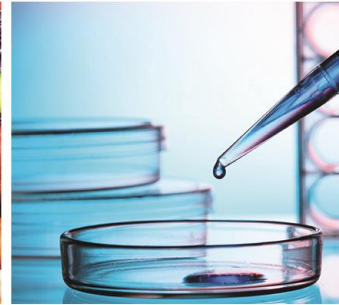


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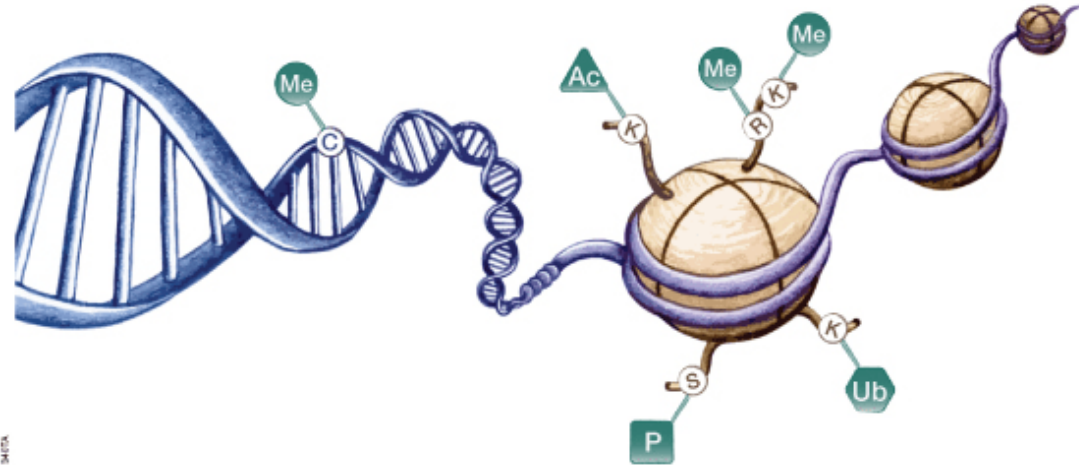
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***Genotypes and
Disease Risk: What Do
We Currently Know
about Nutrition and
Epigenetics?***

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Genome versus Epigenome



The total length of the human genome is over **3 billion base pairs**. The genome is organized into 22 paired chromosomes, plus the X chromosome (one in males, two in females) and, in males only, one Y chromosome.

Genetic Variation

Last Updated: Build 150 (Feb 3, 2017)

RefSNP Count: **325.7 Million**

SubSNP Count: 907.2 Million

Residing within the human genome are approximately **30 million CpG dinucleotides** which are unmethylated, hemi-methylated or abundantly methylated; varying according to region on chromosome, alleles, type of cell or phase of development

NUTRITION



GENOME



The CDC Recognizes Newborn Screening in the "Ten Great Public Health Achievements"



Newborn Screening:
Saves or Improves
the Lives of Over
12,000
Babies a Year!

PARENT EDUCATION

Obstetrician
explains newborn
screening process to
expectant parents.

HOSPITAL SCREENING

Hospital nurse tests
baby's hearing and
heart, and collects blood
from baby's heel.

LAB SCREENING

State public health lab
tests baby's blood
for at least
29 genetic conditions.

NORMAL RESULTS

Pediatrician
reviews test
results with
parents at baby's
first wellness visit.

POSITIVE RESULTS

Health Department
staff calls
pediatrician/parents to
request re-testing baby.
Medical specialists
perform tests and
make diagnosis.

FOLLOW-UP

Medical specialists and
pediatrician develop a
treatment plan and
guide parents in caring
for baby.

The American College of Medical Genetics estimates that about **12,000** of the **4.2 million** babies born each year in the United States will be identified with one of the conditions for which early intervention will have a significant impact on the child's life and long-term health."



The Economic Benefits of Newborn Screening in the United States

The overall health benefits of treating infants for inherited disorders are clear. But there's a strong economic case for screening as well. Scott Grosse, PhD, a research economist with the CDC, has studied the economic benefits, using congenital hypothyroidism (CH) as a model.

CH is one of the most common conditions detected by newborn screening: about 4,000 infants each year in the United States are found to have it. Left untreated, CH can cause cognitive problems and even severe intellectual disability in many of these babies.

BENEFITS

Each year

1,170 INFANTS

born with CH are saved from negative cognitive outcomes

160 would have had

intellectual disability: **IQ < 70**

1 IQ point = **1%-2%** rise in earnings

Each **IQ<70** = **\$1.3 MILLION COST**

in care and lost productivity

160 people x **\$1.3 MILLION** =

\$200+ MILLION

in care and lost productivity

CH screening saves

14,900 IQ points

each year

14,900 IQ points =

\$200 MILLION GAINED

in lifetime earnings

\$200 MILLION + \$200 MILLION =

\$400 MILLION

in costs avoided and potential realized

COSTS

\$35

cost of CH screening per infant

\$20 MILLION

cost of an annual nationwide CH screening program

\$400 MILLION in gains and avoided costs - **\$20 MILLION** in cost of screening =
\$380 MILLION benefit

Benefits of CH Screening =
20x the costs

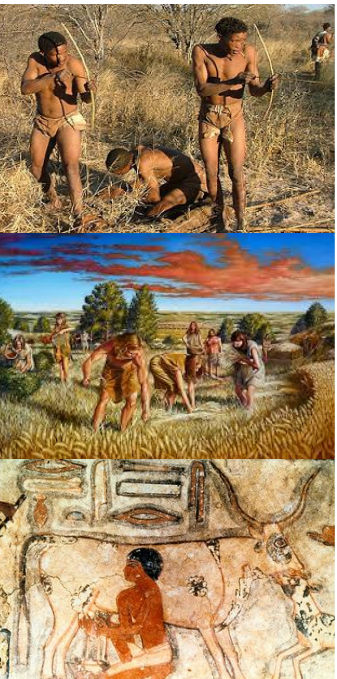
If undiagnosed and untreated, these disorders can cause irreversible mental retardation (ranging from mild to severe), physical disability, neurological damage and even fatality.



Medical Foods: Annual costs range from \$2,254 for an infant to almost \$25,000 for an adult male or pregnant woman.

POSITIVE SELECTION IN THE HUMAN GENOME

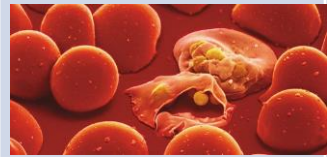
Correlation coefficients of allele frequencies at specific gene variants with economic-cultural type



LCT - 13910T	APOE e4	ADH1B 48His
	R= 0.557 P= 0.000	
	R=-0.327 P= 0.007	
R= 0.463 P= 0.003		R=-0.376 P= 0.006

Correlation coefficients of allele frequencies at specific gene variants with pathogen load

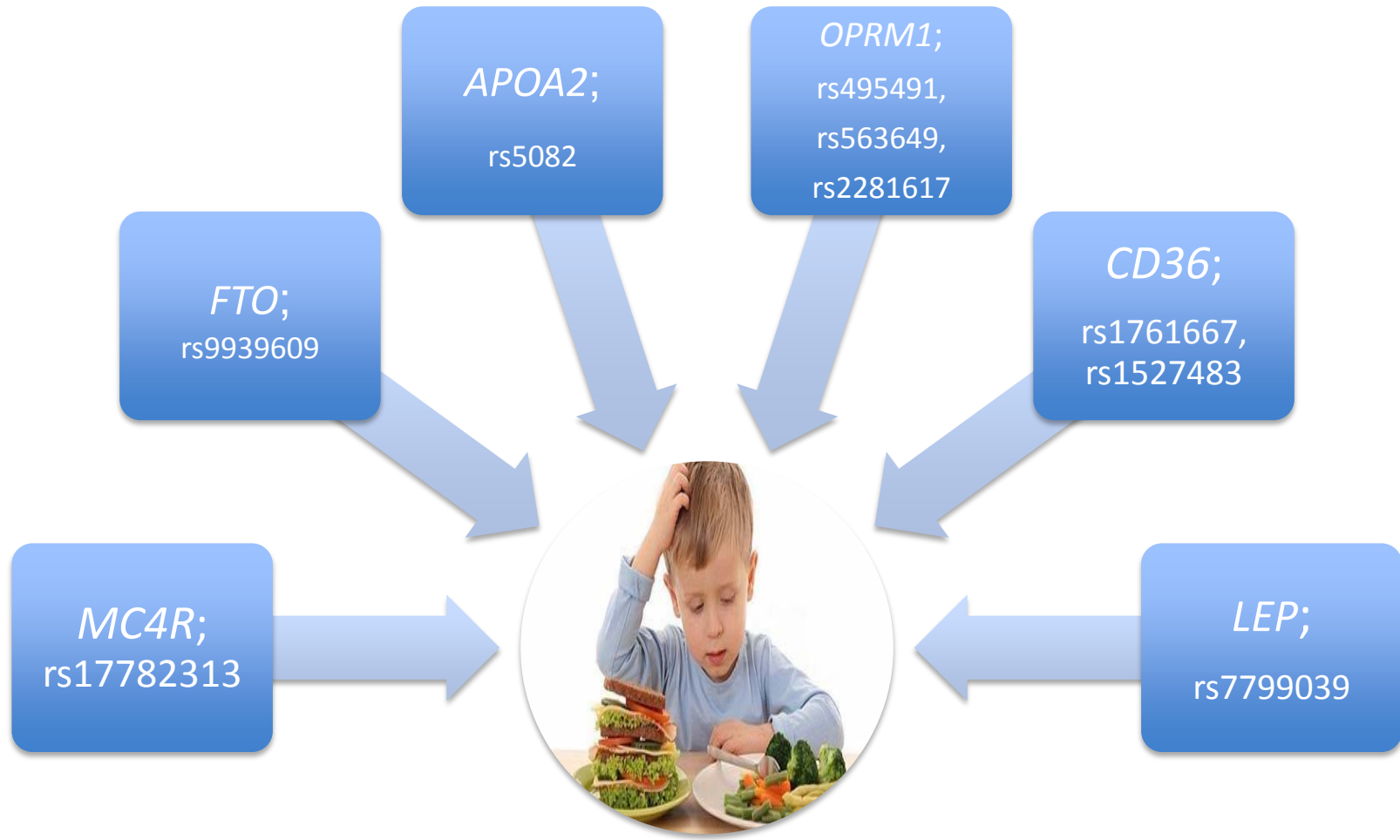
	G6PD	ADH1B 48His
Malaria	R= 0.520 P= 0.000	
Schistosomiasis	R= 0.524 P= 0.000	
Filariasis	R= 0.452 P= 0.000	R= 0.821 P= 0.001



Nutrition-related economic/cultural environment and Pathogens had a significant influence over the shaping and evolution of the human genome



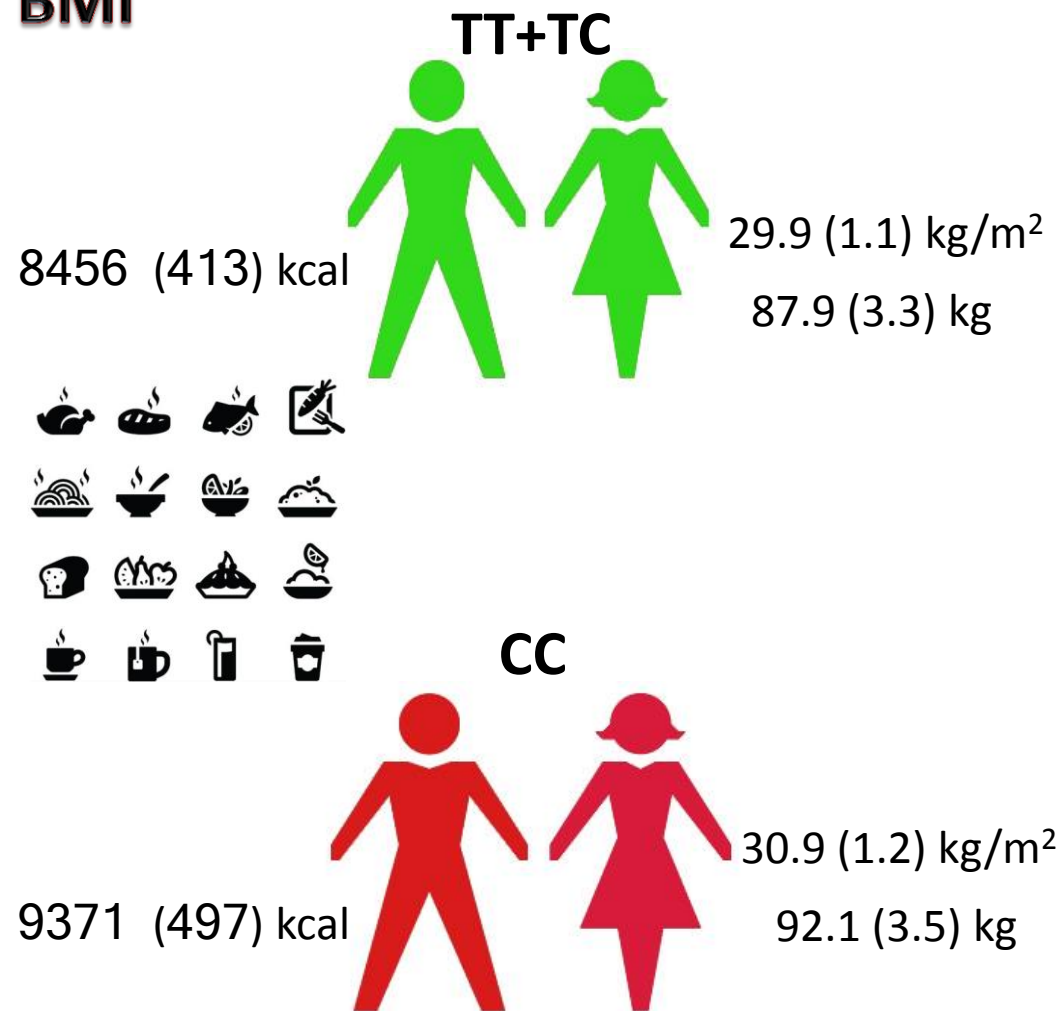
Why some like it fatty (or not)?



General characteristics of the study population.^a

	Men	Women
n	514	564
Age, years	49.1 (16.1)	48.1 (16.3)
Weight, kg ^b	90.5 (16.4)	75.9 (17.1)
Height, m ^b	1.78 (0.72)	1.65 (0.68)
BMI, kg/m ²	28.5 (4.9)	28.0 (6.2)
Waist circumference, m ^b	1.00 (0.14)	0.92 (0.75)
Hip circumference, m ^b	1.05 (0.09)	1.08 (0.14)
Cholesterol, mmol/L	4.91 (0.97)	4.96 (1.04)
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L ^b	3.19 (0.79)	3.10 (0.83)
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L ^b	1.08 (0.25)	1.35 (0.36)
Triglycerides, mmol/L ^b	1.70 (1.25)	1.41 (0.93)
VLDL size, nm	51.25 (7.32)	51.17 (7.50)
LDL size, nm ^b	20.48 (0.78)	21.10 (0.87)
HDL size, nm ^b	8.65 (0.38)	9.02 (0.44)
Fasting glucose, mmol/L ^b	5.84 (1.10)	5.43 (0.88)
Energy intake, KJ/day ^b	9994 (3858)	7261 (2684)
Total fat, g/day ^b	97.2 (43.5)	68.1 (30.4)
SATFAT, g/day ^b	33.0 (15.9)	22.6 (10.8)
MUFA, g/day ^b	36.9 (16.8)	25.3 (11.5)
PUFA, g/day ^b	19.9 (9.5)	15.2 (7.3)
Proteins, g/day ^b	94.4 (39.9)	68.1 (26.6)
Carbohydrates, g/day ^b	279.8 (112.9)	218.4 (87.6)
Current smokers, n (%)	39 (7.6)	42 (7.5)
Past smokers, n (%) ^a	135 (26.3)	100 (17.8)
Current drinkers, n (%)	254 (49.4)	291 (51.6)
Diabetes or high blood sugar, n (%)	34 (6.6)	52 (9.2)
Heart attack, n (%) ^b	25 (4.7)	5 (0.9)
Stroke, n (%)	5 (1.0)	3 (0.5)
Obesity, n (%)	167 (32.5)	192 (34.0)
APOA2 -265T>C polymorphism, n (%)		
TT	188 (36.6)	213 (37.8)
TC	251 (48.8)	261 (46.3)
CC	75 (14.6)	90 (16.0)

Genotype-Phenotype Associations: APOA2 m265T>C, caloric intake and BMI



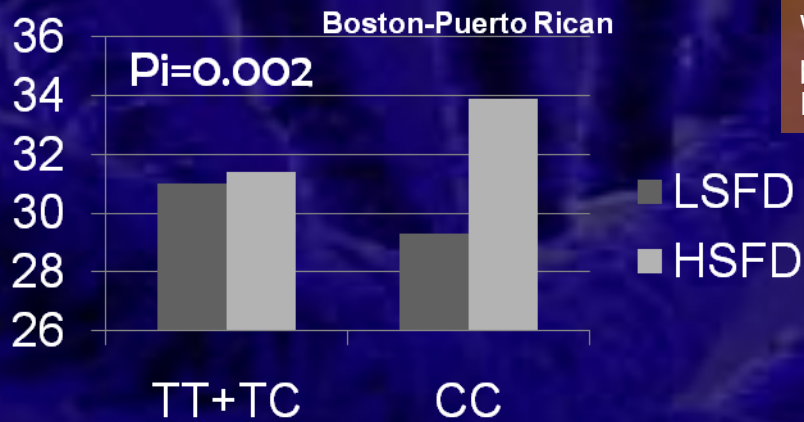
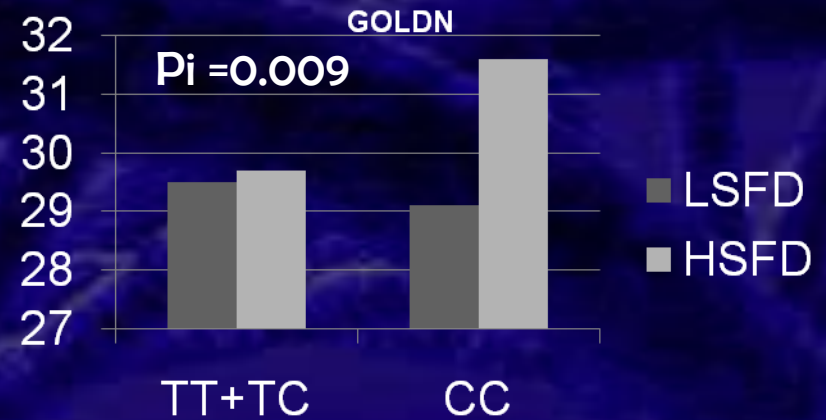
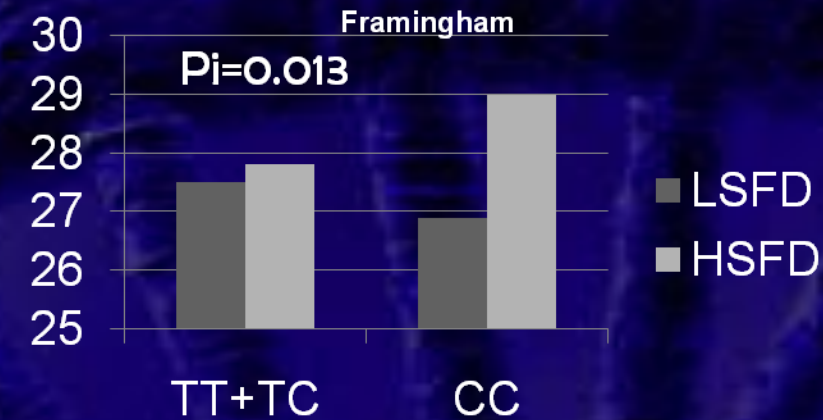
Estimated means and p values were adjusted for sex, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption, diabetes, and CVD

Corella D, et al. Clin Chem. 2007;53:1144-52;

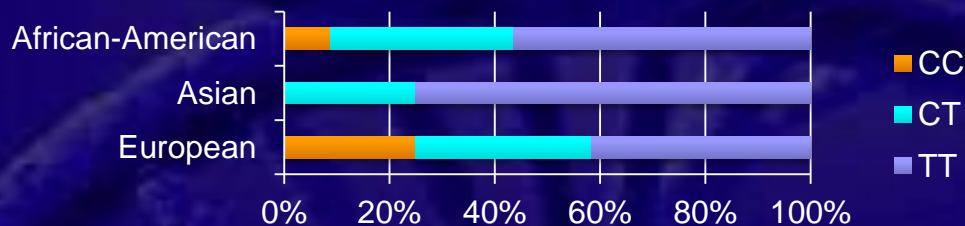
^a Data are mean (SD) except where noted.

^b Statistically significant differences between men and women.

GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE ASSOCIATIONS AND INTERACTIONS: APOA2 M265T>C, SATURATED FAT AND BMI

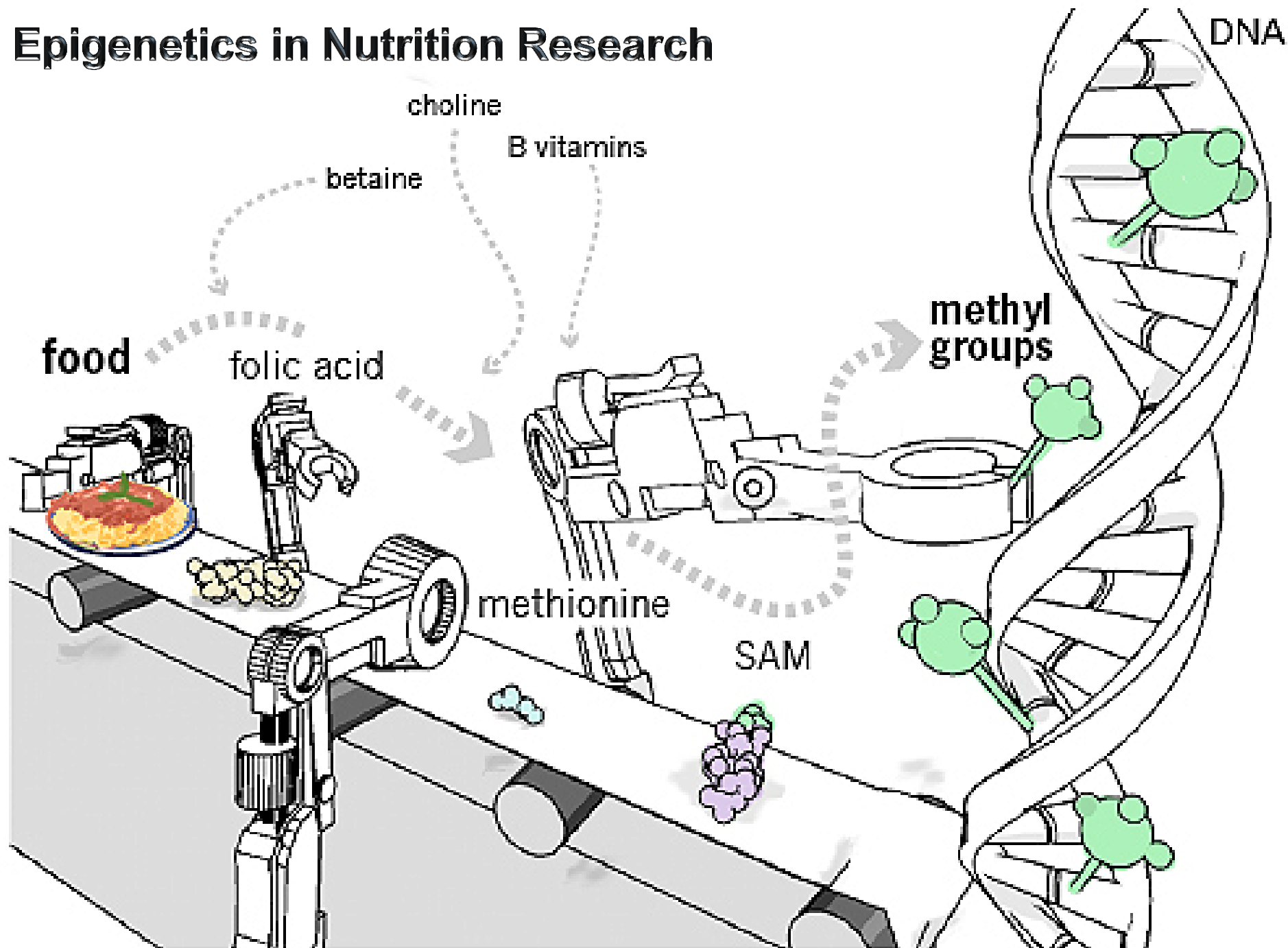


We have replicated a gene-dietary fat interaction between a functional promoter SNP at the APOA2 locus and BMI in 6 independent Populations and 5 ethnicities across the World





Epigenetics in Nutrition Research





15 Sep 1944 - 25 Apr 1945
Finns expel Germans
from Lapland

ICELAND
(US pres.)

17 - 25 Sep 1944
Allied attempt to
seize Rhine crossings
in Netherlands fails

19 Sep 1944
Finland makes
peace with Allies

7 - 29 Oct 1944
Soviets drive Germans from
northern Finland & Norway

Russian S.F.S.R.

SOVIET
UNION

Moscow

Leningrad

FINLAND

SWEDEN

Norway
(Ger. occ.)

Denmark
(Ger. occ.)

EIRE
(Br. dom.)

BRITAIN

GERMANY

Neth.

Bel.

Warsaw
Gen.
Gov.
(Ger. occ.)

Byelorus.
S.S.R.

1 Aug - 2 Oct 1944
Warsaw Uprising

Ukrainian
S.S.R.

9 Sep 1944
Bulgaria declares
war on Germany

2 - 21 Oct 1944
US captures Aachen,
breaking through
Siegfried Line

France
(Allied occ.)

SWITZ.

A.V.

A.K.

I.S.R.
(Ger. pup.)

Italy
(US/Br. occ.)

Boh.

Hungary
(Ger. occ.)

Croat.
(Ger. pup.)

Serbia
(Ger. occ.)

Romania
(Sov. occ.)

Bulgaria
(Sov. occ.)

M.

Alb.

Greece
(Br. occ.)

Dodec.
(Ger. occ.)

Cyprus
(Br.)

Syria
(Br/Fr occ.)

Iraq
(Br. occ.)

KUV
(Br. p.)

TURKEY

Georgia

Azerb.

Arm.

PORTUGAL

SPAIN

Tangier
(Sp. adm.)

Gibraltar
(Br.)

M.
(Sp. prot.)

Morocco
(Fr. prot.)

Algeria
(Fr.)

Tunisia
(Fr. prot.)

Malta
(Br.)

12 Oct 1944
British land in Greece

Palestine
(Br. mand.)

Trans-jordan
(Br. mand.)

SAUDI ARABIA

Egypt
(Br. occ.)

Cyrenaica
(Br. occ.)

Tripoli.
(Br. occ.)

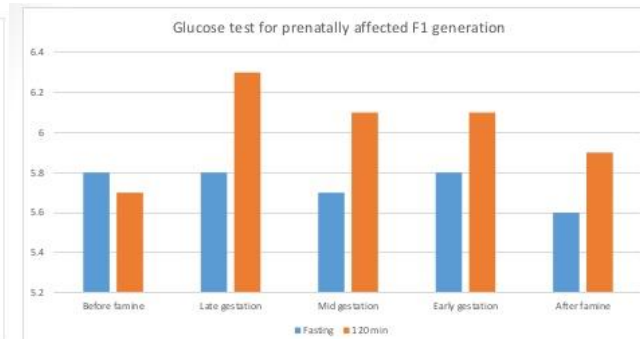
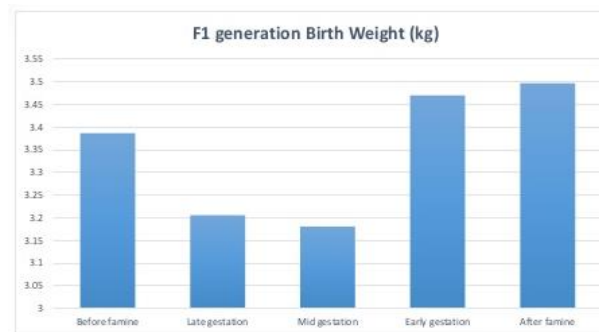
Southern Territories

The Dutch Famine of 1944-45 (a.k.a. “Dutch Hunger Winter”)

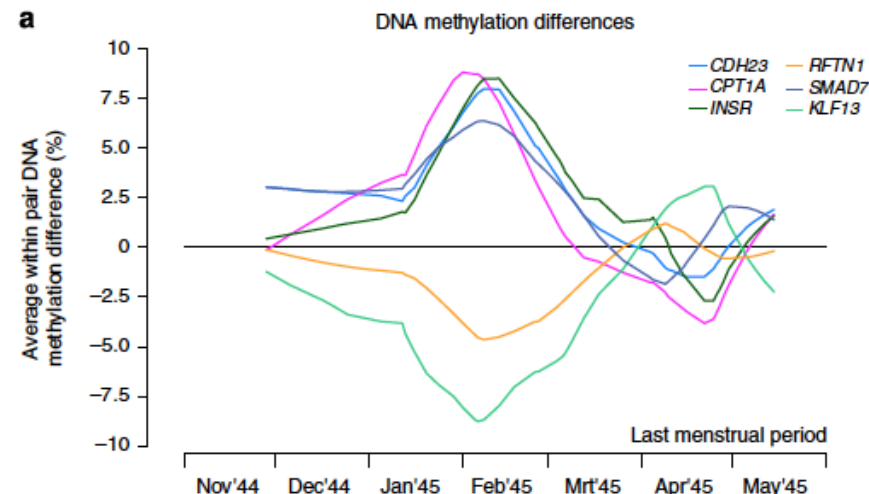
- Germany occupied parts of the Netherlands and prohibited food transport in Nov. 1944 until May 1945.
- Adult rations were as low as 400-800 calories/day
- 4.5 million people affected and the number of deaths have been estimated in 22,000.



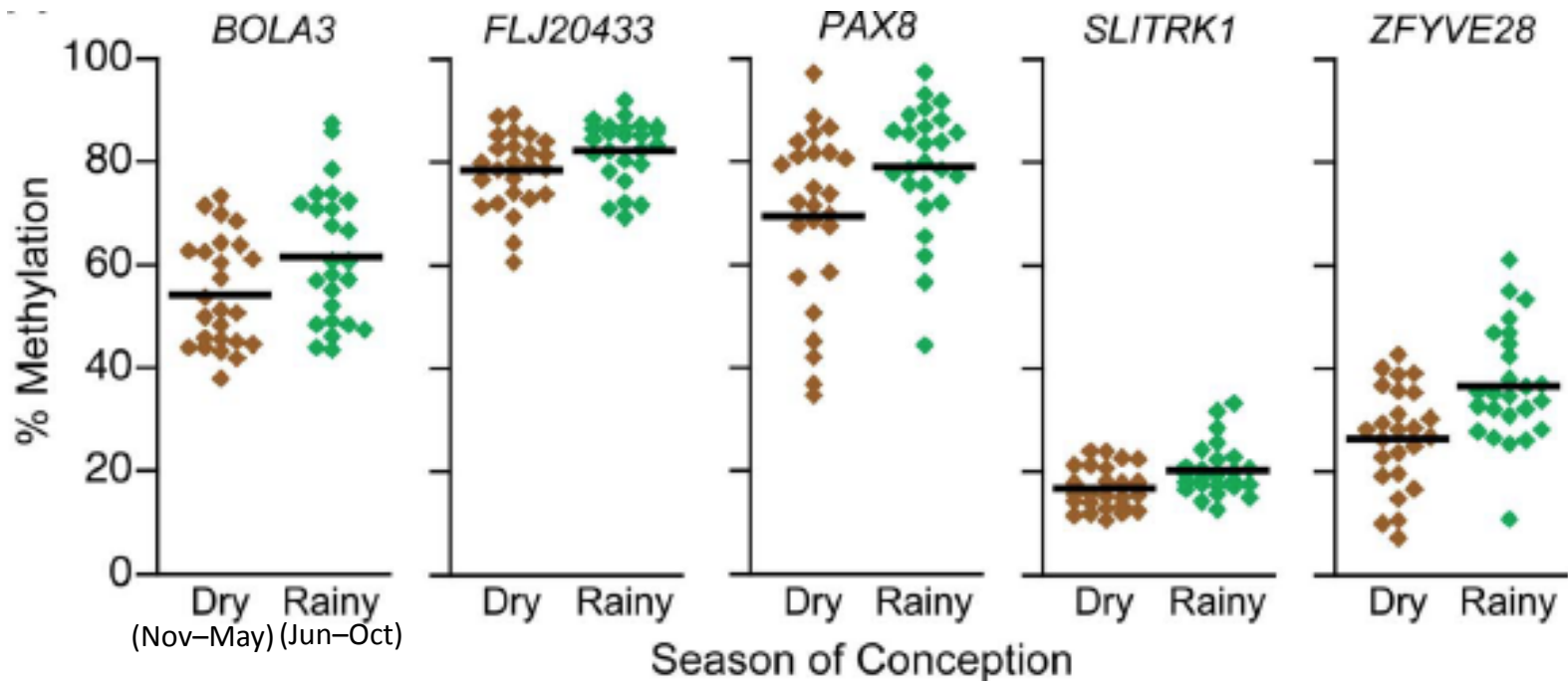
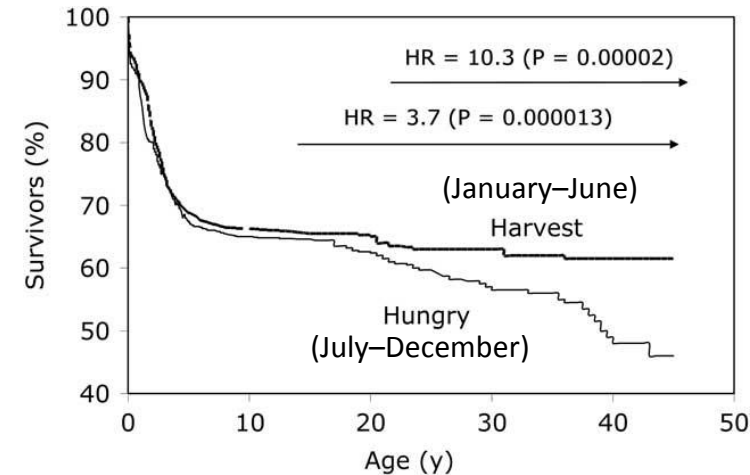
- F1 offspring affected during mid-gestation (May-Sept 1945) and late gestation (Feb-June 1945) had low birth weight. F1 offspring affected during early gestation had normal birth weight (Rooji, 2006)
- F1 adults exposed to famine had impaired glucose tolerance and developed insulin resistance. This was more prominent in F1 exposed during mid and late gestation. This increased their risk of developing type 2 diabetes. (Ravelli, 1988)



A lowess curve depicting the average within-pair difference (y axis) stratified by the estimate of the start of pregnancy (LMP; x axis). Each coloured line represents an individual prenatal malnutrition-associated differentially methylated regions (P-DMRs) (Tobi, 2014)



Season of Conception in Rural Gambia Affects DNA Methylation at Putative Human Metastable Epialleles



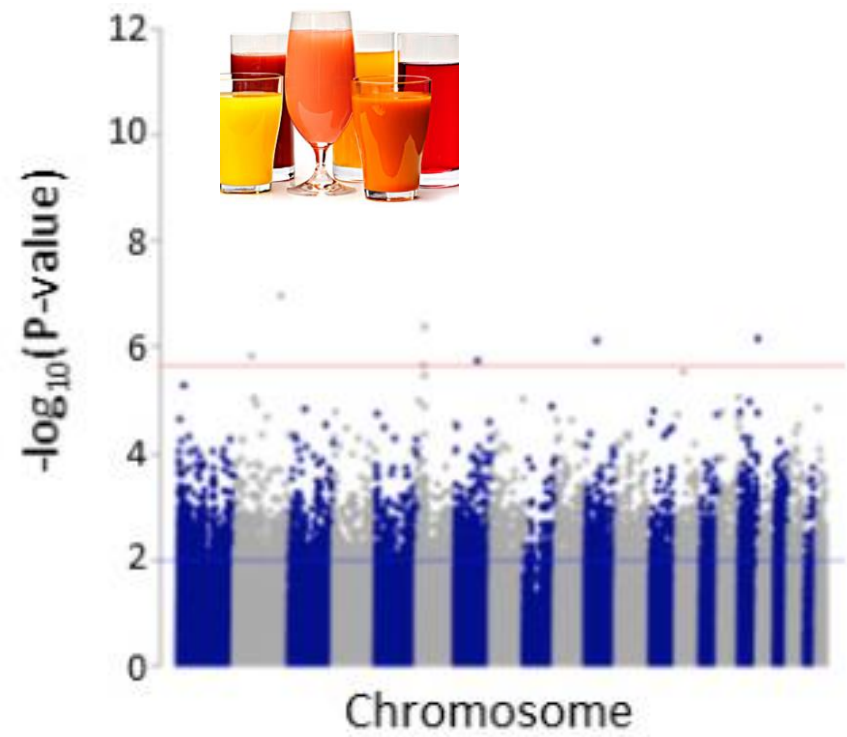
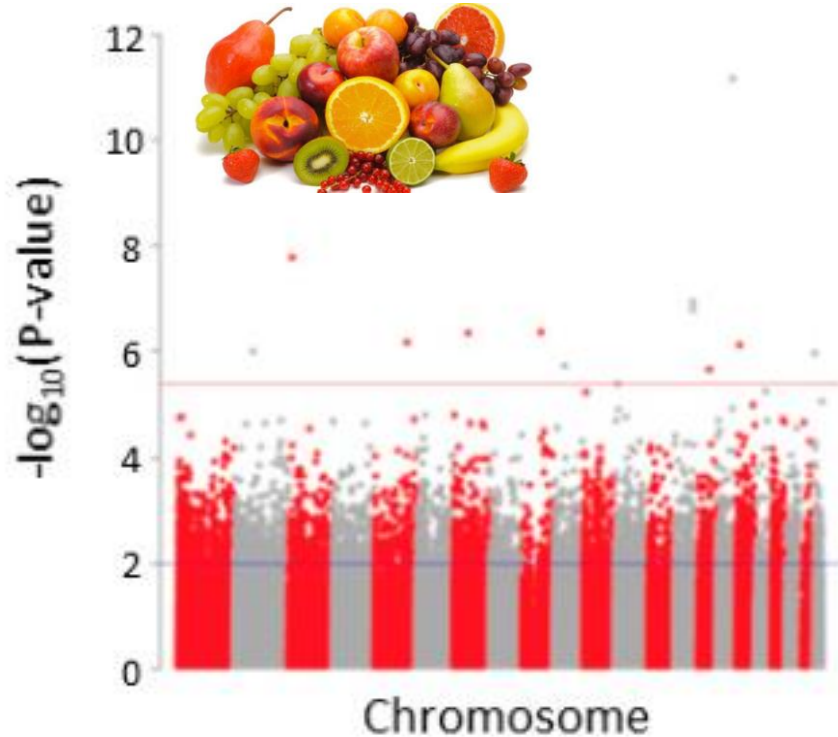
A tall glass of orange juice stands next to a whole orange and two orange slices on a light-colored surface. The background is white.

Whole Fruit Vs. Fruit Juice

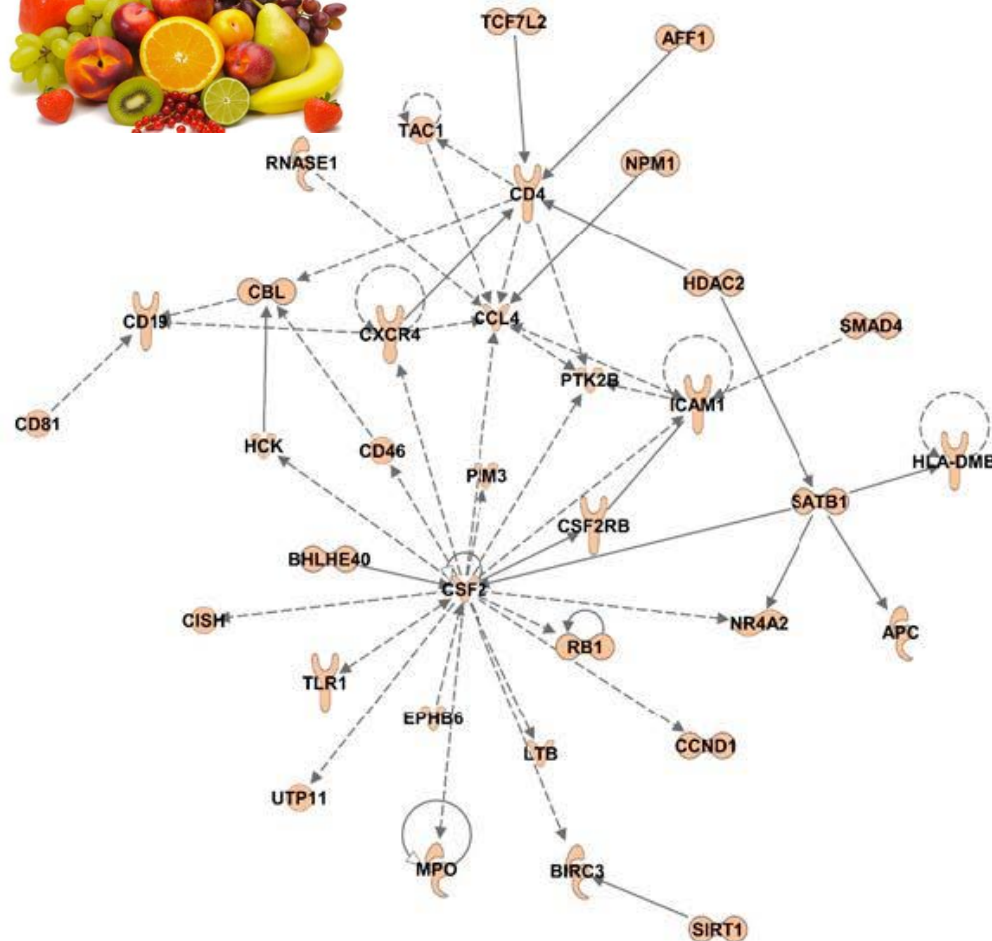
Whole fruits *vs.* Fruit Juices

- Rich in fiber
- Low energy
- Vitamins and minerals are intact
- Deficient in fiber
- High energy (added sugar)
- Most of the vitamins and minerals are lost

Fruit and Juice Epigenetic Signatures Are Associated with Independent Immunoregulatory Pathways

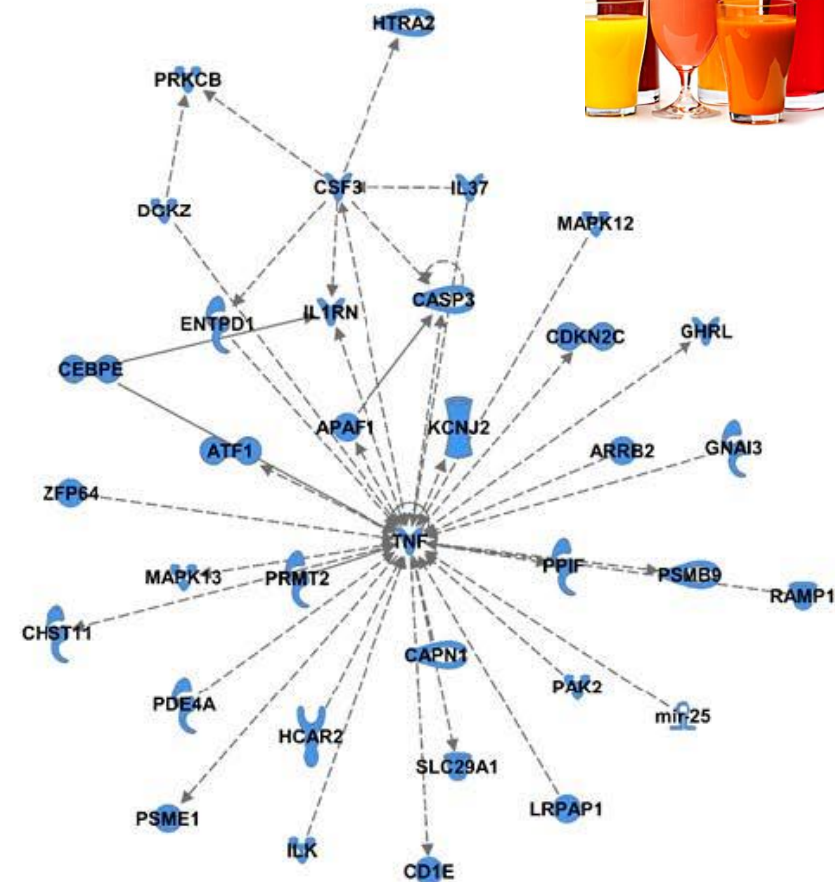


Fruit and Juice Epigenetic Signatures Are Associated with Independent Immunoregulatory Pathways



The fruit-specific epigenetic signature was enriched for only adaptive immune system genes, as well as those involved in cell cycle regulation and chromosome or telomere maintenance.

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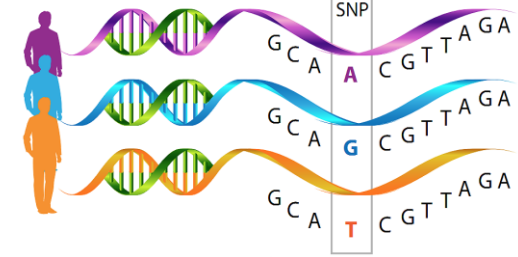
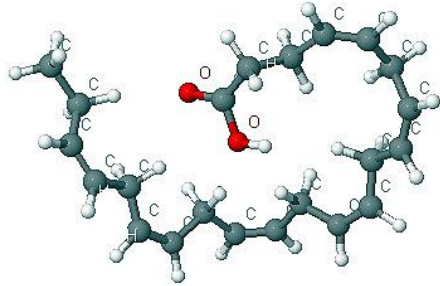


The juice-specific epigenetic signature was enriched for innate and adaptive immune system genes,

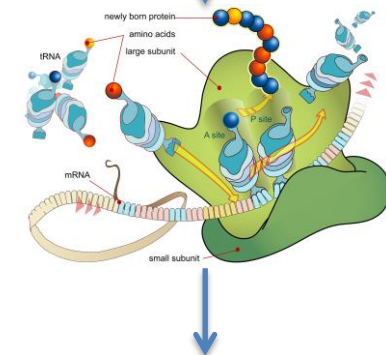
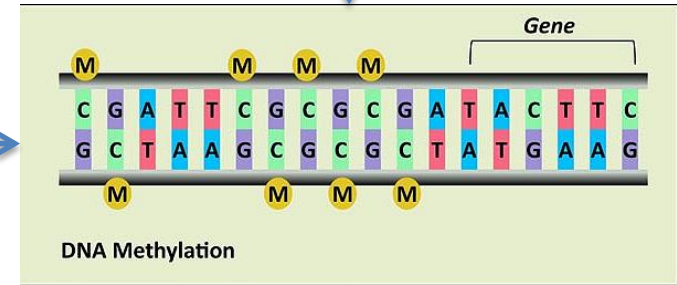
The integration of Genetics and Epigenetics in Nutrition Research



Epigenetics Meets Genetics (and Nutrition)



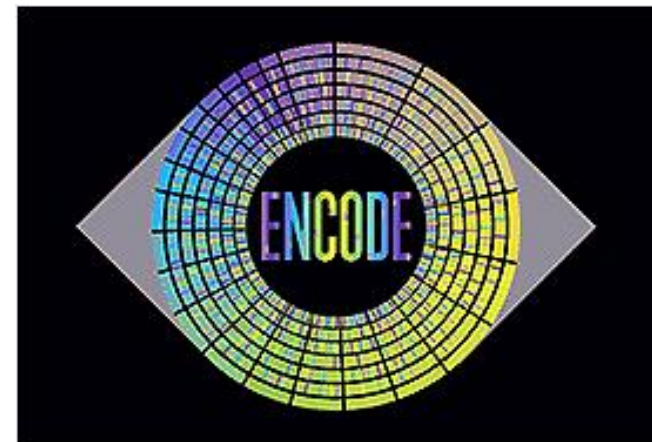
- We found that over 80% of genetic variants at CpG sites (meSNPs) are meQTL loci (P value $< 10^{-9}$), and meSNPs account for over two thirds of the strongest meQTL signals (P value $< 10^{-200}$).
- Beyond direct effects on the methylation of the meSNP site, the CpG-disrupting allele of meSNPs were associated with lowered methylation of CpG sites located within 45 bp. The effect of meSNPs extends to as far as 10 kb and can contribute to the observed meQTL signals in the surrounding region, likely through correlated methylation patterns and linkage disequilibrium.
- Therefore, meSNPs are behind a large portion of observed meQTL signals and play a crucial role in the biological process linking genetic variation to epigenetic changes.



LIPID PROFILE			
	DESIRABLE	BORDERLINE	HIGH RISK
Cholesterol	<200 mg/dl	200-239 mg/dl	240 mg/dl
Triglycerides	<150 mg/dl	150-199 mg/dl	200-499 mg/dl
HDL cholesterol	60 mg/dl	35-45 mg/dl	<35 mg/dl
LDL cholesterol	60-130 mg/dl	130-159 mg/dl	160-189 mg/dl
Cholesterol/HDL ratio	4.0	5.0	6.0

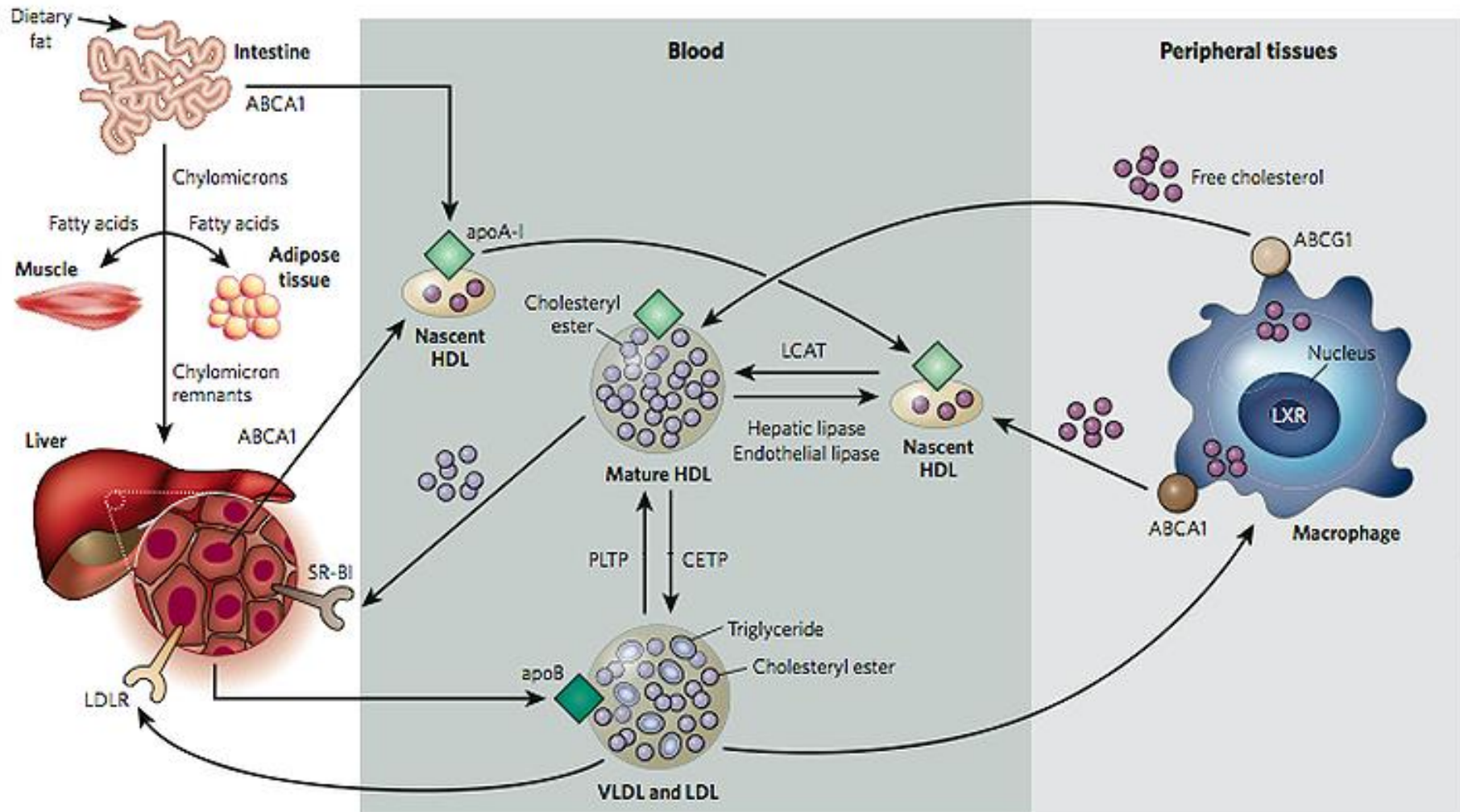
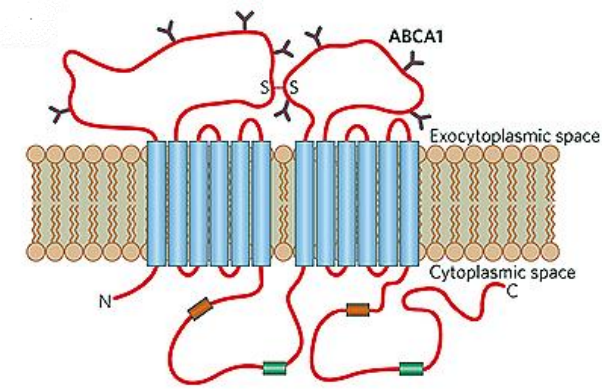


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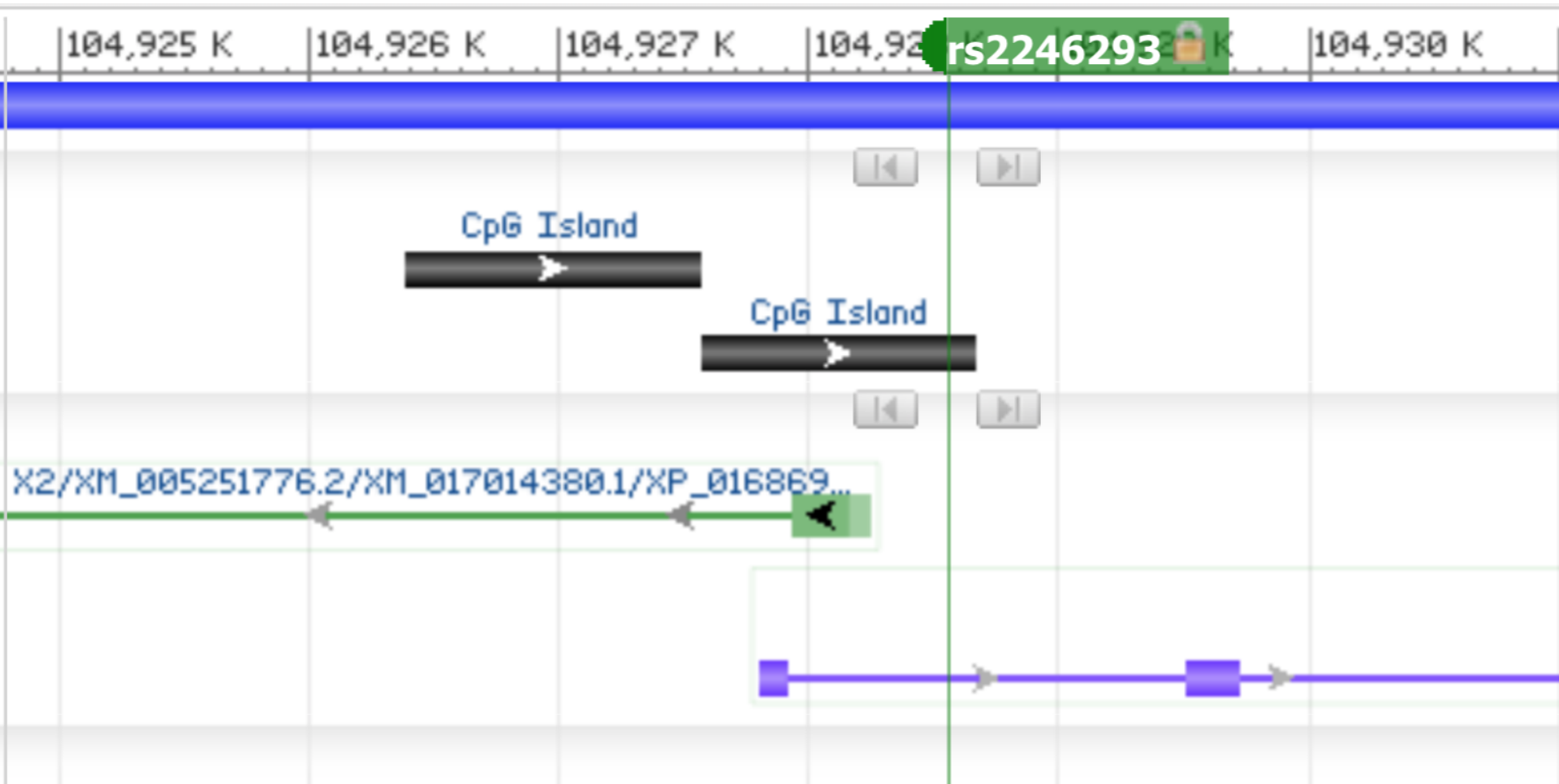


ABCA1 and HDL

Metabolism/Cholesterol Efflux

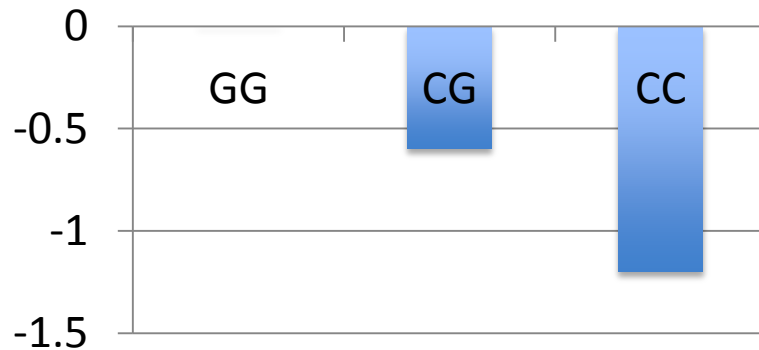


ATP binding cassette subfamily A member 1 (*ABCA1*) rs2246293 SNP, cg14019050 CpG, circulating EPA and plasma HDLC levels

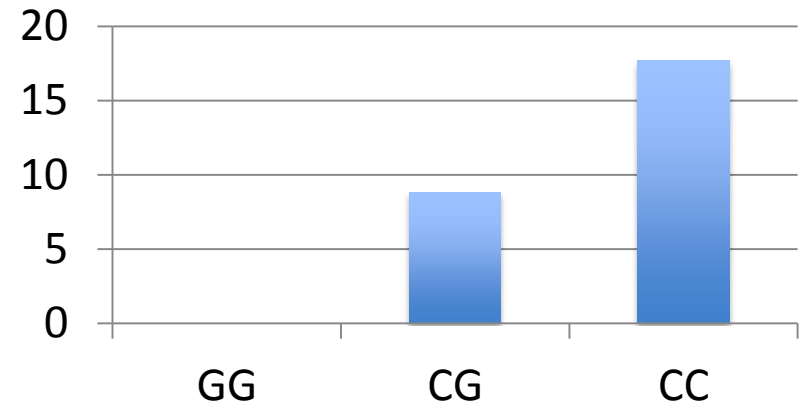


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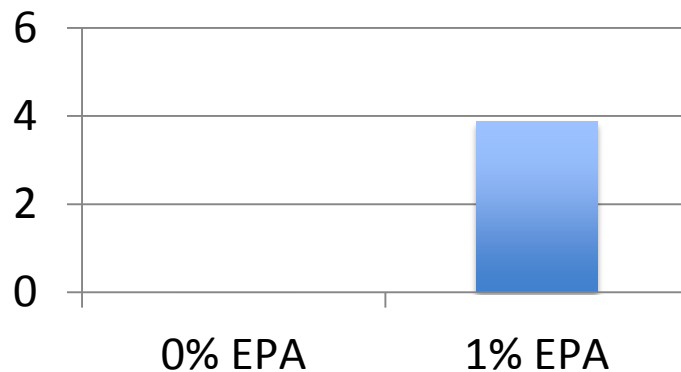
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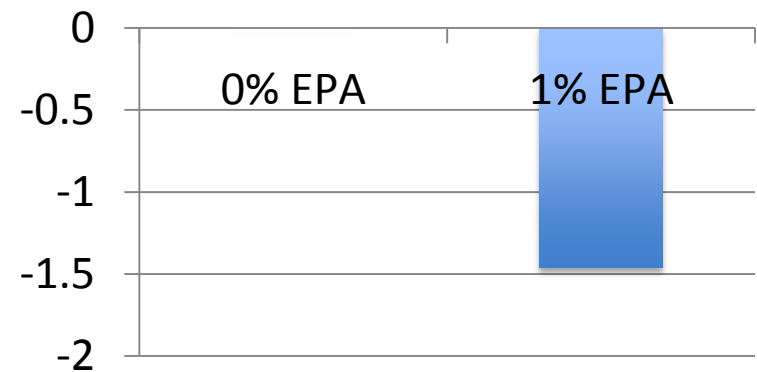
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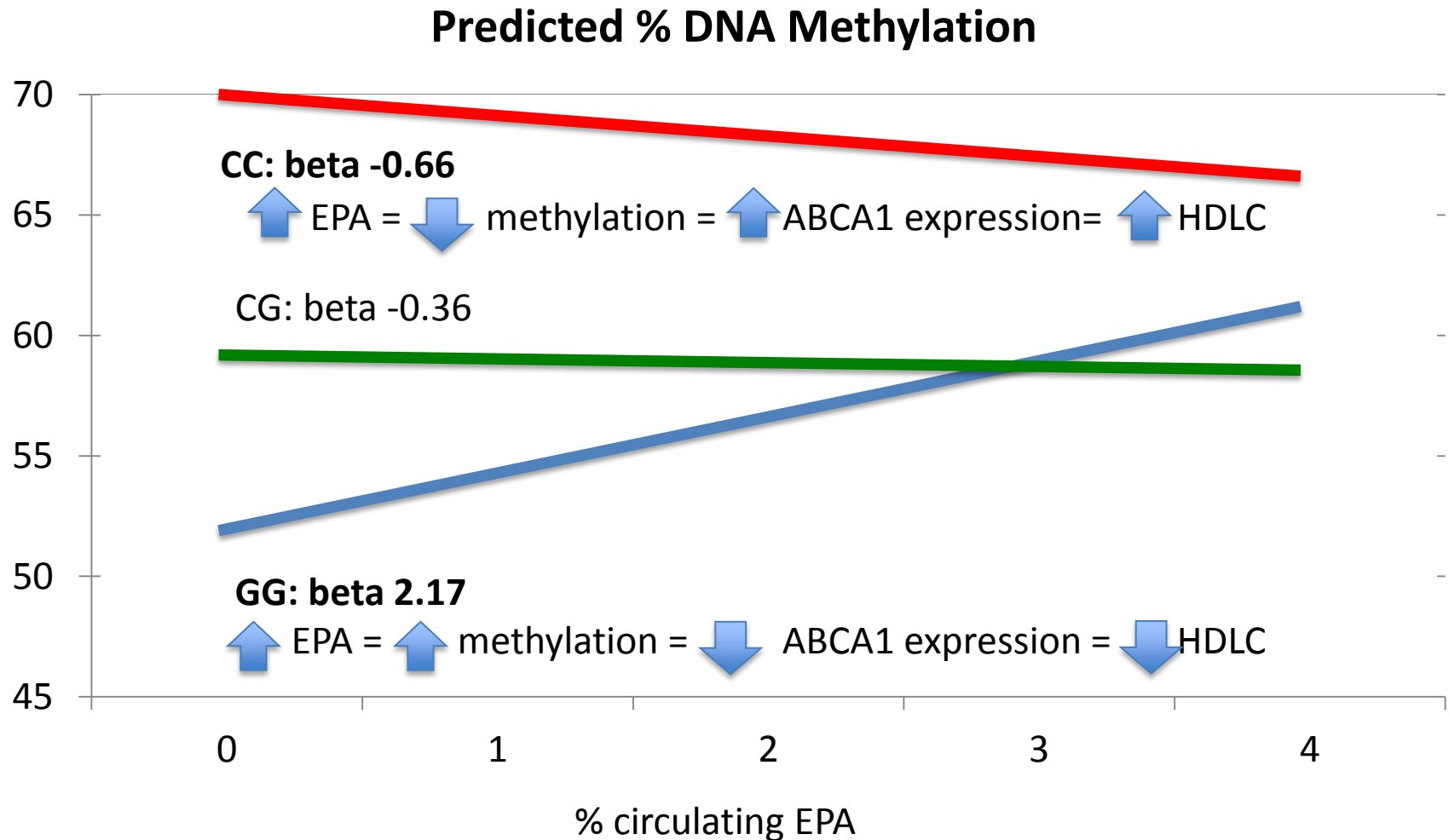
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Change % Methylation



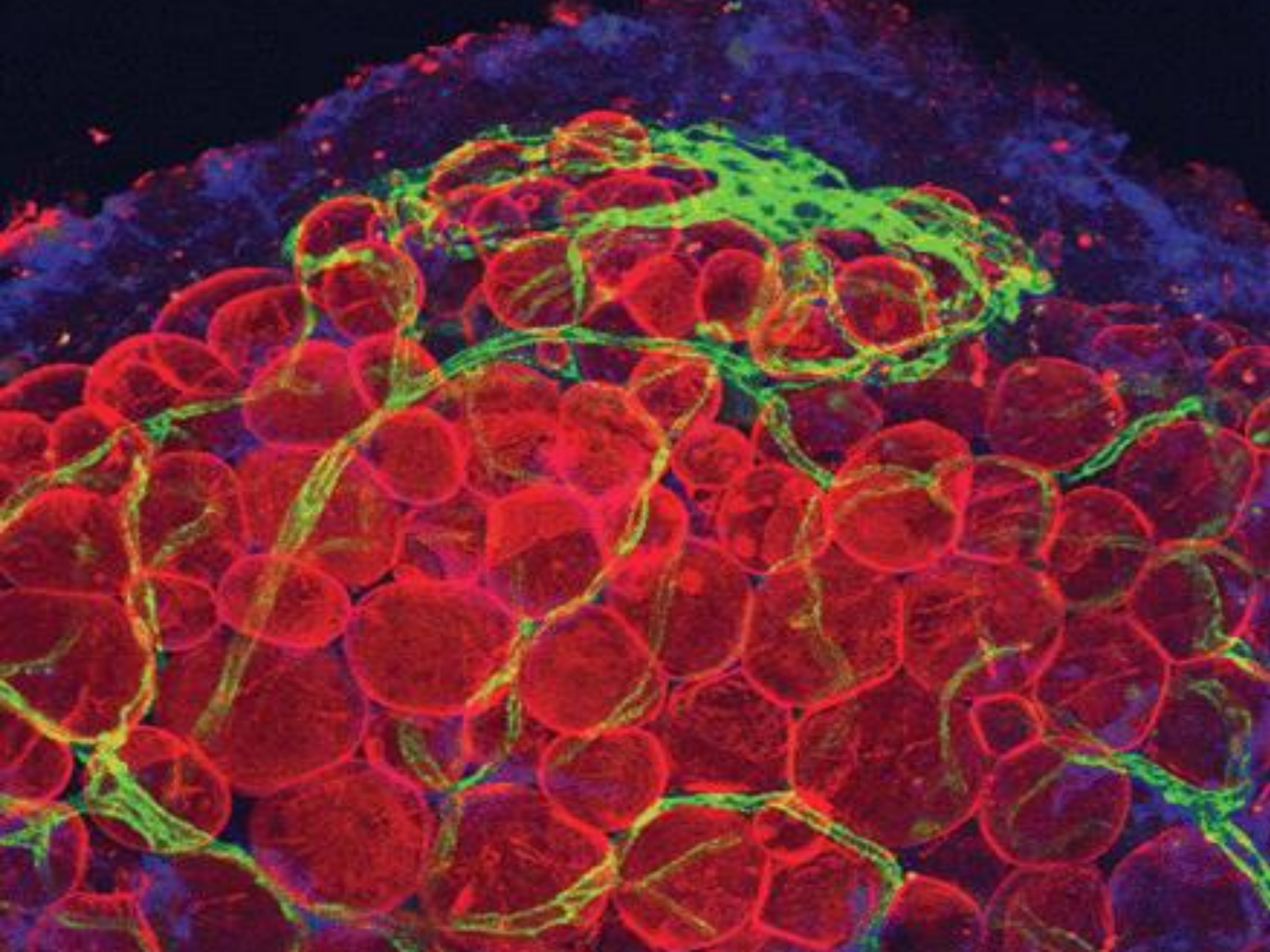
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Summary

EPA decreases ABCA1 promoter methylation, which leads to an increase in the gene expression of ABCA1 and a corresponding increase in plasma HDL cholesterol and this proposed sequence of events may be genotype-dependent.





Associations of PLIN4 rs8887 SNP in the FOS and GOLDN populations with Anthropometric traits - Main Effects

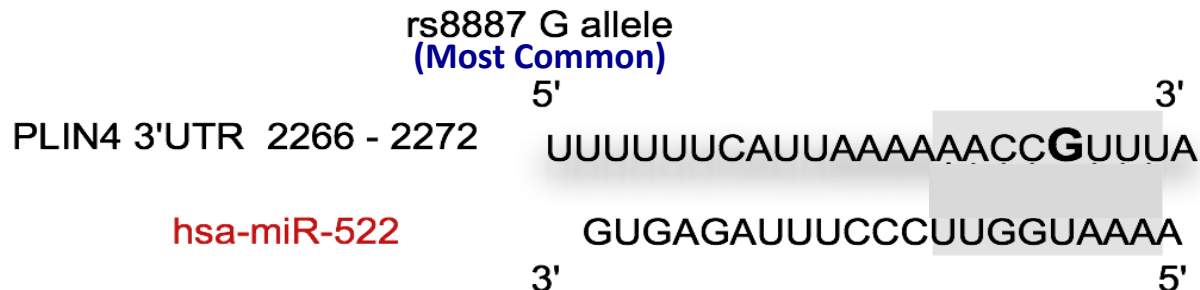
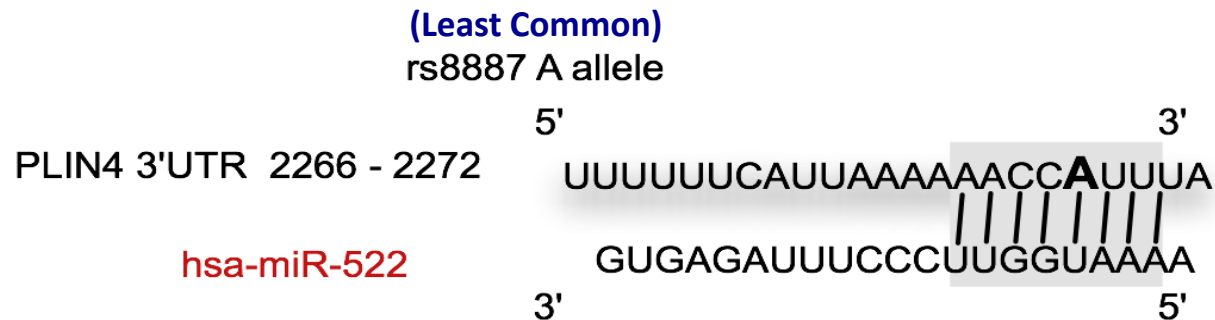
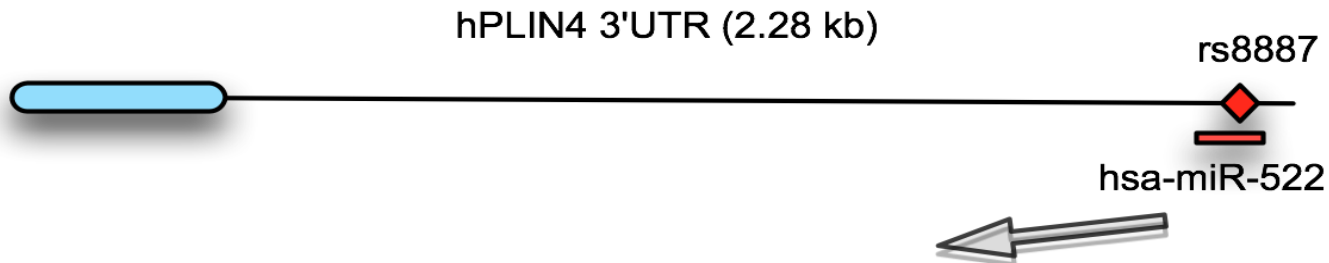
SNP	Phenotype	Gender	FOS				GOLDN				Meta-Analysis	
			Beta	Se	P	%Var	Beta	Se	P	%Var	z-score	P
rs8887	BMI	Both	0.614	0.221	0.005	0.396	.581	0.378	0.125	0.334	3.164	0.002
		Males	0.624	0.269	0.021		0.326	0.461	0.480		2.319	0.020
		Females	0.631	0.335	.060		0.704	0.586	0.230		2.231	0.026
	Weight	Both	3.106	1.431	0.030	0.200	2.374	2.271	0.296	0.081	2.387	0.017
		Males	2.917	1.980	0.141		0.584	3.146	0.853		1.332	0.183
		Females	3.524	2.010	0.080		3.465	3.242	0.286		2.050	0.040
	Waist	Both	0.423	0.221	0.056	0.157	0.252	0.440	0.567	0.023	1.911	0.056
		Males	0.483	0.269	0.073		−0.085	0.565	0.880		1.413	0.158
		Females	0.381	0.334	0.253		0.397	0.656	0.556		1.278	0.201
	VAT	Both	199.5	67.55	0.003							
		Males	345.4	100.5	0.001							
		Females	68.7	83.97	0.413							
	SAT	Both	229.1	90.66	0.011							
		Males	180.4	106.2	0.090							
		Females	248.9	147.2	0.054							

Men
FOS (N = 1259) GOLDN (N = 481)
Women
FOS (N = 1352) GOLDN (N = 513)

We can only speculate how lower expression of PLIN4 contributes to obesity-related phenotypes. For the related PLIN1, one study demonstrated that obesity and high lipolysis rates are independently associated with lower PLIN1 protein levels in women, whereas another demonstrated reduced levels of both PLIN1 mRNA and protein in obese compared to non-obese subjects. Conversely, the Plin1-/- mouse is characterized by a lean phenotype. These data suggest the role and regulation of the PAT gene family in human obesity may be different than in model organisms.

Richardson K, et al. PLoS ONE 6(4): e17944. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0017944

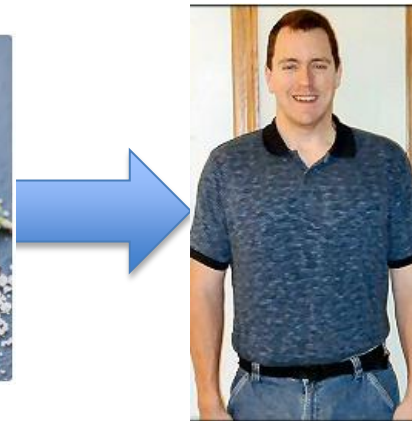
PERILIPIN4 (PLIN4) rs8887 SNP creates a seed site for miR-522 and it is associated with BMI



PLIN4 rs8887 SNP by diet interactions

SNP	Phenotype	PUFA	Gender	FOS				GOLDN				Meta-Analysis	
				Beta	Se	P	%Var	Beta	Se	P	%Var	z-score	P
rs8887	BMI	n3	Both	-0.469	0.391	0.230	0.48	-1.208	0.459	0.009	0.77	-2.447	0.014
			Males	-0.624	0.466	0.181		-1.158	0.542	0.033		-2.288	0.022
			Females	-0.438	0.625	0.484		-0.964	0.838	0.251		-1.216	0.224
	Weight	n3	Both	-3.867	2.522	0.125	0.30	-7.189		0.009	0.44	-2.707	0.007
			Males	-3.778	3.430	0.271		-7.080		0.057		-1.964	0.049
			Females	-4.553	3.750	0.225		-6.046		0.194		-1.728	0.084
	Waist	n3	Both	-0.461	0.391	0.238	0.23	-1.444	0.544	0.008	0.55	-2.445	0.015
			Males	-0.500	0.466	0.283		-1.230	0.672	0.068		-1.900	0.057
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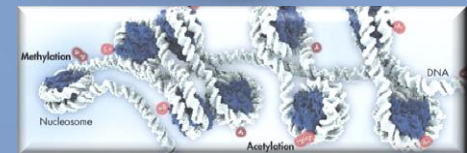
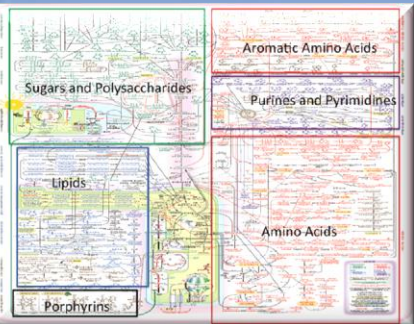
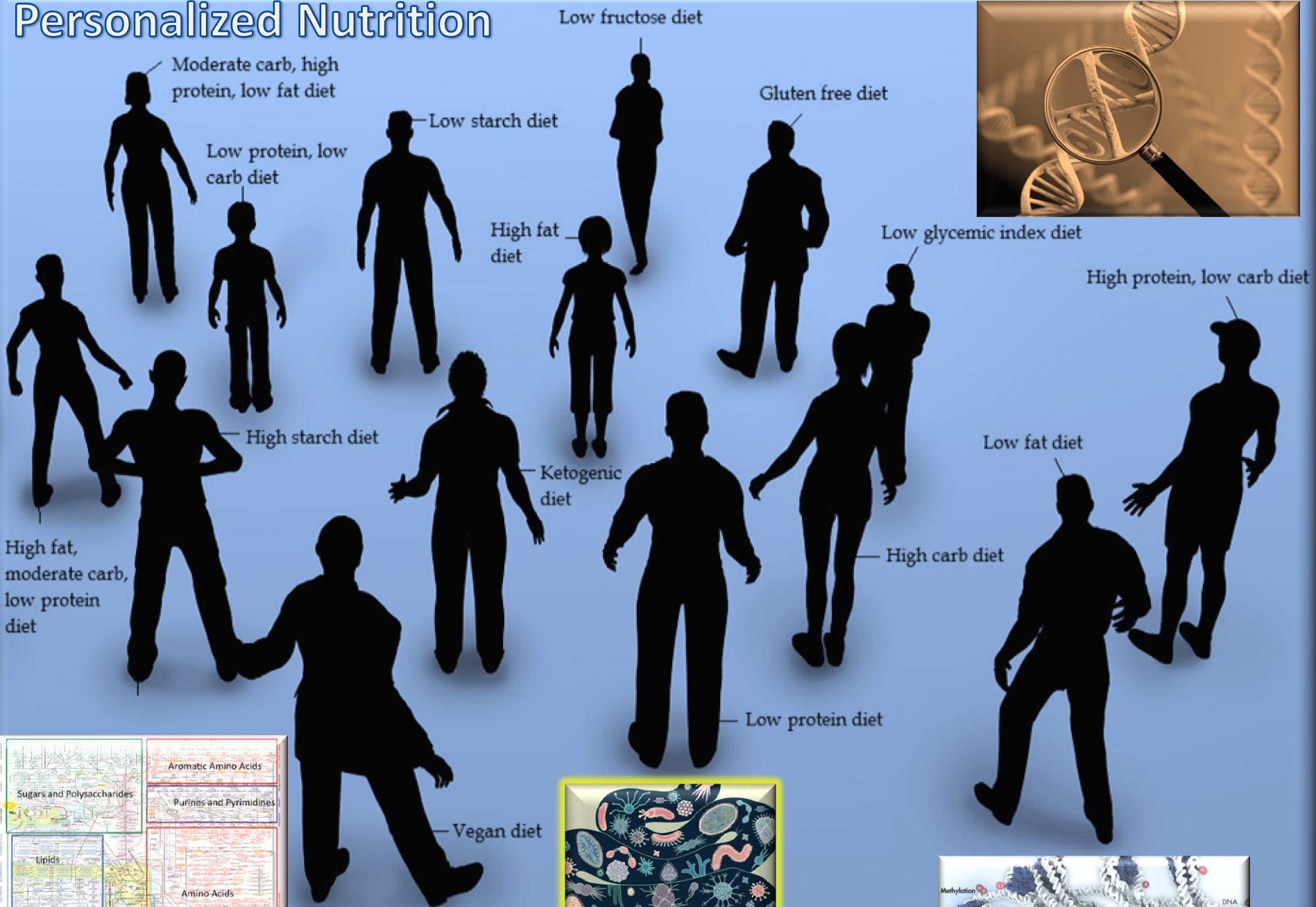
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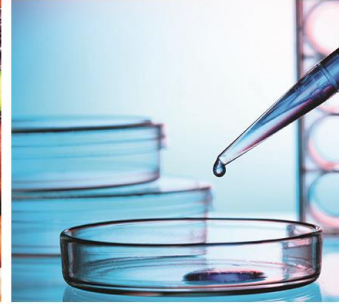
Our data indicate for rs8887 minor allele carriers that elevated intake of PUFA n3 results in decreasing anthropometrics compared to non-carriers. Due to what little is known of PLIN4 regulation, it is difficult to propose a mechanism by which the miR-522 rs8887 interaction together with PUFA n3 could modulate anthropometrics. It is likely that PUFA n3 alters PLIN4 expression through PPAR mediated pathways

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