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# The Genomics of a Pandemic: Human Polymorphisms, Viral Sabotage, and Functional Medicine Solutions

Daniel, W., & Wang, N. (2020). Cryo-EM structure of the 2019-nCoV spike in the prefusion conformation. *Science*. 10.1126/science.abb2507

# DISCLOSURES

- Dr. Socol has an Ownership Interest in Advanced Humeomics. All relevant commercial interests for this individual have been mitigated.

# GOALS

## 01

Recognize genomic polymorphisms that contribute to the risk of viral infection.

## 02

Recognize proinflammatory genomic polymorphisms and understand their contribution to the viral immune response.

## 03

Manage viral infection using natural product pharmacopeia.

WHY?



# AGENDA



Genomics



Polymorphisms



Viral engineering

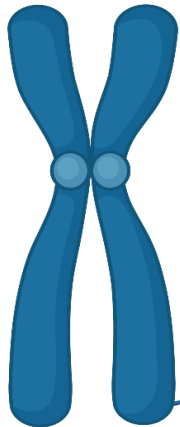


Solutions

# REFRESHER -1

## Chromosomes & Base Pairs

Chromosome

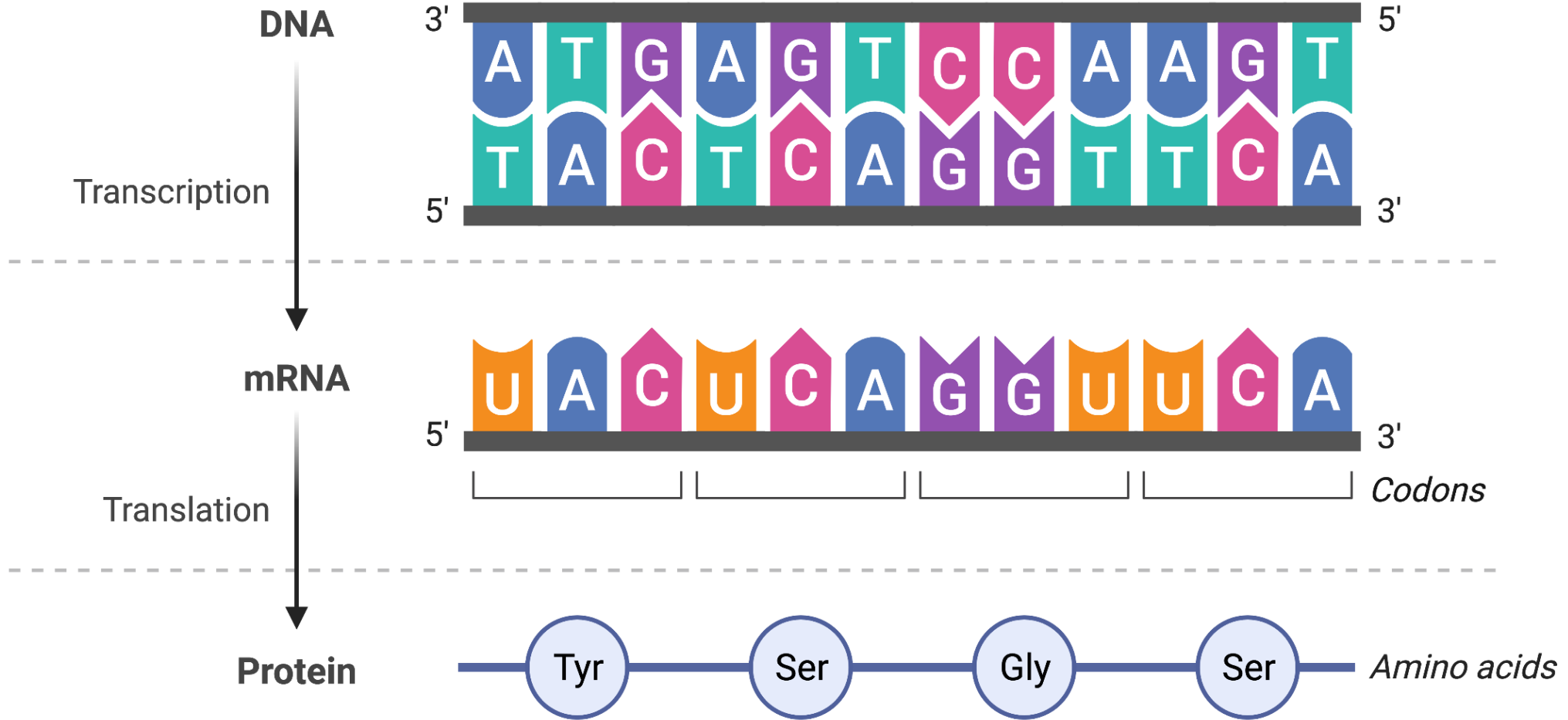


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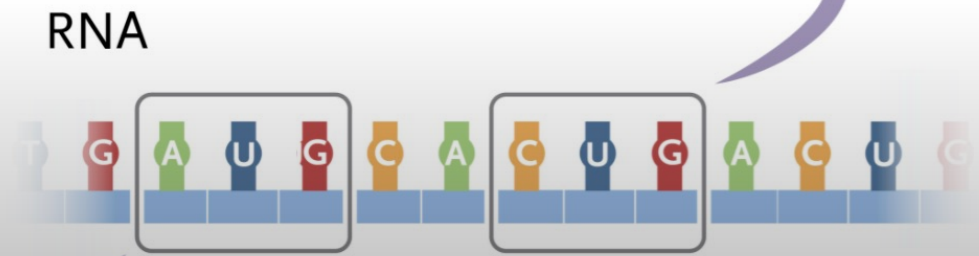


# REFRESHER - 2





Three-nucleotide sequence encodes a single amino acid (e.g., ATG for methionine or CUG for leucine)



Specific codons start or stop translation (e.g., AUG as start codon)

**RNA codons**

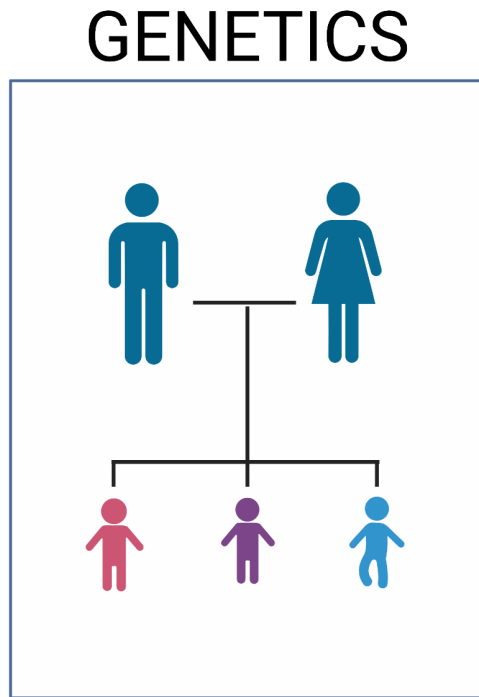
| Amino Acids   | Three-nucleotide sequence            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alanine       | Ala (A) GCA, GCC, GCG, GCU           |
| Arginine      | Arg (R) AGA, AGG, CGA, CGC, CGG, CGU |
| Asparagine    | Asn (N) AAC, AAU                     |
| Aspartic acid | Asp (D) GAC, GAU                     |
| Cysteine      | Cys (C) UGC, UGU                     |
| Glutamic acid | Glu (E) GAA, GAG                     |
| Glutamine     | Gln (Q) CAA, CAG                     |
| Glycine       | Gly (G) GGA, GGC, GGG, GGU           |
| Histidine     | His (H) CAC, CAU                     |
| Isoleucine    | Ile (I) AUA, AUC, AUU                |
| Leucine       | Leu (L) UUA, UUG, CUA, CUC, CUG, CUU |
| Lysine        | Lys (K) AAA, AAG                     |
| Methionine    | Met (M) AUG                          |
| Phenylalanine | Phe (F) UUC, UUU                     |
| Proline       | Pro (P) CCA, CCC, CCG, CCU           |
| Serine        | Ser (S) AGC, AGU, UCA, UCC, UCG, UCU |
| Threonine     | Thr (T) ACA, ACC, ACG, ACU           |
| Tryptophan    | Trp (W) UGG                          |
| Tyrosine      | Tyr (Y) UAC, UAU                     |
| Valine        | Val (V) GUA, GUC, GUG, GUU           |

**START codon: AUG**      **STOP codons: UAA, UAG, UGA**

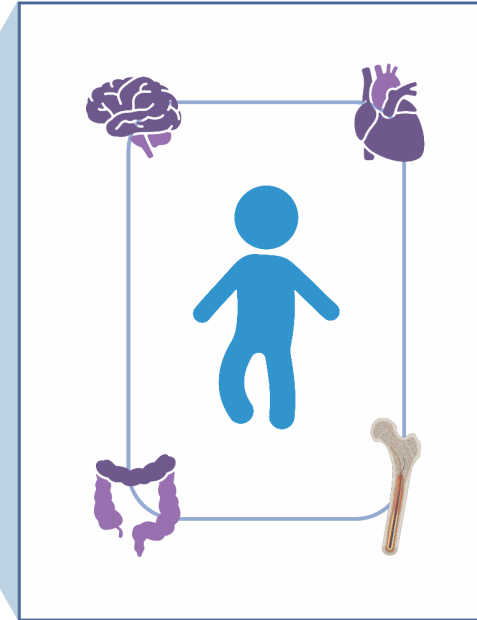




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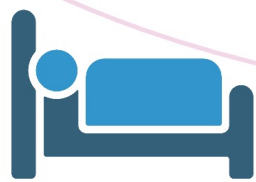
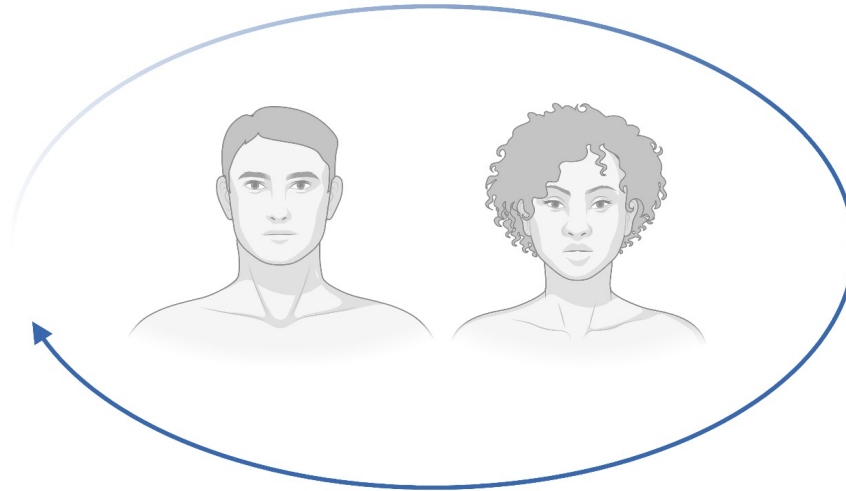
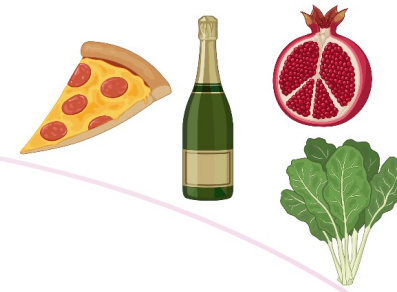
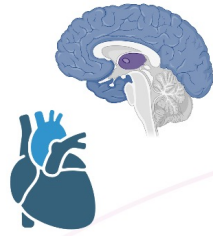


## GENOMICS



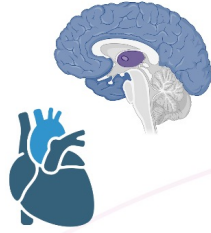


# CLINICAL LIFECYCLE





# CLINICAL LIFECYCLE<sup>2</sup>



F5, F2  
PROC  
SERPIN1  
NOS3

APOE  
AOC1  
HLA-DQ2.5  
TCF7L2



ADRA1A  
ADRB2  
DIO2  
CCL2  
CNR2

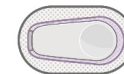
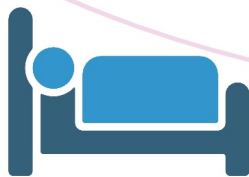


BDNF  
APOE  
NTF3  
PPARGC1A



NPSR1  
CACNA1C  
CYP1A2

ENPP1  
TCF7L2  
KCNJ11  
IGF-1



# SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS (SNP)



Increase in function  
(promoter SNP)



Decrease in function  
(stop gain variant)



Loss of function

*COMT*

**Location:**

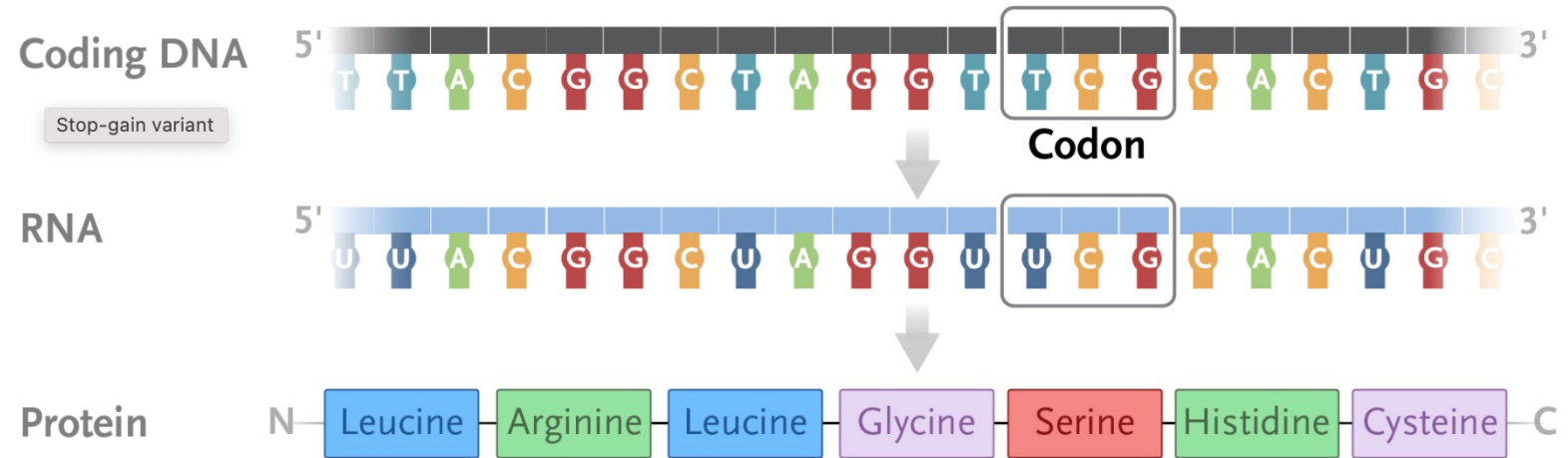
Chromosome 22.11q

**V158M**

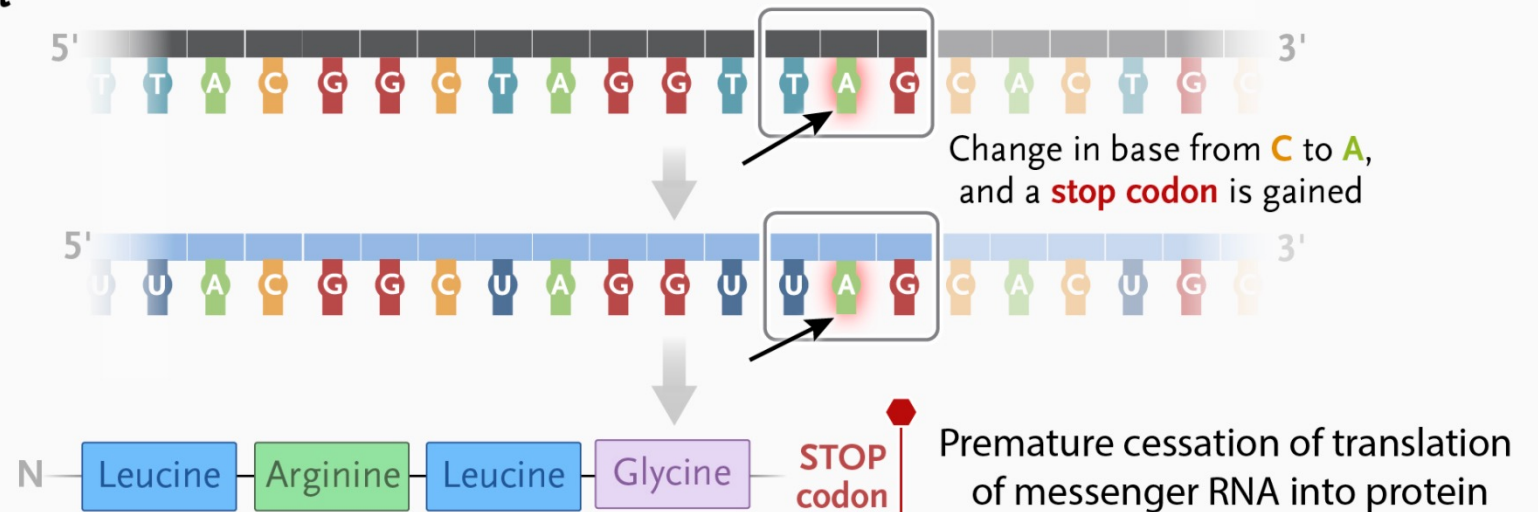
**Your Genotype:**



# STOP GAIN VARIANT

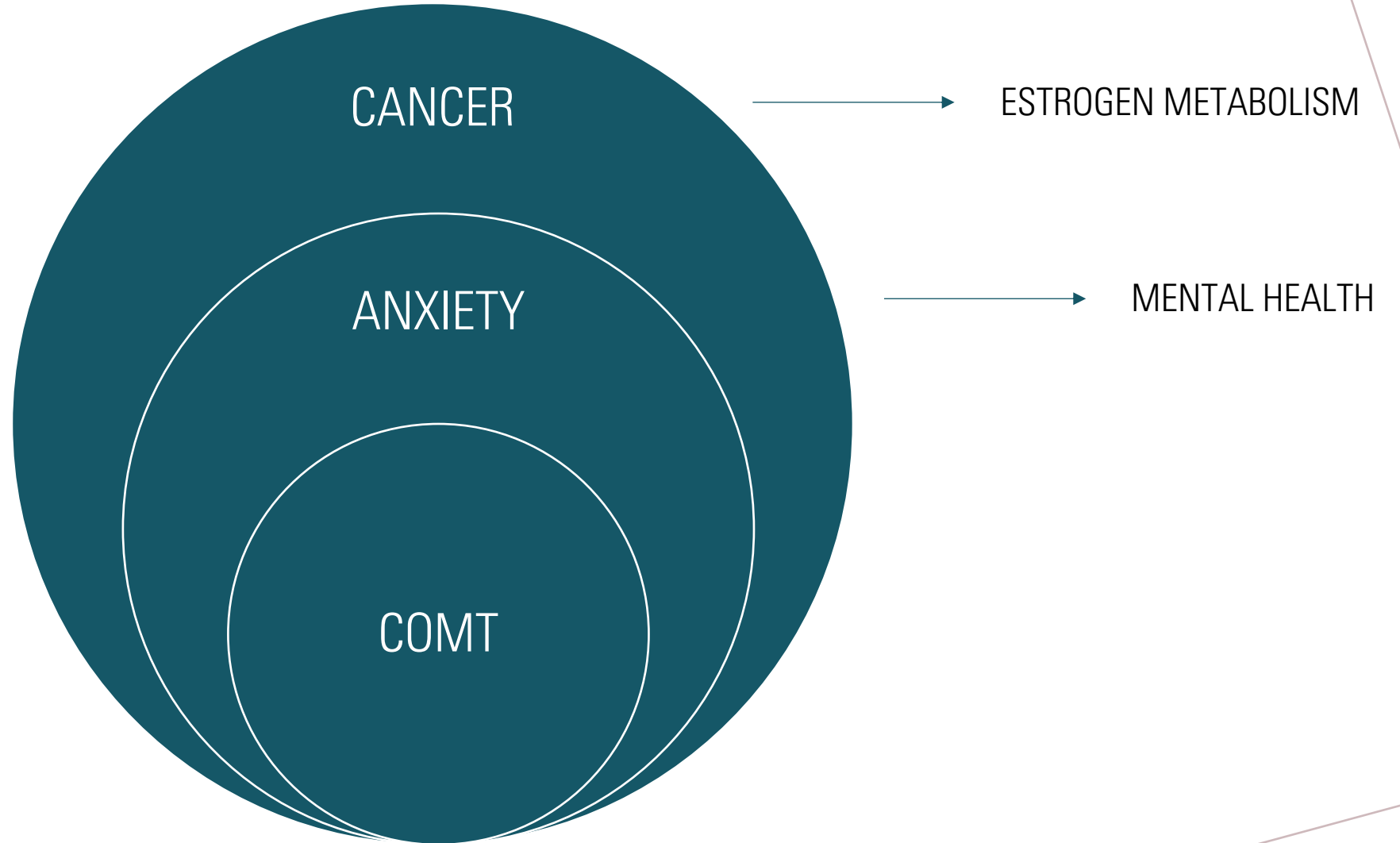


## Stop-gain variant





# INTEGRATIVE





# CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS GENOMIC TOOLS

Efficient

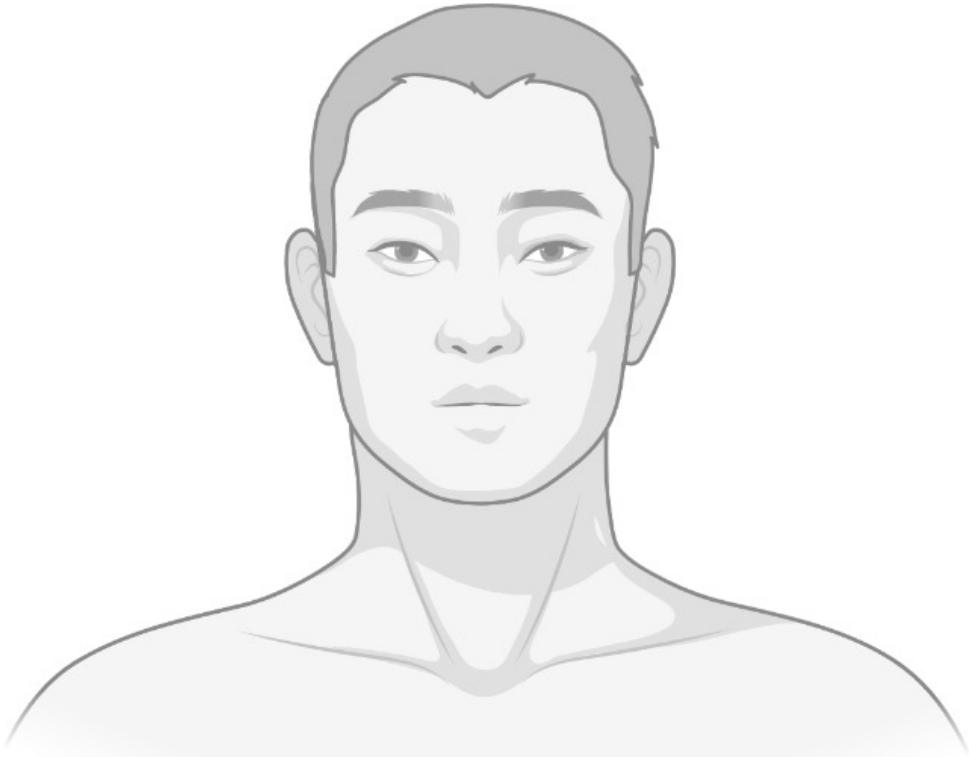
Actionable

Well calibrated

Living Document

# POLYMORPHISMS





## PATIENT X (PATIENT HISTORY)

- 48 y/o Caucasian
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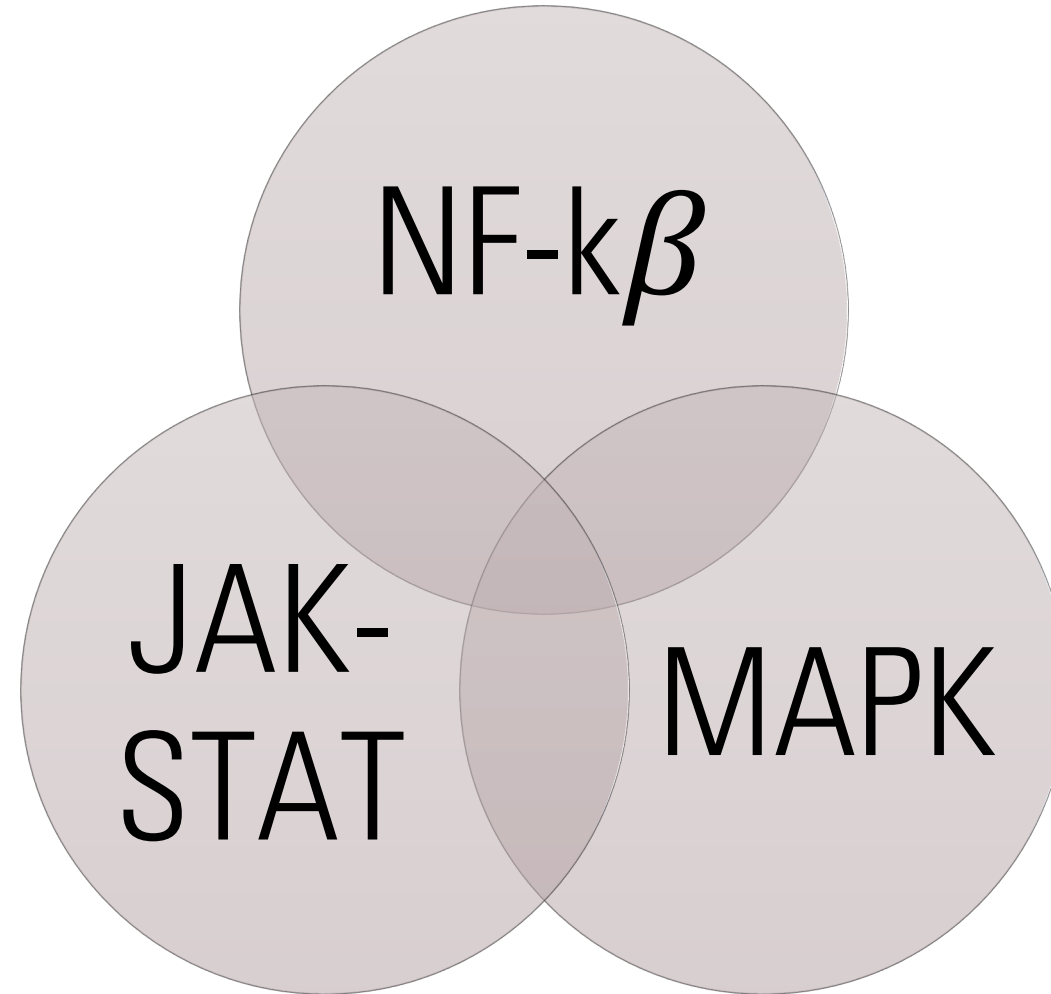
# GENOMIC PATHWAYS

INFLAMMATION

THROMBOSIS

VIRAL INFECTION

# INFLAMMATORY PATHWAYS



# TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR ALPHA

| Risk SNP  | Gene | Minor Allele | Patient Allele | Prevalence | Variant |
|-----------|------|--------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| rs1800629 | TNF  | A            | AA             | GG 2.6%    | 2       |

- TNF- $\alpha$  ▲
  - Baseline: Reactive cytokine that promotes additional inflammation
  - SNP: Higher incidence of infection and more serious disease. (Risk allele: A)
    - AA: 80% of hospitalized patients with Covid had severe symptoms.
    - GA: 41.7% of hospitalized patients with Covid had severe symptoms.
    - GG: 0% of hospitalized patients with Covid had severe symptoms.

# TNF- $\alpha$

Risk SNPs:

- rs1800629
- rs361525
- rs1799724
- rs1799964

Induction



Sensors

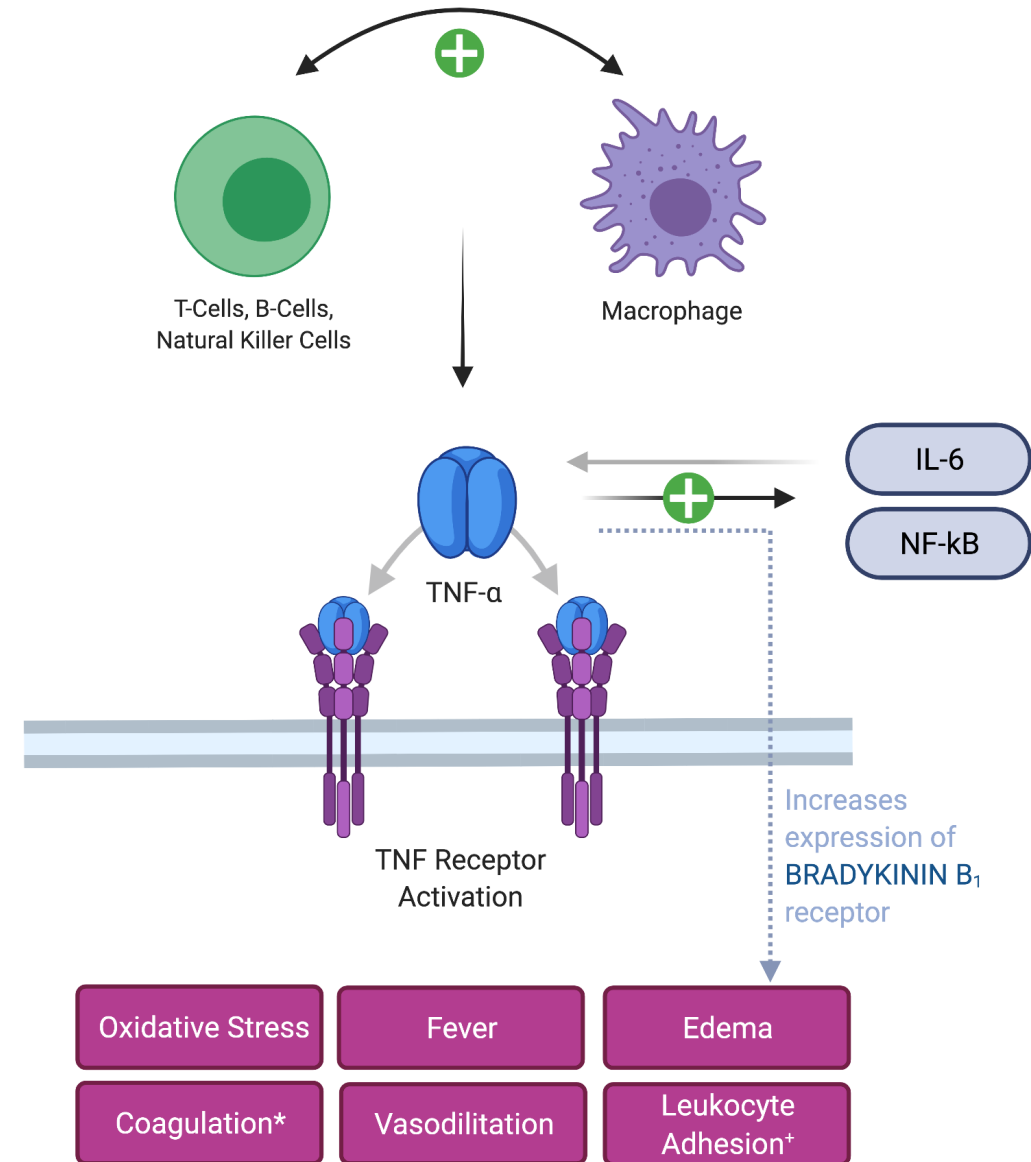


Inflammatory Mediators

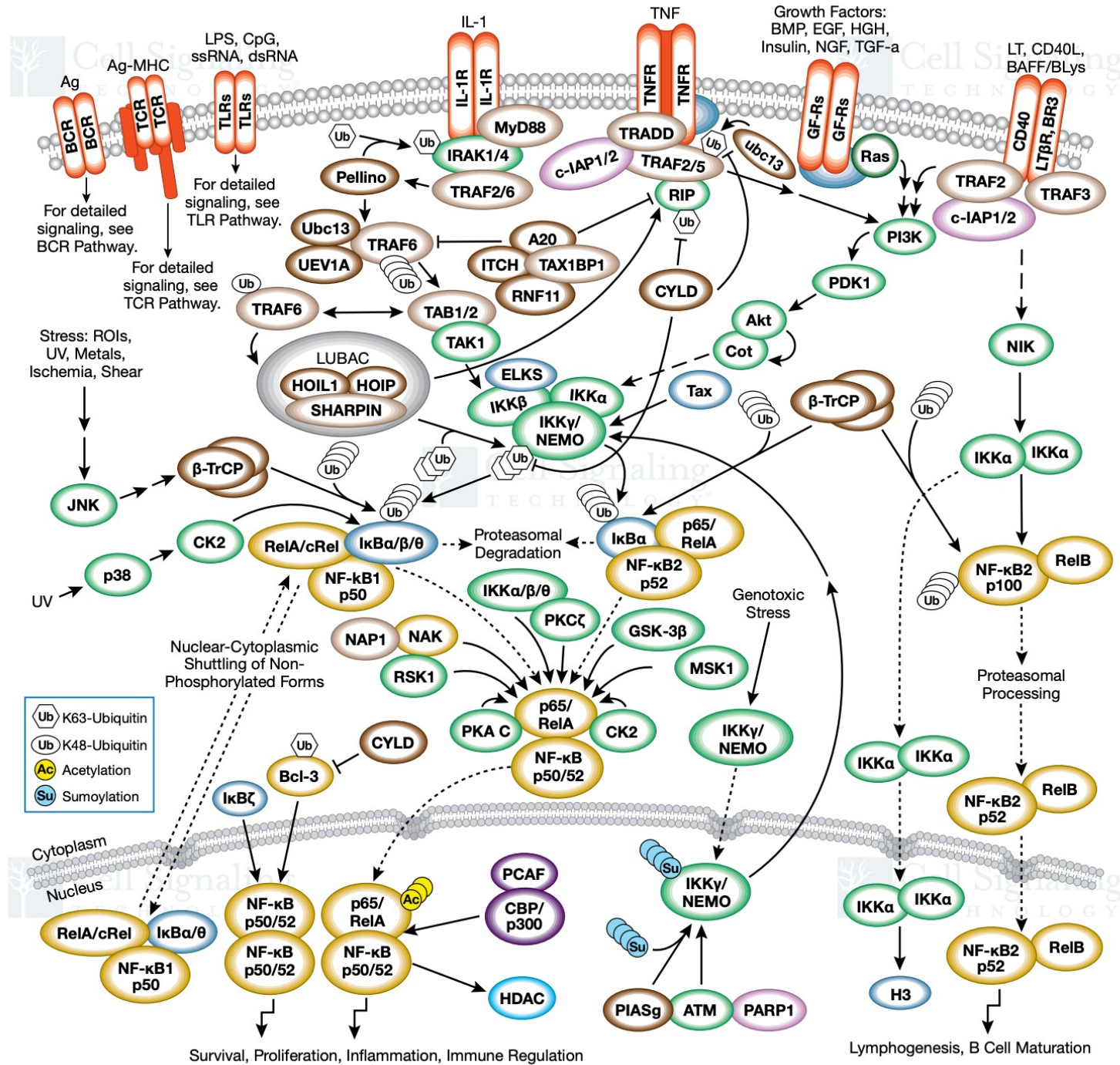


Tissue Response

## INFECTION

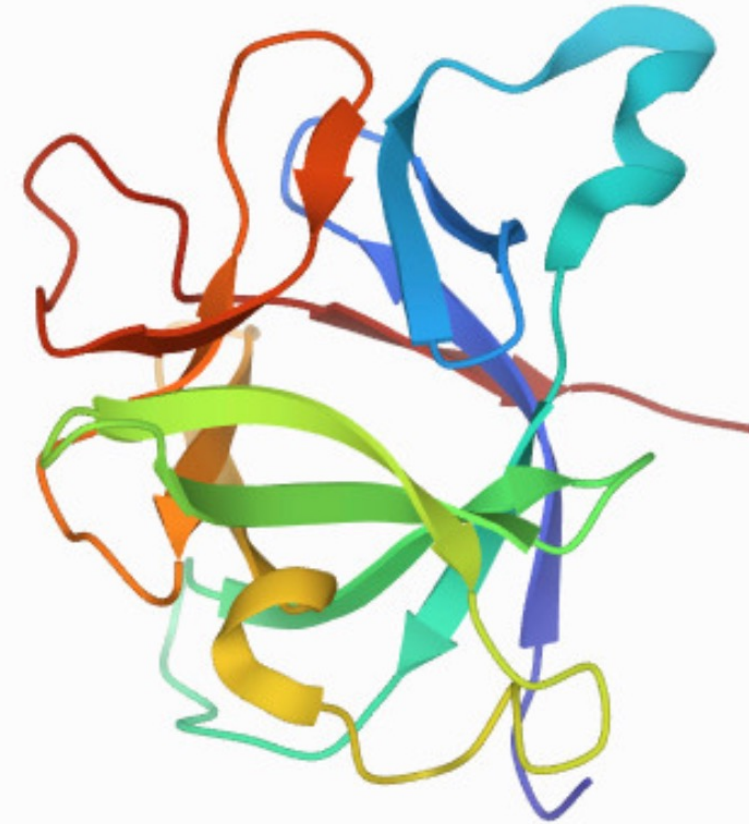


# NF- $\kappa$ B PATHWAY



# IL-1 $\beta$

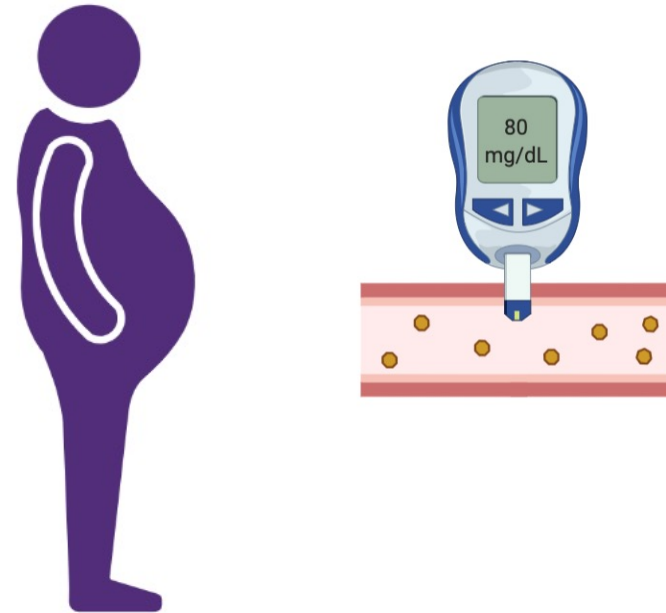
- IL-1 $\beta$  ▲
  - 1 SNP = ~50% Caucasian population
  - Increased inflammatory response systemically
  - **Crosses BBB**
  - Produced by NF-k $\beta$  and released by inflammasomes
  - By definition - ▲ IFN- $\gamma$ 
    - IFN- $\gamma$  is an **important component of the innate antiviral response** and is predominantly produced by NK cells or innate lymphoid type 1 cells



High-resolution three-dimensional structure of interleukin-1 beta in solution by three- and four-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. PDB DOI: [10.2210/pdb611B/pdb](https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb611B/pdb)

# IL6 - rs1800796

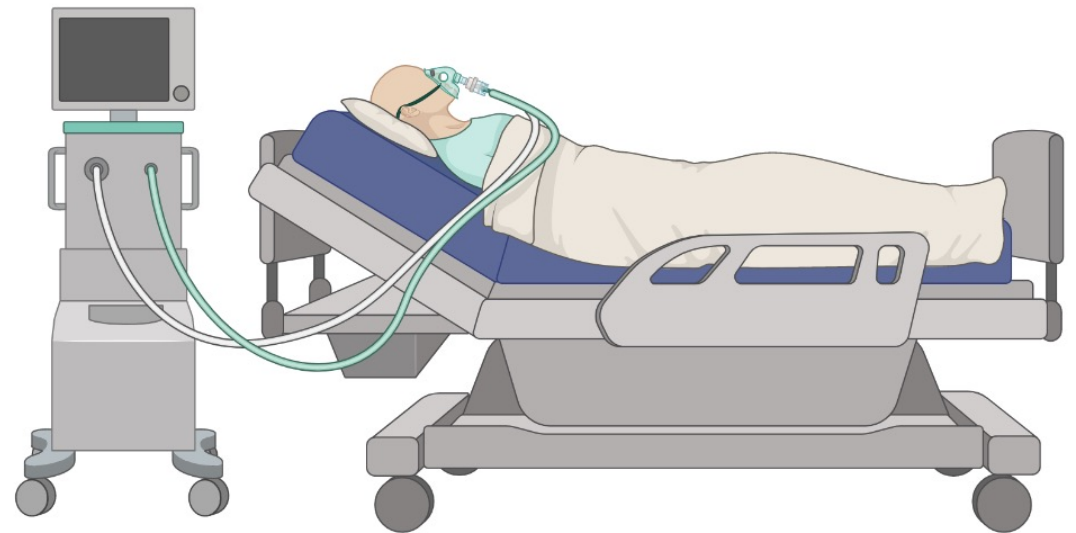
- IL6 SNP
  - OR: 1.52 ((ARDS) – homozygous SNP)
- SARS-CoV-2
  - Blood IL-6 level is highly correlated with the disease mortality and predicts the need for mechanical ventilation
  - SARS-CoV-2 induces release of IL6 that is independent of SNPs
  - IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  serum levels are known to be significant predictors of disease severity and death.





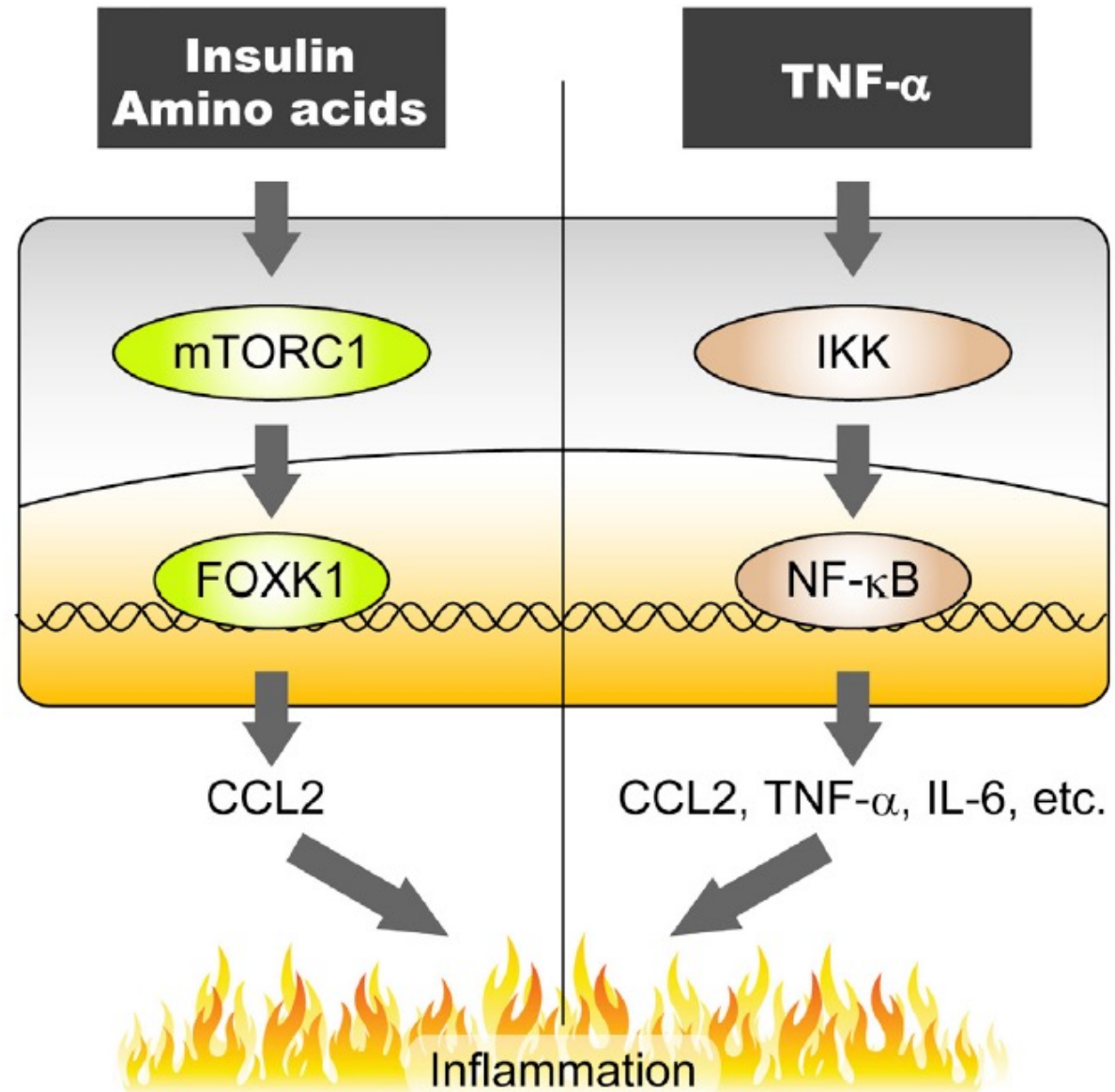
# ▲ OR: ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME

- MBL2 ▼
  - Baseline: Early warning system
  - Additive, w/ CCL2
  - OR = 2.88, heterozygous SNP
- CCL2 ▲
  - Baseline – Remove damaged tissue
  - Increased organ damage
  - Increased leukocyte infiltration of tissues
  - Trojan horse effect – wider viral dissemination
  - OR = 1.58, homozygous SNP



# NONCANONICAL PATHWAY FOR REGULATION OF CCL2

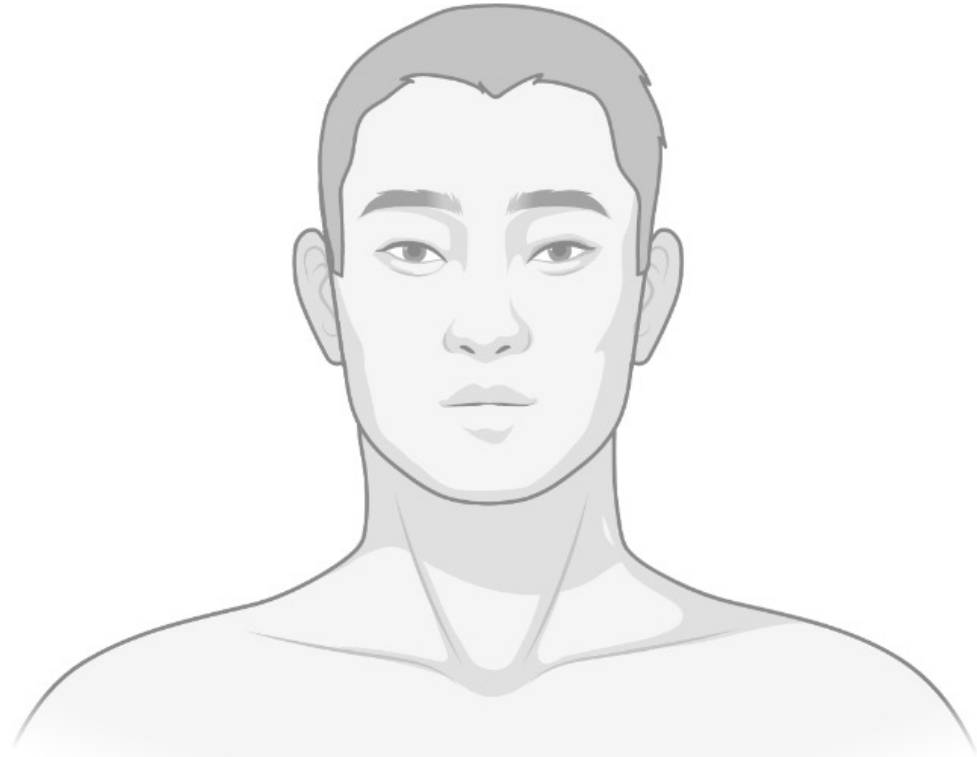
NF- $\kappa$ B  
BYPASS



# INFLAMMATORY MODULATION

- NLRP3 ▲
  - Increased inflammatory response
  - Activation - ▲IL-1 $\beta$
  - Activated by SARS-CoV-2
- CARD8 ▼
  - Part of NLRP3 inflammasome complex
  - ▲ NF- $\kappa$ B
  - ▲ Caspase 1
  - Increased inflammatory response
  - **Difficulty modulating inflammasomes**





# PATIENT X

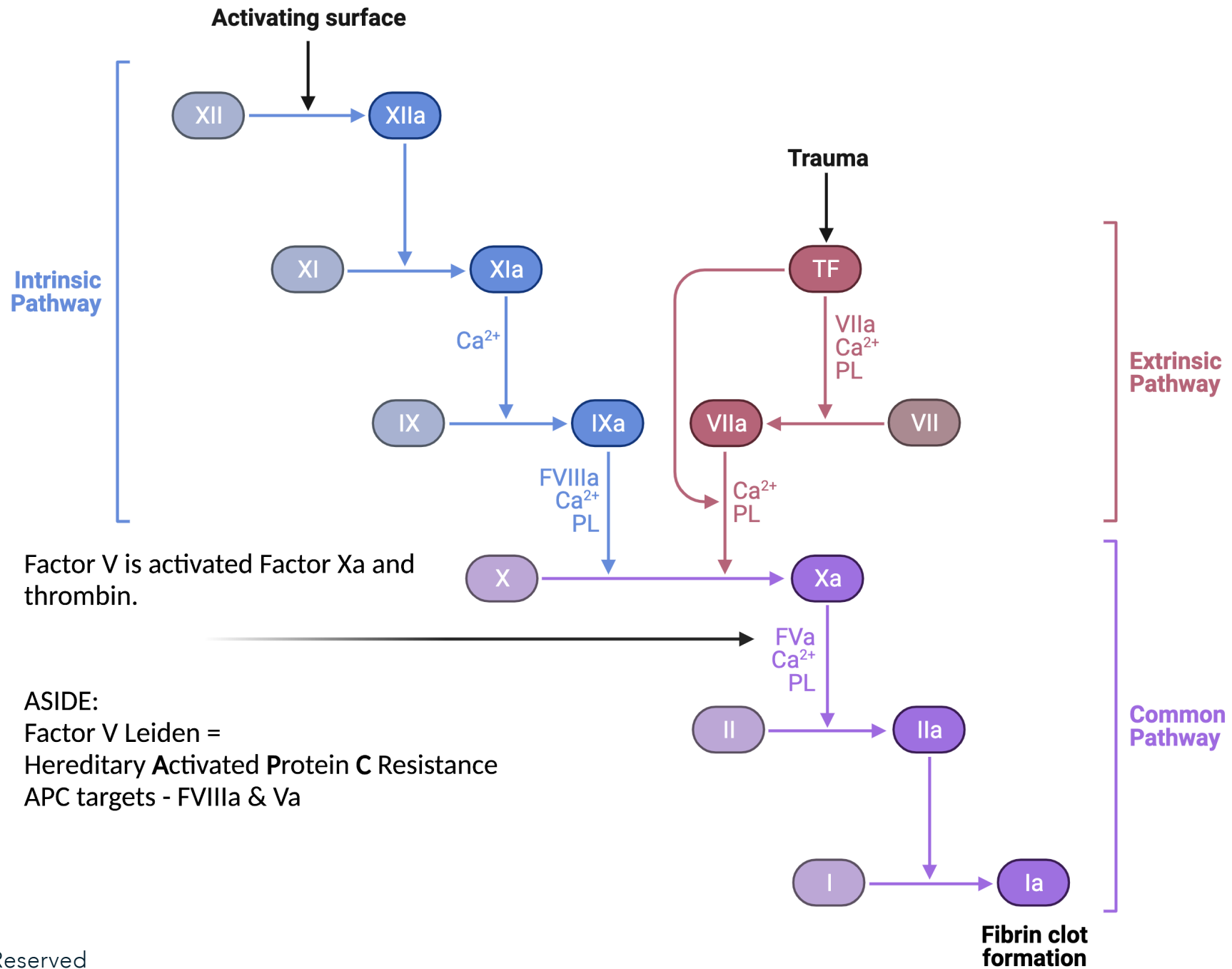
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Factor V is activated by Factor Xa and thrombin.

ASIDE:  
 Factor V Leiden =  
 Hereditary Activated Protein C Resistance  
 APC targets - FVIIIa & Va

# HYPERCOAGULABLE

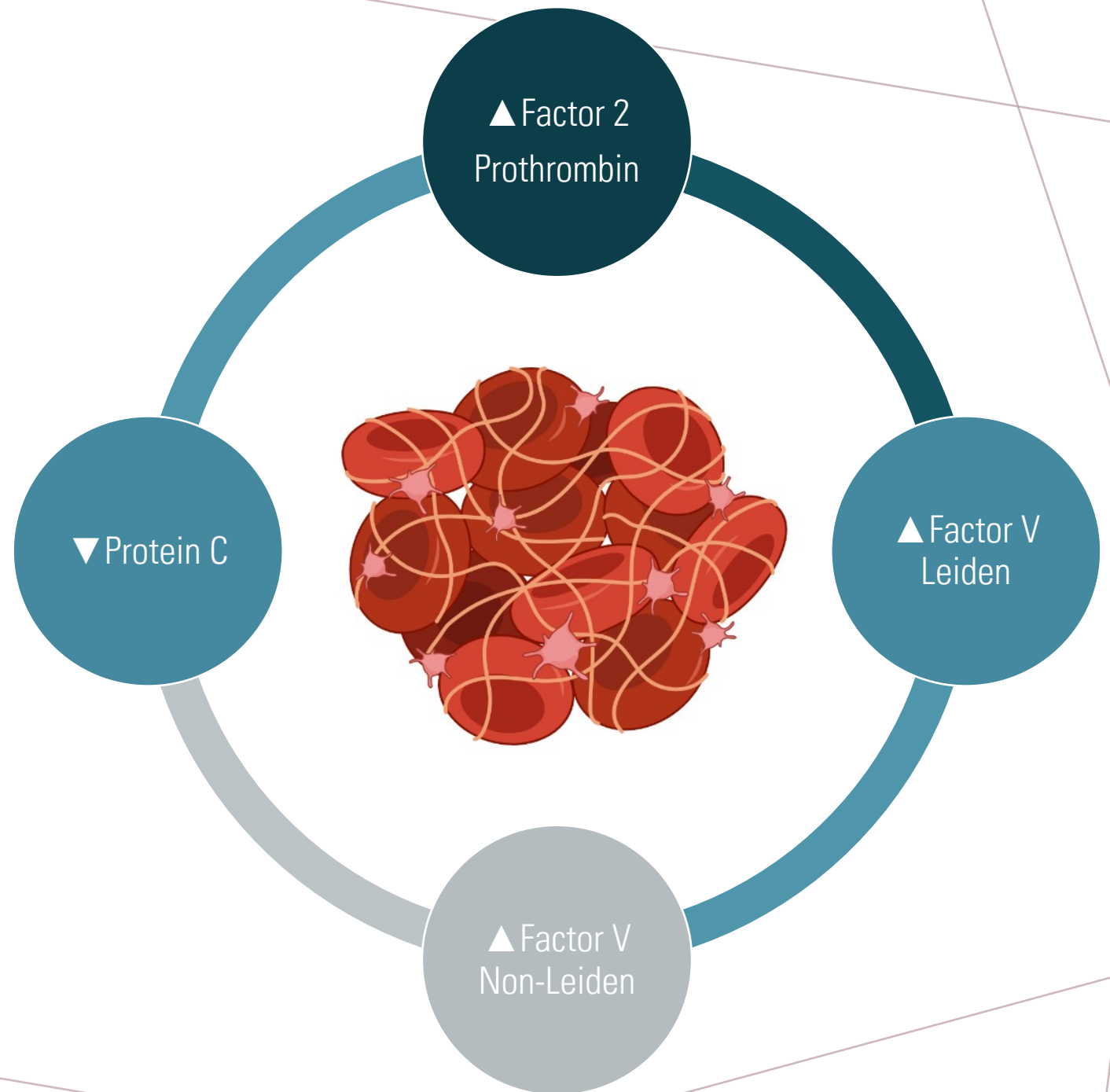
OR:

F2: 5.5, central venous thrombosis

F5 Leiden: 50x (homozygous, lifetime)

F5 – Non-Leiden: increased risk of CHD (OR = 2.63) and stroke (OR = 13.51) in women

PROC = NOT LINKED TO A DEFICIENCY – increased risk of stroke, men & women



# COUNTERBALANCE



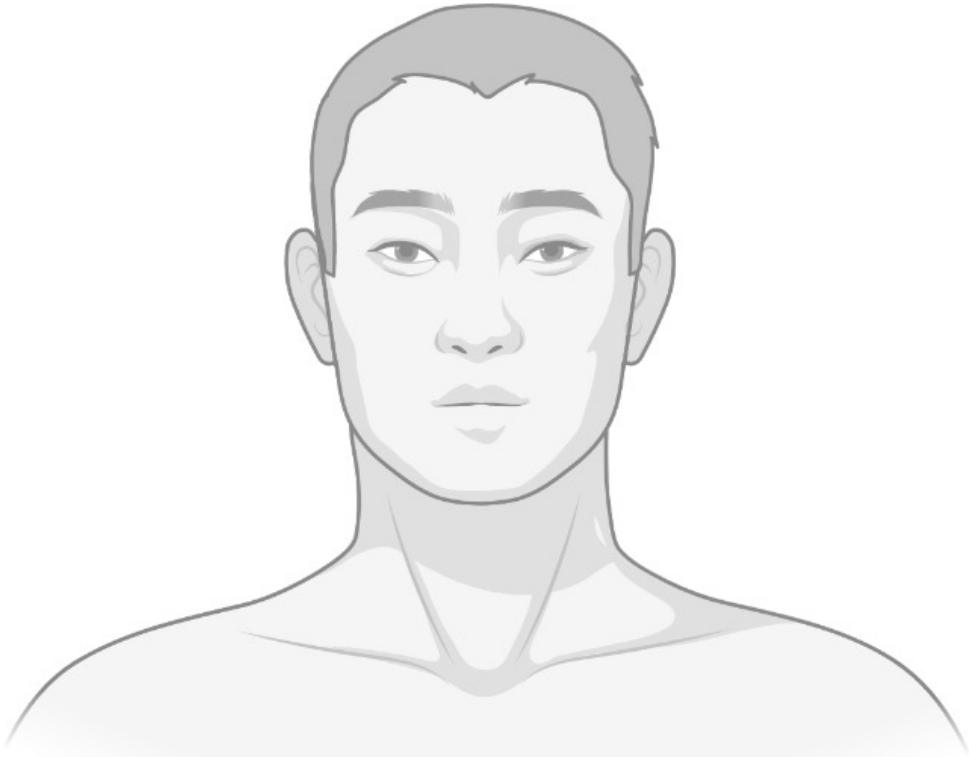
F2, F5, PROC



SERPINI1







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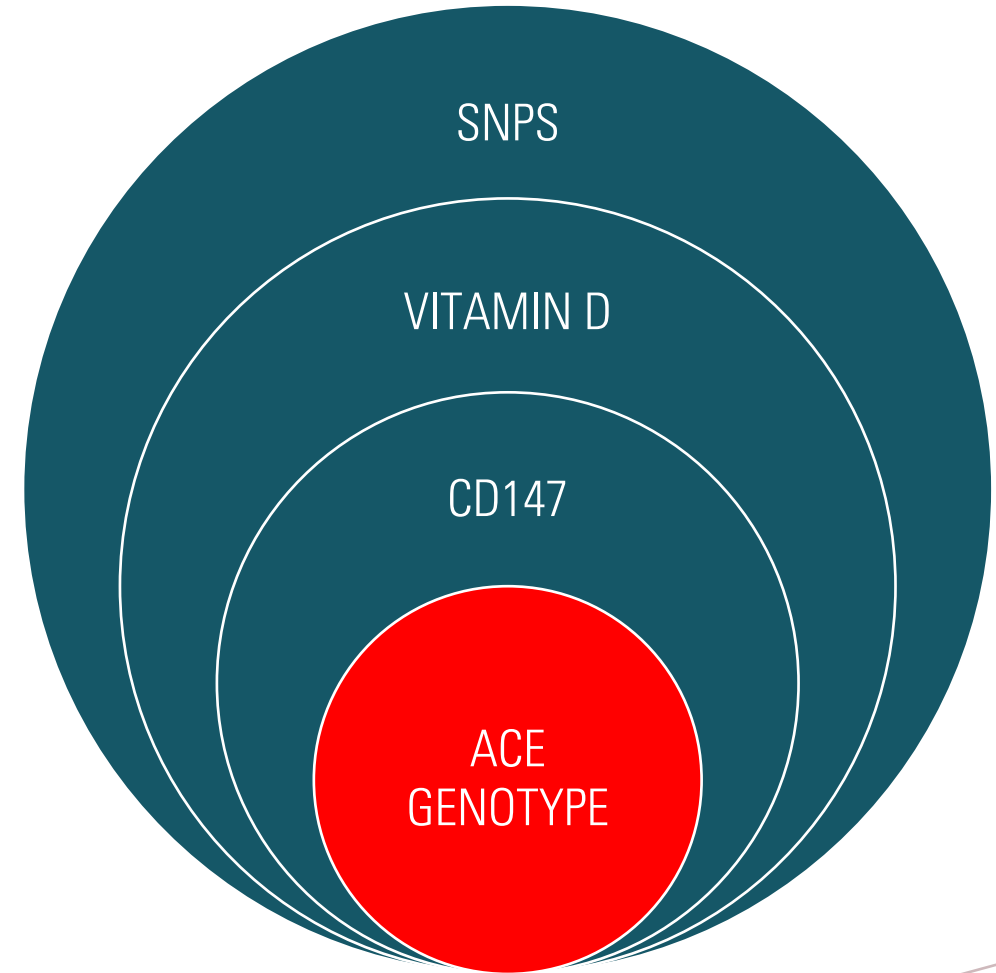
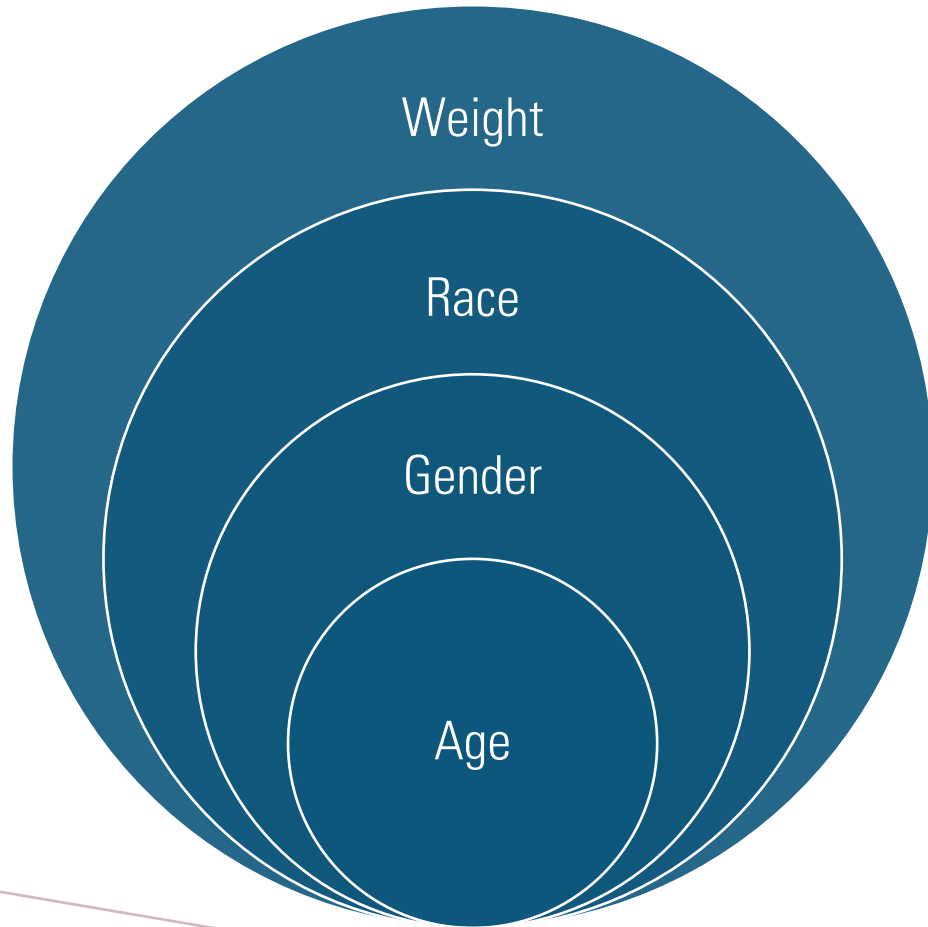
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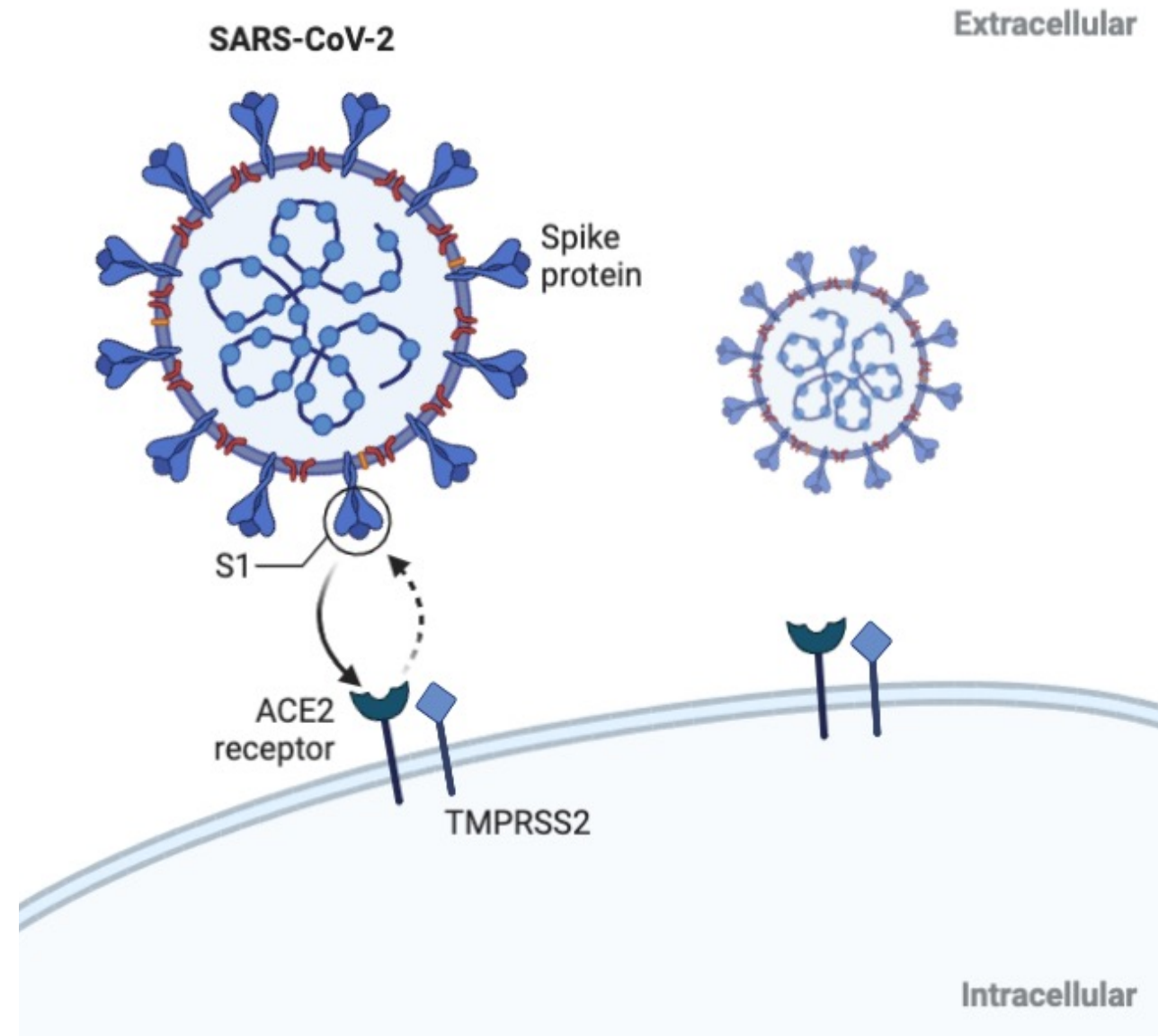
VIRAL INFECTION

# FROM COVID PHENOTYPE TO ACE GENOTYPE



# ACE2 RECEPTOR

- Receptor density: Nasal epithelial cells > lung T2 aveolar epithelial cells > GI and heart
- Higher ACE2: Asian than Caucasian & AA
- Smoking – increases expression ACE2 in lung epithelium



# ACE1 GENOTYPE, CHROMOSOME 17

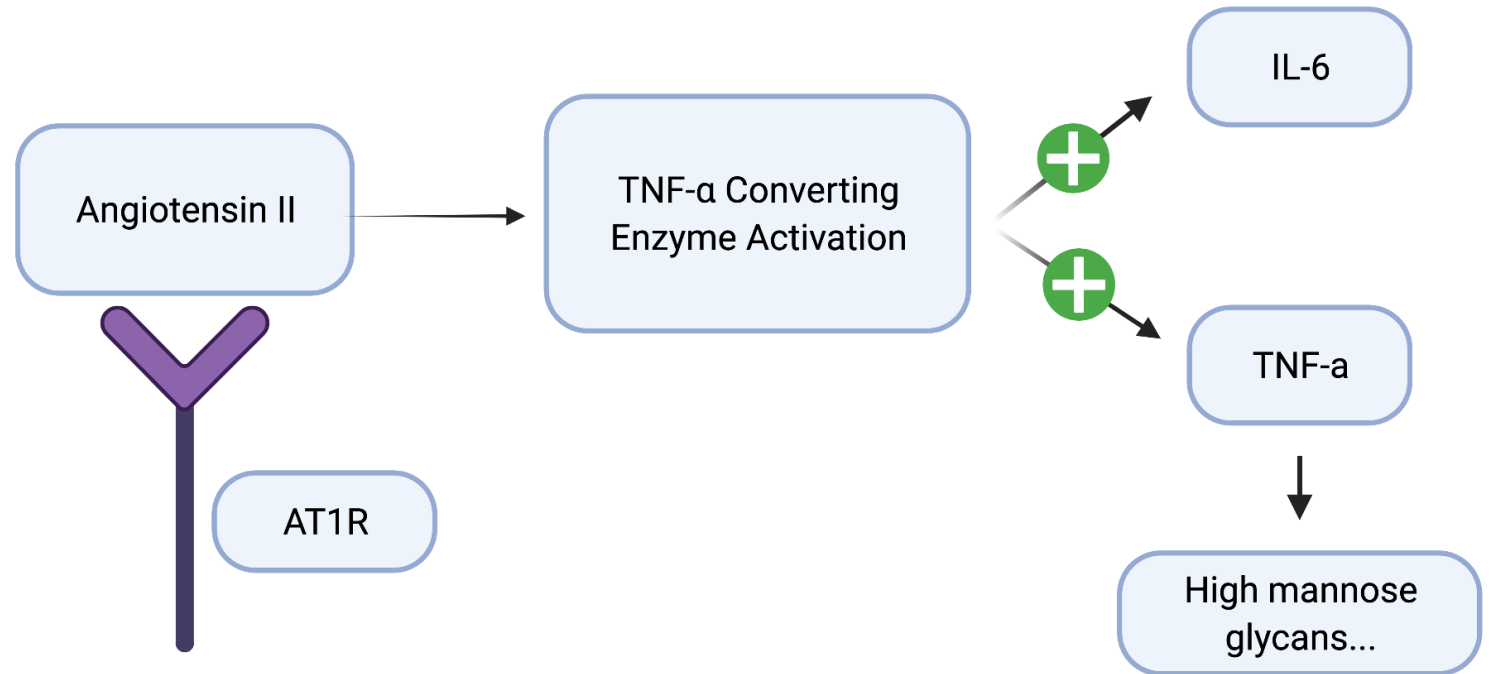
- ACE DD vs. ACE II (vs. DI)
- ↑ 70% angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) →
  - (+) enhanced endothelial tight junctions
  - (+) LDL oxidation
  - associated with a higher plasma level of ACE and an increased risk of CAD, myocardial infarction and cardiomyopathies
  - (+) Hypertension.
- SARS-CoV2
  - Reduction in ACE2 (due to overactivation of RAS), increase ACE/ACE2 , increase in angiotensin II.

# SARS-COV2, TNF- $\alpha$ & IL-6

- TNF- $\alpha$  & IL-6 – most critical cytokines to COVID-19 severity

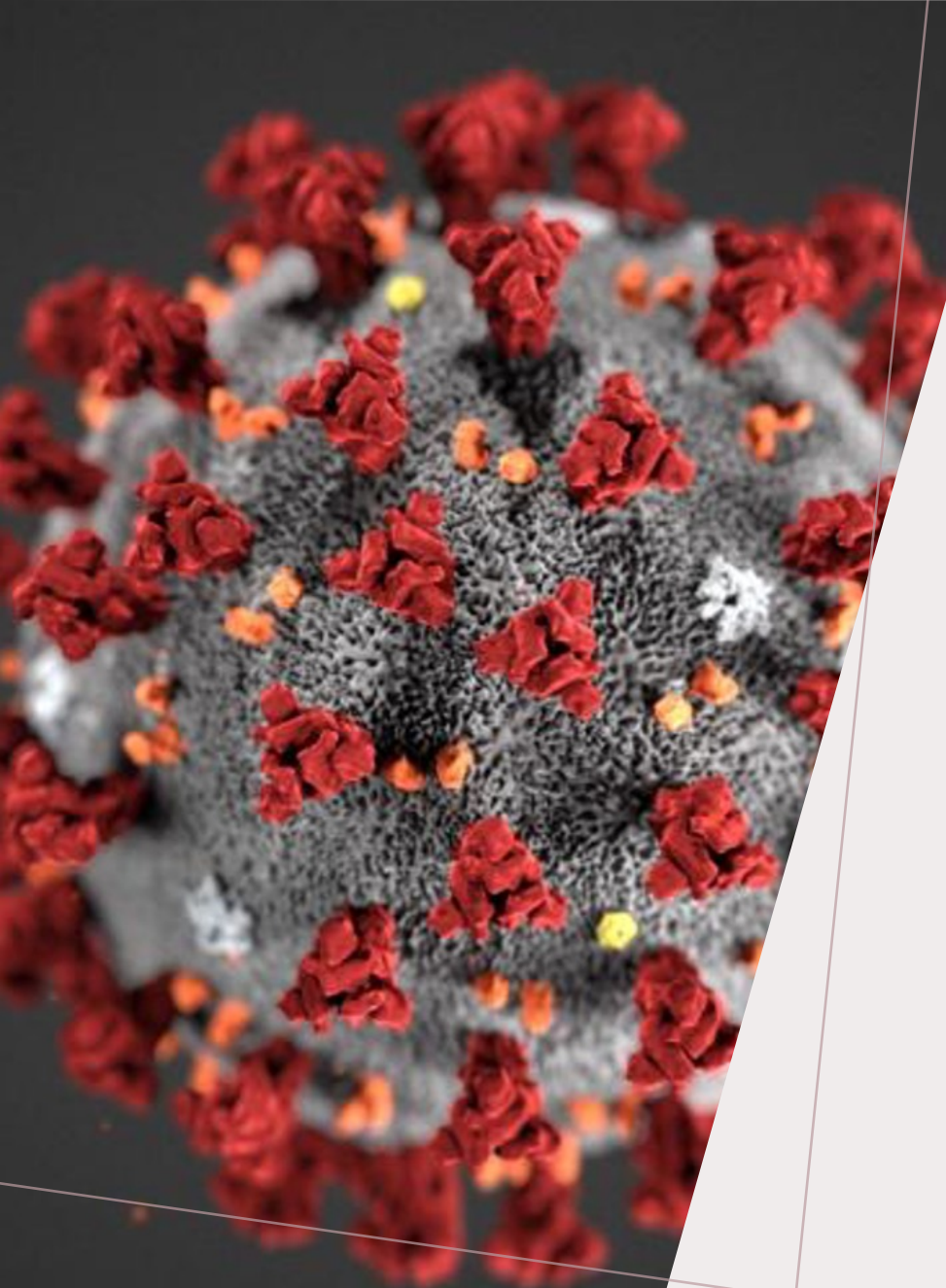
- both mediate MBL and T-helper lymphocytes (Th-17, marker of autoimmune disease) response
- IL-6 & TNF- $\alpha$  increase CD-147 receptors

- COVID-19 directly stimulates release of IL6.



# ALLELE FREQUENCIES – ACE DD

| POPULATION        | I    | D    |
|-------------------|------|------|
| BAKA PYGMY, GABON | 0.14 | 0.86 |
| MOROCCAN          | 0.29 | 0.71 |
| AFRICAN AMERICANS | 0.43 | 0.57 |
| ENGLAND           | 0.45 | 0.55 |
| FRANCE            | 0.42 | 0.58 |
| EAST ASIA         | 0.63 | 0.29 |



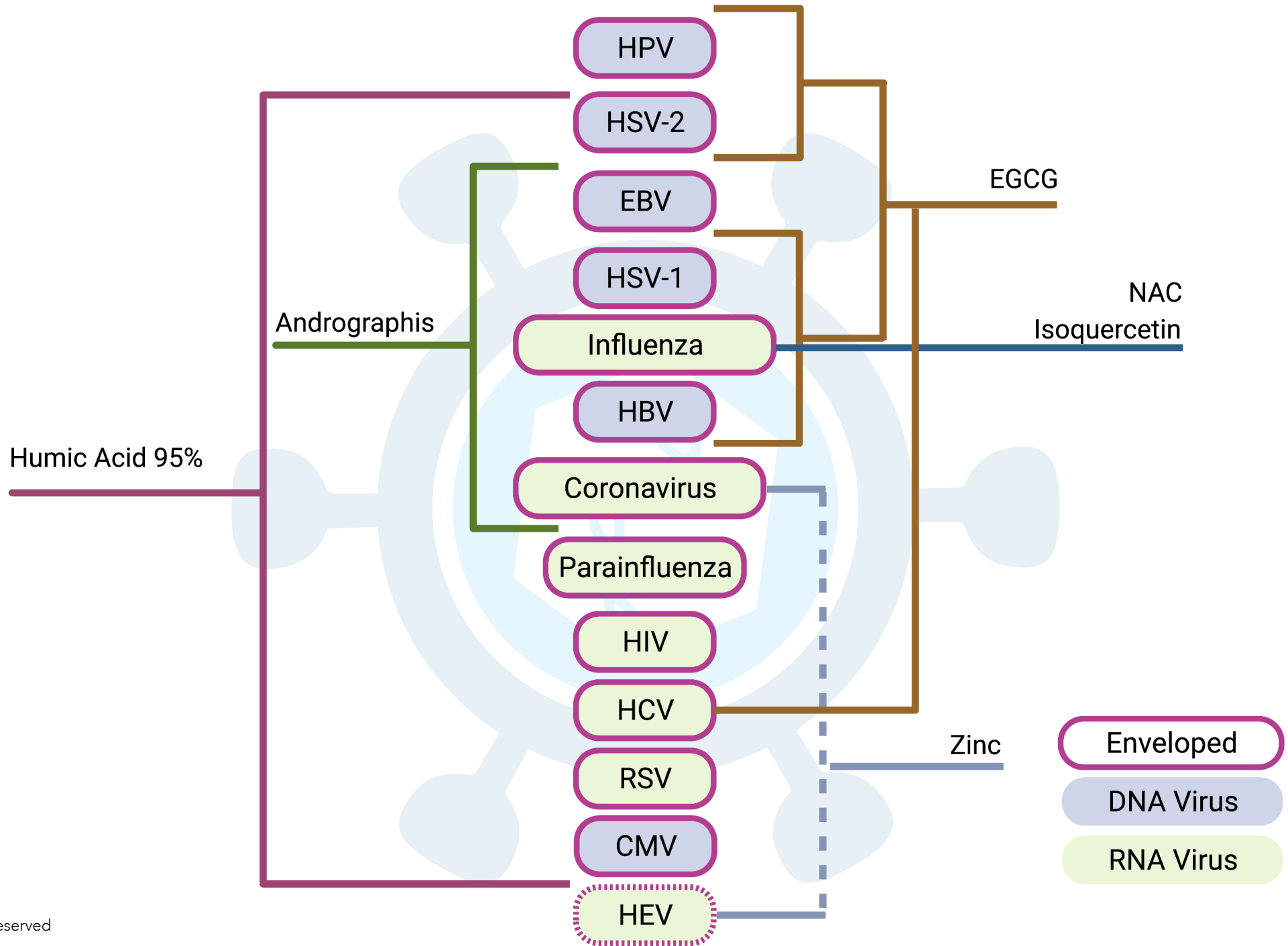
# SARS-COV2 KINETICS

- High infectivity
  - # viral particles, 48 hours post infection, lung tissue:  $3.20x > \text{CoV2 vs. CoV (2003)}$
  - Despite higher infectivity, no significant induction of interferons in lung tissue
  - CoV vs. CoV2 – upregulated 11 out of 13 inflammatory cytokines/chemokines vs. 5 of 13 for CoV2.

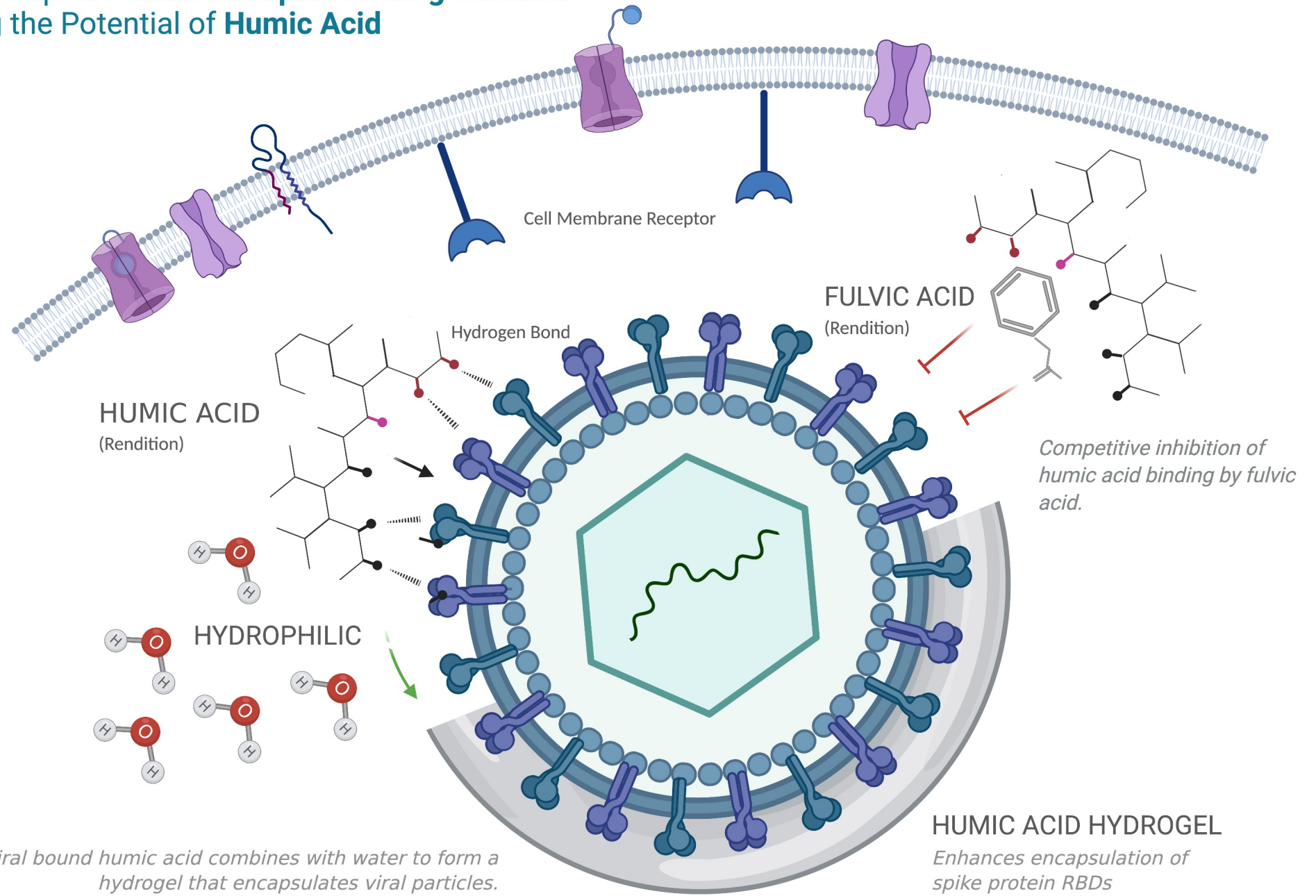


# SOLUTIONS

FUNCTIONAL TREATMENT OPTIONS



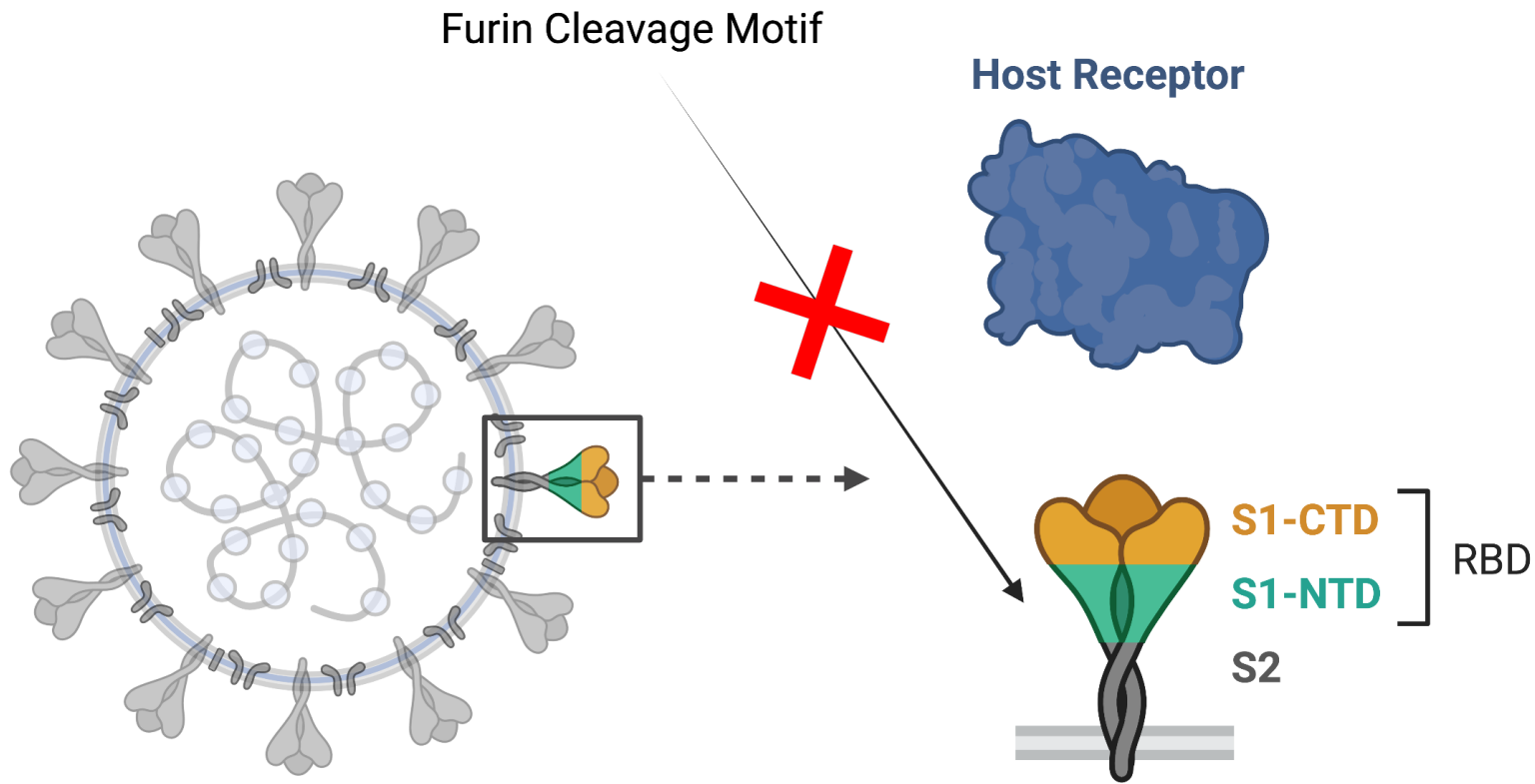
# Blockade of Spike Protein Receptor Binding Domains Optimizing the Potential of Humic Acid



*Viral bound humic acid combines with water to form a hydrogel that encapsulates viral particles.*

# ANDROGRAPHIS

## FURIN PROTEASE INHIBITOR



# DUAL FUNCTION

## ANTI-VIRAL & ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

| MOLECULE       | CYTOKINE  | INFLAMMASOME |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| Andrographis   | CCL2<br>TNF- $\alpha$<br>IL-1 $\beta$<br>IL-6                       | NLRP3        |
| EGCG           | IL-1 $\beta$ (conflicting data)<br>TNF- $\alpha$ (conflicting data) | NLRP3        |
| Humic Acid 95% | TNF- $\alpha$   |              |
| Quercetin      | IL-1 $\beta$<br>TNF- $\alpha$<br>(Augmented by ascorbic acid)       | NLRP3        |
| Zn*            | IL-1 $\beta$<br>IL-6<br>IL-2<br>TNF- $\alpha$                       |              |

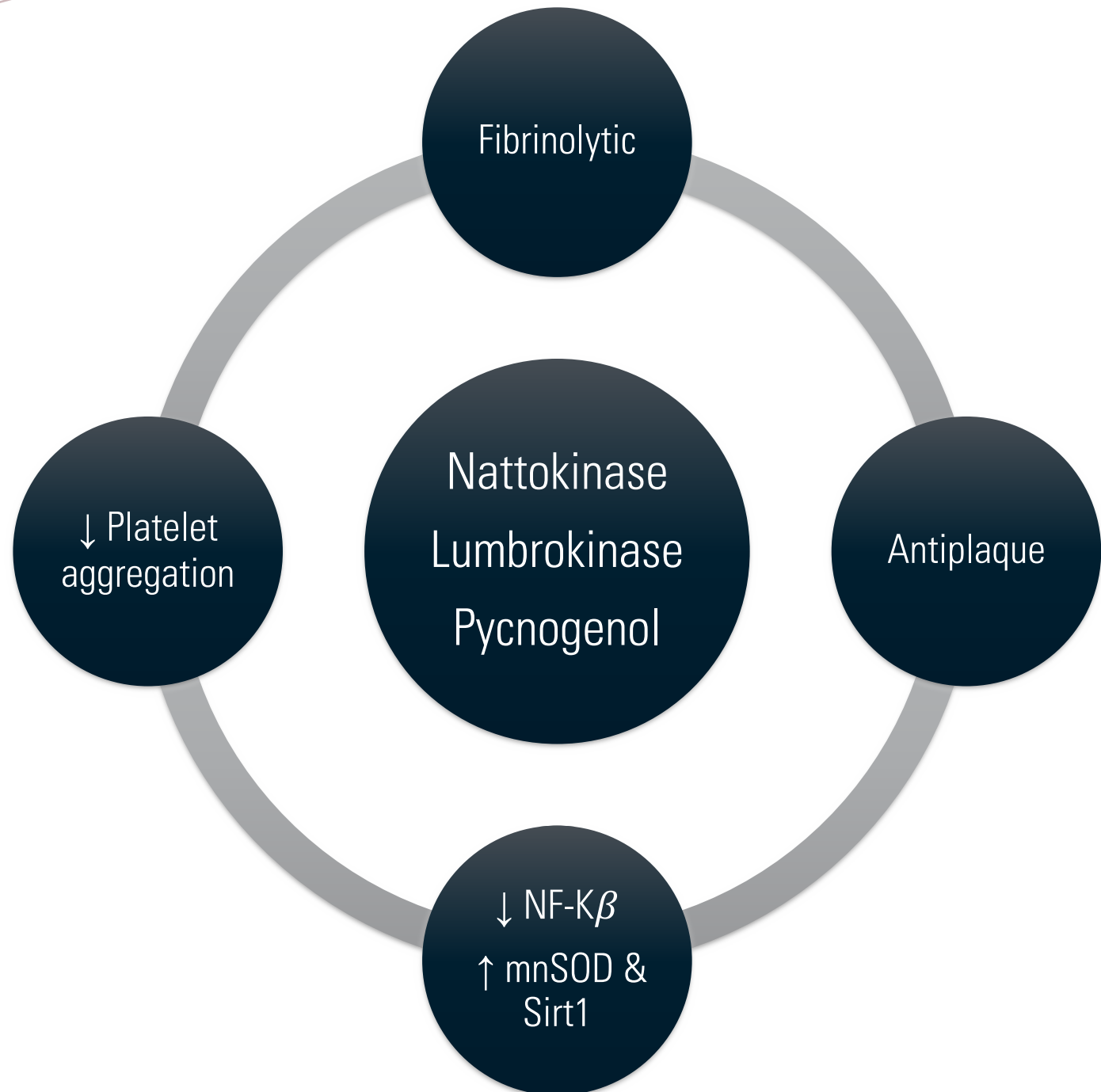
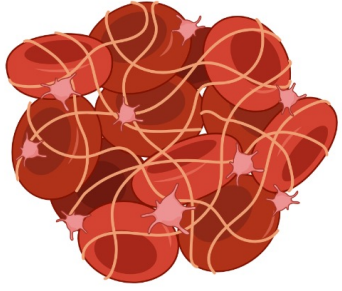
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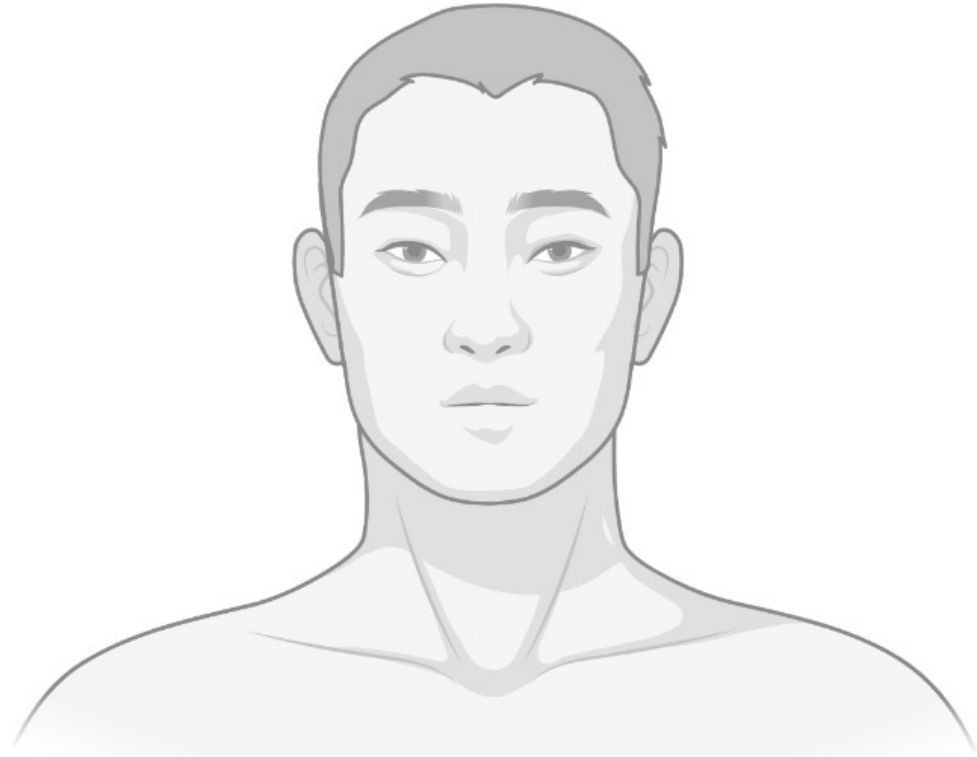
## ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

| MOLECULE   | CYTOKINE                                      | INFLAMMASOME   |
|------------|---|----------------|
| Astralagus | CCL2<br>TNF- $\alpha$<br>IL-1 $\beta$<br>IL-6 | NLRP3          |
| Resolvins  | IL-1 $\beta$                                  | CARD8<br>NLRP3 |



# FIBRINOLYTICS

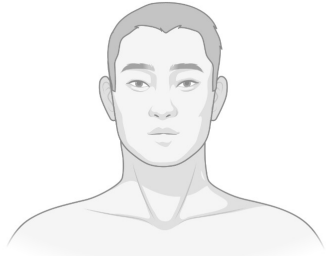




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# CARE

VIRAL  
INFECTION

INFLAMMATION

THROMBOSIS

VITAMIN D

ANDROGRAPHIS  
ASTRALAGUS  
95% HUMIC ACID

LUMBROKINASE

# HIGH RISK PATIENT

- 85 y/o woman, lives alone
- **Comorbidities** – overfat, prediabetic, reactive airway disease, dyslipidemia
- **Diagnosis** -- Bilateral COVID Pneumonia
- **O<sub>2</sub> Saturation** -- mid-80's to low 90's on our engagement
- **Cough** – “barking seal”
- **Speech** – Hard to carry on a conversation
- **FHx** – Stroke
- **Treatment**
  - PRIOR: Azithromycin – 1 week prior to additional intervention
  - NEW: Humic Acid 95% + Resolvins
- **Outcome**
  - Vacuuming her home, 24-hours after intervention
- **Vaccination Status**
  - S/P 2 injections, Moderna
  - Second dose was within 3 months of a symptomatic infection

A close-up photograph of two red dice on a green casino table. The dice are in motion, with one in the foreground and one slightly behind it. The background is a blurred green surface with some red markings.

# MED-LEGAL

MALPRACTICE

“PHARMACOGENOMICS”

# PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



Clinical genomics improves clinical efficiency and patient outcomes.



There is both a genomic signature to viral susceptibility and a genomic map to optimizing care.



Safe and effective, non-prescription based treatment strategies are available.

# SUMMARY



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