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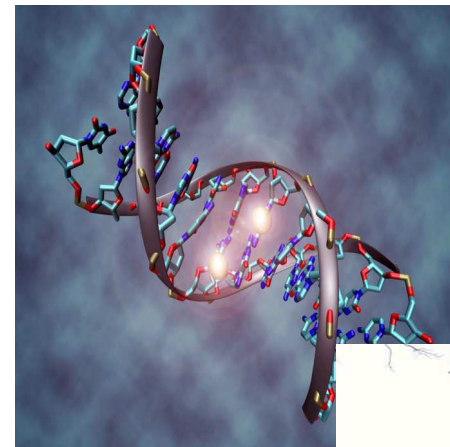
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Pharmacogenomics to increase anti-cancer drugs  
safety, from research to clinical implementation

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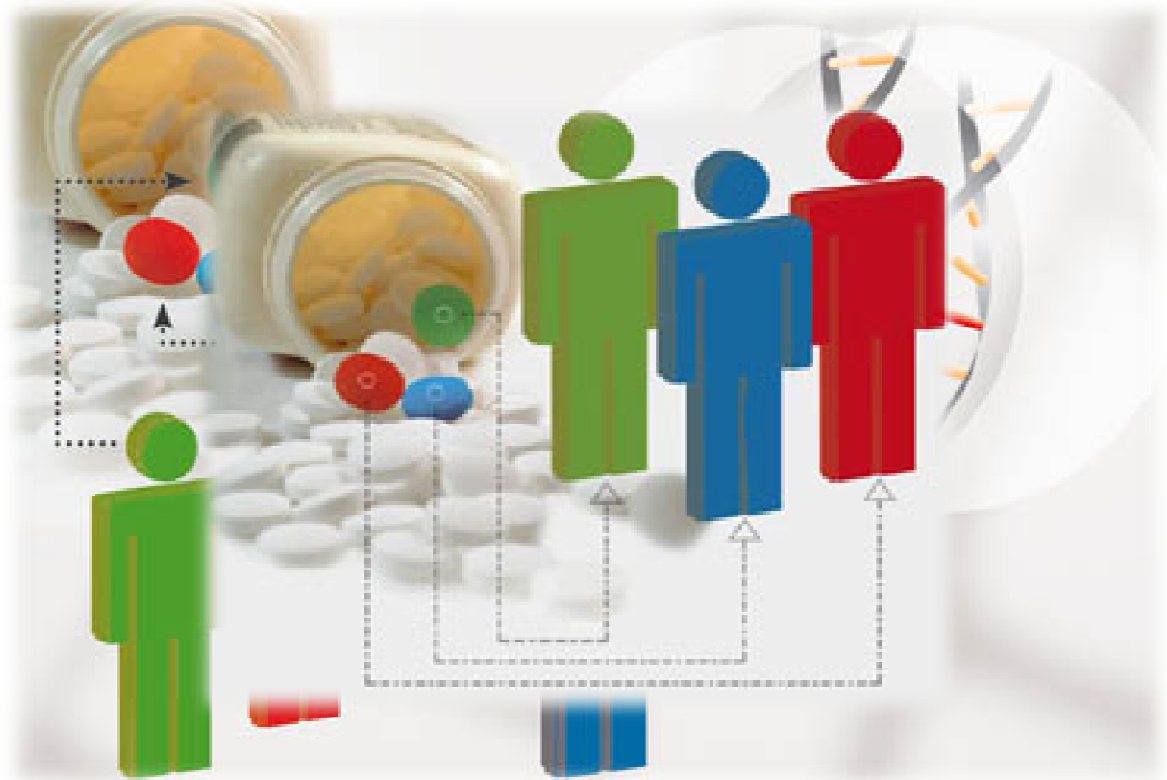
# *Adverse Drug Reactions in pharmacological treatment*



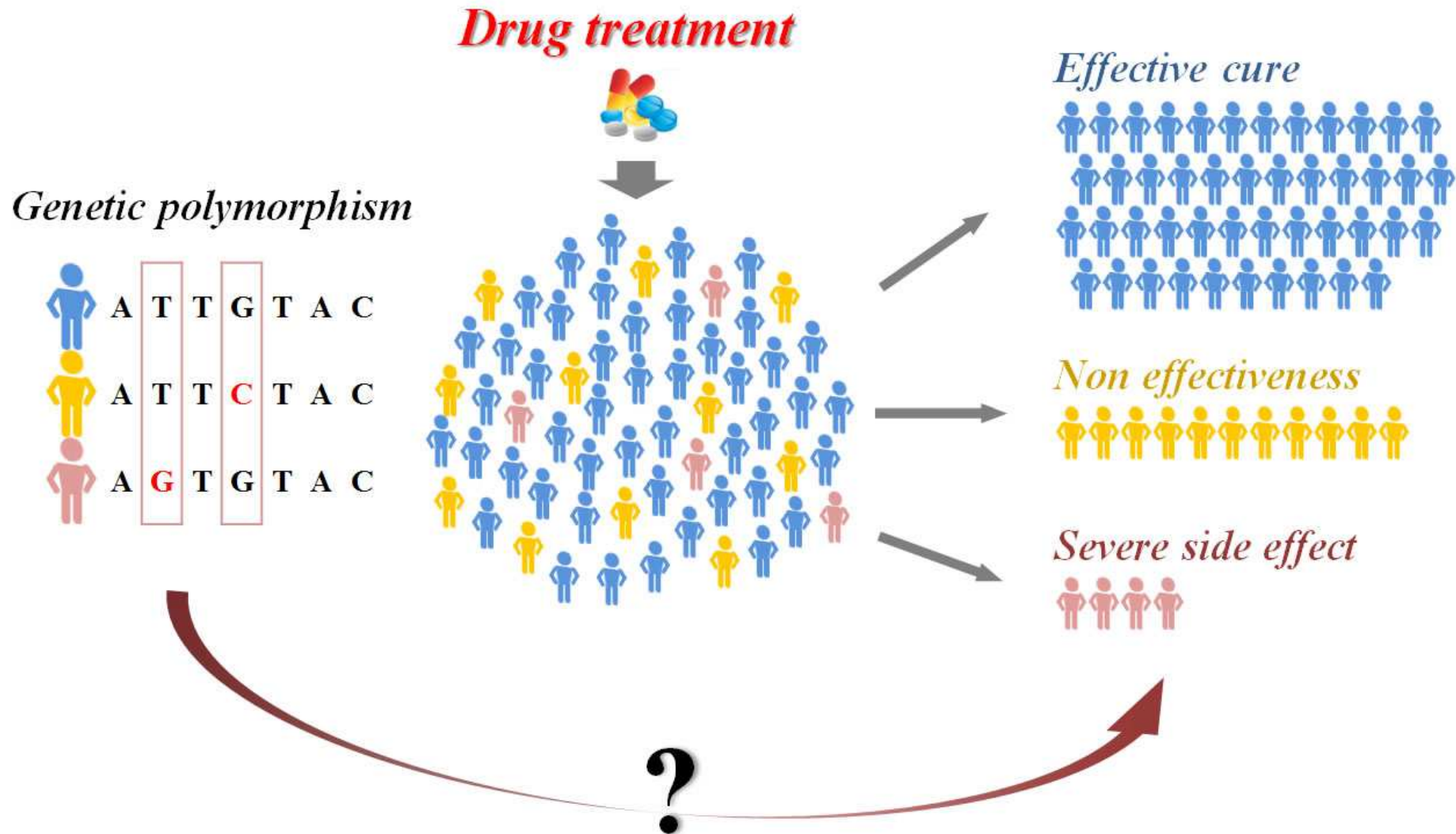
- Over **2 millions** ADRs yearly in US, **100,000** resulting in death (*Inst Med, Nat Acad Press, 2000*)
- They are estimated to cost **£1 billion** in UK (Pirmohamed, Br Med J, 2004), and **\$4 billion** annually in the US (*Lazarou J et al, JAMA, 1998*)
- A revision of more than 4,000 patients treated for mCRC in the US in 2014 demonstrated **that about 90% developed at least one ADR** with a significant economic burden (*Latremouille et al, J Med Economics, 2016*)

*"If it were not for the great variability among individuals, medicine might as well be a science and not an art"*

*Sir William Osler, 1892*



# Pgx approach to increase drug safety



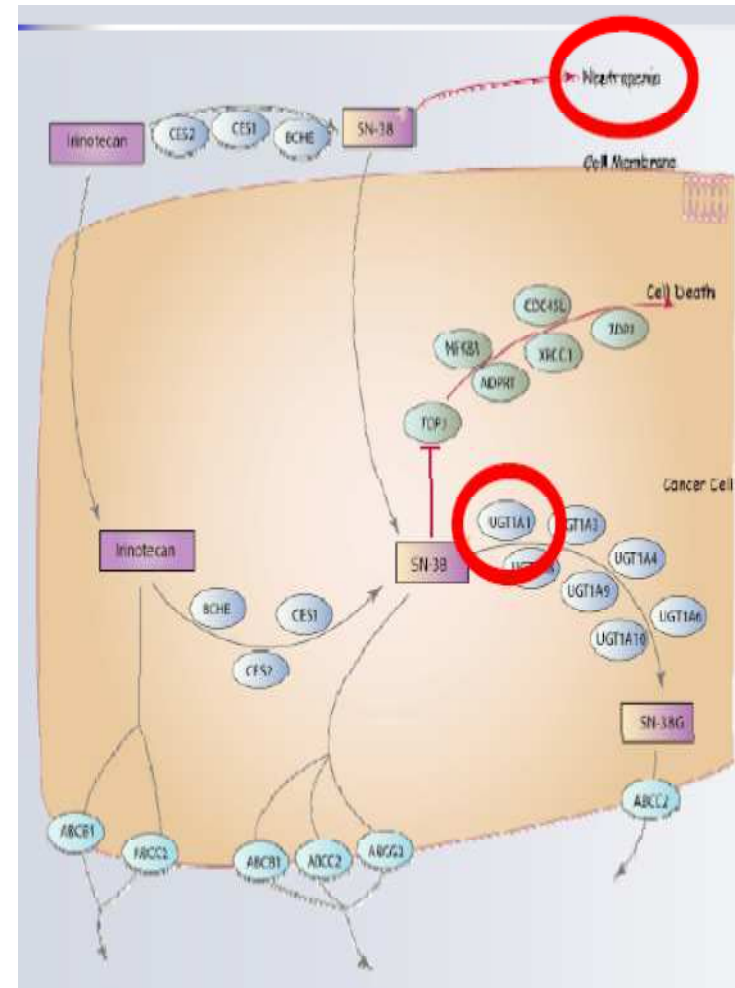


# Implementation of pre-emptive genotyping of the HOST for increasing treatment safety

Two gene-drug interactions  
from the oncological practice:  
*DPYD* and *UGT1A1*

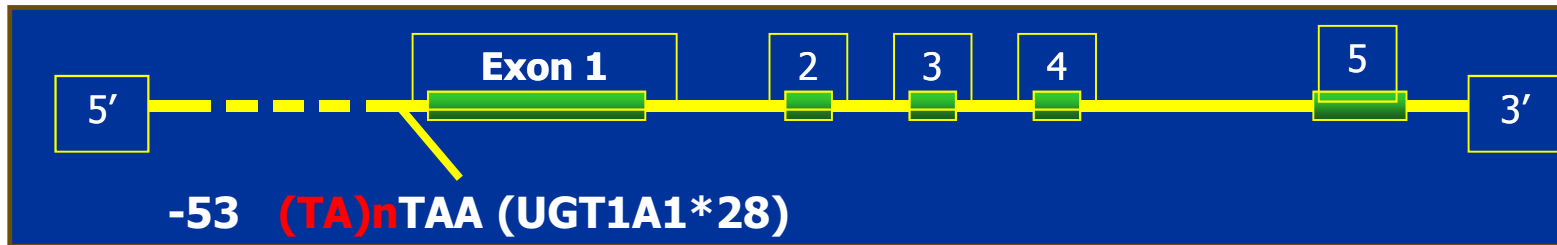
# UGT1A1-Irinotecan

- Irinotecan is approved for the first line treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer and other solid tumors
- Exposure to the active irinotecan metabolite SN-38 is the major cause of adverse events
- Severe neutropenia and delayed diarrhea are the dose-limiting toxicities, with the sporadic occurrence of severe and occasionally life-threatening complications possibly causing the failure of the treatment
- UGT1A1** has a major role in SN-38 detoxification

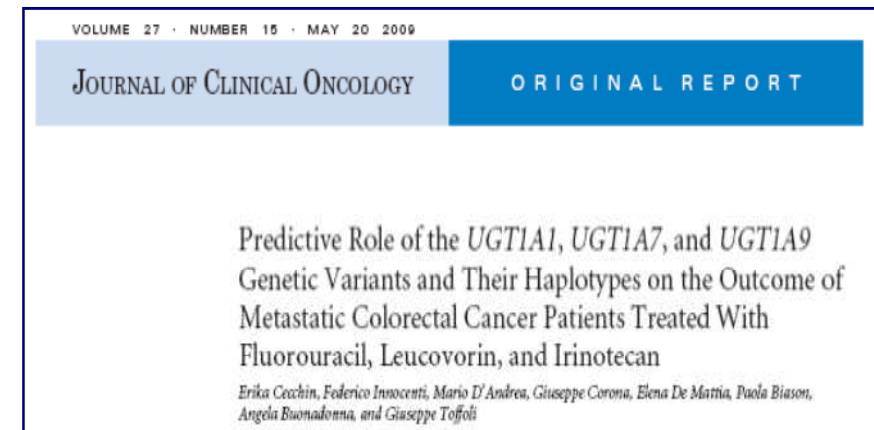
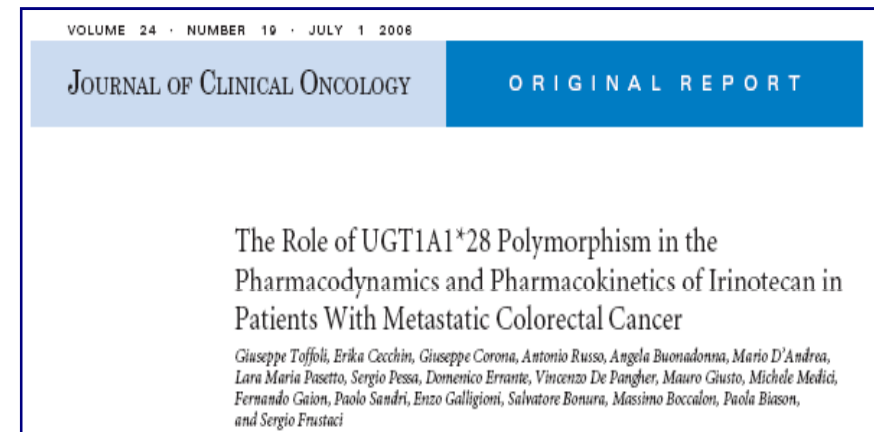




# UGT1A1-Irinotecan



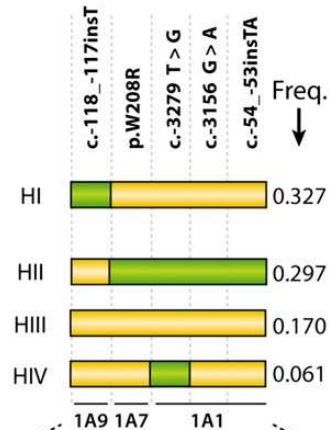
- *UGT1A1* encoding gene is polymorphic
- *UGT1A1\*28* polymorphism is common in Caucasian population (10% is homozygous)
- *UGT1A1\*28* polymorphism is related to lower UGT1A1 enzyme expression, therefore SN-38 glucuronidation could be less efficient



# External validation in collaboration with Université Laval-Quebec



## UGT1A markers previously studied.<sup>a</sup>



## Canadian (n=167)

Allele	Neutropenia		OR (CI95%)
	Freq (%)	P	
I	0.27/0.34	0.350	0.71 (0.38-1.35)
<b>II</b>	<b>0.46/0.26</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>2.43 (1.35-4.39)</b>
III	0.18/0.17	0.846	1.08 (0.51-2.29)
IV	0/0.07	0.032	-

OUR RESULTS ON HAPLOTYPE II (as reported by us, all “defective” UGT1A alleles; Cecchin 2009) PREDICTIVE VALUE ON NEUTROPENIA (UNPUBLISHED DATA) WERE REPLICATED IN AN INDEPENDENT COHORT OF 167 CANADIAN mCRC PATIENTS TREATED WITH FOLFIRI-BASED REGIMENS.



# Phase 1b studies based on the patient genotype for re-definition of MTD: the study design

Eligible mCRC patients

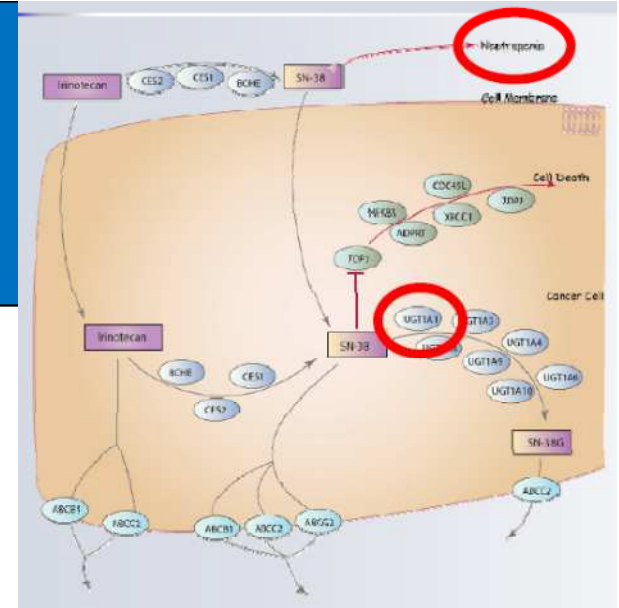
Genotyping for UGT1A1 \*28

Stratification into two groups

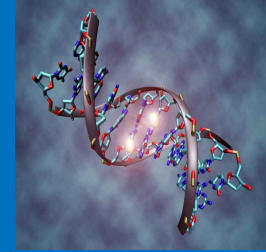
**GROUP 1:**  
 UGT1A1 \*1/\*1  
 WILD TYPE PTS  
 IRI dose escalation

**GROUP 2:**  
 UGT1A1 \*1/\*28  
 HETEROZYGOUS PTS  
 IRI dose escalation

Patients with \*28/\*28 genotype excluded.  
 Clinical and pharmacokinetic monitoring



# Phase 1b studies based on the patient genotype for re-definition of MTD: the results



Therapy	*1/*1 genotype, Dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	1/*28 genotype, Dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	
FOLFIRI, standard dose	180	180	Ducreux et al, J Clin Oncol, 1999
FOLFIRI	370	310	Toffoli et al, J Clin Oncol, 2010
FOLFIRI plus BEVACIZUMAB	310	260	Toffoli et al, Clin Cancer Res, 2016
FOLFIRI plus CETUXIMAB	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing

The stratification of patients in FOLFIRI or FOLFIRI plus bevacizumab regimens according to *UGT1A1*\*28 genotype led to a higher MTD both in *UGT1A1*\*1/\*28 and *UGT1A1*\*1/\*1 patients.



ARTICLES

## Cost Evaluation of Irinotecan-Related Toxicities Associated With the *UGT1A1*\*28 Patient Genotype

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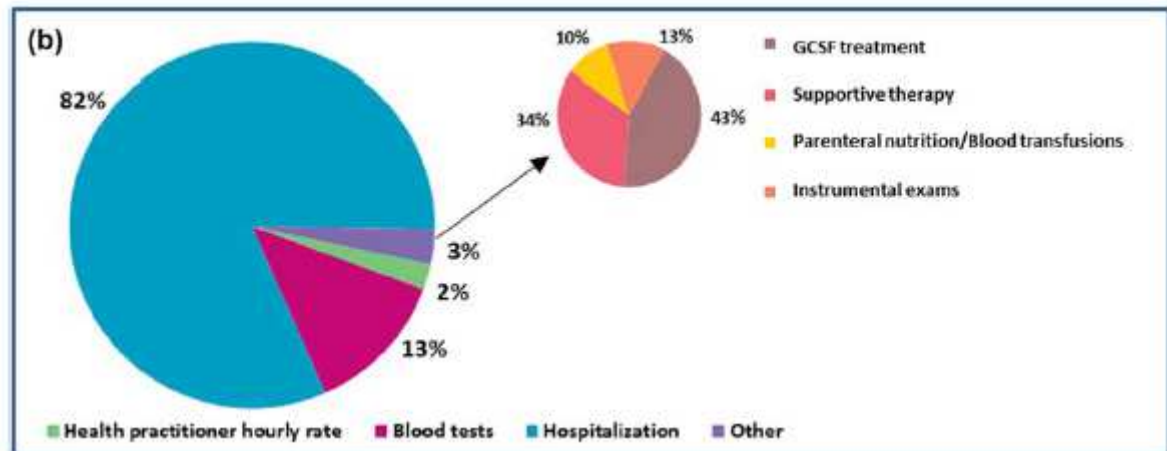
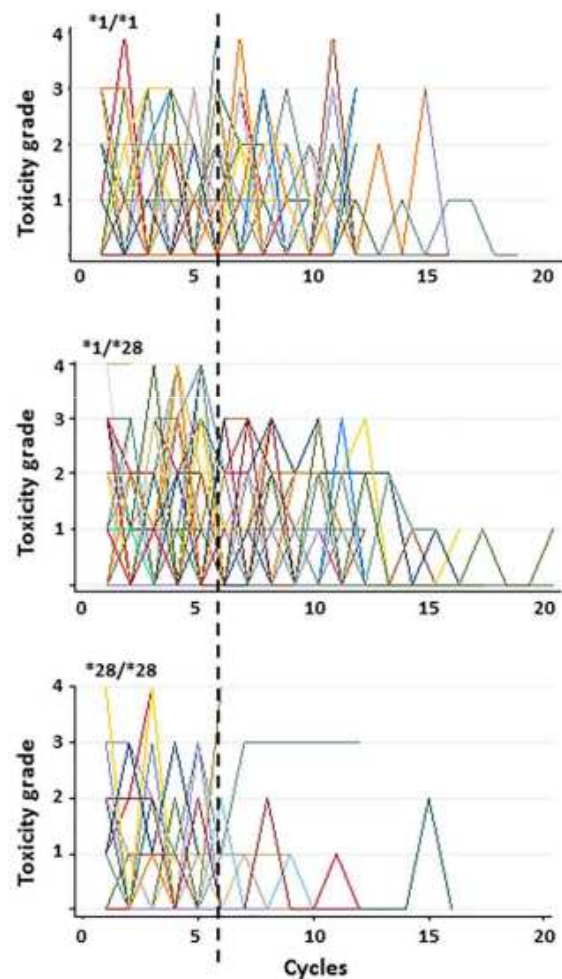
Spreading of *UGT1A1*\*28 pre-emptive genotyping to increase irinotecan safety is still limited. The definition of the cost consequences of patients genotype is one of the pending issues. A survey of the toxicity associated costs in 243 FOLFIRI treated mCRC

UGT1A1 genotype	Number of patients	Mean predicted cost per patient <sup>a</sup> (95% CI) (Euro)	Regression coefficient	95% CI	P-value	Regression coefficient	95% CI	P-value
*1/*1	109	812 (653–970)	Ref <sup>b</sup>					
*1/*28	112	1,119 (885–1,353)	0.32	0.04–0.60	0.024	Ref <sup>b</sup>		
*28/*28	22	4,886 (2,611–7,160)	1.79	1.31–2.28	<0.001	1.47	0.99–1.95	<0.001

CI, Confidence Interval; Ref, Reference Category.

<sup>a</sup>By generalized linear model, adjusted by age, sex, adjuvant chemotherapy, and total number of chemotherapy cycles. <sup>b</sup>Reference category for regression coefficients calculation.

*Severe toxicity related to hospitalization costs (grade 4) are significantly more prevalent in patients that are carriers of \*28 allele.*



Most of the costs are related to hospitalization (grade 4 toxicity). The risk of grade 4 toxicity is \*28 allele dependent

**Table 4 Occurrence of any kind of grade 4 toxicities based on UGT1A1\*28 polymorph**

UGT1A1 genotype	Number of patients	Toxicity before the sixth cycle		OR (95% CI)	P-value
		G0-G3	G4 (%)		
*1/*1	109	108	1 (0.9)	Ref	
*1/*28	112	103	9 (8.0)	9.4 (1.2–75.8)	0.019
*28/*28	22	20	2 (9.1)	10.8 (0.9–124.9)	0.073
*1/*28/ and *28/*28	134	123	11 (8.2)	9.7 (1.2–76.1)	0.014

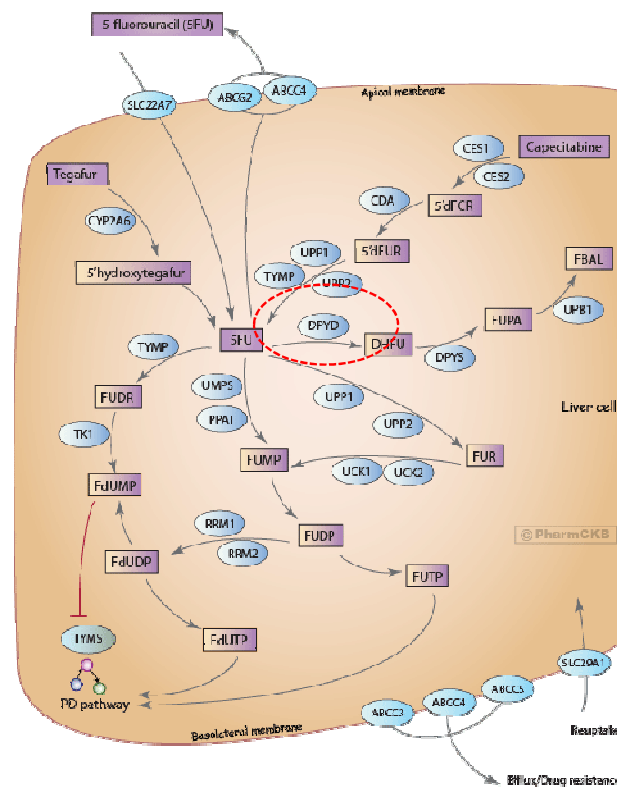
G, Grade; CI, Confidence Interval; Ref, Reference Category.

# DPYD-Fluoropyrimidines

## 5-FU for 40 Yrs

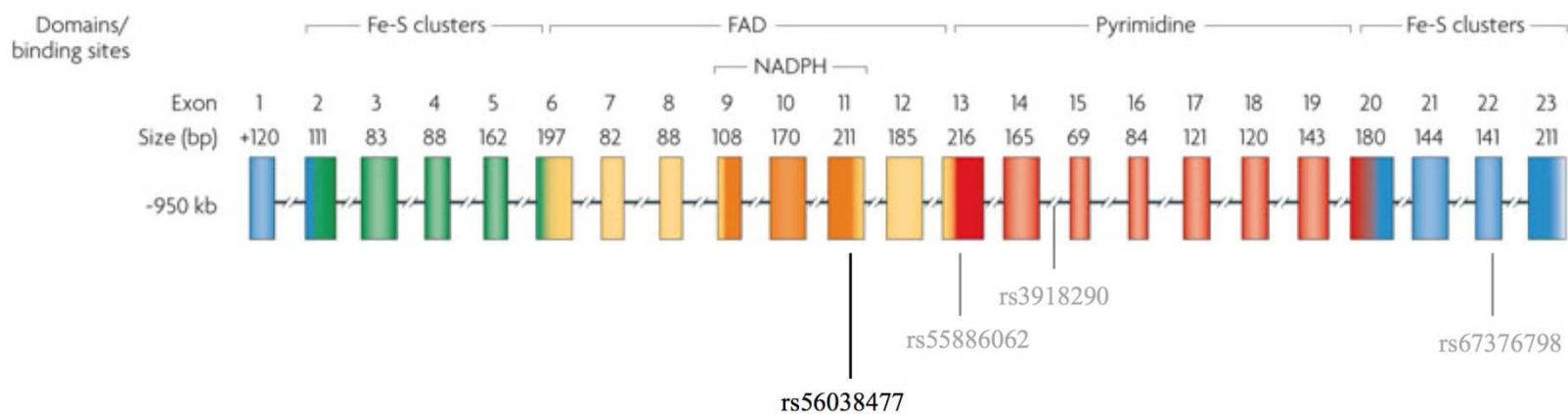
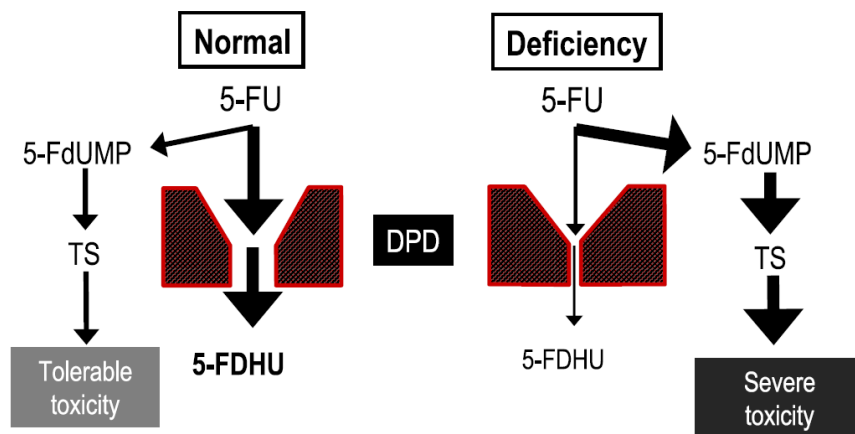
- 5-FU bolus
- 5-FU infusion
  - 24 hrs
  - 48 hrs
  - 46 hrs
  - 120 hrs
  - ∞ hrs
- LV + 5-FU
- 5-FU + LV
- 5-FU + Lev
- 5-FU + everything
- .....

- FL are the mainstay of many chemotherapeutic schemes in different combination for different pathologies and settings
- 10 to 26% of patients experiencing acute severe or life-threatening toxicity even in monotherapy regimens



**DPYD IS A KEY ENZYME REPRESENTING A BOTTLENECK IN FL CELL DETOXIFICATION**

# DPYD-Fluoropyrimidines



Retrieved from Goodsaid, F. M. et al. *Nat Rev Drug Discov* 2010, 9, 435–445





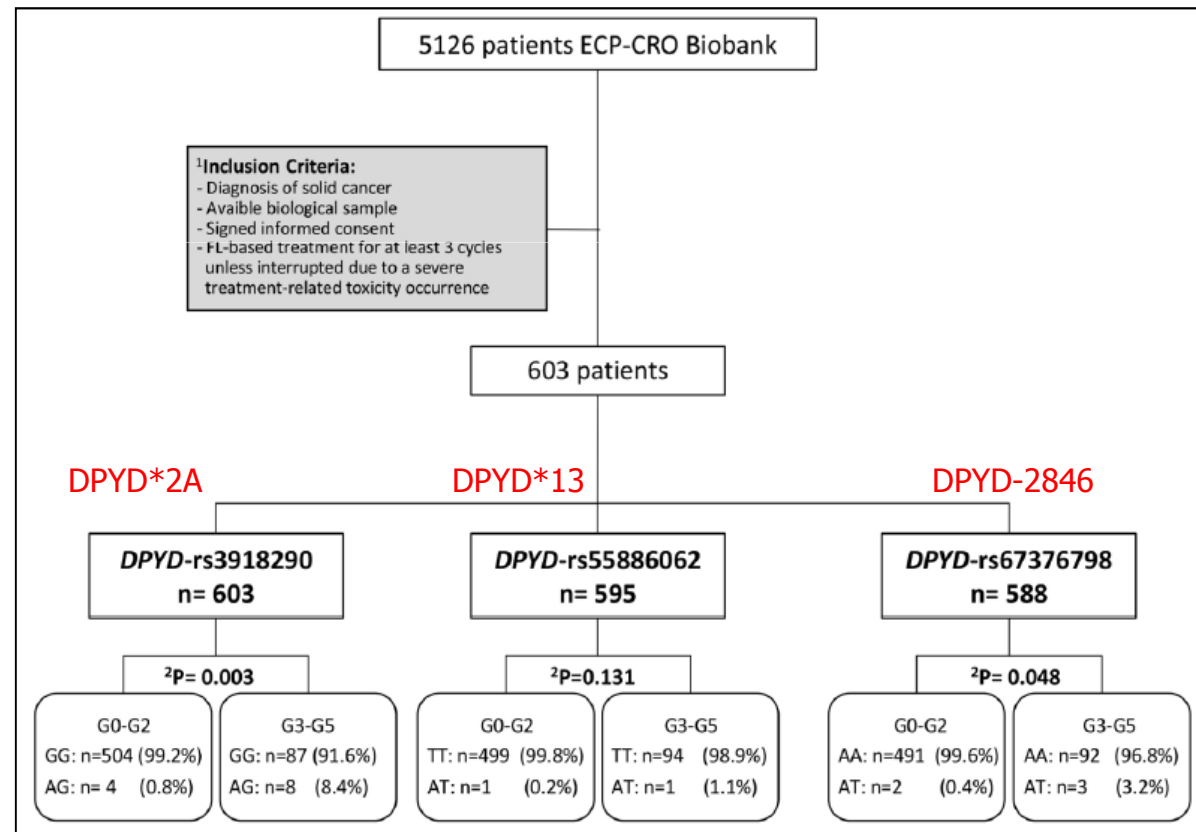
### Clinical validity of a *DPYD*-based pharmacogenetic test to predict severe toxicity to fluoropyrimidines

Giuseppe Toffoli<sup>1\*</sup>, Luciana Giodini<sup>1\*</sup>, Angela Buonadonna<sup>2</sup>, Massimiliano Berretta<sup>3</sup>, Antonino De Paoli<sup>4</sup>, Simona Scalone<sup>2</sup>, Gianmaria Miolo<sup>2</sup>, Enrico Mini<sup>5</sup>, Stefania Nobili<sup>6</sup>, Sara Lonardi<sup>7</sup>, Nicoletta Pella<sup>8</sup>, Giovanni Lo Re<sup>9</sup>, Marcella Montico<sup>1</sup>, Rossana Roncato<sup>1</sup>, Eva Dreussi<sup>1</sup>, Sara Gagno<sup>1</sup> and Erika Cecchin<sup>1</sup>

- 603 solid cancer patients treated with FL-based regimen
- Clinical End-Point: Severe ( $\geq G3$ ) or lethal toxicity related to FL administration

•Characterizing prospectively these SNPs would have possibly spared 10 severe toxic events and 1 toxic death (**11.6% of severe toxic events**)

•The patient with toxic death was compound heterozygous for *DPYD\*2A*, and *DPYD\*13* and was treated in an adjuvant regimen for gastric cancer



*UGT1A1\*28* and *DPYD\*2A, \*13,*  
and *2846A>T* still not at the  
bedside.. further proofs of clinical  
validity and utility requested?



# Pharmacogenomics guidelines are available up to date

The screenshot shows the PharmGKB website page for the DPWG. The page includes the PharmGKB logo, navigation menus, and the following text:

**DPWG: Dutch Pharmacogenetics Working Group**

The Dutch Pharmacogenetics Working Group (DPWG) was established in 2005 by the Royal Dutch Pharmacist's Association (KNMP). The DPWG is multidisciplinary and includes clinical pharmacists, physicians, clinical pharmacologists, clinical chemists, epidemiologists, and toxicologists.

The objectives of the DPWG are:

- To develop pharmacogenetics-based therapeutic (dose) recommendations.
- To assist drug prescribers and pharmacists by integrating the recommendations into computerized systems for drug prescription and automated medication surveillance.

The DPWG is funded by the KNMP.

Detailed information about the project can be found in:

- [Article:18253145]
- [Article:21412232]

The DPWG is funded by the KNMP.

**Methods**

For each drug, a systematic search was carried out. The articles included in the reference lists were individually screened for additional material or papers. Wherever information relating to gene-drug interaction was present in the European Public Assessment Report, the manufacturer was asked to provide further details. Review articles, studies involving nonhuman subjects and in vitro experiments were excluded.

For each retrieved article two parameters were defined:

- Level of evidence of the gene-drug interaction.
- Clinical relevance of the potential adverse drug event, decreased therapeutic response, or other clinical effect resulting from the gene-drug interaction.

**Level of evidence**

The level of evidence of the gene-drug interaction indicates the quality of the evidence found in literature for the gene-drug interaction. The level of evidence was scored on a five-point scale with a range from 0 (lowest evidence) to 4 (highest evidence).

Level of Evidence	Definition (Levels of Evidence 3)
4	Published controlled studies of "good quality" relating to phenotyped and/or genotyped patients or healthy volunteers, and having relevant pharmacokinetic or clinical endpoints. "Good quality" criteria include (i) the use of concomitant medication with a possible effect on the phenotype is reported in the manuscript, (ii) confounders are reported (e.g. smoking status), (iii) the reported data are based on steady-state kinetics; and (iv) results are corrected for dose variability.
3	Published controlled studies of "moderate quality" relating to phenotyped and/or genotyped patients or healthy volunteers, and having relevant pharmacokinetic or clinical endpoints. "Moderate" is defined as missing one or more of the "good quality" criteria.
2	Published case reports, well documented, and having relevant pharmacokinetic or clinical endpoints. Well documented case series.

Phenotype (genotype)	Examples of diplotypes	Implications for measures		
Homozygous wild-type or normal, high DPD activity (two or more functional *1 alleles)	*1/*1	Normal DPD activity "normal" risk for fluoropyrimidine		
Heterozygous or intermediate activity (~3-5% of patients), may have partial DPD deficiency, at risk for toxicity with drug exposure (one functional allele *1, plus one nonfunctional allele - *2A, *13 or rs67376798)	*1/*2A; *1/*13; *1/ rs67376798)	Decreased DPD (leukocyte DPD 30% to 70% that population) and for severe or even toxicity when treated with fluoropyrimidine		
Homozygous variant, DPD deficiency (~0.2% of patients), at risk for toxicity with drug exposure (2 nonfunctional alleles - *2A, *13 or rs67376798)	*2A/*2A; *13/*13; rs67376798 / rs67376798	Complete DPD deficiency and increased risk for severe or even fatal drug toxicity when treated with fluoropyrimidine drugs	Select alternate drug	Strong



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Coordinated by Leiden University-Prof HJ Guchelaar



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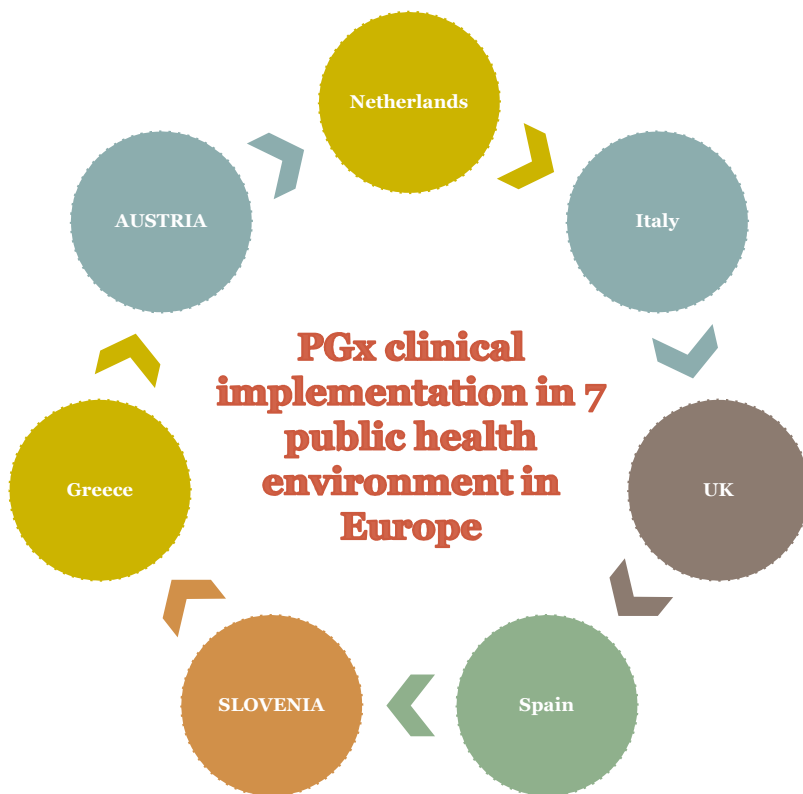
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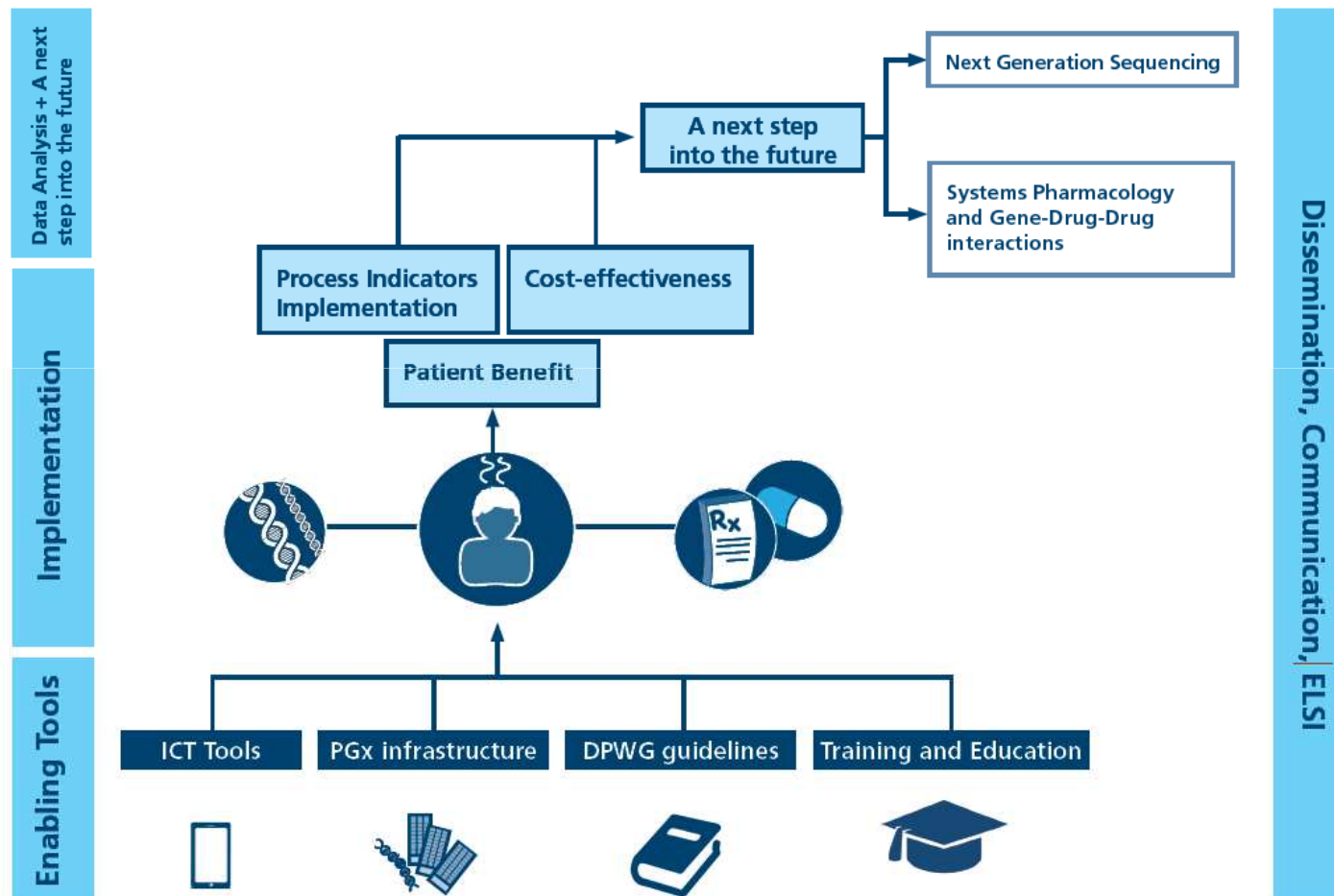
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# Project Flow-chart







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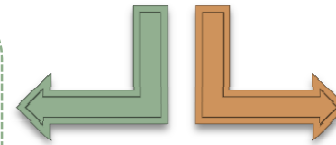


## STUDY DESIGN

Randomization of the 7 Clinical centers to start with

### Study Arm:

Pgx guided drug prescription for 42 drugs according to 50 genetic variants in ADME genes



### Control Arm:

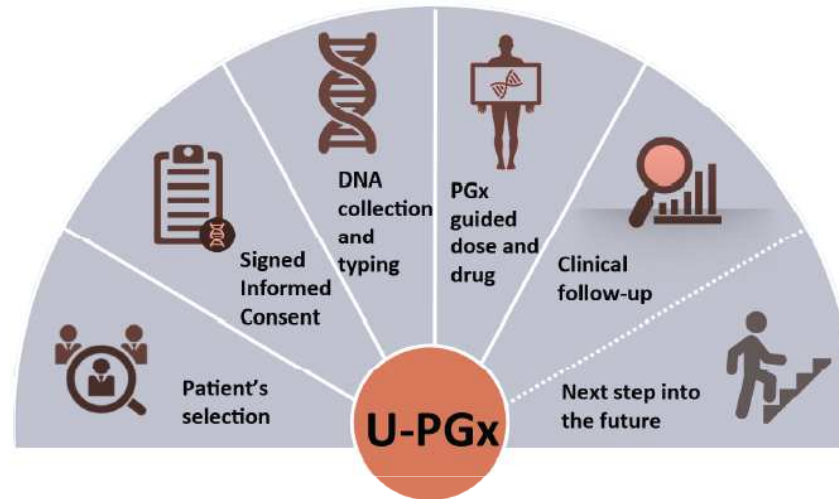
Current clinical practice with a patients surveillance program



Center	Starting Arm
LUMC (Netherlands)	Standard of care
SASG (Spain)	PGx Guided Prescription
MUWV (Austria)	Standard of care
UPAT (Greece)	PGx Guided Prescription
ULMF (Slovenia)	PGx Guided Prescription
PHUL (UK)	Standard of care
CROA (Italy)	Standard of care



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## ANTIARITMICI

- FLECAINIDE
- PROPAFENONE

## ANALGESICI

- CODEINA
- TRAMADOLO
- OXICODONE

## ANTICOAGULANTI

- ACENOCUMAROLO
- CLOPIDOGREL
- FENPROCUMONE
- WARFARINA

## ANTIDEPRESSIVI SSRI

- PAROXETINA
- SERTRALINA
- VENLAFAXINA

## ANTIDEPRESSIVI TCA

- AMITRIPTILINA
- CLOMIPRAMINA
- DOSULEPINA
- IMIPRAMINA
- NORTRIPTILINA

## ANTIBLASTICI

- CAPECITABINA
- FLUOROURACILE
- IRINOTECANO
- TAMOXIFENE
- TEGAFUR

## ANTIEPILETTICI

- CARBAMAZEPINA
- FENITOINA

## ANTIPERTENSIVI

- CARVEDILOLO
- METOPROLOLO

## ANTI-INFETTIVI

- EFAVIRENZ
- FLUCLOXACILLINA
- VORICONAZOLO

## ANTIPSICOTICI

- ARIPIPRAZOLO
- CITALOPRAM
- CLOZAPINA
- ESCITALOPRAM
- ALOPERIDOLO
- PIMOZIDE
- RISPERIDONE
- ZUCLOPENTIXOLO

## ANTICOLESTEROLEMICI

- ATORVASTATINA
- SIMVASTATINA

## IMMUNOSOPRESSIVI

- AZATIOPRINA
- MERCAPTOPURINE
- TACROLIMUS
- TIOGUANINE



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## Patients involvement matters








**safety-code**  
The Medication Safety Code initiative

**What is it?**  
The Medication Safety Code on the left represents a patient-specific genetic profile regarding important pharmacogenes.

**How does it work?**  
After scanning the QR code (e.g. with a smartphone), you are led to a website that displays patient-specific drug dosing recommendations.

Laboratory contact  
+0123456789  
Some lab name  
Some street name 123/45  
1234 Some city name

www.safety-code.org



**Name:** Jane Doe  
**Date of birth:** 01.02.1934

Gene, status	Critical drug substances (modification recommended!)
CYP2C19 Poor metabolizer	Clopidogrel, Sertraline
CYP2D6 Ultrarapid metabolizer	Amitriptyline, Aripiprazole, Clomipramine, Codeine, Doxepin, Haloperidol, Imipramine, Metoprolol, Nortriptyline, Paroxetine, Propafenone, Risperidone, Tamoxifen, Tramadol, Venlafaxine
TPMT Poor metabolizer	Azathioprine, Mercaptopurine, Thioguanine
Other genes Not actionable	ABCB1, ADRB1, BRCA1, COMT, CYP1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C9, CYP3A4, CYP3A5, DPYD, G6PD, HMGCR, P2RY12, SULT1A1, UGT1A1, VKORC1

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Developed by Matthias Samwald group (University of Wien)



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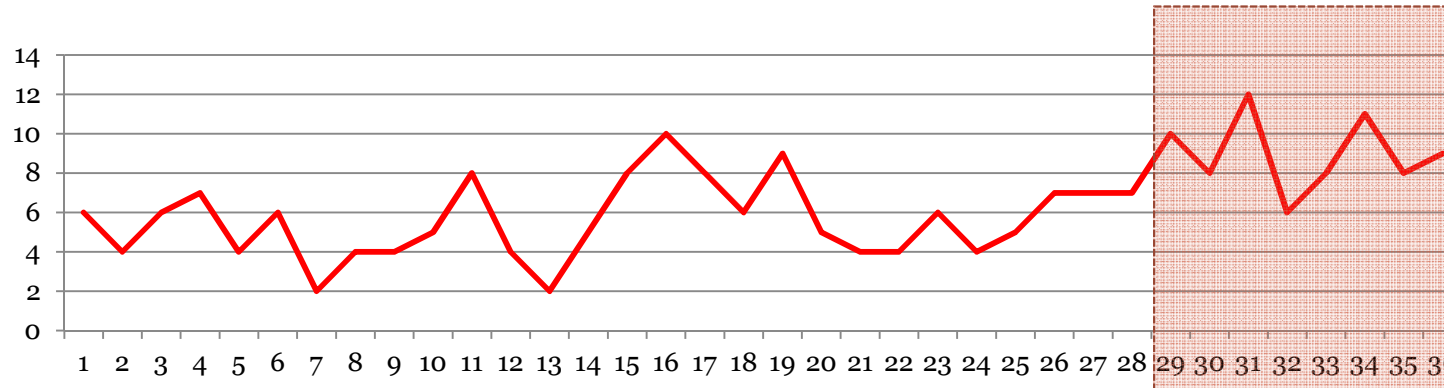


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Enrollment Rate by time 1,125 patients up-to date/239 at CRO

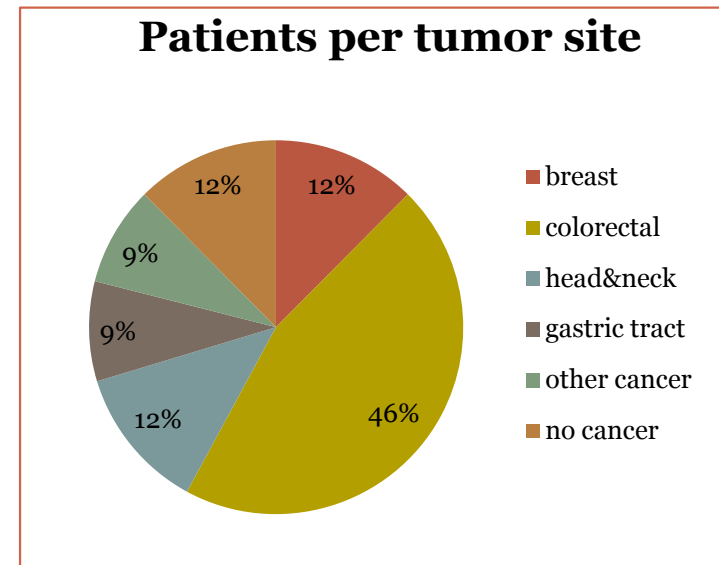
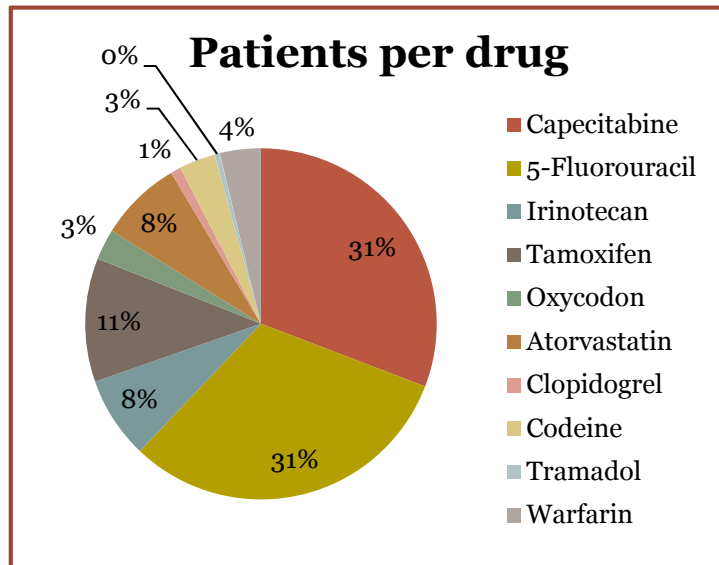


**n° patients**



Mean of 6 patients per week

**Weeks (date of first drug admin)**



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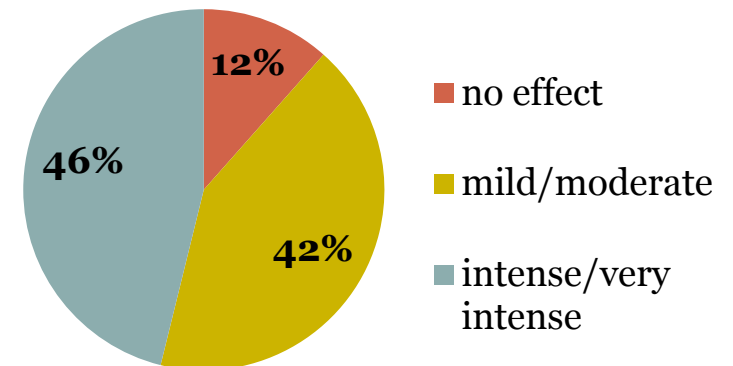
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Self-reported side effects at 4/12 weeks (calculated on 194 pts)

Center	Index Drug	N° Pts	4 weeks Quest	12 weeks Quest	%
CRO-A	Cape	57	50	29	51%
	5-FU	27	21	14	52%
	IRI	12	8	6	50%
	TAM	19	15	8	42%
	Other	3	3	2	67%
SFN-R	Cape	7	6	6	100%
	5-FU	28	24	18	64%
	IRI	3	3	2	67%
	TAM	5	4	4	80%
	Other	32	11	6	19%
h-TV	Cape	1	0	0	0%
<b>Overall</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>49%</b>

## Self-evaluation of side-effects



FOLLOW UP IS ON-GOING



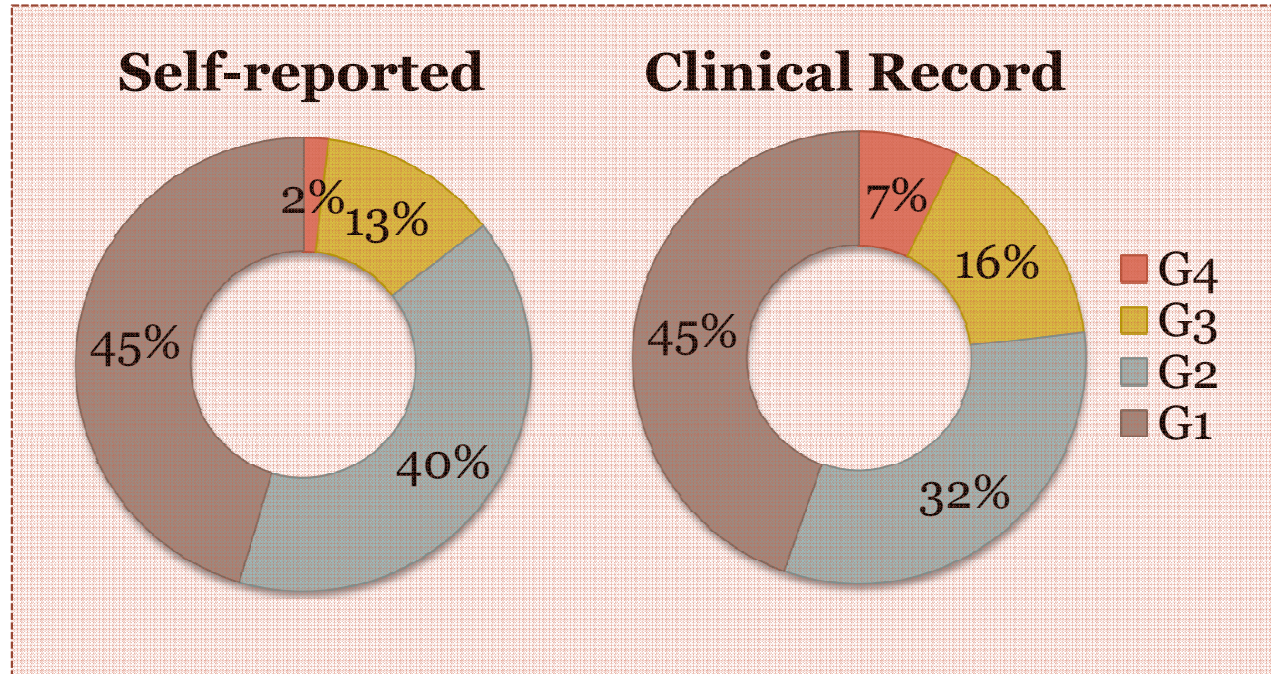


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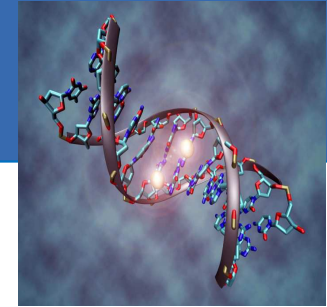
*ADRs data  
collection at 4  
weeks and NCI-  
CTC grading*

*94 pts*



- *Under estimation of ADR severity by the patients*
- *5/94 (5.3%) extreme phenotype patients, hospitalised for toxicity*
- *1 Toxic death*

# Conclusion



- *UGT1A1* and *DPYD* are two hotspots in the field of cancer pharmacogenomics
- Prospective genotyping of IRI and FL treated patients could spare severe toxicity and save economic resources
- U-PGx is a large and prospective randomized implementation trial conducted in 7 European Health Care Centers with the aim to set the condition for translating PGx in the clinical setting in Europe
- U-PGx will hopefully provide the ultimate proof for the clinical utility of a pharmacogenomic driven treatment

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