

Forte associazioni tra HLA e rischio di sviluppare diabete di tipo 1: perché ce ne dimentichiamo negli studi di meccanismi immunologici?

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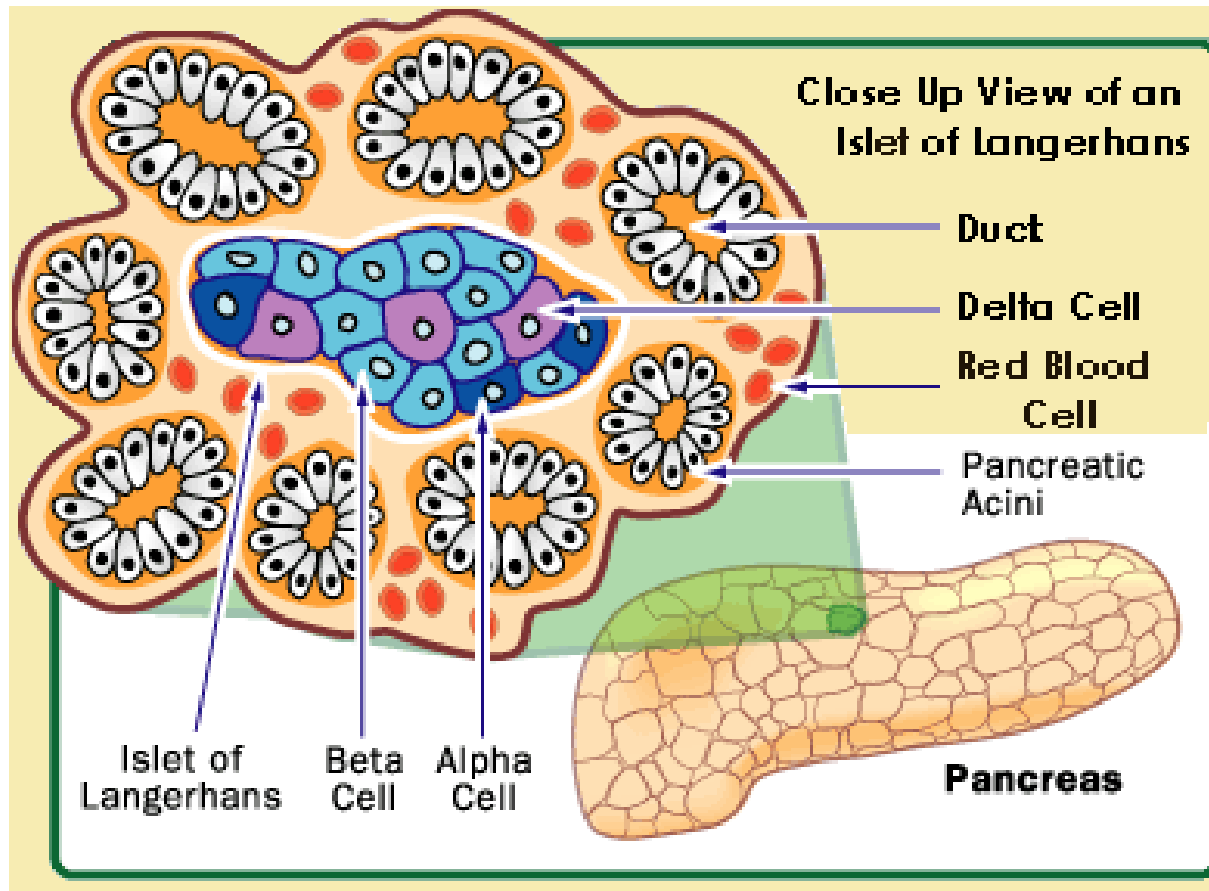
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Talk outline

- **What is T1D?**
- **Which factors contribute to T1D pathogenesis and how?**
- **Which HLA associate with T1D risk?**
- **Which other genetic factors associate with T1D?**
- **How can we predict T1D?**
- **How are subjects stratified according to their risk for developing T1D?**
- **Why genetics are not taken so much into consideration in immunological studies?**

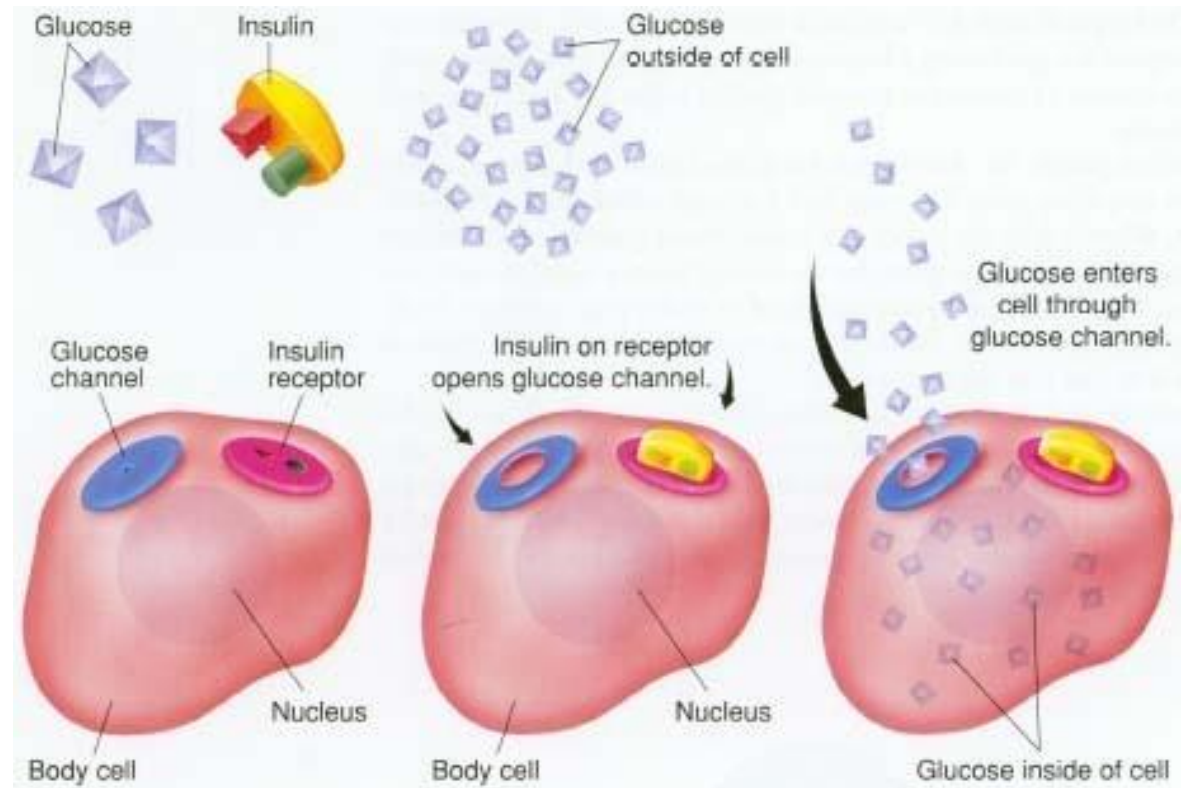
The Pancreas



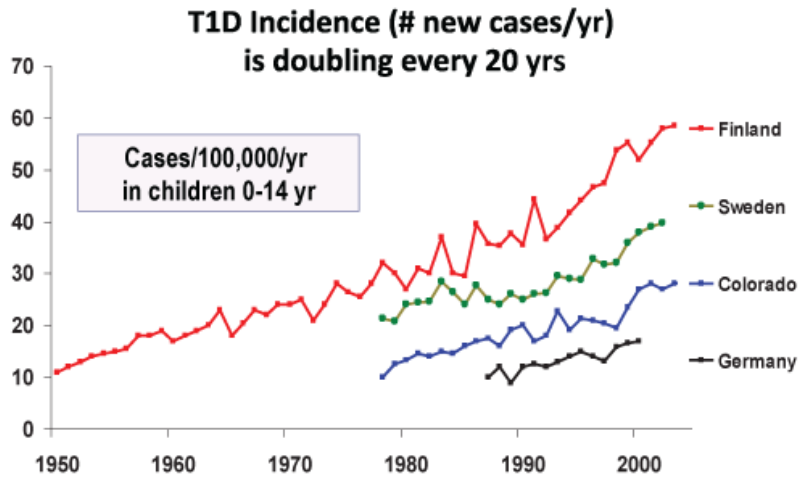
insulin glucagon

What is Insulin? What does it do?

Hormone,
causes body
cells to take up
glucose from
the blood.

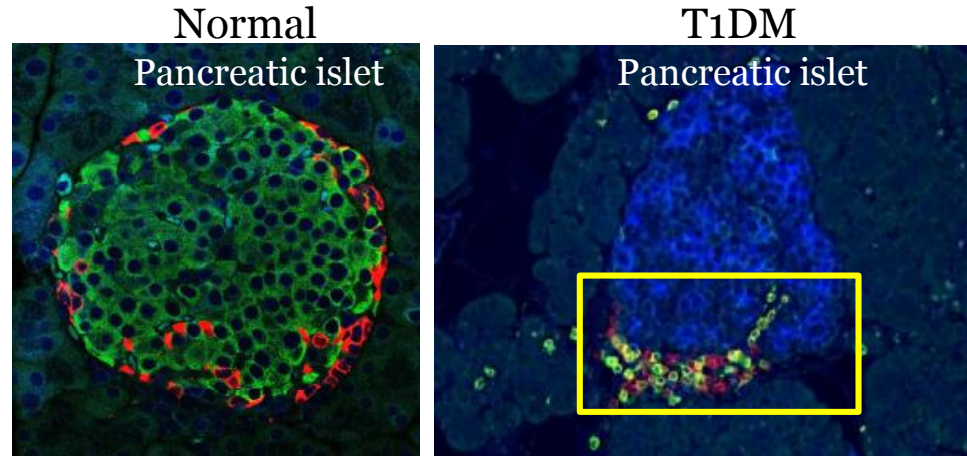


Type 1 Diabetes “old view”



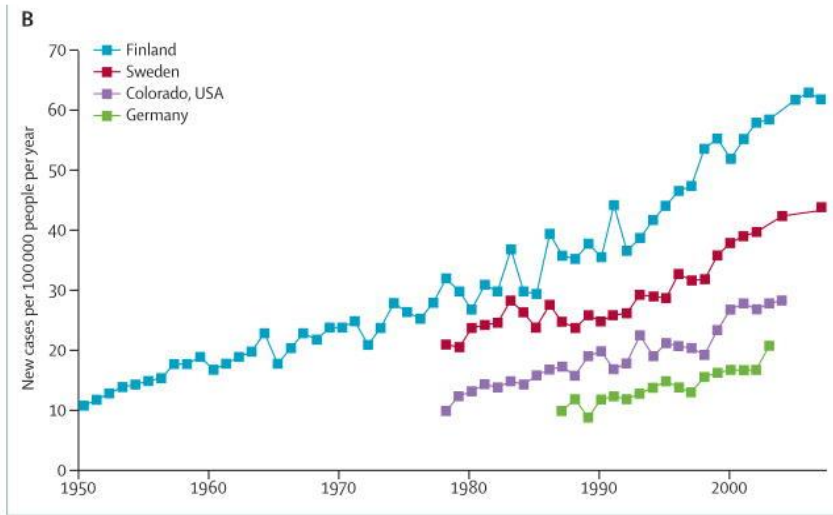
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Rate constantly increases



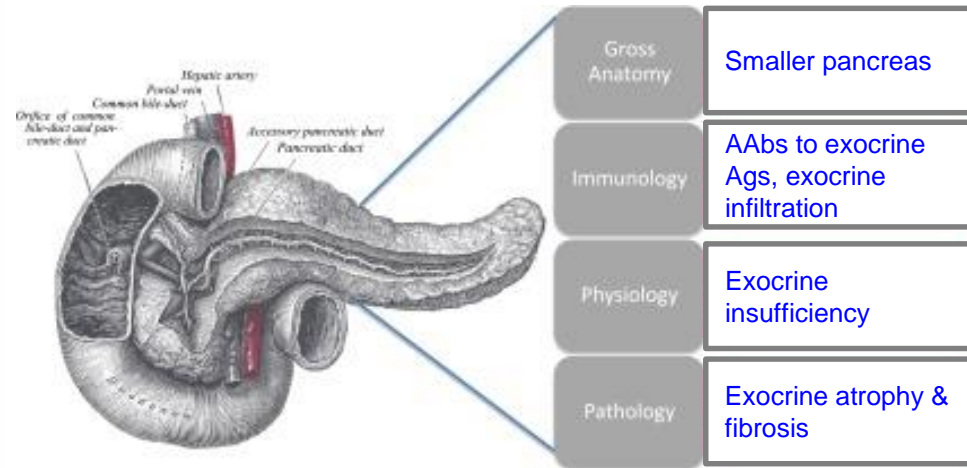
Autoimmune disease affecting
insulin-producing beta cells

Type 1 Diabetes “updated view”



Atkinson, *Lancet*, 2015

Rate increases mostly in children, has reached a plateau in certain countries

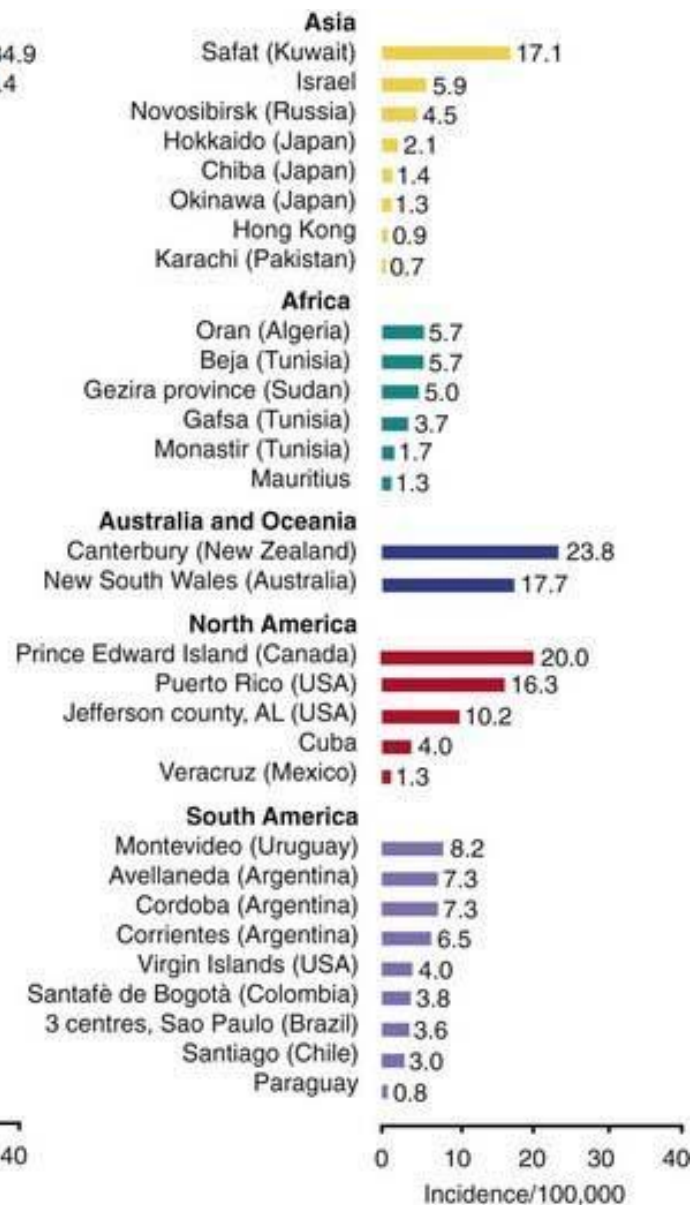
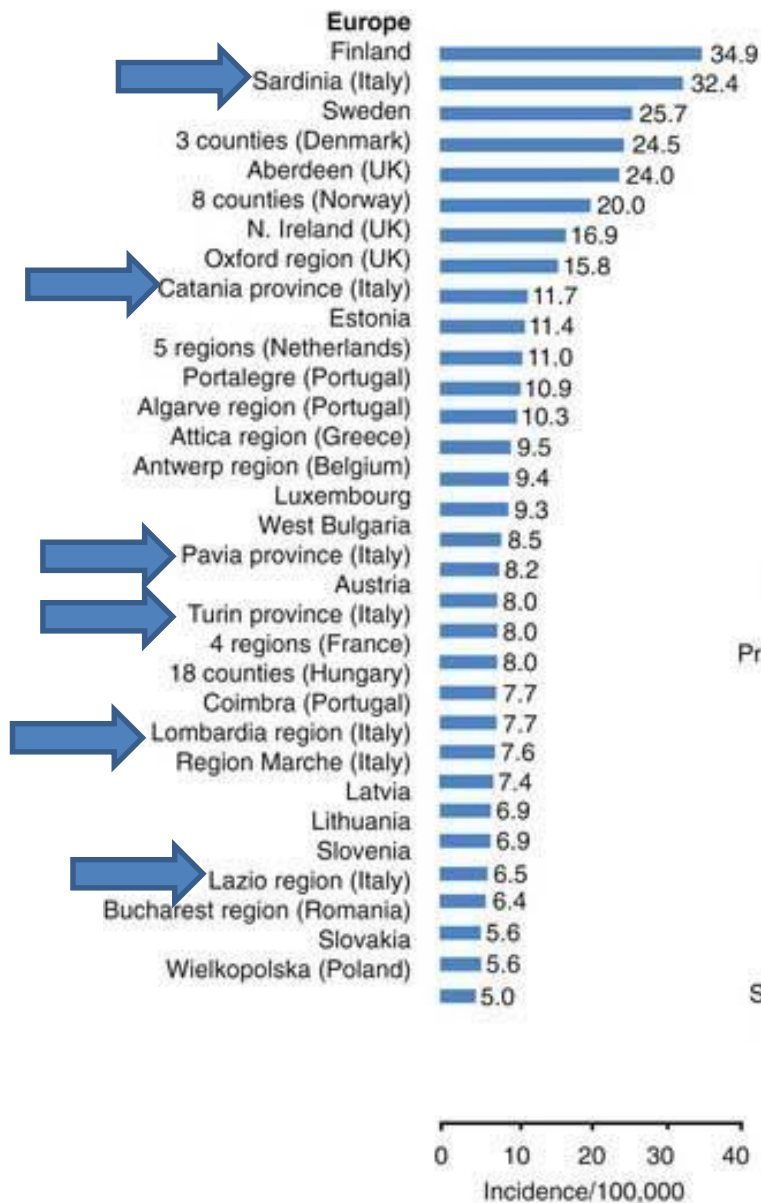


Atkinson, *Diabetes*, 2014

Not a beta-cell specific disease, but a pancreas disease



Prevalence of Type 1 diabetes in the world



Symptoms, Diagnosis & Treatment

- Polyuria
- Polydipsia
- Polyphagia
- Glycosuria
- Lipidemia: *Lack of insulin starves body of glucose, body begins metabolizing fatty acids as energy source.*
- Diabetic ketoacidosis: *ketones build up in blood, dropping Ph*
- Ketouria: *Ketones in urine*

.....Secondary complications
-Macular degeneration
-Kidney failure...

- Fasting plasma glucose levels.
- Detection of antibodies against islet antigens (insulin, beta cells, etc.) in the serum.
→ Detects autoimmunity before diabetes is clinical
- HbA1c levels

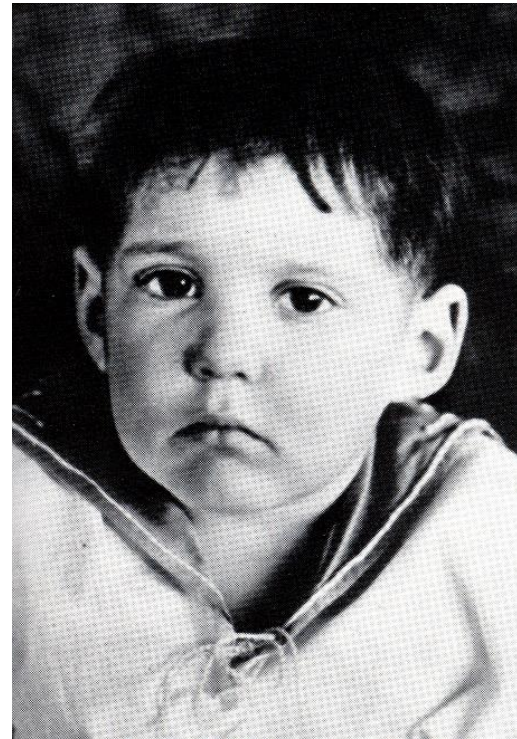
Insulin
replacement



Almost 100 years since the discovery of insulin



1922



1923



Banting and Best

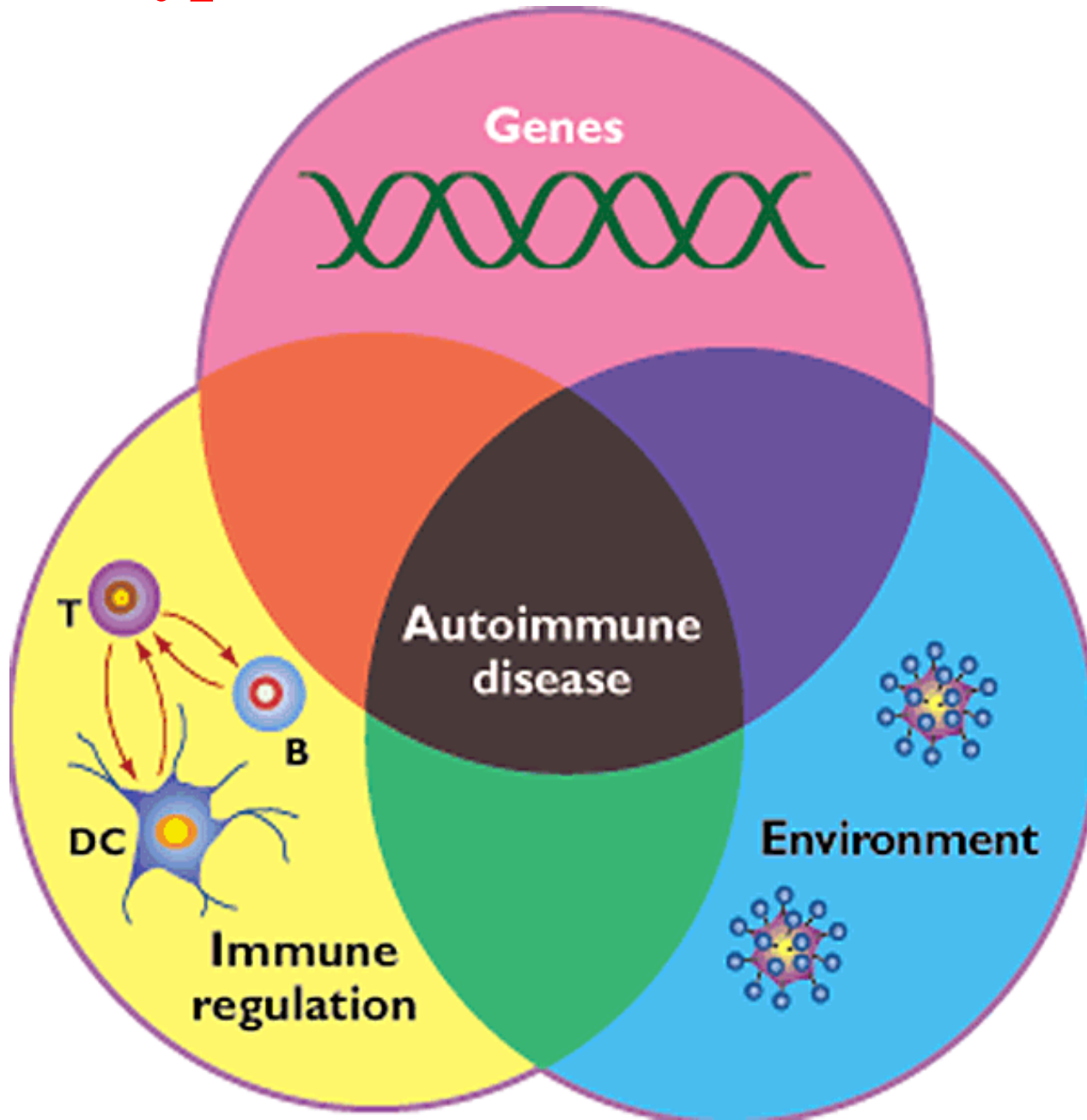
1923 Nobel Prize for
discovery of insulin

but.. Insulin therapy treats the symptom and not the disease

Type 1 diabetes is currently non-preventable or curable in humans

How are we going to prevent or cure the Type 1 diabetes?

Type 1 diabetes is a multifactorial disease

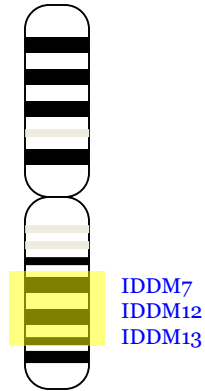


*Joerg Ermann &
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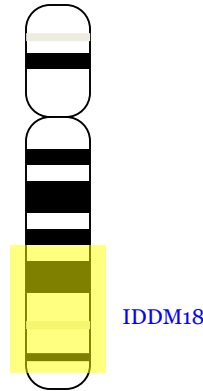
Type 1 diabetes susceptibility loci

18 regions of the genome have been linked with influencing type 1 diabetes risk.

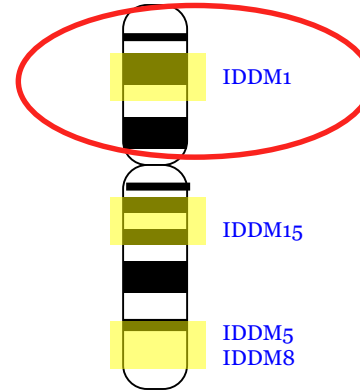
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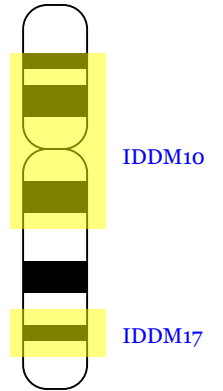
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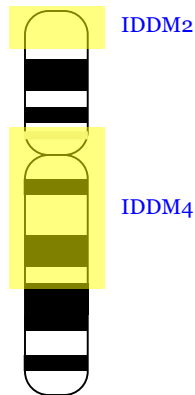
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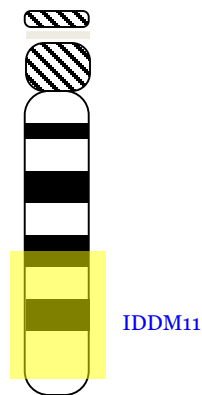
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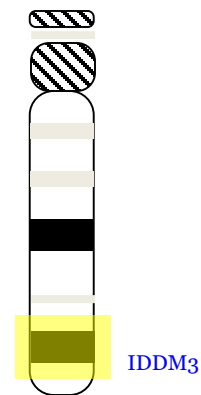
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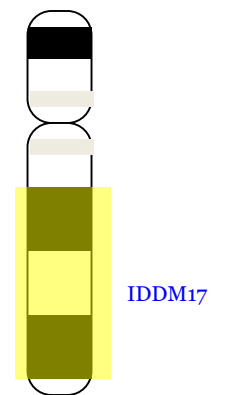
Chromosome 14



Chromosome 15



Chromosome 18



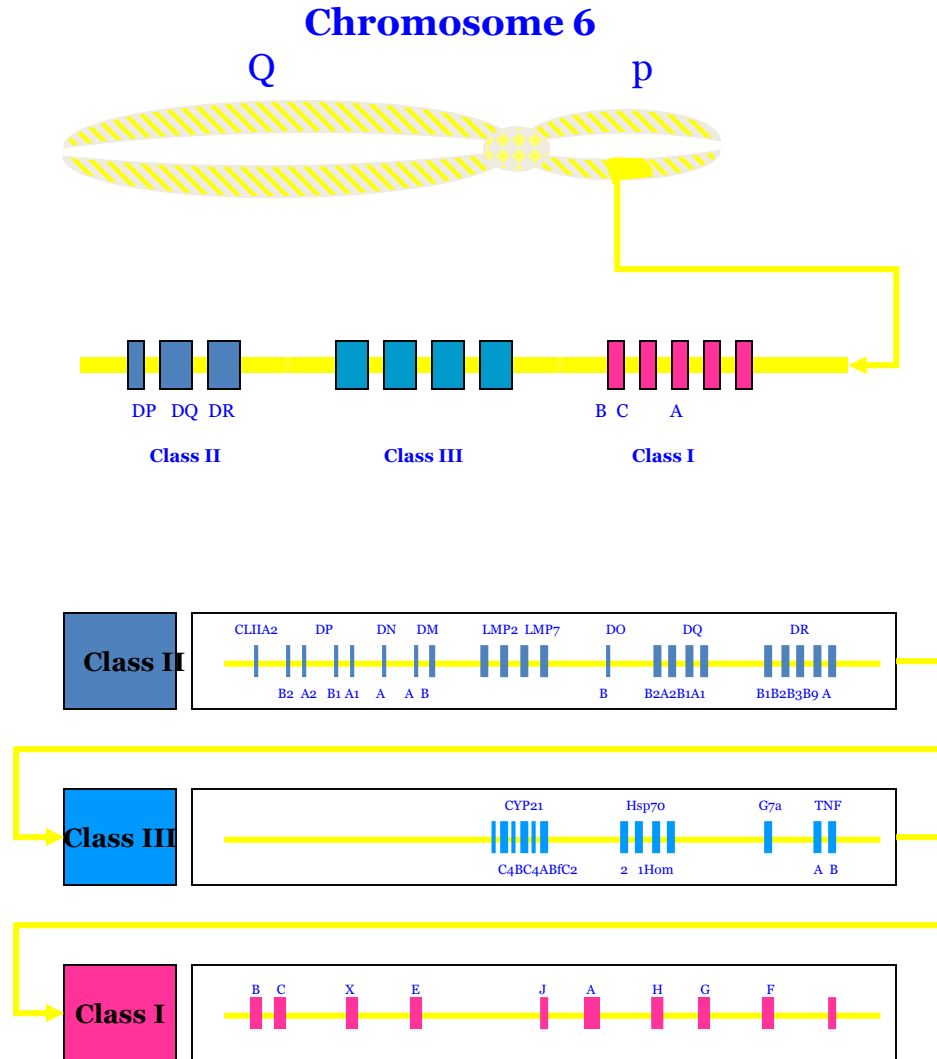
IDDM 1

HLA alleles documented in the 1970s.

Locus contains many diabetes susceptibility genes.

**predisposing:
HLA DR3-DQ2,
DR4-DQ8**

**protective:
HLA DR2-DQ6**



Hypothesis for the development of type 1 diabetes

Thymus

**Selection of islet-reactive T cells
by MHC + crossreactive peptides**

Selection

Susceptible MHC

Neutral MHC

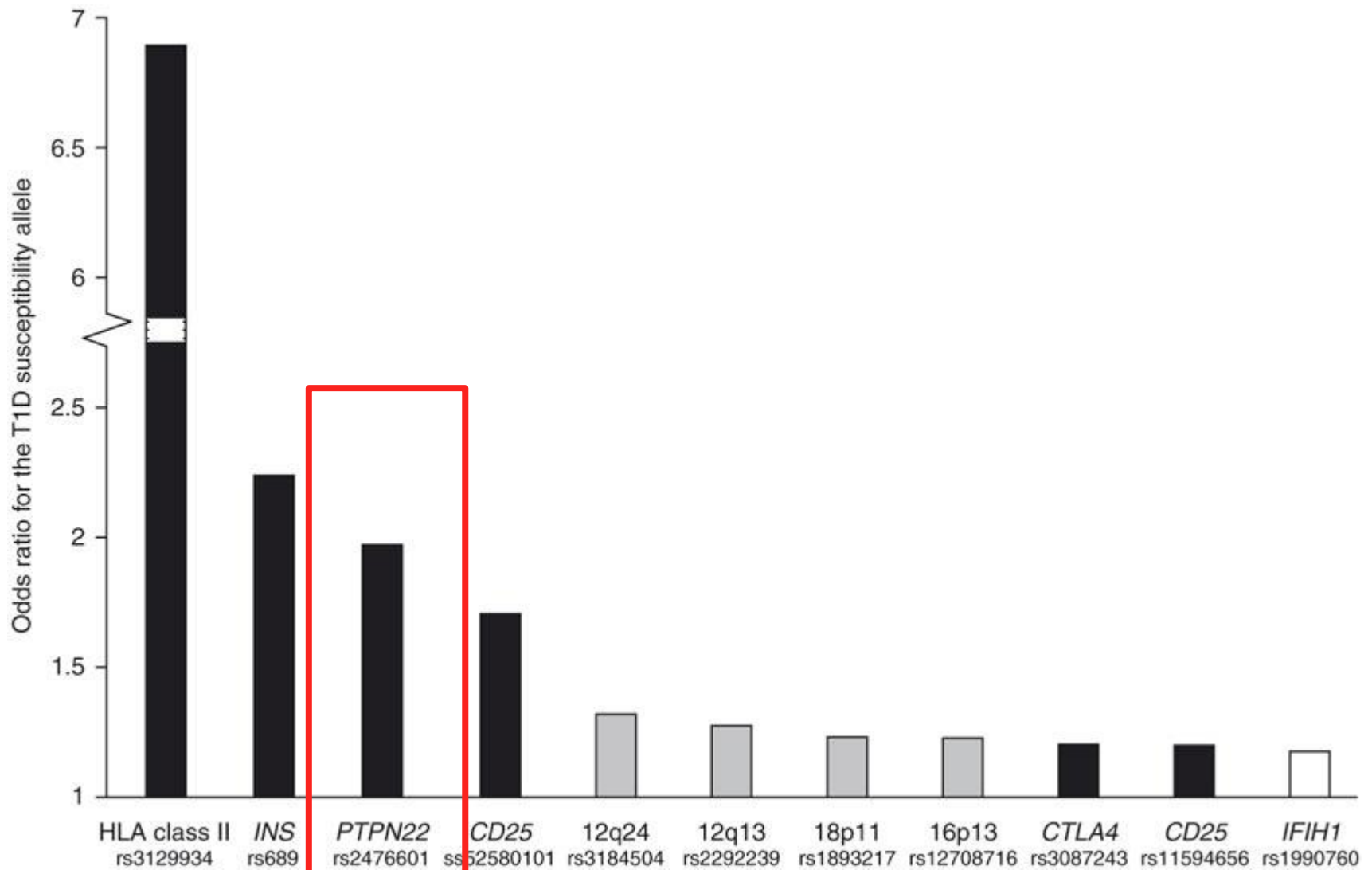
Protective MHC

Positive selection

Negative selection

KAI W. WUCHERPFENNIG¹ AND GEORGE S. EISENBARTH.: Type 1 Diabetes

Other genetic factors in T1D

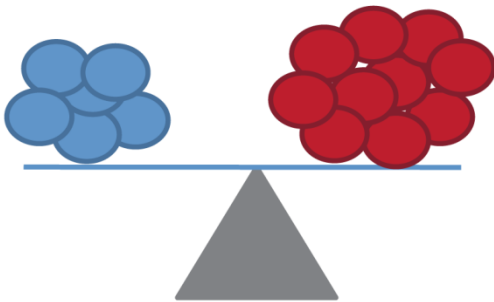


Hypothesis

Alterations lead to disequilibrium and...

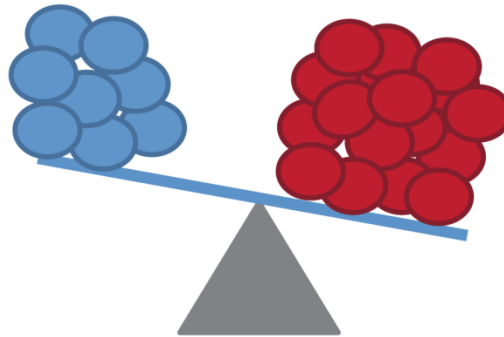
Autoimmunity

Healthy



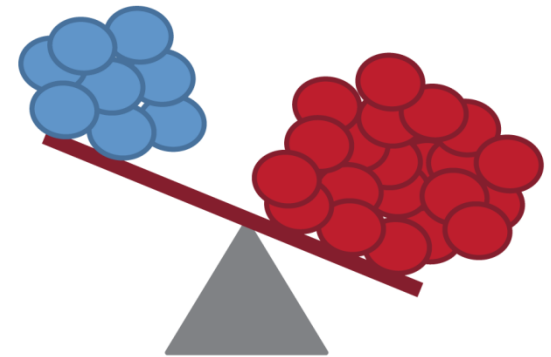
TOLERANCE

Genetic polymorphisms
At risk



TOLERANCE

Trigger?
Disease

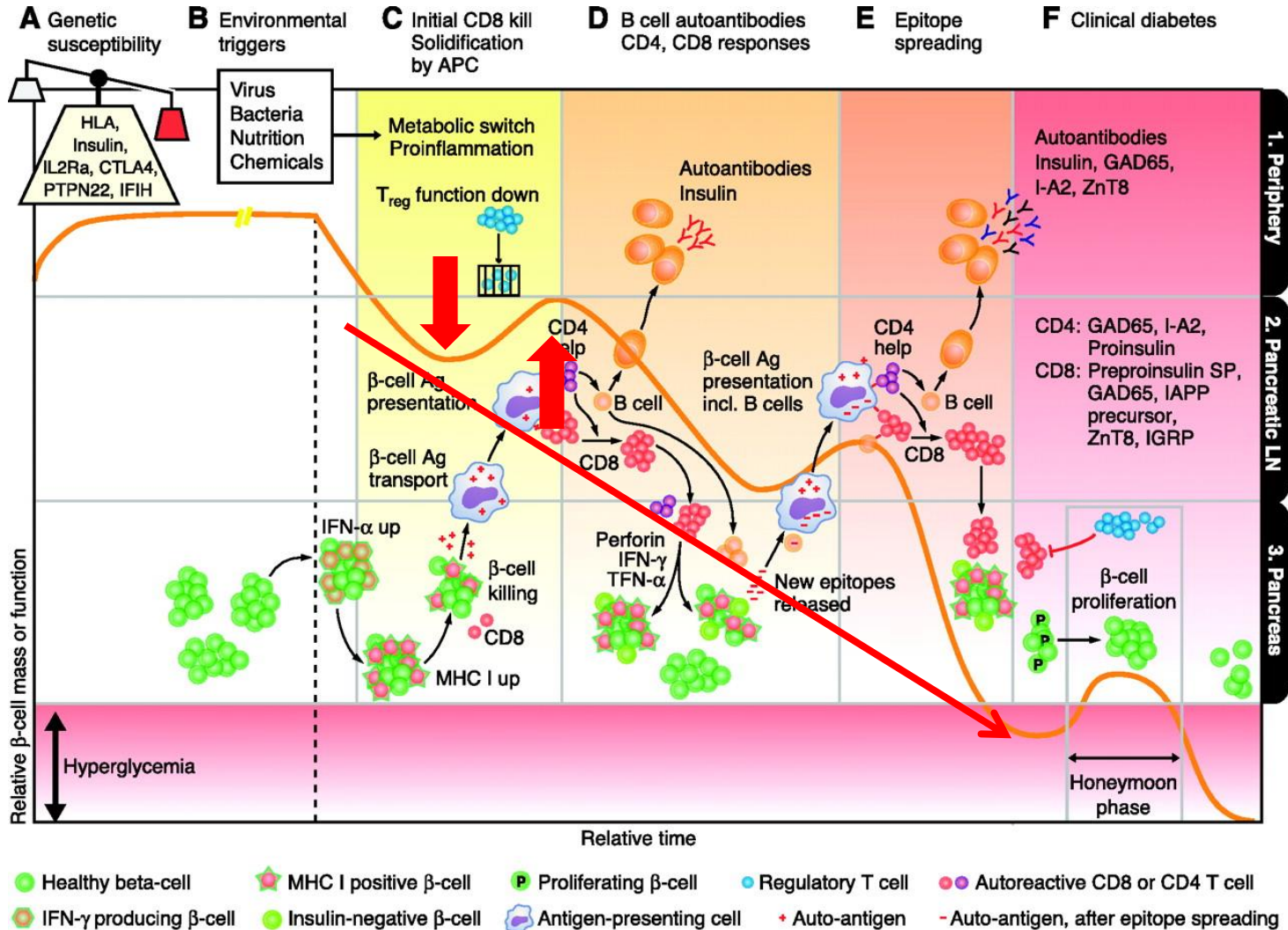


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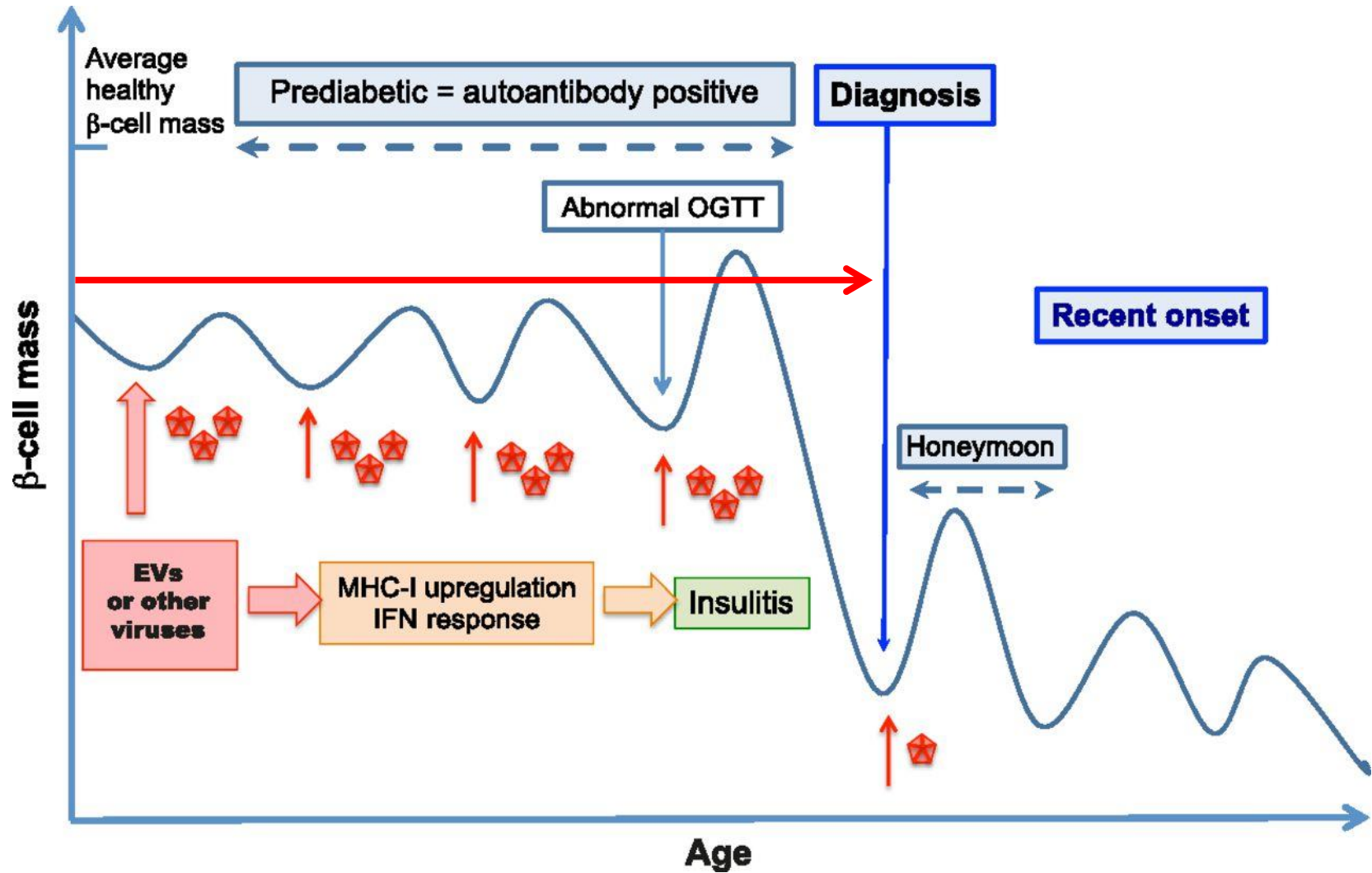
Beta cell loss during progression to T1D

Old view



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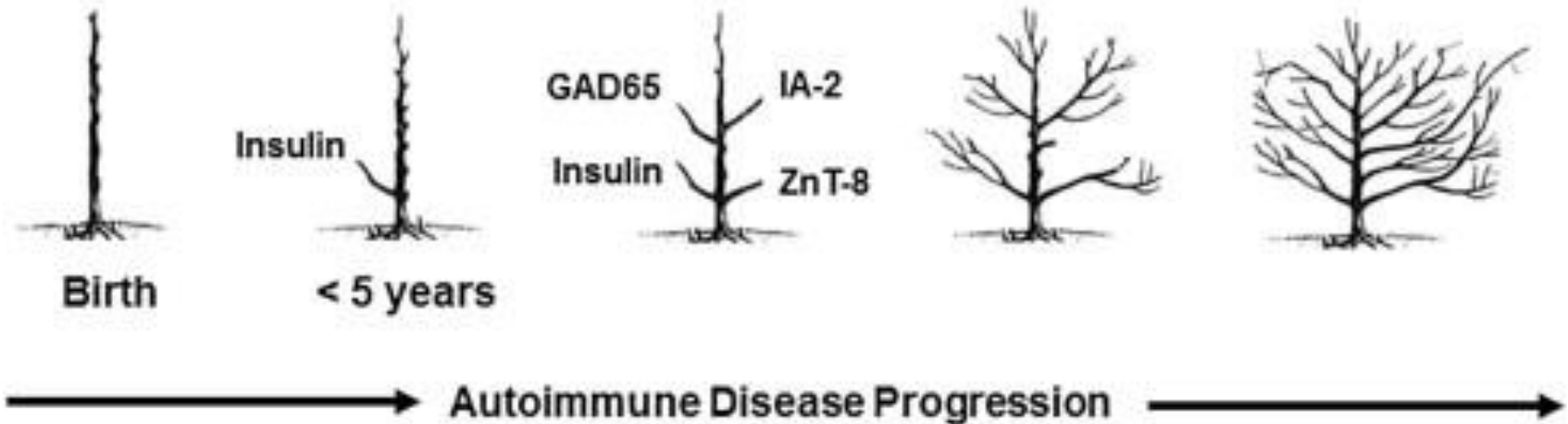
Updated view



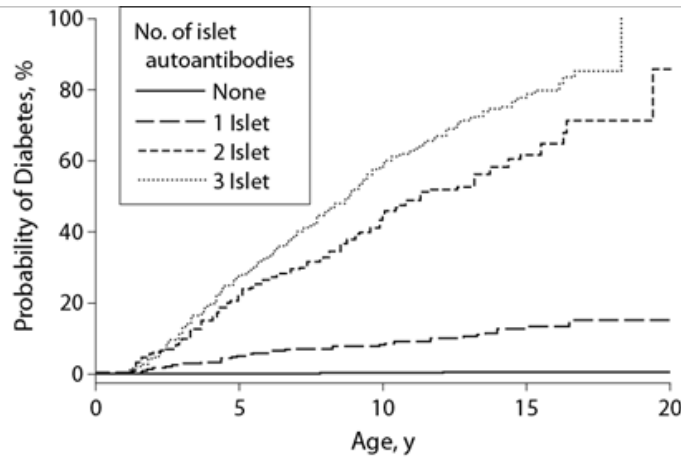
**How can we predict the development
of T1D?**

Development of islet-specific high-affinity autoantibodies is a hallmark of progression to T1D

Epitope Spreading in T1D

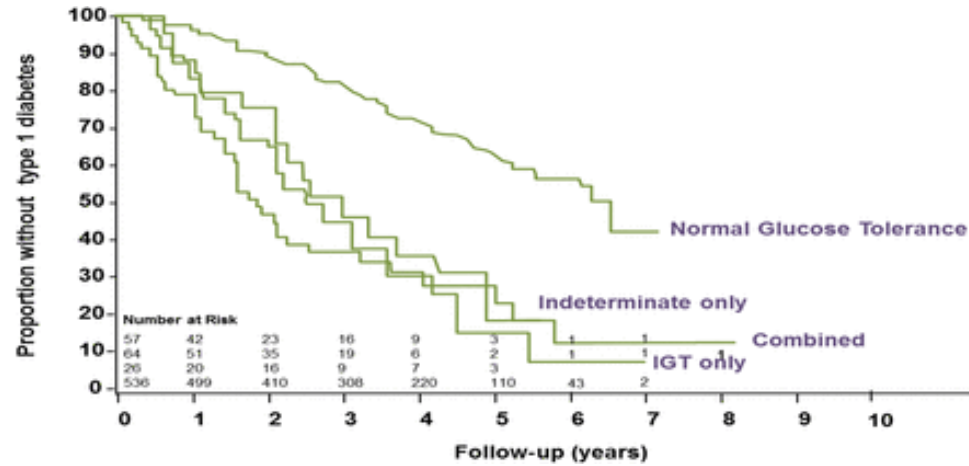


Islet-specific autoantibodies (Aabs) are the best predictive biomarkers for T1D



No. at risk	Islet autoantibodies, No.				
	3 Islet	2 Islet	1 Islet	None	
3 Islet	358	250	112	20	1
2 Islet	227	168	82	19	9
1 Islet	474	430	272	118	44
None	12318	8875	5253	1161	

70% chance to develop T1D in 10 yrs if 3 islet-specific AAbs or more



Probability of progression from dysglycemia stage 2 to T1D is >90%

Today T1D risk scoring is calculated:

Genetic susceptibility:

HLA risk genotypes: HLA *DRB1**03 and *04 and *DQB1**0302.

HLA protective genotypes: HLA *DQB1**0602, *0301, *0303, *0603, and *0503.

Genetic risk score derived from HLA plus nine single nucleotide polymorphisms from *PTPN22*, *INS*, *IL2RA*, *ERBB3*, *ORMDL3*, *BACH2*, *IL27*, *GLIS3*, and *RNLS* genes.

Number, type and titer of Aabs:

IAA, ICA, IA-2, ZnT8, GAD65

Family history:

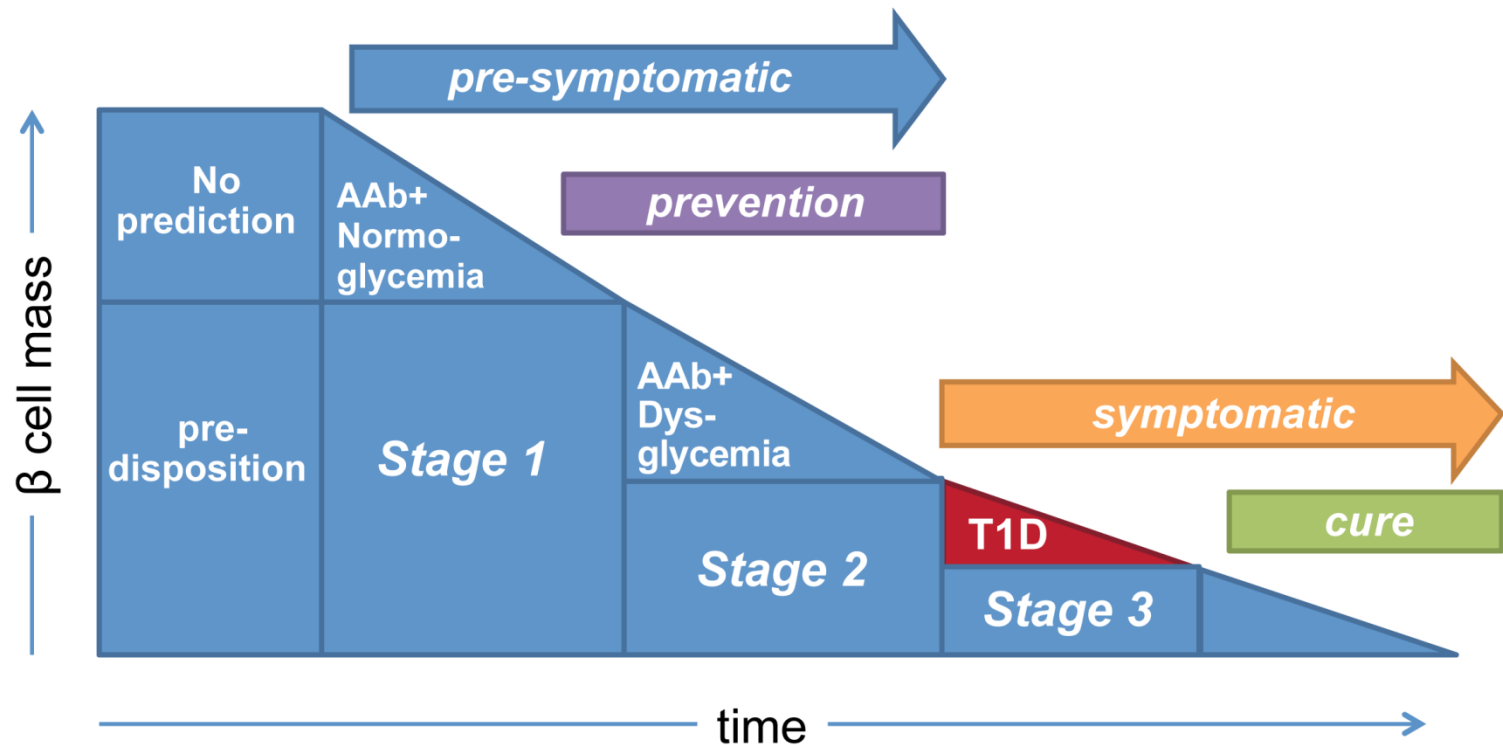
Father, mother, sibling, twin, multiple affected FDRs

OGTT:

Dysglycemia or not

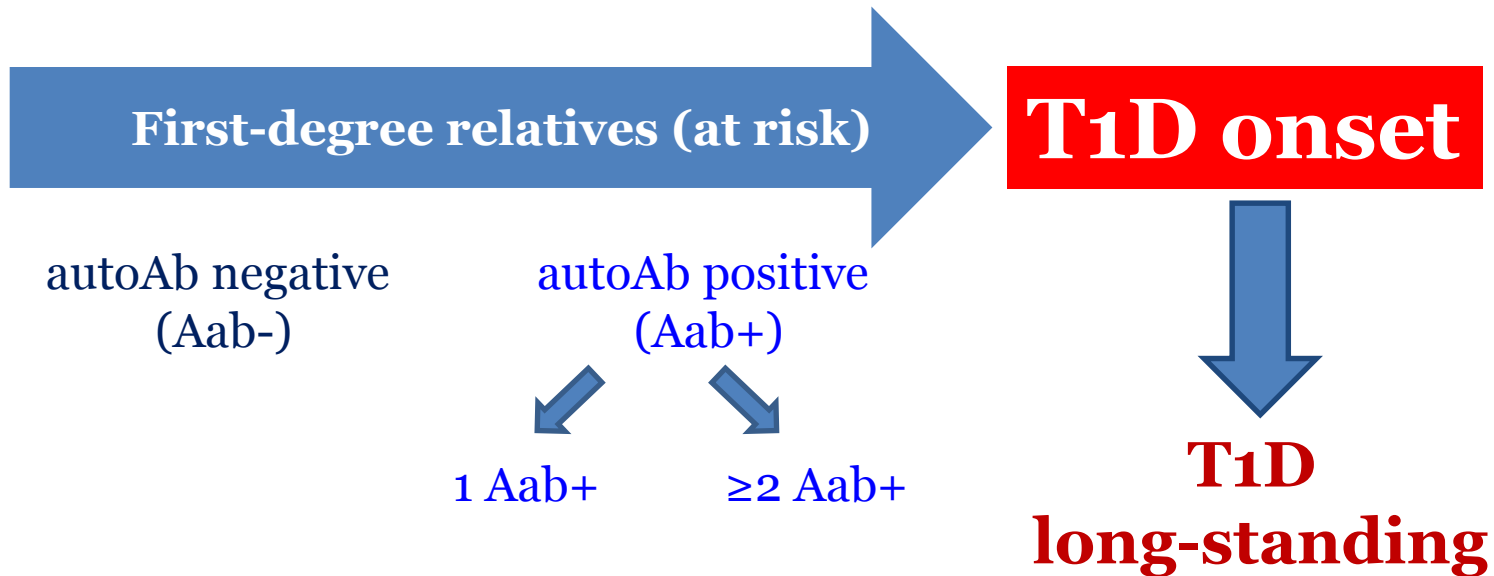
Score:

Staging Presymptomatic Type 1 Diabetes: A Scientific Statement of JDRF, the Endocrine Society, and the American Diabetes Association



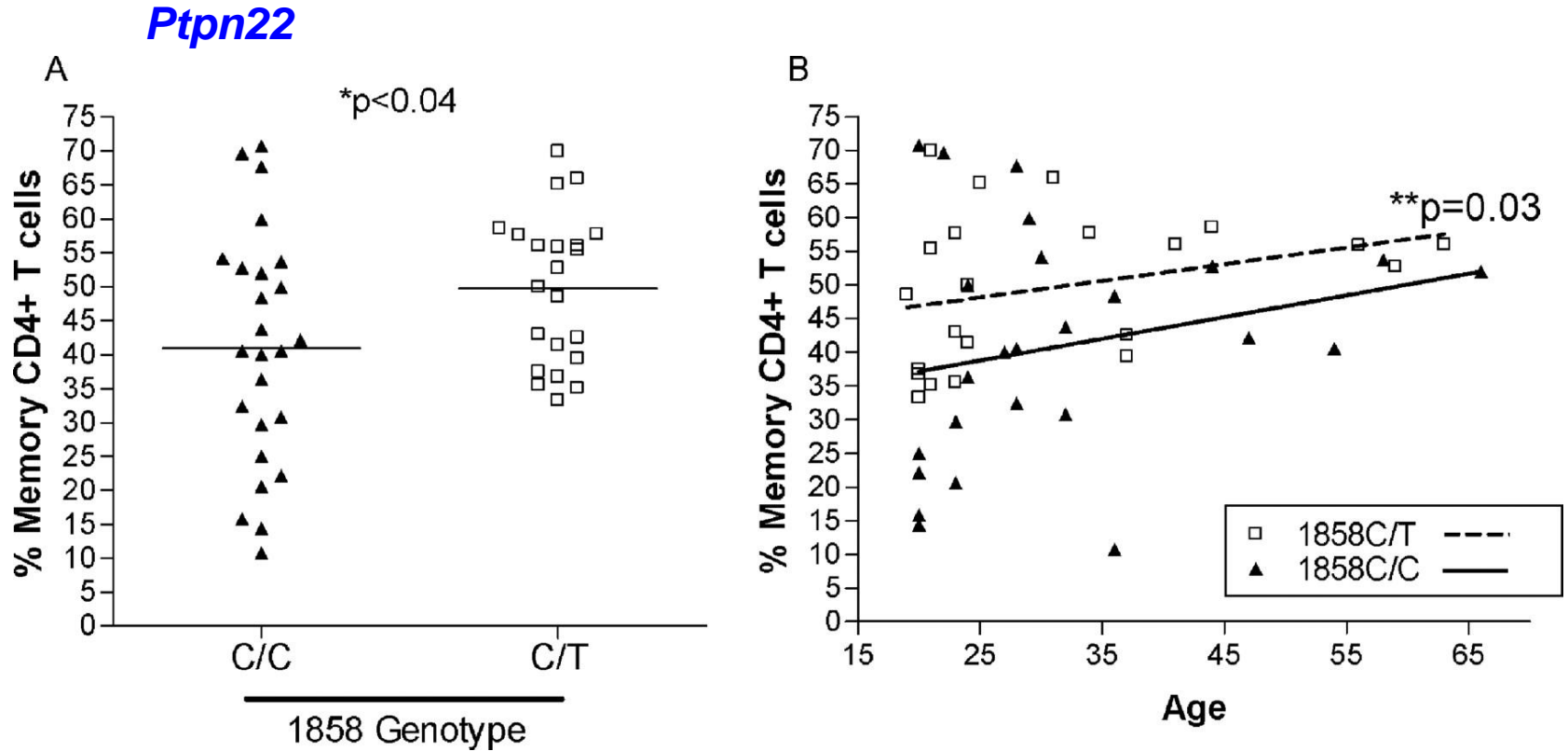
*Modified Insel RA et al, Diabetes Care 2015
Fousteri G et al, Curr Diab Rev, accepted*

Most immunological studies stratify the subjects:



Without taking into consideration the genetics...

An example of how genetics can change the results...



Mary Rieck et al. J Immunol 2007;179:4704-4710

Taking into account just one gene...

Imagine if to take into account just all genes, their polymorphisms and the different groups of donors...

Imagine the number of data produced...

Imagine the cost of genetic analysis...

Also we don't know how the combination of all these genes can be used as biomarker to predict risk for T1D...

**Only reliable biomarker that predicts risk to T1D is:
number of AAbs and OGTT
the best stratification we can do is:**

First-degree relatives				
Healthy	AAb-	AAb+ low risk	AAb+ hi risk	T1D
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3

Summary

- **What is T1D? Autoimmune pancreas-specific disease**
- **Which factors contribute to T1D pathogenesis and how? Genetic and environmental**
- **Which HLA associate with T1D risk? HLA DR3-DQ2 and DR4-DQ8**
- **Which other genetic factors associate with T1D? 18 IDDM loci, *PTPN22*, *INS* etc**
- **How can we predict T1D? islet-specific AAbs and OGTT**
- **How are subjects stratified according to their risk for developing T1D? Stage 1 (low risk), 2 (high risk) and 3 (patients)**
- **Why genetics are not taken into consideration? We still don't know how they can stratify subjects according to risk**

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