

# Personalized Nutrition: Nutrigenomics as a tool in Dietetic Practice Current Approach and Challenges in India



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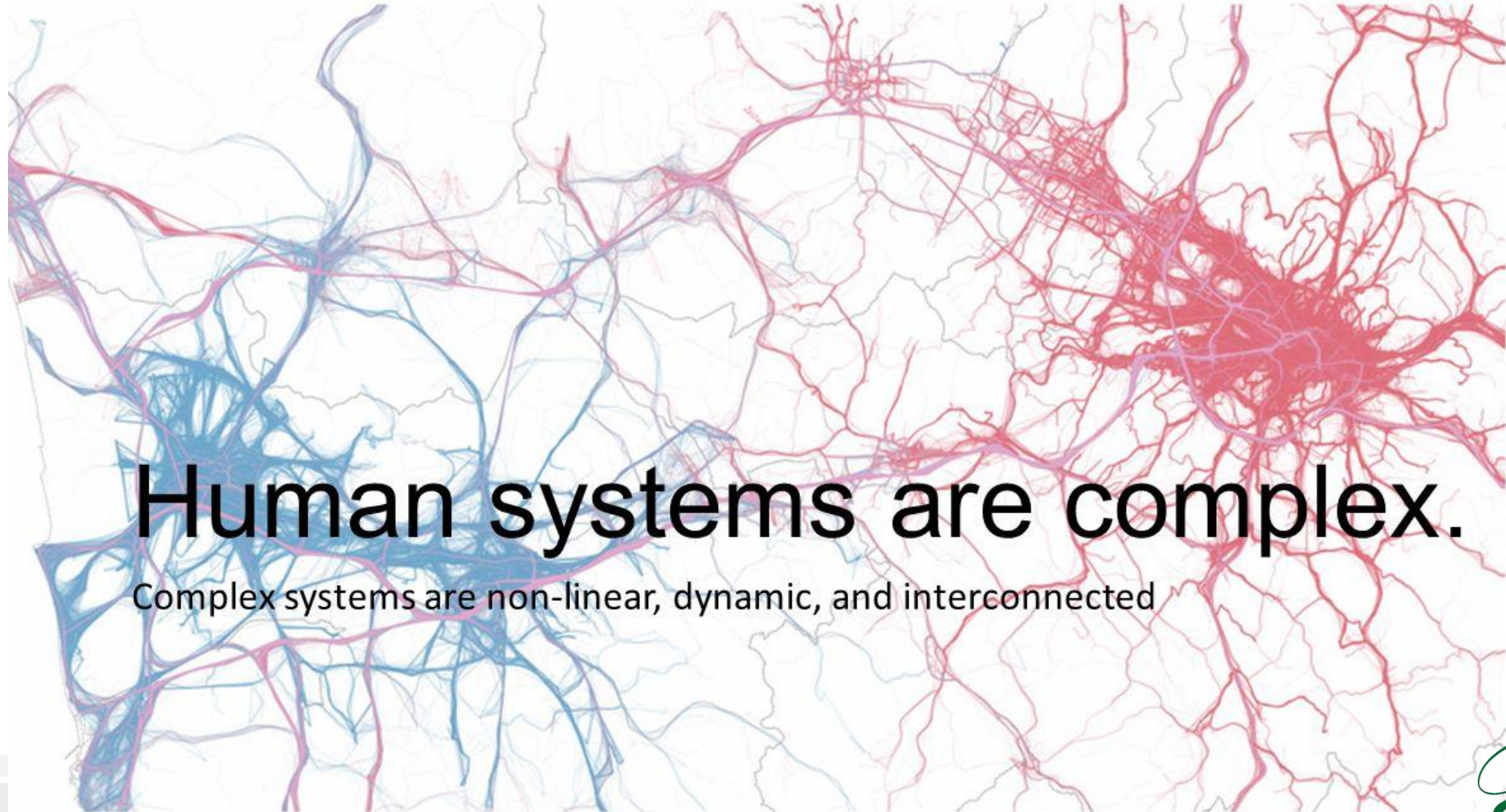
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Is this so simple that we can think  
“one size suits all”



**Human systems are complex.**

Complex systems are non-linear, dynamic, and interconnected



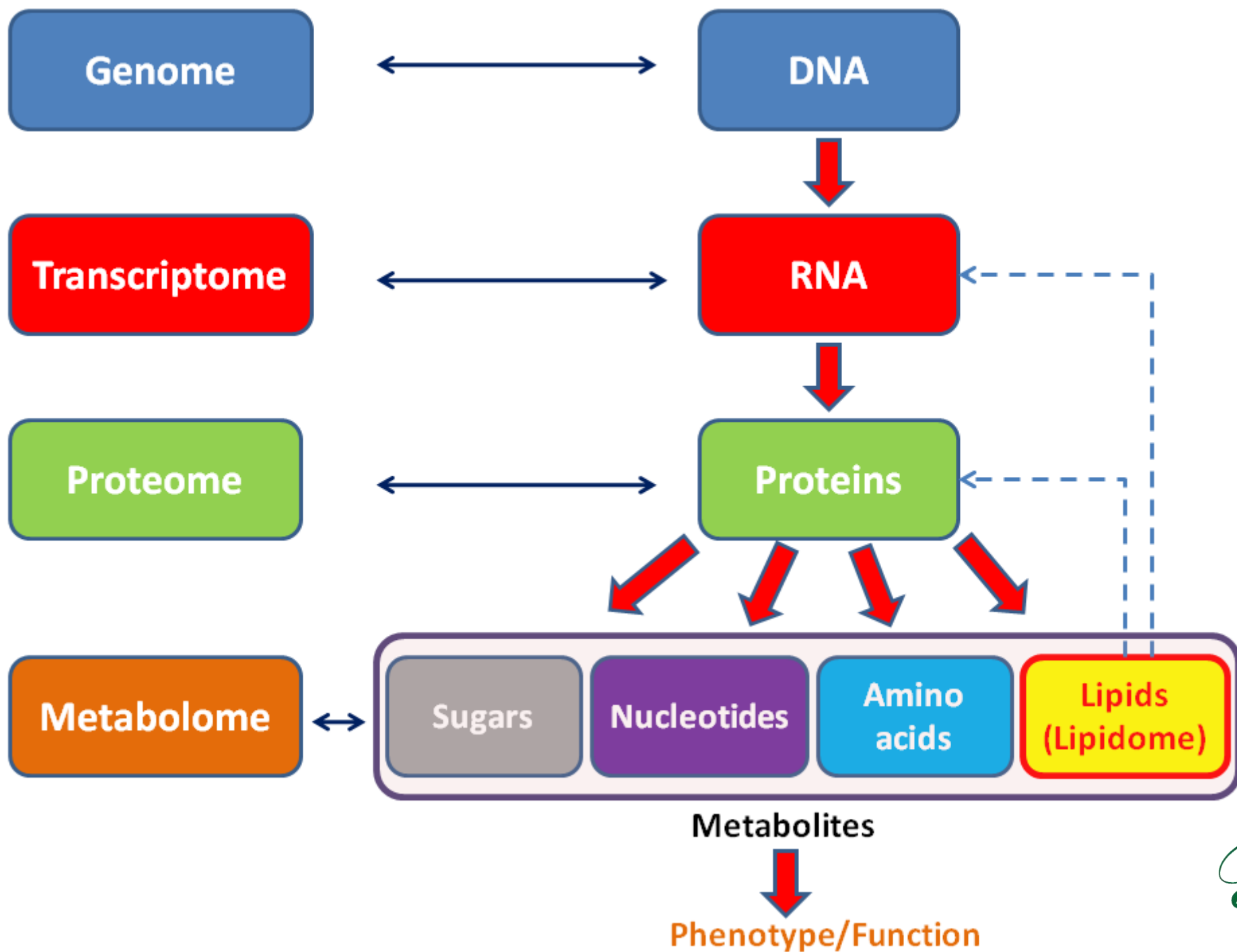
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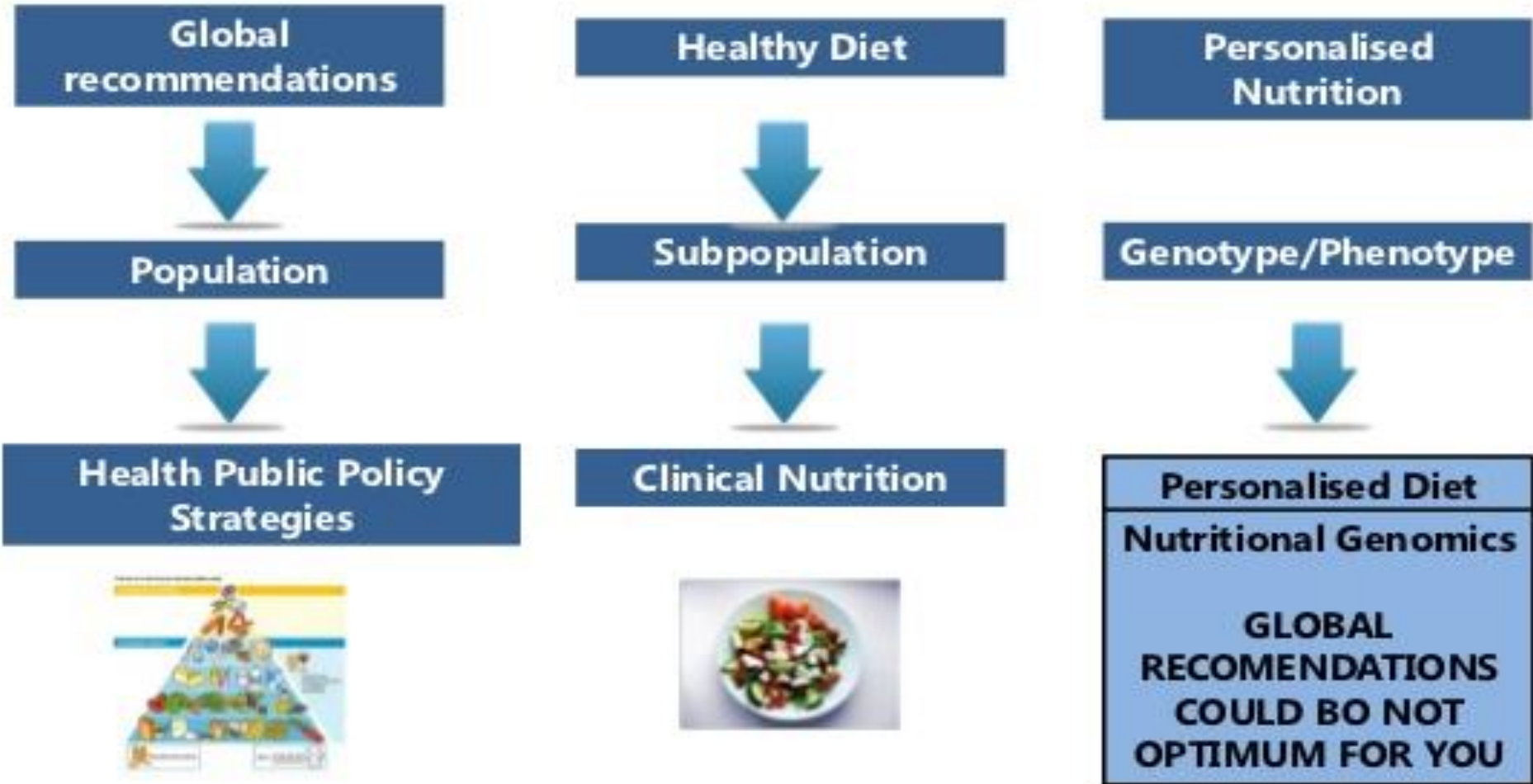
**Present diet**



**DNA diet  
-the future**

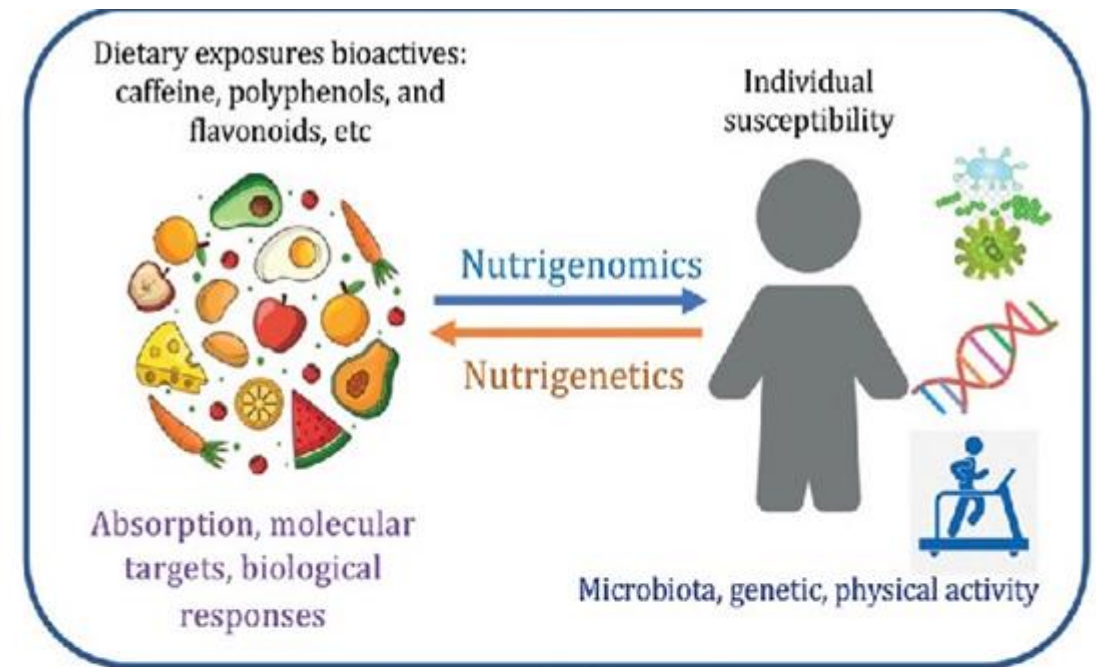


# Goal From global recommendations for healthier diet habits to personalised nutrition



# Nutrigenomics

- What you eat directly determines the genetic messages your body receives. These messages, in turn, control all the molecules that constitute your metabolism.
- Genetic constitution control the messages and instructions they give your body and your metabolism .



-omics Technologies: Integrative Nutritional  
**BIOMARKERS**

**PRECISION NUTRITION**

: optimal health

Hyman M. *Book on Ultra-metabolism: the simple plan for automatic weight loss*. New York: Atria Books; 2006. p. 24



# Origin of Nutrigenomics:

- PKU ( Inborn Errors of Metabolism)
- Lactose intolerance
- 1990 – Human Genome Project
- 2007 – Inter-relationships between genes, nutrition and disease

# Molecular Nutrition Focus

20<sup>th</sup> Century - Micronutrients ( vitamins and minerals) (Menon et al.2010)

21<sup>st</sup> Century – focus changed to NCD with rise of obesity and type 2 Dm ( Mohan et al 2007)

In prevention of disease nutrition research optimization to maintain cellular, tissue and organ and whole body homeostasis.

. Epidemiology and Physiology to Molecular Biology and Genetics and **Nutrigenomics**

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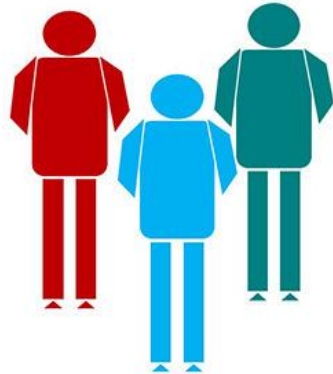


## Risk factors for disease development

Family history, food choices, demographic variation, medical history, Race/origin, economical differences

## Personalized & clarified disease risk stratification

Genomics or omics based nutrient biomarkers, dietary habits, eating behaviors, lifestyle aspects



Nutrigenetics

Nutrigenomics

**Diet-Gene interaction**

metabolomics

Microbiome or microbiota

1. Nutritional Phenotypes

2. Clinical applications

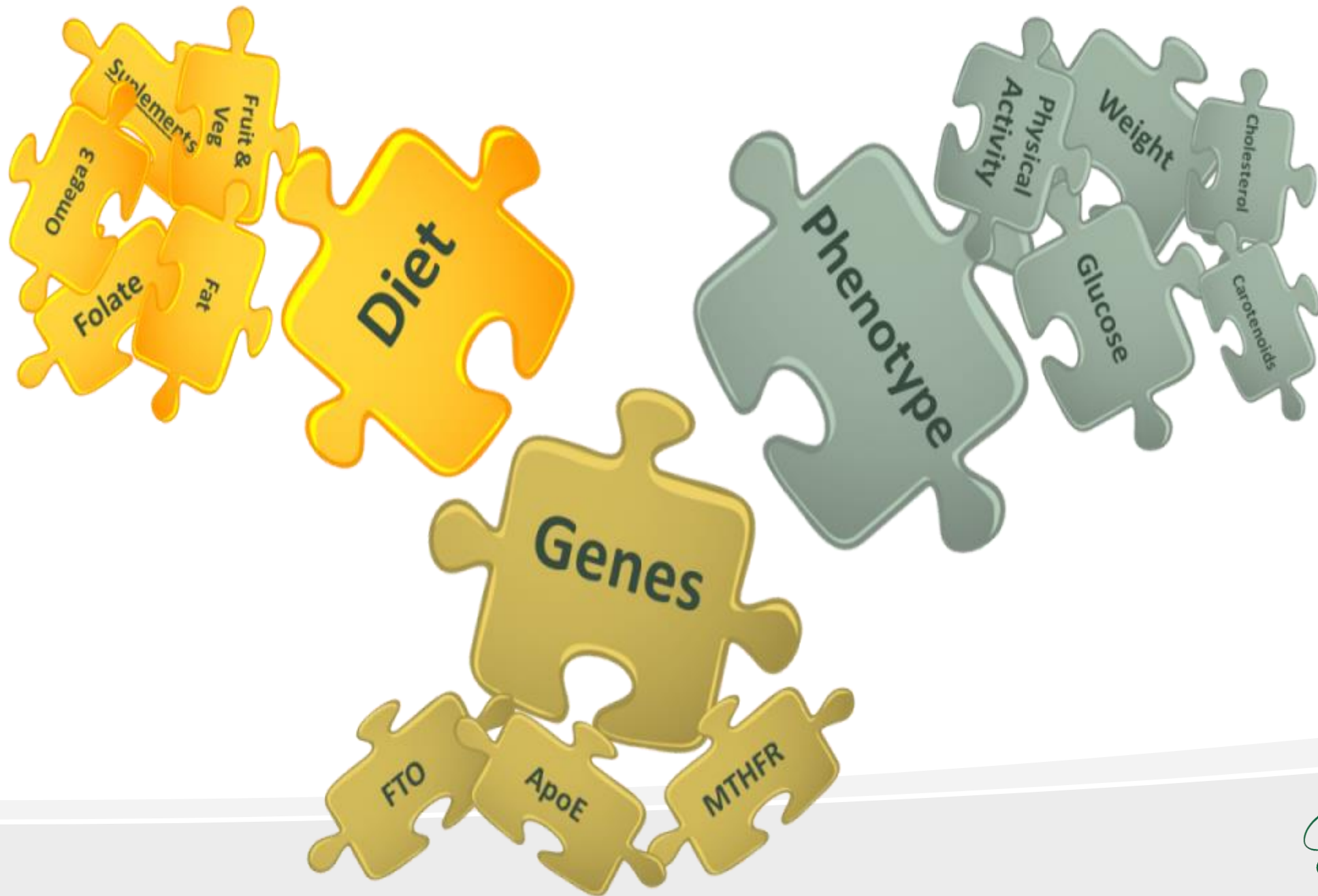
### Population based diet advice

#### Target:


1. To obviate nutrient deficiency
2. To manage or treat non-contagious diseases

### Precision nutrition Target:

1. To develop healthier relationship with food.
2. To provides essential nutrients for survival



## Genetic dietetics: Nutrigenomics and the future of dietetics practice



The genomic blueprint of organisms, from viruses to plants and animals, is revealing a detailed molecular and mechanistic understanding of all of life's processes. Functional genomics is translating this information into the basis for guiding the future of human health and disease. Nutrigenomics is not a single field, but is considered the combination of two—nutritional genomics and nutritional genetics.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jada.2005.02.034>

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Personalised Nutrition</b> | Individually tailored nutrition (Environment ,Phenotype and Genotype)  |
| <b>Precision Nutrition</b>    | Personalised with specific focus to food , nutrients and health.   |
| <b>Nutrigenetics</b>          | Personalised Nutrition for different phenotypic responses ( NCD) to a specific diet depending on genotype.                                     |
| <b>Nutrigenomics</b>          | Response of individual genes to nutrients and metabolic consequences.  |
| <b>Exposome</b>               | Collection of environmental factors, such as stress, physical activity and diet, to which an individual is exposed and which may affect health |



# Changing the Nutrition Prescription

As one moves from stratified to personalised to precision nutrition, it becomes necessary to apply more and more dimensions or characteristics to achieve the desired goal.

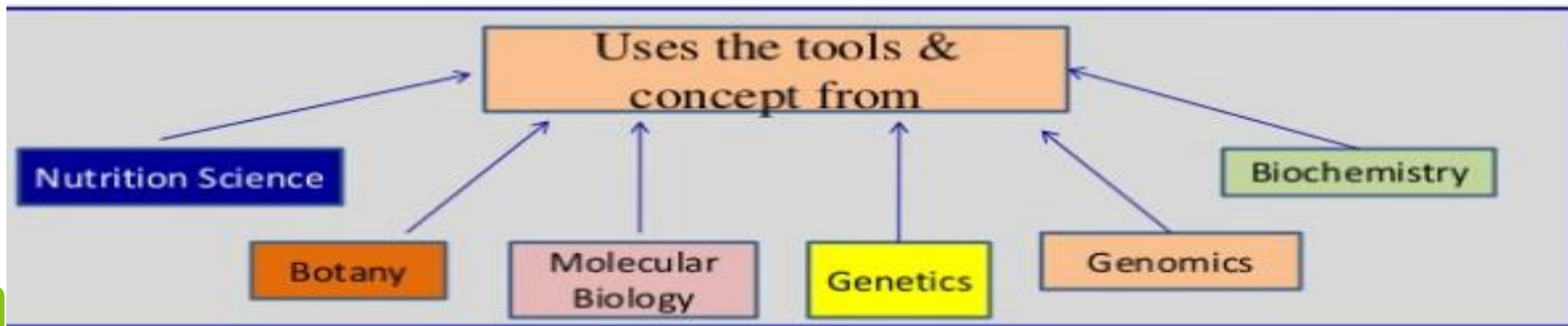
Specific Information, Anthropometry, Biochemical, Clinical, Dietary, Exposome  
And genotype

i.e **Phenotype, Environment and Genotype**

Nutrigenomics

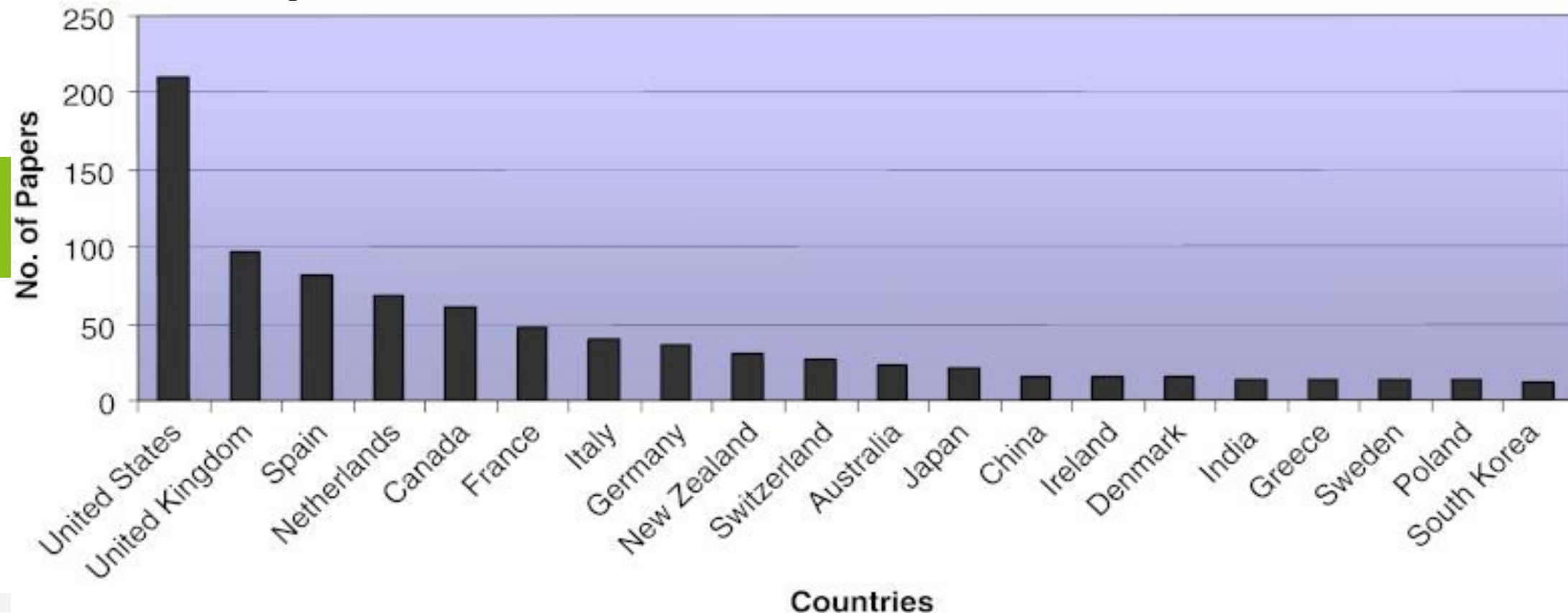


Integrative System Biology



# Global status of nutrigenomics research (as per Scopus database)

According to Scopus database, US and UK have the highest contribution, while India is in 16th position, suggesting that nutrigenomics research in India is still in the infancy.



Scopus Database <http://www.scopus.com/home.url?null>



# Nutrigenomic approach provides:

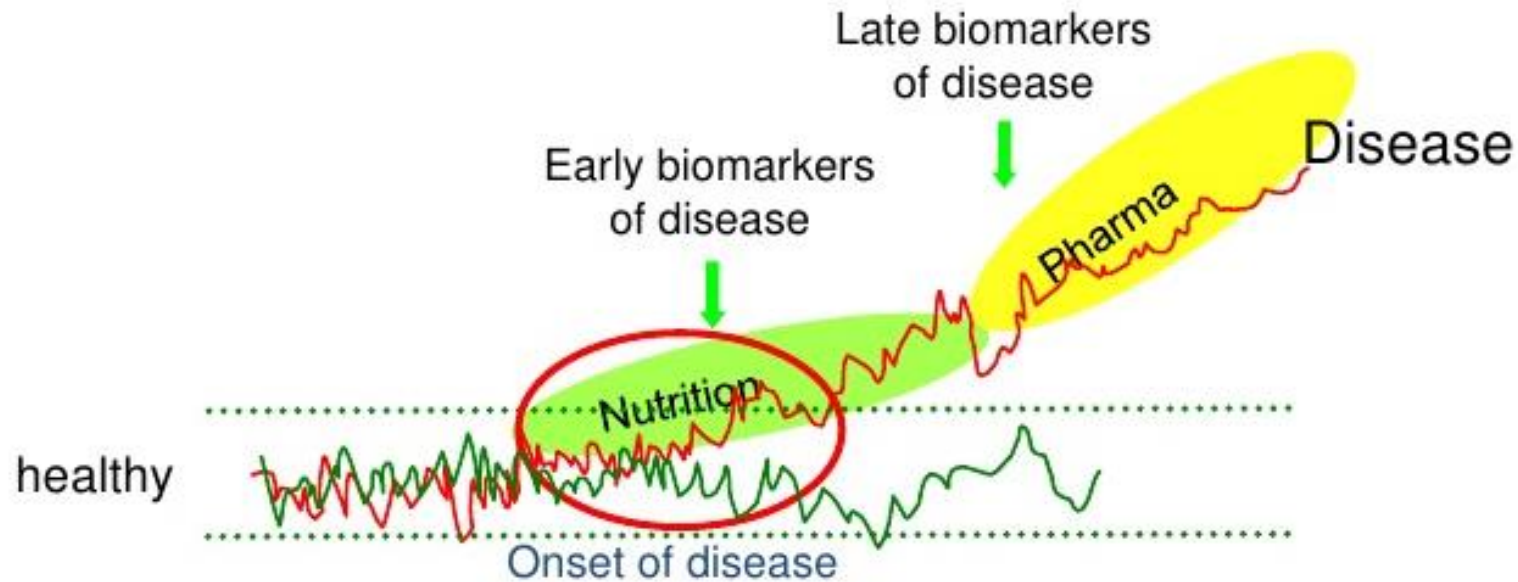
- a snapshot showing genes that are switched on/off (the genetic potential) at any given moment;
- a view of how gene/protein networks may collaborate to produce the observed response; and
- the method to determine the influence of nutrients on gene/protein expression.



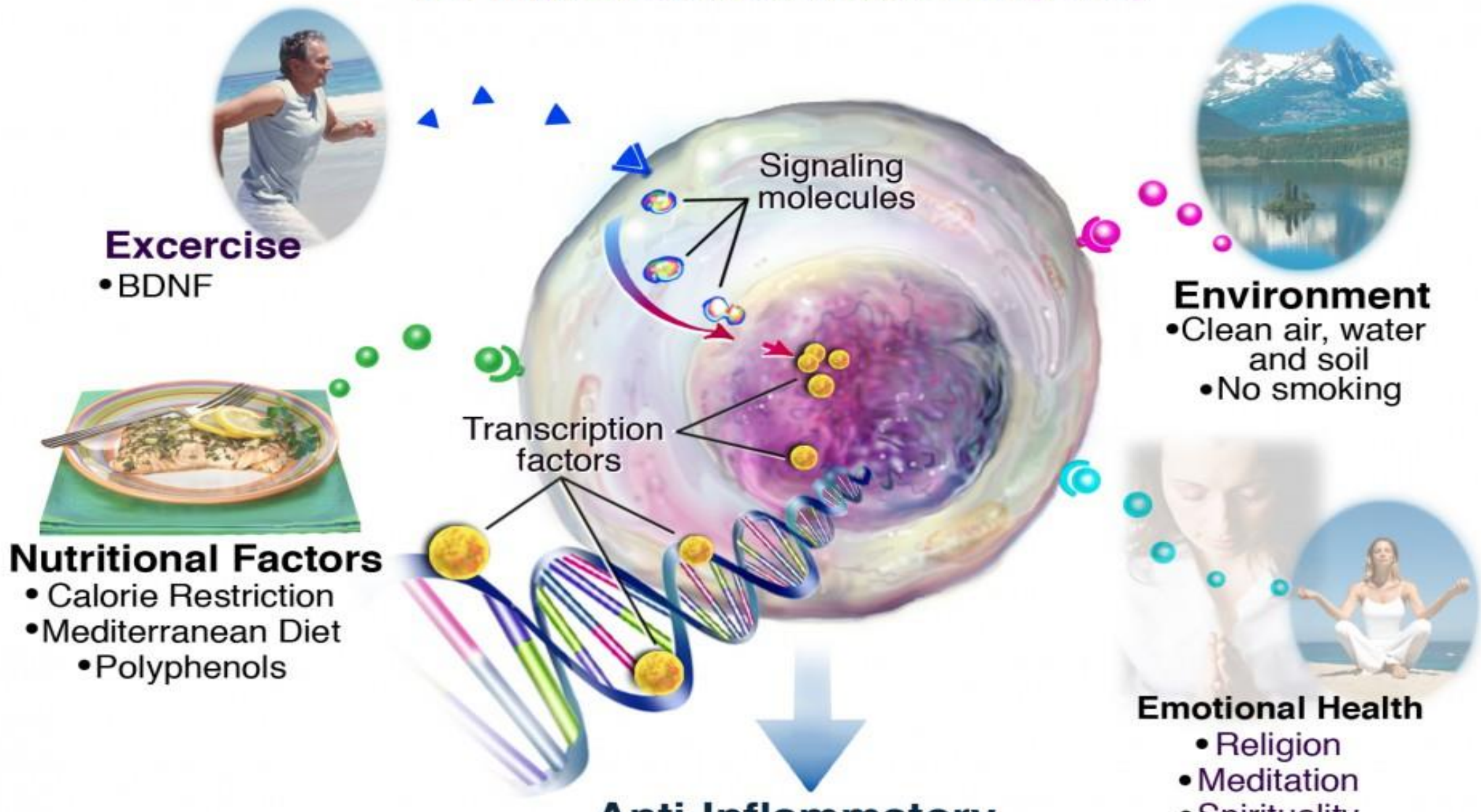
# Benefits of NGx

## Early biomarkers in human nutrition research

- Biomarkers of early disease state
- Single marker vs multimarker profiles



# Epigenetics and Gene Activation for Improved Health and Longevity

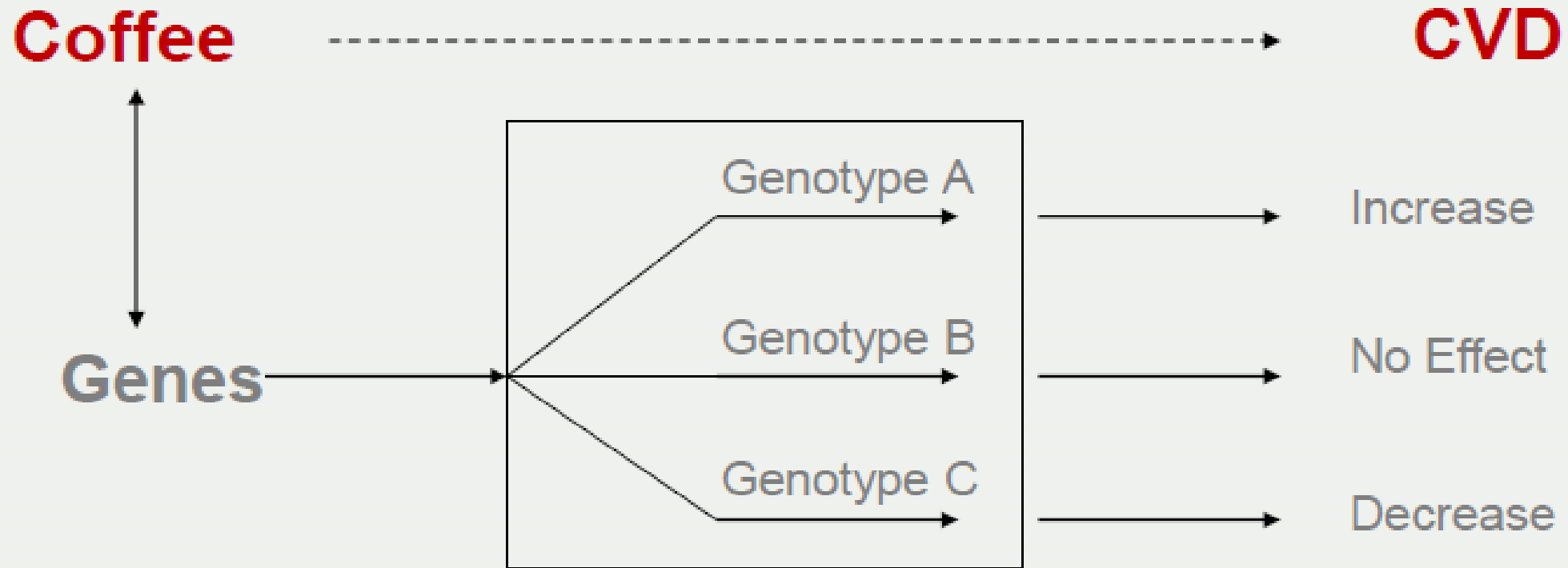


# Caffeine Tolerance( $CYP1A2$ )

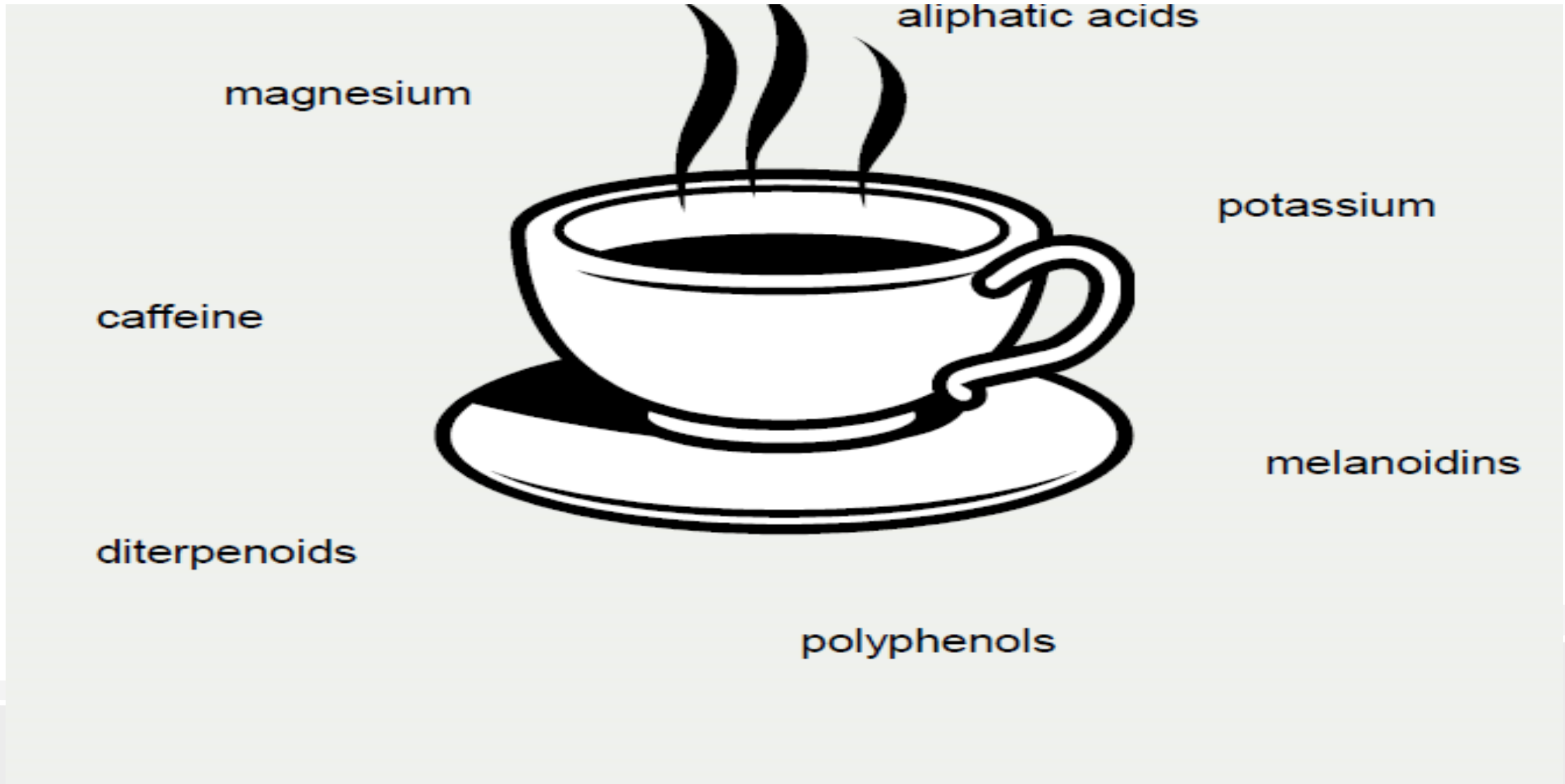


Caffeinated-coffee was found to **increase** the risk of a heart attack among individuals who carry a version of a gene that makes them 'slow' caffeine metabolisers, but has **no effect** among individuals who are 'fast' caffeine metabolisers.

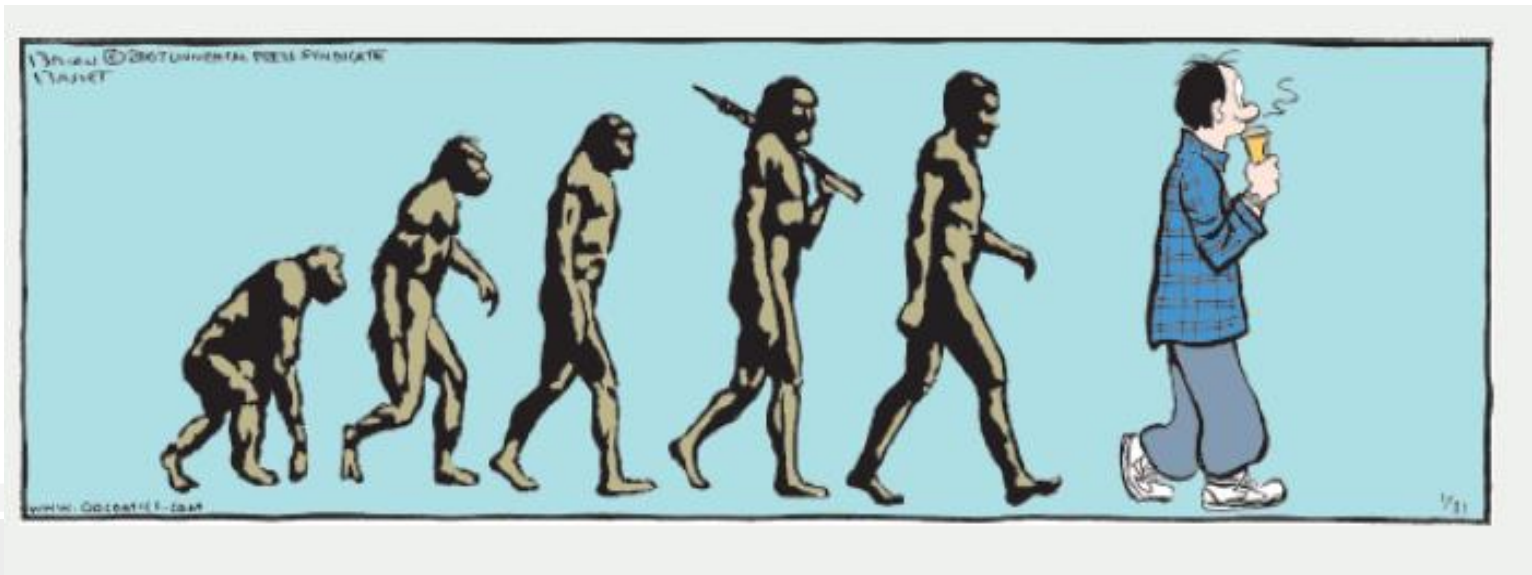
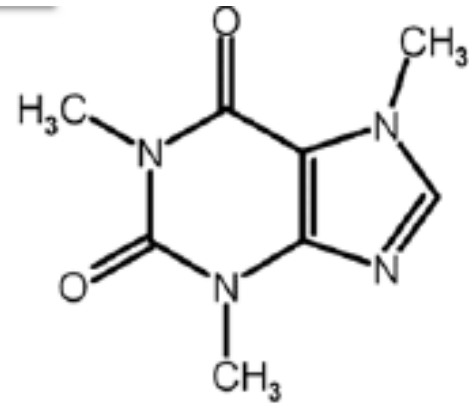
# Is Coffee Associated with CVD?



# Bioactives in Coffee

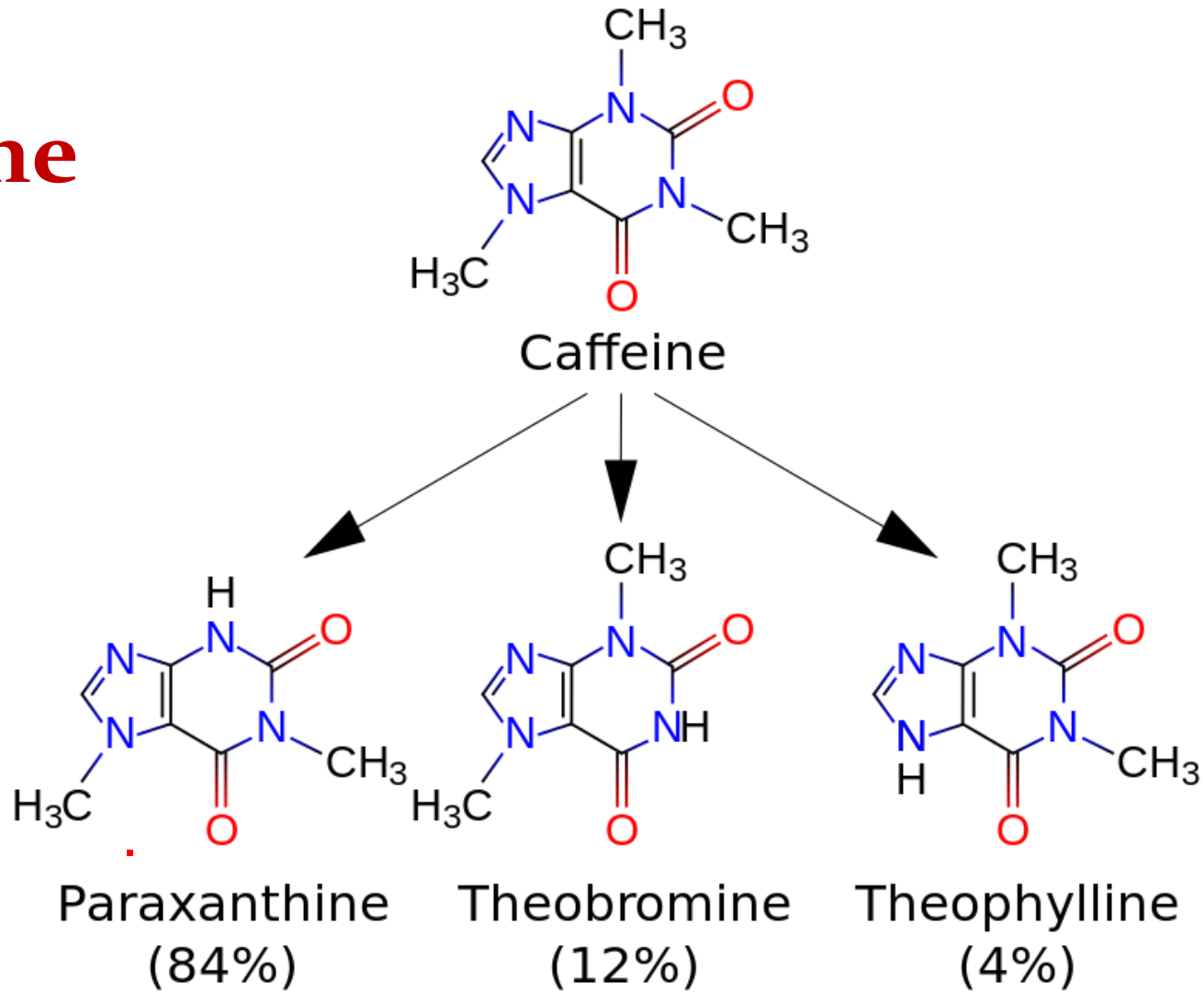


# Caffeine ( 1,3,7-trimethylxanthine)



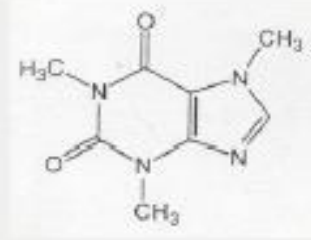


# Caffeine

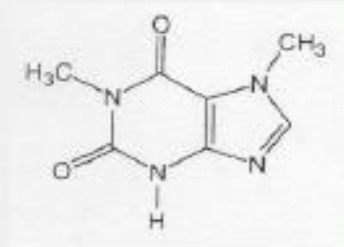


- Caffeine is metabolized in the liver via a single demethylation, resulting in three primary metabolites, paraxanthine (84%), theobromine (12%), and theophylline (4%), depending on which methyl group is removed.

# Caffeine



*CYP1A2*



Paraxanthine

1,7-dimethyluric acid



1-methylxanthine



5-acetylamino-6-formylamino-3-methyluracil

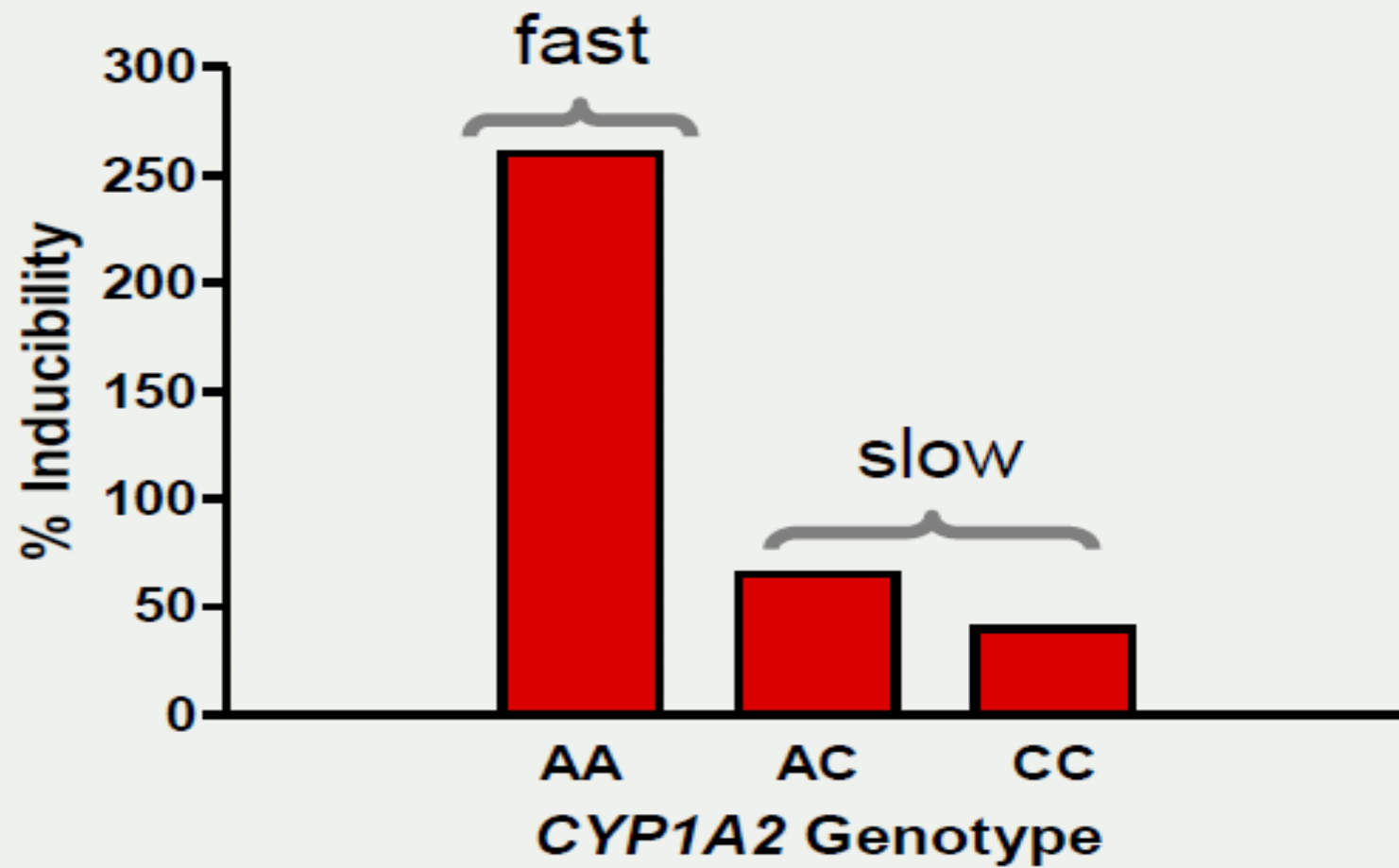


1-methyluric acid

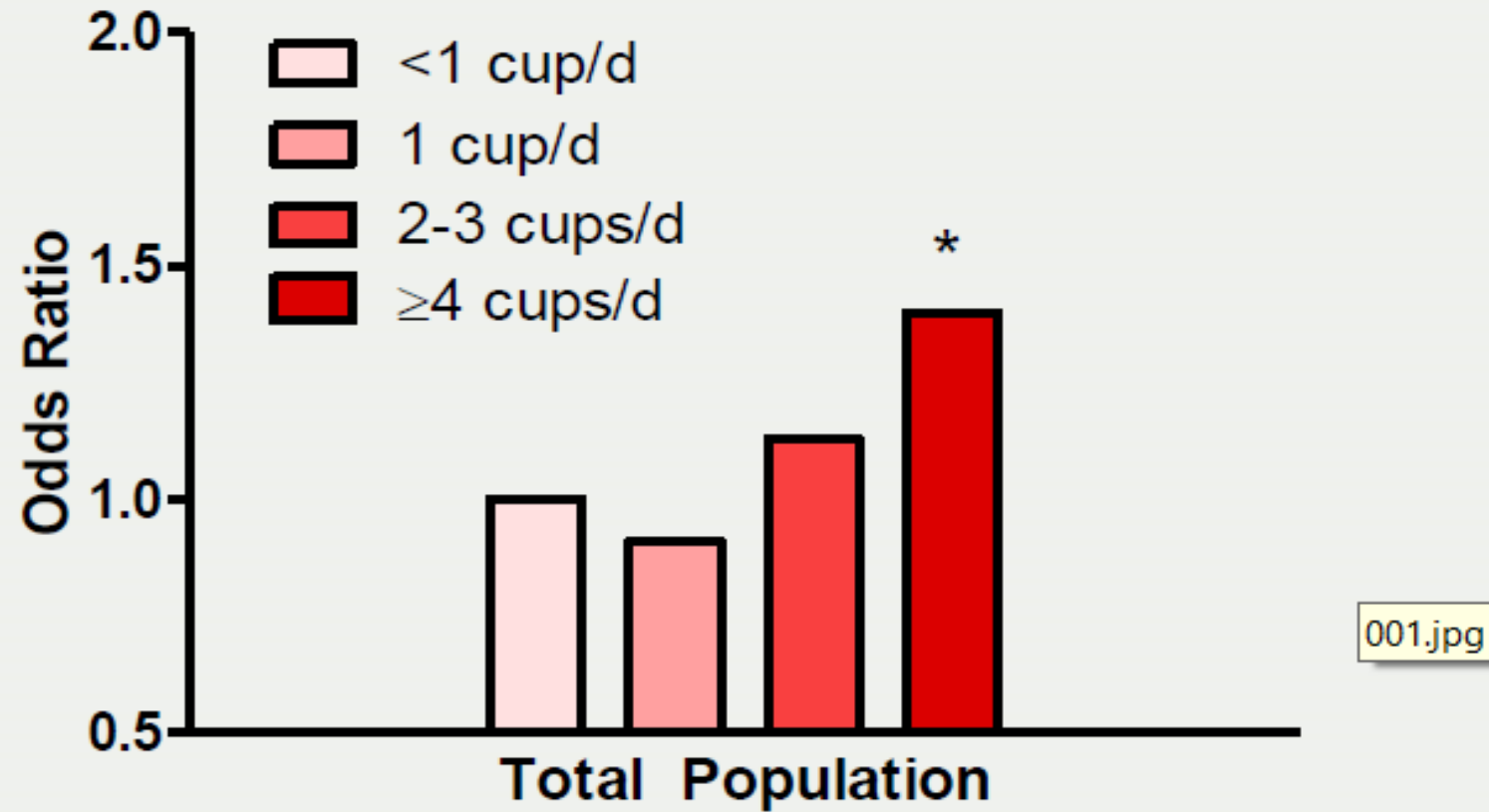




# Genetic Variation in CYP1A2 -163 A- C



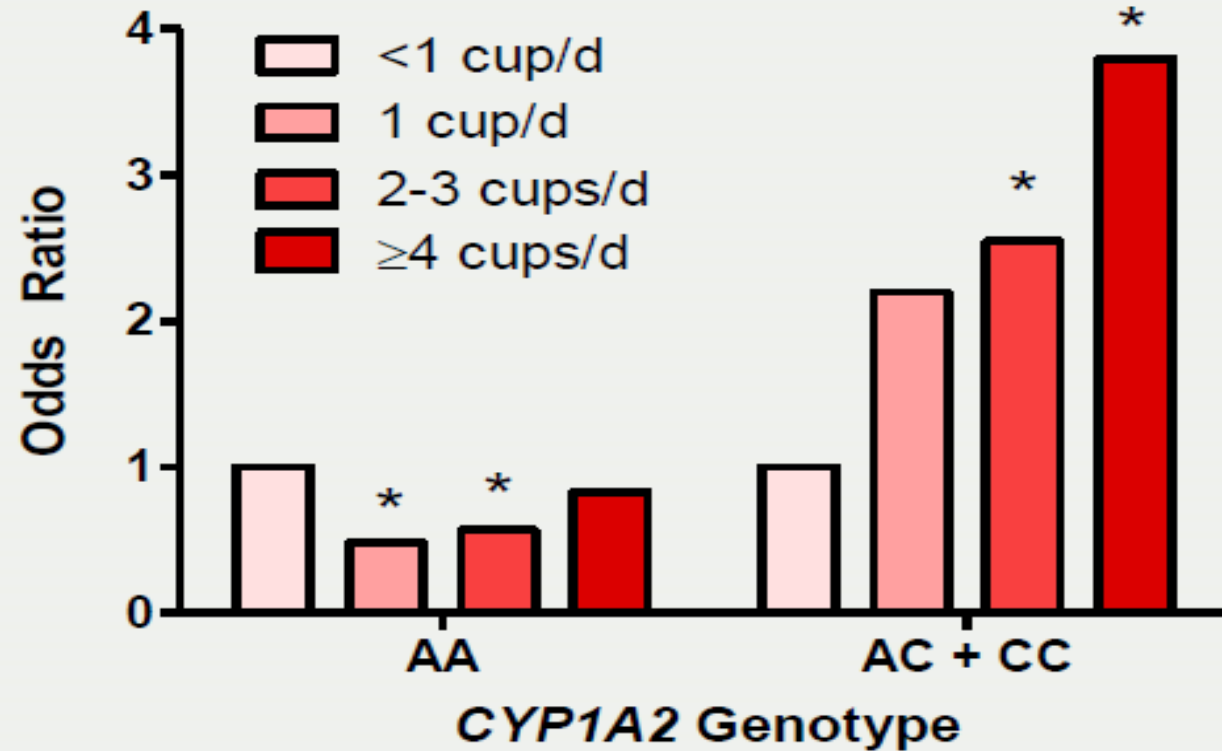
# Coffee Intake and Risk of Myocardial Infarction



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# Gene that could make your next coffee your last

New research suggests that some people cannot process caffeine as quickly as others and may therefore be more vulnerable to a heart attack, **Sam Lister** reports

COFFEE drinkers who have more than three cups a day could significantly increase their chances of suffering a heart attack.

New research suggests that people who carry a particular variation of a gene cannot process caffeine as quickly as other people. Such individuals could be up to 64 per cent more likely to have a heart attack if they drink large amounts of coffee.

By Sam Lister, Science Correspondent

long be a source of controversy, with high amounts of caffeine long blamed for over-stimulating the nervous system. It contains diterpenes, said to be responsible for raising levels of a stress hormone called homocysteine, which can lead to strokes.

Pregnant women have been urged not to drink more than three cups of coffee a day in case it increases the chances of

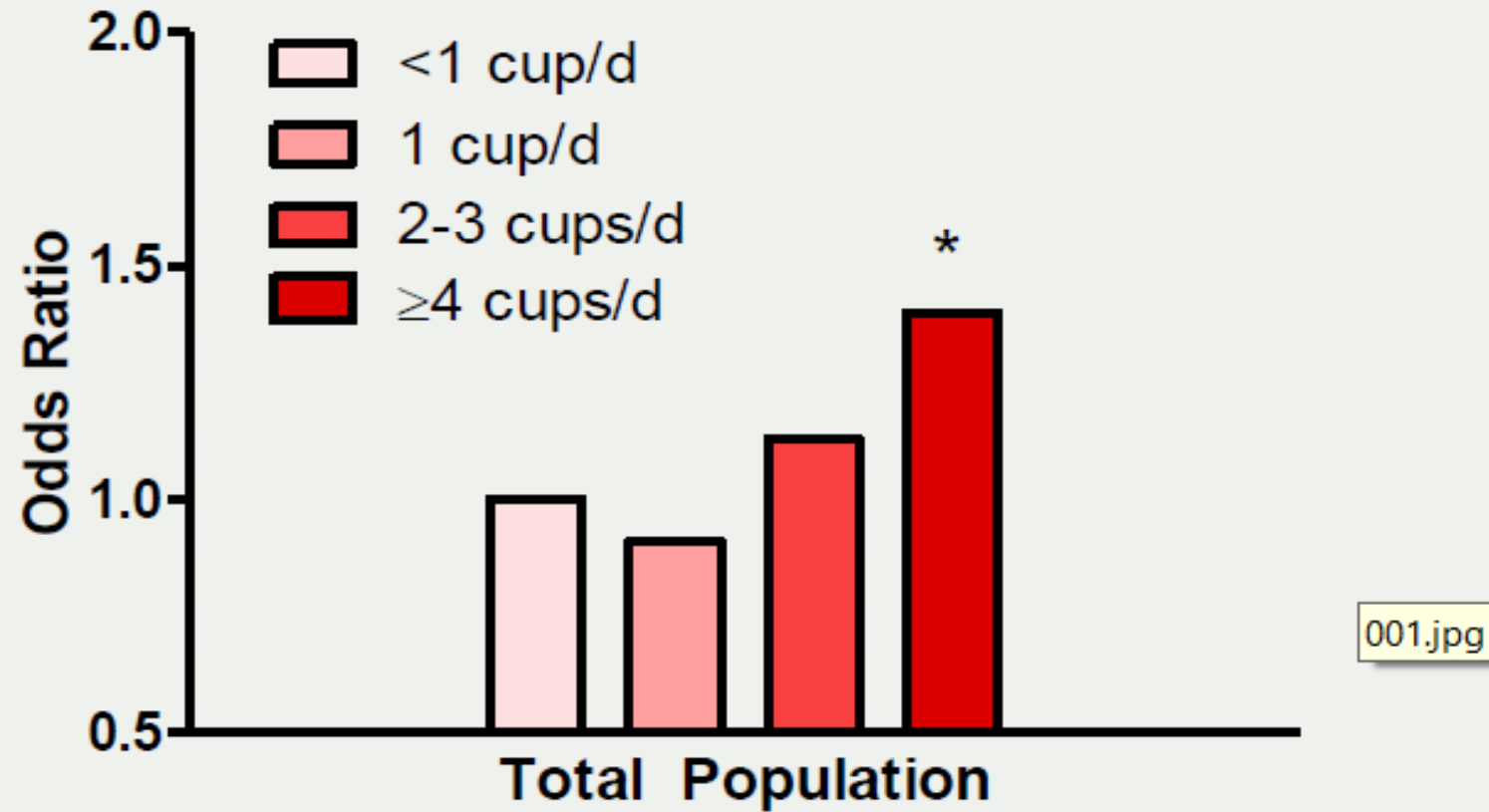
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High amounts of caffeine can be dangerous, but some doctors suggest coffee also has benefits

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# Case Scenario: Adolescence: PCOS

- BMI: 32 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Fat %: 45<sup>0</sup>%
- Waist Circumference: 124cm
- PCOS : Symptoms
- Insulin Resistance
- Cravings
- Inactivity / Fatigue/ Lethargy



## Normal Conservative Management:

- Calorie Control
- Glycemic Load of the meal
- Regular Exercise Sensitisation
- Motivation and Follow-up for successful adherence of lifestyle discipline.



Circadian  
Rhythm

Behaviour  
Modificati  
on

**Personalised Nutrition**

Avoid  
Weight  
Regain

Neuroendo  
crine

**Phenotype  
Exposomes  
Genotype**

Nature of  
Macros and  
its %

Exercise  
Adherence





# Metabolism Vs Gene

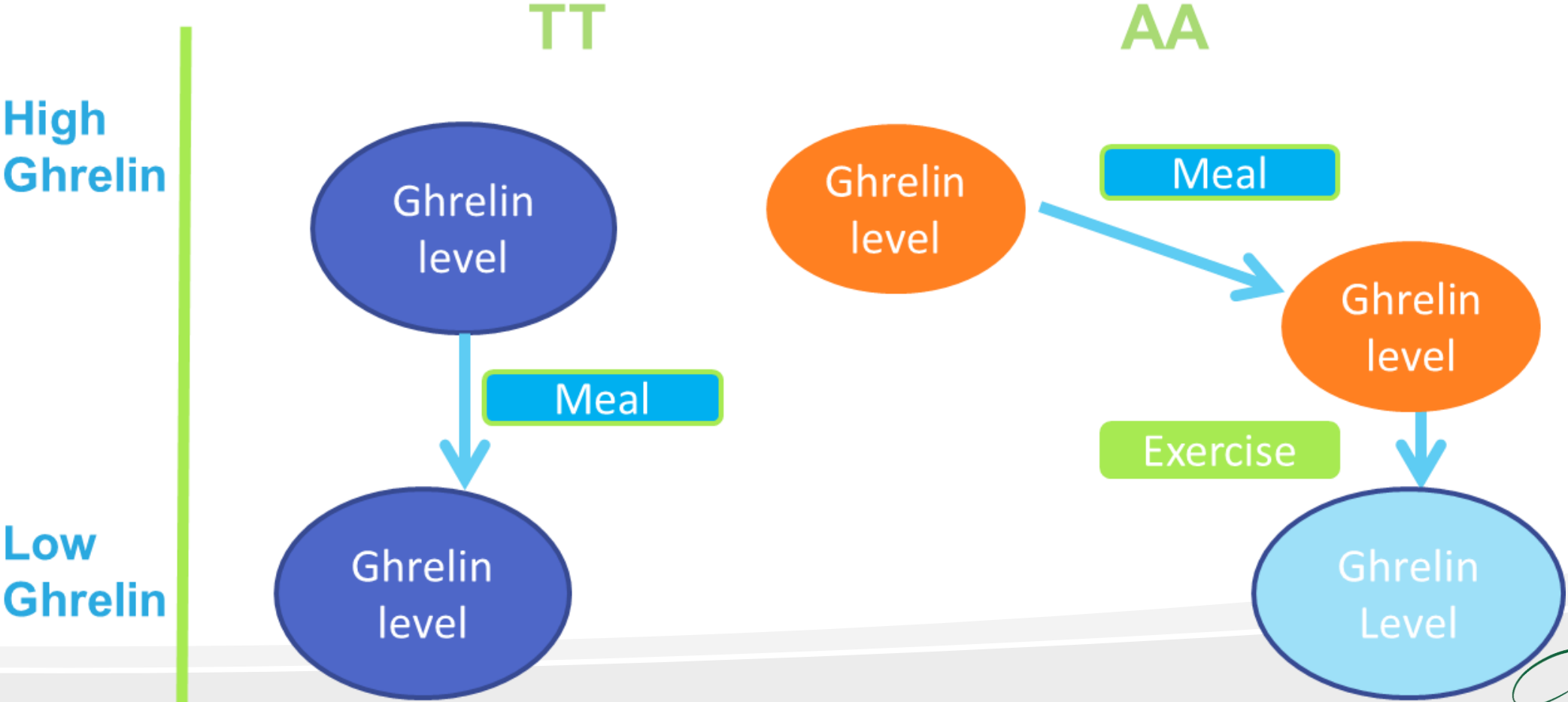
| Metabolism Factor/ Aspect | Gene                            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Satiety                   | FTO                             |
| Appetite                  | MC <sub>4</sub> R               |
| Circadian Rythm           | CLOCK                           |
| Insulin Sensitivity       | PPARG, TCF7L2, FTO              |
| Fat Absorption            | FABP <sub>2</sub>               |
| Energy Regulation         | ADBR <sub>2</sub> , TNF-A, PLIN |
| Inflammation              | TNF-A                           |
| Fat storage               | PLIN                            |

All above + Other genes =. 140 genes

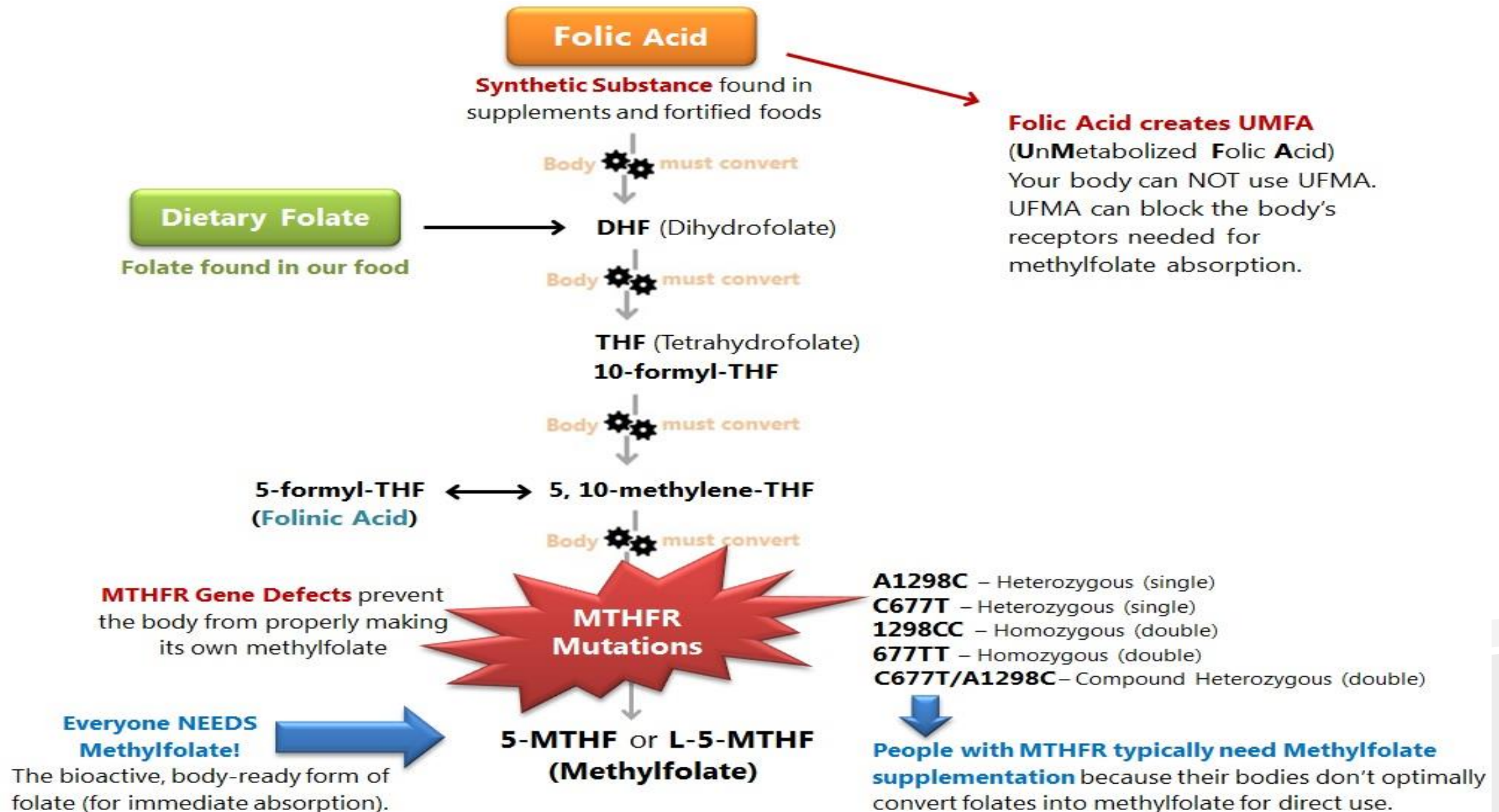
# Two Meal Pattern and Weight Loss

| Case 1  | Case 2  |
|---|---|
| Adherence to 2 meal pattern gave weight loss  | 2 meal pattern gave weight gain   |
| <b>Bodys response with this diet</b>  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Satiety with one full meal</li><li>2. Does not snack</li><li>3. Reduced its calorie intake by cancelling one meal and in between teas/ snacks</li><li>4. Discipline was easy with good satiety control</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Snacking tendency</li><li>2. Acidity++</li><li>3. Increased volume of meal</li></ol> |

# FTO Gene






# Folate Metabolism Pathway







# Nutrient based Nutrition

| Nutrients                  | Gene Alteration                                     | Deficient Diet-Disease Potential                                     | Food Intake   |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Folic acid<br>(Vitamin B9) | Chromosome break and hampers DNA repair/methylation | Cancer, heart disease, brain dysfunction, male infertility, leukemia | Liver, kidney, egg yolk, asparagus pea, cowpeas, lentils, peanuts, spinach, beetroot, broccoli, orange                  |
| Vitamin B12<br>(Cobalamin) | Chromosome break and hampers DNA repair/methylation | Same as folic acid, memory loss                                      | Liver, sardines, salmon, clam, beef, milk, cheese, yoghurt  |
| Vitamin B6<br>(Pyridoxine) |   | Same as folic acid   | Spinach, potato, bell peppers, turnip, mushroom, garlic, cauliflower, banana, chicken, pork, beef, salmon, tuna, turkey |
| Niacin (Vitamin B3)        | Hampers DNA repair                                  | Nerve problem, memory loss   | Pork, tuna, prawns, kidney, liver, poultry, carrots, turnips and celery, mushrooms, beans, almonds, wheat               |

# Nutrigenomics as Tool:

| Area of Activity                        | Gene Name (Variation) | Your Result | Gene Impact   | Your Genotype Summary  |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Insulin Sensitivity & Energy Regulation | PPARG (C>G)           | CC          |  | Increased obesity tendency due to dietary saturated fat intake |
|   | FTO (T>A)             | AT          |  | Dietary fats may cause IR                                      |
|   | TCFL2 (C>T)           | CC          |  | Low tendency of Insulin Resistance (IR) due to weight gain.    |

|  |  |   |           |   |
|--|--|---|-----------|---|
|  |  |  | -         |  |
| Low Impact   | Medium Impact  | High Impact   | No Impact | Beneficial  |



# Way Forward


- Identification of Biomarkers
- Developing food for specific use
- Prevention and Wellness
- Personalised health
- Supplementation / Fortification



# What Nutrigenomics Holds in India ?

- More research work will enhance consumer confidence, awareness and a better future, which in turn will upgrade the country's status.
- Convincing evidence needs more research back ground
- NGx make sense but far from personalized Nutrition
- Various database literature concludes high hope and need in India.



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- Early identification of at risk individual
  - Changes in dietary pattern
  - Increased physical activity
  - Preventive tool for good health and wellness.

**Hippocrates - Father of Medicine (460–360 BC), “Leave your drug in the chemist’s pot if you can heal the patient with food”.**



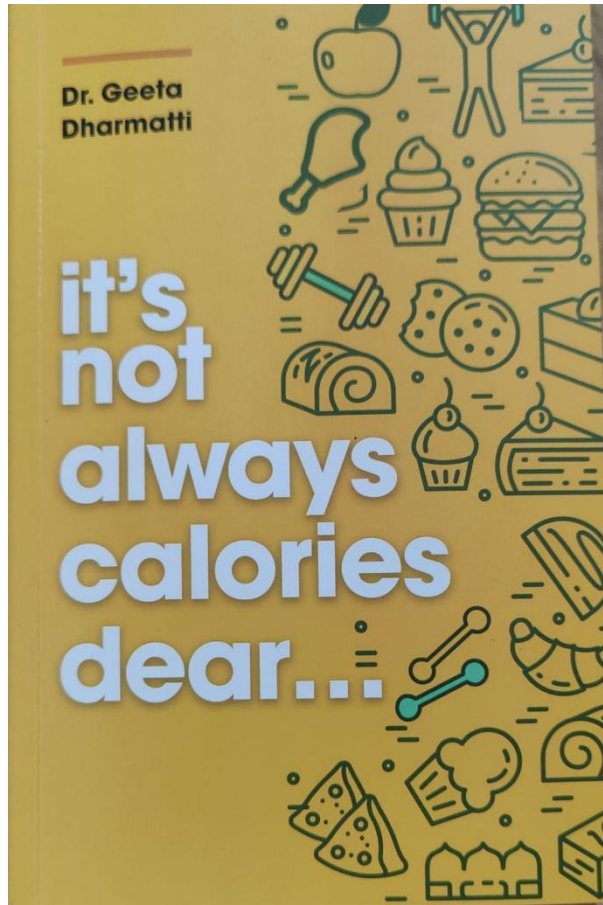
# Challenges by Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics

1. The “**personally tailored diet**” may be perfect in theory, but will people be motivated to follow it?

**Personal motivation** is fast becoming recognized as the single most important factor in weight loss and exercise – and the most difficult to influence.

2. Will specific information created by the study of nutrigenetics and nutrigenomics overshadow public understanding of general healthy diets by focusing on specific micronutrients?

3. Will the cost of tailored diets be too high?



*Thank you*