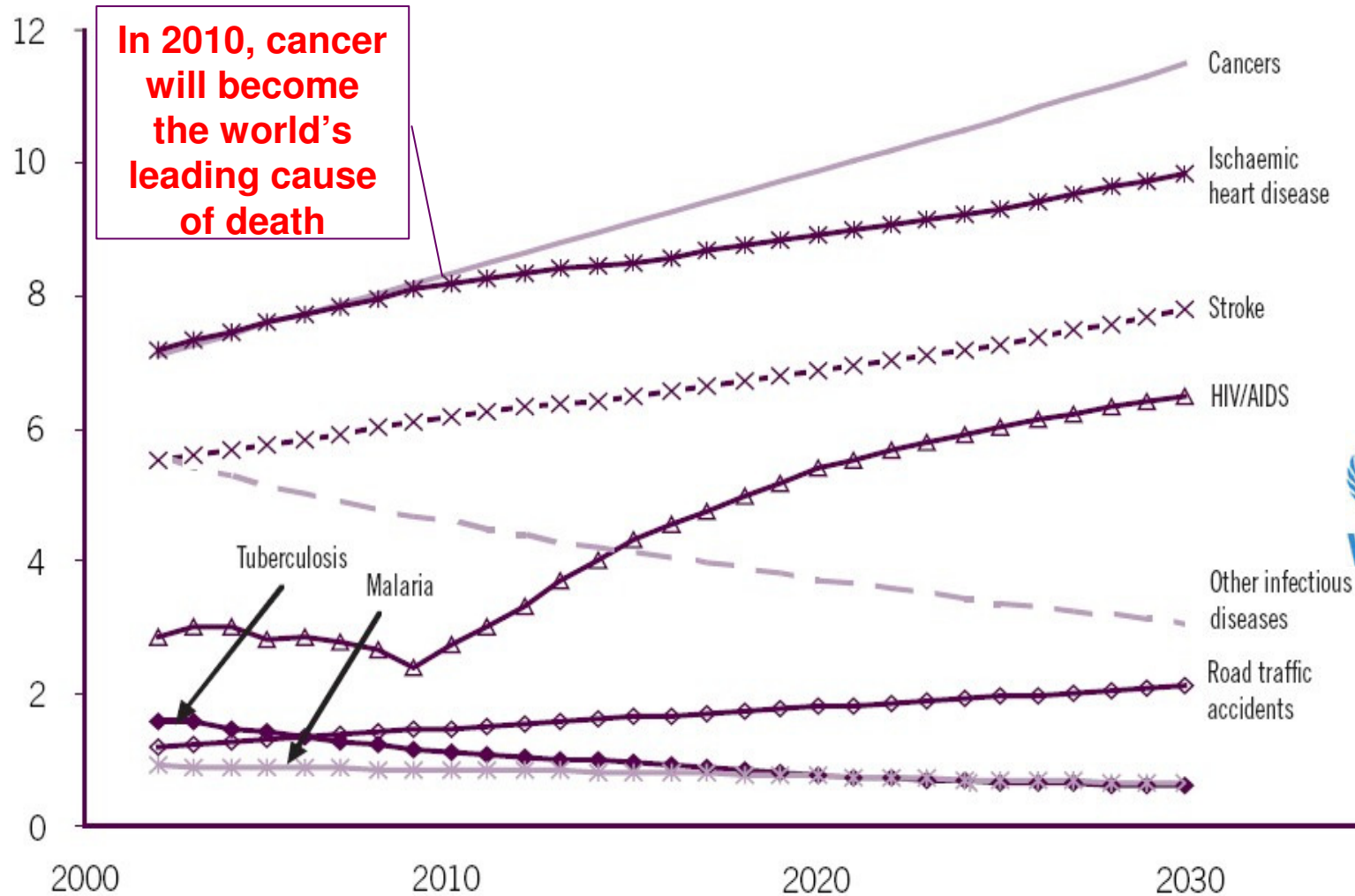


Vitamin D and Cancer: Current Dilemmas/Future Needs

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The World Is Changing: Projected Deaths



By **2020**, cancer **could kill**

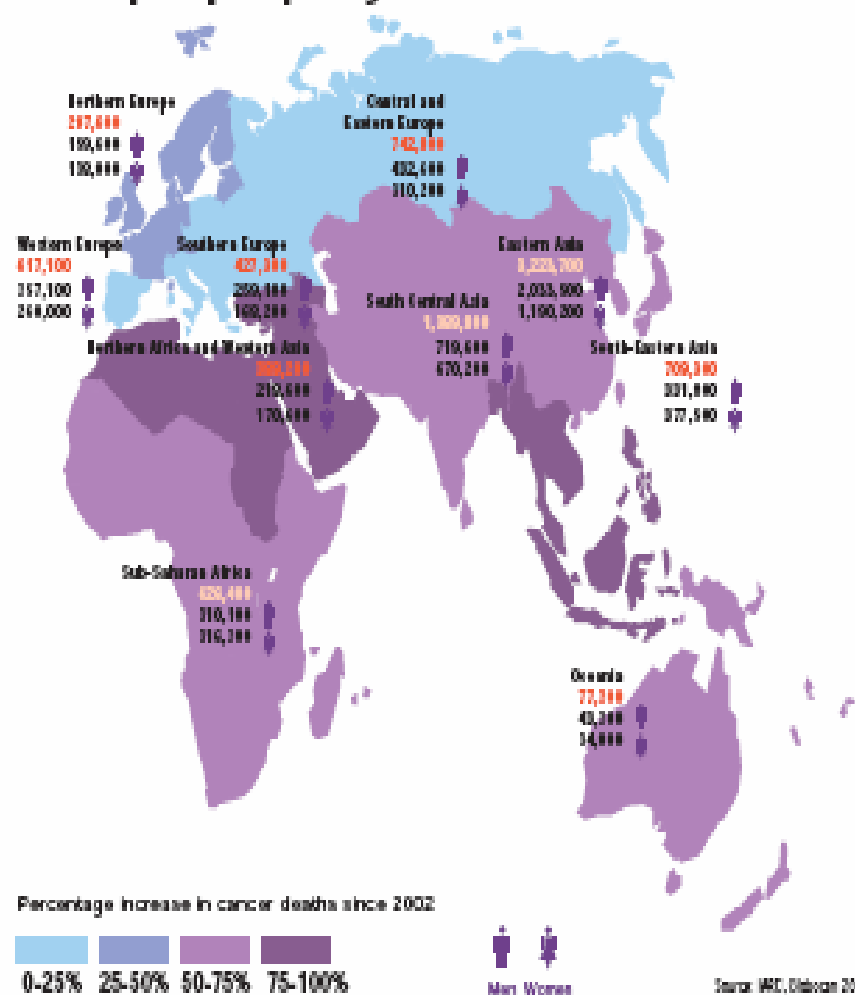
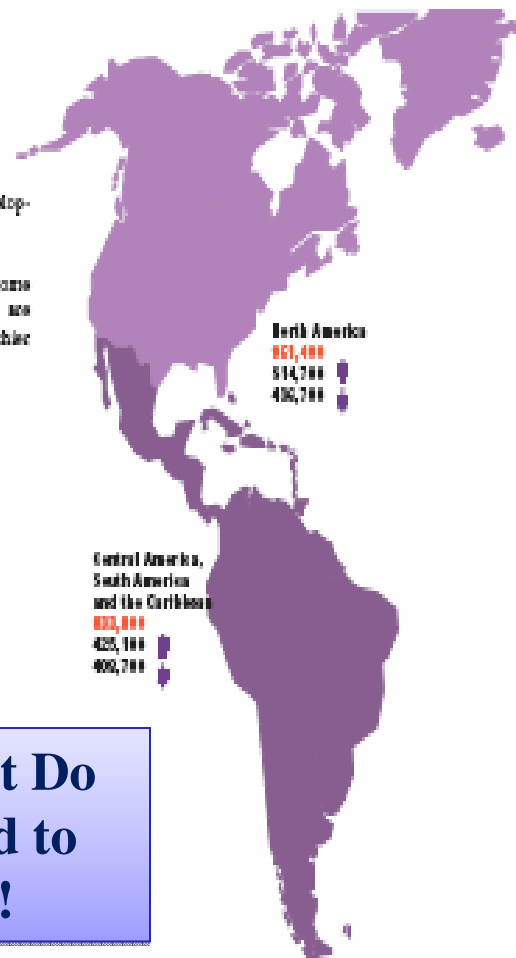
10.3 million
people per year unless we act

Trends

The biggest rates of increase are in developing and newly industrialized countries.

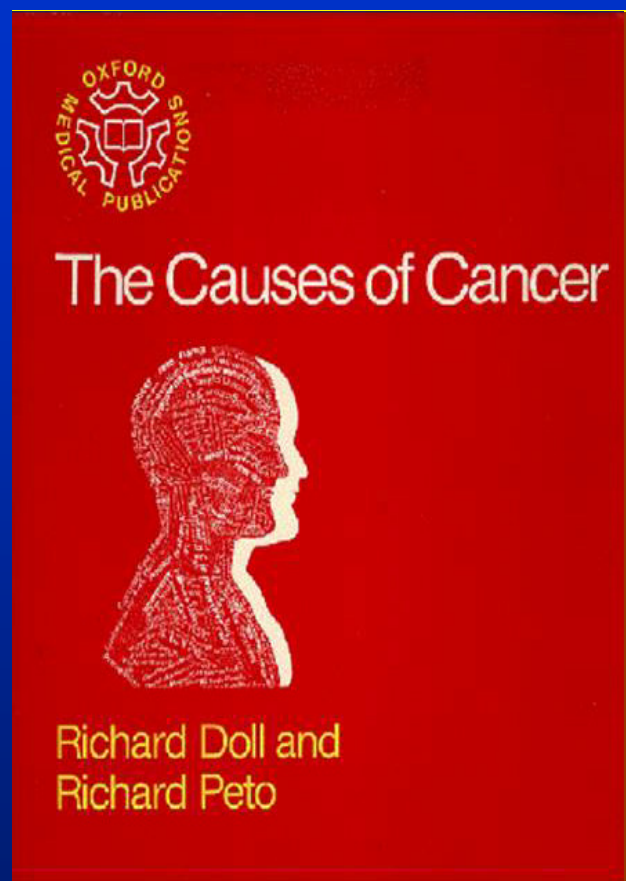
The relative increase is smallest in some Western countries where populations are rejecting tobacco and adopting healthier lifestyles.

**If Prevent Do
Not Need to
Treat!**

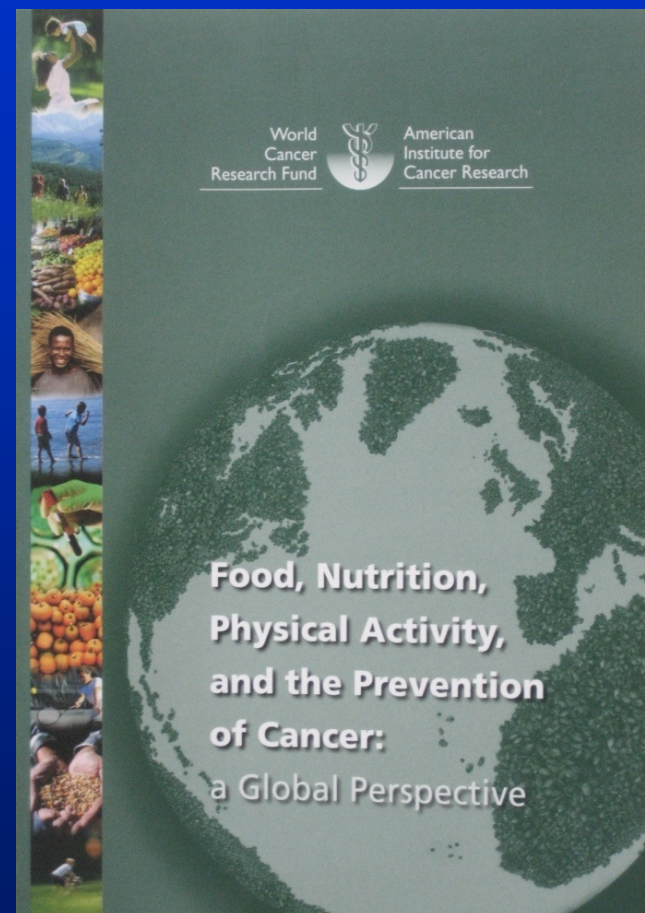
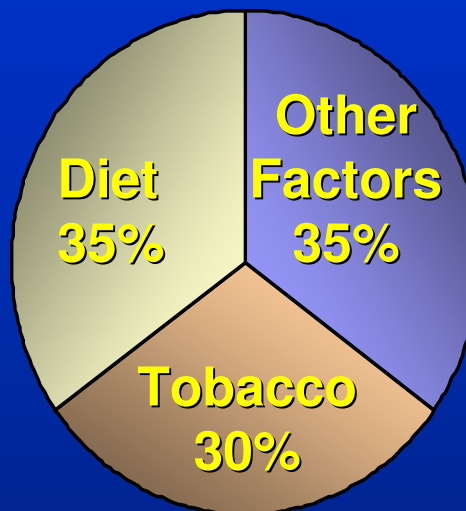


Dr. Lee Jong-wook, Director General WHO

It has been estimated that about 1/3 of all cancer deaths may be attributable to dietary factors.



The Causes of Cancer
– Richard Doll & Richard Peto, 1981



WCRF/AICR Report
- Released Nov. 1-2, 2007



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Vitamin D shown to cut cancer risk in women

Major study suggests supplement wards off several types of cancer

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How Strong is the Evidence that vitamin D may have a role in cancer?

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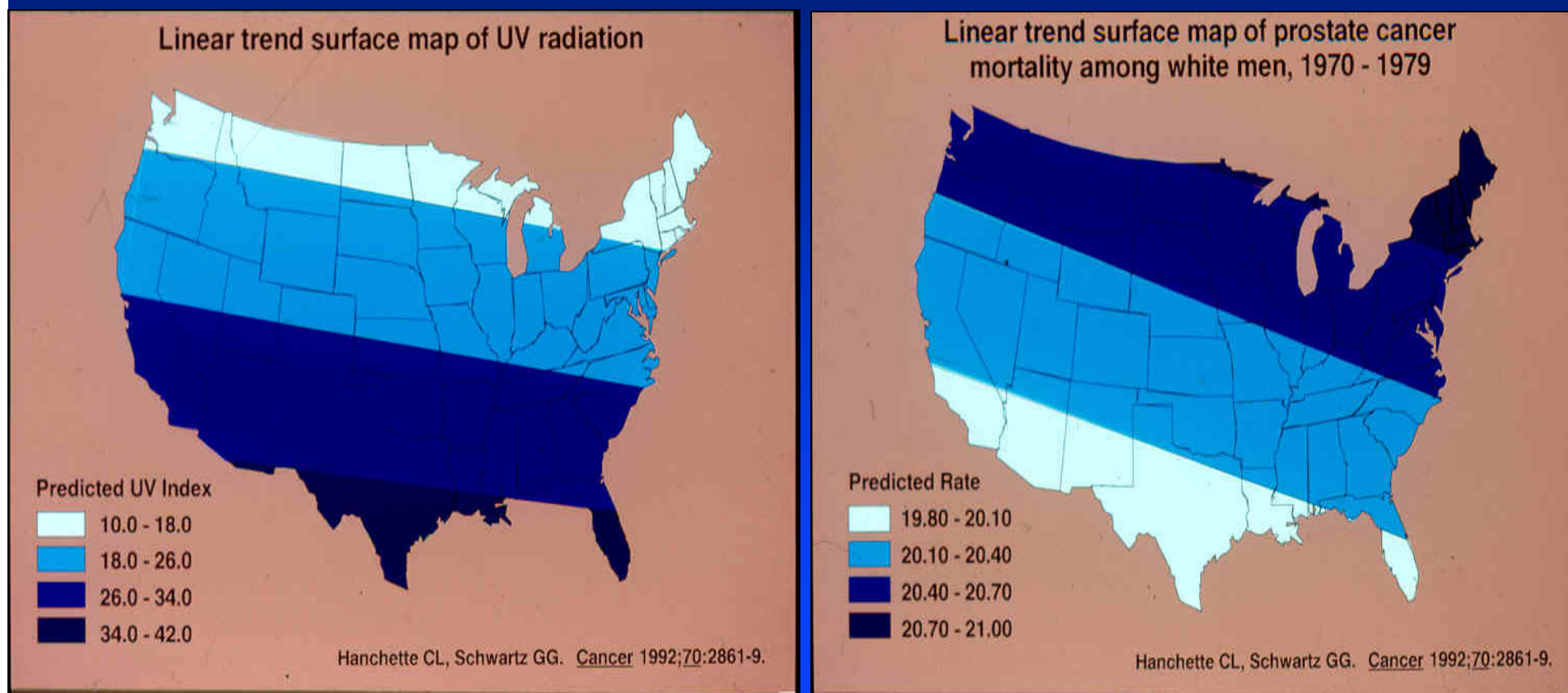
Study Sees Link Between Vitamin D, Breast Cancer Prognosis

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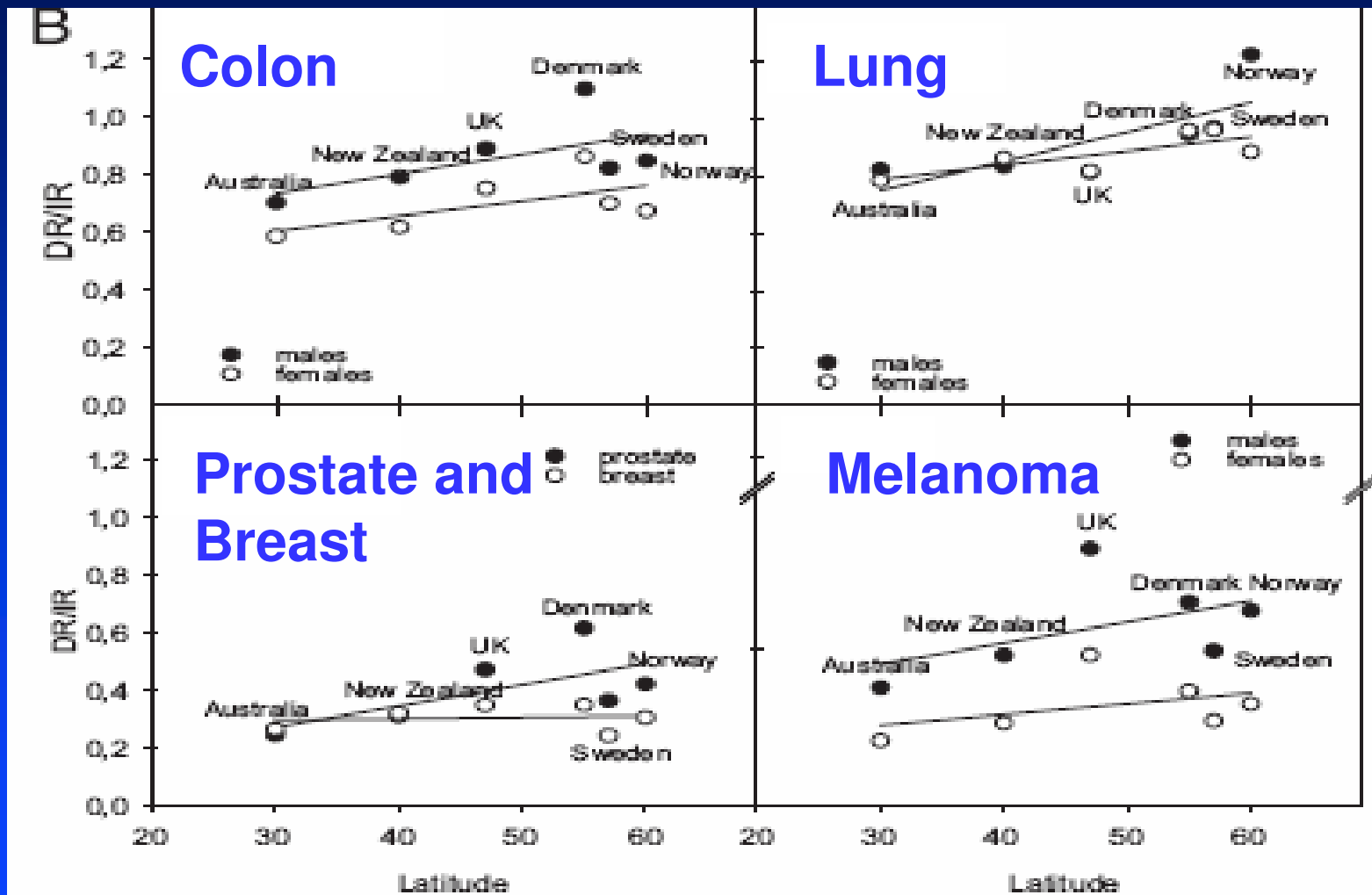
Vitamin D May Cut Cancer Risk

Age-Adjusted Prostate Cancer Mortality Rates (Whites) and Ultraviolet Radiation in 3073 U.S. Counties



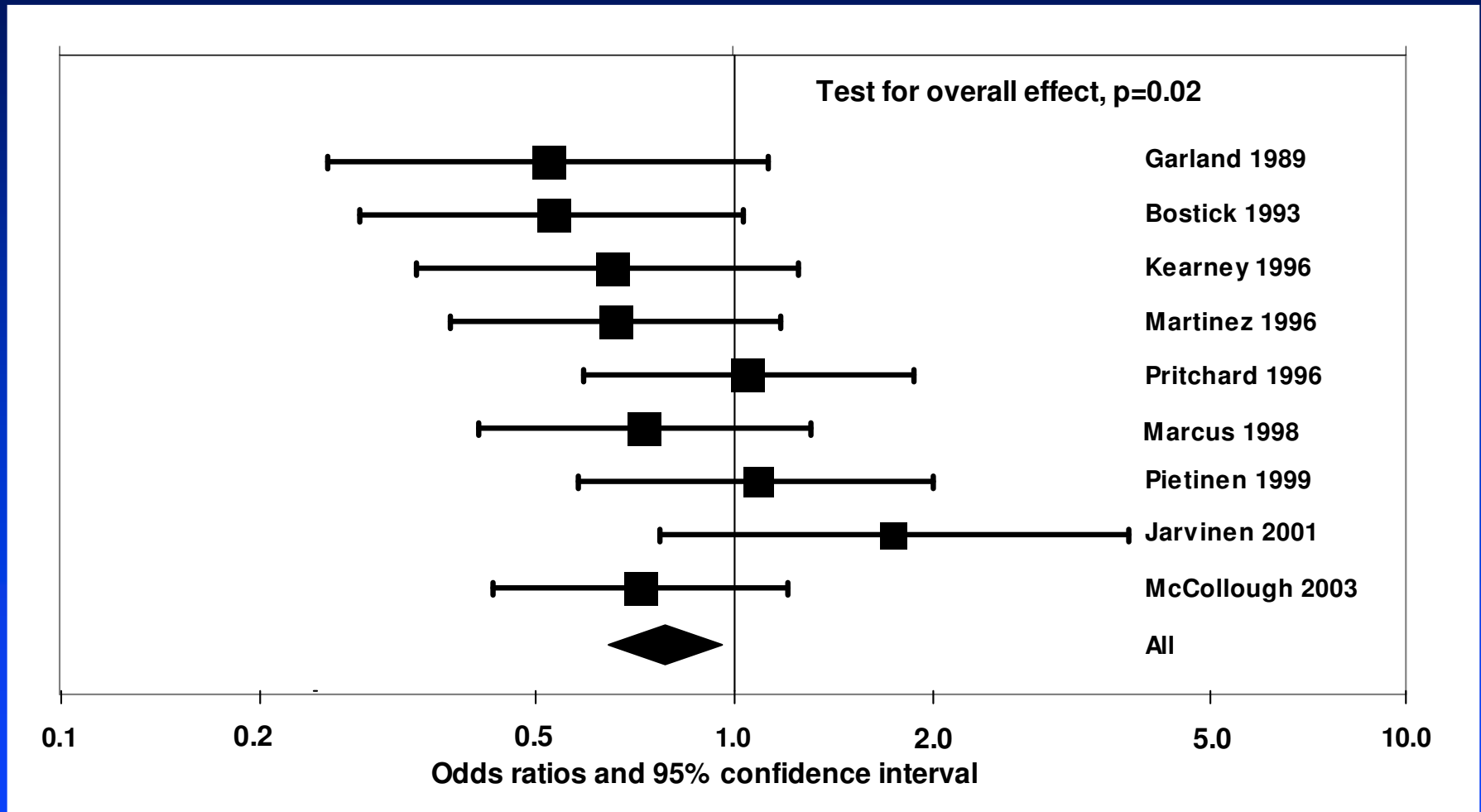
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Cancer Mortality and Latitude



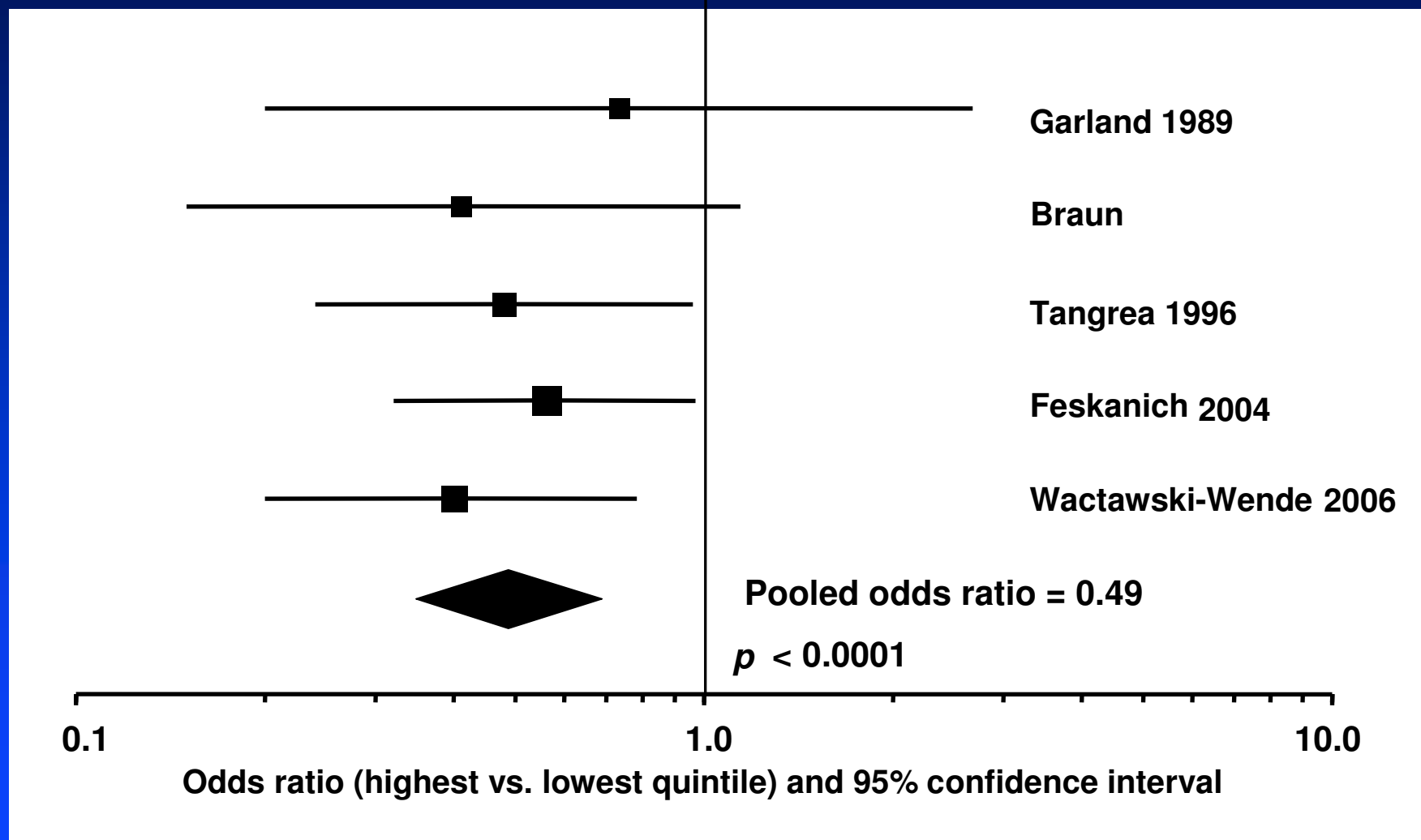
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Dietary Vitamin D and Colorectal Cancer



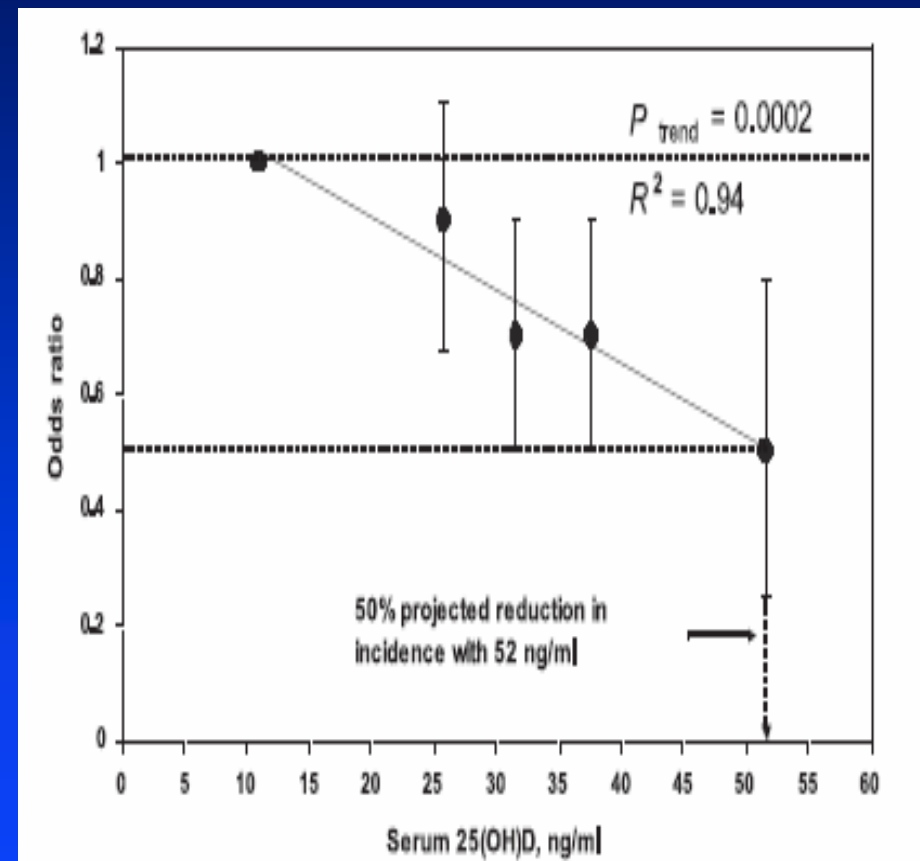
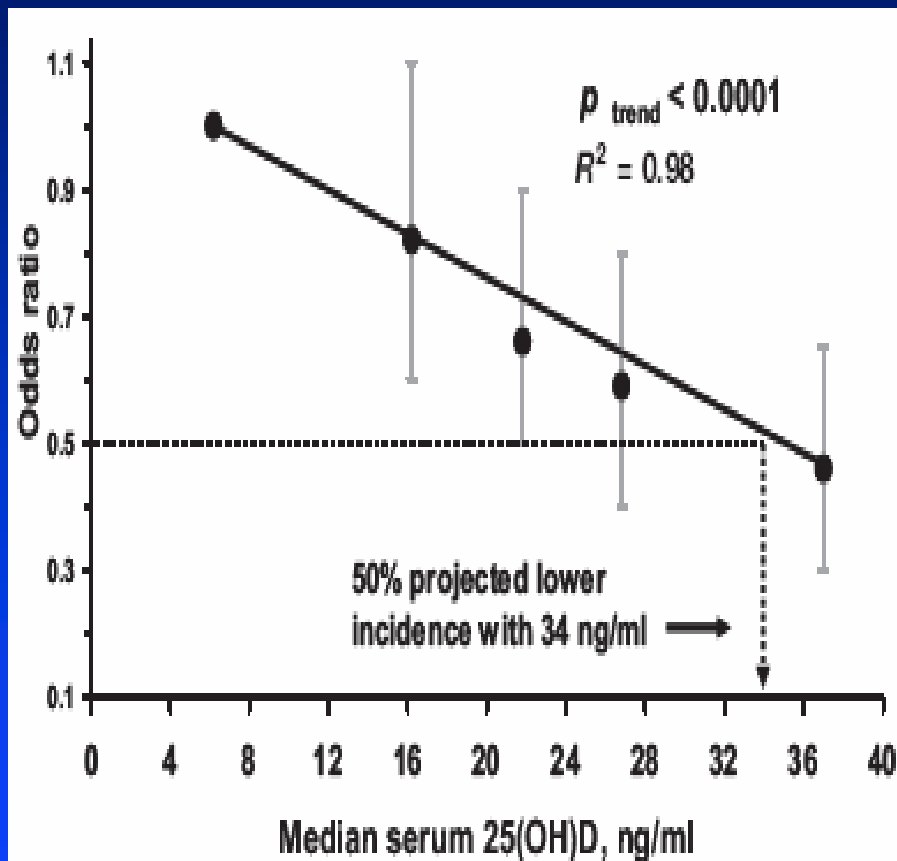
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Serum 25(OH)D and Colorectal Cancer Risk



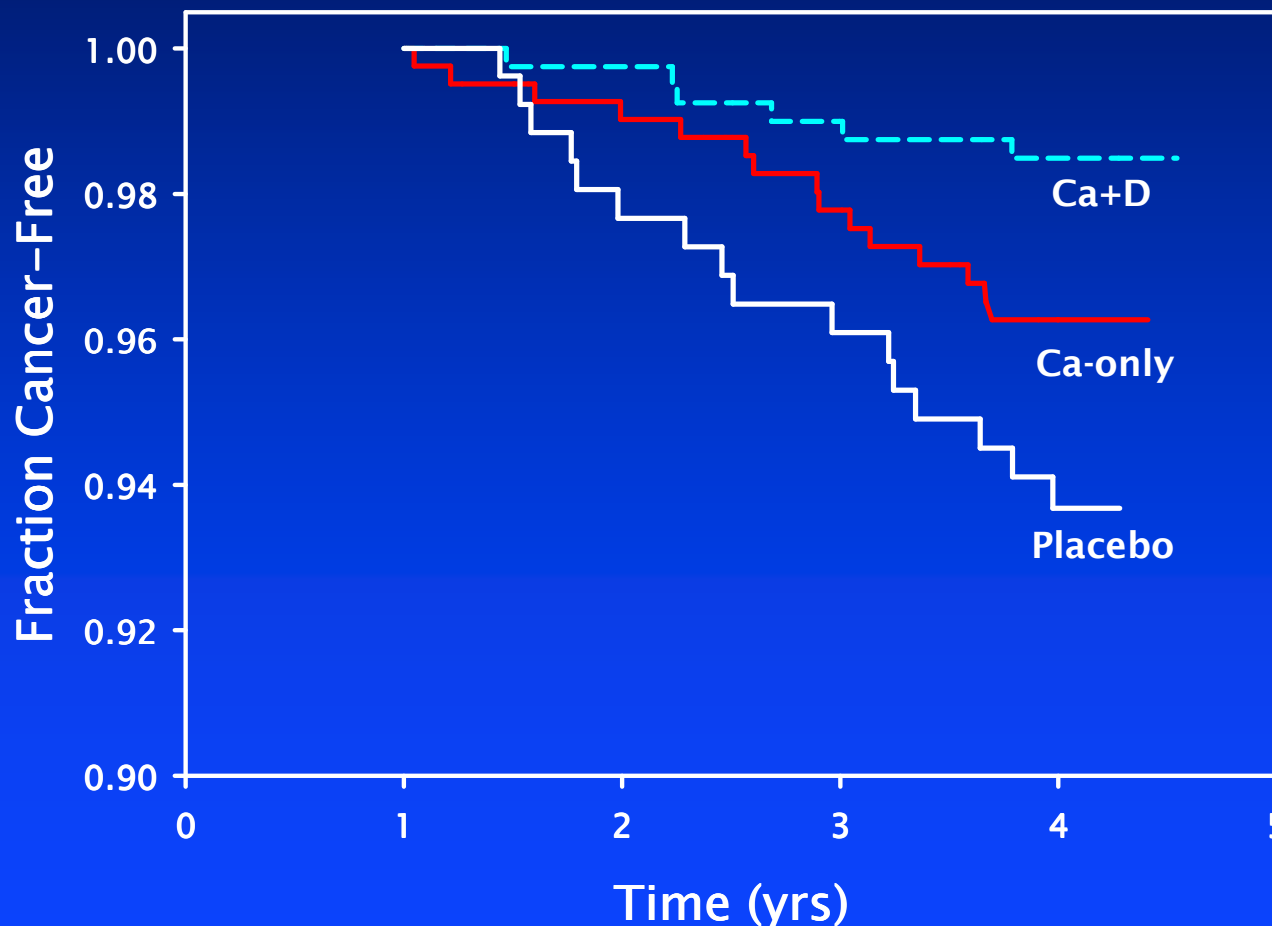
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Serum 25(OH)D and Risk of Colorectal and Breast Cancer



Vitamin D and Cancer Incidence

1179 Healthy women, 66 ± 7 yrs, 4 yr study, Calcium (1400 mg/d),
Vitamin D₃ (1100 IU/d)



$RR = 0.232$

Lappe et al. Am. J. Clin. Nutr. 85:1586-1591, 2007

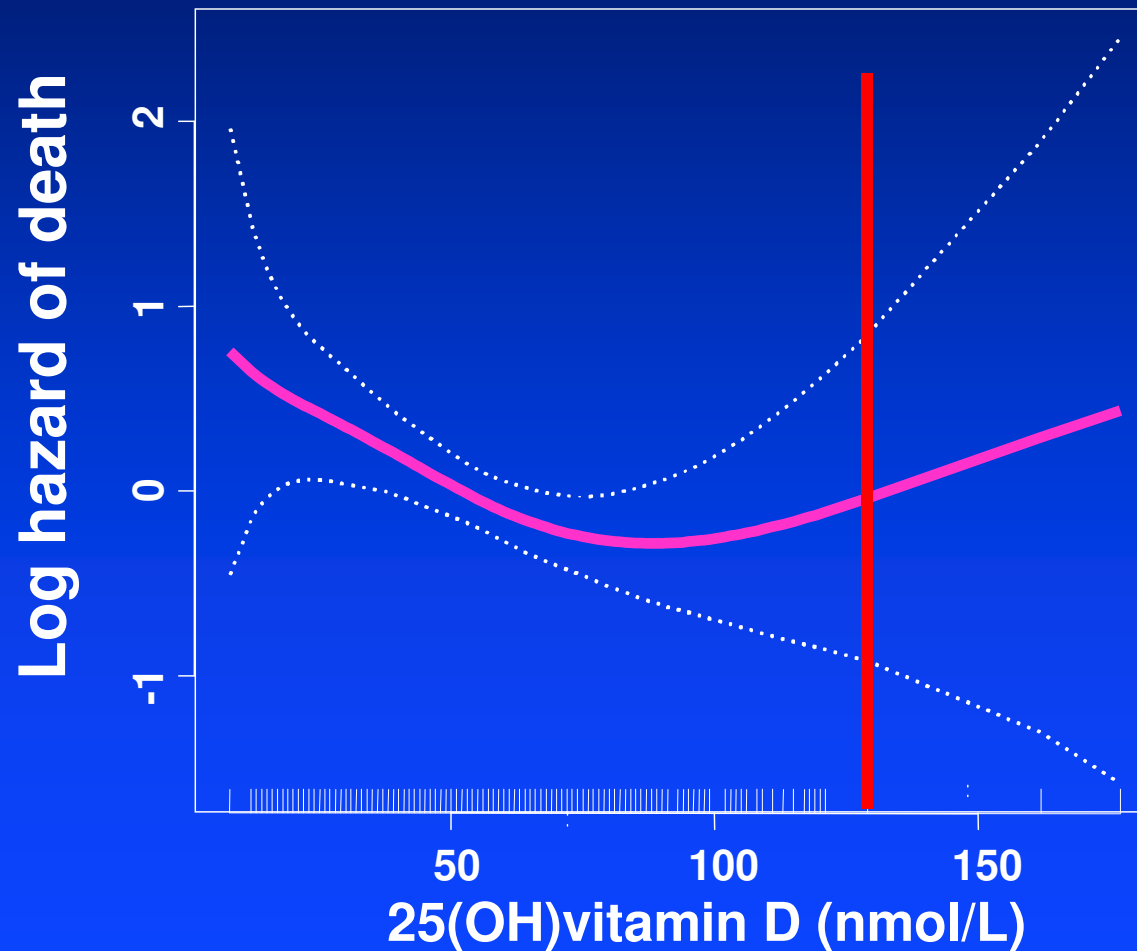
Cancers By Primary Site

Site	Placebo	Calcium	Calcium+D
Breast	7	6	4
Colon	2	0	0
Lung	3	2	1
Blood	4	4	2
Uterus	0	1	0
Other	2	2	1
Total	18	15	8

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Vitamin D Status and Mortality in Breast Cancer Patients

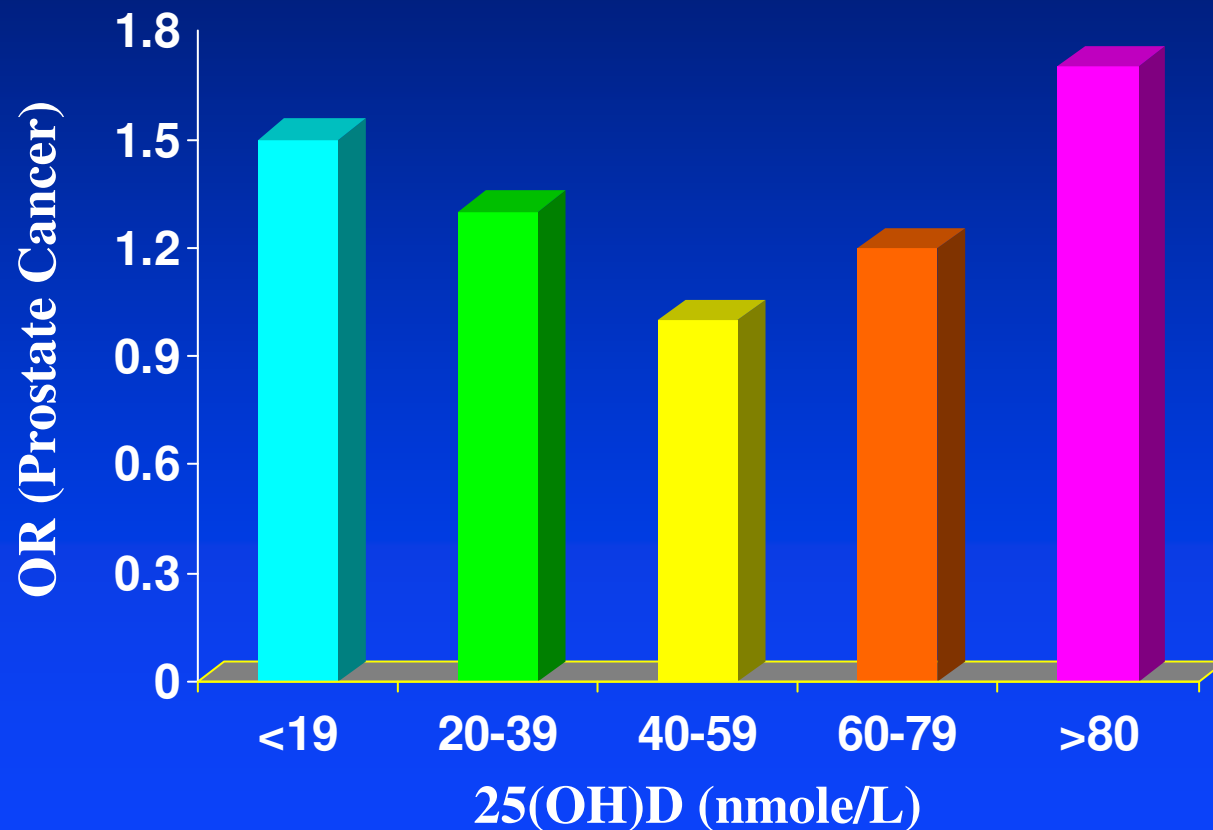
512 women, early stage breast cancer, Toronto, 11.6 year follow-up



Goodwin et al., J. Clin Oncol.23: 3755-3763, 2009

Serum 25(OH)D and Prostate Cancer Risk

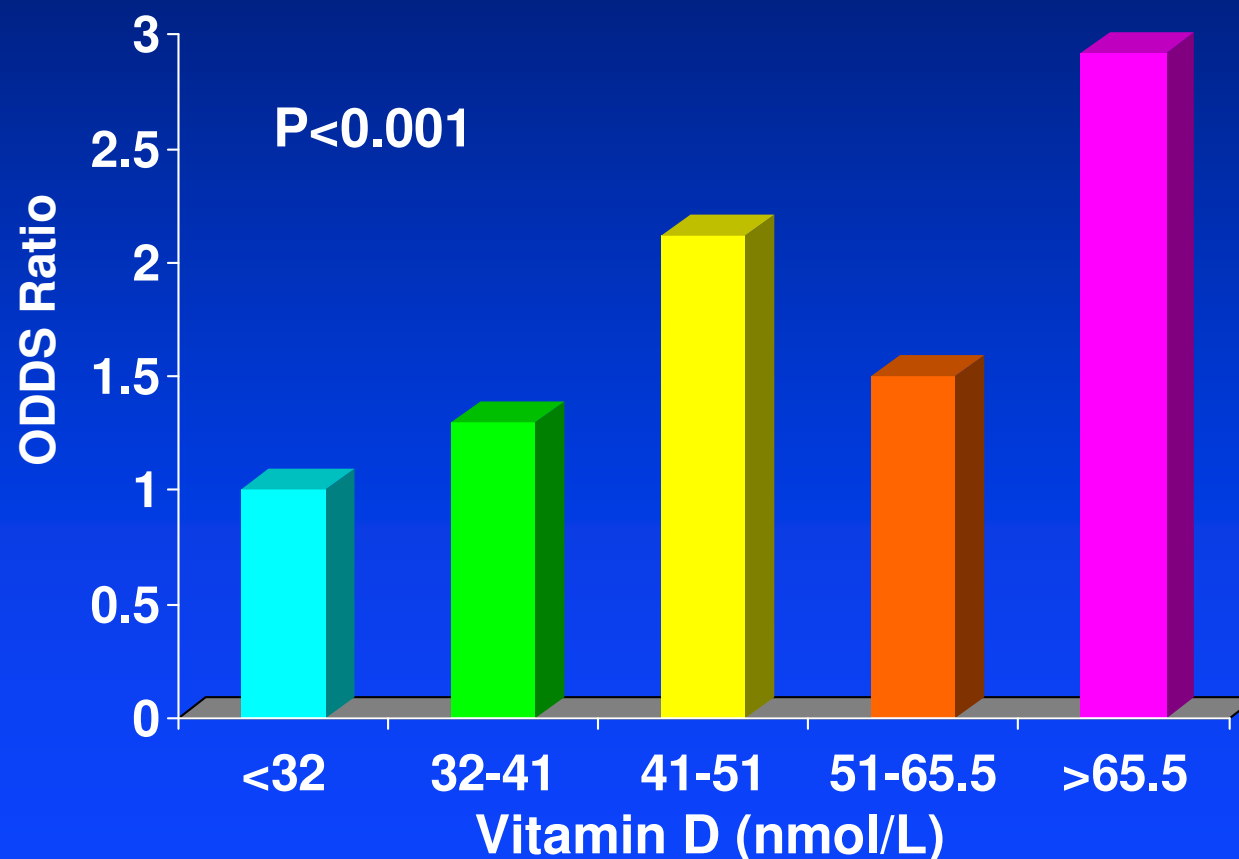
Nested Case-Control Study in Nordic Men (622 cases and 1451 controls)



Tuohimaa et al. Int J Cancer 108: 104-108, 2004

Serum 25(OH)D and Pancreatic Cancer

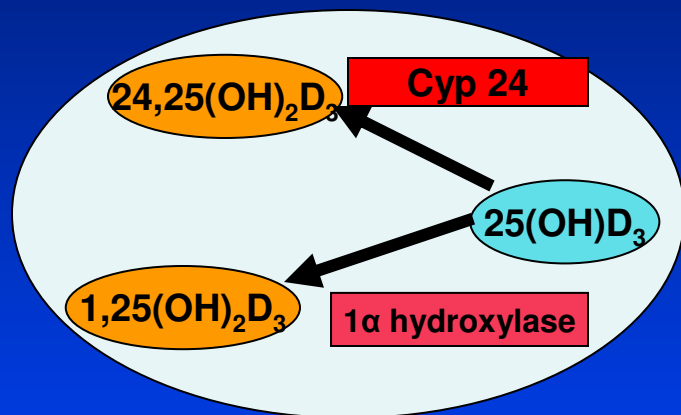
200 cases and 400 controls from the ATBC study of Finnish Male Smokers



Stolzenberg-Solomon et al. Cancer Res 66:10213-9, 2006



Vitamin D₃



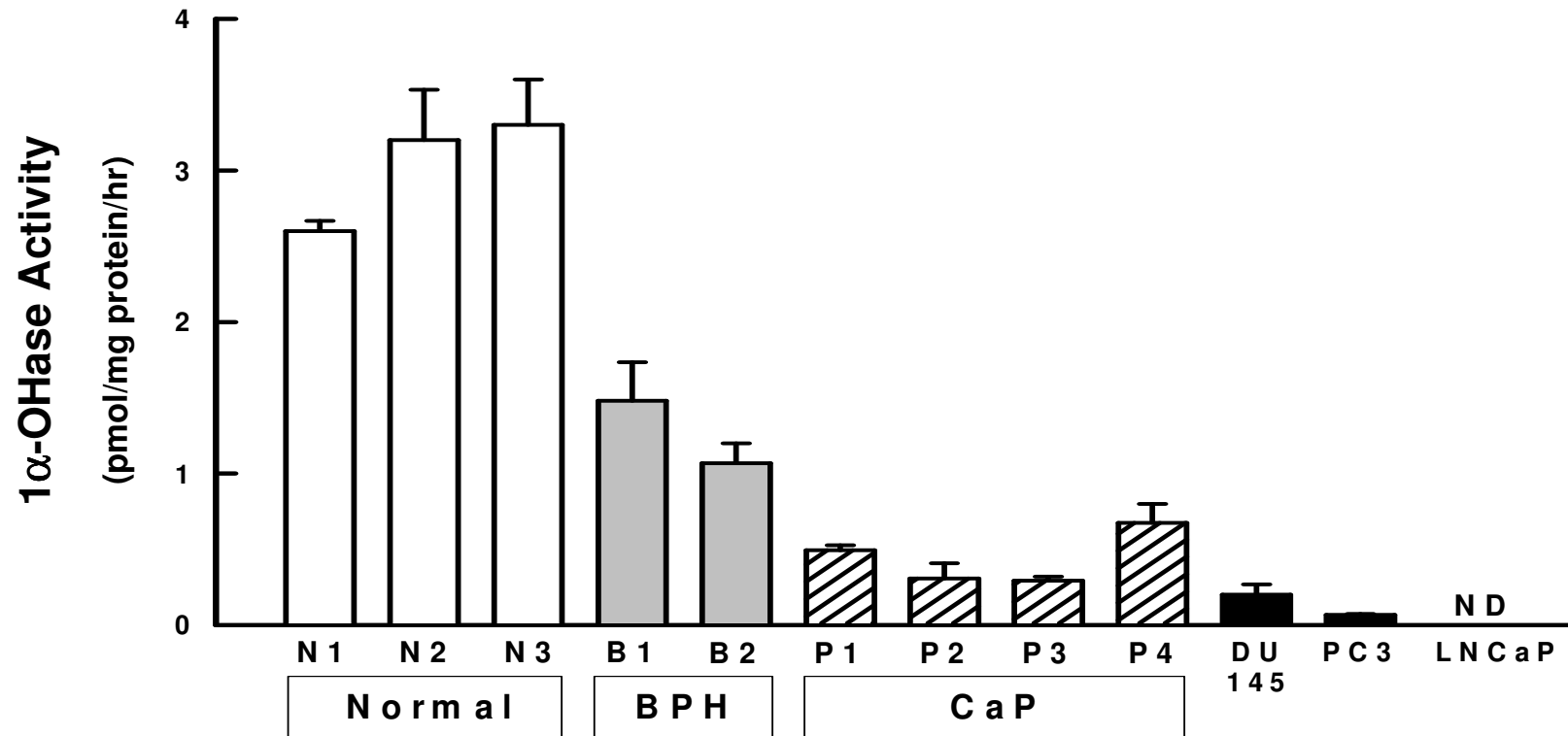
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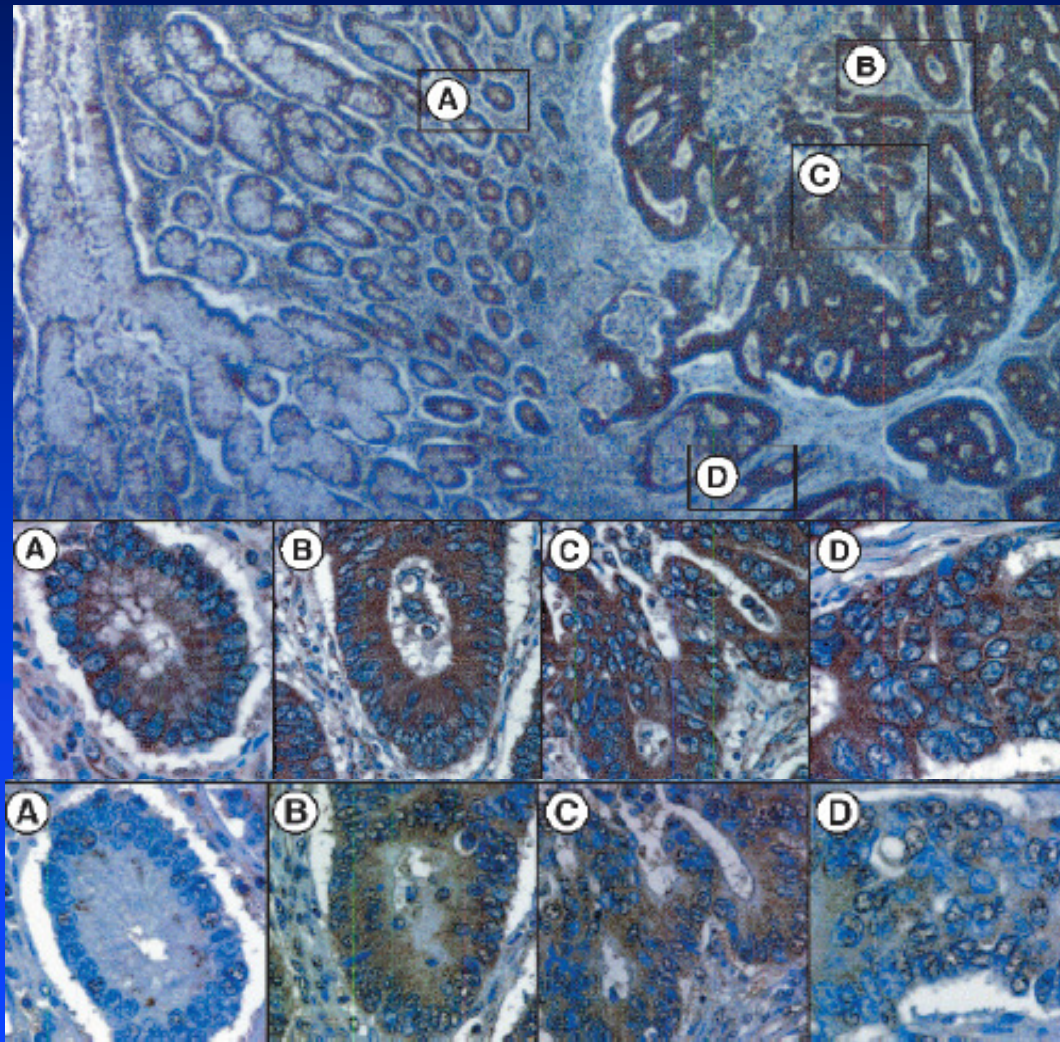
$25(\text{OH})\text{D}_3$

1-~~2~~-Hydroxylase Activity is Reduced in Prostate Cancer



Whitlatch et al., *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol* 2002;81:135-140.

Expression of 1 α -Hydroxylase and VDR in Human Colon Tissue



1 α -hydroxylase

Vitamin D Receptor

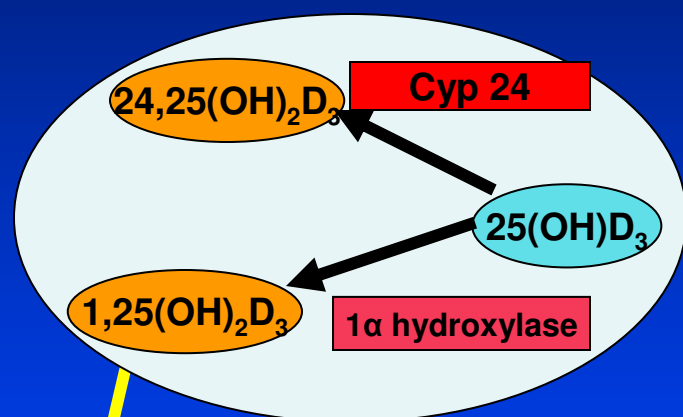


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25(OH)D₃

1,25(OH)₂D₃

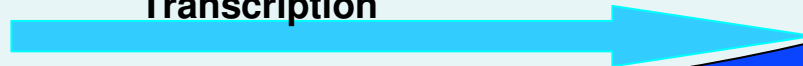
Retinoid X
receptor

VDR

Target cell nucleus

VDRE

Transcription

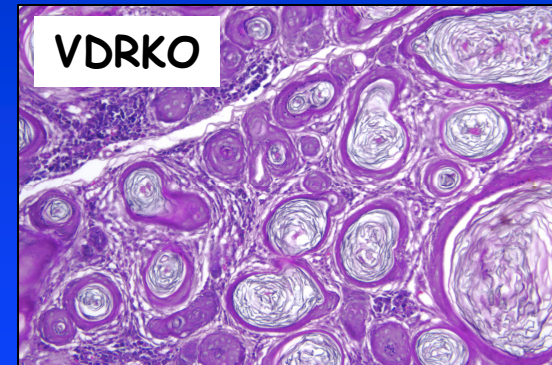
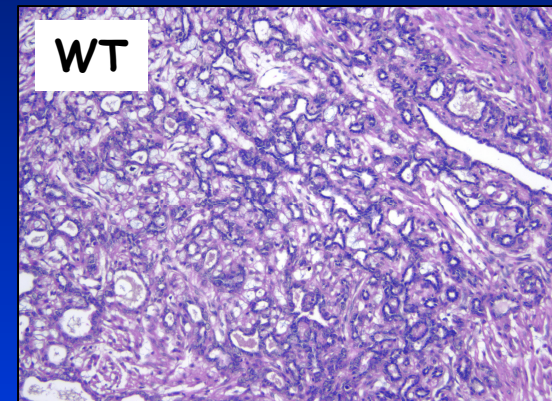


Effects of VDR ablation on chemically-induced carcinogenesis

- DMBA:**
- ↑ mammary hyperplasias in VDRKO mice
 - ↑ hormone independent mammary carcinomas in VDRKO mice
 - Skin papillomas developed in VDRKO but not WT mice
 - ↑ Lymphomas in VDRKO mice
 - Tumor incidence in ovary, liver, lung, uterus unaffected by VDR

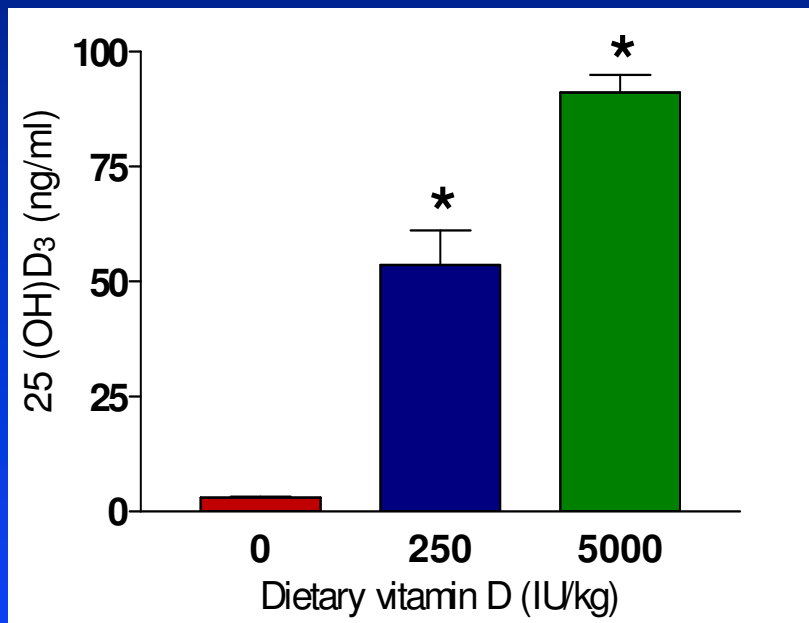
- AOM:**
- ↑ aberrant crypt foci (ACF) in VDRKO mice

Tumor Morphology

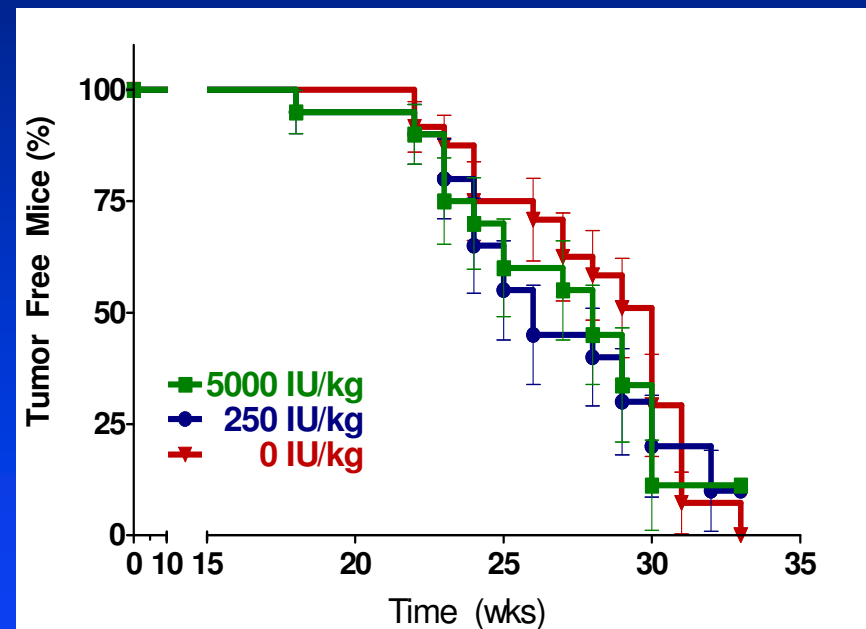


Effect of Dietary Vitamin D in VDR Knockout Animals

Serum 25(OH)D₃

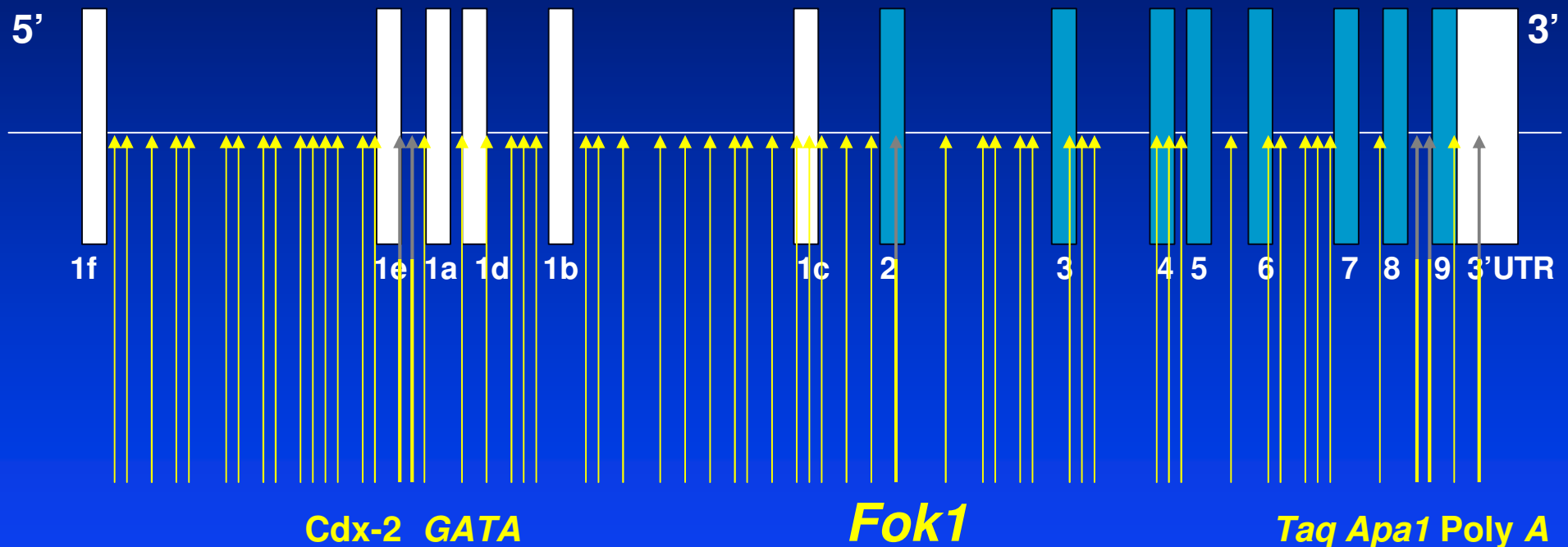


Tumor Development



Zinser & Welsh, personal communication

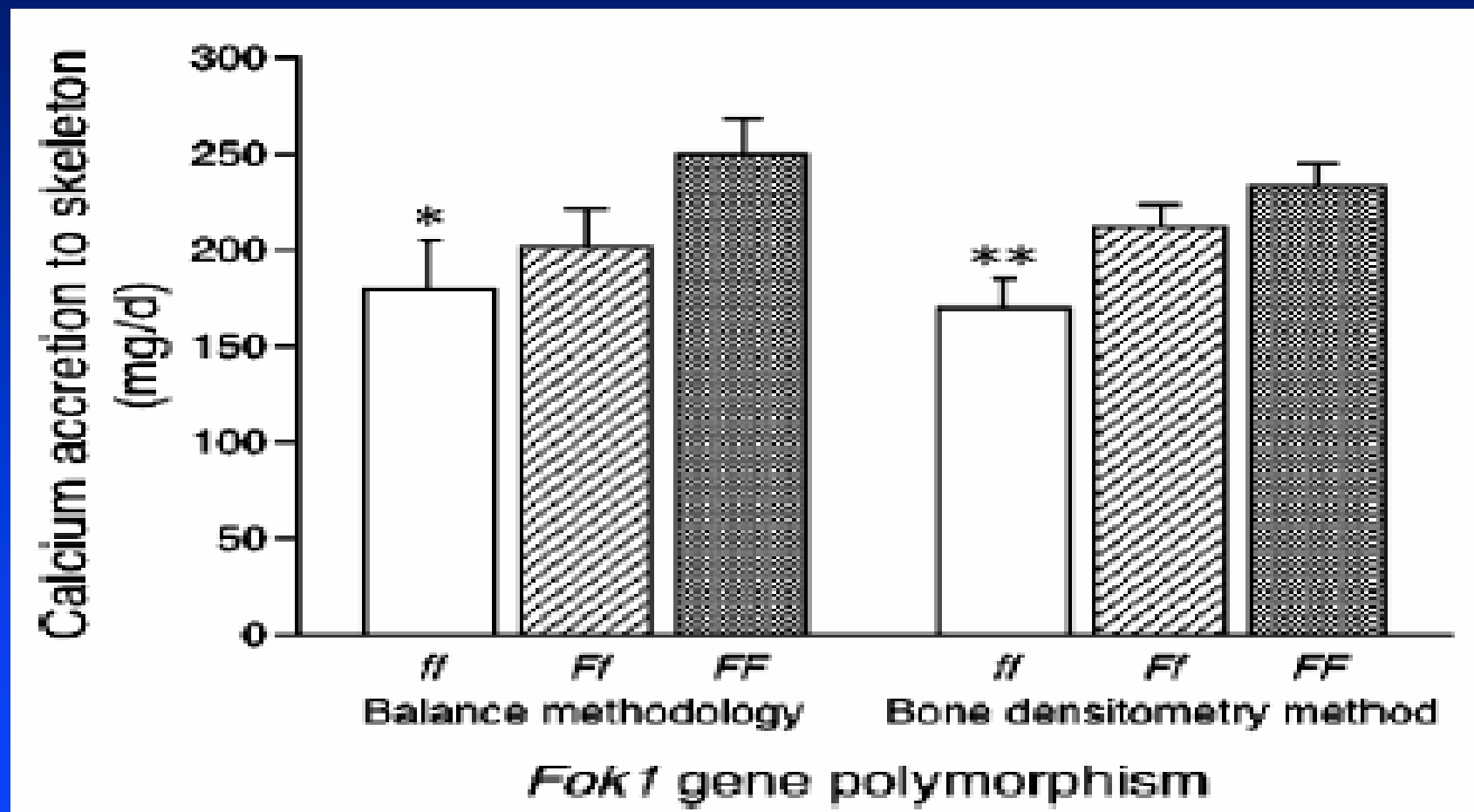
Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in the VDR gene



Human VDR >470 reported SNPs
Distribution and frequency varies among ethnic groups

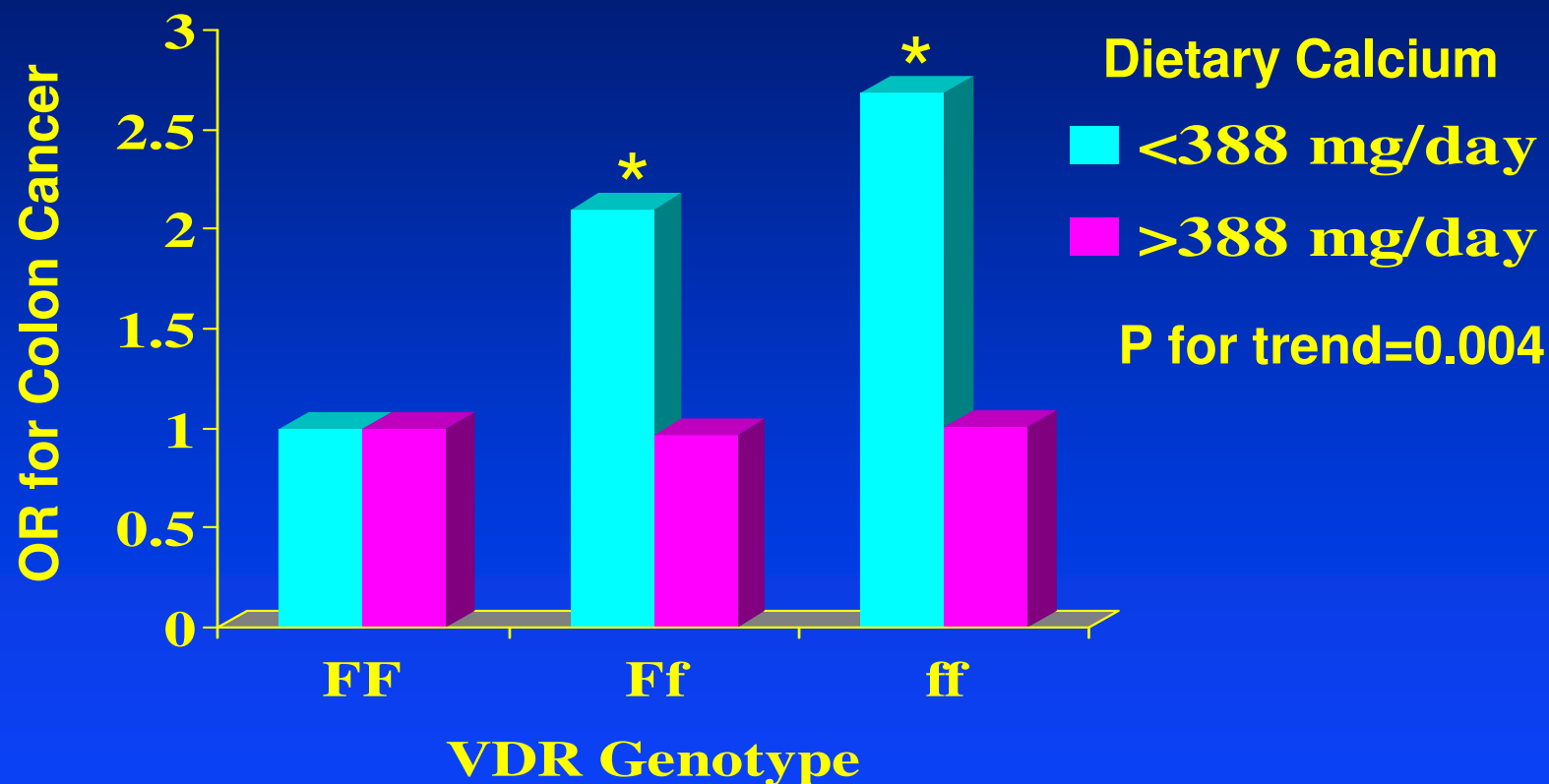
These polymorphisms may alter 1,25 Vitamin D function and
thereby affect cancer risk

VDR *FokI* Polymorphism Affects Calcium Metabolism



Abrams et al. J. Bone Mineral Res. 20: 945-953, 2005

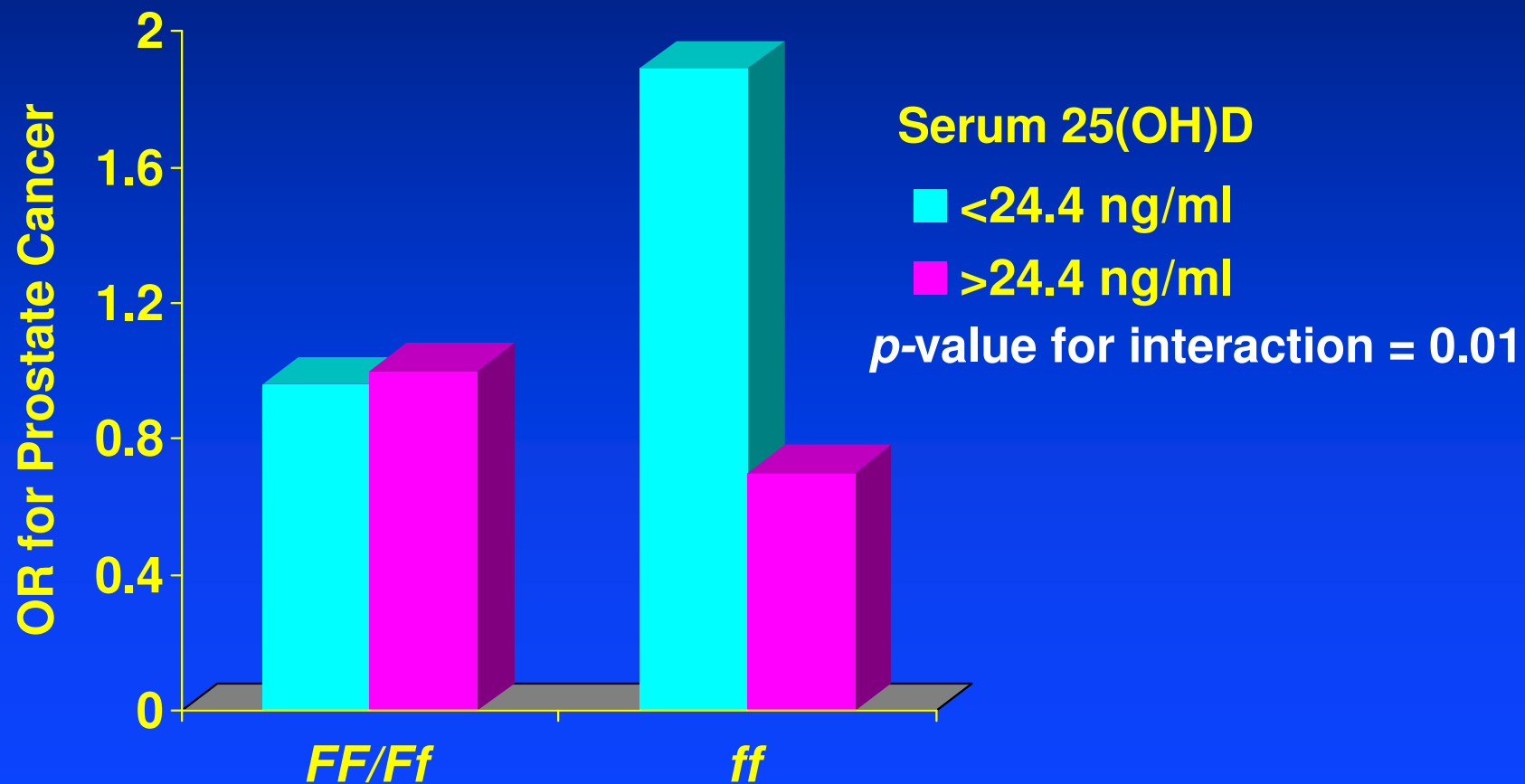
Dietary Calcium, VDR *FokI* Genotype and Colon Cancer Risk



Wong et al. Carcinogenesis, 24: 1091-1095, 2003

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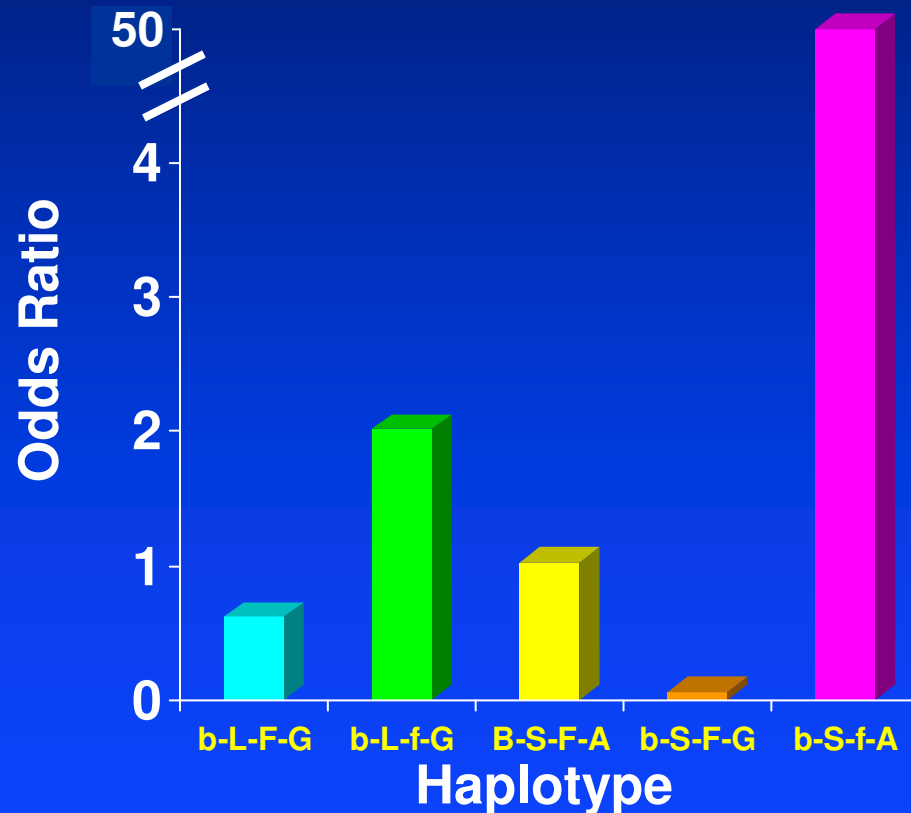
1,066 prostate cancer cases and 1,618 age-matched controls from the Physician's Health Study



Li et al. PLoS Medicine 4:562-571, 2007

Haplotypes in the VDR Gene Influence Colon Cancer Risk

BsmI (b or B), *poly* (A) S or L, *FokI* (f or F) and CDX2 (G or A); 1574 cases and 1970 controls

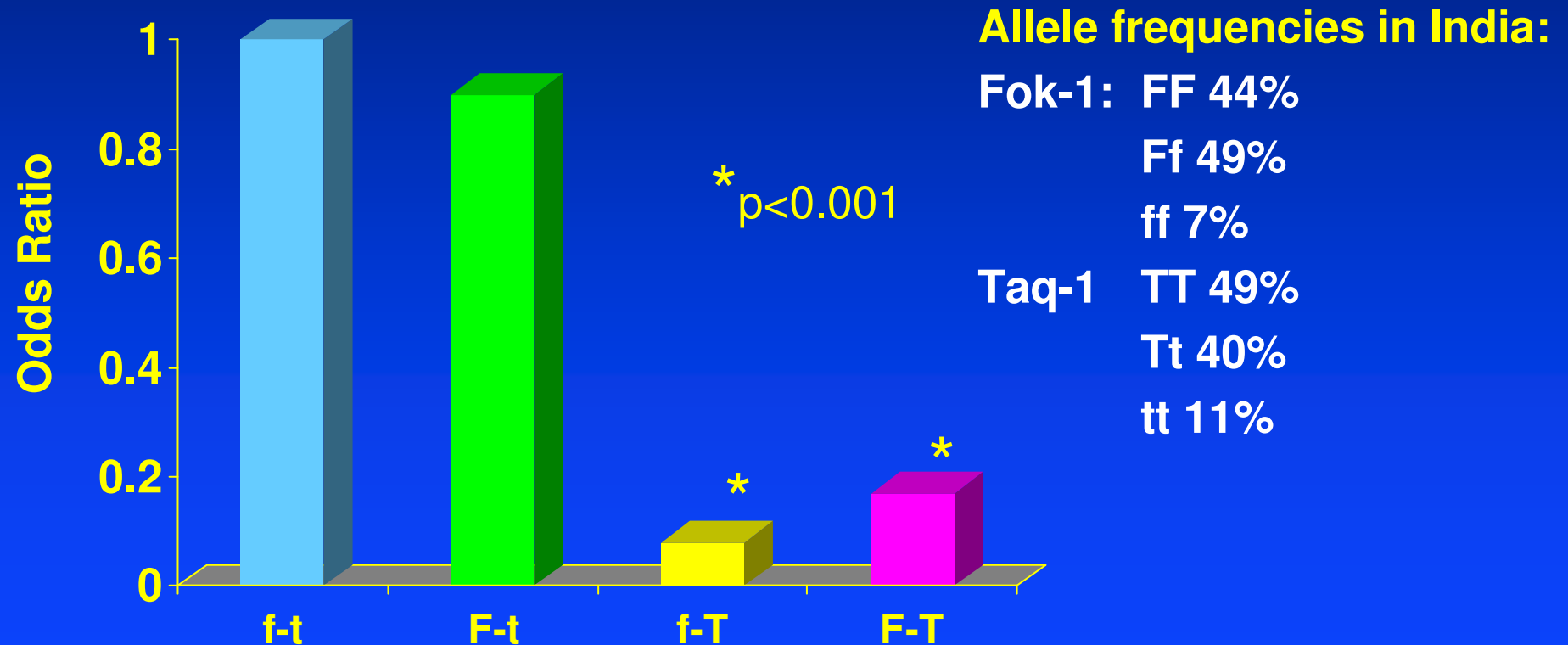


➤ Haplotype frequencies varied by ethnic group

➤ OR for colon cancer varied from 0.06 to 51.12 depending on haplotype

VDR Haplotypes and Bladder Cancer Risk in India

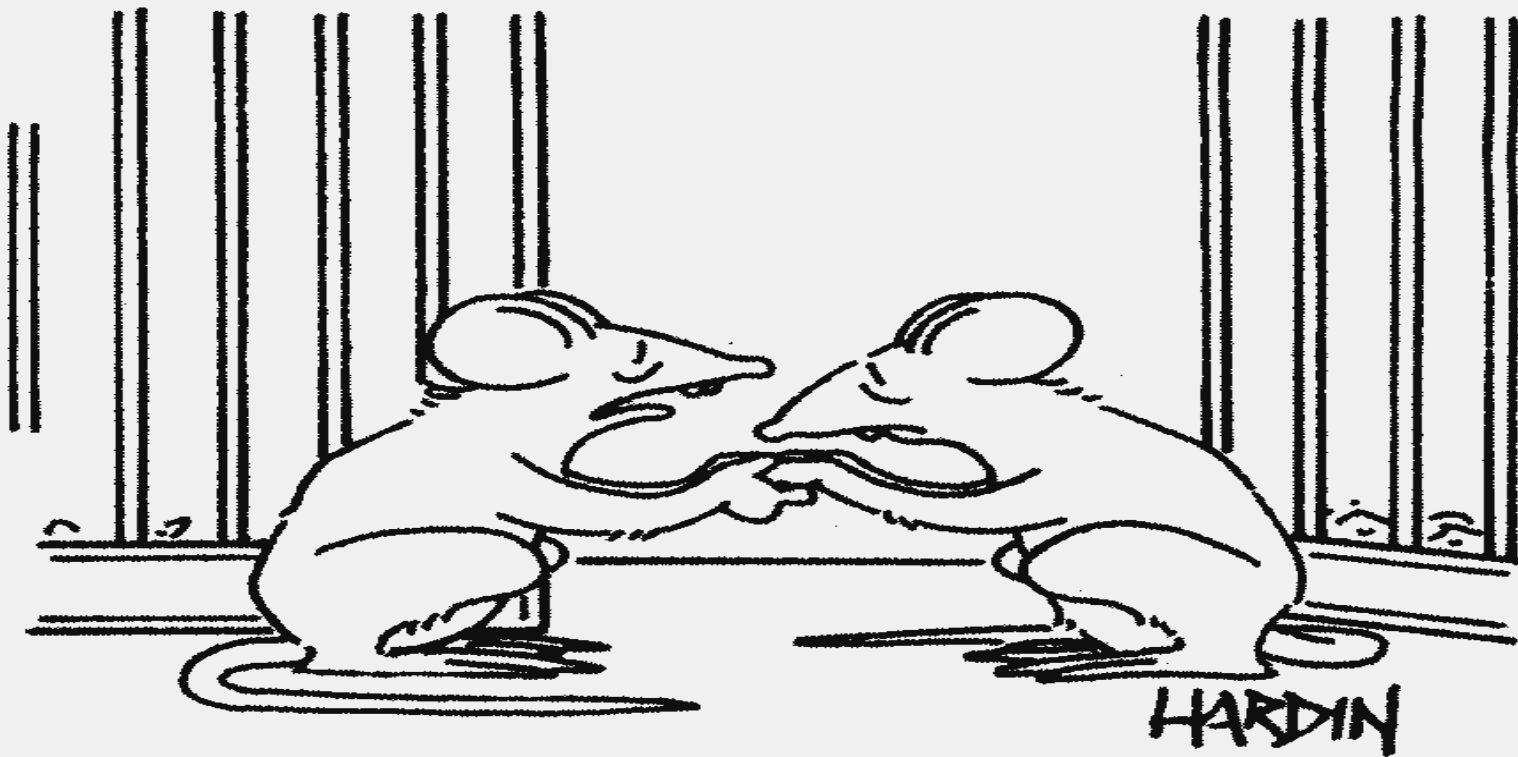
130 patients with bladder cancer and 346 controls in Northern India analyzed for Taq-1 and Fok-1 polymorphisms



Mittal et al. BJU International 99: 933-937, 2007



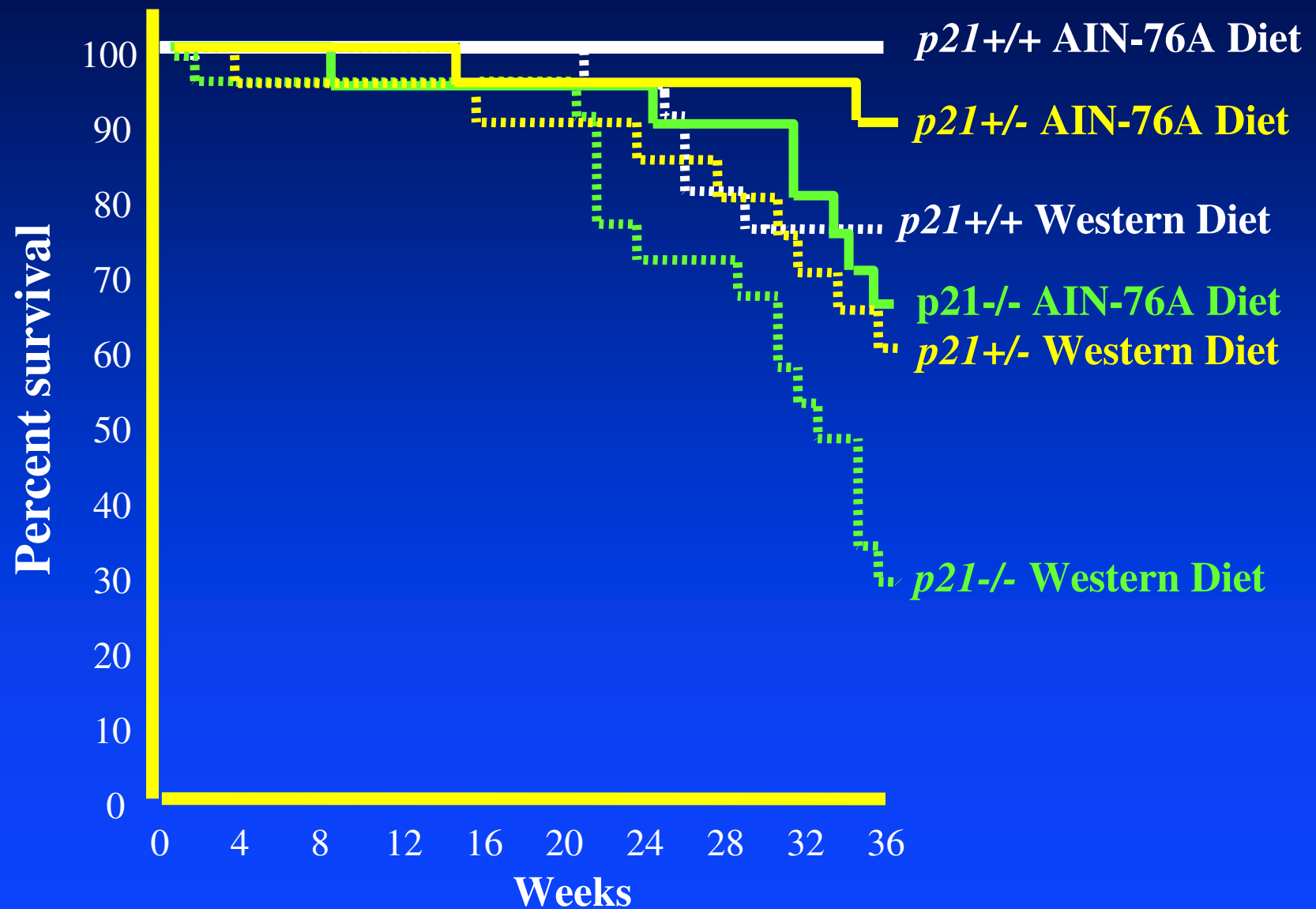
**One Size Does Not Fit All! Genetic Background May
Determine Who Will Respond to Vitamin D for
Cancer Prevention**



"It would never work, Nichole; I'm in the experimental group and you're in the control."

Animal Models Are Providing Fundamental Clues About Vitamin D and Cancer Risk

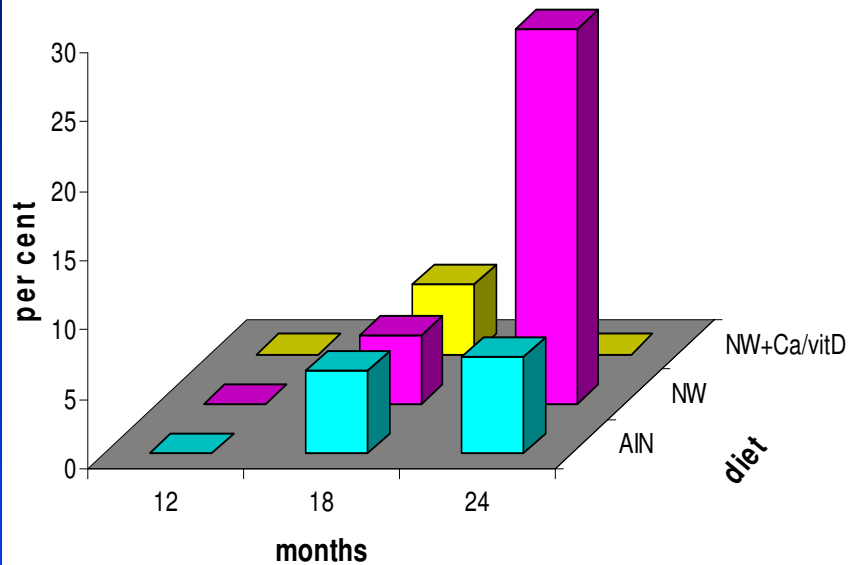
Gene-Nutrient Interactions and Colon Cancer



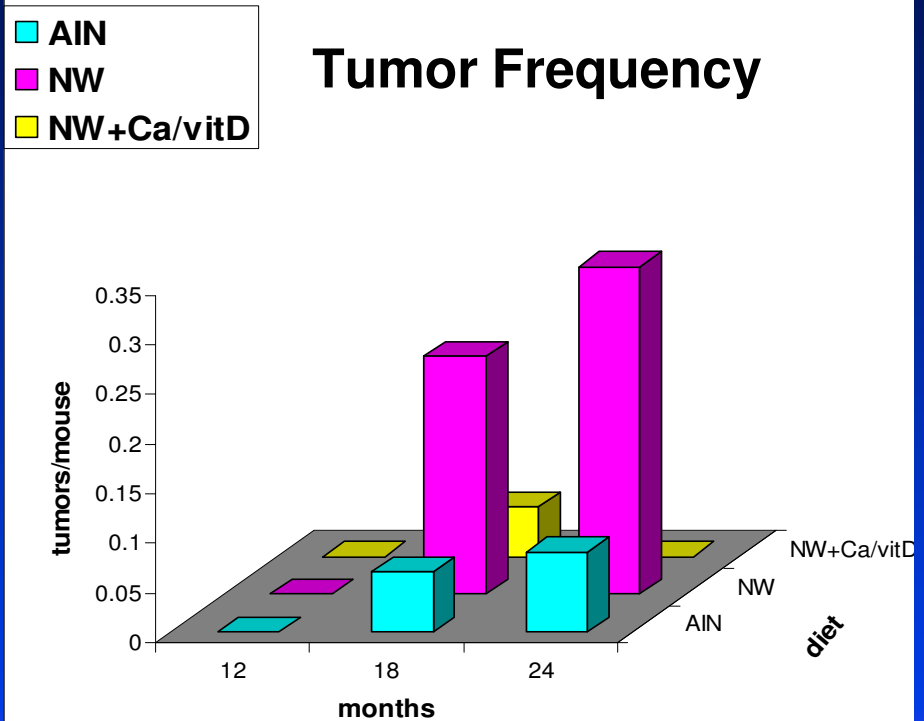
Yang et al, Cancer Res. 61, 565, 2001

A Western-Style Diet Induces Malignant Neoplasms in the Colon of Normal Mice

Tumor Incidence



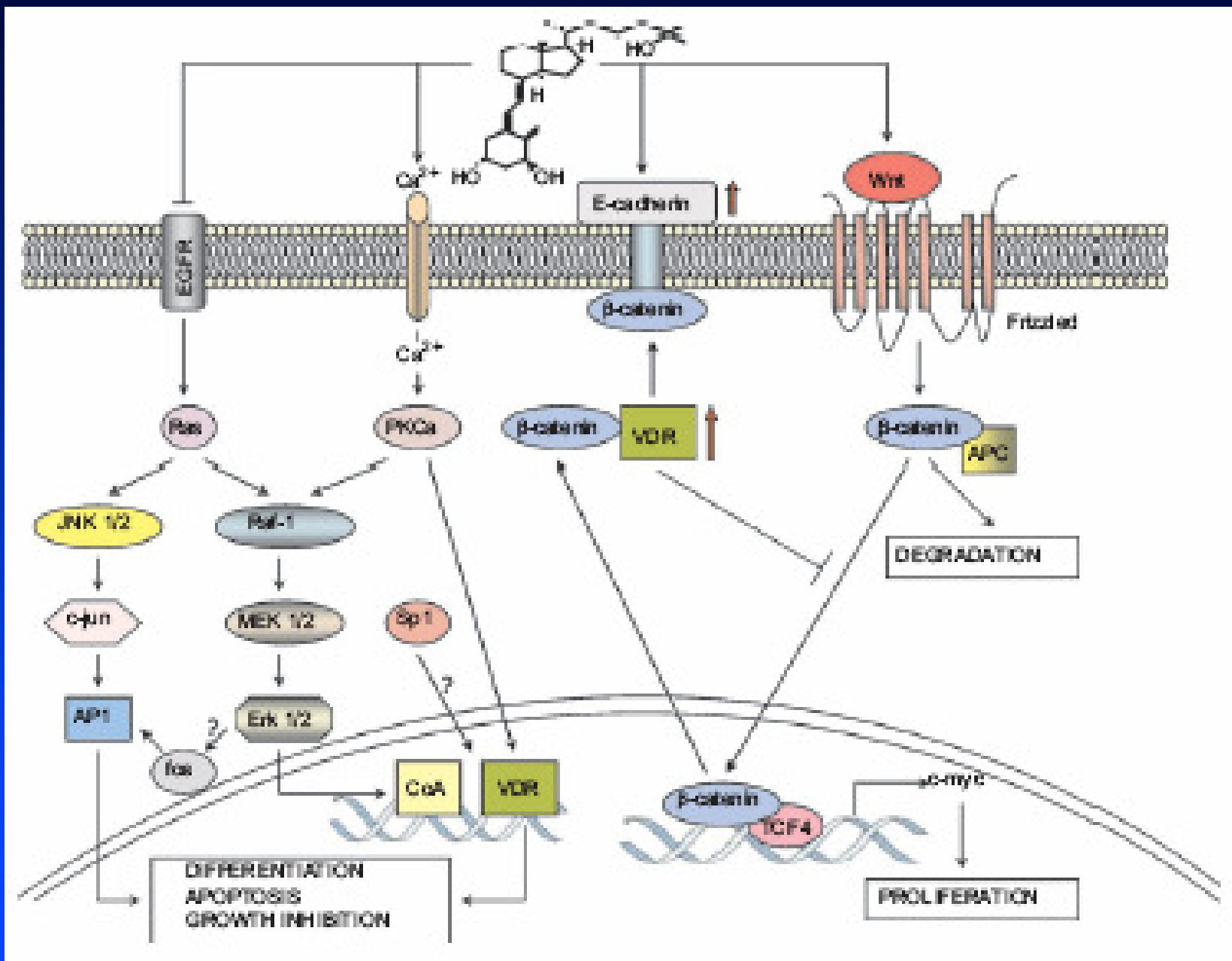
Tumor Frequency



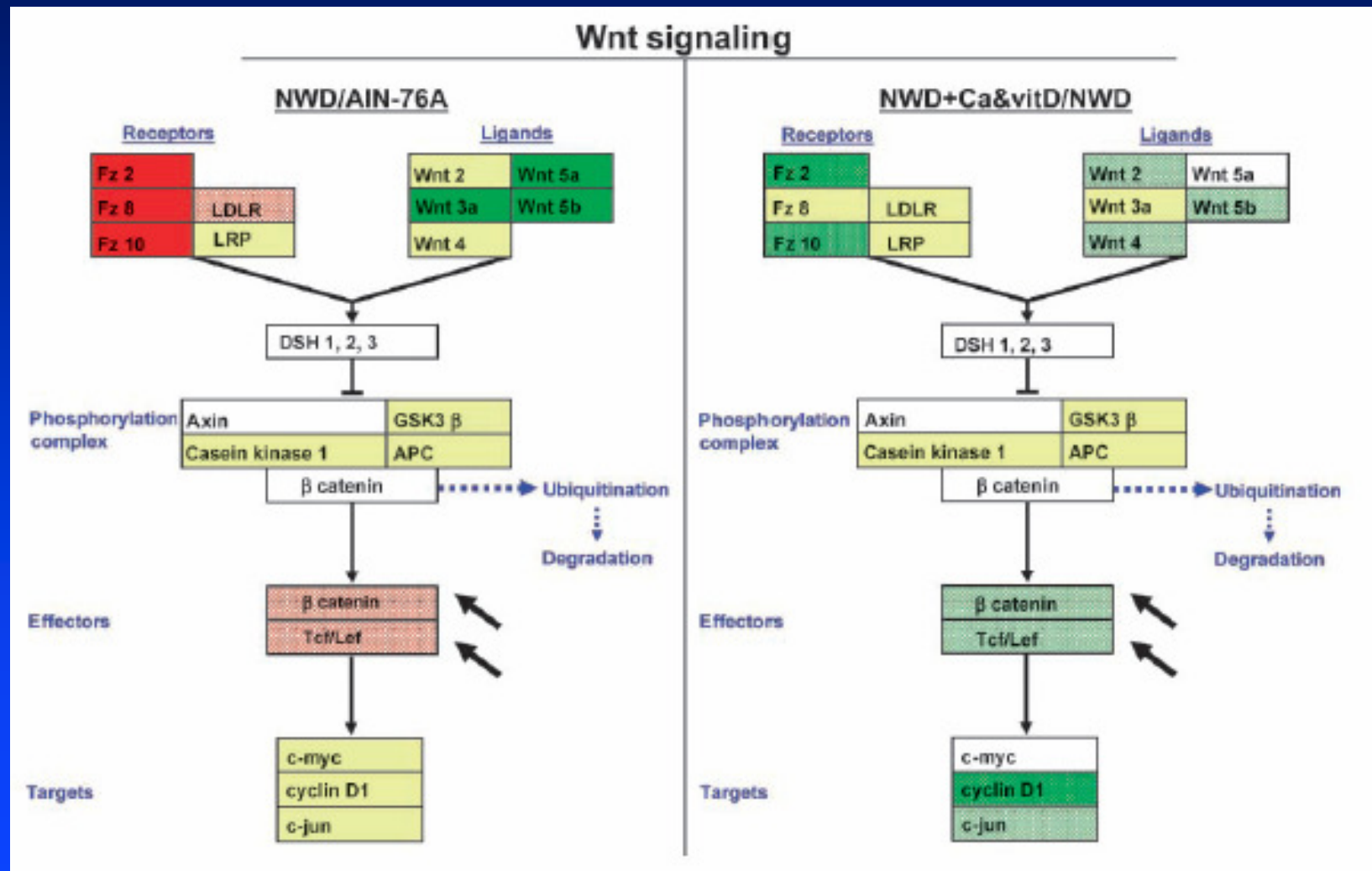
Approximately 25% of the mice develop a single tumorthis is a new mouse model of sporadic colon cancer, which represents the vast majority of human colon cancer

Supplementation with vitamin D and calcium inhibits tumor formation

Yang et al. J Nutr. 2005;135:2710-4.

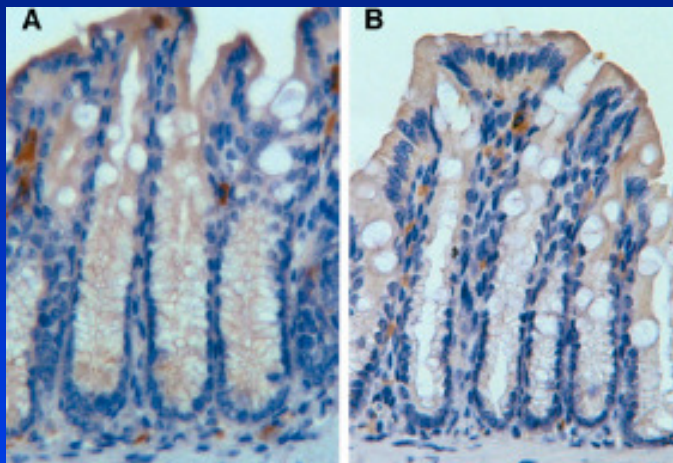


Vitamin D and Calcium Modulate Wnt Signaling



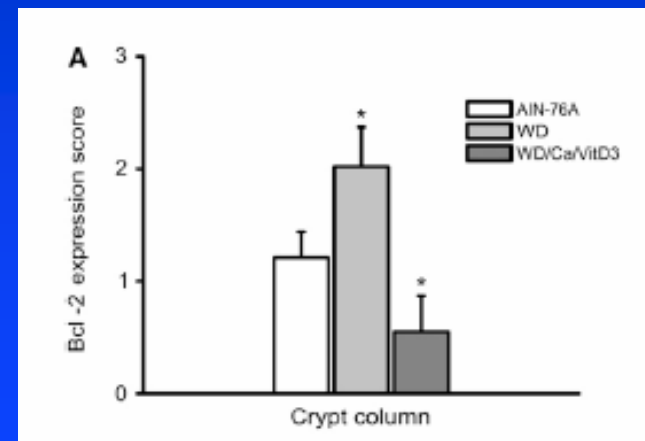
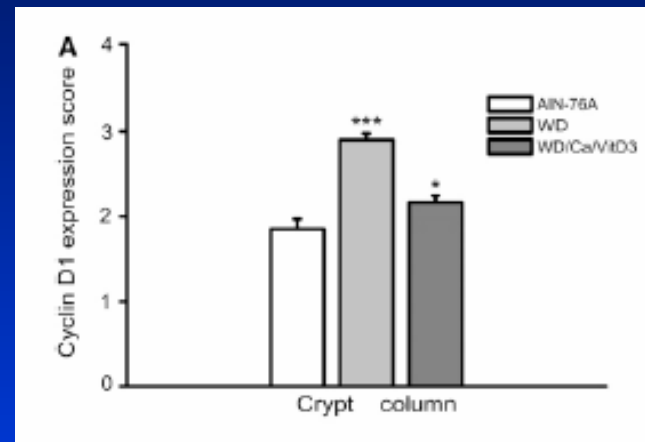
Dietary Vitamin D and Calcium Modulate Cell Proliferation and Apoptosis in the Colon

Cyclin D1 Expression



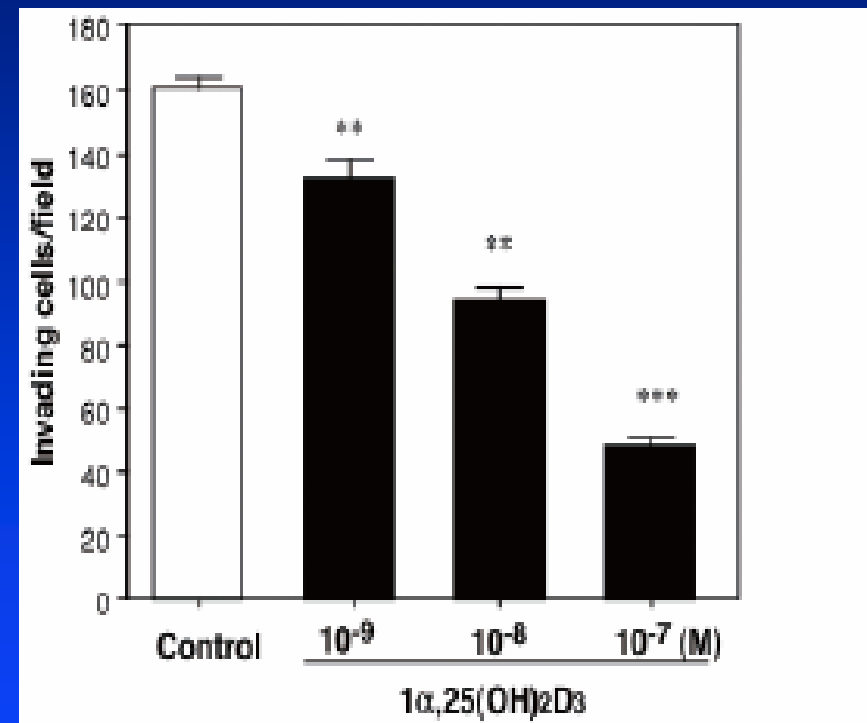
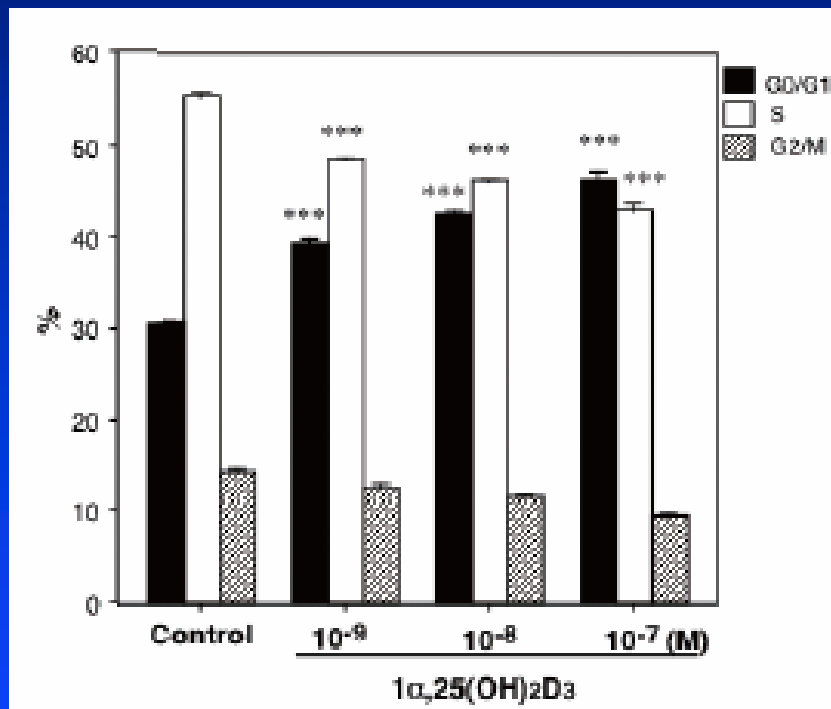
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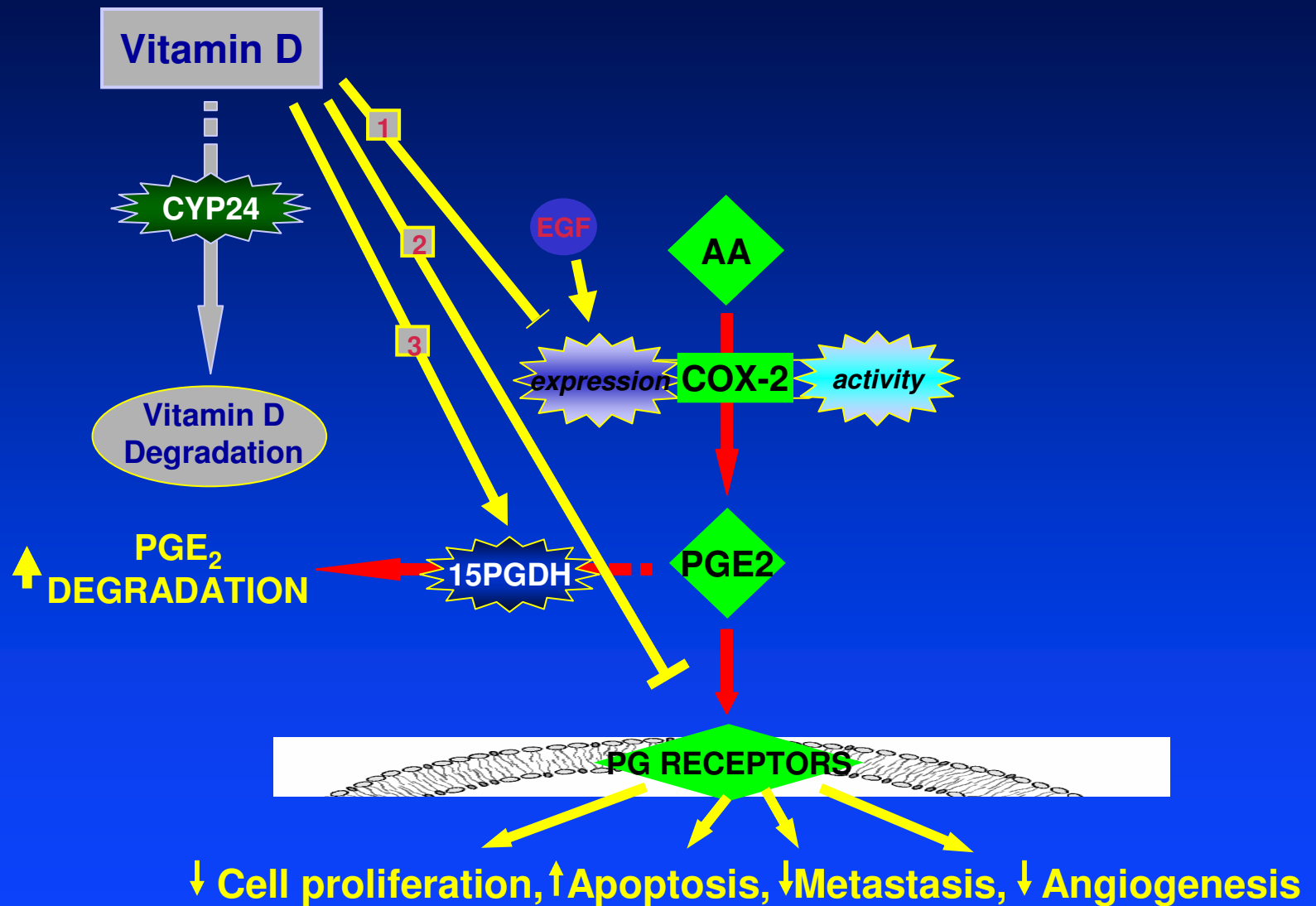
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Lewis Lung Carcinoma Cells

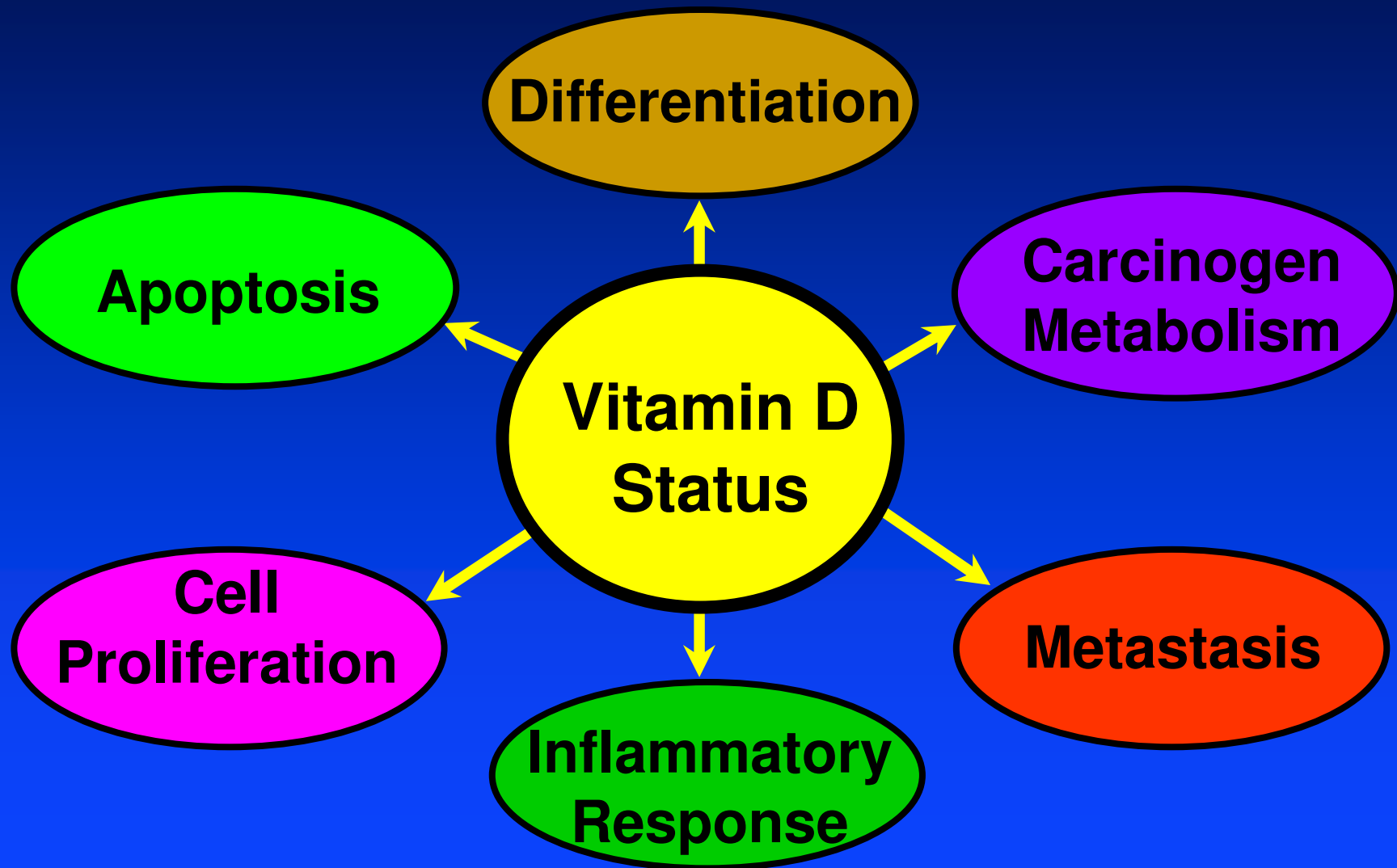


Nakagawa et al. Carcinogenesis, 26:429-440, 2005

Vitamin D Modifies Prostaglandin Metabolism



Vitamin D May Influence Genetic Events Associated with Several Cancer Processes

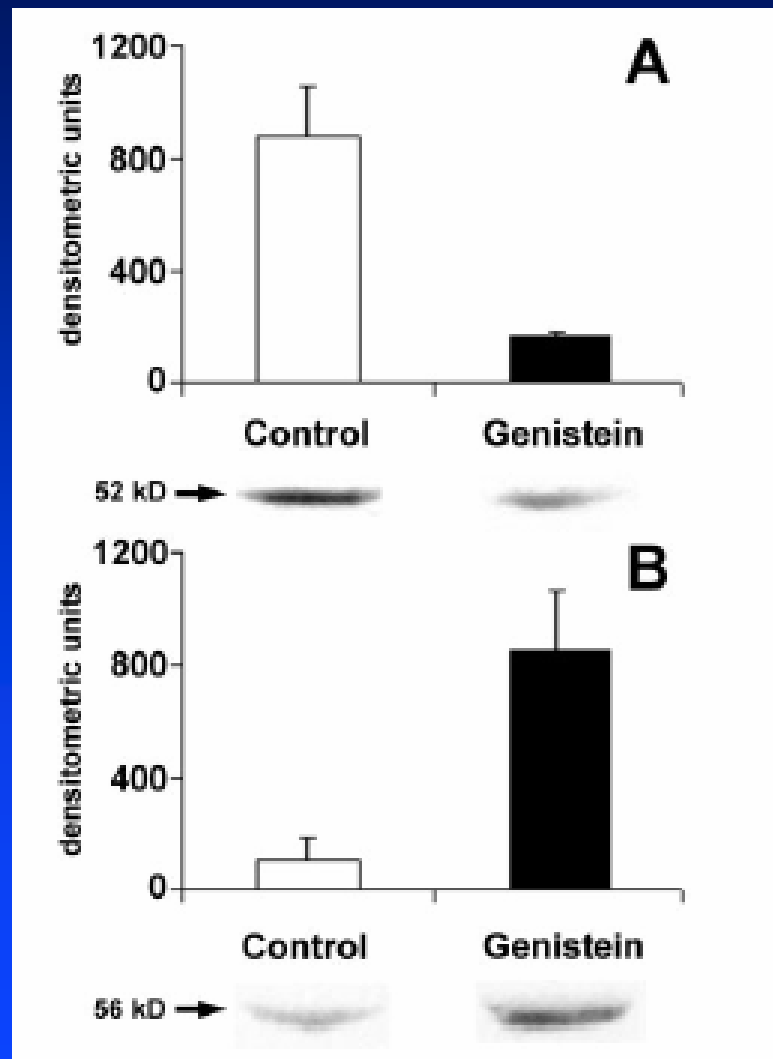


Other Dietary components and Environmental Factors May Determine the Response to Vitamin D

Dietary Genistein Influences CYP24 and 1 α -Hydroxylase Expression in Mouse Colon



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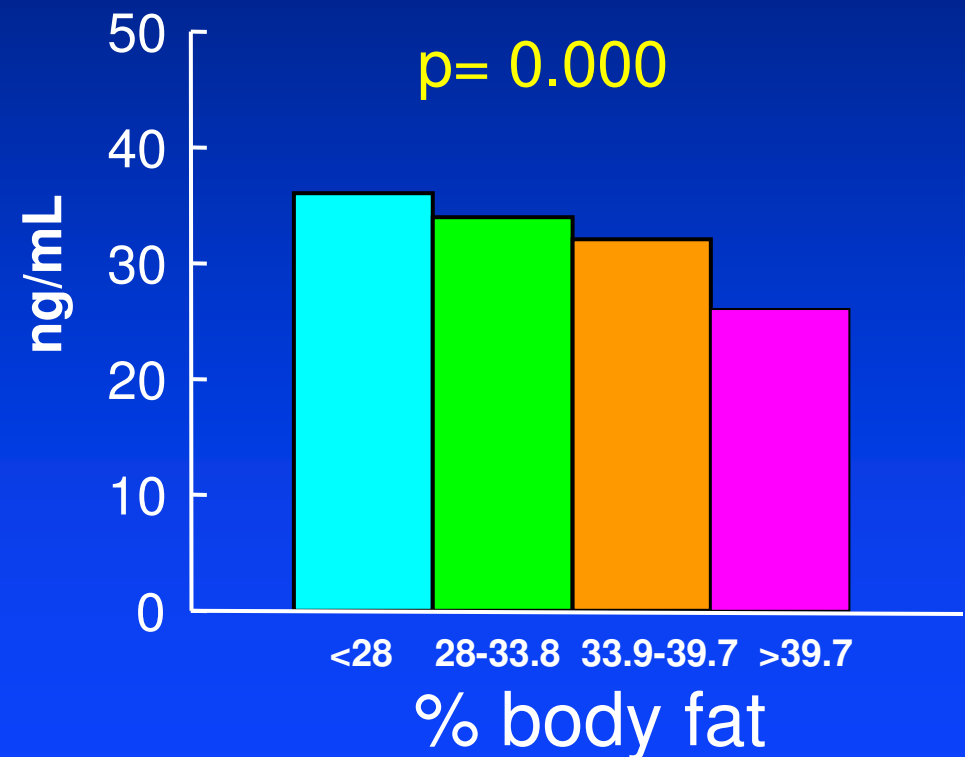
CYP24

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Cross HS et al. J. Nutrition 134: 1207s-1212s, 2004

Effect of Body Fat on Serum 25(OH)D Concentrations

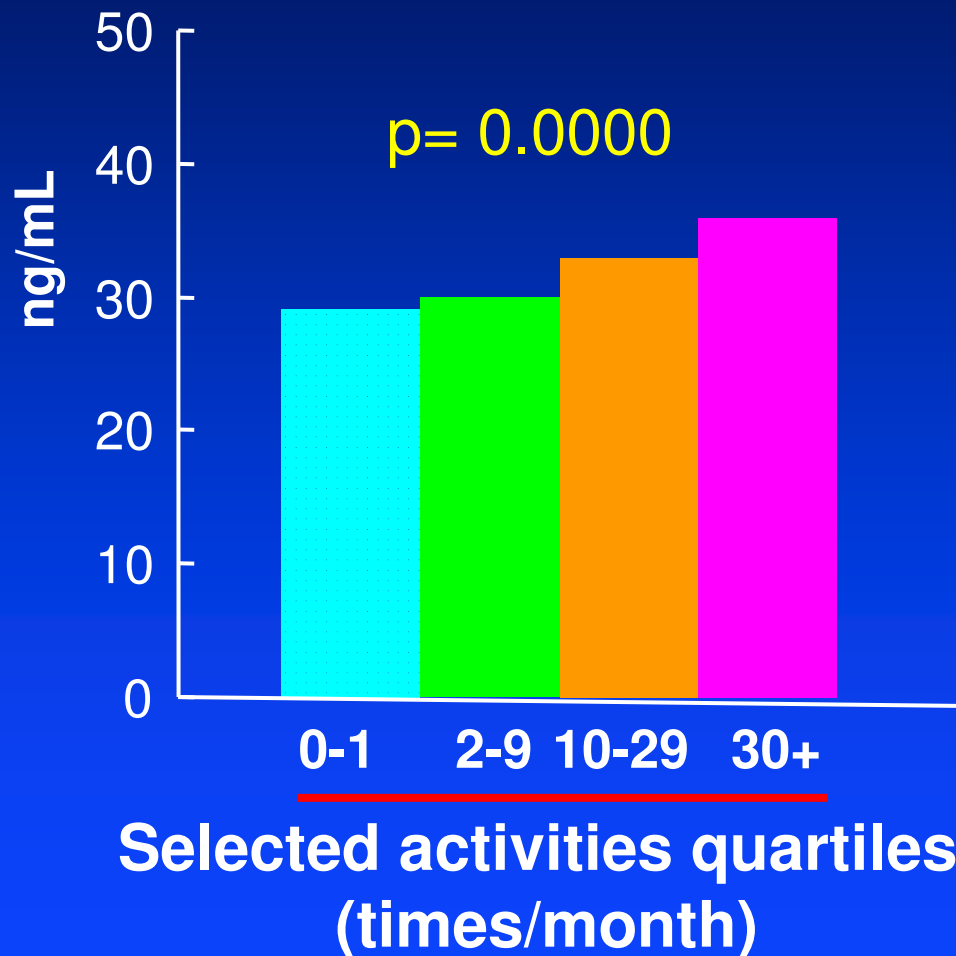
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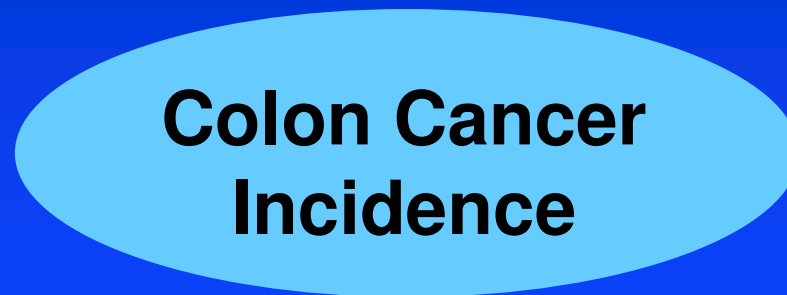
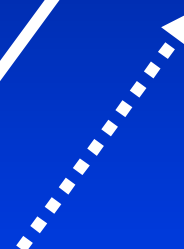
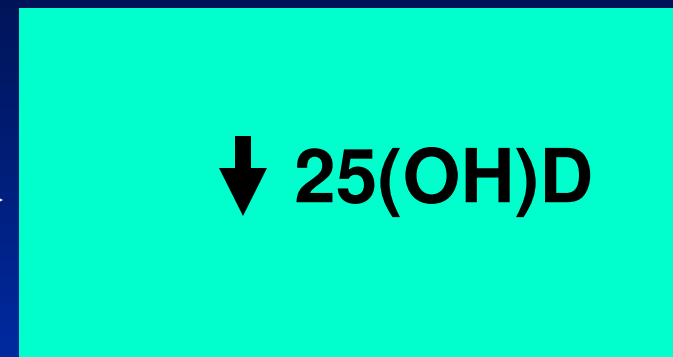
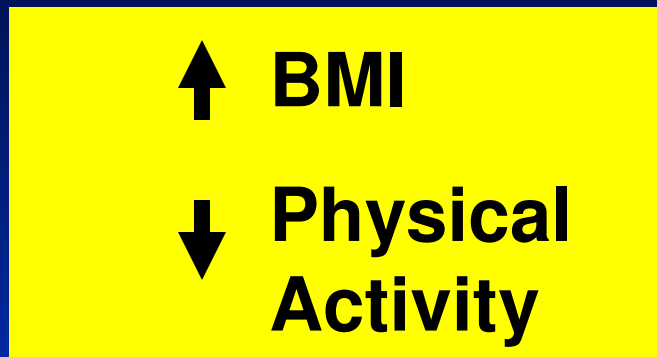
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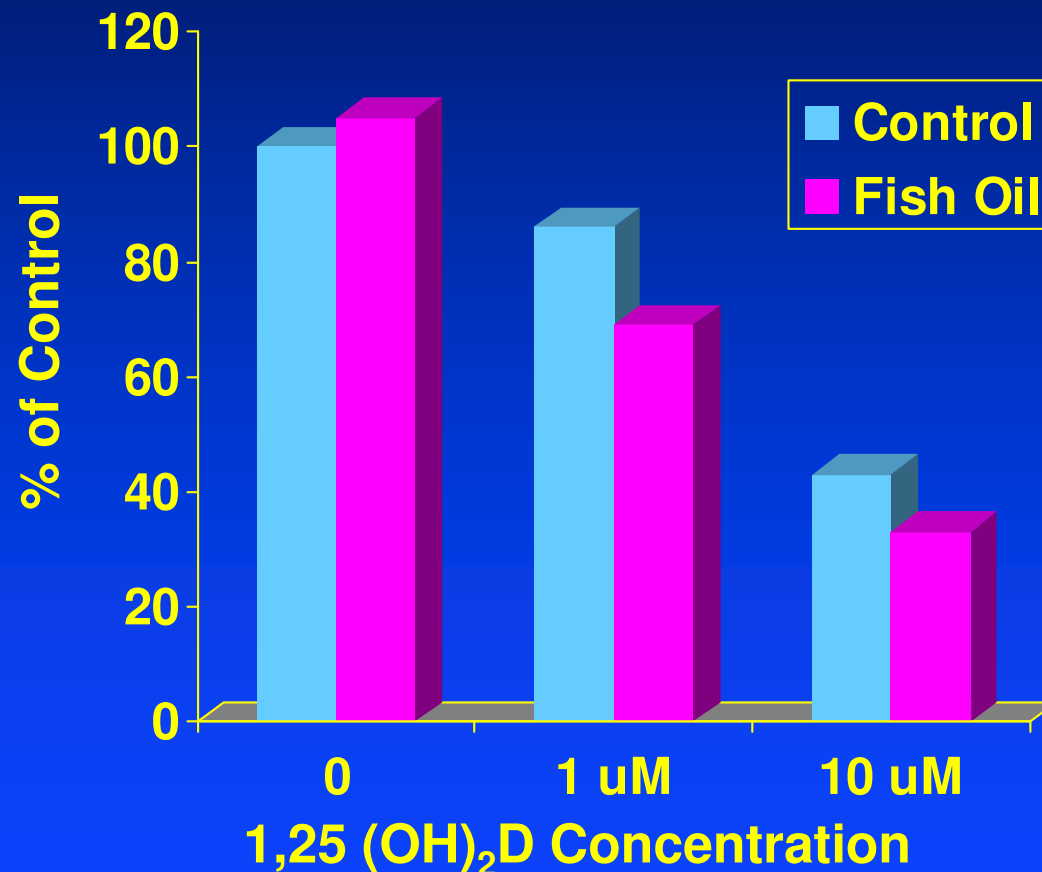
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Fish Oil Enhances the Cell Growth Inhibition of 1,25 (OH)₂D in Liver Cancer Cells



Chiang KC et al. Anticancer Res. 29: 3591-3596, 2009

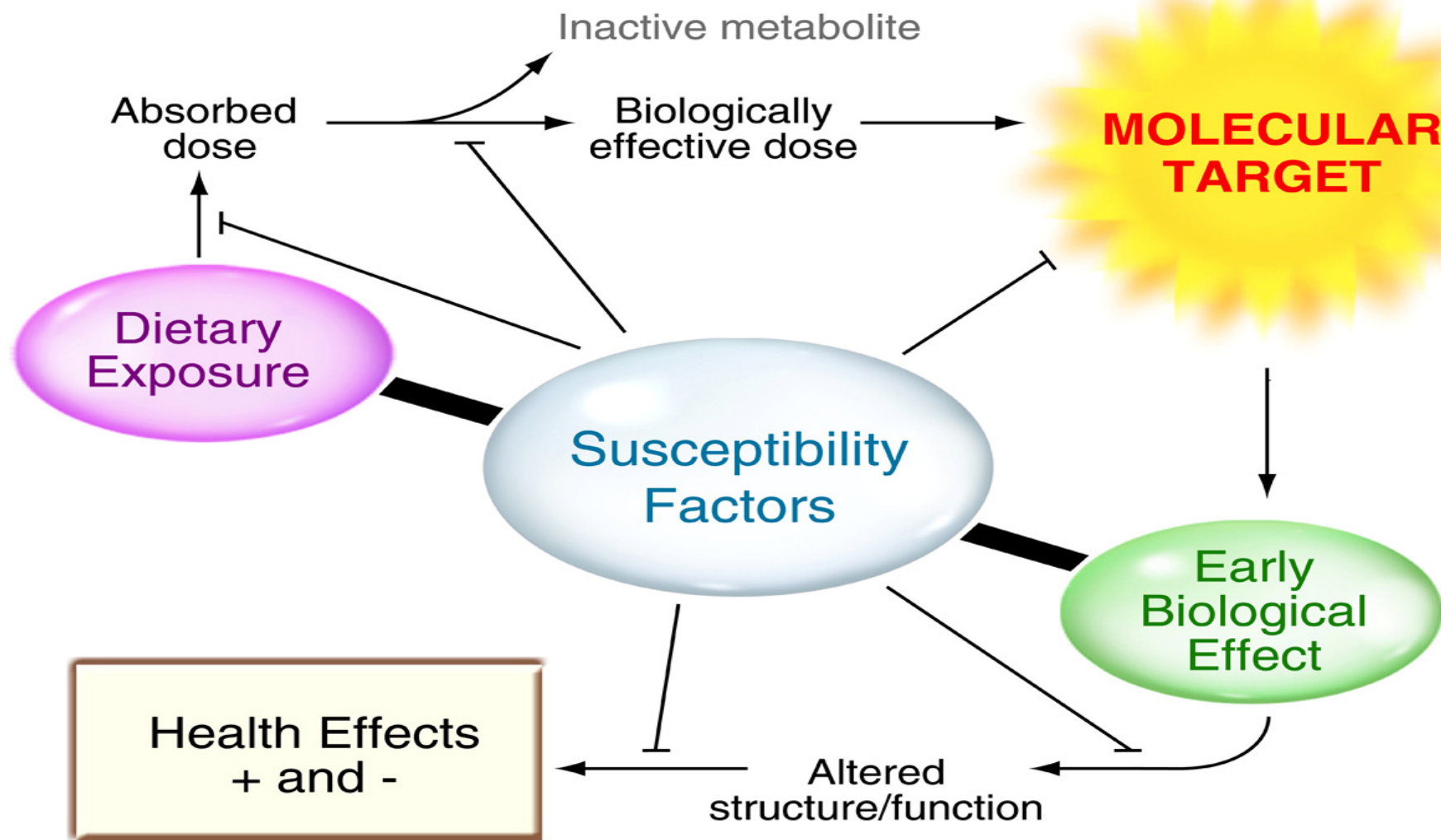
VITAL (VITamin D and OmegA-3 Trial)

Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Study
20,000 men, age ≥ 60 and women ≥ 65 years

Placebo	Vitamin D (2000 IU)
Fish Oil (1000 mg)	Vitamin D and Fish Oil

Principal Investigators: Drs. JoAnn Manson and Julie Buring

Research Needs: Better Biomarkers



**Just when I knew all of life's answers,
They changed all the questions!!**

