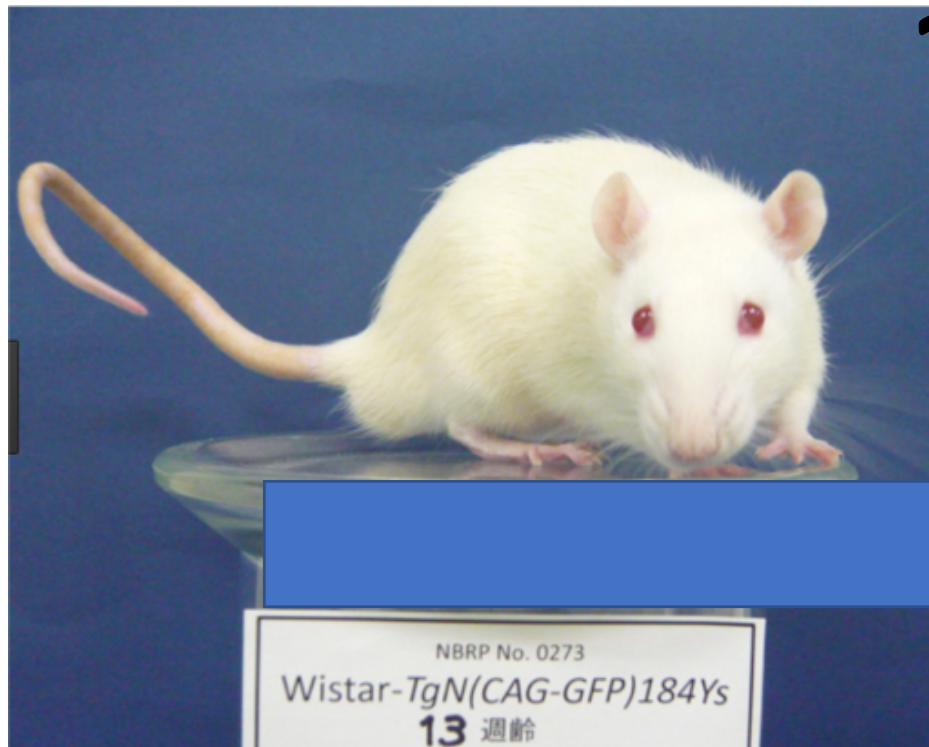
- Now that it works in the rat, will it work in human ? individualized cohorts ?



Clinical development – an experiment with human subjects



- Or else...all these efforts only good for the rats ?

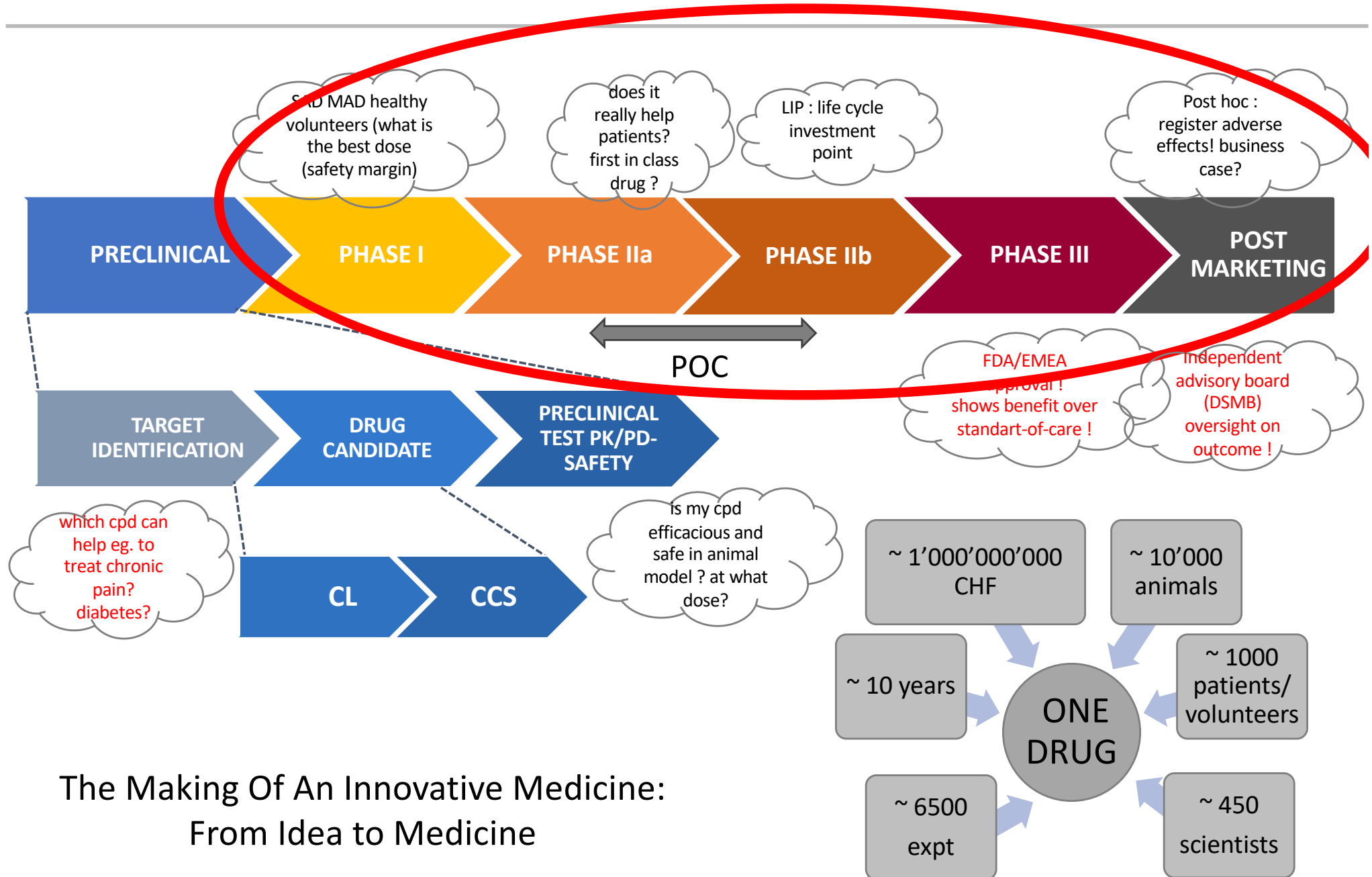


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Drug discovery : the value chain _ clinical development



The Making Of An Innovative Medicine: a look at the real world



Phase I

Initial clinical trials to establish safety

Phase II

Clinical trials to establish efficacy

Phase III

Clinical trials to establish clinical benefit

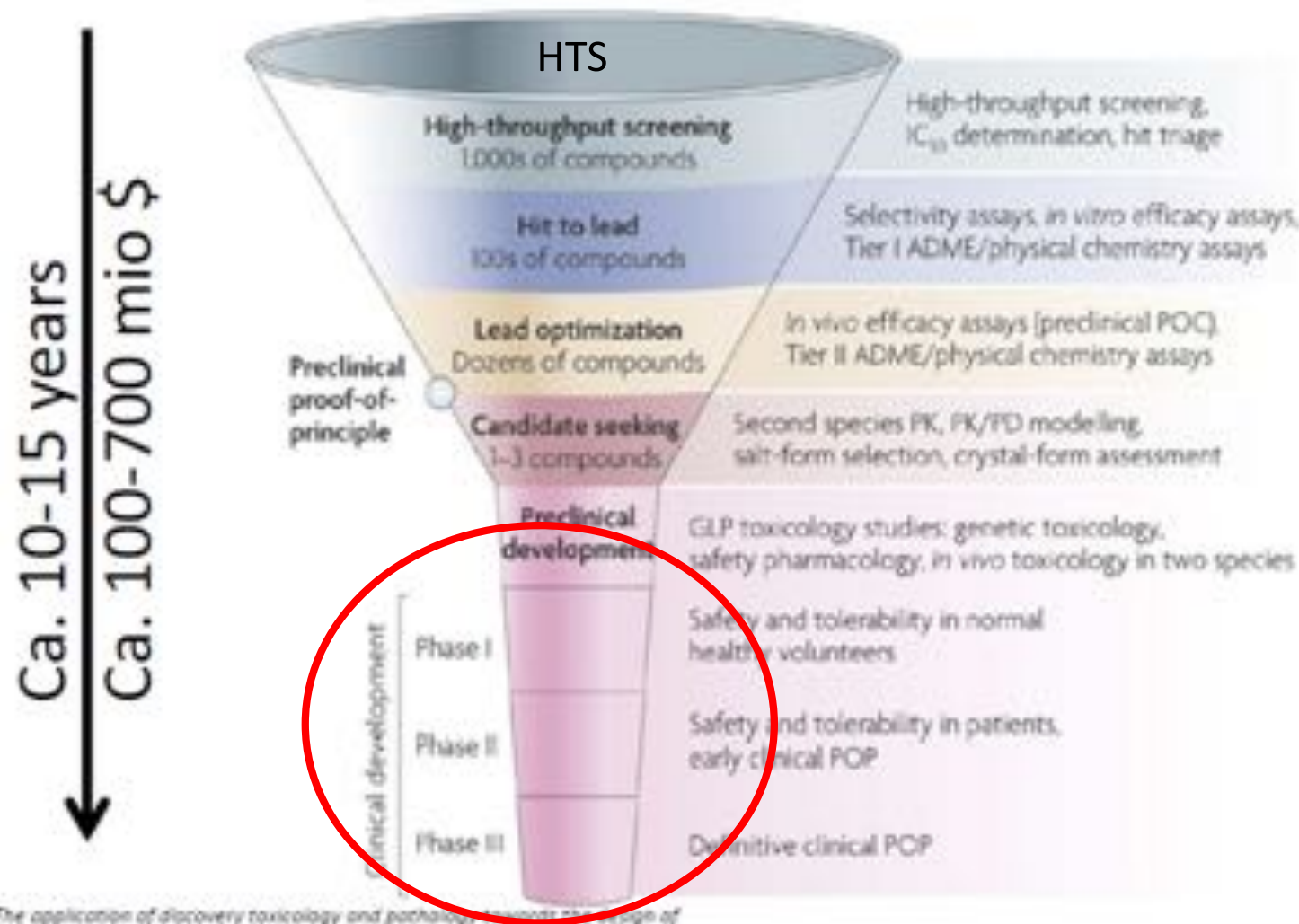
Phase IV

Post-marketing studies and surveillance



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The new medicine development process 1:10 000 makes it !

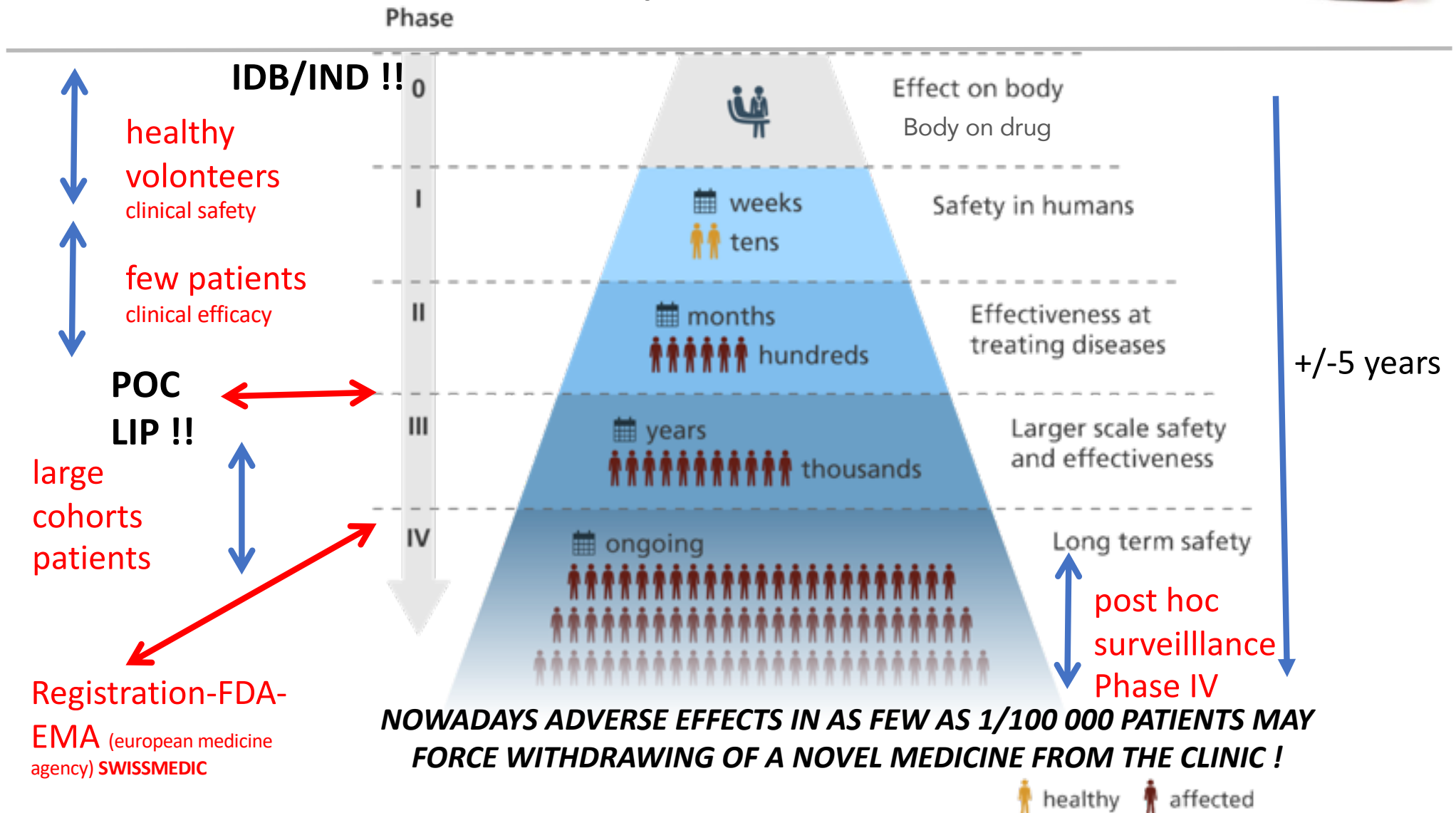


The application of discovery toxicology and pathology enables the design of safer pharmaceutical lead candidates

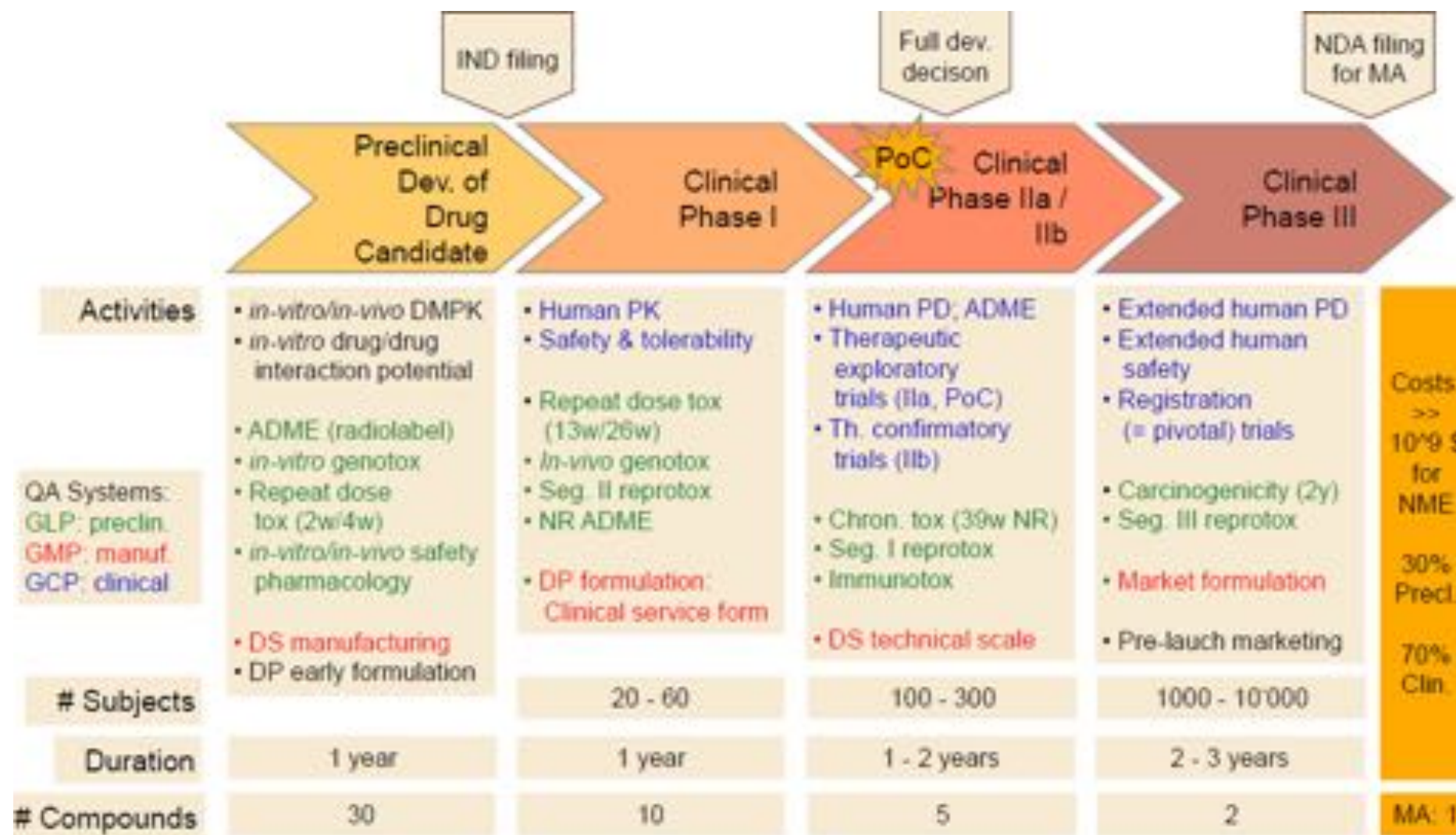
Jeffrey A. Kramer, John E. Sagartz & Dale L. Morris

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 6, 636-649 (August 2007)

Clinical development = clinical research



Preclinical-clinical pharmacology : the value chain



Clinical research portfolio eg Incyte Inc.

<https://clinicaltrials.gov>



Our Portfolio

MPNs and GVHD

		Clinical Proof of Concept	Pivotal	Approved
Iskra[®] Inxapilimab [®] (AMN042)	Myelofibrosis, polycythemia vera [®] , GVHD [®]			
ixalimab (AMN042)	Bioequivalence and reliability testing			
peractimab (P03)	Myelofibrosis [®] + ixalimab			

General Hematology/Oncology

		Clinical Proof of Concept	Pivotal	Approved
Pemazyne[®] (gemigliptin) (F010003)	Cholangiocarcinoma [®]			
Monjur[®] Bafesitamab-ctla [®]	vs DUBOLIN [®]			
Monjur[®] Bafesitamab [®] (C06)				
Iskra[®] (Iskra [®]) (P03) ABL	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia [®] (Pleu ABL [®])			

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ClinicalTrials.gov is a database of privately and publicly funded clinical studies conducted around the world.

Iskra[®] (AMN042)	Aspicic areas, COVID-19 [®]	
ixalimab (AMN042)	Liver cancer	

21 Molecular Targets

25 Clinical Candidates

7 Approved Products

INC0000000 (AMN042)	Solid tumors	
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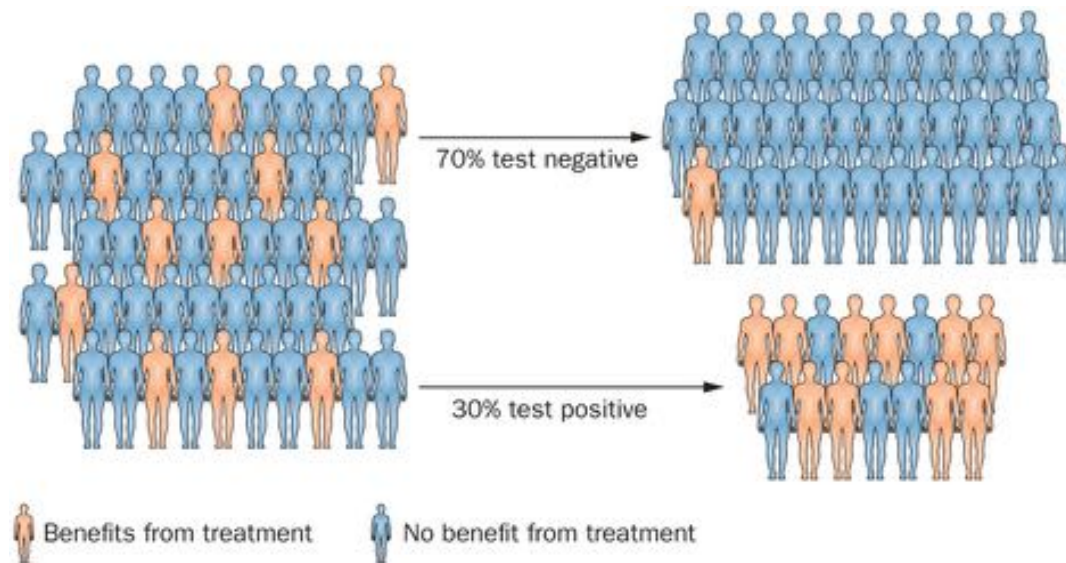
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Clinical research revisited, the responders vs non responders



- **STRATIFICATION OF THE COHORTS IN GROUP OF RESPONDERS – NON RESPONDERS - PERSONALIZED HEALTHCARE !**
- **DOUBLE BLIND PLACEBO CONTROLLED TRIALS HAVE EMERGED AS STANDART APPROVED PROCEDURES FOR CLINICAL TRIALS**



Placebo are inert tablets, sugar pills

**“NEGATIVE
CONFOUNDING
EFFECTS” MAY
BLURRED
EFFICACY OF AN
INNOVATIVE
MEDICINE !**

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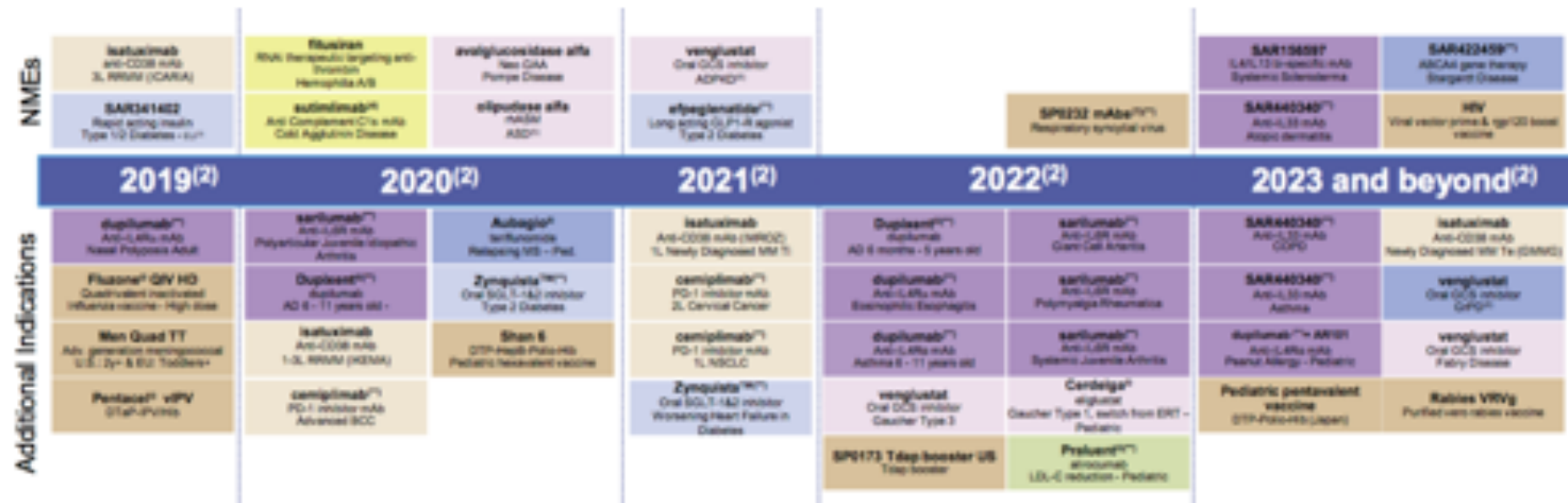
*An extraneous variable that wholly or partially accounts for the observed **effect** on disease status*

Clinical research ends up with FDA submission and marketing



Pipeline charts as communicated at full-year results meeting dated February 7, 2019

Expected Submission Timeline⁽¹⁾



Immuno-inflammation
 Oncology
 Rare Diseases
 Rare Blood Disorders
 MS & Neuro
 Diabetes
 Cardiovascular & metabolism
 Vaccines



⁽¹⁾ Excluding Phase 1
⁽²⁾ Projects within a specified year are not arranged by submission timing
⁽³⁾ Submission strategy for the U.S. under evaluation
⁽⁴⁾ Also known as B171028
⁽⁵⁾ Adult Synergistic Insulin Deficiency
⁽⁶⁾ Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease

⁽⁷⁾ Also known as NED0887
⁽⁸⁾ Gaucher Related Parkinson's Disease
⁽⁹⁾ Partnered and/or in collaboration - Sanofi may have limited or shared rights on some of these products

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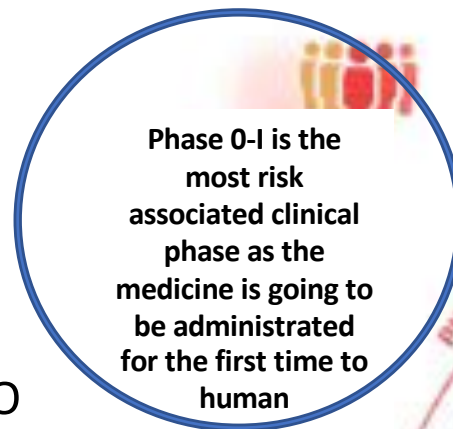
Clinical research explained in 2 minutes by Harvard YOUTUBE !



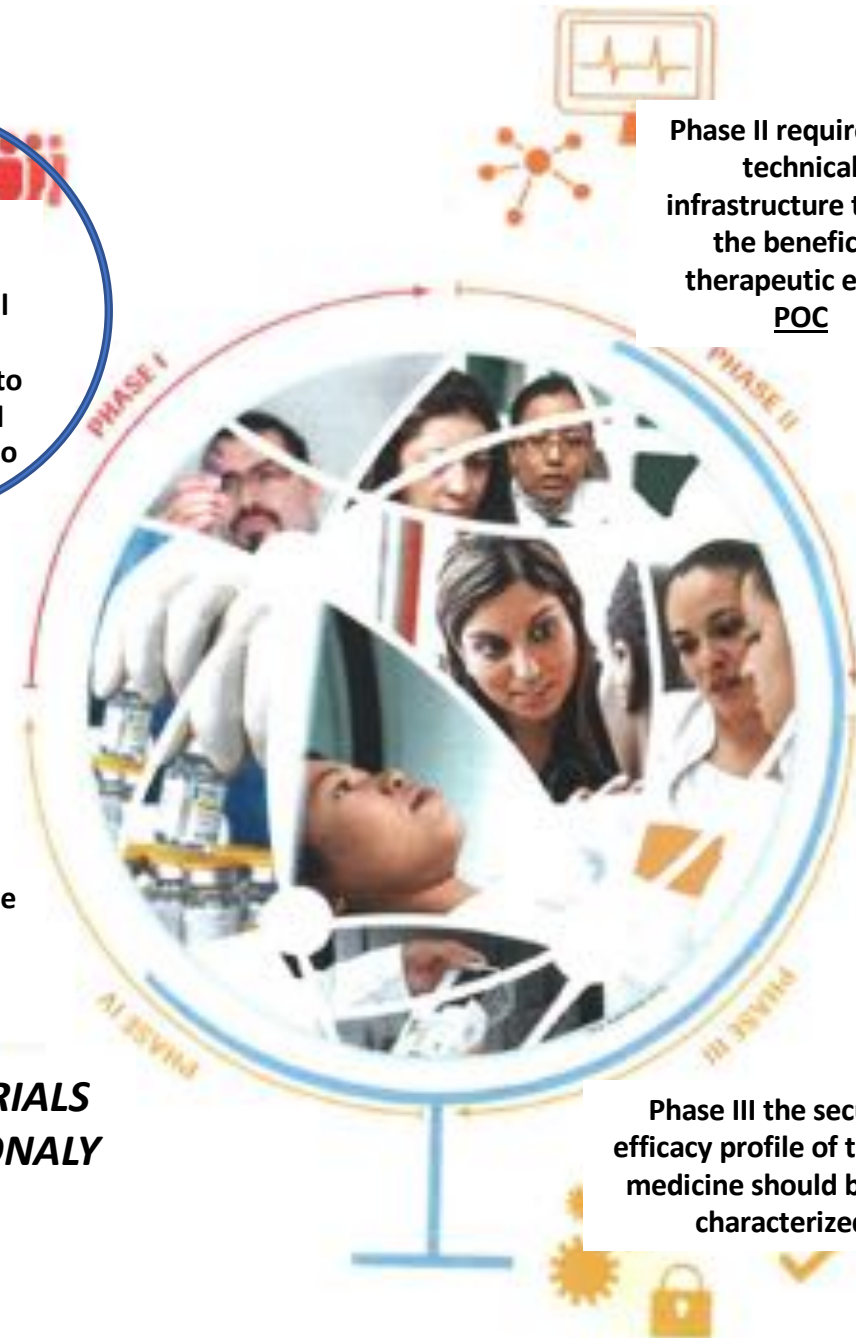
Clinical research : a 360 degrees view or becoming a clinical scientist



- WHO IS DOING THIS ?
- AN EXPERIMENT WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS !
(healthy volunteers)
- MAINLY CARRIED OUT IN CLINICAL SETTING, CLOSE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM
- DATA SHOULD/HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO A SPONSOR INDEPENDANT MONITORING BODY (DSMB)



Phase IV the safety profile of the new medicine
Pharmacovigilance !



Phase II requires the technical infrastructure to test the beneficial therapeutic effect
POC

Phase III the security efficacy profile of the new medicine should be well characterized

**ETHICS COMITEES ARE INVOLVED IN EACH CLINICAL TRIALS
PROTOCOLS - EACH CLINICAL TRIAL IS HANDLED NATIONALLY
(SEPARATELY FOR EACH COUNTRY)**



NEWS | 02 August 2023

Alzheimer's drug trials plagued by lack of racial diversity

Under-representation of people of colour sparks concerns over the safety and efficacy of drugs in diverse populations.

[Sara Reardon](#)



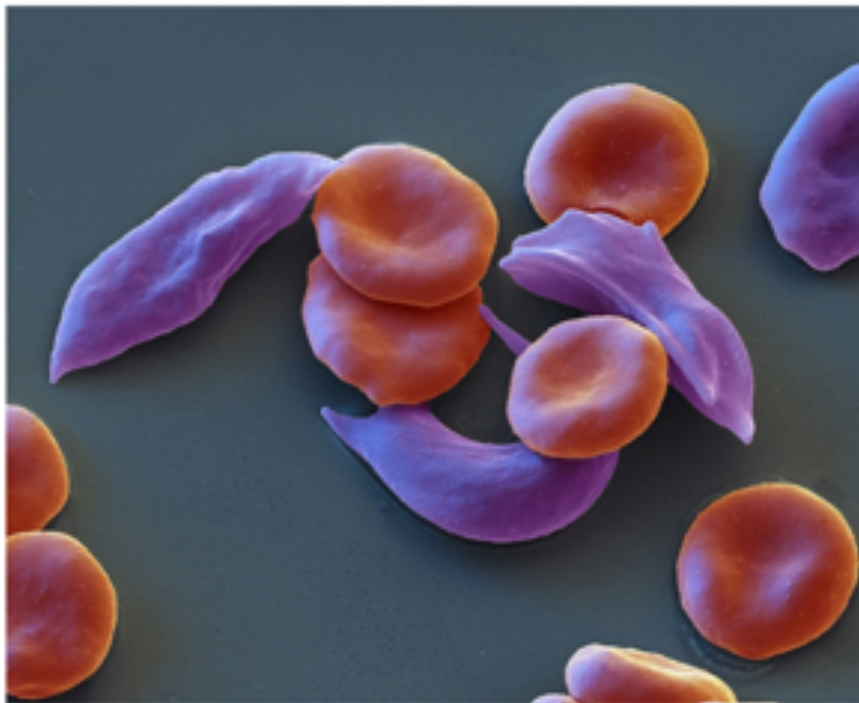
A clinical-trial participant receives the experimental drug aducanumab. White people are over-represented in trials for Alzheimer's treatments. Credit: Charles Krupa/AP Photo

Black and Hispanic people are up to twice as likely as white people to develop Alzheimer's disease, but they have a much lower chance of being included in clinical trials for Alzheimer's treatments.

UK first to approve CRISPR treatment for diseases: what you need to know

The landmark decision could transform the treatment of sickle-cell disease and β -thalassaemia – but the technology is expensive.

Carissa Wong



Sickle-cell anaemia is marked by red blood cells that are misshapen and sticky, affecting blood flow. Credit: Eye Of Science/SPL

In a world first, the UK medicines regulator has approved a therapy that uses the CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing tool as a treatment. The decision marks another high point for a biotechnology that has been [lauded as revolutionary](#) in the decade since its discovery.

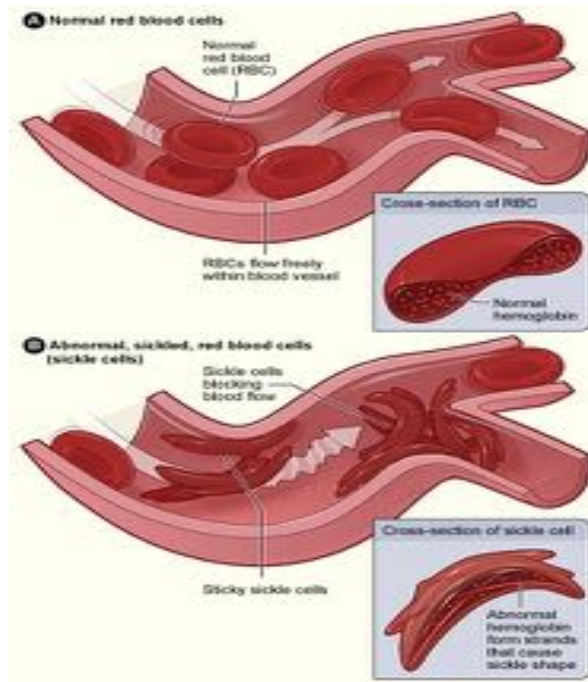
The therapy, called Casgevy, will treat the blood conditions sickle-cell disease and β -thalassaemia. Sickle-cell disease, also known as sickle-cell anaemia, can cause debilitating pain, and people with β -thalassaemia often require regular blood transfusions.

Breaking news November 16. 2023

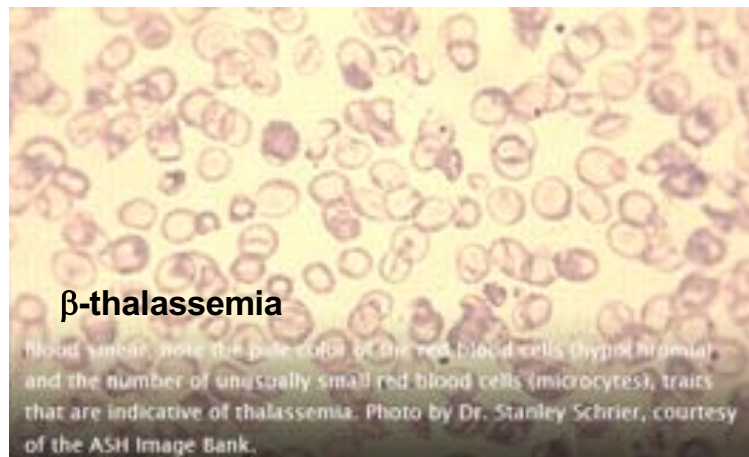


300 millions subjects with « thalassemia trait »
100'000 people have transfusion-dependent thalassemia

Clinical case : sickle Cell disease and β -thalassemia: major disorder of β -globin



- The terms *sickle cell disease* (SCD) and β -thalassemia describe a group of inherited red blood cell disorders
- People with SCD have abnormal hemoglobin (*hemoglobin S*) or sickle hemoglobin, in their red blood cells, enlarged spleen
- Normal red blood cells live about 90 to 120 days, but sickle cells last only 10 to 20 days.
- The lack of tissue oxygen can cause attacks of sudden, severe pain
- Chief predictor : increased level of fetal hemoglobin
- At the present time, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) is the only therapy for SCD.



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The sum of this evidence indicates that even modest induction of HbF may be sufficient to ameliorate SCD, thalassemia

Beta thalassaemia : large diversity of mutations with different degrees of severity of symptoms, geographically ww spread



Figures 10 and 11. The central question in the field of beta-thalassaemia is exemplified by the two children. The child on the left has beta-thalassaemia at its worst: bone marrow expansion, multiple pathological threats, and clinical deformities, if he had not been transfused he would be dead. The child on the right is homozygous for a mutation at the same locus as the other child, and yet is perfectly well.



Figure 13. The two boys have identical mutations in the beta-thalassaemia gene. Obviously, the phenotype needs to be explained by some other modifications.

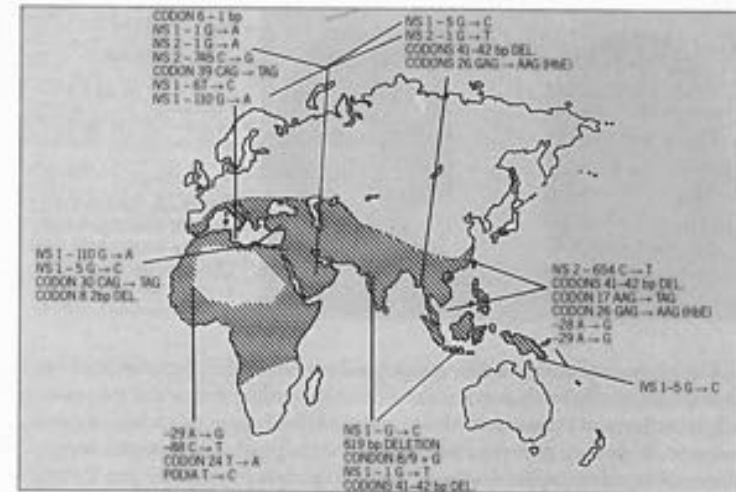
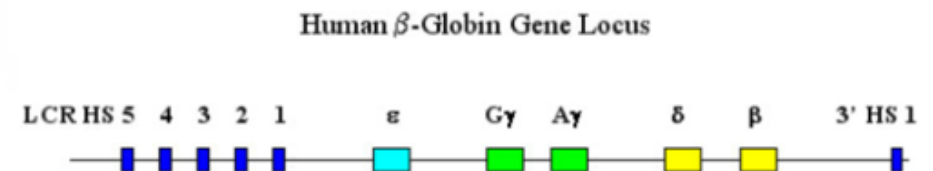
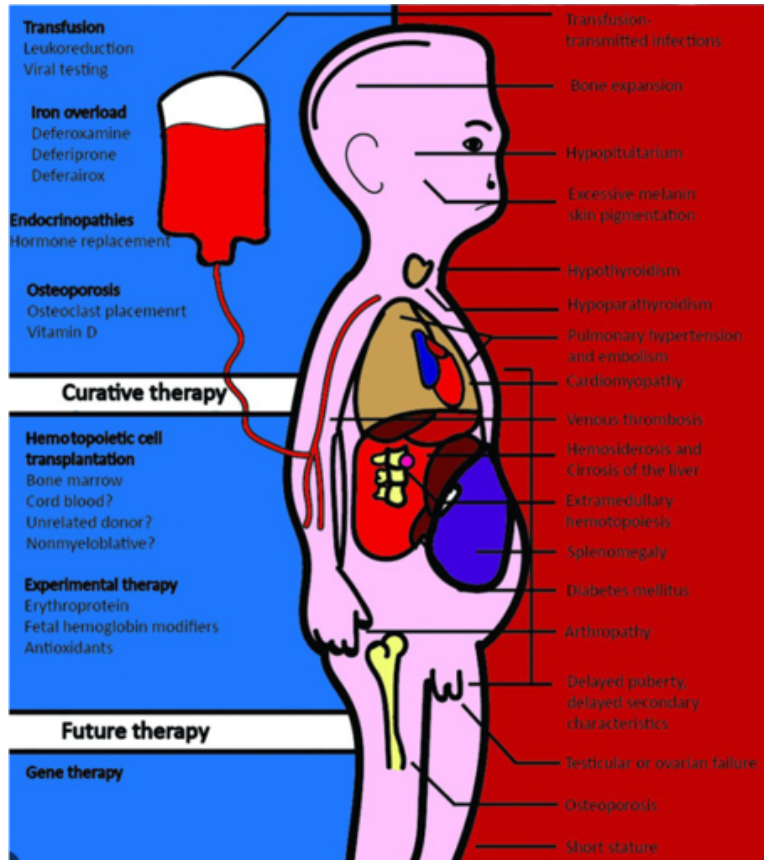


Figure 12. Each population exhibits different mutations in the beta-thalassaemia gene.



Beta thalassaemia : splenomegali degrees of severity of symptoms, geographically ww spread



Role of BCL11a in developmental regulation of globin genes

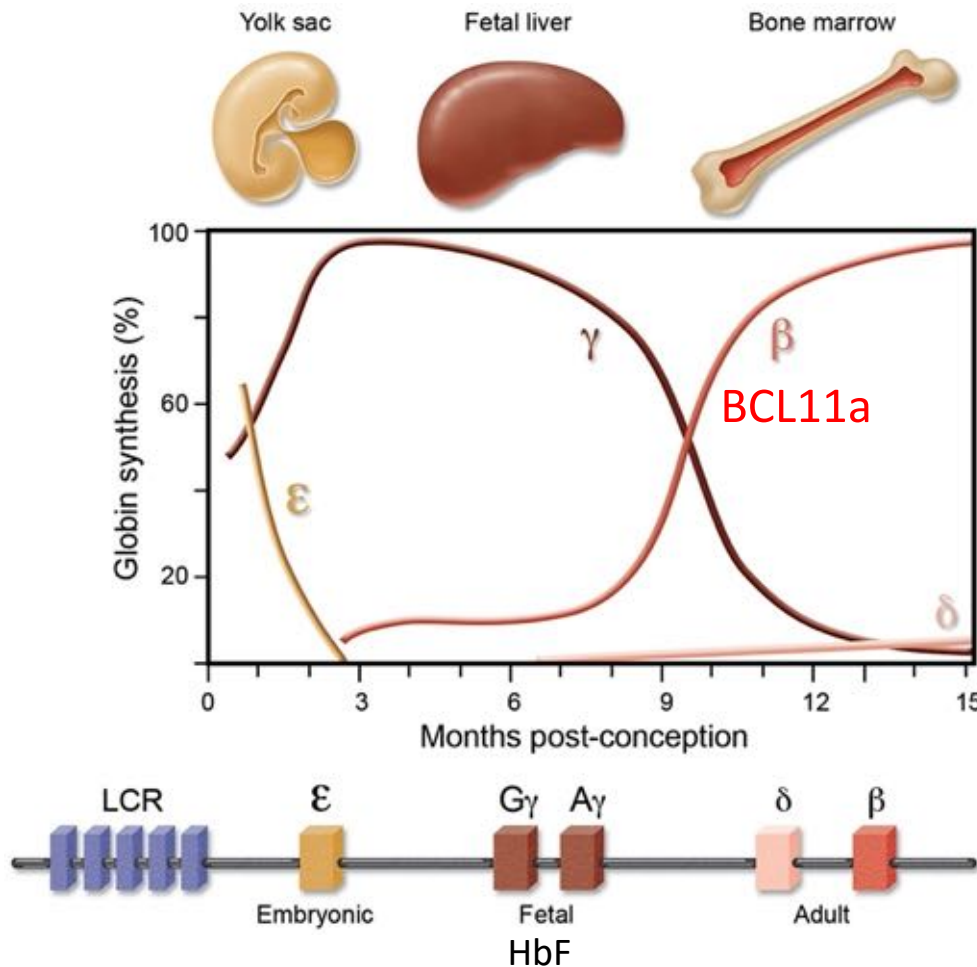


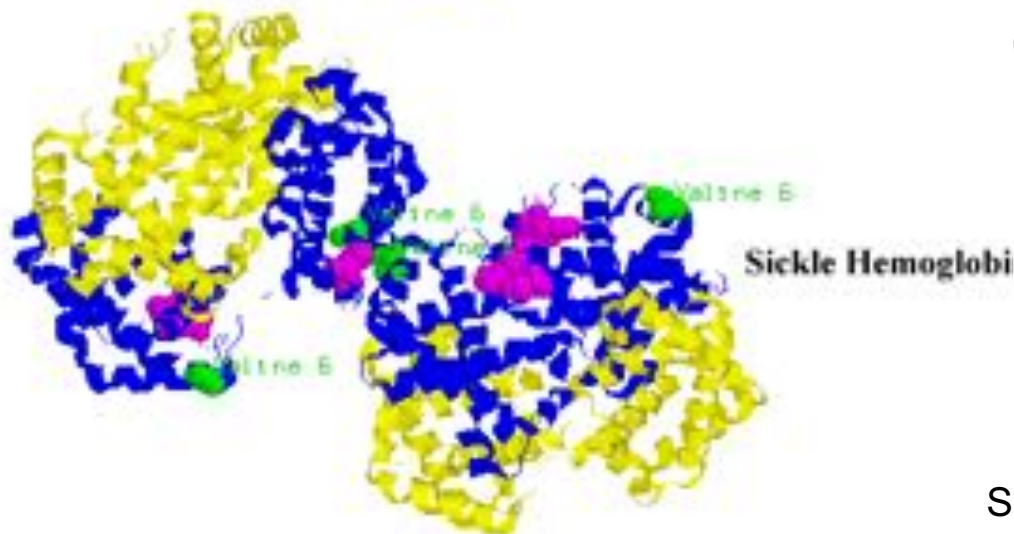
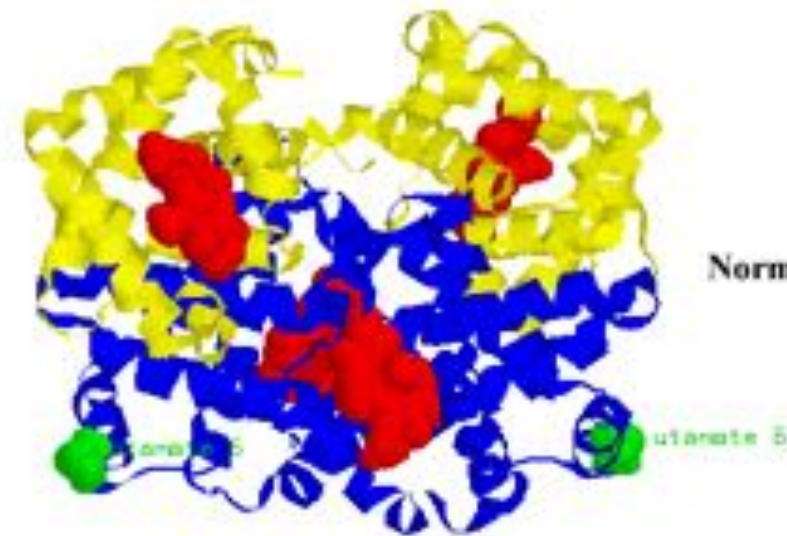
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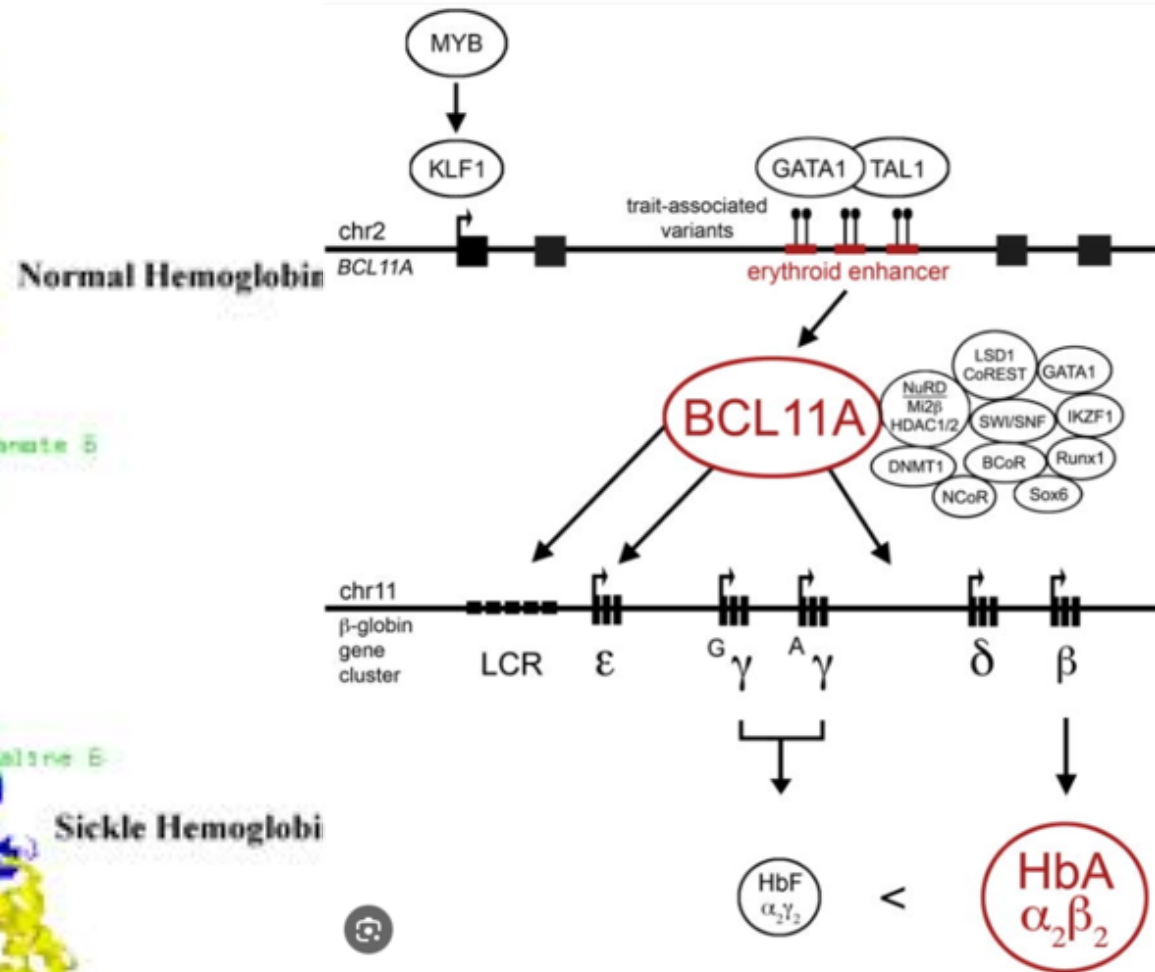
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BCL11A : a master repressor of fetal hemoglobin expression



Note: The Sickle hemoglobin image is drawn at 50% of the size of the Normal hemoglobin



Sickle cell disease, distinguished by its unique hemoglobin structure because of the characteristic glutamate-to-valine substitution of BS, was heralded as the first “molecular disease”

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An erythroid enhancer of *BCL11A* subject to genetic variation determines fetal hemoglobin level

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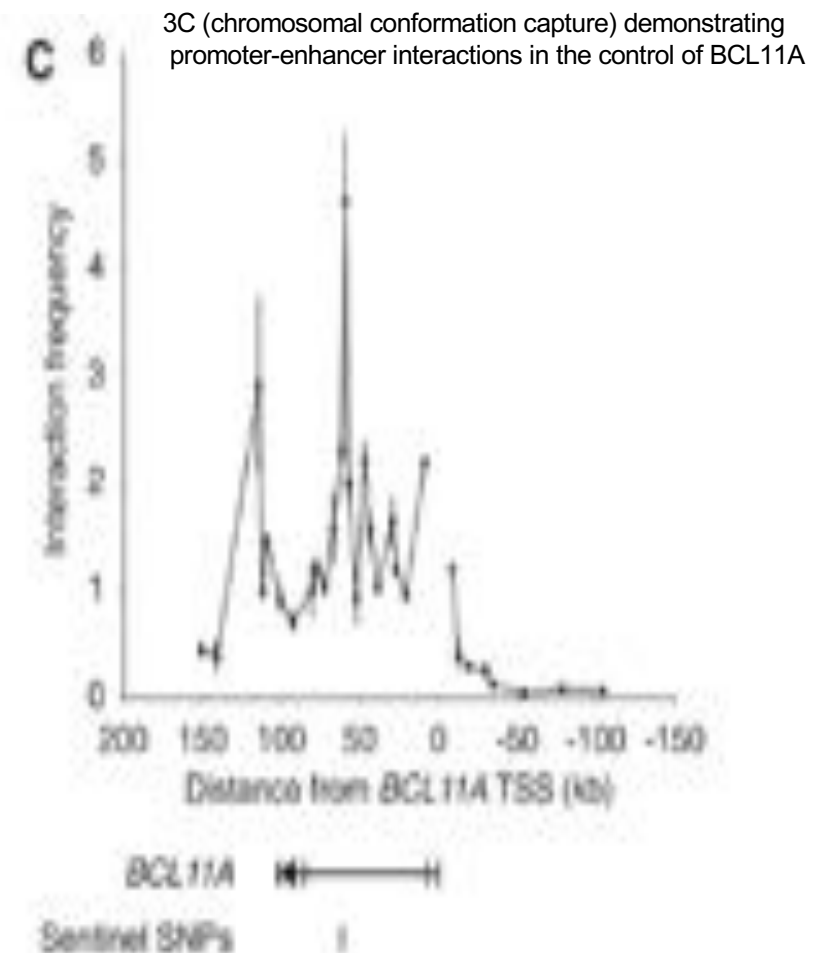
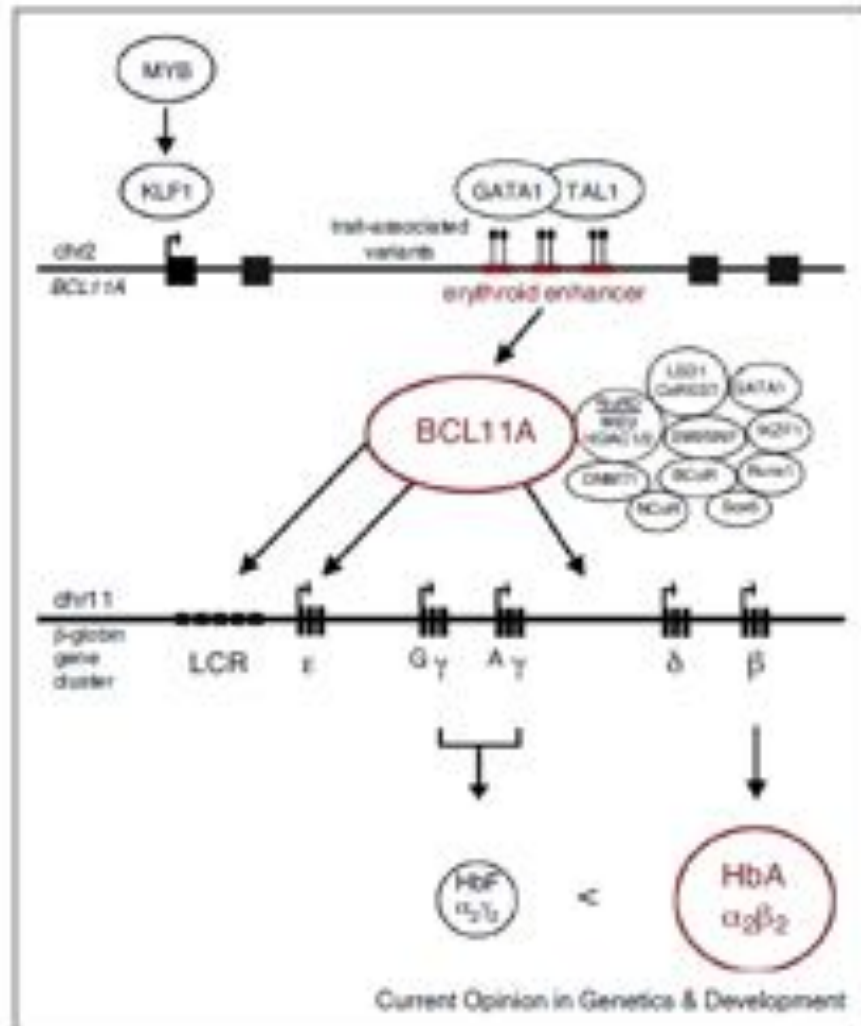
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BCL1A-HbF repression axis : erythroid enhancer – promote



typical enhancer associated marks:
H3K4me1 and H3K27ac

Background



Genome-Wide Association Study (GWAS) or Common-Variant Association Study (CVAS), is an examination of common genetic variants in different individuals to see if any variant is associated with a trait. GWASs typically focus on associations between single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and major diseases.

Genome-scale chromatin mapping studies have highlighted the enrichment of GWAS variants in regulatory DNA elements, suggesting many causal variants may affect gene regulation

GWAS of **HbF** level have identified trait-associated variants at **BCL11A** repressor

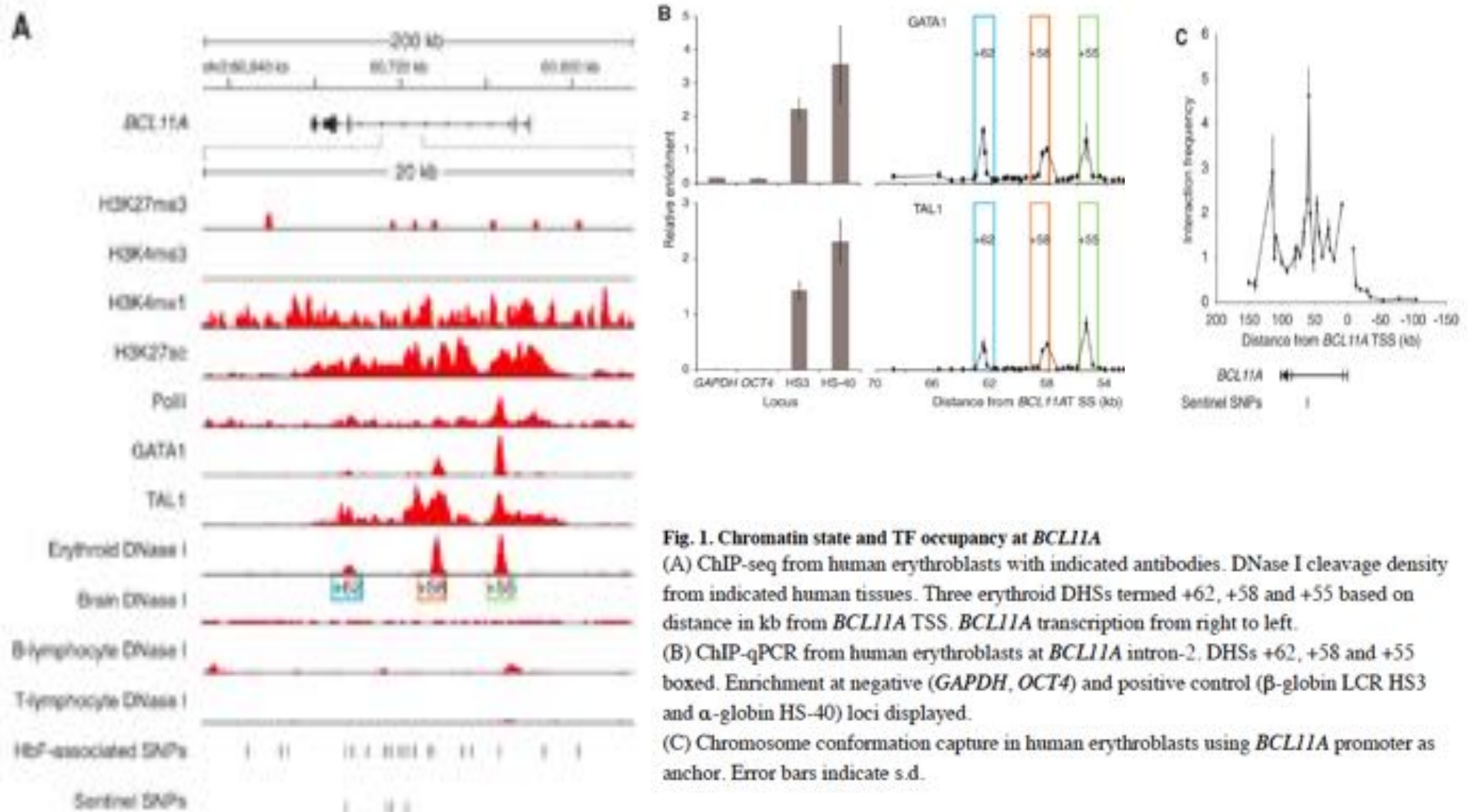
The transcriptional repressor BCL11A has been validated as a direct regulator of HbF level

Constitutive BCL11A deficiency results in embryonic lethality and impaired lymphocyte development

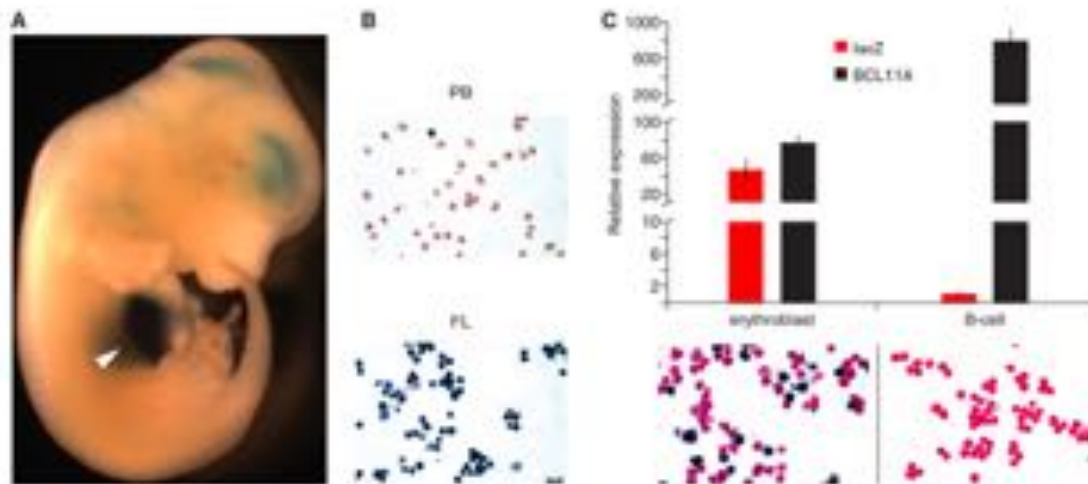
Erythroid-specific deficiency of BCL11A counteracts developmental silencing of embryonic and fetal globin genes and rescues the hematologic and pathologic features of sickle cell disease (SCD) in mouse models

Aim : Further understand how common genetic variation impacts BCL11A , HbF level and β -globin disorder severity

Comparison of the distribution of the HbF-associated SNPs at B with DNase I sensitivity sites



The GWAS-marked *BCL11A* enhancer is sufficient for adult-stage erythroid expression



In stable transgenic *BCL11A* +52.0–64.4 reporter lines at 12.5 dpc, circulating primitive erythrocytes failed to stain for X-gal whereas definitive erythroblasts in fetal liver robustly stained positive (Fig. 3B).

Fig. 3. The GWAS-marked *BCL11A* enhancer is sufficient for adult-stage erythroid expression
(A) A 12.4-kb fragment of *BCL11A* intron-2 (+52.0–64.4 kb from TSS) was cloned to a *lacZ* reporter construct. Transient transgenic mouse embryo from 12.5 dpc X-gal stained. Arrowhead indicates liver.
(B) Cell suspensions isolated from peripheral blood (PB) and fetal liver (FL) of stable transgenic embryos at 12.5 dpc X-gal stained.
(C) Sorted erythroblasts and B-lymphocytes from young adult stable transgenic mice subject to X-gal staining or RNA isolation followed by RT-qPCR. Gene expression normalized to GAPDH and expressed relative to T-lymphocytes. Error bars indicate s.d.

the GWAS marked enhancer in erythroid specific

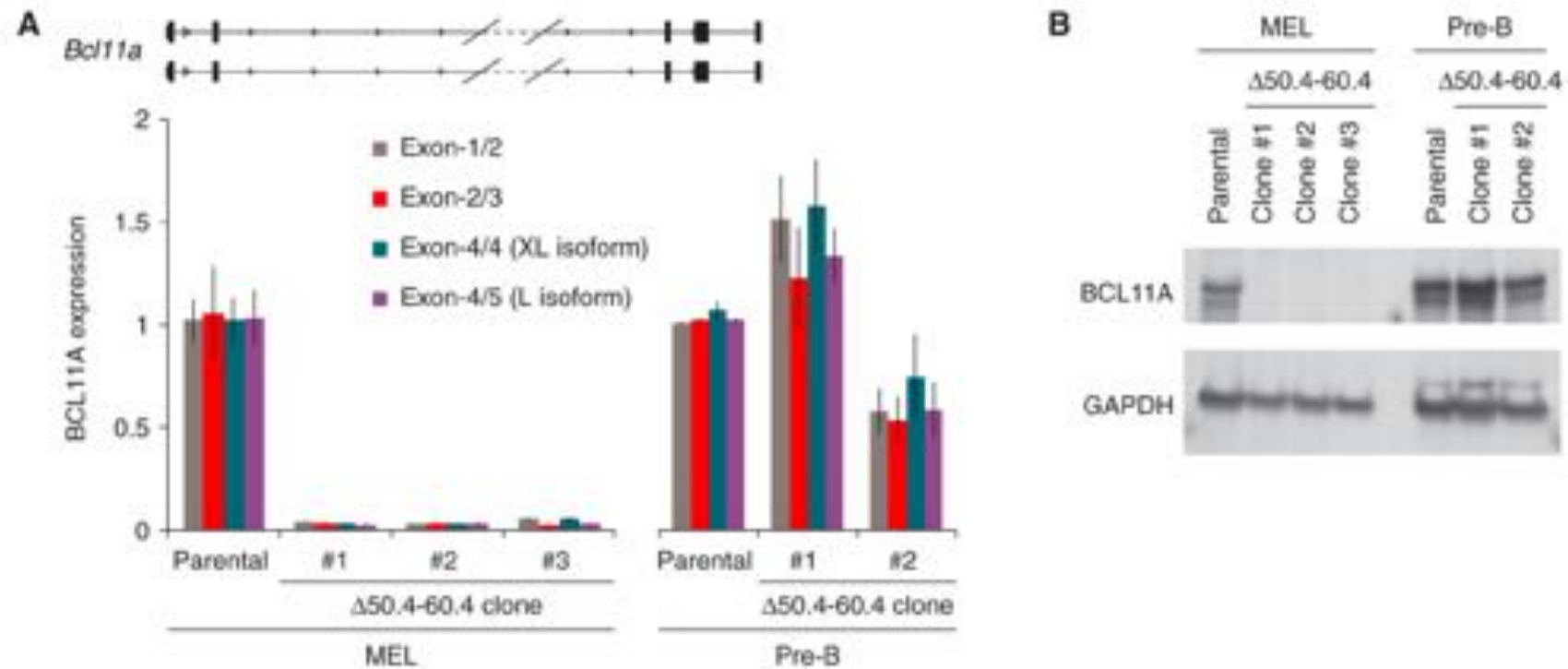


Fig. 4. The GWAS-marked *BCL11A* enhancer is necessary for erythroid but dispensable for non-erythroid expression

(A) Three mouse erythroleukemia (MEL) and two pre-B lymphocyte clones with biallelic deletion of the orthologous *Bcl11a* erythroid enhancer ($\Delta 50.4-60.4$) subject to RT-qPCR.

(B) Immunoblot of $\Delta 50.4-60.4$ MEL and pre-B lymphocyte clones.

the GWAS marked enhancer deletion induce HbF expression

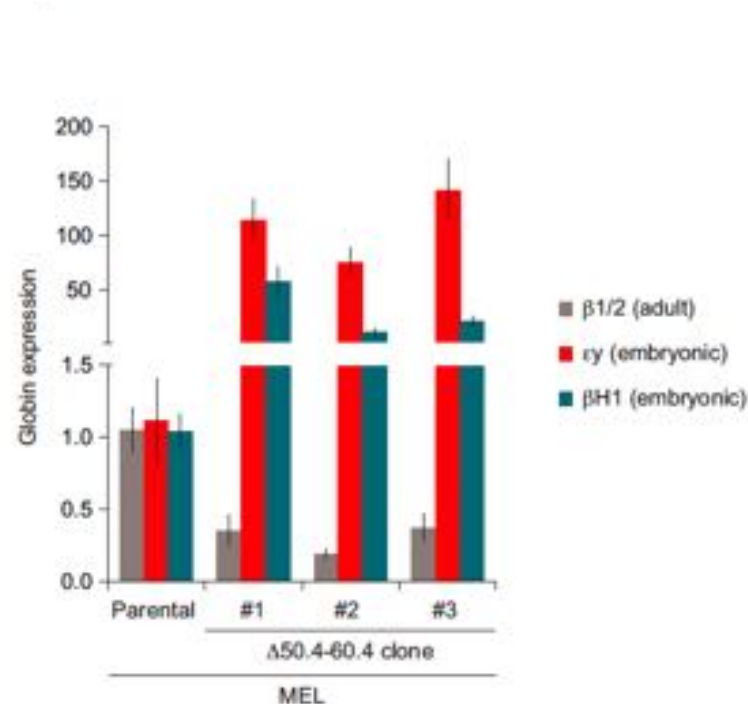


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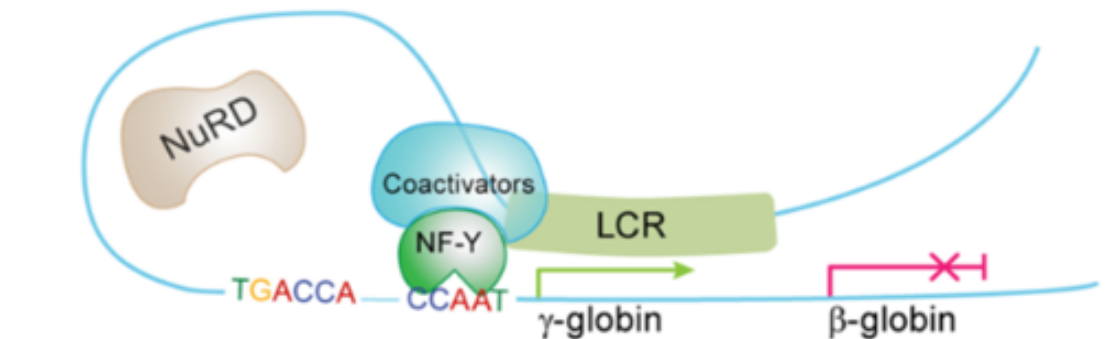
Globin Gene Expression Upon *Bcl11a* Enhancer Deletion.

Globin gene expression in $\Delta 50.4-60.4$ MEL clones by RT-qPCR. Error bars indicate s.e.m. of at least 4 experiments.

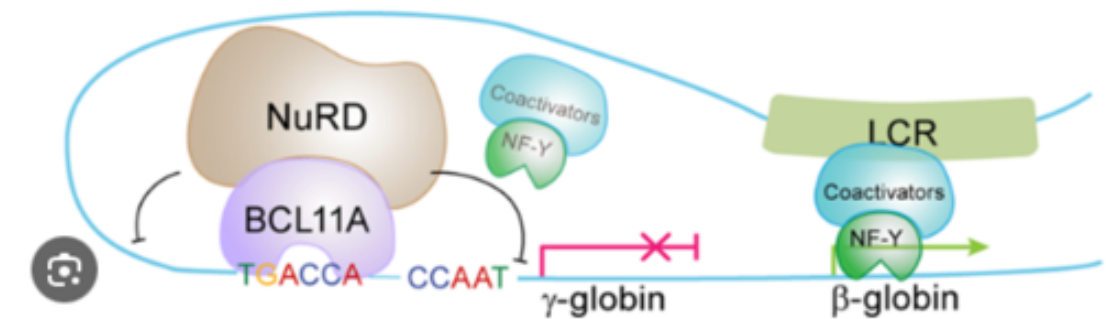
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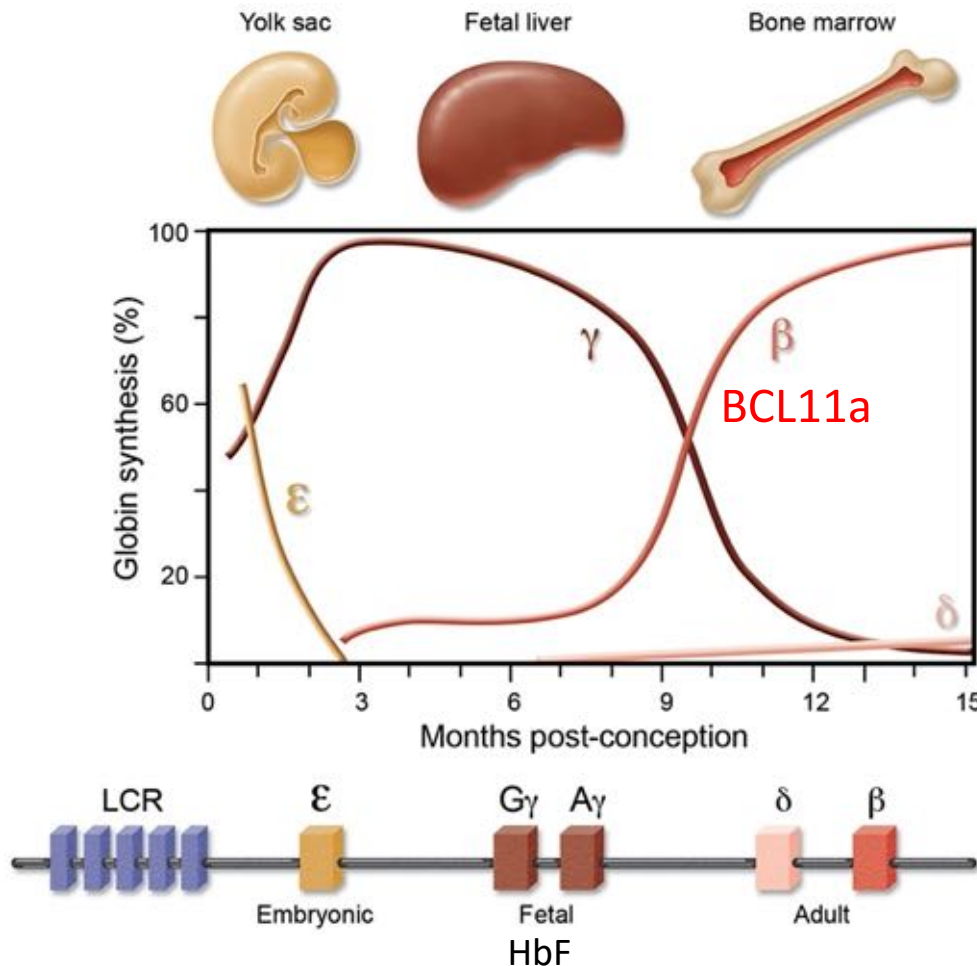


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Disruption of BCL11A enhancer leads to HbF derepression



Summary :

- Identification of GWAS linked enhancers and SNPs that are erythroid specific for the regulation of BCL11a and therefore globin genes
- Disruption of this enhancer would impair BCL11A expression in erythroid precursors with resultant HbF derepression, while sparing BCL11A expression in non-erythroid lineages.
- They propose the GWAS-identified enhancer of BCL11A as a particularly promising therapeutic target for genome engineering in Globin disorders .
- The effect of SNPs variants on HbF level seems moderate / Weak
- The SNP rs...07 is located in DHS +62 that seems less important than the DHS +55 for BCL11a expression



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BCL11A enhancer editing *in situ* by saturation mutagenesis



- Application of CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing, saturating mutagenesis of non-coding elements *in situ*, to provide information about organization and function of the BCL11A erythroid enhancer
- High-resolution, high-throughput pooled tiling sgRNA screening reveals underlying enhancer sequence requirements approaching nucleotide resolution
- Apparent sequence conservation at the BCL11A enhancer masks underlying functional divergence
- Enhancer disruption by individual sgRNAs in primary erythroid precursors results in substantial HbF induction

HSC from patients



Erythrocytes-specific repression of BCL11A

- derepression of HbF genes
- Attenuation of Sickle disease effects
- No effect on the other cell types ?

CRISPR for partial BCL11a enhancer deletion



- Now that it works in the rat, will it work in human ? individualized cohorts ?





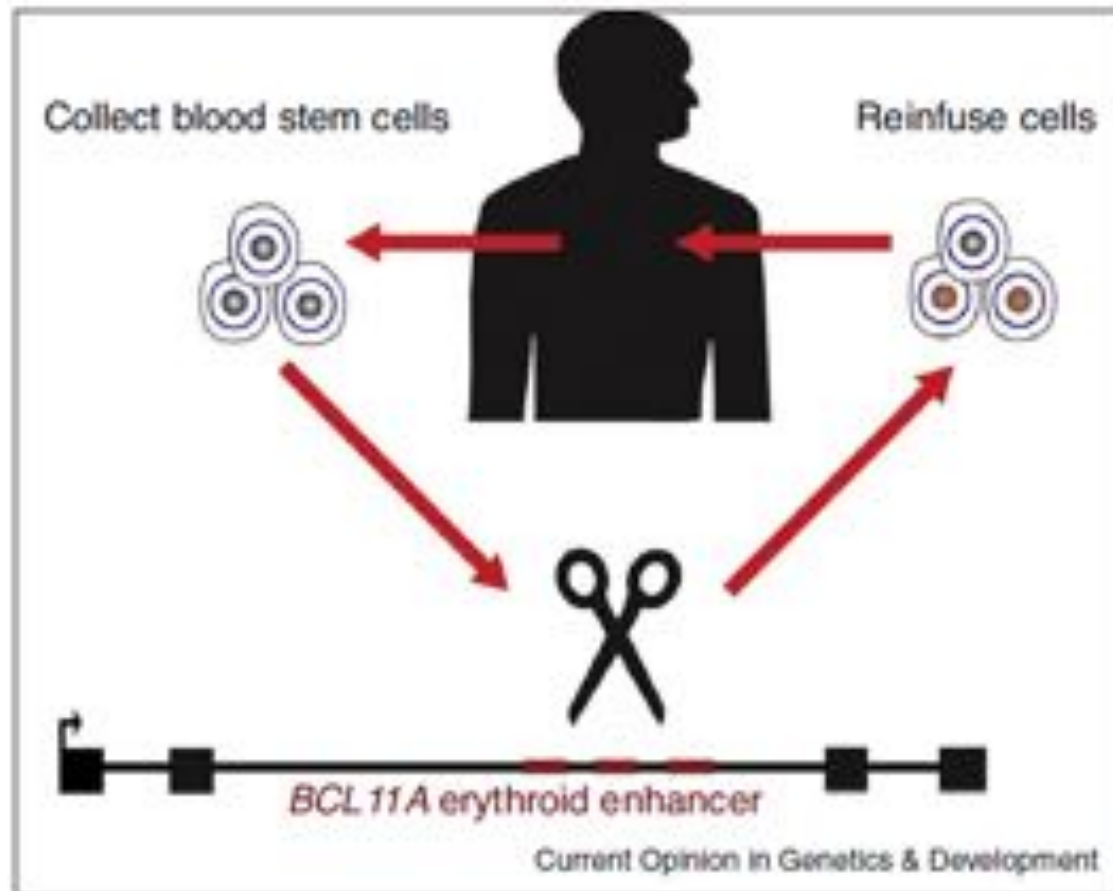
by intravenous infusion. The therapy was developed by the pharmaceutical company Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Boston, Massachusetts, and biotechnology company CRISPR Therapeutics in Zug, Switzerland.

The trial for sickle-cell disease has followed 29 out of 45 participants long enough to draw interim results. Casgevy completely relieved 28 of those people of debilitating episodes of pain for at least one year after treatment.

Researchers also tested the treatment for a severe form of β -thalassaemia, which is conventionally treated with blood transfusions roughly once a month. In this trial, 54 people received Casgevy, of which 42 participated for long enough to provide interim results. Among those 42 participants, 39 did not need a red-blood-cell transfusion for at least one year. The remaining three had their need for blood transfusions reduced by more than a 70%.



“Casgevy” uses CRISPR human genome editing tool : therapeutic genome editing of the BCL11A enhancer



HbF
 $\alpha_2\gamma_2$

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HbA
 $\alpha_2\beta_2$

UK Cost : US \$ 2 millions per
patient

HbA
 $\alpha_2\beta_2$

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HbF
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- Correction of β -hemoglobin disorders allowing derepression of HbF and sparing non erythroid functions by disruption of the enhancer

β -thalassaemia occurs when mutations lead to low haemoglobin levels in the blood, low numbers of red blood cells and symptoms such as fatigue, shortness of breath and irregular heartbeats.



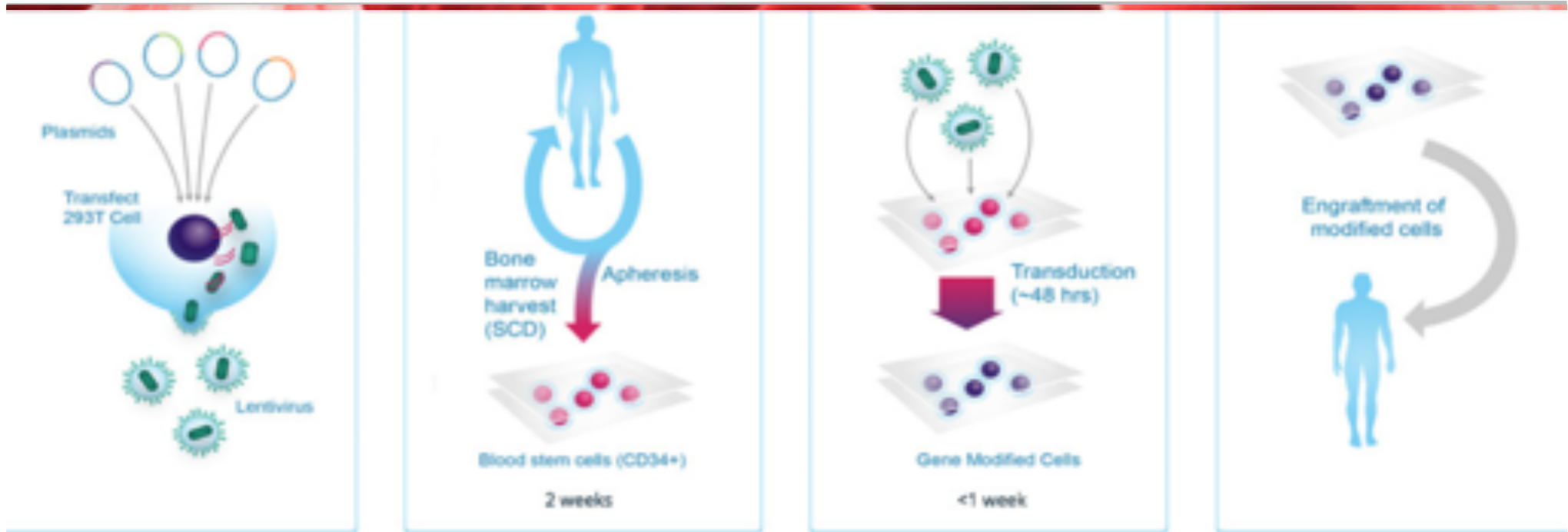
Clinicians administer Casgevy by taking blood-products from the bone marrow of people with either disease, and using CRISPR-Cas9 to edit the genes that produce haemoglobin in those cells. The gene *BCL11A* is a molecule that guides the Cas9 enzyme to the correct location on the DNA strand to make cuts.

Once Cas9 reaches the *BCL11A* gene, it cuts both DNA strands.

BCL11A is a gene that produces a form of haemoglobin that is made only in fetuses. Casgevy unleashes the production of fetal haemoglobin, which does not have the same abnormalities as adult haemoglobin in people with sickle-cell disease or β -thalassaemia.

Before the gene-edited cells are infused back into the body, people must undergo a treatment that prepares the bone marrow to receive the modified cells. Once administered, the stem cells give rise to red blood cells containing fetal haemoglobin. This relieves symptoms by boosting the oxygen supply to tissues. "Patients may need to spend at least a month in a hospital facility while the treated cells take up residence in the bone marrow and start to make red blood cells with the stable form of haemoglobin," the MHRA stated in a press release.

Bluebird - Zynteglo: beta thalassemia innovative gene therapy medicine



1/ Produce virus with therapeutic payload

Produce Lentiviral vector carrying a functional gene sequence.

2/ Isolate target cells from patient

Mobilize, extract and isolate patient's HSCs or T cells.

3/ Transduce target cells ex vivo

Insert target gene sequence into the patients HSCs or T cells.

4/ Test & re-infuse gene modified cells

Prepare patient & re-infuse patient's correct HSCs or T cells.

Gene therapy pricing plans								
Zynteglo			Zolgensma			Luxturna		
Price	Payment Plan	Company	Price	Payment Plan	Company	Price	Payment Plan	Company
\$1.8m	Initial payment of €375,000 followed by four equal annual payments of €375,000 only if patients continue to benefit and not need blood transfusions. Potentially 80% of the list price is at risk if the treatment fails within five years or less.	Bluebird Bio	\$2.1m	Payment over time with cost of treatment spread over five years	Novartis	\$850,000	Rebate programme based on Luxturna's effectiveness at 30 days, 90 days and 30 months. Payers entitled to rebate if efficacy is not shown at those points. Rebates not to exceed standard Medicaid rebate.	Spark Therapeutics

Zynteglo™ is a one-time gene replacement therapy that targets the main cause of transfusion dependent thalassemia TDT



THANK YOU.....

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ?



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I would recommend to re/attend this course to a colleague, friends				
I am looking forward to the upcoming health hackathon				
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MedChem, in silico/HTS screens/AI screen		1 2 3	4 5 6	
Personalized healthcare -precision medicine		1 2 3	4 5 6	
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I realized how novel medicine development is a long complex journey		0%	28%	72%
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