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# Inherited Arrhythmia Syndromes When to perform Genetic testing?

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# Which pts should undergo genetic testing?

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- ♥ SCD victims with a likely diagnosis
- ♥ Pts diagnosed with an inherited AS and their family members

# Which pts should undergo genetic testing?

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♥ SCD victims without a diagnosis?

Not addressed in this talk  
(molecular autopsy)

# Familial arrhythmia syndromes

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## Arrhythmogenic substrate

- ♥ in the electrical characteristics of the heart (primary)
- ♥ in the structural characteristics of the heart (secondary)

# Secondary arrhythmia syndromes

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- ♥ Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- ♥ Dilated cardiomyopathy
- ♥ Arrhythmogenic RV cardiomyopathy
- ♥ Congenital anomalies (i.e.Holt-Oram)
- ♥ Muscular dystrophies

# Primary arrhythmia syndromes (1995)

	Nº of genes
♥ Long QT syndrome(s)	2
♥ Short QT syndrome	-
♥ Brugada syndrome	-
♥ Catecholamine-induced PMVT/VF	-
♥ Short-coupled Torsades de Pointes	-
♥ Isolated conduction disorders (AVN, BB)	-
♥ Atrial fibrillation	-
♥ Sinus node disease, atrial standstill	-
♥ Idiopathic ventricular fibrillation	-

# Primary arrhythmia syndromes (2016)

	Nº of genes
♥ Long QT syndrome(s)	16
♥ Short QT syndrome	3
♥ Brugada syndrome	>20
♥ Catecholamine-induced PMVT/VF	5
♥ Short-coupled Torsades de Pointes	1
♥ Isolated conduction disorders (AVN, BB)	3
♥ Atrial fibrillation	15
♥ Sinus node disease, atrial standstill	2
♥ Idiopathic ventricular fibrillation	1

# Disease (arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy)



## Gene

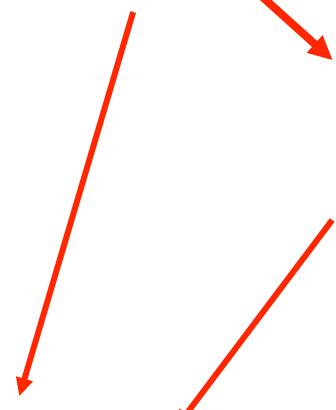
# Disease (arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy)



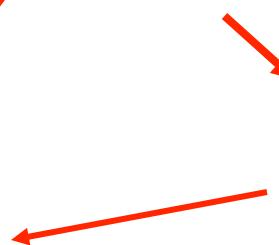
## Gene



## Protein structure/function



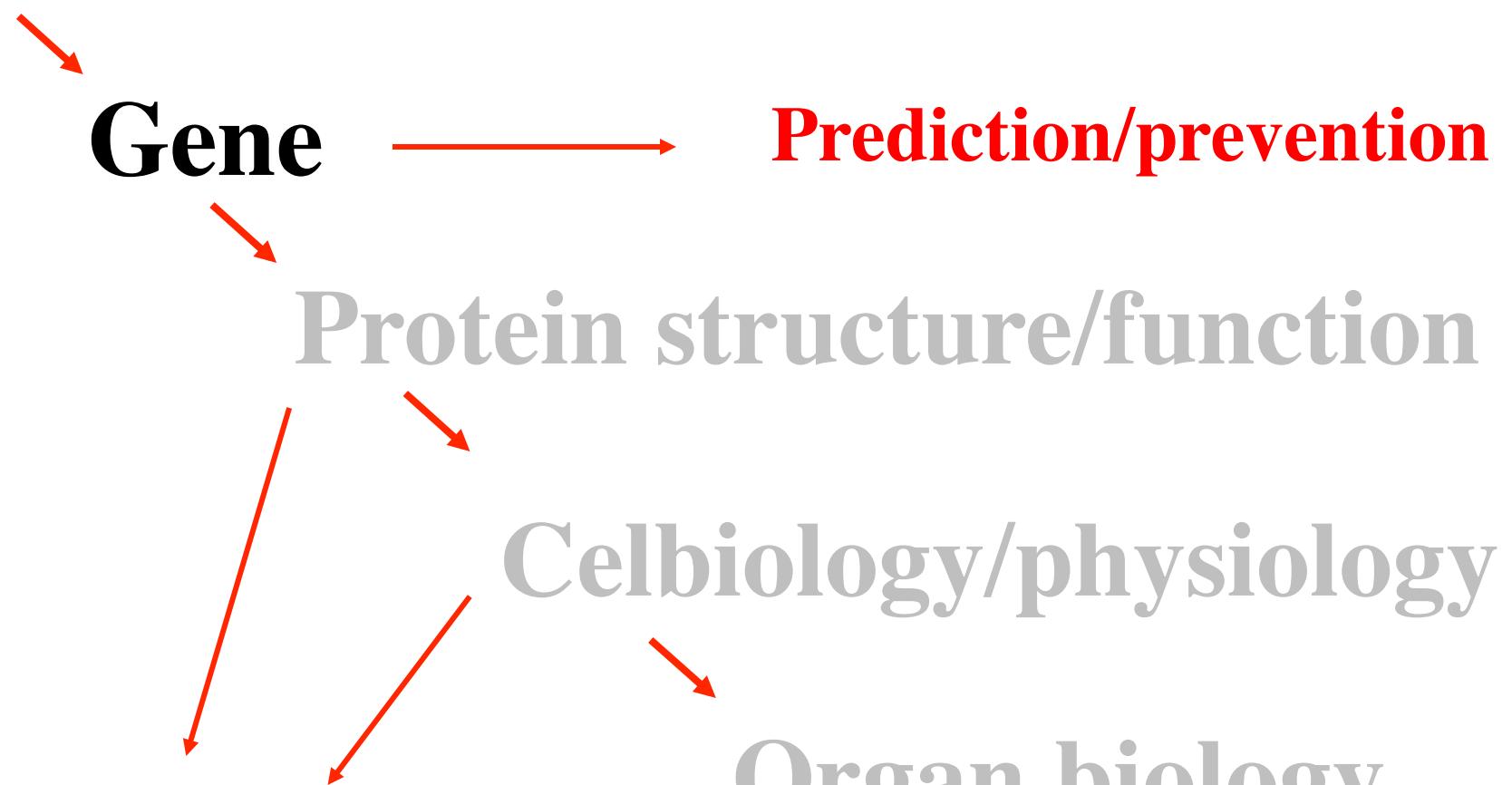
## Cell biology/physiology



## Organ biology

gene specific therapy  
new therapy

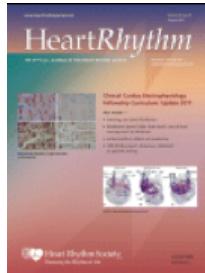
# Disease (arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy)



# HRS/EHRA Expert Consensus Statement on the State of Genetic Testing for the Channelopathies and Cardiomyopathies

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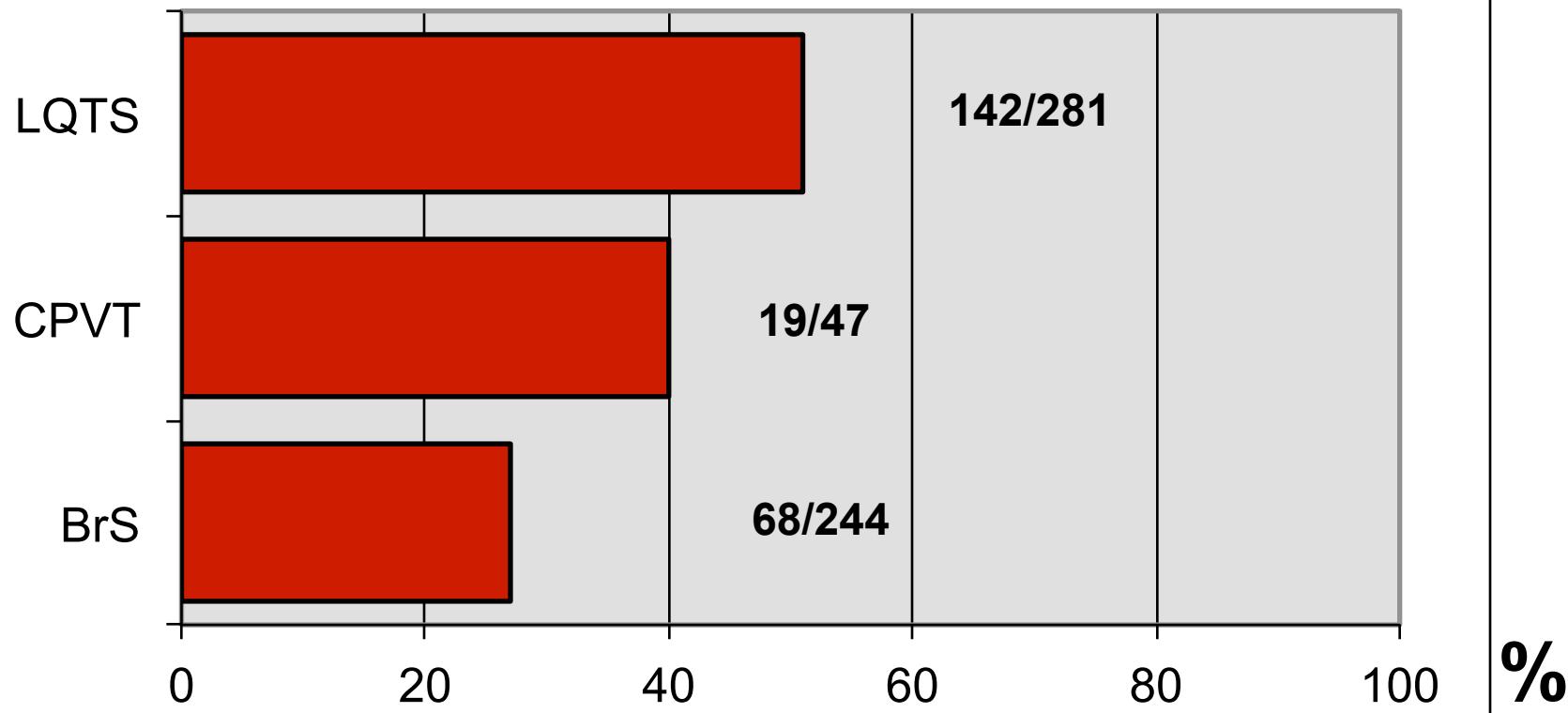
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Section # - Disease	Diagnostic	Prognostic	Therapeutic
Section I – LQTS	+++	+++	++
Section II – CPVT	+++	+	-
Section III – BrS	+	+	-
Section IV – CCD	+	+	+
Section V – SQTS	+/-	-	-
Section VI – AF	-	-	-
Section VII – HCM	+++	++	+
Section VIII – ACM/ARVC	+	+/-	-
Section IX – DCM	+/-	-	-
Section IX – DCM + CCD	++	++	+
Section X – LVNC	+	-	-
Section XI – RCM	+	+	+
Idiopathic VF	+++	+++	++

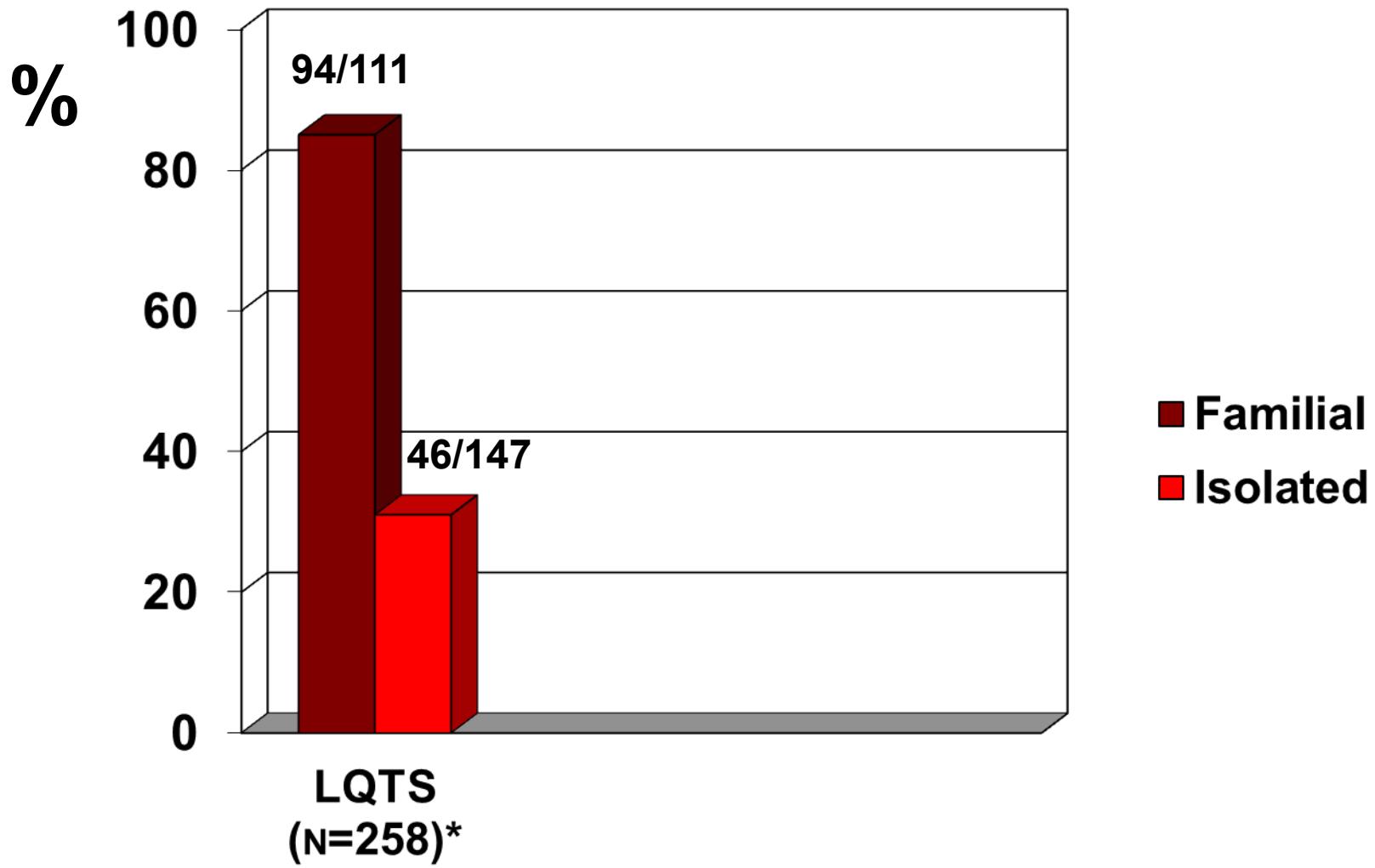
## **Yield of molecular diagnosis in primary electrical heart disease**



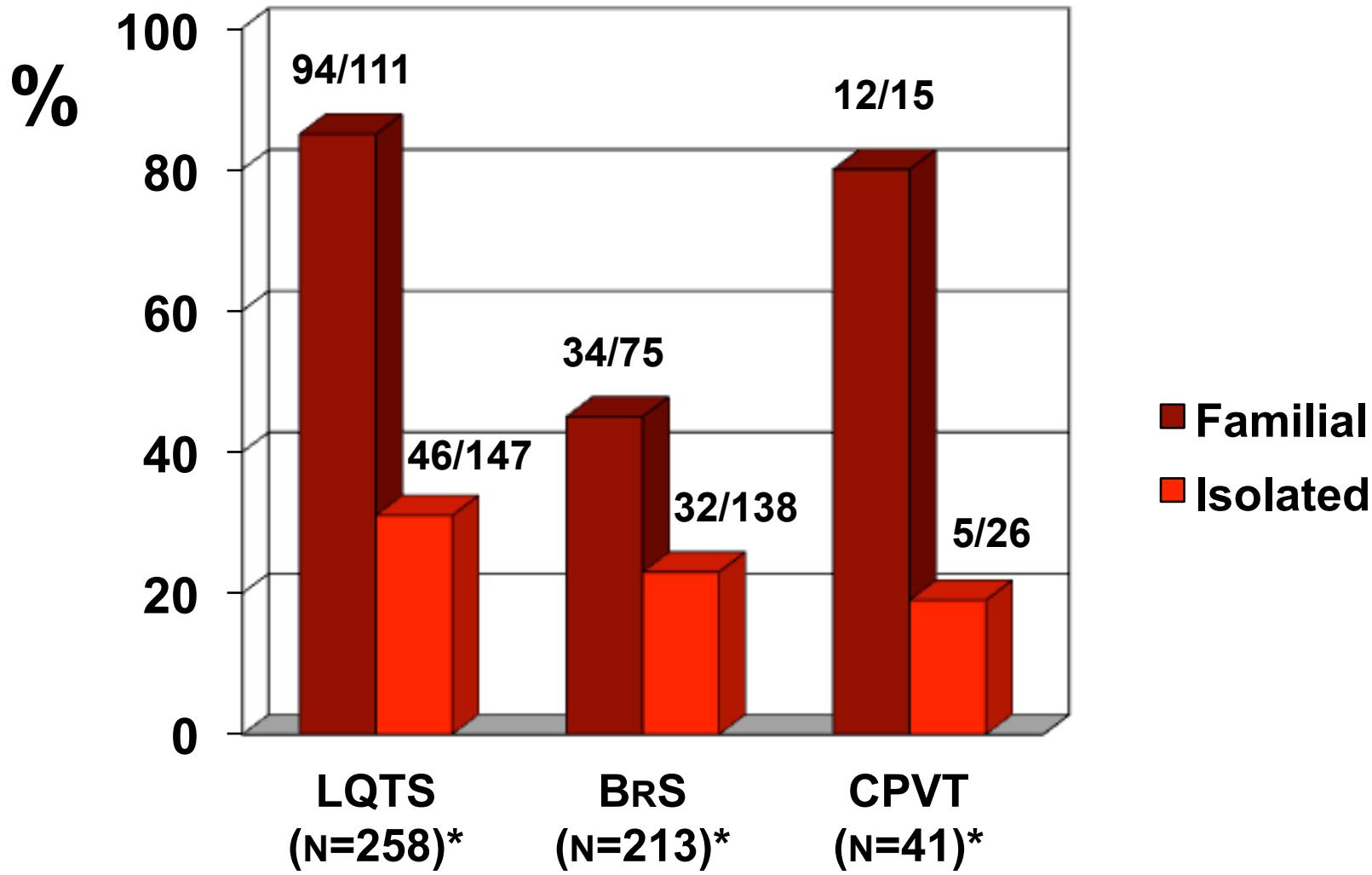
# Yield of molecular diagnosis

## Depending on family history (defined as:)

- ♥ More than one person in the family is **clearly affected**, or has typical complaints of the same disease;
- ♥ sudden cardiac death under the age of 40 of a first, second or third degree relative.



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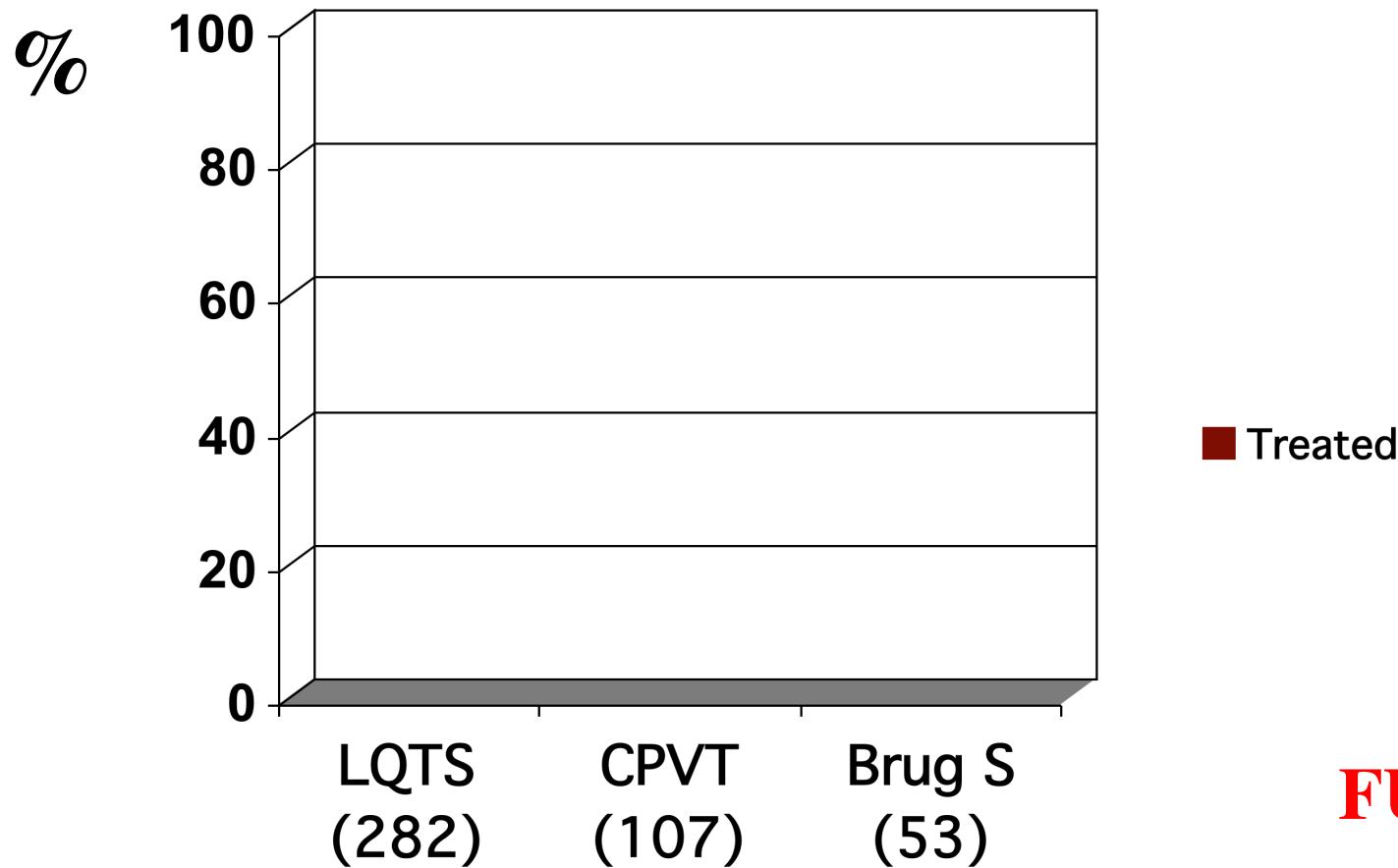
# Active Cascade Screening in Primary Inherited Arrhythmia Syndromes

Does It Lead to Prophylactic Treatment?

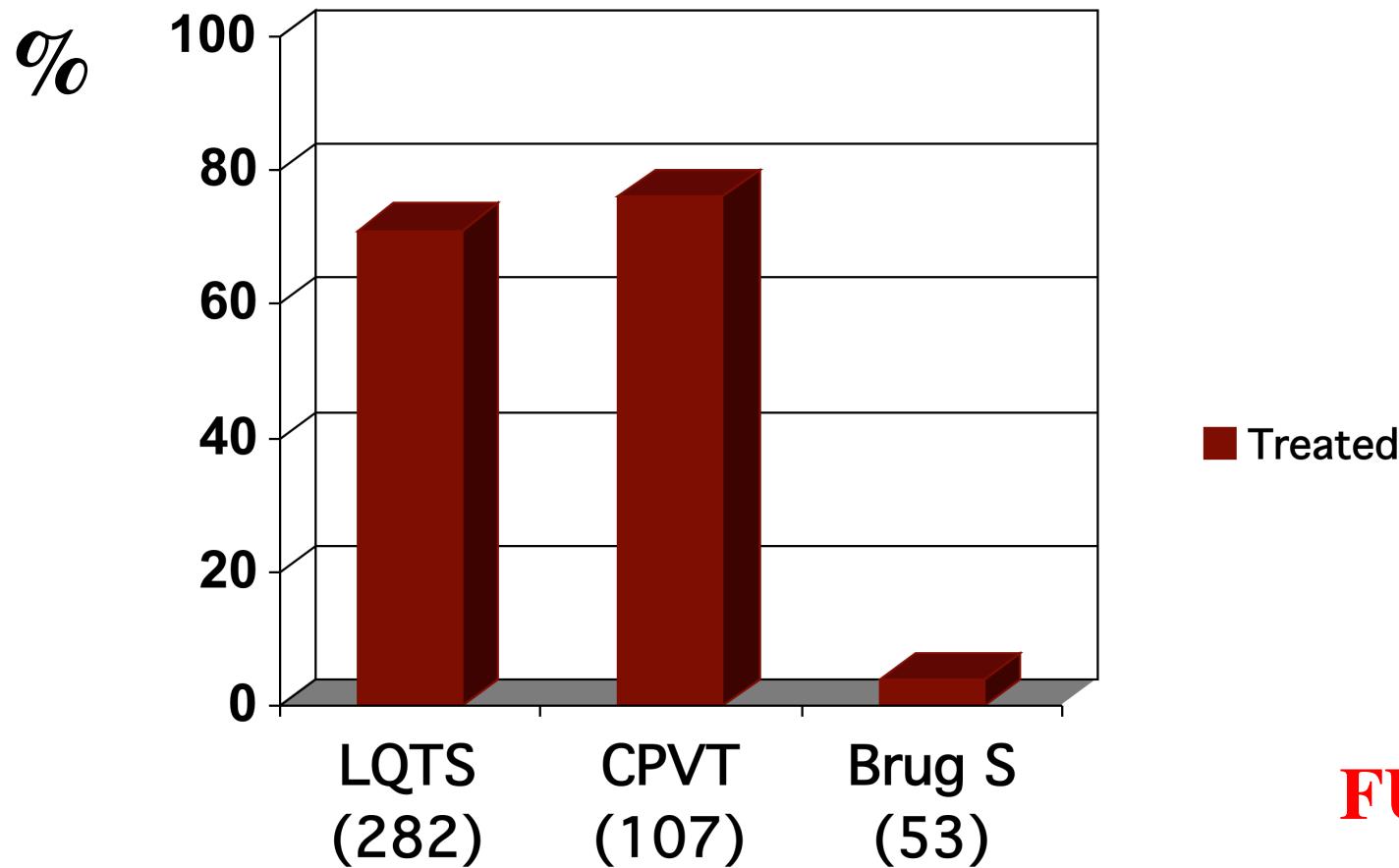
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# Does cascade screening lead to treatment? A follow-up study in 442 presympt. screened family members



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Idiopathic VF                    +++                    +++                    ++

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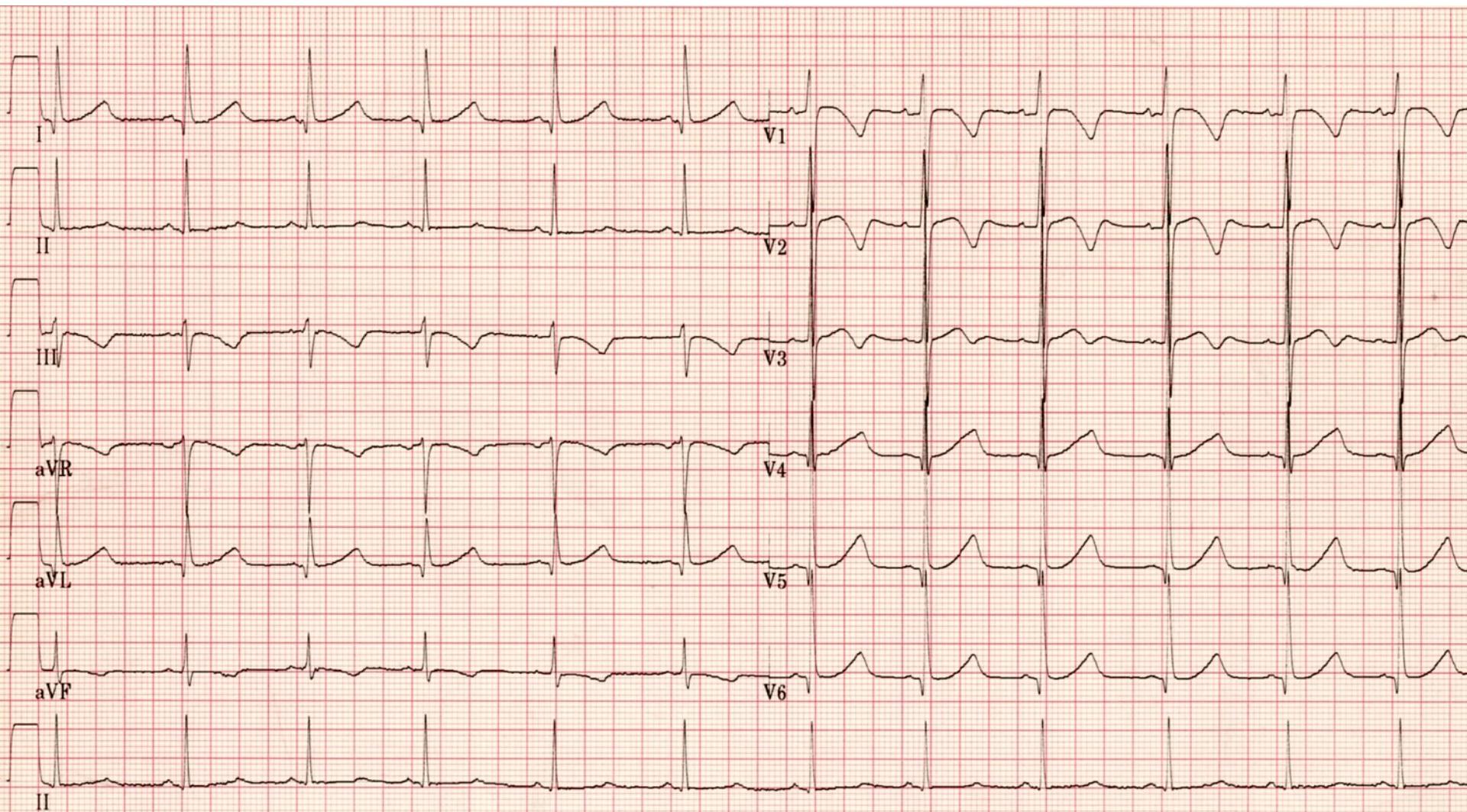


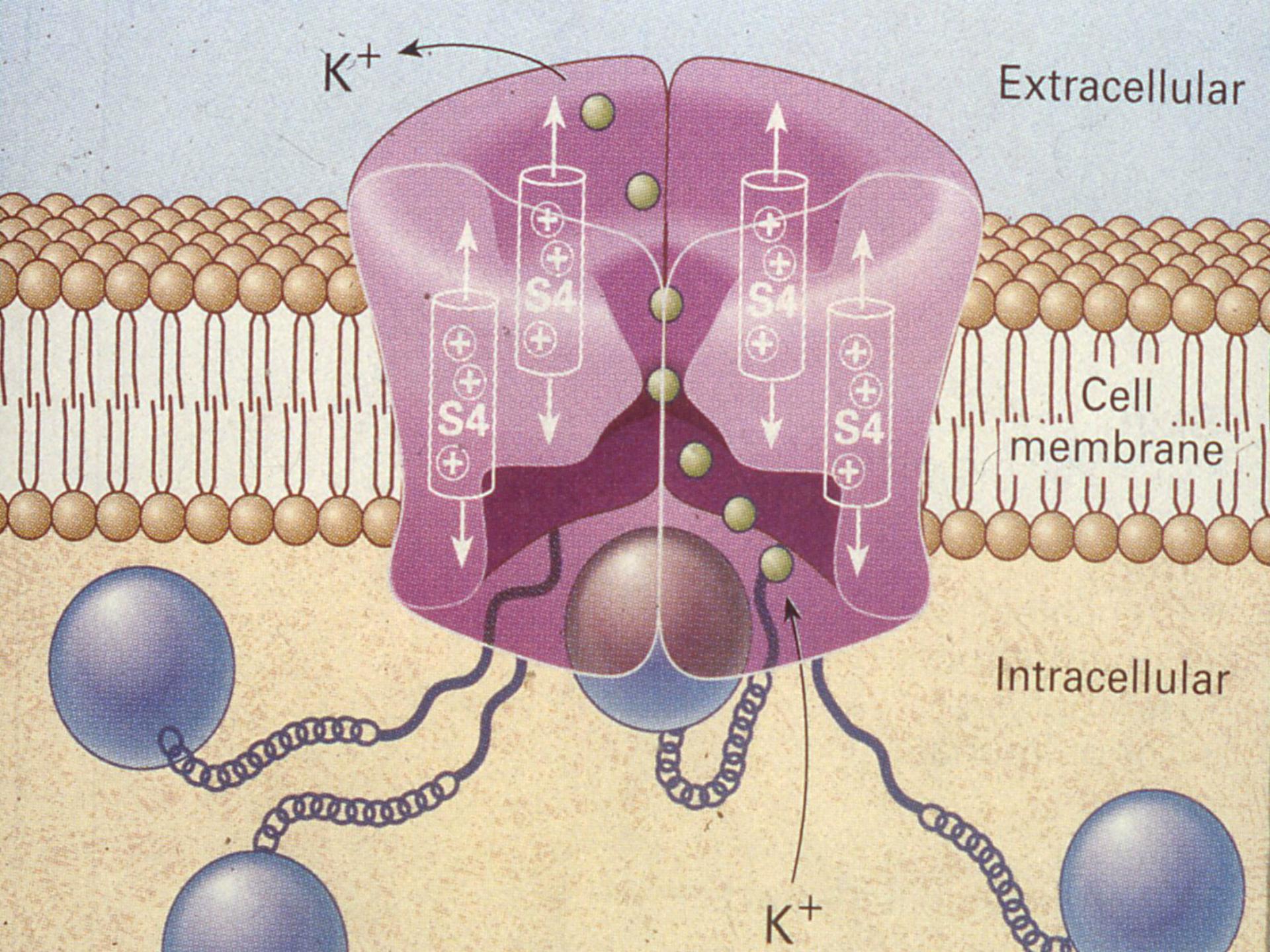
# Long QT Syndrome(s)

- ♥ Autosomal dominant/autosomal rec.
- ♥ genetically heterogeneous
- ♥ 16 genes (LQTS1-16)
- ♥ ≥ 60% genotyped (≥ 90% in families)
- ♥ gene-specific features

Male, 12 y, mother died suddenly age 32

LQTS



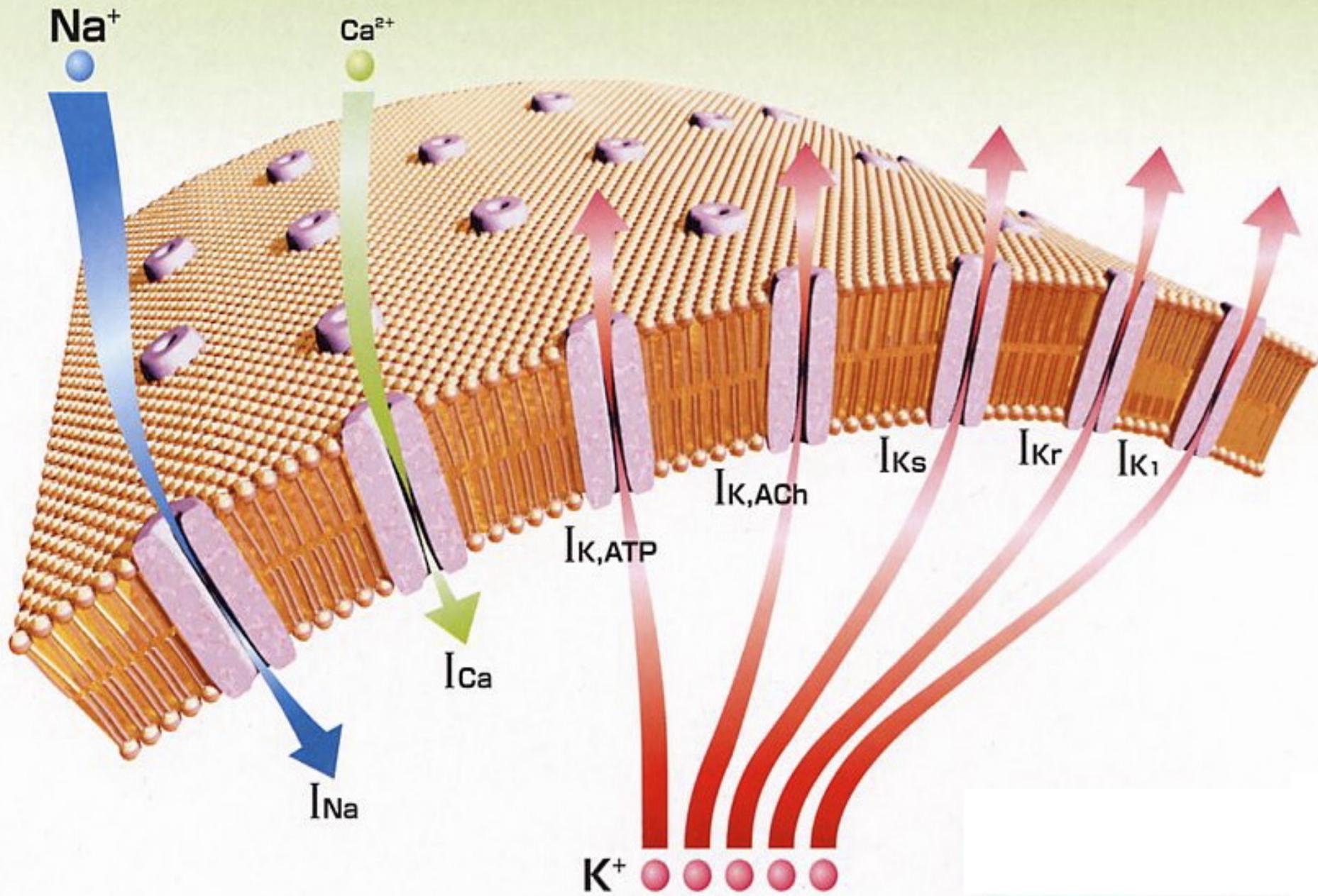


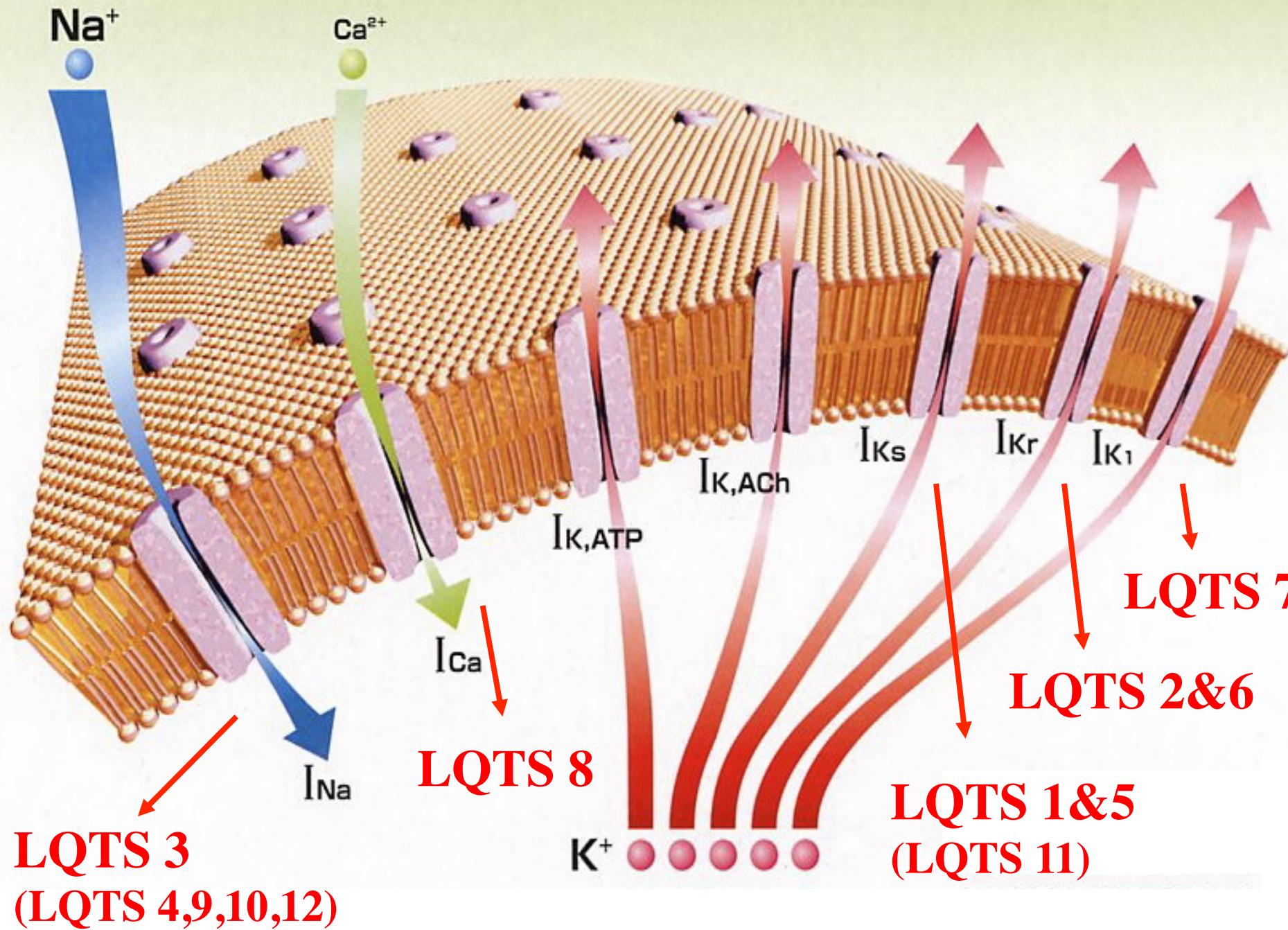
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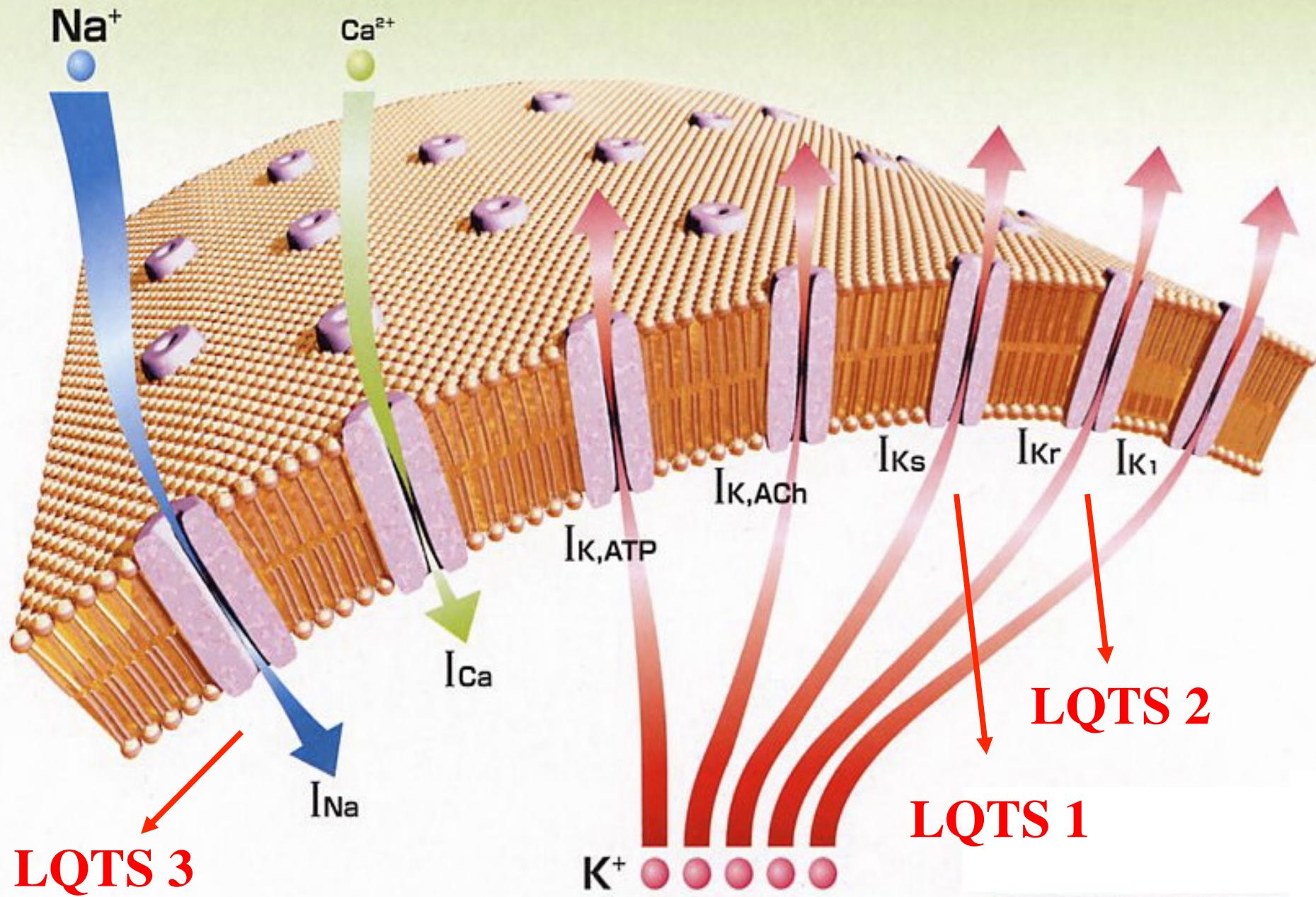
Cell  
membrane

Intracellular

$K^+$







# LQTS, Genetic testing

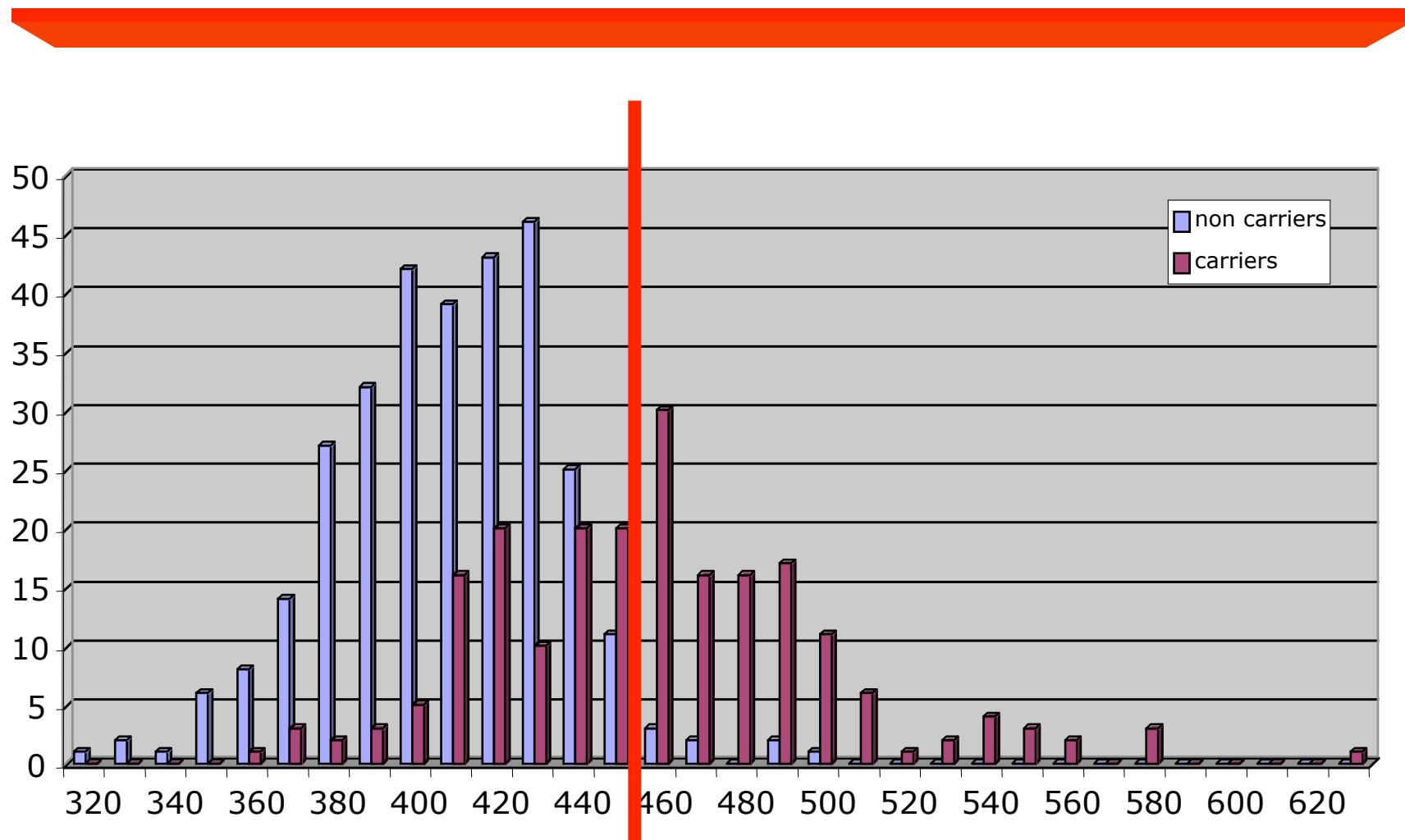
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**Genetic testing is needed:**

- ♥ to reach the diagnosis
- ♥ to start presymptomatic treatment

# QT<sub>c</sub> in genotyped family members

n=517



Data after Hofman et al. EHJ 2007.

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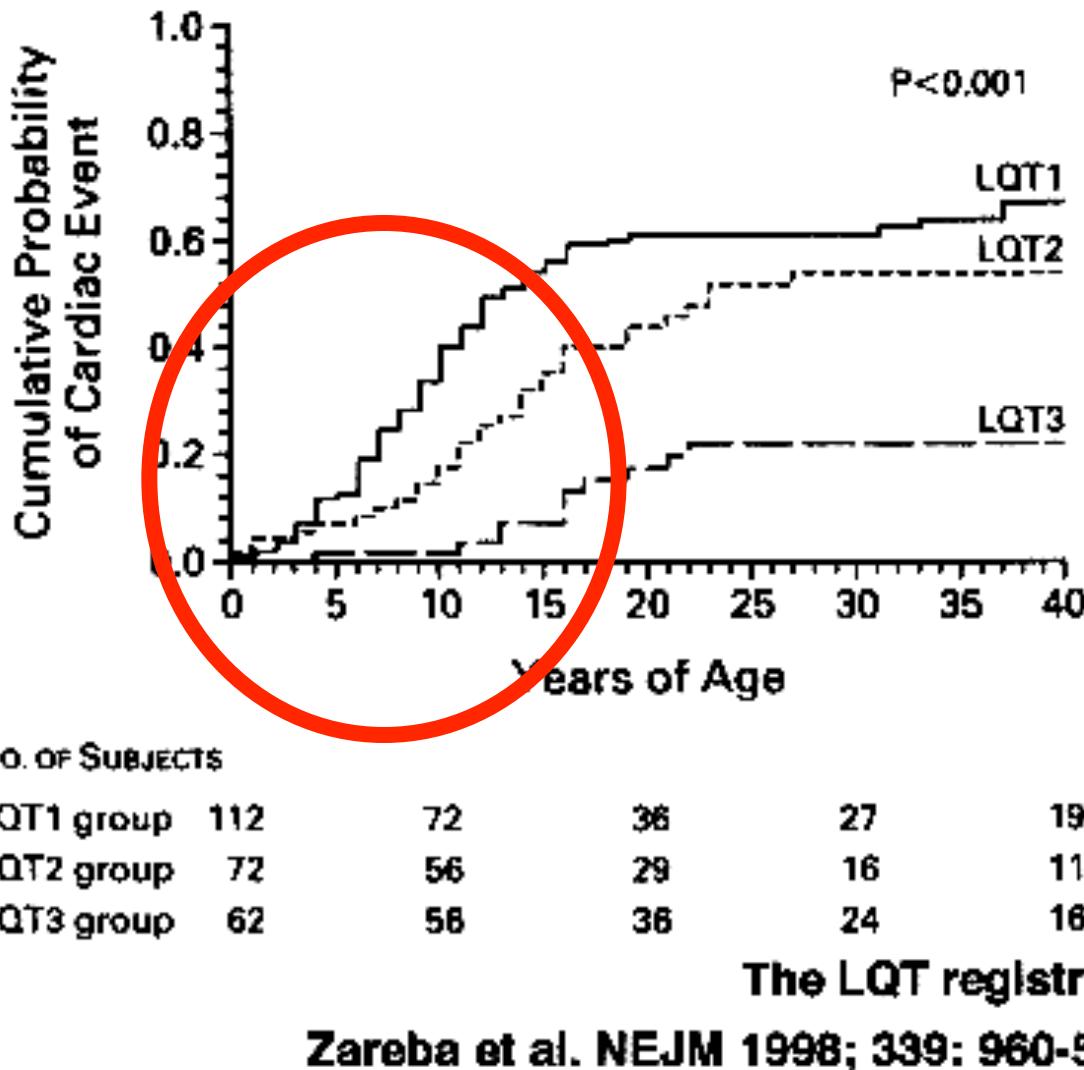
# LQTS, Genetic testing

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## Genetic testing is needed:

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- ♥ to start presymptomatic treatment
- ♥ to decide on treatment choices
- ♥ and for risk stratification

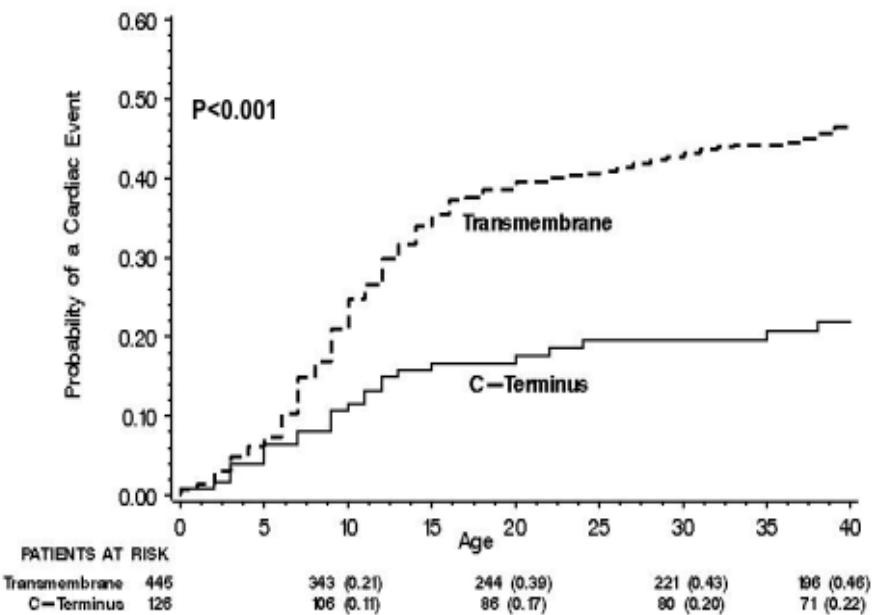
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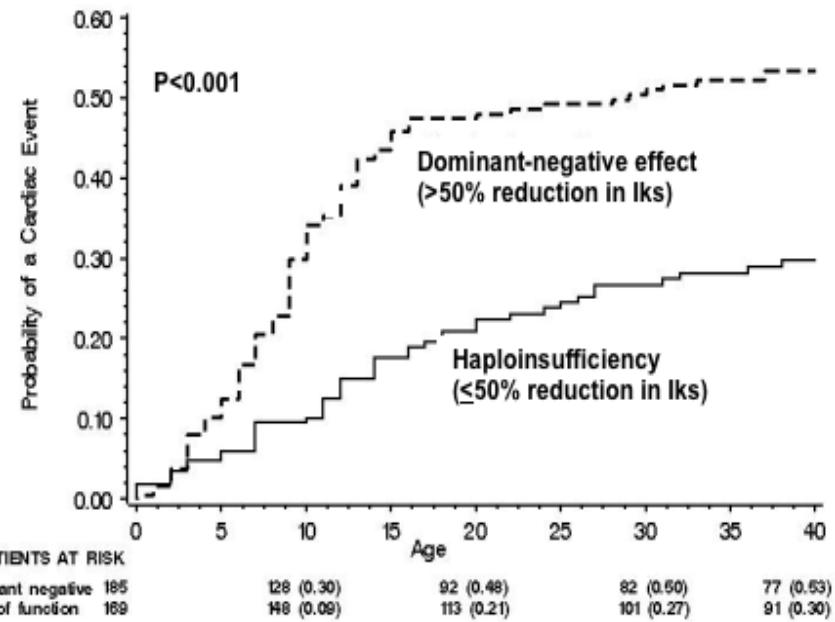
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## LQTS1

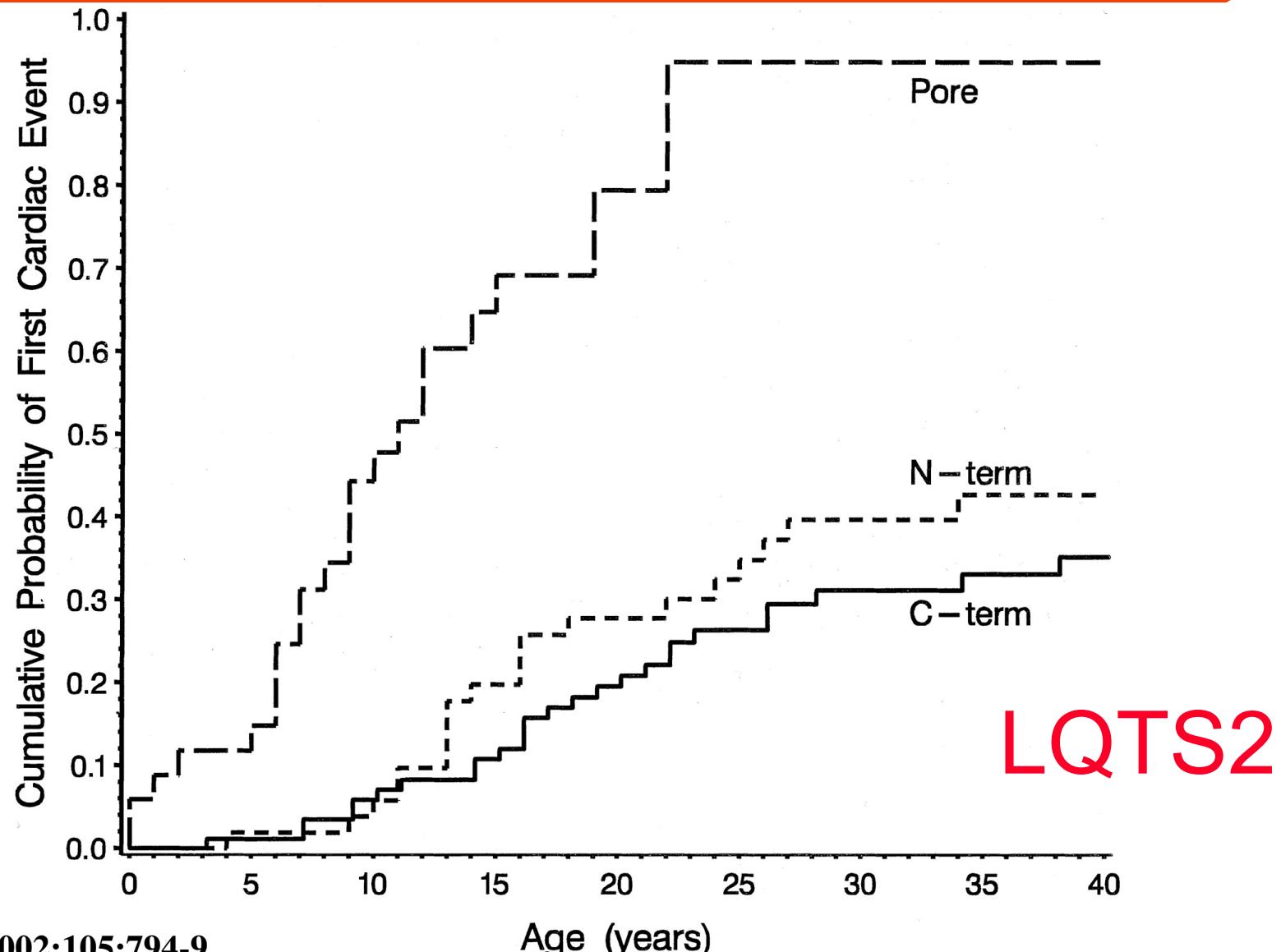
A. Location of Mutation



C. Biophysical Function



# LQTS, Genotype-phenotype



# Brugada syndrome, Genetic testing

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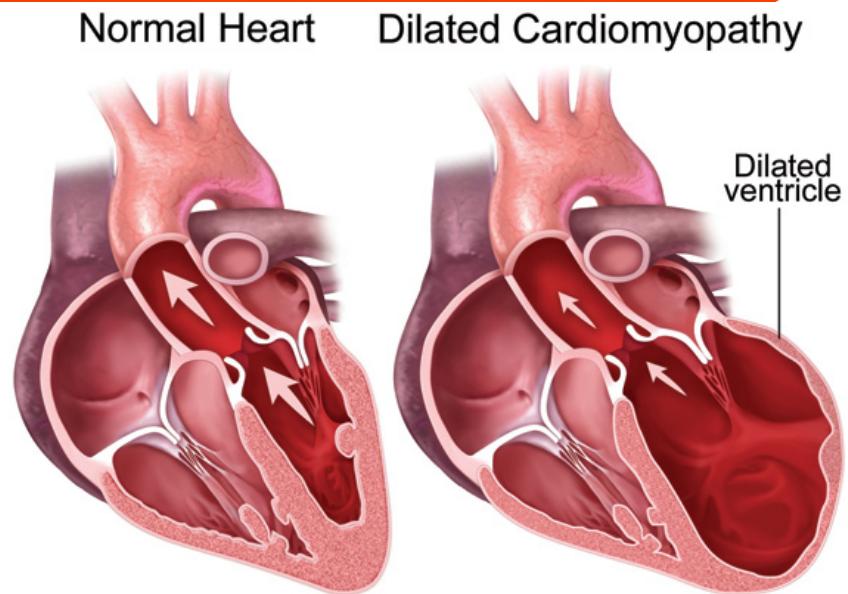
**Genetic testing is **not** needed:**

- ♥ to reach the diagnosis
- ♥ to start presymptomatic treatment
- ♥ to decide on treatment choices
- ♥ and for risk stratification?

# Dilated cardiomyopathy

## Major criteria:

- LV-dilatation
- systolic LV-dysfunction



Guidelines for the study of familial dilated cardiomyopathy,  
Mestroni, Eur Heart J 1999

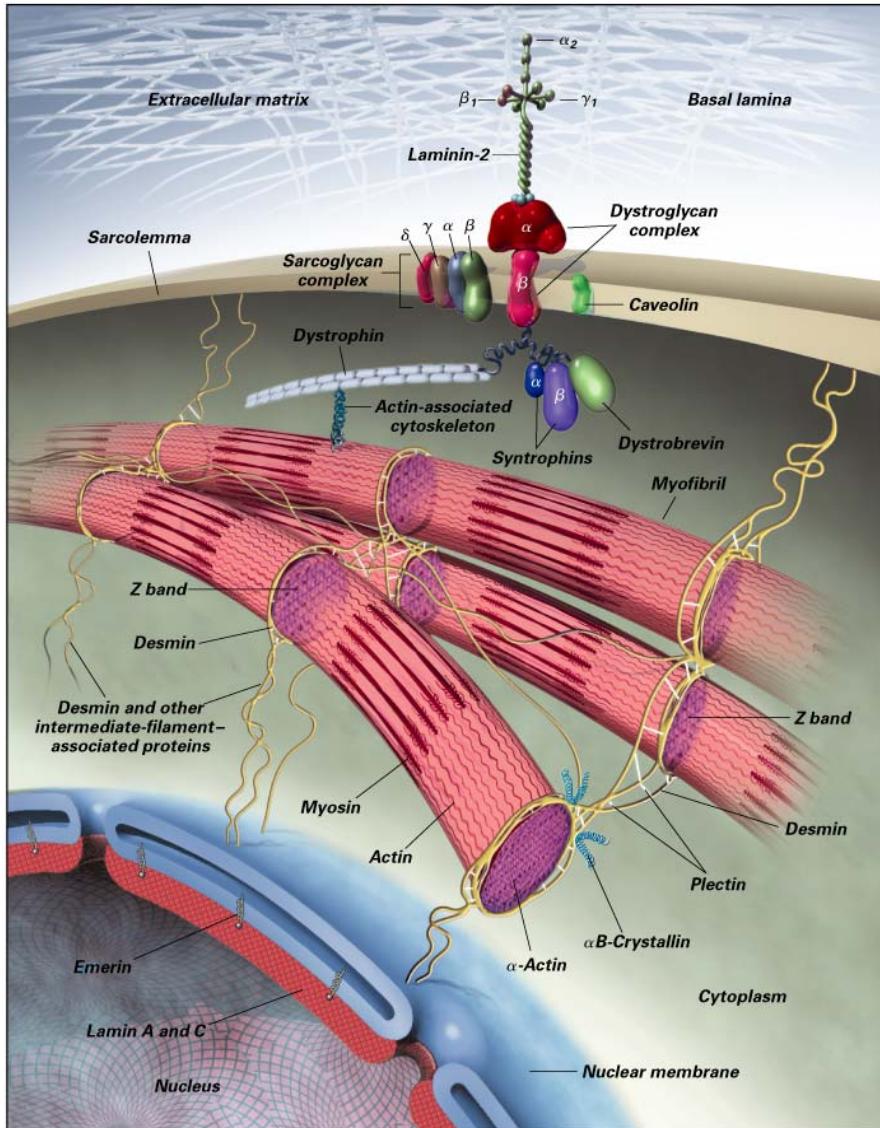
Dilatation: LVEDD>117% (=2SD +5%, corrected for age and BSA)  
Dysfunction: Fractional shortening <25%; LV ejection fraction <45%

# Familial dilated cardiomyopathy

1p32	NEXN	10q25	RBM20
1q21	lamin A/C	10q26	PDLIM
1q31	PSEN2	11p11.2	MyBPC3
1q32	TNNT2	11p15	CSRP3
1q42	ACTN2	11p15	KK
2q31	t		YAB
2q35	c		CC9
3p14	l		IPO
3p21	s		'H6
5p15	s		'H7
5q33	{		EN1
6q21	LAMININ	15q14	ACTC1
6q22	phospholamban	15q22	TPM1
6q23	EYA4	17q12	Tcap/telethonin
9q31	FKTN	19q13	TNNI3
10p13	Nebulette	Xq28	TAZ
10q21	MYPN	Xq28	emerin
10q22	metavinculin	Xp21	dystrophin
10q22	LDB3		
10q23	ANKRD1		

**2012 > 40 genes!**

# Familial DCM: genetic heterogeneity



**Involved structures/functions:**

Cytoskeleton

Sarcomere

Nuclear envelope

Ion-channels

Calcium handling

# Familial dilated cardiomyopathy

1p32	NEXN	<1%				
<b>1q21</b>	<b>lamin A/C</b>	<b>2-21%</b>	<b>10q25</b>	<b>RBM20</b>	<b>2%</b>	
1q31	PSEN2	<1%	10q26	PDLM	<1%	
1q32	TNNT2	1%	11p11.2	MyBPC3	1%	
1q42	ACTN2	<1%	11p15	CSRP3	<1%	
<b>2q31</b>	<b>titin</b>	<b>3% (25%)</b>	11p15	ILK	<1%	
2q35	desmin	1%	11q22	CRYAB	<1%	
3p14	TNNC1		12p12	ABCC9	<1%	
<b>3p21</b>	<b>SCN5A</b>			TMPO	1%	
5p15	SDHA			MYH6	n=	
5q33	δ-sarcoglyc			<b>MYH7</b>	<b>3%</b>	
6q21	LAMA4			PSEN1	<1%	
6q22	phospholan			ACTC1	n=	
6q23	EYA4			TPM1	<1%	
9q31	FKTN	<1%	-- --	Tcap/telethonin	<1%	
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<b>10q22</b>	<b>LDB3</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>Xp21</b>	<b>dystrophin</b>	<b>3%</b>	
<b>10q23</b>	<b>ANKRD1</b>	<b>12%</b>				

Total ± 25%  
(+ Titin ± 50%)

# LMNA – Lamin A/C

## Neurologic phenotype:

Limb girdle muscular dystrophy e.g. Emery Dreifuss, CK ↑

## Cardiac phenotype:

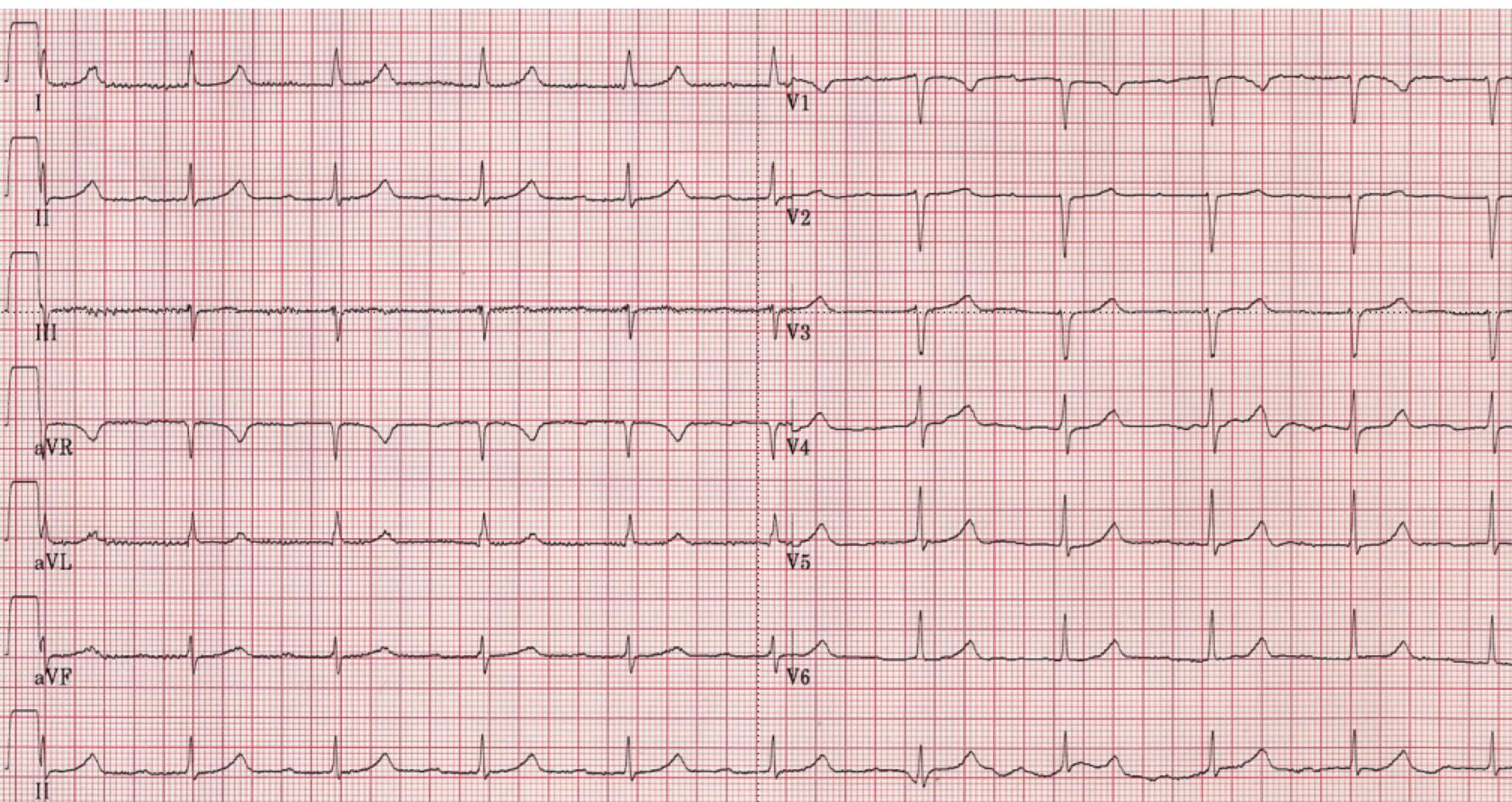
- first manifestation: AV-block, atrial fibrillation
- later LV dysfunction (DCM) – heart failure

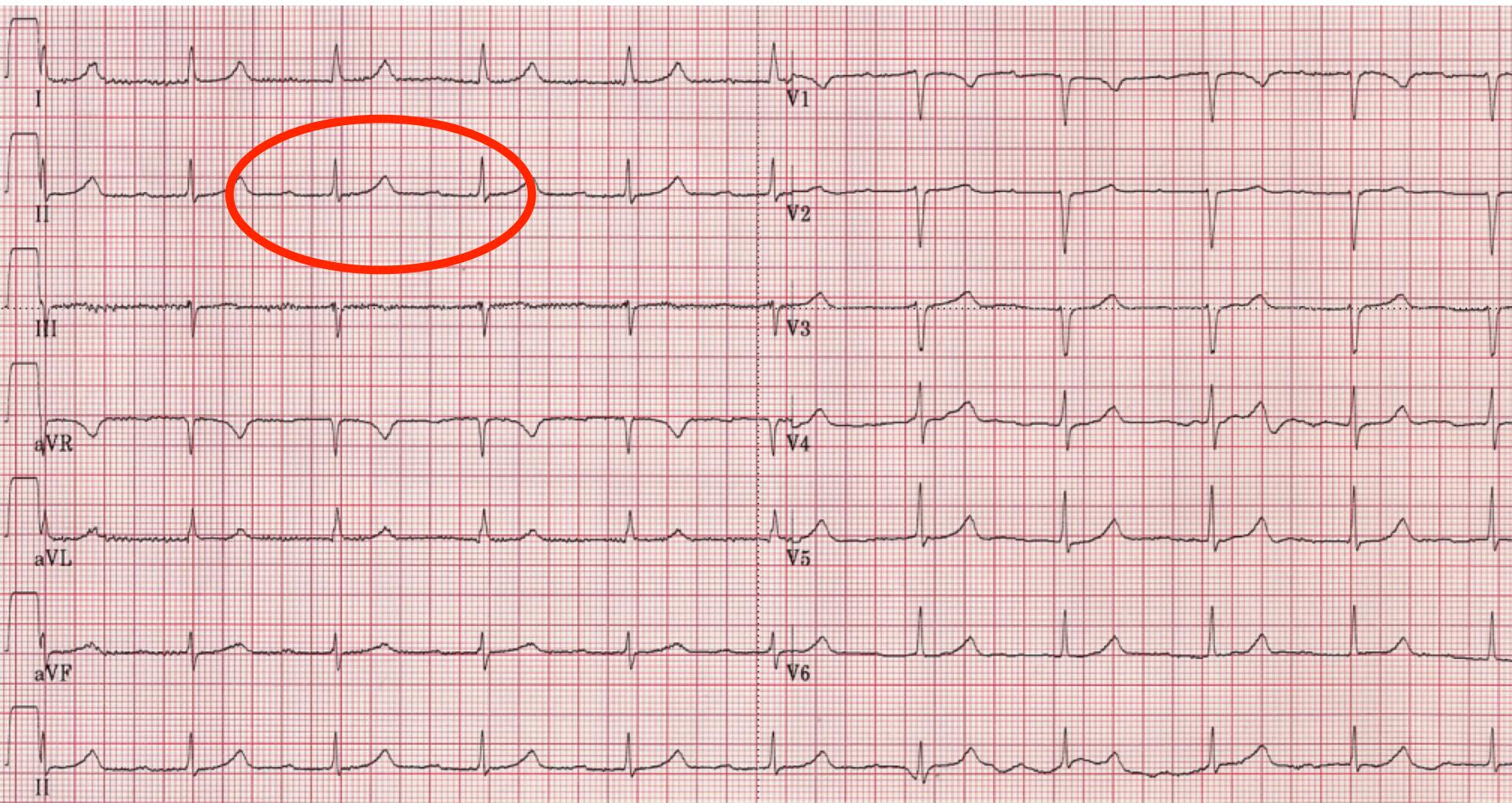
## ECG:

- low amplitude p-wave
- first degree AV-block
- narrow QRS

32y old male

- father died age 42, HF
- uncle died age 38, PM age 35





Prolonged PR, normal QRS, low amplitude P-wave

# Risk Factors for Malignant Ventricular Arrhythmias in Lamin A/C Mutation Carriers

A European Cohort Study

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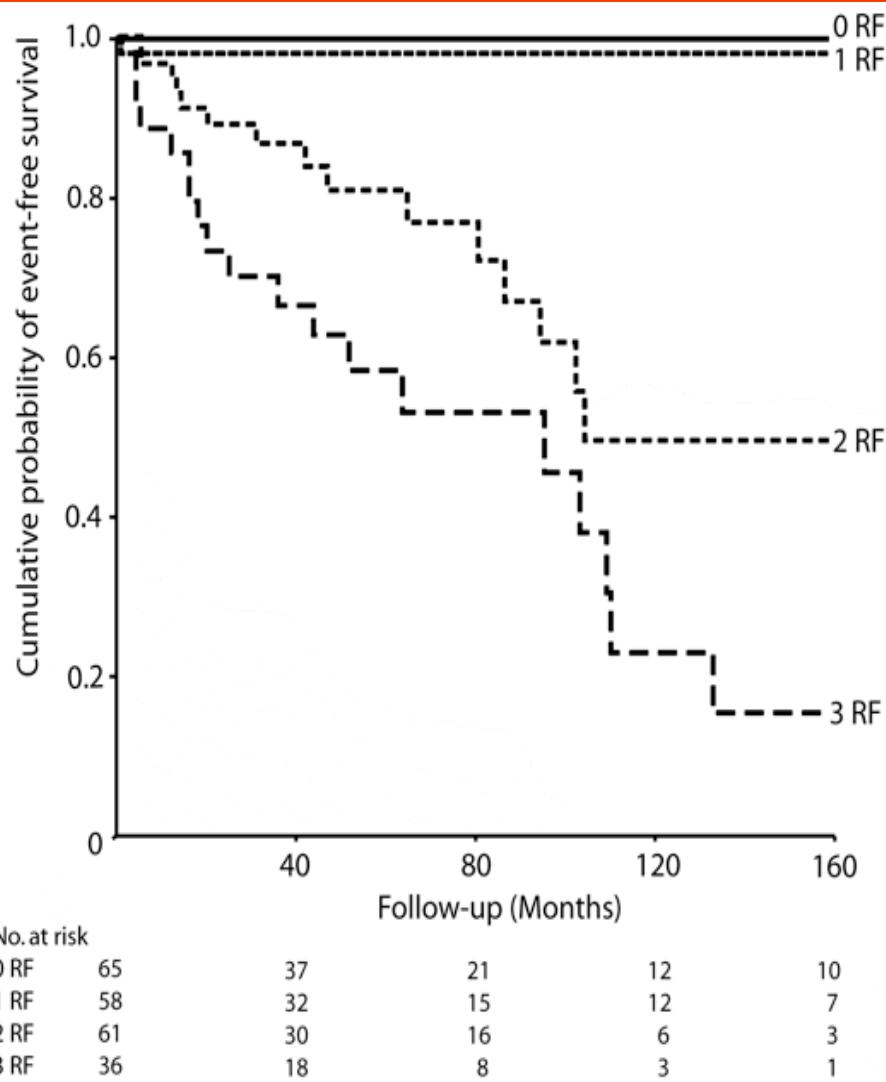
# SCD-events

- ♥ in 275 LMNA carriers (multi centre (EU))
- ♥ Follow, multiple clinical + EP markers

## SCD events

- ♥ SCD
- ♥ resuscitation
- ♥ appropriate ICD intervention

# LMNA Multicentre registry (n=275) risk factors for sudden cardiac death



KM curves stratified by 3  
3 independent riskfactors

**1.LVEF <45%**

**2.NSVT's on Holter**

**3.Male gender**

# LMNA Multicentre registry (n=275) risk factors for sudden cardiac death

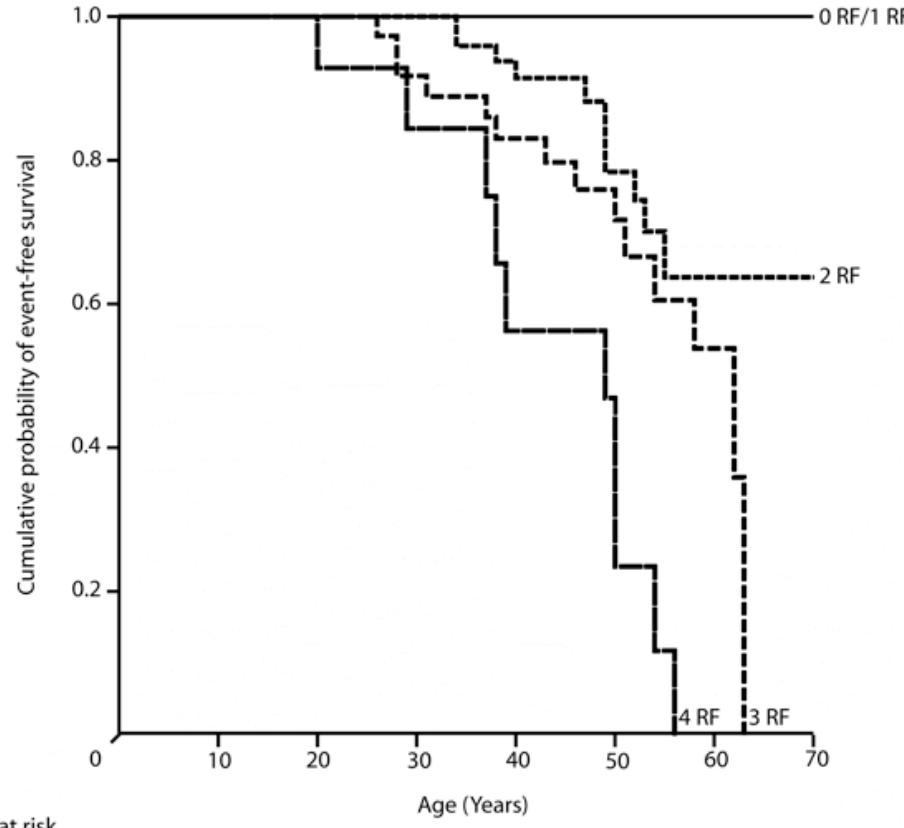
**4 risk factors:**

NSVTs

LVEF<45%

Male gender

Non-missense  
mutation

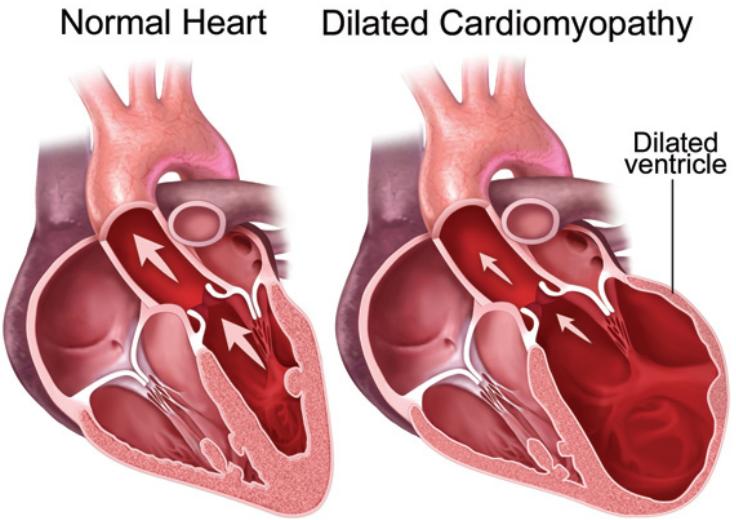


No. at risk	0 RF	1 RF	2 RF	3 RF	4 RF	5 RF	6 RF	7 RF
0 RF	33	33	31	27	17	12	4	1
1 RF	67	67	63	41	30	11	8	3
2 RF	66	66	63	56	40	24	5	2
3 RF	40	40	39	32	26	18	5	0
4 RF	14	14	14	10	6	4	0	0

# Dilated cardiomyopathy.

## Genetic screening

- ♥ many, many genes
- ♥ 20-30% yield (+ Titin  $\geq$  50%)
- ♥ high yield in DCM/conduction disease
- ♥ usefulness for risk stratification
- ♥ useful for family screening



# Which pts should undergo genetic testing?

- ♥ SCD victims with a likely diagnosis
- ♥ Pts diagnosed with an inherited AS and their family members
- ♥ in some diseases it is mandatory
  - LQTS, DCM + conduction disease

# In conclusion...

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## Genetic testing in CV disease:

- ♥ becomes increasingly important
- ♥ has a high potential
- ♥ is important for risk stratification
- ♥ contributes to treatment choices



Thank you