

Inherited arrhythmia syndromes I:

*What you always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask:*

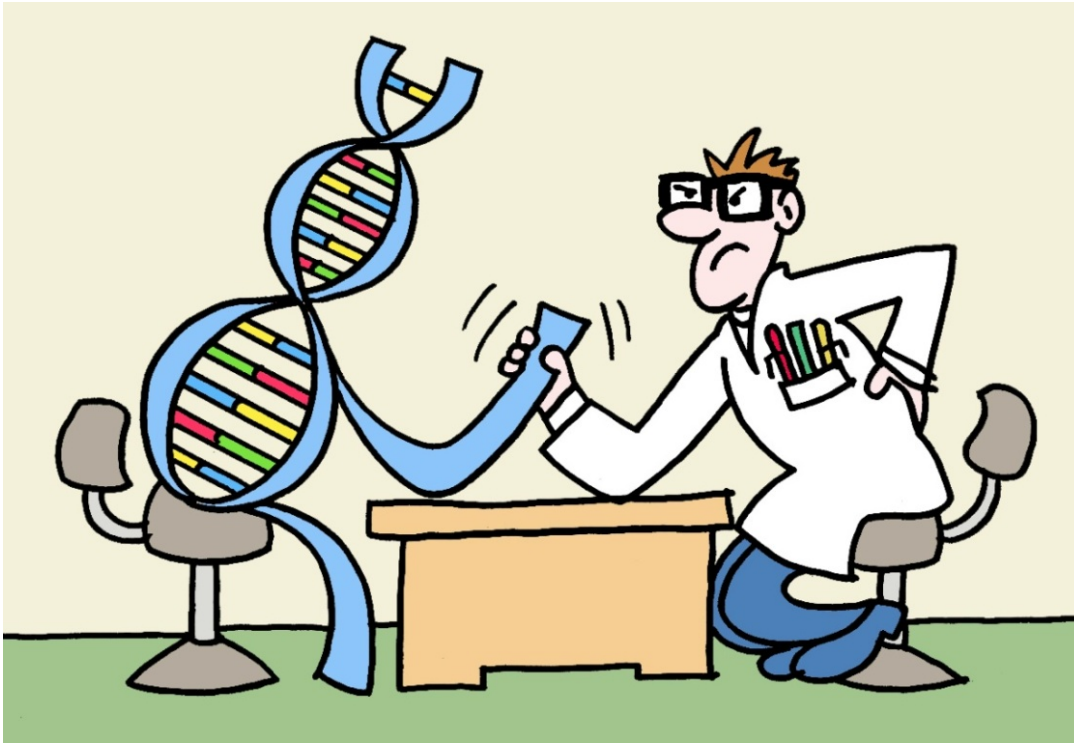
# *The basics of inherited arrhythmia syndromes and genetics*

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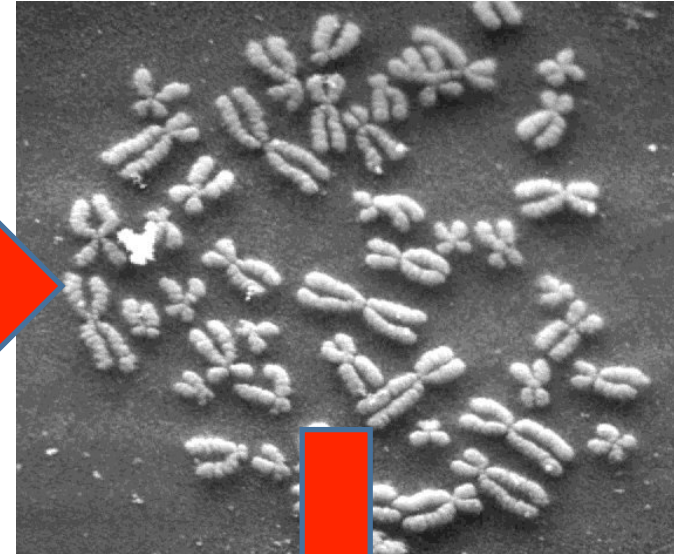
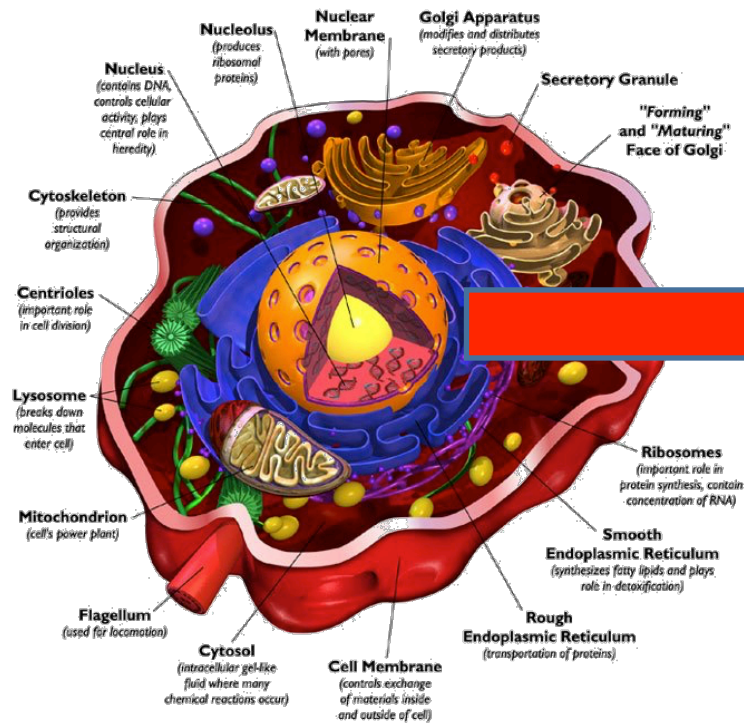


Genetics and  
mutations

Patterns of  
inheritance and  
pitfalls

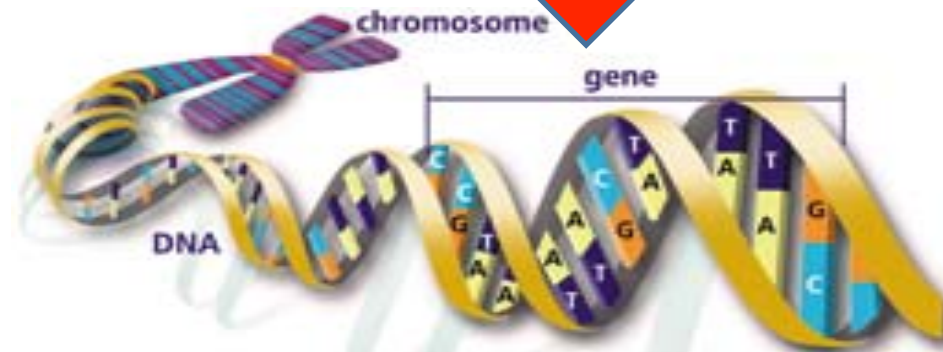
DNA diagnostics

Limitations  
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The basics

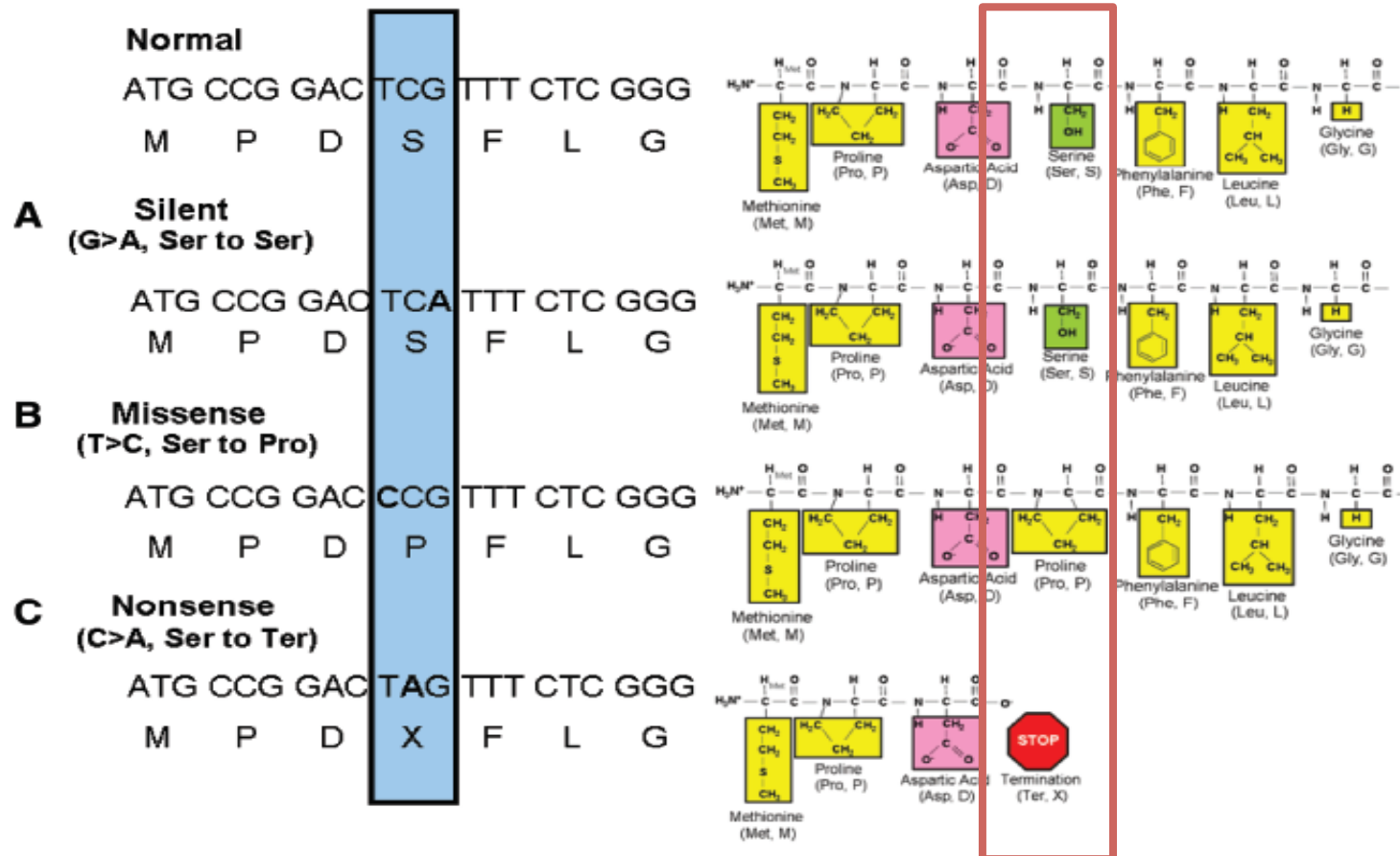
# GENETICS AND MUTATIONS



# Variations in your DNA

- mutation= variation in DNA that affects function

## Single Nucleotide Substitutions point-mutation



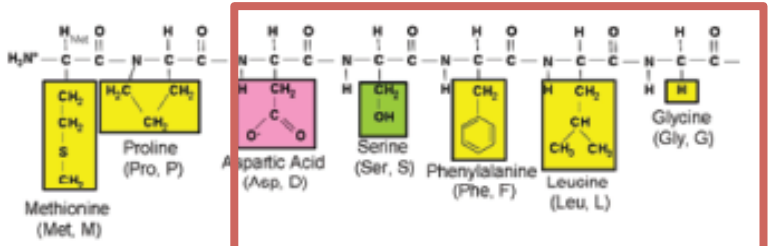


# Deletions-insertions

## Deletions / Insertions

### Normal

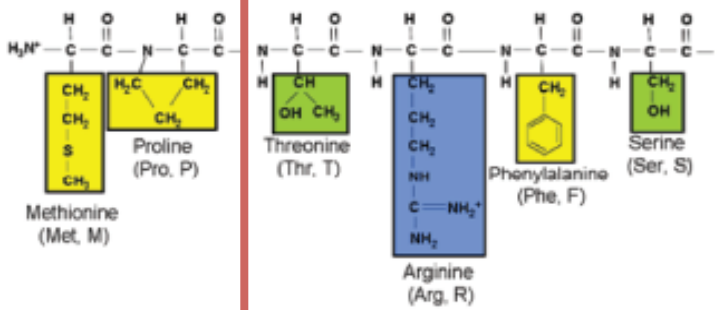
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M P D S F L G



### D Frameshift

Deletion of a "G"

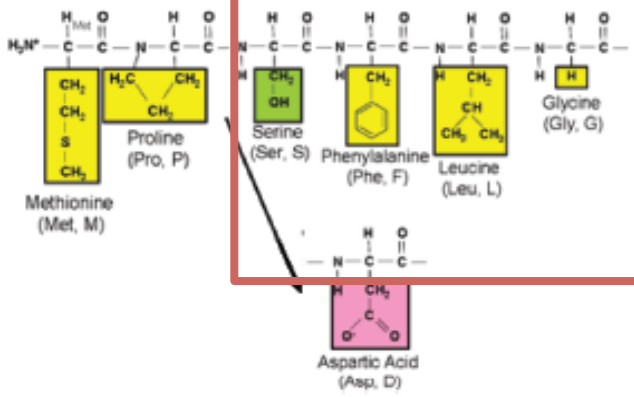
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M P T R F S G



### E In-Frame Deletion

Deletion of a "GAC"

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M P S F L G



# What determines pathogenicity?

- Nonsense/ affecting splicing
- In silico predictions
- Amino-acid properties
- Evolutionary conservation
- Functionally important domain
- Absence in control group
- Functional data
- Co-segregation
- Described before as.....
- De novo



# Classification variants

- class 5      pathogenic (>99%)

- class 4      likely pathogenic (95-99%)

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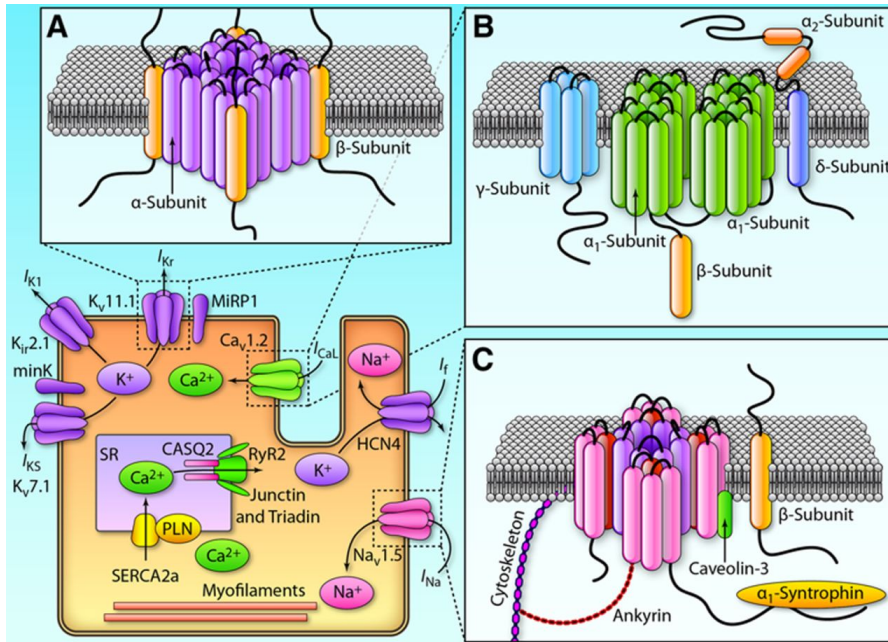
- class 3      variant unknown significance (5-95%)

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- class 2      unlikely to be pathogenic (1-5%)

- class 1      not pathogenic (<1%)

# Arrhythmias: channelopathies



- Genes encoding different subunits  
sodium/potassium/calcium channels
- Associated proteins
- Trafficking proteins

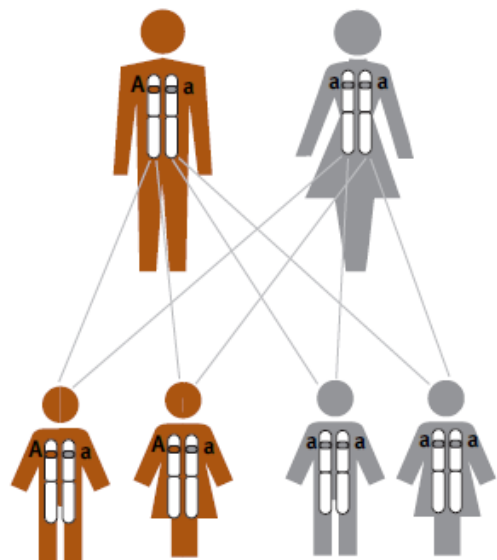


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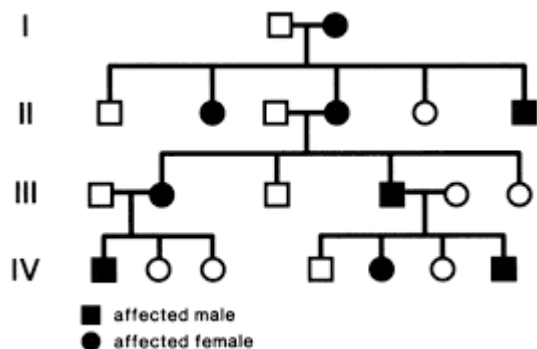
Disease	yield	major genes	Minor genes	elusive
LQTS	80%	<b>KCNQ1, KCNH2, SCN5A, (75%)</b>	KCNE1(<1%), KCNE2(<1), CAV3(<1), SCN4B(0.1), SNTA1(<0.1), AKAP9(<0.1), CACNA2D1(<1), KCNJ5 (<1) , ANK2(<1)	20%
SQTS			<i>KCNQ1, KCNH2, KCNJ2, CACNA1C, CACNB2, CACNA2D1</i>	
Brugada	25%	<b>SCN5A (20-25%)</b>	<i>CACNA1C /A2D1/B2B (10%) SCN1B (1%), SCN3B (1%), GPD1L, (&lt;1) MOG1(&lt;1%), SLMAP, KCNE3 (&lt;1%), KCND3 (&lt;1%), KCNE5, KCNJ8 (&lt;1%) TRPM4 (5)</i>	60-65%
CPVT	50%	<b>RyR2 (50%)</b>	CASQ2, TRDN, CALM1/2, KCNJ2	50%
WPW			LAMP2, PRKAG2, mt	
AF/SSS			SCN5A, HCN4,	
conduction disease			SCN5A, TRPM4	

# PATTERNS OF INHERITANCE AND PITFALLS

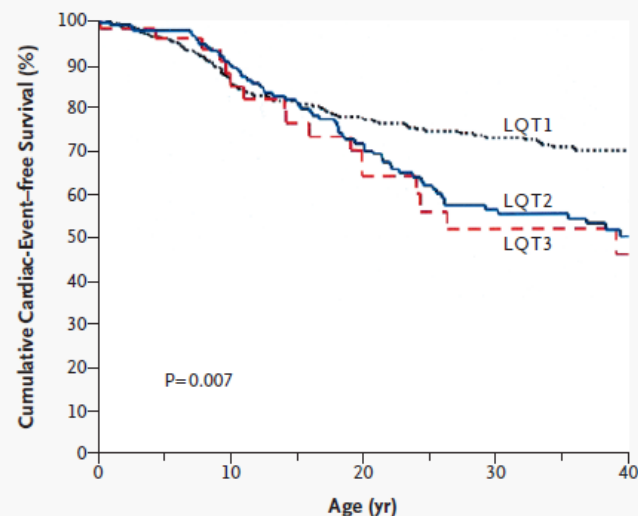
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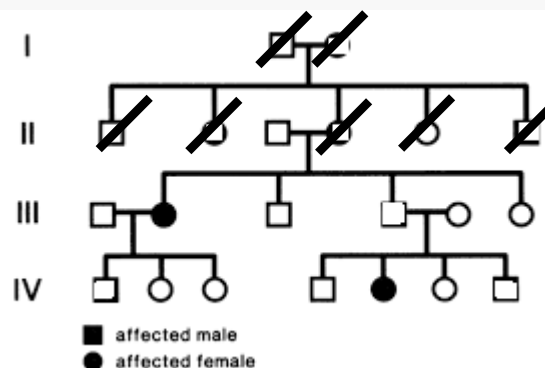
**AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT**



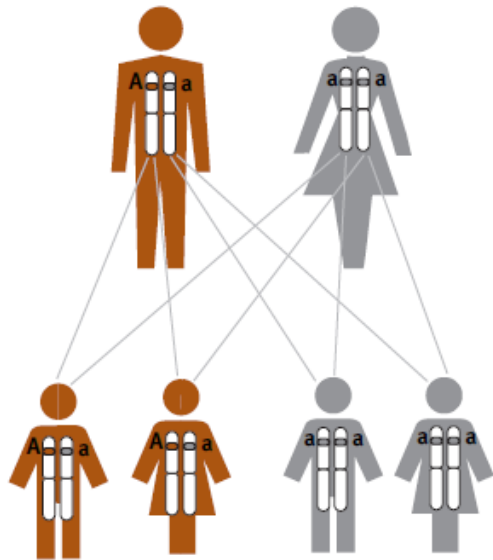
**Variable expressivity**  
**Reduced penetrance**



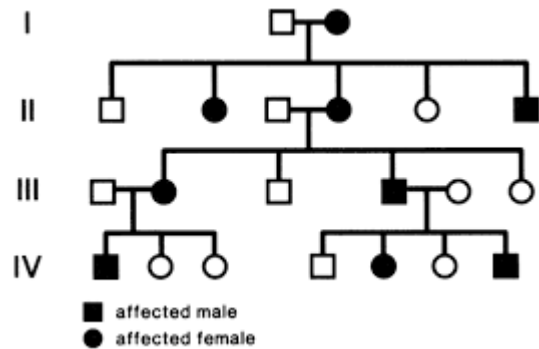
No. at Risk					
LQT1	355	249	192	146	100
LQT2	176	130	187	57	34
LQT3	49	30	20	9	7

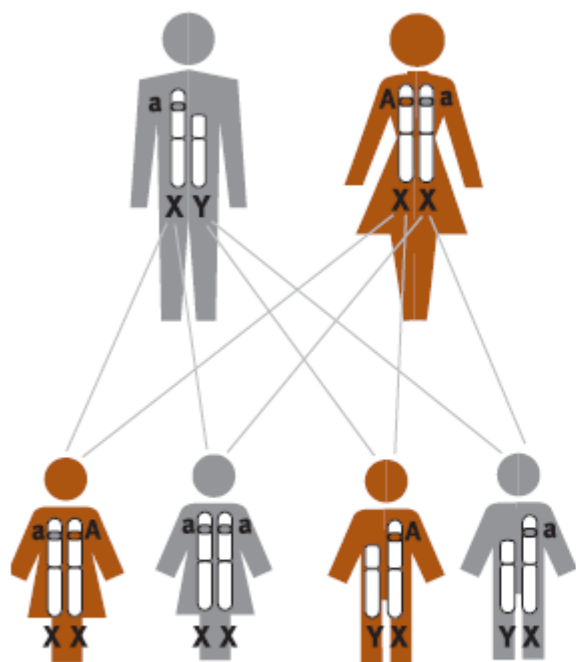


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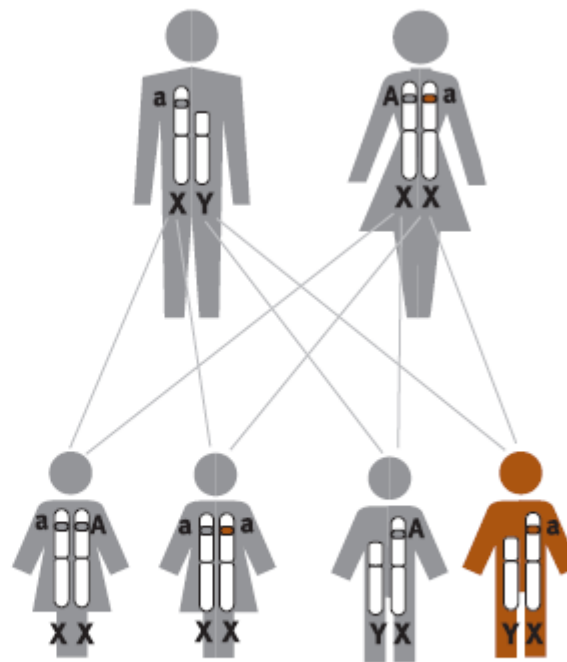
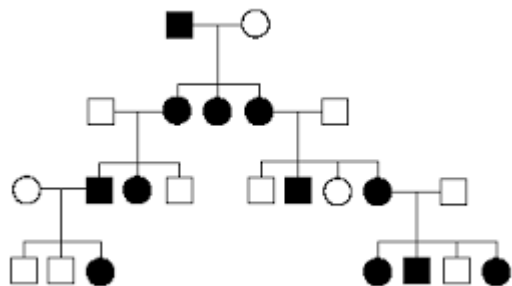


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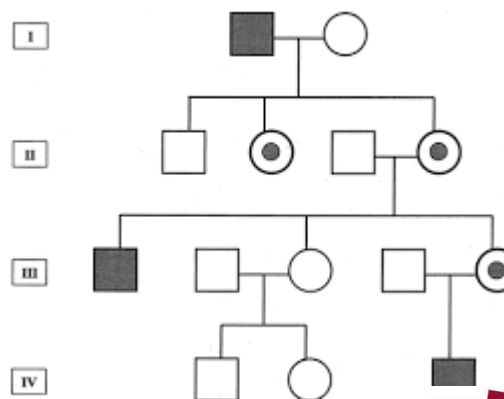




X-LINKED DOMINANT



X-LINKED RECESSIVE





Why and how?

# DNA DIAGNOSTICS

# Why DNA-analysis?

- Confirmation (Dx/pattern of inheritance/PNDx)
- Diagnostic (borderline cases; criteria)
- **Facilitates cascade genetic screening**
  - early detection
  - dismiss non-carriers from follow-up
- Study genotype-phenotype relations
  - risk stratification?
  - gene (mutation) dependent therapy?

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

*This document was developed as a partnership between the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) and the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)*

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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	+	+	+

**Figure 1** Impact of genetic testing for the index case. The relative strength (- = negligible to +++ = strong) regarding the contribution/impact of the genetic test result for the index case for each disease in each of the three categories (diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic) was voted upon by each writing member and >90% consensus was achieved for each “cell.” The level of evidence for each cell’s designation is the same as for the entire document, Level of Evidence C.

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# How? Genetic analysis in cardiac disease

- <1995: nothing
- 1995-2012: 1-2 genes at a time; sequentially.  
Max ca. 6 genes
- since 2012: panels 23-100+ genes  
(cardiomyopathy/ arrhythmia/ aorta/ combinations)
- >2015 Exome sequencing  $\pm 20.000$  genes/ 2%DNA
- >2017? Genome sequencing

# Exome sequencing: all genes; 2% of DNA



**The current role of Next generation DNA sequencing  
in routine care of patients with hereditary cardiovascular conditions**

**A viewpoint paper of the European Society of Cardiology working group on  
myocardial and pericardial diseases and members of the European Society of  
Human Genetics**

- Whole exome/genome sequencing is considered to be a diagnostic method in development and should be used for genetic diagnosis only if filtered against recognised disease genes. The coverage should allow identification of all exomic variants in these genes

## Unsolicited findings:

- Before genetic testing it is important to inform the patient about the challenges in interpretation of sequencing results of multiple genes and discuss the implications of unsolicited findings
- In a clinical diagnostic setting only recognised disease genes should be investigated in patients fulfilling diagnostic criteria of a specific cardiovascular condition



# **NOT EVERY GENE IS RELEVANT (YET) NOT EVERY PUBLISHED VARIANT IS DISEASE CAUSING**

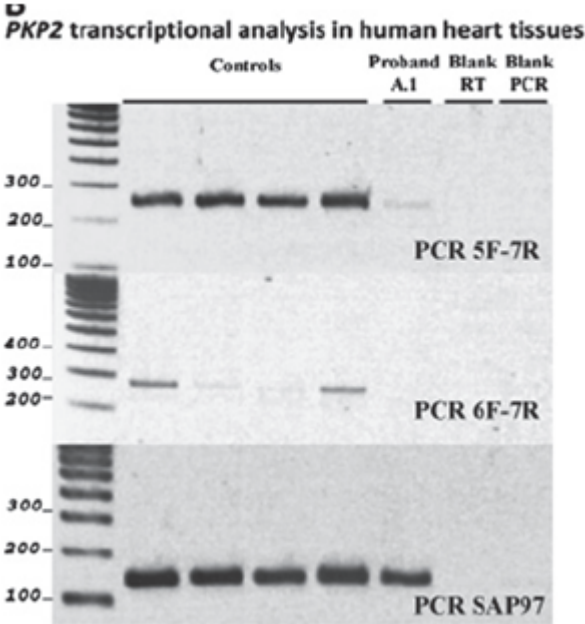
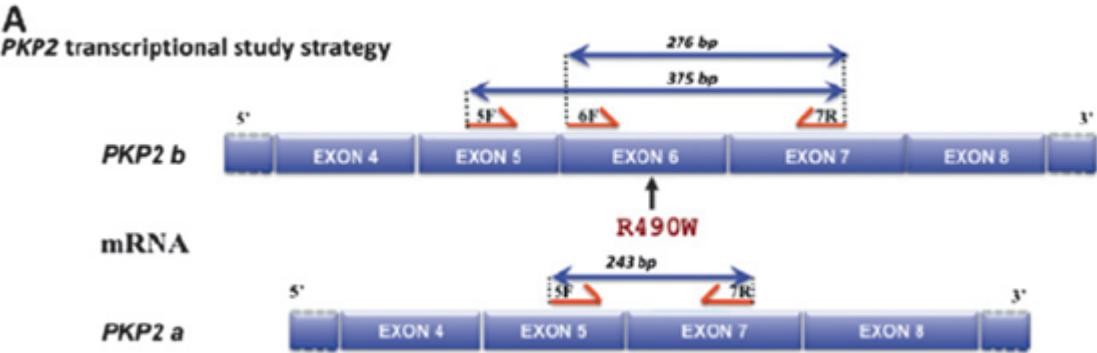
Genetics and inherited arrhythmias

## **ANY CAVEATS?**

# Interpretation Genetic Data

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Heart 2011; 97:844-9

Gene	Locus	Exon	Mutation	DNA Change	Protein Change	Type	Reported Classification	No of clinical reports	Details
PKP2	12p11	6	Intronic	c.1379-22G>A	-	Intronic	No known pathogenicity	1	<a href="#">Show Details</a>
PKP2	12p11	6	Splice	c.1379-1G>A	r.spl?	Splice site	Pathogenic	1	<a href="#">Show Details</a>
PKP2	12p11	6	G489R	c.1465G>A	p.Gly489Arg	Missense	Pathogenic	2	<a href="#">Show Details</a>
PKP2	12p11	6	R490W	c.1468C>T	p.Arg490Trp	Missense	Unknown/UV	3	<a href="#">Show Details</a>
PKP2	12p11	6	Splice	c.1510+5G>A	r.spl?	Splice site	Pathogenic	0	<a href="#">Show Details</a>
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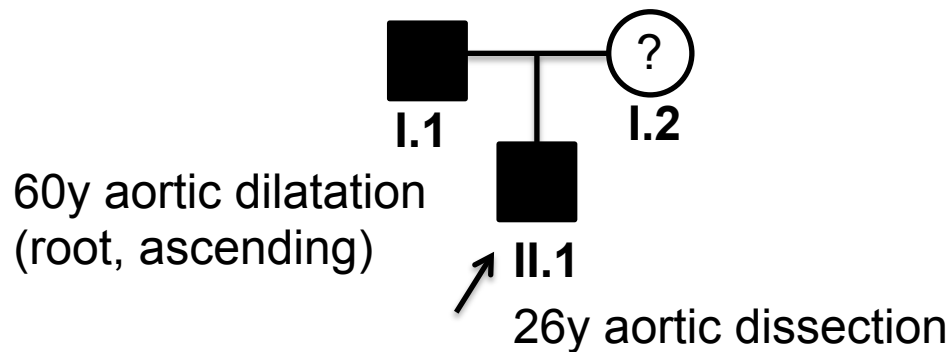
# PITTFALLS DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES

# Older techniques (false negatives)

- Older techniques: (dHPLC), misses mutations
- Sanger sequencing:
  - misses large deletions/duplications  
(add MLPA)
  - Mosaicism missed
- Panels based upon WES: coverage

**ACTA2:c.[116G>A];[=] p.(Arg39His)**

✓ Sanger: not detected



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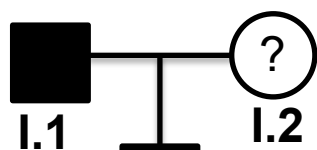
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✓ NGS



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- ✓ NGS: 4% (12/286 reads).



60y aortic dilatation  
(root, ascending)

↗ II.1

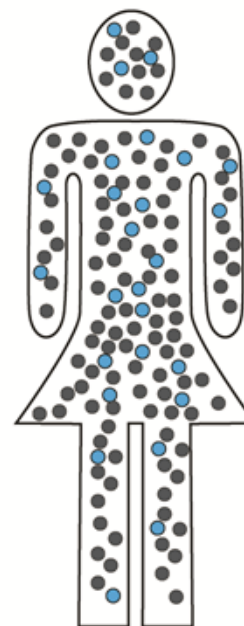
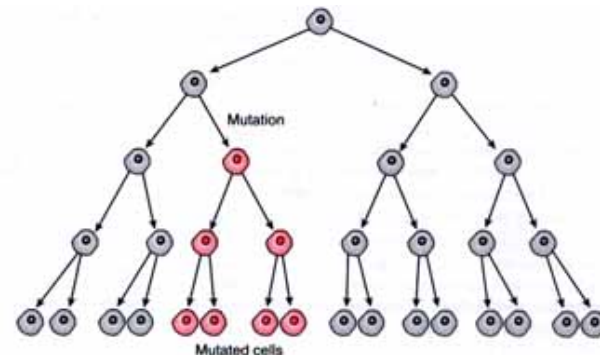
26y aortic dissection

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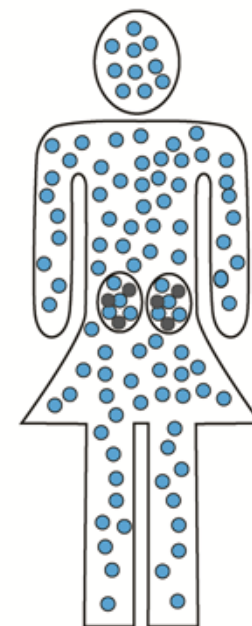
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mosaicism



Constitutional  
mosaicism



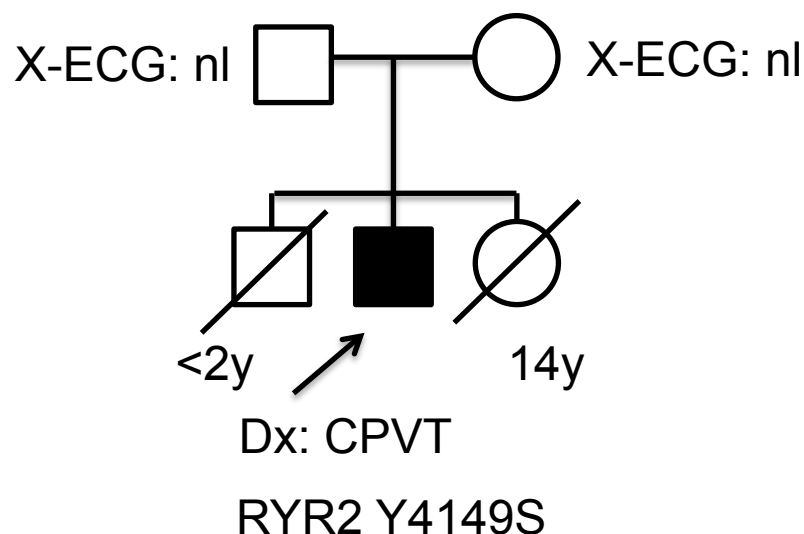
Germline  
mosaicism

## Comprehensive Open Reading Frame Mutational Analysis of the *RYR2*-Encoded Ryanodine Receptor/Calcium Channel in Patients Diagnosed Previously with Either Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia or Genotype Negative, Exercise-Induced Long QT Syndrome

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### RyR2: Y4149S

25% hair roots  
20% leucocytes  
15% buccal cells &  
skin



Recurrence risk in  
de novo mutations:  
1-2% !

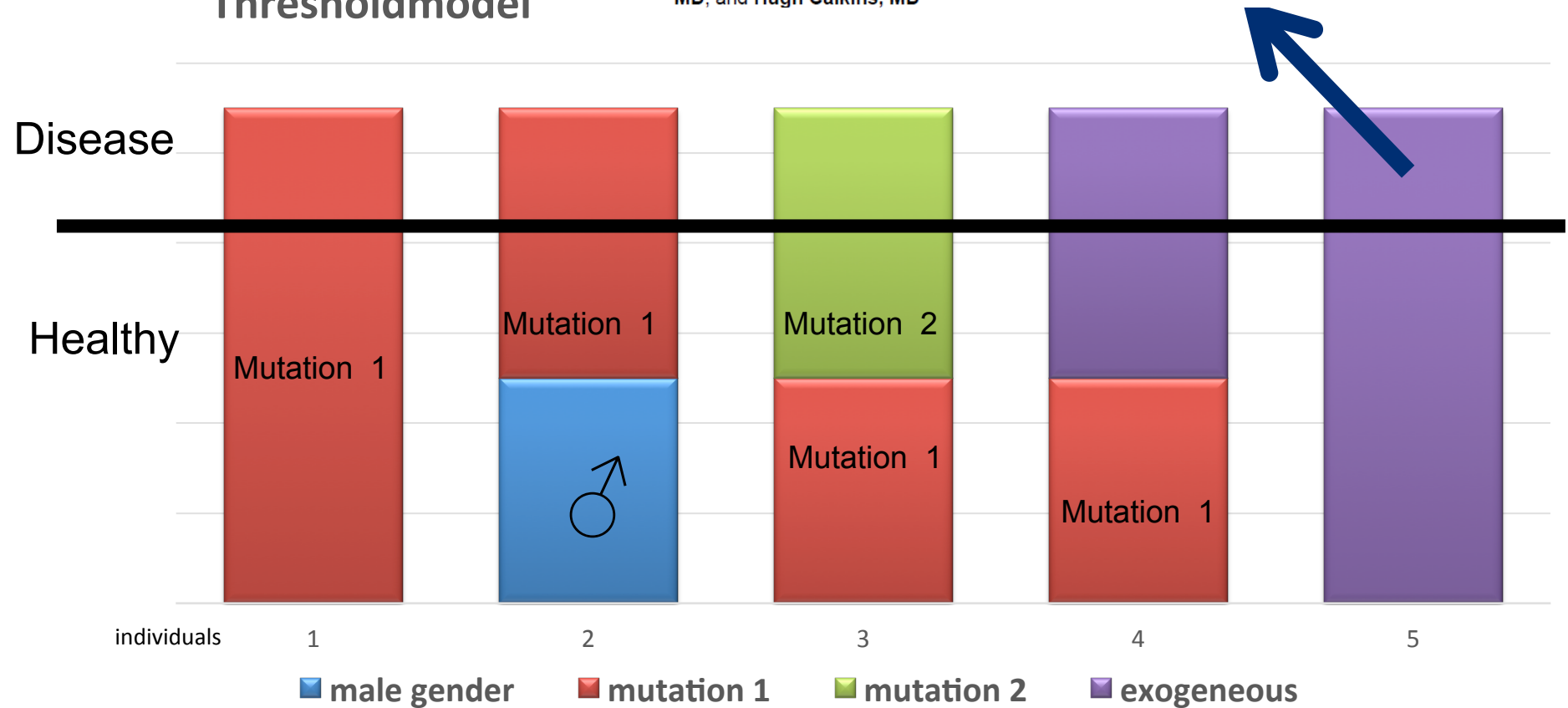
# cardiogenetics: threshold-model:

gender +/- multiple genes / environmental influences

**Exercise Increases Age-Related Penetrance and Arrhythmic Risk in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy Associated Desmosomal Mutation Carriers**

Cynthia A. James, ScM, PhD, Aditya Bhonsale, MD, Crystal Tichnell, MGC, Brittney Murray, MS, Stuart D. Russell, MD, Harikrishna Tandri, MD, Ryan J. Tedford, MD, Daniel P. Judge, MD, and Hugh Calkins, MD

## Thresholdmodel



# SUMMARY

- Dominant: reduced penetrance/variability
- Genetics Dx mainly for family cascade-screening (counseling)
- Careful in interpreting genetic test results: dynamic new genes; published “mutations” (*false +*)
- Causal mutations can be missed (technique, mosaicism, deletions) (*false -*)
- Genetics points the gun, additional factors pull the trigger (threshold-model)

# Thank you



# Experimental Evidence Scoring

Evidence Category	Evidence Type	Score Range	Recommended points/ evidence	Points Given	Max Score
<b>Function</b>	Biochemical Function	½ - 2	½ point for each piece of evidence in any category	1.5	2
	Protein Interaction	½ - 2			
	Expression	½ - 2			
<b>Functional Alteration</b>	Patient cells	1 - 2	1 point	1	2
	Non-patient cells	½ - 1	½ point	NA	
<b>Models &amp; Rescue</b>	Animal model	1 - 4	2 points	NA	4
	Cell culture model system	½ - 2	1 point	NA	
	Rescue in animal model	1 - 4	2 points	NA	
	Rescue in engineered equivalent	½ - 2	1 point	NA	
<b>Total Final Score</b>				2.5	0 - 8

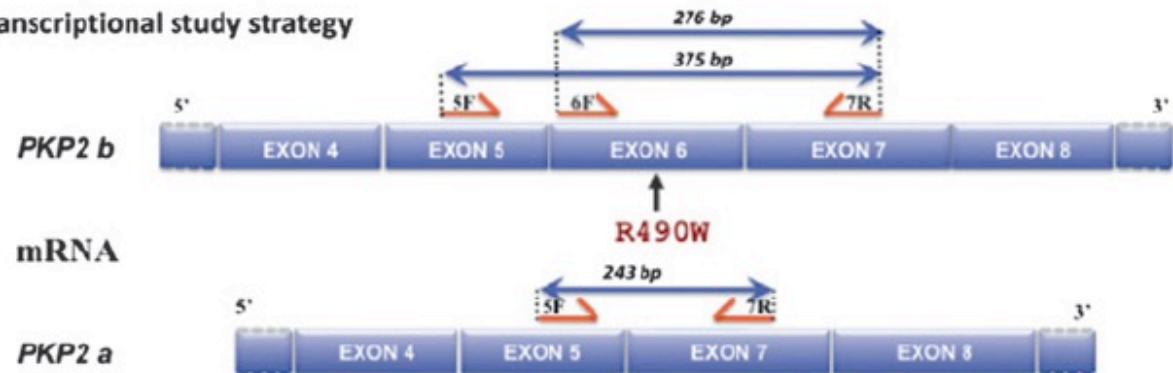
Assertion criteria	Genetic Evidence (0-12 points)	Experimental Evidence (0-6 points)	Total Points (0-18)	Replication Over Time (Y/N)
Description	Case-level, family segregation, or case-control data that support the gene-disease association	Gene-level experimental evidence that support the gene-disease association	Sum of Genetic & Experimental Evidence	> 2 pubs w/ convincing evidence over time (>3 yrs)
Assigned Points	9.75	2.5	12.25	Y
CALCULATED CLASSIFICATION		LIMITED	1-6	
		MODERATE	7-11	
		STRONG	12-18	
		DEFINITIVE	12-18 AND replication over time	
Valid contradictory evidence? (Y/N)	List PMIDs and describe evidence:			
CURATOR CLASSIFICATION		STRONG???		
FINAL CLASSIFICATION				



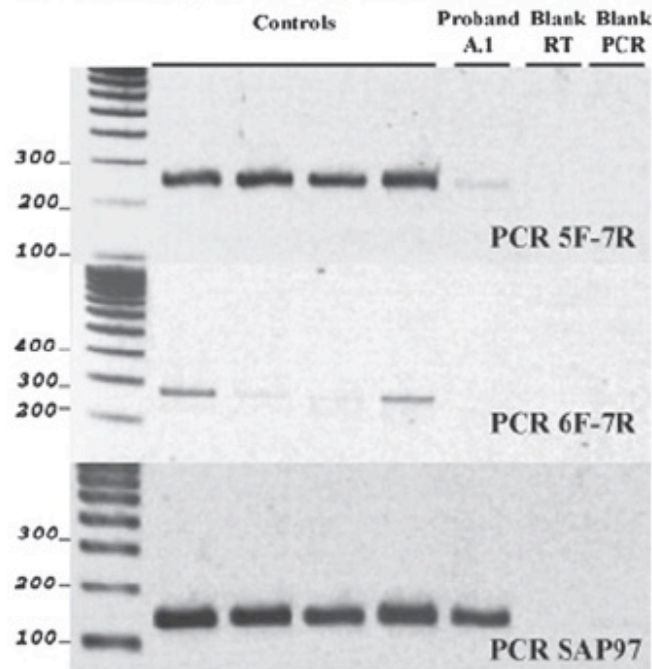
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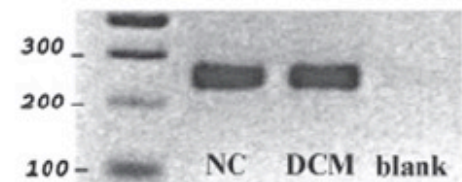
## A *PKP2* transcriptional study strategy



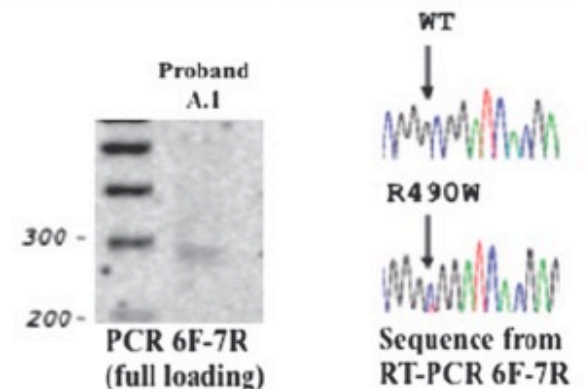
## B *PKP2* transcriptional analysis in human heart tissues



## C RT-PCR 5F-7R from human normal or DCM hearts



## D RT-PCR 6F-7R from proband A-1 (full loading)



# ***Plakophilin-2* c.419C>T and risk of heart failure and arrhythmias in the general population**

Alex Hørby Christensen<sup>1</sup>, Pia Rørboek Kamstrup<sup>2</sup>, Estelle Gandjbakhch<sup>3</sup>, Marianne Benn<sup>4</sup>, Jan Skov Jensen<sup>5</sup>, Henning Bundgaard<sup>6</sup>, Eric Villard<sup>3</sup> and Anne Tybjærg-Hansen<sup>\*,7,8</sup>

European Journal of Human Genetics (2016) 24, 732–738

- Multiple lines of evidence:
  - >10000 Controls 0.94%
  - No association with electro/echographic parameters
  - In vitro studies

## **ARTICLE RESPONSE**

*Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine* (2008) 5, E1  
doi:10.1038/ncpcardio1434

Variations in *DSG2*: V56M, V158G and V920G are not pathogenic for arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy

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**The p.A897KfsX4 frameshift variation in desmocollin-2 is not a causative mutation in arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy**

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# Conclusion: genetics ACM

- Left-right-biventricular
- mainly desmosome related: mutations: ~50% (90% fam)
- Genotype-phenotype relationships:
  - “double mutations” (screen all genes);
  - DSP, PLN, TMEM43: LV involvement
- Careful in interpreting genetic test results: dynamic
- New monogenic-genes claims: be aware
- Highly penetrant dominant mutations rare; majority of mutations are RISK factors (threshold model)
- Counsel genotype, treat phenotype (limited role for genotyping in prediction of outcome; genotyping for cascade screening)

# Pubmed: n° publications

## -pediatric- cardiology & genetics

