

Welcome to The Age of Personal Genomes

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Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease

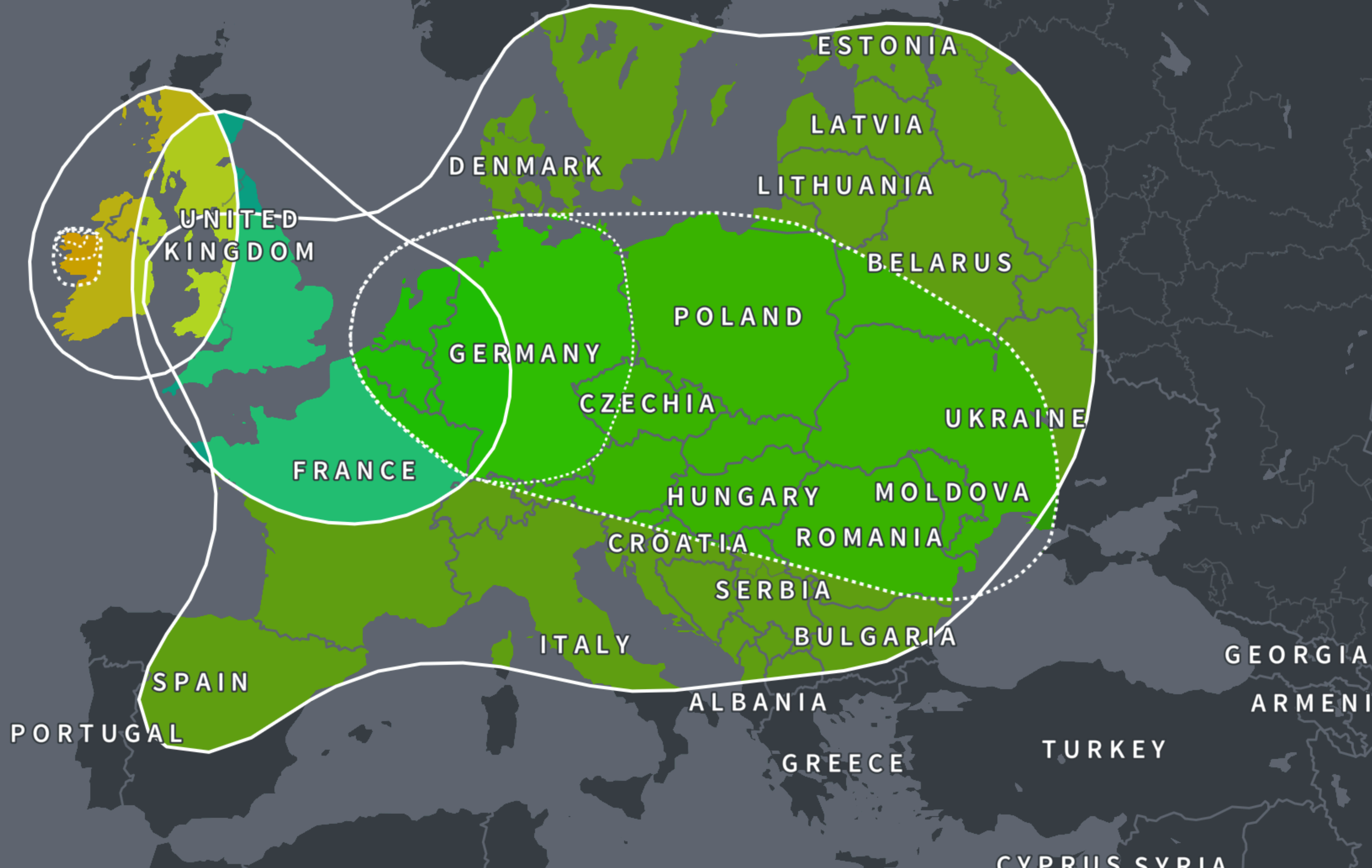
Alzheimer's disease is characterized by memory loss, cognitive decline, and personality changes. Late-onset Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of Alzheimer's disease, developing after age 65. Many factors, including genetics, can influence a person's chances of developing the condition. This test includes the most common genetic variant associated with late-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Jamie, you **do not have** the $\epsilon 4$ variant we tested.

Your risk for Alzheimer's disease also depends on other factors, including lifestyle, environment, and genetic variants not covered by this test.



0 variants detected
in the APOE gene



The Powers, Perversions,
and Potential of Heredity



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HAS HER
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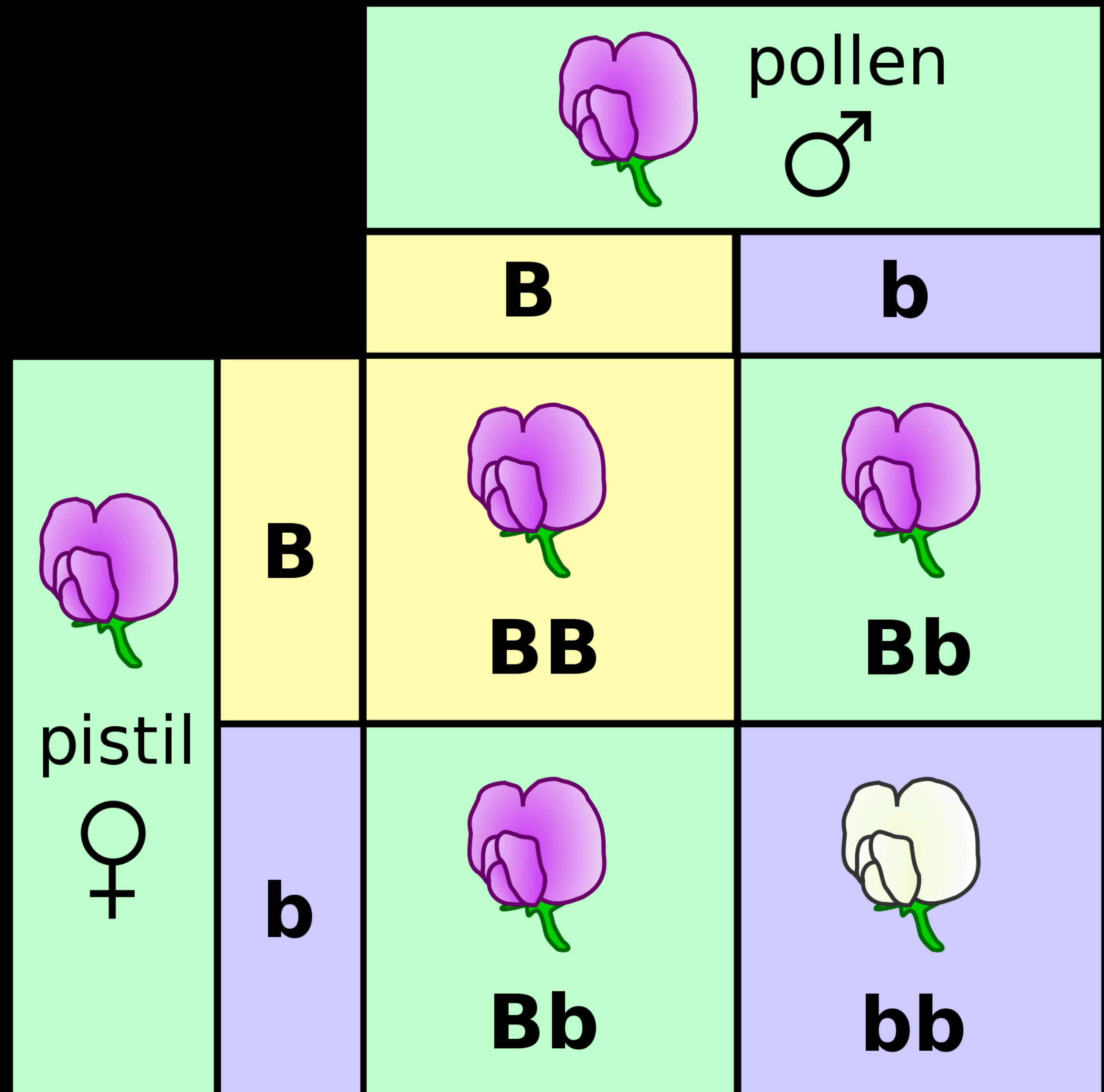
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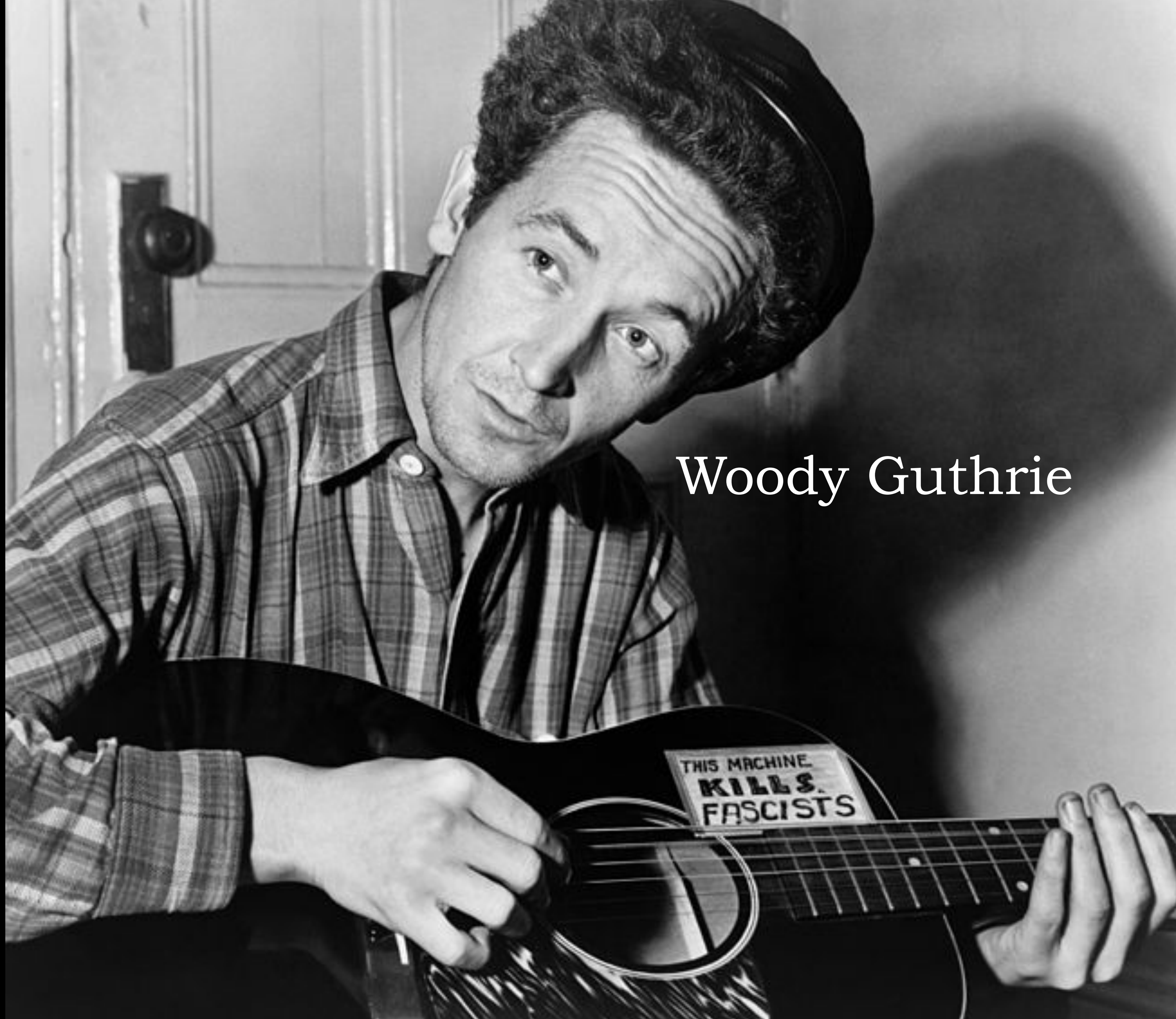
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"SCIENCE BOOK OF THE YEAR." —THE GUARDIAN



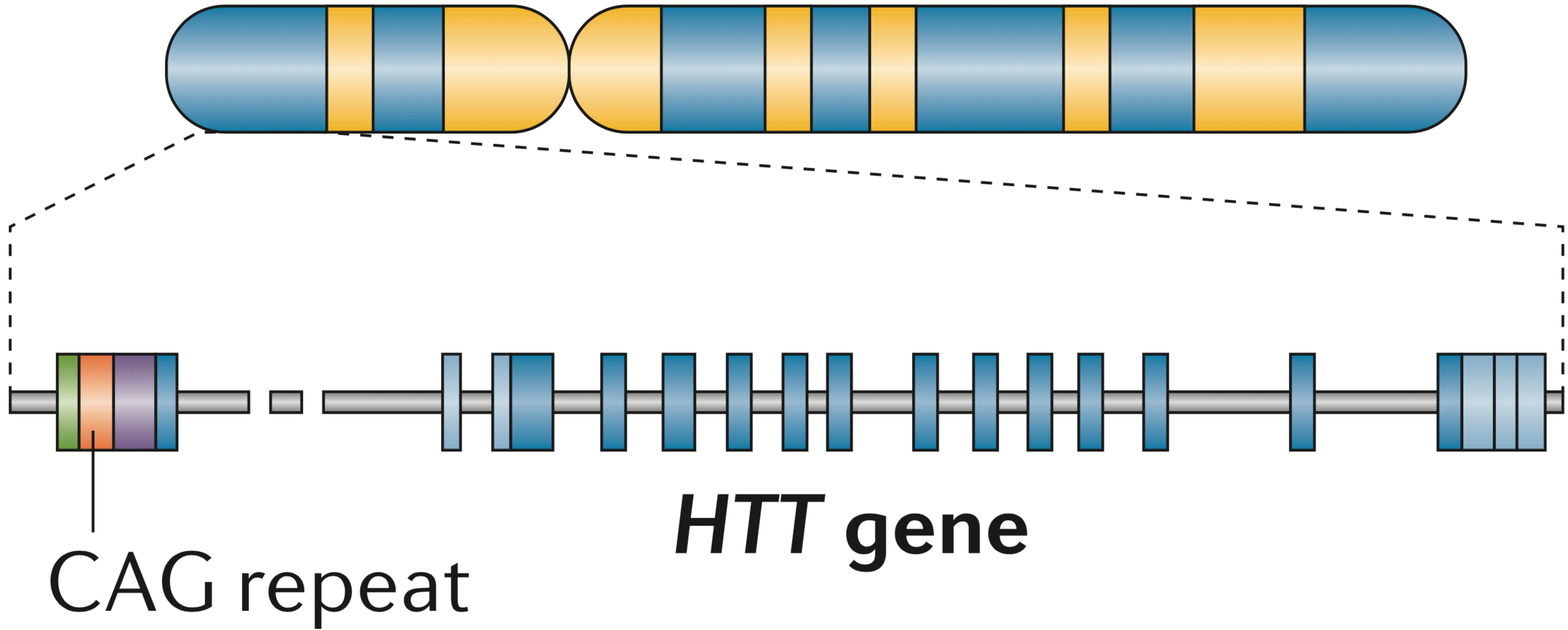
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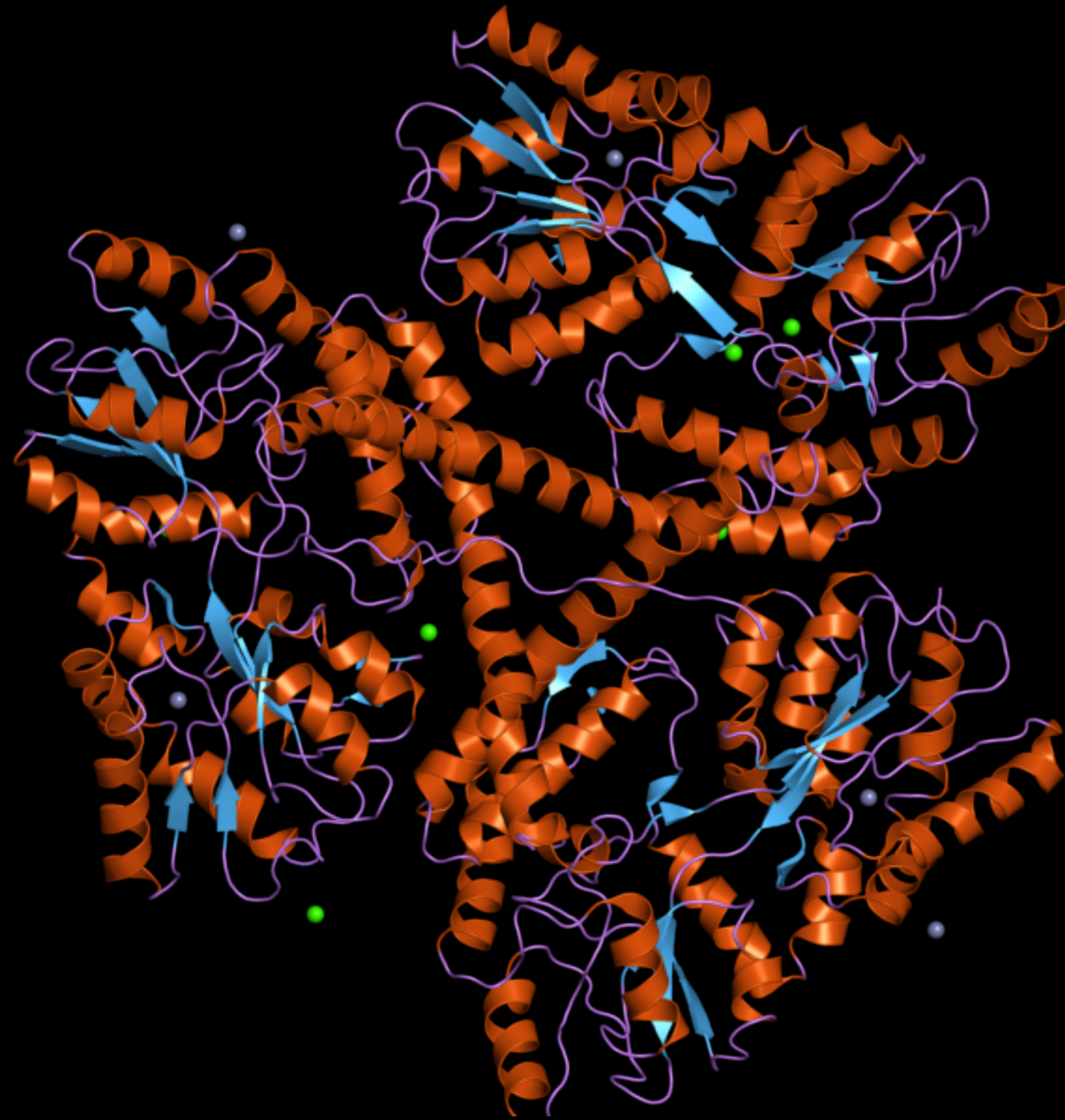


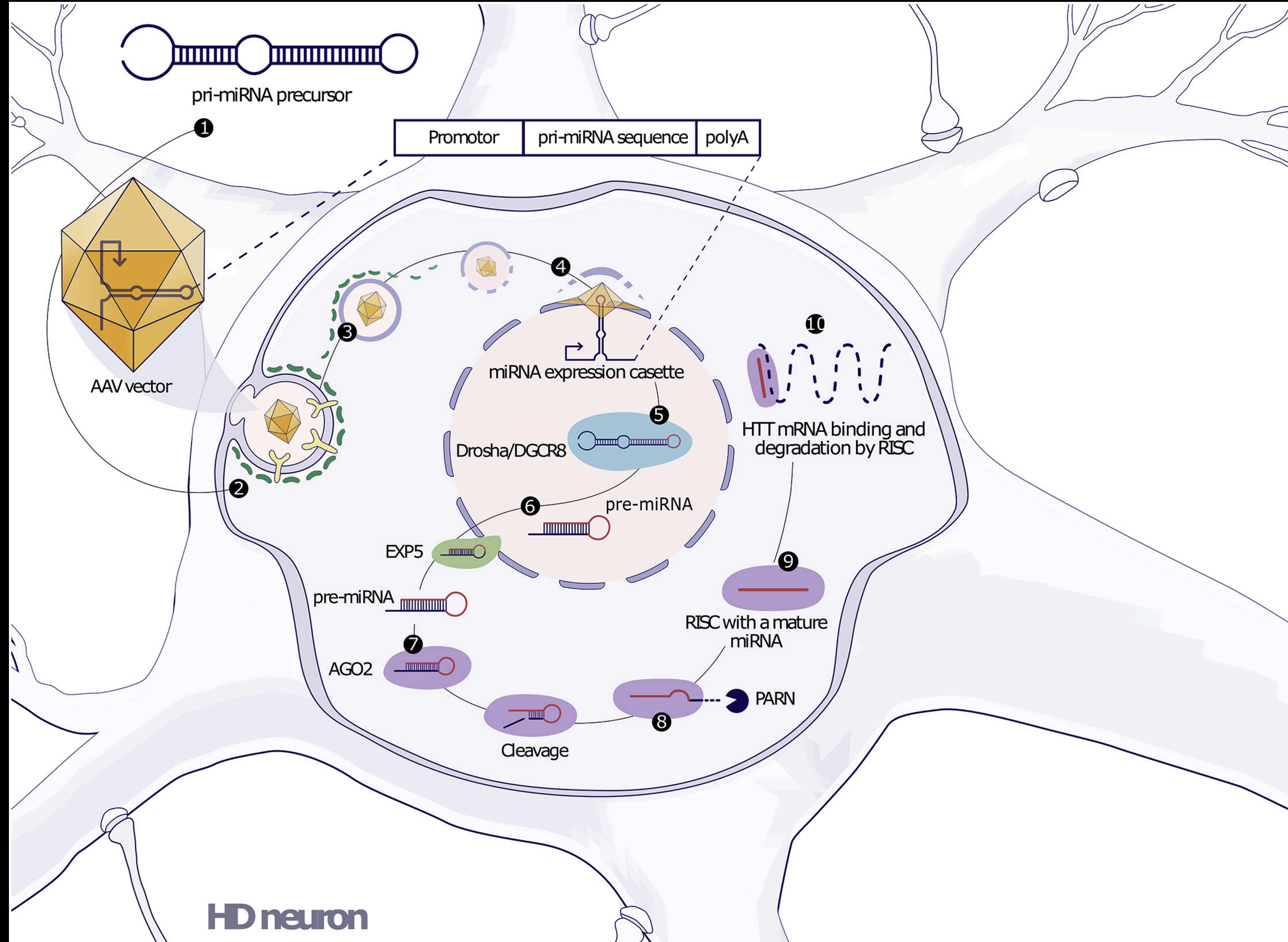
Woody Guthrie

Chromosome 4



Huntingtin Protein





Miniarikova, J., Evers, M.M. and Konstantinova, P., 2018. Translation of microRNA-based huntingtin-lowering therapies from preclinical studies to the clinic. *Molecular Therapy*, 26(4), pp.947-962.

1. WHAT IS HD?

2. TESTING FOR HD

3. RESOURCES

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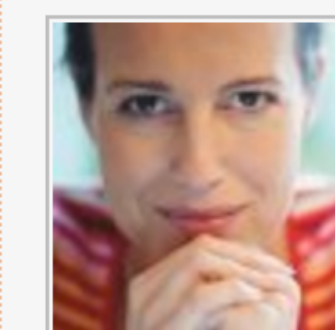
What is Predictive Testing?

This section is intended to help the individual considering testing for HD reflect on some of the issues involved in testing and in dealing with the test results.

Family, friends and professional support people may also find this material useful in supporting those considering testing.

In 1983, genetic markers closely linked to the Huntington disease (HD) gene were identified. This discovery, together with the identification of additional genetic markers, led to the development of predictive testing

HD Resources



There are many other online websites and resources which provide information regarding HD in general, support

groups in your area, research updates and opportunities to be involved in clinical trials.

[Find out more](#) ▶

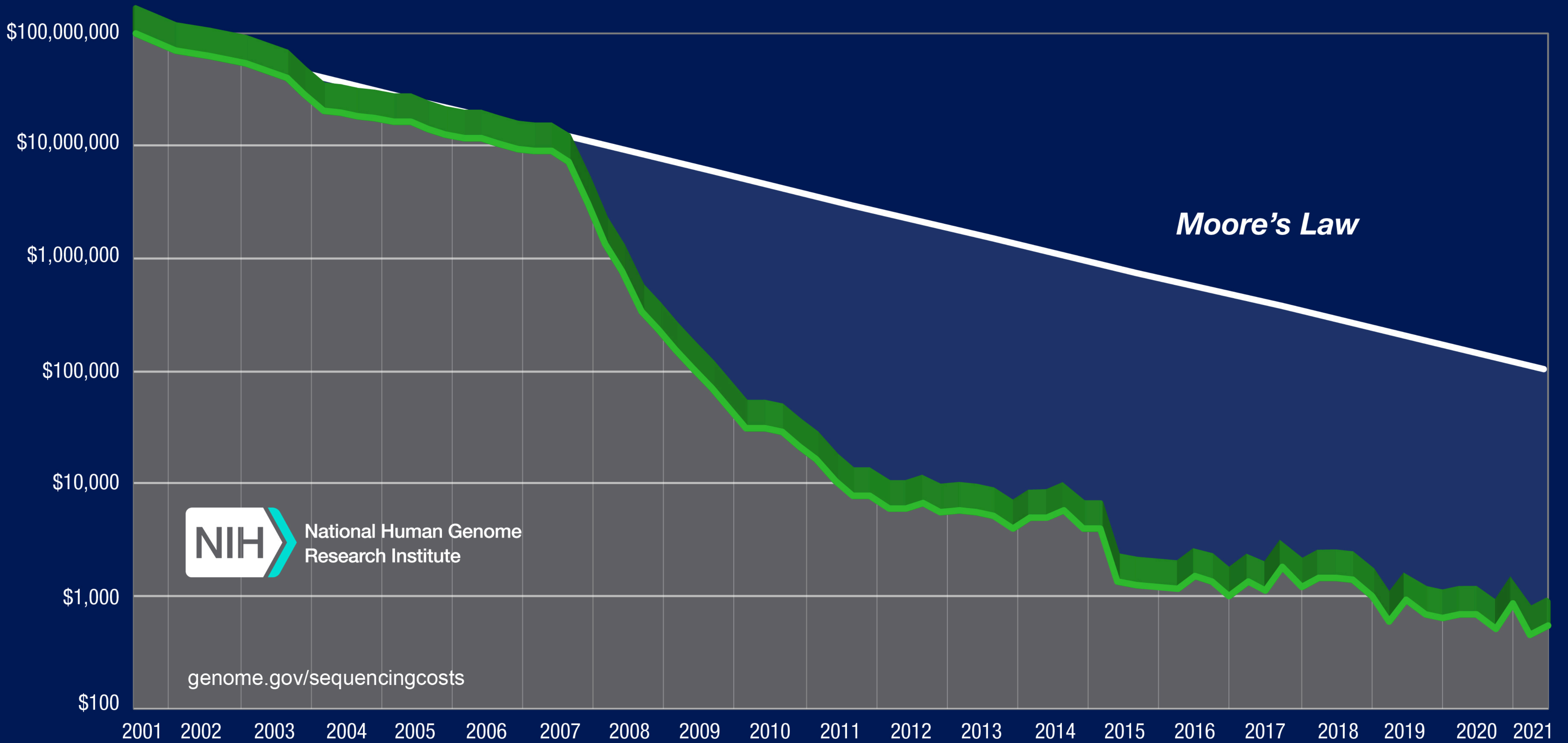
Our Stories



We understand that learning that someone in your family has HD can be devastating. It can leave you with

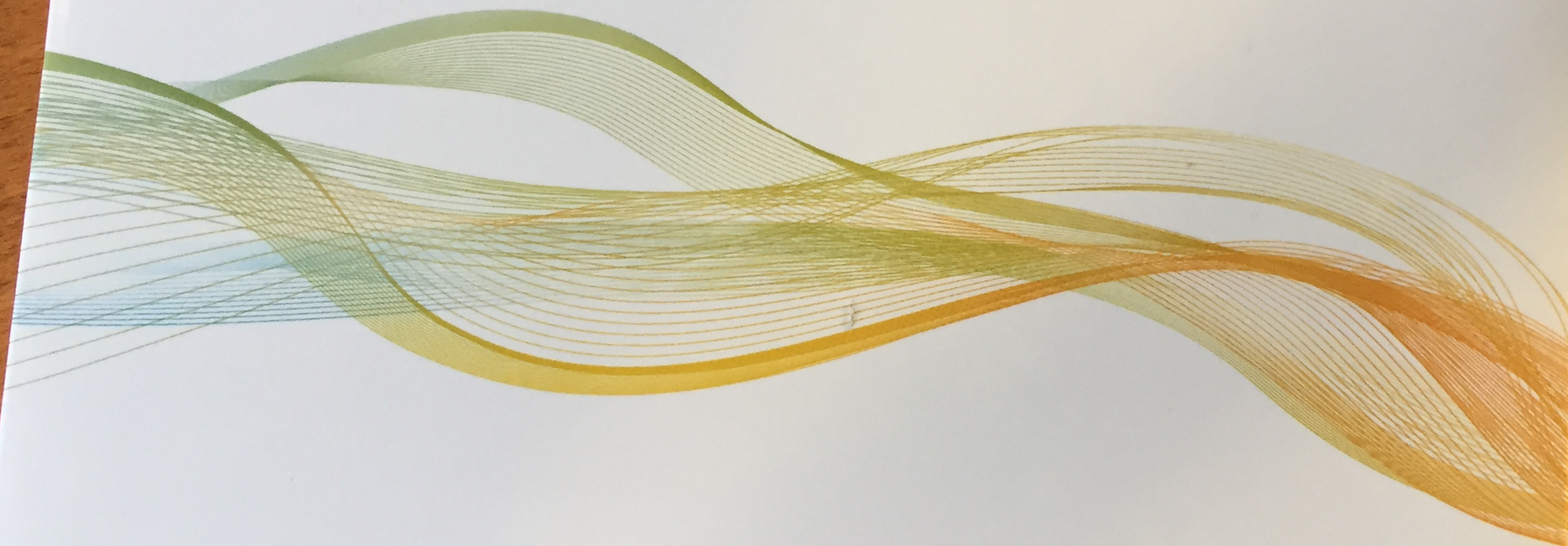
questions, concerns, and no idea where to turn next. Find about more about what others have done in your situation – you are not alone.

Cost per Human Genome



UNDERSTAND YOUR GENOME®

IT STARTS WITH YOU



THINK ME. THINK WE. *think* **BIG**



TruGenome Predisposition Screen Clinical Report

No pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants were found in the 1,691 genes evaluated that are expected to be clinically significant for the patient. However, this screen only detects single nucleotide substitutions and insertions and deletions of up to seven base pairs. Other types of genetic variants, including but not limited to larger insertions or deletions, copy number variants and trinucleotide repeats are not reported in this screening test. Further, the coverage of each gene is less than 100%. Therefore, clinically significant variants could exist in this genome that are not detected with this test. The coverage for each gene is provided in the Gene-Disease appendix.

Chromosome 1



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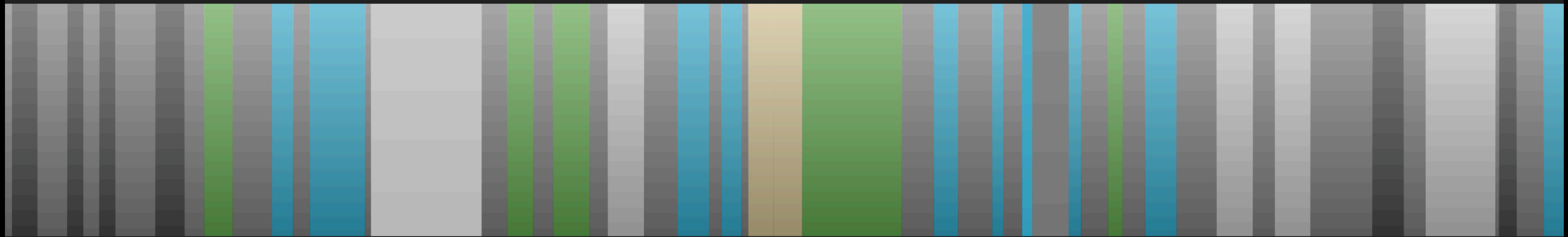


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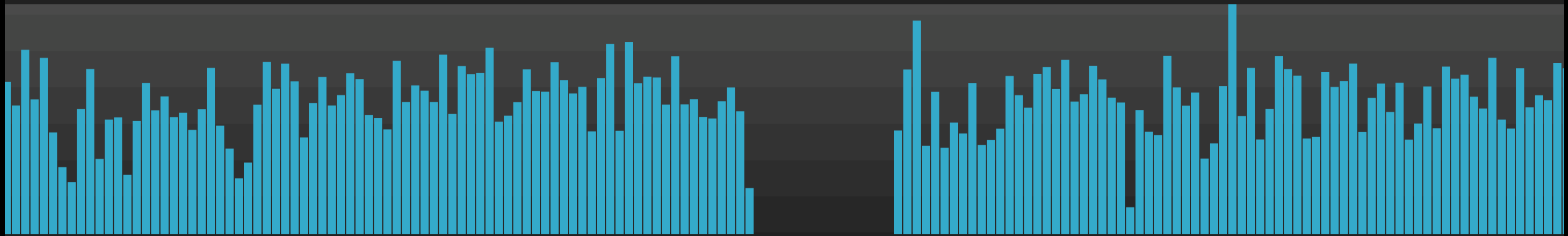
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SEQUENCED GENOME

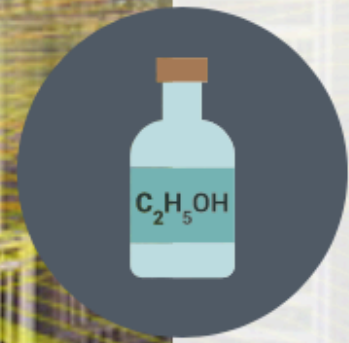
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Here is what we see in your DNA...



Your odds of developing male pattern baldness are increased if you are Caucasian.



You are less likely to have flush reaction if you drink alcohol.



Your muscle fibers are built for power.



You are likely to perceive bitter tastes.



Seagate

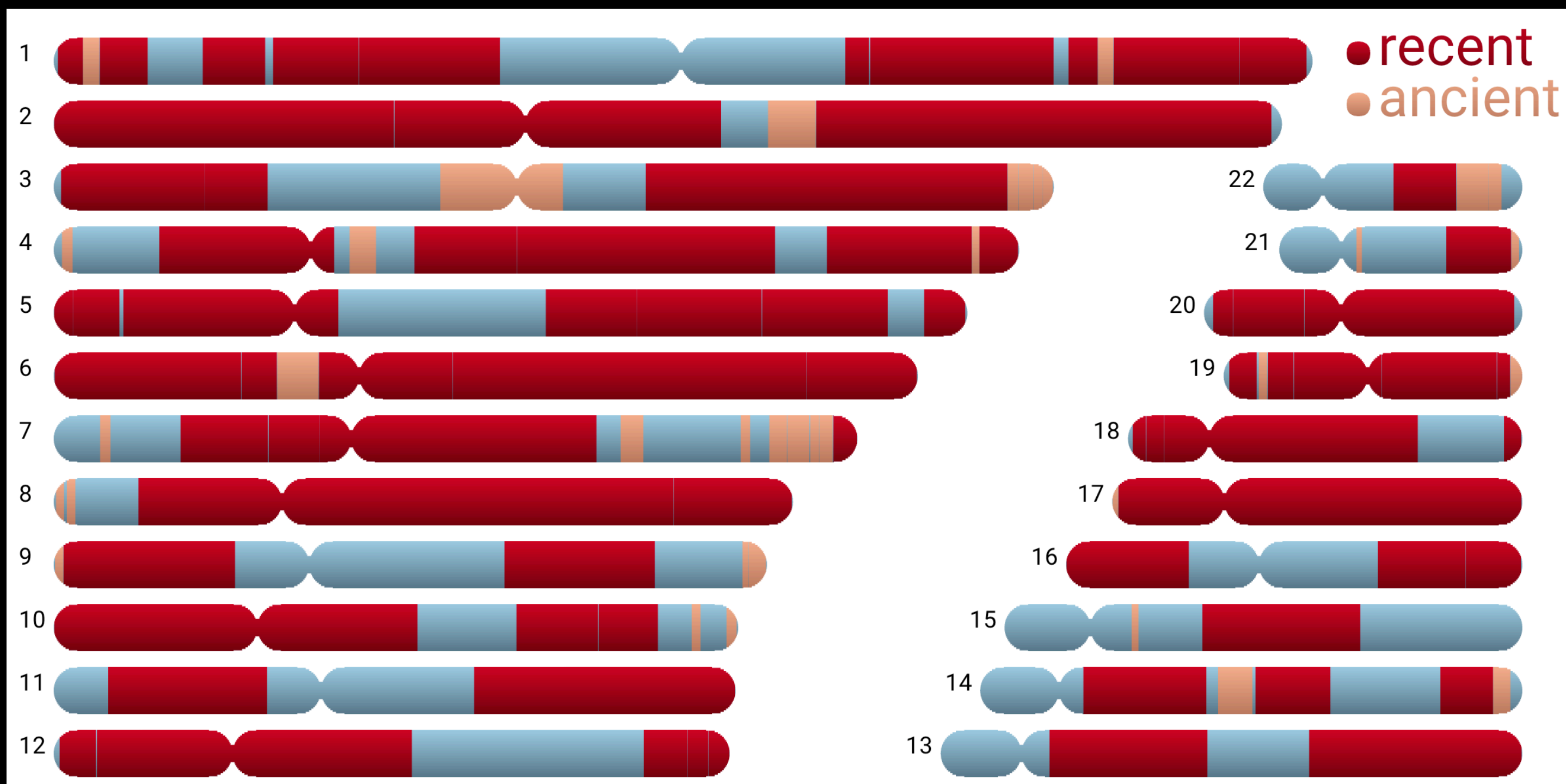
Illumina®

My variant: rs11209026
Gene: IL23R



Ali Torkamani,
Scripps Translational Science
Institute

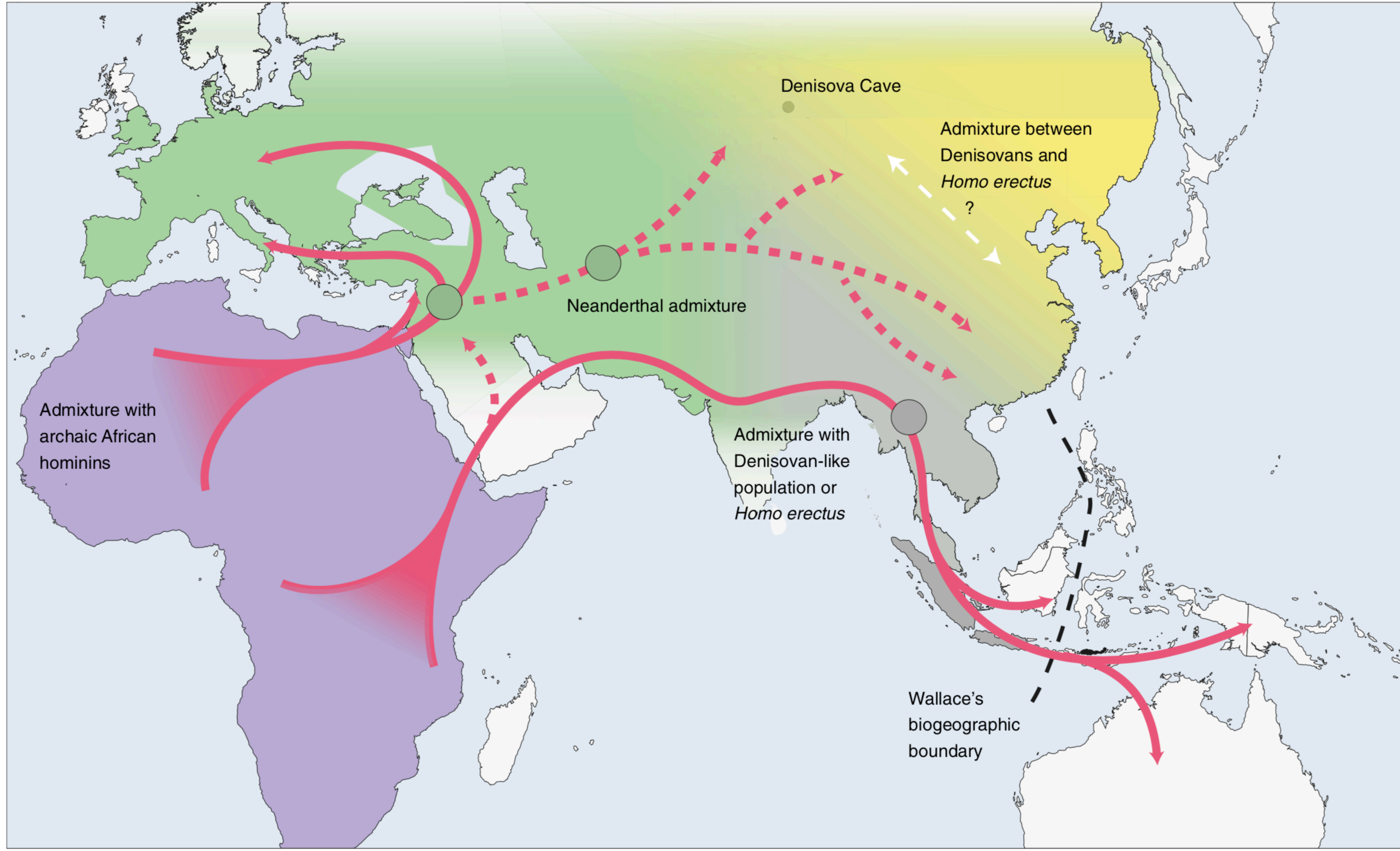




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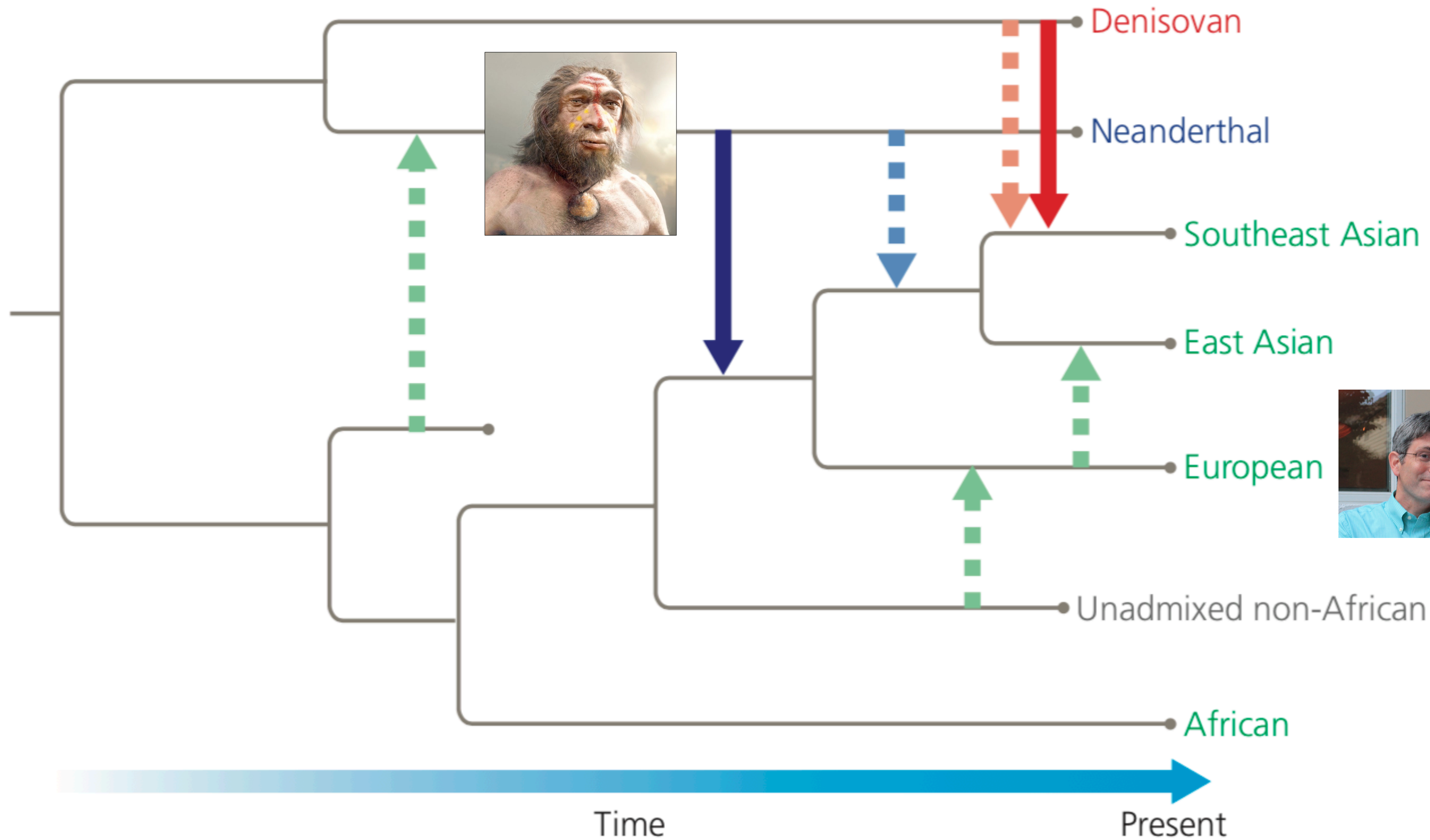


Image: Viktor Deak



Possible ranges of archaic forms

 Neanderthals	 Denisovans	 <i>Homo erectus</i>	 Archaic African hominins	 <i>Homo floresiensis</i>	 <i>Homo sapiens</i> dispersals inferred	 <i>Homo sapiens</i> dispersals speculative
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C1orf64	chr1	16330730	16333190
HSPB7	chr1	16340522	16345285
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CLCNKA	chr1	16348485	16360545
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HSPG2	chr1	22148724	22263790
USP48	chr1	22004791	22109688
FGR	chr1	27938800	27961727
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HEYL	chr1	40089102	40105348
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QSOX1	chr1	180123967	180167169



Analysis courtesy of Joshua Akey
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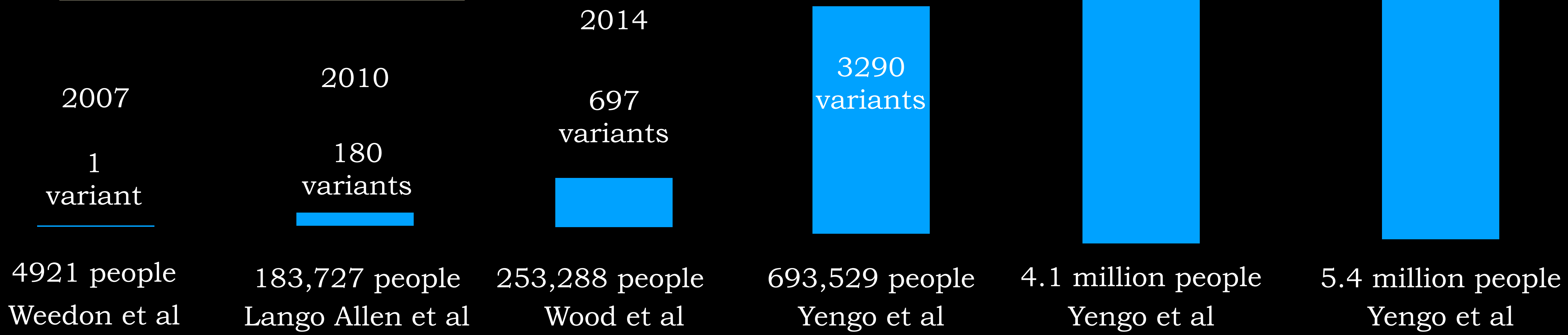
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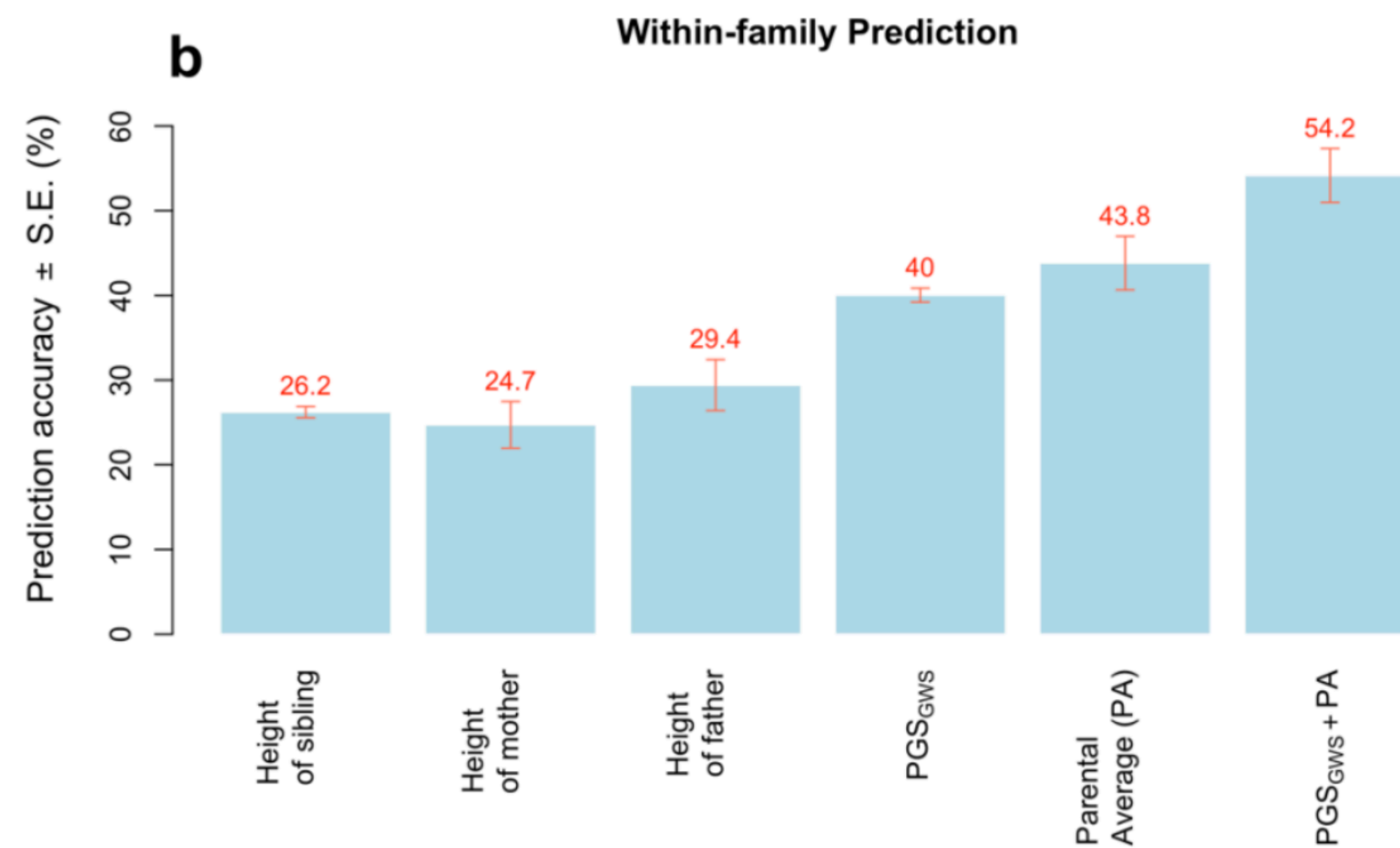
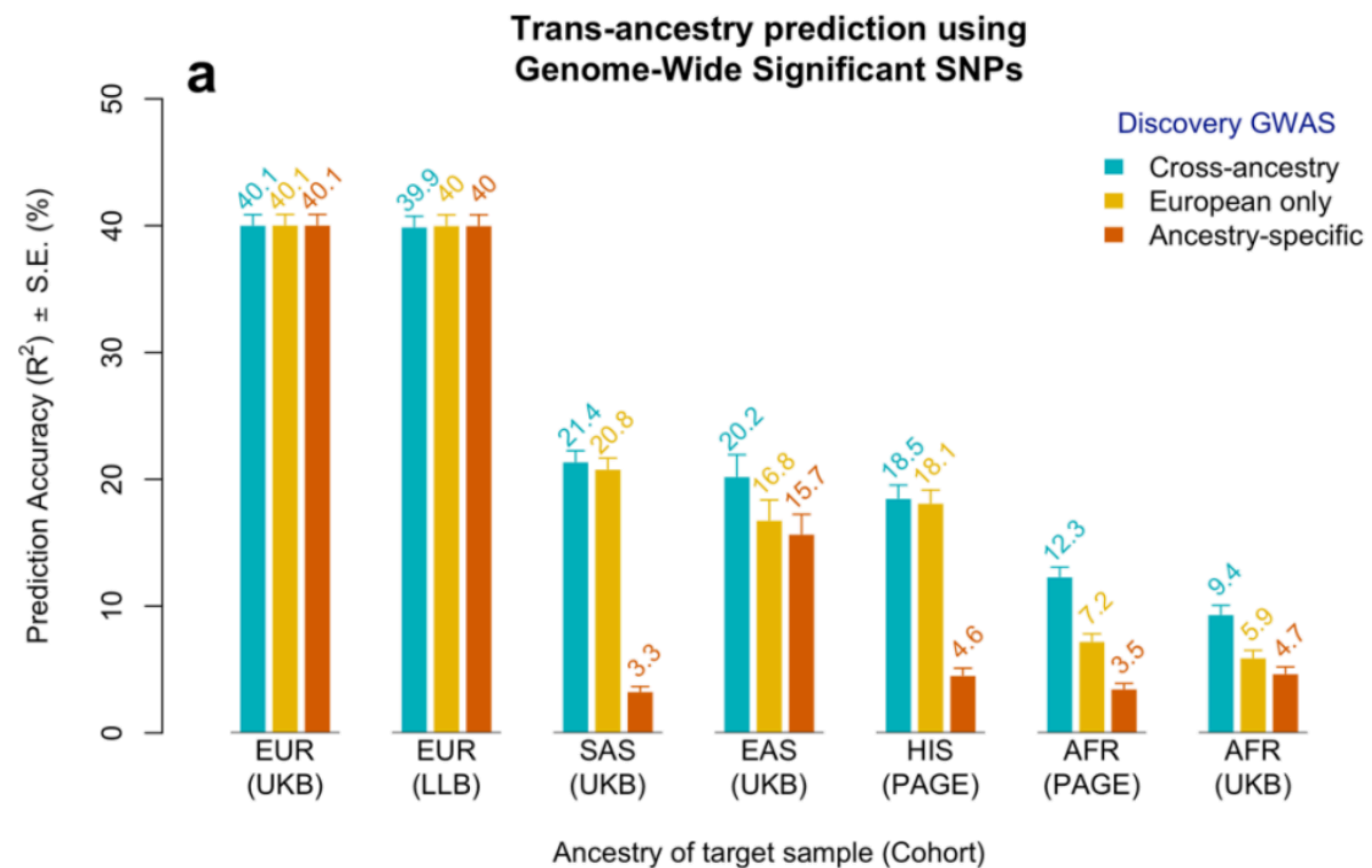
“Mr. O'Brien the Irish Giant the
Tallest Man in the Known World
Being Near Nine Feet High”





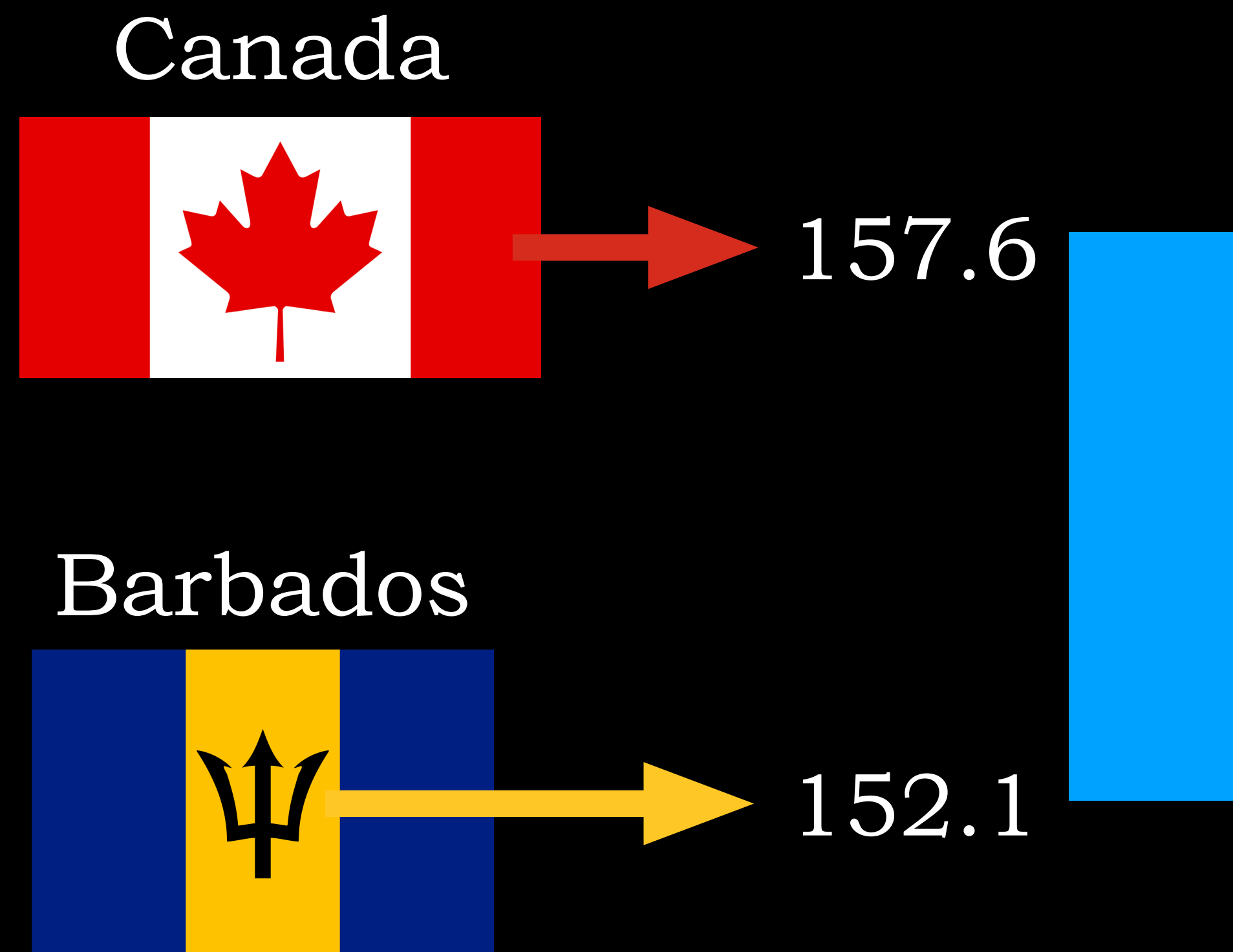
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Harvard Medical School



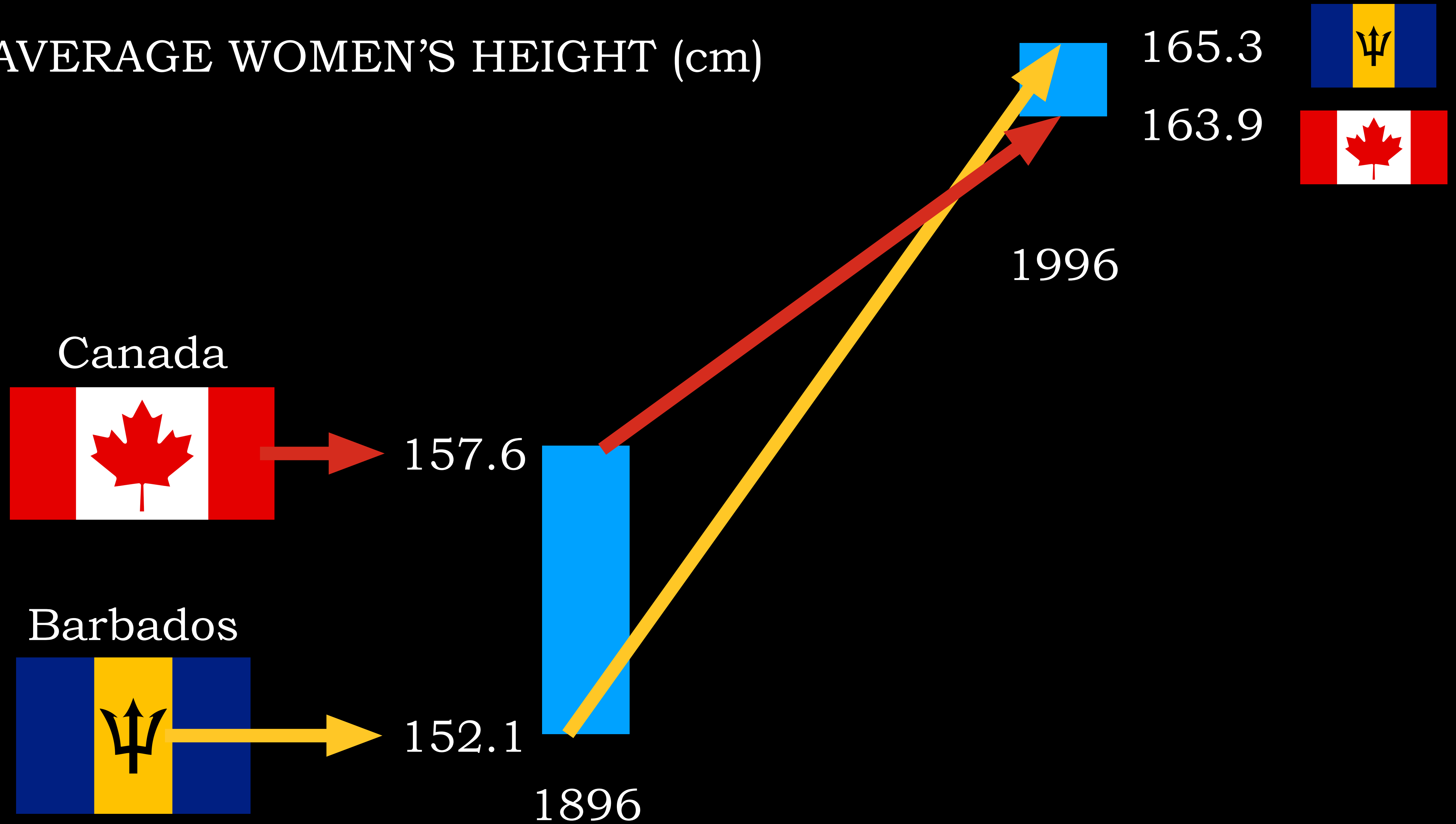


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AVERAGE WOMEN'S HEIGHT (cm)



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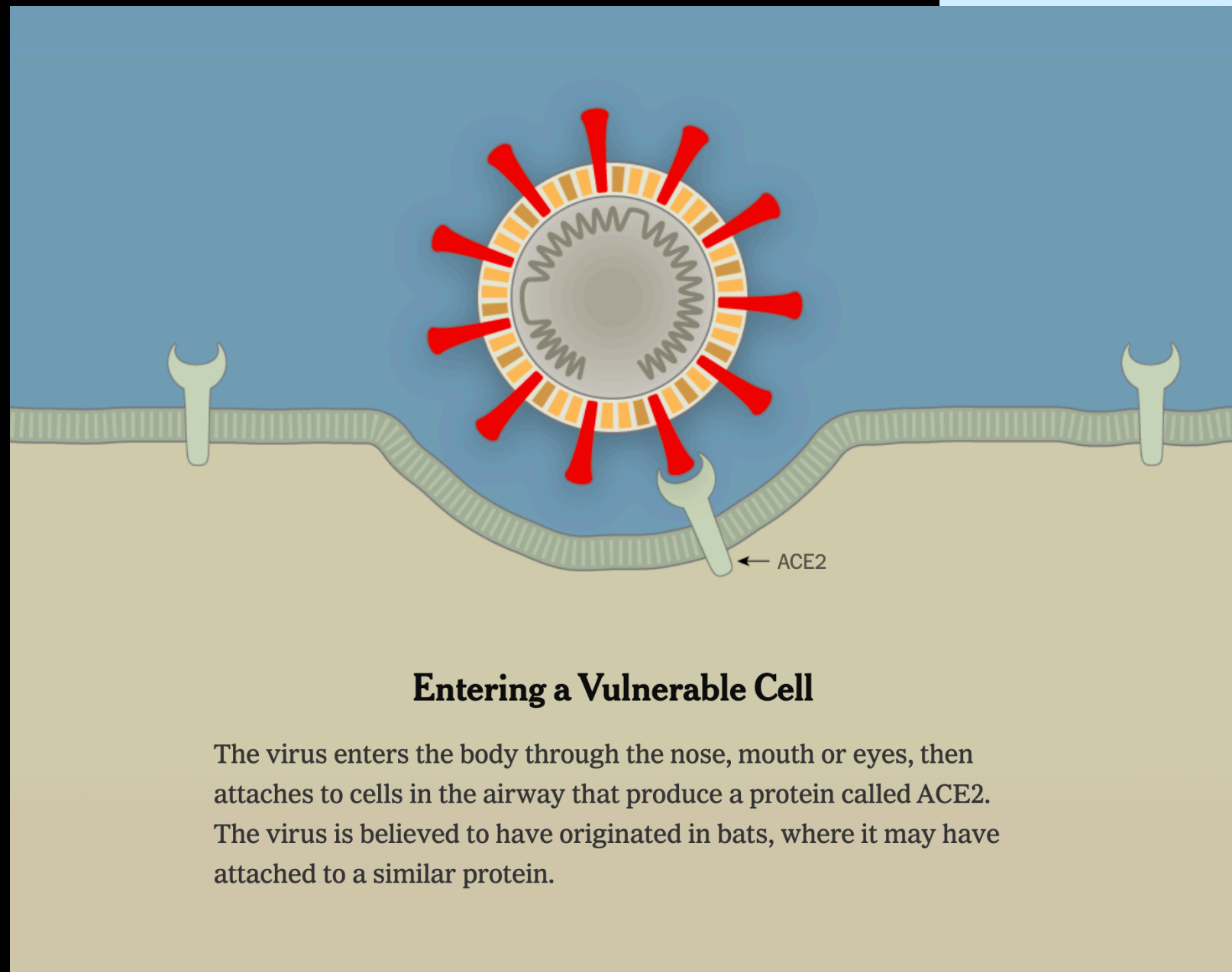
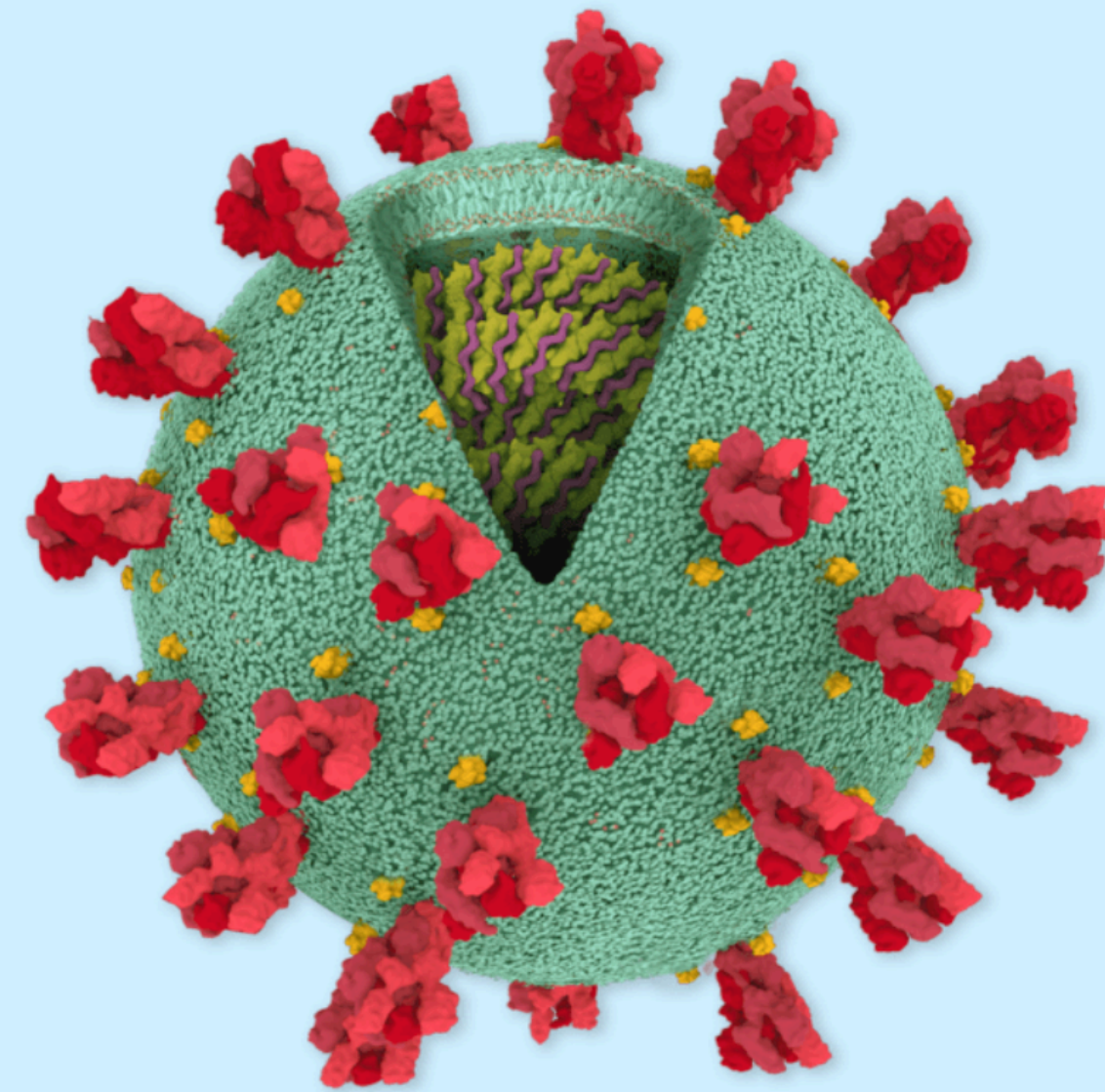
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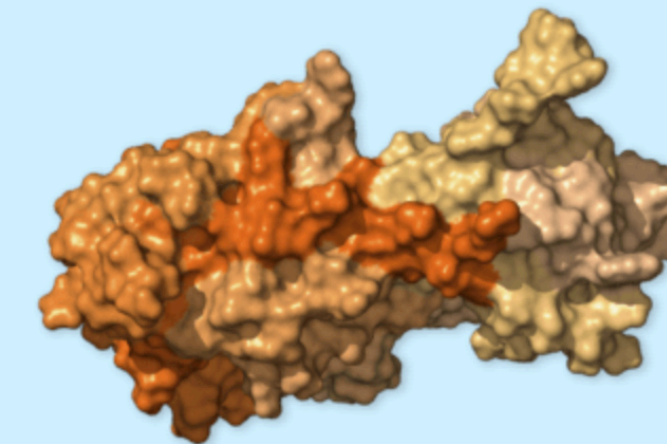


Bad News Wrapped in Protein: Inside the Coronavirus Genome

By Jonathan Corum and Carl Zimmer April 3, 2020



Protein Scissors · NSP5



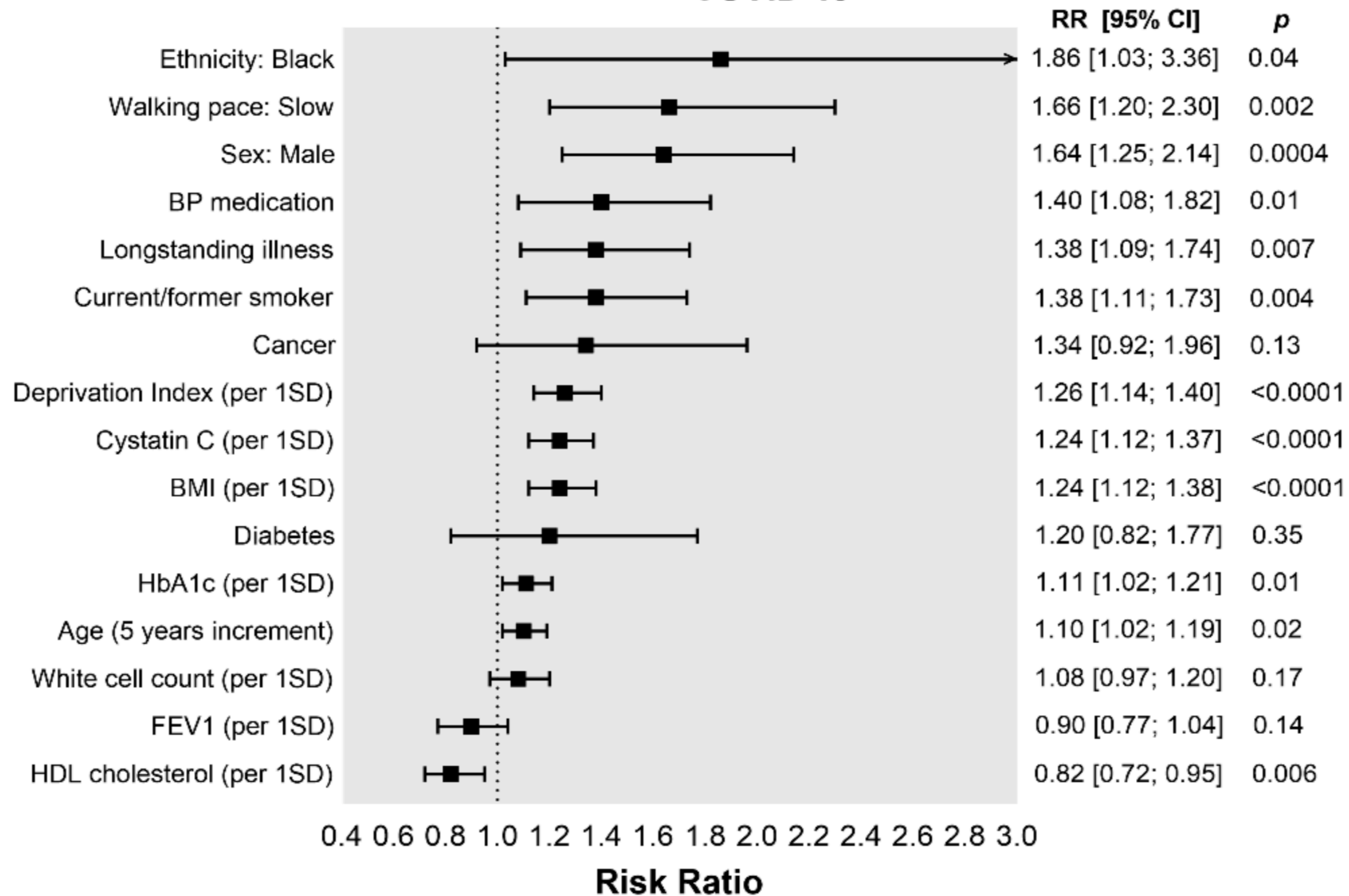
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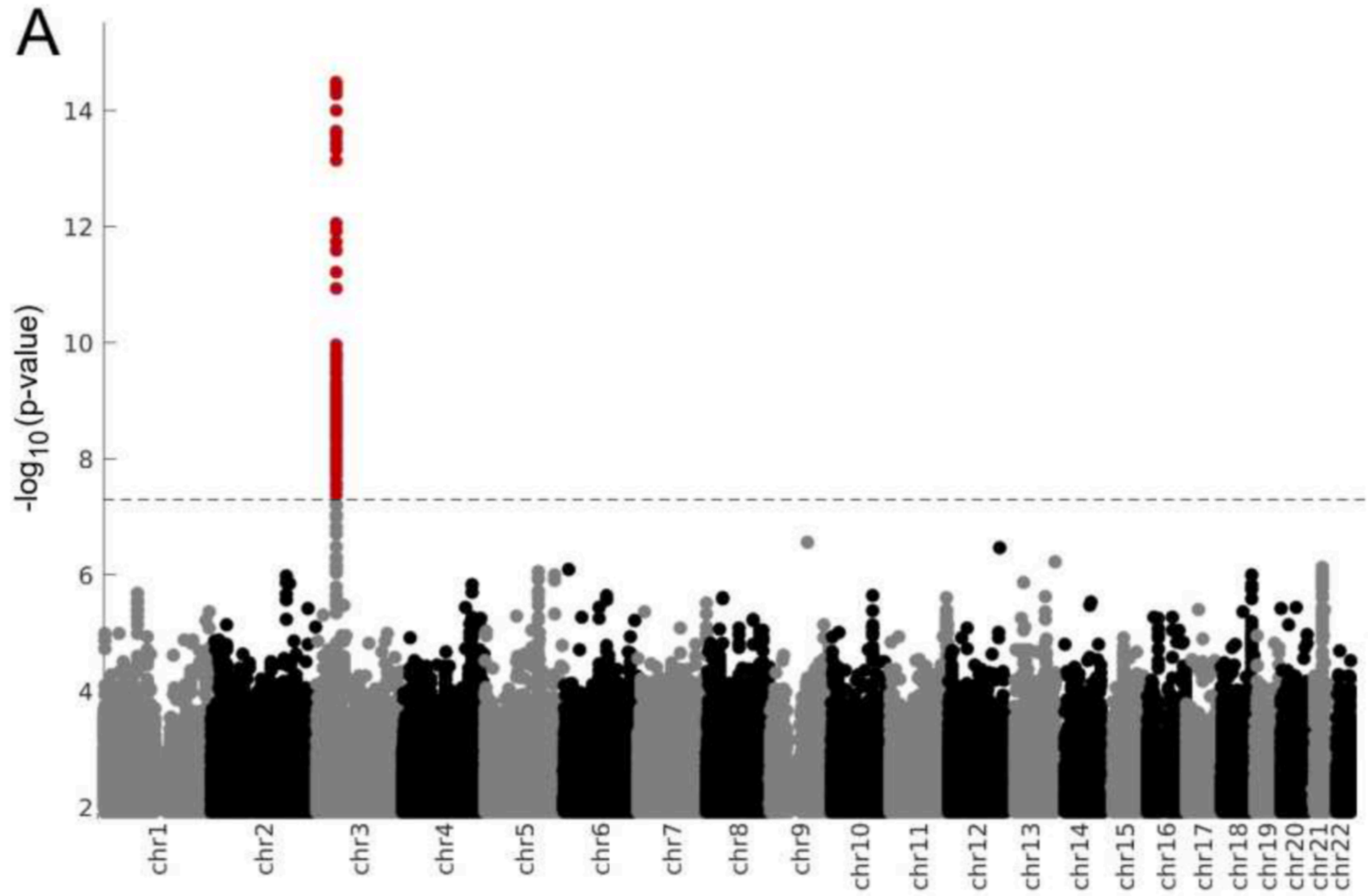
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COVID-19





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The major genetic risk factor for severe COVID-19 is inherited from Neanderthals

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DNA Inherited From Neanderthals May Increase Risk of Covid-19

The stretch of six genes seems to increase the risk of severe illness from the coronavirus.



A researcher excavating a Neanderthal skeleton last year. Gailan Haji/EPA-EFE/REX



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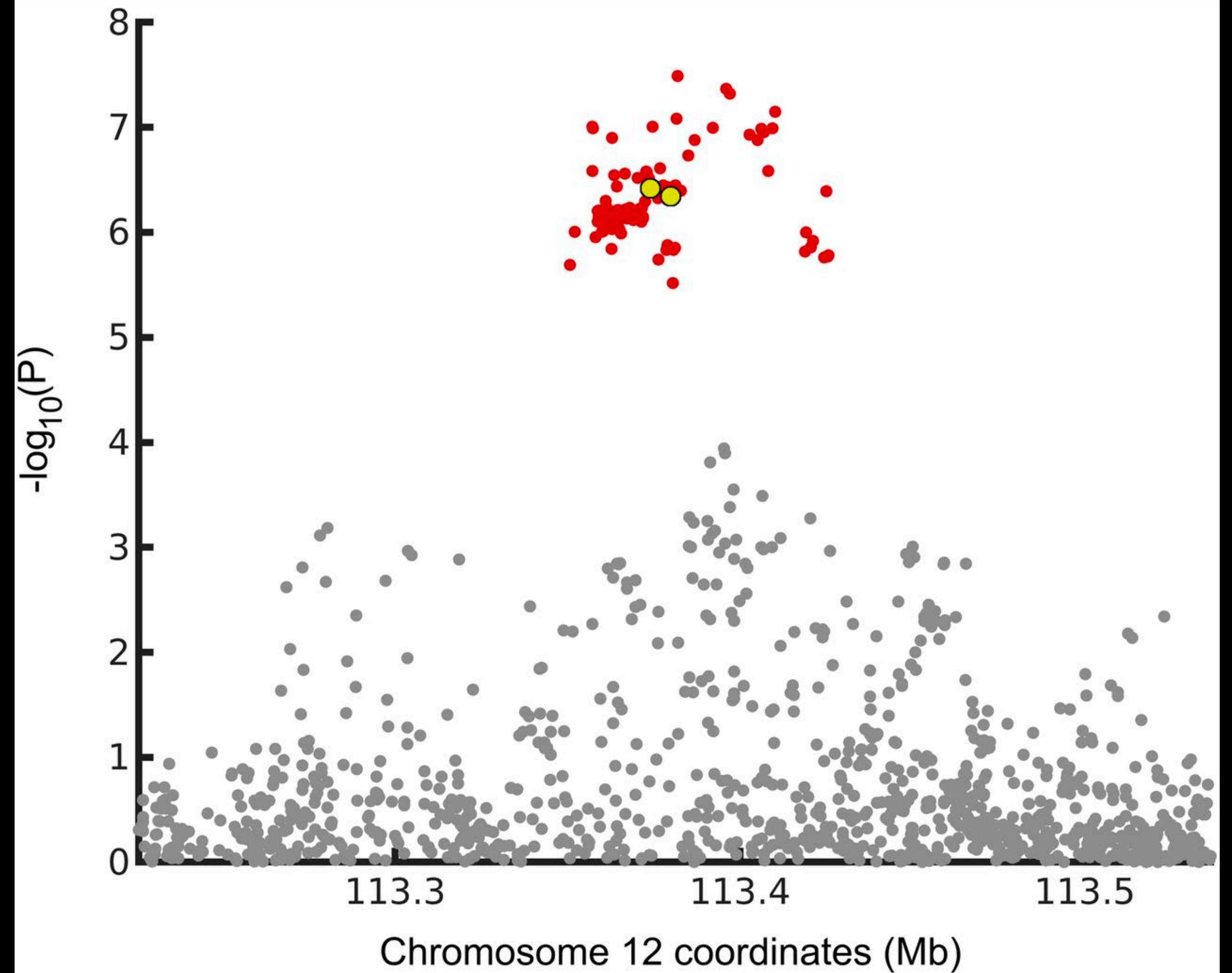


A stretch of DNA [linked to Covid-19](#) was passed down from Neanderthals 60,000 years ago, according to a new study.



A genomic region associated with protection against severe COVID-19 is inherited from Neandertals

Hugo Zeberg^{a,b,1} and Svante Pääbo^{a,c,1}



OAS3 (green)

Double-stranded RNA (orange and purple)





Alleles for increased risk on
chromosome 13: NONE

Alleles for decreased risk on
chromosome 12: Two
heterozygous SNPs

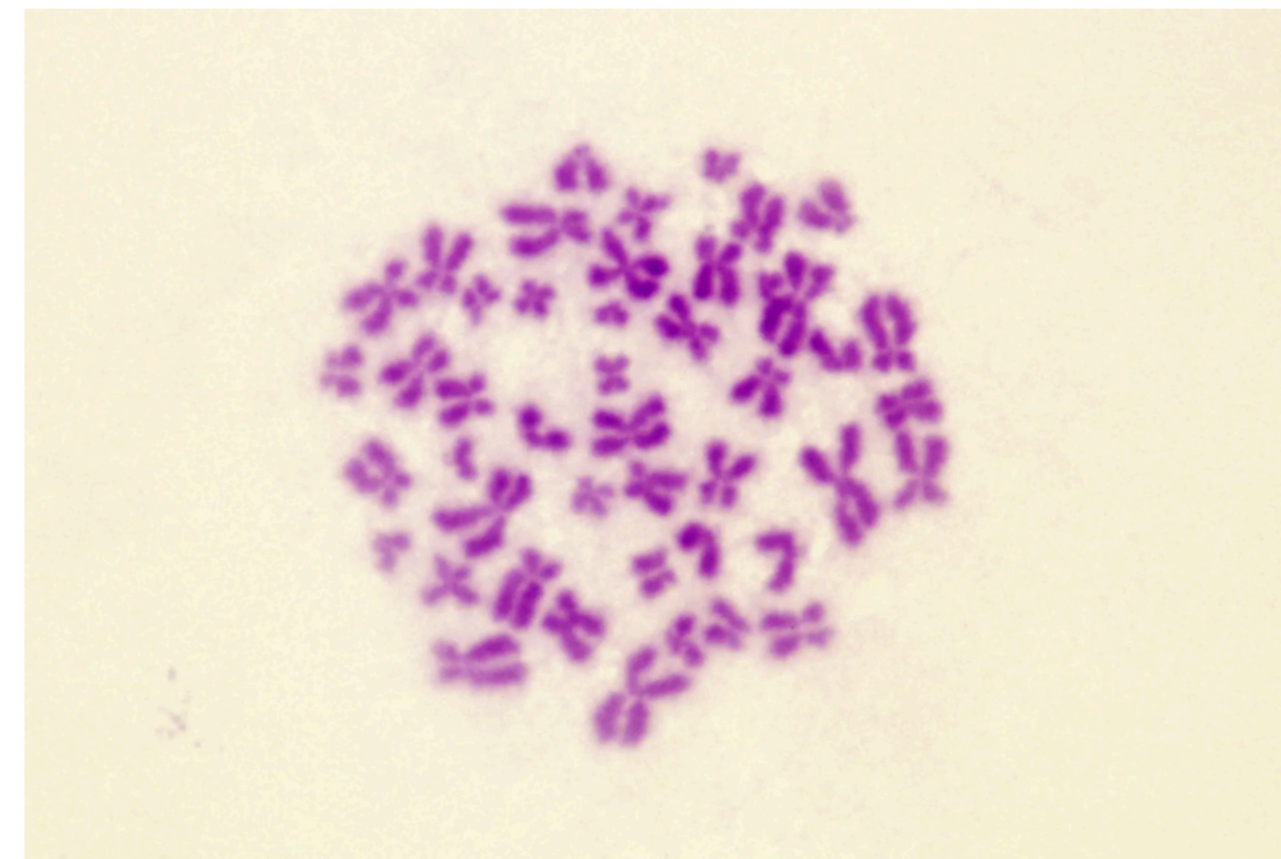
On balance, a good
inheritance?

Courtesy of Jiahao Gao

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Scientists Finish the Human Genome at Last

The complete genome uncovered more than 100 new genes that are probably functional, and many new variants that may be linked to diseases.



A century ago, scientists knew that genes were spread across 23 pairs of chromosomes. But pinpointing any single gene and deciphering its sequence was a struggle that could have consumed a career. Michael Abbey/Science Source




By Carl Zimmer

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Two decades after the draft sequence of the human genome was [unveiled](#) to great fanfare, a team of 99 scientists has finally deciphered the entire thing. They have filled in vast gaps and corrected a long list of errors in previous versions, giving us a new view of our DNA.

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Telomere-to-telomere consortium

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UCSC browsers are available for [v1.0](#) and [v1.1](#). An interactive dotplot visualization of all genomic repeats is also available from [resgen.io](#). Known issues identified in the assembly are tracked at [CHM13 issues](#).

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